Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Research at the NIH







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Mission: To uncover new knowledge...
...that will lead to better health for everyone;
...to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat
disease and disability.





Nanoscience and nanotechnology refer to research and development at the atomic, molecular, or macromolecular levels, at a scale of about 1 – 100 nm, providing a fundamental understanding of phenomena and materials at this scale and creating and using structures, devices and systems that have novel properties and functions because of their small size.



Unique opportunities



- 1. Nanotechnology operates at the same scale as biological processes, offering an entirely unique vantage point from which to view and interact with the fundamental biology of life.
 - Most other technologies require the study of large numbers of molecules purified away from the cells and tissues in which they actually function; nanotechnology will offer ways to study, quantitatively, how individual molecules and assemblies of molecules work inside of cells.
 - Those studies at the nanoscale will enable understanding of the *design* of biological systems and processes.
 - That knowledge of component and system design is needed for, and will emerge from, quantitative modeling of biology.
 - The design information will change the way we think about biology and medicine. Moreover, it will have implications for materials and systems design that have nothing to do with biology ("biomimetics").







- 2. Materials, devices and tools currently emerging from other disciplines provide opportunities to approach the study of biology and disease mechanisms, and the diagnosis and treatment of disease, in powerful new ways:
 - miniaturization (but that's only the beginning...)
 - sensitivity
 - selectivity
 - new concepts

Outline

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Funding

Examples of NIH-supported nanosci/tech

What biology brings to nanotech

NIH Roadmap

Conclusion



Nanotechnology Research at the NIH is coordinated through the NIH Bioengineering Consortium BECON



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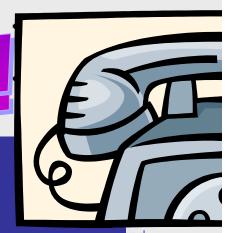
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NIH supports nanoscience and nanotechnology research in the context of many programs.

While in some of those programs/projects, the focus may be on the nano-research *per se*, in other cases the nano-research may be a component of a larger project with broader goals.

Several examples are provided here, to demonstrate support for the breadth of potential applications of nanotechnology for understanding, diagnosing and treating disease.





Program announcements issued through BECON:

- Nanoscience and Nanotechnology in Biology and Medicine
- Bioengineering Nanotechnology Initiative (SBIR)
- Exploratory/Developmental Bioengineering Research Grants
- Bioengineering Research Grants
- Bioengineering Research Partnerships
- Mentored Quantitative Research Career Development (K25)
- Awards under these programs are listed on the BECON web site.





Nanoscience and Nanotechnology in Biology and Medicine

- i) create & use structures, devices & systems that have novel properties and functions because of their small size, to achieve a fundamental understanding of biological processes or for disease detection, therapy, or prevention; ii) conceive, fabricate and test devices to detect and analyze nanoscale entities of relevance to biomedicine; iii) study biological systems at the nanoscale to develop nanotechnologies and nanostructured materials for use in biomedicine.
- Encourages team approach to nanotechnology research
- R01 (research project) & R21 (exploratory/developmental) if little preliminary data and potential for groundbreaking impact. R21s are for up to 3 years, up to \$125,000 per year direct cost
- Application Receipt: February 18 and August 18, through 2006
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-03-045





Bioengineering Nanotechnology Initiative (SBIR)

- Nanotechnology is emerging as a field critical for enabling essential breakthroughs that may have tremendous potential for affecting biomedicine.
- Encourages team approach to nanotechnology research
- Phase I may request up to two years, \$200,000 per year
- Phase II may request up to three years, \$400,000 per year
- Applications Receipt per SBIR: April 1, August 1 and December 1
- Competes with other SBIR applications
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-125





Bioengineering Research Partnerships

- For basic and applied research by a multi-disciplinary team applying an integrative, systems approach to develop knowledge and/or methods to prevent, detect, diagnose, or treat disease or to understand health and behavior.
- Partnership must include bioengineering expertise and basic biology and/or clinical expertise.
- Identify lead investigators in Abstract
- Maximum request = \$2M per year for five years
- Need approval >6 wks before submission if request >\$500,000 direct cost
- Research Project (R01) mechanism
- Application receipt: January 21, August 20 (2004 through 2006)
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-04-023.html

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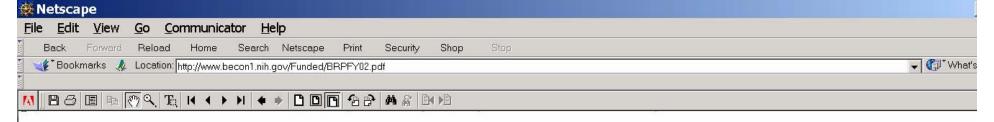
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BIOENGINEERING RESEARCH SUPPORT AT NIH



Bioengineering Research Partnerships



31. Principal Investigator: Mcknight, Timothy Affiliation: UT-BATTELLE, LLC-OAK RIDGE

NATIONAL LAB

Project Title: Nano Arrays for Real-Time Probing Within Living Cells

Grant Number: 1-R01-EB-433-1-A1 Funding Organization: NIBIB

Abstract:

This project will exploit the recent development of rigid, vertically aligned, carbon nanofiber arrays to provide nanoscale probes for mapping intra and extracellular molecular events in and around living cells in real time with extremely high spatial resolution (< 50 nm probing areas). Devices will be fabricated and characterized to determine the performance of nanoscale arrays as independently addressable electrochemical molecular probes. Characterizations will be performed using a set of standard analytes that have been routinely used for characterization of carbon-based electrode systems (year 1). Probe response to hydrogen peroxide and superoxide anion will then be characterized (year 1 into year 2). Strategies and methods will then be develop for coupling nanofiber arrays around individual and groups of living cells (year 2). Electrochemical analysis techniques will be applied at individual elements of carbon nanofiber arrays to spatially and temporally map the activity of peroxide around and ultimately within individual cell locales (year 3). This research will be structured around development of these methodologies using microfluidic-based cell and analyte handling strategies, thereby promoting future high-throughput screening applications, such as clinical diagnostics of cell and tissue specimens and pharmaceutical exploration and discovery. This effort will be conducted by various organizational groups within the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The Interdisciplinary team involved with this effort features mechanical and electrical engineers with experience in microfluide systems/semiconductor/and nanoscale fabrication, a biochemist and biologist with expertise in cell culture and single cell monitoring, analytical chemists, and a biophysicist, with expertise in cell signaling and environmental response. This effort will directly address BRP thrust areas including nanotechnology and microtechnology, functional genomics/microarray technology/gene expression analysis, cell and molecular imaging, and complex biological systems.



