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## ***Driving the Future of Biomedical Applications with Nanoelectronics***

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# Presentation Outline

***“In the middle of difficulty lies great opportunity”***

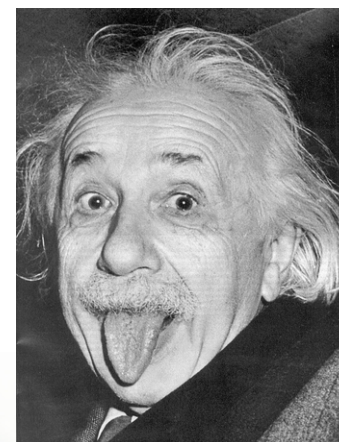
**– Albert Einstein**

## ■ Biomedical Community Trends

- Healthcare Cost
- Big Pharma’s Dilemma
- Personalize Medicine

## ■ Niches for Nanotechnology

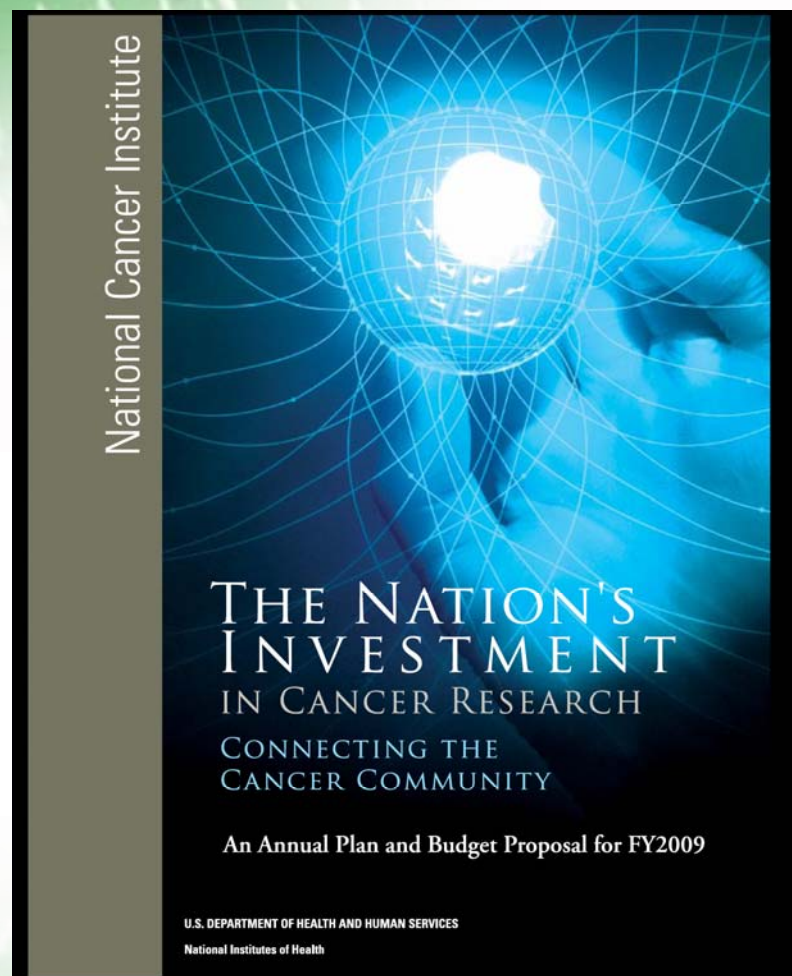
- Oncologist’s Wish List
- Diagnostic, Imaging, & Therapy
- Biospecimen Challenge



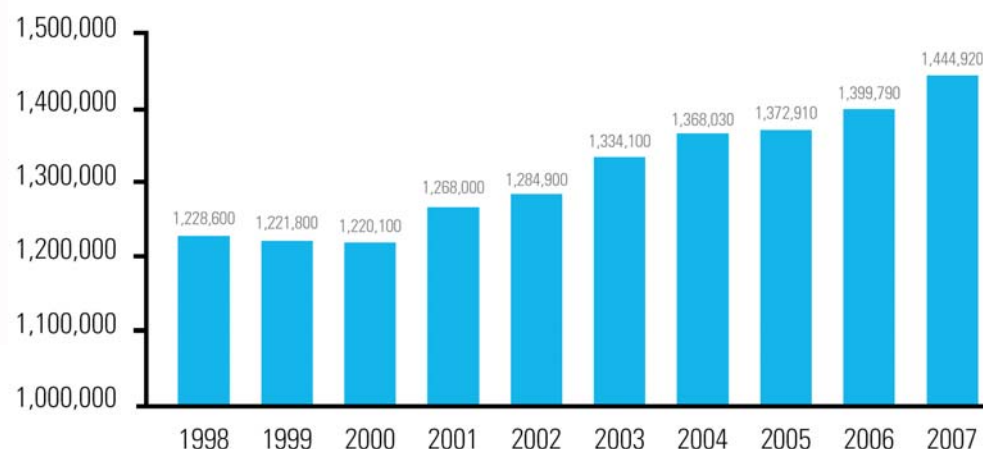


# The Human and Economic Burden of Cancer

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**Estimated Number of New Cancer Cases  
in the United States from 1998 to 2007**

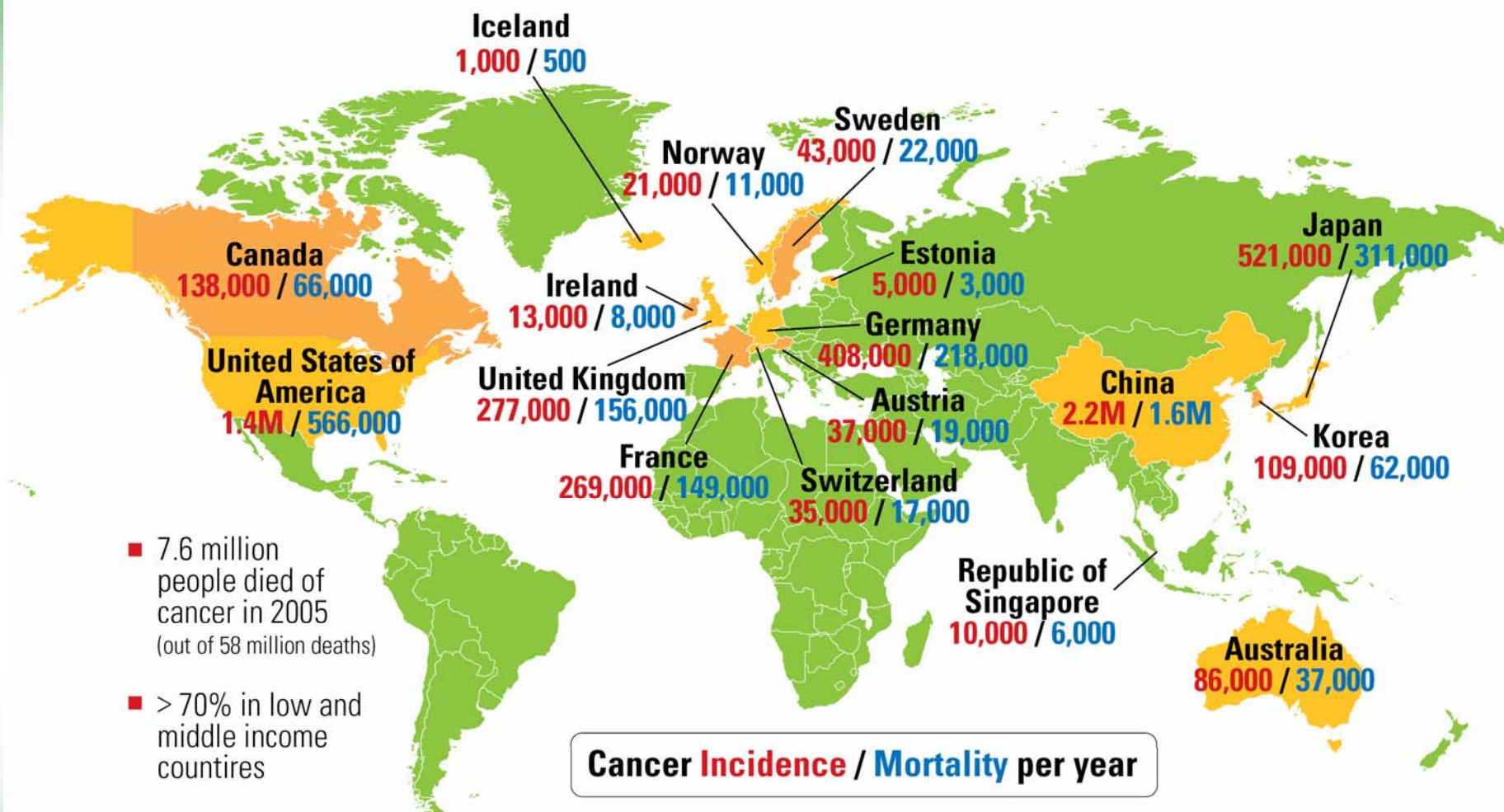


\*Data source: American Cancer Society, Cancer Facts and Figures, 1998 to 2007 based on NCI SEER and NAACCR data.

