

NANO 101:

Introduction to Nanoscale Science,
Engineering, and Technology for Educators



Big Ideas

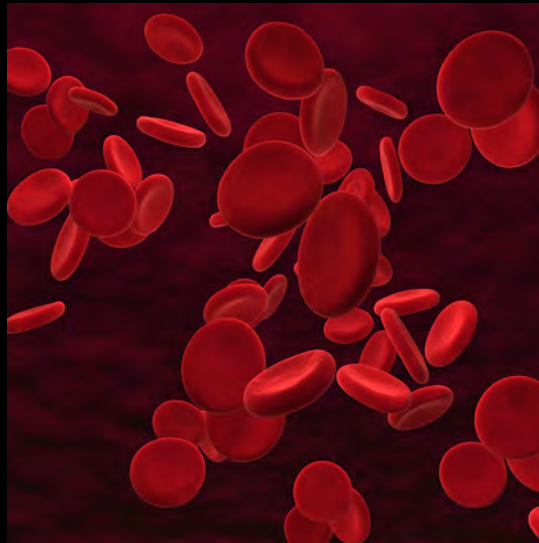
1. Nano is small and different
2. Nano is studying and making tiny things
3. Nano is new technologies
4. Nano is part of our society and our future

Nano is small and different

“Nano” means small:
a nanometer is a billionth of a meter



meters



micrometers



nanometers

Nano is different: properties like color can change



Gold

Nano is different: chemical reactions are faster



Aluminum



U.S. Chemical and Safety Board

Nano is different: surprising forces can dominate

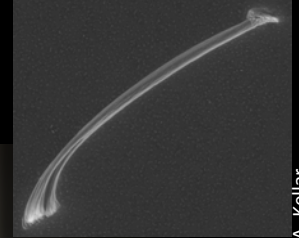


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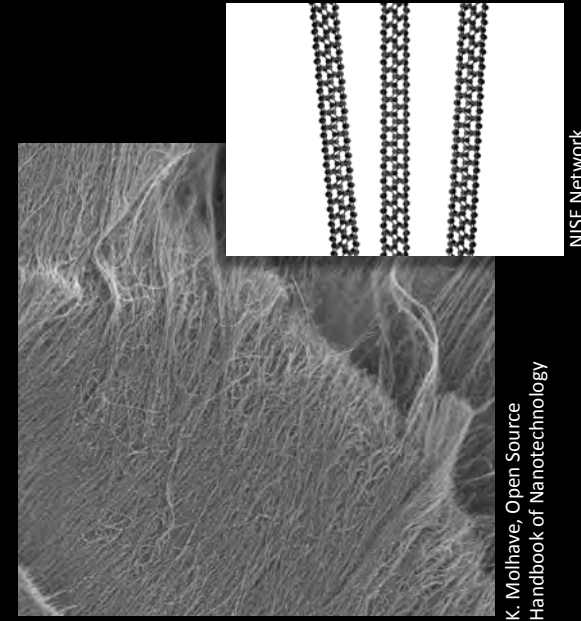
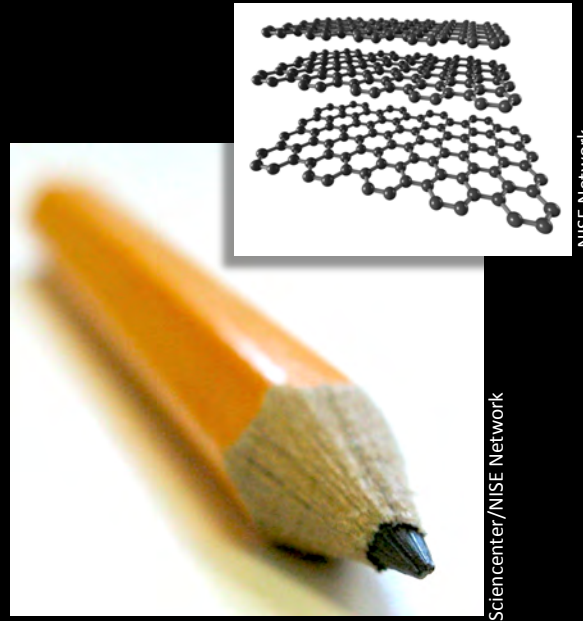
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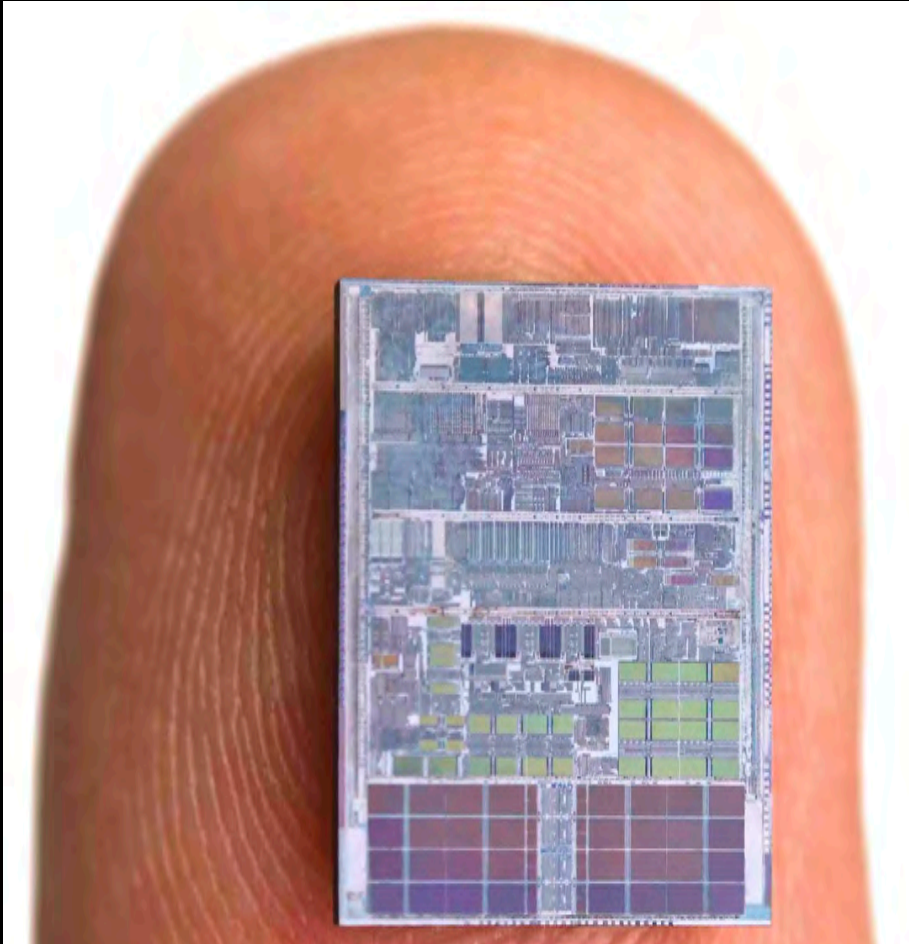
Nano is studying
and making tiny things

