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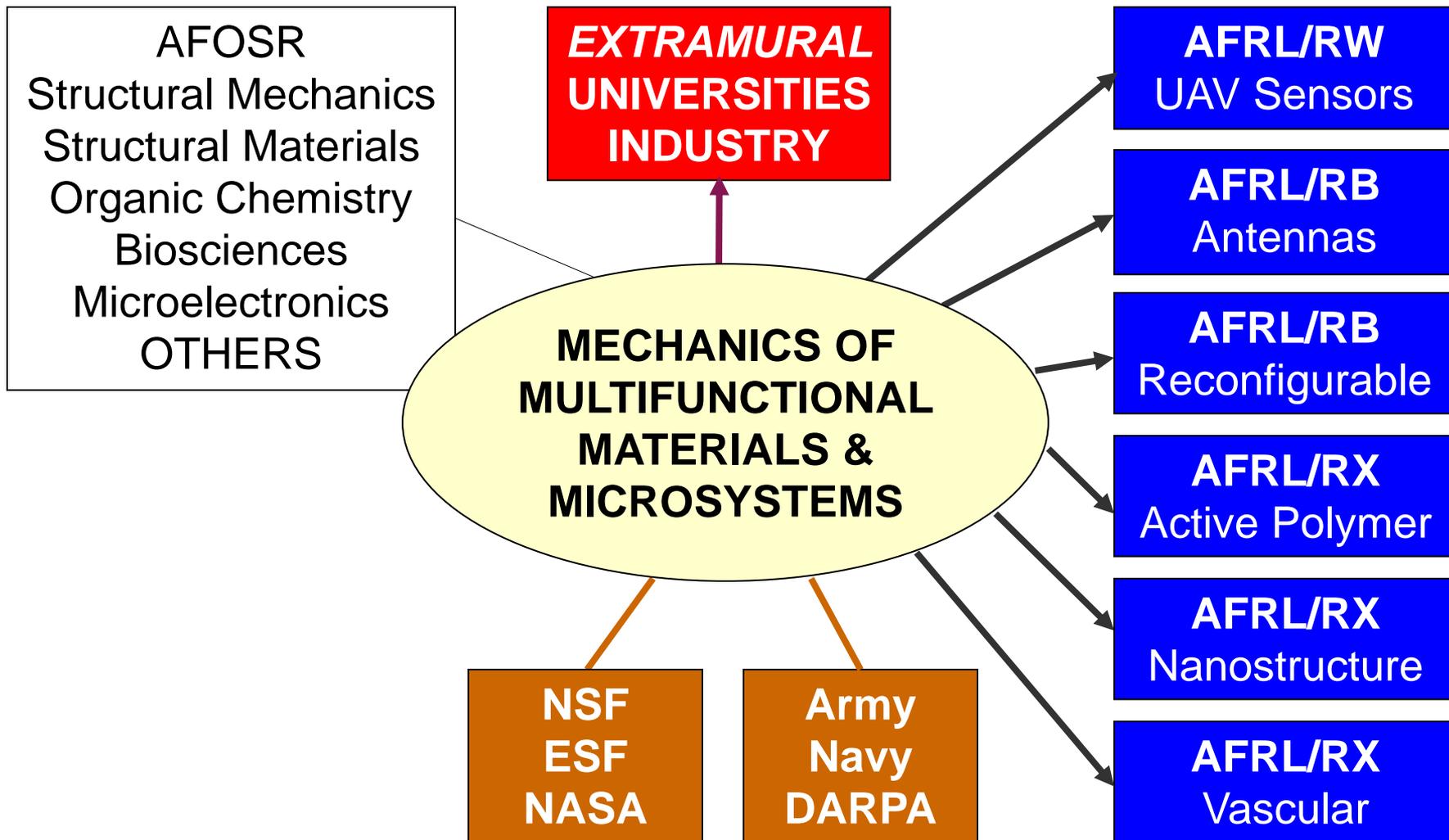
SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGE



- **Self-healable** or **in-situ remendable** structural materials
(1st-ever program; world lead)
- Microvascular composites for **continuous self-healing** and **self-cooling** systems *(1st-ever program; world lead)*
- Structural integration of **energy harvest/storage capabilities** *(1st-ever program on structurally integrated multiple energy harvest capabilities; DoD lead)*
- Neurological system-inspired **sensing/diagnosis/actuation** network *(pot'l world lead)*
- Mechanized material systems and micro-devices for **reconfigurable** structures *(DoD lead)*
- **Experimental** nano-mechanics *(DoD lead)*
- Active materials for **threat neutralization** *(planned)*

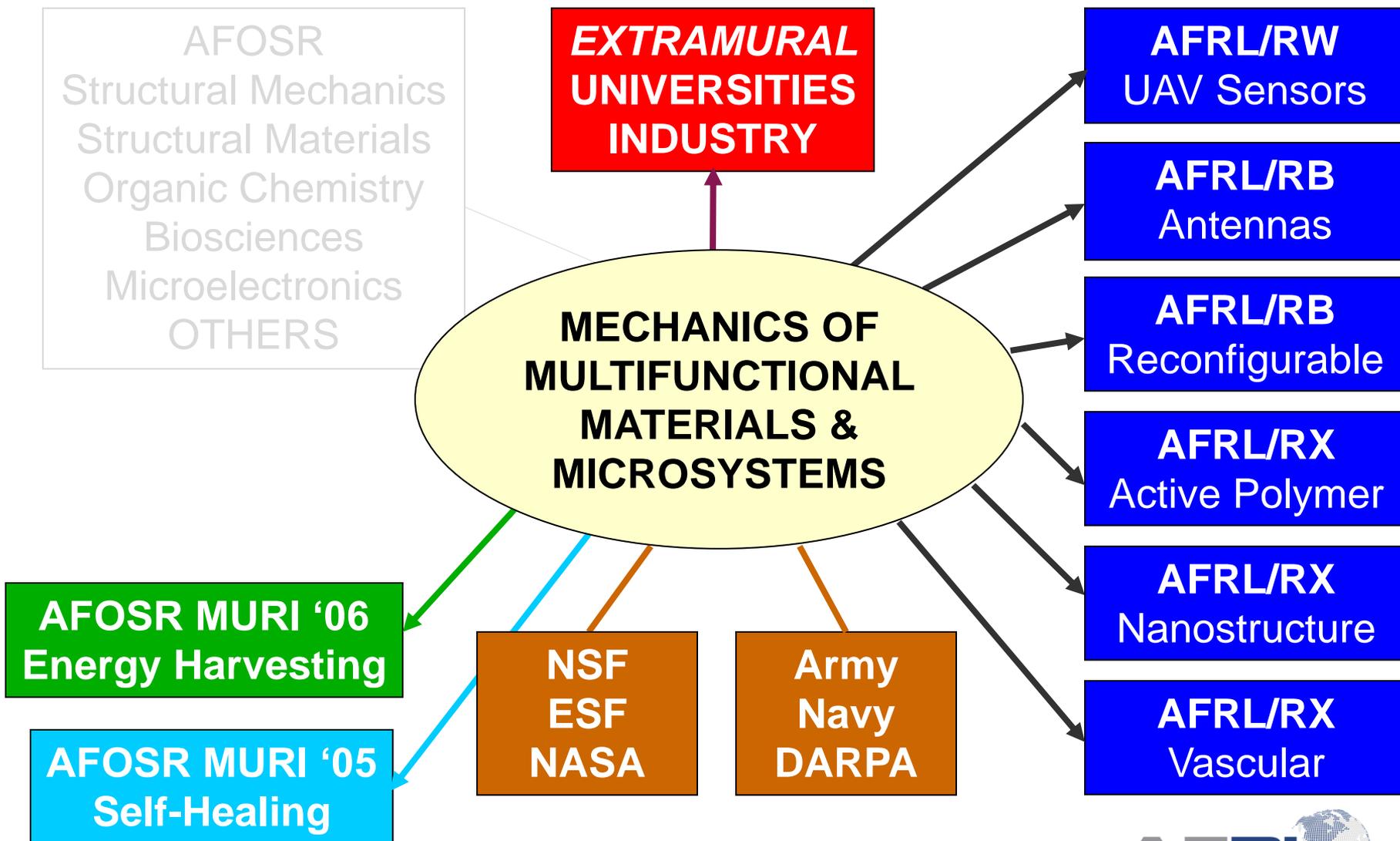


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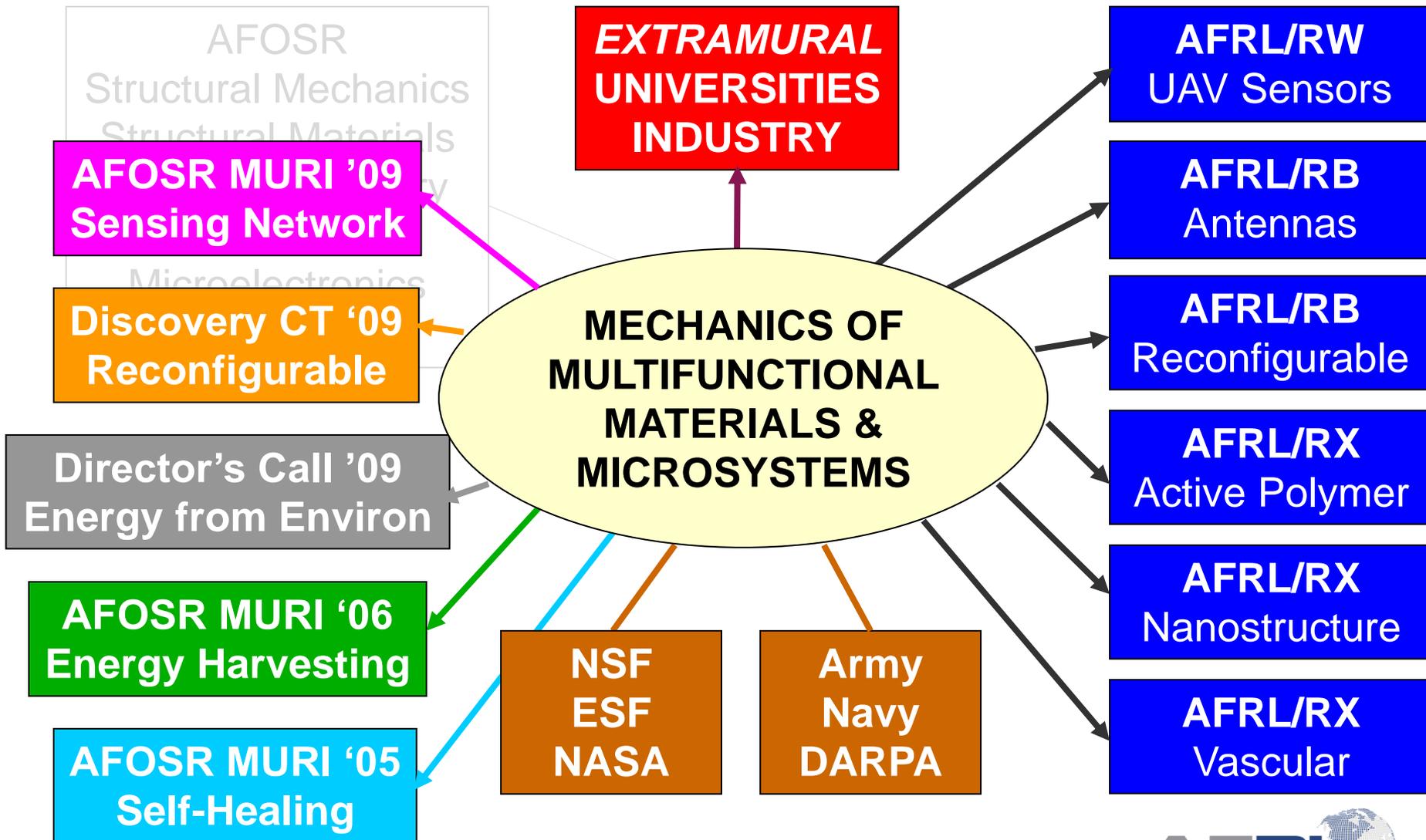


