

Optics and Photonics Research for Montana Economic Development

A photograph of a green laser beam being directed downwards from a device mounted on a tripod. The beam reflects off the surface of a dark body of water, creating a bright reflection. In the background, there is a grassy field, some trees, and a building under a cloudy sky.

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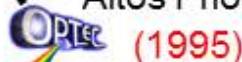
Montana Optics and Photonics Companies

1980 – 2015



Lattice Materials (1989)

Quantum Composers (1993)



Altos Photonics (1995)

Scatterworks (1996)

New Wave Research/ESI (1998)

AdvR (1998)

Image Labs Int'l (1993)

Wavelength Electronics (1992)

Scientific Materials/FLIR (1989)

ILX Lightwave/Newopt (1986)

Orionics (1980-1985)

Big Sky Laser Technologies/Quantel USA (1981)



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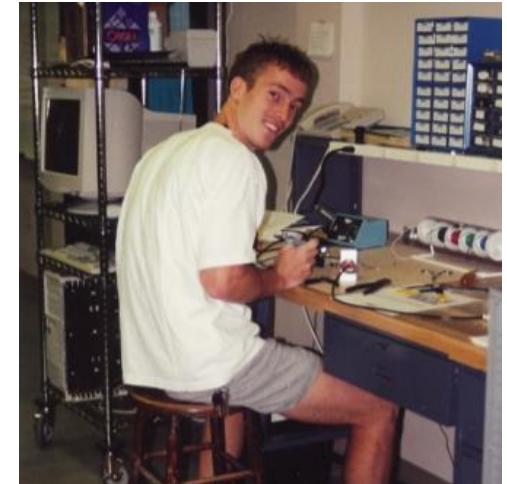
Project Objectives

Broaden optics & photonics cluster to include agricultural and medical imaging

Help grow Montana research enterprise in key areas:

- Precision agriculture
- Unattended Aerial Systems
- Microfabrication and nanomaterials
- Medical imaging

Reduce “brain drain” with new high-technology Montana jobs



Pete Roos – PhD student 1998

- 2 new companies
- 7 new commercial products
- 20-25 new jobs with \$60k average salary



Pete Roos – CEO Bridger Photonics 2014

University-industry partnerships for new products

Spectral Imaging for Agriculture & Medical Imaging...

- Combine-mounted imagers for mapping weeds
- Real-time image processing
- Ultra-low-cost miniature imagers



* Meridian Flying Svcs
* Freeman Farms
* Nugent Farms



Micro-Optical Systems for Advanced Imaging

- Micro-fabricated mirrors for medical imaging...
- Micro-integrated optics and electronics



Laser Sensors

- Lasers of new colors for detecting gas leaks
- Laser sensors to detect water contamination

