

How Small is Important

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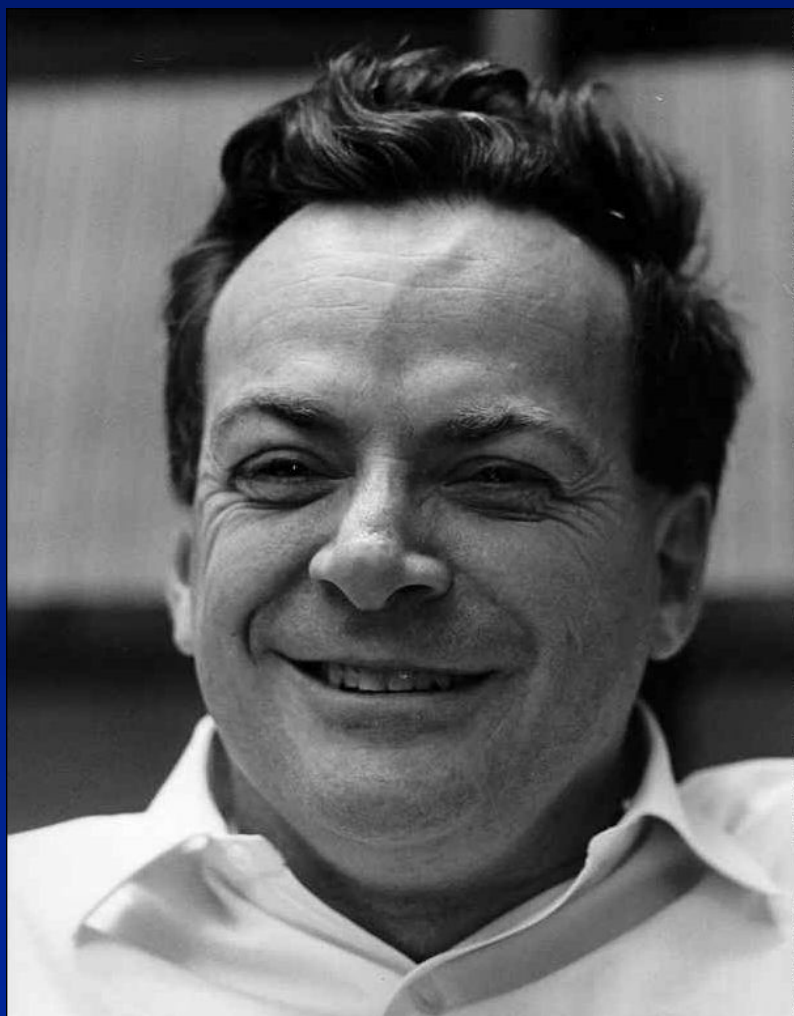
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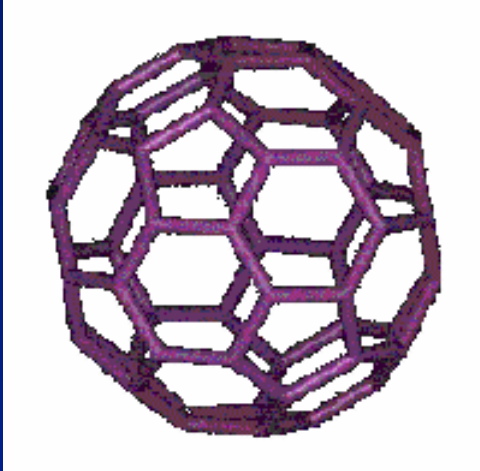


In the early 1950s
Richard Feynman
published an article
entitled :
‘There is plenty of room
at the bottom’

He also issued an interesting *and expensive*
(to him) challenge

- *The first was rapidly solved*
- *The second shortly before his death in 1988*

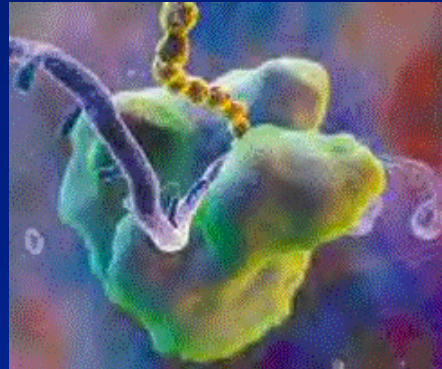
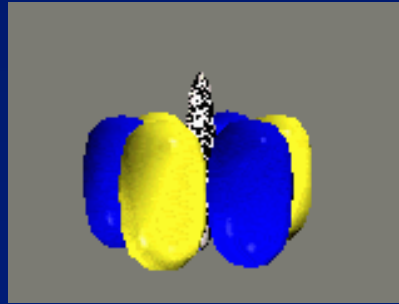
Discovery



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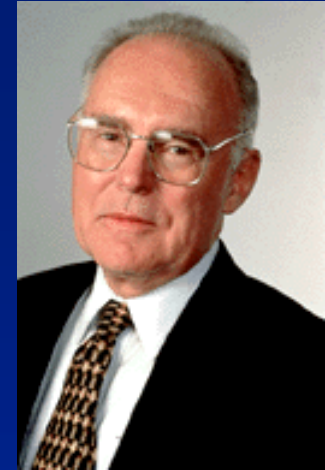


Scanning
Tunneling
Electron
Microscopy



DART

Reason



Technology



Moore's Law: Chip Power Doubles Every 18 (24) Months

20 Years of Mesoscopics

Year	Processor Name	Number of Transistors	Minimum Feature Size
1971	4004	2300	10 micron
1974	8008	3500	10 micron
1975	8080	6000	6 micron
1976	8085	6500	3 micron
1978	8086	29000	3 micron
1982	80286	134,000	1.5 micron
1985	80386	275,000	1.5 micron
1989	Intel486	1.2 million	1 micron
1993	Pentium	3.1 million	800 nanometer
1997	Pentium II	7.5 million	350 nanometer
1999	Pentium III	9.5 million	250 nanometer
2000	Pentium IV	42 million	180 nanometer

Continuous Improvement of the Same Approach:

Making a Master Mask and Its Replication by Photolithography

2002	2005	2008	2011	2014
130 nm	100 nm	75 nm	50 nm	35 nm

BOTTOM-UP APPROACH

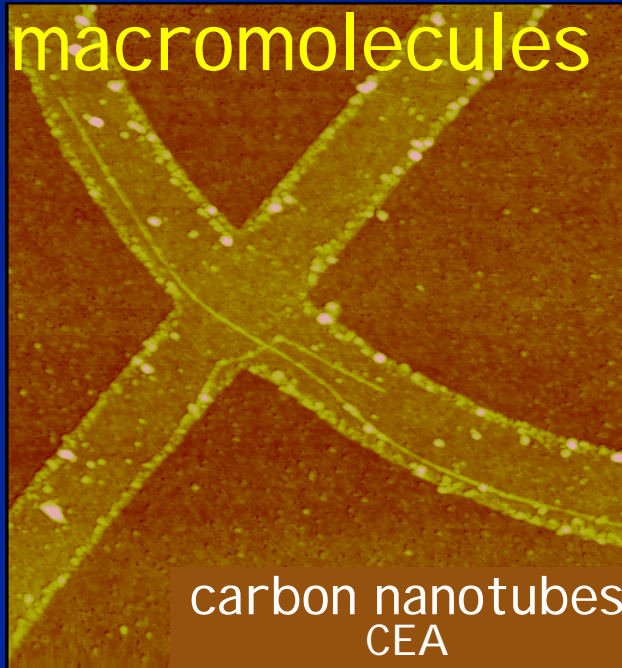
Long Track Record in Nanotechnology:
glass-making in Mesopotamia 4,500 BC



Recent Advances

making

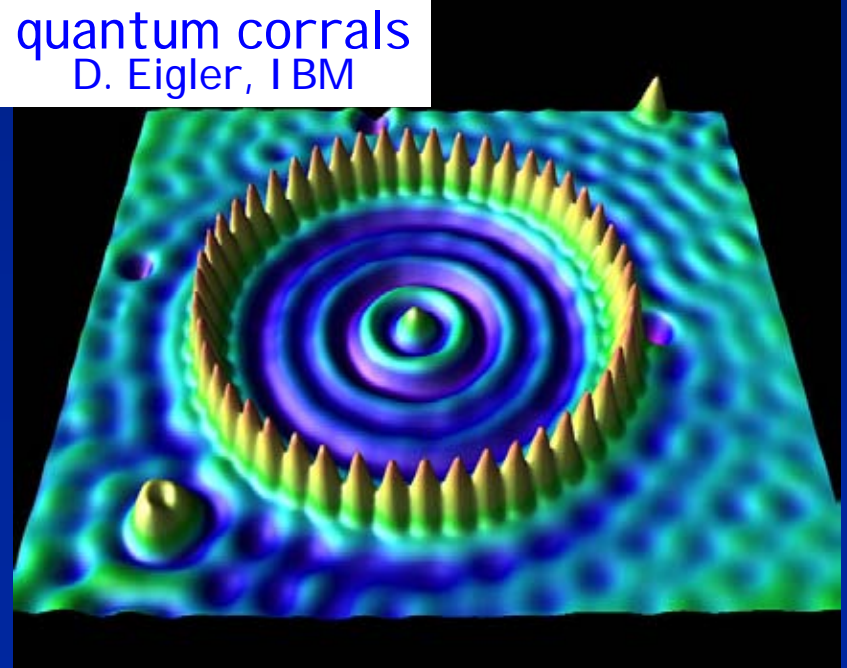
macromolecules



carbon nanotubes
CEA

atomic assembly

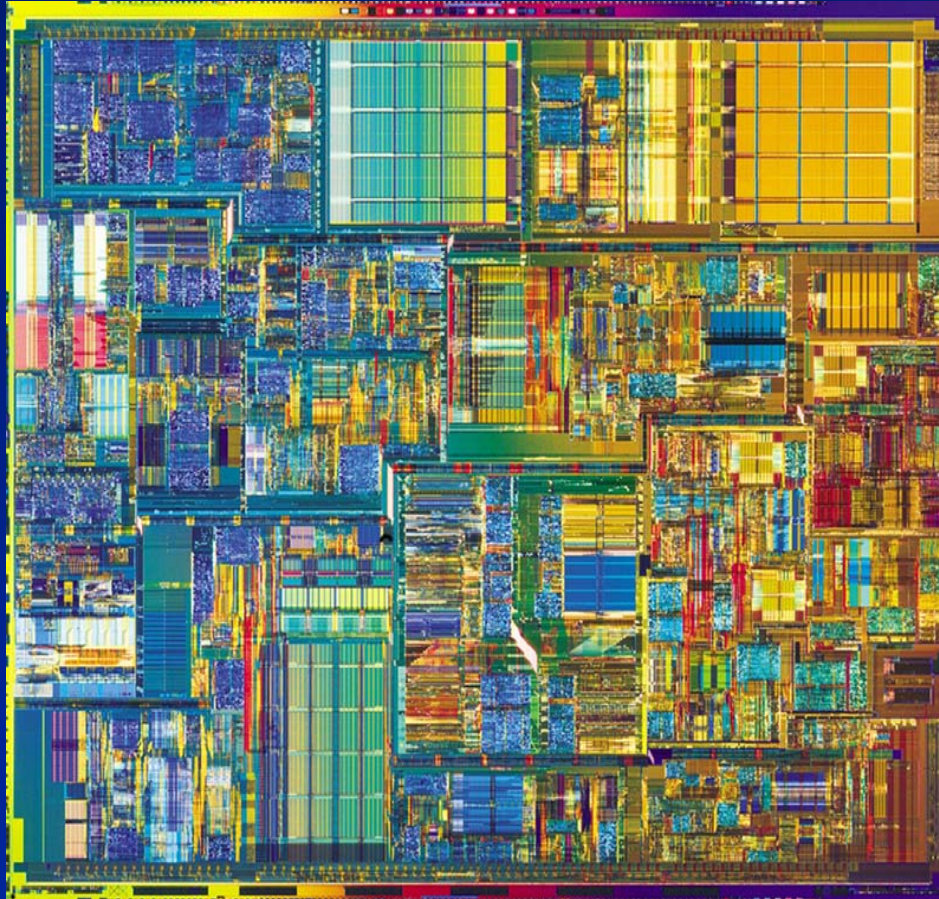
quantum corrals
D. Eigler, IBM



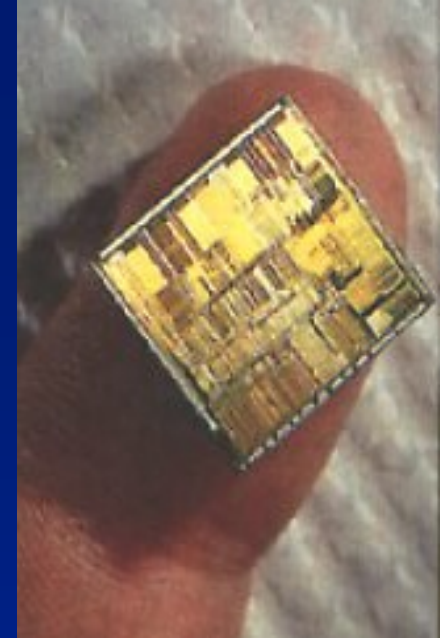
TOP-DOWN APPROACH



1947:
first transistor



42 million transistors
features down to 180
nm



2000:
Pentium IV



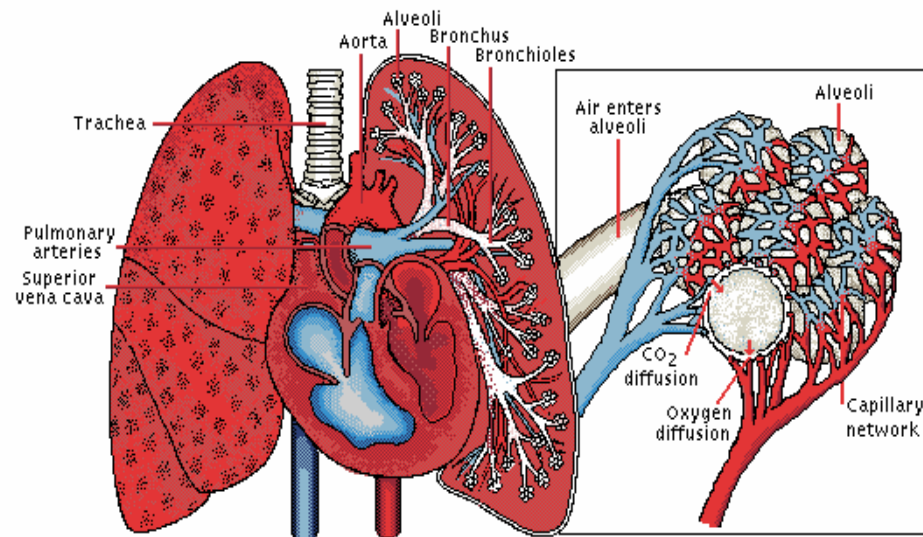
Structure of the Talk

- Size just as a concept (length, area and volume)
- Size and the structure of matter (atoms, molecules)
- Size and the control of properties
- Size and engineering limits

Size does matter

‘What a
curious
feeling I
must be
shutting up
like a
telescope’



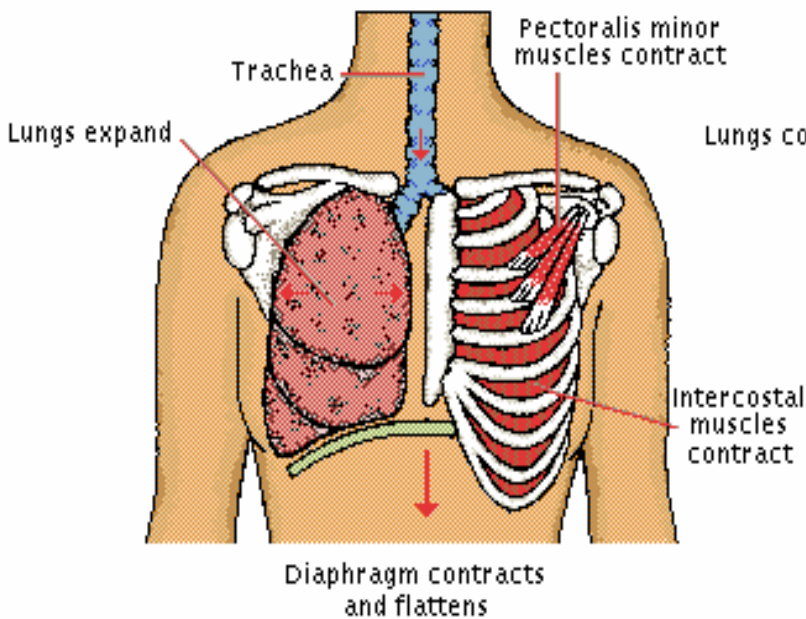


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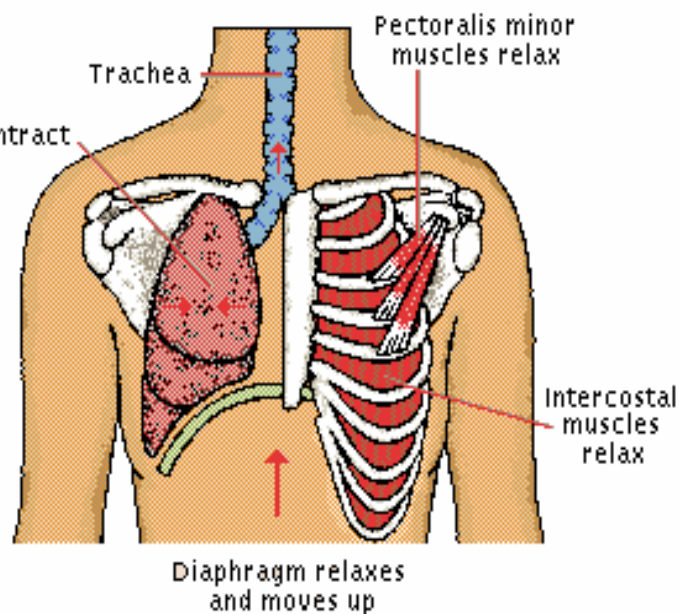
Inhalation

Air drawn into lungs



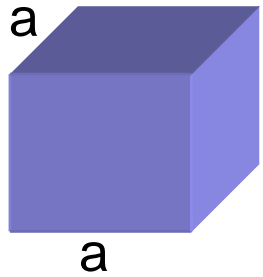
Exhalation

Air forced out of lungs



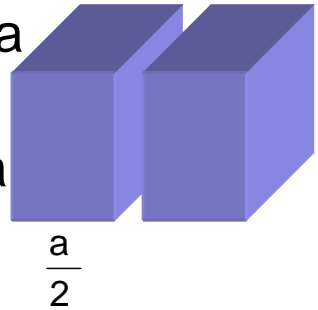
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High surface to volume, a simple model



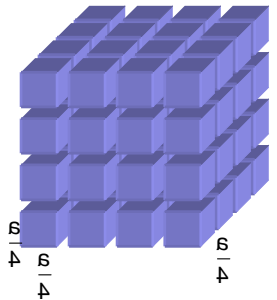
Surface area
 $SA_{3D}=6a^2$

Volume
 $V=a^3$



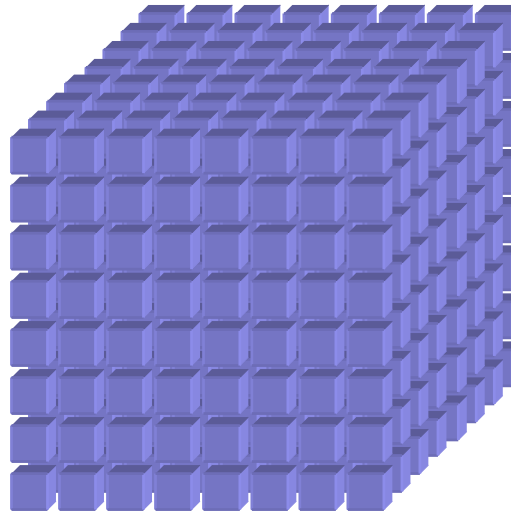
Surface area
 $SA_{3D}=8a^2$

Volume
 $V=a^3$



Surface area
 $SA_{3D}=24a^2$

Volume
 $V=a^3$



Surface area
 $SA_{3D}=48a^2$

Volume
 $V=a^3$

Physical Limitations

How Small Can
We Really Get?

“To see a World in a grain of sand,
and Heaven in a wild flower,
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand,
and Eternity in an hour.”

Auguries of Innocence

W. Blake

How much in the palm of a hand?

- Lets say we have a heap
 $.04 \times .04 \times .04 \text{ m}^3$



- $.0000064 \text{ m}^3$ or $6.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$
- with a density of 2.65 (sand is silica)
- it comes to 170 grams of material



How big is a grain of sand?

We can see them so lets say 0.01mm

(actually that's very very fine sand)

Think of a ruler !

The volume of each grain would be *ca* $1 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^3$

How Many Grains?

The volume of each grain would be $1 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^3$

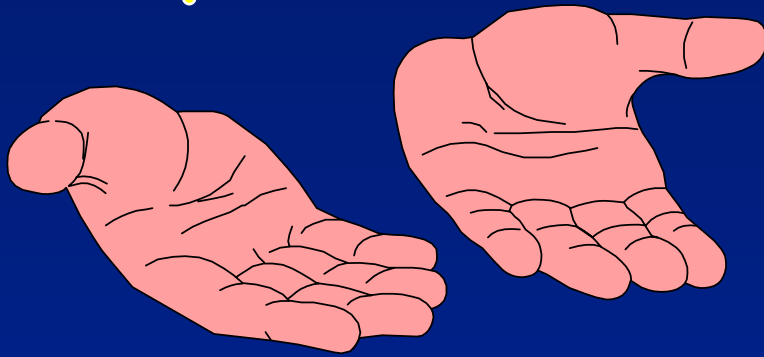
The pile is 0.0000064 m^3 or $6.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$

So we hold in the palm of our hand

6400 million grains of sand
 $(6.4 \times 10^{10}) \dots 64 \text{ giga bits}$

A large number but not infinity!

The concept of the atom



This grain of
sand has
structure

It is made of atoms

How many molecules in a grain?

Sand is mainly SiO_2

With a molecular mass of ca 60
a mole weighs 60 gm

The weight of an individual molecule
is $60/N_0 = 9.6 \times 10^{-23}$ gm

We have $(2.65 \times 10^{-9} \div 9.6 \times 10^{-23} \text{ gm})$ molecules

Which Hand holds the More Information?

6.4×10^{10}

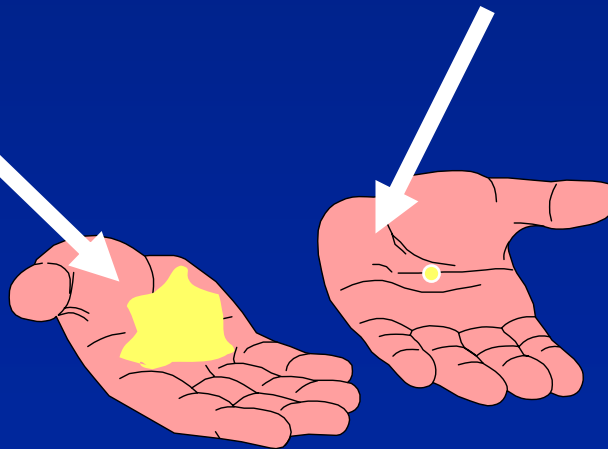
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ie SiO_2 units

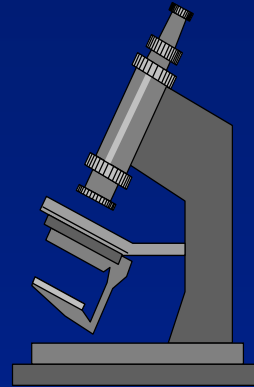
26.6 terra bits



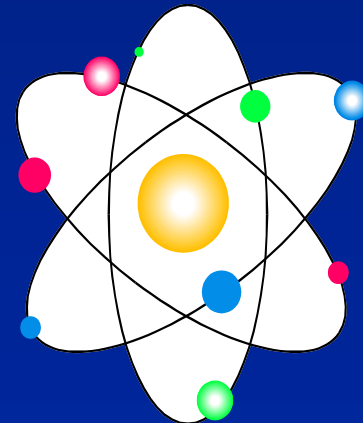
It depends on how we can read

The atomic concept places constraints on the system

These are classical



Things we can see

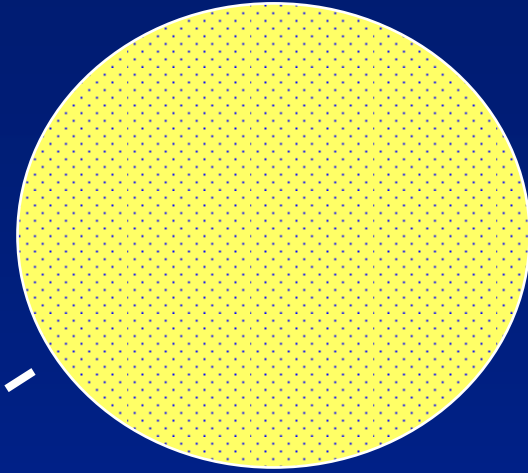


And also non classical

The world of Quantum Mechanics
.....of atoms!!!

How much is on the surface?

Our Grain of sand



10,000 x

0.01 mm (1×10^{-5} m)

Ca 2.5×10^9 molecules

1 in 10,000 molecules

5 nm (5×10^{-9} m)

Ca 6350 Molecules

2 in 100 i.e 2%

How Small Can We Make the Grains?

Because of high surface areas conventional powders methods reach their limits at 10^{-6} m (1 micron)

Smaller particles can be made but special methods are needed!

And nature has in store for us a surprise
But first lets look at some pictures

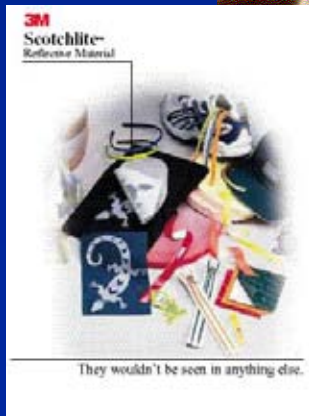
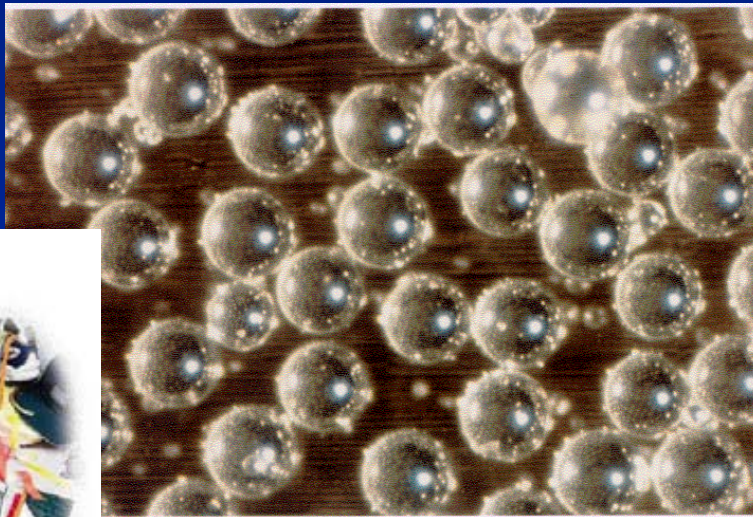
What are lost dimensions?



