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SESSION 2:

Rethink Disruptive Technologies

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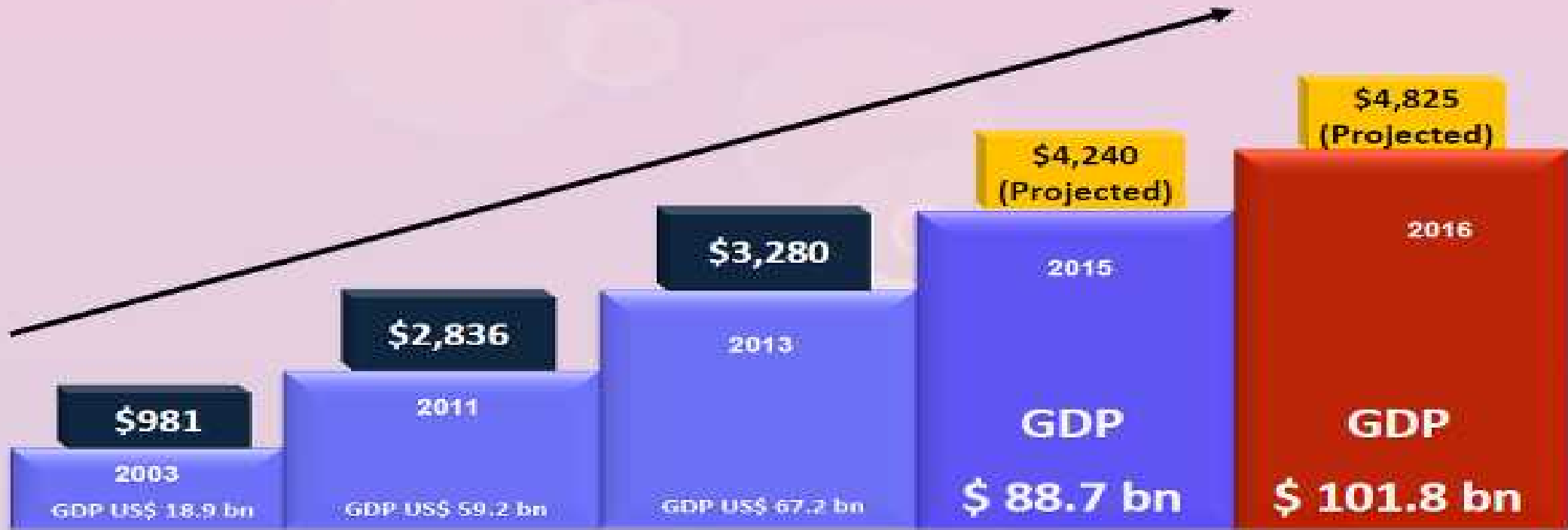
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Current development vision – short term

Sri Lanka's per capita income would surpass US\$ 4,000 by 2015 while the GDP would reach US\$ 100 bn in 2016...



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Medium term development vision

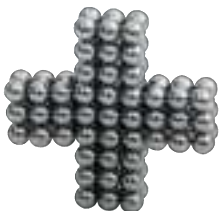
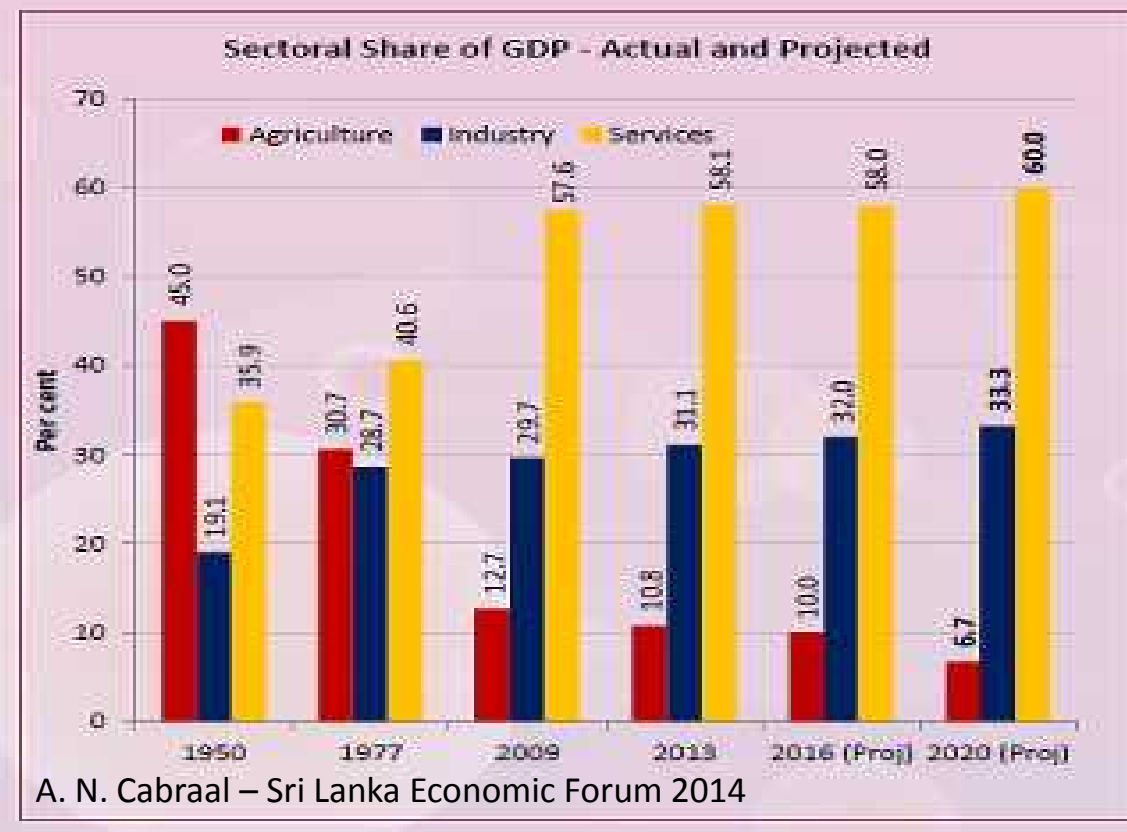
Sri Lanka: 2020 would have a GDP around US\$ 150 bn, a US\$ 7,000+ per capita income, and sound macroeconomic fundamentals...

