

Integrated Nanofluidic Devices and Circuits

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Scales

Reynolds Number, $Re = UD/\nu$

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10^7 m

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10^5 m

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10^2 m

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10^{-2} m

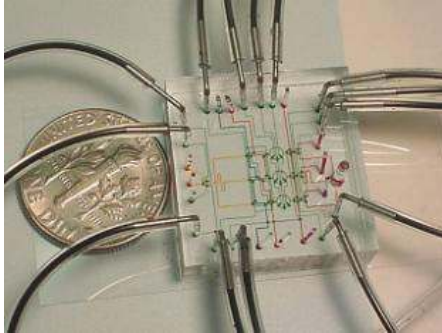


10^{-5} m

$10^{-8}, 10^{-10}$ m

Microfluidics Innovations

Integrated Circuits



S. Quake (Caltech/Stanford)

Mixing

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R. Ismagilov (U. Chicago)
J. Cate, A. Majumdar (UC Berkeley)

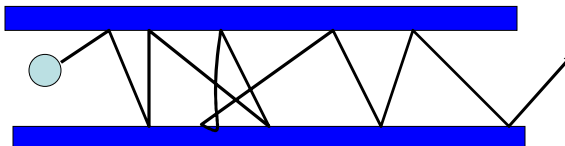
Non-Continuum Air Flow

What about liquids?

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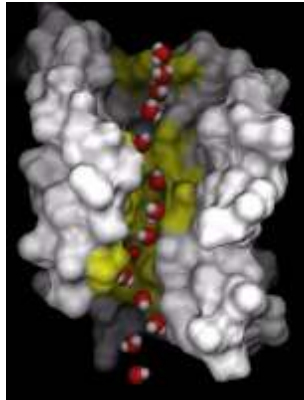


Head Disk Spacing ~ 10 nm



Nanofluidics in Nature

Aquaporin



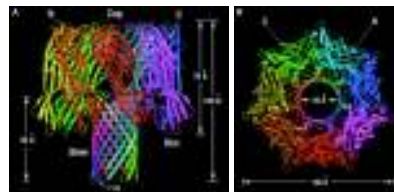
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- Discovered in 1992
- Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Peter Agre, 2003

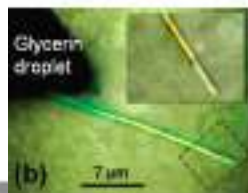
Cornell Group
(H. Craighead)



Texas A&M; NIST; Harvard; UCSC



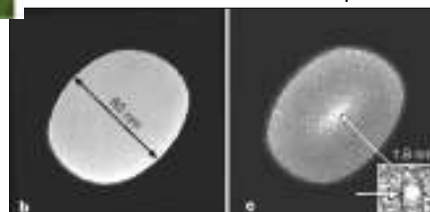
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(H. Bau)



