# Biologically-inspired routes to sense-and-response in adaptive, intelligent metamaterials



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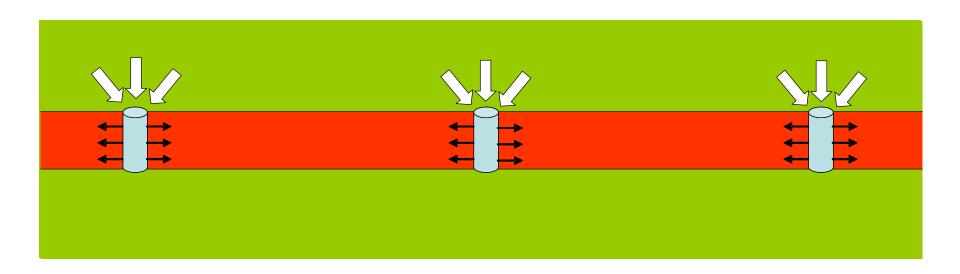








# A grand challenge: color matching



Can we integrate sense-and-response into a material?



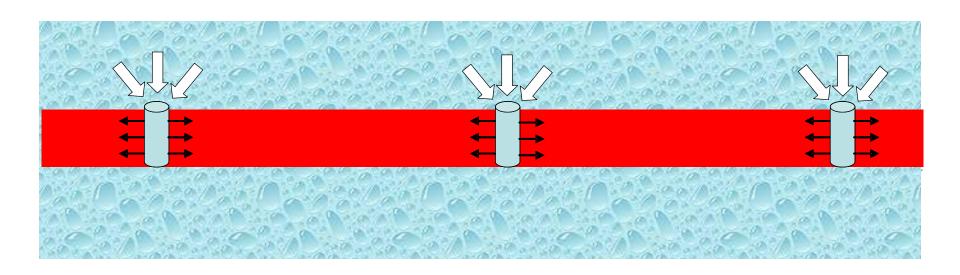








# A grand challenge: texture matching



Can we integrate local imaging -and-response into a material?











# Cephalopods are nature's masters of senseand-response:







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How do they accomplish this task? (cephs are color blind) Do they have strategies we may be able to emulate?











## Four goals of our BRC team effort:

A. to discover and study the *underlying physical principles and mechanisms* that can be used for the design and development of active optical/metamaterials;

- B. to advance our understanding of *optical detection and recognition* in cephalopods, to determine the role of skin opsins and their resultant signal in visual recognition and cephalopod response;
- C. to develop *concepts and mechanisms of compact optical detection* that can ultimately be integrated with active composite media to facilitate an intelligent response;
- D. to design *information architecture and processing algorithms* for synthetic, dynamic color and pattern change analogous to the camouflage response in biological systems.



