Multi Disciplinary Laboratories at the Otto York Center

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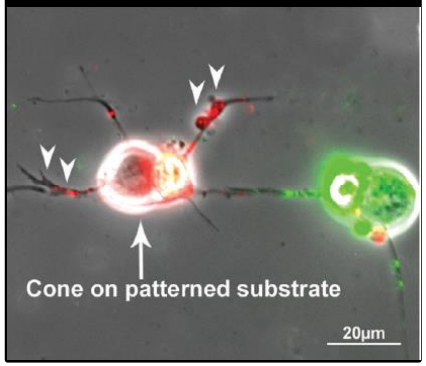
Bio-Micro-Nanofluidics Lab – Dr. Perez-Castillejos

Micropatterning for eye cell transplants



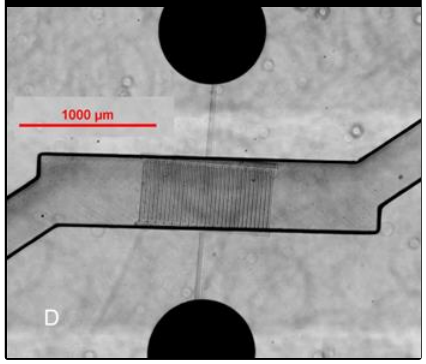
Flexible thick metallic electrodes

With Applications in:

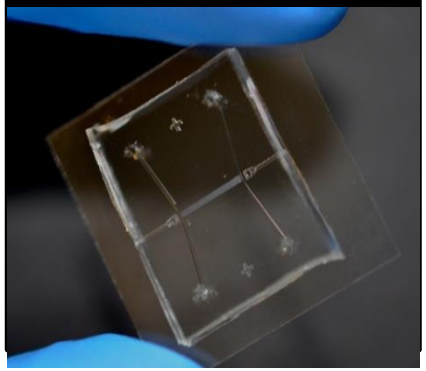
- Tissue Engineering
- BioMEMS and Bio-sensors
- Technology creation and development
- Educational Tools in Micro- and Nanotechnologies
- Intercellular communication

Funding from NSF.

Micro-electric hybrid devices



Opto-fluidic hydrogel device



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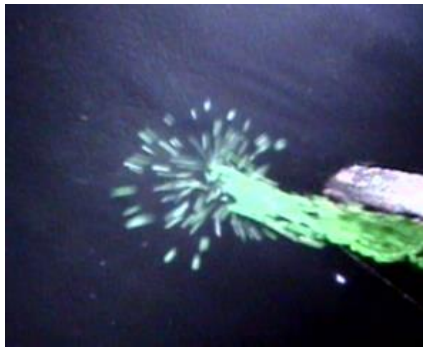
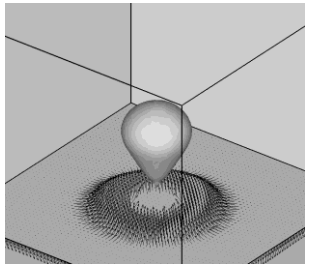
Micro Flow Control Laboratory – Dr. Singh and Dr. I. Fischer

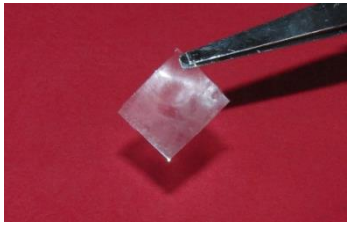


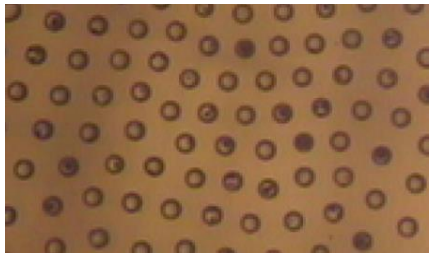
Our group is working on a range of problems involving complex fluids. Our goal is to develop novel theoretical (numerical) and experimental methods for exploring interesting features of dynamics, from both applied and fundamental points of views. At present our work focuses on:

- Electric field assisted self-assembly of particles
- Manipulation deformable particles : biological cells, drops, bubbles, etc., by externally imposed flows and electric fields
- Dispersion of particles on fluid-liquid interfaces
- Computational fluid dynamics of Newtonian, viscoelastic and electrorheological fluids

