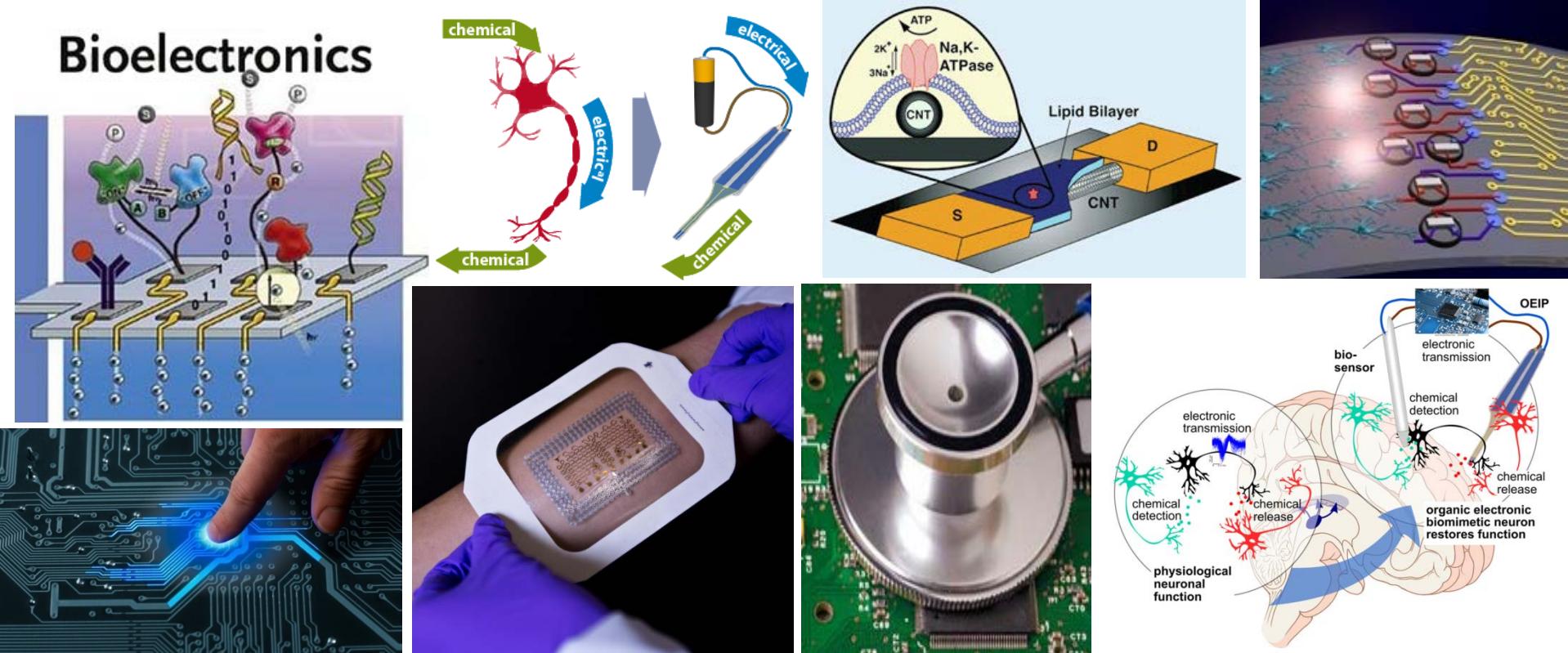


# Bioelectronics



## Bioelectronics: Interfacing Electronics with Biology

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# What is Bioelectronics?

- **Biology + Electronics**
- The application of electronic devices to living organisms for clinical testing, diagnosis and therapy.
- The interactions of increased computing power, advances in prosthetic devices, artificial implants, and systems that blend electronic and biological components.

Sources: <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/bioelectronics>  
<http://www.svegritet.se/ethics-bioethics/bioelectronics-and-implanted-devices/>

## Do CYBORGS exist?

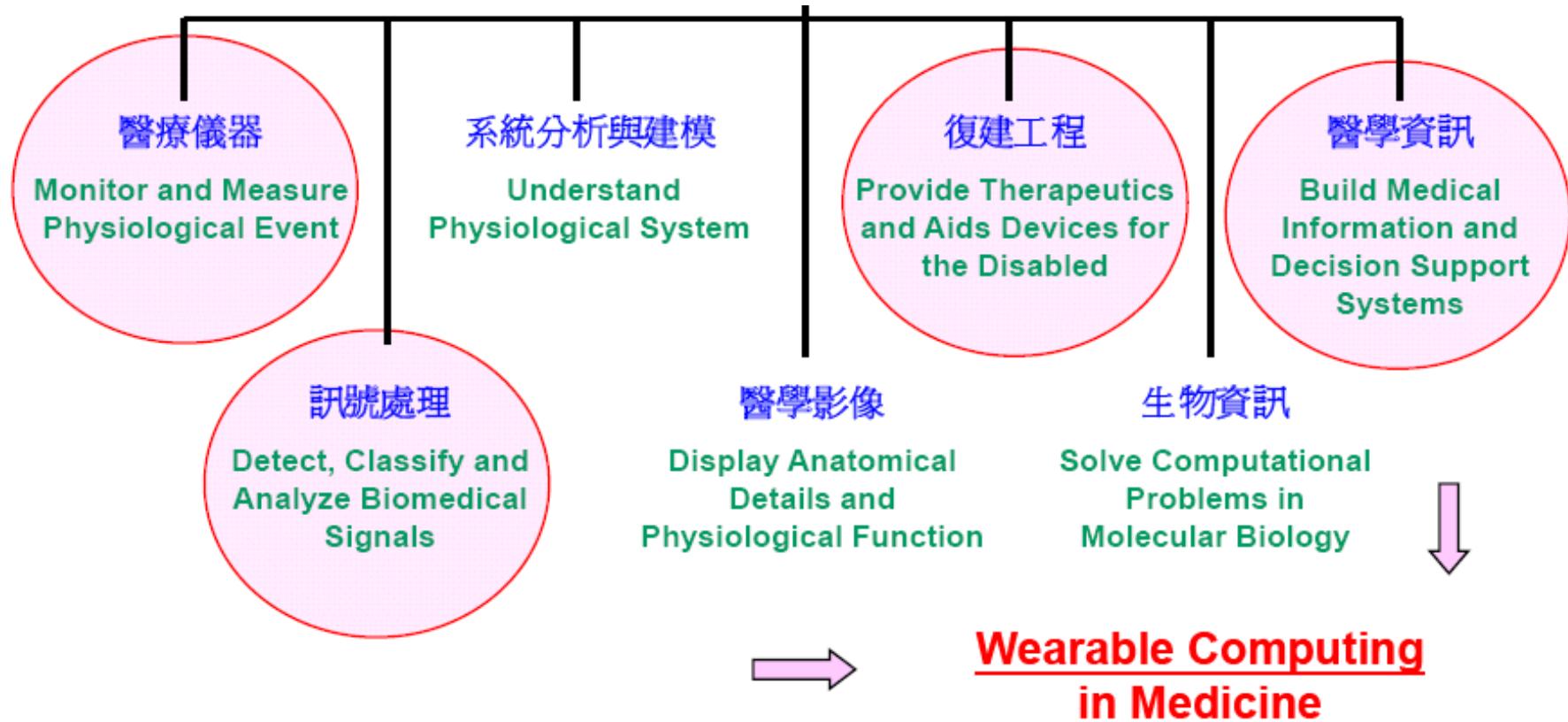
- The earlier and more strict definition of **Cyborg** was almost always considered as increasing or enhancing normal capabilities, whereas now the term can also be applied to those organisms which use technology to repair or overcome their physical and mental constraints.
- Examples are artificial limbs and hands.



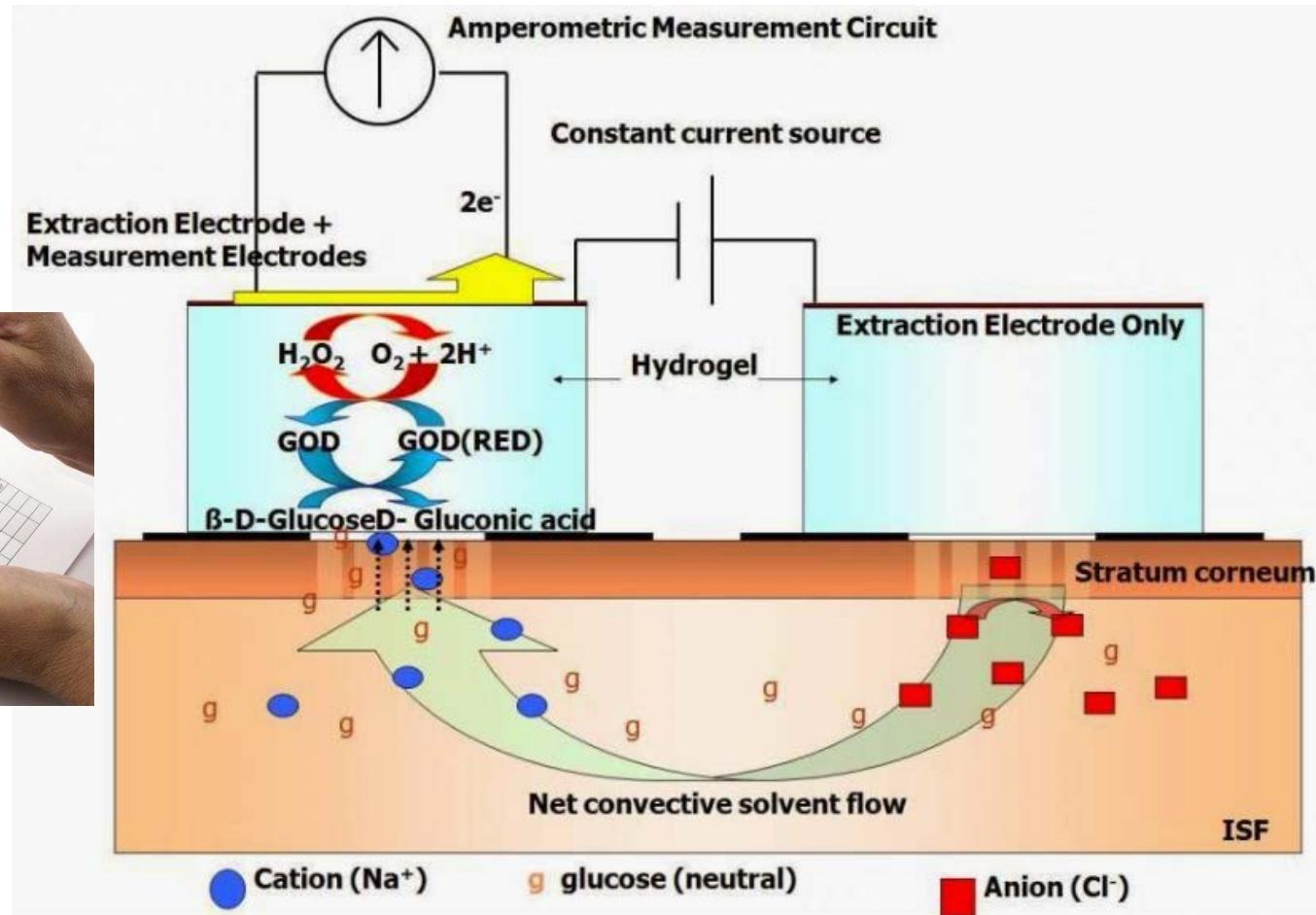
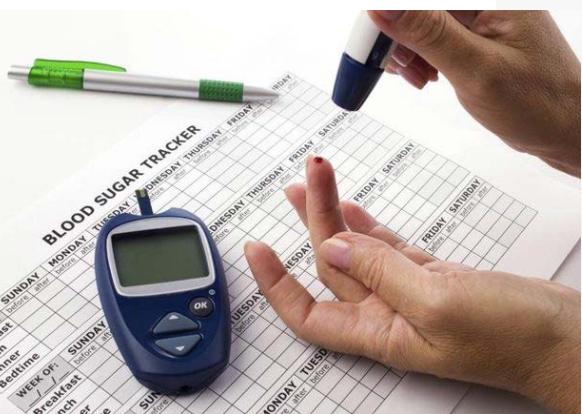
Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyborg>; <http://www.motherboard.tv/2010/8/10/the-cyborg-kevin-warwick-is-the-world-s-first-human-robot-hybrid>

# Correlation of Biomedical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

## Biomedical Engineering



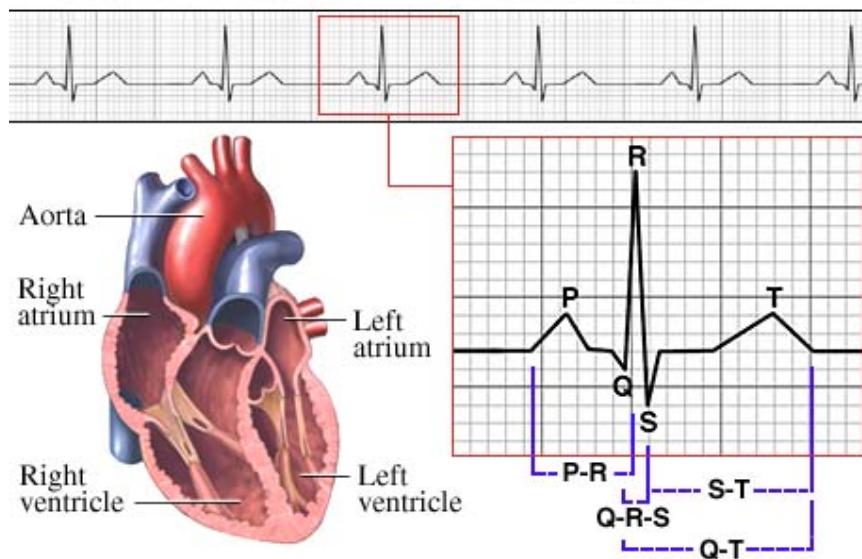
# Blood Glucose Meters



Glucose undergoes a chemical reaction in the presence of enzymes and electrons are produced during the chemical reaction. These electrons (i.e., the charge passing through the electrode) are measured and this is proportional to the concentration of glucose in the solution.

# Electrocardiography (ECG) Measurement Technology

First Electrocardiograph (ECG)  
by William Einthoven in 1903



Patient Monitors



Portable ECG  
system



ECG Holter



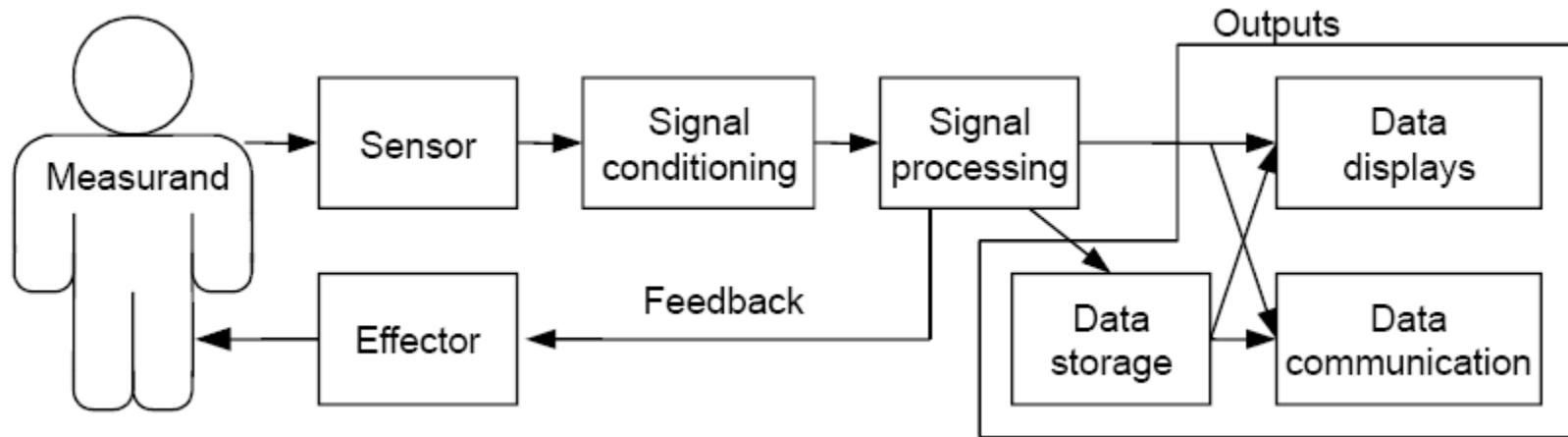
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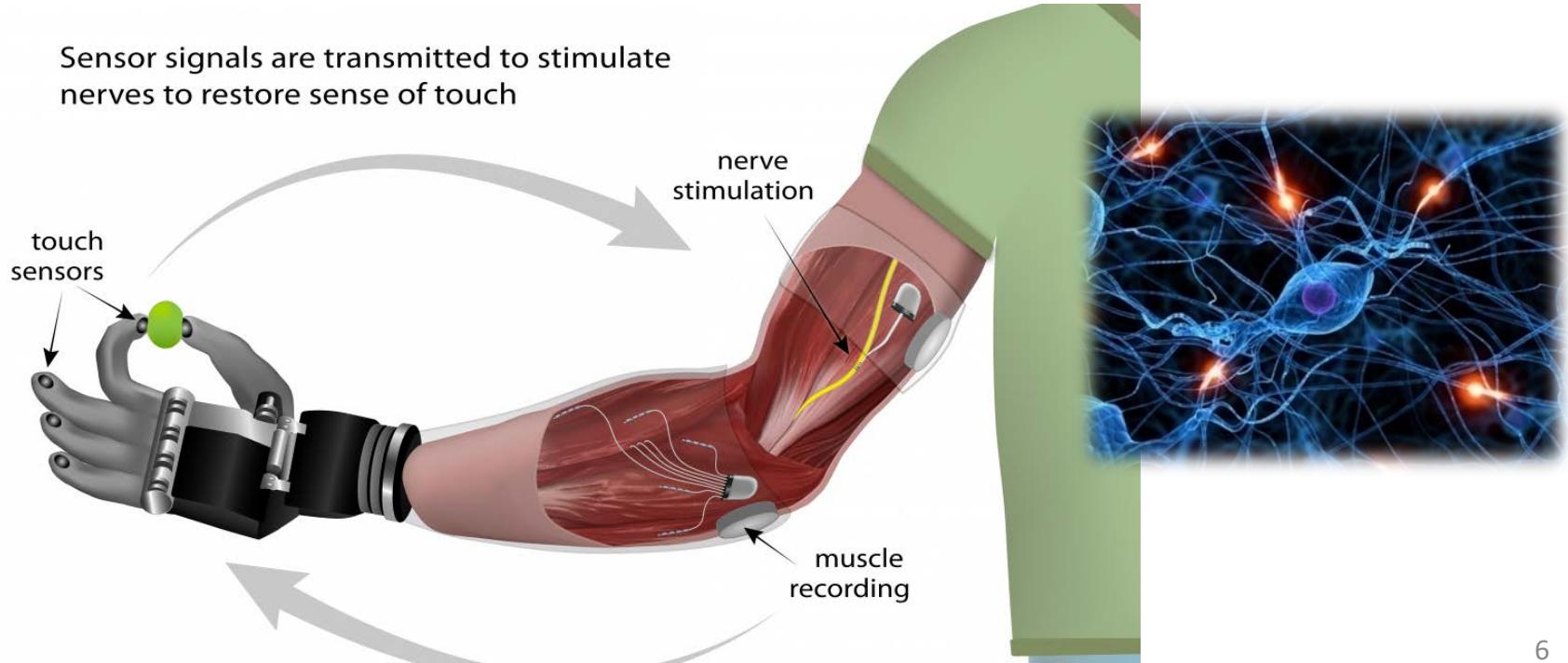
ECG chip



# Bioinstrumentation



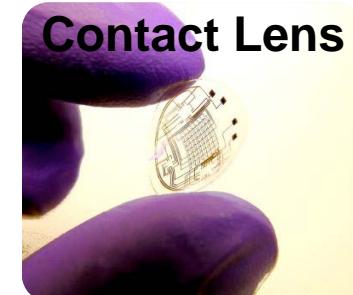
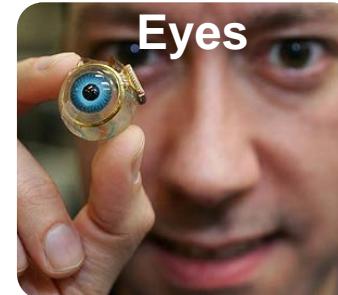
John G. Webster, Bioinstrumentation, John Wiley & Sons, 2003.



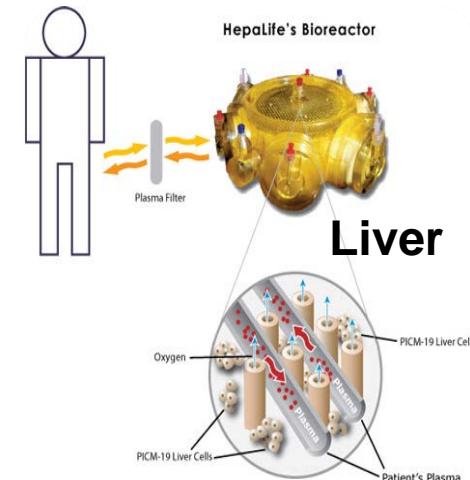
# Bioelectronics and Implanted Devices



- Eyes
- Ears
- Heart
- Lung
- Liver
- Kidney
- Hands
- Feet



Foot



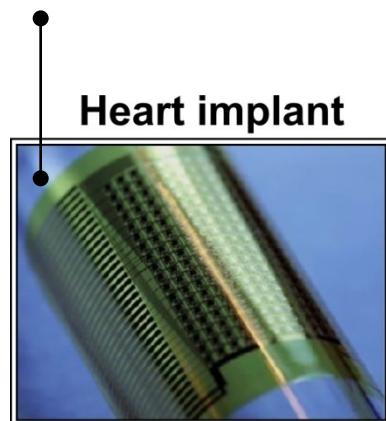
BioLung



Hand

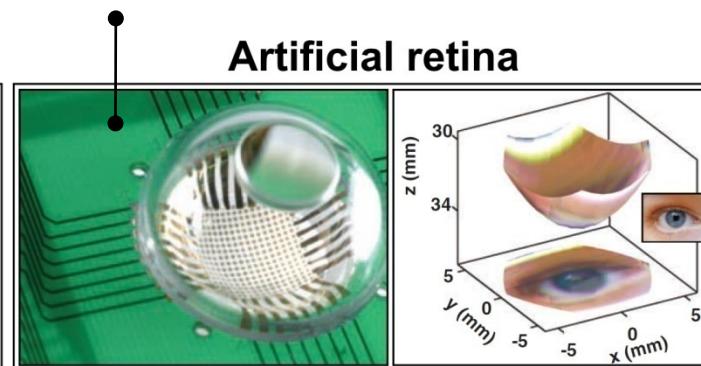
# Bioelectronics for Smart Skin or Smart Textiles

Implantable device for measuring the heart's electrical output with a vast improvement over conventional devices [Science Transl. Med. 2, 24ra22 (2010)].



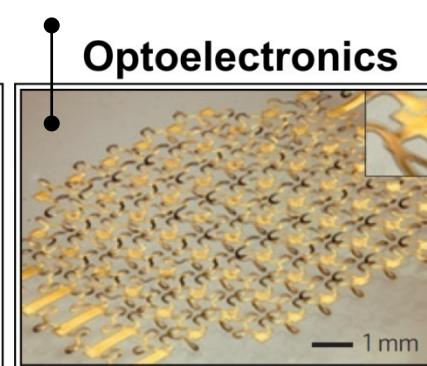
Heart implant

Electronic eyeball camera that uses a hemispherically curved array of silicon photodetectors and picture collected with a similar camera that uses a paraboloid design [Rogers et al., Science 327, 1603 (2010)].



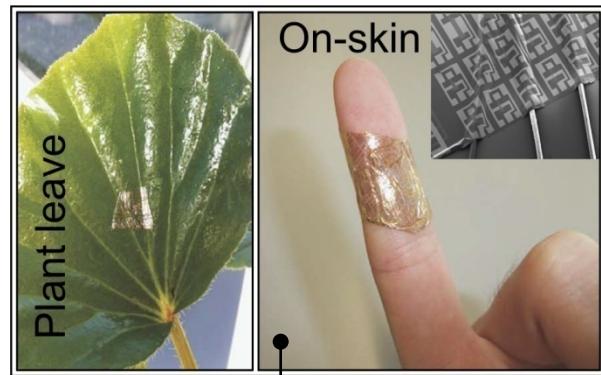
Artificial retina

Stretchable array of light emitting diodes (LEDs) [Kim et al., Nature Mater. 10, 316 (2011)].



