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Nanomaterials

Integration

A U.S. DOE Nanoscale Science Research Center

“Softer” Perspectives on Nanoscience Integration

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Brief Biography

Education & Training:

- B.S., Biology, 1992, Biology, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA
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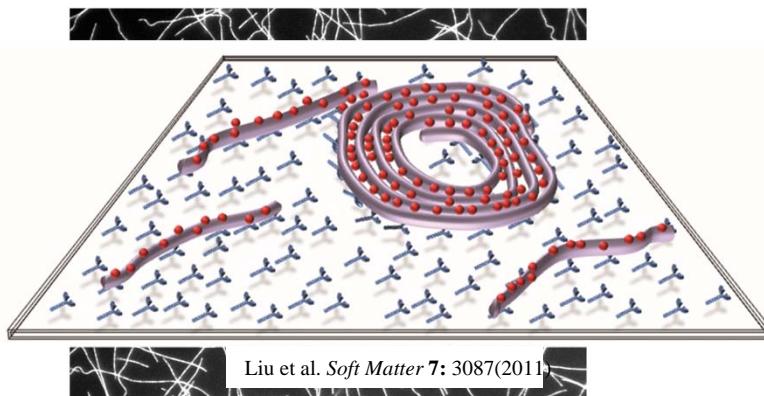
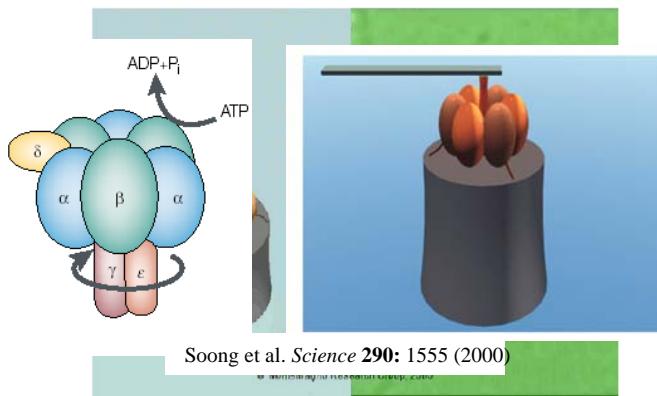
- Partner Science Leader, 2011-present, SBCN Thrust, Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies
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- Acting Level I Manager, 2007, Biomolecular Interfaces and Systems, Sandia National Laboratories
- Research Associate, 1998-2001, Biological and Environmental Engineering, Cornell University



Research Interests

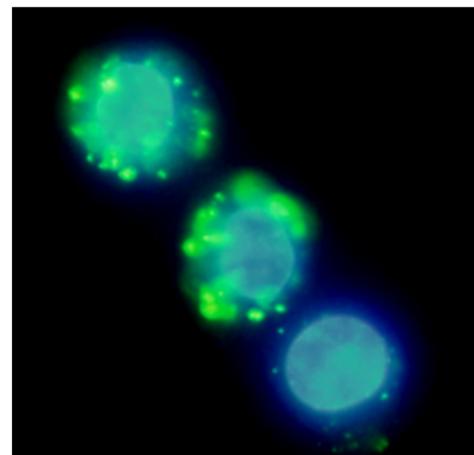
Development of hybrid nanomaterials, devices, and systems:

- Strategies & principles found in living systems
- Use of biological components as structural/functional components



Applying nanoscience/technology to understand, control, and manipulate biomolecular processes

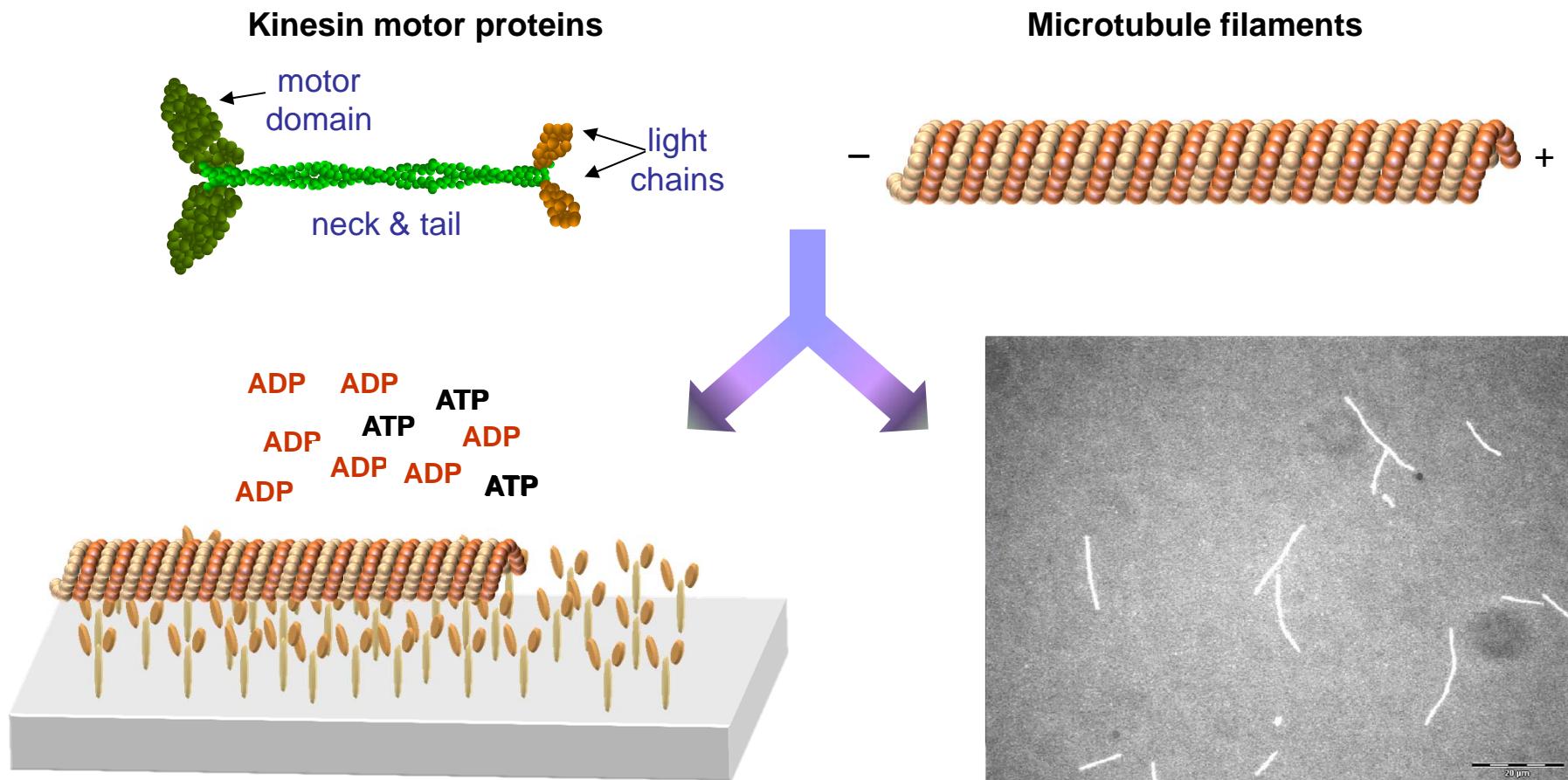
- How nanomaterials interact with biomolecular materials
- New nano-enabled “tools” for studying biological processes





