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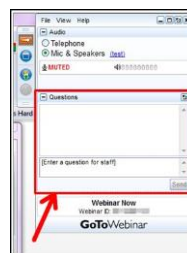
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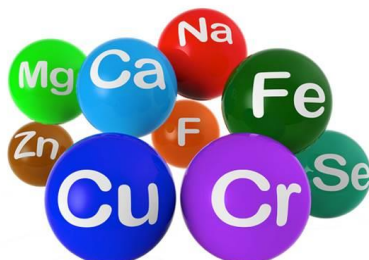
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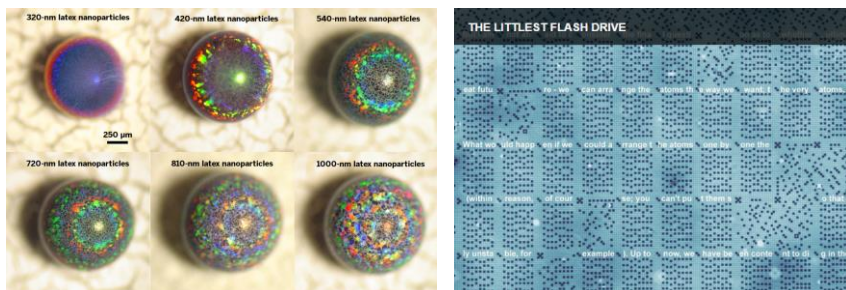


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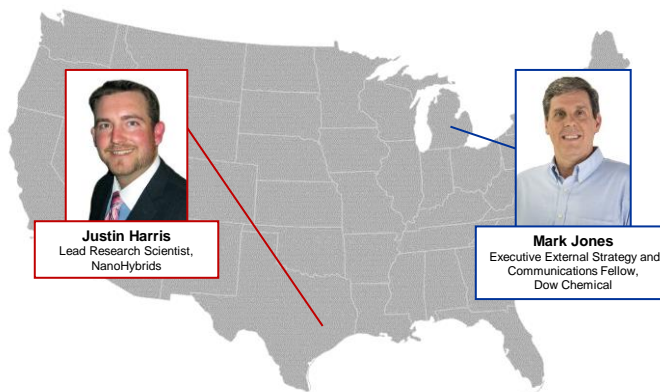
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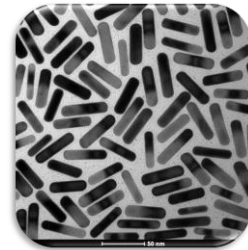
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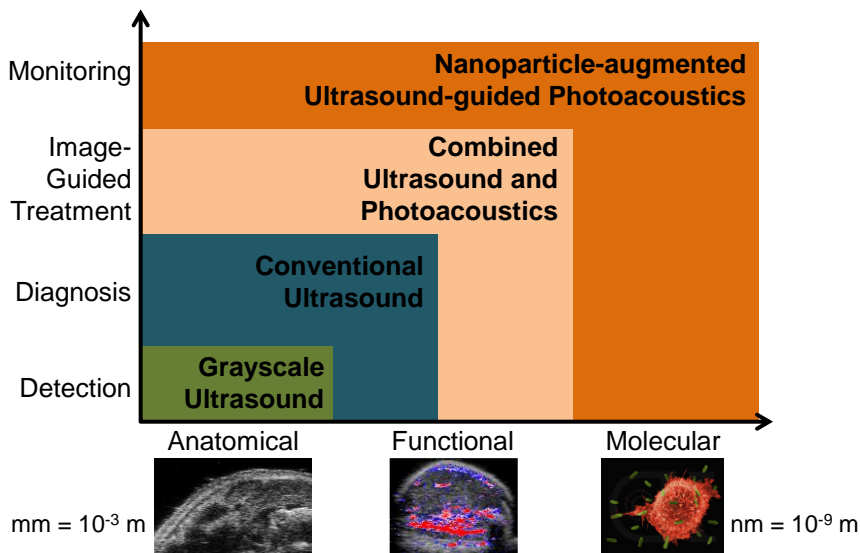
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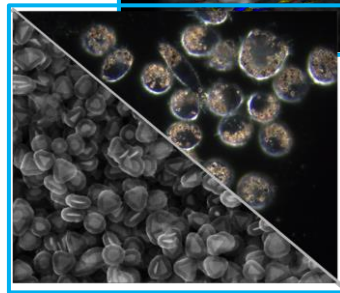
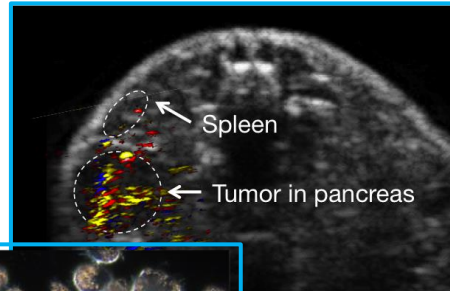
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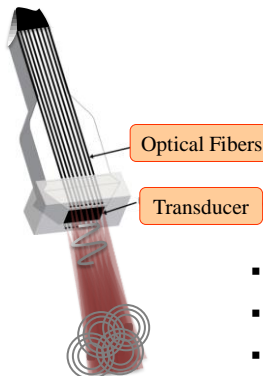
- Photoacoustic imaging: an overview
- Generating contrast: endogenous vs exogenous
- Nanoparticle contrast agents
- EPR effect and imaging
- Molecular targeting and imaging
- Theranostics
  - Photothermal therapy
  - Drug delivery and sensing
  - Laser-triggered drug release
- Path to the Clinic



