

Commercialization and
future developments in
nanobiotechnology.

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2003, 100 patents

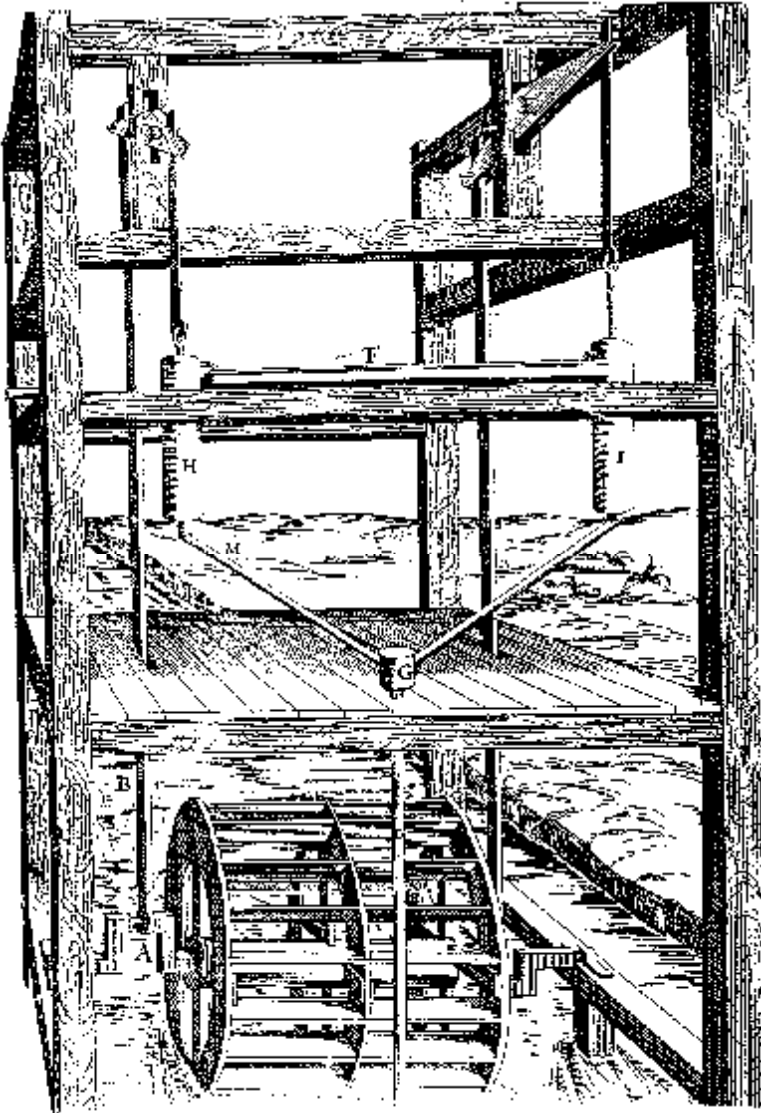
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Koppikar et al,
Nano. Law and
Business. 1(1), 2004

Quantum Dot Patents Issued per Year

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A 3.5 billion year old water wheel?



But how?

Nature innovates...

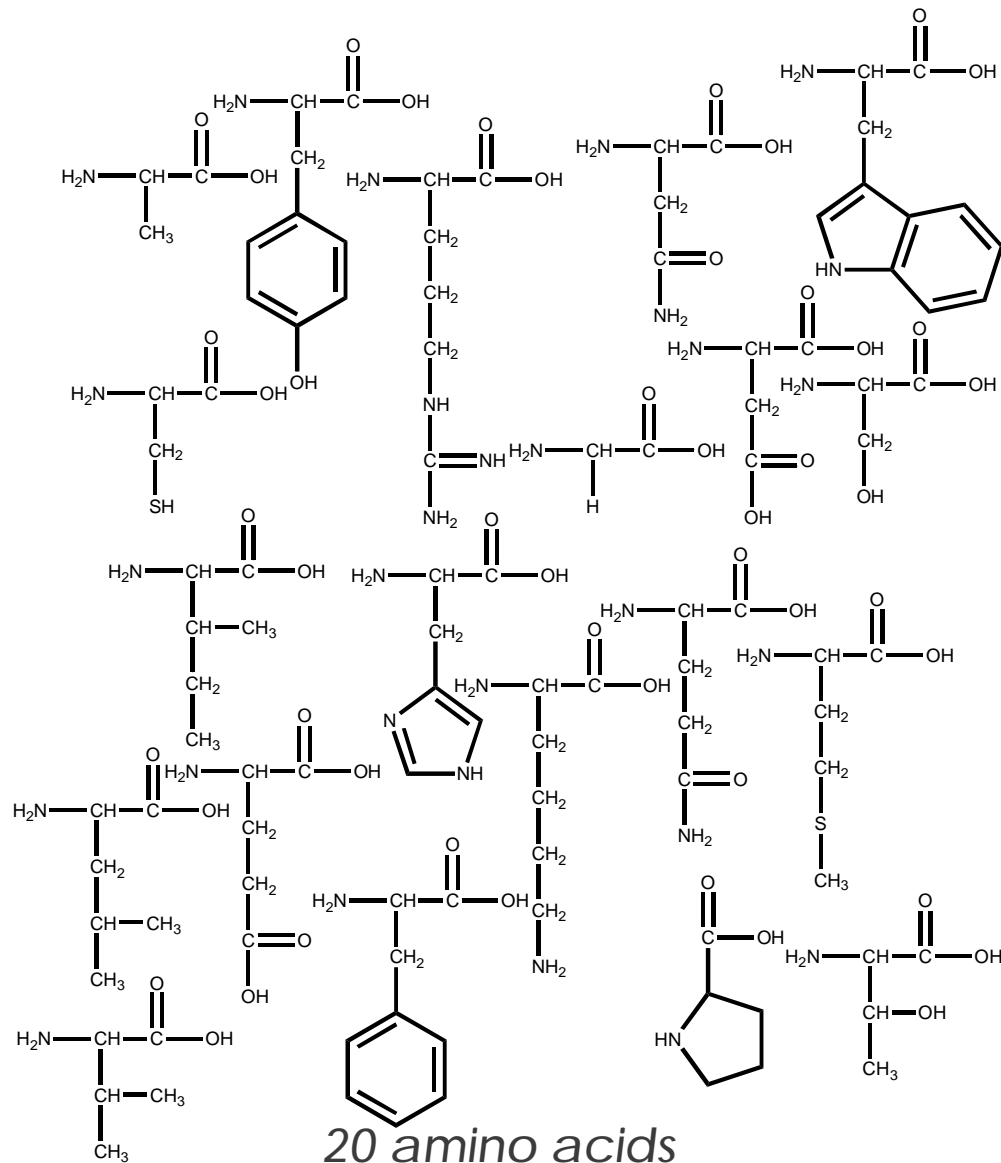
When there is a need

Generations of selection, not design.