Hybrid nanomaterials, devices, and systems

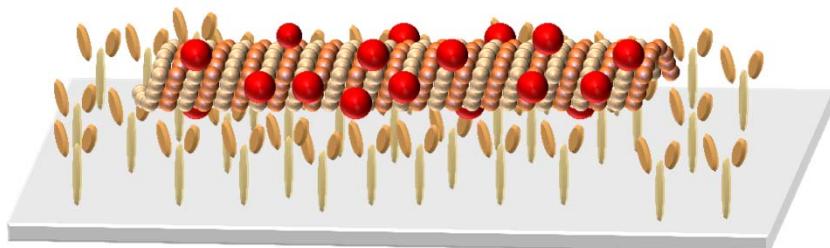
Nanoscale transport in cells is achieved based on motor proteins; such systems may be re-constructed *ex vivo* and used for nanoscience integration.



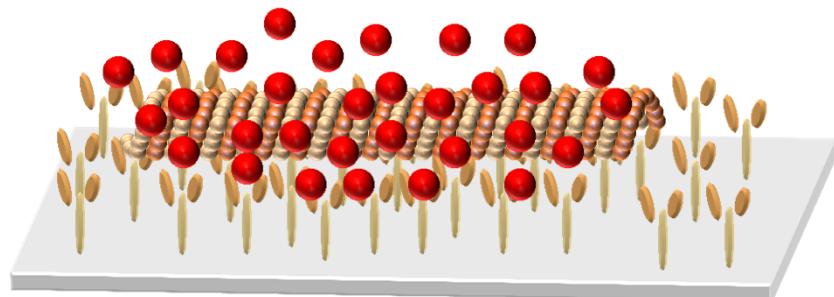


Dynamic Assembly of Ring Composites

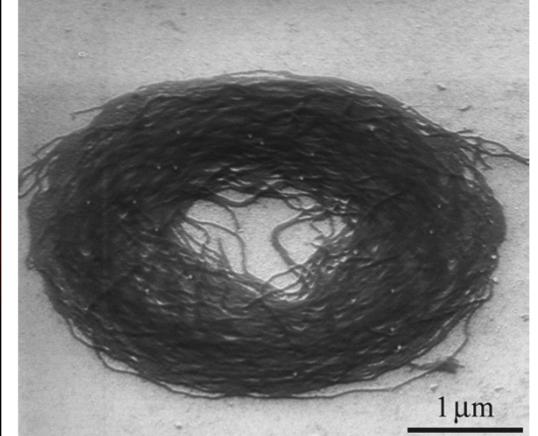
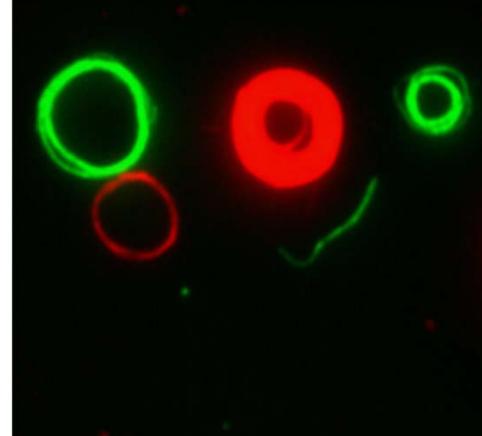
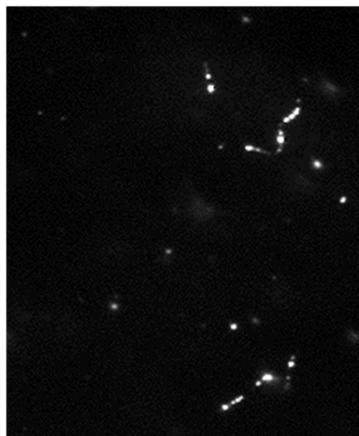
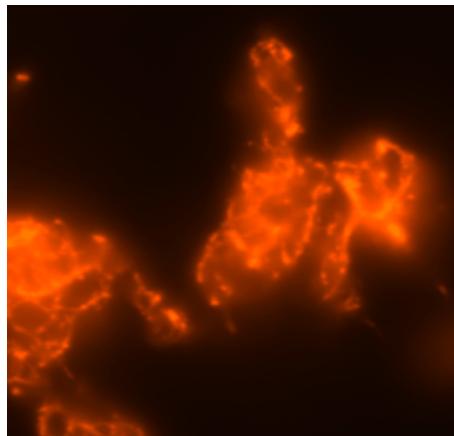
Energy-dissipation via kinesin transport leads to dynamic assembly of nanoparticles on microtubule filaments.