Everything is made of atoms



Carbon

Nanotechnologies



Computer chip



Liquid crystal display

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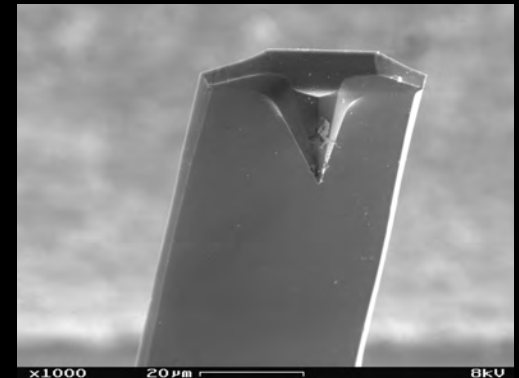
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Nano researchers use special tools and equipment



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Researchers in a clean room



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Atomic force microscope tip

Self-assembly in nature



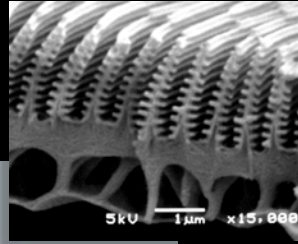
K. Libbrecht, www.snowcrystals.com

Snowflake

Nano is all around us— in nature and technology



Blue Morpho butterfly



S. Yoshioka,
Osaka University



Low-energy display

Qualcomm Technologies

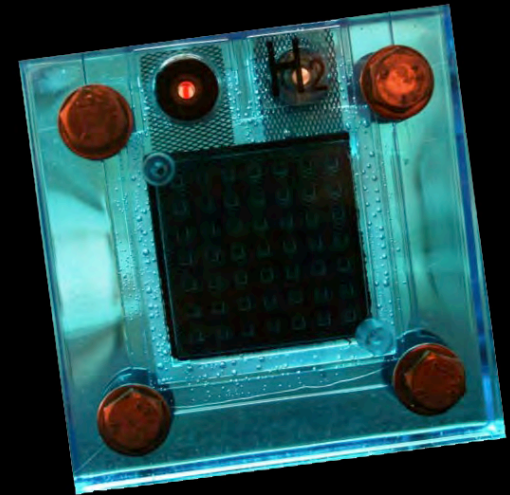
Nano is new technologies

Nano is helping us create new sources of energy



Konarka Technologies

Thin film solar cell