How do we get there?

Will Sri Lankan industry look the same just doing more?

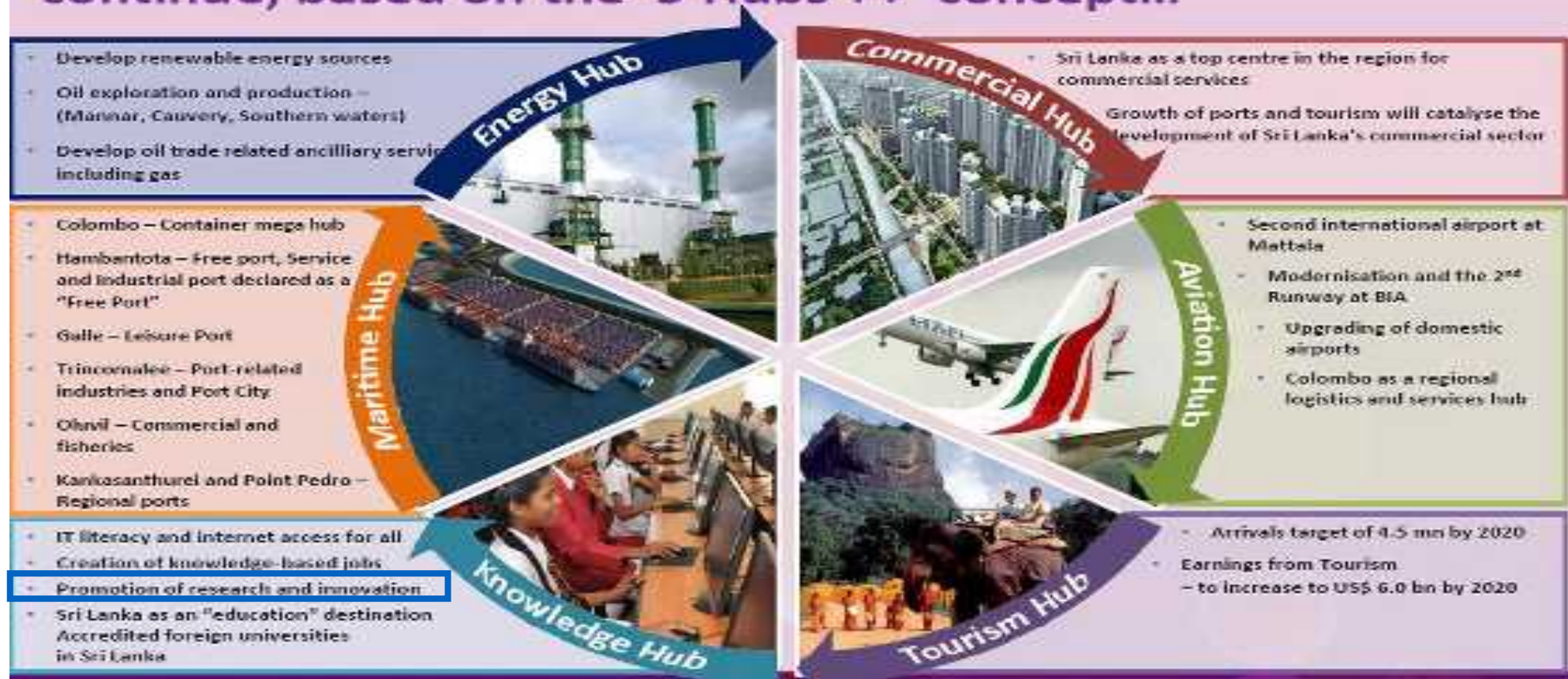
Central Bank view:

A more innovative and advanced Industry sector of US\$ 50 bn (33.3%)
(2013: US\$ 21.8 bn)



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The Economic Diversification Programme would need to continue, based on the '5 Hubs ++' concept...



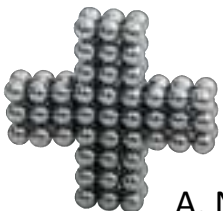
Industrial base?



Opaque as to how it will change

Industry

- Mining and Quarrying
- Apparel
- Other Manufacturing
- Electricity, Gas and Water
- Oil and Gas Exploration
- Marine and Aquatic Resources
- Technology and Innovation
- Construction



