

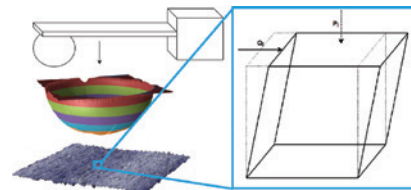
## In this issue

Marcin Michałowski

### Simulation model for frictional contact of two elastic surfaces in micro/nanoscale and its validation

<https://doi.org/10.1515/ntrev-2018-0075>  
Nanotechnol Rev 2018; 7(5): 355–363

**Regular article:** In this article, a new friction model is suggested along with a method of its validation with the use of atomic force microscopy, which can be used for this or other nano- or microscale friction models.

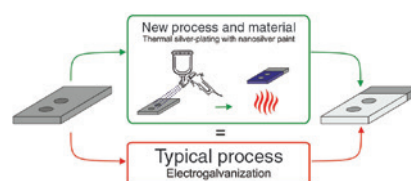


**Keywords:** atomic force microscopy; friction; simulation.

Radosław Pawłowski, Bartłomiej Pawłowski, Hanna Wita, Anna Pluta, Piotr Sobik, Agata Sala, Aleksandra Łanuszewska, Vitalii Patsula, Kazimierz Drabczyk and Małgorzata Jakubowska  
**Silver nanoparticles in the thermal silver plating of aluminium busbar joints**

<https://doi.org/10.1515/ntrev-2018-0032>  
Nanotechnol Rev 2018; 7(5): 365–372

**Regular article:** Thermal silver plating technology with nanoparticles as an efficient method of conductive layers production on aluminium substrates was studied.



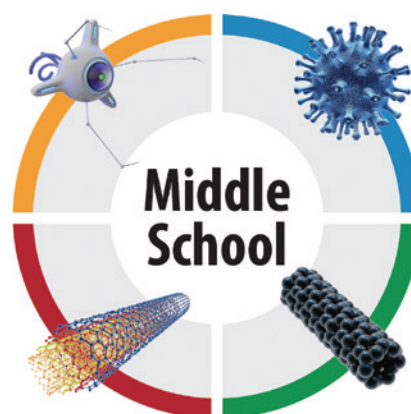
**Keywords:** aluminium busbars; conductive layers; nanosilver; silver layers; thermal silver plating.

Sohair Sakhnini and Ron Blonder  
**Insertion points of the essential nanoscale science and technology (NST) concepts in the Israeli middle school science and technology curriculum**

<https://doi.org/10.1515/ntrev-2018-0026>  
Nanotechnol Rev 2018; 7(5): 373–391

**Nanotechnology Education Contribution:** Middle School NST insertion points.

**Keywords:** middle school; nanoeducation; nanotechnology; science and technology education; science curriculum.



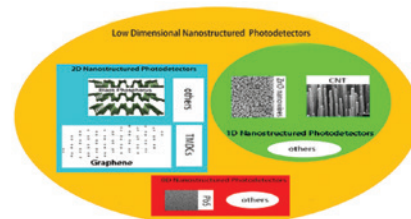
Zhenhui Li, Ke Xu and Fanan Wei

### Recent progress in photodetectors based on low-dimensional nanomaterials

<https://doi.org/10.1515/ntrev-2018-0084>  
Nanotechnol Rev 2018; 7(5): 393–411

**Review:** This manuscript reviews the recent progress in photodetectors based on low-dimensional nanomaterials, including graphene, transition metal dichalcogenides, black phosphorus, ZnO, carbon nanotube, and lead sulfide. Hybrid techniques are also reviewed.

**Keywords:** nanomaterials; photodetectors; typical low dimensional.



Attarad Ali, Abdul-Rehman Phull and Muhammad Zia

### Elemental zinc to zinc nanoparticles: is ZnO NPs crucial for life? Synthesis, toxicological, and environmental concerns

<https://doi.org/10.1515/ntrev-2018-0067>  
Nanotechnol Rev 2018; 7(5): 413–441

**Review:** Different types of zinc nanoparticles are discussed in detail. Their synthesis, characterization, biomedical and industrial application, toxicity, etc., are highlighted.

**Keywords:** biologics; cytotoxicity; nanoparticles (NPs); photocatalysis; zinc oxide (ZnO).



Huan Liu, Min Wei and Yuzhong Chen  
**Optimization of non-linear conductance modulation based on metal oxide memristors**

<https://doi.org/10.1515/ntrev-2018-0045>  
Nanotechnol Rev 2018; 7(5): 443–468

**Review:** This review article provides a practical and useful overview on the issue of conductance modulation linearity in artificial synapses, which can improve through the physical structure and the extra stimulus signal in two ways.

**Keywords:** conductance modulation; memristor; neuromorphic system; non-linearity.

