



# Welcome to the Nanotechnology Future!

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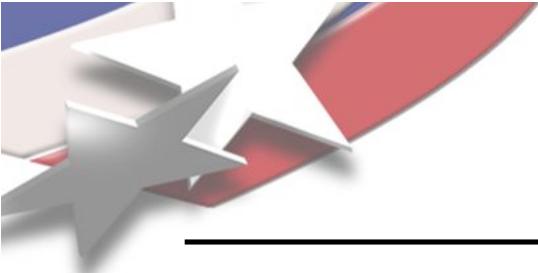
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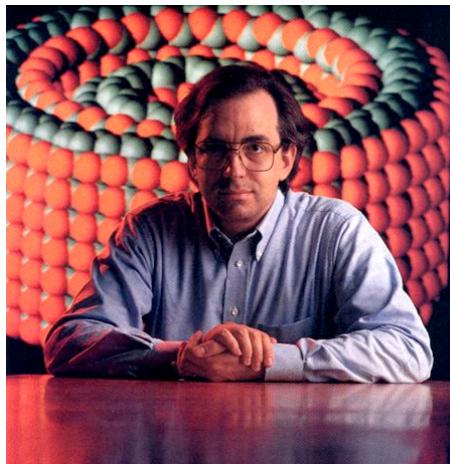
# The Scary Future!

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*“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**



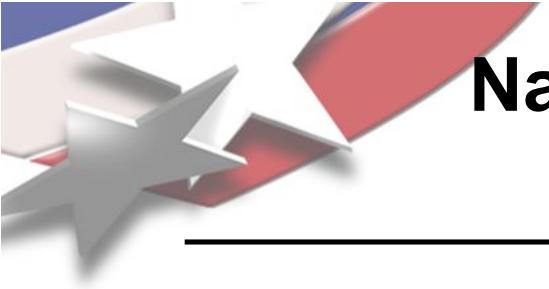
**Nano-assemblers that will be able to copy and duplicate themselves, self-assemble into anything, including human body parts, in seconds. These nano-assemblers may take control of human race.**



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



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# Nanotechnology is showing up in unexpected places

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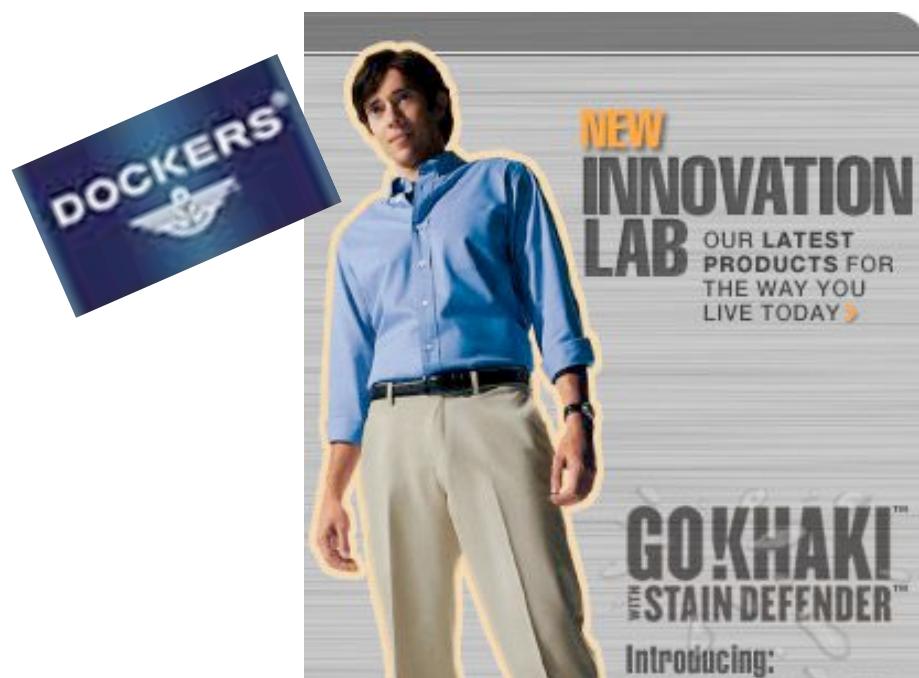
**“Nanotech takes new fabric past drip-dry into drip-free”**

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

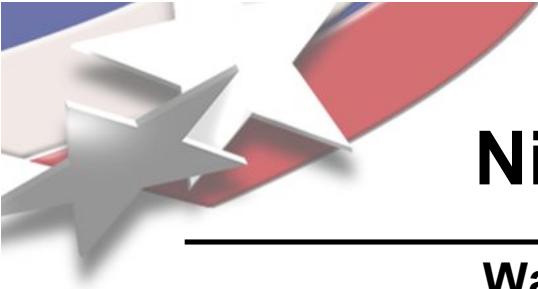
By Kevin Maney

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...



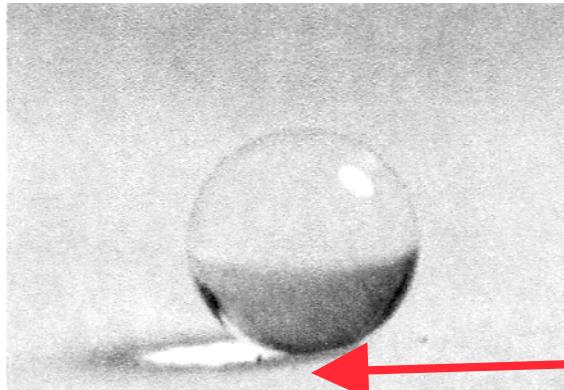
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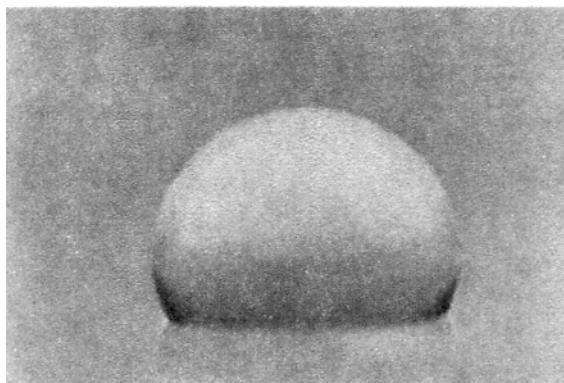
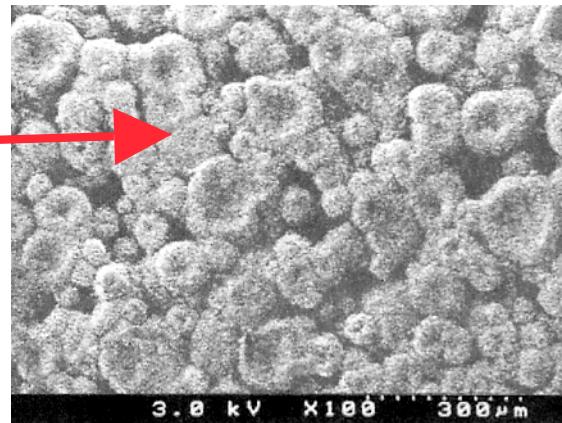
# Nice pants thanks to nanoscience