Website: http://centers.njit.edu/mfcg/research/self-assembly.php







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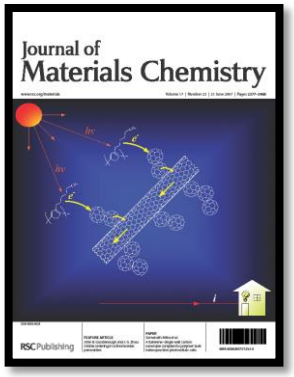
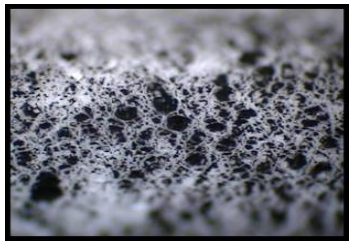
Nano Carbons and Analytical Chemistry – Dr. Mitra

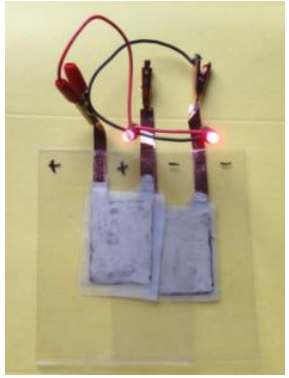


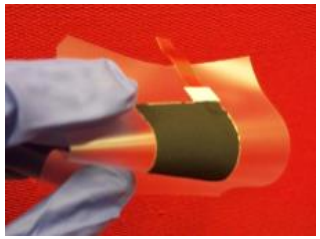


With Applications in:

- Desalination and Water Treatment
- Fate and Biological Effects of Nano Materials
- Flexible Batteries
- Composites and Coatings
- Catalysts and Adsorbents
- Membranes
- Solar Cells
- Chemical Analysis and Sensors

Funding from – NIEHS, US DOE, NSF, NIH, US EPA, US Army.





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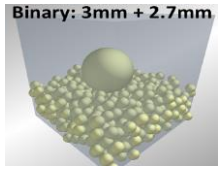
Particle-Process Engineering & Pharmaceutical Nanotechnology – Dr. Bilgili

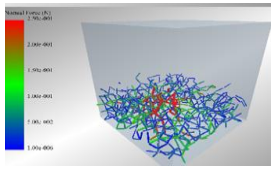
With Applications in:

- Nanoparticles & Nanocomposites
- Bioavailability Enhancement & Modified Release of Drugs
- Sterile-filterable Drug Suspensions
- Colloids, Pigments, and Coatings
- Bottom-up & Top-down Particle Formation Processes
- Process Intensification, Modeling, & Optimization

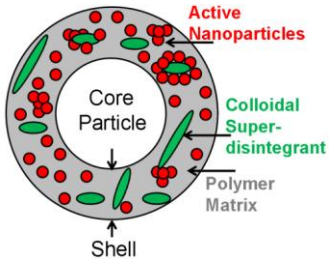
Funding from – NSF, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Catalent Pharma

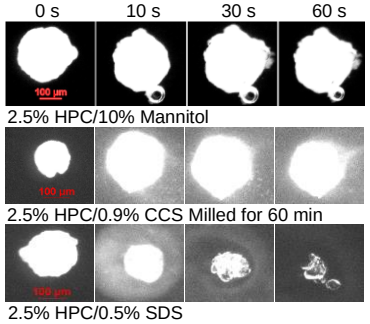


Multi-Scale Process Models

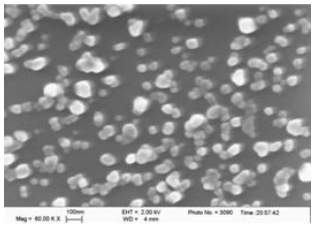


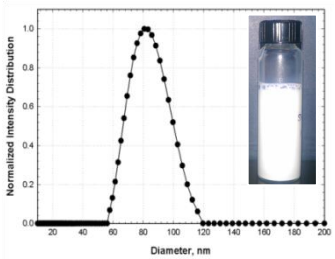
Surfactant-Free, Redispersible, Nanocomposite Microparticles for Fast Active Agent Delivery



