

# Le nanotecnologie e i nanomateriali

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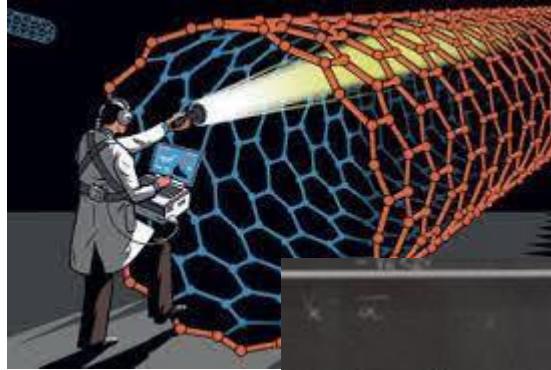
# Nanotechnology 101



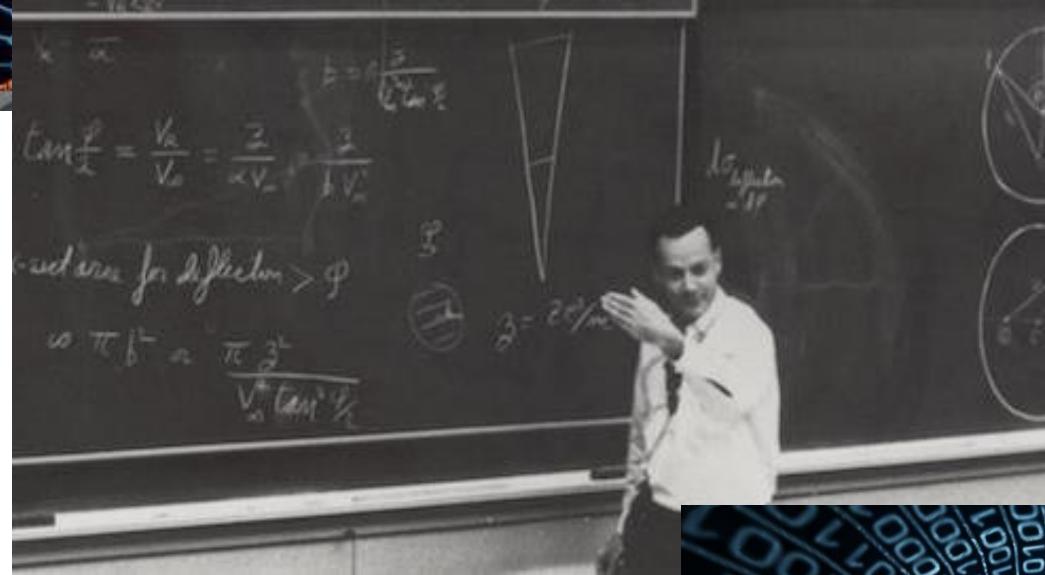
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# Outline

1) Quantum effects 101



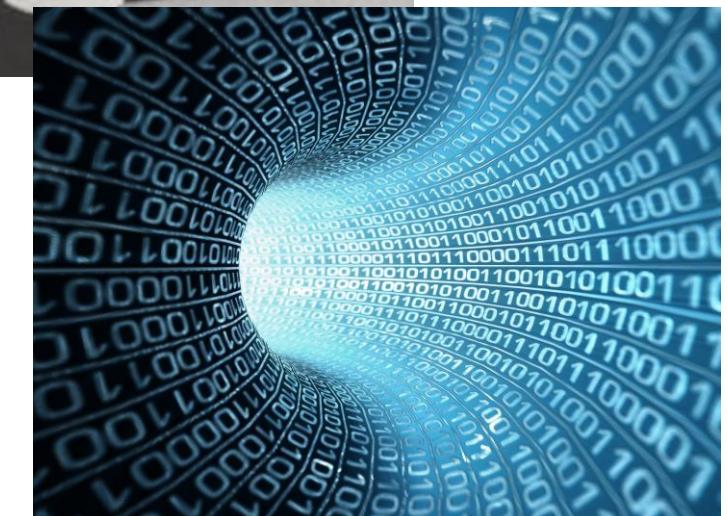
2) Historical perspective



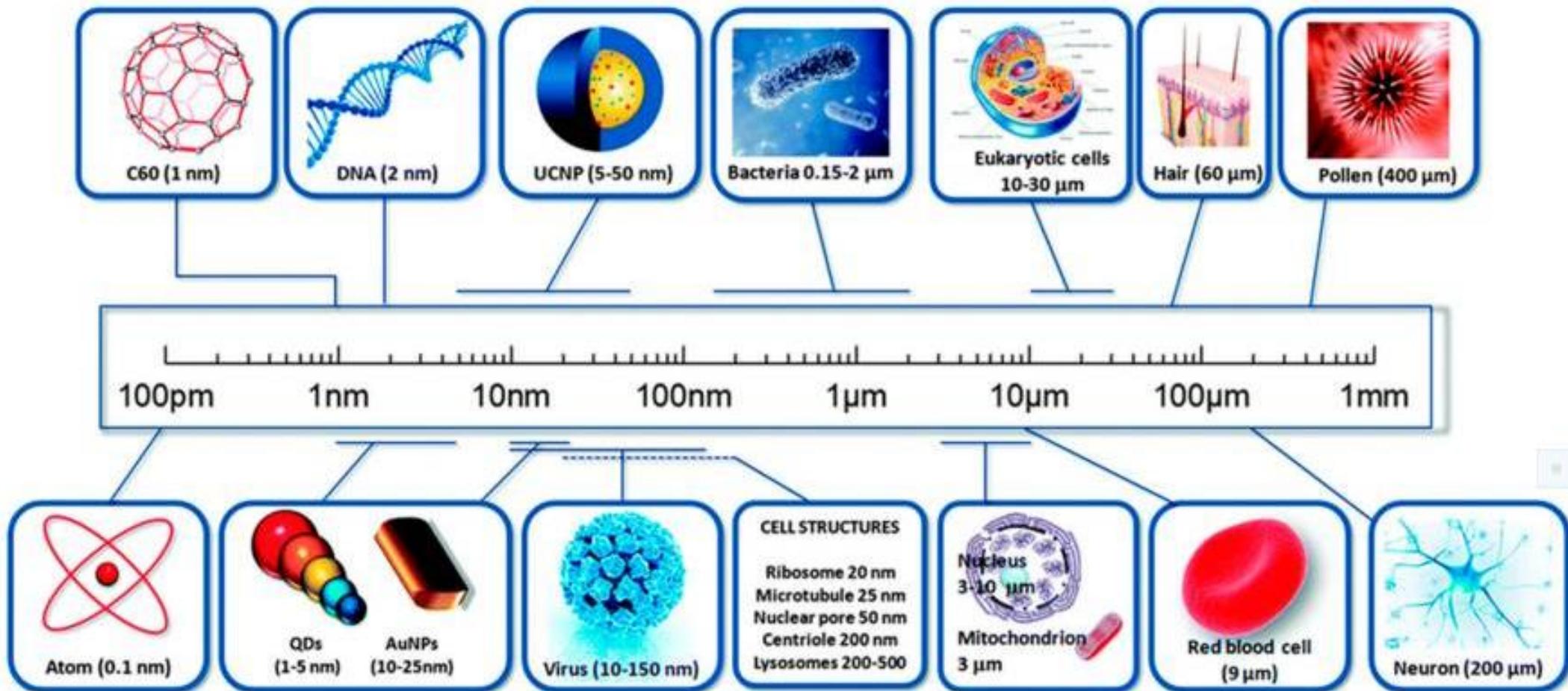
3) Mimicking the Nature

4) Manufacturing and characterization of Nano-devices

5) Applications



# A matter of scale

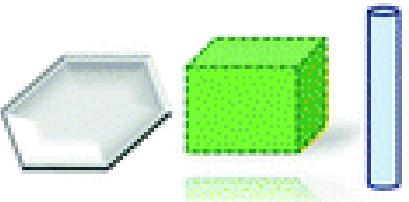


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### Inorganic Nanomaterials

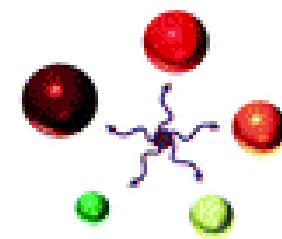
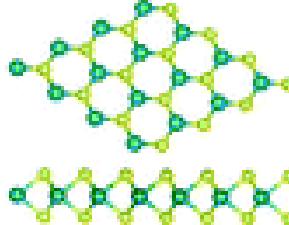


Ag  
Au  
Pd  
Cu  
etc.

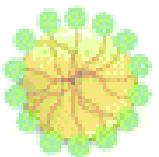


ZnO  
CuO  
TiO<sub>2</sub>  
Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>  
etc.

### Metal chalcogenides (TMCs)



### Organic nanomaterials



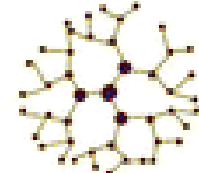
Micelle



Liposome



Hybrid



Dendrimer

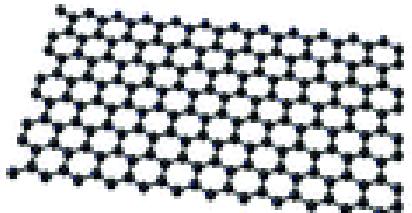


Nanosphere



Nanocapsule

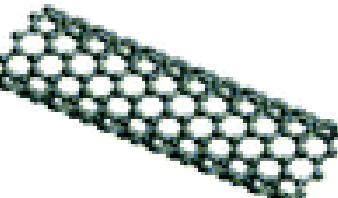
### Carbon nanomaterials



Graphene



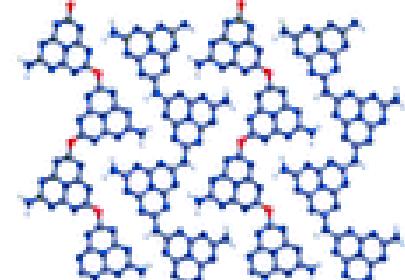
Fullerene



CNTs



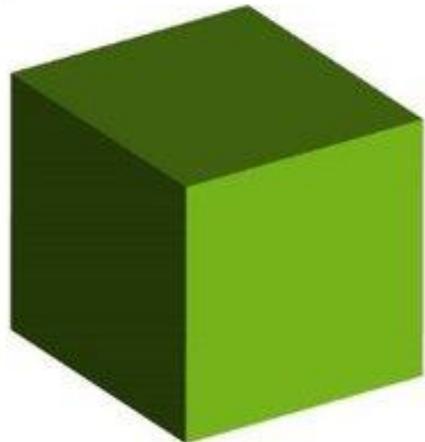
Carbon dots



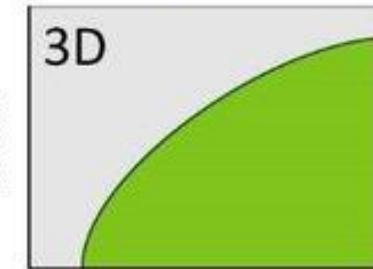
g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>

## A matter of scale

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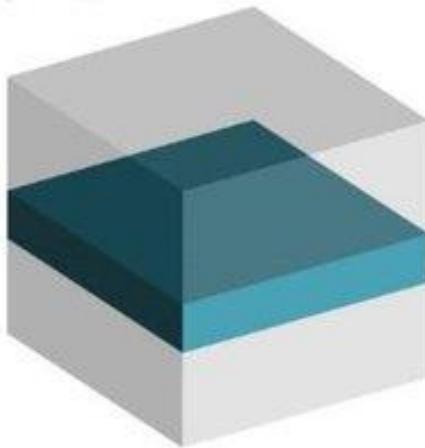


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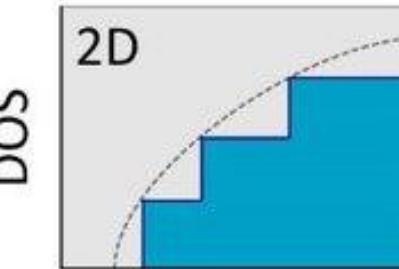


Energy

b) Quantum well

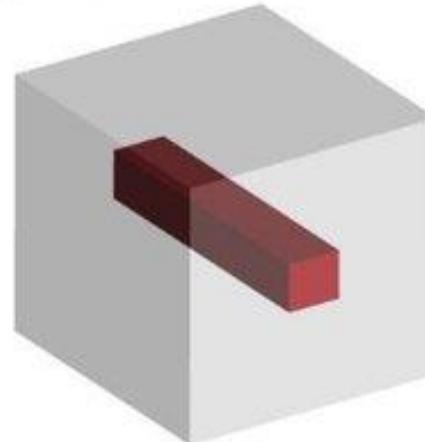


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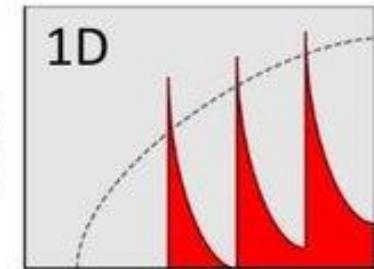


Energy

c) Quantum wire

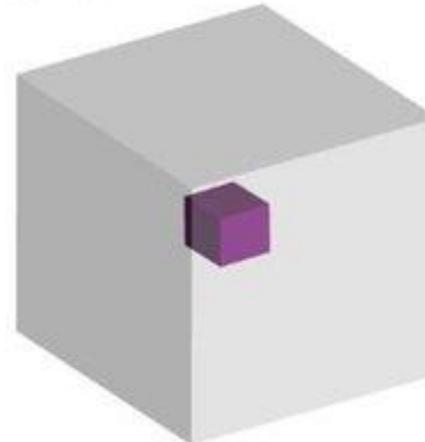


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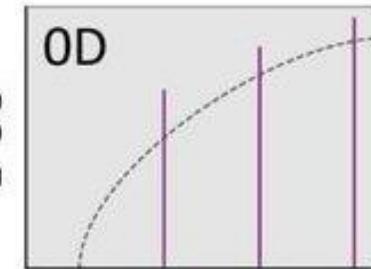


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d) Quantum dot



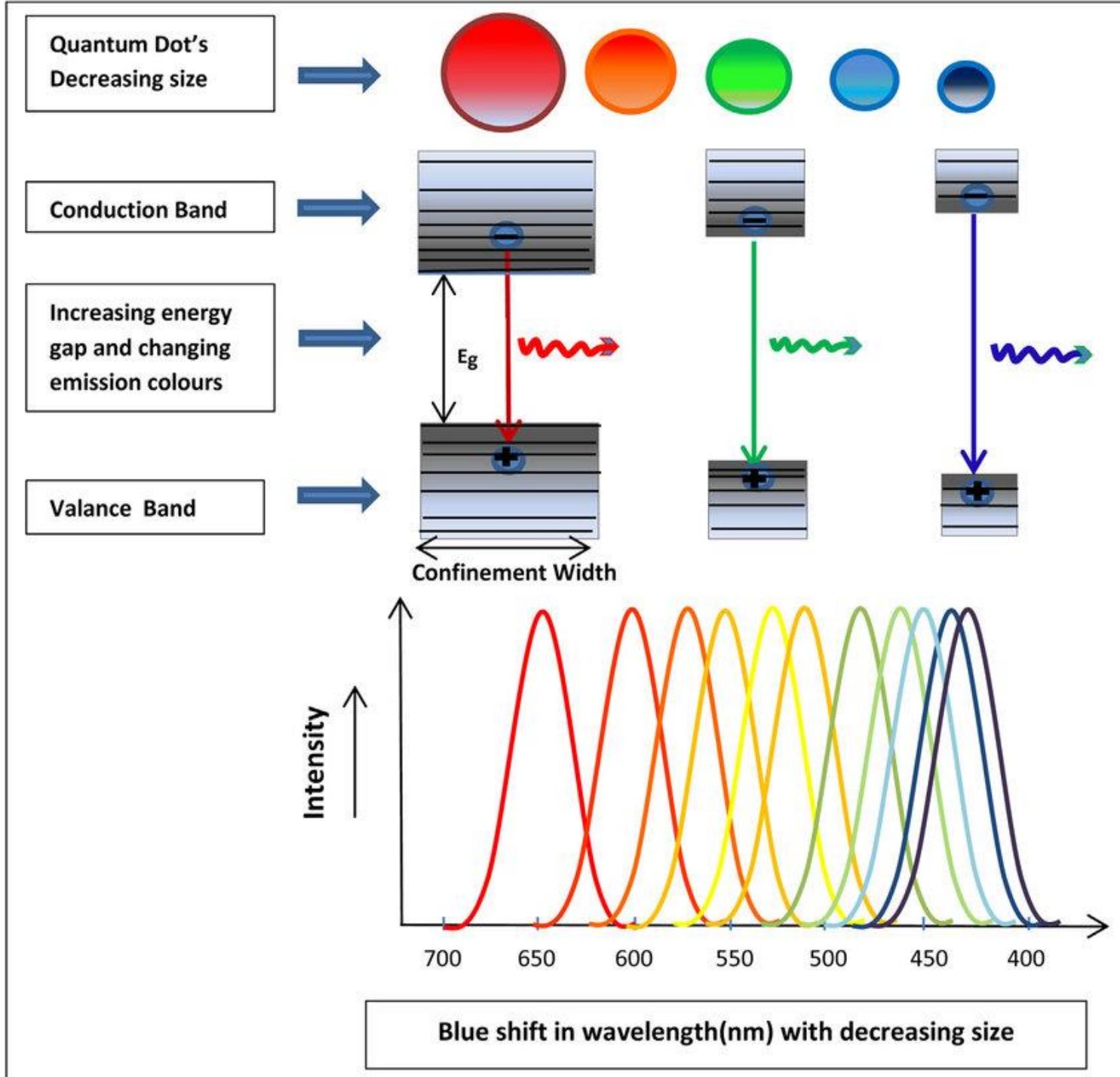
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Energy