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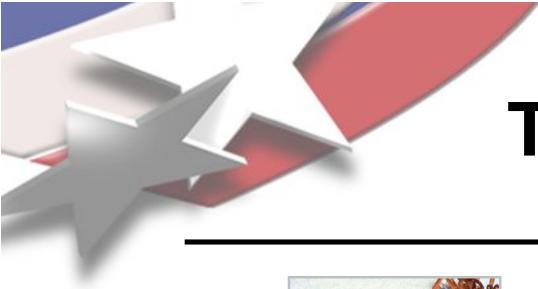
Water Drop on  
**Fractal Surface**



**Nano-Roughness**  
Minimizes Contact



Water Drop on  
**Smooth Surface**



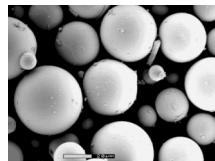
# The scale of things Natural...

**Ant**  
~ 5 mm

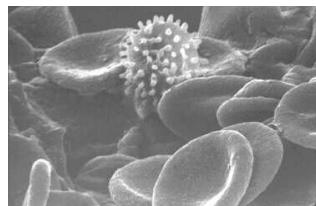


**Human hair**  
~ 10-50  $\mu\text{m}$  wide

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

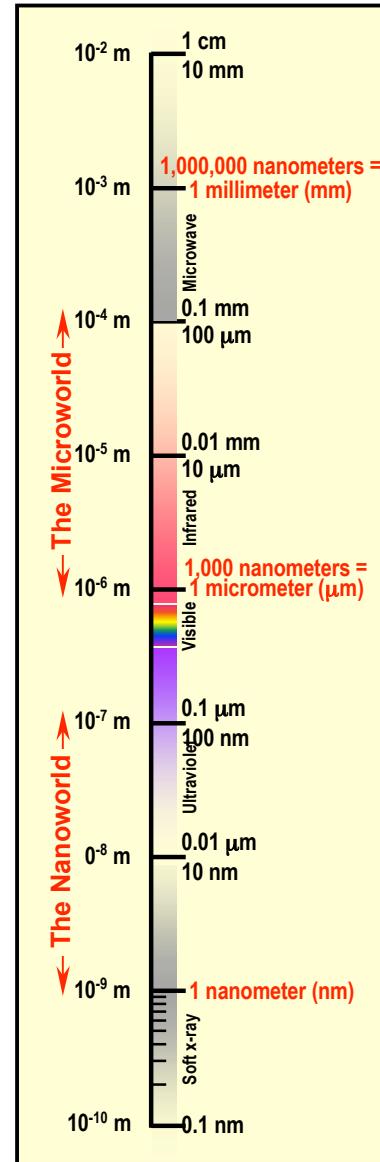


**Fly ash**  
~ 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$



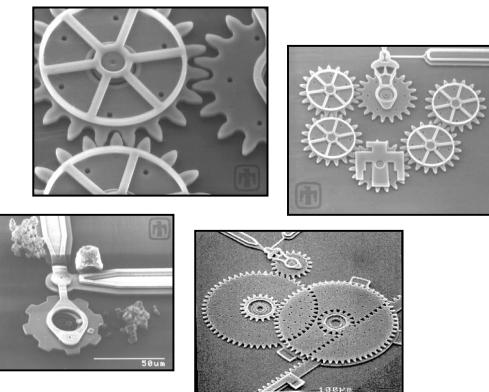
**DNA**  
~2-1/2 nm diameter

**Atoms of silicon**  
spacing ~tenths of nm



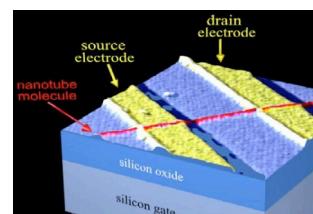
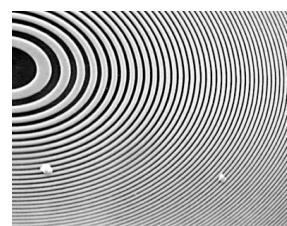
# The scale of things Man-made...

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

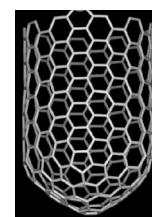


**Head of a pin**  
1-2 mm

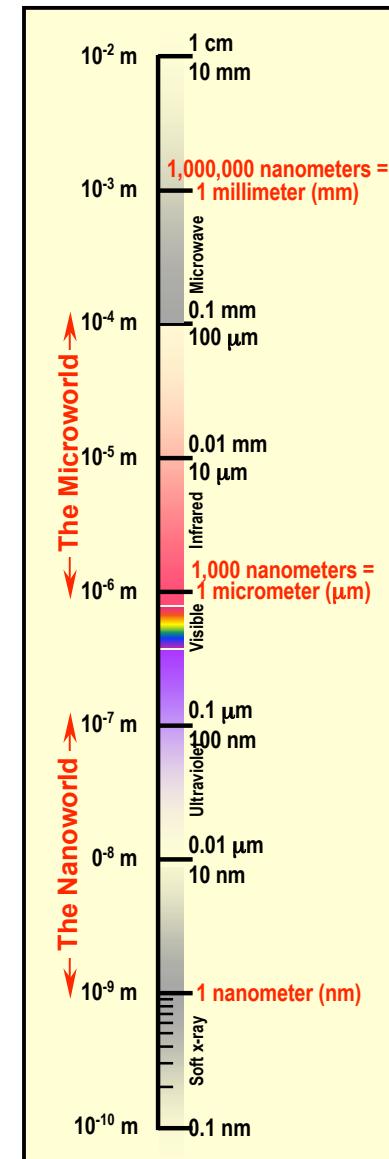
**X-ray “lens”**  
Outermost ring spacing  $\sim$ 35 nm



