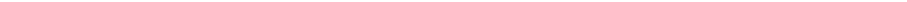


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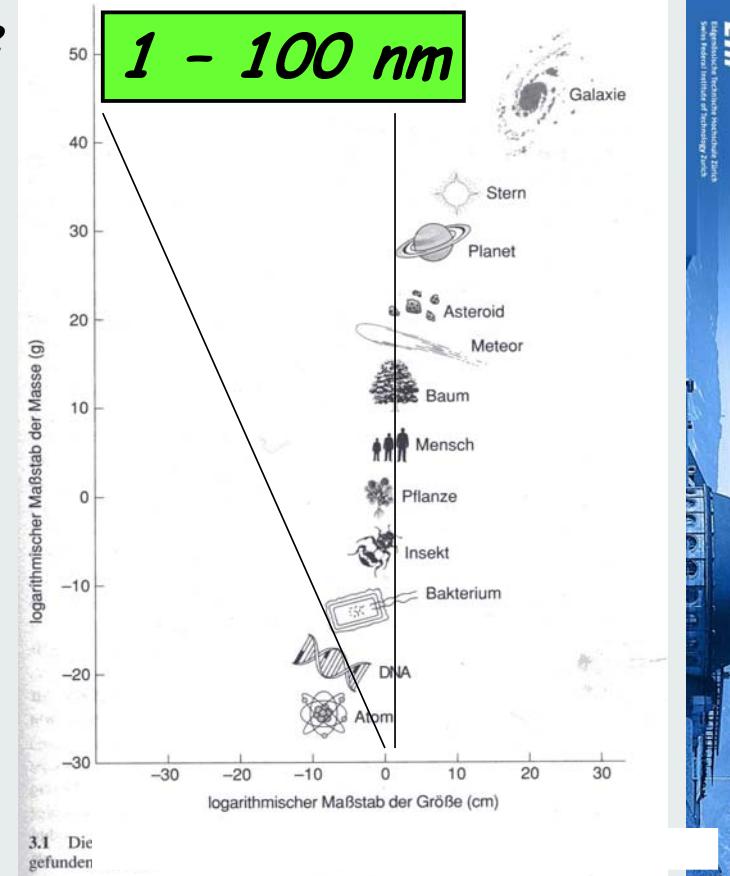
- World & Nanoworld - philosophy, general definitions, hopes, challenges
- Physico-Chemical Considerations
band structures, typical “nano effects”
- Colloids + General Syntheses of Nanoparticles
- Fullerenes, C-nanotubes and other carbon-related matter
- Oxidic nanotubes and nanofibers
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Where are We

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The Nano World

The Incredible Tininess of Nano

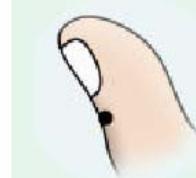


Billions of nanometers

A two meter tall male is two billion nanometers.

A million nanometers

The pinhead sized patch of this thumb is a million nanometers across.



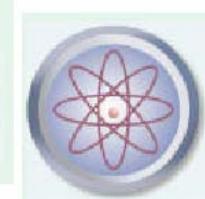
Nanometers

Ten shoulder-to-shoulder hydrogen atoms span 1 nanometer. DNA molecules are about 2.5 nanometers wide.



Thousands of nanometers

Biological cells have diameters in the range of thousands of nanometers.



