



Institute for Collaborative Biotechnologies



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INSTITUTE FOR COLLABORATIVE BIOTECHNOLOGIES

Mission: Enabling Network-Centric Technologies

- ***Led by UCSB with MIT and Caltech, with partners from Industry and Army labs***
- ***Uniquely interdisciplinary teams of molecular biologists, chemists, physicists and engineers***
- ***Harnessing biological mechanisms to develop advanced sensors, electronic, optical and magnetic materials, information processing and network control systems***

R&D at the interface between biotechnology and engineering



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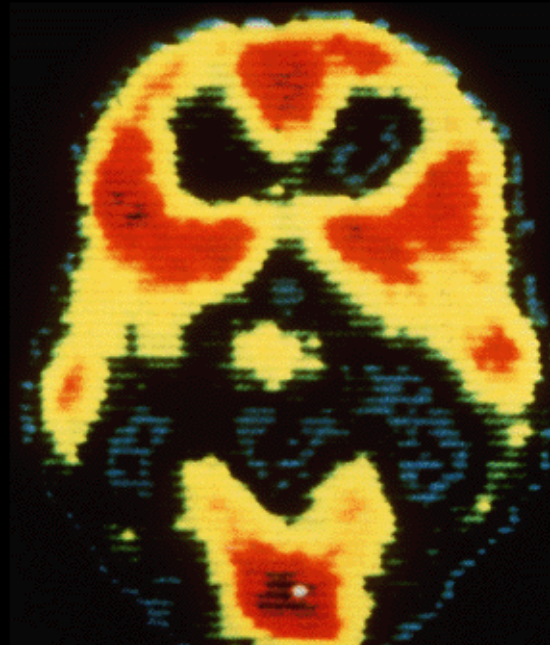
Dan Morse - Director
Biotechnology,
Biomolecular & Optoelectronic Materials



Frank Doyle - Associate Director
Systems Engineering,
Systems Biology, Network Science

Biology exhibits remarkably high performance unequaled by human engineering:

- *The chemical sensors in the antennae of the moth detect single molecules*
- *The human brain is a paragon of massive parallel information processing; it can heal around an injury, and learn, in ways our present electronics can't*
- *Efficiency of photovoltaic energy transduction in green plants is virtually 100% - compared to the much lower efficiency in engineered devices*



Our Approach:

- *Use biotechnology to dissect and identify fundamental mechanisms responsible for this uniquely high efficiency*
- *Translate results to “hard” engineering, chemistry and physics.*



GRAND CHALLENGES

Translate the unequaled high-performance of biological systems into practical engineering to deliver revolutionary improvements in:

- Lightweight portable energy generation and storage***
- High-speed, high-density information sensing, processing and storage***
- Robust mobile networks for sensors, communications, command and control***



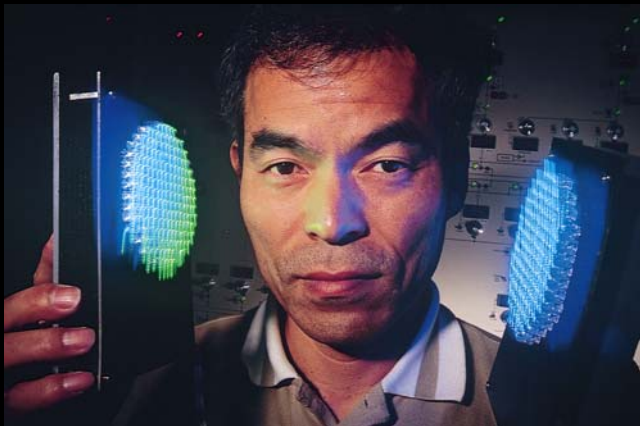
REVOLUTIONARY INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH



Alan Heeger - Nobel Laureate, 2000; His plastic wires and light sources enabled flexible displays



Angela Belcher, pioneer in bio-electronics and MIT Coordinator for ICB, won a MacArthur Award this year.



