

# Multifunctional Bio-Nano Materials and Structures Technologies for Aeronautics and Space Exploration

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#### NASA & Nanotechnology

University Research, Engineering & Technology Institutes (URETIS)



## Bio-Inspired Design and Processing of Multi-Functional Nano-Composites (BIMat)

- Design and modeling of hierarchically structured materials capable of bio-sensing catalysis and self-healing
- PrincetonUCSB
- Northwestern • U of NC
- Nat'l Inst. Aerospace

### Institute for Nanoelectronics and Computing (INAC)

- Develop fundamental knowledge and enabling technologies in: ultradense memory, ultraperformance devices, integrated sensors, and adaptive systems
- Purdue • Yale
- NorthwesternU of Fl
- CornellUCSD
- Texas A&M

#### **URETIS**

## Institute for Intelligent Bio-Nano Materials and Structures for Aerospace Vehicles (TiiMS)

- Basic and applied research in the integration of sensing, computing, actuation and communication in smart materials
- Texas A&M • Rice
- Texas Southern
  Prairie View A&M
- U of T-A
   U of Houston

### Center for Cell Mimetic Space Exploration (CMISE)

- Bio-informatics for the development of new, scalable nano-technologies in sensors, actuators and energy sources
- UCLA

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• CIT





#### **UNIVERSITY PARTICIPANTS**

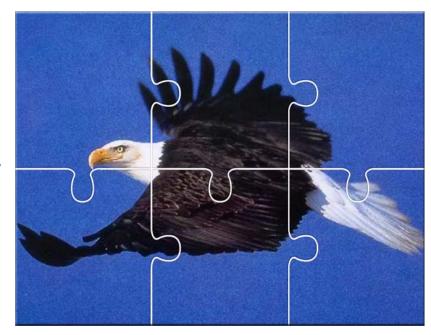






#### **Objectives of TiiMS**

Develop through multiscale approaches and new innovations in nanotechnology, multifunctional materials and devices for the design of future aeronautics and space exploration vehicles and systems.





Through this advanced research and development activity, produce more highly educated and trained science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) professionals for NASA, the Nation's national defense and economic development.



## Research and Education Thrust Areas

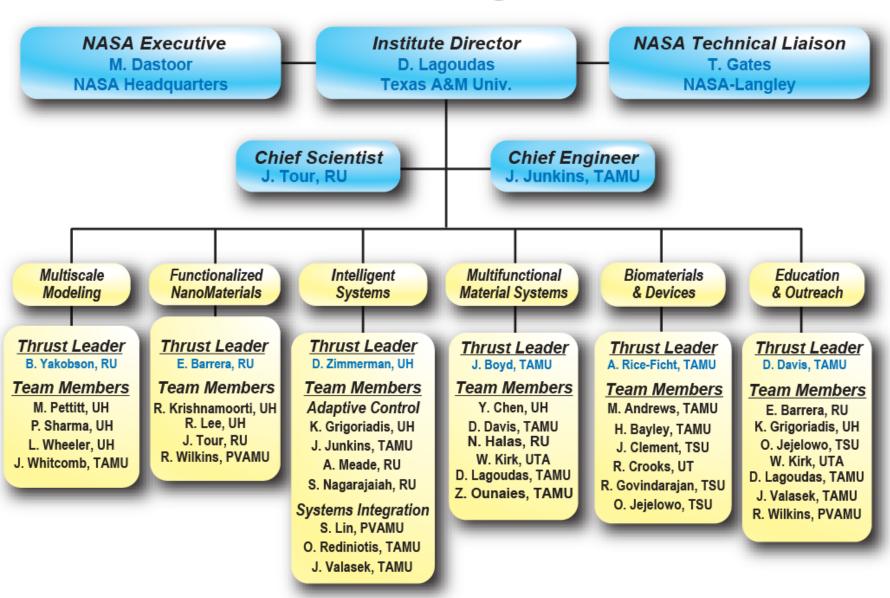








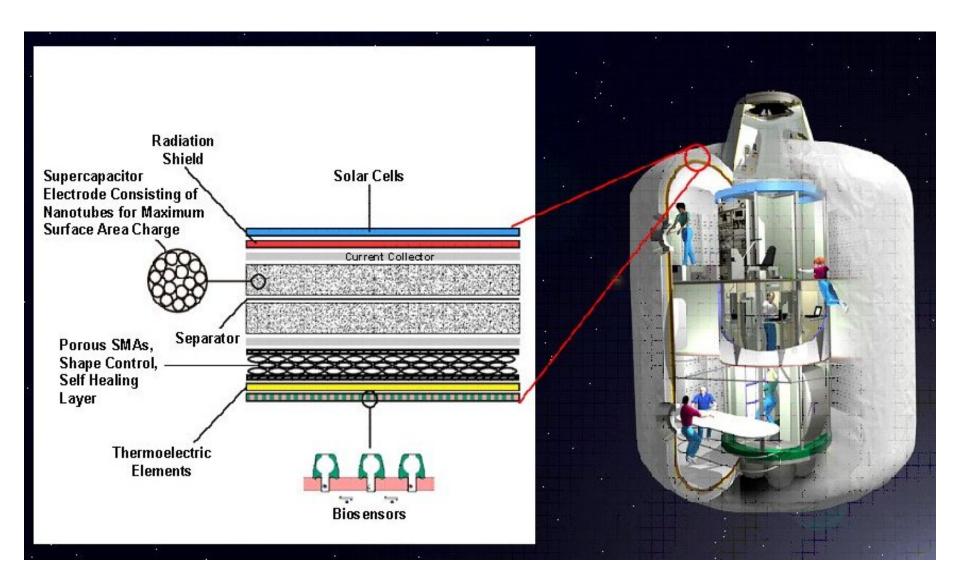
#### **Technical Structure**





## Proof of Concept: Multifunctional Shell for Space Structure

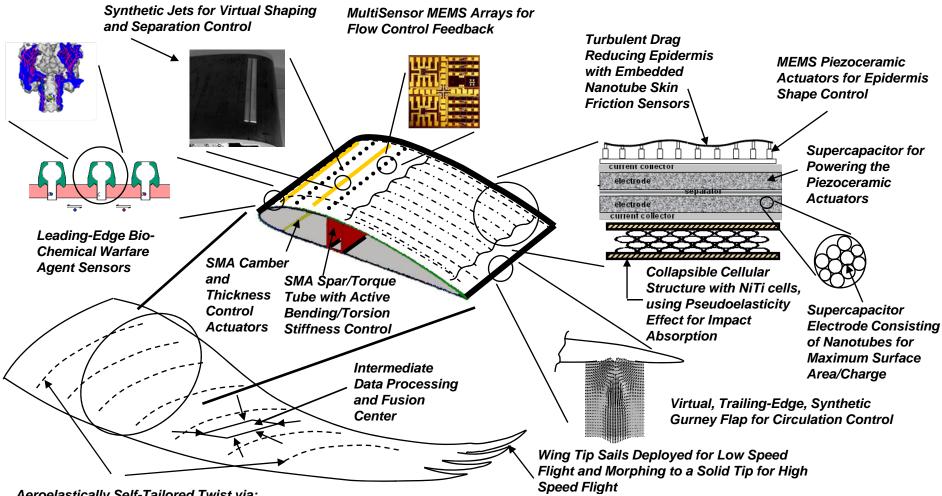






#### **Proof of Concept: Hierarchical Structure of Multifunctional Morphing-Capable Wing**





Aeroelastically Self-Tailored Twist via:

- Active Structural Stiffness Control
- -Active Flow Control



#### Research Challenge



#### **Bridging the Length Scales – from Nanomaterials to Aerospace Systems**

Single Wall	Functionalized Dispersed Carbon Nanotubes	Multiscale	Multifunctional	Intelligent
Carbon		Modeling and	Material	Aerospace
Nanotubes		Simulations	Systems	Vehicle
			current collector electrode Separator electrode current collector	

10<sup>-10</sup>m ← 10<sup>2</sup>m

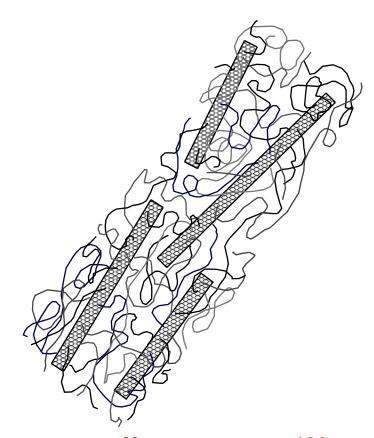




## Research Thrust: Functionalized Nanomaterials

#### **Research Activities:**

- Nanotube purification, functionalization, separation and dispersion.
- Strength and toughness of organic and inorganic nanocomposites.
- Polymeric nanocomposites for multifunctional use with improved conductivity properties.
- Studying multifunctionality of nanocomposites



Nanostructures: 100 times stronger than steel at 1/6 the weight.