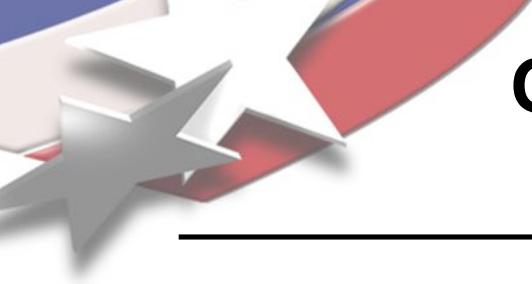
**Nanotube transistor**



**Carbon nanotube**  
 $\sim$ 2 nm diameter



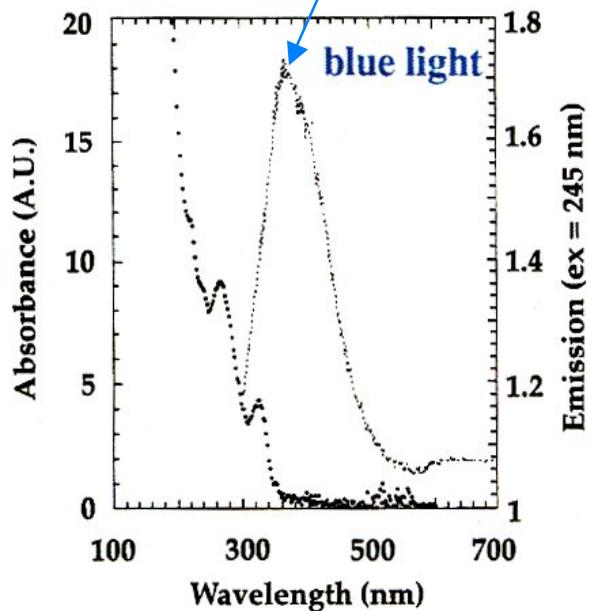
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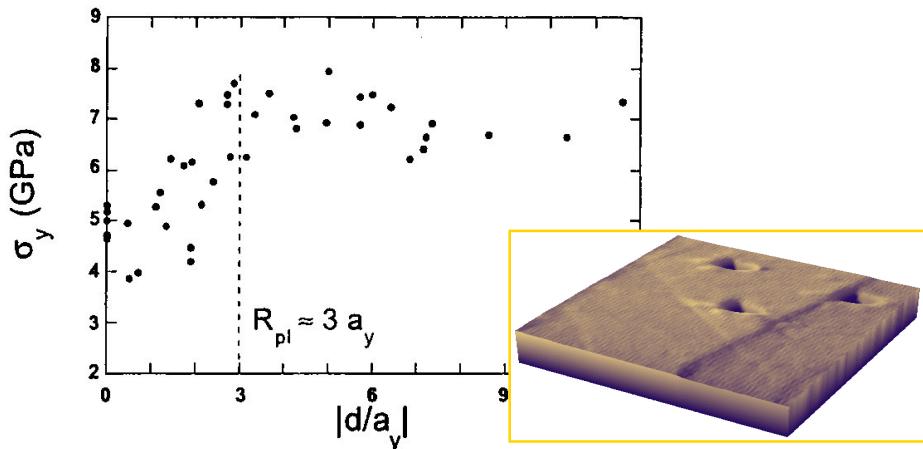
# Ordinary materials can behave differently at the nano-scale

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## *Light from Silicon*



## *Steel-like strength from gold*



## New phenomena from...

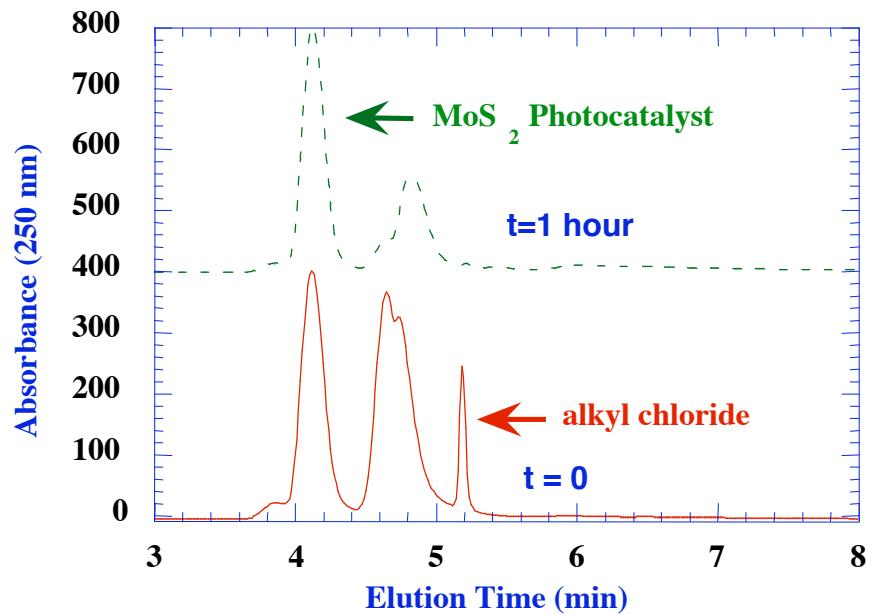
- Surfaces and interfaces
- Quantized effects

## Lead to...

- New physical effects
- New chemistry
- New mechanical properties



# Semiconductor nano-crystals use sunlight to clean up pollutants



3 nm MoS<sub>2</sub> nanocrystals photo-oxidize an alkyl chloride in solution using only visible room light

- Environmental remediation
- Solar photocatalysis/fuel production

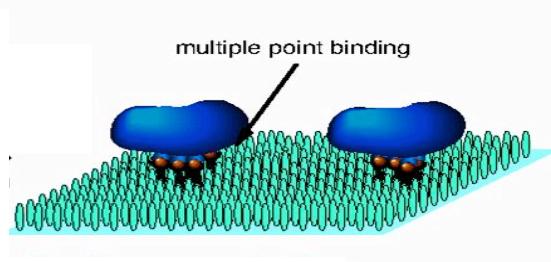


# Integrated Nanotechnology will impact our world

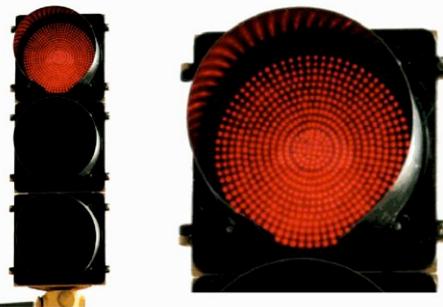
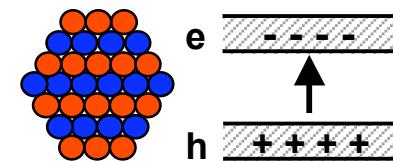
## Energy



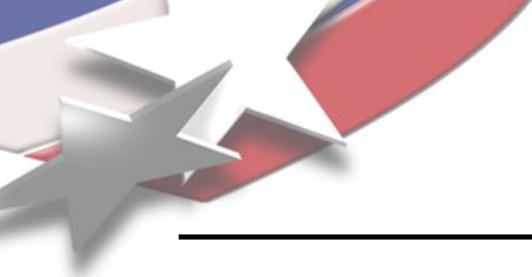
## Health Care



## Environment



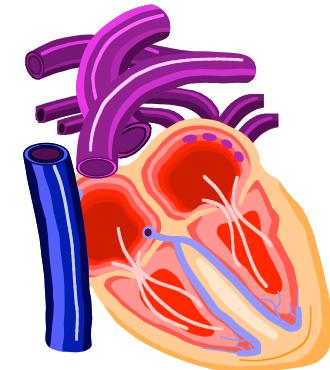
*Connecting scientific disciplines and length-scales is  
key to success*



