

Nanotechnology in the Forest Products Industry: Update

Nanotechnology for the
Forest Products Industry

**Vision and
Technology
Roadmap**

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Presentation Overview

- **Nanotechnology**
 - What is Nanotechnology?
 - Why is it important?
 - National Nanotechnology Initiative
- **Nanotechnology in the Forest Products Industry Workshop**
 - Deliverables
 - Outcomes
- **Next Steps**

AF&PA Agenda 2020 Topic Areas

- **Nanotechnology** (*Approved @ December 2004 Agenda 2020 CTO meeting*)

Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

- The nanoscale is not just another step towards miniaturization. It is a qualitatively new scale where materials properties, such as melting point or electrical conductivity, differ significantly from the same properties in the bulk.
 - “Nanoscience” seeks to understand these new properties.
 - “Nanotechnology” seeks to develop materials and structures that exhibit novel and significantly improved physical, chemical, and tribiological properties and functions due to their nanoscale size.
- The goals of nanoscience and nanotechnology are:
 - to understand and predict the properties of materials at the nanoscale
 - to “manufacture” nanoscale components from the bottom up
 - to integrate nanoscale components into macroscopic scale objects and devices for real-world uses

The Scale of Things -- Nanometers and More

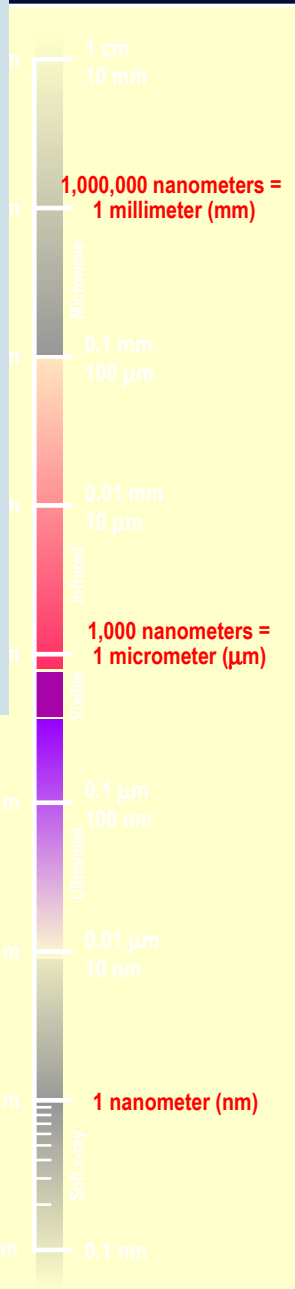
From ants to atoms

One millimetre – 1m nanometres (nm)

Item	Size in nm
Red ant	5m
Human hair (width)	80,000
Diameter of a typical bacterium	1,000-10,000
Average wavelength of visible light	400-700
Human immunodeficiency virus	90
Wavelength of extreme ultraviolet light	40
Cell membrane	10
Diameter of DNA	~2.5
Inter hydrogen atoms	1
Water molecule (width)	0.3

Sources: Wikipedia; National Institute of Standards and Technology; Intel; Royal Society; H. Smalley

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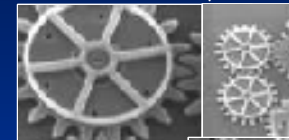


Things Manmade

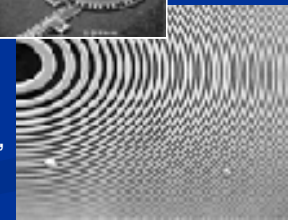
Intersection of quantum mechanics and continuum mechanics



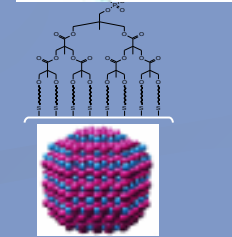
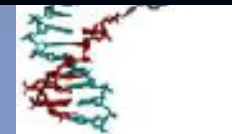
MicroElectroMechanical device
10 - 100 µm wide



Red blood cells
Pollen grain



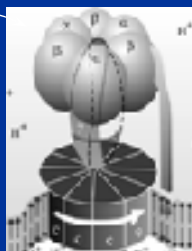
Zone plate x-ray "lens"
Outermost ring spacing
~35 nm



Combine nanoscale building blocks to make novel functional devices, e.g., a photosynthetic reaction center with integral semiconductor storage



~10 nm diameter

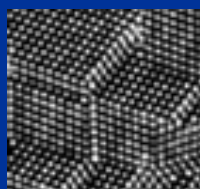


ATP synthase

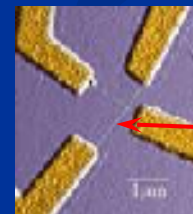


DNA

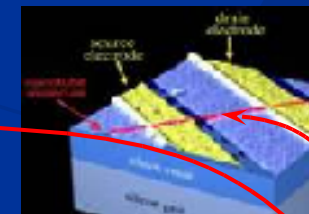
~2-1/2 nm diameter



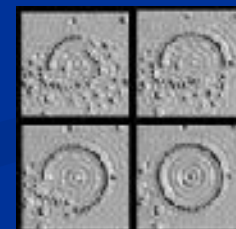
Atoms of silicon
spacing ~tenths of nm



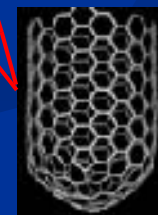
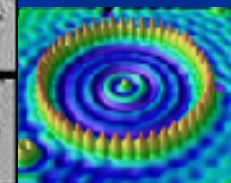
Nanotube electrode