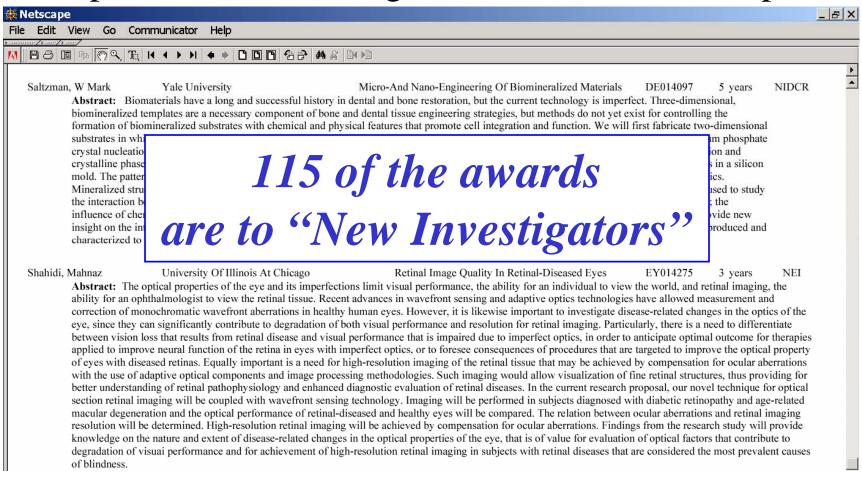
Bioengineering Research Grants

- For basic and applied multi-disciplinary research that addresses important biological or medical research problems.
- Hypothesis-driven, discovery-driven, developmental, or design-directed research.
- Multi-disciplinary research performed in a single laboratory or by a small number of investigators that applies an integrative, systems approach to develop knowledge and/or methods to prevent, detect, diagnose, or treat disease or to understand health and behavior.
- Research Project (R01) mechanism
- Applications Receipt: February 1, June 1, and October 1
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-011.html (will be re-issued)



BIOENGINEERING RESEARCH SUPPORT AT NIH

Bioengineering Research Grants 275 funded since FY 99 (through FY2004) http://www.becon.nih.gov/Funded/BRG_200X.pdf





Tissue Engineering

Functional Tissue Engineering of Musculoskeletal Tissues



- To stimulate innovative research that will enhance our understanding of functional tissue engineering of musculoskeletal tissues (articular cartilage, ligaments, tendons, bone, meniscus, intervertebral disc and skeletal muscle).
- NIAMS, NICHD, NIDCR
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-014.html

Novel Approaches to Corneal Tissue Engineering



- To explore new approaches that could lead to enhanced engineering of corneal tissues, includes studies of early developmental processes to delineate the interactions between individual corneal tissue layers, the biomechanical properties of the stroma, cellular control of matrix deposition, control of corneal growth and maturation, and studies of synthetic replacement materials.
- NEI
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-053.html



Diagnostics & Therapeutics

Novel Technologies for in vivo Imaging (R21)



- For the development and delivery of novel image acquisition or enhancement technologies and methods for biomedical imaging and image-guided interventions and therapy, and which may incorporate limited pilot or clinical feasibility evaluations using either pre-clinical models or clinical studies. This initiative will facilitate the proof-of-feasibility, development, and delivery of novel imaging technologies and limited evaluation studies to show proof-of-concept and functionality.
- NCI
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-095.html

Speech Processor Optimization for Cochlear Implants (R21 and R01)

- To advance the design of speech processors for cochlear implants. The goal of this RFA is to support the development of innovation and enhancements for cochlear implants that will increase the level of patient performance. The research may involve conceptualization, design, fabrication, and/or testing of algorithms for evoking neural activity with cochlear implants.
- NIDCD
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DC-04-001.html





NHLBI Programs of Excellence in Nanotechnology

- multidisciplinary teams capable of developing and applying nanotechnology and nanoscience solutions to the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular, pulmonary, hematopoietic and sleep disorders.
- foster partnerships between the nanotechnology and the heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorder (HLBS) research communities.
- partial list of potential applications: tissue repair and cellular replacement; targeted probes to detect vulnerable atherosclerotic plaque and target delivery of therapy; inhaled biosensors for early diagnosis of pro-inflammatory signals in the lung; in vivo sensors of O₂ blood concentrations and heart functions to detect problems during sleep, detection and inactivation of blood pathogens...
- U01 network, 3 4 awards, 5 yrs, program investment \$6 M FY05, \$12 M FY06→
- LOI Receipt: June 23, 2004 Application Receipt: July 21, 2004
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-04-020.html







Key Opportunities – Platforms

- Molecular Imaging and Early Detection
- In Vivo Imaging
- Reporters of Efficacy
- Multifunctional Therapeutics
- Prevention and Control
- Research Enablers

Cancer Nanotechnology Strategies

- Centers of Cancer Nanotechnology Excellence
- Nanotechnology Characterization Laboratory
- Building Research Teams (training and research)
- Creating Platforms Directed Programs
- Basic and Applied Research Initiatives



- NCI Cancer Centers
- NCI-Funded Nanotech Projects
- DOE Nanoscale Science Research Centers

http://nano.cancer.gov/

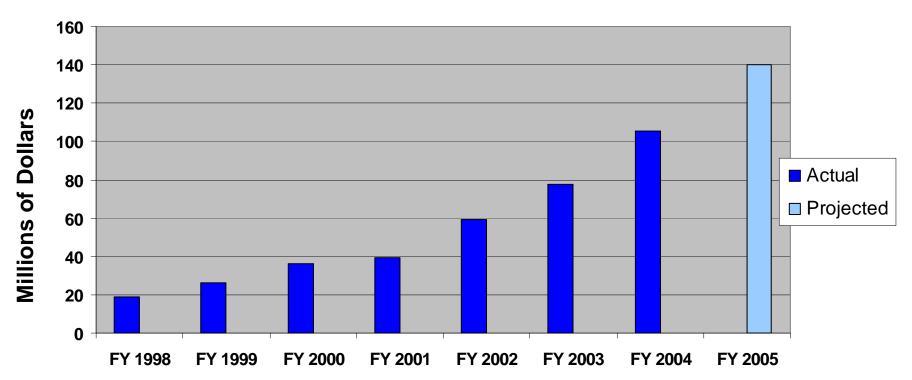




Emerging Programs – National Toxicology Program

- RFP Announcement: Studies to evaluate the toxic and carcinogenic potential of test agents in laboratory animals via inhalation exposure for the National Toxicology Program, RFP NIH-ES-04-07
- Release date: February 27, 2004.
- "The contract is designed to study diverse agents that may include: abrasive blasting agents, quantum dots, carbon nanotubes, metal working fluids, or other agents."
- Expected release date of the RFP is approximately March 8, 2004 with proposals due May 7, 2004.
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-ES-04-006.html

NIH Nanotechnology Funding

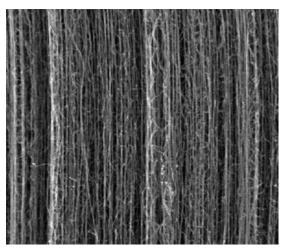




National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) Grand Challenge for Healthcare



- Detecting Disease *Before* Health Has Deteriorated
 - Imaging
 - Sensors
- Implants to Replace Worn or Damaged Body Parts
 - Controlling interactions of synthetic and inorganic materials with the body, for effective integration
- Delivery Of Therapeutics
 - Particle Size
 - Targeting
- Research Tool correlates of the above



NASA AMES RESEARCH CENTER Meyya Meyyappan, Ph.D.



NASA Ames Research Center

Carbon nanotubes (CNT) exhibit unique electronic and extraordinary mechanical properties. Ames has grown CNT, only 1 nm in diameter in the form of films and aligned bundles, and is currently making an effort to grow vertical tubes of controlled length for sensor development. The tip of the nanotubes will be functionalized with appropriate probe molecules for diagnostics. A prototype catheter will be developed which would permit detection of specific oligonucleotide sequences that serve as molecular signatures of cancer cells.





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Real-time detection of protein binding: biotin-modified SiNW and subsequent binding of streptavidin (drawn approximately to scale). (B) region 2 corresponds to the addition of 250 nM streptavidin, (E) 25 pM streptavidin.

