Big promises backed by bad theory: Synthetic biology

<u>Synthetic biology</u> is the newest purported cure-all technology for remedying our social, environmental, and public health ills. As many prominent synthetic biologists proclaimed in 2007, the world "face[s] daunting problems of climate change, energy, health, and water resources. Synthetic biology offers solutions to these issues...Fifty years from now, synthetic biology will be as pervasive and transformative as is electronics today."

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