Nanotube transistor

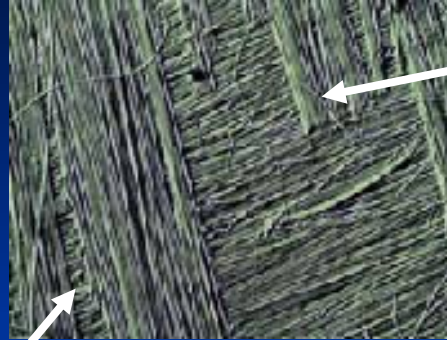
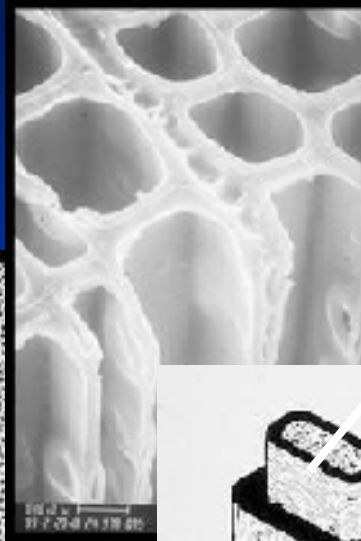


Quantum corral of 48 iron atoms on copper surface
positioned one at a time with an STM tip
Corral diameter 14 nm

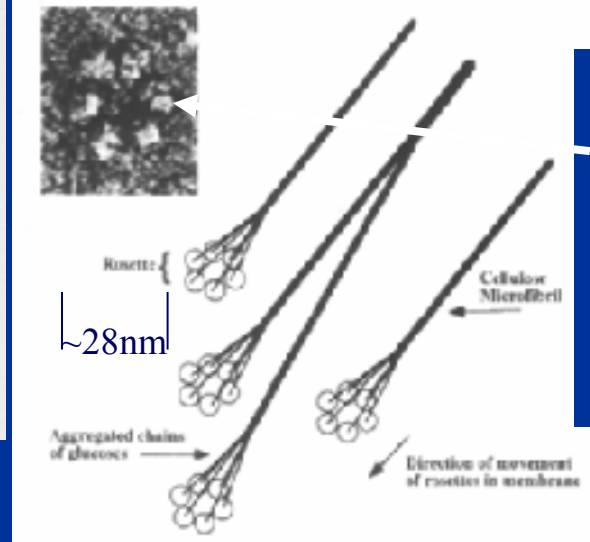
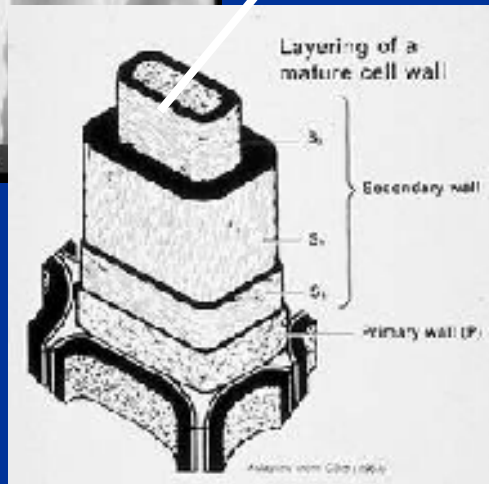
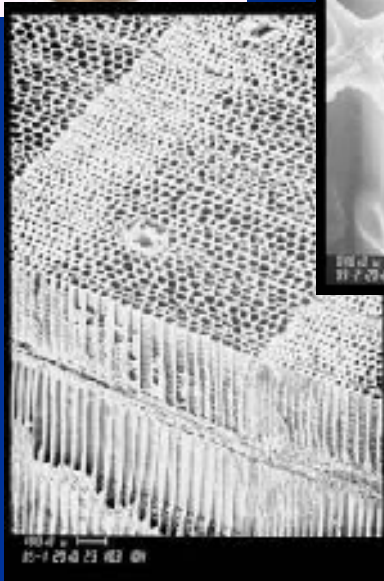
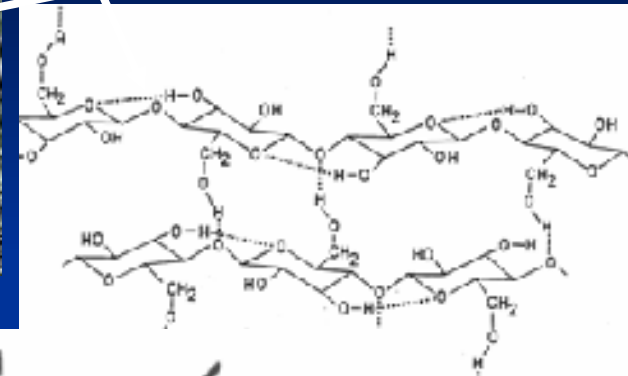


Carbon nanotube
~2 nm diameter

Wood: Nature Working Across a Length Scale $>10^{10}$!



Cellulose nanofiber bundles



6 Assembly proteins (rosette) which produces cellulose nanofibers

www.ita.doc.gov/td/forestprod/jupiter.phys.ttu.edu/corner/1999/dec99.pdf

Candace Haigler and Larry Blanton, *Cellulose: "You're surrounded by it, but did you know it was there?"*

