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NanoPower Research Labs

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RIT Faculty Scholars Series

Idea Factory at Wallace Library

Thursday, October 28th, 2004

3:00 - 5:00 PM





Schol·ar

Pronunciation: 'skä-l&r

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English *scoler*, from Old English *scolere* & Old French *escoler*, from Medieval Latin *scholaris*, from Late Latin, of a school, from Latin *schola* school

- 1 : one who attends a school or studies under a teacher : **PUPIL**
- 2 a : one who has done advanced study in a special field
- b : a learned person
- 3 : a holder of a scholarship



Scholar·ship

Pronunciation: -"ship

Function: *noun*

1 : a grant-in-aid to a student (as by a college or foundation)

2 : the character, qualities, activity, or attainments of a scholar :

LEARNING

3 : a fund of knowledge and learning <drawing on the *scholarship* of the ancients>

synonym see KNOWLEDGE





Knowl·edge

Pronunciation: 'nä-lij

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English *knowlege*, from *knowlechen* to acknowledge, irregular from *knowen*

1 *obsolete* : **COGNIZANCE**

2 the fact or condition of knowing something with familiarity gained through experience or association

3 a : the sum of what is known : the body of truth, information, and principles acquired by mankind **b** *archaic*
: a branch of learning



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- Albert J. Simone, President RIT





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Microsystems



Imaging Arts



Alternative Energy



Deaf Education



Imaging Science



Information Technology



Biotechnology



Sustainable Systems





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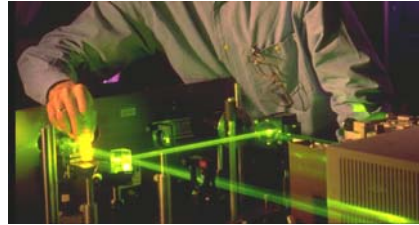
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Collaborative research is concentrated in:

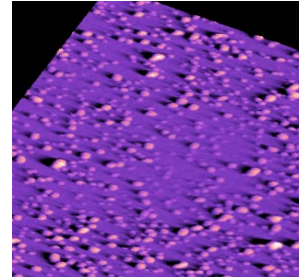
Microsystems



Photonics



Nanomaterials



Remote Sensing Systems



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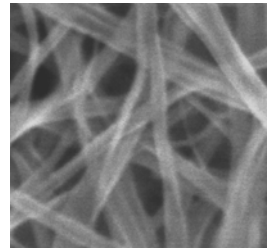
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Mission: To enhance the performance of energy conversion and storage devices through the development of nanomaterials.

A few examples

Higher capacity Li ion batteries through the use of high purity single wall carbon nanotubes.



More efficient photovoltaic solar cells through the use of semiconducting quantum dots.



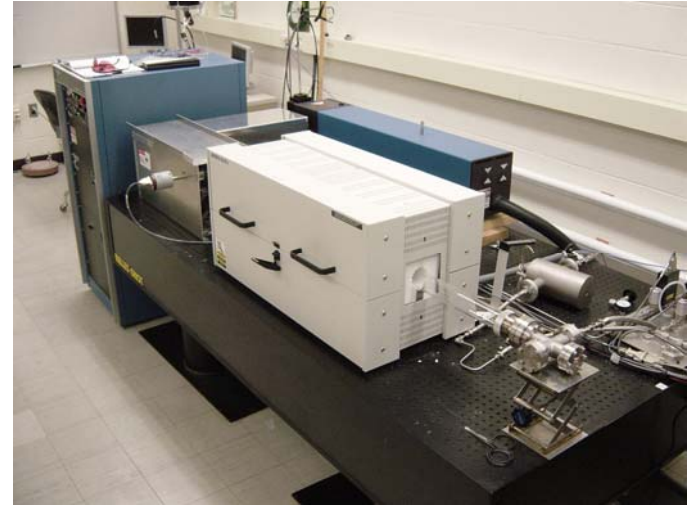
Longer life microelectronic alpha voltaic power sources using intermediate quantum dot absorbers.





Facilities

5 labs totaling over 3850 ft² materials synthesis, characterization, device fabrication and testing in the Gosnell Building.





Students



Ph.D. Students

Cory Cress (Microsystems)

Brian Landi (Microsystems)

M.S. Students

Dan Byrnes (Imaging Science)

John DeFranks (Materials Science).

