



# Welcome to the Nanotechnology Future!

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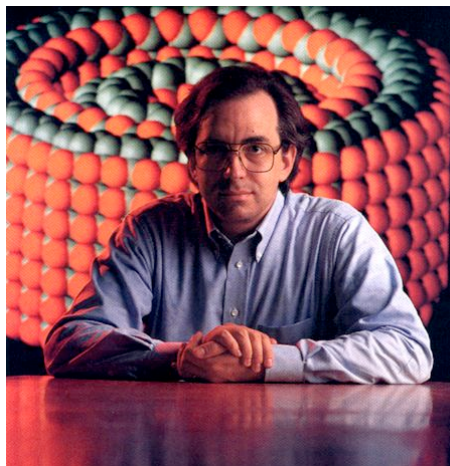


# The Scary Future!

*“Nanotechnology will alleviate world hunger, clean the environment, cure cancer, guarantee biblical life spans or concoct super weapons of untold horrors.”\**



**Nano-aliens fight human warfare**

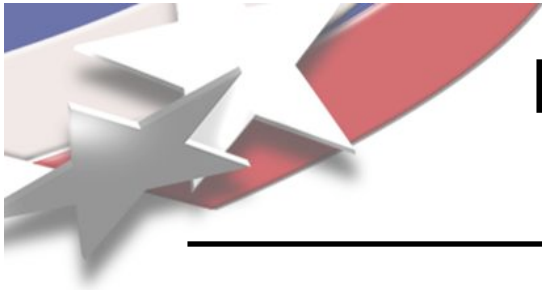


**Nano-assemblers that will be able to copy and duplicate themselves, self-assemble into anything, including human body parts, in seconds. These nano-assemblers may take control of human race.**



**Trains and airplanes powered by nano-machines**

\* Scientific American, Sept., 2001.



# Nanotechnology is showing up in unexpected places

## “Nanotech takes new fabric past drip-dry into drip-free”

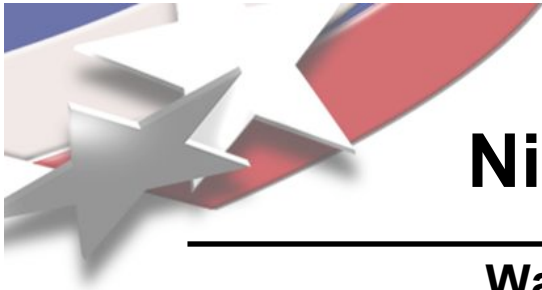
*\*USA Today Wednesday, January 10, 2001*

*By Kevin Maney*

By this summer, you'll be able to have nanotechnology in your pants. Oh, baby.

Really – you'll walk into a store and see pants tagged with the brand name Nano-Dry or Nano-Care, each made with nanotechnology created by Nano-Tex, a 14-person company that's 51% owned by fabric giant Burlington Industries. This might be the first time that nanotech shows up in a mass-market consumer product – a landmark of sorts. You could even say these will be the first true smarty-pants...

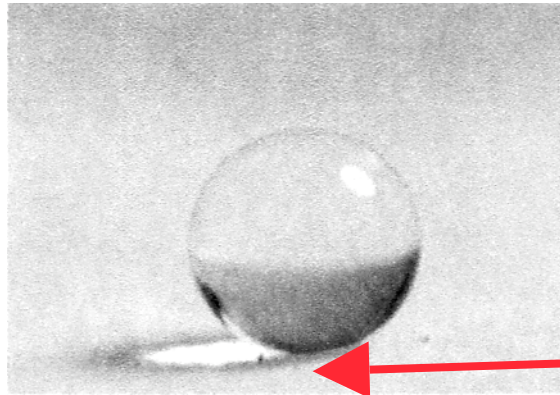




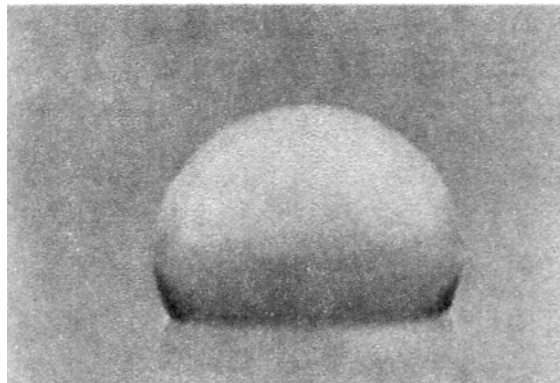
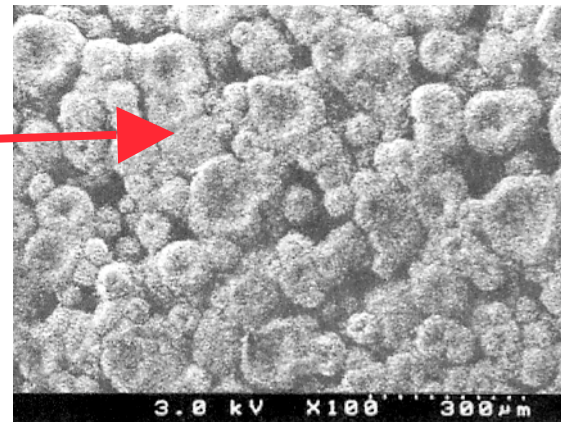
# Nice pants, thanks to nanoscience