- **1,444,920 Americans were diagnosed with cancer in 2007**
- **559,650 Americans died of cancer in 2007**
- **\$206.3 billion was spent on healthcare cost for cancer in 2006**

# Global Cancer Incidence and Mortality

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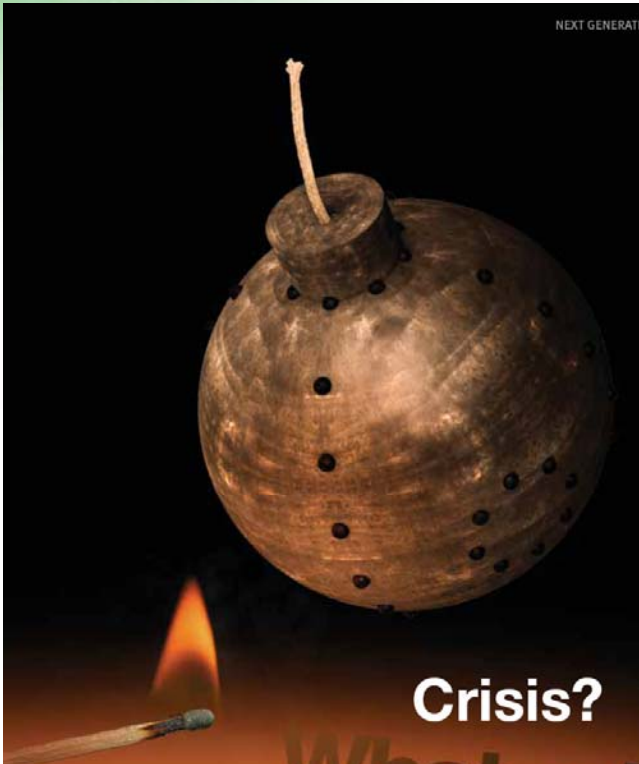


Source: International Agency for Research on Cancer, GLOBOCAN database



# Big Pharma's Dilemma

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**Crisis?**

**What crisis?**

A fresh diagnosis of Big Pharma's R&D productivity crunch.  
By Robert McKinnon, Ken Worzel, Greg Rotz and Harriet Williams

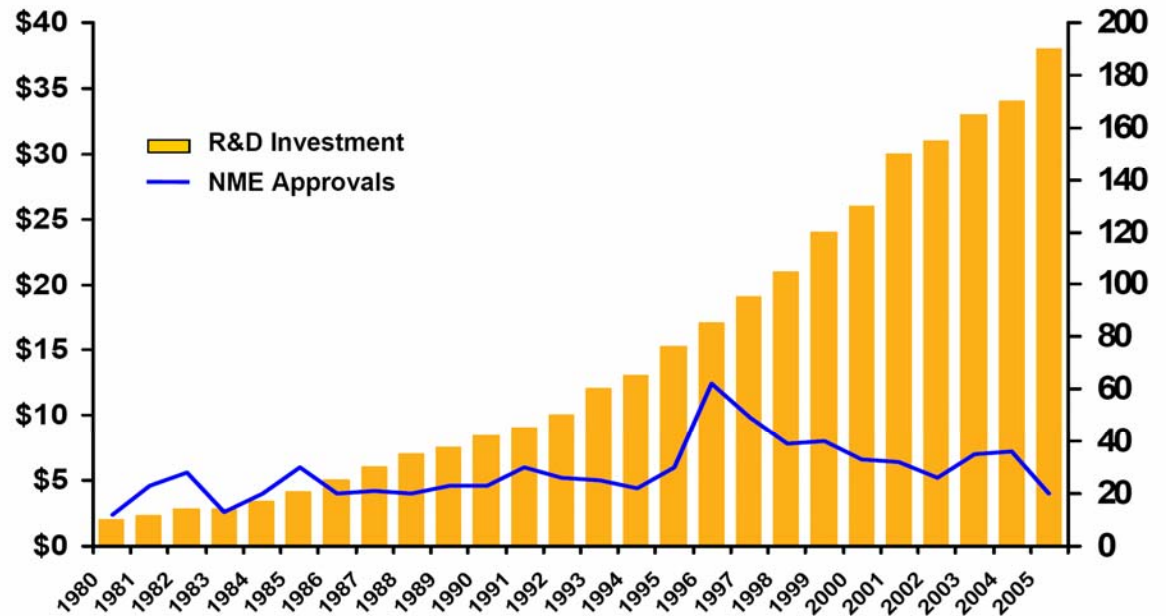
Just six years ago, the world's major pharmaceutical companies were held up as the most potent shareholder value creators of the corporate world. Predicting that the industry's strong performance during the 1990s would continue into the 21st century, investors piled into the sector. So eager were they to get a piece of the action that, in 1998, Big Pharma's price/earnings ratio was more than twice that of the global stock market.

Today, equity analysts rate growth prospects for the largest players much closer to the broader markets, and the price premium relative to the S&P 500 has all but disappeared. That's quite a fall from grace.

Why has Big Pharma taken such a tumble? The prevailing explanation is that something has gone seriously wrong in the research labs, too few new products are emerging to replace older ones coming off patent.

Industry R&D  
Expense  
(\$ Billions)

Source: Source: FDA CDER & CBER; Evaluate

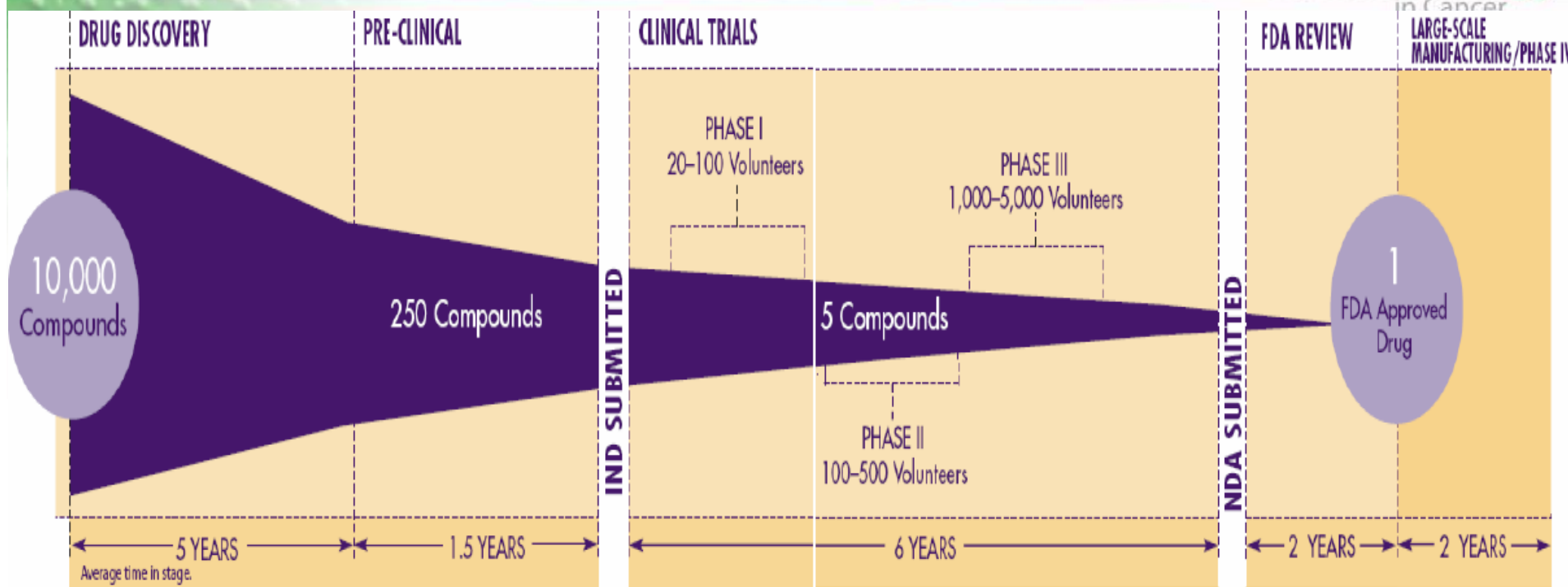


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# Time is Really Mucho Dinero

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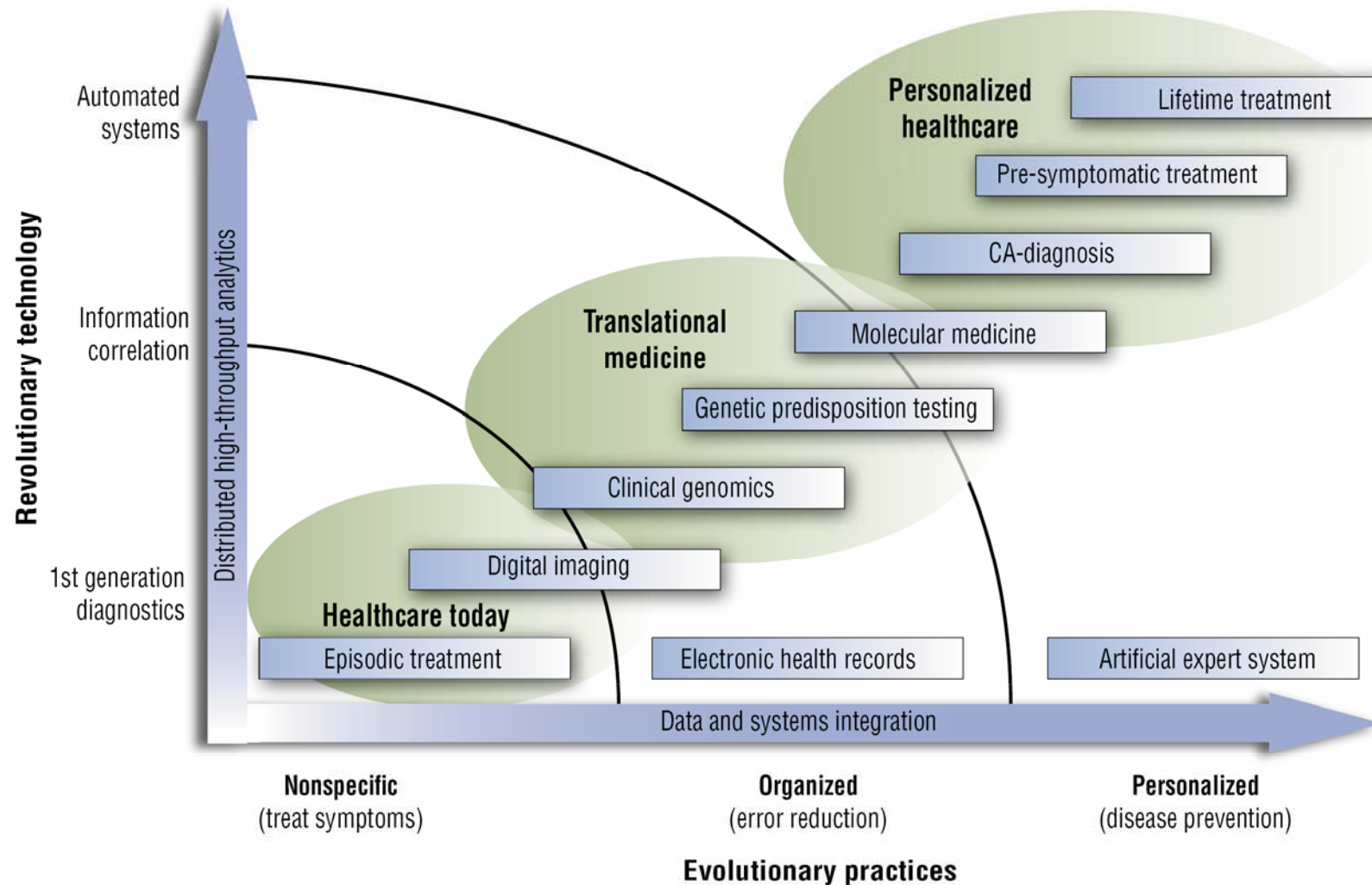
## Trend:

**More patients and clinical trials required per NDA**

***(Development time by Pharma increasing)***

***(Development cost by Pharma increasing)***

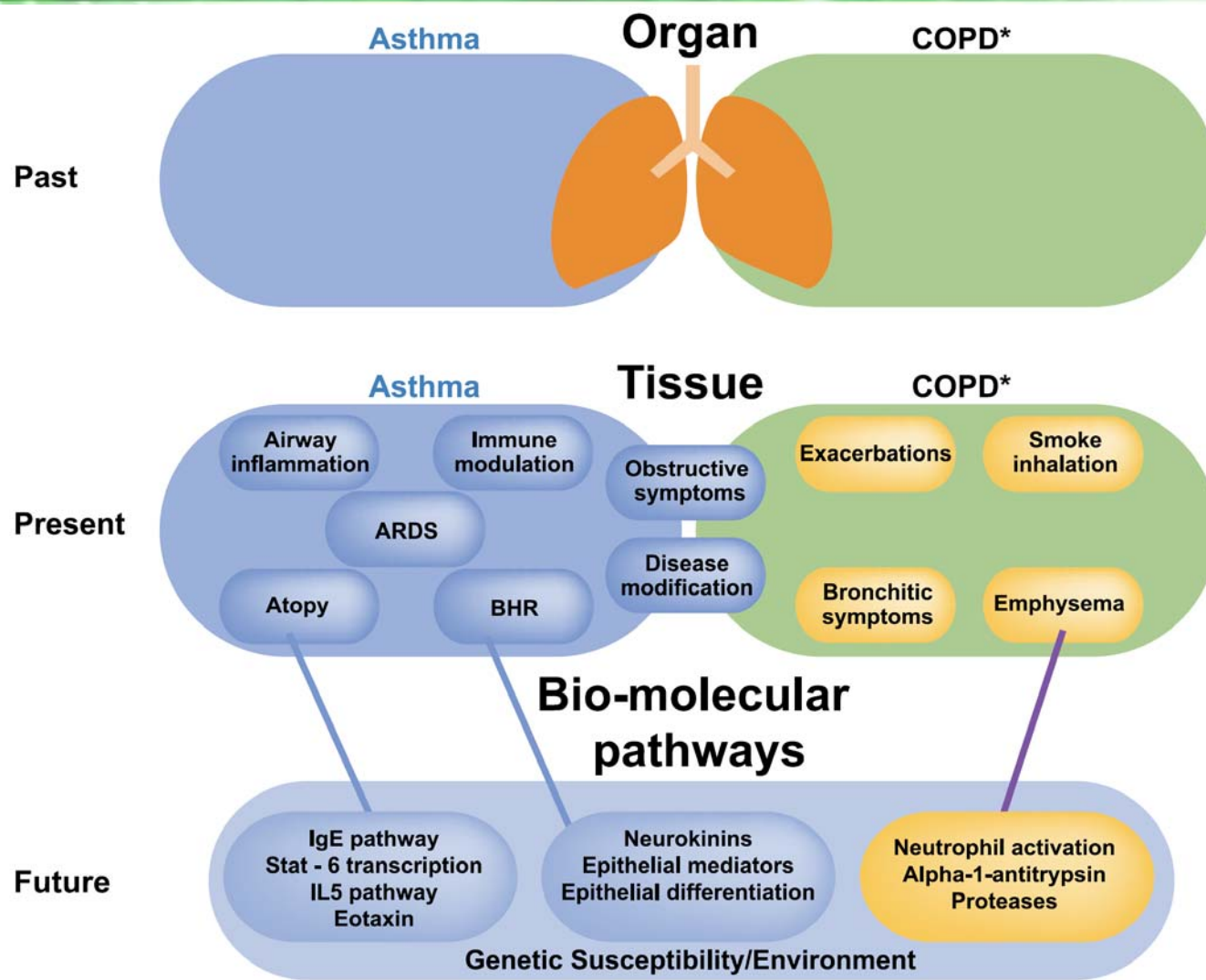
# Healthcare Trend



Source: IBM Life Sciences Solutions



# From Organs to Pathways



\*Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease



# Oncologist's Imaging Wish List ...

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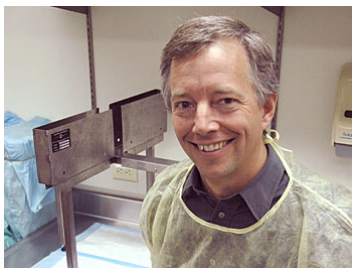


National Cancer Institute  
National Institutes of Health  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

## Strategic Workshop on Cancer Nanotechnology: In-vivo Diagnosis and Imaging

*March 28, 2008*

*Bethesda Marriott  
Bethesda, Maryland*



*Jim Olson M.D., Ph.D.  
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Seattle Children's Hospital*

- 1) **Early detection**
- 2) **Diagnose tumor type**
- 3) **Define all metastases**
- 4) **Illuminate tumor  
intraoperatively**
- 5) **Nodes & mets too**
- 6) **Show therapy delivery**
- 7) **Show therapy response**
- 8) **Identify resistance emergence**

# We Must Accelerate Progress Against Cancer: Early Diagnostics Is Key

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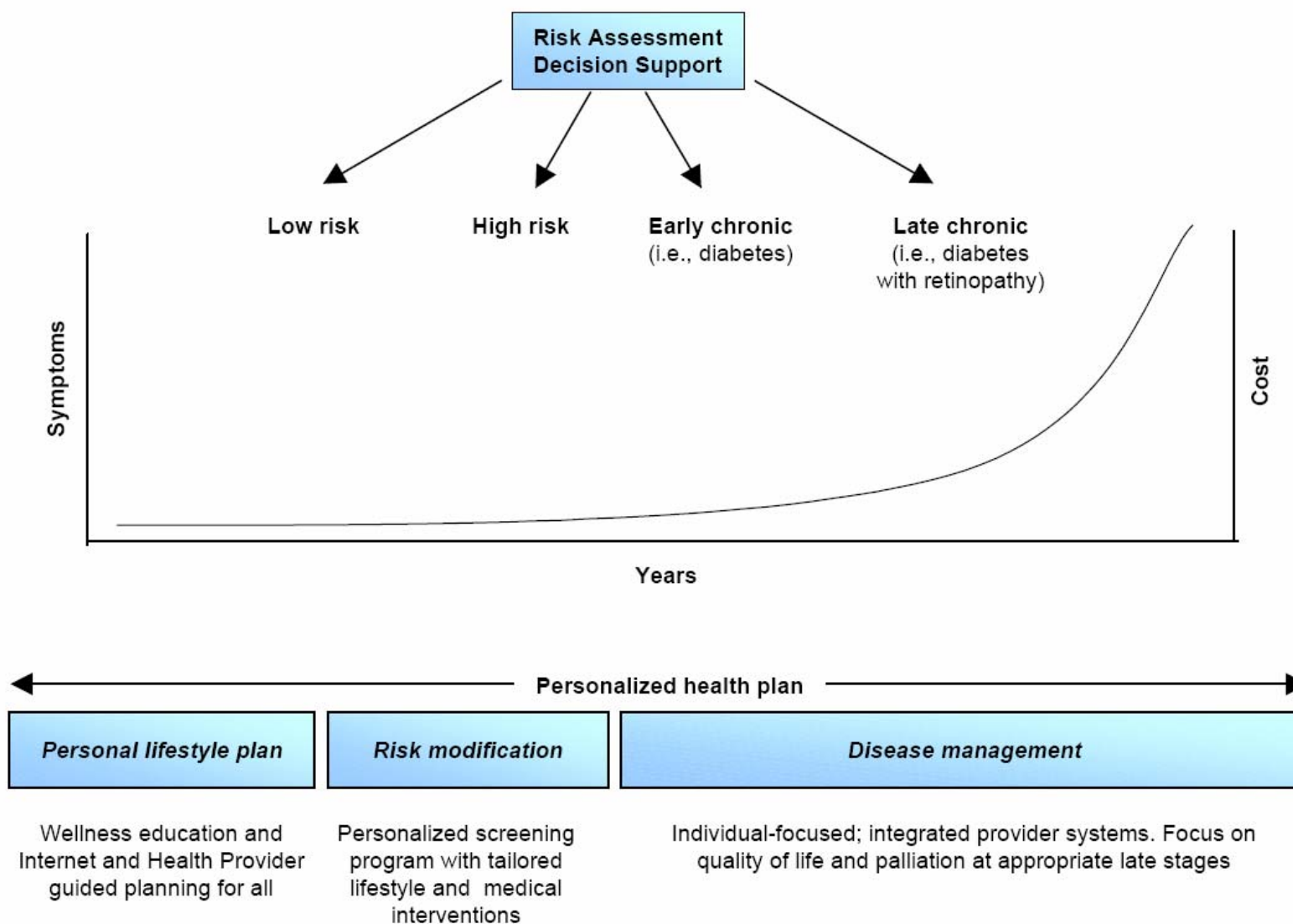
## *Early Diagnostics Is Key*

<b>Site</b>	<b>All stages</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Regional</b>	<b>Distant</b>
Breast (female)	86.6	97.0	78.7	23.3
Colon and rectum	62.3	90.1	65.5	9.2
Liver	6.9	16.3	6.0	1.9
Lung and bronchus	14.9	48.7	16.0	2.1
Melanoma	89.6	96.7	60.1	13.8
Ovary	53.0	94.7	72.0	30.7
Pancreas	4.4	16.6	6.8	1.6
Prostate	97.5	100.0	--	34.0
Testis	95.5	99.1	95.0	73.1

Source: American Cancer Society



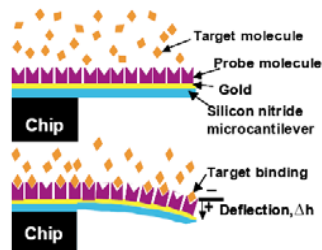
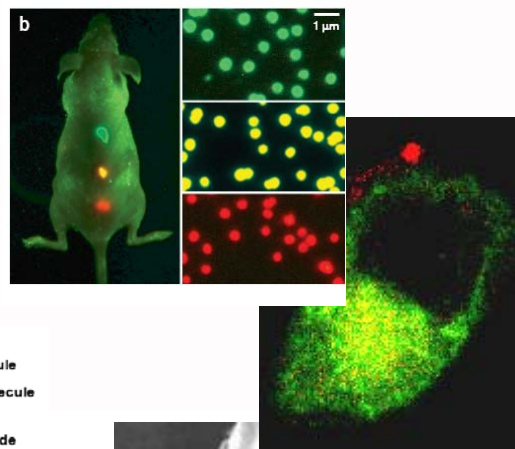
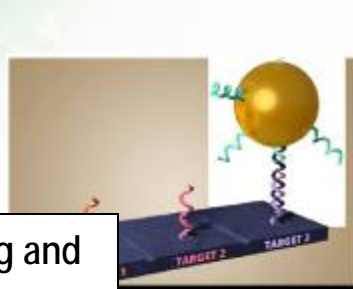
# Disease Management



