

# National Institute of Standards and Technology

Bio-Imaging Showcase

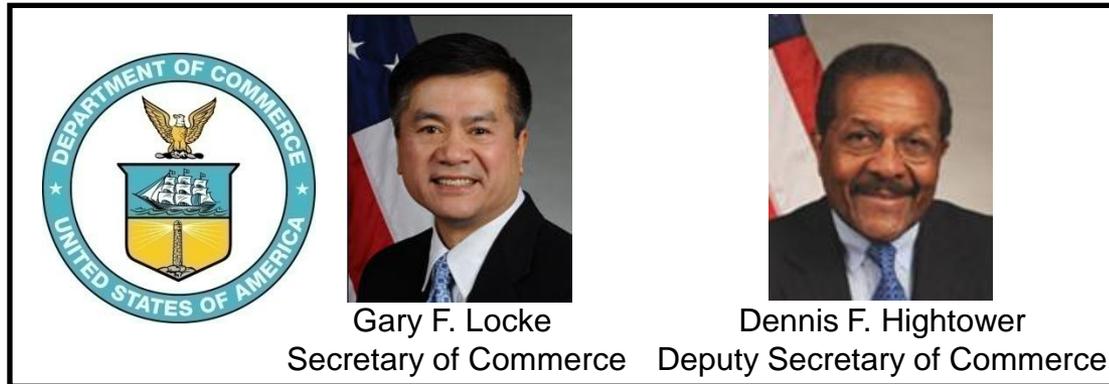
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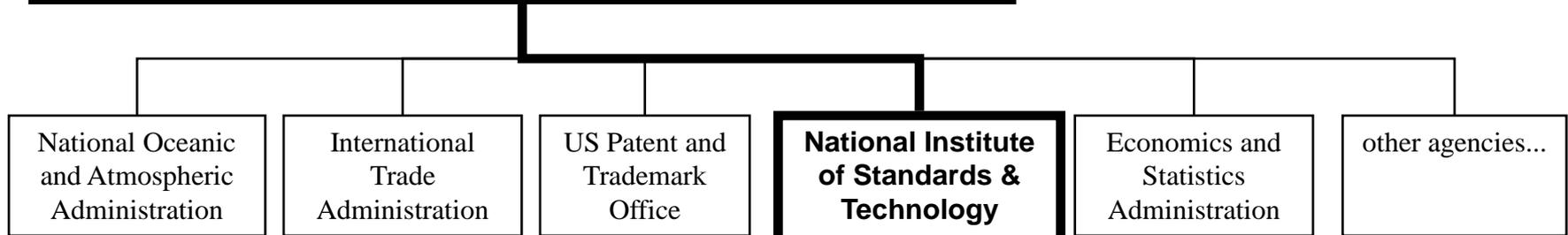


# Department of Commerce



Gary F. Locke confirmed as US Commerce Secretary on March 24, 2009

Dennis F. Hightower confirmed as Deputy Secretary of Commerce on August 7, 2009



The historic mission of the Department is **"to foster, promote, and develop the foreign and domestic commerce"** of the United States. This has evolved, as a result of legislative and administrative additions, to encompass broadly the responsibility **to foster, serve, and promote the Nation's economic development and technological advancement.**



Patrick D. Gallagher  
Deputy Director

Secretary Locke announced President Obama's intent to nominate Dr. Gallagher to be the 14<sup>th</sup> Director of NIST on September 10, 2009

# NIST Mission and Programs

**Mission:** to promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life

## NIST Laboratories

- Create critical measurement solutions and promote equitable standards to stimulate innovation, foster industrial competitiveness, and improve the quality of life.

## Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership

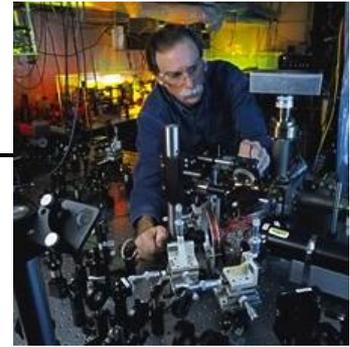
- Nationwide network of resources helping smaller manufacturers compete globally

## Baldrige National Quality Program

- Promoting and recognizing performance excellence via information and Presidential awards in manufacturing, service, small business, education, health care, and the nonprofit sector

## Technology Innovation Program

- Supports development of cutting edge technologies by the private sector and universities to address critical national needs and key societal challenges



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# NIST Products and Services