Solution Assembly
(thermodynamic)



Kinesin-Driven Assembly
(thermodynamic + energy dissipation)

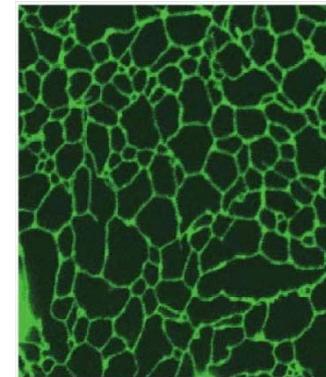
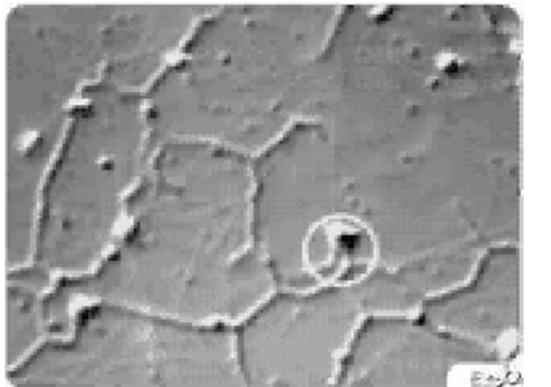


1 μ m



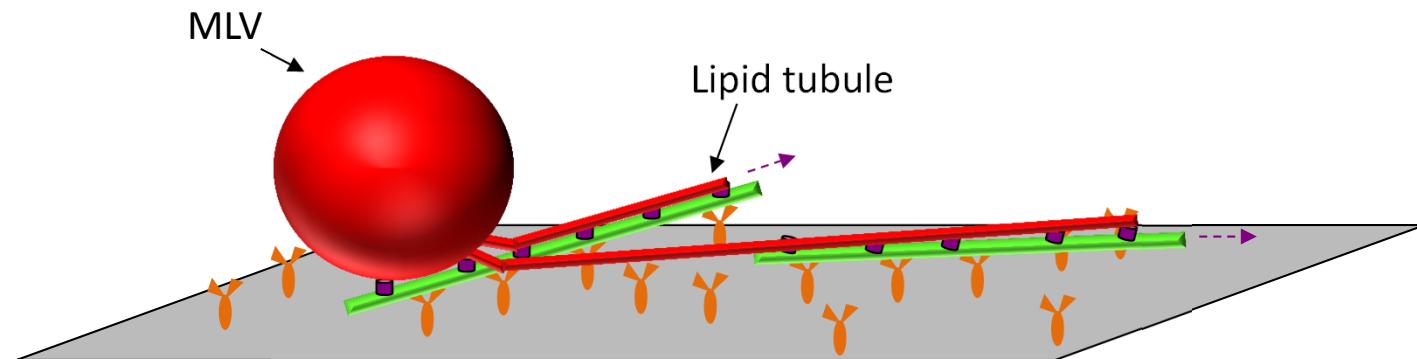
Dynamic Assembly of Lipid Networks

Kinesin transport is critical to the assembly and dynamic reorganization of intracellular organelles including the endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi apparatus.



Petra Boevink and Chris Hawes, NIH

Cortical network of ER sheets and tubules within the cell

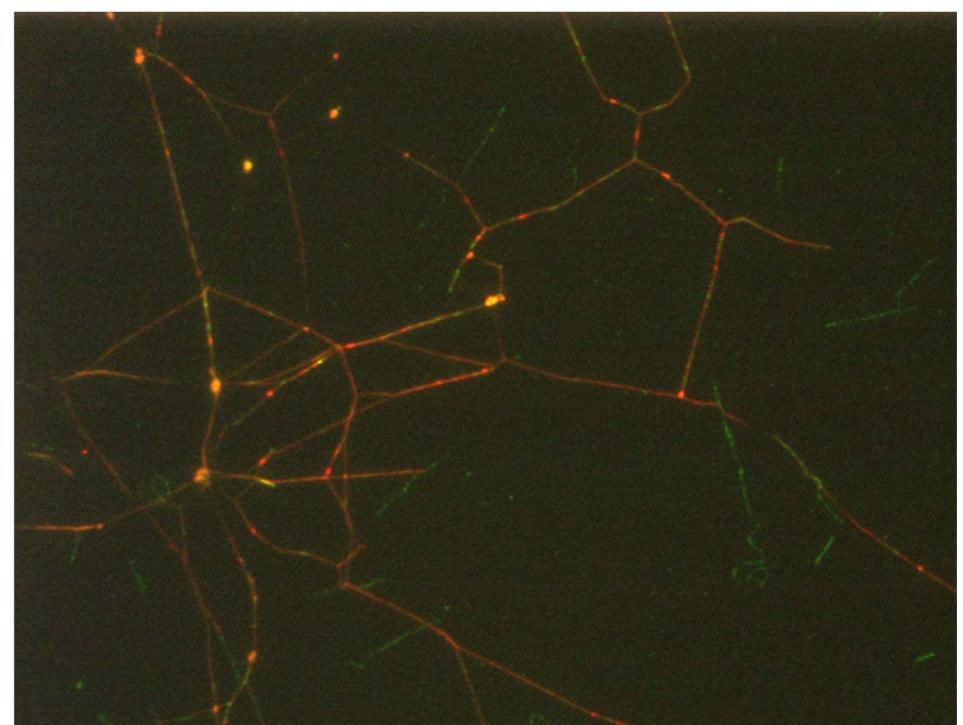
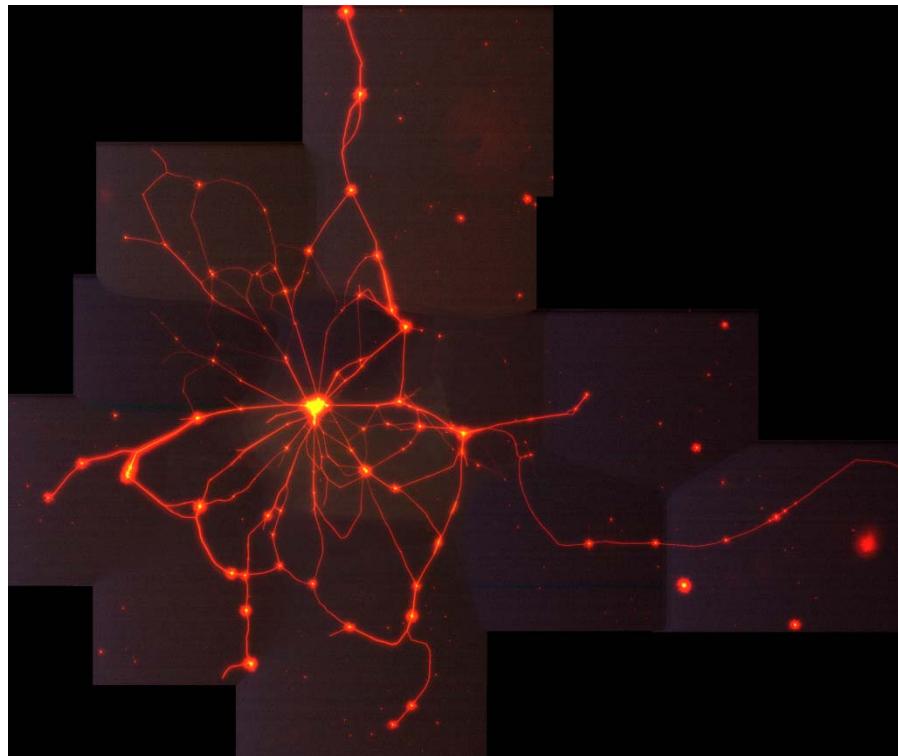


