



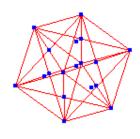


Zain Yamani

Center of Excellence in NanoTechnology, Director 14 Rabi-II, 1436



## Talk Plan:





- **❖** Introduction on Nanotechnology
- **CENT** with a bit of history













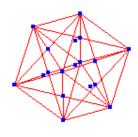








## Talk Plan:





# Introduction on Nanotechnology















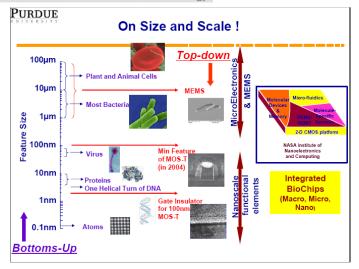






## **Introduction to Nanotechnology:**

Center of Excellence in NanoTechnology



Nano: a prefix which means 1/1000,000,000

Nanometer = 1/1000,000,000 of a meter

- = 1/1000,000 of a millimeter
- = 1/1000 of a micrometer



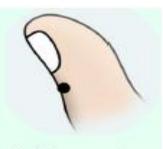
Less than a nanometer Individual atoms are up to a few angstroms, or up to a few tenths of a nanometer, in diameter.



Nanometer
Ten shoulder-to-shoulder hydrogen atoms
(blue balls) span 1
nanometer. DNA molecules are about 2.5
nanometers wide.



Thousands of nanometers Biological cells, like these red blood cells, have diameters in the range of thousands of nanometers.



A million nanometers The pinhead sized patch of this thumb (circled in black) is a million nanometers across.



Billions of nanometers A two meter tall male is two billion nanometers tall.



# **Introduction to Nanotechnology:**

# Nanotechnology definition:

Nanotechnology is the understanding and control of matter at dimensions between approximately 1 and 100 nanometers, where unique phenomena enable novel applications.

Encompassing nanoscale science, engineering, and technology, nanotechnology involves imaging, measuring, modeling, and manipulating matter at this length scale.

http://www.nano.gov/html/facts/whatIsNano.html

Nanometer, Nanogram, Nanonewton, Nanojoule, Nano..



# 

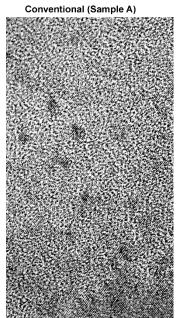
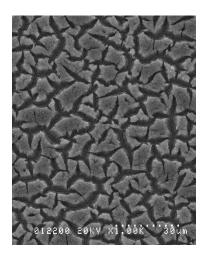
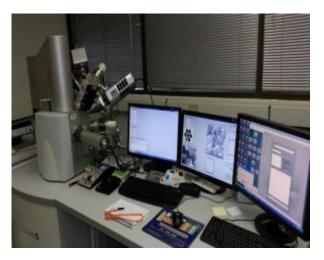


Figure 3 (Larger)

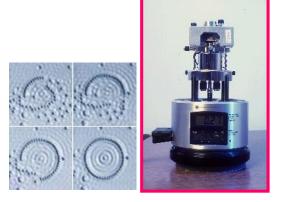
# **Nanotechnology and Microscopy:**



SEM image of porous silicon



**CENT's Dual Beam** 



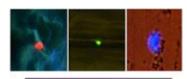
STM for Nobel prize (1986)

Dual Beam; engraving of University acronym





# **Nayfeh Nanotechnology:**

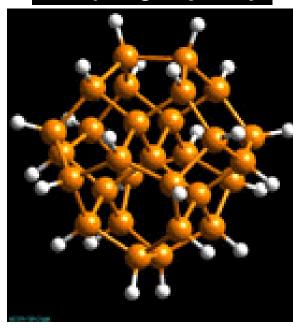






Nayfeh and Yamani; patent

29 Silicon (yellow)
24 Hydrogen (white)



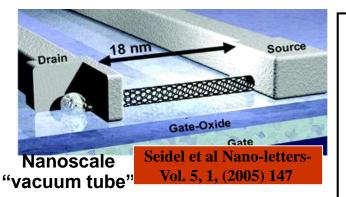
1.03 nanometer





# Nanotechnology in Electronics:





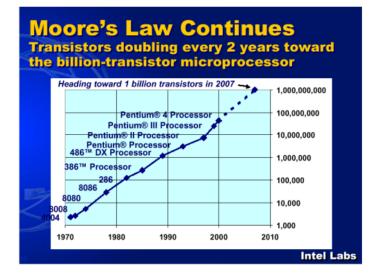
Larger number of smaller devices that consume less energy

1800 vacuum tubes 27,000 kg; 140kW

2005

- 35 nm gate length
- 1.2 nm gate oxide
- NiSi for low resistance
- 2<sup>ND</sup> generation strained silicon for enhanced performance