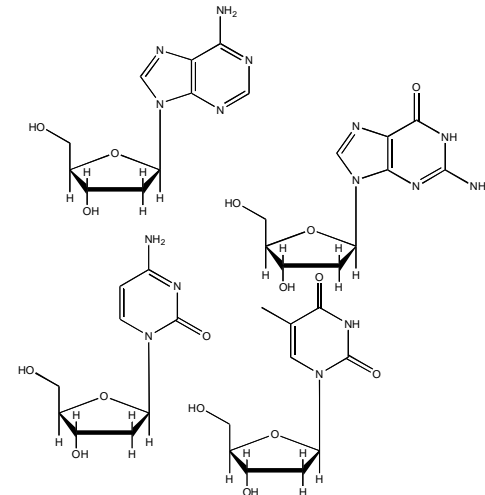
Nature "does"

Nature "doesn't" understand how.

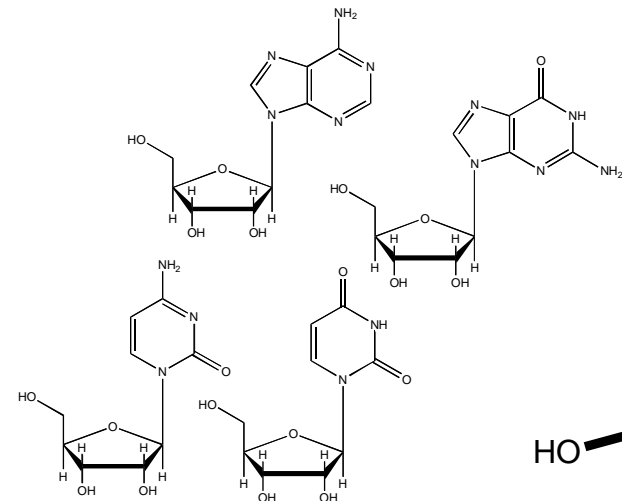
Limited tools in Her arsenal



20 amino acids



4 (deoxy)ribonucleic acids



- Application of innovations in materials and chemistry into biological systems
- Application of materials and chemical processes to solve biological problems
- “Un natural capabilities”
 - Detection
 - Repair/treatment
 - Maintenance
- We are neither as fast, nor as patient as nature.
- We “need” to understand in order to design.

Commercialization in Nanobiotechnology

- Context--
 - Healthcare is a worldwide market with diverse geographical market needs
 - Per capita spending in US: 1999 \$6280 (Nat. Coalition on Health Care)
 - Per capita spending in India: 2004 \$650 (US Commercial Service)
 - And this results in diverse technology needs
- US: Drugs: \$286B, Diagnostics: <\$20B, Research Tools, <\$5B. (19% GDP)
- India: Drugs \$8.8 B, Diagnostics: \$115M, Research Tools n/a. (5.1% GDP)
- Focus in US: Outcomes
- Focus in India: Costs

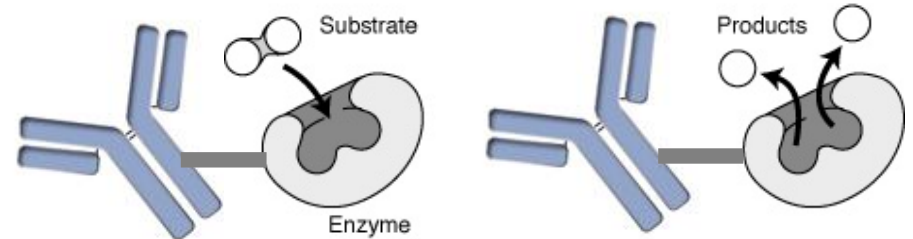
Nanotechnology Size Scale

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Fullerene Quantum Dot Nanoshell Dendrimer Liposome

Example Nanobiotechnology Developments

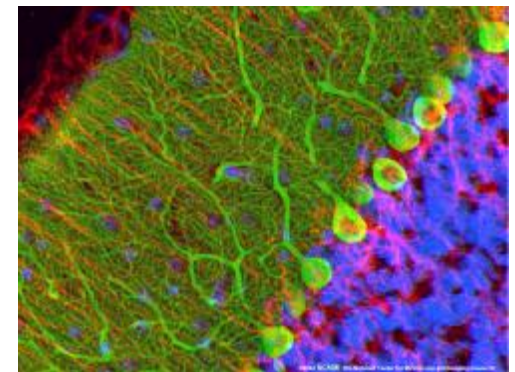
- Therapeutics--Antibody Directed Enzyme Prodrug Therapy