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# Photoacoustic Imaging

Photoacoustic signal is generated from agents with high optical absorption cross sections



## Photoacoustic Effect

- Nanosecond pulses of laser light irradiate tissue
- Nanoparticles absorb light and thermoelastically expand
- Ultrasonic acoustic waves are produced



Image Source: Homan et al, "Combined Photoacoustic and Ultrasound Imaging of Metal Nanoparticles In Vivo," in Nanoimaging, Pan Stanford Publishing, Singapore (2010).

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# Photoacoustic Imaging

$$P(\lambda) \propto \Gamma F \mu_a(\lambda)$$

$P$  = the received pressure

$\lambda$  = optical wavelength

$\Gamma$  = The Grüneisen parameter which accounts for the thermal/mechanical properties of the medium

$F$  = light fluence (energy per cross-sectional area)

$\mu_a$  = net optical absorption



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# Photoacoustic Imaging

- No harmful ionizing radiation
- Sub-millimeter structure image resolution with high penetration depth
- Near real-time imaging capability
- Excellent contrast agents and molecular targeting at imaging depth
- Requires only modest floor-space and offers ultra-mobile units for point of care use
- Greater convenience at lower cost



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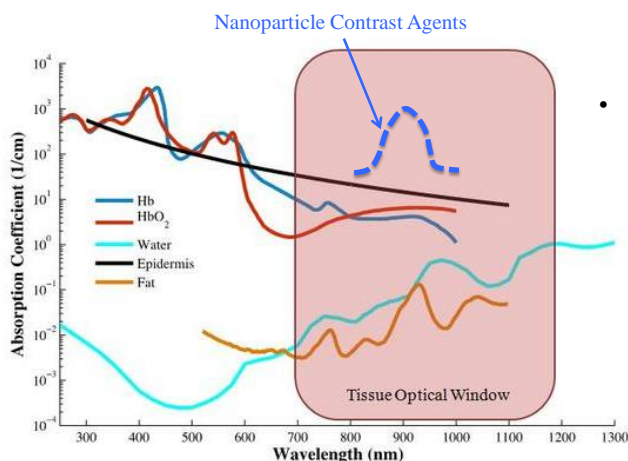


**What is the best light for maximum penetration and photoacoustic imaging resolution?**

- Ultraviolet
- Visible
- Near-Infrared
- Infrared

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## Endogenous vs Exogenous ADVANCED IMAGING SOLUTIONS



- “Tissue Optical Window”
  - Minimum absorption and scattering by tissue
  - Enables deeper penetration of light
  - Perfect zone to tune nanoparticle contrast agents!