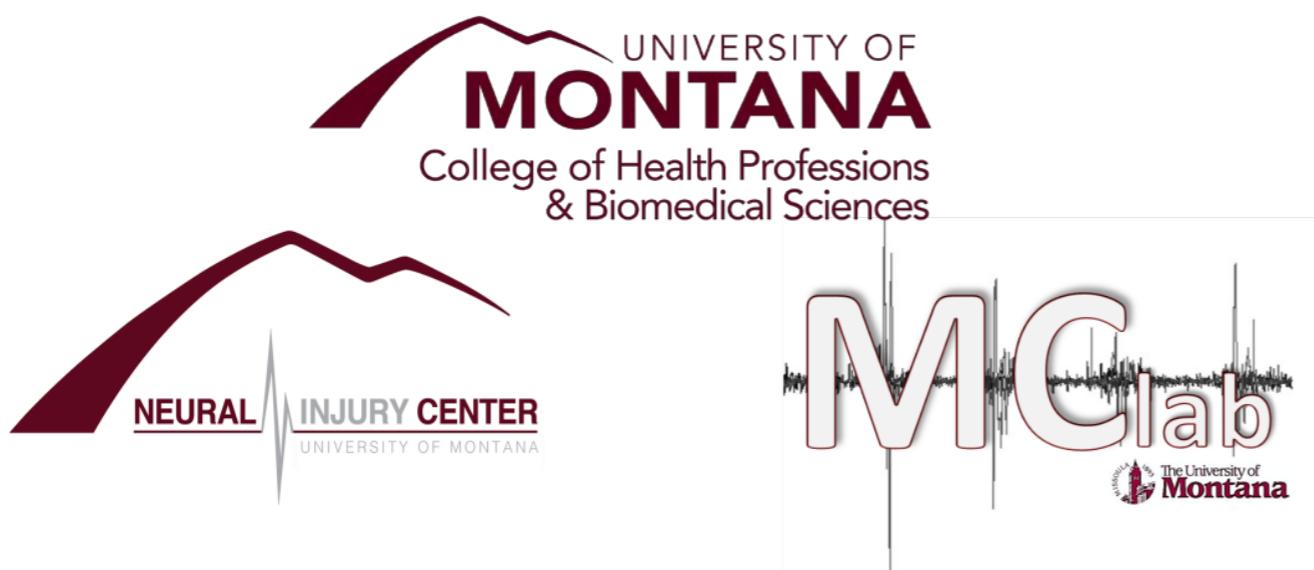


August 2015 Barley Harvest (Fairfield, MT)