Y. Cui, Q. Wei, H. Park & C.M. Lieber, Science, 2001, 293:1289-1292.

NANOSYS, INC. Robert Daniels Chunming Niu



Nanoscale materials such as nanotubes and nanowires (20 nm diameter) can act as field effect transistors (FETs) at room temperature. NanoChemFET works because the conductive properties of nanowires are modulated by charges on the analyte molecule that act like a gate voltage in a conventional field effect transistor. Biosensors based on FETs would be sensitive, specific, and quantitative; they would not require complex instrumentation such as is typically used for fluorescence detection, and analytes need not be labeled. Two SBIR grants support development of FETs for detecting specific nucleic acid sequences and proteins.

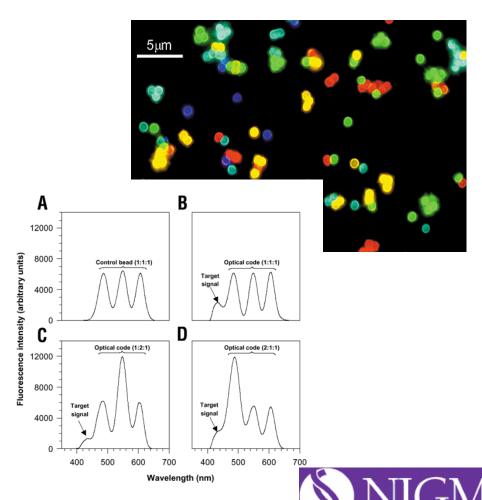
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Nature Biotech., 2001, 19:631-635

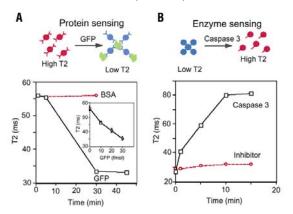
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Department of Chemistry Shuming Nie, Ph.D.



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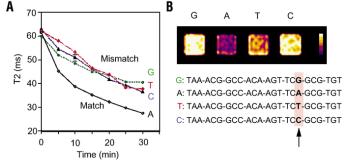
Nature Biotech., 2002, 20:816-820



MASS. GENERAL HOSPITAL

Ralph Weissleder, M.D.





Molecular relaxation switches are being developed as probes of molecular interactions. Superparamagnetic nanoparticles assemble into complexes in the presence of binding targets, and complexes disassemble in the presence of enzymes. The signal may be detected by magnetic resonance imaging in turbid media and in whole-cell lysates, and may be useful for *in vivo* imaging.

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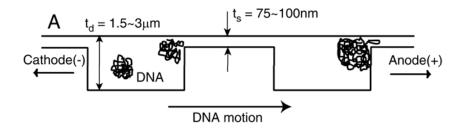
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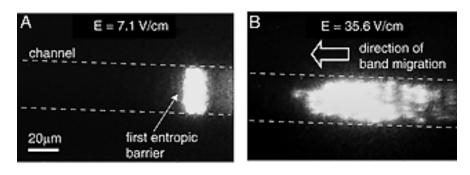
Structures nanofabricated in silicon may replace polymers in devices for DNA analysis. In this experiment, DNA molecules are trapped in deep entropic traps until a portion of the molecule stretches so that it can enter the shallow space, and then the rest of the molecule follows. DNA separations that would ordinarily take 12-24 hours took only 15-30 minutes. Similar systems could be used to analyze other kinds of molecules.

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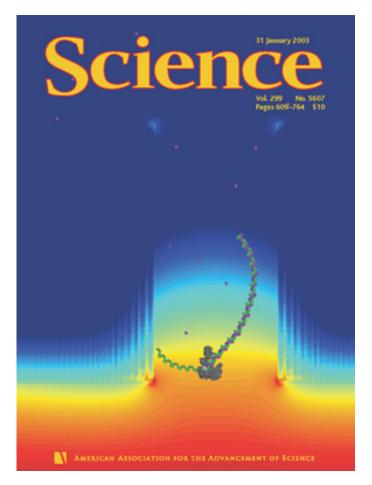
Harold G. Craighead, Ph.D.







Science, 2001, 288:1026-1029



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A single molecule of DNA polymerase is immobilized inside a zero-mode waveguide. DNA synthesis is followed in real time by observing fluorescence bursts from labeled nucleotide analogs as they are incorporated into the growing DNA strand.

Efficient DNA synthesis occurs only at substrate concentrations much higher than the pico- or nanomolar regime typically required for single

molecule analysis. Zero-mode waveguide nanostructures have been developed to overcome this limitation. They effectively reduce the observation volume to tens of zeptoliters, thereby enabling the observation of the single fluorescently labeled substrate molecule present within the guide, at the location of the molecular event, in a background of micromolar concentration of fluorescently labeled substrate molecules diffusing throughout the solution but outside of the observation volume.

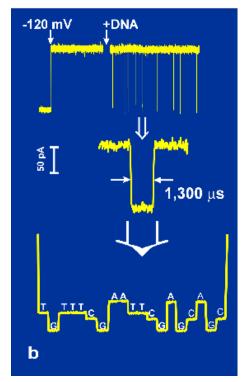
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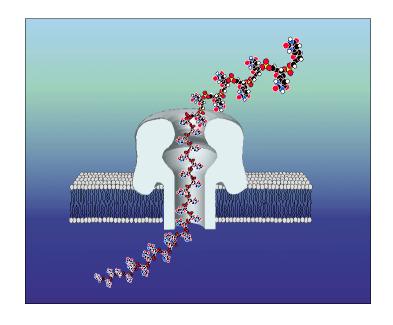
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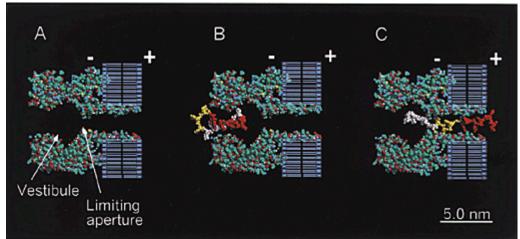
Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry David W. Deamer, Ph.D.

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Single-stranded nucleic acid molecules passing through a nanometer-sized pore modulate the ionic conductance across the membrane. This observation may one day lead to a device for single molecule DNA sequencing.



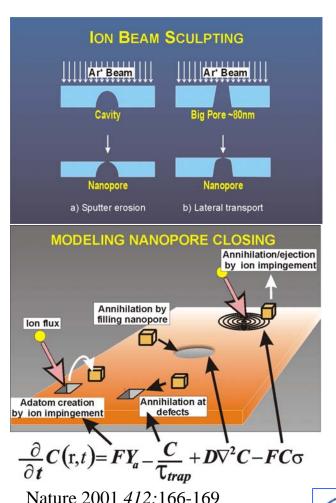




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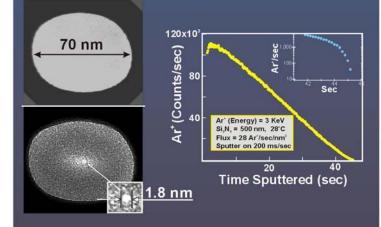


ions closes a pre-made hole. Size control is achieved by monitoring ion flux through the pore. The result is a "robust electronic detector consisting of a single nanopore in a Si₃N₄ membrane, capable of registering single DNA molecules in aqueous solution."