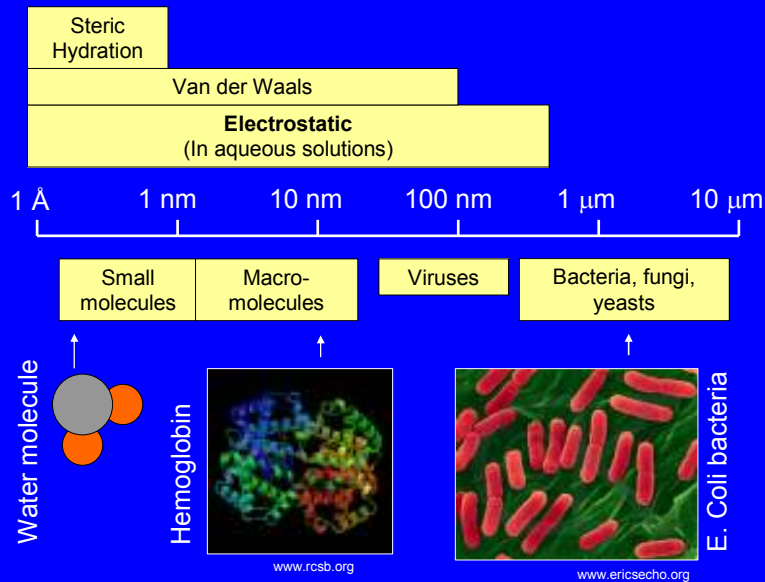
Illinois & Florida Groups



Harvard & Purdue Groups



Length Scales



Electrostatic Interactions

- Boltzmann distribution

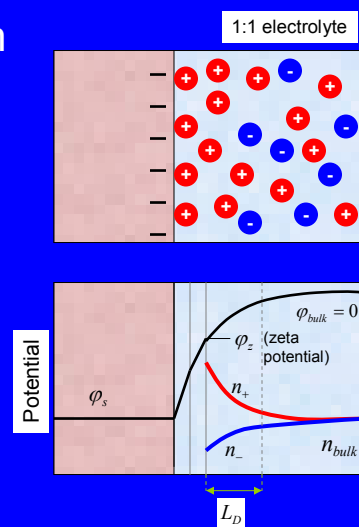
$$n_{\pm} = n_{bulk} \exp\left(\frac{\mp e\varphi}{kT}\right)$$

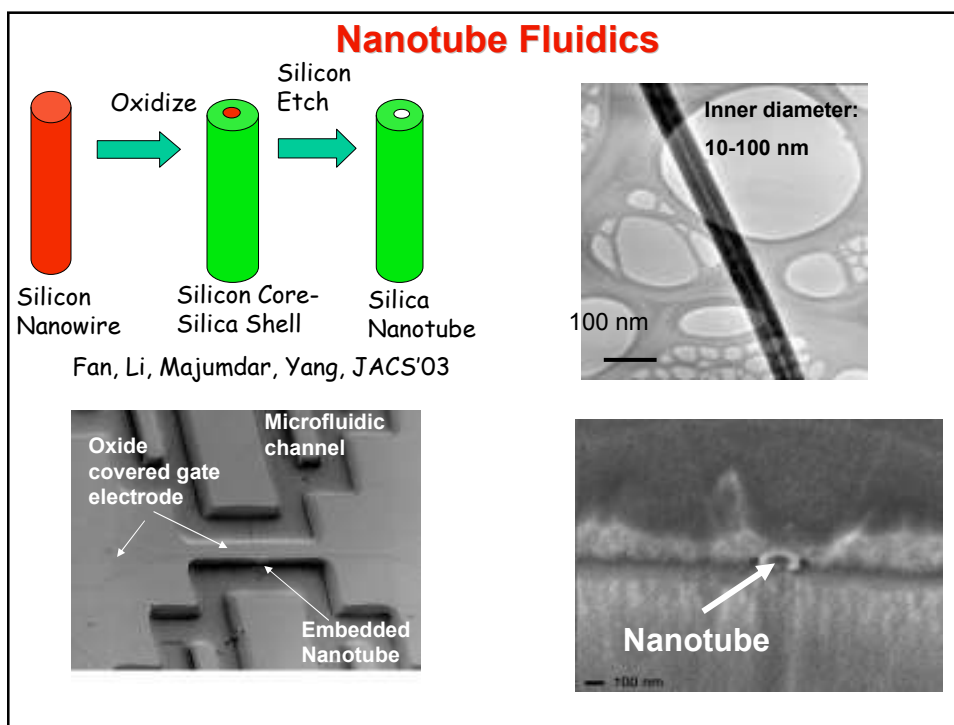
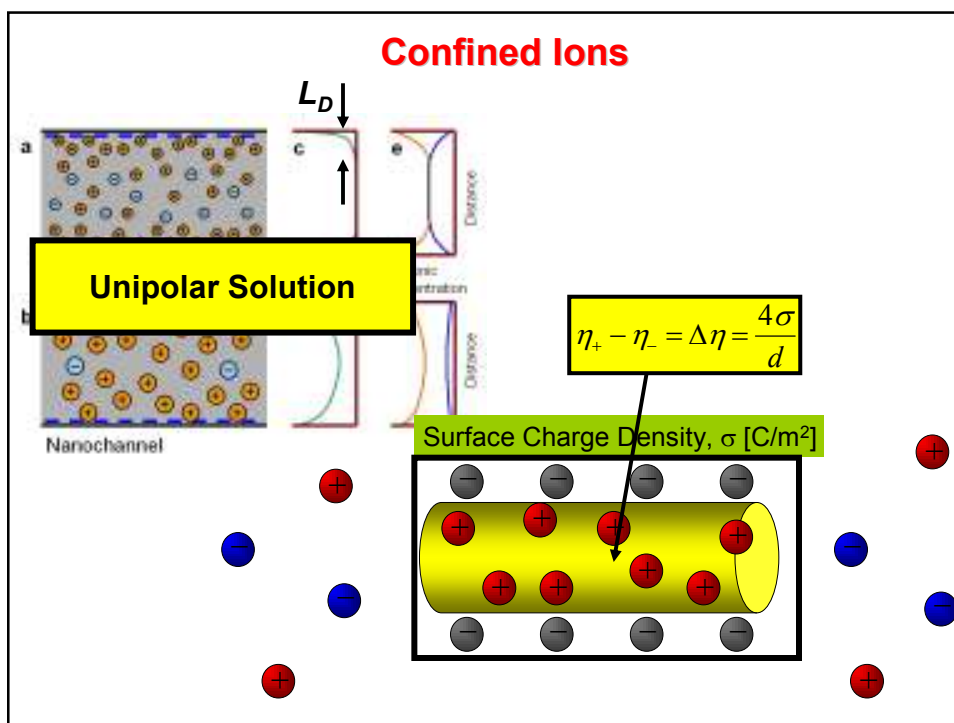
- Poisson equation

