# Class 2, Pretty picture nano slides

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# Nanotechnology



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## <u>Nano</u>technology

	kilometer	km	1000	1X10 <sup>3</sup>
	meter	m	1	1X10 <sup>0</sup>
	millimeter	mm	1/1000	1X10 <sup>-3</sup>
	micrometer	μ <b>m</b>	1/1000000	1X10 <sup>-6</sup>
<b></b>	<b>nano</b> meter	nm	1/100000000	<b>1X10</b> -9
	angstrom	Å	1/1000000000	1X10 <sup>-10</sup>

➤ A nanometer is <u>one billionth</u> of a meter

### Size and Scale: Factors of 1000



## **Defining Nanotechnology**

#### Federal Gov.'s def:

Nanotechnology is the creation of functional materials, devices, and systems through control of matter on the nanometer length scale, exploiting novel phenomena and properties (physical, chemical, biological) present only at that length scale.



#### HISTORY

- "nanotech" popularized
- idea of molecular self-assemblars

c. 1990

 science and technology started to catch up



## New properties at nanoscale

#### The amazing shrinking silicon crystal...

Silicon nanocrystal





Quantum

### New properties at nanoscale



Completely different physical behavior than bulk.



# Reactivity may depend on surface area.



More, smaller particles = more surface area

"A catalyst of 10 nm nanoparticles is 100 times more reactive than the same amount of material in 1 micron particles."

Chemical

**Biological** 

### New properties at nanoscale



Completely different physical behavior than bulk.





More surface area per volume. More reactive.

Chemical



Nanoparticles can cross the blood brain barrier. Microparticles can't

**Biological** 

# Lithographic quantum dot



### Nanotech -is- Interdisciplinary

#### Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, Biology, Engineering, Informatics, ... and even Humanities!

National Nanotechnology Initiative (Budget authority, dollars in millions)							
National Science Foundation	2001 Actual 150	2005 Request 305	Dollar Change % Change 2001 to 2005 2001 to 2005 155 103				
Defense	125	276	Growth Innovations				
Energy	88	211					
National Institutes of Health	40	89	1853 1913 1969 2025 2081				
Commerce (NIST)	33	53					
NASA	22	35	1800 1853 1913 1969 2025				
Agriculture	0	5 1	771 🟓 1825 🏓 1886 🏓 1939 🏓 1997 🏓				
EPA	5	5					
Justice	1	2	extites Raitroad Automobile Computer Nanotech?				
Homeland Security	0	1  ⊦	Industrial Second Info Revolution Revolution				
TOTAL	464	982 s	ources: Norman Poire, Merrill Lynch				



### **Example: Carbon in the nano**

A new form of Carbon: buckminsterfullerenes