Can we mimic such a self-assembly system *in vitro*?



Dynamic Assembly of Lipid Networks

Lipid nanotube networks serve as highly connected highways for diffusive transport of nanoparticles.



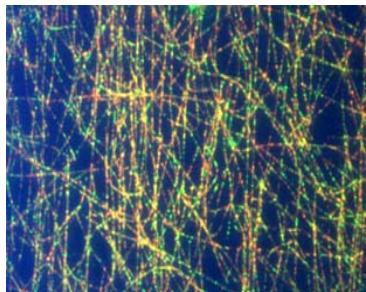
525 and 605nm Qdot surfing on lipid tubes



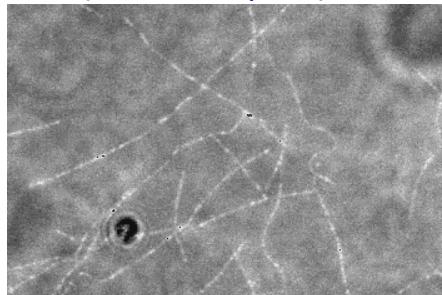
Kinesin Transport in Nanodevices

Kinesin transport used to capture, transport, and tag bioanalytes (proteins, bacteria, and viruses) in nanoscale sensors (DARPA).

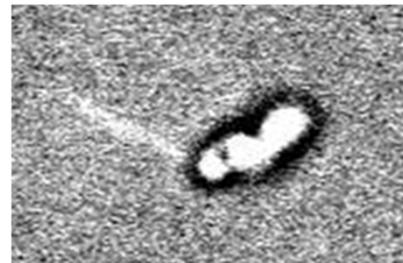
IL-2 & TNF- α
(protein)



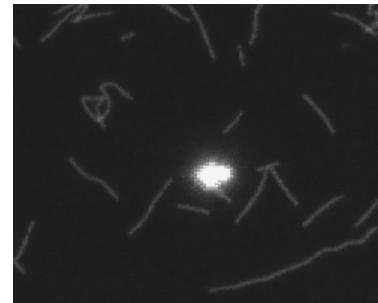
Bacillus globiggi
(bacterial spore)



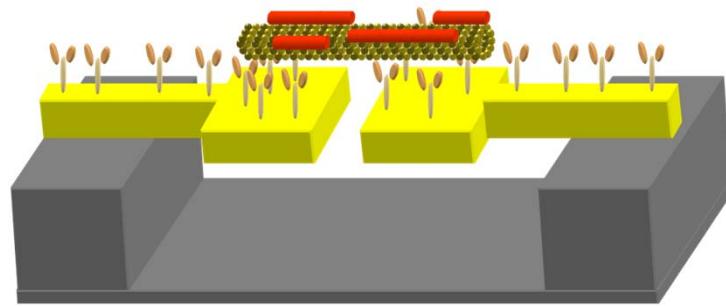
Escherichia coli
(bacterium)



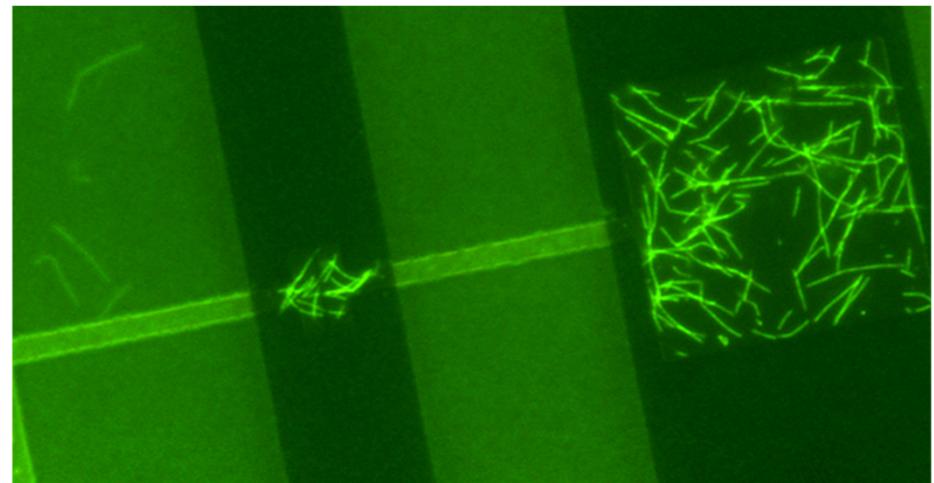
Tobacco mosaic virus



Kinesin transport used to create carbon nanotube interconnects across gold electrodes (CINT).



