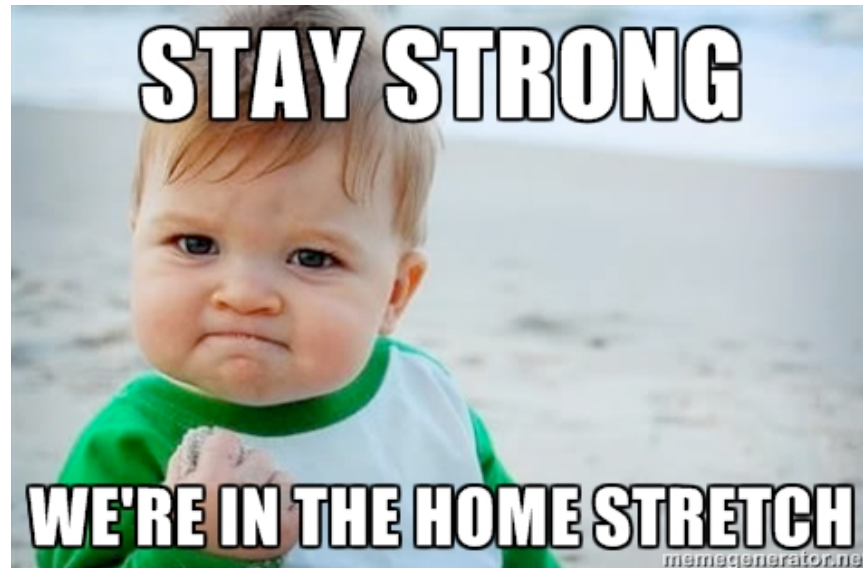


# M3D1:Growth of phage materials

04/21/17

1. Purify M13 bacteriophage (phage)
2. Prelab during 60min incubation
3. Finish M13 purification and measure concentration of M13 phage
4. Incubate phage with gold nanoparticles (AuNP)



Thank you, Jifa Qi (Belcher Laboratory) !

As you know...

- Module 2 research article due 10pm on 04/22
- Blog post due 10pm on 04/23

M3 major assignments:

- Research proposal oral presentation (20%) on 05/11
  - Homework will build toward oral pres.
  - Discussions with Prof. Angie Belcher in lab
- Blog post due 10pm on 05/11
- Mini-report (5%) due 10pm on 05/16

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# We are in the homestretch!