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## Absorption Modes

### Molecular Absorption

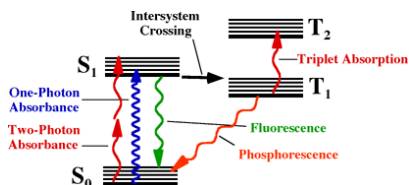
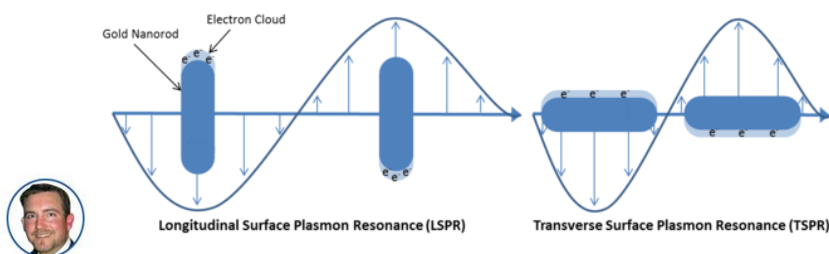


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### Surface Plasmon Resonance

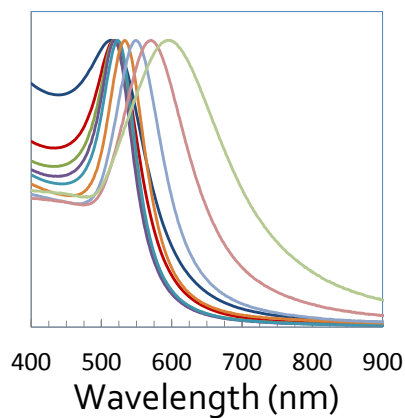
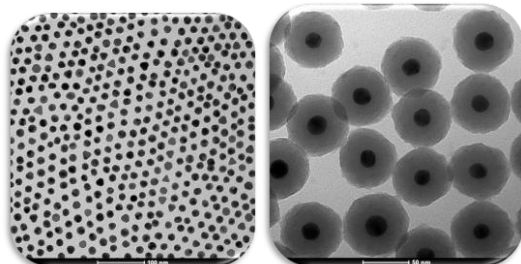


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## Plasmonic Nanoparticles

### Gold NanoSpheres

- Diameter from 5 – 150 nm
- Tunable peak absorption
- 510 – 650 nm

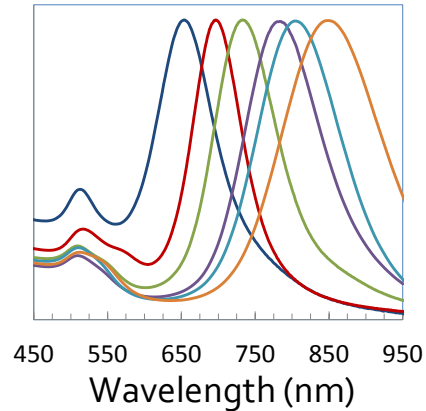
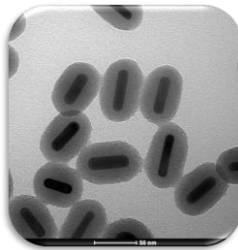


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## Tuning in the NIR

### Gold NanoRods

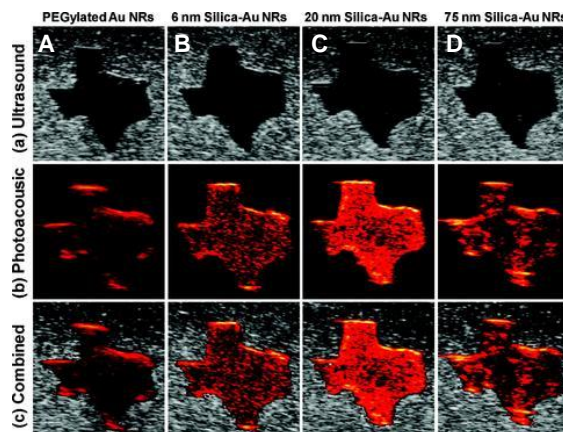
- Aspect ratio adjusts  $\lambda$
- 2 SPR modes
- Silica-coating stabilizes
- 600 – 1400 nm



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## USPA Imaging

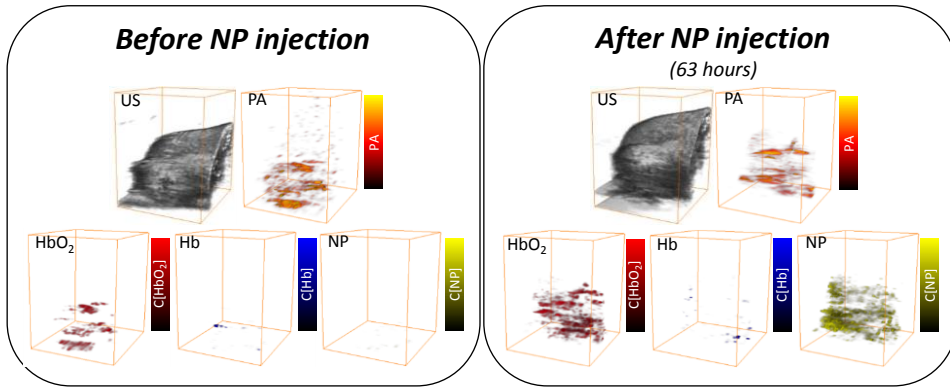
### Combined Ultrasound and Photoacoustic (USPA) Imaging