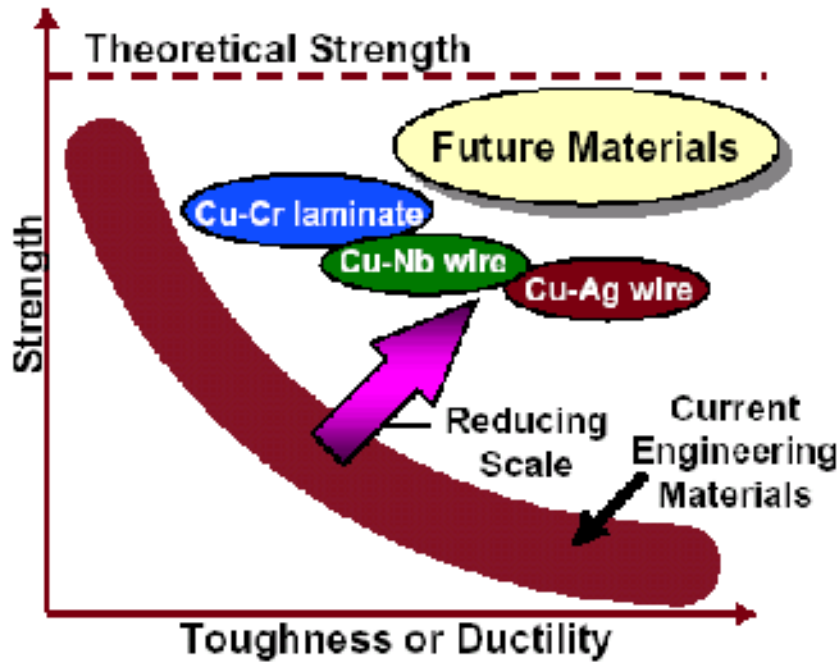
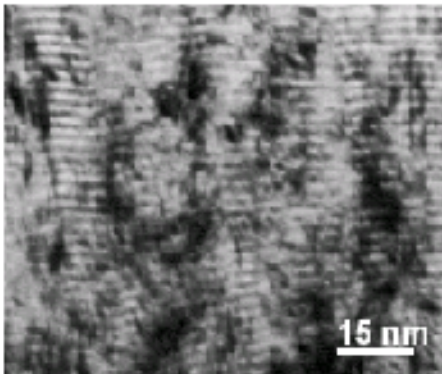
Source: Jeffery Catchmark, Penn State University

Definition of Nanotechnology

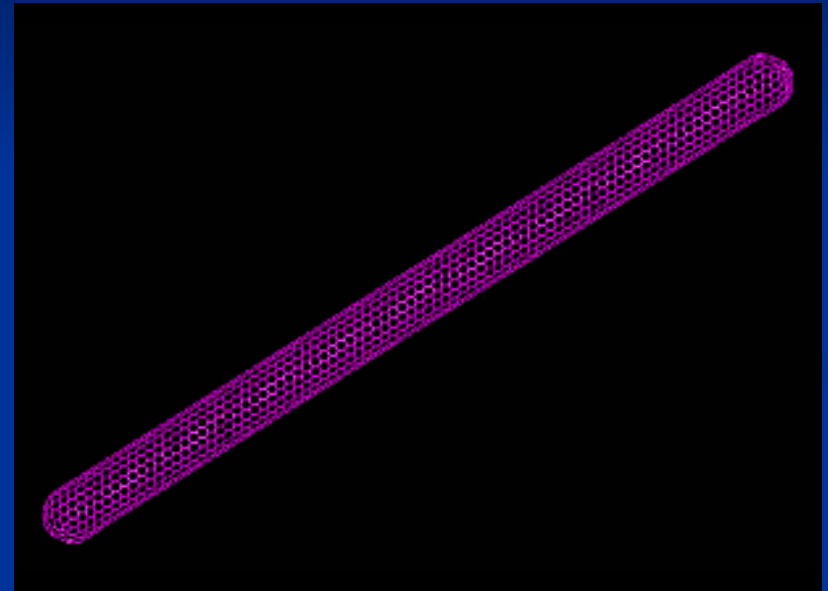
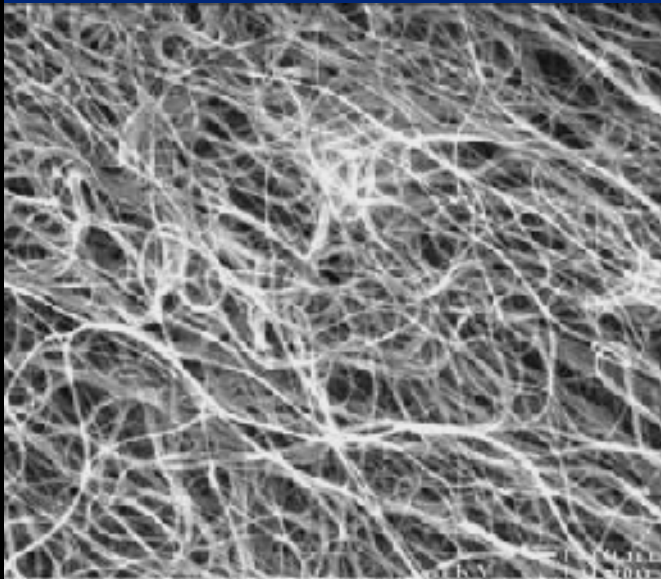
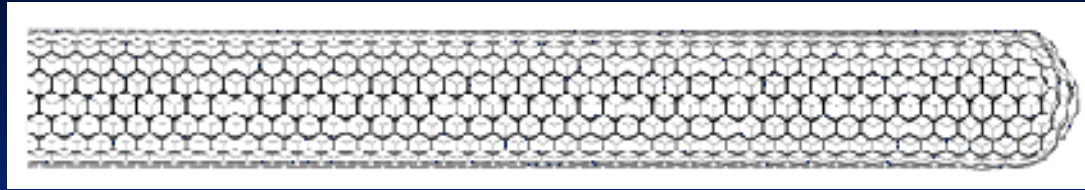
- Scale: 1 nm – 100 nm (nm = billionth of a meter)
- Creating nanoscale size materials does not mean nanotechnology is involved
- Material must have unique properties (e.g. electrical, physical, chemical, optical) that are different than the bulk properties
- Achieving those unique properties must be repeatable and controllable

