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# Center for Functional Nanomaterials

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# Facility Introduction

- One of five DOE Nanoscale Science Research Centers
- Co-located with the National Synchrotron Light Source-II at Brookhaven National Laboratory
- User-oriented facility for the nanoscience research community; advance the science of nanomaterials that address the nation's energy challenges.
- Over 470 users in FY2014 – mostly from academia



# What we do well

- Relationship with the NSLS User Office
- Relationship with the Guest/User/Visitor Center
- Online proposal system
  - Review feasibility and scientific merit
  - Evaluate safety
  - Allocate
- Facility Online Management System
  - Schedule facility time
  - Track instrument usage
  - Communicate status of instrument



# Challenges

- Inexperienced users
- Language barrier
- Tracking publications
- Industrial users
- Two proposal systems