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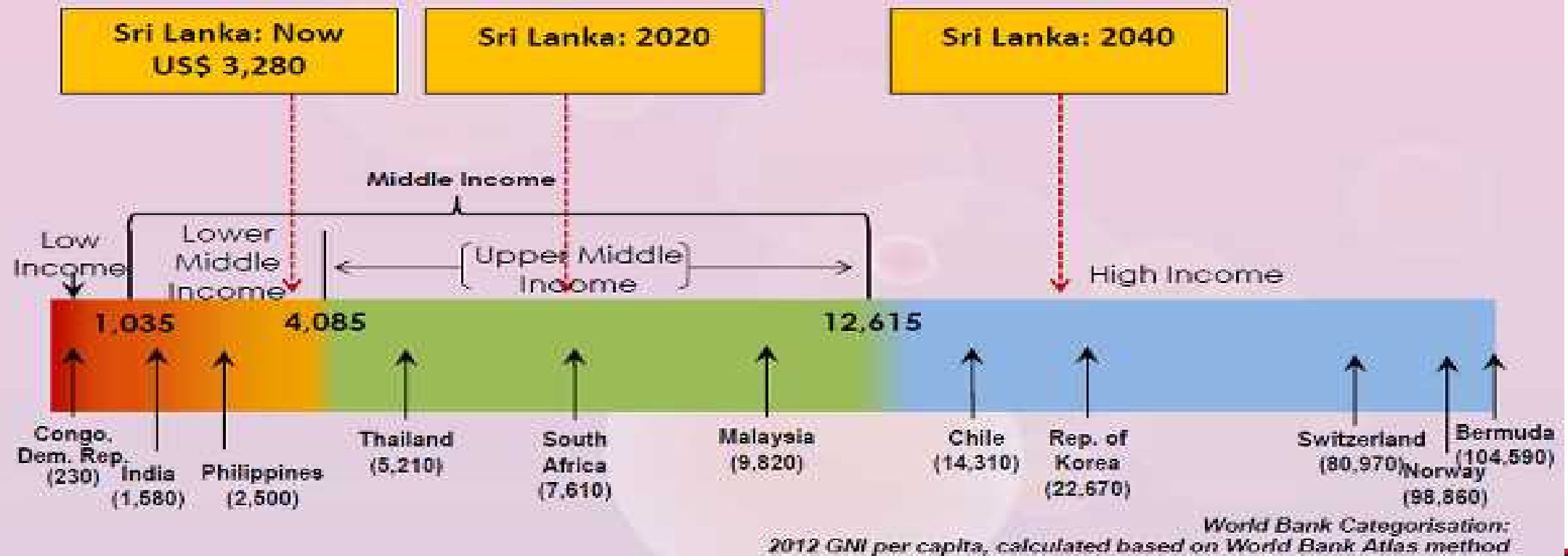
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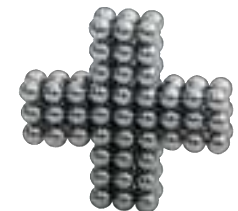
Long term development vision

While focusing on **Sri Lanka: 2020**, a longer term vision, whereby Sri Lanka moves to the “High Income” category by 2040, must also now enter the planning horizon...



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Is there any relevant example of a country - a diversified island of 20M+ people- which has made a similar transition from Sri Lanka 2014 (\$4000+) to the vision for Sri Lanka 2040 (\$20,000+)?



Yes : Taiwan

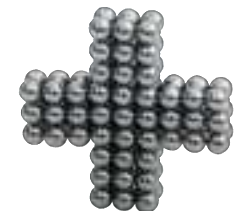


Area: 36,193 km² (half of Sri Lanka)

Population: 23 Million



- 'The quick industrialization and rapid growth of Taiwan during the latter half of the 20th century has been called the "[Taiwan Miracle](#)". Taiwan is one of the "[Four Asian Tigers](#)" alongside [Hong Kong](#), [South Korea](#) and [Singapore](#)' - Wikipedia
- Per capita GDP in 1962 – US\$170 (Sri Lanka ~ US\$250)

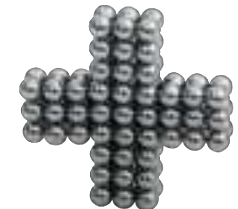


Headline comparison of Sri Lanka now and Taiwan then (and now)

Metric	Sri Lanka 2013	Taiwan 1981	Taiwan 2011
GDP	\$67B	\$84B	\$465B
Per capita GDP	\$3280	\$4128	\$20,057
Agricul. %	11%	15%	3%
Industry %	31%	41%	36%
Services %	58%	44%	61%

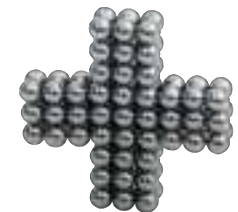
Industry sector comparison

Sector (% GDP)	Sri Lanka 2013	Taiwan 1981	Taiwan 2011
Construct.	10%	7%	2%
Electricity+ Water	2%	2%	2%
Mining	2%	3%	0.3%
Manufact.	17%	29%	31%



Things to note in Taiwan's 5X growth in GDP over 30 years – SL aims this in 25 years from similar base

- Electricity and water supply has also grown 5X
- Industry excluding mining has grown ~ 5X
(38% GDP in '81 – 36% GDP in '11)
- Manufacturing has grown ~ 5X
(29% GDP in 81- 31% GDP in 11)



In manufacturing however %GDP is not the whole storey

- Although %GDP remained the same the manufacturing base was completely transformed – Not 5X of the same activity as in '81

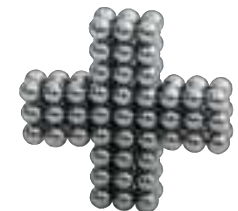
Sector % of Manu.	Taiwan 1981	Taiwan 2011
Apparel+ Textiles	23%	2%
Electronic process.+ products	5%	59%
Chemicals+Pe troleu.	6%	8%
Plastics	9%	1%



Which are the emerging areas which can give SL manufacturing the opportunity to transform, expand and be globally leading – akin to integrated circuit electronics and displays in '81 focused on by Taiwan (and South Korea)?

- Nanotechnology
- Biotechnology/Natural medicines
- Information Technology – Software
- Marine Technology

are possibilities



The scale of the physical world



Billions of nanometers

A two meter tall male is two billion nanometers.

A million nanometers

The pinhead sized patch of this thumb is a million nanometers across.



Nanometers

Ten shoulder-to-shoulder hydrogen atoms span 1 nanometer. DNA molecules are about 2.5 nanometers wide.



Thousands of nanometers

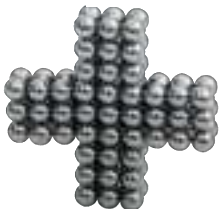
Biological cells have diameters in the range of thousands of nanometers.



