



# INSIGHT

*Anticipating the Future... Assessing the Impact*

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# Agenda

- Background
- Introduction
- Collaboration Process
- Technical Evaluations
- Societal Issues
- Conclusions



## History of Insight

- Fall 2005
  - Researched emerging technologies
    - Video Games, Internet, Optical Drives, Cell Phones
- Spring 2006
  - Focused on nanotechnology
  - Perceptions of Society
    - Stakeholder Bias
  - Major products currently on market



## Objectives of IPRO 341

- Identify nanotechnology concepts and properties (self-study).
- Detail technical obstacles with BSU designs.
- Apply various communication tools in collaborative process with BSU.
- Research, identify, and analyze selected societal issues.
- Construct recommendations pertaining to the future of nanotechnology and its integration into society.



## Collaboration Process

- The beginnings...
- Working with Ball State University (BSU) Architecture – “Nanostudio”
- Communication methods:
  - Breeze Software
  - E-mail
  - Newsletters
- Face to face meetings:
  - IPRO Games
  - Visits
- Balanced conversation



## Technical Research

- Nanotechnology research:
  - General overview (Self-learning)
  - Specific materials and their applications
  - Existing nano-products
  - Technical problems with materials in proposed designs
  - Recommendations to solve technical issues
- Individual groups vary by:
  - Nano-materials implemented
  - House designs and sites

# Team 3884

Marta Bastrzyk (IIT), Elizabeth Boone (BSU),  
Adam Buente (BSU) , Tae Young Kim (IIT)



*Material:* Carbon Nanotube Sheets, Quantum Dots

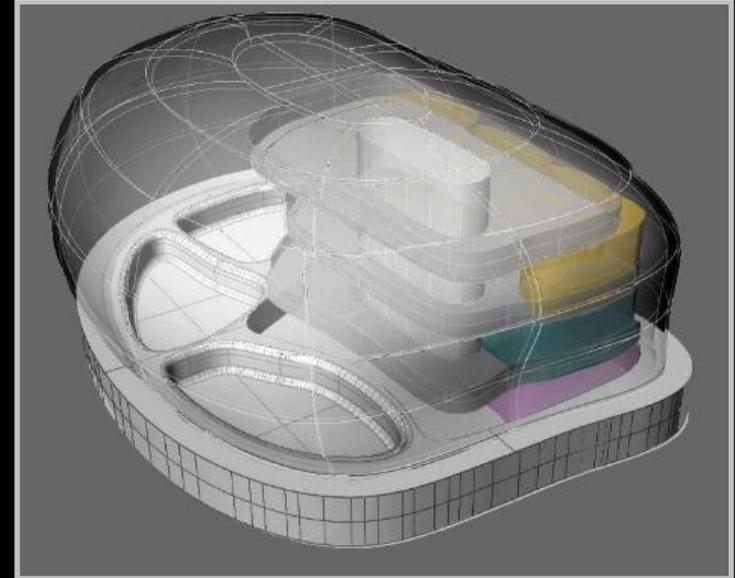
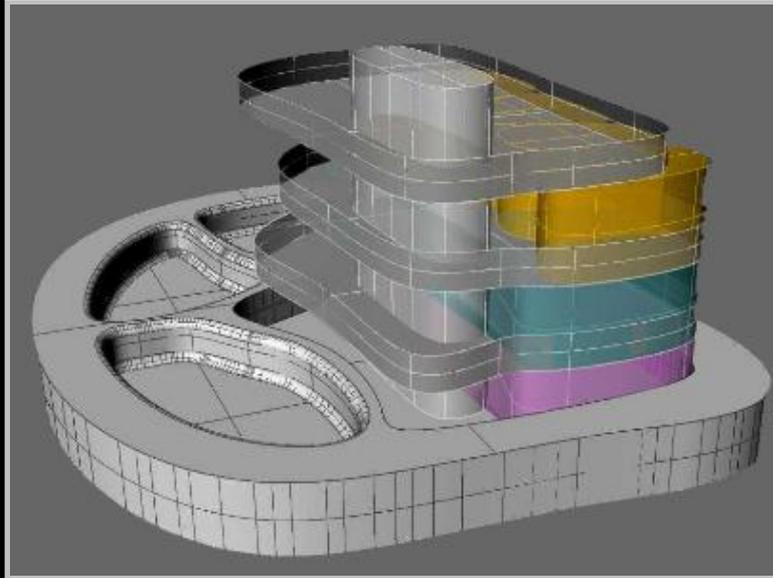
*Location:* Chicago, IL





