

# Advancing Nano-Biotechnology



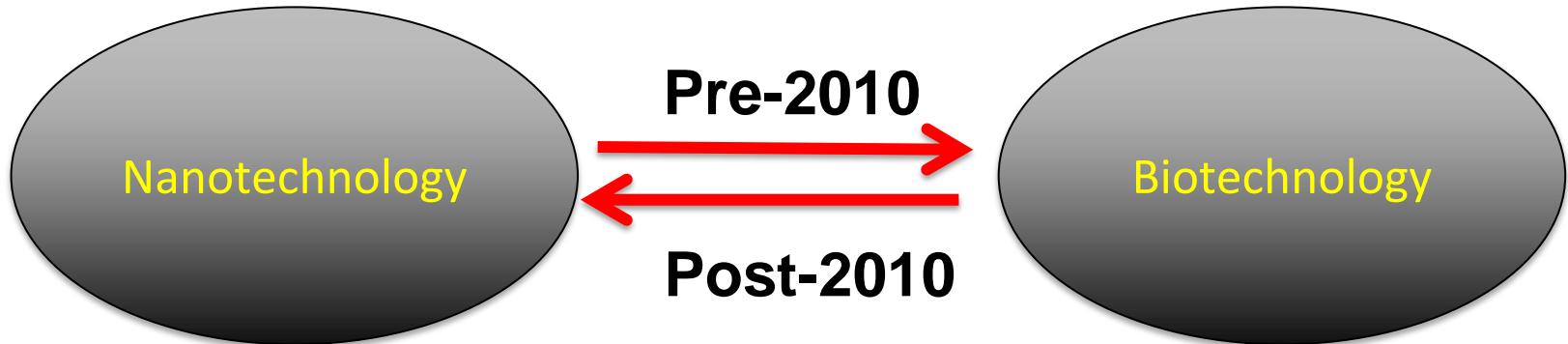
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# New York's Nanotechnology Model at Work in Biotechnology

- Tremendous leveraging of NIH, NSF, DOE, and DOD funding
- Opportunities for upstate engineering and downstate biomedical research collaborations
- Entry of “big data” into the nano-biotechnology research space
- Innovation occurs by exploring new ways to use biotechnology and leading to new products, processes, and businesses
- NY State has a unique opportunity to extend its “nanotech model” to biotechnology, and engage more the federal government and a broader range of industries



# Contrasting Nanotechnology and Biotechnology



## Advantages:

- Processing/Manufacturing
- Man-made
- Collaboratively established

## Disadvantages:

- Difficult to control < 50 nm
- Limited compatibility with biological systems
- Not environmentally benign

## Advantages:

- Exquisite selectivity in shape, size, biochemistry
- Nature “invested” billions of years to develop
- Environmentally benign and biocompatible