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Water Drop on  
**Fractal** Surface



Nano-Roughness  
Minimizes Contact



Water Drop on  
**Smooth** Surface



# The scale of things Natural...

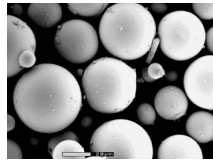
Ant  
~ 5 mm



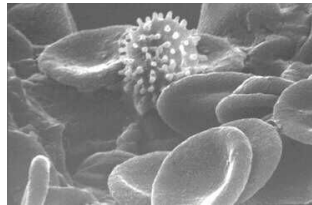
Human hair  
~ 10-50  $\mu\text{m}$  wide



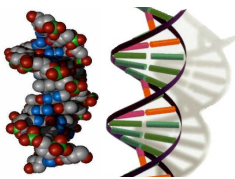
Fly ash  
~ 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$



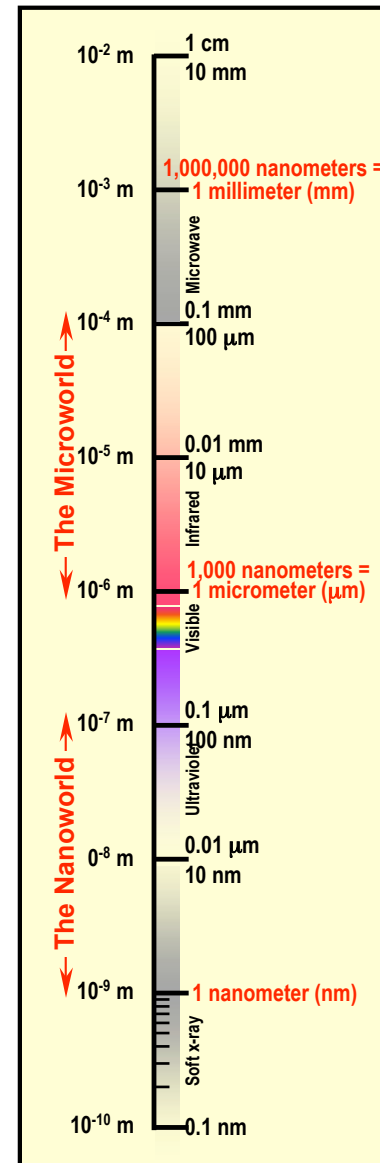
Red blood cells  
with white cell  
~ 2-5  $\mu\text{m}$



DNA  
~ 2 nm diameter



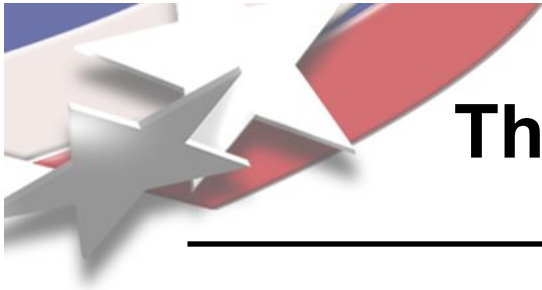
Atoms of silicon  
spacing ~ 0.2 nm



$10^{-3}$  meter

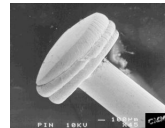
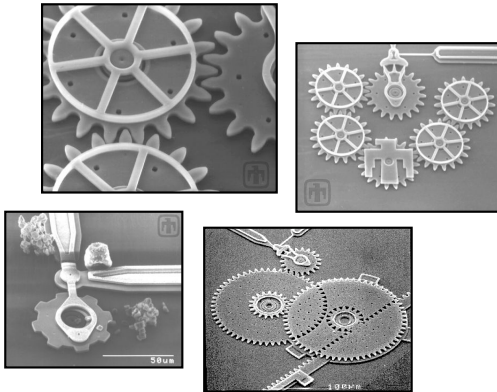
$10^{-6}$  meter

$10^{-9}$  meter



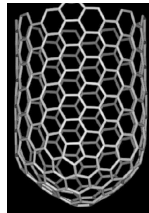
# The scale of things Man-made...