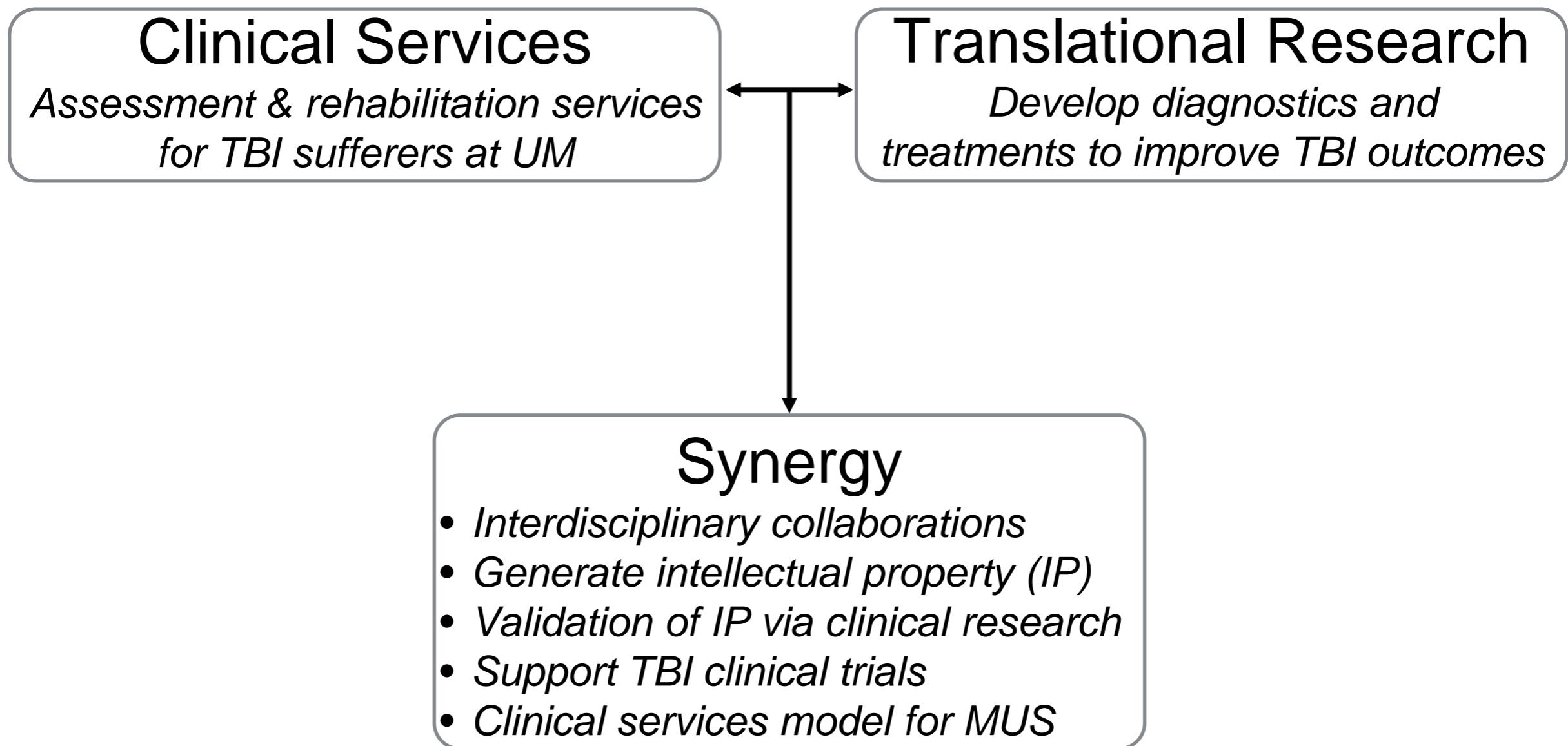


“Translational Science at the Neural Injury Center.”

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Neural Injury Center (NIC) Mission



Our focus: Traumatic brain injury (TBI) in Montana



- 2nd in the nation for TBI per capita (~130,000 diagnosed residents)
- Cost: Estimated at \$50m per year for moderate to severe TBI*
- Lack of diagnosis and treatment options for spectrum of TBI
- Funding the gap to rapidly **implement and commercialize intellectual property (IP)**

*Hospitalizations for Traumatic Brain Injury, Montana. Winter 2011. Montana Department of Health and Human Services
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/publichealth/documents/EMSTS/prevention/HospitalizationsForTraumaticBrainInjury.pdf>

Our objectives

Address a Montana issue.



- TBI affects 13% of Montana's adult population (~130,000 residents) resulting in loss of productivity.
- Expansion of Montana Biotech industry (small businesses <20 employees account for 70% of all companies in the US).
- Creating hi-tech high paying jobs for Montana graduates. The biotech industry grows 10x faster than other industries. Salaries are 65% higher.

Create Montana jobs. Using *IMPLAN* economic modeling we project over a 5-year period,

- The direct creation of 135 private jobs.
- Additional 300 jobs through indirect and induced spending.
- Development of IP by the TBI consortium will lead to job creation in the areas of clinical and research sciences, information technology and engineering.

Our Strategy

Area of Focus - ***Health and Biomedical Sciences***

#1 Expand current **clinical capabilities of the Neural Injury Center (NIC)** and support translational research

Improve veteran student graduation rates through access to essential clinical and rehabilitative services on UM campus + MUS

#2 Develop a comprehensive panel of objective **tests to diagnose mild TBI** (mTBI)

- *Clinical validation of novel Optokinetic, Oculomotor, Cognitive Fatigue and blood-based medical test*

#3 Develop **novel therapeutic intervention** (miRNA inhibitors) to reduce brain damage after TBI

- *Development of new IP*

TBI Diagnosis & Treatment

#4 VAST Next Generation Learning

Complete the development of a **computer-based cognitive training** (CCT) system for TBI subjects with cognitive impairment

- *Development of mobile assessment algorithm*
- *Released for iOS and Android platforms*

#5 N-SITE LLC

Complete the development and testing of a **novel post-traumatic epilepsy diagnostic analysis program**

- *Use proprietary Eidos™ software to identify epileptic signatures in TBI subjects*
- *IBM InfoSphere & Big Data Partnership*

Thank you



<http://health.umt.edu/>

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Strong ROI to Montana

- Upon implementation ~\$ 615,500 will be invested in the State through private sector funding

- Generate direct or indirect revenues for the MUS through new grants

- Increase quality employment

- Reduce TBI associated treatment costs

- Enhance the value of IP owned by the MUS that can be collected as in-licensing agreements with the private business sector