## Disadvantages:

- Nature is smarter than us
- Isolationism with little collaboration



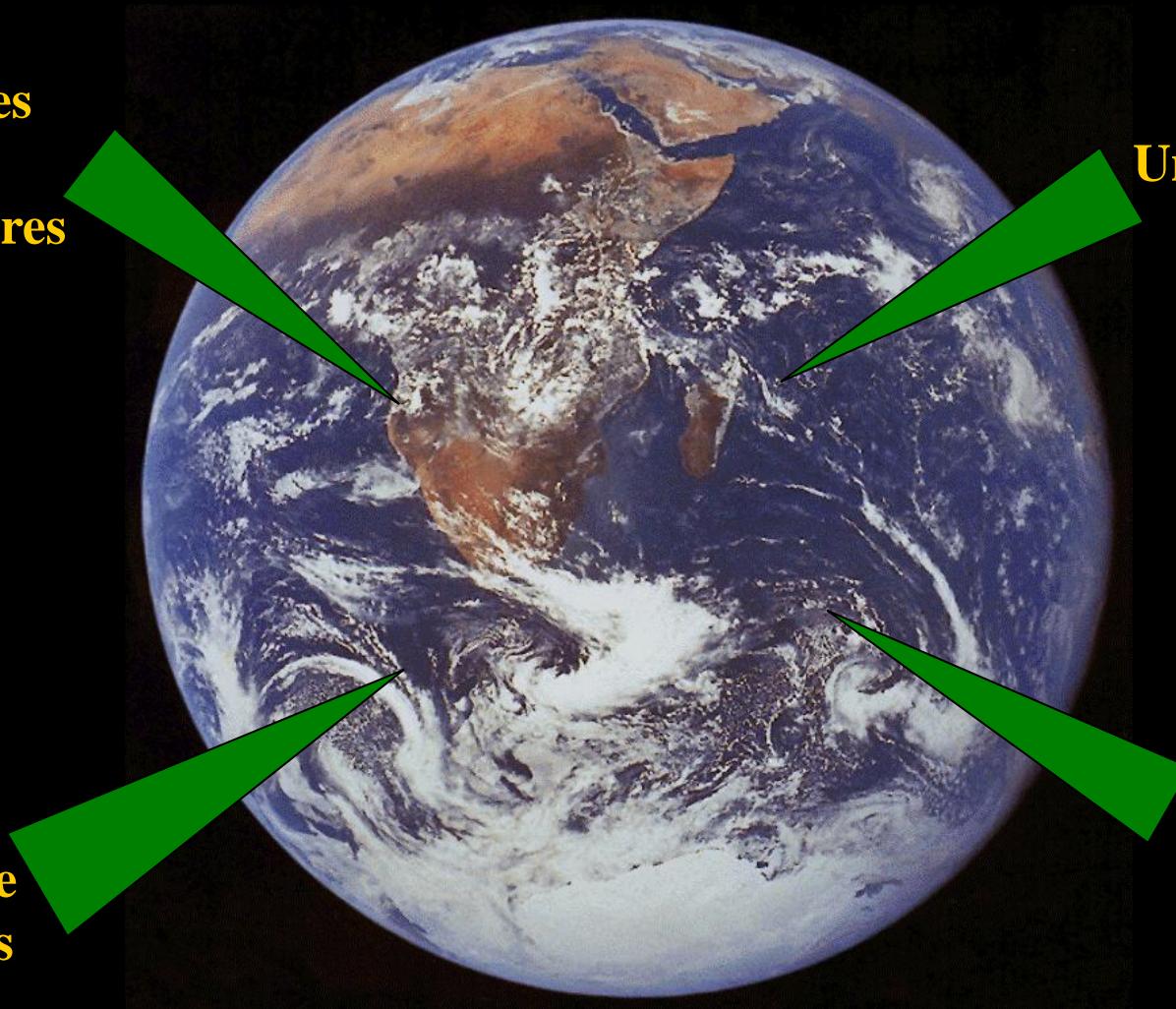
# Nature: The Ultimate Nanotechnologist

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&  
Architectures

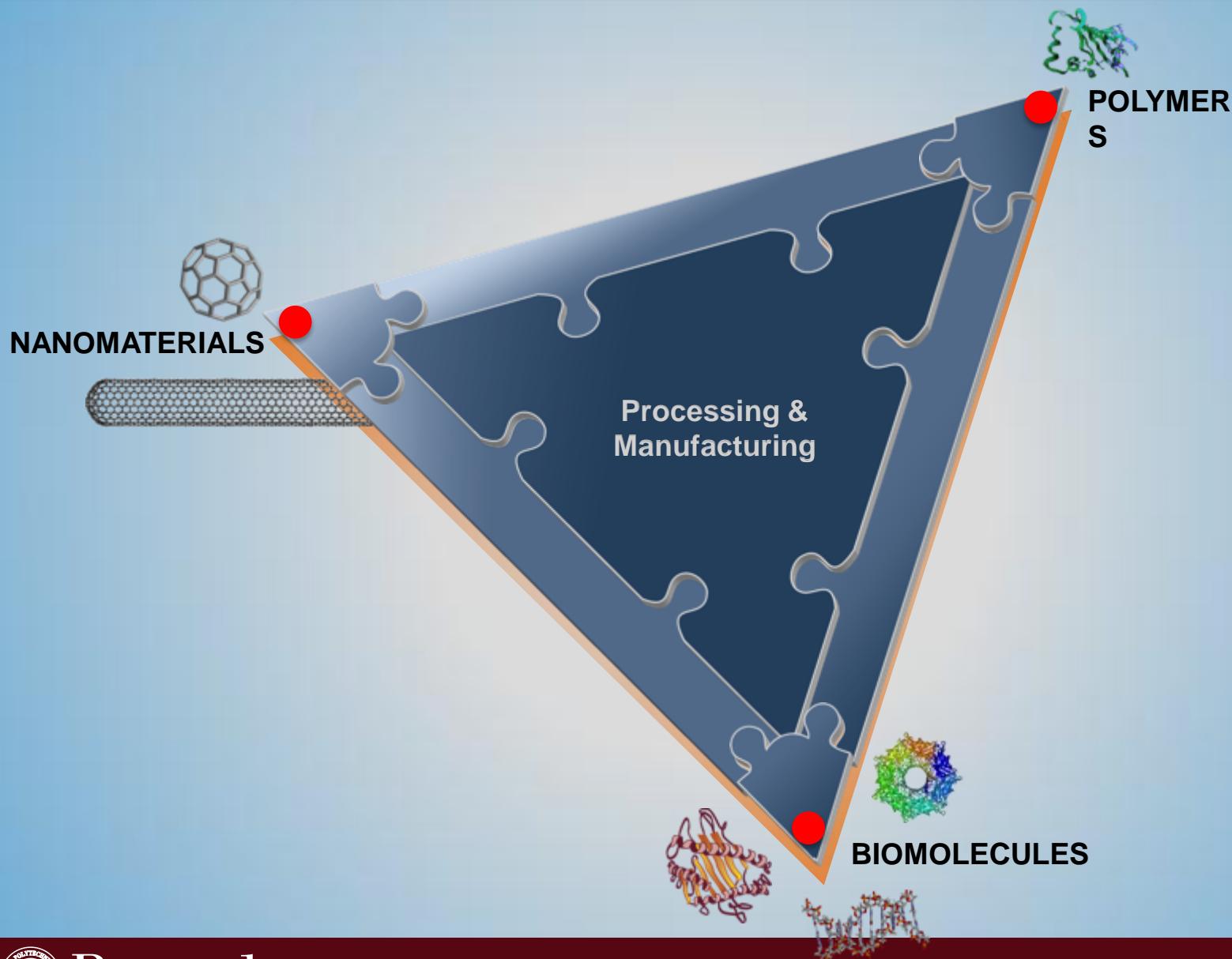
Unique Functions

Bioactive  
Products

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# Nanotechnology Enables us to Break Away from Nature's Boundaries

