

RESEARCH, INNOVATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP: THE NECESSARY CHAIN FOR SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH

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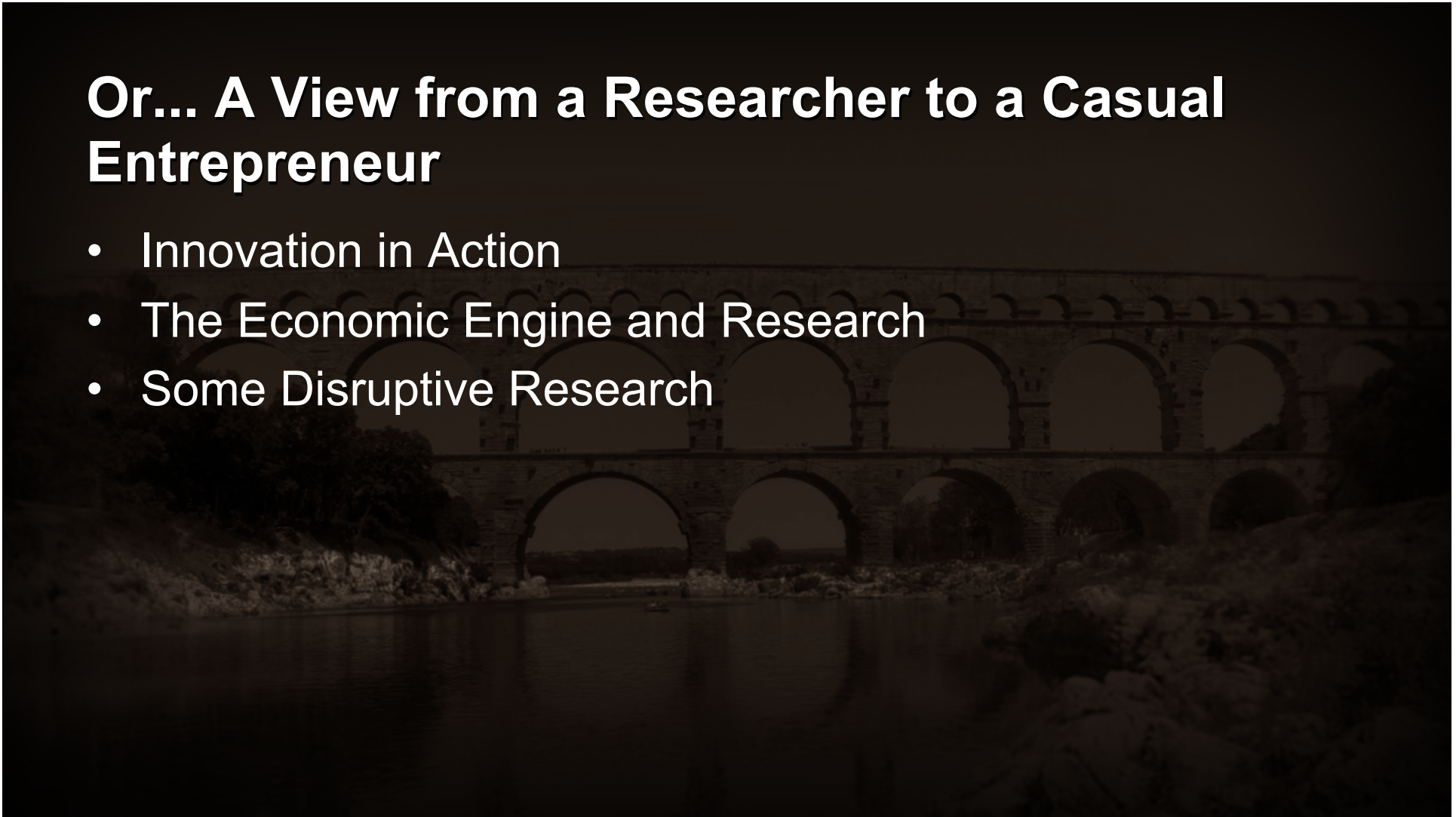
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Or... A View from a Researcher to a Casual Entrepreneur

- Innovation in Action
- The Economic Engine and Research
- Some Disruptive Research












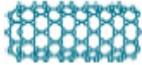


Innovation

- Innovation is not an option: «every job created in centers of excellence in innovation generates at least five other jobs in other domains (services, traditional industry, entertainment) and these jobs are paid way better than in other places» (E. Moretti, Berkeley)
- There is not a single way of innovatingo not confuse invention with innovation
- Leveraging research for innovation in:
 - Established companies
 - Start-ups

McKinsey's Disruptive Technologies

Twelve potentially economically disruptive technologies

	Mobile Internet	Increasingly inexpensive and capable mobile computing devices and Internet connectivity
	Automation of knowledge work	Intelligent software systems that can perform knowledge work tasks involving unstructured commands and subtle judgments
	The Internet of Things	Networks of low-cost sensors and actuators for data collection, monitoring, decision making, and process optimization
	Cloud technology	Use of computer hardware and software resources delivered over a network or the Internet, often as a service
	Advanced robotics	Increasingly capable robots with enhanced senses, dexterity, and intelligence used to automate tasks or augment humans
	Autonomous and near-autonomous vehicles	Vehicles that can navigate and operate with reduced or no human intervention

	Next-generation genomics	Fast, low-cost gene sequencing, advanced big data analytics, and synthetic biology ("writing" DNA)
	Energy storage	Devices or systems that store energy for later use, including batteries
	3D printing	Additive manufacturing techniques to create objects by printing layers of material based on digital models
	Advanced materials	Materials designed to have superior characteristics (e.g., strength, weight, conductivity) or functionality
	Advanced oil and gas exploration and recovery	Exploration and recovery techniques that make extraction of unconventional oil and gas economical
	Renewable energy	Generation of electricity from renewable sources with reduced harmful climate impact

Economic Potential



The Internet of Things

300%
Increase in connected machine-to-machine devices over past 5 years
80–90%
Price decline in MEMS (microelectromechanical systems) sensors in past 5 years

1 trillion
Things that could be connected to the Internet across industries such as manufacturing, health care, and mining
100 million
Global machine to machine (M2M) device connections across sectors like transportation, security, health care, and utilities

\$36 trillion
Operating costs of key affected industries (manufacturing, health care, and mining)



Cloud technology

18 months
Time to double server performance per dollar
3x
Monthly cost of owning a server vs. renting in the cloud

2 billion
Global users of cloud-based email services like Gmail, Yahoo, and Hotmail
80%
North American institutions hosting or planning to host critical applications on the cloud

\$1.7 trillion
GDP related to the Internet
\$3 trillion
Enterprise IT spend



Advanced robotics

75–85%
Lower price for Baxter³ than a typical industrial robot
170%
Growth in sales of industrial robots, 2009–11

320 million
Manufacturing workers, 12% of global workforce
250 million
Annual major surgeries

\$6 trillion
Manufacturing worker employment costs, 19% of global employment costs
\$2–3 trillion
Cost of major surgeries



Autonomous and near-autonomous vehicles

7
Miles driven by top-performing driverless car in 2004 DARPA Grand Challenge along a 150-mile route
1,540
Miles cumulatively driven by cars competing in 2005 Grand Challenge
300,000+
Miles driven by Google's autonomous cars with only 1 accident (which was human-caused)

1 billion
Cars and trucks globally
450,000
Civilian, military, and general aviation aircraft in the world

\$4 trillion
Automobile industry revenue
\$155 billion
Revenue from sales of civilian, military, and general aviation aircraft

Google Strategy

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The acquisition brings with it the Learning Thermostat and the Protect smoke and CO detector as Google looks to make its mark in the smart home.