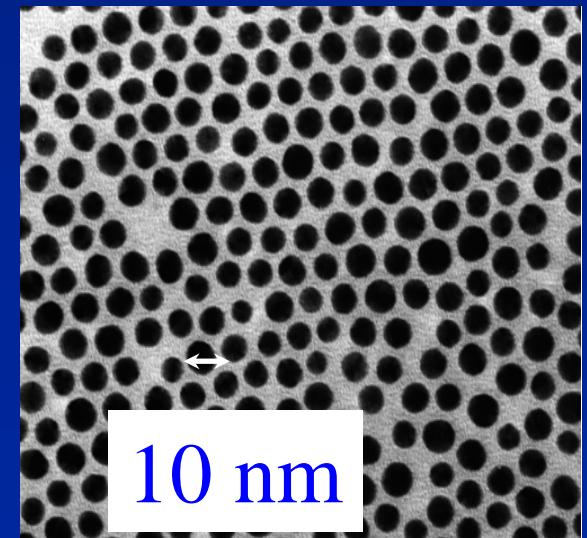
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Industrial Development and a History of Precise Size Control

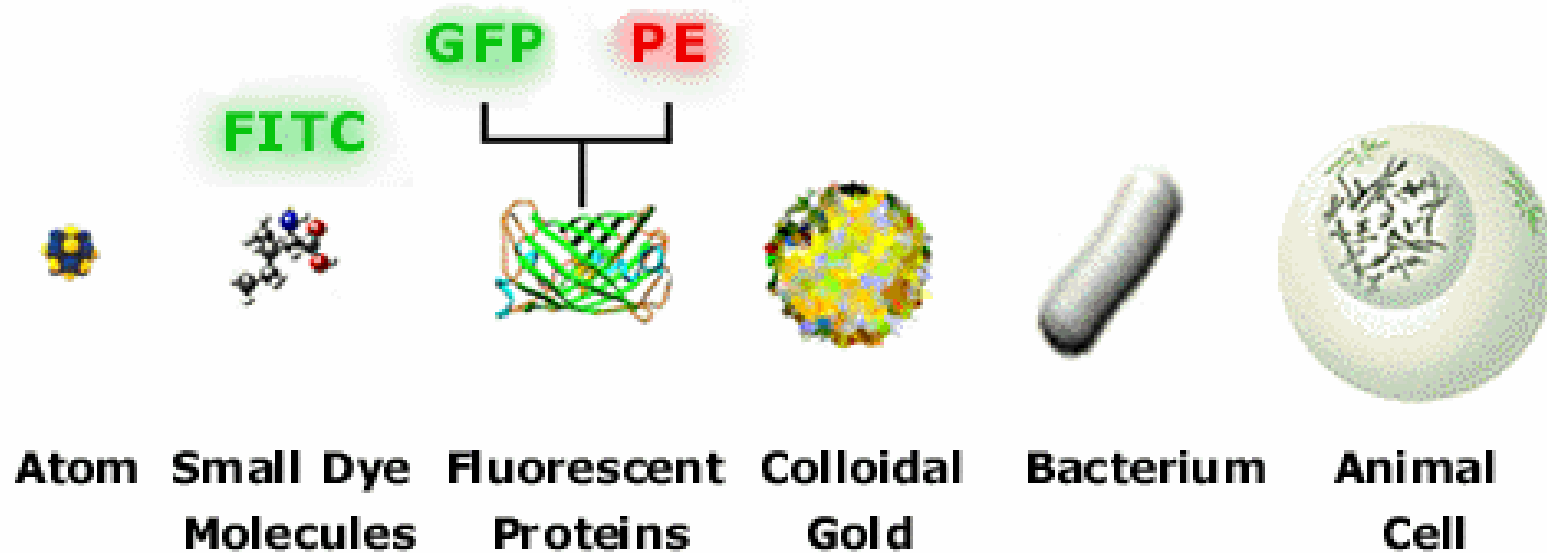
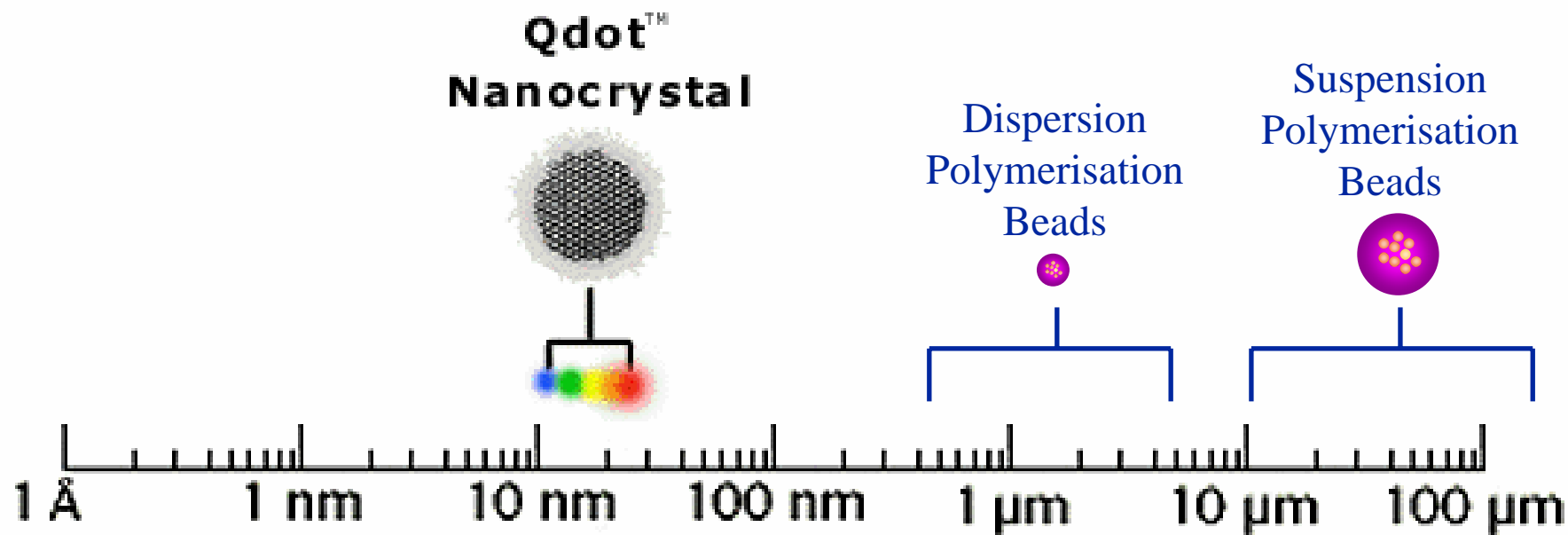
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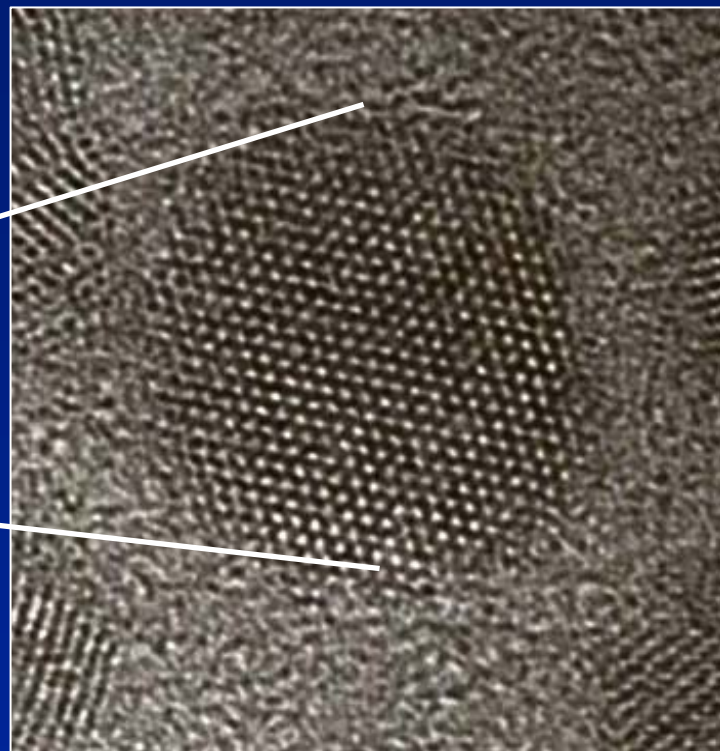
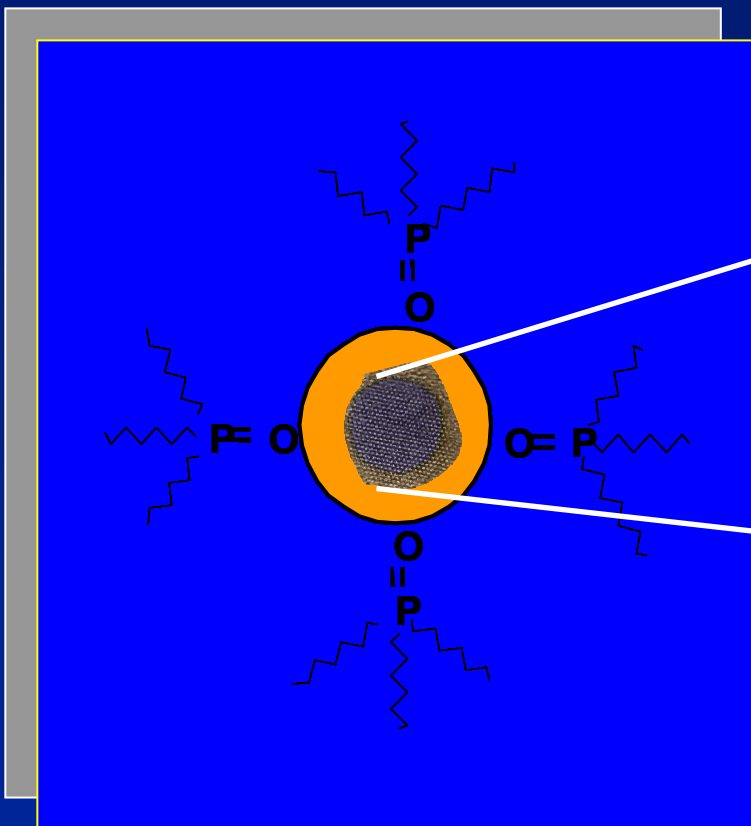


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Ball Bearings for the 21st Century!

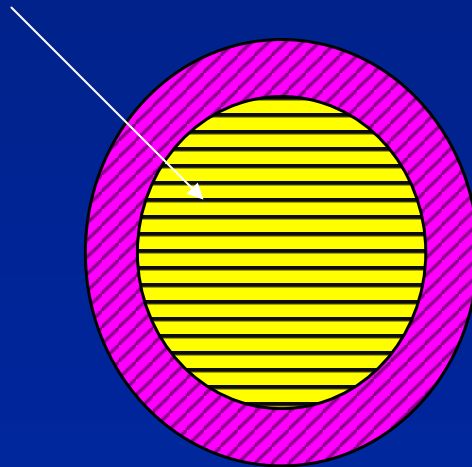




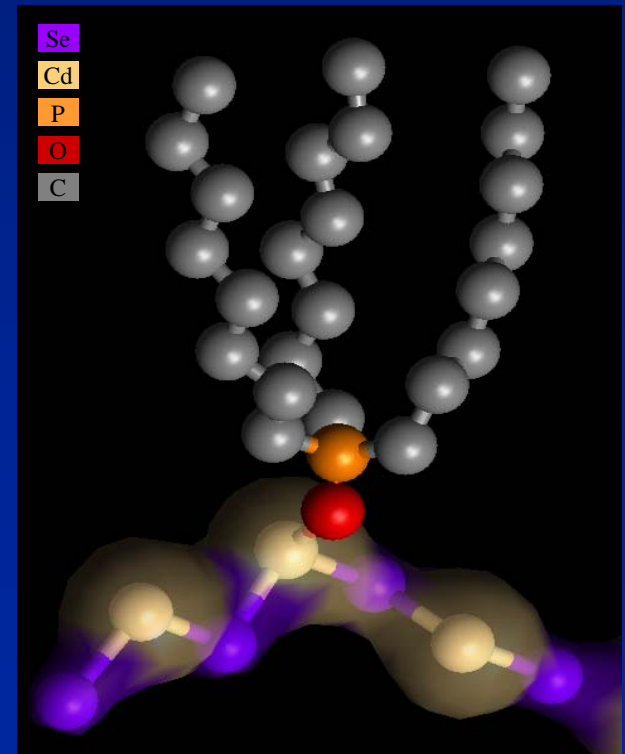
Development of quantum dot manufacturing technology

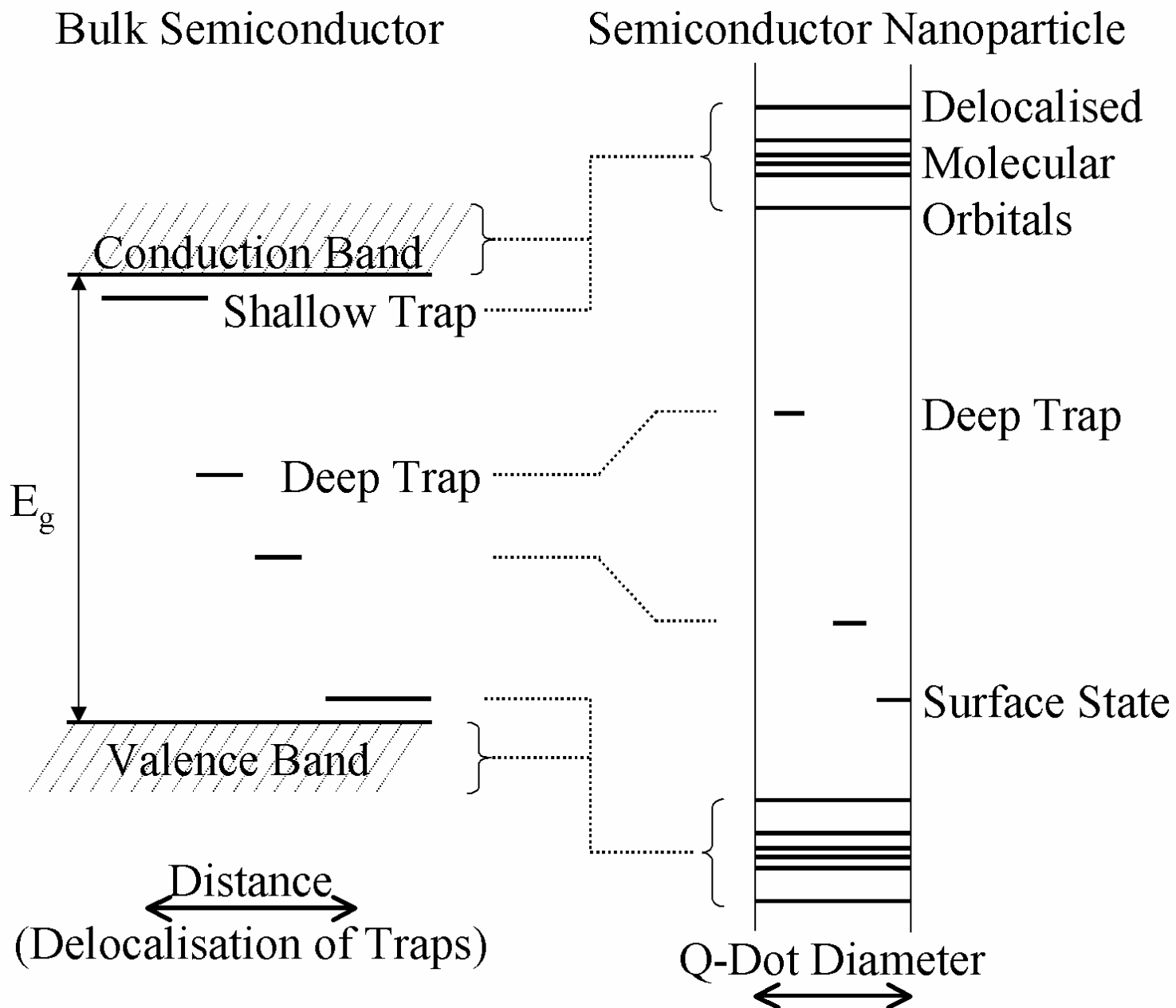
- It is possible using our IP to manipulate the optical, electronic, magnetic and catalytic properties of these materials to those required.
- Nanoparticles have unique chemical, physical and electronic properties from those of the corresponding bulk material and are a new range of materials.

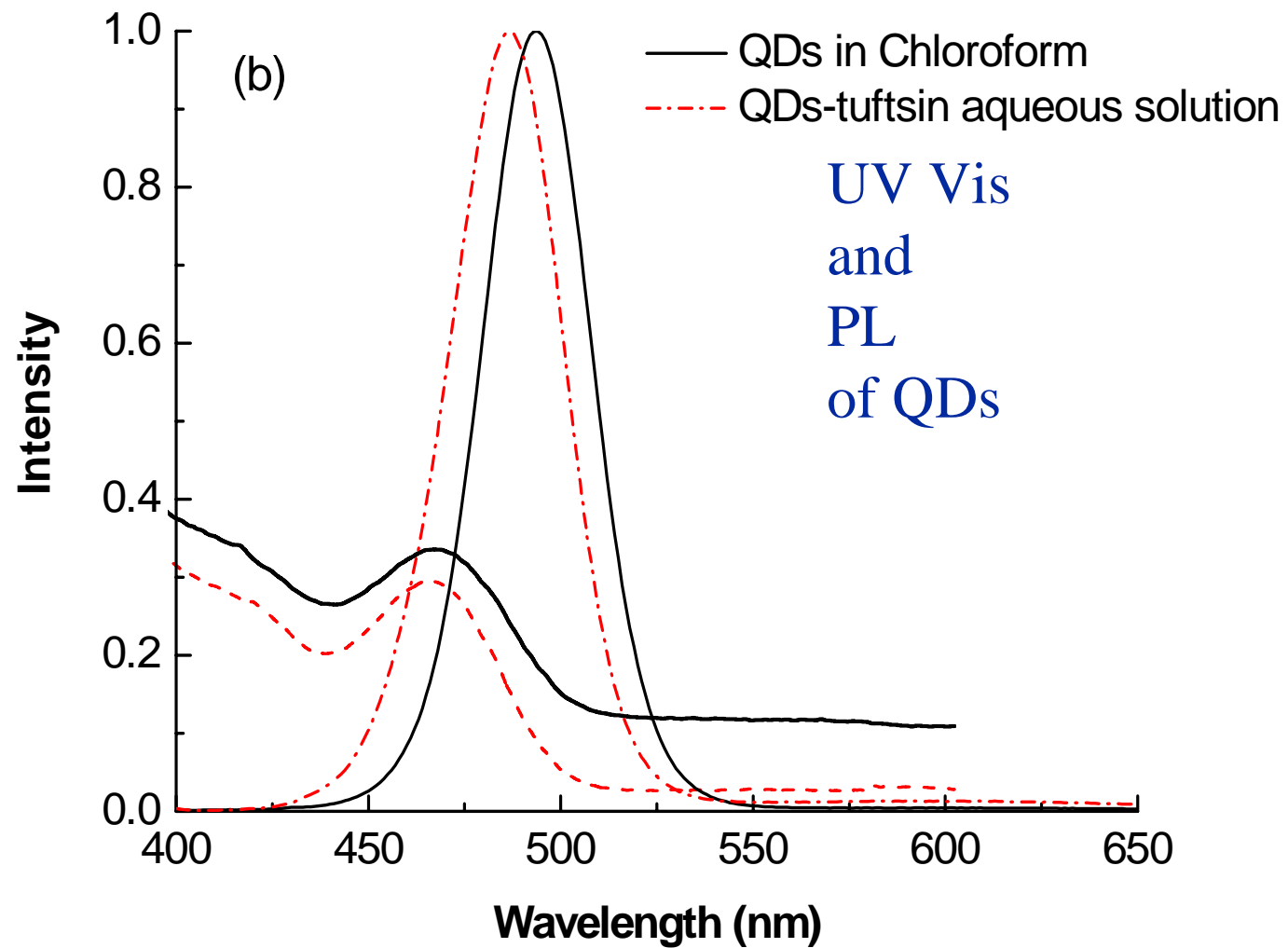
Crystalline core e.g CdS



‘Metal Organic Dot’





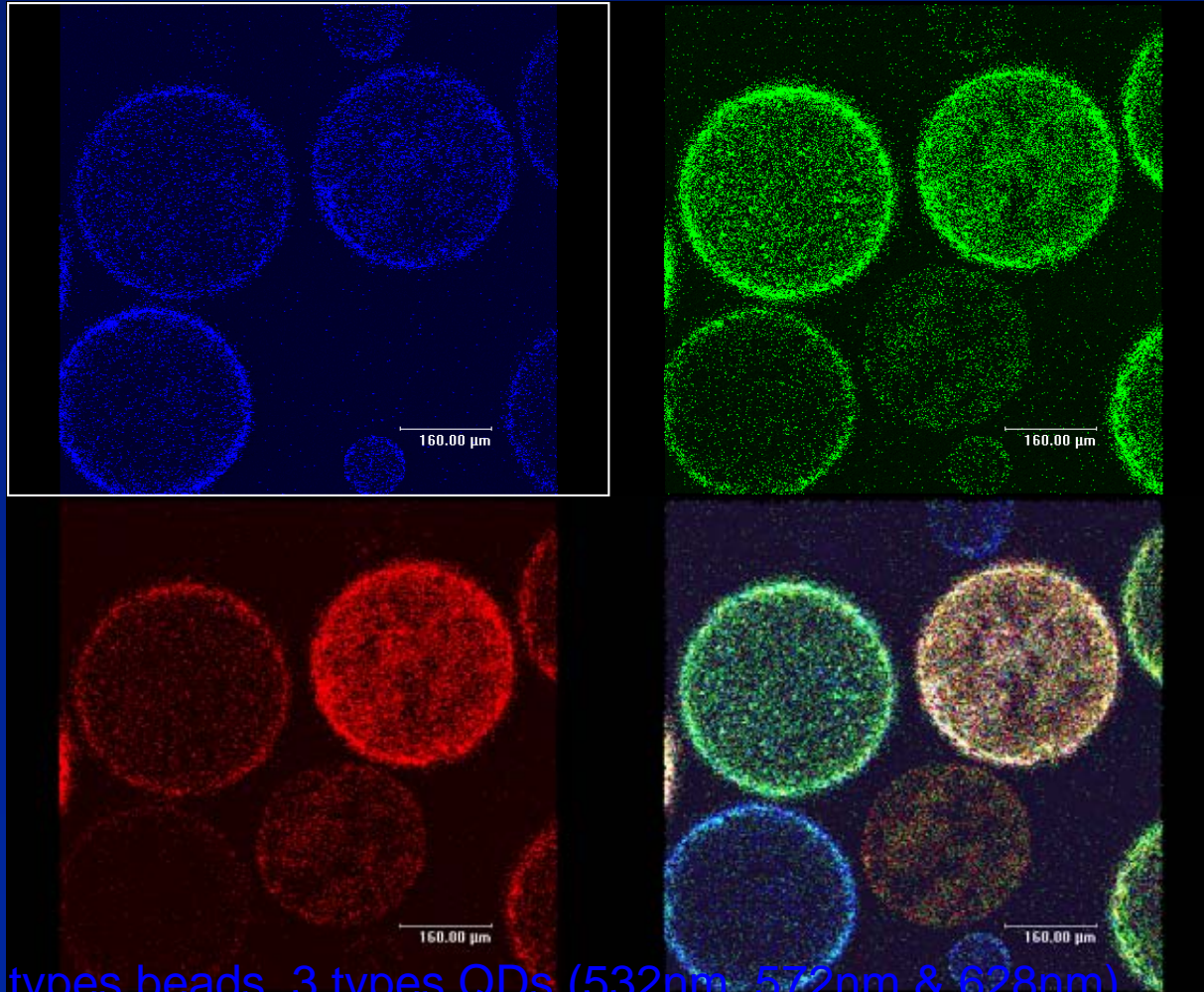




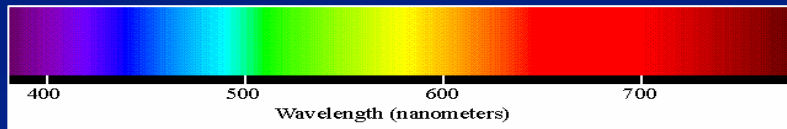
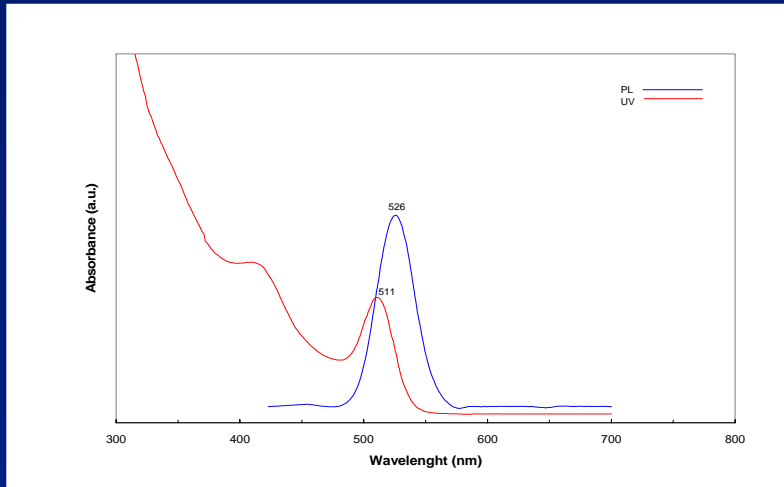
Nanoco “Production Quantities of Quantum Dots”



Identification of Beads by Fluorescence Profiles



4 types beads, 3 types QDs (532nm, 572nm & 628nm)

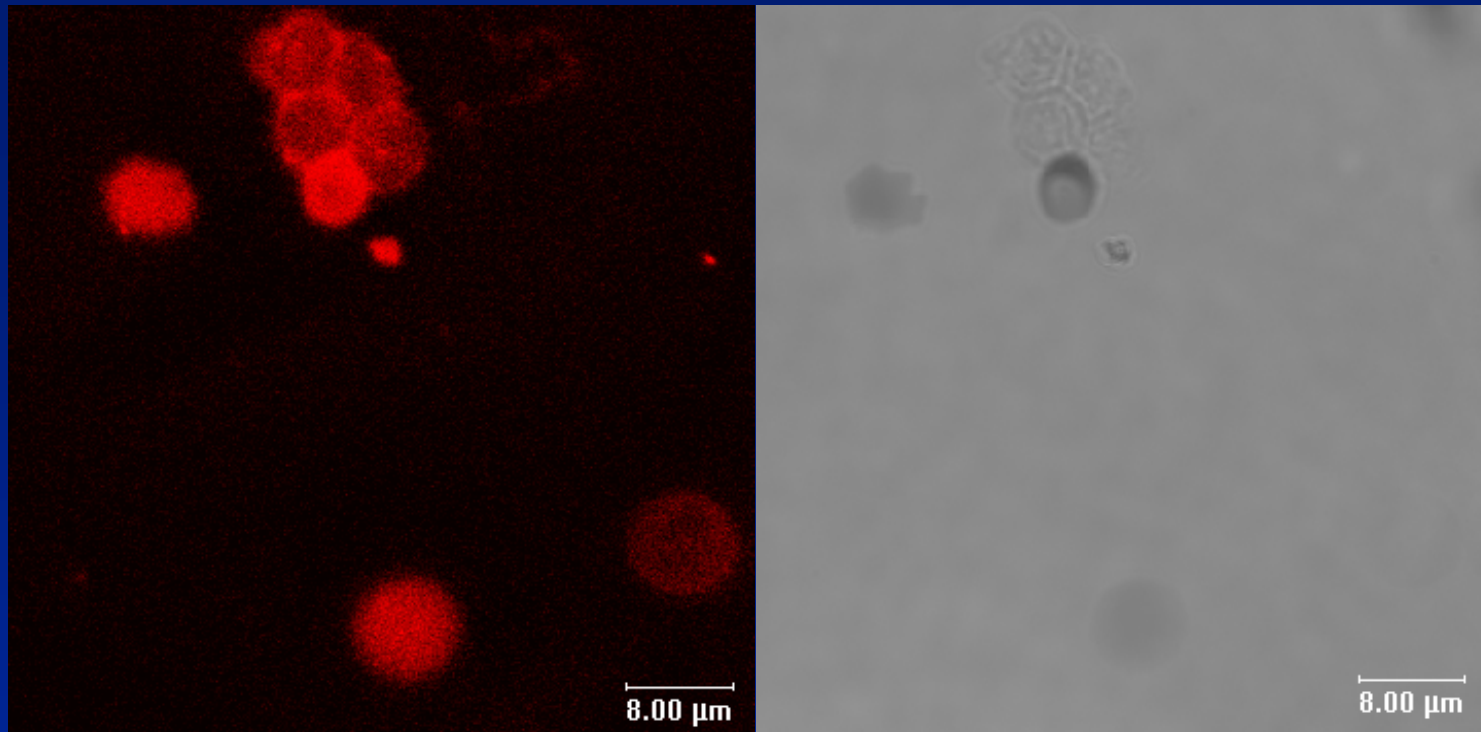


- Quantum dots absorb light over a wide wavelength range but have narrow emission spectra.
- The solutions, all contain the same semiconductor material (CdSe) but are different colours because unlike bulk CdSe, when below a certain size limit, we can control the electrical properties of the particles, by simply changing their size.