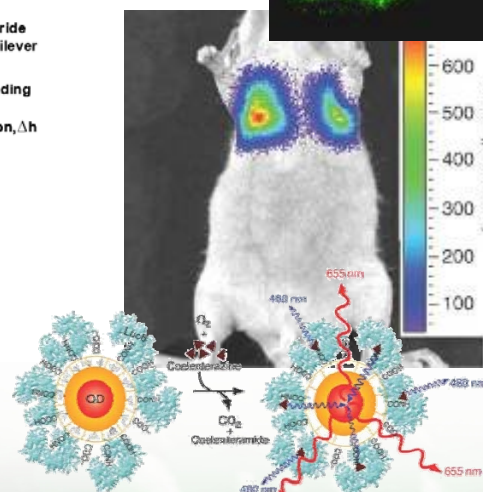
# Nanotechnology is an Enabler of New Solutions for Cancer

## Focus Areas:

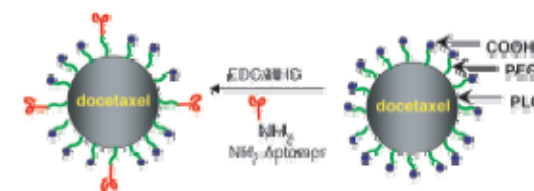
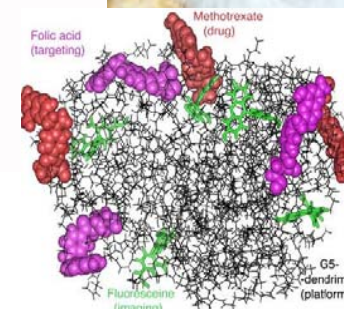
- Molecular imaging and early detection
- In vivo imaging
- Reporters of efficacy
- Multifunctional therapeutics
- Prevention and control
- Research enablers



Early detection



Imaging



Therapy



# Magneto-Nano Chips, Magnetic Sifter/Sorter, and Multifunctional Nanoprobes

## Objective:

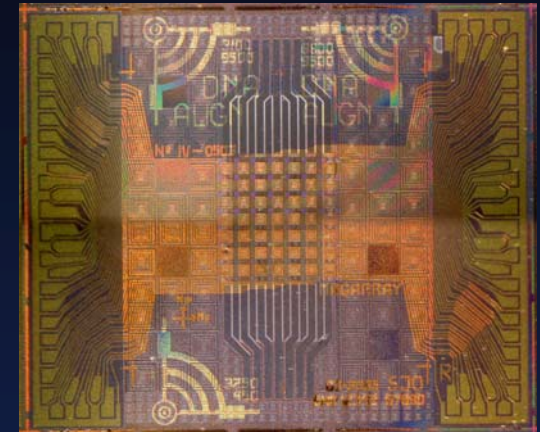
## Nanoprobes

- Quantitative, portable, inexpensive, and high throughput detection of trace amounts of protein tumor markers and relevant protein profiles present in serum or tissue for the determination of appropriate therapies and to follow treatment efficacy.
- Pre-purification and concentration of serum derived analytes with a magnetic sifter and/or multiplexed magnetic sorter.
- Multifunctional nanoprobes (spin-off)

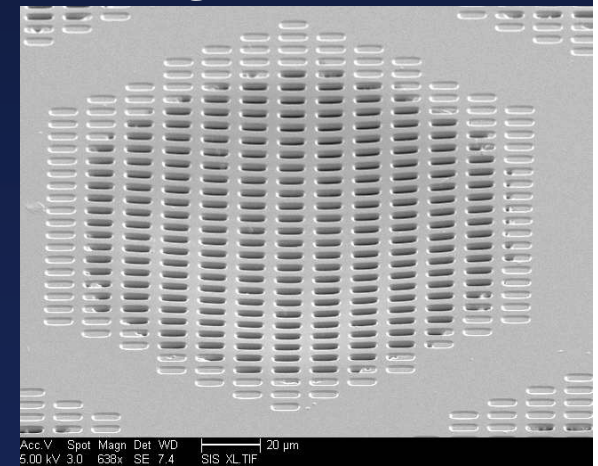
## Approach:

- Protein targets are selectively bound to a magneto-nano chip using specific probes above a spin valve sensor
- “Staining” protein targets with magnetic nanotags (~10-100 nm), which are then read out electronically
- The same magnetic nanotags are also exploited for magnetic sample preparation and sorting

Magneto-nano chip

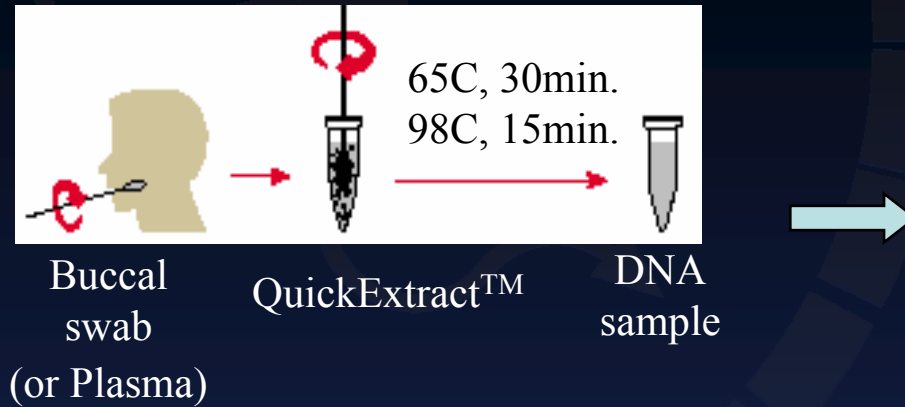


Magnetic sifter/sorter

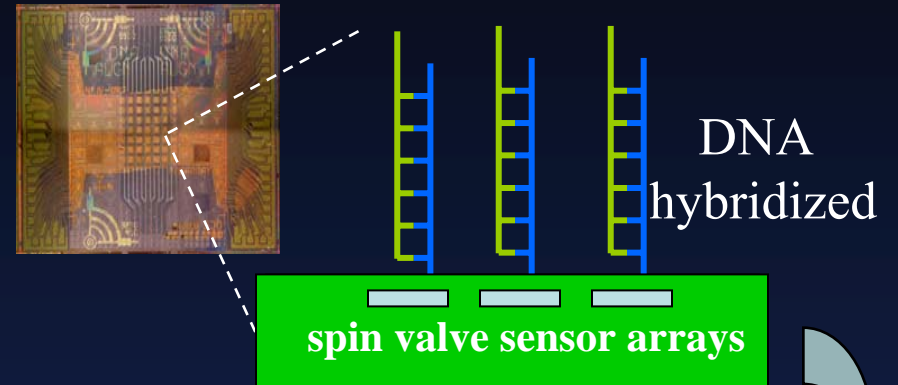


# DNA Assay

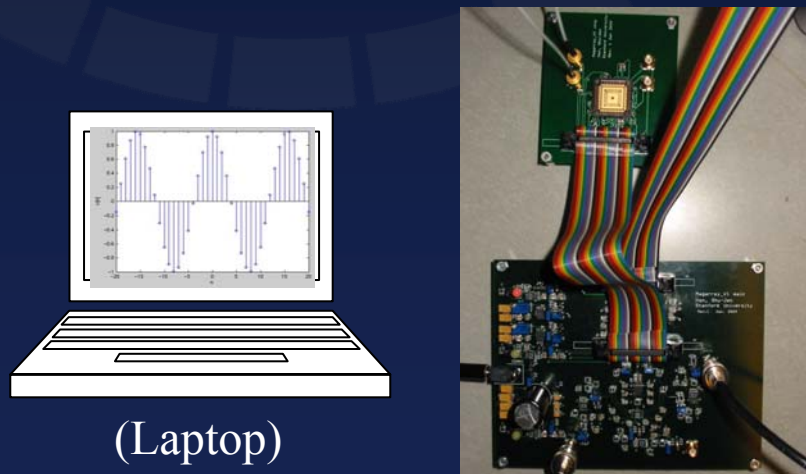
## DNA Sample Preparation



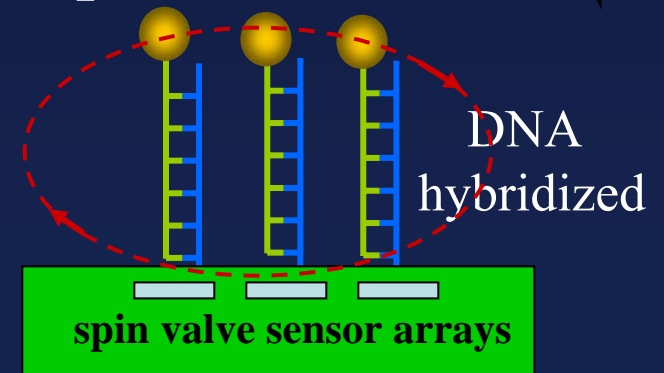
## Hybridization Capture of ss-DNA w/ Magnetic Biochip