**Micro-Machines**  
10 -100  $\mu\text{m}$  wide

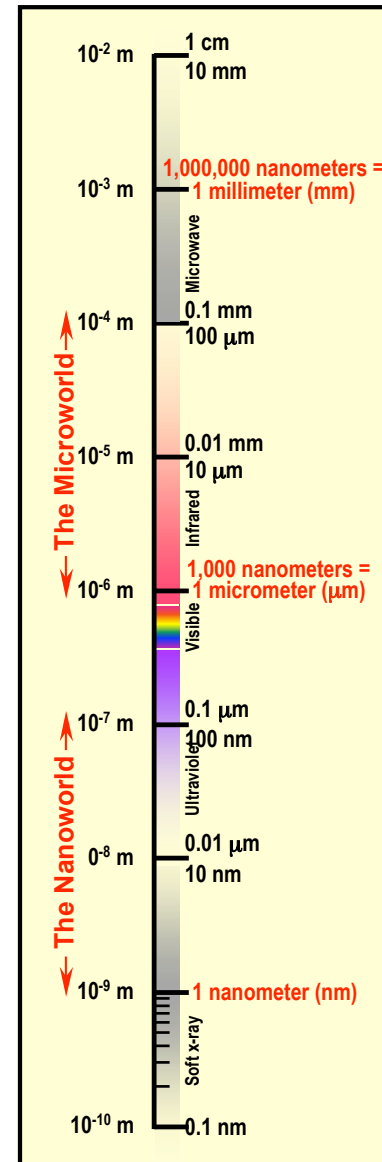


**Head of a pin**  
1-2 mm

**X-ray "lens"**  
ring spacing  $\sim 35 \text{ nm}$



**Carbon nanotube**  
 $\sim 2 \text{ nm}$  diameter



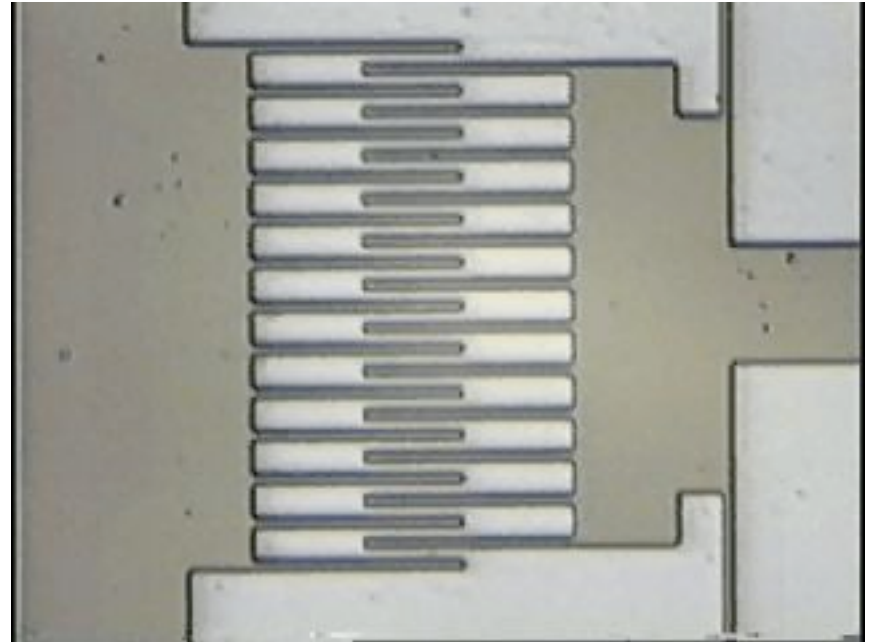
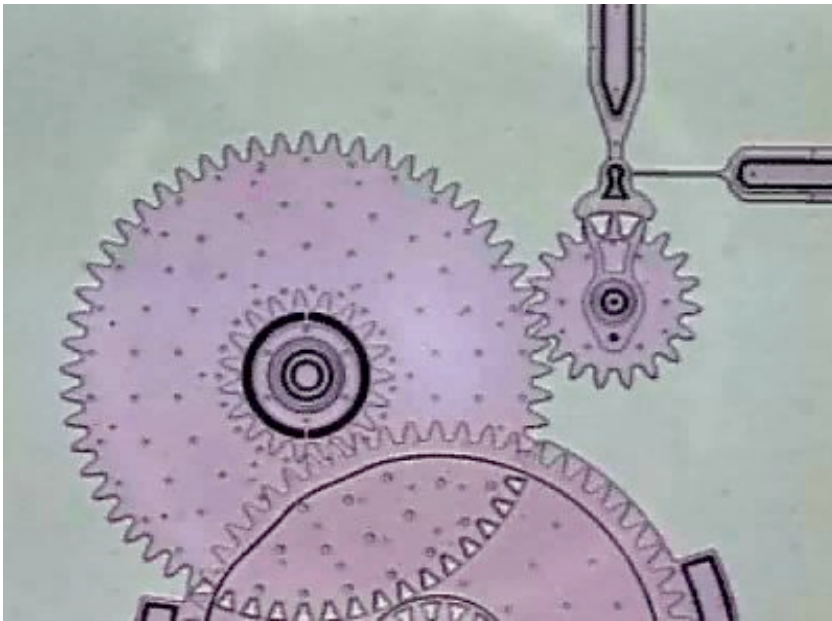
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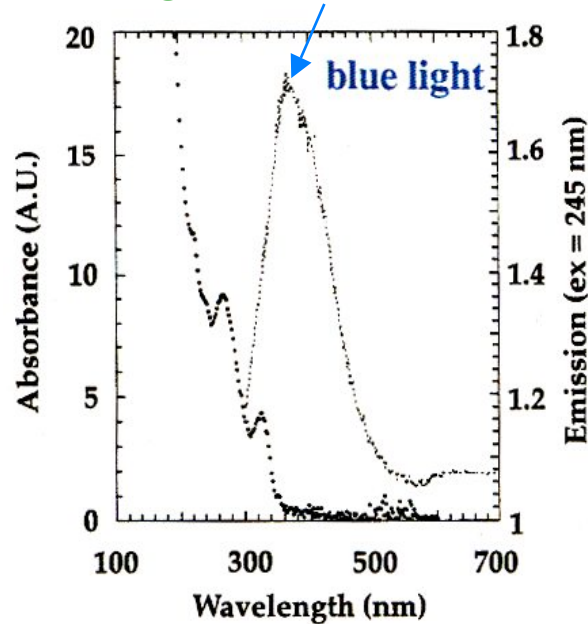
# Examples of micro-machines

