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- AI artificial intelligence
- CAD computer-aided design
- CCD charge-coupled device
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CPU  central processing unit
CVD  chemical vapor deposition
CMOS complementary metal oxide semiconductor
DNA  deoxyribonucleic acid
DC, dc direct current
FET  field-effect transistor
GPS  global positioning system
IC  integrated circuit
IoT  Internet of Things
IR  infrared
IT  information technology
LSI  large-scale integration
LED  light-emitting diode
MEMS  micro-electromechanical systems
MOS  metal oxide semiconductor
NIR  near infrared
NMR  nuclear magnetic resonance
PC  personal computer
RF  radio frequency
RGB  red, green, and blue
RNA  ribonucleic acid
RT  room temperature
SEM  scanning electron microscopy
SD, s.d.  standard deviation
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3D  three-dimensional

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○ polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
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Fig. 2. Time dependences of (a) F and (b) temperature.
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- **Bad examples**

![Fig. 1. (a) Lake Onuma and (b) Mt. Akagi.](image)

Do not put (a) and (b) inside the figures.

![Fig. 2. Time dependences of (a) F and (b) temperature.](image)

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