Jeffery Elich (Chemistry)

Chris Evans (Material Science)

Sean Houlihan (Microelectronic Eng.)

Danielle Merritt (Imaging Science)

Shellee Williams-Allen (Business Admin.)

Visiting Students

Anora Burwell (Alfred Univ)

Kathryn Chapin (Wells College)

Rebecca Perlman (Pitts. H.S.)

Undergraduate Students

Dan Brown (Microelectronics Engineering)

George Woodruff (Microelectronics Eng.)

Adam Feuer (Chemistry)

Asuka Nomura (Microelectronic Engineering)

Richard Boyer (Physics)

Doug Hastings (Elect/Mech Eng. Tech)

Cara Horbacewicz (Biochemistry)

Brad Conrad (Physics)

Peter Terrana (Microelectronic Engineering)

Chris Schauerma (Physics)

Pat Denno (Chemistry)

Nic Guggemos (Physics)

Sueda Saylan (Microelectronic Engineering)

Joanna Lucero (Physics)

Eileen Baumgartner (Graphic Design)

Brad Madajesik (Physics)





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Christopher Brown

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Dr. Andy Karam (Biology)

Dr. Tom Gennett (Chemistry)

Dr. William Grande (formerly MicroEE, currently Ohmcraft, Inc.)

Dr. Brian Koberlein (Physics)

Dr. Lawretta Ononye (Physics)

Dr. Ryne P. Raffaele (Physics)

Dr. Jerry Wagner (Physics)

Dr. Jim Worman (Chemistry)

Post-Doctoral Associates

Dr. Ronald A. Difelice

Dr. Jo Roe

Dr. Herbert Ruf





Current Programs



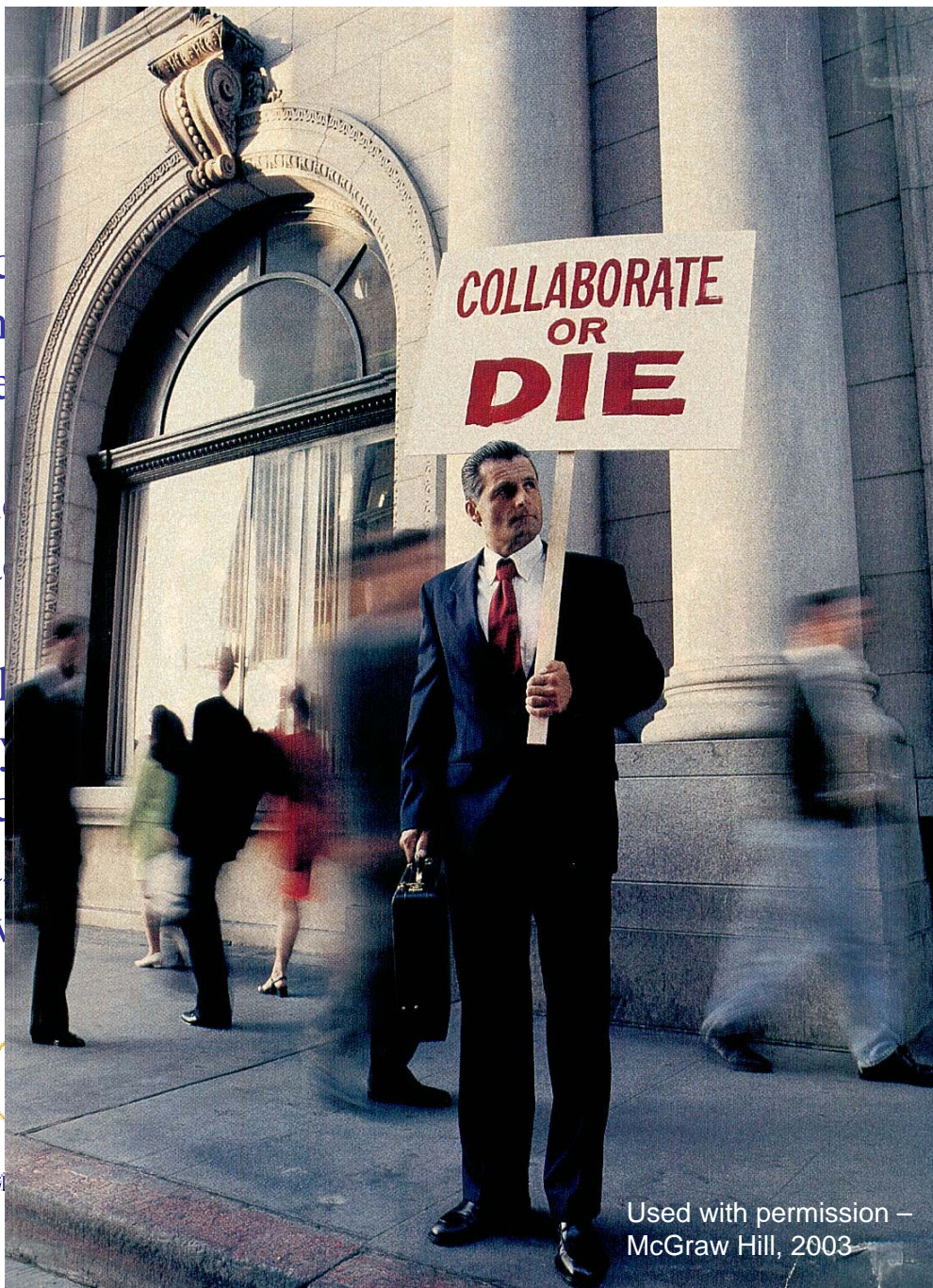
- Quantum Dot Solar Cells (NASA)
- Integrated Power Supplies (NASA)
- Microelectronic Fuel Cells (DOE)
- Nanomaterials for Space Solar Power (NSF)
- Compact Infotonics Explorer (NYS Infotonics COE)
- Carbon Nanotube Anodes for Li Ion Batteries (NASA)
- Wide Bandgap Photovoltaics Development (NASA)
- High Efficiency Thermionic Devices (NASA)
- Scanning Tunneling Optical Resonance Microscopy (NASA)
- Nanostructured Electrodes for High Energy Li Batteries (ONR)
- Quantum Dot Alpha Voltaics (DARPA)
- Nanomaterials and Nanostructures for Space PV (NASA)
- Nanomaterials for PV (BP Solar)





