

# What is Nanotechnology?

“Nanos” Greek: “Dwarf”

1 nm =  $10^{-9}$  m

Earth



Euro Coin



$\phi = 16$  mm

## ***Nanotechnology***

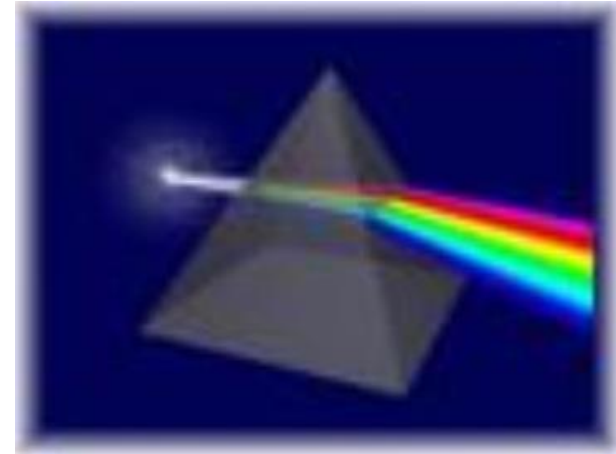
is the design, characterization, production and applications of structures, devices and systems

***by controlling shape and size at the nanometer scale.***

# Properties of a Material

A property describes how a material acts under certain conditions.

- **Types of properties:**
  - Optical (e.g. color).
  - Electrical (e.g. conductivity).
  - Physical (e.g. melting point).
  - Chemical (e.g. reaction rate).
- **Properties are usually measured by looking at large ( $\sim 10^{23}$ ) aggregations of atoms or molecules.**



# What's interesting about the nanoscale?

- Nanosized particles exhibit different properties than larger particles of the same substance.
- Nanosized particles exhibit size & shape dependent properties.

# Length Scale: Changes Properties

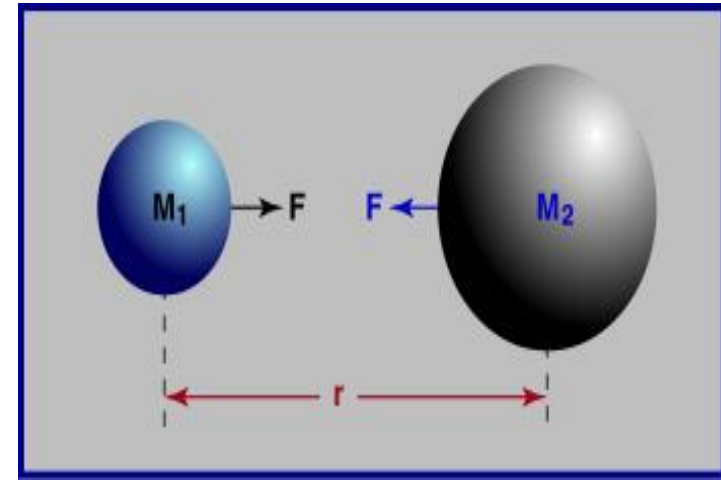
## Three important ways in which Nanoscale materials may differ from macro scale materials

1. Gravitational forces become negligible and electromagnetic forces dominate.
2. Quantum mechanics is the model used to describe motion and energy instead of the classical mechanics model.
3. Greater surface to volume ratios.

# Dominance of Electromagnetic Forces

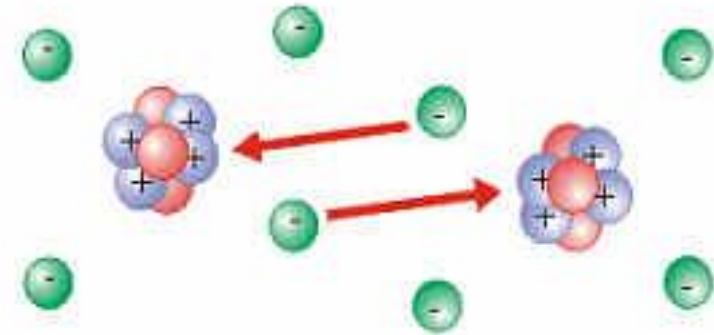
## ➤ Gravitational force

is a function of **mass** and distance and is *weak* between (low-mass) Nano sized particles.



## ➤ Electromagnetic force

is a function of **charge** and distance and is not affected by mass, so it can be very *strong* even when we have Nano sized particles.



# Quantum Effects

Classical mechanical models that we use to understand matter at the macro scale **break down** for...

- The very small (Nanoscale) systems.

Quantum mechanics better describes phenomena that classical physics cannot, like...

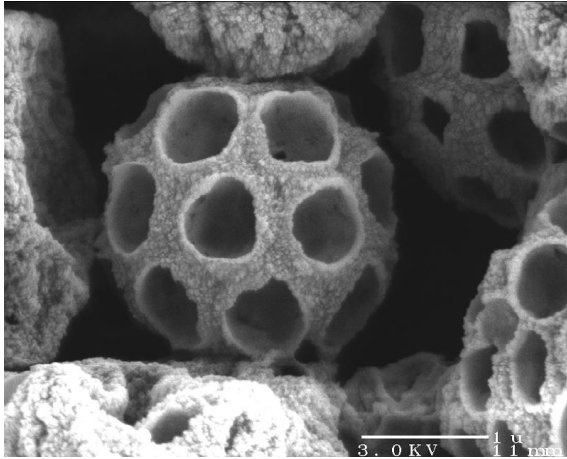
- The colors of Nano gold
- The probability (instead of certainty) of where an electron will be found.
- Below a certain length scale (that depends on interaction strengths) systems must be described using quantum mechanics.

# Why Nanotechnology?

At the nanoscale, the physical, chemical, and biological properties of materials **differ** in fundamental and valuable ways from the properties of individual atoms and molecules or bulk matter.

Nanotechnology R&D is directed toward understanding and creating improved materials, devices, and systems that exploit these **new properties**.

## In Other Words....



Small photonic crystals:  
titanium dioxide micro-  
sphere 1-50  $\mu\text{m}$  in  
diameter

Working at the atomic, molecular and supra-molecular levels, in the length scale of approximately ***1 – 100 nm range***, through the control and manipulation of matter at the atomic and molecular level in order to design, create and use materials, devices and systems with fundamentally new properties and functions because of their small structure.

Courtesy: National Science Foundation

Credit: *S. Klein, F. Lange and D. Pine, UC Santa Barbara*

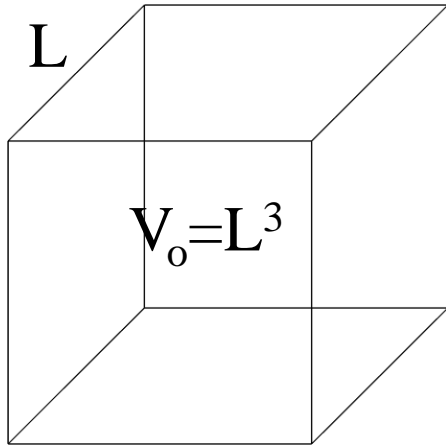


## Two main Reasons: Difference in materials properties at the Nanoscale

- **First**, Nanomaterials have a **relatively larger surface area** when compared to the same mass of material produced in larger form.
- ↳ Nanoparticles can make materials **more chemically reactive** and affect their **strength or electrical properties**.
- **Second**s, **quantum effects** can begin to dominate the behavior of matter at the Nanoscale.

# Specific Area: Surface Area to Volume Ratio

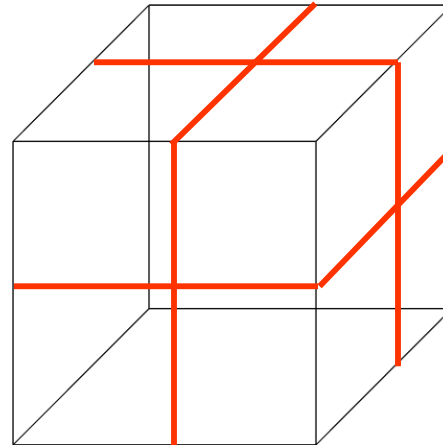
in dependence upon particle size



$$n_L = 1$$

$$S_o = 6L^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} SA &= S_o / V_o \\ &= 6L^2 / L^3 \\ &= 6/L \end{aligned}$$

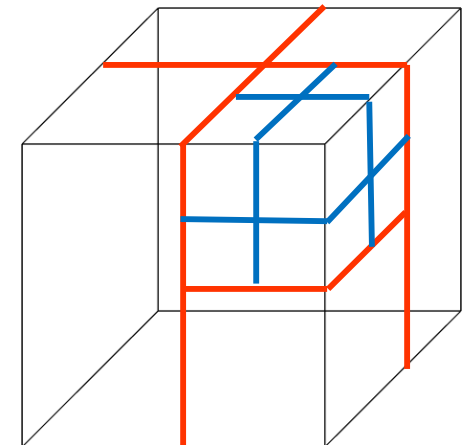


$$n_{L/2} = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$$

$$S_{L/2} = 6(L/2)^2 \times (2 \times 2 \times 2) = 12L^2$$

$$n_{L/8} = 8 \times 8 \times 8 = 512$$

$$S_{L/8} = 6(L/8)^2 \times (8 \times 8 \times 8) = 48L^2$$

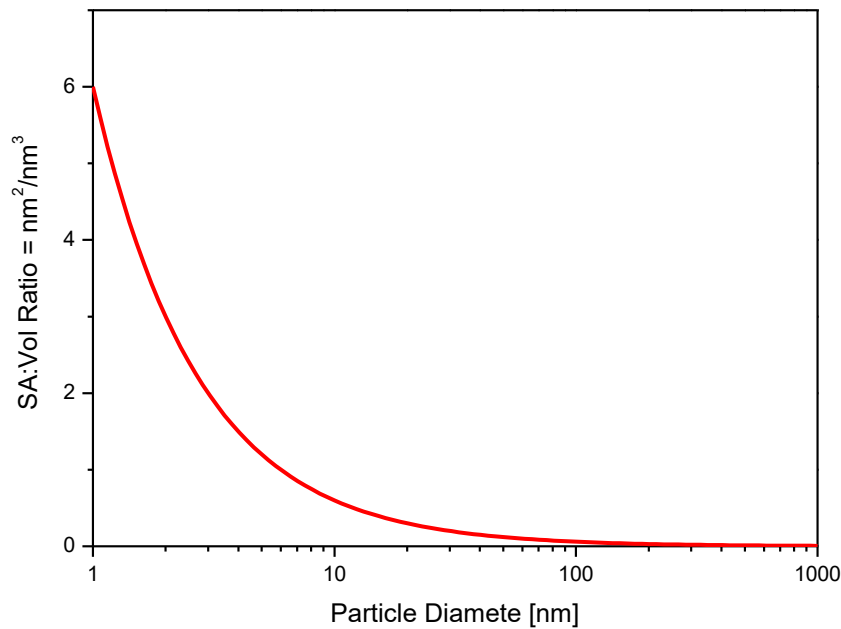


$$n_{L/4} = 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64$$

$$S_{L/4} = 6(L/4)^2 \times (4 \times 4 \times 4) = 24L^2$$

# Specific Area: Surface Area to Volume Ratio

Size of cube side (m)	Number of cubes	Total Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> )
1	1	6
10 <sup>-1</sup>	10 x 10 x 10 (= 10 <sup>3</sup> )	60 (=6 x 10)
10 <sup>-2</sup> (= 1 cm)	100 x 100 x 100 (= 10 <sup>6</sup> )	600 (6 x 10 <sup>2</sup> )
10 <sup>-3</sup> (= 1 mm)	10 <sup>9</sup>	6,000 (6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> )
10 <sup>-6</sup> (= 1 μm)	10 <sup>18</sup>	6 x 10 <sup>6</sup>
10 <sup>-9</sup> (= 1 nm)	10 <sup>27</sup>	6 x 10 <sup>9</sup>



The ratio increases dramatically when the nanoparticle diameter drops **below about 100 nm**

## Specific Area: Surface Area to Volume Ratio

Some example calculations for volume and surface area of nanoparticles. These calculations use nm as unit of length.

Nanoparticle Diameter (nm)	Volume (nm <sup>3</sup> )	Surface Area (nm <sup>2</sup> )	SA:Vol Ratio (nm <sup>2</sup> /nm <sup>3</sup> )
1	0.524	3.14	6
10	524	314	0.6
100	523598	31416	0.06
1000	5.24E+08	3.14E+06	0.006
10000	5.24E+11	3.14E+08	0.0006
100000	5.24E+14	3.14E+10	0.00006
1000000	5.24E+17	3.14E+12	0.000006

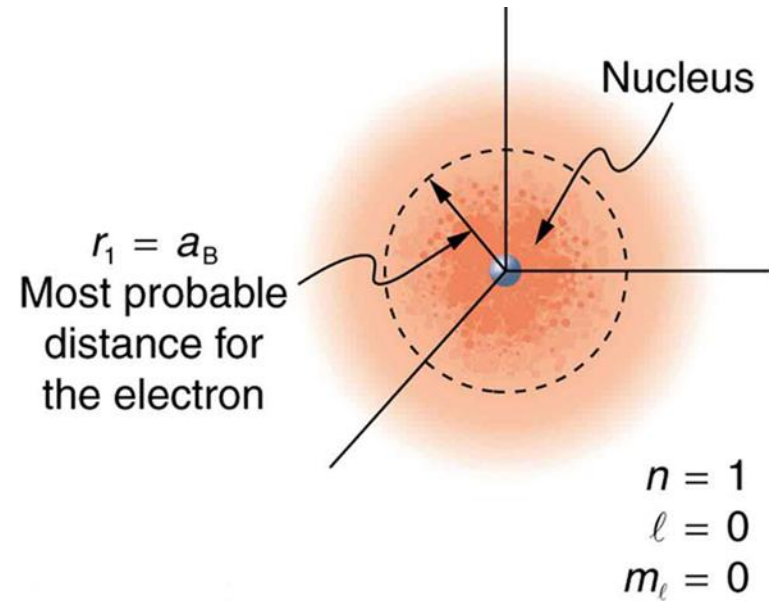
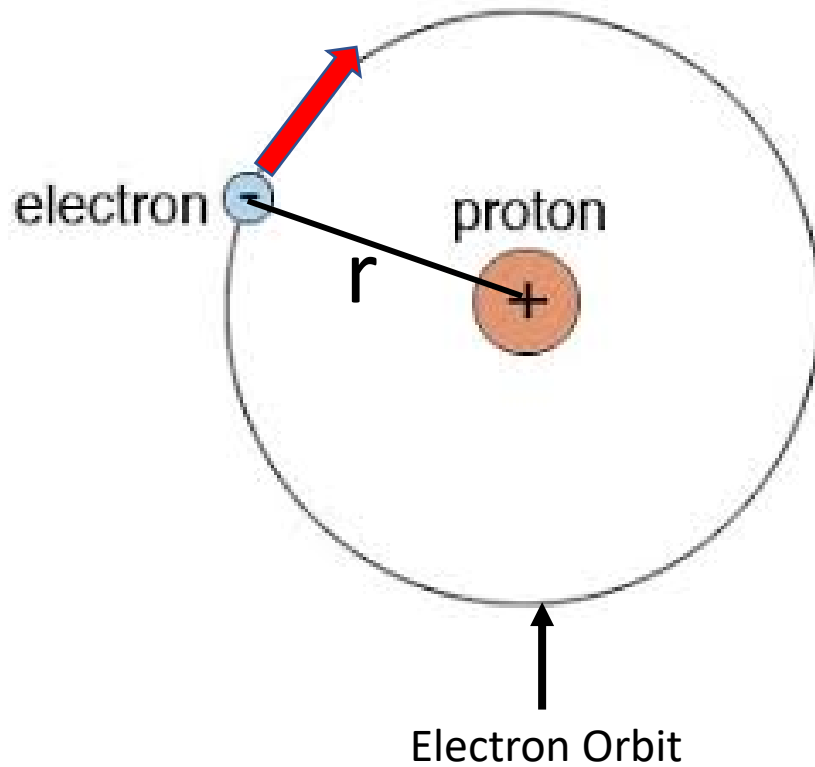
$$V_p = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi \left( \frac{D}{2} \right)^3 = \frac{\pi D^3}{6}$$

$$S = 4\pi r^2 = 4\pi \left( \frac{D}{2} \right)^2 = \pi D^2$$

$$S : V \text{ Ratio} = \frac{\pi D^2}{\pi D^3 / 6} = \frac{6}{D}$$

# The Bohr Model

## Hydrogen Atom



# Bohr Radius

$$L = \frac{nh}{2\pi}$$

but  $L = mvr$  So

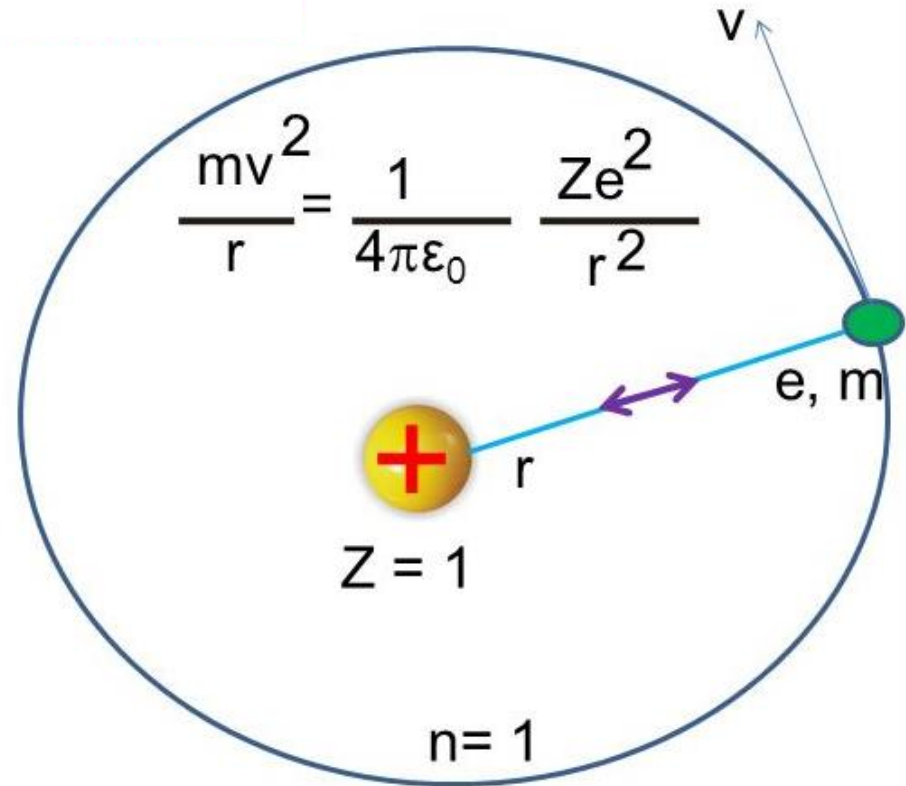
$$mvr = \frac{nh}{2\pi}$$

$$r = \frac{nh}{2\pi mv} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Putting  $v = \frac{e}{\sqrt{4\pi\epsilon_0 mr}}$

$$r = \frac{n^2 h^2 \epsilon_0}{\pi m e^2}$$

This is called the Bohr radius, represented by the symbol  $a_0$ .



$$a_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 h^2}{\pi m e^2} = 5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$$

# Bohr Radius

- The diameter of the hydrogen atom for stationary states is

$$r_n = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 n^2 \hbar^2}{me^2} \equiv n^2 a_0$$

Where the **Bohr radius** is given by

$$a_0 = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{me^2} = \frac{(1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})^2}{(9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(1.6 \times 10^{-16} \text{ C})^2} \left( 8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2} \right) = 0.53 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

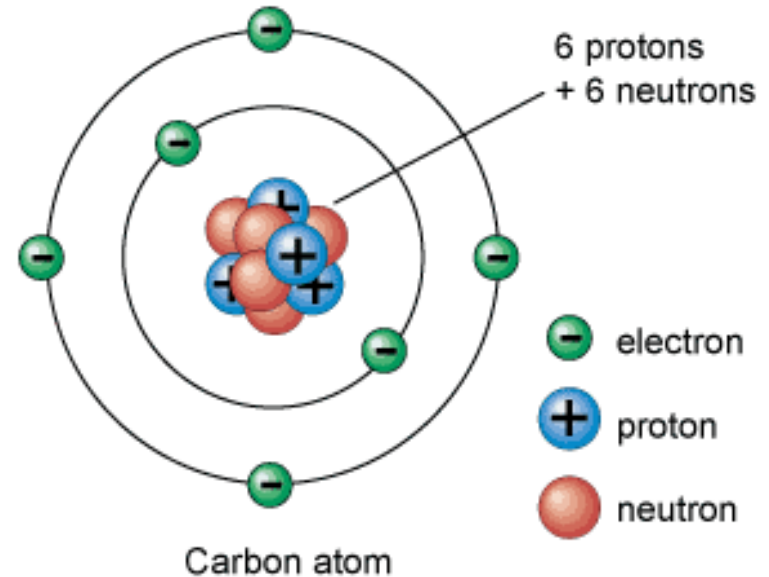
- The smallest diameter of the hydrogen atom is

$$2r_1 = 2a_0 \approx 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

- $n = 1$  gives its lowest energy state (called the “ground” state)

# Length Scale

- Bohr radius =  $0.5292\text{\AA} \approx 0.05$  nm
- C atom (VdW radius)= $0.17$  nm
- In a 1nm line: **3C** atoms
- In a 1nm x 1nm surface: **9C** atoms
- In a 1nm x 1nm x 1nm cube: **27 C** atoms
- In a 100 nm x 100 nm x 100 nm cube:  **$27 \times 10^6$  C** atoms
- In a 1m x 1m x 1m cube:  **$2.7 \times 10^{28}$  C** atoms





# Surface Atoms to Bulk Atoms Ratio in Macroscale

A typical material possesses:

$\sim 10^{23}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> (volume density)

$\sim 10^{15}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup> (surface density)

Assume that we have a cube with side of length = 1 cm.

Total number of atoms  $\sim 10^{23}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>  $\times$  (1 cm)<sup>3</sup>  $\sim 10^{23}$

Total number of surface atoms  $\sim 10^{15}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  6  $\times$  (1 cm)<sup>2</sup>  $\sim 6 \times 10^{15}$

Ratio of surface to total atoms  $\sim 6 \times 10^{15} / 10^{23} \sim 6 \times 10^{-8}$

$$6 \times 10^{-8}$$

# Surface Area to Volume Ratio in Nanoscale

A typical material possesses:

$\sim 10^{23}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> (volume density)

$\sim 10^{15}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup> (surface density)

Assume that we have a cube with side of length = 1 nm =  $10^{-7}$  cm.