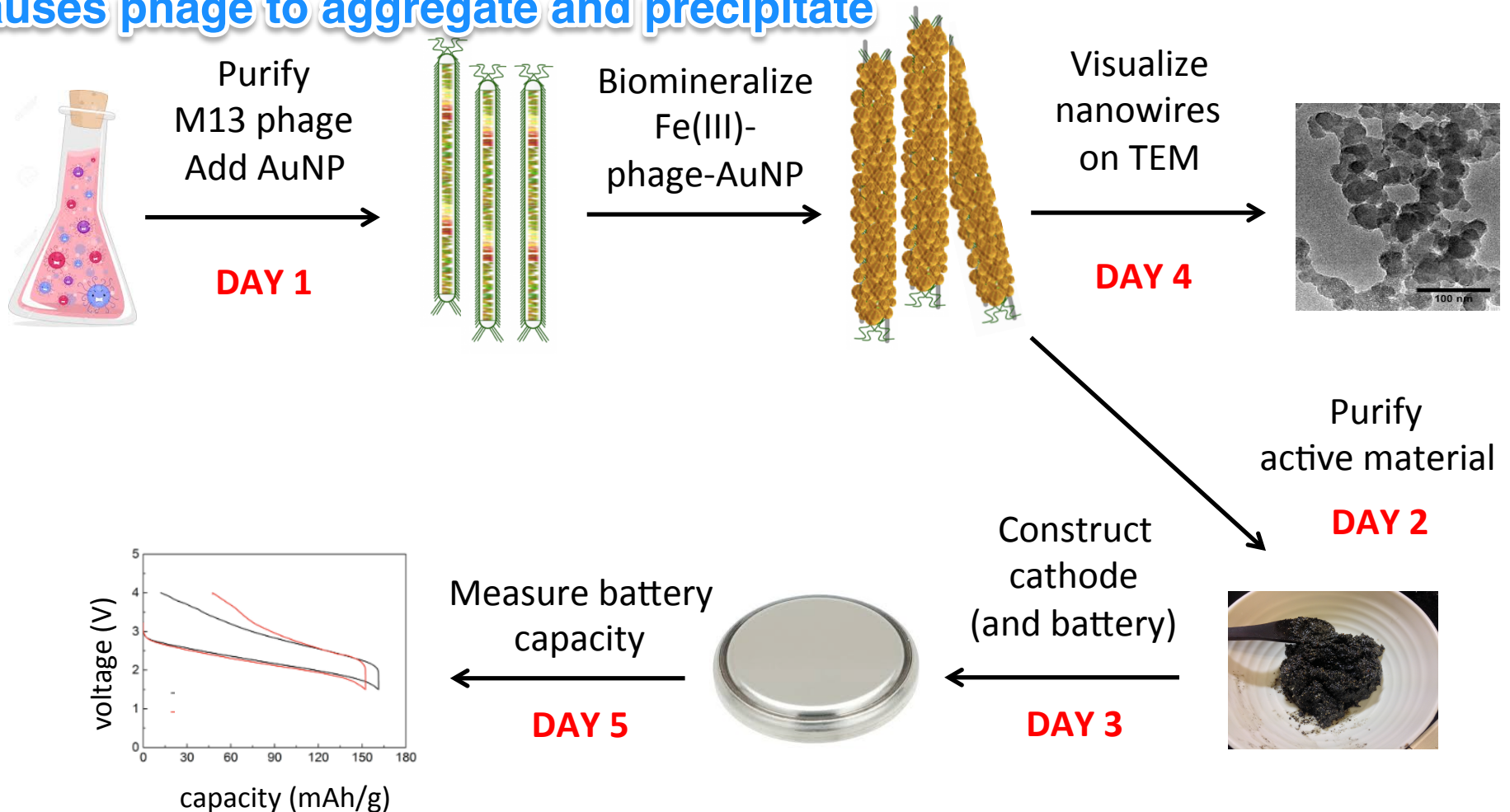
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|   |   | T/W Apr<br>18/19 |            | Patriots' day holiday                        |  |
| 3 | 1 | R/F Apr<br>20/21 | AB ☞       | Grow phage active material                   | Homework due<br>Research article due April 22 at 10 pm<br>Blog post due ☞ Sun, Apr 23 at 10 pm |
| 3 | 2 | T/W Apr<br>25/26 | AB ☞       | Purify phage active material                 | Laboratory quiz<br>Homework due  |
| 3 | 3 | R/F Apr<br>27/28 |            | Construct cathode with phage active material | Homework due   |
| 3 |   | T/W May 2/3      | AB ☞       | Lecture, but no laboratory                   |  |
| 3 | 4 | R/F May 4/5      | AB ☞       | Visualize phage nanowires using TEM          | Homework due   |
| 3 | 5 | T/W May<br>9/10  | AB ☞       | Assemble and test battery                    | Laboratory quiz<br>Homework due  |
|   |   | R/F May<br>11/12 | no lecture | Research proposal presentations              | Blog post due ☞ Thu/Fri, May<br>11/12 at 10 pm   |
|   |   | T/W May<br>16/17 |            | Open office hours                            | Mini report due Tue/Wed, May<br>16/17 at 10 pm   |
|   |   | R May 18         |            | Feedback and celebratory lunch               |  |