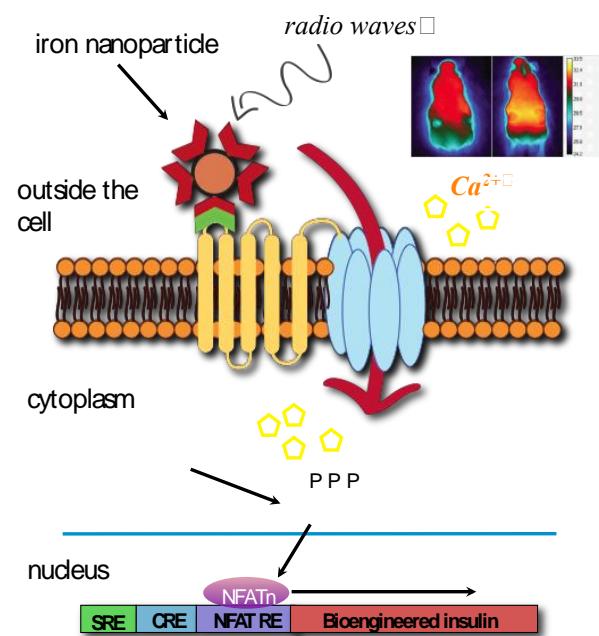


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Support through NSF and the NSEC Program

## Opening Up New Opportunities: Collaborations are Required

# Biomedicine



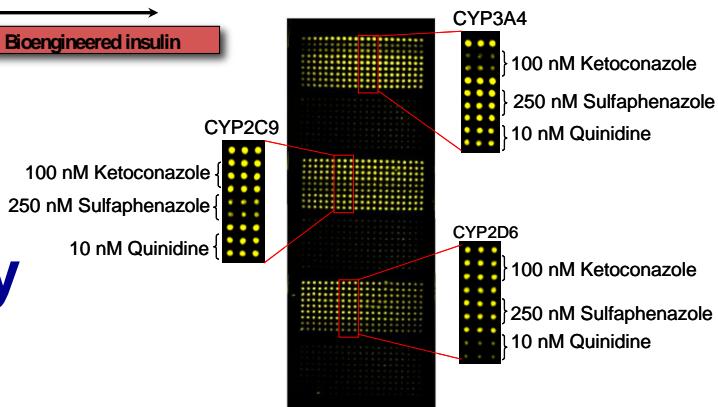
# Drug Discovery

# Pathogen Decontamination



# Affordable Healthcare Technologies

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# Societal Drivers for Bioengineered Safe Environments

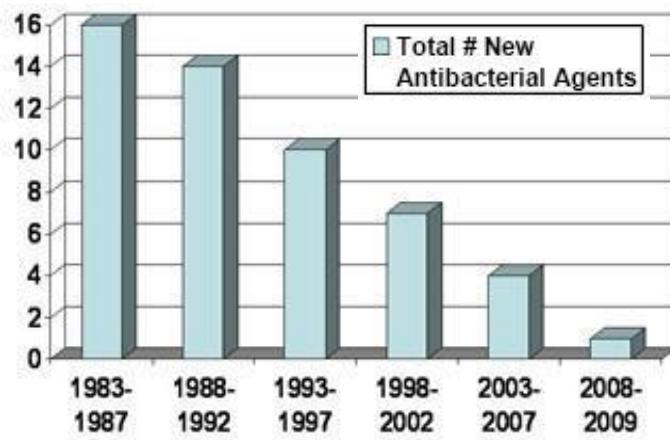


Safe and Sustainable Healthcare Infrastructure



Safe Food Processing and Packaging

## Declining Antibacterial Approvals

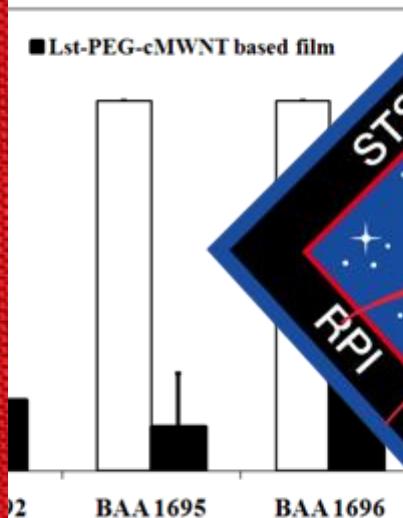


- **Community infrastructure susceptible to antibiotic-resistant microorganisms**
  - ◆ Hospital-acquired infections are the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of preventable death in the U.S.
  - ◆ WHO → we are headed back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century where many infections were lethal
  - ◆ Routine surgeries may go undone
  - ◆ Antibiotic use in food industry is literally killing us
- **Nearly 50 million cases of food poisoning annually in the U.S. alone.**
  - ◆ Economic impact of \$7B annually and 1/4 of all freshwater use
  - ◆ Annual energy waste equivalent to ca. one month of petroleum use
- **Lack of clean water devastates society**
  - ◆ Developing world
  - ◆ Developed world following natural/man-made disasters



# Antistaphylococcal Paints: From Hospitals to Mars

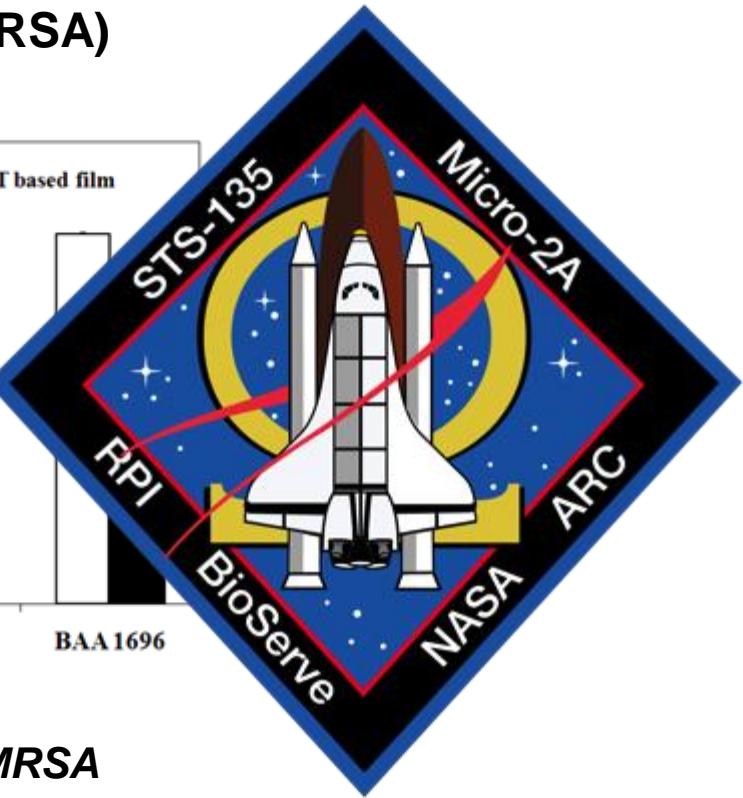
## Effectiveness against methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)



