Fundamentals:

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Chapter 1. Characteristics of Organic Nanomaterials

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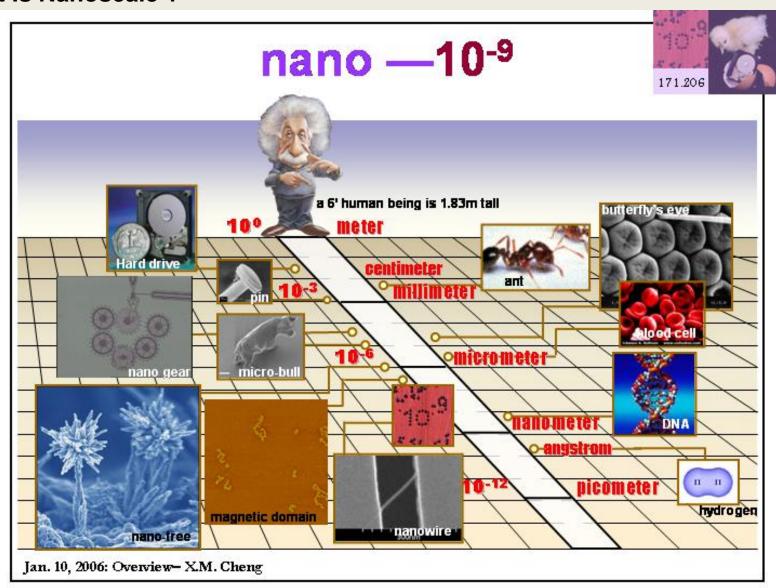
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What Is Nanoscale?





The Nanotechnology Movement

Definition

the systematic manipulation of matter on the length scale 1-100 nm to produce useful new engineered structures, materials, or devices.

History

- R. Feynman, 1959, "There's plenty of room at the bottom"
- Kroto, Smalley, Curl, 1985, synthesis of Fullerene, C60
- Sumio lijima, 1991, discovery of single wall carbon nanotube (?)

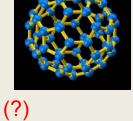
Nanotechnology today

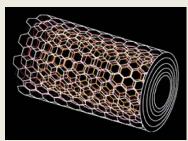
- 1600 companies, 700 industrial products
- world-wide investment of 4.8 billion \$ / yr

The U.S. National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI)

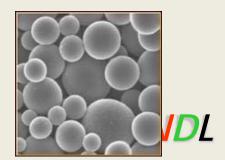
- first passed in 2001
- now ~ 1 billion \$ / yr
- optimistic status report: May 2005
- four phases envisioned (now in phase 1)

about 1/1000 width of human hair





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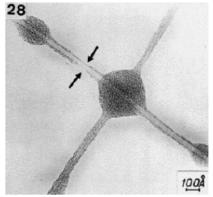


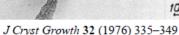
Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes (SWCNTs)의 발견

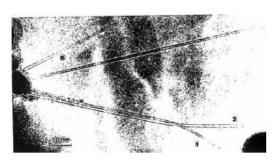
1976년 일본의 Endo 그룹에 의해 최초로 발견, Ref: M. Endo et al, J Cryst Growth 32 (1976) 335-349.

1993년 2편이 동시에 발표 (nature 지 6월 17번째 이슈), Submitting 날짜: 일본 NEC연구소의 lijima group (4월 23일), 미국 IBM 연구소의 Bethune group (5월

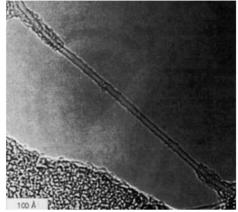
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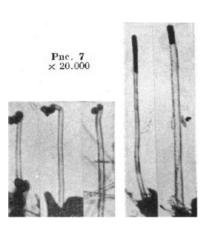
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Multi-Walled Carbon Nanotubes (MWCNTs)의 발견

1952년 러시아의 Radushkevich 그룹에 의해 MWCNTs와 흡사한 carbon filament가 발견됨. Ref. L.V. Radushkevich et al., Zurn Fisic Chim 26 (1952) 88-95.

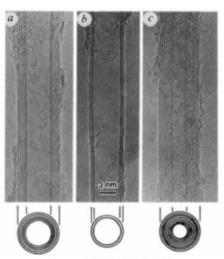
1973년 독일의 Boehm과 영국의 Baker 그룹에 의해 여러가지 금속촉매를 이용한 carbon filament 제조에 관한 논문이 발표 되었음. Ref. H.P. Boehm, Carbon 11 (1973), pp. 583-590., R.T.K. Baker et al., J Catal 30 (1973) 86-95.

1991년 일본의 lijima에 의해 MWCNTs에 대한 논문 발표됨. Ref: S. Lijima, Nature 354 (1991) 56-58.









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Nanoparticles

- buckminster fullerene C₆₀
- metallic nanoparticles (gold, silver, iron, etc)
- glass/ceramic nanoparticles (titania, silica, etc)
- quantum dots (semiconductor nanoparticles)

Nanotubes, nanofibers, nanowires

- carbon nanotubes
- nanofibers (carbon, polymer, ceramic)
- nanowires (metallic, semiconducting)

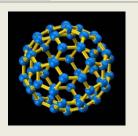
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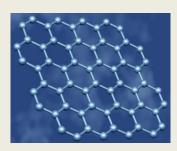
- graphite, clay, graphene
- silica, hydroxyapatite

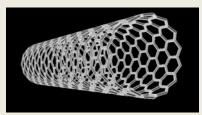
Nanostructured surfaces

Nanostructured solids









and their application as components for next-generation technologies, including:

batteries, fuel cells, sunscreens, cosmetics, structural materials, implants, drug delivery vehicles, catalysts, sorbents, and much, much more......