Less than a nanometer

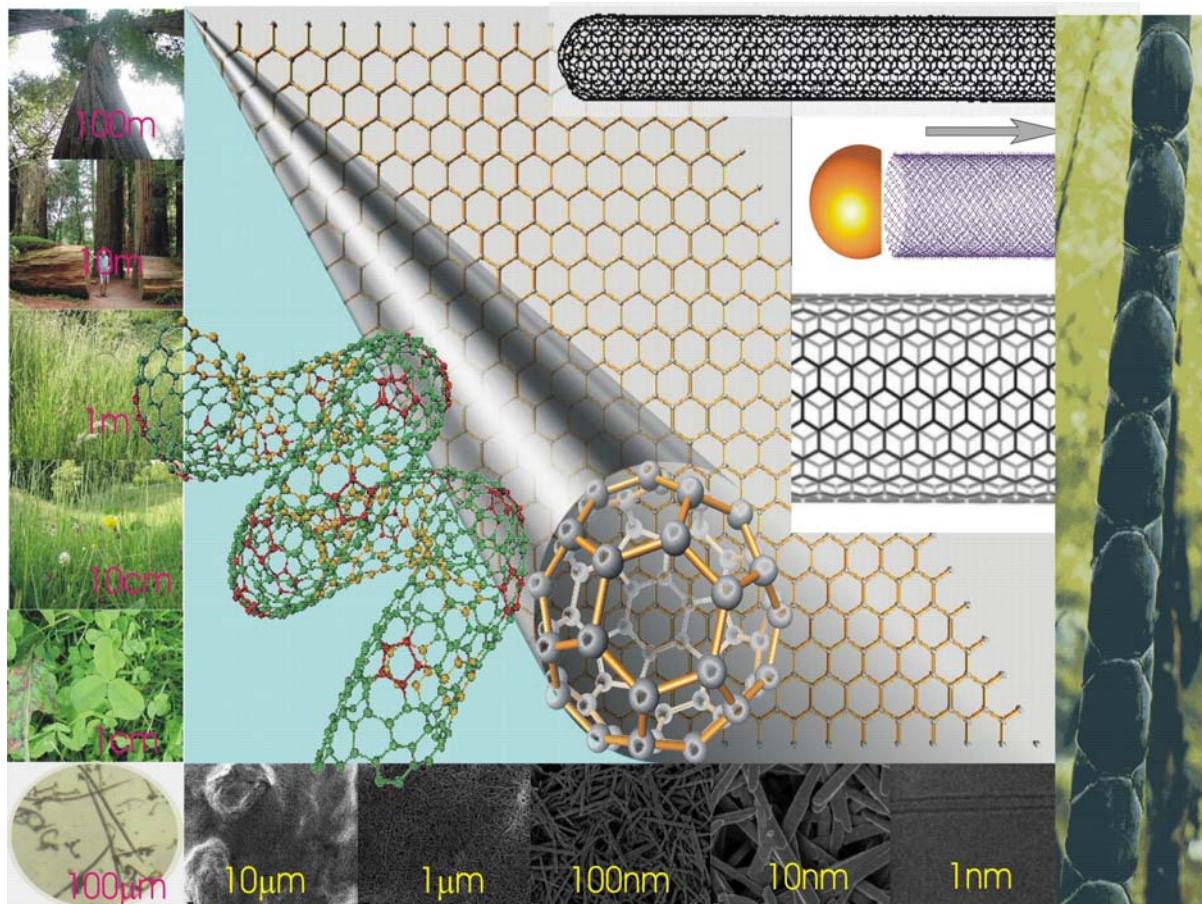
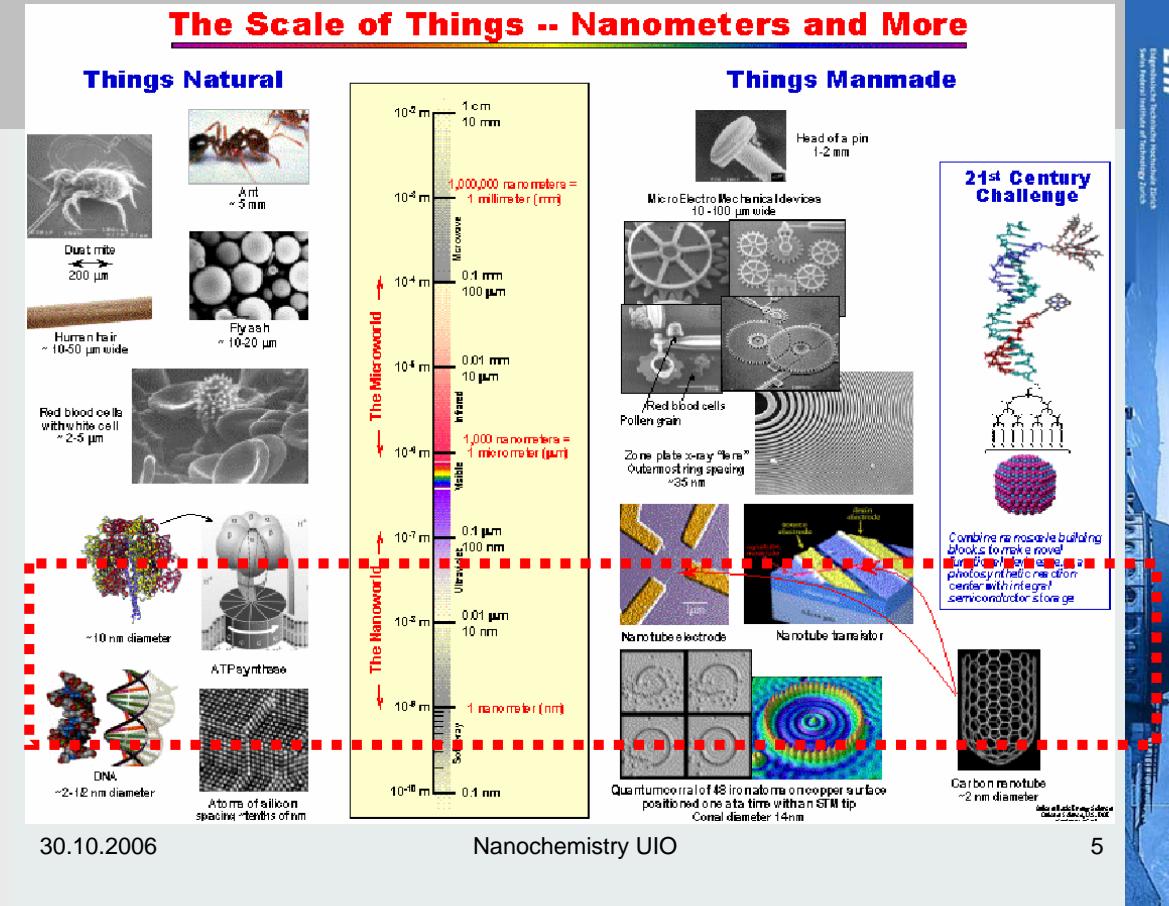
Individual atoms are up to a few tenths of a nanometer, in diameter.

