









Although Nanoscience and Nanotechnology are part of a natural progression, we don't really know what they are!

At the May 2001 National Academy of Science Nanoscience Colloquia George Whitesides, one of the colloquia organizers, noted that:

"Those of us doing nanoscience do not really know what nanoscience is!"

"We certainly do not know what nanotechnology is!"

Although this may appear to be a flippant or negative comment, I think it reflects an understanding of how little we know now and how large the impact may be in 50 years.



Three (of several) Senses of Nano

"Nano-effect" is used to describe many different processes. Therefore, when someone uses the term we often don't know what they mean.

Size and surface area effects

1 nm – 100 nm **Fundamental materials properties remain** the same but size, shape and surface area alter some behaviors.

Critical Size and Characteristic

Length Scale - unusual properties because the size of the system approaches some critical length (includes quantum effects). Many characteristics of material may have normal or nearly normal behavior

• New (Non-extensive) Properties

Systems not large enough to have extensive properties. Particles become effectively polymorphs of "bulk" materials.















Harnessing Enzymes: An Application of Proteins

Stable enzymes entrapped in nanopores may one day be routinely used to inactivate pollutants.

Enzymes in this environment are stable for extended periods of time.

Sensors, catalysts and separations

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Instrumentation

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- Clean-room capabilities and research tools for microfabrication
- Ion accelerator implantation and characaterizaton
- State-of-the-art surface science tools
- High-resolution electron microscopes and x-ray diffraction instumentation
- Ultrahigh vacuum, liquid, and ambient environment scanning probes
- Gas chromatography, NOx analyzer, and RX100 testing and characterizing system

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