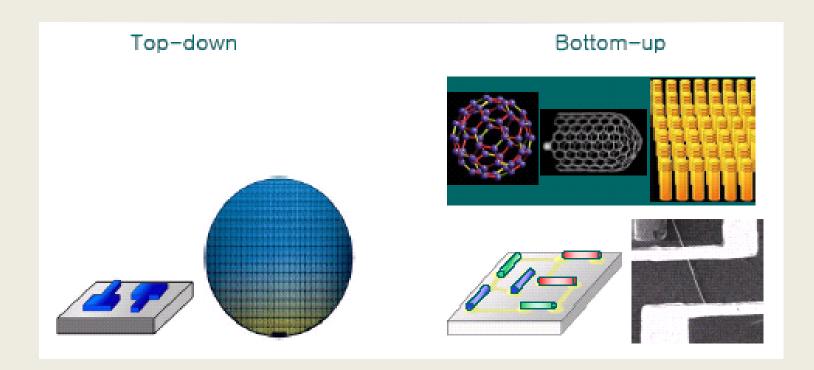
The Nanomaterial Matrix

(some well-known examples)

		0-D materials	1-D materials	2-D materials
metals		Au nanoparticles Fe magnetic nanoparticles nanopart. catalysts (Pt,Zn,Cu,Ni,Co)	nanowires	
sem	iconductors	quantum dots	semiconducting nanowires, nanorods	
	ceramics	nanophase powders for low-T sinterable coatings, parts, composite fillers, sorbents	electrospun ceramic nanofibers for composite fillers	nano-clays
carbons		fullerenes, carbon black, nanohorns	carbon nanotubes, nanofibers	graphene
polymers		biodegradable polymer nanobeads for medical applications	electrospun polymer nanofibers	
	other	oligomers (e.g. chitosan) branched compounds (dendrimers) surfactant assemblies (liposomes)		



Two Approaches in Nanotechnology

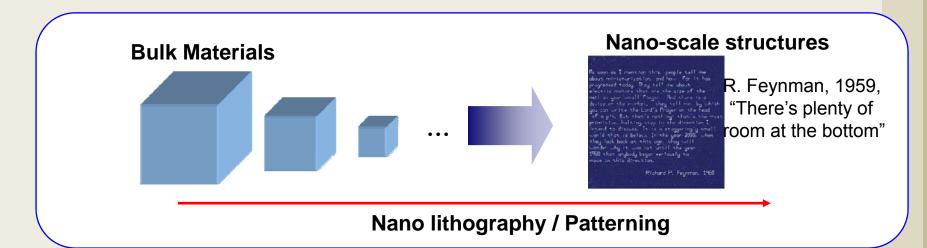


- Fabrication of nanomaterials/nanodevices by lithography
- Ultrahigh density device fabrications
- Complicated and of high cost
- Use of limited materials due to material compatibility
- Fabrication of nanodevices by simple assembly of nanomaterials
- Numerous types of nanodevices
- Use of numerous nanomaterials
 (Carbon nanotubes, semiconductor)

nanocrystals and nanowires/nanorods, etc)



Top-down approach



<u>Conventional Lithography</u>

KrF ArF F₂ EUV
$$(\lambda = 248 \text{ nm})$$
 $(\lambda = 193 \text{ nm})$ $(\lambda = 157 \text{ nm})$ $(\lambda = 11.4 \text{ nm})$

<u>Nanolithography</u>

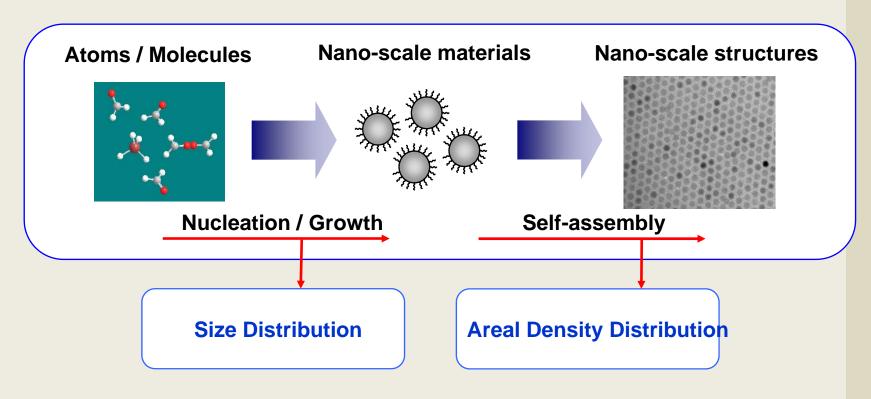
- E-beam lithography
- Nanoimprint Technology
- Probe Technology



Demand
High controllability
High costum



Bottom-up approach



Nucleation, Growth & Self-assembly

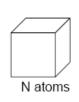
- Thin film technology
- Colloid process
- Gas phase nucleation



1.2.1. Comparison of Bulk- and Nano- material

- Bulk VS Nano-sized material
 - The property of such a small object shows a drastic change.
 - The portion of surface layer increases and thus different interaction atoms

at the surface become significant.



a = 0.565nm

effect of surface no of atoms on the surface (GaAs)

$$N_r = 12n^2$$
 (= 6 face × 2 each × n^2)

Total no of atoms

$$N_{\tau} = 8n^3 + 6n^2 + 3n$$

$$d = na = nx0.565nm$$

For cube of n³

N(no of unit	n ³	Size(nm)	N _⊤	N _s	N _s / N _T
cell)					
2	(8)	1.13	94	48	51.1
3	(27)	1.70	279	108	38.7
4	(64)	2.26	620	192	31
5	(125)	2.83	1165	300	25.8
10	(1,000)	5.65	8630	1200	13.9
50	(125,000)	28.3	1.02×10 ⁶	3×10 ⁴	2.9
100	(10 ⁶)	56.5	8.06×10 ⁶	1.2×10 ⁵	1.5%
1000	(10°)	565	8.006×10 ⁹	1.2×10^{7}	0.15%
10000	(10^{12})	5.65um	8×10^{12}	1.2×10 ⁹	0.015%
10 ⁶	(10^{18})	0.565mm	8×10^{18}	1.2×10 ¹³	1.5×10 ⁻⁶
10 ⁷	(10^{21})	5.65mm	8×10^{21}	1.2×10 ¹⁵	1.5×10 ⁻⁷