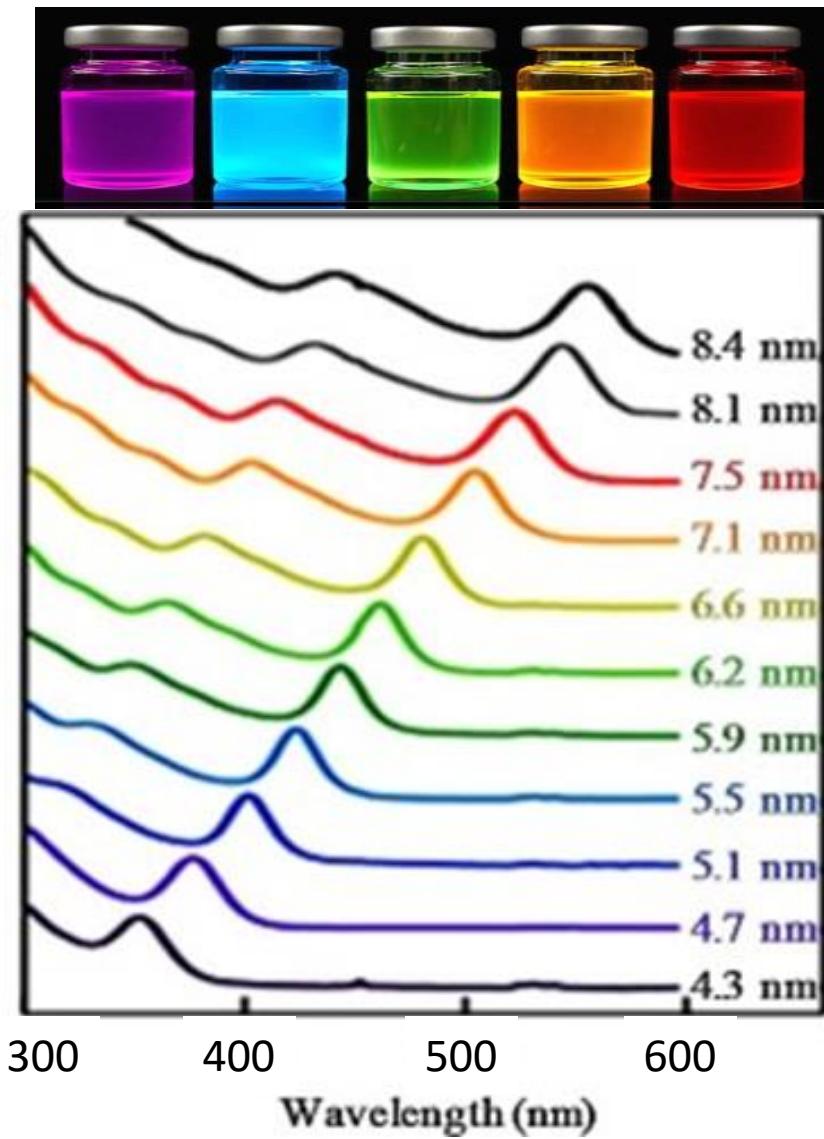
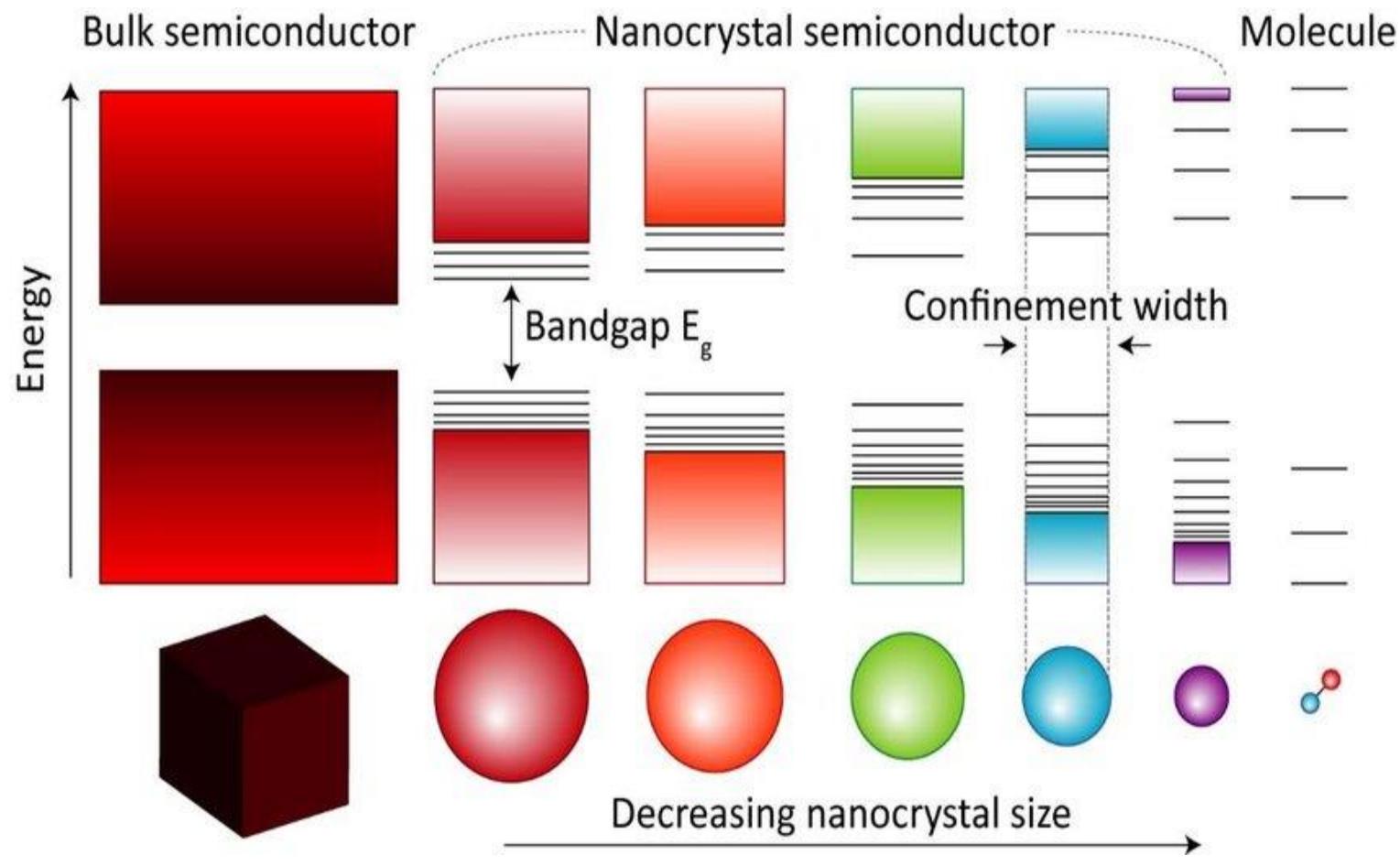
Quantum confinement affects electronic and optical properties

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## CdS quantum Dots

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# A brief history of nanotechnology



**Lycurgus Cup**  
**IV Century**



**Renaissance Art**  
**XV Century**



**Damascus Blade**  
**XII Century**

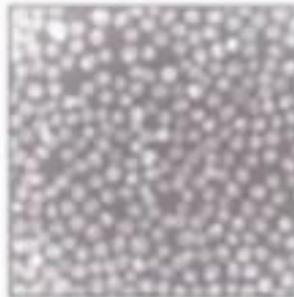
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## Gold particles in glass

Size: 25 nm

Shape: sphere

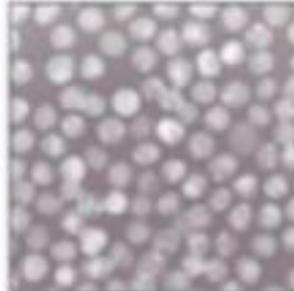
Color reflected:



Size: 50 nm

Shape: sphere

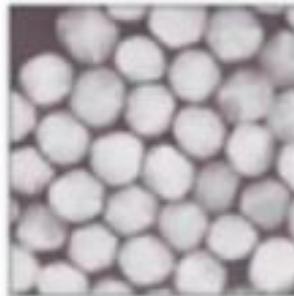
Color reflected:



Size: 100 nm

Shape: sphere

Color reflected:

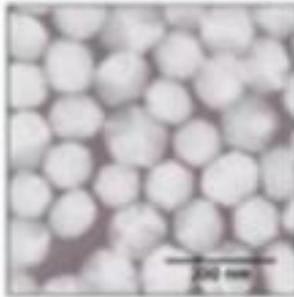


## Silver particles in glass

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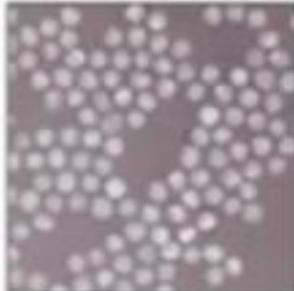
Color reflected:



Size: 40 nm

Shape: sphere

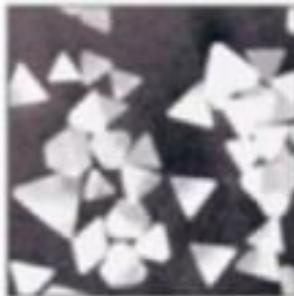
Color reflected:



Size: 100 nm

Shape: prism

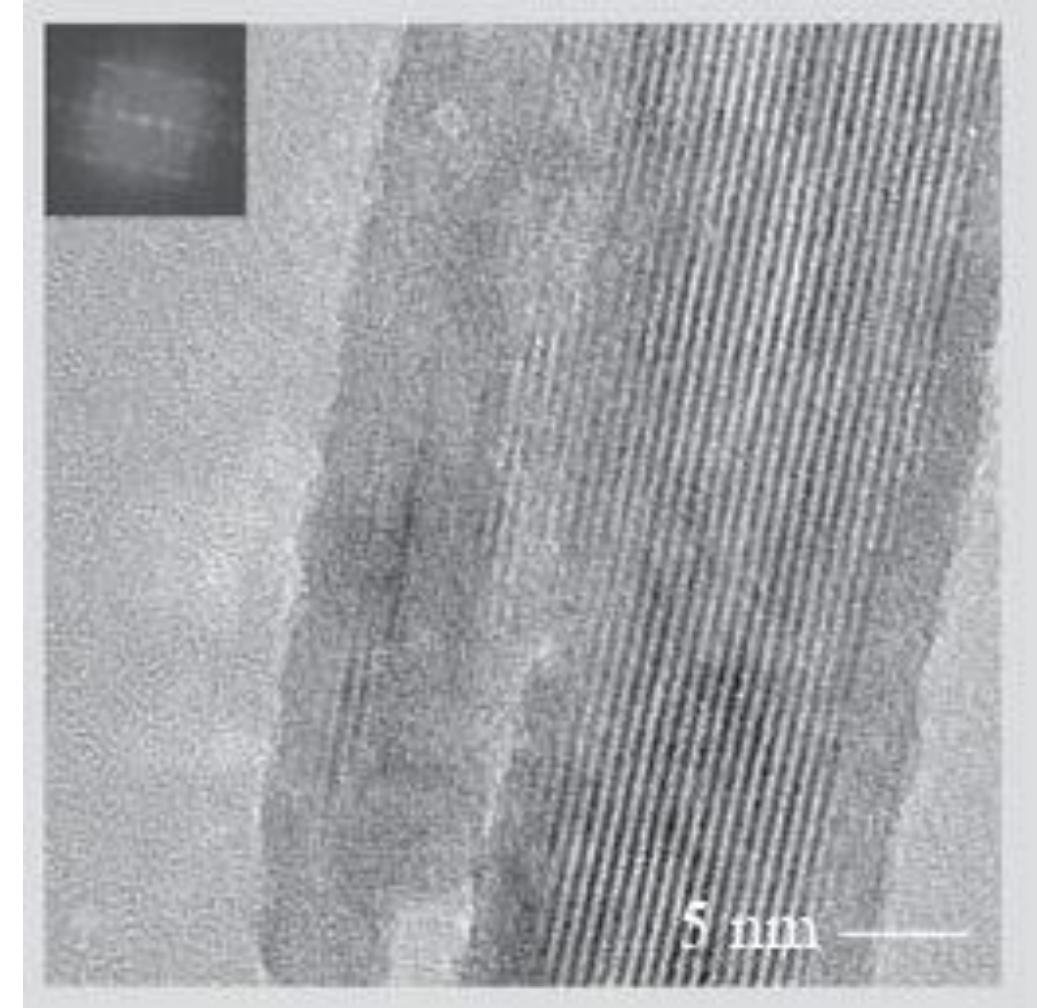
Color reflected:



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IV Century

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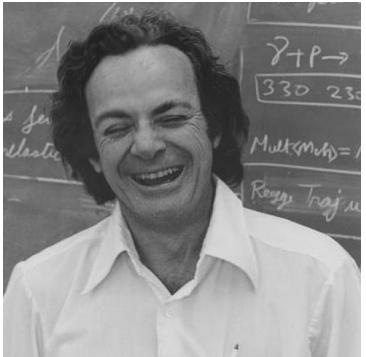
**Damascus Blade**  
XII Century



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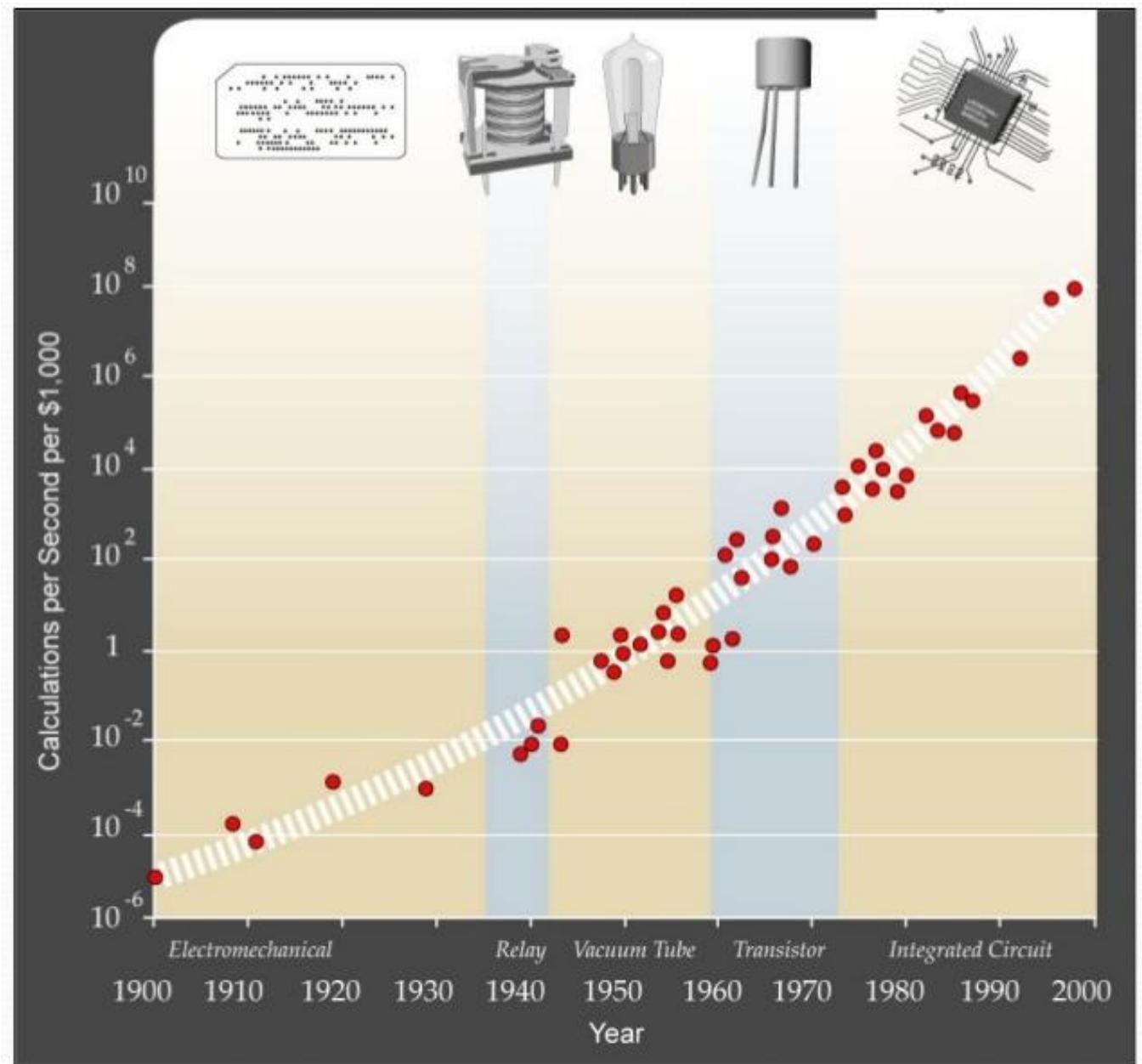
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- Transmission electron microscope (1940s)
- Raman Spectroscopy (1930)
- Transistors (1947)
- Resonant Raman Spectroscopy (1950)
- First Integrated Circuits (1959)
- Lasers (1960s)
- CCD (1970s)
- SERS (1974)
- Scanning tunnelling microscope (1981)
- Quantum dots (1993)



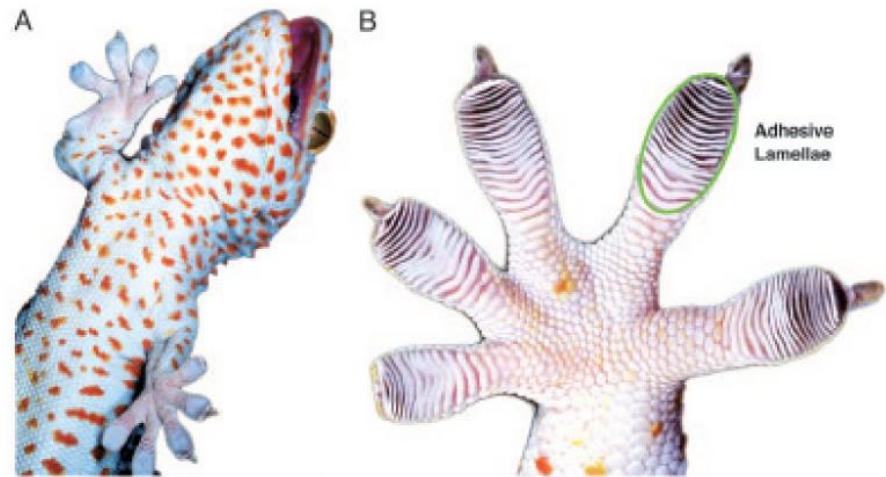
**“What I want to talk about  
is the problem of  
manipulating and  
controlling things on a small  
scale.”**

