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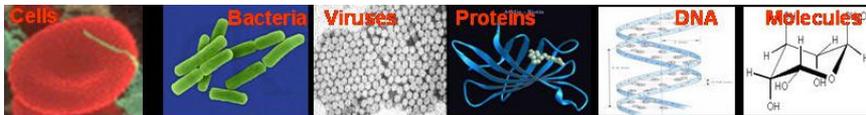
BIOCHIPS - Part II

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Key Topics

- Biochips/Biosensors and Device Fabrication
- Cells, DNA, Proteins
- **Micro-fluidics**
- **Biochip Sensors & Detection Methods**
- Micro-arrays
- Lab-on-a-chip Devices



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Continuous Fluid Flows

Navier Stokes Equation (dimensional form)

$$\rho \frac{DV}{Dt} = \rho \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial t} + \rho (\bar{V} \cdot \nabla) \bar{V} = \rho \bar{g} - \nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 V$$

Scale equation:

$$V = uV'; x = Lx'; p = \frac{\mu u}{L} p'; t = \frac{L}{u} t'$$

$$\text{Re} \frac{DV}{Dt} = \text{Re} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + (V \cdot \nabla) \bar{V} \right) = \text{Re} \cdot Fr^{-2} \frac{g}{|g|} - \nabla p + \nabla^2 V$$

$$\text{where } \text{Re} = \frac{\rho u L}{\mu}, Fr^{-2} = \frac{gL}{u^2}$$

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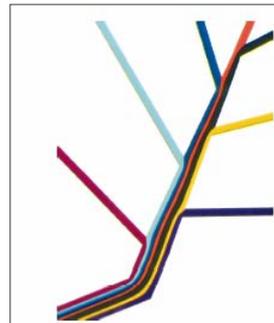
Dimensionless Parameters

- Assume water flow;
 $\mu=10^{-3} \text{ kg/(s-m)}$, $\rho=10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Length $\sim 10 \text{ }\mu\text{m}=10^{-5} \text{ m}$
- Velocity $\sim 1 \text{ mm/s}=10^{-3} \text{ m/s}$
- Then: $\text{Re}=10^{-2}$, $\text{Fr}^2=100$,
- N-S equation becomes Poisson Eqn

$$0 = -\nabla p + \nabla^2 V$$

Re in BioChips and Laminar Flow

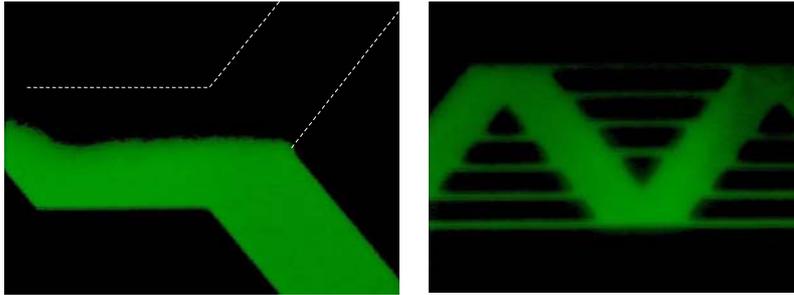
- Reynolds number, $\text{Re} = LV_{\text{avg}} \rho / \mu$
- **Re=inertial forces/viscous forces implies inertia relatively important**
 - L is the most relevant length scale,
 - μ is the viscosity, ρ is the fluid density,
 - V_{avg} is the average velocity of the flow.
- **Reduced Re**
 - Higher μ (molasses)
 - Reduce flow rate (traffic in Rome!)
 - Reduce L (i.e. micro devices)
- **Re is usually much less than 100, often less than 1.0 in micro devices**
- **Flow is completely laminar and no turbulence occurs.**



Whitesides et al., (Harvard)

Microfluidic Mixing

- Mixing only by diffusion (or novel structures using hydrodynamics)



Regnier, et al. Purdue

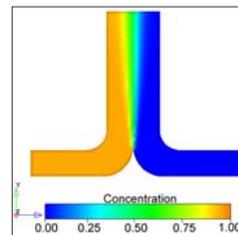
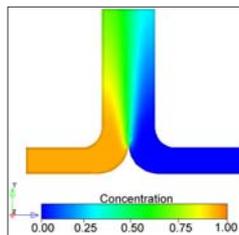
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Particle Separation

- Particle separation/filter in micro-fluidic devices - without a membrane
- Smaller particles will diffuse farther and will get separated from the flow
- Diffusion distance: $x^2 = 2Dt$ $D = \frac{k_b T}{6\pi\eta a}$
 - biotin ($D \sim 350 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$)
 - albumin ($D \sim 65 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$)



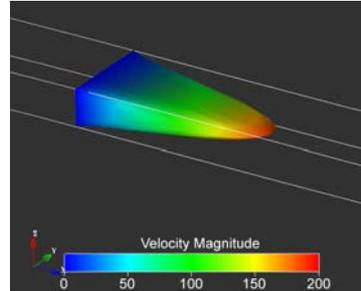
Yager (U. Washington)



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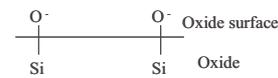
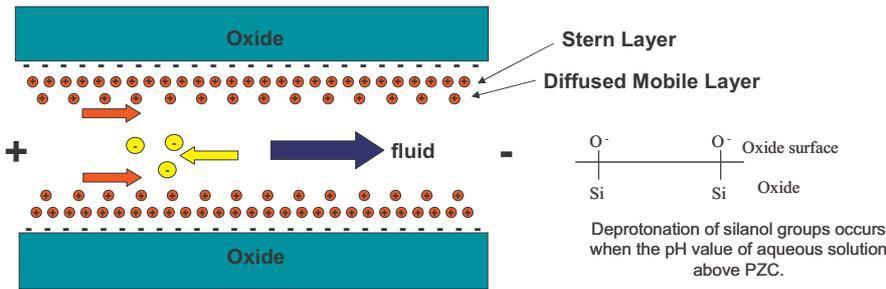
Microfluidic Flow

- Pressure driven flow
 - Parabolic profile
 - No-slip boundary condition (Velocity at interface is zero)
- Electrokinetic flow
 1. Electroosmosis (EOF)
 2. Electrophoresis (EP)
 3. Dielectrophoresis (DEP)



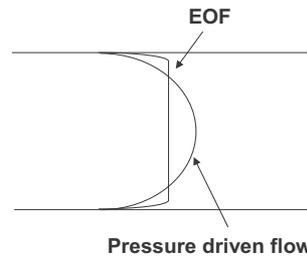
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Electroosmotic Flow

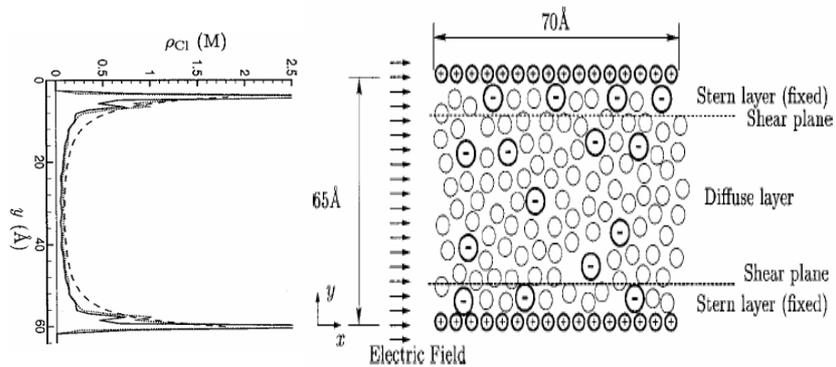


Deprotonation of silanol groups occurs when the pH value of aqueous solution above PZC.

- $Q_{\text{EOF}} = \epsilon E \zeta A / \eta$
- ζ = zeta potential, η = viscosity
- Charges at interface
- Counter ion accumulation at interface
- Results in plug flow
- Electrophoresis also takes place

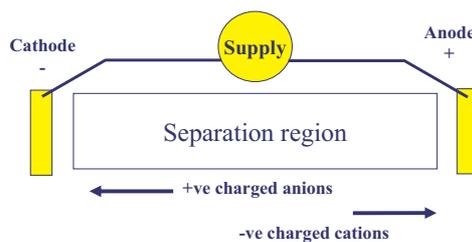


Electroosmotic Flow in Nano-channels



Surface was assumed positively charged. Concentration of Cl ions in bulk is 0.01 M. Concentrations near surface and at middle of channel are 3.21 M and 0.2 M, respectively. — simulation with uniformly charged wall atoms; - - - simulation with discrete wall atom charges. From Freund 2002.