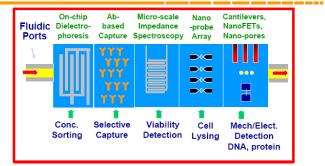


~ 350 Million Transistor Chip



# Nanotechnology in diagnostic and therapeutic medicine

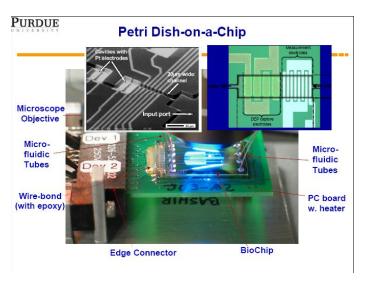


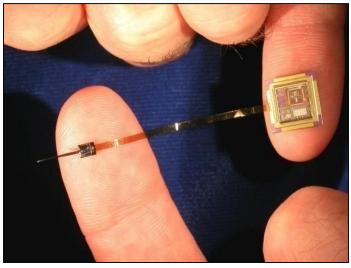


"Lab on a Chip" for Enabled by BioMEMS and Bionanotechnology

38



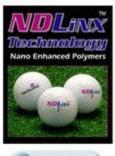




















# **Energy/ photovoltaics**

# Membranes/ water purification

Porous material/ hydrogen storage

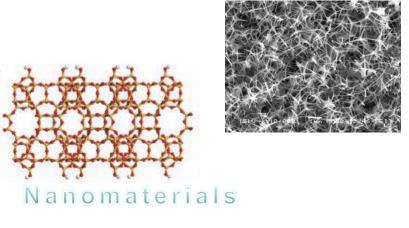
Nano-engineered catalysis

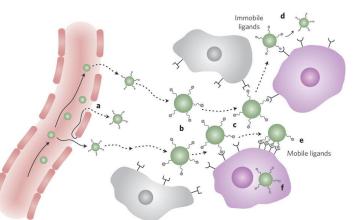
Petrochemicals/ fuel cells

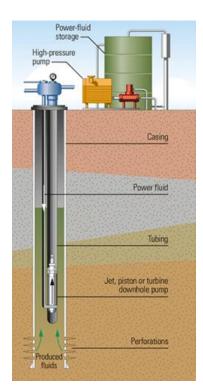


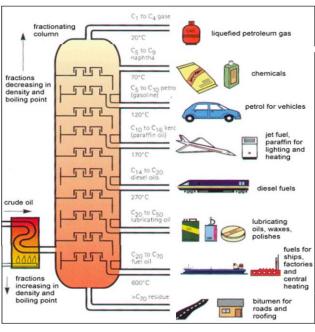
#### In short:

Nanotechnology is about the fabrication of nanometer-sized materials and devices exploiting their unique physical, chemical and biological properties.









Oil Refinery

11



#### The Future of Nanotechnology:

The future of nanotechnology is completely uncharted territory. It is almost impossible to predict everything that nanoscience will bring to the world considering that this is such a young science.

There is the possibility that the future of nanotechnology is very bright, that this will be the one science of the future that no other science can live without. There is also a chance that this is the science that will make the world highly uncomfortable with the potential power to transform the world.

http://nanogloss.com/nanotechnology/the-future-of-nanotechnology/



# How is nanotechnology 'special'?

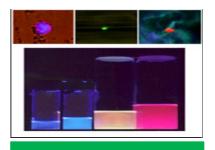
# [Optical] Qualities & Quantum Effects



Bulk Gold = Yellow

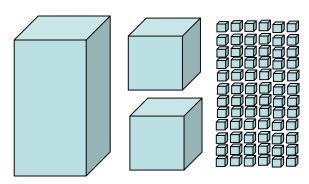


Nanogold = Red



#### Z. Yamani and M. Nayfeh

## **Specific Surface**



Full shell clusters	Total number of atoms	Surface atoms (%)	
One shell	13	92	
Two shells	55	76	
Three shells	147	63	
Four shells	309	52	
Five shells	561	45	
Seven shells	1415	35	

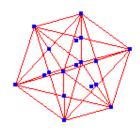
#### **Far Reaching**







## Talk Plan:





Introduction on Nanotechnology







**❖** Research at CENT...









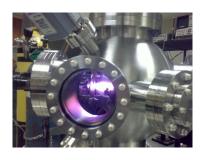




# **CENT** with a bit of history



# Center of Excellence in Nanotechnology





CENT is a KFUPM unit founded in November 2007, based on a Royal Fund donation in Nov. 2006





A KFUPM research center committed to developing nanomaterials for applications in petroleum and petrochemicals





# **CENT: Vision and Mission**

## **VISION**

CENT shall be an internationally recognized leading research center that develops innovative research and produces cutting edge knowledge in the field of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology.