Feynman's 1959 lecture

**There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom !**

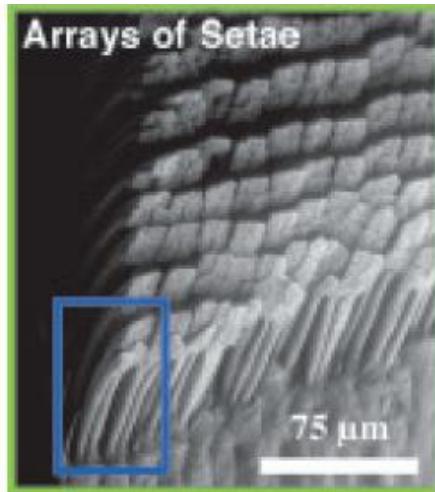


# Biomimetic: leveraging small-scale interactions



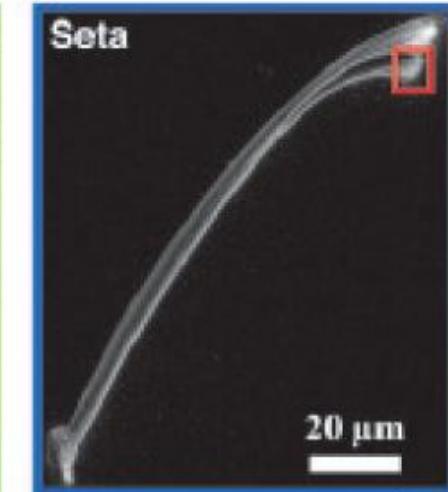
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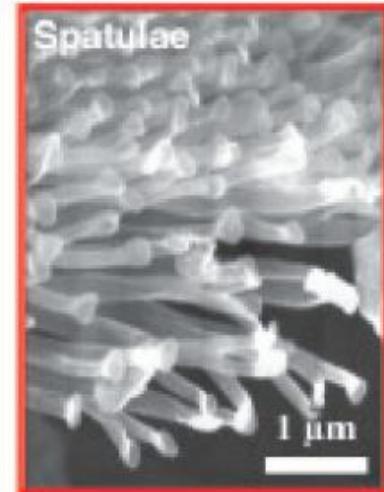
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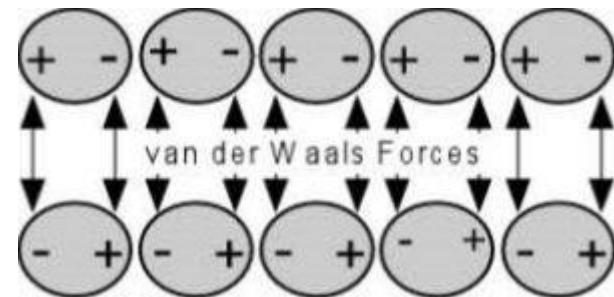
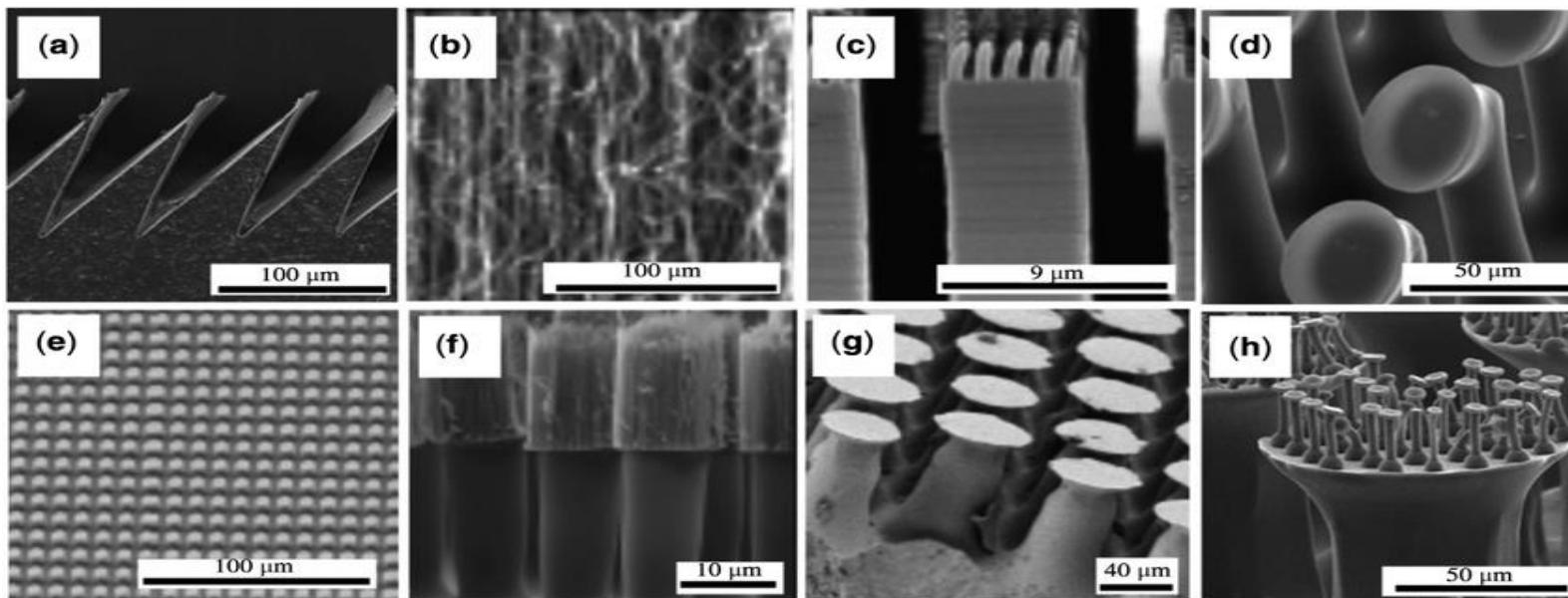


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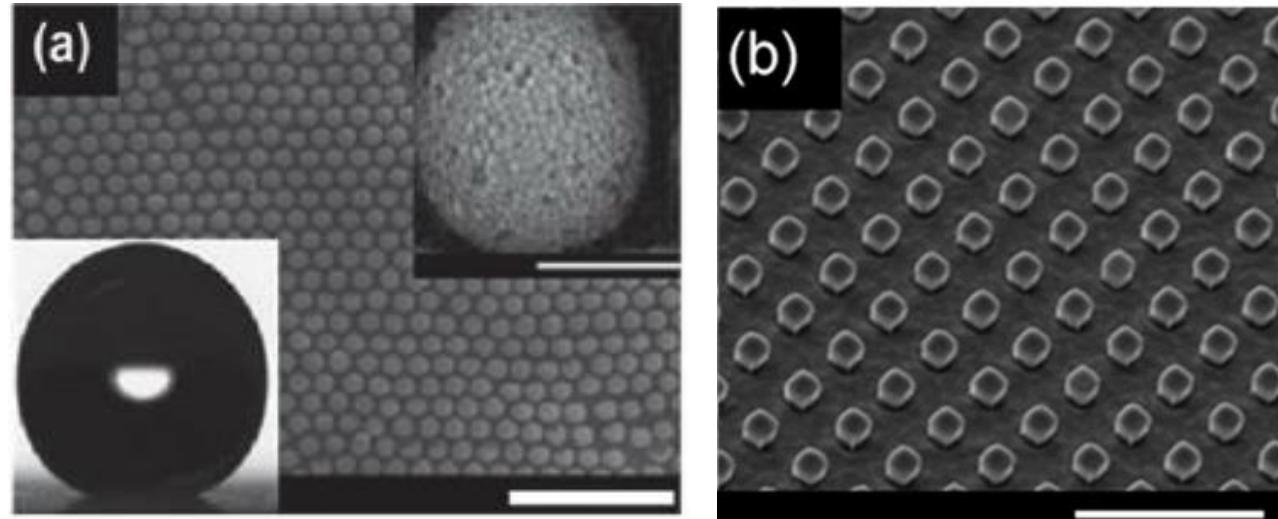
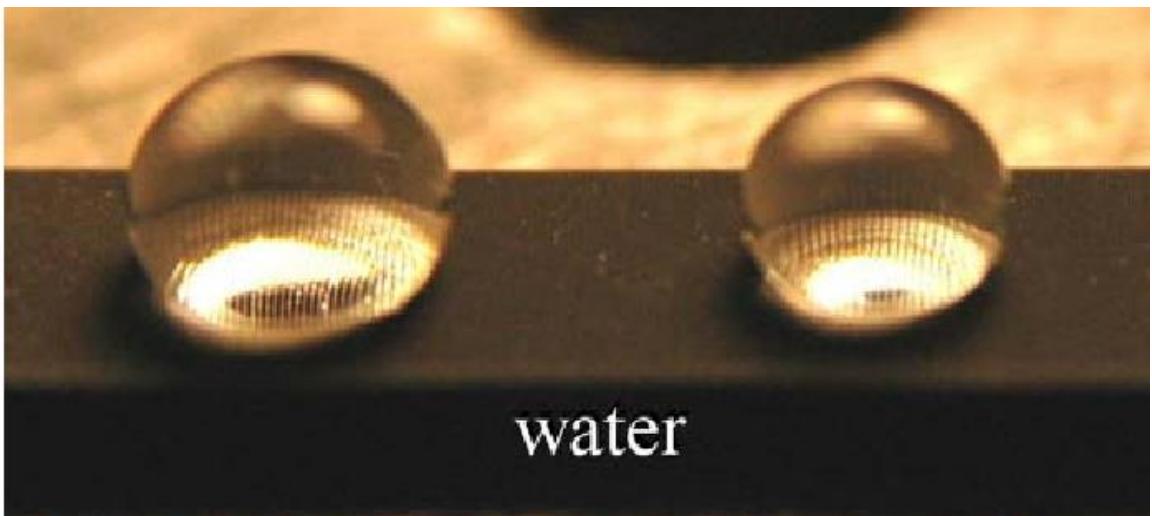
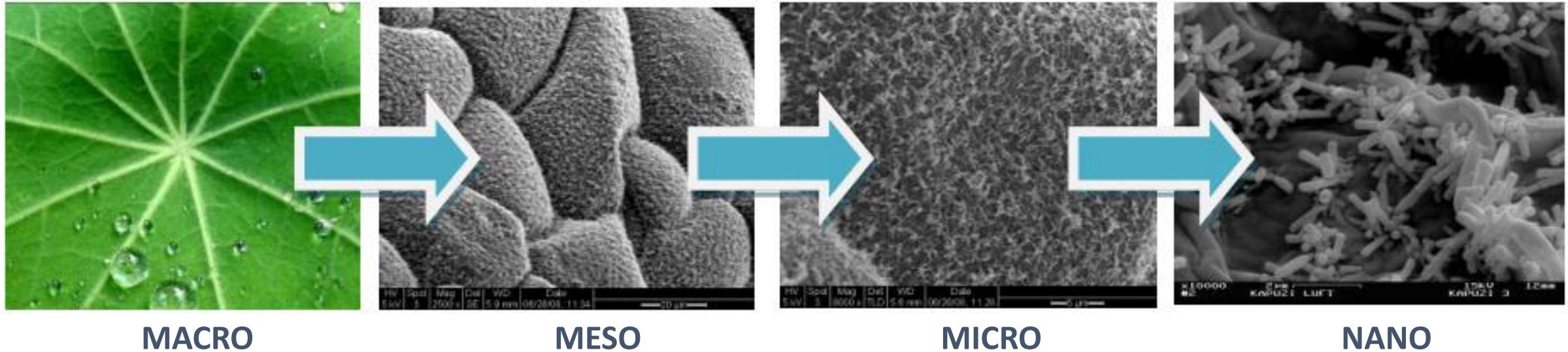
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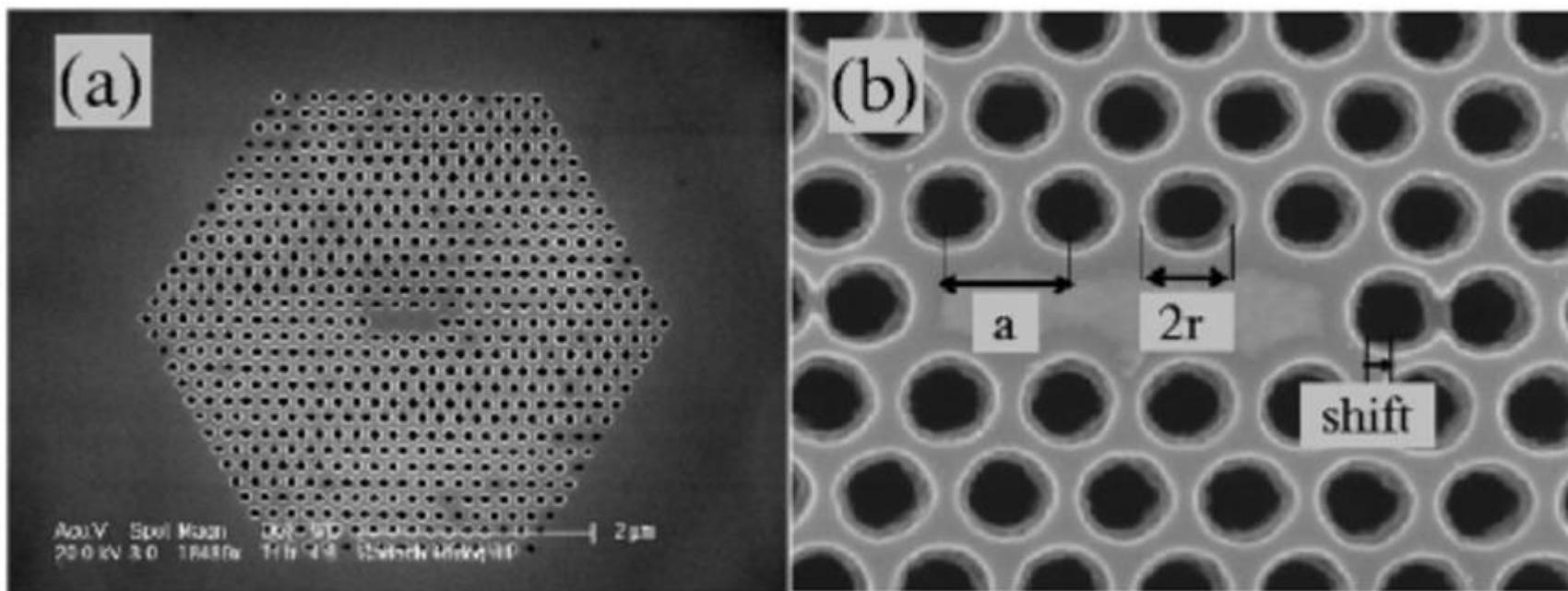
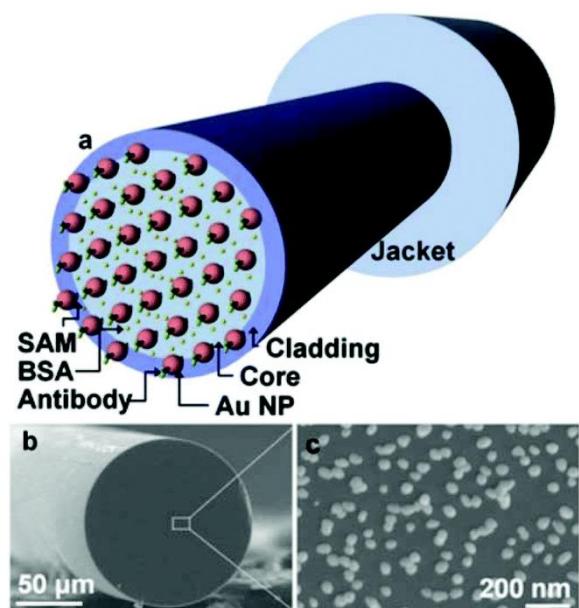
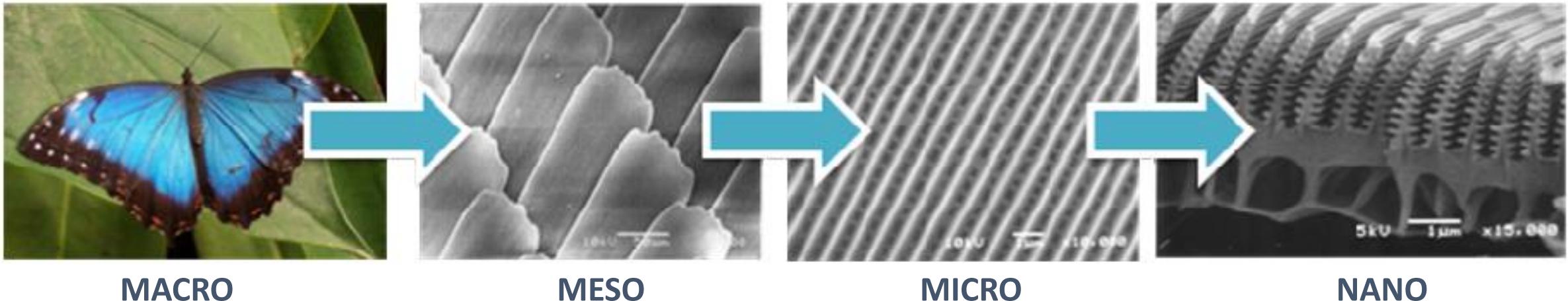
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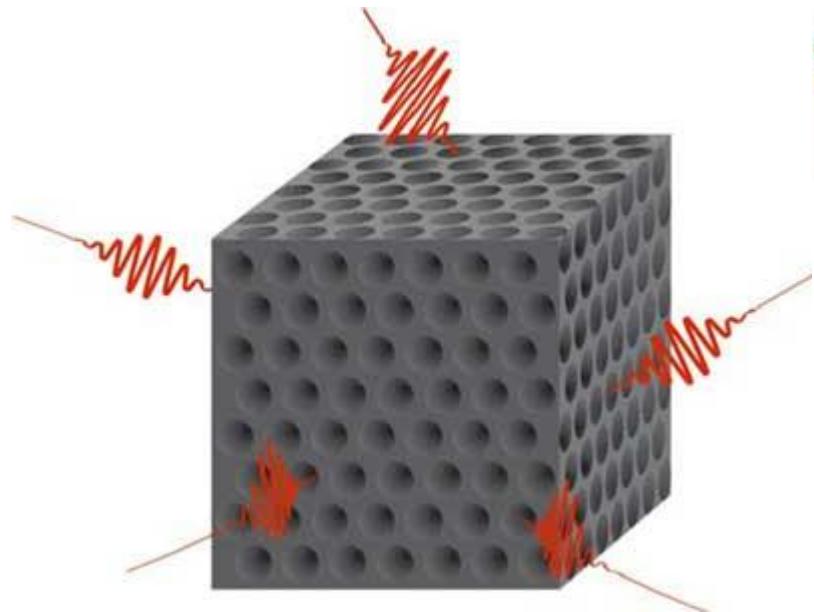
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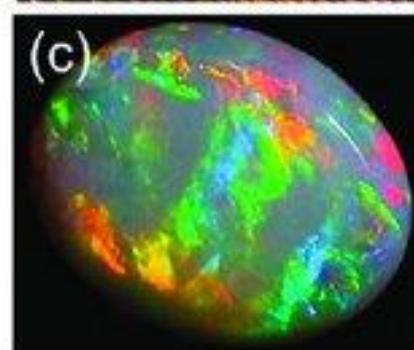
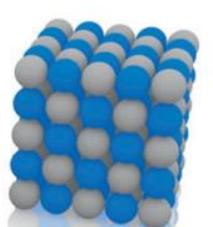
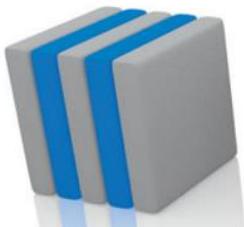
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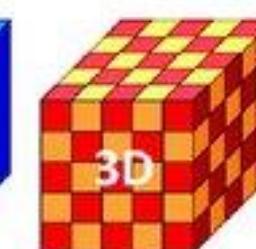
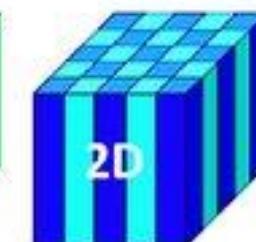
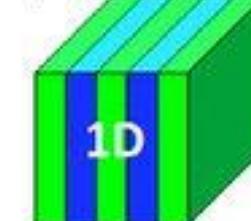
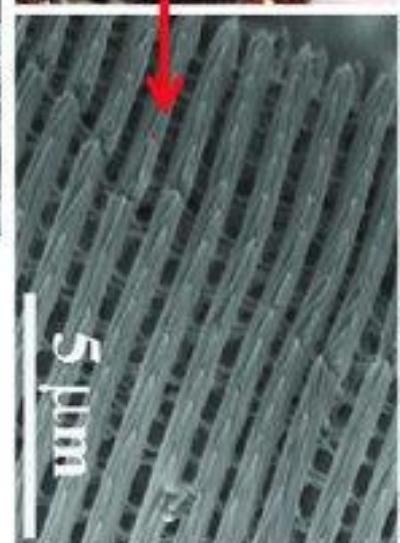
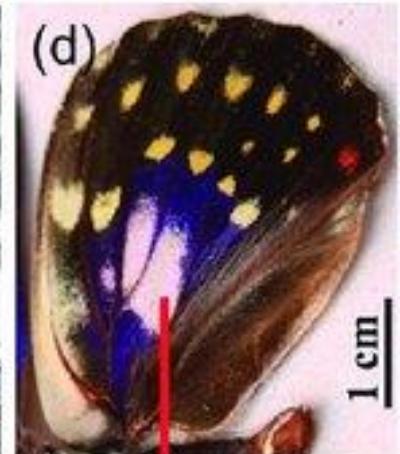
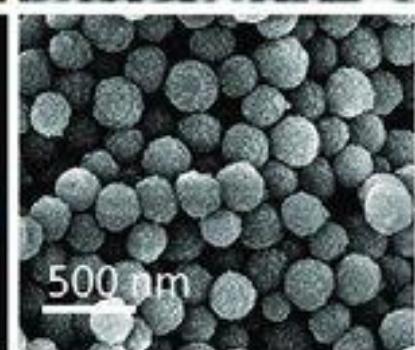
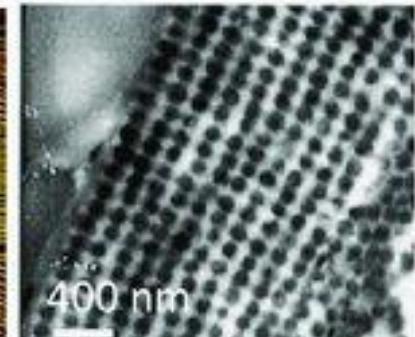
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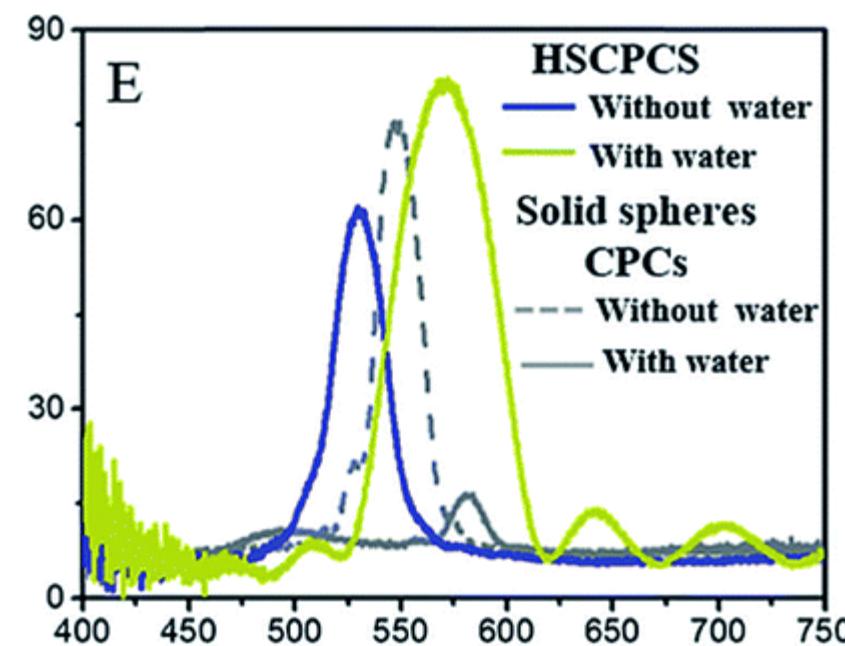
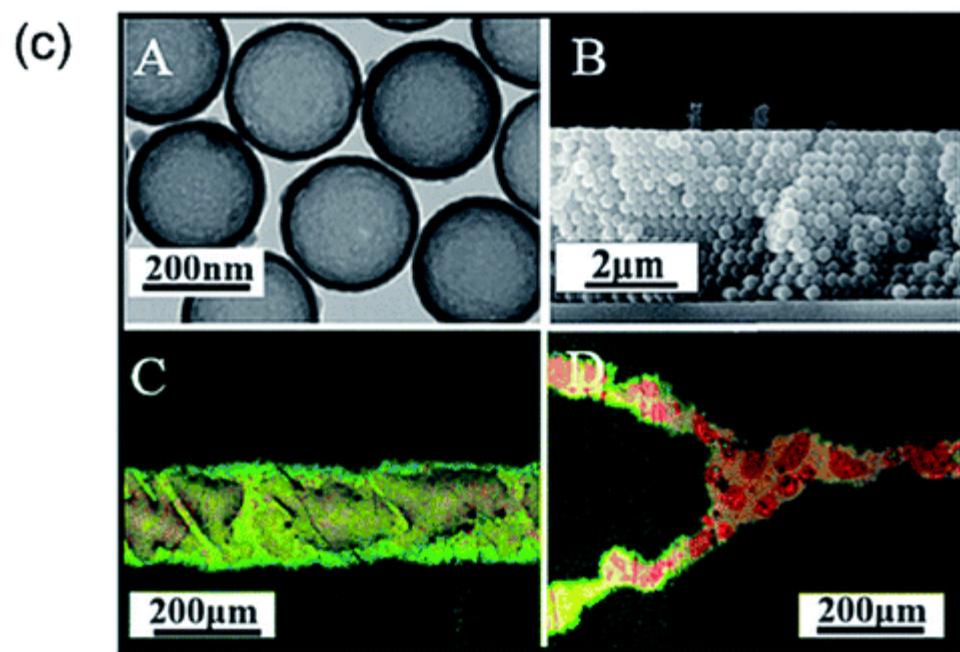
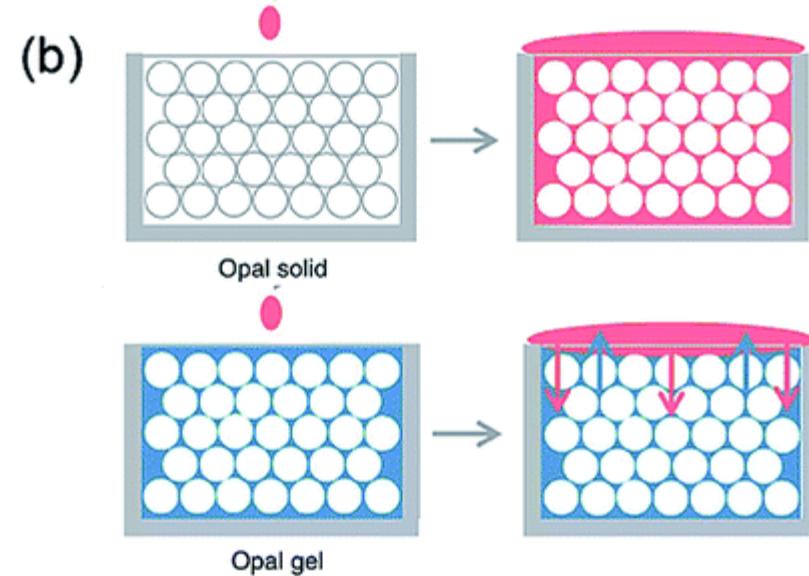
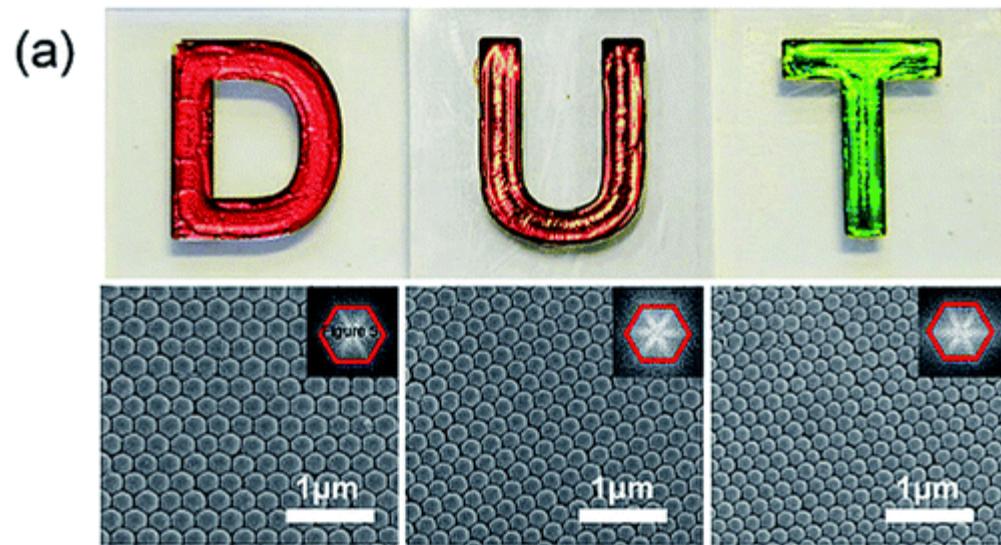