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Google's drive into robotics should concern us all

The company's expansion into robotics was developed in tandem with the US military. Where will its power play stop?



John Naughton
The Observer, Sunday 29 December 2013



Google's robotic cars have about \$150,000 in equipment including a \$70,000 **LIDAR** (laser radar) system. The range finder mounted on the top is a **Velodyne** 64-beam laser. This laser allows the vehicle to generate a detailed 3D map of its environment. The car then takes these generated maps and combines them with high-resolution maps of the world, producing different types of data models that allow it to drive itself.

Google and Facebook



Google acquired Titan Aerospace, the drone startup that makes high-flying robots which was previously scoped by Facebook as a potential acquisition target, the WSJ reports.

The deal comes after Facebook disclosed purchase of U.K.-based Ascenta for its globe-spanning Internet plans.

Both Ascenta and Titan Aerospace are in the business of high altitude drones integral to blanketing the globe in cheap, omnipresent Internet connectivity to help bring remote areas online.

*That's not all the Titan drones can help Google with, however. **The company's robots also take high-quality images in real-time that could help with Maps initiatives, as well as contribute to things like "disaster relief" and addressing "deforestation,"***

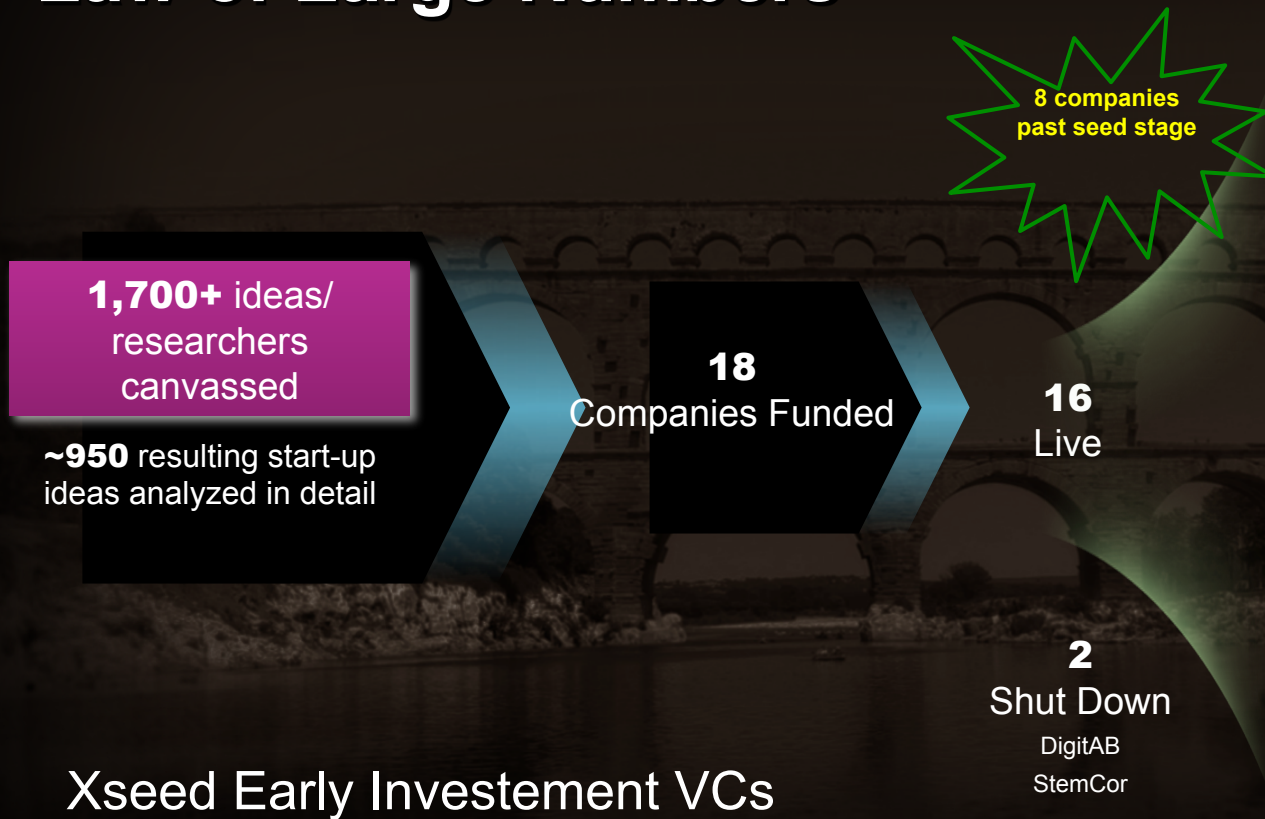
Apple



This week, years after that first sighting, Tesla announced plans for what it calls the “[Gigafactory](#),” a 10-million-square-foot plant for making car batteries. ...But it’s not just the prospect of a gasoline-free future that has sparked such excitement about the Gigafactory. The same basic lithium-ion tech that fuels Tesla’s cars also runs most of today’s other mobile gadgets, large and small. If Tesla really produces batteries at the scale it’s promising, cars could become just one part of what the company does. **One day, Tesla could be a company that powers just about everything, from the phone in your pocket to the electrical grid itself.**

Earlier this month, as rumors swirled that Apple might want to buy Tesla, [San Francisco Chronicle](#) reported that **Tesla CEO Elon Musk had indeed met with the iPhone maker.** **Musk later confirmed that Tesla and Apple had talked, but he wouldn’t say what about.**

Law of Large Numbers



Liquidity and Returns: Exit Strategies

- Exit options

- IPO
- M&A
- Bankruptcy



- **Chapter 7**: basic liquidation; also known as straight bankruptcy;
- **Chapter 11**: rehabilitation or reorganization, known as corporate bankruptcy, it typically allows companies to continue to function while they follow debt repayment plans;

- Dissolution (Shutdown)

- Typical venture portfolio performance:

- Out of every 10 investments
 - Half do not return capital
 - 1 returns >10X
 - Rest return 1-10X

What Drives Venture Returns?

- Market growth not absolute size
- Efficiency of capital deployment
- Irrational exuberance in exit markets
- A handful of big winners