## **MISSION**

CENT will be the platform through which KFUPM shall develop a Nanotechnology Program that enables its scientists and faculty members to carry out world-class Nanoscience and Nanotechnology based research in areas of strategic importance for the Kingdom, and support the same through teaching at KFUPM.



# **CENT: Objectives**

- 1. To build up world-class human resources research capacity including highly qualified research scientists, staff and trained graduate students in the field of nanomaterials synthesis, their characterization and relevant applications.
- 2. To develop research infrastructure including state of the art facilities that enables the Center to achieve its goals.
- 3. To create innovative nanotechnology-based solutions in strategic areas in petroleum and petrochemical industries relevant to the Kingdom.
- 4. To establish Industrial Partnerships with relevant companies and entrepreneurships as a step toward commercialization, in coordination with DTV.
- 5. To contribute to the development of teaching graduate programs and training students in the field of nanotechnology.
- 6. To promote public awareness regarding the benefits and the risks of nanotechnology.



# **CENT Researchers**

























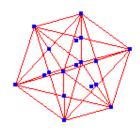


# **CENT Affiliates**

SI. No.	Affiliate Name	Department	Email Address	Phone
1.	Dr. Abdullah Al-Sultan	PETE/ CPM	sultanas@kfupm.edu.sa	3888
2.	Dr. Abdullah Al-Sunaidi	Physics	asunaidi@kfupm.edu.sa	3752
3.	Dr. Abdul-Nasir Kawde	Chemistry	akawde@kfupm.edu.sa	2145
4.	Dr. Amjad Khalil	Biological Sciences	amjadb@kfupm.edu.sa	7152
5.	Dr. Anwar-ul-Hamid	CER	anwar@kfupm.edu.sa	2017
6.	Dr. Basheer Chanbasha	Chemistry	cbasheer@kfupm.edu.sa	7344
7.	Dr. Bassam Tawabini	Earth Sciences	bassamst@kfupm.edu.sa	7643
8.	Dr. Isam Al-Jundi	Chemical Engineering	aljundi@kfupm.edu.sa	2219
9.	Dr. Khalid Al-Hooshani	Chemistry	hooshani@kfupm.edu.sa	3065
10.	Dr. Mohamed Faiz	Physics	mmfaiz@kfupm.edu.sa	2284
11.	Dr. Mohammad Ashraf Gondal	Physics	magondal@kfupm.edu.sa	3274
12.	Dr. Mohammed Hassan Zahir	Renewable Energy	hzahir@kfupm.edu.sa	3863
13.	Dr. Mozahar Hussain	CHEME	mhossain@kfupm.edu.sa	1478
14.	Dr. Nabeel Maalej	Physics	maalej@kfupm.edu.sa	1340
15.	Dr. Nahidh Siddiqui	Chemistry	mnahid@kfupm.edu.sa	2529
16.	Dr. Nasser Al-Aqeeli	Mech. Eng.	naqeeli@kfupm.edu.sa	3200
17.	Dr. Nisarullah	Chemistry	nullah@kfupm.edu.sa	7527
18.	Dr. Saheb Nouari	Mech. Eng.	nouari@kfupm.edu.sa	7529
19.	Dr. Saleh Al-Quraishi	Physics	salehq@kfupm.edu.sa	2860
20.	Dr. Shakeel Ahmed	CRP	shakeel@kfupm.edu.sa	3428
21.	Dr. Syed Ahmed Ali	CRP	ahmedali@kfupm.edu.sa	3083
22.	Dr. Tahar Laoui	Mech. Eng.	tlaoui@kfupm.edu.sa	1379
23.	Dr. Zain H. Yamani	Physics/CENT	zhyamani@kfupm.edu.sa	4364
24.	Dr. Zuhair Malibari	CHEME	zuhairom@kfupm.edu.sa	1530



## Talk Plan:





Introduction on Nanotechnology







**❖** Research at CENT...













#### **CENT Research Focus Areas**

#### Focus on the petroleum and petrochemical industries

- Nano-engineered Catalytic and Photo-catalytic Materials
- 2. Nano-structured Materials for Sensing Applications
- 3. CNT Production and Applications
- 4. Nanopowder Engineering



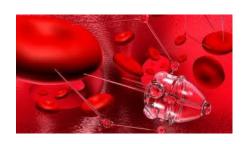








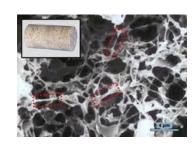




It used to be robots in blood arteries?!!



S. Aramco (2008) shock!! Robots 7000 ft below ground in complete darkness, wandering 'inside' rocks.

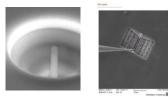


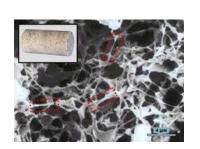












2 years later:
Novel Hybrid Reservoir Nano-Agents for Enhanced Oil Recovery
Proposal submitted by Z. Yamani et. al.
(with American collaborators) for S.





