

# Nanotechnology -Addressing the Millennium Challenges

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# **Presentation Overview**

- Nanotechnology Where are We?
- Short-term vs. Long-term
- The Millennium Challenges
- Nanotechnology Solutions
- What's Next?



# **Foresight Institute**

- Think Tank and Public Interest Organization
- Founded in 1986
- Original Focus Molecular Nanotechnology
- Staff of 10
- Education, Public Policy, Research
- Feynman Prizes



## Where are We?

- VERY early
- IT before the integrated circuit Early 60's
- Biotech before recombinant DNA Early 70's



# **Nanotechnology Definition**

- MANY definitions
- Size gives rise to new properties
  - Quantum effects
  - \_ New physical
  - ratios/relationships
- Building system based on new properties
- "Nanoscale Engineering"

"The technology of structuring and controlling matter on the scale of ~100nm and below."





# **Key Technologies**



#### Nanotubes



Quantum Dot



Fullerenes



#### Dendrimers



#### Nanoparticles



Soft Lithography (Nano-imprinting, Dip-pen Lithography)



# **Molecular Nanotechnology**

- "Thorough, inexpensive control of the structure of matter based on molecule-by-molecule control of products and byproducts of molecular manufacturing."
- "Nanoscale Engineering" is a precursor
- Molecular machine systems
- Nanofactories





# Some Key Findings & Trends

- It's NOT science fiction it's here today
- Will affect almost everything over time
- Initial impact will be subtle and gradual "Plastics"
- R&D funding is unprecedented Academic, government and industrial
- Spread across globe
   Patent filing exploding worldwide
- Accelerated pace of development Advances in tools will speed acceleration



# The Nanotechnology Space



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# **R&D Funding – 2003**

**Government Expenditures** 



Source: US National Nanotechnology Initiative

Corporations spend approximately the same amount



# **Patents by Language**

#### Patents in Thousands



# **Patents by Category**

#### Patents

in Thousands



Preparing for nanotechnology

# **US Patents**



# **Venture Capital Investment**

#### \$ Millions



# **Players by Type**





# **Market Impact - Near Term**

- Tools
- Composite materials
- Coatings
- Catalysts





# Market Impact - Medium Term

- Aerospace
- Medicine \_ Diagnostics, drug delivery
- Memories
- Display technologies
- Energy storage & distribution Batteries, fuel cells, solar power





# Nanotech Giants

IBM (www.ibm.com, IBM)

HP (www.hp.com, HPQ)

Intel (www.intel.com, INTC)

General Electric (www.ge.com, GE)

Cabot (www.cabot-corp.com, CBT)

DuPont (www.dupont.com, DD) BASF (www.basf.com, BF)

Engelhard (www.engelhard.com, EC)

Rohm & Haas (www.rohmhaas.com, ROH)

Eastman Chemical (www.eastman.com, EMN)

Air Products (www.airproducts.com, APD)



# **Chemicals & Materials**

- Catalysts
- Membranes & Filtration
- Coatings & Paints
- Abrasives
- Lubricants
- Composites & Structural Materials



# Medical & Pharmaceutical

- Detection, Analysis & Discovery
- Drug Delivery
- Prosthetics
- Anti-Microbial, -Viral, & -Fungal Agents



# **Automotive & Transportation**

- 50 components of the automobile will be affected
- Structural materials
- Coatings
- Sensors
- Displays
- Catalytic converters
- Fillers
- Power
- Etc.



# Aerospace & Defense

- Structural materials
- Coatings
- Fuel
- Electronics & electromechanical systems
- Weapons
- Surveillance
- Smart uniforms
- Life support and environmental



# Impact on a Space System



# **IT & Telecommunications**

- Photolithography
- Electronics & Optoelectronics
  - ProcessorsData Storage, Molecular <u>Memory</u>
  - Display Technologies
- Quantum Computing
- Wireless Technologies
  Optical Transmission
  Optical Switching



# Energy

- Fuel Cells
- Solar Power
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Power Transmission
- Lighting
- Energy Savings



# **Forbes Top Products 2003**

- High performance ski wax
- Breathable waterproof ski jacket
- Wrinkle-resistant, stain-repellent fabrics
- Deep-penetrating skin cream
- World's first OLED digital camera



REVITALIET EYES

# **Forbes Top Products 2003**

- Nanotech DVD and book collection
- Performance sunglasses
- Nanocrystalline sunscreen
- High-tech tennis rackets
- High-tech tennis balls



# The "Millennium Challenges"

- Developed by ACUNU
- Millennium Project



American Council for The United Nations University

- 1650 experts worldwide over 8 years
- 15 Global Challenges
- Other similar lists
- Effort to focus humanity on big problems
- How can nanotechnology contribute?



# Nanotech Millennium Challenges

- 1. <u>How can sustainable development be achieved for all?</u>
- 2. <u>How can everyone have sufficient clean water without conflict?</u>
- 3. <u>How can population growth and resources be brought into balance?</u>
- 6. <u>How can the global convergence of information and communications</u> <u>technologies work for everyone?</u>
- 8. <u>How can the threat of new and reemerging diseases and immune</u> <u>micro-organisms be reduced?</u>
- 10. <u>How can shared values and new security strategies reduce ethnic conflicts, terrorism, and the use of weapons of mass destruction?</u>
- 13. How can growing energy demands be met safely and efficiently?
- 14. How can scientific and technological breakthroughs be accelerated to improve the human condition?

