



# WELCOME!

# Hybrid Insect MEMS Proposer's Day

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# Agenda

- 8:00 – 9:00      **Registration/Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:10      **Welcome/Introduction, Dr. Amit Lal**
  - Schedule
  - Goals of the workshop
  - Distinguish between press and attendees
- 9:10 – 10:10     **HI-MEMS Program Overview, Dr. Amit Lal**
  - 6.1 implications
  - Rationale for program
  - Possible Technical approaches
  - Metrics policy
  - MX policy
- 10:10 – 10:40    **Break, MEMS Exchange**
- 10:40 – 11:00    **Poster Session Introduction, Proposers**
- 11:00 – 1:00     **Poster Session / Lunch / Sidebars**
- 1:00 – 1:30      **Q & A**
- 1:30 – 3:00      **Proposer Presentations (Can go longer depending on participant response)**
- 3:00 – 3:30      **Closing Remarks**



# Workshop Goals

- Goals of this workshop è
  - Learn about the HI-MEMS program
  - Exchange of information (intra and inter disciplinary)
  - Formation of teams
  - Introduce DARPA to new possibilities



# New Program Manager in MTO

## Amit Lal:

- Joined DARPA/MTO in October 2005
- Degrees: BSEE-1990: Caltech, Ph.D.-1996: UC Berkeley
- Professional Background:
  - Associate Professor, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Cornell University
  - Other Appointments:
    - Dept. of Bioengineering
    - Dept. of Biological Engineering
- Interests: MEMS, ultrasonics, radioactivity, bio-MEMS, ultra-low power circuit design



# DARPA Mission



## Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

NUMBER 5134.10  
February 17, 1995  
Certified Current as of November 21, 2003

Incorporating Through Change 2, July 16, 2001

DA&M

SUBJECT: Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)

- References:
- (a) Title 10, United States Code
  - (b) DoD Directive 5105.41, "Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency," January 25, 1989 (hereby canceled)
  - (c) Federal Acquisition Regulation, Subpart 2.1, April 1, 1984, supplemented by Defense FAR Supplement, Subpart 202.1
  - (d) [DoD Directive 8910.1](#), "Management and Control of Information Requirements," June 11, 1993

### 1. PURPOSE

Under the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by Section 113 of reference (a), this Directive establishes the DARPA as an agency of the Department of Defense with the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities as prescribed herein; and replaces reference (b).

### 2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").

**The DARPA shall serve as the central research and development organization of the Department of Defense with a primary responsibility to maintain U.S. technological superiority over potential adversaries.**

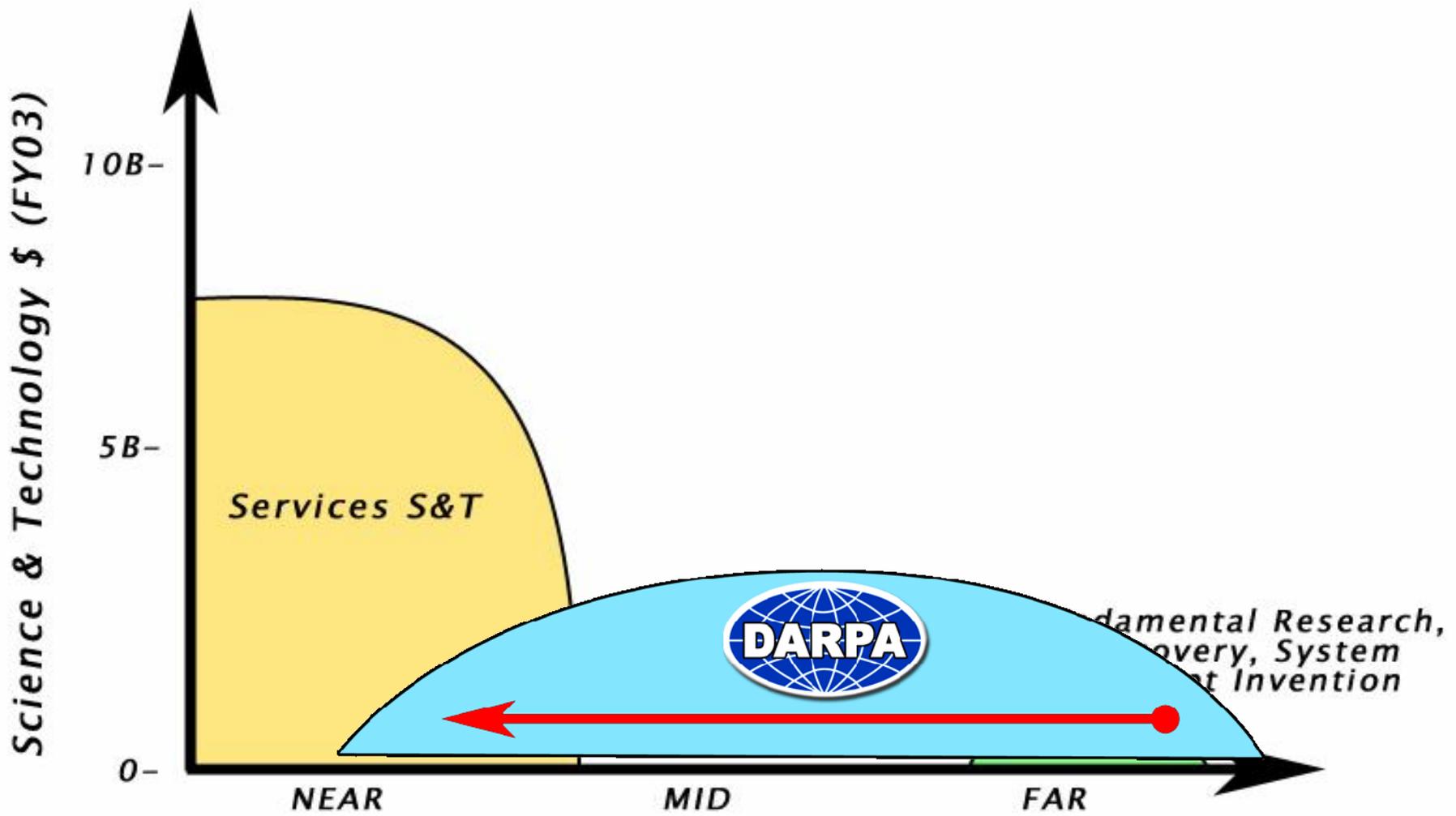
**-- DoD Directive 5134.10  
February, 18, 1995**

**DARPA Mission:  
To develop, imaginative, innovative and often high-risk research ideas offering a significant technological impact that will go well beyond the normal evolutionary developmental approaches; and to pursue these ideas from the demonstration of technical feasibility through the development of prototype systems.**