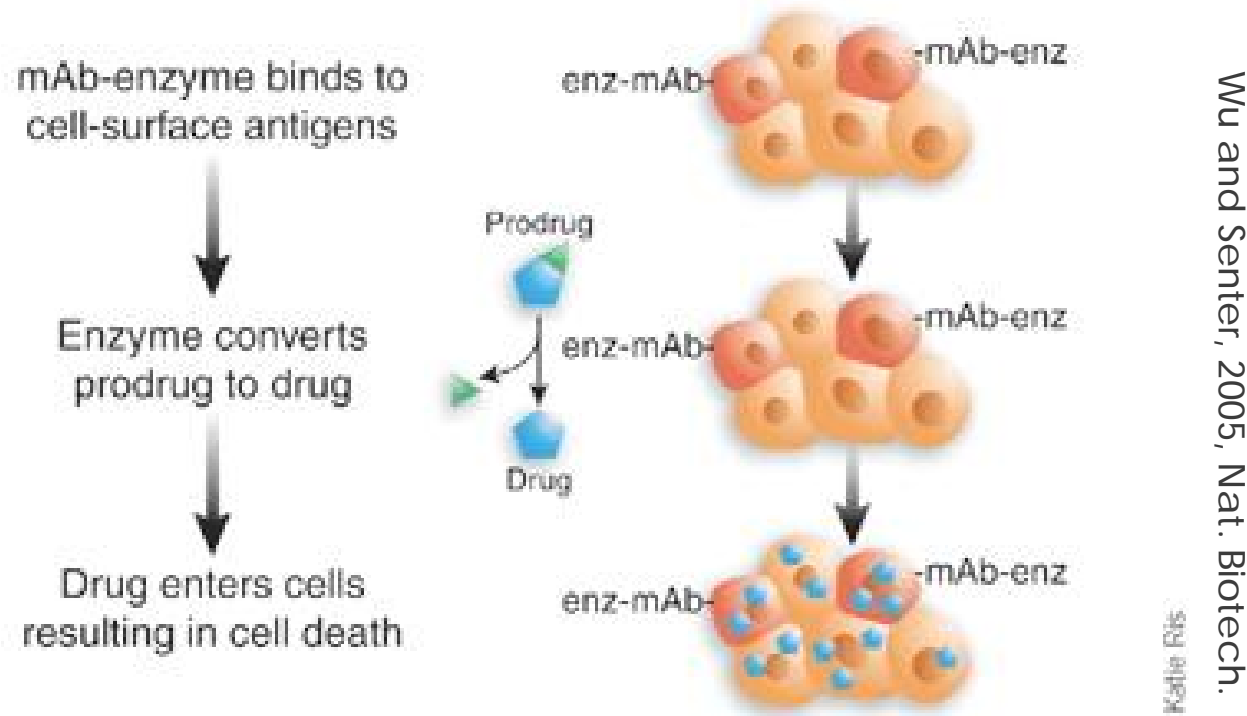
- Diagnostics--Combidex (dextran coated iron oxide nanoparticles)

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- Research Products--Quantum Dots for Biological Detection

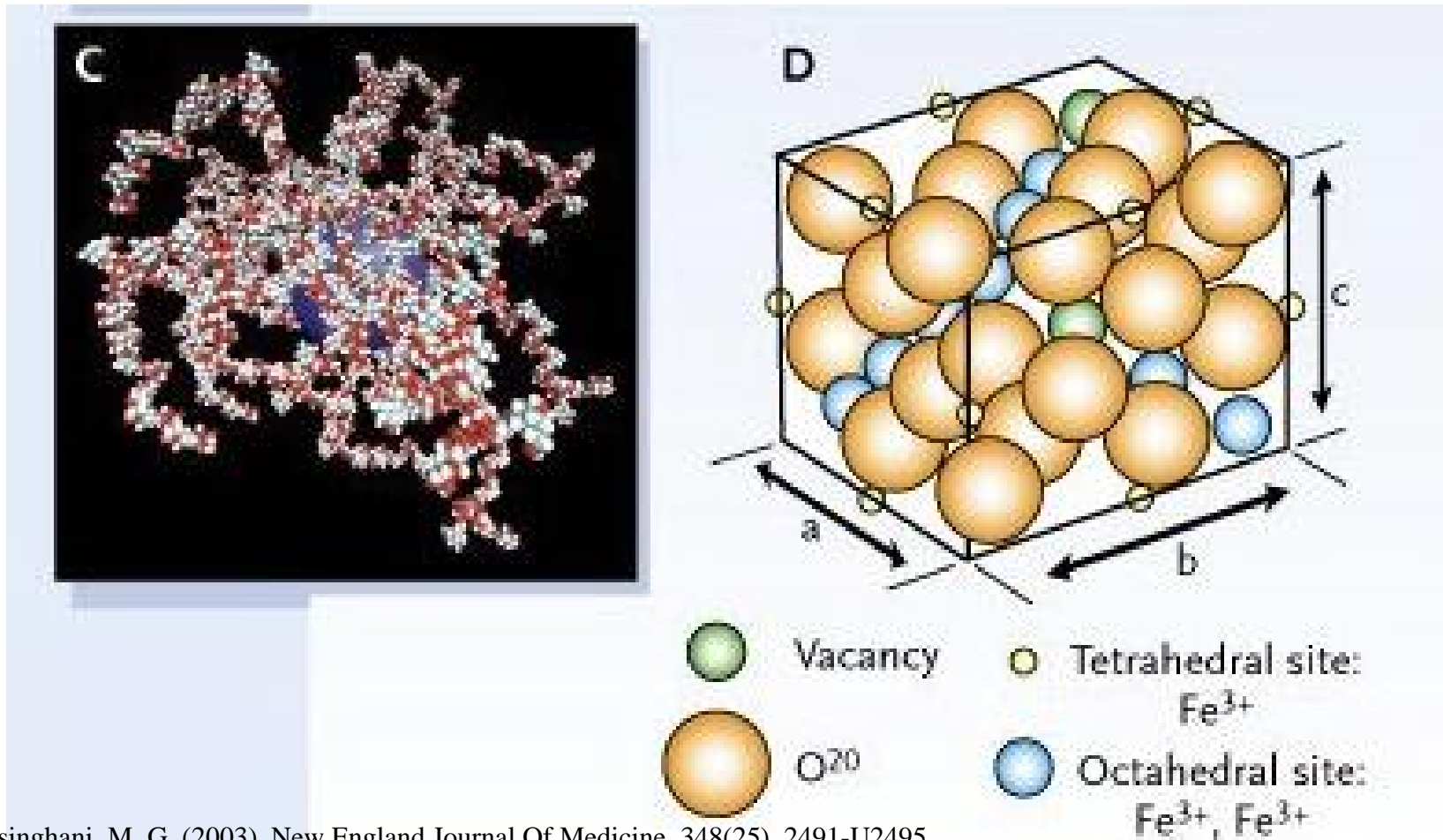


ADEPT (Antibody Directed Enzyme Pro-drug Therapy)