\* (informal) elevator pitches for extensive feedback from Prof. Angie Belcher

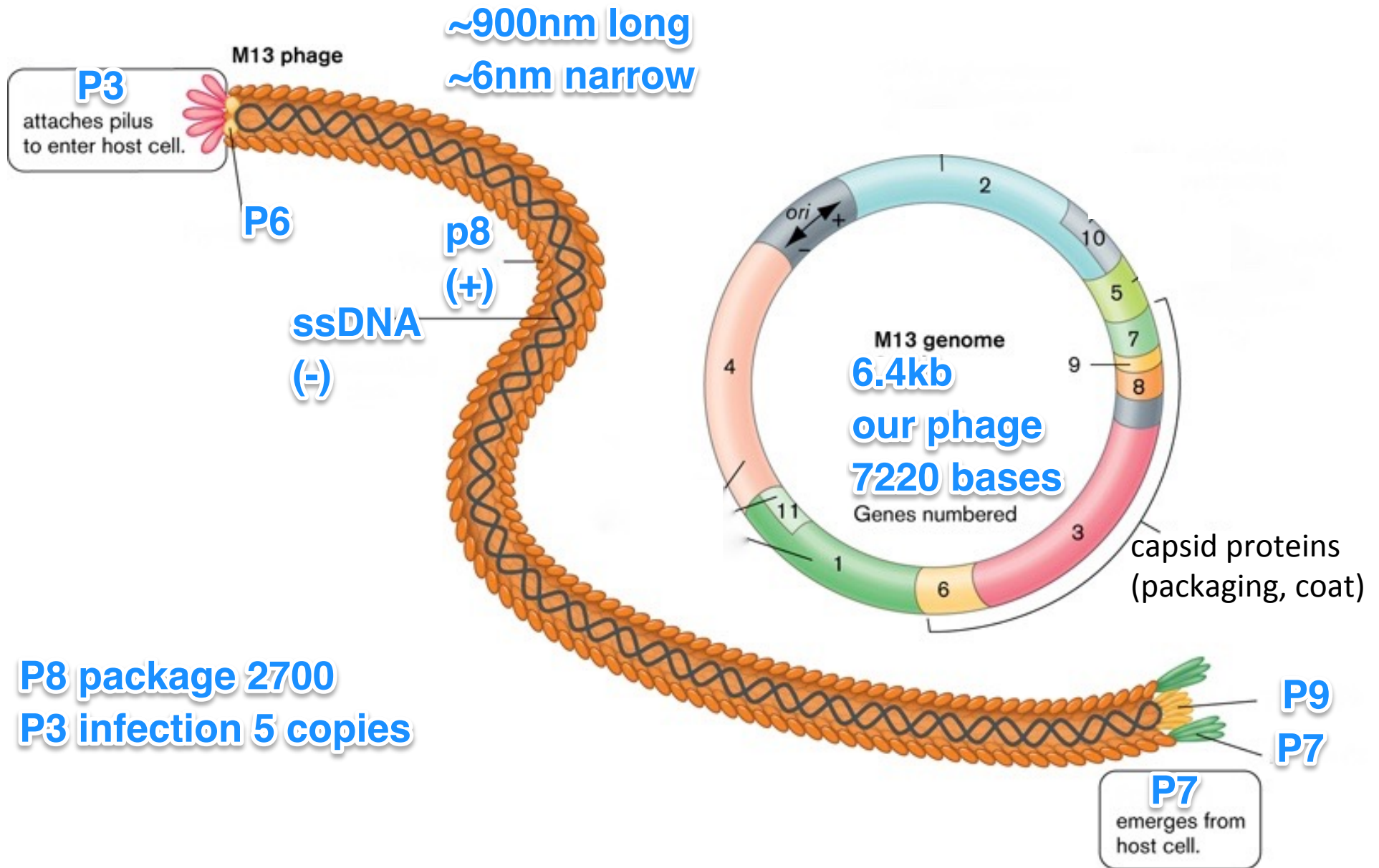
# Module 3: biomaterials engineering

## How does gold quantity affect battery capacity?

