

Emerging Issues in Nanotechnology

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Comparison of Length Scales

"There is plenty of room at the bottom,"
Feynman, 1959

Top Down



1 km

Aircraft Carrier

1 m

Boeing 747

Car

Humans

Laptop

Butterfly

Size of a Microprocessor

Gnat

Micromachines

Biological cell

Nucleus of a cell

Wavelength of Visible Light

Smallest feature in microelectronic chips

1-100 nm

Proteins

Width of DNA

Nanostructures & Quantum Devices



Bottom Up

1 nm

1 km

Size of an atom

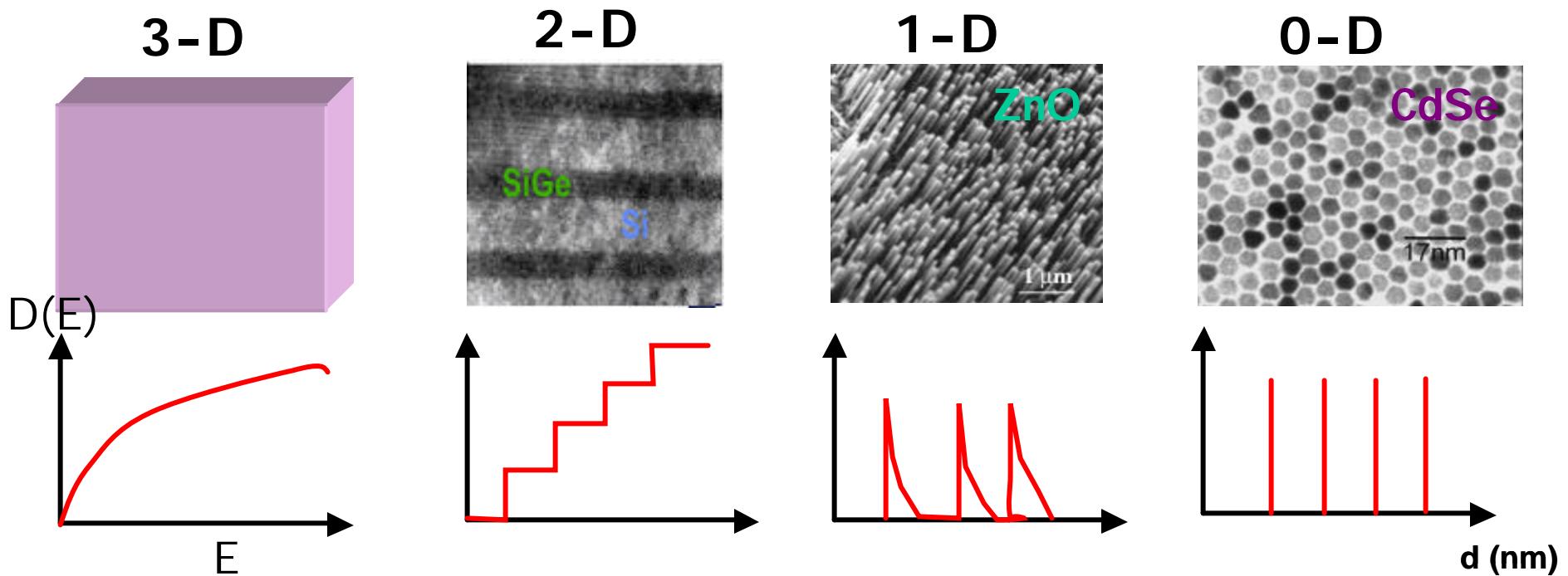
Why Miniaturize?

<100 nm

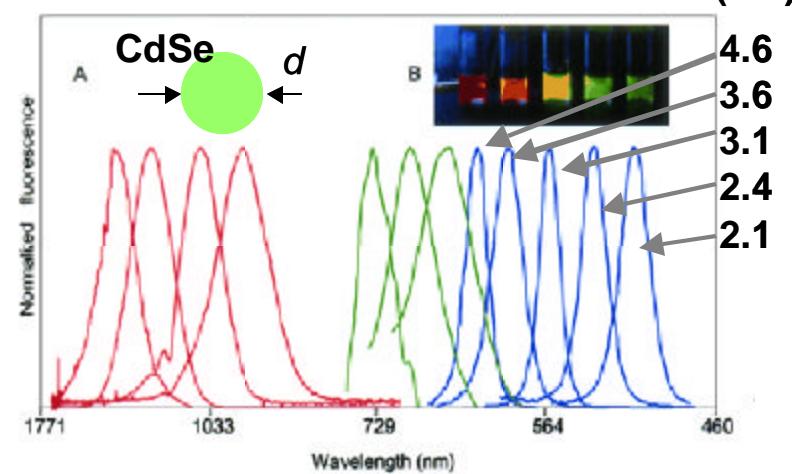
- Manipulate quantum effects in low-dimensional structures (quantum dots, wires, wells)
electronic, optical, thermal, ...
- Access new molecular effects
(mechanics, electronics, recognition, ...)
- High Surface to Volume Ratio

- **Building Blocks**
- **Tools**
- **Integration**
- **Systems**

Effects of Confinement of Charge Carriers

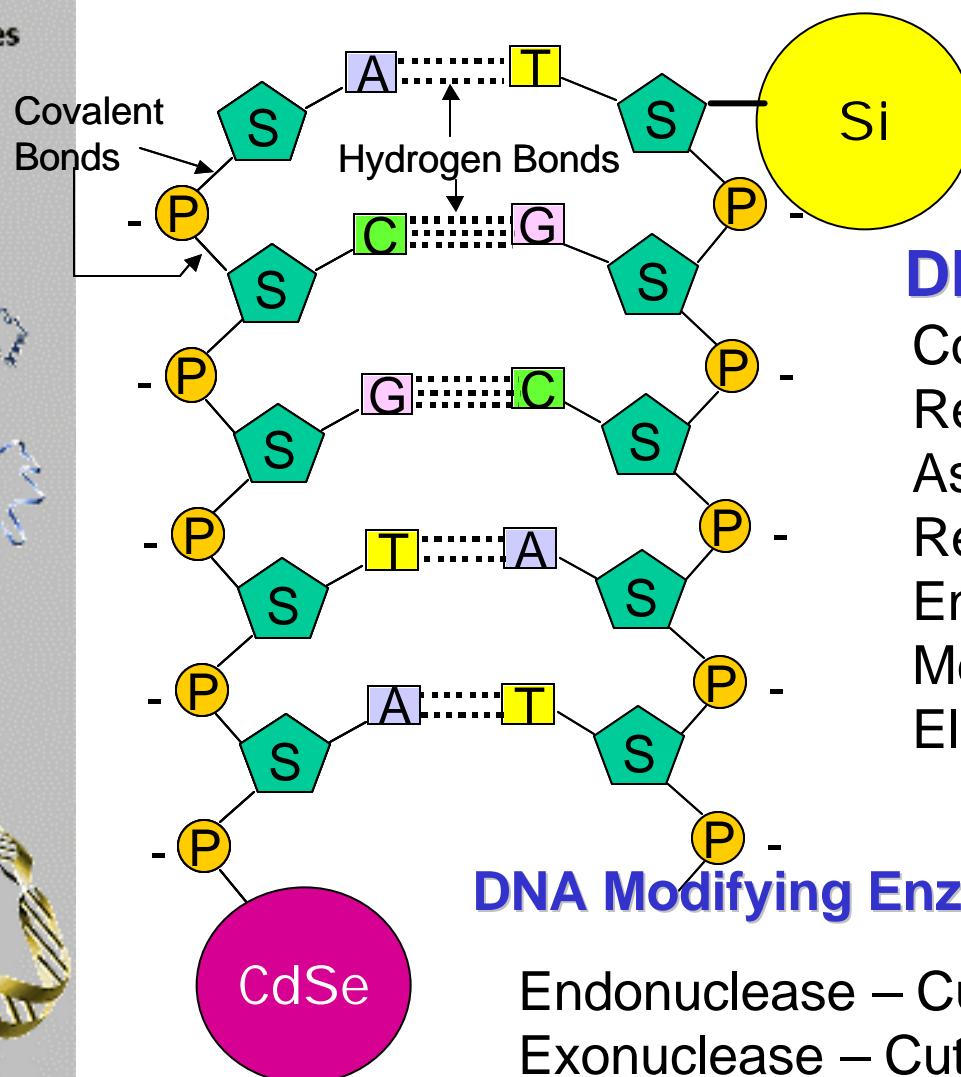
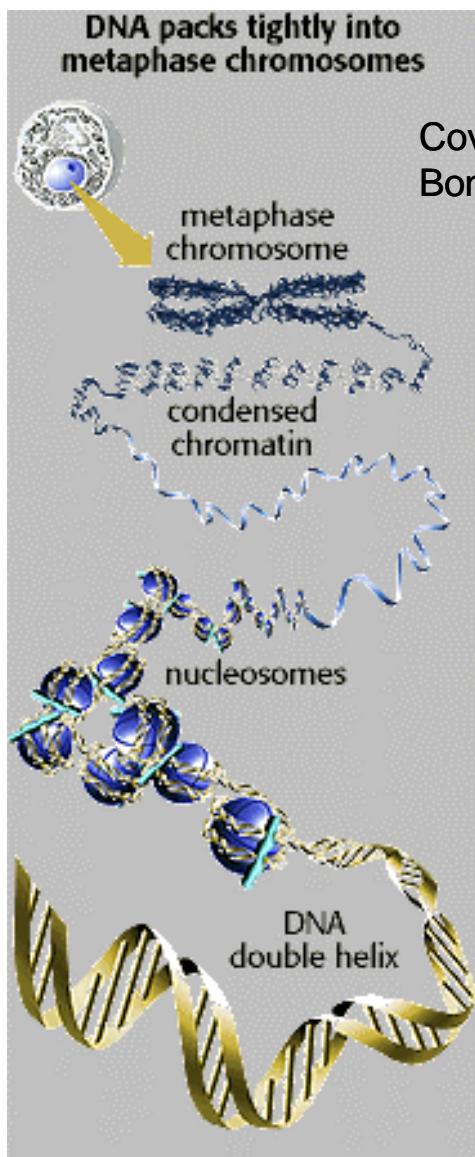


- What about phonon confinement?
- What about melting point?
- What about dislocation/defects?
- What about catalytic activity?



Courtesy: Paul Alivisatos, UCB

Molecular Effects



DNA Attributes

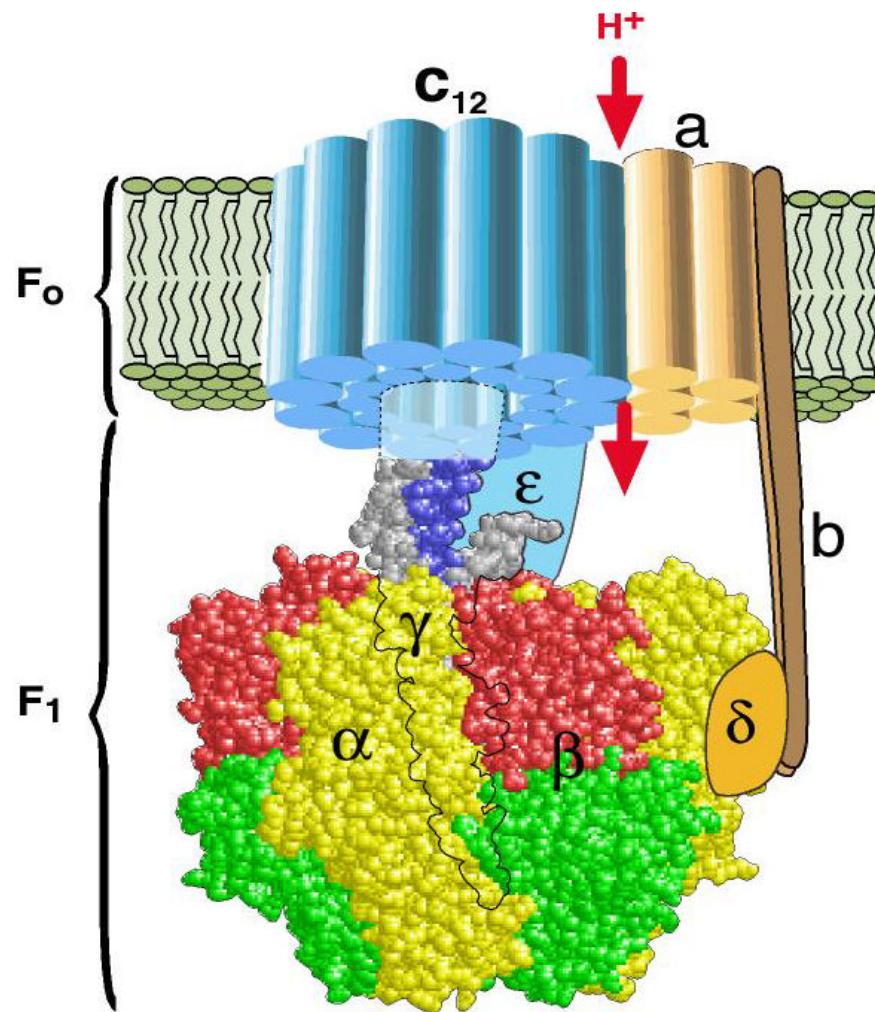
- Coding & Information
- Recognition
- Assembly
- Replication
- Entropy
- Mechanics & Actuation
- Electrical Conductor

DNA Modifying Enzymes – The Tool Box

- Endonuclease – Cuts in the middle
- Exonuclease – Cuts from the end
- Ligase – Joins gaps in DNA
- Polymerase – Builds complem. sequence

What about other molecules?

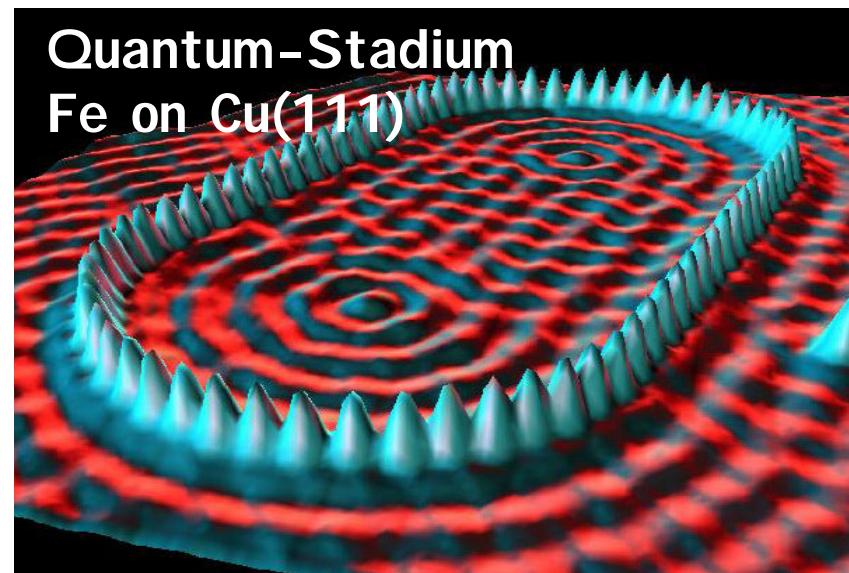
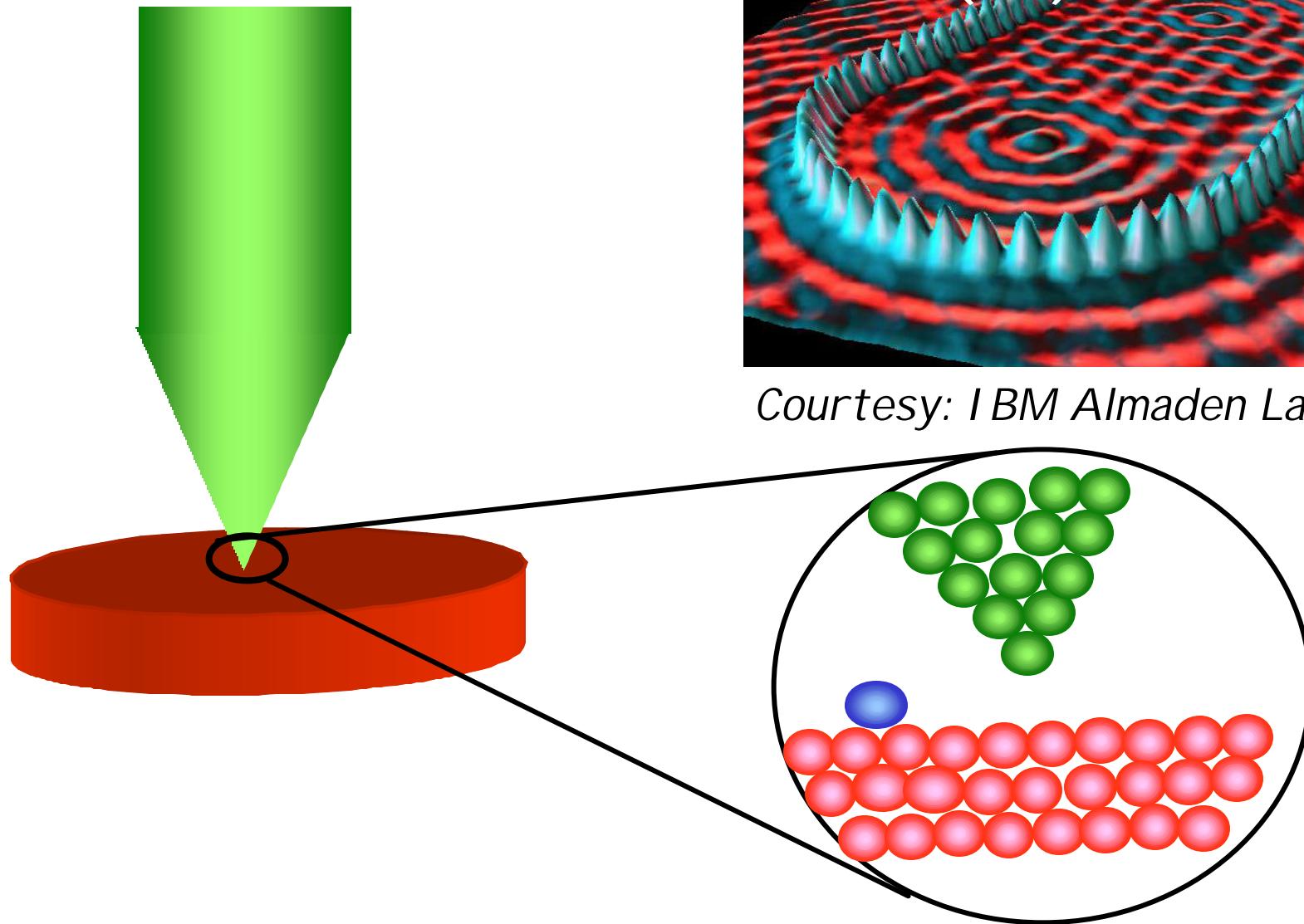
Molecular Motors