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = \frac{-\rho}{\epsilon} = -\frac{e(n_+ - n_-)}{\epsilon}$$

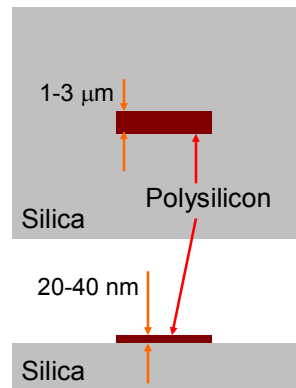
- Debye length

$$L_D = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon kT}{2n_{bulk} e^2}} \quad (1 - 100 \text{ nm})$$

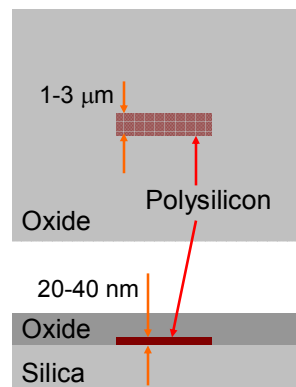




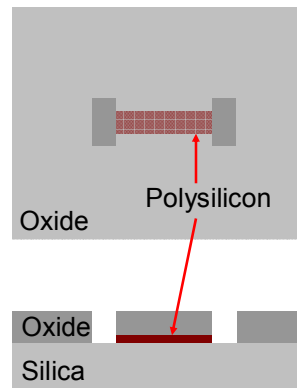
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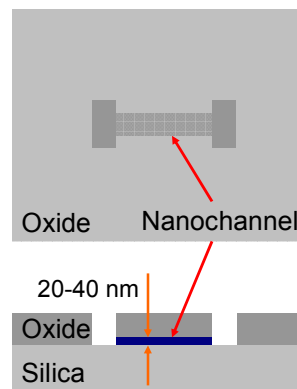
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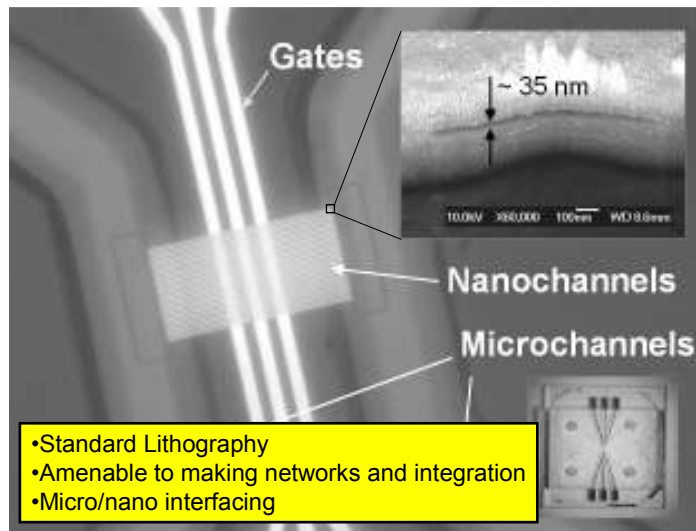
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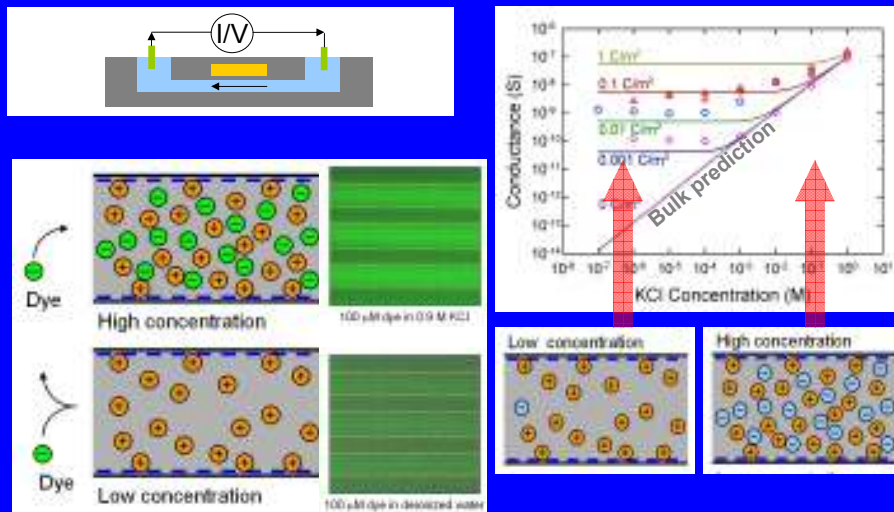
Fabrication Scheme