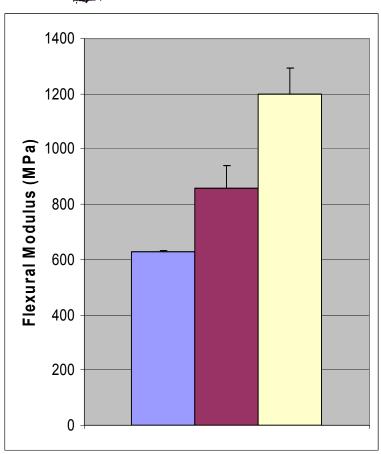


#### Reinforced PPF polymer with Functionalized SWNTs

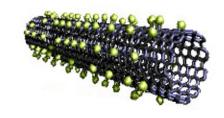


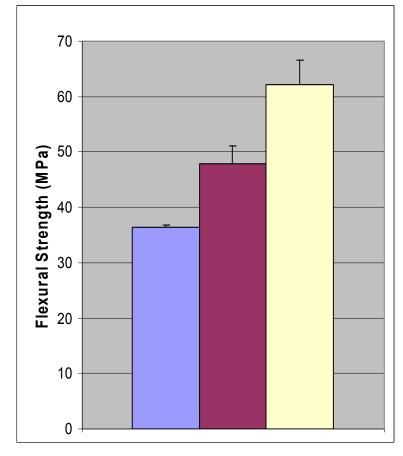
#### **Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes**



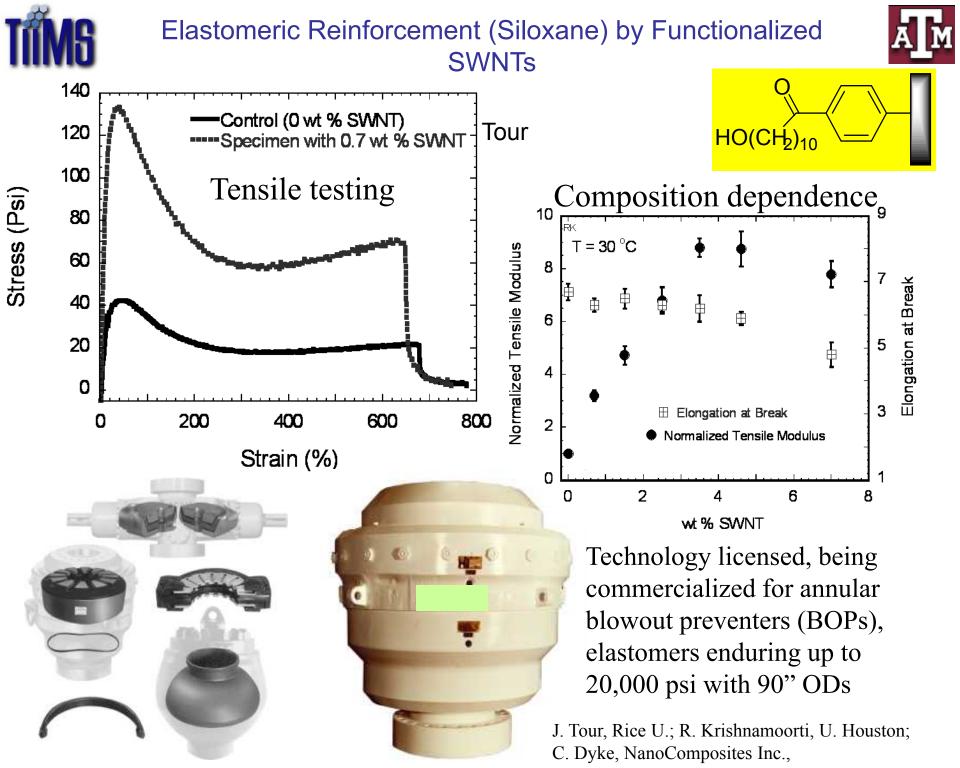


#### Sidewall functionalization





PPF 0.1% Pristine SWNTs / PPF 0.1% Functionalized SWNTs / PPF





## **Current TiiMS Projects for FY 2007 Functionalized Nanomaterials**



T. Randall Lee, University of Houston, <a href="mailto:trlee@uh.edu">trlee@uh.edu</a>
"Non-covalent polymer-wrapping of single-walled carbon nanotubes
SWNTs) for the preparation lightweight, high strength structural composites"

Ramanan Krishnamoorti, University of Houston, ramanan@uh.edu
"Surfactant assisted dispersion of single walled carbon nanotubes in
polymers for structural and multifunctional applications"

Enrique Barrera, Rice University, <u>ebarrera@rice.edu</u>
"Nanotechnology to practice: epoxy/carbon fiber/nanotube composites for double cantilever beam testing and proof of concept stress sensing"

<u>James Tour</u>, Rice University, <u>tour@rice.edu</u>
"Light-weight low-loss magneto-dielectrics using single wall carbon nanotube composites"

Rick Wilkins, Prairie View A&M University, <u>r\_wilkins@pvamu.edu</u> "Radiation studies of bio-nano materials and devices"

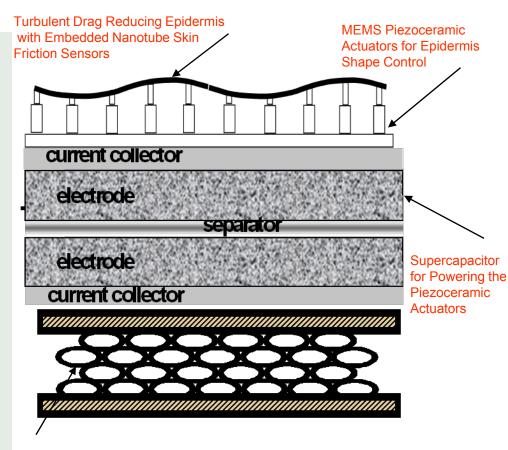


## Research Thrust: Multifunctional Material Systems

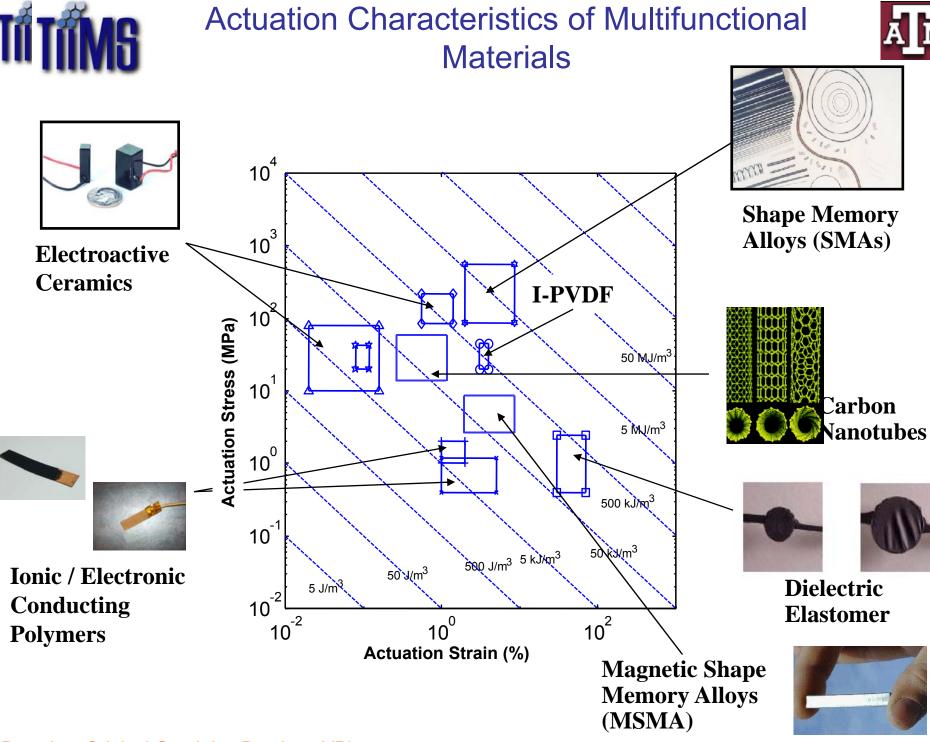


#### **Research Activities:**

- Multifunctional materials and systems at nano – micro – meso - macro physical length scales.
- Experimental validations of hierarchical material models for structural, electrical, and thermal functionality.
- Integrate porous SMAs into smart structures relevant to multifunctional lightweight space applications and shape control of morphing wings.
- Life assessment of multifunctional nanocomposite materials and structures.