Solid state fabrication methods were developed to

DNA analysis. An incident beam of massive argon

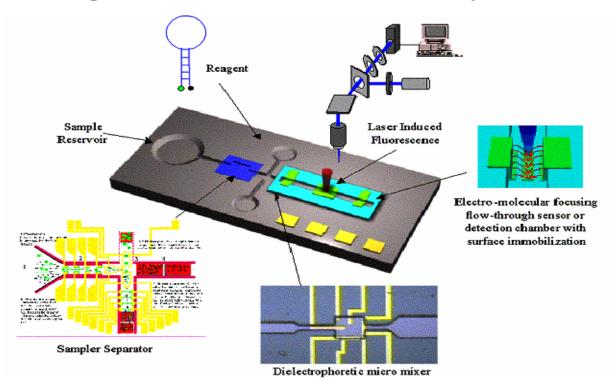
create a pore small enough for single-stranded



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Integrated multifunctional systems.



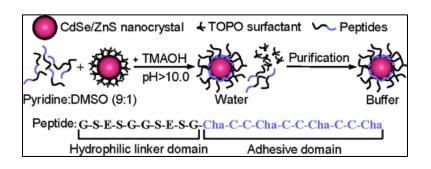
The detection chip includes: i) a chamber inlet where saliva is introduced; ii) phase shifted electric fields that enable traveling wave dielectrophoresis which focuses the stream of cells in the microfluidic flow channel for subsequent separation; iii) flow with specific amplitudes and frequencies of the AC electric field for the separation of cell from proteins; and iv) the detection chamber that includes the different ligands for simultaneous optical detection of multiple analytes. Illustration by Drs. David Wong and Chih-Ming Ho. UCLA

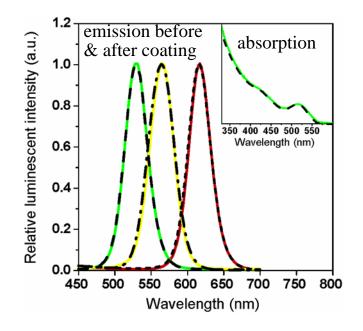


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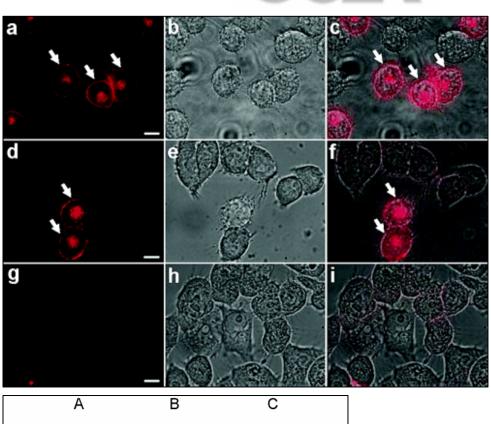
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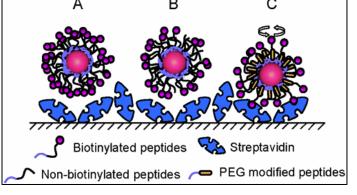
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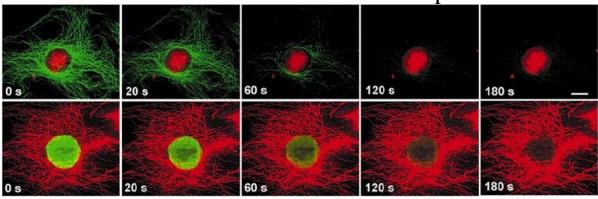


Nature Biotech., 2003, 21:41-46

QUANTUM DOT CORP.

Marcel Bruchez, Ph.D.

Semiconductor quantum dots are being developed for use as probes for intracellular structures. In this study, they were used to label the breast cancer marker Her2 on the surface of fixed and live cancer cells, to stain actin and microtubule fibers in the cytoplasm, and to detect nuclear antigens inside the nucleus. Quantum dots offer several advantages over the organic dyes typically used for comparable studies.

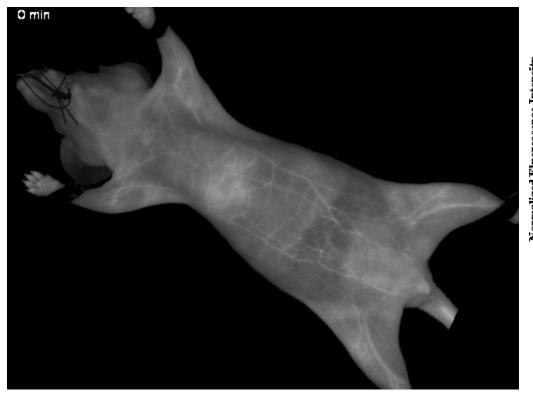


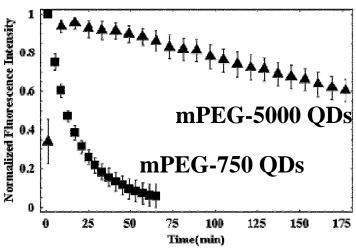




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circulating lifetime of QDs

B. Ballou, et al., Bioconjugate Chem., 2004, 15:79 -86

Timelapse: Mouse injected with methoxy-PEG750-Qdots







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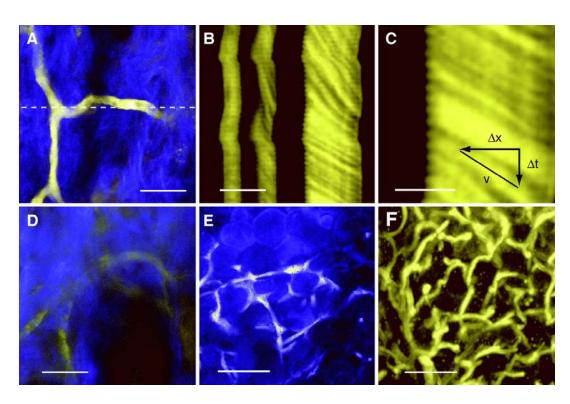
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D.R. Larson, D.R.et al., Science, 2003, 300:1434-1436.

Semiconductor quantum dots were imaged by multiphoton microscopy through the skin of living mice. Blood flow velocity and heart rate (from undulation of the capillary wall) could be determined through the skin.

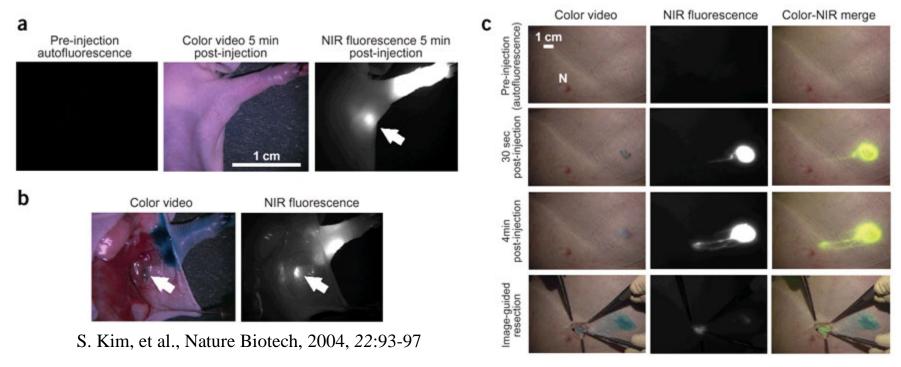
No adverse effect on the mice was observed (the mice are being maintained to investigate long-term Qdot toxicity).