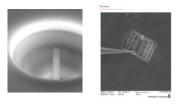
Goal: smart tracing, sensing, and sniffing devices for on-line implementation in oil fields!!!

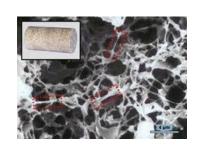
Aramco EXPEC ARC funding!!











#### Challenging problem:

- "Right" size,
- Dispersibility,
- Functionalization,
- Harsh environment,
- Choice of markers/ sensitive detection (chemical, optical, electrical, magnetic)











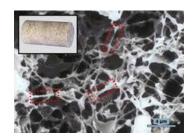
Then what..??





Bring resbot to life?? (active vs. passive)

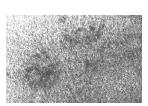




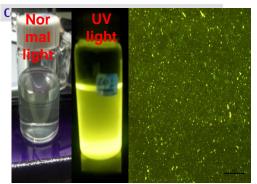
(for now!!)
The resbots are not 'really' robots..
but rather (just) 'agents'

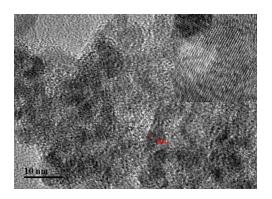


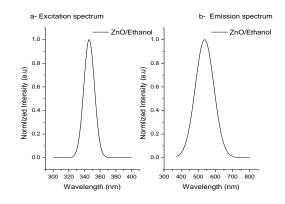




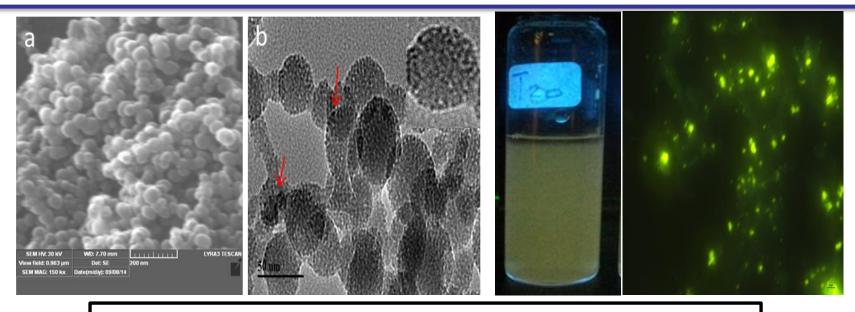








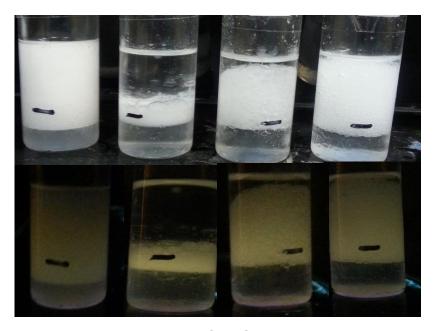
ZnO QD (simple method, right size, brightly fluorescing); Excitation 320-370 (350) nm; Emission 400-650 (520) nm



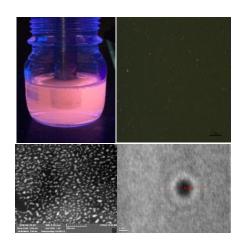
Silica encapsulated ZnO QD; right size (~ 45 nm) properly fluorescing; well dispersed







Core-shell systems after functionalization for Oil Sniffing

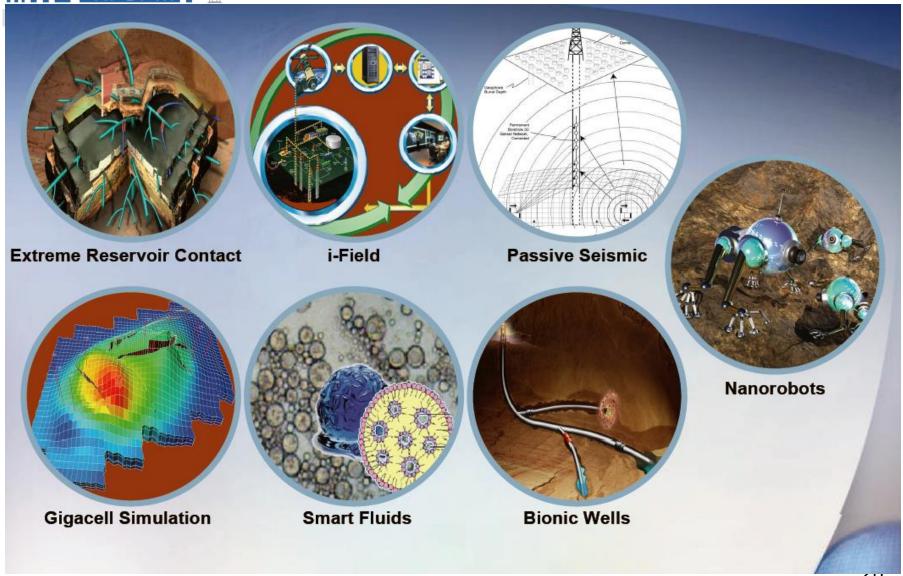


#### We are not there yet!

- Better markers (fluorescent or otherwise)
- Harsh environment (salinity and temperature)
- Core flooding results
- Modeling for ideal (oil sniffing) partition functions