Nanochannel Device

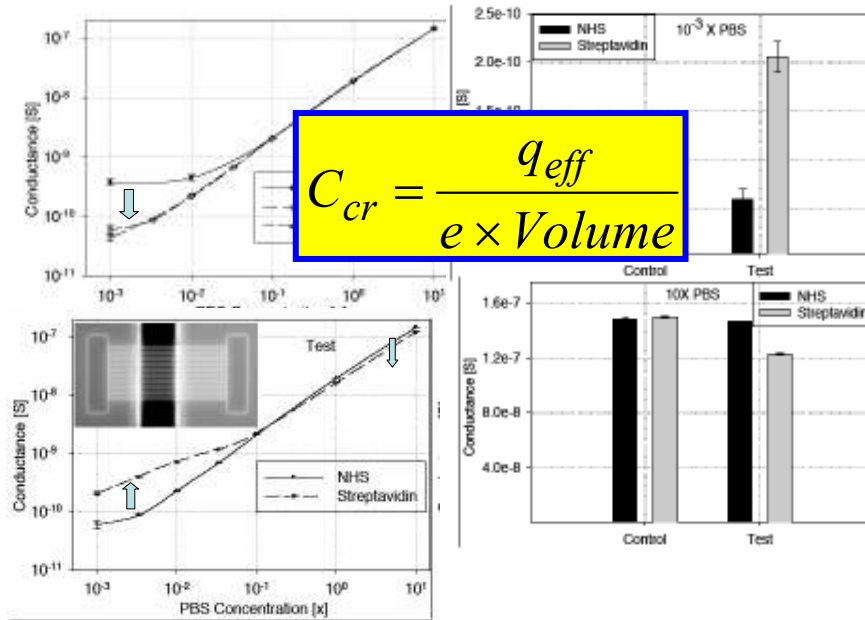


Signatures of Unipolar Solution

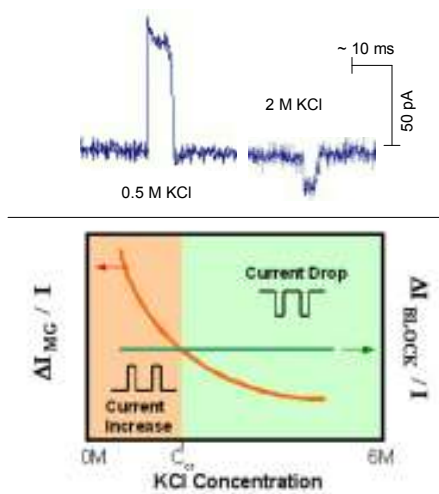
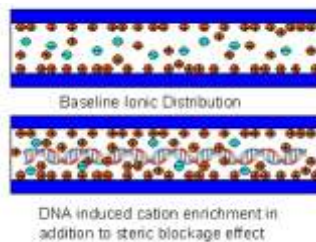
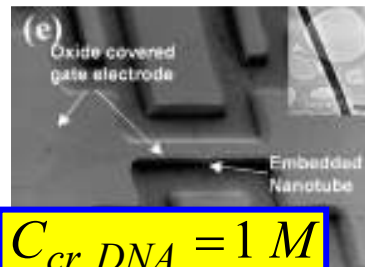