ATP Synthase

Nanotools

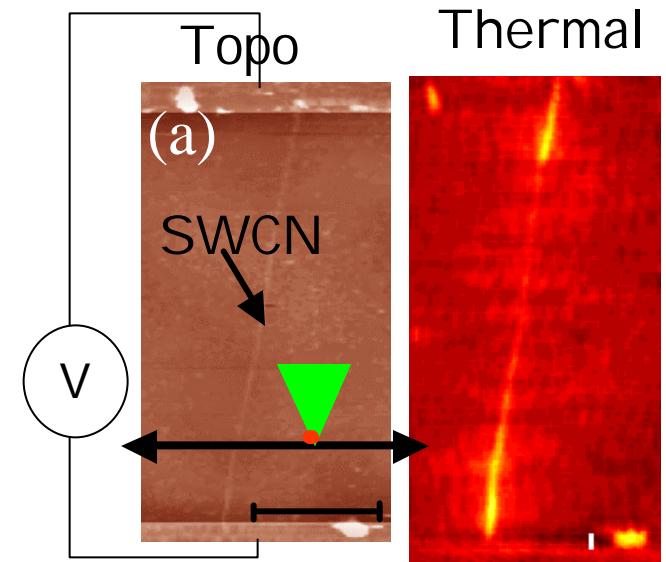
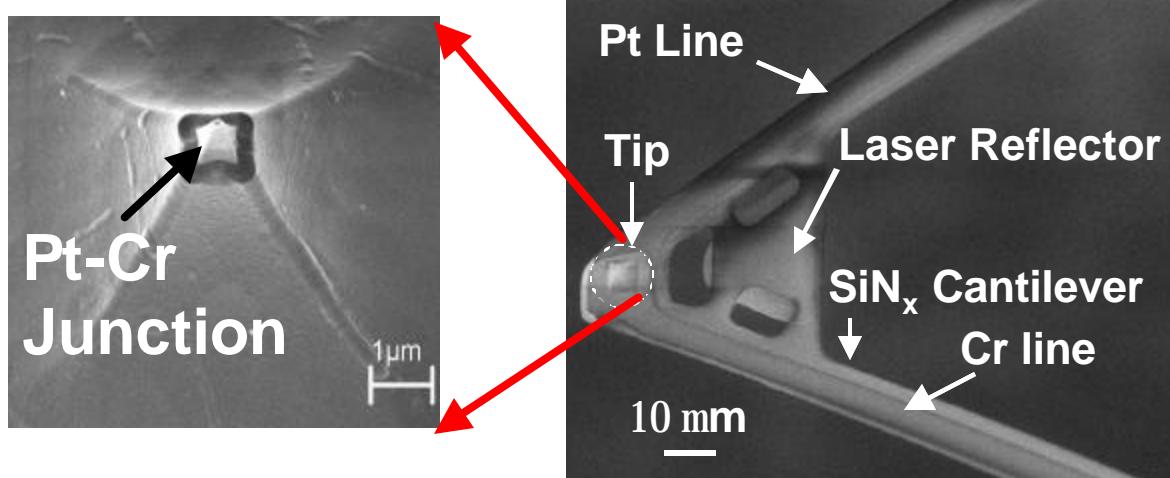
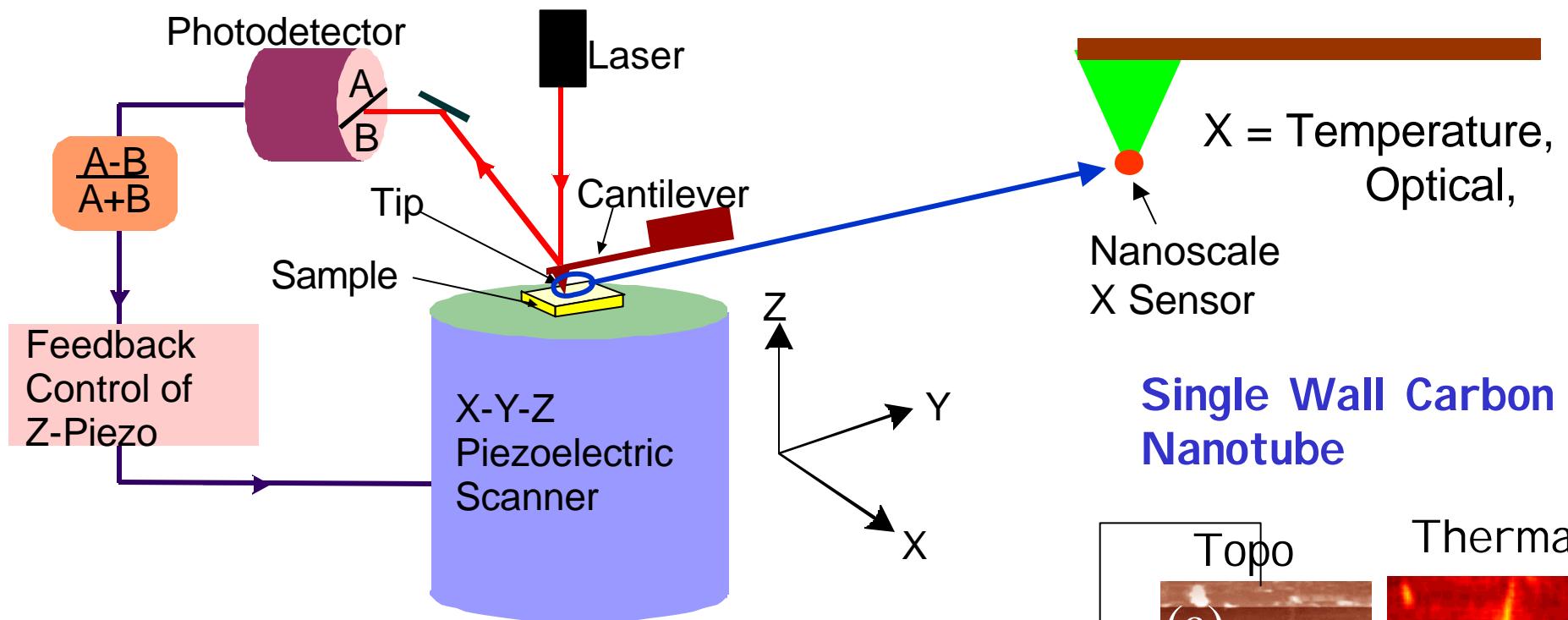
Scanning Tunneling
Microscope



Courtesy: IBM Almaden Lab

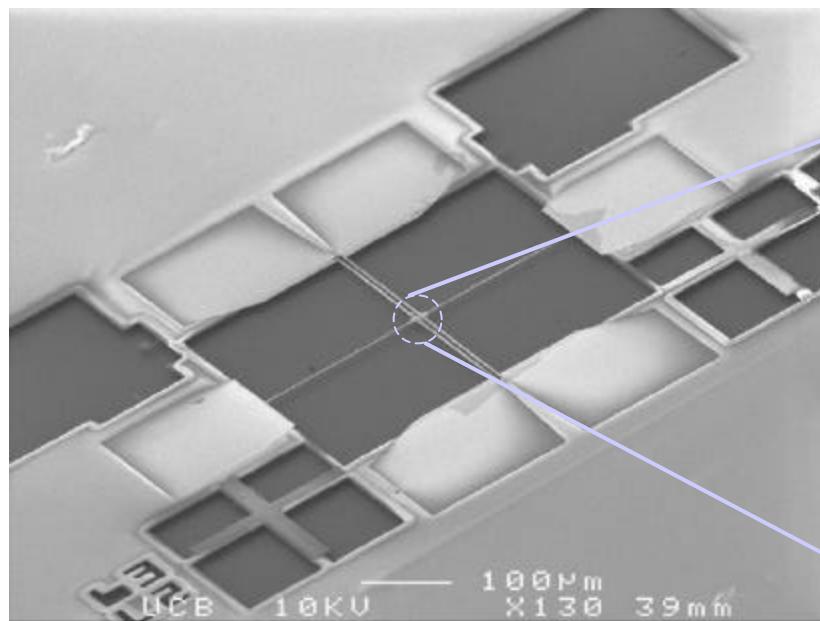
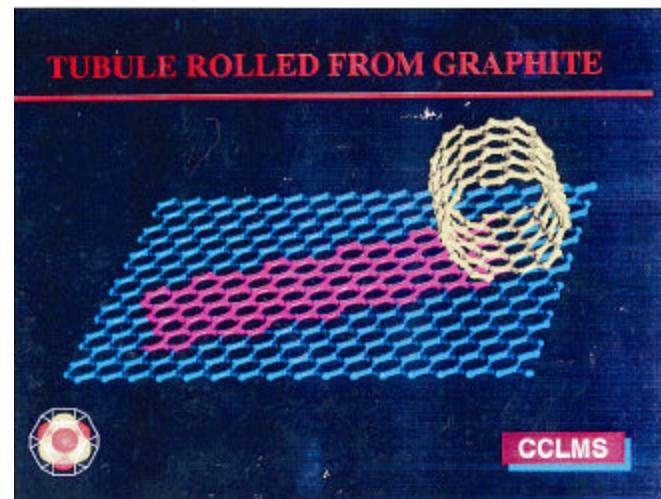
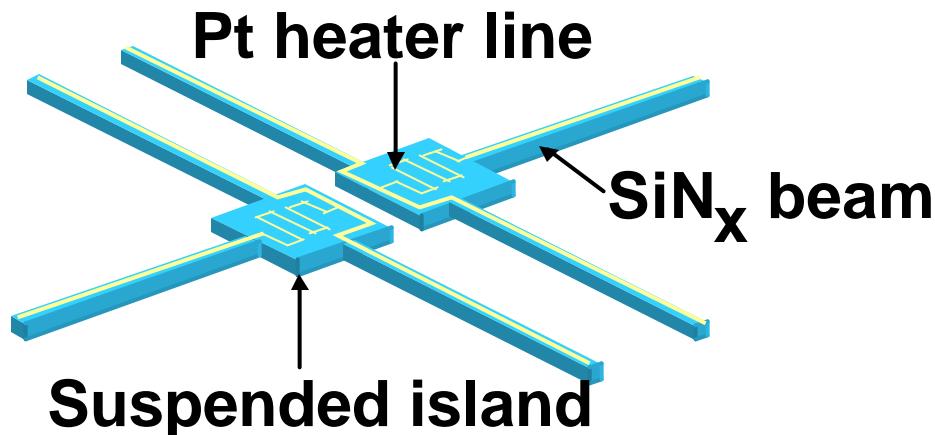
Nanotools

Atomic Force Microscope

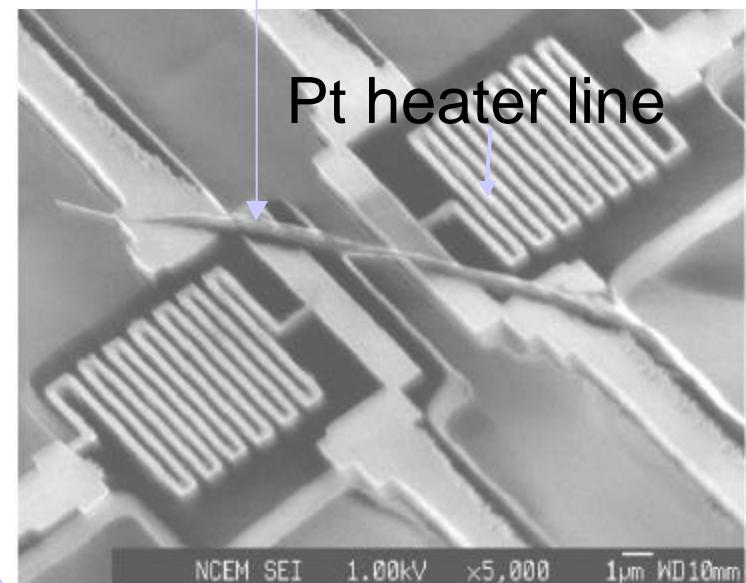


Single Wall Carbon
Nanotube

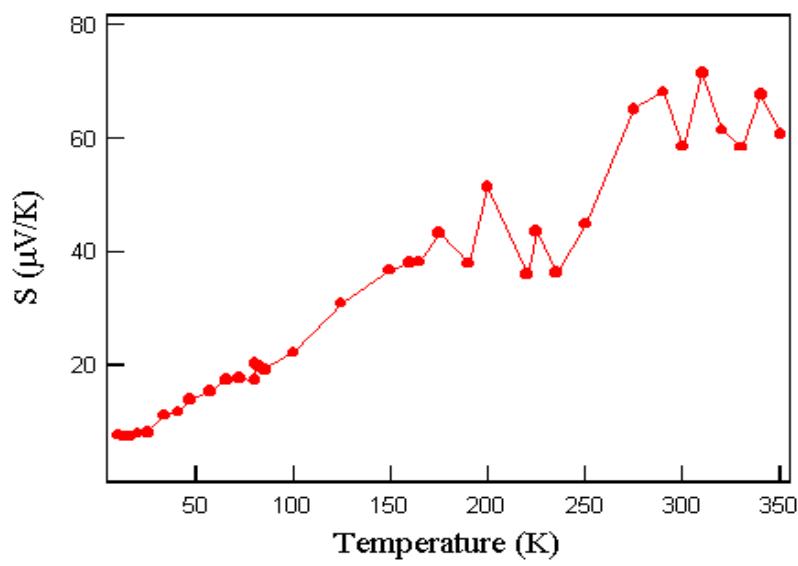
Nanotube-MEMS Hybrid Device



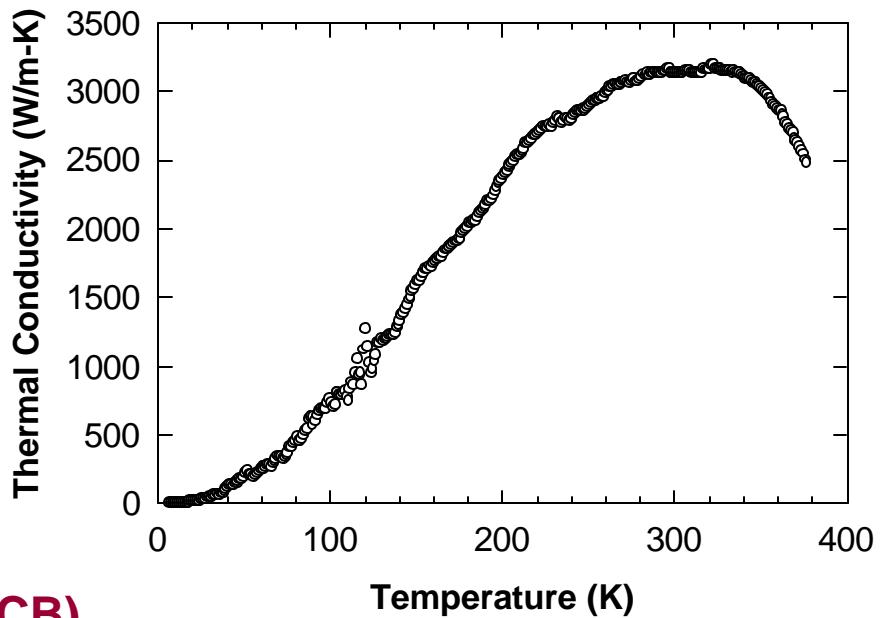
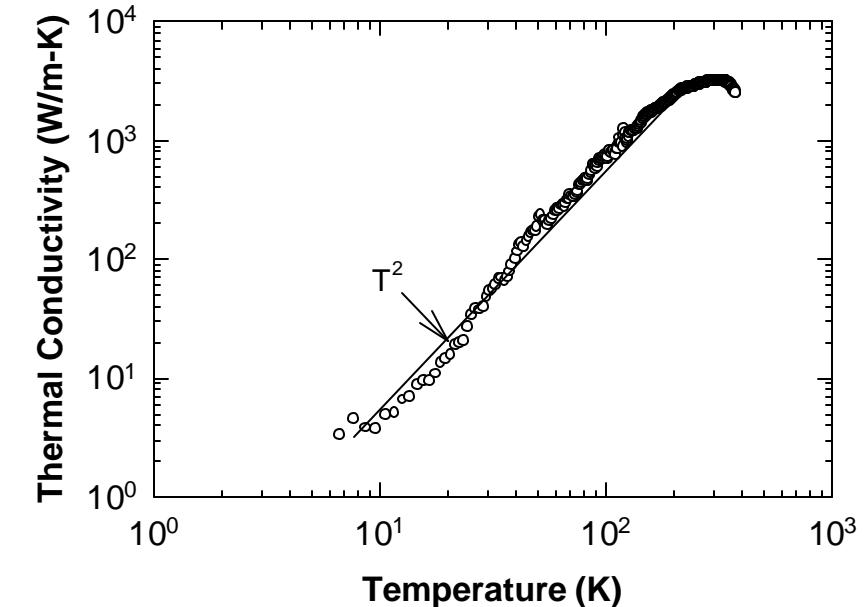
Multiwall nanotube bundle