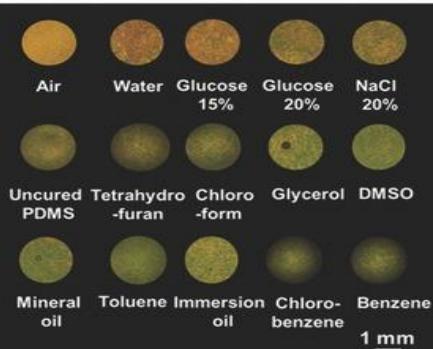
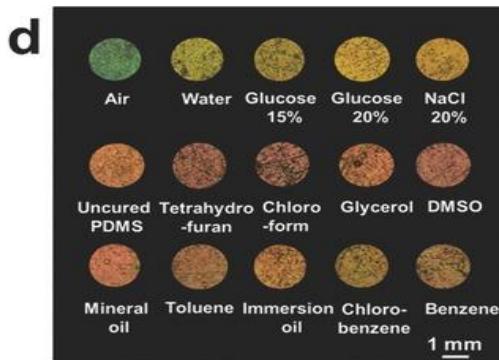
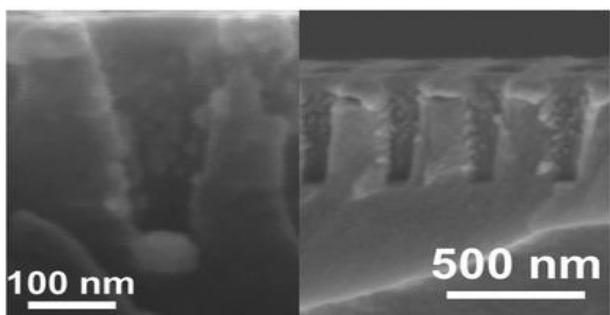
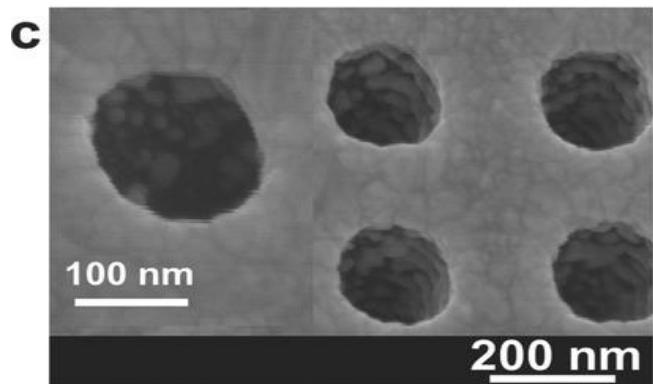
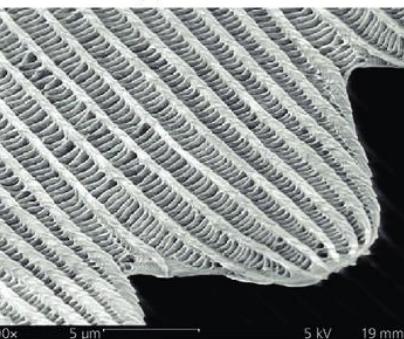
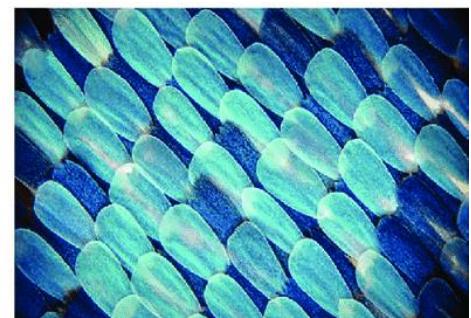
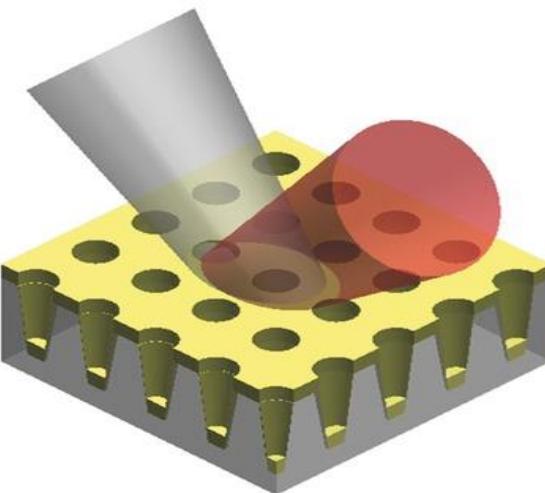
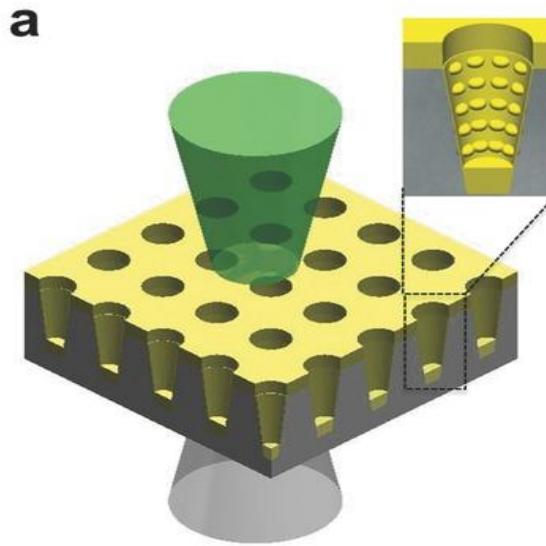
(a)



(c)







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Air

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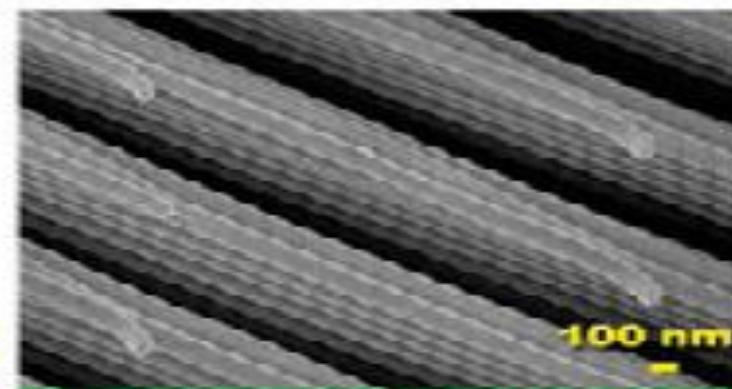
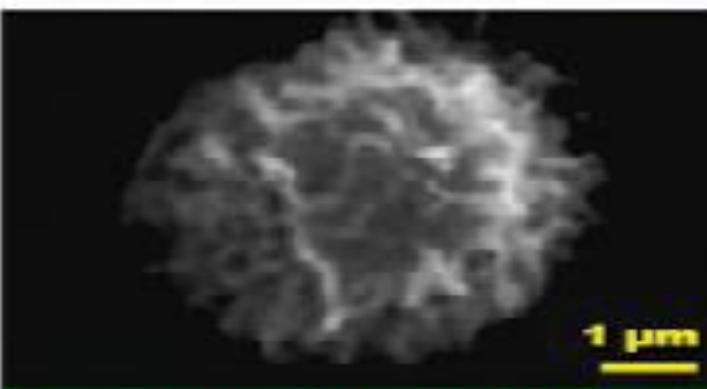
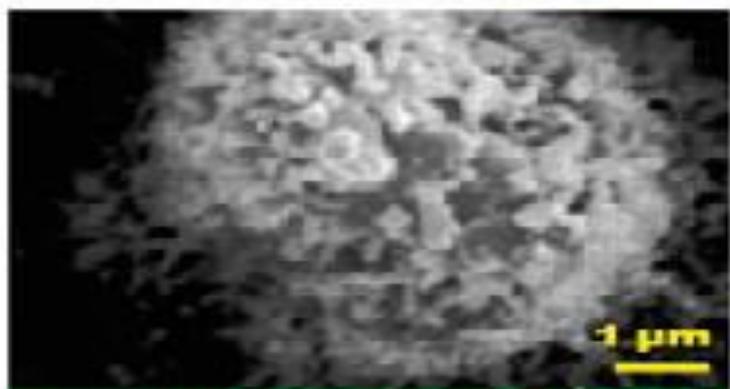
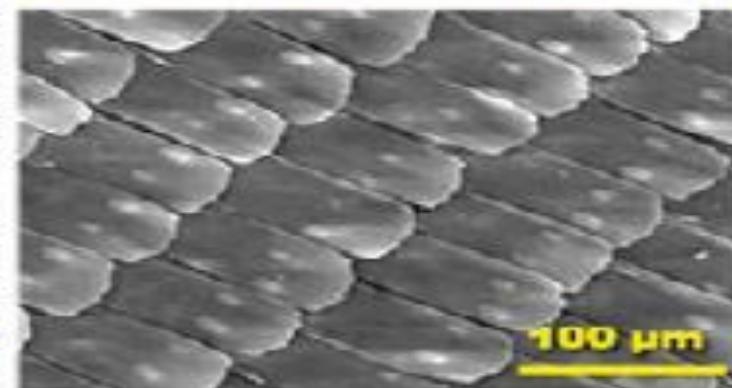
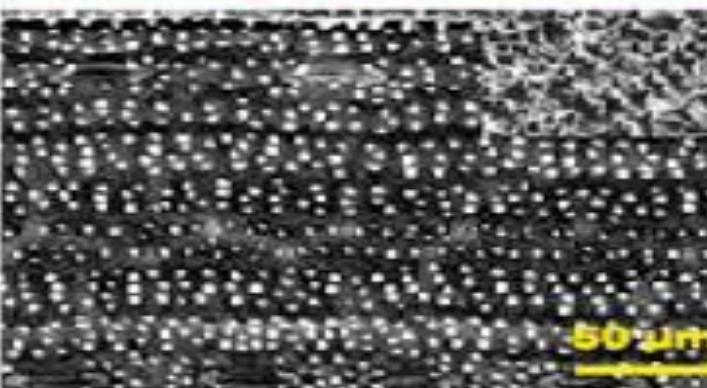
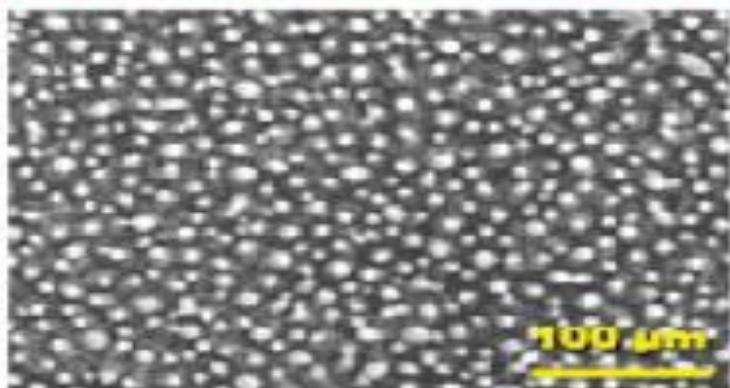
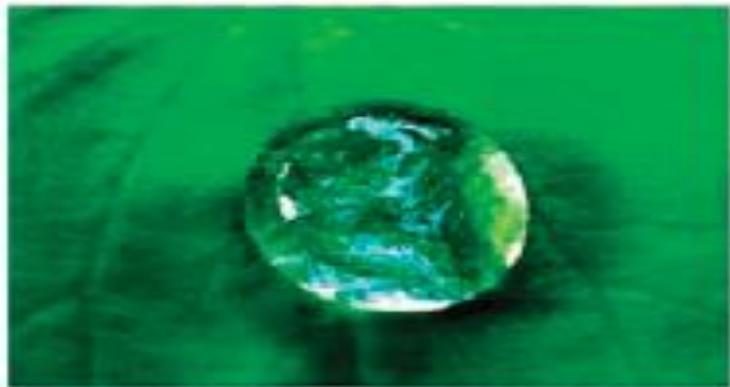
Ethanol