And most of all

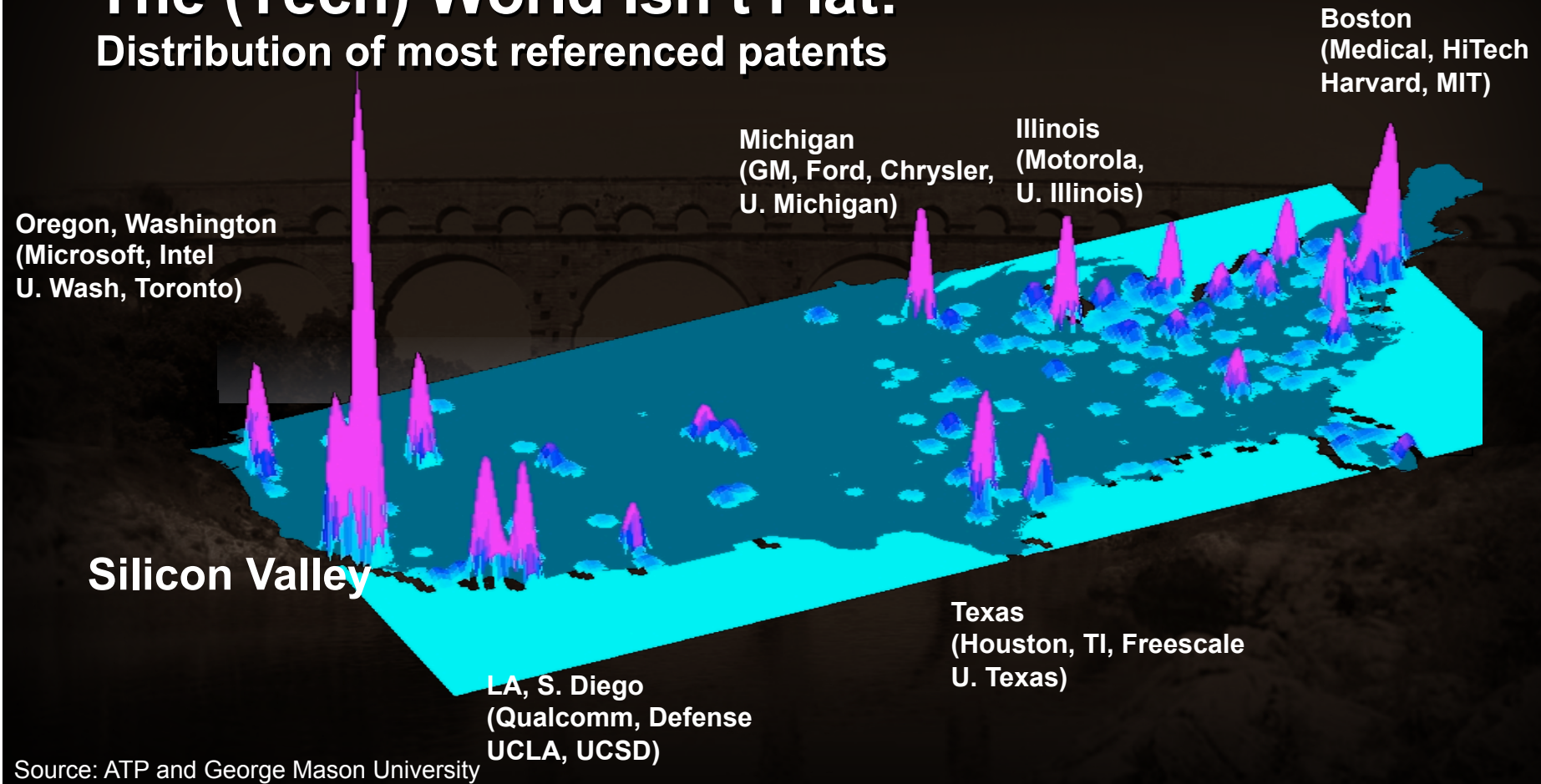
Fundamental Innovation—The (Tech) world isn't "flat"

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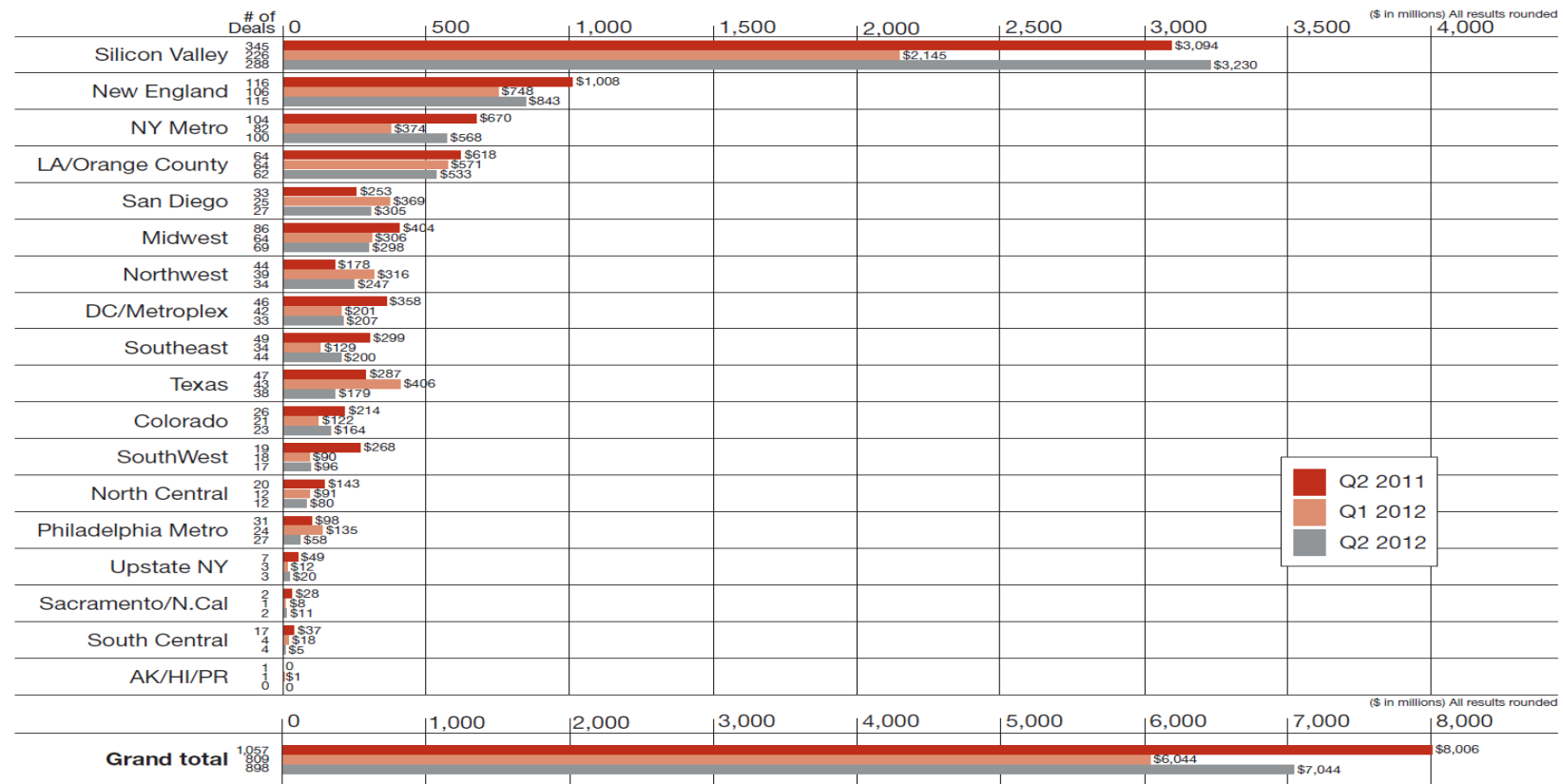
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The (Tech) World Isn't Flat: Distribution of most referenced patents



Trend in Investment



U.S. VC-backed IPOs (2011-2014)

38 venture-backed companies raised \$2.9 billion through public offerings in 1Q 2014. Number of deals increased by 90%, while capital raised registered a 17% decrease from the previous quarter.

The largest IPO of the quarter was Castlight Health Inc. (NYSE: CSLT), which completed a \$178 million IPO.

