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Nanoscience: A Revolution in the Field of Science

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INTRODUCTION

Nano science and technology are not new, but they are quickly increasing fields that are causing revolutions in all sciences on the scale of what genomics and proteomics have done in the biological sciences in recent years. Nanotechnology takes use of this by using selected feature properties of this sort to some beneficial activity. Nano science is based on the idea that the properties of materials vary as a function of the physical dimension of that material. Because property dependency on physical size is often observed near to the Nano scale, around 10^{-9} m., the prefix 'Nano' is utilised. The dimensions at which changes are detected are determined by the material and attribute in question, as well as which of the three dimensions is constrained in real space (e.g. microscopic particles vs. thin films vs. 'one-dimensional' phases). Because the electronic structure (i.e. the distribution of electron energies) of the material is transformed in this grey area between the bulk and atomistic/molecular realms, or equivalently between the continuum and strictly quantum domains, properties vary in these limited places. Earth minerals with at least one Nano scale dimension are almost universal. Many have been known for decades, and more are constantly being discovered. However, the scientific focus has switched to detecting, analysing, and ultimately forecasting the property changes from bulk to Nano domains, as well as the significant ways in which these changes affect Earth systems. Furthermore, Earth scientists are employing Nano science to produce nanotechnology that will play an essential part in future Earth sustainability challenges. To study the physical and chemical processes that take place at the Nano scale, researchers need tools that can view (microscopy), probe (spectroscopy), and predict (models) what happens there. Nanotechnology is expected to have a significantly greater influence in the future than silicon-based integrated circuits, according to several experts (i.e. computer technology as we know it today). This is due to the fact that Nano science has applications in all fields of science, and nanotechnology has applications in all fields of technology, including computing. The importance of the Nano field, like the current biological scientific revolution in genomics and proteomics, is so sweeping, so broad, that no borders can be properly defined, and no limits can be readily envisaged. In Nano science and nanotechnology, chemistry plays an important role. In some senses, chemistry is (and always has been) the epitome of nanotechnology: Chemists link atoms and groups of atoms together using bonds to create new forms of matter (and they are the only sciences who do it on a regular basis). When necessary, they carry out this subnanometer-scale activity-chemical synthesis-on megaton scales and does so with remarkable economy and safety. Nanotechnology also provides the chemical sector with distinct advantages: 1) Research Instruments: The first of these opportunities-and one that is already well established-is to build new research tools and equipment "Instruments for Nano science" is a growing commercial area. 2) New Materials: Materials will be an economically important category of nanostructures. Polymers, particles, and composites with structural and electrically/magnetically/optically functional properties are used in a variety of applications, ranging from spray-painted car bumpers and nanoscale bar-coded rods to printed organic electronics in electronic newspapers and smart shipping labels. 3) Fabrication Processes: Nanomaterial can only be commercialised if they can be manufactured. This point is illustrated by the relevance of vapour/liquid/solid catalytic growth of buck tubes over nanoparticles of iron in the formation of "nanotubes." 4) Nanoelectronics: Materials science and chemistry will benefit immediately from the development of novel photoresists and procedures for fabricating devices with the sub-50-nm dimensions required by nanoelectronics. 5) Nanoparticle Technology: Nanoparticles of various types will become increasingly essential in a variety of applications, ranging from hydrophobic pharmaceuticals produced and packaged in Nano-particulate form to boost bioavailability to electrodes and lumiphores for new types of graphic displays. 6) The Revolutionary Unknown: The final and most exciting class includes revolutionary ideas such as nano-CDs (read by an array of parallel atomic force microscope tips known as the "centipede"), quantum computers, and biocompatible nanoparticles capable of reaching, recognising, and reporting pre-symptomatic disease, to name a few. Although the initial focus of nanotechnology was on Nano electronics and futurist fantasies, the first novel and potentially practical innovations to emerge from revolutionary Nano science appear to be in materials science, and materials are typically the result of chemical processes. Some of the examples are Bucky tubes and Bucky balls, Quantum Dots, Phase-Separated Polymers, Self-Assembled Monolayers, and Nanofabrication.