Collapsible Cellular Structure with NiTi cells, using Pseudoelasticity Effect for Impact Absorption





## Current TiiMS Projects for FY 2007 Multifunctional Material Systems



<u>Yi-chao Chen</u>, University of Houston, <u>chen@uh.edu</u>
"Constitutive modeling and characterization of shape memory polymers"

Naomi Halas, Rice University, <a href="mailto:halas@rice.edu">halas@rice.edu</a>
"Nanophotonics-based cancer diagnostics for long duration manned space missions"

Wiley Kirk, University of Texas at Arlington, <u>kirk@nanofab.uta.edu</u> "Radiation tolerance of multifunctional materials for high-efficiency solar-cell applications"

<u>Dimitris Lagoudas</u>, Texas A&M University, <u>d-lagoudas@tamu.edu</u> "Novel approach of reinforcing a nanofiber based biosensor via coaxial electrospinning"

Zoubeida Ounaies, Texas A&M University, <u>zounaies@aero.tamu.edu</u> "Active nanocomposites for future aerospace applications"

Pradeep Sharma, University of Houston, <a href="mailto:sharma@uh.edu">sharma@uh.edu</a>
"A new paradigm in designing piezoelectric sensors and materials using nanoscale effects"

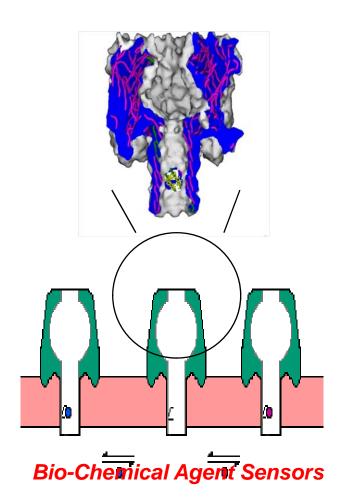




#### Research Thrust: Biomaterials and Devices

#### **Research Activities:**

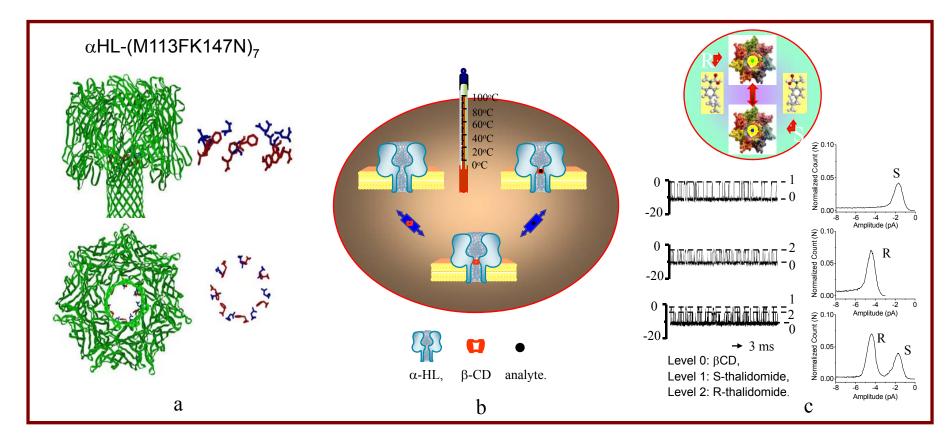
- Integrate nanomaterials and biomaterials into multifunctional devices.
- Produce novel biomaterials (protein composites) with sealants and adhesives for structural selfhealing.
- Develop Continuous Mixer for high shear mixing of SWNT and Bio-fluids.
- Investigate the toxicology of SWNT and nanocomposites.







#### **High Temperature Protein Nanopore Sensor**



- A novel a-hemolysin mutant pore,  $\alpha$ HL-(M113FK147N)<sub>7</sub> has been designed that is stable and functional at temperatures up to 100°C.
- •The single-molecule nanopore chiral sensor at elevated temperatures might have important applications in exobiology and spacecraft.





## Current TiiMS Projects for FY 2007 Multiscale Modeling

Boris Yakobson, Rice University, <u>biy@rice.edu</u> "Towards predictive multi-timescale modeling of nanotube-matrix interface in Nanocomposites"

<u>John Whitcomb</u>, Texas A&M University, <u>whit@aero.tamu.edu</u>
"Multiscale framework for computational modeling of multifunctional materials"

#### **Biomaterials & Devices**

Allison Rice-Ficht, Texas A&M University, <u>a-ficht@tamu.edu</u> "Fabrication of life sensors: Combining microfluidic technology with protein nanopore sensors"

Olufisayo Jejelowo, Texas Southern University, jejelowo oa@tsu.edu "Simple Hybridization microbial detection device"



# Research Thrust: Intelligent Systems



#### **Research Activities**

- Develop sophisticated integrated engineered materials, sensing, and actuation systems with high strength-to-weight ratios.
- Develop autonomous control system designs with the robustness, intelligence and adaptability to accommodate distributed and hierarchical (multiscale) sensing and actuation.





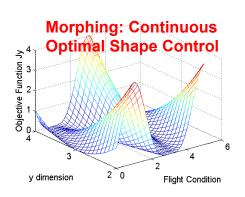
#### Biologically Inspired Systems: Enabling Aircraft and Spacecraft to Morph

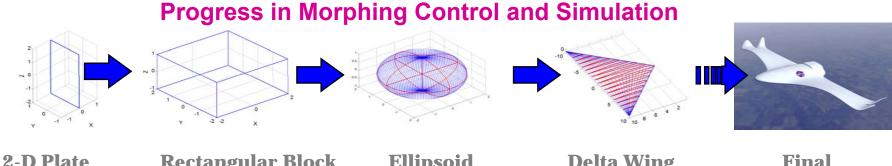


Control Theory for Autonomous, Intelligent, Robust, and Adaptive Systems Comparable to Flying Birds

Original Research that Combines *Traditional Control* and *Intelligent Control*:

- Structured Adaptive Model Inversion Control (SAMI)
  - Flight controller to handle wide variation in dynamic properties due to shape change
- Machine Learning
  - Learns the optimal shape at every flight condition in real-time





2003

Rectangular Block 2004 Ellipsoid 2005

Delta Wing 2006

Final Objective





## Current TiiMS Projects for FY 2007 Intelligent Systems

<u>John Junkins</u>, Texas A&M University, <u>junkins@tamu.edu</u> "Modeling and control of redundantly actuated intelligent and morphable aerospace systems"

<u>Andrew Meade</u>, Rice University, <u>meade@rice.edu</u>
"Development of a knowledge-based numerical tool for the design of functionalized nanocomposites"

<u>Satish Nagarajaiah</u>, Rice University, <u>nagaraja@rice.edu</u>
"Nanocomposites for sensing, actuation, structural health monitoring and damage detection of aero-space systems"

<u>David Zimmerman</u>, University of Houston, <u>dzimmerman@uh.edu</u> "Structural health monitoring using measured ritz vectors"



## REU Site "Nanotechnology and Materials Systems"







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Total Student Participation
FY2005 - FY2006

Texas A&M University – 24

Tuskegee University – 1

Prairie View A&M – 2

North Carolina A&T University – 3

**Virginia Commonwealth University – 1** 

University of Texas – Pan Am – 2

Indiana University - Bloomington - 1

**University of Puerto Rico – 1** 

**Louisiana Tech University - 1** 



## Minority Leaders Program "Sensors and *Nanocomposites Research*"





#### **Participating Universities:**

Texas A&M University (Lead University), Prairie View A&M University, Texas Southern University, University of Houston, Rice University, plus 12 other universities.

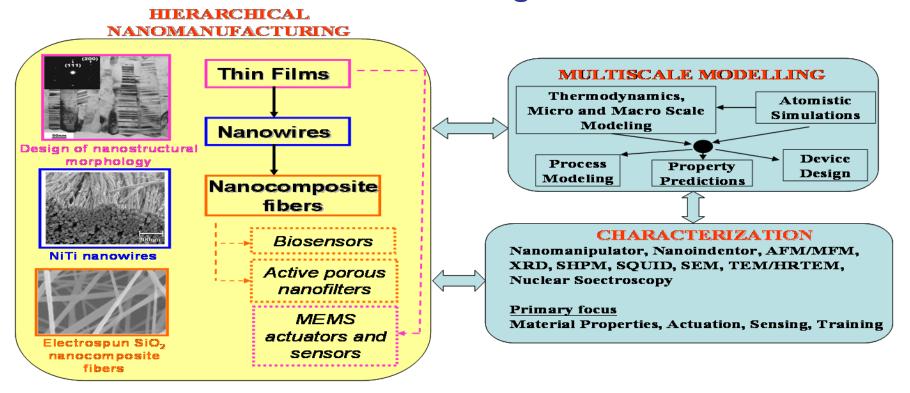
Dr. Daniel C. Davis, University Lead

A \$49.5 million indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract (FY 2005 – 2009) focusing on involvement of the Historical Black Colleges and Universities/ Minority Institutes in translation of promising basic research new sensors, materials, and manufacturing process into solutions for broadly defined military needs.

The locations of performance are Universal Technology in Dayton, OH and Clarkson Aerospace in Houston, TX. The Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH issued the contract (FA8650-05-D-1912).



# NSF NIRT: "Novel Manufacturing and Modeling Approaches for Multi-Scale Monolithic and Hybrid Phase Transforming Nanostructures"



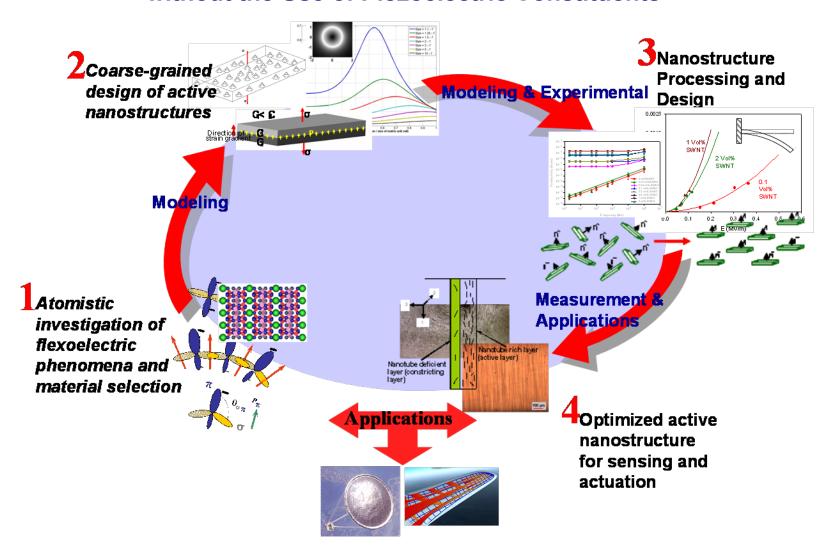
- Active nanoscale structures and nanosystems capable of actuation and sensing are needed for a wide range of applications in nanomedicine, nanoelectronics, space exploration, homeland security and defense.
- An integrated team of co-PIs from Texas A&M University and Georgia Tech will establish a comprehensive interdisciplinary program in hierarchical manufacturing and modeling for phase transforming magnetic shape memory alloys (MSMA).

