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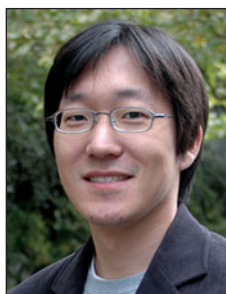
functional imaging and increase, by orders of magnitude, the useful information gathered at nanoscale systems. This includes coupling voltage, radiofrequency, and photonic excitation and detection systems to SPMs to extend microscopy to the fundamental time and energy scales of important physical phenomena related to photovoltaic, mechanical, electromechanical, and electrochemical processes. He also works to create new methodologies to analyze and interpret high-dimensional, multi-spectral SPM data.

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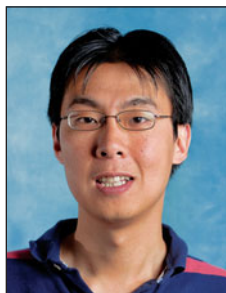
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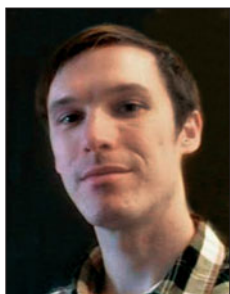


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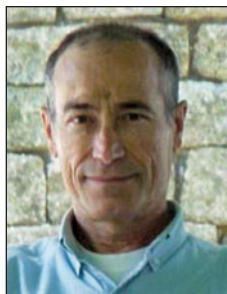


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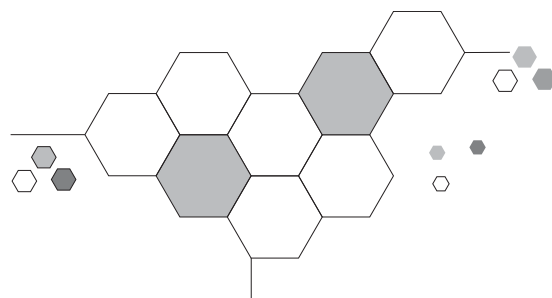


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