- The Problem: Many drugs are toxic (especially for cancer)
- Impossible to maintain high dose for long time without risk to patient
- The Solution: Deliver a small factory to the specific "bad" cells
- Treat patient with "nontoxic" drug at lower dose for long period
- The factory will "open" the drug at the target site and nowhere else

- Animal models show effectiveness
- Clinical results reported in 2000, 2002
 - Inadequate clearance of antibody-enzyme conjugate
 - Long persistence of activated drug
 - Immunogenicity (mouse monoclonal)
- Enter Seattle Genetics (Senter) and Genencor (Schellenberger).
 - Humanized antibody (decreased immunogenicity)
 - Engineered protein production
 - 2005--Effective in immunodeficient mice...
- Key challenges remain---and this system is fully characterized
 - Sequence, structure, activity, kinetics, stability, specificity...
 - It was first published and demonstrated in mice in 1990
 - Bagshawe, Biochem. Soc. Trans. 1990.



Harisinghani, M. G. (2003). New England Journal Of Medicine, 348(25), 2491-U2495.

Superparamagnetic (no residual magnetism) iron oxide with dextran coating. Particles are passive--taken up by cells through phagocytosis and leaky vessels.

Combidex Safety

Contrast Media	Overall AE Rate	Serious AE Rate
Combidex [®] (ferumoxtran-10) Proposed dose and method of administration	15.8%	4/1236 (0.3%)
Ultravist [®] (iopromide)	32%	8/708 (1.1%)
Comparators to Ultravist: (iohexol, iopamidol, ioversol)	“Similar” to Ultravist	4/659 (0.6%)
Oxilan [®] (ioxilan)	14.3%	8/531 (1.5%)
Comparator to Oxilan: Omnipaque [™] (iohexol)	“Similar” to Oxilan	6/542 (1.1%)

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Figure from Gerald Faich--Safety Presentation to Oncology Drug Advisory Board, 2005.



It's safe, but...is it effective?

Combindex for "sentinel node" detection

- Sentinel Nodes are essential to staging and grading tumors.
 - They are the sites of fluid drainage from primary tumor
 - They are the likely sites of first metastasis
- Patient prognosis and treatment options depend on accurate stage/grade.
- Accurate node identification would reduce "morbidity" from radical lymph node removal.
- But...tricky indication. They went for "broad" rather than specific indication.
- Healthy patients--risk averse.
- Clinical trial was not compelling for approval of broad (too few patients for each disease) OR for approval of specific indication.
- The "drug" may be safe but unmarketable. Redo the trial.

The FDA's Take on Combindex

" I would like to draw your attention to the fact that this is a broad indication. If granted, this agent can be used for almost all cancers regardless of type, size, clinical stage, whether patient has been previously treated with drug, biologic, radiation, or surgery.

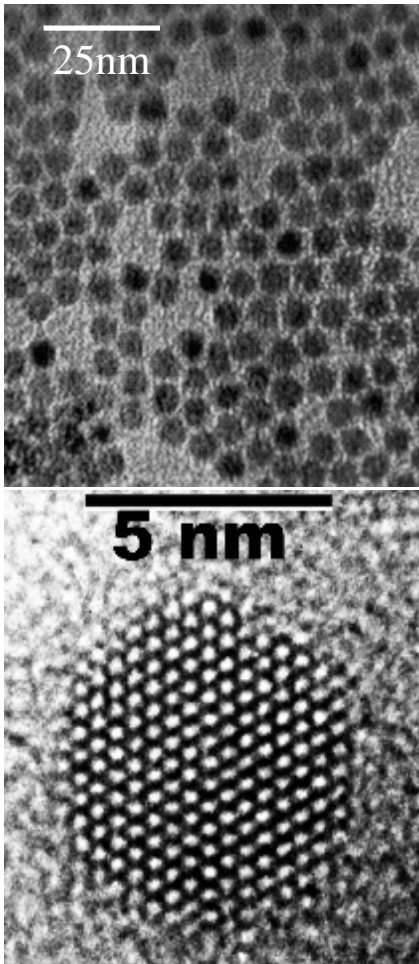
One objective of today's presentation is to show you why the Agency has concerns for such a wide or broad indication given the level of efficacy and safety observed from clinical trials...

Our position is that dilution and slow infusion are not entirely free, and also we disagree that the Combindex, the safety profile resemble that of iodinated contrast agent."

- Dr. Zili Li, Medical Team Leader Medical Imaging and RadioPharm.