Total number of atoms  $\sim 10^{23}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>  $\times$  ( $10^{-7}$  cm)<sup>3</sup>  $\sim 100$

Total number of surface atoms  $\sim 10^{15}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  6  $\times$  ( $10^{-7}$  cm)<sup>2</sup>  $\sim 60$

Ratio of surface to total atoms  $\sim 60/100 \sim 0.6$

**cm Scale**

**$6 \times 10^{-8}$**




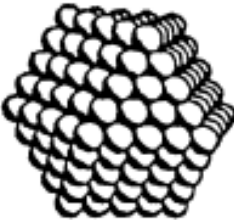
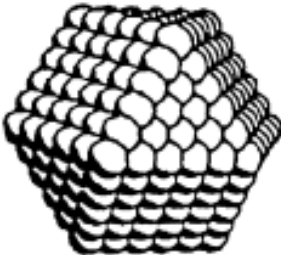


**nm Scale**

**$6 \times 10^{-1}$**

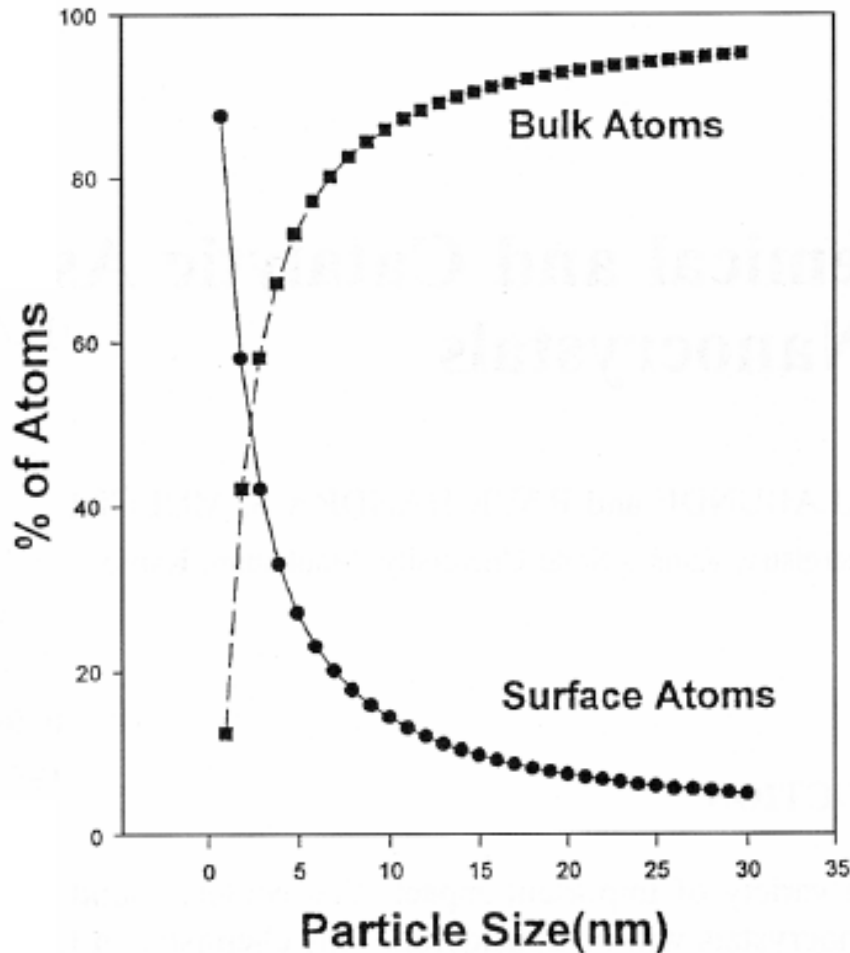
**$10^7$**

# Clos-packed Magic Number

Full-shell "magic number" clusters					
Number of shells	1	2	3	4	5
Number of atoms in cluster	13	55	147	309	561
Percentage of surface atoms	92	76	63	52	45

- Magic Number = Cluster has a complete, regular outer geometry
- Formed by successively packing layers around a single metal atom.
- Number of atoms ( $y$ ) in shell ( $n$ ):  $y = 10n^2 + 2$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ )
- Maximum number of nearest neighbors (metal-metal hcp packing)
- Decreasing percentage of surface atoms as cluster grows

# Surface Atoms vs. Bulk Atoms



**The number of surface atoms increases with reducing size of the particles**

# Surface Area to Volume Ratio

- Generally accepted material properties are derived from the bulk, where the percentage of atoms at the surface is miniscule. These properties change at the nanoscale.
- As the surface area to volume ratio increases so does the percentage of **atoms at the surface** and **surface forces** become more dominant.

## Surface Energy

Surface atoms possess more energy than bulk atoms.



Consequently, surface atoms are more chemically reactive.

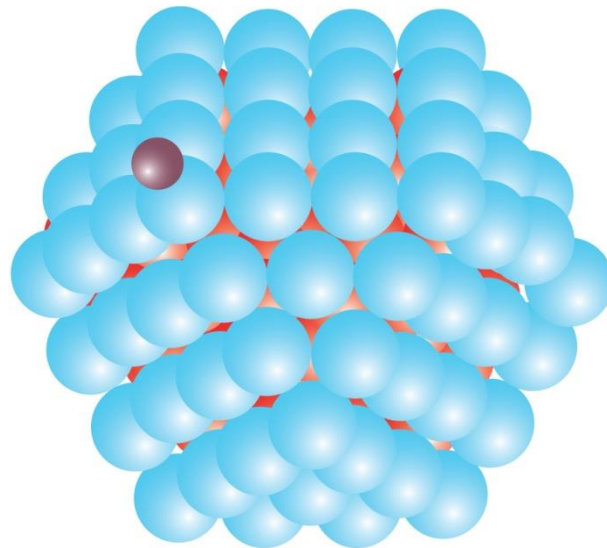


Nanoparticles possess enhanced chemical reactivity.

# The Surface

...is where the interactions that result in changes in physical and chemical properties occur.

...is where chemical reactions take place.



# Nanoparticles

**What factors account for the increase in reaction rates of chemical processes at the nanoscale level?**

**As the size of nanoscale particles decreases,  
the surface area to volume ratio increases.**

**Therefore, the surface energy increases!**

**Increase the rates of chemical reactions**

# Unique Characteristics of Nanoparticles

- **Large surface to volume ratio**
- **High percentage of atoms/molecules on the surface**
- **Surface forces are very important**, while bulk forces are not as important.
  
- Semiconductor nanoparticles may exhibit confined energy states in their electronic band structure (e.g., quantum dots)
- Can have unique chemical and physical properties
- Same size scale as many biological structures



# Size Effect: Color



## The gold we know:

Material properties don't change with size

- resistivity
- melting point
- optical absorption



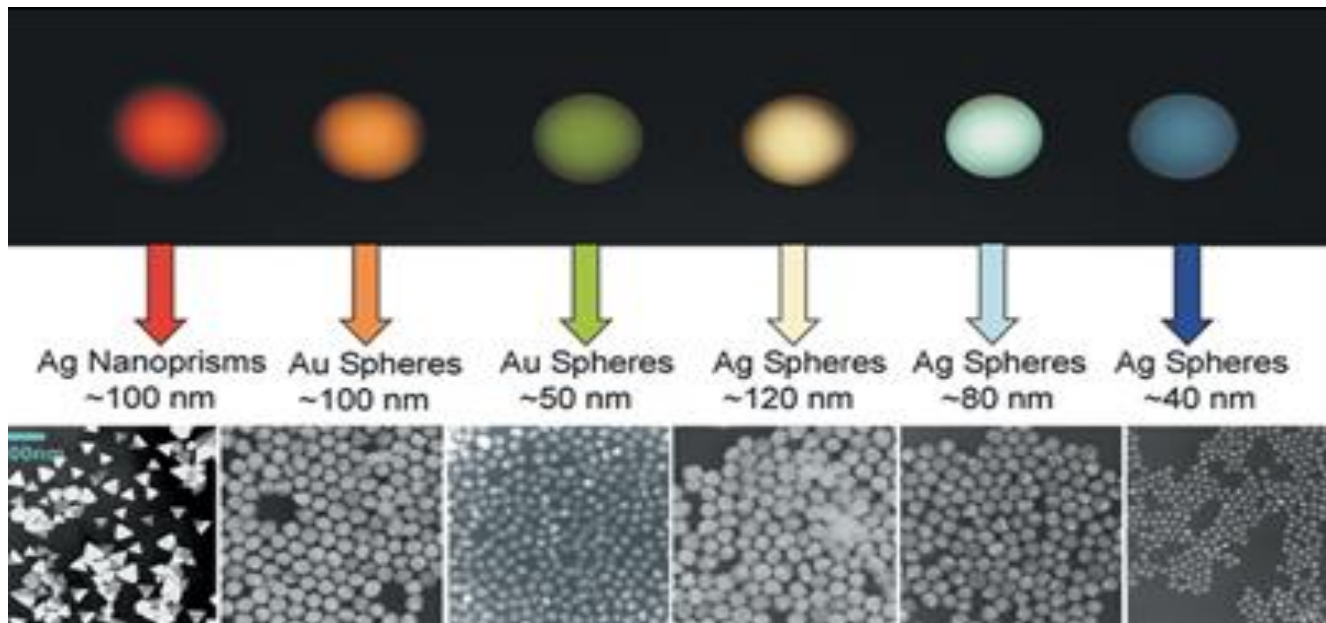
## The gold we are discovering:

Material properties (such as optical Absorption, shown here) change with the size of the gold nanoparticle.

**Size is a Material Property !**

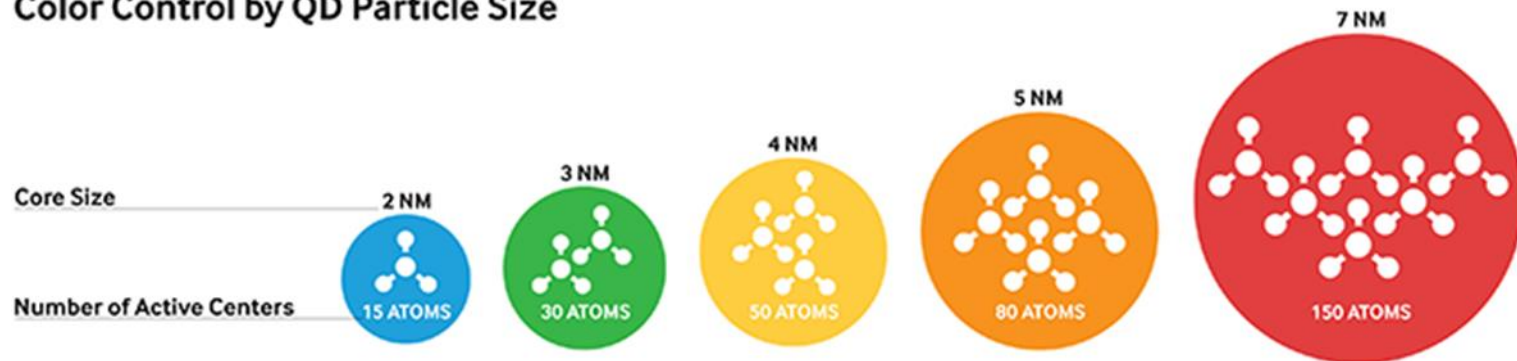
## Size Effect: Color

- As the percentage of atoms at the surface increases, the mechanical, optical, electrical, chemical, and magnetic properties change.
  - For example optical properties (color) of gold and silver change, when the spatial dimensions are reduced and the concentration is changed.



# Size Effect: Color

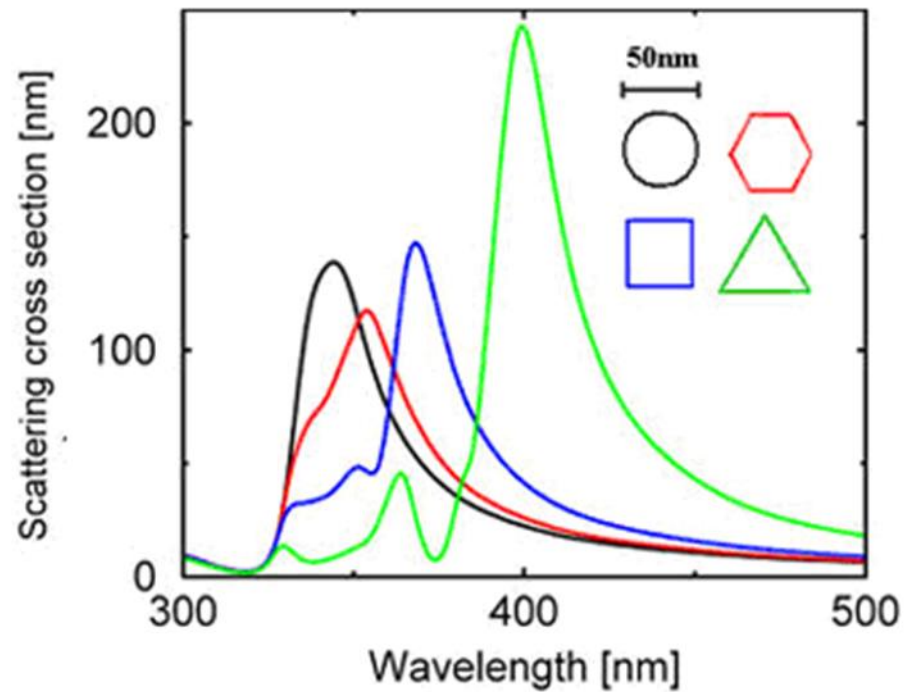
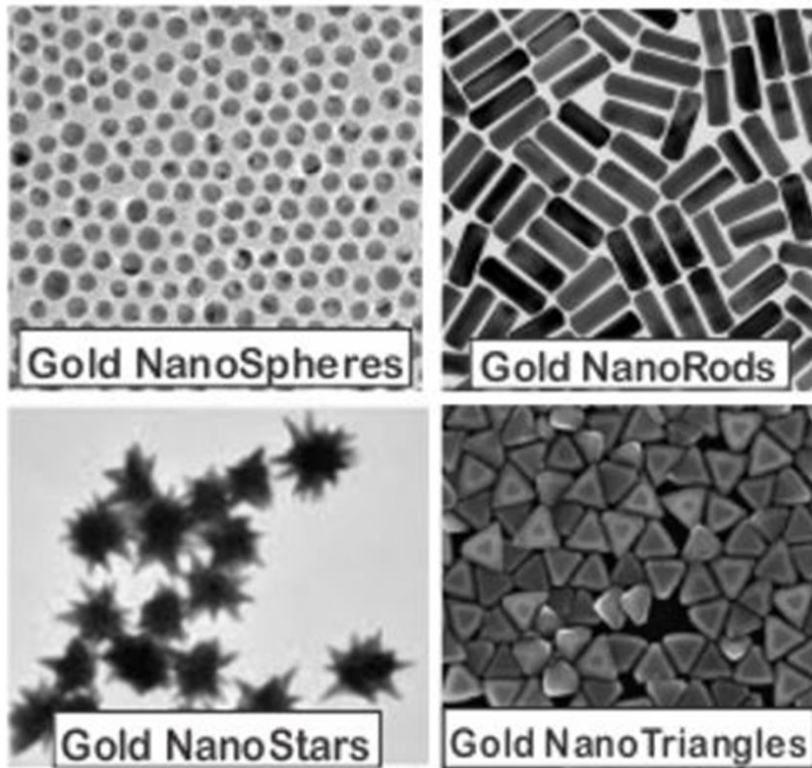
## Color Control by QD Particle Size



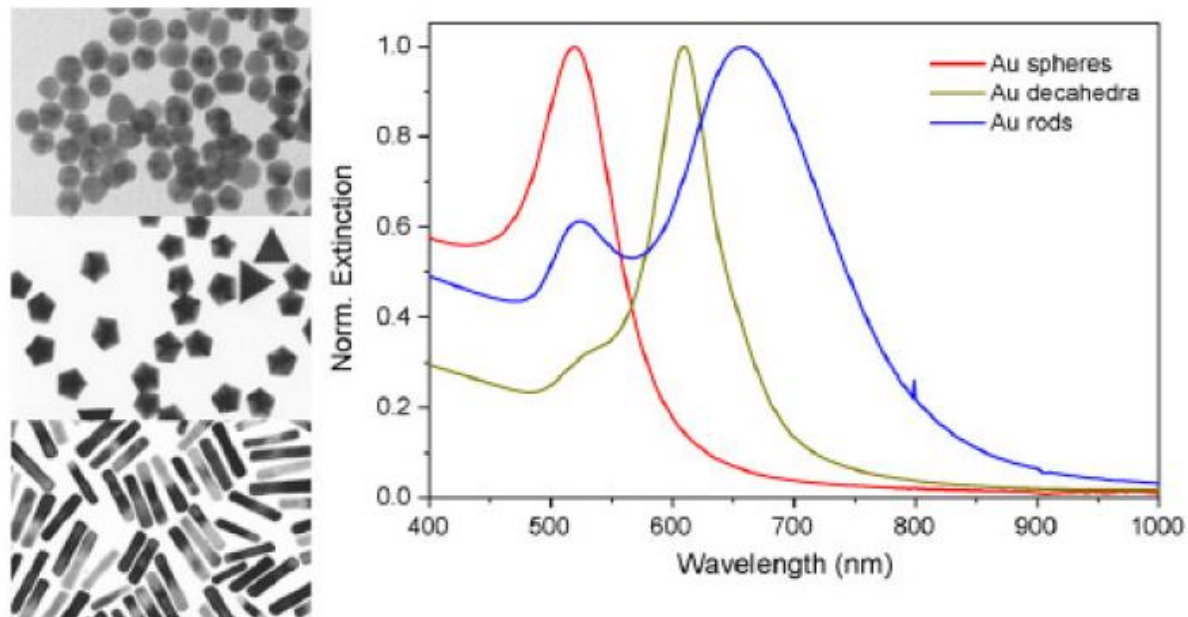
Depending on size,  
quantum dots emit different color light  
due to quantum confinement.  
Illustrated is the range of QDs with emission  
gradually stepping from violet to red.

# Shape Effect: Color

A Sampling of Different Shaped Gold NanoParticles

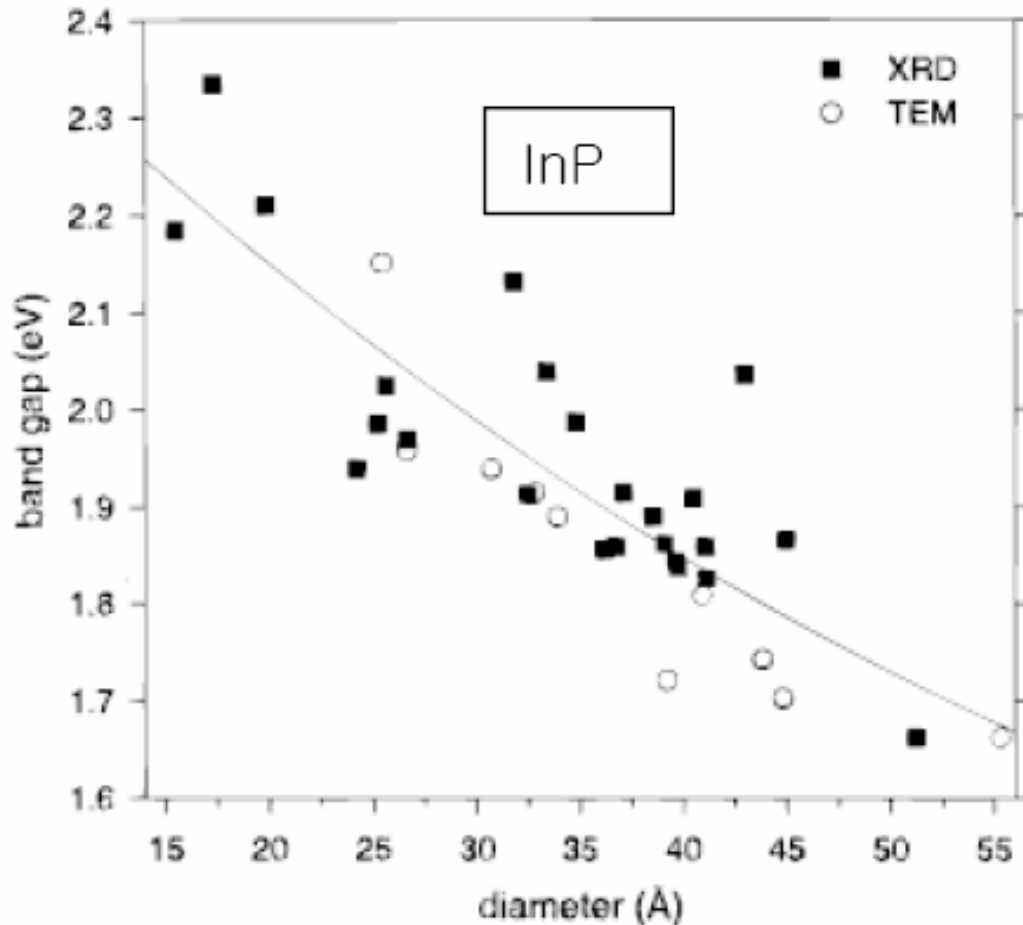


# Shape Effect: Color



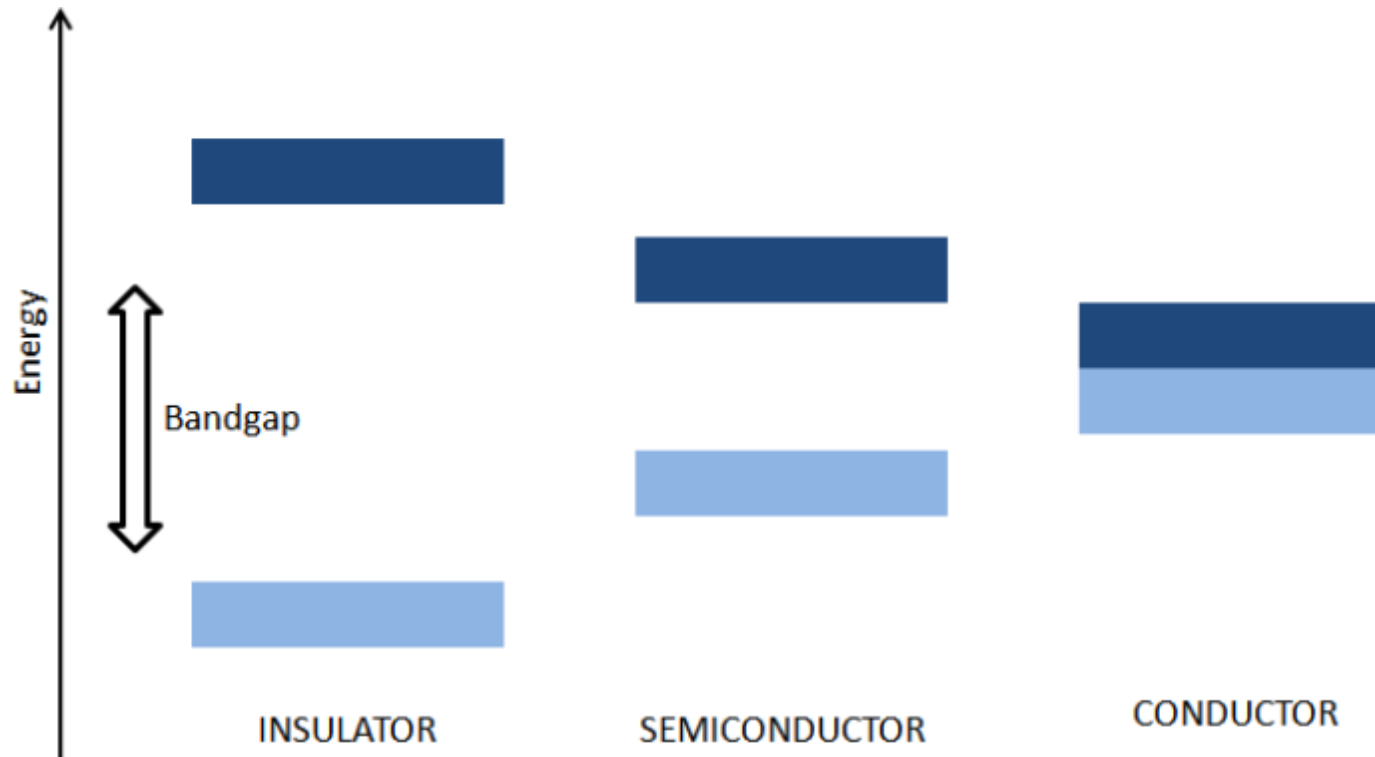
**Figure 10.** Transmission electron micrographs and UV—Vis spectra of gold nanoparticle colloids with various geometries: (top) spheres, (middle) decahedra and (bottom) rods. (Image credit: Reprinted from: Borja Sepúlveda et al., "LSPR-based Nanobiosensors", *Nano Today* (2009), 4 (3), 244-251, with permission from Elsevier).

