## **BioDesign:** The Nature of Design

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# 1: DESIGN VISION

Our **Design** is the catalyst, connecting and converging Motorola's superior technology with our Human User's **Real Life**.

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# 2: DESIGN IN NATURE

Bionics or Biodesign deals with the technical transformation and application of structures, procedures and developmental principles of biological systems.

An interdisciplinary research fields that combines biology with engineering, architecture and mathematics



## **Design** Analogies







Beetle exoskeleton generates pigmentfree structural colors Paint with similar effect - BASF

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# Technical Approach

1)Identify suitable opportunities target areas.

2)Select relevant biological models and undertake or commission research to understand them.

3)Abstract this understanding into Engineering analogues.

4)Assess the feasibility of incorporating this technology into useful product prototypes.



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### Integrating biodesign



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### Development of Personal Communication Network into Bio-communication:

2010: \*Fully connected to environment.

Technology: Best at time, network, hardware, software.

Industrial design: Developing wearability, style, functionality.

Fashion: Beyond clothing and gizmos, aimed at simplifying and improving quality of life.







## **iDEN Wireless BodyNET Applications**



### iDEN Wireless BodyNET Technology



## Phase 4: iDEN Wireless BodyNET Technology Plan



### **iDEN** Wireless BodyNET concepts



Secure Zone Product Concepts with GPS ,iDEN Radio and Bluetooth





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## MOTOROLA OFFSPRING ('WEARABLES') CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Motorola Offspring ('Wearables') is a design exploration of a family of connected, modular wireless communication devices. The concepts utilize Motorola's iDEN technology, as well as the latest advances in miniaturization and Bluetooth technology, to enable entertainment, business, and security-related communications and broadband applications. The devices, individually designed to be worn as fashionable accessories, each have an independent power source and memory. Each device communicates and shares information with the other devices and the user, operating as a seamless personal network.

#### Design Themes .



#### bionic

concepts and shapes that are rooted in Nature

- 1. organic
- 2. no straight lines
- 3. textured
- 4. color
- 5. relates to nature

#### fractals

visually translating AI and algorithmic technology

- 1. repeating elements
- 2. systemic
- 3. scaled patterns
- 4, movement
- 5. micro to macro

#### tech romance

connect to the pioneering spirit of Motorola

- 1. machine aesthetic
- 2. industrial
- 3. homage to metals
- 4. machined parts
- 5. linear







The entire family of modular devices is wirelessly connected, allowing each device to share information with other devices and the user, operating as a seamless personal network.

in use







# 3: INTELLIGENCE & BEYOND

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# The Brain: The Final Frontier?



## BioDesign Database

Sensors – based on nerve functioning (stress, strain, temperature, vision, chemical) Mechanism design - skeletal structure or pure biological geometry Mechanical structures, schemes and mechanisms - exoskeletons, flexures/elasticity--bugs have it all Fluid systems - pumps, valves, cooling of dwellings Heat transfer management – cooling of core body temperature, transfer of heat from one region to another **Energy management** – creation of heat, reflection, absorption, insulation Taking advantage of phase change - one beetle uses its' shell to collect condensation and then hydrate itself Water resistance and waterproofing **Chemical resistance Color management and color changing ability** – chameleon / octopus, pigments, bioluminescence. Behavior - swarming and collective behavior, making computers behave with a "hive mind" similar to ants/bees. Motion control (incl. visual processing and feedback) algorithms -MIT AI lab **Methods of locomotion** Actuator development - muscle mimicry, potential energy windup like in grasshopper or ballerina legs, etc. Learning / perception algorithms -Interaction principles - human-machine interaction is very different to human interactions with living things Use of exothermic reactions - producing light, heat Energy storage - nice fat cell in your next walkman? Sticking surfaces / adhesion Construction techniques – e.g. a gopher and beavers. Fluid management - pumps, valves, hearts, etc. Textures – Fibers – materials, properties Information dissemination - inspired by dandelion seeds, owl calls, bee dances, disease spreading, etc.....

## BioDesign Lessons

#### Humility

Nature is THE master designer Spider web vs. steel Abalone shell vs. Kevlar

#### Imitate, don't duplicate

Be creative in your interpretation of natures lessons Understand why nature chose its solution

#### Biodesign ≠ Sustainability

Be clear about your motives for applying Biodesign

#### Yet another argument for a multidisciplinary approach

The microscope is the designer's new best friend

Biologist+Designer > Many Designers

#### Mimicry can be the first step towards creative thinking

#### We are on the cusp of a great movement

An opportunity for all of us to play a part

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## Conclusions

- The tool to influence the Concept Process
- Stimulate Creativity in design
- Results in innovative solutions
- Allows contributions from other Disciplines
- Expand knowledge and remove barriers



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