

# Exemplars in Engineering Research

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# Electrochemical Energy Storage for Sustainable Technologies

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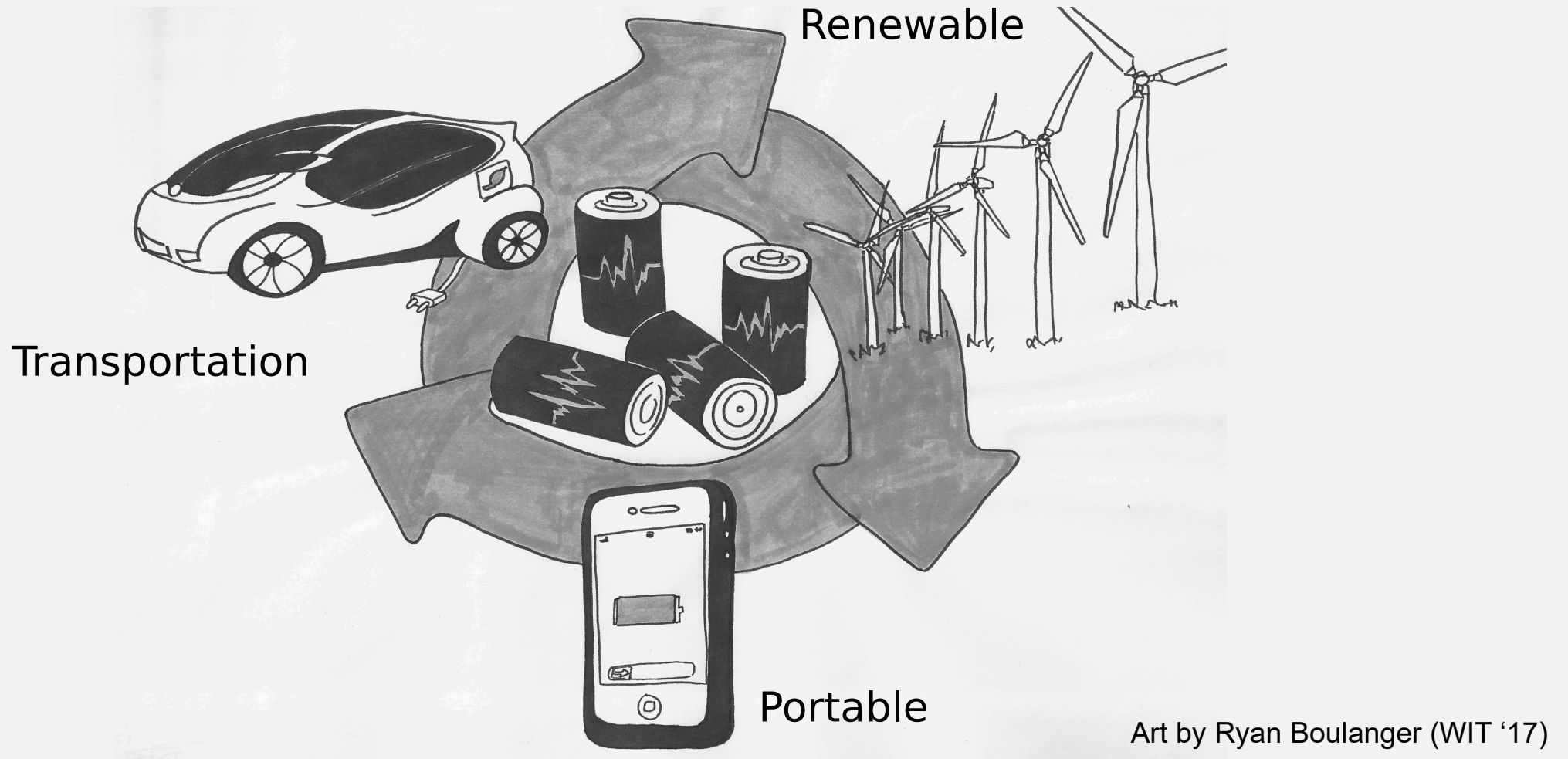
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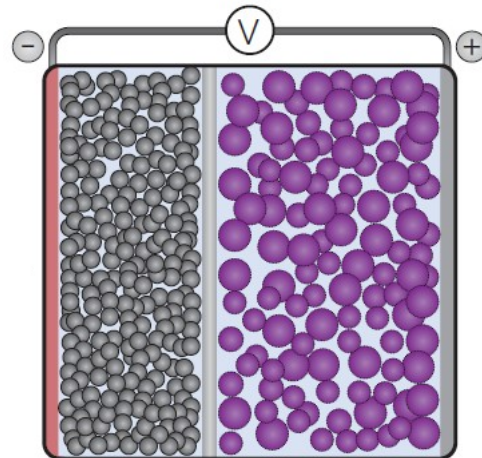
Enabling new technologies



## Solid Batteries and Improved Performance

Janek and Zeier, Nature Energy 1 (2016) 16141

Lithium-Ion  
Battery



- Graphite (-)
- SSE
- LiMO (+)
- Liquid electrolyte
- Li metal

Stability issues, low conductivity, **processing, and microstructure control**

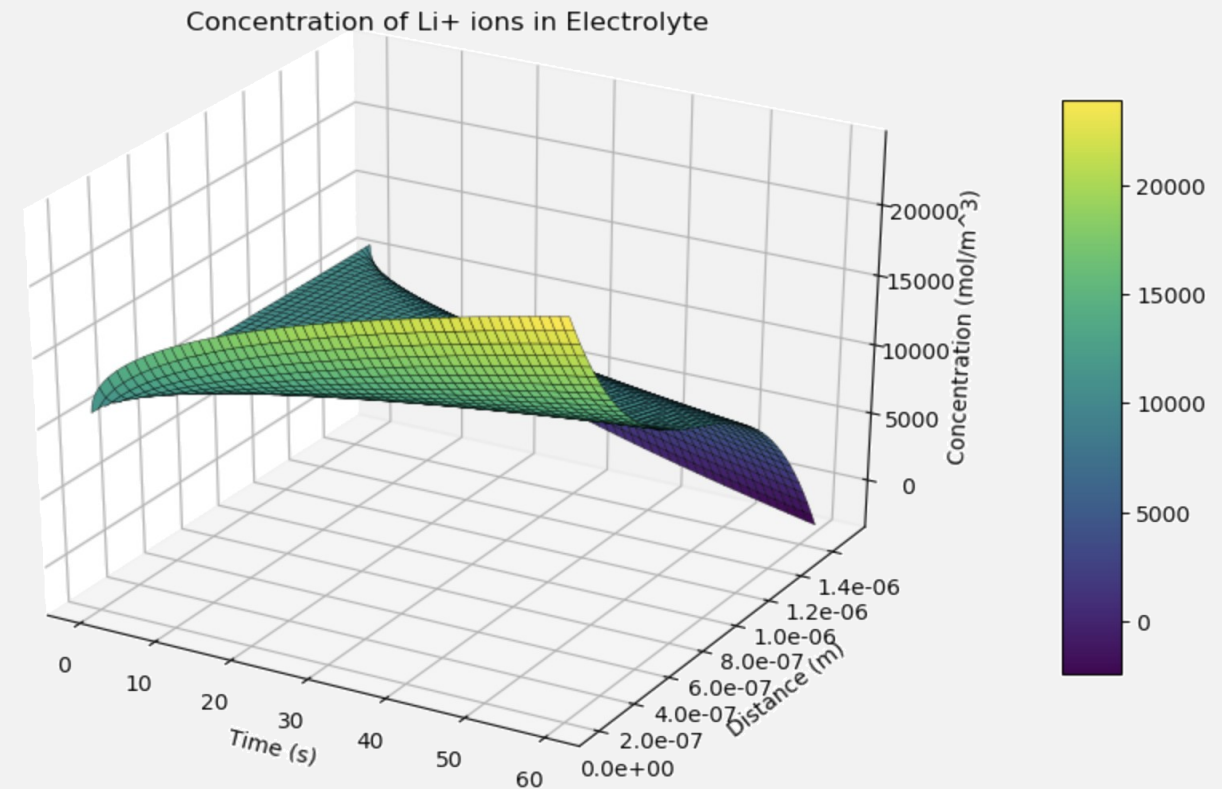
## Partnership with Draper



Designing and building solid-state batteries but need model to predict performance to limit amount of iterations.

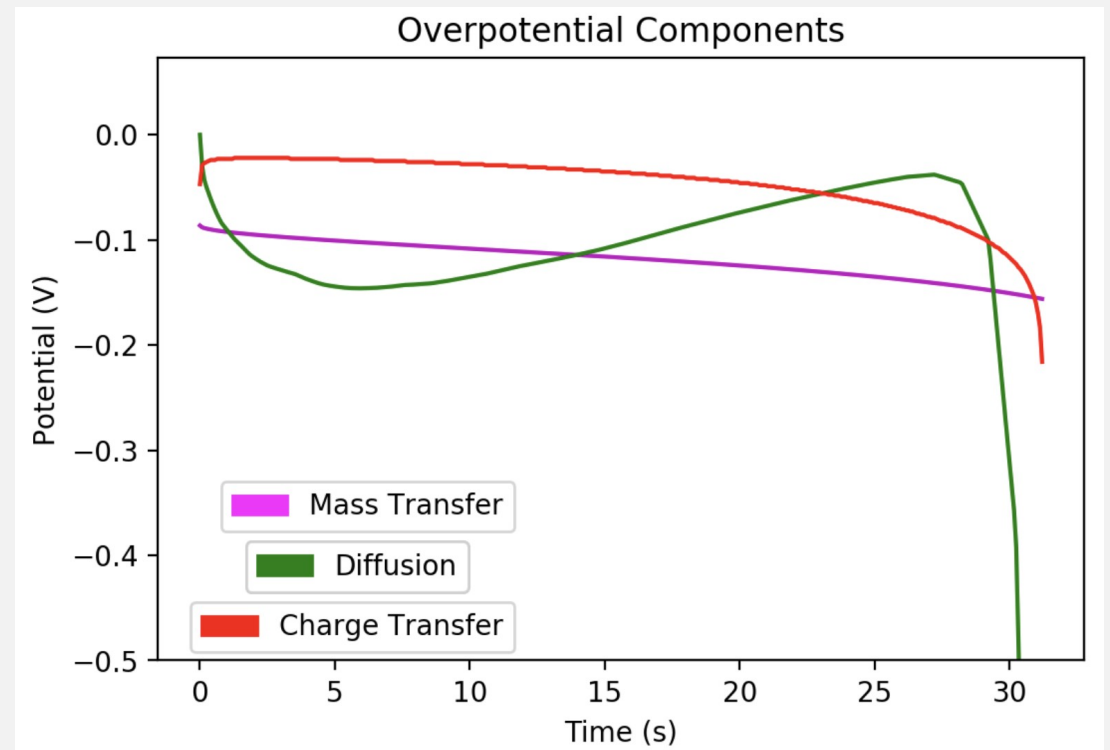
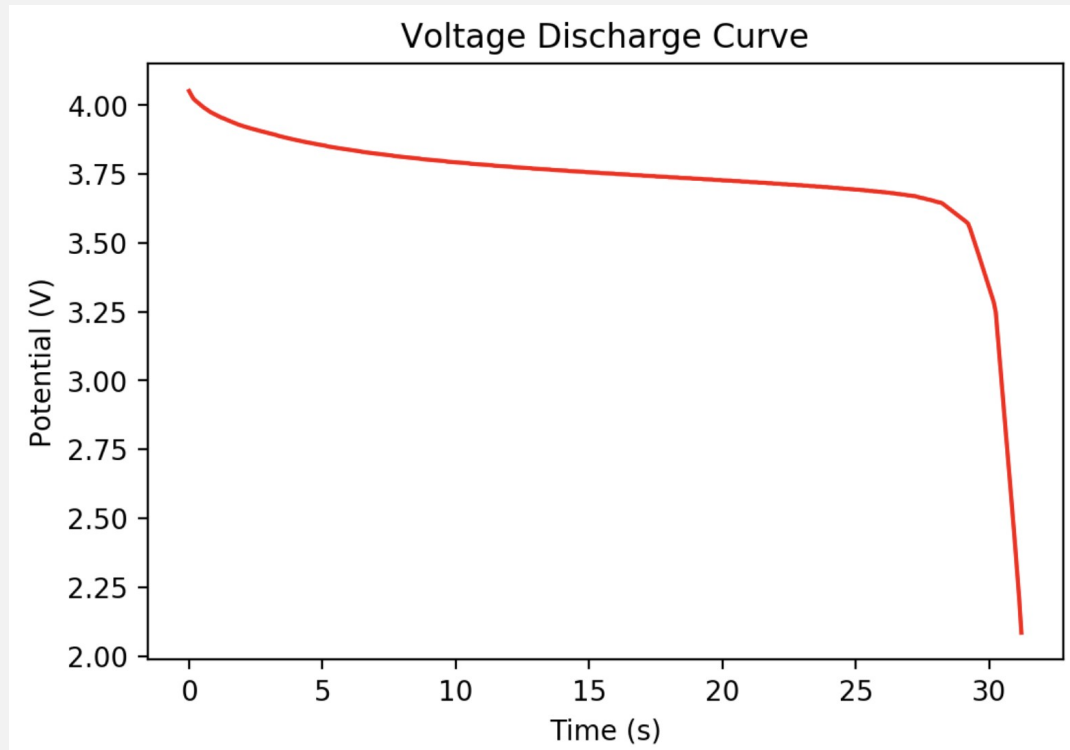
Motion of Li<sup>+</sup>

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \overline{D} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial y^2} + r$$



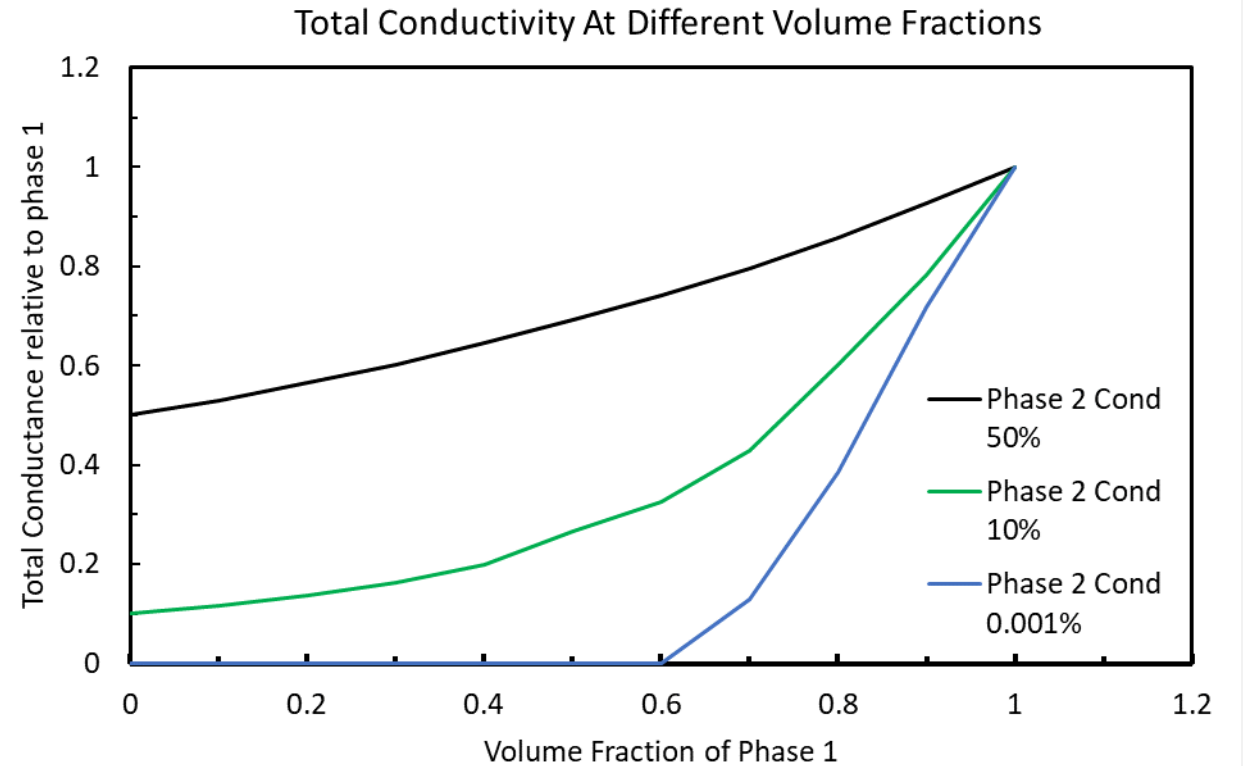
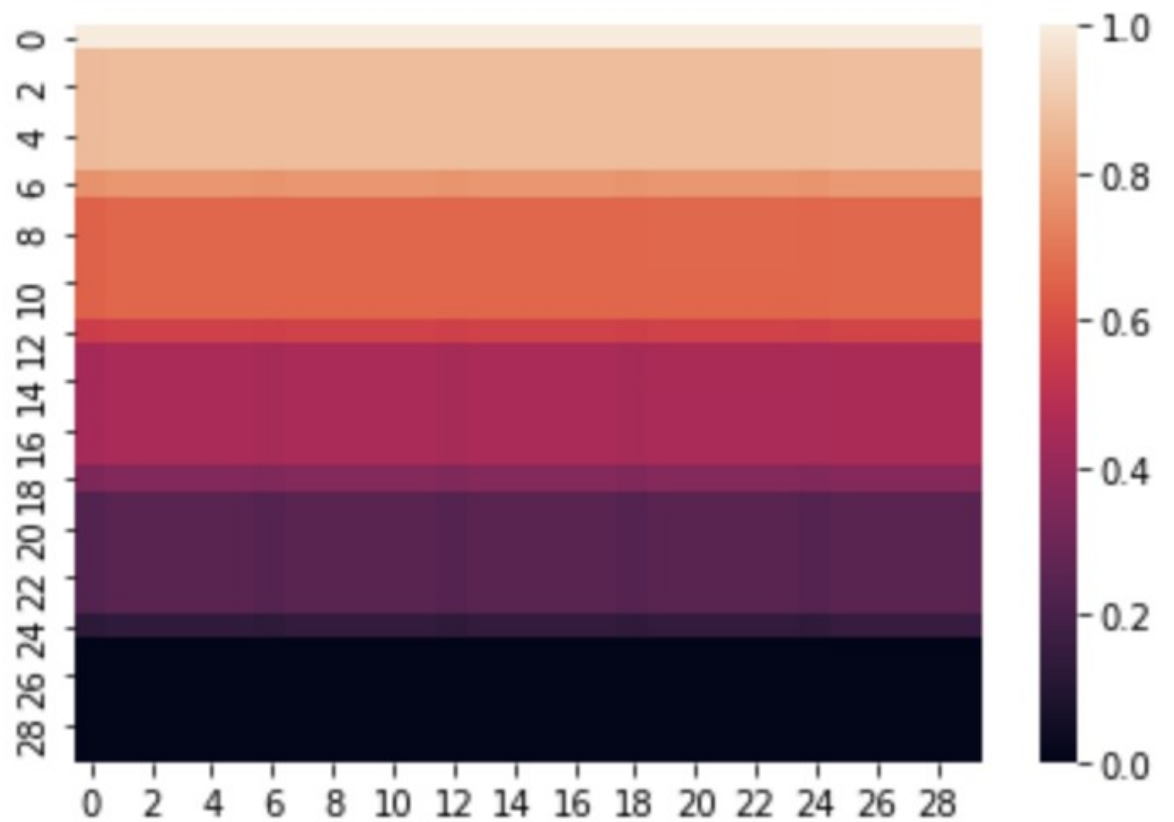
## Performance Prediction

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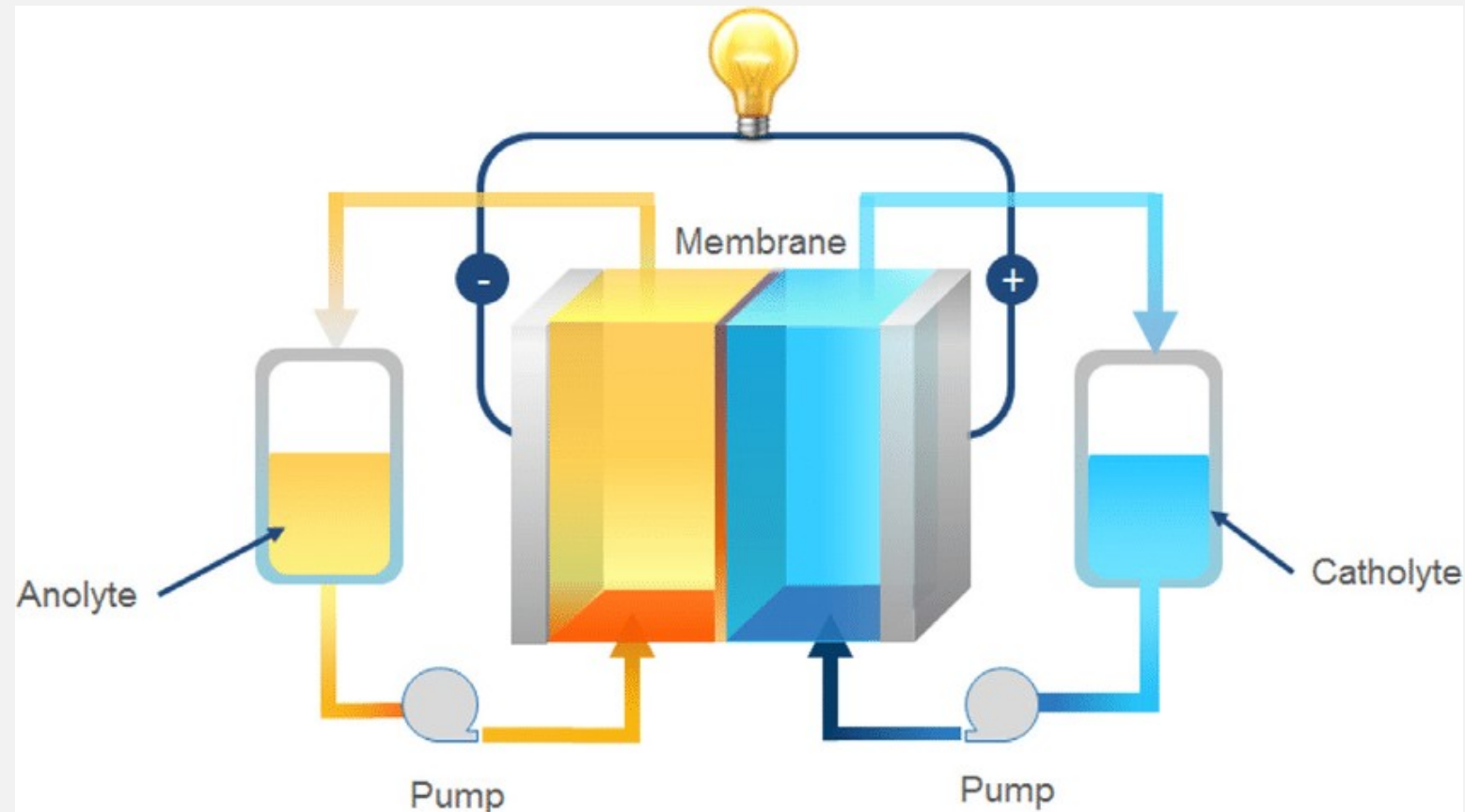
Allows for design decision making to limit experimental iterations