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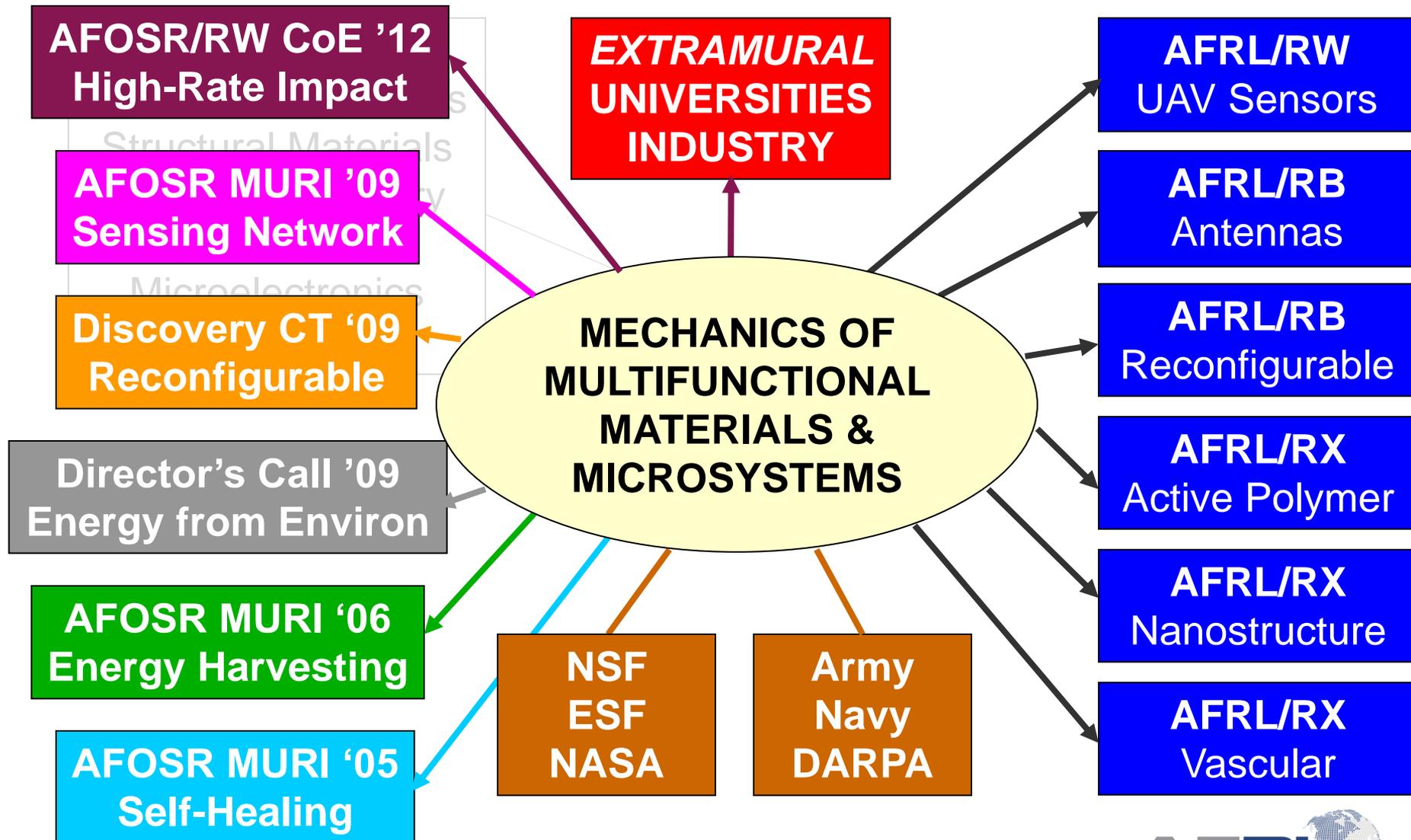


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- < **Multi-scale Simulation of Interfacial Phenomena**
Deformation & Fracture of Silicon for MEMS
 - > **Damage-tolerant Biological Composites**
- > **Designing Structures for Functional Materials**
- > **High-rate Physics of Heterogeneous Materials**

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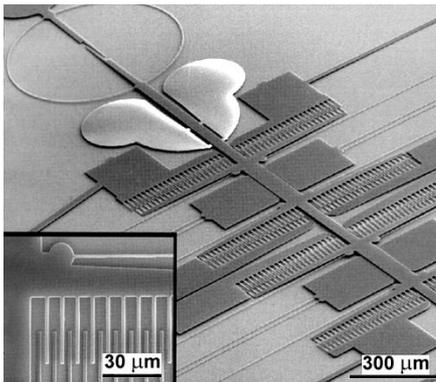


FRACTURE OF MEMS MATERIALS (UIUC: Chasiotis)

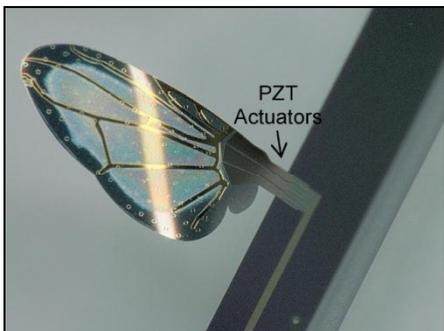


Polycrystalline silicon is most widely used for MEMS

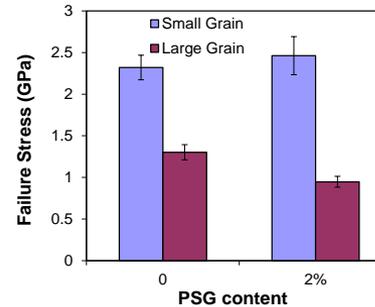
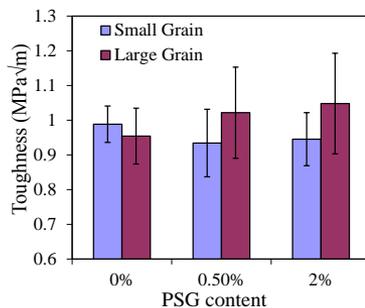
- Experiments (bi-crystal Chevron) show the role of **grain structure** in fracture of polysilicon.
- Fracture of polysilicon is **intra-granular** due to high grain boundary strength.



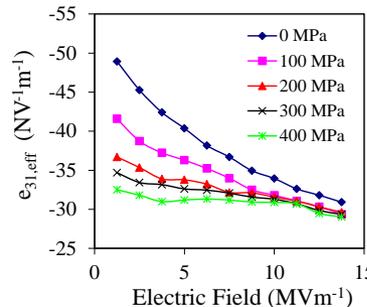
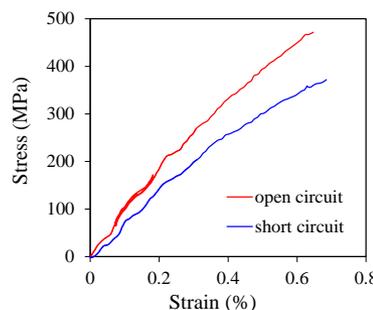
PZT thin film bimorph actuates a millimeter scale wing for MAV



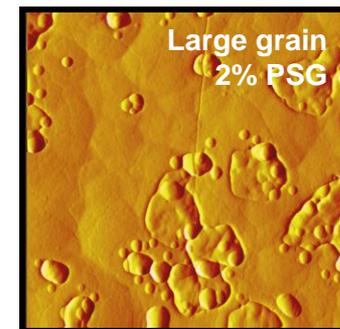
- Mode I fracture toughness of **large grain polysilicon** increased with the amount of Phosphorus **doping**. Dopants at grain boundaries may allow for **local crack deflection**.
- The fracture strength of **“laminated” small grain polysilicon was 80-150% higher** than large grain polysilicon with doping playing a secondary role in fracture strength. Fabrication of polysilicon in laminate form reduced the **flaw size** significantly.



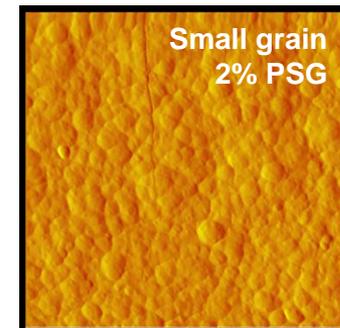
- The modulus and tensile strength of **PZT films** for MEMS were measured for the first time. They were **30% smaller under short circuit conditions** as opposed to open circuit conditions.
- The high bias voltage **electroactive coefficient** varied nonlinearly with the electric field, but it **became independent of the applied field at high pre-stress values**.



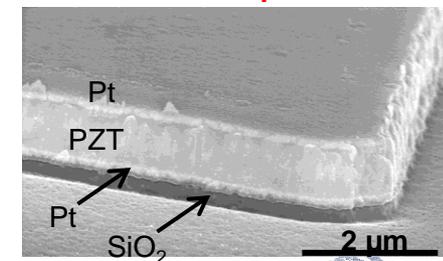
Polycrystalline Silicon



500 nm



PZT Composites





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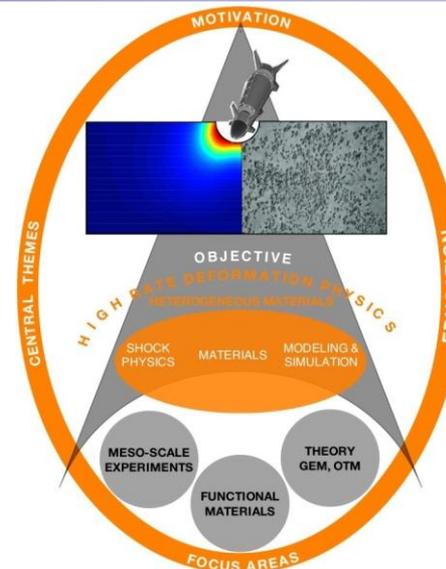
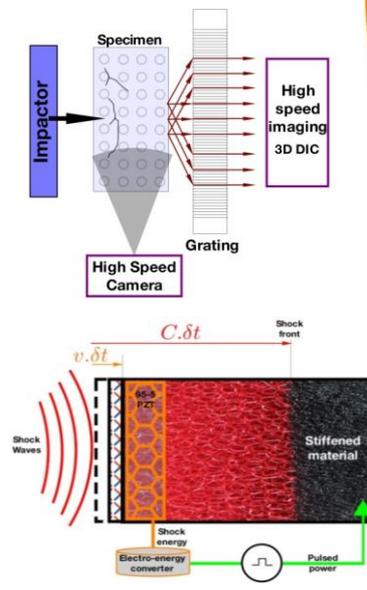
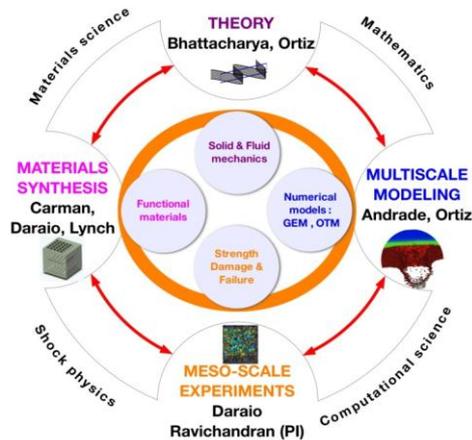


University Center of Excellence:
High-Rate Deformation Physics of Heterogeneous Materials
California Institute of Technology & University of California, Los Angeles



Goals:

- Develop a fundamental understanding of the deformation physics of heterogeneous materials at **high-strain-rates** and **high-pressures**
- Develop **microstructures** and **functional nano-materials** for mitigating shock and damage
- Use innovative methods for **educating** and **training** the next generation of scientists and practitioners



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Damage Detection w Time Domain Reflectometry
Bio-inspired Intelligent Sensing Materials