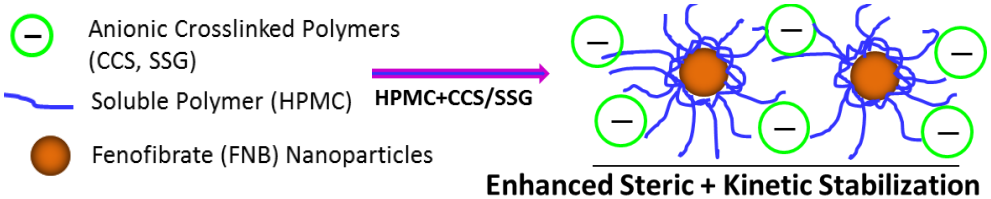


Intensified Wet Milling for Preparation of Sub100 nm Drug Particles and Sterile-filterable/Injectable Nanosuspensions





Novel Nanosuspension Stabilization with Swellable Polymers



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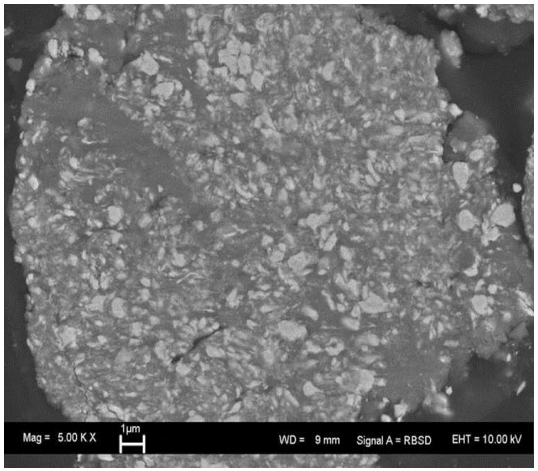
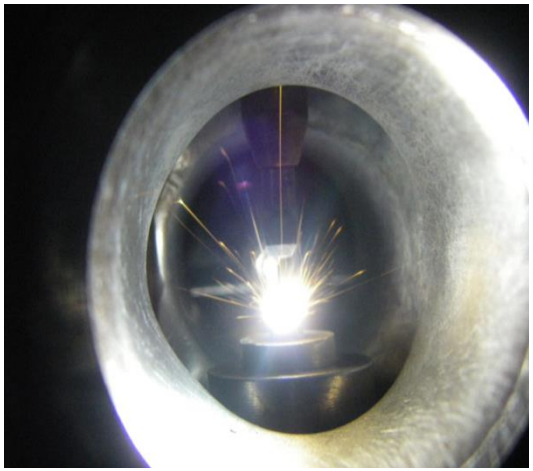
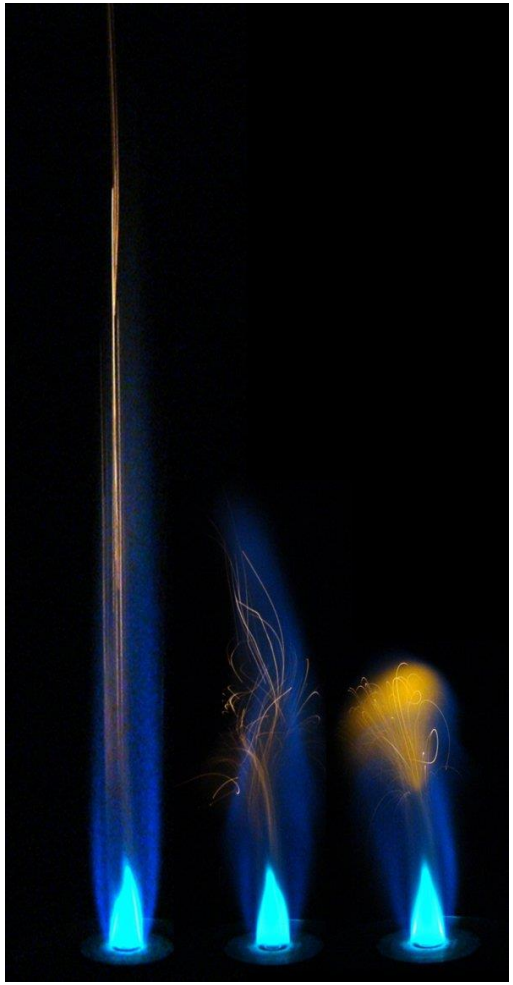
Reactive Nanomaterials Lab – Dr. Dreizin







- Research focuses on preparation of **new metal-based composite materials**
- Materials are studied using **x-ray diffraction, electron microscopy, thermal analysis** and other techniques
- **Ignition and combustion** of materials is studied using custom-designed laboratory experiments
- Applications of the materials include energetic formulations (**propellants, explosives, pyrotechnics**), and materials for **in-situ energy sources**.