Optoelectronics

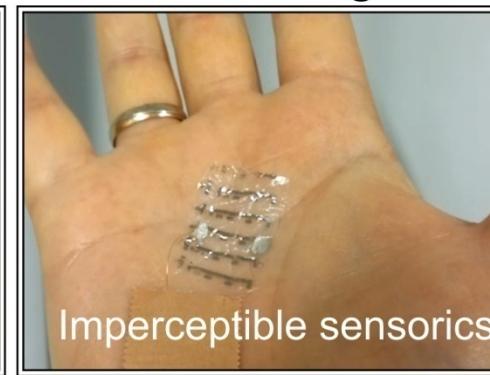
Active electronics



Plant leave

On-skin

Magnetoelectronics



Elastic GMR sensor

Flexible InGaZnO-Based active electronics [Salvatore et al., Nature Comm. 5, 2982 (2014)].

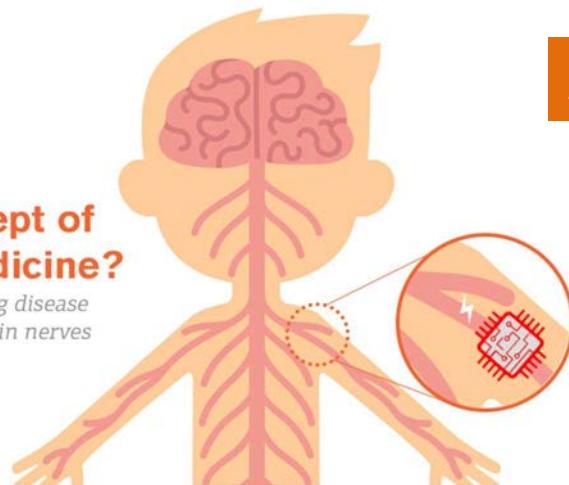
Flexible and stretchable inorganic magnetosensorics [Melzer et al., Nano Letters 11, 2522 (2011)].

# Bioelectronics and Medicine's Future

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## What is the concept of bioelectronic medicine?

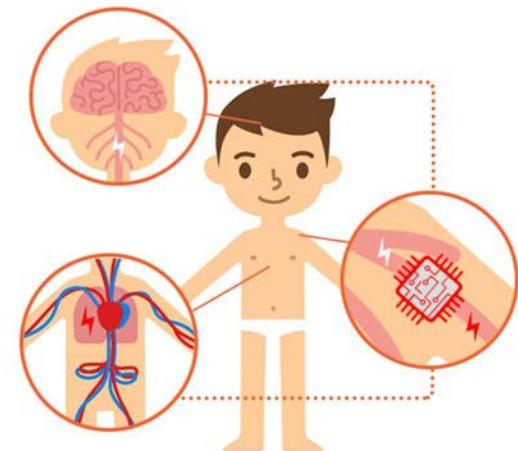
A tiny implanted device treating disease by changing the electric pulses in nerves to and from specific organs.



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## How does bioelectronics work?

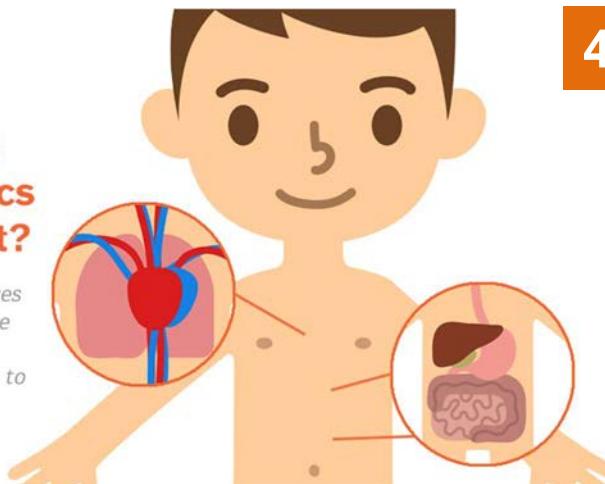
A tiny device attached to a nerve that would adjust the electrical signals between the brain and the organs in the body.



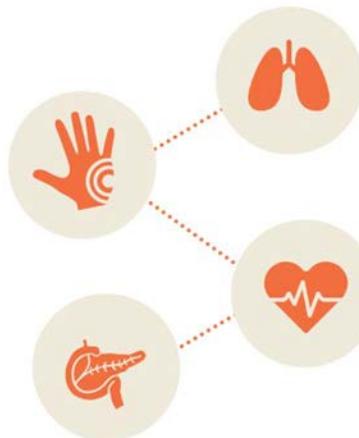
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## What body parts can bioelectronics potentially affect?

We believe bioelectronic devices have the potential to modulate nerve signals that control the lungs, stomach and intestines to mention just a few.



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## What diseases could bioelectronics potentially treat?

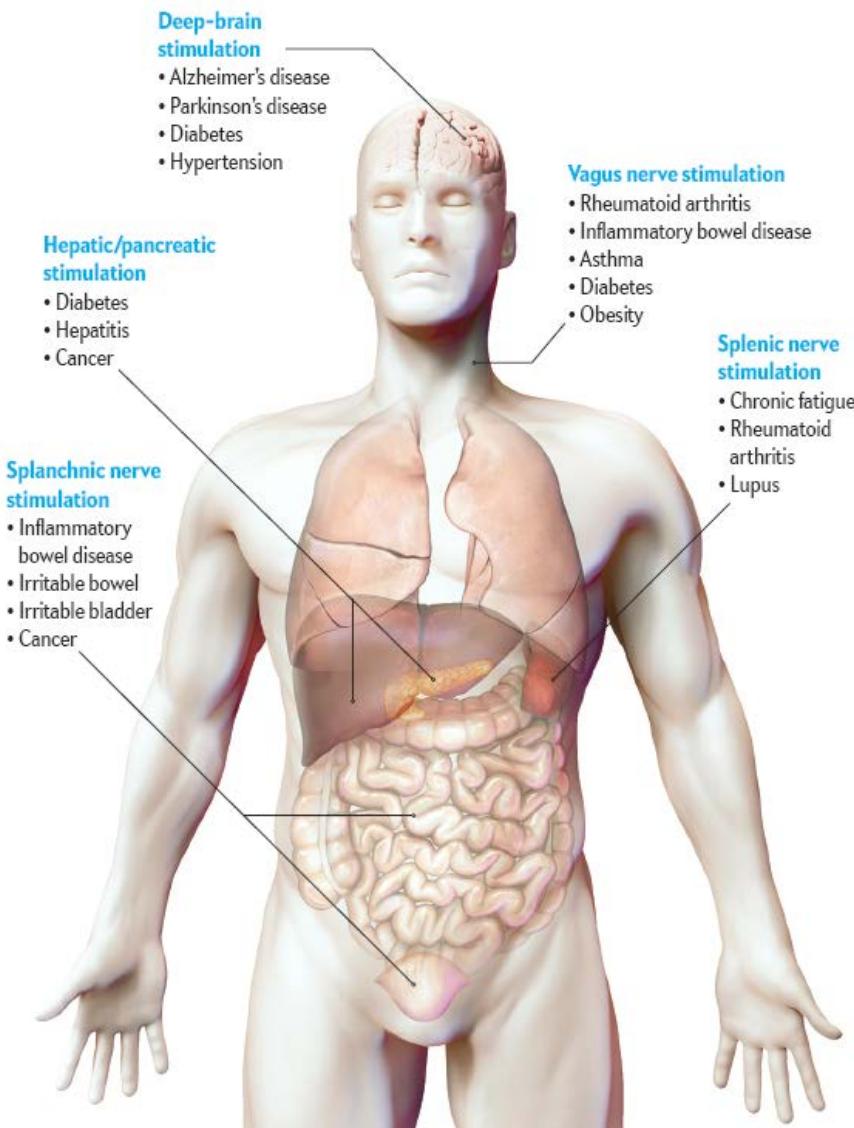
We anticipate it has the potential to treat asthma, arthritis, hypertension and diabetes to mention just a few.

**Bioelectronics will be commonly used by 2025**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AX4Yr02-olo>



# Personalized Bioelectronic Medicines : Targets and Diseases



**Bioelectronic medicine** holds promise for using electrical stimulation technologies to treat a variety of diseases—and may become an alternative to some pharmaceuticals. Vagus nerve stimulation—the topic of this article—is only one of these techniques. Deep-brain stimulation is already helping patients with Parkinson's disease. Other therapies, such as splenic nerve stimulation, are being investigated but have not reached clinical trials.

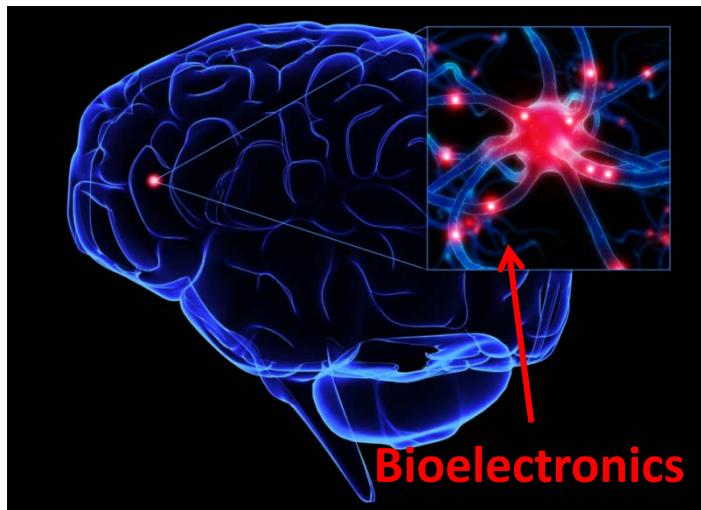
# Outline

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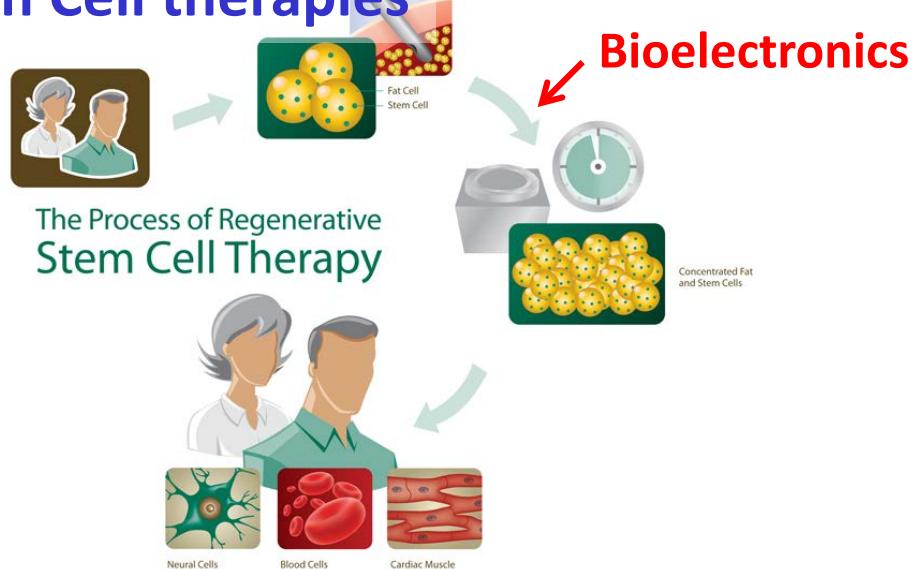
- **Personalized Bioelectronic Medicines**
- **Why Organics? What is the Organic Electronic?**
- **Organic Bioelectronic Interfaces (OBEIs) and Pi materials**
- **Micro/Nanofabrication Technologies for Organic electronics**
- **Neuroscience**
  - Introduction to neural interfacing
  - Recording single neurons without penetrating the brain
  - Recording brain activity with high signal-to-noise ratio
  - Stopping seizures (in vitro) with localized drug delivery
  - Ion transport in conducting polymers
- **Stem Cell Therapies**
- **Cancer Treatment and Diagnostic**□

# Personalized Bioelectronic Medicines

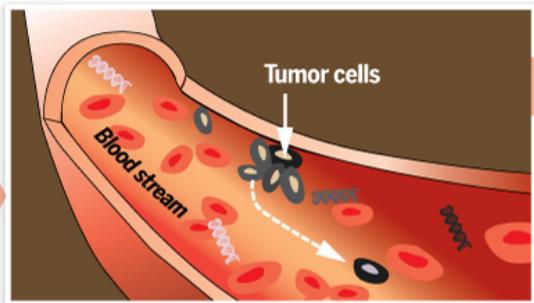
## 1) Neuroscience



## 2) Stem Cell therapies

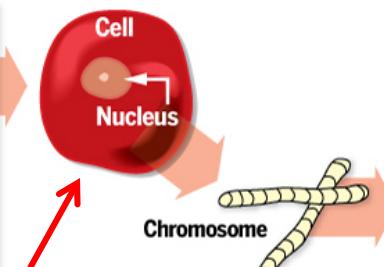


## 3) Cancer Treatment and Diagnostic



### Detecting tumor cells

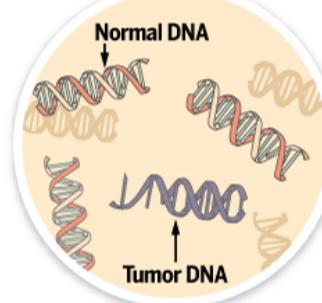
Tumor cells die routinely just like other cells, and when they do, they shed DNA into a person's bloodstream. This means the bloodstream will contain DNA from all over the tumor, not just one section.



### Bioelectronics

#### Blood is drawn

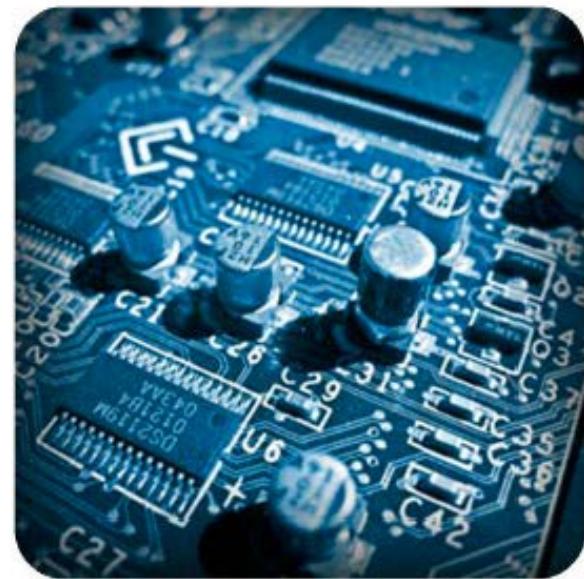
Once a patient's blood sample is taken, technicians isolate the DNA by removing red blood cells, platelets and plasma. Technicians get the DNA from the nuclei of white blood cells.

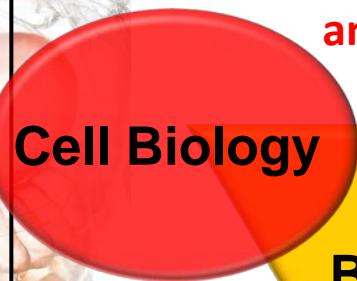
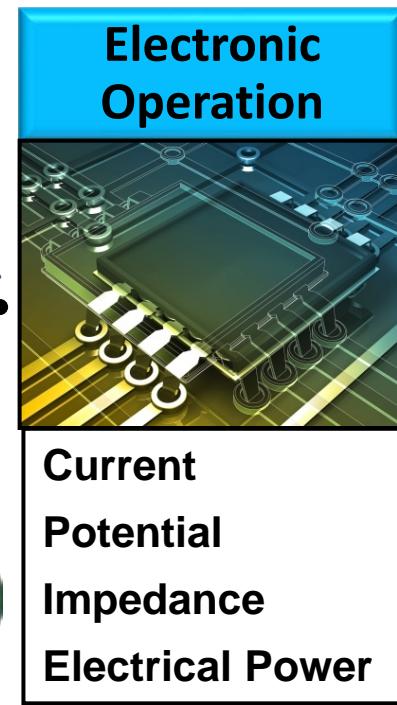
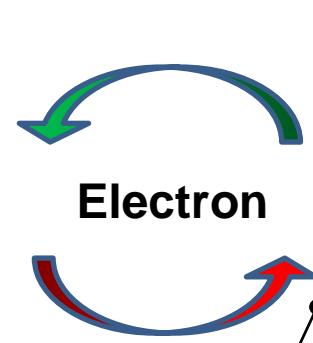
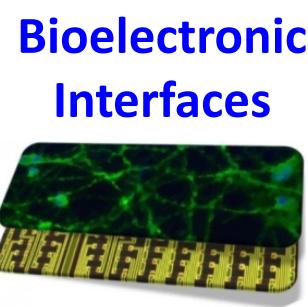
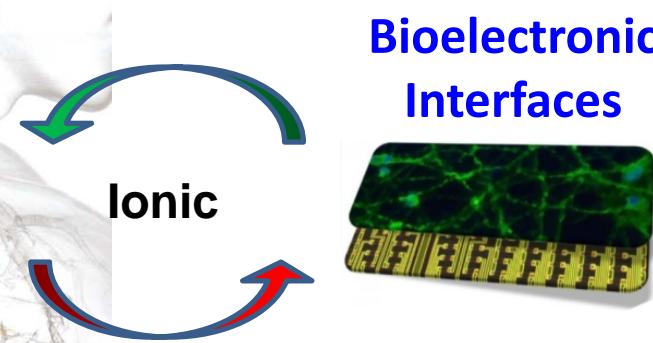
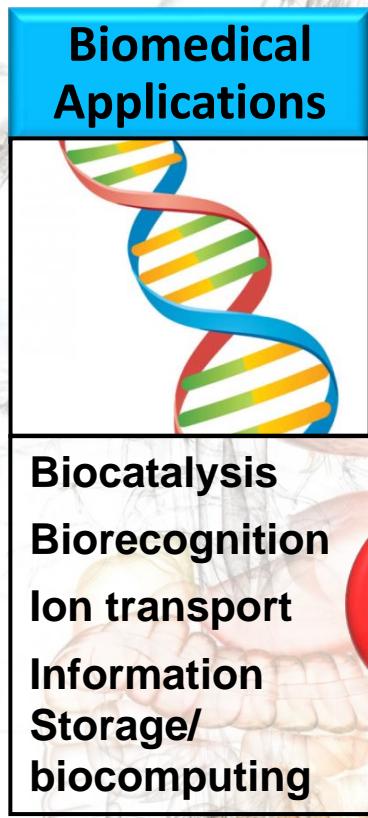


### DNA tumor

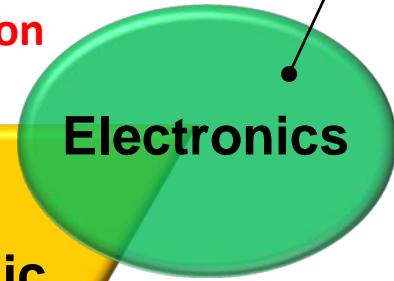
The DNA is then read searching for markers of cancer. These are areas of the genetic script in which cancer cells differ markedly from normal cells.

# Bioelectronics: Coupling biology and electronics





Manipulation  
and/or Detection



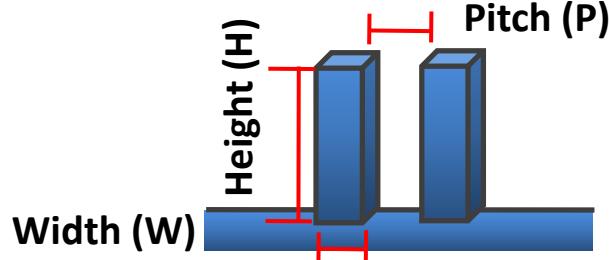
**Bioelectronic  
Interfaces**

Cell-Electrode  
Interaction

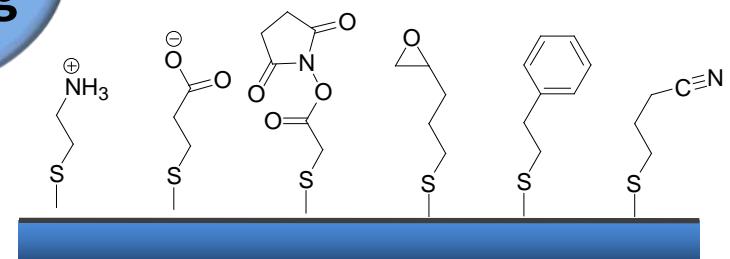
Electron and/or Ion  
Transporting

**Surface  
Engineering**

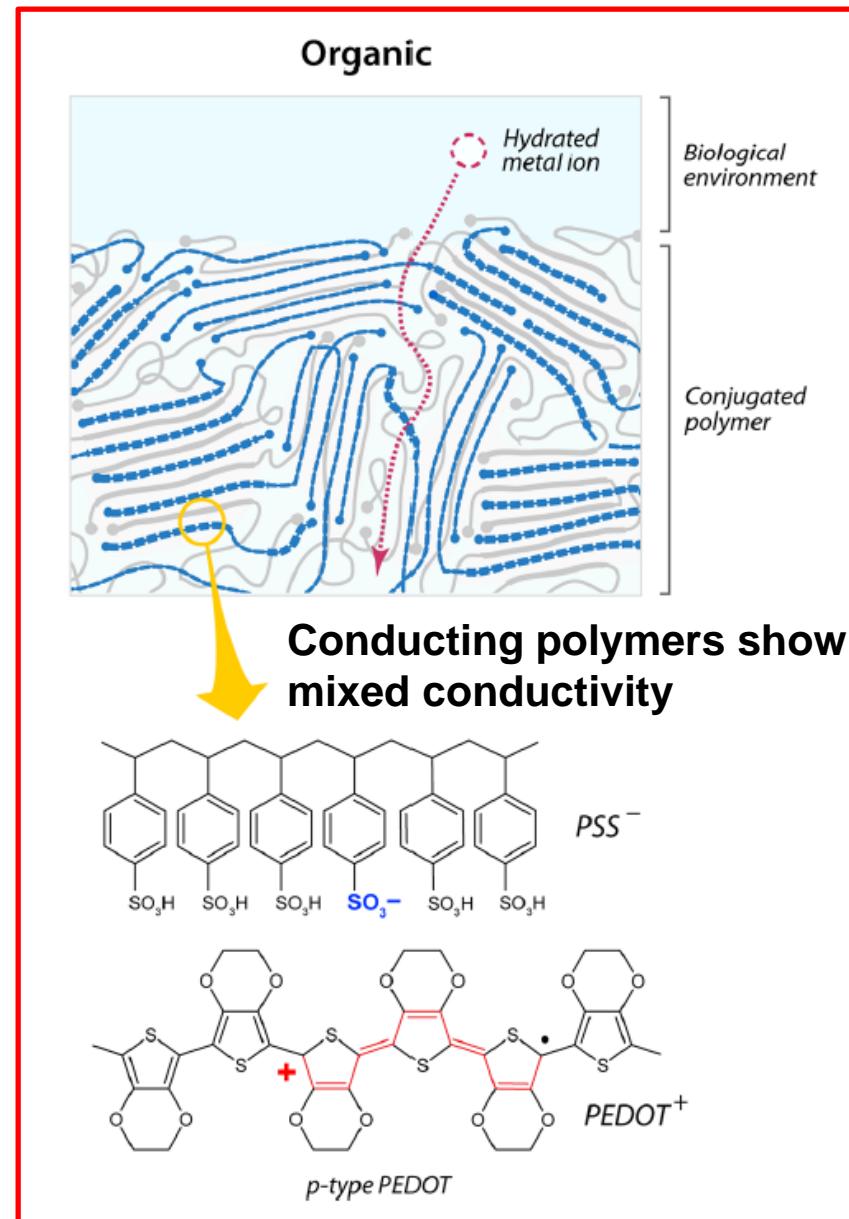
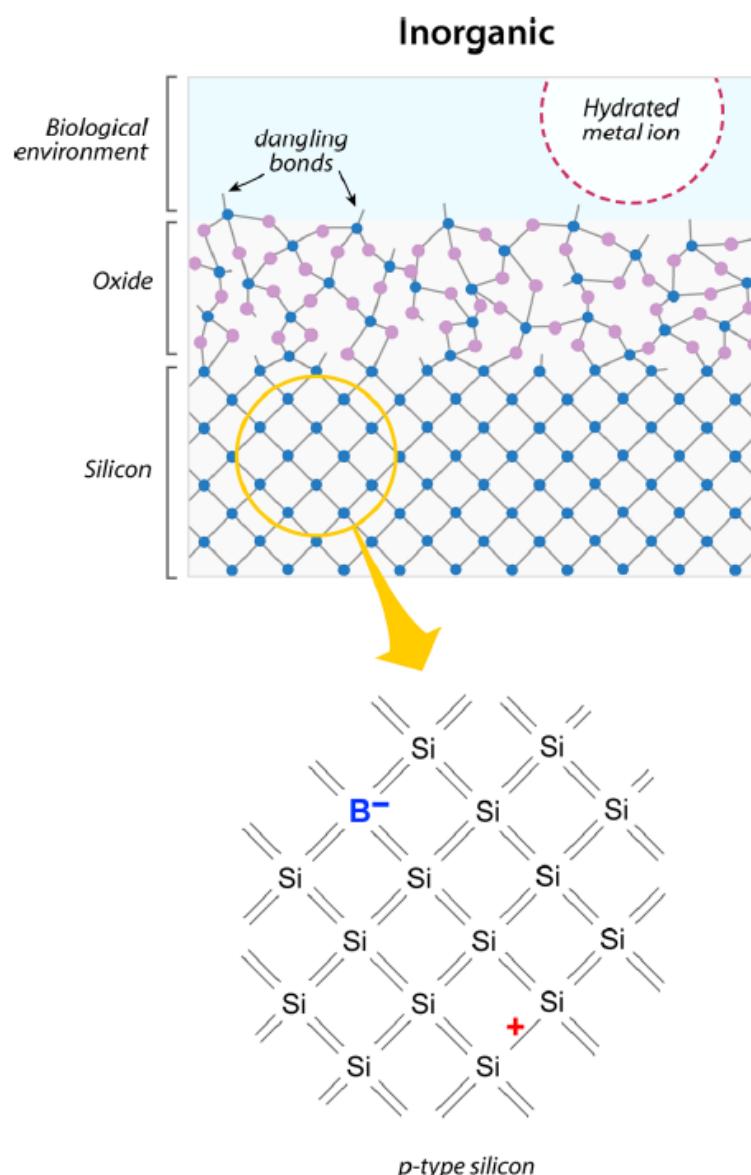
**Topographical Effect**



