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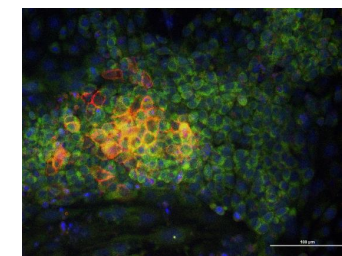
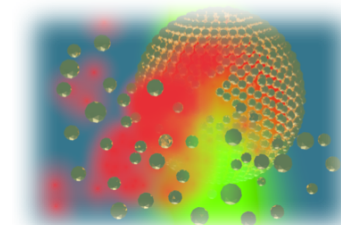
Center for Cellular and Biomolecular Machines (CCBM)

University of California Merced



CCBM Retreat

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Presentation Outline



- Center overview: Muñoz (5 min)
- Graduate education: Gopinathan (3 min)
- Undergraduate programs: Ghosh (3 min)
- Broadening participation & outreach: Kouadio and Cole (2 min)
- Project Scientist updates: Sadqi and Quint (2 min each)
- Reporting/citing grant: Kouadio (1 min)
- Budget 5-year overview: Kouadio (1 min)
- Upcoming events, opportunities & resources: Kouadio (3 min)
- Highlights and future plans: Gopinathan (3 min)
- Q & A: all (4 min)

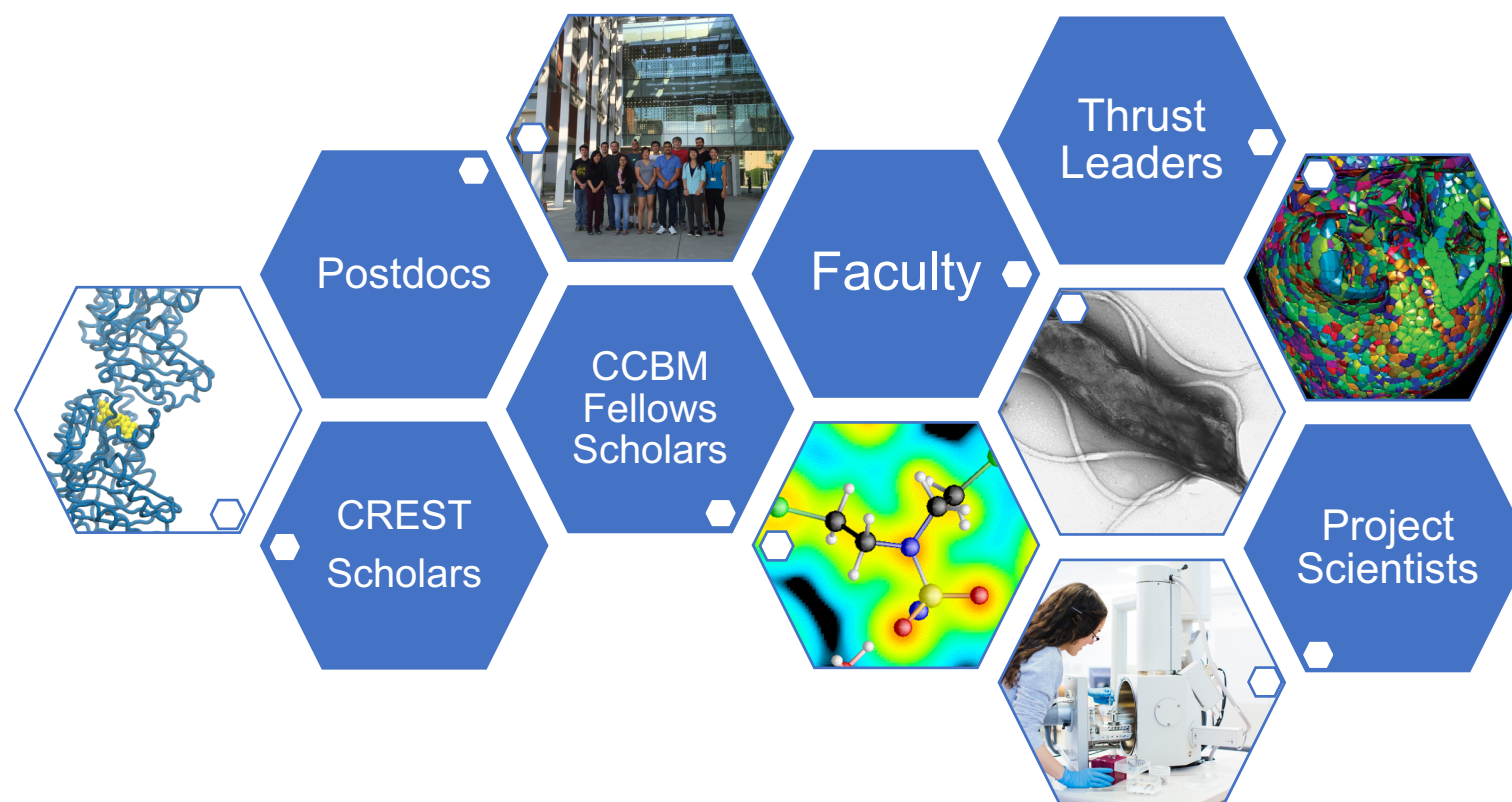
About the **National Science Foundation-funded
CREST Center for Cellular and Biomolecular Machines (CCBM):**