# Team NanoSpa

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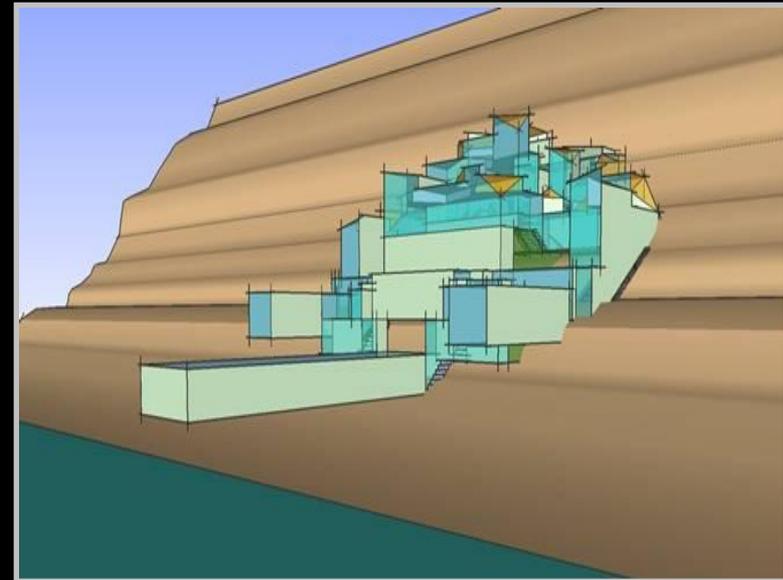
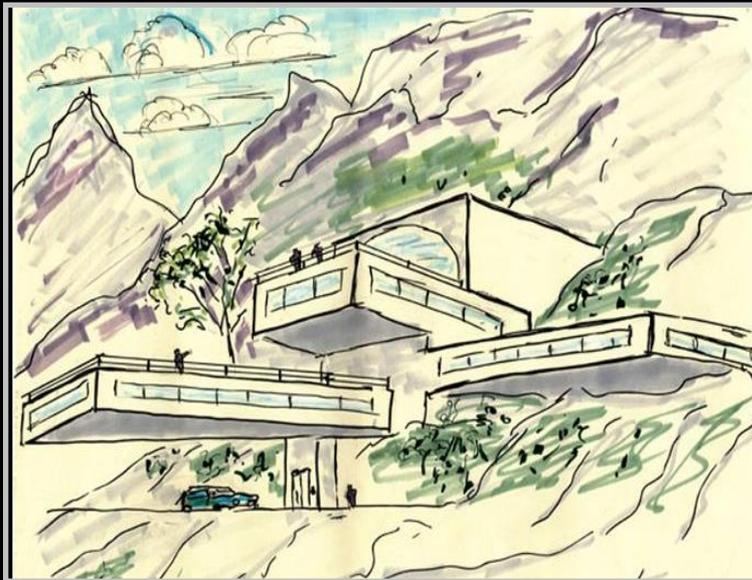
*Material:* Expandable Building Envelope, Nanosensors

*Location:* Cincinnati, OH



# Team Fleischman

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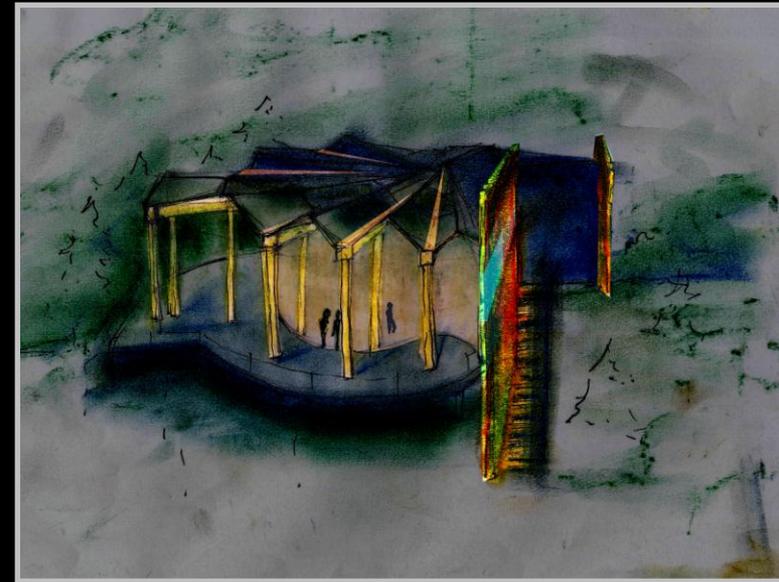
*Material:* Carbon Nanotube Sheets, OLED Panels