“New” Materials from “Old” Materials

Cu/Cr Nanolayers

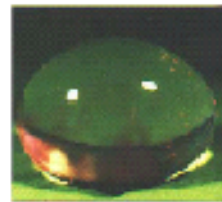
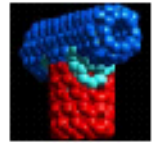


Molecular Perfection: The Fullerene Nanotube

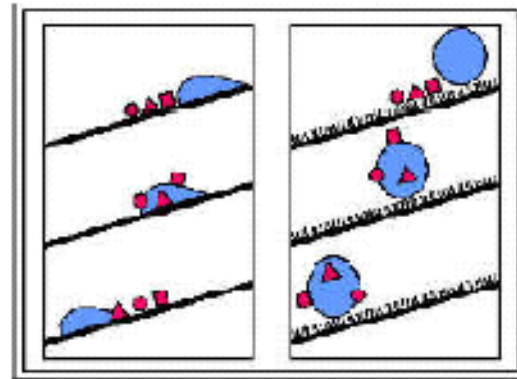


- The strongest fiber that will ever be made
- Electrical conductivity of copper or silicon
- Thermal conductivity of diamond
- The chemistry of carbon
- The size and perfection of DNA
- **Can we harness this material?**

Self-Cleaning Surfaces: Lotus Effect

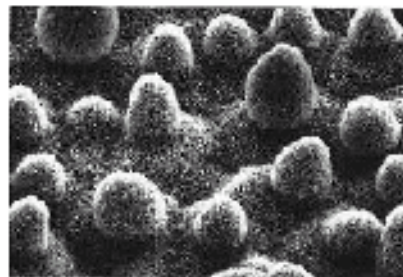


10 mm

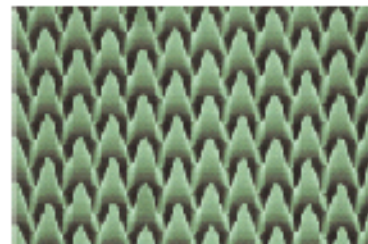


W. Barthlott, Univ. of Hamburg

On a smooth surface the contaminating particles are only moved by the water droplet (left). In contrast to that, on a rough surface they stick to the droplet rolling off the leaf thus being washed off (right).



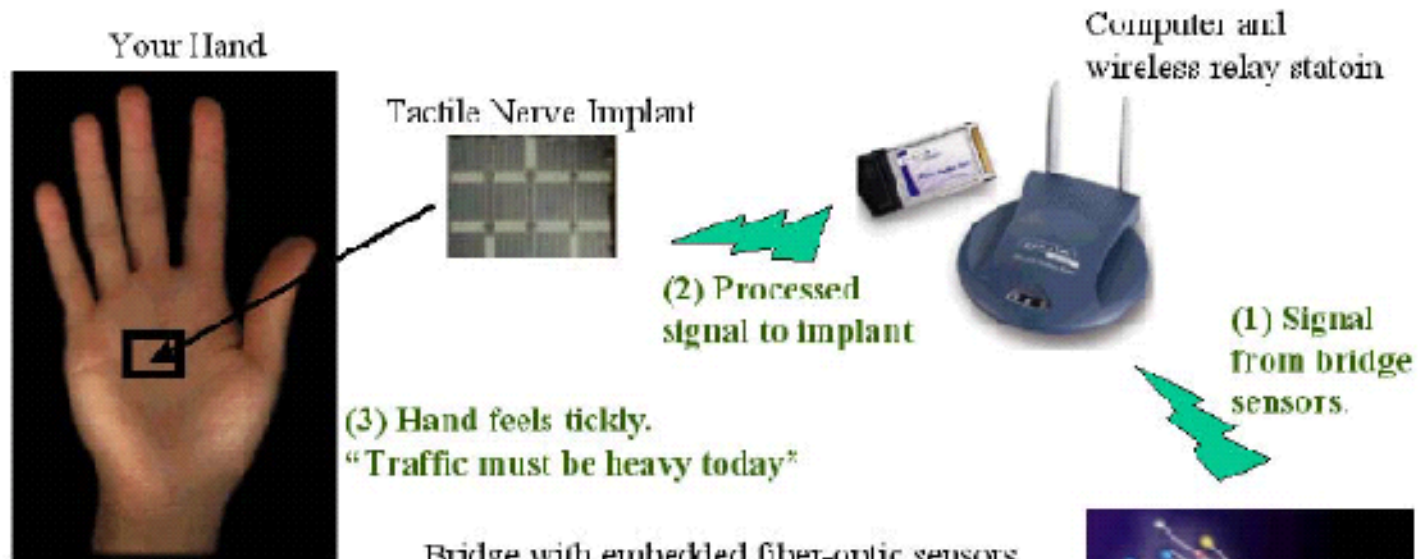
Epicuticular wax



SEM recording of a
microscopic pro-
cess of "rolling
off".
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(Source: Metin Sitti, CMU)

ART PROJECT: What does it feel like to be a bridge?



Artist's explorations into the aesthetics of new sensory modalities may shed light on the important cognitive-science question about the nature of "qualia".

