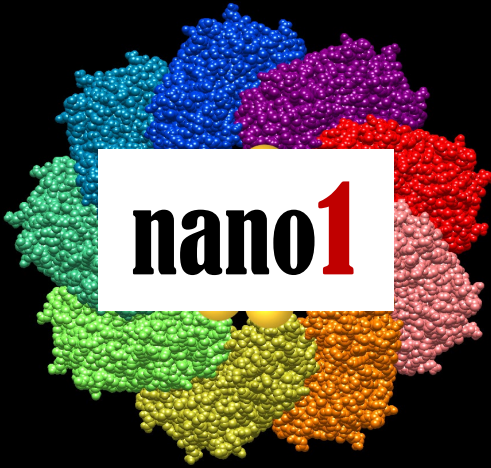


2000



2010



2020



2040

# NANOTECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS for Sustainable Society

**Mike Roco**

National Science Foundation and National Nanotechnology Initiative

11<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization annual conference  
November 11, 2022, 9-9:50 am, <http://www.susnano.org/index.html>

# *Outline*

- **Context for sustainable society**
- **Converging S&T from nanoscale**
- **Role of nanotechnology as an inspiration and enabler for sustainability**
- **Several trends**

# Sustainable society

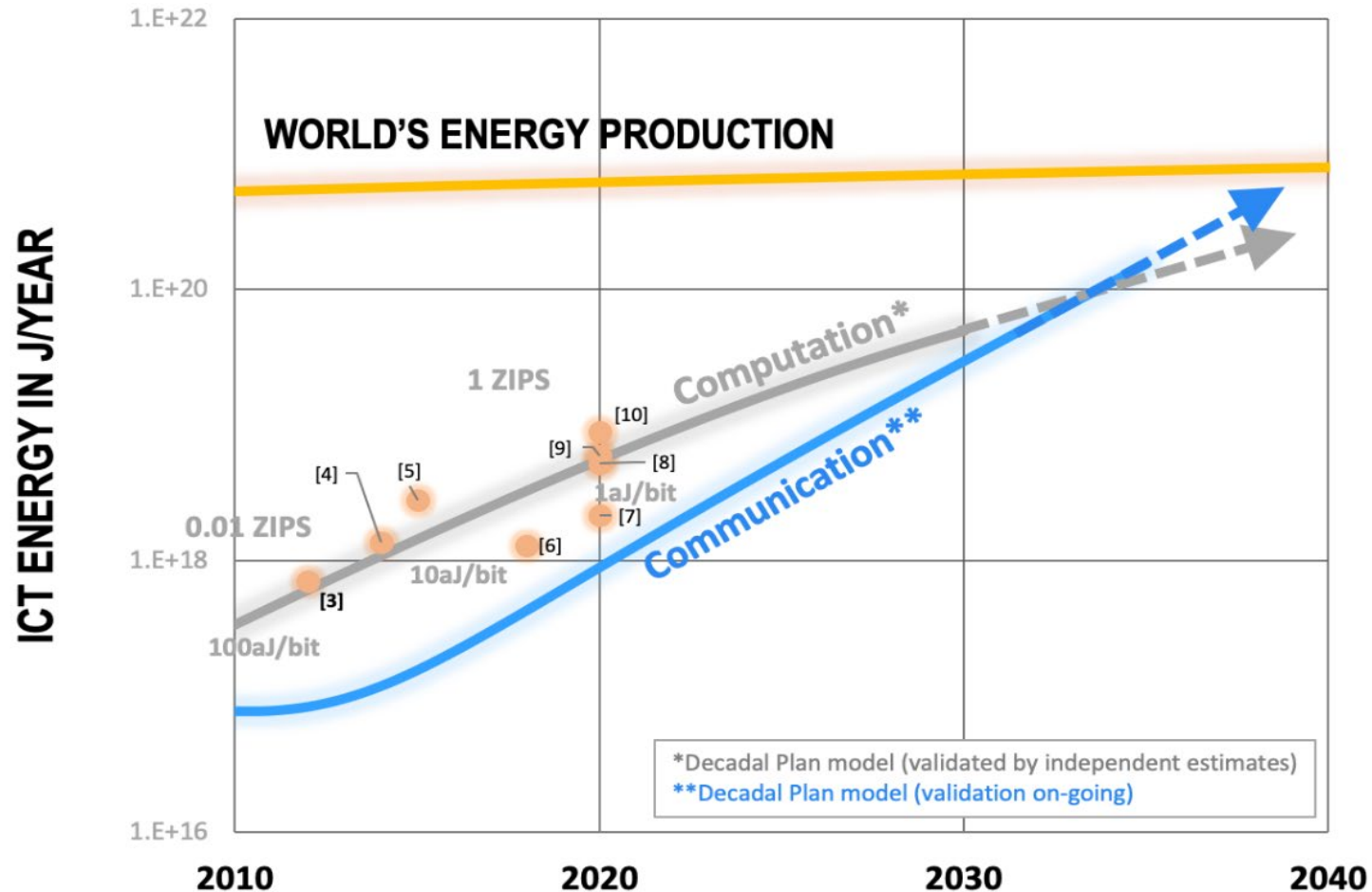
*Has several interconnected dimensions (Nano2020 report, 2011, Ref 3)*



[http://www.cnhlcms.org/uploads/hands\\_earth\\_many2\\_280x240.JPG](http://www.cnhlcms.org/uploads/hands_earth_many2_280x240.JPG)

- **Environmental sustainability within the planetary boundaries** - clean, stable, biodiverse, renewable resources
- **Economic prosperity** - “more with less”: knowledge, technology, materials, water, energy, land, food, climate
- **Resilience of habitat and its infrastructure**, emergency response, advance life cycle
- **Social factors** - population growth and needs, health, safety, governance, enduring democracy
- **Maintaining quality of life and expectations of progress** for current and future generations

# Considering long-term trends (*example*): *Energy needs for computation and communication*



Seismic shift in the **SRC 2030 Decadal Plan for Semiconductors**  
<https://www.src.org/about/decadal-plan/>  
(using mostly nanoscale devices)

# There is an increased recognition of sustainability

## - *International context* -

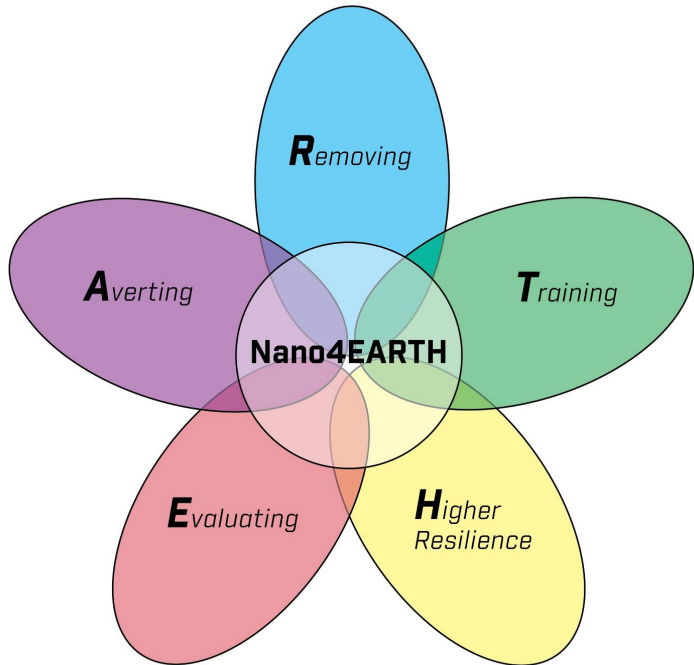
- **United Nations General Assembly resolutions:**
  - “The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment”  
declared an essential human right , Aug 2022
  - **End plastic pollution:** Towards an international legally binding instrument (Mar 2022)
  - **UN Climate Change Summit**, Egypt, Nov 2022
- **OECD** Series on the Safety of Manufactured Nanomaterials:  
“**Sustainability and Safe and Sustainable by Design**” (Sep 22)
- **EU:** **Sustainable European Economy** framework & activities
- **APEC** and its member states activities on plastic particles

# Increased recognition of sustainability:

*- Hierarchical context at all levels in U.S. -*

- **US Congressional legislations**  
supporting various sustainable development investments
- **WH/ OSTP: National Climate Task Force** , and  
**Federal Ocean Climate Action Plan** (Sep 2022)
- **NNI: Nano4EARTH** - National Nanotechnology Challenge  
**Sustainability - a key motivation of NNI**  
**2001**: workshop-GC; 2005: WGs on NEHI, 2011: NSI sustainable nanomanufacturing in 2011; Now: WG on water, sensors, databases
- **Other activities** of Federal Agencies, states, local governments, industry, professional societies, and NGOs

# NNI: National Nanotechnology Challenge



## ***Nano4EARTH: vision & partnerships***

**Evaluating**, monitoring and detecting climate change status and trends;

**Averting** future greenhouse gas emissions

**Removing** existing greenhouse gasses;

**Training** and educating a highly skilled workforce to harness nanotechnology solutions; and

**Higher resilience**

**Research areas:** (1) decarbonize electricity, (2) electrify end uses and switch to other clean fuels, (3) cut energy waste, (4) reduce methane and other non-carbon dioxide emissions, (5) scale up carbon dioxide removal

[nano.gov/nano4EARTH](http://nano.gov/nano4EARTH)

# Increased recognition of sustainability:

- *Research and education support at NSF* -

- **New NSF programs for sustainable society in 2022:**
  - Climate Change Coordinating Committee
  - NSF's Convergence Accelerator \$30 M for *Blue Economy*...
- **New areas of research focus:** nano/micro single-use plastics, crypto currency computing needs, efficient computation...
- ***Indigenous people holistic knowledge and strategy*** on sustainability in land and Arctic
- ***Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization*** stayed its course since its inception, co-sponsored by NSF



# CHIPS and Science Act of 2022

[www.chips.gov](http://www.chips.gov)

**\$54.2 billion**

For industry  
in appropriations over 5 years  
for the creating incentives  
to produce semiconductors  
(~ 30% investment cost)

**\$200 million**

For Federal agencies,  
in authorizations over 5 years,  
of which \$81 B for NSF  
CHIPS for America Workforce  
and Education Fund



# Increase recognition of sustainability

- *in society, beyond R&D* -

## Supreme Court shapes climate doctrine

The US Supreme Court in *West Virginia v. EPA*, [found](#) that the federal government's broad regulation of a leading source of carbon pollution violated the "major questions" doctrine, *which says Congress must speak clearly if it wants agencies to act on important political and economic issues.*

## NASEM Report on Managed Retreat in the U.S. Gulf Coast Region

## Economist Impact Events

Sustainability Week (10/2022), World Ocean (10&11/2022), et al.

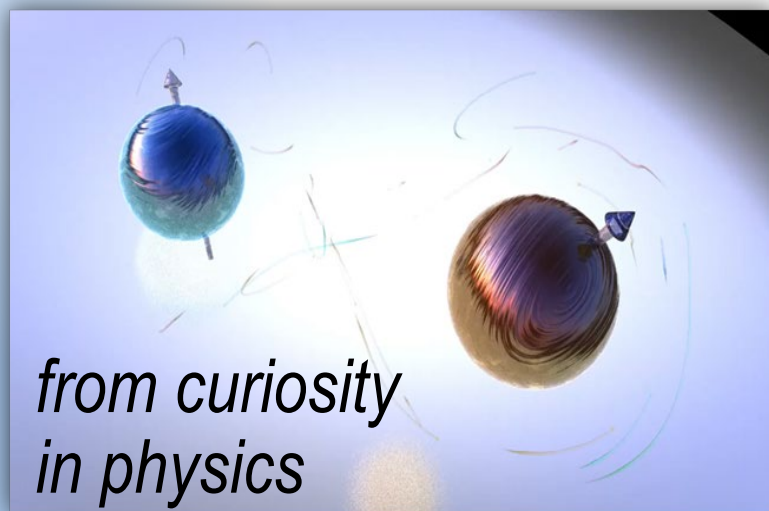
# Nanotechnology has three-pathways to influence sustainable society

- **By direct applications of nanoscale processes, materials, devices and systems** - via control at the nanoscale and precise manufacturing
- **By mitigating pollution from other sources & technologies**, and reducing secondary nano-EHS&ELSI effects
- **By enabling other emerging technologies**, and acting **with them**: via advanced manufacturing, AI – systems, semiconductors, quantum systems, synthetic biology...