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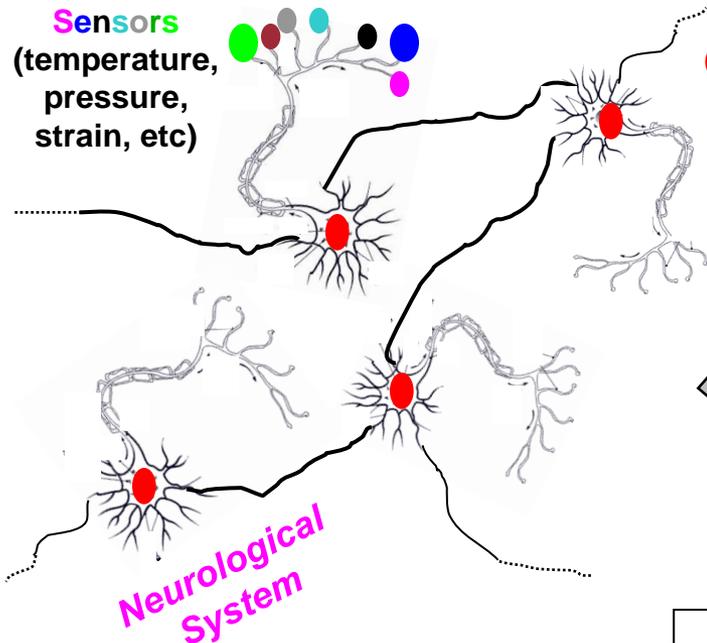
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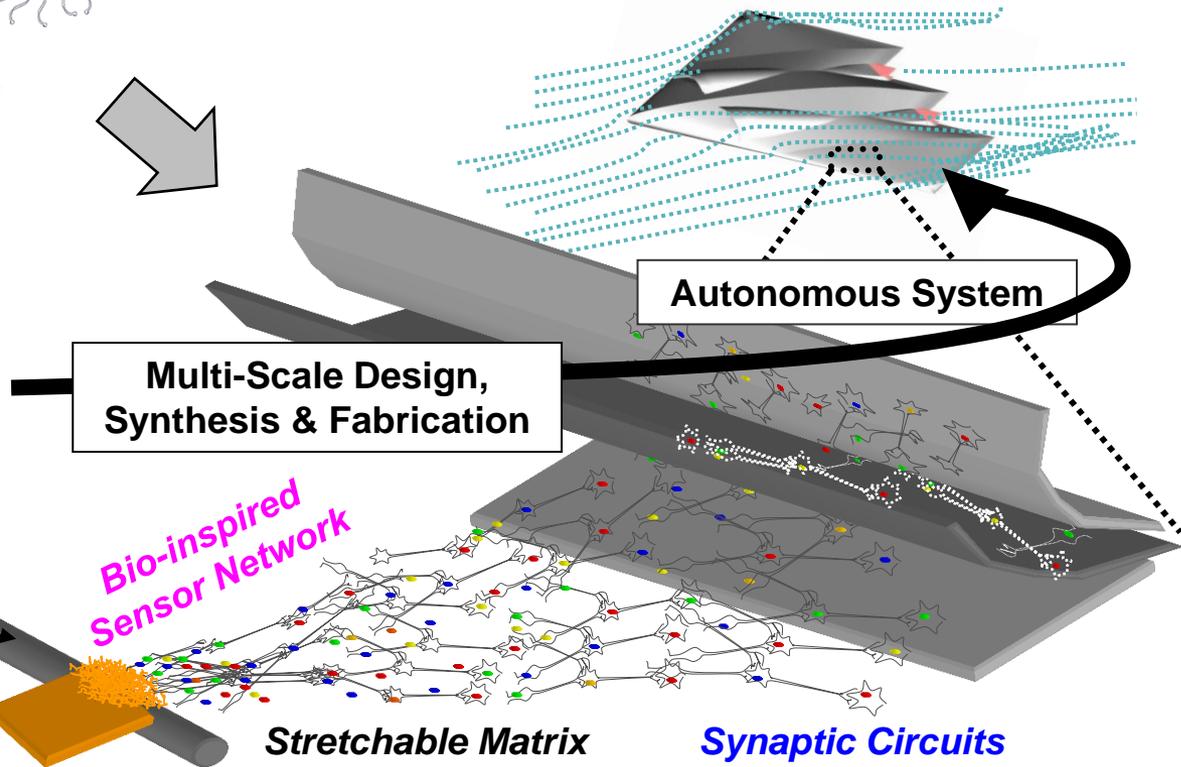
MURI '09

BUILT-IN SENSING NETWORK (Stanford/U CO/UCLA/NYIT: Chang)



Synapse:
Cognition and decision-making are determined by a relative level of cumulative signal strength with respect to the synapse threshold values

Biological sensory systems rely on **large numbers of sensors** distributed over **large areas** and are specialized to detect and process **a large number of stimuli**. These systems are also capable to **self-organize** and are **damage tolerant**.



Micro/Nano Sensors for State Awareness

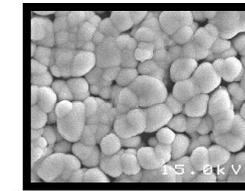
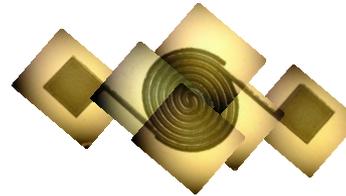


Task 2: Micro/Nano Sensors for State Awareness

To develop multi-physics multi-scale sensors for state awareness with an ease of network integration.

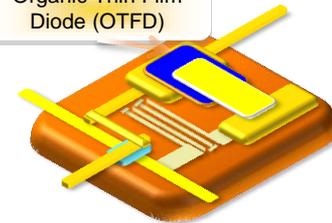
Chang's group:

- Screen-printing **PZT sensors** onto a network
- Integrated **organic thin film diodes** into sensor network



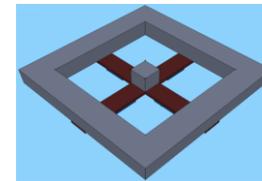
SEM image of good screen printed PZT

Organic Thin Film Diode (OTFD)

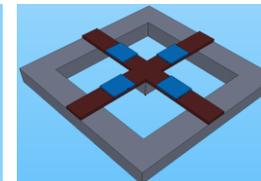


Wang's group:

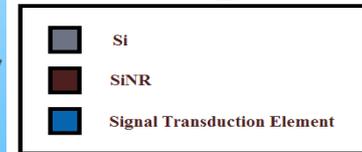
- Designed an **air flow sensor** measuring the direction and the velocity.
- Used four anisotropic **magnetostrictive** structures to transduce an air flow-induced beam deflection into a resistance change.



Top View

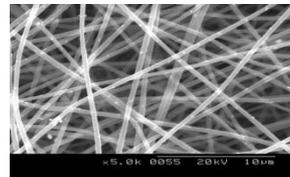


Bottom View

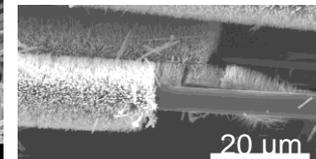


Ko's group:

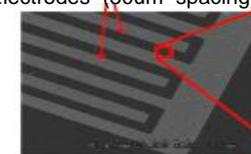
- Developed multi-functional **nanofibers** that can serve as: **magnetic, piezo-electric** and **chemical sensors**



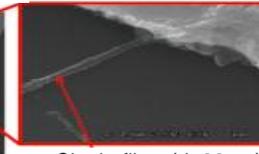
Magnetic nanofibers



Piezoelectric fibers



Nanofiber-based chemical sensors

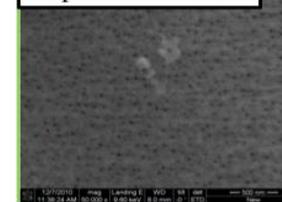


Single fiber (d=90nm)

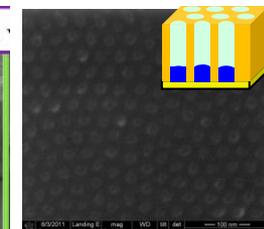
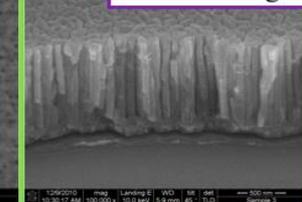
Carman's group:

- Investigated nano-structured **magneto-electric** materials for detecting **magnetic fields**.
- 40 and 25 nm diameter Ni nanostructures fabricated using AAO and DBC nanotemplate respectively.

Top view of AAO



45° tilted angle



DBC Polymer template

McLeod's group:

- A new approach to **optical sensor** interrogation.

Bio-inspired Neuron Circuits & Interface Electronics

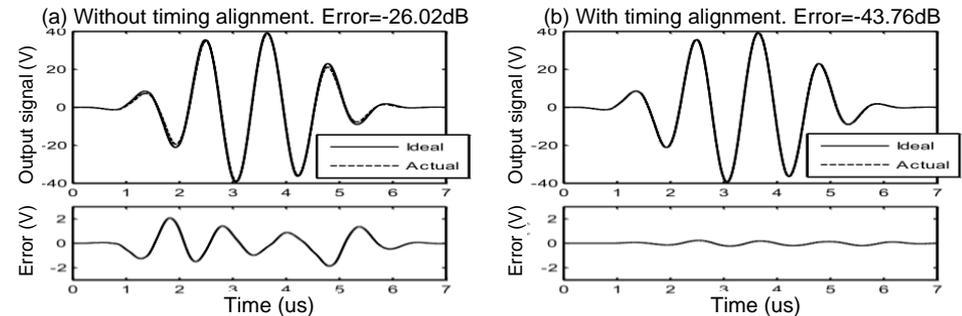


Task 3: Bio-inspired Neuron Circuits and Interface Electronics

To develop bio-inspired neuron circuits with appropriate electronics to interface with various sensors.

Murmann's group

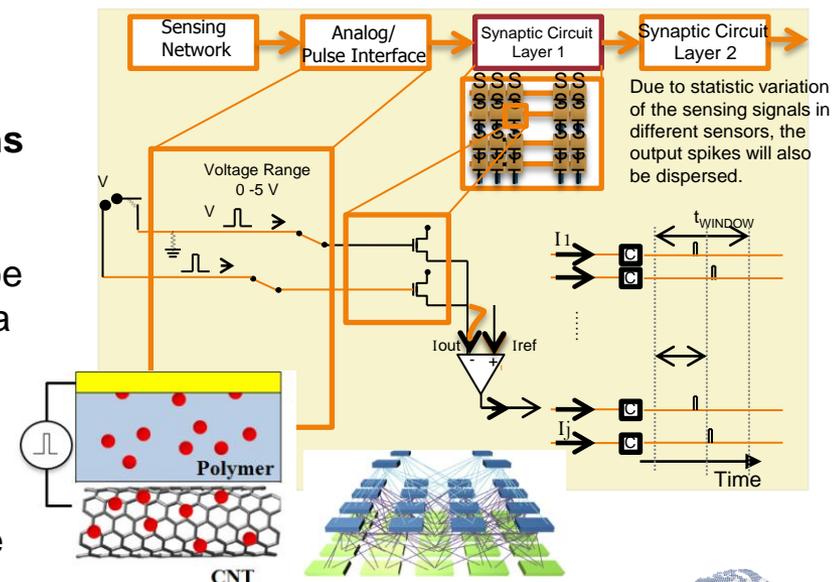
- Built a dense **integrated interface circuit** for ultrasonic sensing of the structural state.
- Defined **piezo driver** test chip to deliver a high voltage, high freq, continuous-time waveform.
- Plans to integrate piezo sensing interface with piezo driver on a **single chip**.



Output signals of the piezo-element driver without (left) and with (right) timing alignment

Chen's group

- Invented **synaptic transistors** with dynamic logic, memory, and learning functions by integrating ions in CNT/polymer composites.
- Voltage pulses can induce the **electrochemical reactions between ions and CNTs**, modifying the conductivities of CNTs reversibly for learning and memory functions.
- A **neuron circuit** with a large number of **synapses** can be fabricated by integrating an analog Si-CMOS circuit and a randomly connected CNT network in polymer composite.
- Integrated the first time the **synaptic transistors** with a **stretchable network** (from *Chang's group*) to process signals from an array of **temperature sensors**.
- Demonstrated that the integrated circuits can process the **temperature profile** dynamically.