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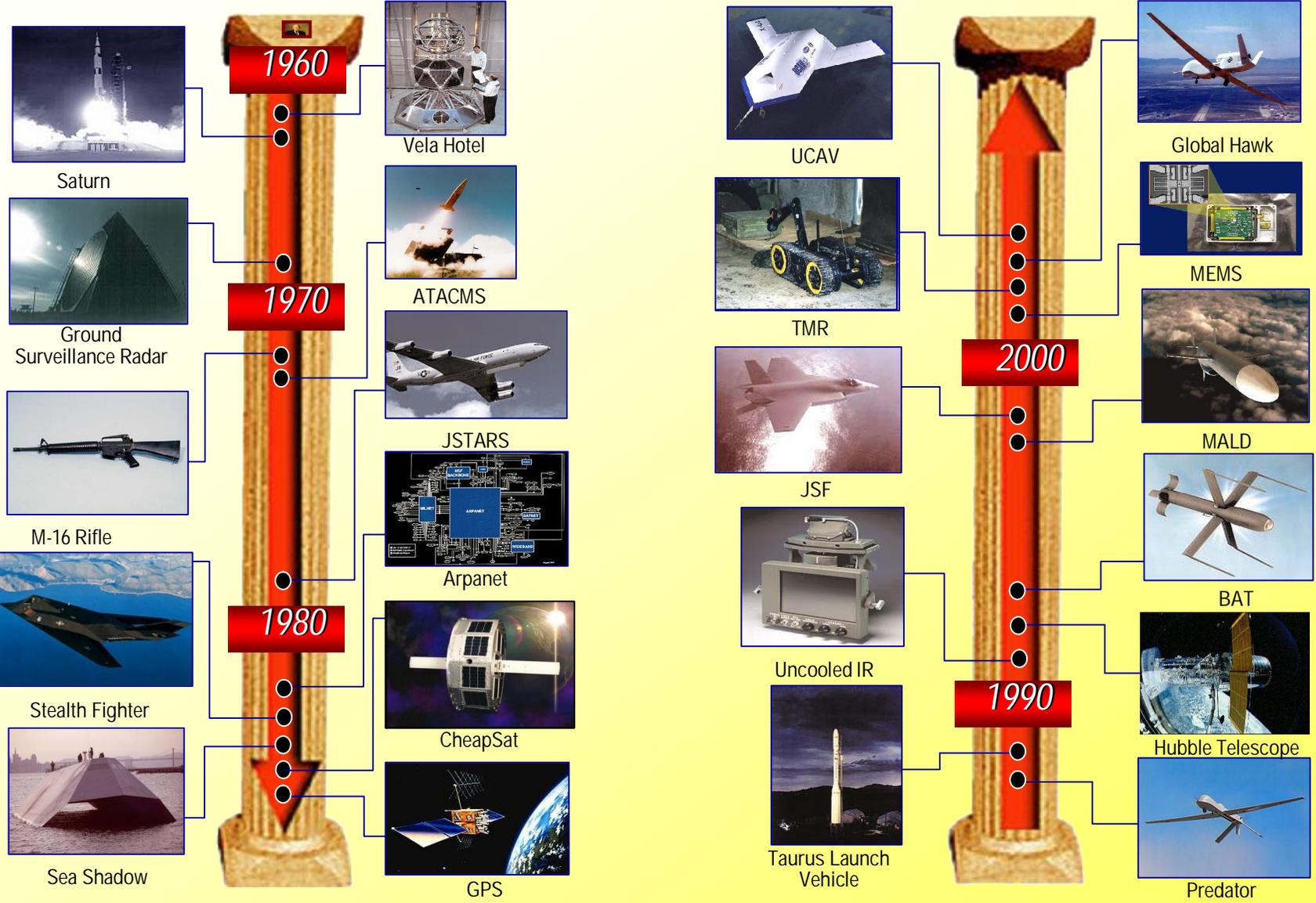


