

# Nanotechnology

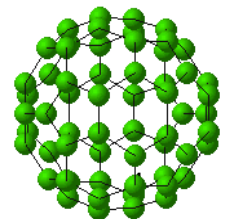


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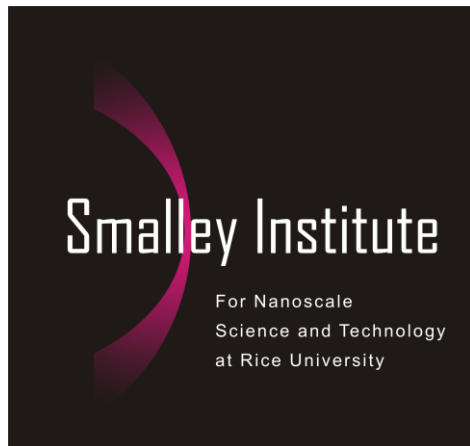
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# Rice University and the Smalley Institute

- Independent & Private
- 650 full-time faculty
- 423 part-time and adjunct
- 3485 undergraduates
- 2275 graduate students



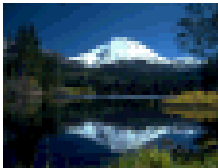
- 1993 - Conceived by Prof. Richard Smalley and approved by Board of Governors – 1<sup>st</sup> in the world
- 1996 – Curl & Smalley win Nobel Prize in Chemistry
- 1997 – New building is dedicated – Dell Butcher Hall
- 2002 – New CNST Director – Wade Adams
- 2005 – Name changed to honor Richard Smalley
- 2012 – New SINST Director – Daniel Mittleman



# What is Nanotechnology?

**Nanotechnology is the study and use of materials with nanometer-scale dimensions.**

**Mountain**



**Child**



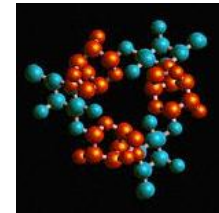
**Ant**



**Bacterium**



**Sugar Molecule  
(45 atoms)**



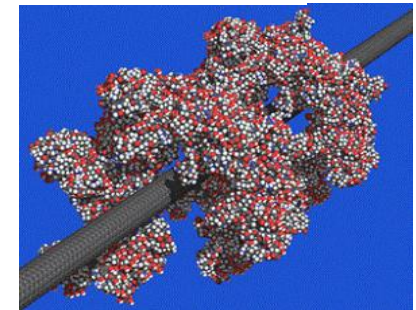
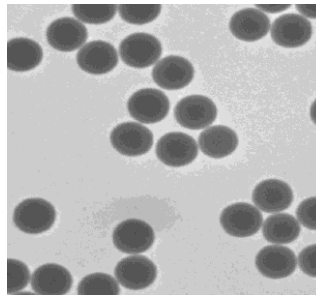
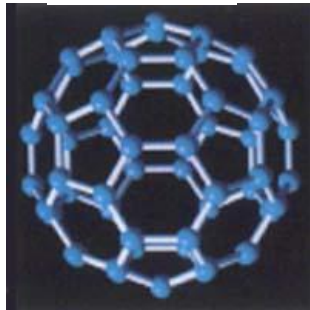
**1 kilometer  
(1000 m)**

**1 meter  
(1 m)**

**1 millimeter  
(0.001 m)**

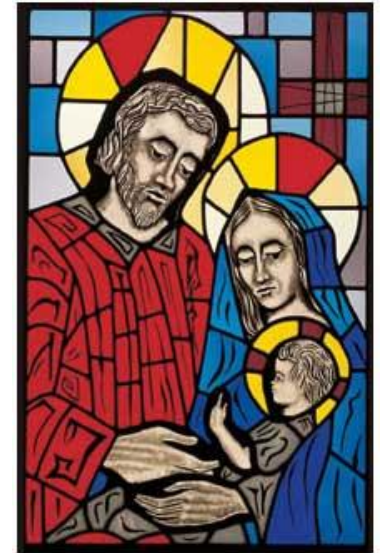
**1 micrometer  
(0.000001 m)**

**1 nanometer  
(0.000000001 m)**



# Ancient Nanotechnology?

- Gold colloids in stained glass
- Carbon black in tires
- Colloid science for food products

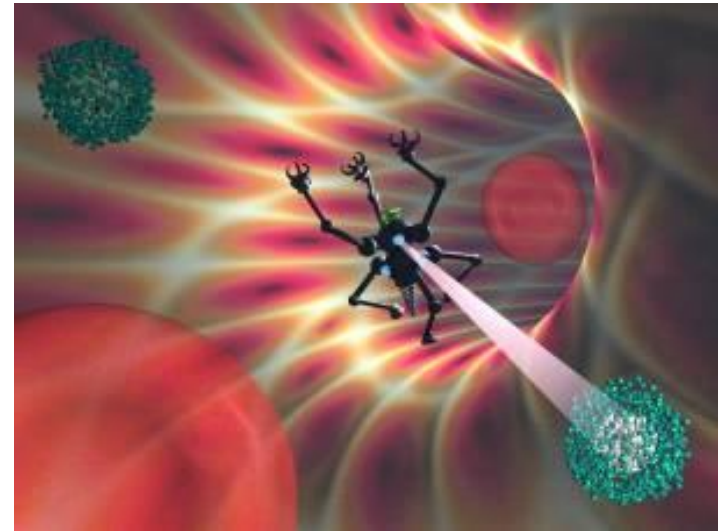
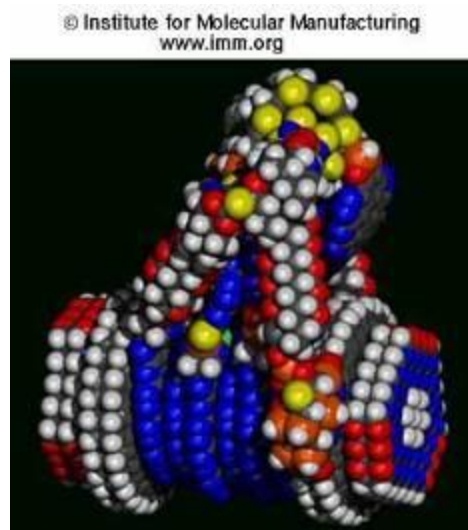


Pre-1980s: people who made materials did “nano” but didn’t know it



# Nanotechnology hype begins – 1980s

- Drexler ‘Engines of Creation’ – a book about assembling matter on the nanoscale
- ‘Nanotechnology’, the term, was associated with:



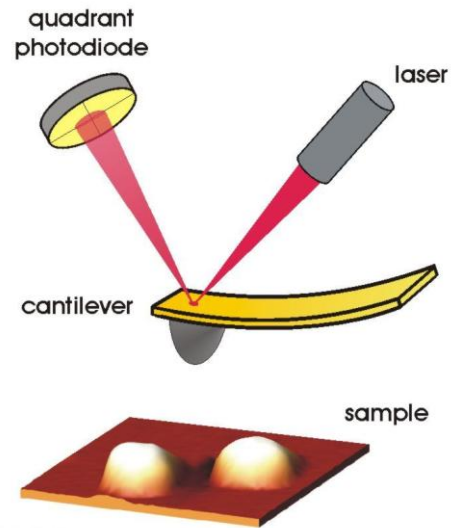
nanoscale robots, fantastical science fiction, **bad science**

1980s: Nanotechnology shunned by scientists, nanoscience embraced

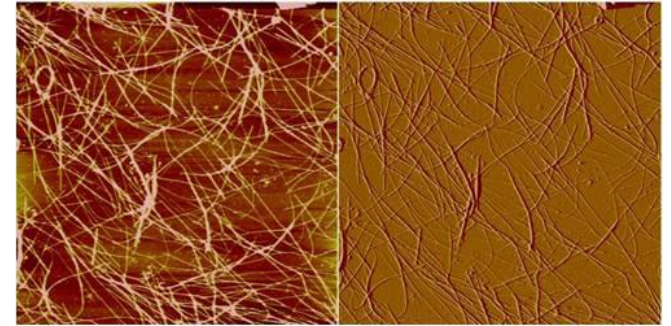
# Nanotechnology started when we saw it



Pre-1990 – black powder?