Funding from DOD

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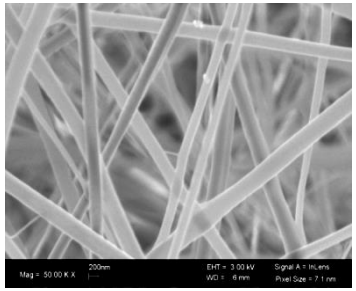
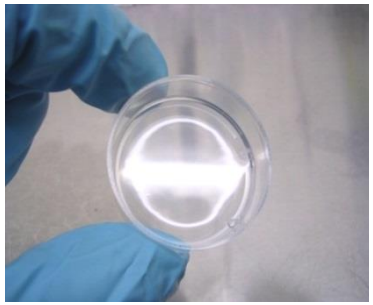
Stem Cells and Tissue Engineering Lab – Dr. Cho

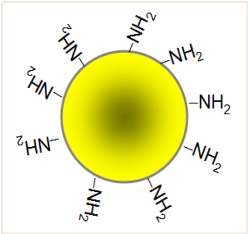
With Applications in:

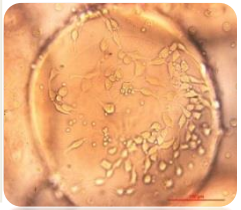
- Polymeric Biomaterials
- Scaffold design and fabrication
- Tissue Engineering
- Injectable, multifunctional hydrogels for tissue repairs
- Stem cell bioengineering
- Micropatterning of cells and ECM

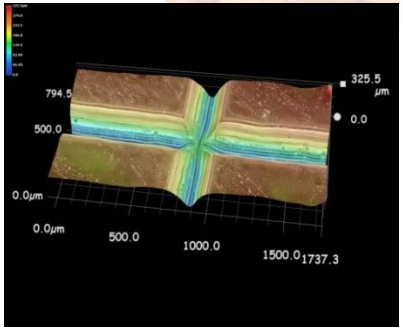
Funding from – NIH, Coulter Foundation, BD Biosciences











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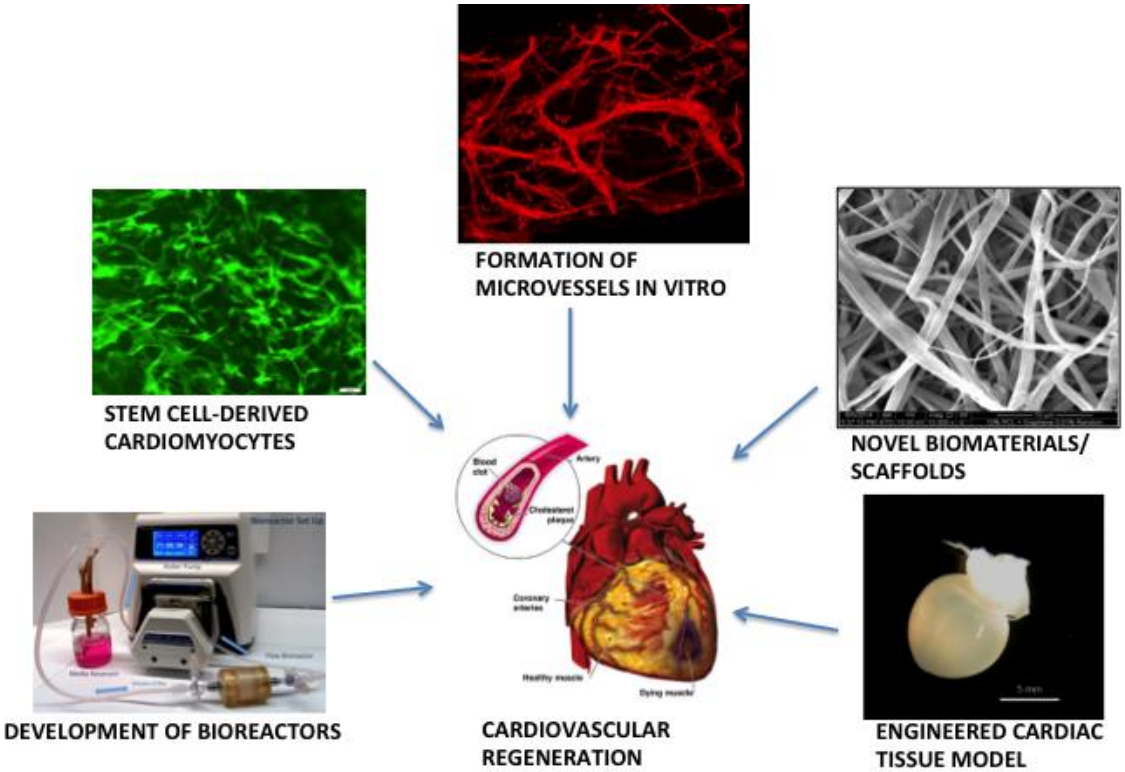
Cardiovascular Tissue Engineering and Stem Cell Lab – Dr. Alice Lee