Less than a nanometer

Individual atoms are up to a few tenths of a nanometer, in diameter.

(from Prof. Mildred Dresselhaus, MIT)

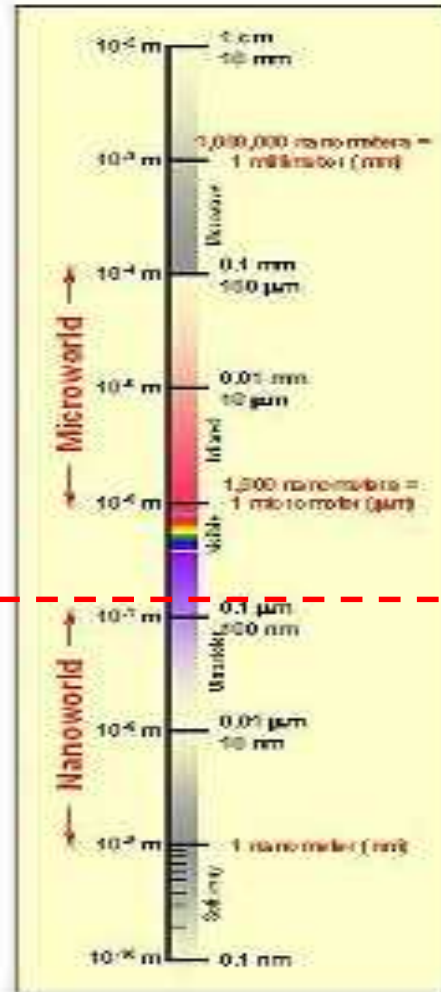


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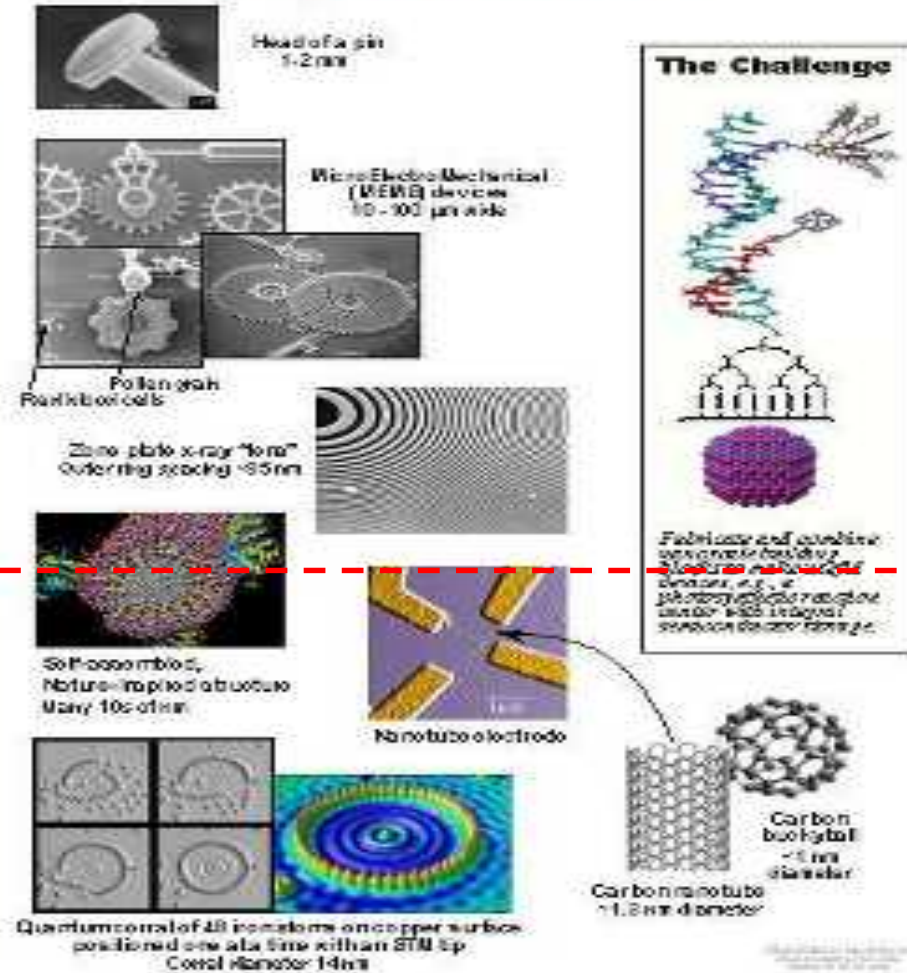
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The Scale of Things – Nanometers and More

Things Natural



Things Manmade

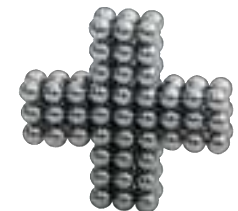


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Materials when taken down to the $< 50\text{nm}$ scale can exhibit physical and chemical properties not seen in bulk phases

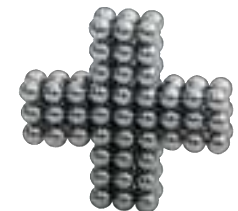
The Carbon Nanotube is a good example of this



Technologies Driven by Economics

Example: Drive to lower costs of solar cells has led to the development of several new technologies. Some of the directions being pursued are:

- **Reduction in the use of materials – i.e. thinner solar cells**
- **Reduction in the electronic quality of materials – use of lower cost, lower purity materials**
- **Use of solution processable (e.g. printable) materials which enable high volume, low cost roll-to-roll processing**
- **Improved structural and optical design to allow the above developments to maintain sufficient efficiencies**



Why Nanomaterials?