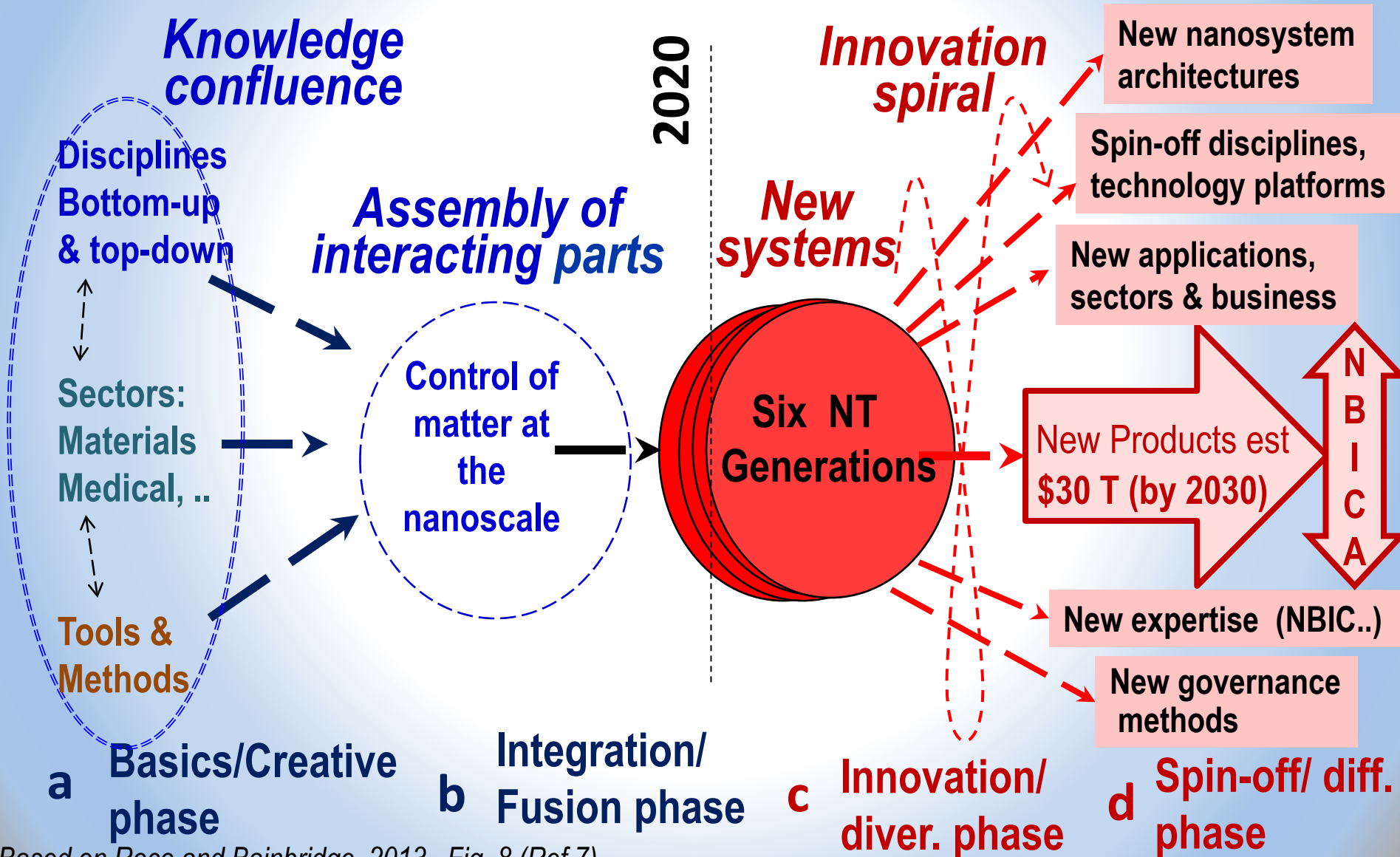
# Several characteristics of **Nanotechnology progress** 2000 – 2040

See: ***NNI Retrospective video at 20 years***

<https://www.tvworldwide.net/NNI-Retrospective/Videoid/1903/UseHtml5/True>



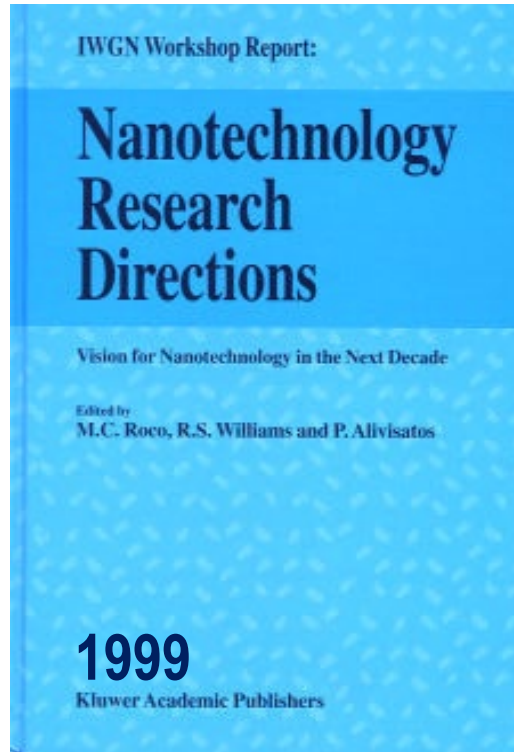
# Convergence-Divergence cycle for establishing nanotechnology from 2000 to 2040



Based on Roco and Bainbridge, 2013, Fig. 8 (Ref 7)

# Nanotechnology: four vision-setting reports

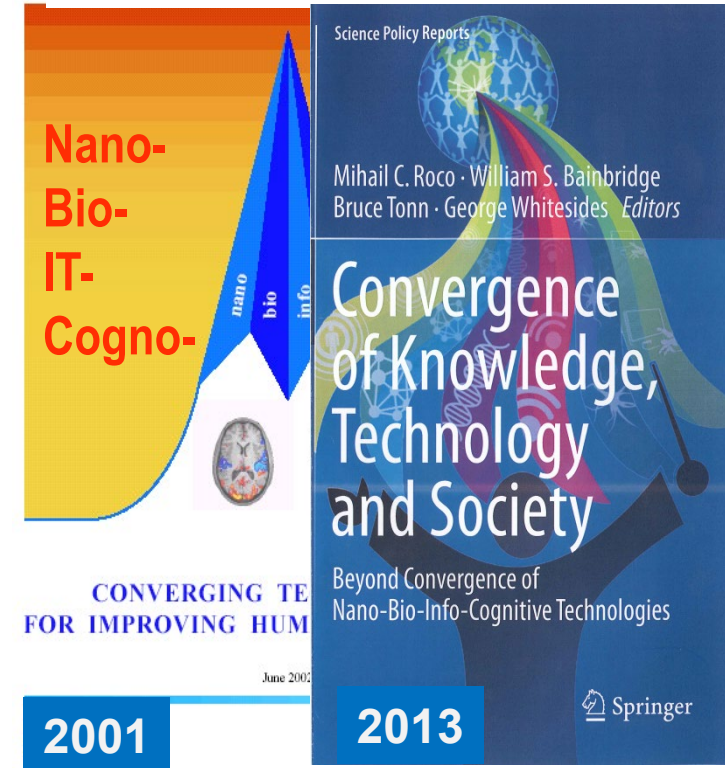
**nano1** (2001-2010)



**nano2** (2011-2020)



**NBIC1&2** (2011-2040)

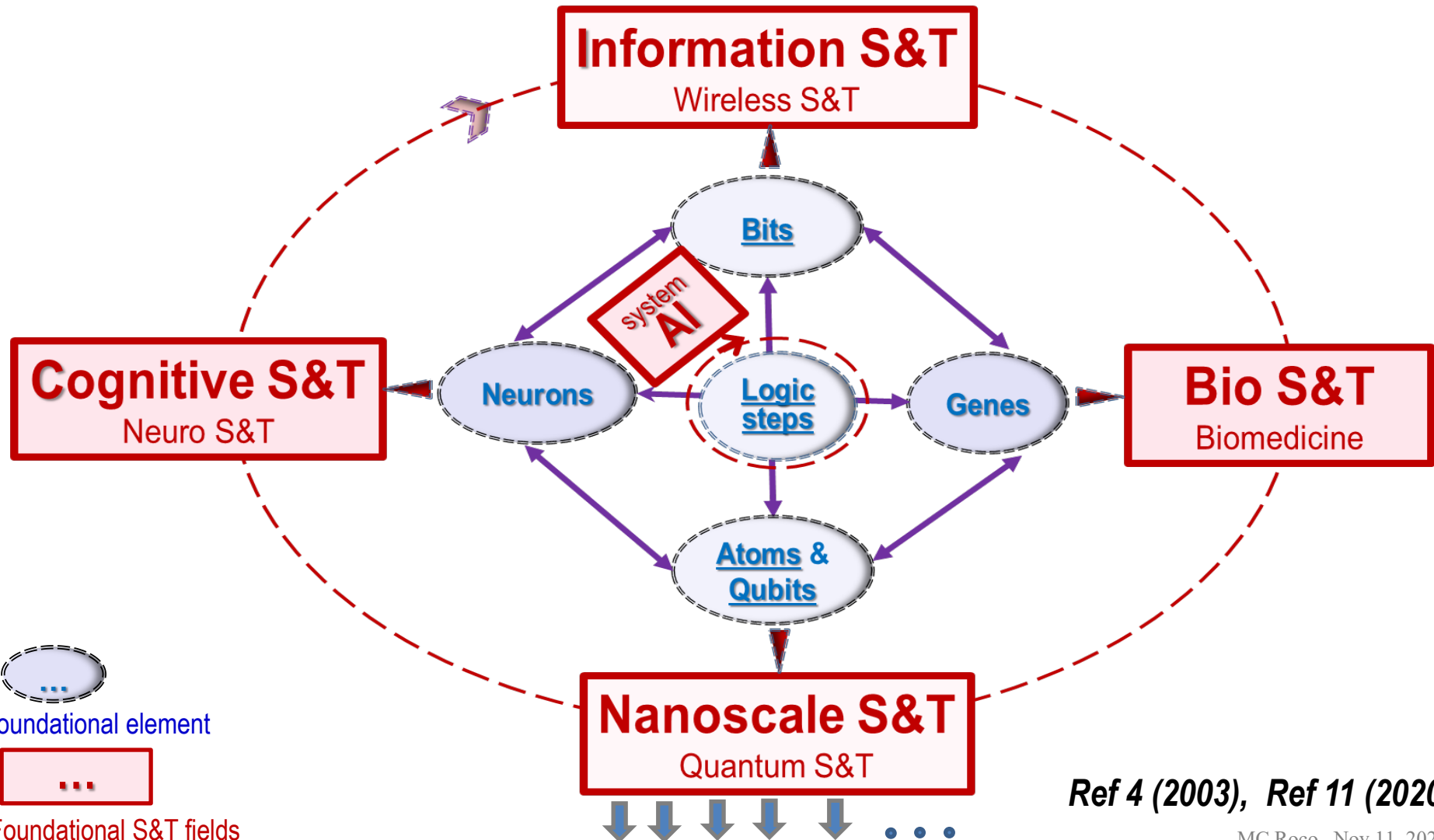


**40-year vision: changing focus and priorities in 4 stages**  
*a. basics, b. system integration, c. divergence, d. diffusion*

*Input from >40 countries, Used in > 80 countries; Reports on [scienceus.org/wtec/](http://scienceus.org/wtec/) (Refs 2-5)*

# NANO is a foundation for converging S&T system

*Foundation fields: Nano, Bio, Information, Cognitive, and system AI- (NBICA)*  
*from 5 foundation elements: atoms/qubits, genes, bits, neurons, logic steps*



Ref 4 (2003), Ref 11 (2020)



# Nanotechnology spin-off S&T areas

2000-2020 (top 20 topics) (i)

- **Quantum systems** - *Quantum S&E 2003; expansion NQI 2018*
- **Nano-Environment, EHS & ELSI** 2003 activities, 2005 NNI WG
- **Metamaterials** – 2004
- **Plasmonics** – 2004
- **Nanomedicine** – 2004 (NIH focused program)
- **Synthetic biology** – 2004 (NSF increase of awards)
- **Nanoelectronics Research Initiative** 2005; expansion 2015;
- **Nano antennas and devices for wireless**, 2006
- **Modeling / simulation** - *Materials Genome Initiative 2011*
- **Nanophotonics** - *National Photonics Initiative 2012*



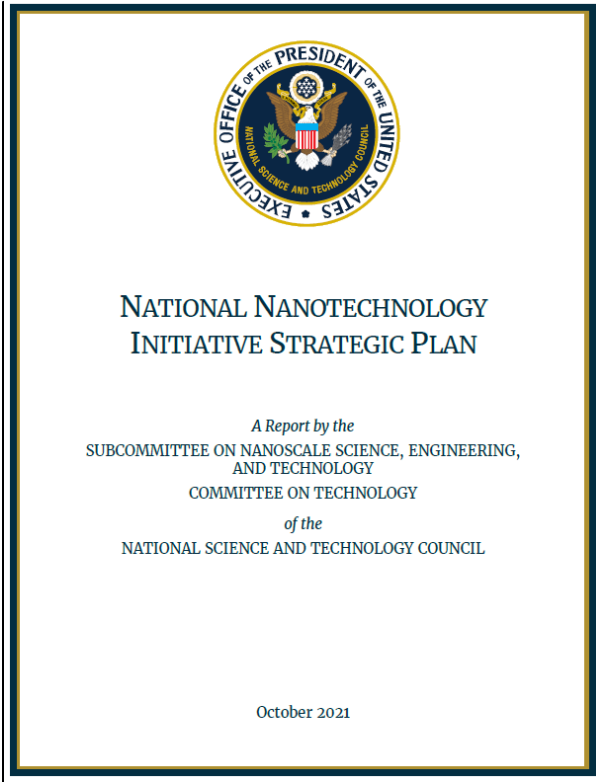


# Nanotechnology spin-off areas

2000-2020 (top 20 topics) (ii)