**PEG: hydrophilic,  
causes phage to aggregate and precipitate**

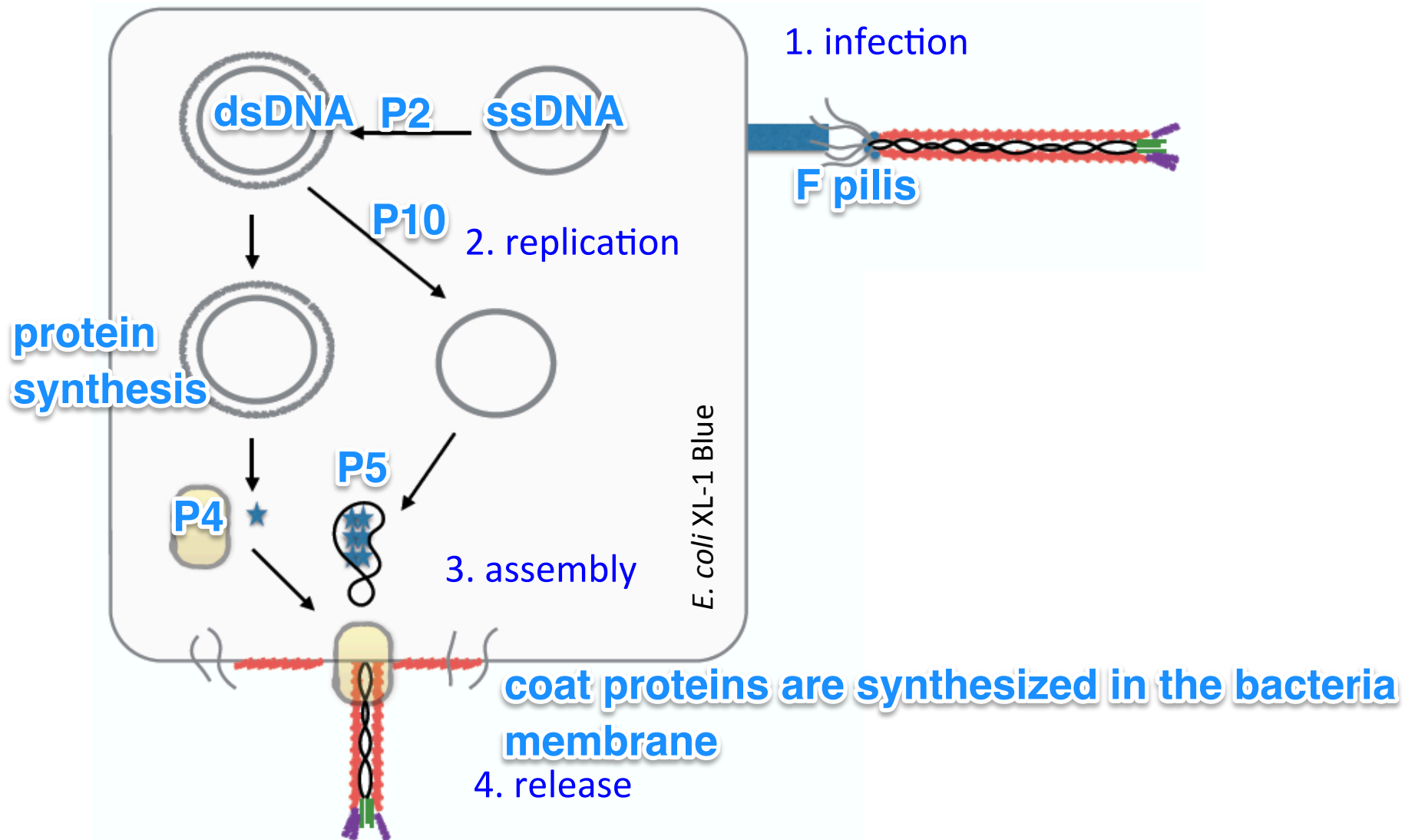


# M13 phage genetics and structure



# M13 uses host machinery to bring virus