# DARPA Role in Science and Technology



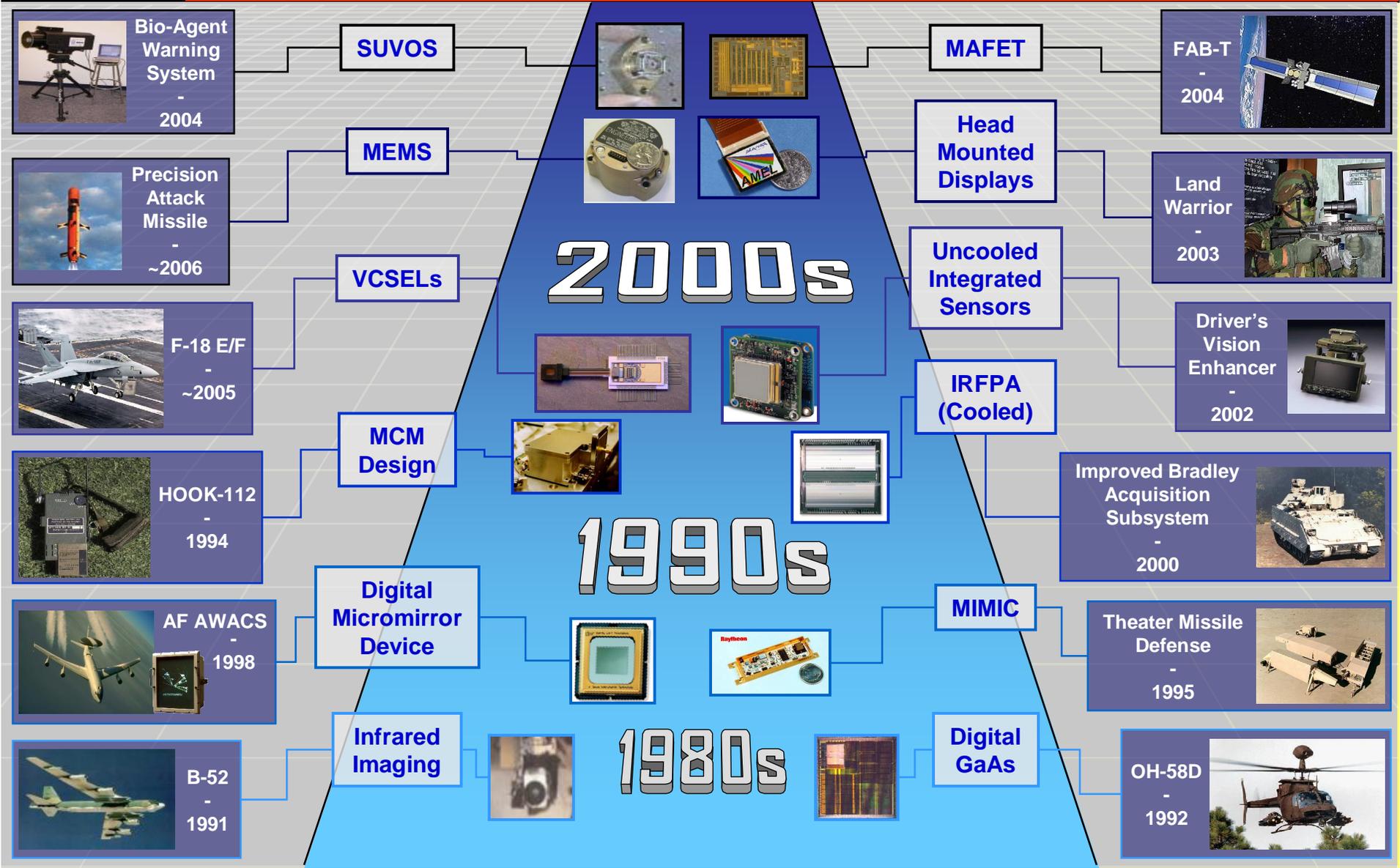


# DARPA Accomplishments





# Enabling System Capability





# DARPA Organization

**Director, Tony Tether**  
**Deputy Director, Bob Leheny**

**Information Exploitation**  
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Bob Tenney/Bob Popp

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- Sensors
- Exploitation Systems
- Command & Control

**Tactical Technology**  
Stephen Welby  
Gary Graham

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- Air/Space/Land Platforms
- Unmanned Systems
- Space Operations
- Laser Systems
- Future Combat Systems
- Planning / Logistics

**Special Projects**  
Joe Guerci  
Brian Pierce

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- Chem/Bio Def Systems
- Counter Underground Facilities
- Space Sensors/Structures
- Navigation/Sensors/ Signal Processing

**Advanced Technology**  
Dave Honey  
Larry Stotts

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- Assured C3ISR
- Maritime
- Early Entry/Special Forces

**Defense Sciences**  
Steven Wax  
Brett Giroir

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- Bio Warfare Defense Technologies
- Biology
- Materials & Devices
- Mathematics

**Information Processing Technology**  
Charlie Holland  
Barbara Yoon

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- Cognitive Systems
- Computational - Perception
- Representation & Reasoning
- Learning
- Natural Communication

**Microsystems Technology**  
John Zolper  
Dean Collins

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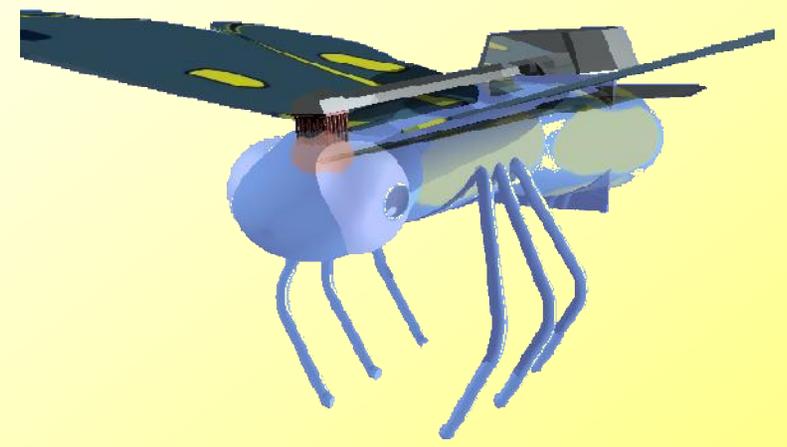
- Electronics
- Optoelectronics
- MEMS
- Combined Microsystems



# HIMS Vision and Objectives

## VISION

Create technology to reliably integrate microsystems payloads on insects to enable insect cyborgs



## OBJECTIVES

- Develop technology to enable highly coupled electro mechanical interfaces to insect anatomy
- Demonstrate MEMS platforms for electronic locomotion control, power harvesting from insect, and eliminate extraneous biological functions



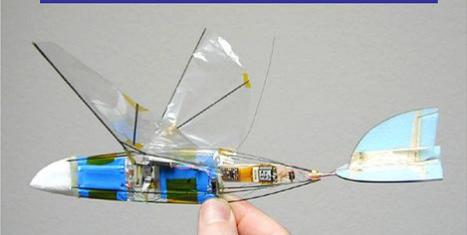
# HI-MEMS basics

- Hi-MEMS is a 6.1 Basic Research program
  - The program will explore how MEMS can be integrated with insects
  - Enhance DOD, provide fundamental understanding of engineered biology, and provide seeds for future programs
  - All universities, companies, and government labs are welcomed to submit proposals

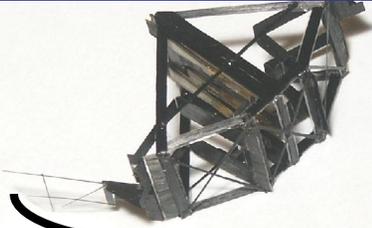


# Background

**Caltech flyer**



**UC Berkeley Flyer**

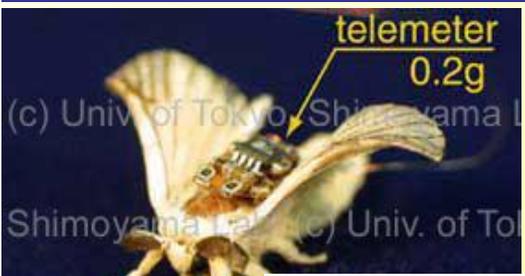


**WASP-DARPA, 200 grams, 12-inch wing span, 1-2 hr fly time**

**Nano - Air Vehicle Program**

- **20-30 minute mission**
- **7-cm wingspan**
- **Controlled hover and landing**