**Chemical Effect**



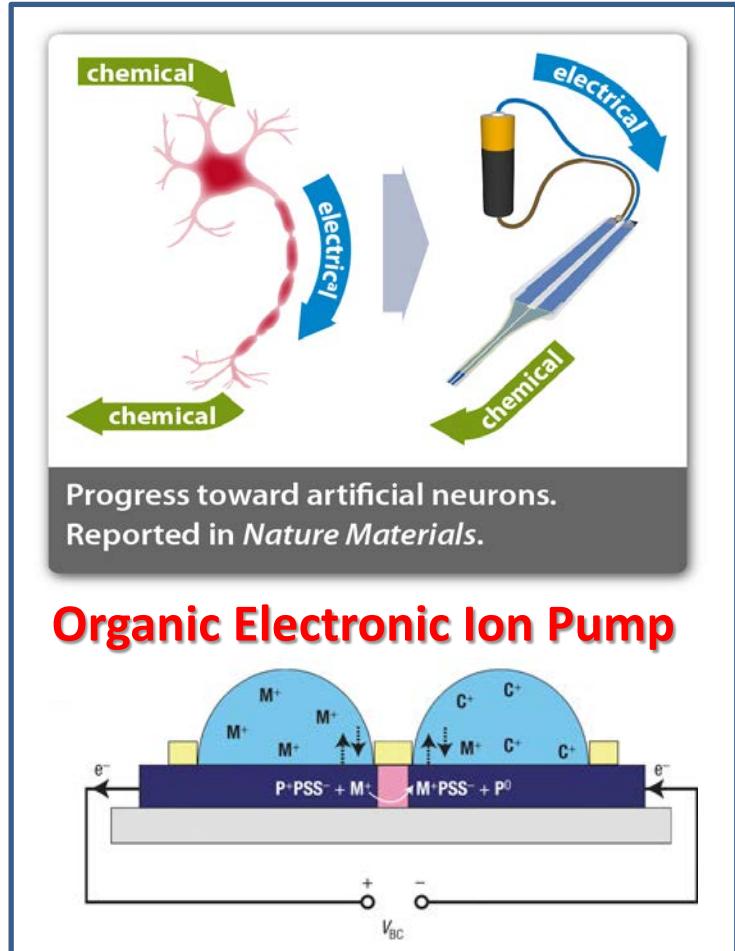
# Why Organic? Bioelectronic Interfaces (BEIs)



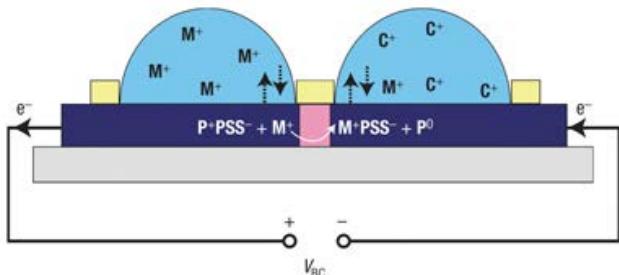
# Organic Electronics meets Biology

**Organic electronics provide the future application demand  
– the “silicon” based devices are unable to provide!!**

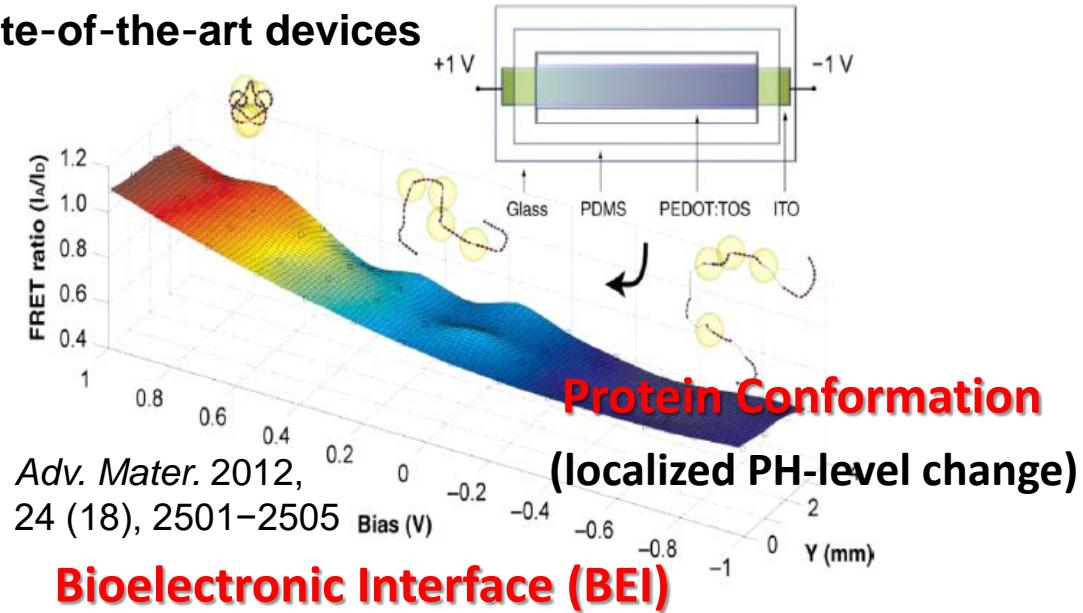
Mixed conductivity leads to novel/state-of-the-art devices



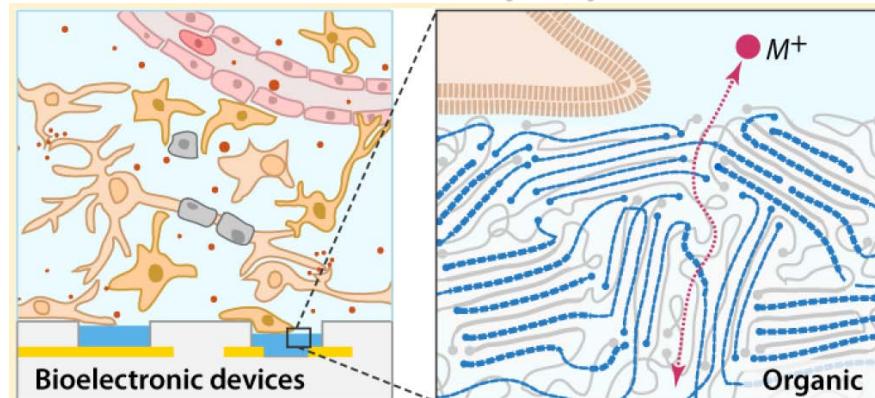
## Organic Electronic Ion Pump



*Nature Materials* 2007, 6, 673-679



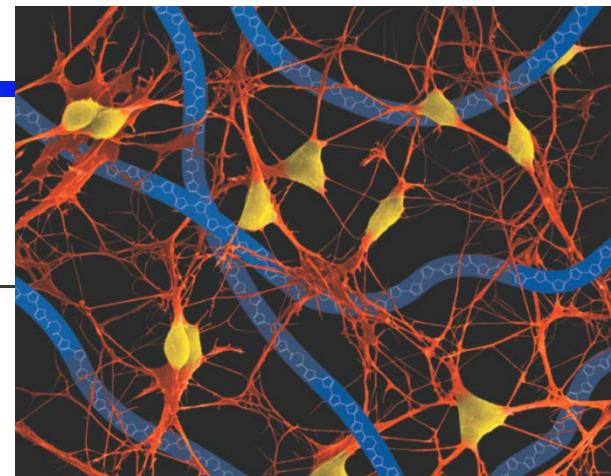
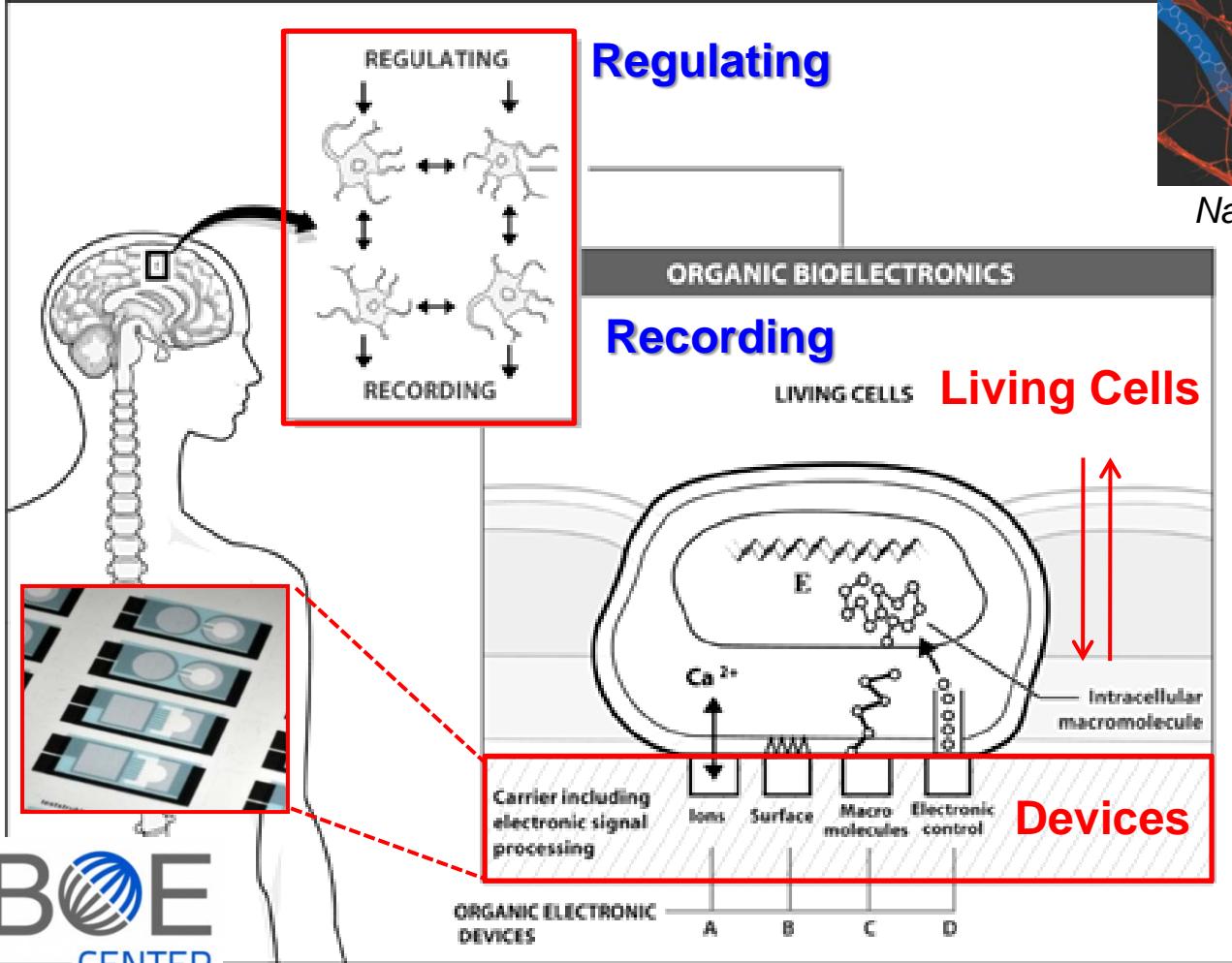
## Bioelectronic Interface (BEI)



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# Organic Bioelectronics

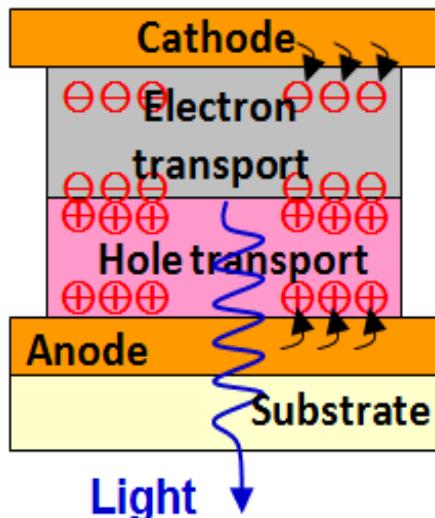
**Bioelectronic Medicines:** Based on the knowledge obtained from biology, electronics and surface engineering, it will help bring a new class of precision medicines to patients.



**Organic  
Bioelectronic  
Medicines**

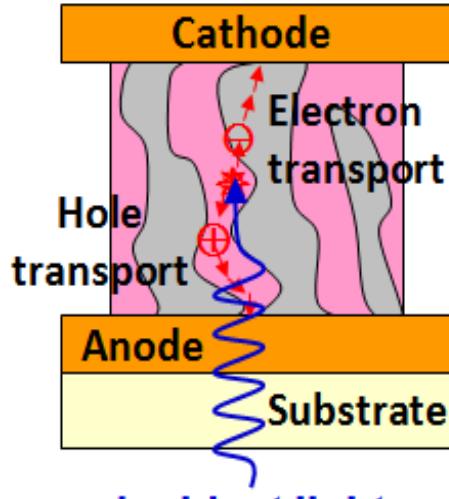
# Organic Electronics and Pi Materials

## Organic Light Emitting Diode (OLED)



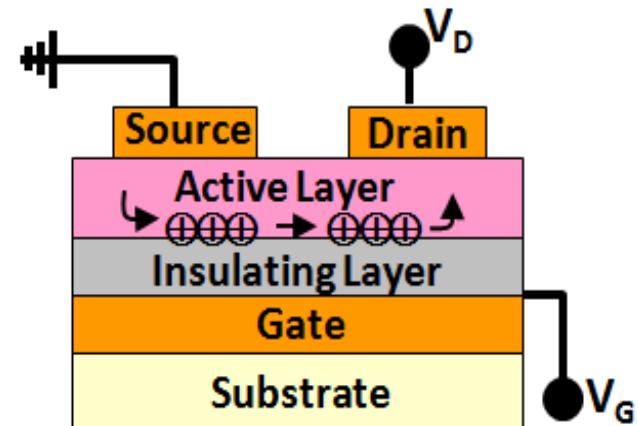
(a) Electron/Hole injection

## Organic Photovoltaic (OPV)



(b) Photoexcitation

## Organic Thin film Transistor (OTFT)



(c) Electroactive operation for dynamic doping



OLED

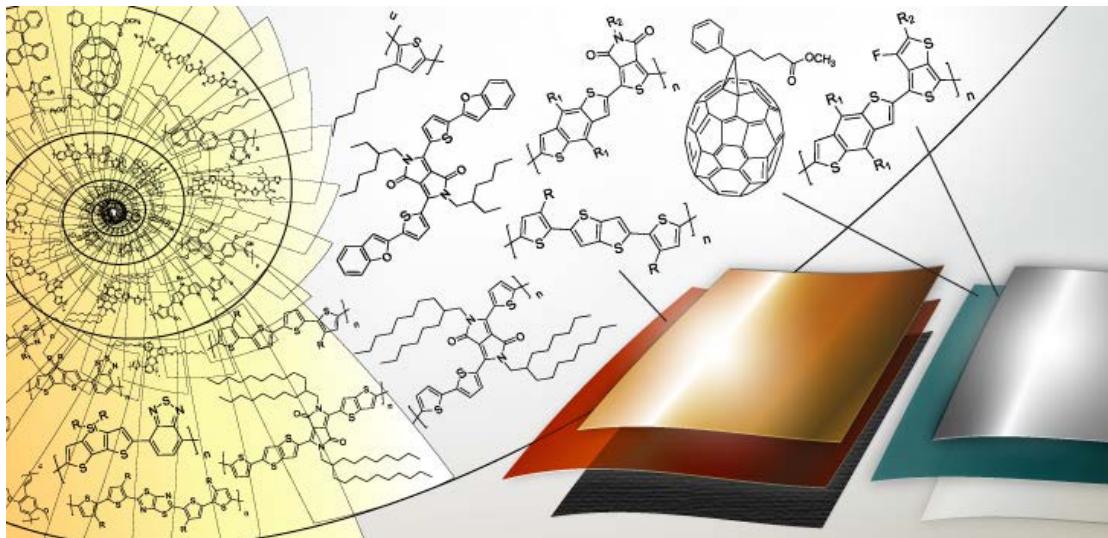


OPV

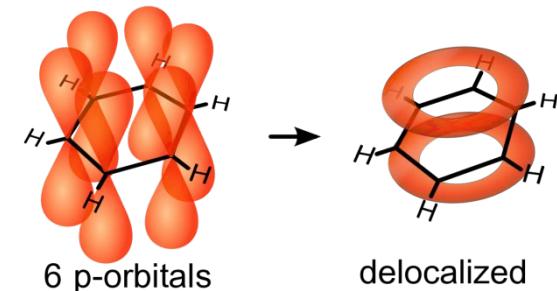


OTFT

# Fundamental knowledge of Pi Materials



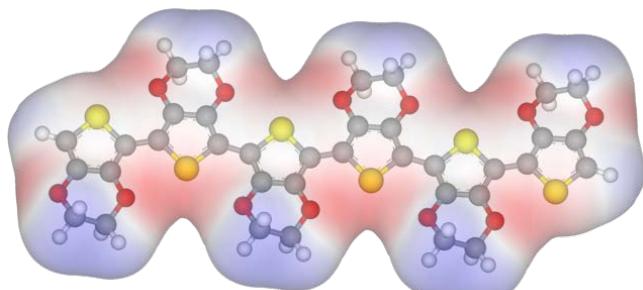
## Pi-conjugated materials



## Hybridization: $sp^2$ and $p_z$

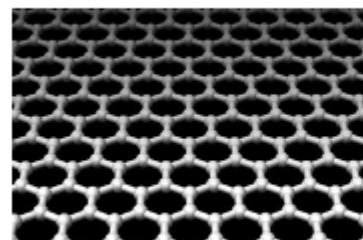
Pi-conjugated materials are carbon-based macromolecules which have extended chains of alternating single and double bonds. As a result, the macromolecule has pi-electrons that reside above and below the molecular plane of the chains.

### Conducting Polymers



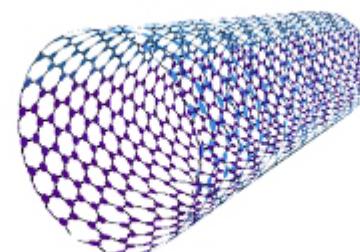
### Carbon Materials

2-D



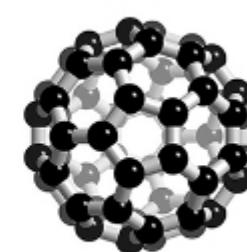
Graphene

1-D



Carbon nanotube

0-D

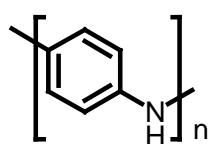


Fullilene ( $C_{60}$ )

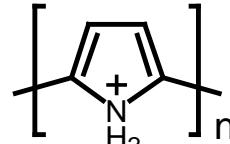
# Organic BEI Materials

External  
Stimulation

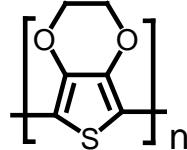
## 1. Conducting polymeric materials



(PANI)



(PPy)



(PEDOT)

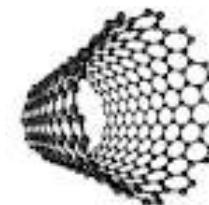
### Electrical conductivity

~ 40 S/cm

~ 40 S/cm

~4000 S/cm

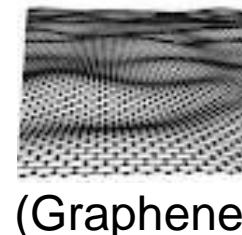
## 2. Carbon materials



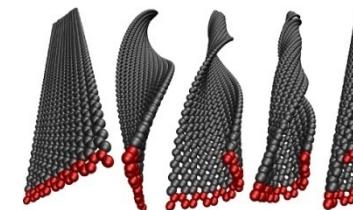
(CNT)



(C<sub>60</sub>)



(Graphene)



(CNR)

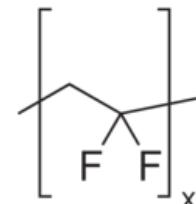
Localize  
Stimulation

## Biology

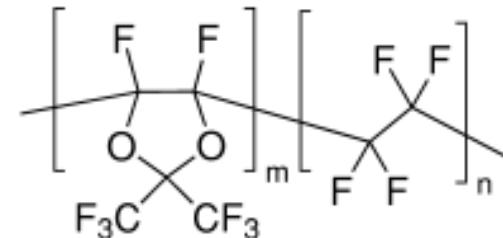
**Bioelectronic Interface  
(BEI)**

## Electronics

## 3. Piezoelectric polymeric materials



(PVDF)



(Teflon AF)

piezoelectric coefficient

20~350 pC/N

~600 pC/N

# Organic BEI Materials

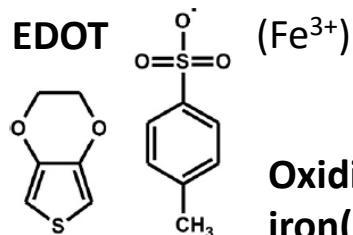
## PEDOT

### (1) Prepare by polymer solution

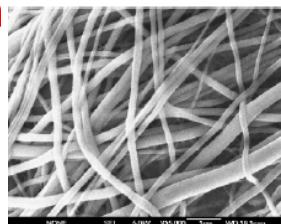


(PEDOT:PSS)

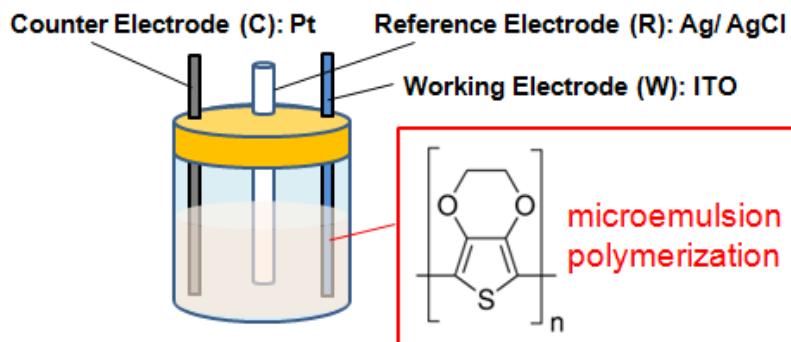
### (2) Chemical polymerization



Oxidizer:  
iron(III) tosylate (TOS)

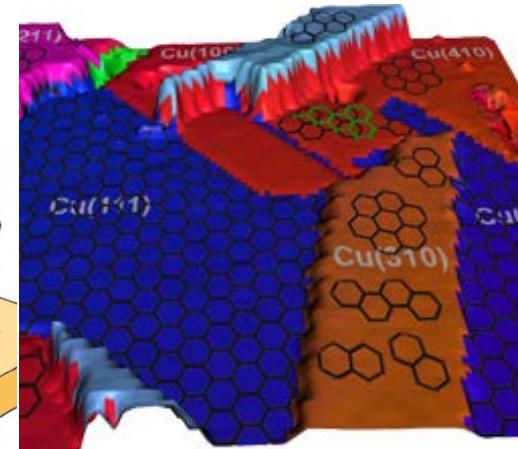
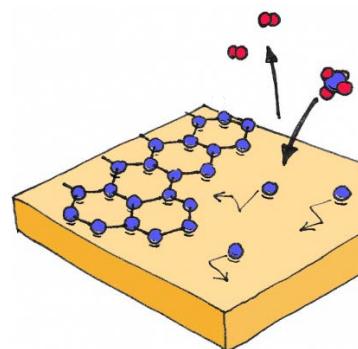