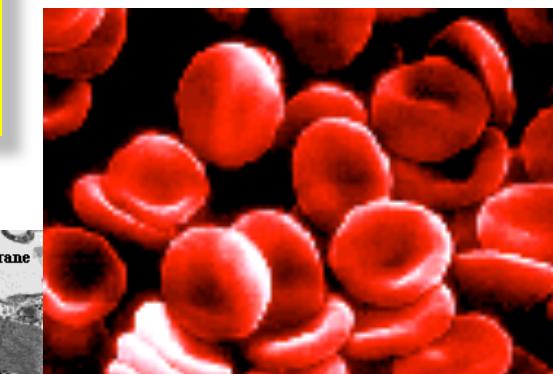
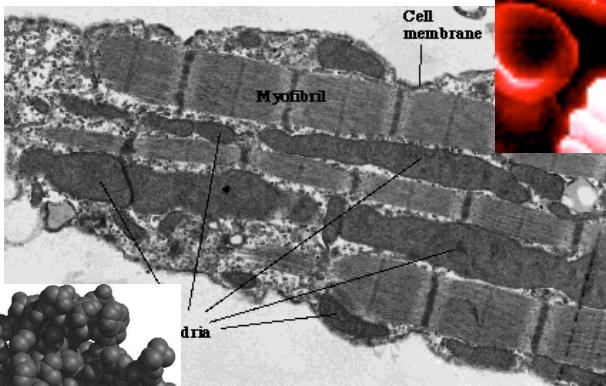
# You are the best example of “integrated nanotechnology”

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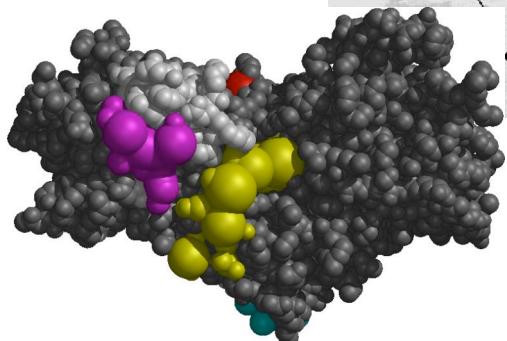
***Integrated structures  
combine multiple  
length scales and  
functions.***



**Organs and  
Tissues**



**Cells**



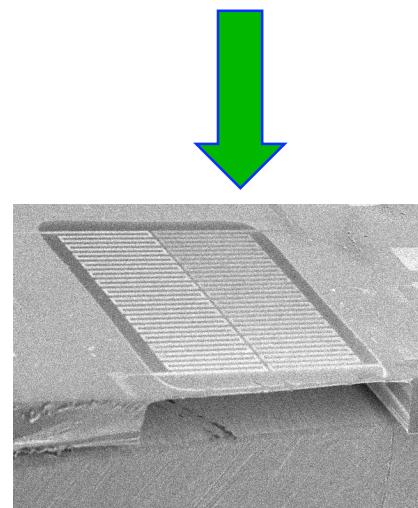
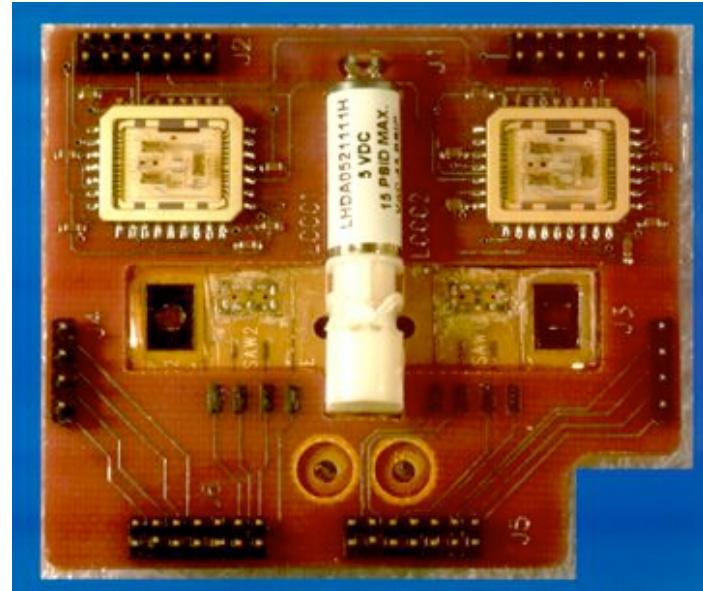
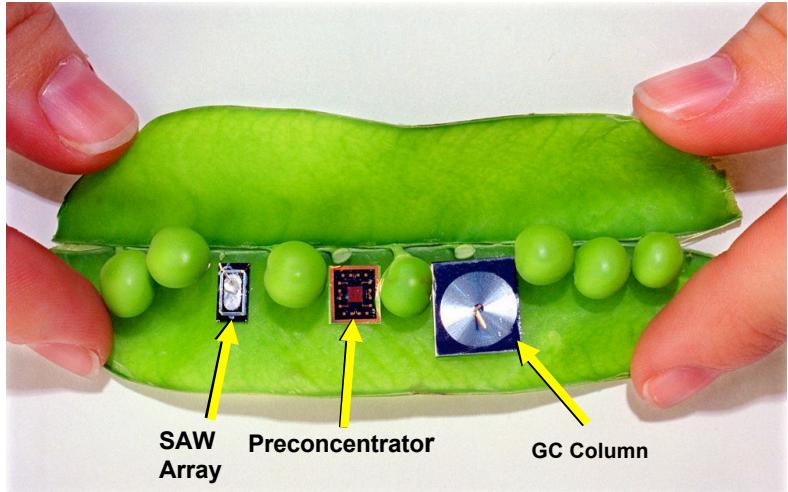
**Sub-cellular mechanical structure**

**Molecules and Chemical Pathways**

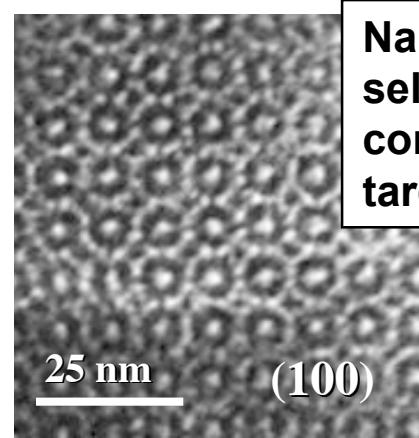
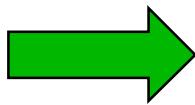