Electrophoresis



- Electrophoresis: charged species drift when placed under an electric field
- $v = -\mu dV/dx$
 - v - electrophoretic velocity
 - μ - electrophoretic mobility
 - dV/dx = applied electric field

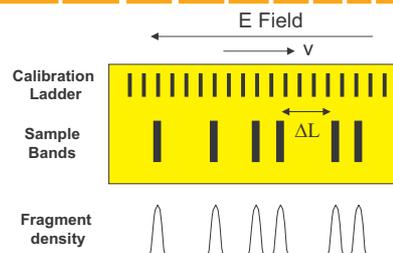
DNA Gel Electrophoresis

- DNA has phosphate backbone which is negatively charged - hence DNA drifts in an E-field
- The charge/mass (e/m) ratio is constant hence electrophoretic mobility is independent of size in liquid medium.
- Thus, another sieving medium is needed where separation can take place due to difference in length.
- The separation region is filled with a gel - sieving matrix with pores through which the DNA molecules can traverse.
- The field stretches the molecules and they move in a snake-like fashion through the pores of the gel.
- μ in gels is inversely proportional to log of fragment size (sieving effect)
- Polyacrylamide gel is used to separate DNA molecules of 10-500 bases - pores are small
- Agarose gel is used to separate larger molecules (300-10,000 base pairs)

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DNA Electrophoresis

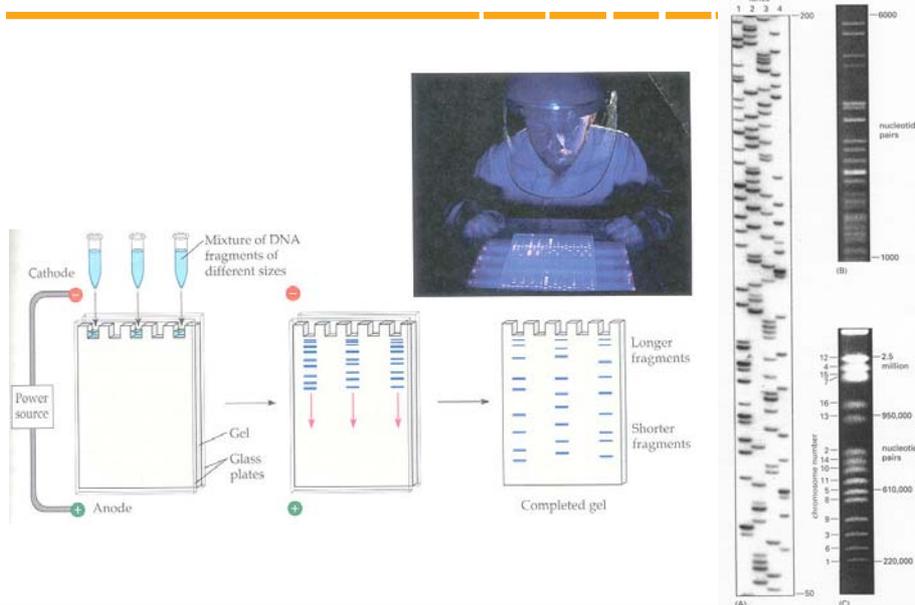
- Separation $\Delta L = \Delta\mu E t$
- Resolution of separation is measured by planes N ,
 - $N = (\# \text{ of distinguishable bands within the length of the gel})^2$
 - $N = \mu V / 2D$
 - D is the diffusion coefficient



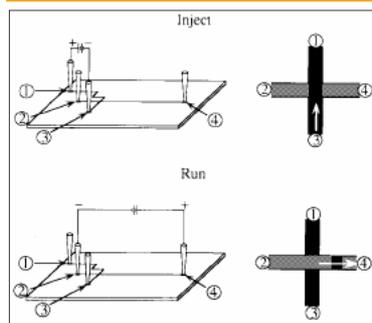
- Higher voltages increase resolution but Joule heating is an issue and needs to be considered
- Separation can also be done in capillaries since higher fields can be used (higher velocities and shorter times)

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DNA Electrophoresis



DNA Electrophoresis in a Chip



- Small sample size
- Higher fields, higher velocities
- Faster results

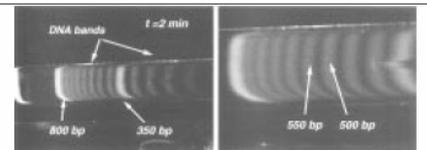
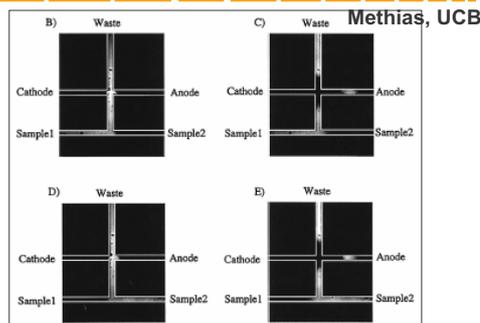
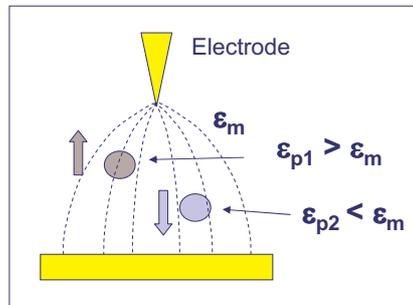


Fig. 22. Injection and separation of DNA fragments on integrated device. The channel is $500 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$ (50 bp ladder, $0.13 \mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$, SYBR Green, 8 V/cm, 10%T:2.6%C polyacrylamide) [136].

Mastrangelo, Burns, Univ. of Michigan

Dielectrophoresis

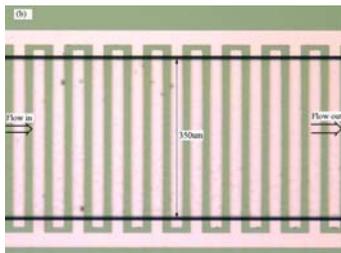


Simplest approximation:

$$F = 2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_m r^3 \text{Re}[f_{CM}] |\nabla|E_{RMS}|^2$$

$$f_{CM}(\epsilon_p, \epsilon_m) = \frac{\epsilon_p - \epsilon_m}{\epsilon_p + 2\epsilon_m} \quad \epsilon_p = \epsilon(\omega)$$

Dielectrophoresis on Interdigitated Electrodes

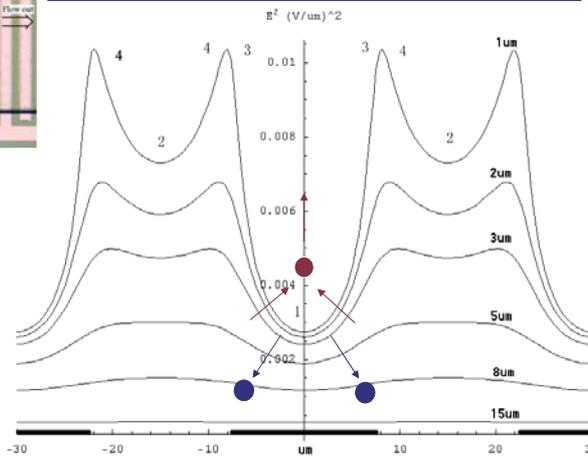


Interdigitated electrodes on a chip

Polystyrene beads : $\epsilon_p < \epsilon_m \rightarrow$ negative DEP

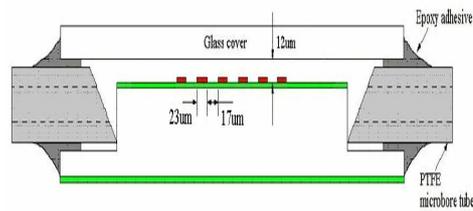
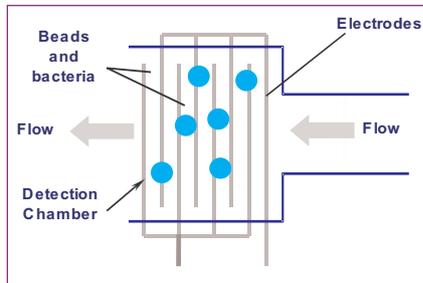
Cells : $\epsilon_p < \epsilon_m \rightarrow$ Negative DEP