# Size Effect: Band Gap



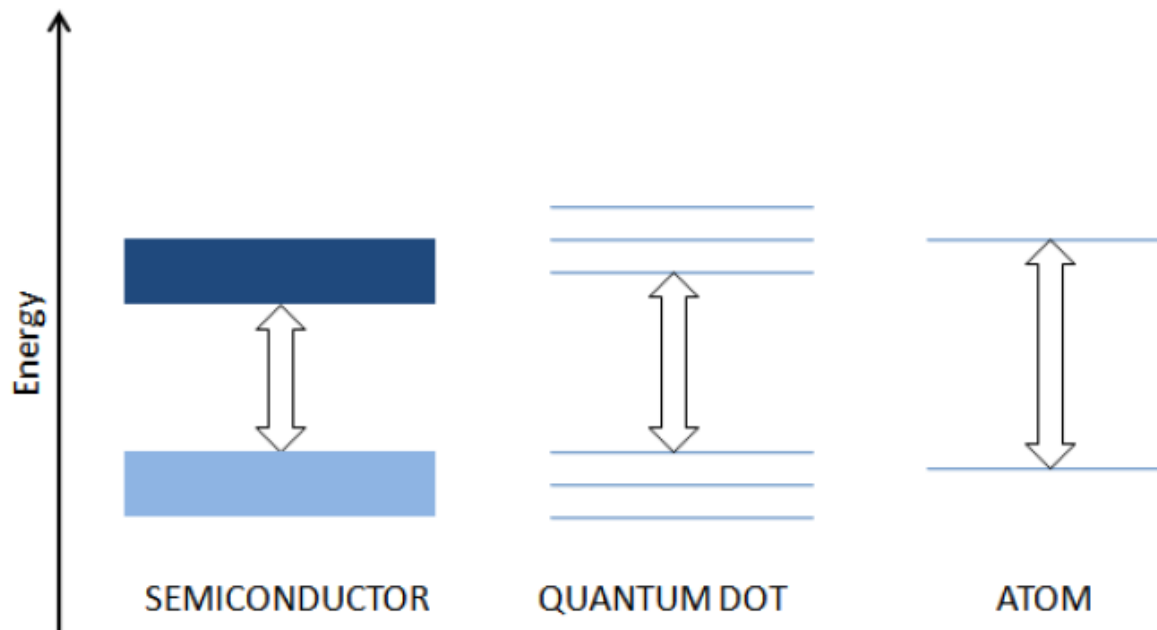
**The band gap is increases with reducing the size of the particles**

# Size Effect: Band Gap



**Figure 8.** Schematic illustration of the valence and conduction bands in the three kinds of materials, insulator, semiconductor and conductor. (Image credit: L. Filipponi, iNANO, Aarhus University, Creative Commons ShareAlike 3.0)

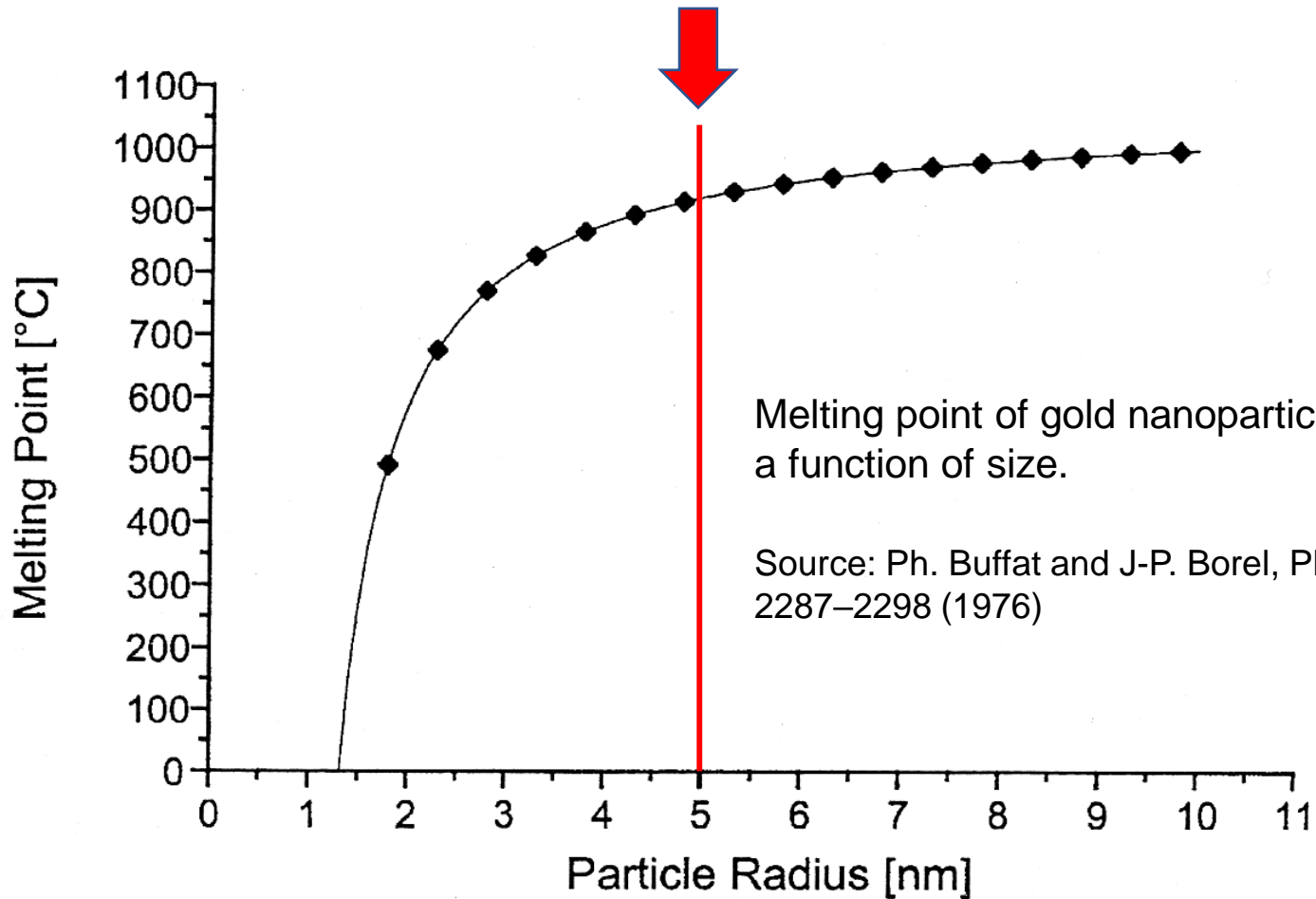
# Size Effect: Band Gap



**Figure 9.** The image compares the energy of the bandgap (arrow) in a bulk semiconductor, in a quantum dot and in an atom. As more energy states are lost due to the shrinking size, the energy bandgap increases. (Image credit: L. Filipponi, iNANO, Aarhus University, Creative Commons ShareAlike 3.0)

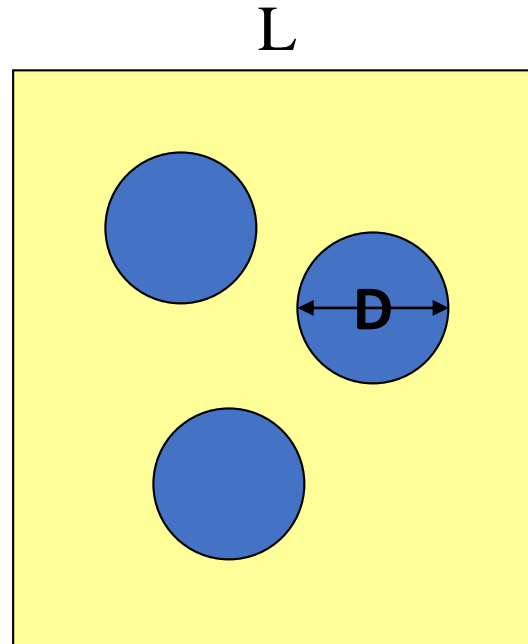


# Size Effect: Melting Point



**The melting point decreases dramatically as the particle size gets below 5 nm**

# Particle Volume Fraction



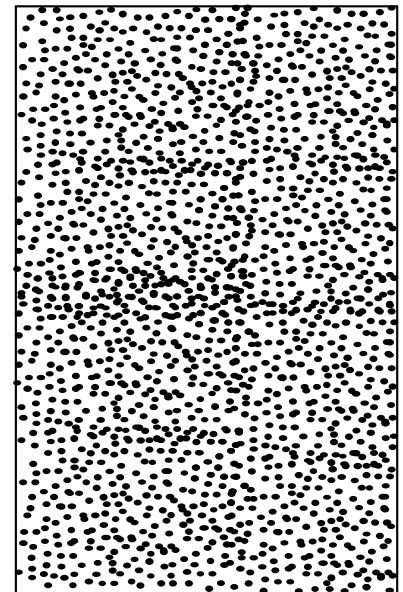
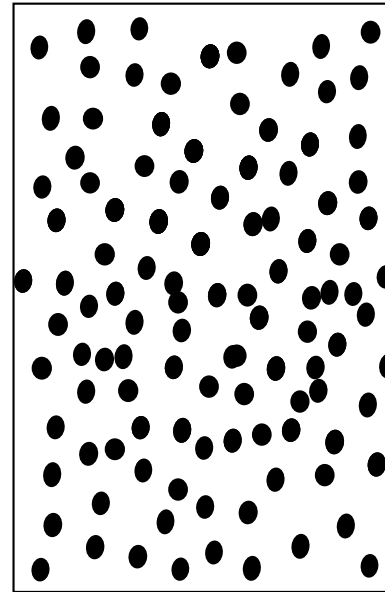
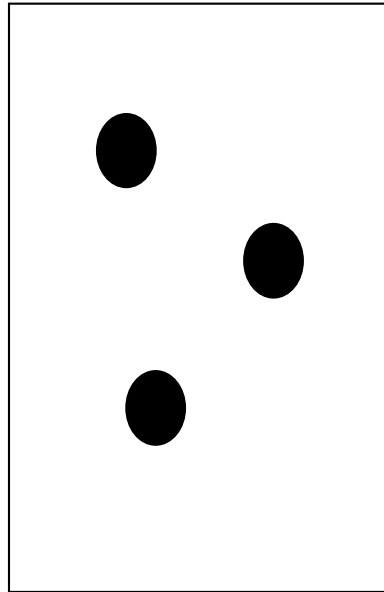
$$\phi_P = \frac{\pi D^3 / 6}{L^3} \cdot \# \text{ of particles}$$

# Why Nanocomposites?

„Nanos“ Greek: „Dwarf“

50.000x smaller than human hair radius

3 Vol.-%



Particle size:

10  $\mu\text{m}$

1  $\mu\text{m}$

100 nm

Number of particles: 3

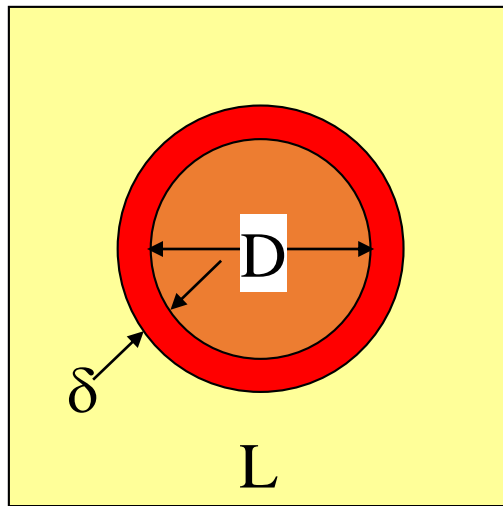
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**Small but Great Effect !**

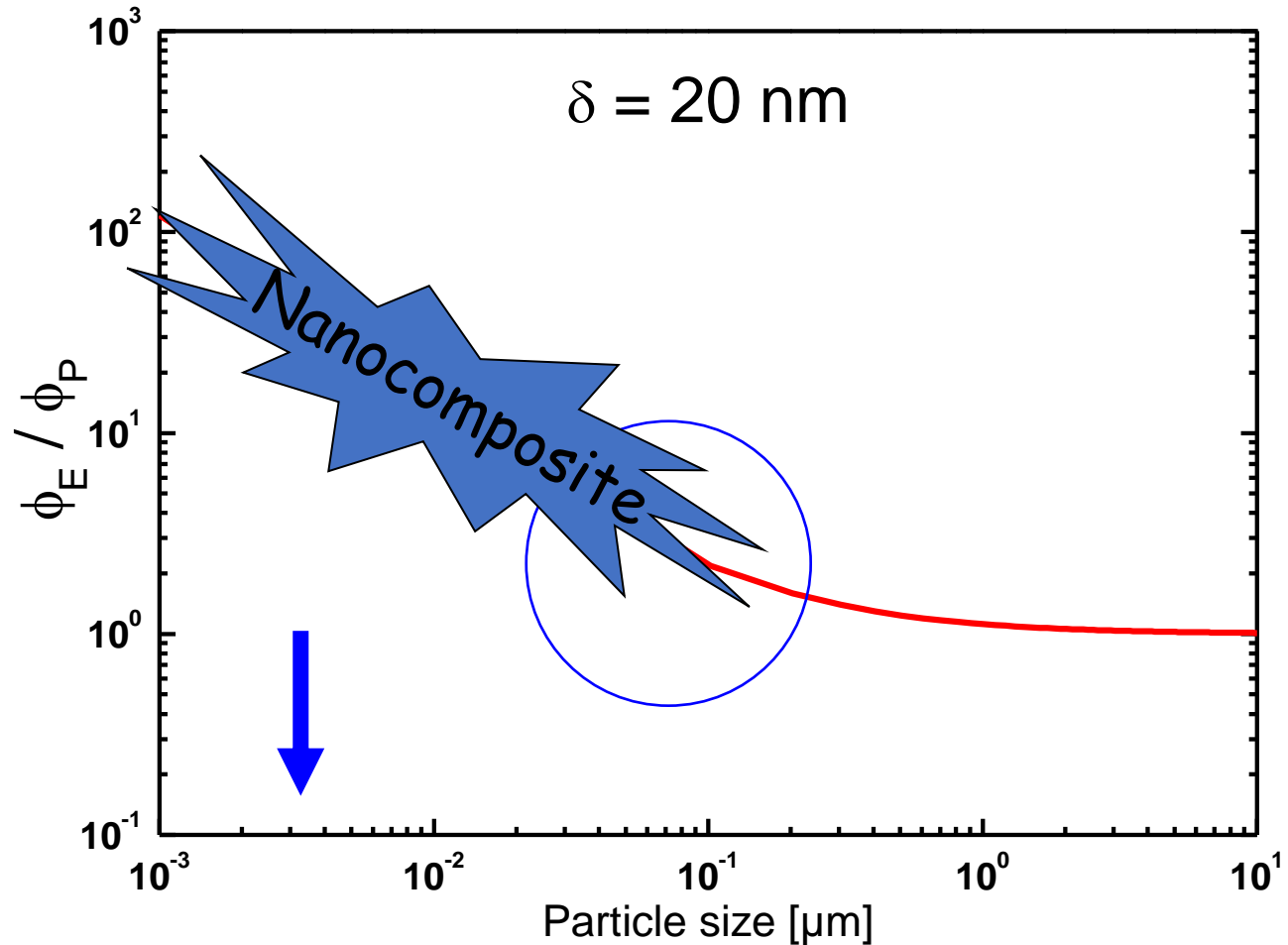
# Effect of Interface (Boundary Layer)

$$\text{Specific Volume} = \frac{\text{Effective Volume Fraction}}{\text{Particle Volume Fraction}} = \frac{\phi_E}{\phi_P} = \left( 1 + \frac{6\delta}{D} \right)$$



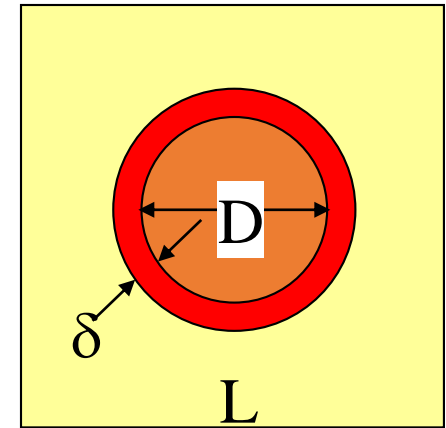
Effective Volume:

$$V_E = V_p + V_I$$



Particle Volume:  $V_p = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{4}{3}\pi\left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{\pi D^3}{6}$

Particle Volume Fraction:  $\phi_P = \frac{\pi D^3 / 6}{L^3}$



Interface (Influence Zone) Volume:

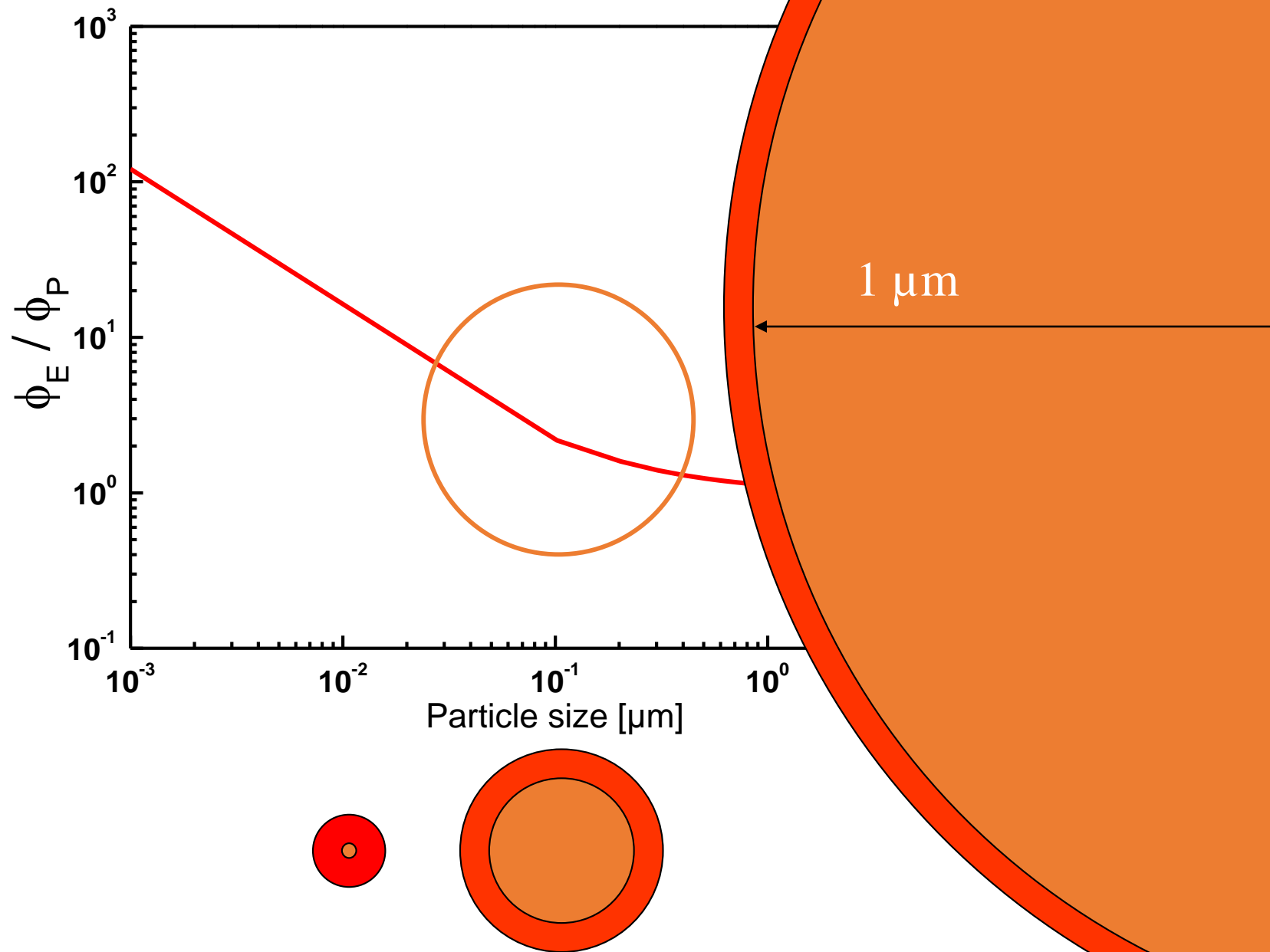
$$V_I = \frac{4}{3}\pi\left(\frac{D}{2} + \delta\right)^3 - \frac{\pi D^3}{6} = \frac{4}{3}\pi\left(\frac{D^3}{8} + \frac{3}{4}D^2\delta + \frac{3}{2}D\delta^2 + \delta^3\right) - \frac{4}{3}\pi\left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^3 = \pi D^2 \delta$$

$$V_I = \pi D^2 \delta$$

Effective Volume:  $V_E = V_p + V_I$

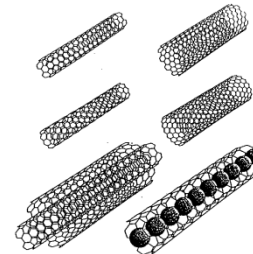
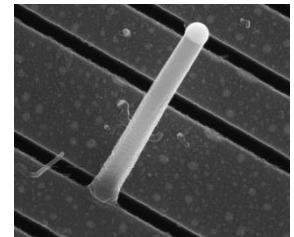
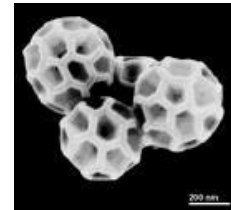
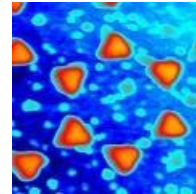
Effective Volume Fraction:  $\phi_E = \frac{V_p + V_i}{L^3} = \frac{\pi D^3 / 6 + \pi D^2 \delta}{L^3} = \phi\left(1 + \frac{6\delta}{D}\right)$

Specific Volume =  $\frac{\text{Effective Volume Fraction}}{\text{Particle Volume Fraction}} = \frac{\phi_E}{\phi_P} = \left(1 + \frac{6\delta}{D}\right)$



# Definition of Nanoparticle

- A structure with at least 1 dimension less than 100nm.
- Examples:
  - Sphere-like particles
    - Ag nanoparticles, buckyballs
  - Rod-like particles
    - Si & Ni nanowires
  - Tube-like particles
    - Carbon nanotubes
    - TiO<sub>2</sub> nanotubes



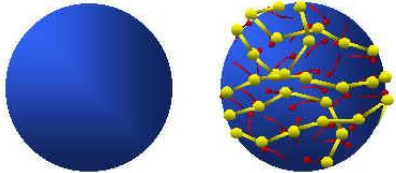
# Various Nanomaterials

Based on the **size** and **shape**, the **Nanomaterials** are classified as follows:

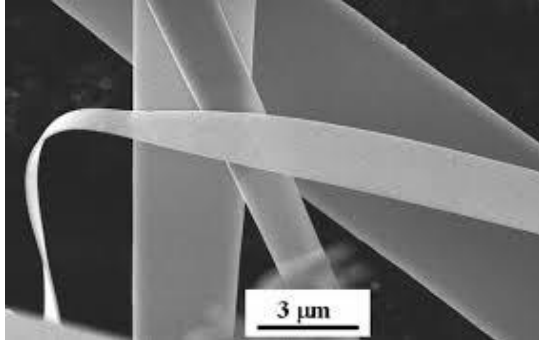
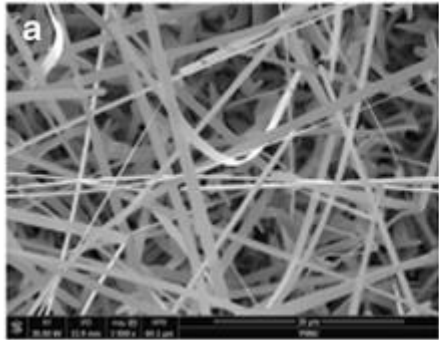
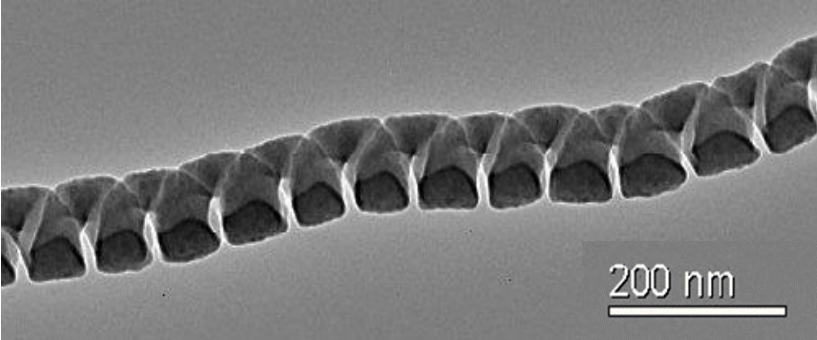
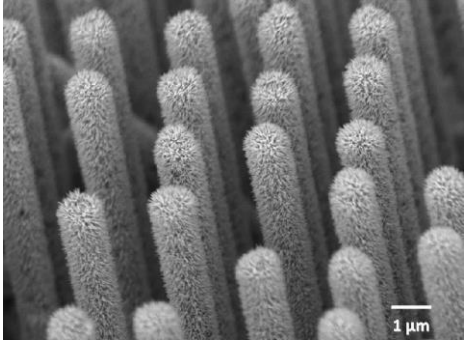
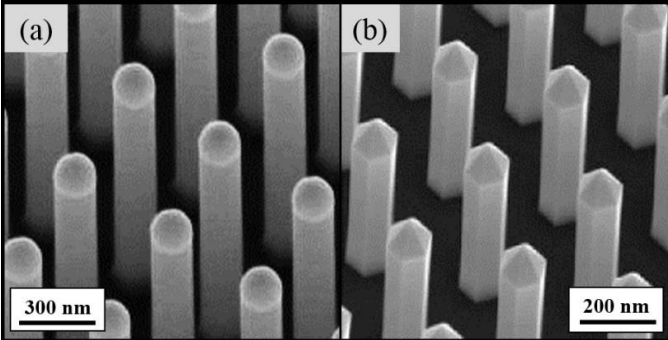
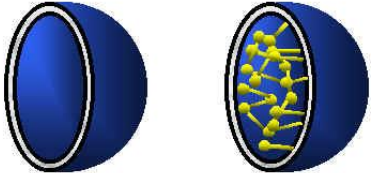
- Nanoparticles
- Nanocapsules
- Nanofibers
- Nanowires
- Fullerenes (carbon 60)
- Nanotubes
- Nanosprings
- Nanobelts
- Quantum dots
- Nanofluidies

