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INTRODUCTION

In order to fully benefit from the cost, performance, and flexibility of new electronics products manufactured on a large-scale, industries accustomed to the purchase, use, and engineering of continuum materials need to grow to embrace appropriate new practices at the nanoscale. The purpose of this International Standard is to enable the quick, low-risk adoption of nanomaterials into large-scale electronics manufacturing. In addition a best set of common practices for use by semiconductor fabricators will be delineated.

The description of nanomaterials to be incorporated into the electronics process can be described in terms of: composition (material), density, purity, size/dimensions, properties such as electrical characteristics (conductive, non-conductive, and semiconductive), associated media (delivery medium), fabrication, surface functionalization, particle size distribution, surface area, shape, and degree of aggregation and agglomeration, etc.

These standards for the characterization of nanomaterials also provide an opportunity to help ensure consistency in metrics and measurement methods when specifying or producing nanomaterials for electronics applications. This is important when multiple vendors or technology partners are involved.

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NANOMANUFACTURING – LARGE SCALE MANUFACTURING FOR NANOELECTRONICS

1 Scope

This International Standard provides a framework for introducing nanoelectronics into large scale, high volume production in semiconductor manufacturing facilities through the incorporation of nanomaterials (e.g. carbon nanotubes, graphene, quantum dots, etc.). Since semiconductor manufacturing facilities need to incorporate practices that maintain high yields, there are very strict requirements for how manufacturing is performed. Nanomaterials represent a potential contaminant in semiconductor manufacturing facilities and need to be introduced in a structured and methodical way.

This International Standard provides steps employed to facilitate the introduction of nanomaterials into the semiconductor manufacturing facilities. This sequence is described below under the areas of raw materials acquisition, materials processing, design, IC fabrication, testing, and end-use. These activities represent the major stages of the supply chain in semiconductor manufacturing facilities.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

None.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

nanoscale

size range from approximately 1 nm to 100 nm

Note 1 to entry: Properties that are not extrapolations from a larger size will typically, but not exclusively, be exhibited in this size range. For such properties the size limits are considered approximate.

Note 2 to entry: The lower limit in this definition (approximately 1 nm) is introduced to avoid single and small groups of atoms from being designated as nano-objects or elements of nanostructures, which might be implied by the absence of a lower limit.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2010, 2.1]

3.2

nanotechnology

application of scientific knowledge to manipulate and control matter in the **nanoscale** (3.1) in order to make use of size- and structure-dependent properties and phenomena, as distinct from those associated with individual atoms or molecules or with bulk materials

Note 1 to entry: Manipulation and control includes material synthesis.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2010, 2.3]

3.3

nanoelectronics

electronic devices that incorporate **nanoscale** (3.1) materials, processes and properties

3.4

nanomanufacturing

intentional synthesis, generation or control of **nanomaterials** (3.6), or fabrication steps in the **nanoscale** (3.1), for commercial purposes

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2010, 2.11]

3.4.1

bottom-up nanomanufacturing

processes that use small fundamental units to create larger functionally rich structures or assemblies

3.4.2

hybrid nanomanufacturing

combination of additive and subtractive controlled processing to create an intentional nanoscaled structure

3.4.3

top-down nanomanufacturing

processes that create structures at the nanoscale from macroscopic designs

3.5

nanomanufacturing process

ensemble of activities to intentionally synthesize, generate or control **nanomaterials** (3.6), or fabrication steps in the **nanoscale** (3.1)

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2010, 2.12]

3.6

nanomaterial

material with any external dimension in the nanoscale or having internal or surface structure in the **nanoscale** (3.1)

Note 1 to entry: This generic term is inclusive of nano-object and nanostructured material.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2010, 2.4]

3.7

nano-object

material with one, two or three external dimensions in the **nanoscale** (3.1)

Note 1 to entry: Generic term for all discrete nanoscale objects.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2010, 2.5]

3.8

nanostructure

composition of inter-related constituent parts, in which one or more of those parts is a **nanoscale** (3.1) region

Note 1 to entry: A region is defined by a boundary representing a discontinuity in properties.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2010, 2.6]

3.9

nanofibre

nano-object (3.7) with two similar external dimensions in the **nanoscale** (3.1) and the third dimension significantly larger

Note 1 to entry: A nanofibre can be flexible or rigid.

Note 2 to entry: The two similar external dimensions are considered to differ in size by less than three times and the significantly larger external dimension is considered to differ from the other two by more than three times.

Note 3 to entry: The largest external dimension is not necessarily in the nanoscale.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 27687:2008, 4.3]

3.10

nanoparticle

nano-object (3.7) with all three external dimensions in the **nanoscale** (3.1)

Note 1 to entry: If the lengths of the longest to the shortest axes of the nano-object differ significantly (typically by more than three times), the terms nanofibre or nanoplate are intended to be used instead of the term nanoparticle.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 27687:2008, 4.1]

3.11

nanowire

electrically conducting or semi-conducting **nanofibre** (3.9)

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 27687:2008, 4.6]

3.12

nanosheet

freestanding nanofilm

3.13

graphene

single layer of carbon atoms with each atom bound to three neighbours in a honeycomb structure

Note 1 to entry: It is an important building block of many carbon nano-objects.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-3:2010, 2.11]

3.14

nanotube

hollow **nanofibre** (3.9)

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 27687-2008, 4.4]

3.15

nanorod

solid **nanofibre** (3.9)

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 27687-2008, 4.5]

4 Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this standard:

CNT – Carbon nanotube

5 Nanomaterials incorporation into electronics fabrication

5.1 General

Nanomanufacturing processes follow three general methods of production: bottom-up nanomanufacturing, top-down manufacturing and a hybrid version of these two methods, each based on the location of the initiating material. See Figure 1.