Large scale preparation of quantum dots

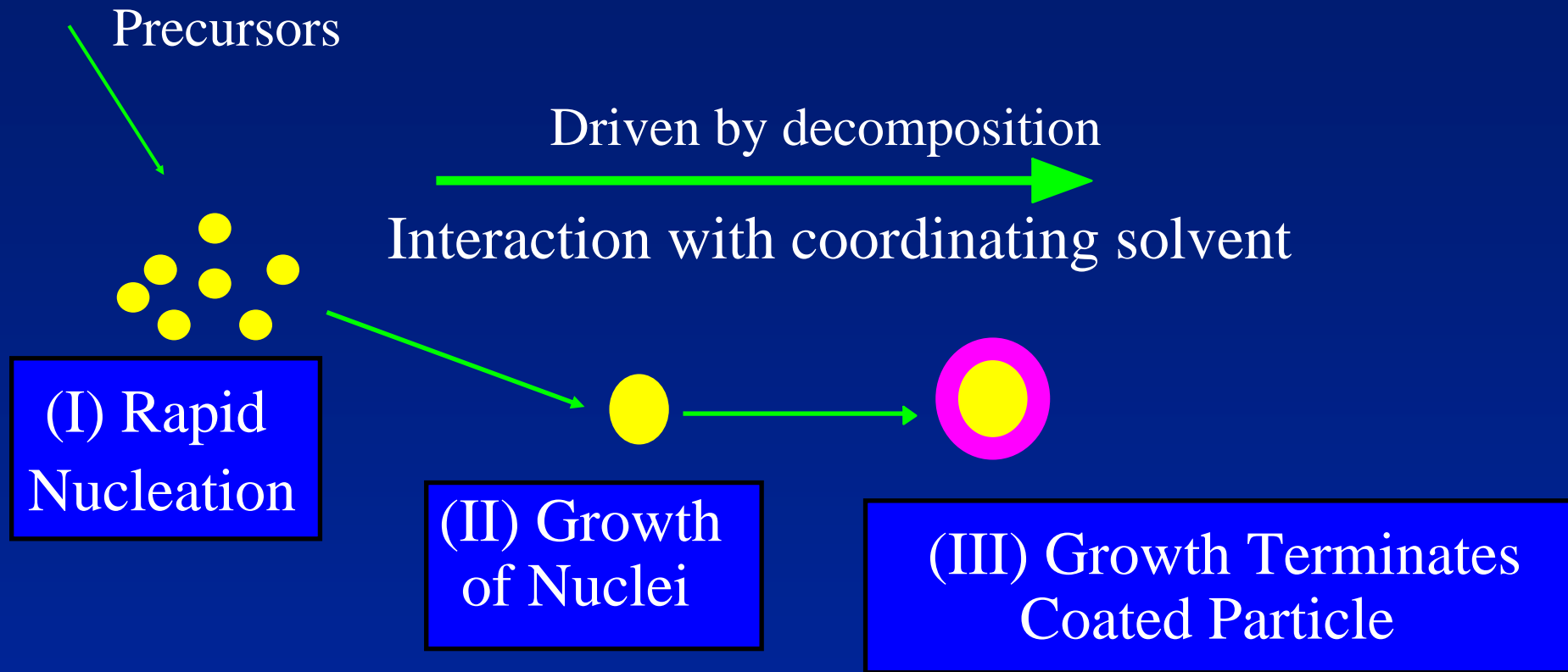
Lymphocyte Cells



Confocal pictures of different size 615nm

CdSe/ZnS QDs labeling Lymphocyte Cells

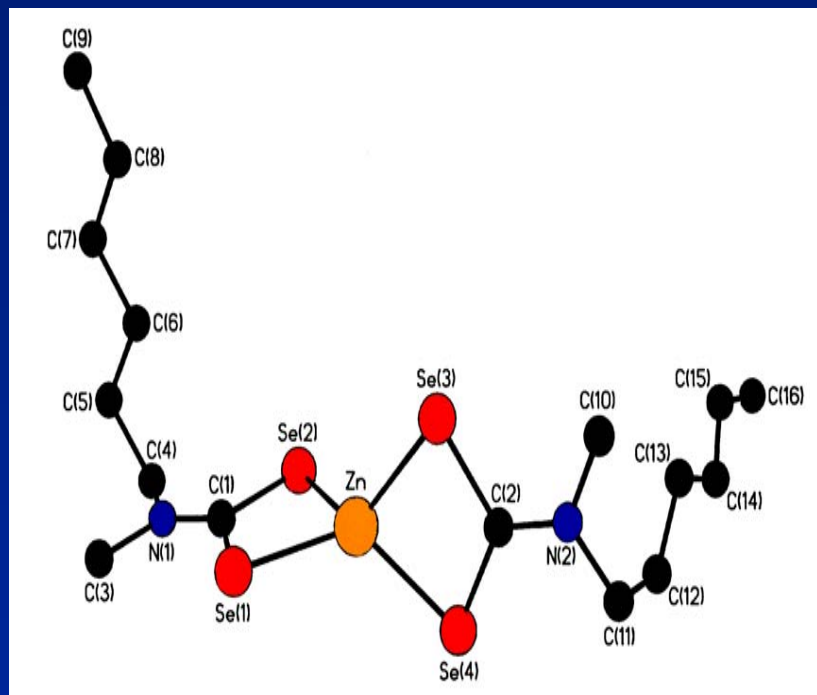
- Bis(3-aminopropyl) terminated Poly(ethylene glycol) ($\text{H}_2\text{N}-(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n-\text{NH}_2$) or DHLA-PEG were used to modify the surface of QDs to obtain QDs aqueous solution.
- The above QDs aqueous solution were conjugated with Tutfishn peptide and used to label macrophage and lymphocyte cells.



Requirements for Nanoparticulate Synthesis



O'Brien et al Chem Comm, 1998 1849, ibid 1999, 1573.



Patent Family

UK patent application No. 9518910.6

PCT application WO 97/10175.

US patent No. 09/043,258 (Granted)

EP patent application No. 96927134.5



The NanoCo Process

Current applications



- Biological screening
- Imaging
- Sunscreen

1 - 5 Years



- Light emitting diodes
- Chemical/biological sensors
- Flat panel displays
- Solar cells

6 - 10 Years



- Solar cells
- Data storage
- Security application/
Bar coding

10 – 30 Years



- Single electron devices
- Quantum computing

- ◆ Replacement for luminescent dyes and inorganic materials
- ◆ Better optical and electronic efficiencies
- ◆ More stable (photo-bleaching)
- ◆ More versatile (tune from UV to near IR)

A Crowd-Bulk Behaviour Size Dependence



One Direction

One Emotion!

BUT Defects may
be present
and important!

A Smaller Group e.g. The Team

5-aside

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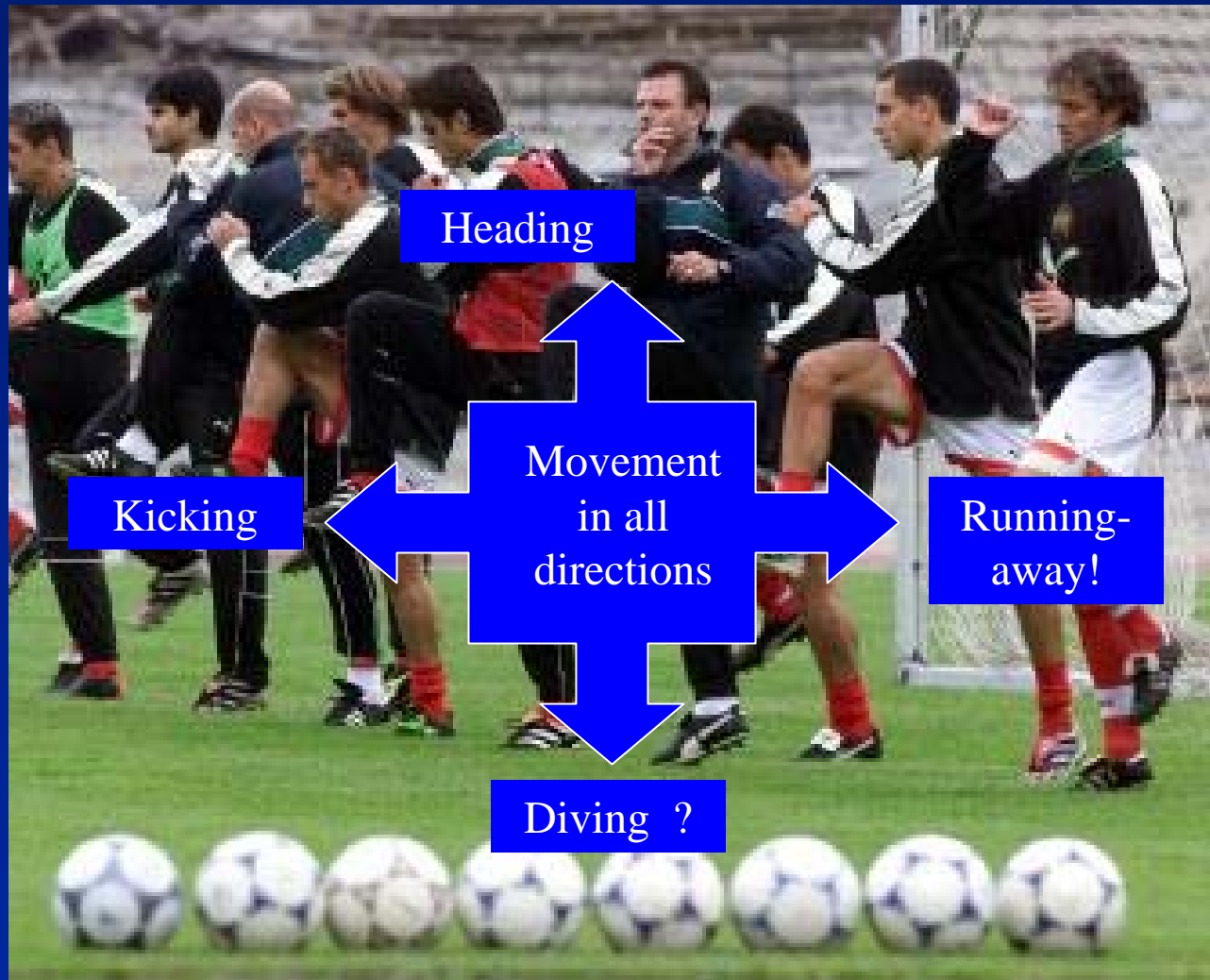
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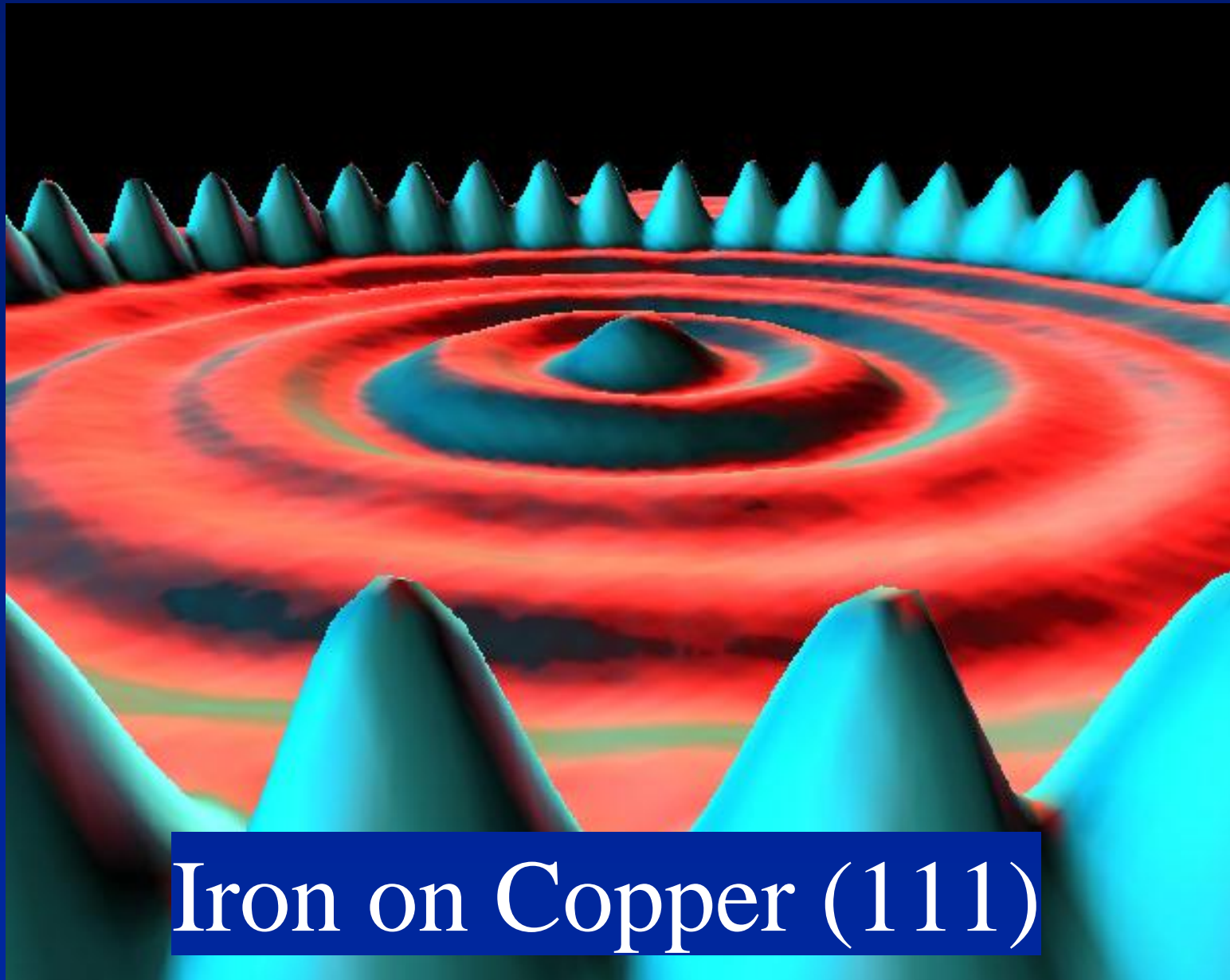
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Union

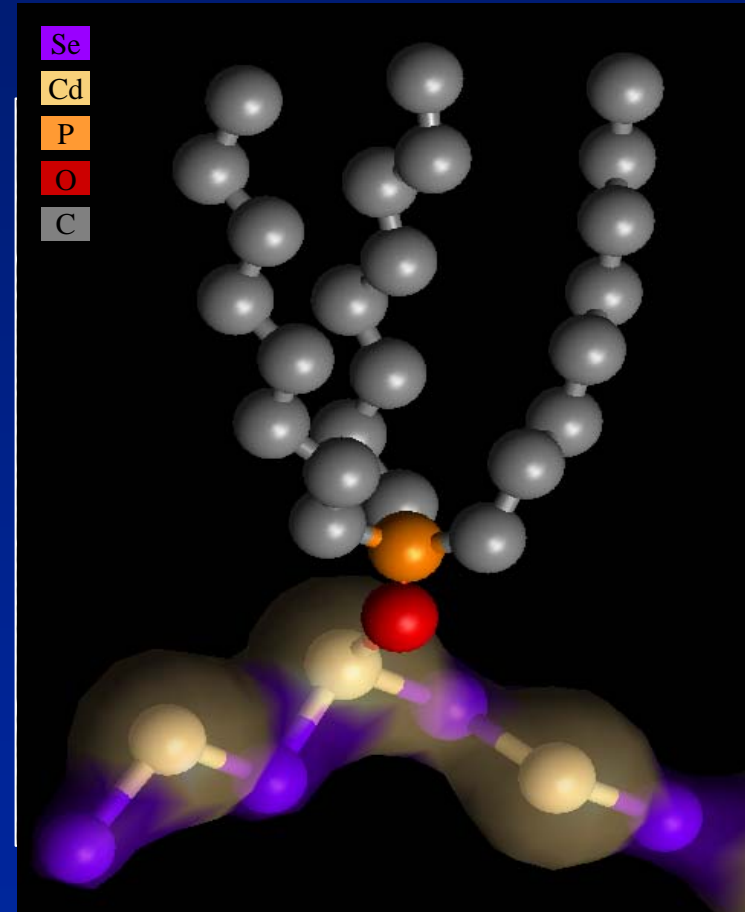
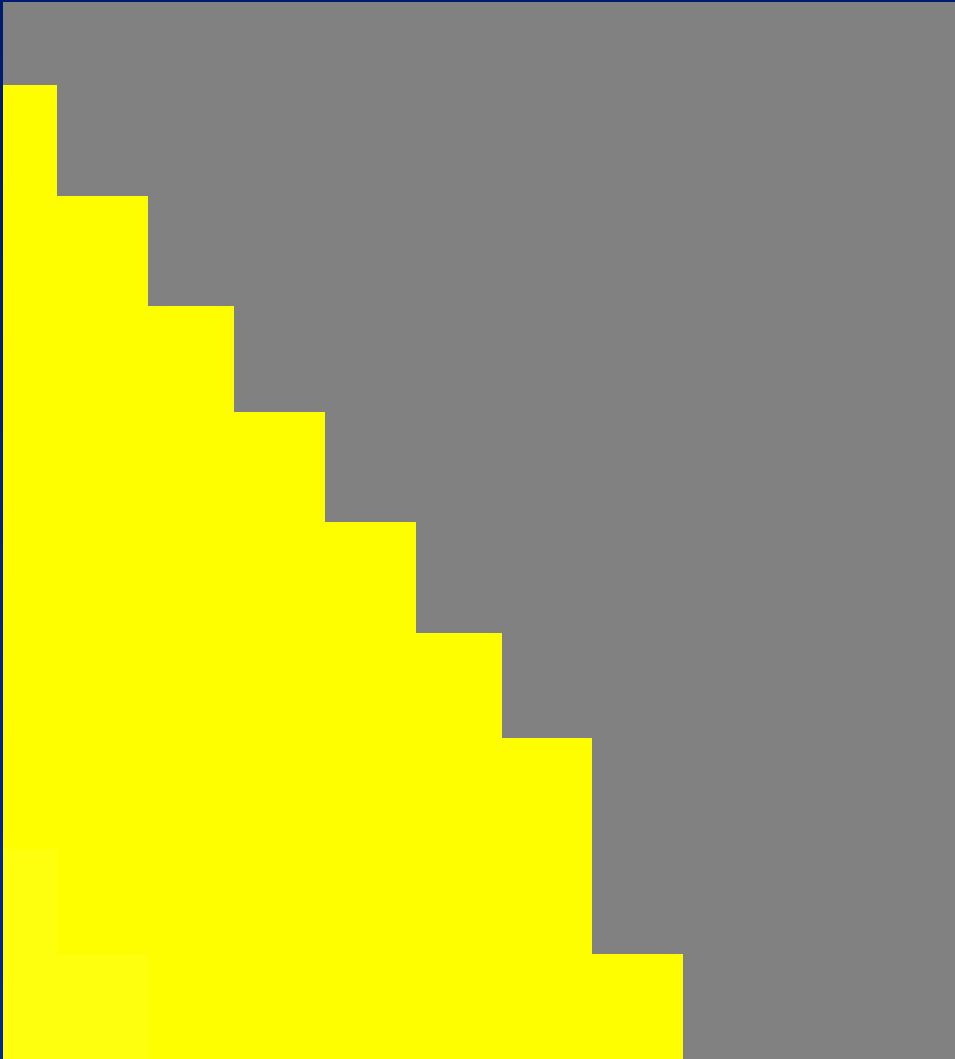
League





Iron on Copper (111)

Quantization

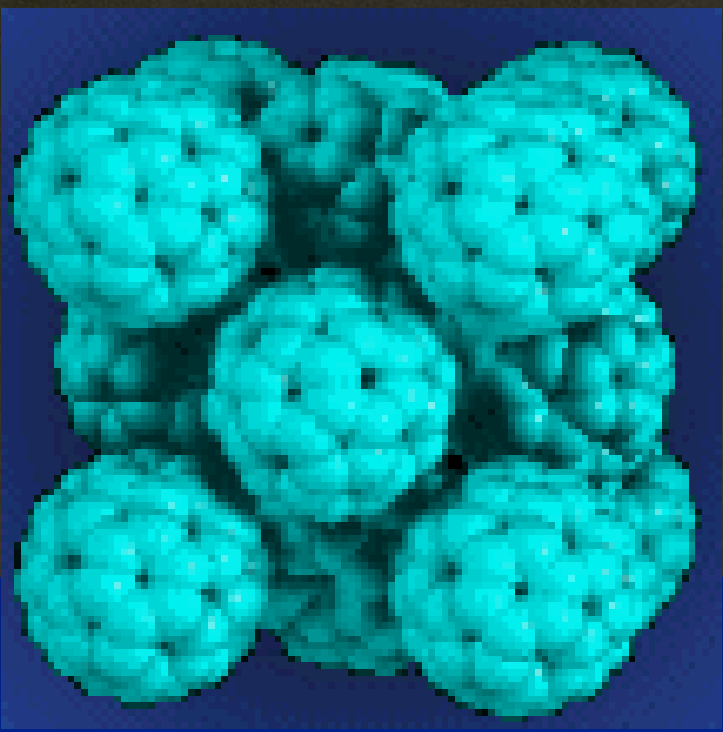




Single quantum dot of CdSe (ca. Diameter = 5 nm).

Building a bridge from
the molecule to the
particle!

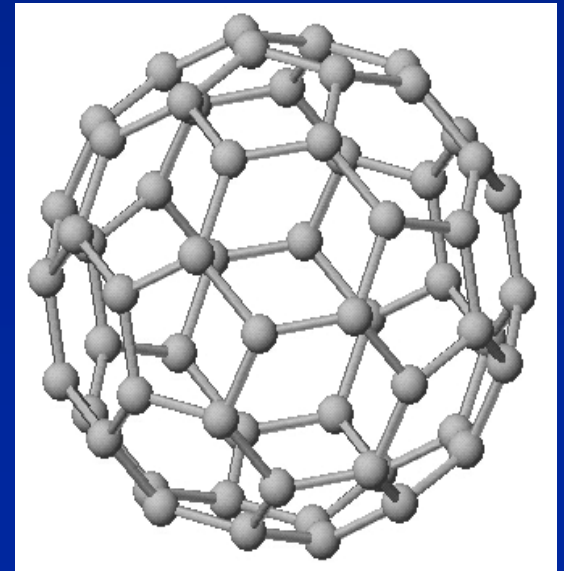
With a football!

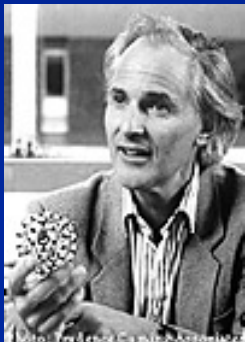
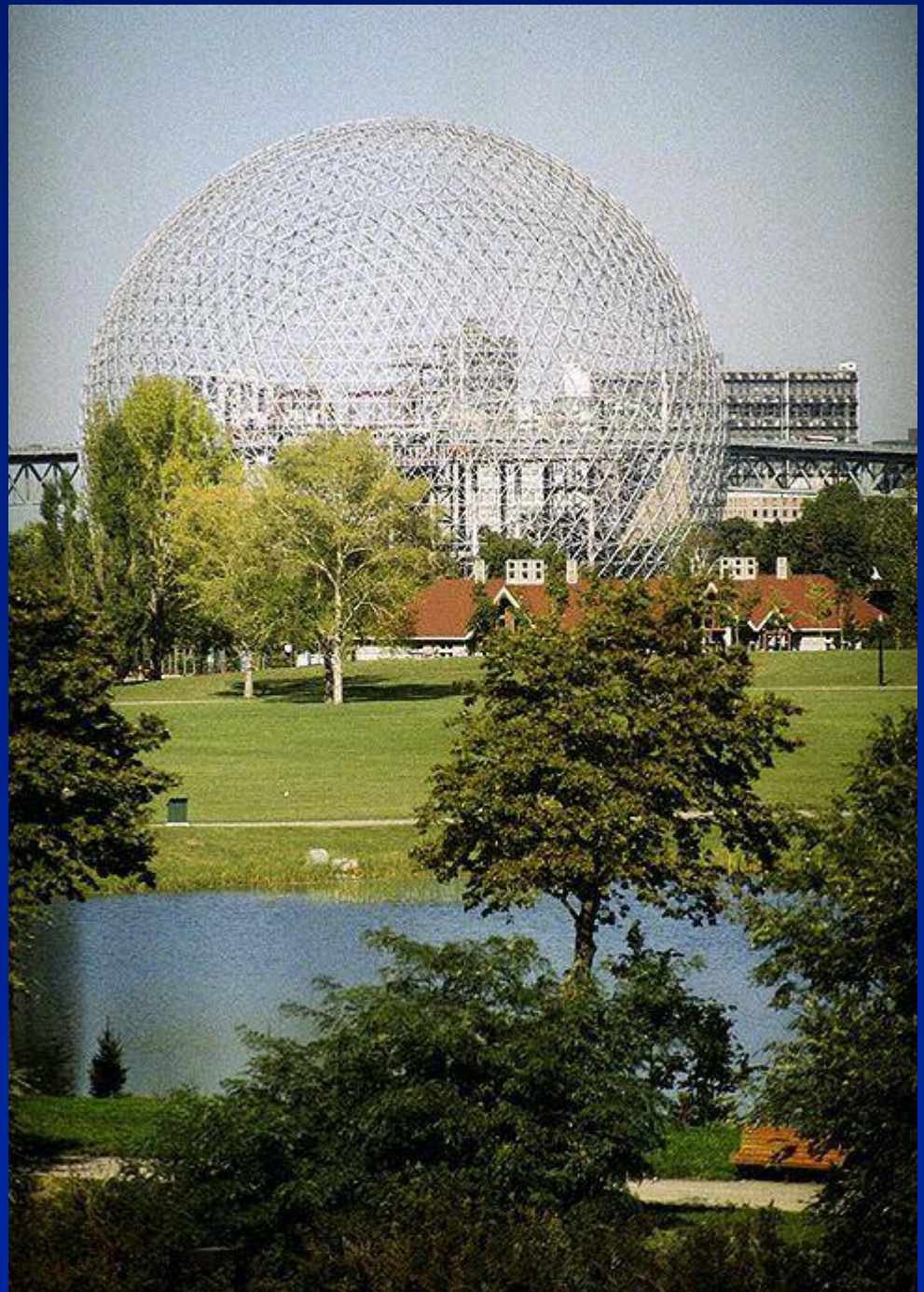
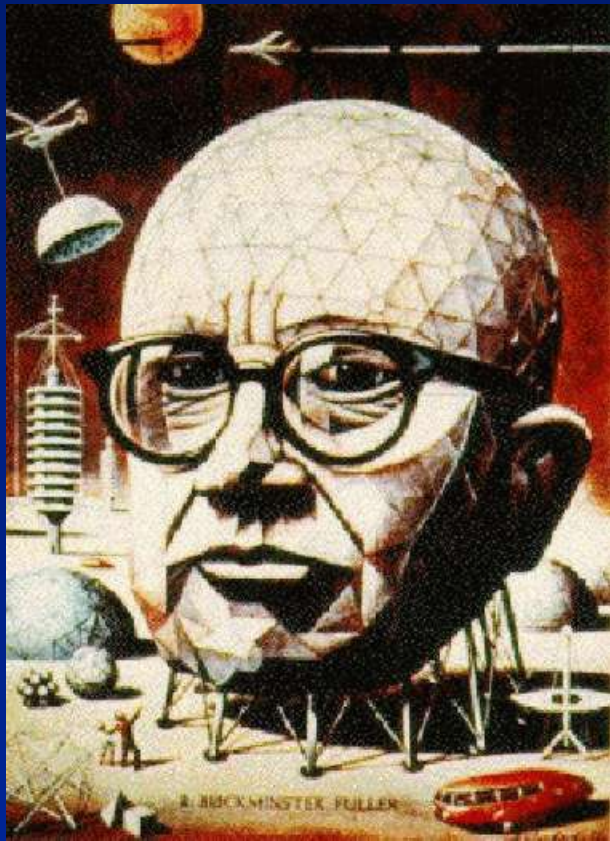