# **µChemLab™ is engineered down to the molecular level**

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**Micro-scale heater**



**Nanoporous film  
selectively  
concentrates  
target analytes.**

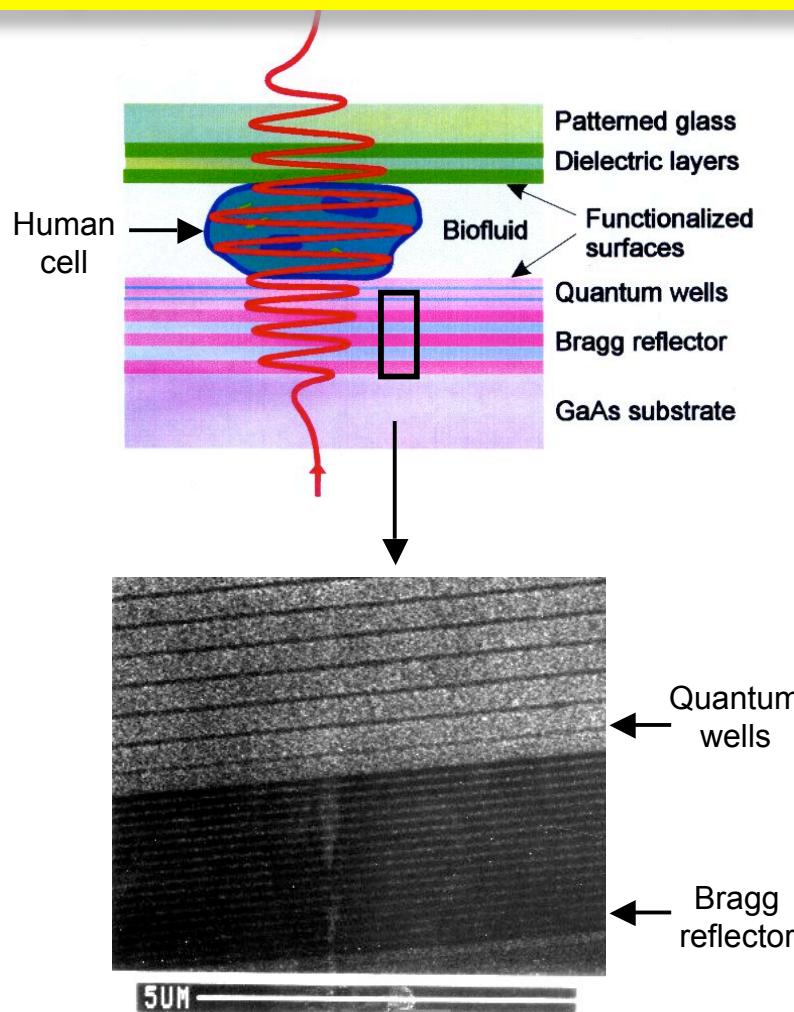


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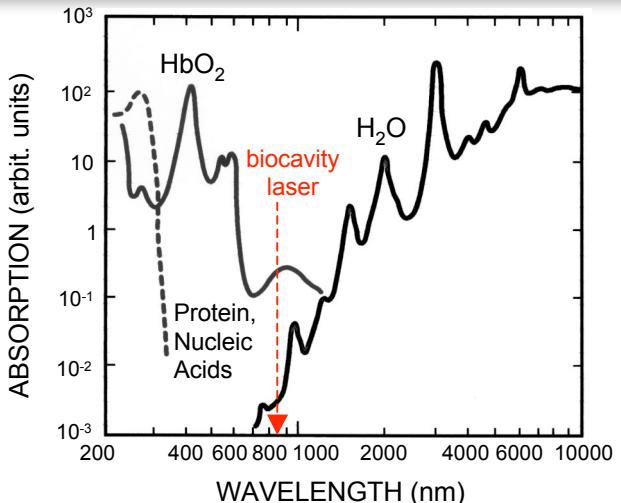