### (3) Electropolymerization

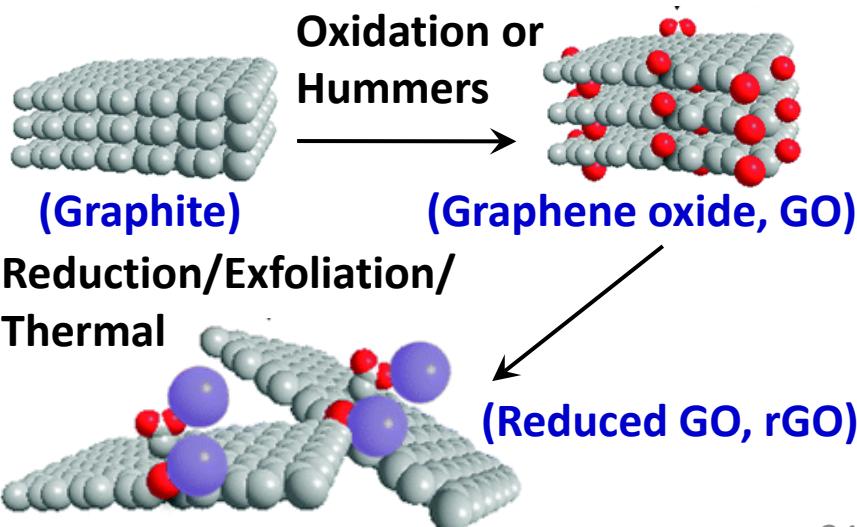


## Graphene

### (1) Chemical vapor deposition (CVD)

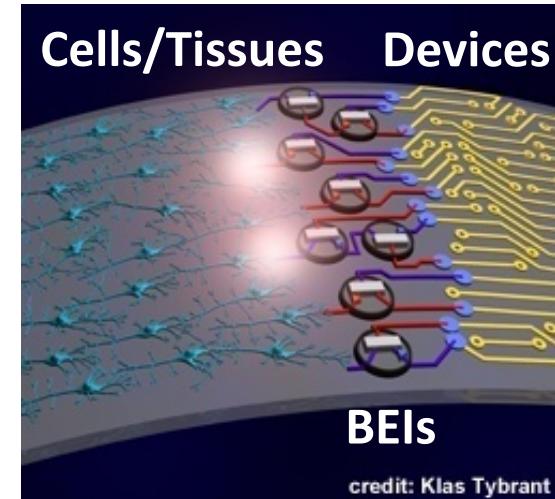
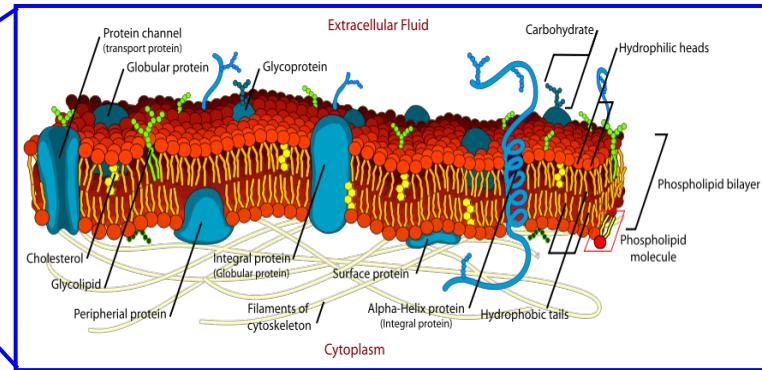
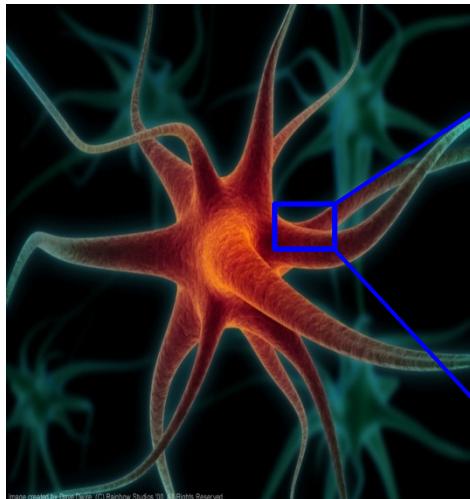


### (2) Spin-coating of GO or rGO solution



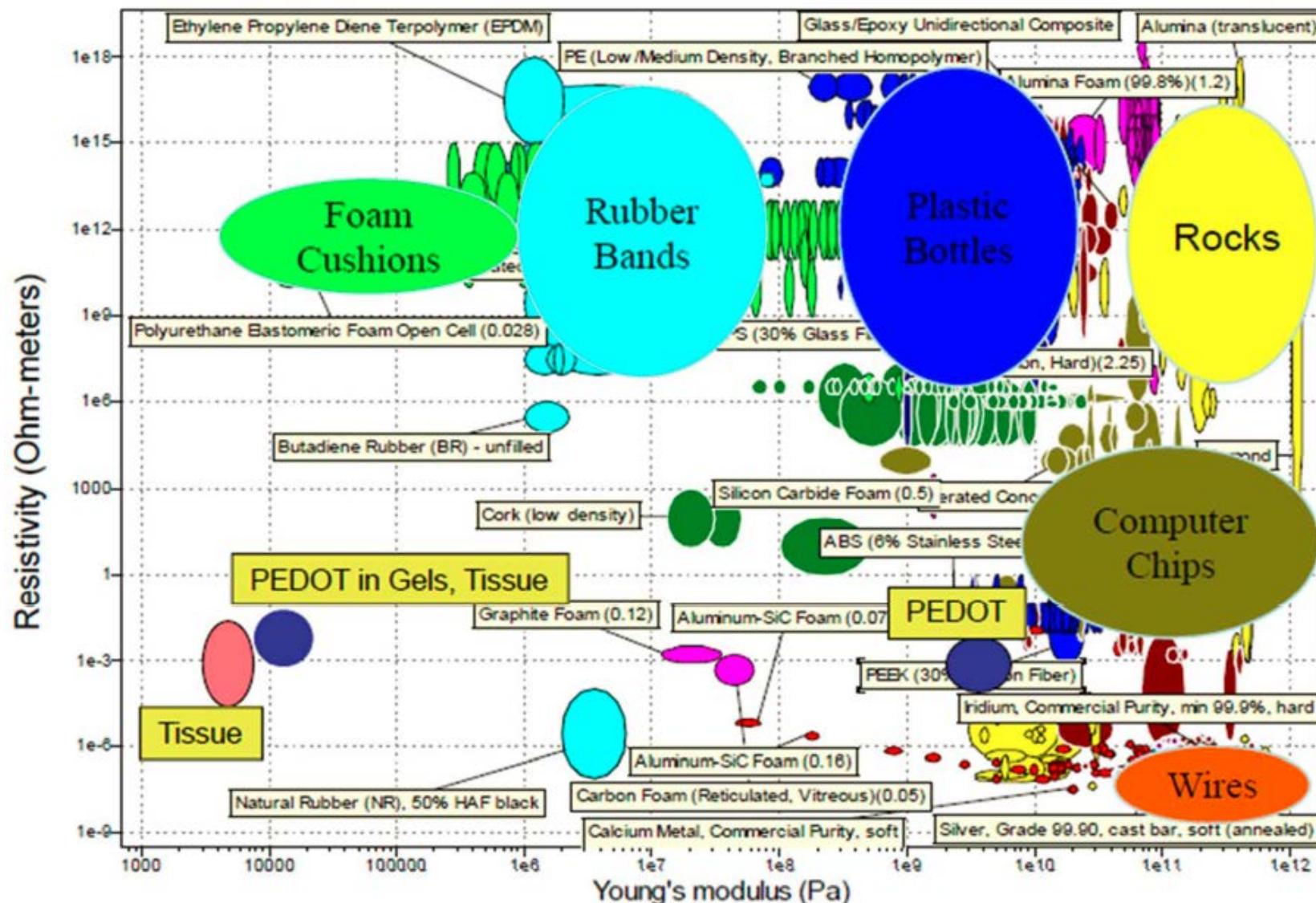
# Critical Properties of Organic BEIs

- **Biocompatible and biodegradable** (surface engineering; stiffness)
- **Easily doped or conjugated with functional materials** (high functionality)
- **High integration to OM systems** (high transparency)
- **Solution process** (low cost; mass production; compatibility with fabrication)
- **Responsive actions** (temp.; PH; pressure; light; electrical etc.)
- **Cell-electrode interface** (charge-electron transporting; low Impedance)
- **Signal transduction** (biomolecules; ionic transporting; action potential)



credit: Klas Tybrant

# Conducting polymers match properties of tissue



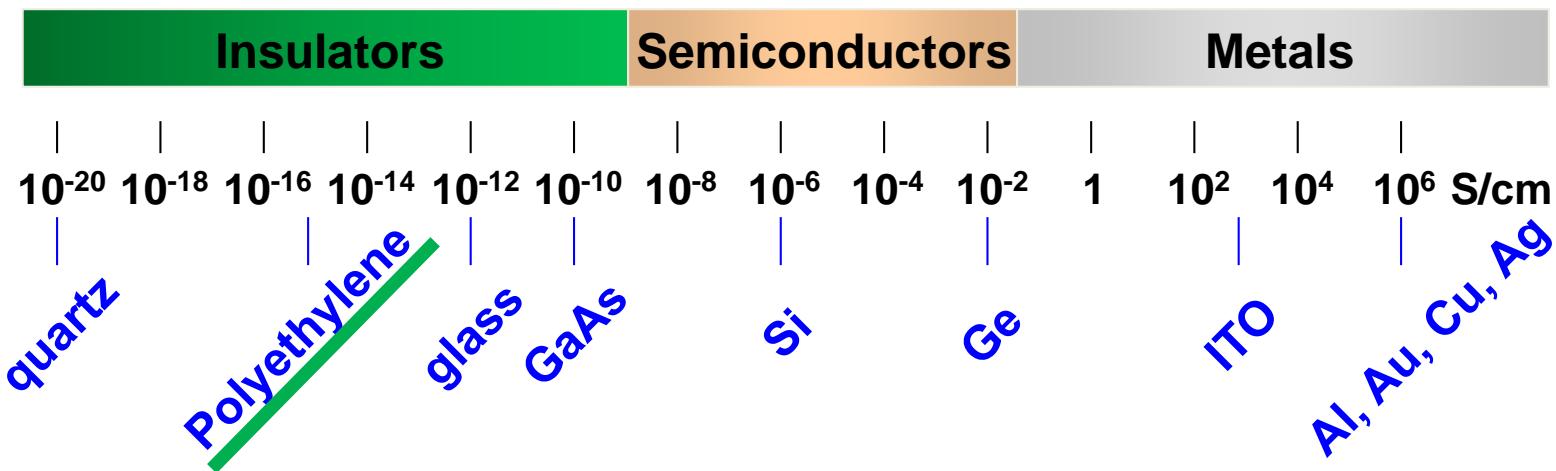
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# Fundamental knowledge of Polymeric Materials

- **Polymers** are macro molecules formed of many identical units (called repeated units) bound to each other like pearls in a necklace.
- Flexibility & Lightweight.
- Cheap cost of production.
- Good electrical insulation.



**Applications:**  
Plastics  
Rubbers  
Fibers  
Coatings

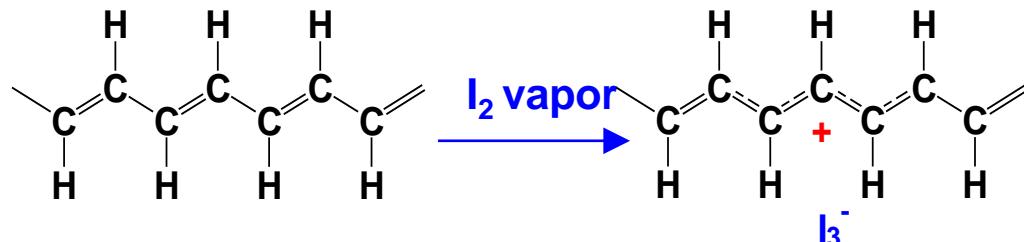


**Plastics can be electrically conductive?!**

# The first conjugated conductive polymer established

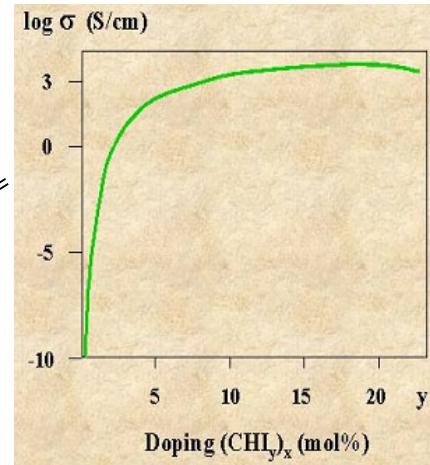
1977, H. Shirakawa, A. G. MacDiarmid & A. J. Heeger

## Doping of Polyacetylene



Polyacetylene (PA)  
 $\sigma \sim 10^{-5} \text{ S/cm}$

$\sigma \sim 38 \text{ S/cm}$



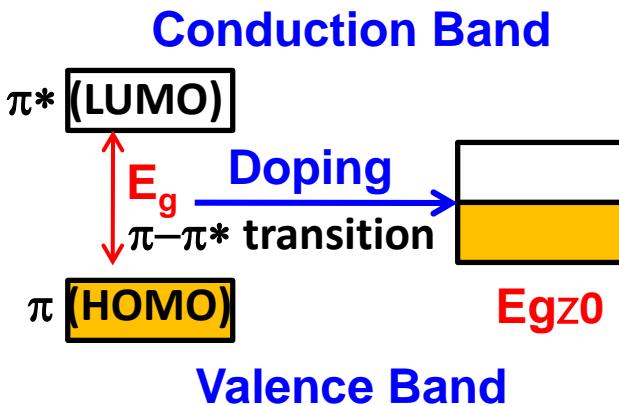
Discovery of **doping phenomena** and resulting **10 order of magnitude increase** in the conductivity of polyacetylene

***Oxidation with iodine causes the electrons to be jerked out of the polymer, leaving "holes" in the form of positive charges that can move along the chain.***

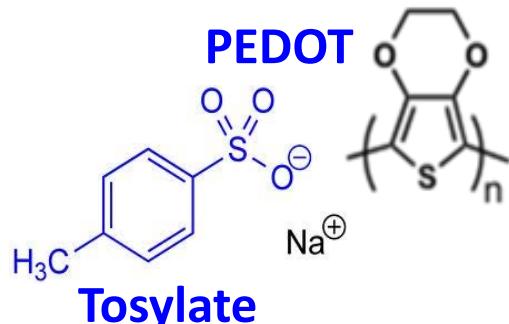
1977  $\sigma = 38 \text{ S/cm}$   
2000  $\sigma = 30 \, 000 \text{ S/cm}$   
2000  $\sigma_{\max} = 10^5 \text{ S/cm}$   
 $\sigma_{\text{Cu,Ag}} = 10^6 \text{ S/cm}$

Discovery of conducting polymers and the ability to dope these polymers over the full range from **insulator to metal**

# Chemical, Optical and Electrical Properties of Organic Semiconducting Materials

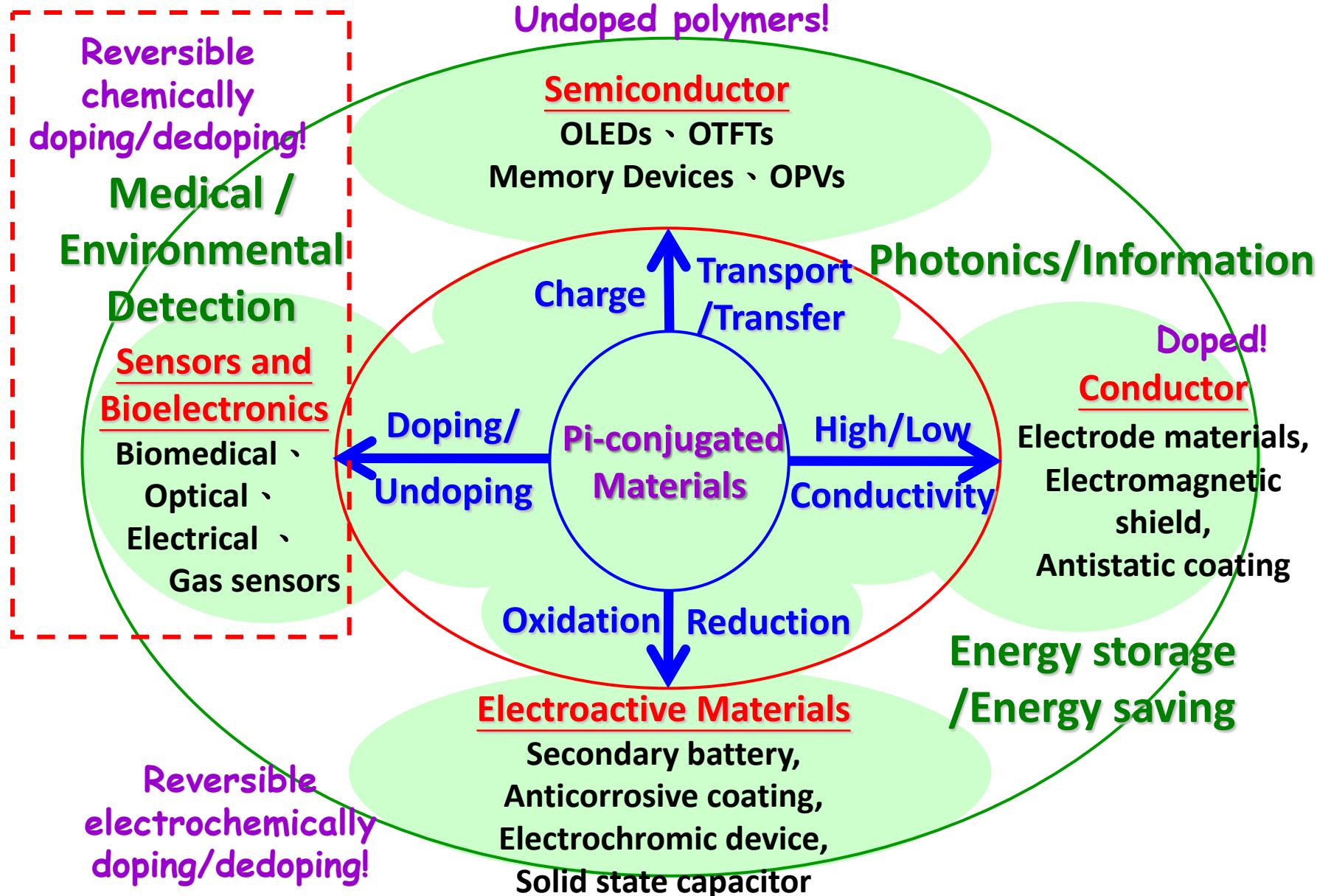


## 聚3,4-乙撑二氧化噻吩(PEDOT)



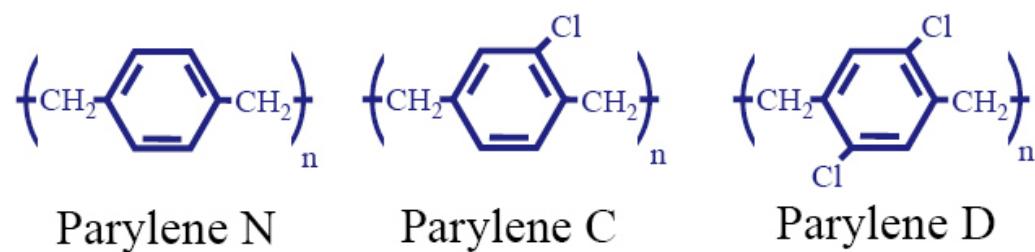
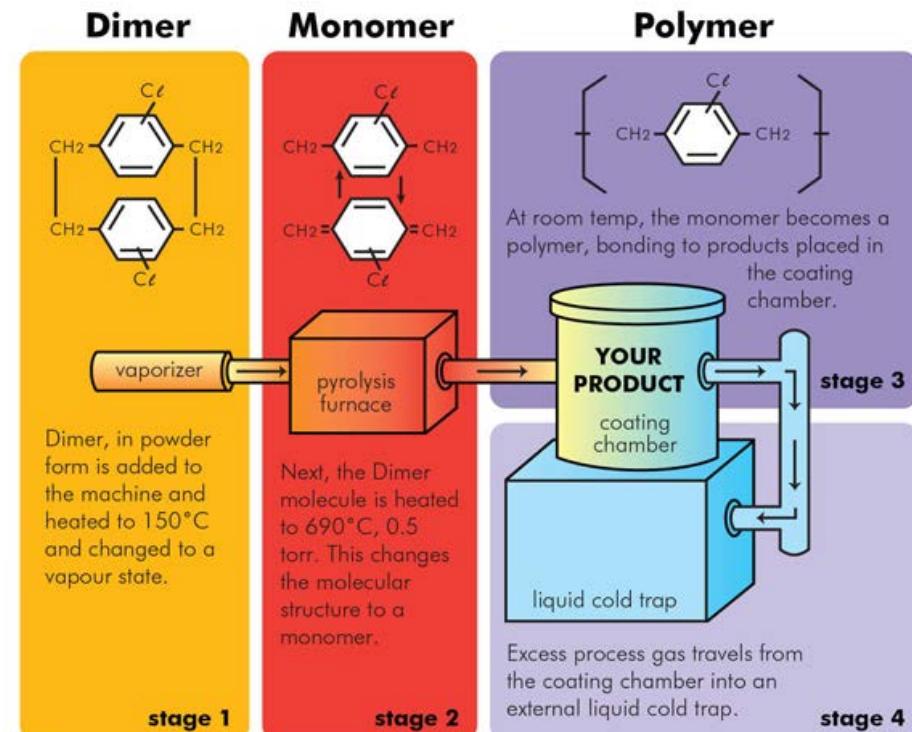
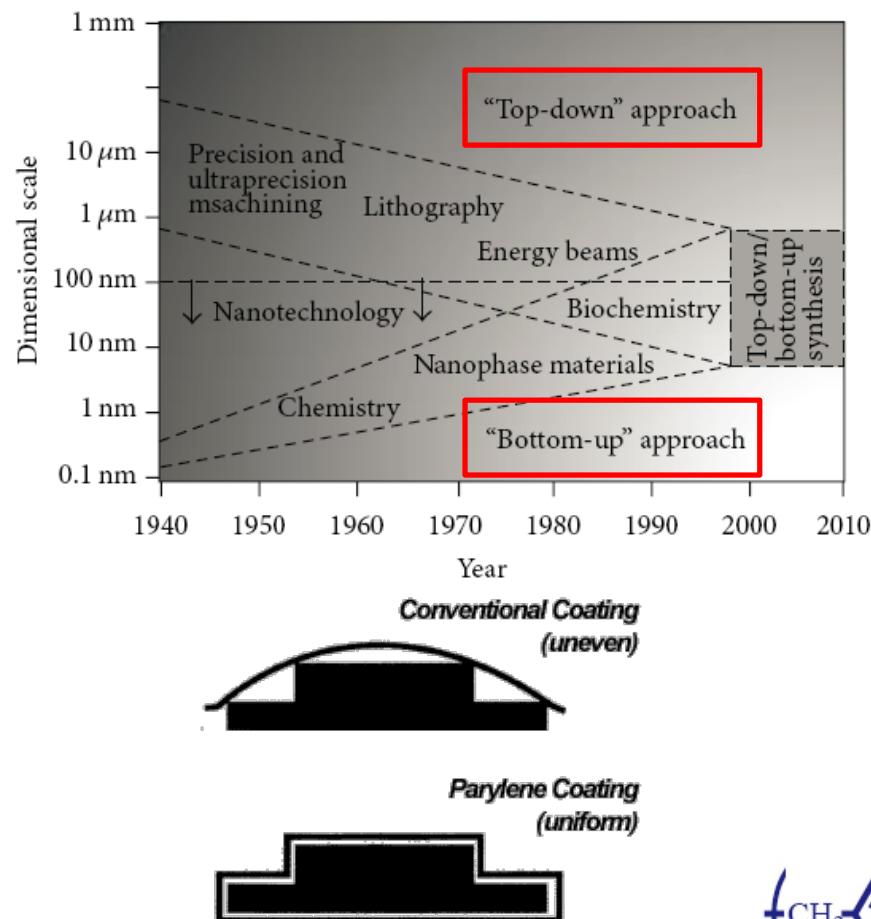
Polymer	Structure	Doping Materials	Conductivity (S/cm)
Polyacetylene PA	$(\text{CH})_n$	$\text{I}_2, \text{Br}_2, \text{Li}, \text{Na}, \text{AsF}_2$	10,000 <sup>a</sup>
Polypyrrole PPy		$\text{BF}_4^-, \text{ClO}_4^-, \text{tosylate}^b$	500-7500
Polythiophene PTh		$\text{BF}_4^-, \text{ClO}_4^-, \text{tosylate}^b, \text{FeCl}_3$	1000
Poly(3-alkylthiophene) PTh		$\text{BF}_4^-, \text{ClO}_4^-, \text{FeCl}_2$	1000-10,000 <sup>a</sup>
Polyphenylene sulfide PPS		$\text{AsF}_2$	500
Polyphenylene-vinylene PPV		$\text{AsF}_2$	10,000 <sup>a</sup>
Polythienylene-vinylene		$\text{AsF}_2$	2700 <sup>a</sup>
Polyphenylene PPP		$\text{AsF}_2, \text{Li}, \text{K}$	1000
Polyisothianaphthene		$\text{BF}_4^-, \text{ClO}_4^-$	50
Polyfuran		$\text{BF}_4^-, \text{ClO}_4^-$	100
Polyaniline PANI		$\text{HCl}$	200 <sup>a</sup>

