

# **“Softer” Perspectives on Nanoscience Integration**

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# Brief Biography

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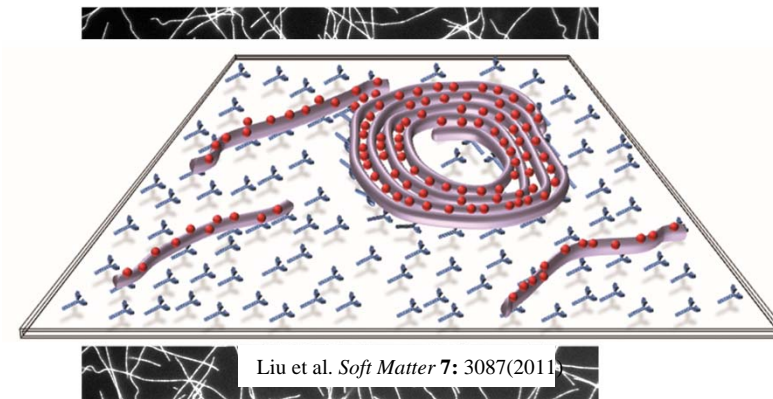
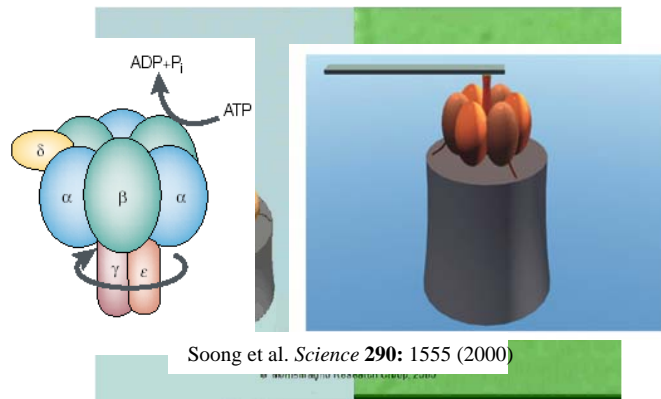
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# Research Interests

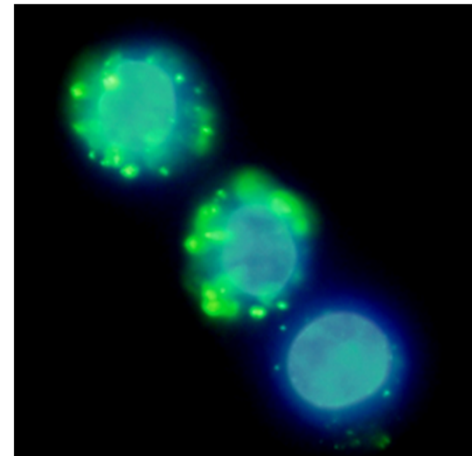
## Development of hybrid nanomaterials, devices, and systems:

- 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

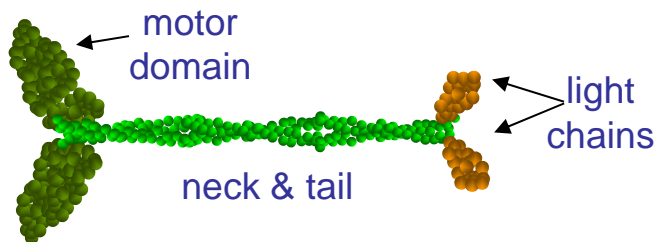




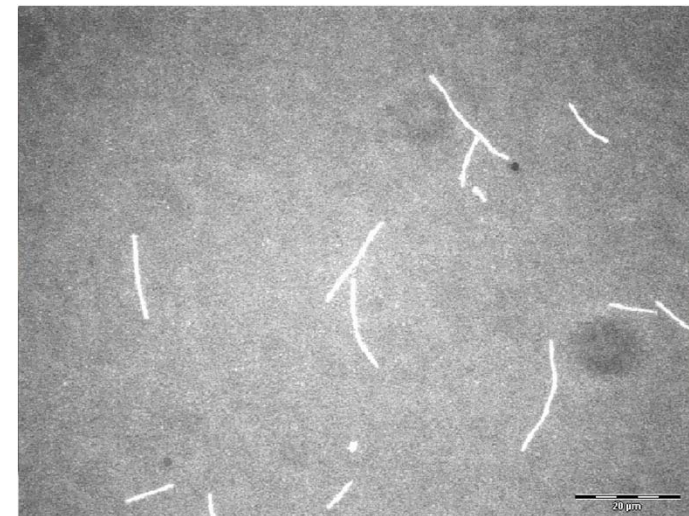
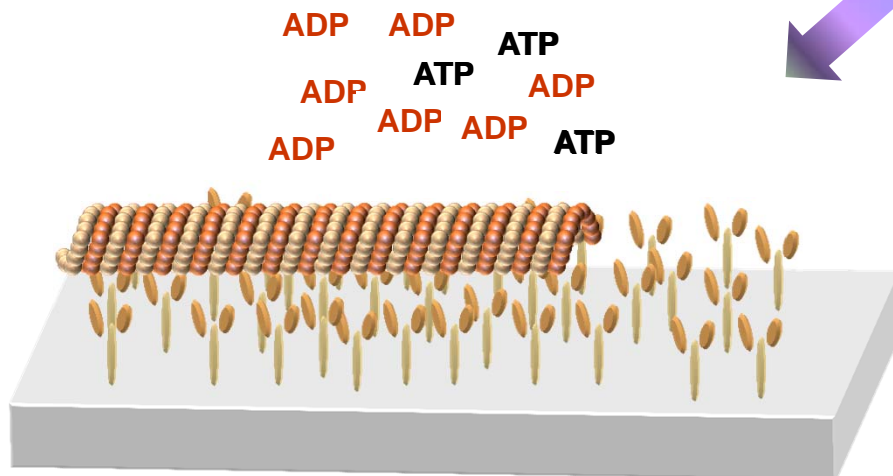
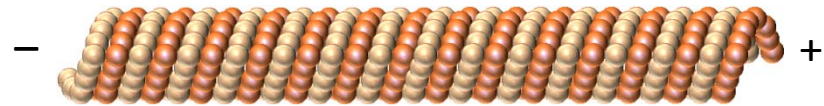
# Hybrid nanomaterials, devices, and systems