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Over the Past 4 Years

64 Refereed Journal and Conference Proceeding Papers!
31 of which contained Student Authors (**15 as first author!**)
10 of the student authors were Undergraduates!





Presentations



Microsystem Ph.D. Student and NASA Fellow Brian Landi presenting at Solar Cell 2004 in Badajoz, Spain



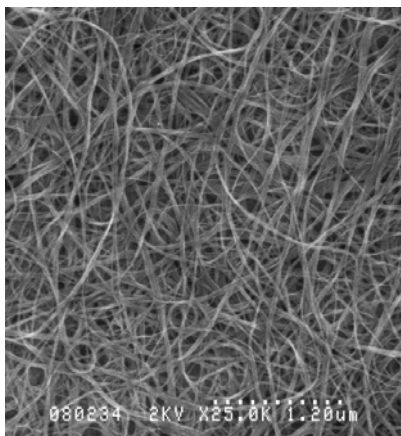


Nanotechnology

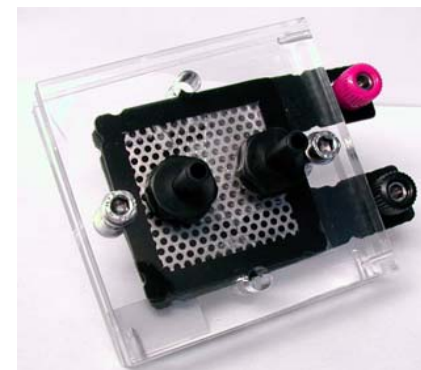
Quantum Dots



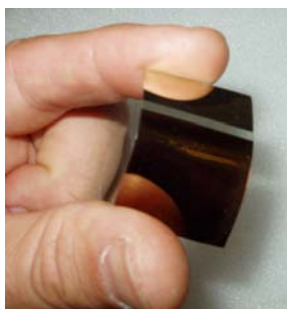
Carbon Nanotubes



Fuel Cells



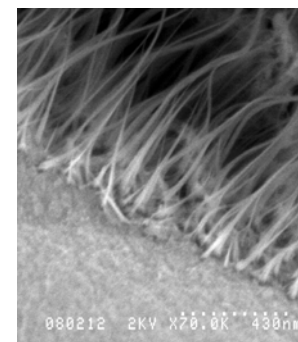
Plastic Solar Cells



Radioisotope Batteries



Emerging Technologies





Thank You