against all MRSA

*strains tested*

- >99% bactericidal activity in 2 h



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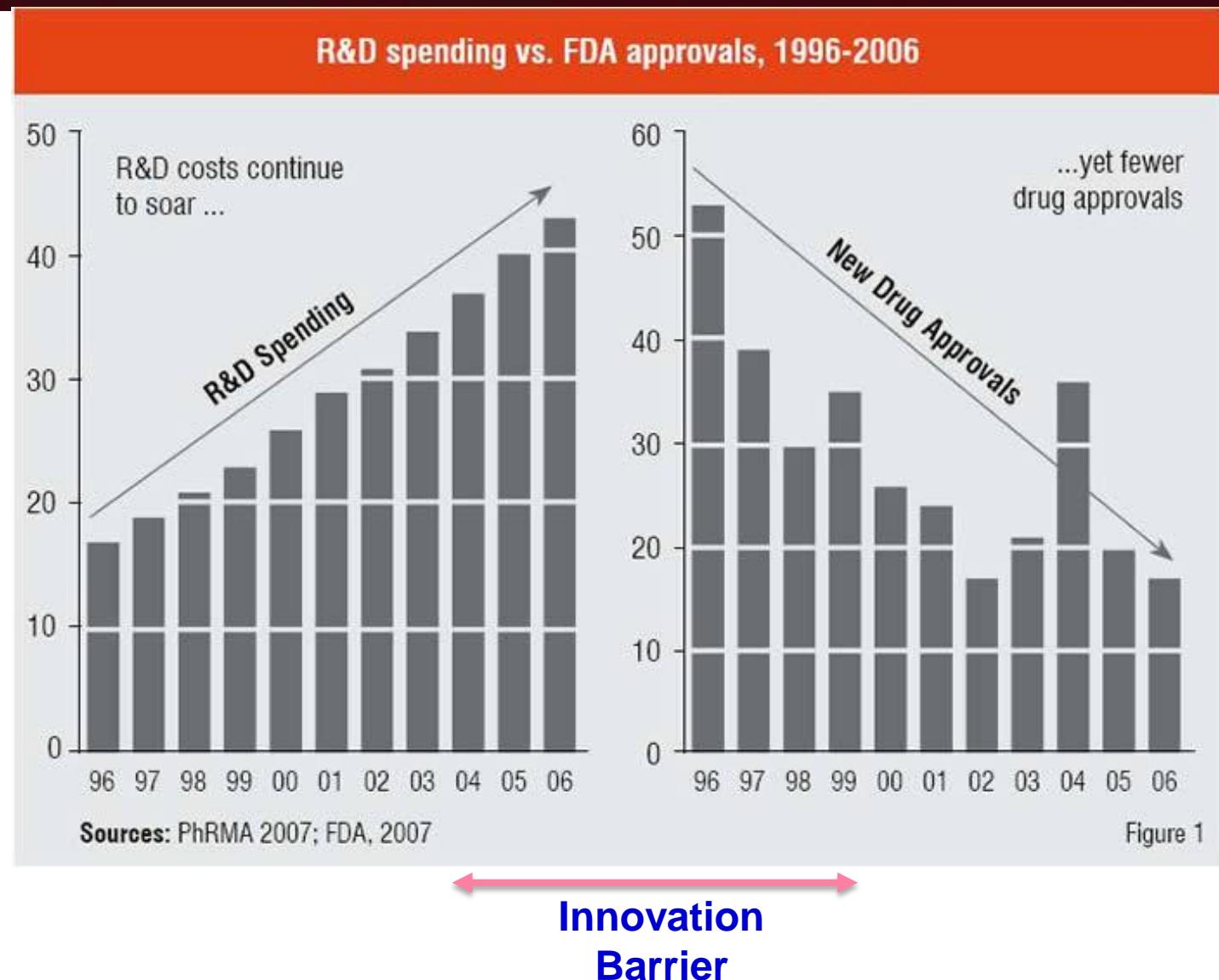
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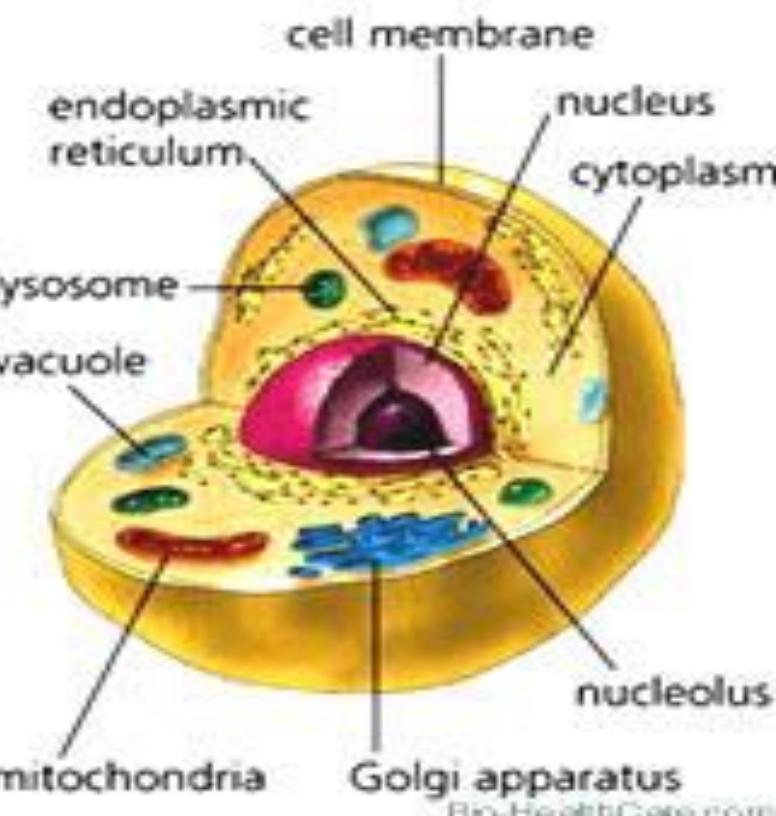