- www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/2005/409511.doc

Highly fluorescent, nanometer-size, single crystals of semiconductor materials



655 605 585 565 525 nm

Multicolor, stable materials

Long-term traceability in live cells and animals

Longitudinal study possible after fixation

Compatibility with GFP and other intrinsic probes

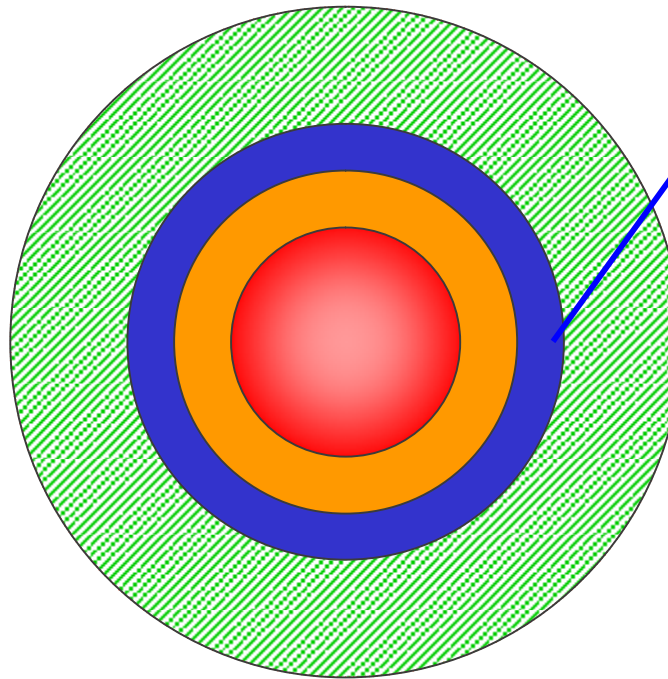
Commercial Challenges

Particle Synthesis

Reliable
Consistent
Stable
Bright
Scalable

Critical Properties

Bright
Stable
Active
Reproducible



Surface Modification

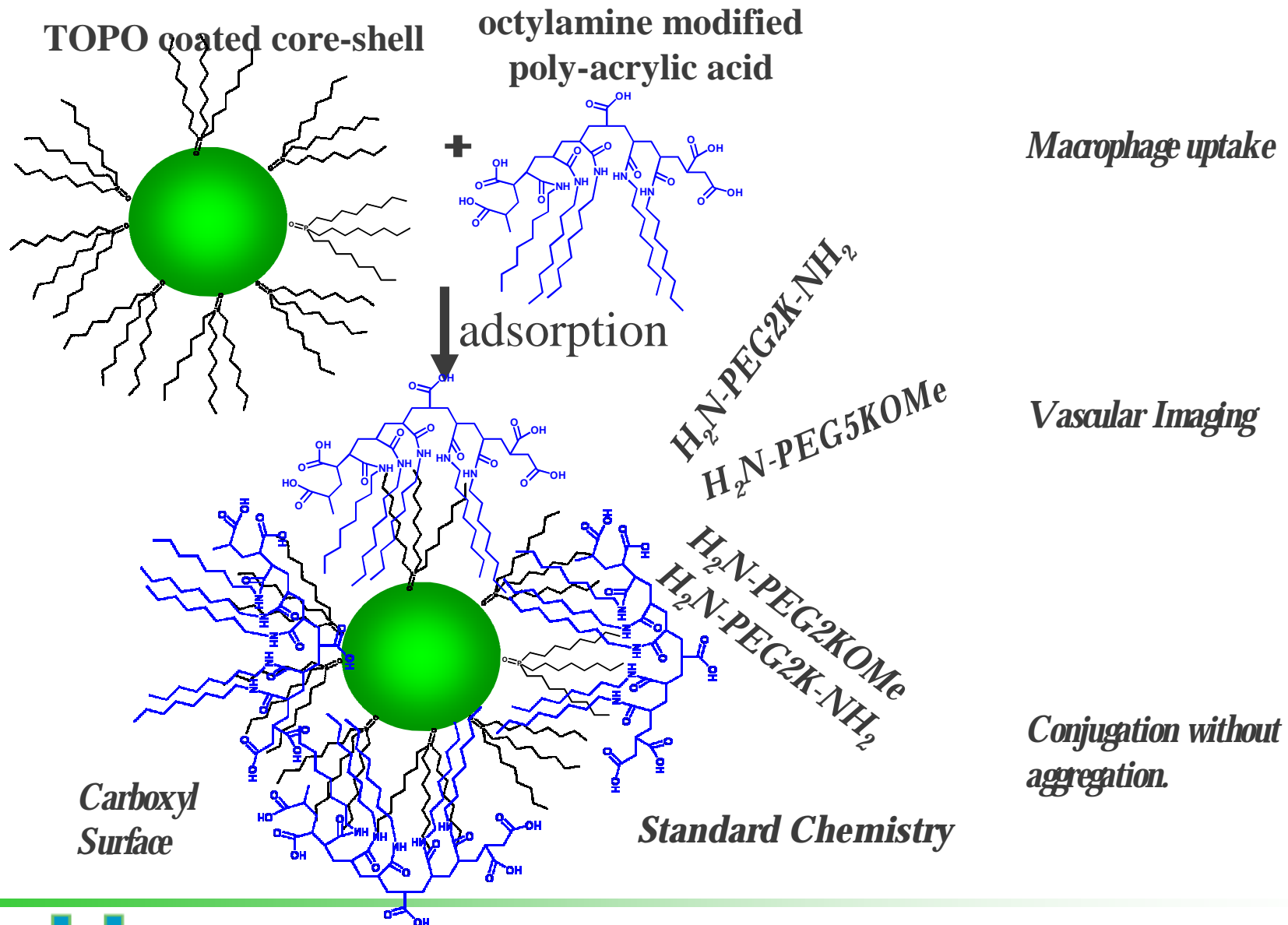
Stable
Specific
Manipulable
Scalable

Conjugate Preparation

Irreversible
Versatile
Activity Preserving

A little clever, a lot lucky...
Still room for improvements...
Very limited modularity...

Amphiphilic Stabilization



The Right Materials Have Great Impact

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Real-time studies
of relevant ligand
receptor dynamics &
interactions enabled by
commercial quantum
dot conjugates.

