

# COINS Overview, Accomplishments, and Plans

Alex Zettl:	Director
Willi Mickelson:	Executive Director
Ali Javey:	Integration Co-Leader
Meltem Erol:	Education and Outreach Director

UC Berkeley, Stanford, CalTech, and UC Merced

NSF Site Visit, June 10-11, 2013



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Progress, Challenges, and Future:

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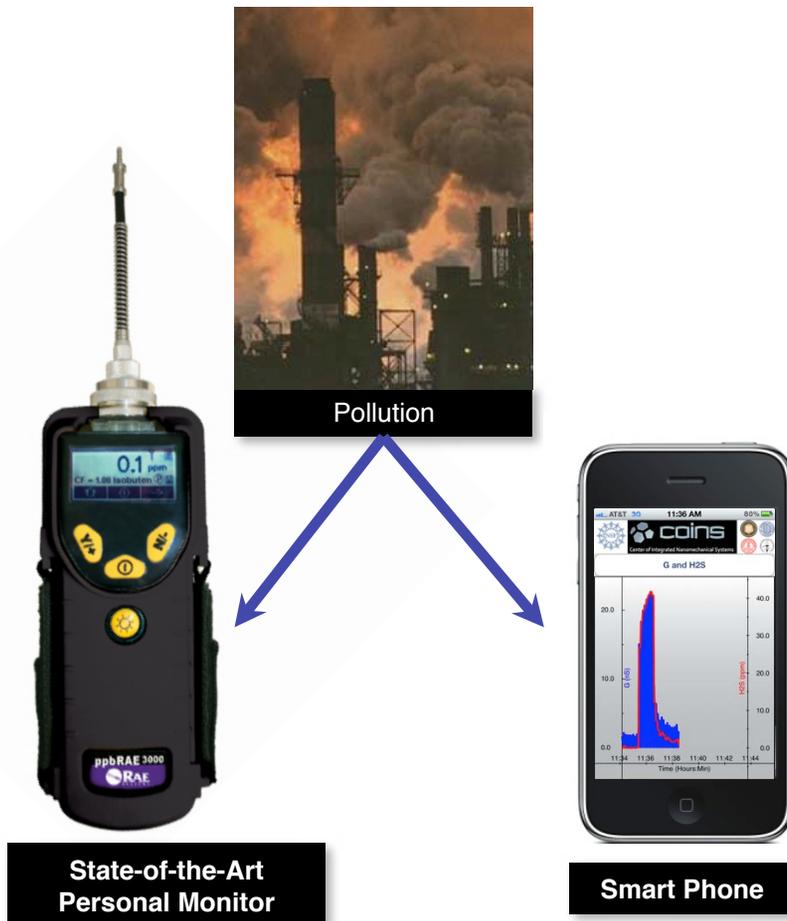


COINS mission is to inspire and realize applications directed towards sensing of environmental conditions using nanotechnology.

Three environmental sensing applications guide the research:

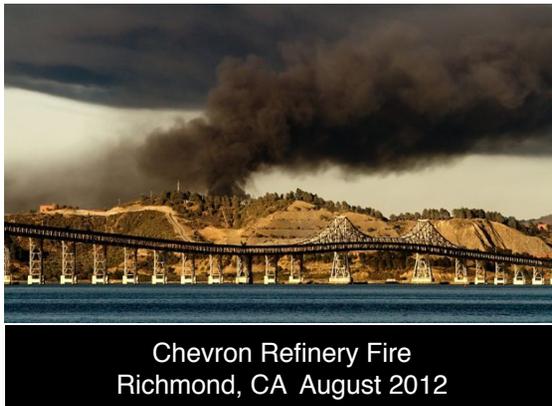
- Personal Environmental Monitoring
- Community-based Environmental Monitoring
- Mobile Environmental Monitoring

## Personal Environmental Monitoring



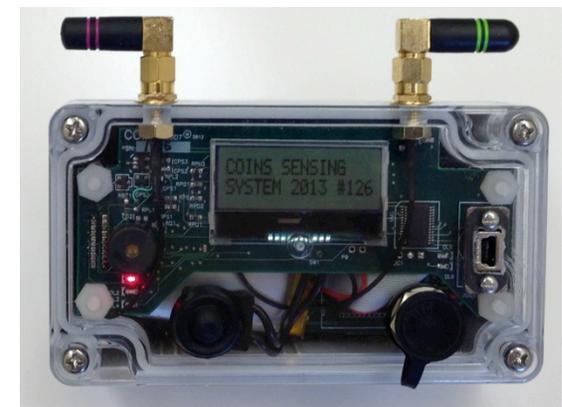
- Current personal environmental monitors are still expensive (\$5k), power hungry, run only for hours at a time, and can measure limited gases.
- COINS goal: Interface nano-enabled sensors with smart phone technology
  - Should be small, sensitive, low-cost, low-power, and detect multiple analytes
  - Interface with smart phones, eventually becoming embedded in the device

## Community-based Environment Monitoring



- Low-power, low-cost chemical sensors will enable fixed broad area coverage or semi-portable field monitors to provide real-time feedback of environmental conditions to:
  - Detect and locate leaks of explosive gas, radiation, and harmful pollutants
  - Monitor pesticide drift in air and chemical build-up in ground and drinking water

- COINS goal: Develop novel low-power, low-cost, selective nanomaterials-enabled sensing systems for real-time detection of explosives, toxicants, and radiation.



Third-Generation COINS  
Sensing System

## Mobile Environmental Monitoring



Rescuers search for survivors after building collapse, Bangladesh, 2013

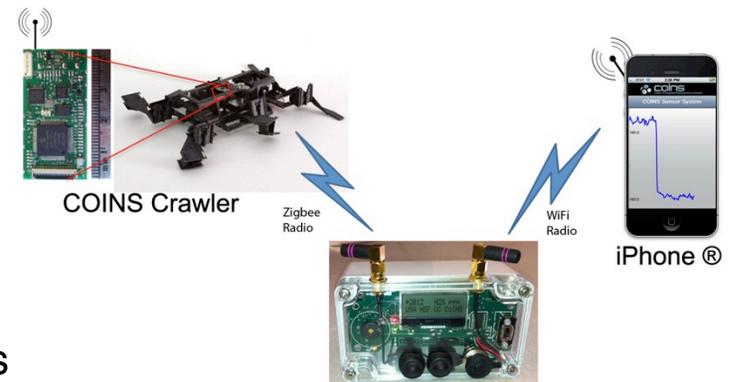


Deployable Chemical Detection System



Nuclear Crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi Plant, Japan, 2011

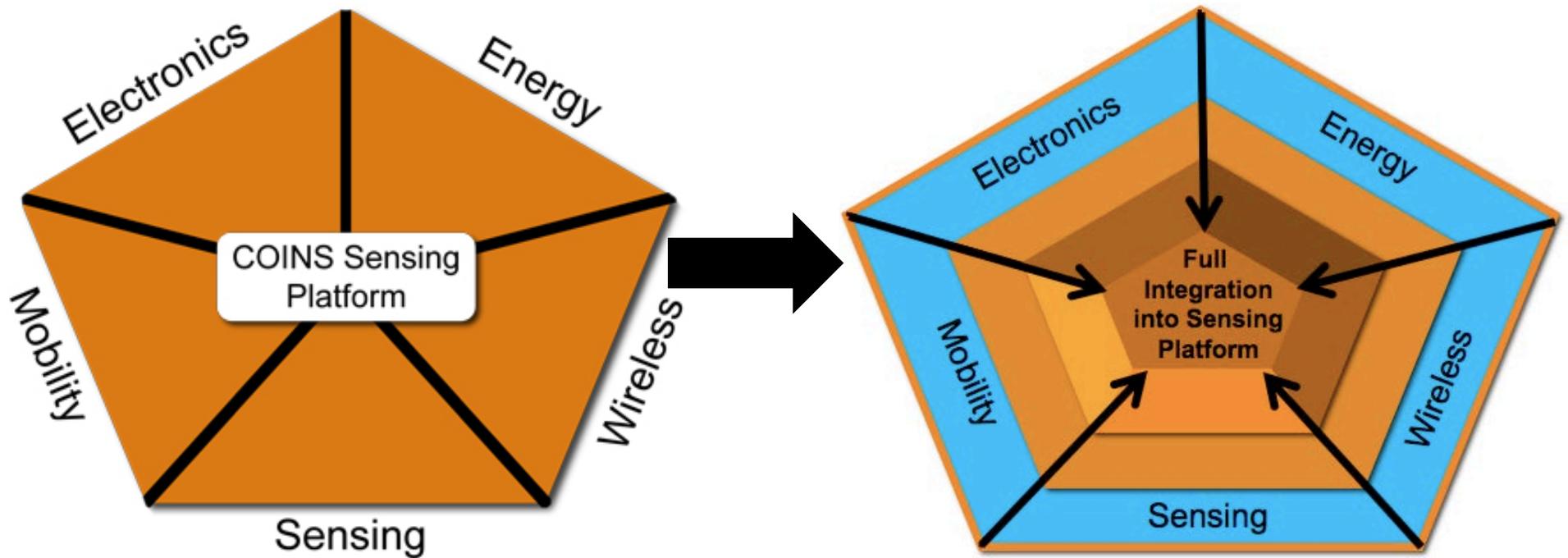
- Expensive and power hungry, most current mobile monitoring systems require either gas-powered vehicles or humans for mobility.
- After disasters, collapsed buildings, mine shafts, or damaged plants are dangerous for response teams making it difficult to monitor and control situations.
- COINS goal: Create mobile robots with application-appropriate detection capabilities, such as survivor or hazard location.
  - Should be self propelled, communicate wirelessly, and able to reach confined spaces



COINS Sensing System (CSS)

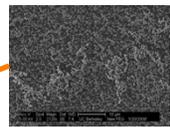
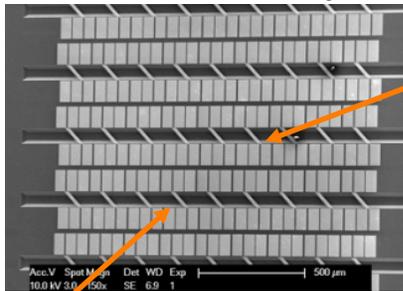


# COINS Technical Thrusts

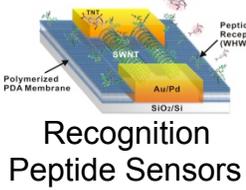
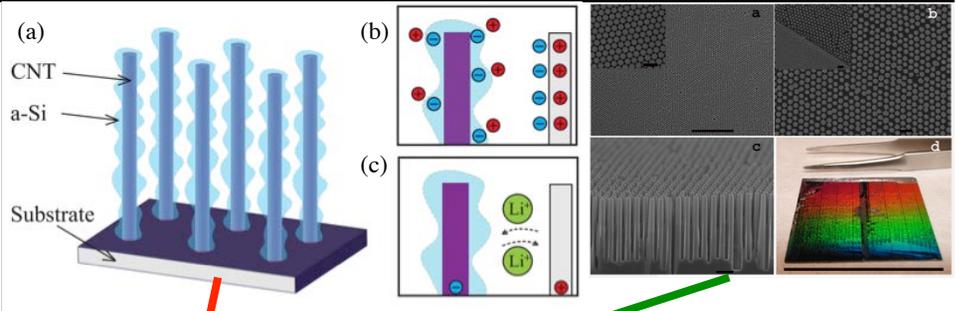


# Systems Integration

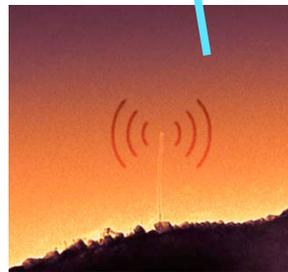
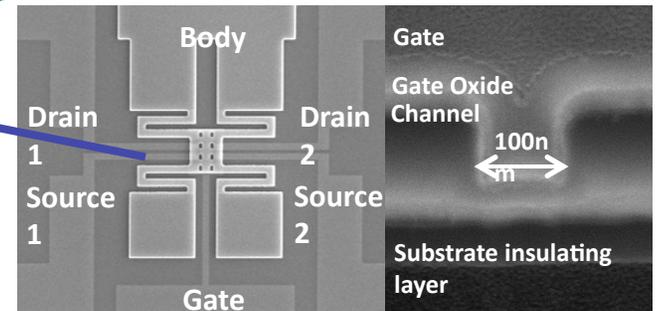
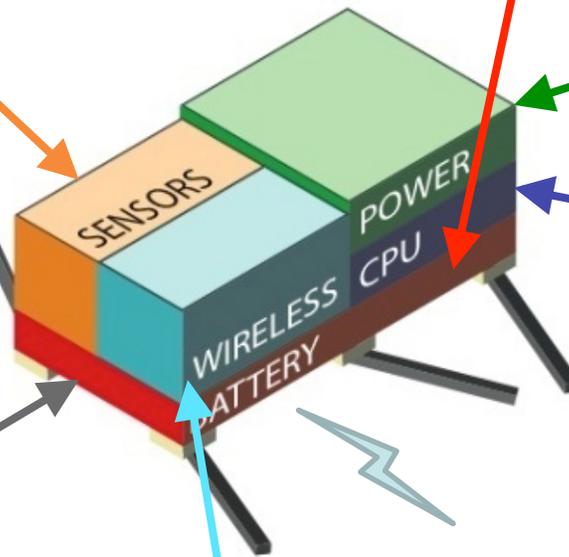
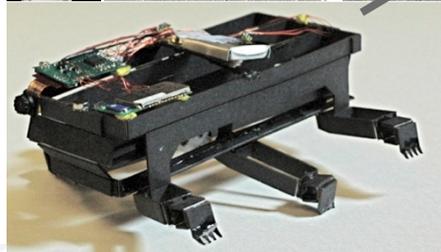
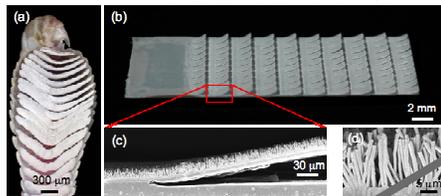
## Sensor Arrays