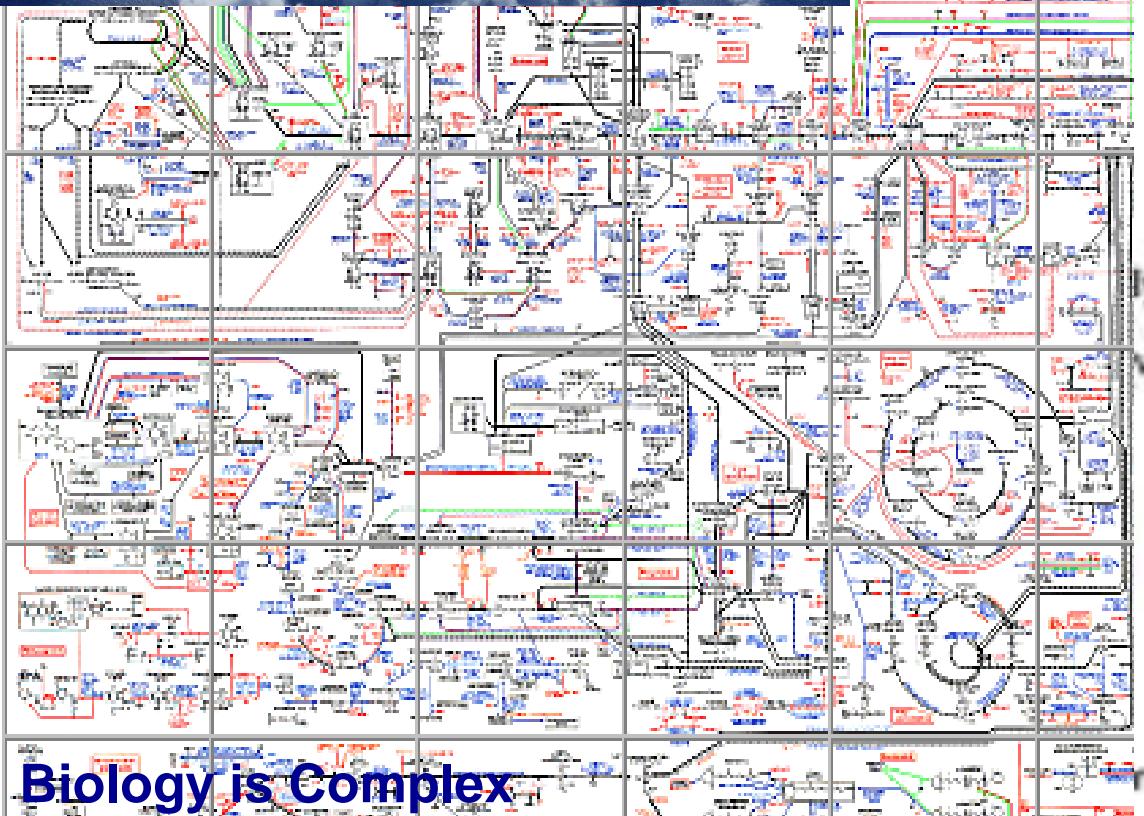
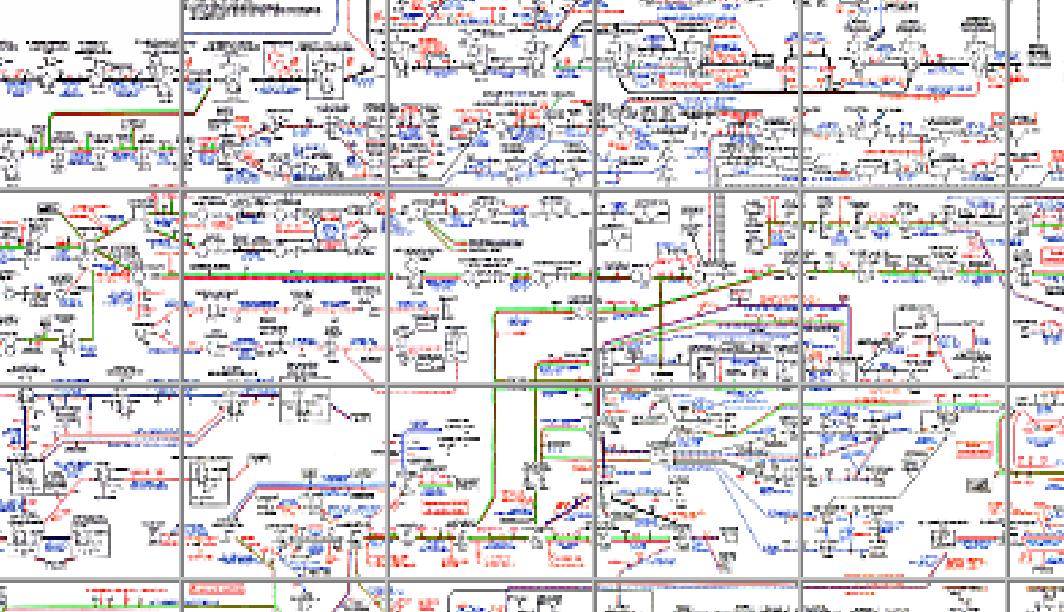
**“Doctors pour drugs of which they know little,  
to cure diseases of which they know less, into  
human beings of whom they know nothing.”**