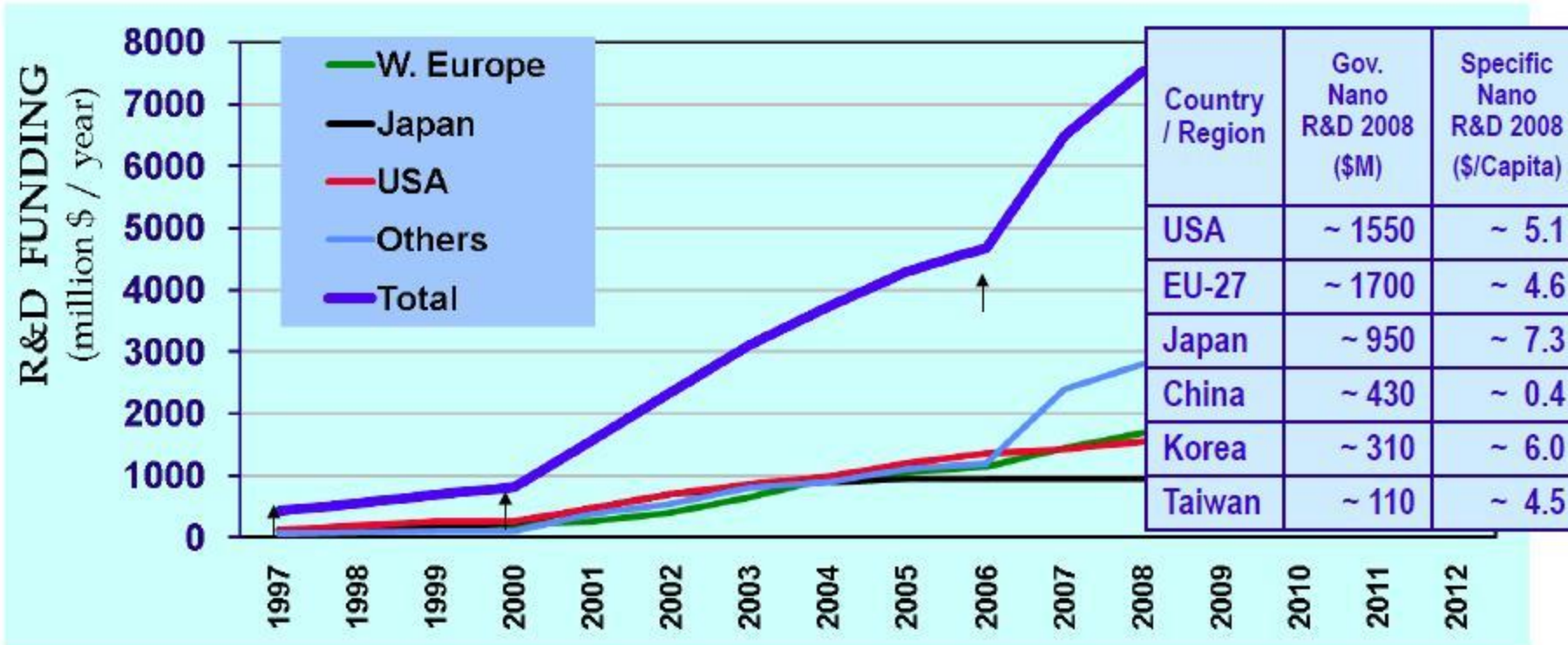
Atomic force microscope



Hey! There are nanotubes!

1990s: Methods to image and study the nanoscale world ushered in nanotechnology – we began to control nano-matter precisely.

# National Nanotechnology Initiative



**Seed funding**  
1991 - 1997

**NNI Preparation**  
vision/benchmark

**1<sup>st</sup> Generation products**  
passive nanostructures

**2<sup>nd</sup> Generation**  
active nanostructures

**3<sup>rd</sup> Generation**  
nanosystems

# NNI: Where is the funding going?

## NNI funding 2009 - present

**Table 1. National nanotechnology initiative funding for select agencies  
2009–2013 (dollars in millions)**

Agency	2009	2009 Recovery	2010	2011	2012 Estimate**	2013 Proposed
Department of Energy (DOE)	333	293	374	346	315	443
National Science Foundation (NSF)	409	101	429	485	426	435
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/National Institutes of Health (NIH)	343	73	457	409	410	409
Department of Defense (DOD)	459	—	440*	425	361	289
Department of Commerce (DOC)/National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)	93	43	115	96	95	102
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	14	—	20	17	23	22
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	12	—	18	17	18	19

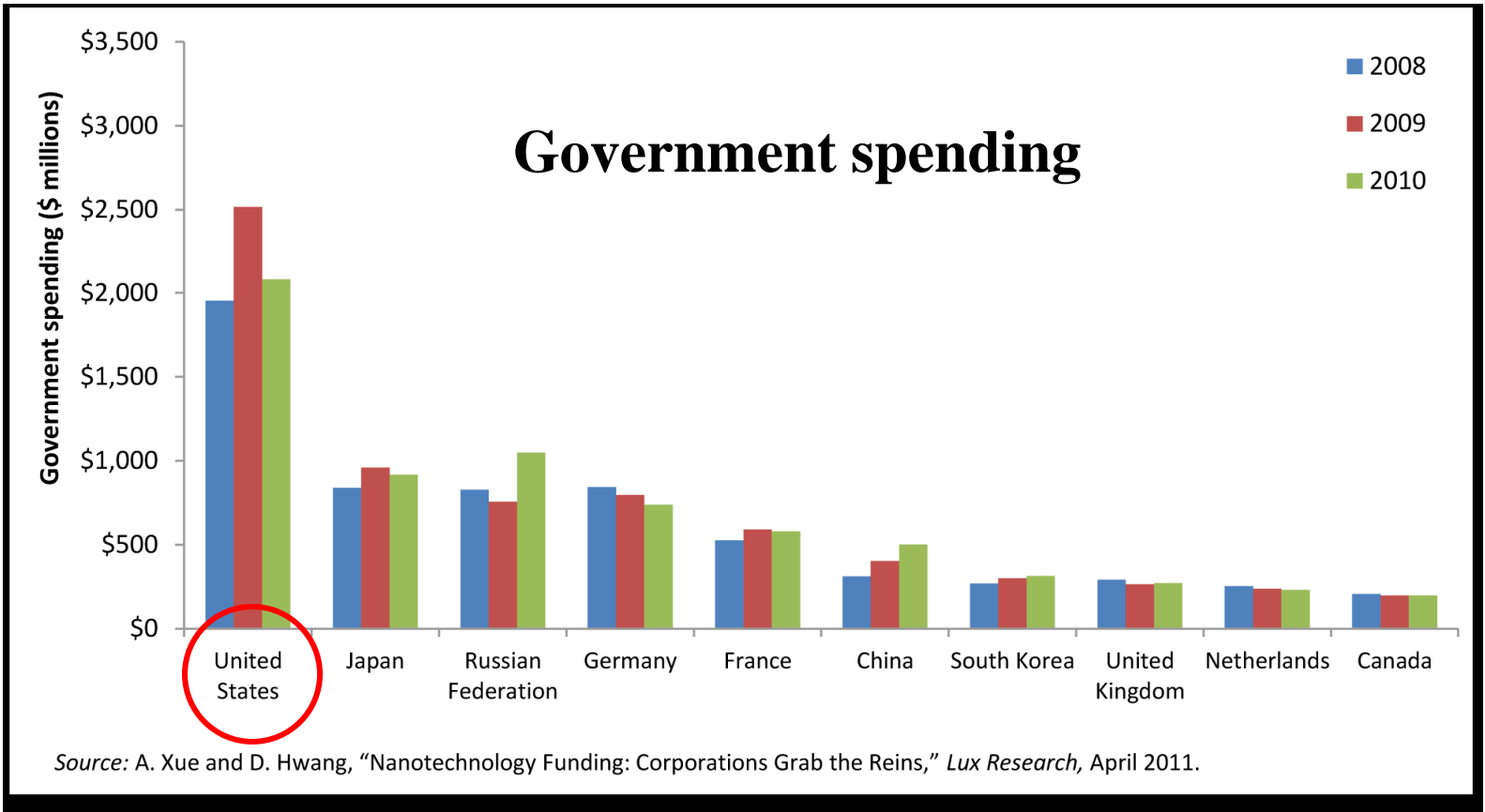
\* Includes \$75 million in congressionally directed funding that is outside the NNI plans.

\*\* Based on FY 2012 appropriated levels.