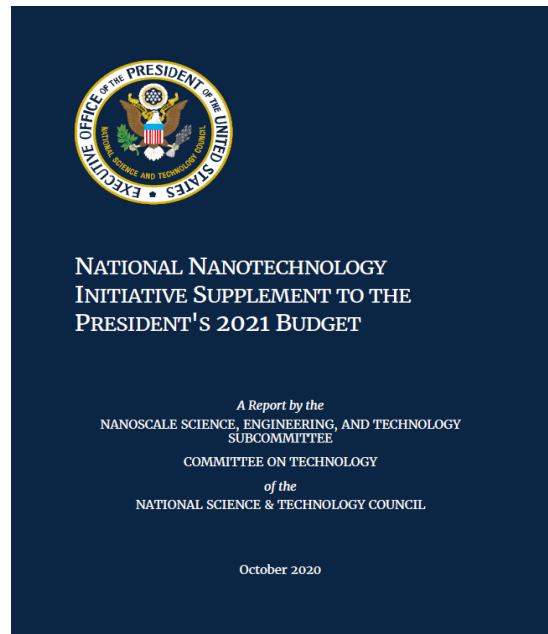
- **Nanofluidics**
- **Carbon electronics**
- **Nano sustainability**
- **Nano wood fibers, nanocellulose**
- **Nano-AI** 2017 steep increase of awards and publications
- **DNA nanotechnology**
- **Protein nanotechnology**
- **Nanosystems-mesoscale**
- **Quantum biology**
- **Nano NEURO .... Nano in plants ....**

# National Nanotechnology Initiative in 2022



## 2021 NNI Strategic Plan

The actual NNI investment by 2022 ~ \$38 billion



Annual NNI Supplements to the President's Budget (each year since FY2001, in five administrations)

PCAST report on NNI

NAS/NRC report on NNI

HEHI

Nano-plastics

Nanotechnology for Sensing

Water Sustainability Through Nanotechnology

Networks, Communities of research, Webinars, Videos, ...

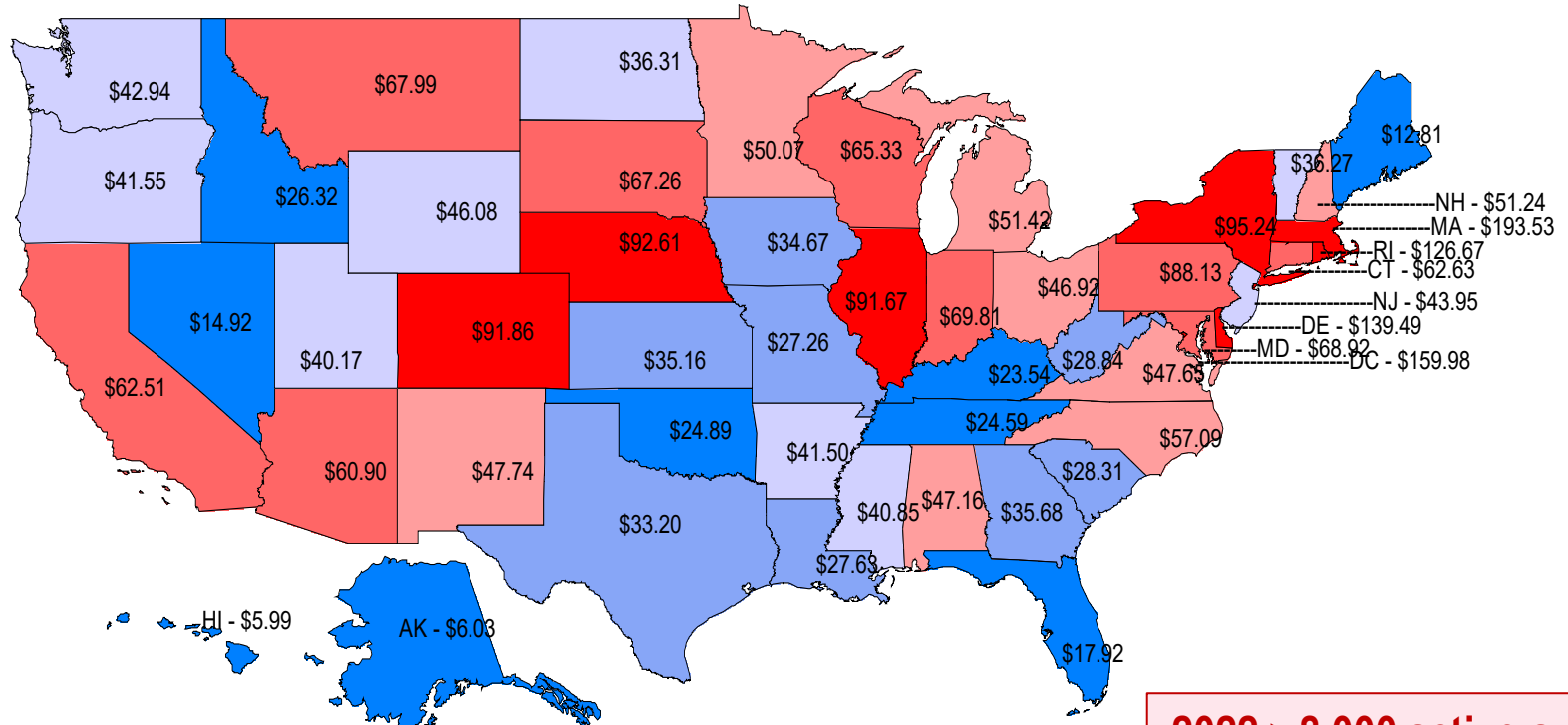
## Signature Initiatives (2011~2022) ; National Nanotechnology Challenges



# NSF's NS&E amount new awards per capita

## FYs 2000 - 2022: U.S. average ~ \$54 /capita

FYs 2012-2022 number of new NS&E awards / NSF total: **13-14%**



**#1 MA \$193 / capita**  
**(2000-2022)**

Per capita NEW Nano\$ FY00-22

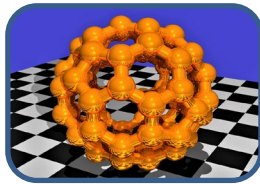
Blue	<= 26.32	Light Blue	26.32 - 35.68
Light Purple	35.68 - 46.08	Light Red	46.08 - 57.09
Red	57.09 - 88.13	Dark Red	88.13 - 193.5

**2022 > 8,000 active awards**  
*(abstracts: [www.nsf.gov/nano](http://www.nsf.gov/nano))*

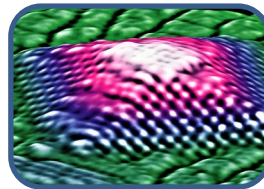
**Total 2000-2022 ~ 36,000 NSF NS&E awards**

# Significant investment impact (pervasive in economy): Examples of discovery-innovation in nanotechnology

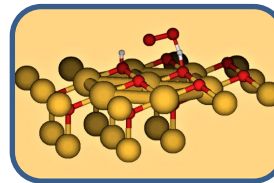
1970-1980s:  
ATOMIC CLUSTERS,  
SUPTRAMOLECULES



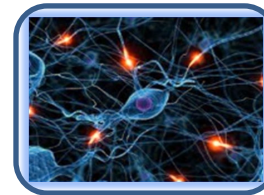
1990s:  
CERAMIC, METAL &  
POLYMER NANO  
STRUCTURES;  
NANOPARTICLES



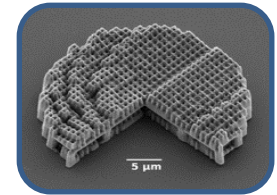
2000s: NNI –  
NSEC, NIRT, NRI, NSEE,  
NANO-BIO, QUANTUM,  
MANUFACTURING,  
ENVIRONMENT, ETHICS



2010s: NNI –  
INTEGRATION AT  
NANO, NSF-SRC  
SEMICONDUCTORS,  
NEUROMORPHICS



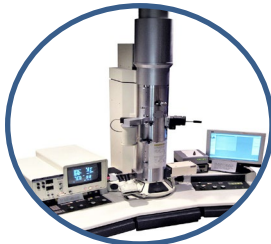
2020s: NNI –  
NANO FOUNDATION,  
NEW S&E PLATFORMS  
FOR CONVERGING  
TECHNOLOGIES



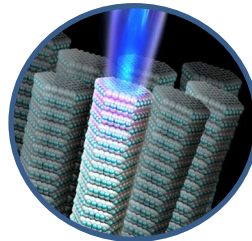
NSF  
INVESTMENTS



CURRENT  
IMPACTS



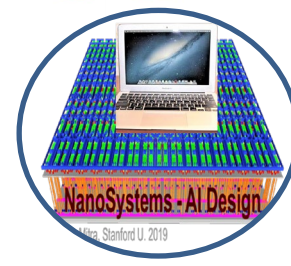
ATOMIC &  
ELECTRON  
MICROSCOPY;  
C60 MATERIALS



COMPOSITE  
MATERIALS,  
NANOTUBES,  
NANOWIRE LASERS



HIGH MEMORY DEVICES,  
TARGETTED DRUGS, FIRST  
QUANTUM DEVICE, NANO-  
MEDICINE; ESTABLISHED  
NANO-ECOSYSTEMS



2D SYSTEMS, ENERGY,  
SYNBO, COMPUTERS,  
CELLS, SENSORS,  
SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY



PERVASIVE IN ALL SECTORS  
OF ECONOMY: Ex: AVIATIC  
NANOSYSTEMS, LIGHTS,  
VACCINES

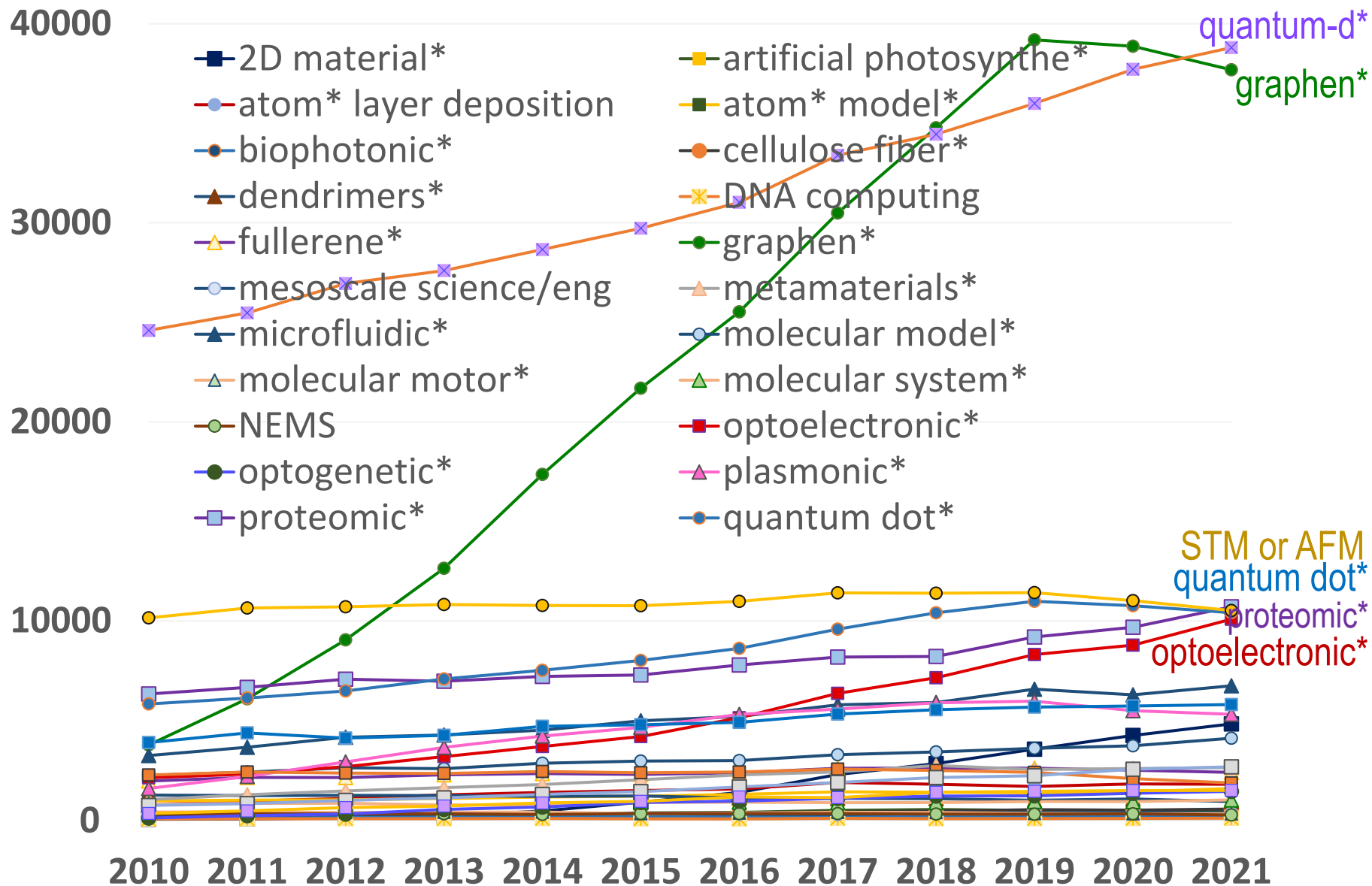


REF: [www.nseresearch.org/2022](http://www.nseresearch.org/2022)