Full-shell Clusters		Total Number of Atoms	Surface Atoms	
1 Shell		13	92	
2 Shells		55	76	
3 Shells		147	63	
4 Shells		309	52	
5 Shells		561	45	
7 Shells		1415	35	



1.2.1. Comparison of Bulk- and Nano- material

Nanoscale System

Newton mechanics – particle deterministic description

Blackbody radiation
Photoelectric effect
Compton effect
Atomic spectra



Introduction of quantized concept

Quantum size effect

As the size of system decrease, new effects begin to appear - # of charge carrier

n type semiconductor, $n_d = 10^{18}/\text{cm}^3$ is required to transport information but in nanosystem, $n_d = 1/(10\text{nm})^3$ only one electron is required.





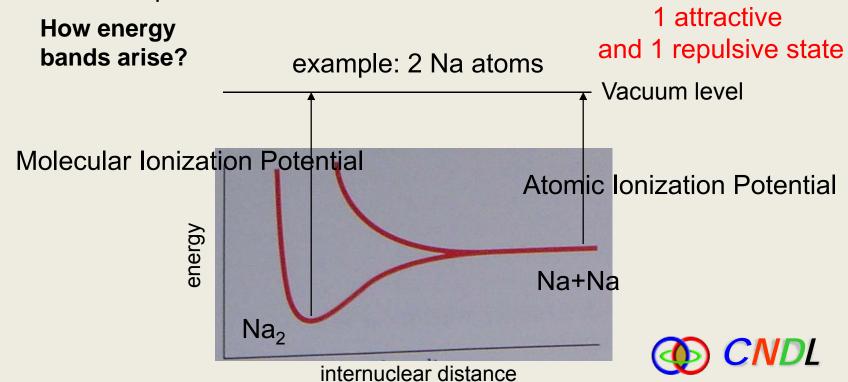
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Size-dependant Properties

1.2.2. Energy band

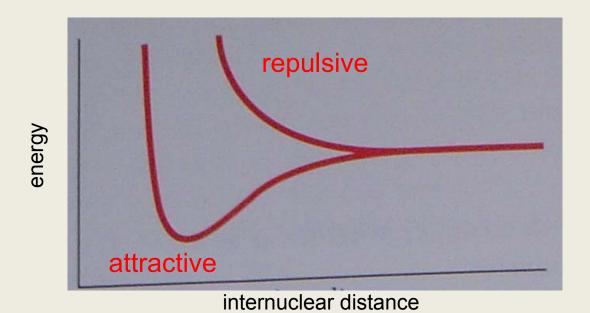
- Energy band theory of solid
 - conductivity of solids varies strongly:
 - •Cu resistivity(ρ) = 1.7x10⁻⁸ Ω m (good conductor)
 - •quartz resistivity(ρ) = 7.5x10¹⁷ Ω m (good insulator)

•explanation: electron bands!



1.2.2. Energy band

Energy band theory of solid



overlapping wave functions lead to splitting of the state":

- attractive state: more electron density between atoms, more screening
- repulsive state: less electron density between atoms, less screening





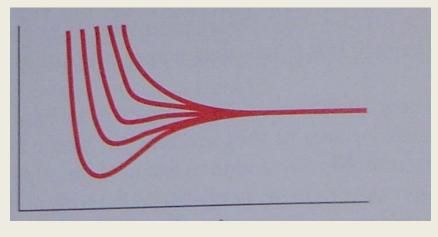
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Size-dependant Properties

1.2.2. Energy band

Energy band theory of solid

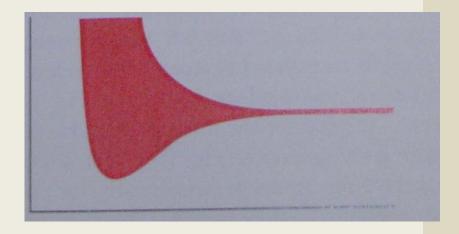
5 Na atoms:



internuclear distance

as many states as atoms involved!

10²³ Na atoms:



internuclear distance

"continuous" energy band of closely spaced levels

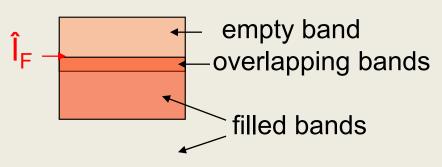




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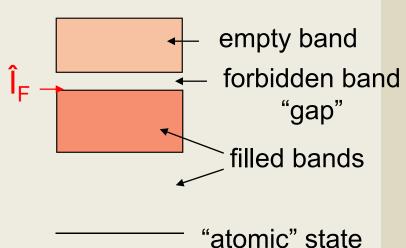
Energy band theory of solid

conductor

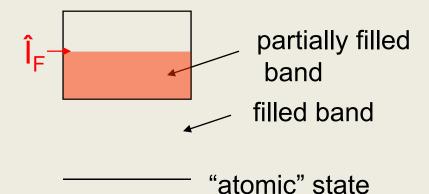


----- "atomic" state

semiconductor or insulator



conductor



"small" gap (~1 eV):

→ semiconductor

"large" gap (several eV):

→ insulator



1.2.