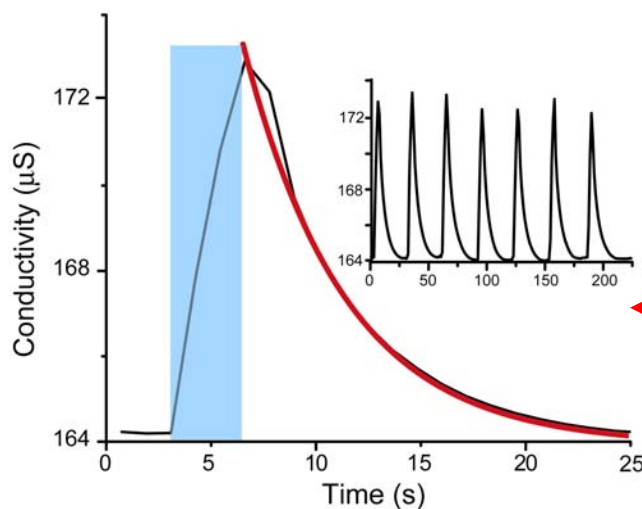
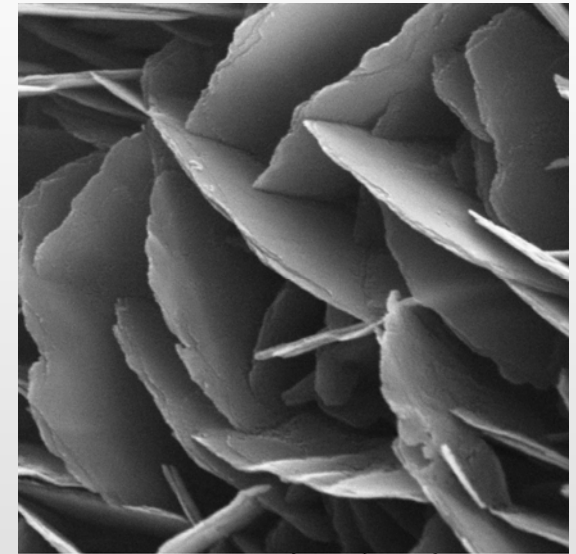
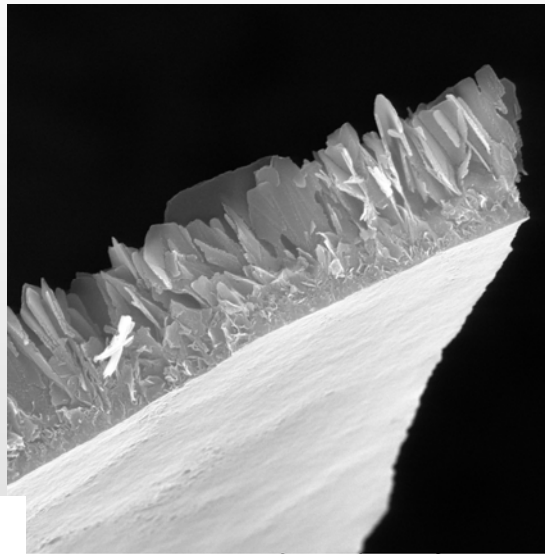
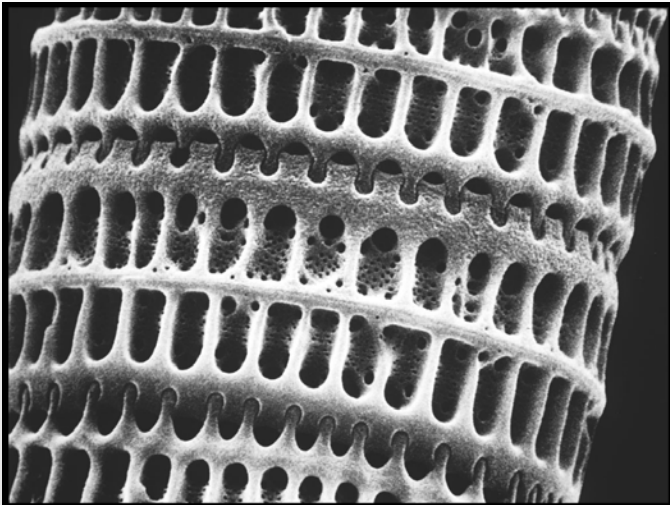
Shuji Nakamura, known as “the Thomas Edison of Japan” for his invention of the Gallium Nitride laser and LEDs



Grand Challenge: Lightweight portable energy generation and storage

Breakthrough in Biomimetic Synthesis of Nanometer-Scale Photovoltaic and Light-weight Li-Battery Materials - with no biochemicals or organics!

ICB investigators discovered the molecular mechanism governing the biological nanofabrication of silica. They translated this to develop a radically new synthesis method for a wide-range of novel semiconductors:



Biomimetically Grown Photovoltaic Co(OH)_2
Plates Connected to Flat Conductive Backplane

Extremely long minority carrier lifetime, high dopant density, high surface area and unique single crystal morphology - all ideal for highly efficient photovoltaic energy transduction

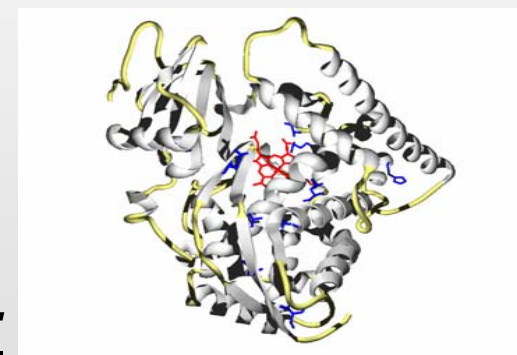
This material cannot be made by conventional means!

Low-cost Fuel & Fuel-Cell Feedstock

Frances Arnold (Caltech/ICB), one of the world's most creative genetic engineers, is "evolving" an enzyme to convert Methane to Methanol

She's already engineered Ethane-to-Ethanol conversion! (- never done before!)

Engineering bacteria to produce Methanol:



Significance:

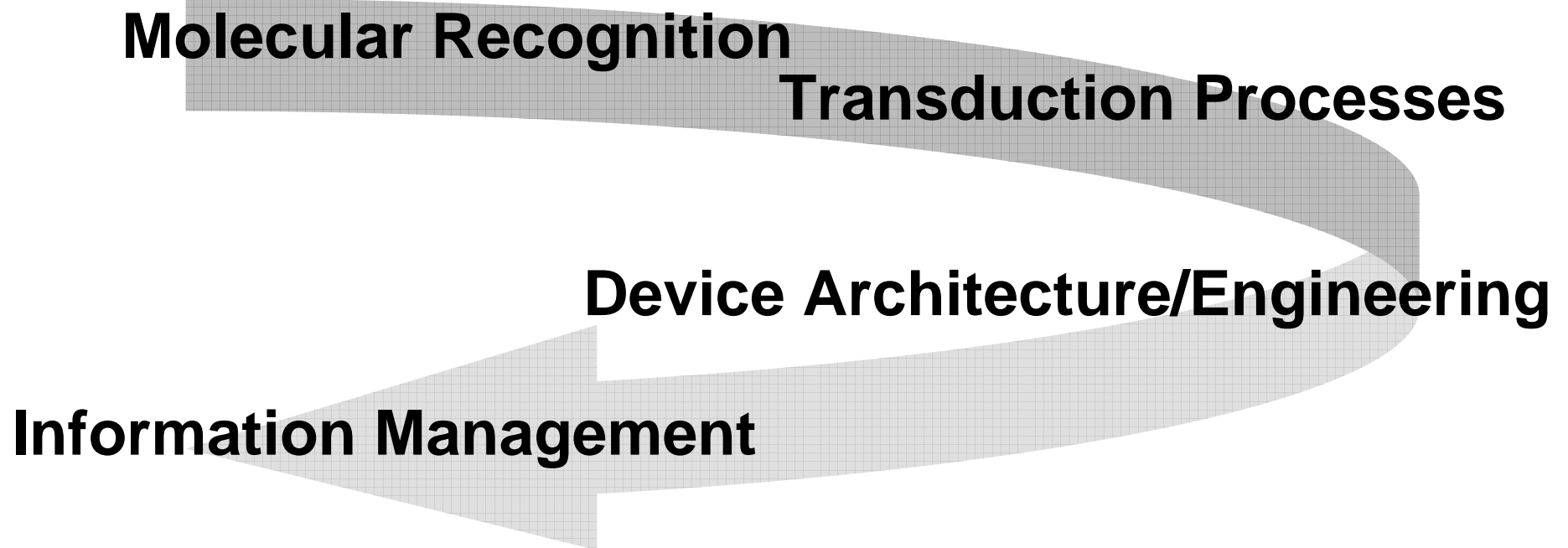
- Convert **vast** methane resources to liquid fuel & fuel-cell feedstock
- Works at low temperature & pressure
- Can use small methane sources



