# Translation of Biologically-inspired Multifunctional Architected Materials



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Biology, Chemical, Mechanical, & Aerospace Engineering, Organic Chemistry





# 2 Main Thrusts: Biomimetics and Bio-inspired Nanostructured Materials















#### Nature offers multiple comparatives of tough materials









# Common Design Themes Identified: Multiple structural design elements from nano – mm scale



















Adapted from Meyers et al. Adv. Mater. 2015, 27, 5455–5476



# Mechanical Advantages of Natural Materials





Huang, Kisailus, et al. Advanced Materials, 2019

Wegst, Ritchie, *et al., Nature Materials*, 2015

- Materials toughness and strength are usually mutually exclusive
- Biological materials such as bone and nacre show both high strength and toughness
- Hierarchical assembly key in maintaining toughness

# Biological Materials: Multiple structural design elements from nano – mm scale





Huang, <u>Ritchie, McKittrick, Zavattieri, Kisailus</u>, *et al. Advanced Materials*, 2019 \*cited 230+ times – *Review highlighting some of our MURI's major findings* 



Helicoidal fracture pattern propagating between layers, with a rotating crack front that remains parallel to the fibers without severing them



Leverage Successful Biological Adaptations to Reveal New Scientific Mechanisms that Underpin Structure-Function Relationships



Translate via Biomimicry Towards Advanced Engineered Materials



Commercialization and Integration into DoD, Auto, Aerospace, Sports Applications

#### Self Assembled CaCO<sub>3</sub>-based Helicoids

#### MICRO

Chitin Biomineral-inspired hybrids forming elically ordered structures are leveloped by T. Kato and co-workers on page 5127. These helical hybrids consist of liquid-crystalline chitin and CaCO<sub>3</sub>. They resemble the structures of crustacean cuticles such as the exoskeleton of a lobster or crayfish. These hybrids are formed through CaCO, crystallization on the liquidcrystalline chitin templates. Polymer-stabilized amorphous CaCO<sub>3</sub> is incorporated into the liquid-crystalline chitin templates. This approach is useful for the development of new hierarchical hybrid materials from abundant natural resources.

Formation of Helically Structured Chiltin/CaCO, Hybrids through an Approach Inspired by the Biomineralization Processes of Cristacean Cuticles

Bifunctional Fusion Protein Chitin binding domain (ChBD)
CaBP-ChBD
Urea, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Urease
Hydrolysis for CaCO<sub>3</sub> formation on chitin
CaCO<sub>3</sub>

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#### Not scalable – limited materials

## **Bio-inspired Multifunctional Architected Materials**



- Architectures for light-weight, strong, tough materials
  - Airframes, satellites, counter pressure space suits, exoskeletons
- Development of Multifunctional Structures – nature does this well! We don't!
  - Self-healing, self-cooling
  - Heat dissipation
  - Radiation resistant
  - Adaptive camouflage
  - Multimodal sensing
  - Mechano-chemical sensing
- Implement into soft/hybrid robotic systems
  - Combine multiple features
  - Hierarchical structures















# Many interesting and activated features are *mineralized* and at the *meso-nano-atomic scales*

### And...how to capture this?

## A natural impact-resistant bicontinuous composite nanoparticle coating

Wei Huang<sup>1,2</sup>, Mehdi Shishehbor<sup>®3</sup>, Nicolás Guarín-Zapata<sup>®3</sup>, Nathan D. Kirchhofer<sup>®4</sup>, Jason Li<sup>4</sup>, Luz Cruz<sup>5</sup>, Taifeng Wang<sup>5</sup>, Sanjit Bhowmick<sup>6</sup>, Douglas Stauffer<sup>®6</sup>, Praveena Manimunda<sup>®6</sup>, Krassimir N. Bozhilov<sup>7</sup>, Roy Caldwell<sup>8</sup>, Pablo Zavattieri<sup>3</sup> and David Kisailus<sup>®1,2,5</sup>



#### Hierarchically arranged nanoparticle-based coating



Kisailus, Zavattieri, et al., Nature Materials, 19(11):1236-1243

# What can Biology teach us about making new materials? *Synthesis is key:*



- Solution-based low temperature processing
- Controlled nanostructured growth using organics
- Optimized structure to carry out function
- Traditional Engineering materials use high temperature, environmentally unfriendly methods

#### Biological Control (via templating organics, pH control, etc.) Affords Morphologically Unique Structures





#### **Biological Aragonite**

**Geological Aragonite** 



#### Interfacial control key in synthesis and assembly

Oum







### **Controlled Nucleation and Growth of Biomaterials**



 Biology uses transient disordered (hydrated and amorphous) precursor phases – stabilized by organic → proteins

 Crystallization often occurs during dehydration with structural organic controlling crystallography (e.g., phase, orientation)

# Flexible magnetic teeth from a mollusk?







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# Organic-Mineral Interfaces: α-Chitin within and around rod...





## Tooth 2 ~200nm particles on $\alpha$ -chitin fibrils

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Magn WD 49597x 4.8

Wang et al. Adv. Funct. Mater., 23 (2013) 2908–2917.



Ferrihydrite aggregated nanocrystals growing on  $\alpha$ -chitin fibrils  $\alpha$ -chitin + protein? templates iron oxide nucleation

Wang et al. Adv. Funct. Mater., 23 (2013) 2908–2917.

## Translating Biology to Nanotechnology at UCI











Porous TiO<sub>2</sub> Composite





#### Fast Charging / Long Lasting Batteries



#### Fuel Cells that are 1/160 the cost!



#### Water Purifying Filters











Structure-Directing Organic Scaffolds



Huang, Kisailus et al., Acc. Chem. Res. (2022), 55, 10, 1360-1371.



#### Synthesizing polymer-biopolymer-metal hybrids: Towards non-Biogenic Materials























15.00 kV 3.0 10 µs SE TLD 150 000 x





### Potential for Scalable Manufacturing of Autonomous Structures



 Utilization of microbes to build and reuse structures

**IOHNS HOPKINS** 

- To date: Limited set of microbes and minerals (e.g., CaCO<sub>3</sub>)
- Potential for structures to be built in extreme environments with a broader base of material systems



Tuning ink and writing conditions for multi-functional structures



# Summary



Biology utilizes organics to not only precisely control the storage, transport, nucleation, growth and transformation of nanomaterials, but provides function

Integration of biopolymer scaffolding plus biofunctionality guiding inorganic synthesis  $\rightarrow$ multifunctional materials

Translation towards Scalable Synthesis of Multifunctional Architected Materials













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# Thank you !!!

### Questions???