**Insect locomotion is used as model for these efforts**



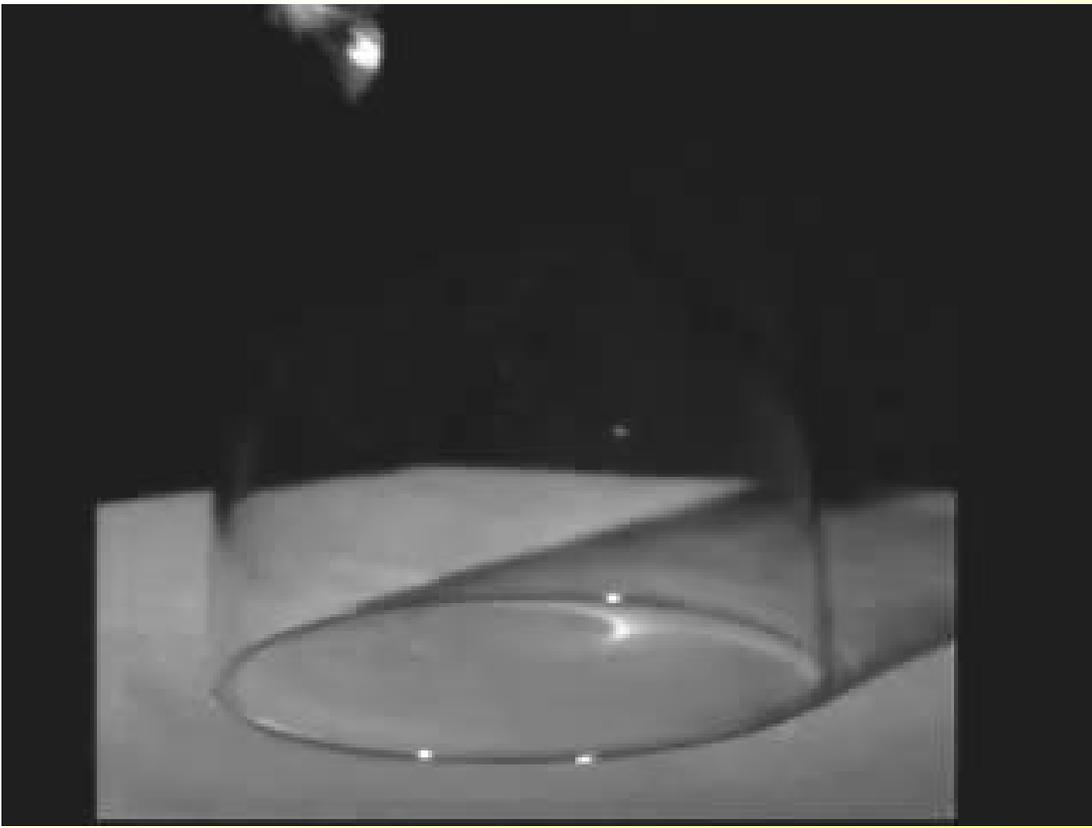
Why not use insects directly?

Bee training, insect backpacks have been developed

Insight: Control biology using MEMS in a more intimate and economical fashion



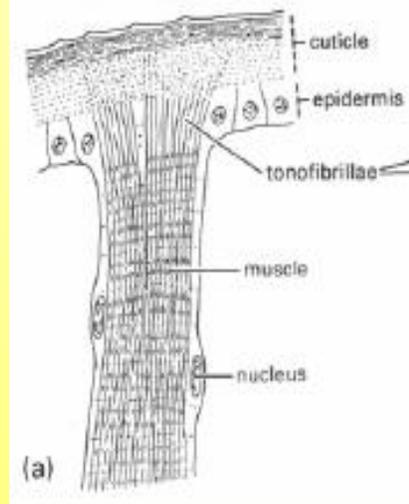
# Insect advantages



*Resilient flight*



*Built-in-Stealth*

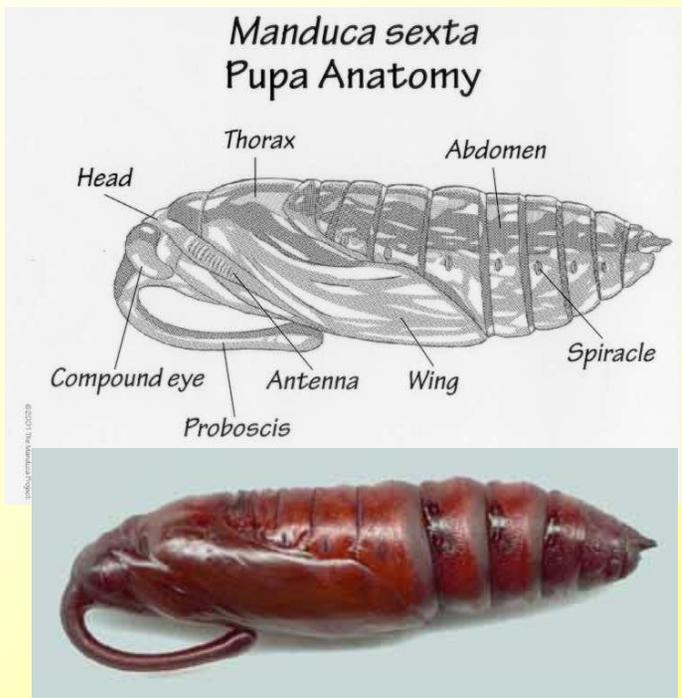


*~ 100 Watts/Kg, 10-15% efficient actuators*



# Background: Insect Metamorphosis

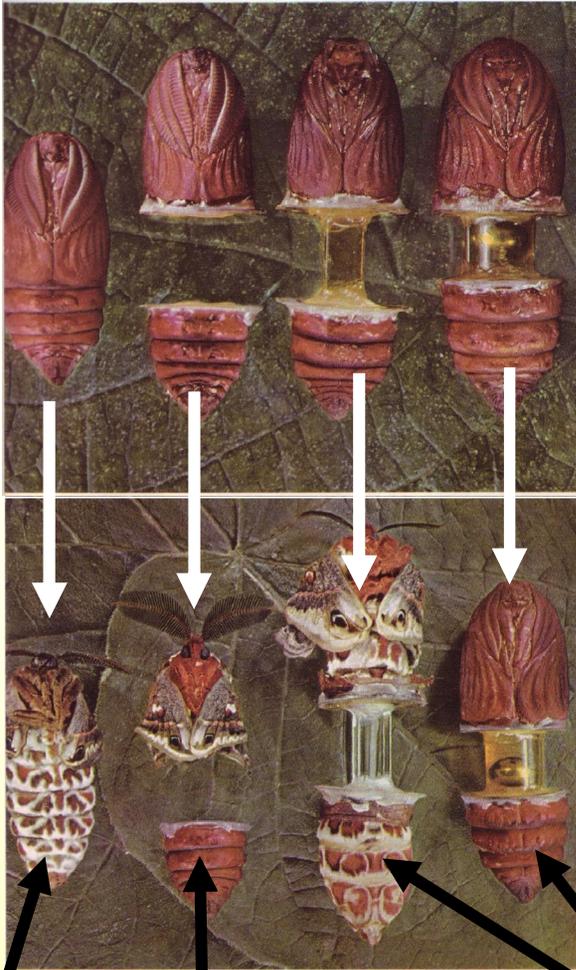
Storage of energy over weeks to use later for flight





# Key Experiments in 1940s

## Harvard Entomologist: Carroll Williams



Normal growth

Pupa halved and front develops into moth

Sectioned Pupa with pipe inserted for hormone transport – grows into moth shown above. Insertion of chemical blocking ball bearing results in no growth