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 Interfacial Self-Healing in Composites
 Regeneration & Remodeling of Composites**
- > **Self-Assembly and Self-Repair of Structures**
- < **Microvascular Autonomic Composites**

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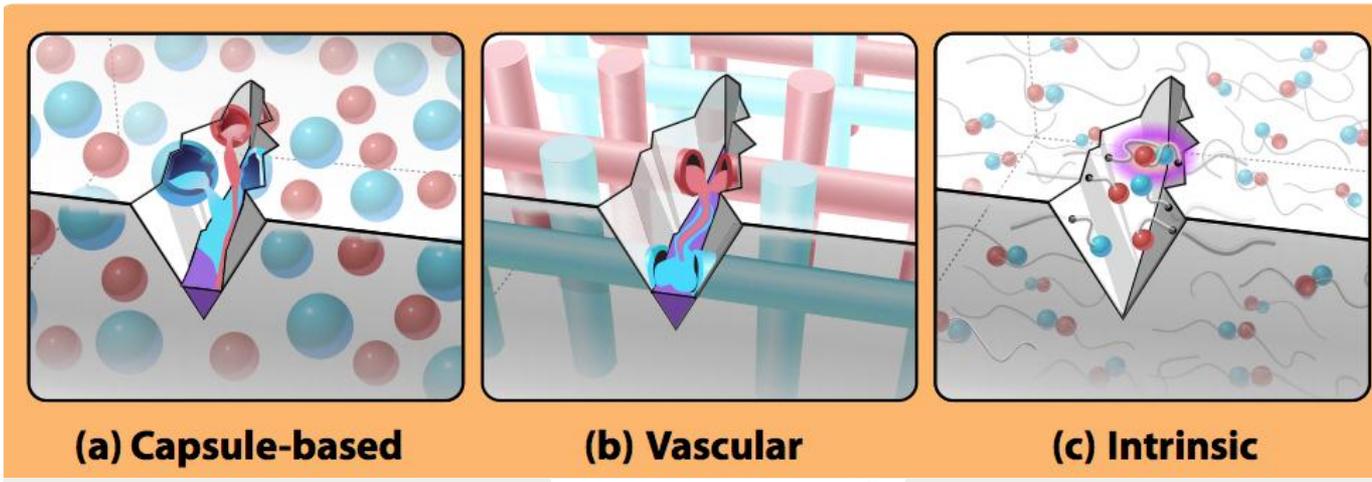
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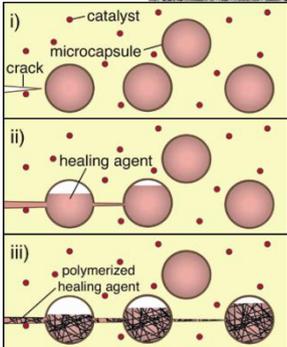
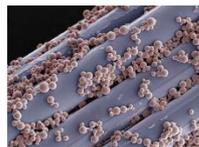
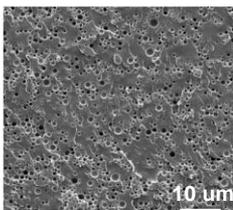


THREE APPROACHES FOR SELF-HEALING



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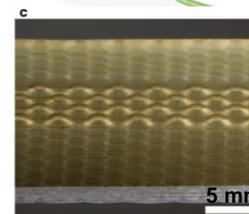
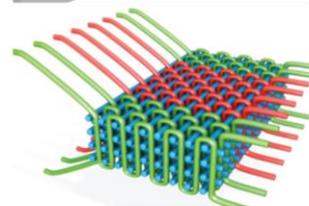
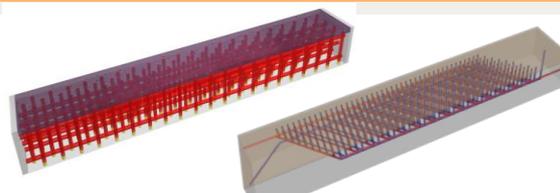
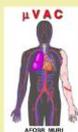
Functional Testing

MURI '05

Engineering Design



Synthetic Reproduction



MURI '05 THERMALLY REMENDABLE POLYMERS (UCLA: Wudl)

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STRUCTURAL REGENERATION (UIUC: White/Moore)



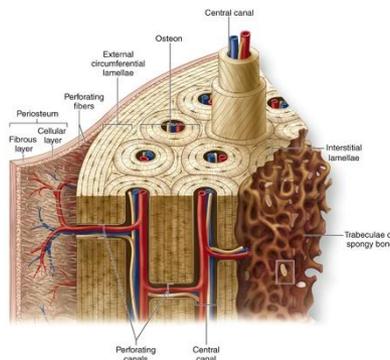
Regeneration and Remodeling in biology:

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Linckia starfish

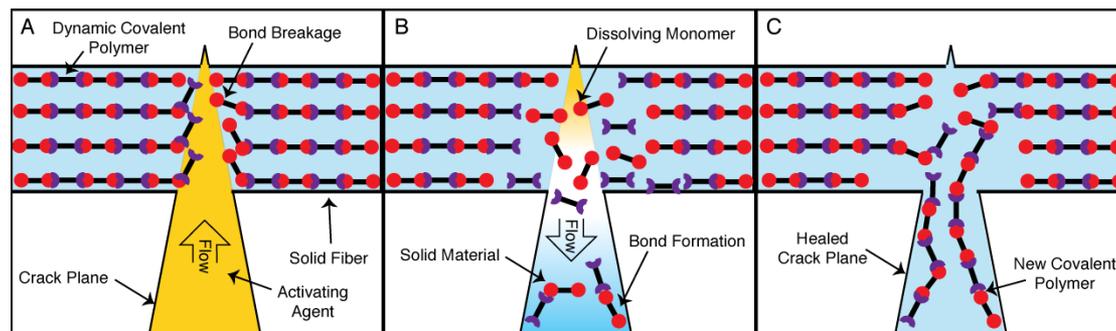
Human Bone



Conventional Material Systems:

- Passive materials not responsive to degradation
- Not adaptive to loading conditions
- Manual repair of damage
- Overdesign to account for reduction in mechanical properties and varied loading conditions

New approach: *Dynamic polymers + inert scaffolds*



- Synthesized two types of **dynamic covalent bond based polymer** systems which can be **reversibly changed from liquid to solid and vice versa**
- **Poly(vinyl alcohol)** and **borate ions** undergo multiple **sol-gel** transitions under controlled pH
- **Reversible gel formation** of a functionalized poly(ethylene glycol) and crosslinker

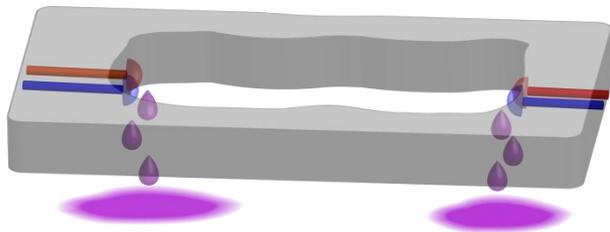


STRUCTURAL REGENERATION: *Large Volume Damage*

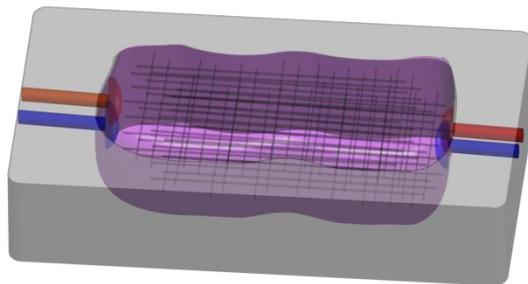


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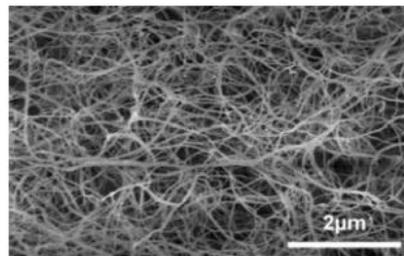
- Repair volume is limited by surface tension



- **Self-assembled scaffolds** will provide temporary support as healing agents delivered



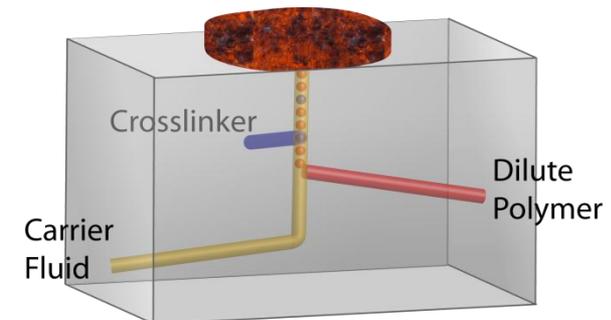
Scaffold-supported
damage region



Peptide Amphiphile
Self-assembling Fibers

Progress:

- **Sol-Gel transition** allowed three orders of magnitude stiffness increase
- Scaffold formation based on **peptide amphiphile hydrogels** is repeatable for multiple cycles
- Aggregate scaffolds formed by **hydrogen, covalent or ionic bonds** in progress
- Isolated constituents delivered via **vascular network**





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- < **CNT Based Thermal Interface Materials**
- New Generation of Perspirable Skin**
- Variable Thermal Conductivity Structures**

- > **Microvascular Systems for Mass/Energy Transport**
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Carbon Fiber Morphology for Thermal Materials

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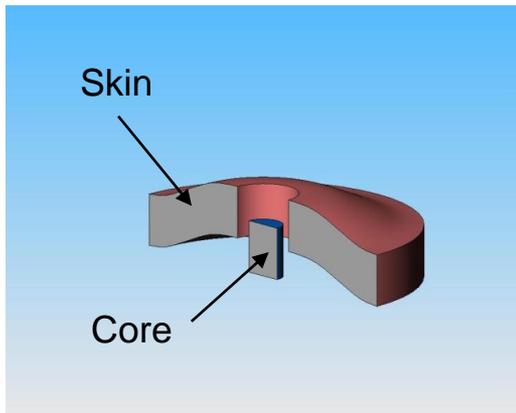
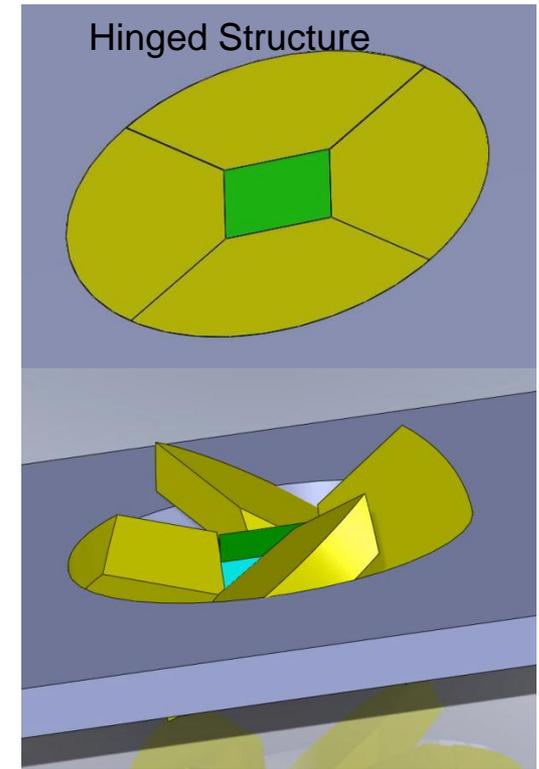
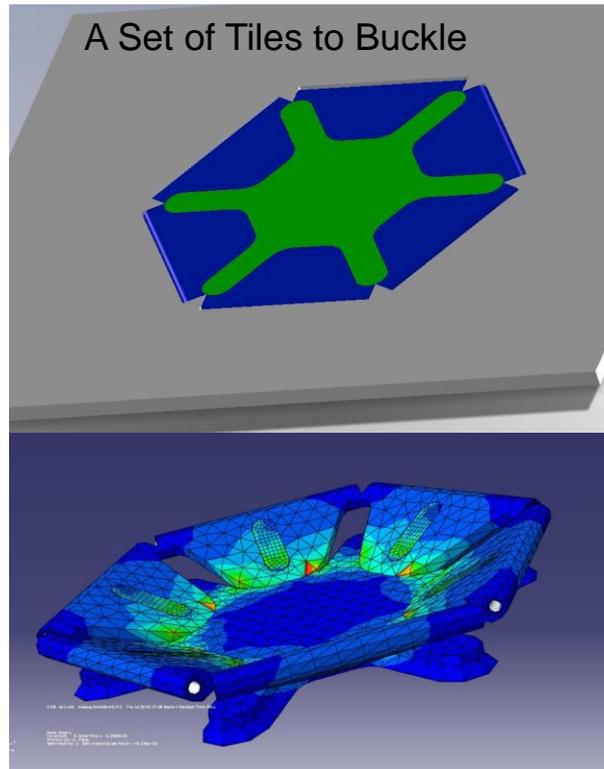
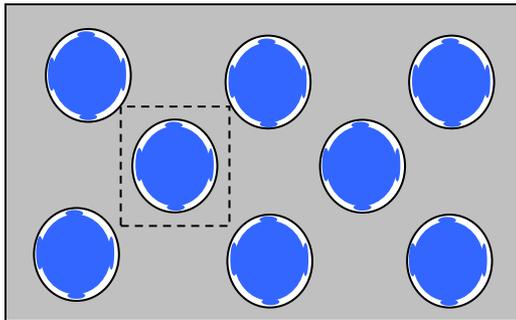
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PERSPIRABLE SKIN OF CERAMICS *(Mich State U: Kwon)*