Pls: Dimitris Lagoudas, Ibrahim Karaman, Xinghang Zhang, Jun Kameoka, TAMU; Ken Gall, GA Tech



### NSF NIRT: "Active Electromechanical Nanostructures without the Use of Piezoelectric Constituents"



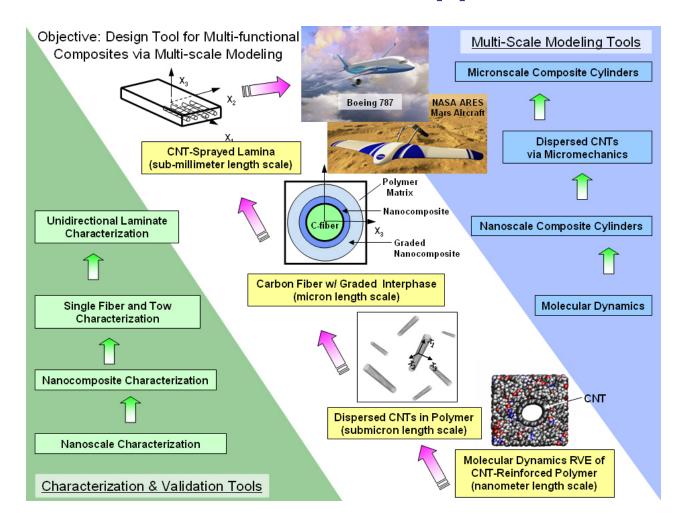


 To understand and develop active electromechanical nanostructures that exhibit an apparent piezoelectric behavior even though none of the constituent materials themselves are piezoelectric by exploiting nanoscale effects.

Pls: Pradeep Sharma, UH; Zoubeida Ounaies, TAMU; Ramanan Krishnamoorti, UH; Boris Yakobson, RU



## A NASA Cooperative Agreeme Research Opportunities in Aeronautics



Research Focus:
Multiscale
modeling and
characterization of
CNT reinforced
multifunctional
composites as new
lightweight durable
materials for
improved subsonic
fixed wing vehicle
performance

A TAMU collaboration with:

National Institute of Aerospace, NanoRidge and NASA Langley Research Center

Pls: Dimitris Lagoudas, TAMU; Sarah-Jane Frankland, Tom Clancy, NIA



## TiiMS Research Leads to New Nanotechnology Companies



NASA URETI research and Nanotubes from Richard Smalley that lead to commercial work and real revenue for two start-up companies.

NanoRidge Materials, Inc.

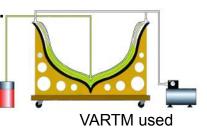
Houston, TX

CEO: Chris Lundberg CTO: Enrique Barrera

Initial funding raised Four initial projects for

NASA, DOD, and a a polymer Co.

Licensed key IP



VARTM used to make large components.

#### NanoComposites, LLC

Houston, TX

CEO: Barry Drayson

CTO: Chris Dyke

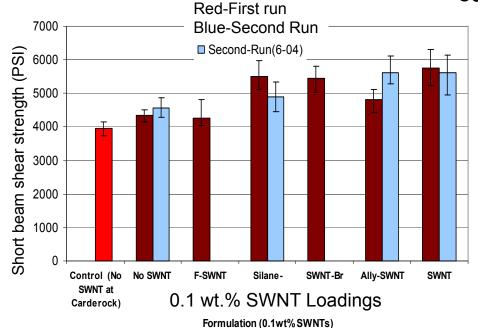
CTAdvisor: James Tour Initial funding raised

Key project with Hydril

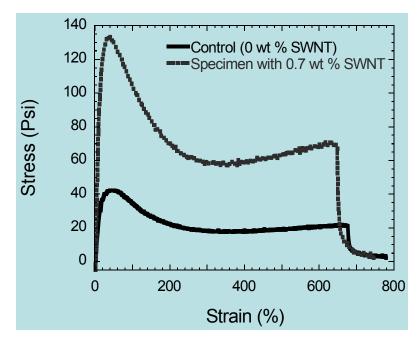
Licensed key IP



~50% Improvement in Z-axis properties for composites currently being sold.



Three times the strength increase in rubber. An Oil Field o-ring that was shown at the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, TX.





#### **Education and Outreach**

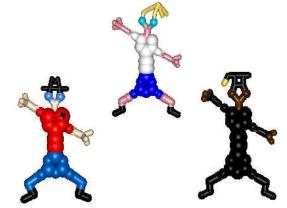


#### **Major Objectives:**

- Train the next generation of aerospace engineers and scientists.
- Increase the number of engineers and scientists from underrepresented groups.
- Introduce nano-science and engineering to K-12 schools through established and emerging education programs.
- Provide professional development opportunities for K-12 educators focusing on nanoscience and engineering initiatives.
- Provide training to students and educators in interdisciplinary education in science, mathematics, and engineering.



**Undergraduate Student Design** 



"The majority of the Institute's budget will be spent on education."



#### **Field Trips**



- NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston, Texas
- The Zyvex Corporation in Richardson, Texas
- The University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, Texas
- The Lockheed-Martin Corporation in Fort Worth, Texas



Nanotechnology Presentation



REU students in front of an F-16 at Lockheed Martin



In front of mock shuttle

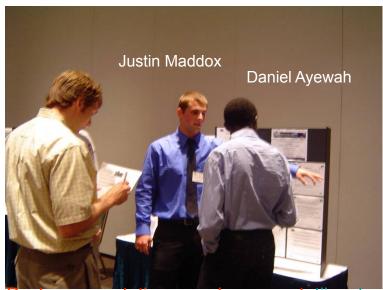


#### TiiMS 3<sup>rd</sup>Annual Review - Poster Session - 2005











Poster presentations can be seen at: tiims.tamu.edu/2005summerREU/presentations.html







Extended funding is being sought to sustain the operations of the <u>Texas Institute</u> for <u>Intelligent Bio-Nano Materials and Structures</u> (TiiMS).

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TiiMS will provide a base for the growth of new research and education programs in multifunctional materials development for applications in aerospace, energy and power generation, sensors and communications and bio-sciences to serve NASA, the national defense and economic growth of the Nation and the State of Texas.





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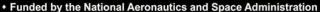


# Multifunctional Materials for Aerospace Applications

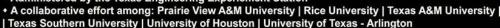
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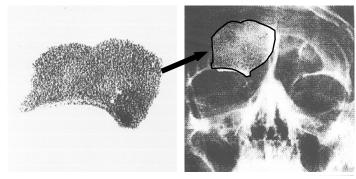






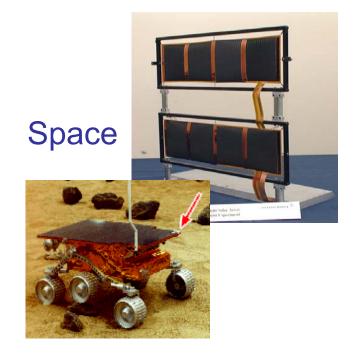
## **Current Applications of SMAs**

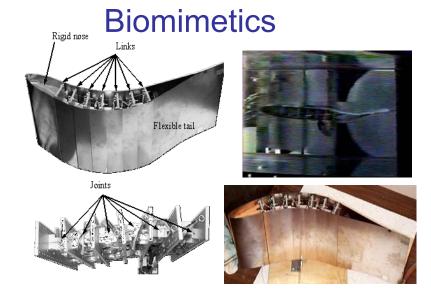






**Biomedical** 





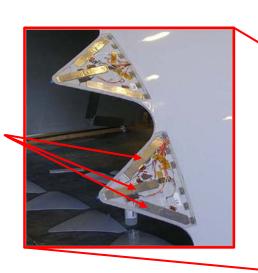




### SMA-Actuated Variable Geometry Chevrons



**SMA** 



- Noise reduction at takeoff due to SMA-actuated chevrons
- Autonomous retraction during low temperature cruise increases efficiency



(Courtesy of The Boeing Company)



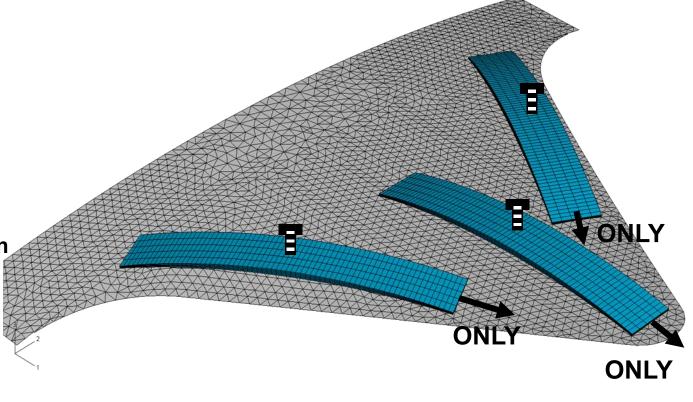
#### **Model Implementation: FEA**

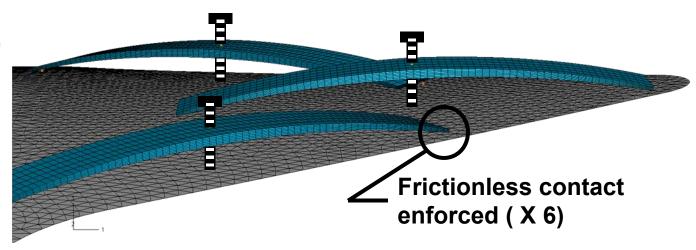
#### **Assembly**

- **SLOT** connectors used to "bolt" down **SMA** beams
- **SLIDE-PLANE** connectors used to prevent beam rotation
- **Contact enforced** between SMA beam edge nodes and chevron elements (no friction)