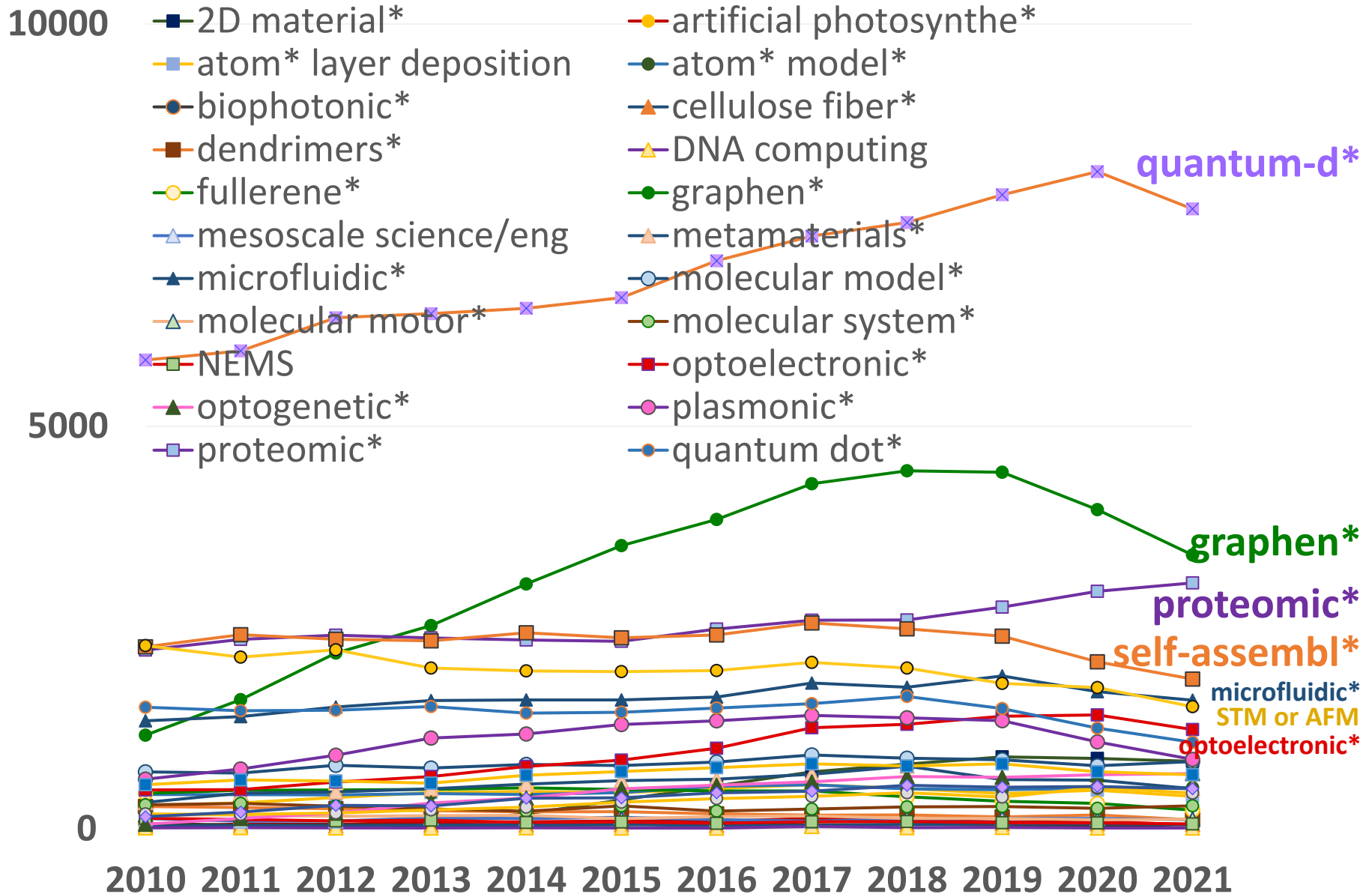
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# **International dimension**

# Nanotechnology topics in WoS from authors **WORLD (2010-2021)**

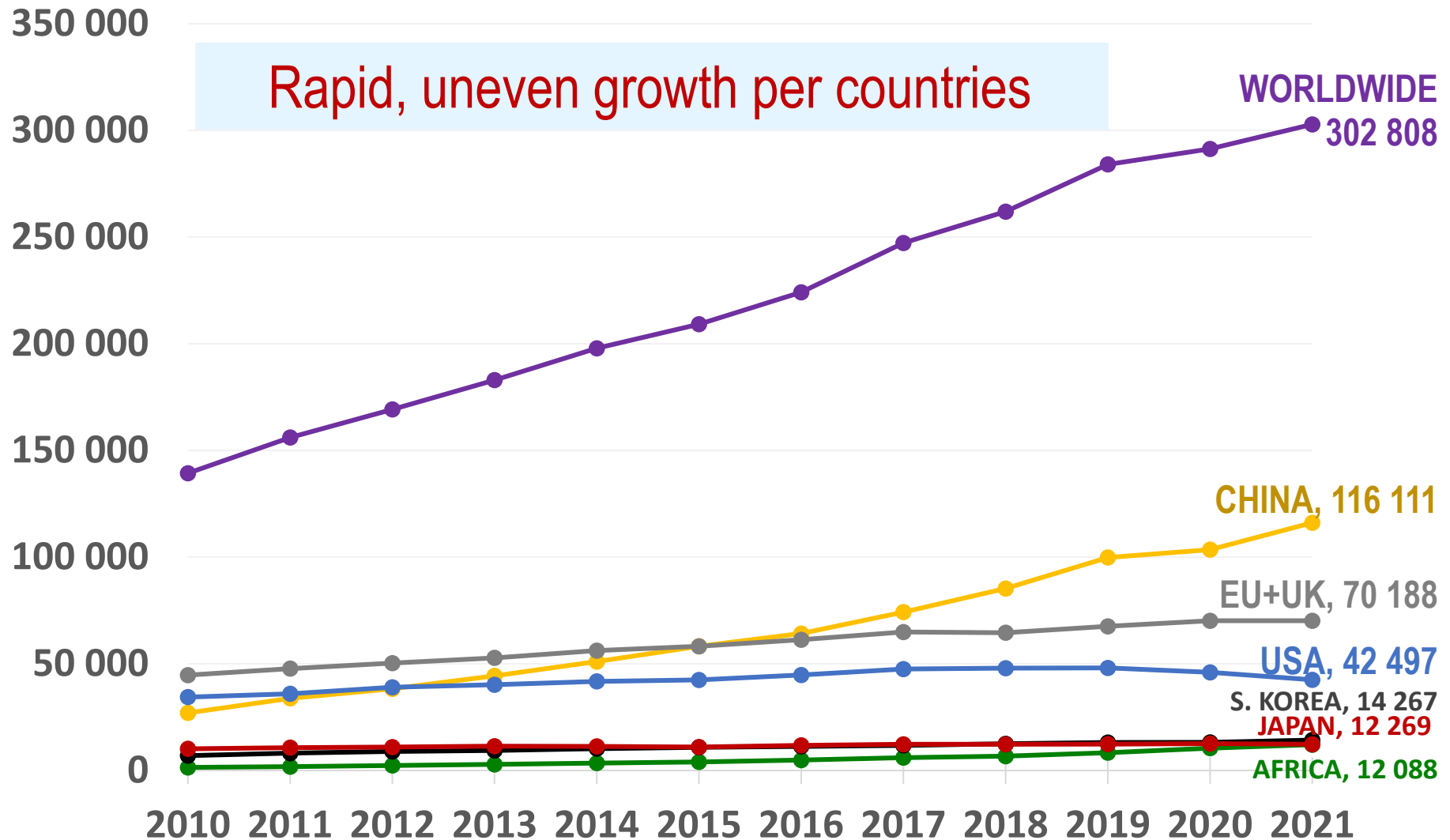


# Nanotechnology topics in WoS from authors US (2010-2021)



# Nanotechnology papers in the WoS: 1990 - 2021

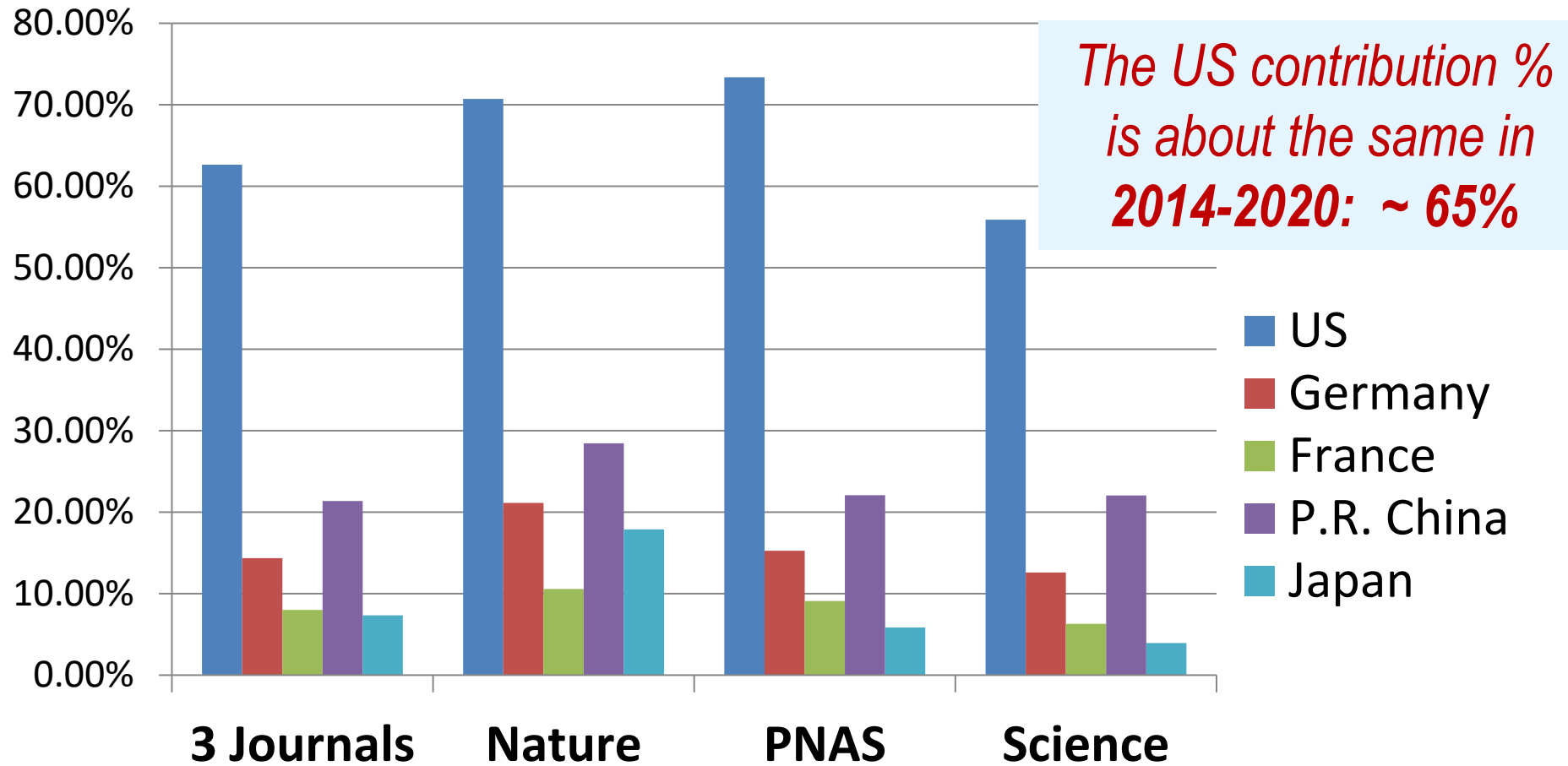
*"Title-abstract" search for nanotechnology by keywords (update from NANO 2020, Ref 3)*





# Five countries' contributions to Top 3 journals in 2020

*"Title-abstract" search for nanotechnology by keywords (update from NANO 2020, Fig 1; Ref 3)*



\*Each article is assigned to multiple countries if its authors have different nationalities. Therefore, the sum of percentages from five countries exceeds 100%.