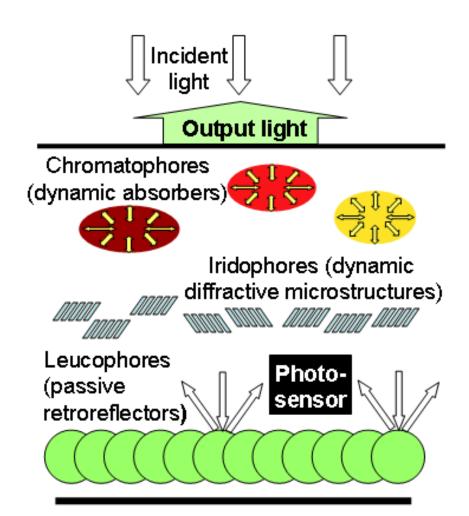








# Compact optical and spectral detection: a "Grand Challenge"









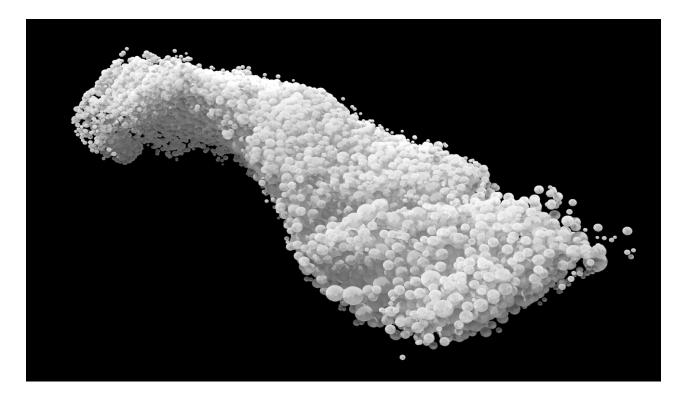




#### Skin leucophores: nature's whitest white

# Precise 3D model of a single leucophore cell containing 12,000 reflectin protein spheres

Mathger et al. 2013 Advanced Functional Materials









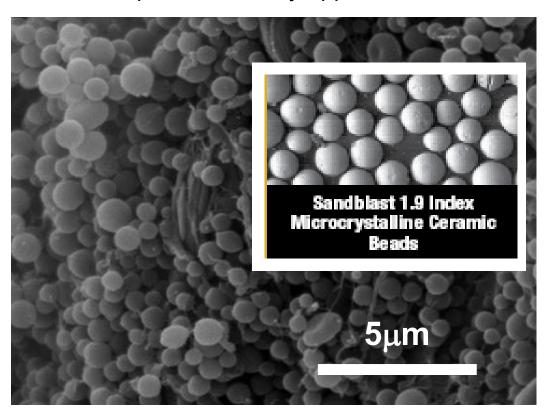




#### **Accidental biomimicry:**

SEM image of leucophores

Inset: 3M Scotchlite <sup>™</sup> retroreflecting material used in transportation safety applications





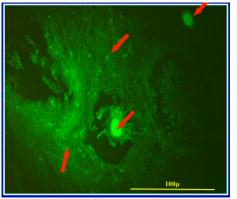


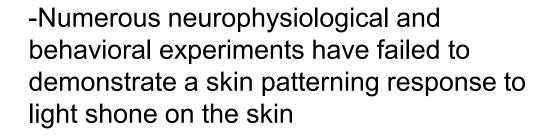


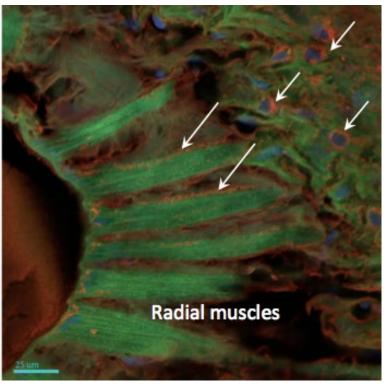




#### Opsins: light detectors distributed in the skin?







- -Thus the function of skin opsins remains unknown
- -Opsins have been detected in the skin (Tom Cronin lab with MBL)

Immunocytochemistry: opsins (arrows) colocated near chromatophores: nerves and interstitial cells











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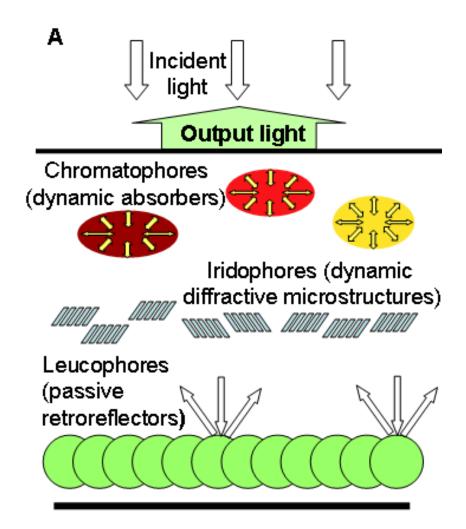