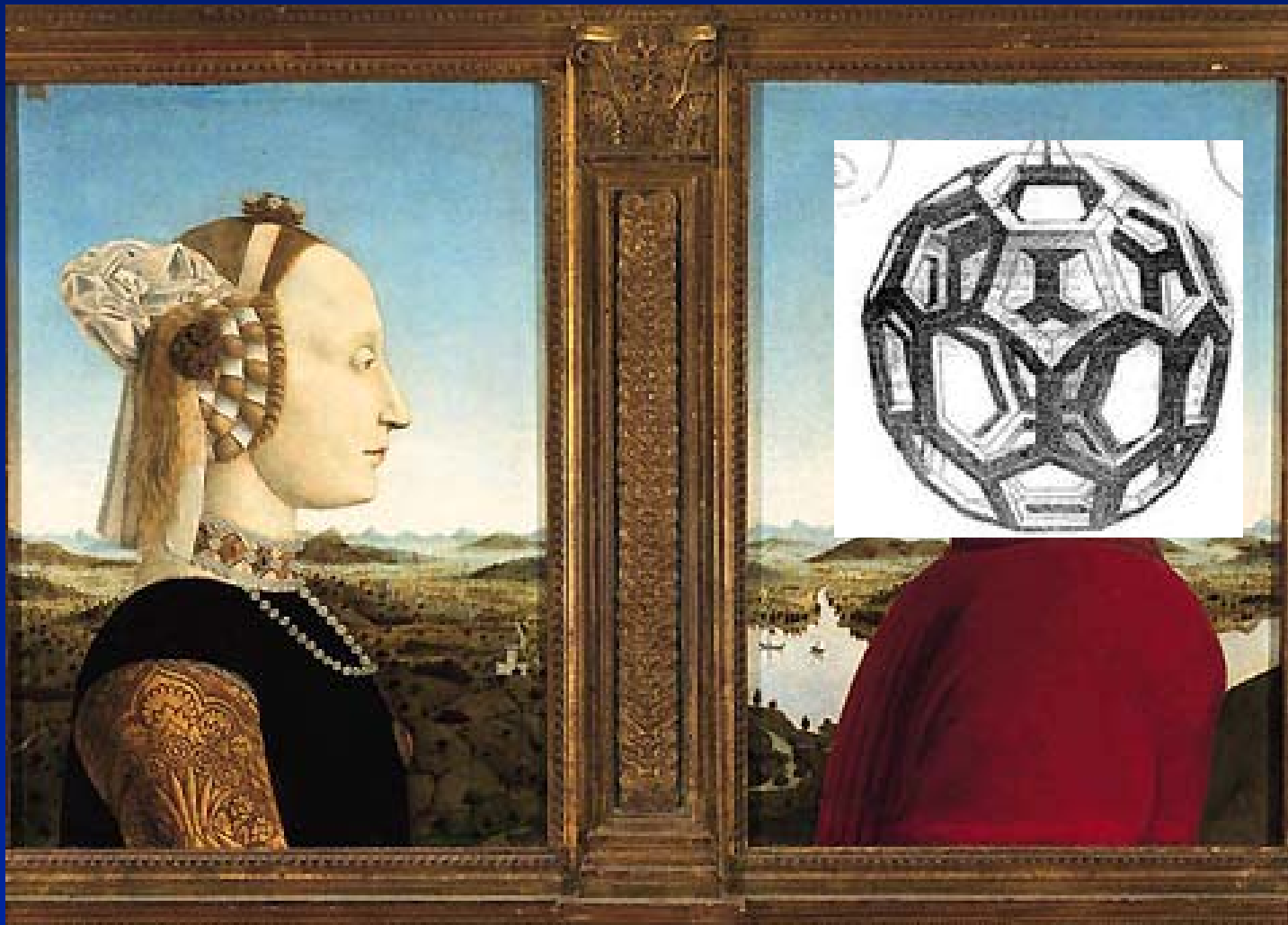
C_{60} Bukminster Fullerane



60 atoms of Carbon in
a sphere







Federigo da Montefeltro and Battista Sforza (1465, Uffizi, Florence)

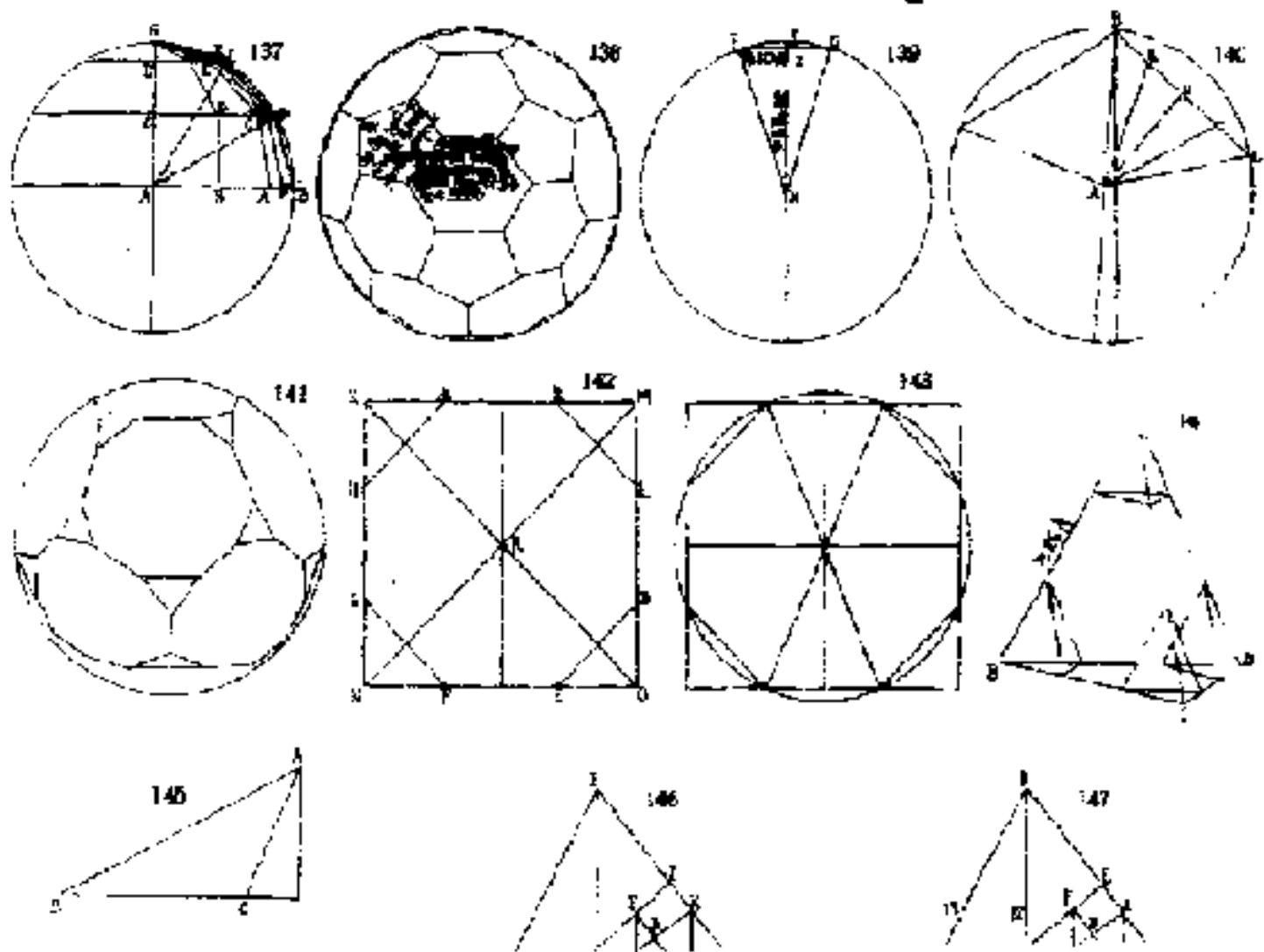
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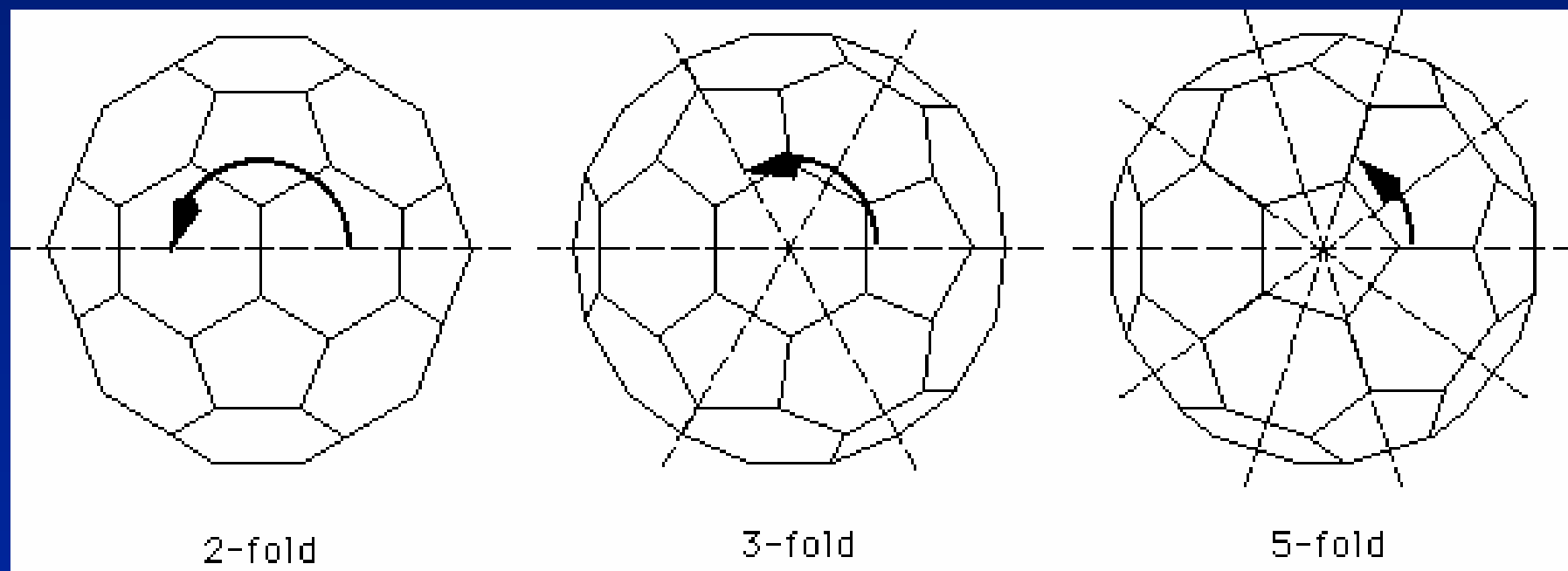
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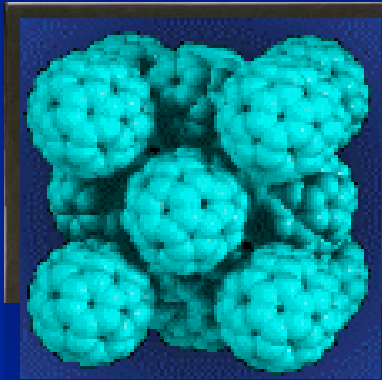
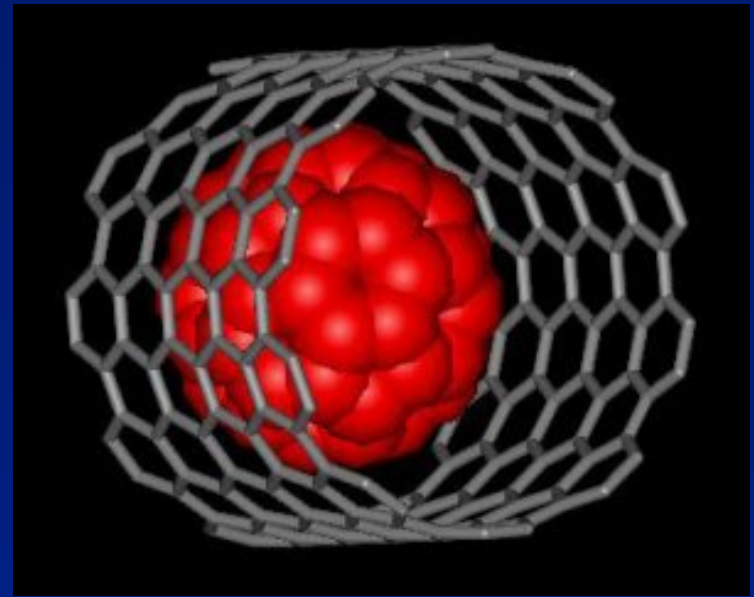
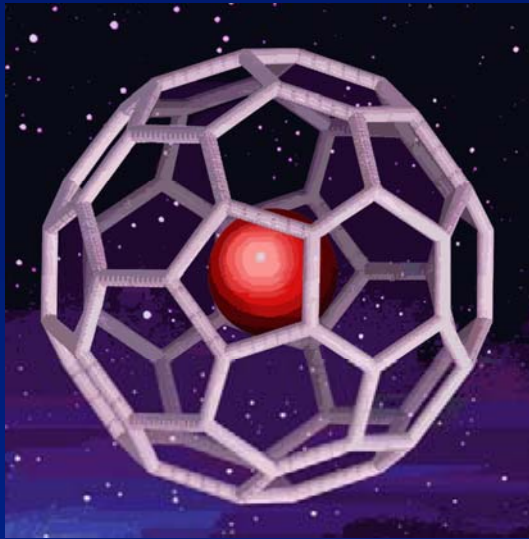
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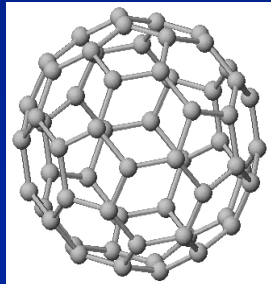
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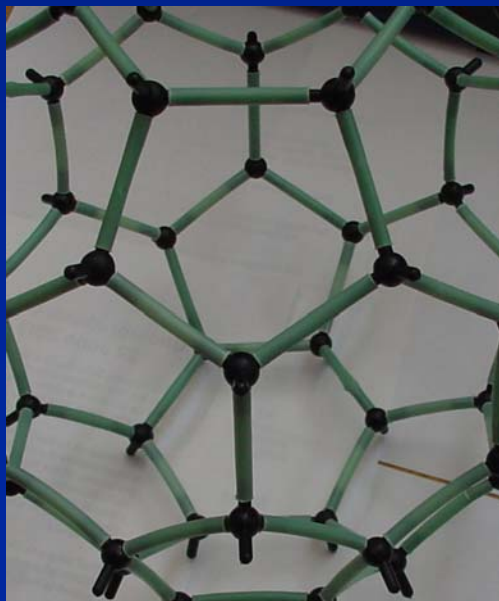
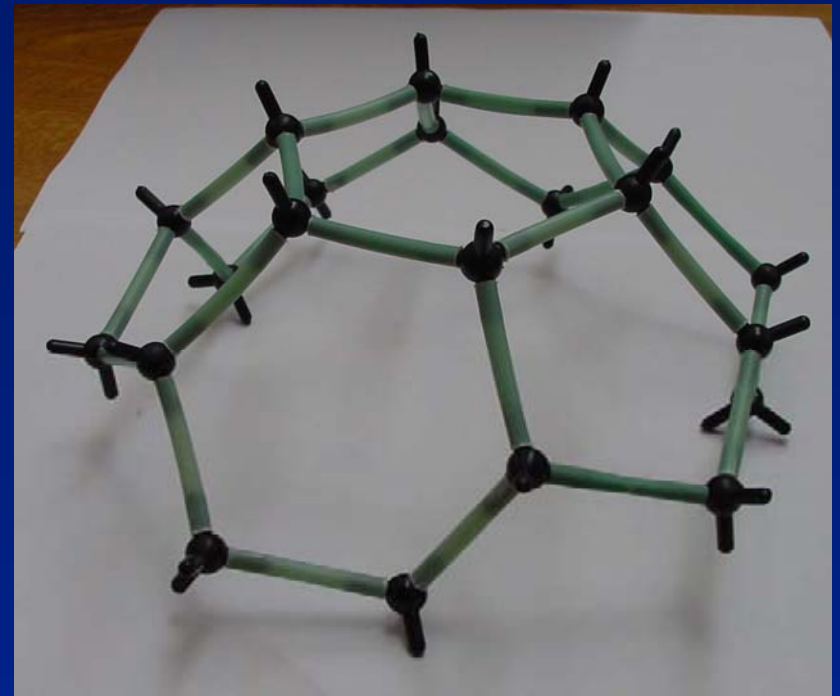


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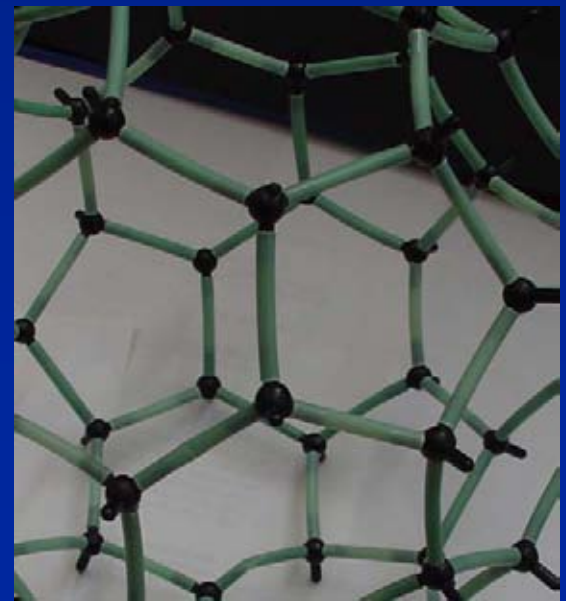


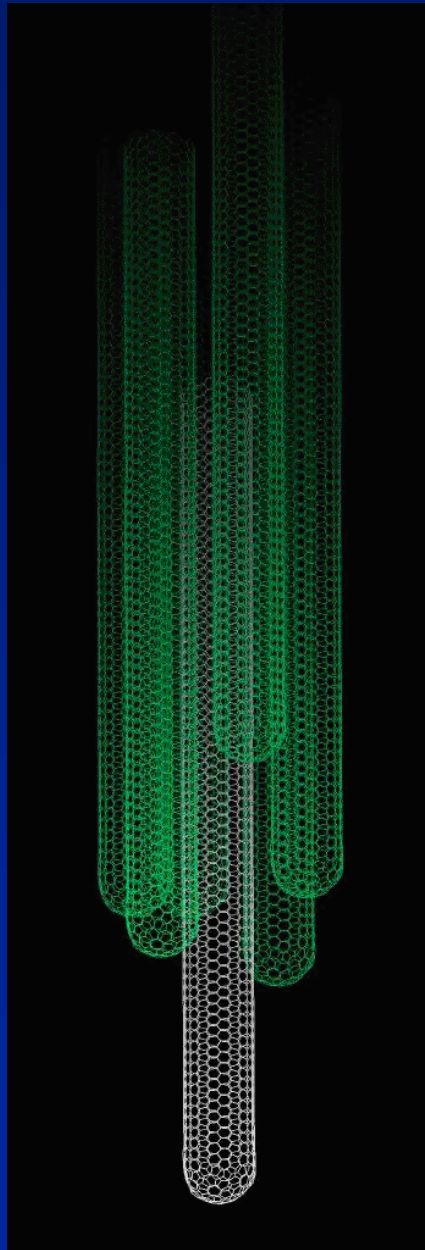
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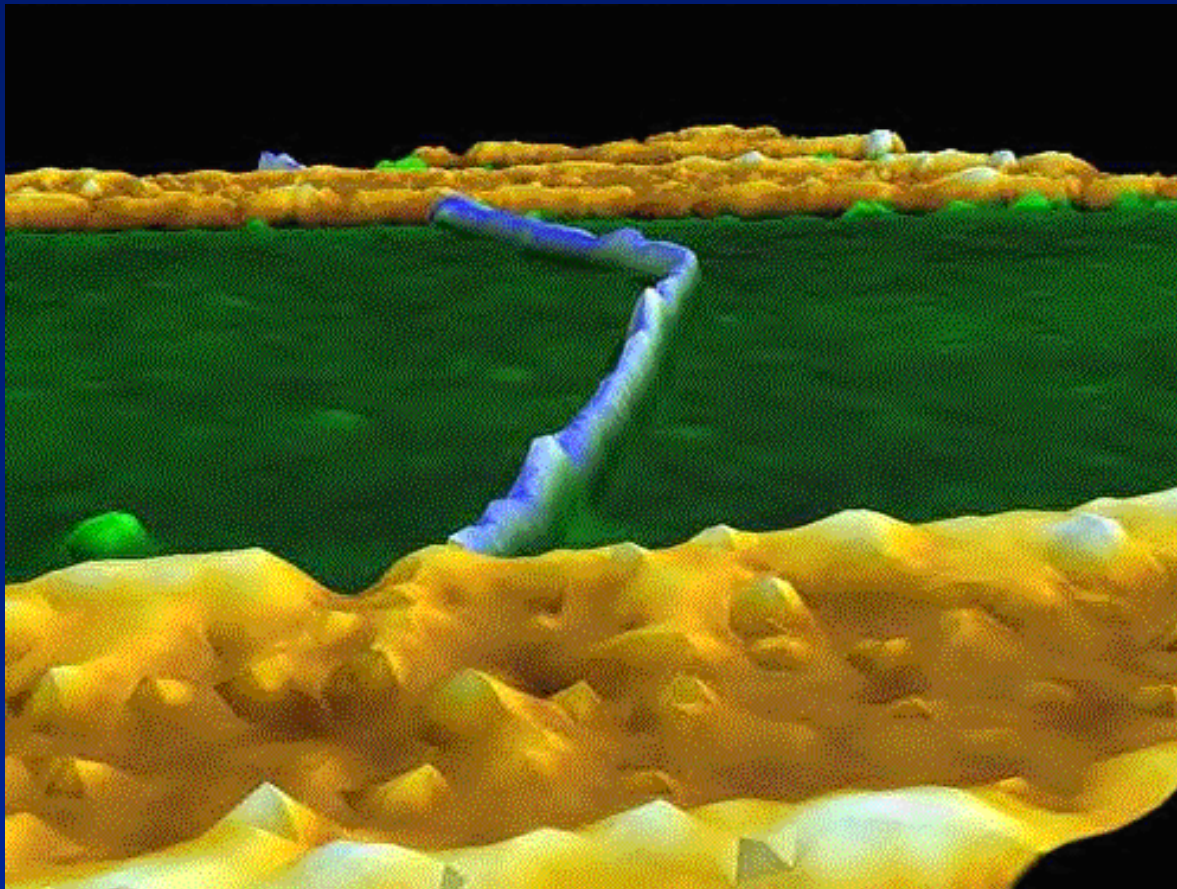


Build your
Bucky Ball





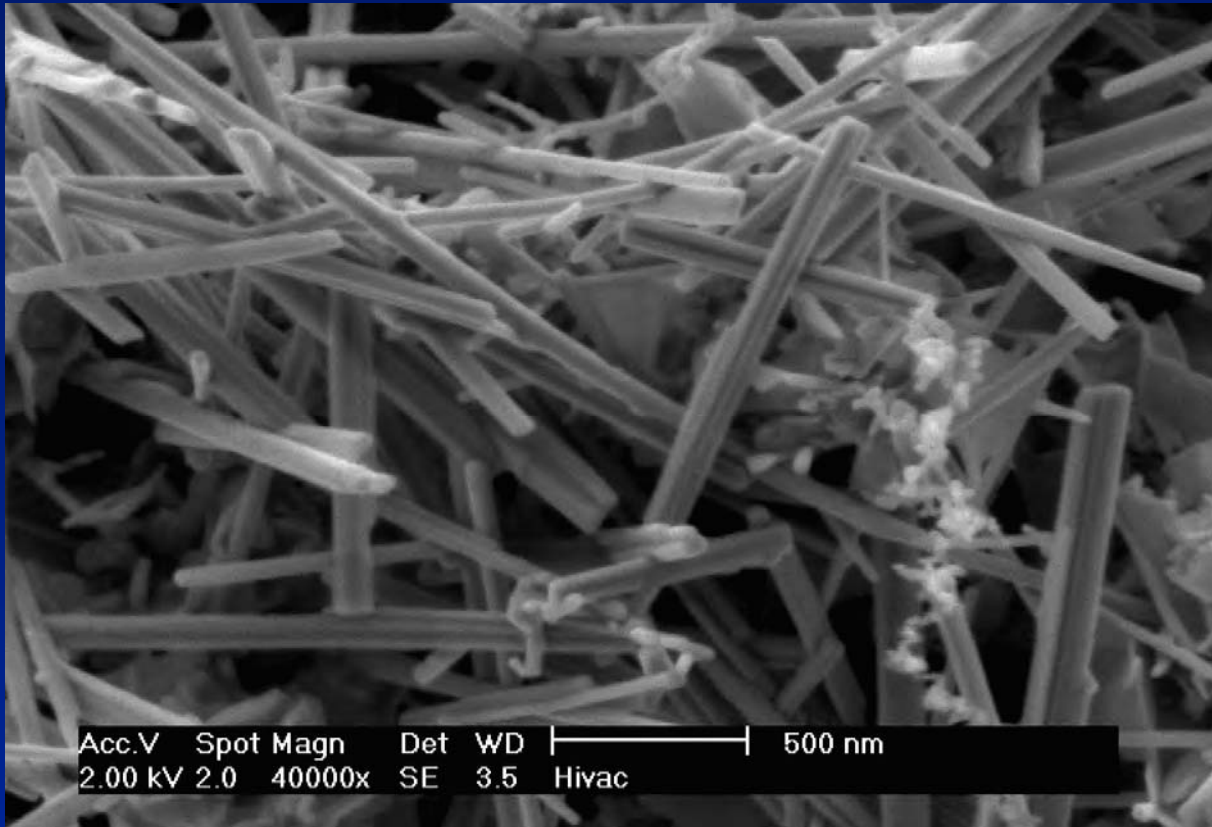
Single Walled
tubes



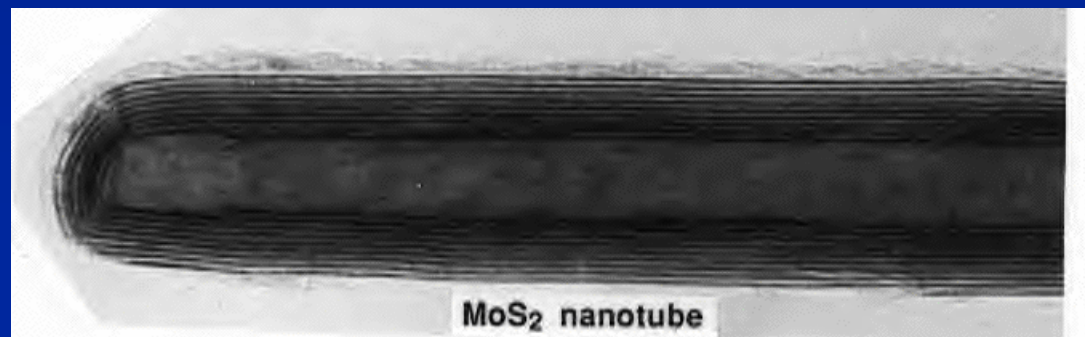
Kinks in carbon nanotubes:

Different conduction environments for electrons moving along the tube. The nanotube wire on one side of the kink This intramolecular versatility will help the designers of nanocircuits. The atomic force microscope image, showing a kinked nanotube draped across three electrodes, was recorded by Cees Dekker and his colleagues at Delft University in The Netherlands.