# **Nanotechnology research has a direct impact on sustainable society**

(a) by precise nano manufacturing with less materials, energy, water, waste; (b) by solutions not possible before

# 2022 Nobel Prize in chemistry

## Carolyn Bertozzi, Morten Meldal and K. Barry Sharpless



**Assembling of macromolecules based on shape, surface and molecular recognition (“click chemistry”, “biorthogonal” chemistry). Creating novel molecules, including in the cells of living organisms; *where unwanted manufacturing by-products are minimized.***

# 2022 Nobel Prize in physics

## John F. Clauser, Alain Aspect and Anton Zeilinger

Pioneering experiments in quantum information science on **entangled quantum states in photons**. Creating a foundation for quantum information systems; *for smart and economic communication.*



# Remediation of PFAS, not possible before

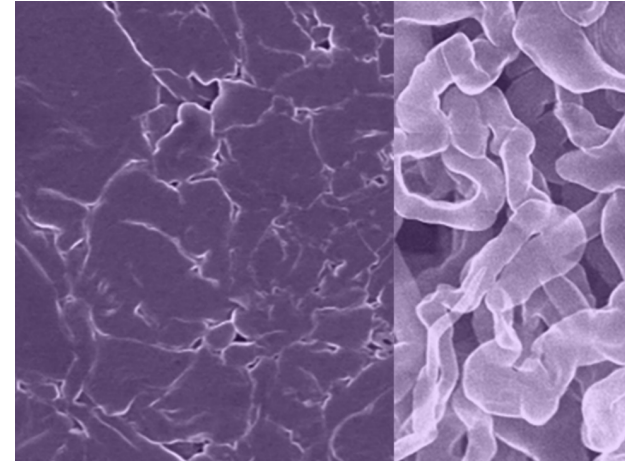
(Northwestern University, 2022)

**Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)** are anthropogenic substances containing multiple C–F bonds. **Using nanocharacterization tools at low temperatures where the specific bonds of PFAS compounds were broken** leaving behind only benign end products

Ref: “Low-temperature mineralization of perfluoro carboxylic acids”, Brittany Trang Science, 18 Aug 2022. Support from NSF, NIH and State of Illinois, incl. from Soft and Hybrid Nanotechnology Experimental (SHyNE) Resource

# Nanostructured sodium anodes for stable battery technology

In sodium-based batteries, anodes can develop filaments that could cause electrical shorts and raise the risks of a fire or explosion



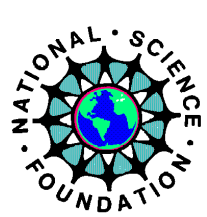
- New anode material made by rolling a thin sheet of sodium metal onto an antimony telluride powder and folding the sheet repeatedly, resulting in **a uniform distribution of sodium atoms that resist formation of dendrites and corrosion.** It recharges as quickly as a lithium-ion battery.

Ref: D. Mitlin et al., UT Austin, Jan 2018; Advanced Materials,  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/adma.202106005>; <https://beta.nsf.gov/news/scientists-develop-stable-sodium-battery-technology>

# **Nanotechnology provides a foundation for other emerging S&T**

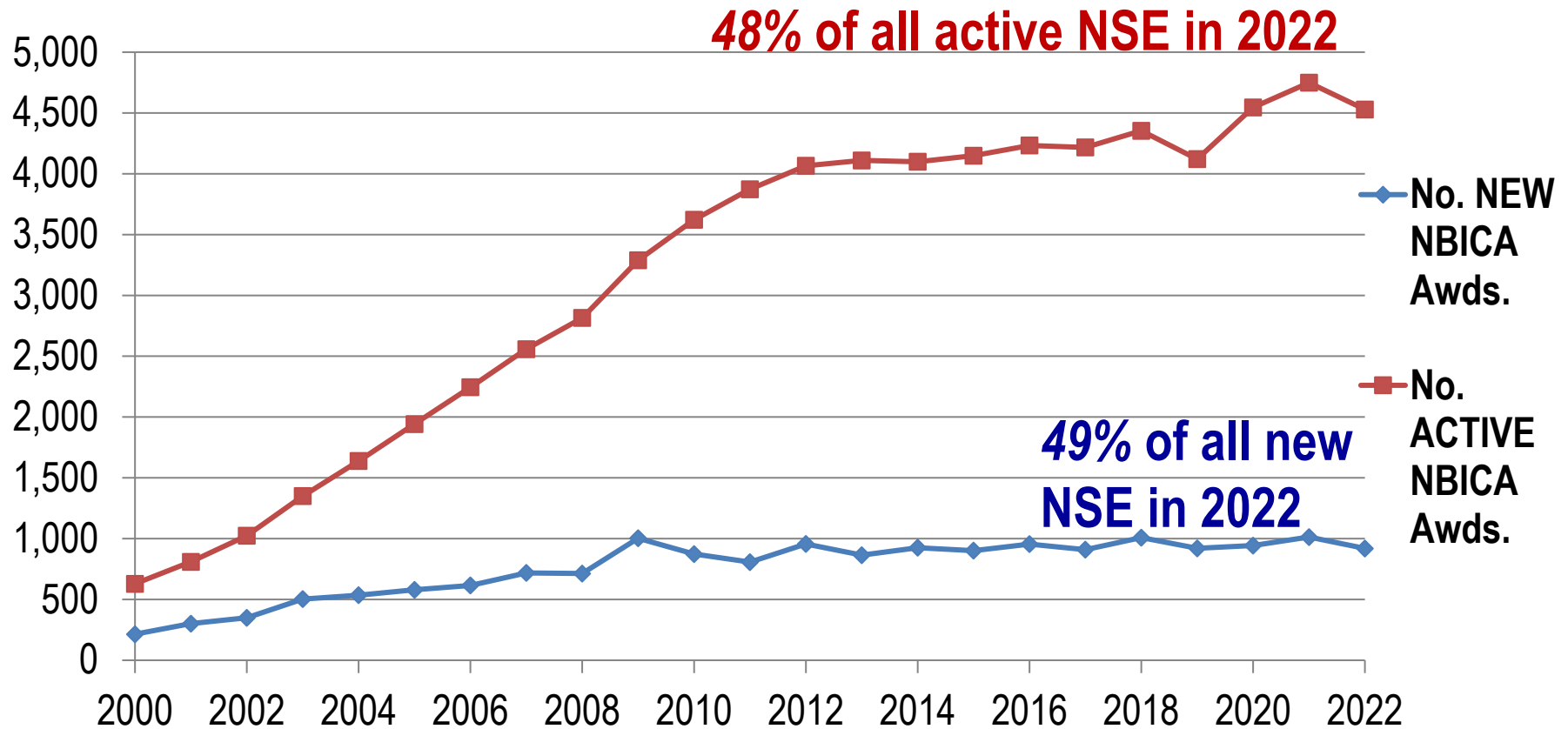
*that at its turn provides opportunities for sustainability*

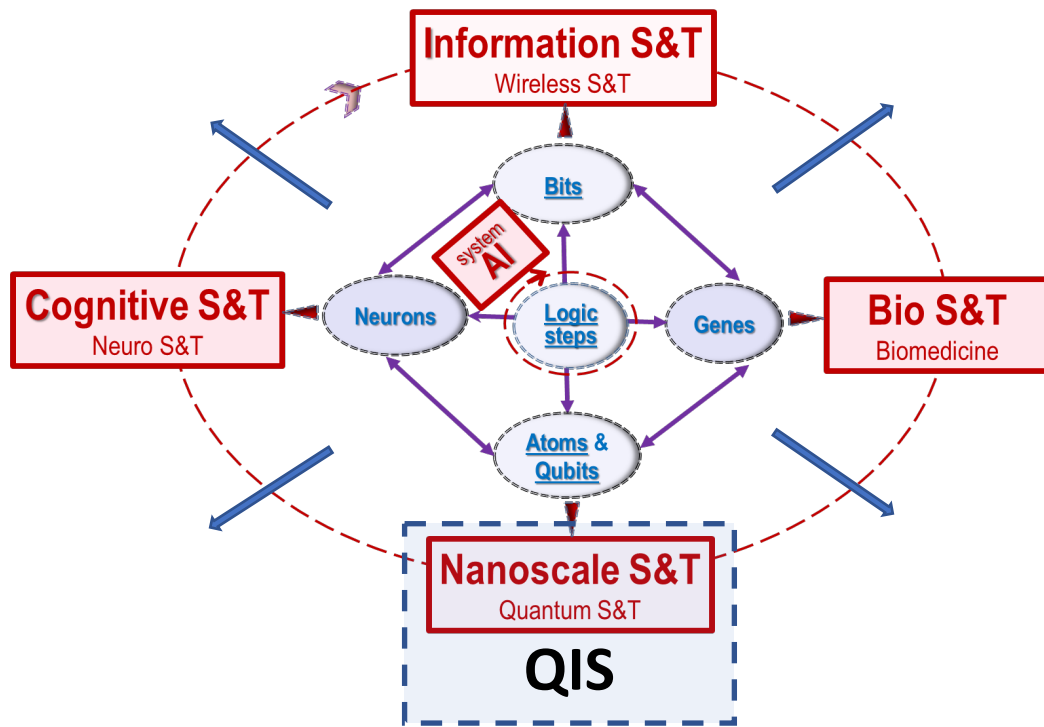
***About 1/2 NSF's NNI awards are part of converging technologies***



# Convergence of foundational S&T fields

## Number of NBICA awards at NSF in FYs 2000-2022 (searched by keywords)





# Nanotechnology supporting quantum information systems

*Quantum National Initiative (QIS) is an outgrowth of NNI*

- **Ex. Topics:** Quantum materials, Quantum sensors, Quantum communication, Quantum computing, Quantum biology
- **Ex. Outcomes:** First quantum device in 2010; Quantum internet; IBM and Google quantum computer systems
- **Ex. NSF programs:** in core programs; Network of Quantum Centers; Convergence Accelerators on Quantum Systems



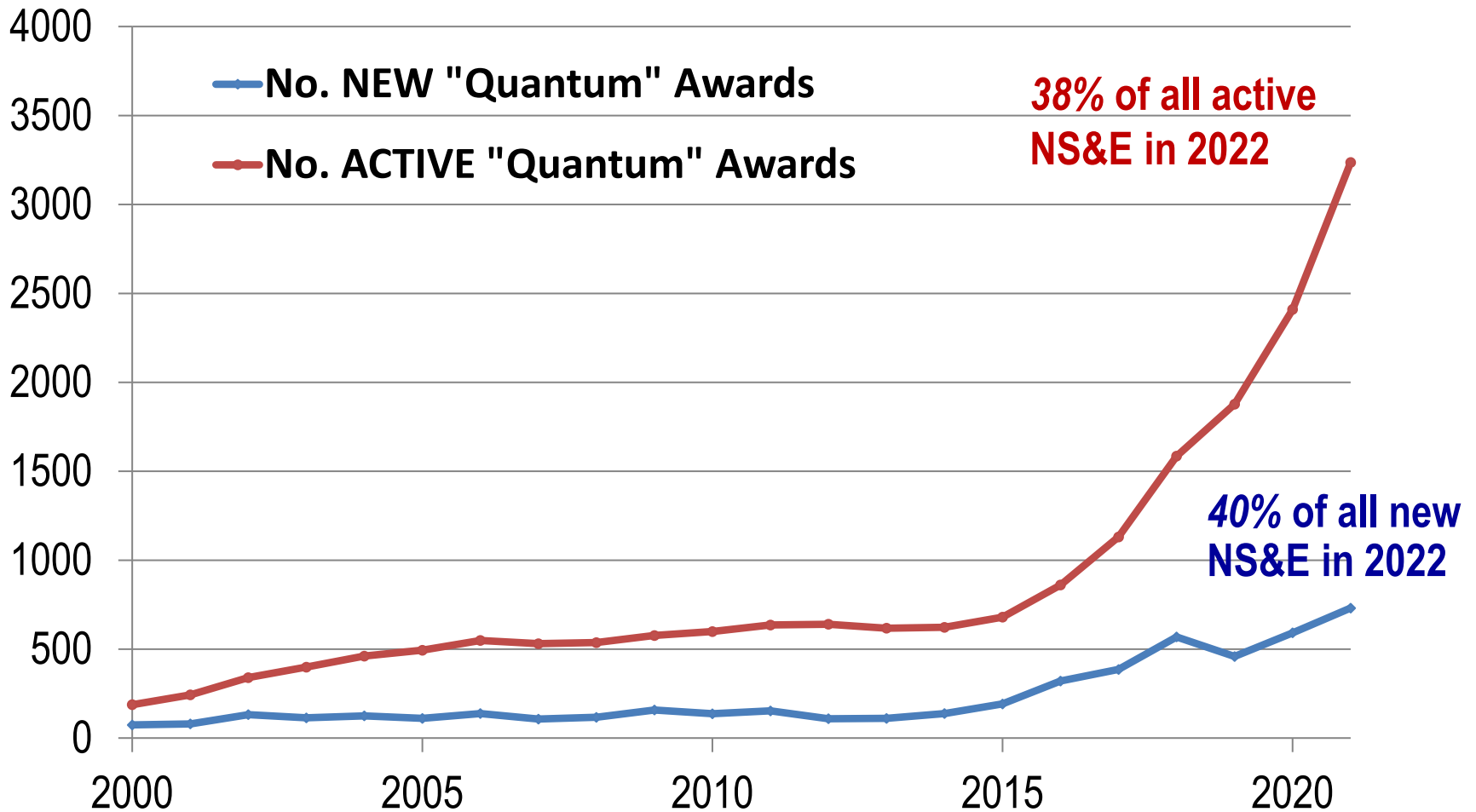
# Illustration of quantum effects relevant to sustainability