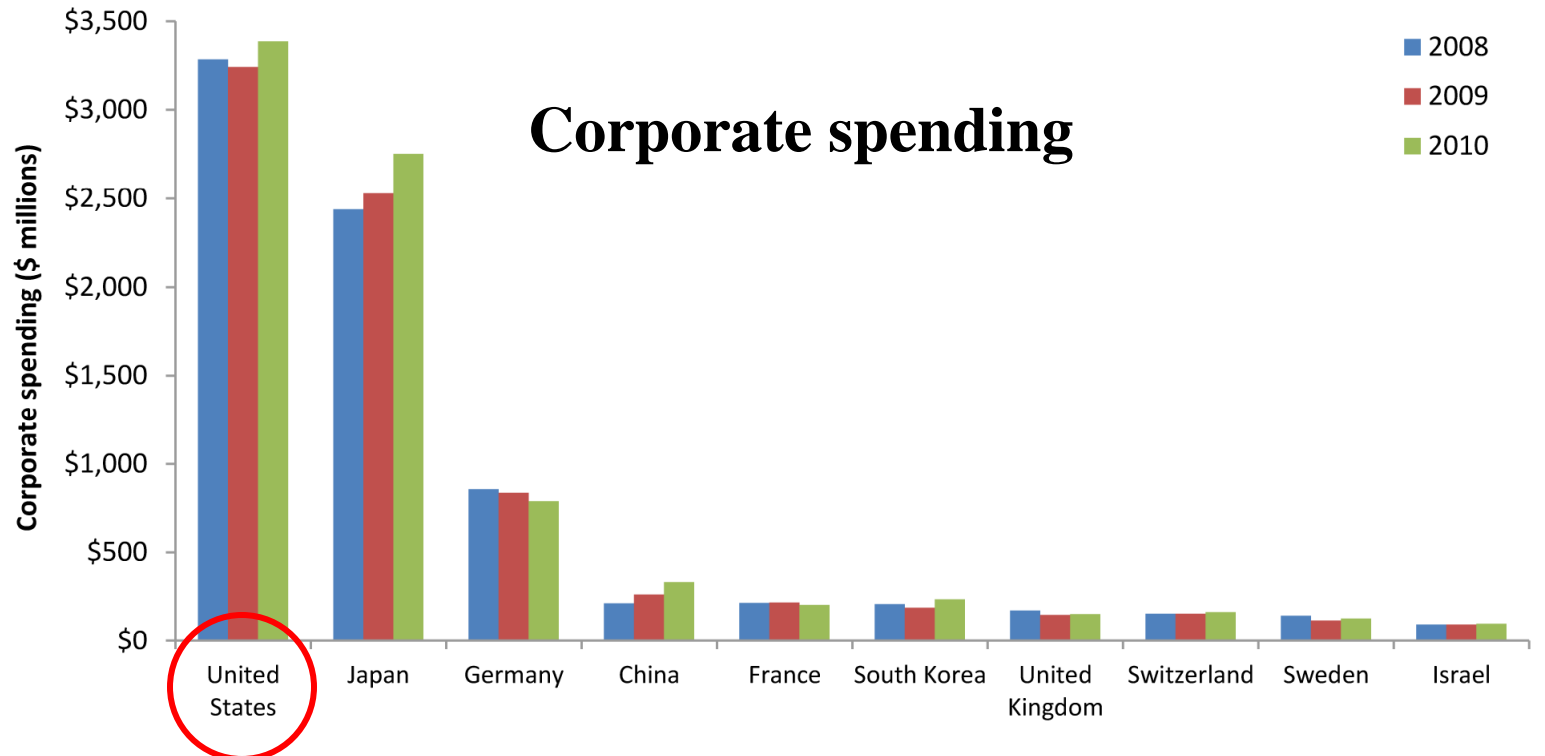
Source: PCAST NNI summary report, April 2012



# US remains a leader



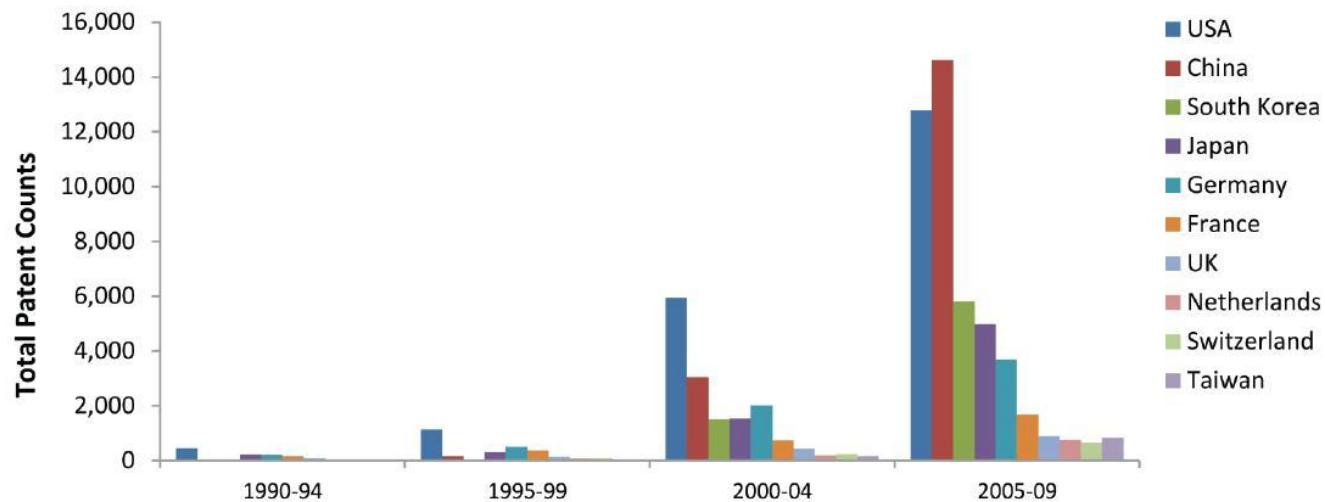
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Source: A. Xue and D. Hwang, "Nanotechnology Funding: Corporations Grab the Reins," *Lux Research*, April 2011.

# Innovation is worldwide

**Figure 3. Counts of patent applications in nanotechnology in PATSTAT, by year and assignee country, 1990–2009**



Source: L. Kay, P. Shapira, J. Youtie, and A. L. Porter, Program on Nanotechnology Research and Innovation System Assessment Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, with support from the National Science Foundation (NSF) through the Center for Nanotechnology in Society (Arizona State University; Award No. 0937591) [Data as of January 2010]. PATSTAT stands for the Patent Statistical Database, which is maintained by the European Patent Office.

Note: Based on definition of "nanotechnology" by A. L. Porter, J. Youtie, P. Shapira, and D. Schoeneck, "Refining Search Terms for Nanotechnology," *Journal of Nanoparticle Research*, 10 (5): 715–728.

# Nano is Now...

## Product

## "Nano Inside"

## Value Added



Active ingredient:  
Nanoscale  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{ZnO}$

Transparency,  
UV absorbance



Active ingredient:  
Carbon nanotubes

Strength and  
bounce

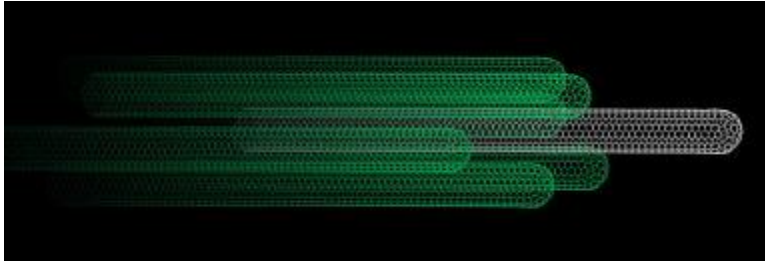


Embedded with  
"Nano Whiskers"