Cells : $\epsilon_p > \epsilon_m \rightarrow$ Positive DEP

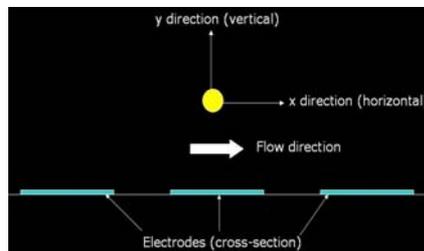


H. Li and R. Bashir, Sensors and Actuators, 2002, JMEMS, 2004

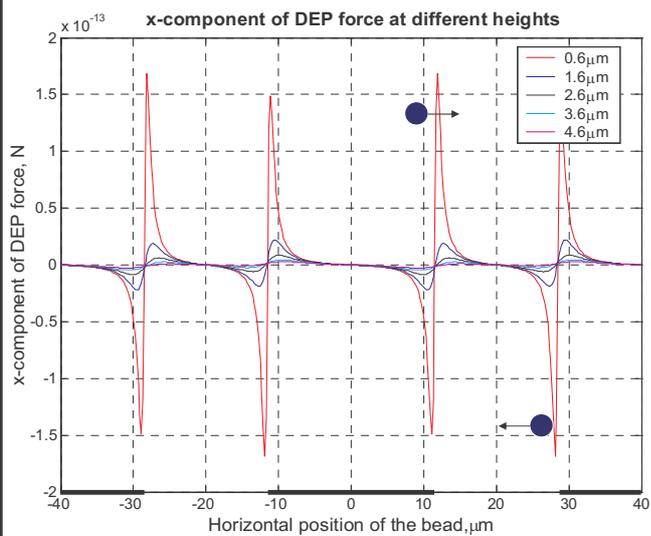
A Dielectrophoretic Filter



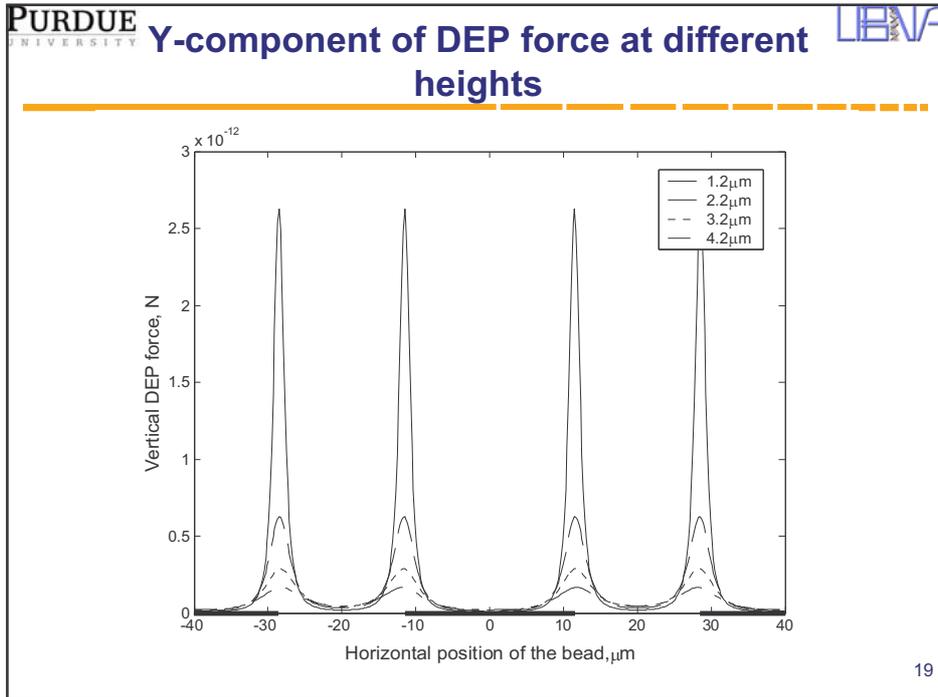
Schematic of the device cross-section



X-component of DEP force at different heights



- Bead diameter: 0.7 μm
- Bead conductivity: $2e-4$ S/m
- Relative permittivity of bead: 2.6
- Bead density: 1.05 g/cm³
- Medium (DI water) conductivity: 2.5 S/m
- Relative permittivity of medium: 80
- Medium density: 1.0 g/cm³
- Voltage: 1Vrms
- Frequency: 580KHz 18



PURDUE UNIVERSITY **Forces on a particle in a micro-fluidic flow** 

- 1. DEP Force
- 2. Sedimentation Force

$$F_{\text{sed}} = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 (\rho_p - \rho_m) g$$

- 3. Hydrodynamic Drag Force:

$$F_{\text{HD-drag}} \approx 6 \pi \kappa R \eta (v_m - v_p)$$

- Assume a parabolic laminar flow profile:

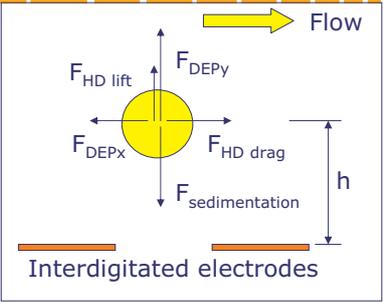
$$v = 6 \langle v \rangle \frac{x}{h} \left(1 - \frac{x}{h} \right) \quad \langle v \rangle = \frac{U}{wh}$$

U: flow rate in $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$

- 4. Hydrodynamic lifting force

$$F_{\text{HD-lift}} \approx 0.153 R^2 \eta \left. \frac{1}{(x-R)} \cdot \frac{dv_m}{dx} \right|_{x=0}$$

- Two orders of magnitude smaller than typical DEP lifting force
- Neglected here



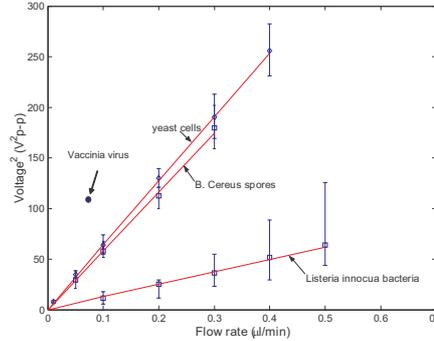
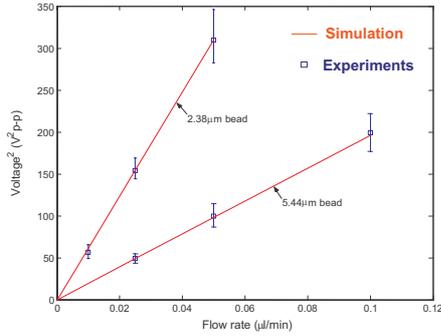
Flow

Interdigitated electrodes

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Trapping of beads (- DEP) and microorganisms (+ DEP)

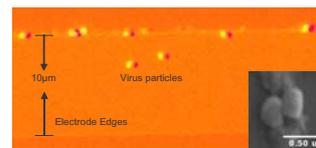
Holding voltage of the negative DEP traps on interdigitated electrodes versus flow rate for polystyrene beads with different diameters in DI water (conductivity $\sim 1.5 \mu\text{S/cm}$) at 1MHz



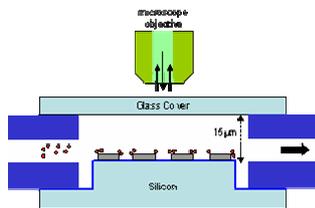
H. Li, Y. Zheng, D. Akin, R. Bashir, submitted to IEEE/ASME JMEMS 21

Dielectrophoretic Trapping of Vaccinia virus (positive DEP)

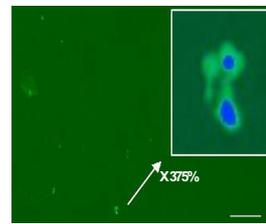
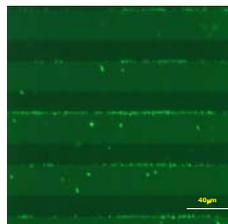
- Fluorescent imaging of nano-scale virus particles (Vaccinia virus and Human Corona Virus)
- Trapping of viruses in DEP filters
- Dual labeling of viruses with fluorescent dyes



The dual (DiOC63, green and DiI, red) labelled viral particles

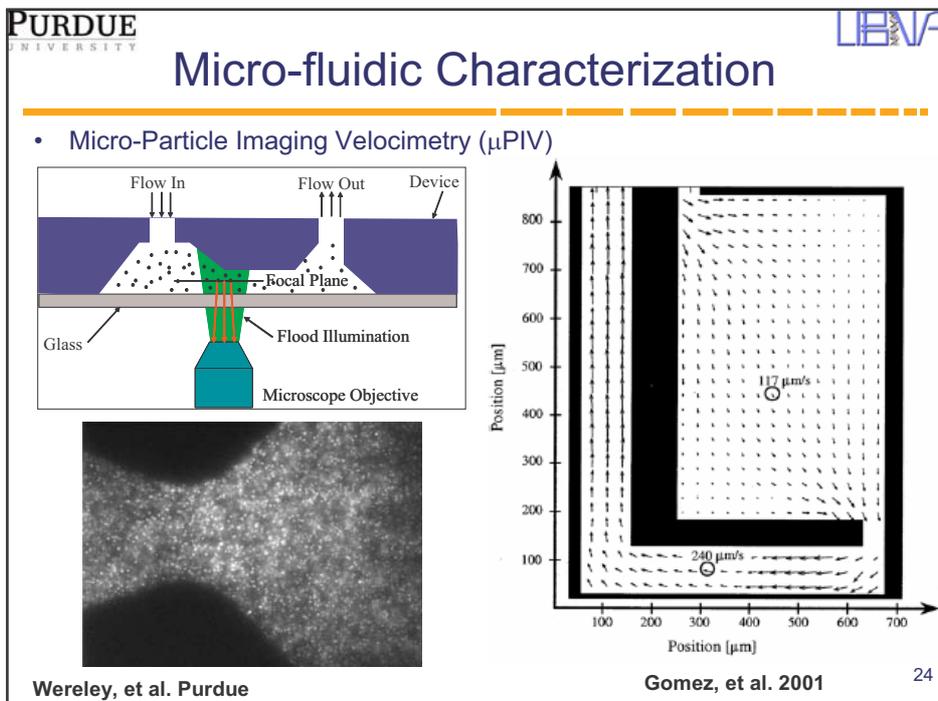
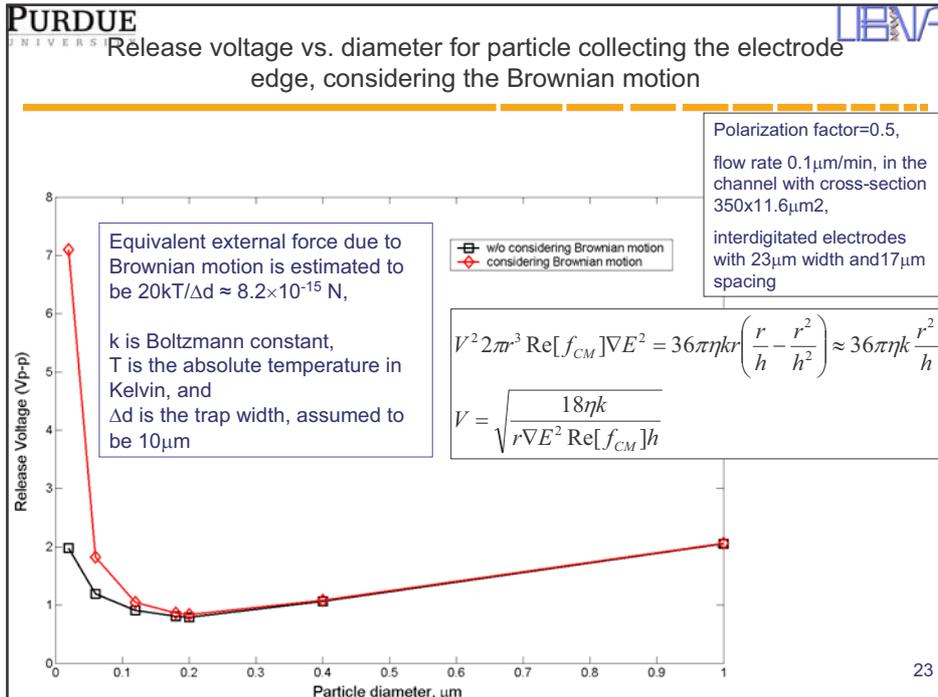