## Predict Performance for Varying Microstructure





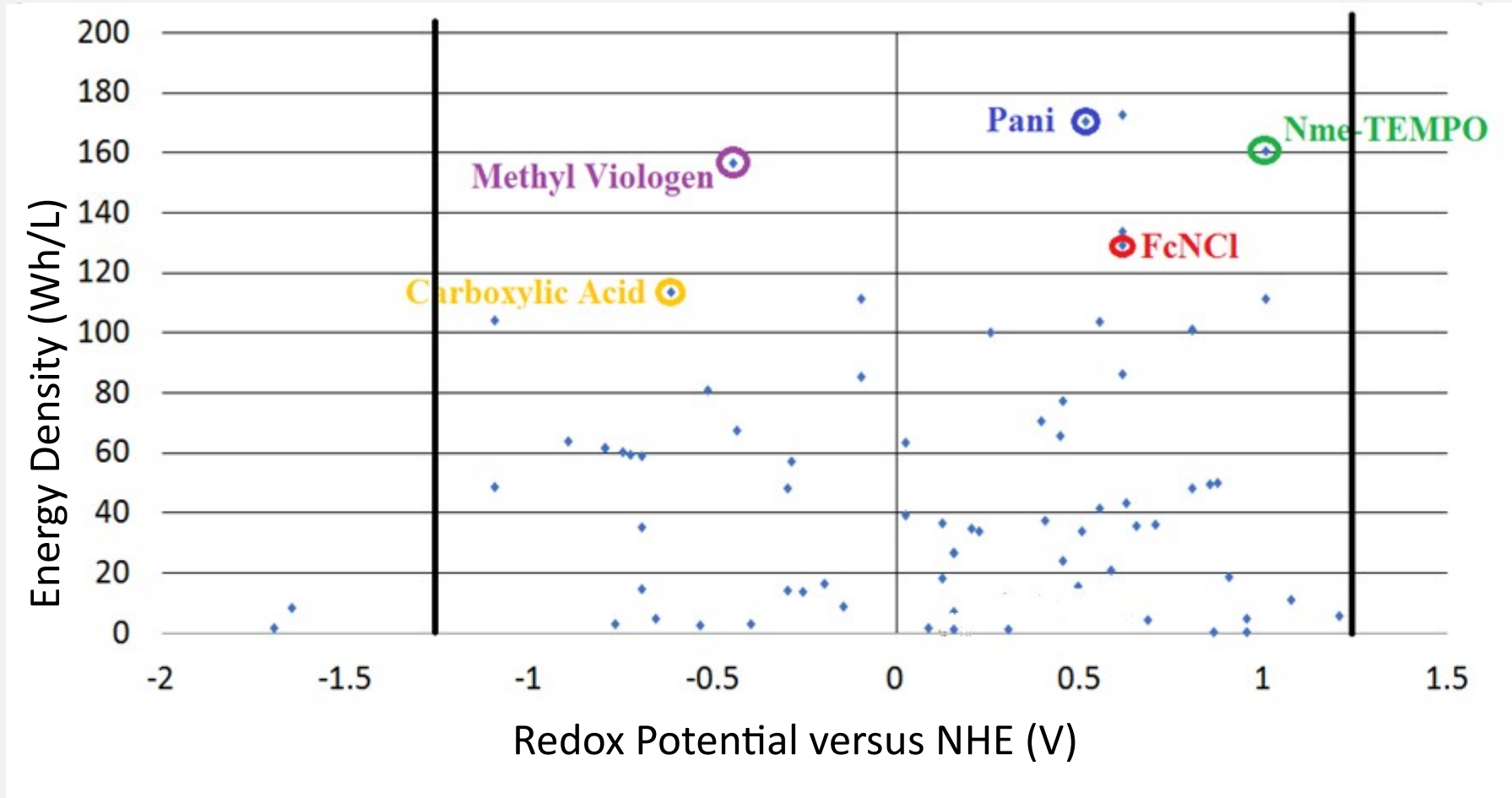
## Neutral-Ph Flow Batteries



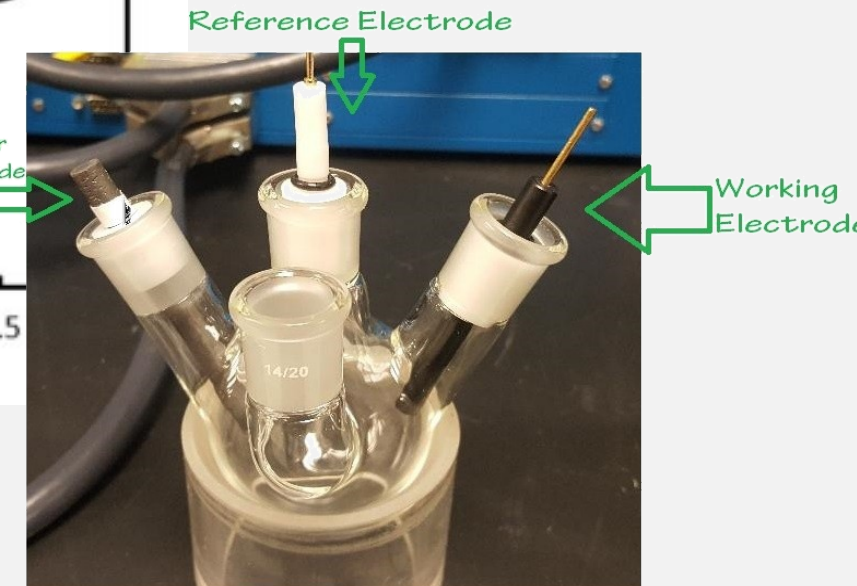
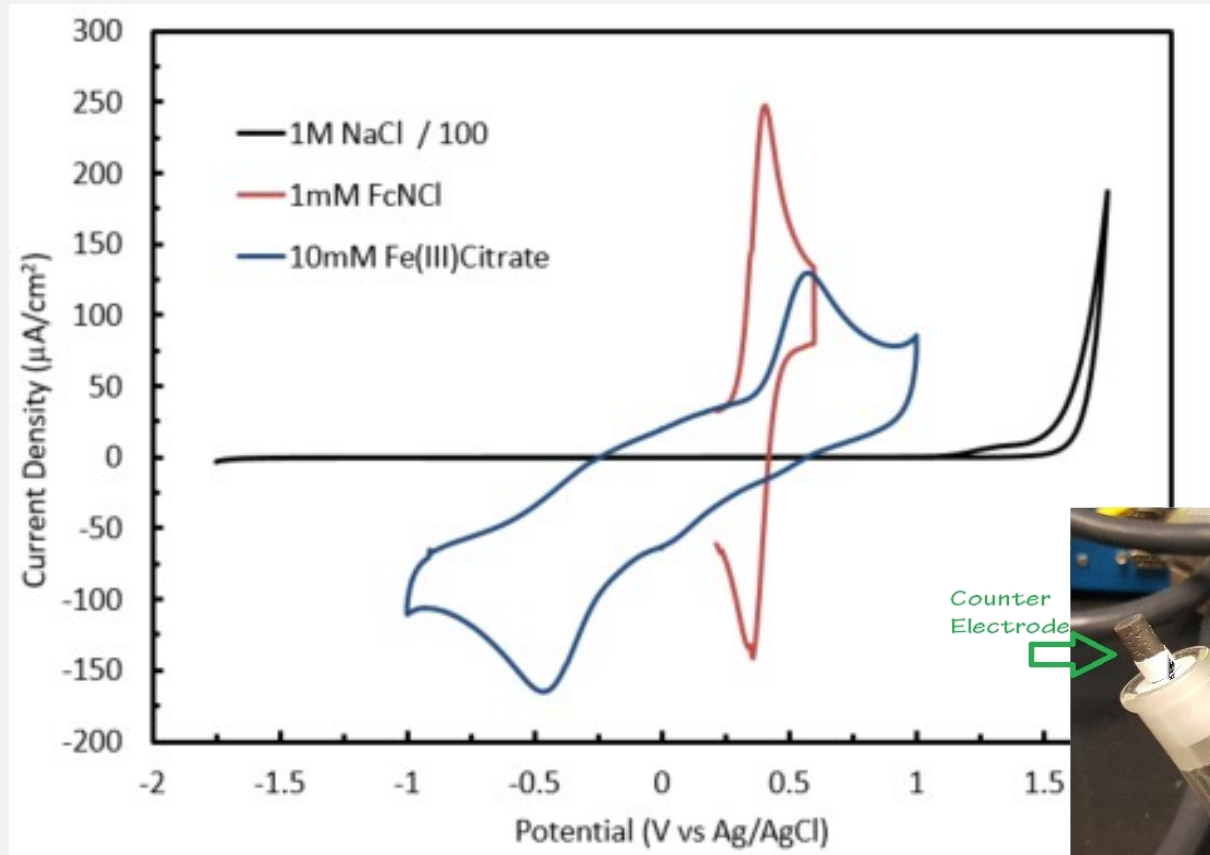
Can be made from inexpensive, non-toxic, and non-corrosive materials.

## Identifying Potential Materials

$$\text{Energy Density} = F_nCV/2 \text{ [J/L]}$$



## Testing the Materials in our Systems



Thank You

Look forward to questions in Q&A





# Engineering Models for Tissue Repair

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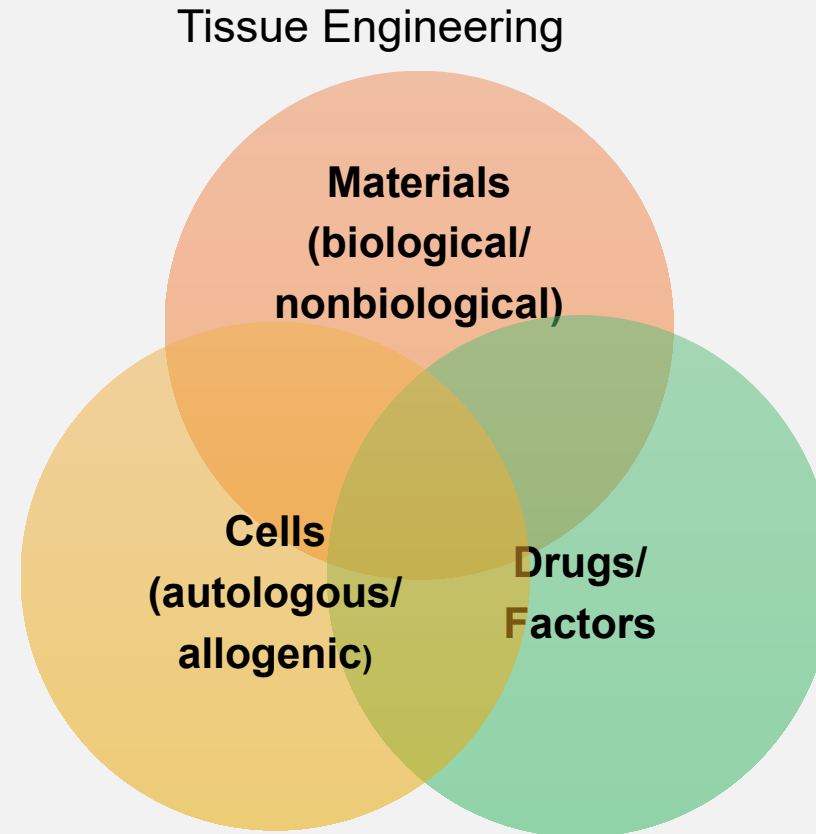
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# Engineering Models for Tissue Repair

## Project Overview

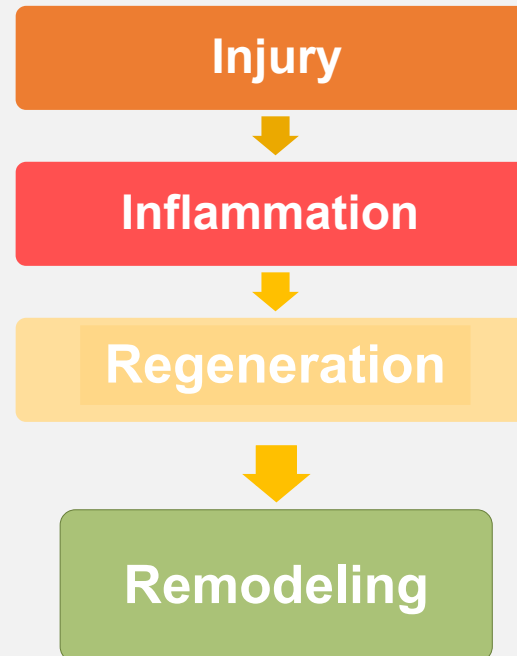


The field of tissue engineering focuses on the development of methods and technologies to regenerate, repair, or replace tissues.



## Tissue Repair Process

### Tissue Repair Process



- **Pathological fibrosis:** overproduction of extracellular matrix as a response to tissue damage.



### Therapeutic & Regenerative Systems @CSULB

**GOAL:** Translate mechanisms of tissue regeneration into feasible therapies that will promote optimal healing.

**Objectives:**

- Design scalable implantable biomaterials for tissue repair and regeneration.
- Develop functional 3D models of normal and diseased tissues.



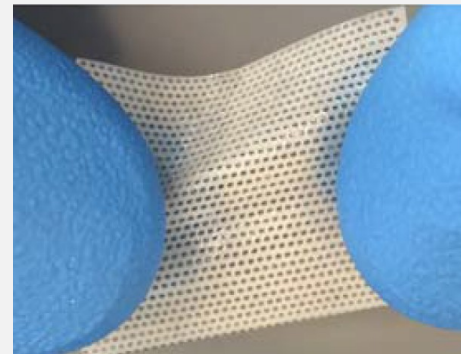
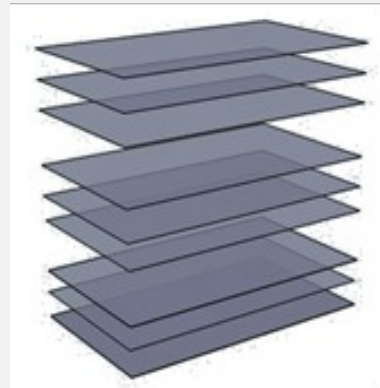


### Volumetric Muscle Loss

- Severe muscle tissue damage can result on volumetric muscle loss (VML) which commonly results in significant fibrosis.
- Inadequate recovery of muscle results in long-term disability and contributes to an economic burden of ~\$400 billion in the US annually.
- **Objective:** Design biomimetic scalable/implantable scaffold to increase and direct skeletal muscle regeneration.



## Fabrication of Mechanically Robust Constructs



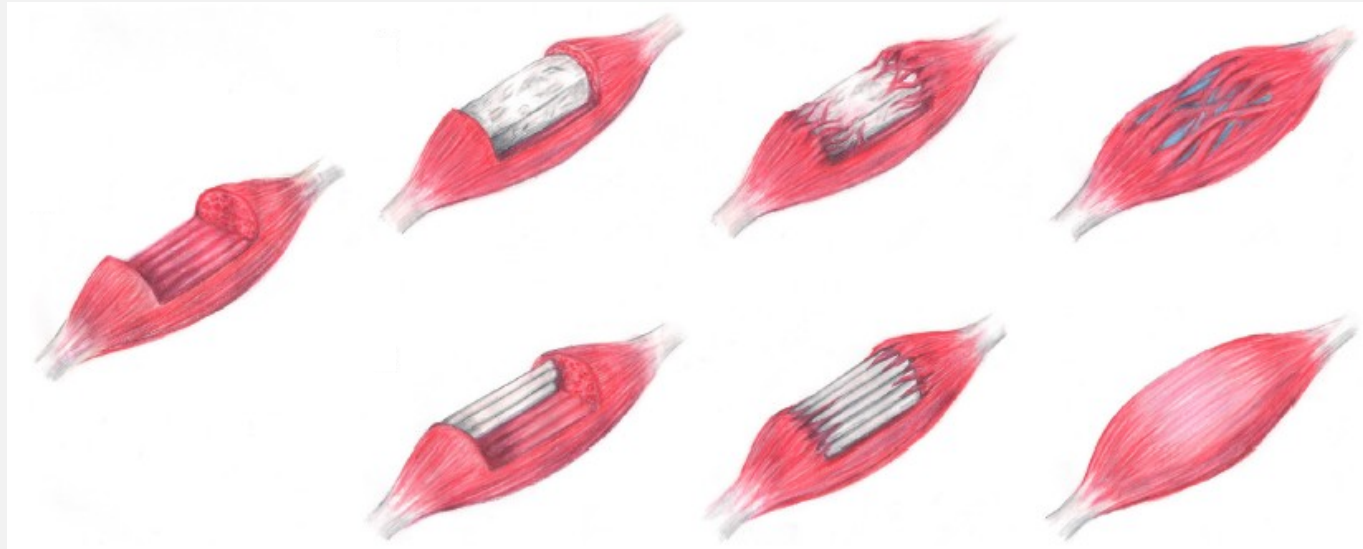
Layered-patterned collagen construct.

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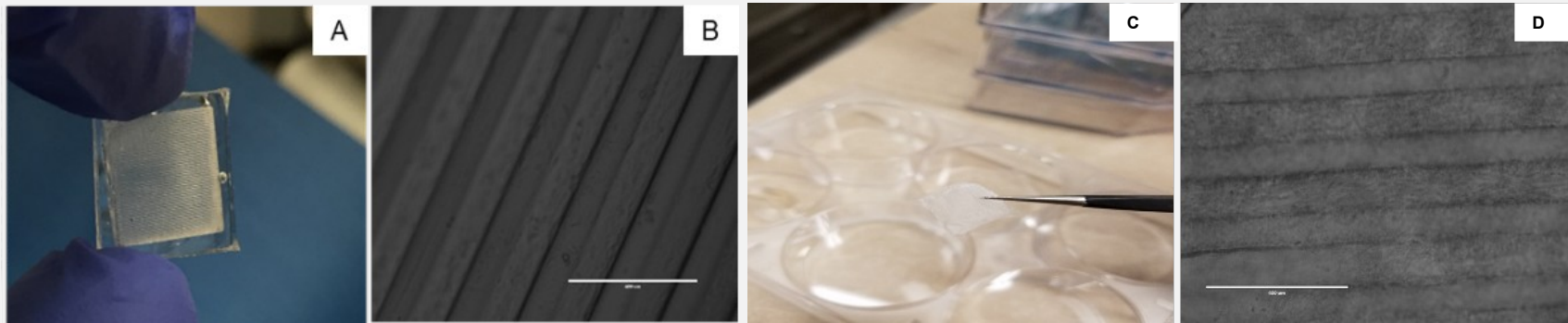
## Schematic Representation of Scaffold Mediated Repair of VML



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## Collagen Films with Micro-Channel

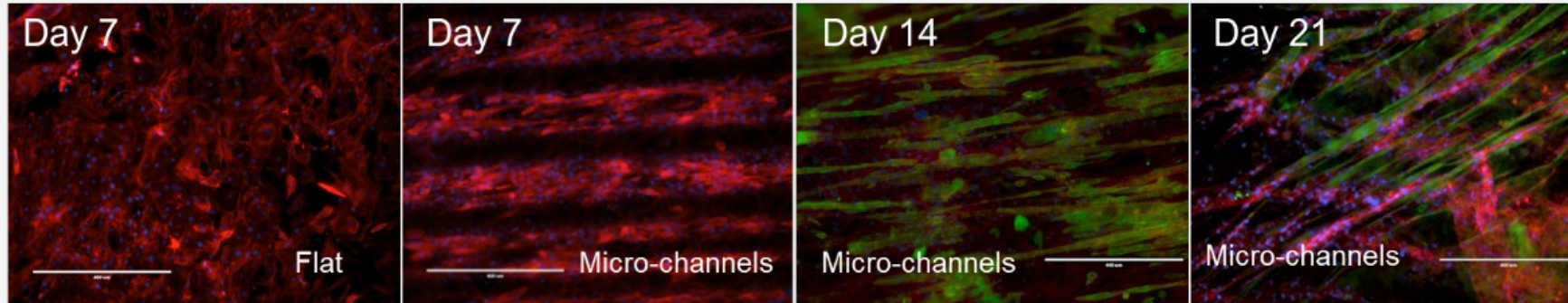


- A) PDMS (polydimethylsiloxane) mold with imbedded micro-channels.
- B) B) Microscopic image of channels on PDMS mold.
- C) C) Collagen sheet extracted from PDMS mold.
- D) D) image of collagen sheet with microchannels (right).

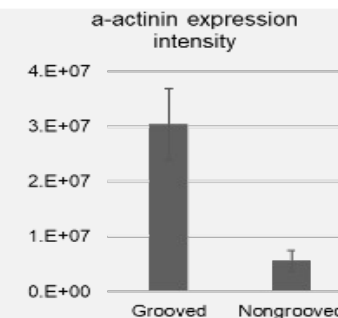
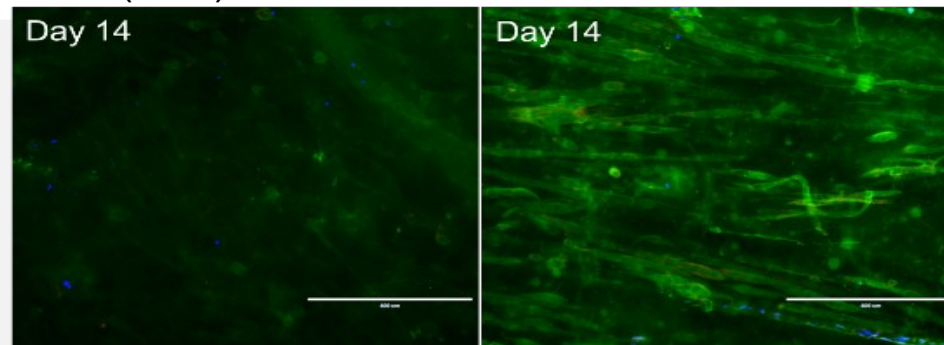
Scale Bar= 400 $\mu$ m.



## Myoblast Align on Micro-Channeled Collagen Films



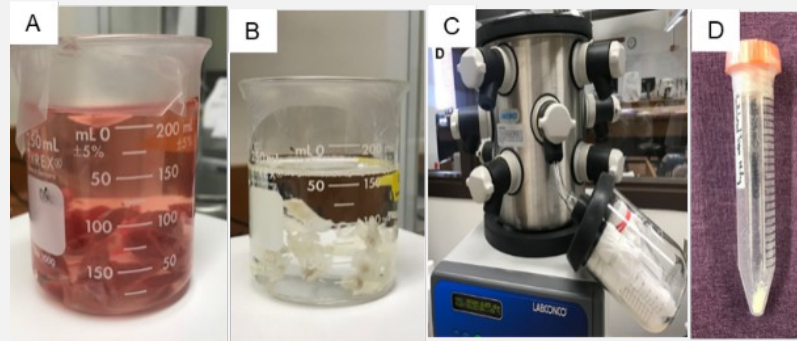
Myoblasts on flat and micro-channeled collagen films. F-actin (red), sarcomeric  $\alpha$ -actinin (green), and nuclei (blue). Scale bar =400um.



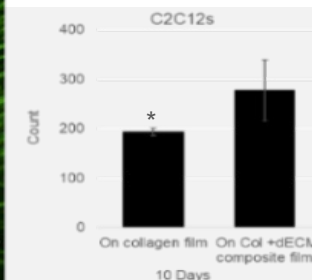
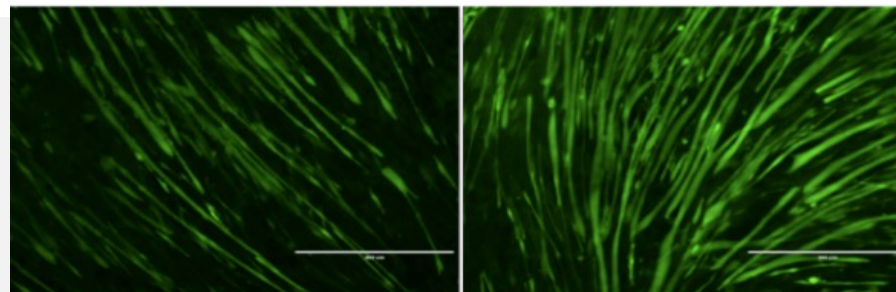
Myoblasts on flat (left) and on micro-channeled (right) collagen films. Immunostained against sarcomeric  $\alpha$ -actinin (green). Graph shows relative intensity analysis ( $p < 0.001$ ,  $n=10$ , t-test). Scale bar =400um.



## Myoblast Proliferation on Collagen-dSMM Scaffolds



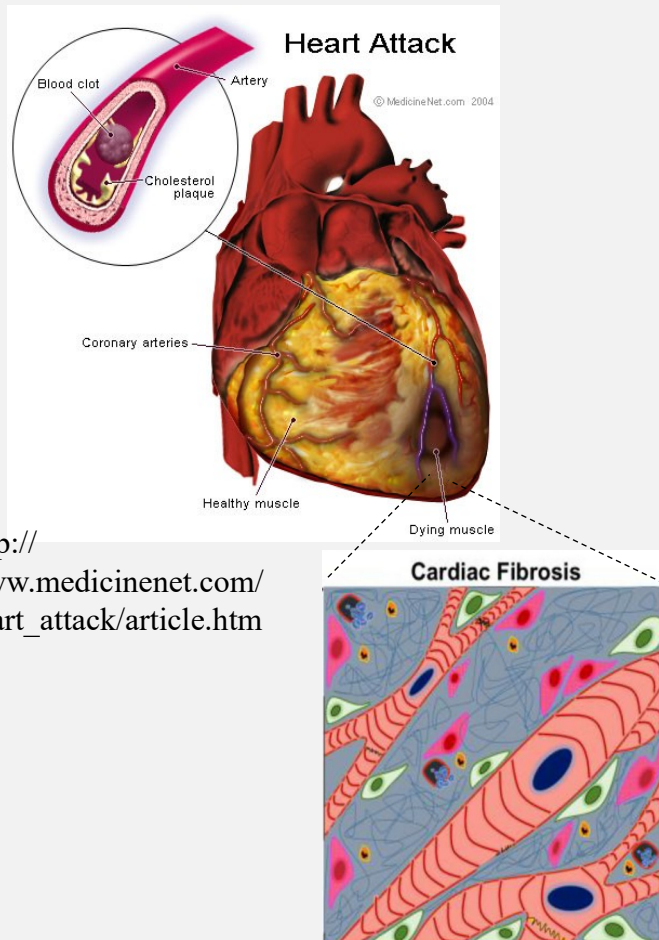
Tissue ECM decellularization. The tissue is placed in 1% (w/v) SDS for 4-5 d. After processing the final tissue is a sterile powder that can be incorporated with other materials.



Myoblasts growing on collagen only (left) and collagen with dSMM (right) for 10 days ( $p < 0.045$ ,  $n = 4$ , t-test). Staining of live cells (Calcein AM). Scale bar = 400 $\mu$ m.



## Cardiac Fibrosis



[http://www.medicinenet.com/heart\\_attack/article.htm](http://www.medicinenet.com/heart_attack/article.htm)

- 1M Americans have coronary attack every year.
- MI is a major cause of heart failure, and currently 5M Americans suffer from this condition.

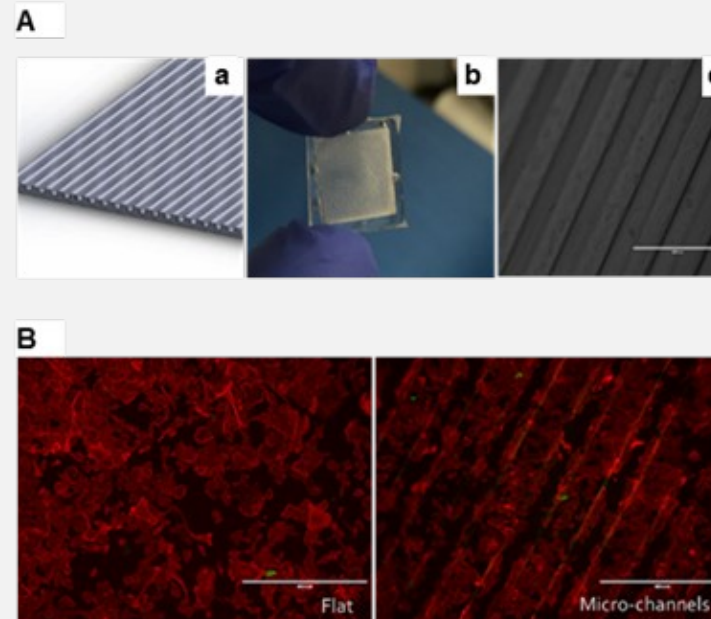
**Objective:** Establish an engineered model of cardiac fibrosis to investigate the role of critical players.

Adv Healthc Mater. 2017 June ; 6(11): . doi:10.1002/adhm.201601434.