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Epidermal Growth Factor

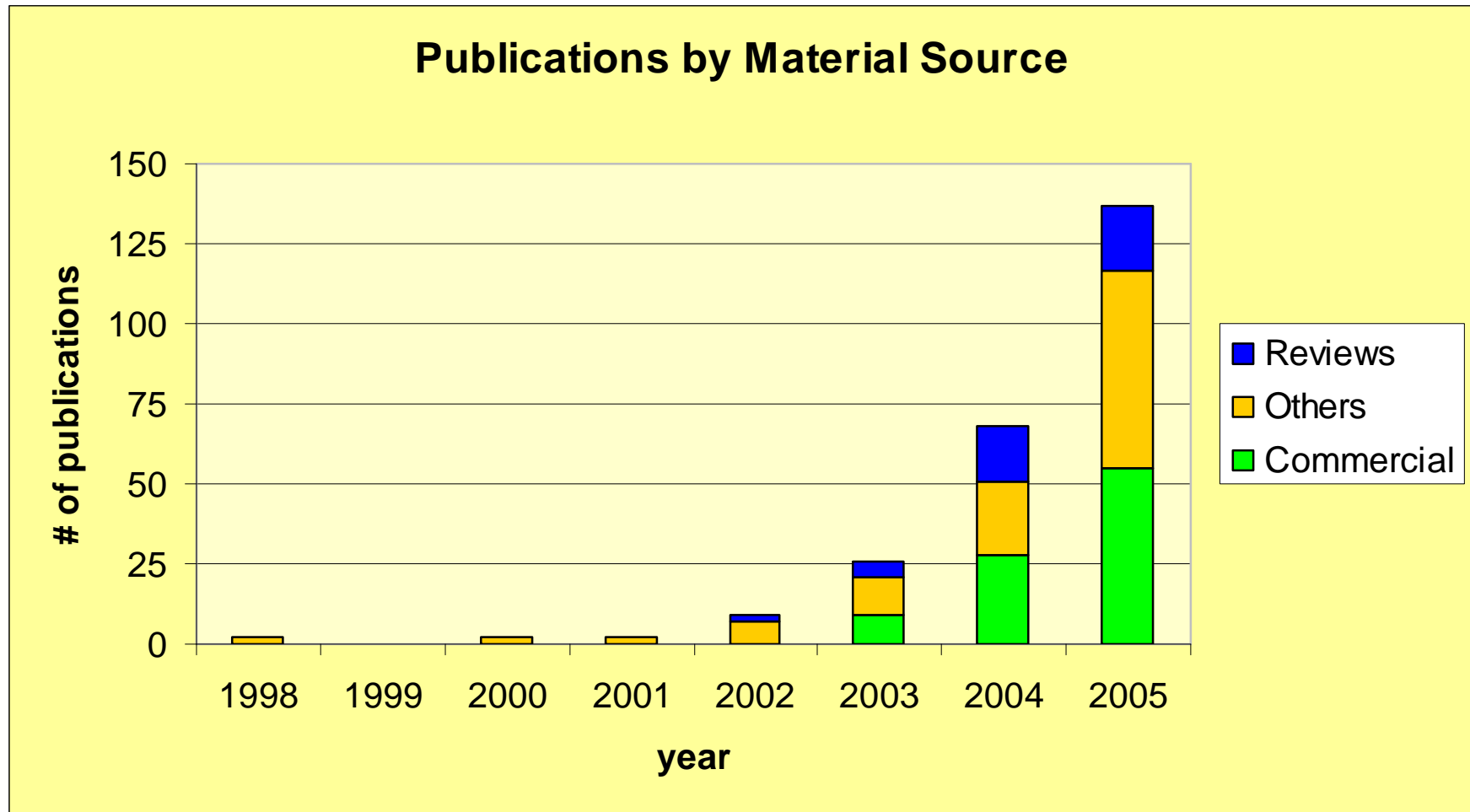
Important Cancer Marker Her-2/neu

New Phenomena Yield New Treatments

Cell
Body

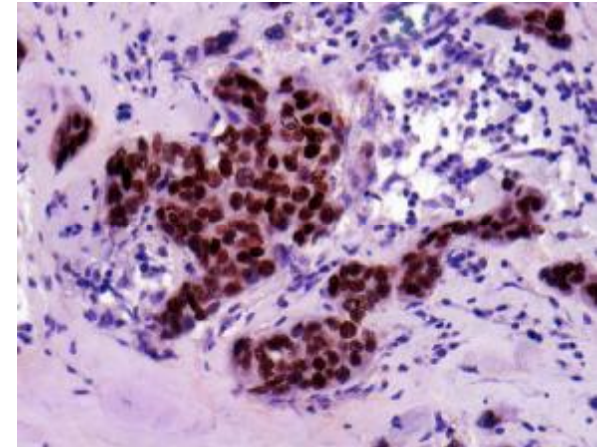
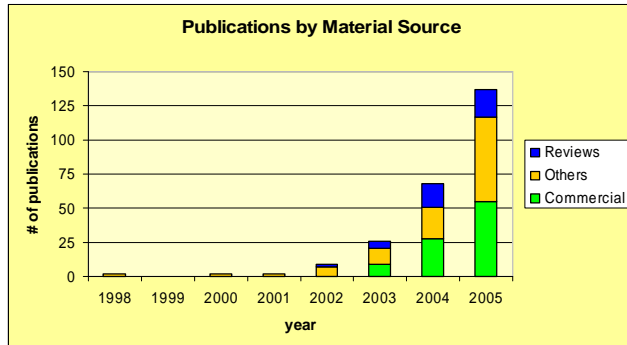
Lidke, et.al. Journal of Cell Biology 2005 (August 15th), 170(4), 619-626. MPI Goettingen Jovin/Arndt-Jovin.

Literature Trends Indicate Growing Impact



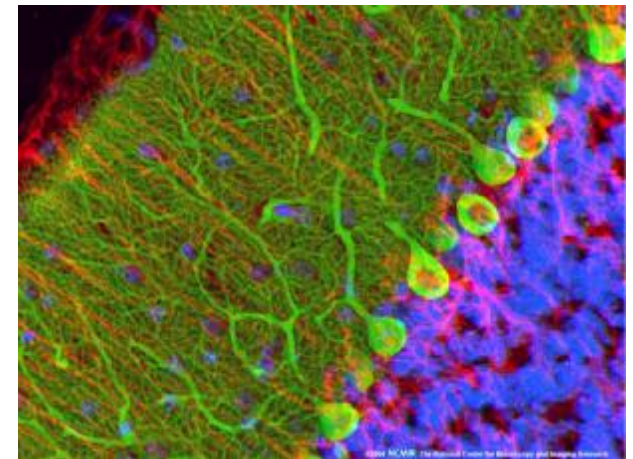
Impact focused in basic method development and research—Foundations.