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# Exogenous Contrast via EPR



Nanoparticles accumulate via enhanced permeability and retention (EPR) effect in tumors



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# Molecular Imaging with USPA



Molecularly specific nanoparticle probes



Multimodal imaging technique

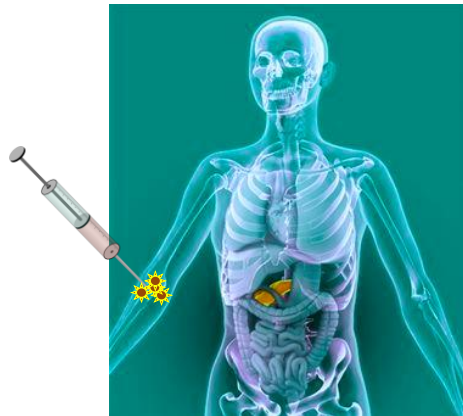


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### What is necessary to achieve molecular specificity for virtual histology with USPA imaging?

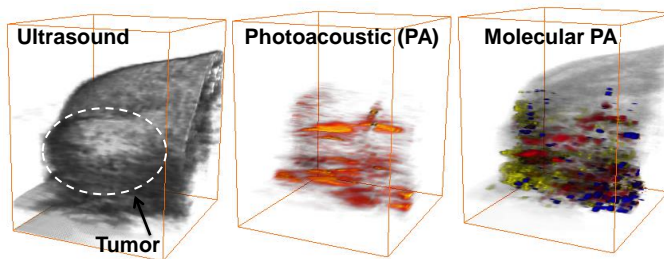
- Conjugate PEG to particle surface
- Utilize EPR effect
- Conjugate biospecific molecules to particle surface
- Nanobots

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## Virtual Histology

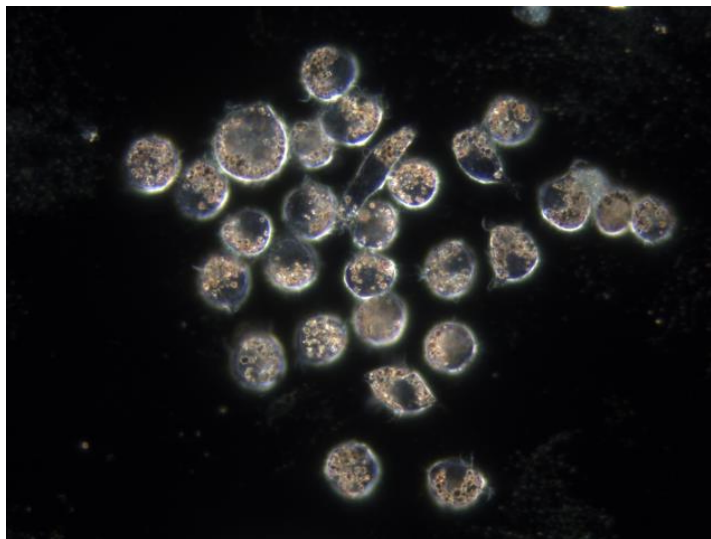
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- Future of photoacoustics:
  - Molecular profiling in vivo using contrast agents
  - Longitudinal animal studies
    - Monitoring molecular responses to therapy
    - Decreasing animal sacrifice
    - Limiting the need for histology