American Heart Association



## 3D Model of Tissue Fibrosis Cell Organization

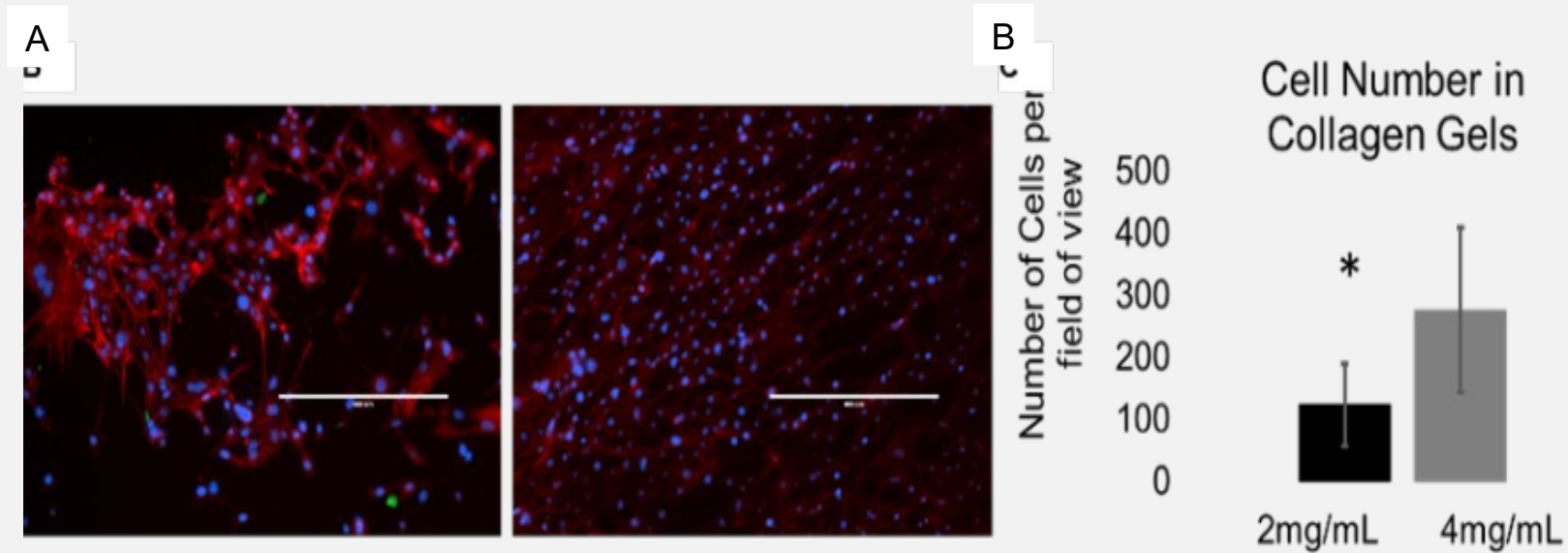


- A) a) 3D printer is used to print the Solid Works model. b) PDMS (polydimethylsiloxane) mold with imbedded micro-channels. c) Microscopic image of channels on PDMS mold. Scale bar 400 $\mu$ m.
- B) Cardiac myocytes (HL-1 cells) cultured on collagen scaffold without micro-channels and on collagen scaffold with micro-channels (Day 1, red=F-actin, scale bar 400 $\mu$ m).





## 3D Models of Tissue Fibrosis, ECM Density



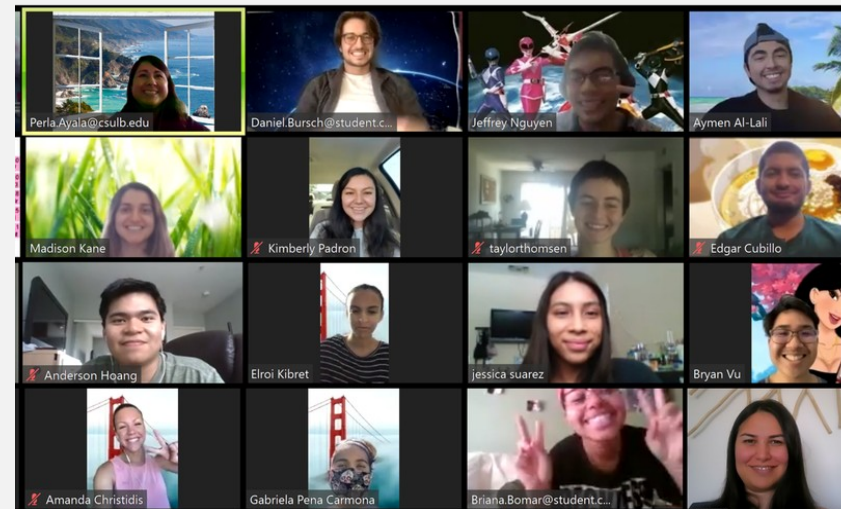
- A) Fibroblasts in 2mg/mL collagen (left) and fibroblasts in 4mg/mL collagen, day 5 (right).
- B) Number of Fibroblasts on day 5 in 2mg/mL collagen gels (black) and in 4mg/mL collagen gels (gray) (\*  $p < 0.02$ ).



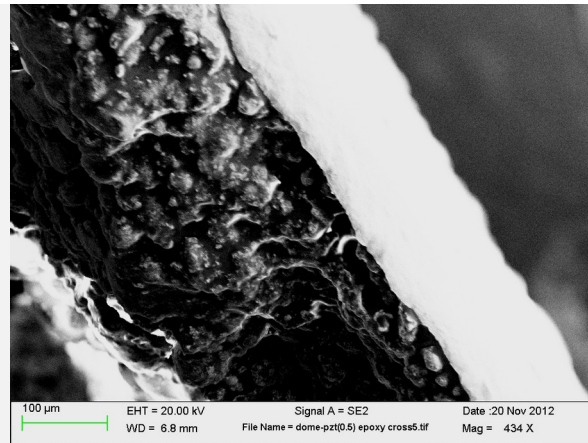
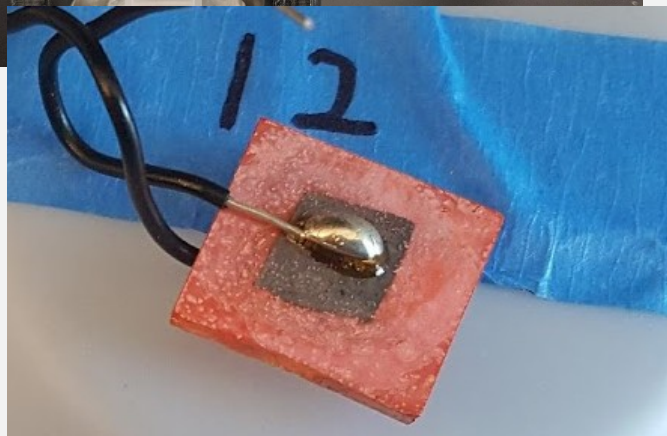
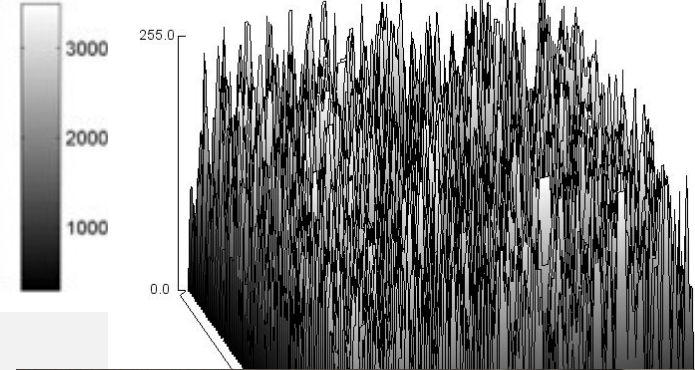
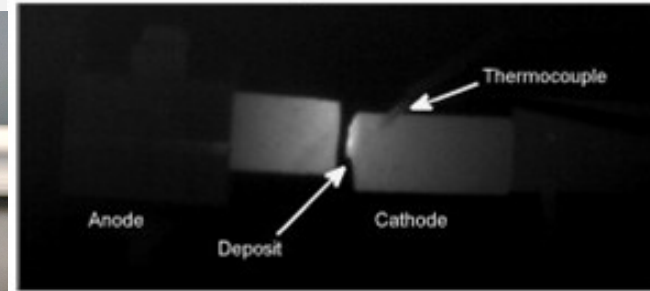
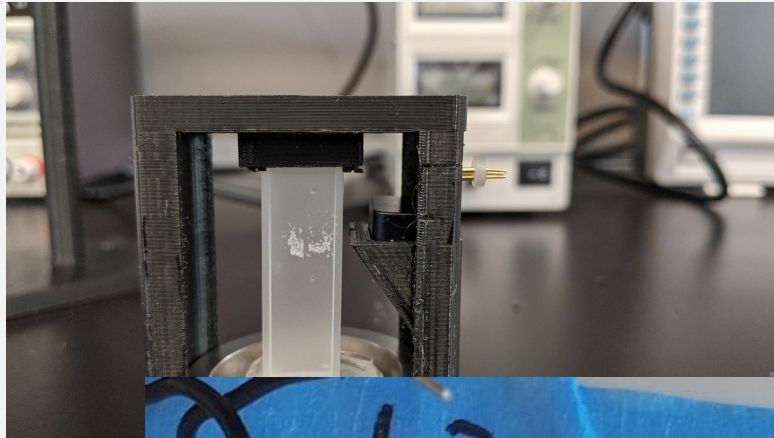
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# Design and fabrication of electro and photo-active materials for applications in biomedical devices and water purification



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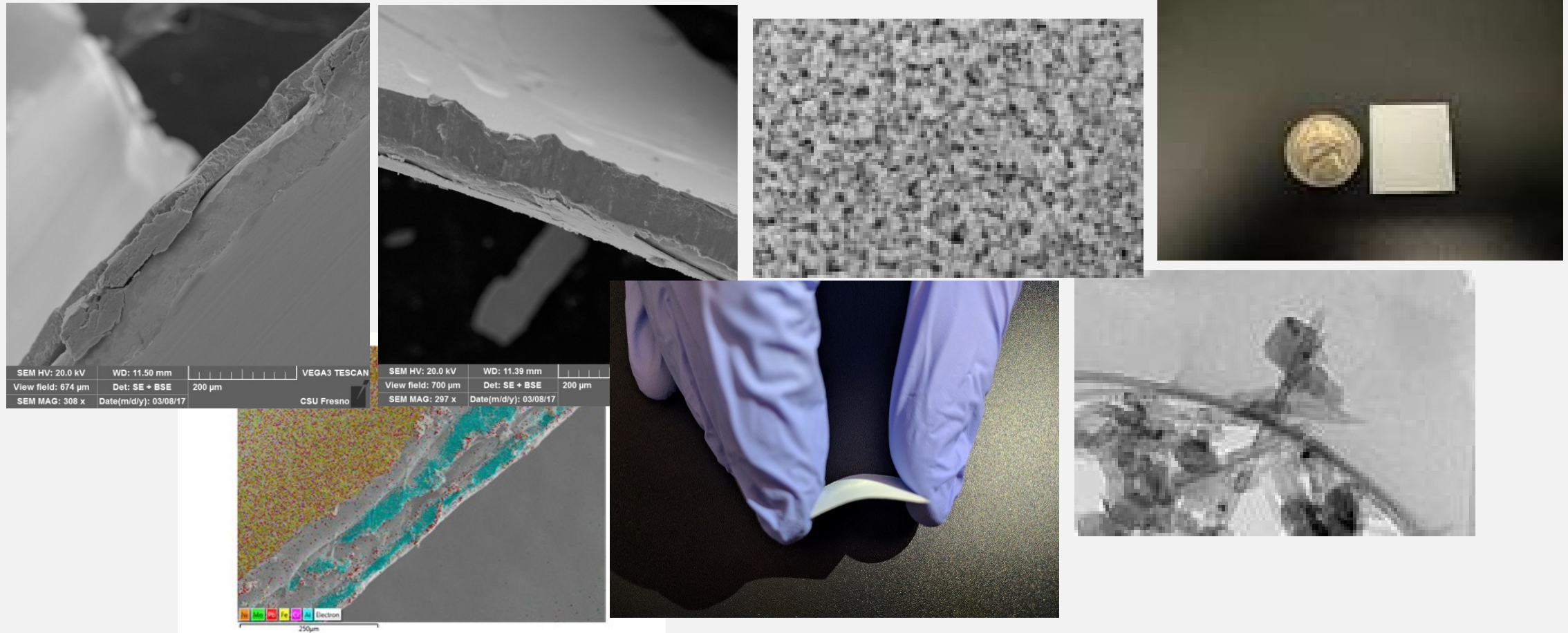
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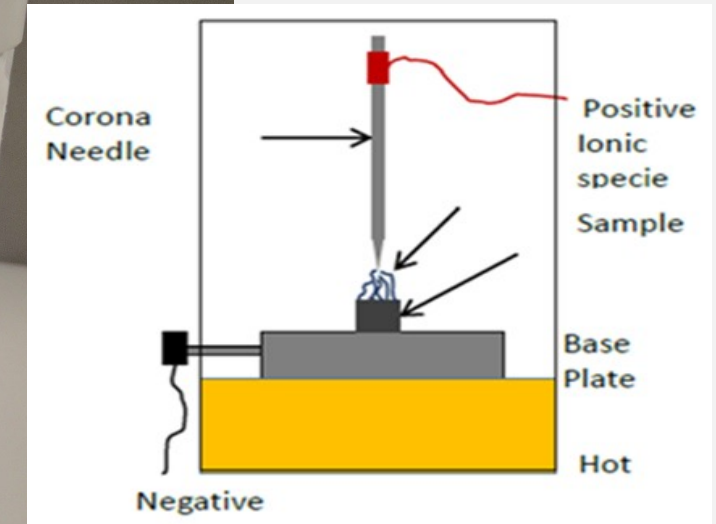
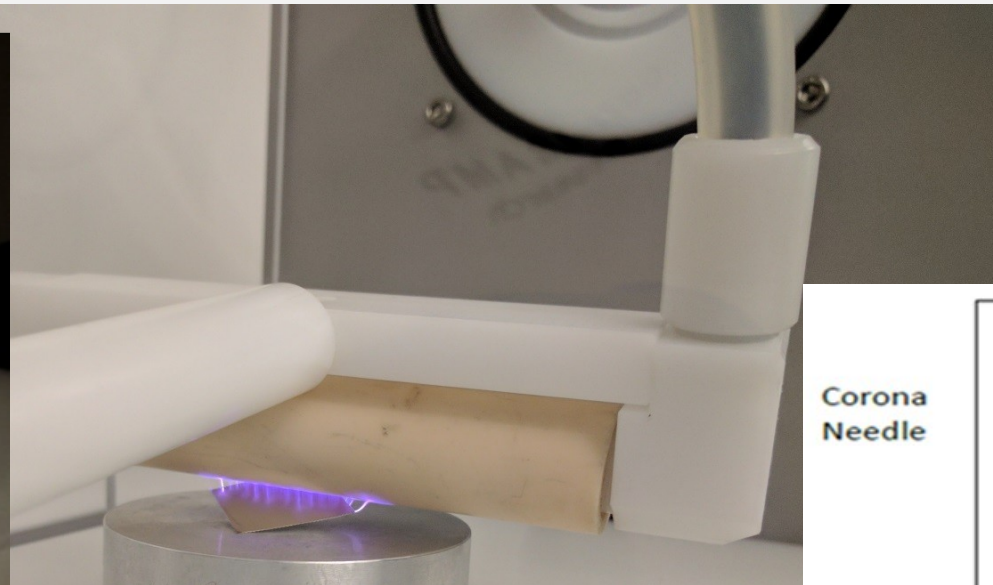
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## Flexible Multiphasic Electro-Active Thin Films Towards Development of Energy Harvesting Devices



## Plasma Micro-Discharge Based Processing & Surface Modification of Organic Matrix Based Flexible Electro-Active Composites

Pulsed Corona Discharge

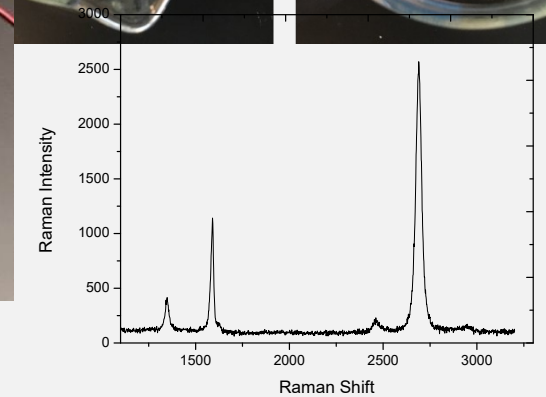
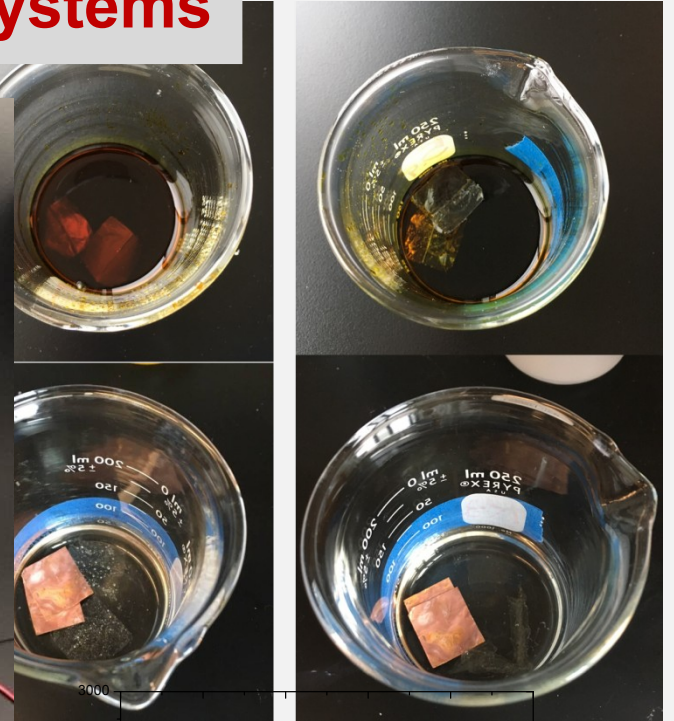
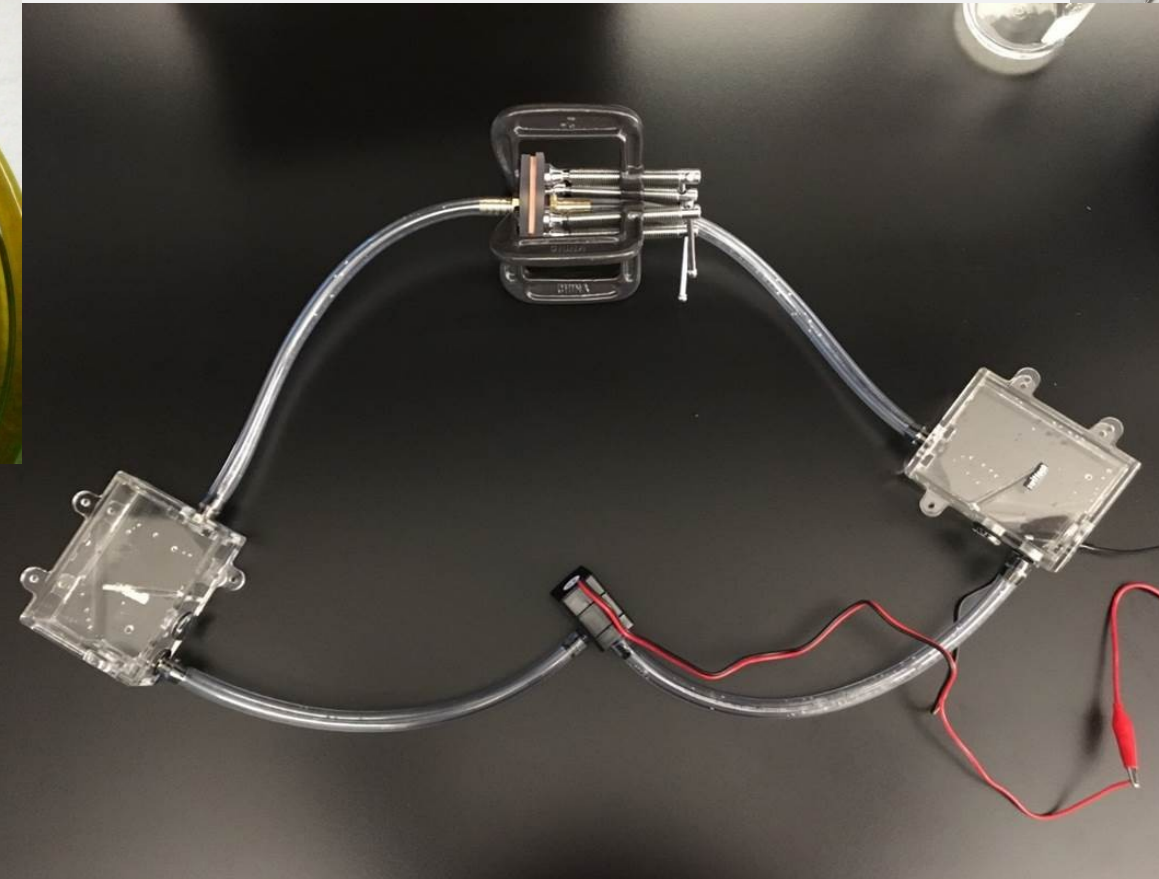
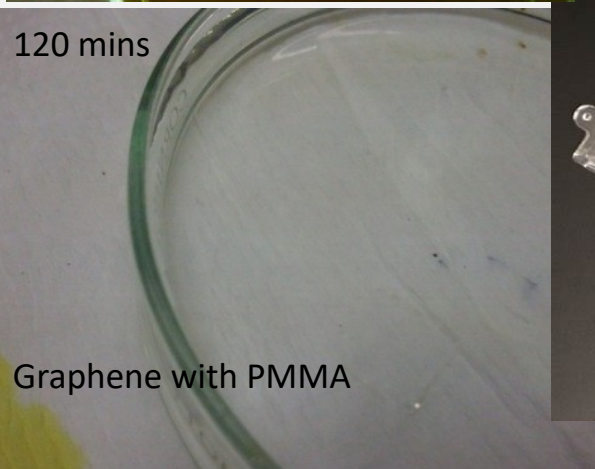
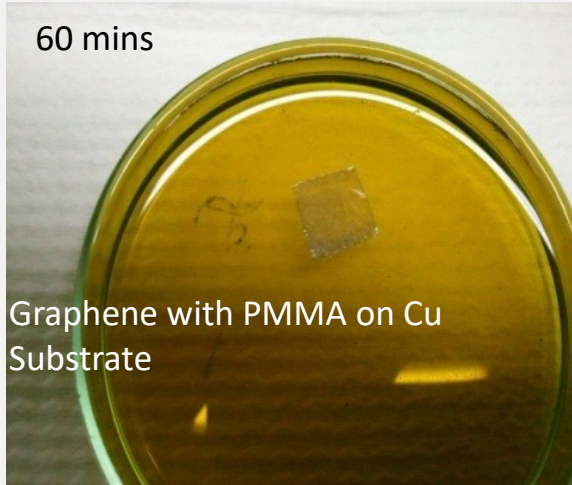


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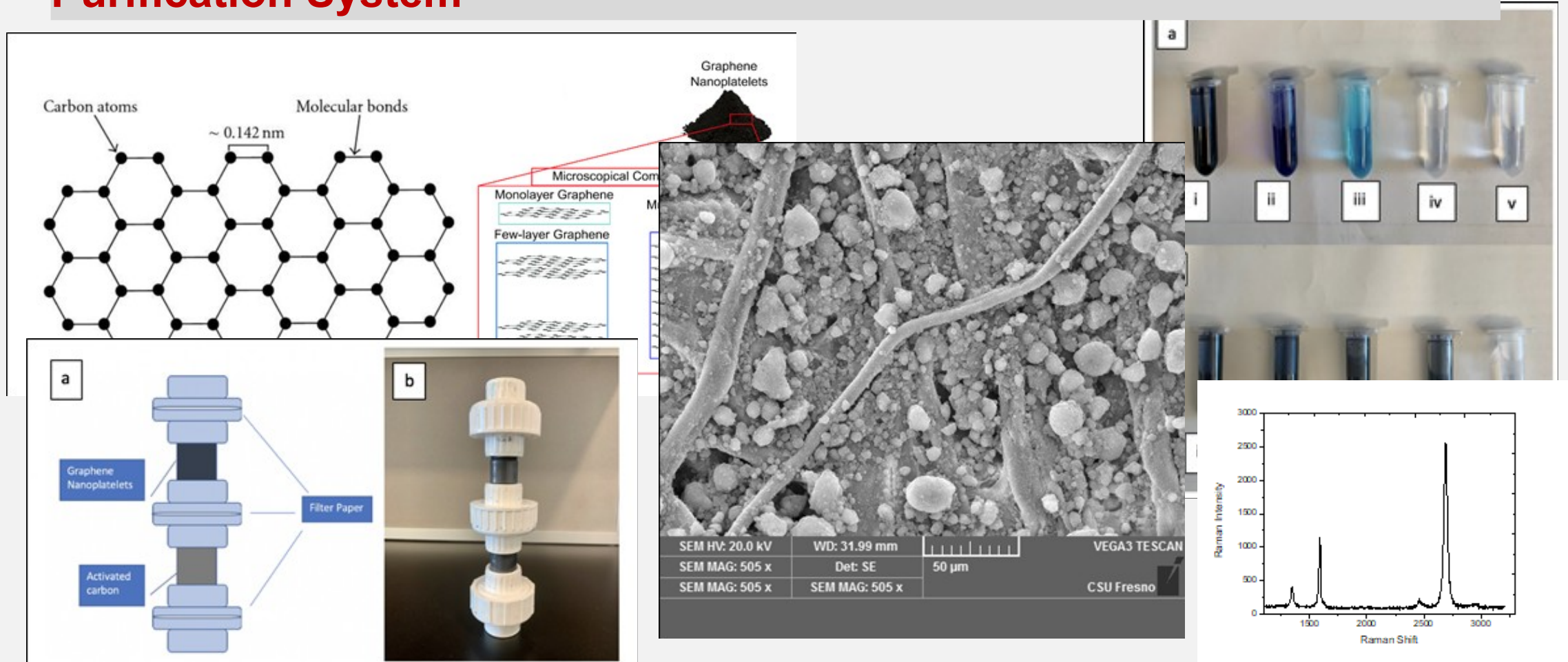
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## Fabrication of Graphene-based water Purification Systems