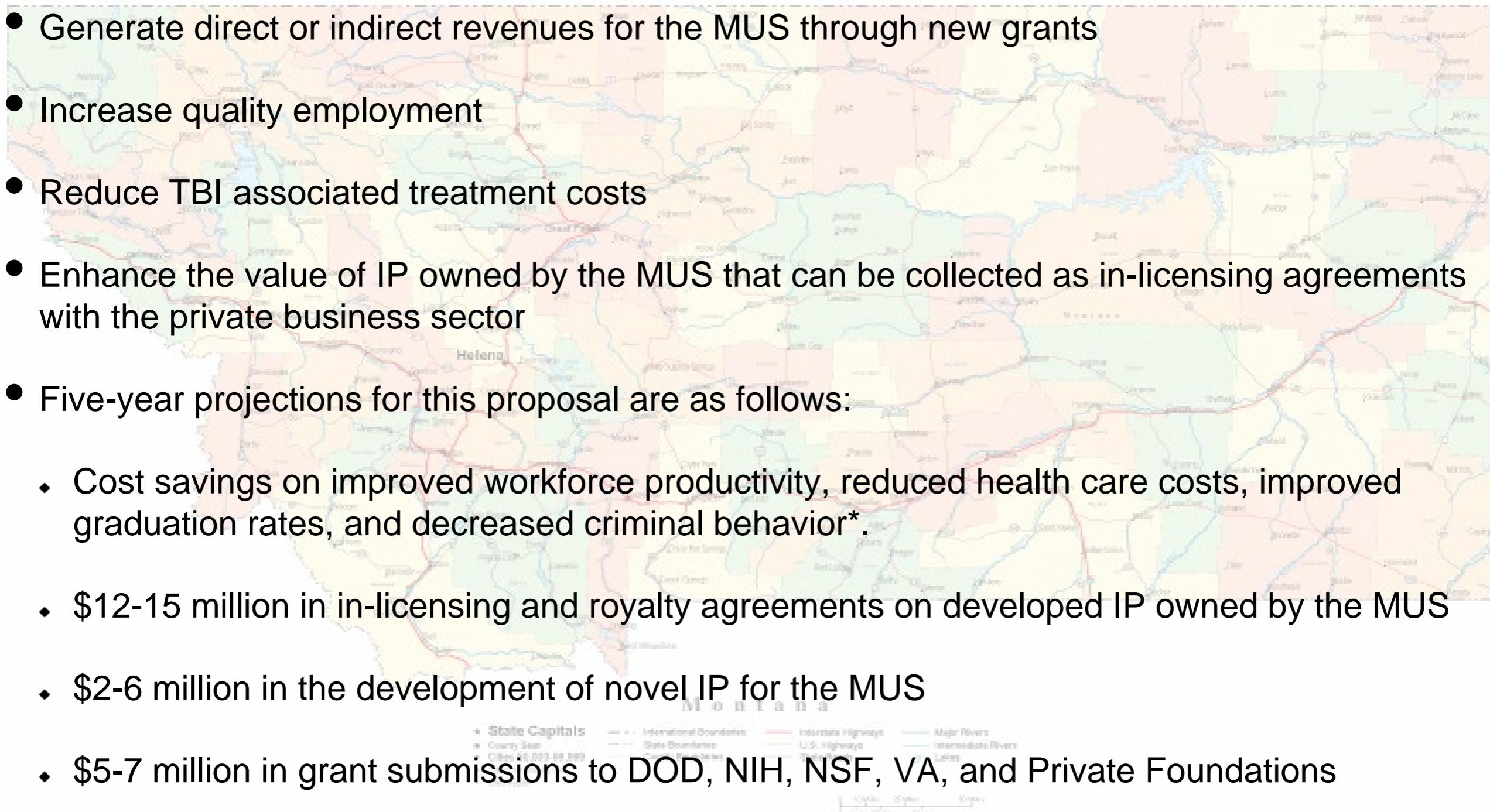
- Five-year projections for this proposal are as follows:

- Cost savings on improved workforce productivity, reduced health care costs, improved graduation rates, and decreased criminal behavior*.