**Voltaire  
(1694-1778)**

# Drug Discovery: More Knowledge, Yet More Failure

- Total small molecule approvals = 58 in 2009-2011
- Cost for drug approval now close to \$2 billion
- Patents covering > \$50 billion in blockbuster drug revenue expired in 2010

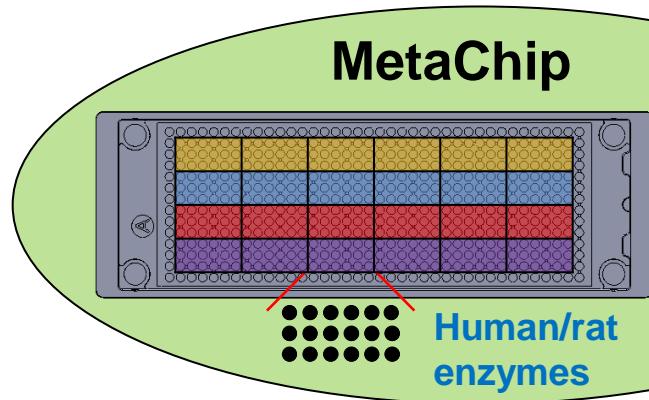




Biology is Complex

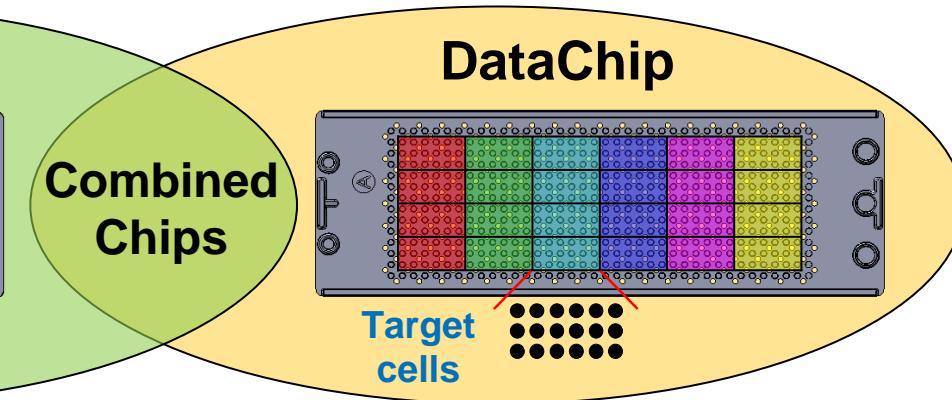
## Your Liver's Function

Metabolizing enzyme  
toxicology assay Chip



## Your Body

Data analysis  
toxicology assay Chip



Rapid and Early Removal of Bad Drugs  
**Before** Going to Clinical Trials



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RPI, UC Berkeley, and Solidus  
Biosciences, Inc. (begun in NY)

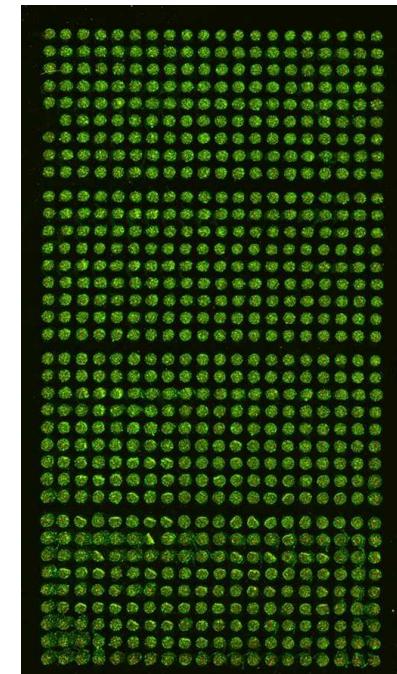
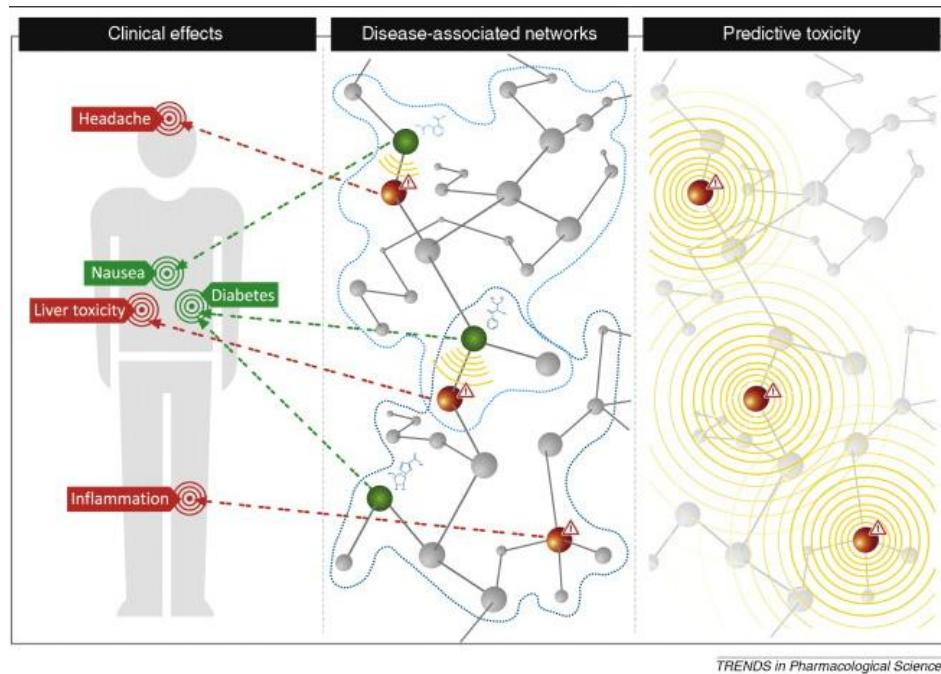
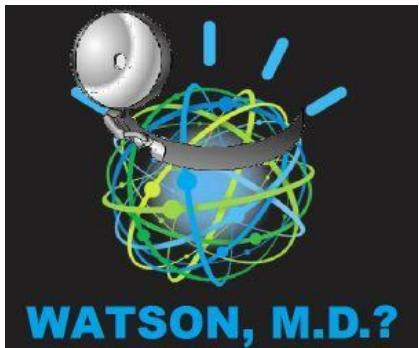
Support by NIH, Pharma,  
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# Interface of Nano-Bio-Big Data for Effective and Affordable Healthcare