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

Kinesin motor proteins



Microtubule filaments

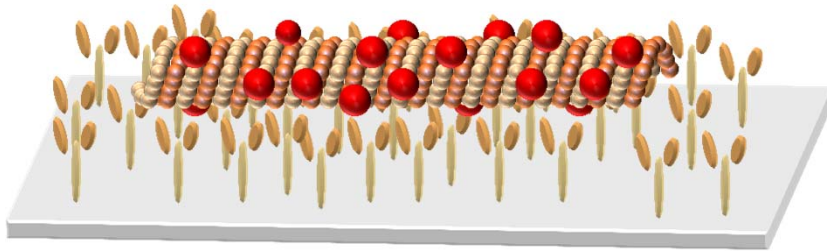




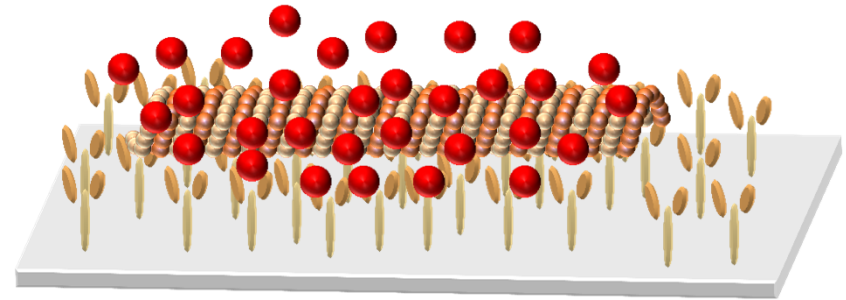


# Dynamic Assembly of Ring Composites

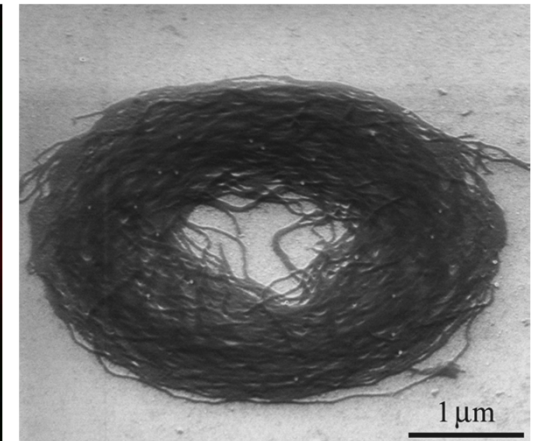
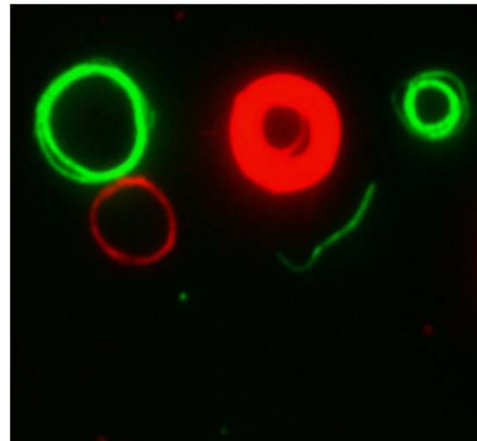
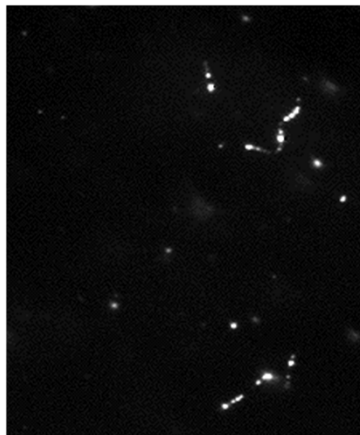
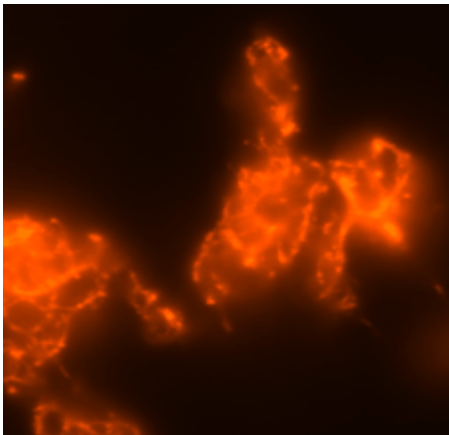
Energy-dissipation via kinesin transport leads to dynamic assembly of nanoparticles on microtubule filaments.