Size-dependant Properties

1.2.2. Energy band

Energy band in semiconducting nanomaterial

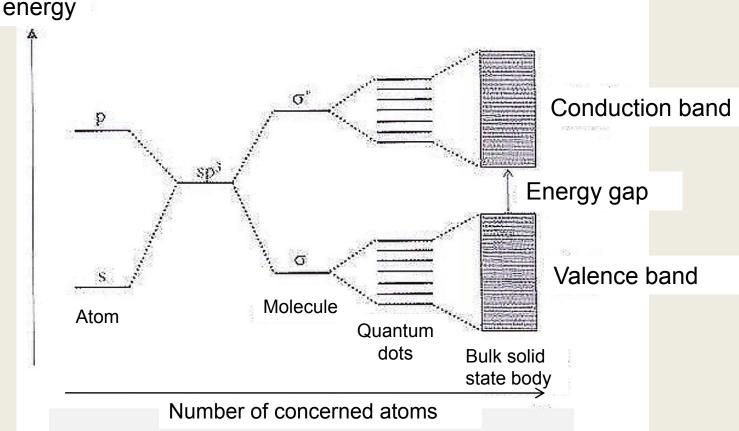


Figure. Electronic energy levels depending on the number of bound atoms. By binding more and more atoms together, the discrete energy level of the atomic orbitals merge into energy band.



1.2.2. Energy band

Energy band in semiconducting nanomaterial

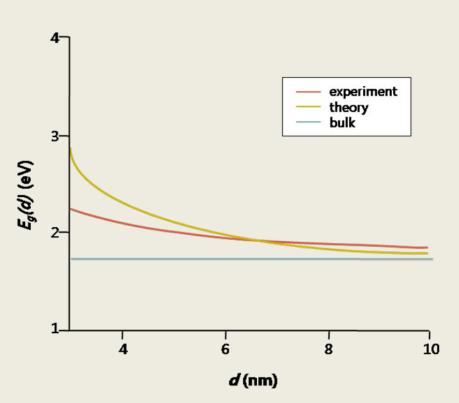


Figure. Size dependence of the energy gap $E_g(d)$ for colloidal CdSe quantum dots with diameter d. The experimental values were obtained by recording the absorption spectra of CdSe quantum dots of different size

• In the early 1980s, Efros described the sizedependent electronic properties of quantum dots, $h^2\pi^2$

 $E_n = E_g + \frac{h^2 \pi^2}{2\mu R^2}$

 E_g = band gap of bulk semiconductor

h = Planck's constant

R = radius of the quantum dots

 μ = reduced mass of exciton

 This model was expanded by Brus and coworkers to include Coulombic interaction of excitons and the correlation energy

$$E_n = E_g + \frac{h^2 \pi^2}{2 \mu R^2} - \frac{1.786 e^2}{\varepsilon R} + 0.284 E_R$$

$$E_R = \frac{\mu e^4}{2\varepsilon^2 \varepsilon_0^2 h^2} = 13.56 \frac{\mu}{\varepsilon^2 m_e}$$

 ε_0 = permittivity of free space ε = dielectric constant of the bulk semiconductor

 $m_e = mass of the electron$

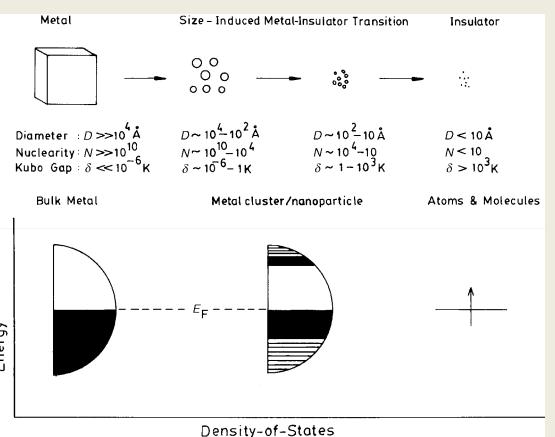


Chem. Mater. 2001, 13, 3843.



1.2.2. Energy band

Metal nanoparticle (Metallic → Insulator transition)



So few atoms comprise discrete nanoclusters of this size, the spacings between adjacent energy levels (referred to as the Kubo gap, δ) become comparable to the thermal energy, kT –especially at lower temp and smaller diameter

$$\delta = \frac{3E_f}{2N}$$

 δ = Kubo gap, energy spacing between adjacent E level

N = the nuclearity, the number of atoms $E_f =$ the energy of Fermi level

Figure. Schematic of the density of states exhibited by bulk metal relative to increasingly smaller nanoclusters. As the nanocluster size decreases, the energy continuum of the bulk metal is transformed into discrete energy levels, especially at band edge.

Chem. Soc. Rev. 2000, 29, 27.

1.2.3. Conductivity

• If the conduction band of metal is only partially occupied by electrons, they can move without resistance in perfect metallic crystal lattice. But they are scattered by the wave character of the electrons.

where.

• The mobility of electrons :
$$\mu = \frac{e\lambda}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 m_e V_F}$$

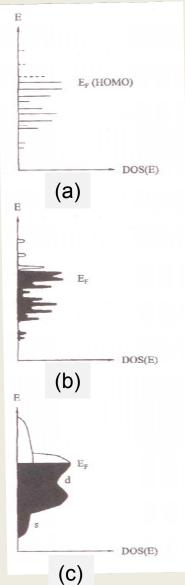
 λ = mean free path between collisions m_e = effective mass of the electron V_E= speed of the electrons (Fermi speed) ε_0 = dielectric constant of vacuum

- Mean time between two collisions $\tau = \lambda / V_F$ Ex) Copper at RT : $V_F = 1.6 \times 10^6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$, $\lambda = 4.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{m}$. $\therefore \tau = 2.7 \times 10^{-14} \text{s}$
- Scattering mechanisms: 1) dislocation, stacking disorders, etc. 2) scattering at thermal vibrations of lattice (phonon)
- Ohm's law describes the linear relation between U and I in bulk metal; U = IR





1.2.3. Conductivity



- The band structure begins to change if the dimension of a metal particle becomes small.
- → Ohm's law is no longer valid.
- → Single nanoparticles have to be investigated.
- Different density of state between bulk and nanosized material.