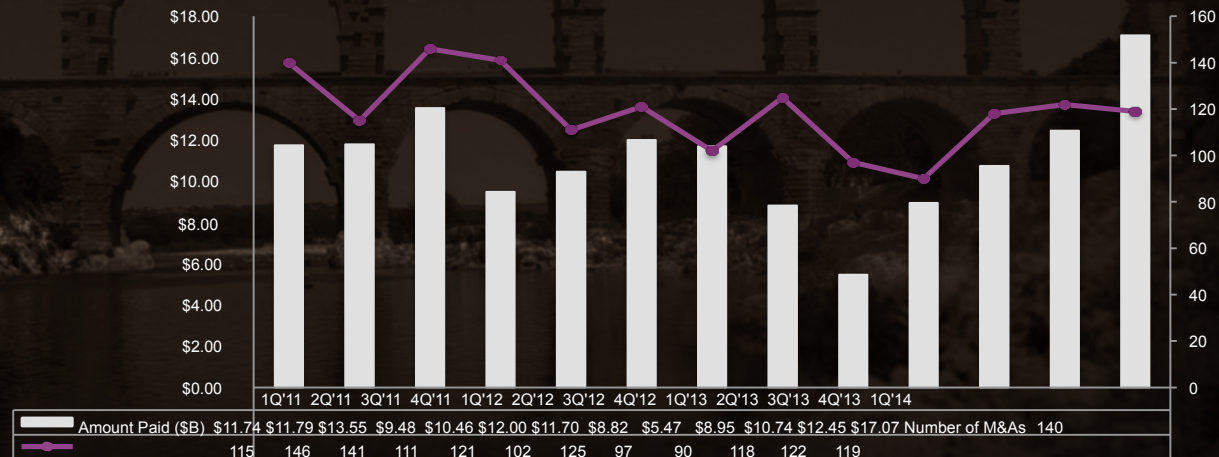


U.S. VC-backed M&As (2011-2014)

119 M&As of venture-backed companies in U.S. garnered \$17 billion during 1Q 2014, the highest quarterly figure since 3Q 2000, when \$23 billion were raised.

In contrast with 4Q 2013, when a total of 122 transactions accumulated \$12 billion, though the number of M&As fell by 2%, the amount raised rose by 37%.

The largest M&A of the quarter was Nest Labs Inc., which was acquired by Google Inc. (Nasdaq: GOOG) for \$3.2 billion.



The SCIENCE-Application Dilemma



Raffaello Sanzio, The Athens School

Pasteur's Quadrant

Considerations of Use?

NO

YES

Quest for
Fundamental
Understanding?

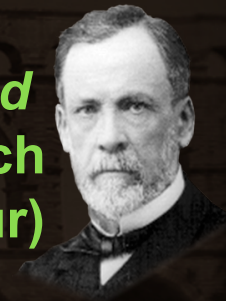
YES

Pure Basic
Research
(Bohr)

Use-Inspired
Basic Research
(Pasteur)

NO

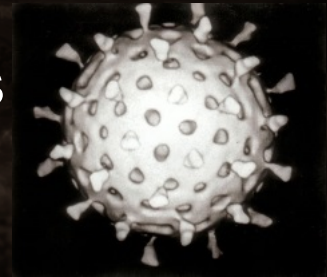
Pure Applied
Research
(Edison)



D. Stokes

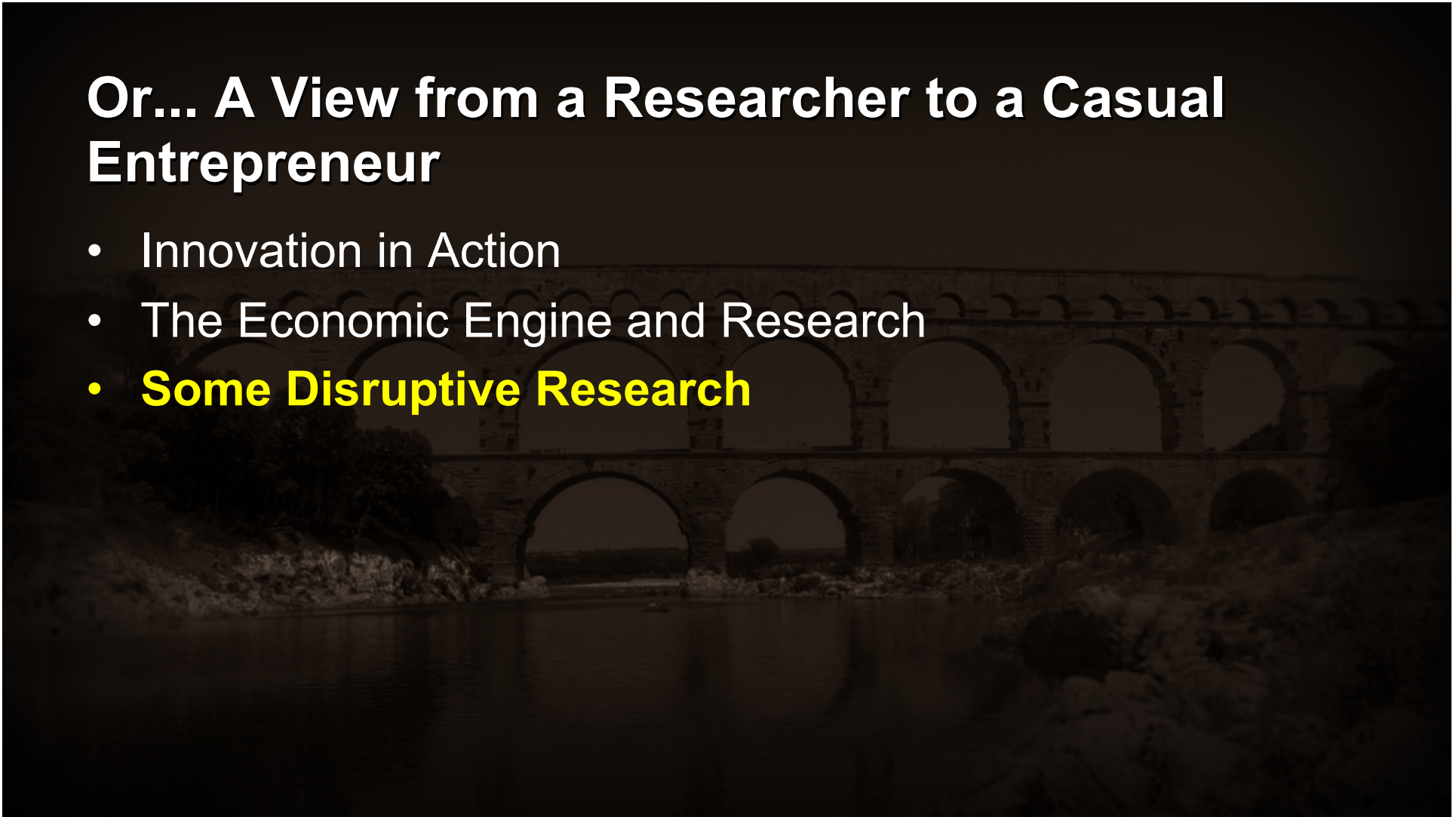
Research Centers-Industry Relationships

- Researchers should be rewarded on the basis of their contributions in all areas, including professional activities
- Reciprocal respect and attention to respective roles
- Beware of *patentitis*!!! “Speed not patents”
- Beware of *paperitis*!! More value less numbers
- Transfer of technology as viral infection!!!
 - Visiting professionals and industrial leaves
- Formation of new companies favored



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Computers and mobiles to disappear!