**Solution Assembly**  
(thermodynamic)



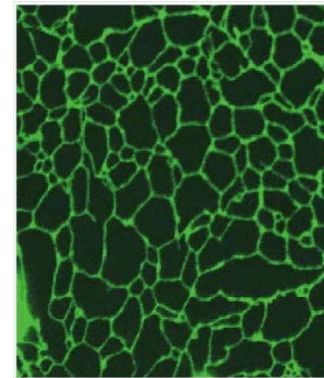
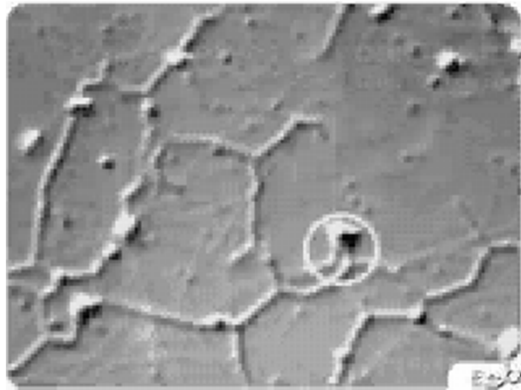
**Kinesin-Driven Assembly**  
(thermodynamic + energy dissipation)





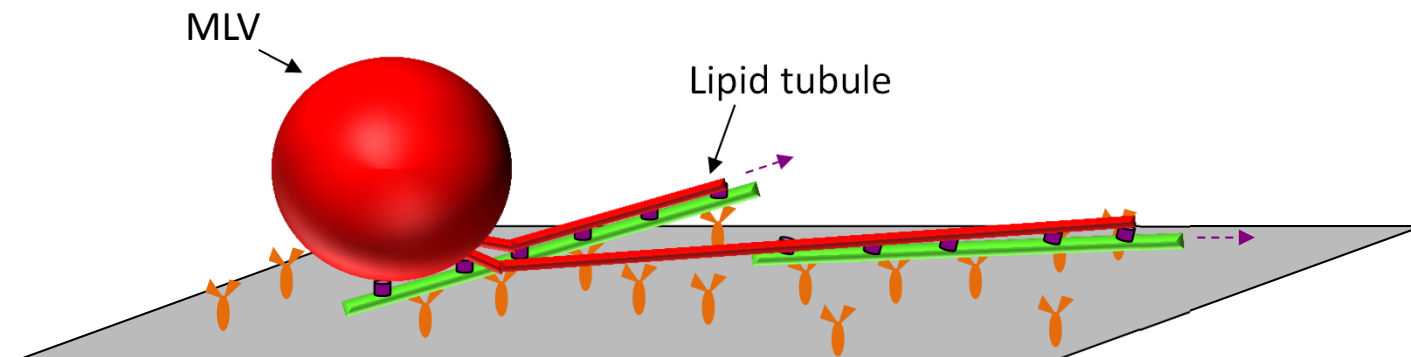
# Dynamic Assembly of Lipid Networks

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



Cortical network of ER sheets and tubules within the cell

Petra Boevink and Chris Hawes, NIH

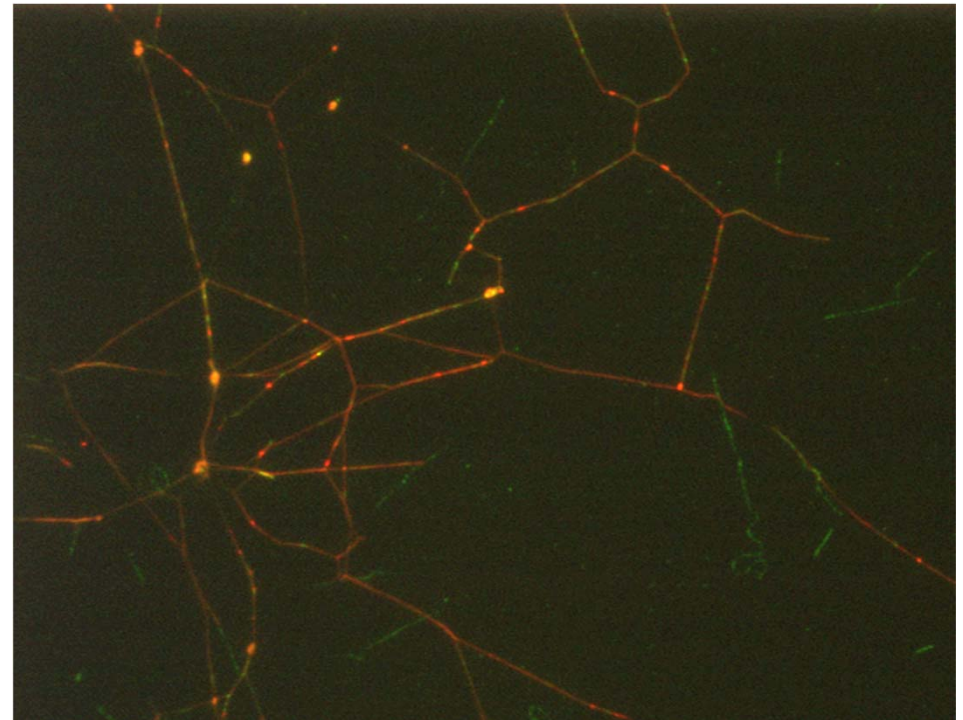
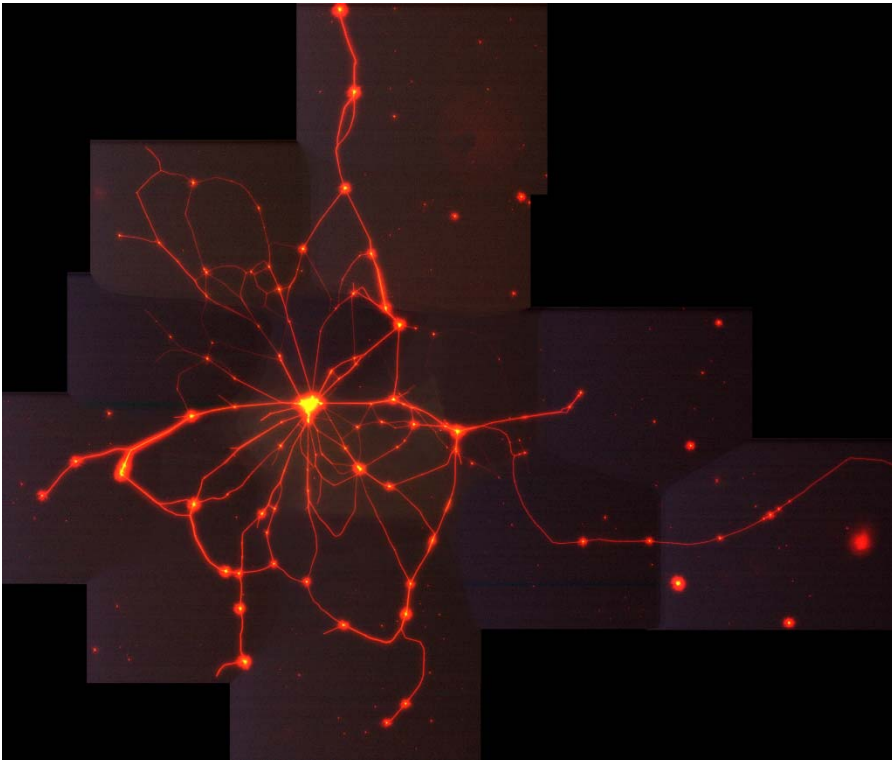