MT fluorescence (FITC)

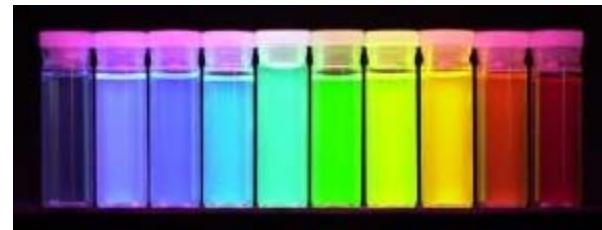
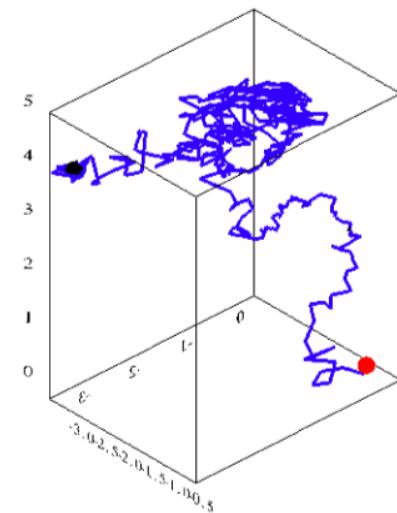
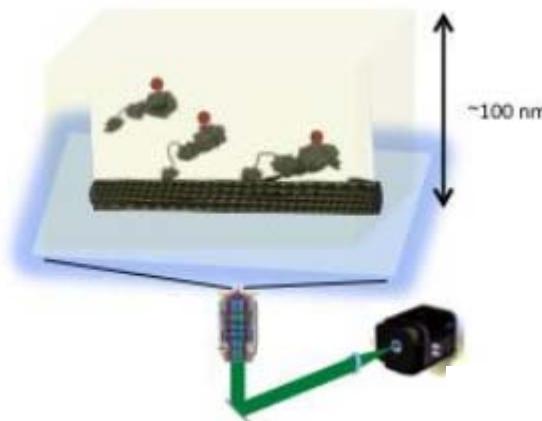
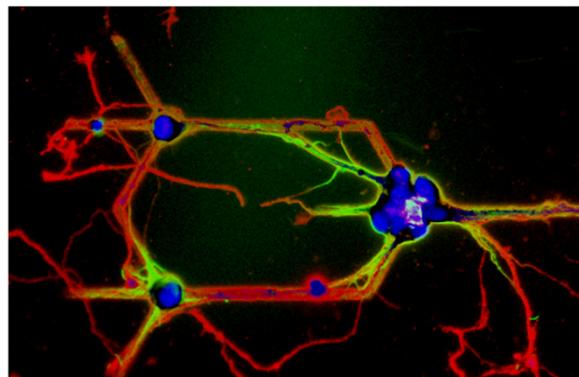




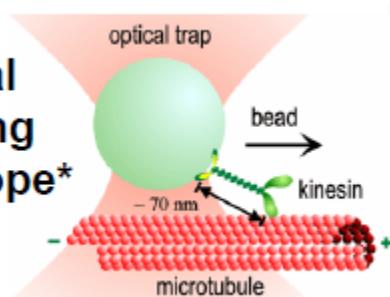
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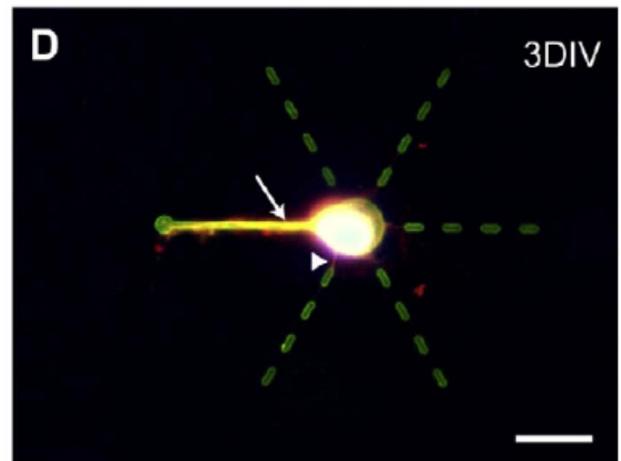
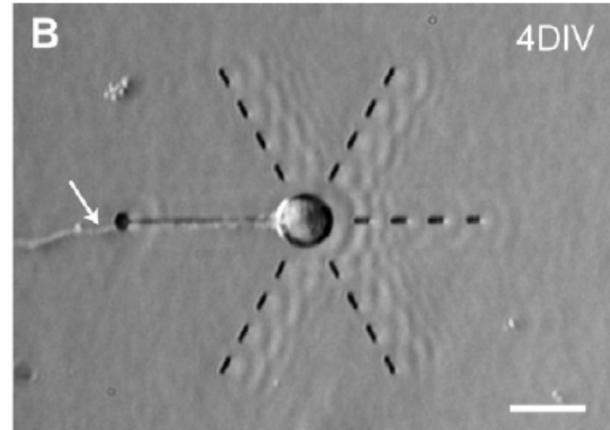
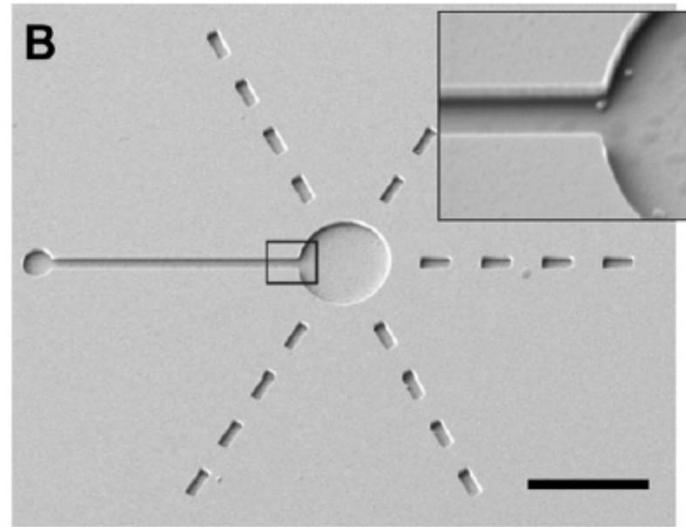
Optical
Trapping
Microscope*



Cell Differentiation Based on Interfaces

Hybrid interfaces – combined chemically bifunctional and topographically defined surface direct the polarization and morphogenesis of neurons.