Surface area

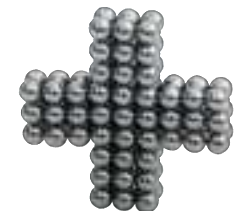
Flexibility

Heterostructures

Optical Effects

Printability

Quantum Effects



Example: Dye Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSCs)

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A low-cost, high-efficiency solar cell based on dye-sensitized colloidal TiO_2 films

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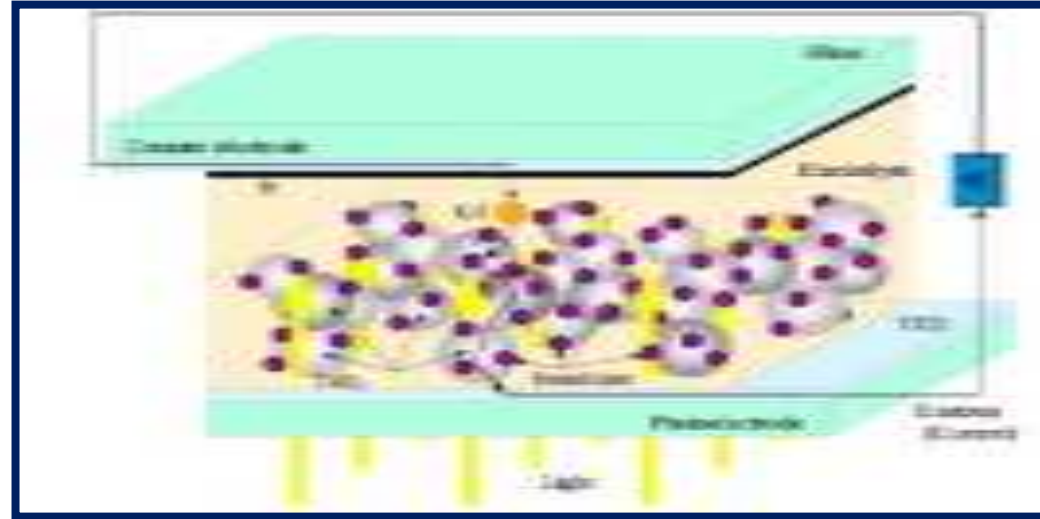
THE large-scale use of photovoltaic devices for electricity generation is prohibitively expensive at present: generation from existing commercial devices costs about ten times more than conventional methods¹. Here we describe a photovoltaic cell, created from low-to medium-purity materials through low-cost processes, which exhibits a commercially realistic energy-conversion efficiency. The device is based on a 10- μm -thick, optically transparent film of titanium dioxide particles a few nanometres in size, coated with a monolayer of a charge-transfer dye to sensitize the film for light harvesting. Because of the high surface area of the semiconductor film and the ideal spectral characteristics of the dye, the device harvests a high proportion of the incident solar energy flux (46%) and shows exceptionally high efficiencies for the conversion of incident photons to electrical current (more than 80%). The overall light-to-electric energy conversion yield is 7.1–7.9% in simulated solar light and 12% in diffuse daylight. The large current densities (greater than 12 mA cm^{-2}) and exceptional stability (sustaining at least five million turnovers without decomposition), as well as the low cost, make practical applications feasible.

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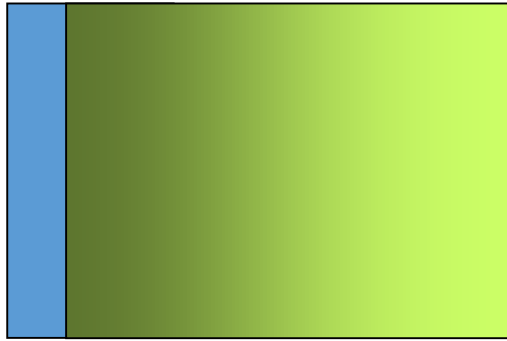
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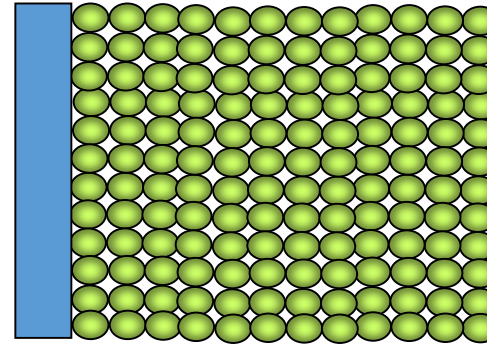


- TiO_2 : mesoporous for greater surface area to attach dye
 - porosity > 50%
 - nanoparticles ~20 nm
 - other semiconductors
 - TiO_2 easy to synthesize, abundant inexpensive
- Electrolyte : usually iodide/tri-iodide couple
 - reduces dye after injection to TiO_2
 - new research in gel electrolyte
- Dye: usually ruthenium based
- Electrodes: SnO_2 thin film and Pt thin film

Nanocrystalline oxide photoanode



nanotechnology



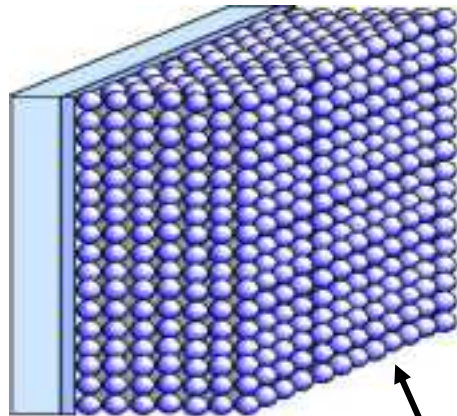
Consider a **one micron** (10^{-6}m) layer of particles with a diameter of 20 nm and a porosity of 50% spread on a 1 cm^2 flat electrode