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The Scale of Things -- Nanometers and More



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part of colloid world

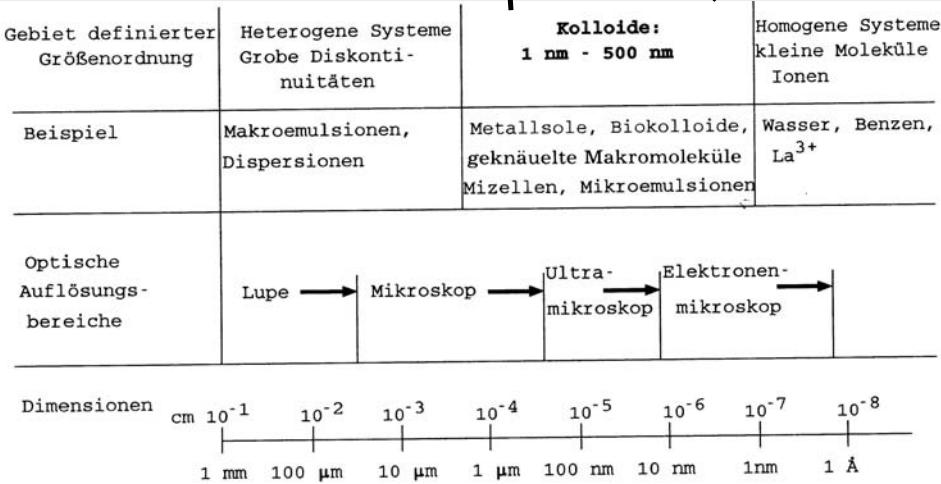


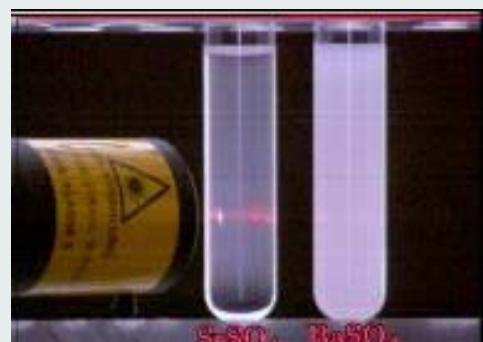
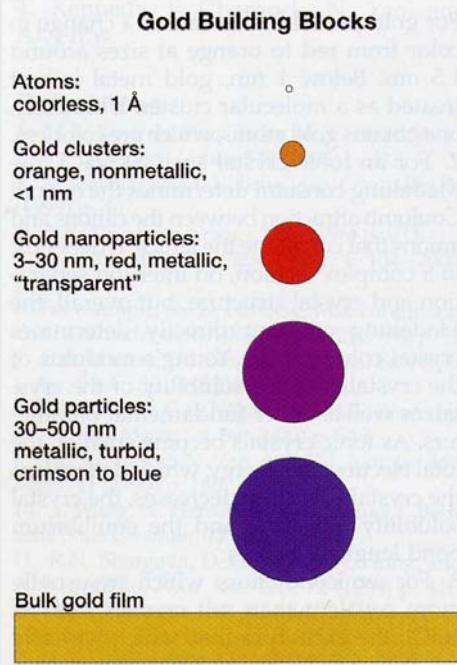
Abb. 1-1 Abgrenzung der Dimension des kolloiddispersen Zustandes von den Dimensionen kleinerer Moleküle und grober Diskontinuitäten.