DARPA Program :  
Use object insertion ability into pupas to *reliably* insert microsystems (instead of glass tube) for insect control



# Platform with Silicon Chips

Balsa platforms were stitched in the pupae stage

Moth emerges with platform and flies for 2 weeks

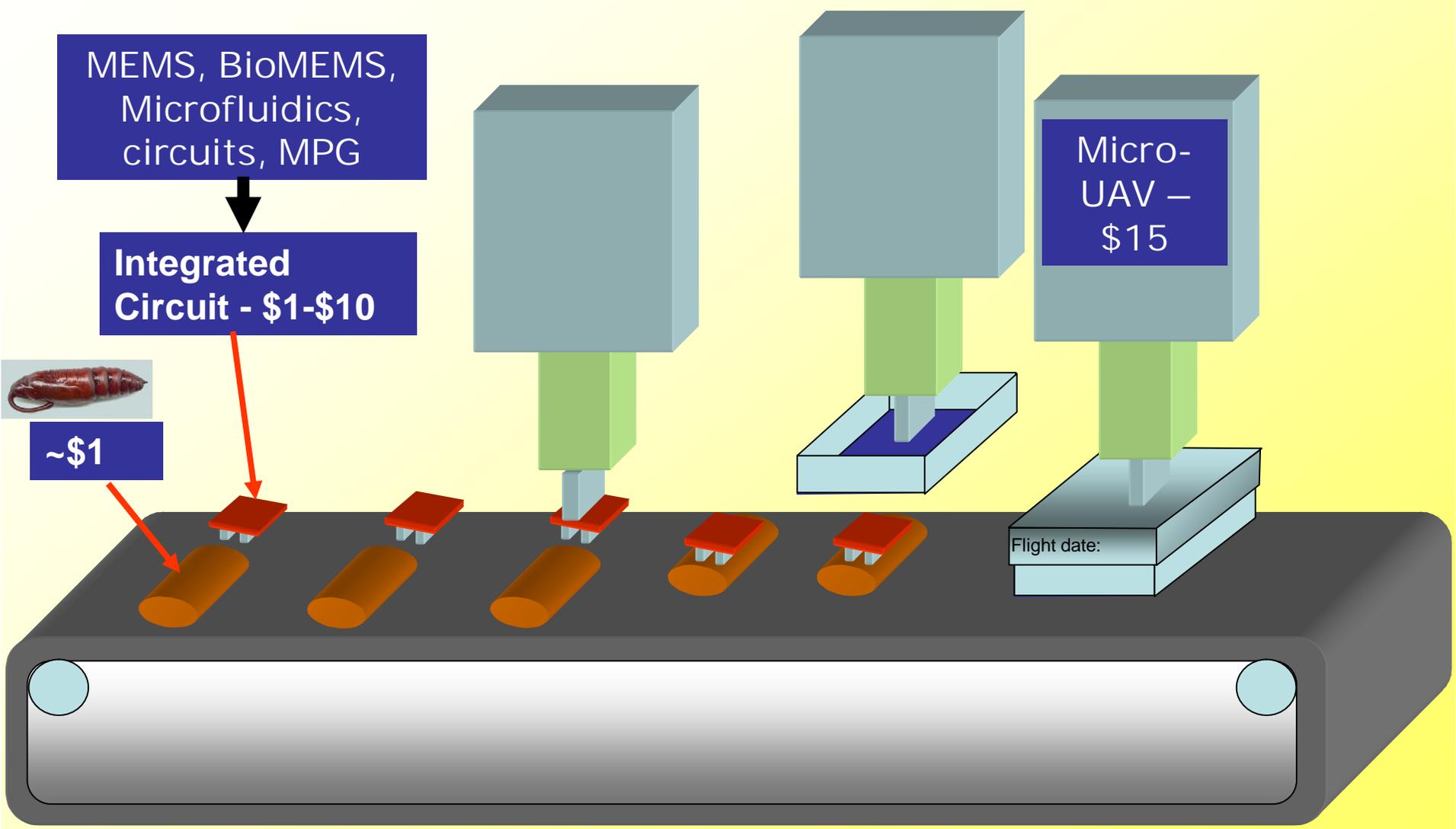


- Cornell group has proven successful platform insertion in pupa stage, without effecting flight, or lifetime (To be presented at Solid State Sensors, Actuators, and Misrosystems Workshop, June 2006, Hilton Head Island)

- Ready for locomotion control payloads!