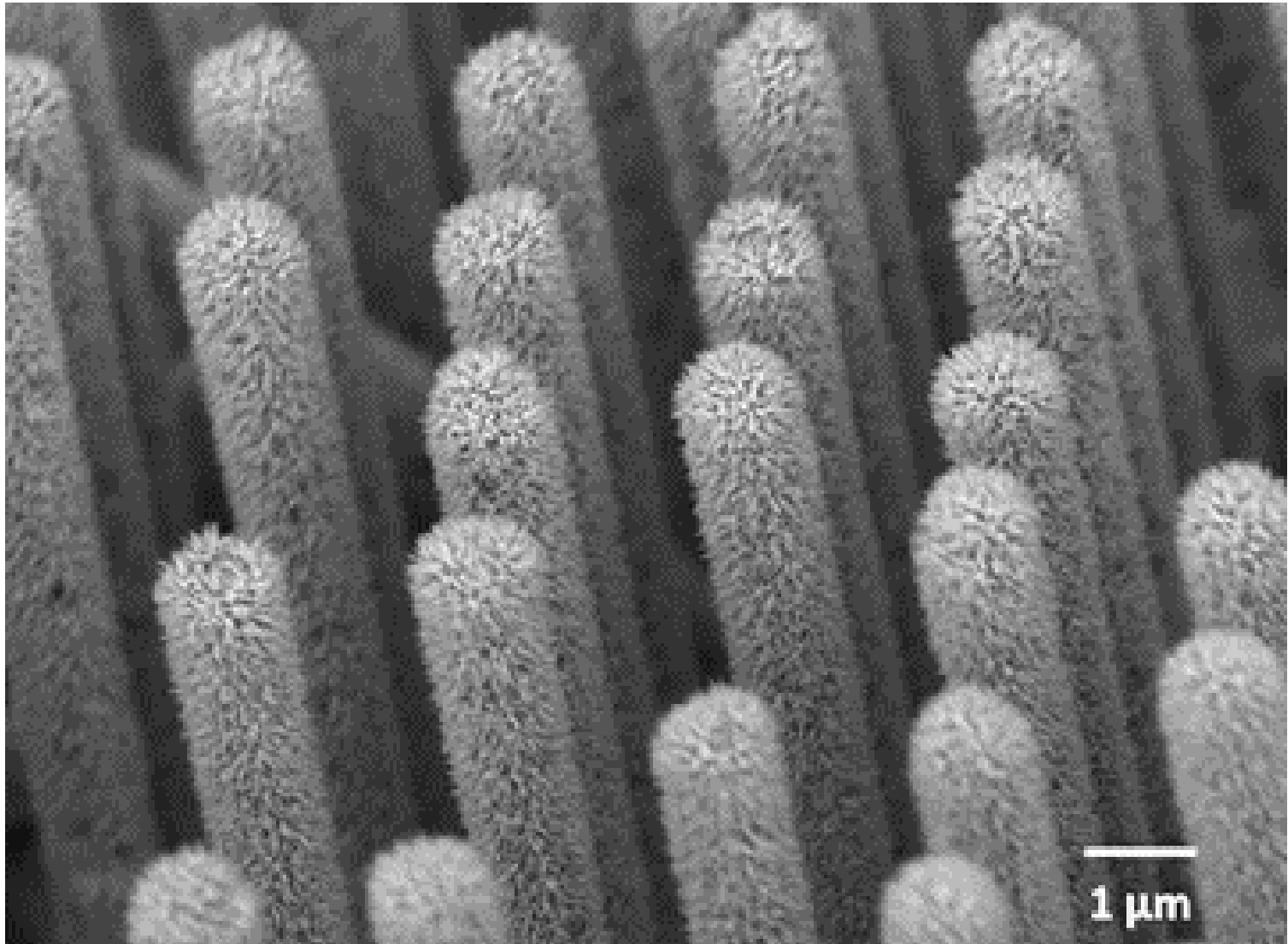


**Nanosphere**



**Nanocapsule**

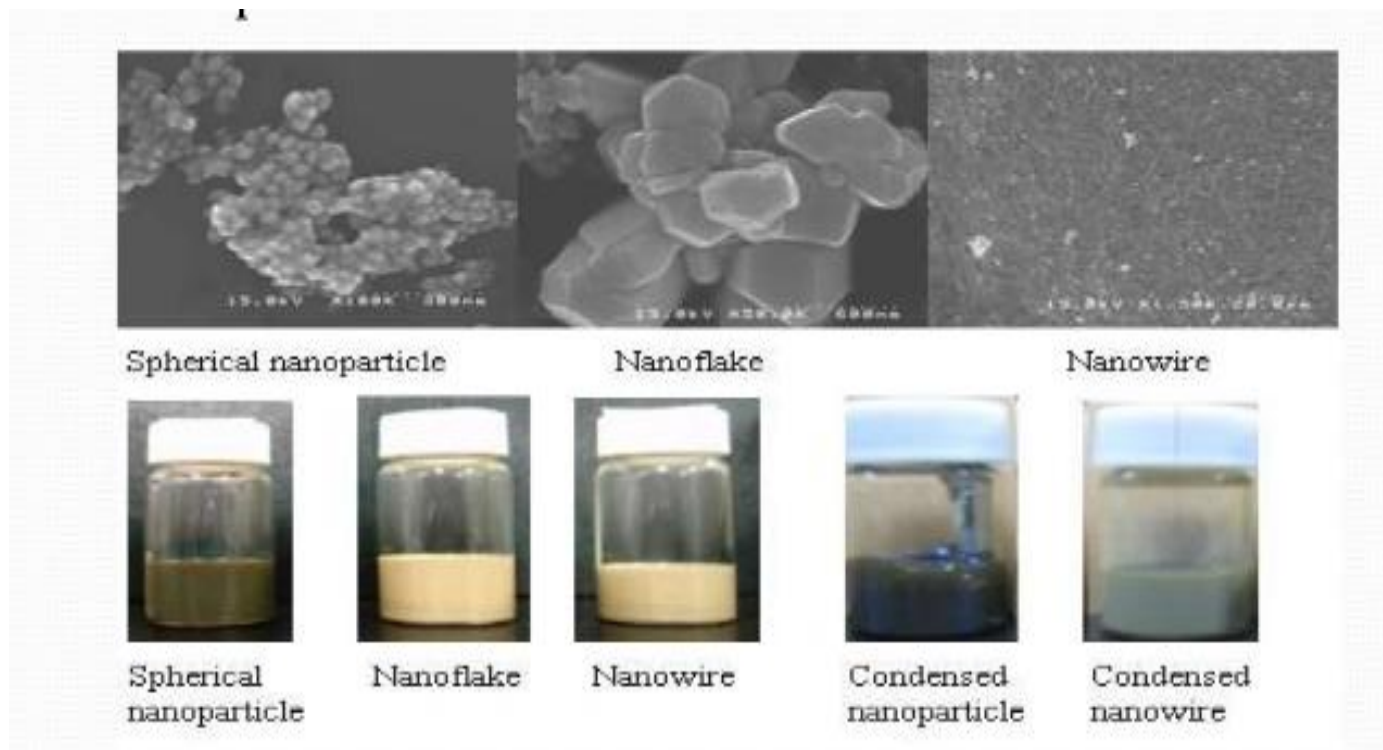




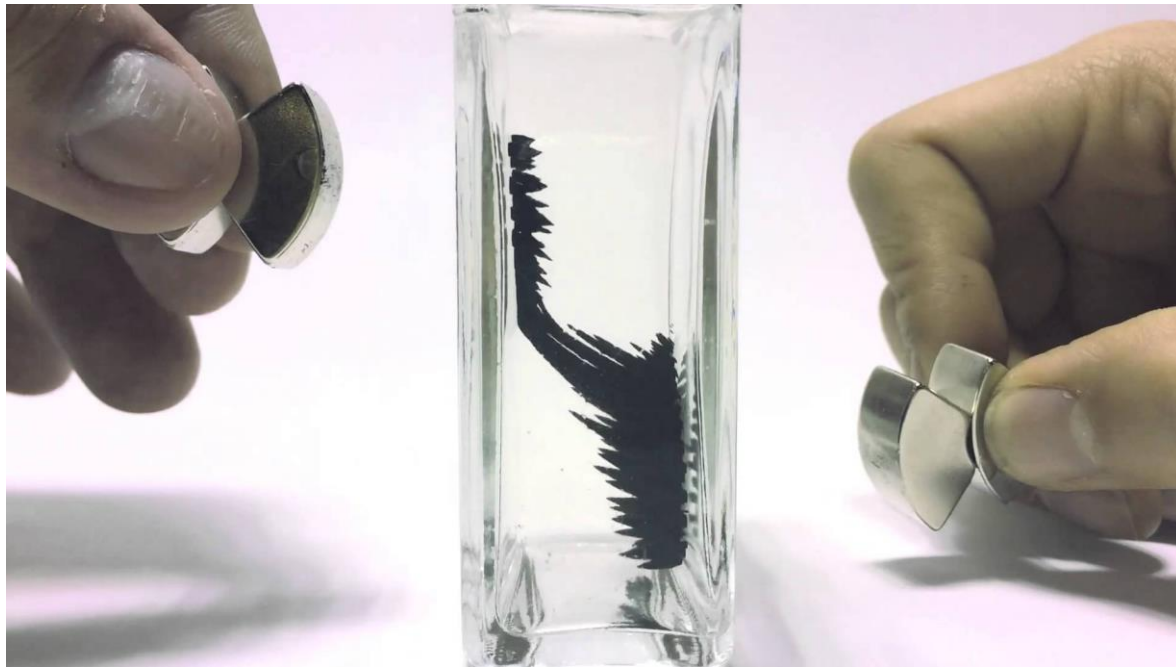
Nanowires

# What are Nanofluids?

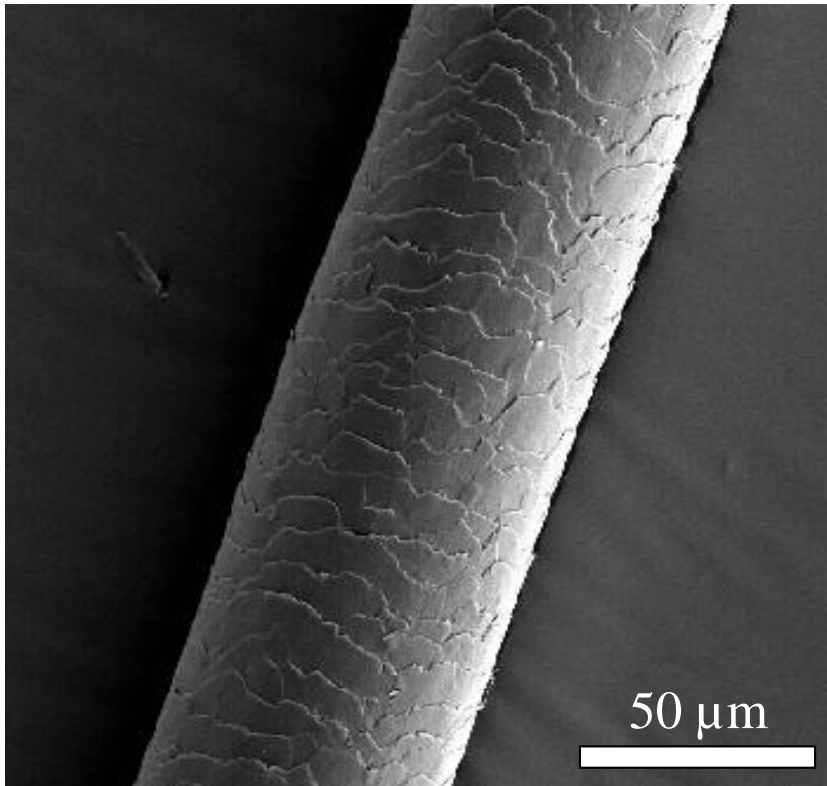
- ❑ A **Nanofluid** is a fluid containing nanometer-sized particles.
- ❑ These fluids are engineered **colloidal suspensions** of nanoparticles in a base fluid.



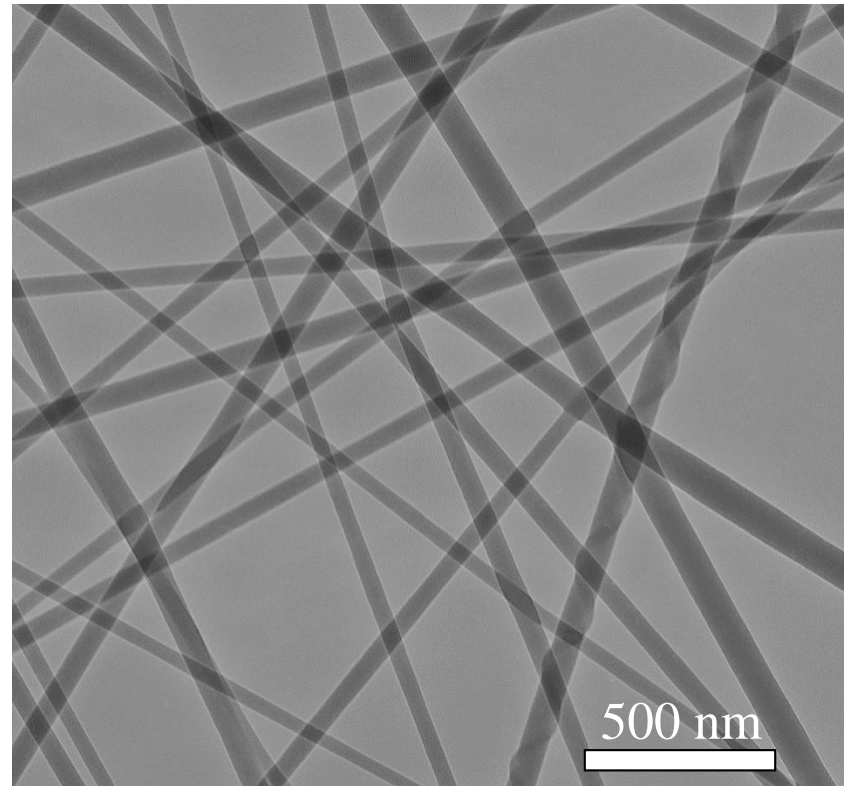
## Magnetic Nanofluids: Ferrofluid



# What is Nanofiber?



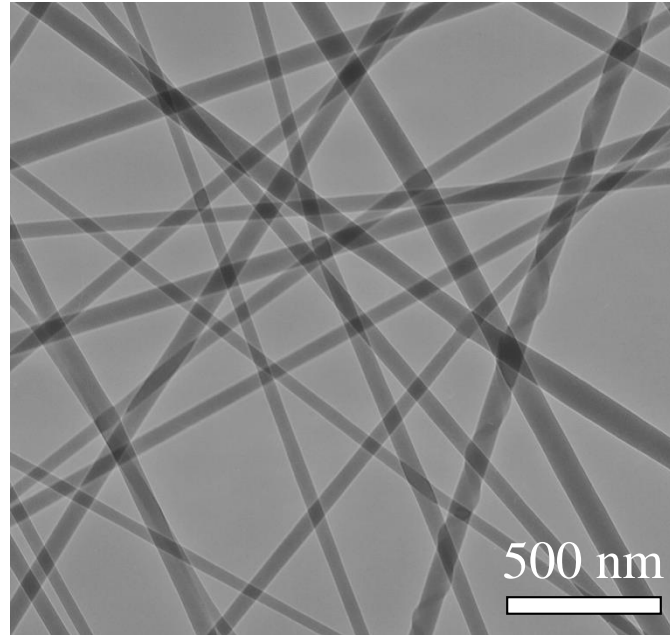
Human hair ( $\sim 60 \mu\text{m}$ )



PA6-Nanofiber ( $\sim 50\text{nm}$ )

**Large specific area and high aspect ratio !**

# What a nanofiber can mean?



$$3 \text{ g (polymer)} = V \cdot \rho = (\pi r^2 L) \rho = \pi (50 \text{ nm})^2 \cdot L \cdot (1 \text{ g/cm}^3)$$

$$L \approx 381,972 \text{ km}$$

Earth

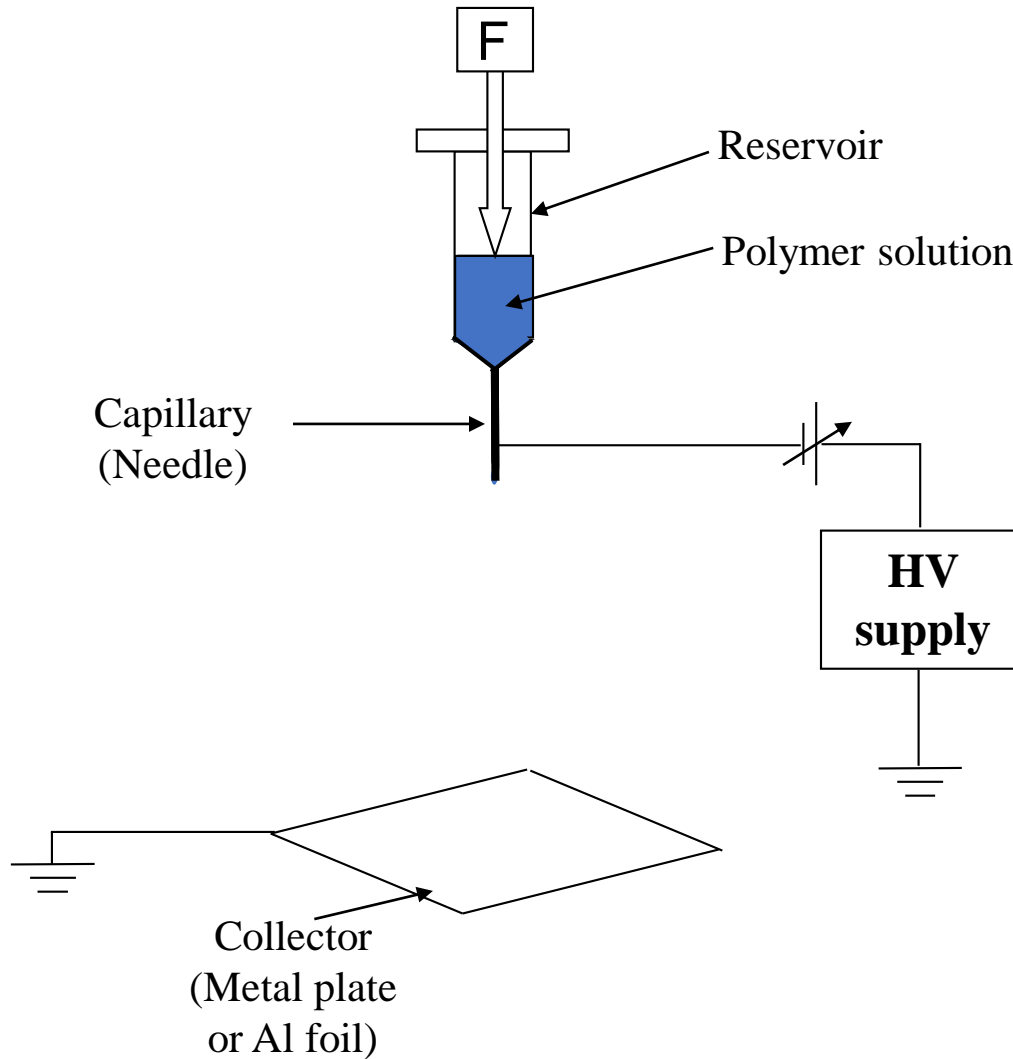


380,400 km

Moon

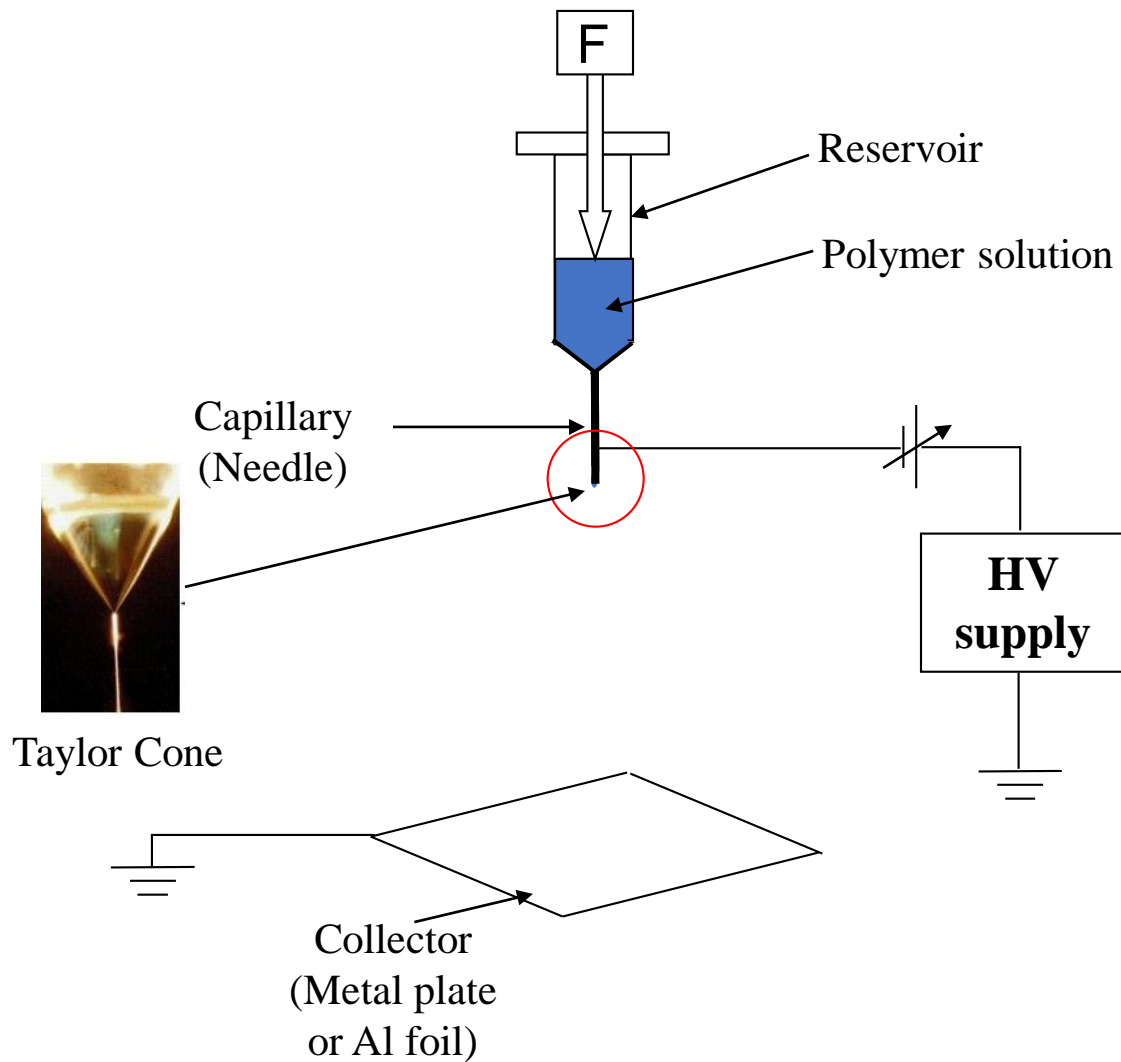
# How to produce Nanofibers?