DNA into the cell and replicate

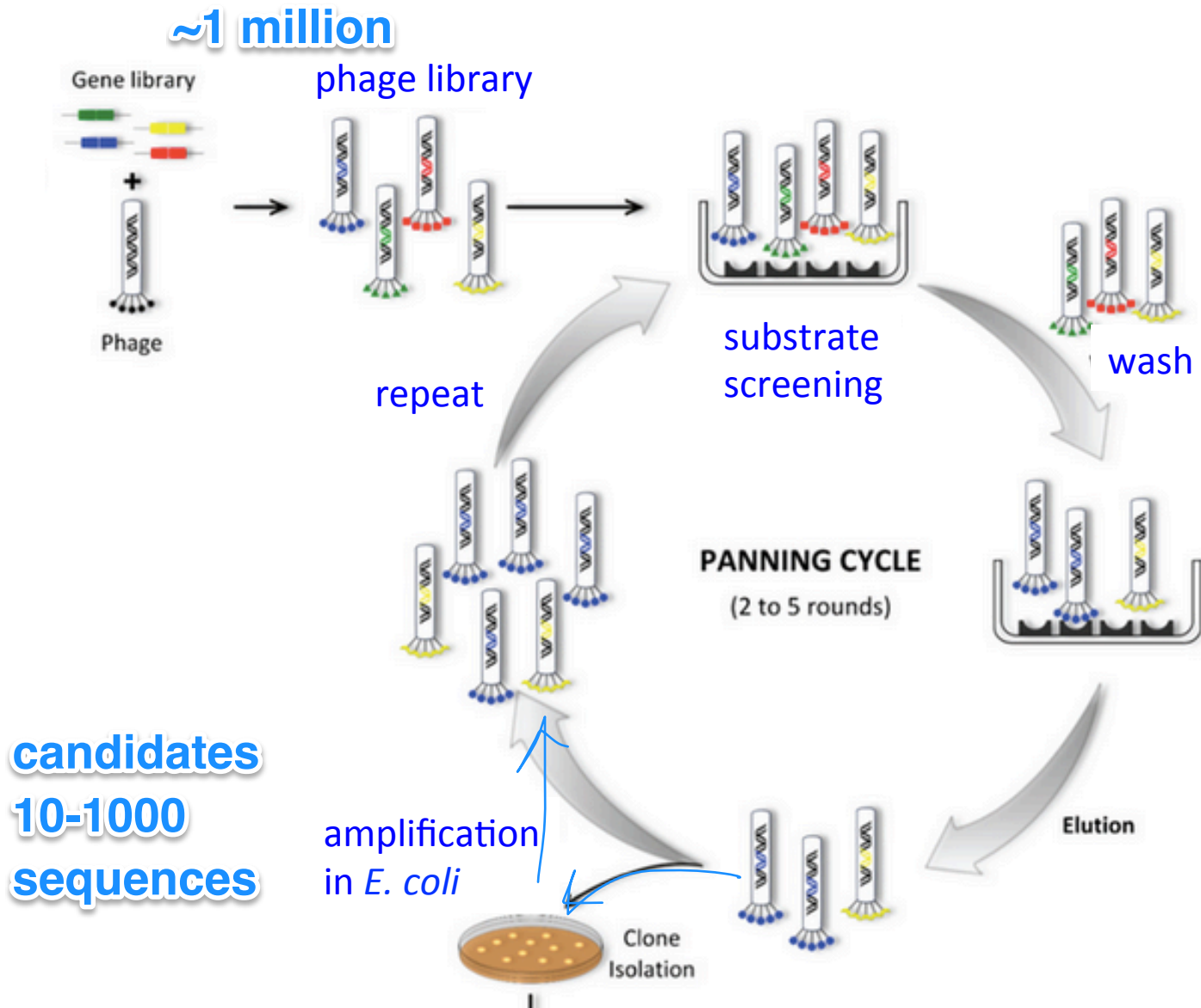
## Overview of M13 virus life-cycle





# Overview of phage display

P8 (2700) 4-6AA  
P3 (5) 20-30 AA