◆ RESEARCH AREAS

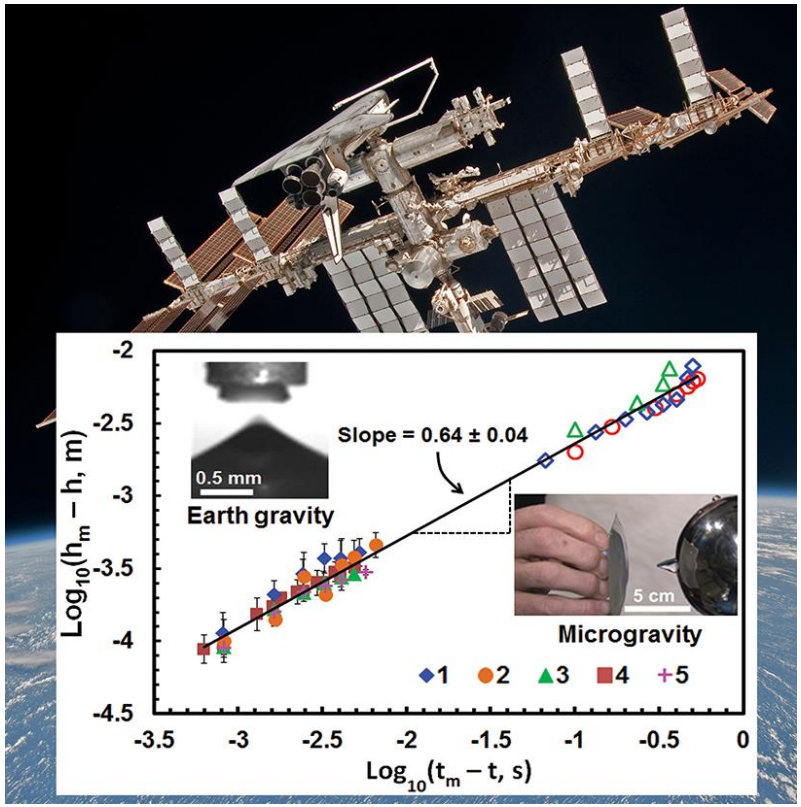
- To develop functional engineered cardiovascular tissues using novel biomaterials and custom-designed bioreactor systems
- To develop novel strategies to enhance the growth of cardiac and vascular tissues *in vitro* by examining the effects of physical, mechanical, and chemical stimuli on stem cell differentiated cardiac and vascular cells using 3D engineered tissue models
- To investigate tissue engineering approaches to develop microvascular formation *in vitro*
- To develop vascularized insulin-producing tissues for diabetes treatment



Electric Field Driven Phenomena in Colloids under Microgravity in ISS – Dr. Khusid

Motivation:

Understand underlying physics by removing masking effects of gravity (particle settling, buoyancy driven convection, etc.)