# Initiative by Saudi Aramco





# OTHER EXAMPLES OF CENT RESEARCH



# **Project Title:** Study of the Structural Properties and Hydrodesulfurization Activity of MoS<sub>2</sub> and Co/Ni/MoS<sub>2</sub> Catalysts Prepared by Laser Pyrolysis

PI: Zain Yamani <sup>(1)</sup> Co-I: N. Tabet <sup>(1)</sup> , Co-I: S. Ali <sup>(2)</sup> Frederick Schuster <sup>(3)</sup> Hicham MASKROT <sup>(3)</sup> (1) Center of Excellence in Nanotechnology and Physics Department, KFUPM
<ul><li>(2) Center for Refining and Petrochemicals, KFUPM</li><li>(3) Advanced materials Program, CEA-France</li></ul>

A 3-way collaboration, a subject that is important to the Kingdom, potentially supported by the Industry, potential IP ownership, not that much overhead

Adv. Mater. 2006, 18, 2561–2564

By Fangyi Cheng, Jun Chen,\* and Xinglong Gou

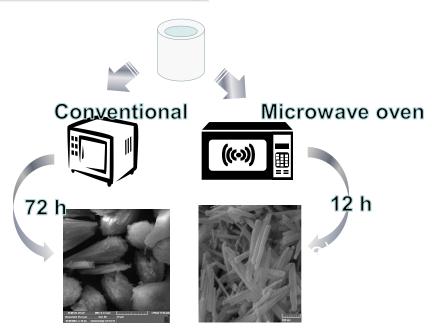
Fabrication of NP
Impregnation
Characterization
Testing for HDS



Schuster, CEA-France

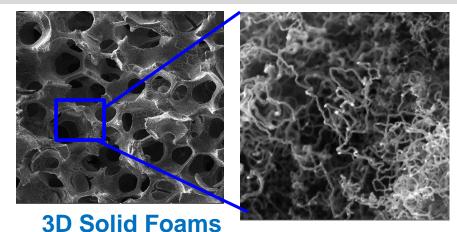


# Development of Nanozeolites and Nanofibers



Muraza et al., nano-sized ZSM\_23, Chemical Engineering J. 226 (2013) US Patents (Submitted)

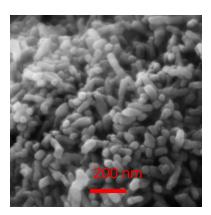
Micropor. Mesopor. Mater. (Submitted)



CNF/3D Carbon
Chemical Engineering J. (Submitted)



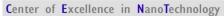
Conventional ZSM-22 (20,000 nm)

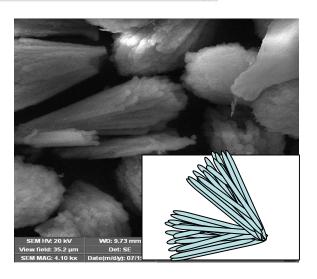


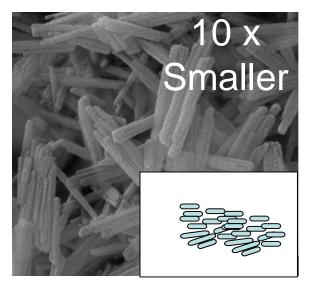
75 nm ZSM-22

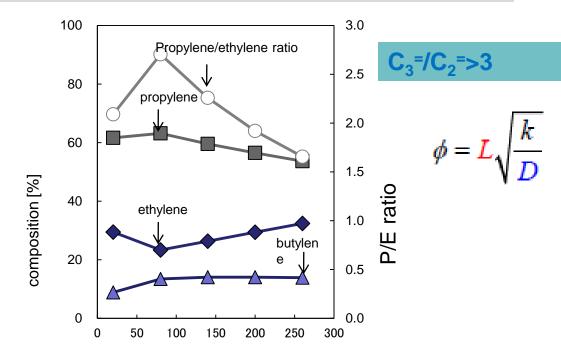


#### **On-purpose Propylene over NanoZeolites**









Time on stream [min]