## Electronic Readout



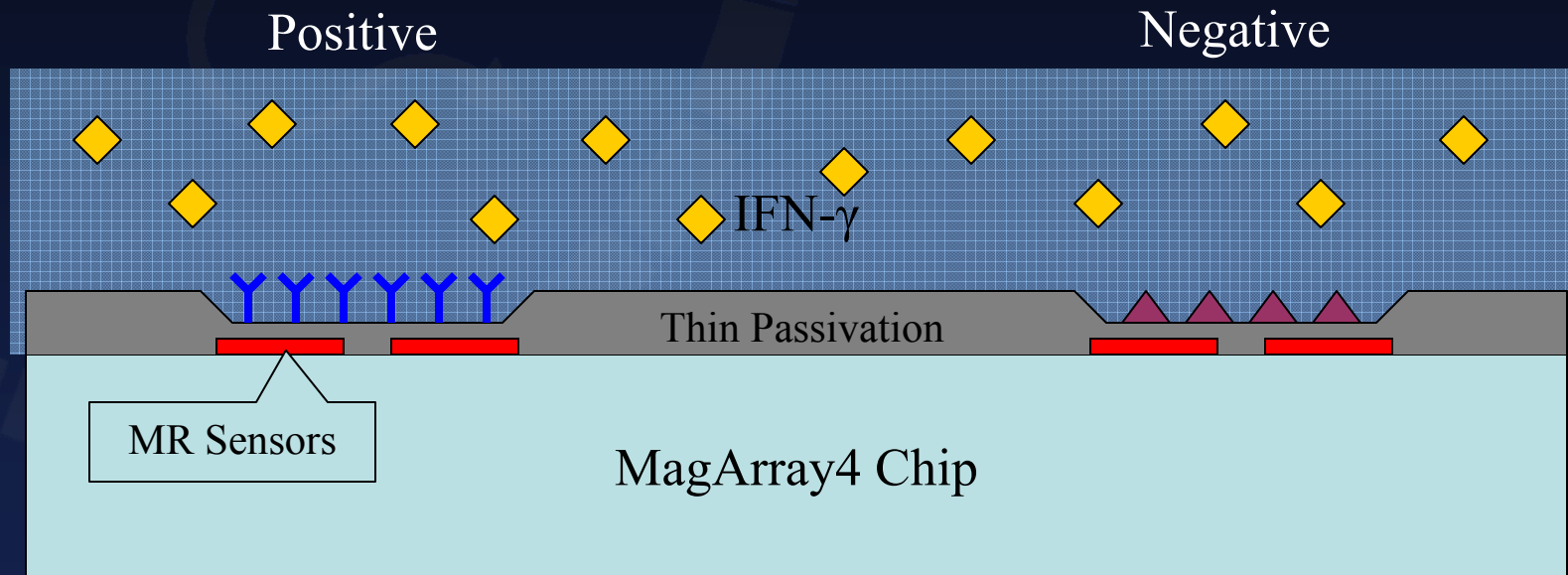
## Nanotag Labeling of Captured ss-DNA





# Protein Assay: IFN- $\gamma$ as Model Analyte

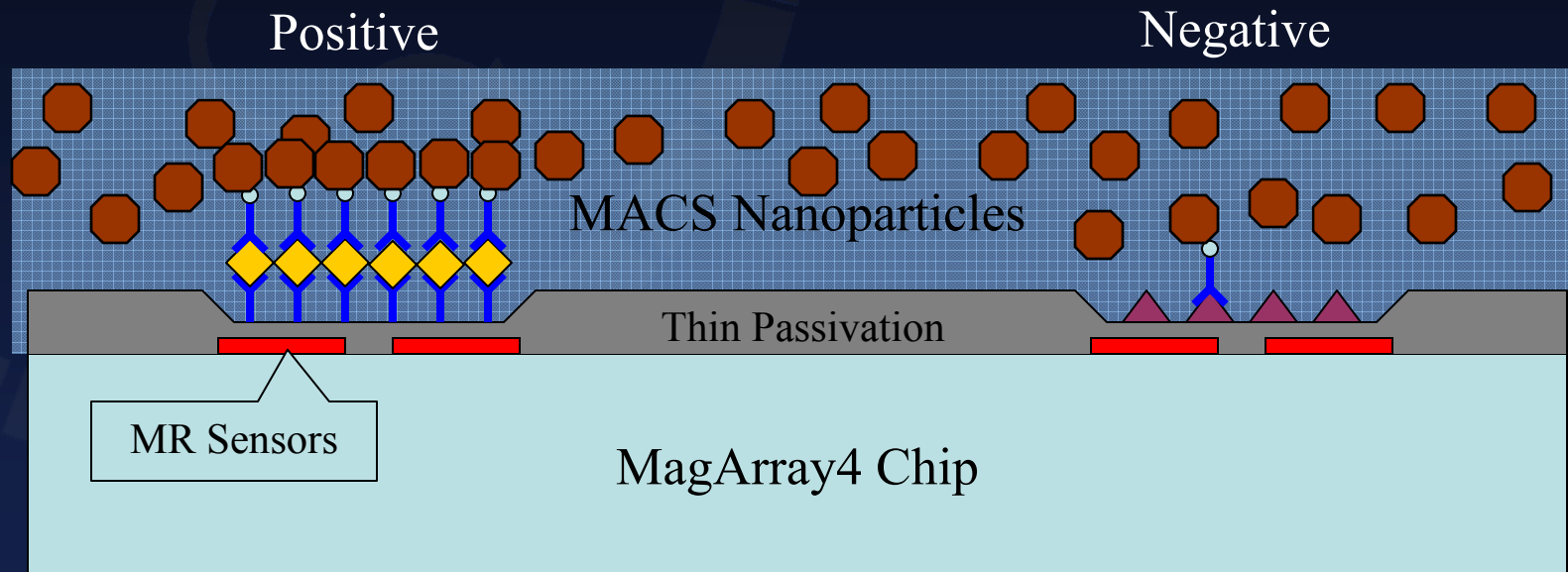
## Step 2: Antigen Capture



Osterfeld and Wang, book chapter submitted,  
Journal paper in preparation.

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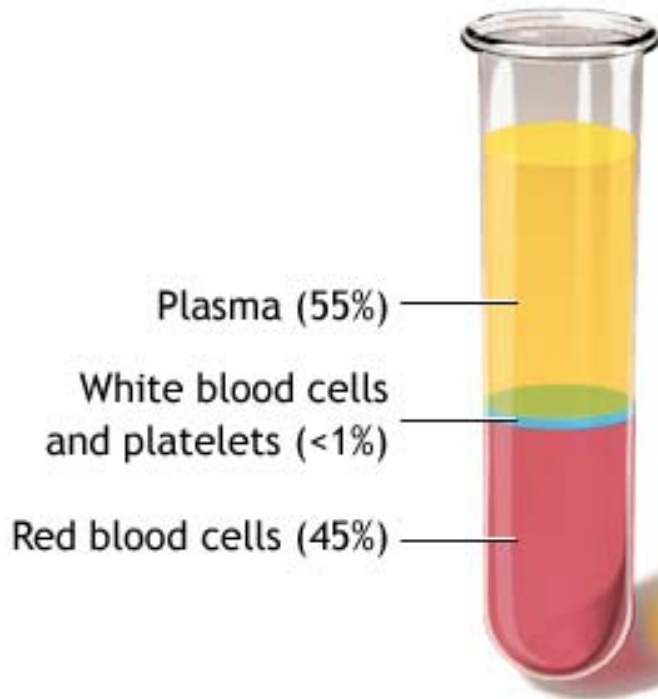
Step 4: Live Measurement During Nanoparticle Capture



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# Blood Chemistry 101: What's in this stuff?

**Human body contains ~5 liters of blood**



**Plasma [= Serum + Clotting Factors]**

**91% Water**

**7% Blood Proteins (fibrinogens, albumin, globulin)**

**2% Nutrients (amino acids, sugars, lipids)**

**Hormones (erythropoietin, insulin, etc.)**

**Electrolytes (sodium, potassium, calcium, etc)**

**Note: This is not nM, μM or mM!!!**

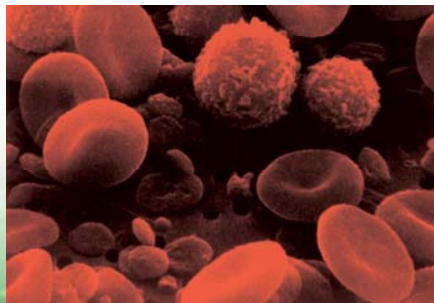
**Buffy Coat**

**White Blood Cells (~7,000,000 – 9,000,000 per cc of blood)**

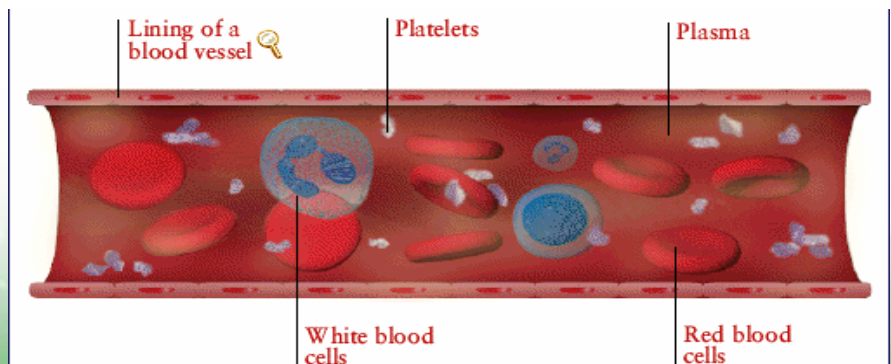
**Platelets (~150,000,000 – 350,000,000 per cc of blood)**