- Differential surface chemistry (hydrophobic vs. charged/hydrophilic) directed cell adhesion and growth
- Topographic features direct polarization and process development/morphogenesis



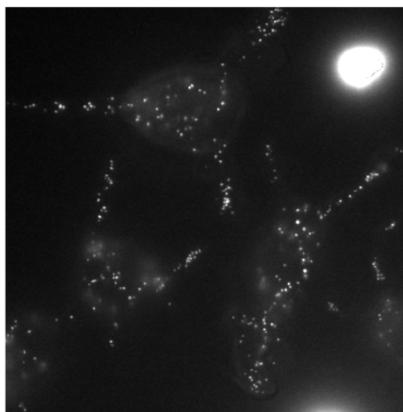
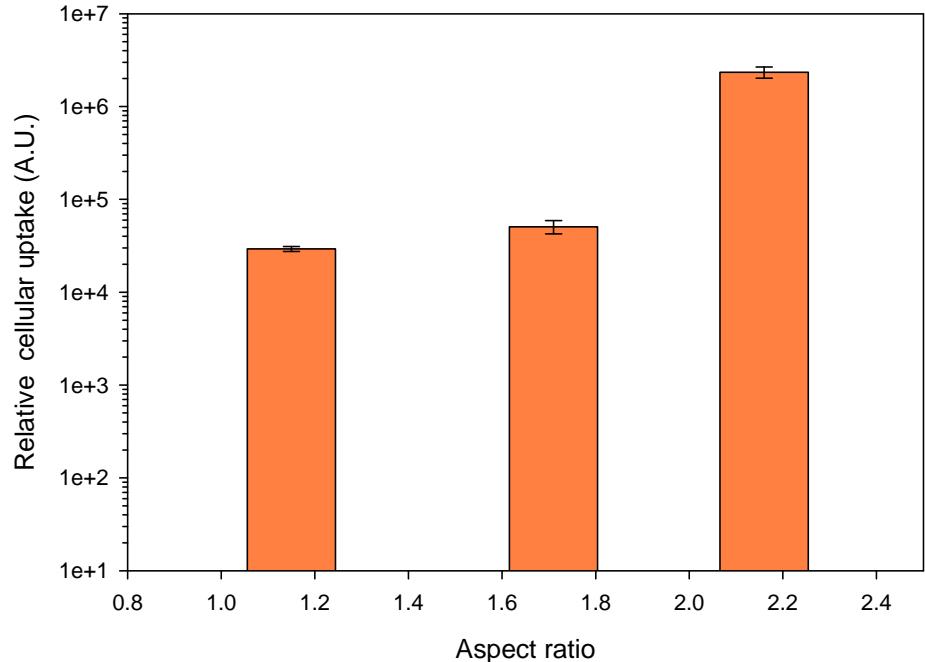
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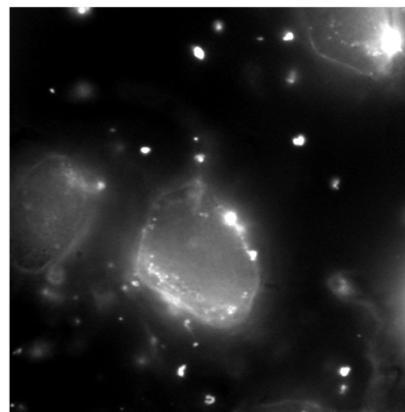
Cell – Nanoparticle Interactions

Interactions among cells and nanoparticles governed by the physical and chemical properties of the nanoparticle.

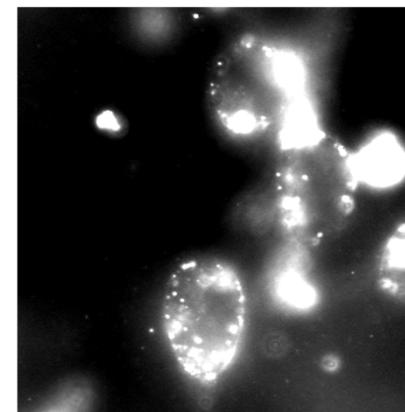
- Aspect ratio of 2-3 = maximum uptake
- Increased biomolecular response with increased uptake



Qdot 545
(1.15)



Qdot 655
(1.71)



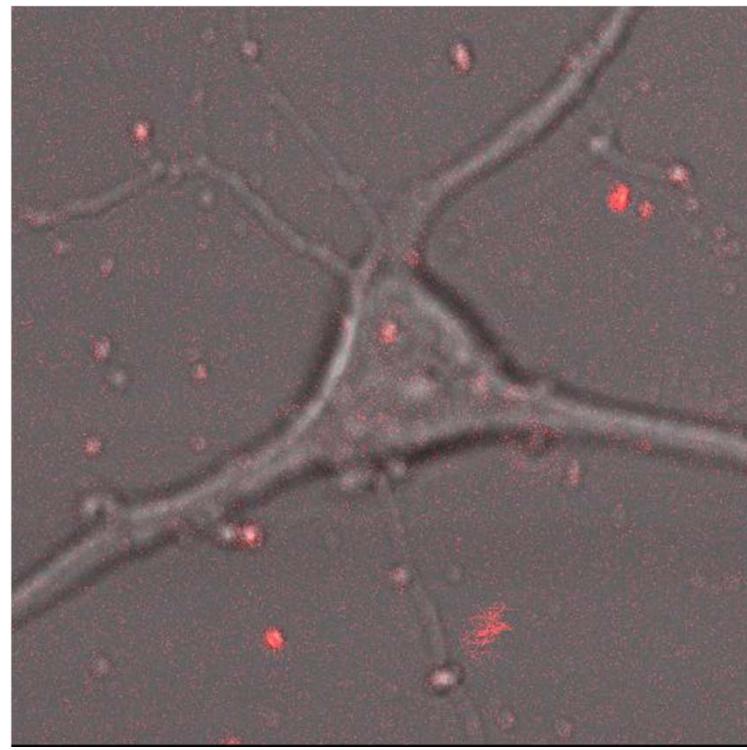
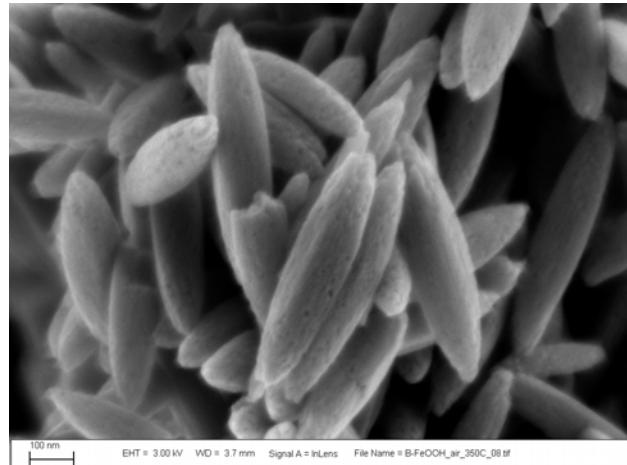
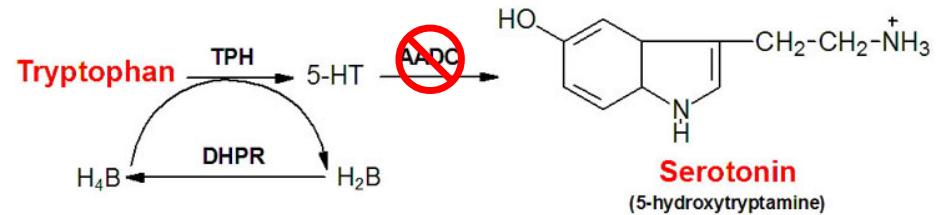
Qdot 605
(2.16)