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Fuel cell

Nano is helping us provide access to clean water



Stellenbosch University Water Institute

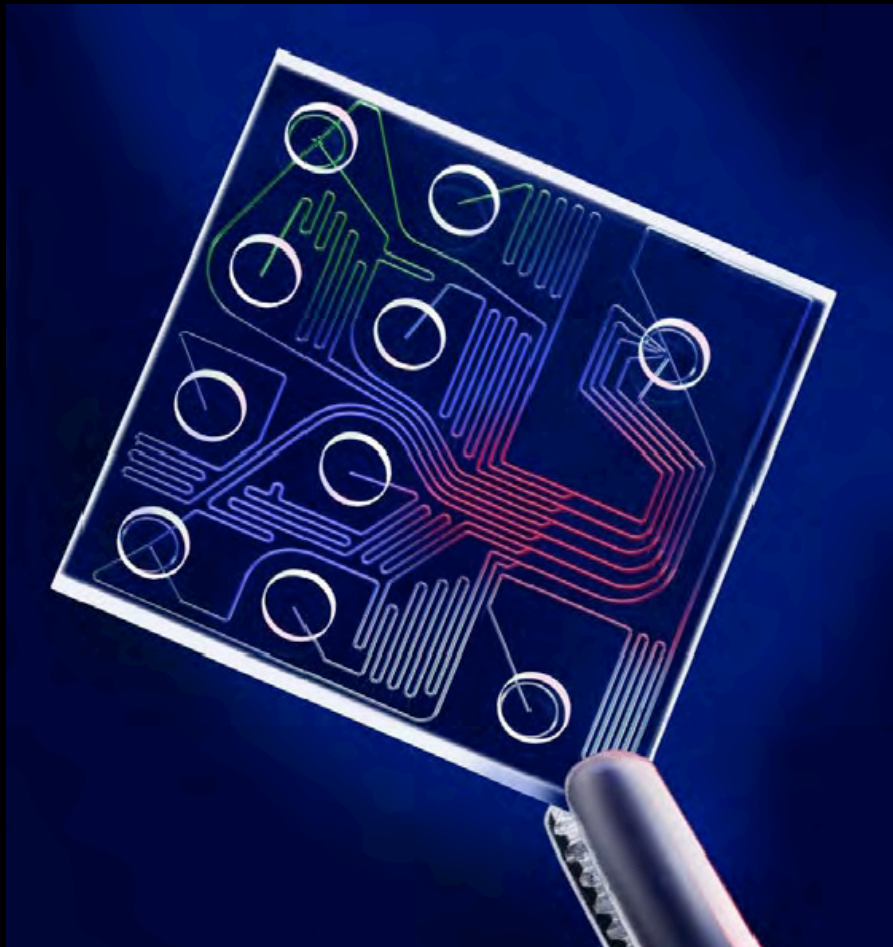
“Tea bag” water filter



Lifesaver Systems

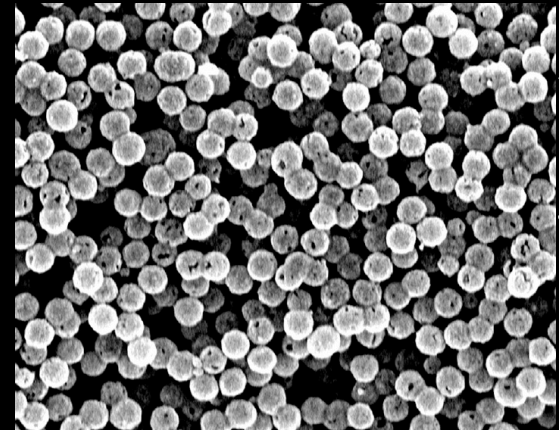
Filter with nano-sized pores

Nano is helping us develop new medical treatments



Agilent

“Lab on a chip”



G. Koeing, University of Wisconsin-Madison

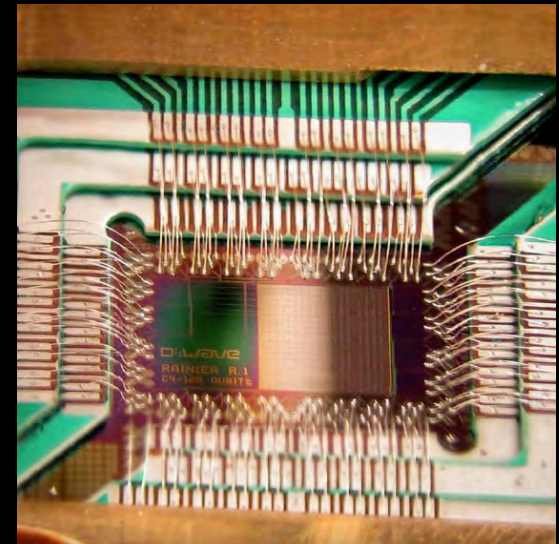
Gold nanoshells

Nano is helping us develop innovative technologies



Dan Roam

Space elevator



D-Wave

Quantum computer

Nano is part of
our society and our future

Thinking ahead with technologies



Gasoline



Fire

Everyone has a role in shaping nanotechnology



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Nanoparticle sunblock



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Nanosilver socks

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