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# Ordinary materials can behave differently at the nano-scale

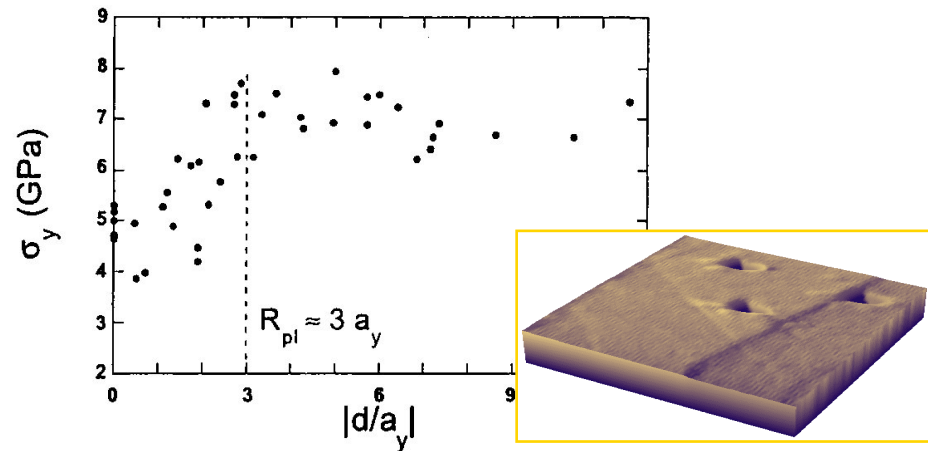
## Light from Silicon



## New phenomena from...

- Surfaces and interfaces
- Quantized effects

## Steel-like strength from gold

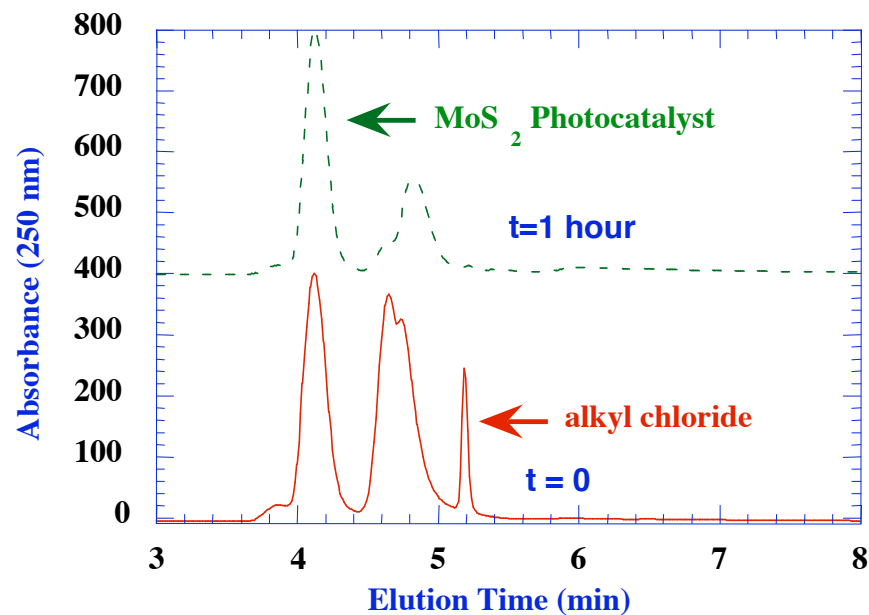


## Lead to...

- New physical effects
- New chemistry
- New mechanical properties

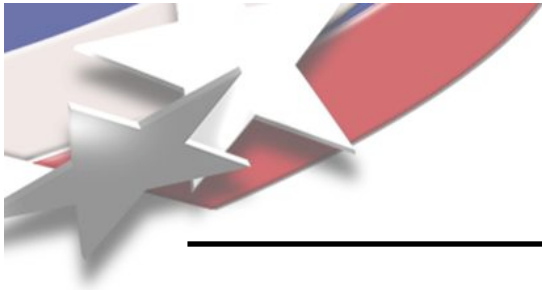


# Semiconductor nano-crystals use sunlight to clean up pollutants



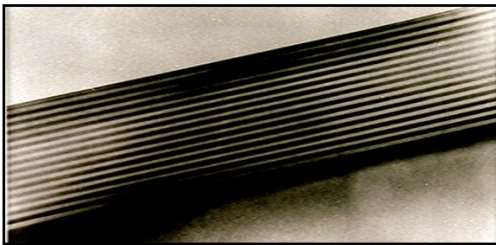
**MoS<sub>2</sub> nanocrystals photo-oxidize  
an alkyl chloride using only visible light**