# The BioCavity Laser combines nano and micro technologies

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

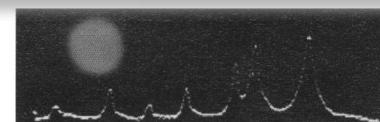


The semiconductors are tailored to emit where the cells are transparent

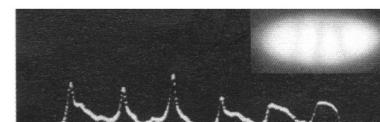


Unique emission signatures detect and identify diseased cells

Normal Red Blood Cells



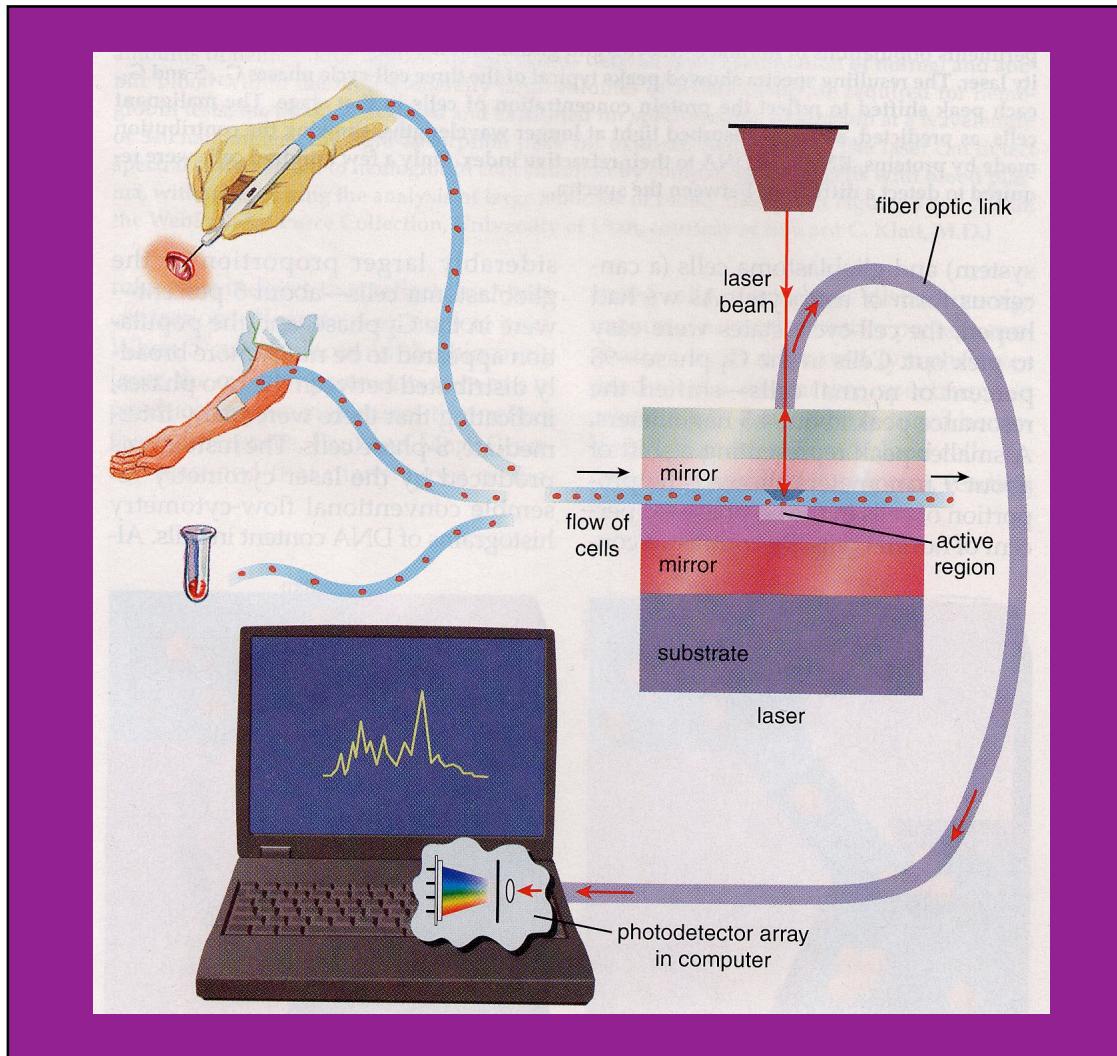
Sickled Red Blood Cells

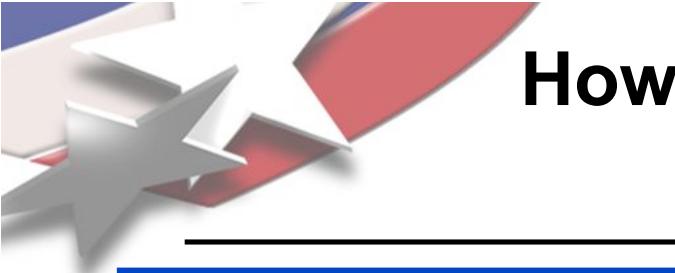




# Biocavity laser technology could combine detection and treatment

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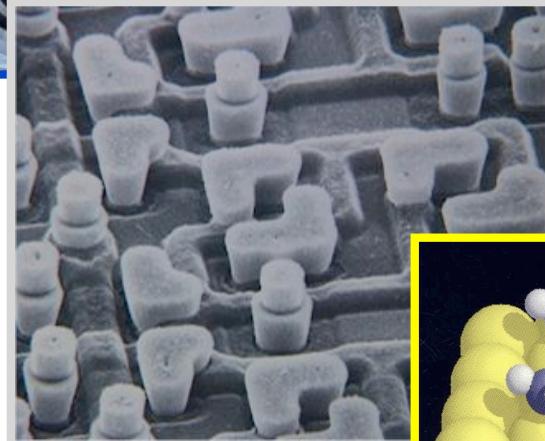


# How is nano-technology different from micro-technology?

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(m - mm)



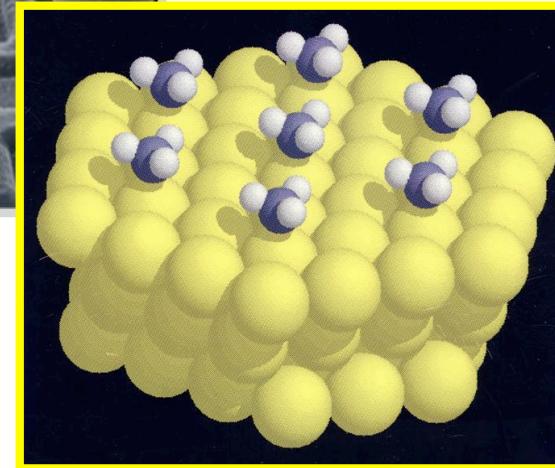
(10 - 0.1  $\mu$ m)

## Conventional Machines

*Build and assemble*

## Microelectronics

*Top down - build in place*



(1- 100 nm)