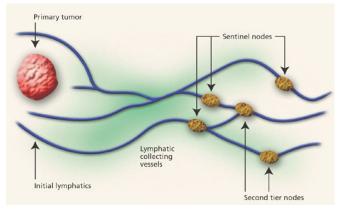




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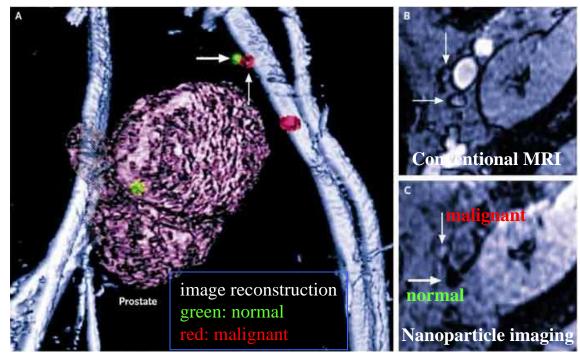
R. Uren, Nature Biotech., 2004, 22:38-39

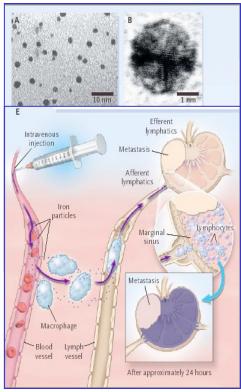
Following intradermal injection of 10-20 nm phosphine coated (water soluble) near IR fluorescent quantum dots into the paw of a mouse or thigh of a

pig, lymph nodes 1 cm deep are imaged in real time using low intensity illumination, enabling sentinel lymph node biopsy under image guidance.

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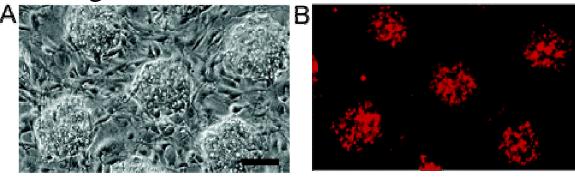
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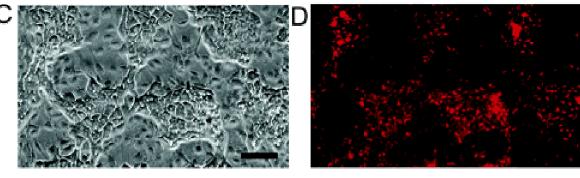
Nanoparticles (dextran-coated iron oxide crystals – Combidex, Advanced Magnetics) injected into the circulation travel to the lymph nodes. Metastatic tumors growing in the nodes interfere with particle distribution, and this can be detected by MRI. 80 men undergoing surgery or biopsy for prostate cancer had MRI exams both with and without the nanoparticles before surgery. 33 of the men actually had metastatic lymph nodes. MRI with the particles identified all 33, whereas MRI without the particles missed more than half of them.

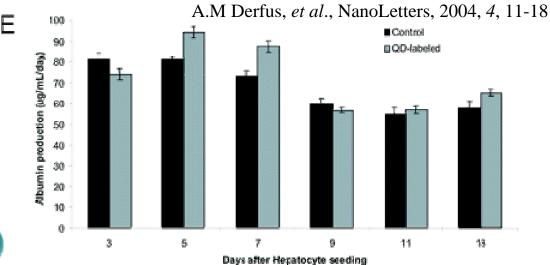
Liver is the site of cadmium toxicity in vivo. Using primary liver cells as a model, **CdSe-core quantum dots were** acutely toxic under certain conditions. When appropriately coated, the quantum dots can be rendered C nontoxic and used to track cell migration and reoganization in vitro. QDs were capped with ZnS, coated with PEG, and conjugated to EGF to promote uptake by hepatocytes. After 1 week, the hepatocytes co-cultured with fibroblasts changed shape and migrated as without QDs, and they produced normal levels of albumin for 2 weeks.

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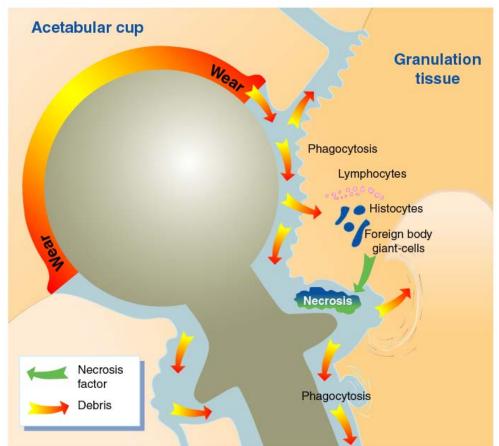


Tissue Engineering





Total Hip Replacement - Osteolysis



We take about one million steps a year.

As years pass, strong shock waves caused by walking, running & climbing erode cushioning between ball & socket at top of leg.

Soon, bone grinding on bone causes osteoarthritis, a condition that brings crippling pain and slows everything we do.

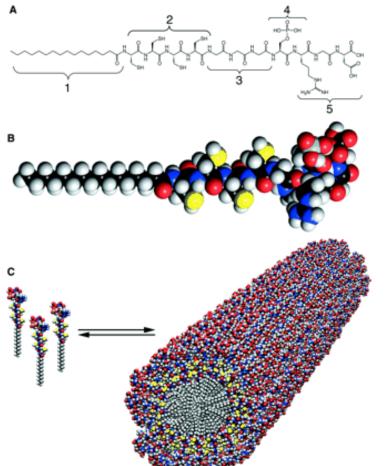
What's the answer? For more than 250,000 Americans a year: hip replacement surgery.

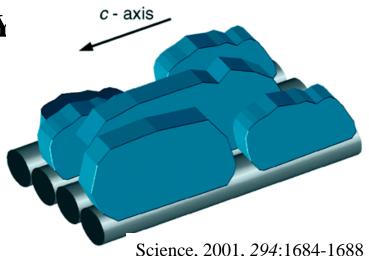
Provided by Dr. Tony Tomsia, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)

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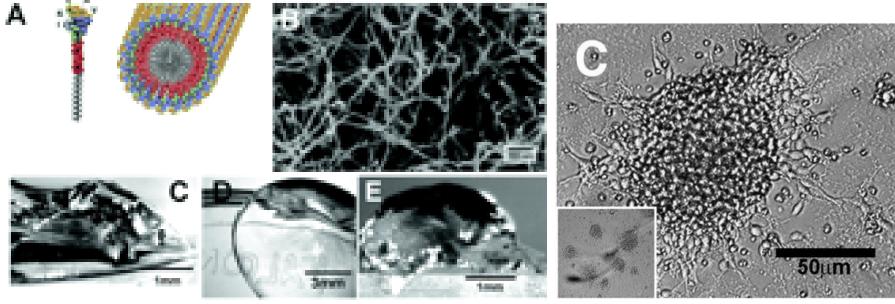
Science, 2001, 294:1684-1688

pH-induced self-assembly of a peptideamphiphile forms a nanostructured scaffold (micelle) reminiscent of extracellular matrix. The structural integrity of the nanofibers is controlled by reversible cross-linking. The alignment of crystals of hydroxyapatite, directed by the nanofibers, forms a composite material that mimics the alignment of hydroxyapatite on collagen fibrils in bone.

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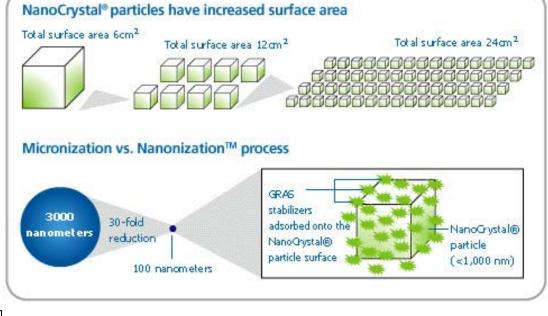
pH-induced self-assembly of a peptide-amphiphile forms a nanostructured scaffold (micelle) reminiscent of extracellular matrix. The resulting three-dimensional scaffold presents the neurite-promoting laminin epitope IKVAV, and controls cell proliferation and differentiation. Neural progenitor cells encapsulated within the gel differentiate into neurons (see neurite extension) as opposed to astrocytes.