Can we mimic such a self-assembly system *in vitro*?



# 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

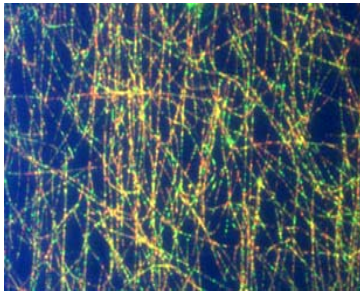




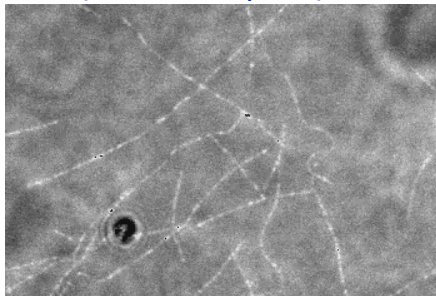
# Kinesin Transport in Nanodevices

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

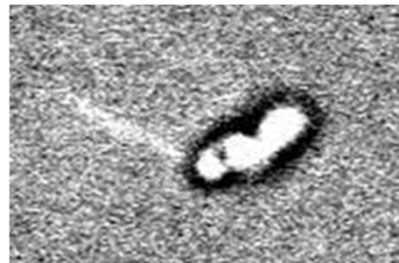
IL-2 & TNF- $\alpha$   
(protein)



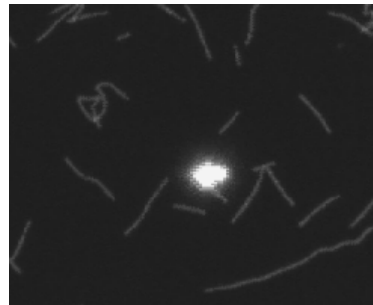
*Bacillus globigii*  
(bacterial spore)



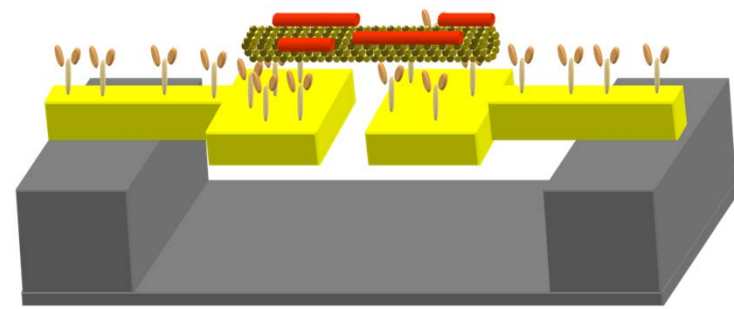
*Escherichia coli*  
(bacterium)



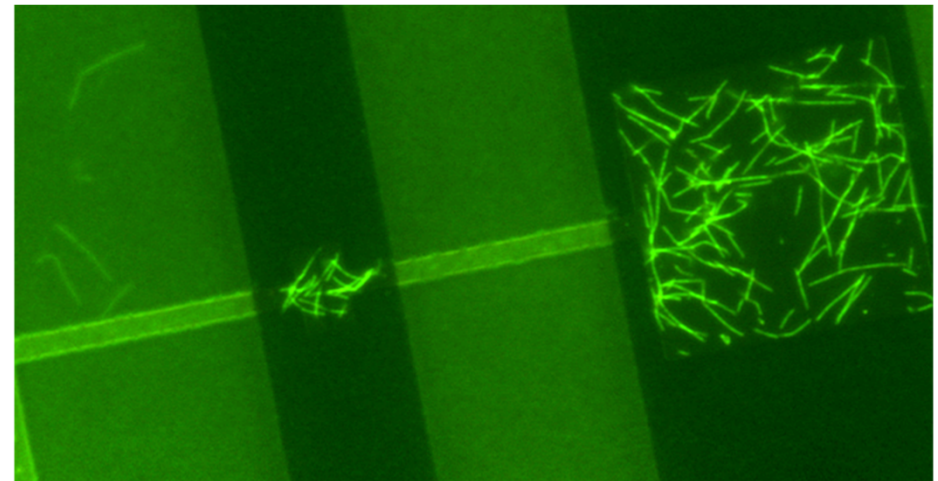
Tobacco mosaic virus



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



MT fluorescence (FITC)