Stain- and wrinkle-  
resistance



# Nanomaterial-containing products



Babolat VS NCT Drive tennis racket

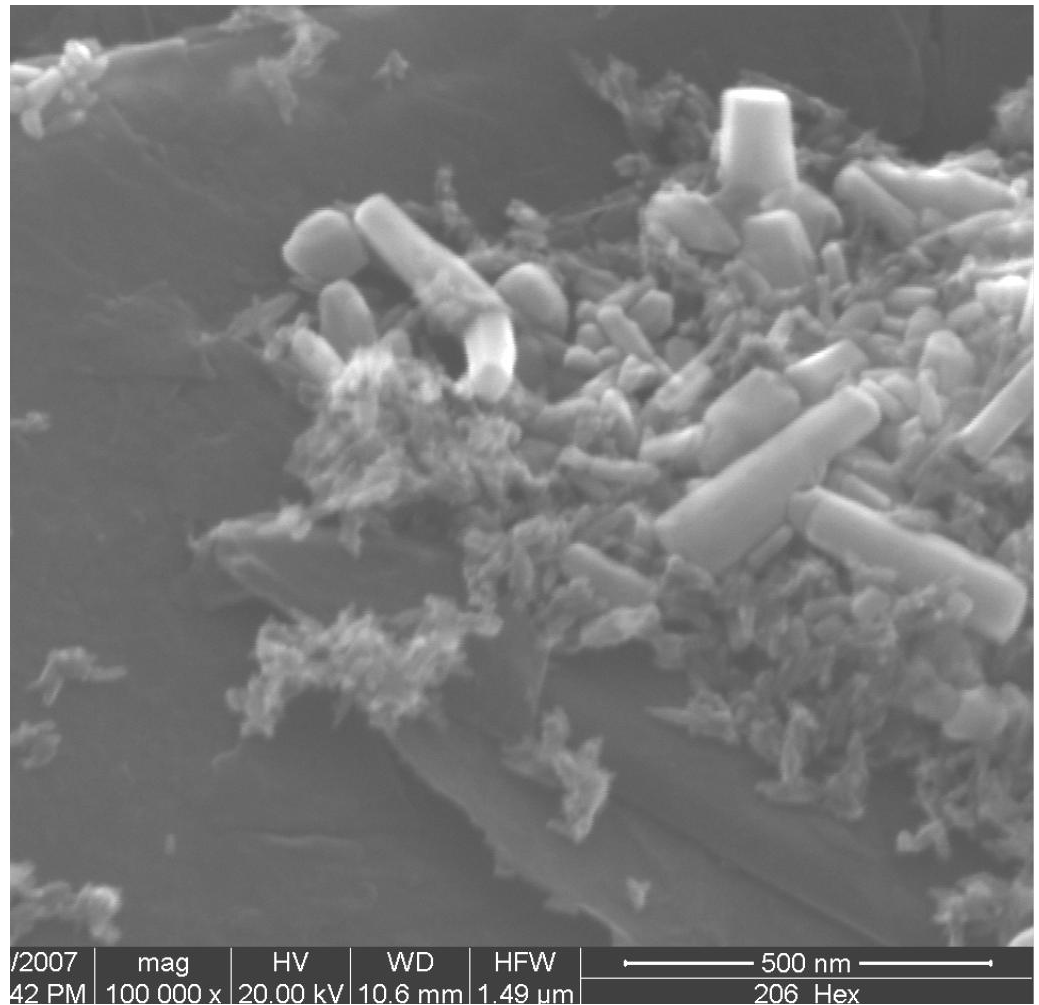


Maruman Exim Nano driver



Easton Stealth CNT baseball bat,  
On sale at Academy Sports \$379.99!!

# Nano is on YOU



# ... and Nanotechnology is in the future

Battlesuit that monitors health, eases injury, communicates & enhances performance



*Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound?*

Cancer detection and treatment in a single office visit



*Hypospray: Nano Inside?*

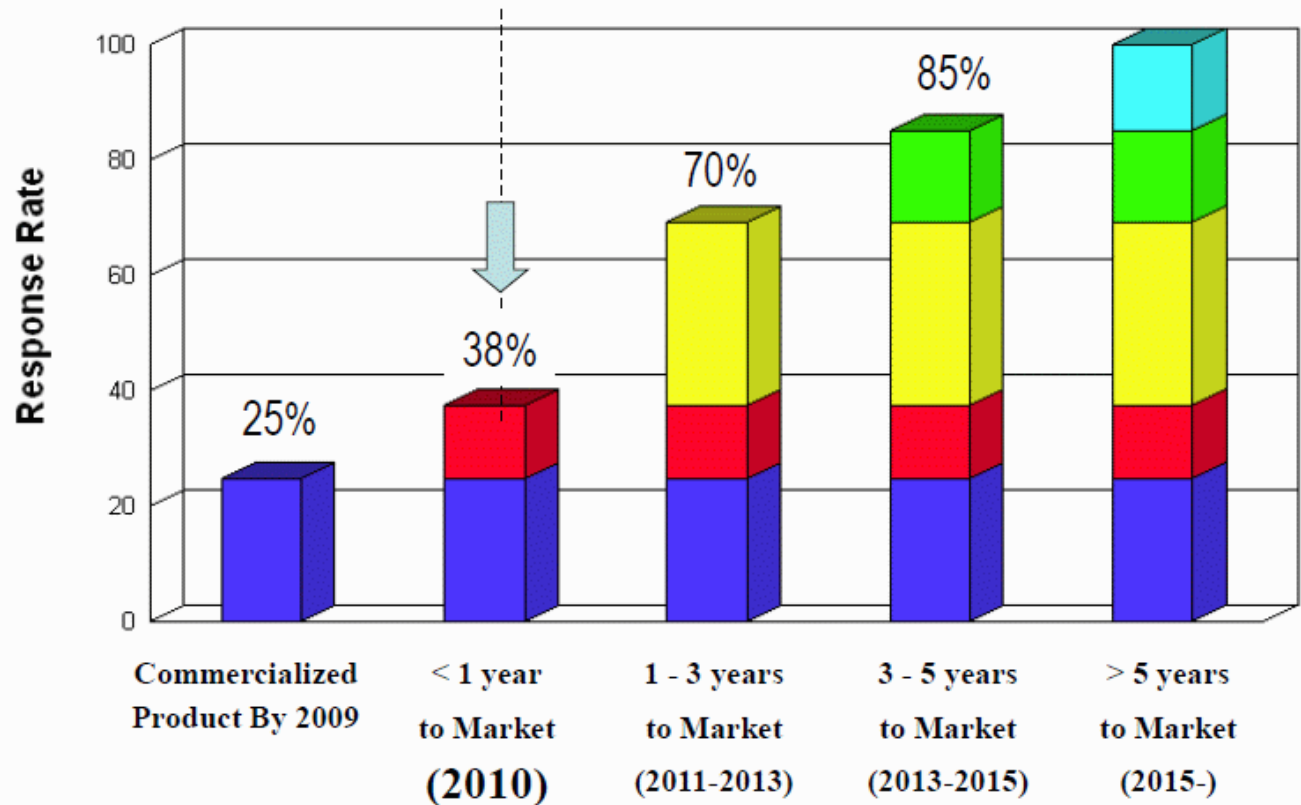
Elevator that ferries satellites, spaceships, and pieces of space stations into space



# Many nano-products are on the way

A survey of 270 manufacturing companies (2009).

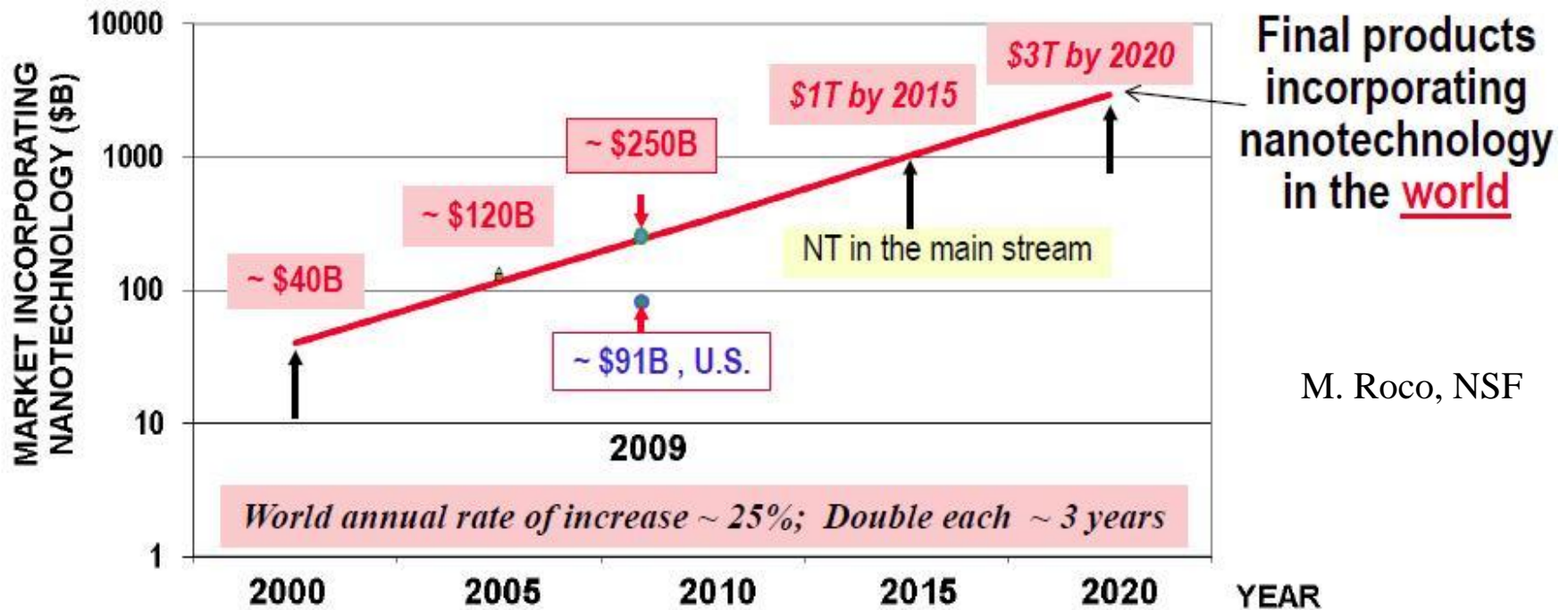
Every respondent will introduce a new nano-enabled product within five years.