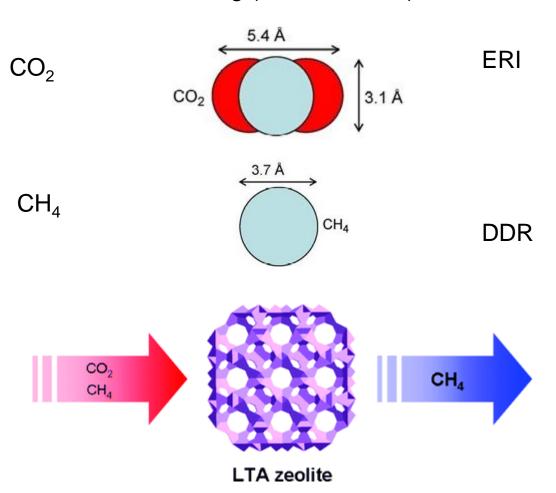
# Very High Selectivity to Propylene in Catalytic Cracking of n-hexane

Muraza et al., ZSM-23, Chemical Engineering J. 226 (2013) Fuel (Submitted) J. Colloidal & Interface Sci (Submitted) Catalysis Today (Submitted)

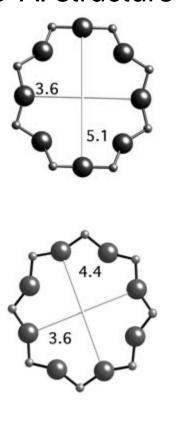


# NT in Petroleum-clean gas

molecular sieving (size exclusion)



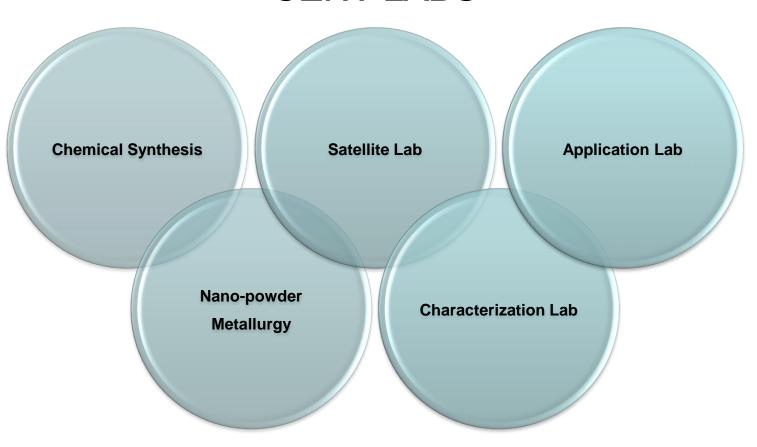
Crystalline aluminosilicates Si-O-Al structures



Krishna, van Baten, J. Membrane Sci. 2010, Palomino, et al Langmuir 2010



# **CENT LABS**



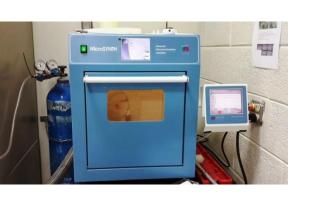


# **Nanozeolites for Hydrocarbon Conversion**

#### **Hyrothermal Reactors**

#### **Batch reactors**









Packed-Bed Reactors with online GC







**Methane Reforming** 



# **Equipment on Campus**



**Focused Ion Beam Stations** 



Potentiostat/galvanostat



**TGA-DSC-MS** 



ACQUARTER Performance LCS

**Ultra Performance LC** 



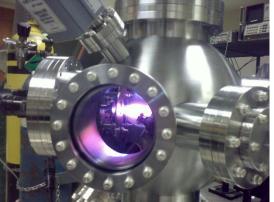
**Contact Angle Measuring Device** 



**Autoclave** 

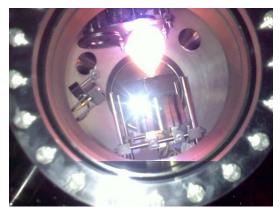
















Semiconductor device analyzer



**Spectrofluorometer with combined steady state and lifetime capabilities** 



**Automatic Sputter coater** 



Microwave reactor



**Ultra Sonicator** 





Surface area analyzer



## The quartet in nanopowder metallurgy lab



**Spark Plasma Sintering** 



**Hot Isostatic Press** 



**Cold Isostatic press** 



 $\mu$ -wave sintering





Particle size analyser



**Planetary Ball Mill Machine** 



**Gas Chromatograph** 



**Furnace** 



### **CNT** Application







Blender



1000 kg, 3 meters high Vertical Reactor in installation for large scale production of MWCNT

Towards Commercial Production of CNT





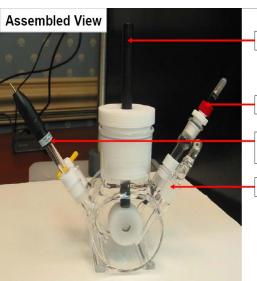
# **Nanostructured Photocatalysts**

Center of Excellence in NanoTechnology









AFEX113HOLDER

AFCTR5, Pt coil Counter Electrode

RREF0021 or RREF0024 or RREF0022 (Reference Electrodes)

