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Overview of the Nanoelectronics Research Initiative:

An Industry-Government-University Innovation Partnership

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Semiconductor Research Corporation *A Family of Distinct, Related Program Entities*













S Implications for Nanoelectronics Circuits



- Circuit heat generation is the main limiting factor for scaling of device speed and switch circuit density
- Scaling to molecular dimensions may not yield performance increases
 - We will be forced to trade-off between speed and density
- Optimal dimensions for electronic switches should range between 5 and 50 nm
 - Likely achievable with Si easily within the scope of ITRS projections
- Going to other materials for FETs will likely achieve only "one-time" percentage gains
- Need a new device mechanism or computation architecture to enable a new scaling path







- 2005 ~ 2015: New technology enhancements
 - Continued CMOS shrinking, multi-core chips, 3D packaging, new memory devices, etc.
- > 2015? : New device? → NRI's Goal





- NRI Mission: Demonstrate novel computing devices capable of replacing the CMOS FET as a logic switch in the 2020 timeframe.
 - These devices should show significant advantage over ultimate FETs in power, performance, density, and/or cost to enable the semiconductor industry to extend the historical cost and performance trends for information technology.
 - To meet these goals, NRI pursues five research vectors, focused on discovering and demonstrating new devices and circuit elements for doing computation.
 - Finally, it is desirable that these technologies be capable of integrating with CMOS, to allow exploitation of their potentially complementary functionality in heterogeneous systems and to enable a smooth transition to a new scaling path.



To beat the power problem requires:

• A device with a lower energy, room temperature switching mechanism

or

- A system that operates out of equilibrium or recovers operation energy as part of the logic computation
 - Required characteristics:
 - Scalability
 - Performance
 - Energy efficiency
 - Gain
 - Operational reliability
 - Room temp. operation
 - Preferred approach:
 - CMOS process compatibility
 - CMOS architectural compatibility

Alternative state variables

- Spin–electron, nuclear, photon
- Phase
- Quantum state
- Magnetic flux quanta
- Mechanical deformation
- Dipole orientation
- Molecular state

NRI Primary Research Vectors





Nanoelectronics Research Initiative Milestones



- 2001-2004: Defining Research Needs
 - ITRS-Emerging Research Device Technical Working Group
 - NSF-SRC Ind-Academia-Govt "Silicon Nanoelectronics and Beyond" Workshops
 - SIA Technology Strategy Committee workshops
 - Defined 13 Research Vectors for finding the "next switch"
 - SIA Board passes resolution for formation of NRI
- Current Member Companies:





Sep 2005: First NRI and NRI-NSF Solicitations released
Jan 2006: Research Programs started



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Texas Instruments

Sep 2007: NIST joins NRI



• NRI partnership model highlighted in as sidebar in the National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) Strategic Plan (NNCO, 1/08)

NRI Funded Universities NIST



Over 30 Universities in 18 States





Columbia NSEC	2008: Novel Device Arch. based on Quantum Transport Phenomena in Graphene	
Harvard NSEC	2008: Tunable Ultra-fast Conductance Switching through External Fields	
Purdue NCN	2007: Exploratory Theory, Modeling, and Simulation for the NRI 2008: Experimental Realization of Low-power Transistors with Negative Capacitors	
UVA MRSEC	2007: Coherent Spin Dynamics in Single Ion-doped Semiconductors: Towards a Coherent or Quantum Spin Switch	
U. Nebraska MRSEC	2007: Multiferroic Interfaces: New Paradigms for Functional Switching	
Yale MRSEC	2007: Design and Fab of Magnetic-based Devices with Complex Oxide Materials	
Maryland MRSEC	2007: Pseudospintronics (UT-Austin) 2008: Controlling the Electronic Properties of Graphene	
Cornell NSEC	2007: Controlled Orbital Hybridization in the CNT Quantum-Modulated Transistor	
Stanford NSEC	2008: Ultra-Low Power Pseudospintronic Switching in Bilayer Graphene at Room T	
Caltech MRSEC	2008: Graphene Atomic Switches for Ultracompact Logic Devices and NV Memory	

- Funding 12 projects at 10 centers
 - Will announce more projects for 2009 shortly



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 Leveraging industry, university, and both state & fed government funds, and driving university nanoelectronics infrastructure