#### **Loading Steps**

- Clamp beams (T<A<sub>s</sub>)
- Heat beams (T>A<sub>f</sub>)
- Cool  $(M_f < T < M_s)$
- Heat beams  $(T>A_f)$





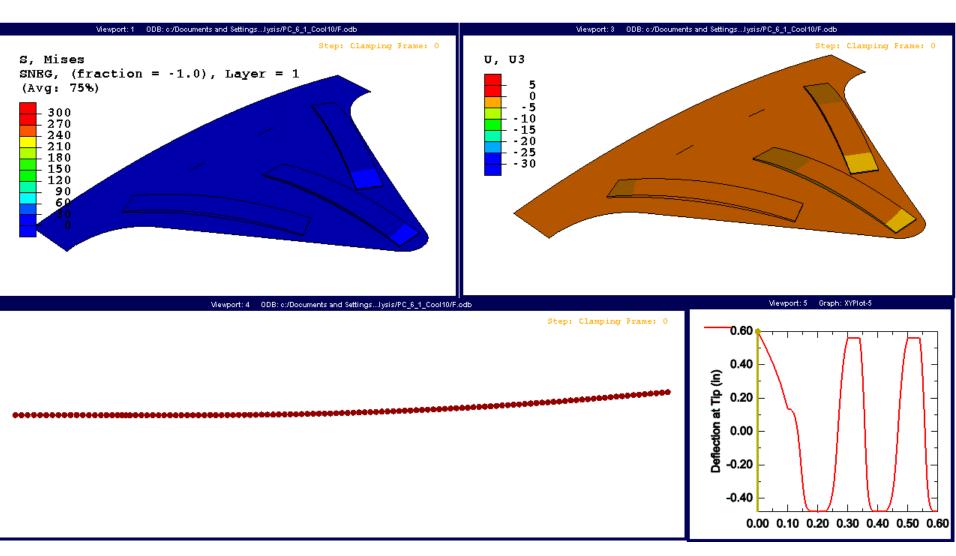


#### **Results of FEA Analysis: Overview**



#### Stress (VM) Contours

#### **Deflection Contours**



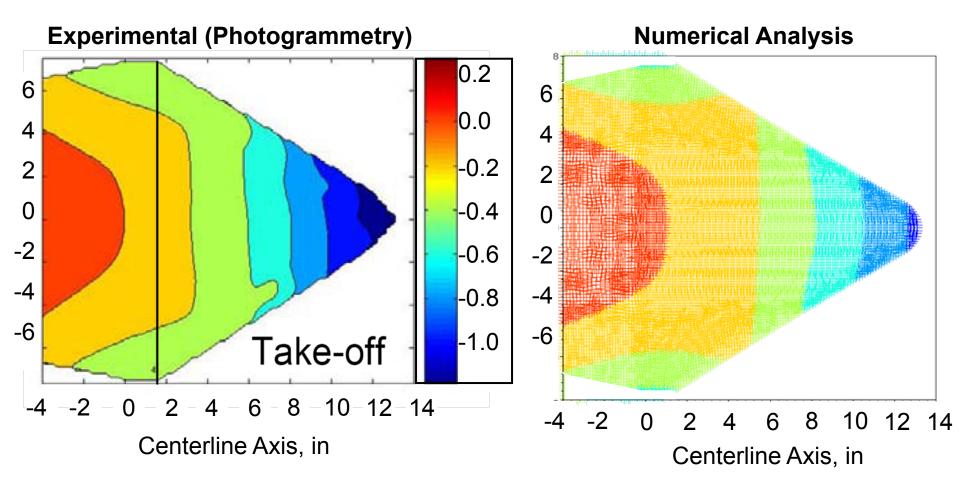
**Centerline Profile** 

**Tip Deflection History** 









Comparison of flight test data with analysis; Take-off condition (Calkins, Butler, Mabe: AIAA 2006-2546)

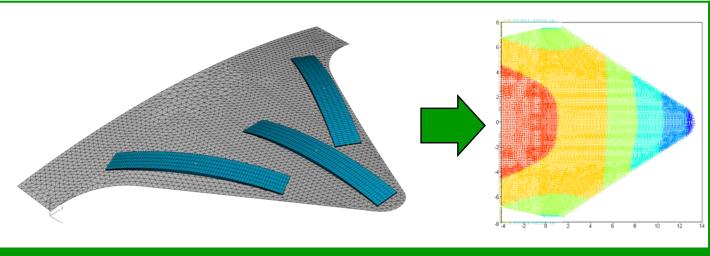


### Use of Analysis Tools for Modeling of VGC Actuation Cycles



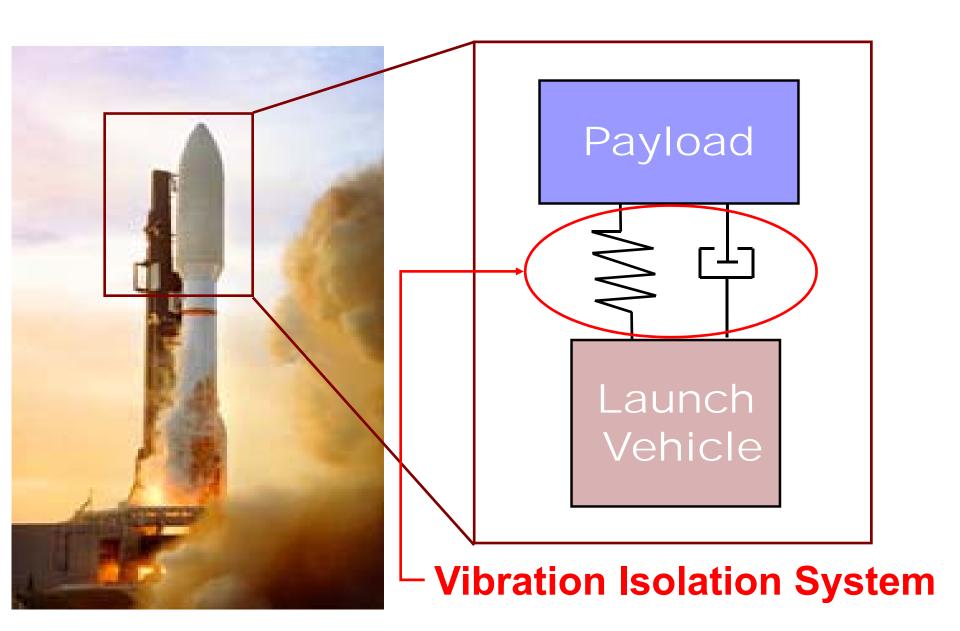






**Preferred Method: Characterize, Analyze** → **Optimize** 

## Potential Use of SMAs for Passive Vibration Isolation in Aerospace Vehicles

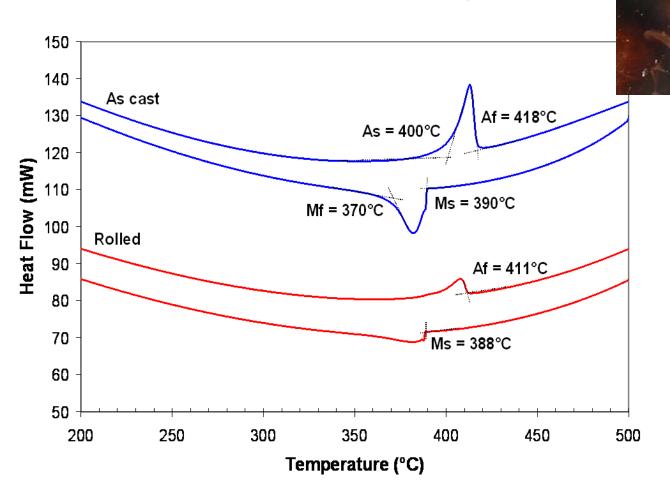




# Transformation temperatures of Ti50Pd40Ni10 alloy



Nominal composition of Ti50Pd40Ni10 alloy fabricated by Vacuum arc melt technique.