Virus Size $\sim 250 \times 350 \text{nm}$
 Picture taken at: 10Vpp, 1MHz, DI water
 $\sim 1.5 \mu\text{S/cm}$, flow rate $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{l/min}$



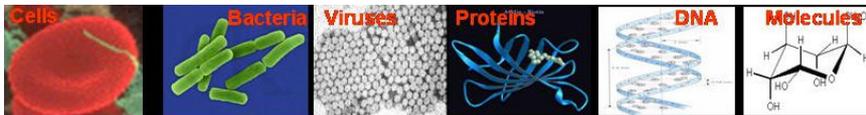
400x magnification: viral surface lipid membrane labeled green (DiOC63) and viral nucleic acids were stained blue (Hoechst 33342 stain) 22

D. Akin, H. Li, R. Bashir, *Nano Letters*, 4, pp. 257-259, 2004



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Biochip Sensors

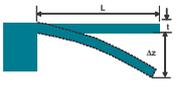
- Detect cells (mammalian, plant, etc.), microorganisms (bacteria, etc.), viruses, proteins, DNA, small molecules
- Use optical, electrical, mechanical approaches at the micro and nanoscale in biochip sensors

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Sensing Methods in BioChips

Mechanical Detection

Surface Stress Change Detection



$$\Delta z = 4 \left(\frac{L}{t} \right)^2 \frac{(1-\nu)}{E} (\Delta\sigma_1 - \Delta\sigma_2)$$

- Δz = deflection of the free end of the cantilever
- L = cantilever length
- t = cantilever thickness
- E = Young's modulus
- ν = poisson's ratio
- $\Delta\sigma_1$ change in surface stress on top surface
- $\Delta\sigma_2$ change in surface stress on bottom surface

Mass Change Detection



$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

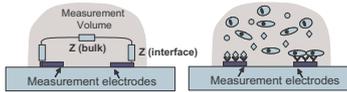
$$\Delta m = \frac{k}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{f_1^2} - \frac{1}{f_0^2} \right)$$

- k = spring constant
- m = mass of cantilever
- f_0 = unloaded resonant frequency
- f_1 = loaded resonant frequency

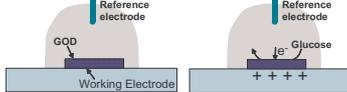
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Electrical Detection

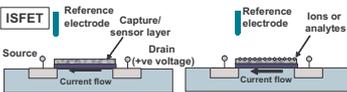
Conductometric Detection



Amperometer Detection

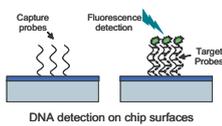


Potentiometric Detection

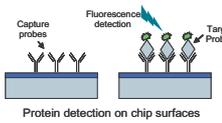


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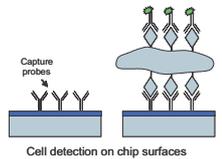
Optical Detection



DNA detection on chip surfaces



Protein detection on chip surfaces



Cell detection on chip surfaces

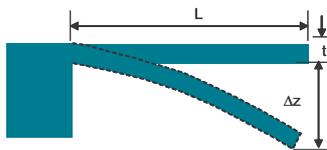
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1. Microcantilever Stress Sensors

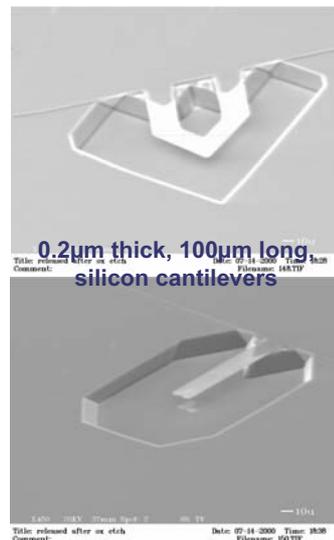
Mechanical Detection

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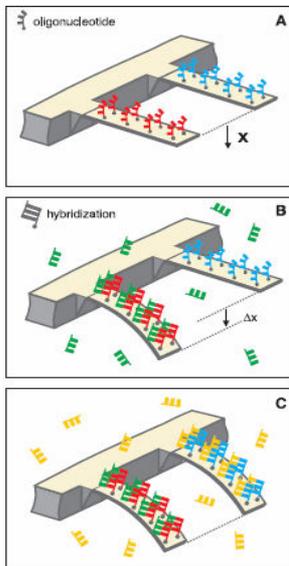


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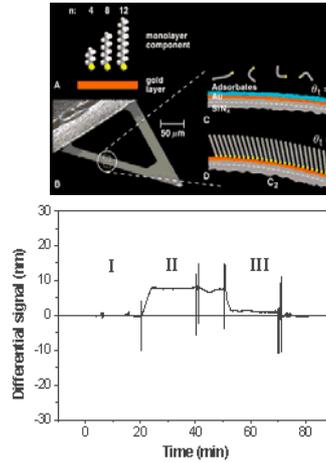
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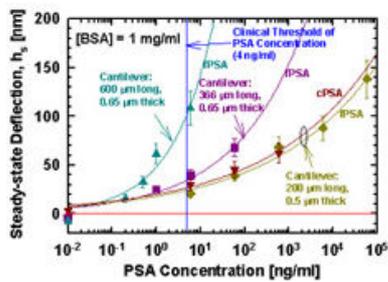


IBM Zurich Research: DNA Detection

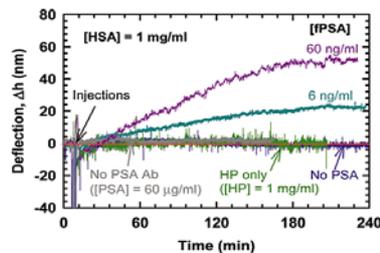
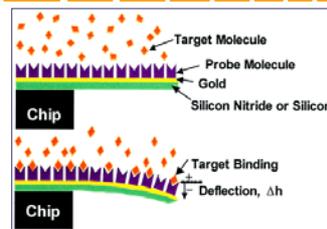


Fritz et al, *Science*, 288, April 2000

Detection of PSA, Prostate Specific Antigen (cancer marker protein in blood)

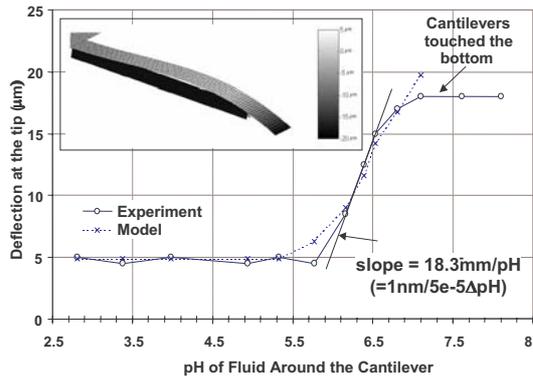
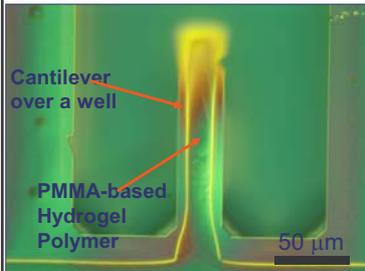


- PSA ~ 30kDa ~ 30 x 1e3 x 1.66e-24gm
- In 1ng/ml ~ 2e10 molecules/ml
- Area of 20um x 60um, each protein 10nm x 10nm \rightarrow ~1e8 proteins



Polymer/Silicon Cantilever Sensors

- Environmentally sensitive micro-patterned polymer structures on cantilevers
- Hydrogel patterned on cantilever and then exposed to varying pH



- ΔpH = 1-10e-5
- pH = 6.5 → ~ 1.9e5 H⁺ in 1000 μm³
- ΔpH = 5e-4 → change of ~ 150 H⁺

R. Bashir, J.Z. Hilt, A. Gupta, O. Elibol, and N.A. Peppas, Applied Physics Letters, Oct 14th, 2002;
 J. Zachary Hilt, Amit K. Gupta, Rashid Bashir, Nicholas A. Peppas Biomedical Microdevices, September 2003, Volume 5, Issue 3, 31
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2. Microcantilever Mass Sensors

Unloaded Resonant Frequency :

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m^*}}$$

Spring constant for a rectangular shaped cantilever beam: $k = \frac{Et^3w}{4l^3}$