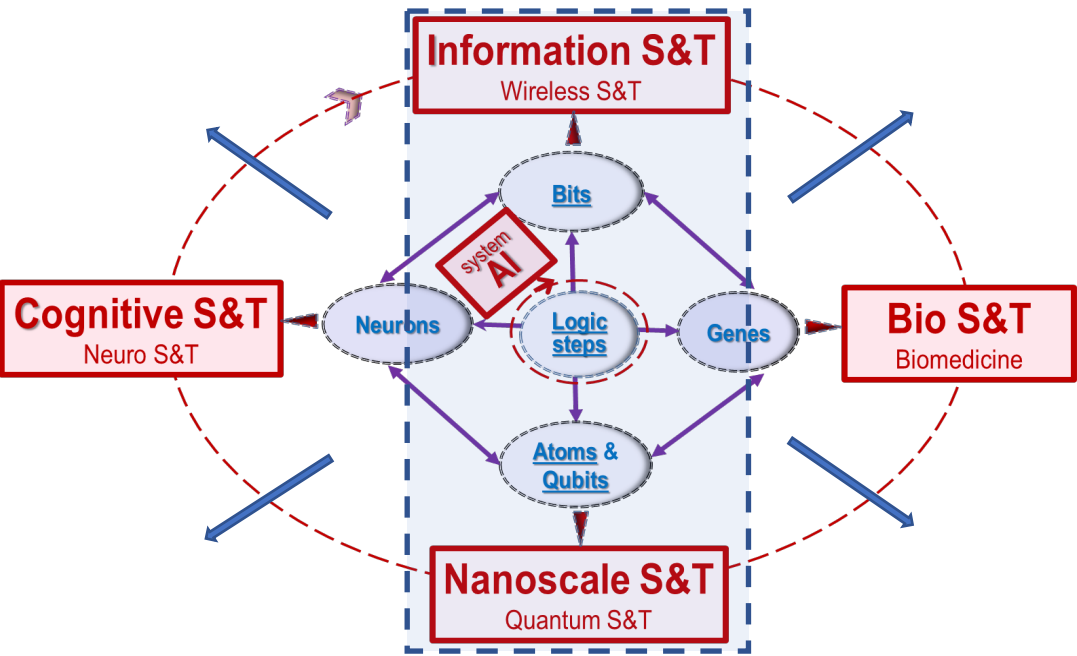
- Use quantum biology in energy conversion, health, plant biology
- Use quantum sensors in environment
- Efficient quantum communication and computing
- Functional quantum devices in electronic, photonic, and mechanical systems



# Confluence NS&E with QIS

## Number of "Quantum" Awards at NSF in FYs 2000-2022 (searched by keywords)





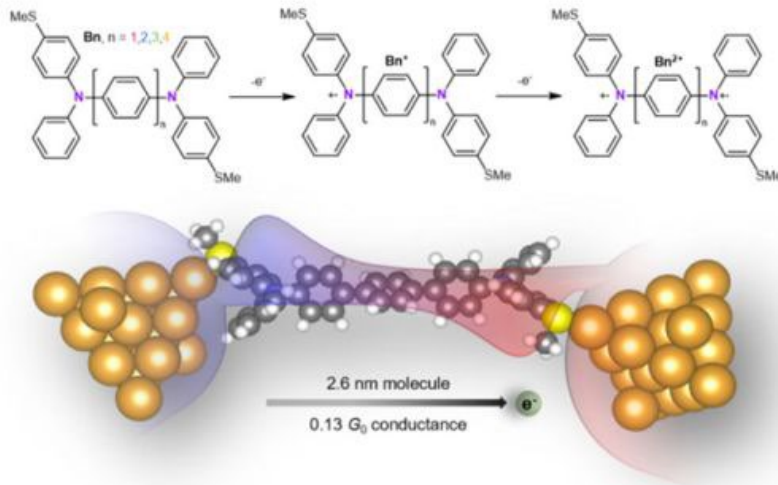
**Nano - Info - AI**  
*for advanced sensors,  
 computing, AI  
 systems, robotics &  
 communication*

- **Ex. Topics:** 3D nanosystems; Advanced semiconductors; Neural networks; Neuromorphic engineering; Nanorobots; Soft robots; Nano-sensors; Natural language –AI, Wireless S&T (5G)
- **Ex. Outcomes:** AI design nanoarchitectures; Quantum sensorial systems; Superconductors; AI for nanomanufacturing
- **Ex. NSF programs:** Energy efficient Components - Devices - Architectures (NSF-SRC); National AI Res. Institutes (18, \$360M)

# Longest highly conductive molecular nanowire

(L. Venkataraman et al., Columbia U., July 2022)

- Organic molecules that behave like metals at the single-molecule level, in contrast to what had been done in the past where they were primarily weakly conducting.
- Discovering the longer molecules with higher conductance until the length of the wire exceeded 2.5 nanometers.



(<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41557-022-00978-1>)

# CHIPS and Science Act of 2022

for NSF

- ***Authorizes for next five years \$81 B for NSF:***
  - ***+\$36 B for the agency***
  - ***of that, +\$20 B for TIP***  
***of which \$11.89 B in FY 2023***
- ***Authorizes a new NSF's Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships***



# Advanced semiconductors

- *example NSF research programs in 2022* -

- **“Future of Semiconductors”** (FuSe) program solicitation (NSF 22-589)
- **“Research Coordination Networks for Semiconductors (RCN-SC)”** (NSF DCL 22-116)
- **“Supplements for Access to Semiconductor Fabrication (ASF)”** (NSF DCL 22-113)
- **“Partnership for Prototyping of CMOS+X Systems”** (NSF DCL 22-076)
- **Semiconductors (S) topic SBIR-STTR Program**

# NSF – student training in semiconductors in 2022

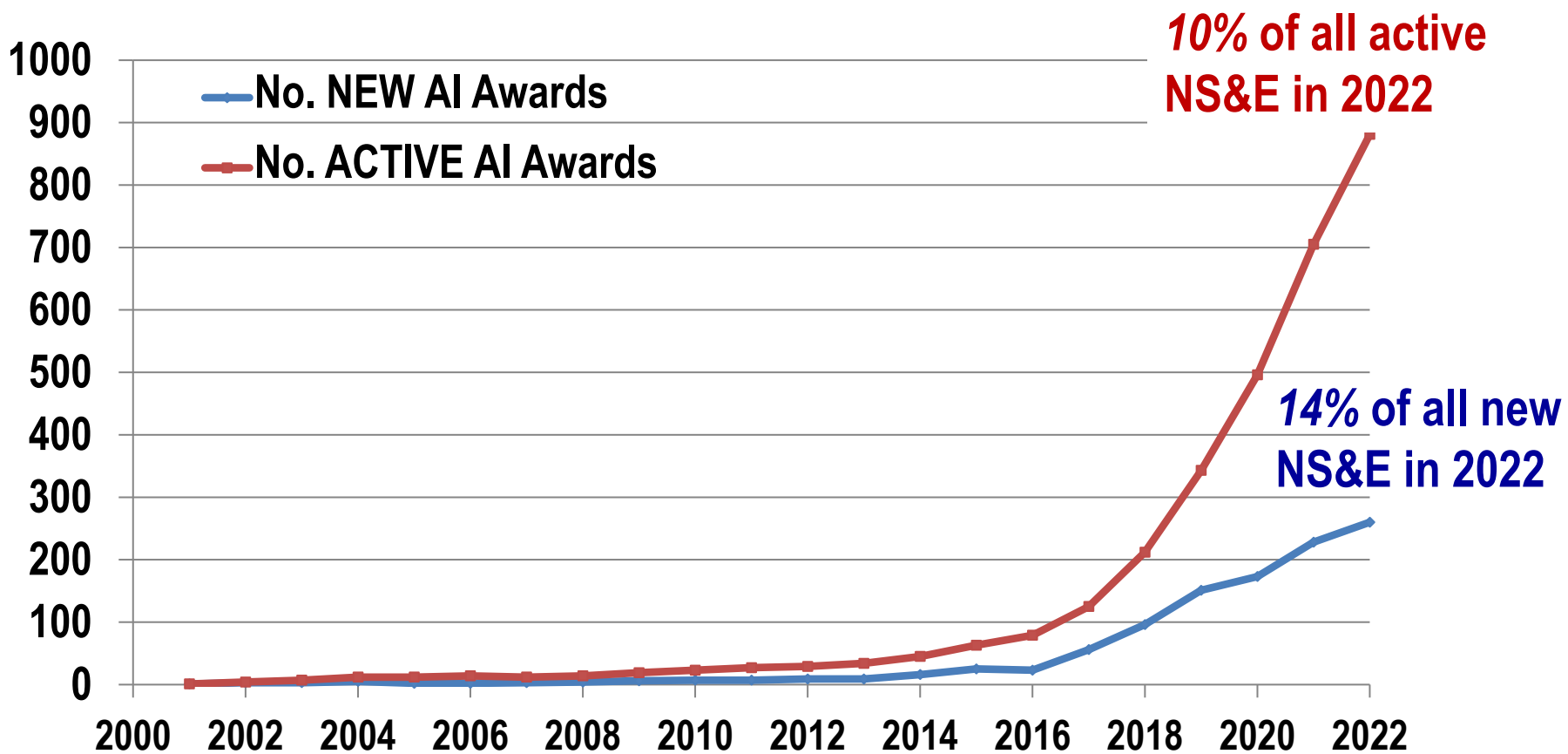
- **NSF and SRC** to support semiconductor research experiences for undergraduates, NSF 19-582 (5 years agreement)
- **EDU DCL: Enhancing Engineering Technology and Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing Technician Educ.**, NSF 22-120
- Micro Nano Technology Education Center and National Institute for Technology and Innovation: **National Talent Hub for semi - nano**
- **NSF-Intel** (\$10M) and **NSF-Micron** (\$10M) for Semi Research & Education
- **NSF and MOST-Taiwan** co-funding for Semi Research & Education (NSF funds and MOST funds for 80% of the TSMF fab cost)
- **INTERN** – for graduate students in industry