## Electrospinning Process



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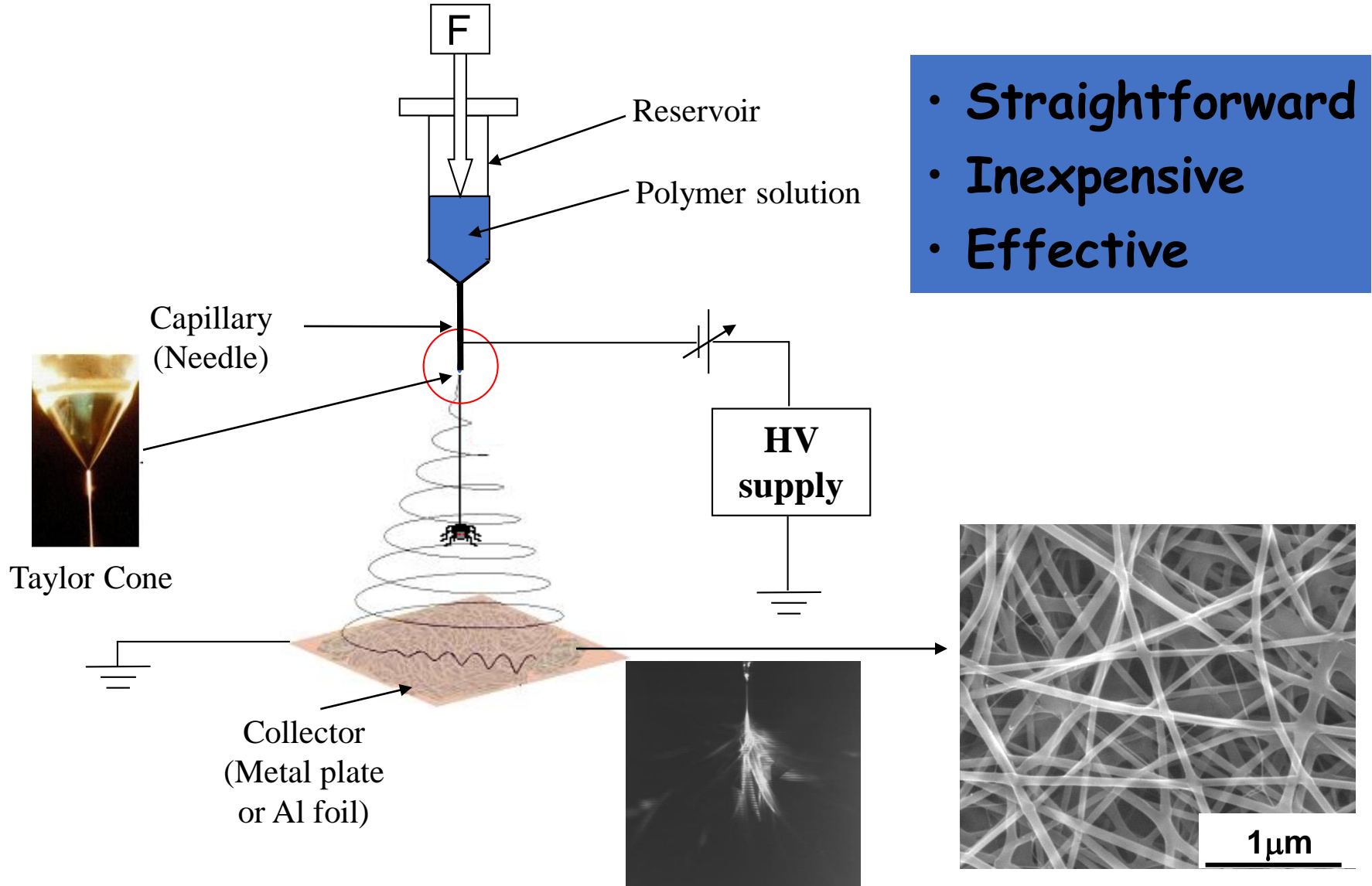
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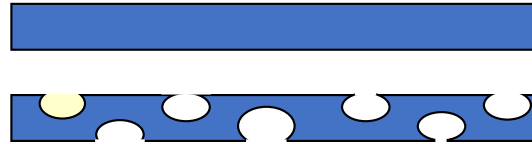
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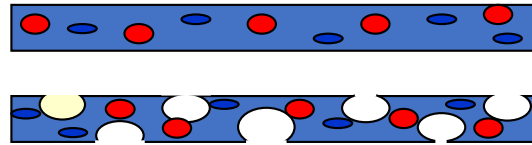
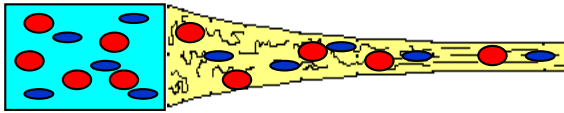
# Diversity in Electrospinning Process

## Multifunctional Nanofibers



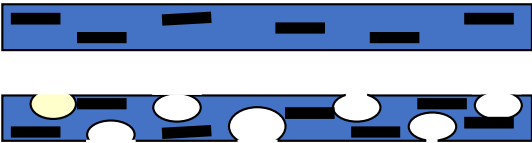
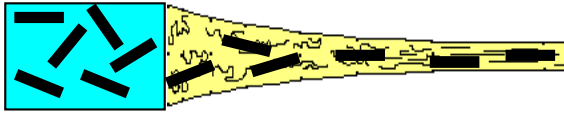
Control Morphology

Homo & Hetero Solution



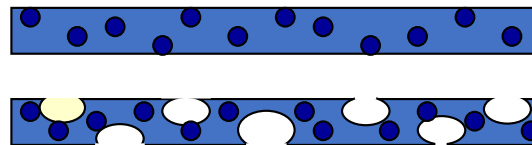
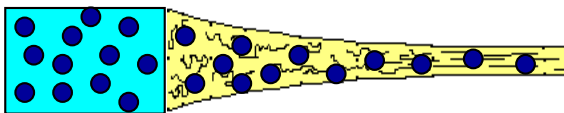
Gene/Cell-therapy

Genes, Proteins & Cells



Bone regeneration

Biological Species (eg. HAp)



Drug Delivery Systems

Drugs, Antibiotics,  
Antimicrobial & Antiseptic Agents

# Potential Applications

## ***Structural Application***

- ***Reinforcing elements for composites***
  - Improvement in stiffness-toughness balance
  - Super-light weight composites
  - Noise and vibration abater
  - Electrostatic discharge protection
  - Electromagnetic interference shielding
- ***Higher efficient and functional catalysts***

## ***Applications in Life Science***

- ***Drug delivery/release systems***
- ***Scaffolds for tissue engineering***
  - Haemostatic devices
  - Wound dressing
  - Porous membrane for skin
  - Tubular shapes for blood vessels and nerve regeneration
  - 3D scaffolds for bone and cartilage regenerations

## Polymer Nanofibers

## ***Electro-optical Applications***

- ***Sensor technology***
  - Piezoelectric sensor
  - Chemical sensor
  - Florescence optical biochemical sensor
- ***Micro- & nanodivices***
  - Single electron diode and transistor
  - Photovoltaic devices (nano-solar cell)
  - Fuel cells
  - Batteries
  - LCD devices

## ***Filter media***

- Liquid & gas filtration
- Molecules & bacteria filtration
- Clean room technology

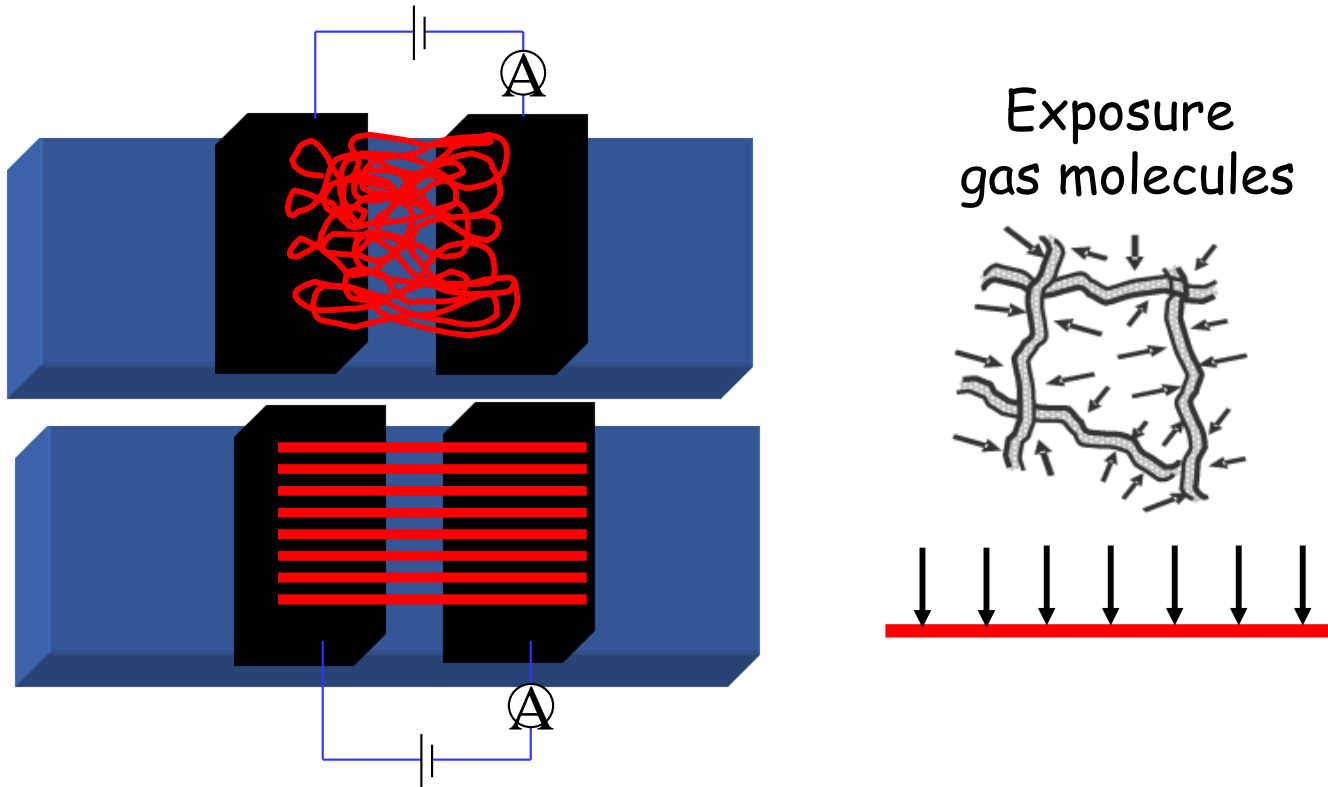
## ***Protective Clothing***

Minimal impedance to air  
Efficiency in trapping nanoparticles  
Anti-bio-chemical gases

## ***Cosmetic Skin Mask***

Skin cleansing, healing & therapy

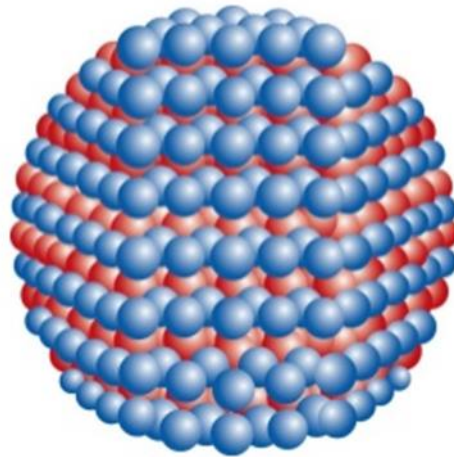
## Nanofiber Sensors



## Bio-chemical Sensors

# What is a Quantum Dot?

A quantum dot is a semiconductor nanostructure that confines the motion of conduction band electrons, valence band holes, or excitons (bound pairs of conduction band electrons and valence band holes) in all three spatial directions.

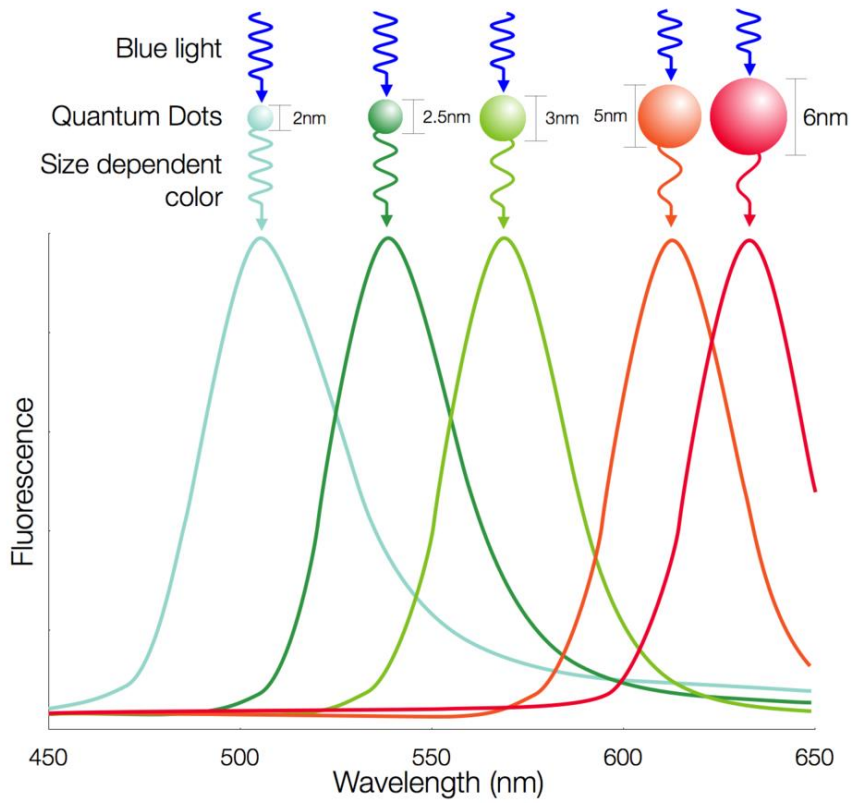


- Nanocrystals
- 2-10 nm diameter
- semiconductors

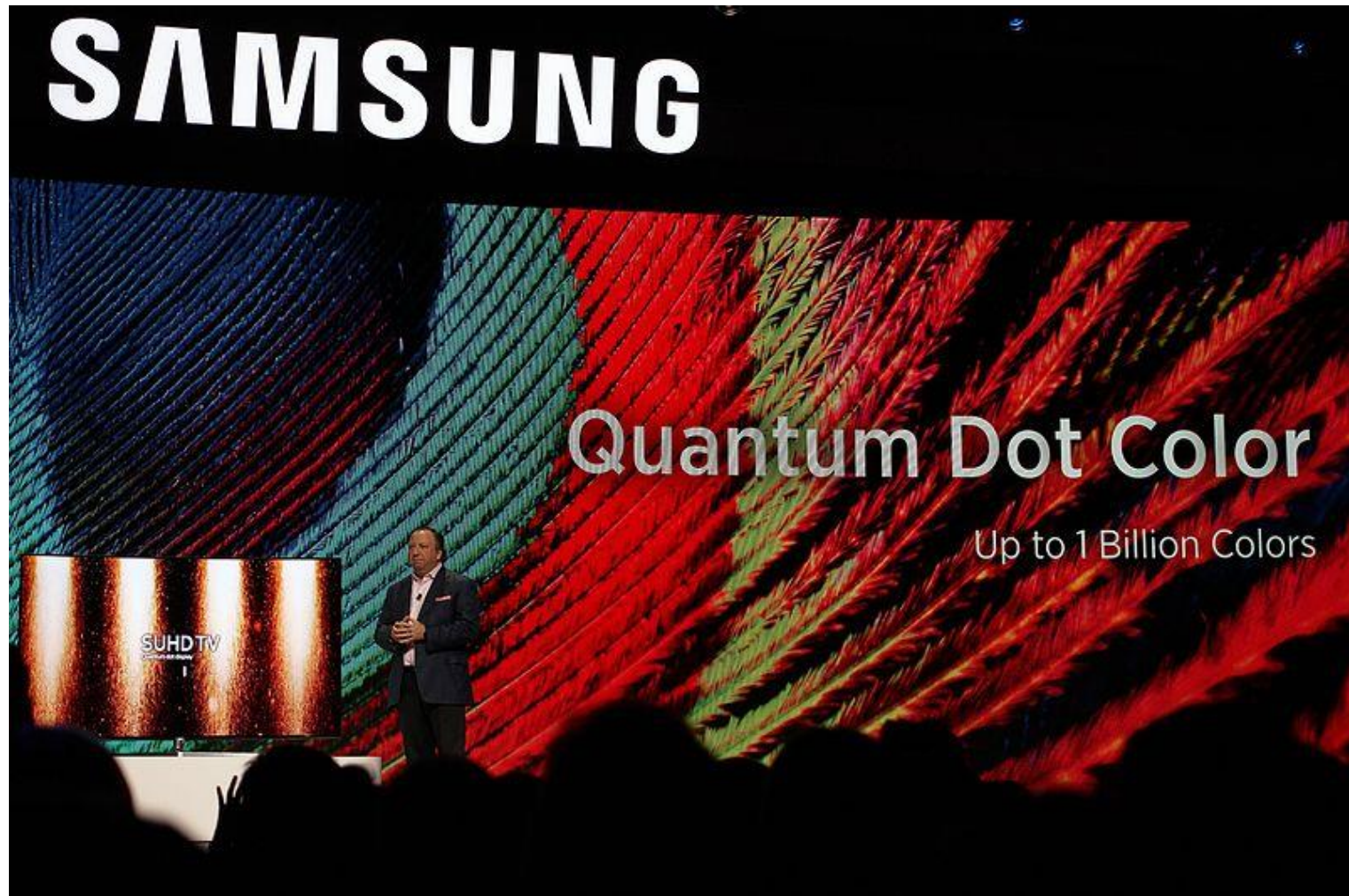
**Semiconductor Quantum Dots:**  
**CdSe, ZnSe, ZnS, ZnO**

# Quantum Dots

## Quantum Dot Size and Color



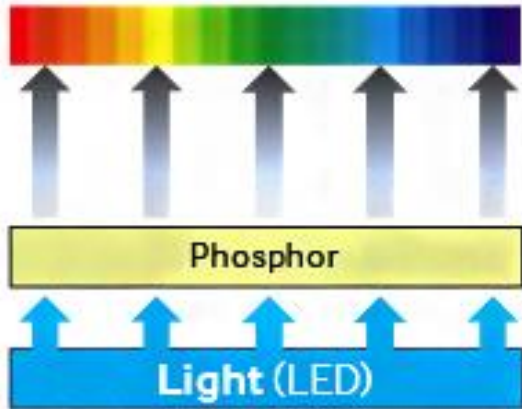
# Quantum Dots: Applications



# Quantum Dots in Display

16 million colors

Red  $2^8$  x Green  $2^8$  x Blue  $2^8$

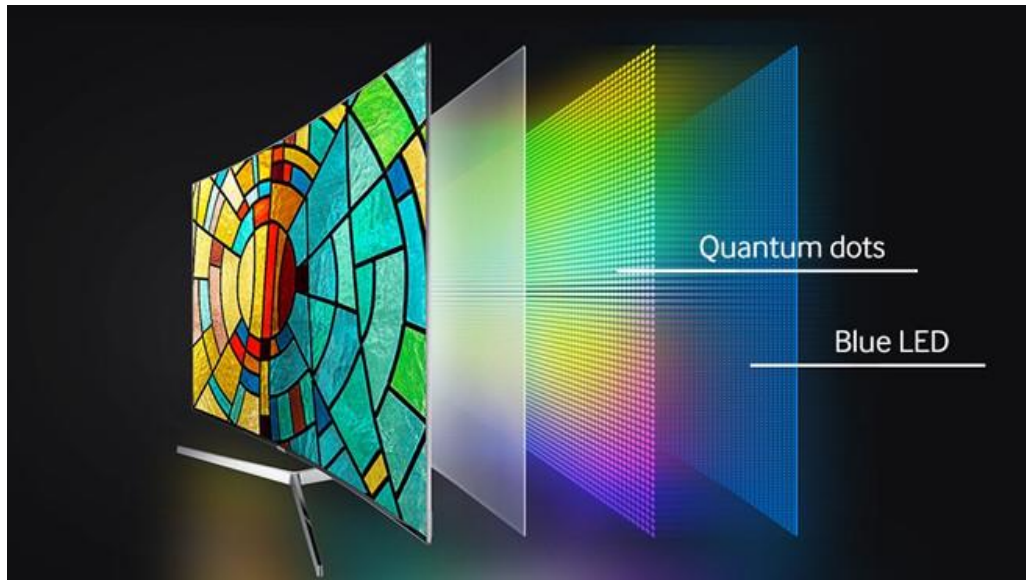
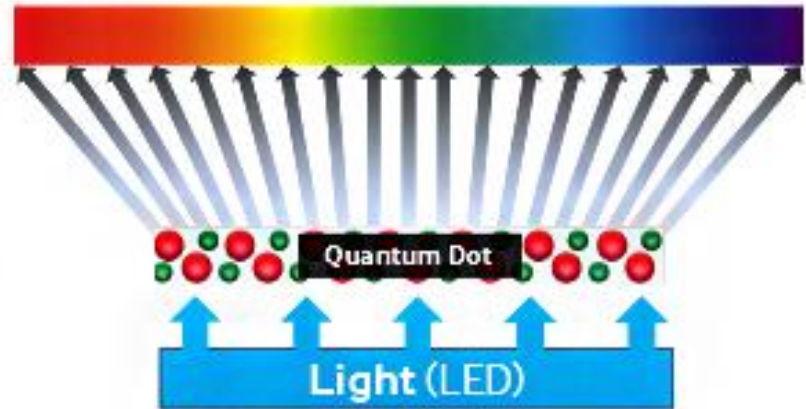


64x more color  
than your average TV

Better light AND  
energy efficiency

1 billion colors

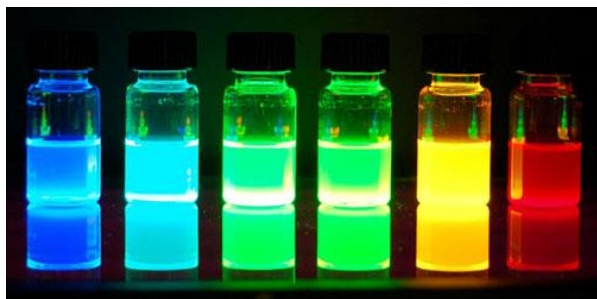
Red  $2^{10}$  x Green  $2^{10}$  x Blue  $2^{10}$





# Quantum Dots in Biomedical Applications

## Quantum Dots



- Narrow tunable fluorescence emission
- Broad excitation profiles
- High surface-to-volume ratios
- High photostability