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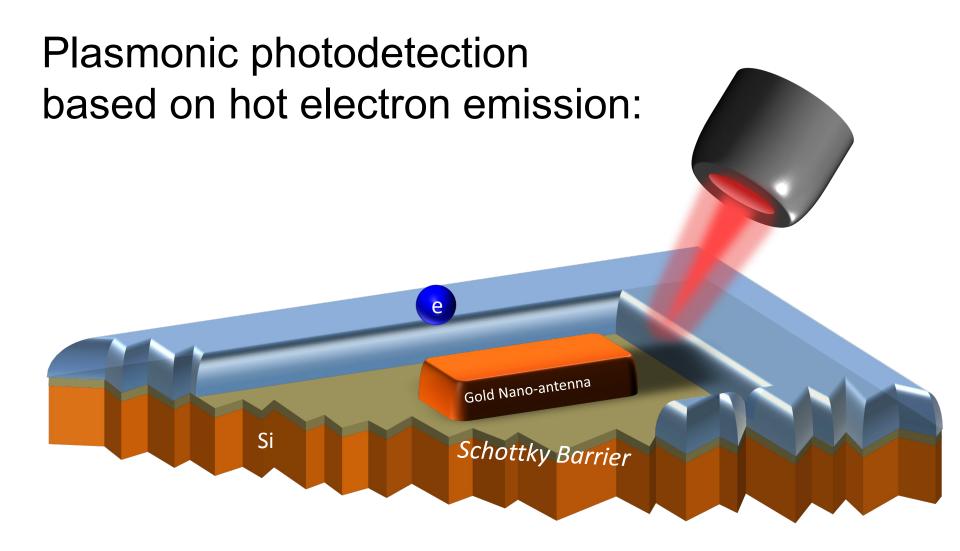
















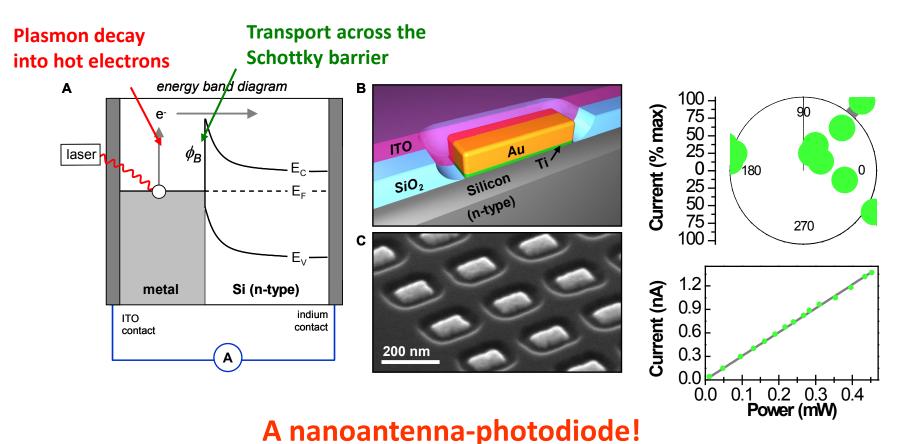






#### Photodetection with active optical antennas

(M.W. Knight et al., Science 332(2011)702)