Figure. Formation of a band structure (a) from a molecular state, (b) from a nanosized particle with broadened energy states, and (c) the fully developed band structure consisting of s and d band. E_F = Fermi energy, DOS = density of states. In (a) E_F corresponds to the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO)



1.2.3. Conductivity

 Quantum mechanically describe by the quantum Hall resistance RQH and the capacity of the particle

$$E_{C,QH} = \frac{h}{R_{QH}C}$$

 The current-voltage characteristic for an ideal quantum dot shows no current up to

$$U_{Coulomb} = \pm \frac{e}{2C}$$

• Following this an electron tunneling process occurs if the Coulomb energy of the quantum dot is compensated by external voltage of $U = \pm \text{ ne/(2C)}$

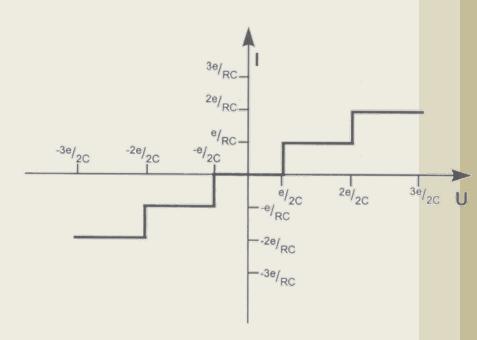


Figure. I-U characteristic of ideal single electron transport

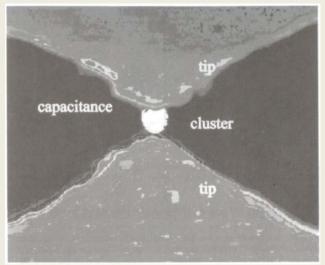


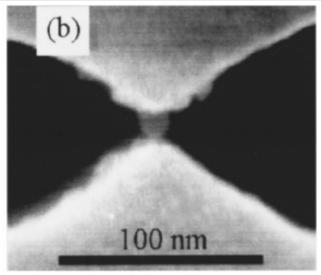


1.2.3. Conductivity

- SEM image of an experiment
- 17nm palladium particle is trapped between two Pt tips, separated from them by a thin shell of organic molecules(*p*-H₂N-C₆H₄-SO₃Na).

Figure. Scanning electron microscopic image of a 17nm ligand-stablized palladium cluster, trapped between two platinum tips.









1.2.3. Conductivity

❖ I-U characteristic of the 17nm palladium

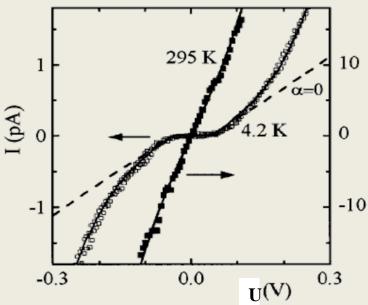


Figure. I-U characteristics of the 17nm palladium cluster. At 295K it behaves in a bulklike manner, following Ohm's law. At 4.2K a pronounced Coulomb blockade is observed. *Appl. Phys. Lett.*, **1997**, *71*, 1273.

- At 295K, there is a linear relation between I and U, corresponding to Ohm's law.
- At 4.2K, a typical Coulomb gap of ~55mV is observed, indicating that the condition kT<<e²/2C is fulfilled.
- To make quantum size behavior of small metal particles available at RT we have to further reduce their size, as the capacitance C of the particles depends directly on their diameter.



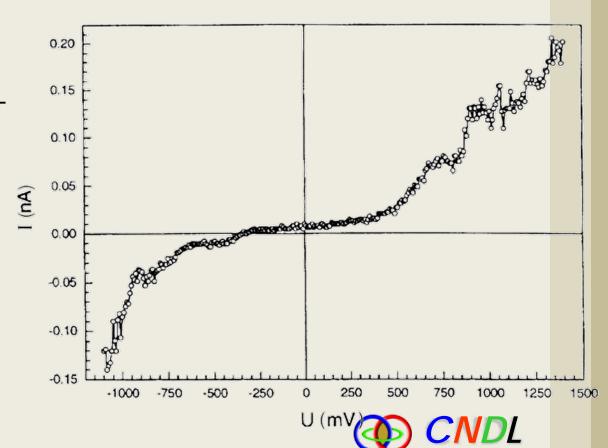


1.2.3. Conductivity

❖ I-U characteristic of the 1.4nm gold particle

Figure. I-U characteristics of a ligand-stabilized Au55 cluster at room temperature. *Appl. Phys. A.* **1998**, *66*, 189

 The gold cluster compound Au₅₅(PPh₃)₁₂Cl₆ shows typical Coulomb blockade even at RT







1.2.4. Melting points

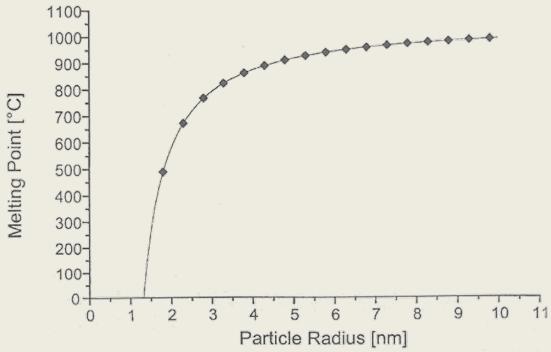
- The melting point of solid is reached when the order of the lattice is beginning to be destroyed.
- Bulk vs. Nanoparticles
 - Bulk: For a distinct solid, the melting point is a physical constant.
 - Nanoparticles: When the number of surface atoms becomes equal to or even exceeds the number of inner-core atoms, the melting process starts earlier.
 - → As the coordination number of surface atoms is 9 or smaller, these atoms are more easily rearranged than those in the center of the particles.
- In Figure, the relation between particle size and melting point of gold particles is shown.
- : dramatic decrease of melting points for particles smaller than 3-4 nm





1.2.4. Melting points

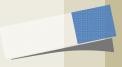
Figure. Relation between the size of gold particles and their melting point



■ We can see that even thermodynamic properties of matter, which classically described are natural constants, change with the dimension of the material.