Nanoparticle Sensors



Recognition Peptide Sensors



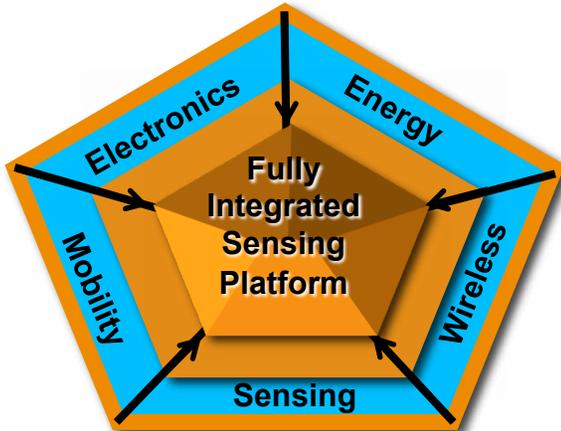
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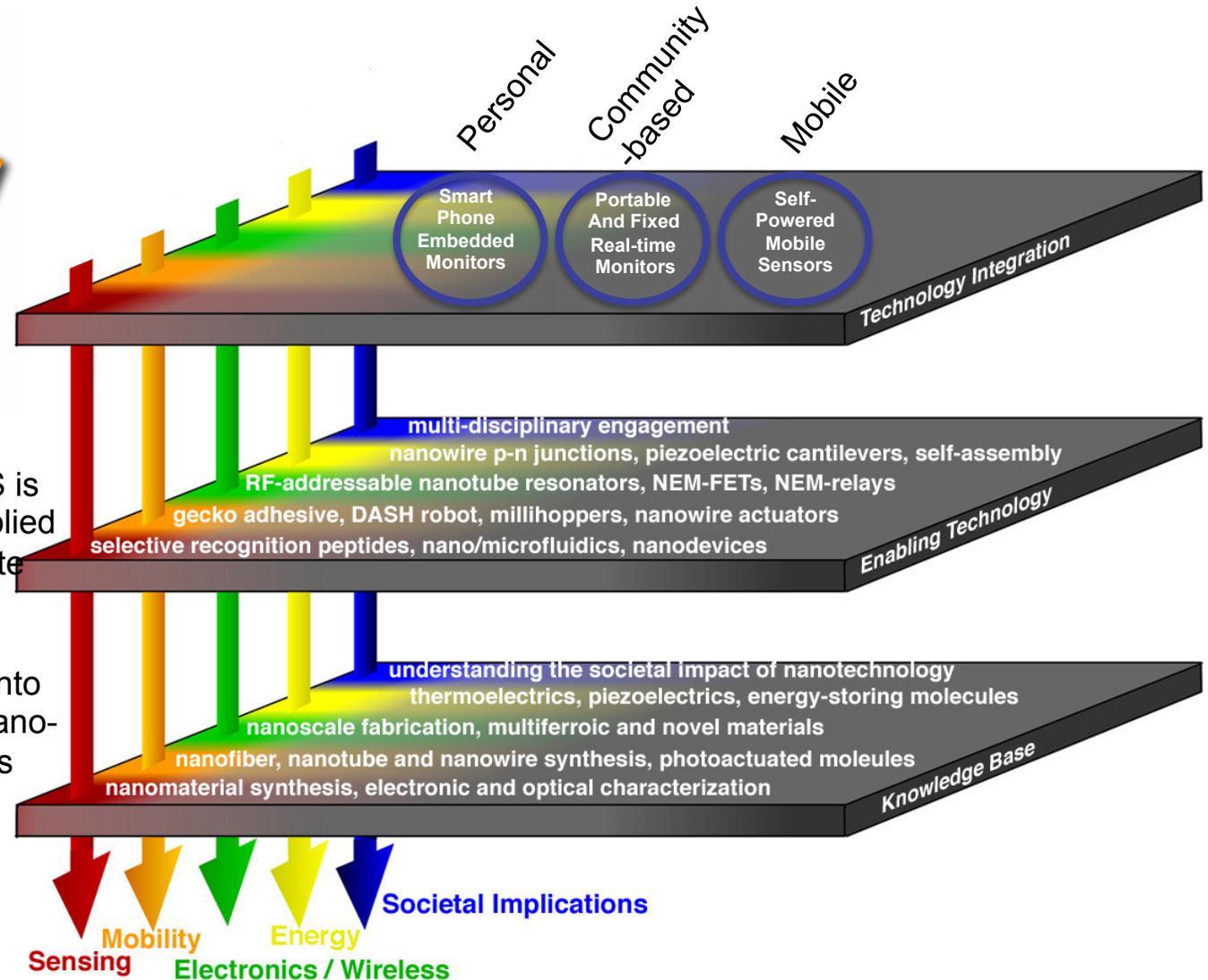
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# Systems Integration Plan



- To achieve its mission, COINS is carrying out the basic and applied research necessary to integrate nanoscale sensing, power, electronics, wireless communication, and mobility into the Platforms for Advanced Nano-enabled Detection Applications (PANDA)



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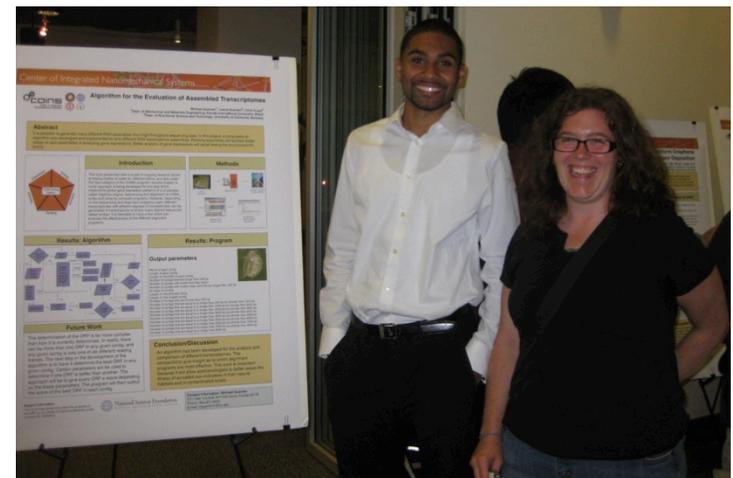
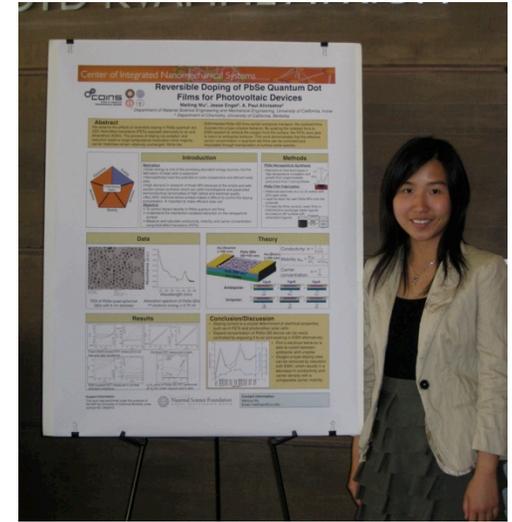
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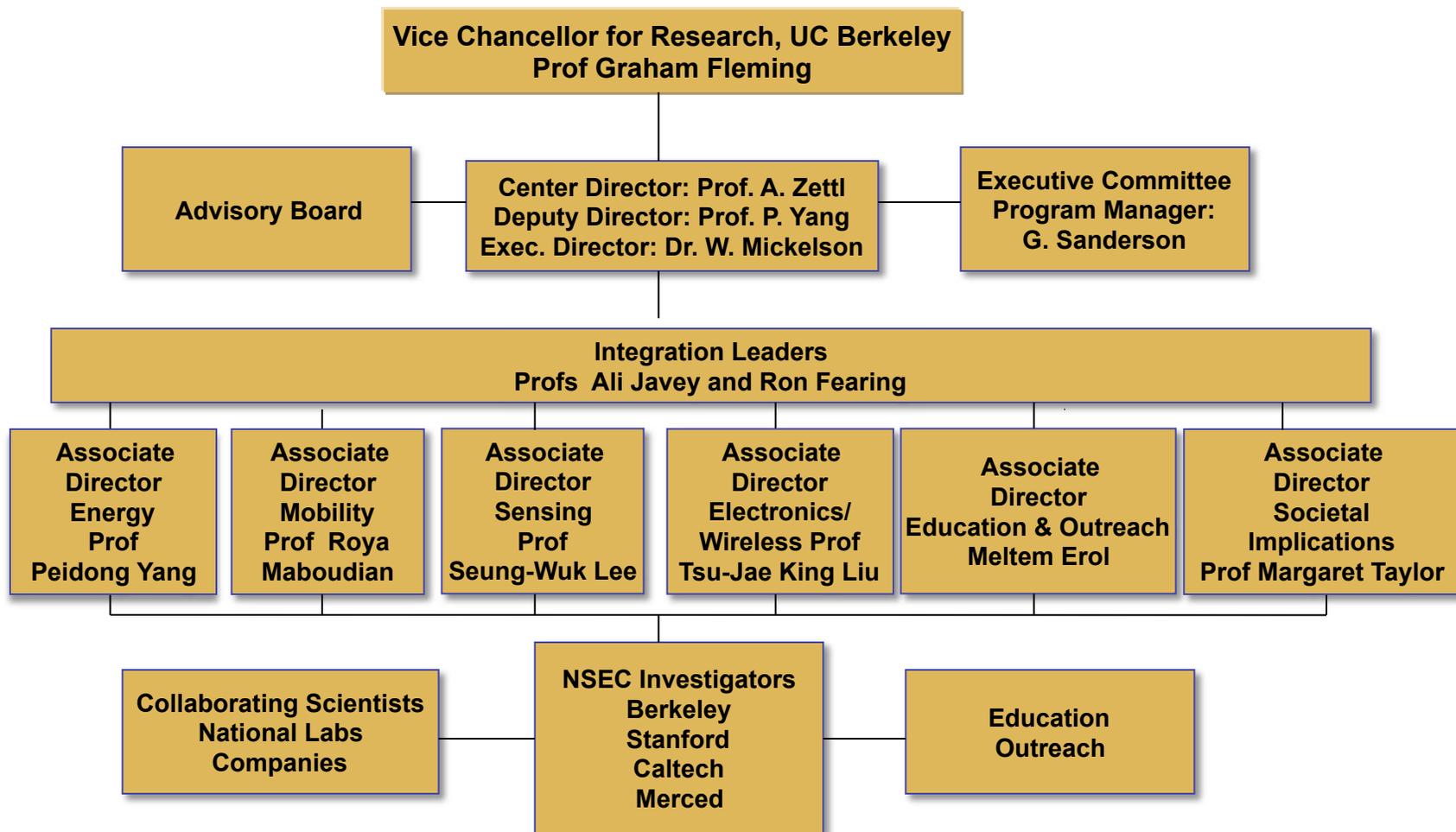
- Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)
- Research Experience for Teachers (RET)
- Nano Experience of Students (NES)

## Future:

- Expanding REU program to entire College of Engineering

Graduate Pipeline Success: 3 URM & 1 female REU participants admitted to UCB PhD Programs & *attended* FA'12; 3 REU alumni, including two URM, admitted and will *attend* in Fall '13





# COINS Investigators

## University of California, Berkeley (Lead Institution)

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Daryl Chrzan (MSE)

Marvin Cohen (Physics)

Michael Crommie (Physics)

Ronald Fearing (EECS)

Ben Gilbert (LBNL)

Amy Herr (BioE)

Ali Javey (EECS)

Tsu-Jae King Liu (EECS)

Luke Lee (BioE)

Liwei Lin (ME)

Seung-Wuk Lee (BioE)

Roya Maboudian (ChemE)

Kris Pister (EECS)

Ramamoorthy Ramesh (MSE,  
Physics)

Sayeef Salahuddin (EECS)

Rachel Segalman (ChemE)

Ting Xu (MSE)

Margaret Taylor (Public Policy)

Chris Vulpe (Nutritional Science  
& Toxicology)

Feng Wang (Physics)

Junqiao Wu (MSE)

Peidong Yang (Chem)

Alex Zettl (Physics)

## California Institute of Technology

Keith Schwab (Applied Physics)

Michael Roukes (Physics, Applied Physics,  
Bioengineering)

## Stanford University

Beth Pruitt (Mechanical Engineering)

Tom Kenny (Mechanical Engineering)

Roger Howe (Electrical Engineering)

## University of California, Merced

Lilian Davila (School of Engineering)

Valerie Leppert (School of Engineering)

Jennifer Lu (School of Engineering)

Erik Menke (School of Natural Sciences)

Michael Scheibner (School of Natural  
Sciences)

Lin Tian (School of Natural Sciences)

**10 Represented Departments: Applied Physics,  
Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry,  
Environmental Science, Policy & Management, Electrical  
Engineering and Computer Science, Materials Science and  
Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Nutritional Science  
& Toxicology, Physics**

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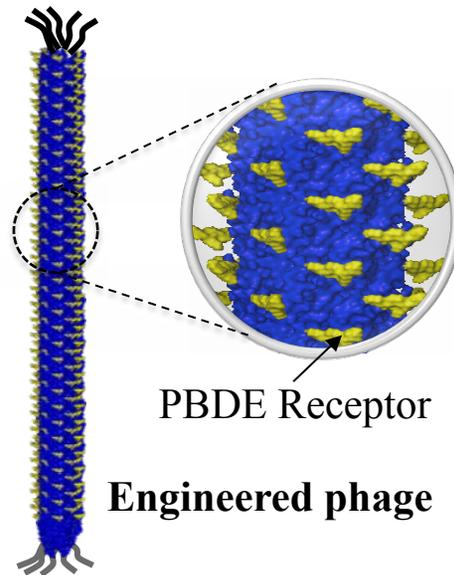
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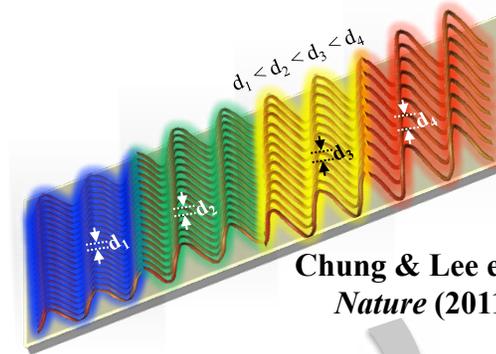
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# Sensing – Peptide-based Colorimetric Sensor