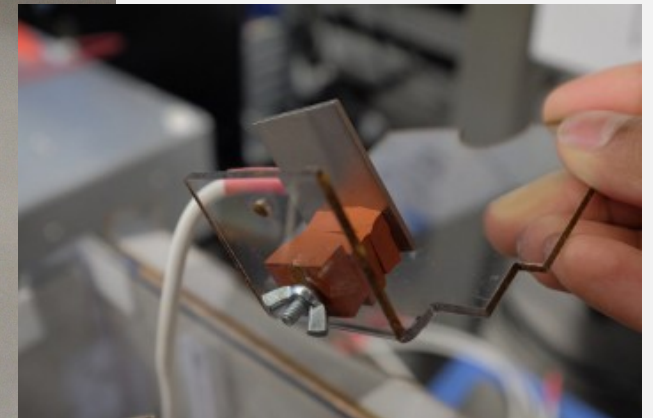
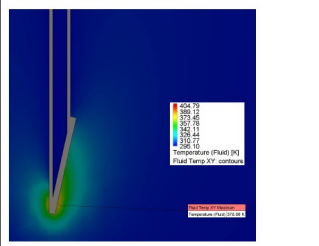
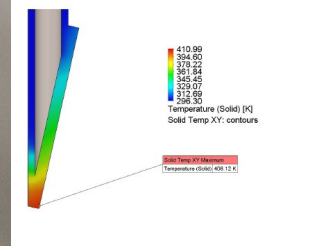
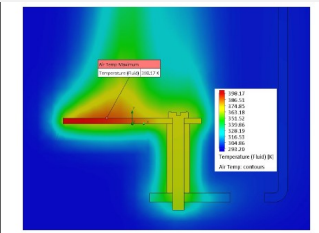
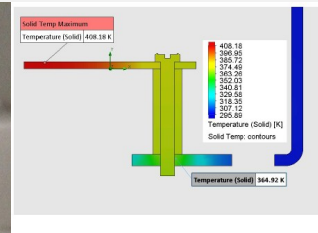
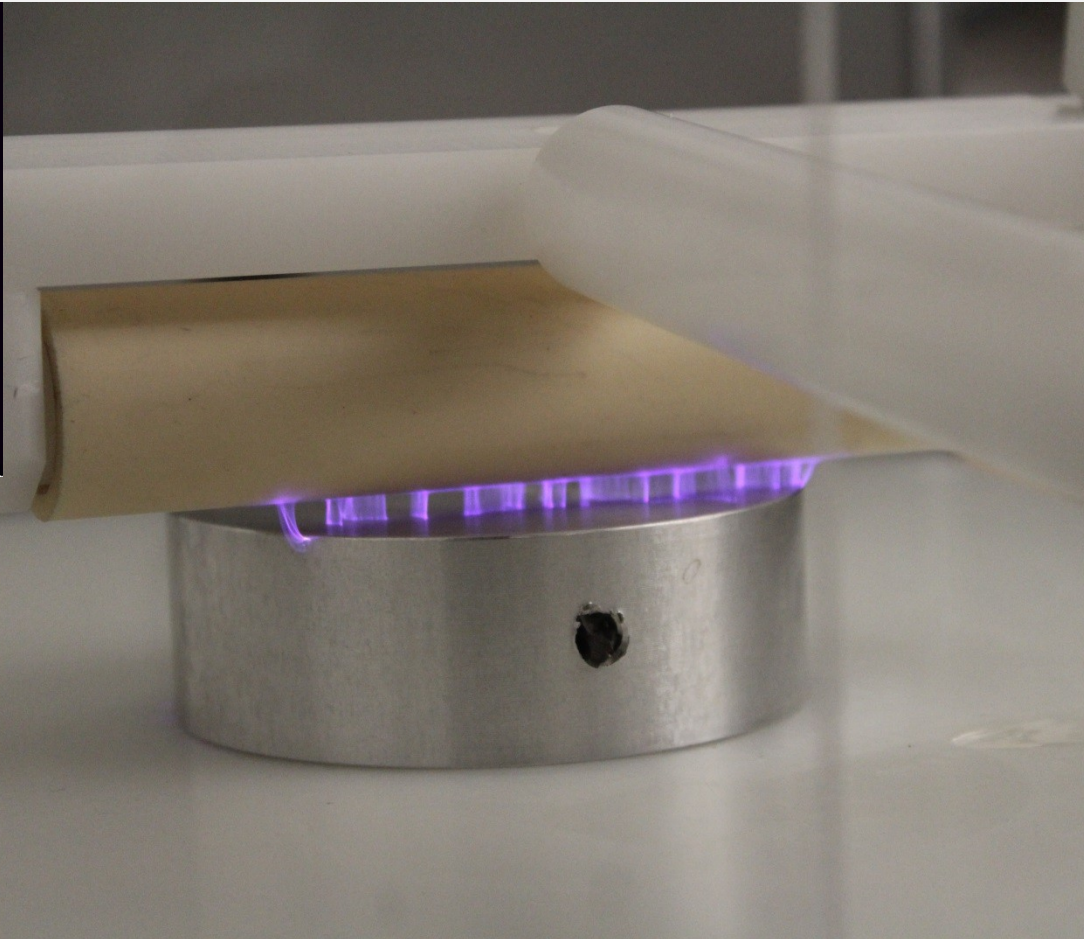
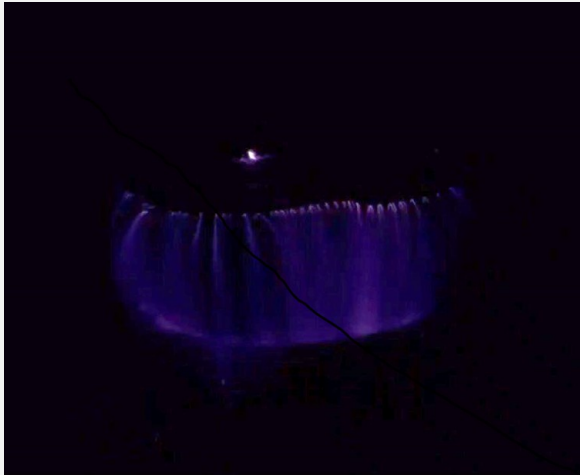




## Fabrication of a Hybrid Graphene and Activated Carbon-based Water Purification System



## Plasma Micro-Discharge Based Water Purification & Non-Toxic Removal of Organic Contaminants in Wastewater

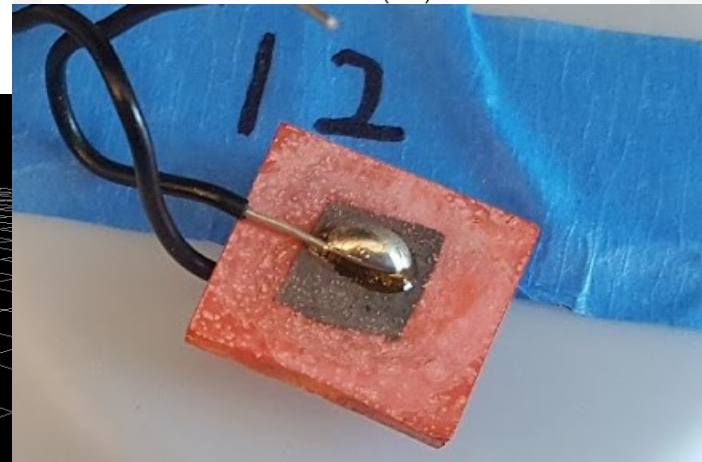
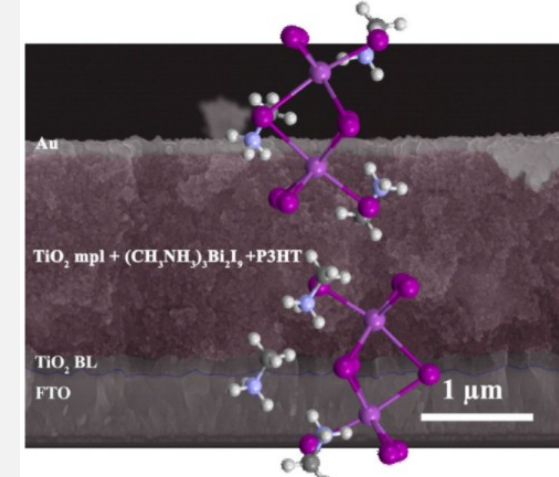
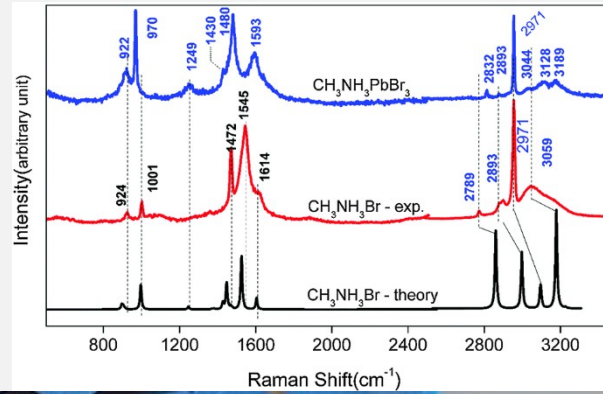
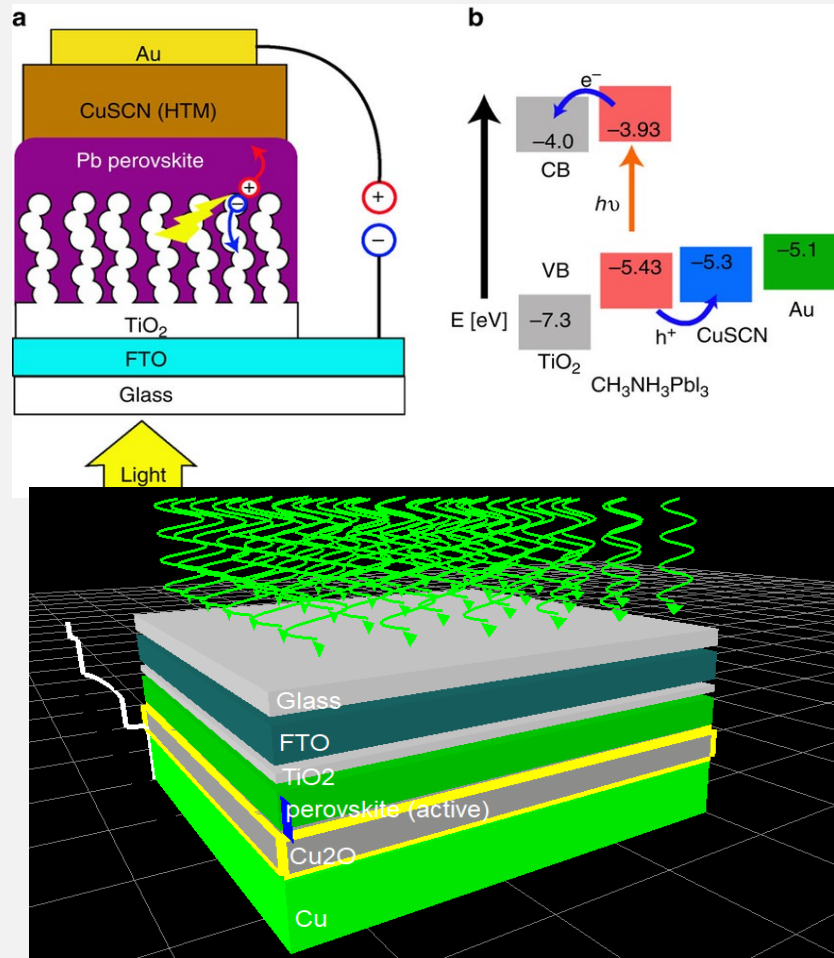


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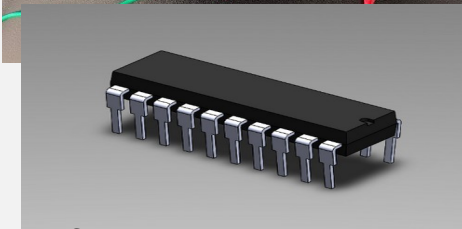
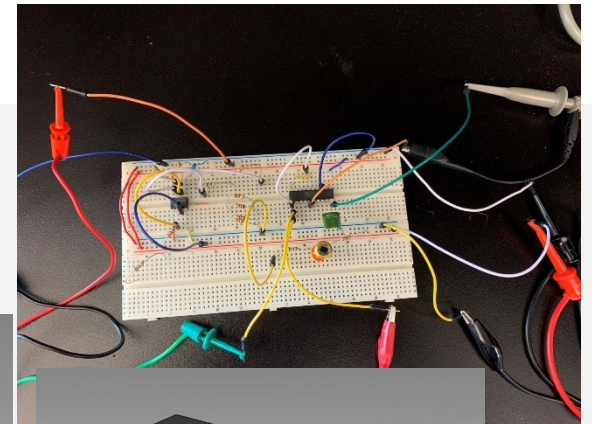
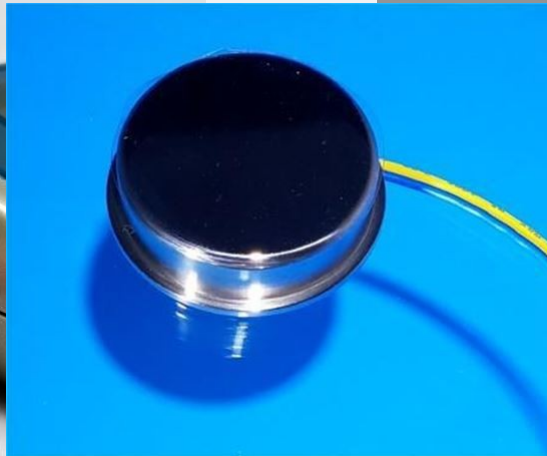
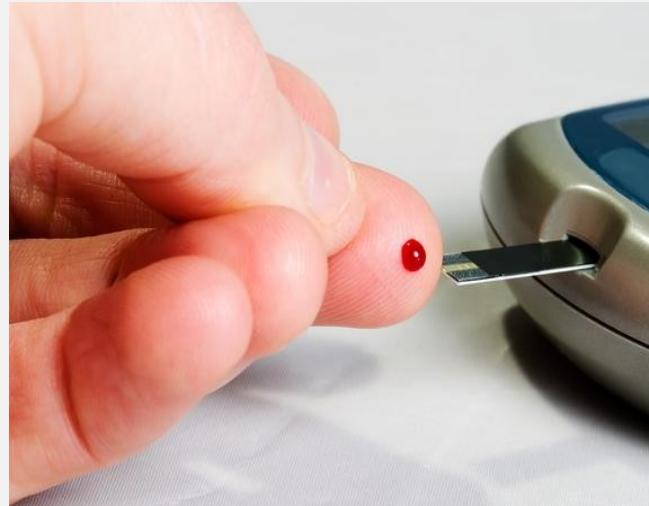
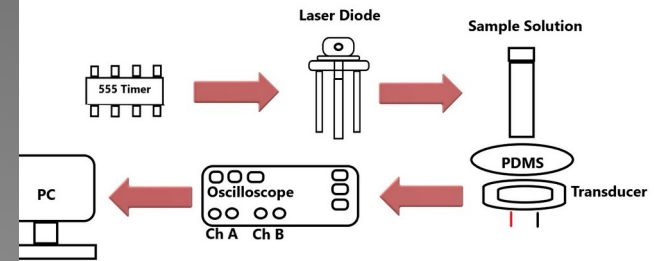
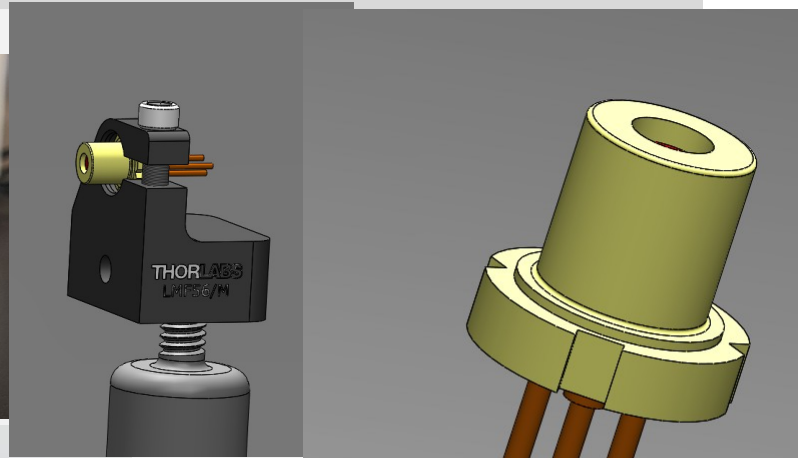
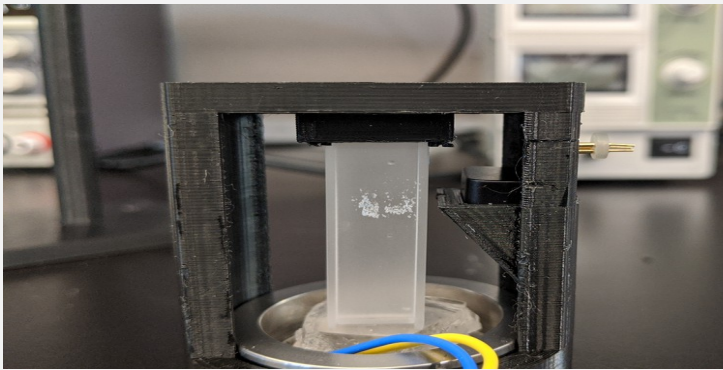
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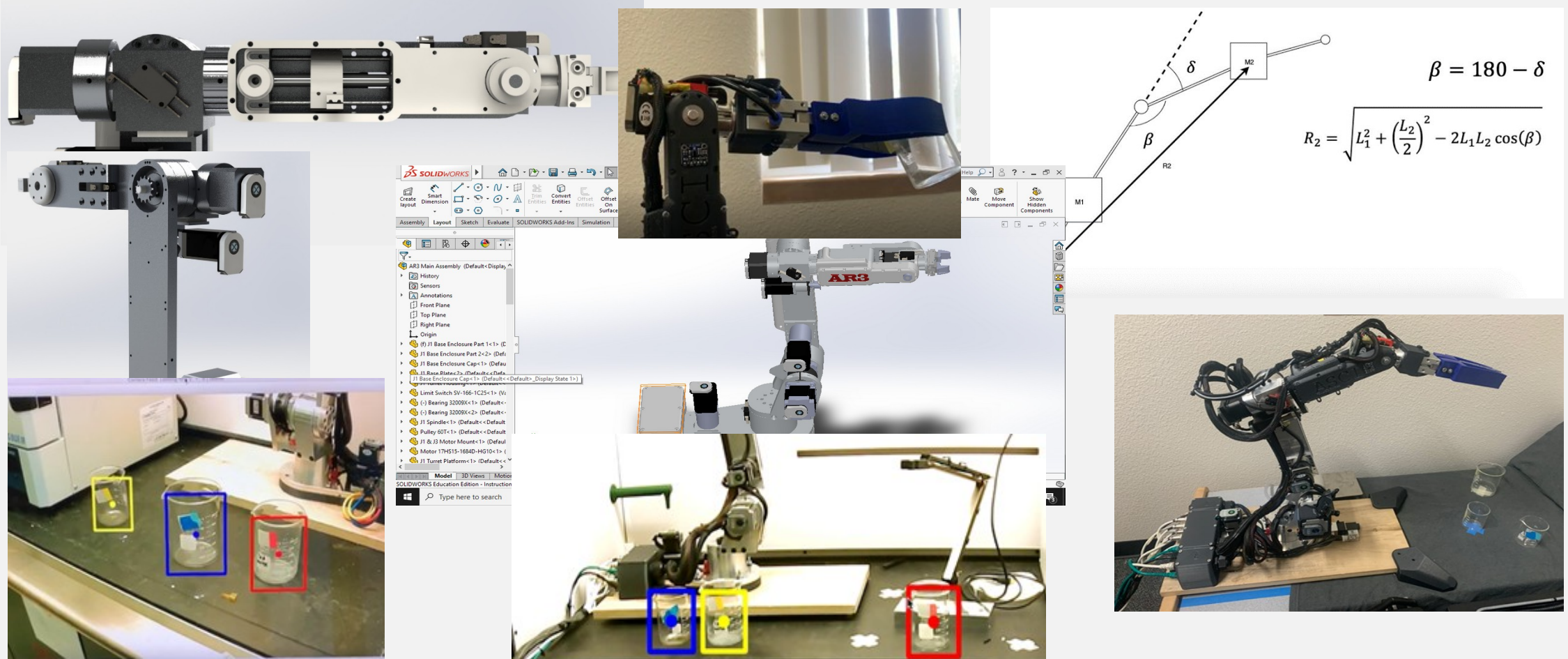
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## Integration of Plasma based 3D Printing: Towards development of Cell-selective Surfaces

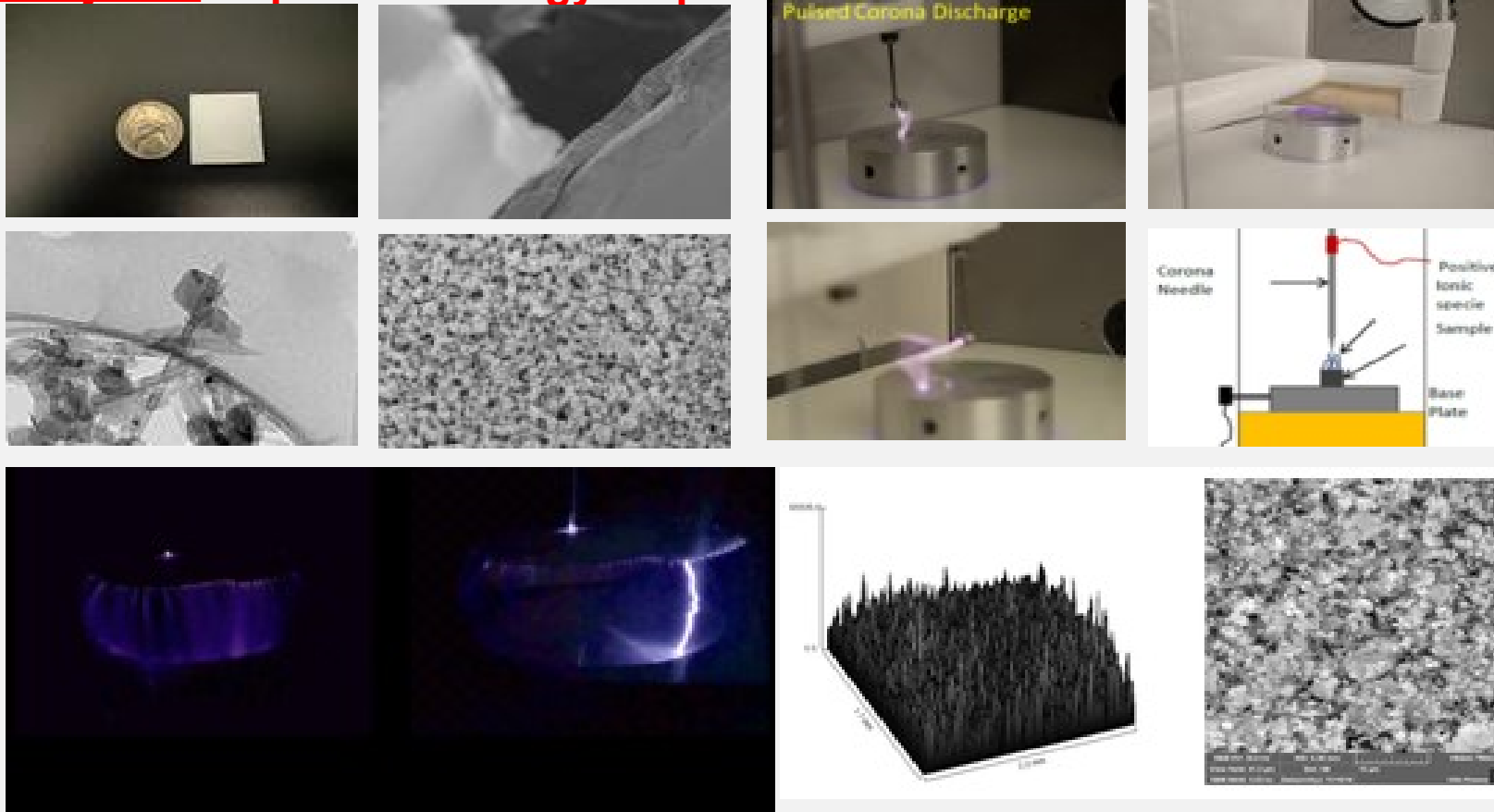


## Robotic Arm Based Materials Handling: Towards Development of AI Machines for Semiconductor Fabrication and Biomedical Applications