Bridge with embedded fiber-optic sensors



Nanomaterials Opportunities

- Nanomaterials offer the potential for unprecedented material performance that could
 - Solve major societal problems
 - (e.g., energy, medicine, environment, manufacturing, communications, computing, and security)
 - Energize the economy for decades
 - Revitalize existing businesses
 - Boost competitiveness globally
 - Create entirely new industries

Nanotechnology Market Opportunities > \$1 Trillion

- Materials (market estimate \$340 billion)
- Electronics and Photonics (market estimate \$300 billion)
- Medical (market estimate \$180 billion)
- Industrial Processing (market estimate \$100 billion)
- Power (market estimate \$45 billion)
- Agriculture (no estimate available)
- Construction (no estimate available)

US Nanotechnology Program



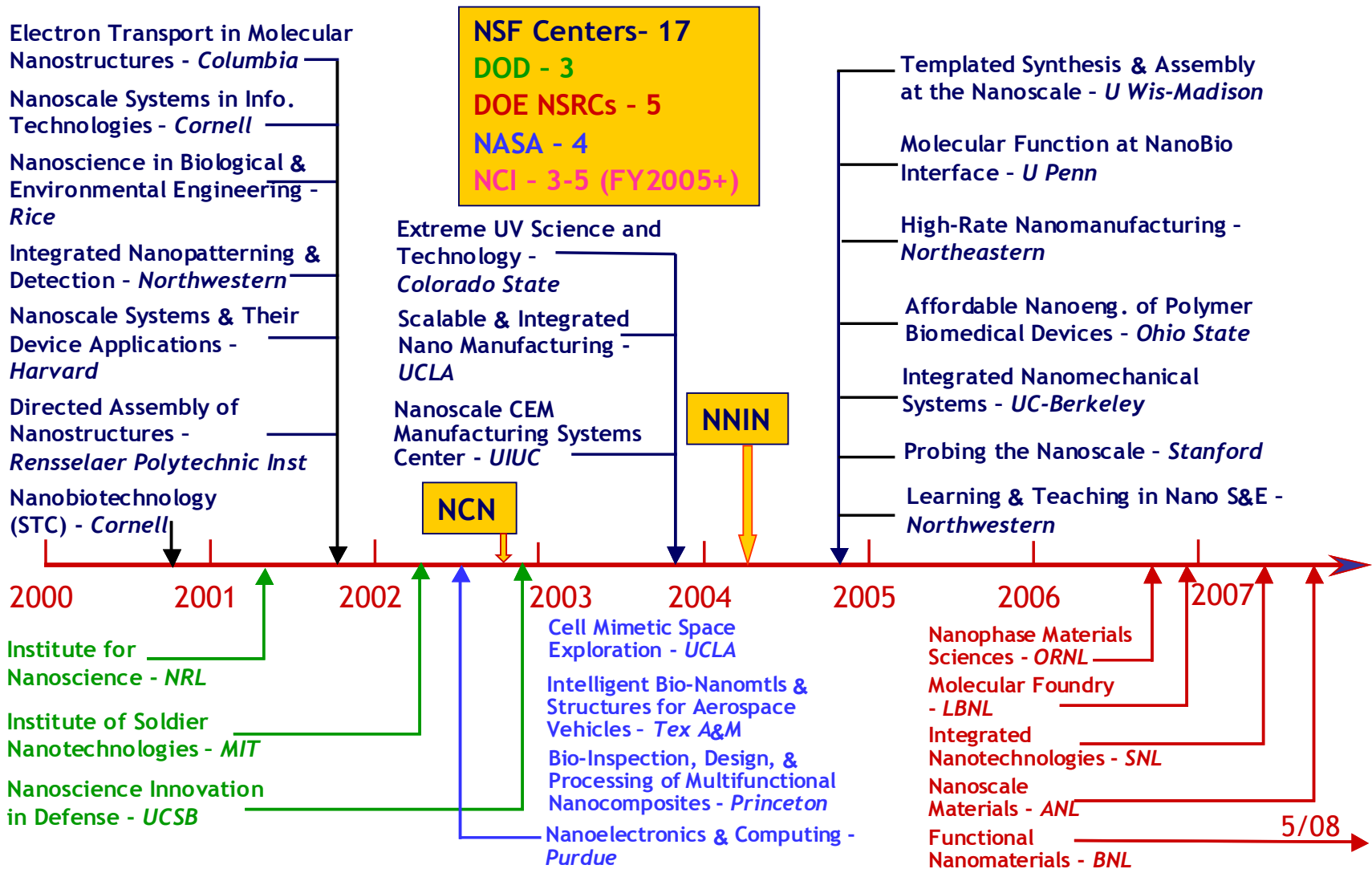
- National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) approved 1999 – Office of Science & Technology Policy – National Science & Technology Council
- 21st Century Nanotechnology R&D Act (PL 180-153) December 2003
- Nanoscale Science, Engineering, & Technology Subcommittee

U.S. National Nanotechnology Initiative

(Budget authority, US dollars in millions)