## Collaborations

- 2600 Associates and Facility Users

## Measurement Research

- 2,200 publications per year
- 8,000 attendees at 69 technical conferences

## Standard Reference Data

- 100 different types
- 6,000 units sold per year
- 130 million data downloads per year

## Standard Reference Materials

- 1,300 products available
- 33,000 units sold per year

## Patents and Inventions

- 40 in FY 07

## Baldrige National Quality Program

- 67 Award recipients (71 Awards)
- 1,139 Baldrige Award applications

## Manufacturing Extension Partnership

- 28,000 Clients



## Calibration Tests

- 24,000 tests per year

## Laboratory Accreditation

- 800 accreditations of testing and calibrations laboratories per year

## Standards Committees

- 400 NIST staff serving on 1,000 national and international standards committees

## Other Agency R&D

- > 300 Agreements with 80 Fed. Agencies
- \$125M received in FY 2009

# President's Science and Innovation Plan



President Barack Obama gives a speech at the National Academy of Sciences on April 27, 2009.



Commerce Secretary Gary Locke and Harvey V. Fineberg President of the Institute of Medicine., NAS.

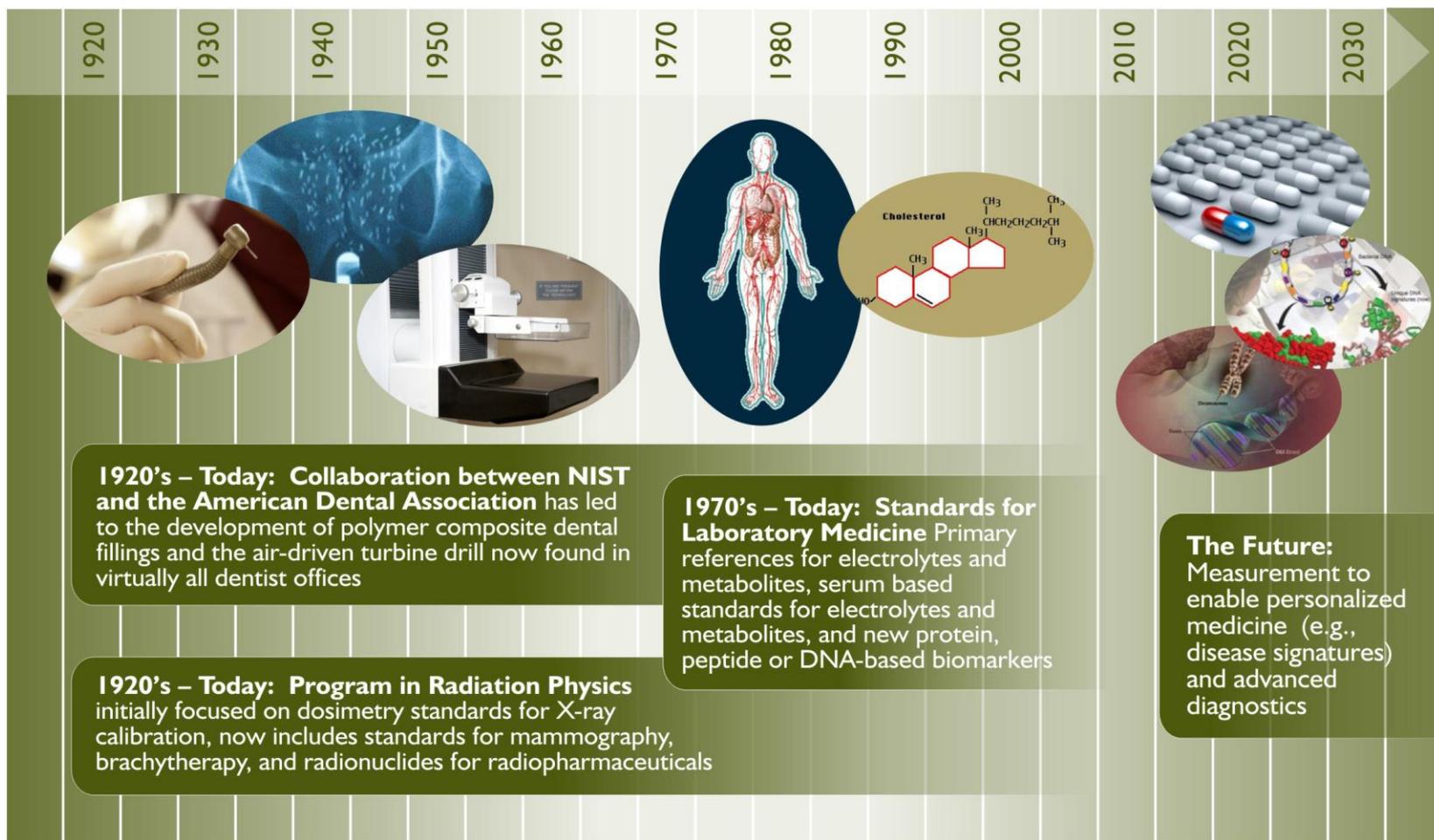
The President's budget recognizes that NIST is a capable partner that is strategically positioned to help the Nation improve its innovation performance and respond effectively and efficiently to national priorities.