The background of the slide is a complex, artistic illustration. It features several green spheres with internal structures, some with molecular models attached. A large cluster of blue, star-shaped structures is prominent in the center. To the right, there's a glowing green point and a series of plus and minus signs. At the bottom right, a DNA double helix is visible. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greens, and reds, with a dark, textured background.

Grand Challenge: High-speed, high-density information sensing, processing and storage

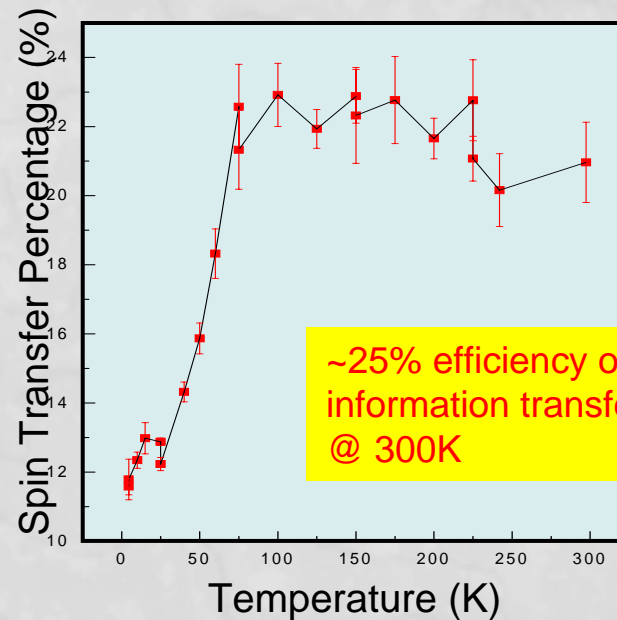
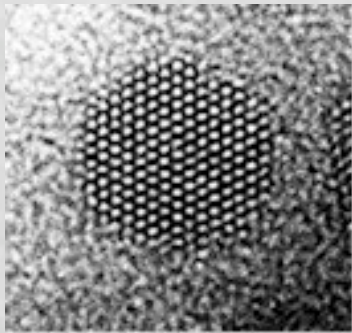
ICB Integrated Biosensor Efforts



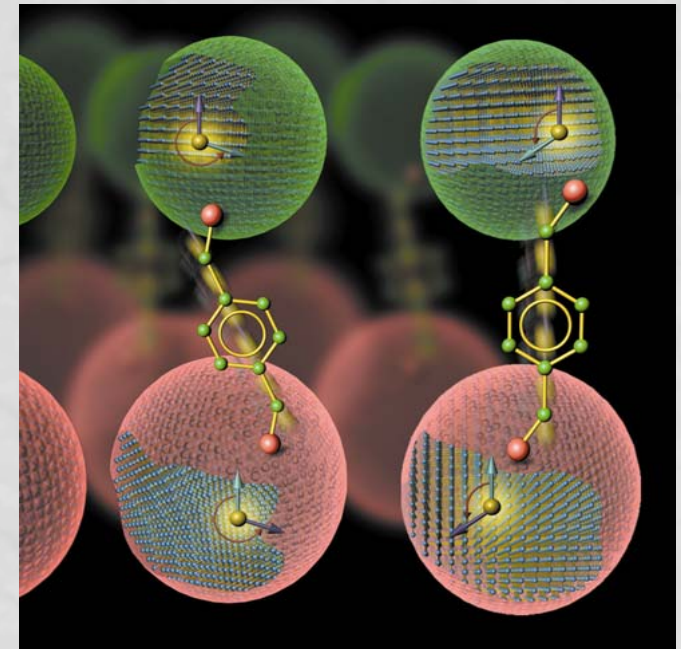


Bio-Molecular Spintronics - Enabler of Quantum Computing!

