

- BHSU - 4,200 Students
- SDSMT - 2,800 Students
- USD (partner)
  - 10,000 Students
  - 2014, 2016 CC\* grants
- Science DMZ and supporting campus infrastructure

# CC\* Network Design and Implementation for Small Institutions: The Western South Dakota Research and Education Network



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# Black Hills State University

## Dr. Cynthia Anderson: WestCore DNA Sequencing and Genotyping Core Facility

- Collaborators throughout the state and region
- Transcriptome sequencing, including library preparation, as well as next generation sequencing
- Discovered through NIH IDeA INBRE program
- Local storage, then cloud, and now distributed storage and computing



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### MICROBIAL COMMUNITY STRUCTURE OF "CAVE SILVER" BIOFILMS FROM THE SANFORD UNDERGROUND RESEARCH FACILITY IN LEAD, SOUTH DAKOTA, AS DETERMINED BY 16S rDNA SEQUENCING

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#### ABSTRACT

"Cave Silver" biofilms, nicknamed for their silvery-iridescent appearance, are documented in cave and mining systems worldwide. Despite their silvery appearance, biofilms are a complex microbial community. European studies show high proportions of Actinobacteria, Proteobacteria, and unclassified Sanger sequencing methods. Samples collected from Sanford Underground Research Facility (Lead, South Dakota) were analyzed using Next Generation Sequencing of 16S rDNA to compare their microbial community composition to those of European samples. Averages of all SURF samples show high proportions of Proteobacteria, Actinobacteria, Firmicutes, Chloroflexi, and unclassified. Top class matches of Proteobacteria are Alphaproteobacteria, Gammaproteobacteria, and Deltaproteobacteria. The most abundant class of Actinobacteria is Deltaproteobacteria. The high number of unclassified taxa indicate that contains many uncultured and unknown microorganisms. Comparison of European biofilms will reveal details of the similarities and differences of "cave silver" communities.

### Characterization of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* Inhibiting Bacteria from Amphibian Populations in Costa Rica

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Global amphibian declines and extinction events are occurring at an unprecedented rate. While several factors are responsible for declines and extinction, the fungal pathogen *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* (*Bd*) has been cited as a major constituent in these events. While the effects of this chytrid fungus have been shown to cause broad scale population declines and extinctions, certain individuals and relict populations have shown resistance. This resistance has been attributed in part to the cutaneous bacterial microbiome. Here, we present the first study characterizing anti-*Bd* bacterial isolates from amphibian populations in Costa Rica, including the characterization of two strains of *Serratia marcescens* presenting strong anti-*Bd* activity. Transcriptome sequencing was utilized for delineation of shifts in gene expression of the two previously uncharacterized strains of *S. marcescens* grown in three different treatments comprising *Bd*, heat-killed

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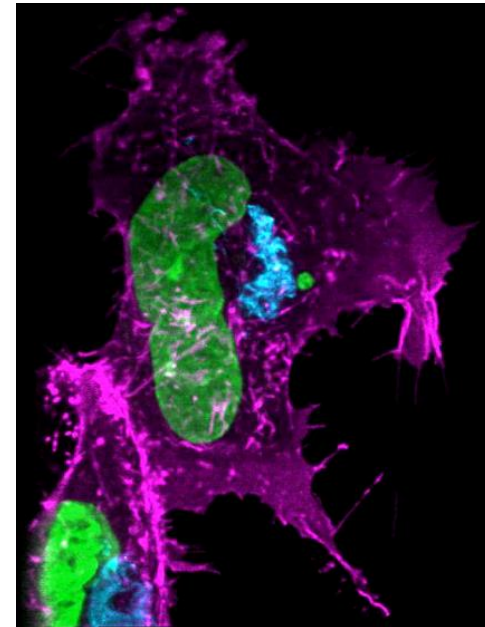
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# South Dakota School of Mines

## Dr. Robert Anderson: Lattice Light-sheet Microscopy

- Lattice light-sheet microscope invented (published) in late 2014 at HHMI
- Generates data at 1.6GB/second
- Fully functional LLSM built at SDSMT through agreement with HHMI
- Very high spatio-temporal resolution
- In Vivo imaging of individual cells



### RESEARCH ARTICLE SUMMARY

#### ADVANCED IMAGING

## Lattice light-sheet microscopy: Imaging molecules to embryos at high spatiotemporal resolution

Bi-Chang Chen, Wesley R. Legant, Kai Wang, Lin Shao, Daniel E. Milkie, Michael W. Davidson, Chris Janetopoulos, Xufeng S. Wu, John A. Hammer III, Zhe Liu, Brian P. English, Yuko Mimori-Kiyosue, Daniel P. Romero, Alex T. Ritter, Jennifer Lippincott-Schwartz, Lillian Fritz-Laylin, R. Dyche Mullins, Diana M. Mitchell, Joshua N. Benbenek, Anne-Cecile Reymann, Ralph Böhme, Stephan W. Grill, Jennifer T. Wang, Geraldine Seydoux, U. Serdar Tulu, Daniel P. Kiehart, Eric Betzig\*

**INTRODUCTION:** In vivo imaging provides a window into the spatially complex, rapidly evolving physiology of the cell that structural imaging alone cannot. However, observing this physiology directly involves inevitable tradeoffs of spatial resolution, temporal resolution, and phototoxicity. This is especially true when imaging in three dimensions, which is essential to obtain a complete picture of many dynamic subcellular processes. Although traditional in vivo imaging tools, such as widefield and confocal microscopy, and newer ones, such as light-sheet microscopy, can image in three dimensions, they sacrifice substantial spatiotemporal resolution to do so and, even

then, can often be used for only very limited durations before altering the physiological state of the specimen.