Reference: National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS, 2010)



# What's Coming for Nanotechnology



- Enormous government push in national initiatives
- International 'space race' mentality in investments
- Transition from laboratory into industry is in the early days

# Talking About Nanotechnology

*“Nanotechnology now represents no less than the next industrial revolution”*

Red Herring Dec 2001

*“Nanotechnology is the understanding and control of matter at dimensions of roughly 1 to 100 nanometers, where unique phenomena enable novel applications”*

Scientific American 2006

*“Anything is nanotechnology that, under the rubric of nanotechnology, makes money.”*

Anonymous, Rice Alliance, 2006



Which definition is the 'BEST'? Which is closest to a consensus?

# Defining Nanotechnology

*From E56 ASTM terminology standard – free on [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org)*

**nanotechnology, n**—A term referring to a wide range of technologies that measure, manipulate, or incorporate materials and/or features with at least one dimension between approximately 1 and 100 nanometers (nm). Such applications exploit those properties, distinct from bulk or molecular systems, of nanoscale components.



Materials are central in nanotechnology



Critical and defining dimension ~ 1 – 100 nm



Really bizarre and unusual properties

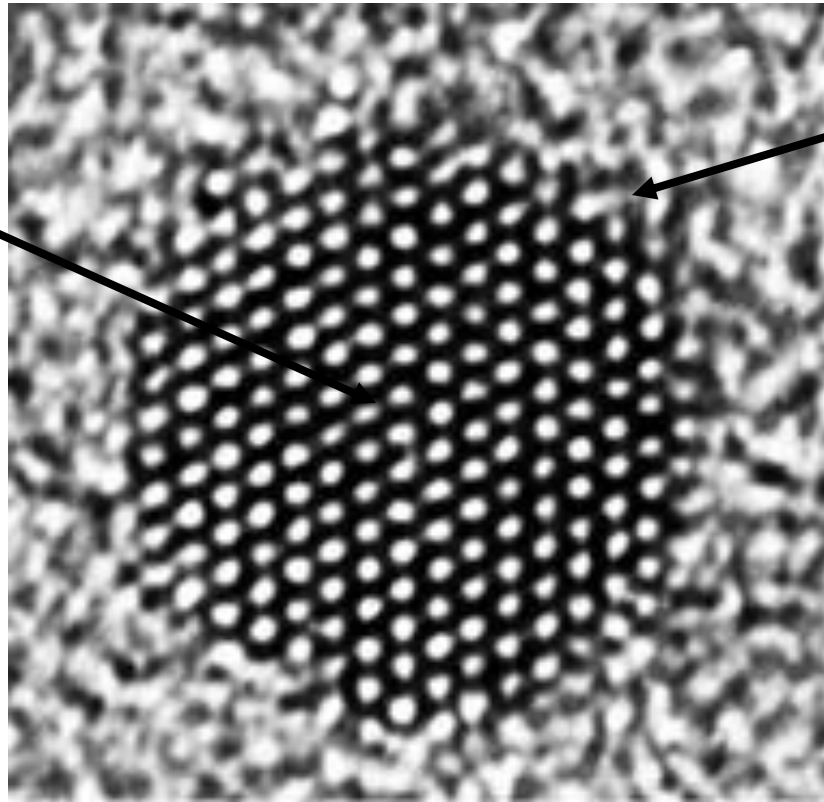
Nanotechnology contains stuff that is really small and strange

# "The Most Beautiful Picture" - V. Colvin

*Biologically  
Accessible*

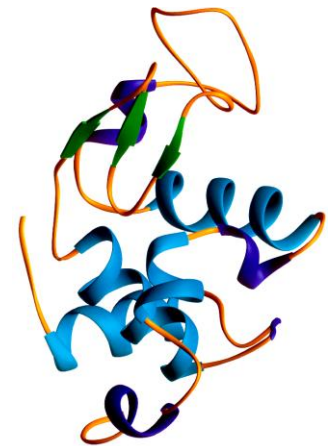


*C-sixty  
1 nm*



*Cadmium Selenide nanocrystal  
6 nm*

*Huge surface  
areas*

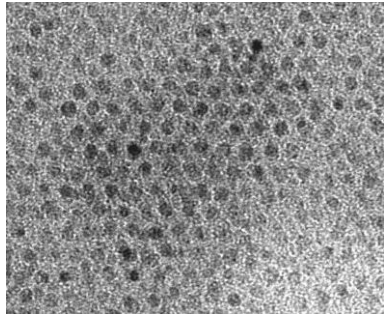


*Lysozyme  
3 nm*  
20

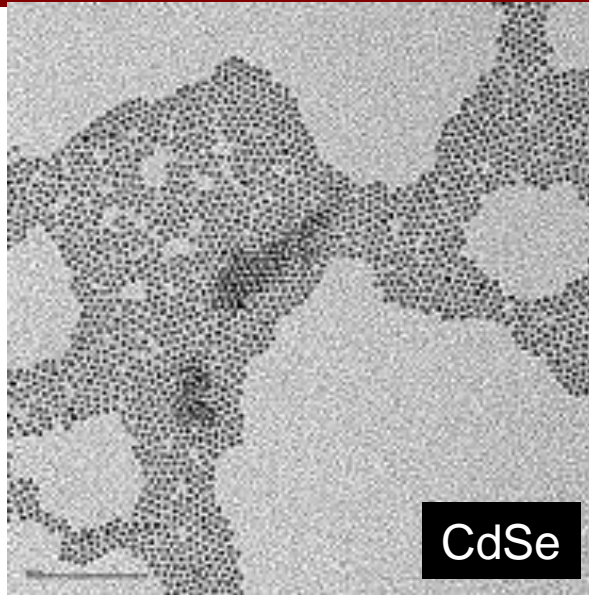


# “NanoX”= any material you want

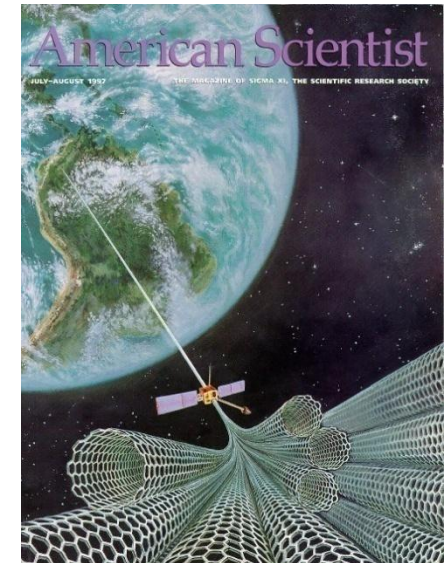
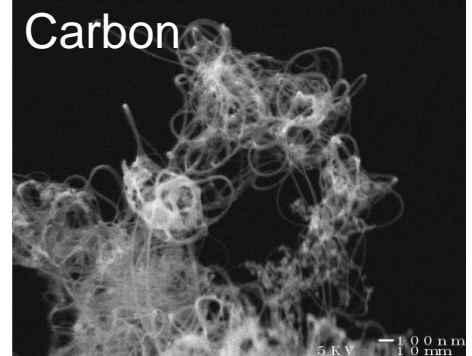
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $d=4.5$  nm