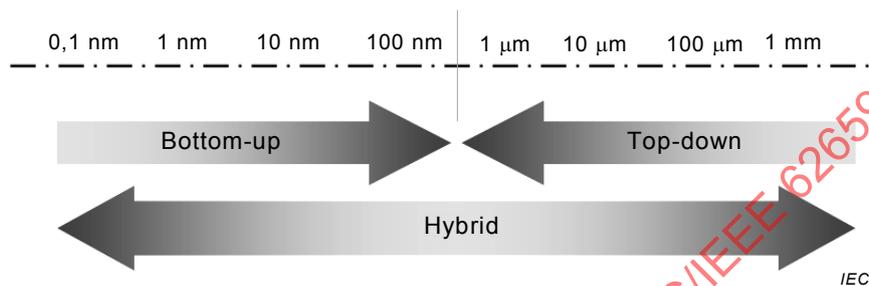


Figure 1 – Relationship between bottom-up, top-down and hybrid device fabrication processes for nanoelectronics over length scales

Tables 1 and 2 describe representative workflows for the creation of nanoelectronics within the two most common manufacturing processes. Incorporation of nanomaterials into electronics fabrication may utilize a hybrid process in which creation of nanoelectronics employs a combination of elements of both of these workflows.

Table 1 – Bottom-up process for nanoelectronics

Workflow	Processing
Desired pattern defined using lithographic technique	Desired pattern developed in seed planting software tool to produce the seed positions
Functionalized surface	Seed layer is produced on substrate layer
Functional surface generation and growth	The desired pattern described by functional surface allows seeds to grow and assemble. Additive raw material grown from functionalized surface
Completed pattern	Finished device

Table 2 – Top-down process for nanoelectronics

Workflow	Activity
Raw material coating of substrate	Material added to substrate
Desired pattern defined using lithographic technique	Desired pattern developed
Pattern etched	The desired pattern described by lithographic process and excess material selectively removed; patterning and etching repeated as necessary
Completed pattern	Finished device

A workflow for nanomaterials incorporation into electronics fabrication is highlighted in Table 3, comparing a CNT electronics workflow to that of a CMOS workflow.

Table 3 – Comparison of CMOS processes with exemplary CNT electronics process

Workflow	CNT electronics	Si CMOS electronics
Raw materials acquisition	CNT in grams	Wolframite/Sheelite (Tungsten ore) in metric tonnes
Materials processing	CNT in 1 L or 4 L aqueous solutions	150 mm, 200 mm or 300 mm W targets for sputter deposition
Design	Full custom layout;	Multi-core microprocessor synthesized from HDL;
IC fabrication	0,15 µm CMOS line	45 nm, 200 mm wafer Si CMOS foundry
Testing	Semi-automatic wafer probe stations	High throughput ATE
End-use	Solid-state data recorder module	Mainboard with chipset for notebook computers

The primary areas for elucidation to move from start to product include: raw materials, processed materials, IC fabrication processes, design and test and end-user systems. Each area has specific requirements and function which has dependencies based upon the end-user system requirements. This document will provide a framework for the elucidation of generic approaches to describe these systems with the goal to coalesce with other standards activities wherever a common thread or shared methodology can be exploited.

5.2 Raw materials acquisition

Raw materials use for nanoelectronics at the large scale falls into four primary categories: nanoparticles, nanowires, nanotubes and nanosheets, which may include zero-dimensional nanomaterials, one-dimensional nanomaterials, two-dimensional nanomaterials or three-dimensional nanomaterials, either separately or in combination or as a mixture. Nanotubes are distinct from nanowires because of the hollow nature of a tubular structural motif versus the solid form of a wire. Several IEC and IEEE efforts, for example IEC 62624/IEEE Std 1650 and IEC PAS 62565-2-1, have focused on delineation of various aspects of nanotube generation and description. Those efforts will be incorporated as references for this effort.

Some of the key features of raw carbon nanotube materials examination include sourcing, growth conditions including gas control, temperature control, substrate choice and control, diameter (and chirality) control, length control, surface functionalization, contamination measurement from catalysts in the case of nanotubes and additional carbon contamination as well. These are detailed in IEC PAS 62565-2-1.

In the case of nanoparticles the synthesis methodologies are quite diverse and the focus will be on monodispersity, composition control, surface functionalization and contamination.

In the case of nanowires, the synthesis will focus on methods which specify gas concentrations, temperature control, substrate choices, diameter control, length control, surface functionalization and contamination. All of these raw materials generation methodologies require close examination of safety conditions during growth, harvesting safety and waste stream handling and monitoring. IEC PAS 62565-1 shall be the model for the future nanowire blank detail specification.

In the case of nanosheets, the synthesis will focus on providing monatomically layered carbon atoms with a specified stacking of one or more layers. Controlled growth will focus on methods which specify gas concentrations, temperature control, substrate choices, and contamination.