Interdisciplinarity	Research Focus	Research Objectives	Education and Training	Outreach
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• physical,• biological• chemical• engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• multi-scale assemblies of biomolecules and cells• natural and synthetic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• understand biological function• develop design principles• implement bioinspired nanomachines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• enhance education• graduate undergraduate• biophysics, biochemistry, and bioengineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• develop K-12 STEM activities• students and teachers• Merced area

Executive Structure



Research & Training Structure

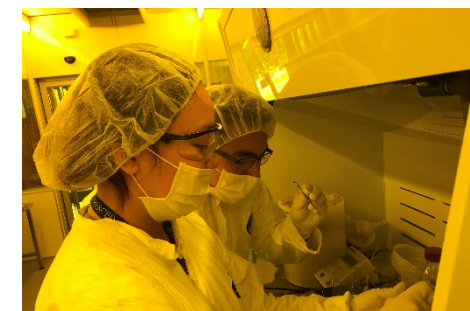
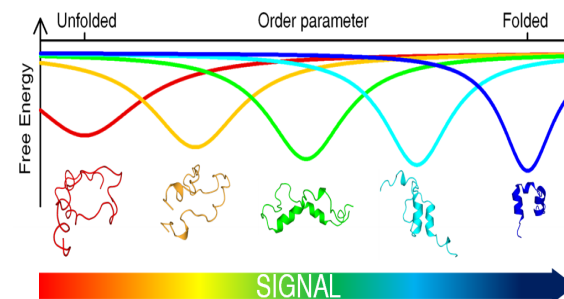


Strategic Goals

- Strengthen existing research programs
- Develop a mesh of multidisciplinary collaborations
- Nucleate new research programs across departments
- Establish research networks with other institutions

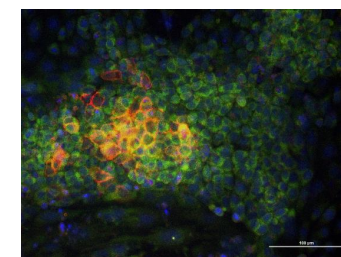
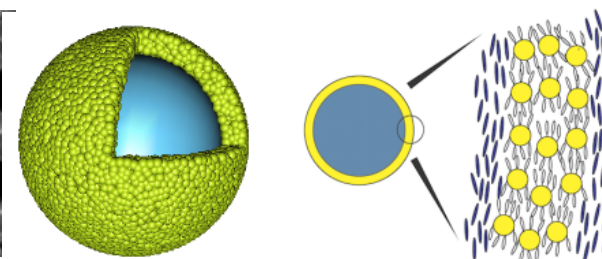
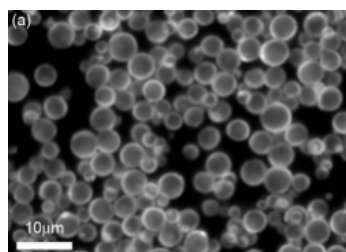
Significance

- multi-scale biomolecular and cellular assemblies
- control over biological systems and designs
- Grow onto an Organized Research Unit (ORU) at UC Merced
- Nobel Prize 2016—molecular machines



Education and Outreach

Pipeline for highly qualified STEM workforce
Produce high caliber trainees at all levels
Spur growth in Central Valley



Biomolecular Machines

- Circadian Molecular Clocks
- Analogic Single-Molecule Biosensors

Victor Muñoz (co-director), Ariel Escobar,
Michael Colvin, Andy LiWang

Macromolecular Assemblies and Hybrid Devices

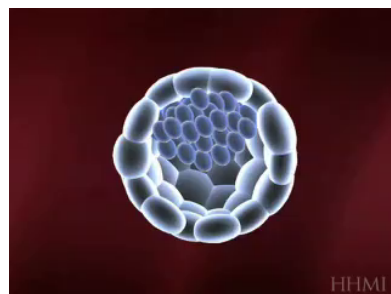
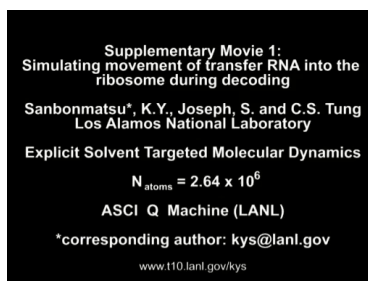
- Designer Vesicles for Transport
- DNA Origami-Nanocomposites
- Graphene-based Biosensors

Ajay Gopinathan (co-director), Linda Hirst,
Jing Xu, Sayantani Ghosh, Tao Ye, Lin Tian,
Vincent Tung, Wei-Chun Chin, Anand
BalaSubramanian, Anand Gadre

Cellular and Multicellular Systems

- Differentiating Tissue
- Bacterial Community Motility

Kara McCloskey, Ajay Gopinathan, Jennifer Lu,
Bin Liu, Arvind Gopinath



New CCBM Faculty:

Eva de Alba, Yue (Jessica) Wang, Kevin Mitchell, Ryan Baxter,
Stephanie Woo, Joel Spencer

Thrust 1: Biomolecular Machines, Prof. Victor Muñoz (Bioengineering) leads

Proteins are the cellular nanomachines

Exploit thermal energy to change shape in response to specific stimuli

Understand and build protein-based nanoscale instruments

Thrust 2: Macromolecular Assemblies and Hybrid Devices, Prof. Ajay Gopinathan (Physics) leads

Realize nanomaterials with interesting new properties

Use them for building hybrid devices in conjunction with biomolecules

Thrust 3: Cellular and Multicellular Systems, Prof. Kara McCloskey (Bioengineering) leads

Large scale assemblies of multiple cells: from tissue to biofilms

Emergent behaviors controlled by cell mechanics and cell-cell interactions.