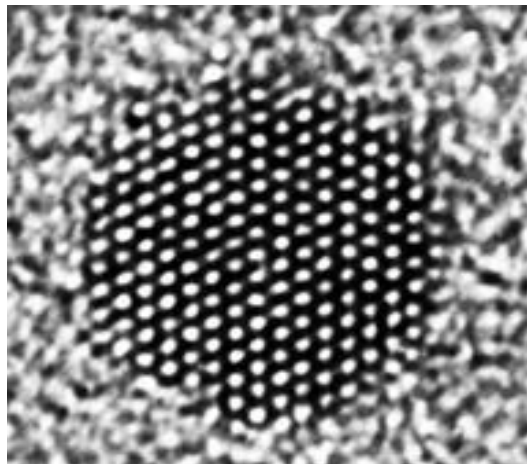
10 nm



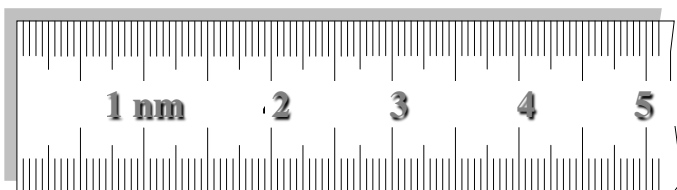
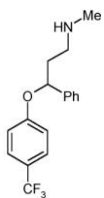
CdSe



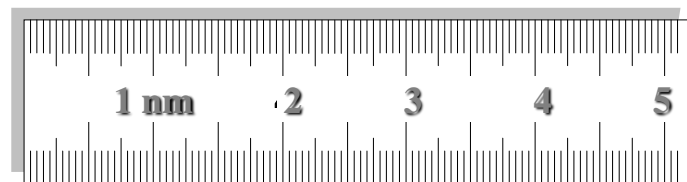
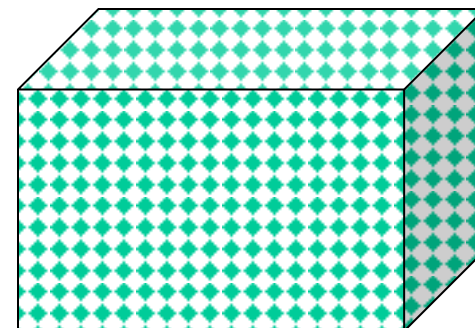
# Nanomaterials :THEY ARE SMALL



*A nanocrystal*



*Molecules*



*Solids*

# SIZE and SCALE

1 nanometer = 10 angstroms = one billionth of a meter

If you were ten nanometers tall ....

... the nucleus of an atom would be far too small to see

... an atom would be the size of a quarter

... a caffeine molecule would be the size of a guitar

... a cold virus would be the size of Yao Ming

... a blood cell would be like an olympic swimming pool

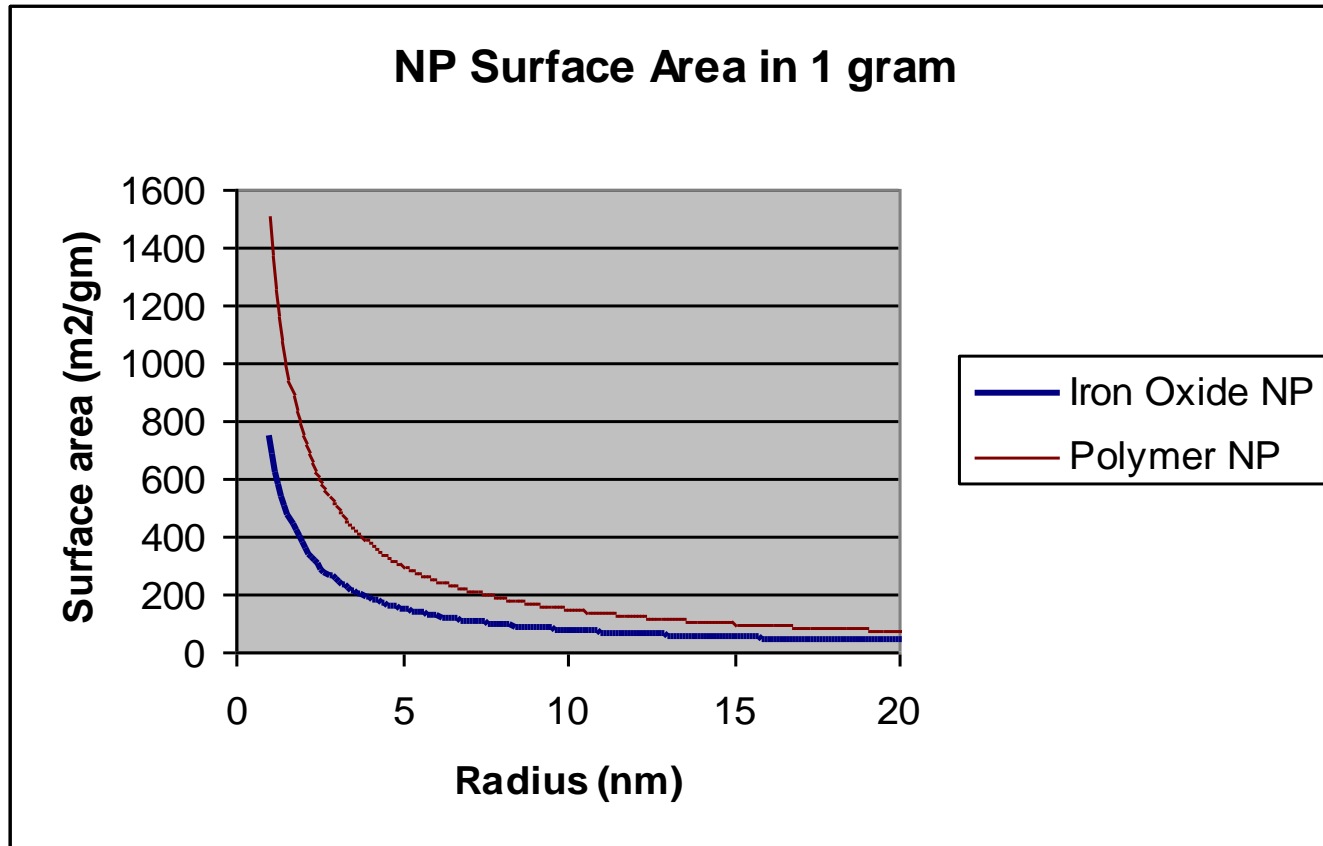
... a human hair would have the diameter of a stadium