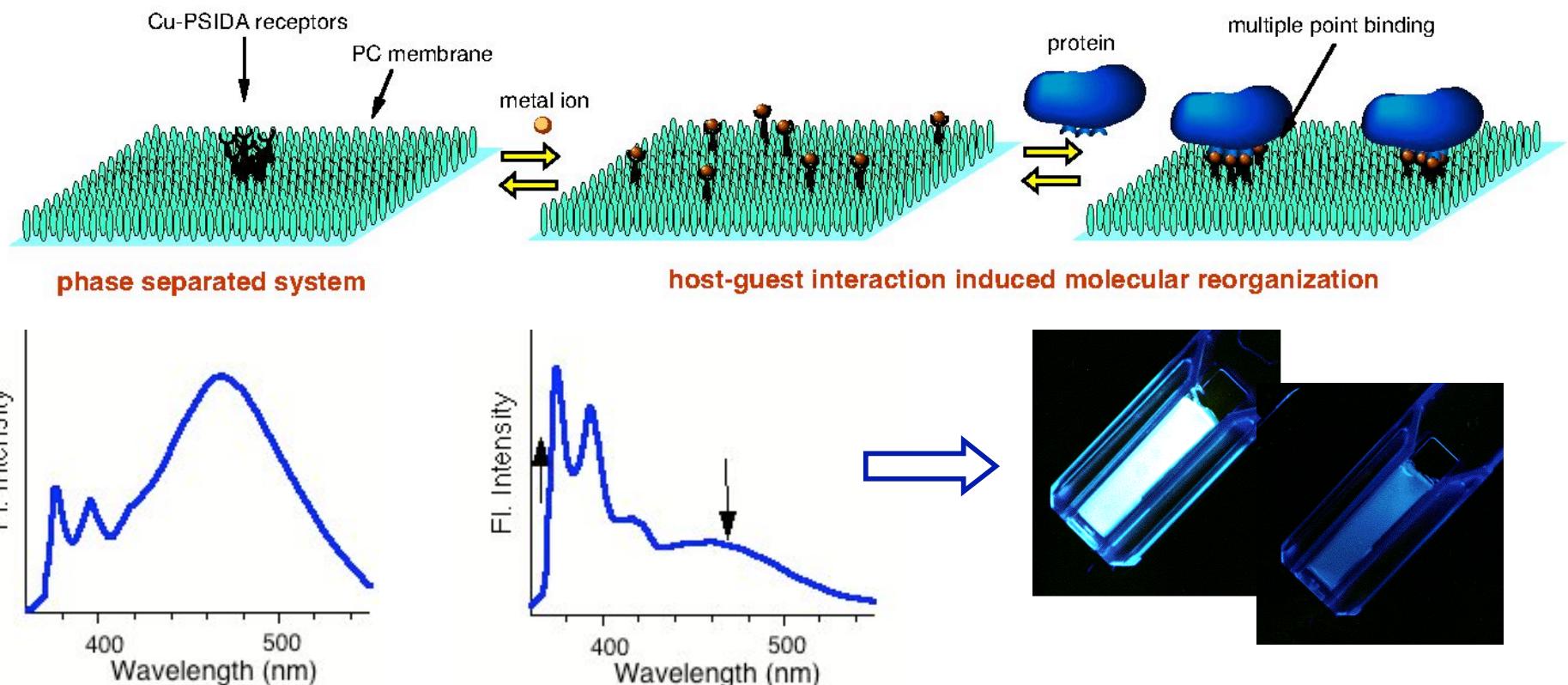
## Nanotechnology

*Bottom up - self assembled*

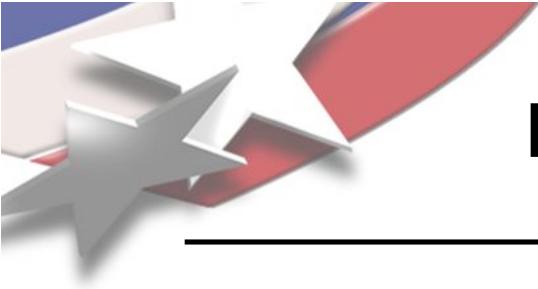


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# Self-organization in a membrane for molecular recognition



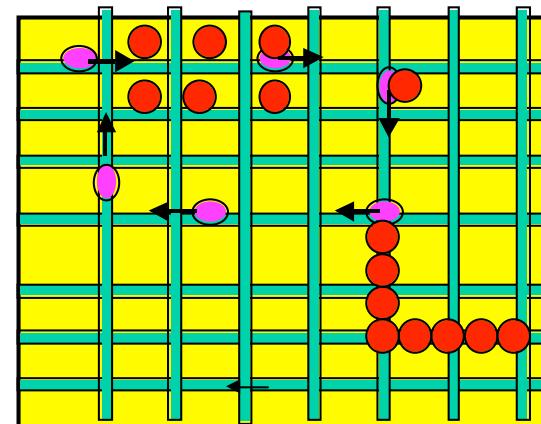
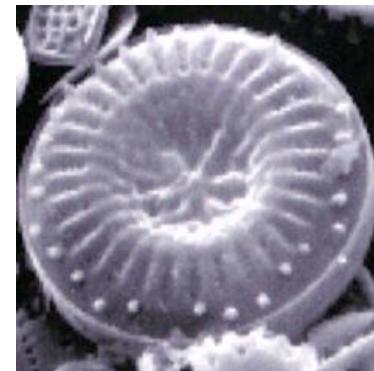
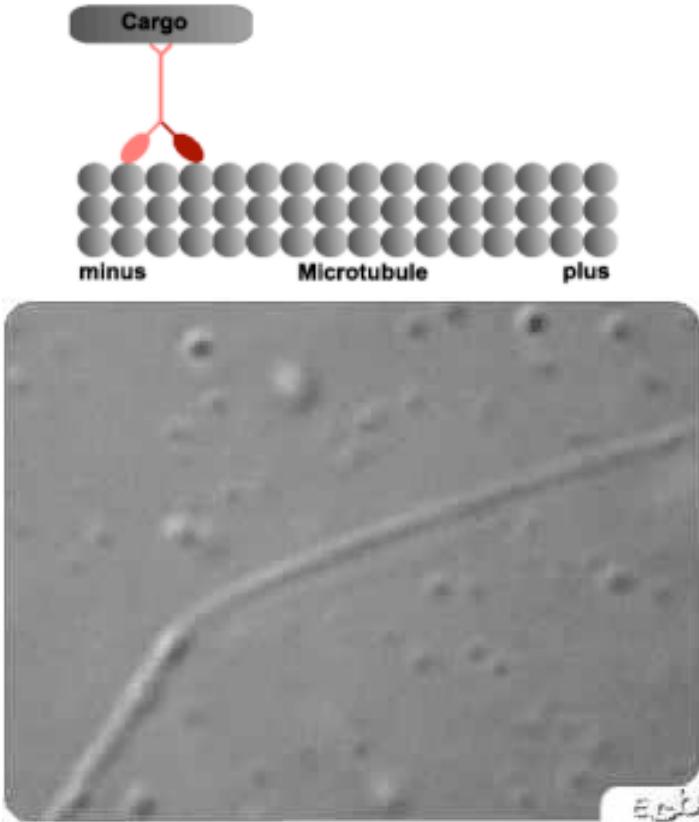
- Adsorption triggers reversible aggregation of optical receptors
- Adsorption detected via change in optical response



# How Nature moves things...

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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  
DOE National User Facility
- Focused on nanoscience and  
its integration across scientific  
disciplines and multiple length  
scales.
- Open access to tools and  
expertise to explore the  
continuum from scientific  
discovery to the integration of  
nanostructures into the micro  
and macro worlds.