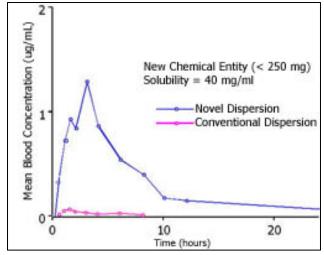
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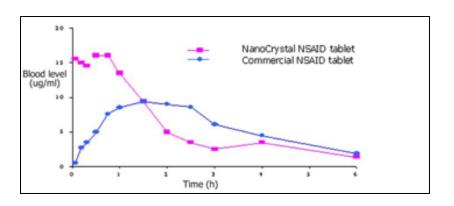


Increased surface area

- \Rightarrow faster dissolution
- \Rightarrow faster absorption
- \Rightarrow enhanced bioavailability









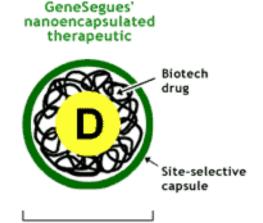


Phase II clinical trial for nanocrystalline silver drug to treat inflammation and infection associated with atopic dermatitis. Unique form results in more rapid killing of bacteria and greater reduction in inflammation.

Phase II testing has been completed for use of Ferumoxytol, a nanoparticle iron oxide core



surrounded by a carbohydrate coating, for iron replacement therapy, and phase II is ongoing for use as an intravascular blood pool agent that does not spread into the adjacent tissue, for MR angiography.



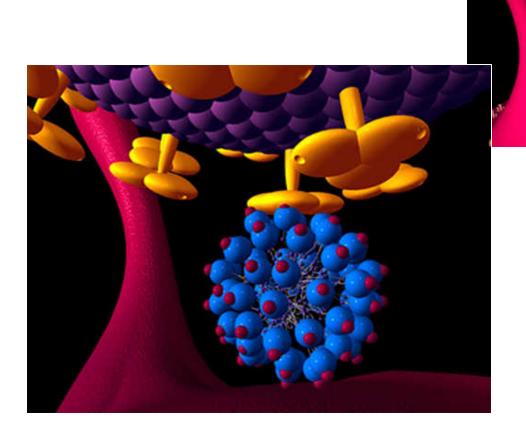
Preclinical testing of anti-cancer agent that delivers antisense oligos specifically to tumor cell nuclei through specific endocytic pathway.

30 nanometers

STARPHARMA, LTD.

Thomas D. McCarthy

VivaGel is the first drug product based on dendrimers to enter human trials. It is a topical microbicide for prevention of HIV and other STDs.

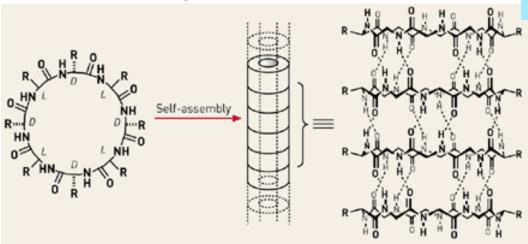




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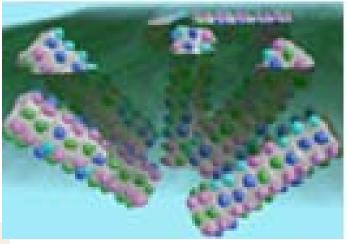
M. Reza Ghadiri, Ph.D.

A new class of antibacterial peptides is being developed. Nanotubes are formed by self-assembly of cyclic peptides composed of alternating D- and L-amino acids. With appropriate design, the nanotubes insert themselves into bacterial, but not mammalian, cell membranes. Pores are created, resulting in bacterial cell death.



Figures are from C&E News, August 6, 2001

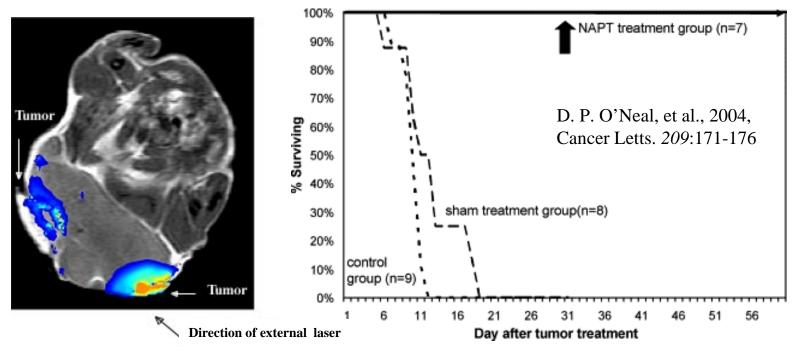






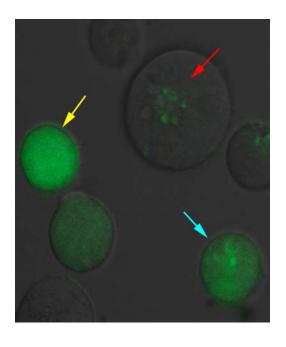
RICE UNIVERSITY; NANOSPECTRA BIOSCIENCES, INC.

Jennifer L. West, Naomi J. Halas



Tumor destruction by nanoparticle heating: nanoshells (110 nm silica core, 10 nm gold shell, PEG SAM) are tuned to absorb near-infrared light and emit heat, and to remain in the circulation of healthy animals. Upon injection into tail veins of mice, the particles leak out of the circulation and accumulate in tumors. NIR laser light was shined on the skin of the mice, near the tumors, resulting in heating of the tumors to 50°C, killing the tumors. At 90 days the mice appeared healthy and tumor-free.

Integrated Devices

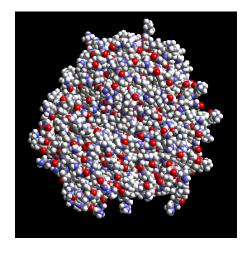


UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN James Baker, M.D.





Multifunctional nano-devices based on dendritic polymer components will be developed that target neoplastic cells and sense the earliest signatures of cancer. The dendritic nano-devices will be designed to support the specific release of a therapeutic agent within a tumor, and analyze the effect of the therapeutic identifying evidence of residual disease.





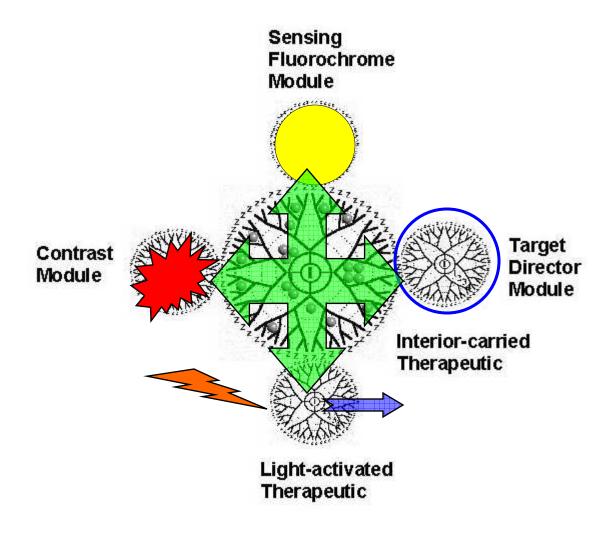
Dendrimer structure, from Jean Frechet, U.C. Berkeley



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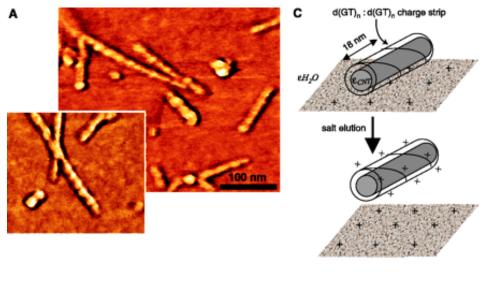
Biological knowledge informs other fields' nanotechnology advances.