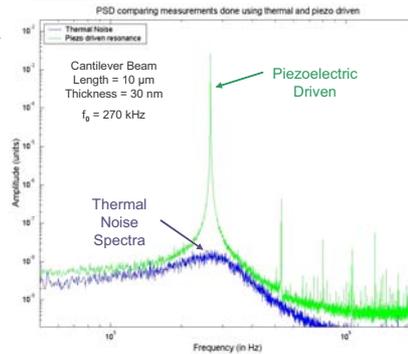
Loaded Resonant frequency : $f_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m^* + \delta m}}$

δm is the added mass

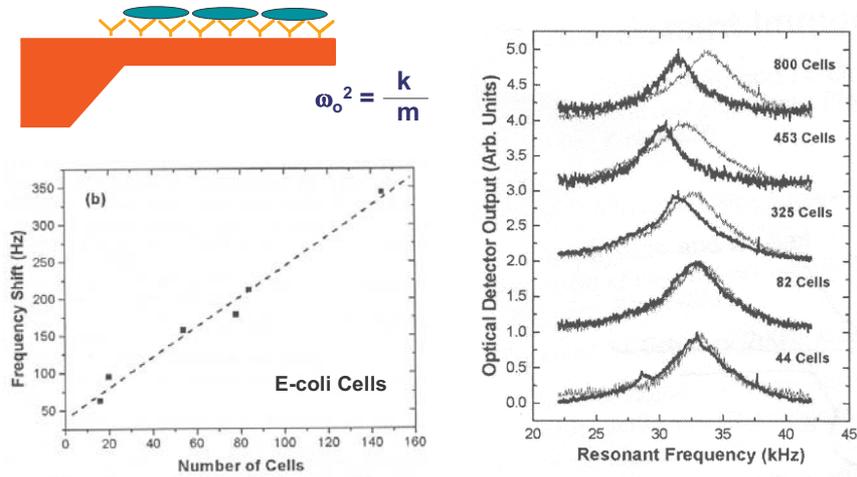
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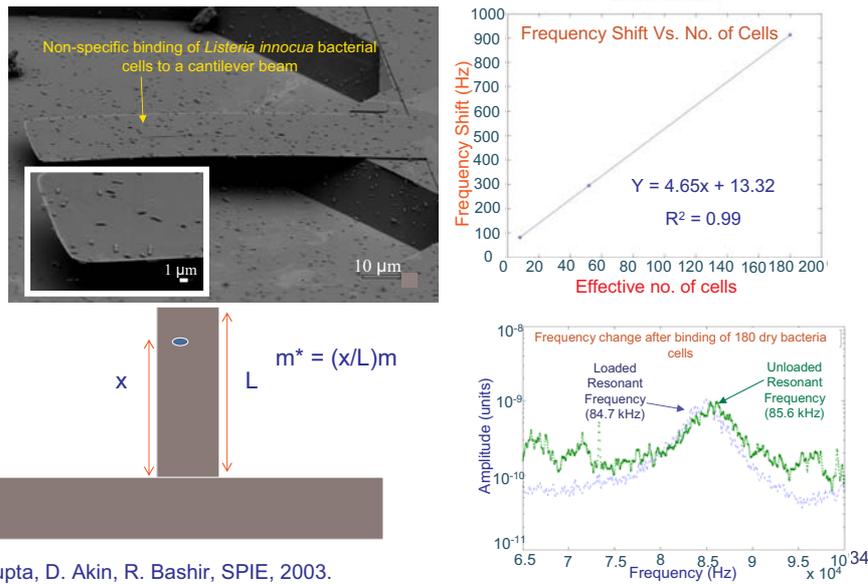


Detection of Bacterial Mass

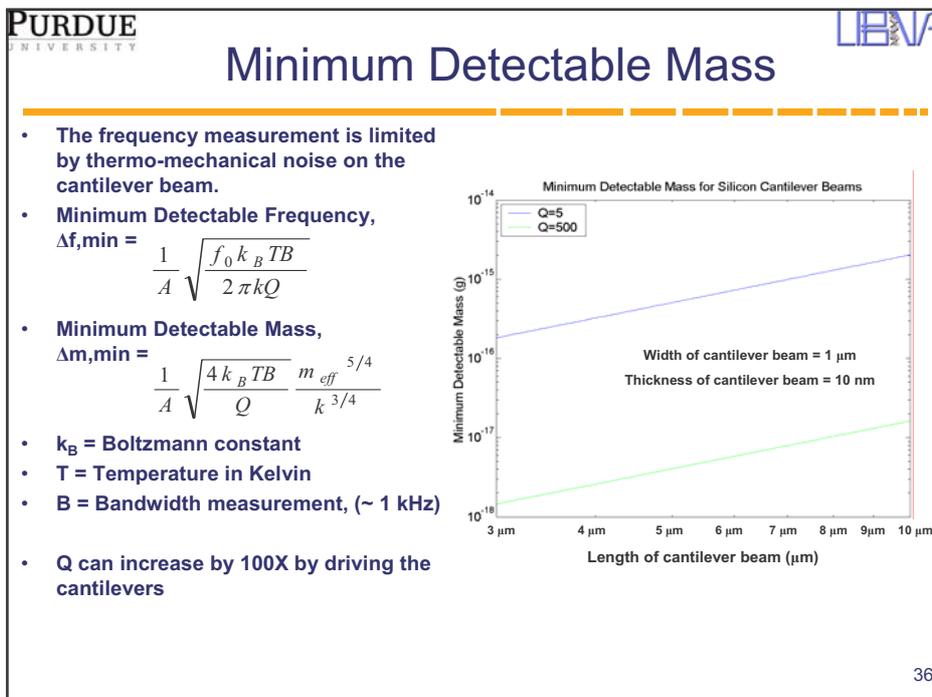
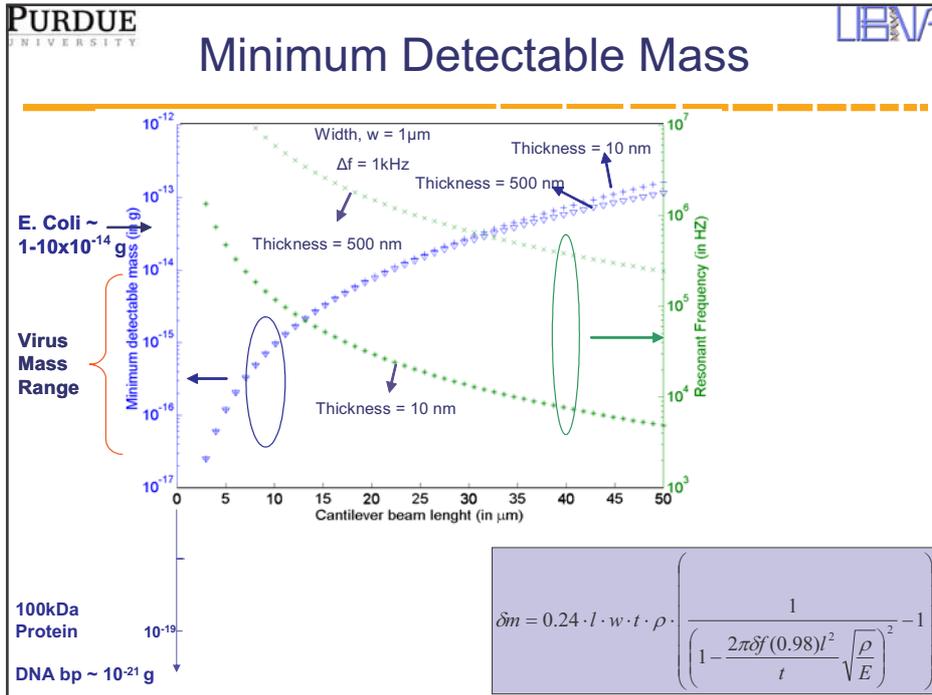


Craighead, et al. APL, 77, 3, 17th July 2001, 450-452

Detection of Listeria Cell Mass



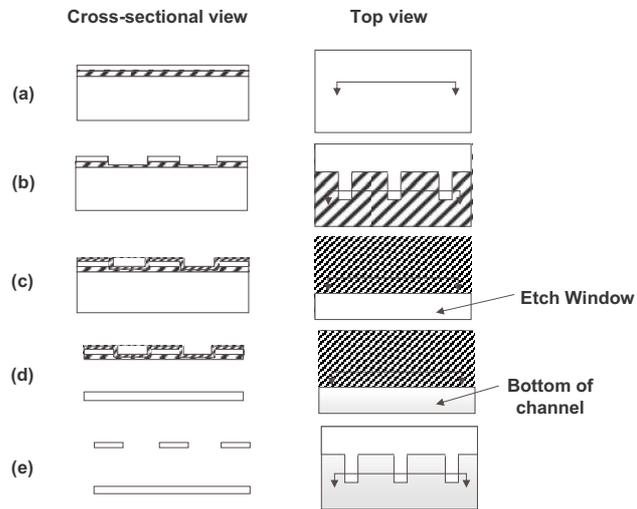
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Fabrication Process Flow