Water

Immersion oil

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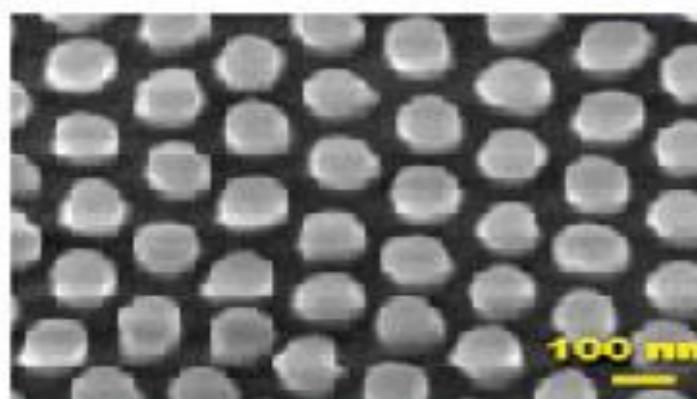
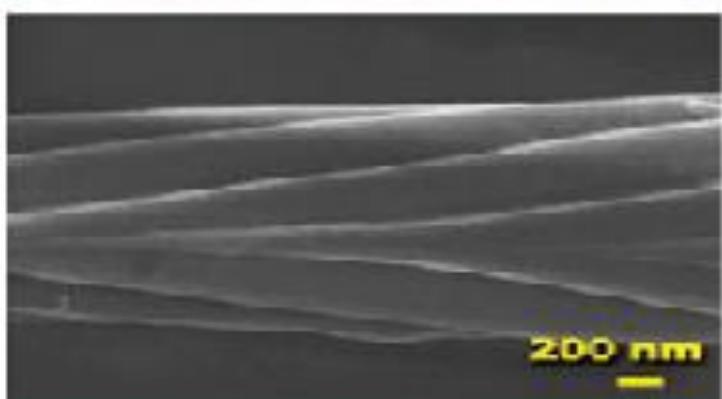
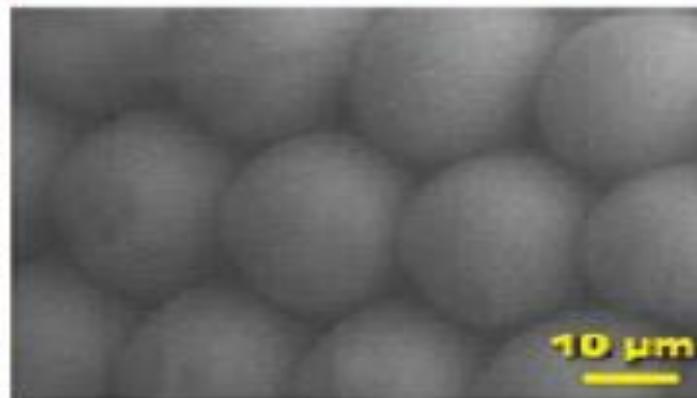
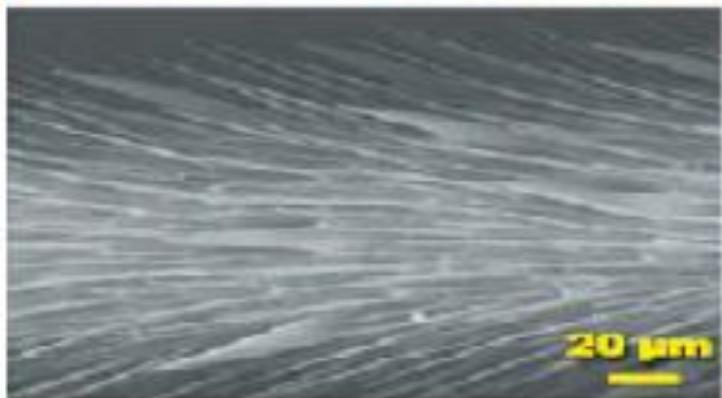
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**(A) Lotus leaf**

**(B) Rice leaf**

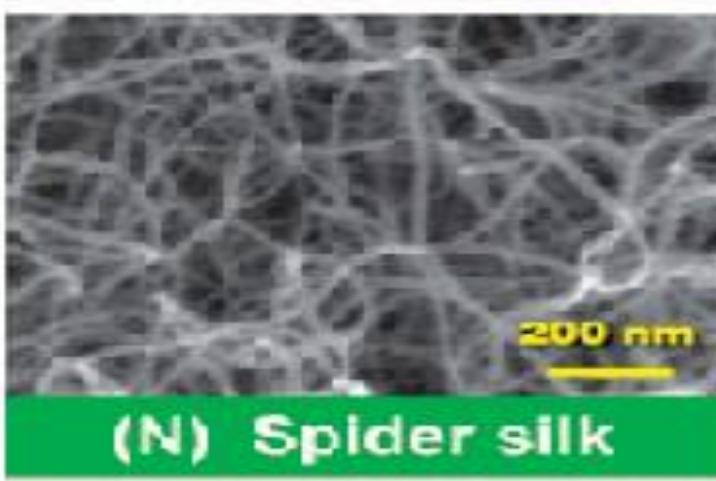
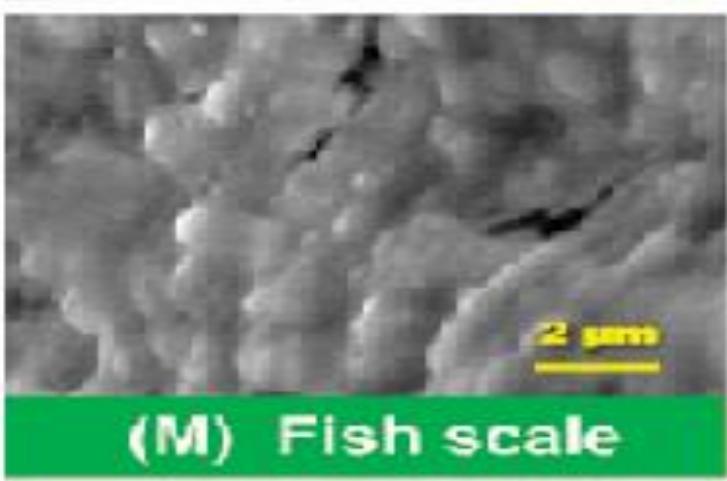
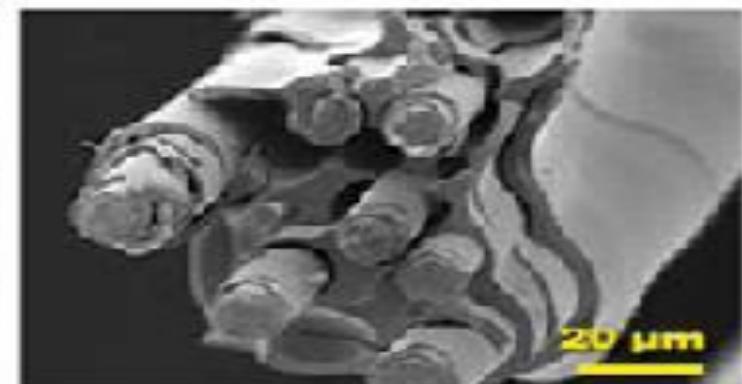
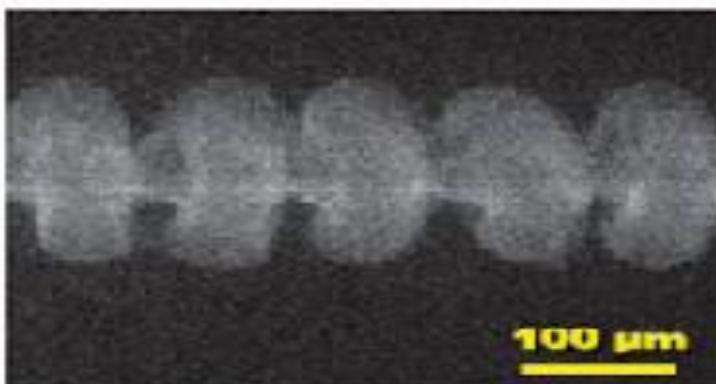
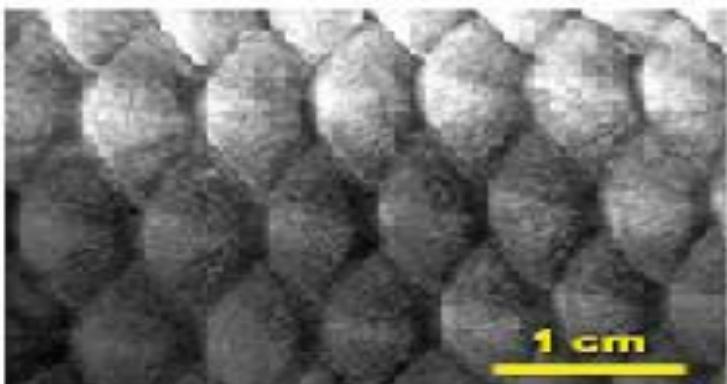
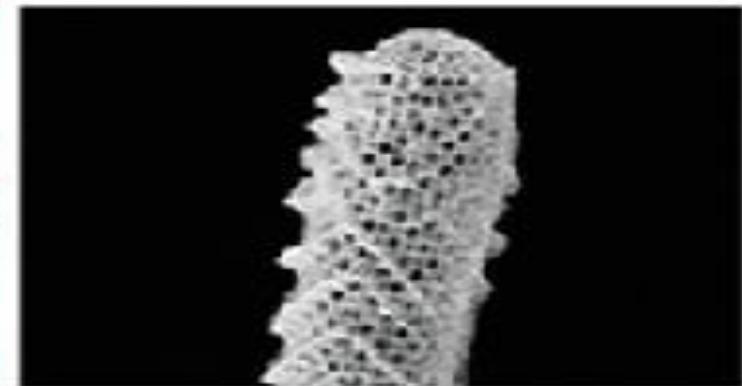
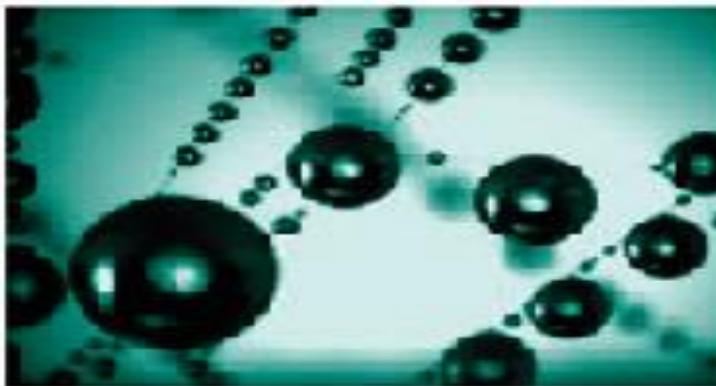
**(C) Butterfly wing**



**(D) Water strider leg**

**(E) Mosquito eye**

**(F) Rose petal**



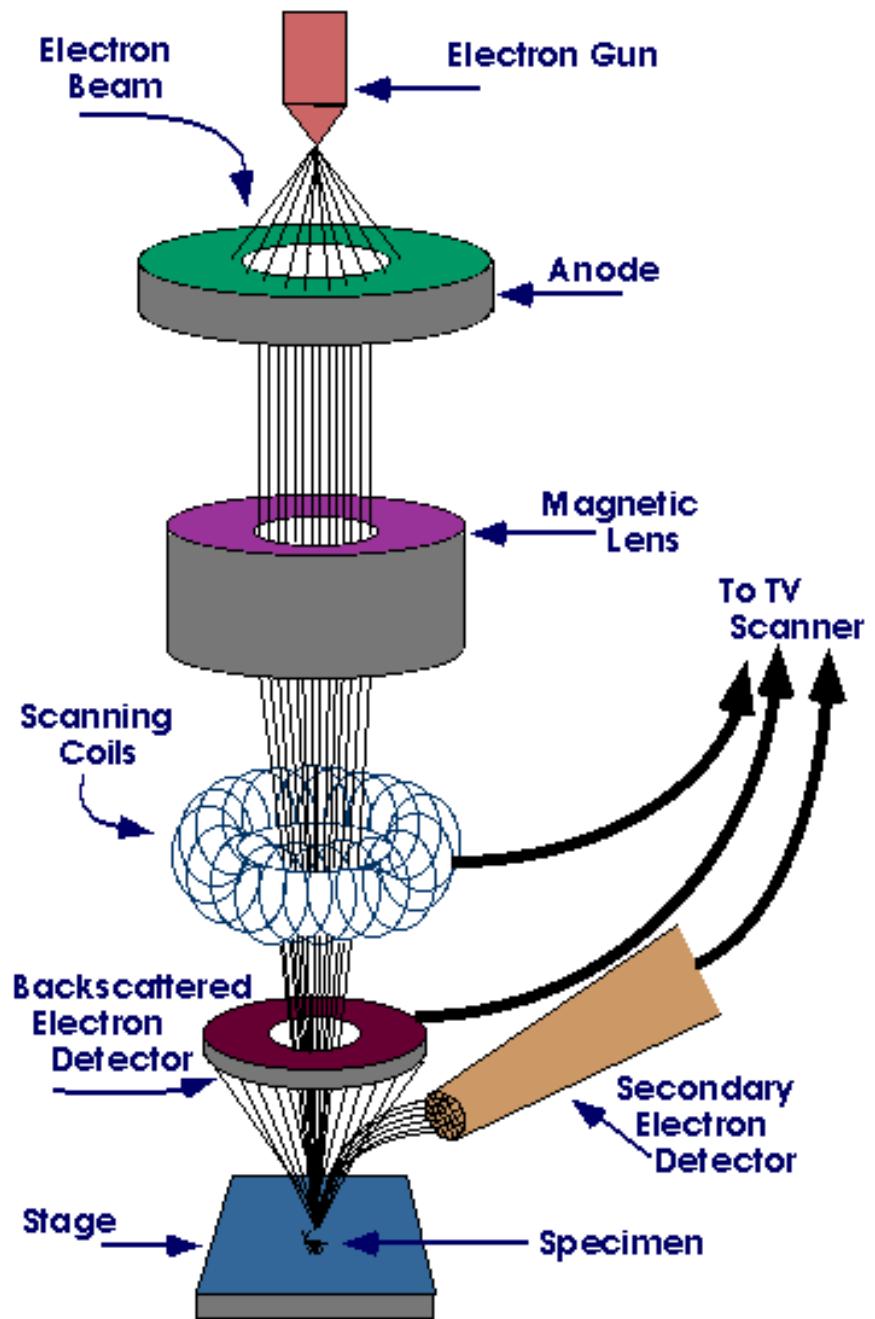
**(M) Fish scale**

**(N) Spider silk**

**(O) Glass sponge**

## How do we “see” nanostructures ? Microscopy!

Using electrons – instead of visible photons -  
allows to dig deeper into the nanoworld

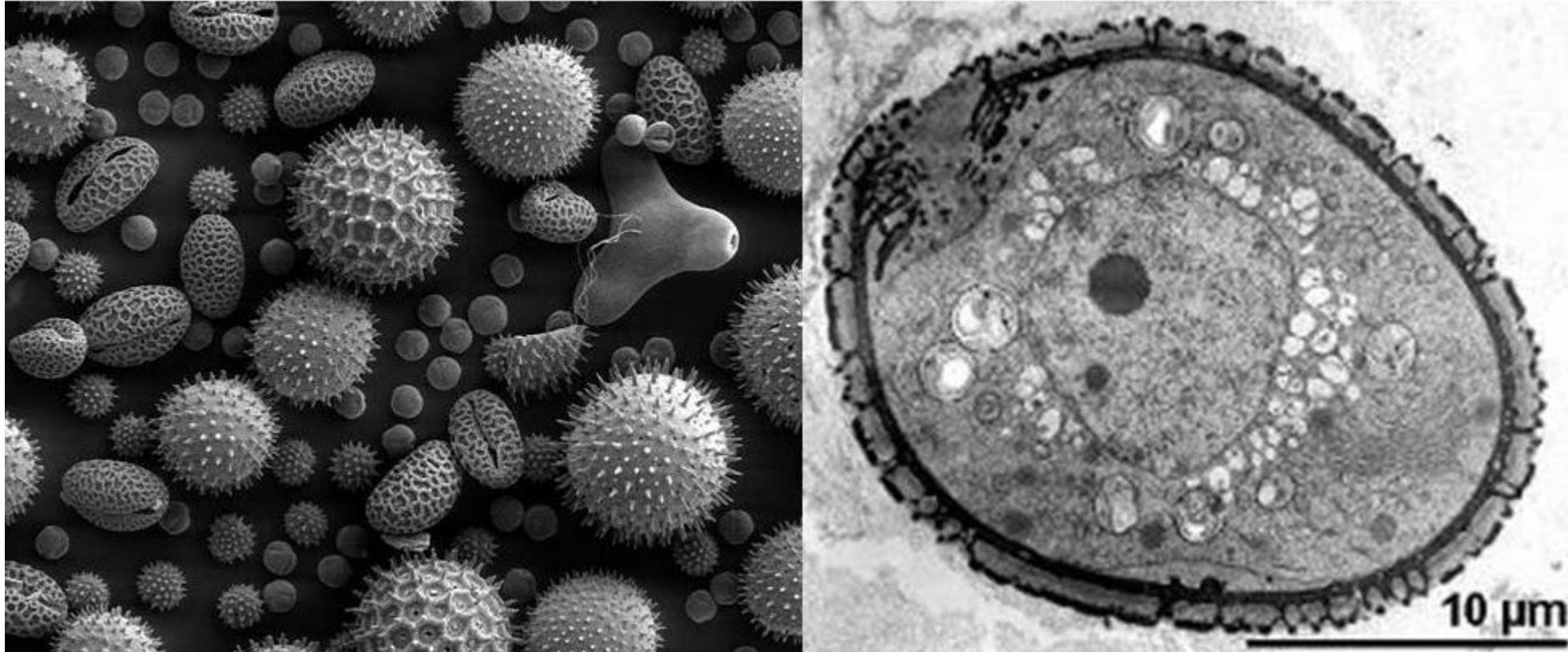


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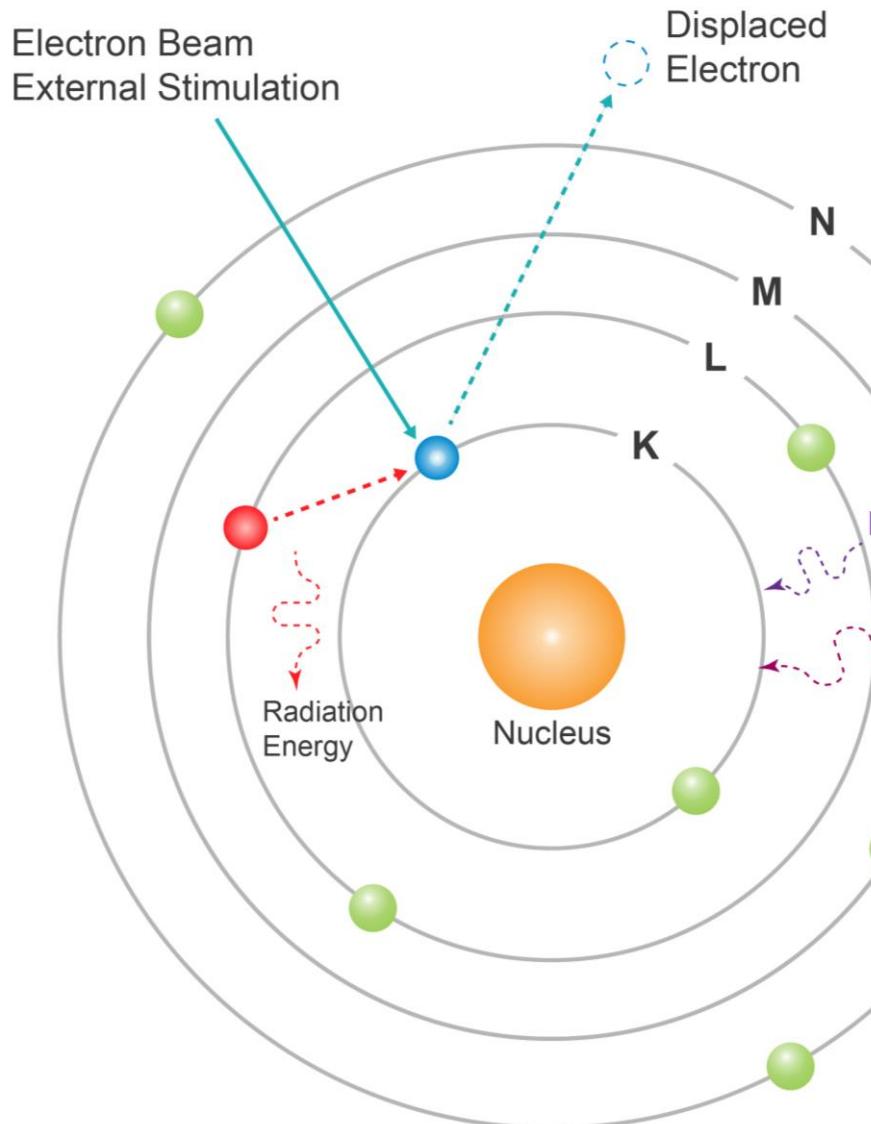
«S» is for scanning