reported by Yao et al., *Nature*, 18 November 1999



Inorganic
Nanotubes
Prof Tenne
Weizmann



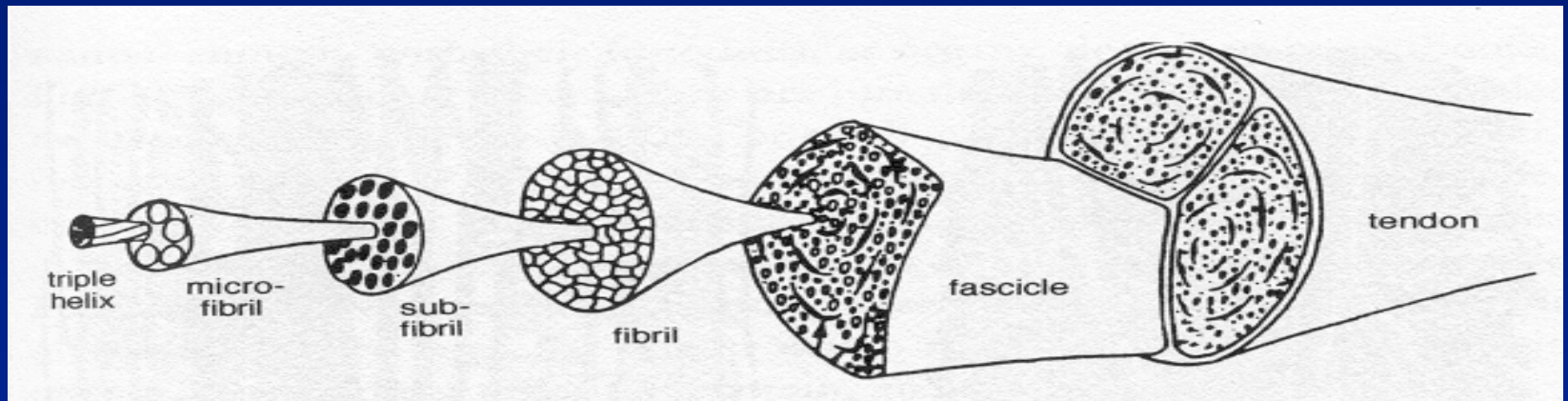
Biological Perspectives

We have already thought about respiration

- Dissolution
- Delivery
- Implants
- Biocompatibility

Influence of nanotechnology

Where ever we go- Biology was there first?..Function and Form



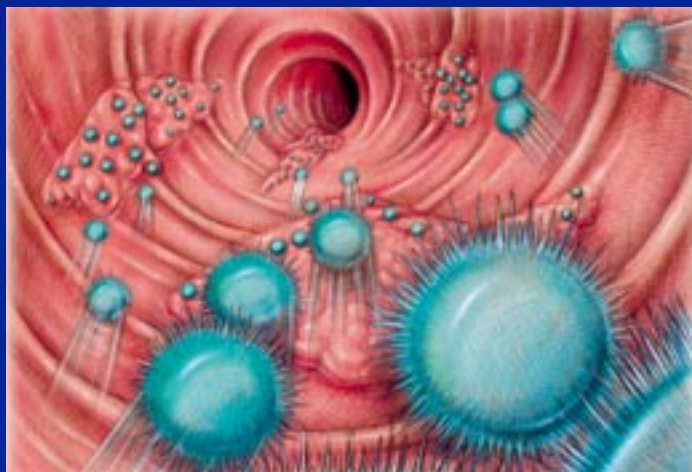
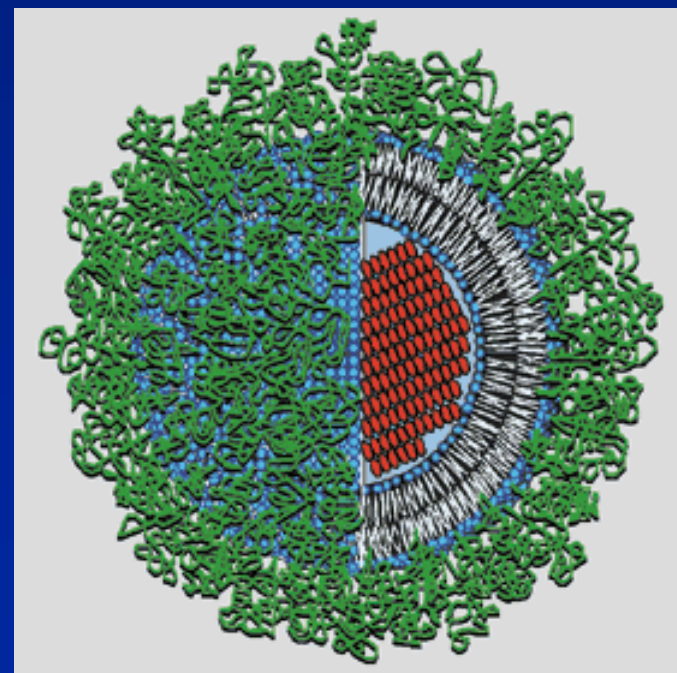
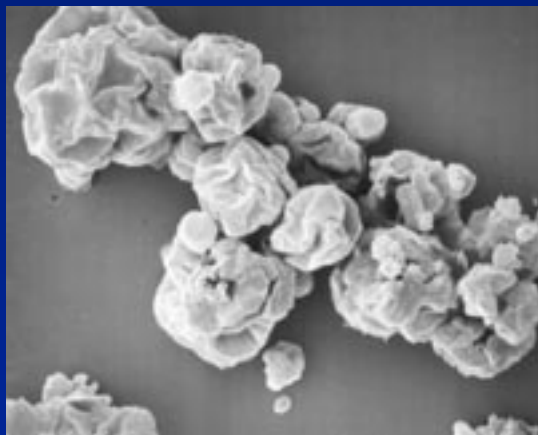
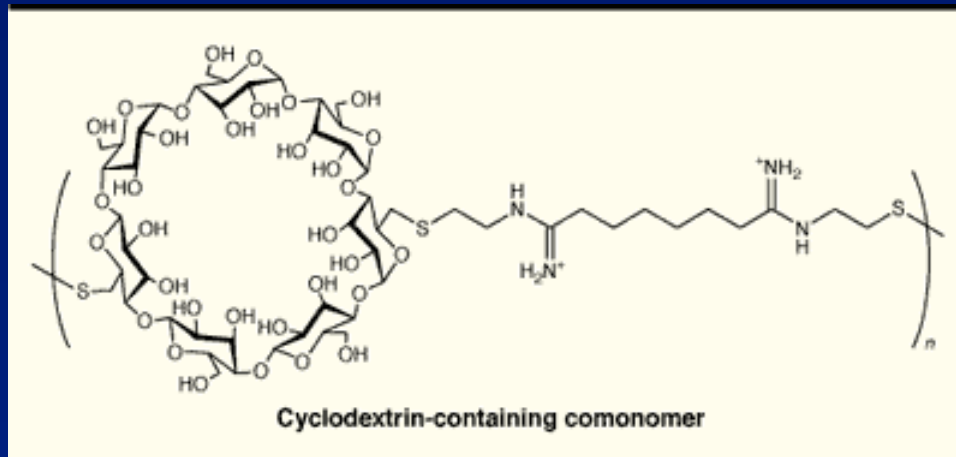
- In nature a very large range of material properties are obtained from a limited number of materials by varying the micron scale structure
- Ligaments, Cartilage, Tendons are all made from Collagen in different forms

Special **Delivery**

***Alternative methods for
delivering drugs improve
performance, convenience,
and patient compliance.***

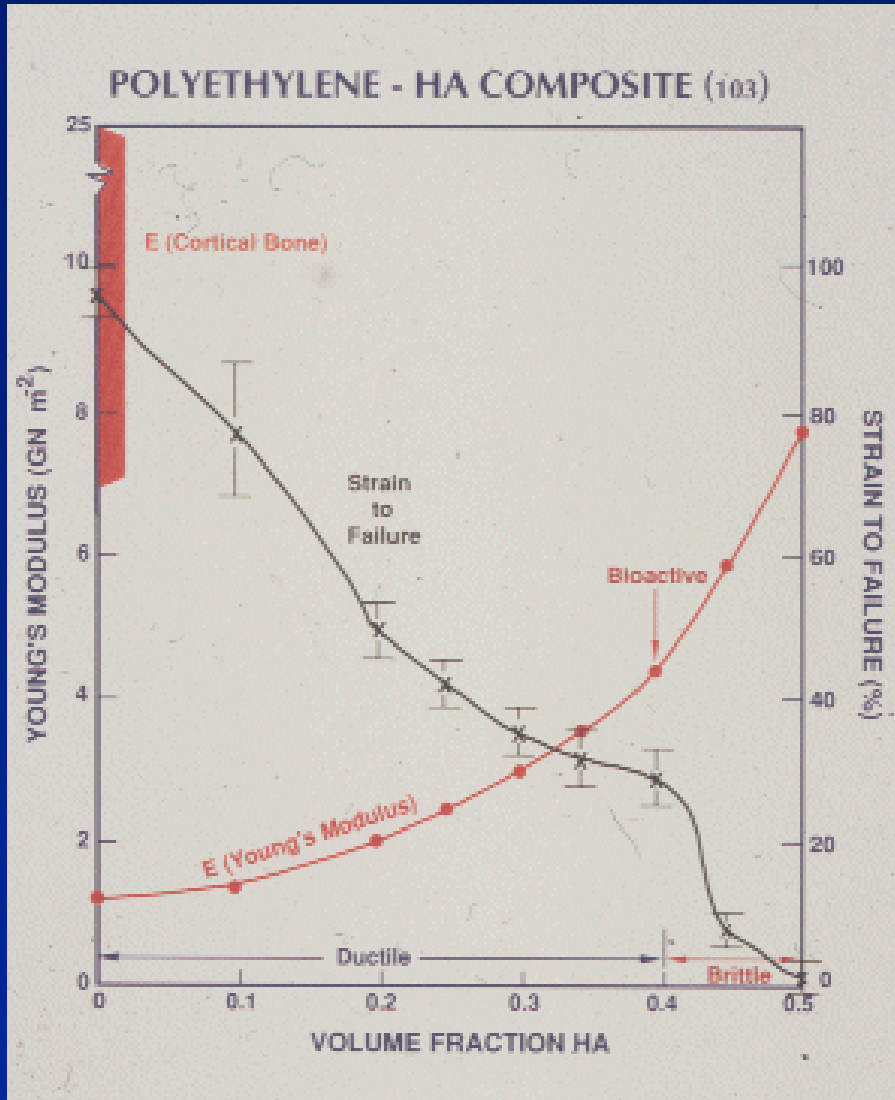


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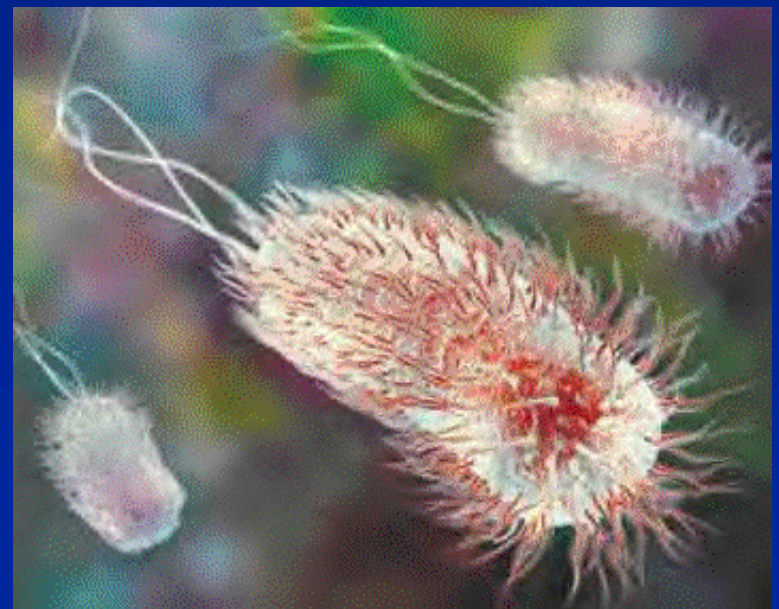
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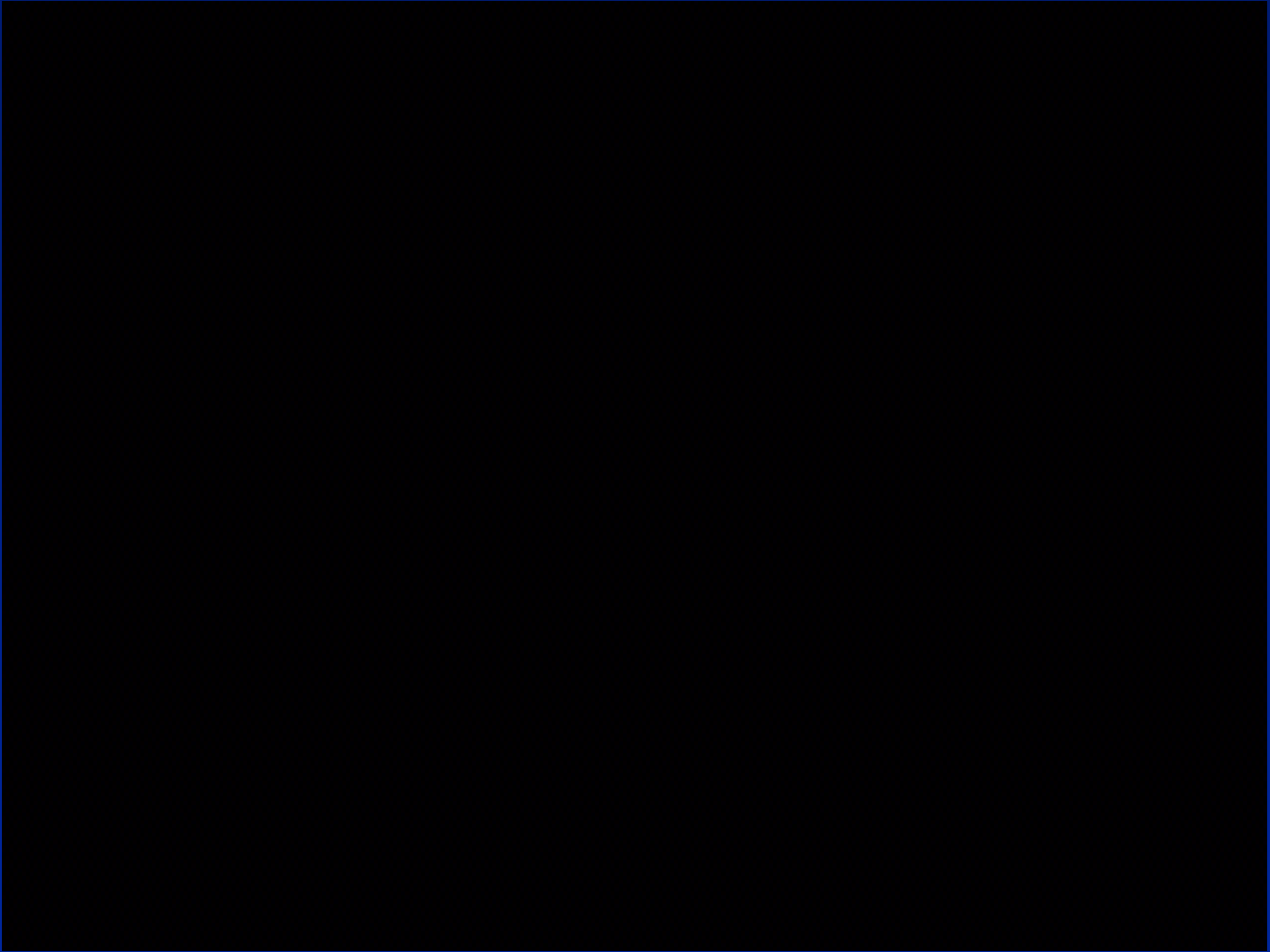
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- Porous- Fixation by biological in growth
- Bioactive- Chemical bonding implant and host
- Resorbable- dissolves chemically or by cell action

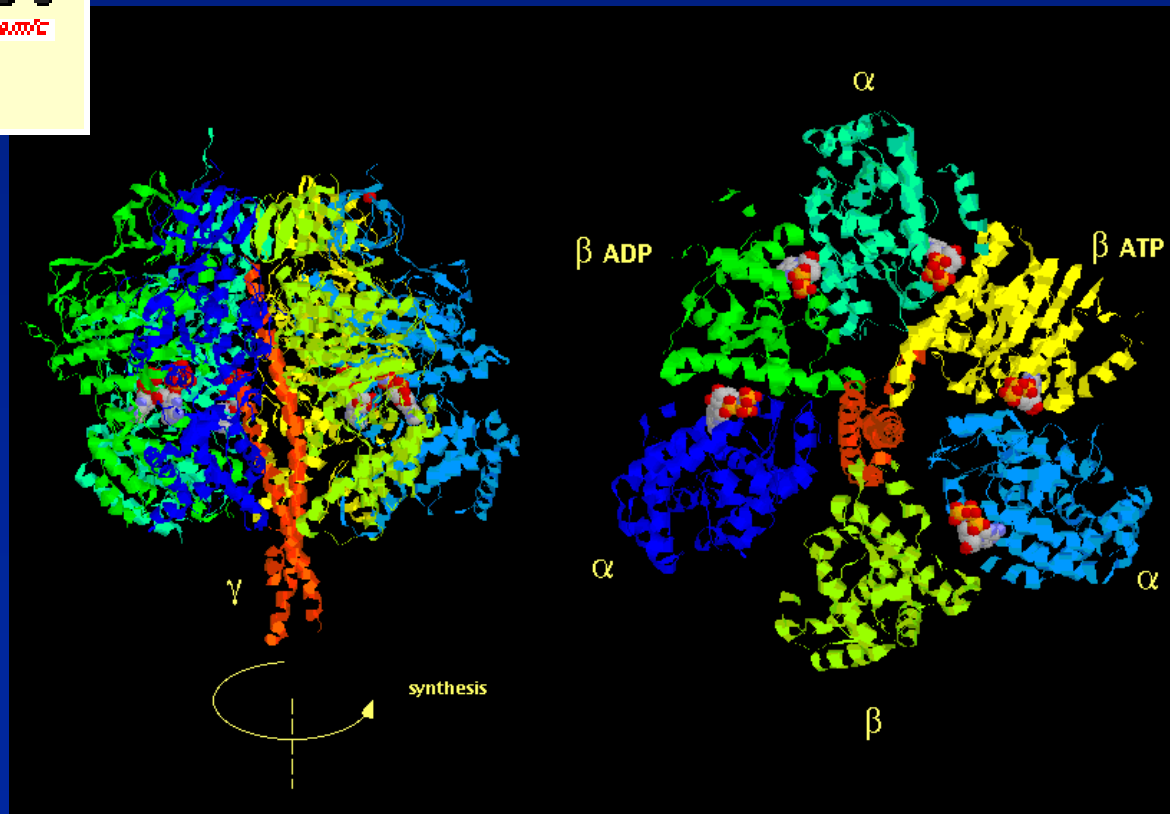
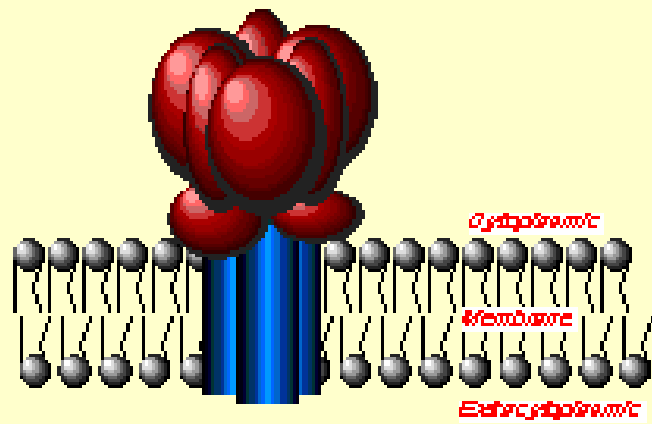


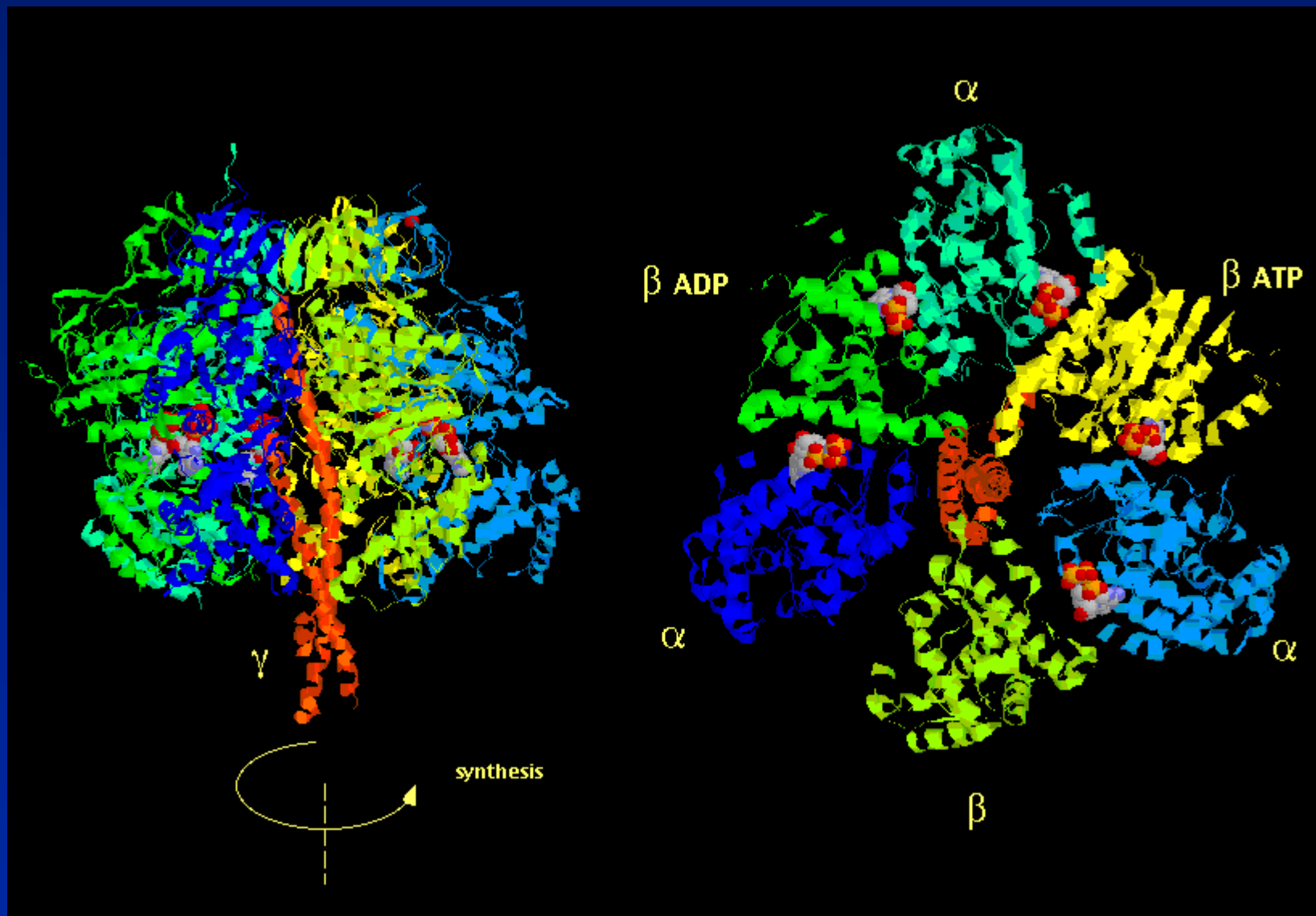
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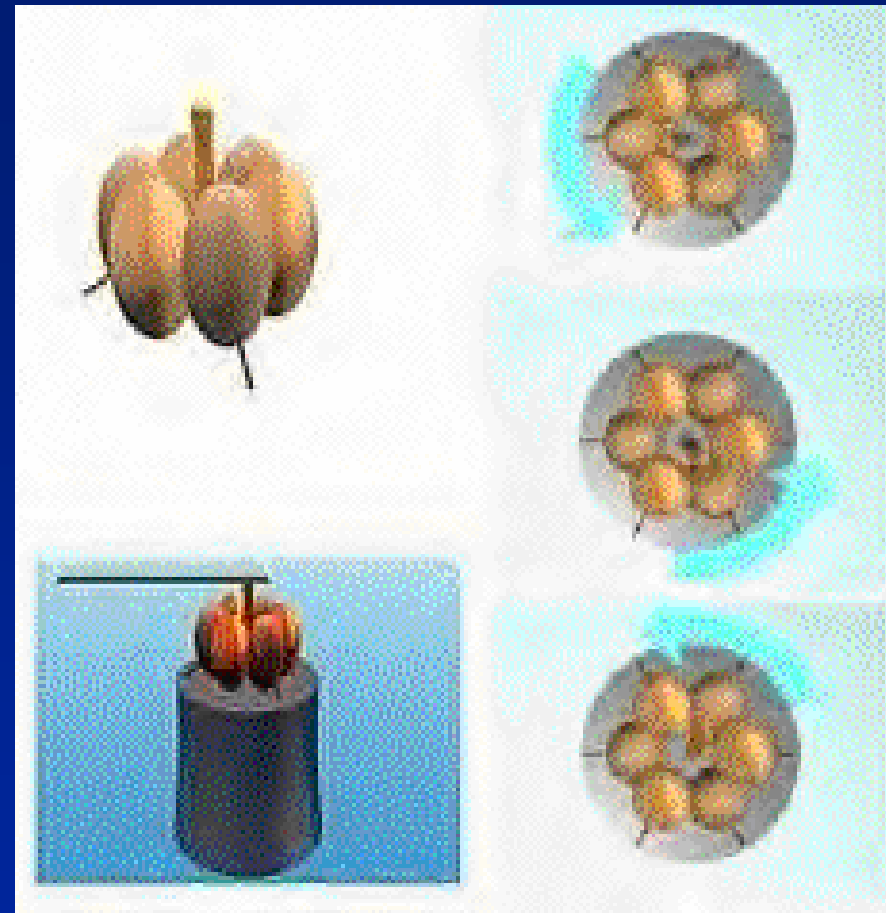
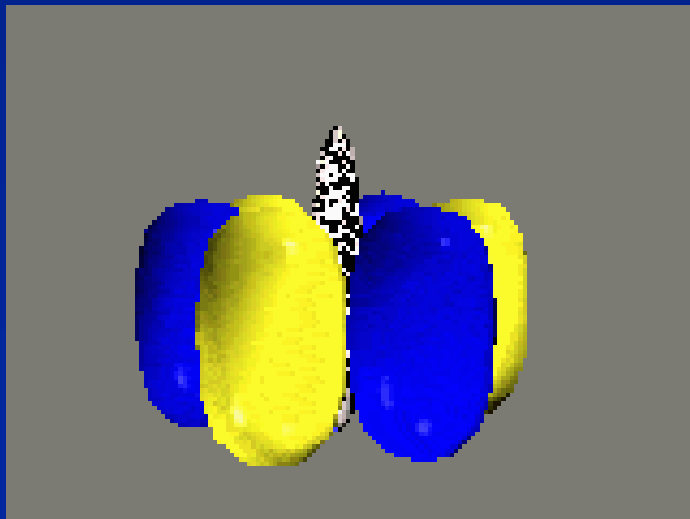
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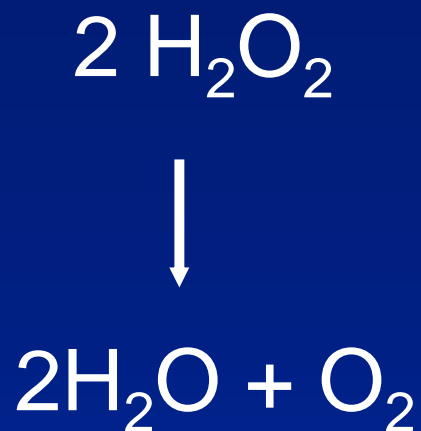












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Web Release Date: September 21, 2004 **Catalytic Nanomotors: Autonomous Movement of Striped Nanorods** Walter F. Paxton, Kevin C. Kistler, Christine C. Olmeda, Ayusman Sen,* Sarah K. St. Angelo, Yanyan Cao, Thomas E. Mallouk,* Paul E. Lammert, and Vincent H. Crespi*

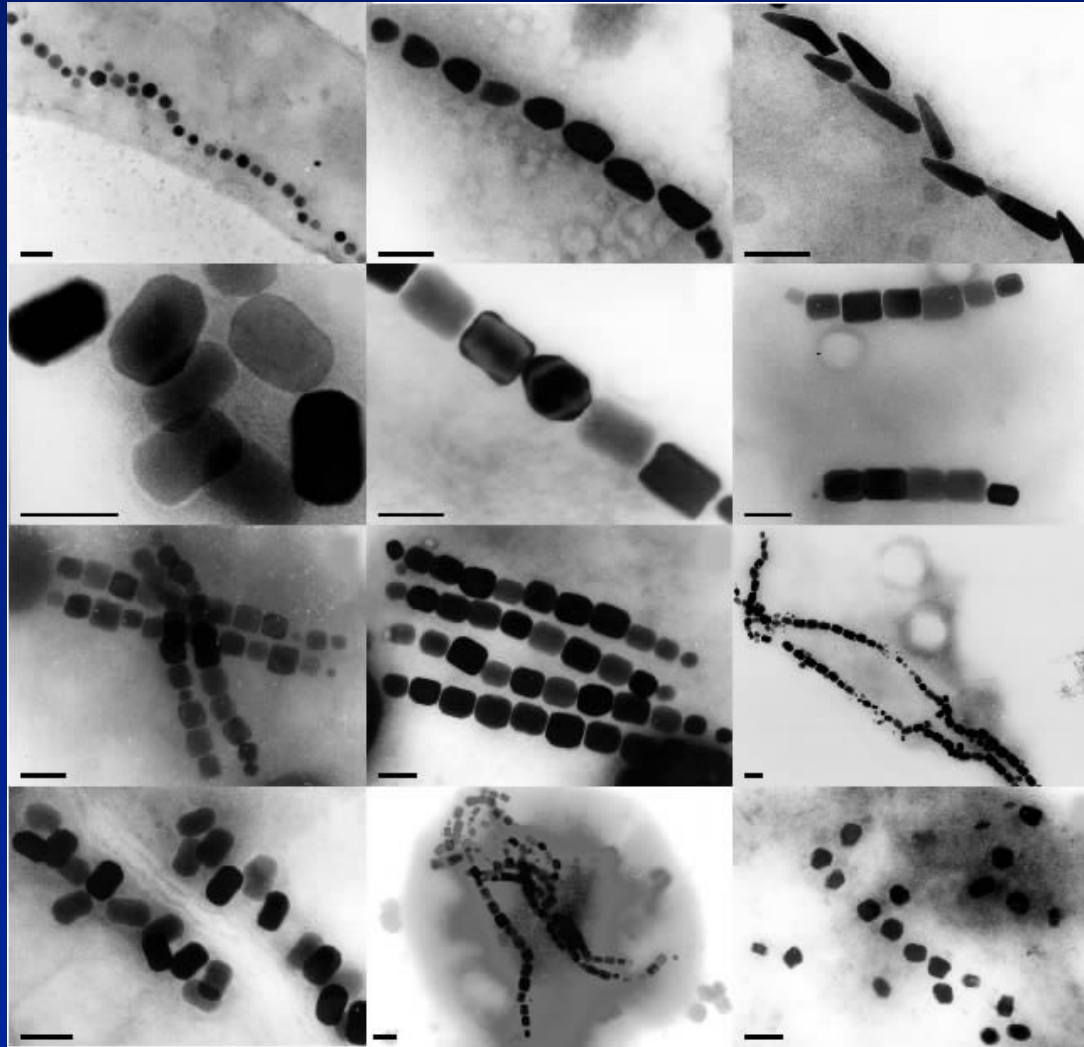












Diversity of magnetosome crystals found in various magnetotactic bacteria from different environments (bar represents 0.1 micrometer). Most of the bacteria shown have not been isolated in pure culture.



