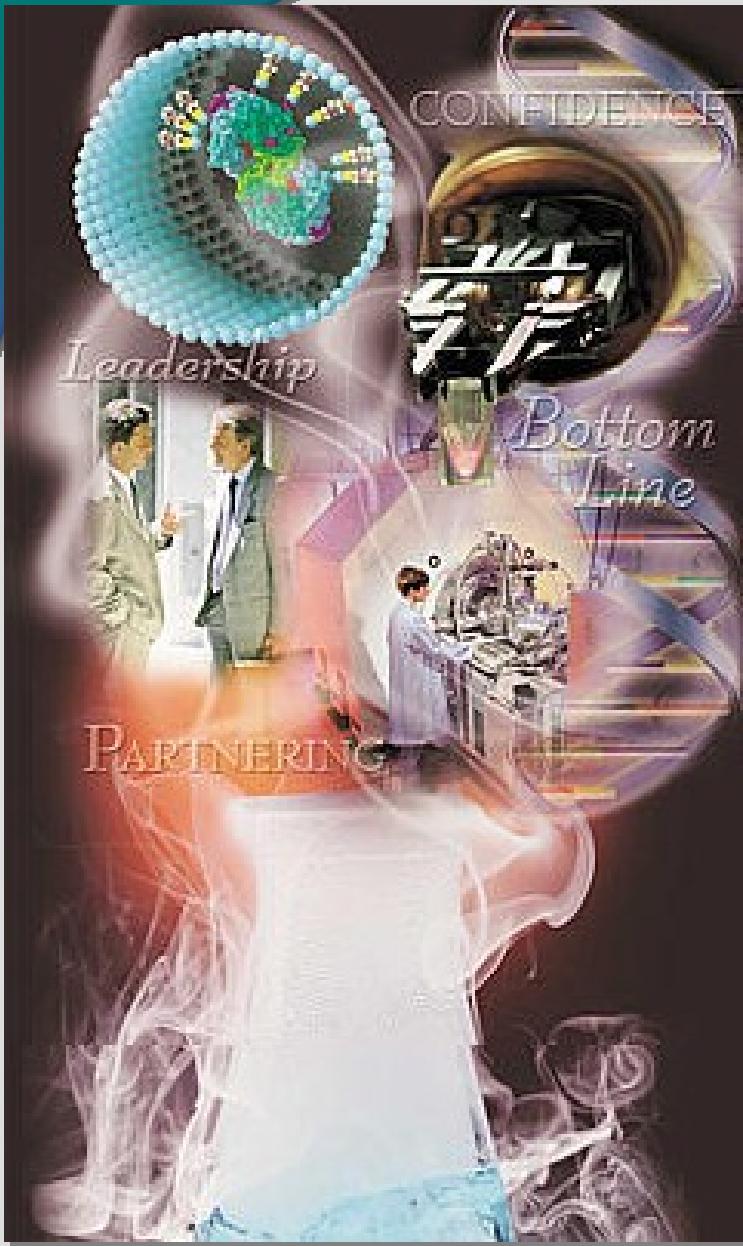


# Welcome to the Micro Nano Breakthrough Conference

Accelerating Discovery  
to Commercialization

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# Micro Nano Breakthrough Conference

A progressive atmosphere  
for discussing science  
and technology challenges  
involved in moving discoveries  
from the lab to the marketplace  
to enhance the economic  
vitality of our region

# Imagination

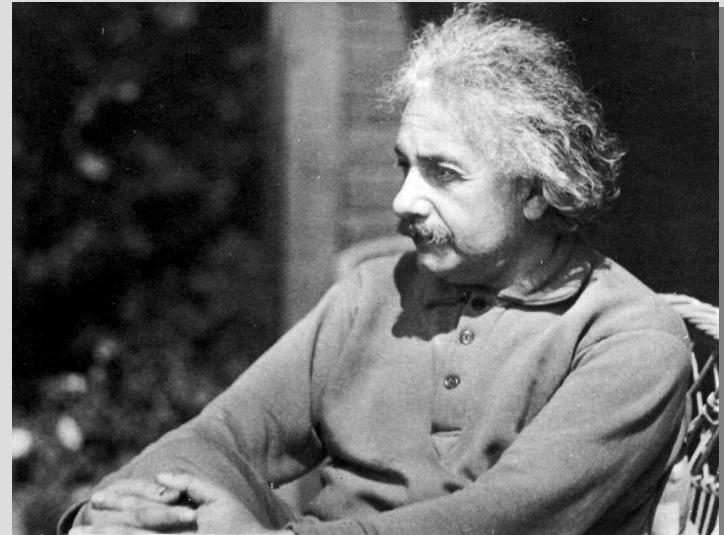
*“Imagination is more important than knowledge. . .”*