On the Edge...Poised for Dramatic Expansion



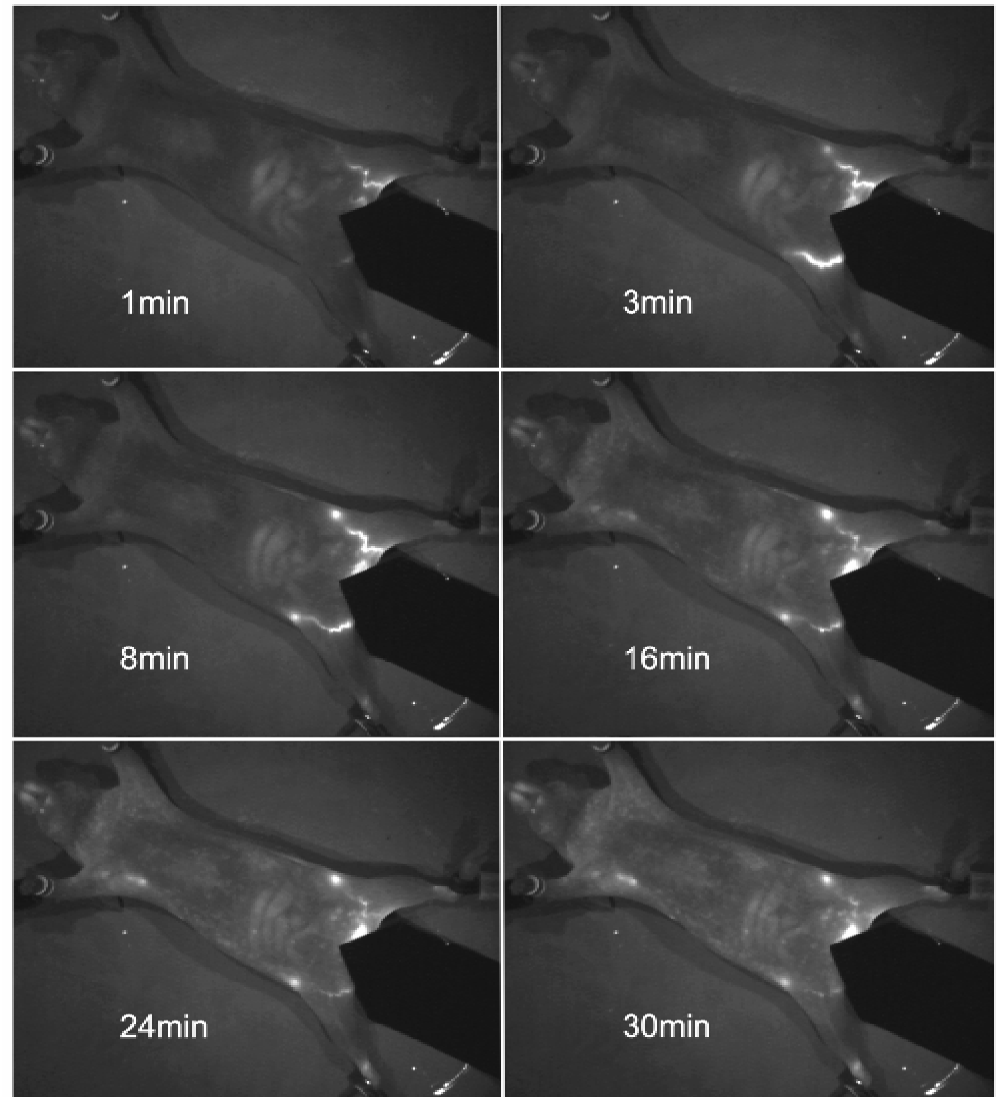
• New Probes + New Systems + Existing Needs

• New Capabilities



A word about safety.

- You can not “establish the safety” of a material.
- Safety has a context.
- Nanomaterials are devices-- they are chemically ill-defined.
- Characterization of product by process, designed for application.
- We do not know if Qdots will be safe, because we do not know how they will be used.
- Route, Dose, Version?