The Effect of Size on Intrinsic Properties

The relationship between:

- length, area and volume
- *information and space*

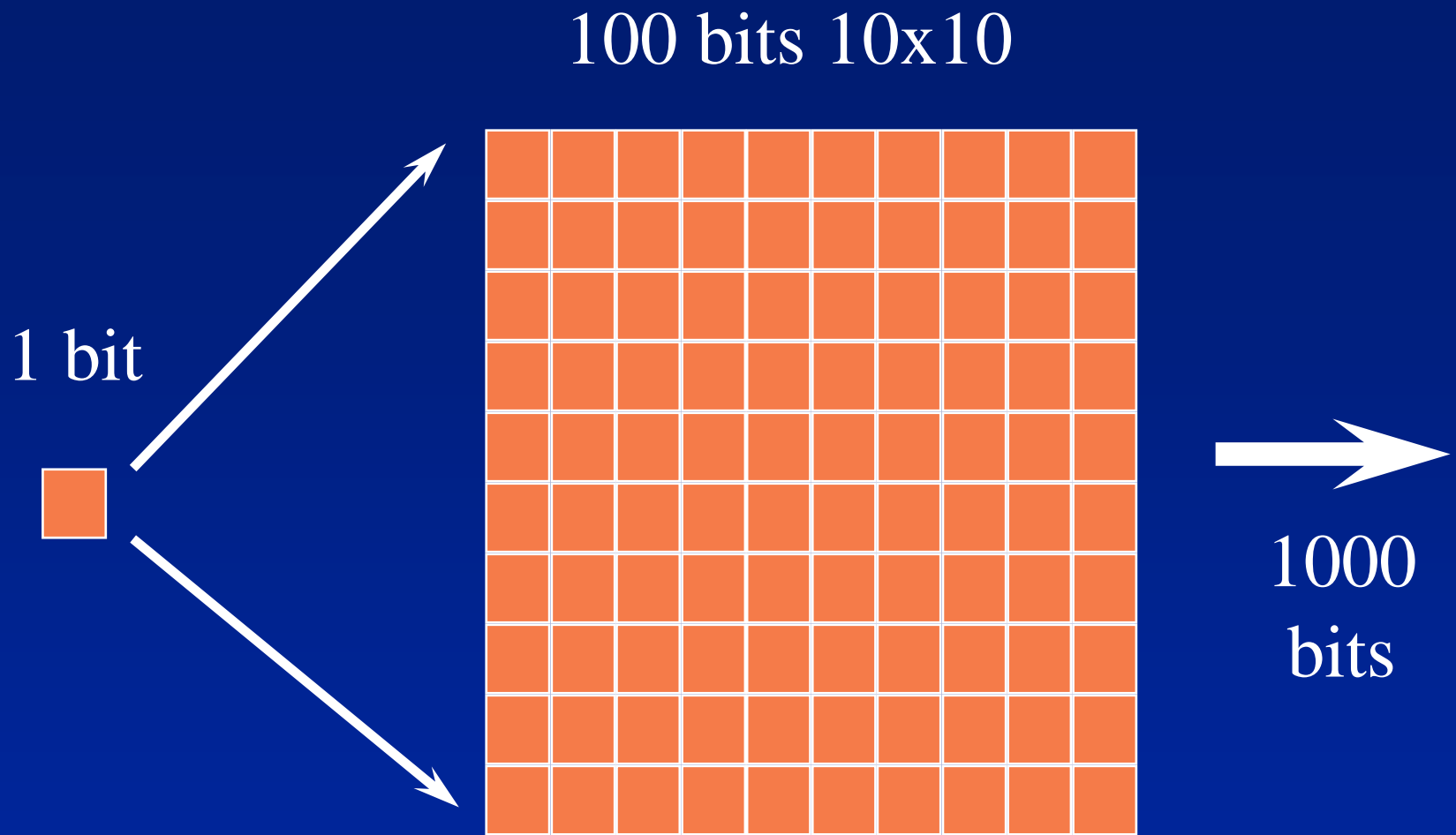
Then let us look at what is possible

Let Us First Investigate the Effect of Size on Intrinsic Properties

The relationship between:

- length, area and volume
- *information and space*

Then let us look at what is possible



Remember the old chessboard problem

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ERROR WON'T FIT

ON SCREEN!!!

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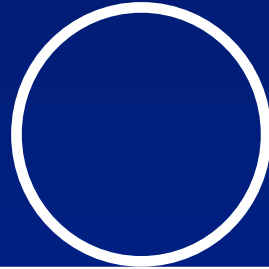
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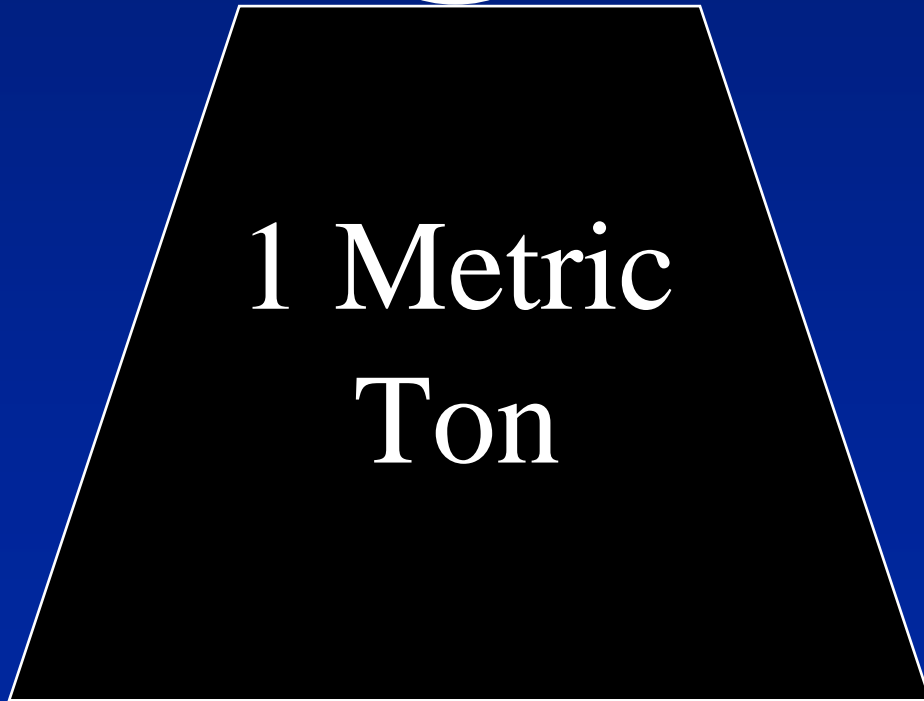
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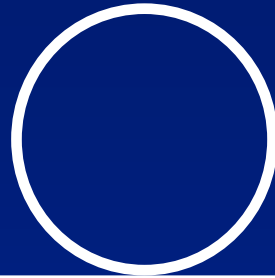


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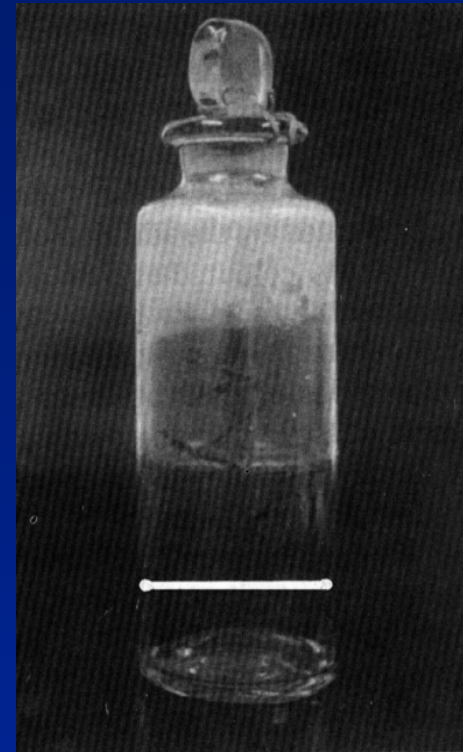


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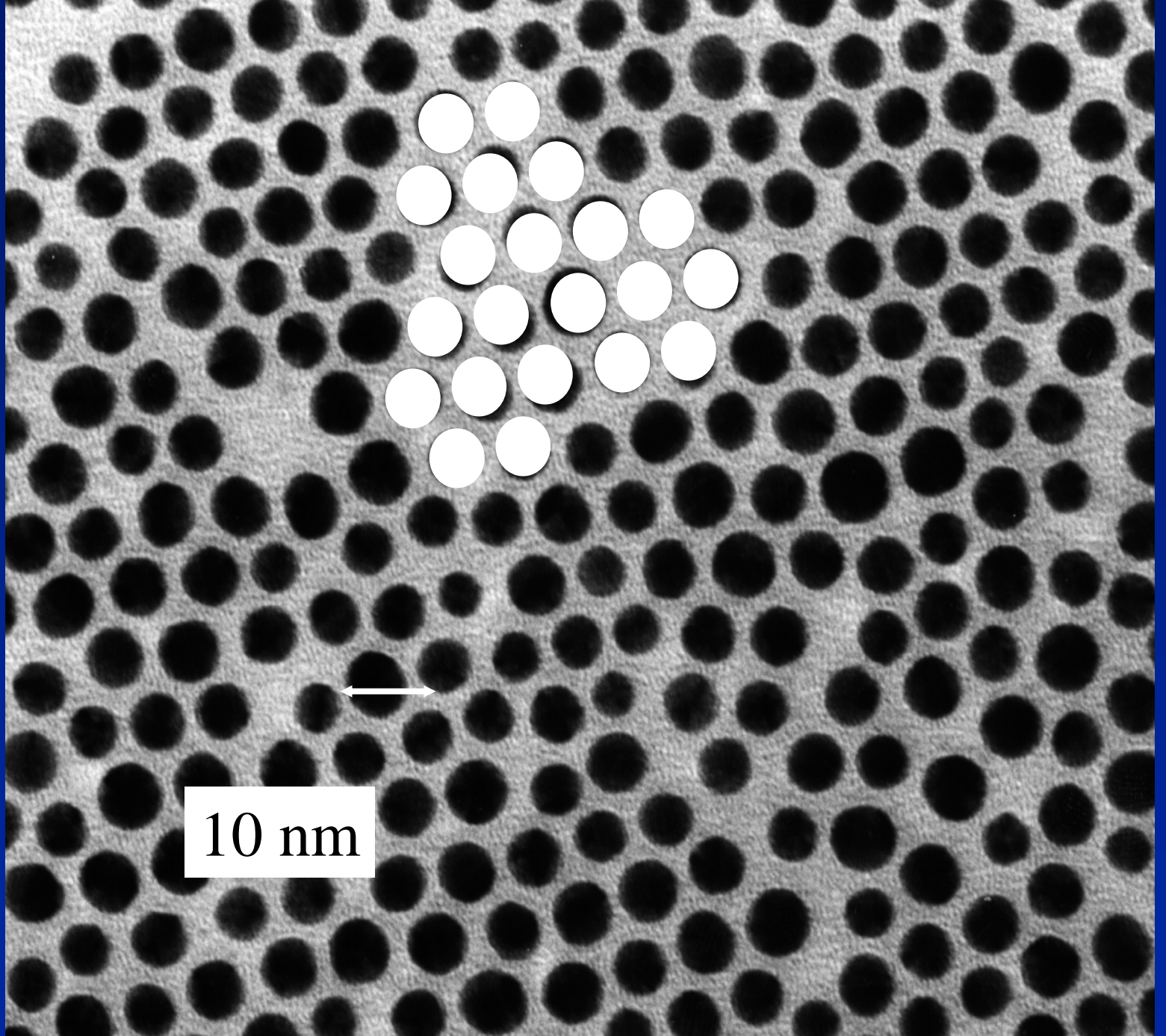




FOR A
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Michael Faraday in
the 1860s made
Colloids of Gold



10 nm

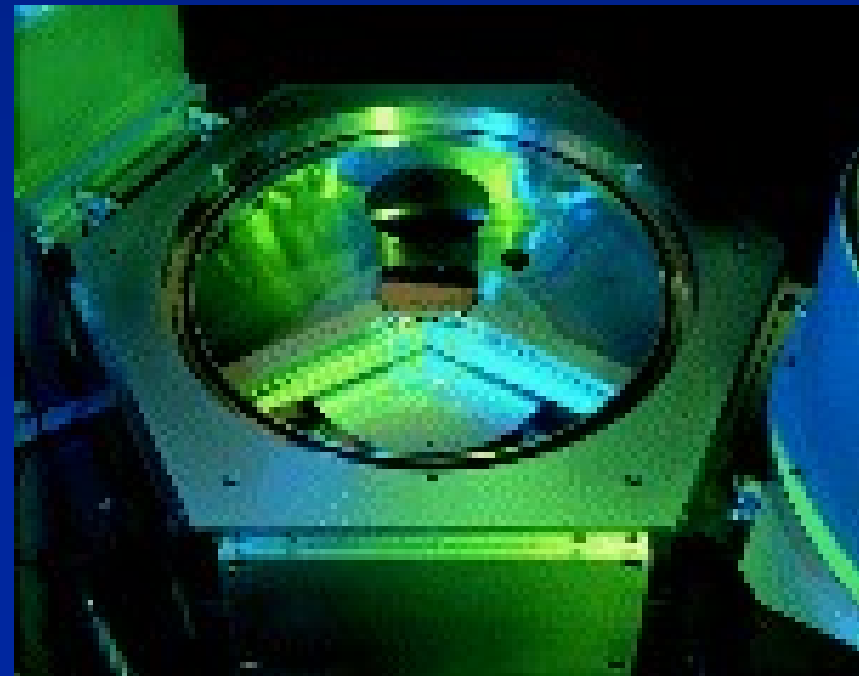
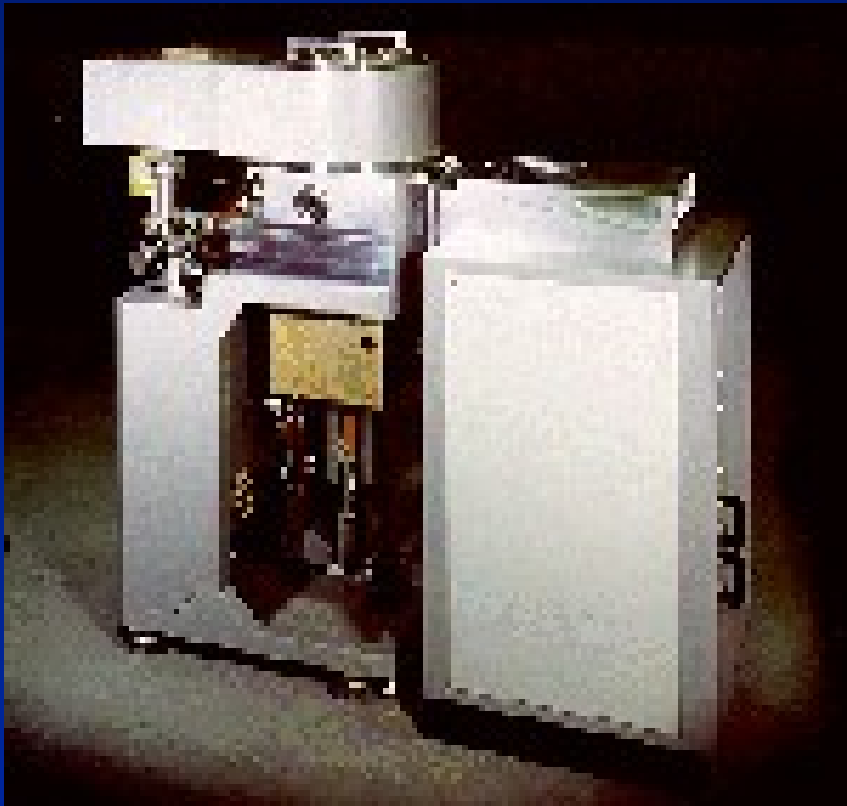
How Small Can we Make Machines?

The process depends on chemistry for the manipulation often of silicon.

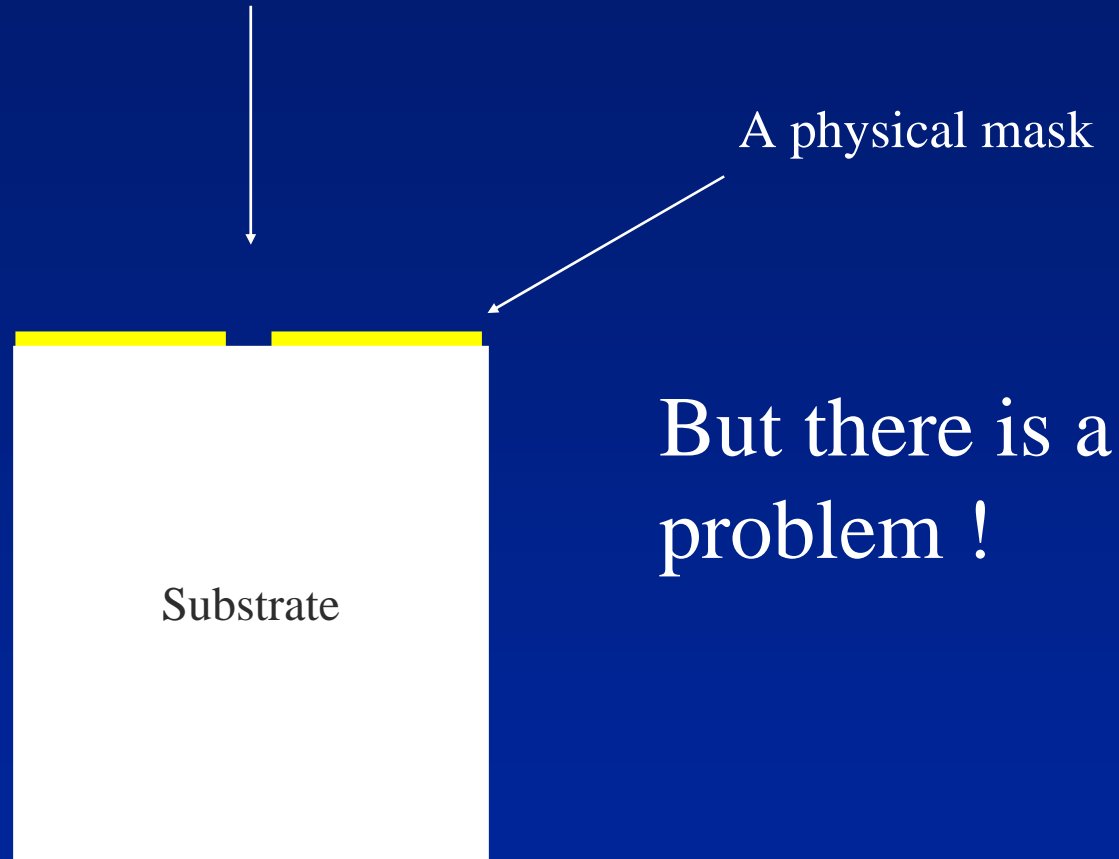
Into turbines, rotors, accelerometers.....

These are small 100-1000 nanometre parts

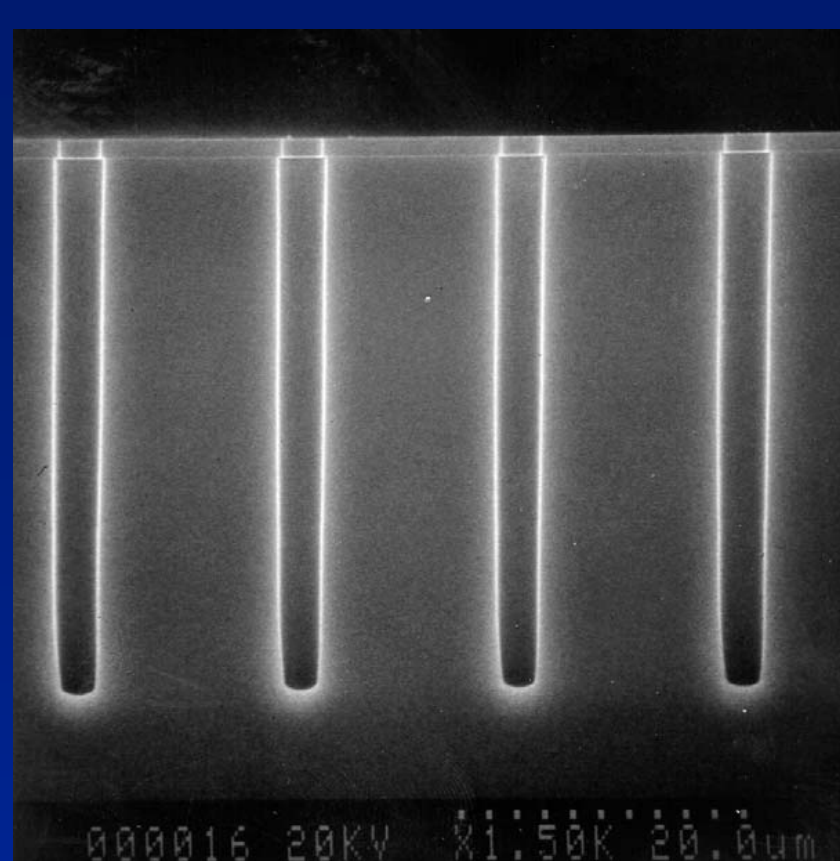
How to Engineer at the scale of Nanometres?



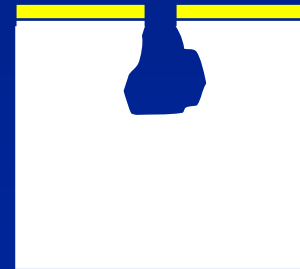
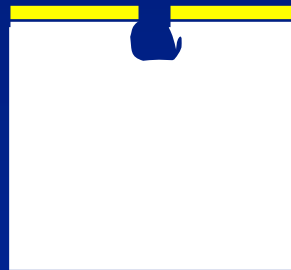
A Chemical to dissolve lower layer



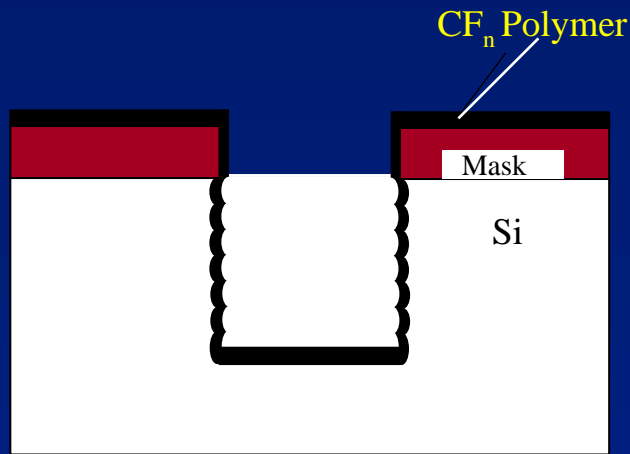
Chemical Etching as Route to Structures



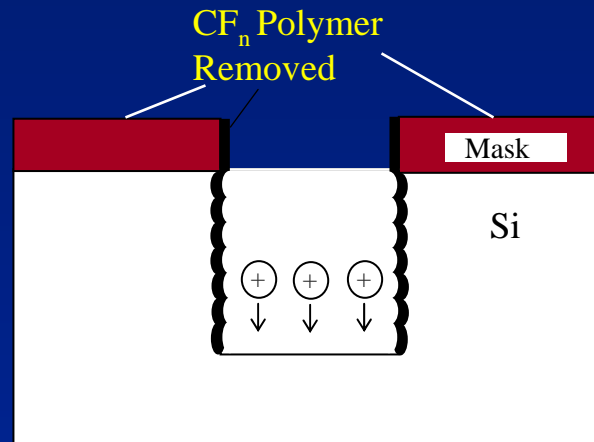
The problem with a simple etch method is to do with anisotropy



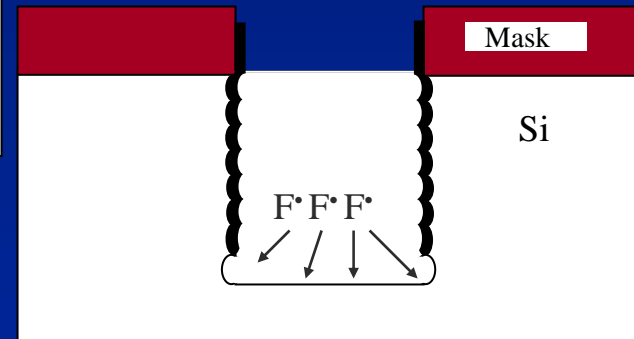
Anisotropy is Inevitably Lost !
The problem can also be a solution
Cutting out gear wheels etc.