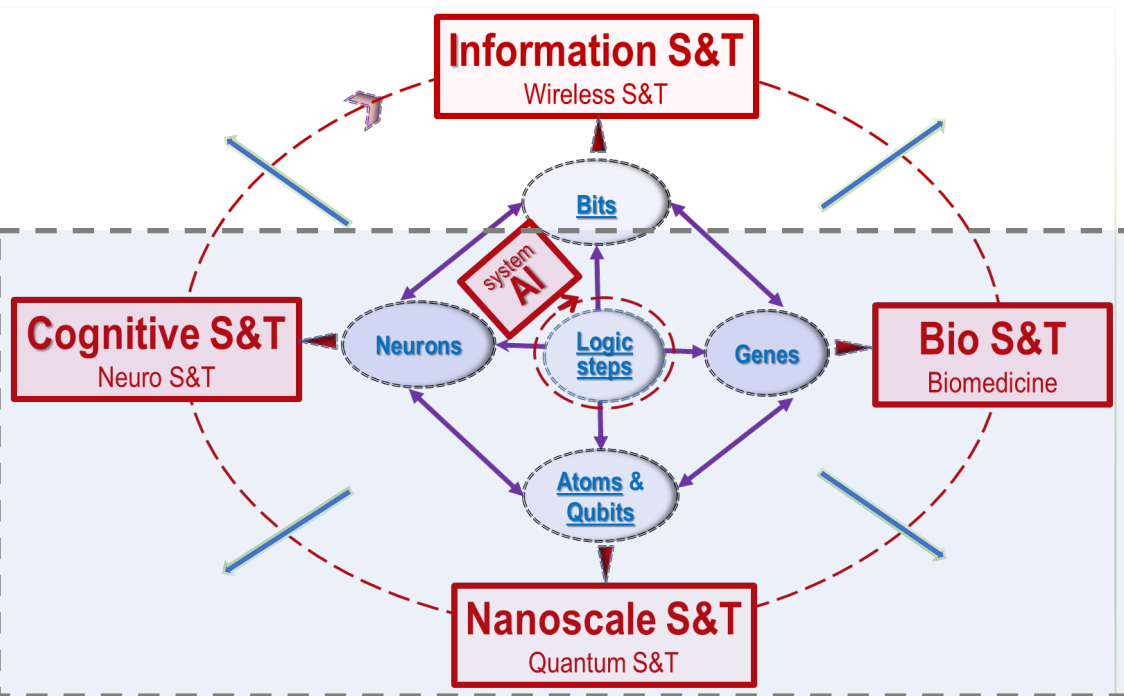


# Confluence NS&E with artificial intelligence (AI)

## Number of annual AI awards at NSF in FYs 2000-2022 (searched by keywords)







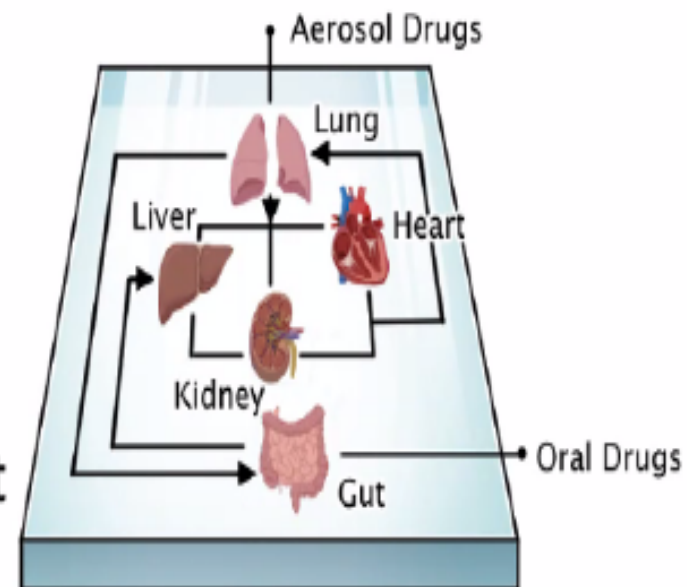
## Nano-Bio-AI-Cogno convergence

- **Ex. Topics:** Nanobiotechnology; Nano-neurotechnology; Synthetic biology (convergence Nano, Bio, Cogno and AI); Nanobiomedicine, Nano-bioinformatics.
- **Ex. Outcomes:** Evolution enzymes; Nanoscale understanding of brain architecture; Nanomedicine; COVID19 vaccines & al.
- **Ex. NSF Programs:** Advanced biotechnology and bioeconomy; Molecular foundations for biotechnology; Designing synthetic cells; Nano-neuro technology; Nano-sensors in plants

# BRITE Fellow: Intelligent Nanoscale 3D Biomanufacturing Towards Human-on-a-Chip (UCSD)/ 2135720/\$1,000,000

(E,E,E/V,V,V), PC1

- **Primary CMMI Program(s):** AM
- **Blue Sky Idea** - Bioprinted microscale human organs.
- **Intellectual Merit:** Transformative research to break-through the 3D printing limit of 100 microns. Bioprinting at 100 nm in x-y-z directions
- **Broader Impact:** Early drug testing, disease modeling, toxicity studies, space exploration.
- **PI Past Impact:** Chair of first Nanoengineering dept in the US. Leader in Advanced Manufacturing. Initiated or inspired several startups. Leadership engagement in significant DEI efforts.

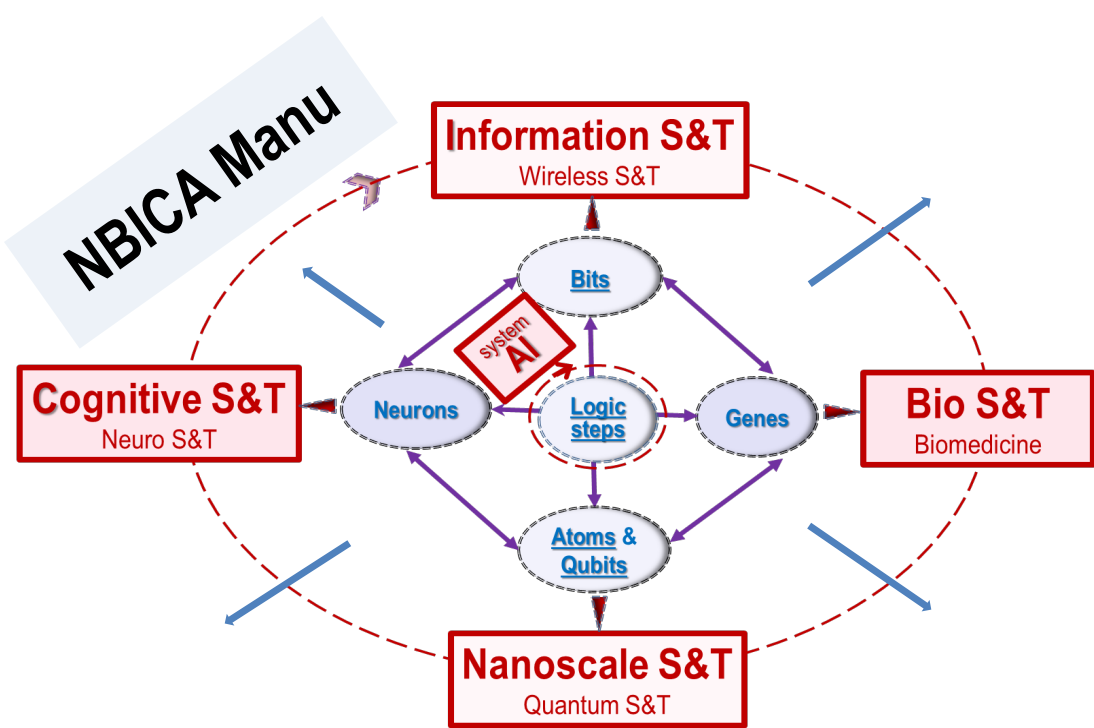


# Nanostructured enzyme that increases tissue regeneration



Shashank Kosuri et al. Machine-Assisted Discovery of Chondroitinase ABC Complexes toward Sustained Neural Regeneration, *Advanced Healthcare Materials*, Feb 2022  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/adhm.202102101>

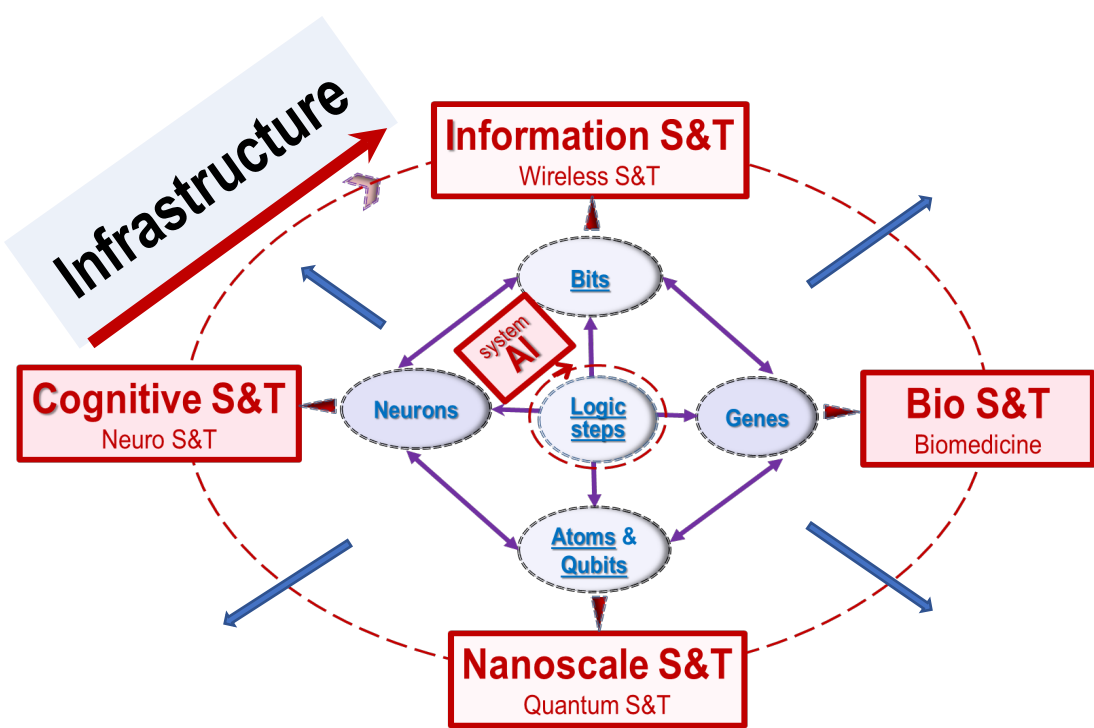
- Using artificial intelligence and robotics, one has formulated therapeutic proteins that help repair damaged spinal cord tissue and increase tissue regeneration.
- The treatments developed could mitigate the primary and secondary effects of spinal cord trauma



# Convergence NBICA *Manufacturing*

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR  
ADVANCED MANUFACTURING  
WH/NSTC, Oct 2022

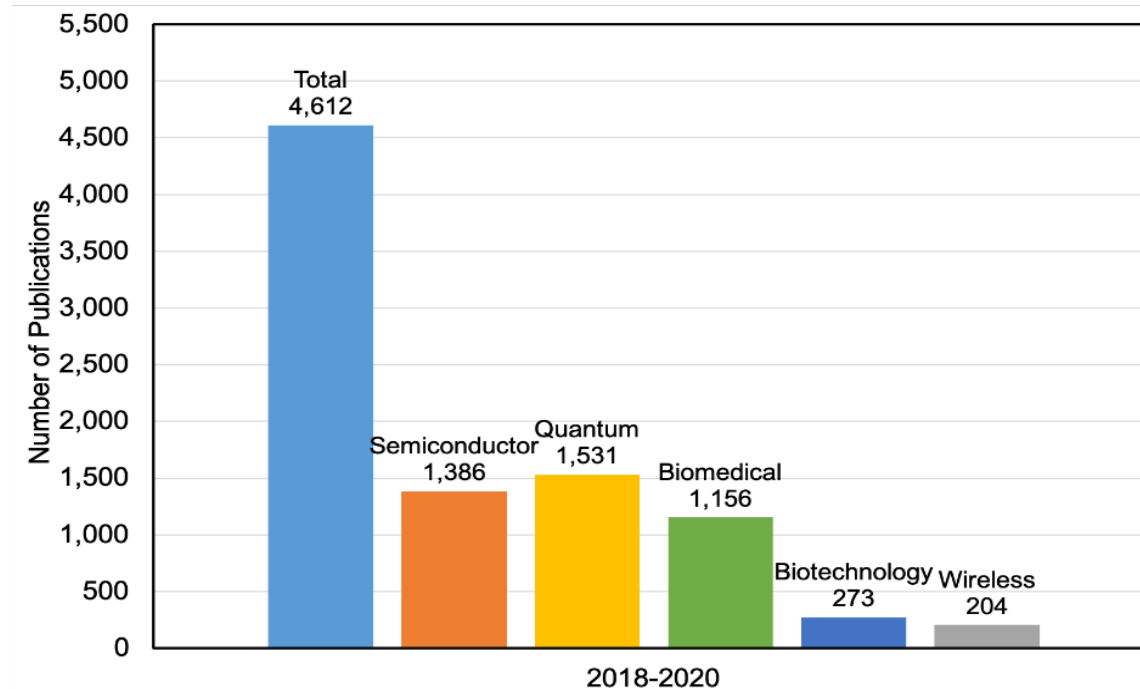
- **Ex. Topics:** Nanomanufacturing convergence with Bio, remote IT, AI, neuro, other fields; Cellular manufacturing
- **Ex. outcomes:** Hierarchical design; Additive manufacturing of 3D nanoarchitectures; Vaccine microneedles; 2-D nanomanufacturing; DNA and RNA manif.; Self-healing mat.
- **Ex. Programs:** “Manufacturing for the Future”; “Hierarchical nanomanufacturing” node of Network for Comput. Nanotech.