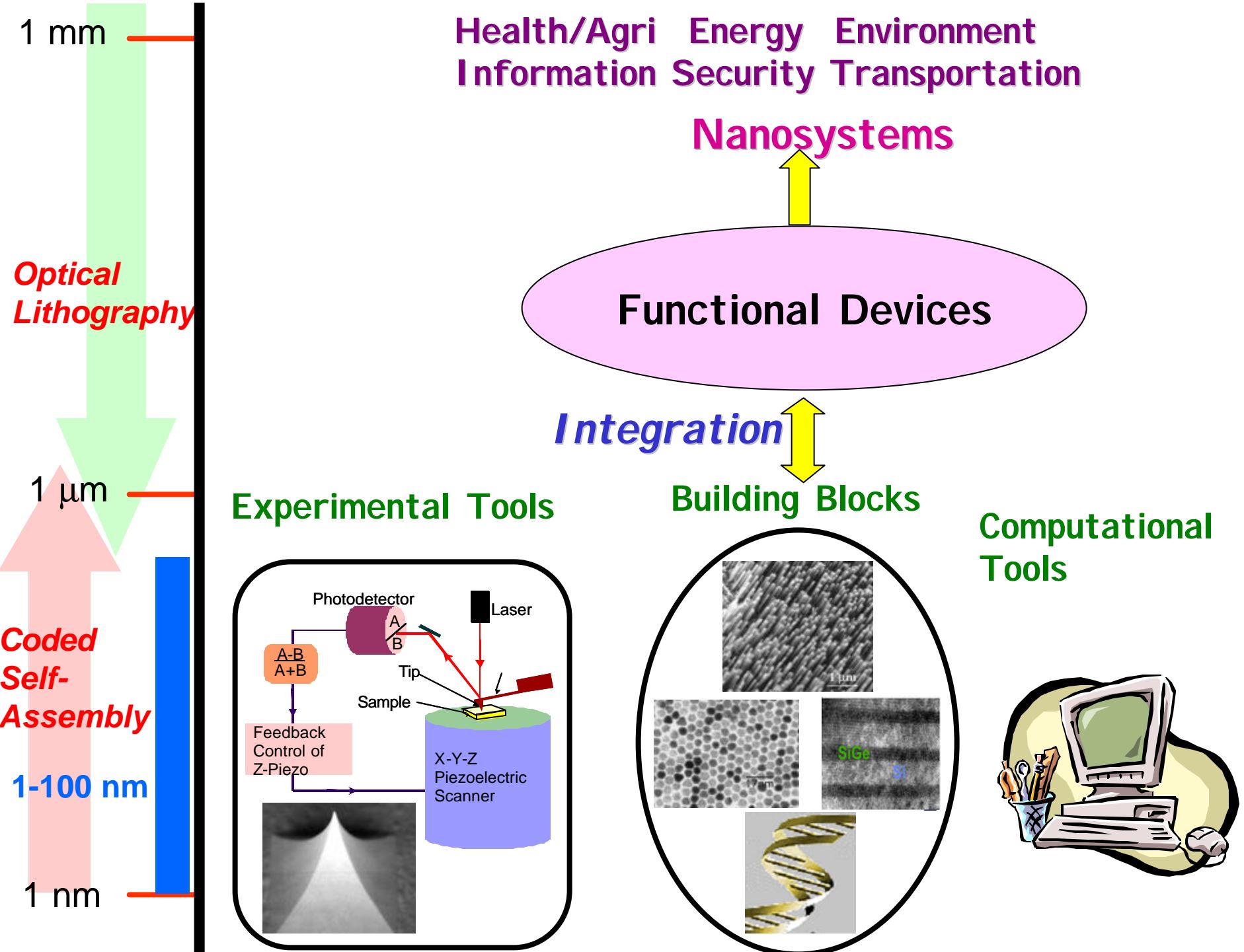


Thermal Conductivity & Thermopower



- Li Shi (ME,UCB)
- Philip Kim, Paul McEuen (Physics, UCB)



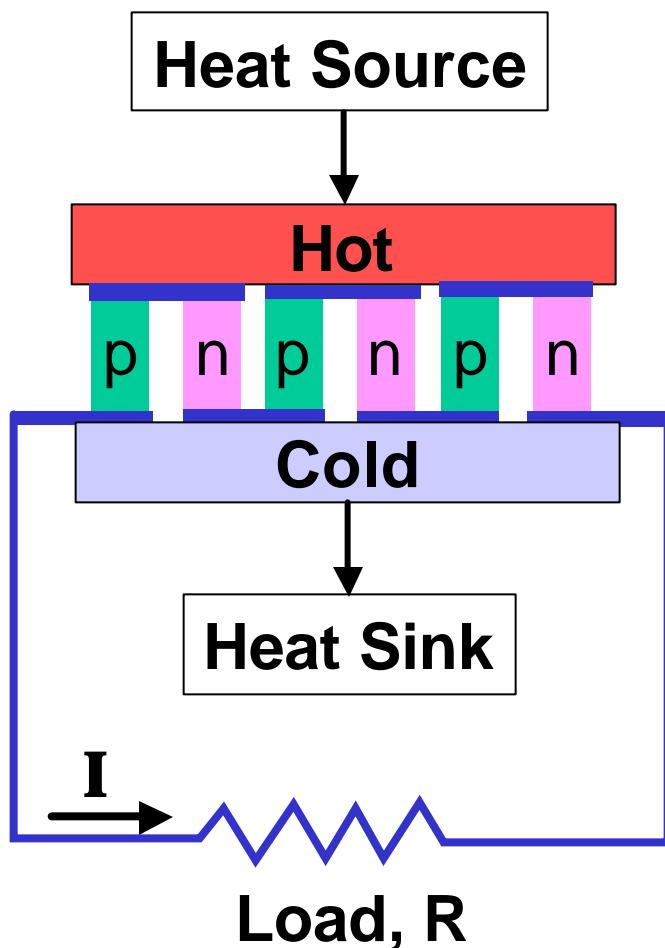


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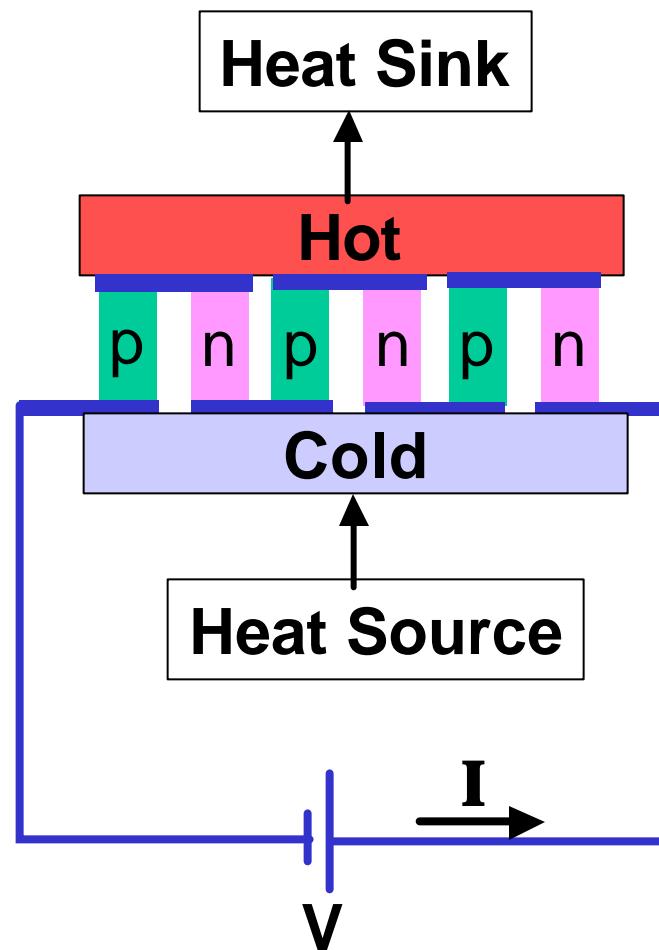
- Energy Conversion
- Health and Biomedical

Solid-State Thermoelectric Energy Conversion

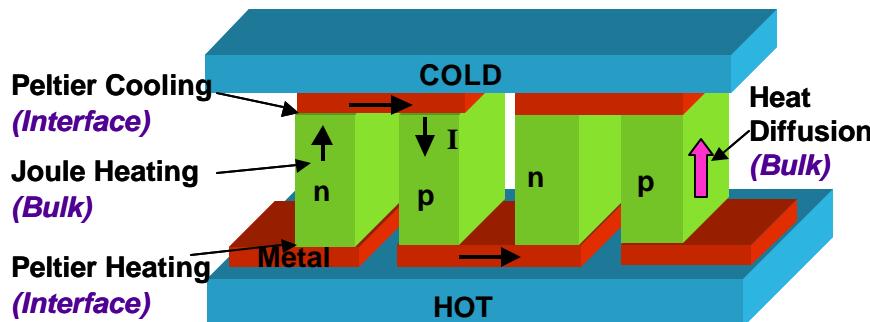
Engine



Refrigerator



Solid-State Energy Conversion

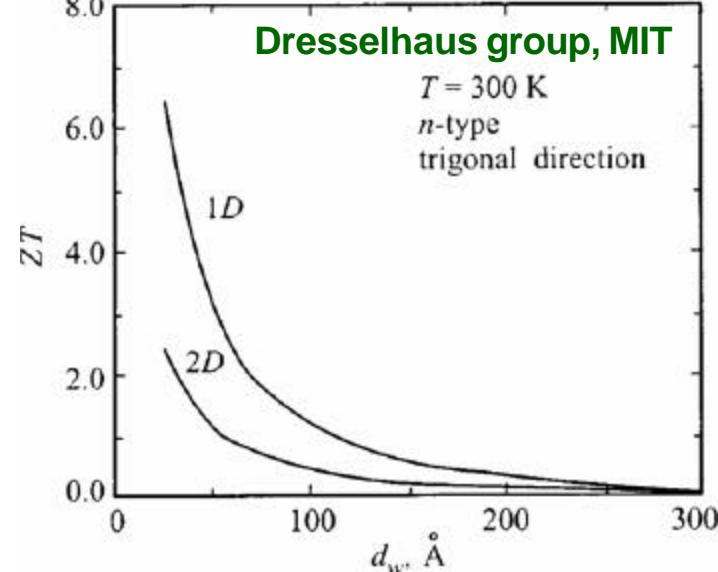
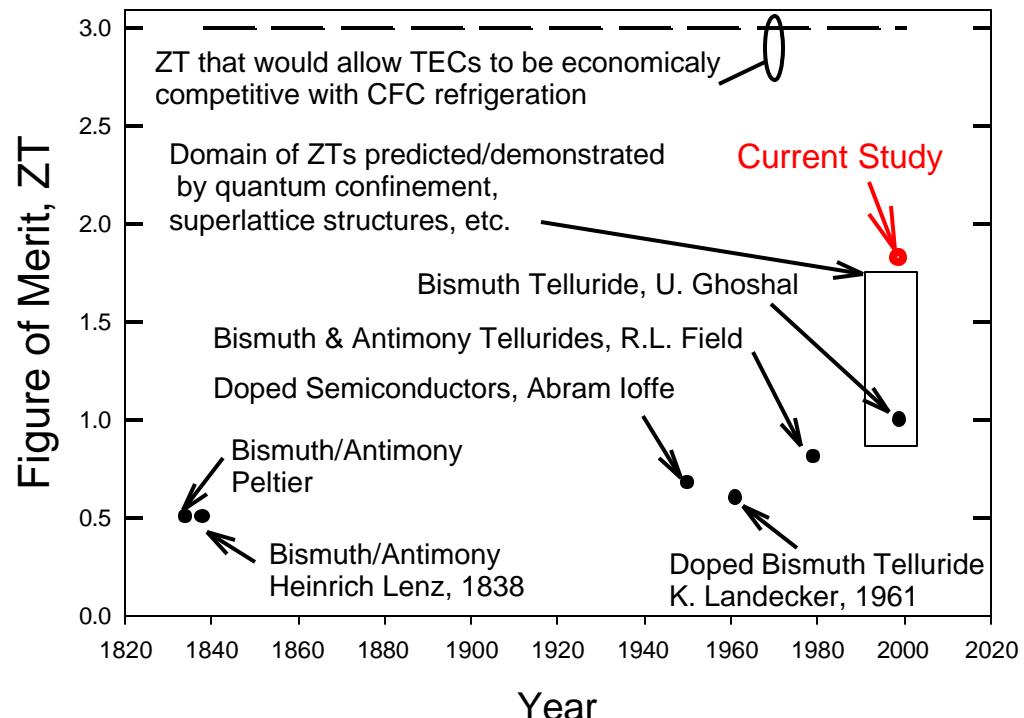
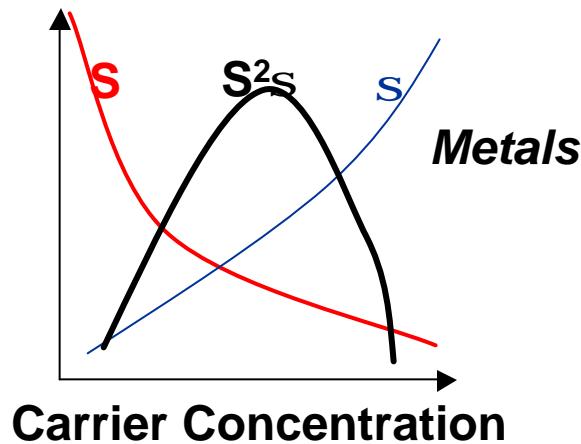


$$ZT = \frac{S^2 \sigma T}{k}$$

Thermoelectric Figure of Merit

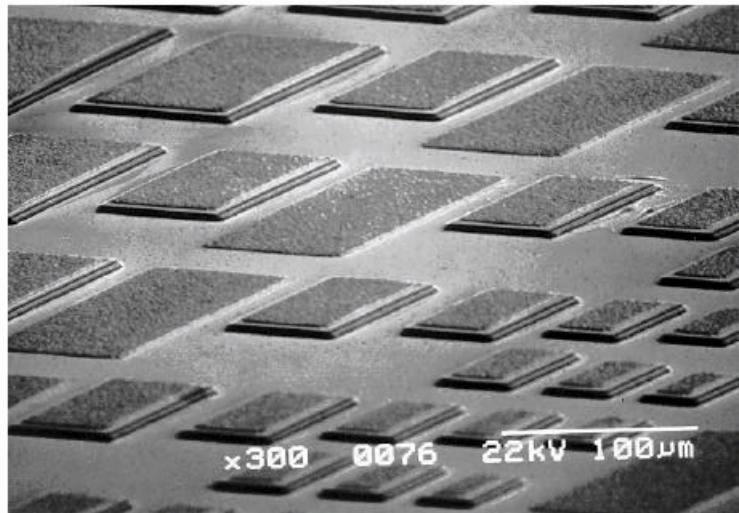
S: Seebeck Coeff.

σ : Electrical Conductivity



SiGe Integrated Thermoelectric Refrigerators

Cross-sectional TEM



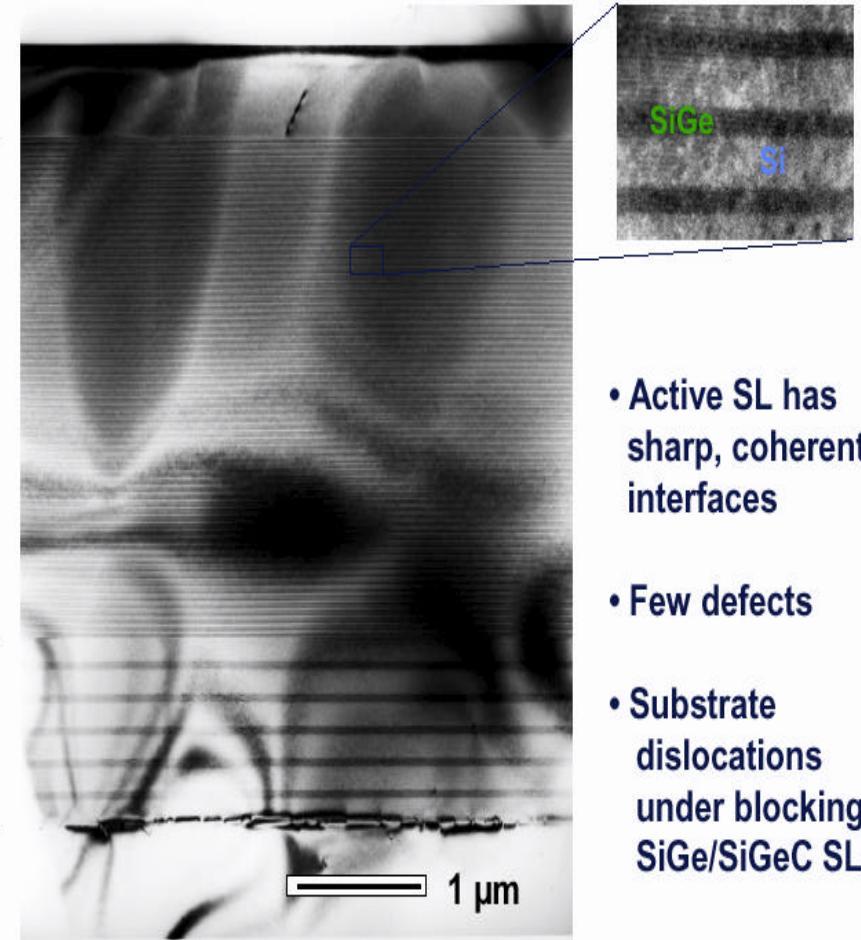
SiGe
contact layer

200 period,
SiGe/Si
superlattice (SL)

$$ZT = \frac{S^2 ST}{k}$$

SiGe/SiGeC
relaxed SL buffer

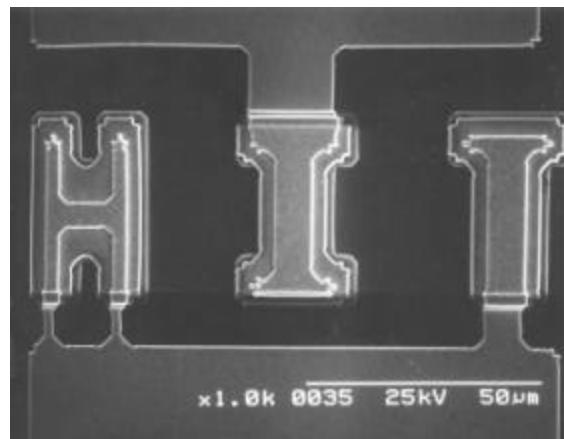
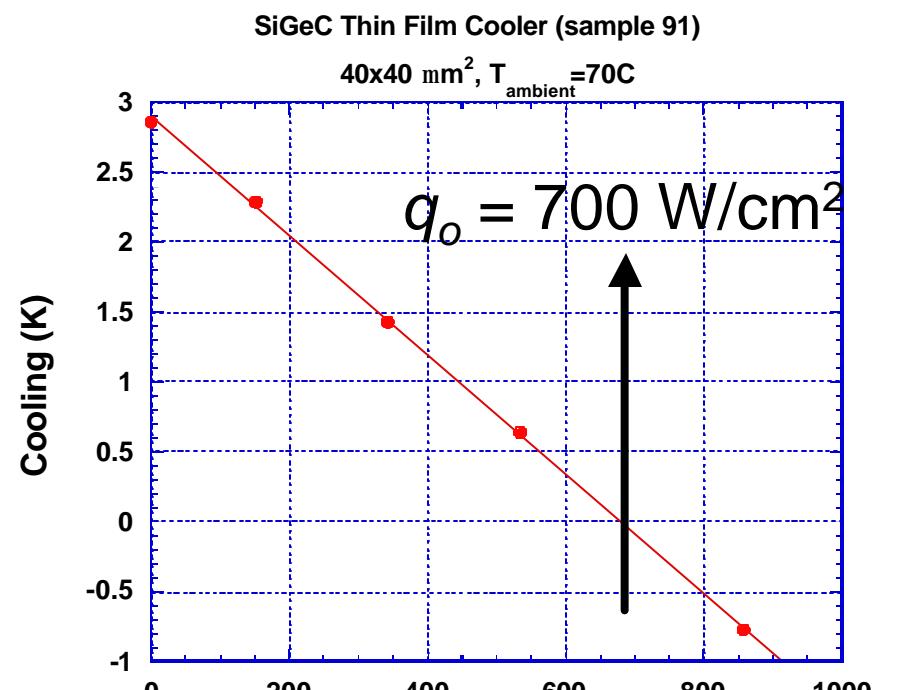
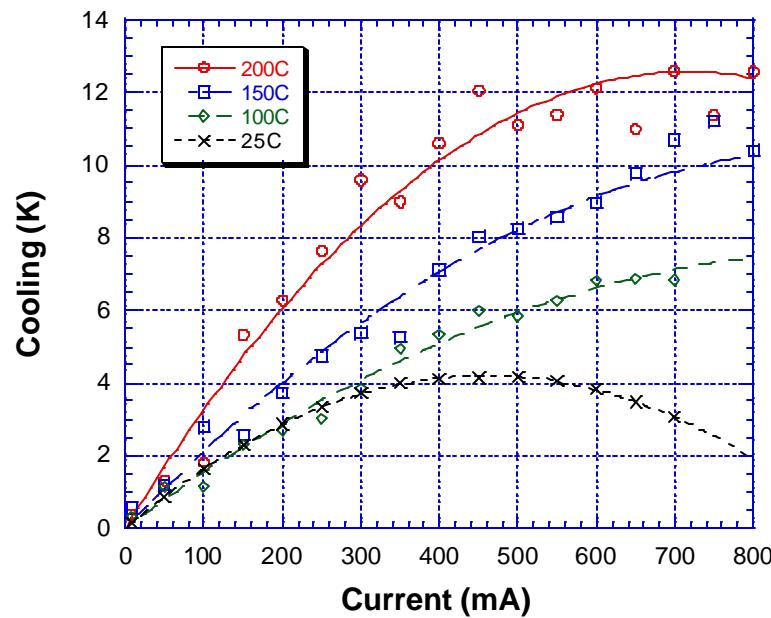
Si (001)
substrate