CF_n polymer from C_4F_8 plasma, deposited on all surfaces

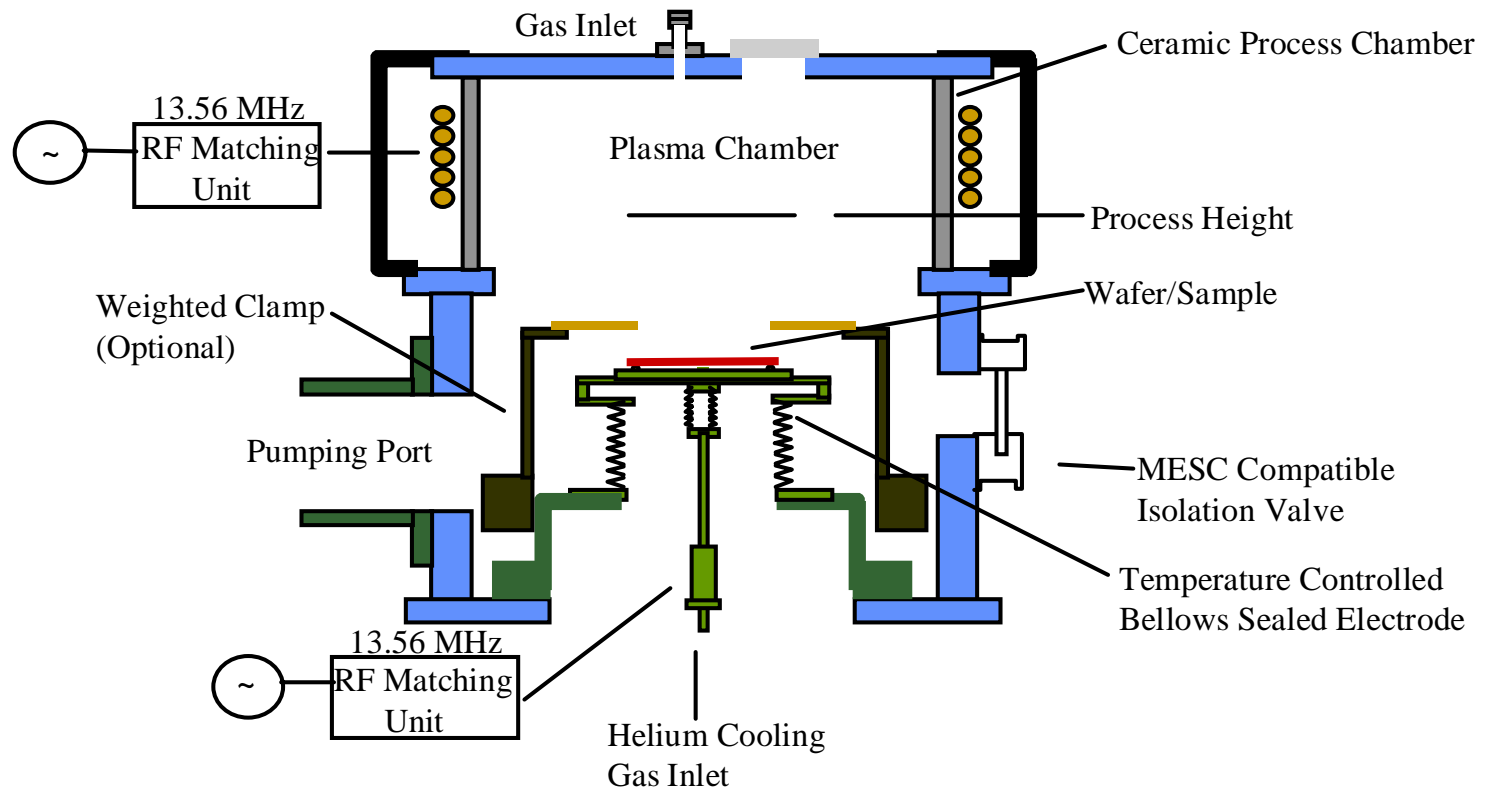


Due to directionality, polymer is removed from base at much higher rate than from side-walls.



Exposed Si surfaces are then etched by fluorine species, from the SF_6 plasma.

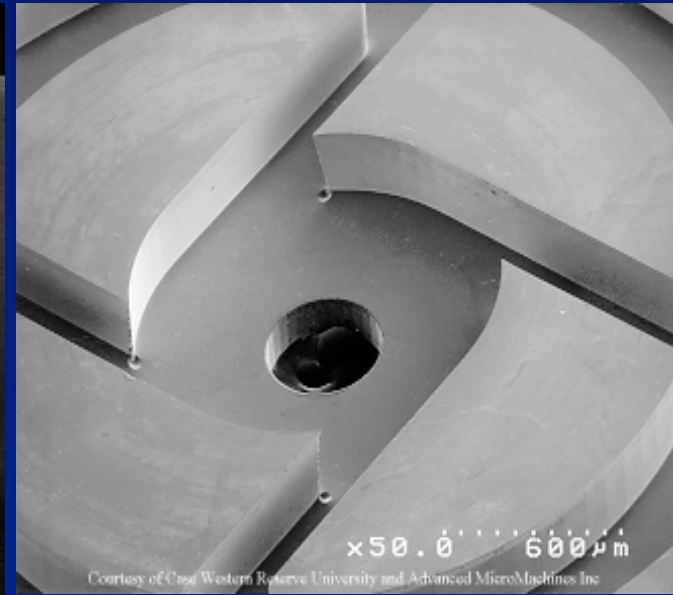
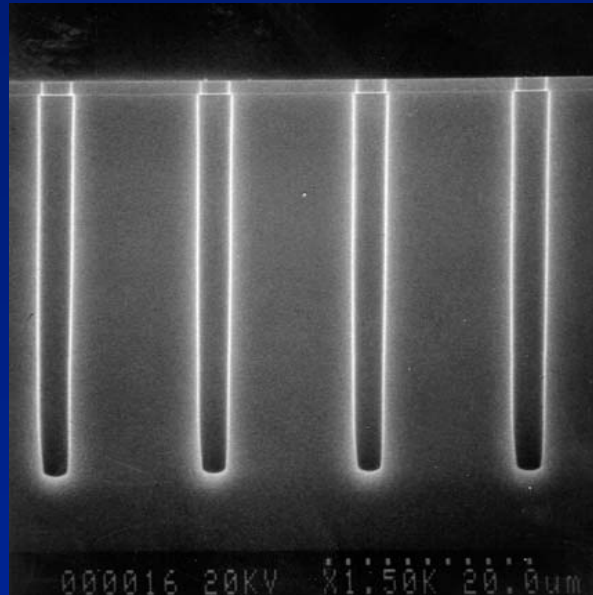
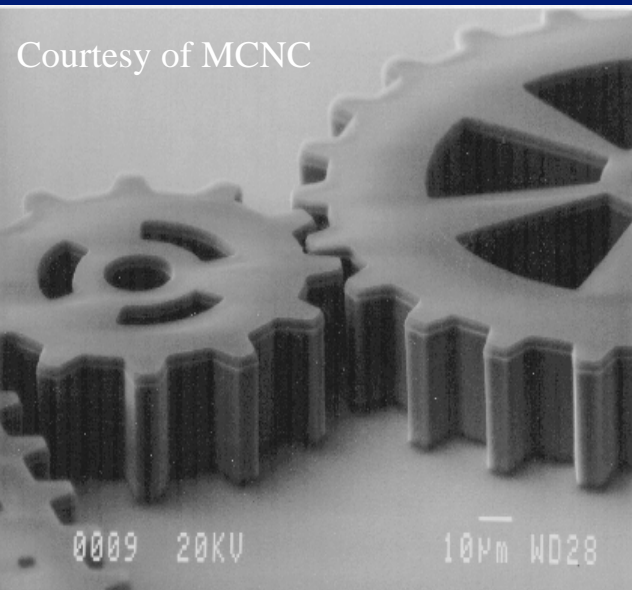
Advanced Silicon Etch Process



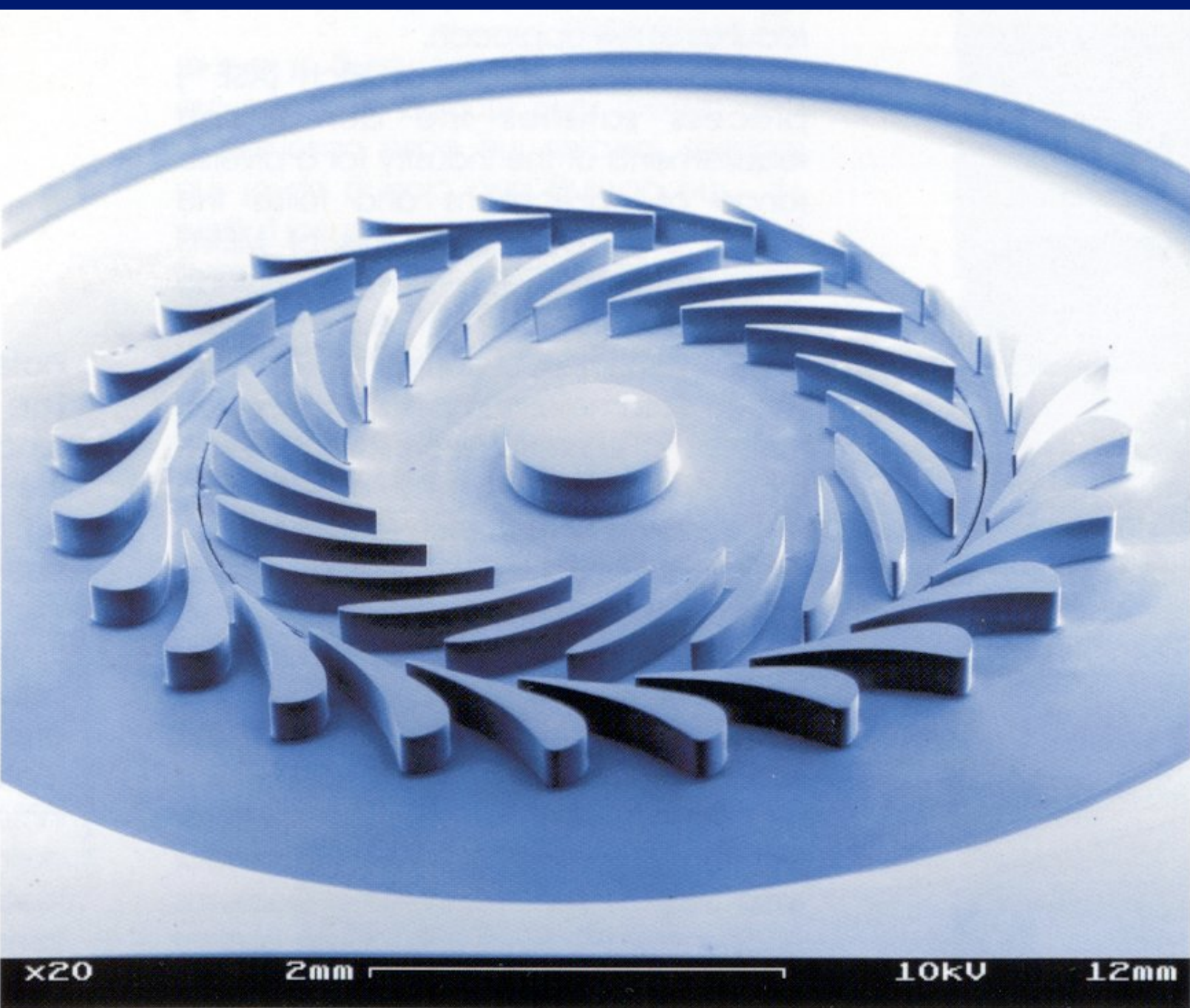
SURFACE TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS



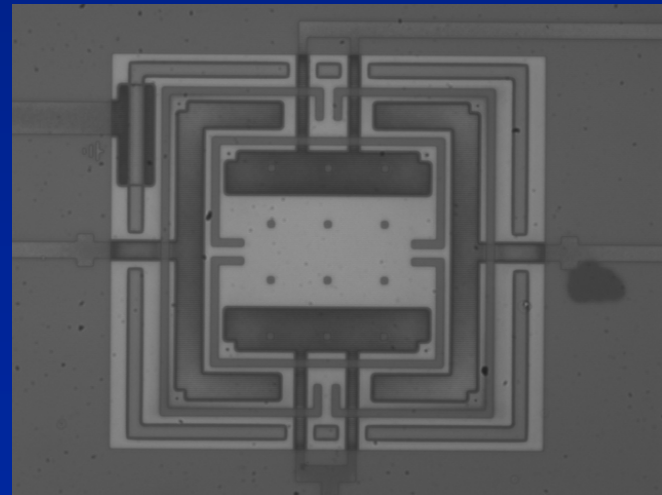
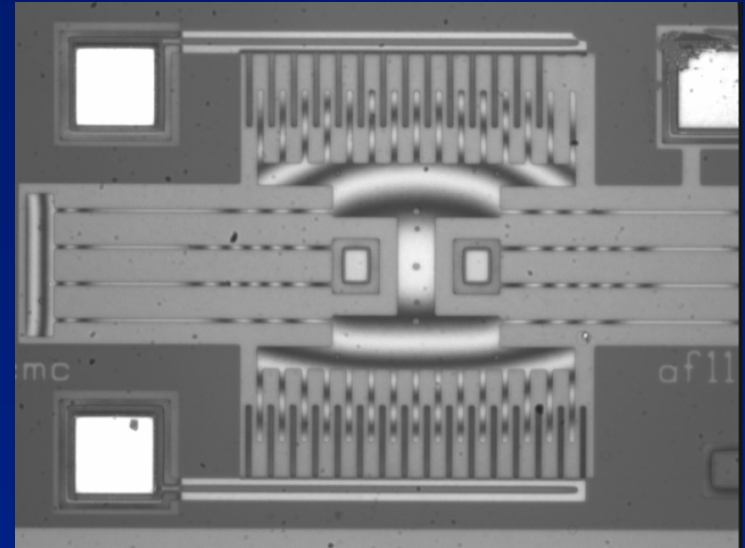
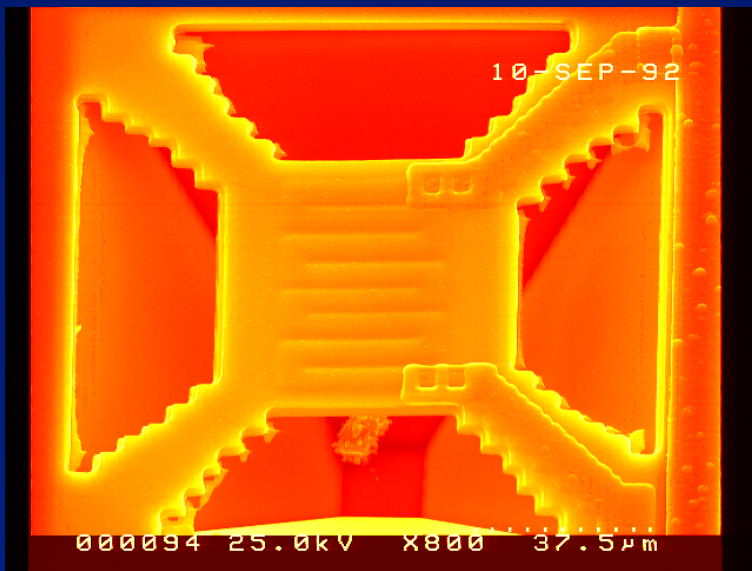
Applications for anisotropic silicon etch technology



- Vertical features etched in silicon are required for micro-electro mechanical systems, optical applications, micro-fluidic devices, and semiconductor applications.
- As geometries of device components become smaller, the requirement to dry etch silicon with vertical profiles becomes important.
- Increasing aspect ratios often result in enhanced device performance.



Micro-Turbine (courtesy of MIT)



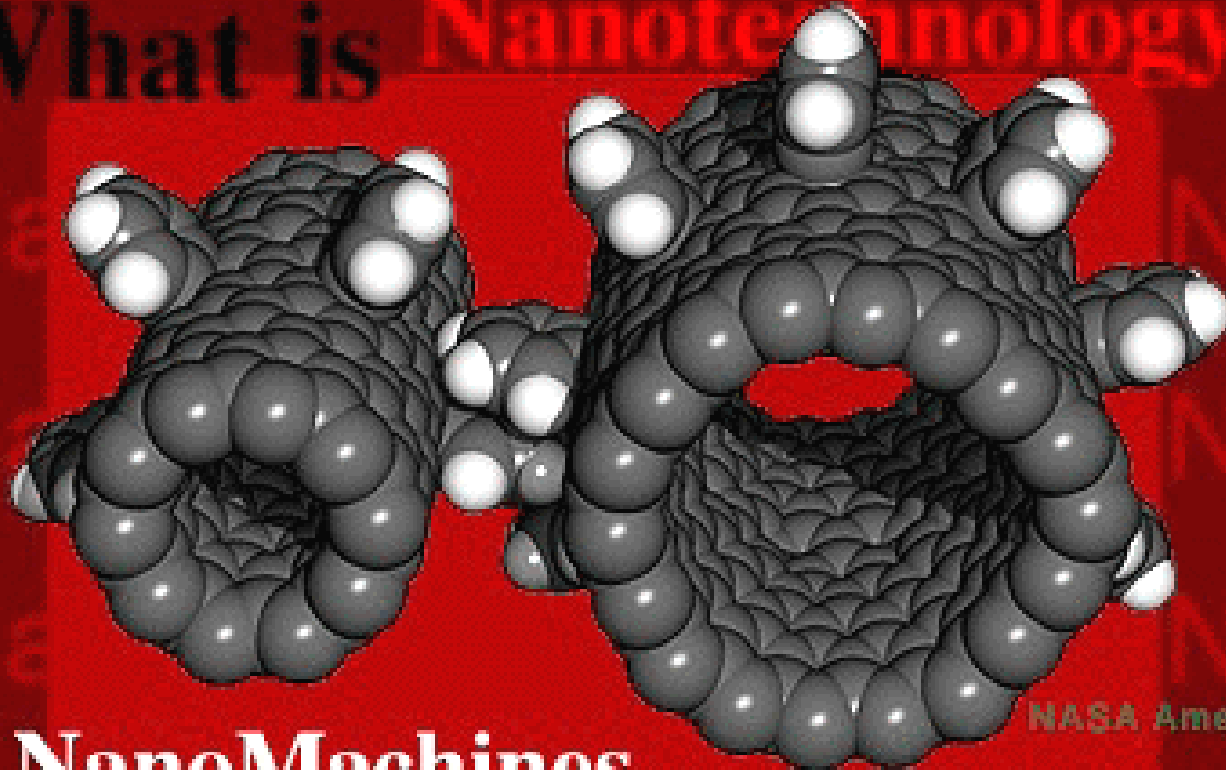


**Atomic scale engines:
Car consisting of nine
particles, performing two
steps to the right, one step
down, two steps to the left,
and one step up.**

A short movie showing how a molecular "locomotive" will possible work. The structure, consisting of two beads connected by a chromophore molecule which has the property of stretching or relaxing when struck by light from an outside source.

Reported by: Porto et al., *Physical Review Letters*, 26 June 2000.

What is Nanotechnology?



NASA Ames

NanoMachines

...are so small, they “look” bumpy -
the “bumps” are individual atoms.

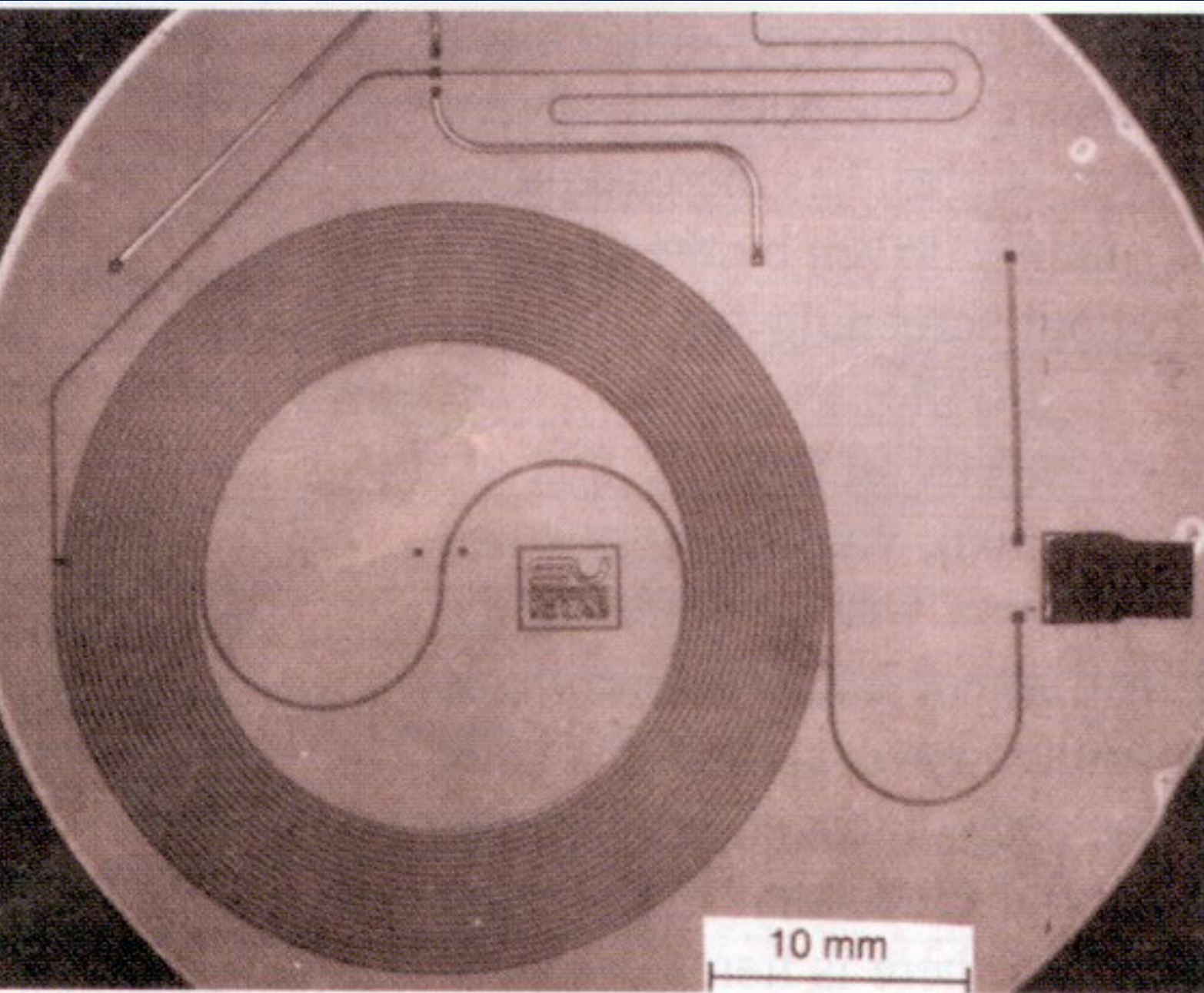
What will these machines
do?

Analyse?

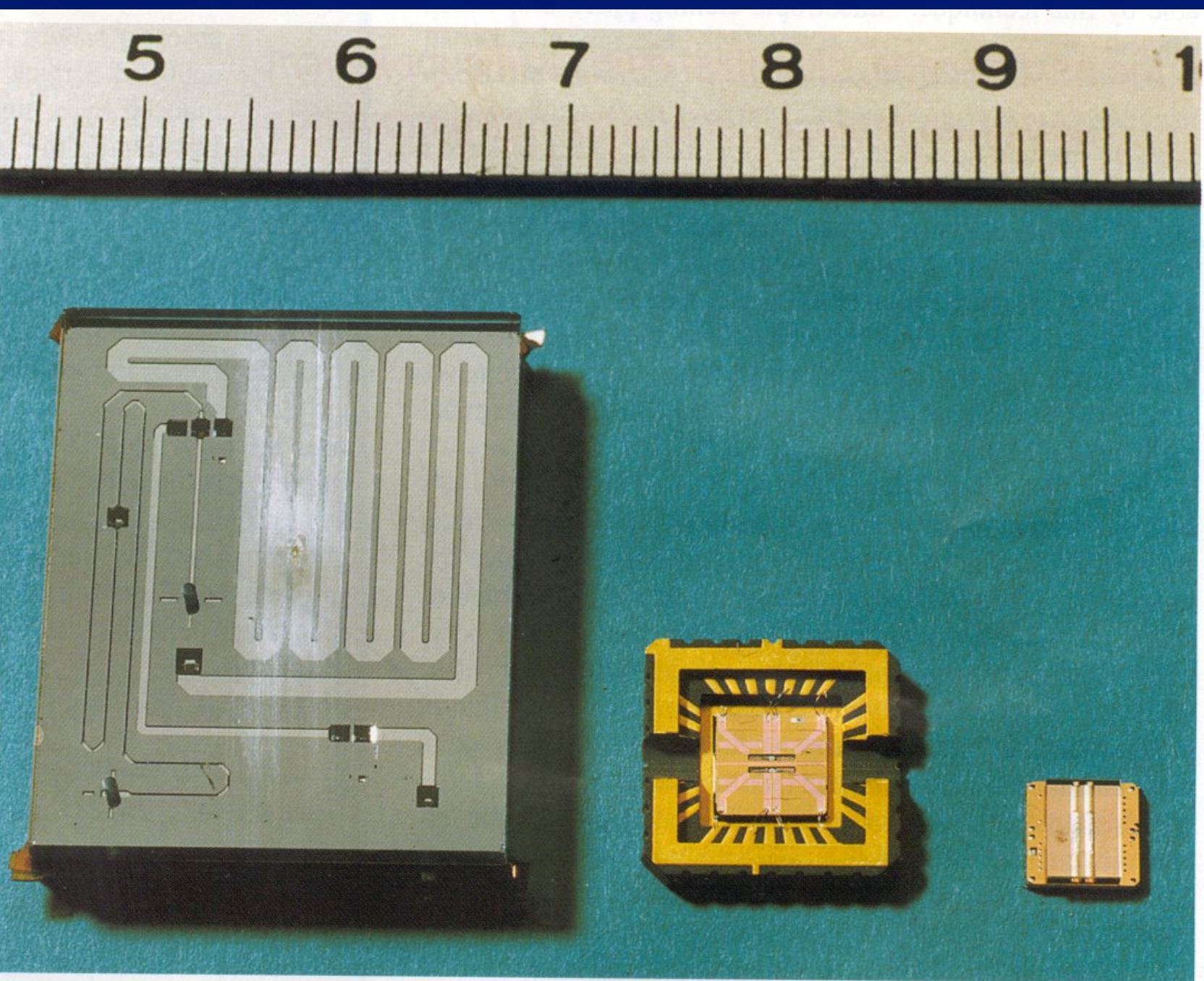
Process?

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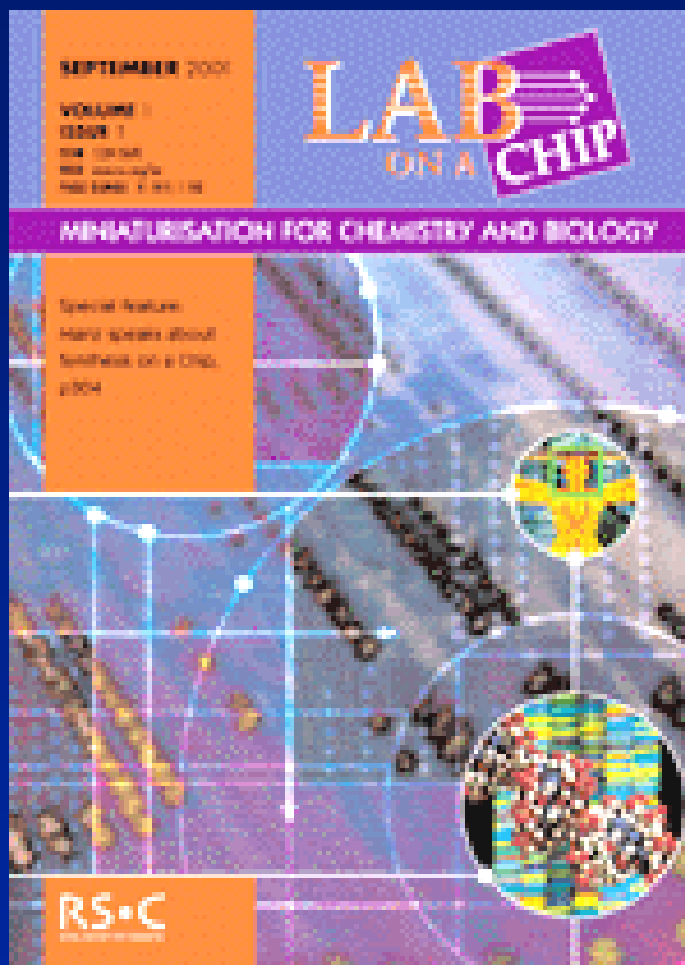
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Early work: the Stanford University gas chromatograph



Lab-on-a-chip technology: the future of chemistry is getting smaller

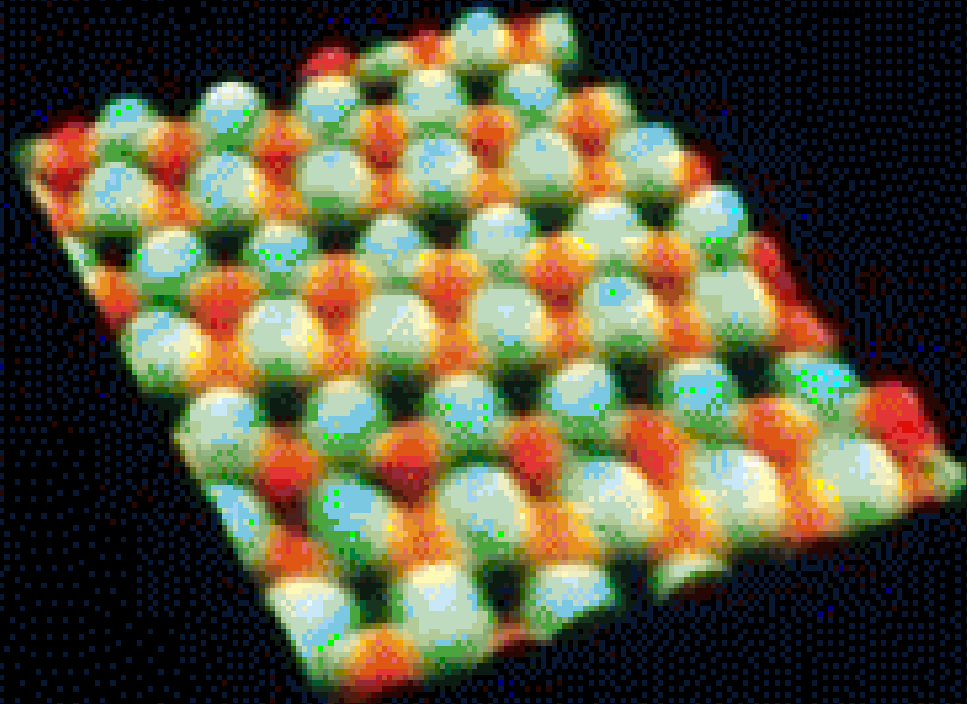


- Systems by Agilent
- Journals by RSC

What are the current
limits to size?