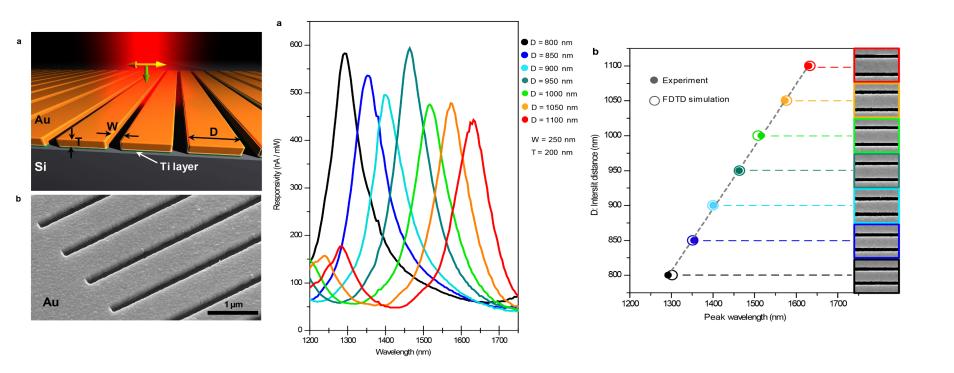








# EOT-Antenna on a semiconductor surface (A. Sobhani et al., Nature Comm. 4(2013)1643)



The use of a slit array enables the design of ultranarrow spectral photoresponse







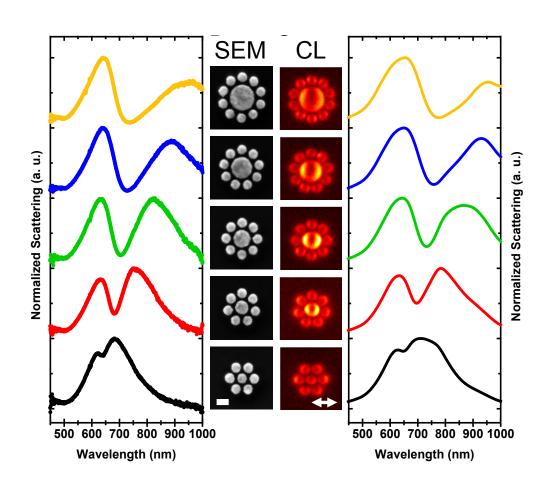




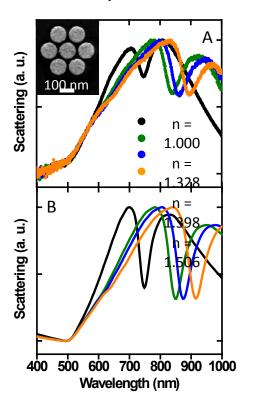
# Lineshape Engineering of Fano "transparency windows" in broadband opaque structures

J. A. Fan, et al., Science 328, 1135 (2010).

J. B. Lassiter et al., Nano Lett. 12, 1058-62 (2012).



#### Tunable spectral window





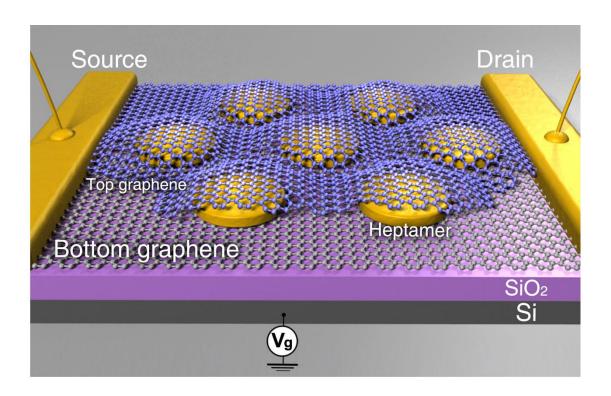








# Graphene Sandwich Photodetector (Z.Y. Fang et al., Nano Lett. 12(2012)3808



- Gold heptamer sandwiched by two single graphene sheets
- Efficient HE production at the heptamer Fano resonance
- Fano resonance can be tuned across the visible and NIR