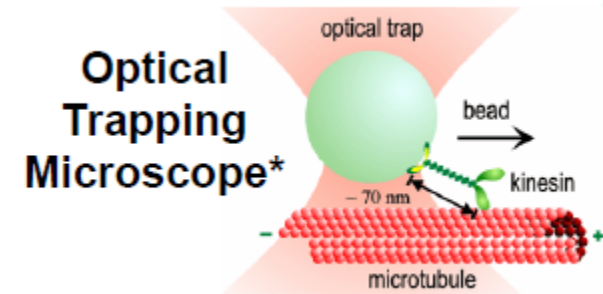
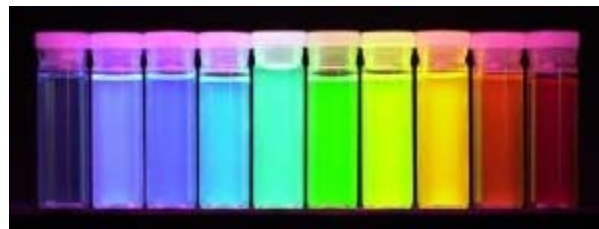
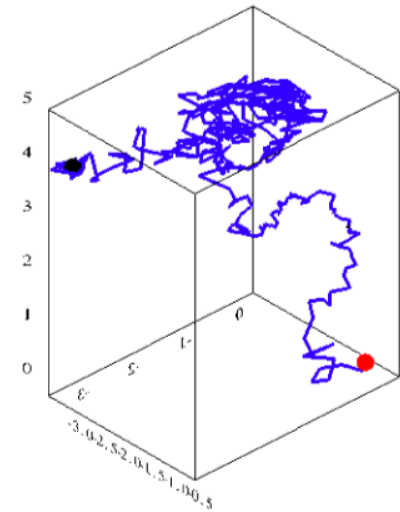
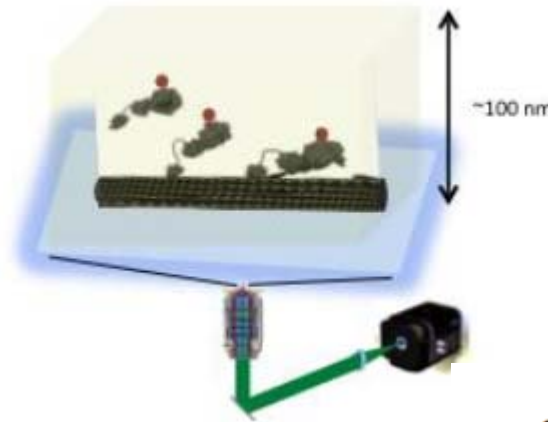
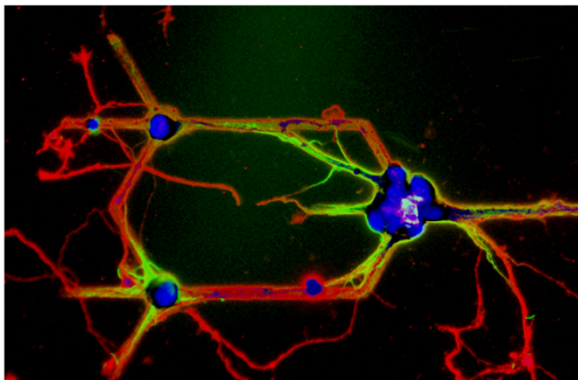




# Nano Approaches for Biomolecular Processes

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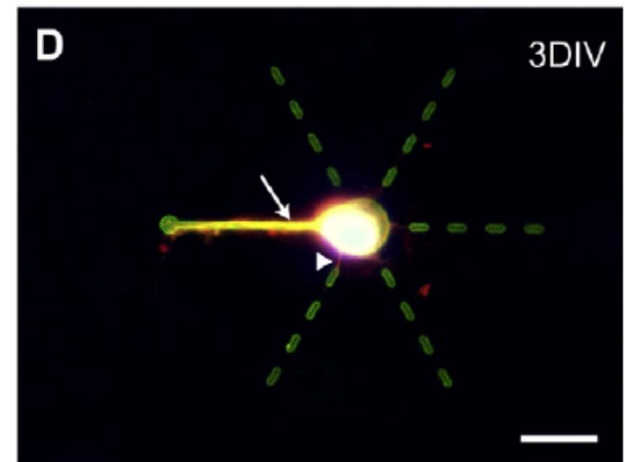
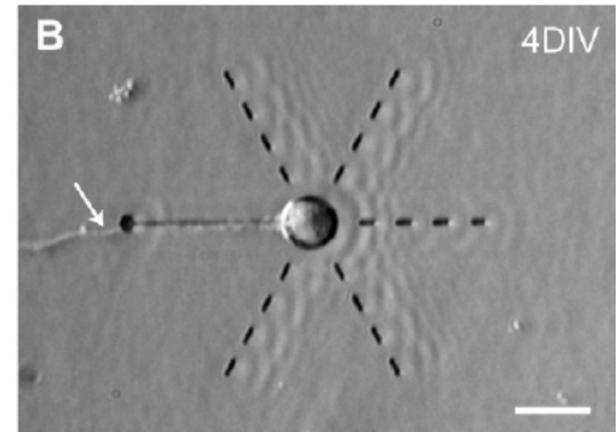
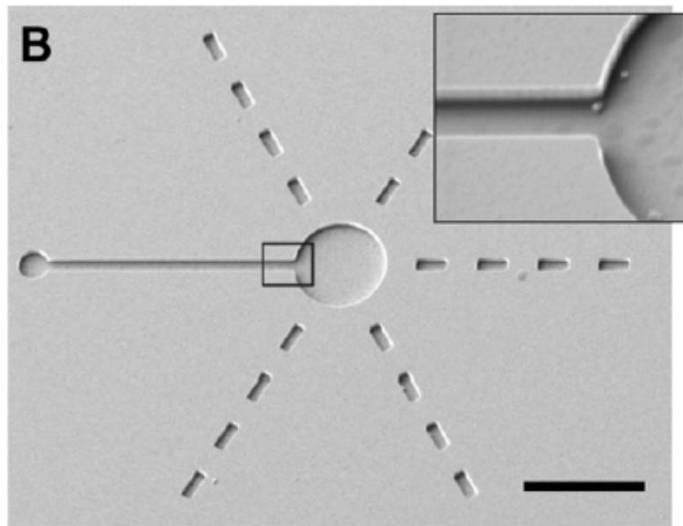