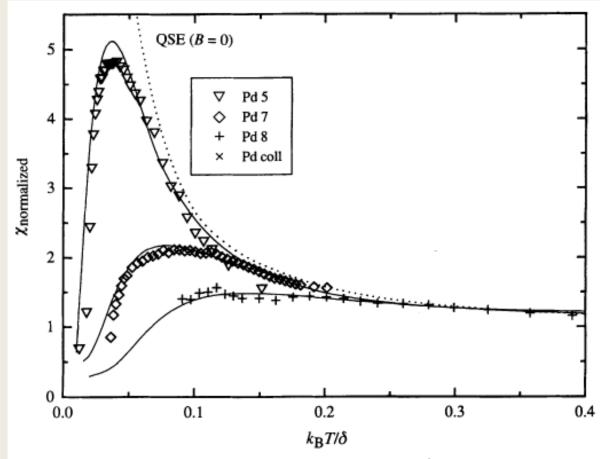
1.2.5. Magnetism

- Diamagnetic materials have only spin-paired electrons.
- In practice a macroscopic piece of a diamagnetic metal can have one or unpaired electrons. → No way to measure because of the effectively infinite number of atoms and electrons.
- However, the particle size → small enough to make one unpaired electron measurable → the predicted so-called "odd-even effect" become visible
- Odd-even effect: Among small diamagnetic metal particles, there should be a
 50:50 distribution of odd and even numbers of electrons





1.2.5. Magnetism



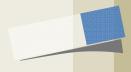
 χ = electronic magnetic susceptibility k_BT = mean thermal energy QSE = quantum size effect δ = average energy gap

Figure. Electronic magnetic susceptibility of the Pd clusters in the quantum-size regime

Nature, 1996, 384, 621.

1.3.

Applications



1.3.1. Colors

- Semiconductor (Size-dependant; Exciton)
- Exciton (main mechanism light emission in quantum dots at lower temperature)
- When an electron is promoted from the valence to conduction bands, an electron-hole pair known as an *exciton* is created in the bulk lattice.
- The physical separation between the electron and hole is referred to as the *exciton* Bohr radius (r_B) that varies depending on the semiconductor composition.
- In a bulk material, r_B is significantly smaller than the overall size of the crystal; hence, the *exciton* is free to migrate throughout the lattice.
- However, in a quantum dot, r_B is of the same order of the diameter (D), giving rising to quantum confinement of the *exciton*. Strong *exciton* confinement at D \leq r_B
- Since the dimensions of a quantum dot are extremely small, the addition/subtraction of a single atom will significantly change the nanocrystal band gap. Table lists the r_B values for semiconductor crystals whose band gap may be easily fine-tuned.

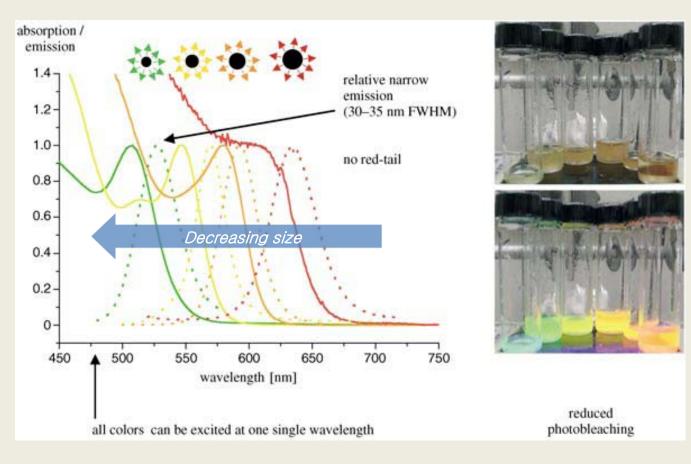
Table. Calculated Exciton Bohr Radii

Material	Si	CdS	CdSe	CdTe	ZnO	ZnS	PbS	InAs	InSb
$r_B(A)$	55	28	61	100	18	50	204	340	540



1.3.1. Colors

Semiconductor (Size-dependant)



$$E = h v$$
$$c = \lambda v$$

$$E(eV) = \frac{1.24}{\lambda(\mu m)}$$

 λ = wavelength

v = wave number

h = planck`s constant

Figure. The size-dependency on the optical properties of CdSe (Semiconductor) nanocrystals. With decreasing size, the fluorescence peak is shifted to shorter wavelengt

Small, 2005, 1, 48.



1.3.1. Colors

- Metal (> 2nm; Size- and Shape- dependant)
- •The operating principle is different from semiconductor quantum dots, since there is no band gap and the energy states form a continuum analogous to bulk material.
- Another phenomenon known as surface plasmon resonance is active, involving specific scattering interactions between the impinging light and the nanostructure
- The oscillating electric field of the incoming light causes the coherent oscillation of the conduction electrons, resulting in a concomitant oscillation of the electron cloud surrounding the metal nuclei.

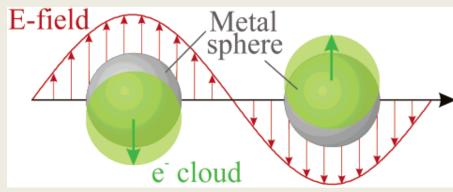


Figure. Schematic of localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR) for a nanosphere, showing the induced oscillation of the electron cloud relative to the nuclei.