- Double NIST laboratory/construction budget
- Growth of Hollings MEP Program
- Growth of Technology Innovation Program

NIST programs directly impact Presidential priorities:

- Smart Grid
- Health IT
- Cyber-security
- Manufacturing
- Innovation and competitiveness

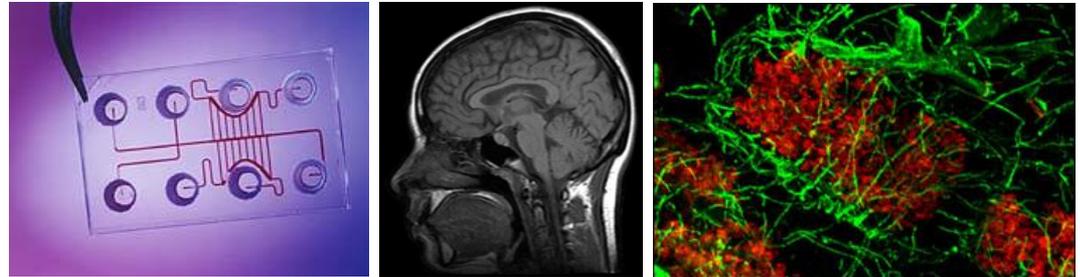
# NIST and Healthcare



# Measurement Infrastructure for Healthcare Innovation

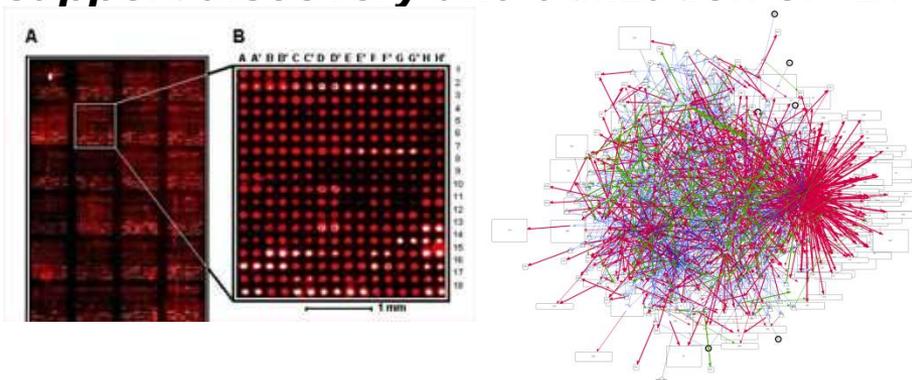
## 1. Standards and Technology for Increased Quality in **Current-Generation** Biomedical Measurements for Diagnostics And Therapeutics

- *Laboratory Medicine*
- *Medical Imaging*



## 2. Standards to Support **Next-Generation** Healthcare Measurements in Human Cells, Fluids and Tissues

- *Tools to support discovery and utilization of “Disease Signatures”*



# Advanced Imaging Technologies: Molecules to Man

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**1) Whole body imaging:** New therapies for cancer, quantitative and reproducible imaging of biomarkers, and software for image registration

**2) 3D compositional mapping of cells:** development of robust, automated technologies for the mapping of cellular architecture at molecular resolution aimed at detection of 3D distribution of ions, metabolites, drugs and proteins.