- Environmental remediation
- Solar photocatalysis/fuel production

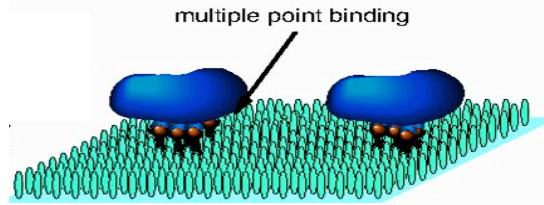


# Integrated Nanotechnology will impact our world

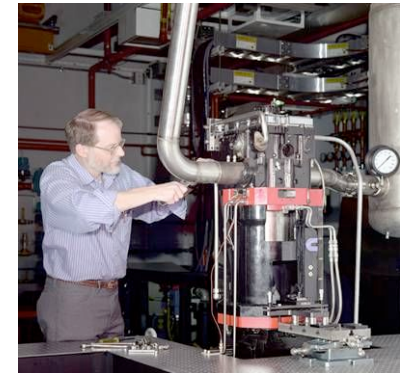
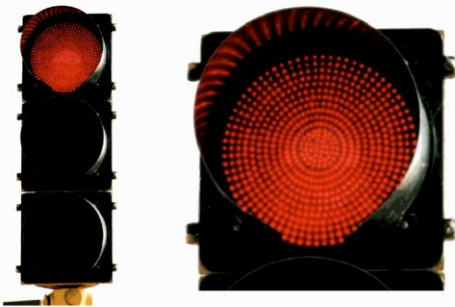
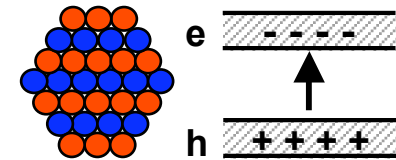
## Energy



## Bio-Medical



## Environment



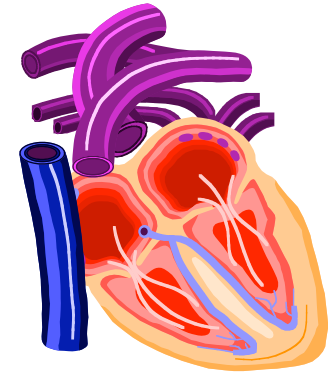
***Connecting scientific disciplines and length-scales  
is key to success***



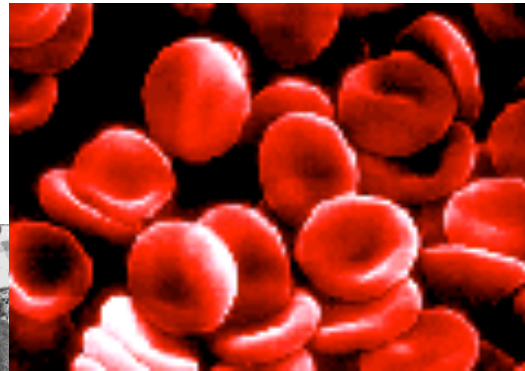
# **You** are the best example of “integrated nanotechnology”

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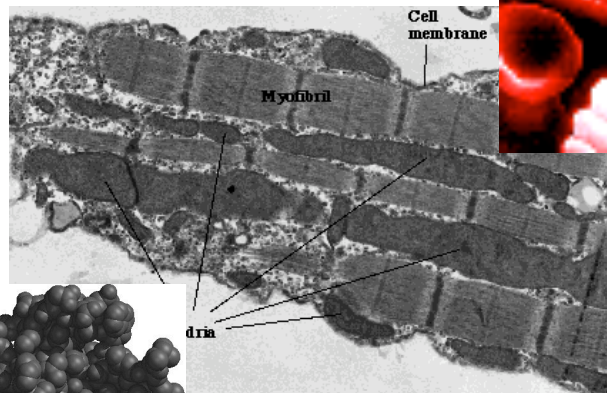
***Integrated structures  
combine multiple  
length scales and  
functions.***