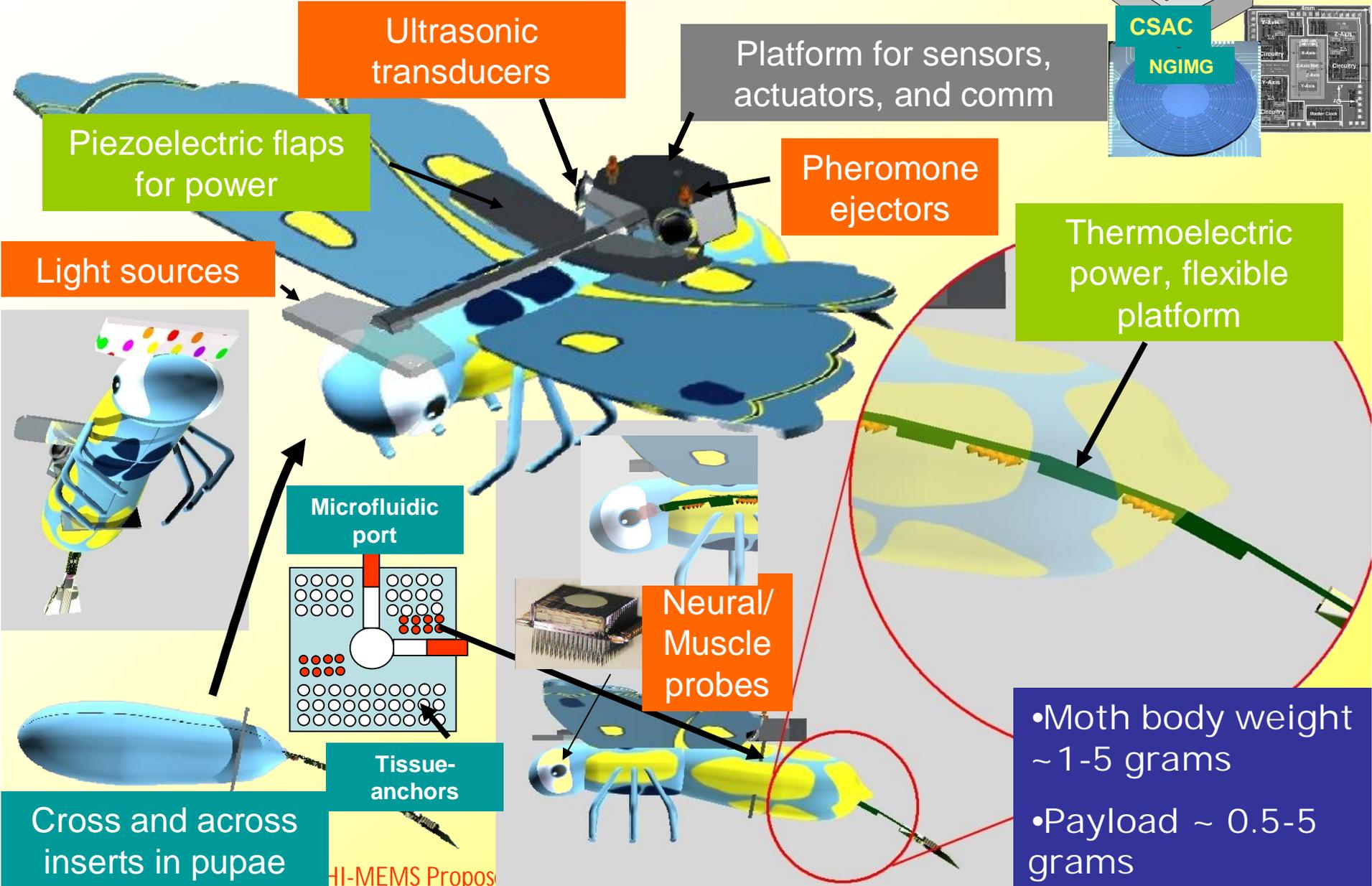


# Low Cost Cyborgs





# MEMS Platform



- Moth body weight ~ 1-5 grams
- Payload ~ 0.5-5 grams



# New Discipline

**MEMS Engineers**  
 Exploit known biology to implement micro sensors and actuators to control insect behavior

**Biologists**  
 Provide biology to MEMS engineers to exploit – maybe discover new biology

Creation of Insect Cyborg Engineering Discipline

"Scientists discover the world that exists; engineers create the world that never was." —Theodore Von Karman



# Size, speed, distance, height



Monarchs can travel for 3000 miles without feeding for 75 days

Long distance missions



*Thysania agrippina*

Wingspan 25cm  
Larval hostplants = Fabaceae, Legumes  
Brazil

Huge payloads

Dragonflies can travel at 45 mph for 2-3 hours

Fast missions



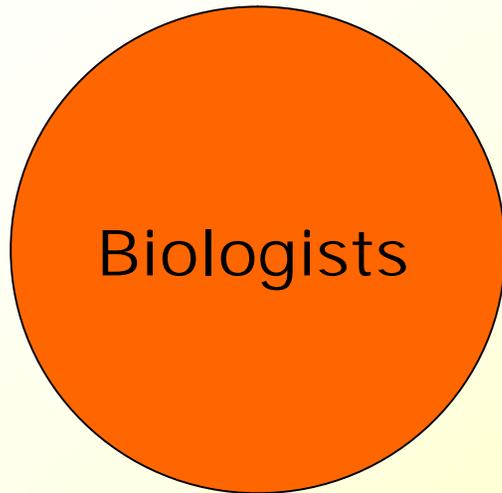
*Cocytius duponchel*

Wingspan 11-15cm,  
Has been collected at 11,000 feet in La Paz, Bolivia

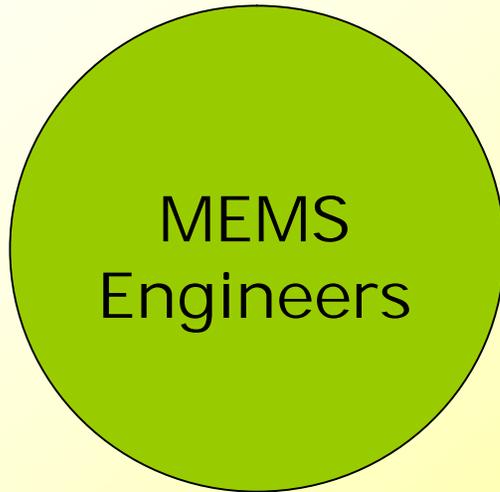
Airborne missions



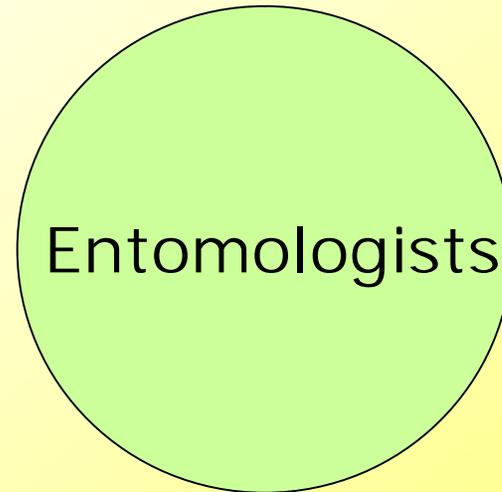
# Team Structure/TASKS



Biologists



MEMS  
Engineers



Entomologists

- Demonstrate reliable bio-electromechanical interfaces to insects
- Demonstrate locomotion control using MEMS platforms
- Demonstrate technologies to scavenge power from insects