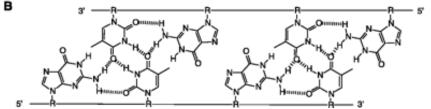
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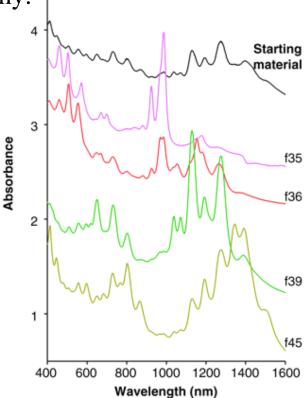
DNA forms a complex with carbon nanotubes, resulting in their dispersion in aqueous solution. d(GT)n, n=10-45, assembles around CNTs in a fashion that depends on tube diameter and electronic properties, enabling separation of different

CNT structures by anion exchange chromatography.





M.Zheng, et al., 2003, Science 302:1545-1548.

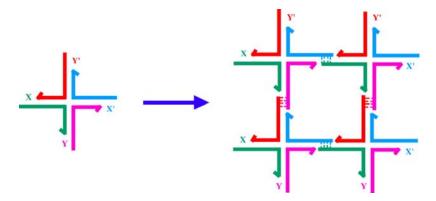


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Earlier fractions (f35) contain smaller diameter & metallic CNTs while later fractions (f45) contain larger diameter & semiconducting CNTs.

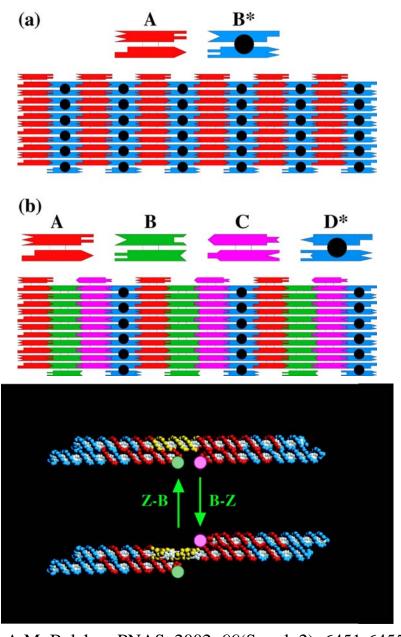
New York University

Nadrian C. Seeman



Complex devices may be built from the "bottom up" using a material called DNA. Nucleotide sequence determines the resulting structure (due to 'sticky ends' of high potential diversity), resulting in localization and interconnection of components. B* and D* contain modifications (hairpins) that protrude at right angles from the sheet, providing attachment points for subsequent assembly. Conformational changes can produce mechanical devices.

N.C. Seeman



N.C. Seeman & A.M. Belcher, PNAS, 2002, 99(Suppl. 2): 6451-6455





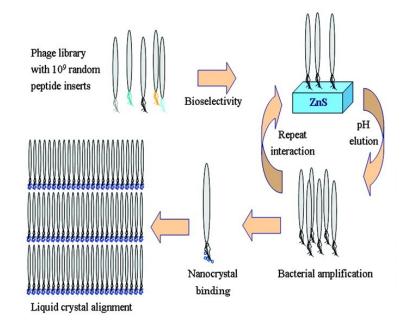


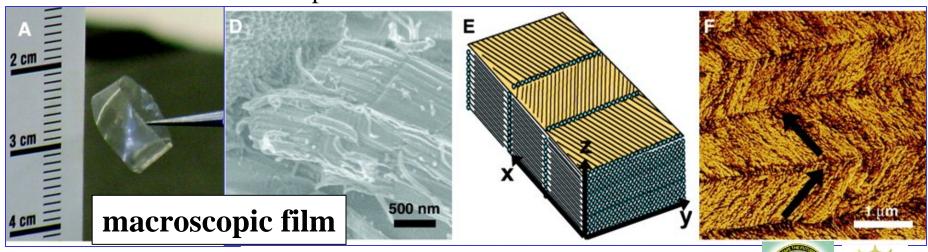


MIT

Angela M. Belcher

Phage display libraries are used to select peptides that bind to specific metals. In high concentration suspension, amplified phage self-assemble to liquid crystalline arrays. ZnS quantum dots bound to phage ends are arranged in regular 3D structures in resulting films, over cm length scales. Thus, ordered electronic, optical and magnetic materials can be assembled "bottom up."



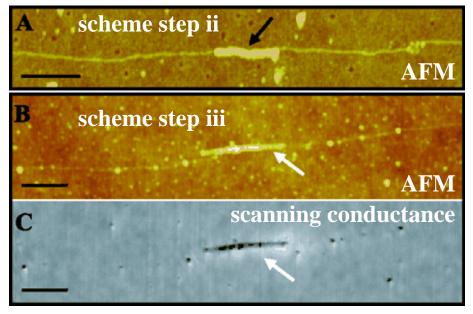




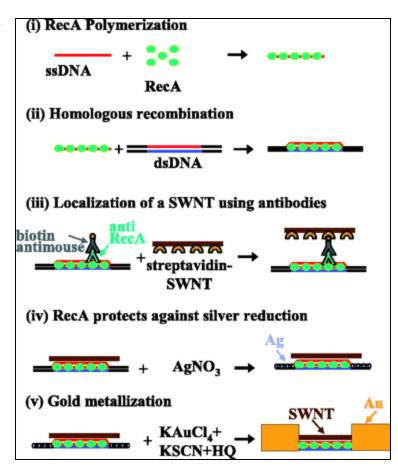


Technion-Israel Inst. of Technology Uri Sivan & Erez Braun

Exploiting the intriguing dimensional and electrical properties of carbon nanotubes for building molecular electronics requires development of strategies for their precise localization and interconnection. Biological molecules routinely accomplish these feats in living systems and can do so in vitro.



K. Keren, et al., Science, 2003, 302:1380-2.

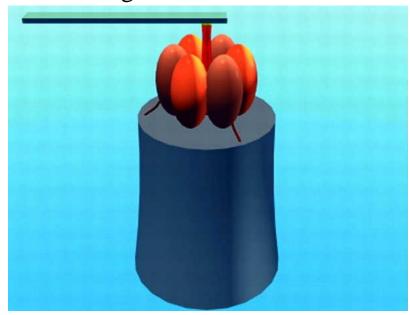


A DNA scaffold provides the address to localize a semiconducting CNT and also the template for the metallic wires contacting it. The result is a molecular electronic field effect transistor that functions at room temperature.