## Fluorescence Imaging

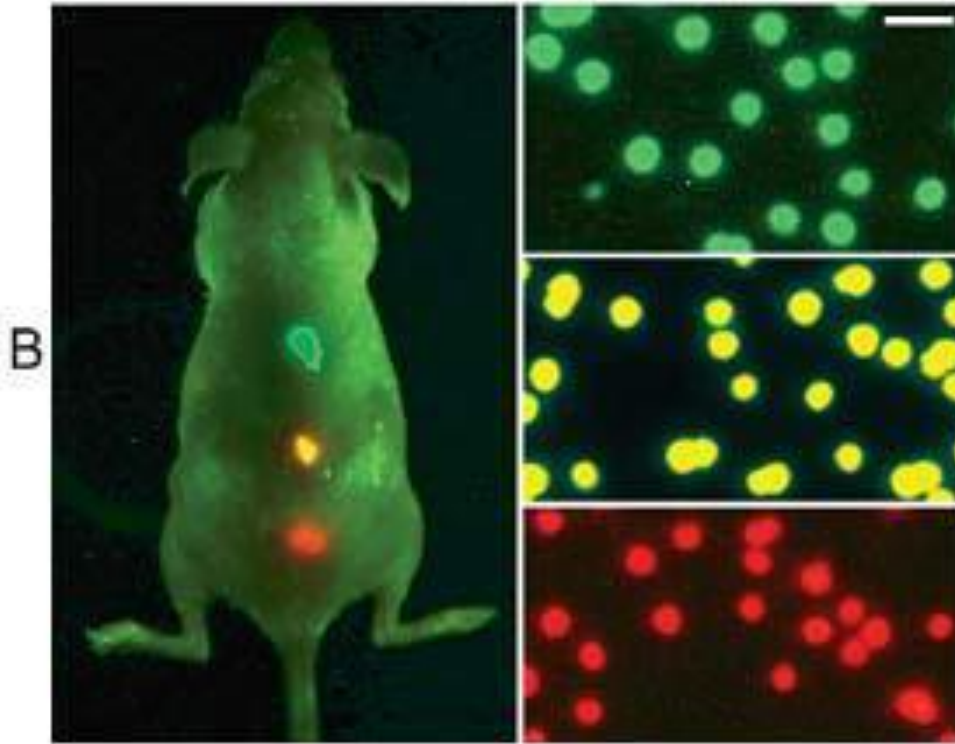
### ➤ In vitro

- Cellular Imaging
- Biomolecular tracking
- Tissue staining

### ➤ In vivo

- Biodistribution of QDs
- Vascular imaging
- Tracking of cells
- Tumor imaging

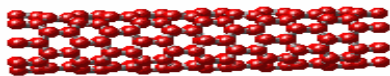
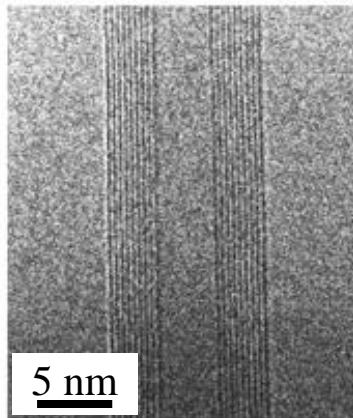
# Quantum Dots in Biomedical Applications



*Sensitivity and multicolor capability of nanocrystal imaging in live animals. Left: a mouse with nanocrystal labeled organs. Right: nanocrystal labeled microbeads emitting green, yellow or red light depending on the size of the nanocrystal.*

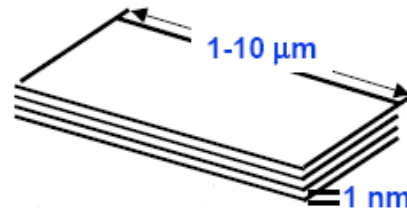
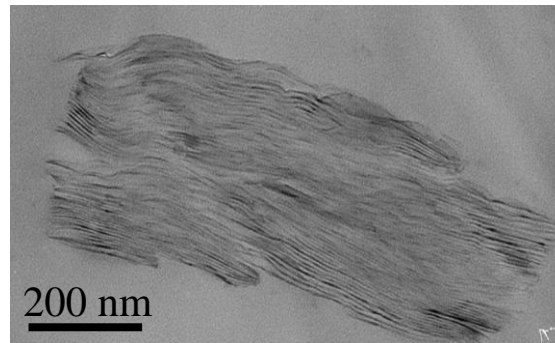
# Nanoparticles: Different Dimensionality

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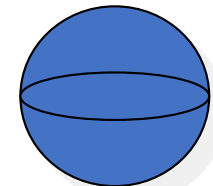
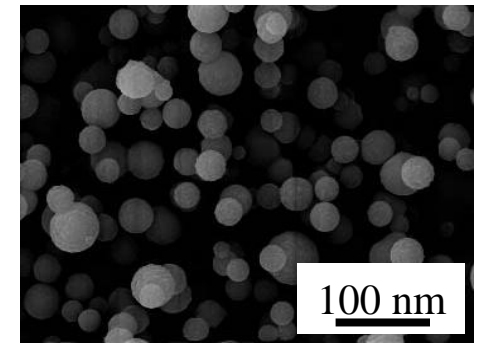
**MWCNT**

**2-D**



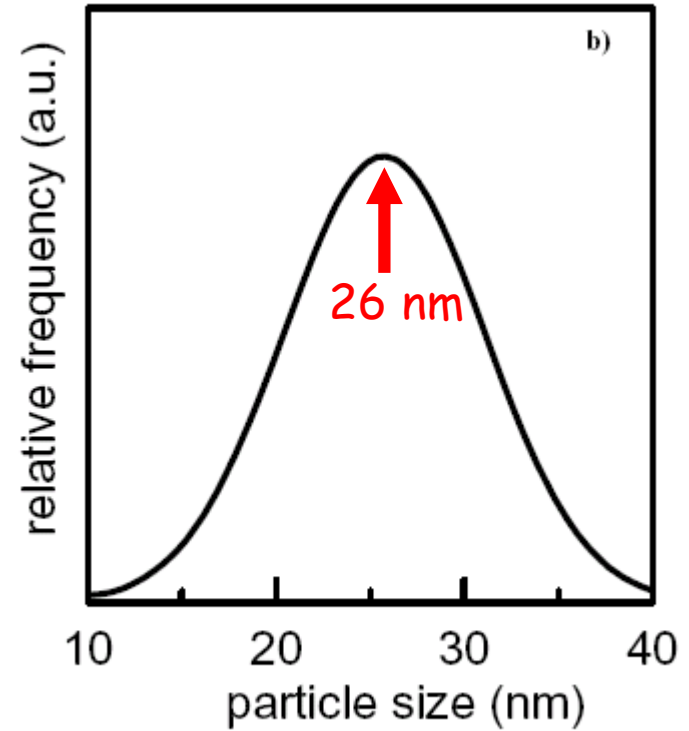
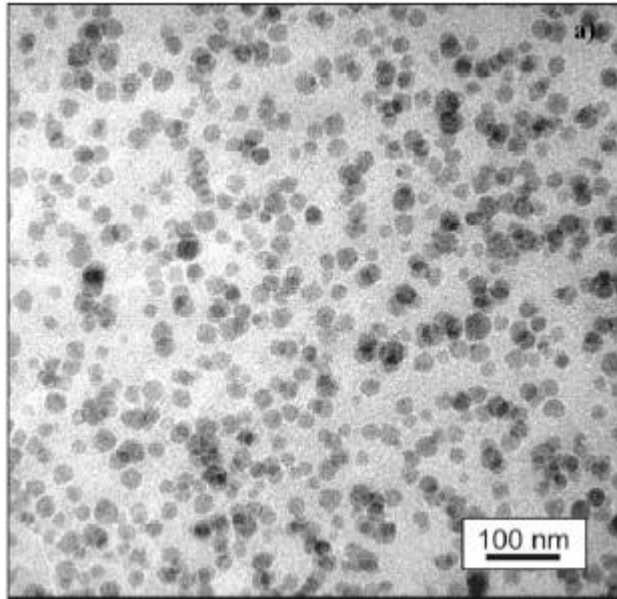
**Layed Silicate**

**3-D**



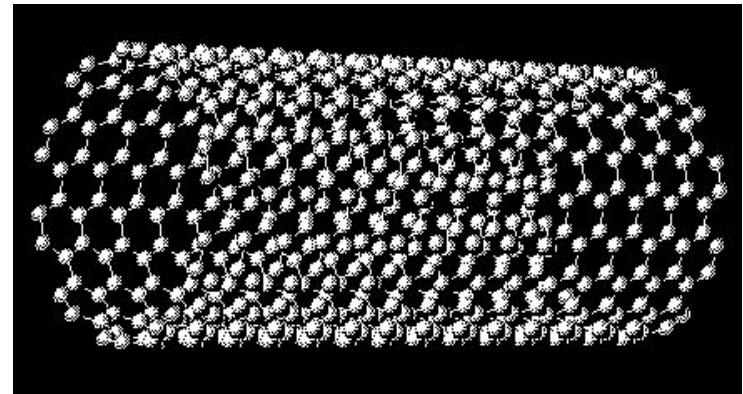
**Silica**

# Morphology by TEM



# Single and Multi-wall Carbon Nanotube

- Single wall nanotube:
  - SWNT
  - single atomic layer wall, diameter of 1-5 nm
  - excellent mechanical property
  - hot topic now
  
- Multi wall nanotube:
  - MWNT
  - Inner diameter: 1.5 – 15 nm
  - Outer diameter: 2.5 – 30 nm
  - ~50 layers
  - containing more structure defects



# Properties of Nanotubes

- **Mechanical:**

- Young's Modulus: **~ 1TPa (SWNT), 1.25 TPa (MWNT)**  
(Steel: 230 GPa)

- Density  $\sim 1.3 \text{ g/cm}^3$  (SWNT: Wall-thickness; 0.34 nm,  
Diameter; 1.36 nm)

- **Thermal:**

- Conductivity: 2000W/m.K ( copper: 400W/m.K)

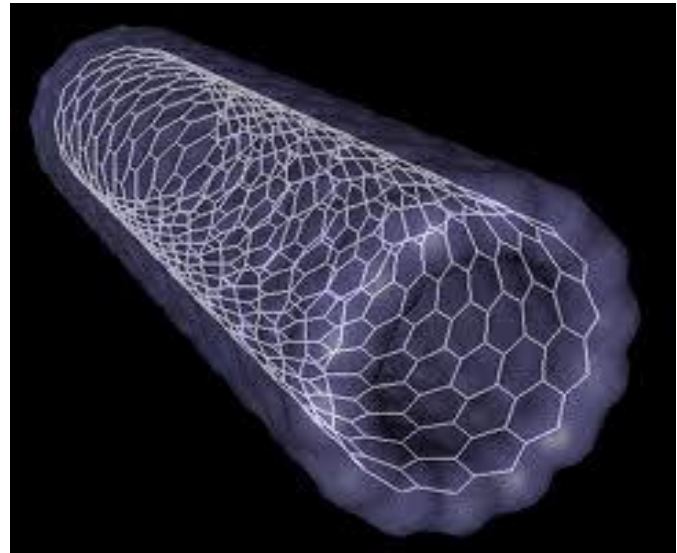
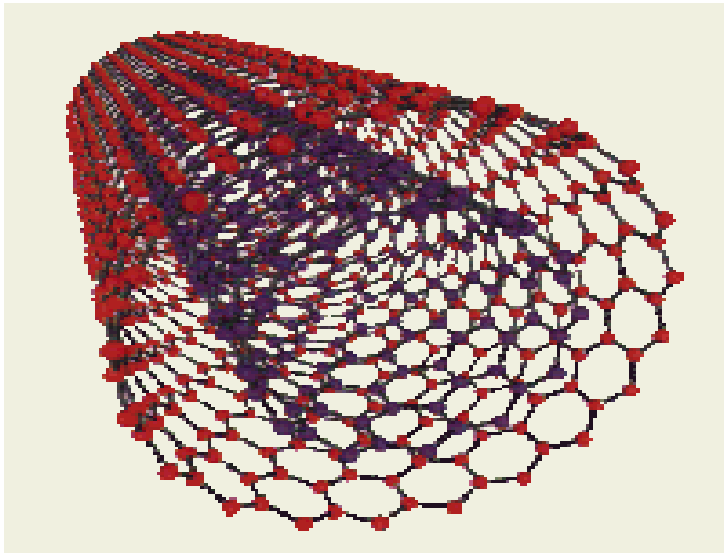
- **High Aspect Ratio:** Length  $\sim 1\mu\text{m}$ , Diameter  $\sim 1\text{nm}$  to 50nm

# Electrical Properties: Conductivity

- **Nanotubes are long, thin cylinders of carbon:**

Their electrical properties change with diameter, “twist”, and number of walls

They can be either conducting or semi-conducting their electrical behavior.



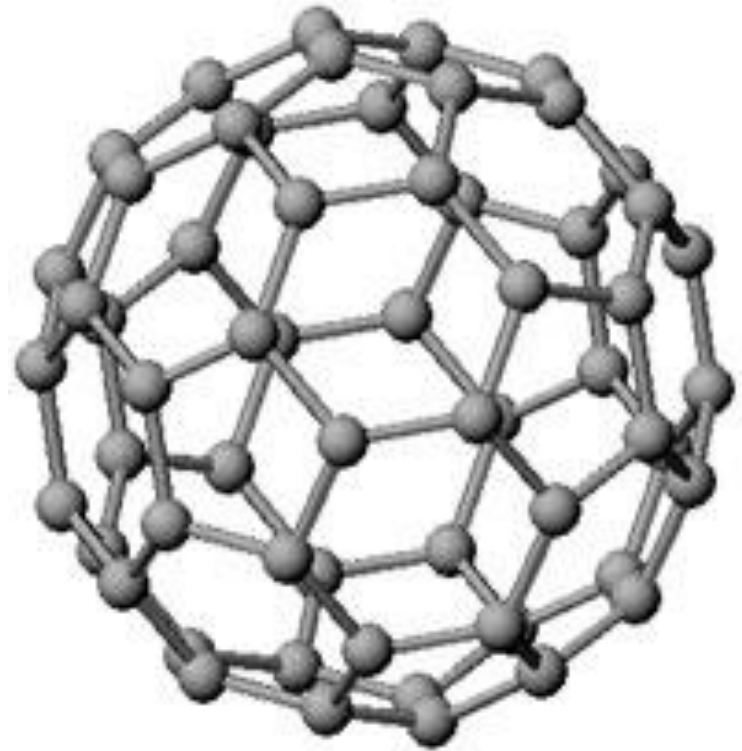
# The History of Nanotubes

When	Who	Events
1970s	Harry Kroto & Dave Walton	Try to synthesize long carbon chains
Late 1980s	Scientists around the world	Buckyball was synthesized and confirmed as C60
1991	Japanese Scientist, <b>Sumio Iijima</b>	Discovery of multi wall carbon nanotubes
1993	S, Iijima and T, Ichihashi	Synthesis of single wall carbon nanotubes
1996	Robert F. Curl, Harry Kroto , Richard E. Smalley	Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the discovery of Buckyball
1999	Samsung	Flat Panel display prototype
2001	IBM	The first computer circuit composed of only one single carbon nanotube



# Buckyball

- The discovery of nanotubes comes from Buckyball
- The discovery of Buckyball is by accident, from Radio-astronomy
- Around 1970s

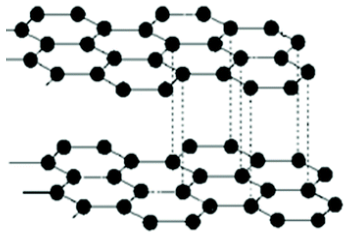


(<http://www.slb.com> )

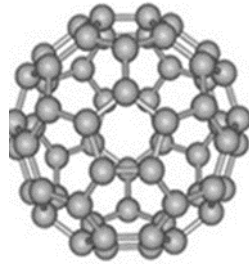
# Allotropes of Carbon



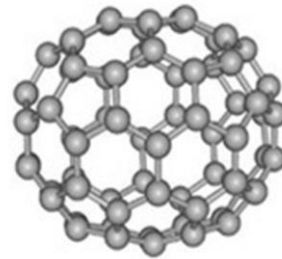
Diamond



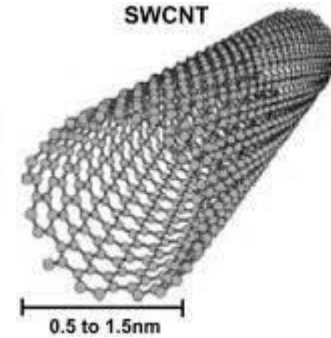
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C60

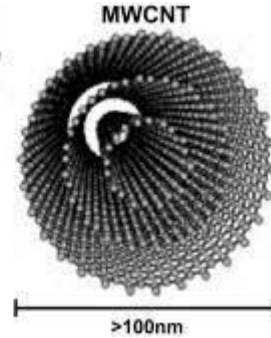


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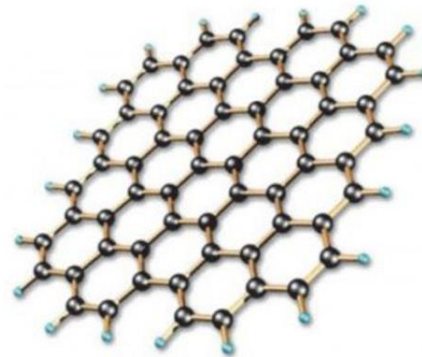
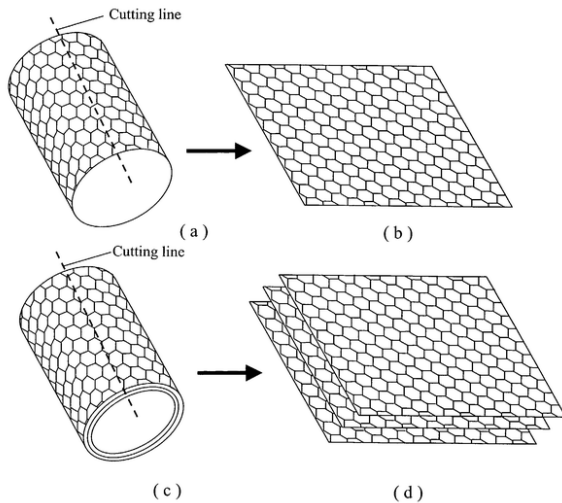
SWCNT

0.5 to 1.5nm

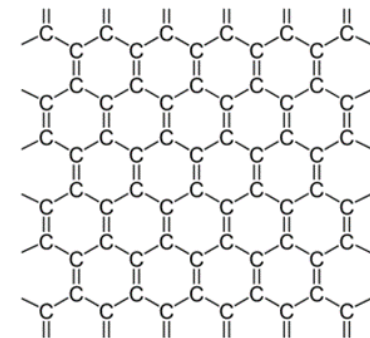


MWCNT

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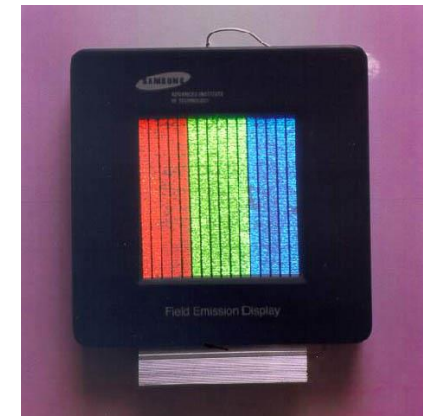
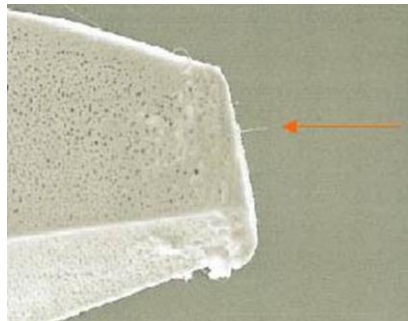
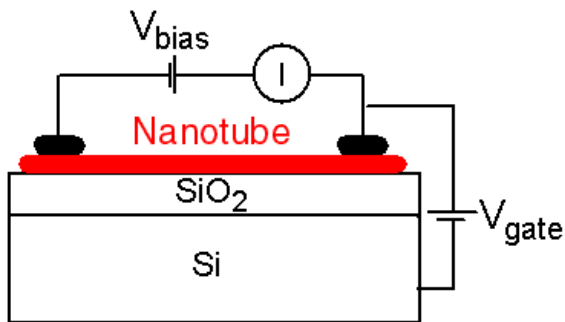


graphene



# Applications with CNTs

- **Transistor**
  - Field Effect transistor
  - Single electron transistor
- **SPM Tips**
- **Field Emission Display Device**
- More Possible Applications



# More Possible Applications with CNTs

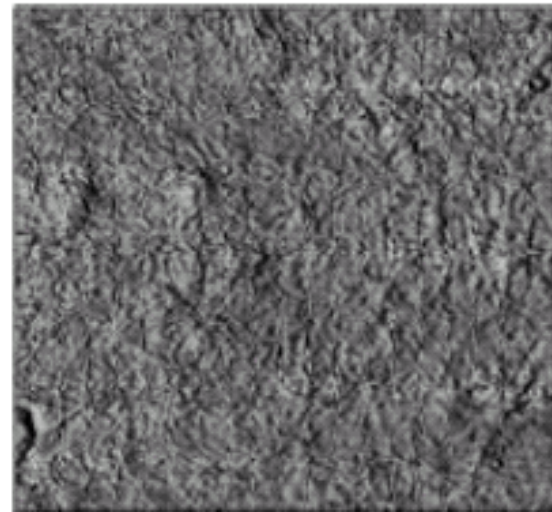
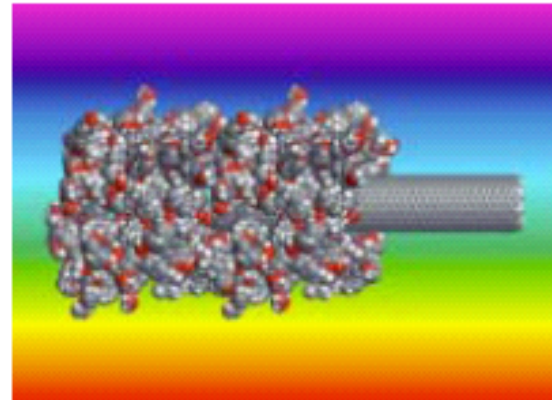
- Nanotube sensors:
  - The electrical conductivities of SWNT change dramatically when they expose to gaseous molecules
- Hydrogen storage:
  - 5~10 wt% hydrogen storage density at room temperature for SWNT
- Light Elements:
  - Electrons from nanotube bombard a phosphor-coated surface to produce light
  - 2 times brighter, 8000h lifetime, can be used for giant outdoors displays
- Memory device:

Capable to store single electronic charge

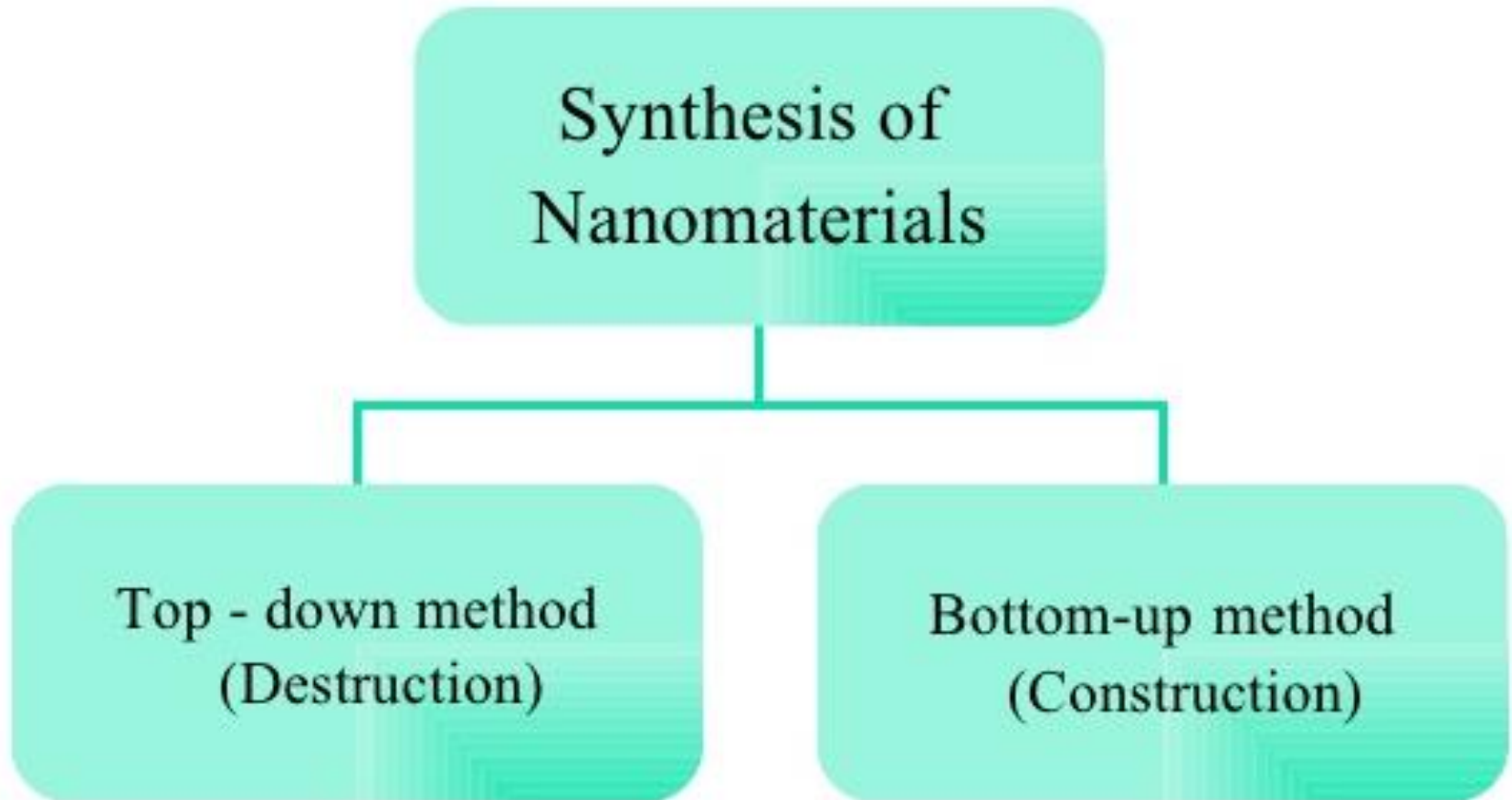
  - High mobility

# Composite Materials: Carbon Nanotubes

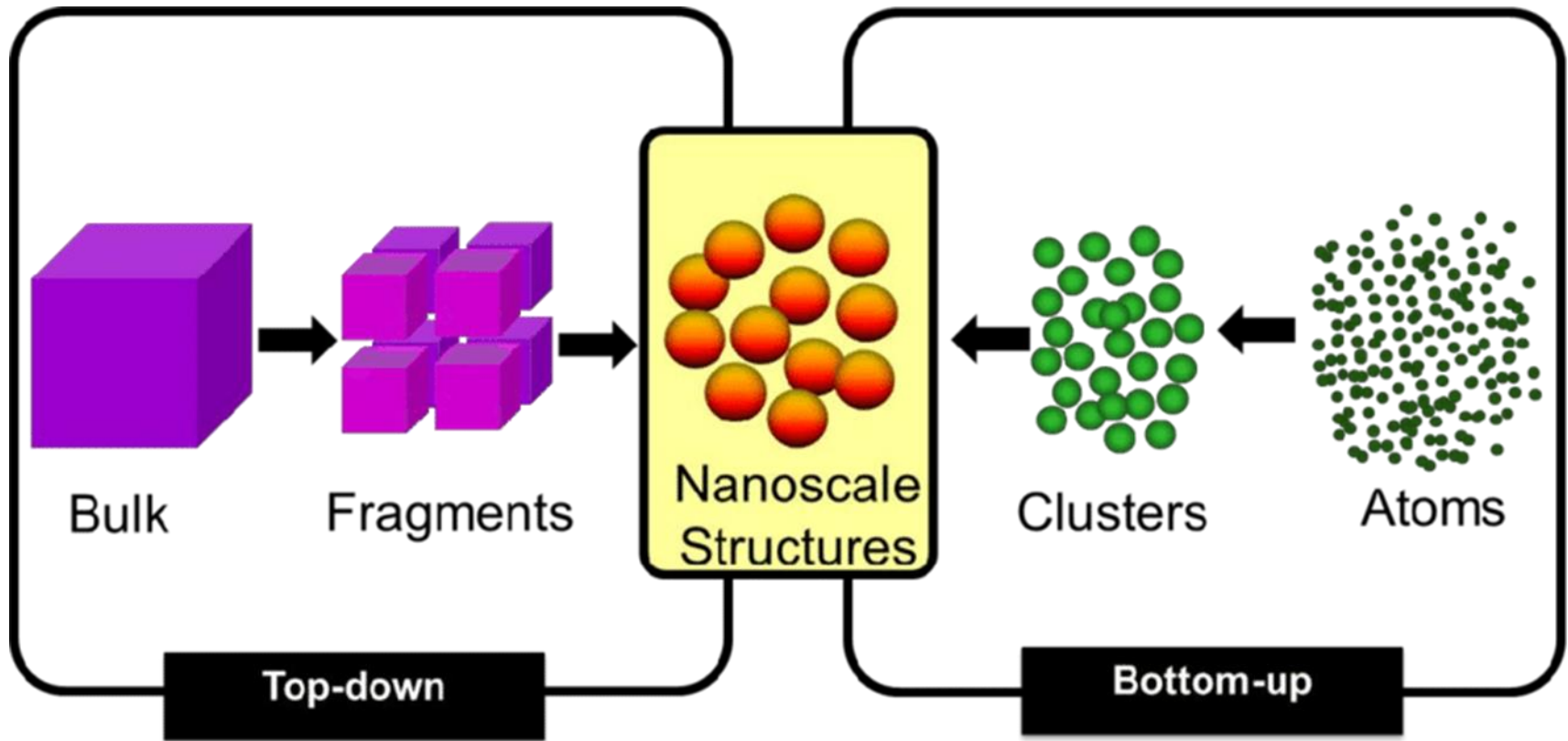
- Reinforced materials
- Lighter materials
- Conductive polymers
- Radar absorbing materials



# Synthesis of Nanomaterials



# Top-Down vs. Bottom-Up

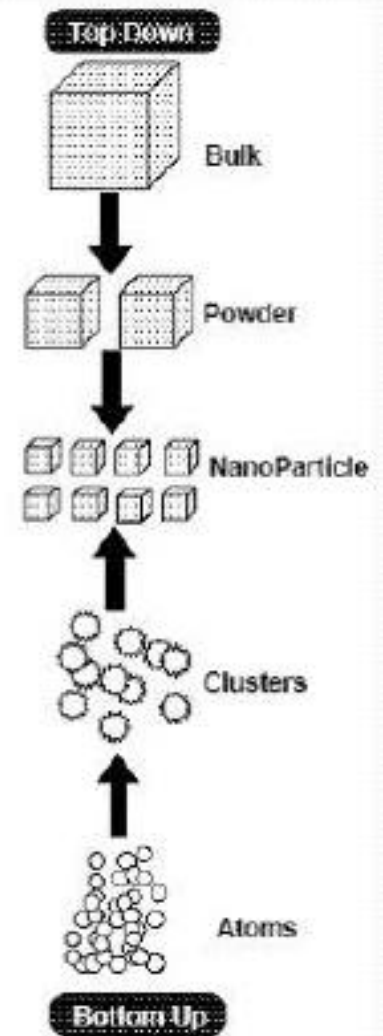


# Top-Down Approaches

Top down approach refers to slicing or cutting of a bulk material to get nano sized material. This is similar to making a stone statue. You take a bulk piece of material and modify it by carving or cutting stone, until you have made the shape you want.

*The process involves material wastage and is limited by the resolution of the tools you can use, Cause significant crystallographic damage to the processed patterns.*

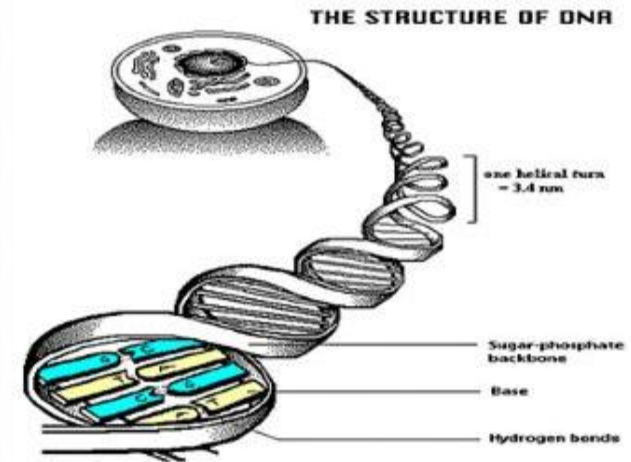
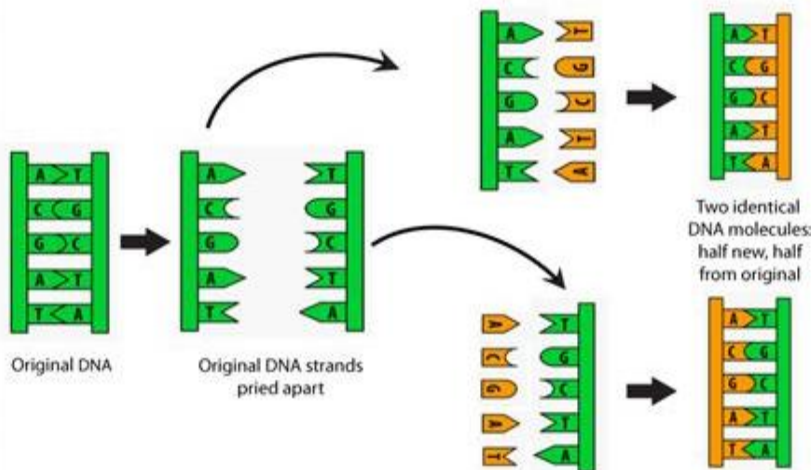
**Examples of this kind of approach include the various types of lithographic techniques**





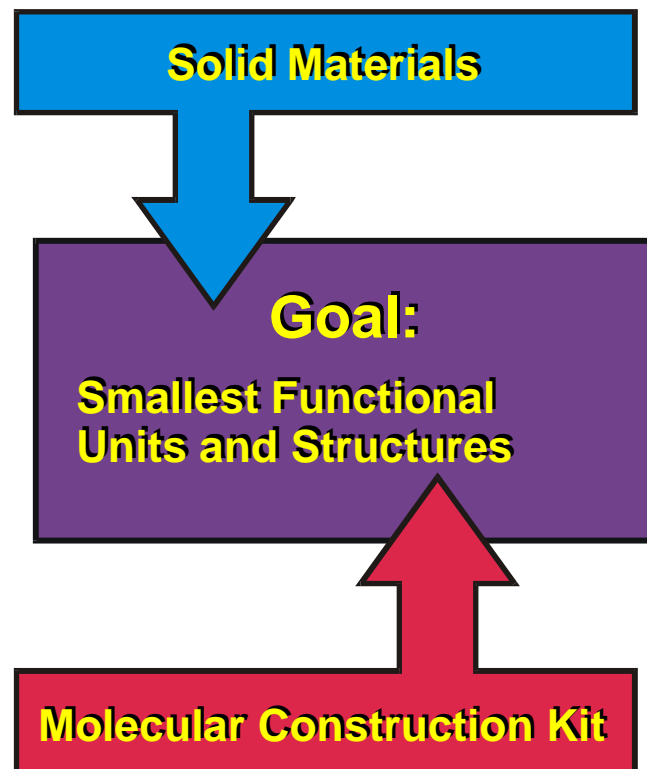
# Bottom-Up Approaches

- Assembling nano materials atom – by – atom or molecule – by – molecule (self assembling).
- This approach is much cheaper.
- Things become much larger.
- Examples of molecule self assembly are Watson-Crick basepairing and nano-lithography.

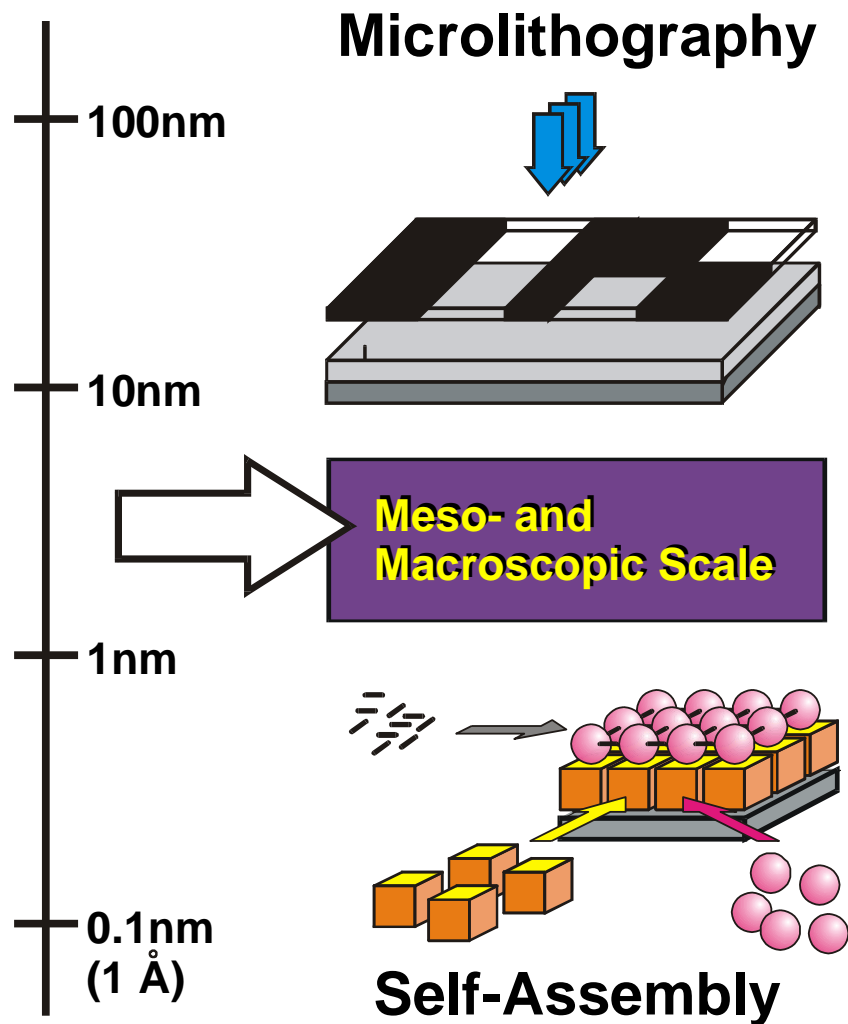


# Top-Down vs. Bottom-Up

## "Top-Down" - Strategy



## "Bottom-Up" - Strategy



# Self Assembly

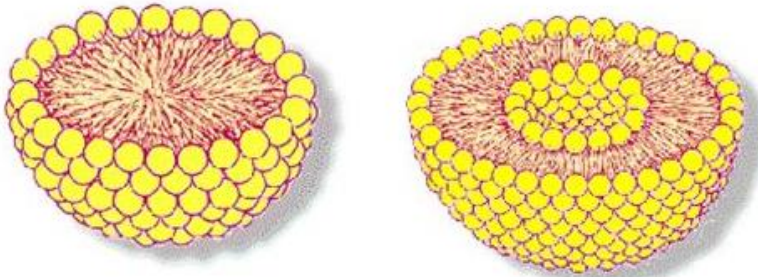
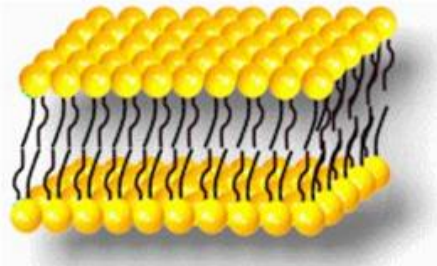
The **spontaneous association of molecules** under equilibrium conditions into stable, structurally well-defined aggregates.

As opposed to the “**Top Down**” methods of the semiconductor industry, Self assembly exploits the naturally existing effects of Brownian Motion, Intermolecular Forces, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics to produce structures in a “**Bottom Up**” fashion.

- Biology uses a “bottom-up” assembled strategy
- The unique properties of the DNA and protein building blocks
- Introduction to molecular recognition and self-assembly

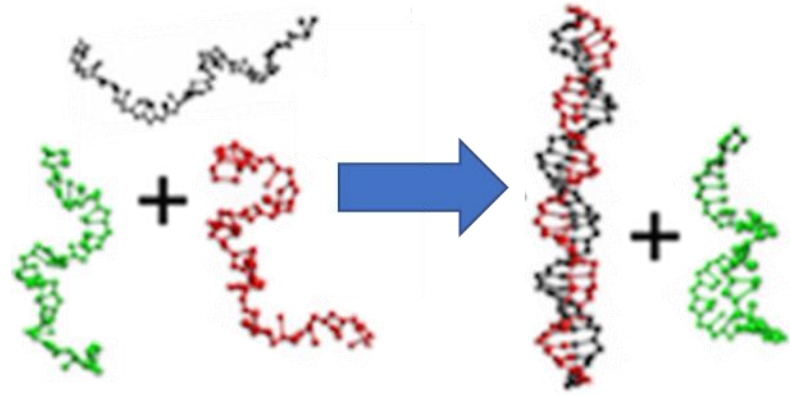
# Self Assembly

Spontaneous change in a system from a more disordered state to an ordered or structured state



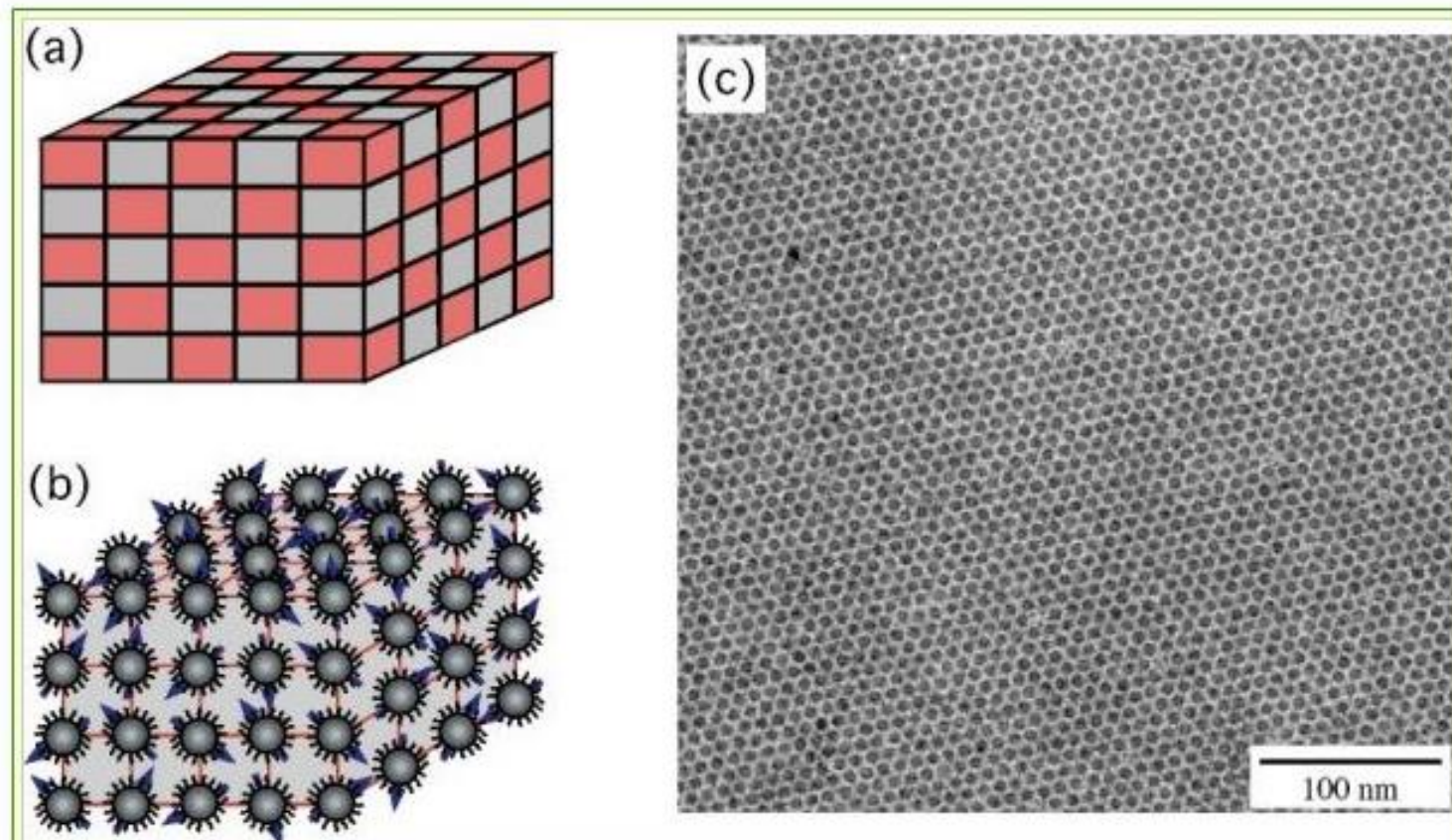
**e.g. amphiphilic lipids when placed in water will form bilayers, vesicles or micelles. - cell membranes**

**e.g. DNA - complementary strands**



# Self Assembly of Magnetic Nanoparticles

Techniques have been developed that use iron nanoparticles that self assemble into 3D arrays .



**Fig. 1** [Large Image](#)

Schematics of (a) a three-dimensional superlattice crystal, (b) a magnetic superlattice of a nanoparticle self-assembly, and (c) a TEM image of a two-dimensional iron nanoparticle array.

# Nanotechnology Applications in Medicine

- Because of their small size, nanoscale devices can readily **interact with biomolecules** on both the surface of cells and inside of cells.
- By gaining access to so many areas of the body, they have the potential to **detect disease** and **deliver treatment**.
- Nanoparticles can **deliver drugs directly** to diseased cells in your body.
- **Nanomedicine** is the medical use of molecular-sized particles to deliver drugs, heat, light or other substances to specific cells in the human body.

# Nanotechnology in Healthcare

- Greatly improved “directed therapies” for treating cancer using new nano- drug/gene delivery systems
- Tiny implantable devices to monitor health.
- New point-of-care and home healthcare devices.
- Tiny implantable devices with nanobiosensors to treat chronic diseases (diabetes, cardiovascular, arthritis, Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s disease,...) with fewer side-effects.

# Voyage of the Nano-Surgeons

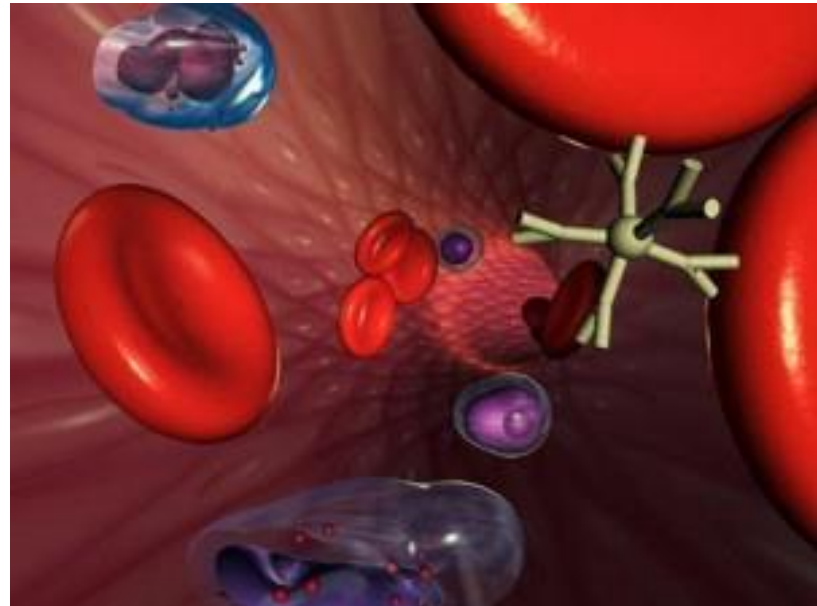


**NASA-funded scientists are crafting microscopic vessels that can venture into the human body and repair problems – one cell at a time.**

**January 15, 2002:** It's like a scene from the movie "Fantastic Voyage." A tiny vessel -- far smaller than a human cell -- tumbles through a patient's bloodstream, hunting down diseased cells and penetrating their membranes to deliver precise doses of medicines.