RRPG086, Dual Inlet for Purging







Center of Excellence in NanoTechnolog

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

OTHER PURCHCALIONS

(Continued)

(12) United States Patent

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

### **Publications**

Superlattices and Microstructures

Ultra fast synthesis of zinc oxide nanostructures by

N. Tabet 4,4, R. Al Ghashani 4, S. Achour b

0749-66065 - see that; matter © 2009 Blowler Ltd. All rights reserved. doi:10.1016().pmi/2009.03.002

American Journal of

Reagent Strip Bit

partment of Chemistry and Molecular Biology, North Dakota stater of Excellence in Nanotechnology, and Department of C errals, Dakhme 31261, Statid Arabica, and Department of C errals, Dakhme 31261, Statid Arabica, and California, and emistry Department, Faculty of Science, Assist University, Au-guartment of Demsstoy, Guangzhou Institute of Demssto or responding authors

Beceived: 10 May 2009; | Bertsed: 13 July 2009; | Accepted: 27 Ju

control golds of the DRSS and formed two characteristics by observing the cole change of the text zone, quintilative data seat zone with a protable "sing reader". The quantitative regulation of the control of the protection of the control of the

**Patents** Catalysis Communications

### Synthesis of highly active nanocrystalline WO3 and its application in laser-induced photocatalytic removal of a dye from v

M. Qamar <sup>4</sup>, M.A. Gondal <sup>a.b.</sup> , Z.H. Yamani <sup>a.b</sup>

Moving Enzyme-Linked ImmunoSorbent Assay to the Point-of-Care Dry

Book/Book chapters/Book edited - 06

Conference Presentations -> 100

American Journal of

Patents applied for at KFUPM – > 20

Published Papers -> 230

Patents Issued - 04

Abdel-Nasser Kawde, 1,2,3° Xun Mao, 1 Hui Xu, 1 Qingxiang Zeng, 1 Yuqing He, 1,4 Guodong Liu 1

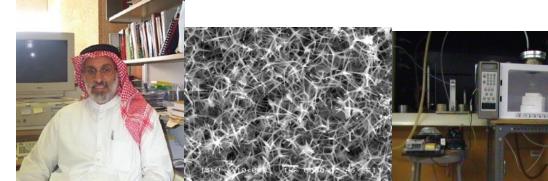
K, "spiritured with the search of the search ased to be 0.05 m/cmf., which is ten times lower than that of the gold nanoparticle (GNP)-based DRSB, mrzyme-based DRSB was used to detect Corcionembryonic Antigme (CRA) biomarker in human plants nessfully. Such enzyme-based DRSB offers a simple and fast tool for point-of-care protein assay and a stiral substitutent for the traditional Enzyme-lished immunoserbert Assay (ELLSA).

Keywords: ELISA; Biosensor; Enzyme; Point-of-care; Dry-reagent strip

Am. J. Biomed. Sci. 2009, 4193, 2004-2014. D 2009 by NWPE All rights reserved.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below: Title nam.

Ben [36], References Cited, OTHER FUBLICATIONS, "M.H. Nayfel, Z. Yamani et al." "reference, between "Percox" and "things" insert — Silicon —;
"W.H. Thompson et al." "reference, defer "L.H. Abe Hassen" and insert — L.H. Ab Hassen — therefor, and
"W.H. Thompson et al." "reference, delate" M.A. Hassen" and insert — M.A. Hasan — "W.H. Thompson et al." "reference, delate" M.A. Hassen" and insert — M.A. Hasan — Column 8. Line 30, delete "Presebt" and insert -- Present -- therefor Column 9, Line 24, between "viscosity" and "=10" delete "a" and insert = η = therefor "" - 2a delete "Boltzman" and insert = Boltzmann = therefor Column 15. Line 8, delete "2 m" and insert - 2 µm - therefor Signed and Sealed this Ninth Day of August, 2005















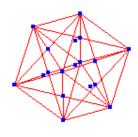
Moving Enzyme-Linked ImmunoSorbent Assay to the Point-of-Care Dry-

Abstract In this work, we described a point-of-care (POC) dry-on tracers and portable step reader for simple, low-cost and to the production of the producti

Keywords: ELISA; Biosensor; Enzyme; Point-of-care; Dry-



### Talk Plan:





Introduction on Nanotechnology







\* Research at CENT...