Volume occupied by spheres is $0.5 \times 10^{-4}\text{ cm}^3$

Since $A/V = 3/r$

$A = 3V/r = 3 \times 0.5 \times 10^{-4} / 10^{-6} = 150\text{ cm}^2$

The internal area is 150 times higher than the geometric area



conductive $\text{SnO}_2(\text{F})$
current collector

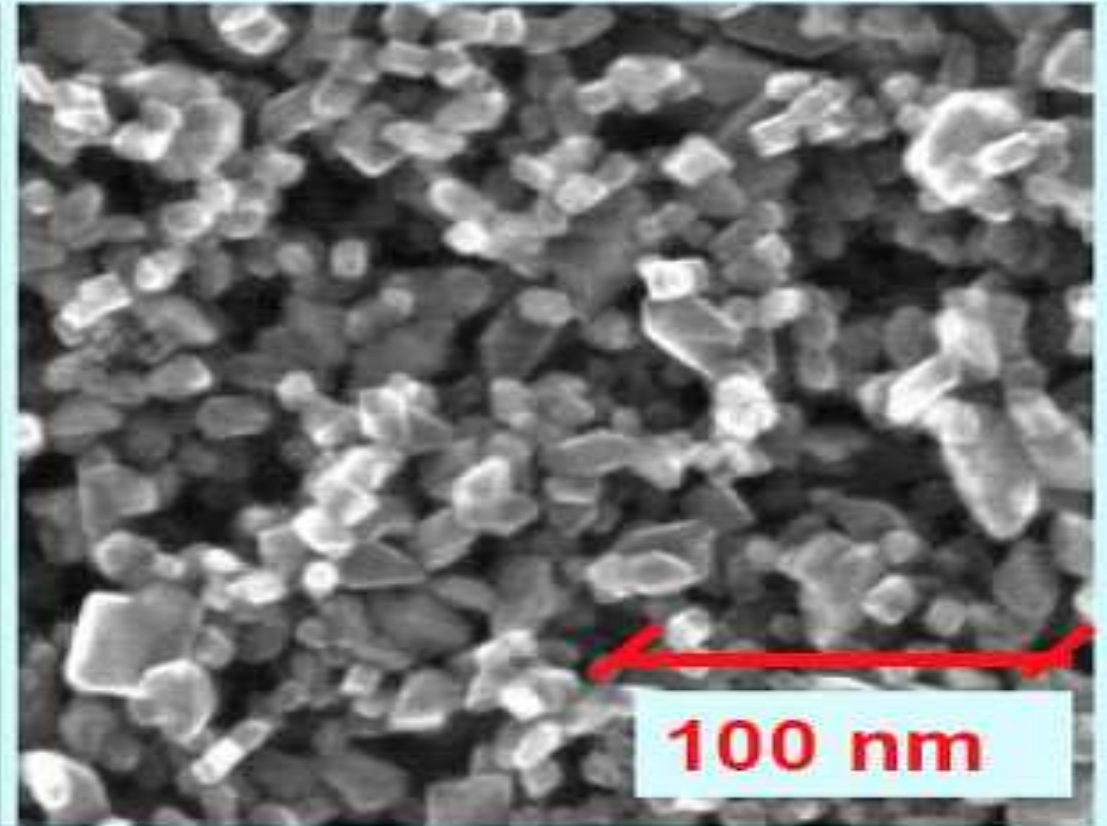
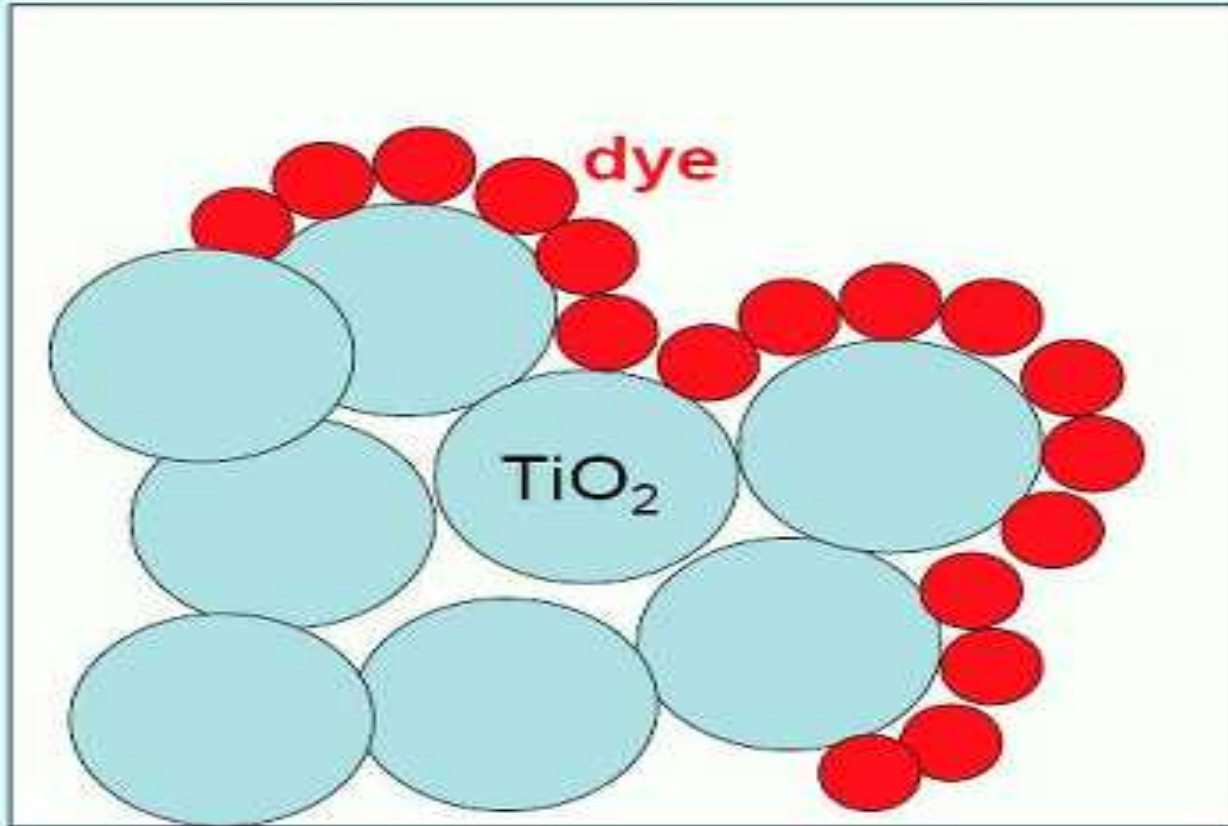
mesoscopic TiO_2 film