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UCLA, UCSB, UC- Irvine, Berkeley, Stanford, U Denver, Iowa, Portland State	SUNY-Albany , GIT, RPI, Harvard, MIT, Purdue, Yale, Columbia, Caltech, NCSU, UVA	UT-Austin , UT-Dallas, TX A&M, Rice, ASU, Notre Dame, Maryland, NCSU, Illinois-UC	Notre Dame , Purdue, Illinois-UC, Penn State, Michigan, UT-Dallas, Cornell, GIT
Theme 1: Spin devices Theme 2: Spin circuits Theme 3: Benchmarks & metrics Theme 4: Spin Metrology	Task I: Novel state-variable devices Task II: Fabrication & Self- assembly Task III: Modeling & Arch Task IV: Theory & Sim Task V: Roadmap Task VI: Metrology	Task 1: Logic devices with new state-variables Task 2: Materials & structs Task 3: Nanoscale thermal management Task 4: Interconnect & Arch Task 5: Nanoscale characterization	Theme 1: Graphene device: Thermal, Tunnel, and Spin Theme 2: Interband Tunnel Devices Theme 3: Non-equilibrium Systems Model / Meas. Theme 4: Nanoarchitecture





• NIST partnership expanding with joint project collaborations

• Starting new projects and influencing existing NIST collaborations

PI	Center	Project	NIST Collaborator
Eric Pop	Nanoelectonics - Architectures	Avalanche impact ionization in semiconducting carbon nanotubes	Curt Richter
Karl Berggren		He Ion Microscope	Mike Postek
Alain Diebold		Optical measurement of Phonons in Graphene and their connection to electron mean free path	Ward Johnson Vinod Tewary
Robert Geer		Nanoscale electrical measurements and SPM of Graphene	Joe Kopanski
Julia Greer		Graphene mechanical properties	Ward Johnson
Phillip First		Atomic-scale electrical metrologies specifically for graphene	Joseph A. Stroscio; Mark D. Stiles
Philip Kim		Studying quantum Hall effect in graphene as a resistance standard	David Newell

WIN Technical Plan







Spin Wave Device Research Will Western Multiple PI's



NRI

SRG Measuring thermal spin currents and torques

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A. Avery, R. Sultan, D. Bassett, B. L. Zink, U. of Denver; M. R. Pufall, NIST

- Motivation: Thermal gradients predicted to drive spin-polarized currents and ...tor torques in magnetoelectronic nanostructures
- Goal: Use novel measurement techniques to quantify the thermal, thermoelectric, and magnetothermal properties of magnetic thin films, multilayers & nanostructures









Development of a Tip-Enhanced Near-Field Scanning Magneto-Optical Kerr Microscope



E.J. Sanchez, Portland State

Background

- Due to diffraction, traditional optical microscopy is limited to a resolution of roughly half the wavelength of the incident light.
- Near-field scanning optical microscopy (NSOM) is able to overcome this diffraction limit.
- Tip-enhanced near-field optical microscopy (TENOM), has produced higher resolution images ~10's of nm's.



Left: Simultaneous near-field Raman image (a) and topographic image (b) of SWNT grown by CVD on glass.

Right: 15 nm resolution of photosynthetic membranes (*Spinacea Olerecia*) on glass.

NSOM:



TENOM:





Light propagates thru pulled optical fiber onto surface

Optical signal collected thru fiber

Resolution limited by diam. of aperture (~>50 nm)

Simultaneous illumination/ collection allows for study of non-transmissive samples

Light focused on sharp gold tip 2-5 nm from surface

Sample excited by localized field enhancement

Raman/fluorescence imaging

Resolution limited by sharpness of tip (<20 nm)

Better resolution, higher topography















Test Site Design and Fabrication

(0.1+0.1 wafer starts per day from IBM and UAlbany)



Novel Device Integration Capability: Developed test structures and process capabilities for carbon nanotube and graphene post-CMOS devices using advanced 300mm wafer line.

• First run completed for measuring exciton transport in CNTs

NRI Objective: Develop massively parallel scheme for sampling large device and materials parameters.

Nanoscale Electrical and Scanning Probe Microscopy of Graphene Devices



Robert Geer-UAlbany, Joe Kopanski – NIST



- Kelvin probe microscopy: Electric-force imaging to extract surface potential
- Enables measurement of V_{bi} in conventional semiconductor p-n junctions
- Adapt to electrostatically-doped graphene structures (macro-electrodes)



Effect of Magnetic Field: Epi-Graphene on SiC(000-1)



P.N. First (GIT), J.A. Stroscio (NIST) Material: W. A. de Heer, GIT



Rotationally-stacked Multilayer with Single Layer Behavior



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Goal of UTD SWAN-Graphene Program:

To develop the materials science, processes, characterization techniques and associated understanding necessary to implement beyond-CMOS graphene-based devices.