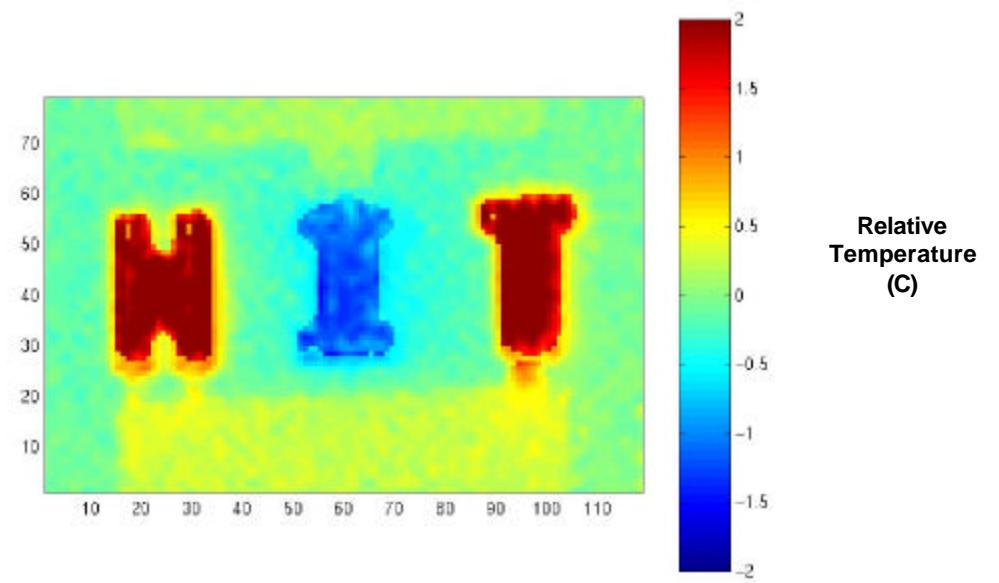
- Active SL has sharp, coherent interfaces
- Few defects
- Substrate dislocations under blocking SiGe/SiGeC SL

Collaboration: John Bowers (ECE, UCSB); Ali Shakouri (ECE, UCSC);
Ed Croke (Hughes Res. Lab.); Venky Narayanamurti (Dean, Harvard)

Device Performance

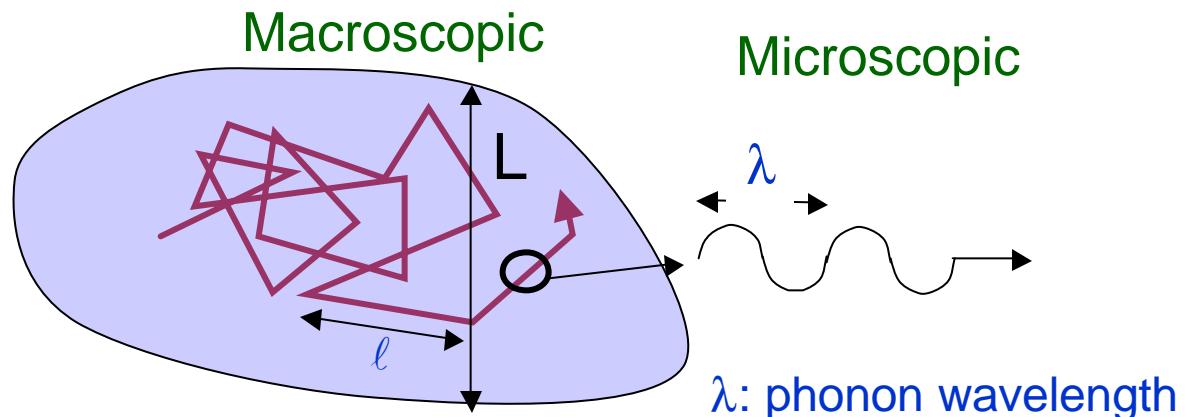
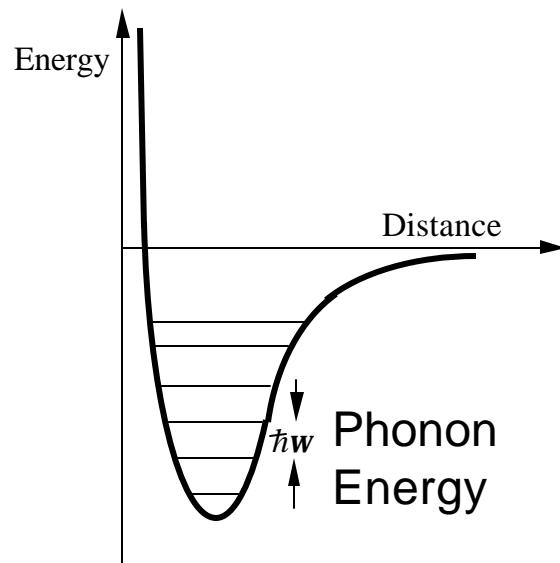


Courtesy: Ali Shakouri, UCSC



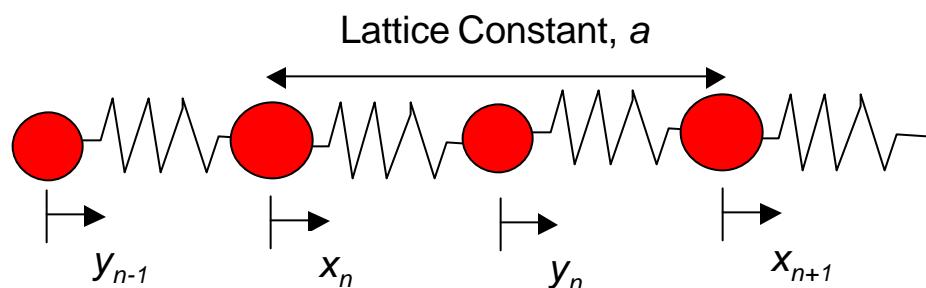
Energy Transport and Conversion in Semiconductors

Phonons in Semiconductors and Insulators



$$q = -k\nabla T$$
$$k = Cv\ell/3$$

T: Temp. defined over a length scale
larger than ℓ



Room Temperature Values

$\ell \gg 10\text{-}50 \text{ nm}$
 $l \gg 1\text{-}10 \text{ nm}$

Thermal Conductivity of Superlattices: Si/SiGe

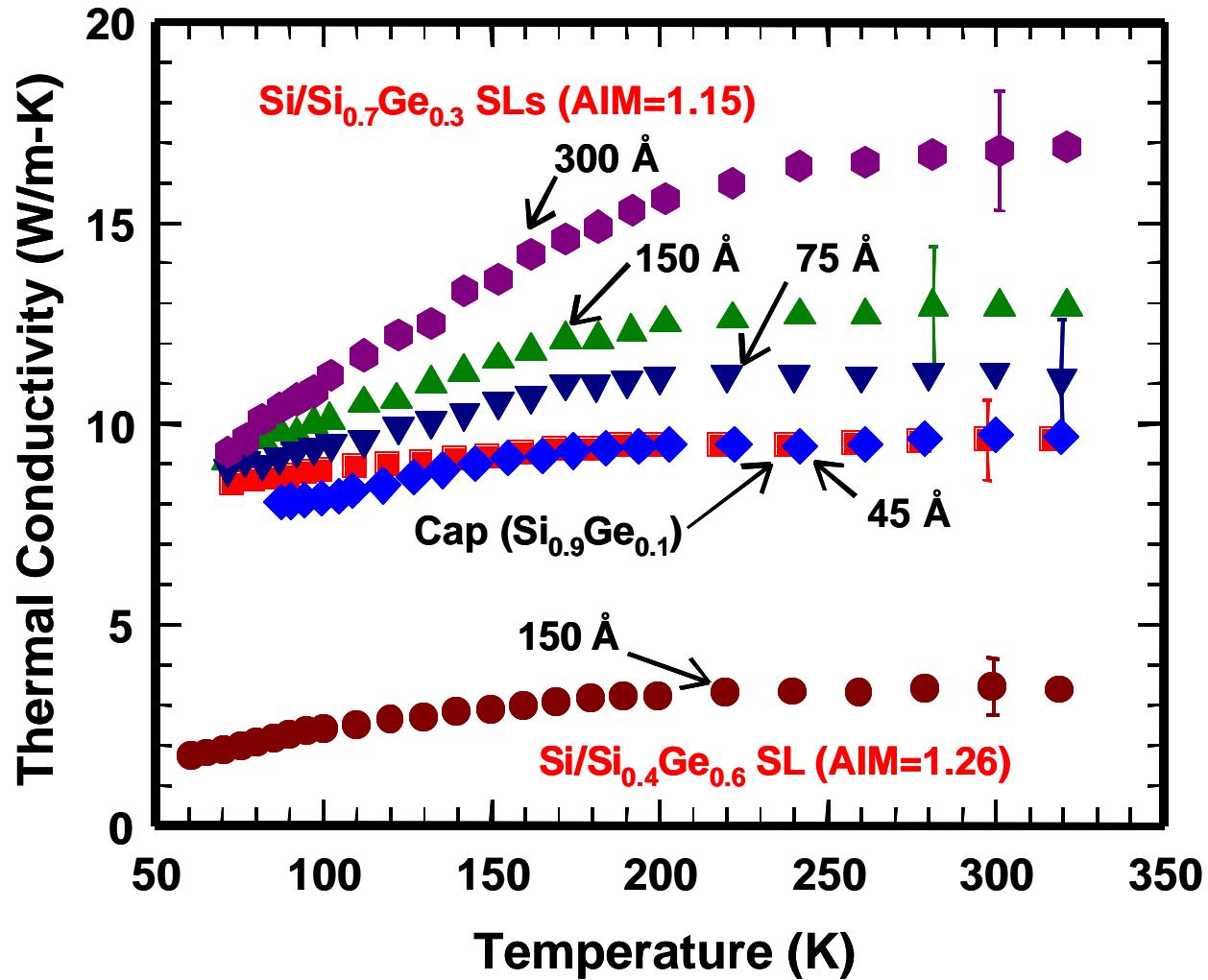
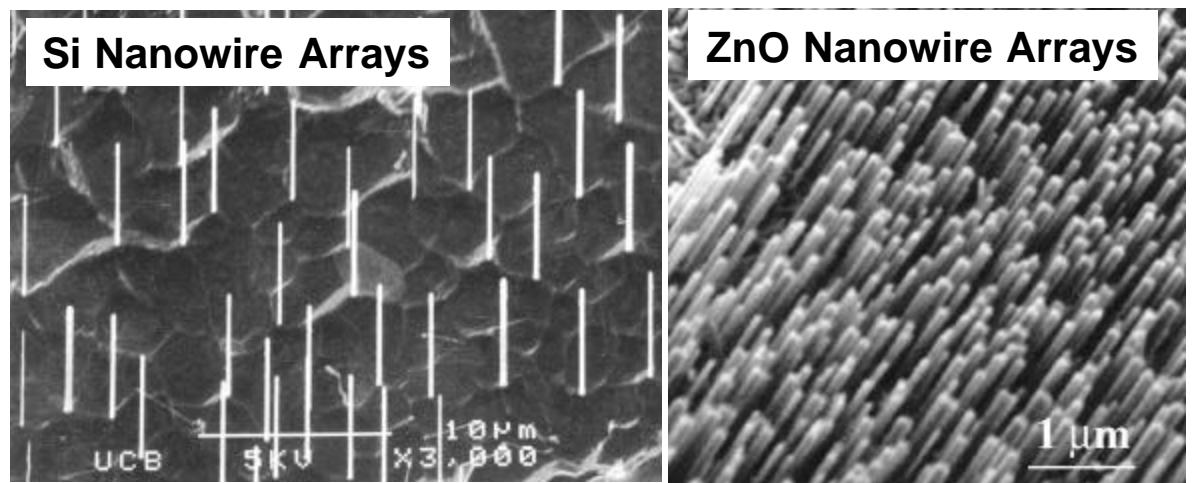
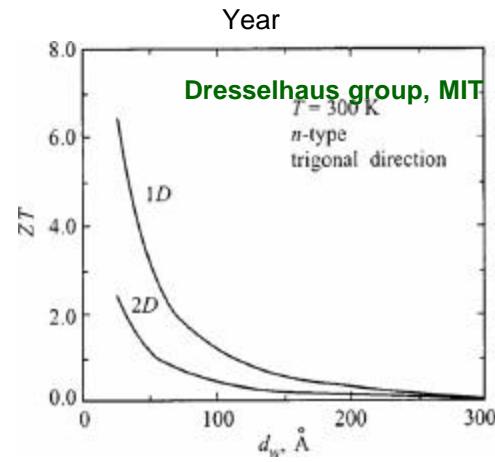
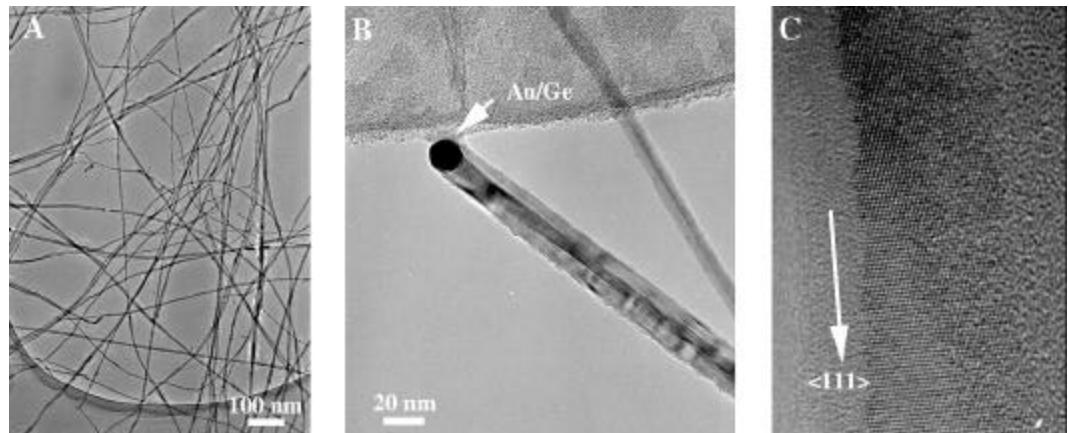
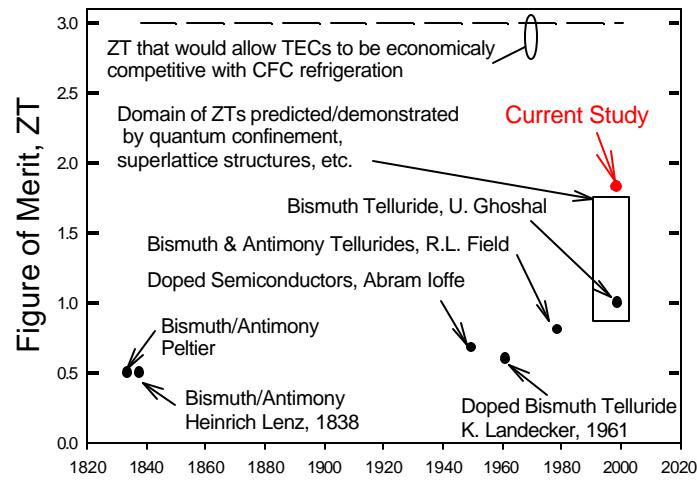


Figure 1: Thermal conductivity of Si/SiGe superlattices.