Dye used: Alexa Fluor® 488 cadaverine, sodium salt

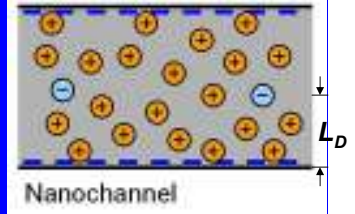
Surface Reactions



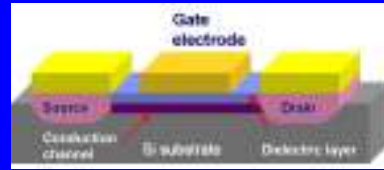
Single Molecule Transport



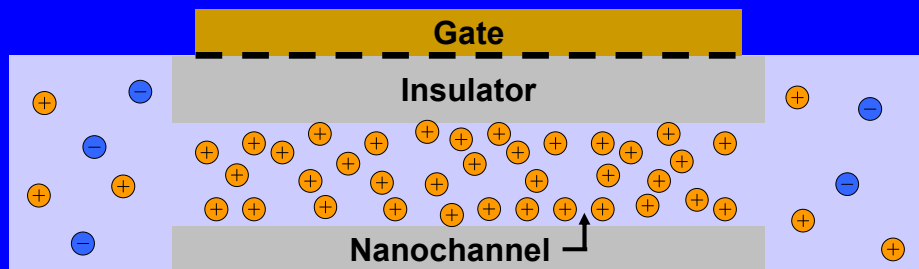
Nanofluidic Transistor



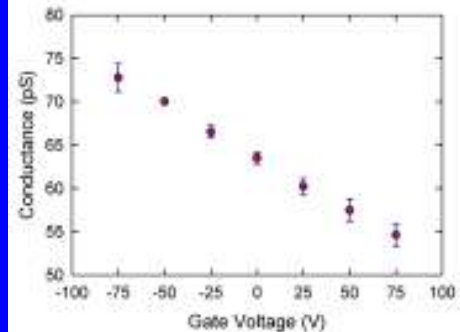
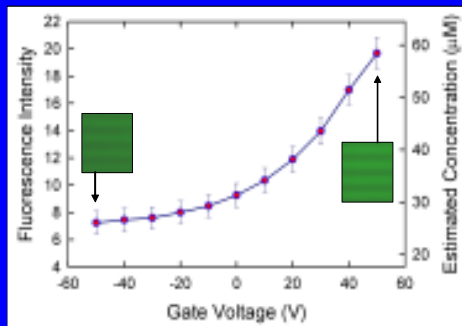
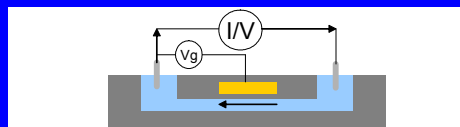
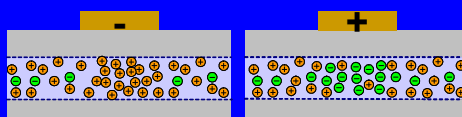
Debye length $\sim$ channel height



MOSFET



Field-Effect Flow Control



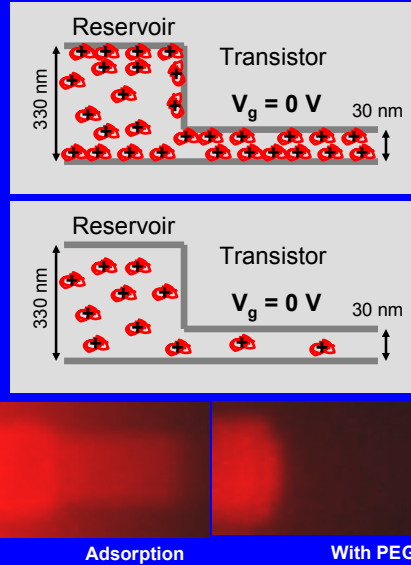
Dye used: Alexa Fluor® 488 cadaverine, sodium salt, 100 μ M in deionized water