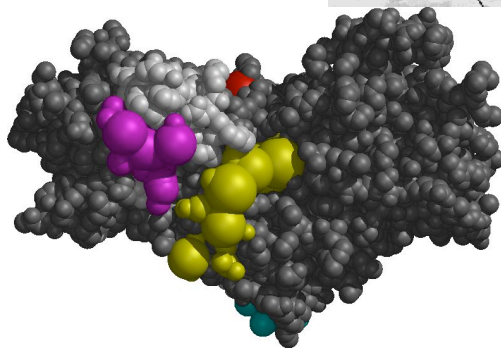
**Organs and  
Tissues**



**Cells**



**Sub-cellular mechanical structure**

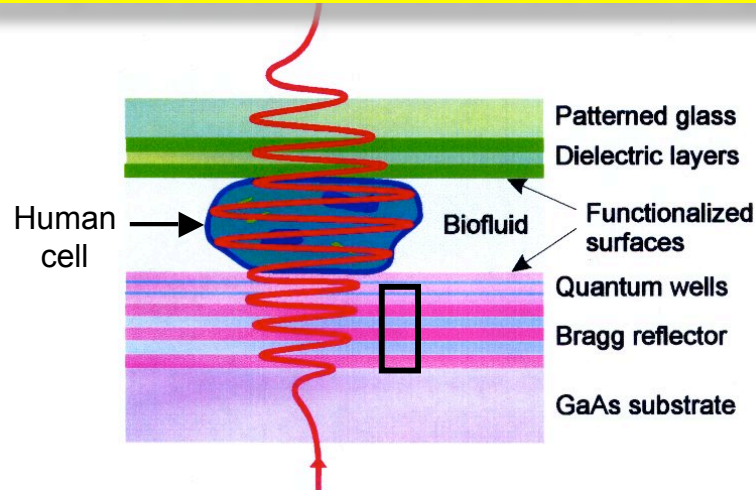


**Molecules and Chemical Pathways**

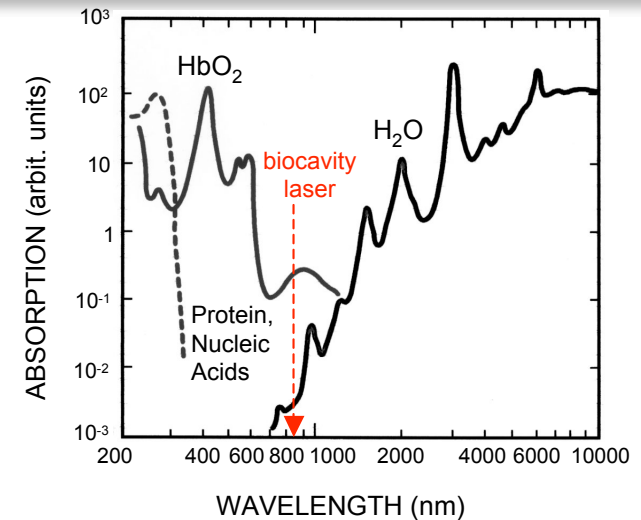


# The BioCavity Laser combines nano and micro technologies

Biological cells form part of a semiconductor laser and impress cell information on the laser's optical output