Cross-cutting: Microscopy & Manipulation (M Kim), Surface Science (Wallace), Material Modeling (Cho) How do real processes and interfaces affect the ideal properties of graphene (e.g. structure, bonding, D.O.S.)?







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UT-Dallas demonstrated conformal Al₂O₃ ALD on HOPG

• Characteristics of poor ALD-Al₂O₃ layer on the HOPG surface



(a) AFM image of fresh HOPG surface (b) the sample with AI_2O_3 layer deposited from TMA/H2O 200 cycles process (c) with AI_2O_3 layer from TMA/O₃ process 50 cycles.

NRI Significance: Conformal deposition of the ALD-Al₂O₃ layer through functionalization of the HOPG surface using O_3



AFM images of (a) the HOPG surface treated by ozone pretreatment, (b) the ALD-Al₂O₃ dielectric (50 cycles) surface on the ozone-treated HOPG, and (c) the cross-sectional HR-TEM image of the AI metal/Al₂O₃ (100 cycles)/the ozone-treated HOPG.

• O₃ treatment functionalizes surface and enables conformal deposition



XPS spectra of the Al_2O_3 layer deposited in 50 cycles on top of HOPG treated by ozone (a) O 1s /Al 2p (c) C 1s. (b) XPS spectra of C 1s on the fresh HOPG



Electrical properties of capacitors incorporating ALD AI_2O_3 films on HOPG demonstrating expected dielectric constant and the associated leakage properties

Graphene CVD Growth on Cu Foil SWAN R. Ruoff, UT-Austin



Bi-layer pseudoSpin Field Effect Transistor (BiSFET)





- Simulated devices and basic logic gates (SPICE)
 - Inverter with complementary BiSFET design simulated at 100 GHz with 25mV operation at just 2x Landauer limit





Magnetic Quantum Cellular Automata (MQCA) SRC M. Niemier, Notre Dame Nanoelectronics • Architectures





Inverter



Experimental



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[®]Nanomagnet logic – modeling and characterization





— 1.2 μm



AFM topographic picture



OOMMF simulation





Simulated MFM

Measured MFM

- Magnetization is routinely mapped using magnetic force microscopy (MFM)
- Quantitative field maps are inferred by comparison with simulation
- Direct nanoscale B/H field measurements are lacking at these scales (e.g. 20 x 40 x 60 nm dots)

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OOMMF – object oriented micromagnetic framework

Interface properties and SRC dopant profiles

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Field-control of tunneling, spin injection, polarization, ... remain key challenges for post CMOS technologies





- SIMS characterization of InGaAs tunnel junctions: measured vs. target
- Need for electrical profiles with sub-10-nm/decade resolution

S Things to Consider Going Forward



- Specific areas of focus for 2009:
 - Room temperature demonstrations of all phenomena
 - Plan to show RT results or a simulation "roadmap" on how to reach RT
 - Accelerate work to demonstrate theory, on simplified structures
 - Theorists provide insight on how to verify effects in "realistic" environments
 - Increase focus on the logic gate / computational system potential
 - How to connect the devices, how to do logic, how to scale functional density
- Increase work on <u>metrology</u> to explicitly link <u>theory</u> to <u>experiment</u> to assess potential devices
 - Experimentalists: "What modeling is needed to understand and extrapolate the device potential of current materials/structure/phenomena results?"
 - Theorists: "What experiments are needed to constitute a proof-of-concept of your theory or analysis? For example, what experimental work is needed to verify key parameters/assumptions in your model?"
 - Metrologists: "How can we measure the critical parameters to bridge between the experimental and simulation results?"





- Power will continue as the principal scaling issue for all IC applications
 - CMOS will continue to scale over at least the next decade, with emphasis on utilizing increasing transistor density over increasing frequency
- Any new technology must overcome the power / performance limits of a charge-based FET to continue the scaling trend of increased function / dollar
 - Does it offer the prospect of lower energy operation / storage?
 - Does it offer the prospect of non-equilibrium (e.g. ballistic) operation?
 - Does it offer the prospect of energy recovery?
- Advancing metrology and characterization techniques is key to the effort to develop any new device
 - "If we can't measure it, we can't make it."





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