Predictions: 7 trillions devices servicing 7 billion people!
1,000 devices per person by 2025

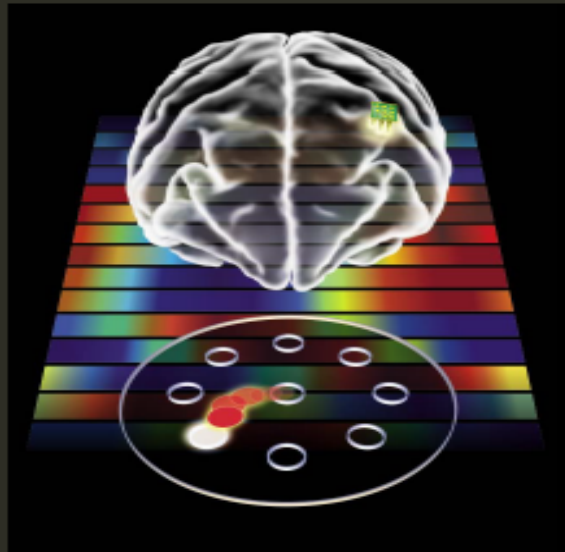


The Immersed Human

Real-life interaction between humans and cyberspace, enabled by enriched input and output devices on and in the body and in the surrounding environment

Courtesy: J. Rabaey

Another One: BioCyber (?) Systems Linking the Cyber and Biological Worlds

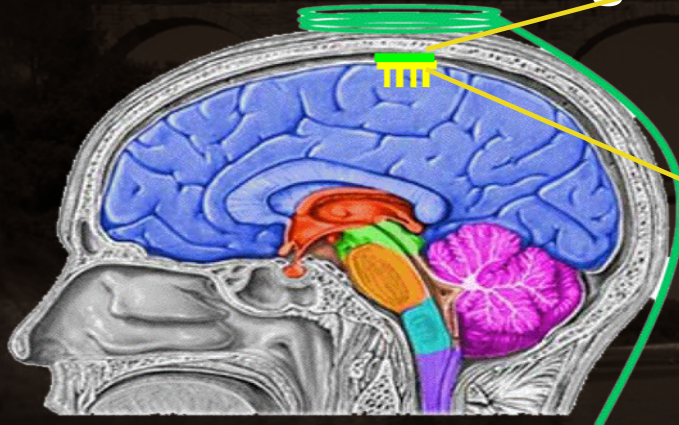


Examples: Brain-machine interfaces and body-area networks

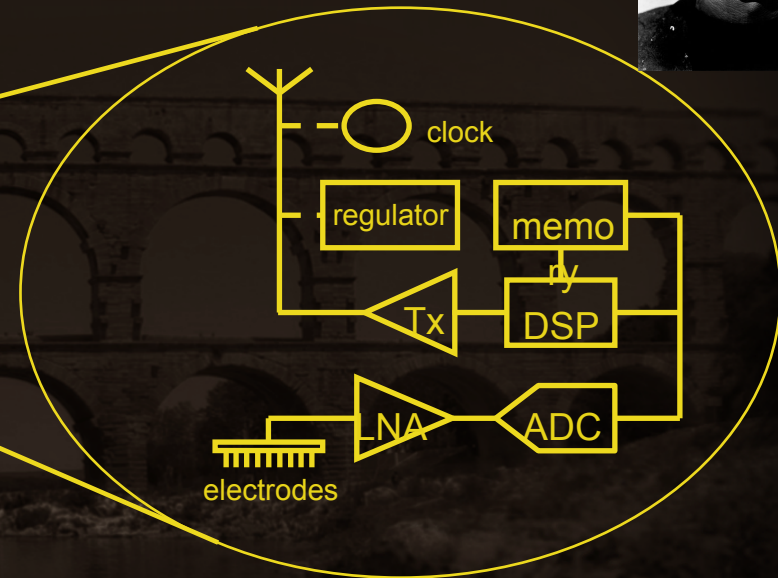
Towards Integrated Wireless Implanted Interfaces



Moving the state-of-the-art
in wireless sensing



[Illustration art: Subbu Venkatraman]



Power budget:
mWs to 1 mW

Vision 2025

- Integrated components will be approaching **molecular limits and/or may cover complete walls**
- Every object will be smart
- **The Ensemble is the Function!**
 - Function determined by availability of **sensing, actuation, connectivity, computation, storage and energy**
- Collaborating to present unifying experiences or to fulfill common goals

A humongous networked, distributed, adaptive, hierarchical, hybrid control problem

THE SWARM

is coming!



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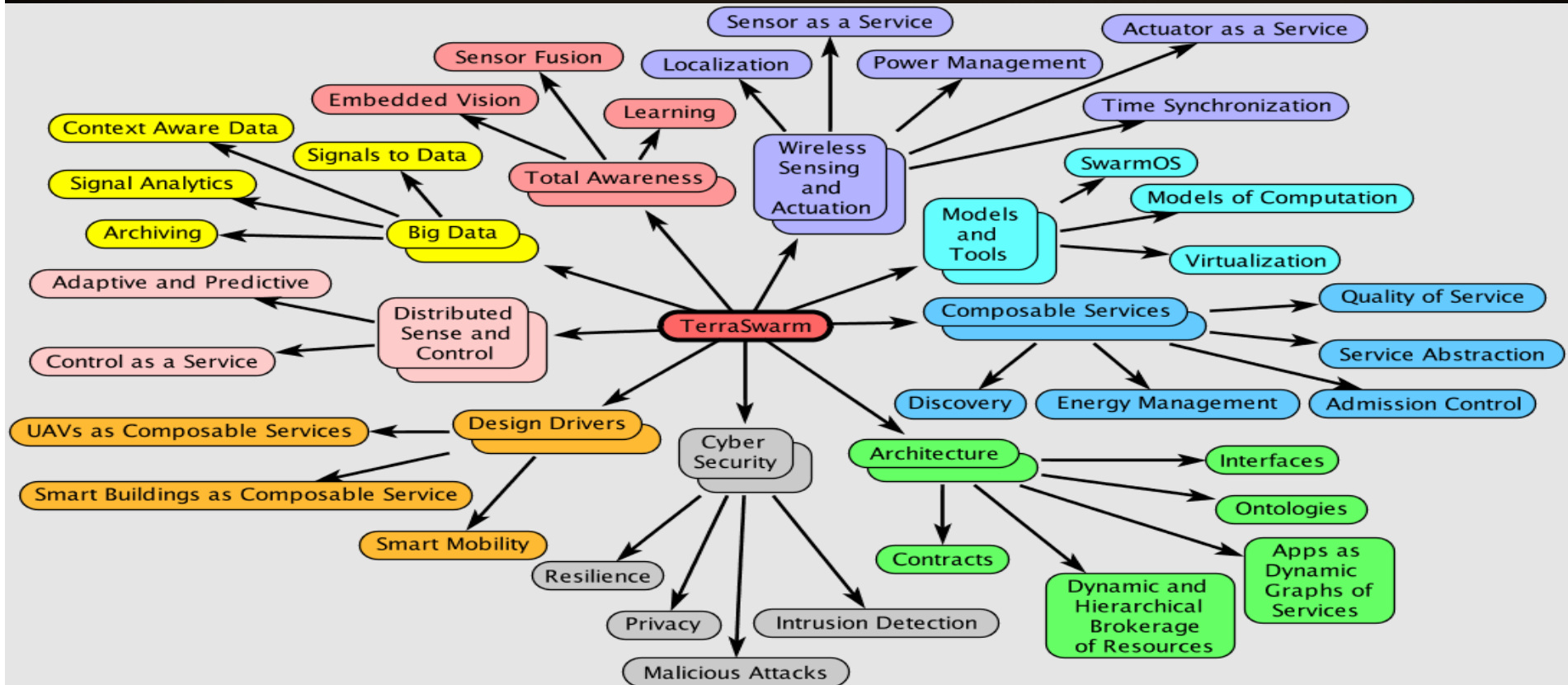
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IRWIN ALLEN'S production of "THE SWARM"