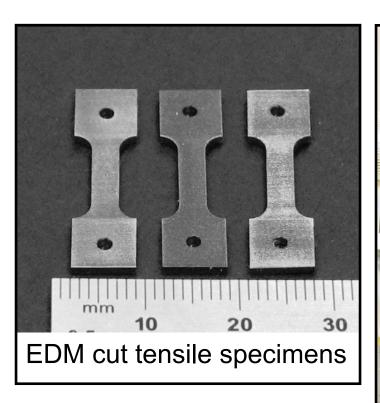
Hot rolled at 900°C (30% reduction in thickness)

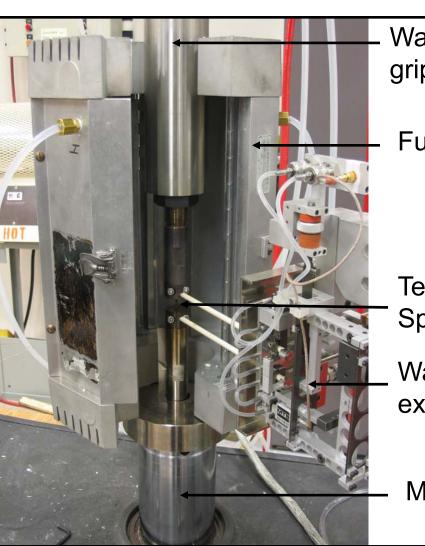
As cast alloy



## **Specimens and Experimental Setup for Characterization of HTSMAs**







Water cooled grips

**Furnace** 

Tensile Specimen

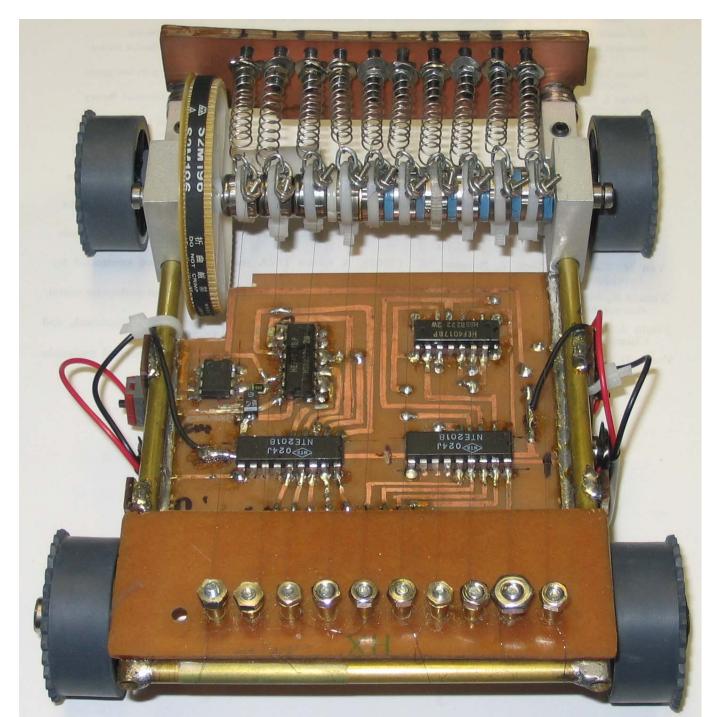
Water cooled extensometer

MTS frame



#### **SMA** Actuated Automobile

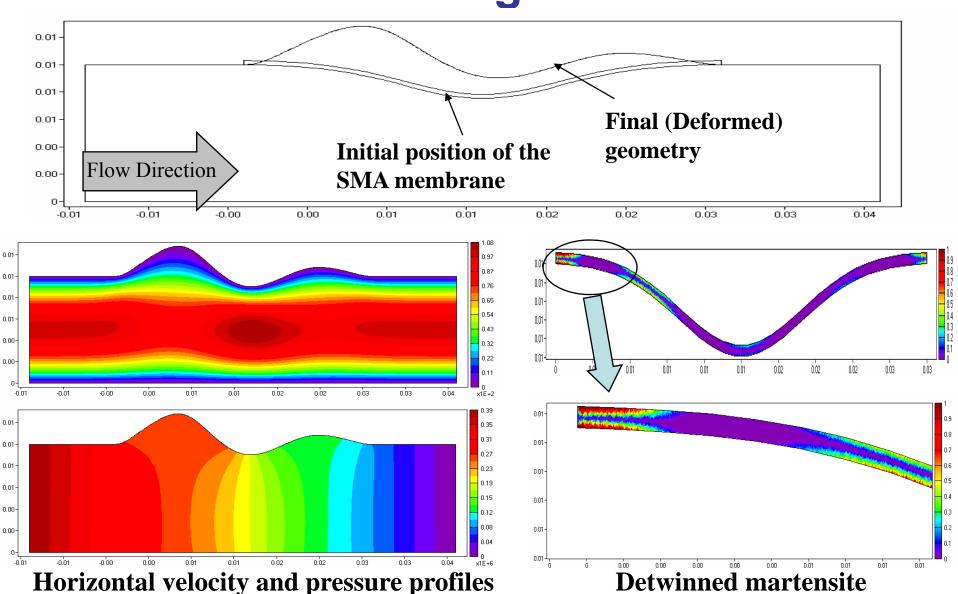






# Temperature Actuated SMA Flow Regulator



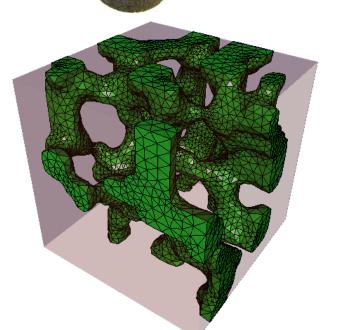






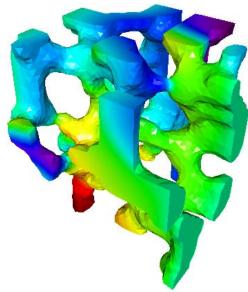
Porous SMA

Development of numerical homogenization FEM methods for complex flow problems in shape changing materials

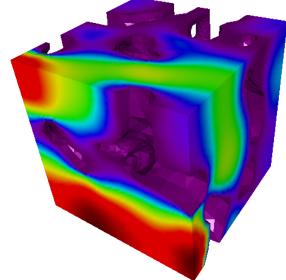


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RVE Geometry and solid domain (green)



Typical fluid-structure coupling Cell problem



Typical cell problem for diffusion coefficient



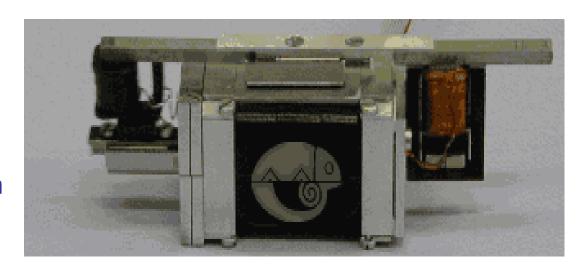
# Magnetic Shape Memory Alloy Applications



### High Frequency MSMA Actuators:

source:

http://www.adaptamat.com





Force: 1 kN (max)
Stroke: 1 mm (max)
Frequency: 0-100 Hz



Force: 3 N (max)

Stroke: 0.6 mm (max) Frequency: 0-1000 Hz





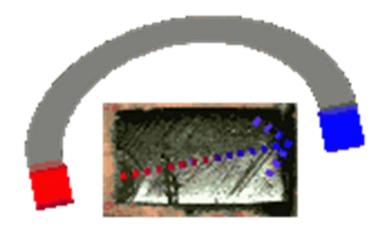




#### Large Recoverable Magnetic Field-Induced Strains

#### NiMnGa Single Crystal Specimen





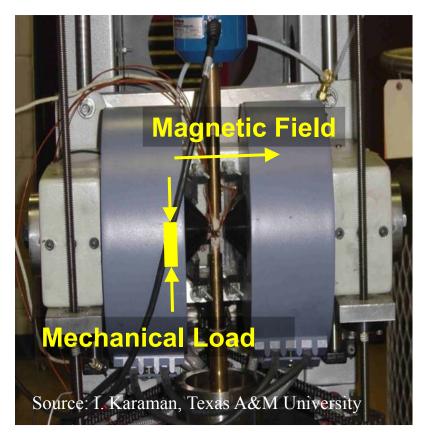
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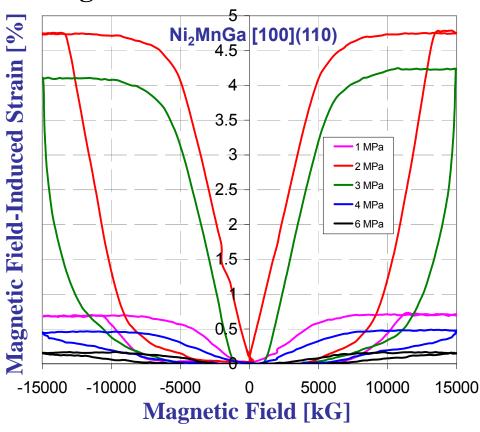
#### **Magneto-Thermo-Mechanical Testing of MSMA**



#### **Experimental Setup**



#### **Magnetic Field-Induced Strains**



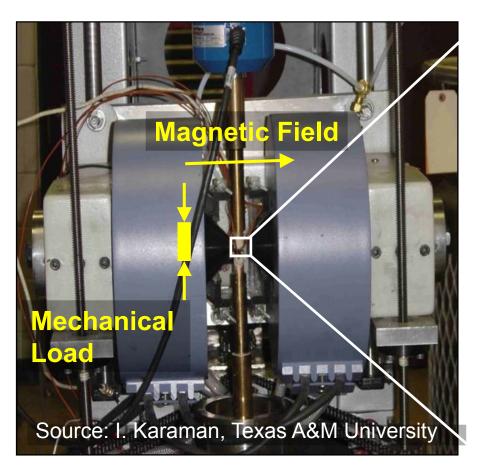
- Tension/compression mechanical loading on MTS frame
- Variable magnetic field (<2T)</li>
- Controllable temperature (-110 °C to room temp.)
- Cyclic Loading
- Tested material systems: NiMnGa, CoNiAI, CoNiGa