Feynman's 2nd Challenge

Are these absolute limits?



IBM Research/Peter Arnold, Inc.

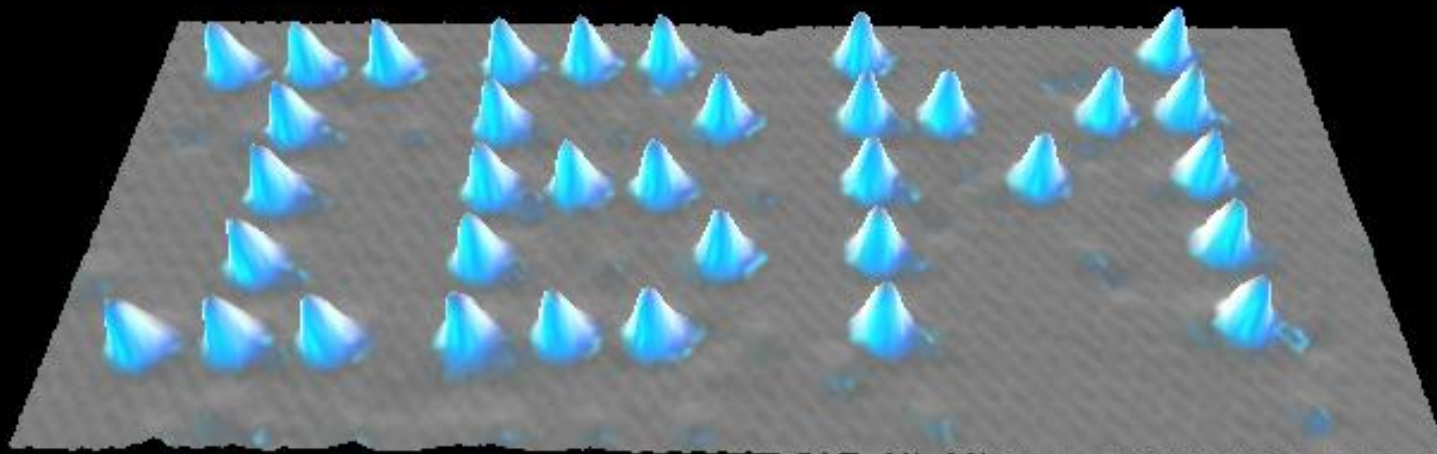


STEM

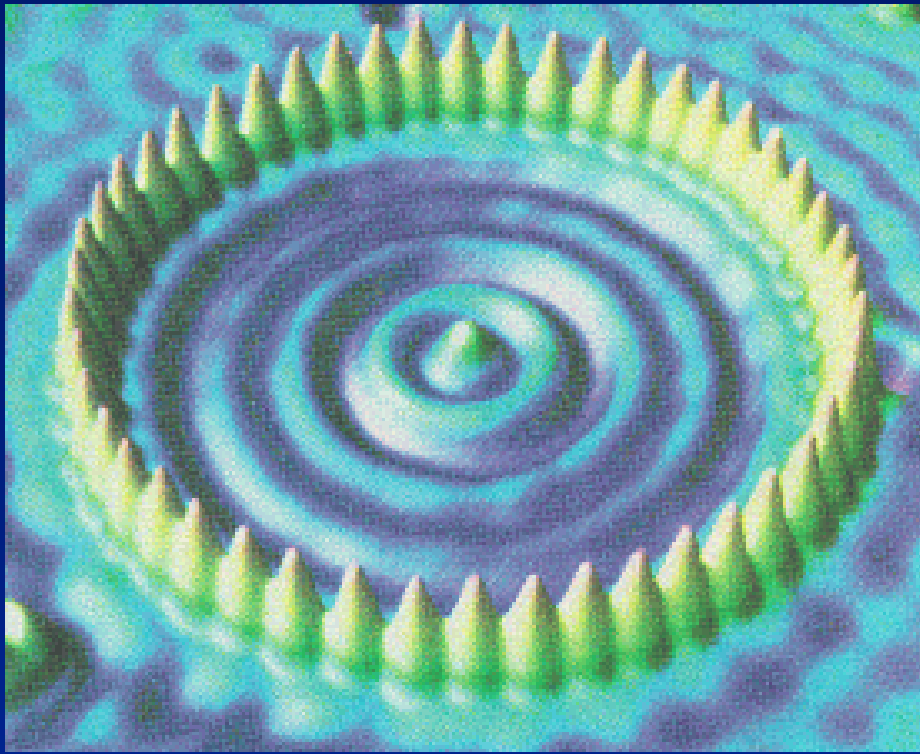
Scanning Tunneling Electron Microscopy

The scanning tunnelling electron microscope (STM) is a remarkable device invented in the 1980s by G. Binnig and H. Rohrer

Individual atoms of the element germanium (Ge) can be seen. The microscope maps an atomic-scale surface by detecting an electric current flowing from the surface to the point of a fine metal probe.



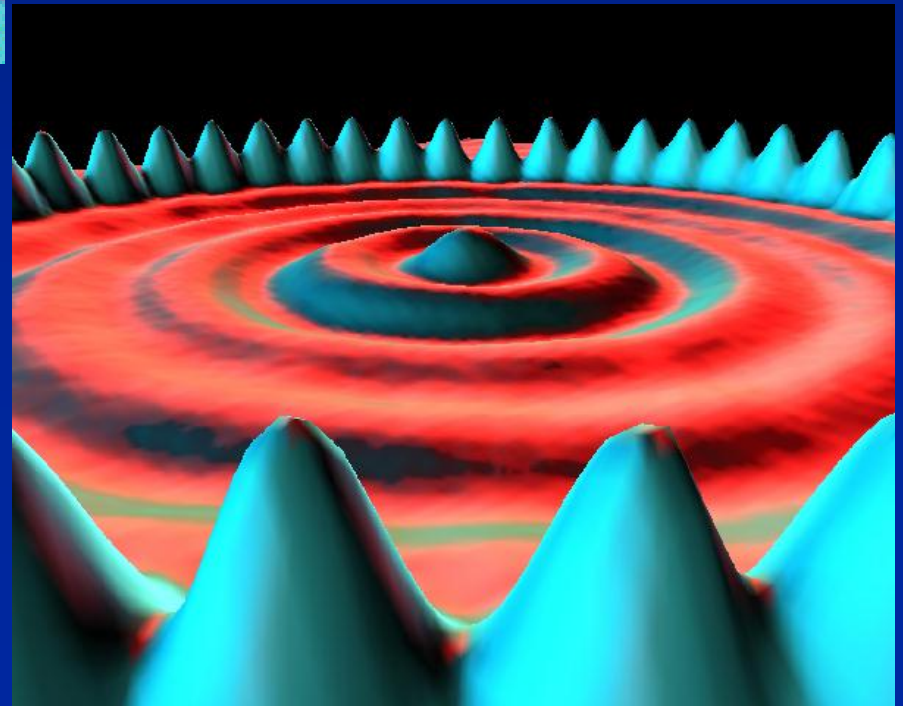
In 1990, D. M. Eigler and E. K. Schweizer of IBM used an STM to rearrange atoms on a surface. On a clean surface of nickel metal they used the tip of the STM to pick up individual Xenon atoms and move them around on the surface, with atomic precision.

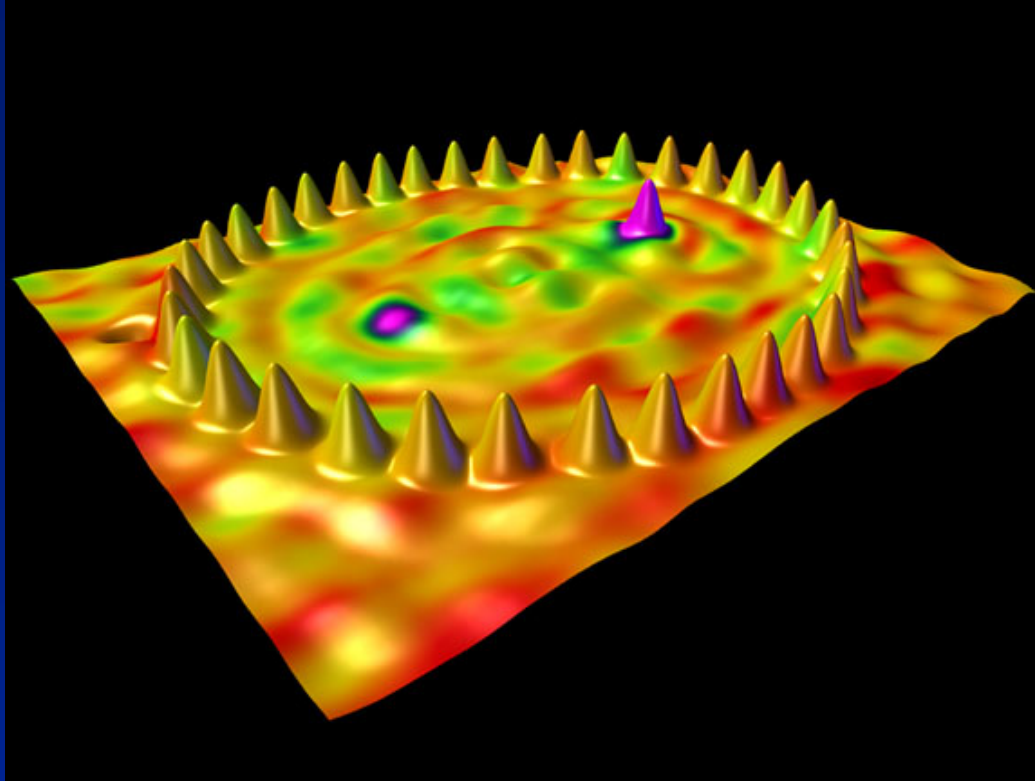


Title : Quantum Corral

Media : Iron on Copper (111)

The density distribution of surface state electrons created in the artists a compulsion to have complete control of not only the atomic landscape, but the electronic landscape also. Here they have positioned 48 iron atoms into a circular ring in order to "corral" some surface state electrons and force them into "quantum" states of the circular structure. The ripples in the ring of atoms are the density distribution of a particular set of quantum states of the corral. The artists were delighted to discover that they could predict what goes on in the corral by solving the classic eigenvalue problem in quantum mechanics -- a particle in a hard-wall box.





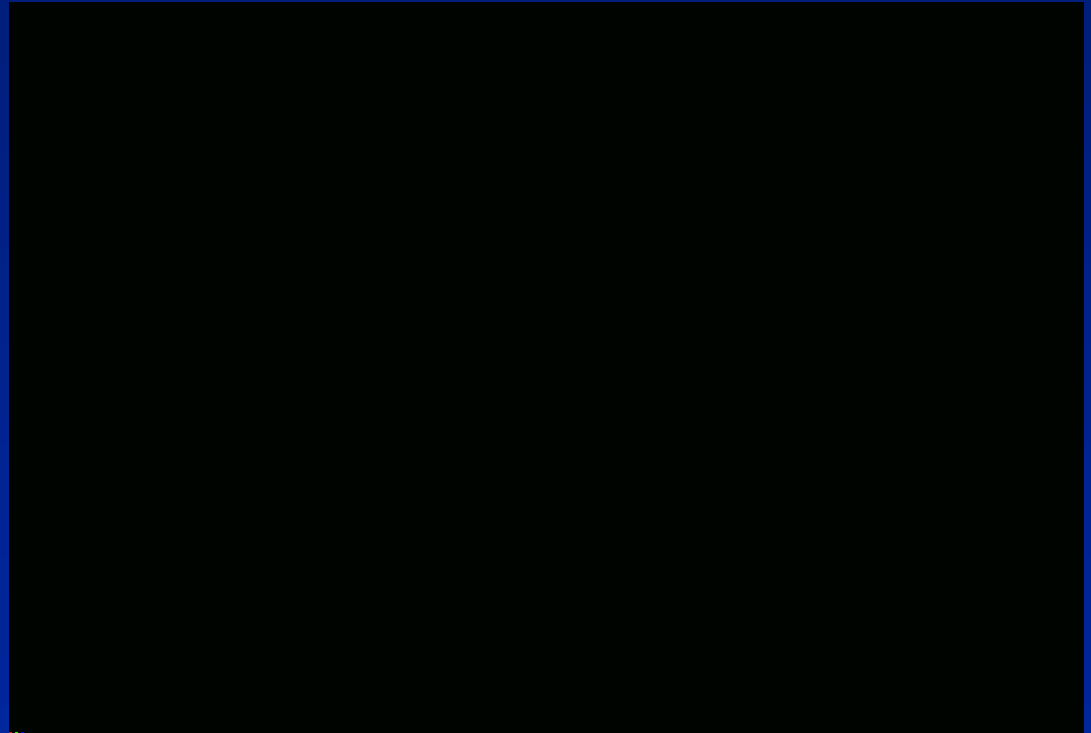
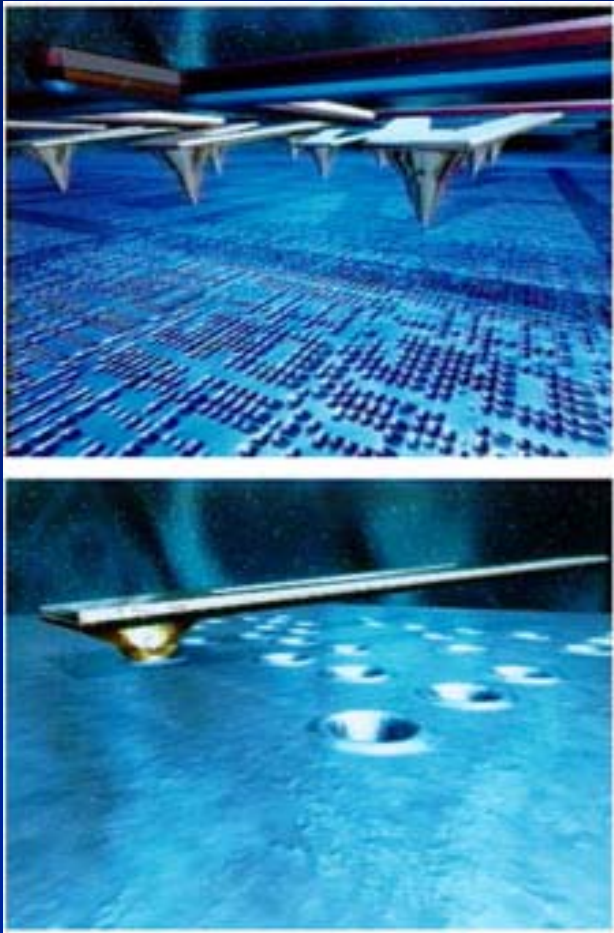
36 cobalt atoms in an elliptical "quantum corral"

Electron waves moving in the copper substrate interact both with a magnetic cobalt atom carefully positioned at one of the foci of the ellipse and apparently with a "mirage" of another cobalt atom (that isn't really there) at the other focus.

(Courtesy of IBM.)

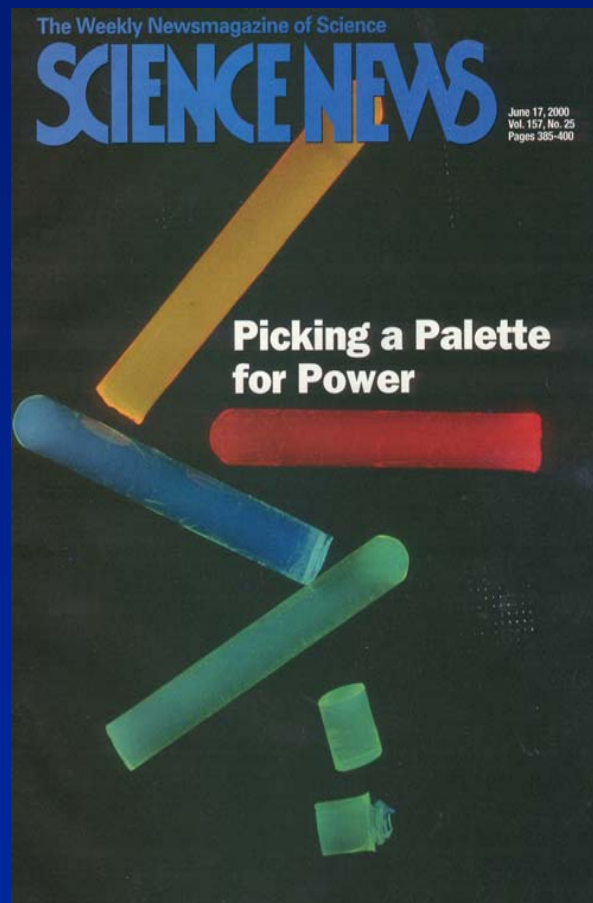
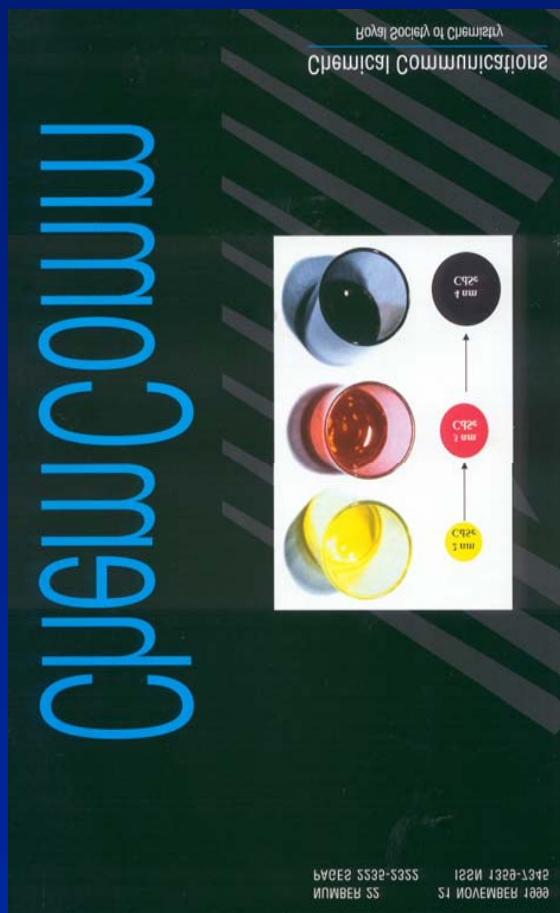
reported by: Manoharan et al., in *Nature*, 3 February 2000

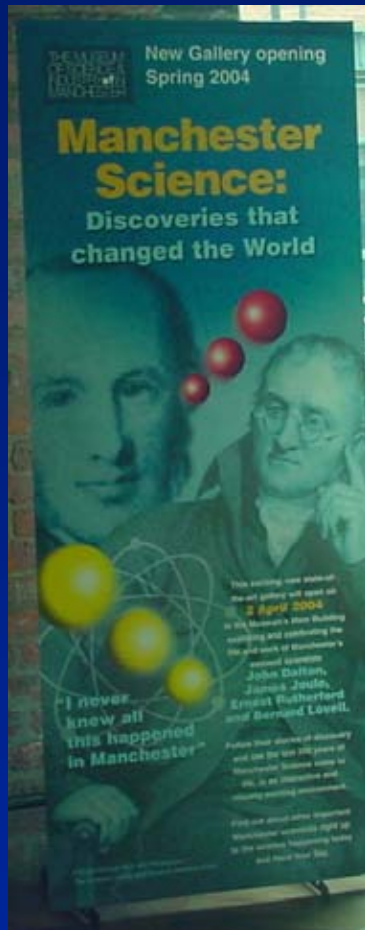
*Store the equivalent of
25 DVDs on a surface
the size of a postage stamp !*

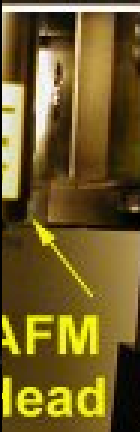
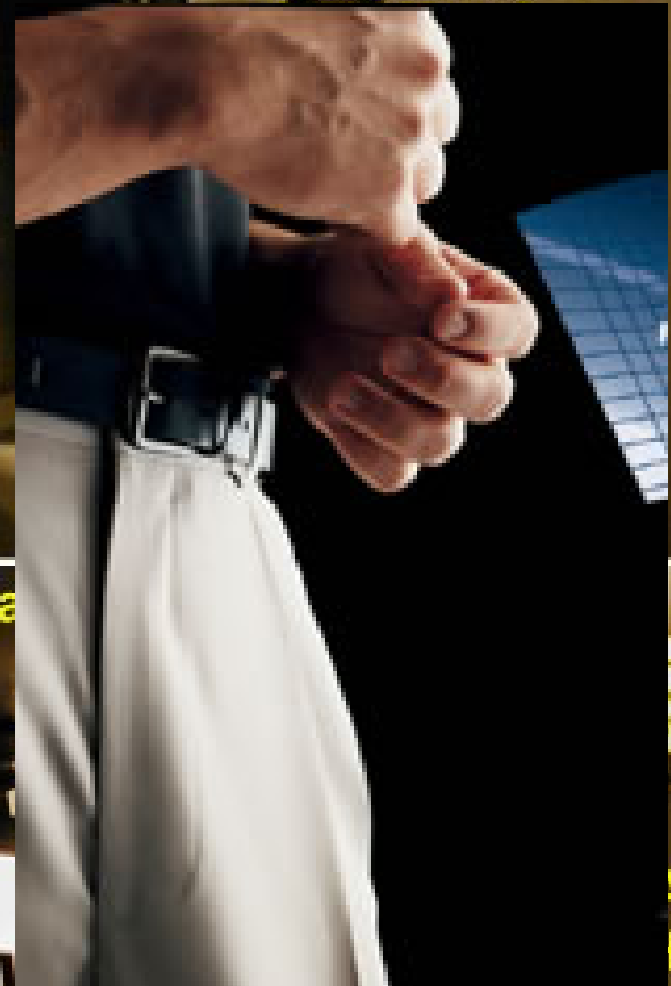
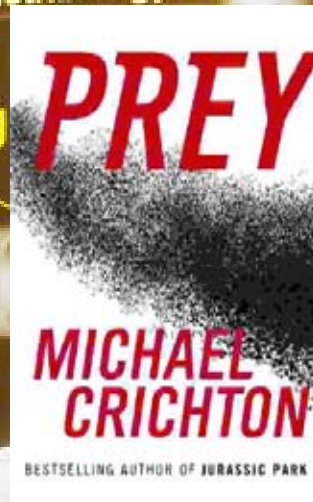
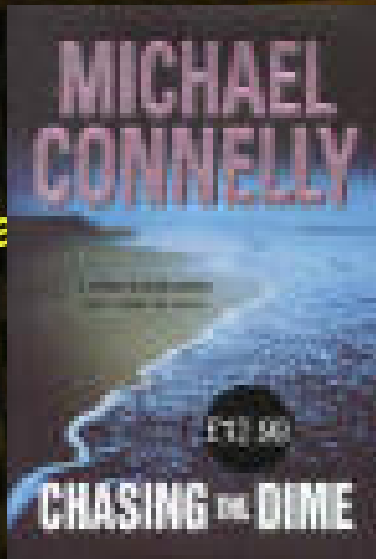


IBM's "Millipede" concept: an array of 1024 tips is scanned as a whole over a thin polymer film that is used as a storage medium. Each tip can be addressed individually by a time-multiplexing system adapted from DRAM technology.

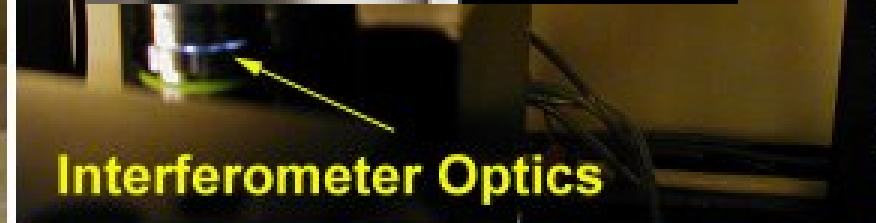
Why Now?







AFM
lead



Interferometer Optics

10 things we'll know by this time next year

What will be the big scientific hits and misses of the next 12 months? Alok Jha looks ahead

Thursday January 8, 2004

The Guardian



1. How to make better cancer drugs
2. All about quantum dots

It may not sound like much, but these miniscule particles have not been nicknamed the ball bearings of the 21st century for nothing; before ball bearings were invented, there was no use for them and now they're everywhere. Scientists say it will be the same with quantum dots.

Paul O'Brien, a chemist at Manchester University who helped to set up NanoCo, says the dots could replace inks or dyes in biological screening programmes. And further down the line, they could be used in security - bank notes could have barcodes made from the dots that would be very difficult to copy.

Until now the dots could only be produced in small batches and then only using dangerous chemicals. But this year NanoCo, a company spun out of the university, hopes to produce large quantities of them without using toxic materials.

A New University for the 21st Century

- ◆ Established on 1st October 2004
- ◆ Royal Charter granted on 22nd October 2004
- ◆ 34 000 students from over 150 countries (1/3 postgraduate)
- ◆ 2000 academic staff & 1200 research staff
- ◆ £504M turnover (2004-5)
- ◆ £300M capital investment programme

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5th Floor Materials and Magnets 2002/03 (SRIF)

5th Floor Radiochem 2001 (HEFCE)

2nd and 3rd Floors HEFCE 1999/2000

1st Floor Organic Materials Innovation Centre

Grnd. Floor Computer Cluster (60+ units
in 00) Foyer (01) Lecture Theatres (02)

News review

FUNDING Good news for chemists at Manchester

Manchester merger completed



Multi-million pound boost for Manchester's School of Chemistry

HM the Queen was preparing to join freshers in Manchester, UK, for the official launch of The University of Manchester just as this issue went to the press. The institution, formed by the union of UMIST and the Victoria University of Manchester, will support 34 000 students, making it the largest single-site university in the UK. Its inauguration marks the first time that two British research-led universities have joined together. The move has given

rise to one of the largest chemistry departments in the UK, supporting around 60 researchers, over 200 postgraduates, over 600 undergraduates (second only to the University of Oxford), 6000m² of refurbished lab space and a two-year £13 million building project to include a suite of brand new teaching labs. The new School of Chemistry is home to several research centres with extensive industry and research council

support, including the British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) centre for radiochemistry and the recently opened Organic Materials Innovation Centre, an independently-managed partnership between industry and academia. The new university overall has the third largest number of current EPSRC grants and the largest current value of BBSRC grants.

Strategic targets, outlined by head of school Paul O'Brien, include consolidating the school's position as a top 5* or equivalent UK chemistry school (5* may disappear in the next Research Assessment Exercise), forging stronger links with business and industry; increasing research spinout and commercial activity; and regional, national and international strategic research planning for new and emerging science and technology. In 2001, the last RAE before the two universities joined forces, the Victoria University of Manchester scored five in chemistry, while UMIST scored four. *Bea Perks*

INDUSTRY

Fantastic plastic



BASF wish you plastic dreams

German-owned chemicals company BASF has put out a call to specialists and 'interested amateurs' to enter a competition to suggest exciting ideas for new plastics, applications for plastics or processes for producing plastics.

The competition is not only open to people who work with plastics, says Thomas Fritzsche, a plastics sales manager at BASF. Anyone and everyone with an idea is welcome.

Don't limit yourself by

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Manchester merger 13
Good news for chemists as the two universities combine

Nobel winners 36
Discovering the body's quality control system wins this year's prize

Cuban biotech 38
The country is reaping success from its investment in biotech

- ◆ A GOOD START!
- ◆ THES
- ◆ Chemistry World
- ◆ BBC1 Politics Show
- ◆ UniLife



Team

Goodbye and Thanks
for Listening