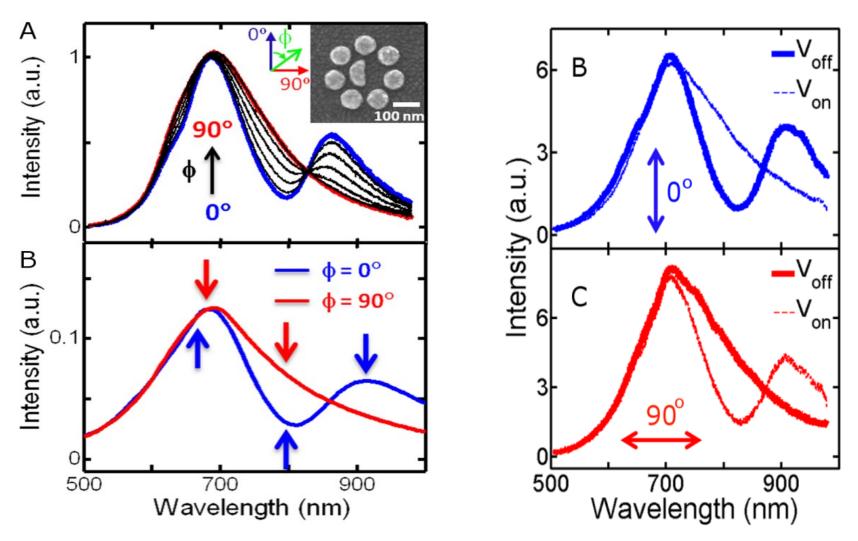








#### Active Plasmonics: a Plasmonic Fano Switch



W.-S. Chang, J. B. Lassiter, P. Swanglap, H. Sobhani, S. Khatua, P. Nordlander, N. J. Halas, S. Link, Nano Lett. 12, 4977 (2012).





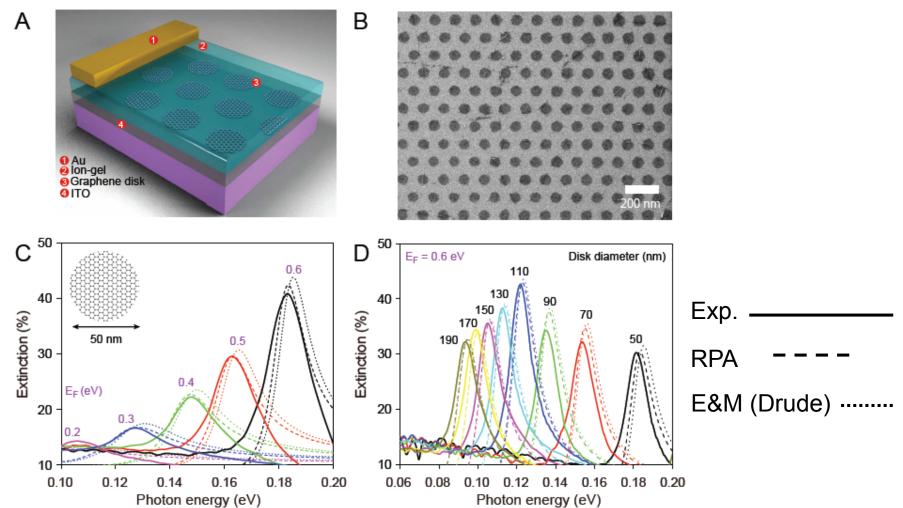




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#### Plasmonic color actuation using Graphene

(Z.Y. Fang et al., ACS Nano 7(2013)2388)



**Doping tunability** 

Diameter tunability











## Into the visible region of the spectrum:

I. Aluminum plasmonics

II. Molecular plasmonics



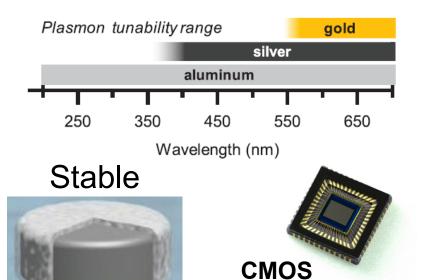








#### **Aluminum Plasmonics**

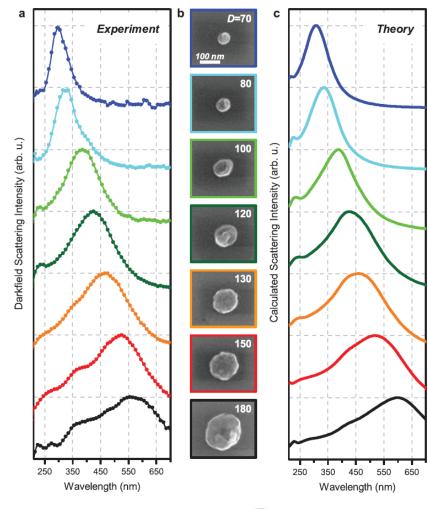


COST (8/4/2014)

Compatible

Material	\$/lb	€/kg
Al	1.12	1.83
Ag	294.44	484.24
Au	18,770.00	30,850.00

"Aluminum for Plasmonics," ACS Nano 2013, 8, 834-840.