The Problem Space (TerraSwarm)

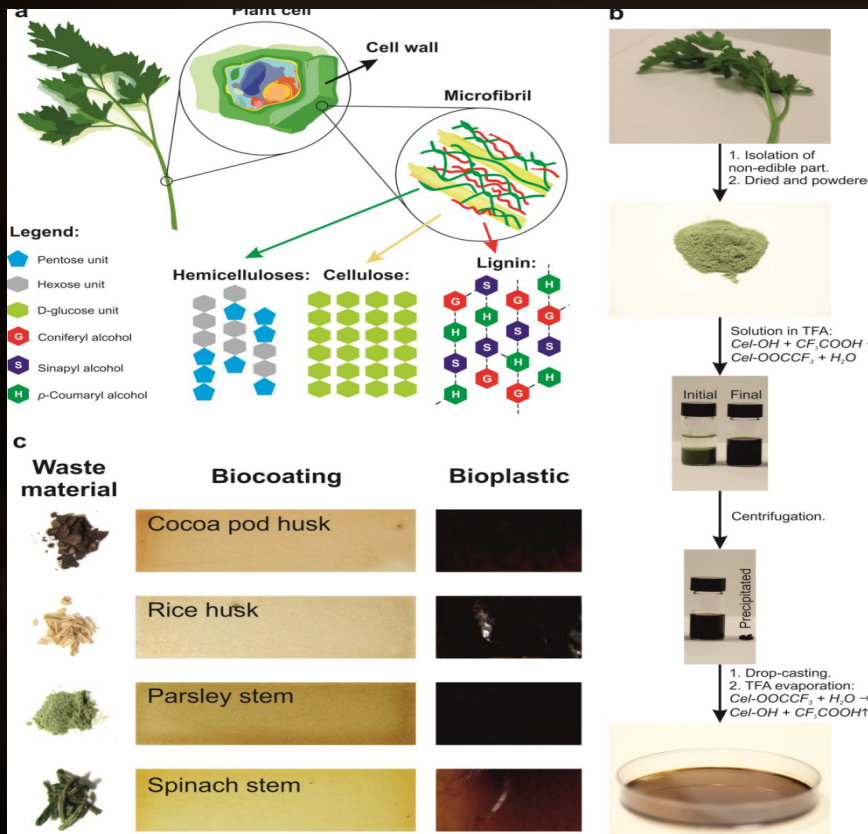




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Nano Materials: The Fully Biodegradable Plastic

Fully Biodegradable Vegetable Plastics



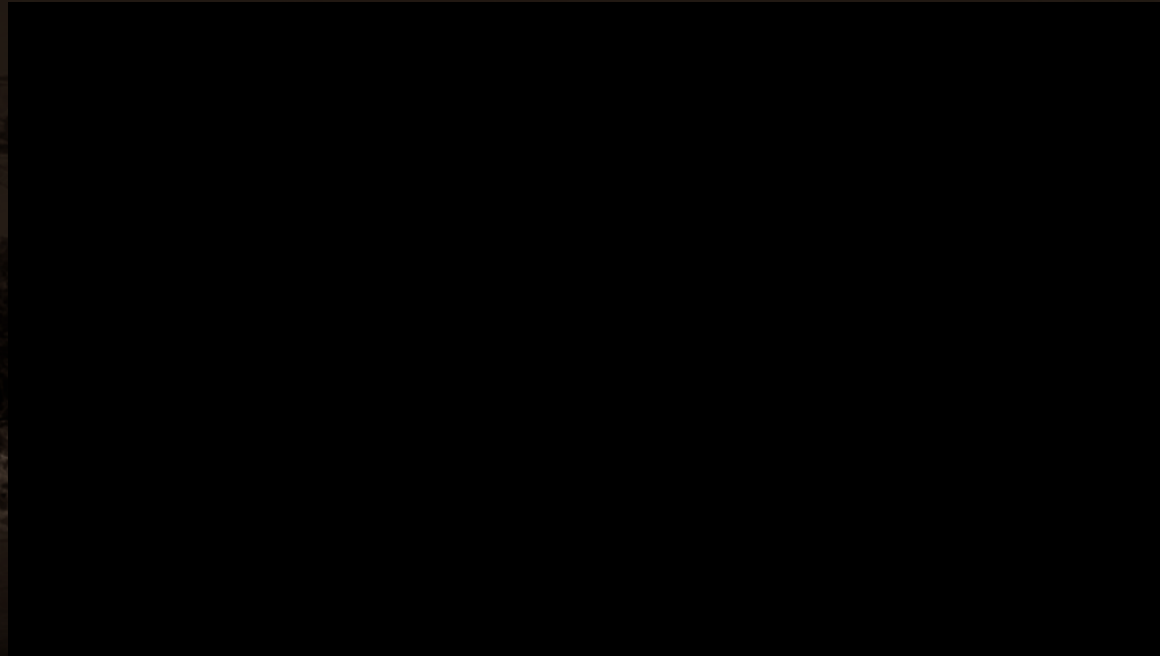
World production:
260 Millions ton of petrol plastic /year

Biodegradation time > 1000 years

Vegetable waste from food industry:
26 Millions tons/year in Europe only!