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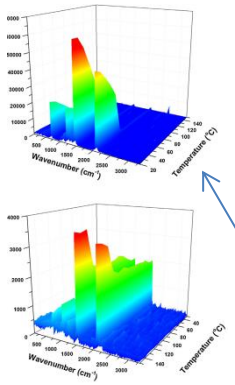
Applications in micro- & nano-fluidics for:

- Aerospace
- Medical diagnostics
- Biotechnology
- Complex materials
- Drug delivery

Funding from NASA

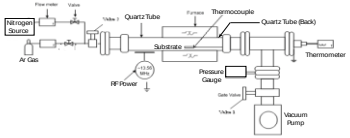
Thermo-Chromic Paints and Bio Fuel Cells –Dr. Iqbal

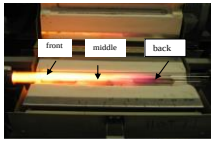
- **Thermo- and Chemo-chromic sensing paints and inks**



Raman spectra as a function of increasing and decreasing temp

- Plasma and electrochemical synthesis of high energetic material: Poly-nitrogen
  - PN clusters as oxygen reduction catalyst for fuel cells





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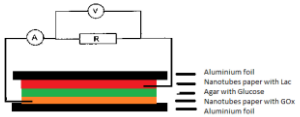
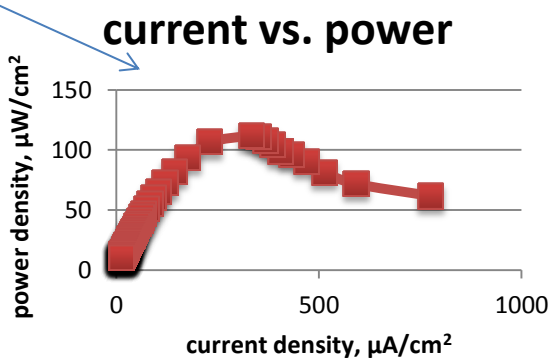
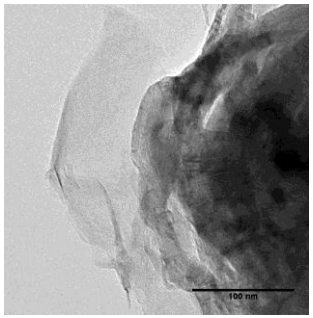
- **Flexible biofuel cells**
  - ARDEC, NSF-planned







TEM of large scale CVD graphene

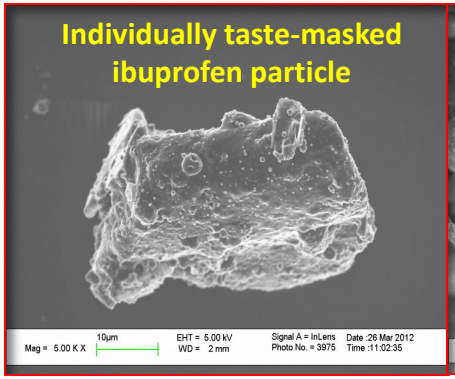
- **CVD of large scale graphene and boron nanostructures**

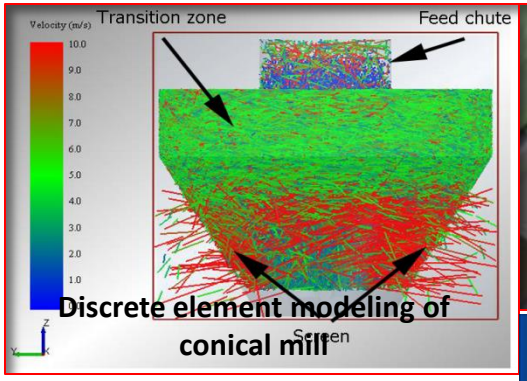
Funding – US Army ARDEC, SERDP, US DOE

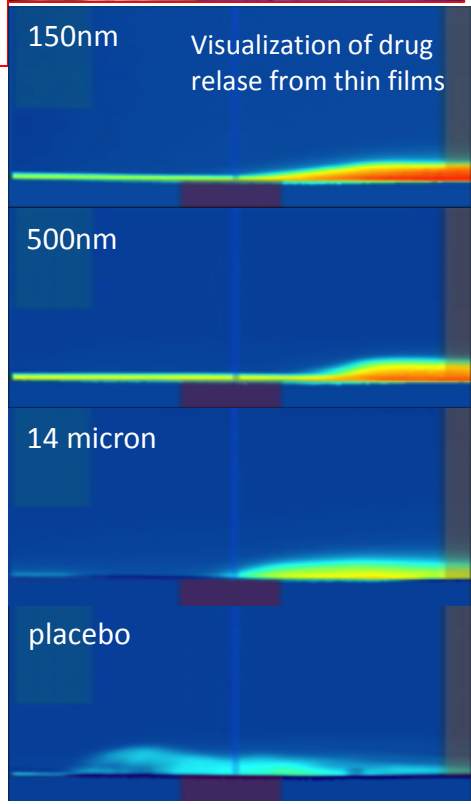
Particle engineering for improved particulate composites