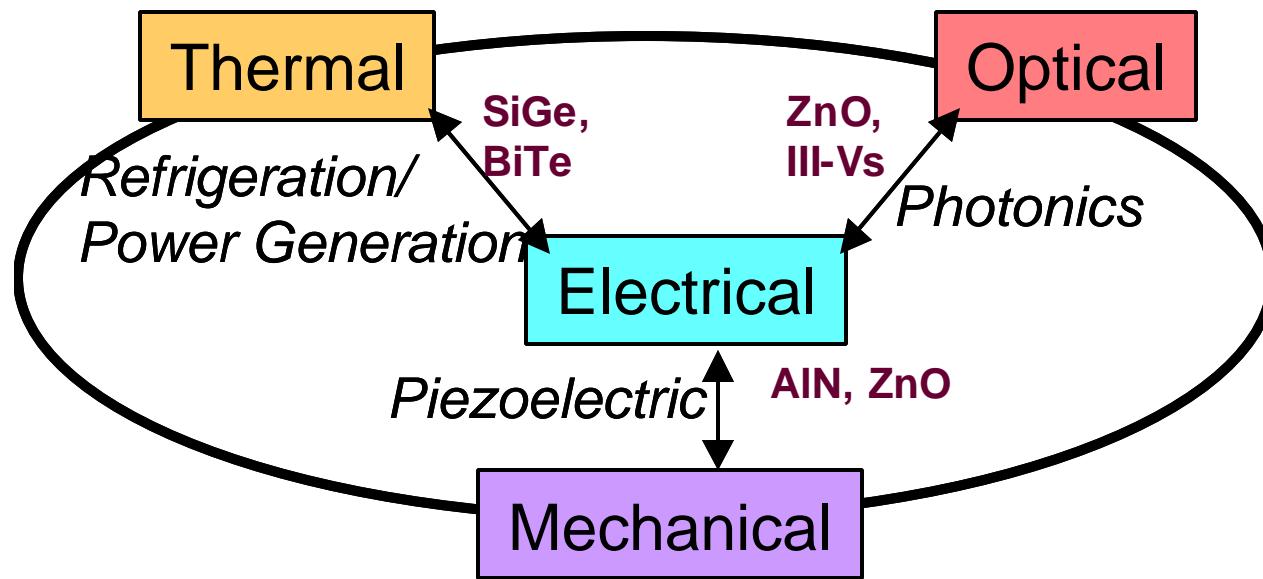
Semiconductor Nanowires



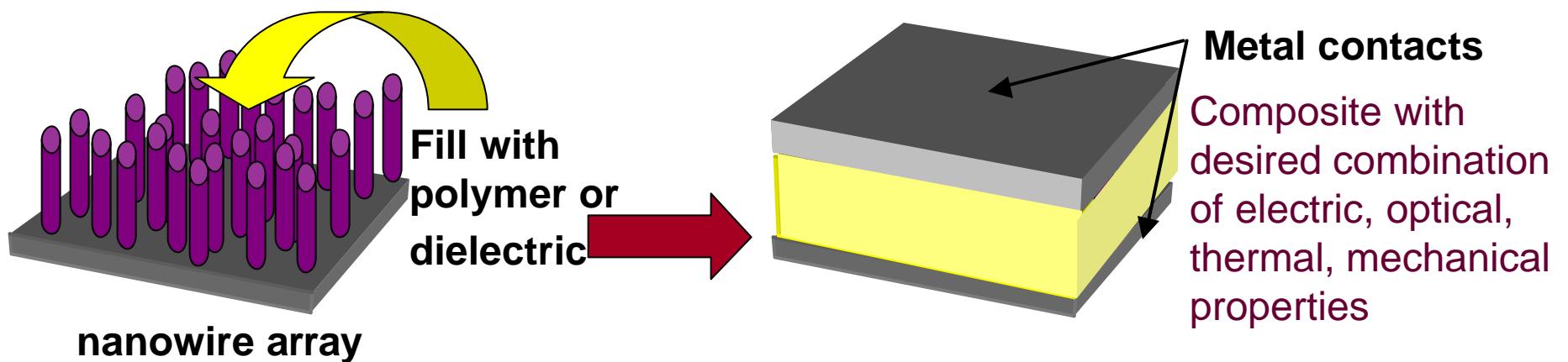
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Novel Energy Conversion Devices Based on Nanowire Heterostructures (NSF, Nanoscale Interdisciplinary Research Team)

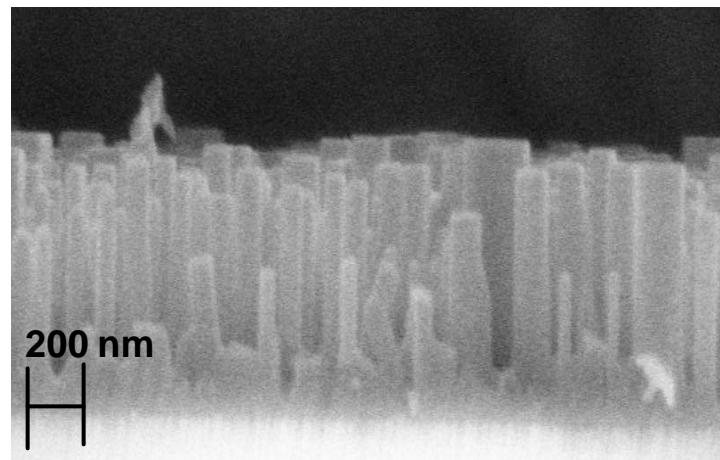
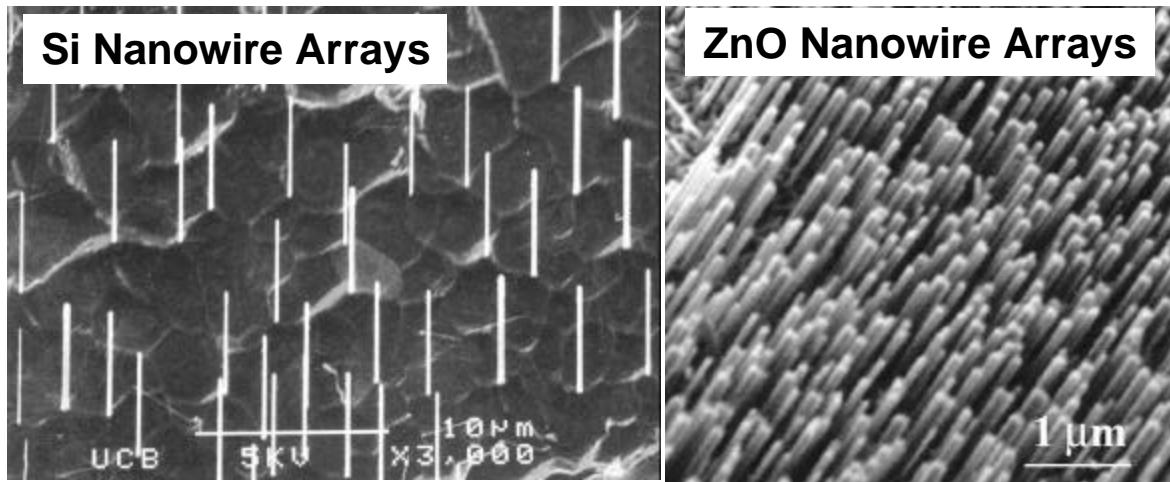
Energy Conversion Based on Nanowires



Nanowire Composite Platform (Heterogeneous Integration)

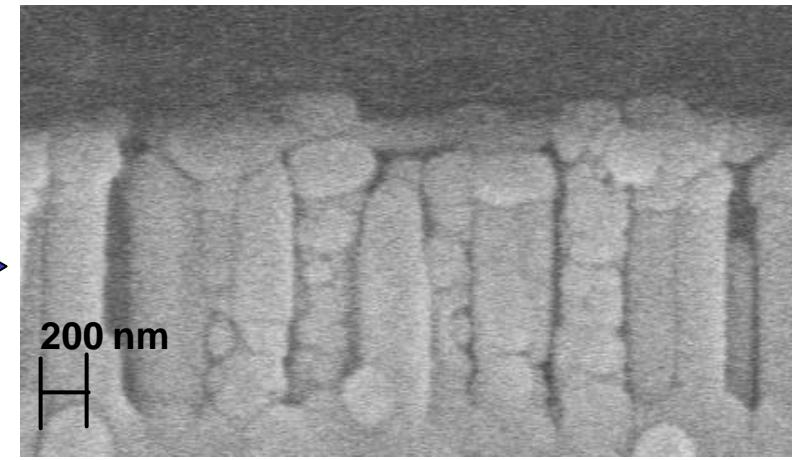


Nanowire Composites



ZnO Nanowire Array

Fill with
polymer
→



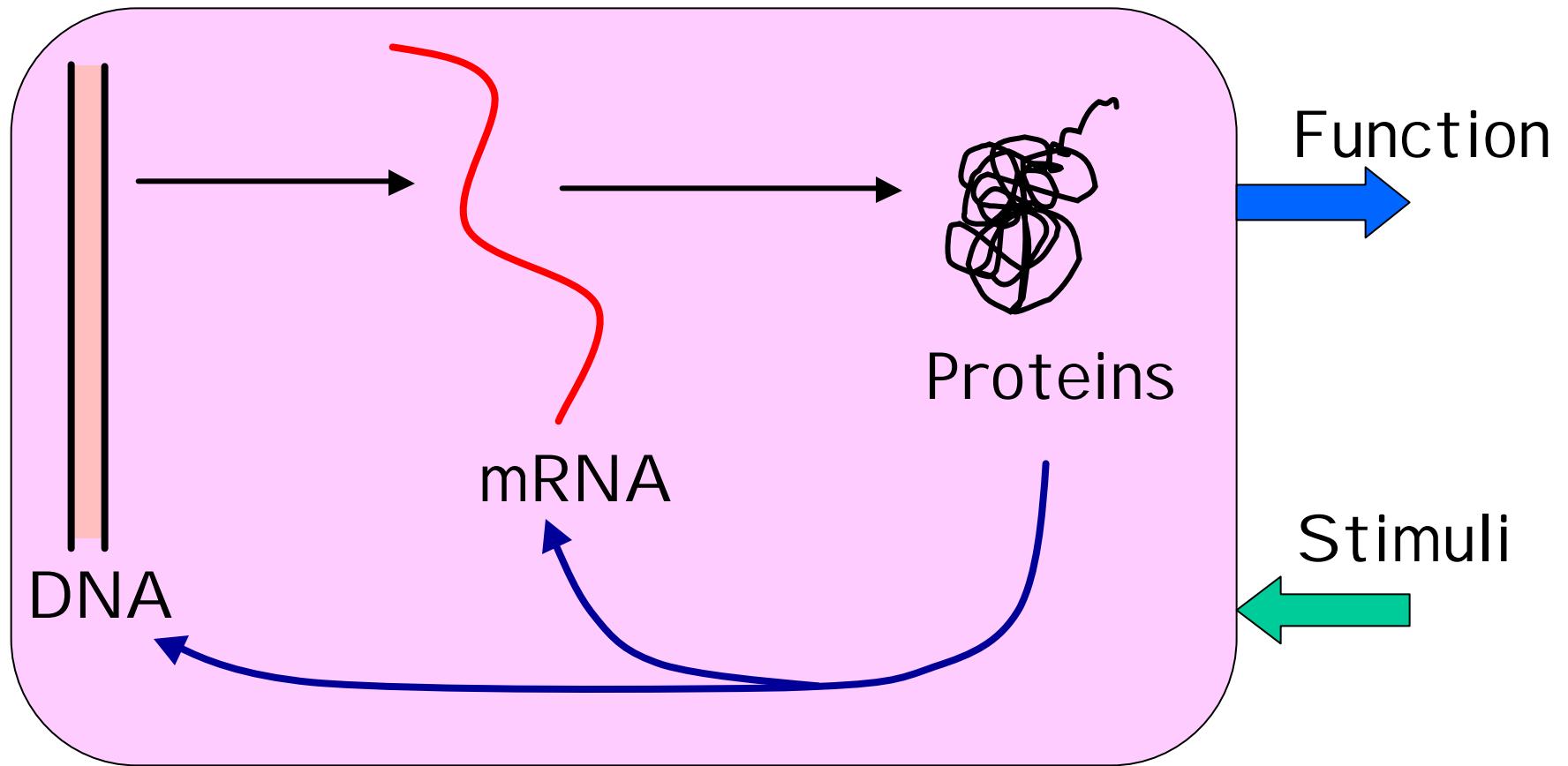
ZnO Nanowire Array partially
filled with parylene

Outline

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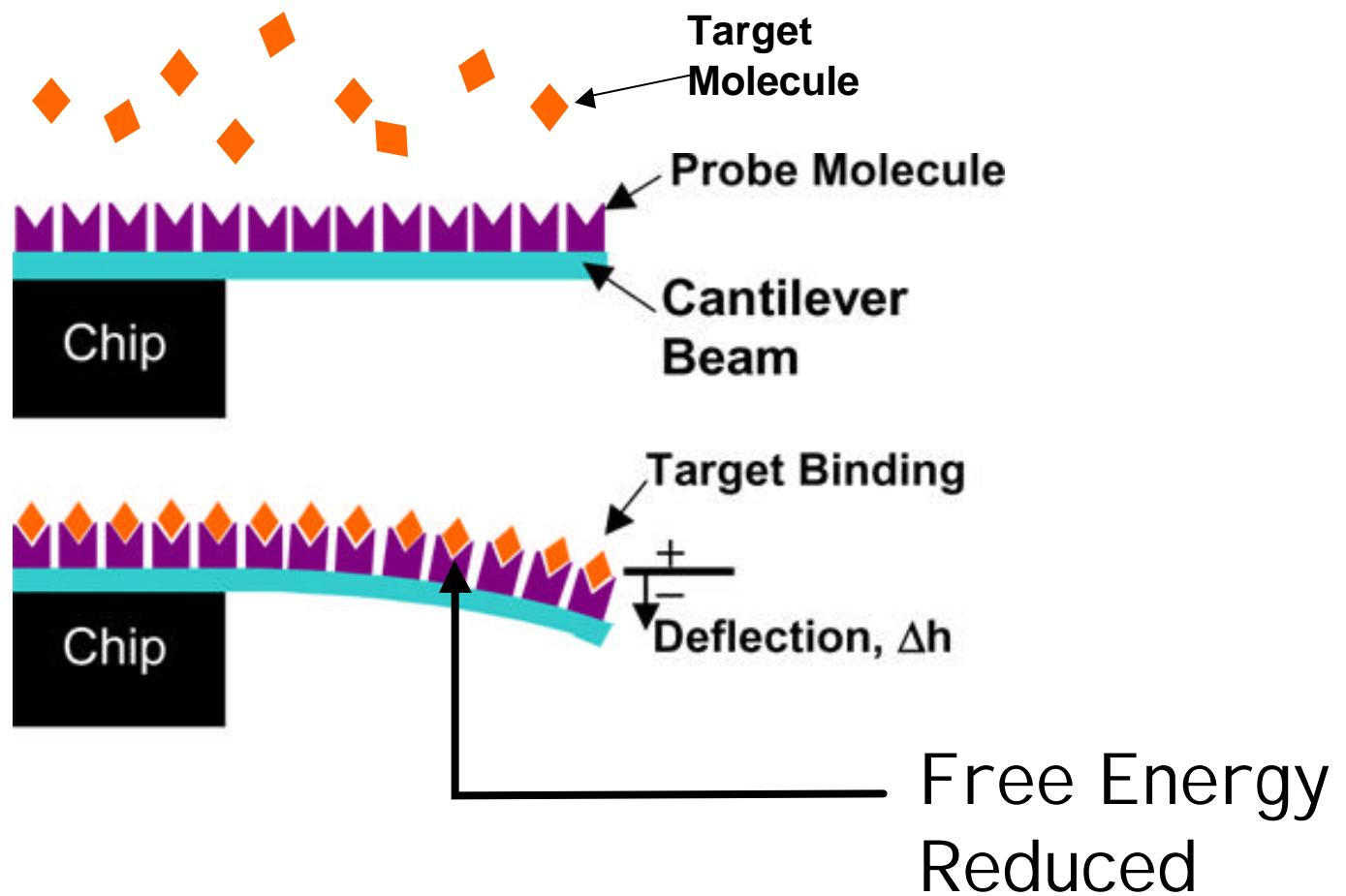
- Health and Biomedical

Dogma of Molecular Biology



Free Energy is Reduced

Motion from Biomolecular Interactions

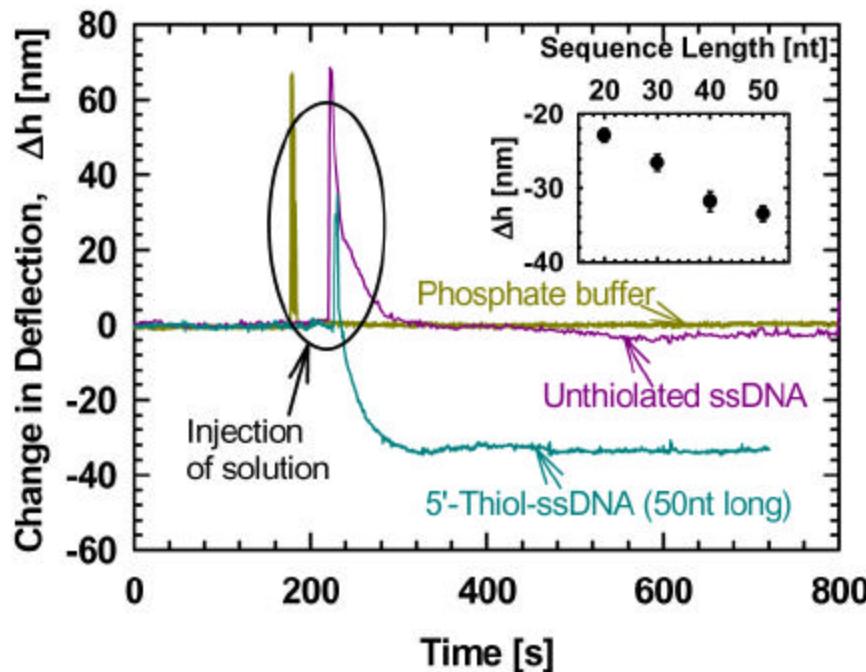


Immobilization of Single-Stranded DNA on Cantilever

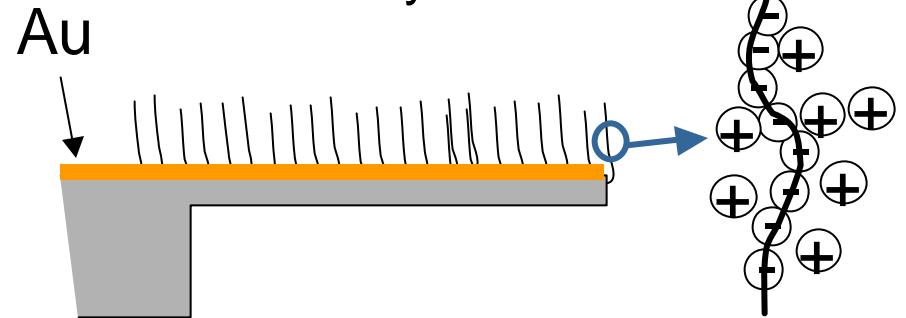
Thiolated ssDNA

5'-HS—ATCCGCATTACGTCAATC

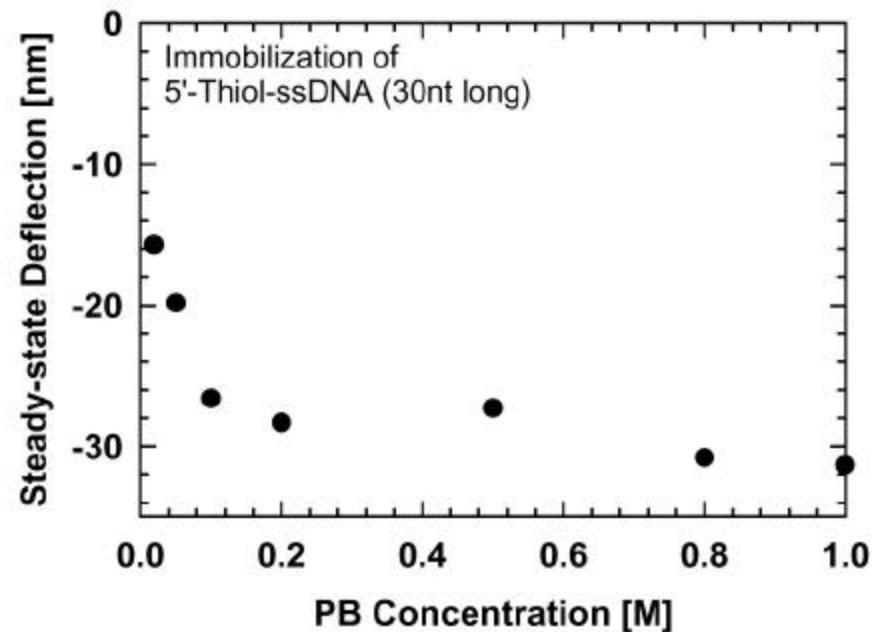
TAGGCGTAATGCAGTTAG-5'
(Complementary Strand)