**RATIONALE:** To address these limitations, we developed a new microscope using ultrathin light sheets derived from two-dimensional (2D) optical lattices. These are scanned plane-by-plane through the specimen to generate a 3D image. The thinness of the sheet leads to high axial resolution and negligible photobleaching and background outside of the focal plane, while its simultaneous illumination of the entire field of view permits imaging at hundreds of planes per second even at extremely low peak excitation

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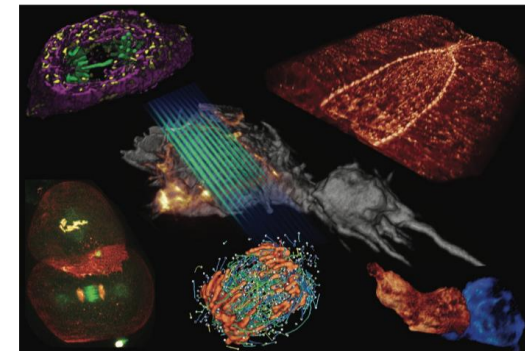
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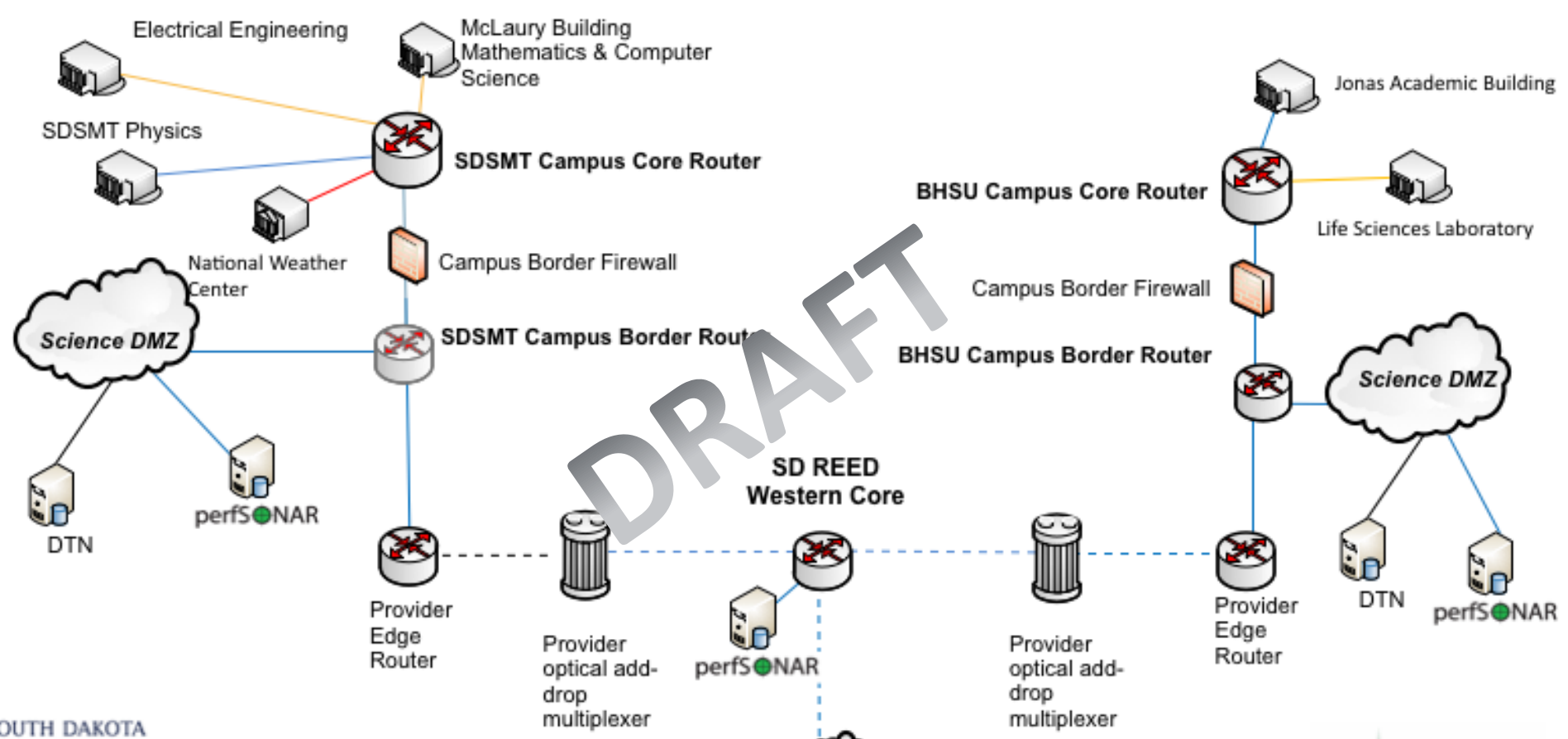
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