*Location:* Anchorage, AK



# Team Natural Umbrella

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*Material:* Nanowire Paper, Quantum Dots, Nanosensors

*Location:* Greenville, SC



## Technical Evaluation Conclusions

- All designs were developed based on the assumption that they may not necessarily be applicable today, but they will be within 25 years
- BSU overall designs have questionable feasibility at this point in time
- Full potential of nanotechnology is yet to be determined
- Collaboration of technical and non-technical fields



## Societal Issues

Material	Education	Society	Construction Market	Global
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recyclability</li><li>• Cost-efficiency</li><li>• Toxicity</li><li>• Life-expectancy</li><li>• Sustainability</li><li>• Durability</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• User</li><li>• Insurance agents</li><li>• Workers</li><li>• Designers / Engineers</li><li>• Governing body</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Privacy / hacking</li><li>• Malfunctions</li><li>• Governing bodies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Material transport</li><li>• Job force / market</li><li>• New hardware / machines needed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How other nations deal with / what regulations do they have?</li></ul>



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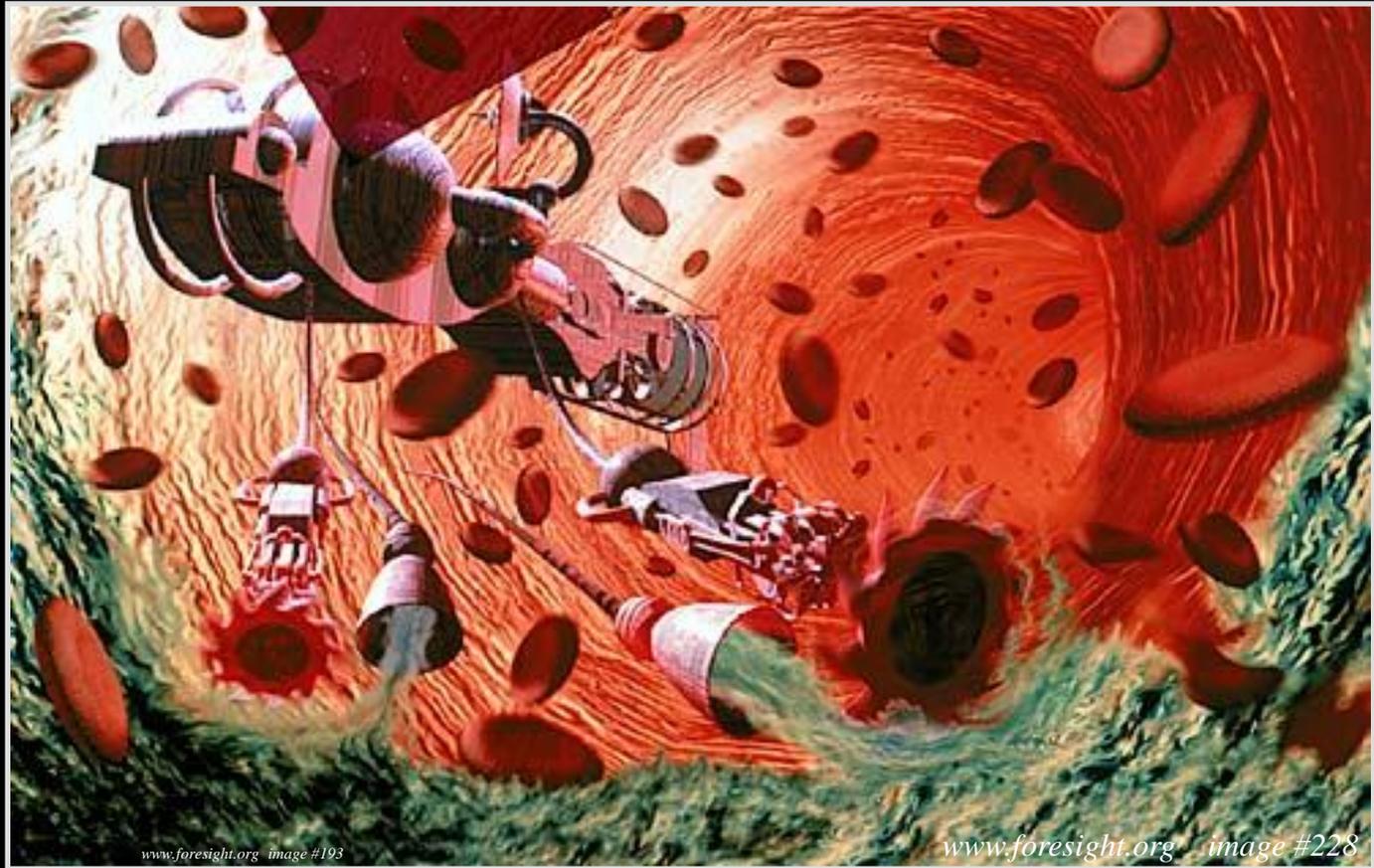
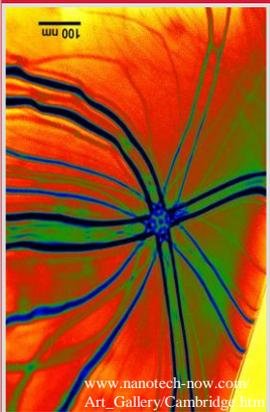
- Toxicity Issues with CNT
- Material Handling
  - Shipping, disposal, and recycling
- Malfunctions/Emergencies
- Construction Issues
  - Site
  - Worker education/certification
- Regulatory Agencies