Self-Assembly of ssDNA



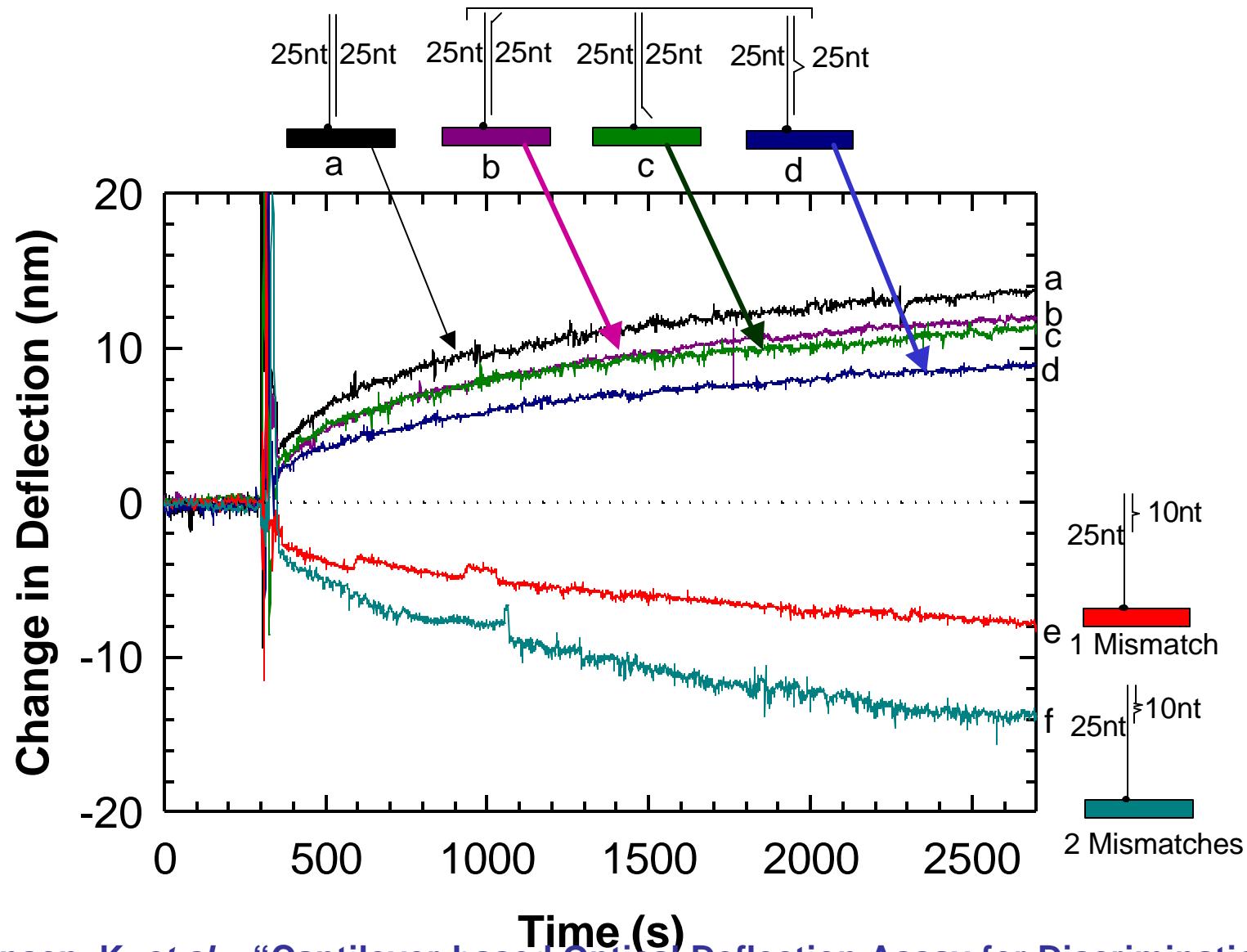
PB = Sodium Phosphate Buffer Solution



Wu, G. et al. "Origin of nanomechanical cantilever motion generated from biomolecular interactions," PNAS 98(4), 1560-1564 (2001).

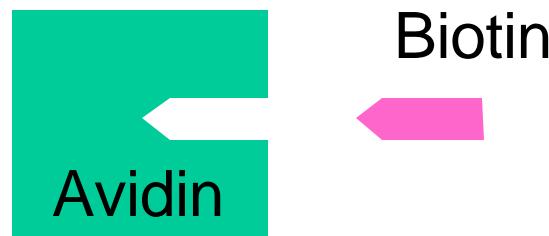
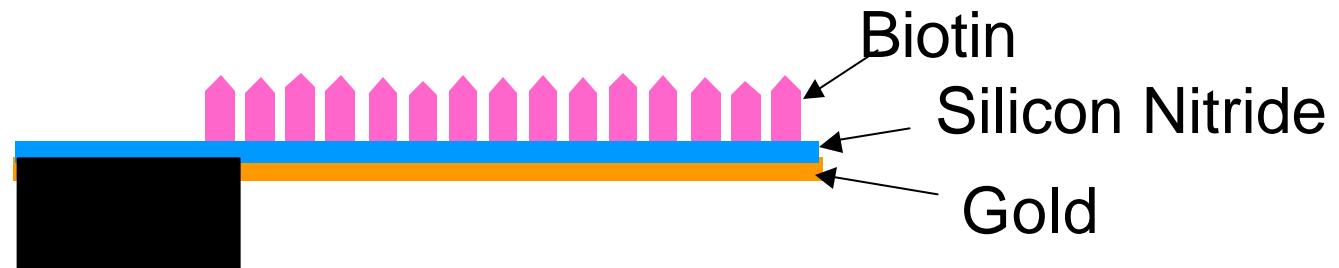
Nanomechanics of Base Pair Mismatches

Single Mismatches



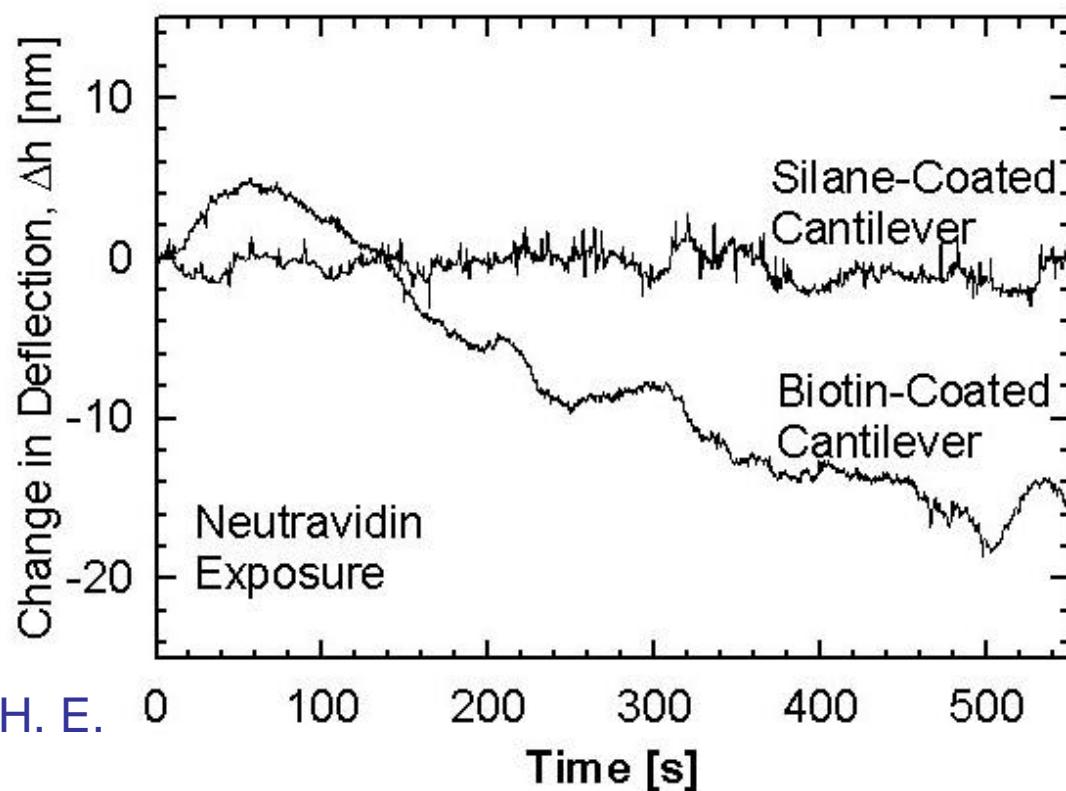
Hansen, K. et al., "Cantilever-based Optical Deflection Assay for Discrimination of DNA Single Nucleotide Mismatches," *Analytical Chemistry*, Vol. 73, pp. 1567-1571 (2001).

Protein-Ligand Binding



$$F_{\text{binding}} \propto \Delta H$$
$$F_{\text{binding}} \neq \Delta G$$

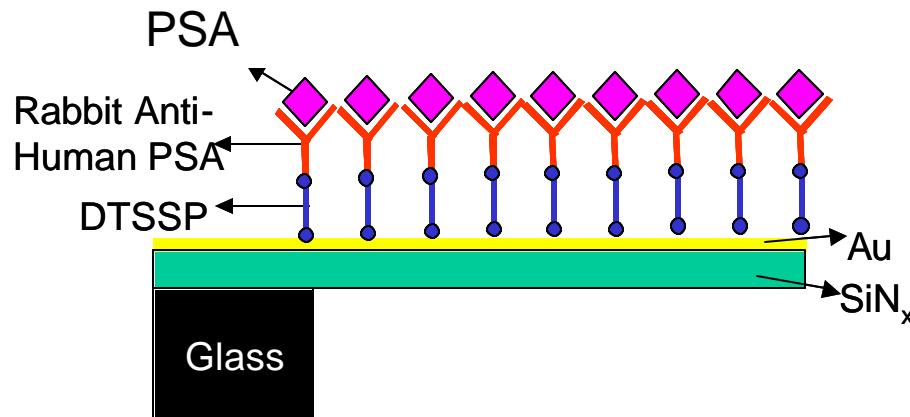
$$\Delta S_{\text{conf}} = 0$$



Moy, V. T., Florin, E-L., & Gaub, H. E.
Science **266**, 257-259 (1994).

Courtesy: Thomas Thundat, ORNL

Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Detection

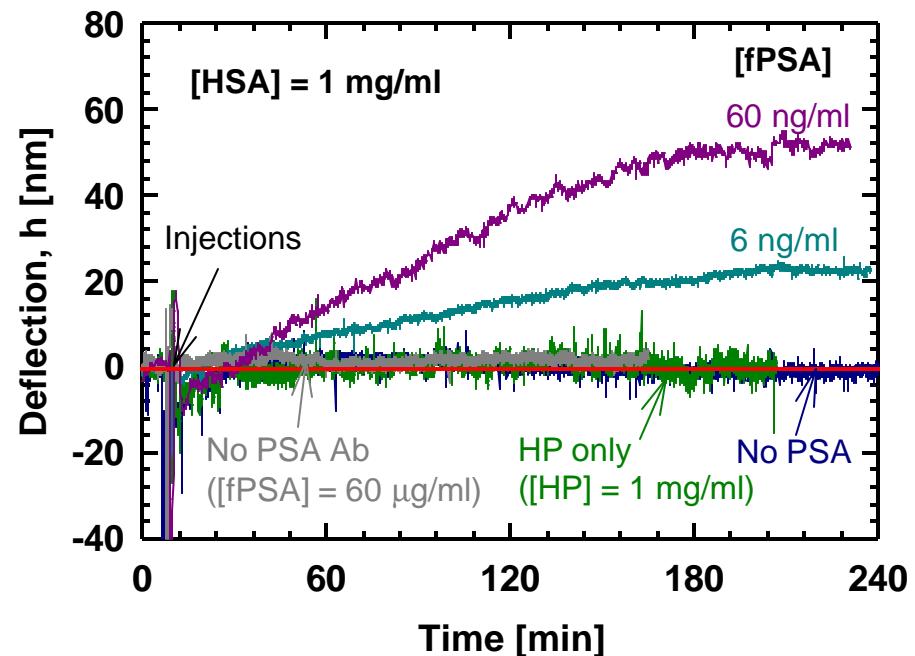


HSA: Human Serum Albumin

HP: Human Plasminogen

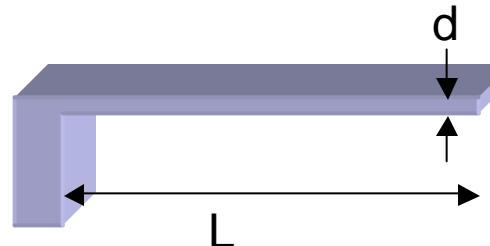
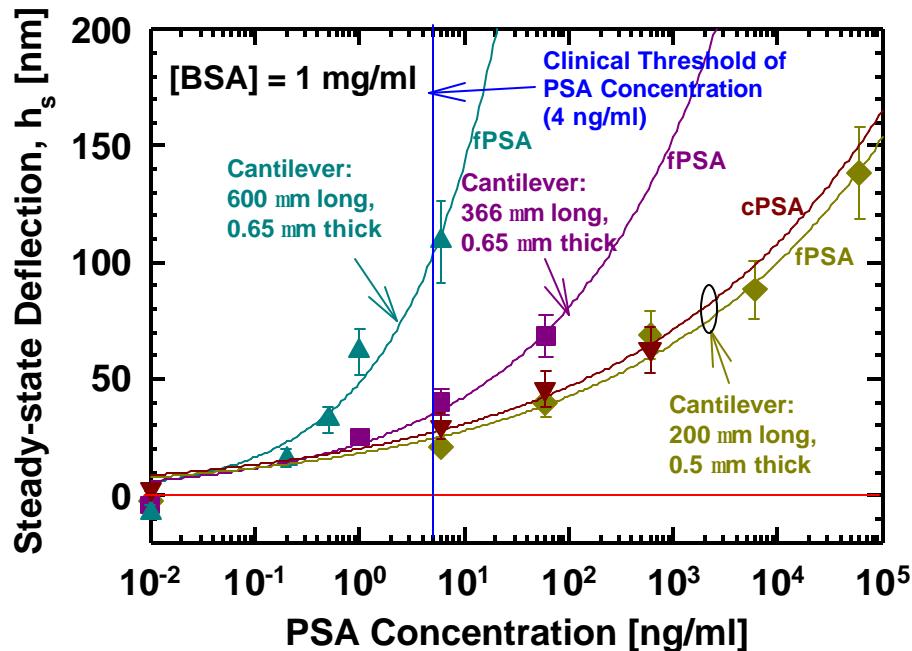
fPSA: free PSA

cPSA: complex PSA

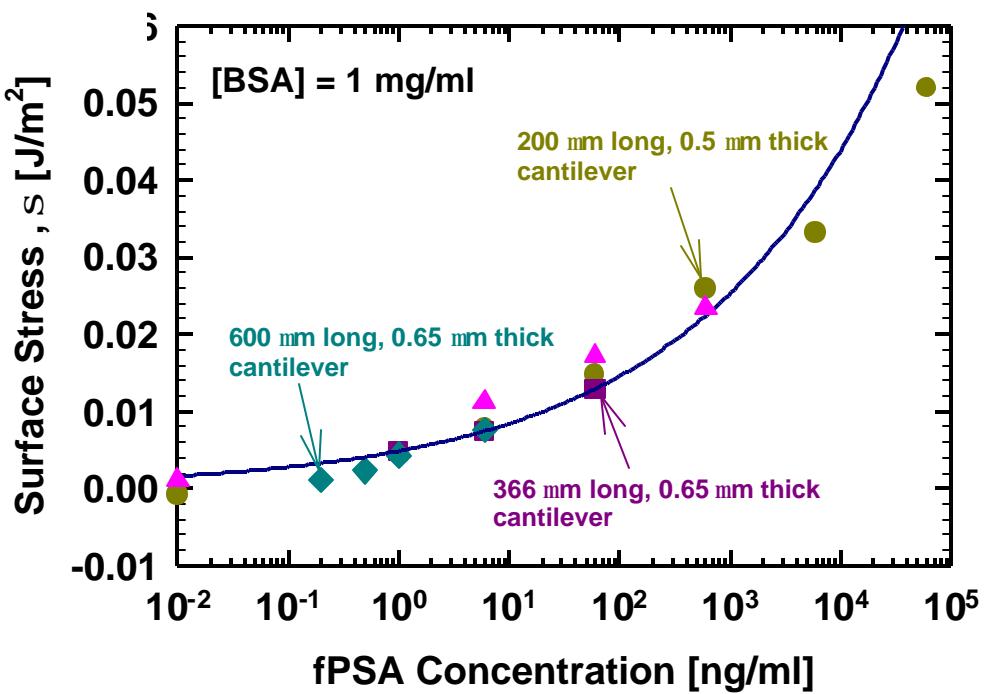


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Nanomechanical Assay of PSA

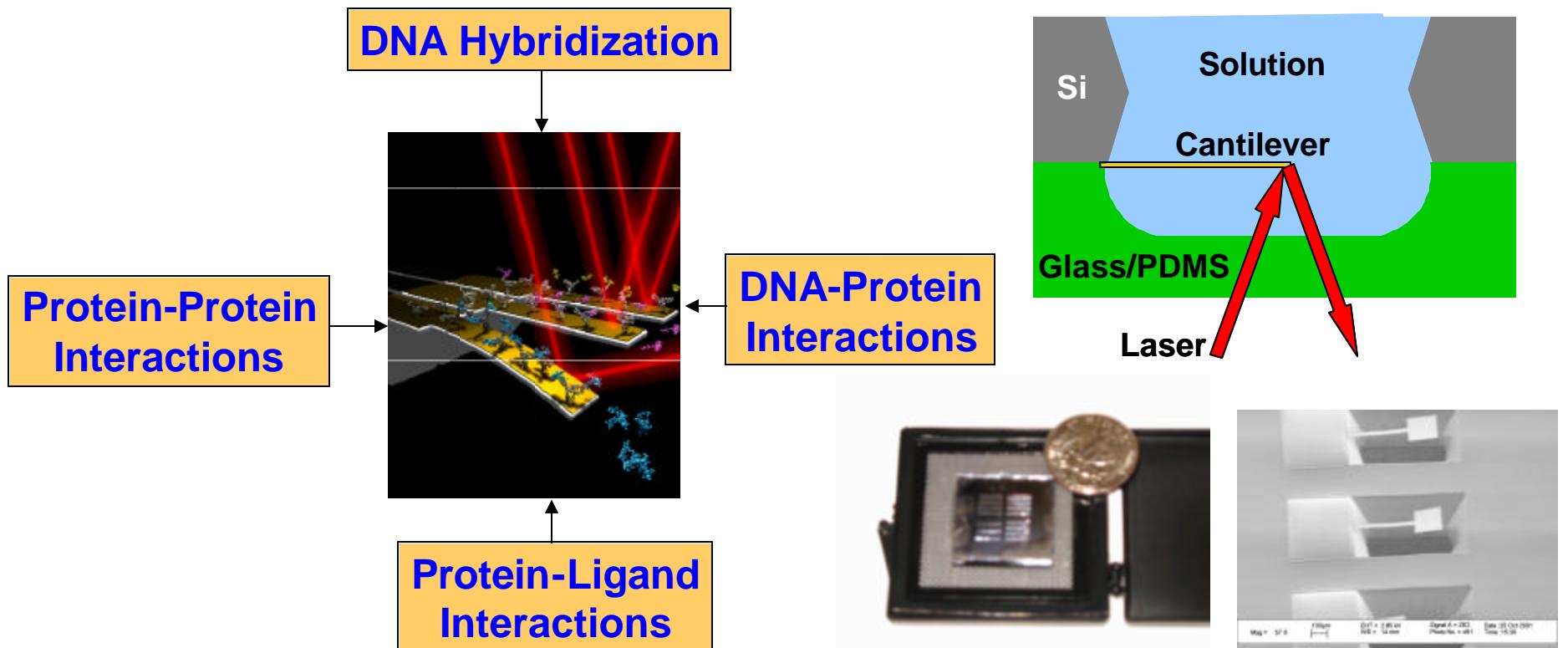


$$h = \frac{s(1-n)}{E} \left(\frac{L}{d} \right)^2$$

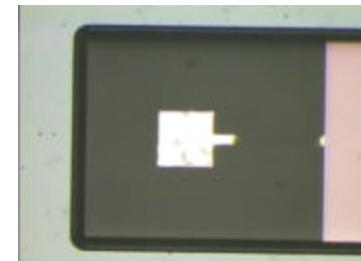


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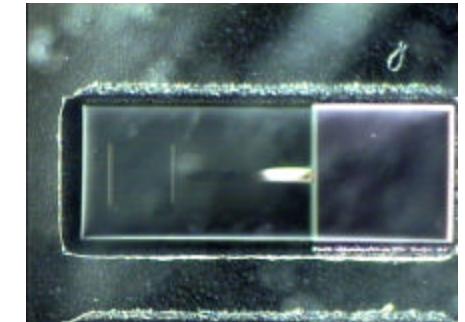
Common Platform for Label-Free Multiplexed Bioassays