# Pi-conjugated Materials and their Applications

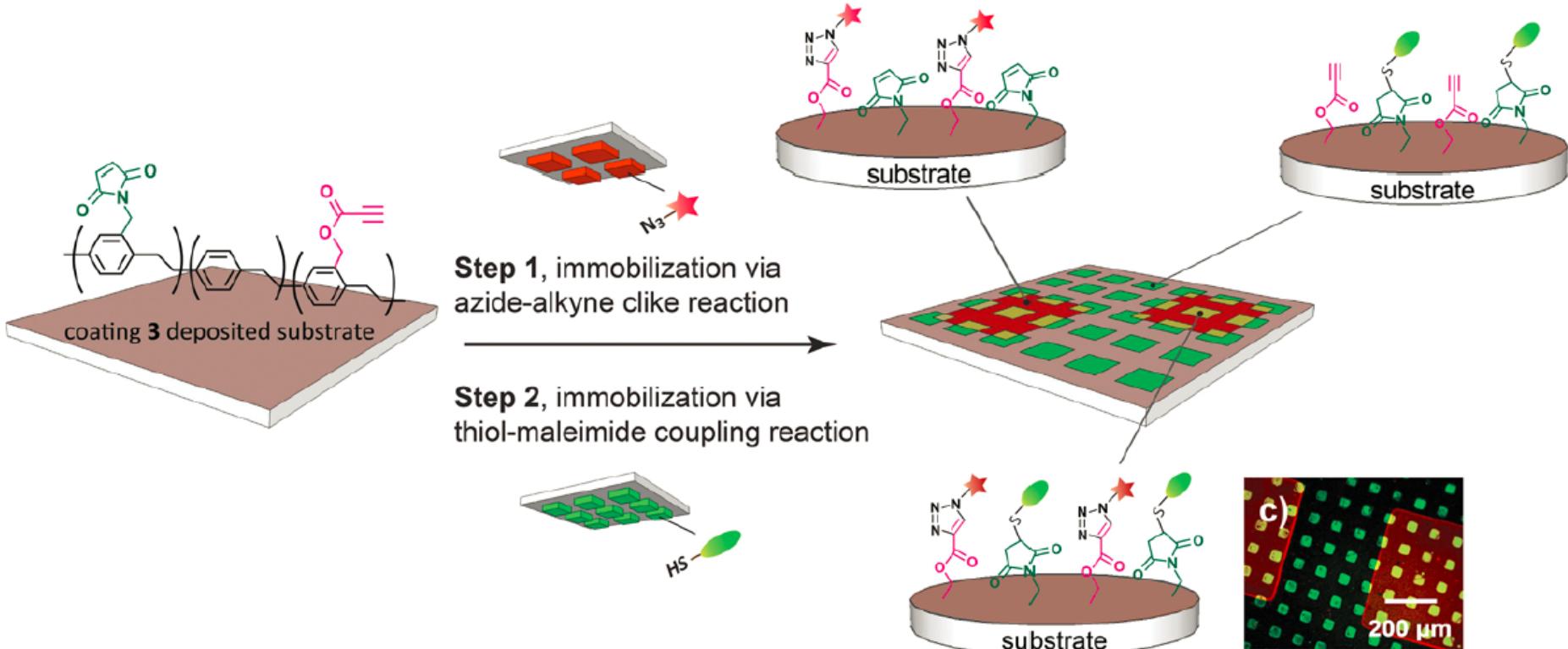
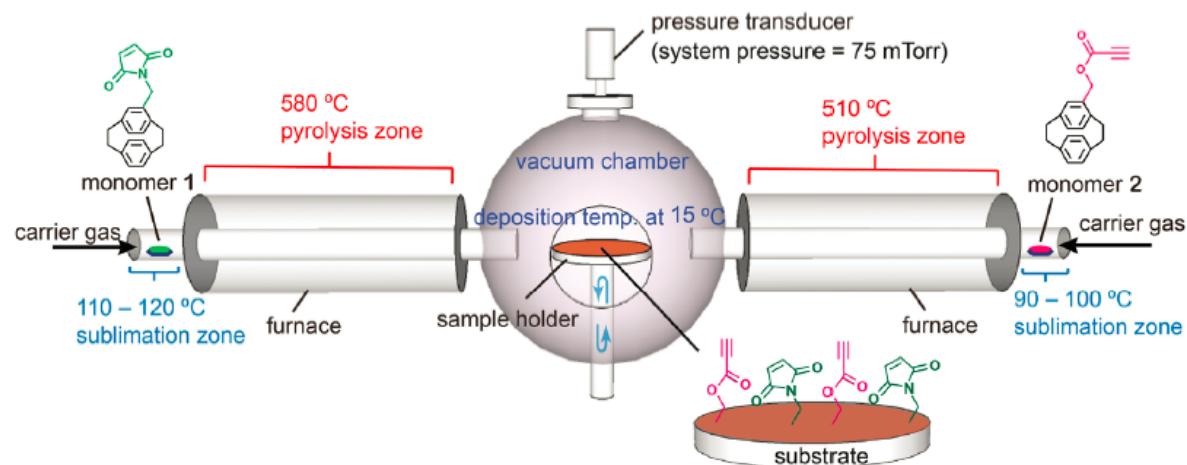


# Micro/Nanofabrication Technologies

## • Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD)

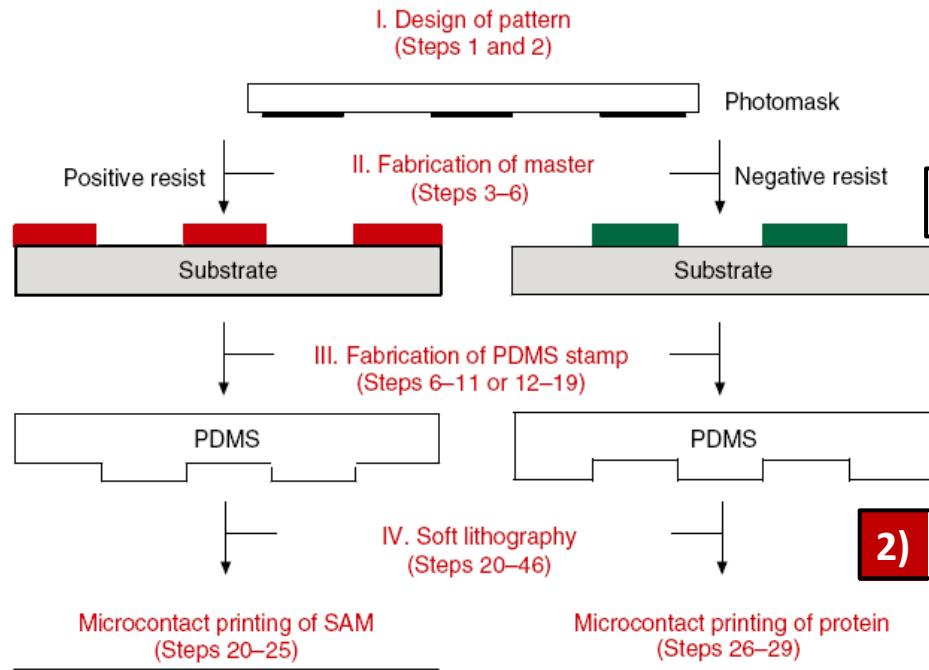


# Vapor-Based Multicomponent Coatings for Antifouling and Biofunctional Synergic Modifications



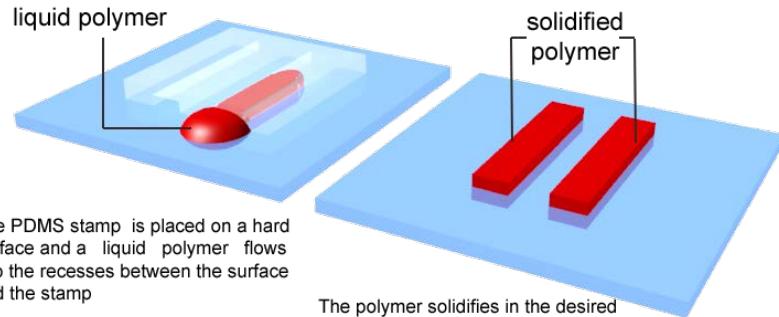
# • Soft Lithography

They are essentially based on **printing, molding, embossing, and transferring** with an elastomeric stamp.



## 1) Microcontact Printing ( $\mu$ CP)

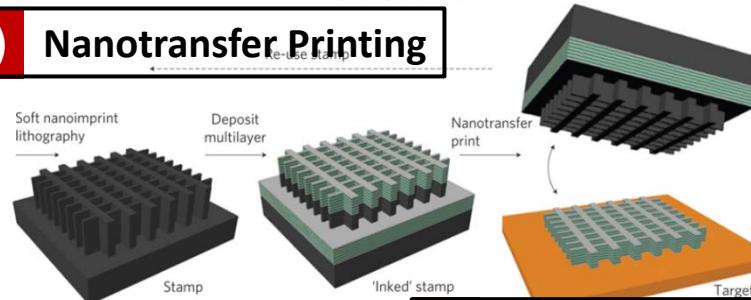
## 4) Micro-molding in Capillaries (MIMIC)



The PDMS stamp is placed on a hard surface and a liquid polymer flows into the recesses between the surface and the stamp

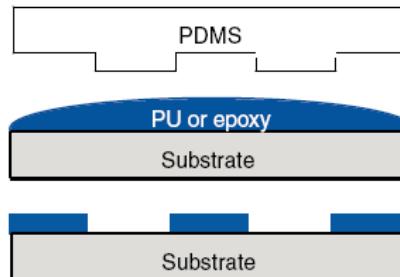
The polymer solidifies in the desired pattern, which can contain features smaller than 10 nm

## 5) Nanotransfer Printing



## 2) Replica Molding (REM)

Replica molding of PU or epoxy (Steps 37–41)



## 3) Solvent-assisted Micromolding (SAMIM)

Solvent-assisted micro-molding of PMMA (Steps 42–47)

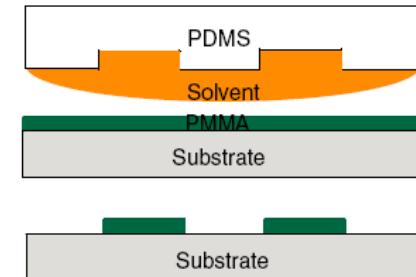
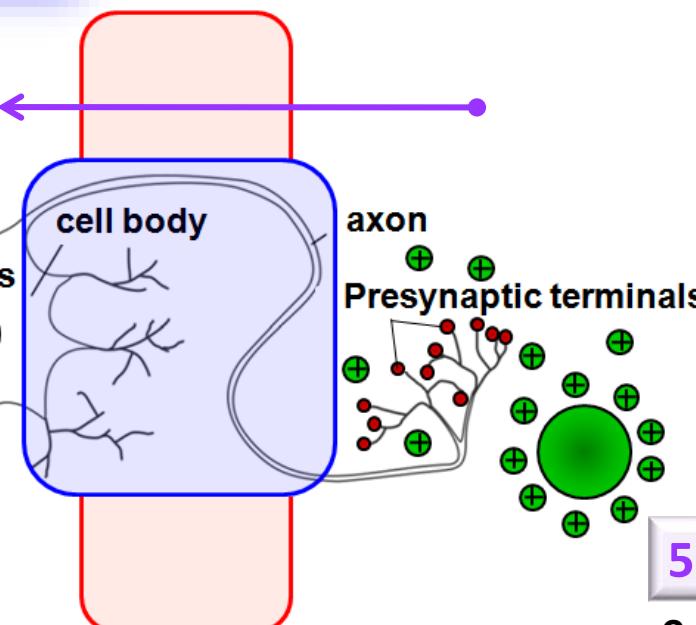
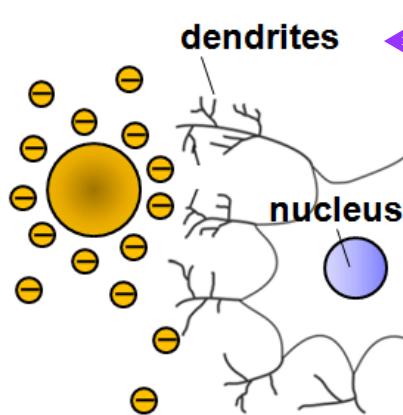
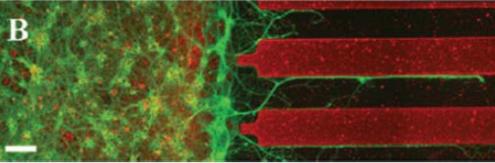
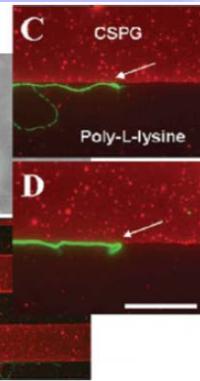


Figure 1 | Schematic illustration of the four major steps involved in soft lithography and three major soft lithographic techniques.

## 1. Contact attraction

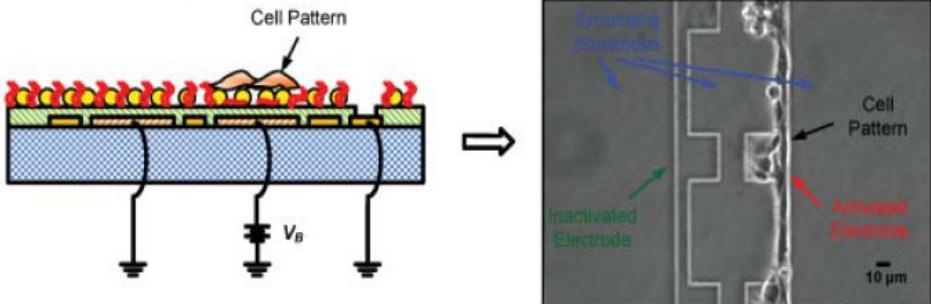
Poly-L-lysine, ECM, etc.  
(+Electrical stimulation)



## 2. Contact repulsion

(+Electrical stimulation)

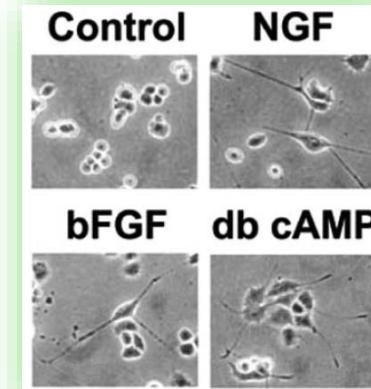
(Pluronic, PEO-PPO-PEO)



# (1) Artificial Designs for Cell Manipulation : (e. g., Neuron Cells) (1-5)

(Extracellular Environments)

## 3. Chemoattraction



## 4. Chemorepulsion

## 5. Electrical Field

e.g., Dielectrophoresis (DEP)

### Electrical response:

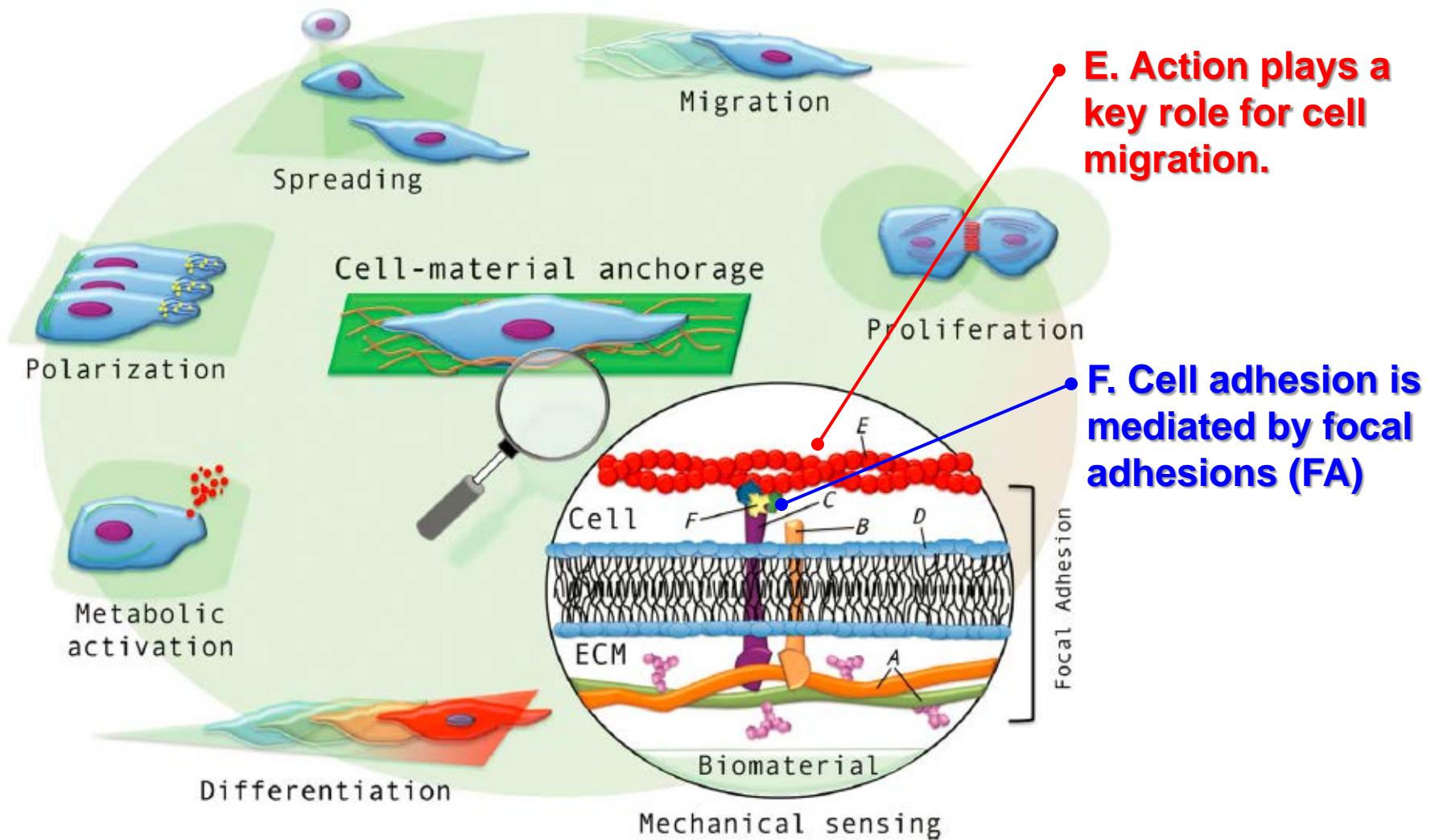
- Signaling
- Stimulation

### Photo response:

- Stimulation

Neuron cell.  
Osteoblast.  
Myoblast.  
Fibroblast.

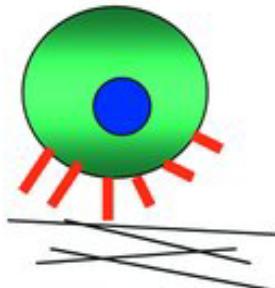
# Cell–Substrate Anchorage Driving Key Cellular Processes



# Cell Adhesion

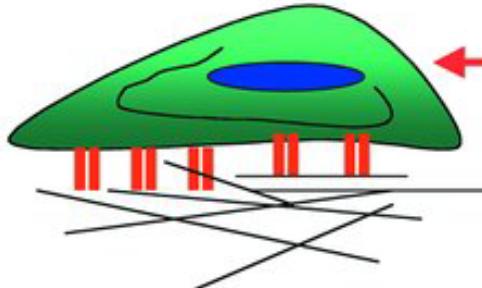
## Cell-Substrate Interaction:

**Weak Adhesion**  
(attachment)



**Cell death beyond apoptosis**

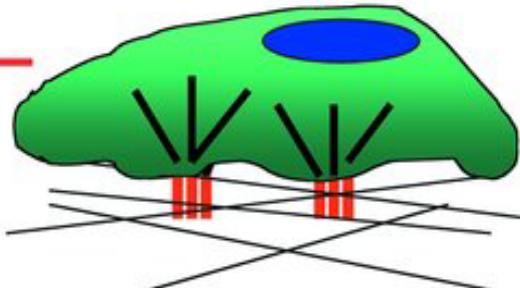
**Intermediate Adhesion**  
(Cell shape and spreading)



cell survival  
differential gene expression  
motility?

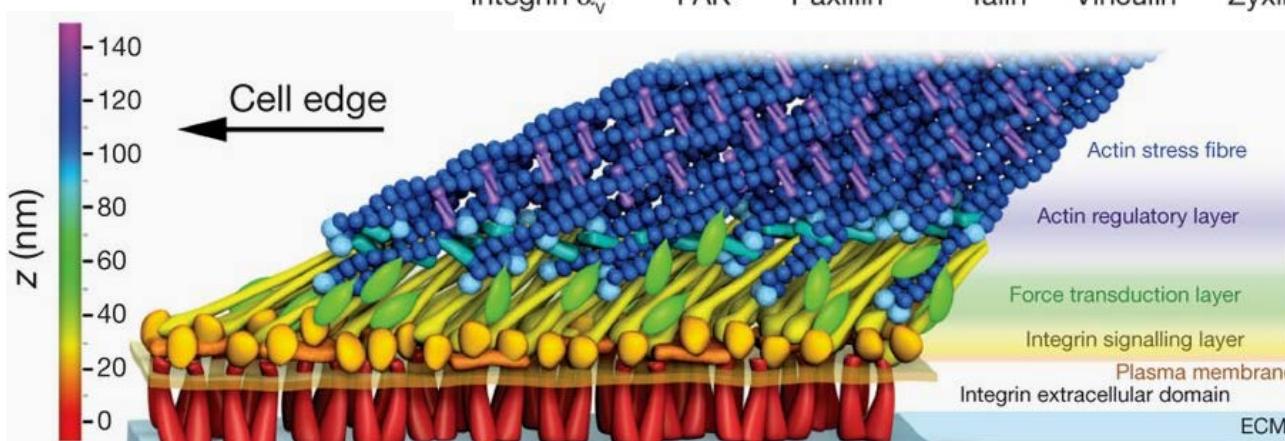
**Strong Adhesion**

(Focal adhesion and  
stress fibers)