Delivery of Biomolecular Effectors

Lipid-encased nanoparticles – delivery and release of effectors (e.g., siRNA) of biomolecular processes

- Understand functional relationships and pathways
- Transiently regulate processes (therapeutics)

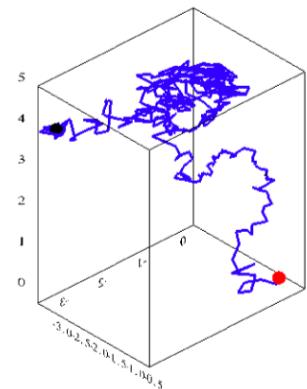
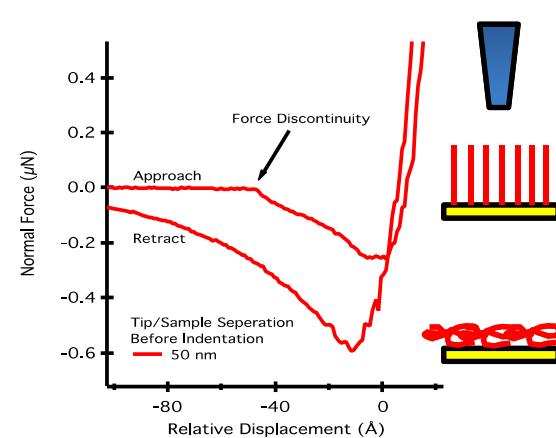
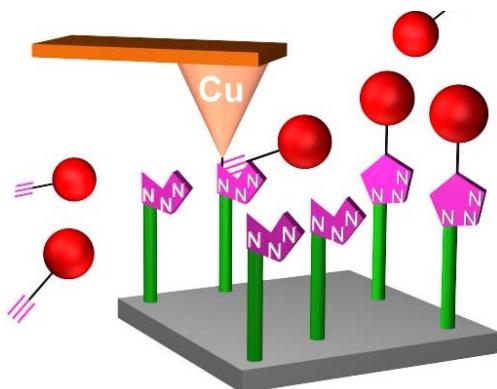
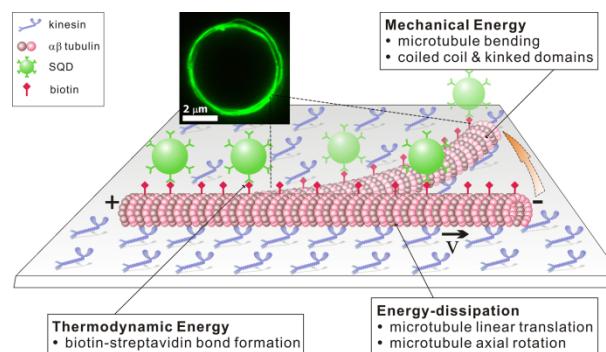
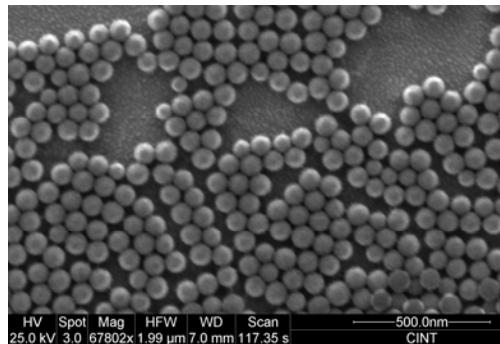




SBCN Vision

Thrust Focus:

Enabling new function from integration strategies of soft and/or biological nanomaterials through solution-based synthesis, “bottom-up” assembly and processing





Vision: Integration Inspired by Nature

0.1 nm 1 nm 10 nm 100 nm 1 μ m 10 μ m 100 μ m

Molecular
chemistry

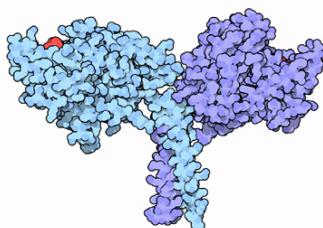
Supramolecular
chemistry

Macromolecular (polymer)
chemistry

Self-assembly/
organization

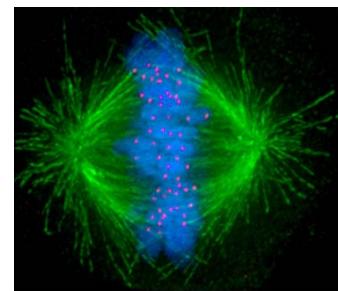
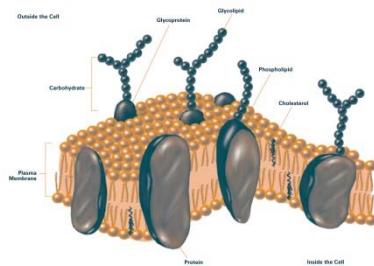
Optical
imaging