Conductance measurements:
100 μ M KCl in deionized water

Karnik, Fan, et al. *Nano Lett.* (2005)

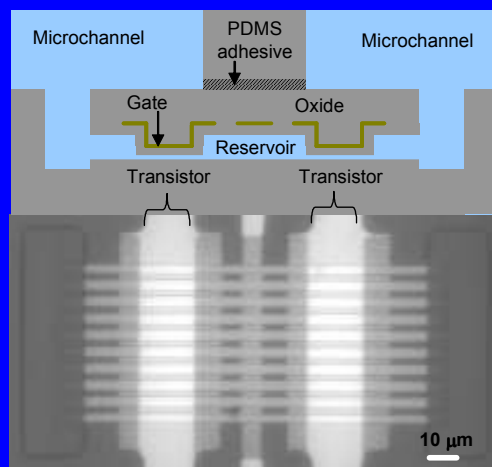
Control of Protein Transport

- Highly surface-active
 - Structural rearrangements
 - Hydrophobic interactions
 - Electrostatic interactions
- Field-effect control
 - Protein-repellant
 - Electrically neutral
 - Poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG)
 - Epoxy-silane + Ethanolamine



30 μM Alexa 488 avidin in 10 μM KCl

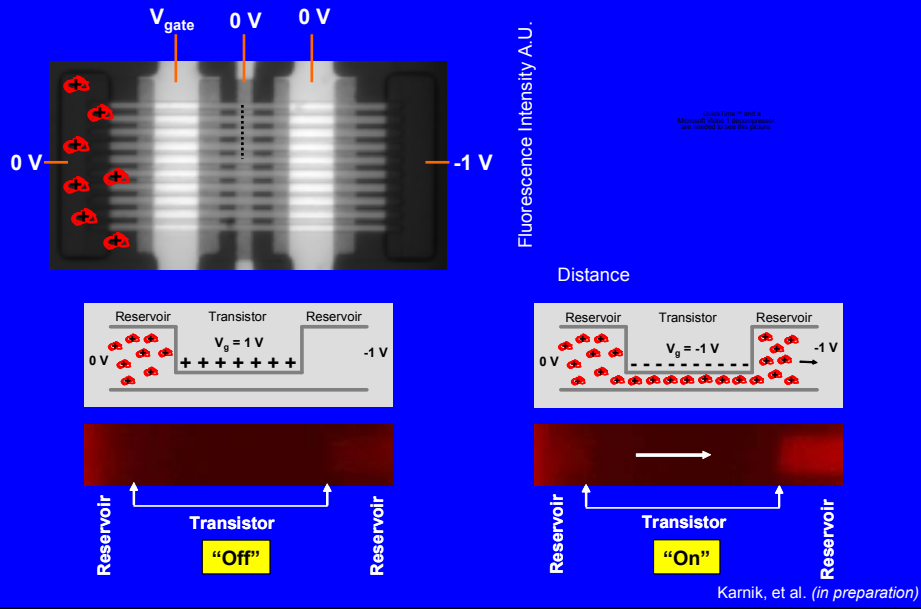
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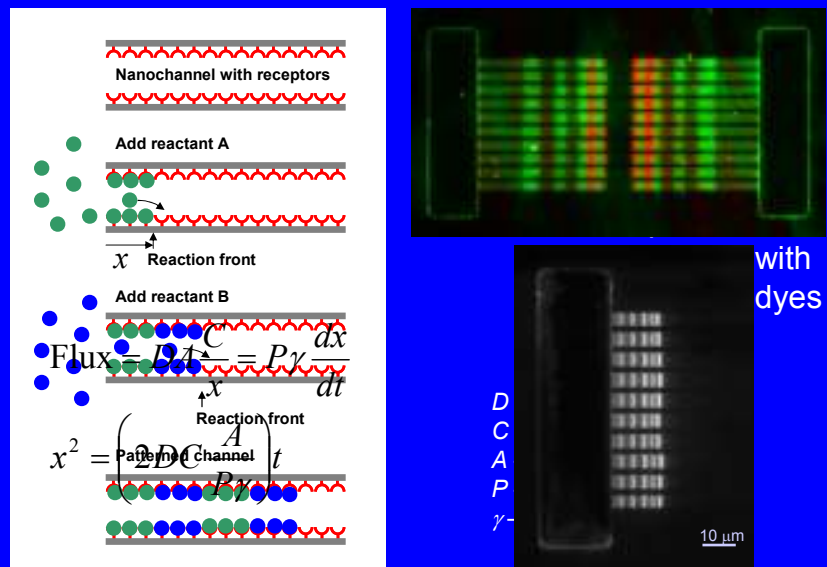
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Protein Flow Control