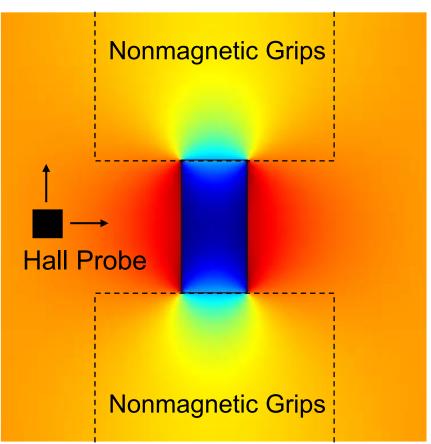






#### Improved Design of Experiments

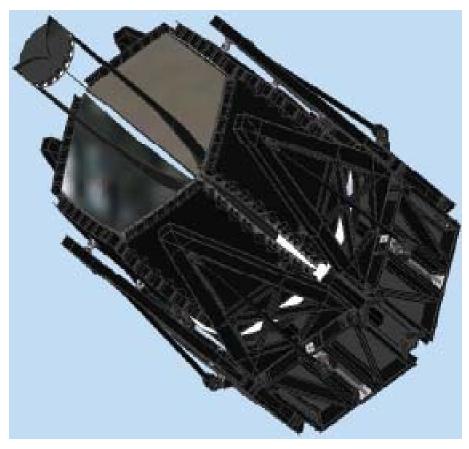




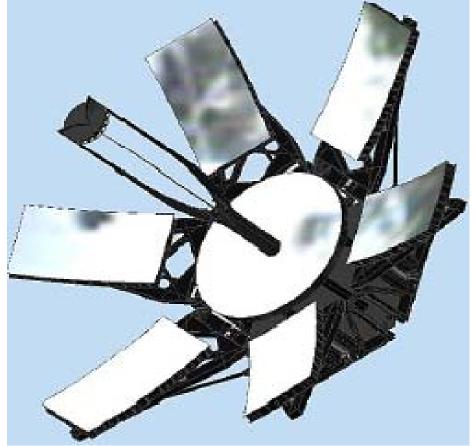


## Space Applications of Shape Memory Polymers (SMPs)





Develop an integrated computational environment for design and analysis of SMP structures and devices





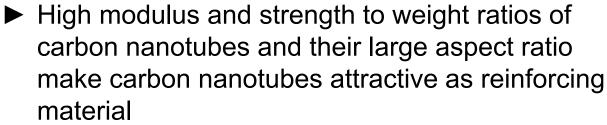


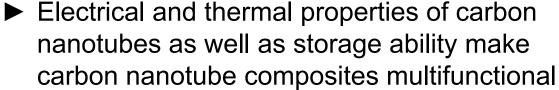
#### **Future Challenges in Shape Memory Materials**

- Integration of models into commercial software with standardized material characterization protocols
- High Temperature SMAs Modeling efforts must address true material rate dependency
- Magnetic field induced phase transformation in MSMAs with higher blocking stress
- Integration of thermo-magnetomechanical coupling

#### Motivation For Carbon Nanotube Reinforced Mix Composites: Applications

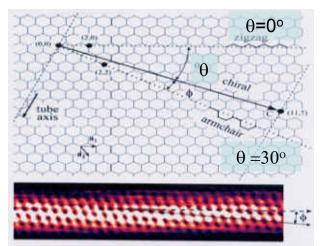








Applications in terms of engineering design require large scale production and reliable estimates material properties from measurement and modeling



Grams	SWNT 90wt%	SWNT 50wt%	MWNT <8nm	MWNT >50nm
10	\$1,350	\$300	\$275	\$75
100	\$8,500	\$2,250	\$1,500	\$400
1KG	\$75,000	\$30,000	\$3,500	\$900

http://www.cheaptubesinc.com



### Motivation for Carbon Nanotube-Polymer Multifunctional Nanocomposites

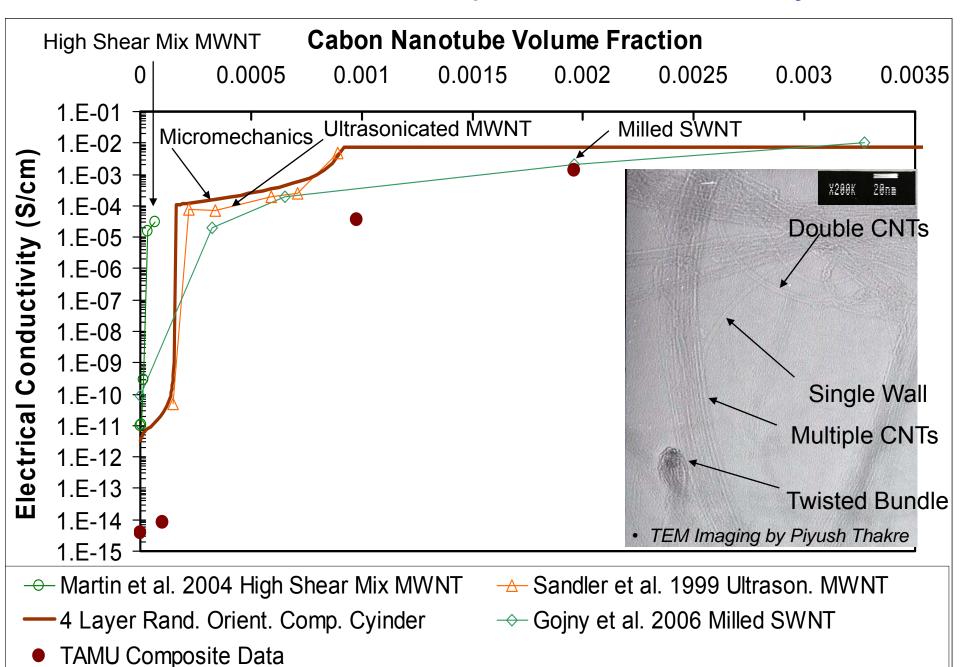


- ► Large disparity between CNT, Polymer Properties:
  - ❖ Young's Modulus: CNT 2-3 Orders Larger than Epoxy
  - ❖ Thermal Conductivity: CNT 4 Orders Larger than Epoxy
  - Electrical Conductivity: CNT 14-18 Orders Larger than Epoxy
- ► Measured nanocomposite properties less than some anticipated
  - ❖ Young's Modulus: 20% increase at 1% weight
  - ❖ Thermal Conductivity: 30% increase to at 1% weight
  - ❖ Electrical Conductivity: 9 order increase at 1% weight
- ► Nanoscale effects identified as having strong influence on nanocomposite properties:
  - ❖ Load transfer governed by van der Waals forces and functionalization
  - Thermal Conductivity governed by interface thermal resistance
  - Electrical Conductivity governed by electron hopping



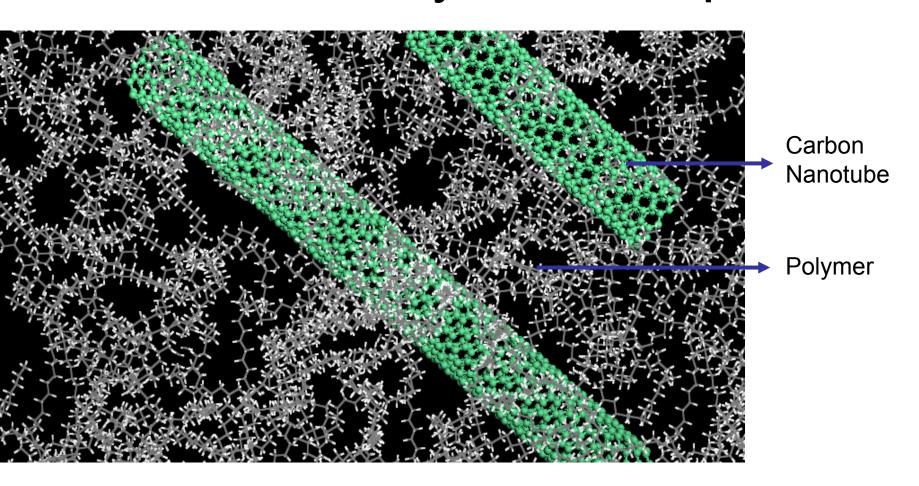
### Comparison of Micromechanics Model to Measured Nanocomposite Electrical Conductivity