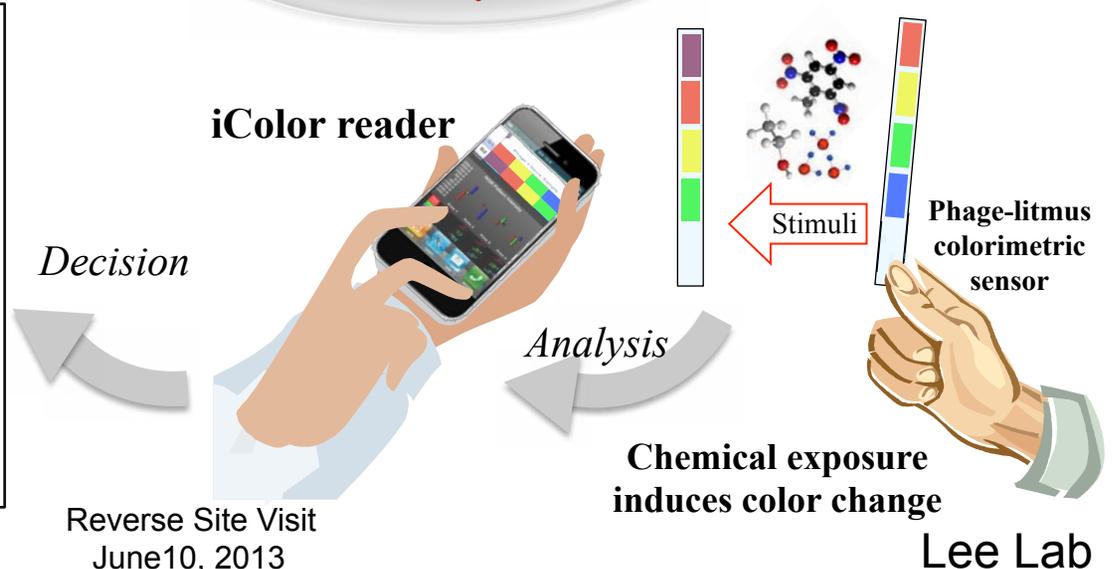
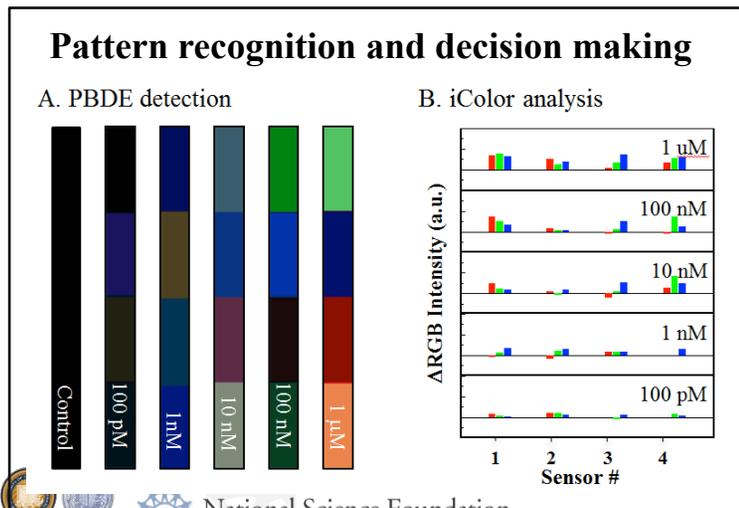
*Self-assembly*



Chung & Lee et al,  
*Nature* (2011)

**Bio-inspired colorimetric sensor system**

*Sensing*

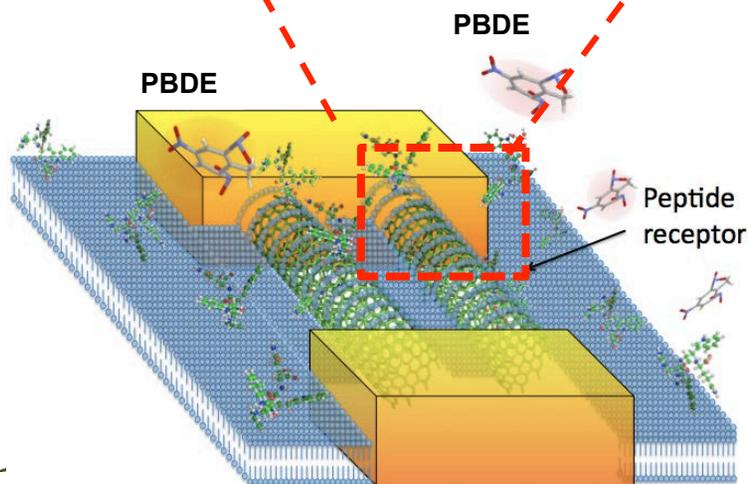
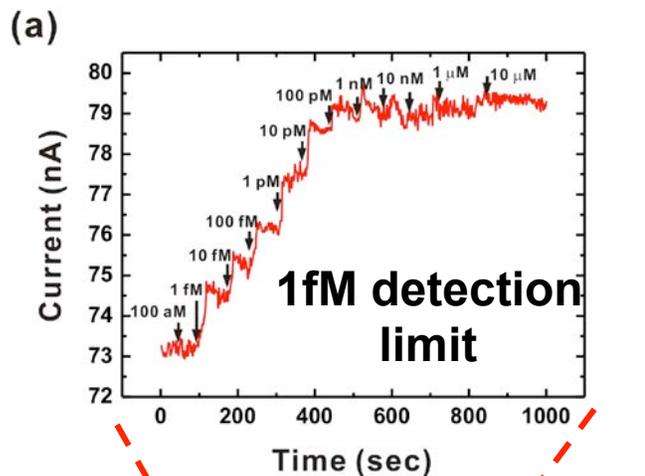


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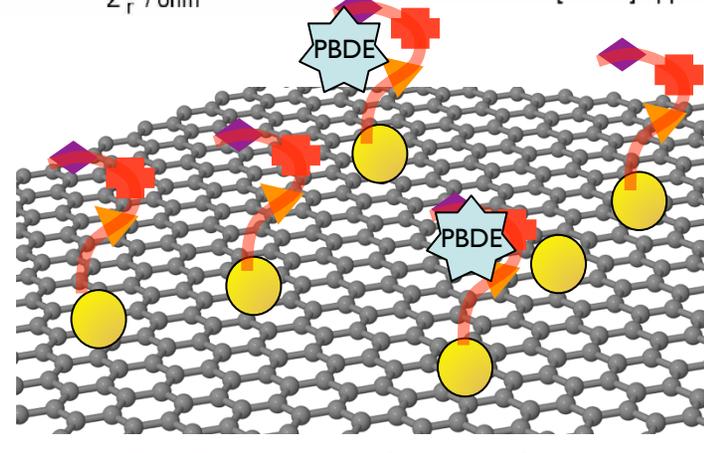
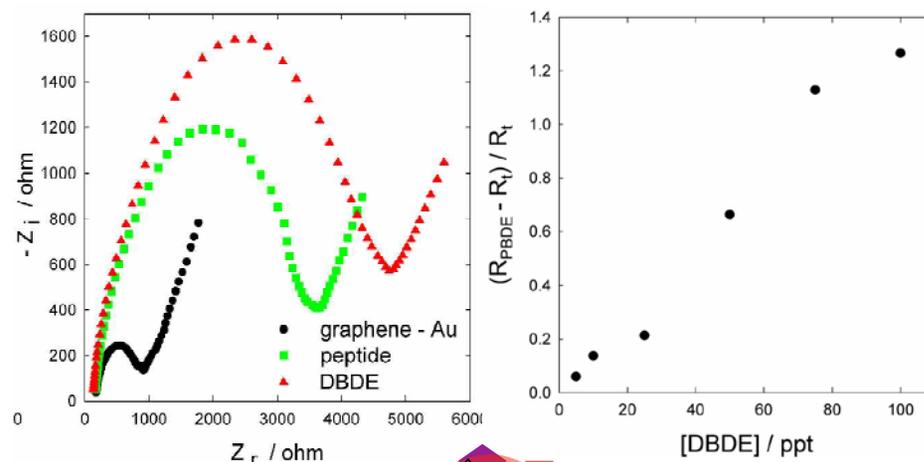
# Sensing – Peptide/Nanodevice Integration

## CNT-FET based PBDE sensor



ACS Nano (2011)

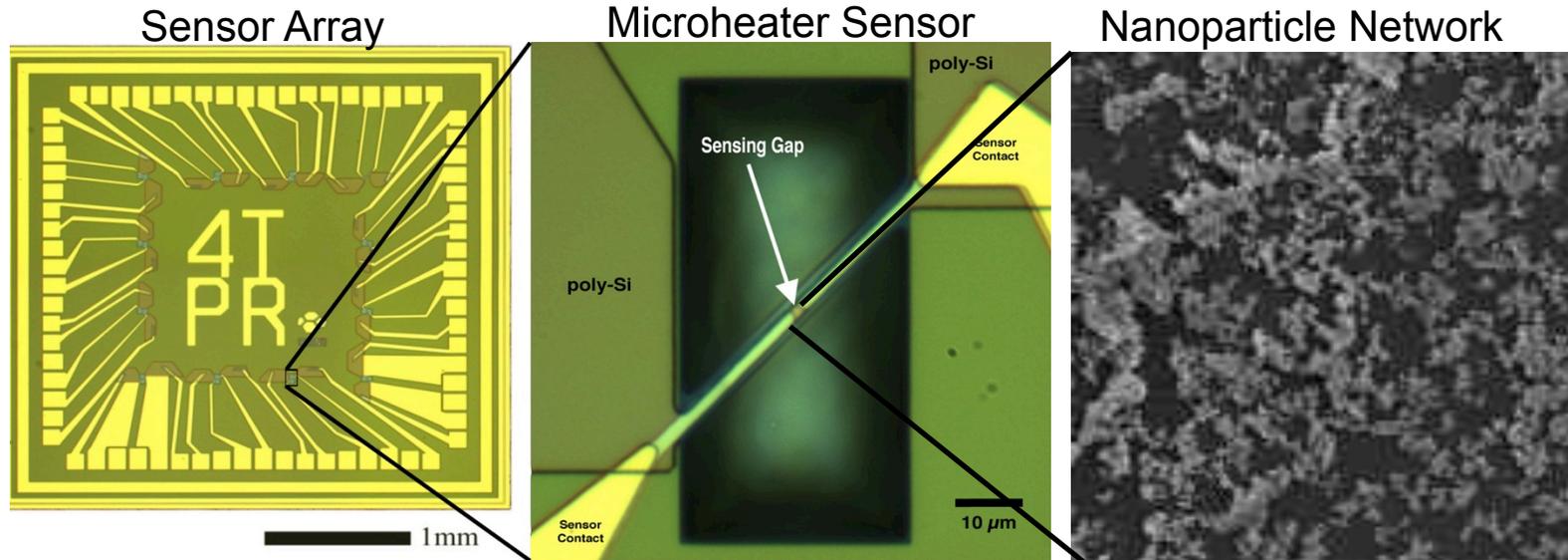
## Graphene-Au Impedimetric Sensor



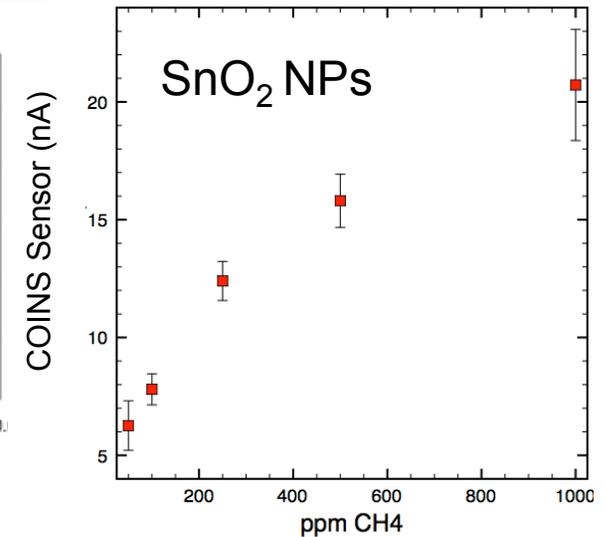
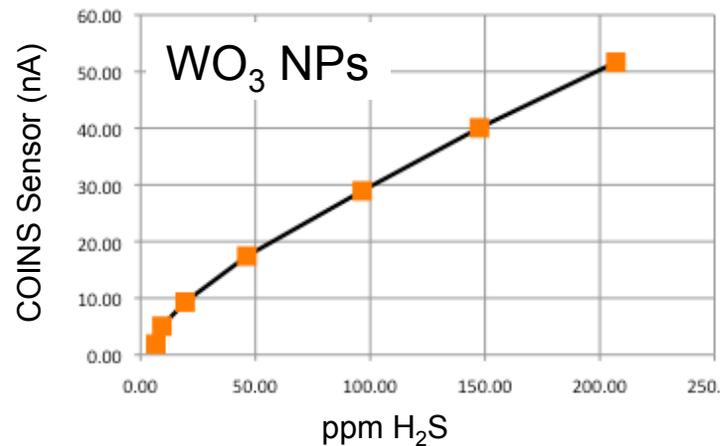
PBDE receptor-Au-graphene

Nanoscale (2013)