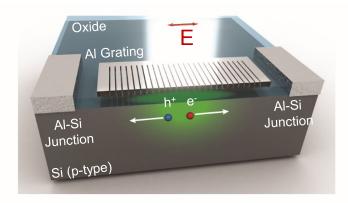


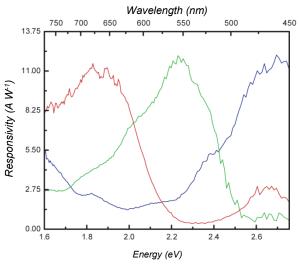


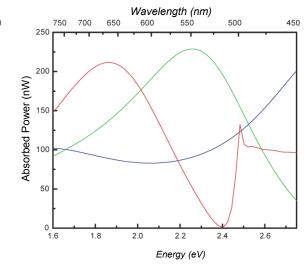


#### An Aluminum plasmonic RGB photodetector

B. Zheng et al., Advanced Materials, ASAP.











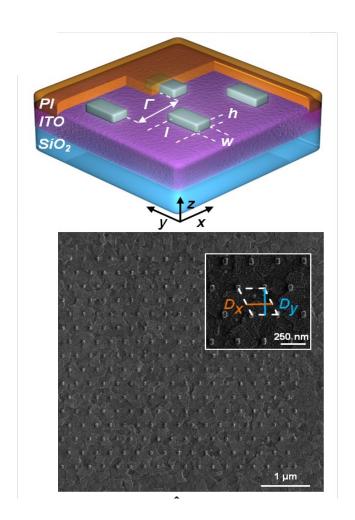


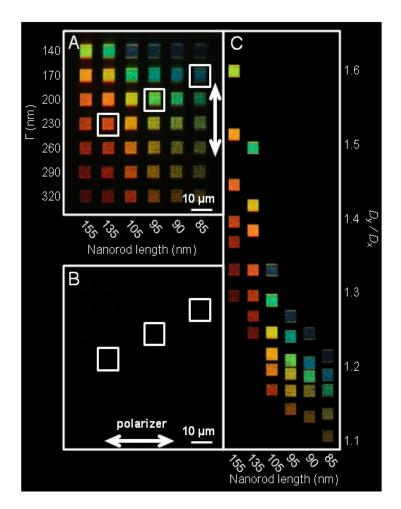




### **Aluminum Plasmonic Pixels**

Olson, Manjavacas, Liu, Chang, Foerster, King, Knight, Nordlander, Halas, Link, PNAS, submitted.