Dr. Rajesh N. Davé

Funding: NSF, Army/Navy, Industrial collaborations







- Research focuses on preparation of **nano and micro particulate composite materials** for pharmaceutical, agrochemical, electronic, catalytic, and specialty chemicals
- Research infrastructure includes advanced particle and materials **characterization and processing** equipment
- Our graduate students collaborate with **national and international groups** and are part of NSF funded multi-university Center
- Our alumni are working in major industrial companies and in US academia

Dr. N.L. Jackson

Facilitating dune building on developed shorelines (NOAA)

- Constraints on aeolian sediment transport across backshores
- Effects of beach management practices on foredune growth

Estuarine beach dynamics (NOAA, NSF, NPS, NGS)

- Sediment transport by waves and swash
- Using nourishment to restore geomorphic and biotic interactions
- Effects of shore protection structures on beach morphology and habitat migration

Sustainable Nanotechnology for Energy & Environment Laboratory

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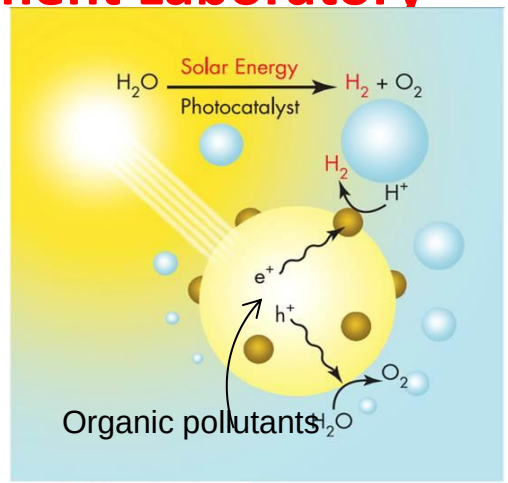

Major research areas:

- Visible-light-Driven Photocatalytic Processes to Produce H_2 and Remove Water Pollutants
- Antibacterial Applications (e.g., water disinfection) and Toxicity Assessment of Engineered Nanomaterials
- Biofuel-production and nutrient Recovery from Wastewater
- Reactive Ceramic/Polymer Membrane Development

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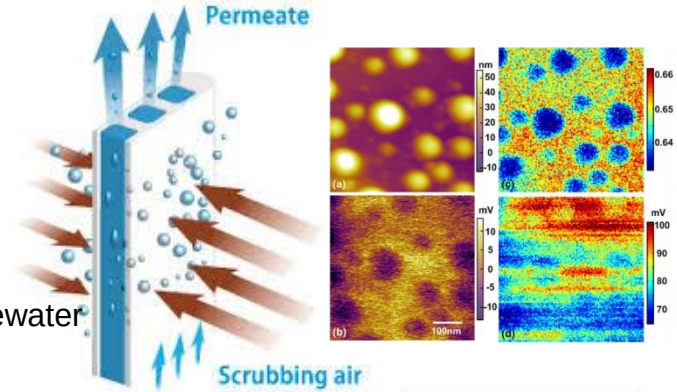

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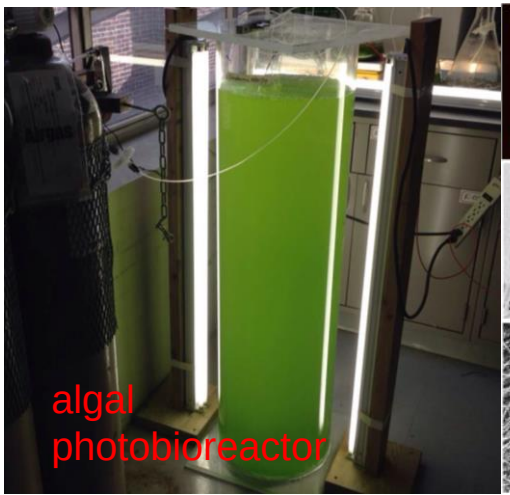