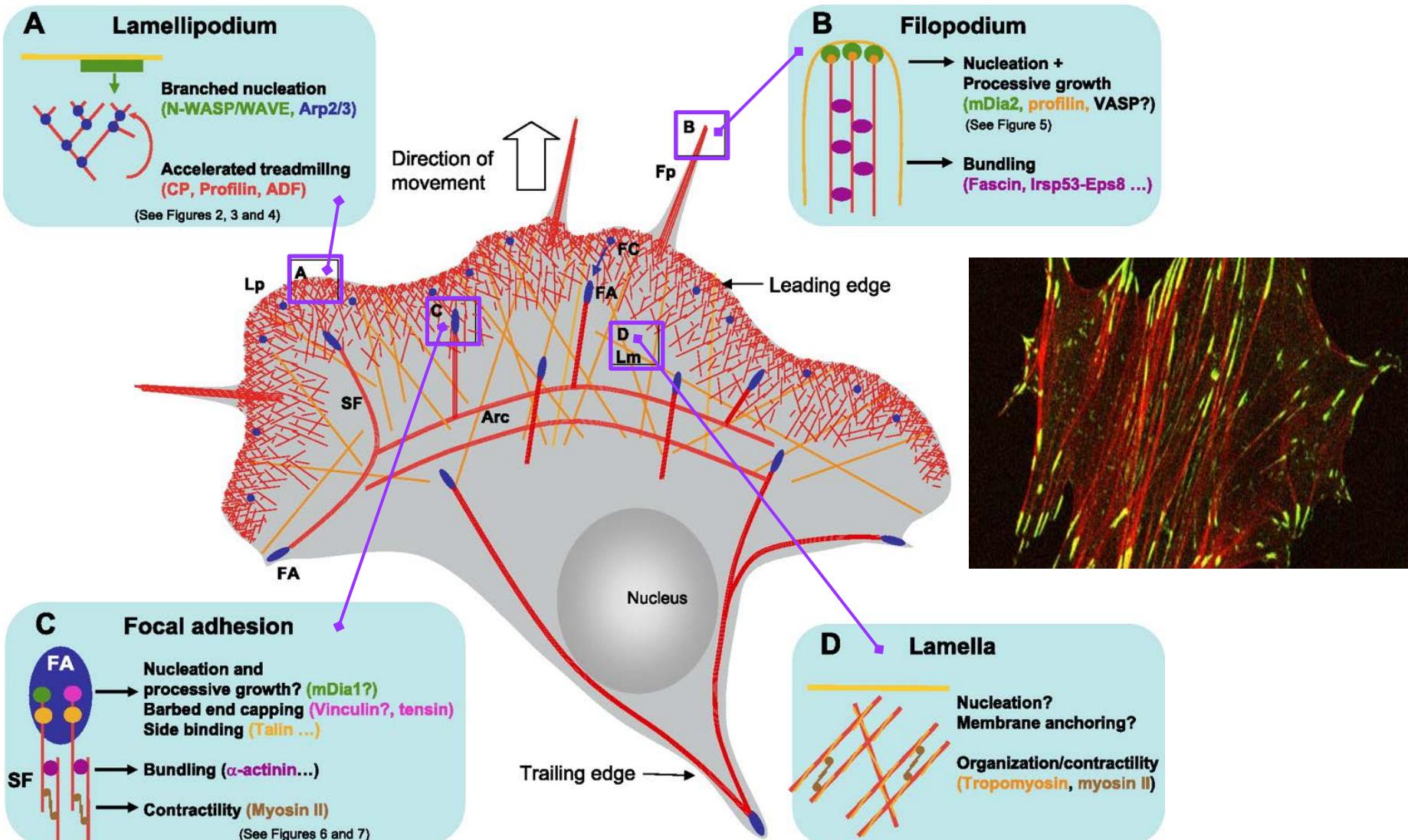
**cell growth**  
**cell differentiation**  
**stationary cells**

Integrin  $\alpha_v$    FAK   Paxillin   Talin   Vinculin   Zyxin   VASP    $\alpha$ -Actinin   Actin



**Focal adhesion proteins**

# Actin Cytoskeleton in a Migrating Cell

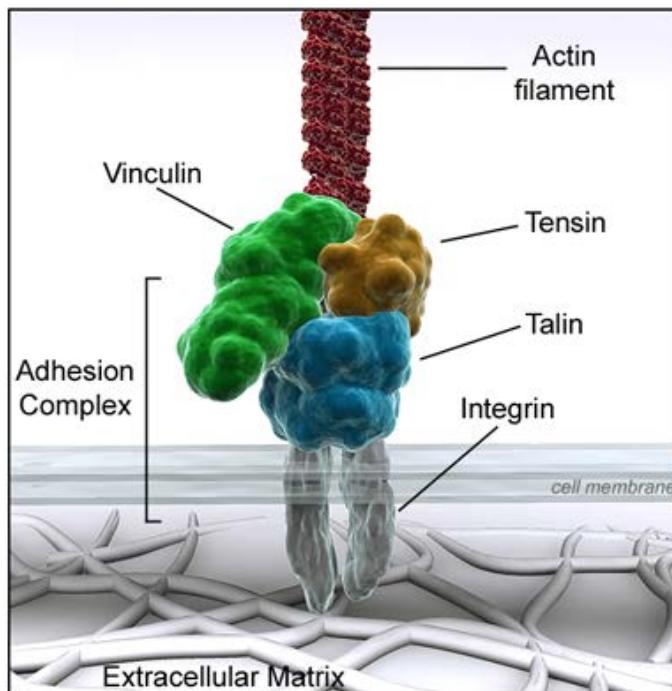


Physiological Reviews

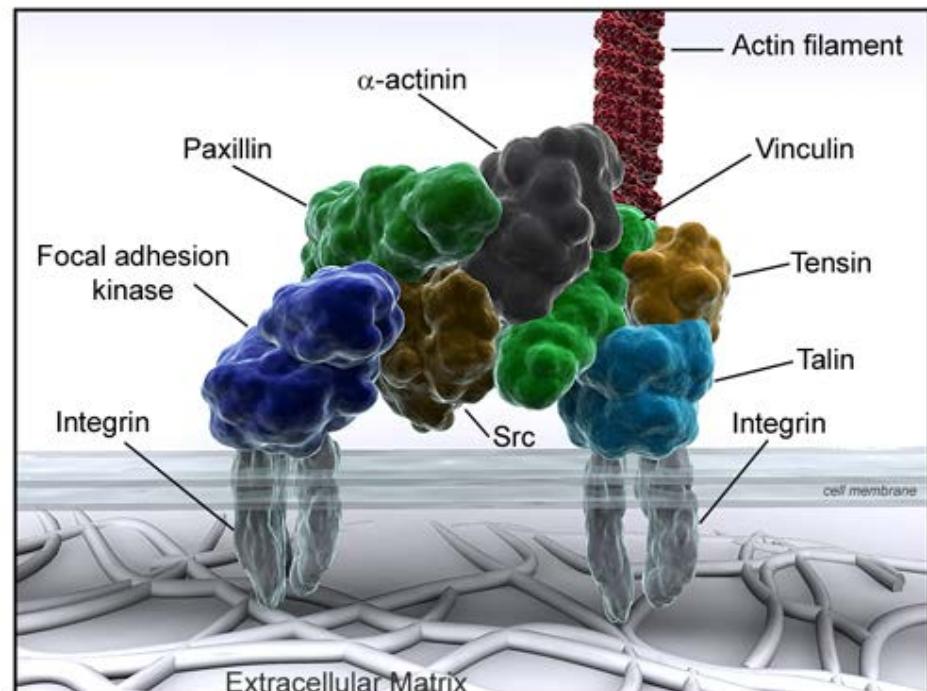
Physiol Rev, 88 (2008) 489-513.

Once the **lamellipodium** has formed, **adhesion complexes** assemble and attach it to the surface allowing the **cell to generate traction**. Adhesion complexes are dynamic structures and are constantly being assembled and disassembled in actively migrating cells. These adhesion sites are composed of complexes of **more than 50 different proteins**. When the cell comes to a stop the **focal adhesion complexes (FC)** can mature into more stable focal adhesions (FA).

### Structure of an adhesion complex in migrating cells



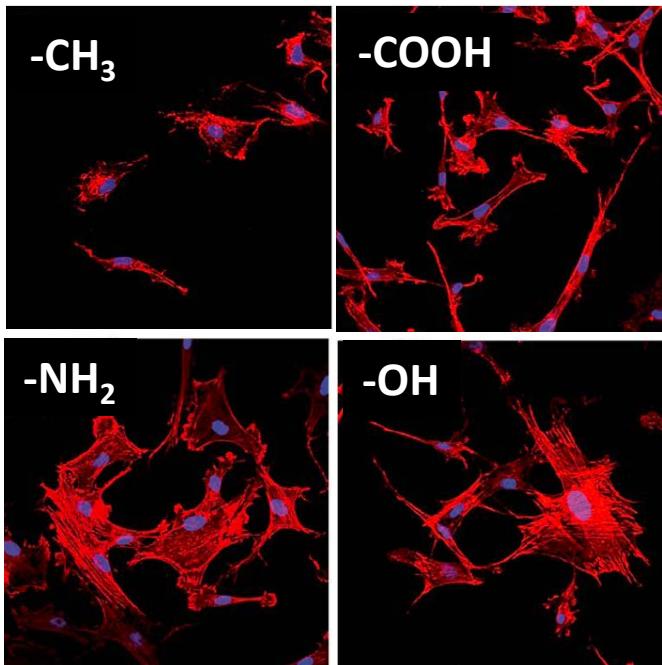
### Composition of a focal adhesion



**The dynamic assembly and disassembly of focal adhesions plays a central role in cell migration.**

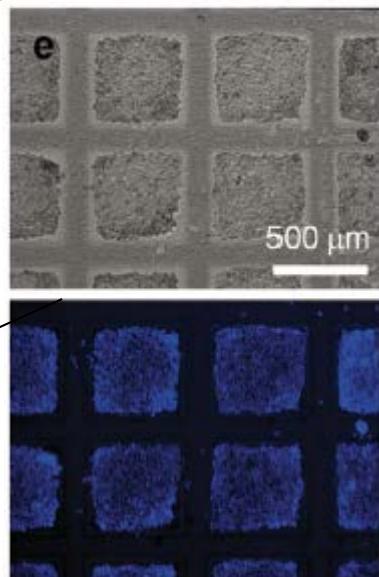
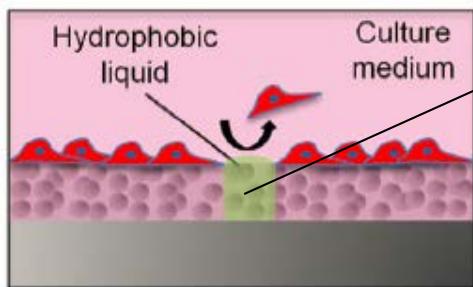
**Mechanical force and regulatory signals are transmitted**

## Surface Potential



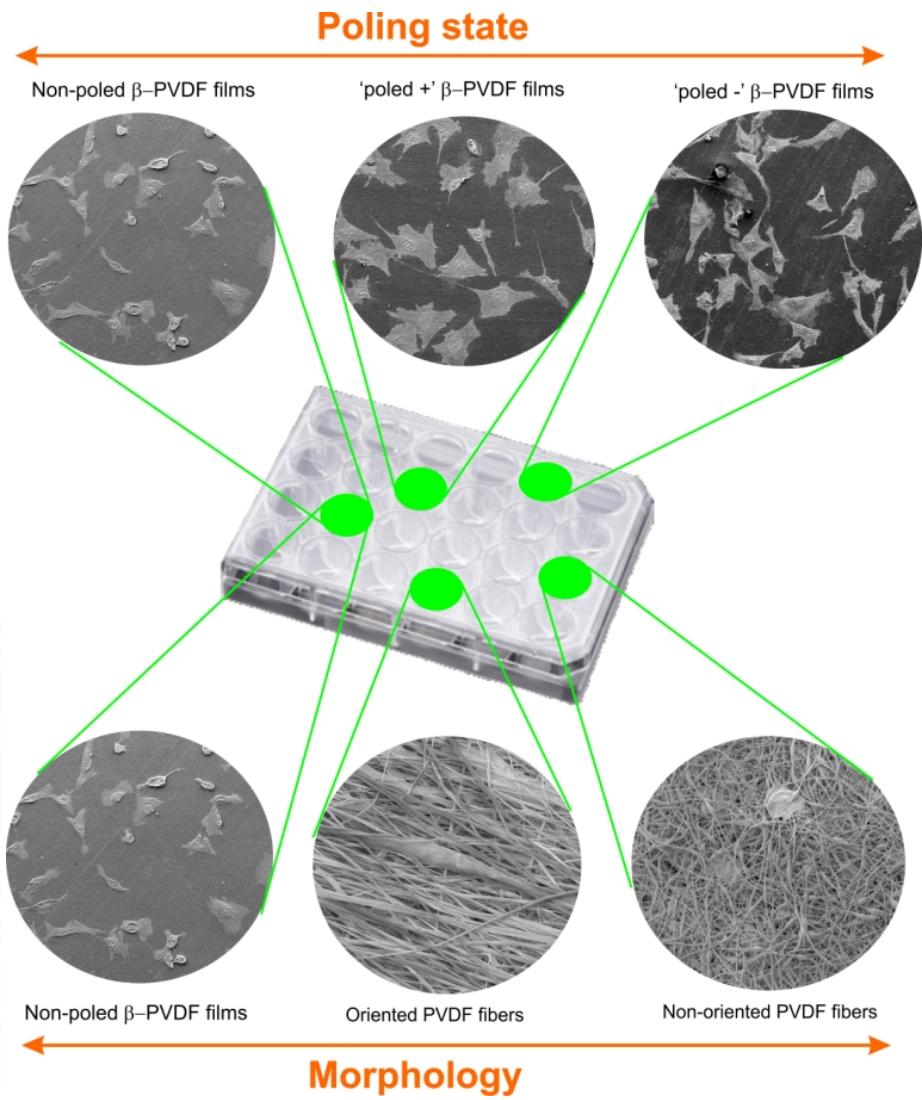
Soft Matter, 2011, 7, 3808

## Hydrophobic Barrier



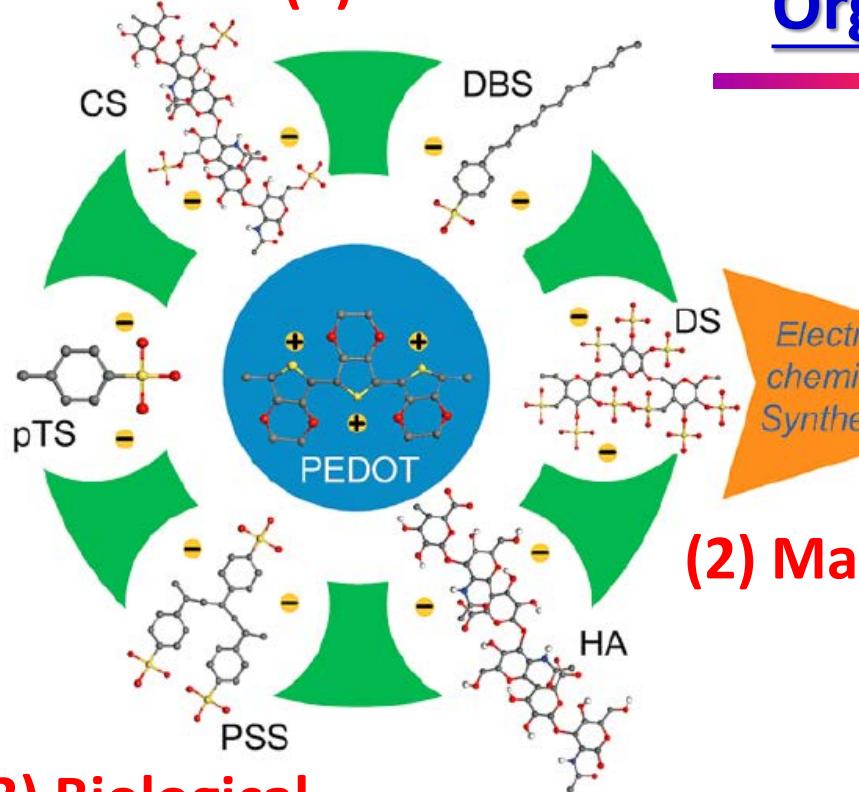
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## Surface Morphology & Wettability



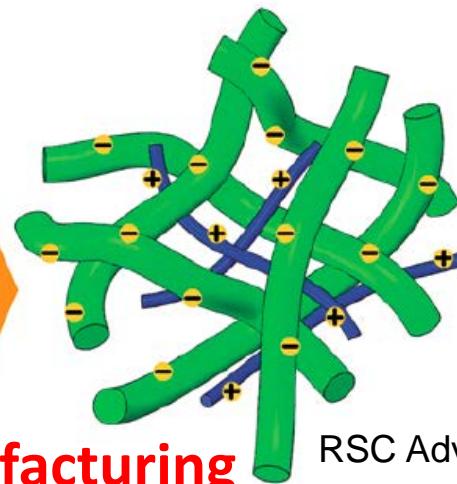
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## (1) Materials



# Organic Bioelectronic Interfaces

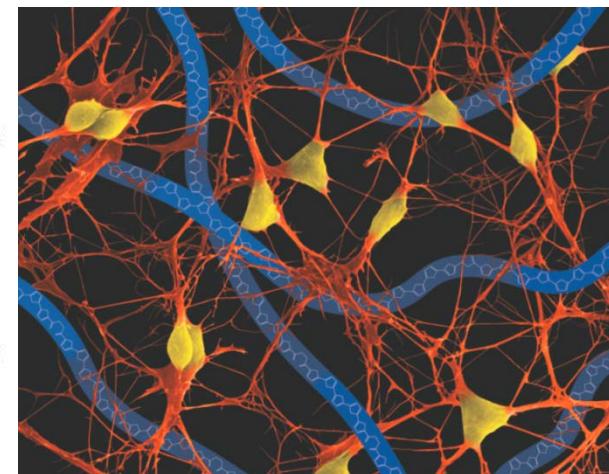
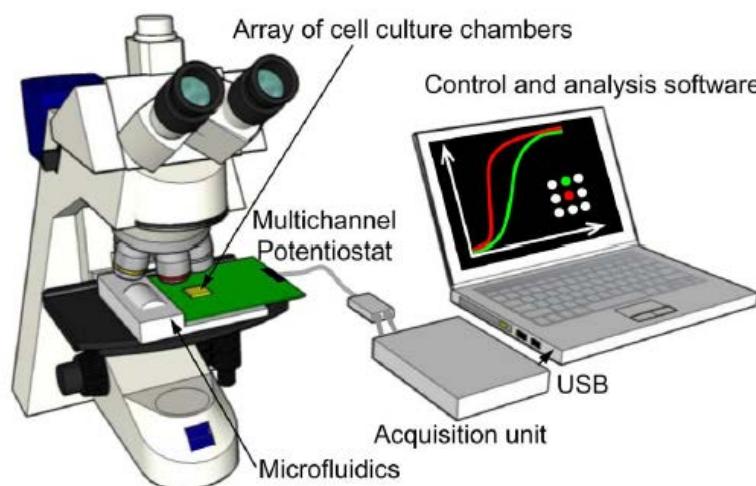
## (2) Manufacturing



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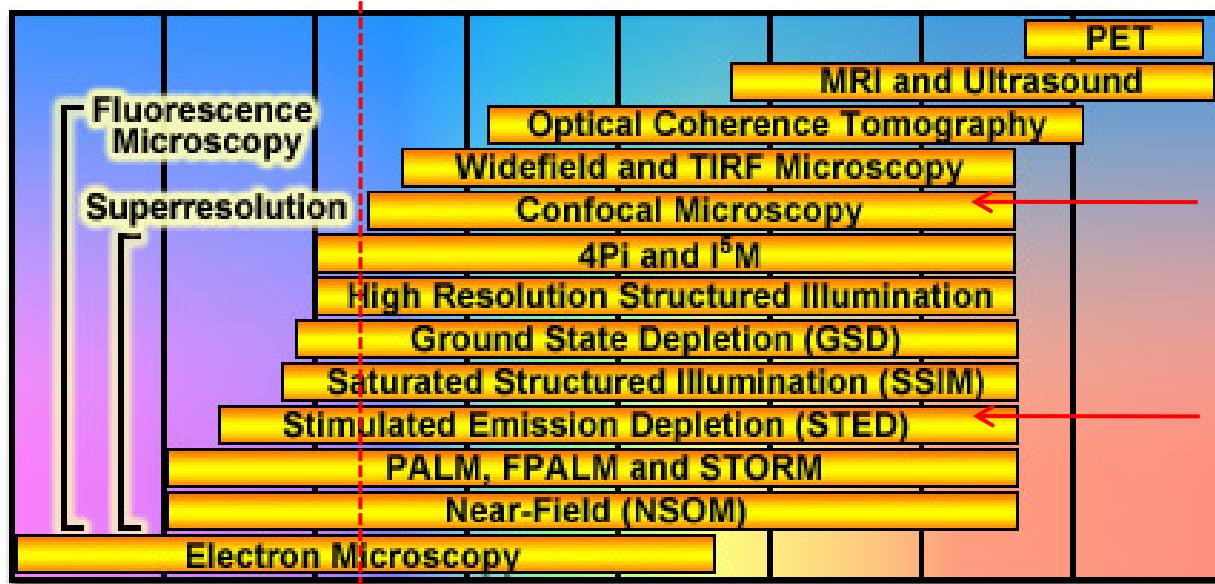
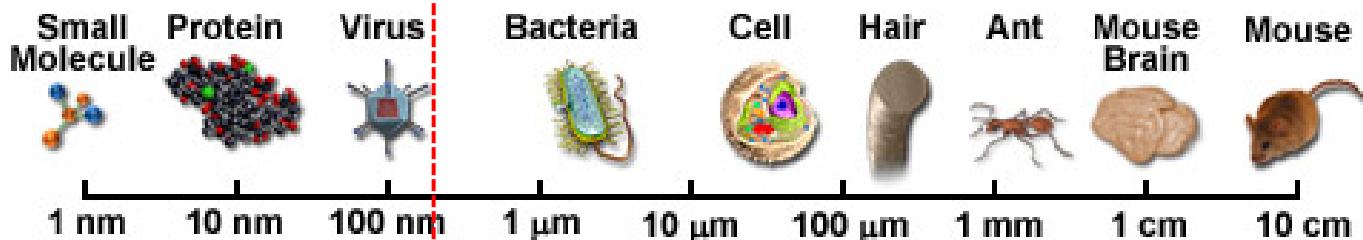
## (3) Biological Applications



Nature Materials, 2014, 13, 775.

# Spatial Resolution of Biological Imaging Techniques

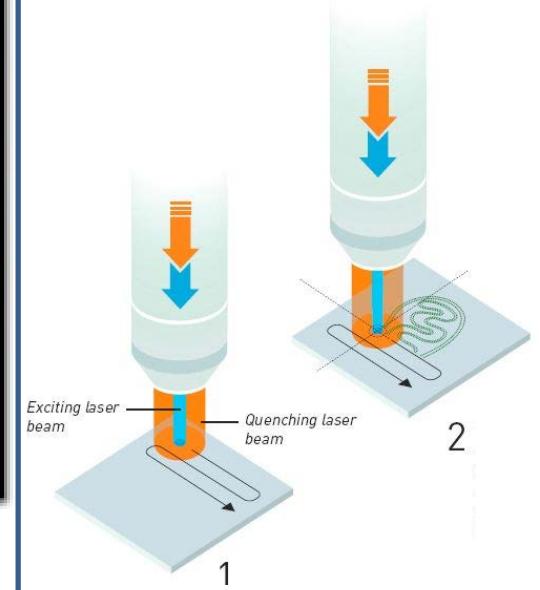
## Abbe's Diffraction Limit (0.2μm)



Limit of resolution:

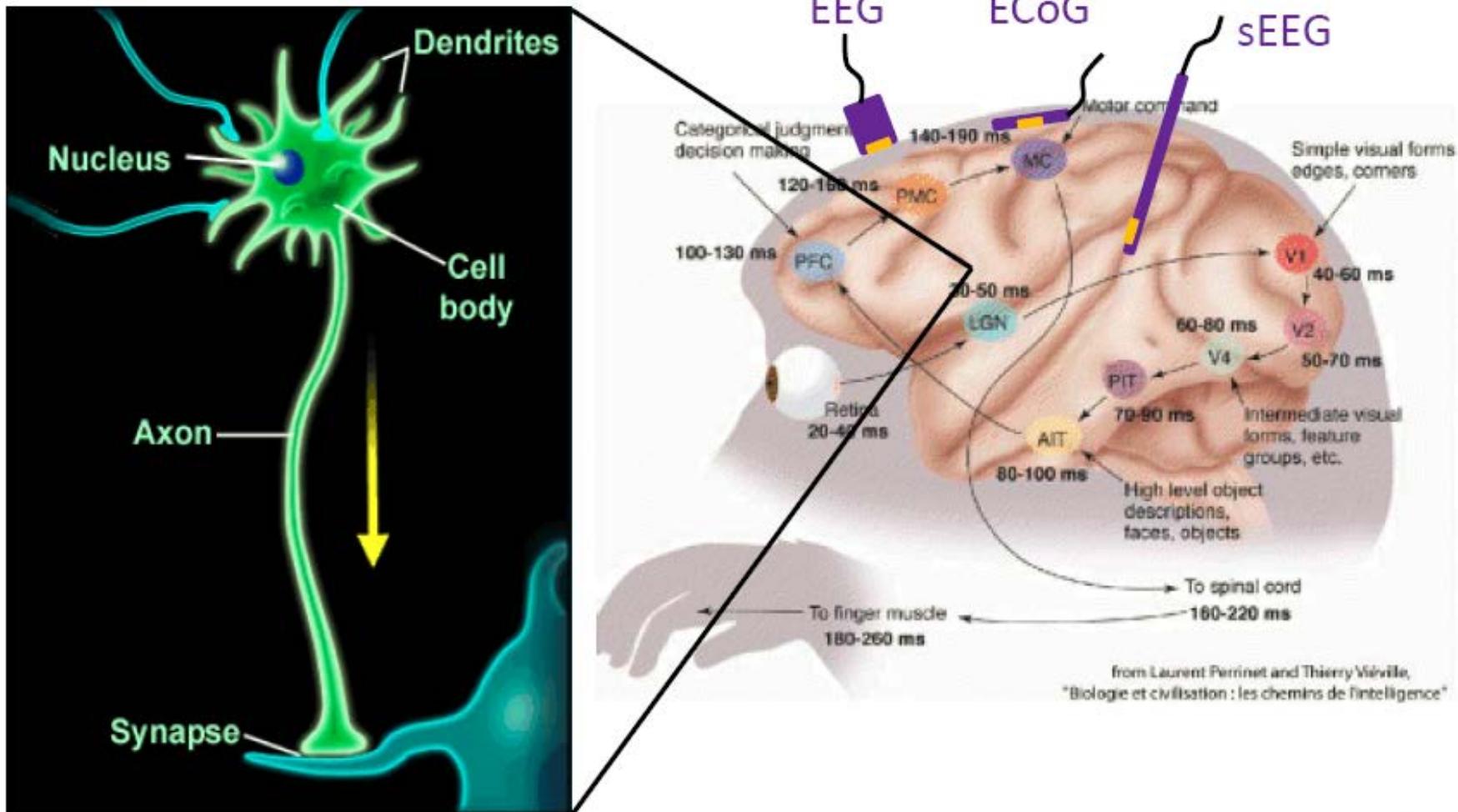
- Human eye: 0.1 mm.
- Optical microscope: 60-200 nm.
- Scanning electron microscope (SEM): 5-10 nm.
- Transmission electron microscope (TEM): 0.5 nm.