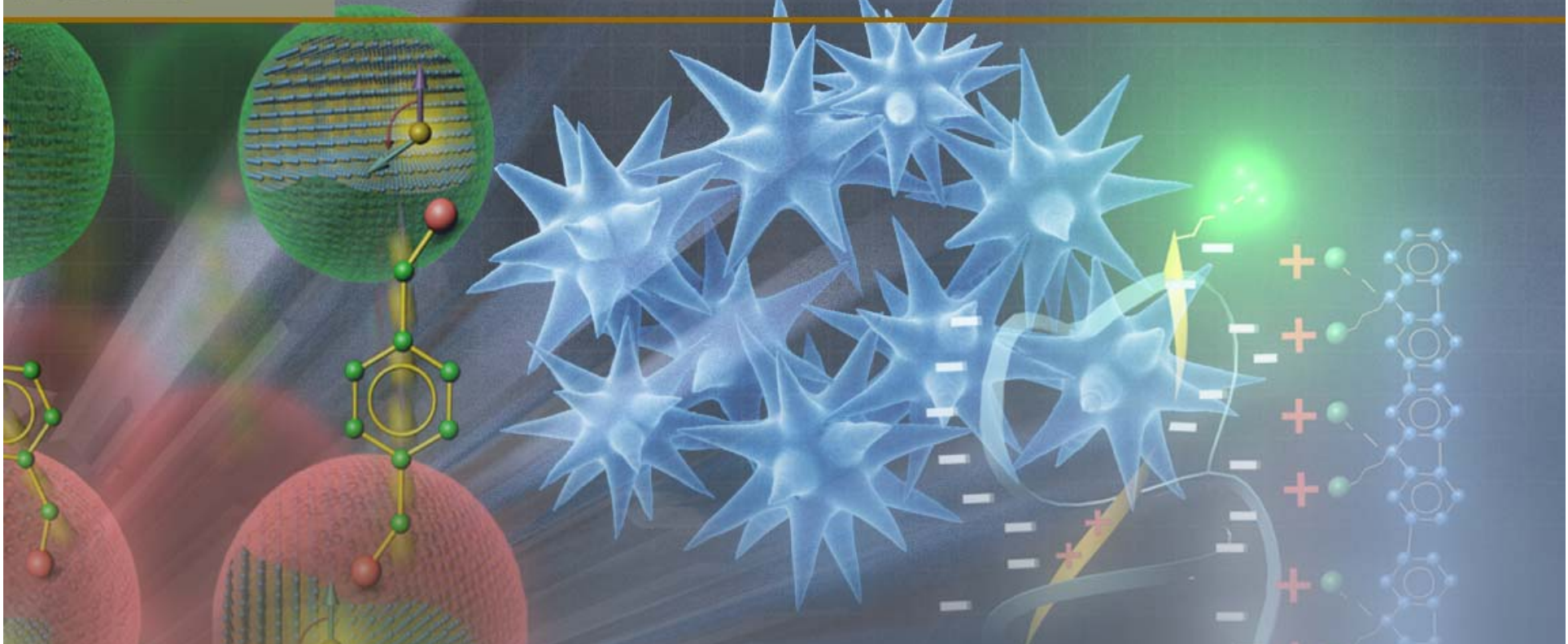
- **Result:** Quantum information transfer achieved with high efficiency across biomolecular linkers at room temperature
- **Significance:** Bio-molecular spintronics! Major enabling step toward quantum computing, for extremely smaller and faster information storage and processing



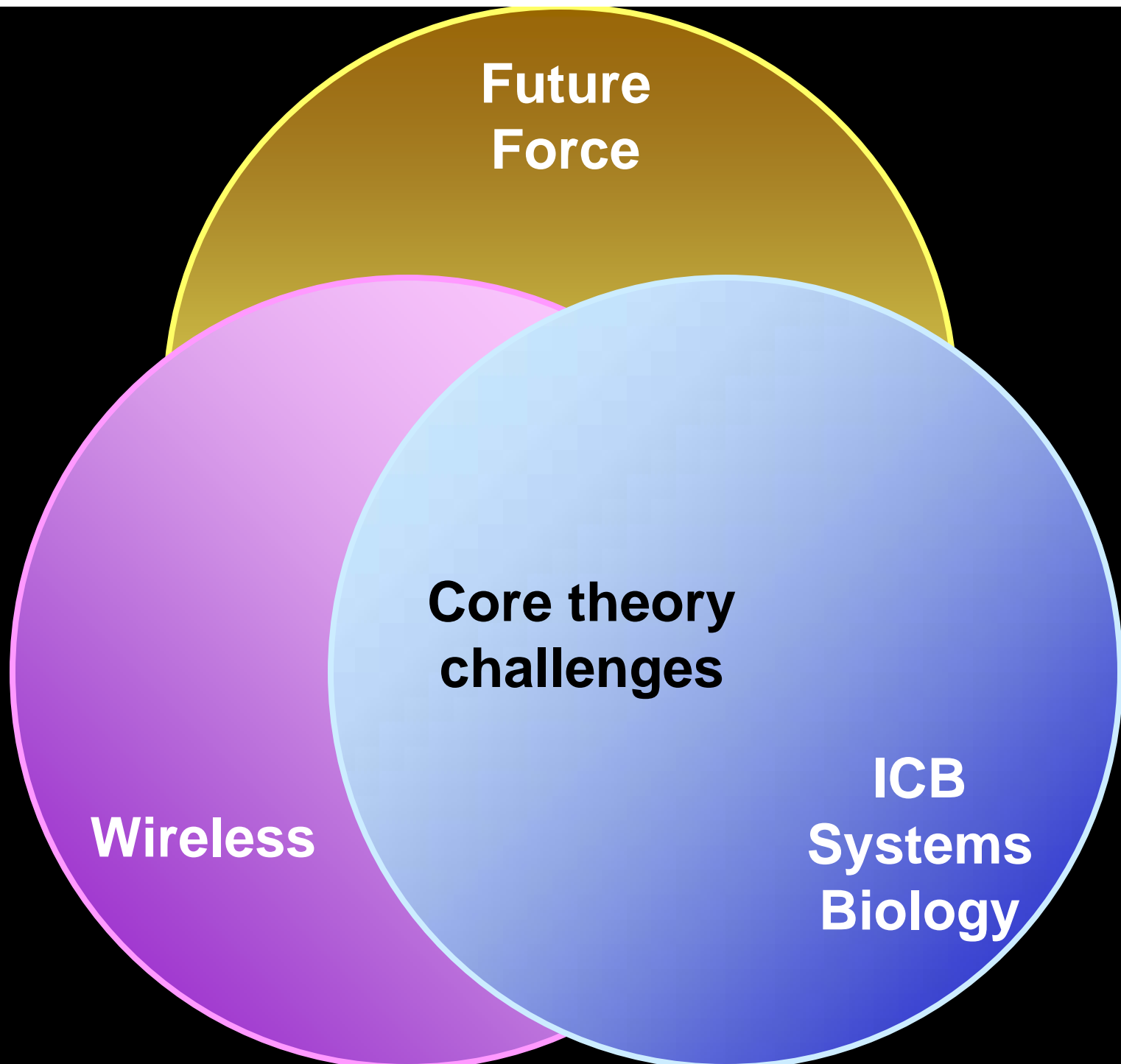
~25% efficiency of
information transfer
@ 300K