**3) Cellular imaging:** Super-resolution light microscopy, localization studies in the nucleus and cytoplasm, and software platforms for pattern recognition

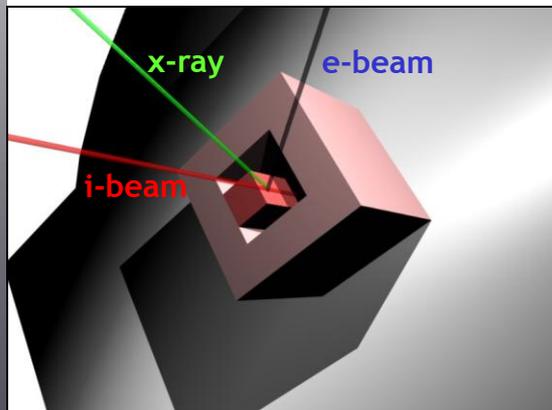
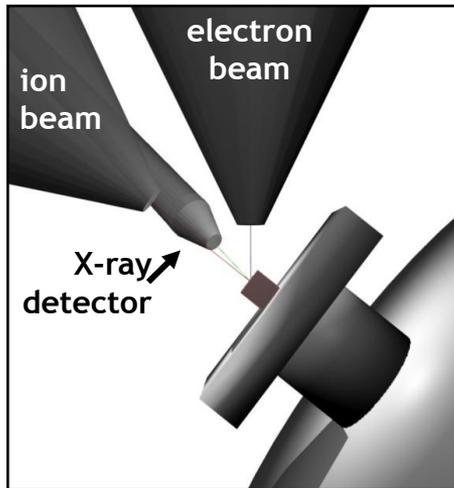
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# 3D Chemical Imaging

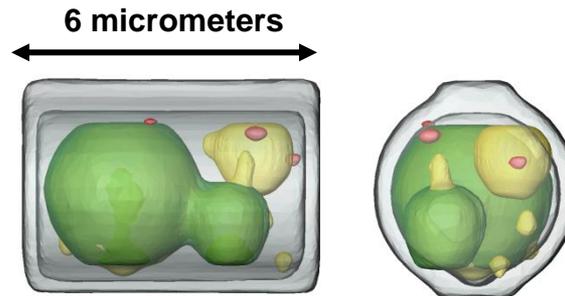
## Experiment

serial slicing with ion beam +  
chemical mapping w/ X-rays

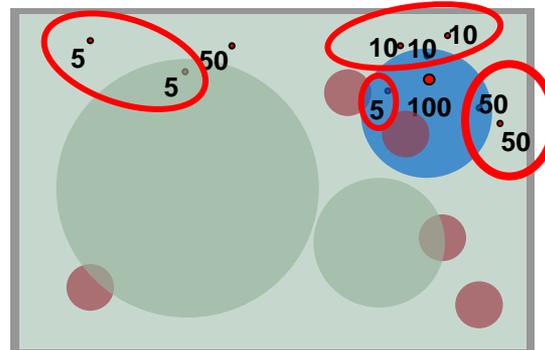


## Monte Carlo Simulation

simulate organelles, cytosol,  
and nanoparticles in realistic  
geometry to predict detection  
limits and 3D artifacts



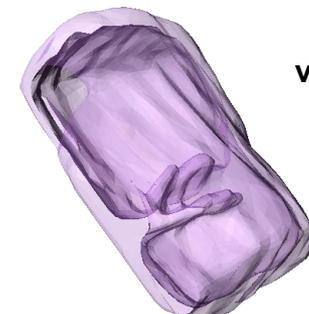
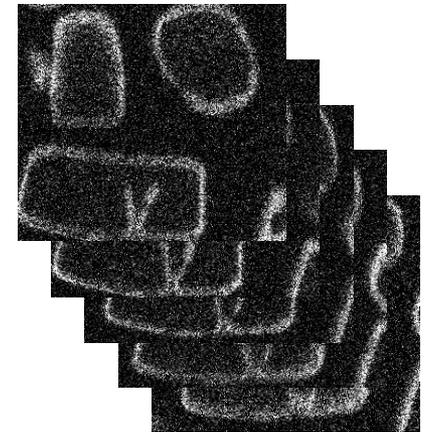
Quantum dot sizes in nm



## Experimental Maps

3D maps of diatom  
silica skeleton

~ 200 serial X-ray maps

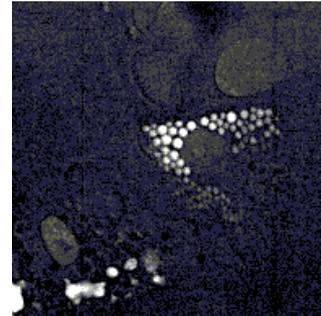
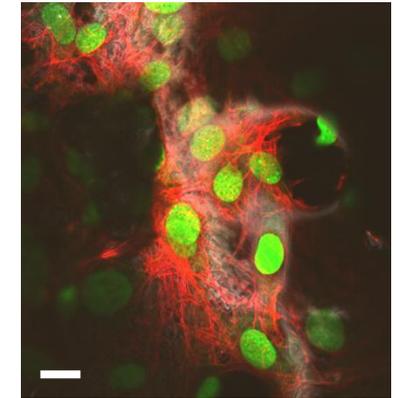
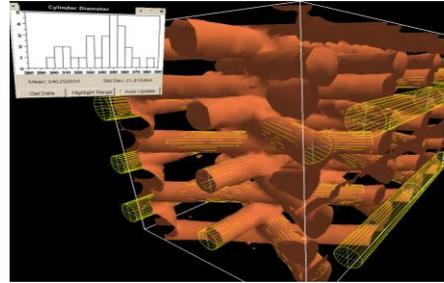