Nanotechnology exploits materials that are

- ***SMALL – one to one hundred nanometers***



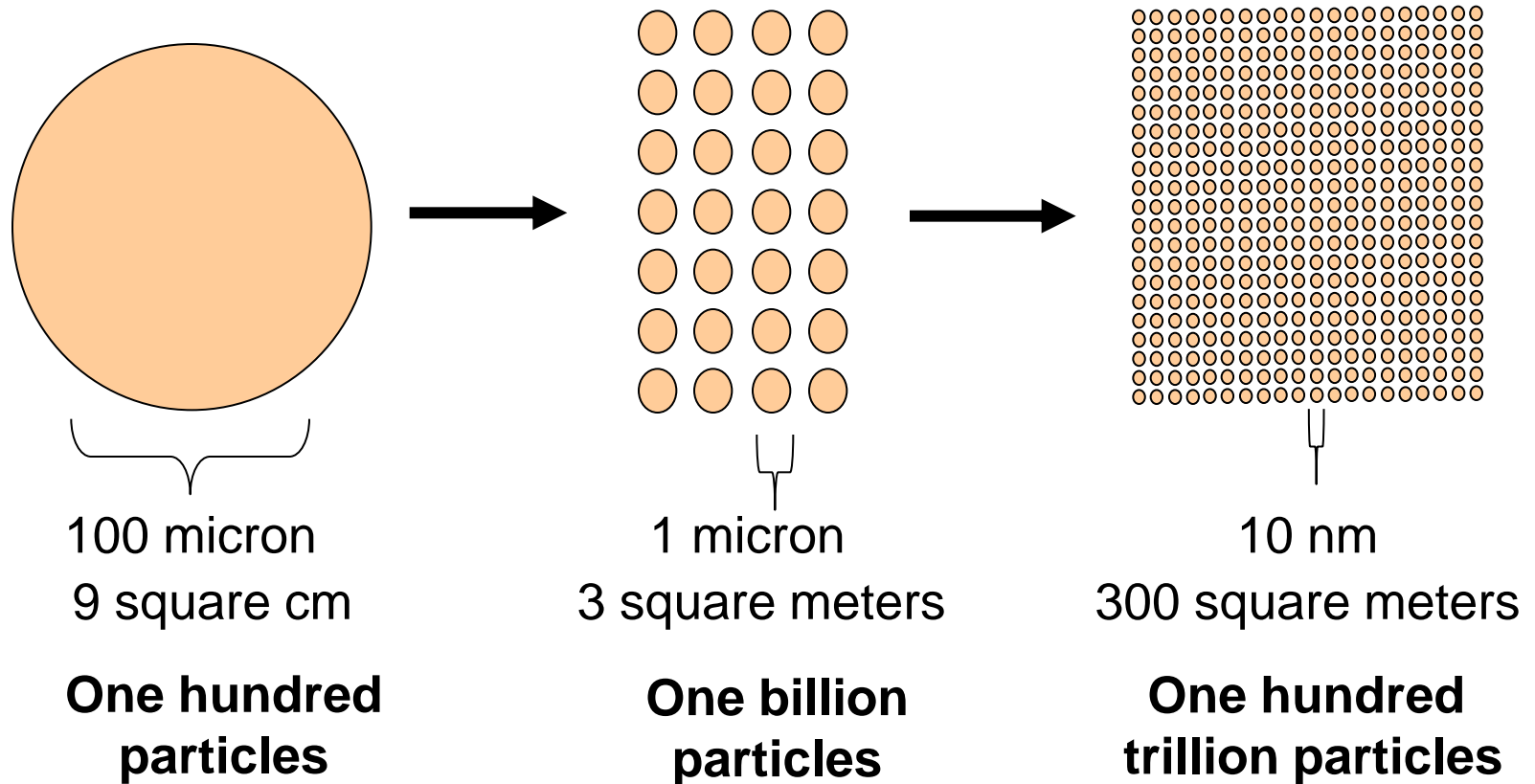
# More Surface Area



Surface area in 1 gram  $\sim 4 \pi r^2 / (4/3 \pi r^3 \cdot \text{density})$

# Small stuff, huge surface

*One milligram of quartz sand:*



Can you think of a technology that would benefit from materials with lots of surface area??

# What color is gold?

Of course, gold is gold-colored. Until you make it nano.

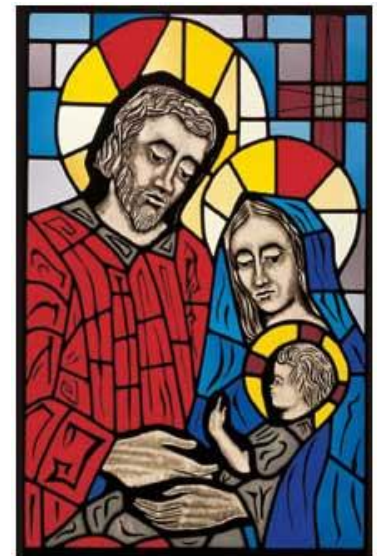


macro-gold



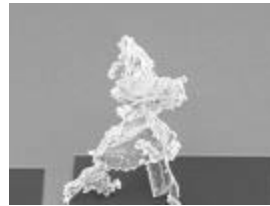
nano-gold

Why would the size of an object affect its color?



Gold nanoparticles give rise to the red colors in stained glass windows

# Nanomaterials: THEY ARE STRANGE



*Microns!*

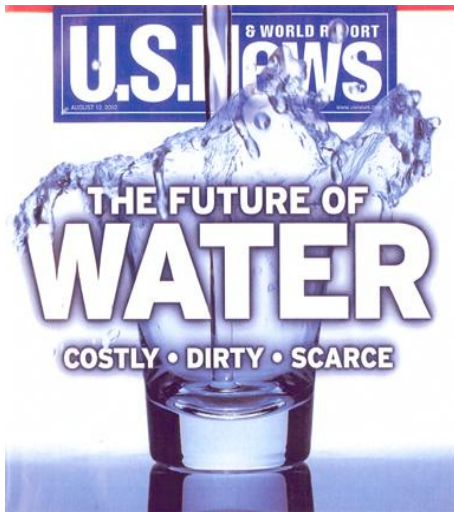
MICRO-DOG turns into NANO-CAT

Nanotechnology exploits materials that are

- ***SMALL** – one to one hundred nanometers*
- ***STRANGE** – with high surface areas and (often) really different properties*



# Nanomaterials: THEY ARE IMPORTANT



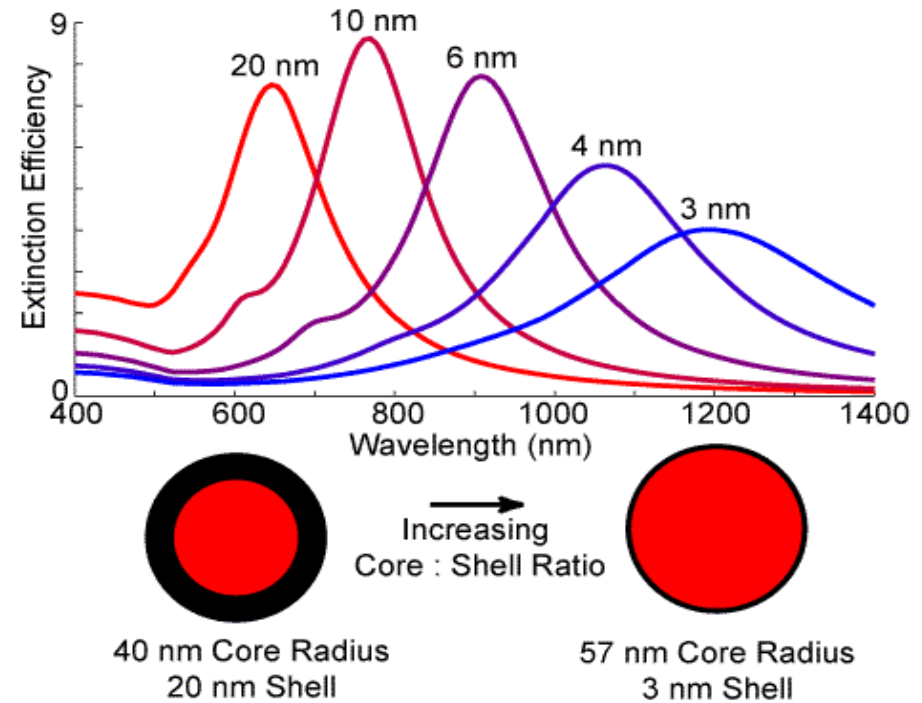
*Water purification  
that is cheaper, better  
and easier*