## STED microscope



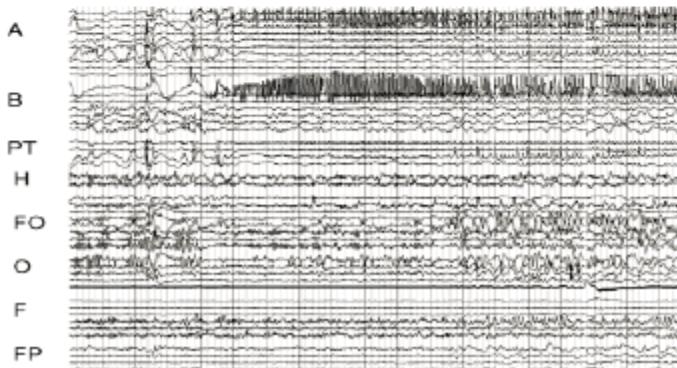
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## Importance of neural interfacing



# Epilepsy

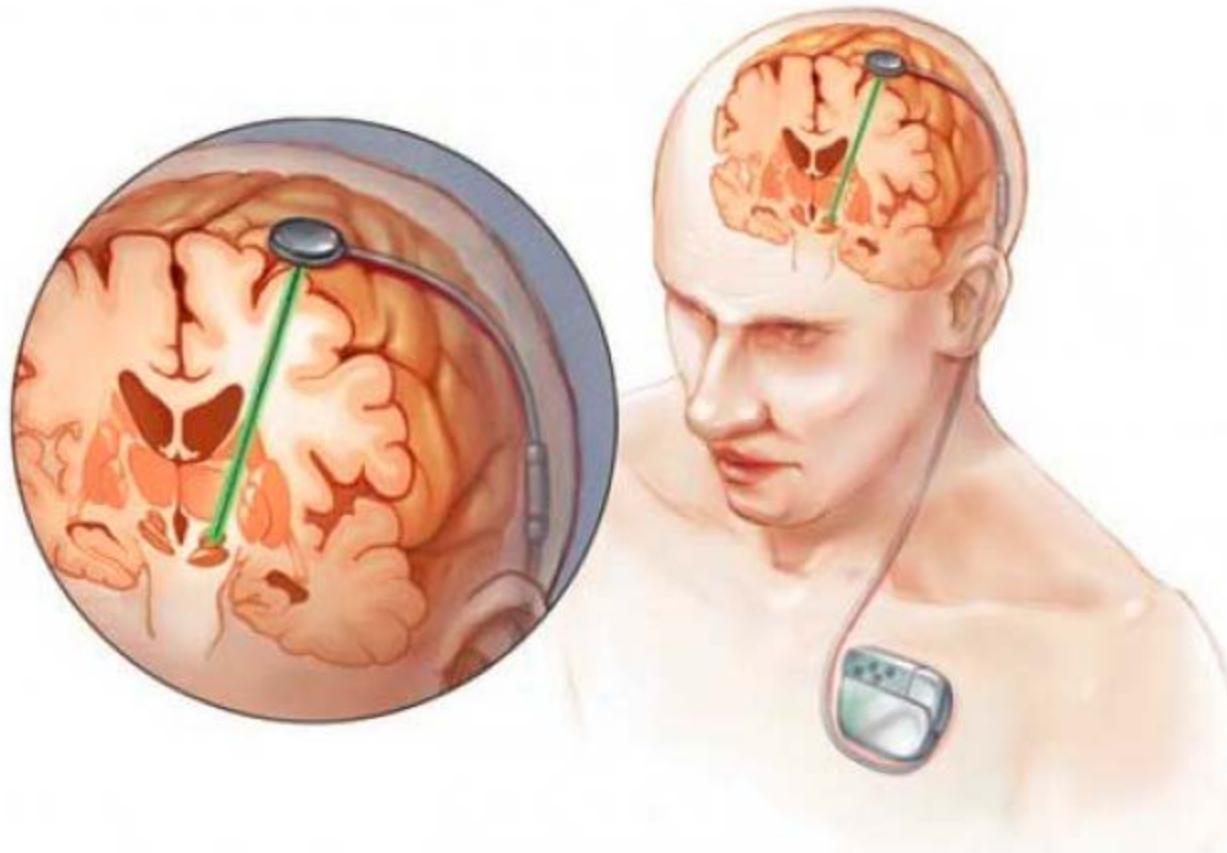
- Affects 1-2% of world population
- Temporal lobe epilepsy (TLE) is most frequent form in adults
- TLE is often drug resistant



## Key challenges:

- Improve electrode performance
- Make less invasive recordings

# Deep brain stimulation for Parkinson's



# Implantable Electronic Medical Devices

## ■ Approved devices:

- Heart pacemakers – 600,000 per year
- Cochlear implants (hearing) – 300,000 patients
- Spinal cord stimulators (pain relief) – 15,000 per year
- Deep brain stimulators (Parkinson's)
- Phrenic nerve stimulators (assisted breathing)
- Sacral nerve stimulators (bladder control)
- Vagus nerve stimulators (epilepsy)
- Retinal implants (vision)



Implantable defibrillator  
(Medtronic)



Cochlear implant  
(Cochlear)

## ■ In development:

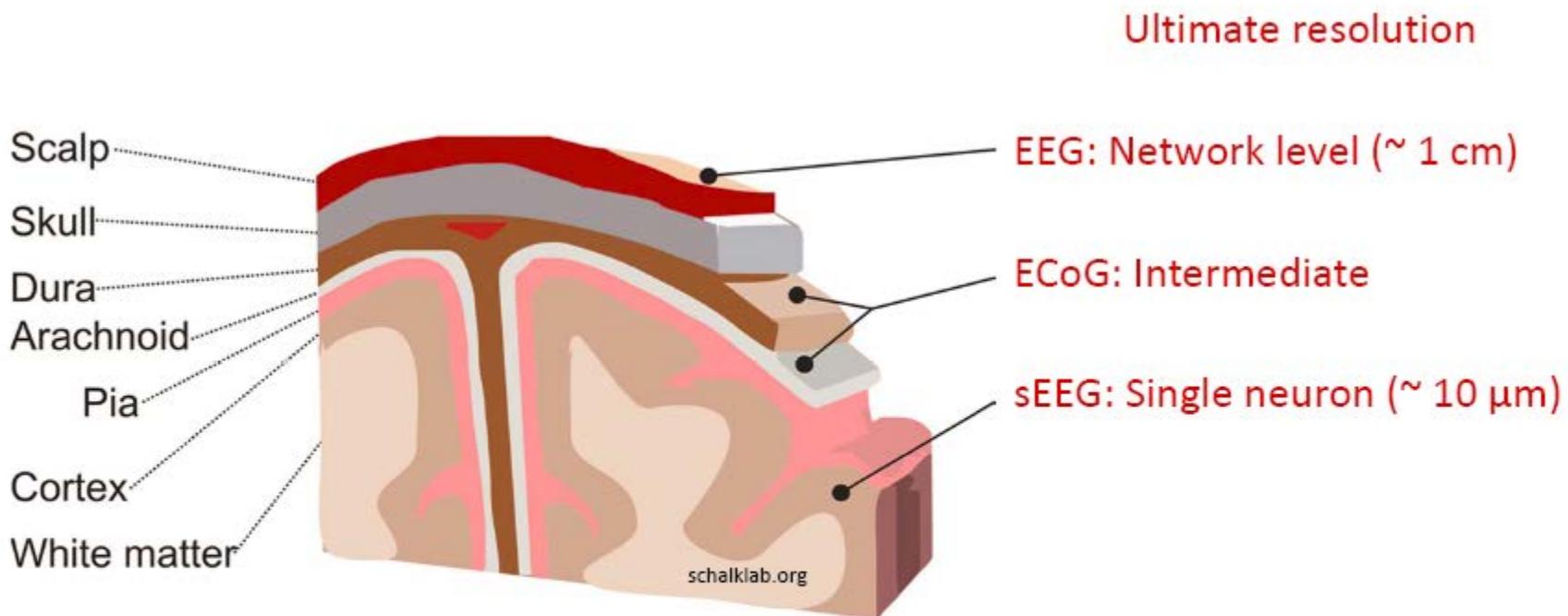
- Functional electrical stimulation (standing and gait)
- Brain Computer Interfaces (control of robotic limbs)
- DBS (severe psychiatric conditions)
- Vestibular prostheses (balance)
- Vision prostheses (vision)
- Cortical prostheses (epilepsy detection & suppression)



Artificial limbs controlled by the brain  
(Penn Center for Brain Injury and Repair)

# Conducting polymer microelectrodes record single neurons from brain surface

## Levels of neural interfacing



It was not considered possible to obtain single neuron recordings without penetrating the brain

# State-of-the-art ECoG circa 2010

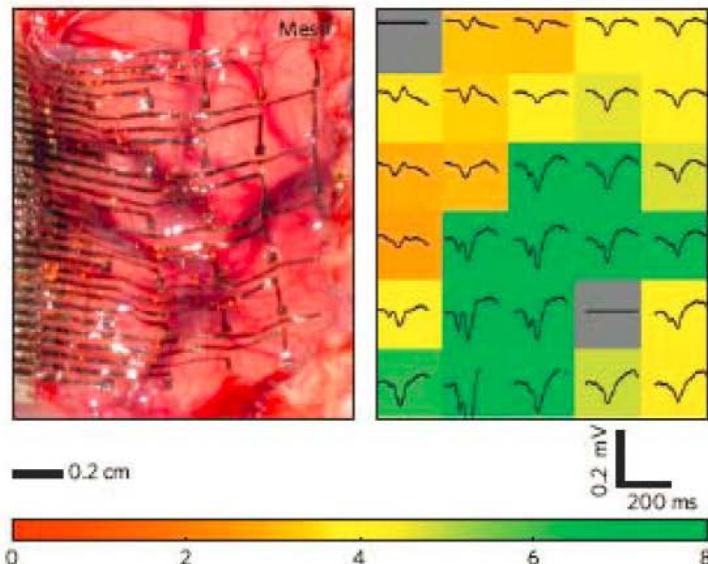
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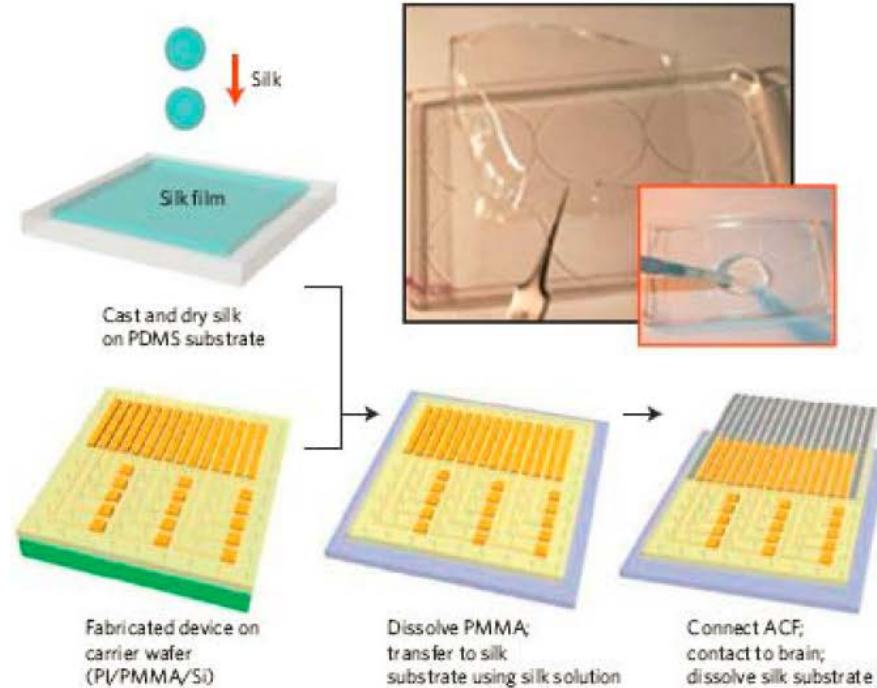
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## Dissolvable films of silk fibroin for ultrathin conformal bio-integrated electronics

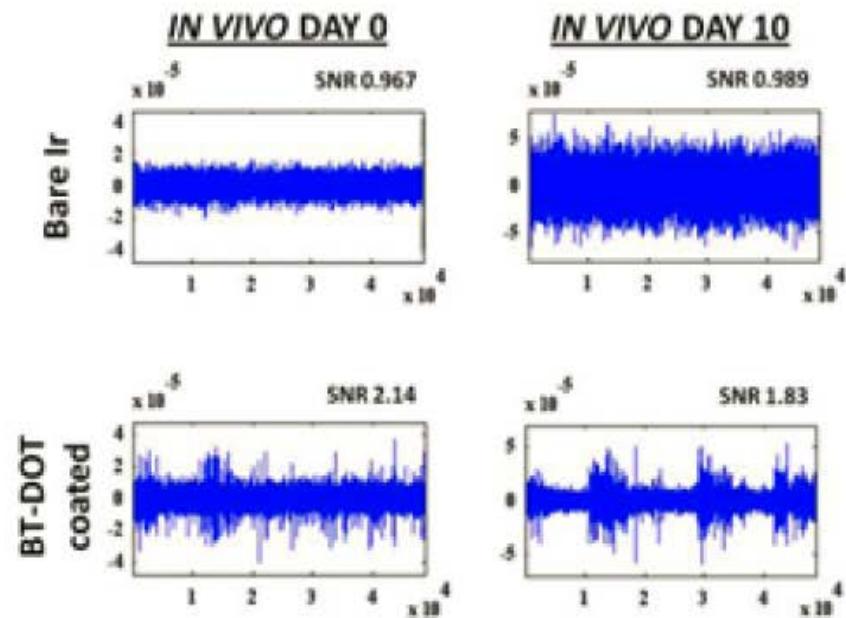
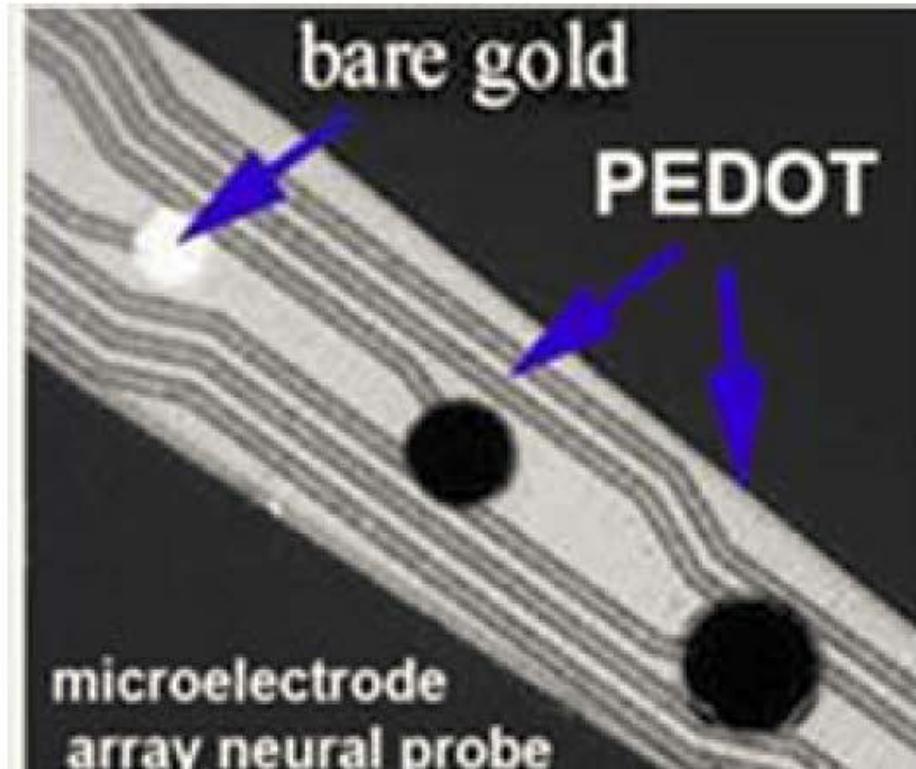
Dae-Hyeong Kim and Jonathan Viventi et al.\*



Rogers group (UIUC)

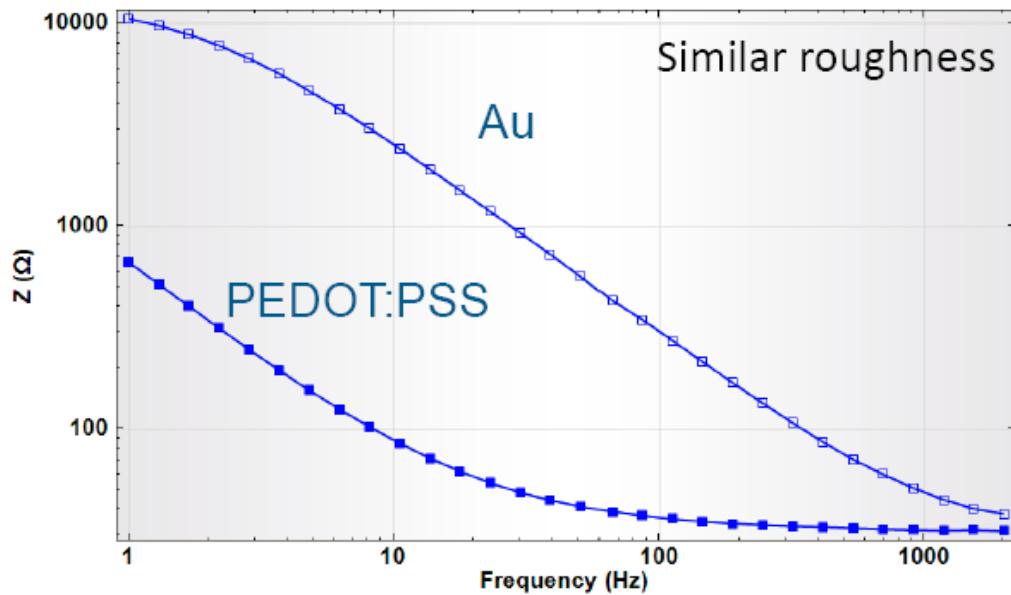


# Conducting polymers improve neural interfaces

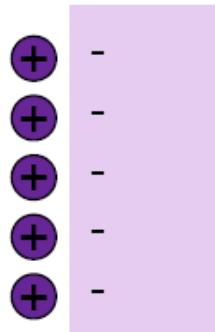


Electrochemical growth  
on pre-patterned metal  
electrodes

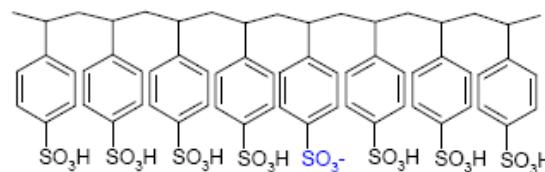
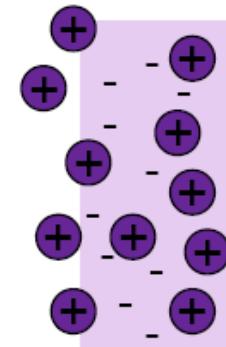
# Conducting polymers lower interfacial impedance



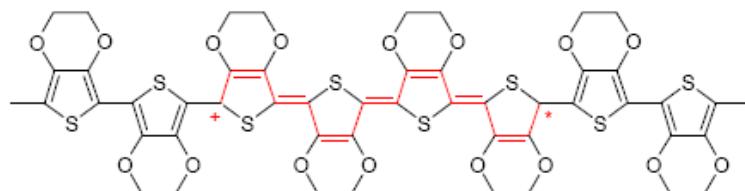
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Polymer

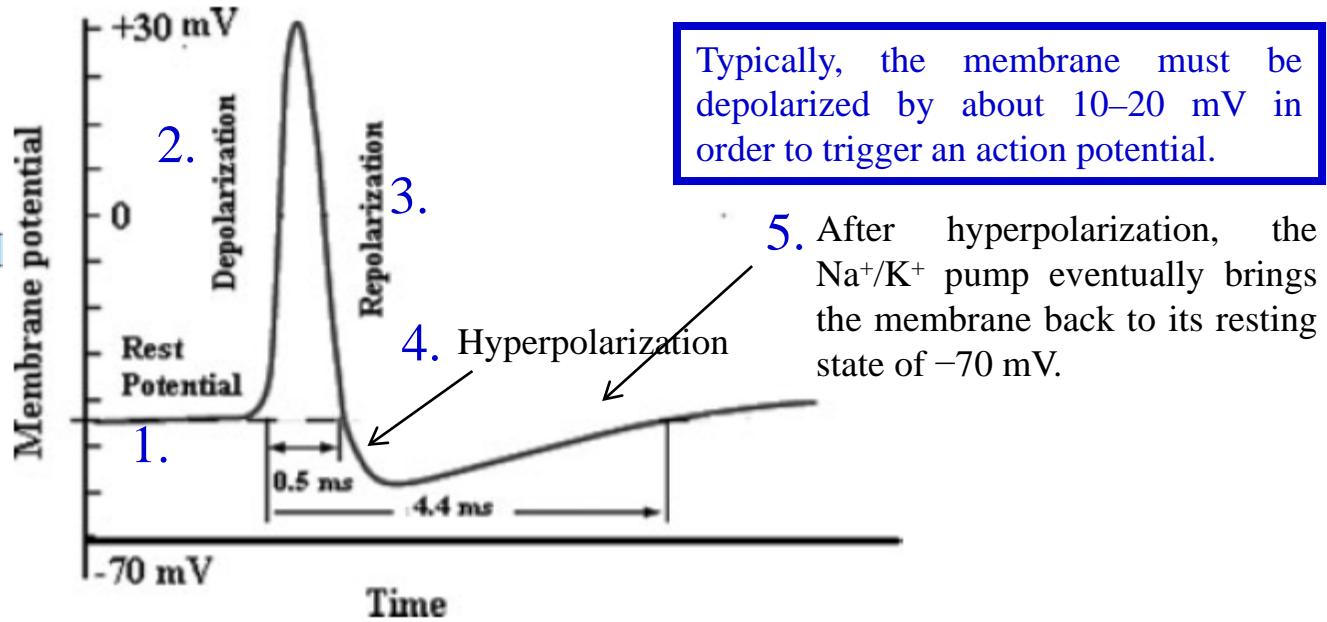
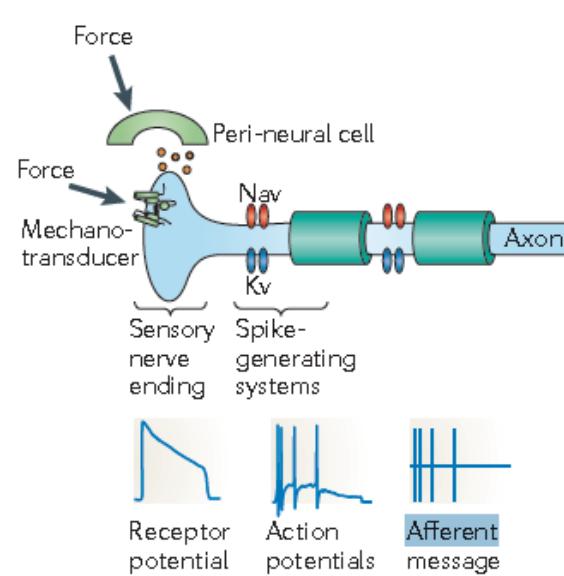


Different “nature” of capacitance across the electrode/electrolyte interface



# Introduction of Electrical Stimulation and Recording

Various stages (resting state, depolarization and repolarization) of nerve cells during electrical stimulation:



## 1. Typical value of membrane potential (resting potential):

-60~ -100 mV

## 2. Depolarization:

More  $\text{Na}^+$  channels are opened and the  $\text{Na}^+$  influx drives the interior of the cell membrane up to about +30 mV.