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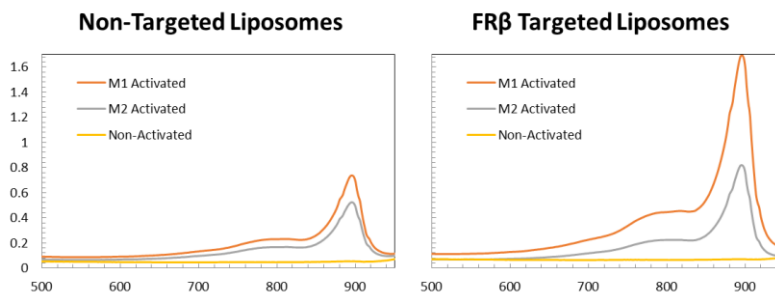
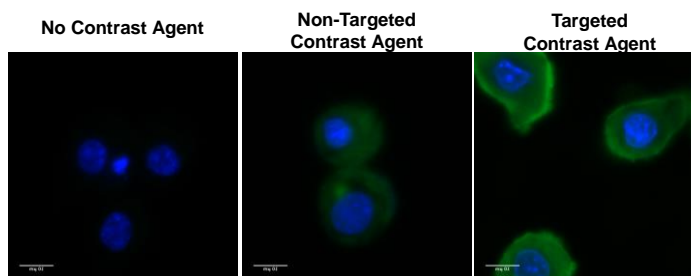
## Molecular Targeting



Darkfield Microscopy of J774A.1 cells after 24 hour incubation with Ag nanoplates. Imaging is 10 hour time lapse, 6 images/hour, video at 2 fps

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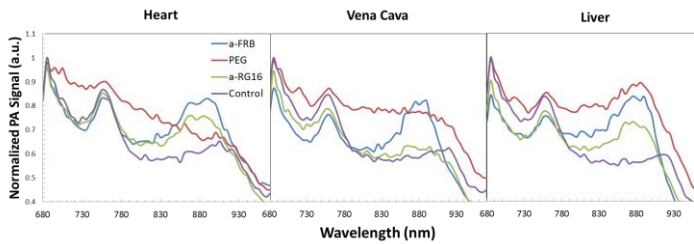
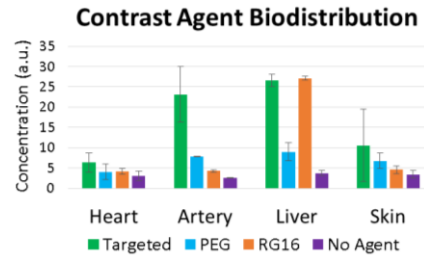
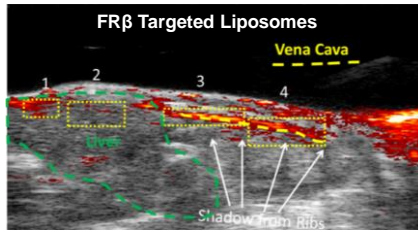


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## In Vivo Studies

Delivered anti-FR $\beta$  functionalized ICG-loaded liposomes systemically *in vivo* to apoE-deficient mouse models of atherosclerosis



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## Theranostic Nanoparticles

Theranostics = Therapy + Diagnostics



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# Photothermal Therapy (PTT)

## PTT is non-invasive, focal, and precise

- PTT provides selective destruction of cancer cells via hyperthermia
- How it works:
  - Cancer targeted nanorods are injected systemically and accumulate in the tumor
  - The nanorods bind preferentially to cancer cells
  - Irradiation with near-infrared light causes selective heating of the nanorods, inducing cancer cell death



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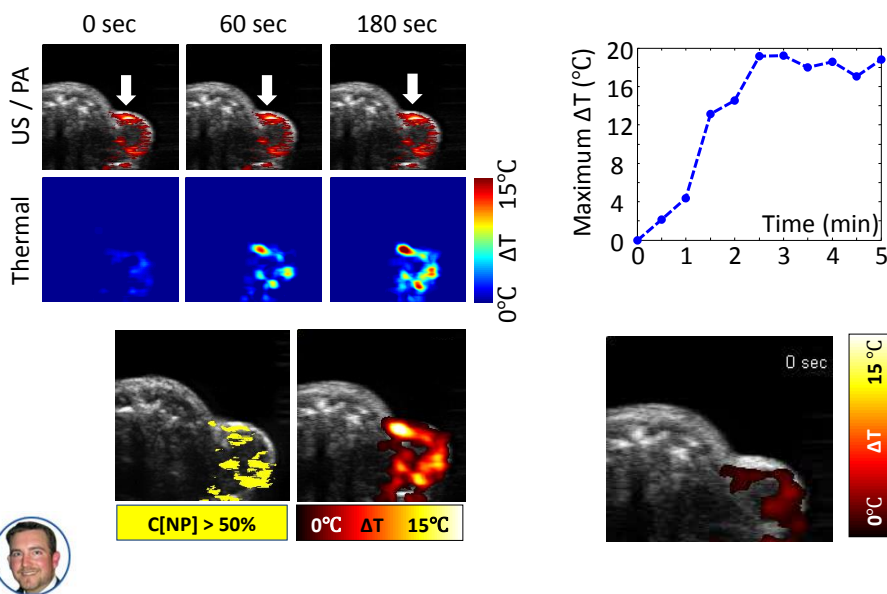


