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Nanomaterials for Practical Applications: Opportunities in Computing and the Internet-of-things

After more than two decades of nanomaterials research, we now have great control over their synthesis, properties, and manipulation. A worthwhile goal for the next decade would be to use these materials for disruptive technologies and products for the public good. This talk will describe work and opportunities in a couple of areas of potential impact for nanomaterials: in computing and the internet-of-things as applied to fields such as agriculture.

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