visualization of  
3D silicon  
distribution

# Cellular and Tissue Imaging Methods

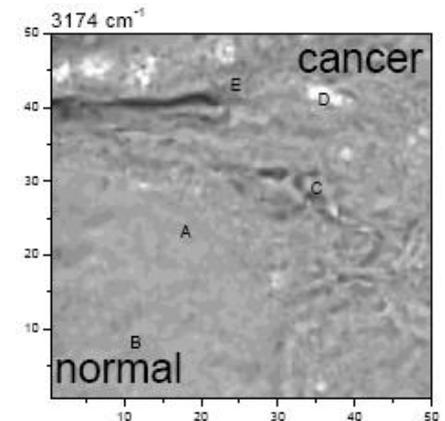
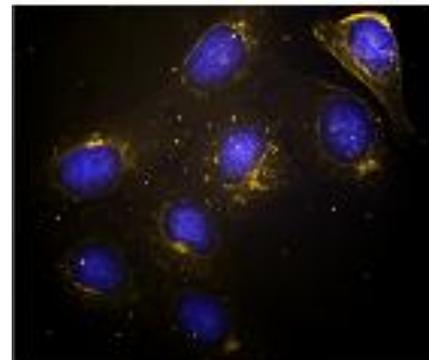
## Cellular Imaging

- Confocal, Fluorescence, etc.  
*Heavily used, image analysis development*
- Optical Coherence  
*Noninvasive, Label-free, Excellent penetration*
- CARS  
*Noninvasive, Label-free, Molecular contrast*
- Conjugated Quantum Dots  
*Quantitative, Molecular contrast*



## Tissue Imaging

- All of above, plus...
- $\mu$ CT  
*Label-free, 3D structure*
- Ultrasound  
*Noninvasive, Label-free*
- Photo-Acoustic  
*Excellent penetration, Molecular contrast*



# Quantitative MRI Standards Research at NIST

## New system phantom for determining

- geometric accuracy of MRI scanners
- B0 and B1 non-uniformity
- T1, T2, and protein density measurement accuracy
- Resolution
- signal to noise
- system stability

## First MRI phantom with NIST traceability

- open source 3-d models
- associated numerical imaging phantom
- materials properties database
- <http://wiki.ismrm.org/twiki/bin/view/QuantitativeMR/QuantitativeMRWhitePaper2007>

## Developing measurement systems to

- characterize advanced MRI nanoagents
- detect NMR relaxivity around a single nano-contrast agent
- measure the activation of individual nanoagents
- measure magnetic-nanoparticle viral-surrogate concentrations  $< 10^4$ /liter

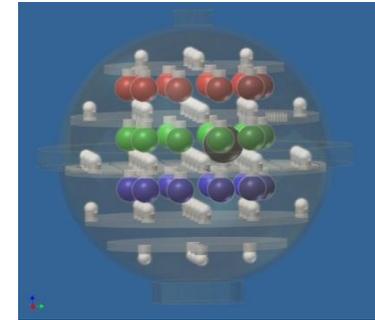


Figure 1 Solid model of MRI system phantom



Figure 2 Microfabricated particles

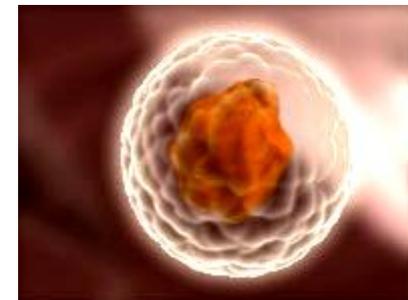
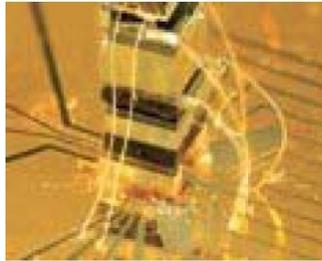


Figure 2 Schematic image of protein cage filled with an iron oxide nanoparticle being investigated for MRI contrast and viral surrogate applications.