**What temperature is required to achieve cell death via hyperthermia?**

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- 40°C
- 50°C
- 60°C

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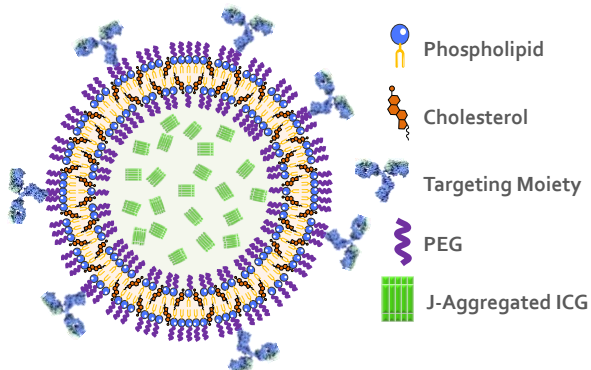
## Photothermal Therapy (PTT)



## USPA Guided Drug Delivery

### Lipo-ICG

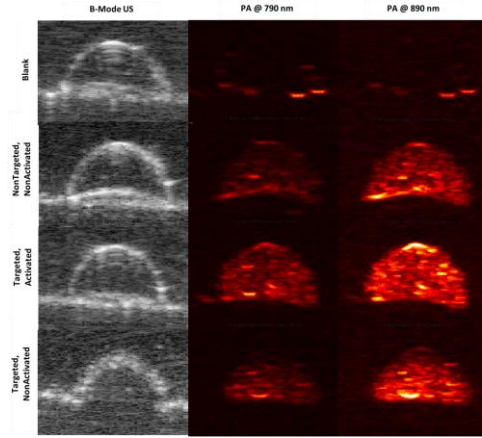
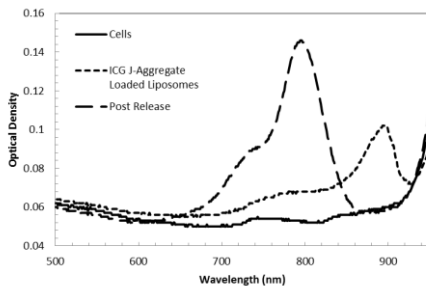
*Liposomal encapsulation of ICG J-aggregates for use as a biological sensor and imaging agent.*



# Sensor Capabilities



- Spectral shifts present upon uptake
  - Shift due to breakdown of J-aggregates
  - Observed in vitro via UV-Vis and PA imaging
  - USPA guided drug delivery!