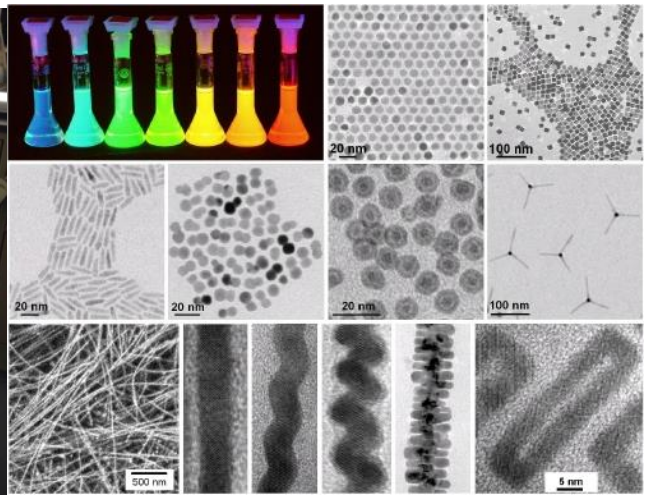

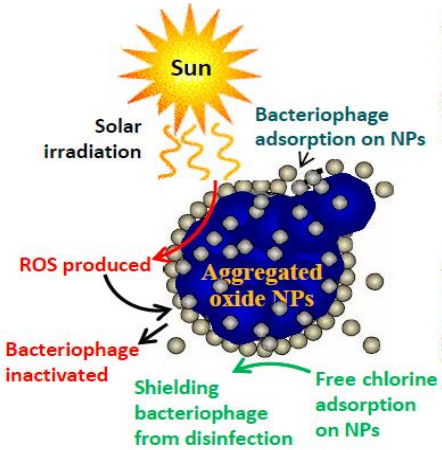

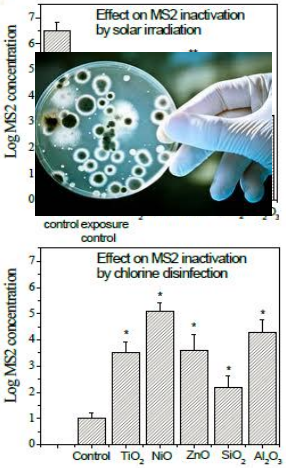

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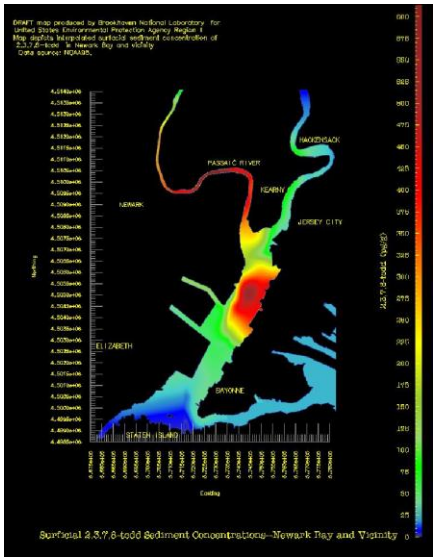

Contaminated Passaic River and Newark Bay

Proposed USEPA Solution- Dredging dewatering transporting and secure disposal

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We are proposing an inexpensive in-situ solution. The main objectives of this study are:

- To identify the possibility to use nano ozone bubbles to treat and remediate the heavily contaminated Passaic river sediments.
- To identify the process behind nano ozone bubbles in water and the impact of ozone solubility in water.
- To determine the impact from the sonication time, sonication power, temperature and pH in treatment process.
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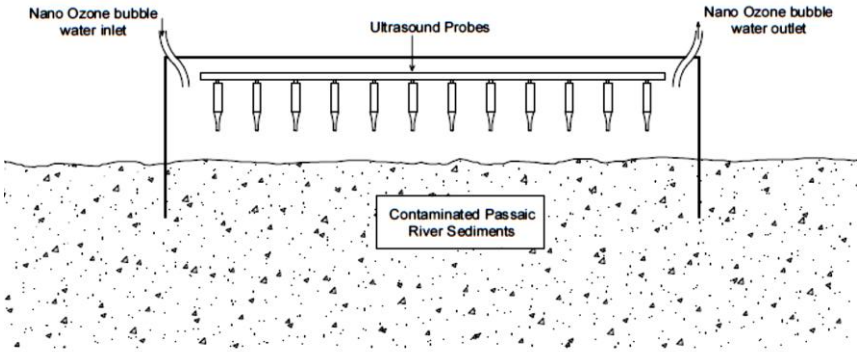
- To developing a fully functioning field application



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