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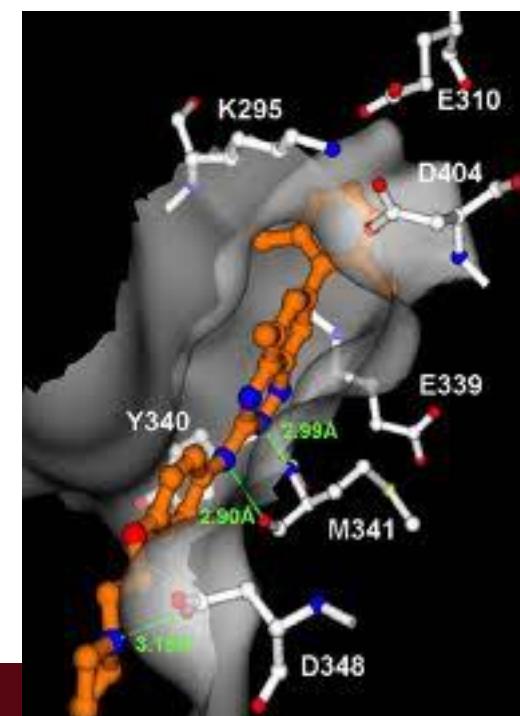
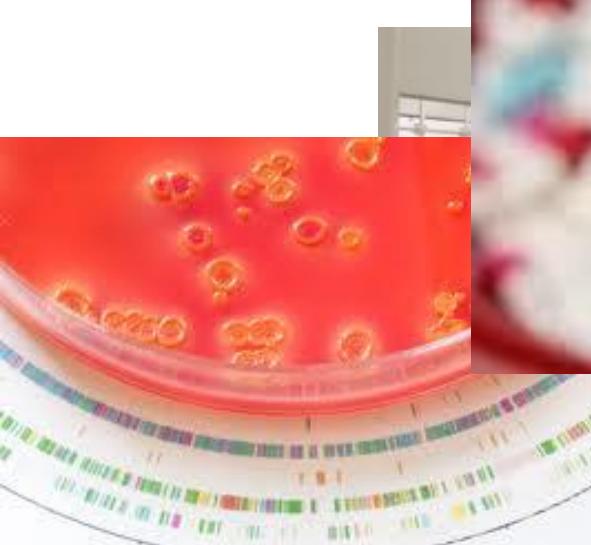
# The Emerging Opportunity: Interface of Nano-Bio-Big Data for Effective and Affordable Healthcare

Research & Development	Clinical/Translational	Healthcare Infrastructure
Therapeutics and Diagnostics Discovery	Whole Body “Sensors”	Networks of Sensors
Biochips & Miniaturization	Personalized Clinical Trials	Big Data
“Omics”	Big Data	Patient Treatment Regimens
Analytical Methodologies		Reduced Delivery Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Payers</li><li>• Hospitals</li><li>• Patients</li><li>• Government</li></ul>
Big Data		

- NY State can leverage its investment in microelectronics to build the “new” biotechnology
- The expertise exists in biotechnology, nanotechnology, biomedical research, and emerging big data
- Investment must include support to bring VC investors to NY and foster pre-competitive investments