Glass Roof

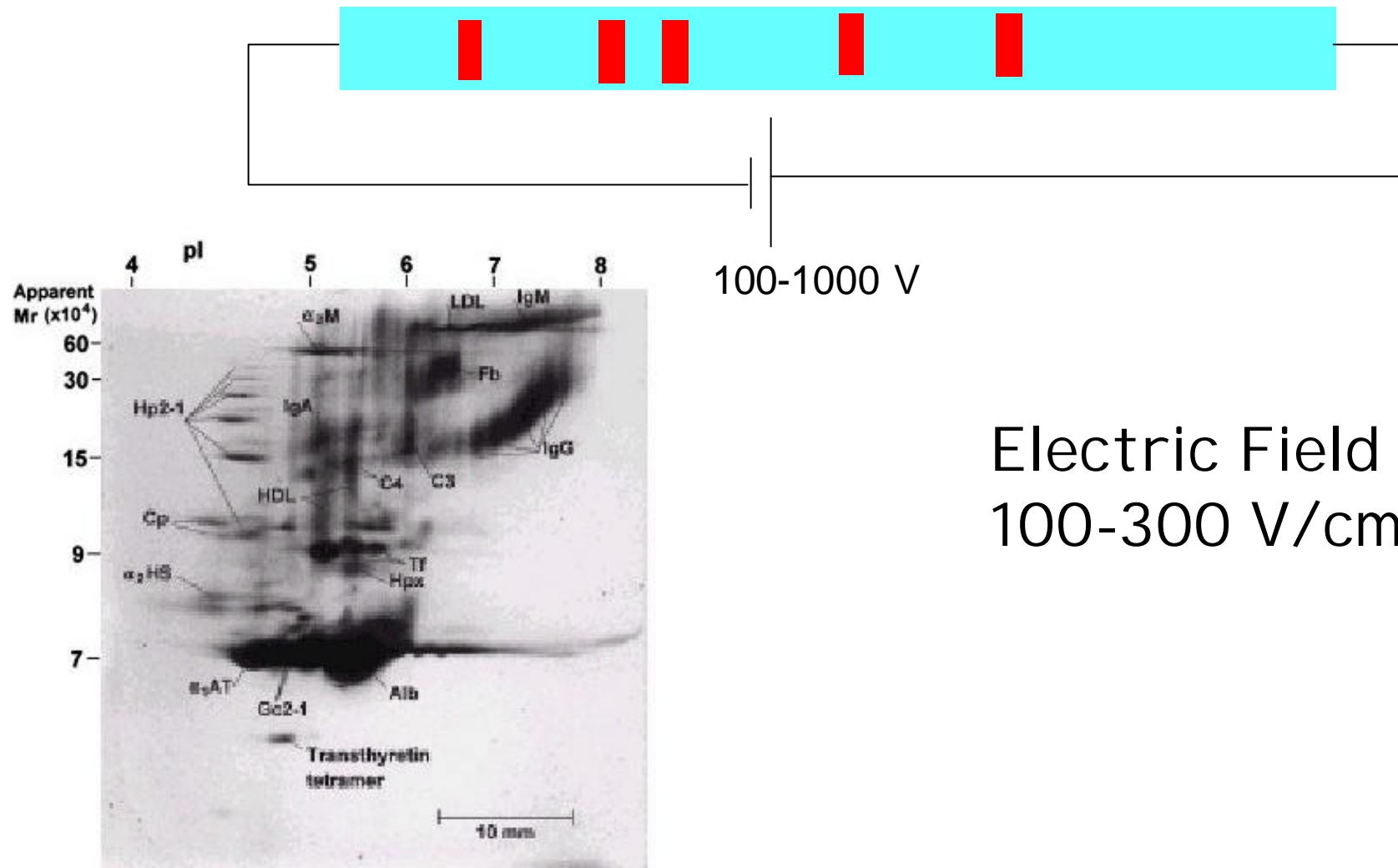


PDMS Roof



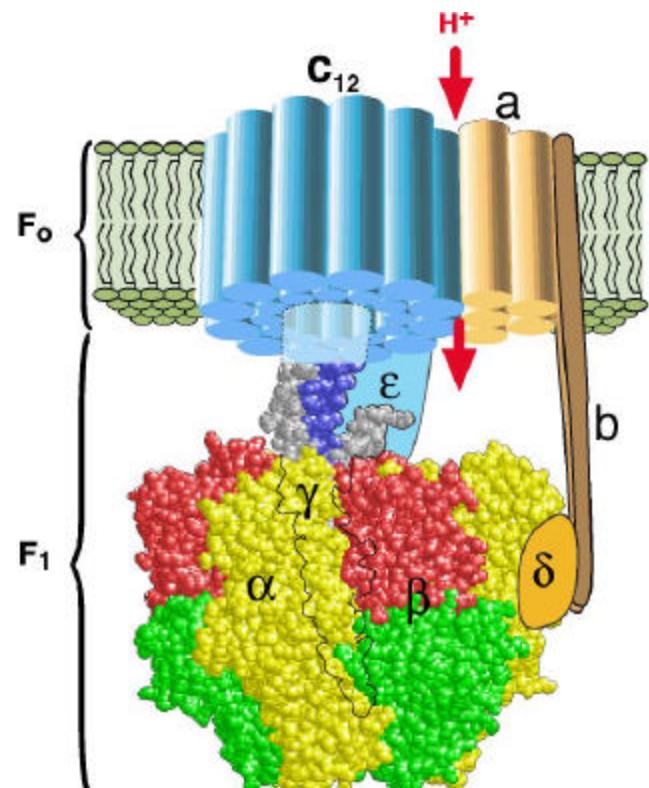
What happens when receptors are not available?

Molecular Separation by Mass and Charge (DNA + Proteins)

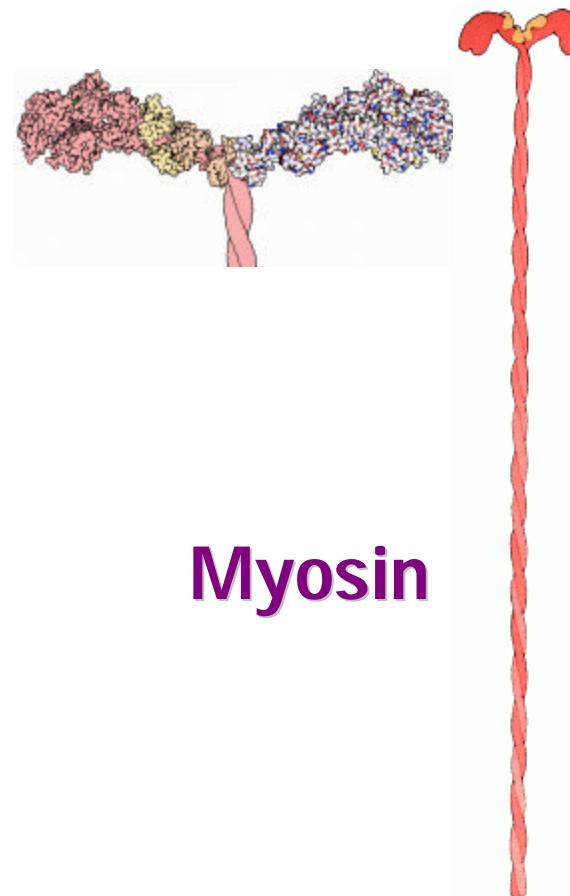


Electric Field ≈
100-300 V/cm

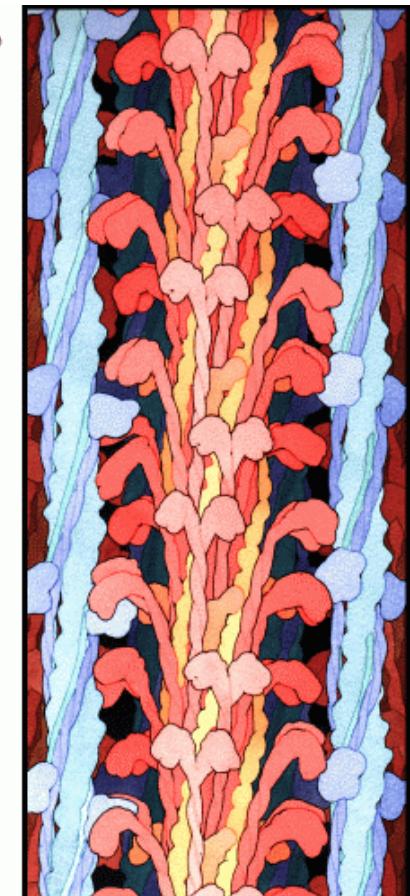
Molecular Motors



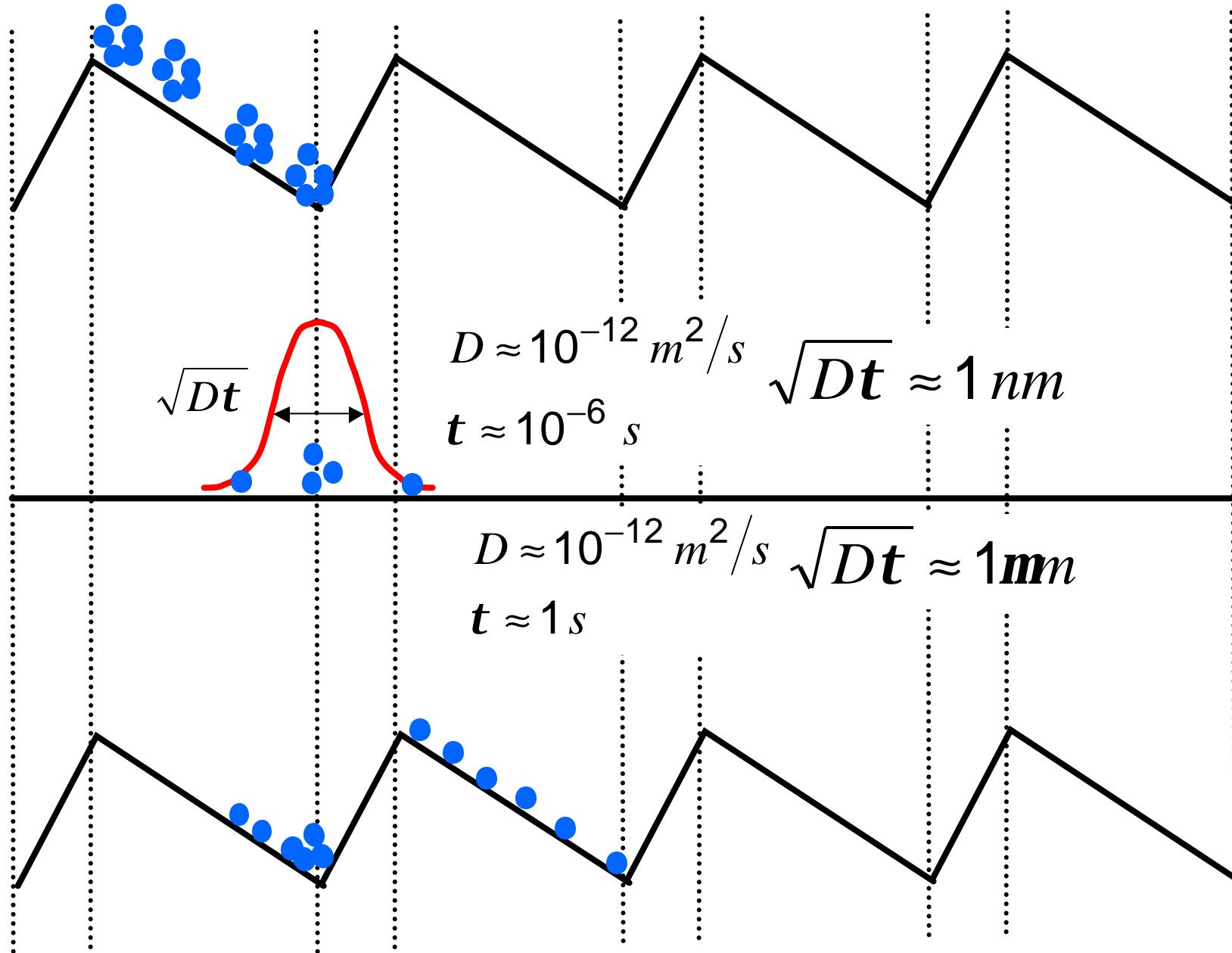
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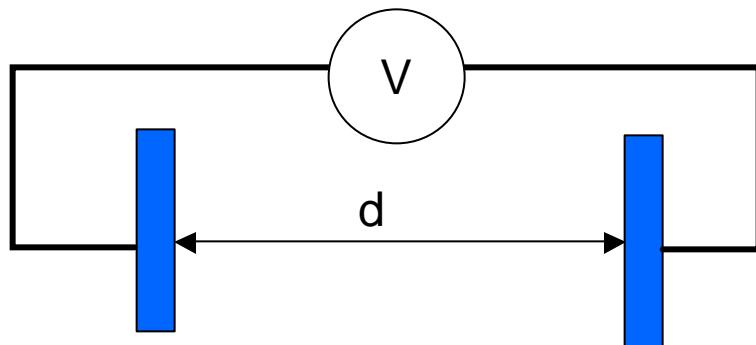
Myosin