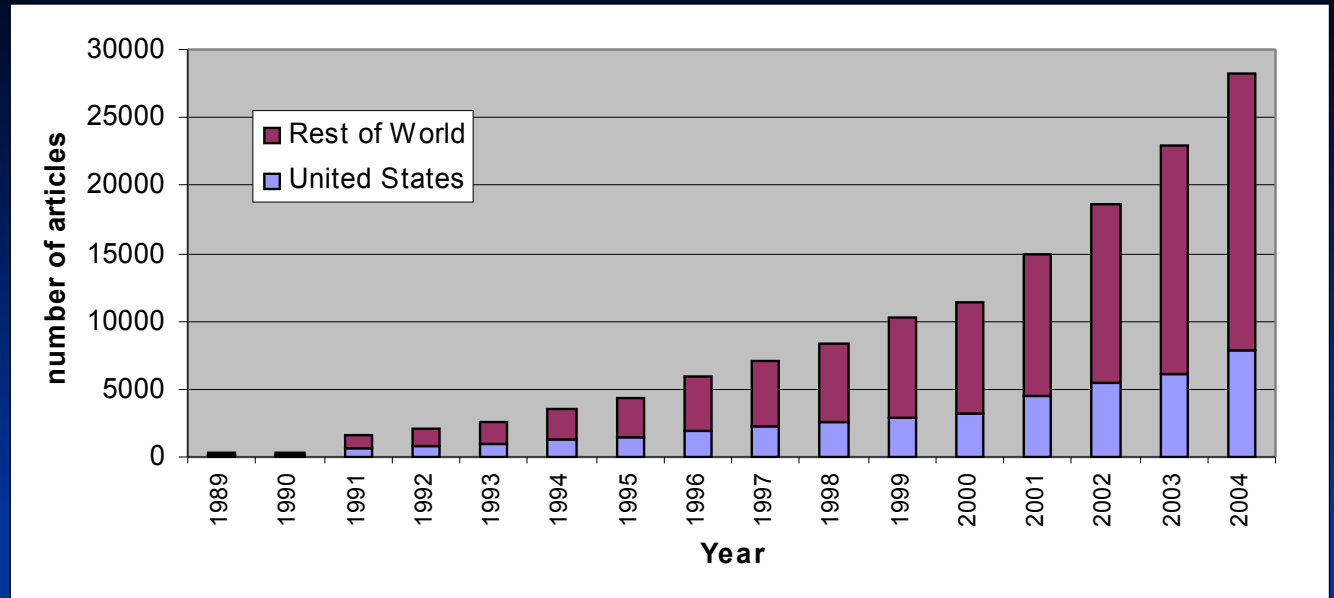
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
National Science Foundation	150	305	344
Defense (DOD)	125	276	230
Energy (DOE)	88	211	207
National Institutes of Health	40	89	144
Commerce (NIST)	33	53	75
NASA	22	35	32
Agriculture (USDA)	0	5	11
EPA	5	5	5
Justice	1	2	2
Homeland Security	0	1	1
TOTAL	464	982	1054