**Red Blood Cells (~5,000,000,000 per cc of blood)**

**About 10<sup>11</sup> cells produced every day!**



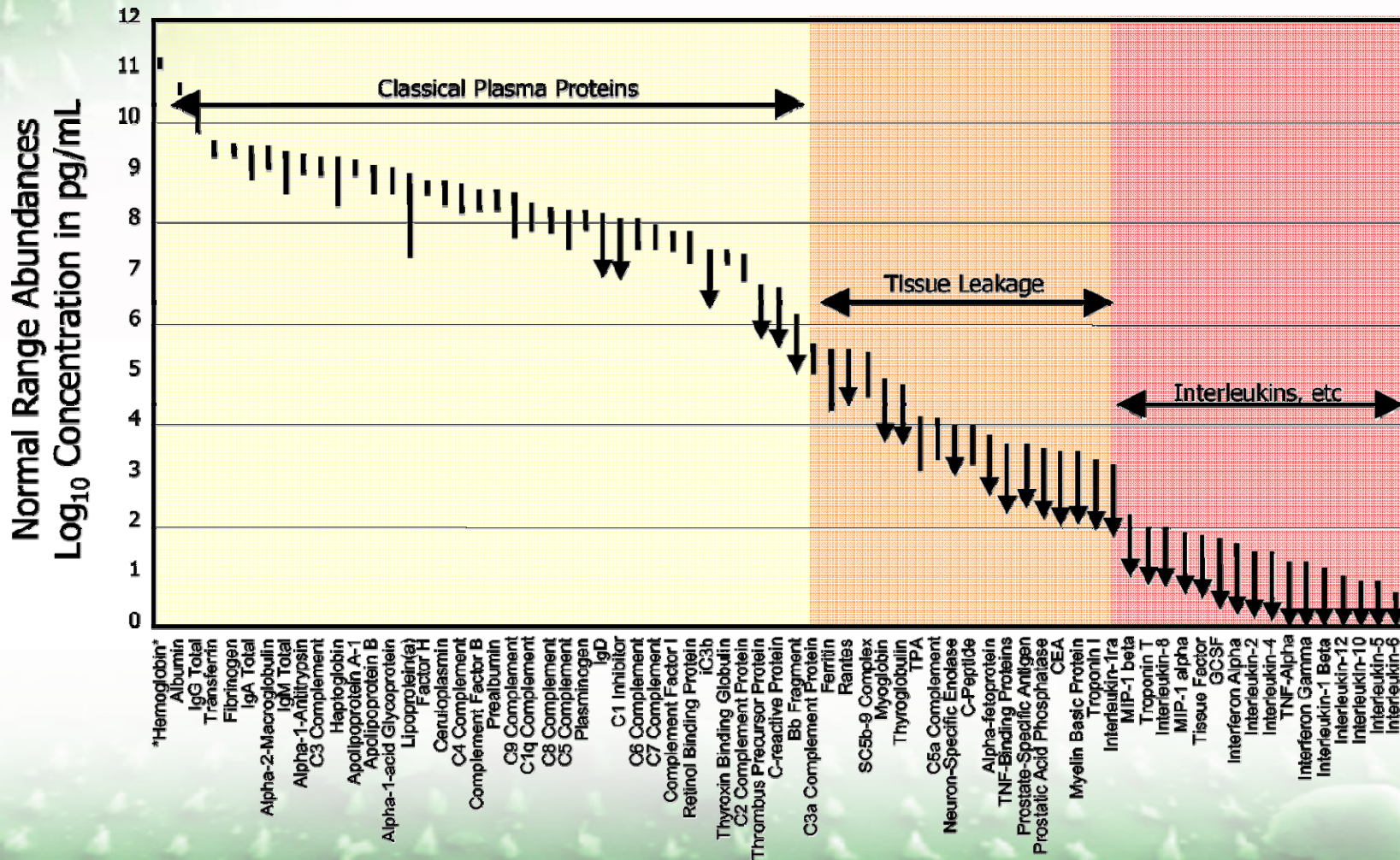
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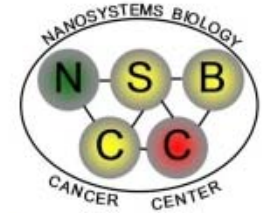




# The Human Plasma Proteome >10 Orders of Magnitude in Abundance

## Reference intervals for 70 protein analytes in plasma





# Microfluidics as An Enabling Technology for Cancer PET Imaging (Project 3)



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Vision-Integrity-Passion

**Crump** Institute  
for  
Molecular Imaging





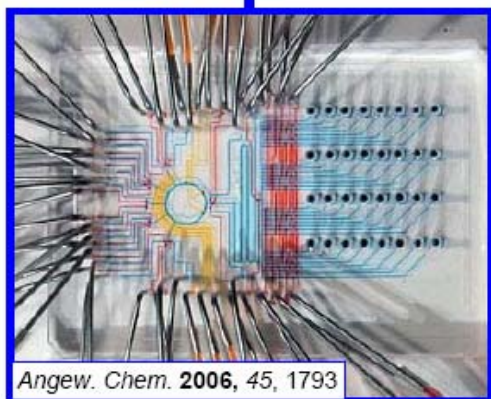
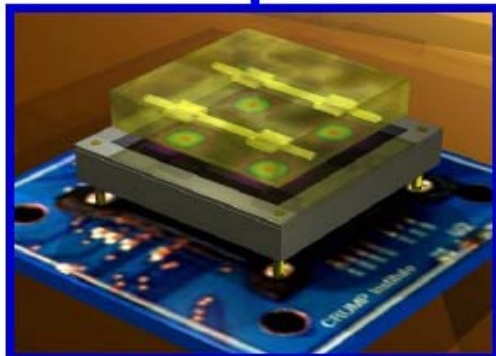
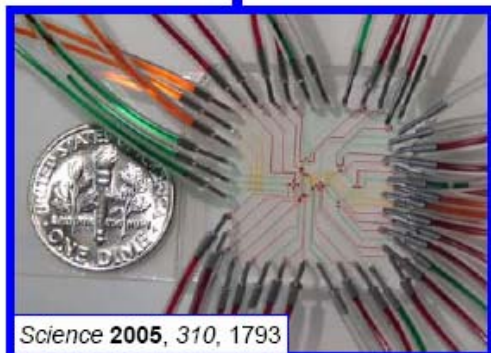
# Microfluidic Devices Facilitate Syntheses, Discovery and Evaluation of New PET Probes