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Colloids



Roman gold glasses



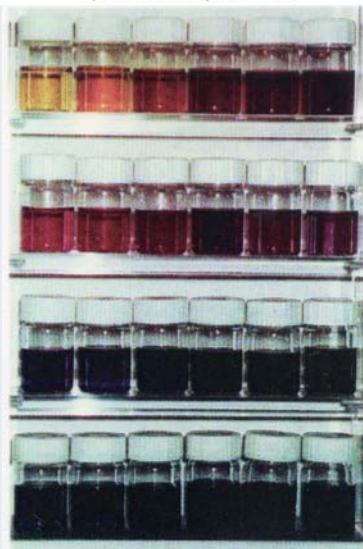
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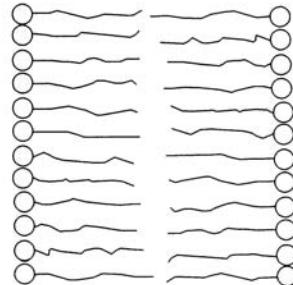
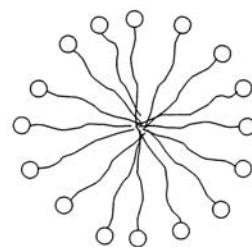
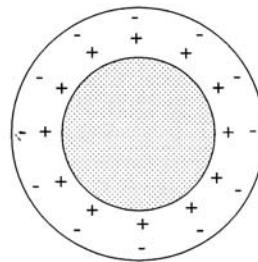
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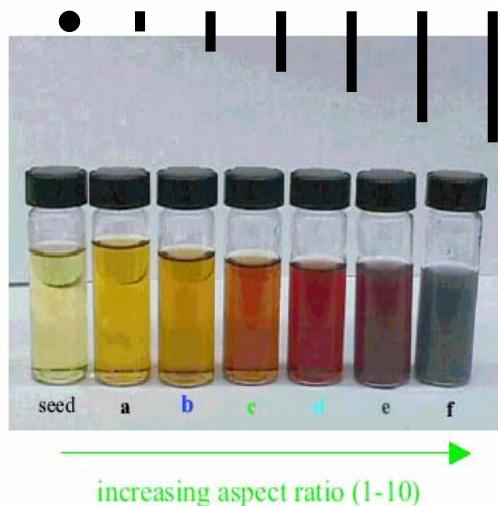
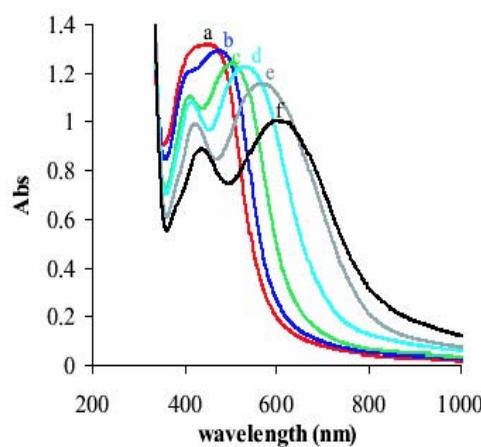
M. Faraday:
Reduktion von Goldsalzen $[AuCl_4]^-$
3-30 nm
(Phil. Trans. Roy. Soc. 1857)



Gold-Kolloide in Polystyrol-sulfonat-Mikrogelen
(M. Antonietti et al. Angew. Chem. 1997)



Size-dependent Properties

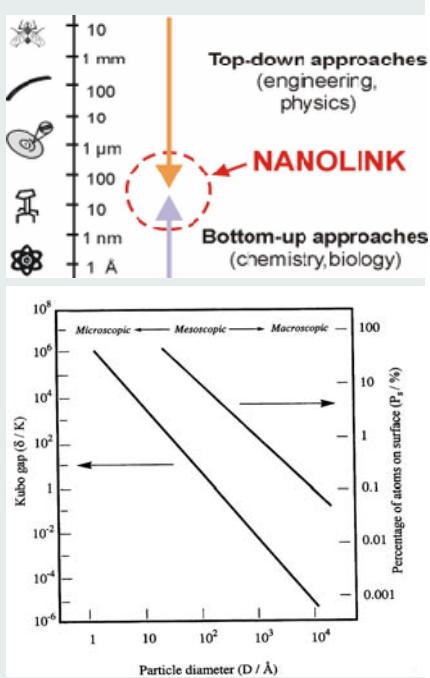


increasing aspect ratio (1-10)

Fig. 1. Aqueous solutions of silver nanoparticles show a beautiful variation in visible color depending on the aspect ratio of the suspended nanoparticles: far left in the photograph, silver nanospheres 4 nm in diameter that are used as seeds in subsequent reactions; a-f) silver nanorods of aspect ratio 1-10. The corresponding visible absorption spectra for (a)-(f) are also shown.