## Current Projects

Current Projects: <http://www.energyandplasma.com/research.html>



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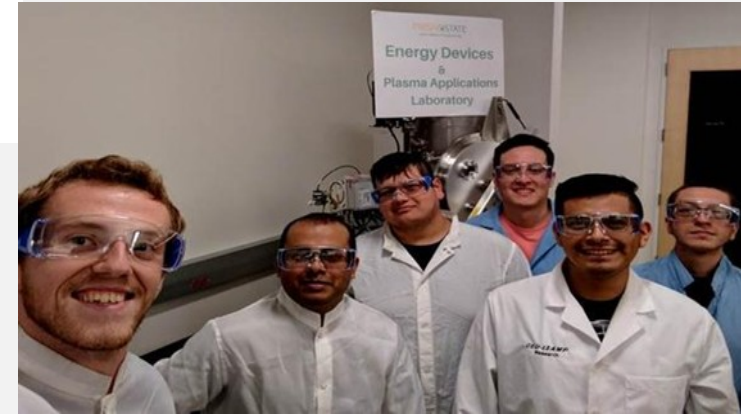
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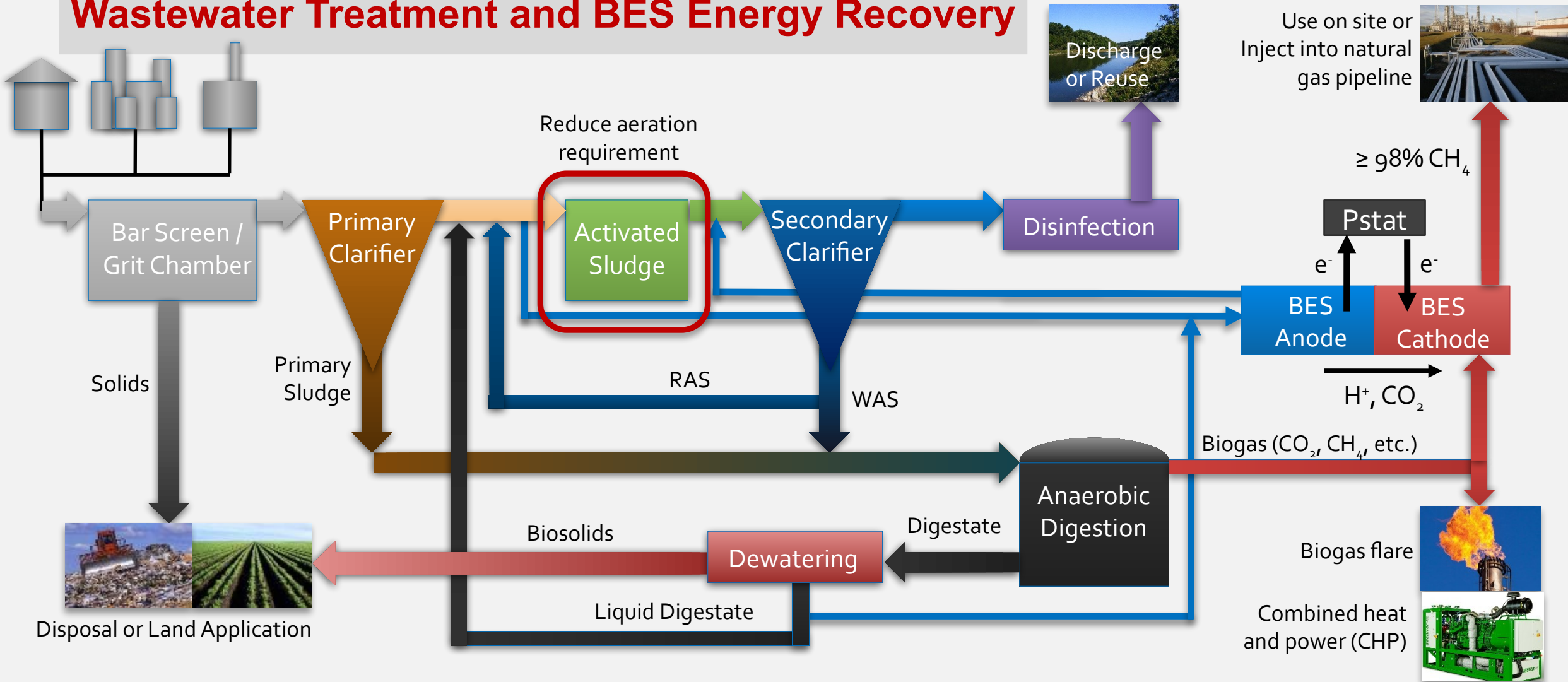
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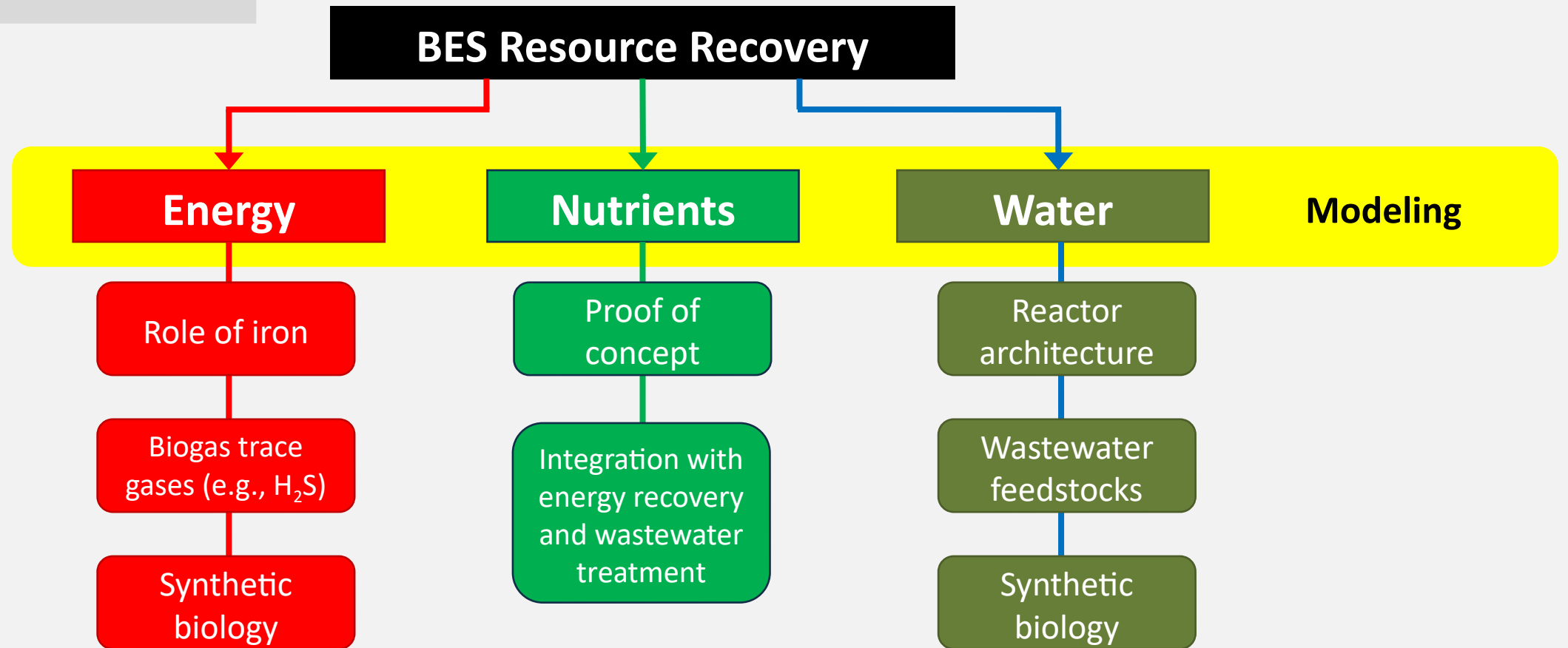
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## Wastewater Treatment and BES Energy Recovery

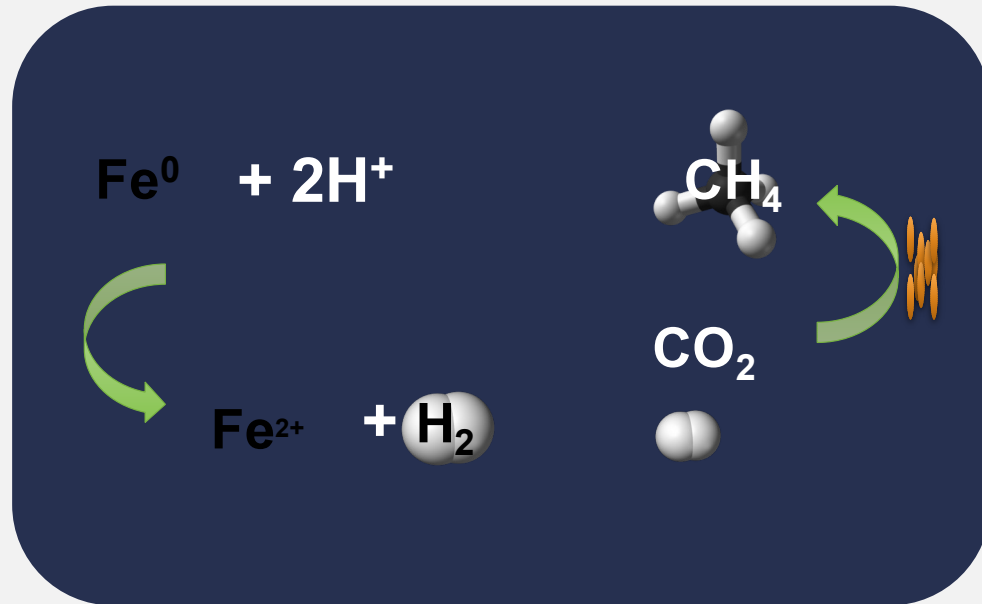


## Project Overview



## Activities

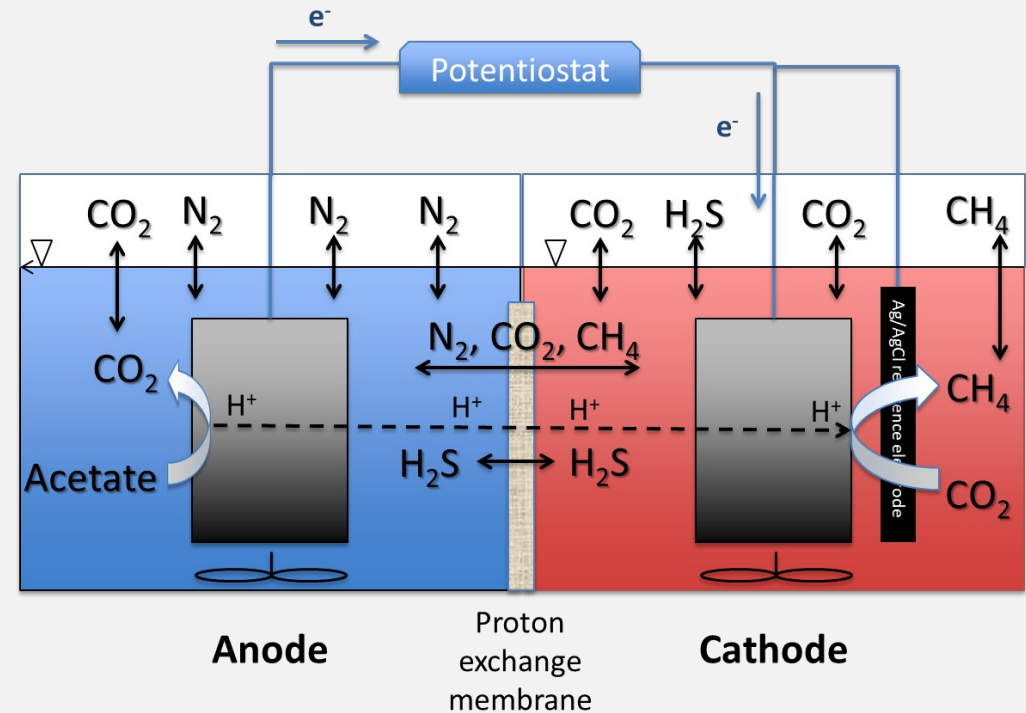
### Zero Valent Iron- ( $\text{Fe}^0$ -)Amended Biocathode



ZVI anaerobic corrosion

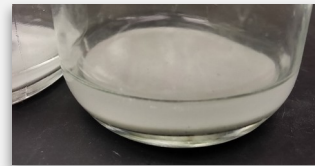
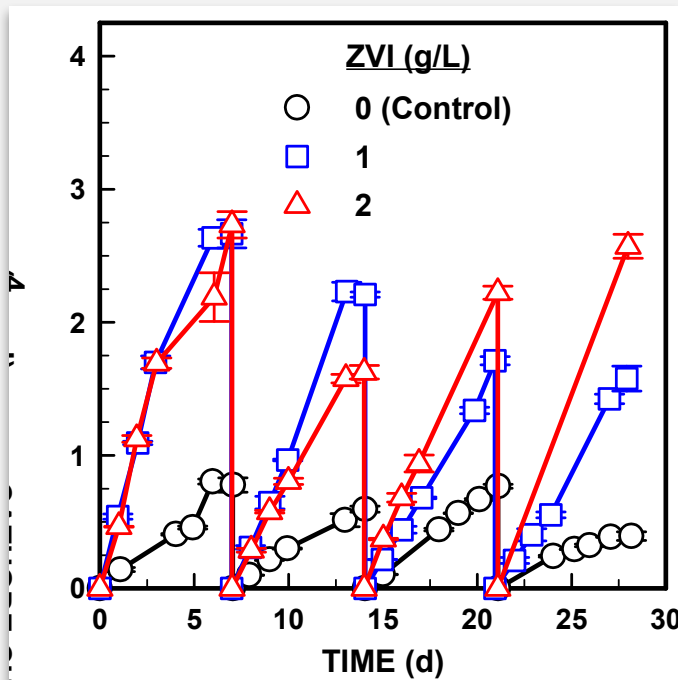
Hydrogenotrophic methanogenesis

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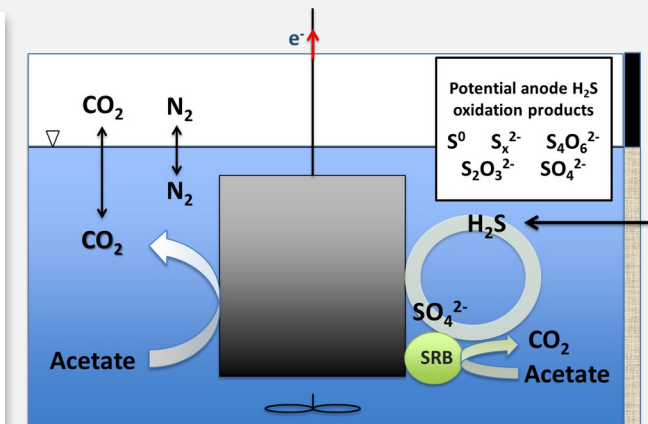
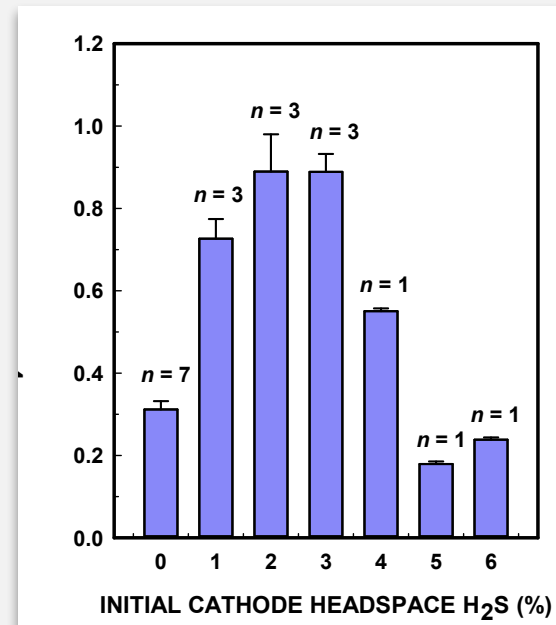


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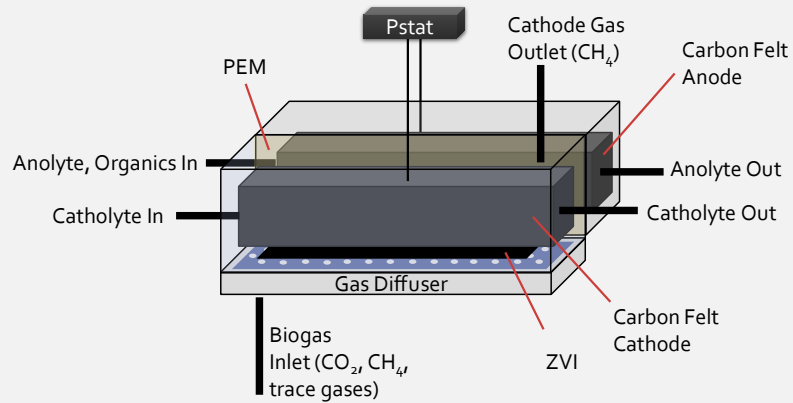
## Lessons Learned

- Biocathode iron addition can significantly improve BES energy recovery
- Trace gases in anaerobic digester biogas (i.e., H<sub>2</sub>S) can improve the rate of BES energy recovery
- Mechanisms for improvement in energy recovery from iron and sulfide need further investigation
- Anaerobic digestion biogas is a beneficial biocathode feedstock for BES energy recovery

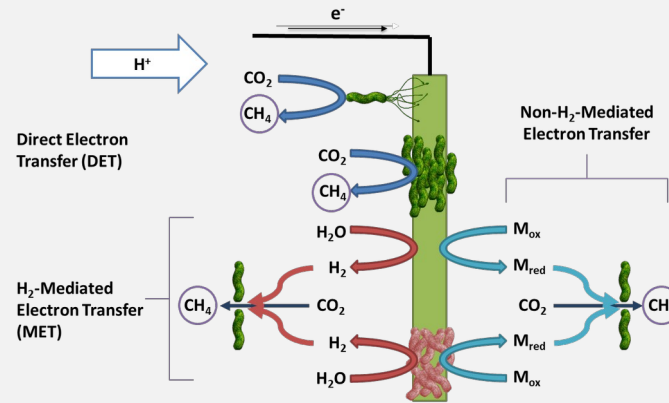
*A lot of fascinating questions remain in this **exciting, interdisciplinary work** to develop bioelectrochemical systems for resource recovery from wastewater.*

## Next Steps

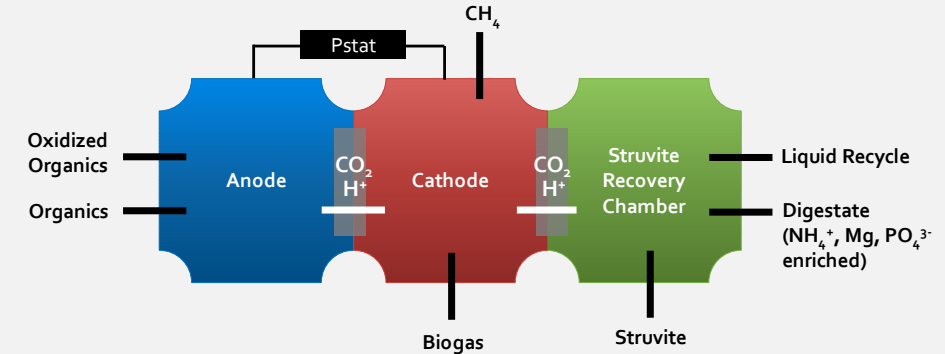
Improve reactor architecture



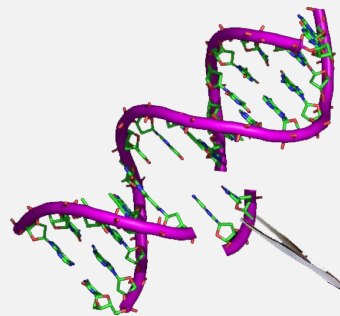
Investigate mechanisms



Integrate nutrient recovery



Increase energy efficiency with synthetic biology tools



Scale-up and pilot test



## Summary

### Interdisciplinary Opportunities for Collaboration

- Biochemistry
- Bioengineering
- Biology
- Electrochemistry
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Materials Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Modeling





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## Vascularized Human Tumors on a Chip for Drug Screening

### **Vascularized Human Tumors on a Chip for Drug Screening**

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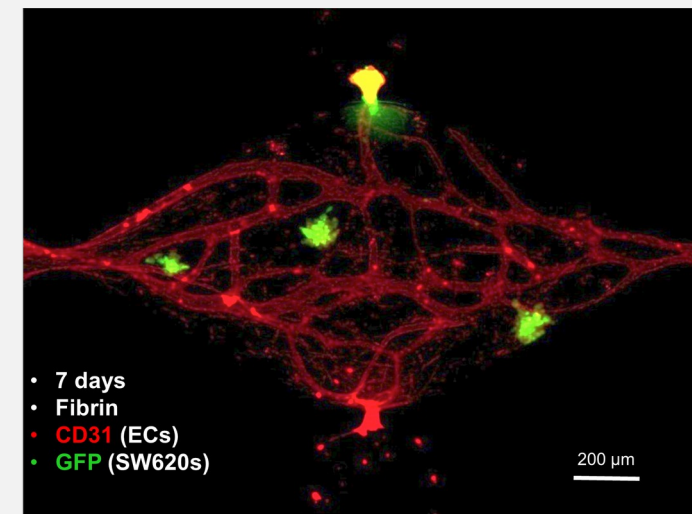
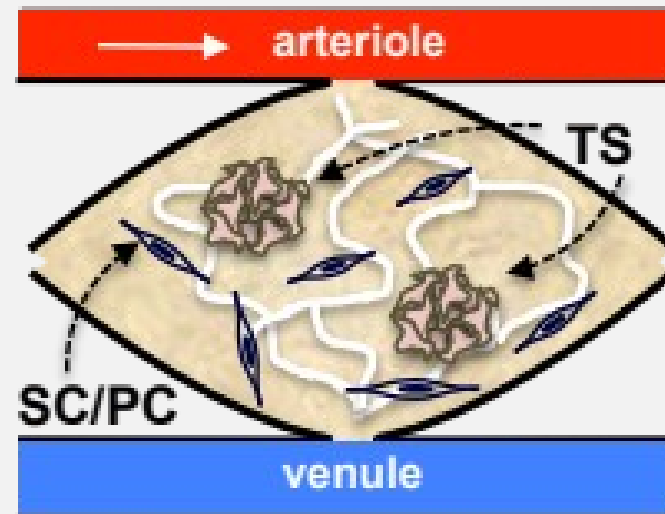
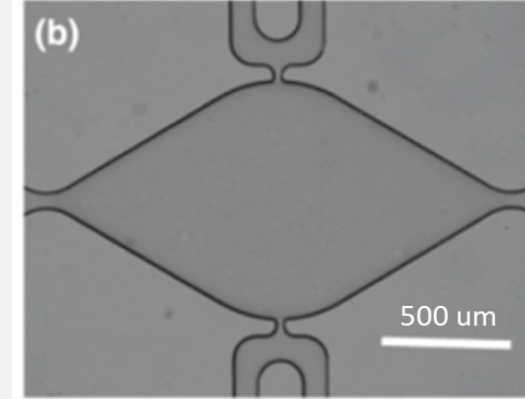
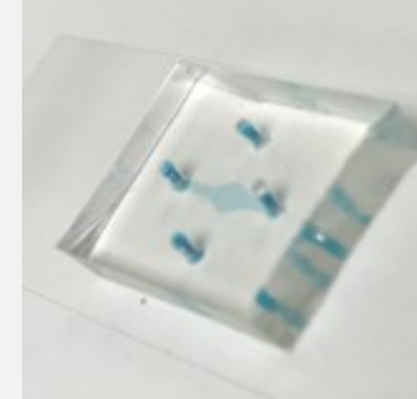
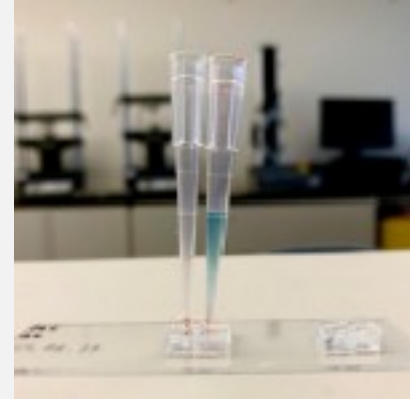
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### Project Overview

- 3D Microphysiological Systems
  - Perfused microvasculature
  - ECM / Stromal cells
  - Interstitial flow
  - All human cells
  - 3D tissue
- Drug Discovery & Development
  - Better tissue response info
  - Fail faster



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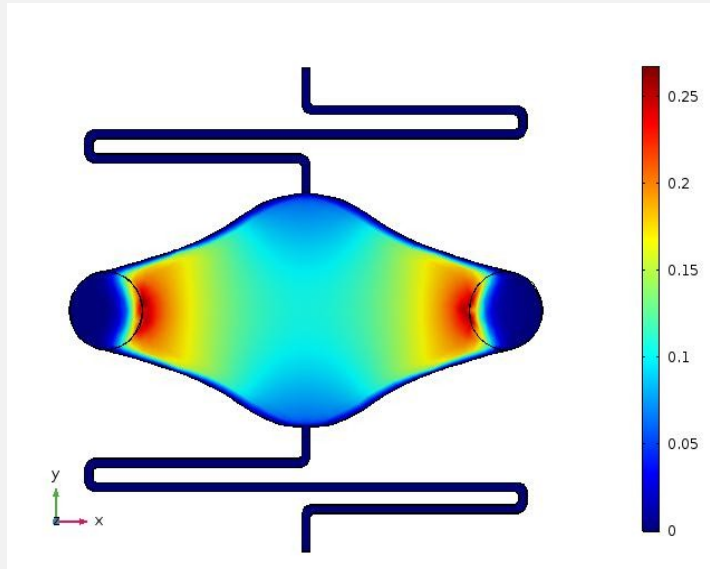
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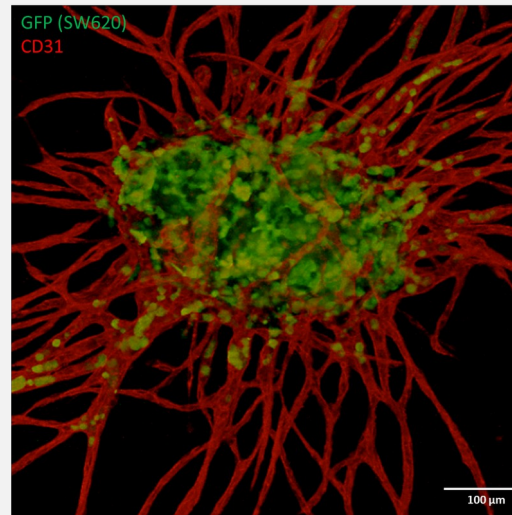
- 3 Core Projects

#### Microfluidic Device Design and Testing



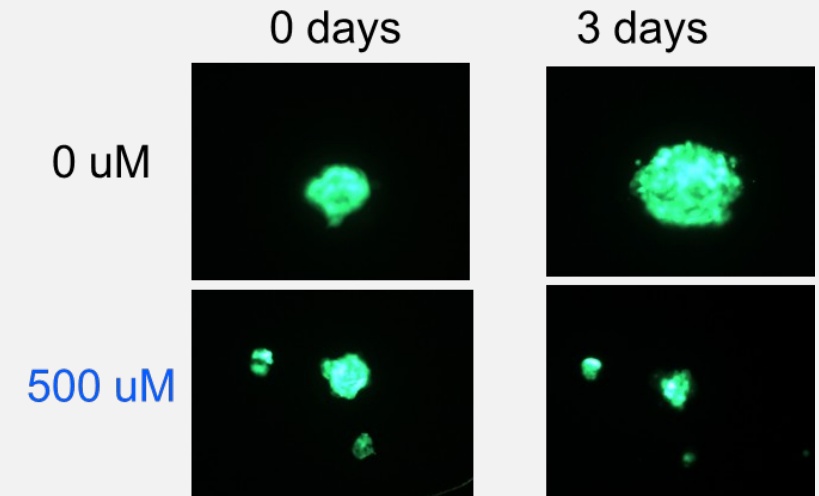
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#### Injectable 3D ECM / Cell Solution