# Cell Differentiation Based on Interfaces

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



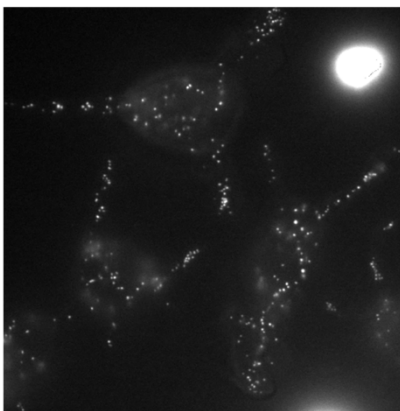
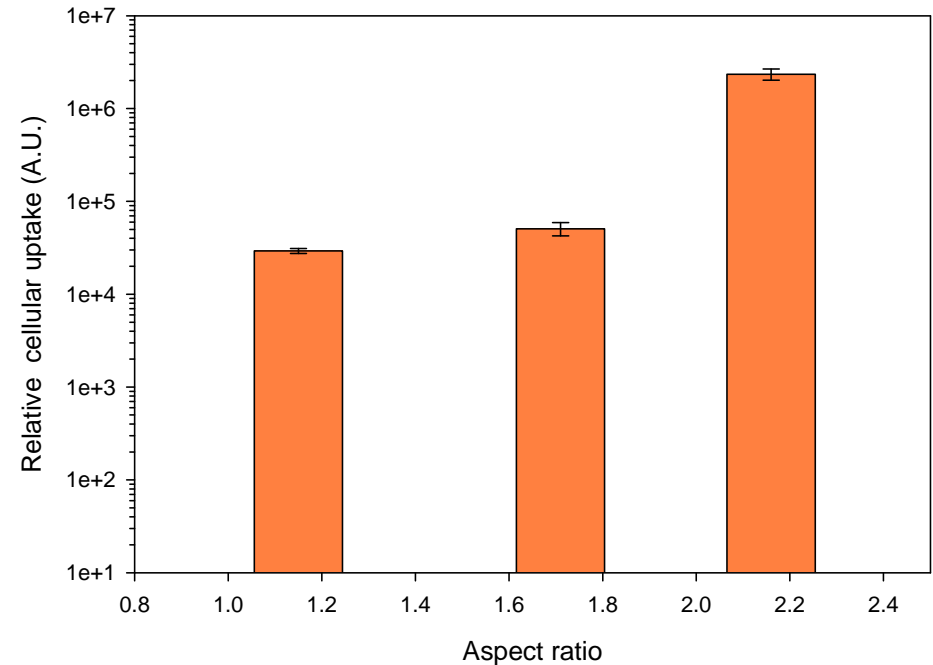
Greene et al., 2011, *Biomaterials* **32**, 8860-8869 (CINT User Project).



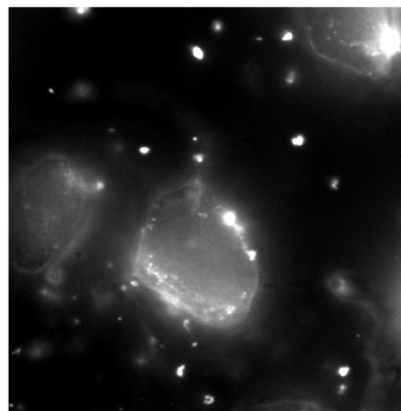
# Cell – Nanoparticle Interactions

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

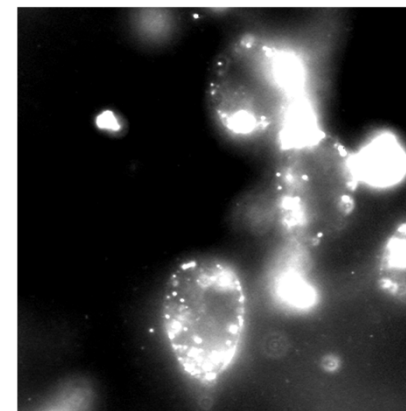
- Aspect ratio of 2-3 = maximum uptake
- Increased biomolecular response with increased uptake



Qdot 545  
(1.15)



Qdot 655  
(1.71)