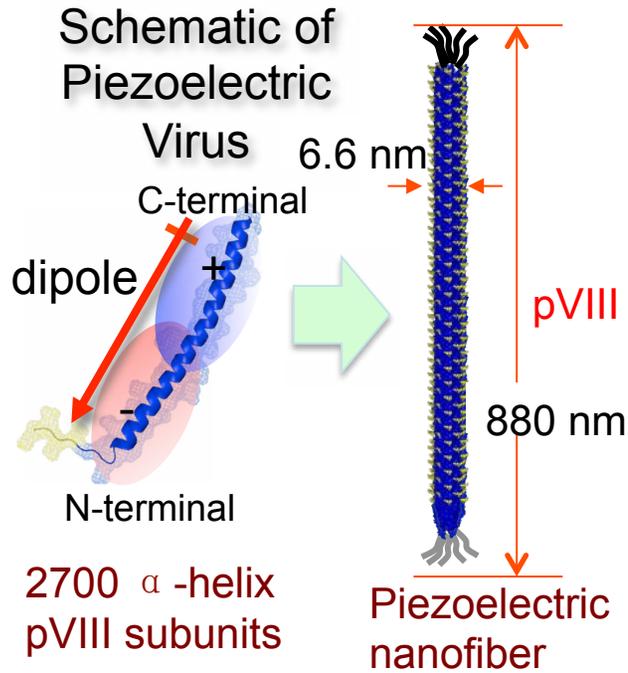
# Sensing - Microheater Gas Sensor Arrays



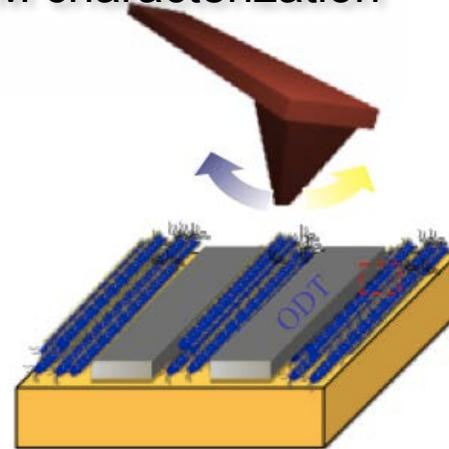
- 12 heaters per chip  
**Peak power: ~4 mW @ 300°C**  
**Average power: 4 μW for 1ms pulses per second**
- Multiplexing capabilities compatible with COINS Sensing System prototype for multi-analyte detection



# Energy - Biopiezoelectric Energy Generator

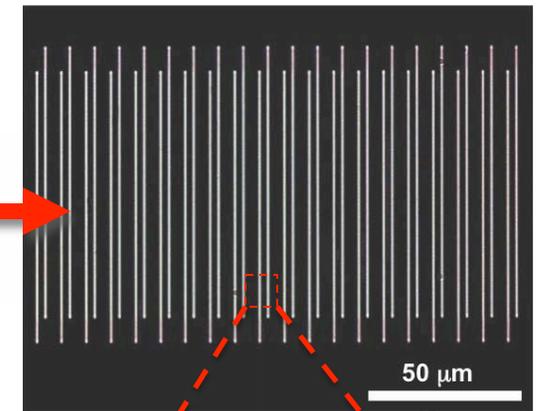


PFM characterization

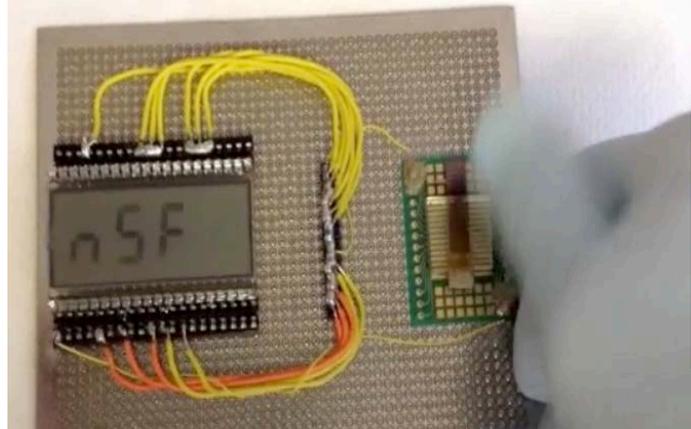
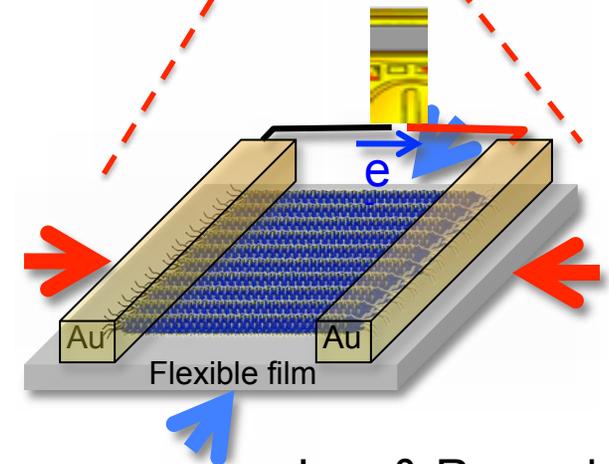
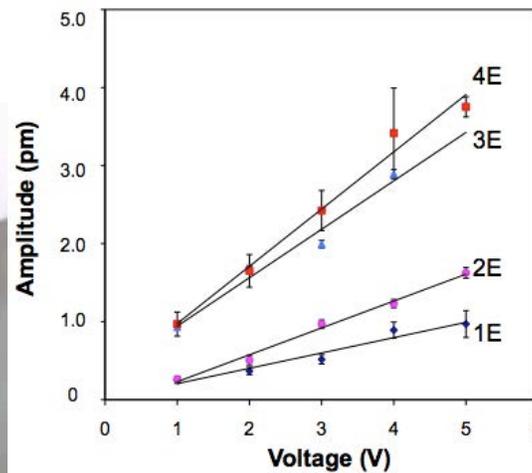


Device fabrication

Gold electrodes in Flexible PDMS



Performance Test



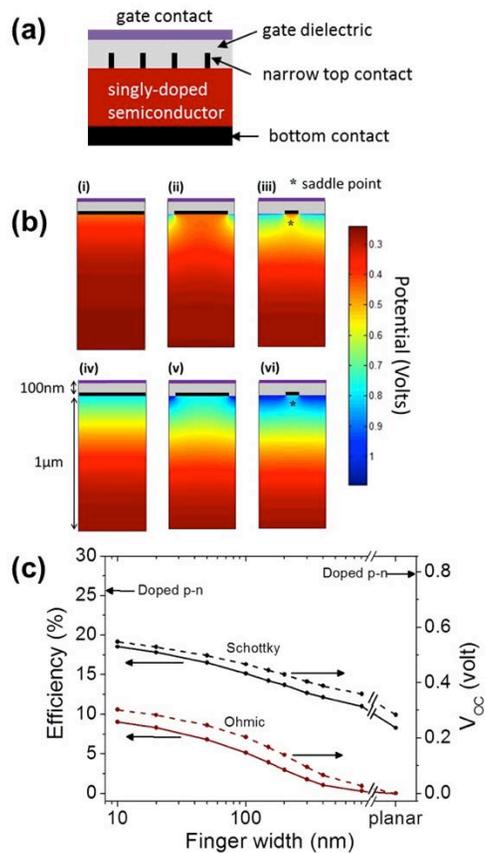
Biopiezoelectric Energy Generator

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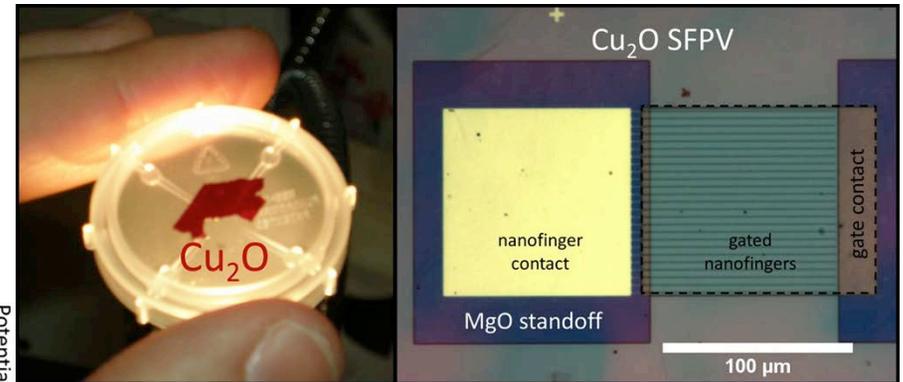
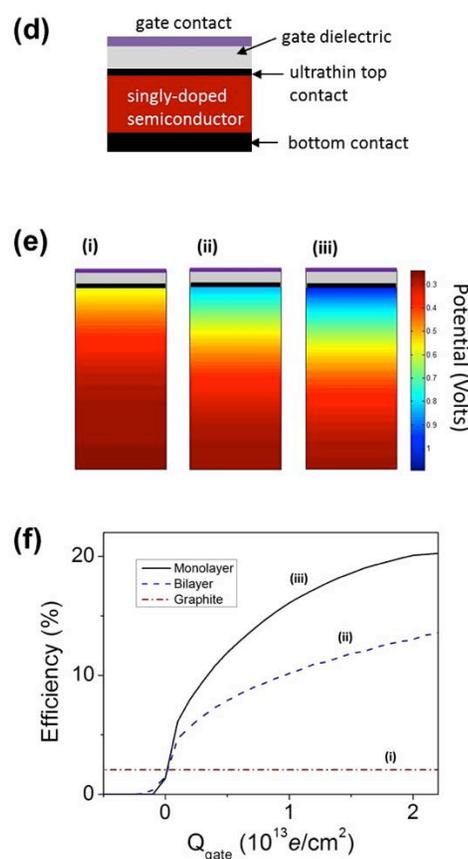
Lee & Ramesh

# Energy – Screen-Engineered Field-Effect Photovoltaics

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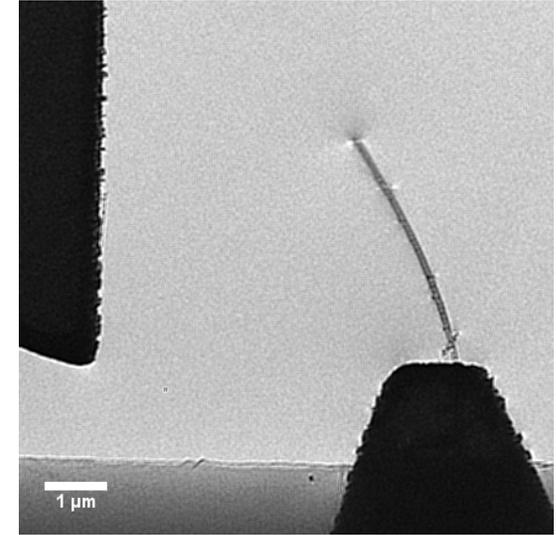
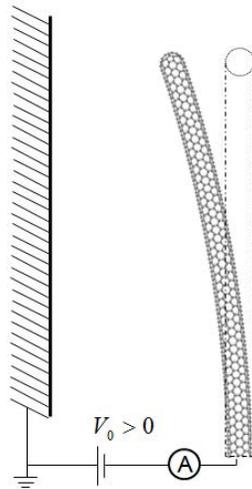
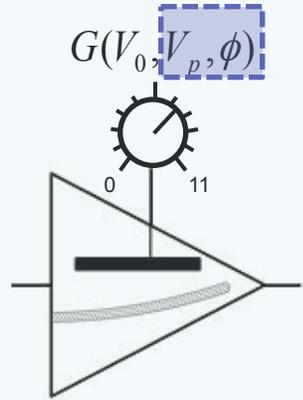
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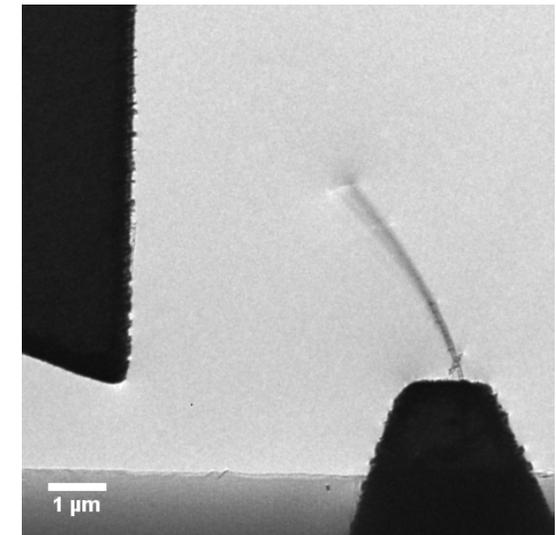
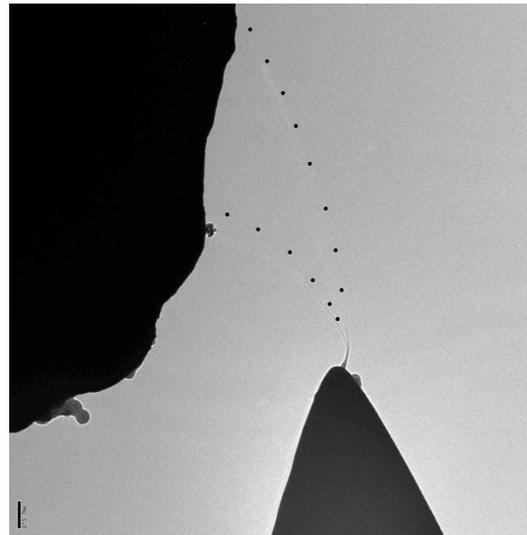
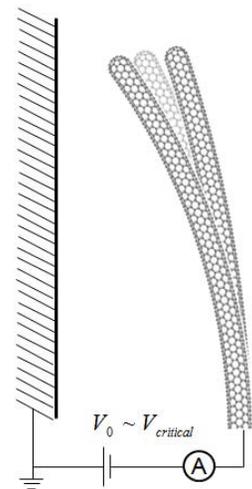
Screening-engineered field-effect photovoltaics (SFPV) – enables fabrication of low-cost, high efficiency PV from virtually any class of semiconductor

# Electronics and Wireless – CNT Self-Oscillations and Parametric Amplification

No External Control



Sustained self-oscillations occur with a fixed DC bias!