# Chip-Scale Atomic Magnetometers at NIST



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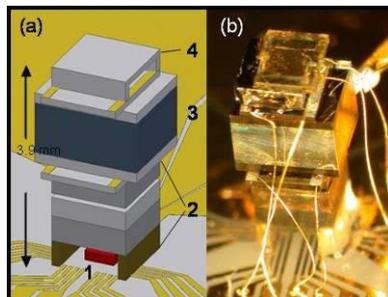
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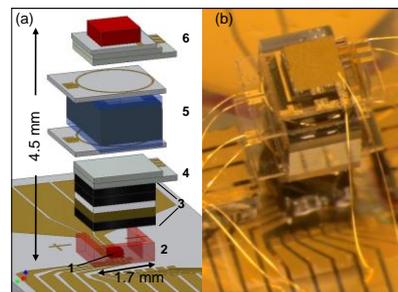
## Atomic Magnetometers

John Kitching's tiny magnetic-field sensors will take MRI where it's never gone before.

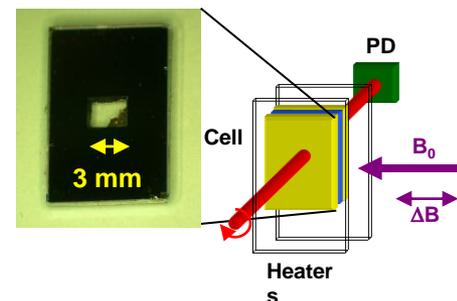
**2004: 40 pT/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$**



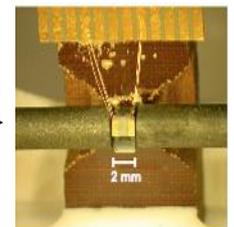
**2006: 5 pT/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$**



**2007: 70 fT/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$**

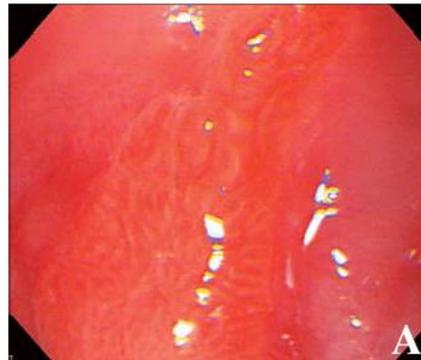
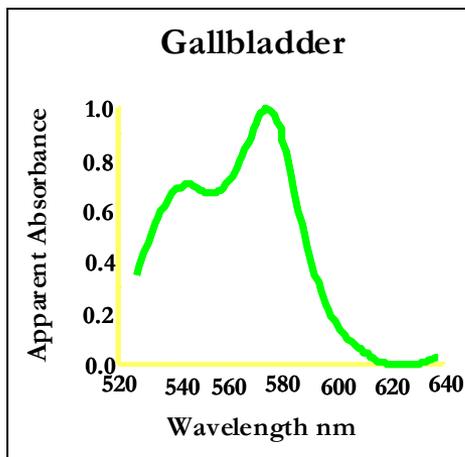
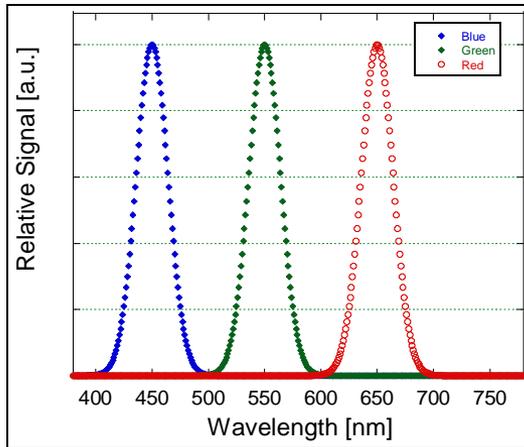


**2008: 15 fT/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$**



**500 X sensitivity improvement in 3 years**

# Medical Optical Imaging



## Medical Applications:

- Burns
- Gall Bladder
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Infections
- Organ Transplants

# NIST Technology Transfer and Collaboration

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- A wide variety of tools
  - Patents and licenses
  - Collaborations – formal and informal
  - Guest researchers
  - Facility Use Agreements
  - Publications
  - Standards

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- [www.nist.gov](http://www.nist.gov) look for “Work with us”
- <http://patapsco.nist.gov/ts/220/external/index.htm>
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