*Albert Einstein*



*“Why cannot we write the entire 24 volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica on the head of a pin?”*

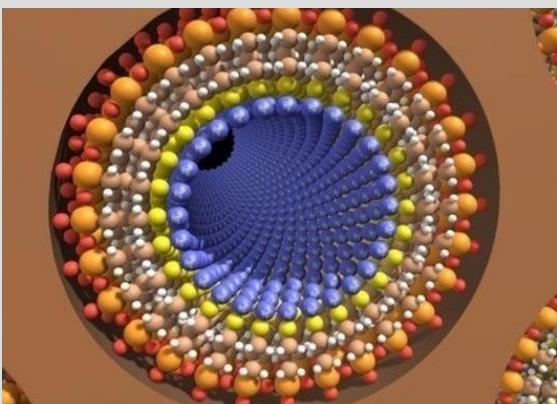
*Richard P. Feynman*



# Advances in microtechnology and nanotechnology have been visible and impactful...



...in business



...in fields of science



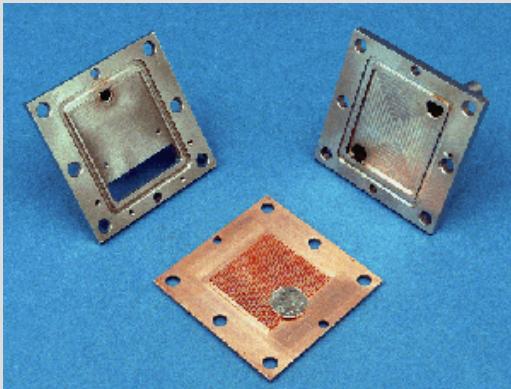
...and in shaping our  
Nation's R&D agenda

# The 21st Century Nanotechnology R&D Act will spur science to solutions

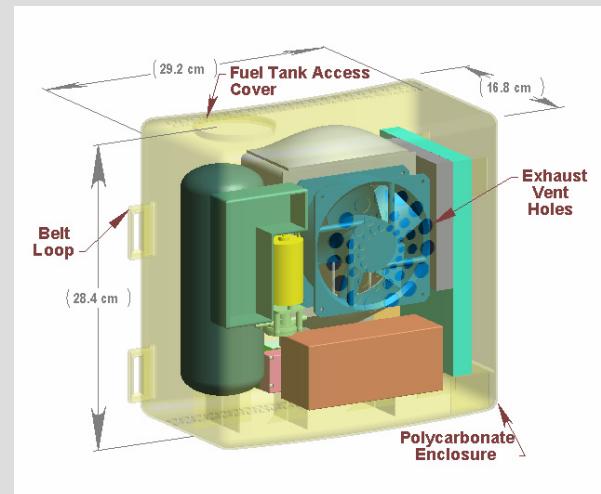
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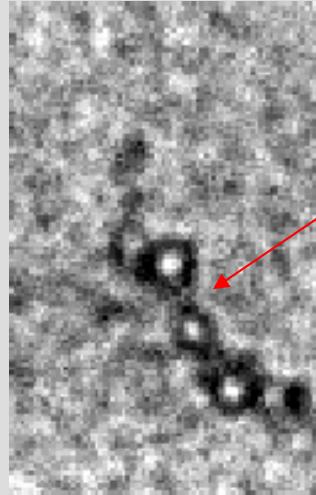
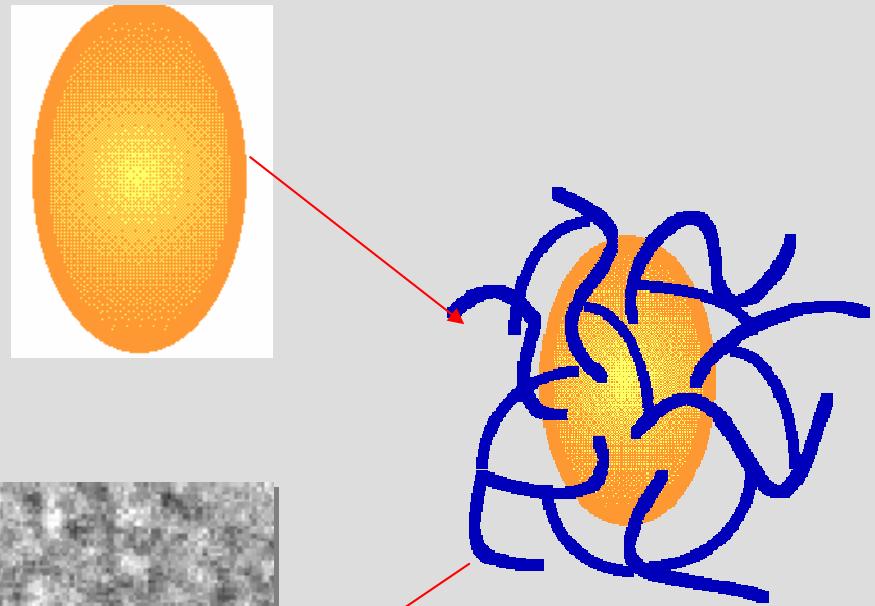
Development