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



# CINT is one of five Department of Energy Nanoscience Centers

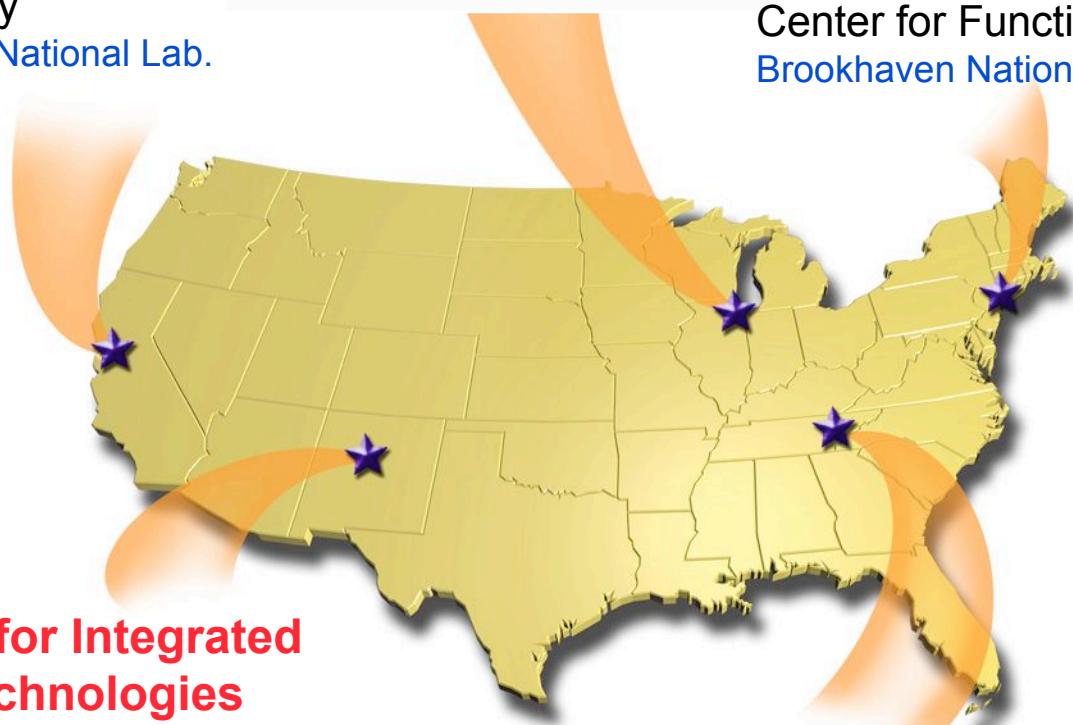
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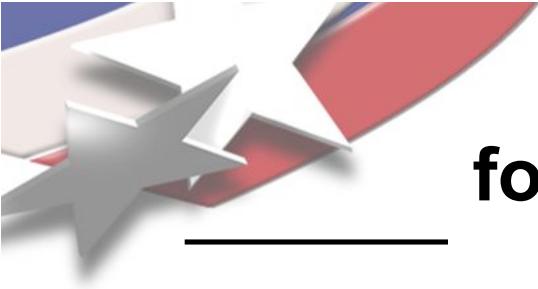
Center for Functional Nanomaterials  
Brookhaven National Lab.



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Los Alamos National Lab.



Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences  
Oak Ridge National Lab.



# One scientific community focused on nanoscience integration.

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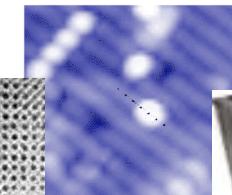
## Microelectronics Development Lab



## Compound Semiconductor Research Lab



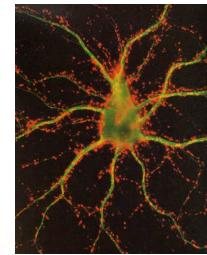
## CINT Core Facility



Synthesis, Characterization,  
& Theory

Collaborators  
Laboratory  
University  
Industry

## Biosciences

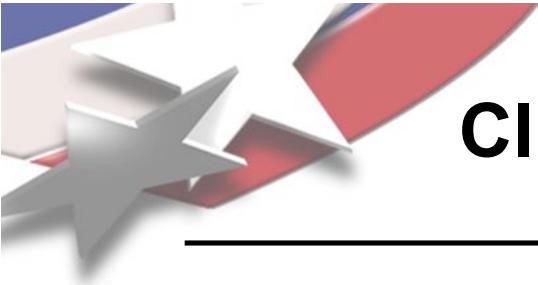


## National High Magnetic Field Lab



## Los Alamos Neutron Science Center





# CINT has three dedicated facilities

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## Core Facility in Albuquerque



**CINT Gateway to Sandia  
Nanomaterials/Microfabrication**



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

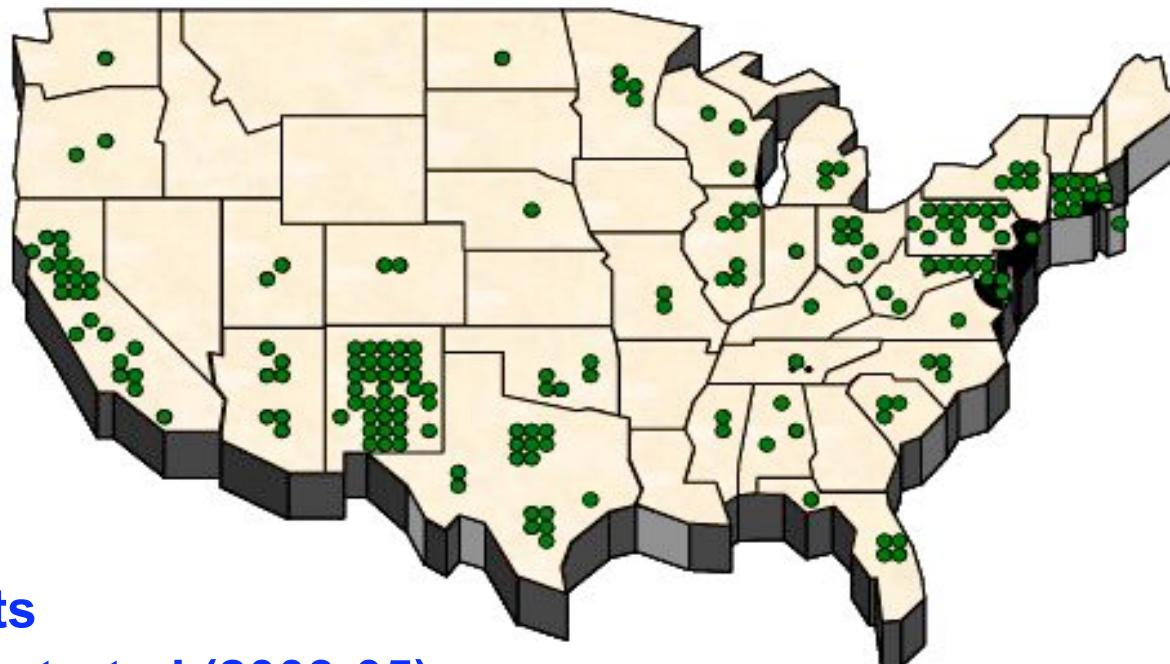
**Buildings Complete  
Begin Operations  
Fully Operational**

**November 2005  
April 2006  
May 2007**



## Researchers nationwide are already working with CINT scientists

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**258 requests**

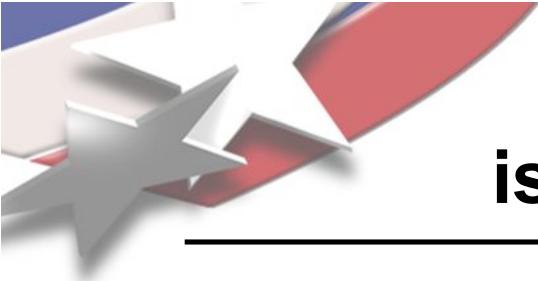
**89 projects started (2003-05)**

**37 academic institutions**

**3 companies**

**23 states**

**3 foreign countries**



# The nanotechnology future is taking shape in New Mexico

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