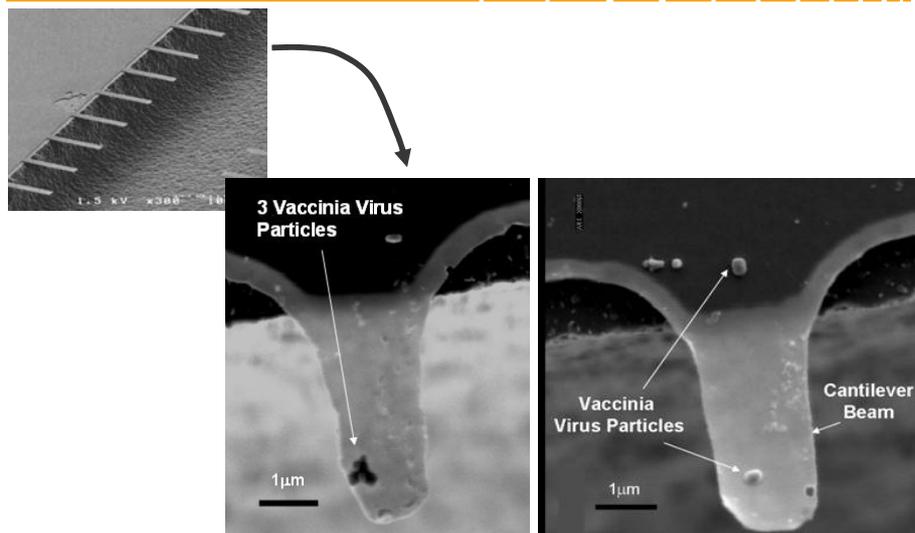
Materials Legend

-  Silicon
-  Silicon dioxide
-  PECVD Silicon dioxide



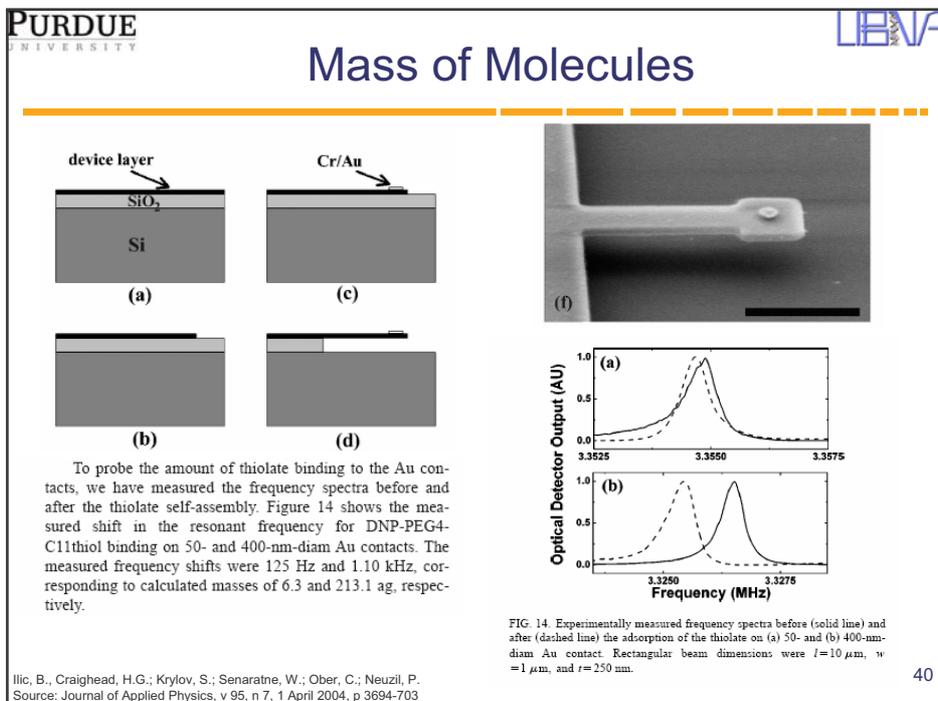
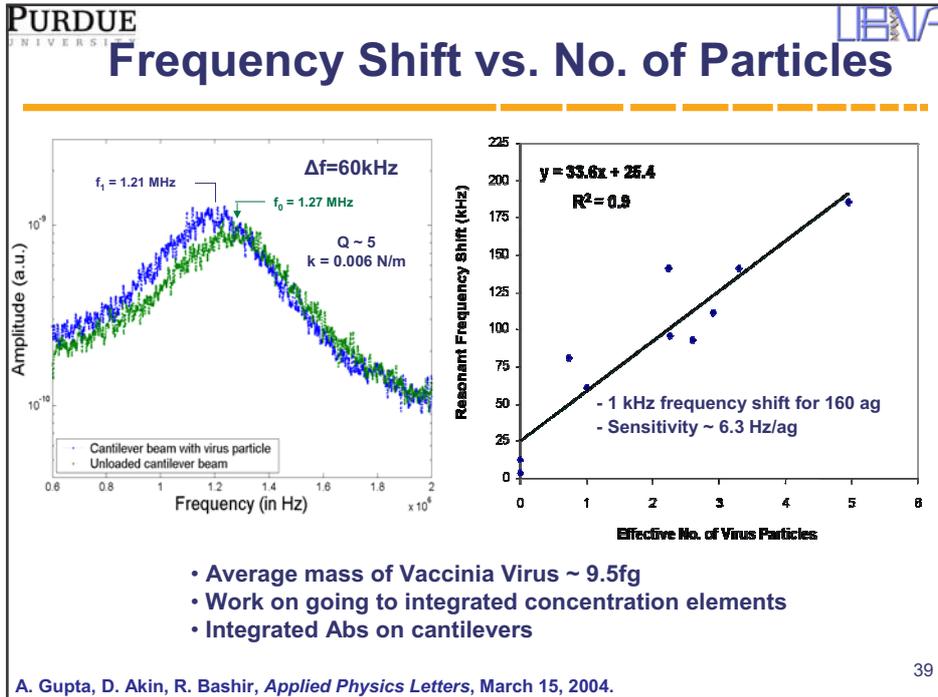
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SEM Pictures of Cantilevers



A. Gupta, D. Akin, R. Bashir, *Applied Physics Letters*, March 15, 2004.

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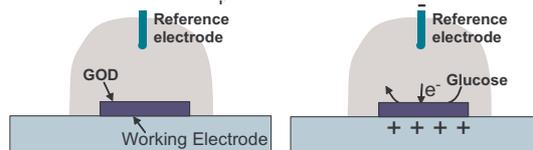


Electrical/Electrochemical Detection

1. amperometric biochips, which involves the electric current associated with the electrons involved in redox processes,
2. potentiometric biochips, which measure a change in potential at electrodes due to ions or chemical reactions at an electrode (such as an ion Sensitive FET), and
3. conductometric biochips, which measure conductance changes associated with changes in the overall ionic medium between the two electrodes.

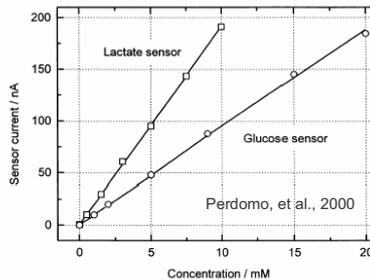
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1. Amperometric Detection



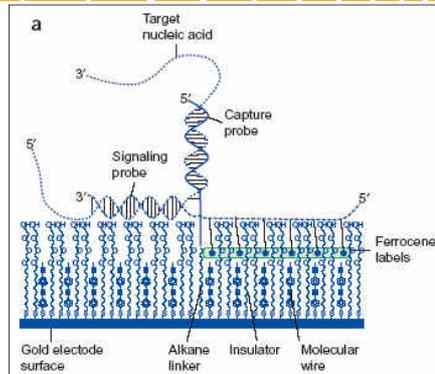
hydrogen peroxide is reduced at -600mV at Ag/AgCl anode reference electrode.

- Detection of Glucose, Lactate, Urea, etc.
- Enzyme entrapped in a gel
- Surface regeneration and sensor reusability

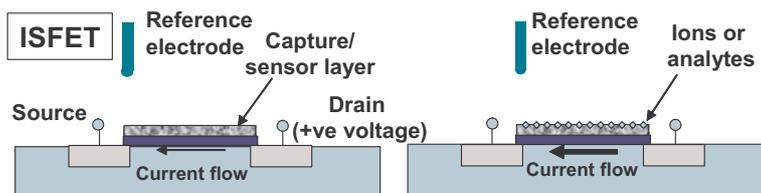


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- Capture probes are attached to electrodes.
- Target DNA binds to complementary probes
- DNA sequences, called signaling probes, with electronic labels attach to them (ferrocene-modified DNA oligonucleotides, $E_{1/2}$ of 0.120 V vs. Ag/AgCl, act as signaling probes).
- Binding of the target sequence to both the capture probe and the signaling probe connects the electronic labels to the surface.
- The labels transfer electrons to the electrode surface, producing a characteristic signal.