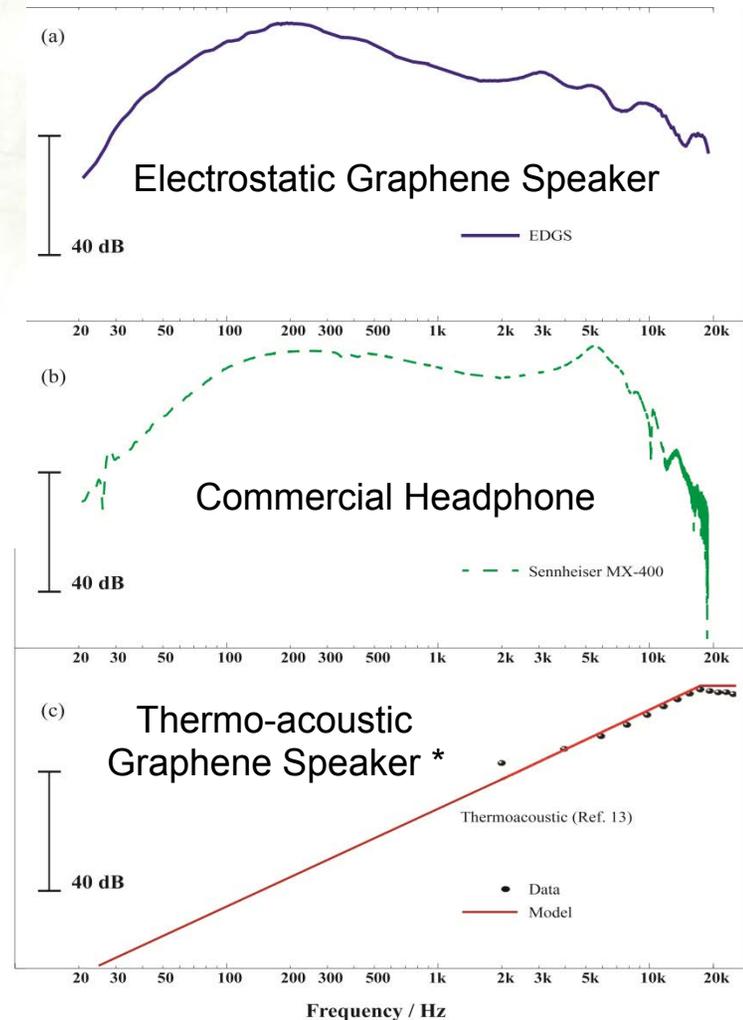
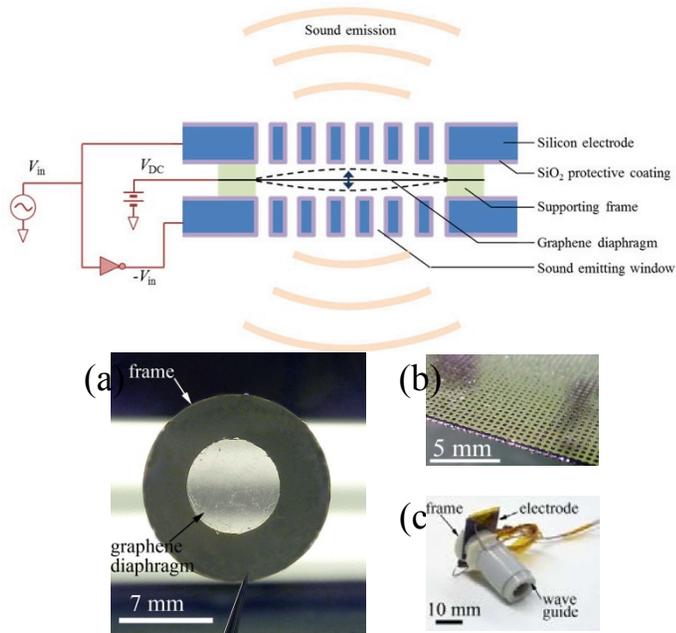


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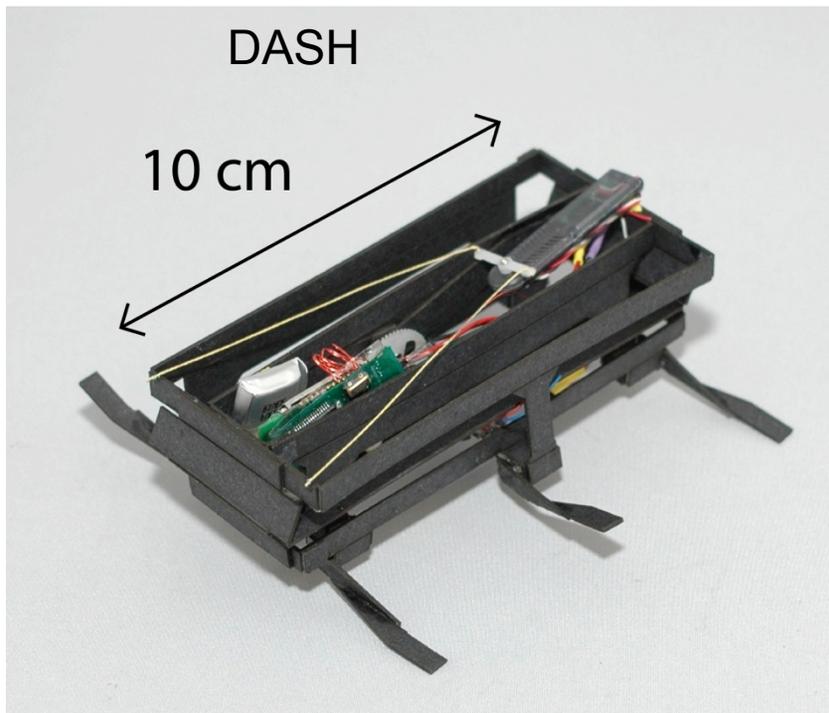
# Electronics and Wireless - Graphene Electrostatic Loudspeaker



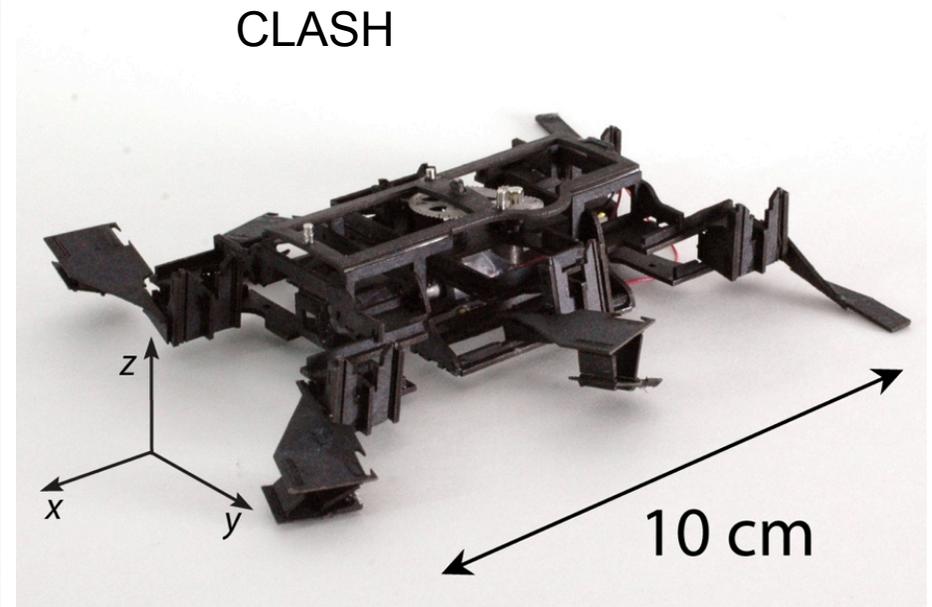
- Superior sound quality
- Flat response
- Low power consumption ( $<1 \mu\text{W}$ )
- High efficiency

\* H. Tian et al, ACS Nano **5** (6), 4878 (2011).

## COINS CRAWLERS

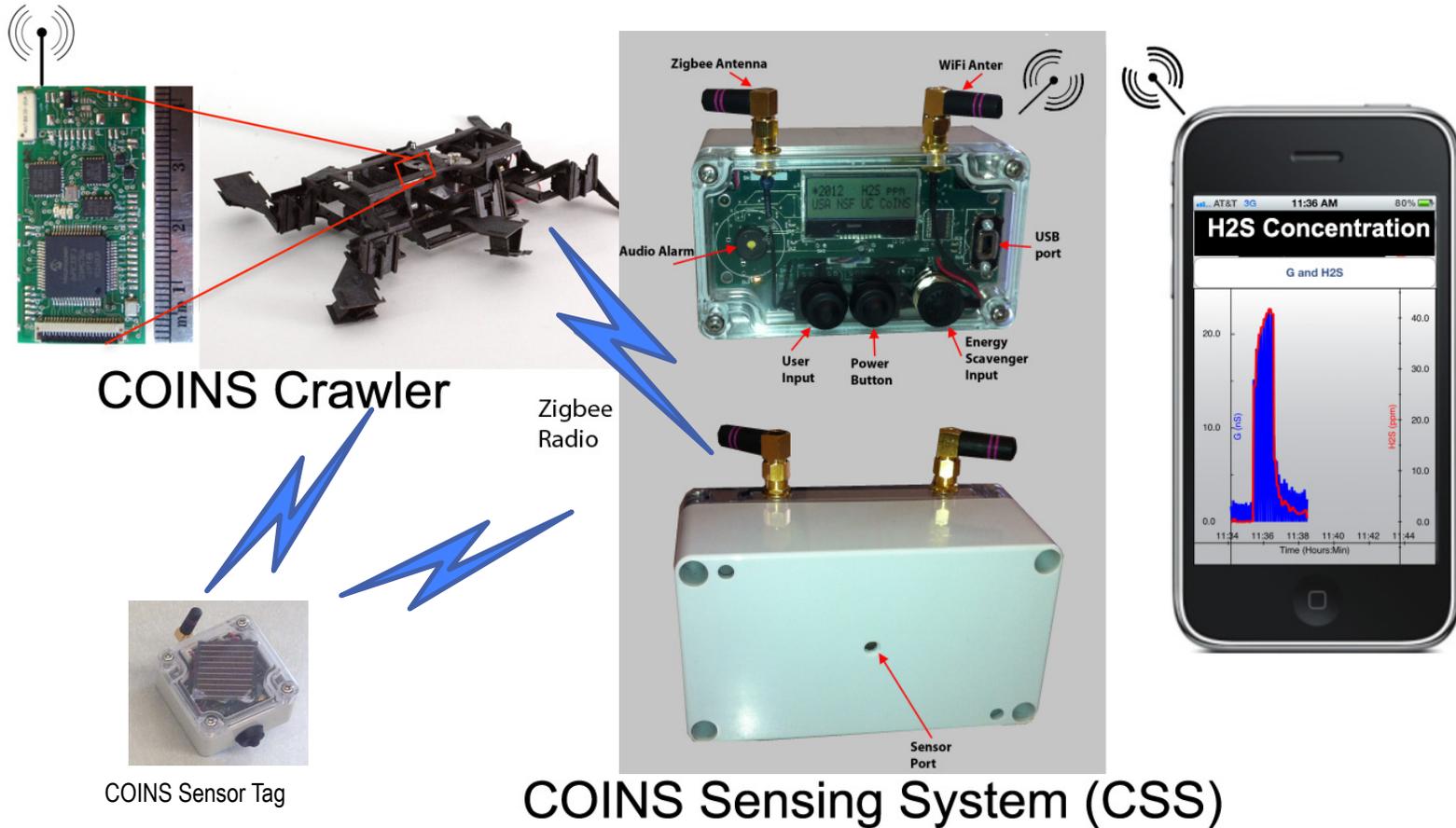


16 gram, 15 bl/sec



15 grams, 1.5 bl/sec  
(climbing)

# Systems Integration – COINS Sensing System



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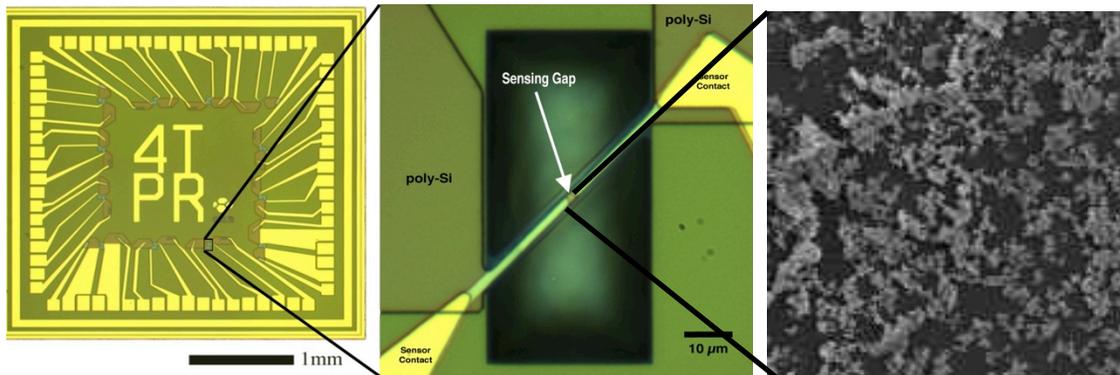
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## Sensing Plans – Scalable Nanomanufacturing of Microheater Sensor Arrays



### Current Status:

H<sub>2</sub>S and CH<sub>4</sub> sensing capabilities with ultra low power. Low cost microheater fabrication on wafer scale. Nanomaterials sensing layer deposited manually.

### Future:

Use nanomaterials printing as a scalable method to manufacture multi-gas sensor arrays on a single chip.