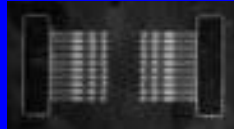
Molecular Patterning



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A
1 mg/ml
30 nm channel



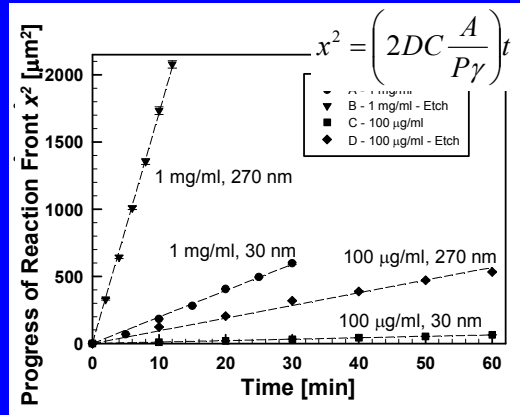
B
1 mg/ml
~270 nm channel



C
100 µg/ml
30 nm channel



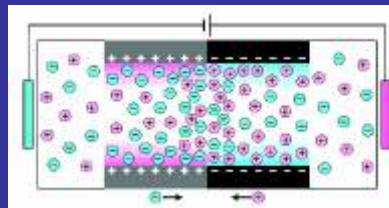
D
100 µg/ml
~270 nm channel



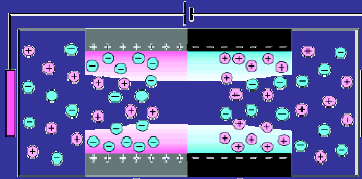
Patterning of molecules
Patterning of surface charge

Karnik, et al. (in preparation)

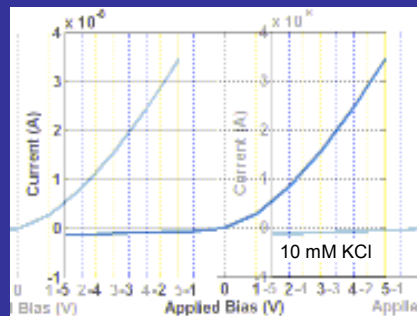
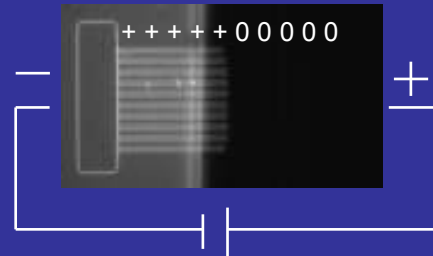
Rectification of Ionic Transport: Diode



Forward bias- Enhancement



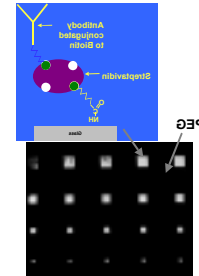
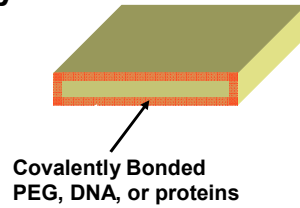
Reverse bias- Depletion
Daiguji et al. Nano Lett. (2005)