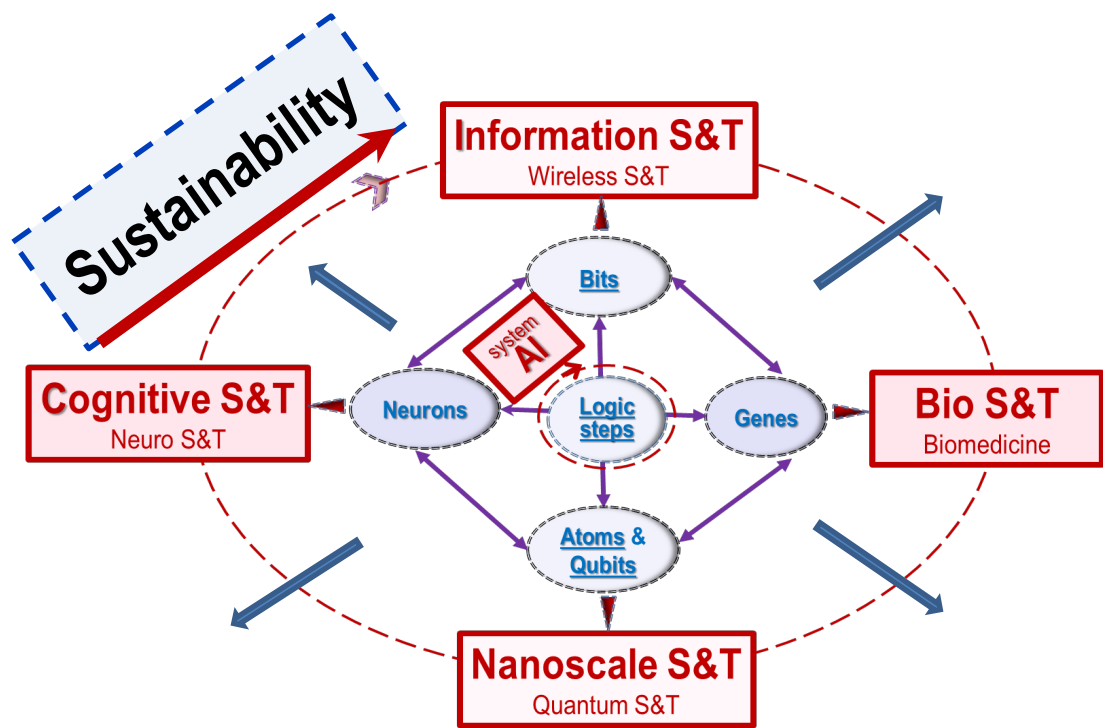
Using Nano-inspired solutions for **convergence infrastructure**

- **Ex. Topics:** Flexible infrastructure; Integrated centers for more efficient, responsible transition from fundamentals to technology platforms & applications
- **Ex. Outcomes:** High Magnetic Field Beamline at Cornell U.; Micro-Nano Technology Education Center
- **Ex. Programs:** Mid-scale (I, II) infrastructure investments; User facilities (NNCI, nanoHUB, Cyber-ecosystem; distributed)

# NNI illustration: NNCI supports industries of tomorrow



4,600 journal articles published 2018-2020 that acknowledge the NNCI award numbers: (i) **“Quantum”** is mentioned by 1,531 (**33%**); (ii) **“Semiconductor”** is found in 1,386 (**30%**); and (iii) **“Biomedical”** is included in 1,156 (**25%**) (keyword search)

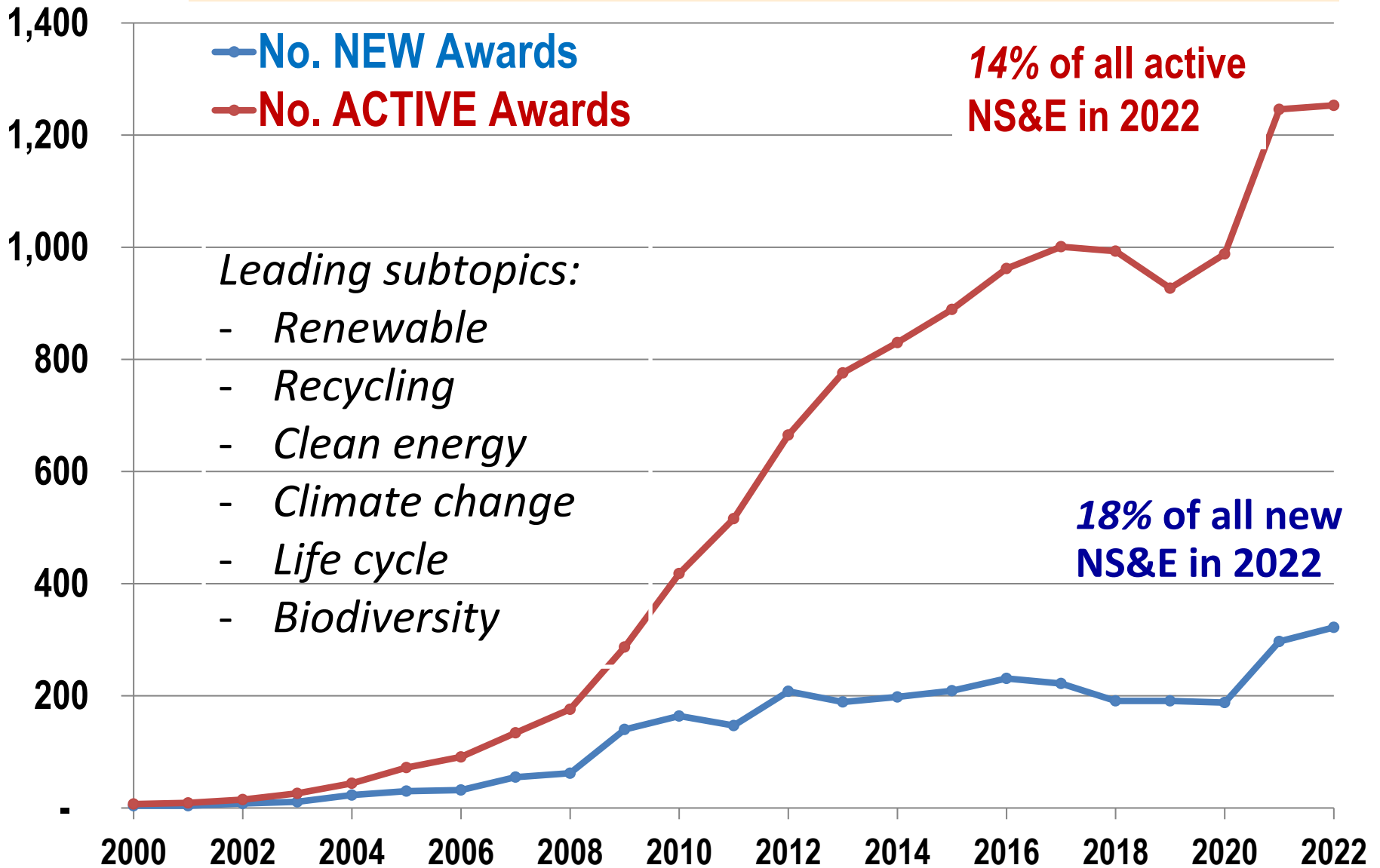


Using converging  
NBICA technologies  
*for societal  
sustainability*

- **Ex. Topics:** Transport phenomena and nano-EHS issues; Nanostructures for energy conversion and storage; Water filtration;
- **Ex. Outcomes:** Sustainable communities; Renewable resources; Recyclable materials; Supporting biodiversity; Circular economy, Life cycle performance and assessment; Nanostructured batteries
- **Ex. Programs:** Critical Aspects of Sustainability (CAS, NSF 21124); Micro- and Nanoplastics (MNP, DCL NSF 20-050); NEWT; Sustainable Regional Systems Research Networks.



# Number of NS&E sustainable society awards FY 2000-2022 is about 1/8 of all NS&E awards







*NSF-wide activities*

# **Critical Aspects of Sustainability (CAS)**

*FY 2021-2023: rolling submissions via NSF 21124*

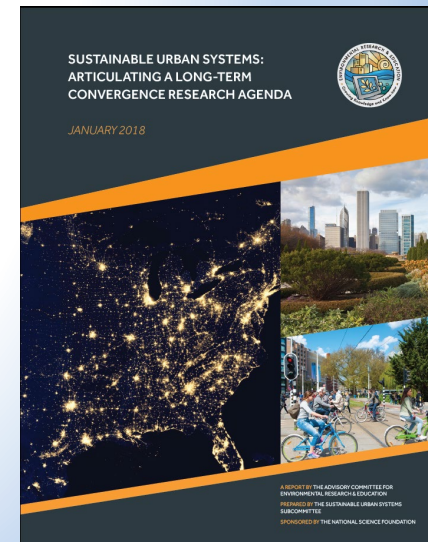
This program seeks to support basic research through core disciplinary programs aimed at

- **Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and energy use**
- **Energy innovations for climate change mitigation**
- **Enhance carbon sequestration**
- **Strategies for climate change adaptation**



# Urban Systems and Communities in the 21st Century

- Smart and Connected Communities (2016- )
- Sustainable Urban Systems (2019- )
- Coastlines and People (2019- )
- Long Term Ecological Research - Urban Ecology (network since 1980 with 24 sites)
- Core programs: Civil infrastructure systems, Cultural anthropology, Environmental Sustain.



<https://www.nsf.gov/ere/ereweb/urbansystems/>

# Growing Convergence Research (GCR): a main theme is sustainable society

Examples “**Growing Convergence Research**” awards

1934824	<b>GCR: Convergence Around the <u>Circular Economy</u></b>	University of Pittsburgh	Melissa M Bilec
1934887	<b>GCR: <u>Life Cycle Management of Materials:</u> Sustainable Biomass to Designer Polymer Systems</b>	University of Delaware	Thomas H Epps, III

# *Part of NSF's Convergence Accelerators* **Open Knowledge Networks on Sustainability**

Creating and deploying Open Knowledge Networks which specify needs and requirements **to serve various stakeholder interests, including for climate change**



[https://nsf-gov-resources.nsf.gov/2022-09/OKN%20Roadmap%20-%20Report\\_v03.pdf?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://nsf-gov-resources.nsf.gov/2022-09/OKN%20Roadmap%20-%20Report_v03.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

# CIVIC INNOVATION CHALLENGE

POWERING SMART & CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

## Partnership between NSF, DOE, and DHS

- Foster collaboration for smart and connected communities
- *Finds community-based solutions*

## ***FY 2023 NSF 22-565 competition underway***

- Living in a changing climate
- *Bridging the gap between essential resources and services & community needs.*



# Examples of other recent NSF programs

*at the levels of directorates and divisions*

- **Environmental Convergence Opportunities in Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems (ECO-CBET)** : NSF 21-596, 2021
- **Predictive Intelligence for Pandemic Prevention Phase I: Development Grants (PIPP Phase I)** 2021, NSF 21-590
- **Climate and Large-Scale Dynamics**
- **Climate Change Education**
- **Biodiversity on a Changing Planet**
- **Life on a Warming Planet Research**
- **Organismal Response to Climate Change**

# Partnerships for International Res. and Educ., PIRE

2022 focus on global societal challenges related to climate change & clean energy

*Examples awards re nanotechnology in 2022*

- Center **All-Solid-State Batteries** for Clean Energy Society: IIT
- US-Japan Partnership in **Excitonic Soft Materials** for Clean Energy: U. of Vermont
- JUNCTION, Japan-US Network for Clean Energy Technologies Involving **Oriented Nanotubes**: Rice U.
- Advancing International Partnerships in Research for **Decoupling Concrete Manufacturing** and Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions: U. Texas at Arlington
- Networks for **Geologic Hydrogen Storage**: UC Berkeley

# NSF/OISE networks for sustainability

## FY2022 AccelNet – Sample Awards



US-Africa Sustainable Food Systems through Water-Energy-Food Nexus



Transformation to Sustainability across the World's Mountains



Study of Ocean Metabolism and Nutrient Cycles on a Changing Planet



Implementation of Quantum Materials





(<https://us-eu.org/>)

**NNI: CORs - a platform for community-led activities: telecons, webinars, publications, and annual in-person meetings**

- *Seven CORs addressing potential environmental, health, and safety (EHS) implications of nanomaterials and nanodevices***
- *COR on Nanomanufacturing***
- *Topical bilateral workshops***

# Several sustainability challenges

- Are renewable water/energy/food/materials sources sufficient?
- Thermonuclear energy will be controlled, economic, how soon?
- Emerging technologies will be sustainable?- For how long?
- How “smart systems” (incl. AI, NBIC) will help sustainability?
- DNA control and hybrid nanobiodevices will have safe regulations and suitable organizations for life security?
- How to balance international collaboration and competition: for convergent technologies, patenting, databases, labeling ?
- Ensure holistic & time view in nanotechnology risk governance?

*Other challenges & solutions to be discussed in the SNO Panels*

# Related publications

1. ***“Nanotechnology: Convergence with Modern Biology and Medicine”***, (Roco, Current Opinion in Biotechnology, 2003)
2. ***NANO1: “Nanotechnology research directions: Vision for the next decade”*** (Roco, Williams & Alivisatos, WH, 1999, also Springer, 316p, 2000)
3. ***NANO 2020: “Nanotechnology research directions for societal needs in 2020”*** (Roco, Mirkin & Hersam, Springer, 690p, 2011a)
4. ***NBIC: “Converging technologies for improving human performance: nano-bio-info-cognition”*** (Roco & Bainbridge, Springer, 468p, 2003)
5. ***CKTS: “Convergence of knowledge, technology and society: Beyond NBIC”*** (Roco, Bainbridge, Tonn & Whitesides; Springer, 604p, 2013b)
6. ***“Long View of Nanotechnology Development: the NNI at 10 Years”***(JNR, 2011)
7. ***“The new world of discovery, invention, and innovation: convergence of knowledge, technology and society”*** (Roco & Bainbridge, JNR 2013a, 15)
8. ***“International perspective on nanotechnology papers, patents, and NSF awards (2000–2016)”*** (Zhu, Jiang, Chen & Roco, JNR 2017, 19-370)
9. ***Proc. NSF NSE Grantees Dec. 2020***, available on [www.nseresearch.org/2020/](http://www.nseresearch.org/2020/)
10. ***“Overview: Affirmation of Nanotechnology between 2000 and 2030”*** (MC Roco, Ch.1 in Nanotech. Commercialization, Wiley, Ed. T. Mensah et al., 2018)
11. ***“Principles of convergence in nature and society and their application: from nanoscale, digits, and logic steps to global progress*** (MC Roco, JNR 2020, 22:321)