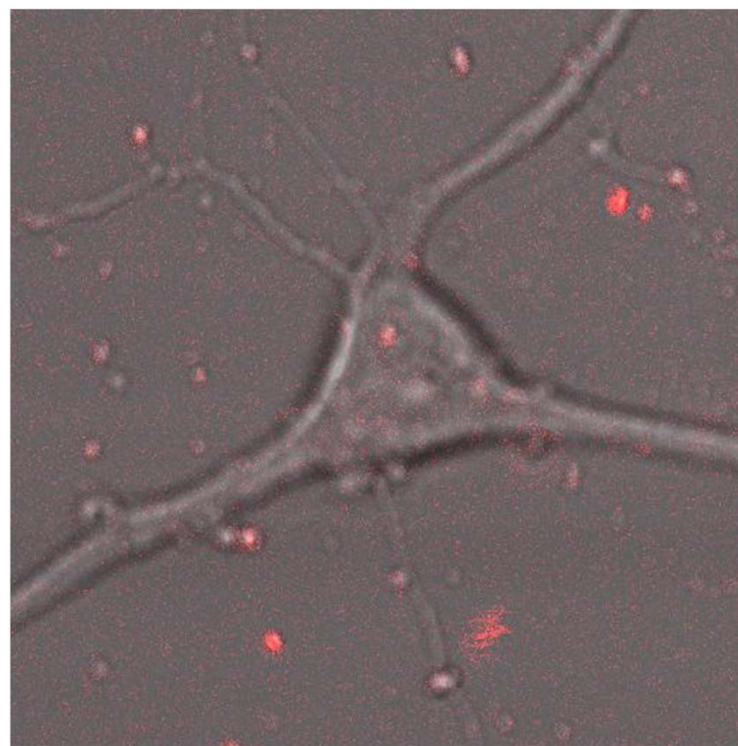
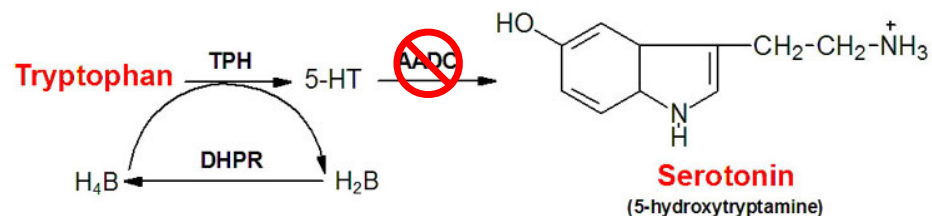
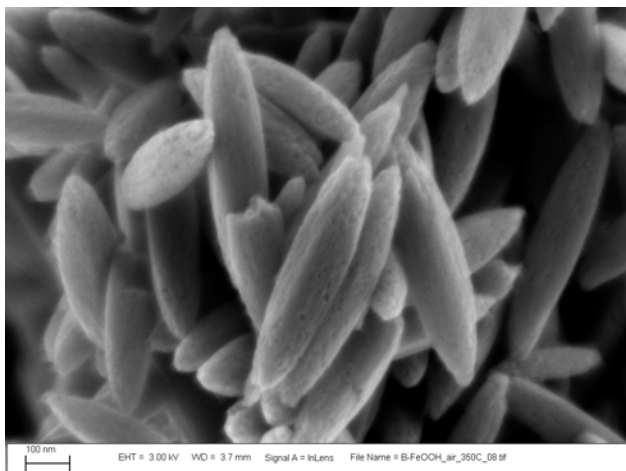
Qdot 605  
(2.16)



# 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)



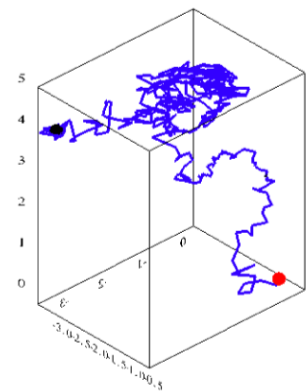
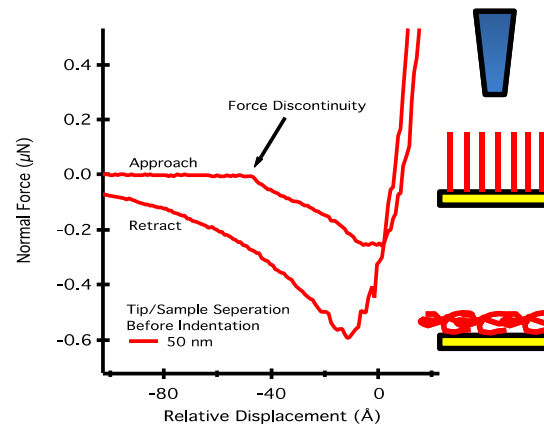
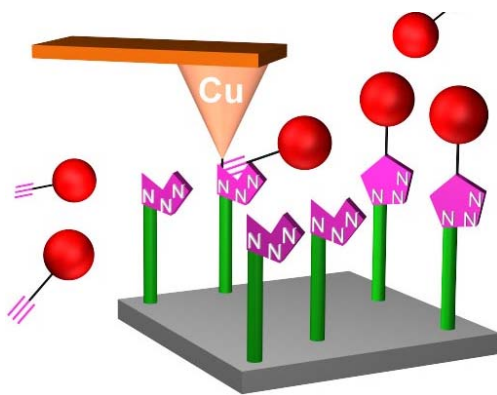
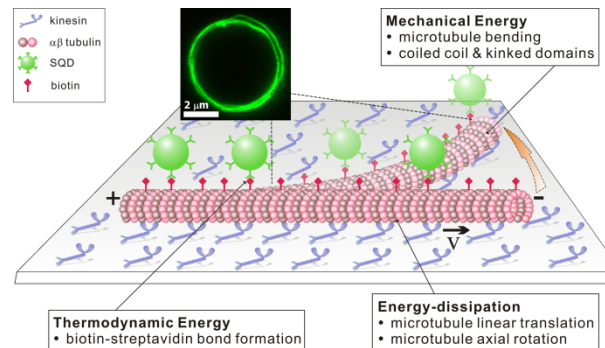
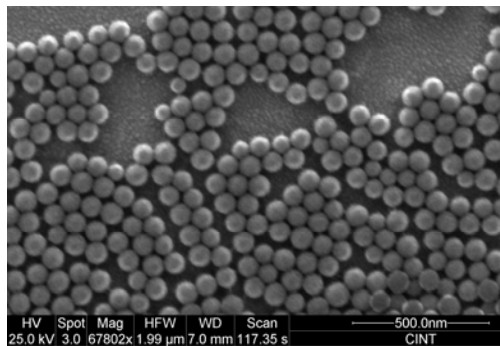




# SBCN Vision

## 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  $\mu$ m      10  $\mu$ m      100  $\mu$ m

Molecular  
chemistry

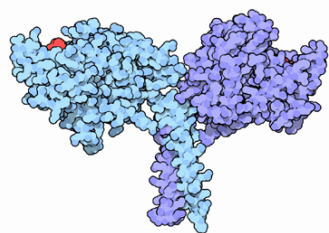
Supramolecular  
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Macromolecular (polymer)  
chemistry