*Detecting and curing  
disease with practical  
medicine*

# Gold Nanoshells – Cool Optics

## *Naomi Halas and Jennifer West*

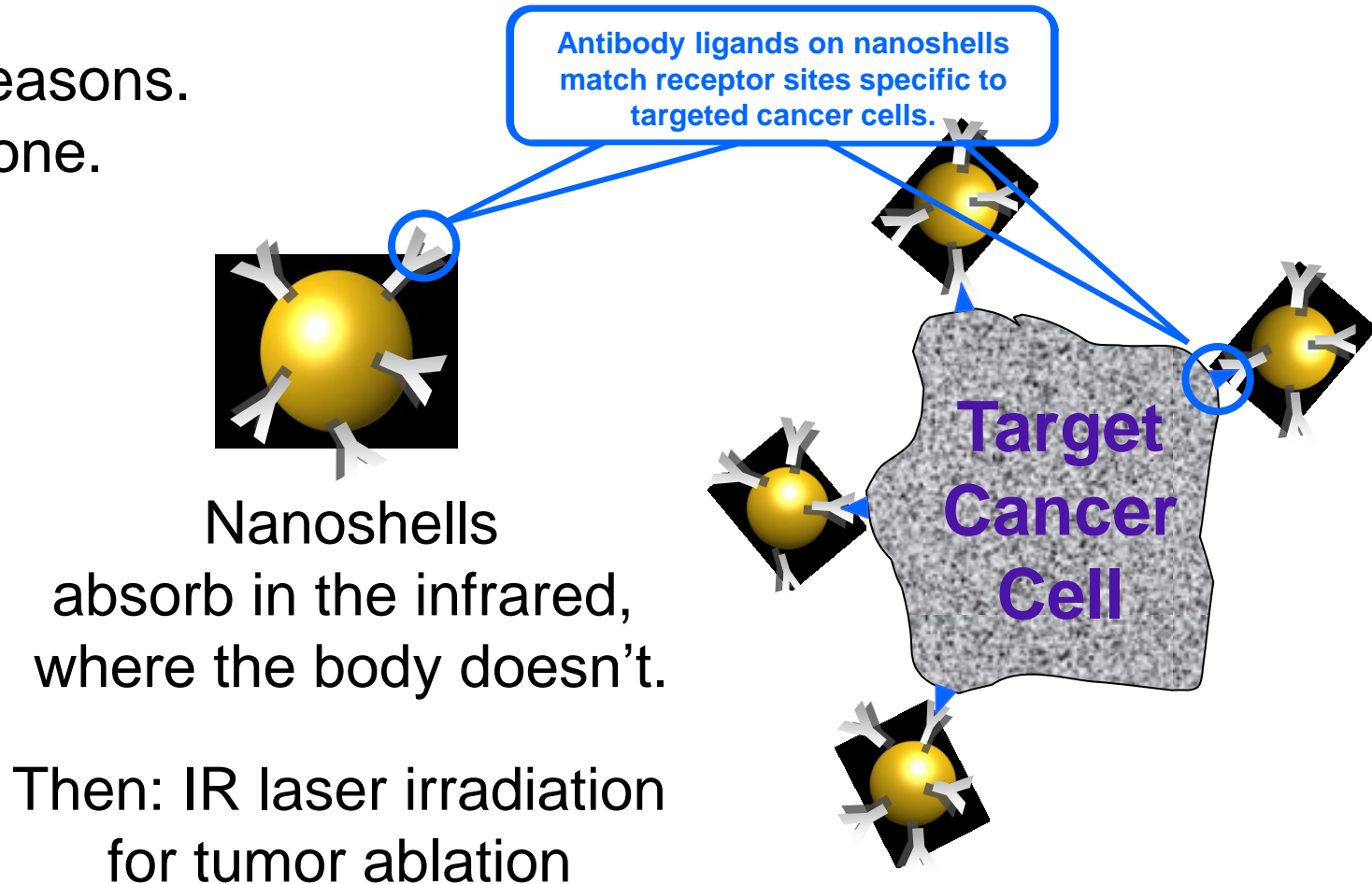


What is changing in these various vials?

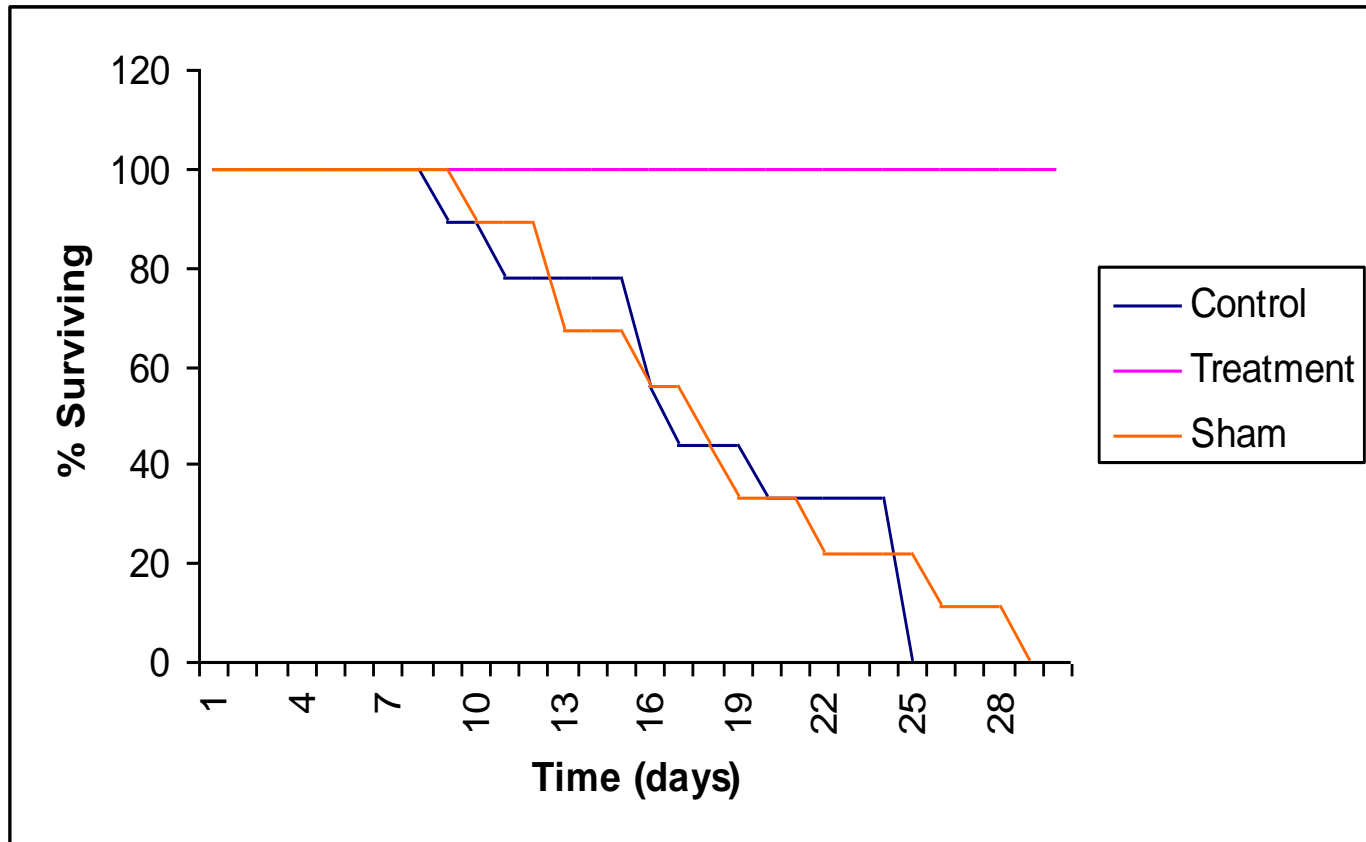
Why is the vial at the end completely clear?

# So why is this useful?

Many reasons.  
Here's one.



# It works in mice



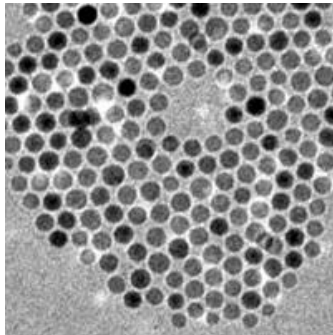
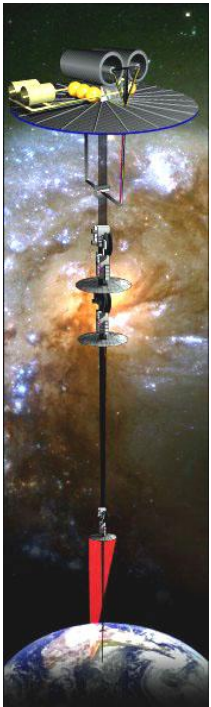
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- ***STRANGE** – with high surface areas and really different properties*
- ***IMPORTANT** – solving important, tough problems of society*



# Nanotechnology is ...

- BROADLY used
- ENABLING
- MATERIAL based
- both HIGH and LOW tech



# Nanotechnology trends, 2010 - 2020

- Theory, modeling, simulation: 1000x faster, essential to design
- A shift from ‘passive’ to ‘active’ nanostructures
- Nanosystems - self-powered, self-repairing, dynamic
- Penetration of nano in industry - towards mass use
- Nano-EHS: more predictive
- Personalized nanomedicine: from monitoring to treatment
- Photonics, electronics, magnetics: new capabilities
- Energy, photosynthesis, storage: becomes economic, mass use
- Enabling and integrating with new areas - bio, info, ...

M. Roco, NSF

# Any Questions?