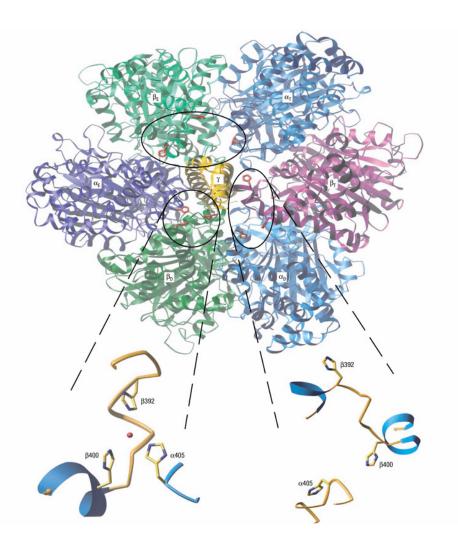
UCLA

Carlos Montamagno

A fabricated rotor was integrated with anchored F1-ATPase molecules. An ATP-independent switch (Zn-dependent, in this case) was engineered into the protein for controlling the motor.



R.K. Soong, et al., Science, 2000, 290:1555-1558

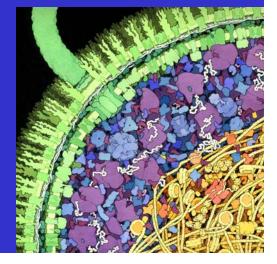


H. Liu, et al., Nature Materials, 2002, 1:173–177





NANOMEDICINE ROADMAP INITIATIVE

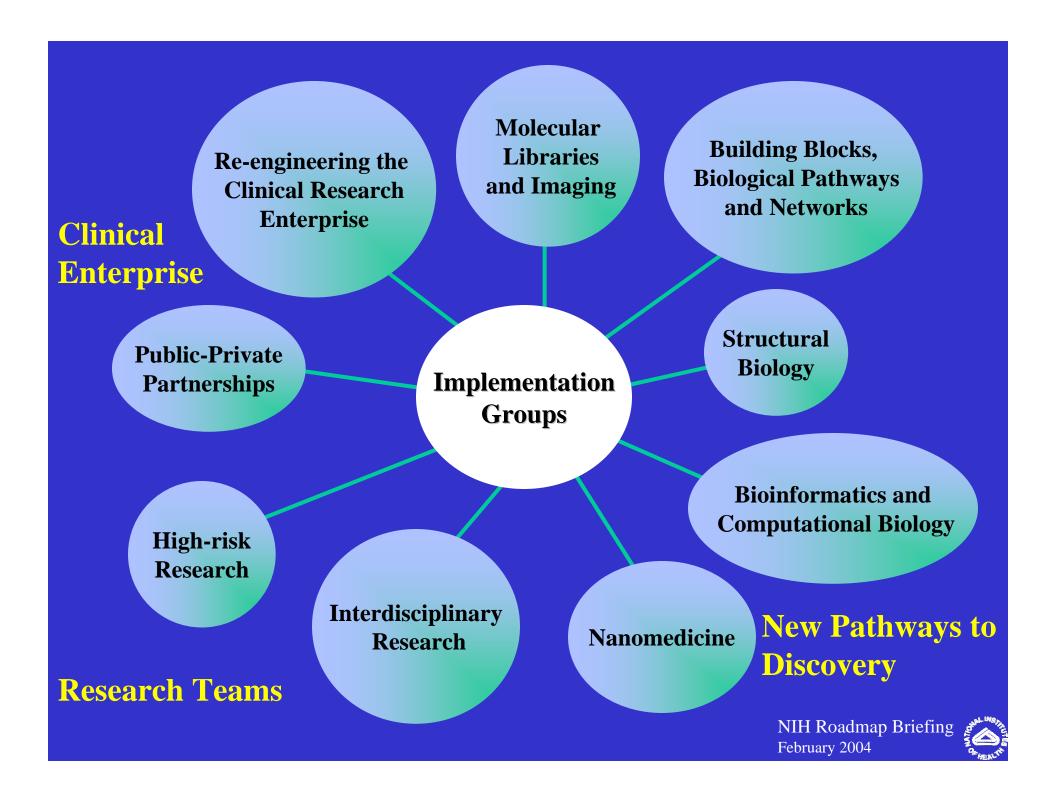




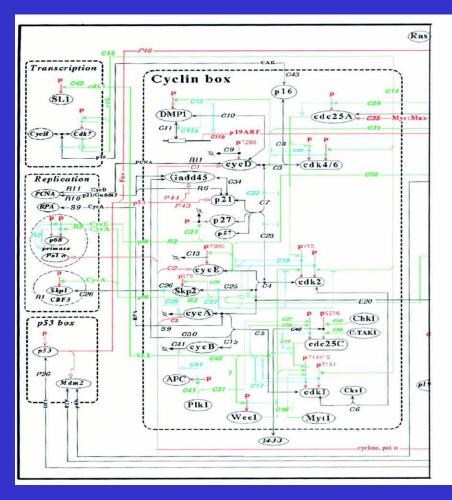


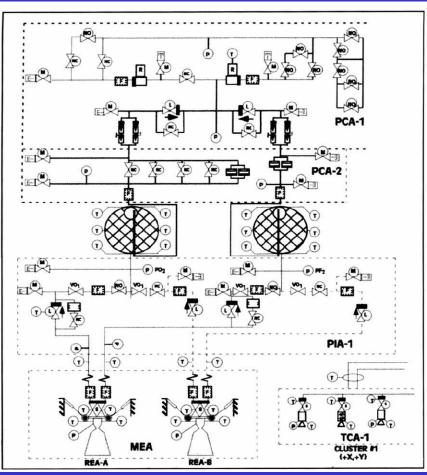
Imperatives for NIH

- Accelerate pace of discoveries in life sciences
- Translate research more rapidly from laboratories to patients and back
- Explore novel approaches orders of magnitude more effective than current
- Develop new strategies: NIH Roadmap



Need to understand biological systems





Brent Cell, 2000

The Biological Data Of The Future

- Destructive
- Qualitative
- Uni-dimensional
- Low temporal resolution
- Low data density
- Variable standards
- Non cumulative

- Non-destructive
- Quantitative
- Multi-dimensional and spatially resolved
- High temporal resolution
- High data density
- Stricter standards
- Cumulative

Nanomedicine Development Centers

The NIH Vision

- Characterize quantitatively the physical and chemical properties of molecules and nanomachinery in cells;
- Gain an understanding of the engineering principles used in living cells to "build" molecules, molecular complexes, organelles, cells, and tissues; and
- Use this knowledge of properties and design principles to develop new technologies, and engineer devices and hybrid structures, for repairing tissues as well as preventing and curing disease.



From CDP Instructions...

...NIH intends that the Nanomedicine Roadmap Initiative projects should depart from established, ongoing projects and should propose truly novel approaches and break new scientific and technical ground. Our primary goal is to stimulate new ideas and directions that would not be likely to receive funding in routine grant solicitations.

Scope of Centers

- multidisciplinary -- biology, clinical, math, physics, chemistry, engineering, computational ...
- biomedical focus of model system/theme -- e.g.,
 - pathway, motor system, transport
 - cell type, disease model
- toxicity, biocompatibility -- goal is to develop particles, materials and devices that can be used in vivo.
- broad (but not comprehensive) technological approach
- generality of tools (broadly applicable)
- design of tools: throughput, comprehensive measurement (à la HGP)
- operate as network of centers





NANOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AT NIH



CONCLUSIONS:

NIH supports nanoscience and nanotechnology research in the context of many programs, with a goal of increasing the knowledge needed to improve human health.

Nanotechnology offers technical and conceptual paths to solving important biomedical problems.

Biology offers tools and concepts applicable to nanotechnologies that will be used in non-medical fields.

Successful dovetailing of nanotechnology and biomedicine requires interdisciplinary teams, and novel research capabilities.





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