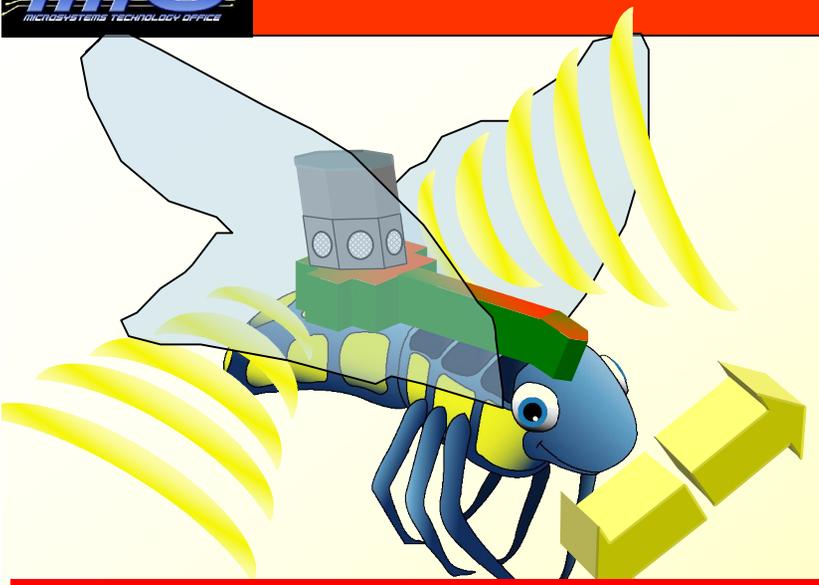


# Challenges

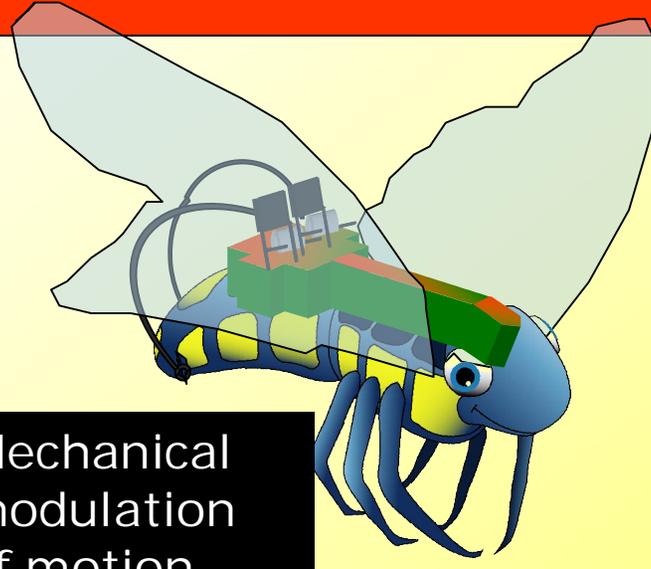
- Locomotion control
- Reliable interfaces
- Power generation



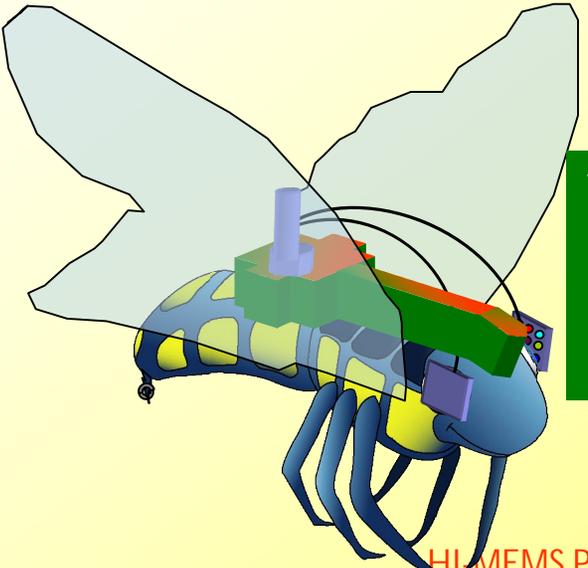
# Physical Locomotion control



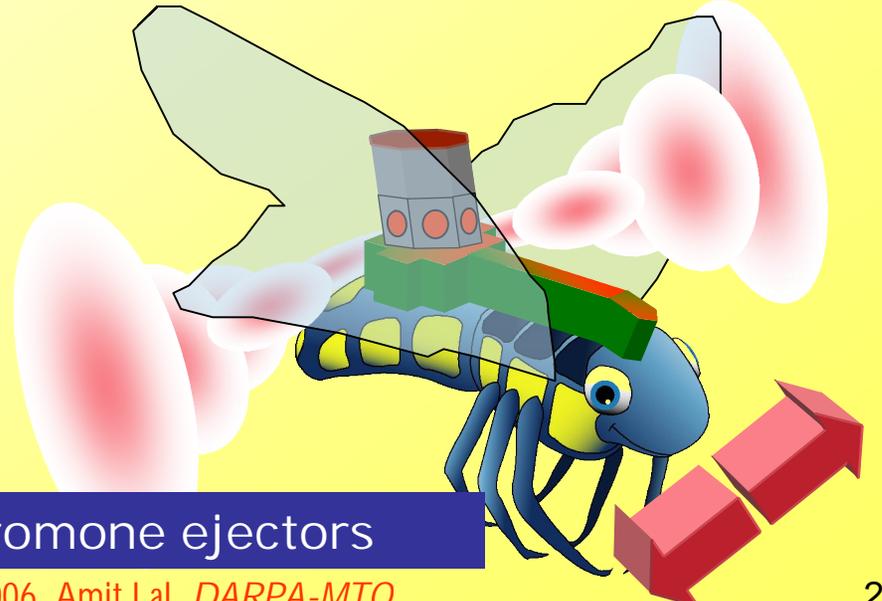
Ultrasonic pulses emulating bats



Mechanical modulation of motion sensors



Visual image modulation – 10-20 pixel images

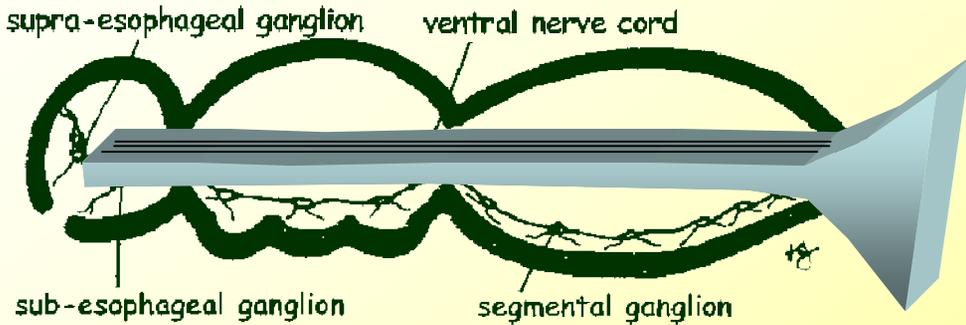


Pheromone ejectors



# Neuro-muscular motion control

Direct electrical control of muscles



Neural Probes, Nervous system growth around broken synapses





# Energy Density of Fuels

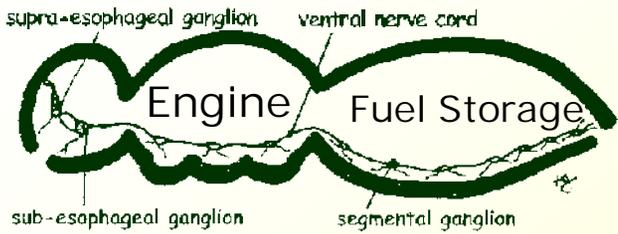
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>Energy Density (MJ/Kg)</b>
Carbohydrates	17.2
Proteins	17.2
Fats	38.9
Gasoline	45.8
Jet A	43.3

**Muscles are 10-25% efficient**

**Man-made engines are 20-30% efficient**



# Power Scavenging Model



Muscle thermal power  
 $\sim 1 \text{ W/g}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sim 1 \text{ W output for moth}$