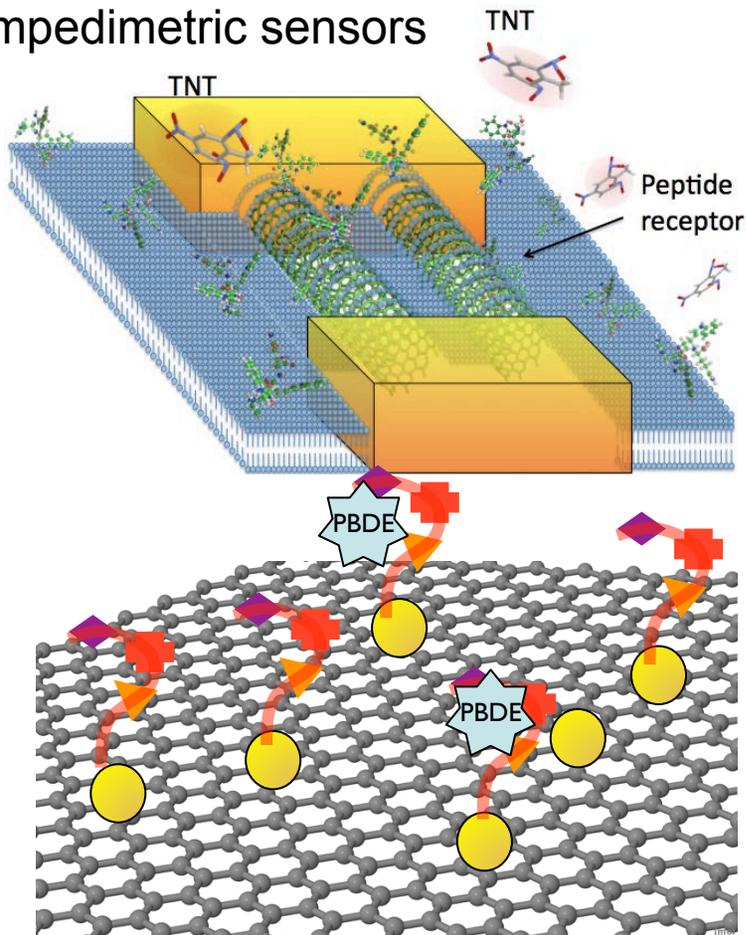


Target Gas	Candidate Nanomaterials	Why ?
Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> )	CeO <sub>2</sub> and Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> with In <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	EPA air quality index (AQI) gas, lung irritant, smog constituent
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	TiO <sub>2</sub> ; Pt, Pd, Au with WO <sub>3</sub> ; Pt with SnO <sub>2</sub>	EPA AQI gas, toxic
Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	Pt with WO <sub>3</sub> ; Ni with SnO <sub>2</sub> ; ZnO	EPA AQI gas, causes acid rain
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	Pd with TiO <sub>2</sub> ; Au with WO <sub>3</sub> ; WO <sub>3</sub> with TiO <sub>2</sub>	EPA AQI gas, smog constituent
Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> )	Au, Pt with WO <sub>3</sub> ; SnO <sub>2</sub> with ZnO	Toxic, byproduct of livestock
Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	Co, La with SnO <sub>2</sub> ; WO <sub>3</sub> with TiO <sub>2</sub>	Personal comfort, air circulation management
Hydrogen Sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> S)	WO <sub>3</sub> ; CuO with SnO <sub>2</sub> ; Ag with SnO <sub>2</sub> ; In <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Highly toxic, exhaust from petroleum refineries
Explosive gases (H <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> , etc.)	Ag, Cu, Mo, Pd, and Pt with SnO <sub>2</sub> and ZnO	Home and personal safety, e.g., leak detection

# Sensing Plans – Recognition Peptide-based Sensors

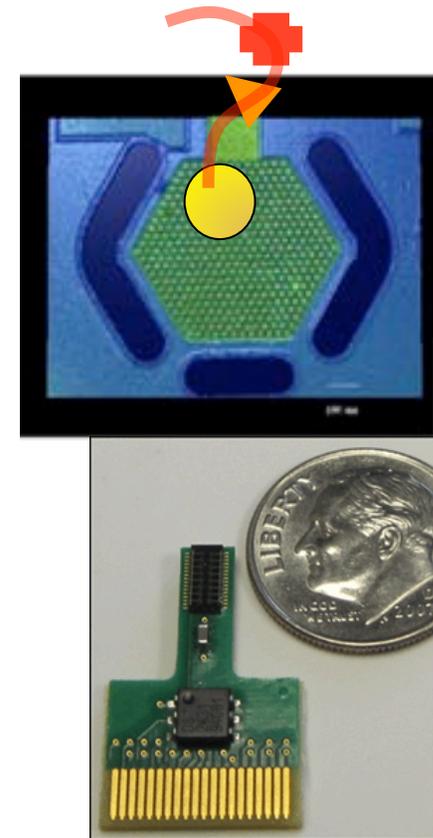
## Current Status:

Peptide-based FET and impedimetric sensors



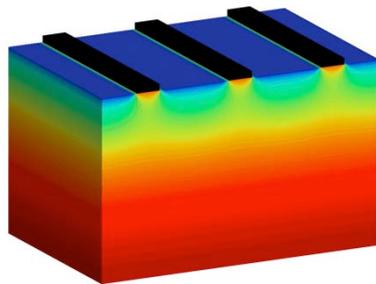
## Future:

Peptide-based ultra sensitive mass sensors

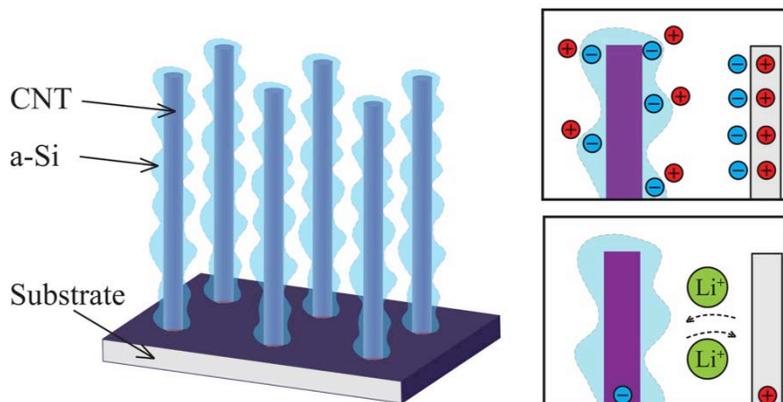


- **Current Status:**

- SFPV devices made for Si,  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$



-Carbon nanotube and SiC nanowire-based supercapacitors



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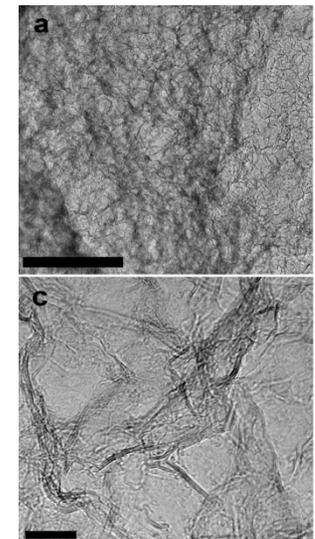
- **Future:**

- Explore new materials, such as sulfides and phosphides for SFPV

-High porosity monoliths  
graphene aerogels for  
supercapacitors and battery  
electrode



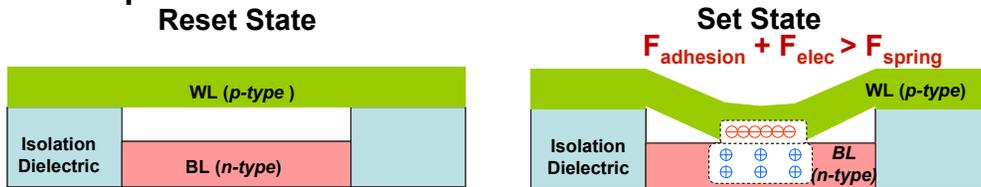
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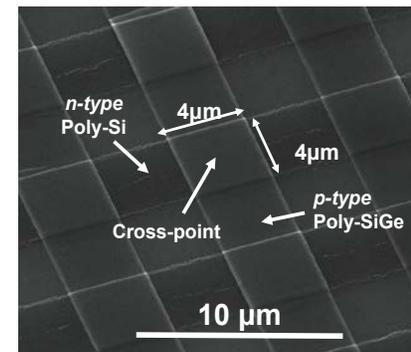
- **Current Status:**

- Nanoelectromechanical Memory (NEMory) with 4 μm x 4μm cross point size

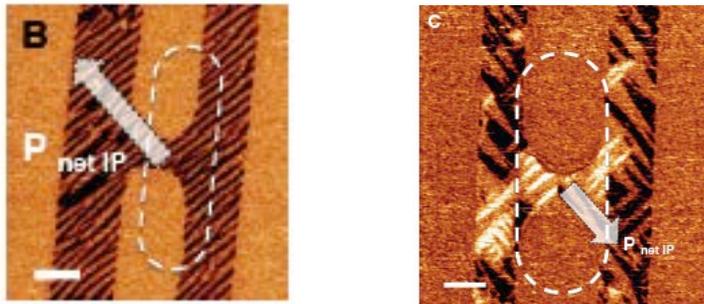


- **Future:**

- NEMory with sub-micron cross point size

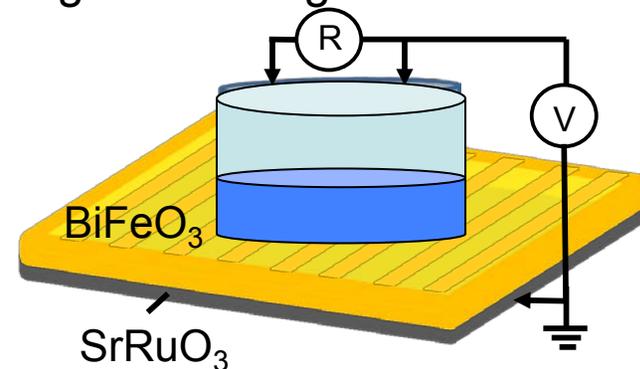


- Magnetic Domain Switching with Electric Fields



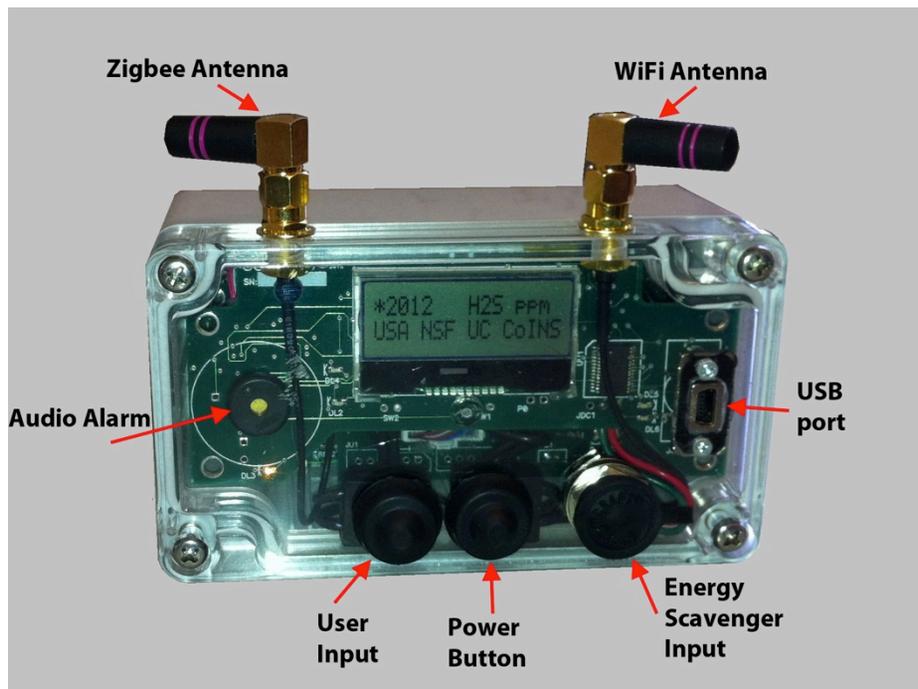
Experimental domain pattern before and after applying an electric field

- Electric field-switchable magnetic storage

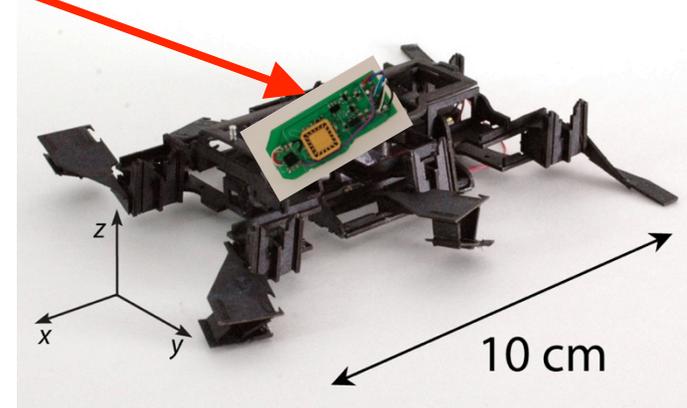
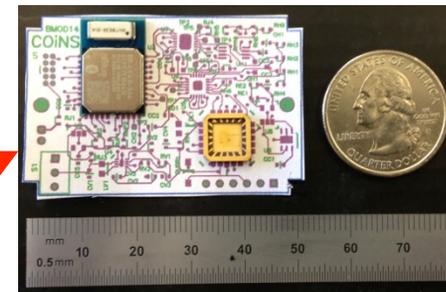


# Mobility and Systems Integration

## Current Status: Full Featured Prototype



## Future: Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Module Optimized for Microheater Platform



Gas Sensing Robots



# Research

# Education and Outreach

Current

**Fundamental:**  
Basic research critical to understanding nanomaterials, nanodevices, and nanosystems

**Next Generation:**  
Applied research that is 5-10 years away from commercialization

**Applied:**  
Applied research that could feasibly be commercialized within 5 years

Future Legacy

**Academic**

Continue the multidisciplinary research partnerships forged within COINS to pursue long-term nano-enabling sensing technologies through both industrial and government funded projects

**Commercial**

Commercialize COINS applied research technologies via spin-off company formation and incubation within the continually-developing UC Berkeley innovation centers

**Educational**

Expand the education and outreach infrastructure built by COINS to the entire campus. Leverage the great REU programs to bring a campus-wide program open to all STEM faculty



- **Academic**
  - Multidisciplinary connections made within COINS will remain and teams will pursue nano-enabled sensing and energy related research
  - Funding will be through federal grants, such as ERCs, MURIs, and MRSECs, and leveraged through industrially sponsored research
- **Commercial**
  - COINS has and continues to spin-off companies based on its technologies.
  - COINS is working with UC Berkeley administration to formulate an innovation infrastructure to nurture and incubate technologies in collaboration with the business school and law school to assess technologies, formulate business plans, and IP strategies at a very early stage
- **Education**
  - COINS successful E&O program is being transformed into a larger program encompassing the entire College of Engineering
  - All STEM related faculty will be able to participate in the summer REU program and increase the impact of their E&O effort