Semiconductor quantum dots linked by tailored bio-organic molecules

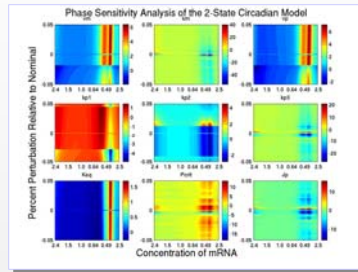
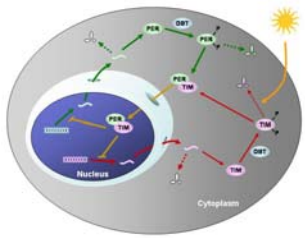


Grand Challenge:
**Robust mobile networks for sensors,
communications, command and control**



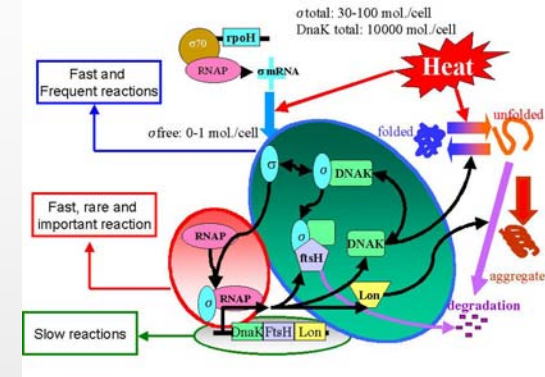
Improved Systems Analysis, Network Systems

Army Need: ability to simulate human performance fluctuations arising from metabolism and circadian rhythms



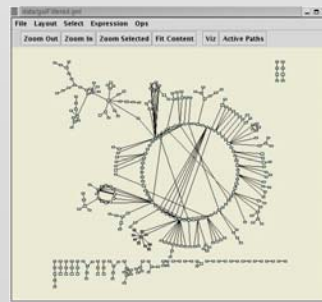
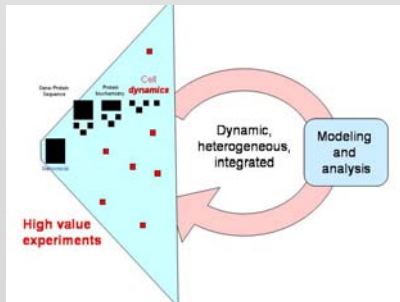
Stochastic model for gene regulation underlying circadian rhythm, demonstrating phase sensitivity

Army Need: tools for prediction of soldier response to biological agents

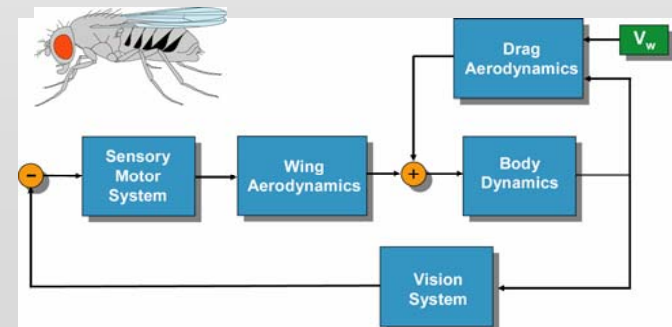


Stochastic model for bacterial heat shock response

Army Need: Systems biology approaches to integrating dynamics, heterogeneous measurements with modeling toolkit, and hypothesis generation



Army Need: biologically inspired devices for small scale unmanned aerial vehicles



Vision & sensory motor processing in fly capable of generating complex behaviors that achieve desired response

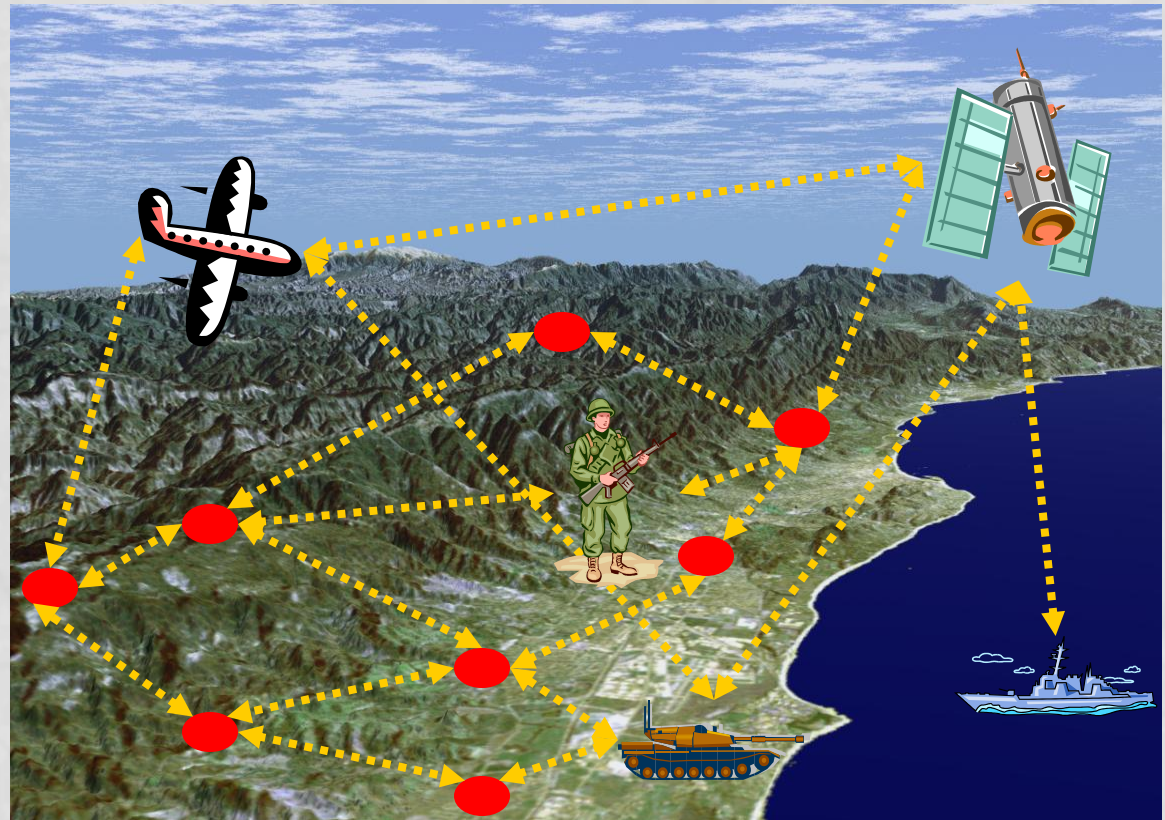


Plan for the Coming Year

Network Science:

Robust Mobile Ad Hoc Networks for FCS

- **Communications, Command & Control**
- **Integrated sense-and-respond architecture**
- **Devices that sense, compute, and communicate**
- **Decentralized information processing**





TECHNOLOGY TRANSITIONING STRATEGY

Build strong working partnerships with the Army and with Industry, to keep current and future needs in focus, and to accelerate the transition from discovery to prototype development, commercial production and acquisition by the Army.



ARMY PARTNERS

Collaborations, 6.2 projects or CRADAs:

ARL

SEDD

CISD

WMRD

HRED

NSC

NVSED

ECBC

MRMC

WRAIR

USAMRIID

USARIEM

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INDUSTRIAL MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES

A company or other organization which supports the educational and research missions of the ICB and which wishes to benefit from interactions and collaborations with ICB faculty members and researchers, thus extending its own biotechnological research and development capabilities.



INDUSTRIAL MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES

**Genencor International
Diversa
Intelligent Optical Systems
Innovative Micro Technology
Cambrios Technologies
Calhoun Vision
Sirigen
Nanex
MITRE**



APPLIED (6.2) RESEARCH PROJECTS

Sirigen – ECBC - UCSB

Meeting Threat Detection Needs for the Army

IMT – NSC – MIT

**Development and Validation of Microdevices
for Food Safety Diagnostics**

Nanex – ARL/SEDD - UCSB

Development of a Portable DNA Sensor System

Cambrios – NSC - UCSB/MIT

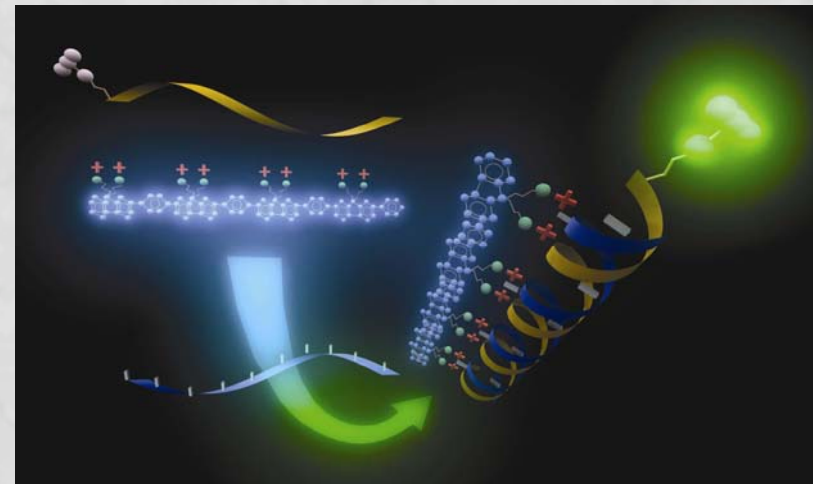
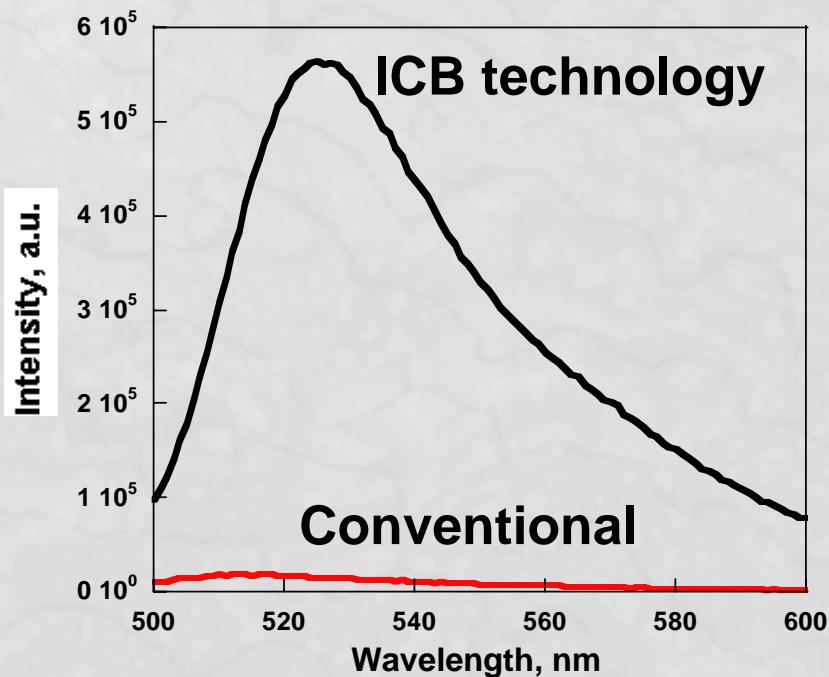
*Large Scale Phage Amplification
for Electronic Materials*