Applications & Deployment

# “Methuselah” Enzymes

- ▶ Protecting enzymes with a nanostructure “cage”
- ▶ Increases enzyme life
- ▶ Potential applications
  - Biosensing
  - Waste cleanup
  - Environmental and life sciences



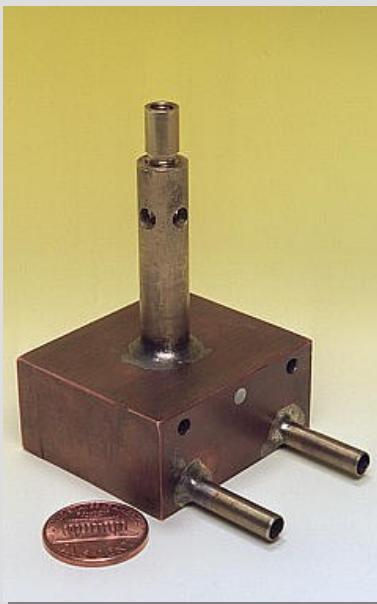
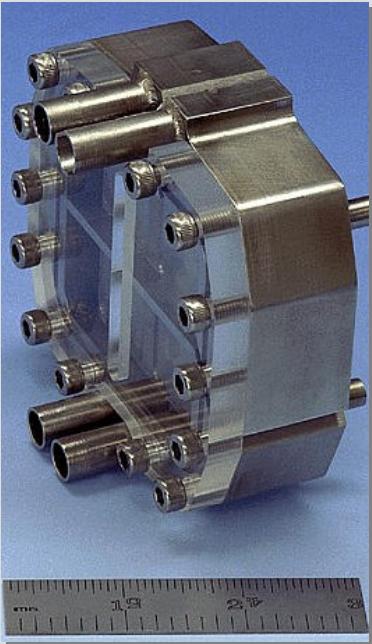
Single-enzyme nanoparticles remain active for longer periods thanks to their protective caging

# Self-Assembled Monolayers on Mesoporous Supports (SAMMS)

- ▶ Single layers of molecules, tethered within pores of ceramic material; free ends attract and bond with metals
- ▶ PNNL and industrial partner test SAMMS on low-volume waste streams
- ▶ New nanoporous material may provide solution for nuclear waste storage



# Microtechnology at PNNL



- ▶ PNNL expertise has led to miniaturized components for various applications
- ▶ Compact Microchannel Fuel Vaporizer and MicroHeater win R&D 100 Awards in '99
- ▶ Battelle/PNNL developments lead to creation of Velocys in '01

# Partnering in the Great Northwest

- ▶ Collaboration accelerates commercialization process
- ▶ PNNL is committed to partnering in the Northwest