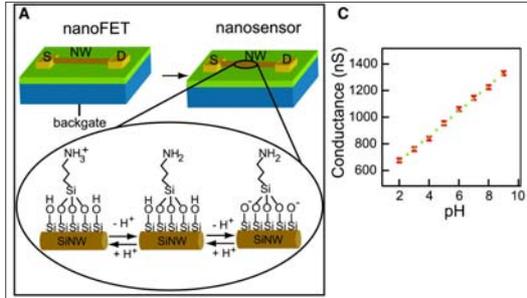


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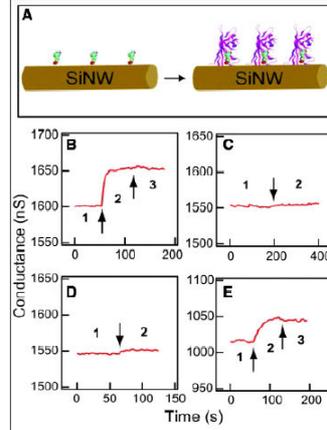


- ISFETs, ChemFETs, etc.
- Potential difference between the gate and the reference electrode in the solution
- Change in potential converted to a change in current by a FET or to a change in capacitance in low doped silicon
- Gate material is sensitive to specific targets
- pH, Ions, Charges

Nanoscale pH Sensors



- Label Free !!
- Detection of pH change
- Detection of protein binding



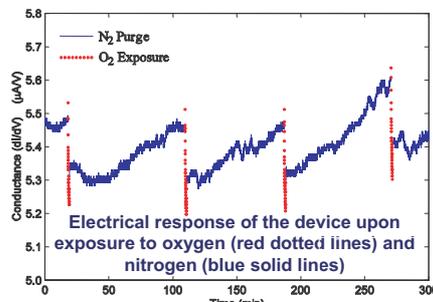
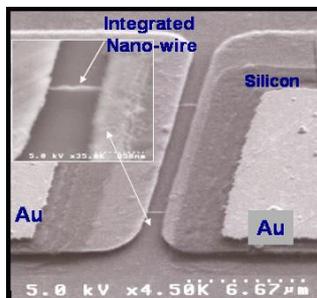
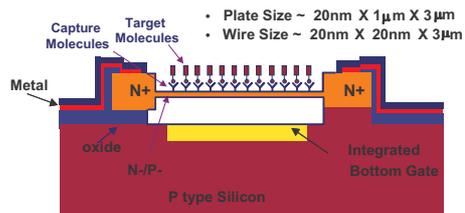
- Streptavidin binding detection down to at least **10 pM**.
- Substantially lower than the nanomolar range demonstrated by other procedures.

Y. Cui, Q. Wei, H. Park, and C.M. Lieber. Nanowire nanosensors for highly sensitive and selective detection of biological and chemical species. *Science*, 293:1289-1292, 2001.

Integrated Silicon Nanowire Sensors

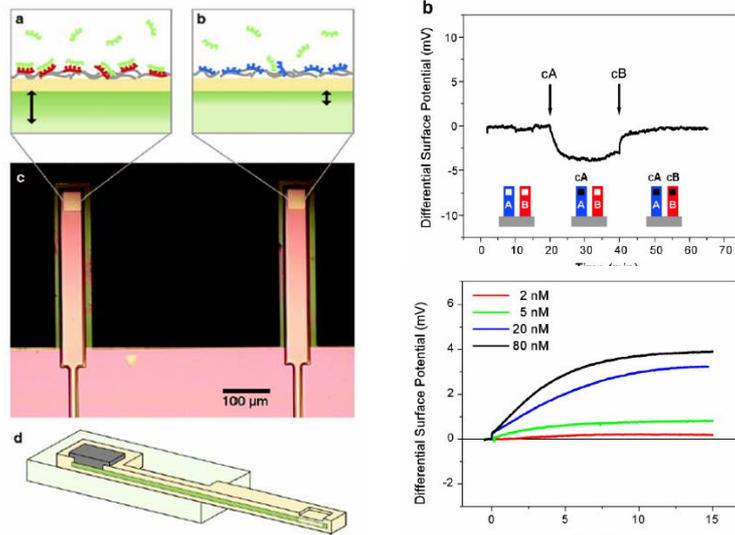
Objectives:

- Bio-sensors with electronic output
- Capability of dense arrays integrated with ULSI silicon
- Direct Label Free Detection of DNA and Proteins



O. H. Elibol, D. Morisette, D. Akin, R. Bashir, Applied Physics Letters. Volume 83, Issue 22, pp. 4613-4615, December 1, 2003

Field Effect Sensing of DNA

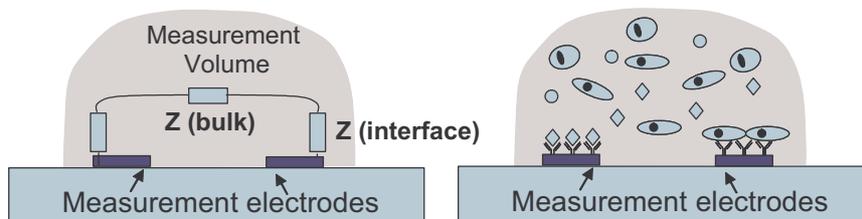


J. Fritz, Emily B. Cooper, Suzanne Gaudet, Peter K. Sorger, and Scott R. Manalis, Electronic detection of DNA by its intrinsic molecular charge, PNAS 2002 99: 14142-14146.

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3. Conductometric Biochips

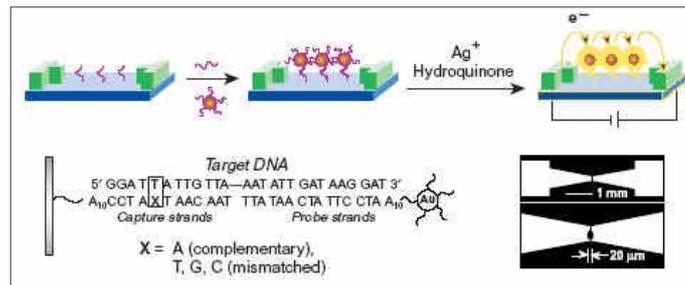
- Conductometric sensors measure the changes in the electrical impedance between two electrodes, where the changes can be at an interface or in the bulk region and can be used to indicate biomolecular reaction between DNA, Proteins, and antigen/antibody reaction, or excretion of cellular metabolic products.



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Nanoparticle Mediated DNA Detection

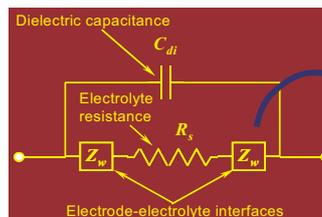
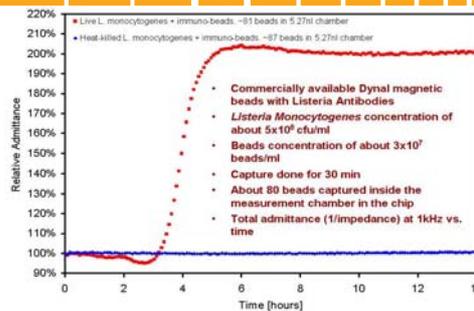
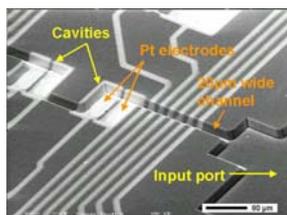
- Au nanoparticles assemble between two electrodes if DNA is hybridized
- Silver staining of the Au nanoparticles
- Conductance changes between micro-scale electrodes indicate DNA hybridization
- Sensitivity of 5×10^{-13} M shown



Park, S.-J.; Taton, T. A.; Mirkin, C. A. Array-Based Electrical Detection of DNA Using Nanoparticle Probes, *Science*, 2002, 295, 1503-1506.

Micro-fluidic Devices for Conductance Detection of Bacterial Metabolism

- Detection of Cell Growth by measuring their metabolic activity in micro-fluidic devices



Electrode-Electrolyte Interface Model:

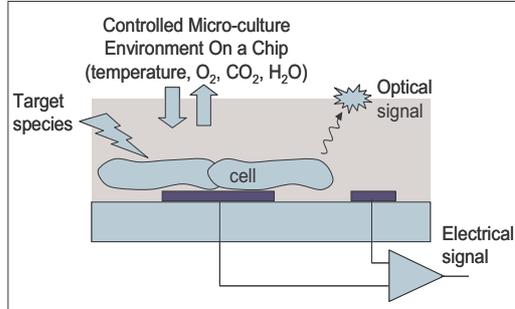
$$Z_w = \frac{1}{(j\omega)^n B}$$

Constant-angle impedance

R. Gomez, et al., *Biomedical Micro-Devices*, vol. 3, no. 3, p. 201-209, 2001.
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4. Cell-Based Sensors/Biochips

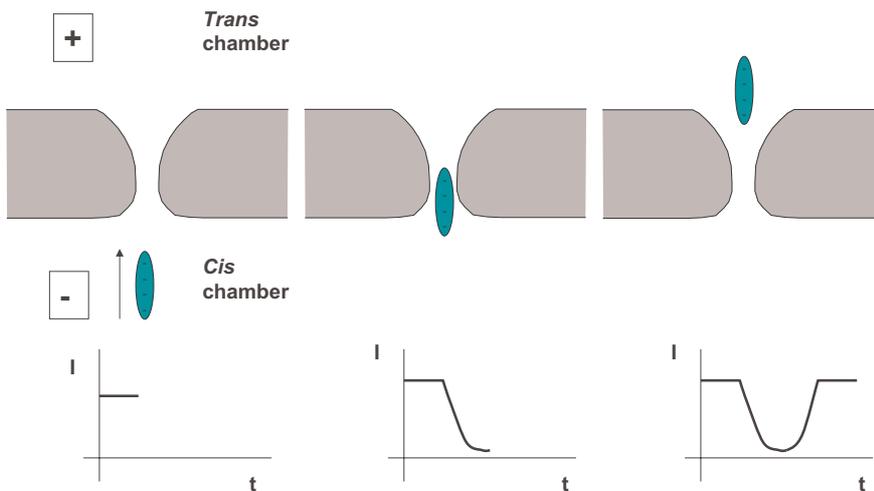
- The transductions of the cell sensor signals may be achieved by:
 - the measurement of transmembrane and cellular potentials,
 - impedance changes,
 - metabolic activity,
 - analyte inducible emission of genetically engineered reporter signals, and
 - optically by means of fluorescence or luminescence.