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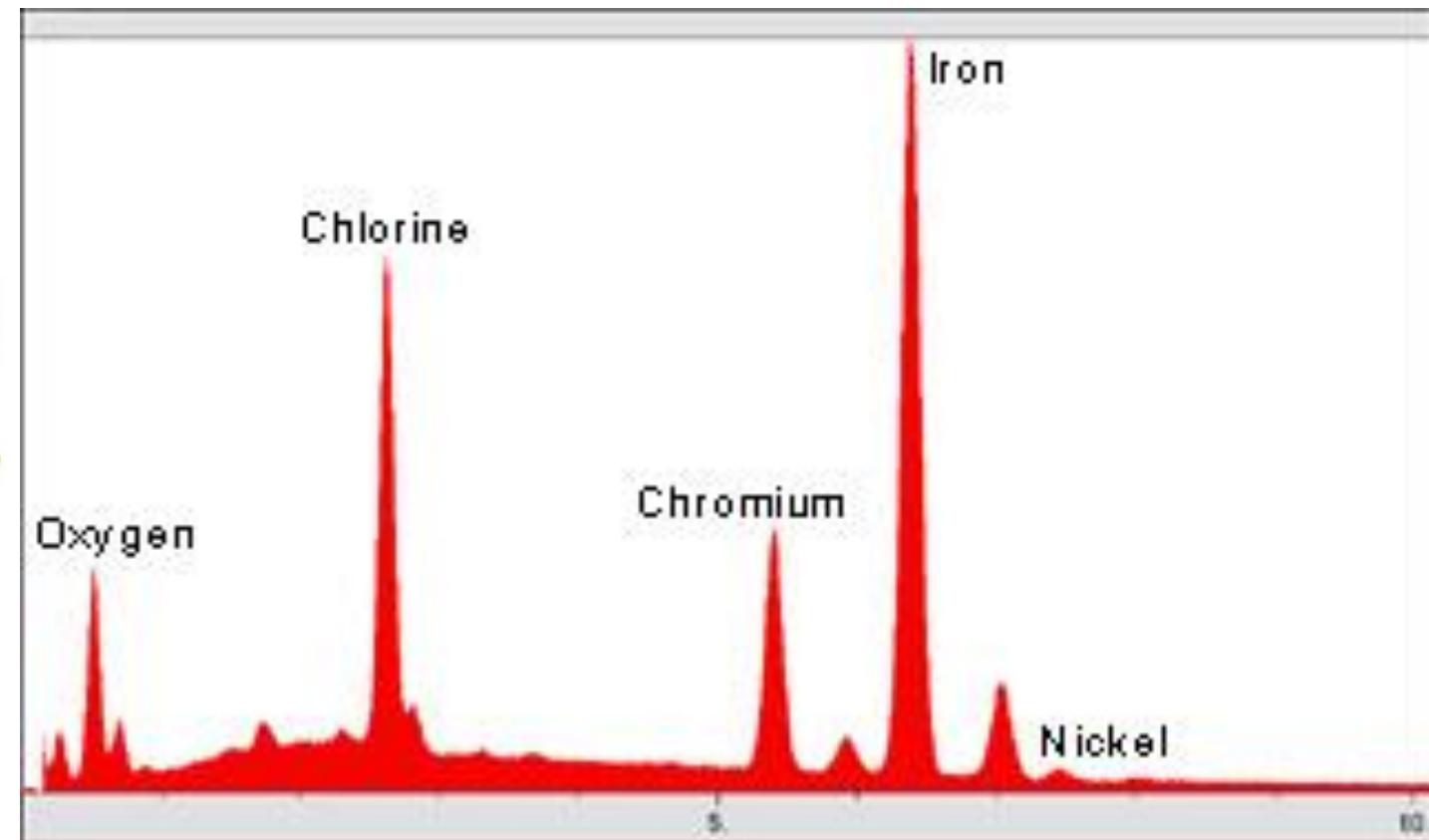
Pollen grain under SEM and TEM



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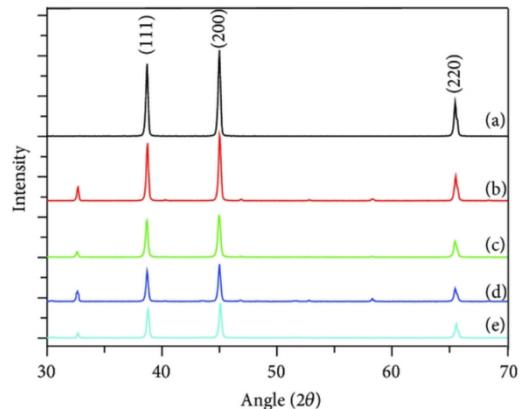


Every atom is unique...

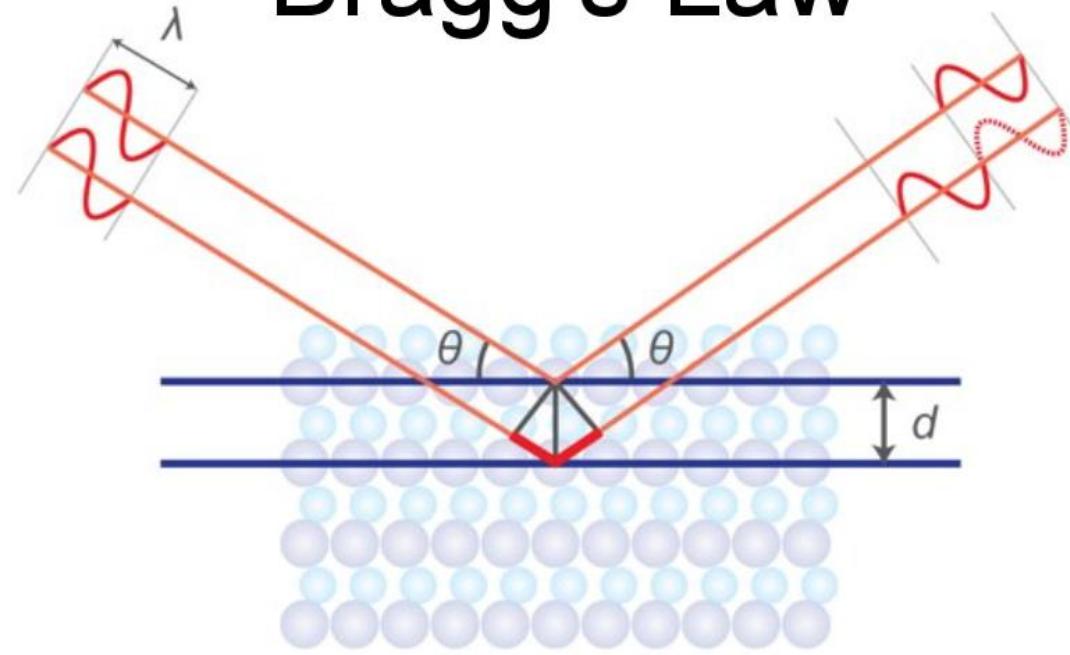


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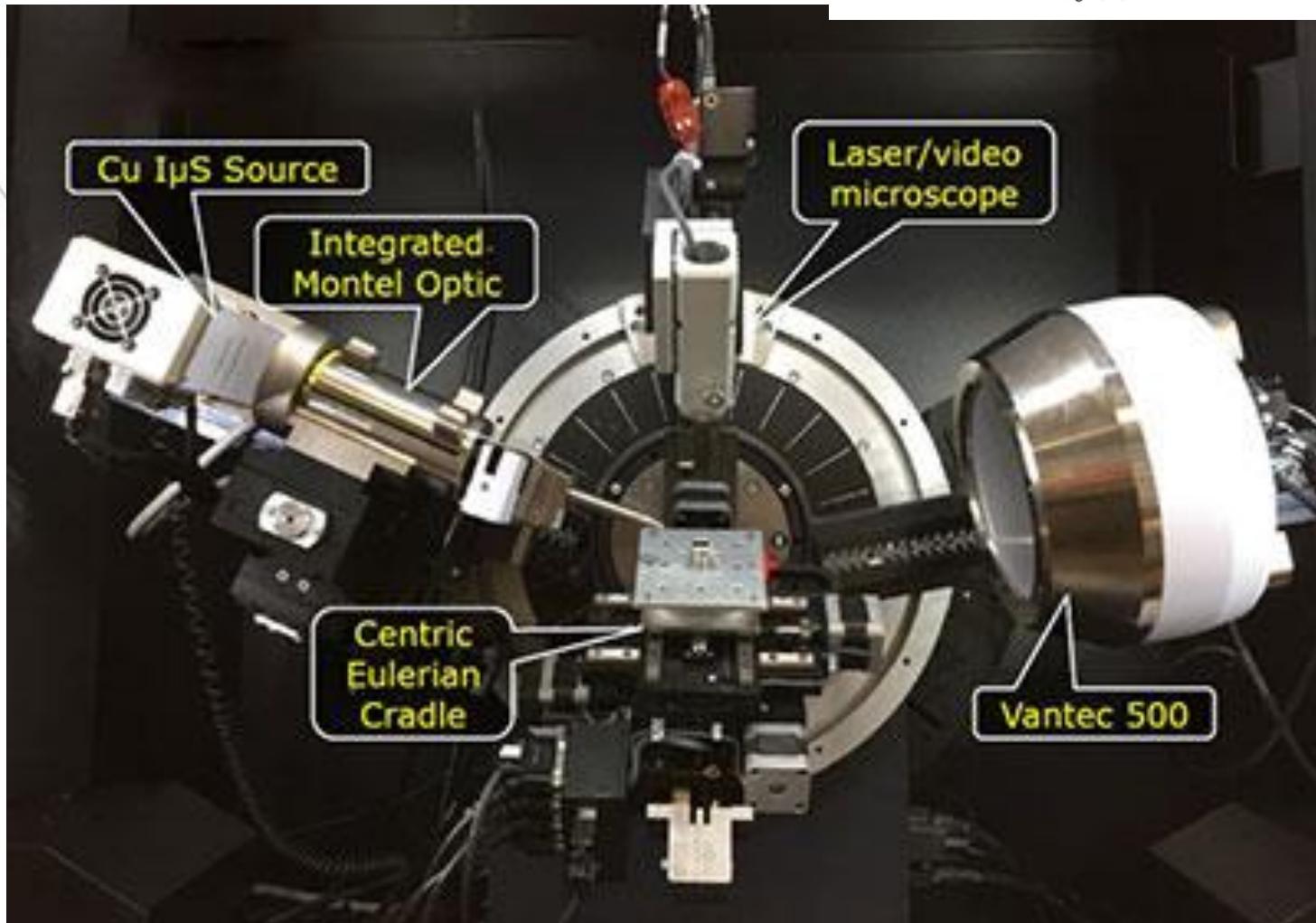
Scattering of incident photons by an ordered array of atoms



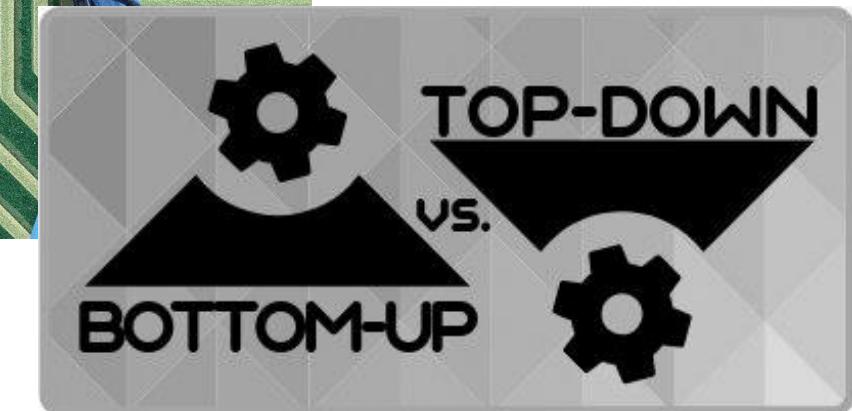
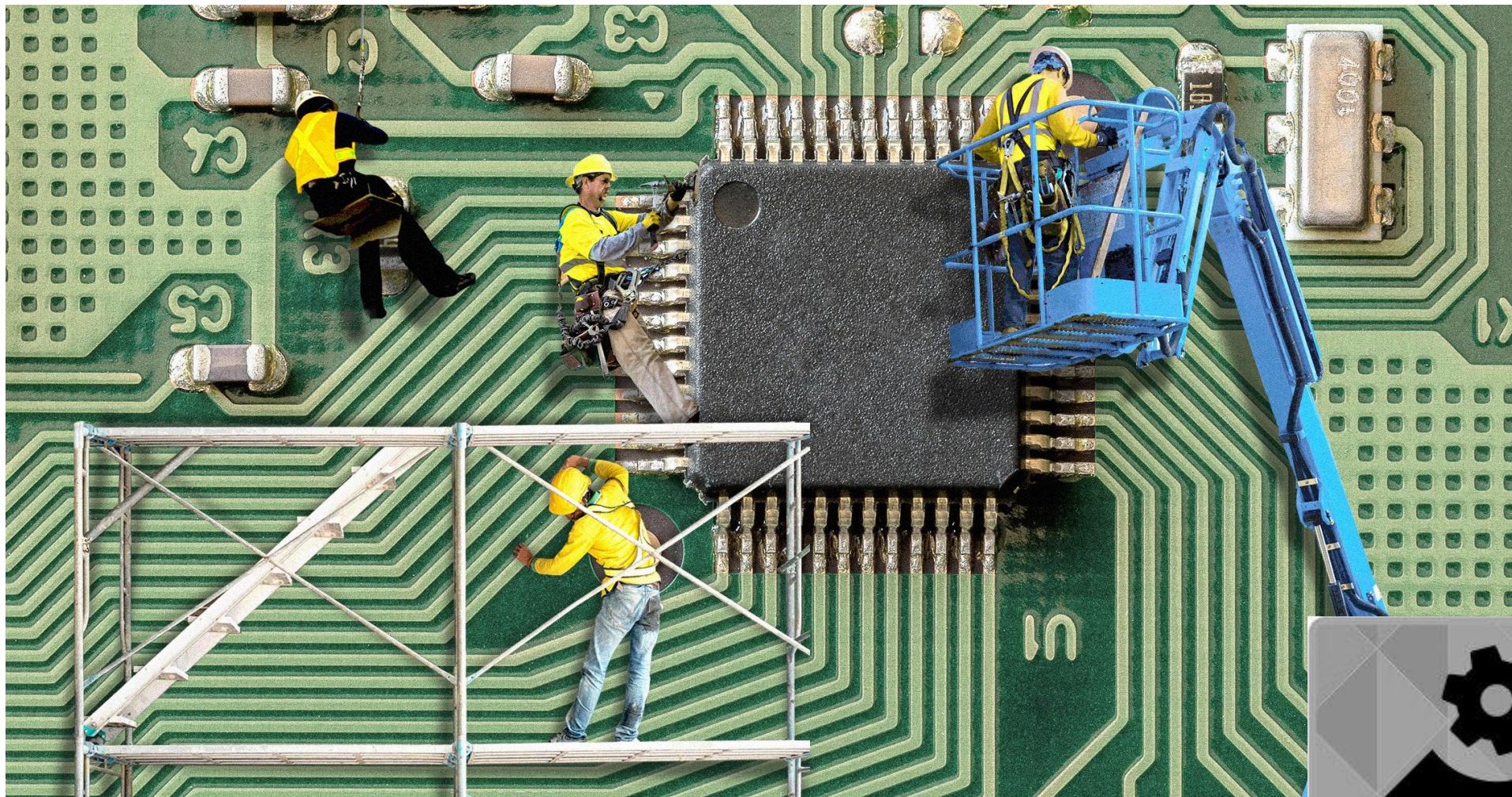
## Bragg's Law