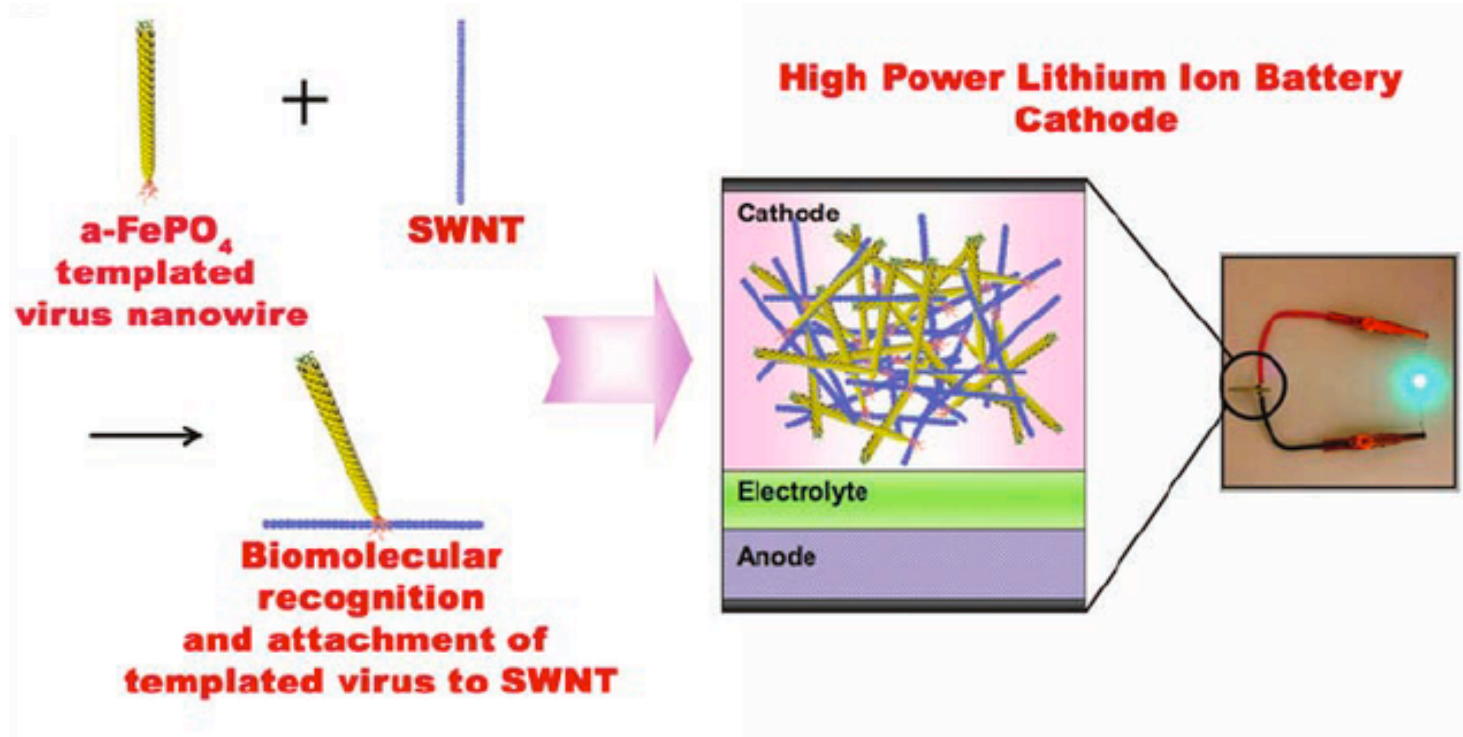




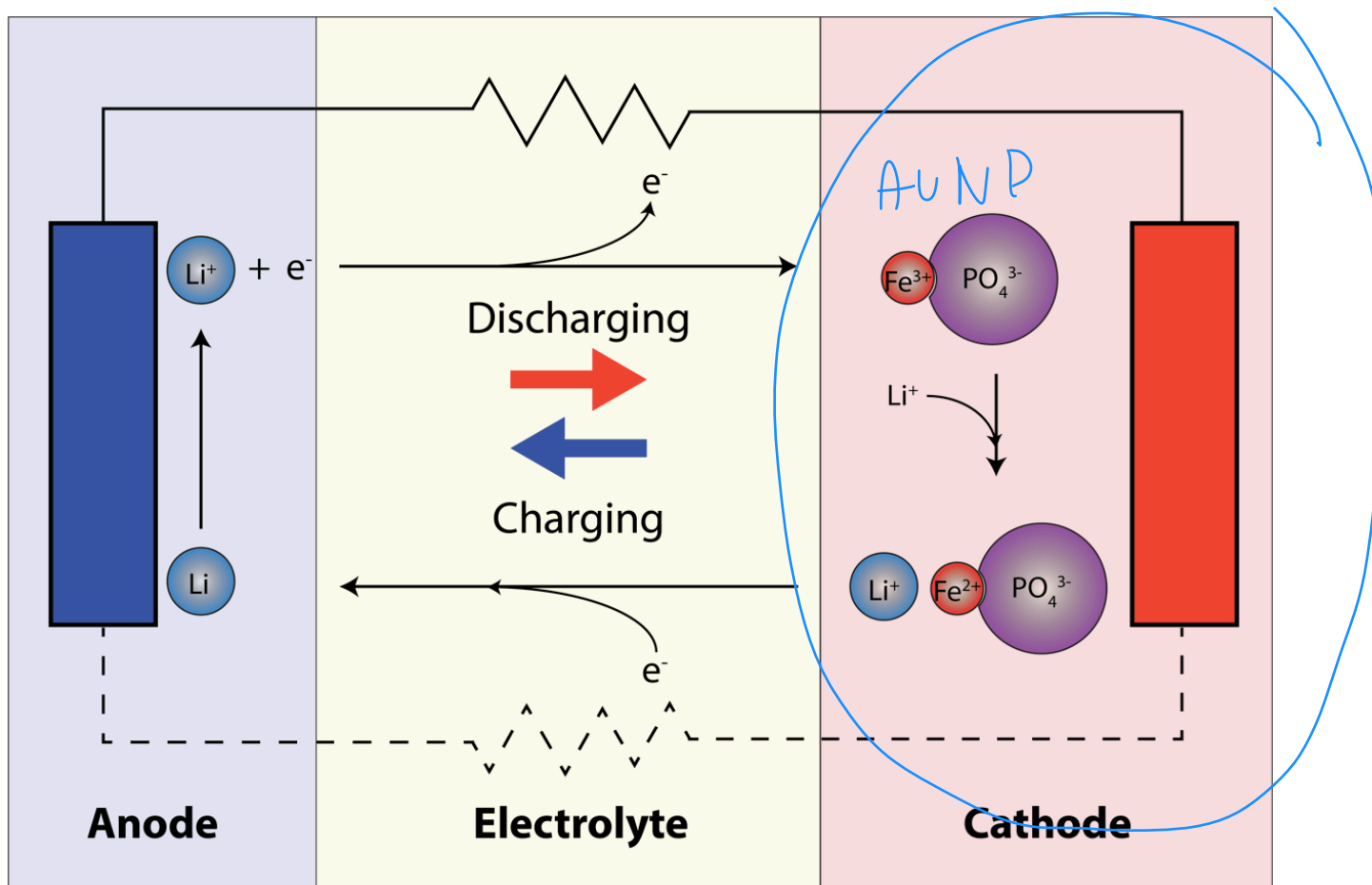
# M13 are engineer-able biomaterials

negatively charged

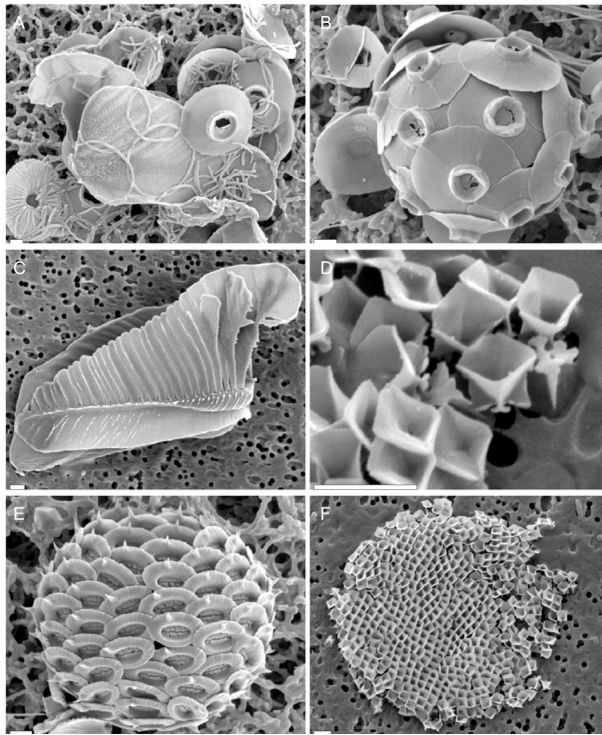
- Our p8 coat protein was mutated to contain sequence DSPHTELP
- Modified p8 proteins bind single wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNT), iron and gold
- Example of this virus in literature (Science, 2009):