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#### Tumor Drug Response



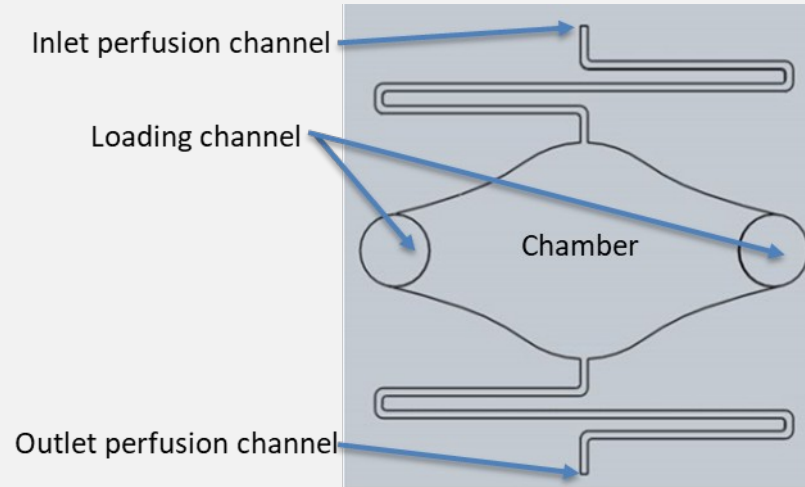
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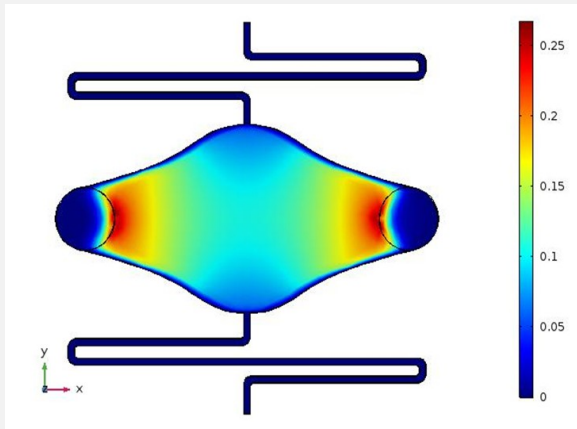
### Results

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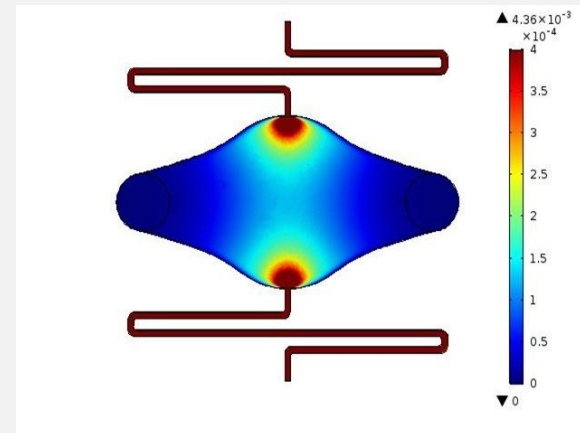
- CAD
- Flow simulation (COMSOL)
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- Flow validation



Loading



Perfusion



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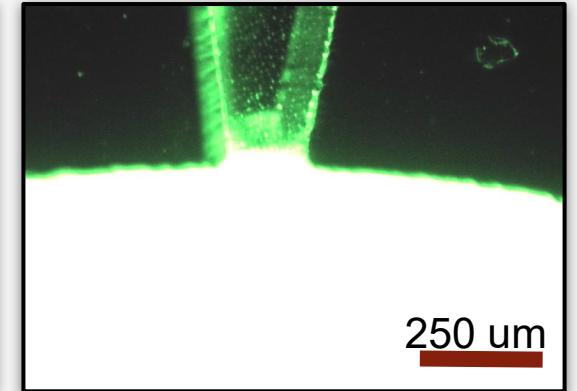
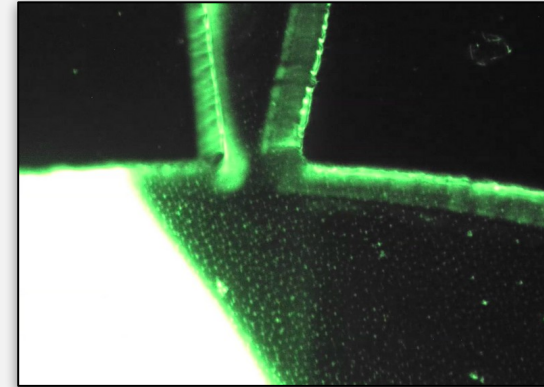
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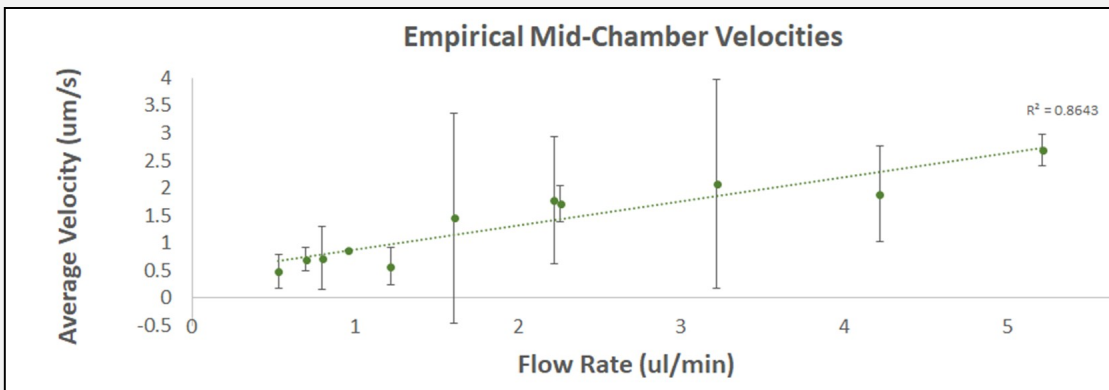
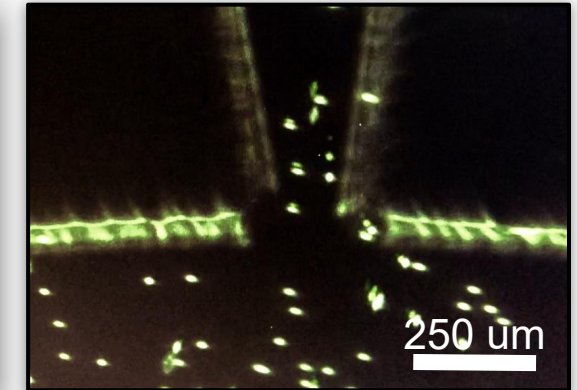
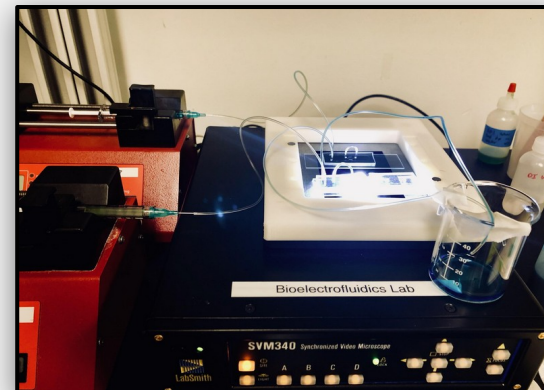
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### ECM Loading



### Media Perfusion



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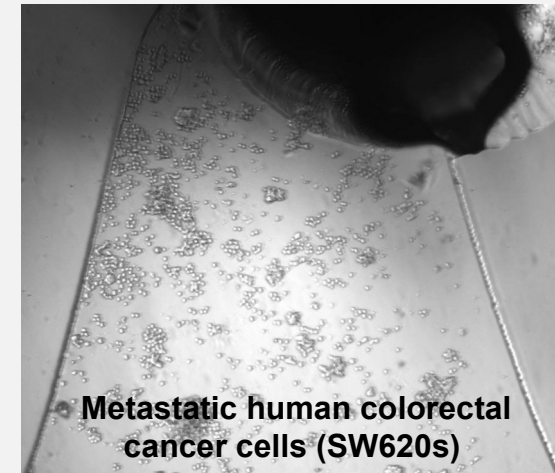
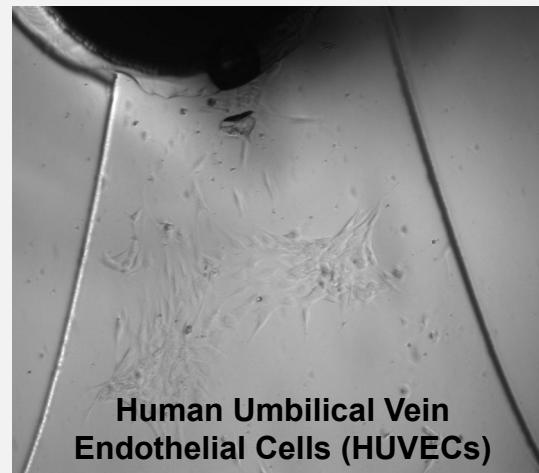
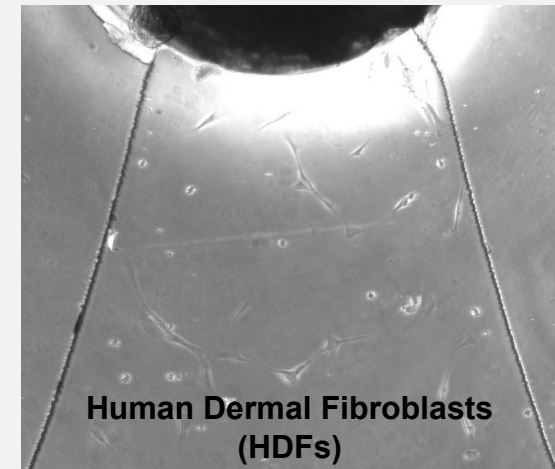
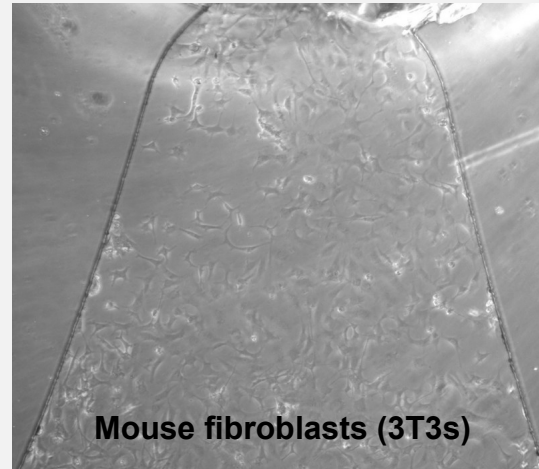
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### Results

- Cell Loading
  - Load
  - Perfuse for 24 hours
  - Viability and retention



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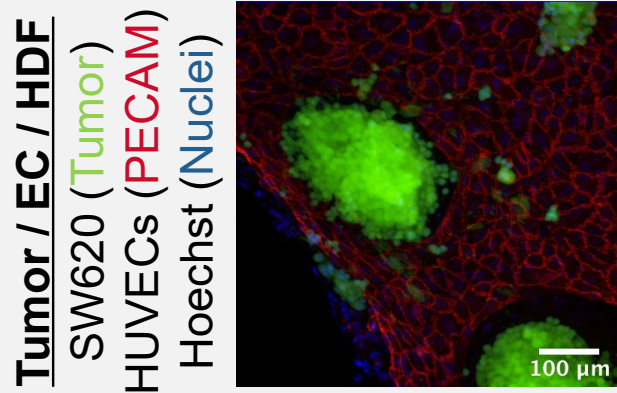
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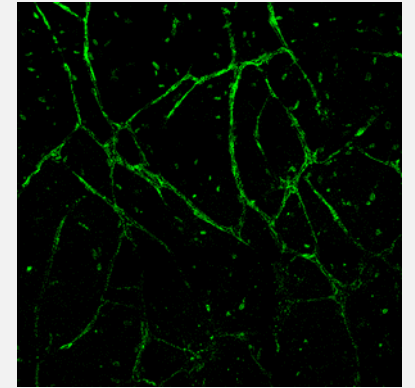
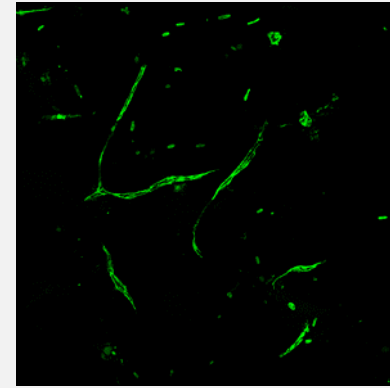
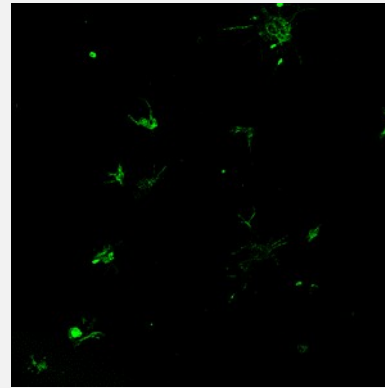
### Results

- Injectable 3D ECM / Cell Solution
  - Cells suspended in liquid fibrinogen
  - Thrombin + Fibrinogen → Fibrin (gel)
  - Suspends cells in 3D
  - **HDFs needed to form vessels**

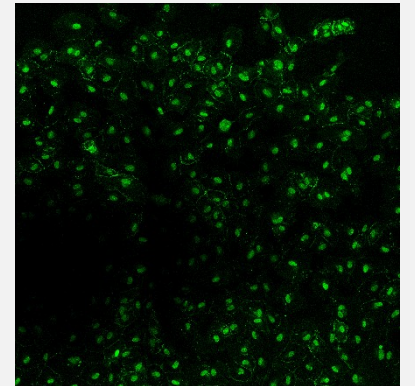
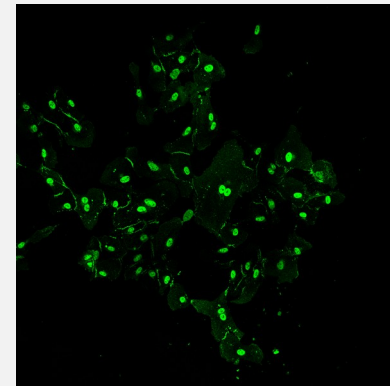
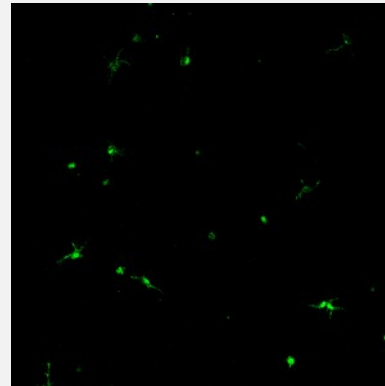


HUVECs (VECAD)

5:1 HUVEC:HDF



HUVECs Only



Day 0

Day 6

Day 9

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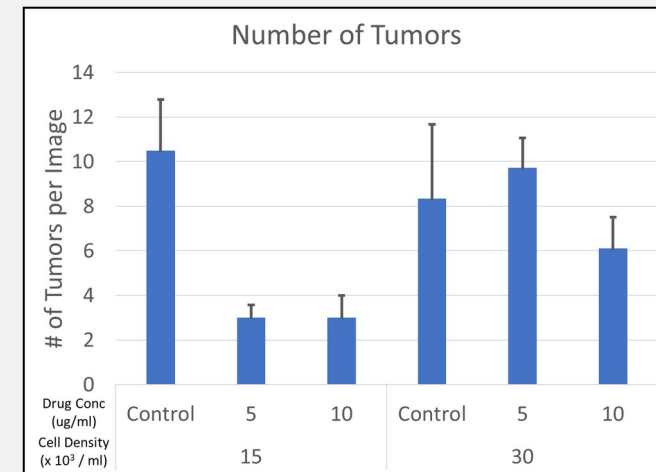
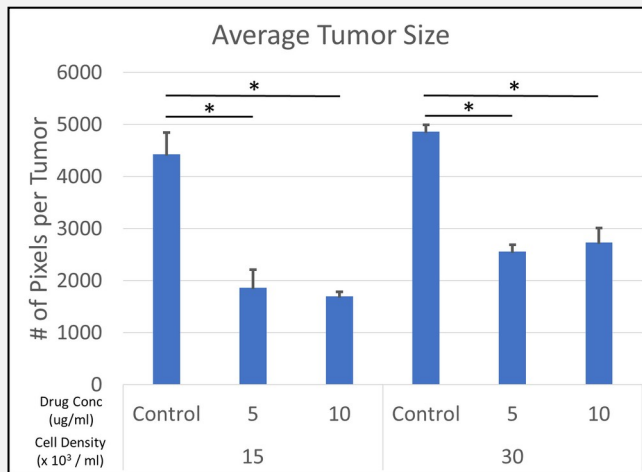
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## Results

- Tumor Drug Response
  - 5-fluorouracil (5-FU)
  - Chemotherapeutic
  - IV treatment of colorectal cancer



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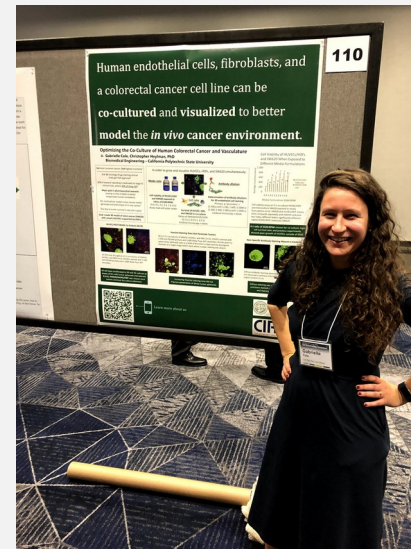
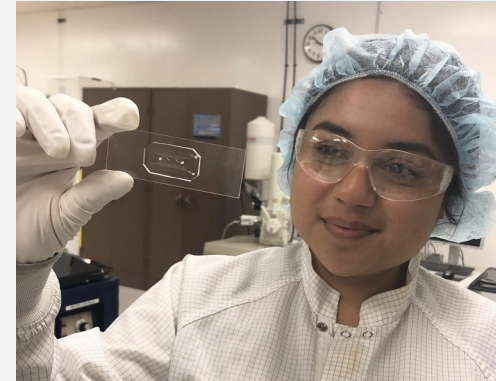
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### Lessons Learned

- It takes a village!
  - Undergraduates, graduate researchers
    - BMED, BIO, CHEM, ME
  - Collaboration and shared resources
  - Cell culture, microfabrication, microscopy
- Incremental success
  - Small, achievable projects
  - Packaged for theses and SURP
- Institutional support
  - SURP, CIRM, RSCA, CSUPERB



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### Next Steps/Long-Term Plans

- Iterate to Optimize Tissue Model
  - Device design
  - ECM / cell solutions
  - Loading and perfusion parameters
- Combine Tracks
  - Load ECM / cell solutions into devices
  - Assess effects of perfusion on vessel and tumor formation
  - Deliver drugs with know effects to validate
- Test Novel Drugs for Efficacy
  - Industry partners from pharmaceutical and biotech industry

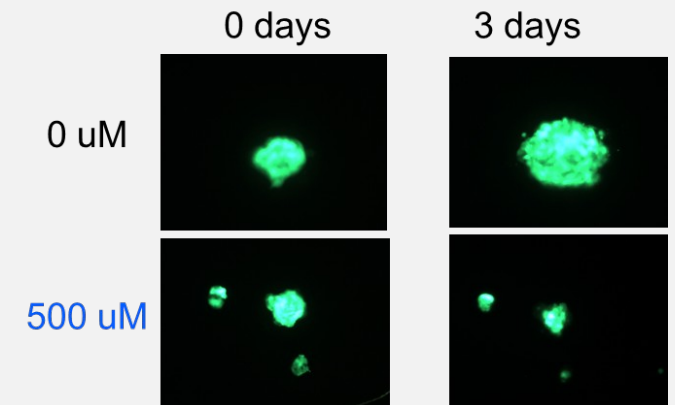
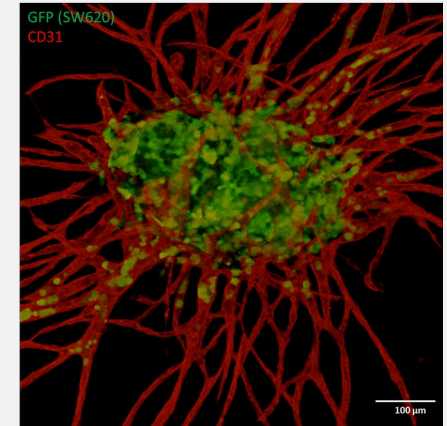
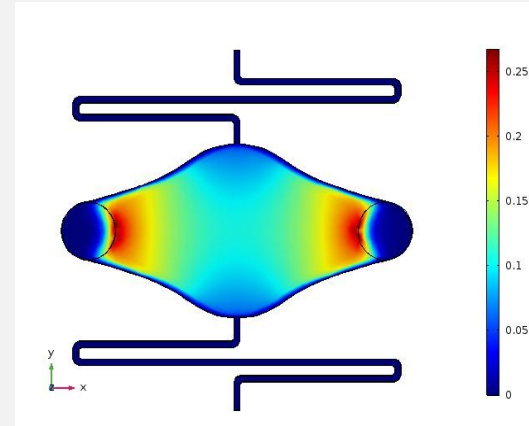
### Seeking Collaborators

Tissue Engineering  
Microfluidics/Microfabrication  
Vascular Biology  
Tumor Biology  
Pharmacokinetics



### Summary

- Mimic a vascularized human tumor on a chip
  - **Microfluidic Device Design and Testing**
  - **Injectable 3D ECM / Cell Solution**
  - **Tumor Drug Response**
- Multidisciplinary
  - Across majors and colleges
- Enabled by unique combination of resources
  - Cell culture, microfabrication, microscopy
- Impactful for pharmaceutical / biotech industry of California and beyond



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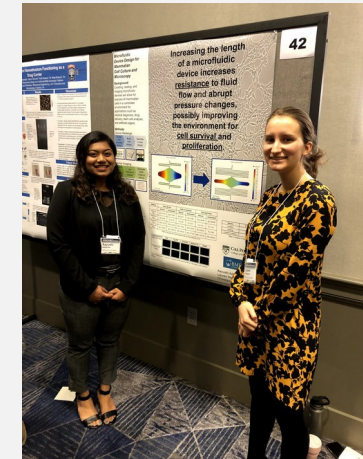
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## **Making Nonflammable Lithium-ion Batteries**

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## Project Overview

1. Introduction
2. Carbon-based Artificial SEI Layers for Aqueous Lithium-ion Battery Anodes
3. Solid-state Batteries
4. Future work

## What is the next target Battery?



<https://www.natlawreview.com/article/lithium-battery-explosion-shuts-down-orlando-airport>

*Enhancing Energy and Power density  
with superior safety:  
Alternative electrolytes*

### Solution 1: Aqueous Lithium-ion Batteries

1. Low cost (no inert environment requirement for battery fabrication)
2. Safety
3. Challenge: instability of water

### Solution 2: Solid-state Lithium-ion Batteries

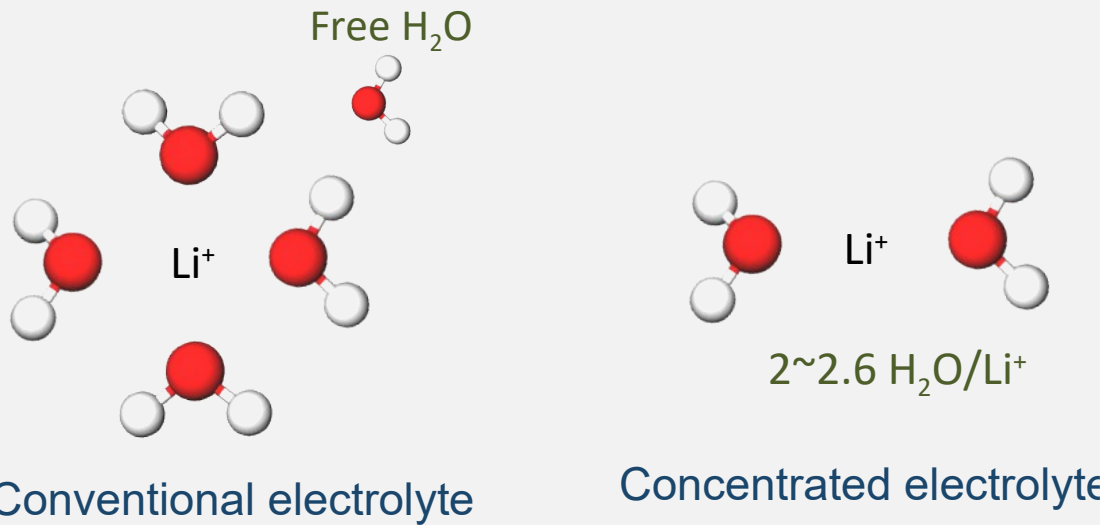
1. Safety
2. High energy density
3. Challenge: low ionic conductivity, low wettability, and chemical instability of solid-state electrolyte



Activities

Superconcentrated Aqueous Electrolyte for LIB

- So called hydrate melt or water-in-salt



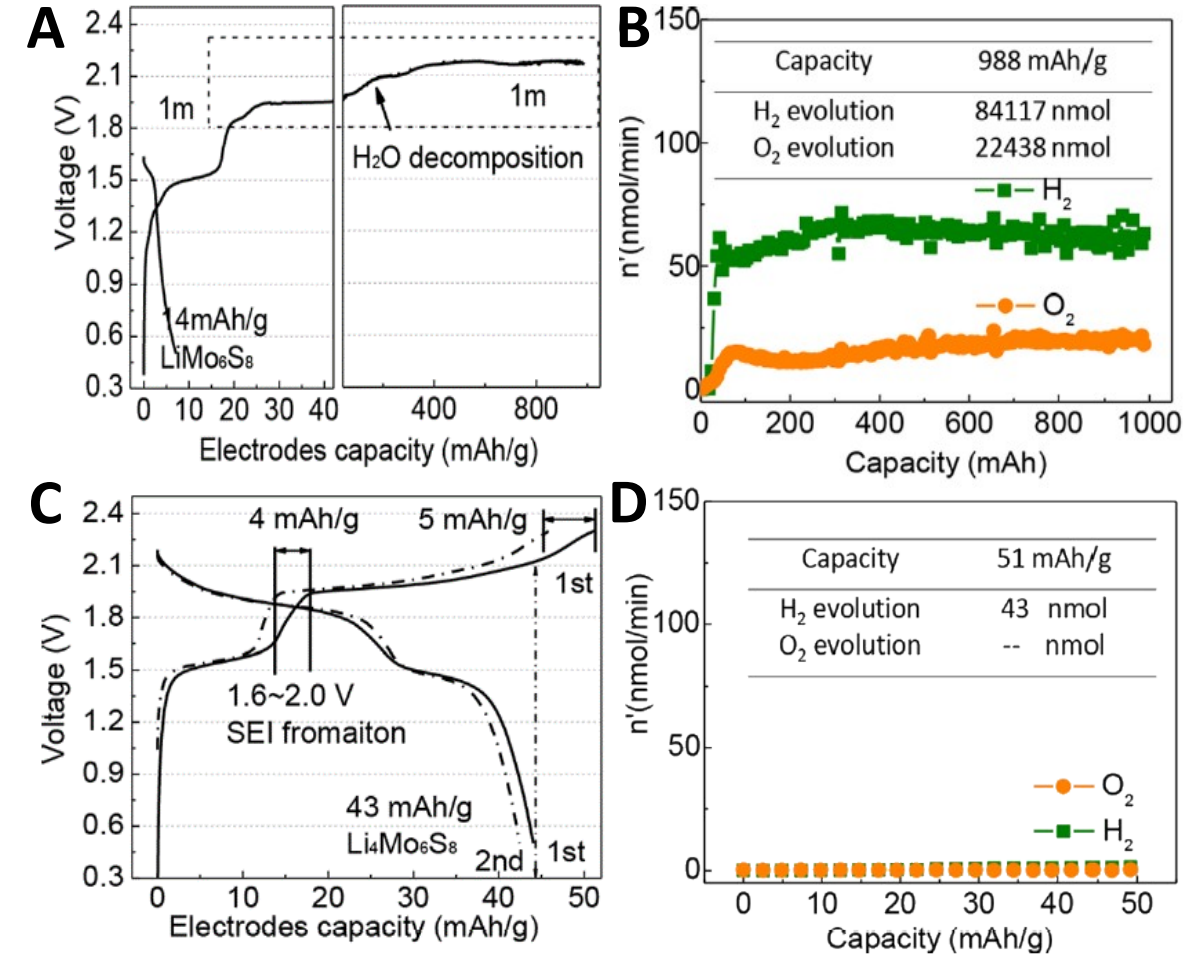
Anode interface formation through salt reduction