Brownian Ratchets



Ratcheting Electrophoresis Microchip: Basic Concept

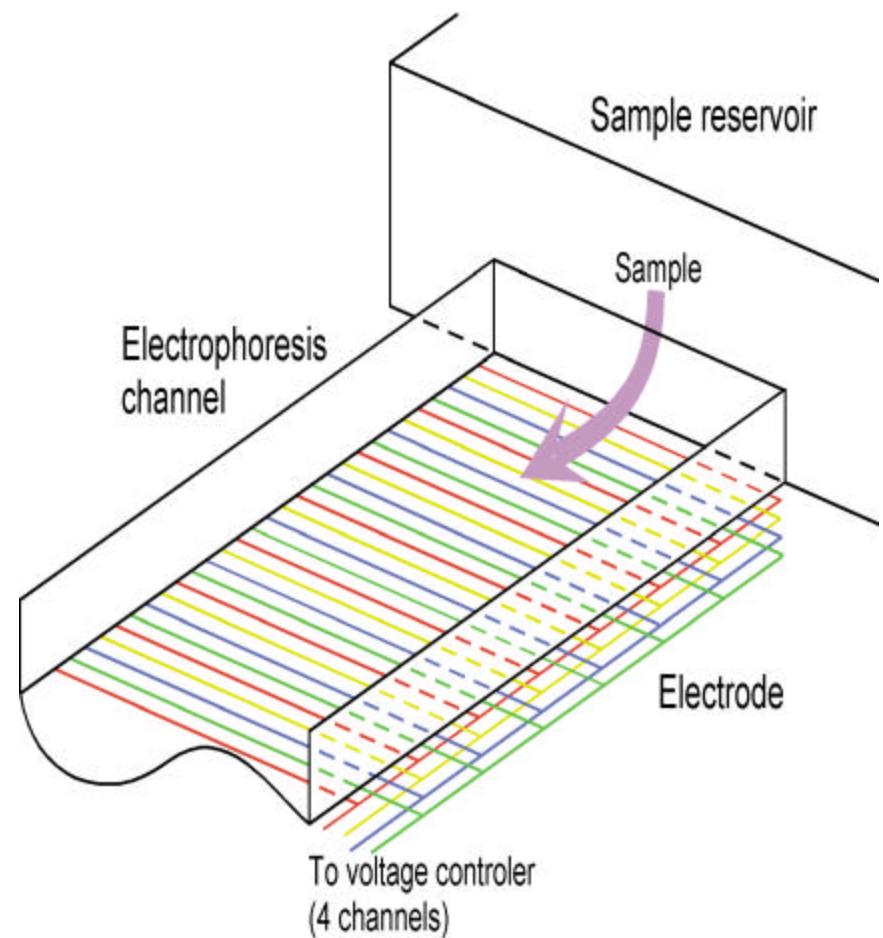


Electrode

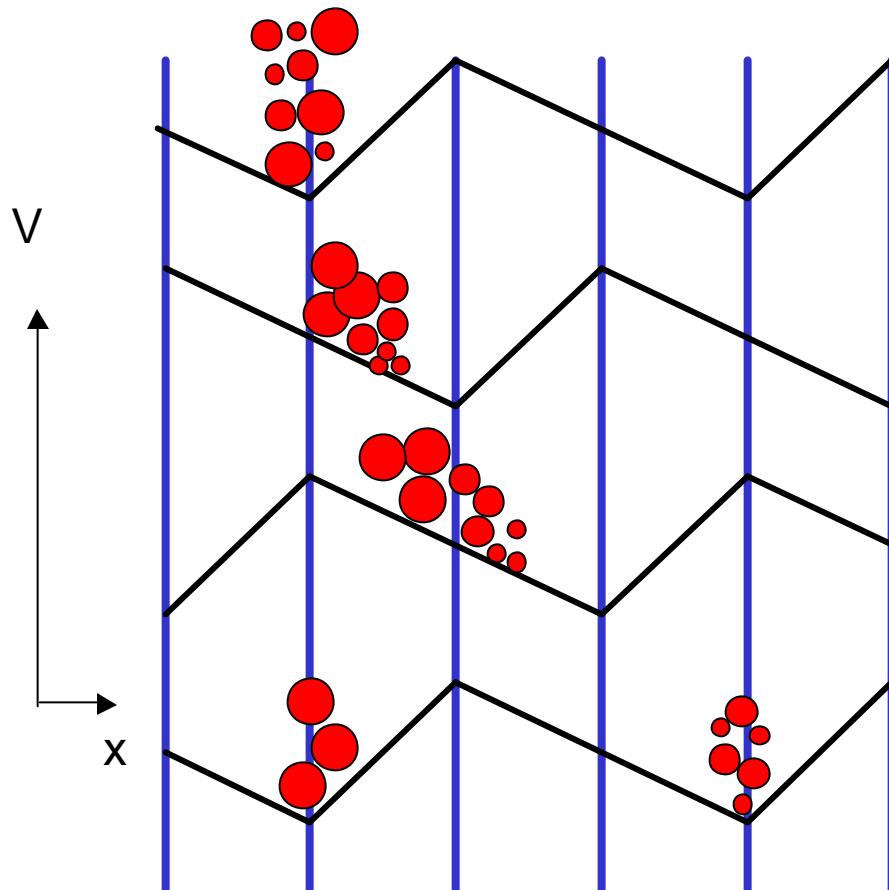
Separation, $d = 10 \mu\text{m}$

Applied Bias, $V = 1 \text{ V}$

Electric Field, $E = V/d = 1000 \text{ V/cm}$



Basic Mechanism – One Way Motion



- Binary separator → Filtering
- No backward motion of molecules

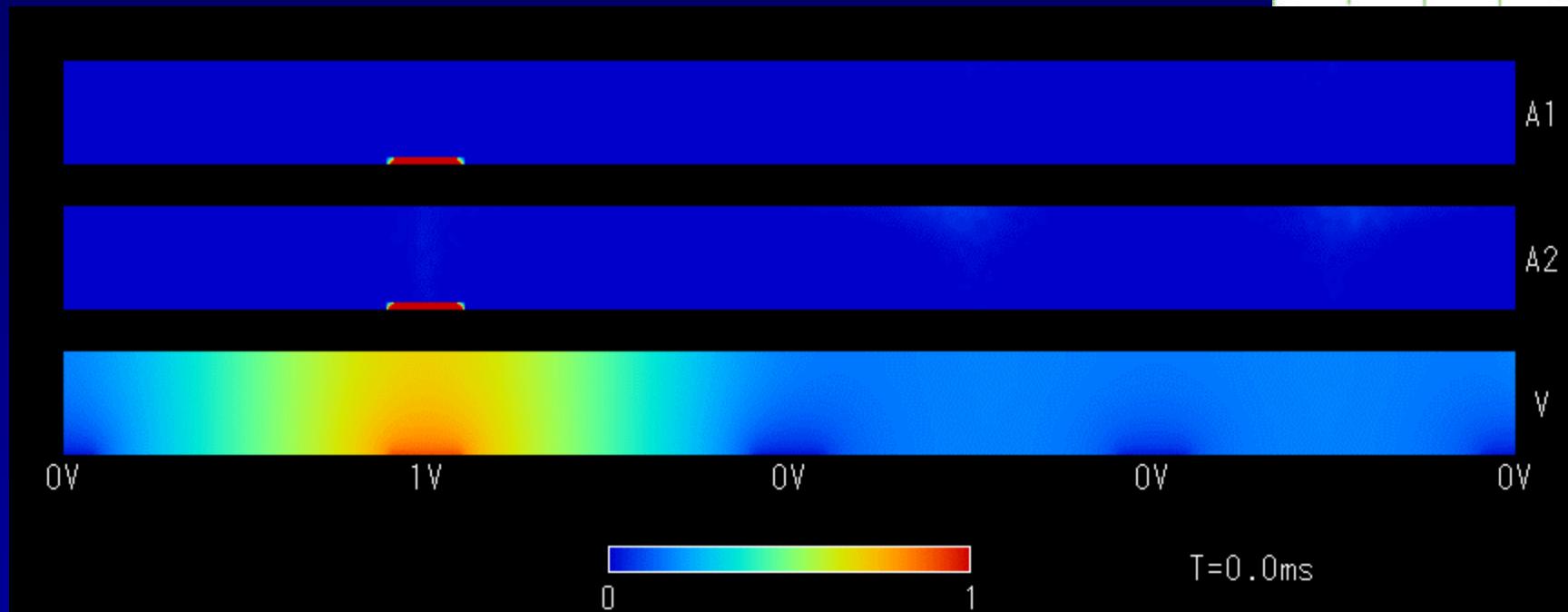
Molecules are trapped at the starting line and ready for the electrophoresis process.

Electrophoresis process.
Molecules migrate making a line according to their mobility.

After a threshold time period, the line of molecules is divided by a potential peak and molecules are separated according to their mobility

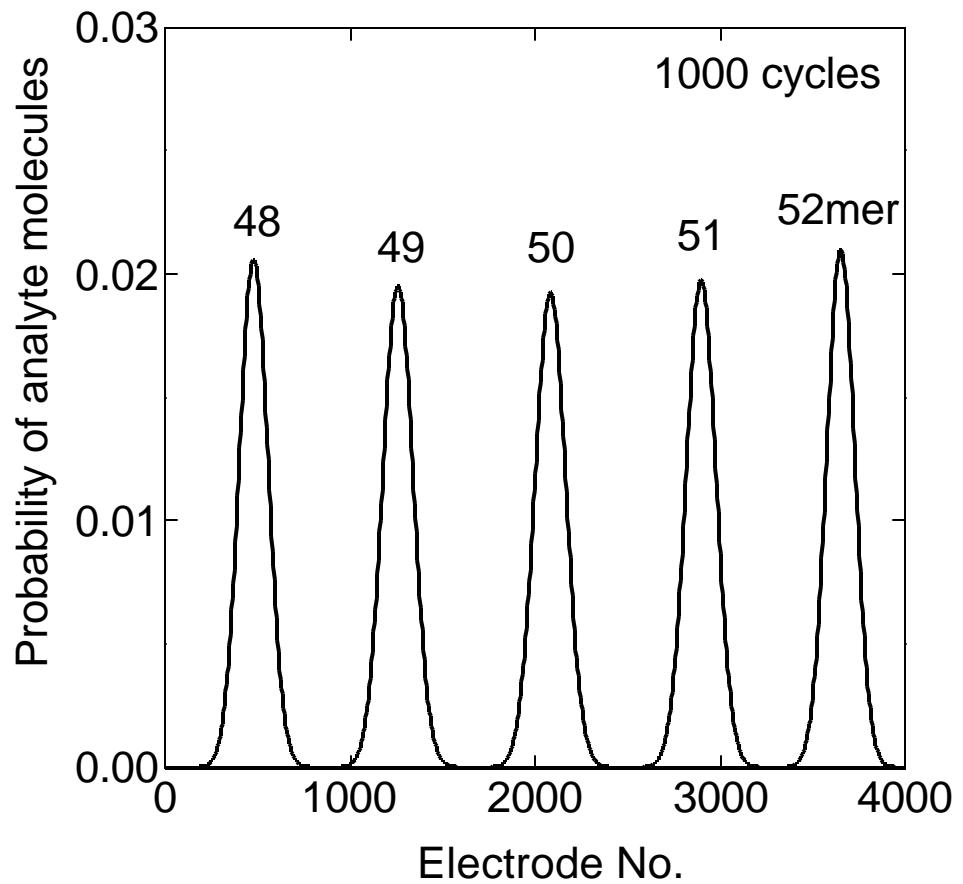
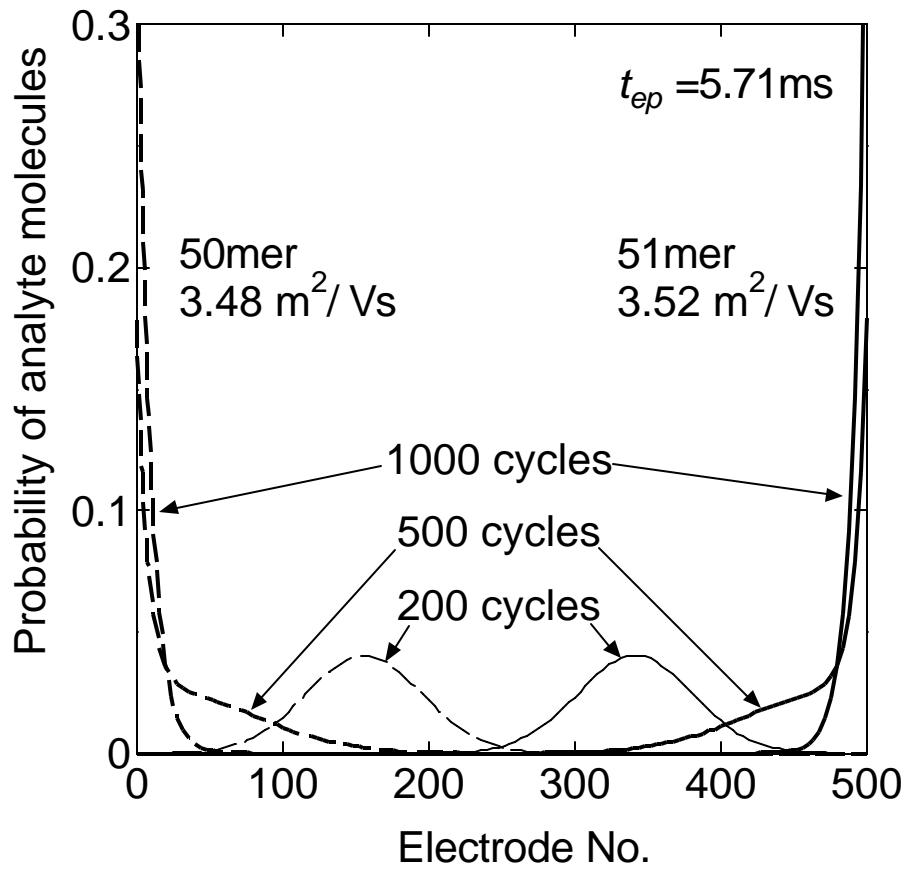
Suffers from thermal noise
(mass diffusion)

Electrophoresis Separation (single array system)

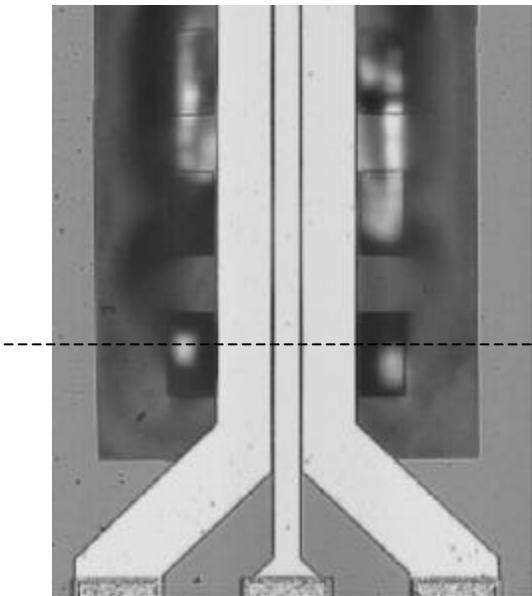


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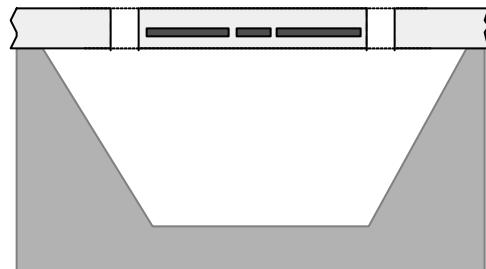
Separation Performance



Microwave transmission lines and microfluidic channels?

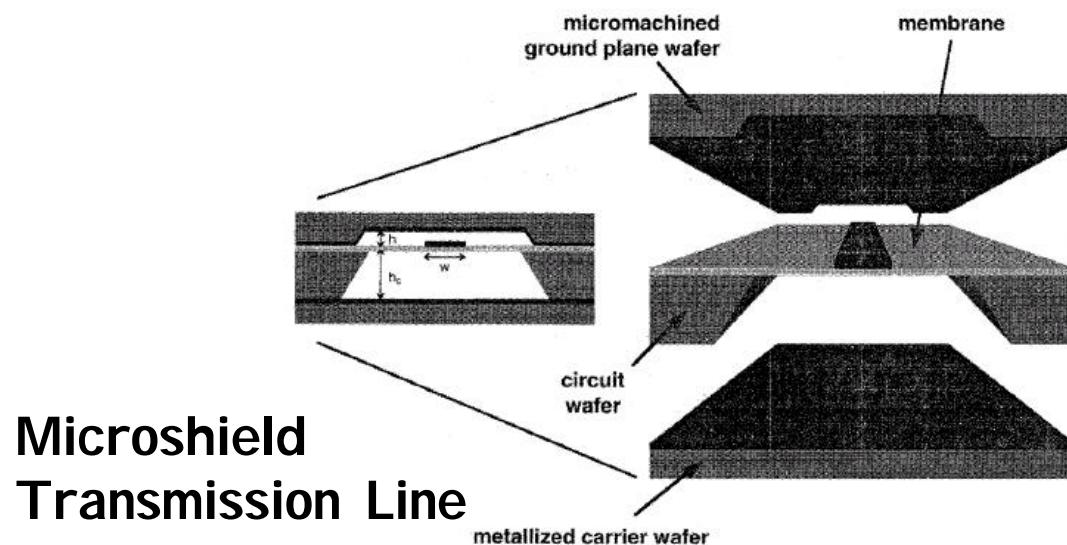


CPW after hybrid
micromachining

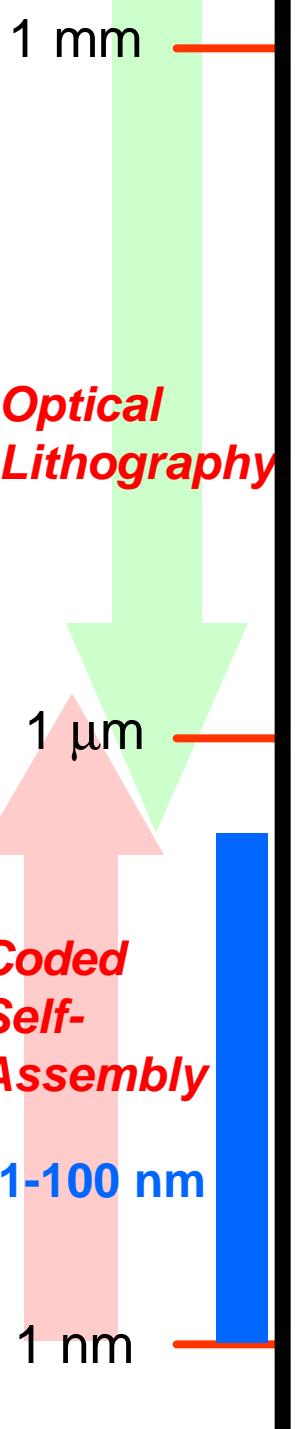


Milanović, et al, IEEE T-MTT , 6/97

- UMich, GWU, ...: suspended microwave transmission lines
 - Suspended over air “microchannel”
 - Filling microchannels with fluid samples?
 - Some additional processing or packaging
- Currently investigating potential bio-medical applications of such RF structures
 - *Anritsu graciously allowing occasional ANA tests to 120GHz*

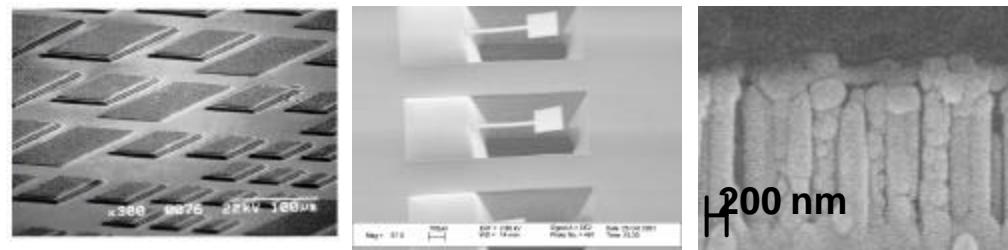


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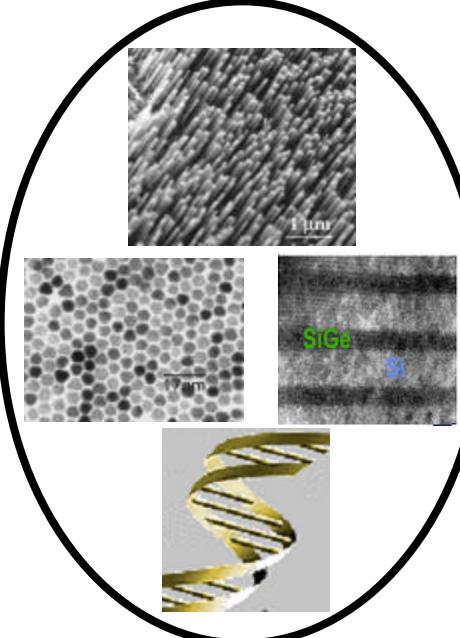
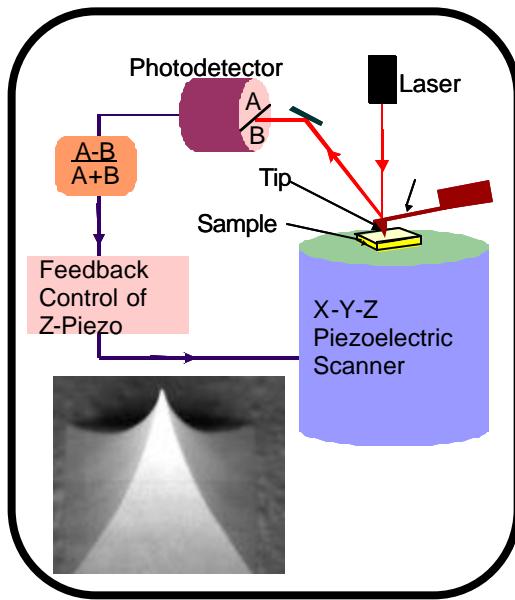


Integration

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Computational Tools

Experimental Tools



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