# M13 nanowires as battery cathode

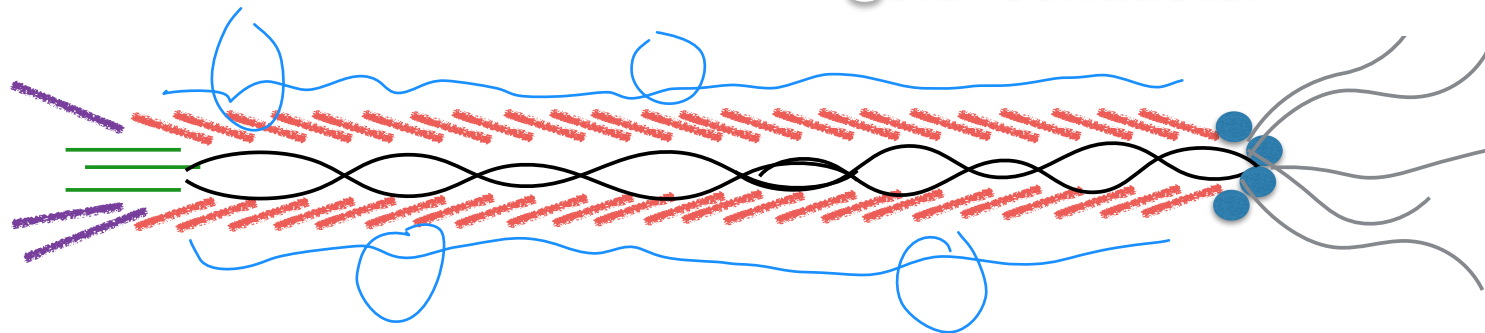


## Examples of biomineralization from nature:



## Engineering biomineralization using M13 phage:

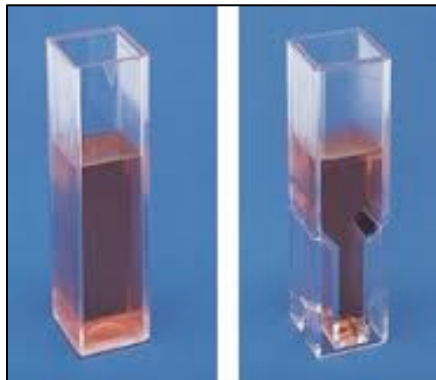
- Environmental conditions  
 $4^{\circ}\text{C}$ , mild buffer, H<sub>2</sub>O
- Structural organization  
wire-like virus
- M13 provides scaffold for Li(FePO<sub>4</sub>) cathode construction  
iron=storage  
gold=conductor



# Determining Phage titer (number of virus):



- by plating: plaque assay
  - phage slows *E. coli* growth = plaque (cleared zone)
  - plaque-forming units: PFU/mL



- by spectrophotometry

$$\# \text{ phage / mL} = \frac{(6 \times 10^{16}) (A_{269} - A_{320})}{\# \text{ bases in phage genome}}$$

❖ quartz cuvettes are expensive!

# Today in lab

1. Finish phage purification
2. Calculate phage number
3. Begin construction of phage-AuNP-FePO<sub>4</sub> nanowires
  - **Choose gold quantity and add to wiki**
  - M3D2HW: Describe **FIVE** recent findings that could potentially define an interesting research question.
    - Formally cite the finding
    - Write 3-5 sentences summarizing the finding