Self-assembly/  
organization

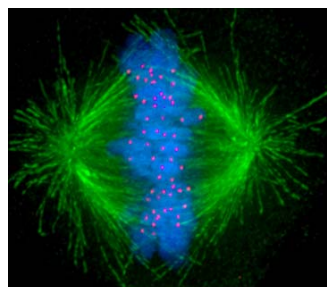
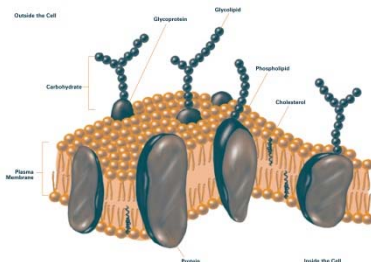
Optical  
imaging

Scanning probe  
characterization



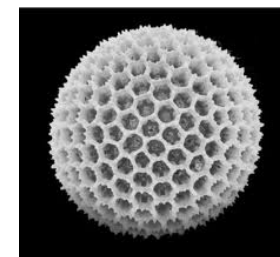
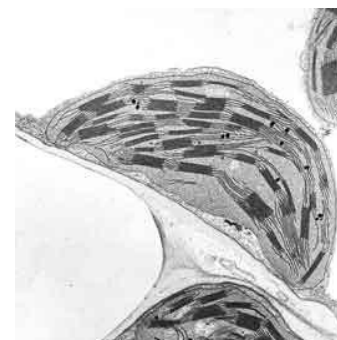
Proteins

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



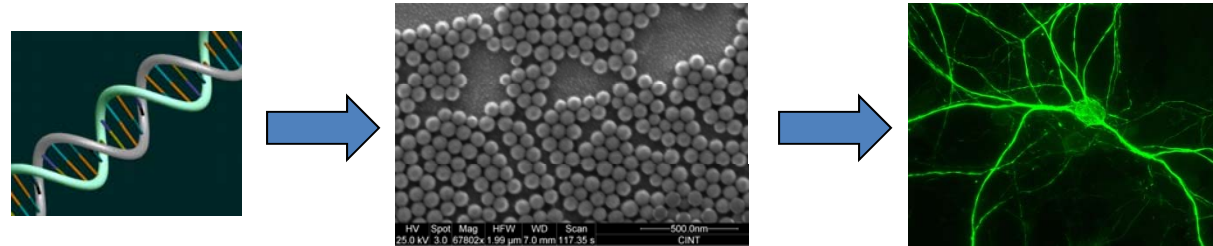
## Challenge:

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

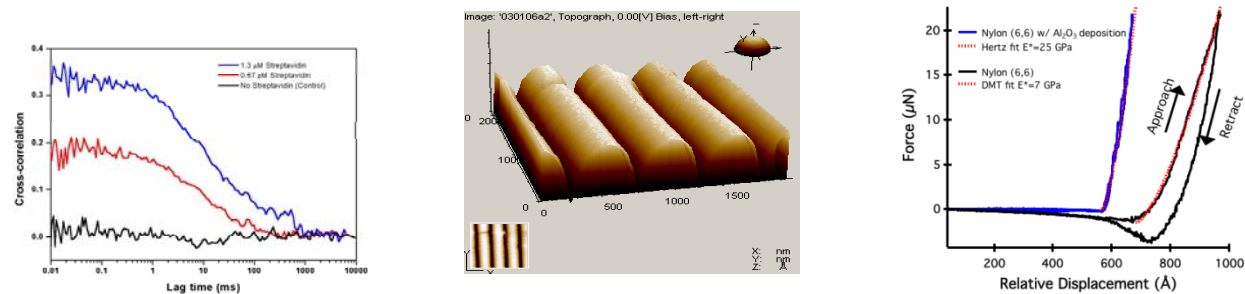


# Key SBCN Science Topics

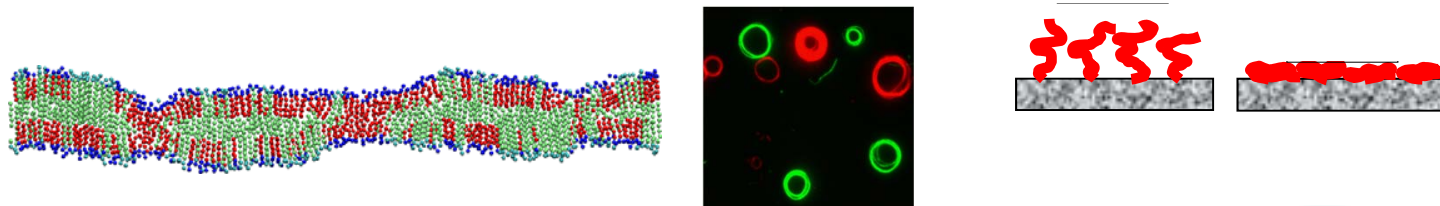
- Designing and manipulating interfaces among disparate materials across length scales



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



- Understanding and controlling dynamics and disorder in composite materials

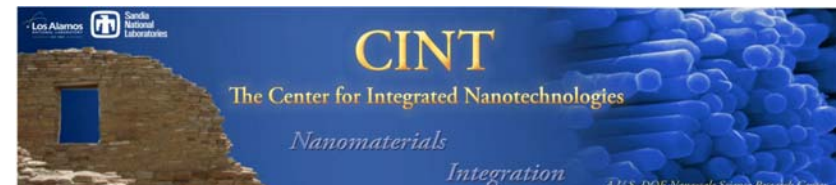






# Programmatic Goals

- 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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