Source: ACUNU



## **Achieving Sustainable Development**

#### The Problem

- CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations have nearly doubled
- 3 of the last 5 years hottest in recorded history
- Glaciers receding worldwide
- 1,000,000 more species extinct by 2050
- 1/2 of forests and 1/4 of coral reefs are gone
- 9.4 millions hectares of forest lost annually



## **Achieving Sustainable Development**

- **Some Solutions**
- Fuel cells
- Hydrogen storage
- Solar cells
- Distributed energy generation
- Carbon sequestration
- Higher-yield "green" agriculture



#### **Providing Clean Water to Everyone**

#### **The Problem**

- Water tables falling on every continent
- 1.1 billion don't have access to safe water
- 2.4 billion lack sanitation
- 80% of developing world diseases are water-borne
- Agriculture uses 70% of water 60% increase needed to feed 2 billion more by 2030



#### **Providing Clean Water to Everyone**

#### **Some Solutions**

- Inexpensive Decentralized Water Purification
- Crops that require less water



## **Balancing Population & Resources**

#### The Problem

- Over 1 billion live in slums & squatter communities
- 8.9 billion population by 2050 (6.4 billion now)
  - \_ 98% of growth in poorer countries
  - 5 billion city dwellers by 2030
  - \_ 40% in India and China today
  - Increasing demands for nutrition, shelter, water, sanitation
- Life expectancy from 65 to 75 in 2050
  - Could be significantly longer with anti-aging advancements
     2 billions people over 60
- World grain harvests falling short last 4 years
  - Biodiversity being destroyed worldwide



## **Balancing Population & Resources**

#### **Some Solutions**

- Zero-waste manufacturing
- Increasing durability of manufactured goods
- Fully recyclable products
- Inexpensive decentralize water purification
- Environmentally friendly building materials



#### Making Infotech Available to Everyone

#### The Problem

- Need the "planetary nervous system"
- Need for inexpensive pervasive computing
- Need for ubiquitous communication
  - Education
  - \_ Democratization
  - Economic growth
  - Coordination of collective action



#### Making Infotech Available to Everyone

#### **Some Solutions**

- Drastically reduce cost and increase performance
  - Memories
  - Displays
  - Processors
  - Solar powered
  - \_ Embedded intelligence
- Pervasive, self-configuring networks
- Smart dust and swarms



# **Combating Infectious Disease**

#### The Problem

- Cause of 30% of deaths worldwide

   30 new highly infections diseases in last 20 years
   HIV/AIDS, SARS, Ebola, Avian Flu
  - \_ Re-appearance and resistance to antibiotics
  - \_ Globalization has increase exposure

# HIV/AIDS is most critical threat 22 million killed, 42 million infected Leading cause of death in sub-Saharan Africa

Bioterrorism



# **Combating Infectious Disease**

#### **Some Solutions**

- Inexpensive, rapid diagnostics
- More effective anti-virals and anti-biotics

   New methods of drug delivery
   Easier to store and administer
- Faster development of new drugs
- Inexpensive, ubiquitous biosensors



#### **Reducing the Threat of Terrorism**

#### **The Problem**

- Increasing proliferation of WMD More accessible and less expensive
- Demonizing of other cultures/societies
- Poverty and inequality



#### **Reducing the Threat of Terrorism**

#### **Some Solutions**

- Pervasive sensors and monitoring
- Pervasive computing and communication \_ Increasing cross culturing understanding and cooperation
- Many solutions above to level playing field



# **Meeting Global Energy Needs**

#### The Problem

- Demand will increase ~50% by 2025
- \$16 trillion required to meet demand by 2030
- 1.6 billion have no access to electricity
- 2.4 billion rely on burning of biomass
- Main contributor to global warming
- On track for only 10% renewable by 2025
- Fossil fuel consumption could double \_ Developing world will surpass developed world



# **Meeting Global Energy Needs**

#### **Some Solutions**

- Better fuel cells
- Better hydrogen storage
- Better solar cells
- Better batteries
- More efficient lighting
- Carbon sequestration
- Decentralized generation and storage Reinventing the power grid



## Accelerating Scientific and Technological Breakthroughs

#### The Problem

- Technology advancing at accelerated rate
- Is it fast enough to address key challenges?
- Are we focusing on the right things?



## Accelerating Scientific and Technological Breakthroughs

#### **Some Solutions**

- A global focus on the Millennium Challenges
- Coordination among all institutions
- More focused R&D funding
- Better commercialization mechanisms
- New business models
- New incentives (e.g. prizes)



# What's Next?

- Collaboration of all stakeholders
- Focus on technology solutions mentioned
- Synergizing of technological and nontechnological solutions
- Foresight is here to help!



## Resources

Foresight Institute

 2000+ pages of information on nanotech
 www.foresight.org

- Millennium Project Global Challenges
   <u>www.acunu.org/millennium/challeng.html</u>
- Nanotechnology Opportunity Report<sup>™</sup> <u>www.cientifica.com/html/NOR/NORV2.htm</u>

 Vision 2020 Roadmap for Nanomaterials <u>http://chemicalvision2020.org/nanomaterialsroadmap.html</u>