## Development of PET Probes

Synthesis of PET probes

Discovery of PET probes

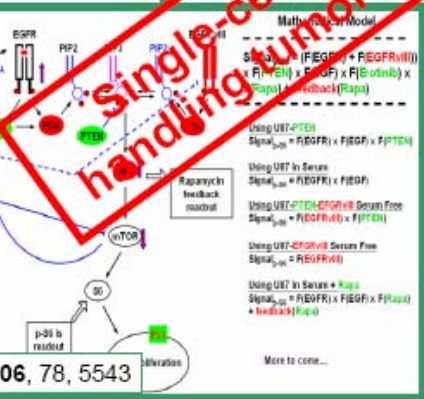
In vitro probe imaging



## Cancer Diagnosis

Cancer signaling network

Kinase assay

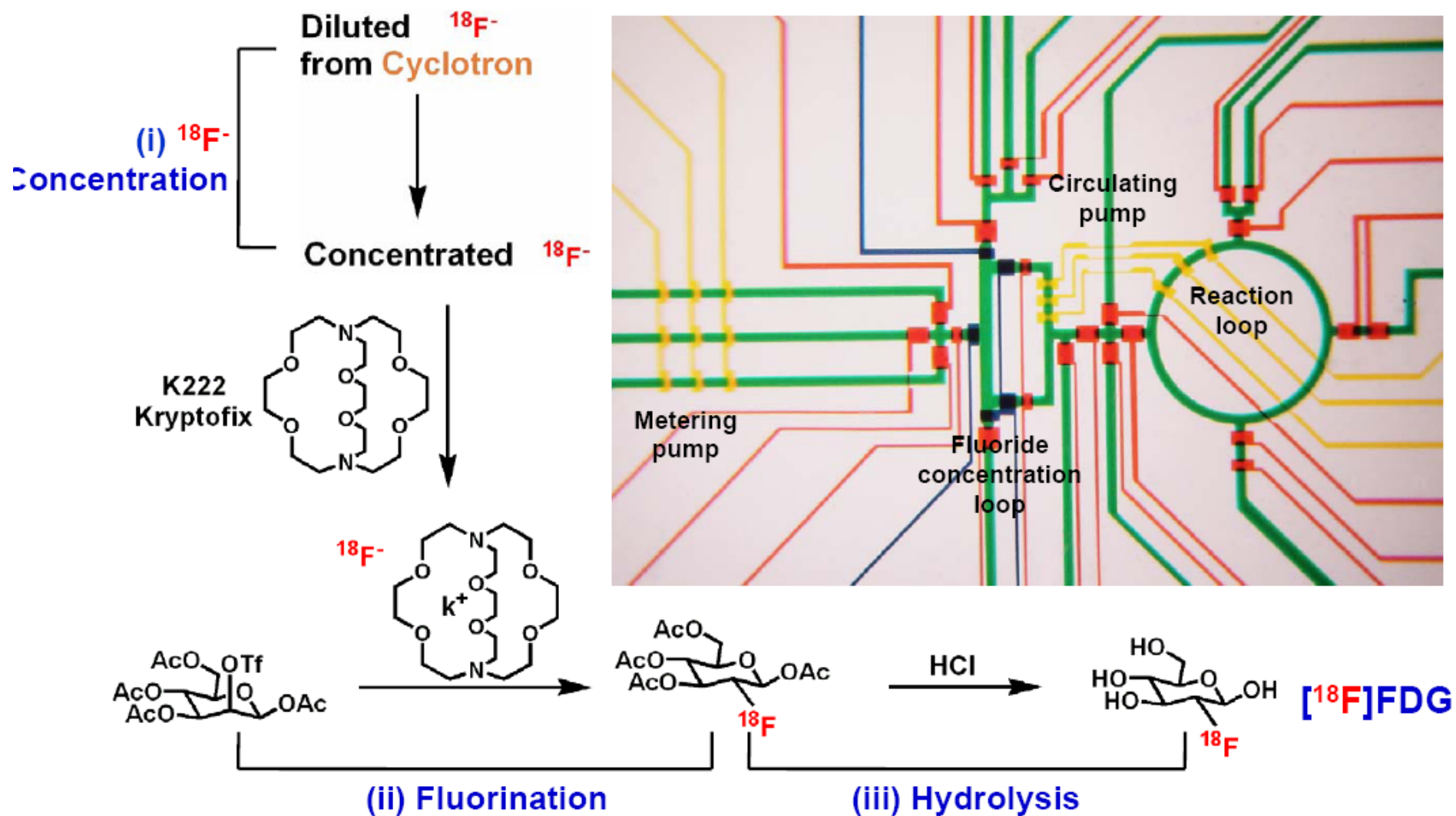


Single-cell resolution for handling tumor heterogeneity





# [<sup>18</sup>F]FDG Synthesis in PDMS Microchips

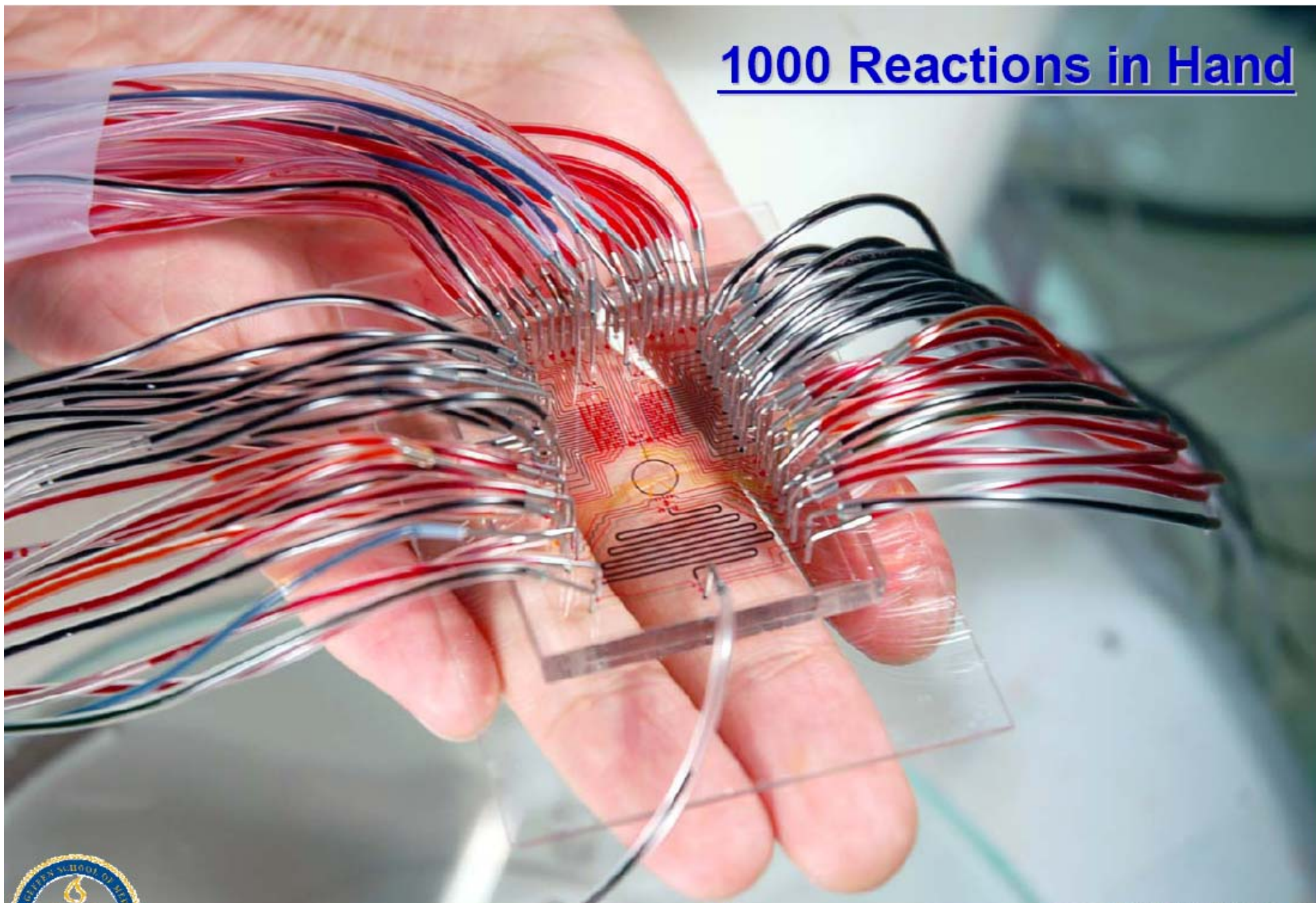


Science 2005, 310, 1793-1796

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# 1000 Reactions in Hand



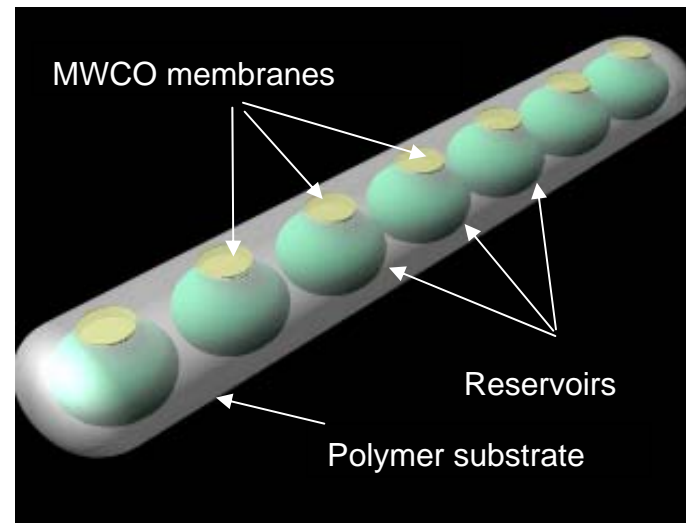
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# Implantable Diagnostic Device for Cancer Therapy



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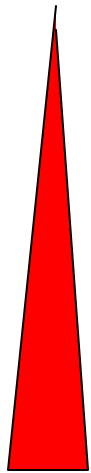


# Measuring Soluble Biomarkers *In Vivo*

Hypothesis:

Local biomarker levels are a more sensitive indicator of the state of a solid tumor than systemic concentrations.

LESS  
INVASIVE



MORE  
INVASIVE

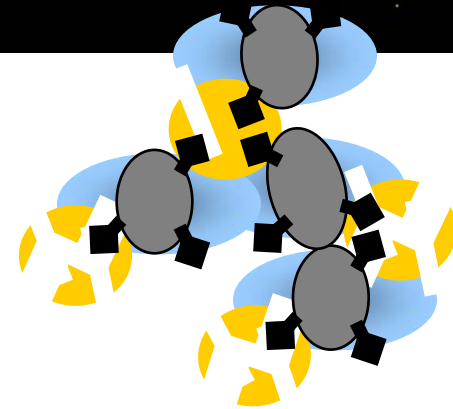
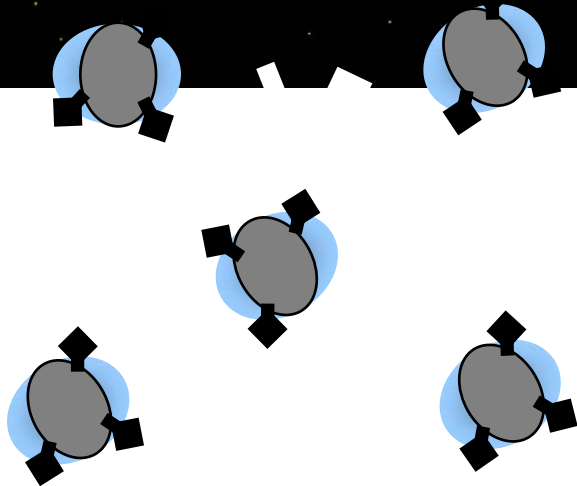
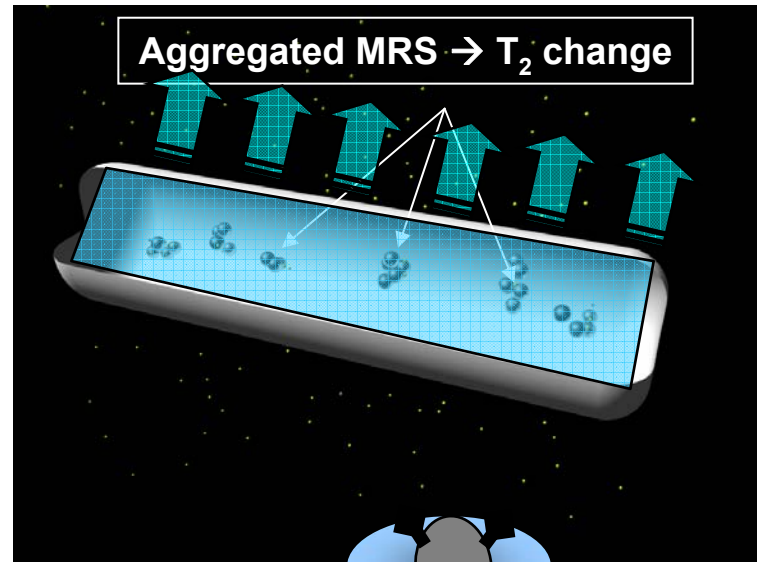
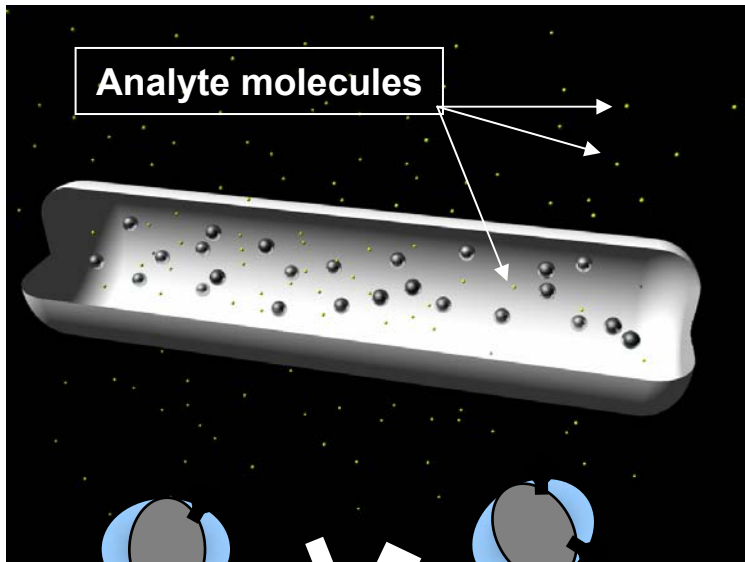
## Current Measurement Techniques

- BLOOD TEST (Organ function tests, cancer biomarker concentration, drug concentrations)
- IMPLANT (Reporter of local concentrations, minimally invasive)
- TISSUE (Biopsy, surgical specimens provide most specific information about local state)

Less invasive, faster  
Periodic monitoring  
Local drug concentrations  
Efficacy of therapy  
Progression of cancer  
Stratify patients for therapy  
Detect recurrence