- **Approach (I): Deformable materials under thermal loading** (The interference between two distinct materials that has been shrink-fitted opens for cooling; gap is not large enough)
- **Approach (II): A set of tiles to buckle under thermal loading** (Upon heating, the tiles push on the core radially, while shrinking circumferentially, enabling a buckling action)
- **Approach (III): A hinged structure triggered by internal pressure** (The assembly consists of the skin (rectangular part), two half circular tiles, and two axes to provide a rotation)



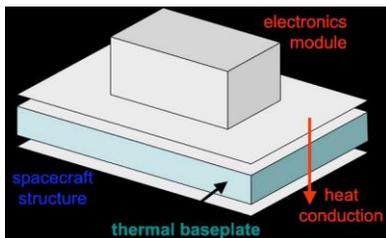


THERMAL BASE PLATE DESIGN (Penn State: Lesieutre)



Need for Material Systems with Variable Thermal Conductivity

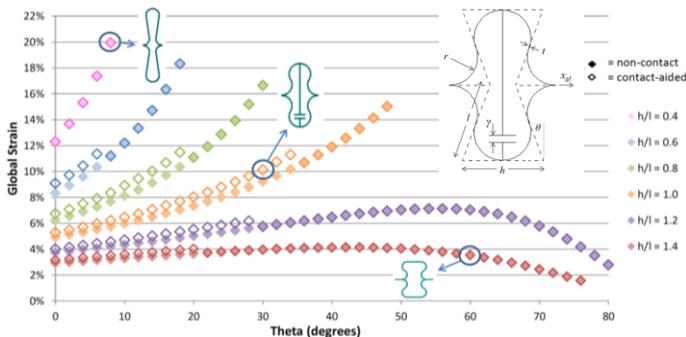
- **Electronic modules** are designed to operate near room temperature and they generate significant heat loads. They are connected to the spacecraft bus structure via a **thermal base plate** which is intrinsically **multifunctional**.
- The thermal base plate transfers **mechanical load** and transfers **heat** away from (or insulates) the electronics module in order to ensure that the electronics do not overheat (or become too cold).



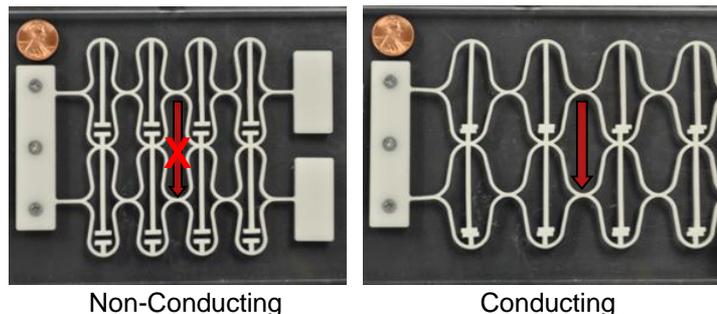
- Active and passive **thermal switches** exist, and passive ones are preferred for low power and complexity.

Cellular Contact-aided Compliant Mechanisms (C3M):

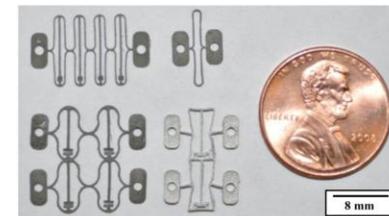
- C3M allow the design of **cellular structures with novel integrated contact mechanisms** that provide **local stress relief** under high loads. They are capable of ultimate strains exceeding 10%, while bulk ceramic materials have high strength, but low strain at failure (0.2-1%).
- Using **multiple materials** (e.g. **ceramic-metal** combination), these contacts also introduce new thermal conduction pathways and provide a novel potential avenue to **passive thermal switches**.
- When the “hot side” of the thermal base plate is **below a threshold temperature**, the base plate is in a **thermally-insulating** state, associated mainly with ceramic parts of the C3M based structure.
- As the temperature of the “hot side” increases **above threshold value**, the C3M based structure expands and **internal contact** is made between conducting members, dramatically **increasing the thermal conductivity** of the base plate. This conductivity is maintained at higher temperatures.



Global strain vs. Cell angle parameter



metal/ceramic parts made by “lost mold, rapid infiltration forming” (LM-RIF) process





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Active Structural Fibers for Multif'l Composites
Vibration Suppression and Energy Harvesting
Energy Harvesting Using Electrodynamc Tethers
Environmental Hydrocarbon Harvesting Via CNT
Nanoscale Based Thermal Energy Harvesting
Flexible Battery of Graphene-CNT Hybrid
 > **Integrated Solar Cells for MAV Wings**
 < **Multifunctional Mg-Li Alloy Nanocomposites**
 < **Energy Harvesting/Storage System Integration**

Nanomaterials for Structural Batteries
 > **Hybrid Energy Harvesting Systems**
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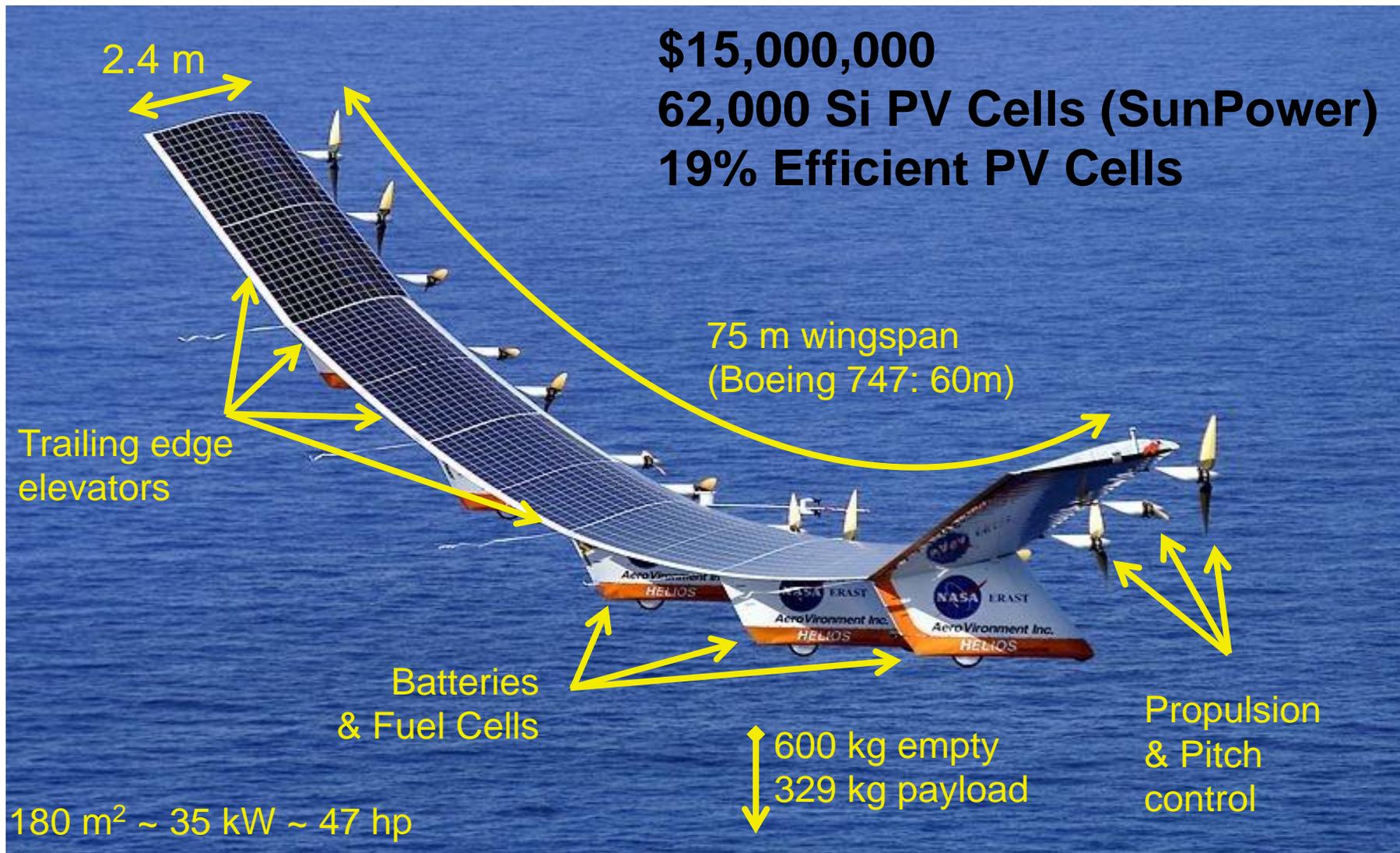
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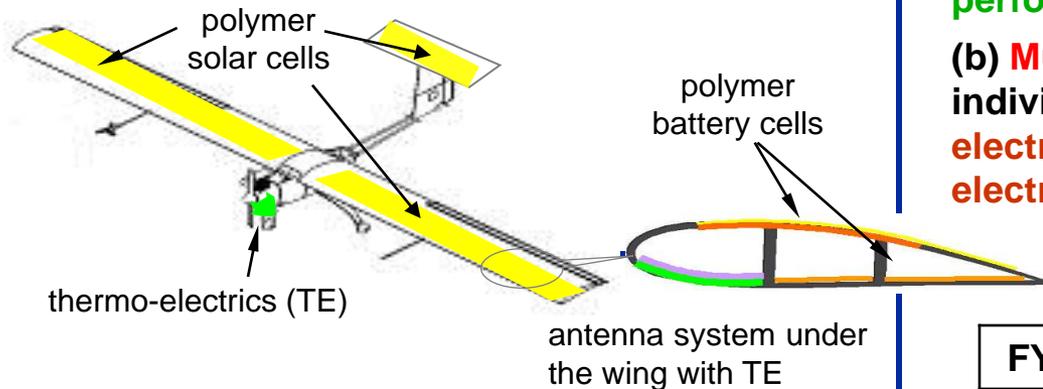


INTEGR'D ENERGY HARVESTING (U WA/U CO/UCLA/VT: Taya)



Objective:

To develop “self-powered” load-bearing structures with **integrated energy harvest/storage capabilities**, and to establish new **multi-functional design rules** for structural integration of energy conversion means.



DoD Benefit:

Self-powered load-bearing structures with integrated energy harvest/storage capabilities will provide meaningful **mass savings** and **reduced external power requirements** over a wide range of defense platforms including **space vehicles**, **manned aircraft**, **unmanned aerial vehicles**, and **ISR systems**.

Technical Approach:

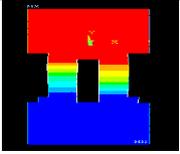
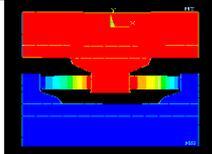
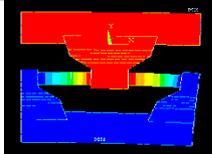
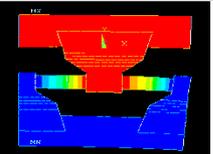
- (a) A combination of experimental and analytical techniques are employed to advance the **efficiency** of the energy conversion means (as an integral part of **load-bearing** structures) and to optimize their multifunctional **performance** and **ability to cover larger areas**.
- (b) **Multifunctional composites** are created with individual layers acting as **photovoltaic/thermo-electric/piezoelectric** power harvesting and **electrochemical** power storage elements.