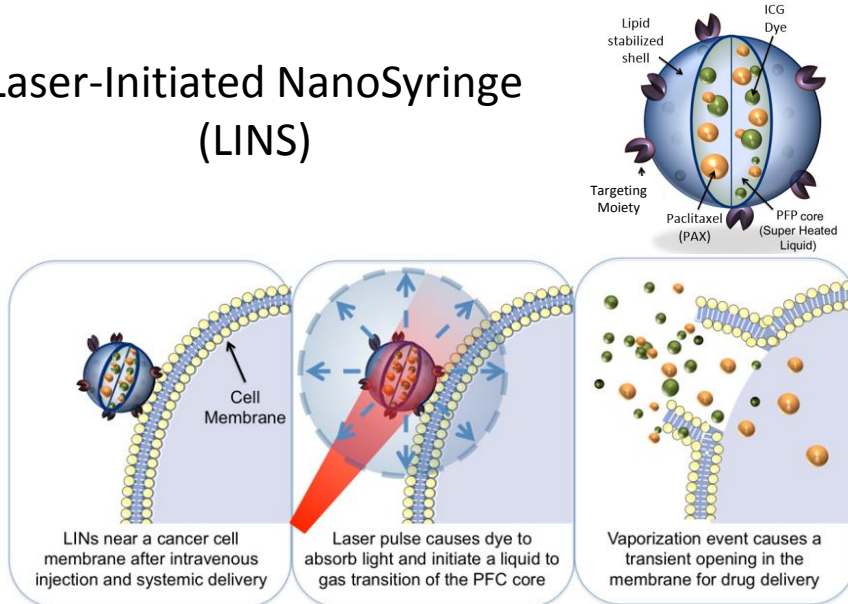


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# Triggered Drug Release



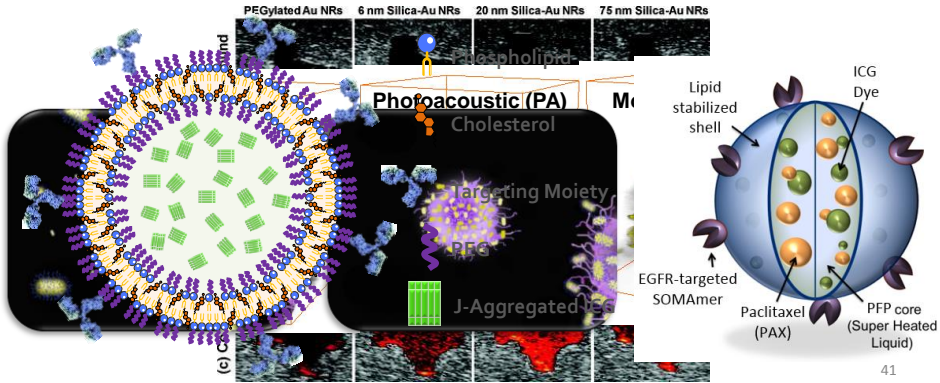
## Laser-Initiated NanoSyringe (LINS)



# Summary



- Photoacoustic imaging improves characterization of disease
- Contrast agents greatly aid in visualization
- Biofunctionalization enables molecular imaging and virtual histology
- Theranostic therapies combine therapy with diagnostics
- Novel particle design can enable targeted therapy



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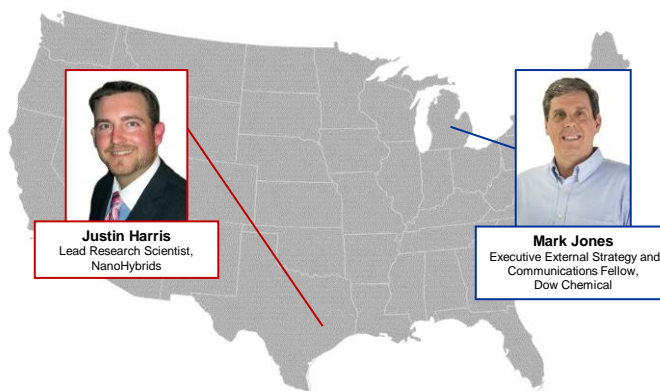
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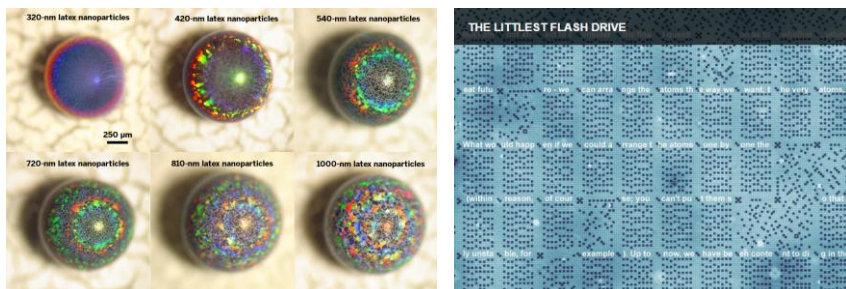


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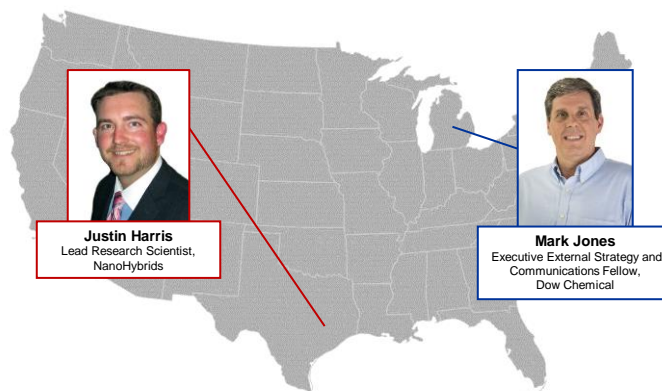
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