L. Bousse, Whole cell biosensors, Sensors and Actuators B (Chemical), Vol. B34, No. 1-3, August 1996, pp. 270-5.
 J.J. Pancrazio, J.P. Whelan, D.A. Borkholder, W. Ma, D.A. Stenger, Development and application of cell-based biosensors, Annals of Biomedical Engineering, Vol. 27, No. 6, November 1999, pp. 697-711.
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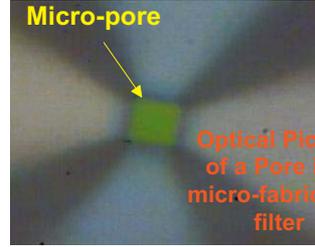
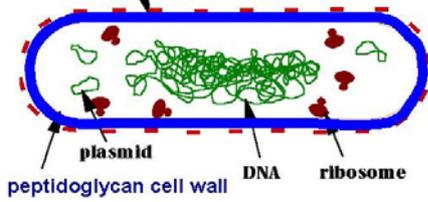
5. Micro/Nano-scale Coulter Counter



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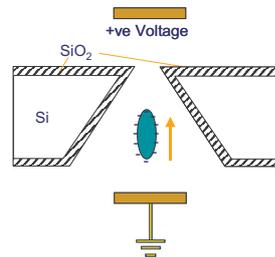
Micro-pore for cellular studies

Negative charges



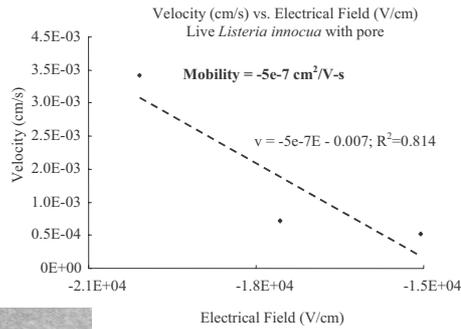
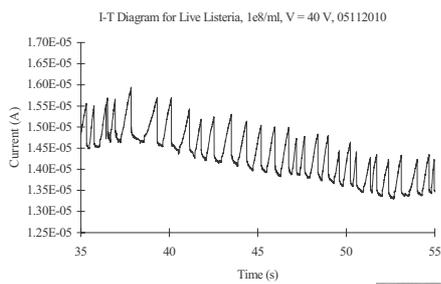
Optical Picture of a Pore in a micro-fabricated filter

- Micro-devices for single cell characterization – utilize the charge properties
- Micro-fabricate a pore where single entity can pass



Cross section of micro-fabricated pore

Microscale Coulter Counter



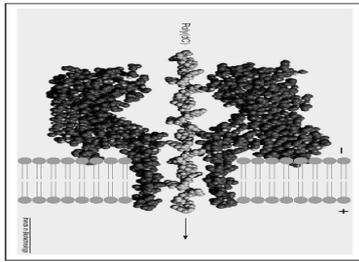
Live *Listeria innocua* with a well-defined cell wall



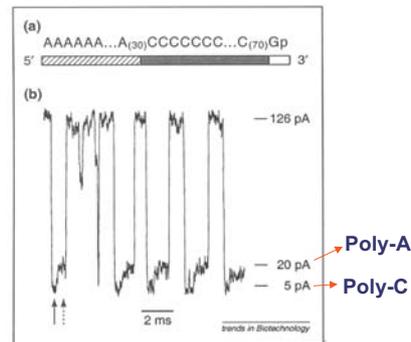
H. Chang, A. Ikram, T. Geng, F. Kosari, G. Vasmatzis, A. Bhunia, and R. Bashir, "Electrical characterization of microorganisms using microfabricated devices", Journal of Vacuum Society and Technology B, 20, 2058 (2002).

Nanoscale DNA Coulter Counter

- α -hemolysin channel, a biological protein based-pore, was utilized.
- Pore size is 2.6 nm.
- Both RNA and DNA molecules were observed traversing the nanochannel.



α -hemolysin nanochannel
The model of DNA passing through an α -hemolysin channel.

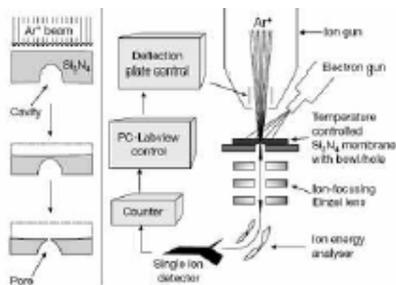


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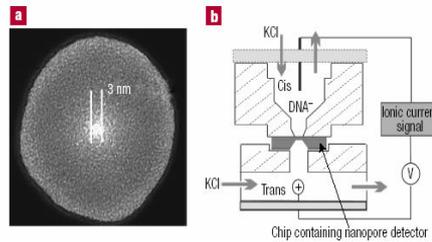
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Fabrication Techniques

- Solid-state based nanopore. Made in silicon nitride membrane.
- Pore size: 3 nm and 10 nm.
- The relation among DNA lengths and translocation times and applied biases were determined.



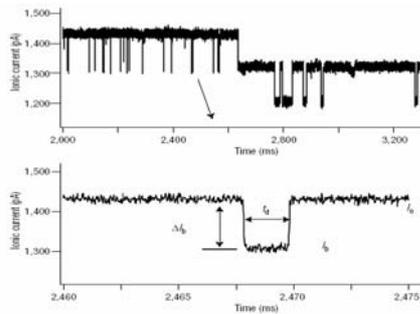
The fabrication of Li's nanopore. From *Li et. al. Nature, 2001*.



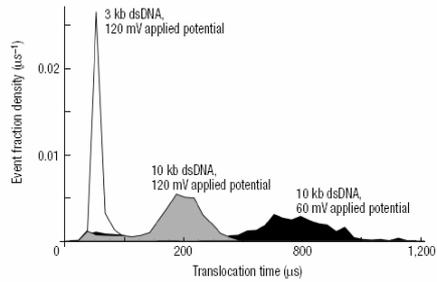
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DNA Translocation



Current fluctuations when DNA was passing through the pore

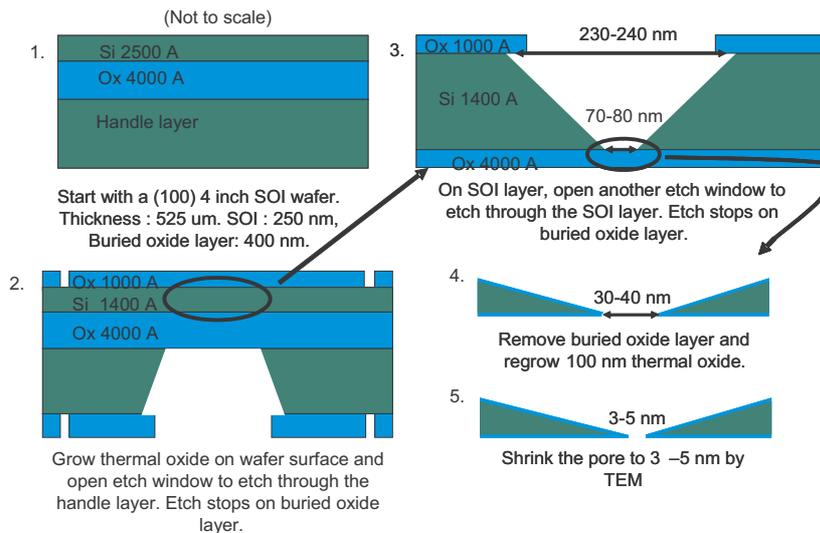


Histograms of relation among DNA lengths, translocation times and applied biases.

Li et. al. 2003

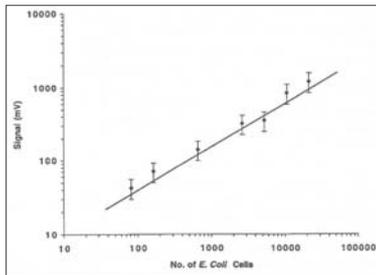
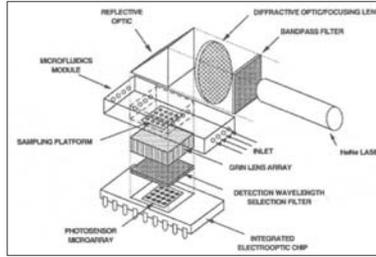
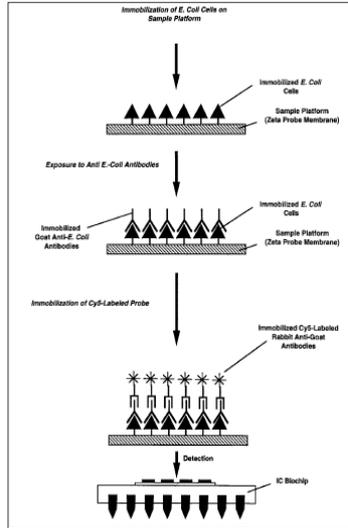
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Silicon Based Nanopore



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Integrated Optical Detection



Stokes, Griffen, Vo-Dinh, Fresenius *J Anal Chem*, 369,:295-301, 2001