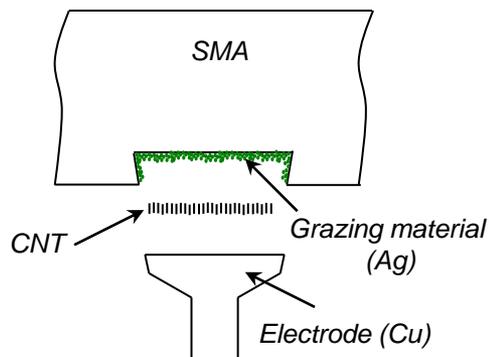
Budget:

	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11
\$K	693,335	1,169,560	1,180,608	1,219,324	1,179,991	568,571

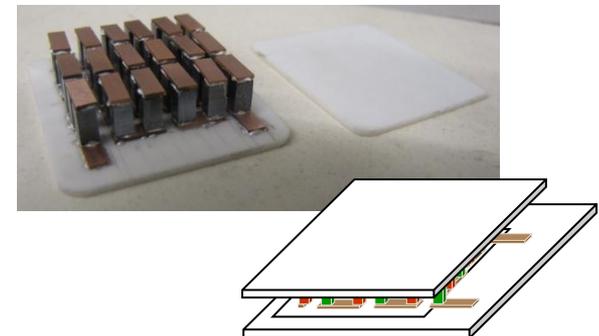
Major Reviews/Meetings:

- 29 August 2007: Seattle, WA
- 5 August 2008: Boulder, CO
- 11 August 2009: Blacksburg, VA
- 18 August 2010: Los Angeles, CA
- 5 August 2011: Arlington, VA

TE design	Phi TE	Linear TE	Linear TE w/ FGM and shrink-fit (1.25mm)	Linear TE w/ FGM and shrink-fit (2.5mm)	Linear TE w/ FGM and shrink-fit (2.5mm)
	Analysis results				
Generated temperature gap across TE element (deg C)	338	344	344	346	394
Maximum normal stress on electrode (Mpa)	-1100	-1200	-535	-591	-642
Maximum shear stress on electrode (MPa)	146	617	329	311	337
Maximum shear stress on TE element (MPa)	125	71	34	43	56
Power density (W/cm ²)	0.80	0.87	0.87	0.89	1.15
Module efficiency (%)	12.8	13.3	13.3	13.4	14.8

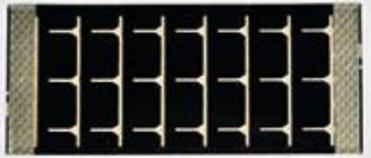


- **n-type: $Mg_2Si_{0.96}Bi_{0.03}In_{0.01}$**
- **p-type: $Si_{0.93}Ge_{0.05}B_{0.02}$**
- Heat source side: Fe-SMA
- Heat exhaust side: Cu-SMA
- CNT in grazing material gives:
 - ✓ locking Ag
 - ✓ reducing the creep strain



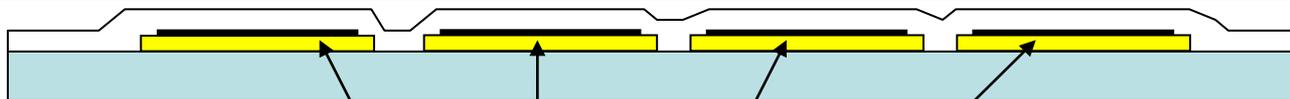
Comparison of Solar Cells for Structural Integration



	Monocrystalline Silicon Solar Cell	Amorphous Silicon Solar Cell
Tensile Loading	Breaks at 0.23 % tensile strain	Works well at 1.6 % tensile strain. Composite laminates breaks around 1.5 % strain.
Fatigue Loading	N/A	Works well at fatigue cycle of 0.3 % strain
Efficiency	23 %	12 %
Price	High (200 um thick c-Si needed)	Low (about 1 um thick a-Si needed)
Sample		

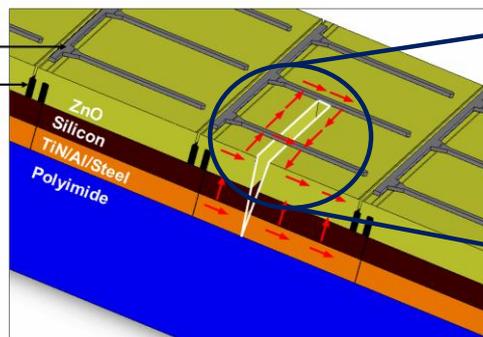
	Cu(In,Ga)Se ₂ Solar Cell	Dye Sensitized Solar Cell
Pros	Highest efficiency among thin film solar cells	Cheapest among thin film solar cells
Cons	Degrades with humidity ; manufacturing generates very toxic gases to the environment.	Unstable efficiency; extremely corrosive

Solar Cells Under Fatigue



Free standing **amorphous Si** solar cells

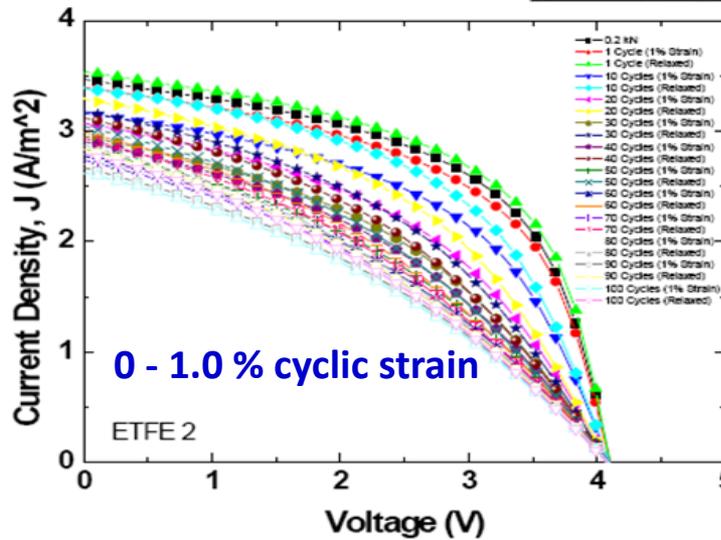
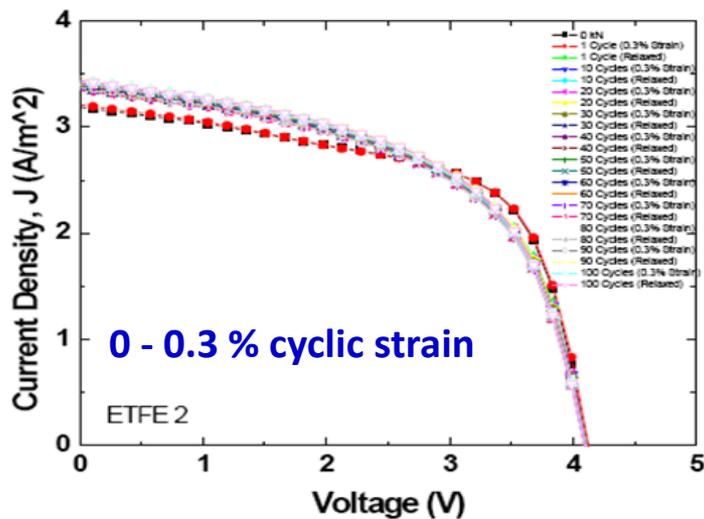
ZnO (~3μm)	Device
p-type μc-Si (~250 Å)	
Intrinsic a-Si (~4000 Å)	
n-type μc-Si (~150 Å)	
TiN (< 1000 Å)	
Alumimun (~0.3μm)	Substrate
Stainless Steel (< 1 μm)	
Polyimide (~30μm)	Antistatic Layer
Stainless Steel/Al (<1μm)	



→ current path



cracks

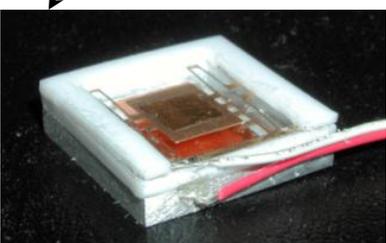
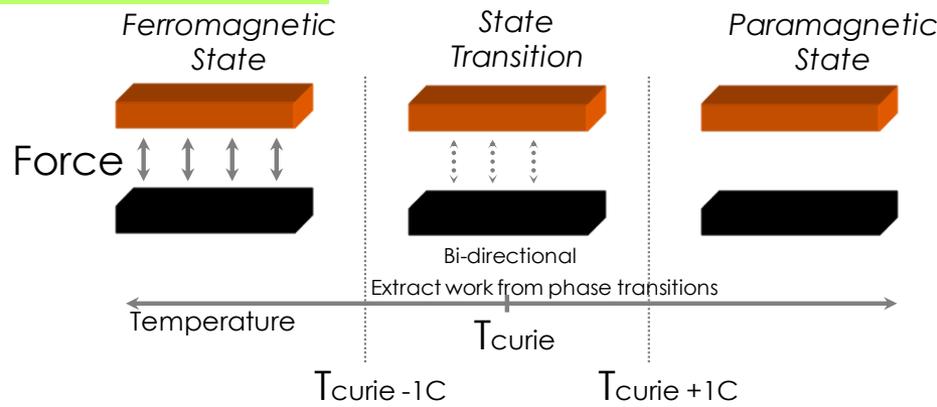
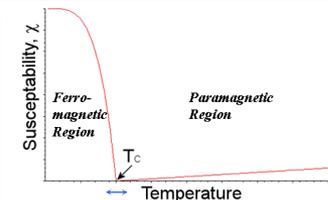
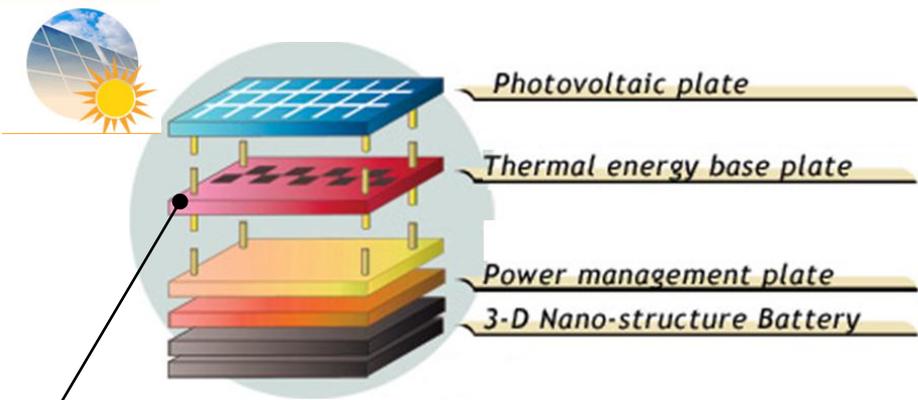




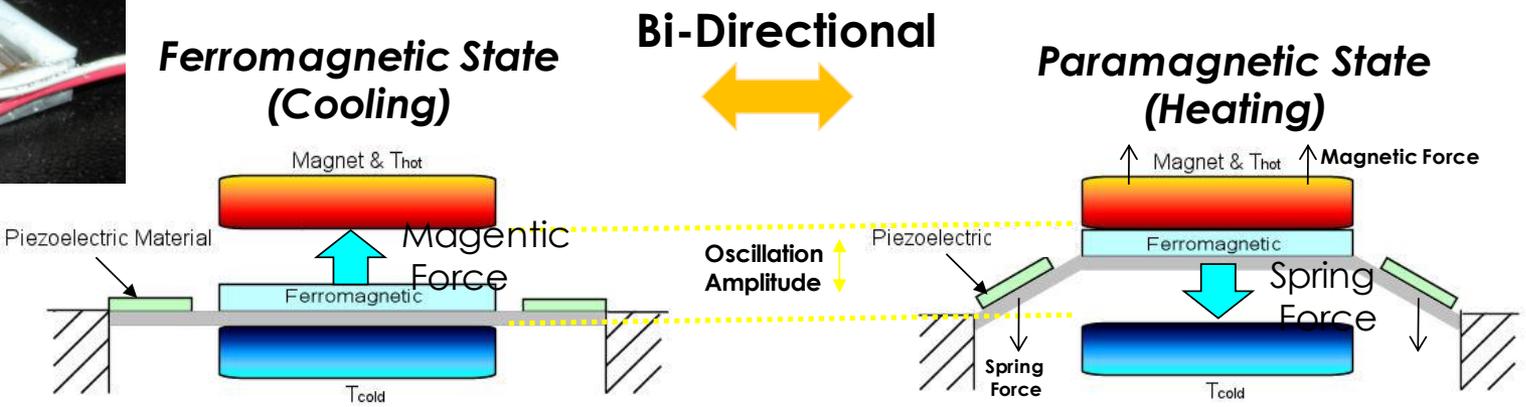
STTR' 10: HYBRID ENERGY HARVEST



- Pairing solar panels with magneto-thermoelectric power generator as “active thermal backplane” for solar panel cooling and “hybrid energy harvest”



magneto-thermoelectric power generator (STTR'07)