NNI Centers and User Facilities



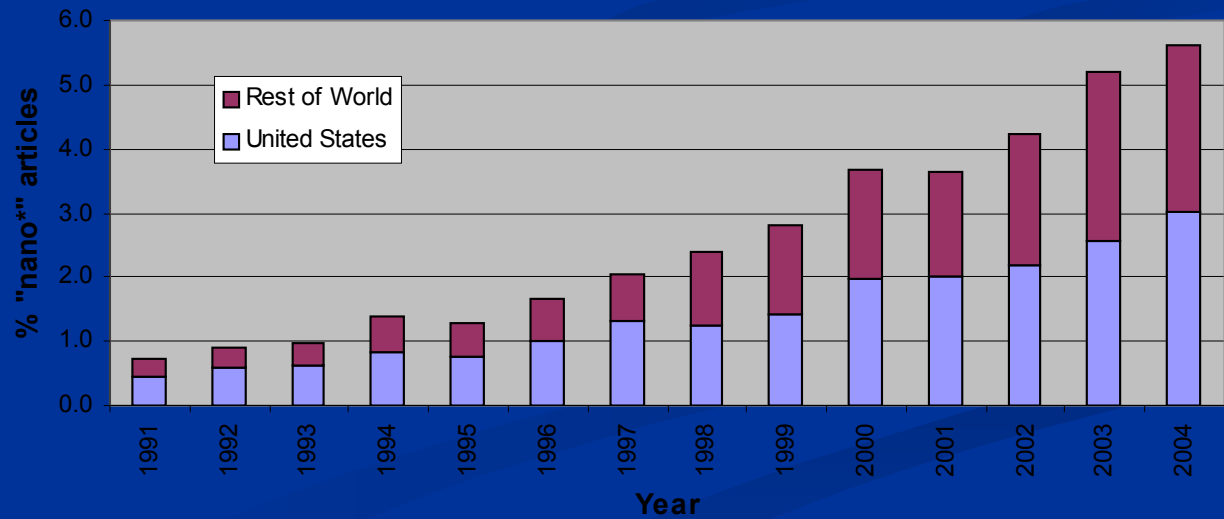
All Nanotechnology Research Papers

US ~30%



High Impact Journal Nanotechnology Research Papers

US ~ 50%



pharmaceuticals & drugs

cosmetics ,lipstick lotions & sunscreens

Nano Now

pigments in paints

jewellery, optical & semiconductor wafer polishing

cutting tools & wear resistant coatings

Nano 2007

flame retardant additives

drug delivery, biomagnetic separation & wound healing

biosensors, transducers & detectors

functional designer fluids

propellants, nozzles & valves

nano-optical, nanoelectronics & nanopower sources

Nano 2012

unique alloys & coatings

high-end flexible displays

nano-bio materials as artificial organs

NEMS based devices

faster switches & ultrasensitive sensors

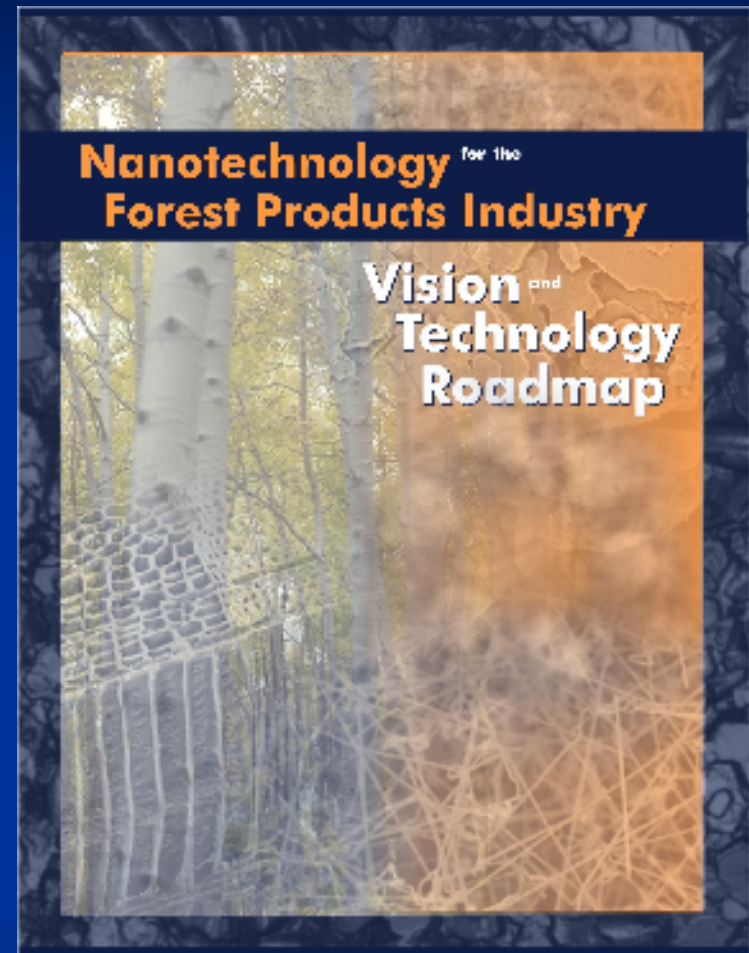
Nanotechnology & Wood

Wood / Lignocellulose

- One of the most abundant biological raw materials-ubiquitous
- Nano-fibrillar structure (source or substitute for nanotubes & nanowires?)
- Self-assembly—controlled
- Lignocellulose as a nanomaterial and its interact with other nanomaterials is largely unexplored
- Capacity to be made multifunctional
- New analytical techniques adapted to biomaterials are beginning to allow us to see new possibilities
- A cornerstone for advancing the biomass-based renewable & sustainable economy

Nanotechnology Workshop

- Held October 17 – 19, 2004
- Attendance – 112
 - Industry – 31
 - Academia – 37
 - Government – 28
 - NGO – 4
 - Misc. - 12



Organizing Committee Institutions Represented

- IMERYS
- National Science Foundation
- DuPont
- Georgia Pacific
- MeadWestvaco
- TAPPI
- DOE Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- Western Michigan University
- International Paper
- PAPRICAN
- Weyerhaeuser
- IPST@ Georgia Tech
- Sappi Fine Paper
- University of Tennessee
- Iowa State University
- USDA Forest Products Laboratory
- Washington State University
- North Carolina State University
- Pennsylvania State University

Nanotechnology Workshop Deliverables

- A vision for nanotechnology in the Forest Products Industry
- A roadmap for nanotechnology in the Forest Products Industry (identify potential applications and uses, identify knowledge gaps and the research needed)
 - Produce output in reader-friendly format

Nanotechnology Workshop Deliverables

- Promote cooperation and collaboration among industry, academia, and government by attracting a diverse group of workshop participants & promoting dialogue
- Make nanotechnology researchers more aware of self-assembling lignocellulosics and opportunities it provides for new generations of novel, high performance, high-value products

Nanotechnology Workshop Concurrent Sessions

1. **Polymer Composites & Nano-reinforced Materials (32)**
 - Fiber composites/materials
 - Polymer composites
2. **Self-assembly & Biomimetics (19)**
3. **Cell Wall Nanostructure (17)**
4. **Nanotechnology in Sensors, Processing, & Process Control (15)**
5. **Analytical Methods for Nanostructure Characterization (22)**

Vision Statement from Workshop

To sustainably meet the needs of present and future generations for wood-based materials and products by applying nanotechnology science and engineering to efficiently and effectively capture the entire range of values that wood-based lignocellulosic materials are capable of providing.

Strategies

■ Adapt & Deploy Existing Nanotechnologies

- Reduces costs by leveraging existing investments
- Shortest time to deployment
- Exploits existing nanotechnology knowledge base
- Adds value and functionality to existing products

■ Create & Deploy Novel New Nanotechnologies

- Exploits the unique nanoscale components and properties of wood
- Enables new generations of cost effective products & materials
- Exploits the full potential of wood as the material for the 21st Century
- Achieves maximum efficiency of material use

Research Areas

- Liberating nanofibrils
- Using nanomaterials, nanosensors, etc. to improve the raw material (60% reduction) and energy efficiency (50% reduction) of conversion processes
- Achieve directed design of biopolymer nanocomposites
- Developing biomimetic process for synthesizing lignocellulose nanomaterials
- Utilize self-assembly of nanodimensional building blocks for functional structures & coating
- Biofarming lignocellulosic materials with unique multifunctional properties
- Metrology – Developing instrumentation & properties measurement methodologies for lignocellulosics at the nanoscale

Opportunities for Forest Products

- Durability of sawn materials
 - Preservatives-TiO₂, ZnO, Ag
 - Fire retardants & biocides
 - Coatings & Films-weathering, wear, self-sterilization
- Adhesives (sawn & composites)
- Composites--Nanoclays/fillers as barrier coatings, stiffeners, viscosity modifiers

Opportunities for Forest Products

- Smart building materials—sensors embedded into lumber, panel products, structural composites—moisture, temperature, forces, loads, termites, decay
- Lighter weight, stronger composites

Actions Completed/Next Steps

- Roadmap document completed– March 2005
- Increase linkages with nanotechnology research community
 - National Nanotechnology Initiative (Roco)
 - NSET Participation--Forest Service, FPL
 - Presentation January 11, 2004 (Risbrudt & others)
 - National Science Foundation
 - NSF-NSE Conference (December 13 – 15, 2004)
 - Workshop on “Defining the Opportunities, Challenges & Research Needs for Nano-biomaterials Derived from Lignocellulosics” (SWST/PPERA) (IIIQ 2005)