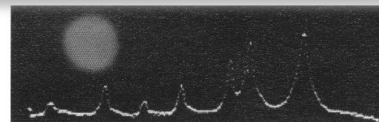


The semiconductors are tailored to emit where the cells are transparent

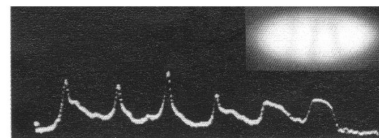


Unique emission signatures identify diseased cells

Normal Red Blood Cells



Sickled Red Blood Cells

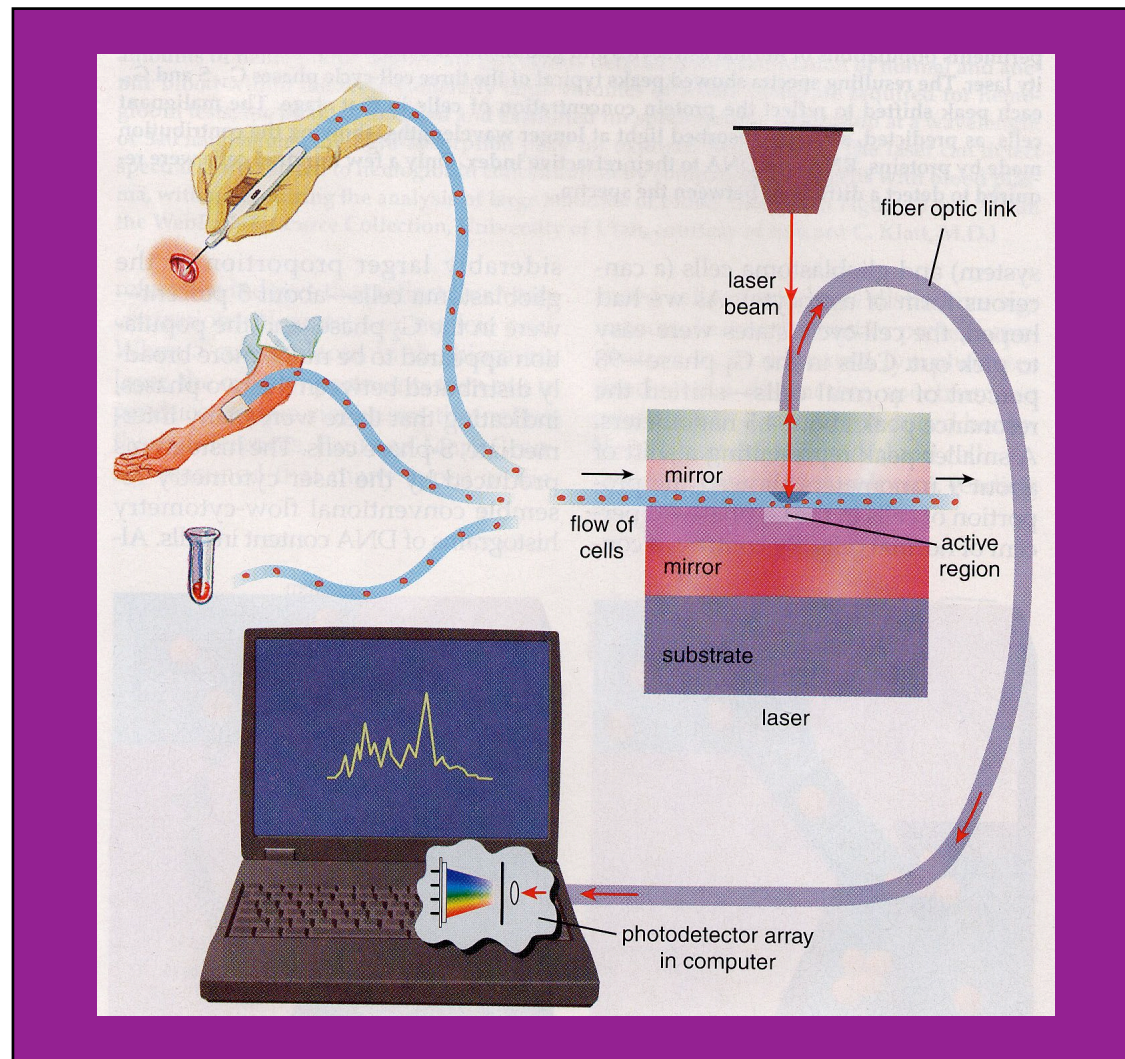


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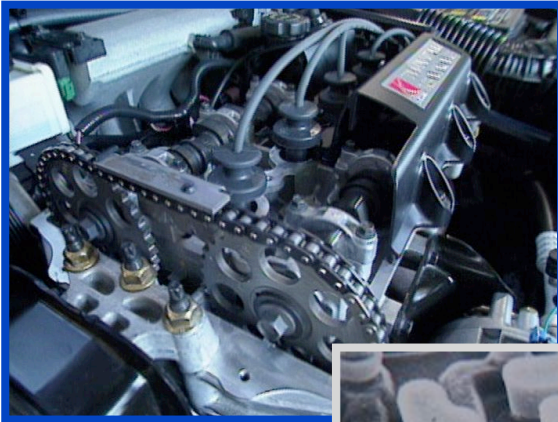
WAVELENGTH



# Biocavity laser technology could combine detection and treatment



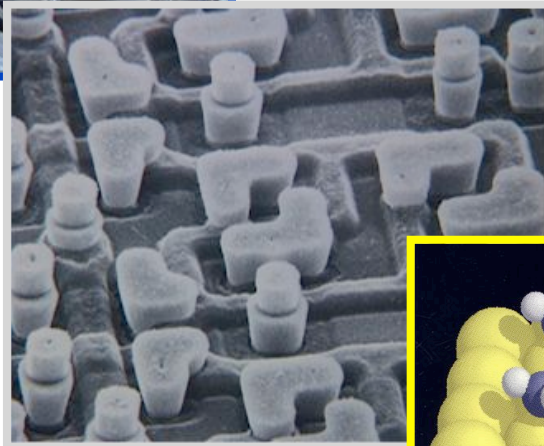
# How is nano-technology different from micro-technology?



(m - mm)

## Conventional Machines

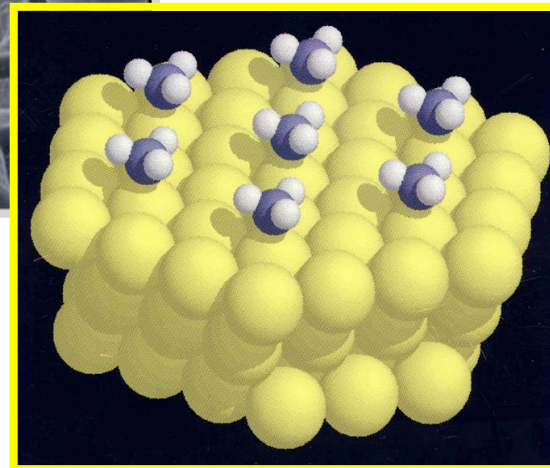
*Build and assemble*



(10 - 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$ )

## Microelectronics

*Top down - build in place*



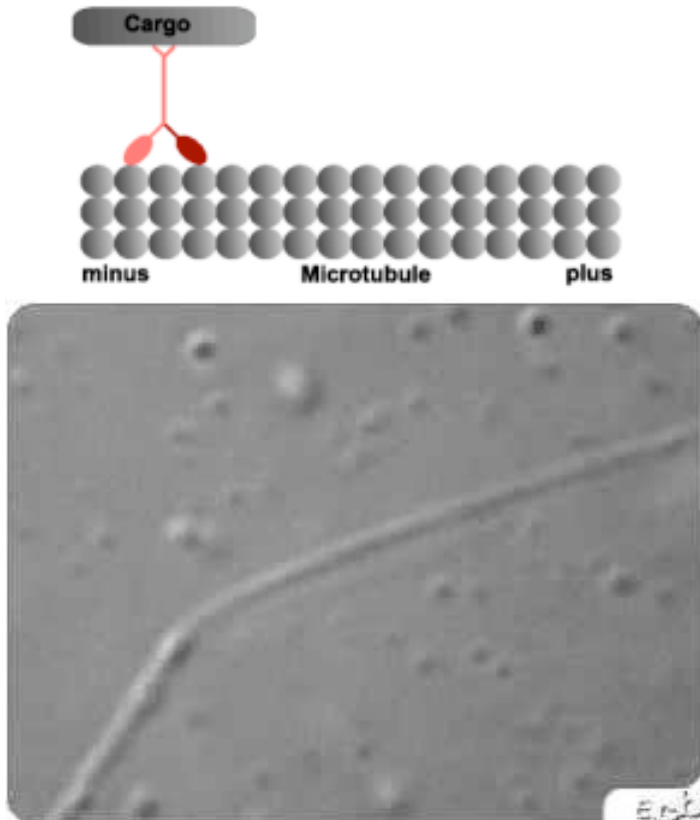
(1- 100 nm)