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- < Electroosmotically Actuated Shape Change
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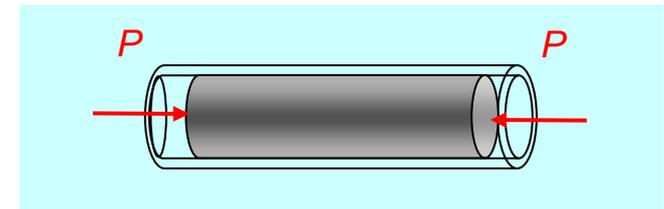
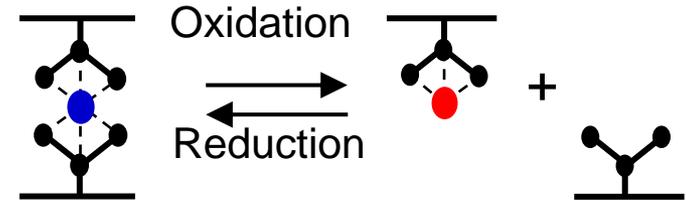
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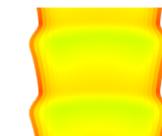
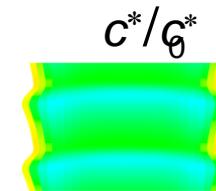
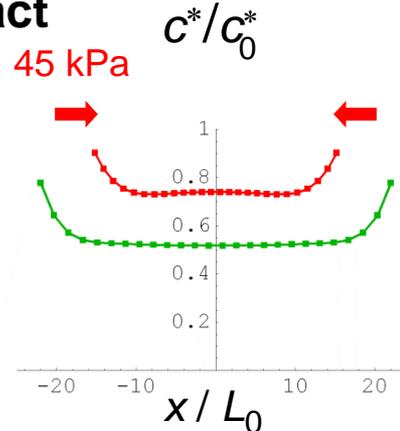
DESIGNING SELF-REINFORCING MATERIALS (*U Pitt: Balazs*)



- Developed model to describe BZ gels with chemo-responsive X-links
 - Modified Oregonator model
 - f – dependent complex formation
 - Time-dependent elastic contribution
- Studied response to steady and periodic compression in 1D model
- Mechanical impact increases X-link density
 - Self-reinforcing material
 - Stiffens in response to impact



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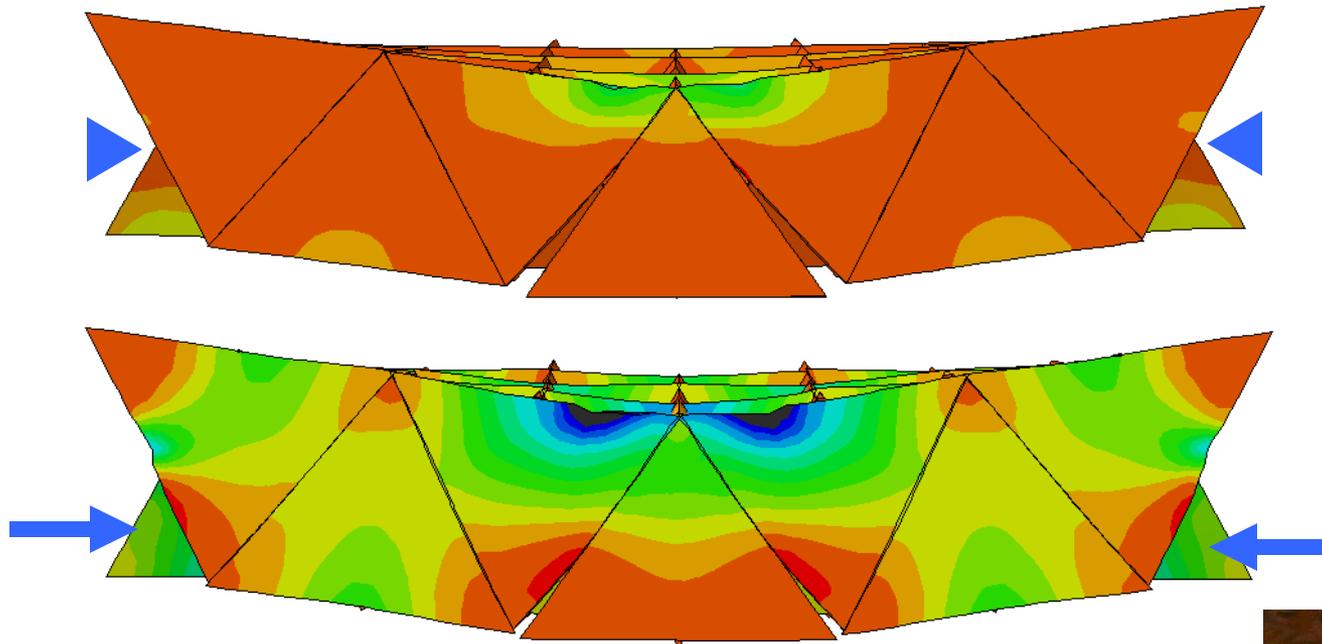


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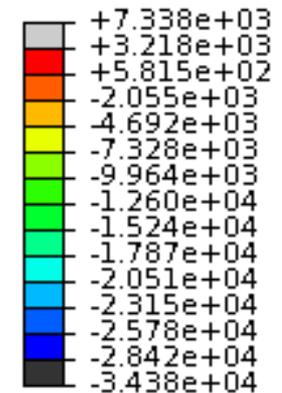




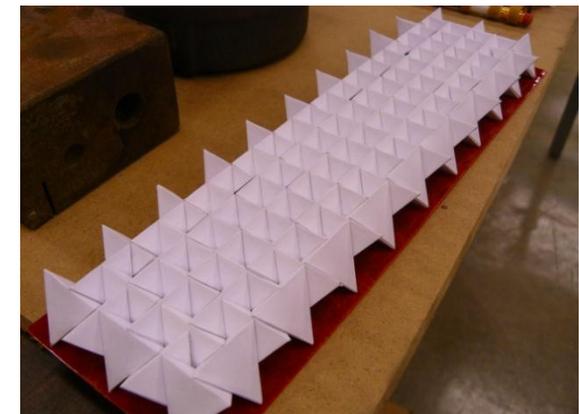
TOPOLOGICAL INTERLOCKING (Purdue U: Siegmund)



In-plane Stress



- Confinement changes translate in change on contact conditions
- Large confinement leads to smaller opening and more resistance to load
- Retain damage tolerance in the high stiffness regime





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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PORTFOLIO:

Basic science for integration of emerging mater into future Air Force systems requiring multi-fu

LIST OF SUB-AREAS:

*Fundamentals of Mechanics of Materials;
Life Prediction (Materials & Micro-devices);
Sensing, Detection & Diagnosis;
Multifunctional Design of Autonomic Systems;
Multifunctional Design of Reconfigurable System
Self-Healing & Remediation;
Self-Cooling & Thermal Management;
Energy Management for Self-Sustaining System
Actuation & Threat Neutralization;
Engineered Nanomaterials*

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LIST OF SUBJECTS

Fundamental

Life Prediction

Sensing, Detection

Multifunctional

Multifunctional

Self-Healing

Self-Cooling

Energy Management

Actuation

Engineering

Subject:

- Thermal Signature Reduction & EMI Shielding*
- Nanocomposites for Sensing & Actuation*
- Bio-inspired Intelligent Sensing Materials*
- Embedded Sensors & Actuators for MAV*
- Interfacial Self-Healing in Composites*
- CNT Based Thermal Interface Materials*
- Carbon Fiber Morphology for Thermal Materials*
- Environmental Hydrocarbon Harvesting Via CNT*
- Nanoscale Based Thermal Energy Harvesting*
- Flexible Battery of Graphene-CNT Hybrid*
- Multifunctional Mg-Li Alloy Nanocomposites*
- Energy Harvesting/Storage System Integration*
- Nanomaterials for Structural Batteries*
- Morphing CNT Microstructures*
- Mechanically-Responsive Polymers*
- Artificial Muscles for Large Stroke & High Force**
- < **Layer-by-layer Processing of CNT Composites**
- < **Hierarchical Structures of CNT Composites**
- Thin Flexible CNT Composites**
- > **Shear Pressed CNT Sheets for Strain Sensing**

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CNT YARNS FOR ARTIFICIAL MUSCLES (UT Dallas: Baughman)



“Biscrolling Nanotube Sheets and Functional Guests into Yarns”, *Science* 331, 51 (2011).

- **Weavable, sewable, braidable** and **knottable** carbon nanotube (CNT) **yarns** that can contain over 92 wt% of **functional guest powders** are made by twist insertion in a guest/CNT sheet stack.
- Demonstrated use of these “**biscrolled**” **yarns** as **battery/fuel cell electrodes** and as **superconductors**.

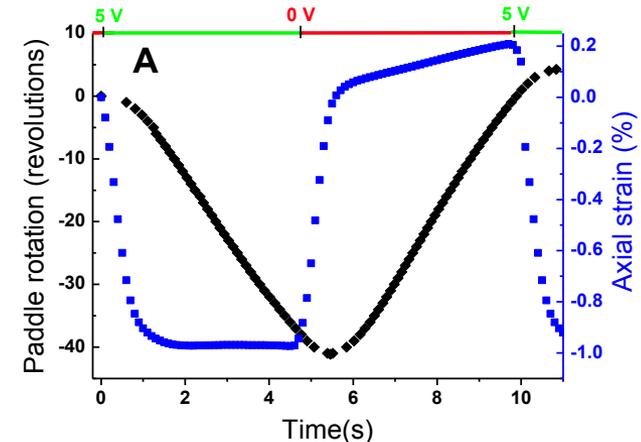
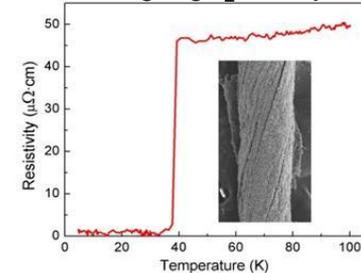
“Torsional Carbon Nanotube Artificial Muscles”, *Science* 334, 494 (2011).

- **Tensile** and **torsional actuation** results from **yarn volume change** caused by **ion influx** to compensate **electronically injected charge**. Torsional rotation per actuator length was 1000 times that of prior-art torsional actuators.
- The actuating yarn electrode can accelerate an 1800 times heavier paddle up to 590 revolutions/min in 1.2 s and provide similar gravimetric torque and mechanical power generation per yarn weight as for large electric motors. **Microfluidic** application was demonstrated.

Biscrolling process



Superconducting MgB₂/CNT yarn



Torsional and tensile actuation for electrochemically driven twist-spun yarns



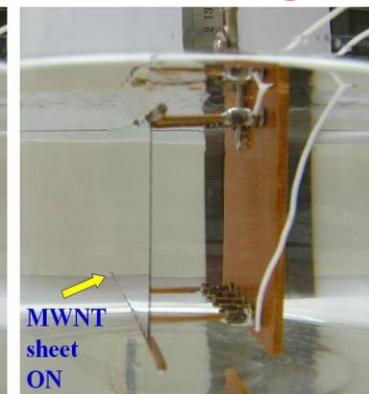
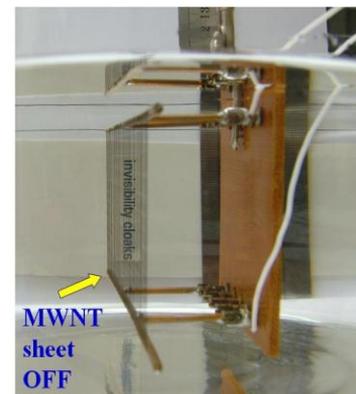
MIRAGE EFFECT OF CNT SHEET (UT Dallas: Baughman)



"Mirage Effect from Thermally-modulated Transparent Carbon Nanotube Sheet",
Nanotechnology **22**, 435704 (2011).