**Advantage of nanocrystalline
Oxides electrodes:**

- 1) translucent electrode -
avoids light scattering losses
- 2) Small size is within minority
carrier diffusion length, the valence band
holes reach the surface before they
recombine.

The photocurrent is over 1000 times higher than with a flat junction

The excited dye injects electrons into the network of TiO_2 nanocrystals which conduct them to the current collector



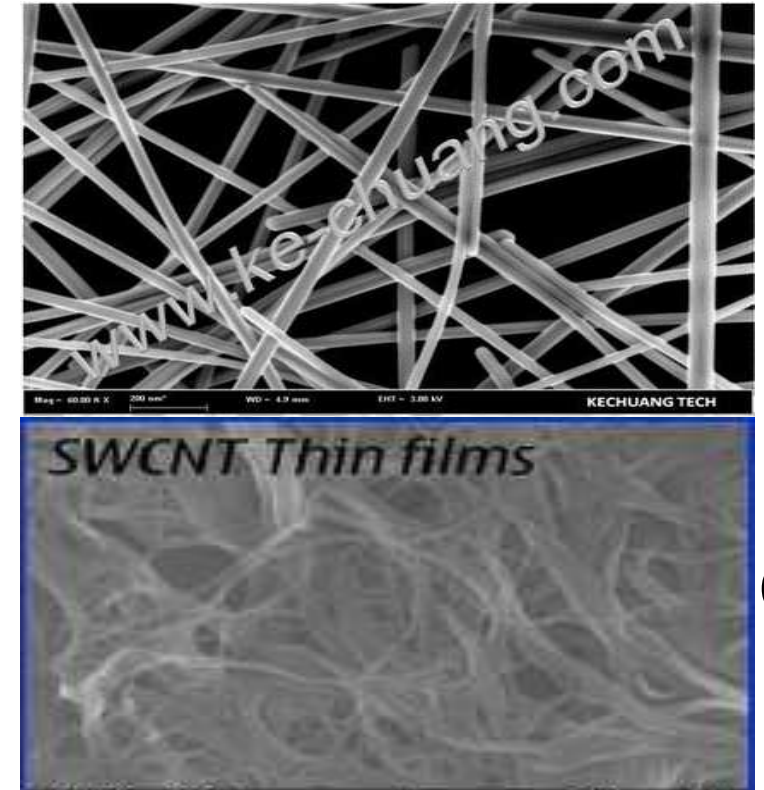
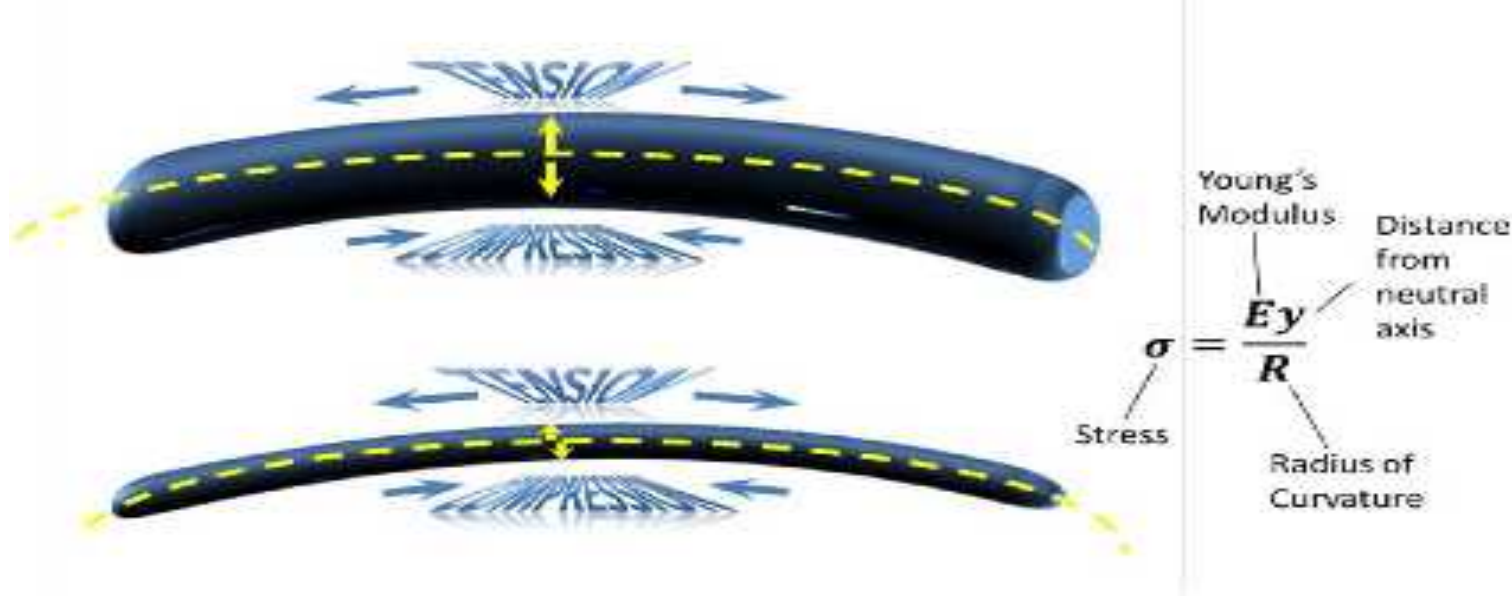
The electrons and holes move in different phases and are separated by a phase boundary