## Nanotechnology

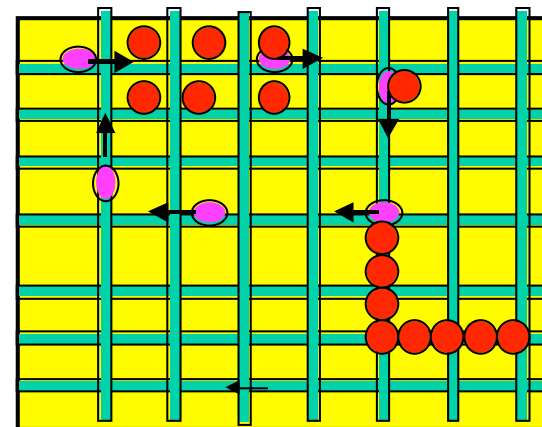
*Bottom up -  
self assembled*

# How Nature moves things...

Directed translation of molecular cargo as a result of energy consumption;  
Nature's solution to diffusion problems.



*\*From: Alberts et al. (1998)  
"Essential Cell Biology."*





# Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies

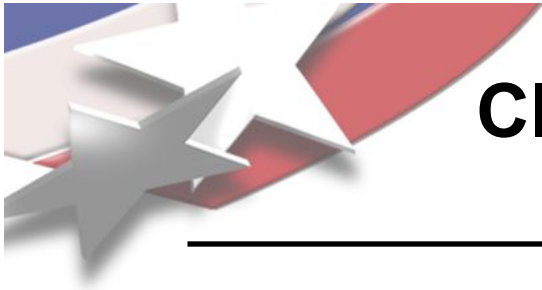
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- Highly collaborative U.S. Dept. of Energy User Facility
- Focused on nanoscience integration
- Access to tools and expertise
- Pre-competitive and proprietary research options

***“One scientific community focused on nanoscience integration”***





# CINT Core and Gateway Facilities are open for business

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## Core Facility in Albuquerque



**CINT Gateway to Sandia**  
*Nanomaterials/Microfabrication*



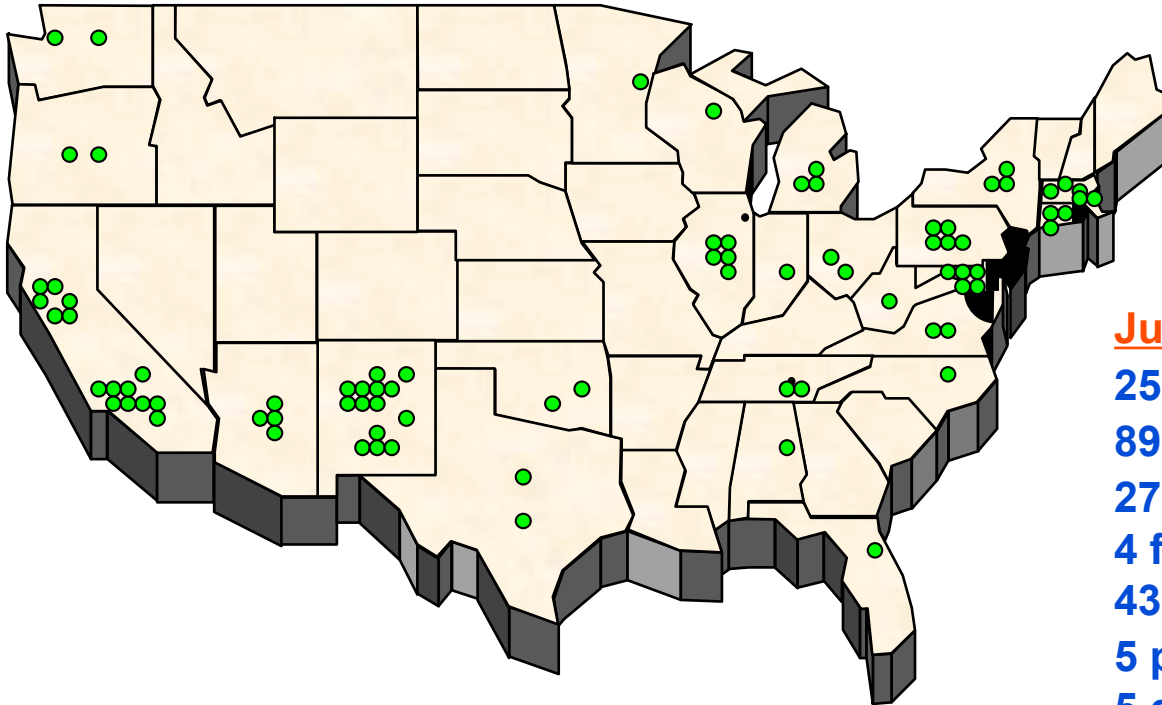
**CINT Gateway to Los Alamos**  
*Nanomaterials/Biosciences*

**Begin Operations**  
**Fully Operational**

**April 2006**  
**May 2007**



# Users are already working at CINT



## Jump-start User Projects

257 requests (2003-05)

89 projects approved

27 states

4 foreign countries

43 universities

5 private-sector

5 government labs

## 2006 Call-for Proposals

175 requests

>120 approved (others pending)





# The nanotechnology future is taking shape in New Mexico!

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