- **Electrically conducting sheets**, which are drawn from forest-like arrays of carbon nanotube (CNT), can be used as **transparent**, rapidly **thermally switchable mirage cloaks** and as inexpensive optical scanners.
- This **invisibility for light** oblique to the CNT sheet is caused by the **mirage effect**, in which a thermally generated **refractive index gradient** bends light array from an object.
- Extremely **low thermal capacitance** and **high heat transfer ability** of CNT sheets enable high frequency modulation of sheet temperature over a wide range, thereby providing a sharp, rapidly changing gradient of refractive index in surrounding liquid or gas.

Time Magazine's issue
on 50 Best Inventions
of 2011



Cloaking



BIO-INSPIRED SYSTEMS: BEYOND CURRENT VISION



VISION: EXPANDED



Biomimetics

Design for Coupled
Multi-functionality

Nano-materials

Multi-scale
Model

Micro- & Nano-
Devices

Manufacturing Sci

Neural Network &
Information Sci

**AUTONOMIC
AEROSPACE
STRUCTURES**

- Sensing & Precognition
- Self-Diagnosis & Active Response
- Self-Healing
- Threat Neutralization
- Self-Cooling
- Self-Powered

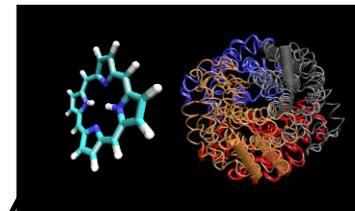
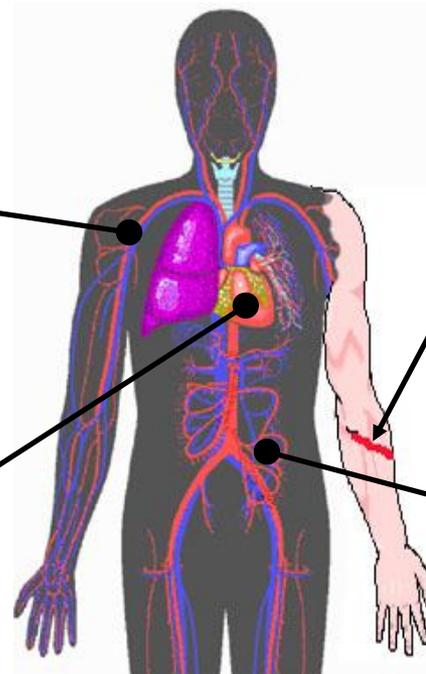
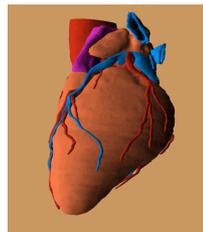


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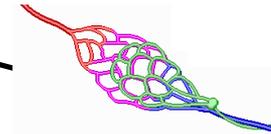
**Self-Regulating
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Active Regulation



**Self-Generating
Function**

Mesoporous Networks

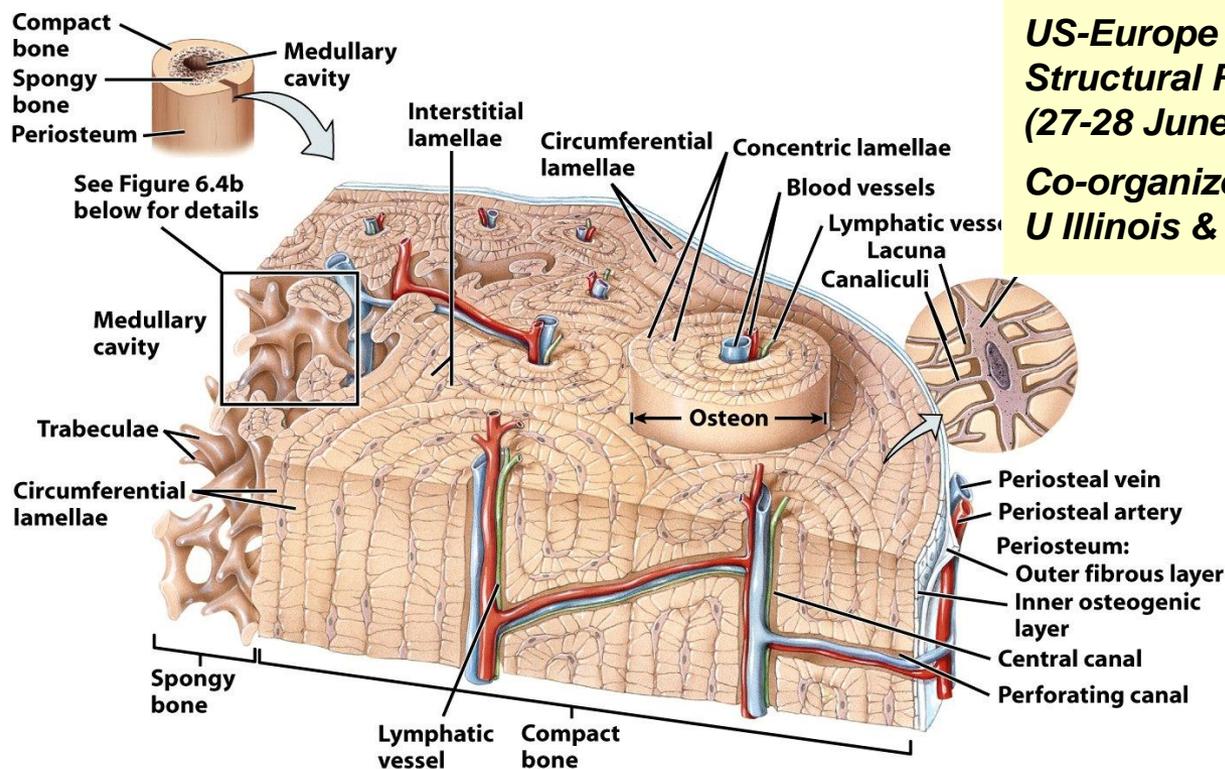




Design by Nature: BONE REMODELING



Resorption vs **Ossification**; 4~20% renewal per year;
Subjecting a bone to **stress** will make it **stronger**



*US-Europe Workshop on
Structural Regeneration
(27-28 June 2012, Venice)*

*Co-organized by AFOSR, ARO,
U Illinois & Max Planck Inst.*

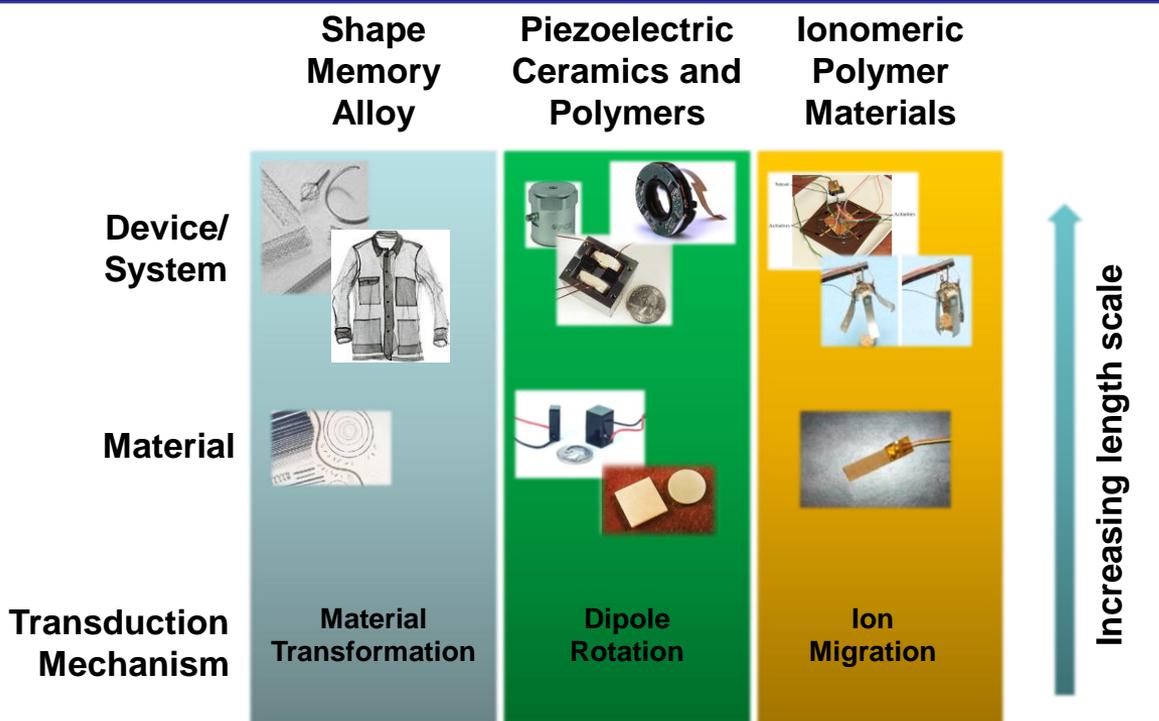
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ENGINEERED DEVICES: *BEYOND CURRENT VISION*



Traditional Transducer Materials



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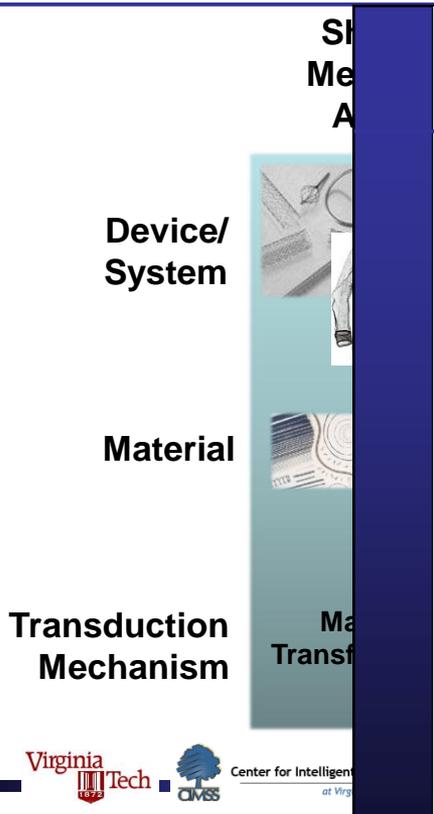
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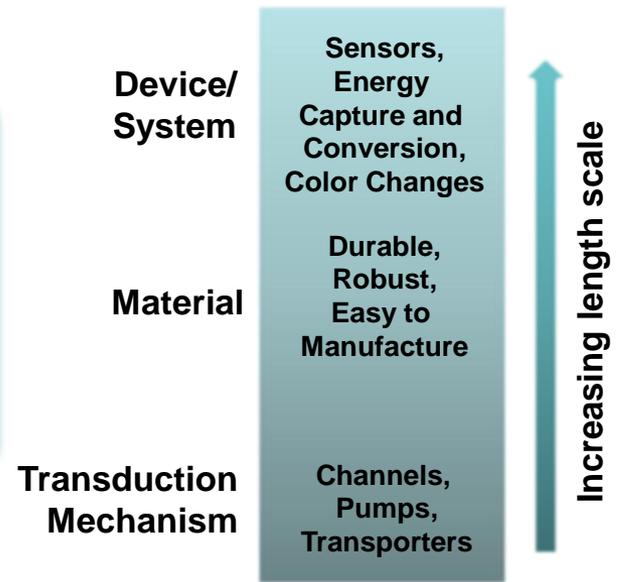


Traditional Transducer Materials



The question we are studying ...

*How can we use **biomolecules** to make completely new types of materials for **engineered devices**?*





SUMMARY



- The program is fully focused on the establishment of advanced **multi-functional** aerospace structures.
- A major progress has been made in pursuing a new **vision** for **autonomic/reconfigurable systems** and providing research support for baseline multifunctional materials and microdevices.
- Multi-disciplinary research initiatives are concluded successfully for **“self-healing,” “structurally integrated energy harvest/ storage capabilities,”** “energy harvesting from aerospace environment,” and **“load bearing antennas.”**
- Three initiatives are in progress for **“neurological system inspired sensory network”** (MURI '09), **“reconfigurable multi-functional structures”** (DCT'09) and **“high-rate deformation”** (CoE'12).
- New initiatives are planned for **“biomolecular autonomic material systems,” “hybrid energy harvesting”** and **“neutralization of threats”** in collaboration with AFRL/AFOSR colleagues.