Next Steps

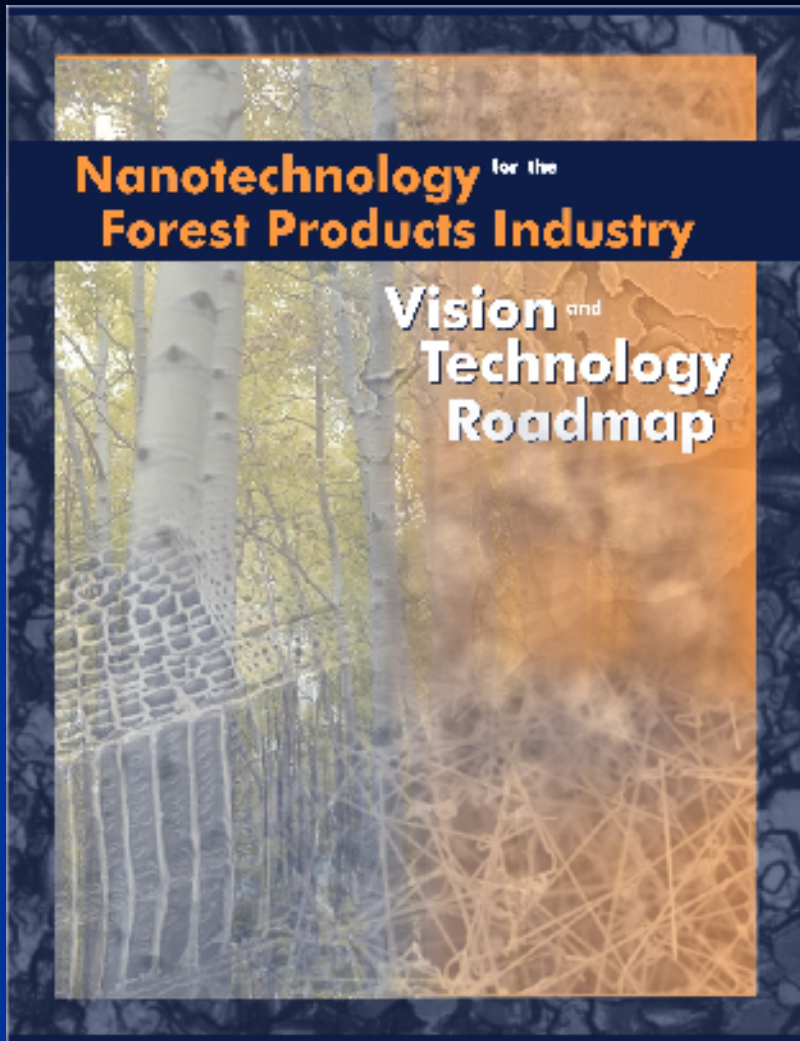
- Continue to build support for forest products sector nanotechnology research --Ongoing
 - Industry
 - Government (USDA FS & CSREES, DOE (Laboratories & Basic Energy Sciences))
 - Academia (SWST, PPERA & others)
- FS-FPL Continued participation on NSET – Ongoing
 - President's Supplemental Budget Listing FY2007

Next Steps-*continued*

- Develop and Implement FS-FPL R&D nanotechnology Program – October 2005
- Develop a Forest Products Industry Steering Committee involving all major stakeholders –IIIQ - IVQ 2005
 - Industry (AF&PA Agenda 2020 & others)
 - Academia (SWST, PPERA & others)
 - Government (USDA FS & CSREES, DoE BES & DOE National Labs, NIST)
 - Develop Consensus on Nanotechnology R&D priorities for the Forest Products Industry (FPI) –IIQ 2006

Next Steps-*continued*

- Link the FPI R&D community to the existing nanotechnology R&D community – Ongoing
 - Visits to NSF & DOE Nanotechnology Research Centers
 - Organize a US Nanotechnology Technical Conference– IIQ/IIIQ 2006
 - 2nd International Conference on Nanotechnology in Construction--November 2005
- Develop a portfolio of short-, mid-, and long-term R&D focused on the areas most critical to commercial production of nanomaterials and nanoproducts -- TBD
- Seek to establish a \$40 - \$60 million per year R&D program for the FPI -- TBD



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NATIONAL NANOTECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

The National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) provides a multi-agency framework to ensure U.S. nanotechnology is a technology that will be essential to improved human health, economic well-being and national security. The NNI conducts a coordinated research to further understand, use or enhance phenomena and facilitates technology transfer.

Supporting the Next Industrial Revolution

Forest Products Industry Envisions Use of Nanotechnology
 The USDA Forest Service's Forest Products Laboratory has announced the release of a roadmap for nanotechnology in the Forest Products Industries. Developed under the umbrella of the Agenda 2020 program overseen by the Chief Technology Officers committee of the American Forest and Paper Association, the roadmap is based on presentations and discussion by some 110 researchers from North America and Europe with an interest in using paper and mass products in nanotechnology. Available in October 2004.

NGCF Releases Annual NNI Report
 The Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee of the National Science and Technology Councils Committee on Technology has released the annual report on the multi-agency National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) called forth by the 71st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-182). This Supplement to the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2004 addresses the programs and activities taking place across all 22 of the agencies that are participating today in the NNI.

Click here to read "The National Nanotechnology Initiative: Research and Development Leading our Revolution in Technology and Industry." See also the NNI Strategic Plan updated in December 2004.

Download the complete report.

Upcoming Meetings

X-rays and Neutrons: Essential Tools for Nanoscience Research, June 16-18, 2005

2nd International Symposium on Nanotechnology and Occupational Health, October 9-6, 2005

ANS-NSF Releases Priority Recommendations Related to

NSW NNI Environment and Health Safety Research

Patent Office Creates Nano Digest

As part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's continuing efforts to address the unique issues and examine nanotechnology-related patents, the agency has established a new cross-relevance digest for nanotechnology.

Questions?