# On-Demand Pharmaceuticals: Tailoring Drugs to YOUR Genetic Makeup



# NY State Has Fostered the Nano-Bio Infrastructure at Rensselaer

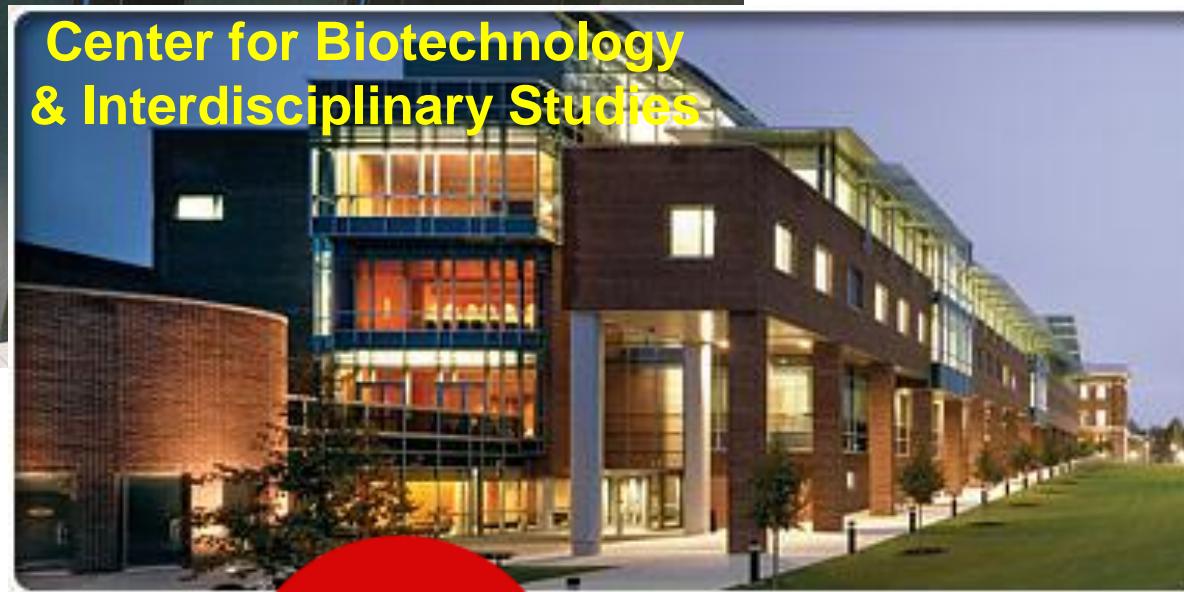
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Nanotechnology Innovations



**Center for Biotechnology  
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# Biomolecule-Nanomaterial Formulations in Biomedical Therapies

## Transient Receptor Potential Channel VI

capsaicin receptor  
vanilloid receptor 1

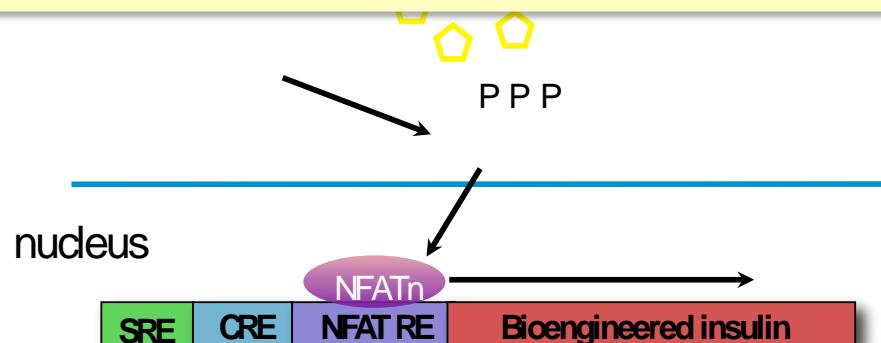
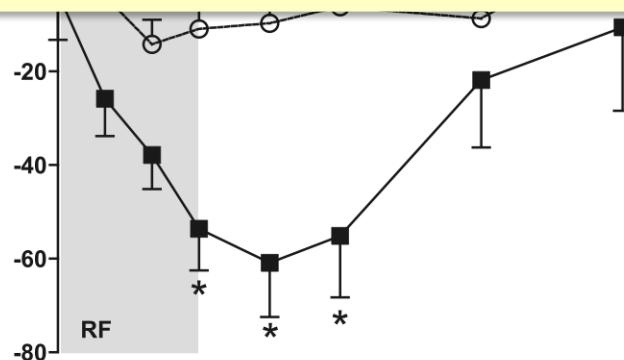
Extracellular

iron nanoparticle

radio waves



- Using nanotechnology and microelectronics to achieve therapeutic outcomes
- Possible impact in neurodegenerative diseases (e.g., Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, etc.), diabetes, others
- Could not have been achieved without collaborative, multidisciplinary science, engineering, and medicine (collaboration with Dr. Jeffrey Friedman, Rockefeller University)



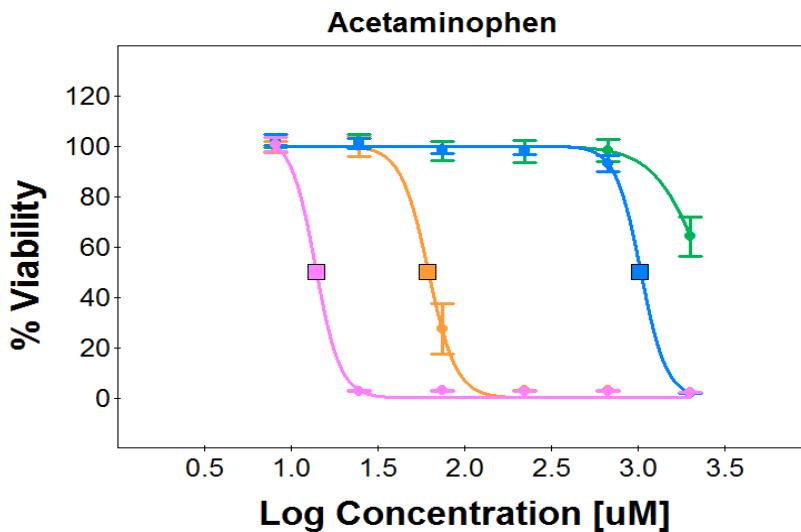
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# Opportunities at the Nano-Bio Interface in Advancing Drug Discovery

- Mimicking the human body requires cell-based and protein-based materials
- These materials are effective due to nanoscale matrix components that provide optimum environments for biological activity
- Can be applied to rapid drug discovery and toxicity screening, control of stem cell biology, and regenerative medicine
- Ideally suited to personalized medicine

## Drug Toxicity



## Stem Cells Biotechnology