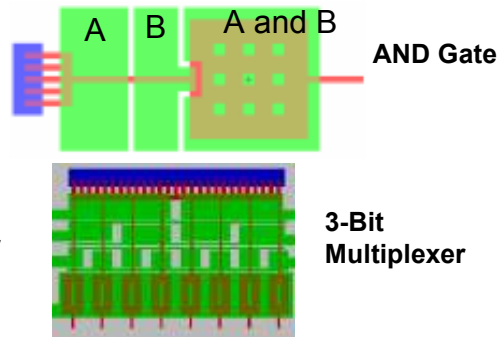
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On-Going Work

□ Surface Chemistry



□ Device Design



Systems Concept

Digital Electronics

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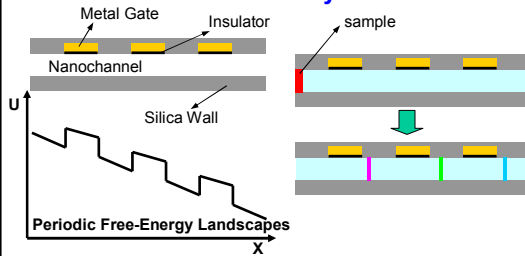


Integrated circuits for processing electronic information

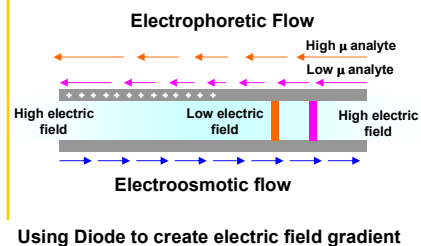


Programmable Molecular Router

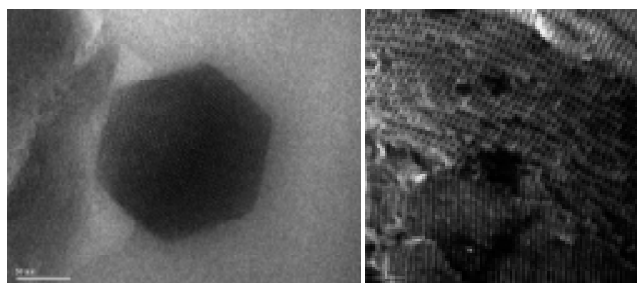
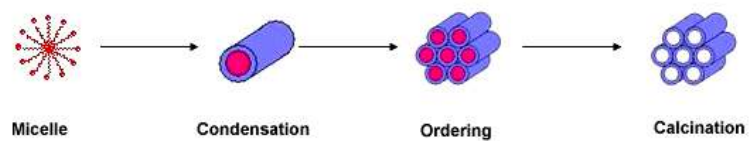
Molecular Sieving in Nanofluidic Transistor Array



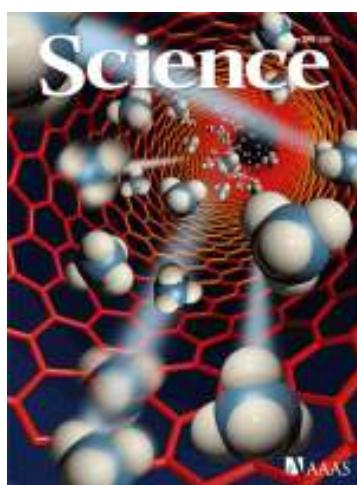
Electric Field Gradient Focusing in Nanofluidic Diode



Future Work



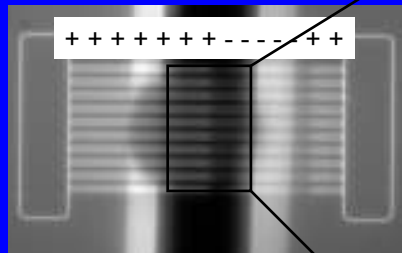
1-2 nm nanotubes



Gas and liquid flow in
sub-2 nm carbon
nanotube membrane

Holt et al., *Science* **312**; 1034 - 1037 (2006).

And then there are surprises...



100 μ M dye, 1 mM KCl, 0V

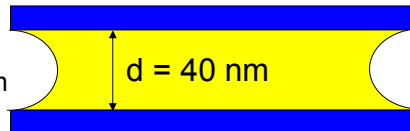
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100 μ M dye, 1 mM KCl, 10V

More Surprises!!

Evaporation

Surface
Tension: $\sigma = 0.07$ N/m



Capillary Pressure
 $P_c \sim \sigma/d \sim 10$ atm

Water

Acetone

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