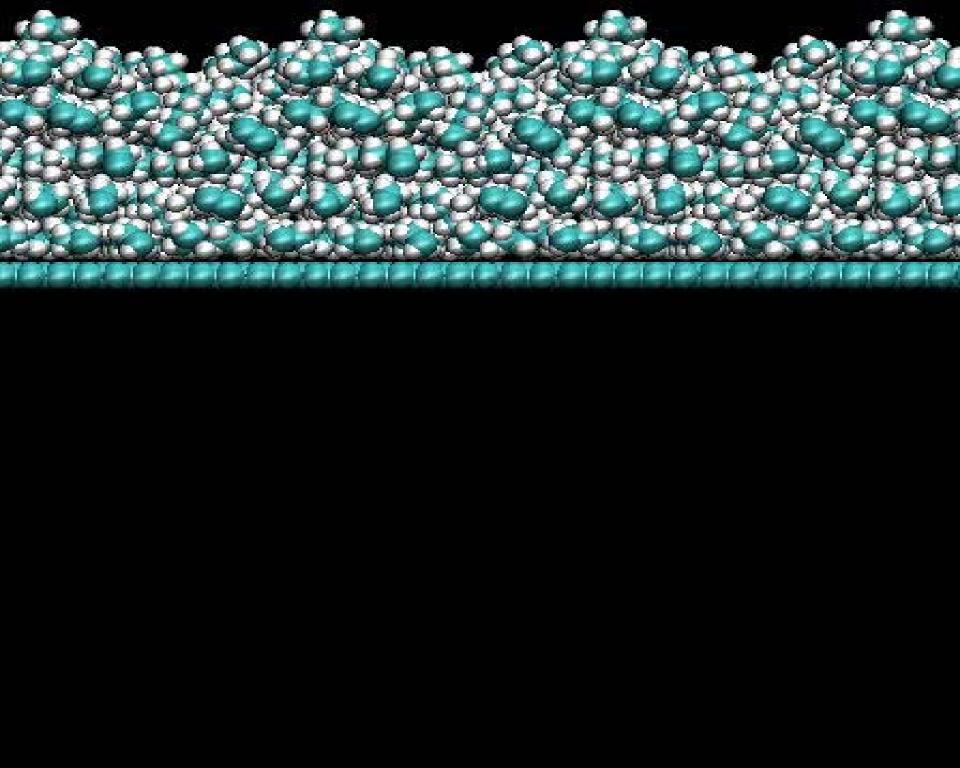
# Atomistic Description of Carbon Nanotube Polymer Composite







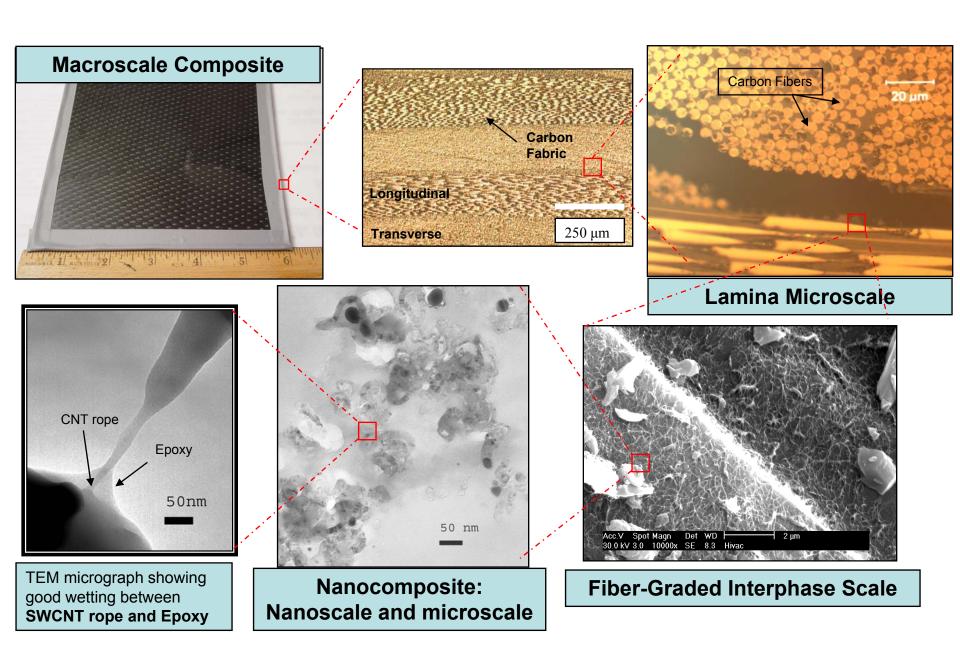








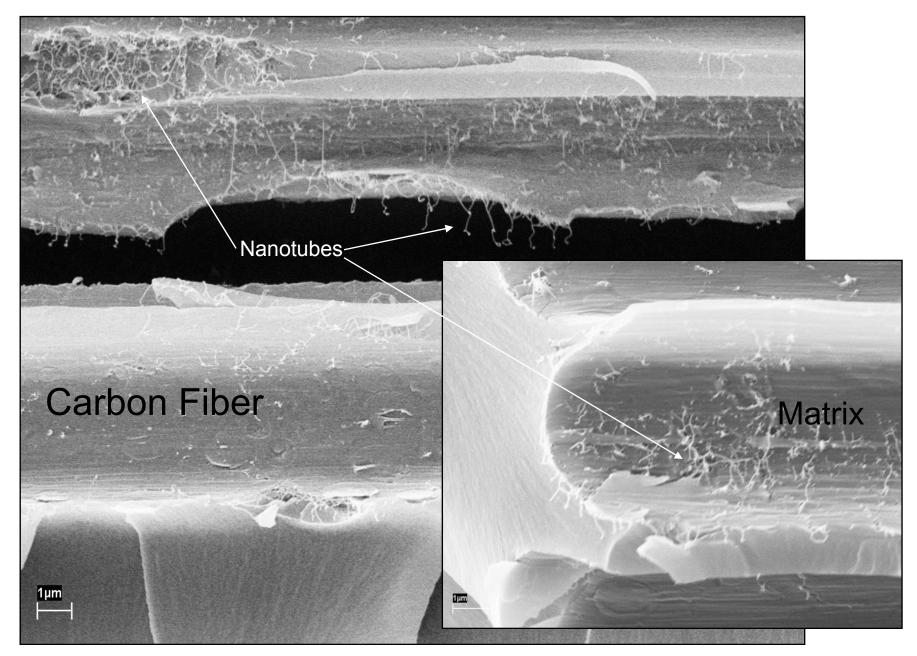
#### **Characterization of Composites at Multiple Scales**





### Fracture surface of laminate with Pristine SWCNTs



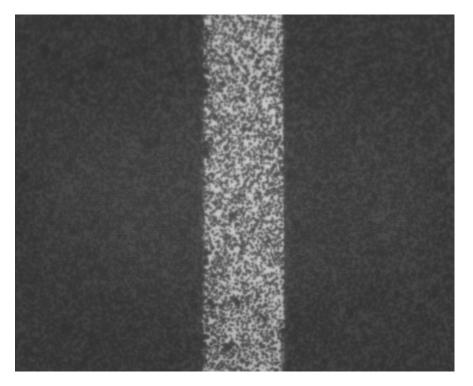


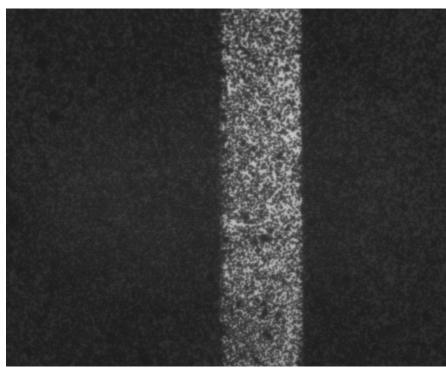
SEM image showing CNT bridging cracks but weak fiber-matrix bonding

# Multifunctional Colloidal Suspensions: Reversibility and Switch Between "Resistor" & "Capacitor" from Reconfigurable Antennas

2.5 V, 1 MHz

2.5 V, 100 Hz-1 MHz-10 Hz





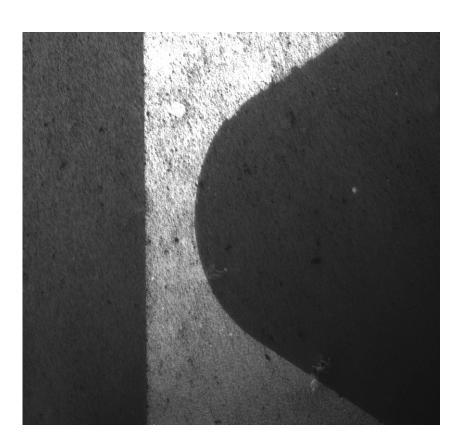
 800 nm gold nanoparticles, 0.1 mM NaHCO<sub>3</sub>



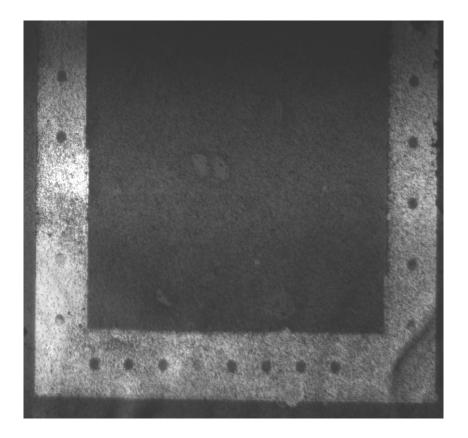


#### Effect of Inhomogeneous Electric Fields on Colloidal Transport

pointed electrode near a flat electrode



conducting islands between planar electrodes





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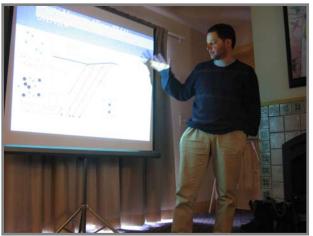
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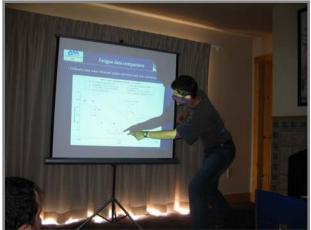


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