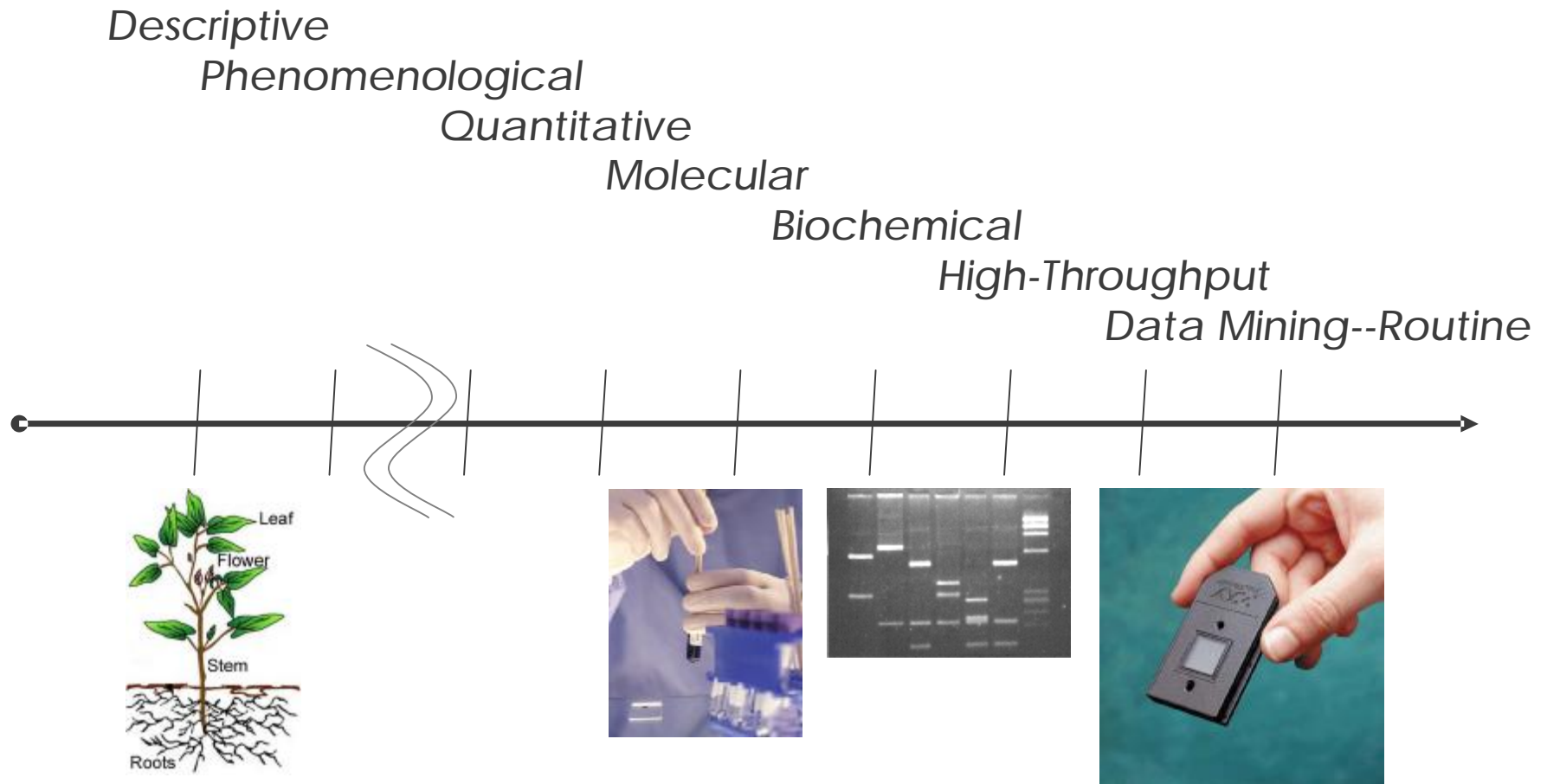


First Clinical Applications–Pathology

- Initial products for research on the market
 - Ventana Medical Systems (leader in clinical pathology)
- Initial trials underway in academic centers
- Used in major drug discovery centers in industry

- Initial clinical products in 2-3 years
- Future in Molecular (Personalized) Medicine

The past and the future.



- Tools gap is filled as technology matures.
- Biology solves problems without regard to tools--we don't.

Tools Gap In NanoBiotechnology



Test and measurement
QC each device
Video microscopy
Six Sigma

cm

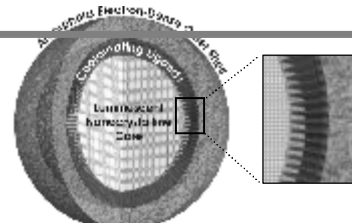
mm



Grain size
Rheology
Phase Behavior

μm

Characterization is a
research problem



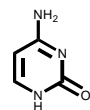
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Homogeneous Pop.
Purity
Sequence
Structure/Activity



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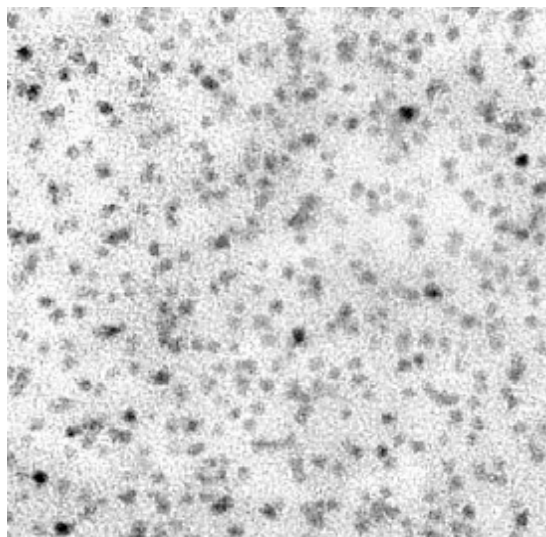
Molecular Purity
Solution analytical



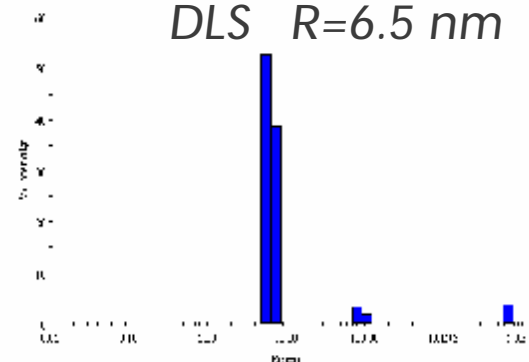
- Systems approaches required
- Weak specifiability--detailed design capability
- Propagation of uncertainty
- Ill defined properties
- Population properties
- In-vivo uses?
 - 1 dose is 10^{14} “devices”
 - How to QC?

Size?

TEM 5 nm

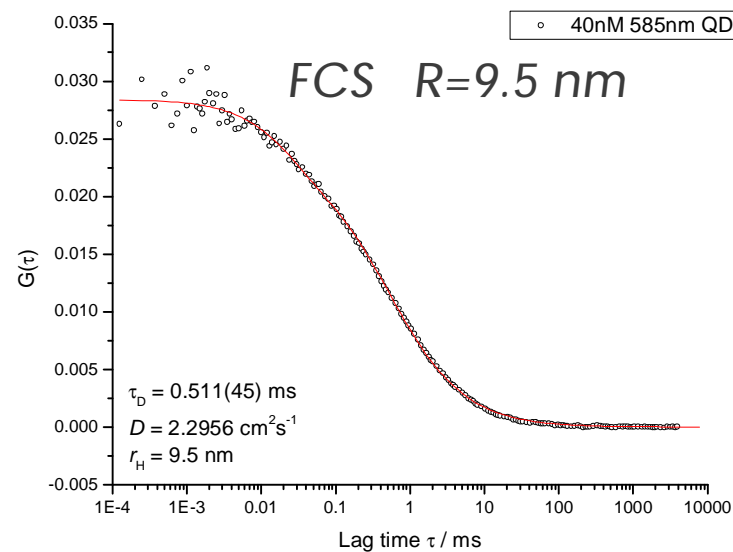


DLS $R=6.5$ nm



GFC $R=6.7$

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Predicting the future

- Progress will slow. Tools will be needed to accelerate.
- Infrastructure and discussion is critical to get the right tools.
 - What are the missing pieces?
 - How to effectively measure them?
- Basic science still needed (impact of size on bio-properties).
- Or, we could get more efficient at testing.
 - Evolutionary approaches needed.

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