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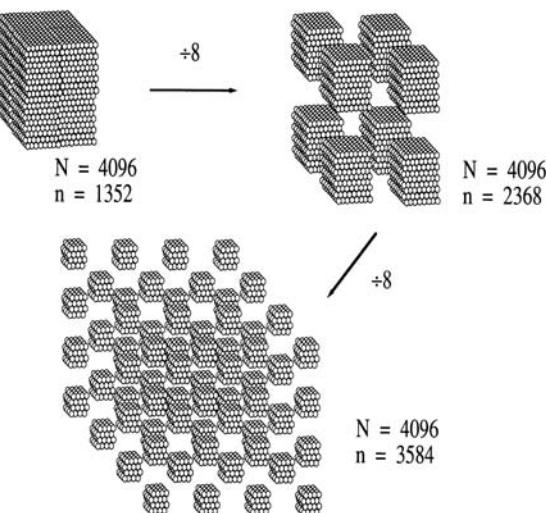


Figure 6-1. Surface statistical consequences of the subdividing of a cube with 16 atoms on a side. N = total atoms; n = surface atoms. The structural, electronic, and chemical consequences of the presence of a high proportion of surface and near-surface atoms predominate in the more highly dispersed material.

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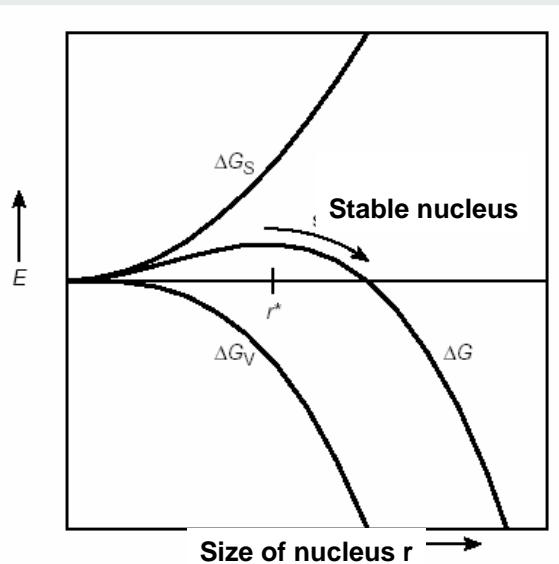
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Bottom up to Nano

Nucleation processes

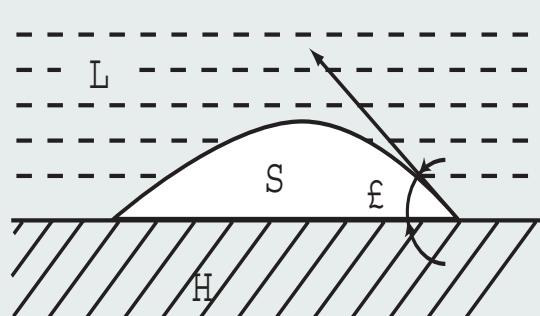


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Nanoparticles and Size Effects

Size : 1 - 100 nm

Surface to volume ratio : critical

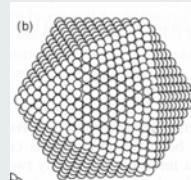
optical properties : $f(\text{size})$ magnetism : $f(\text{size})$ electronic properties : $f(\text{size})$ cooperative properties : $f(\text{size})$

integration density of functions : very large

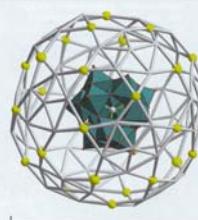
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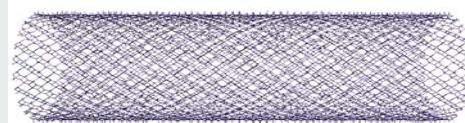
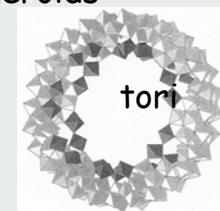
clusters



hollow spheroids



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tubes

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Nano Particles

Tab. 1.1. Examples of nanomaterials.

	Size (approx.)	Materials
Nanocrystals and clusters (quantum dots)	diam. 1–10 nm	Metals, semiconductors, magnetic materials
Other nanoparticles	diam. 1–100 nm	Ceramic oxides
Nanowires	diam. 1–100 nm	Metals, semiconductors, oxides, sulfides, nitrides
Nanotubes	diam. 1–100 nm	Carbon, layered metal chalcogenides
Nanoporous solids	pore diam. 0.5–10 nm	Zeolites, phosphates etc.
2-Dimensional arrays (of nano particles)	several nm ² –μm ²	Metals, semiconductors, magnetic materials
Surfaces and thin films	thickness 1–1000 nm	A variety of materials
3-Dimensional structures (superlattices)	Several nm in the three dimensions	Metals, semiconductors, magnetic materials