Biodegradation time:
a few years in humid environment

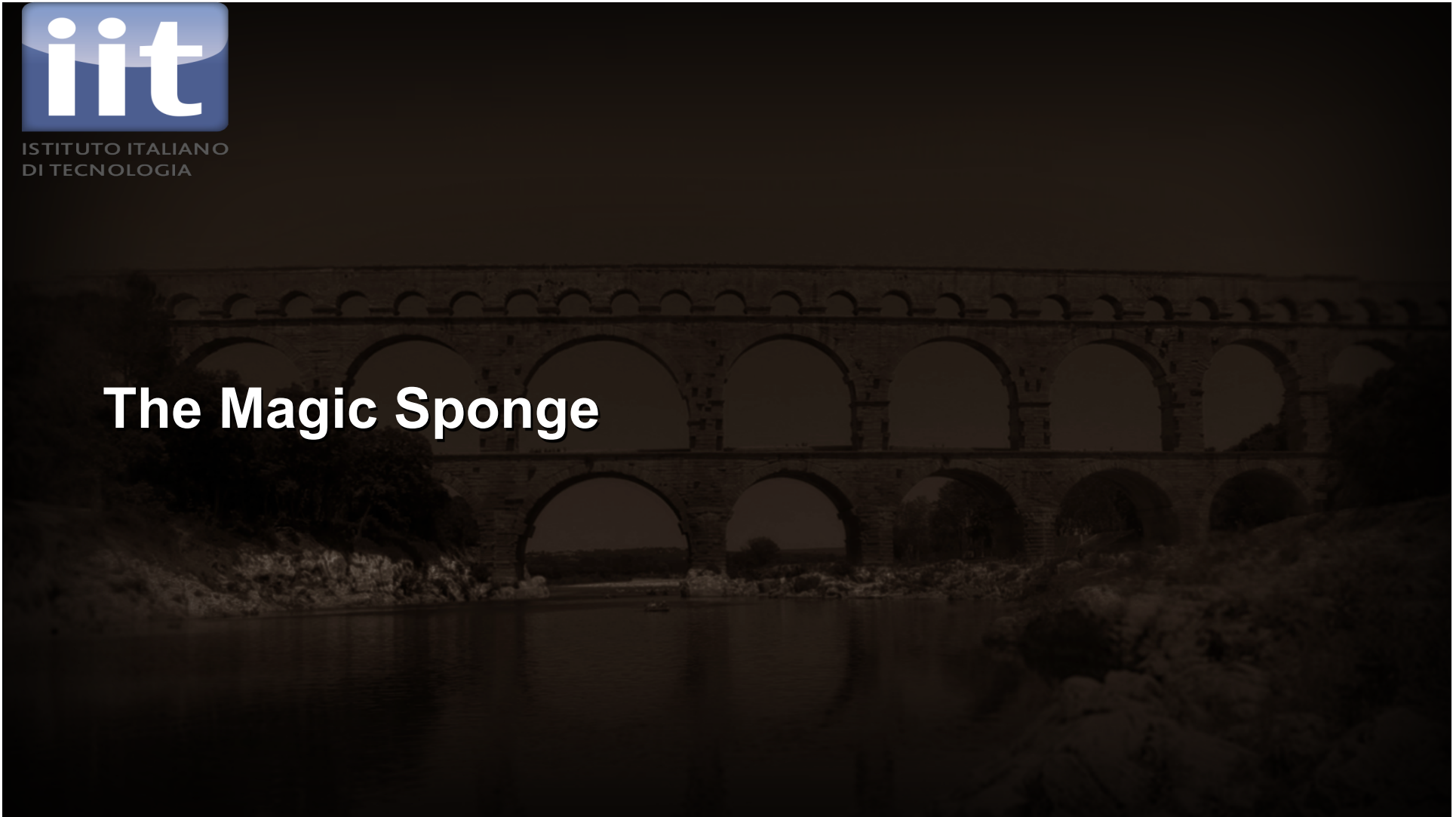
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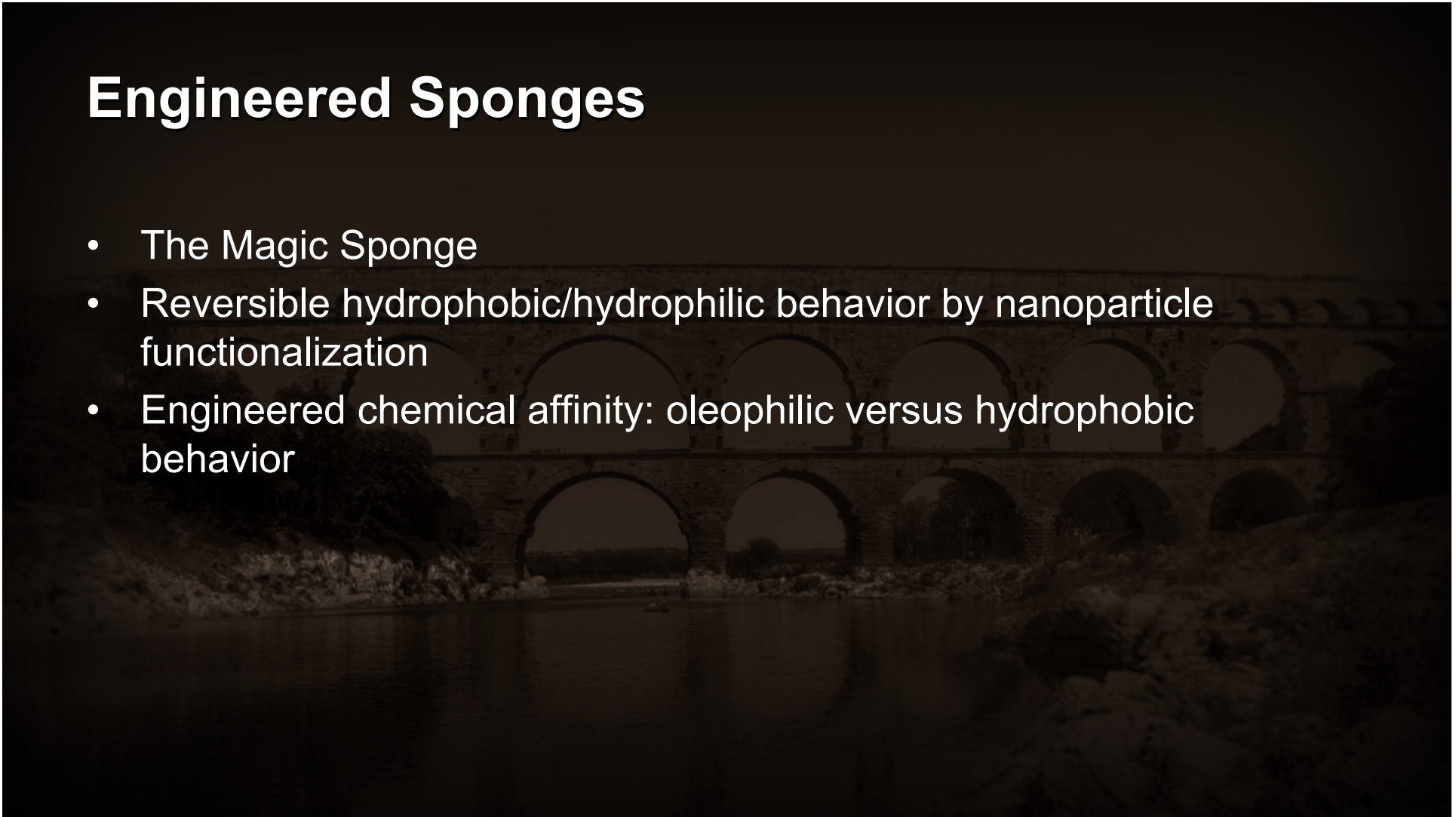
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The Magic Sponge