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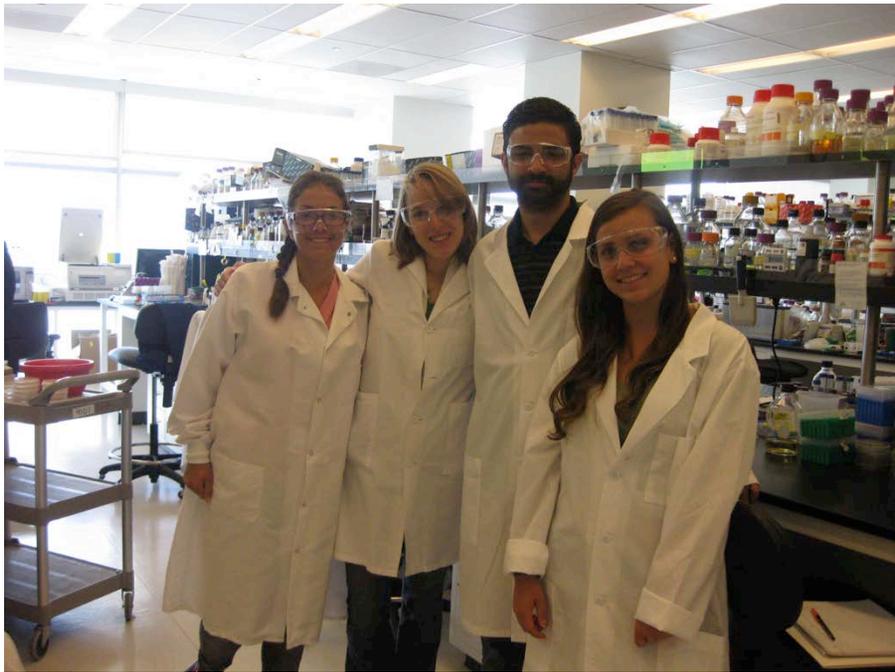
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Progress, Challenges, and Future:

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# Education and Outreach



## Education and Outreach Goals:

- Recruit and retain the NSE/STEM workforce
- Prepare the NSE workforce
- Increase the public's awareness and understanding of NSE

A common thread: Focus on increasing diversity

## **NSE Courses at UC Merced:**

*Primarily NSE*

MSE 118: Intro to Nanotechnology and Nanoscience (undergraduate)

MSE 126: Nanodevice Fabrication (undergraduate)

BEST 226: Nanodevice Fabrication (graduate)

*Nanocontent is incorporated into several other courses*

## **The Biological Engineering and Small-Scale Technologies**

**Graduate Emphasis Program** continues to grow: 19 students are currently in the program with an additional 4 in the pipeline.

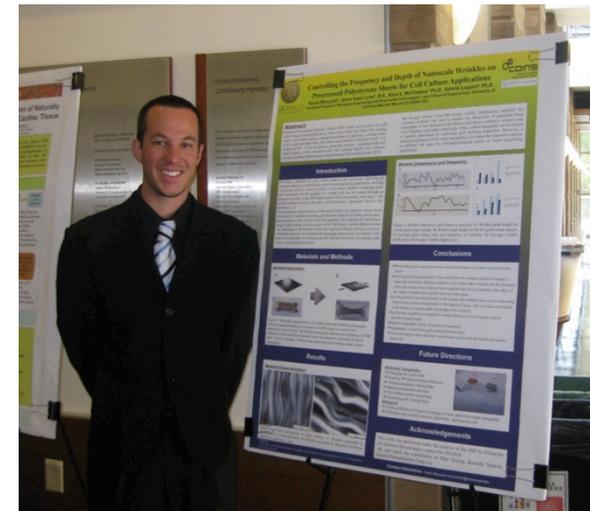
**The Nanotechnology Emphasis** for Materials and Biological Engineering continues to be a popular option for undergraduate students and the associated courses are being added as technical electives for Mechanical Engineering.

## Summer Research Program

*UC Merced*

- 11-15 students
- 10 week experience
- Joint orientation & poster session with UC Berkeley
- Fall Showcase to interest students in COINS & nanoscience research

**Graduate School Success:** COINS REU a pipeline to UC Merced Biological Engineering Small Scale Technologies (BEST) MS program. Twenty three current graduate students; 6 are former Merced COINS participants.



- Program created by COINS UCM PI
- Pairs Merced undergraduate teams with local non-profit organizations
- Castle Science & Technology Center Team has developed numerous nanoscience exhibits:
  - developed and delivered 6 exhibit panels on nanotechnology, including a working model of a Space Elevator based on carbon nanotubes
  - Students have worked with the museum to provide improved signage (over 100 signs) for the museum in English, Spanish, and Hmong

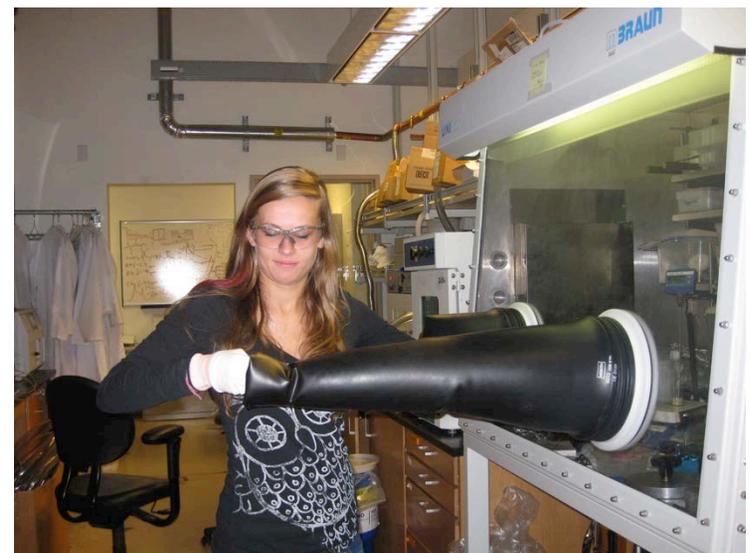
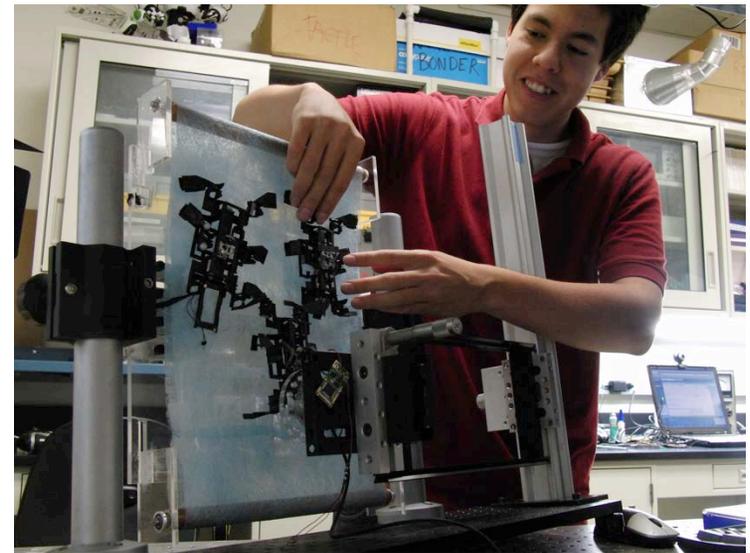
# Undergraduate Education/Graduate Recruitment

## Summer Research Program

*UC Berkeley*

- 12-14 participants
- Weekly seminars
- GRE Prep Course
- Technical Paper & Presentation
- Individual advising and counseling

Graduate Pipeline Success: Since 2010, 9 URM/female students have enrolled in PhD programs (7 at UCB ; 2 at Stanford)



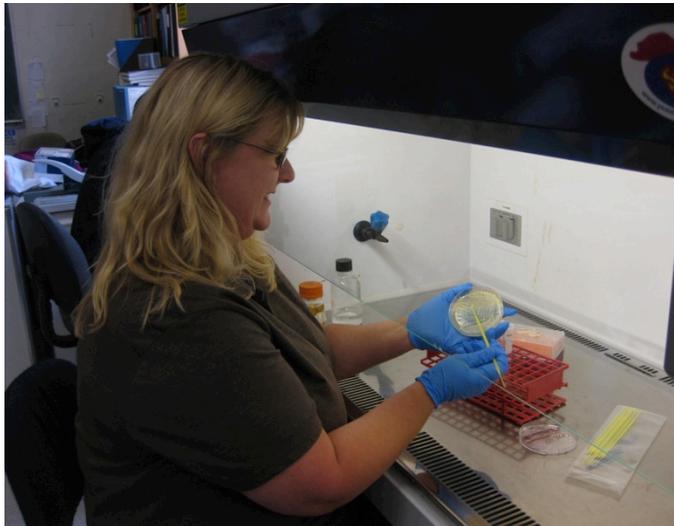
## Office of Engineering Graduate Outreach

- Umbrella organization for REU programs
- Coordination with NSF centers on using REU's as URM graduate pipeline
- Resource to faculty affiliated with NSF centers on other campuses

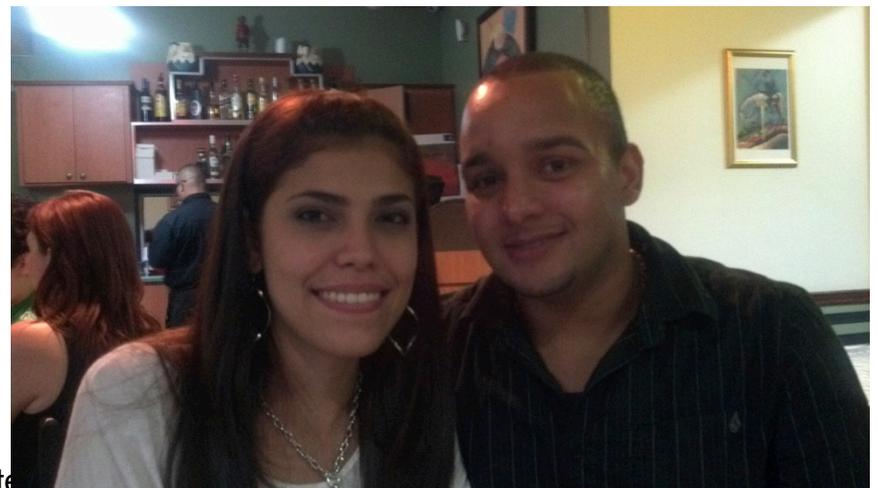
- Pilot program launched in Spring 2013 bringing 11 academically talented female and URM rising seniors to visit the Berkeley campus (9 URM/5 female)
- 3 days of networking with faculty, students, and research scientists, including individual meetings with faculty
- Workshops related to graduate school, strengthening the application & tour of Molecular Foundry at LBL
- Goal: instill a connection to Berkeley to help recruit for graduate school if admitted
- Co-sponsored by COINS, Sandia National Laboratory and College of Engineering

# COINS Making a Difference!

*I had a great time, met a bunch of really awesome people, and learned a lot of valuable information. It has definitely been one of the highlights of my undergrad years. I hope to see you again someday, perhaps next fall ;). – Preview Day Participant*



*It exceeded my expectations. I got so much hands on experience, I gained confidence in the lab. I also discovered how easy it is to explore another discipline if you are willing to put in the effort and are not afraid to ask for guidance. –Deborah Corvaglia, UC Merced*



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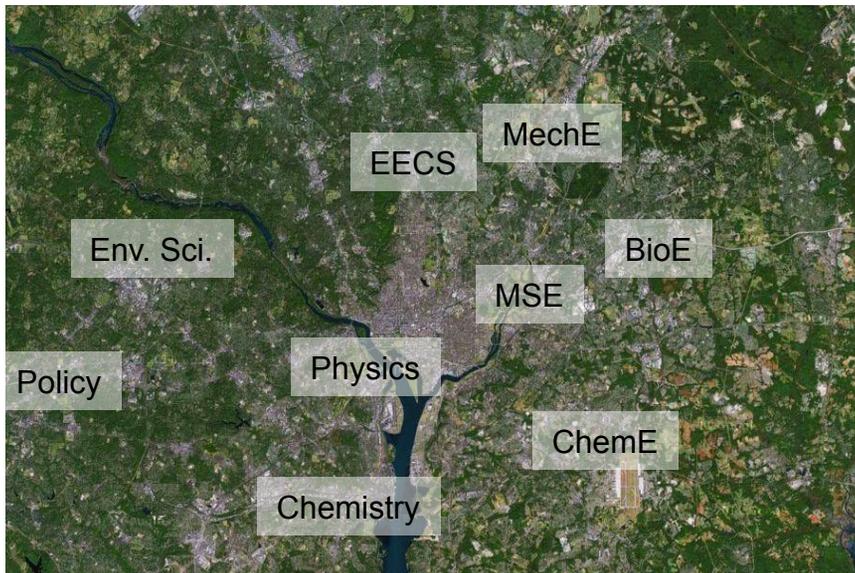
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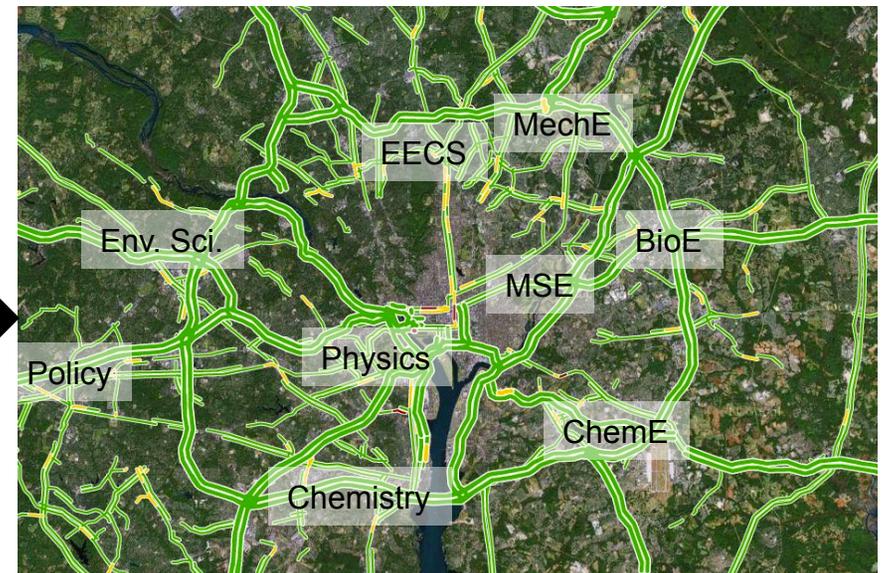