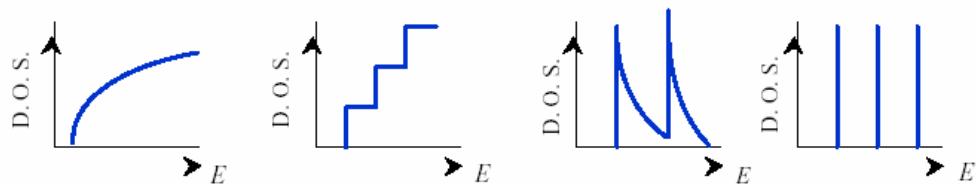
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Electrons and Dimensions

- Nanostructures (< 30 nm) have become an exciting research field
 - New physics phenomena affect physical properties
 - Unusual quantum effects and structural properties
 - Promising applications in optics, electronics, thermoelectric, magnetic storage, NEMS (nano-electro-mechanical systems)
- Low-dimensional systems are realized by creating nanostructures that are quantum confined in one or more directions



Examples: Nano-Silicon

The powders obtained as described above were dispersed in methanol using mild sonication, then etched with solutions of 0.5–4% HF and 20–30% HNO₃ in water to reduce the particle size and passivate the particle surface. Acid solutions were prepared from 49 to 51 wt% HF, 70% HNO₃, and DI water in the necessary proportions. After etching, the particles were collected on polymeric membrane filters and washed with water and methanol.

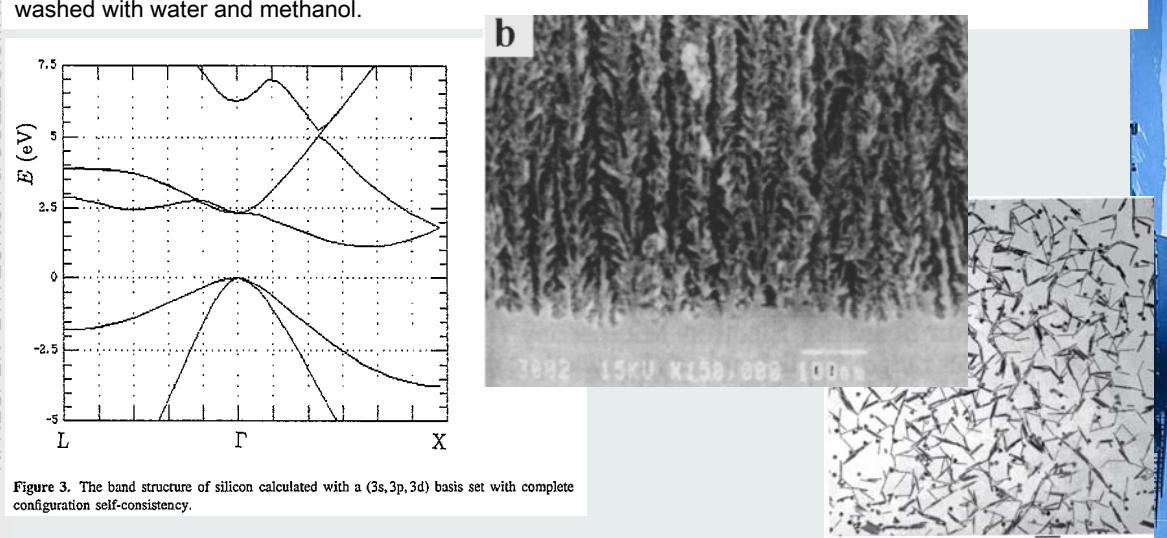
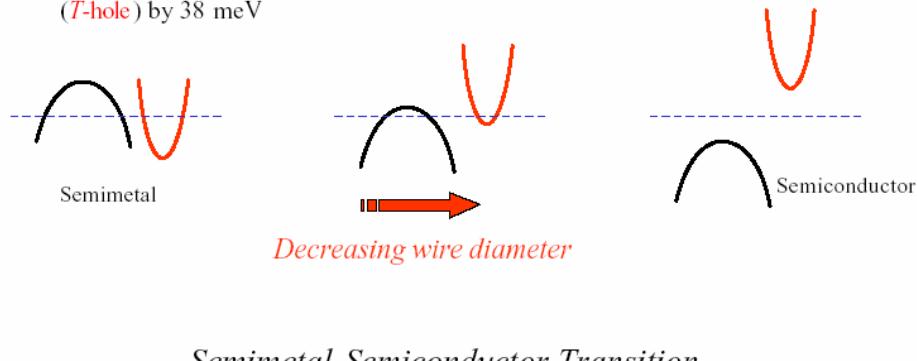


Figure 3. The band structure of silicon calculated with a (3s, 3p, 3d) basis set with complete configuration self-consistency.