- \$12-15 million in in-licensing and royalty agreements on developed IP owned by the MUS

- \$2-6 million in the development of novel IP for the MUS

- \$5-7 million in grant submissions to DOD, NIH, NSF, VA, and Private Foundations



*The costs of traumatic brain injury: a literature review. Humphreys et al., ClinicoEconomics and Outcomes Research, 2013

*Outcomes and Costs of Acute Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury. McGarry et al, J. Trauma, 2002.

Increasing Profitability by Improving Efficiency of Montana's Farm and Ranch Lands

Wheat- Fallow



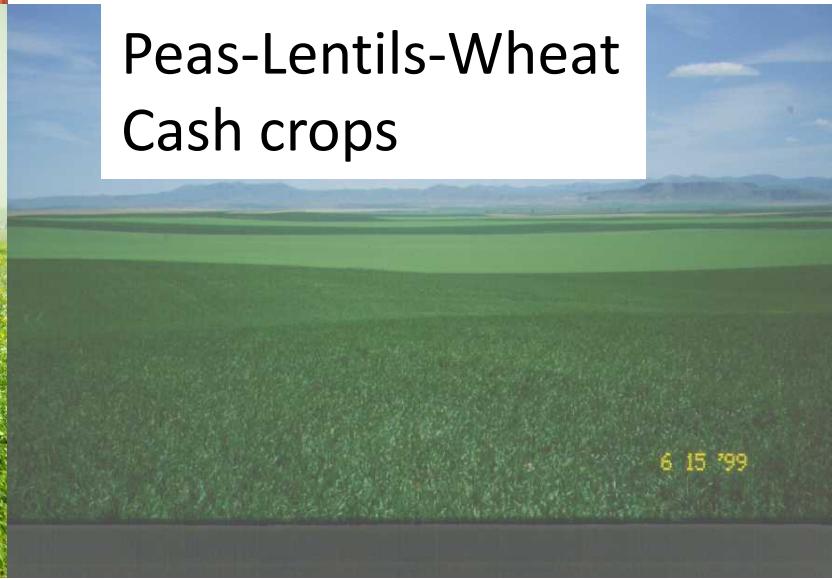
Cover Crop Mixes-Wheat
Forage for Livestock



Now

Wheat-Fallow system - **land use is not optimized**
4.6 million acres that could produce annual income

Peas-Lentils-Wheat
Cash crops



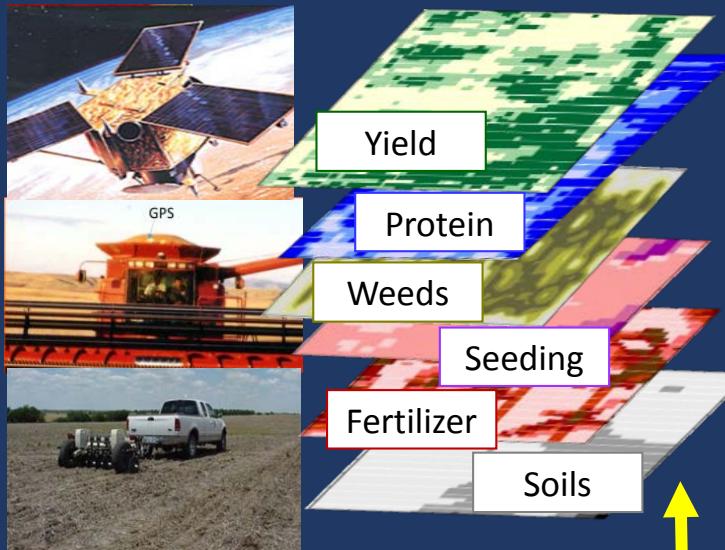
The Future - annual cropping
with uncertainty managed by
products of this research

Increasing profitability by Improving Efficiency of Montana's Farm and Ranch Lands