## Conclusions

- Like any technology before, nano will have opportunities and challenges, and then one day new innovations will come to the forefront.
- Will we use this new opportunity wisely?
- May other situations arise comparable to asbestos? Teflon? Nuclear power?

# Nano is coming, are we ready?





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## Questions



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	Paul Ripley (BSU)	3 <sup>rd</sup> / Architecture
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## BACKUP SLIDES



## What should be done?

These conclusions have been drawn based on extensive research into societal implications on nanotechnology

- *Regulatory Agencies*
  - Establish and International Regulatory Agency
  - Launch tailor-made organization for nanotechnology within U.S. Government
  - Allocate more research grants into investigation of nanotechnology based materials' effect on our environment and our health



## Education

- *Education of Regulatory Agency Members*
  - Require knowledge of vast number of scientific fields
  - Setup collaboration and communication skills courses
  - Require certifications in rapidly updating developing technology
- *Student Education*
  - Significantly revolutionize school curriculums with nanotechnology education and collaboration methods in mind
  - Incorporate disciplines intersecting complex problems
  - Include programs similar to our IPRO programs early on in elementary schools
- *User Education*

Require companies to include on their websites and all product labels'

Use of RFID to tag all products that are NANO enhanced so there is a national data base

Create more public, user friendly, reliable information sources
- *Workforce Education*

Require proper training by educated professionals who understand nanotechnology.

Set requirements that companies must legally follow pertaining to the explanation to employees of the risks involved



## Society

- *Privacy/Hacking*
  - Consider establish a positions for ‘nanocops’ to track and punish dangerous hackers that specialize in interfering with the controls of nanodevices and systems
  - Encourage and use the work of all of the hackers to develop better security systems prior to full release of a product
- *Job Market/Work Force*
  - Workers will have to display diversity in scientific background incorporating chemistry, biology and engineering, to name the few.
  - Encourage workers already in a given field to expand their scopes of knowledge, possibly by undertaking more education.
  - Nano workers will need a new type of union to better represent them, a union that is themselves diverse in different educational backgrounds



## Materials

- *Durability and Sustainability of Nano-Building Materials*

All nano-enhanced materials should be tested on a practical level

Through research in controlled labs it should be predicted if structures will be safe to use

Modeling tools should be used to project pitfalls and dangerous issues

- *Compatibility*

- Regulatory board/organization should be created to encourage and enforce a uniform compatibility between similar technologies

- Enforce making nanotechnology based products compatible with there old non-nano based technology to provide a smooth and gradual transformation



## Malfunctions

- *Societal Reaction to Malfunction*
  - Place regulations or even prohibitions on the use of materials before extensive toxicity research has been conducted
  - This toxicity research should have quantitative requirements that must be satisfied to move progress to the next stage.
  - There should a set of stages or levels of safety confidence with respect to toxicity knowledge and prevention so that as research progresses on certain materials, they can be classified into these stages



## Toxicity and Risks

- *Toxicity*
  - workers and developers should be required to wear appropriate safety gear
  - Guidelines for labs and manufacturing should be developed in order to create a 'standard' procedure for handling nanomaterials
  - complimentary nanomaterials and methods should be developed that actually will filter the air or water
  - Much more research need to be performed in this area
- *Recyclability*
  - Methods of reactivation or reusing nano-particles in new products must be devised
  - More research need to be performed in this area