Suo et al, 2015 Science  
Yamada et al, 2016 Nat Energy

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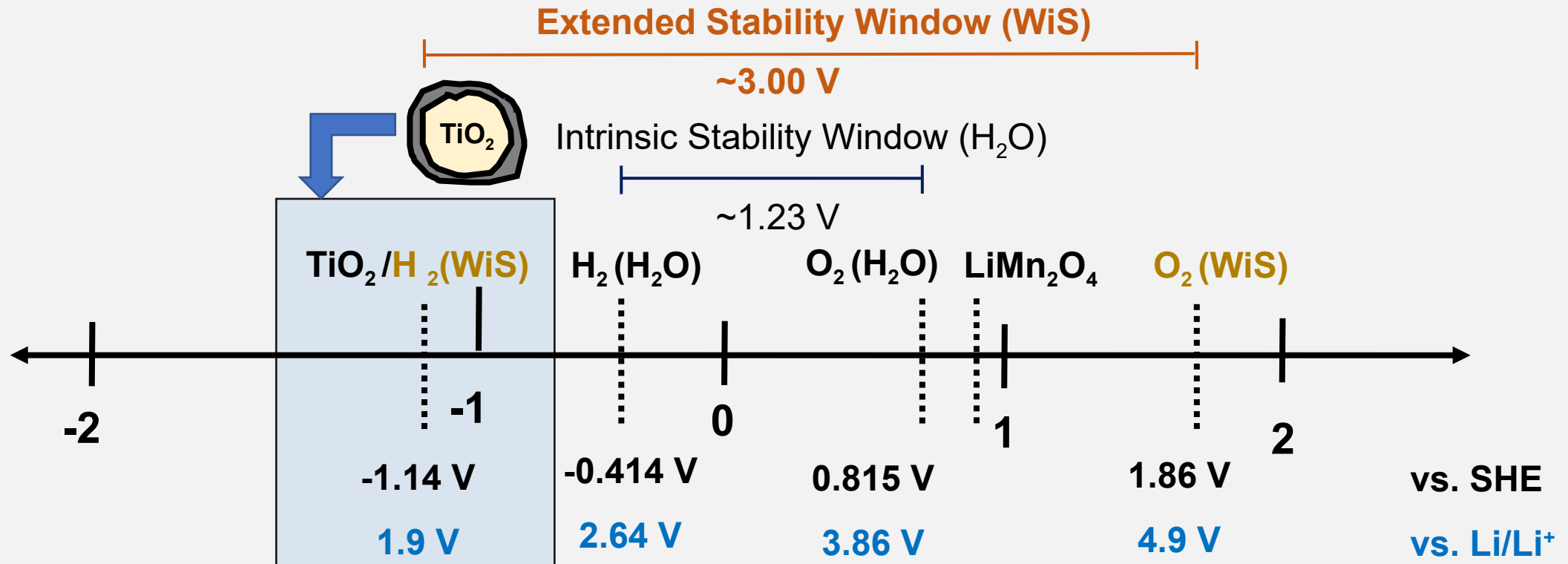
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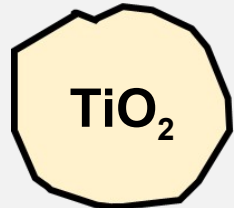
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Redox diagram of WiS electrolytes and electrodes

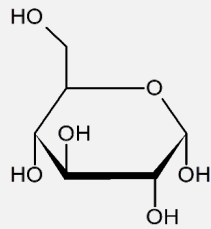


**Artificial SEI layers for Aqueous LIB Electrodes**

- Carbothermal synthesis

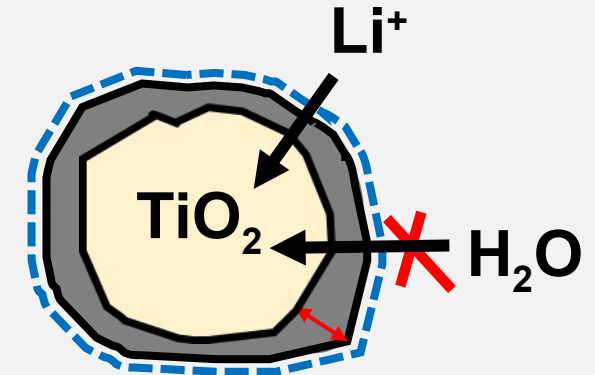


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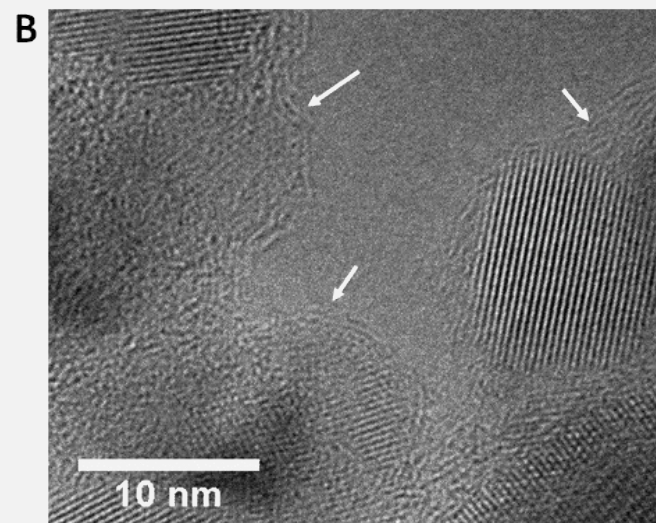
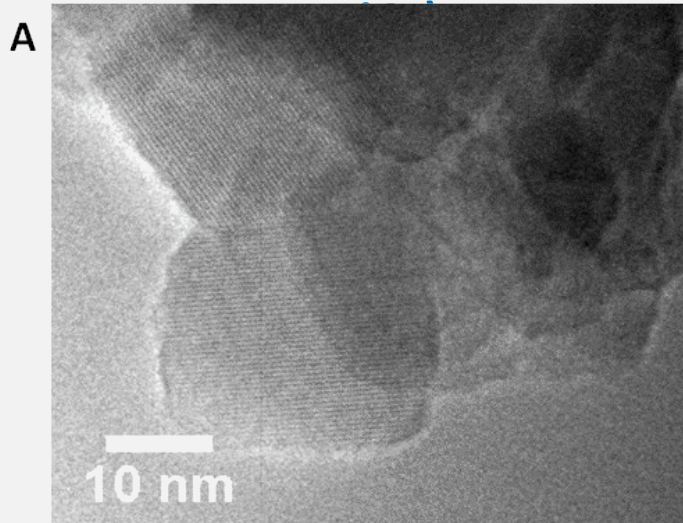
**D-Glucose**

- Autoclave (180°C for 12h)
- Annealing (Ar, 400-900°C)

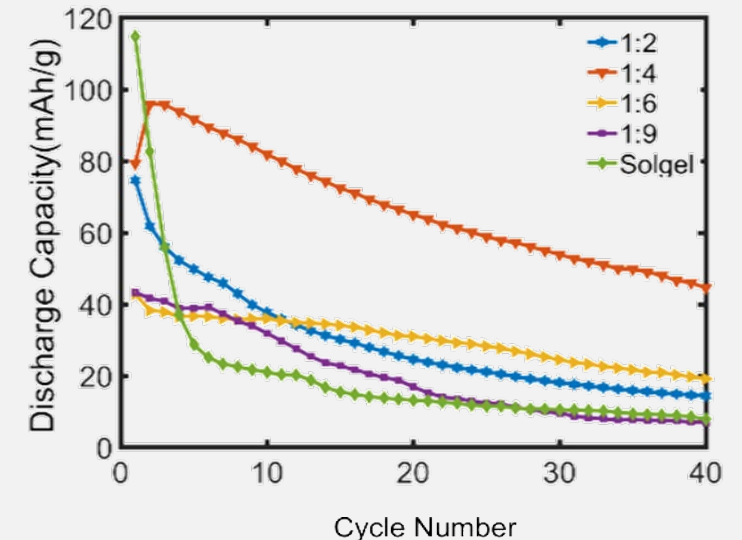


**Before coating (Sol-gel)**

**After coating**

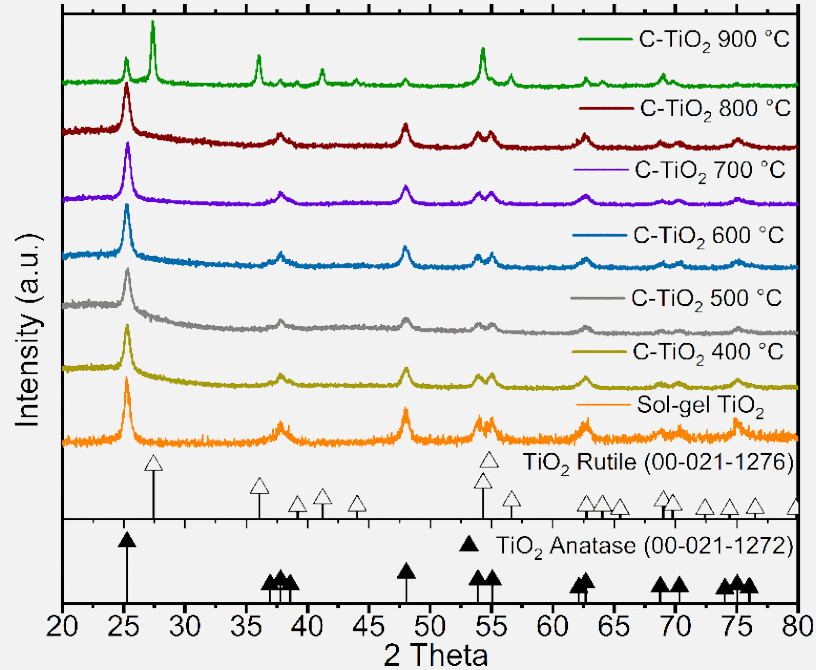


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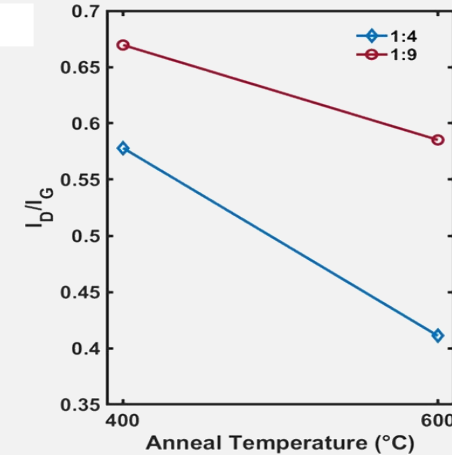
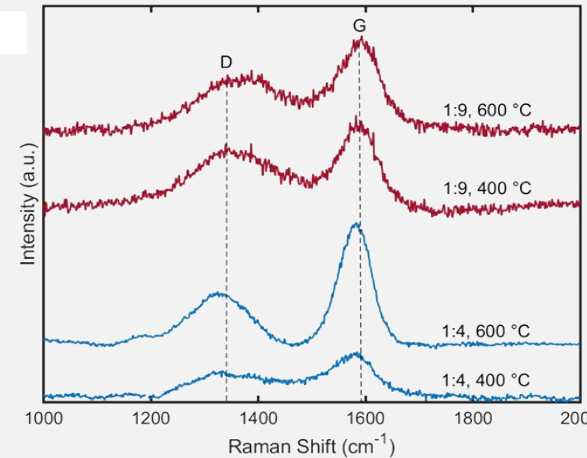


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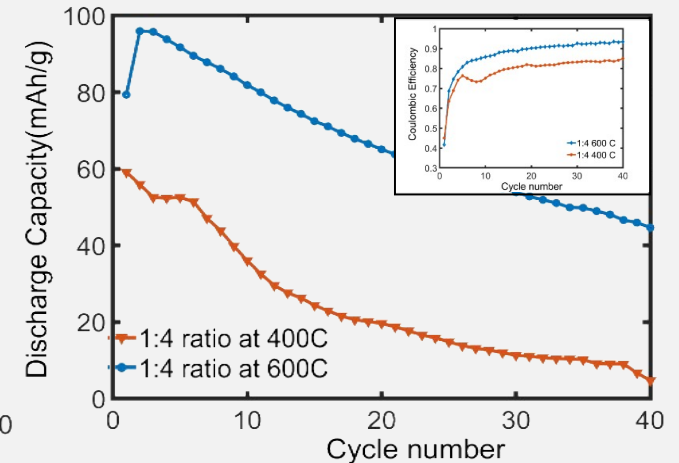
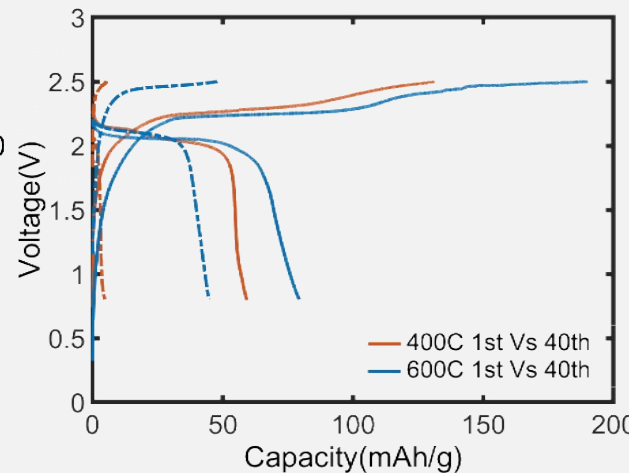
- XRD of C-TiO<sub>2</sub> annealed at different T



Raman spectra of C-TiO<sub>2</sub> annealed at different T

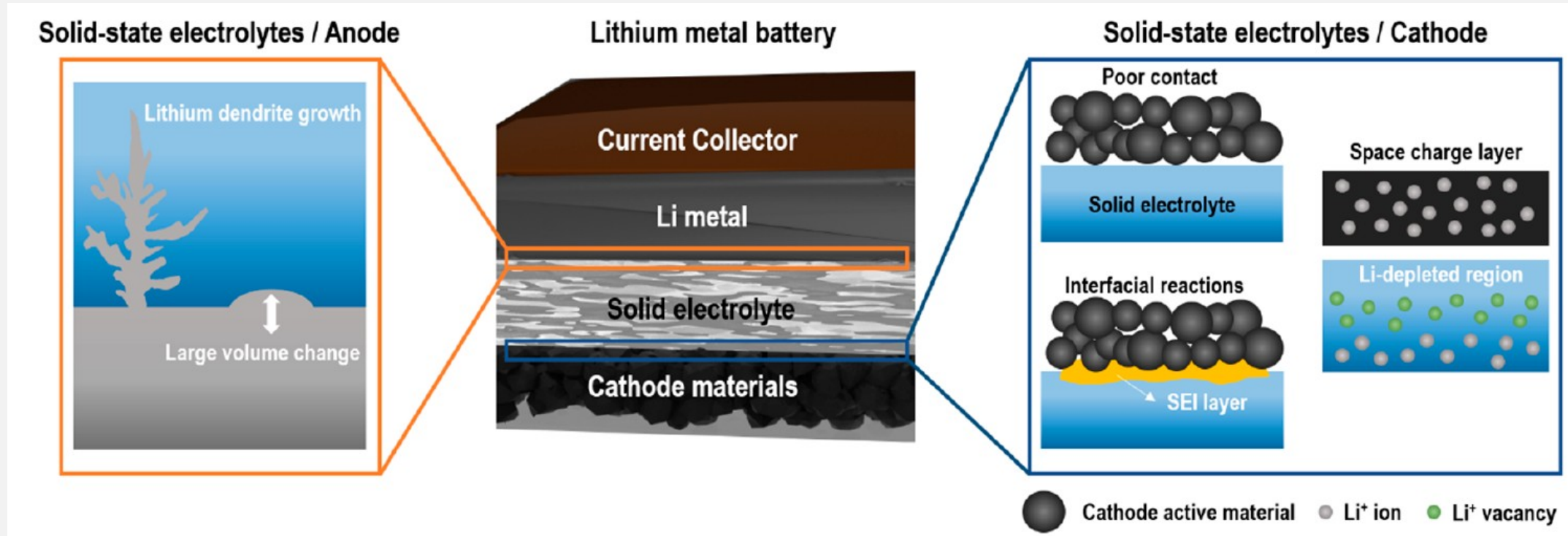


- C-TiO<sub>2</sub> annealed at 600°C presented the best performance.



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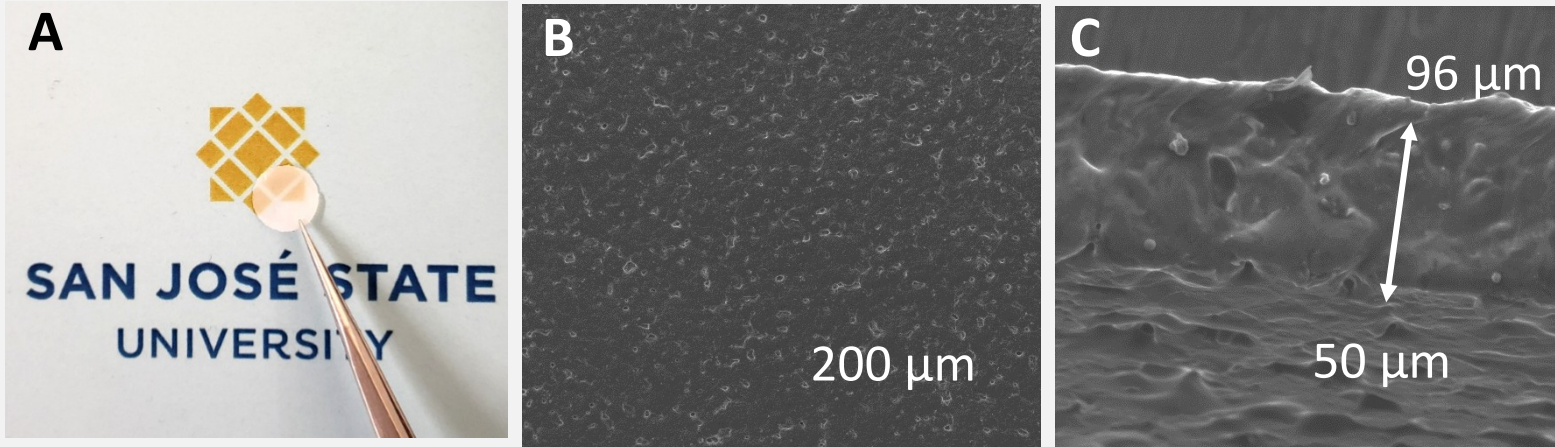
**Challenges in solid-state batteries**



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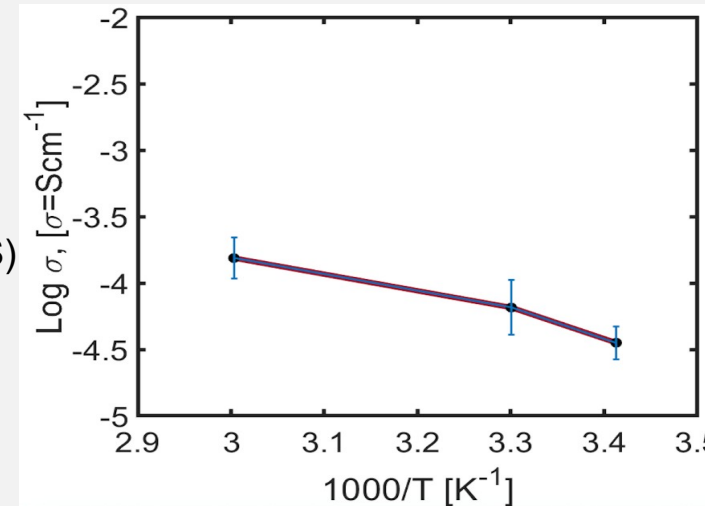
Free-standing Li-ion conducting gel electrolytes



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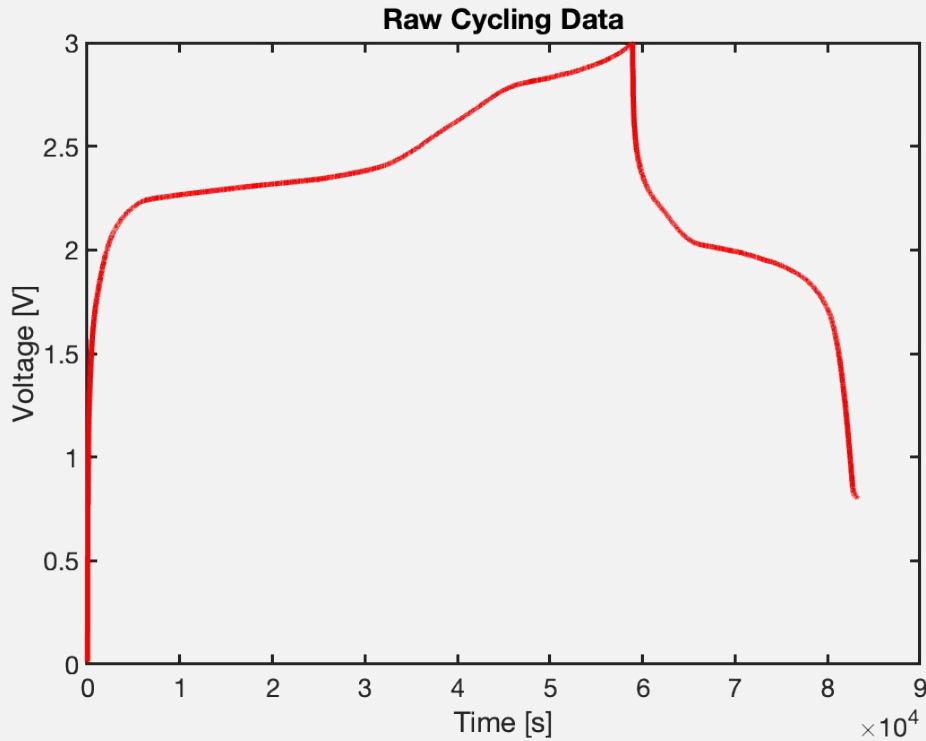


**Ionic conductivity**

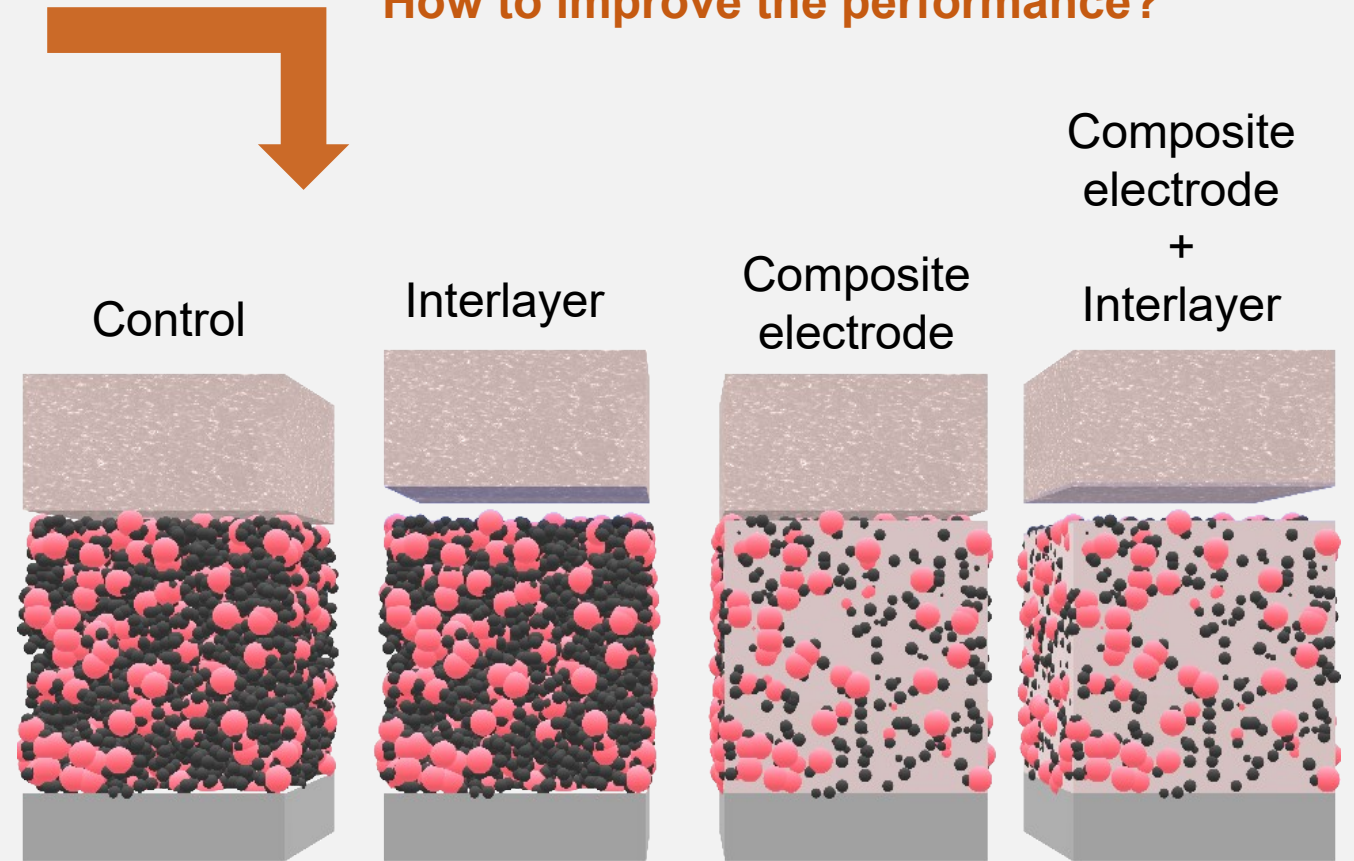


**Battery Cells Component**

**Solid-state Li-ion Battery performance**



**How to improve the performance?**



## Future work

1. Mimicking SEI layers observed in superconcentrated aqueous LIB  
*: in situ surface analysis*
2. Using bioinspired materials to develop artificial SEI layers  
*: Unravel failure mechanism*
3. Solid-state Batteries  
*:inorganic solid-state synthesis*



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## **Study of Interactions in Complex Dynamical Systems**

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## Project Overview

- **Complex systems:** Individual units *interact* with other units which lead to *emergent behavior* at group level



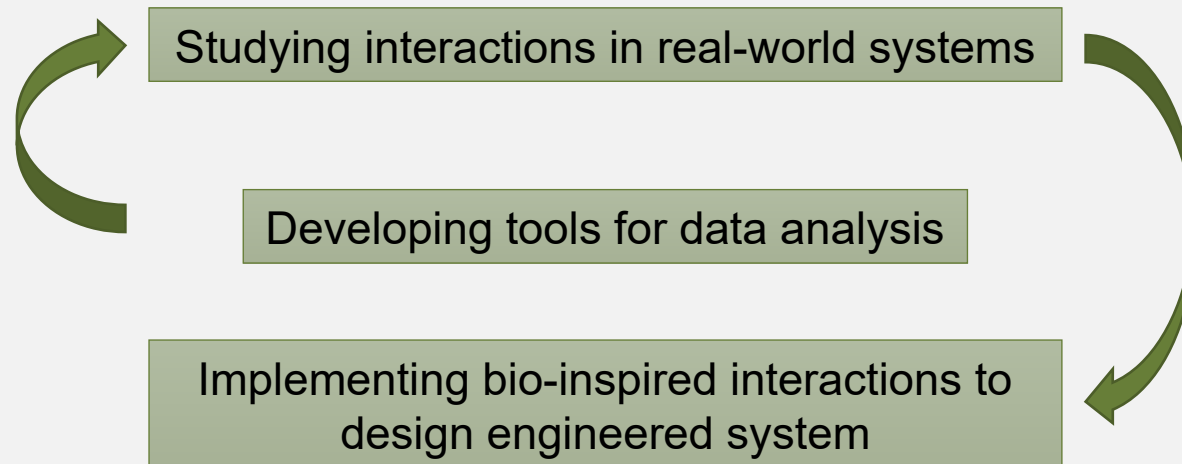
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- How I study complex systems?