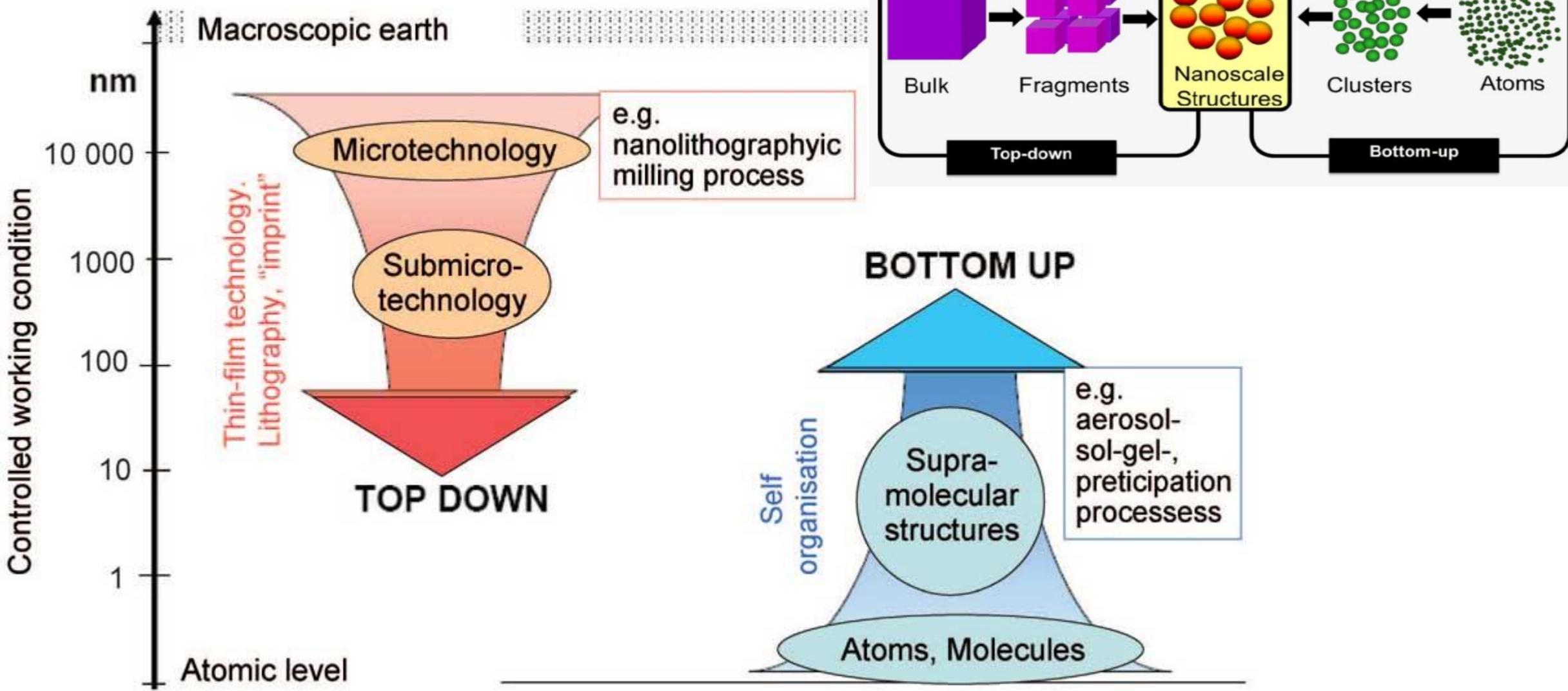
$$n\lambda = 2d \cdot \sin\theta$$



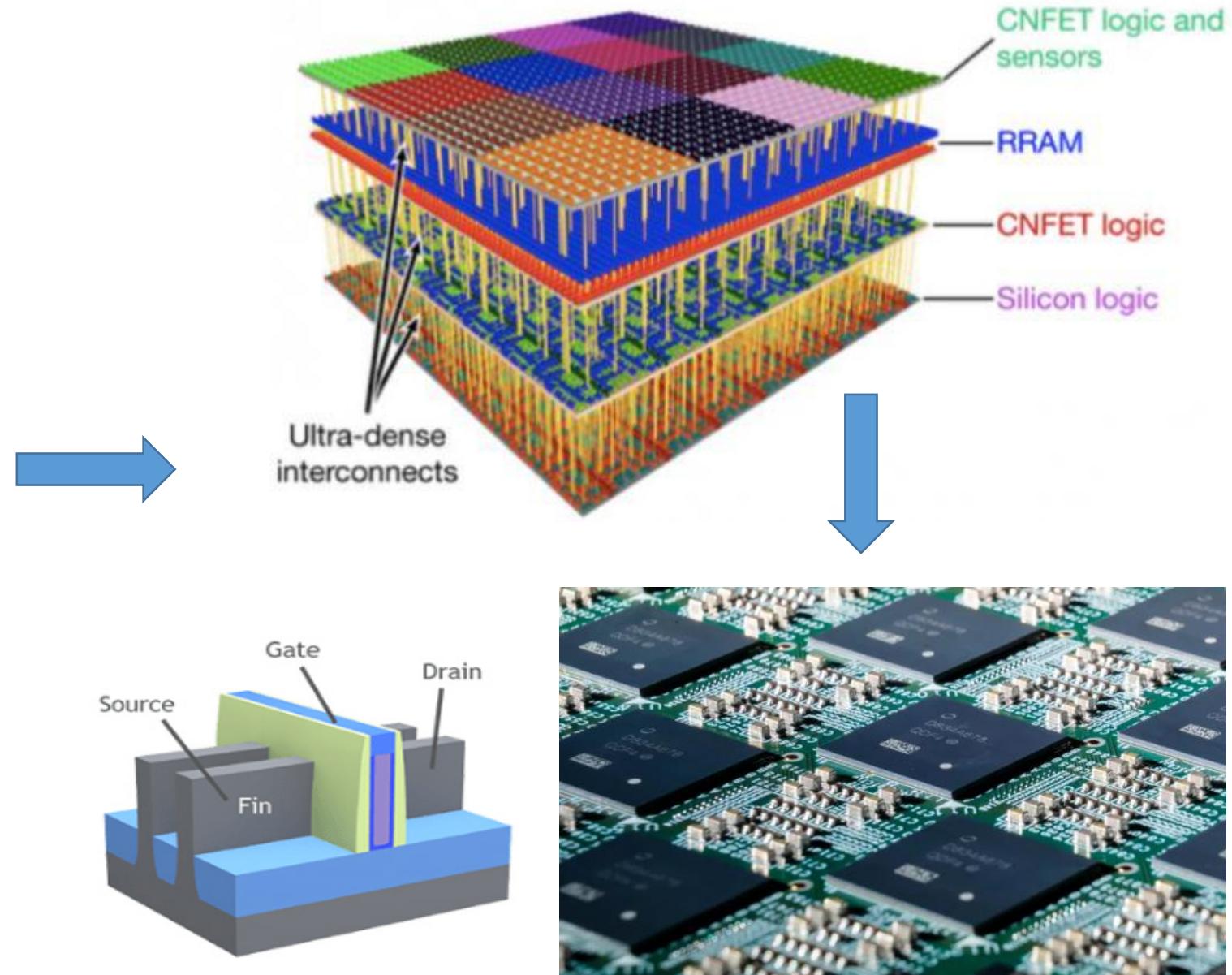
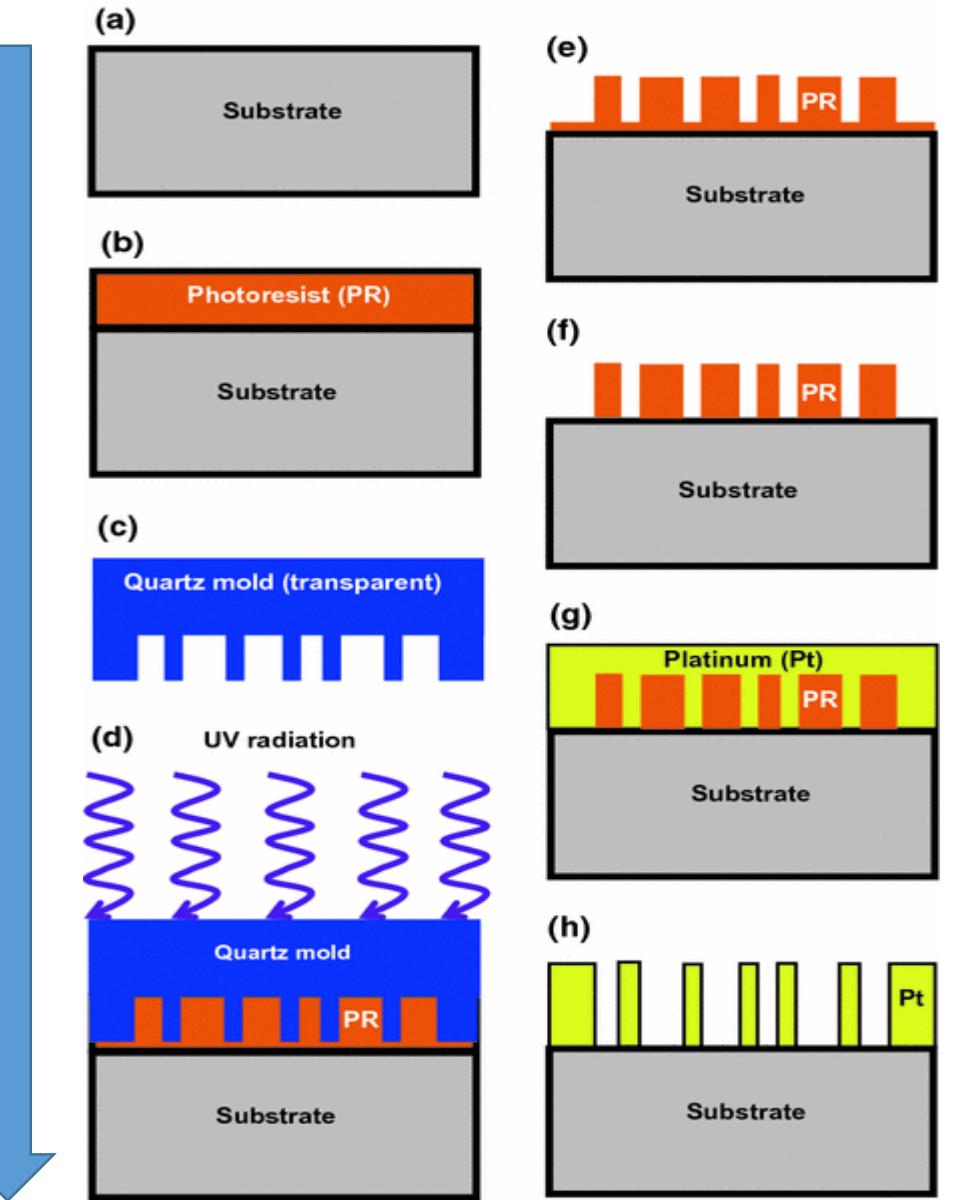
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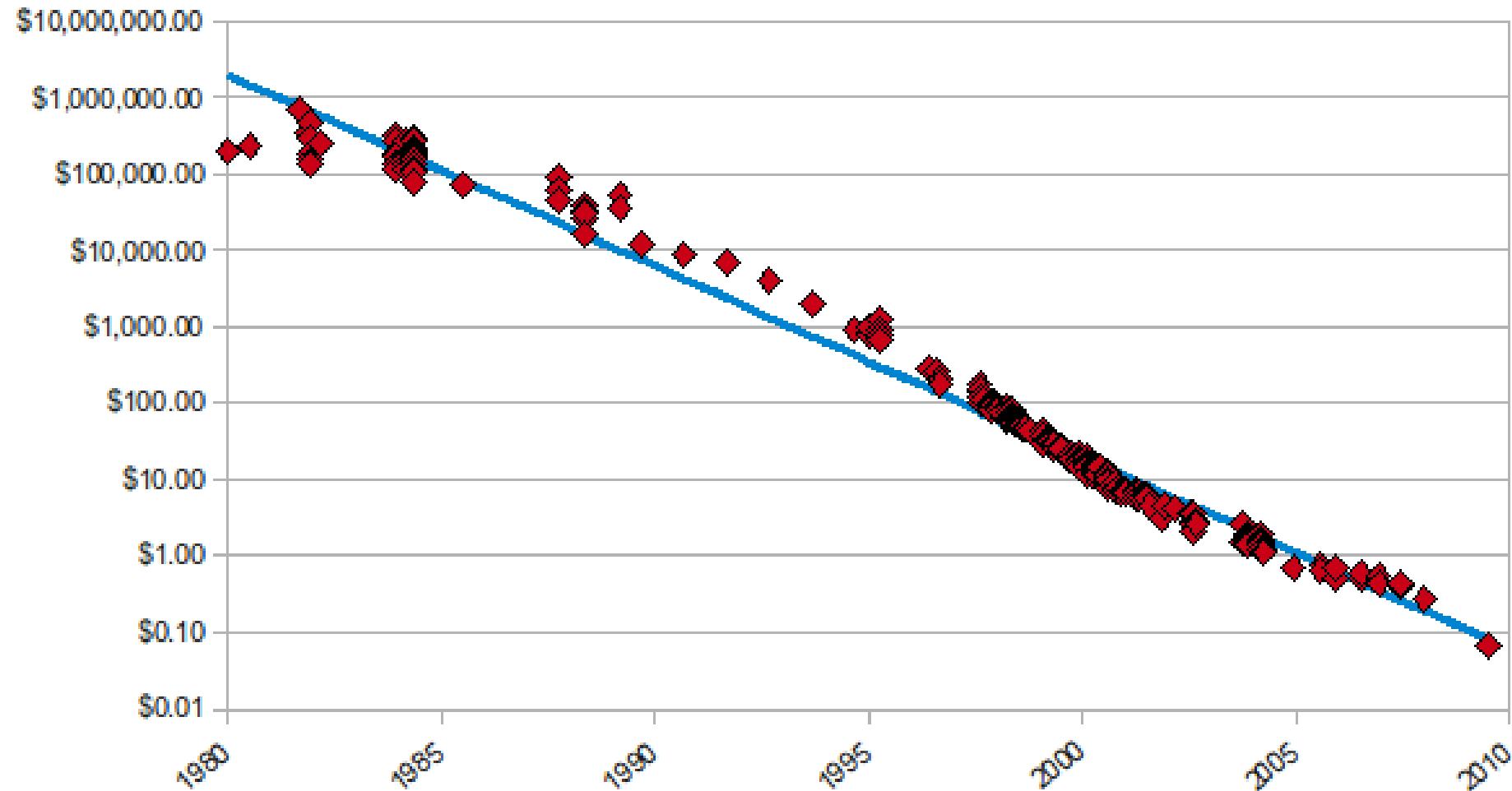
675 Mb = \$70,000  
128Gb = \$13,300,000

2020



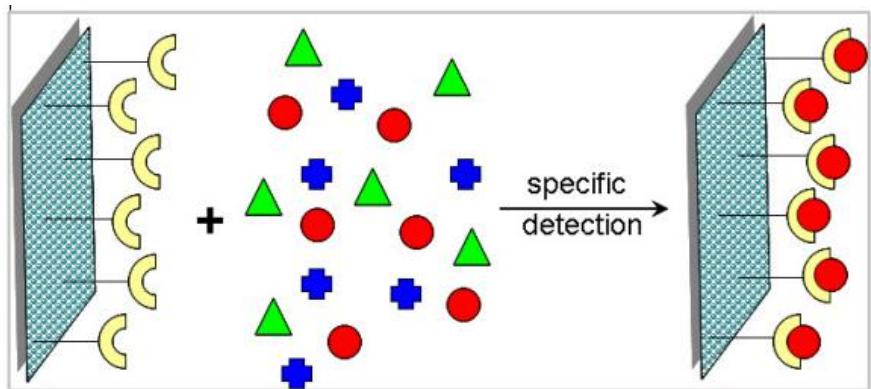
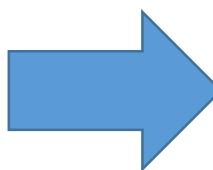
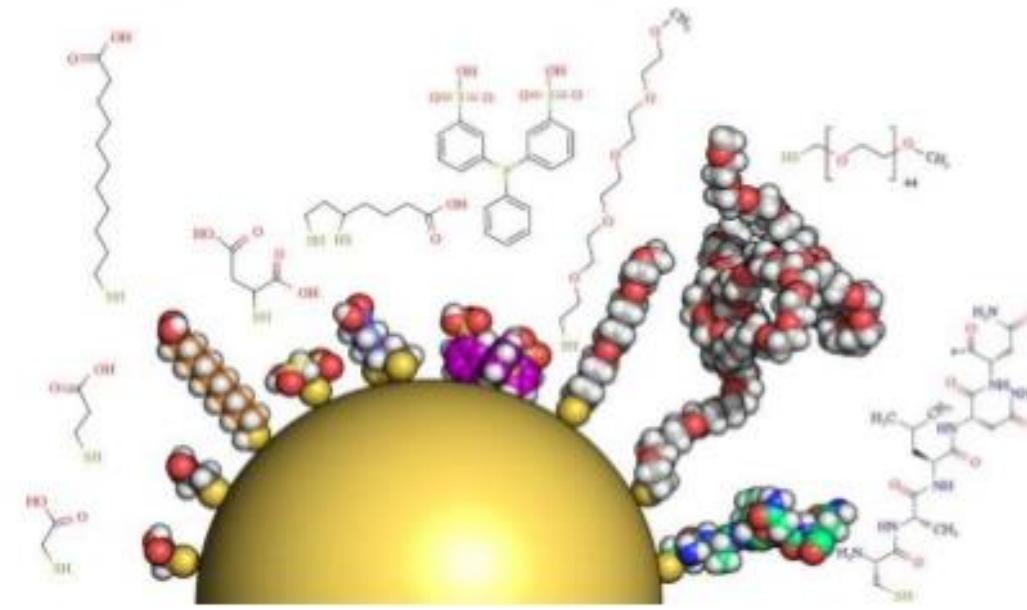
128Gb = \$19