Scanning probe
characterization

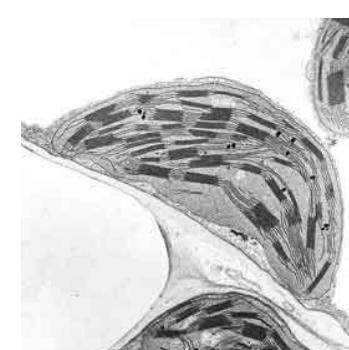


Proteins

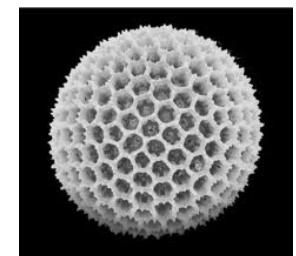
Protein assemblies
Protein/DNA
complexes



Cytoskeletal
structures



Organelles



Cells



Mimicking Natural Assemblies

- Adaptable – Sense and respond to changes in environment; evolution
- Functional – Energy/signal transducing, catalytic, mechanical, electrical or optical, ...
- Dynamic & reconfigurable – Exist far-from-equilibrium
- Redundancy – Robustness, “fail-safe” operation
- Self-organization – Parallel assembly via multiple stochastic interactions
- Multicomponent and multiscale – Subtle changes in chemical constituents influence overall structure and function



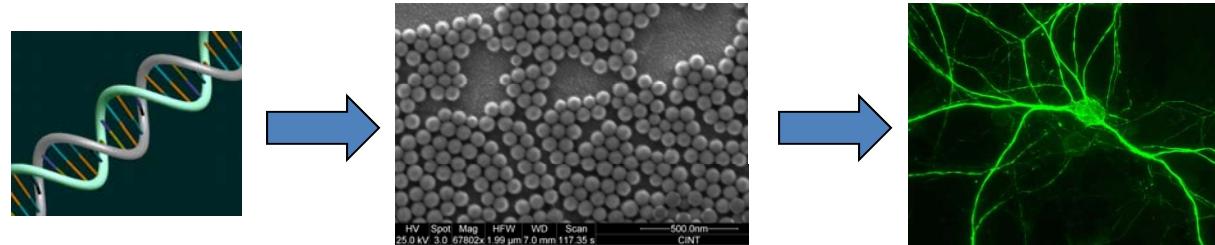
Challenge:

How to reproduce these features in integrated and/or composite assemblies?

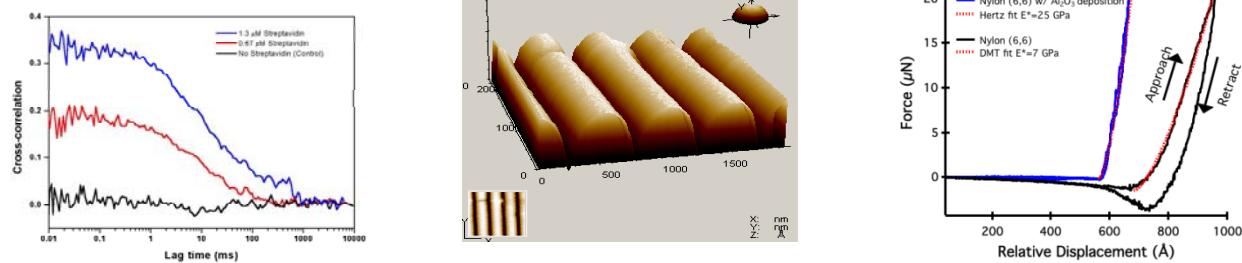


Key SBCN Science Topics

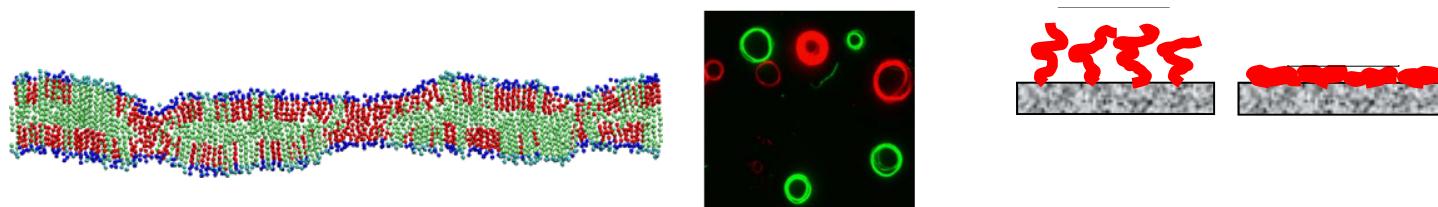
- Designing and manipulating interfaces among disparate materials across length scales



- Characterizing soft, biological and composite systems on multiple length- and time-scales



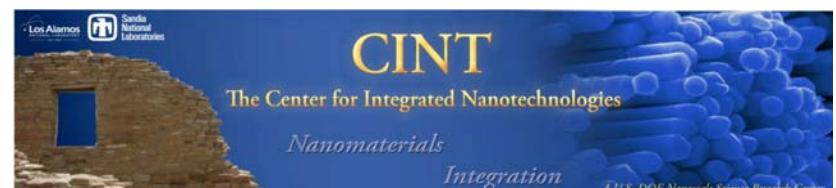
- Understanding and controlling dynamics and disorder in composite materials





Programmatic Goals

- Triennial review – 2013
 - Strategic planning
 - Research document
 - Review presentation
- Thrust interactions
 - Monthly thrust communication meetings
 - Foster New IFAs or other collaborative efforts
- SBCN leadership in NSRC community
 - Lead NSRC workshop in soft/bio
 - Reciprocal staff visits
 - Research highlights
- User program
 - Increasing local user interactions
 - “Equipment users” vs. collaborators
 - Strategic hires to support user needs



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