- **Three interrelated goals: Optimize productivity of MT lands**
 - **Intensify pulse and cover crop production of 4.6 million acres of land left fallow each year.**
 - Crop-fallow- 1 years income forgone to store moisture for next wheat crop
 - Pulse and cover crop mixes can be used safely to produce annual crops or 3 crops in 4 years
 - **Develop new, improved or quality differentiated products, crops or farm practices**
 - **Increase adoption of precision agriculture technologies**
 - Technologies developed in this proposal will take uncertainty and risk out of annual cropping systems

On Farm Precision Experiment Framework

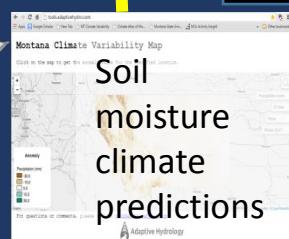
GIS-based maps
from sensors



Inexpensive data

Data on crop performance

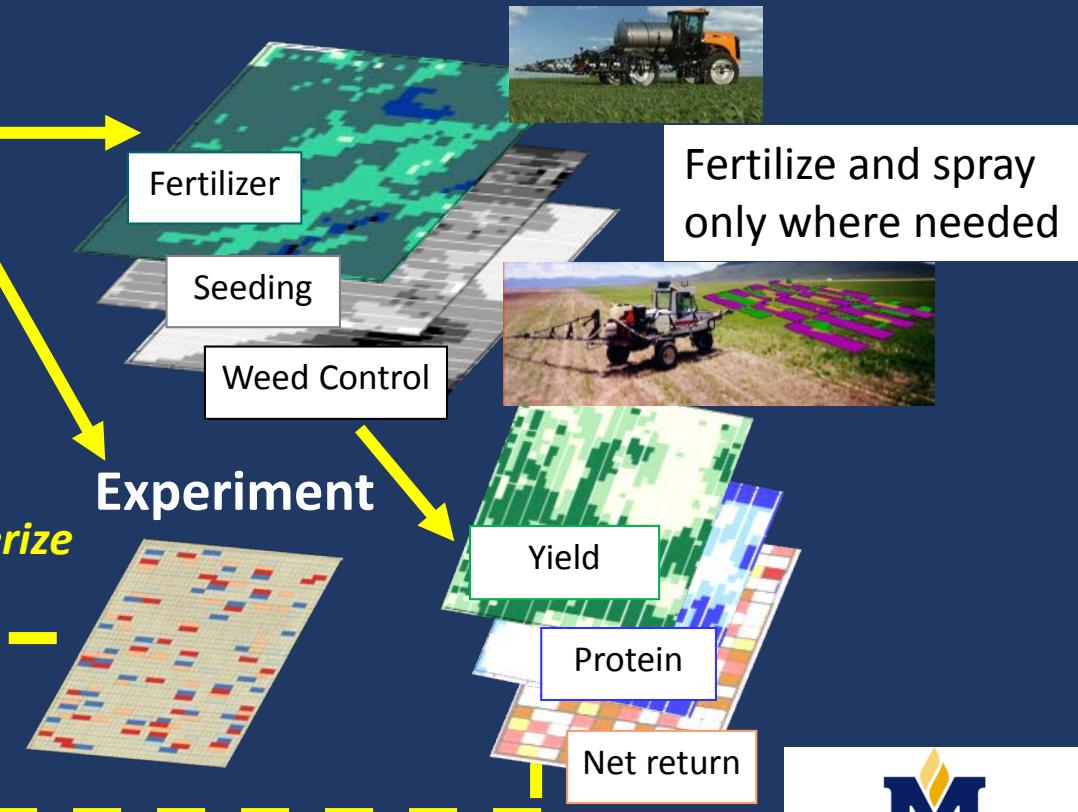
Data Organization & Analysis



*Building the database
Increases the predictive
ability*

*Parameterize
functions*

Experiment



Prescriptions
Maximizing Profit
Optimizing Inputs
Reduce Risk

Funding this proposal

- The time is right- this unique funding has brought together a diverse, experienced team with > \$30 million funding in past 10 years to:
 - Encourage more **rapid adoption** of proven science-based technologies and **new approaches to optimize sustainable use** of Montana land resources.
 - Provide the foundation for new jobs and industries
- No other funding source will provide funding for this Montana-Centric research proposal that will grow and diversify Montana's economy
- The science developed in this proposal will make the MSU/UM team highly competitive for future competitive grants