### 30 years of miniaturization: Hard Drive Cost per Gigabyte 1980 - 2009

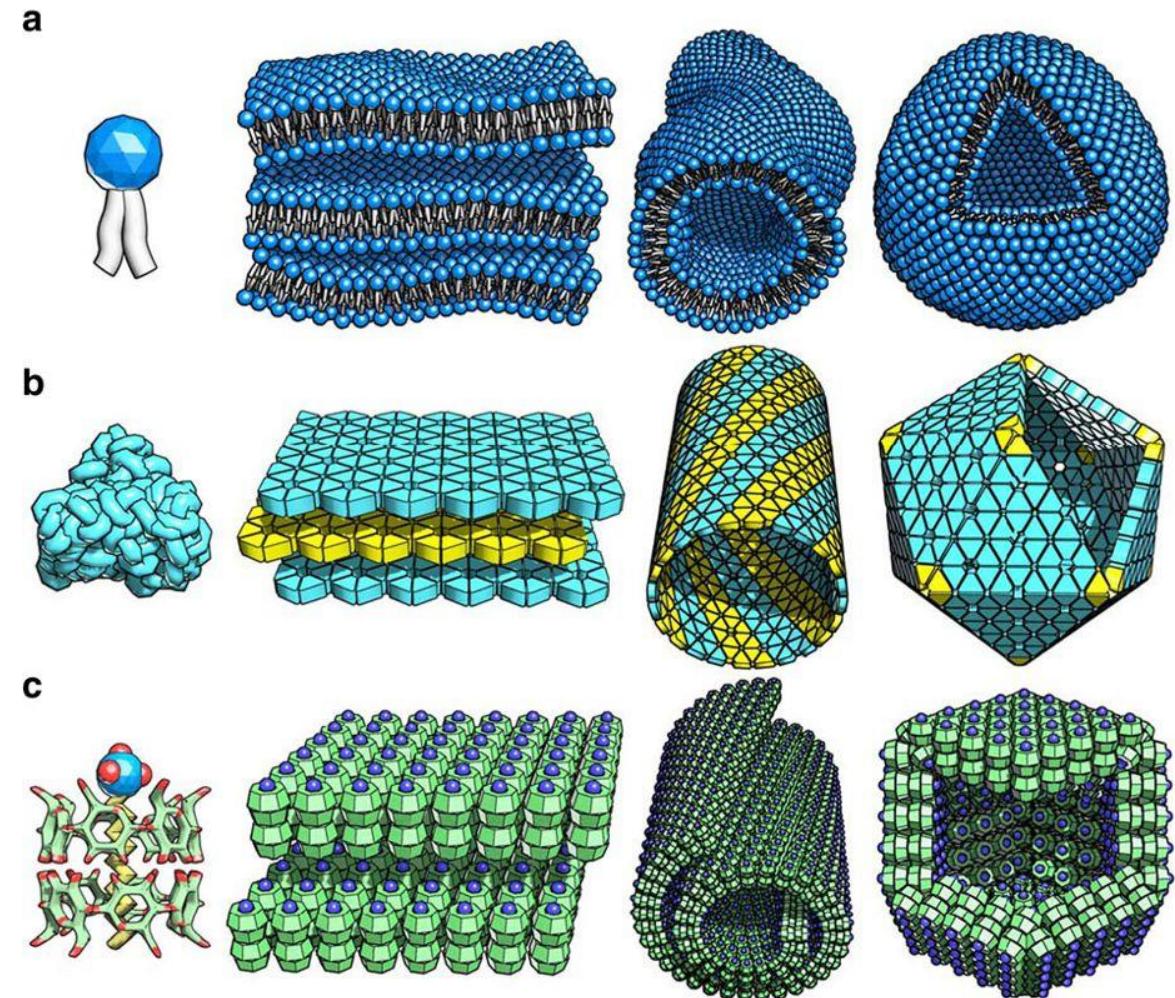


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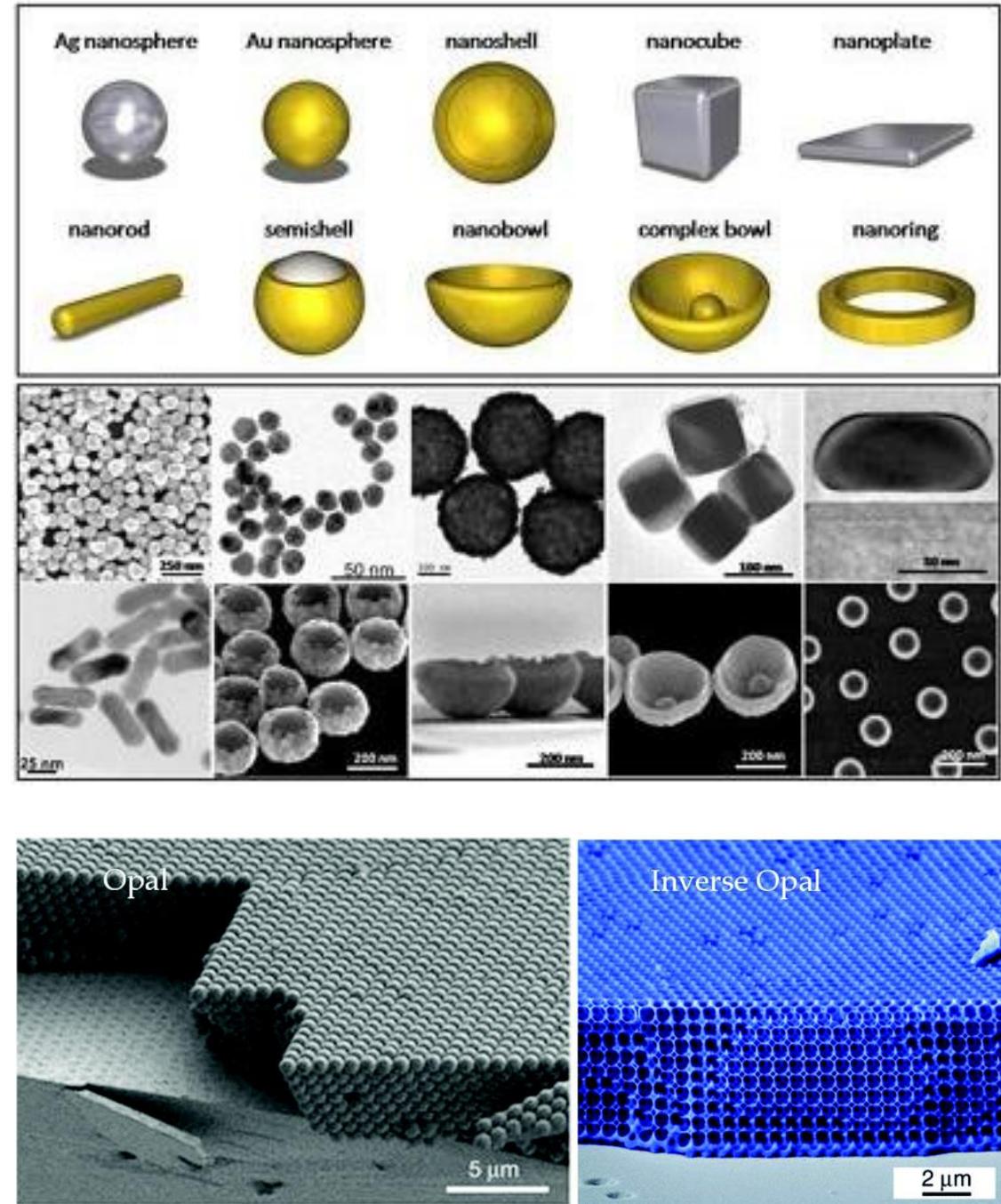
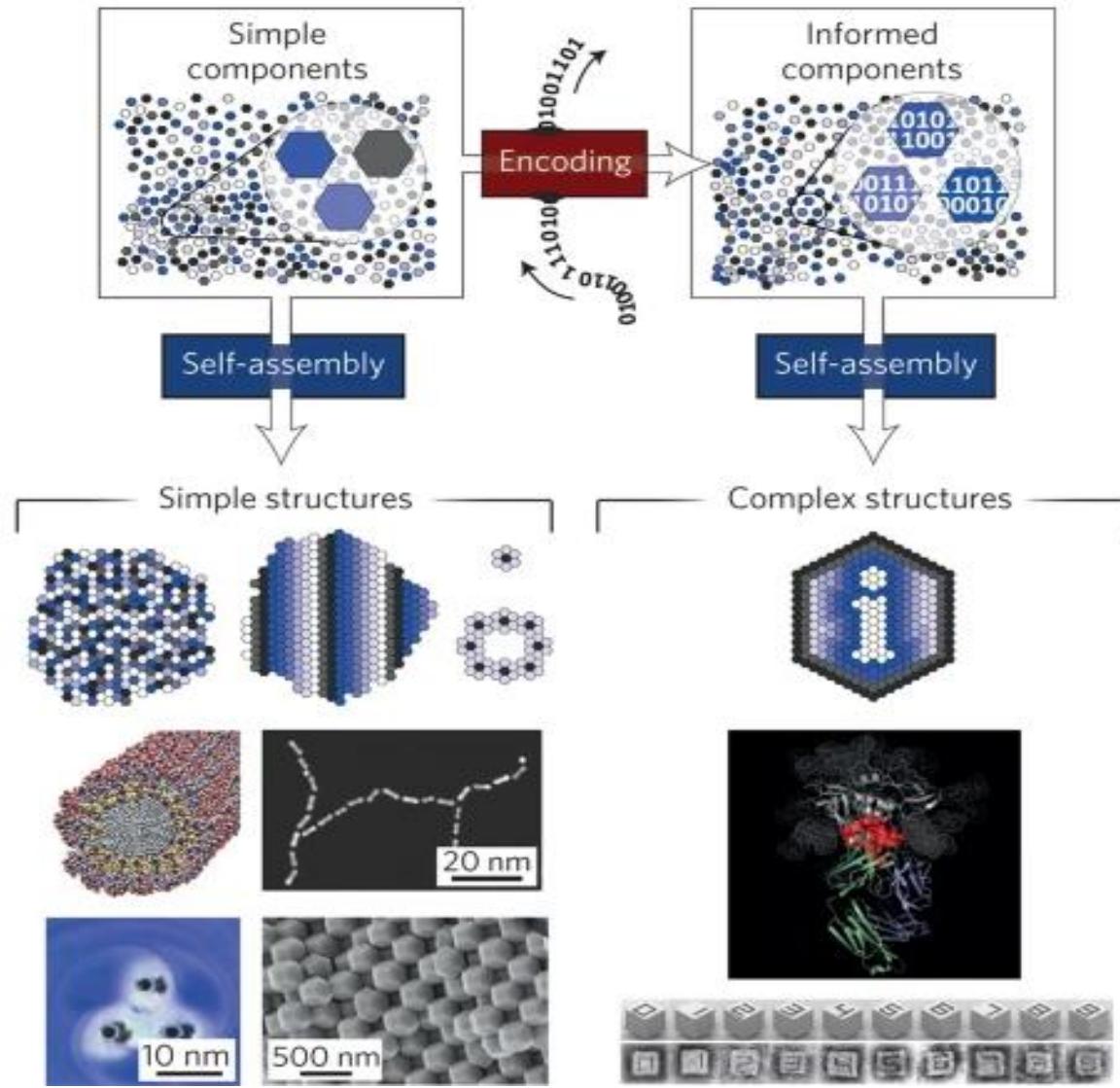
- The surface coating of nanoparticles determines many of their physical and chemical properties, notably stability, solubility, and targeting. A coating that is multivalent or polymeric confers high stability.



Building complex structures...  
...from scratches



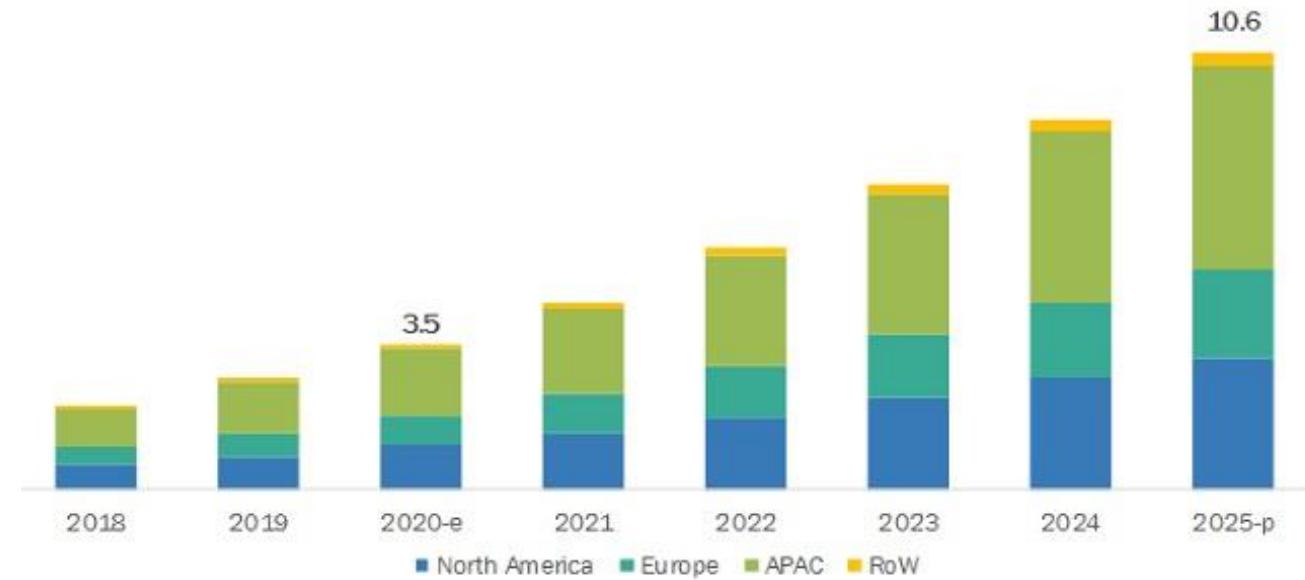
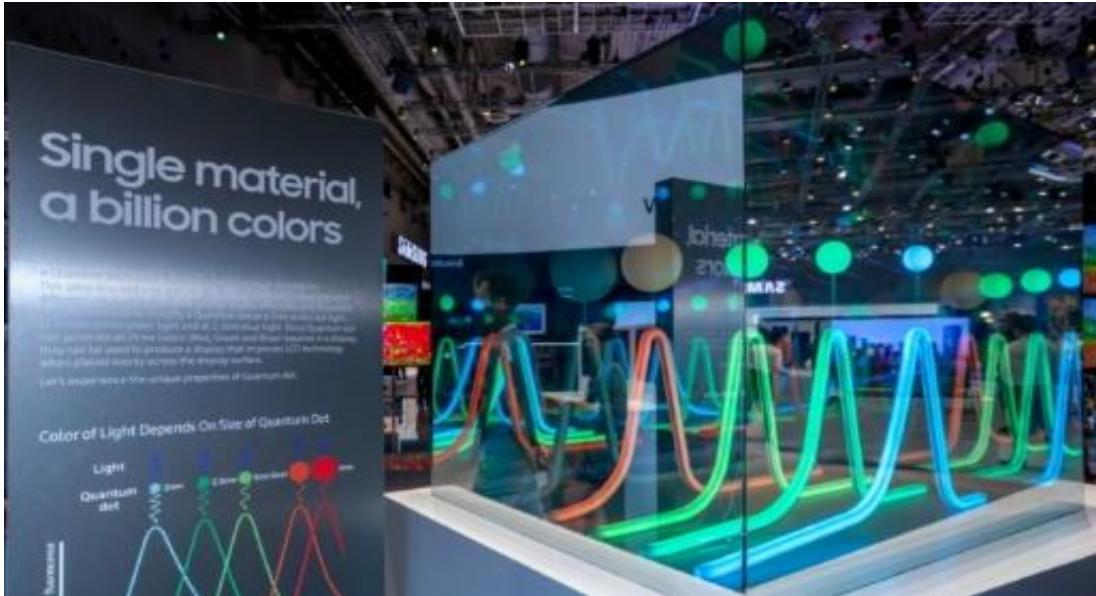
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## APPLICATION OF NANOPARTICLES



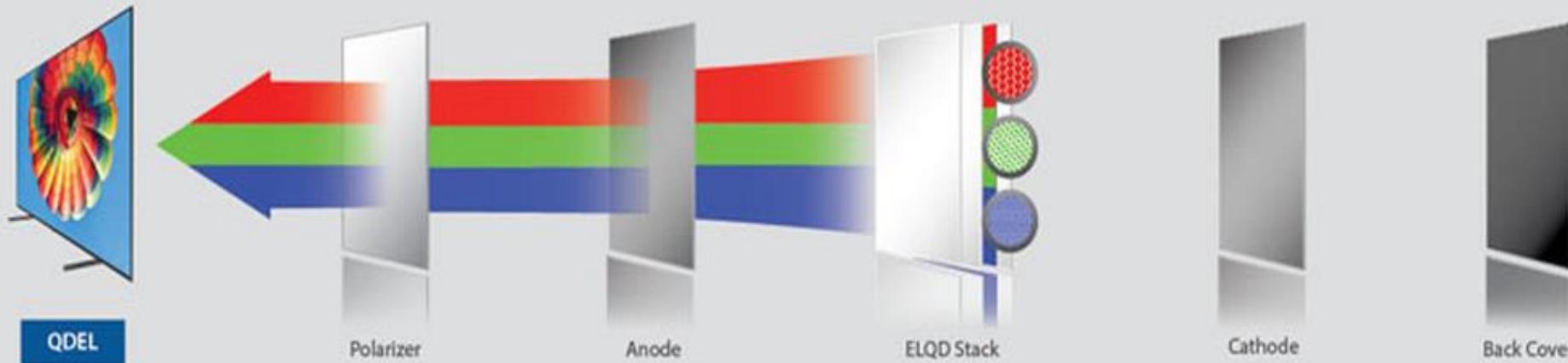
## Applications: Displays



e-estimated; p-projected

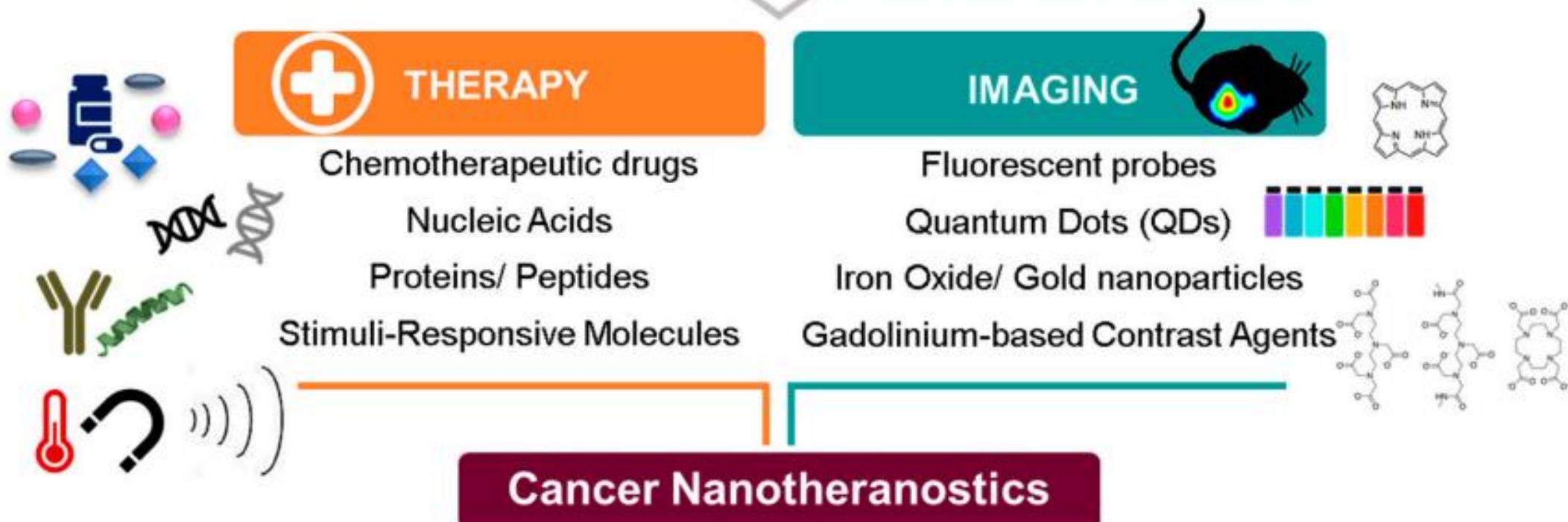
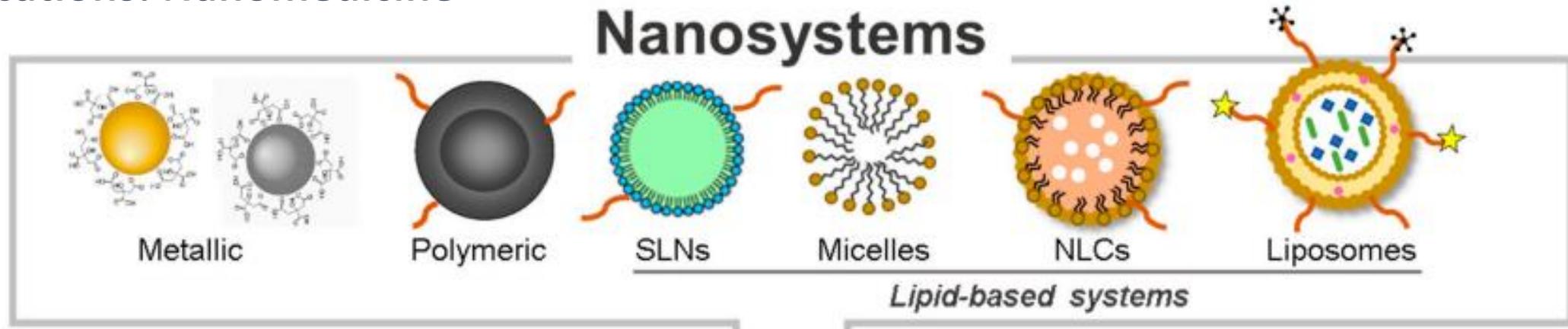
Source: Industry Expert, Secondary Research, and MarketsandMarkets Analysis

## Future Electro Emissive Quantum Dot TV Probable Structure



- Future emitter material for emissive displays delivers on the promises of OLED
  - Emissive technology: perfect black levels
  - Perfect color and viewing angle: no micro-cavities required
  - Rugged, inorganic materials: true HDR luminance and improved reliability
  - Low cost: solution processable via ink jet, transfer or gravure printing
- Available: 2021-2023

## Applications: Nanomedicine



## Applications: an “average” mobile phone



### 1) QDOT Display

Trillions of Cd, Zn, In based nanoparticles  
Anti-reflecting, anti-scratch, hydrophobic coatings

### 2) ARM CPU

170 million 7nm transistors per square mm  
10 billion transistors inside

### 3) 20+ Mpixel Camera

Millions of 14nm FinFET technology

### 4) Wireless ICs (power amplifiers)

Thousands of GaAs and SiGe transistors

### 6) Battery / Capacitors

Nanostructured Li electrodes

Nanostructured metal-oxides electrodes

### 7) Various

Gold, silver, rare earths... lead and mercury!