## Activities

Studying interactions in real-world systems

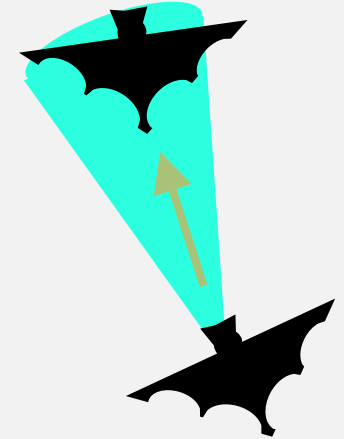
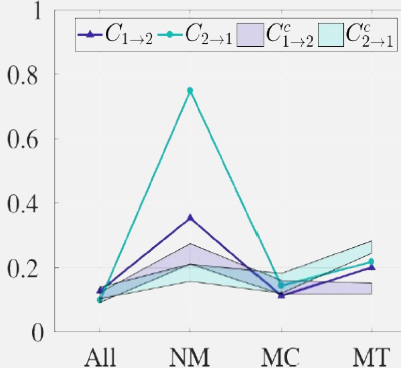
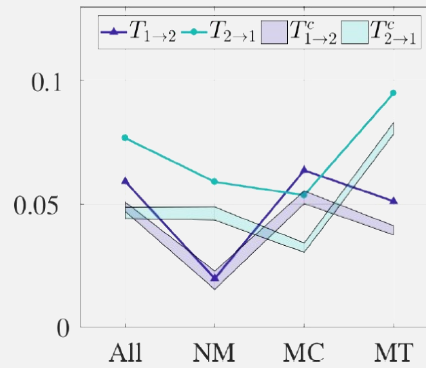
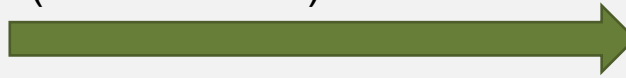
- **First real-world example:** *interactions of flying bat pairs*
- Why bats?
  - Echolocation/ active sensing
  - Information sharing (C. Chiu, W. Xian, C. F. Moss, *PNAS*, 2008)
- Research question: Do a pair of bats share information with active sensing, and if the information sharing is directional?
- Steps:
  - i. Collecting data from wild bats
  - ii. Tracking: extract 3D coordinates
  - iii. Analyze data: using Transfer Entropy (TE) and Convergent Cross Map (CCM)



**Results**



Data analysis techniques  
(TE and CCM)



S Roy, K Howes, R Mueller, S Butail and N Abaid  
*Extracting information flow between flying bat pairs using model-free methods*  
 Entropy, Volume 21(1), 42, 2019

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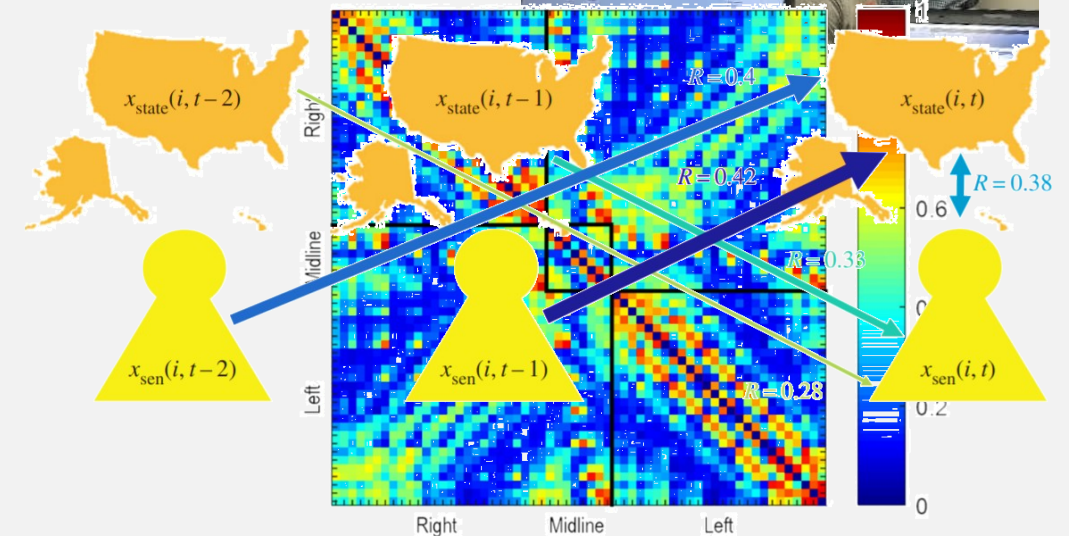
## Additional Activities

Studying interactions in real-world systems

- **Second real-world example:** *interactions of neurons in human brain*
  - Objective: study brain connectivity network
- **Third real-world example:** *interactions of humans*
  - Objective: study human opinion formation

S Roy and N Abaid  
*Interactional dynamics of same-sex marriage legislation in the United States*  
*Royal Society Open Science*, Volume 4(6), 170130, 2017  
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*Comparing brain connectivity metrics: A didactic tutorial with toy simulations*  
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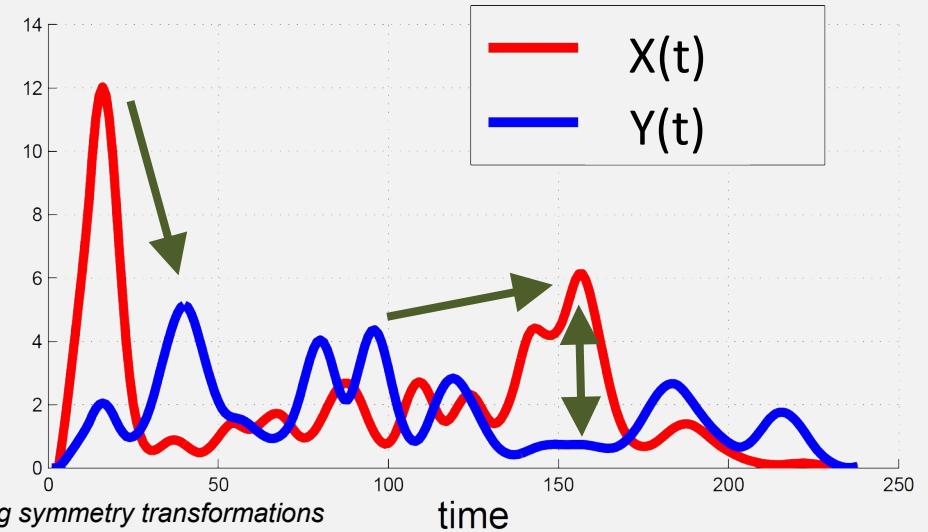


## Lessons Learned

### Developing tools for data analysis

- Relation between two time series
  - $X(t)$  influences  $Y(t)$
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  - Bidirectional
- Causal discovery tools
  - Transfer Entropy (TE)
  - Convergent Cross Map (CCM)
  - Dynamical symmetries

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S Roy and B Jantzen  
*Detecting causality using symmetry transformations*  
*Chaos*, Volume 28(7), 075305, 2018

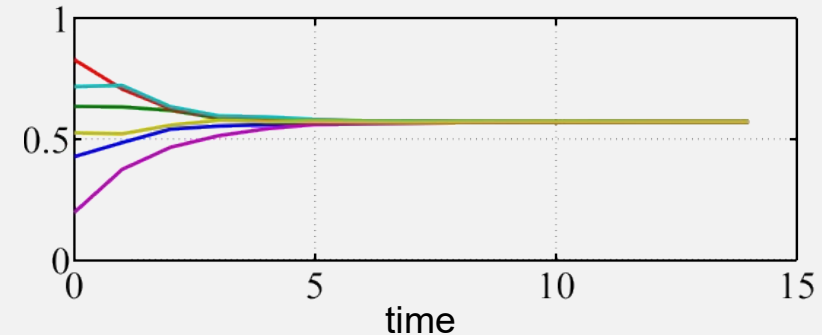
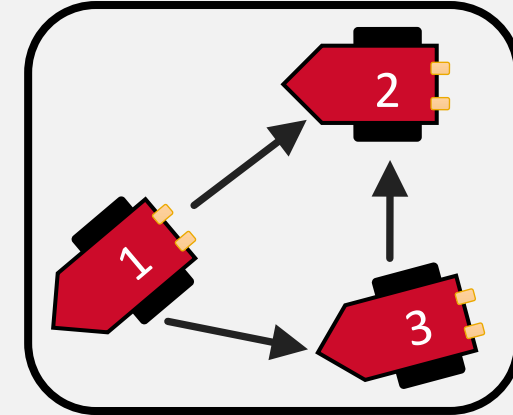
A Hashimoto, S Roy, C Shea-Blymyer, B Jantzen and N Abaid  
*Differentiation of Collective Behavior Based on Automated Discovery of Dynamical Kinds*  
*ASME 2018 Dynamic Systems and Control Conference*, pp. V003T30A008-V003T30A008.



## Activities

### Implementing bio-inspired interactions

- Model bio-inspired interactions **using graph theory**
- Approach – modeling interactions using networks/ graphs
  - Vertices/nodes represent individuals
  - Edges represent interactions
- Implement using consensus and synchronization protocols
- Applications in robotic teams



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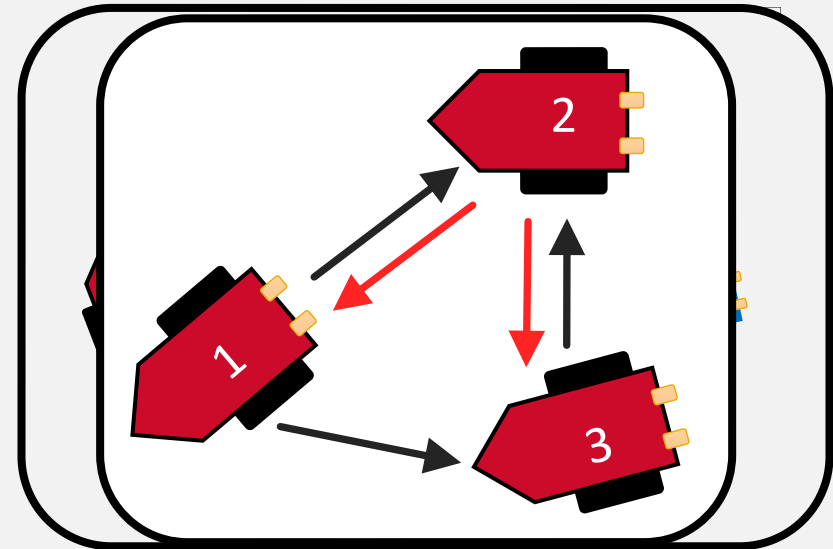
- Model bio-inspired interactions **using graph theory**
- Leader-follower interaction: modify nodes
- Friendly-hostile interaction: modify edges
- Derived **closed-form expression for convergence speed in terms of system parameters**

S Roy and N Abaid

*Leader-follower consensus in numerosity-constrained networks with dynamic leadership*  
*Chaos*, Volume 26(11), 116309, 2016

S Roy and N Abaid

*On the effect of collaborative and antagonist interactions on synchronization and consensus in networks of conspecific agents*  
*IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, Volume 61(12), 4063-4068, 2016



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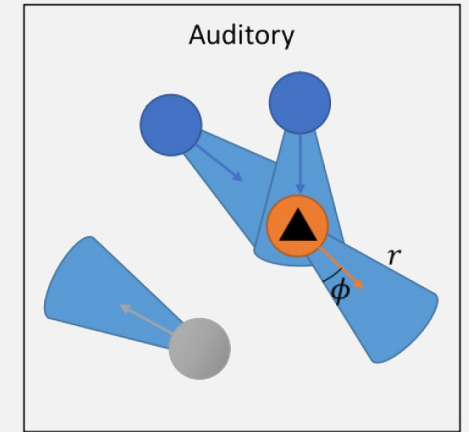
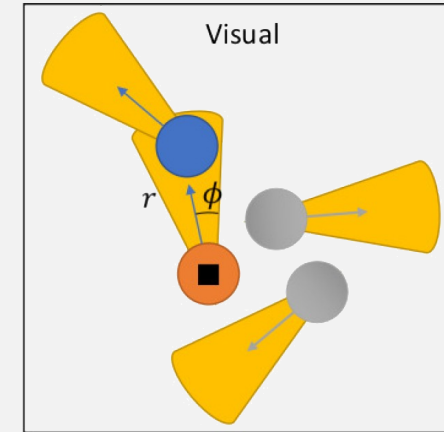
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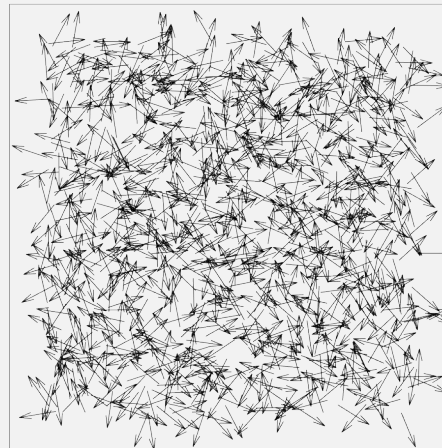
### Implementing bio-inspired interactions

- Model bio-inspired interactions **using agent based modeling**
- Computer simulation techniques
- Each agent interacts with neighbors and updates position and velocity using a discrete-time protocol

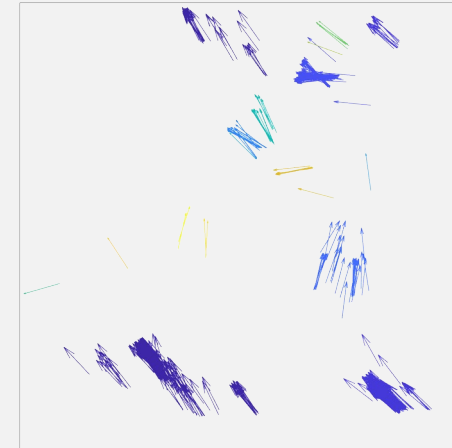
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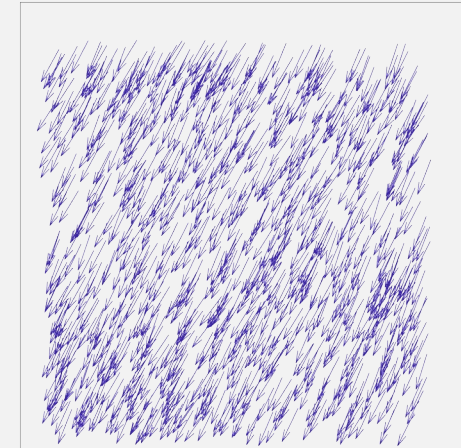
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Auditory; time = 1000sec



S Roy, M Shirazi, B Jantzen and N Abaid  
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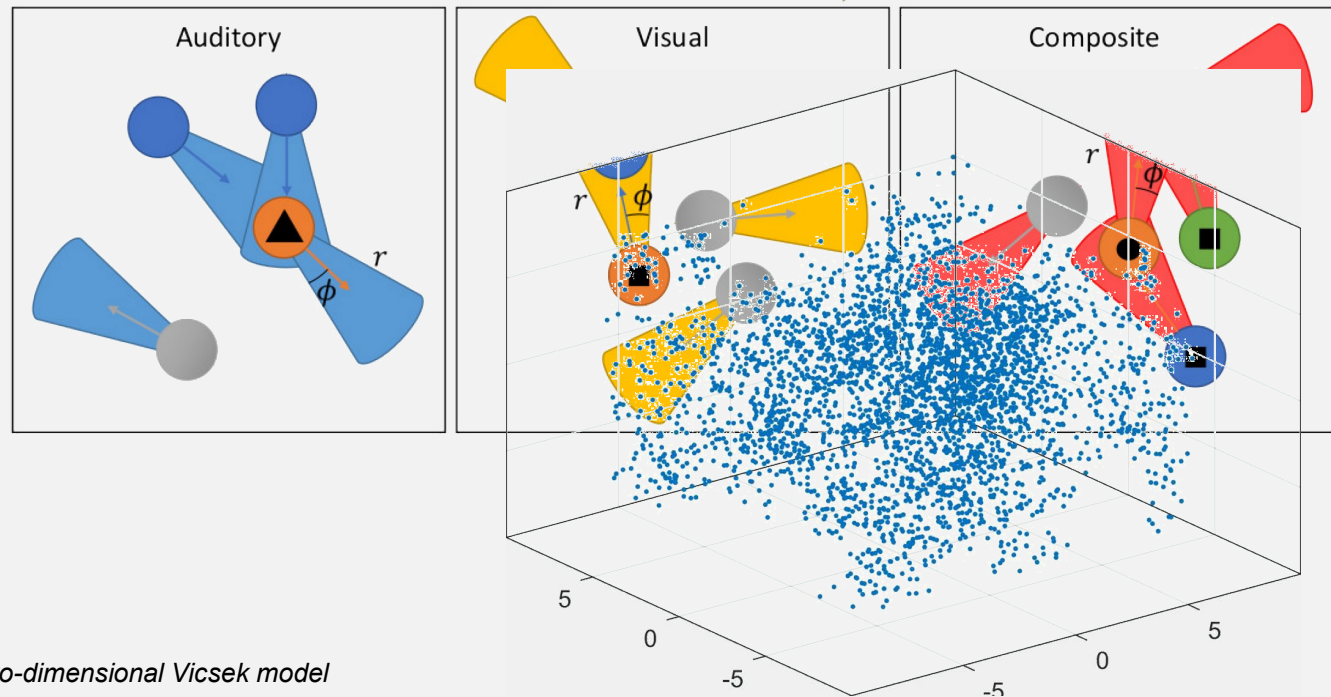
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Next Steps/Long-Term Plans

Implementing bio-inspired interactions by incorporating multiple sensing cues

- **Research Objective (1a):**
  - In a 2D model
- **Research Objective (1b):**
  - Extending to a 3D model



J Lemus\* and S Roy  
*The effect of simultaneous auditory and visual sensing cues in a two-dimensional Vicsek model*  
 ASME 2020 Dynamic Systems and Control Conference, (accepted)

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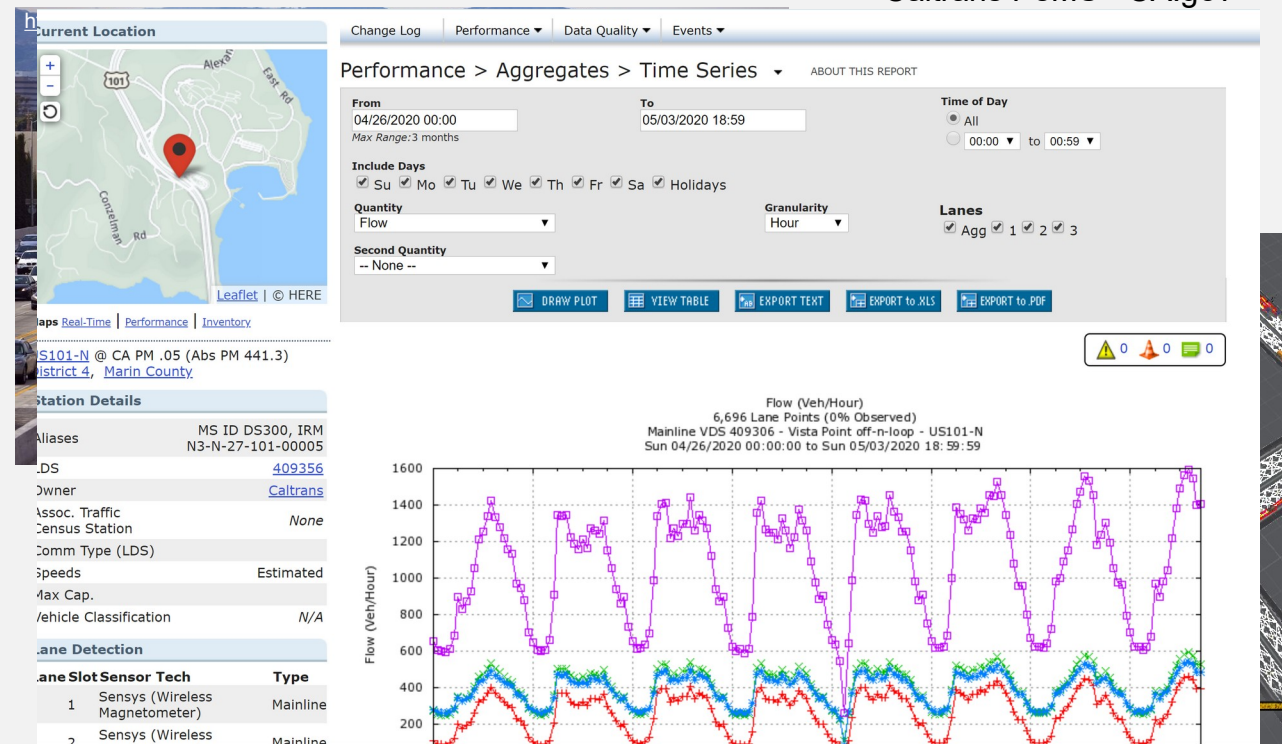
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Studying interactions in real-world systems: detecting traffic interaction network

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- Research Objective (2a):**

- Using vehicle flowrate time-series data collected at each intersection
- Applications in traffic control and reduce congestion



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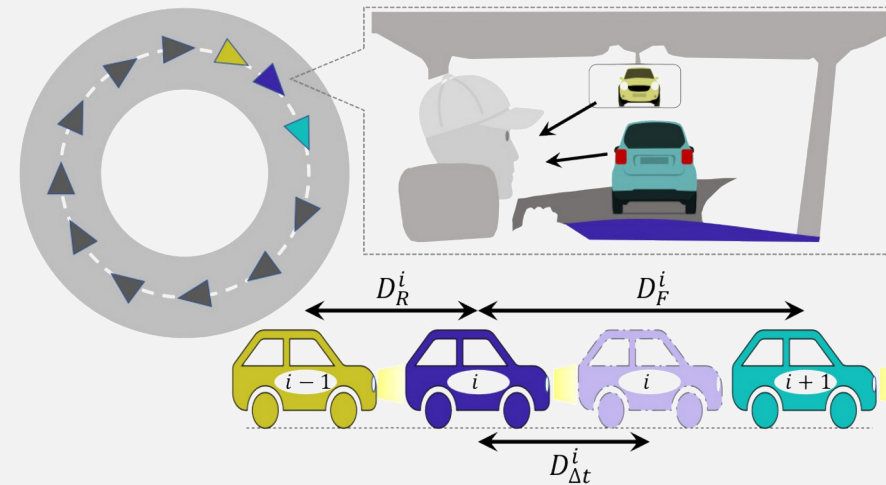
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Studying interactions in real-world systems: understanding interactions among car drivers

- **Research direction (2b):**
  - Quantifying interaction using information theory



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*Quantifying interactions among car drivers using information theory*  
Chaos (under review)

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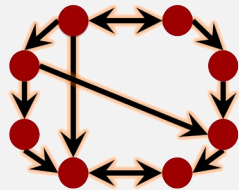
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## Summary

- Complex systems study requires a multidisciplinary and collaborative approach.

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Complex Dynamical Systems Laboratory (CDSL)

- At CDSL, we foster interdisciplinary collaboration to identify and decipher fundamental research questions arising in nature.

## Questions & Answers



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## Next Steps/Closing Remarks

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