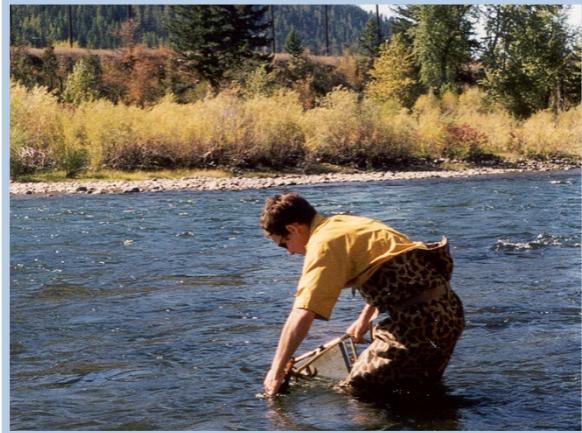
Outcomes



- **Farm incomes will increase \$15-25 million in 18 months**
 - From pulse crops
 - Forage for livestock
- **Farm incomes will increase \$100s of millions in 5-10 years**
 - Optimized land use
 - Improved pulse crop varieties adapted to MT
 - Improved durum wheat varieties adapted to MT
- **New Montana Jobs-**
 - Production of sensors, software, etc. for precision agriculture
 - Processing facilities for pea protein
 - Crop consultants/Data management consultants
 - On-farm jobs
- **Increased tax revenues**-better schools, infrastructure, communities

Sustainability, farm income, land values and MT tax receipts will increase.

Development and Commercialization of Autonomous Chemical and Biological Instrumentation for Water Quality Monitoring

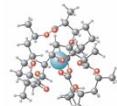


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**Flathead Lake
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Water Resources and Water Quality in Montana



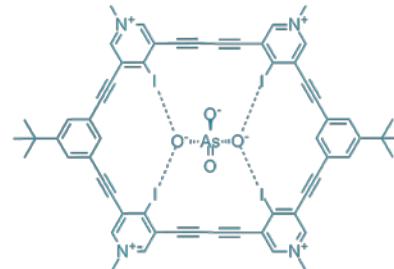
- Residential
 - Chemical composition
 - Invasive species
 - Health and safety
- Recreation and Tourism
 - Chemical composition
 - Invasive species
 - Health and Safety
 - Aesthetics
- Irrigation and Agriculture
 - Chemical composition
 - Invasive species
- Power Generation
 - Invasive species
- Petroleum Production
 - Chemical composition
 - Health and safety



The Technologies

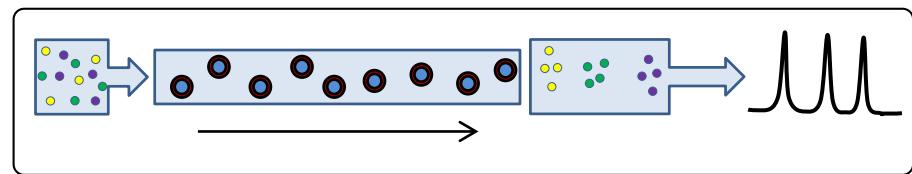
Berryman Lab (UM-Chem)

- Selective ion sensors and binding
Groundwater arsenate detection



Palmer Lab (UM-Chem)

- Microscale water analyser
Field analysis of nutrients, production water



Amish/Luikart (DBS/FLBS)