# Magnetic Relaxation Switch (MRS) Sensor

**Goal: *In vivo*, local detection of soluble cancer biomarkers**

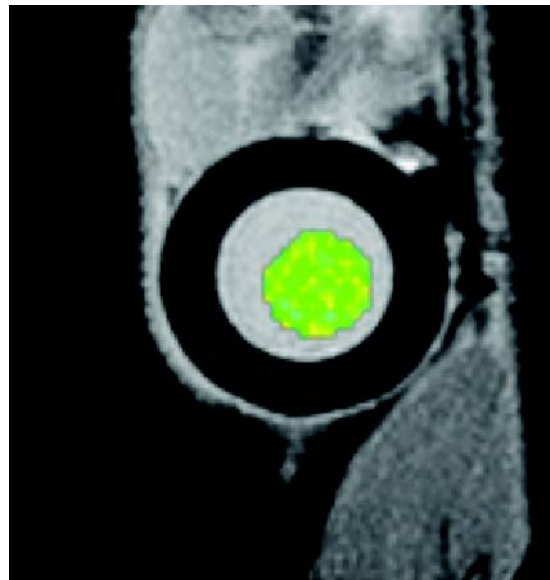


Dispersed, High T<sub>2</sub>

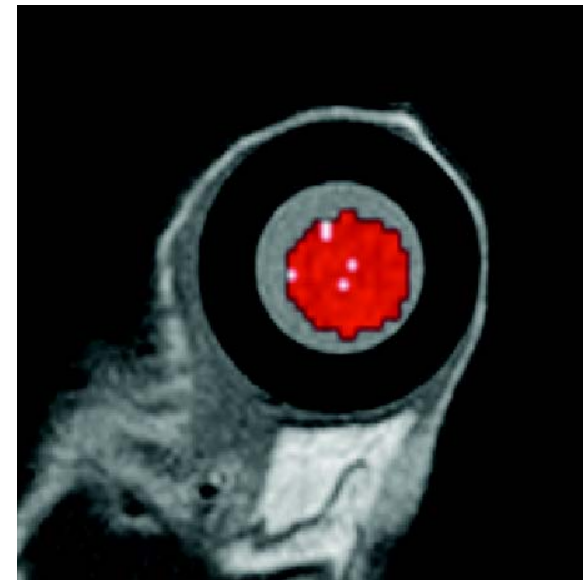
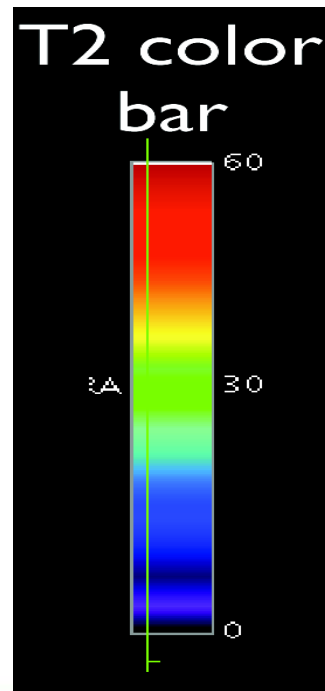
Aggregated, Low T<sub>2</sub>

# Device-based Sensing ~ in vivo

- Developed tumor model in mice using xenograft tumor cells that secrete HCG
- Device:
  - Polycarbonate membranes on HDPE substrate
  - Low valency nanoparticles
  - Implanted subcutaneously near tumor
- Image by MRI on days one and three after device implantation
- Explant device and read on auto-NMR



Sample Mouse  
(device implanted near tumor)



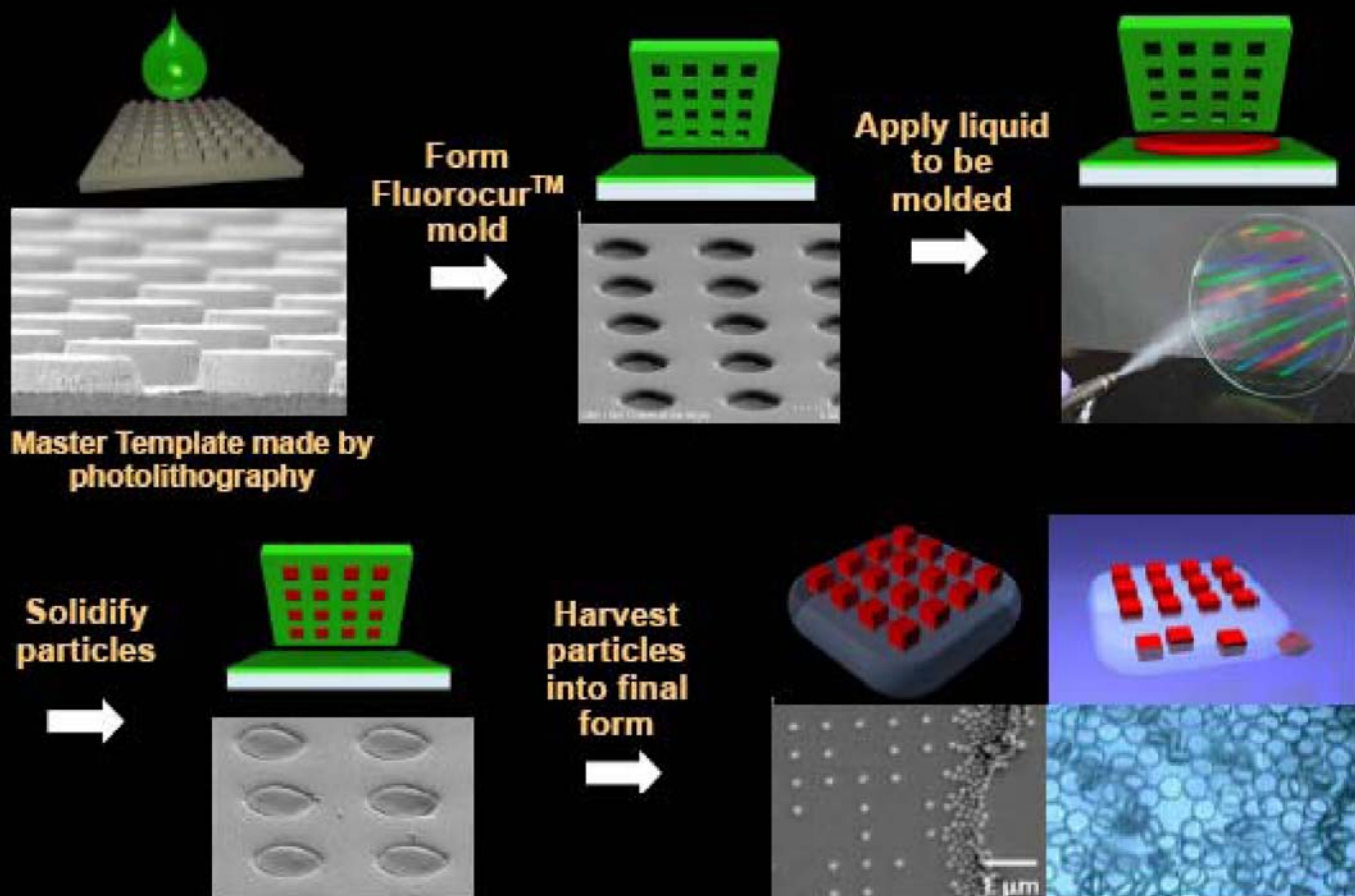
Control Mouse  
(no tumor)



# PRINT Technology

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## Particle Replication in Non-wetting Templates PRINT™ Particles



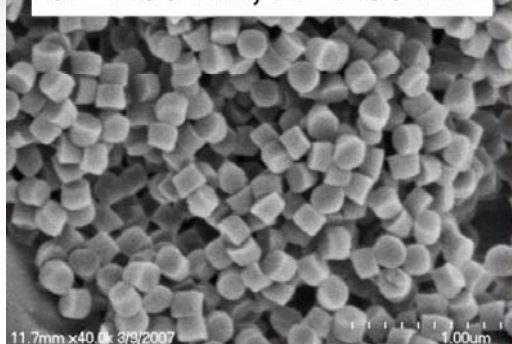
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# Nanoparticle Size and Shape – Biodistribution

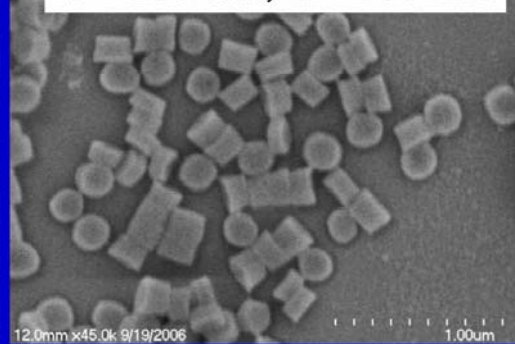
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## PRINT™ Particles: Shape and Size Range

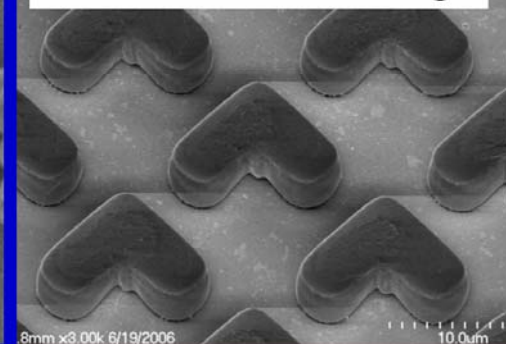
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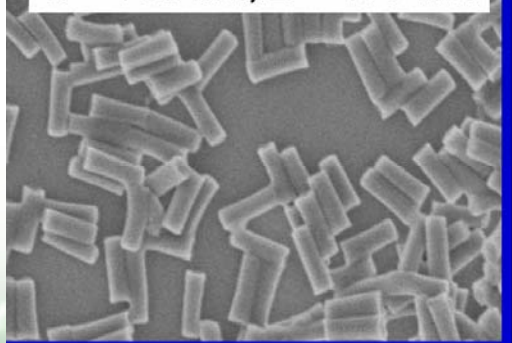
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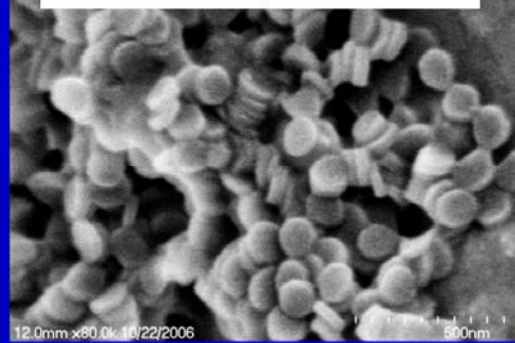
5 micron “boomerang”



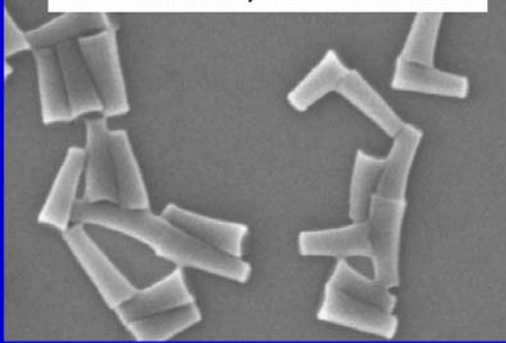
d = 150 nm, L = 480 nm



d = 113 nm, L = 36 nm



d = 95 nm, L = 280 nm





# The Alliance Website: <http://nano.cancer.gov>

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The screenshot shows the website's header with the National Cancer Institute logo and navigation menu. The main content area features a large banner for 'DELIVERING today's knowledge in Nanotech Oncology' with an image of scientists. Below the banner are sections for 'Nanotech Highlights' (listing R01 and workshop announcements), 'Nanotech News' (with a list of recent articles and an RSS feed), and 'Exploring Nanotechnology' (with video and animation links). A 'Sign-up Today' form is also visible.

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