1.3.1. Colors

Metal (> 2nm; Size- and Shape- dependant)

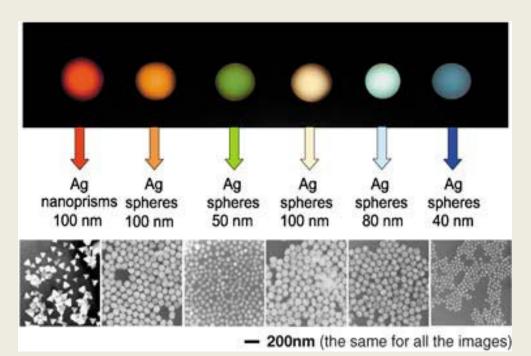


Figure. The influence of size and shape on the light scattering, and resultant colors, of silver nanoparticles.

Spherical

$$E(\lambda) = \frac{24\pi N_A r^3 \varepsilon_m^{3/2}}{\lambda \ln(10)} \left[\frac{\varepsilon_i(\lambda)}{(\varepsilon_r(\lambda) + 2\varepsilon_m)^2 + \varepsilon_i^2(\lambda)} \right]$$

 $E(\lambda)$ = the extinction(sum of absorption and scattering N_A = the density of the nanostructure ϵ_m = the radius of the nanostructure ϵ_m = the dielectric constant of the metallic nanostructure λ = the wavelength of absorbing radiation ϵ_i , ϵ_r = the imaginary and real portions of the λ dependent dielectric function of the nanostructure

• Nonspherical: χ may range from a value of 2 (perfect sphere) to 17 (5:1 aspect ratio nanostructure) $(\varepsilon_r(\lambda) + \chi \varepsilon_m)^2$



1.3.1. Colors

- A very obvious property of nanoparticles, at least of some metals, is their specific color.
- 1) Gold colloids → color glasses ex) ruby glass : finely dispersed gold colloids
- 2) silver, copper → attractive colors in glassy materials
- The use of alloys in particular has broadened the availability of nanometals for coloring transparent materials.

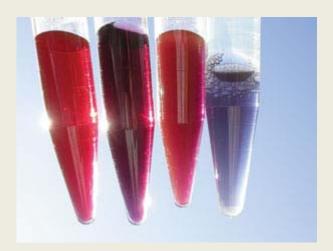


Figure. Dispersions of discrete gold nanoparticles in transparent media have an interesting and flexible color gamut that has only recently been exploited for paints and coatings. These colors depend on how the particles are viewed and on their shape. The gold particles in the test tubes above are being viewed in transmitted light.





1.3. Applications

1.3.2. Catalysis

- The increasing proportion of surface atoms with decreasing particle size
- : small metal particles become highly reactive catalysts
- : surface atoms are the active centers for catalytic elementary processes
- : the percentage of edge and corner atoms also increases with decreasing size
- → Very small metal particles are preferred as catalysts.
- Catalysts based on the activity of metal nanoparticles
- : the heterogeneous type only
- Industrial process

The particles are generated on supports such as alumina, silica, or charcoal.

- → various sizes → larger particles will be less active than smaller ones
- Particles are synthesized not on the support but in separate procedures the goal
- → uniform nanoparticles



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1.3.2. Catalysis

- Ligand-protected clusters and colloids
- : ligand molecules occupy catalytically active sites
- : tune a catalyst with respect to optimized selectivity
- : Never cover a particle surface completely
- → Enough channels to allow reactants and products to reach the metal surface and to desorb after the catalytic process

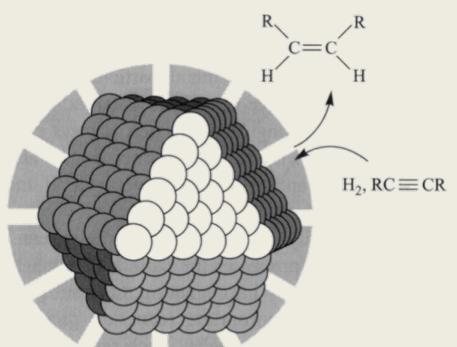


Figure. Sketch of a ligand-stabilized metal cluster indicating channels between ligand molecules admit reactants and allow products to leave.

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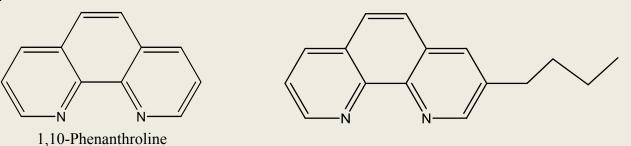




1.3.2. Catalysis

- Good catalyst
- → enable semihydrogenation
- → selectively determine *cis* or *trans-*configuration of the resulting alkene.

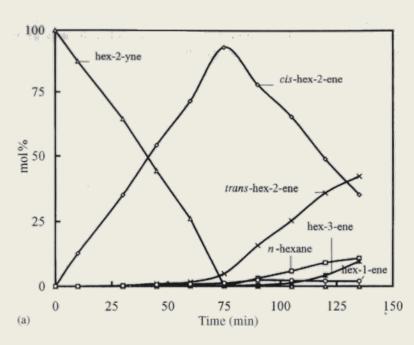
 Other possible products(trans-2-hexene, hexane, and olefinic isomers) should be avoided.



3-Butyl-[1,10]phenanthroline



1.3.2. Catalysis



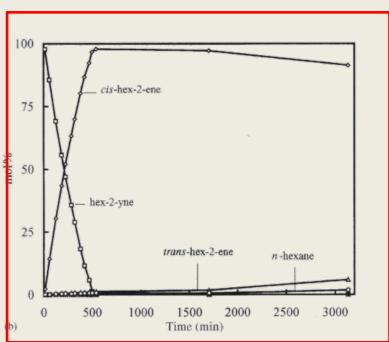


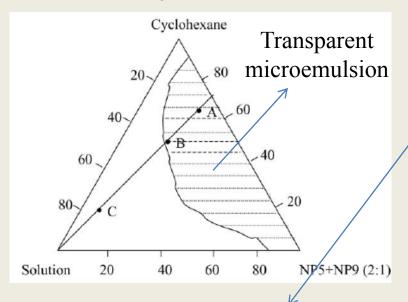
Figure. (a) Course of the semihydrogenation of hex-2-yne to cis-hex-2-ene with phenanthroline-stabilized palladium clusters as catalysts on TiO_2 as a support. (b) The same reaction with 2-butylphenanthroline as ligands on the same palladium clusters. Compared with the reaction in (a) the activity has decreased dramatically, whereas the selectivity has increased 100%. Formation of other product starts after ~25-30 hours.