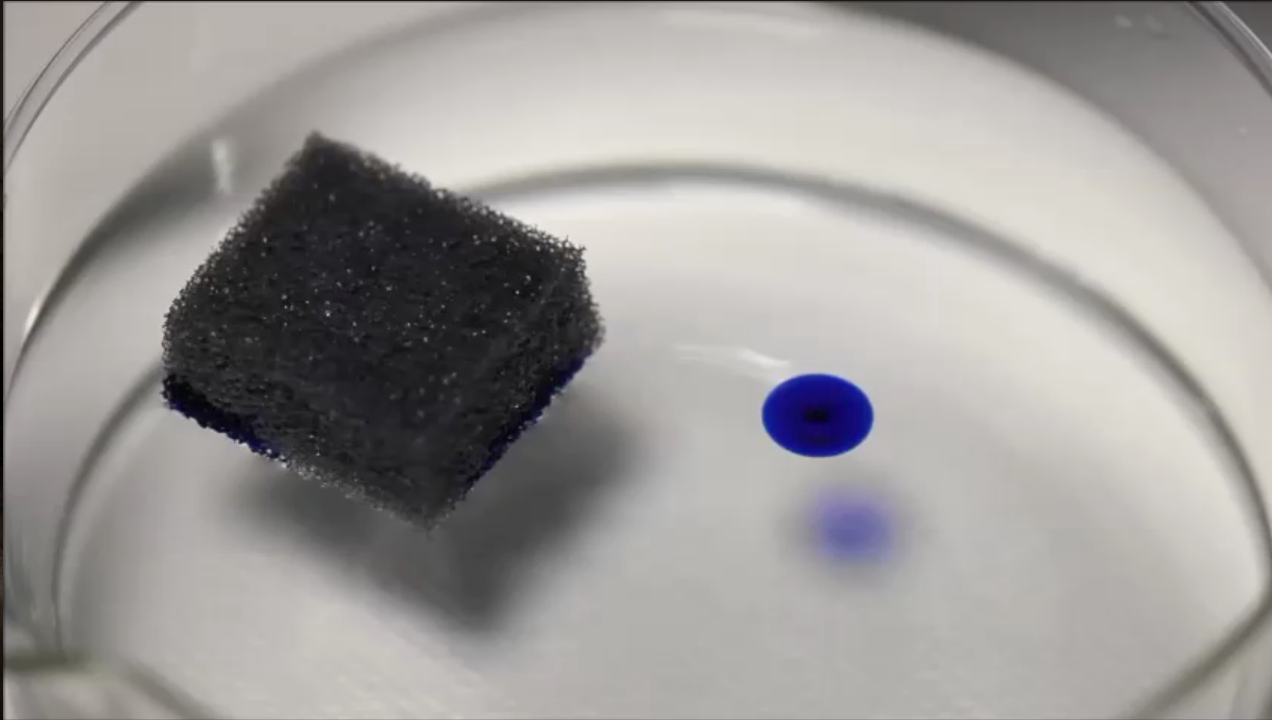
Engineered Sponges

- The Magic Sponge
- Reversible hydrophobic/hydrophilic behavior by nanoparticle functionalization
- Engineered chemical affinity: oleophilic versus hydrophobic behavior

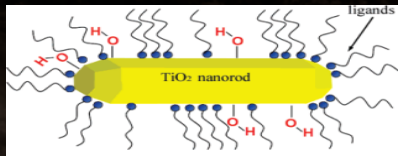
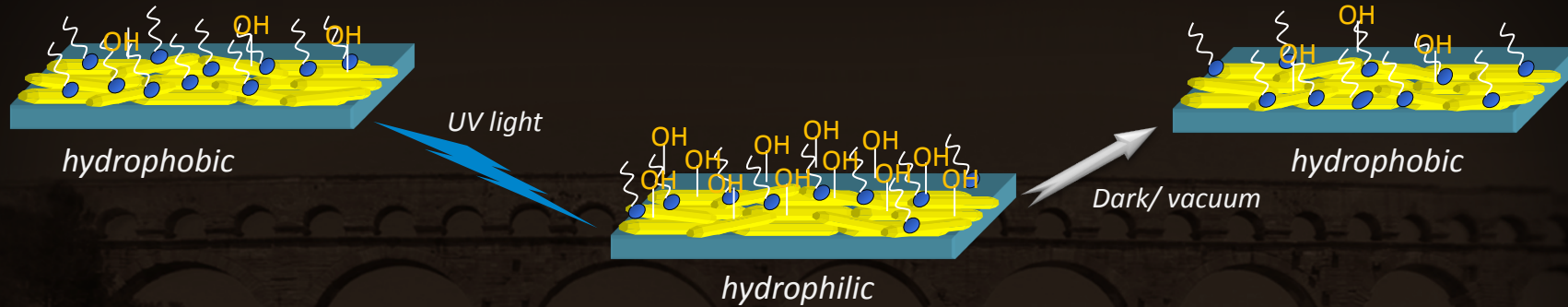




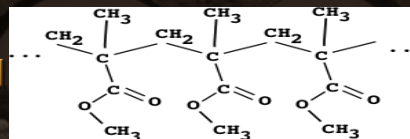
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Titanium Dioxide light-induced hydrophilicity



Oleic acid-capped TiO₂ nanorods length 20 nm diameter 3 nm



Polymers



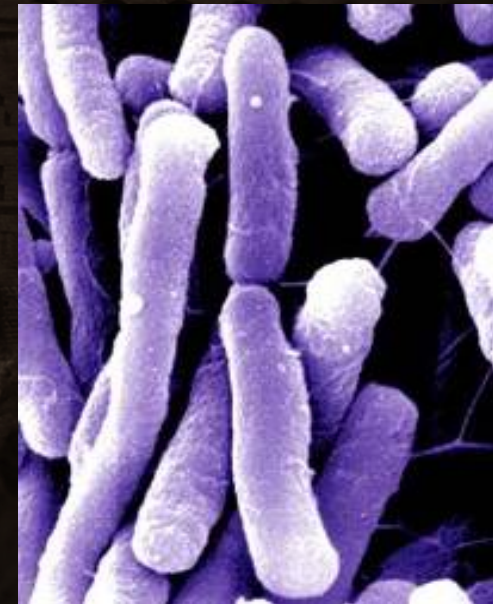
UV laser irradiation

Spatial control of wetting properties!

Synthetic Biology

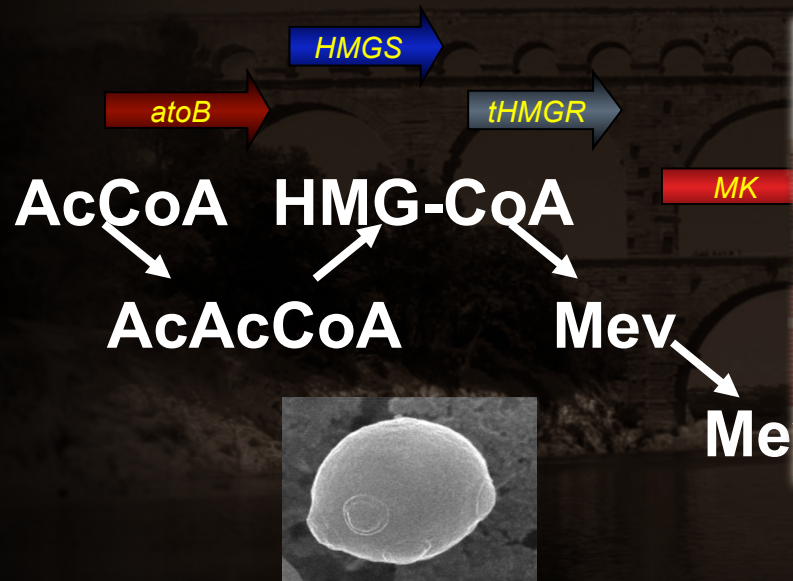
συνθήσις *n.* 1.a. the combination of separate elements to form a coherent whole.

- Synthetic biology seeks, through understanding, to design biological systems and their components to address a host of problems that cannot be solved using naturally-occurring entities
- Enormous potential benefits to medicine, environmental remediation and renewable energy



Microbial Synthesis of Artemisinin

Off-the-shelf parts?



Courtesy: Jay Keasling

Applications of Synthetic Biology



Energy Crop

- Water saving
- No fertilizer
- Doubled photosynthetic efficiency



Biodiesel and bio-jet fuel

- No compromise
- Fully compatible with existing infrastructure



Natural product drugs

- Capture all of the chemistry in nature
- Construct a microbe that can produce any natural product

Courtesy: Jay Keasling

Final Words of Wisdom



How About Education?



The Way Forward

- ***Everything is Connected: Society, Electronic and System Industry*** facing an array of complex problems from design to manufacturing involving complexity, power, reliability, re-configurability, integration....
- **Complexity is growing more rapidly than ever seen**
- **Interactions among subsystems increasingly more difficult to predict**
- **Pre-existing systems put to work to provide new services**
- ***Need work at all levels: Methodology, Modeling, Tools, Algorithms***

- **Deep collaboration among**
 - **Governments, industry, and research centers**
 - **Different Disciplines : Control, Communication, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering , Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemistry, Biology.....**