# COINS Effect on UC Berkeley

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Post - COINS

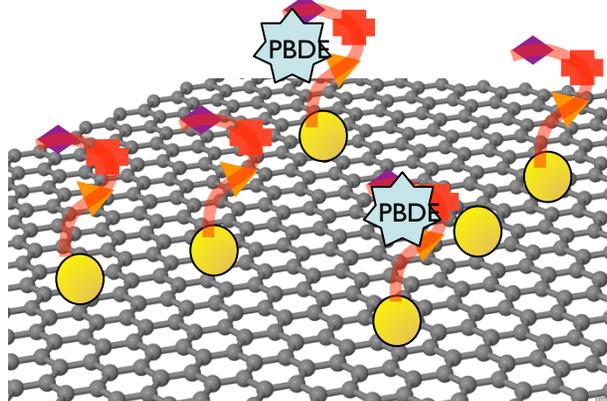


- Multidisciplinary Research Partnerships

- Teams from physics, engineering, chemistry, and biosciences have formed resulting in innovative and novel research and technological solutions

Examples

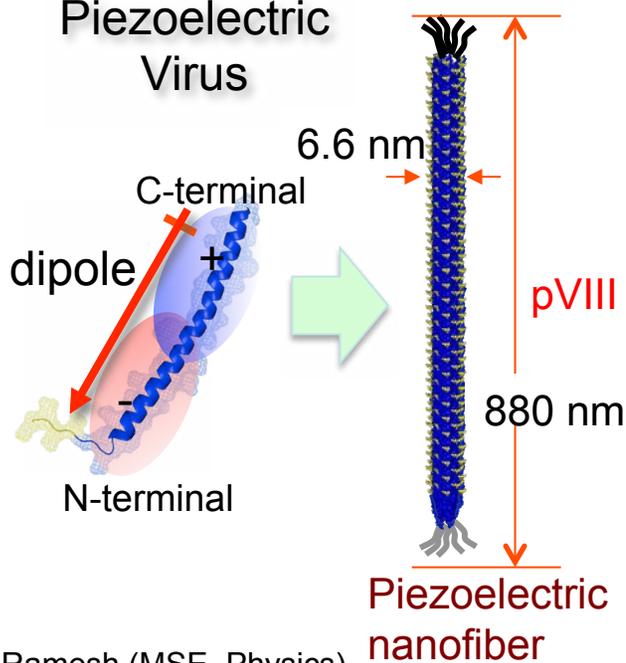
Graphene/peptide-based Electrochemical Sensor



Mickelson (Physics), Maboudian (ChemE), and Lee (BioE)



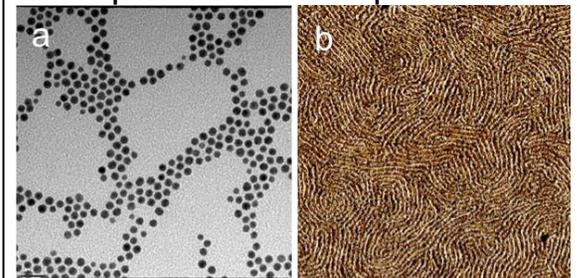
Piezoelectric Virus



Ramesh (MSE, Physics) and Lee (BioE)

Reverse Site Visit  
June 10, 2013

Block Copolymer Patterning of Nanoparticles on Graphene



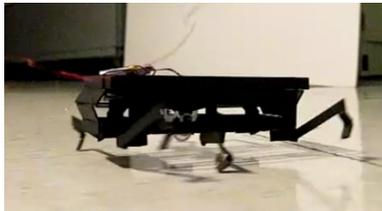
Zettl, Mickelson (Physics), and Xu (MSE, Chemistry)

COINS Robotic Platform

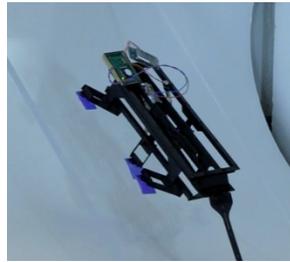


Fearing (EECS), Maboudian (ChemE), Mickelson, Zettl (Physics), Full (Biology), Javey (EECS), Milgrome (BNNI)

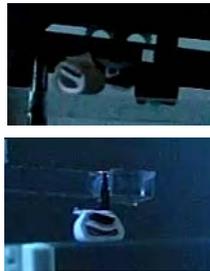
# Mobility - Robotic Crawlers and Gecko Adhesives



DASH on horizontal surfaces



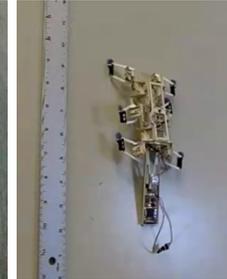
DASH with PDMS ridges climbs statically at 60°



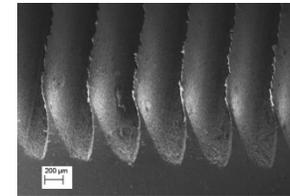
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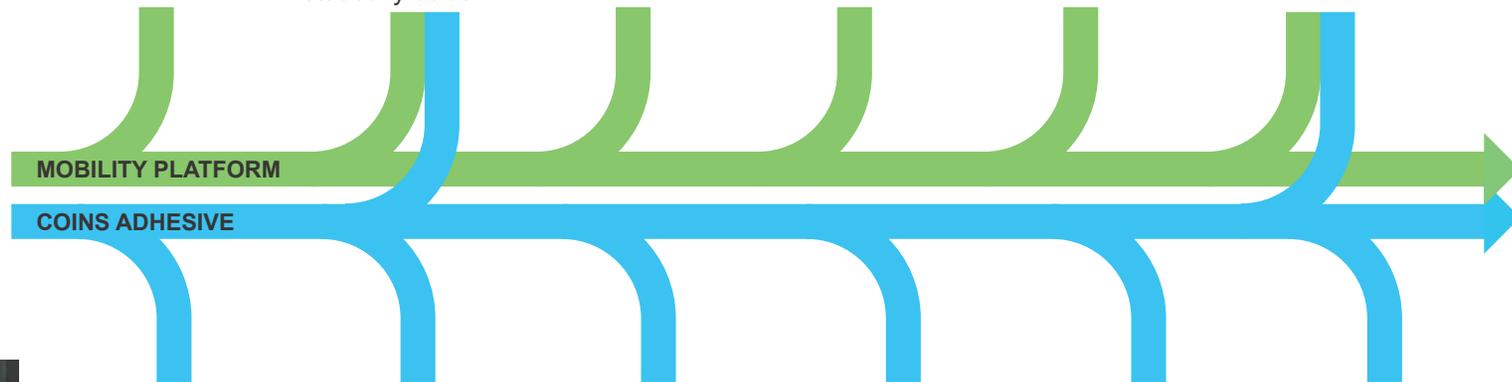
CLASH climbs vertical cloth



CLASH climbs with magnets



CLASH climbs dynamically at 70°; statically at 75°



High friction on glass from PP nanofibers from PC mold

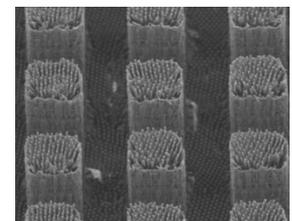
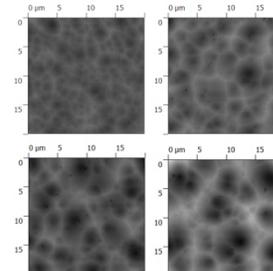
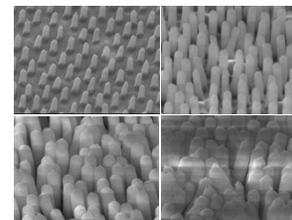
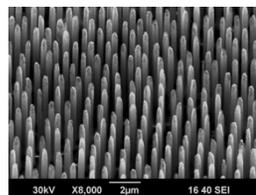
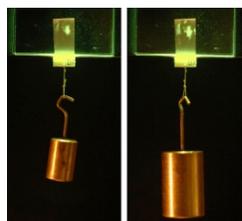
Adhesion on glass from PP nanofibers from PC mold

Si template using colloidal process

Varied nanofiber geometries from Si mold yield high friction

Characterization of surface roughness and energy

Hierarchical PE nanofibers from Si mold



- Technology and Knowledge Transfer
  - Over 30 PhDs awarded (13 to industry), over 200 publications, 28 patents awarded, and over 20 patent applicants and invention disclosures, 7 spin-off companies
- Recent Spin-Off Companies:

## Dash Robotics

- Commercializing the DASH robot that was developed under COINS

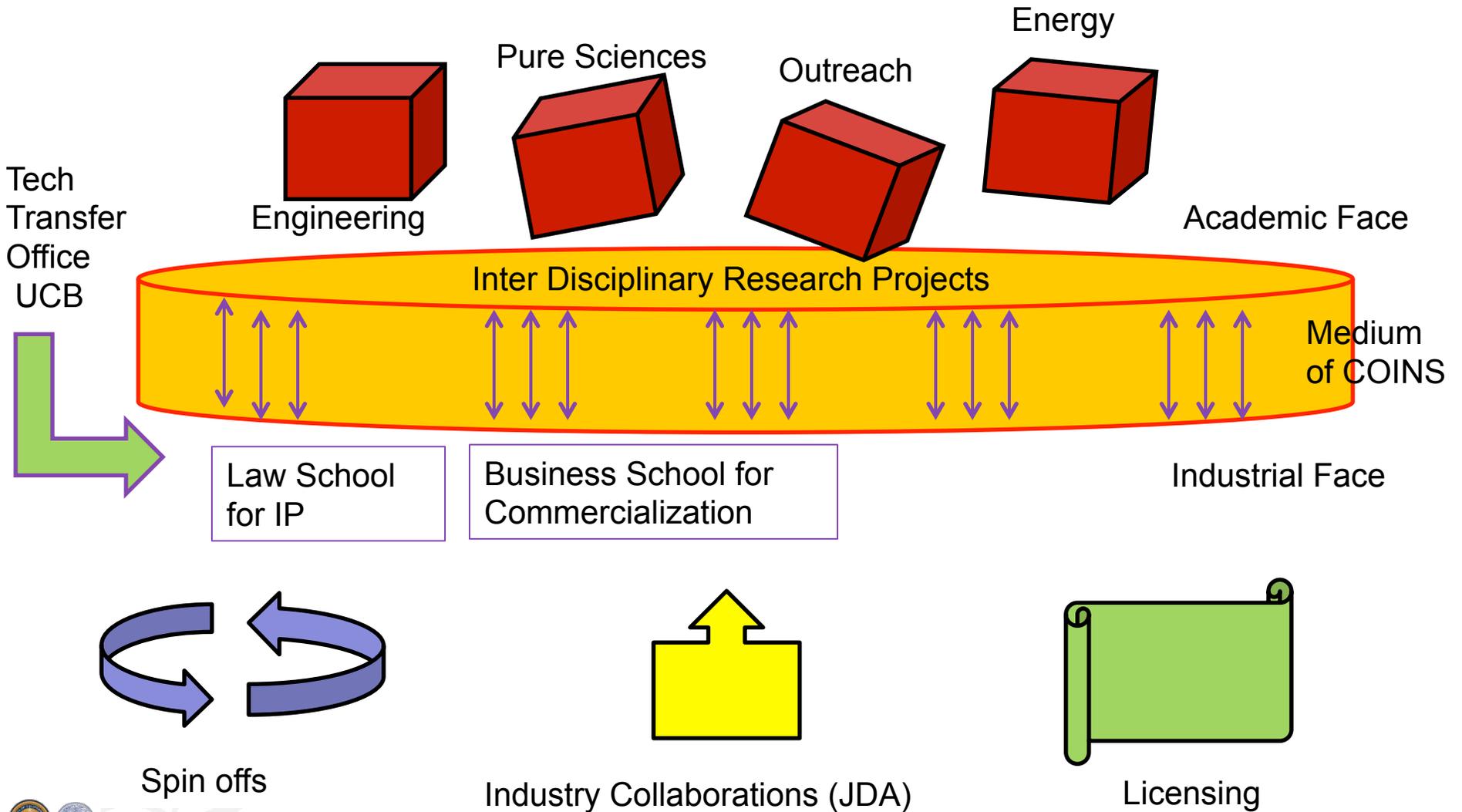
## Xite Solar

- Formed around the screen-engineering field-effect photovoltaic technology and IP pursuing low cost solar cells from Earth abundant compounds

## Challenges and Solutions

- Challenge: “Language Barrier”
  - Multidisciplinary researchers often don’t speak the same language and comprehension across disciplines was low.
- Solution: Biweekly COINS meetings
  - Graduate students, postdocs, and investigators meet regularly to discuss research results and goals. Over time this forum lower that “language barrier” enabling multidisciplinary collaboration
- Challenge: Working outside of comfort zone
- Solution: Persistence and Highly Desirable Common Goals
  - Emphasis on a multidisciplinary approach to research by the COINS executive committee in their selection of projects created a sea change in collaboration

# Future Innovation Infrastructure



# Future Opportunities and Challenges

- **Research Topics**
  - Scalable Nanomanufacturing
  - 2D Materials: Beyond Graphene
  - Nano-Neuro (Brain Initiative) and Sensors
  - Nano-Energy (Energy Circuits)
- **Funding Mechanisms**
  - Federal: MRSEC, ERC, MURI, Nanotechnology Signature Initiatives
  - Industrial Sponsored Research
- **Commercialization**
  - UCB Incubators: Skydeck, Foundry @ CITRIS
  - Coupling to Haas School of Business and Boalt School of Law

# Thank You

# Questions?