Revolutionary Advance in Sensors

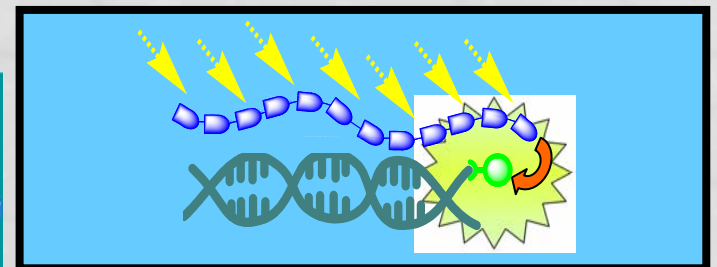
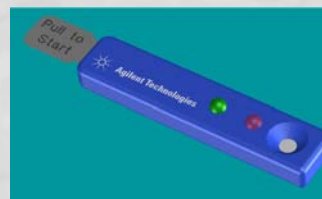
ICB-ECBC-SiriGen, Inc. (6.2)

Quantum Jump in Sensitivity (Detection of Viral Pathogen)



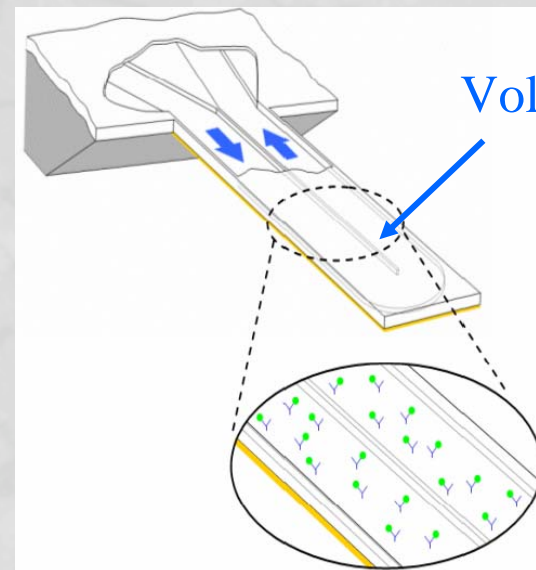
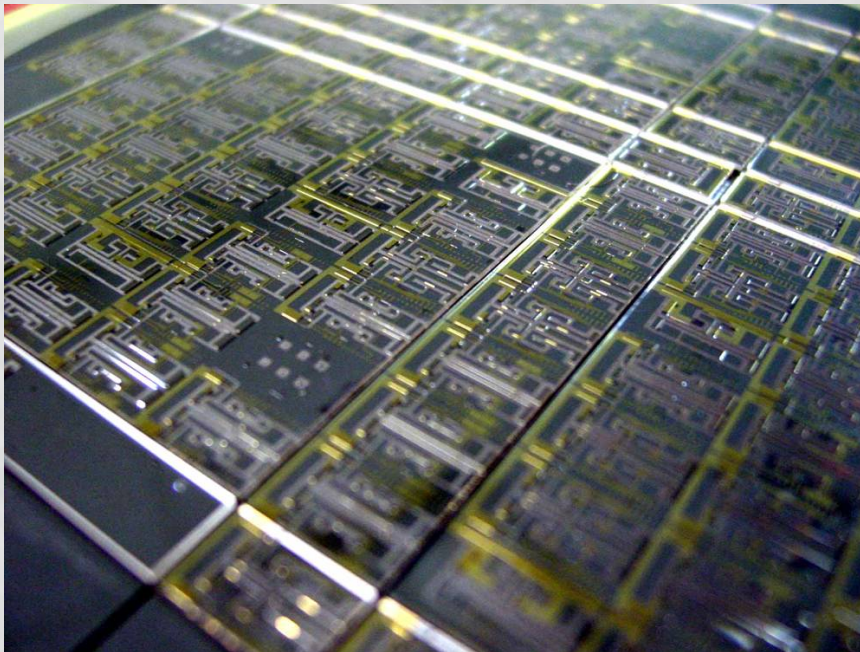
100x amplification!

Deployable Sensors





Food Safety Diagnostics ICB-NSC-IMT-Zyomyx (6.2)