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Quantum Confinement Produces New Materials Classes

- Bi
 - Group V element
 - Semimetal in bulk form
 - The conduction band (L -electron) overlaps with the valence band (T -hole) by 38 meV
- Bi nanowire
 - **Semimetal-Semiconductor transition** at a wire diameter about **50 nm** due to quantum confinement effects



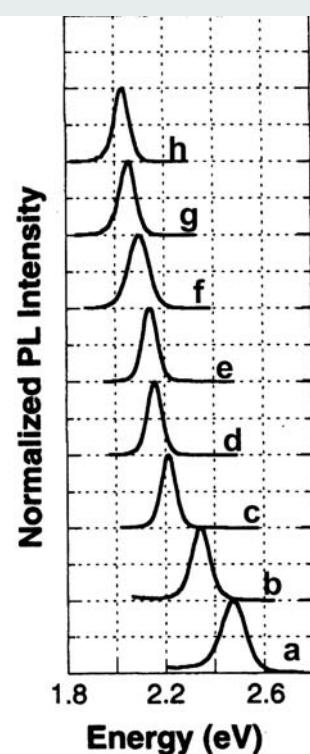
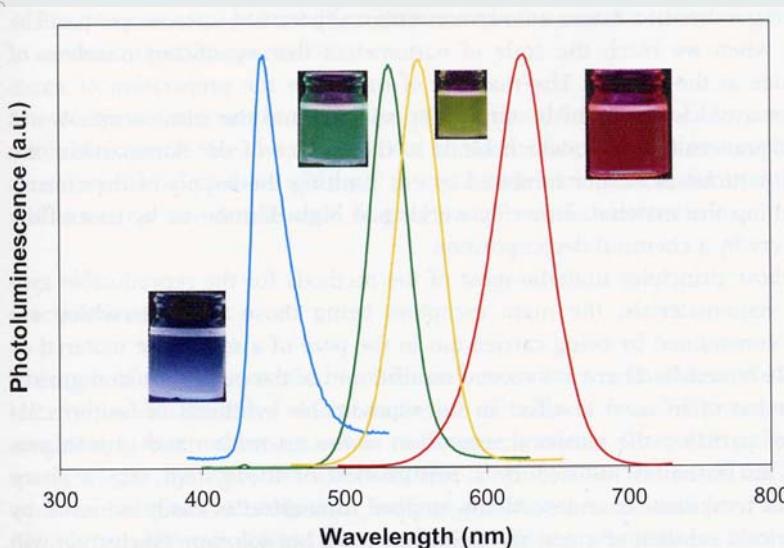
Semimetal-Semiconductor Transition

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Size of Nano Particles and Luminescence