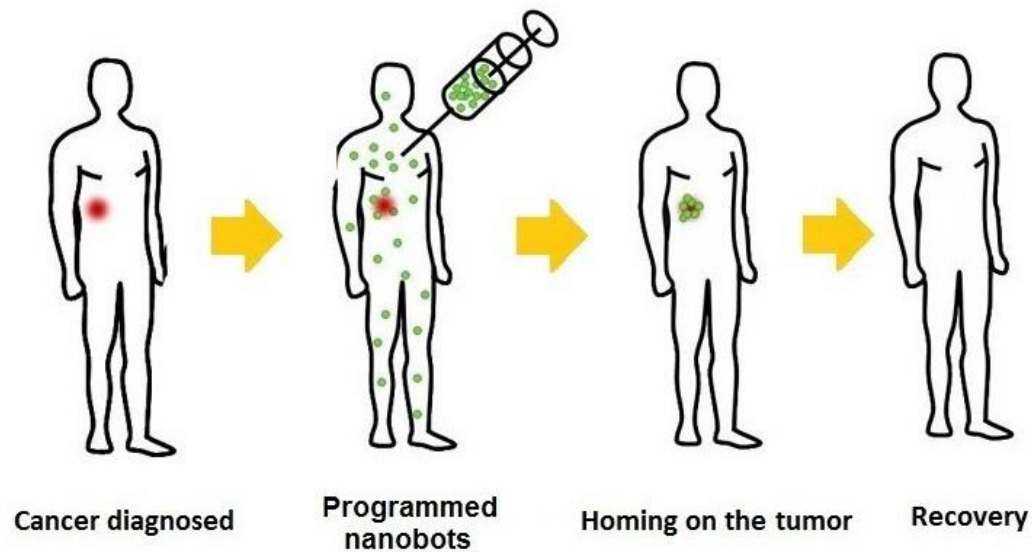
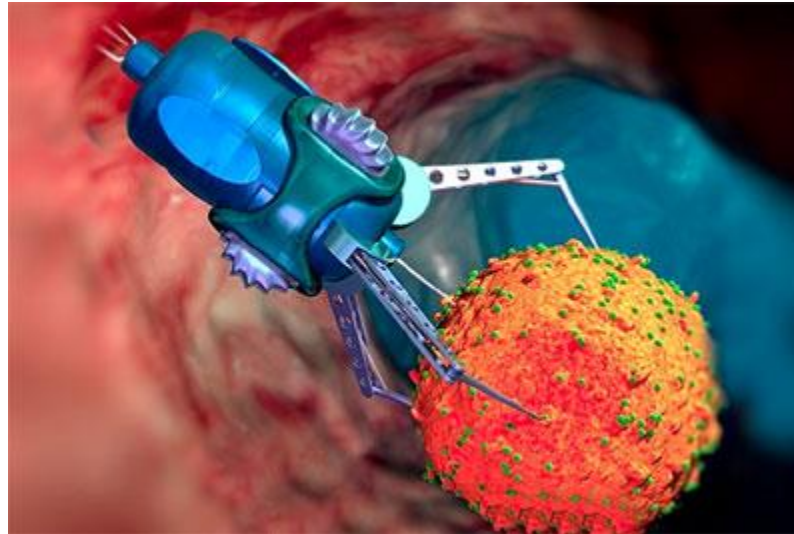
Only this isn't Hollywood. This is real science.

**Right:** Tiny capsules much smaller than these blood cells may someday be injected into people's bloodstreams to treat conditions ranging from cancer to radiation damage. Copyright 1999, Daniel Higgins, University of Illinois at Chicago.



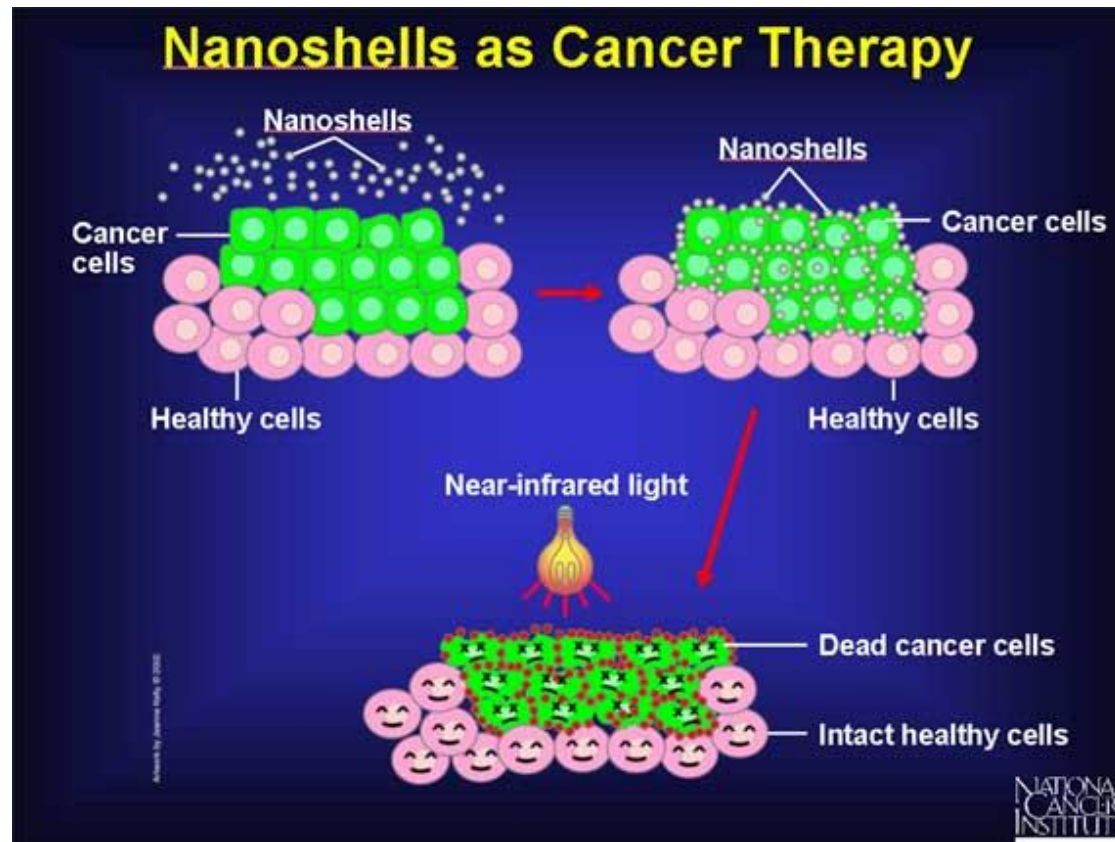


# Voyage of the Nano-Surgeons



# Nanoshells as Cancer Therapy

**Nanoshells** are injected into cancer area and they recognize cancer cells. Then by applying near-infrared light, the heat generated by the **light-absorbing Nanoshells** has successfully killed tumor cells while leaving neighboring cells intact.



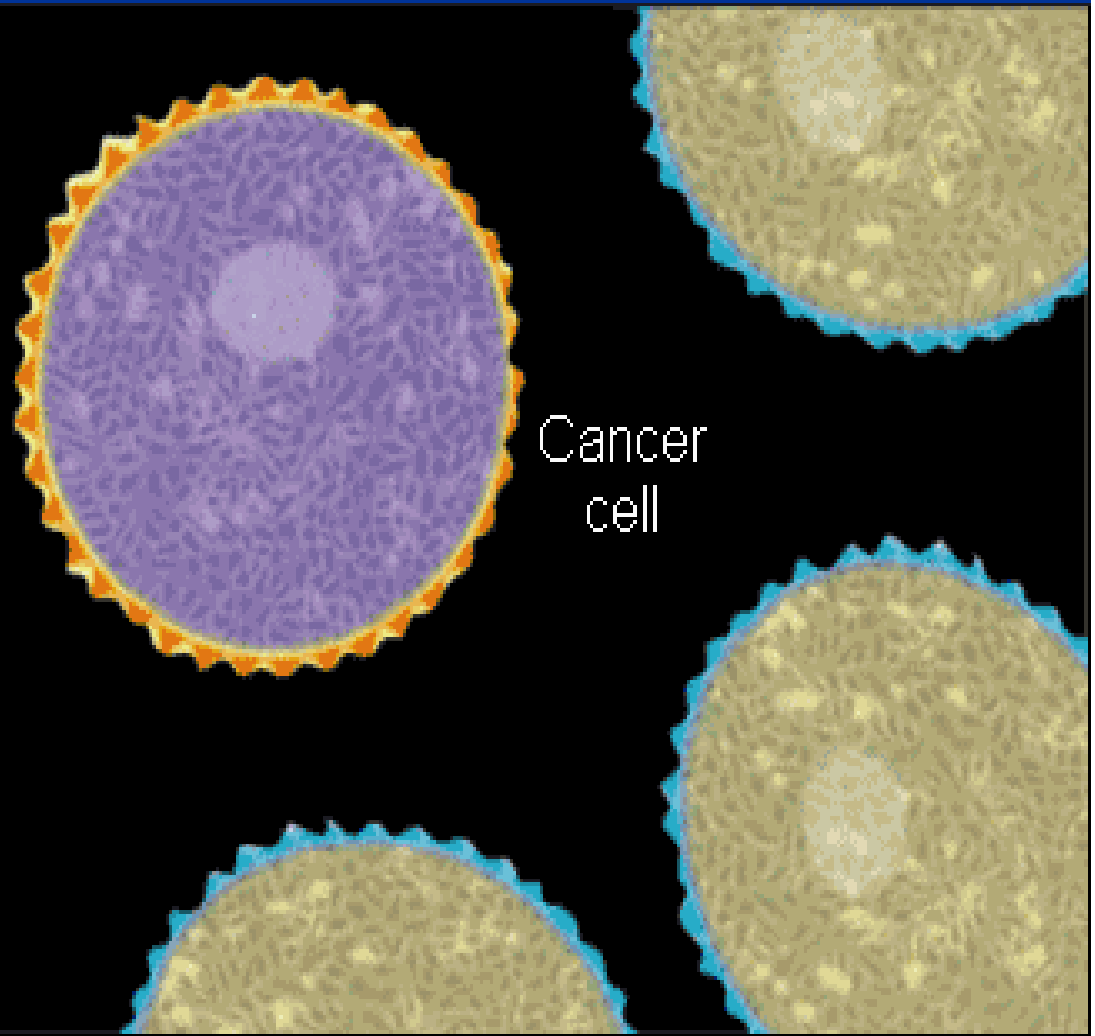
# Nanoshells



***Nanoshells kill tumor cells selectively***

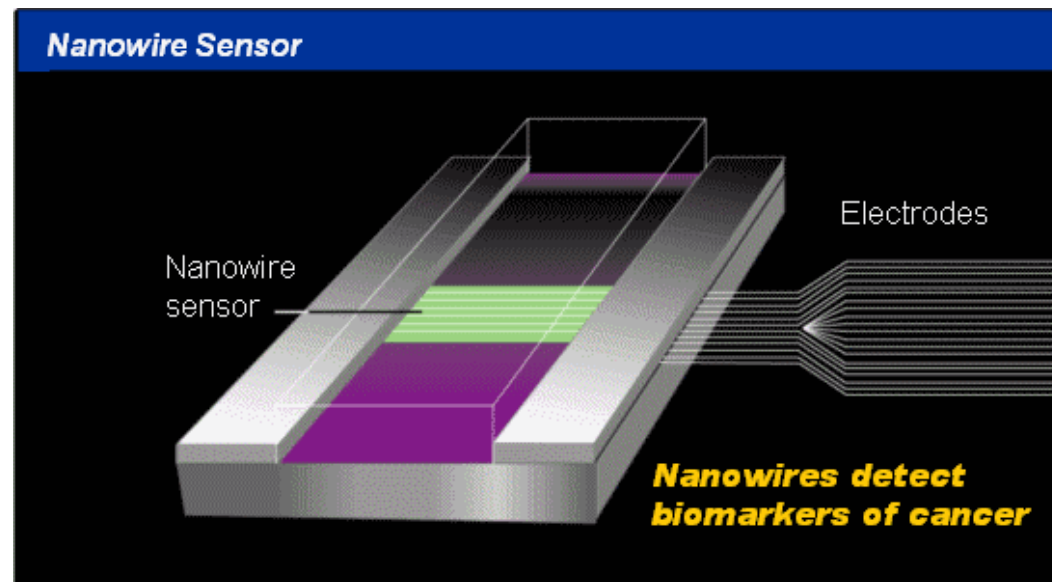
## Nanoparticles

***Nanoparticles used  
for molecular imaging  
of malignant lesions***



# Nanowires as Medical Sensors

- **Nanosized sensing wires** are laid down across a micro-fluidic channel. As particles flow through the micro-fluidic channel, the Nanowire sensors pick up the molecular identifications of these particles and can immediately relay this information through a connection of electrodes to the outside world.
- They can detect the presence of altered genes associated with cancer and may help researchers pinpoint the exact location of those changes



# Medical Implantation

- Unfortunately, in some cases, the biomedical metal alloys may wear out within the lifetime of the patient. But Nanomaterials **increases the life time** of the implant materials.
- Nanocrystalline zirconium oxide (zirconia) is hard, wear resistant, bio-corrosion resistant and bio-compatible.
- It therefore presents an attractive alternative material for implants.
- **Nanocrystalline silicon carbide** is a candidate material for *artificial heart valves* primarily because of its low weight, high strength and inertness.

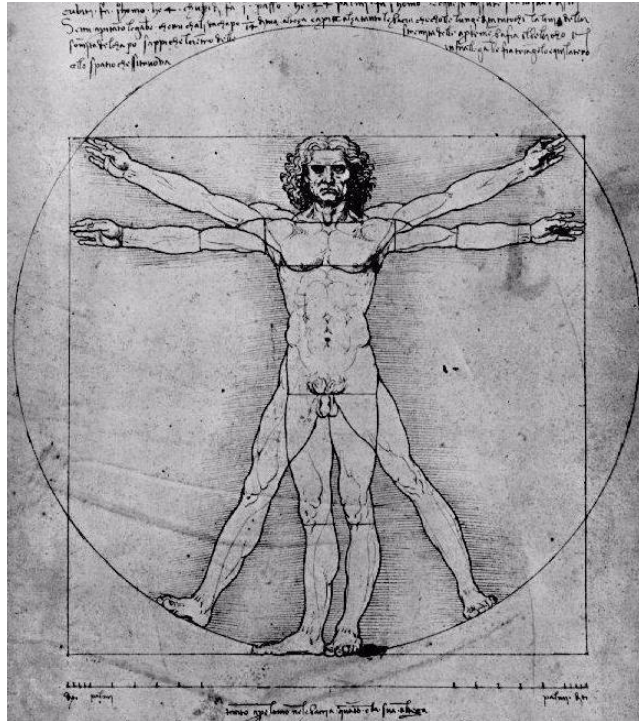


# Potential Health Concerns

- Cause for concern:
  - Nanoparticles are similar in size to many biological structures → easily absorbed by the body.
  - Nanoparticles remain suspended in the environment for extended periods of time.
- Health Impacts of nanoparticles are expected to be dependent on composition and structure.
- The potential health concerns of nanomaterials are largely unknown.
- The EPA has started the National Nanotechnology Initiative which is providing funding to further investigate this issue.

# Nanotechnologies and Healthcare

**We have come a long way...**



**Art: Da Vinci's  
"Vitruvian Man" 1490**

**but we still have so far to go!**



# Military Battle Suits

- Enhanced nanomaterials form the basis of a state-of-the-art ‘**battle suit**’ that is being developed.
- A short-term development is likely to be energy-absorbing materials that will withstand blast waves;
- longer-term are those that incorporate **sensors** to detect or respond to *chemical and biological weapons* (for example, responsive nanopores that ‘close’ upon detection of a biological agent).



# The Making “Iron Man”

## EXISTING GEAR

### HELMET

Basic helmets provide modest protection from bullets, shrapnel and explosions. Troops often attach night-vision goggles for better visibility on missions.

### BODY ARMOR

U.S. troops wear limited amounts of body armor designed to protect vital organs and allow them to move with speed and agility.

### LOWER BODY

Current uniforms provide limited lower-body protection.

### GEAR

U.S. forces can carry more than 125 pounds of gear, including grenades, knives, radios, ammunition magazines and flashlights.

Source: U.S. Special Operations Command; U.S. Army; Revision Military  
The Wall Street Journal



## FUTURE IRON MAN SUIT

### HELMET

Future helmets may include visors, sensors and Google Glass-type interfaces to help U.S. forces spot hidden threats.

### COOLING SYSTEM

Suits could include a cooling system to help regulate the body temperatures of U.S. troops encased in the the body armor.

### MOTORIZED EXOSKELETON

The suit would likely include a motorized exoskeleton to help carry the hundreds of pounds of added weight from the body armor and high-tech components.

### POWER

Future suits might be powered by a small engine.

### BODY ARMOR

The full-body suit would provide dramatically increased body-armor protection extending to limbs.

The US Military has launched a program to design a new suit for elite forces

# New Protective Military Suit

The U.S. Special Operations Command is asking designers for ideas to produce a suit to protect soldiers of the future.

## Government requirements:

### DISPLAYS

Give wearer feedback information relevant to the environment from an array of sensors

### HEALTH STATUS

Embedded systems monitor the body's vital statistics such as oxygen levels and body heat

### LIGHTWEIGHT DESIGN

Minimizes load and maximizes protection



### ARMOR

Protects the head and body, especially from explosions, by using advanced materials

### POWER

Built-in management systems along with wearable computers, antennas and a programmable radio

### MOBILITY

Exoskeleton will be powered to enhance endurance and agility

Screenshot from  
Army video

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS



SOURCES: U.S. Special Operations Command, Chicago Tribune

# Nanomaterials: Other Applications

- **Sunscreens and Cosmetics**

- ✓ Nanosized *titanium dioxide* and *zinc oxide* are currently used in some sunscreens, as they absorb and reflect ultraviolet (UV) rays.
- ✓ Nanosized *iron oxide* is present in some lipsticks as a pigment.

- **Fuel Cells**

- **Displays**

- **Batteries**

- **Catalysts**

- **Magnetic Nanomaterials:**

*Hard Disks with high storage capacity*

# Artificial Ear: US soldier has new ear grown in her arm



The ear, grown to replace one lost in a car crash, will have functional blood vessels and nerve endings.

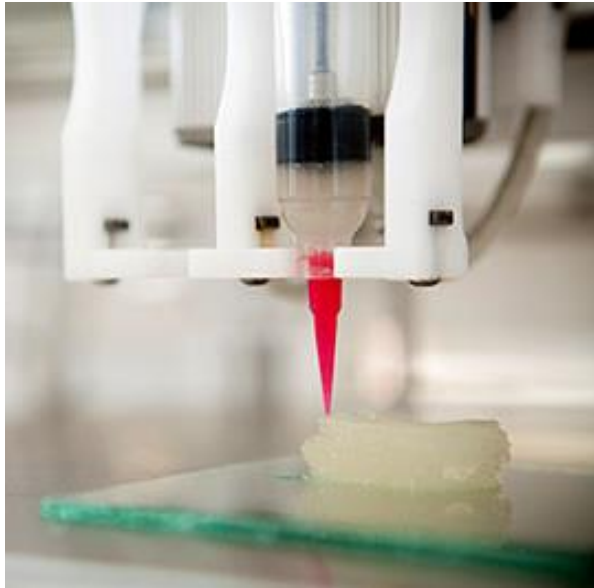
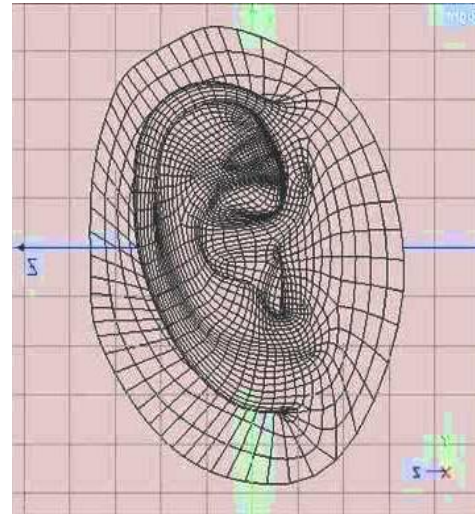
# Artificial Organ



A human ear from cartilage cells the back of a mouse,

Dr. Vacanti, a transplant surgeon  
at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, USA

# Artificial Ear



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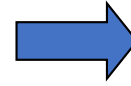
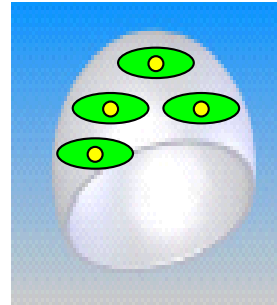
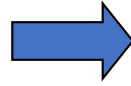
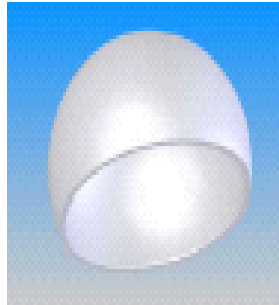
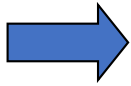
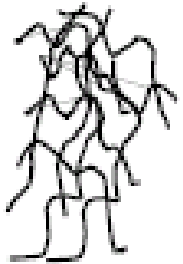
# Artificial Nose

**Growing a nose on a forehead is a revolutionary approach to surgical reconstruction.**



# A Fully-Implantable Bioartificial Tissue/Organ

## Practical Procedure



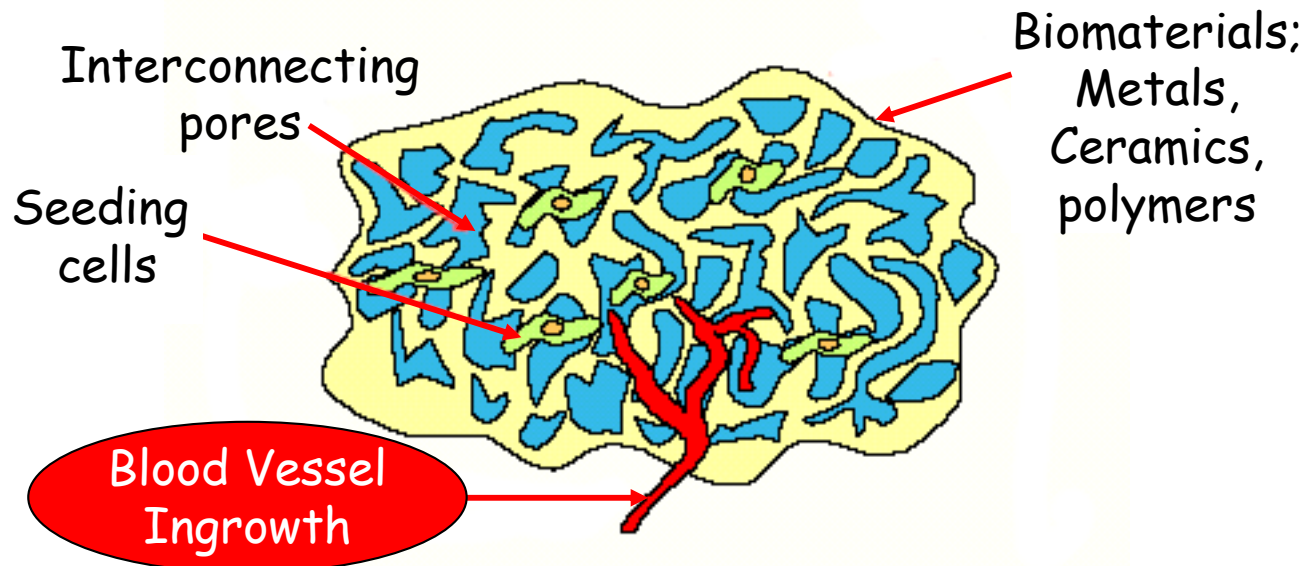
Start with  
a porous scaffold

Mold to the shape  
of a tissues or organ

Seed with cells  
(autologous or  
allogeneic)

Culture the cells and  
Grow a tissue or organs

## Major Concerns



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