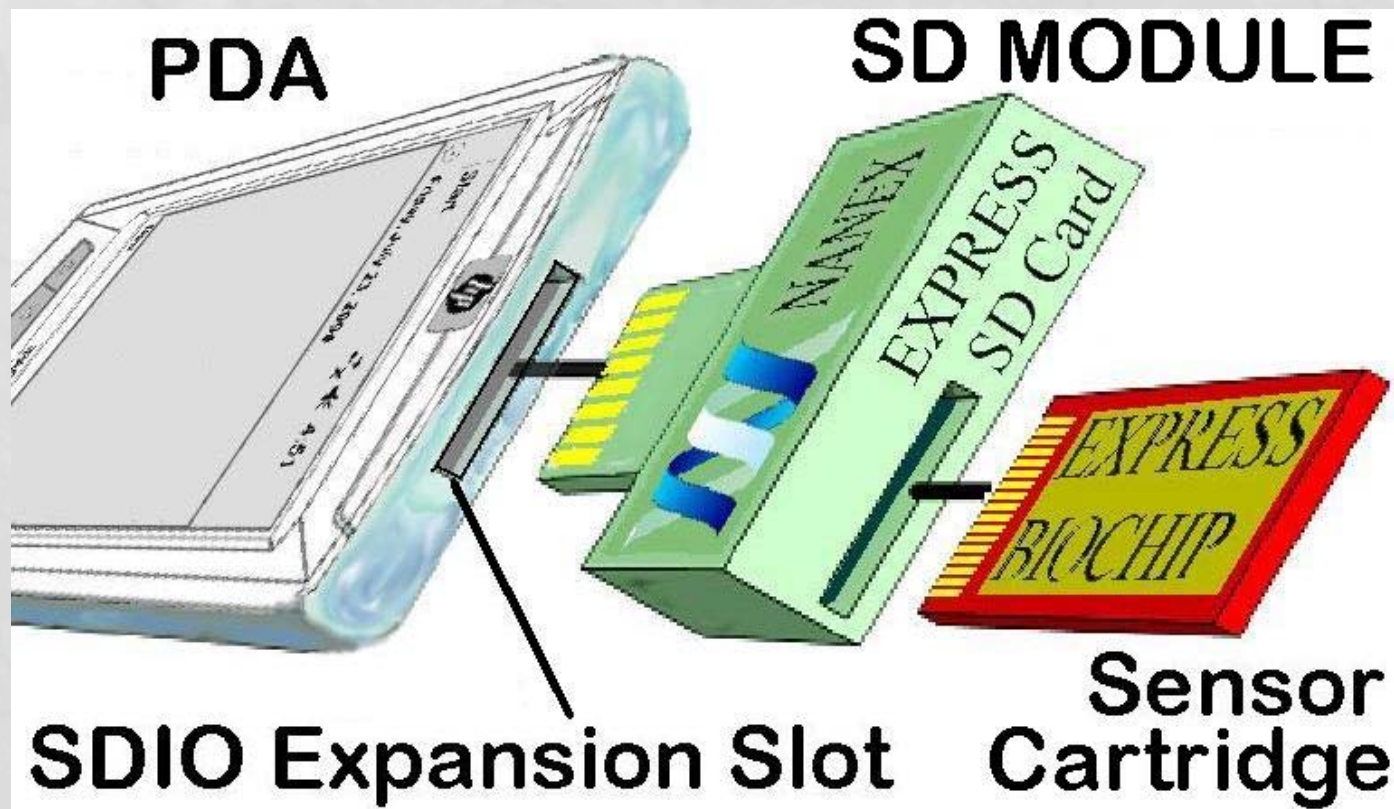


Volume = 30 pL



Electronic Detection of DNA

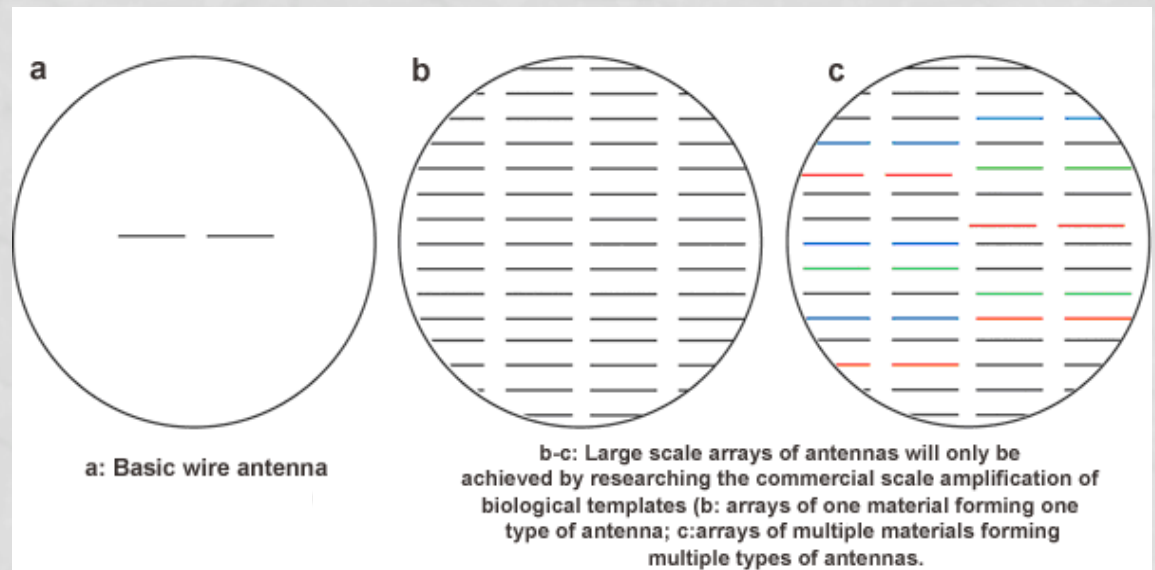
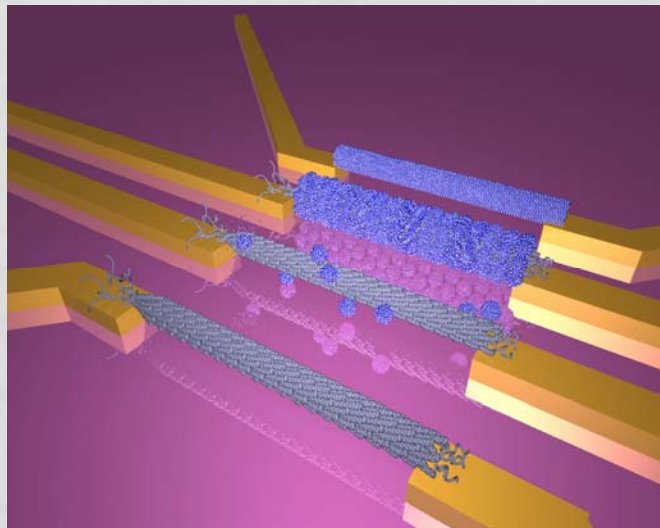
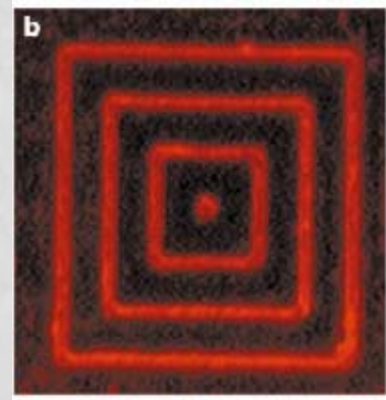
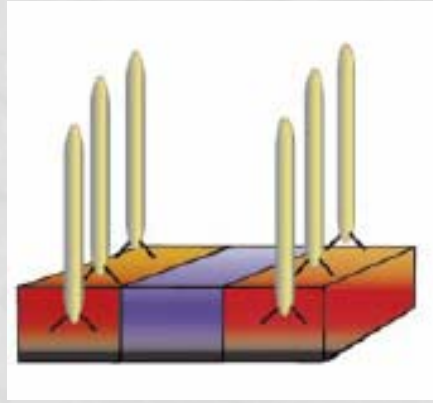
ICB-ARL-Nanex (6.2)





BioFabrication of Electronics

ICB-NSC-Cambrios (6.2)





OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

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**Technology Transitioning via the
Army Applied Biotechnology Center**