- eDNA sampler
Robust detection of invasive species

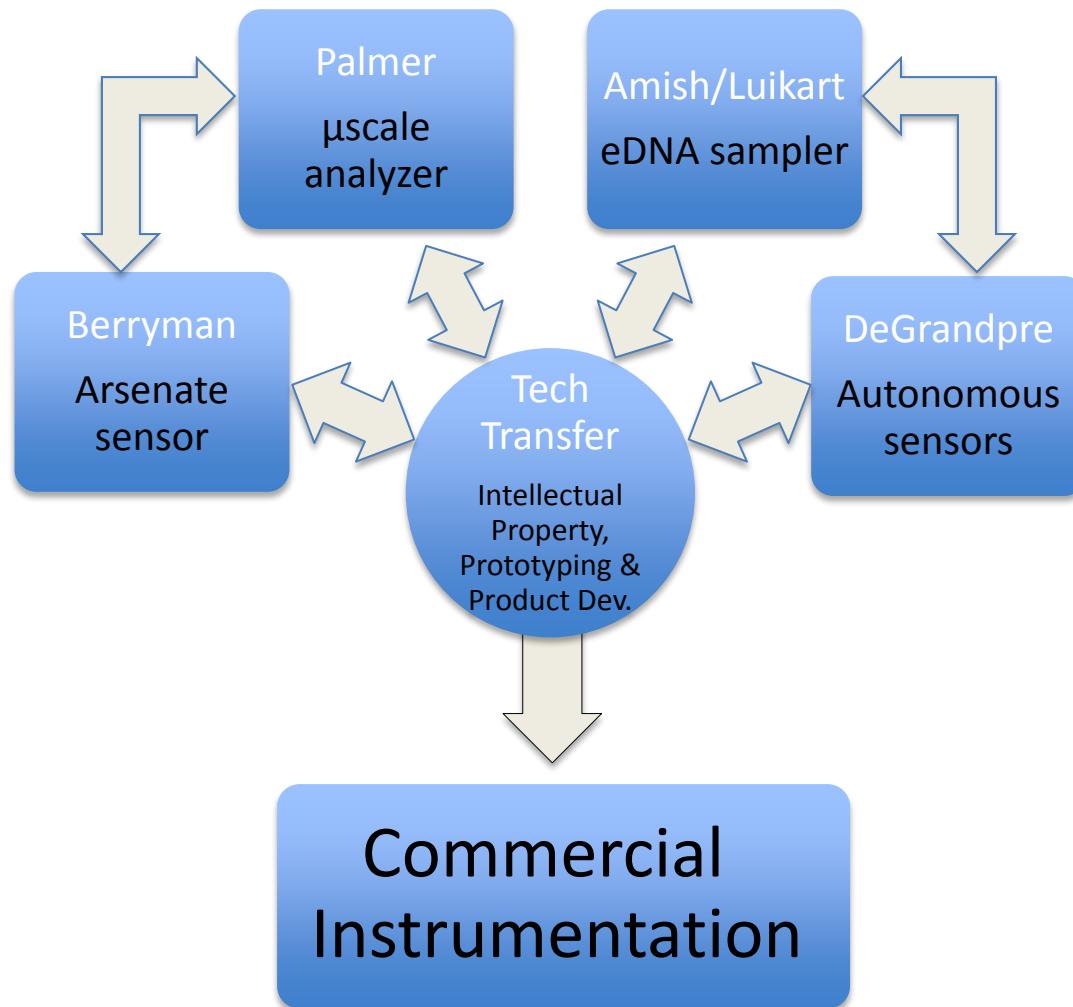


DeGrandpre Lab (UM-Chem)

- Autonomous analyzers
simple wastewater pH/alkalinity analysis



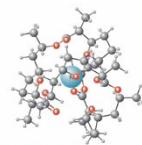
Team Strategy



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**Flathead Lake
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Commercial Potential

- \$8.69 billion U.S. Market for analytical chemical instrumentation*
- eDNA industry growing exponentially

Montana Benefits

- Increase in STEM/Manufacturing workforce
- In-field monitoring of water quality
- Early detection of aquatic invasive species
- Follow-on funding (SBIR, MBRCT, Murdock, etc)
- Intellectual property development, licensing