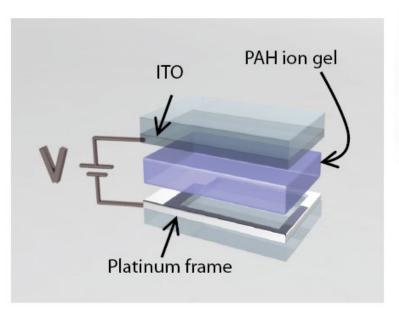


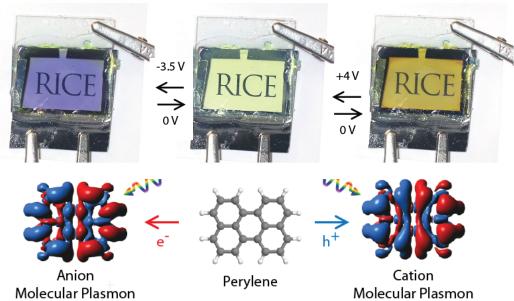




#### Molecular Plasmonic Devices

G. Stec et al., ACS Nano 11, 3254-3261 (2017).





Multicolor Switching Device



Clear-to-Black Device



# Multicolor Switching (Perylene)

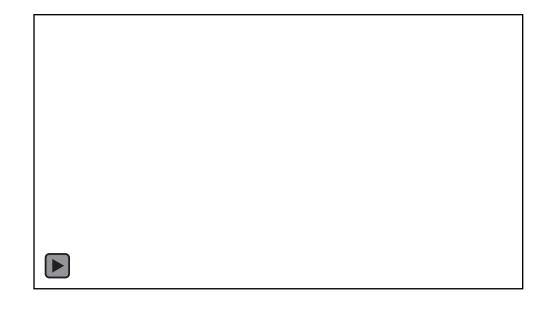
Perylene Anion (Royal Blue) -3.5 V

Off: 0 V

Perylene Cation (Olive/Orange): 4 V

Off: 0 V

Turn on speed increased 8x Turn off speed increased 30x







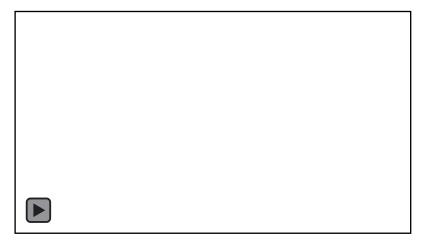






#### **Black Device**

+4 V Speed increased 16x













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#### **Cephalopod-Inspired Adaptive Camouflage**



deformable, adaptive, multifunctional





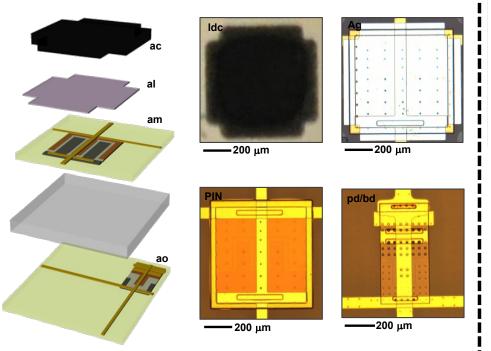






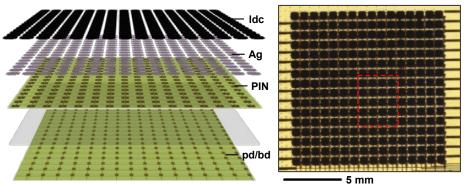
#### Design of a Bio-Inspired Adaptive Camouflage System

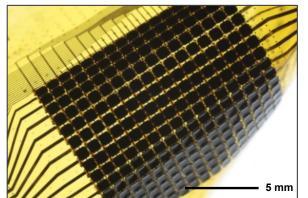
# <u>Unit Cell Design</u> <a href="#">& Correspondence to Biology</a>

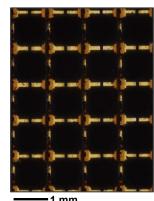


ac: artificial chromatophore al: artificial leucophore am: artificial 'muscle' ao: artificial opsin