• M. Grätzel

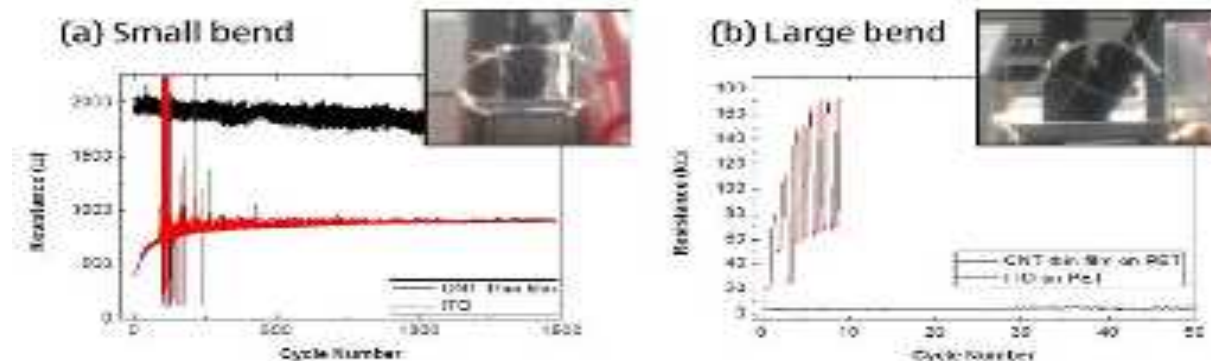
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Flexibility – Transparent Conductors



- **Indium Tin Oxide (ITO)** traditional transparent conductor. But indium becoming scarce/limited supply
- Crystalline nature leads to poor mechanical performance (flexibility) due to cracking
- Vacuum deposition
- **A solution nanowires**
- Silver nanowires or carbon nanotubes form an excellent flexibility tolerant alternative to ITO

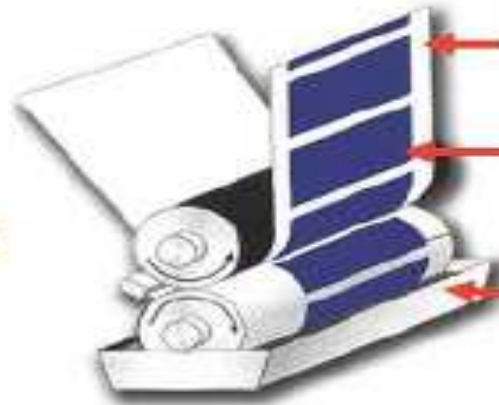


Printability – new manufacturing paradigm



*"inks" ---- with
electronic functionality!*

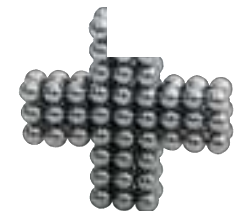
The Dream



Plastic Substrate

Solar Cells

Functional
Ink



Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology formed in 2008 to catalyze nanotechnology for industry



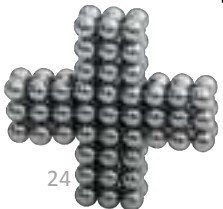
Equity
Ownership

50%

SLINTEC

50%

SLINTEC is a **Private Company** formed through a **Public-Private Partnership** between the Government of Sri Lanka and six leading Private Sector companies.



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Company Confidential

Vision

***“Discoveries with worldwide impact
to enable valued added manufacturing”***



Directive



1. Build a world-class **Research & Development** centre specialized in Nanotechnology & Advanced Technology
 1. Make products more competitive using Nano & advanced technologies.
 2. Add value to Sri Lanka's mineral resources.
2. Build a **Nanotechnology and Science Park** for research, development and commercialization of innovations



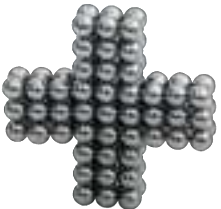
Holistic Research Priority : Achieving Sustainable Economic Development by Addressing Urgent Issues

*Safe Drinking
Water*

*Healthcare &
Wellbeing*

*Affordable Food
Security*

‘Smart Technology on Bedrock Science’

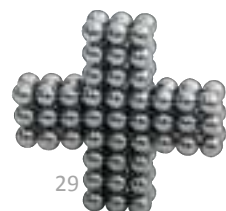
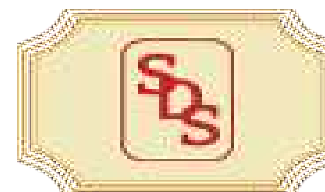


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Strategic Research & Innovation Focus Areas

Agriculture	Water Purification	Apparel	Healthcare	Mineral Resources
Advanced Plant Nutrients, Fertilizers & Agrochemicals	Nano-composites, Nano-sorbents, Nanoparticles, Nano-membranes	Smart Textiles	Nutraceuticals	High Value Mineral Processing
Nano-Fertilizer	Developing Nanomaterials for water purification	Textiles for Wellbeing	Turmeric Anti-Bacterial	Titanium
Targeted Plant Nutrient Release	Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) for water purification	Textiles for Water and Energy Conservation	Manioc Anti-Cancer	<i>Titanium Dioxide (TiO2)</i>
Integrated Plant Nutrient Systems	Electrochemical methods for water purification		Karawila Alleviation of Diabetes	<i>Montmorillonite (MMT)</i>
Targeted Release of Pesticides and Insecticides	Developing sensors for testing water quality			<i>Graphite</i>

Focused funded research with industry to improve existing and develop new products



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