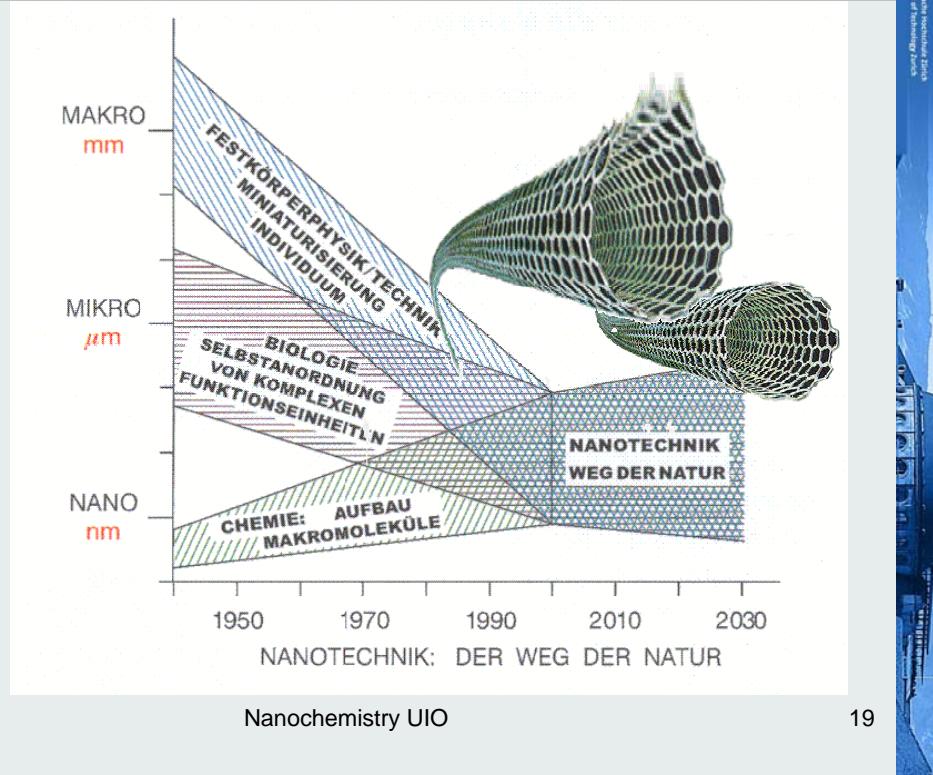


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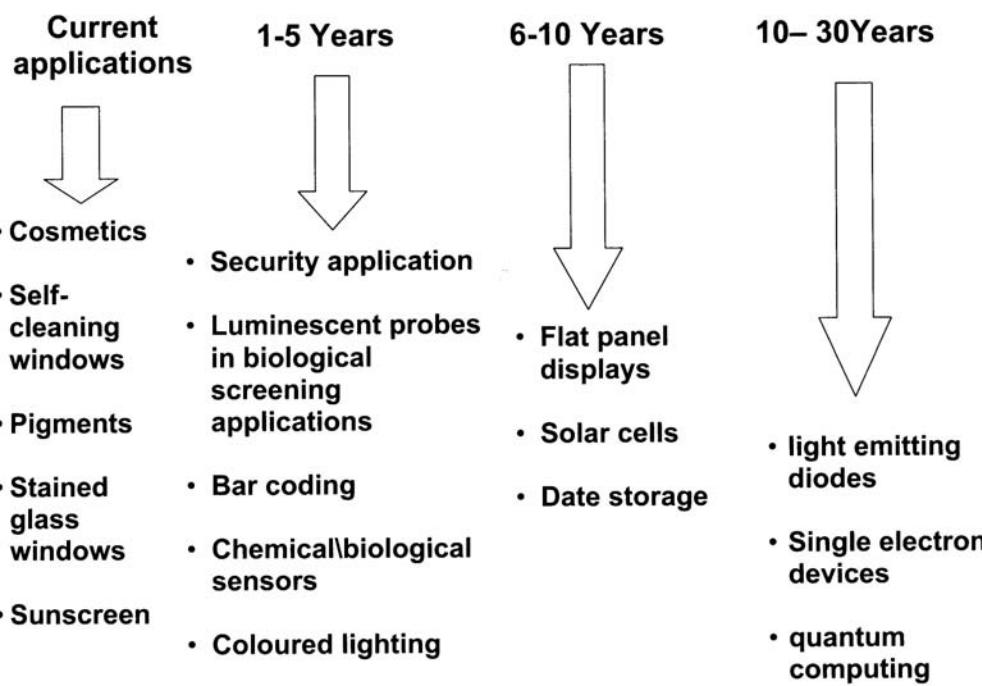
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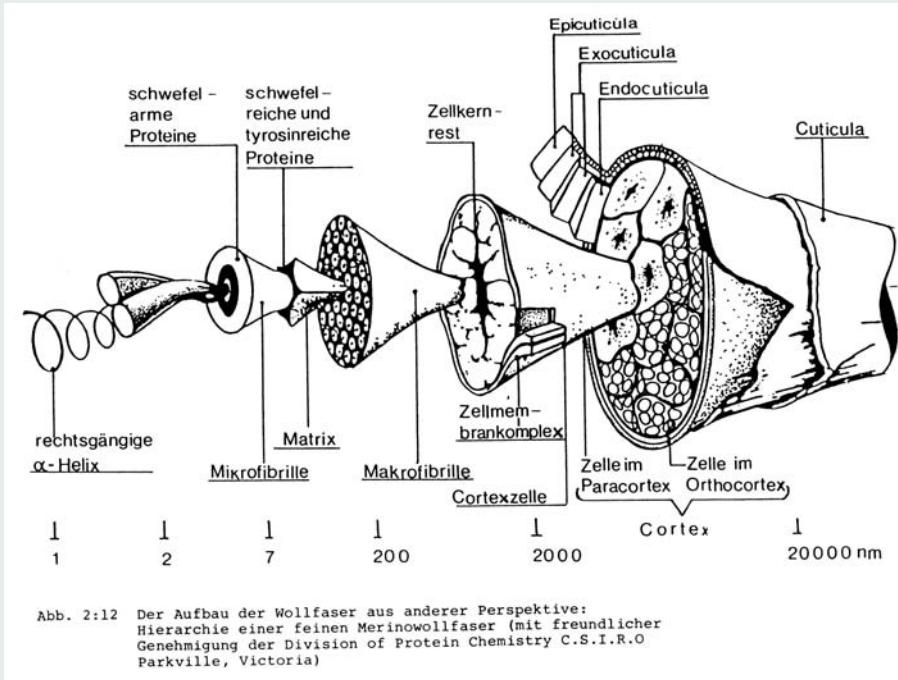
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Development of Nanotechnology



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