#### Full, Multiplexed System Architecture







*Idc: leucodye* 

Ag: nanostructured silver

PIN: PIN diode for thermal actuation pd/bd: photodiode/blocking diode

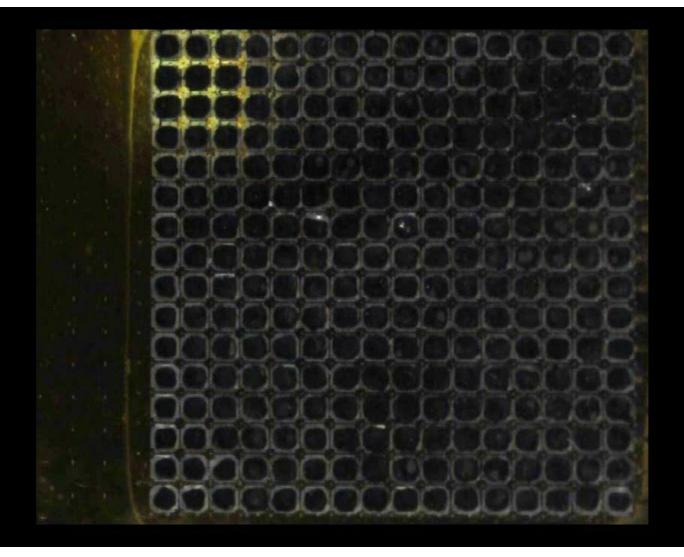














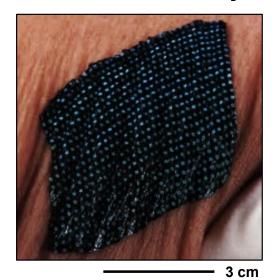


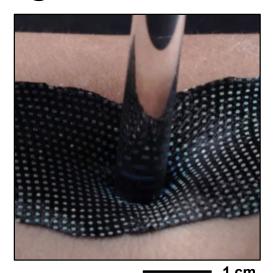


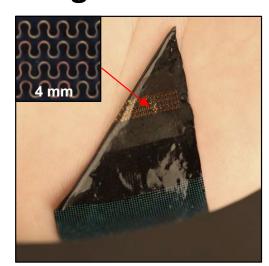


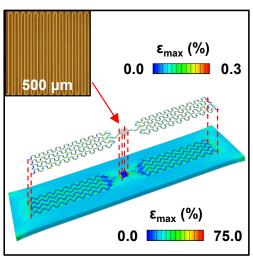


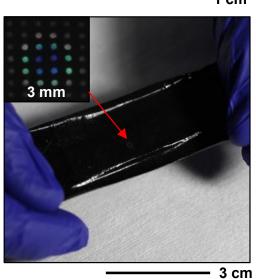
#### Color Changing, Thermally Responsive Electronic Skins for Physiological Status Monitoring

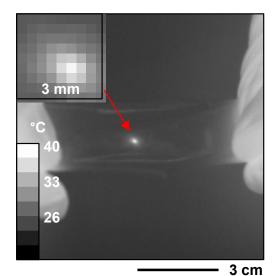






















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## Lensless Imaging



- Conventional camera design
  - compact sensor array: Uniform and high-resolution sampling of the scene
  - objective lens: directs a cone of light into the camera
  - based on human visual system model
- Goal: A large, potentially flexible, imaging platform capable of distributed acquisition of light fields
- Approach: Lensless imaging
  - nontrivial for incoherent light
  - leverage recent progress in coded aperture and compressive sensing
  - exciting opportunities for flat and flexible cameras





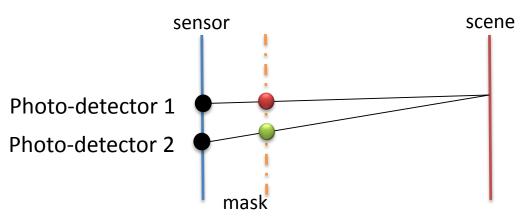


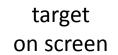




## Lensless Imaging

- Joint work with John Rogers, UIUC
- Use a mask to code light rays from different angles
- Apply compressive sensing (sparsitybased) recovery algorithm to recover image of scene











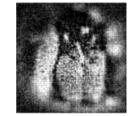






















## Conclusions: Accomplishments

- 1. Spectrally selective nanodetectors established in multiple materials systems
- Responsive plasmonic materials in well-established (noble metals) and new materials systems (graphene)
- Design, fabrication and successful demonstration of platform for responsive materials
- Identification of opsin in cephalopod dermal regions that may serve in functional photodetection
- Identification of distinct neuronal pathways in cephalopod dermis related to specific color-functional structures
- Mapping specific neuronal control of color elements in cephalopods, implying some peripheral integration
- Demonstration of lensless imaging with distributed light collectors











## Next steps: big picture

- Integration of selected responsive components with platform architecture
- Investigate distinct neural pathways identified in cephalopods relative to remote optical detection capabilities
- Relate behavioral assays to optical response of cephalopods
- Demonstrate image acquisition experimentally with incoherent detector network











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