Bio-Battery –  
 can be fed food  
 to get power out

10% muscle to mechanical:  
 $100 \text{ mW/g mechanical}$



Mechanical – electrical  
 •  $1 \text{ mW w/o affecting flight (1\%)}$   
 •  $10 \text{ mW power source (10\%)}$

Thermal – electrical  
 $0.25\% \text{ efficient } (\Delta T/T = 10/373) * (10\%)$   
 $\sim 2.7 \text{ mW}$





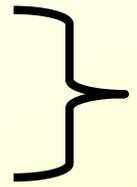
# Challenges: Reliable Interfaces

- **Silicon and non-silicon materials**
- **Planar and nonplanar fabrication technologies**
- **Permanent and bioabsorbable materials**
- **Mechanical integrity of links to anatomy**
- **Insertion with minimal damage**



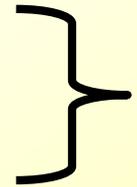
# Possible MEMS Components

Communications



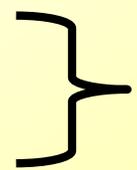
Low-power RF and sonic microsystems

Sensing



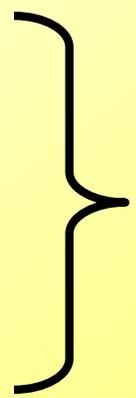
Low power CMOS gas sensors, imagers, acoustic signatures, radiation sensors

Navigation



Low power inertial sensors, low power GPS

Power generation



Vibration power scavenging

(Micro) batteries

Thermo-electrics

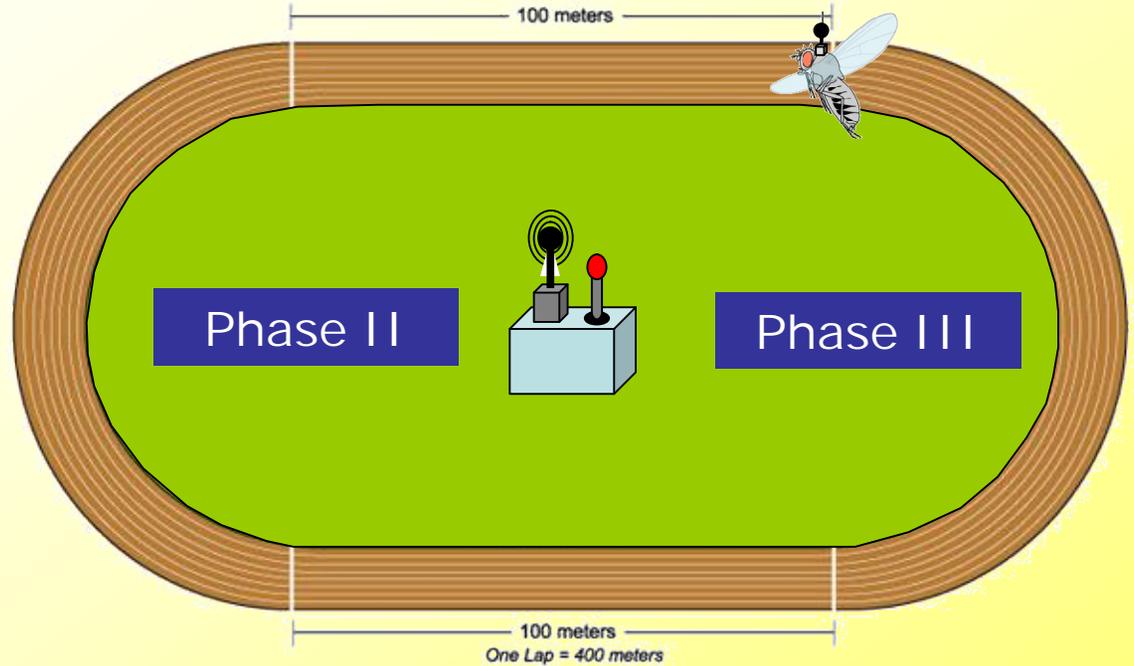
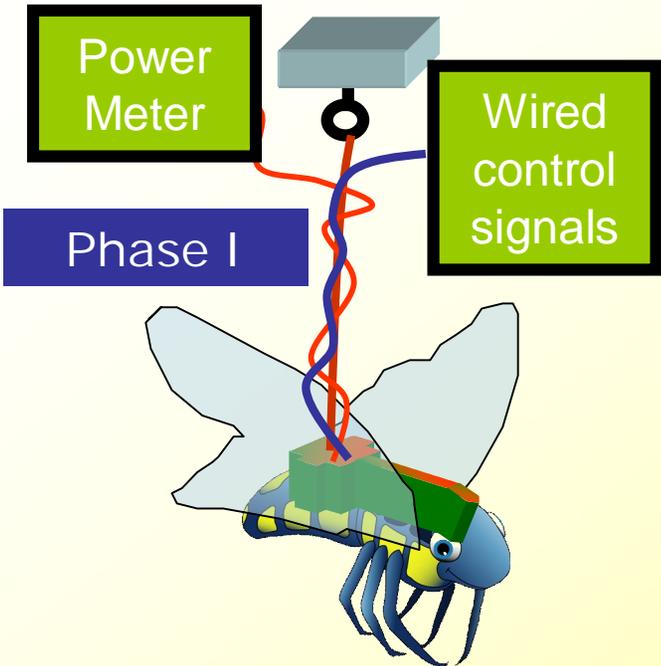


# Metrics & Milestones

- Teams determine their own metrics and schedule
- Achieve 5m/100m travel distance and placement accuracy at end of program
- Have the capability of stopping locomotion and transmit sensor information – such as a gas sensor.
- Milestone delivery schedule will be part of selection criteria



# Example: Primary Milestones



Specification	State-of-the-Art	Phase 1 (12 months)	Phase 2 (12 months)	Phase 3 (12 months)
Locomotion control accuracy (accuracy/distance)	Roach in lab	Demo	10m/100m	5m/1 mile
Power harvesting	N/A	100 $\mu$ W	1 mW	10 mW
Reliability of platform interfaces (% of life)	N/A	0.1	0.5	1.0



# Secondary Milestones

Specification	State-of-the-Art	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Reliable interface to insect brain, muscles (number of neurons/cells being analyzed)	1-5 in the lab	4	10	1000
Control of adult emergence	1 day		1 hour	5 minutes
Camouflage (fraction of machines inside)	Large backpack		0.4	0.9
Insect lifetime enhancement (microfluidic feeding)	N/A		1.5X	3X



# MEMS - Exchange

- MEMS Exchange is a DARPA funded service to provide access to microfabrication via a distributed foundry
- <http://www.mems-exchange.org/>
- The goal of this service is to provide MEMS capability to anyone
- DARPA policy requires that folks submitting to BAA 06-22 use MX for microfabrication, unless they provide waivers