## More at CENT...

**Date** 

Bi-weekly CENT Seminars

Visiting professors

Friends of CENT Mailing list



www.kfupm.edu.sa/cent

Science and Technology of Thin Films **Professor Chopra** 5/2/2013 a joint Seminar by CENT and Chemistry IIT Delhi, India Department Lecture Series on Science and Technology of **Professor Chopra** 10/2/2013 Thin Films IIT Delhi, India Solar Photovoltaics - Status Review a joint Seminar by CENT and Chemistry 12/2/2013 **Professor Chopra** Department IIT Delhi, India Hydrogen Production Photo-catalytic over Dr. Hisham Idriss, Reducible Metal Oxides to Photo-catalytic Chief Scientist, 5/3/2013 SABIC. Reactions by, a joint Seminar by CENT and CRP Nanofabrication by nanoimprint and electron 13/3/2013 beam lithography and applications Professor Bo Cui, a joint Seminar by CENT and COE Professor Okubo, Simple Synthesis of Zeolites; New directions 5/5/2013 without the use of OSDAs, a joint Seminar from Japan **CENT** and Chemical Engineering Department

**Title** 

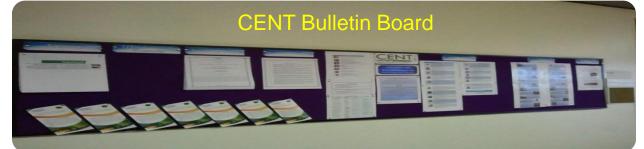
**Speaker** 

NTGP: graduate program/ courses

web-site & forum



Center of Excellence in NanoTechnology











**CENT Fliers** 







## Student Mentorship program

- ➤ Recruit (a limited number of) young and ambitious undergraduates
- ➤ Identify their interest and affiliate them to a research group
- > Train them on several nanotechnology related techniques
- ➤ We familiarize them with essential laboratory instruments

The student is expected to have the ability to eventually run some equipment

He is also anticipated to participate in conducting research work

Finally, he gives a short talk on what he has learnt at the end of the semester

The idea is for CENT to catch you young, and get you obsessed with research before Career Day!!



### Is there a place for you at CENT?

- ➤ I do not know.. possibly..
- ➤ What academic background is 'most' relevant...
- ➤ What are your aspirations?

A friend (KD) told me that we need more specialized people.. and.. Of course, on the other hand, you need to highlight what is expected from a researcher (interest, dedication, passionate, step-wise process, etc.)



### Is there a place for you at CENT?

How to convince students to abandon their comfortable lives and devote themselves to research? Hmmmmm..

1\*I believe that doing science is a way of worshipping Allah (Al Omran, verses 190-194) scientists come next to prophets in importance..

2\*the unbelievable joy of learning, doing and eventually making science

3\*From personal experience, doing research improves your thinking habits and your memory, and helps you learn how to organize "things"

4\*You always have an aim to reach.. no time to feel empty or worthless..

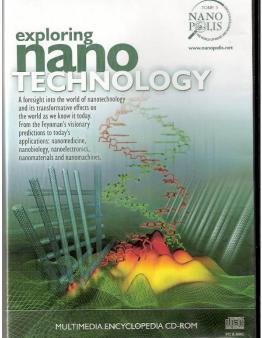
5\*In Saudi: good salary+fame

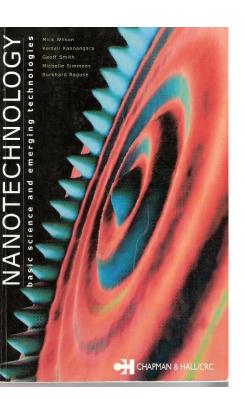
6\*It includes travelling and making international friends

Professor Zbigniew: Projection into the future (life-time) of the earning capacity of someone with PhD compared to someone without it.

Dr. Oki!!

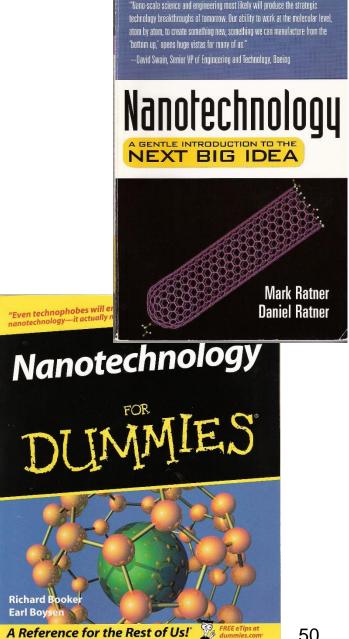






http://www.jurp.org/

**Enjoy learning!!** 





## In closing..

CENT is committed to Developing Nanotechnology at KFUPM, especially related to petroleum and petrochemical applications.

I hope some of you will develop into high profile, world renowned, researchers at CENT (or otherwise).

Do not hesitate to contact CENT if you like to get involved.

Thank you for your attention

zhyamani@kfupm.edu.sa www.kfupm.edu.sa/cent