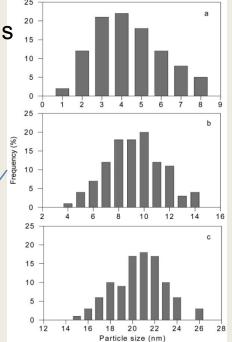
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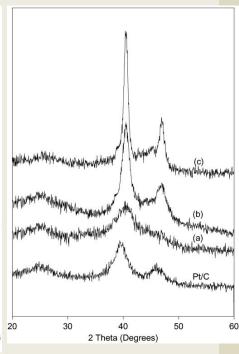


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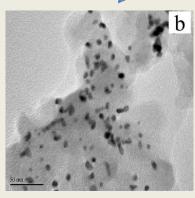
PtRu/C catalysts from microemulsions

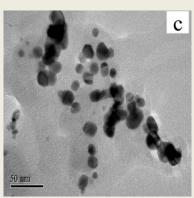






a a





 $9.2 \pm 2.1 \text{ nm}$

 $20.6 \pm 2.2 \text{ nm}$

XRD pattern



 $4.3 \pm 1.6 \text{ nm}$



1.3.2. Catalysis

PtRu/C catalysts from microemulsions and emulsions

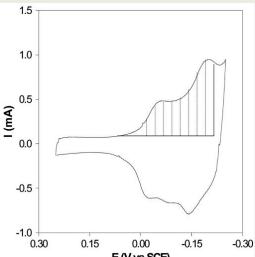


Fig. Hydrogen electrosorption voltammetric profiles for the PtRu/C catalysts obtained from composition A. The hatched area represents the amount of charge of the electrosorption of hydrogen on Pt.

$$A_{EL}~(m^2~g^{\text{-}1}~Pt) \sim Q_H/(0.21*10^{\text{-}3}C~*$$
 amount of catalyst)

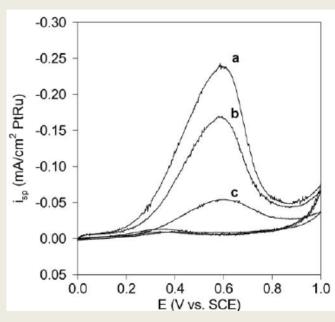


Fig. Cyclic voltammograms for PtRu/C electrodes in Ar-saturated 1M H2SO4 with 2 M methanol present in the electrolyte at 10 mV s⁻¹.

Origin of PtRu/C catalyst	$Q_{ m H}{}^a/ m mC$	Weight of catalyst/mg	$A_{\rm EL}^b/{\rm m}^2~{\rm g}^{-1}$	$A_{\text{TEM}}^{c}/\text{m}^{2}\text{ g}^{-1}$	Onset potential/V	Peak $i_{sp}/mA \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ PtRu}$
Composition A	11.2	0.45	11.9	13.0	0.19	0.24
Composition B	8.2	0.51	7.7	6.1	0.20	0.17
Composition C	4.3	0.50	4.1	2.7	0.22	0.05

^aCharges exchanged during the electroadsorption of hydrogen atoms on Pt. ^bPt surface obtained electrochemically. ^cPt surface obtained from TEM.

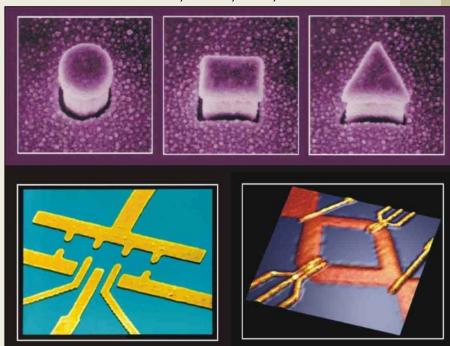


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1.3.3. Nanoelectronics

- The most valuable electronic properties of small metal particles have not yet been realized in working system.
- The metal clusters as quantum dots
- → the ability to enable single-electron storage and tunneling
- → behave ultimately as miniaturized transistors, working at room temperature
- Tremendous scientific and technical problems
- No way to address these incredibly small dots
- Electrical connections of the same size range must be developed
- The quantum dots must be specifically arranged on suitable substrates

Figure. Quantum dot devices. *Science*, **2000**, 289, 2105

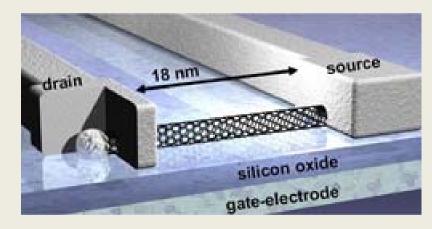


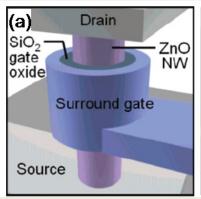


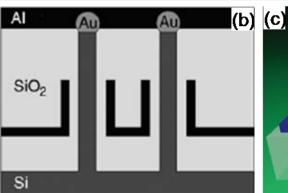
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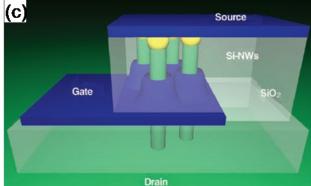
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- Nano-Transistor
- Physical limitations of photolithography are becoming a problem
- Bottom-up approach allows smaller geometries









1.3.3. Nanoelectronics

- FED (Field Emission Display)
- Each pixel of FED has own electron gun
- → Electron gun should be very small
- CNT Nanosize
 - High aspect ratio
 - High electric conductivity
- → one of the best candidate