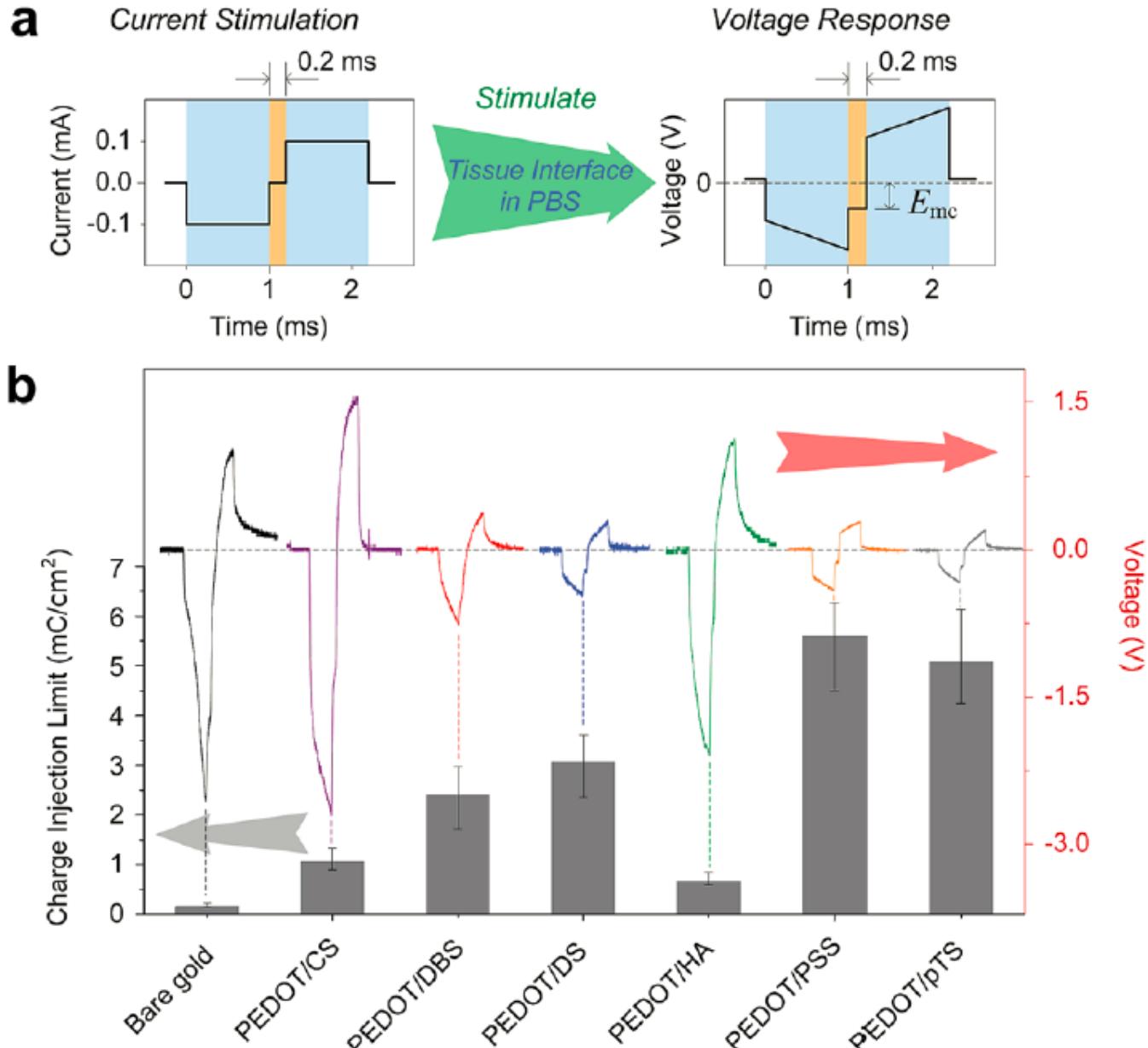
## 3. Repolarization:

The membrane begins to repolarize back towards its resting potential as the  $\text{K}^+$  channels open. The repolarization typically overshoots the resting potential to about -90 mV.

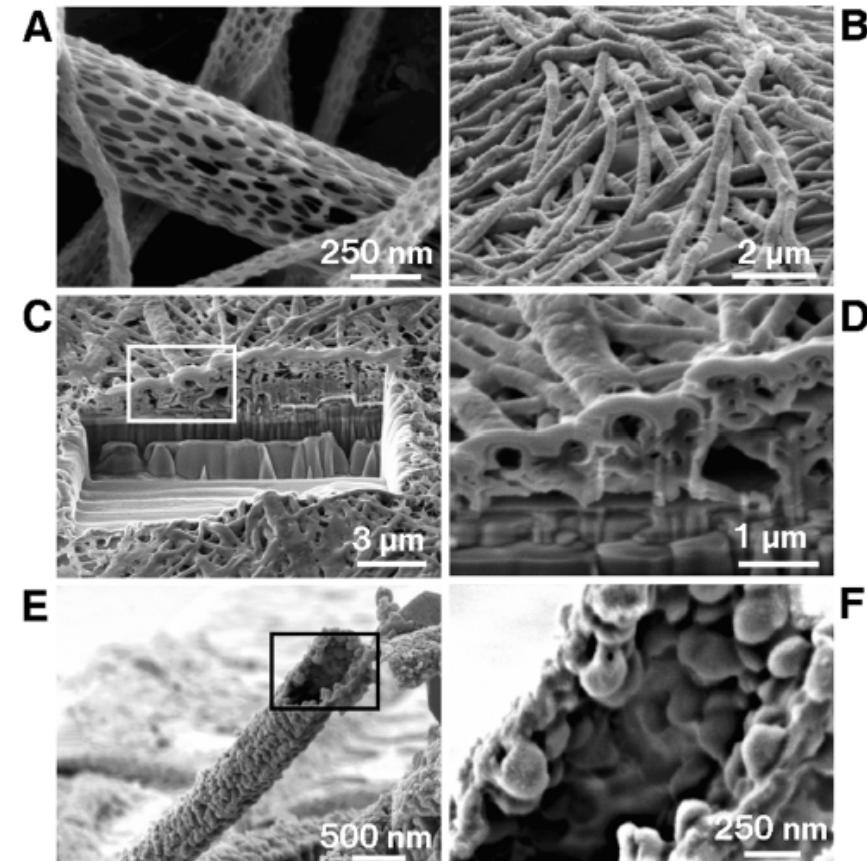
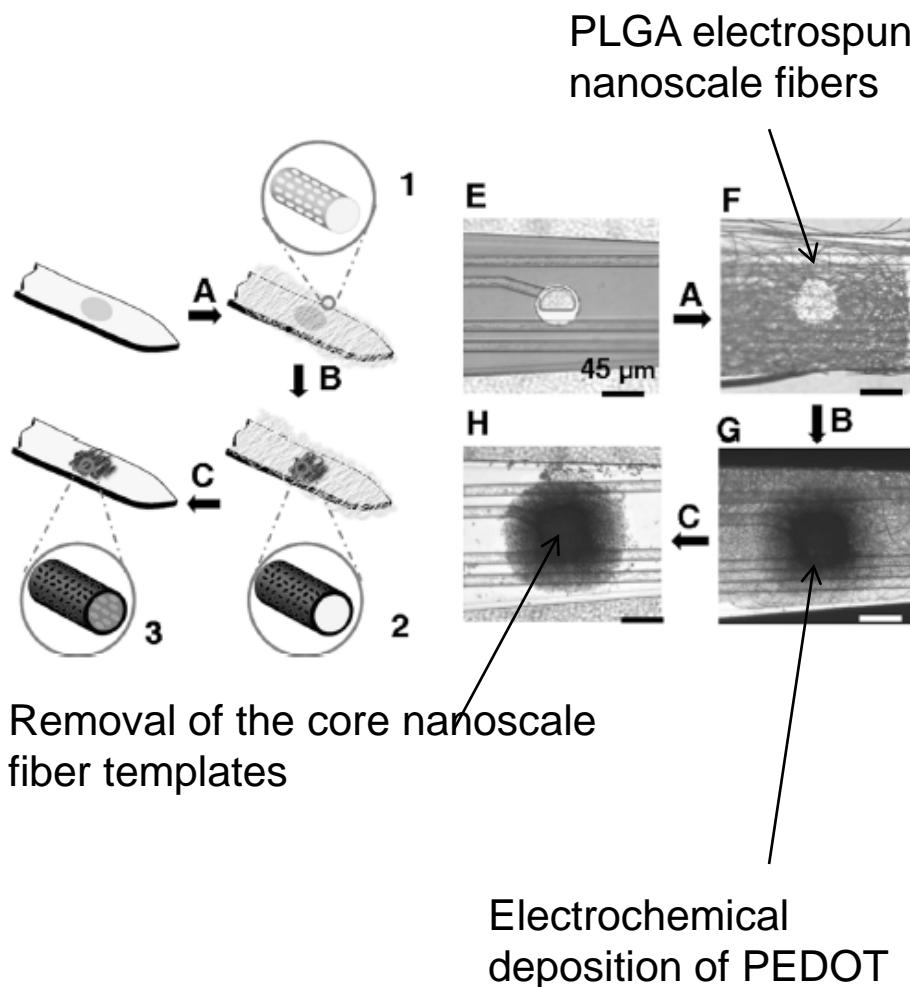
## 4. Hyperpolarization:

Hyperpolarization assures that the signal is always proceeding in one direction.

# Charge Injection Limit

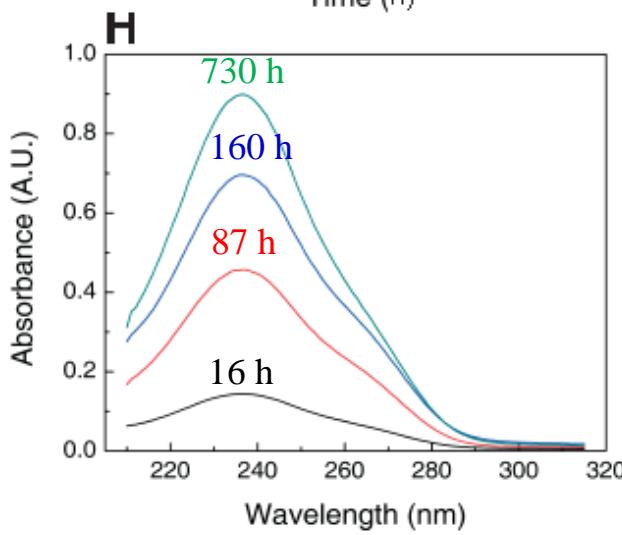
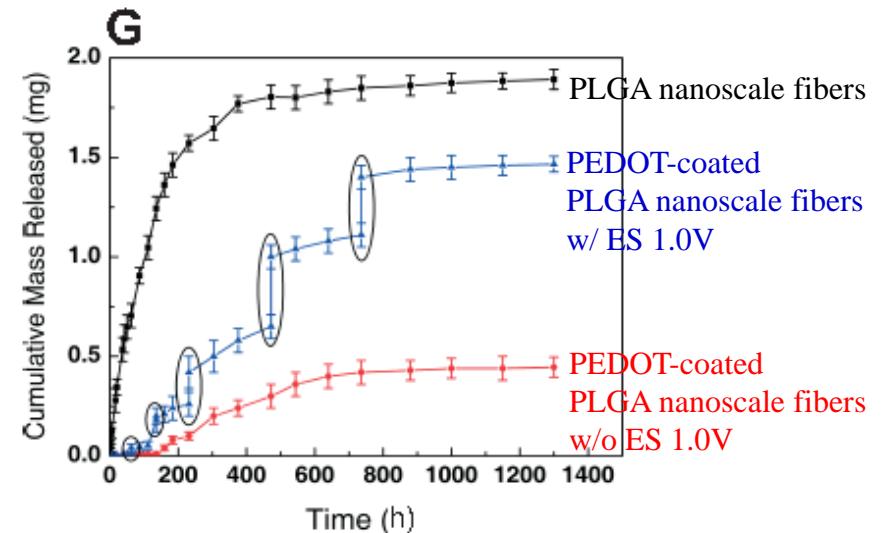
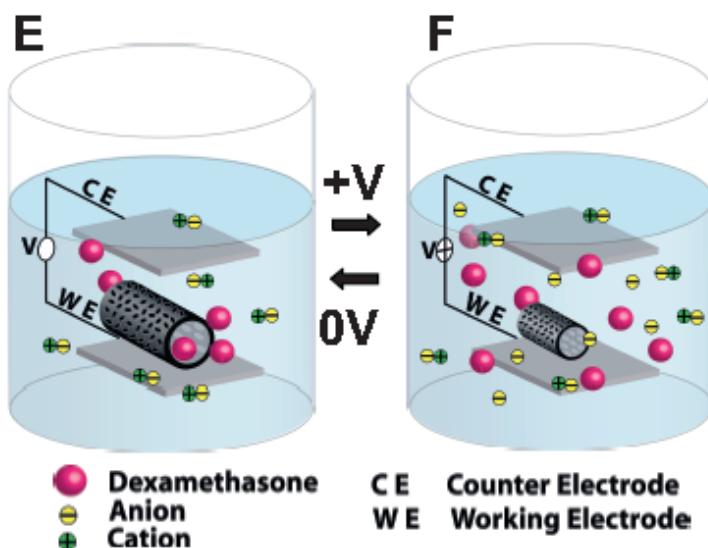
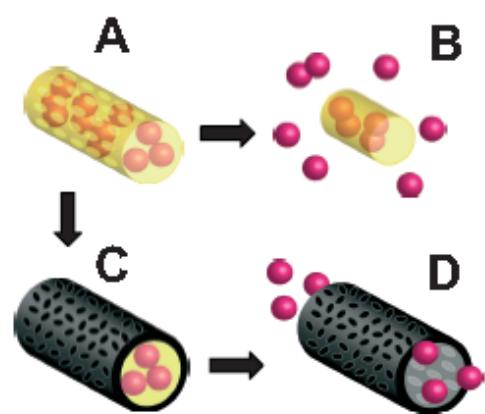


# Conducting-Polymer Nanotubes for Controlled Drug Release (DC Martin)

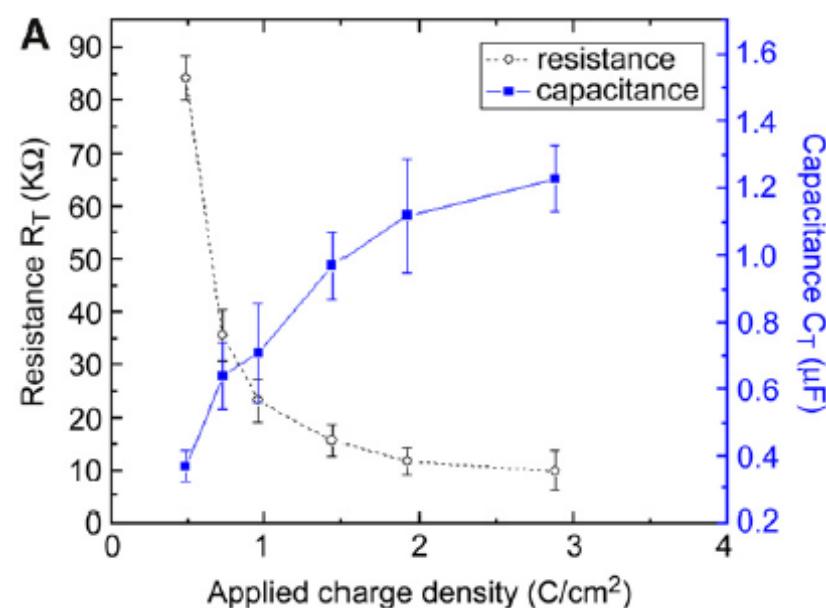
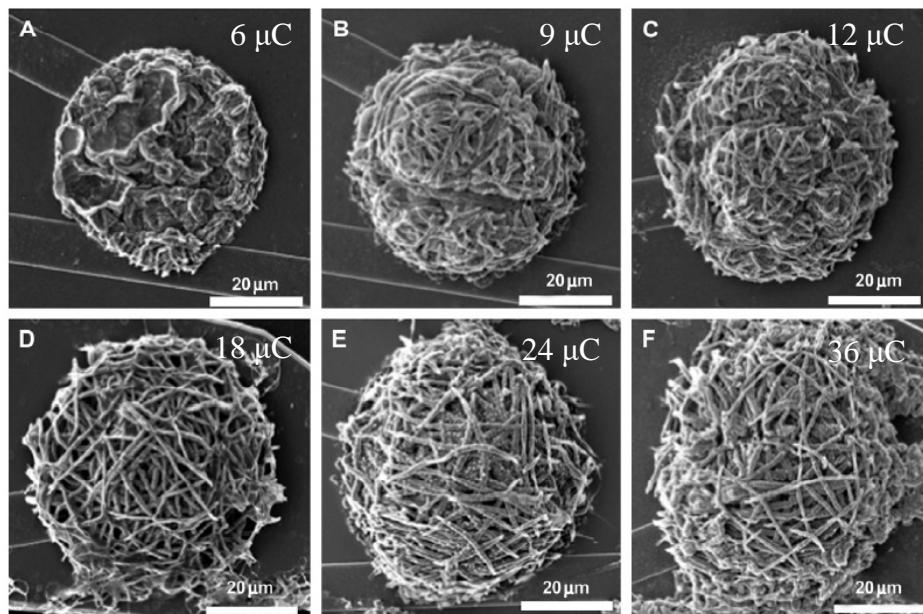
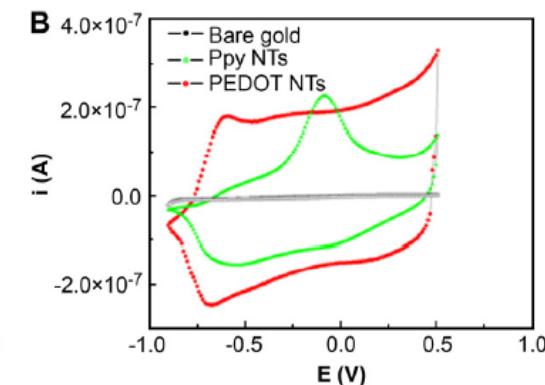
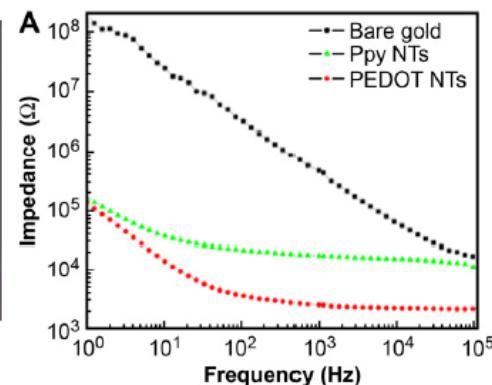
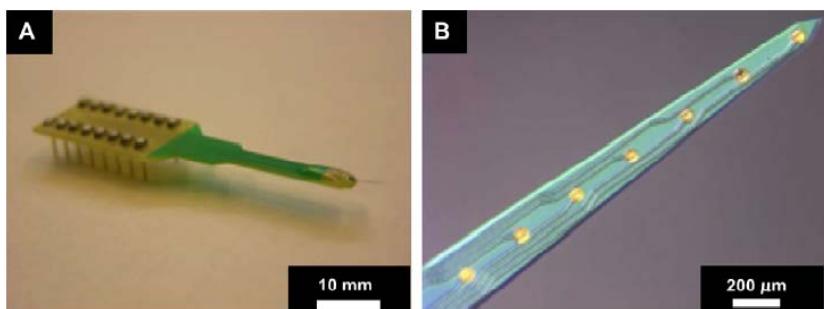


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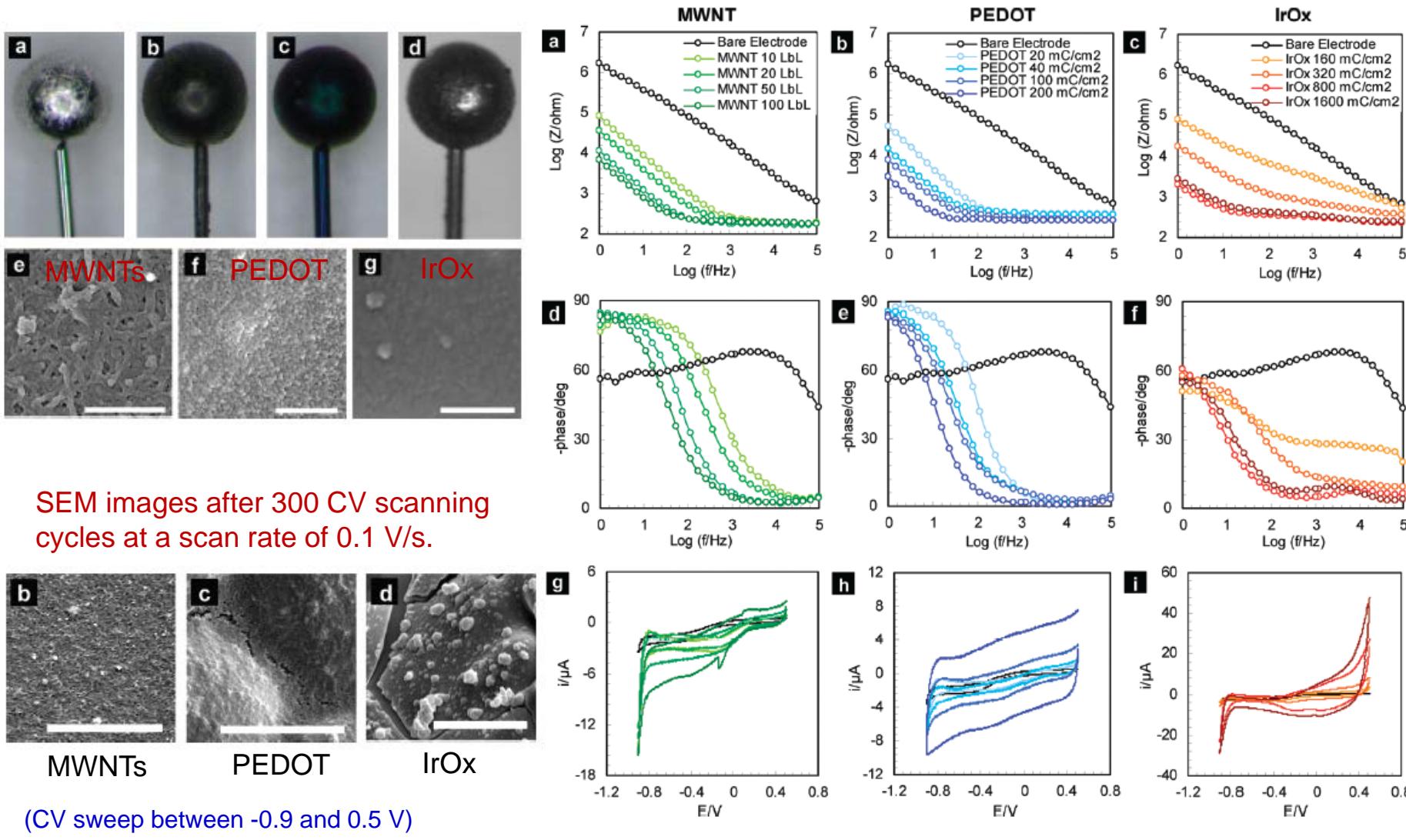


# Experimental and theoretical characterization of implantable neural microelectrodes modified with conducting polymer nanotubes

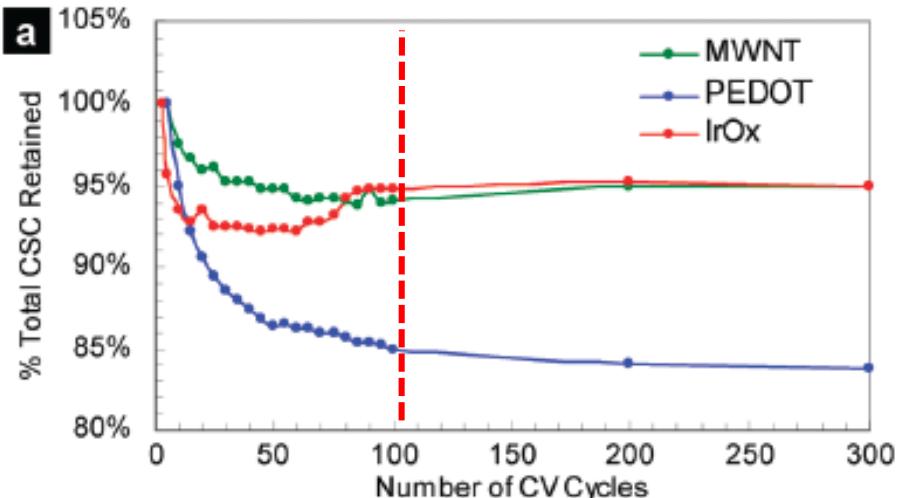
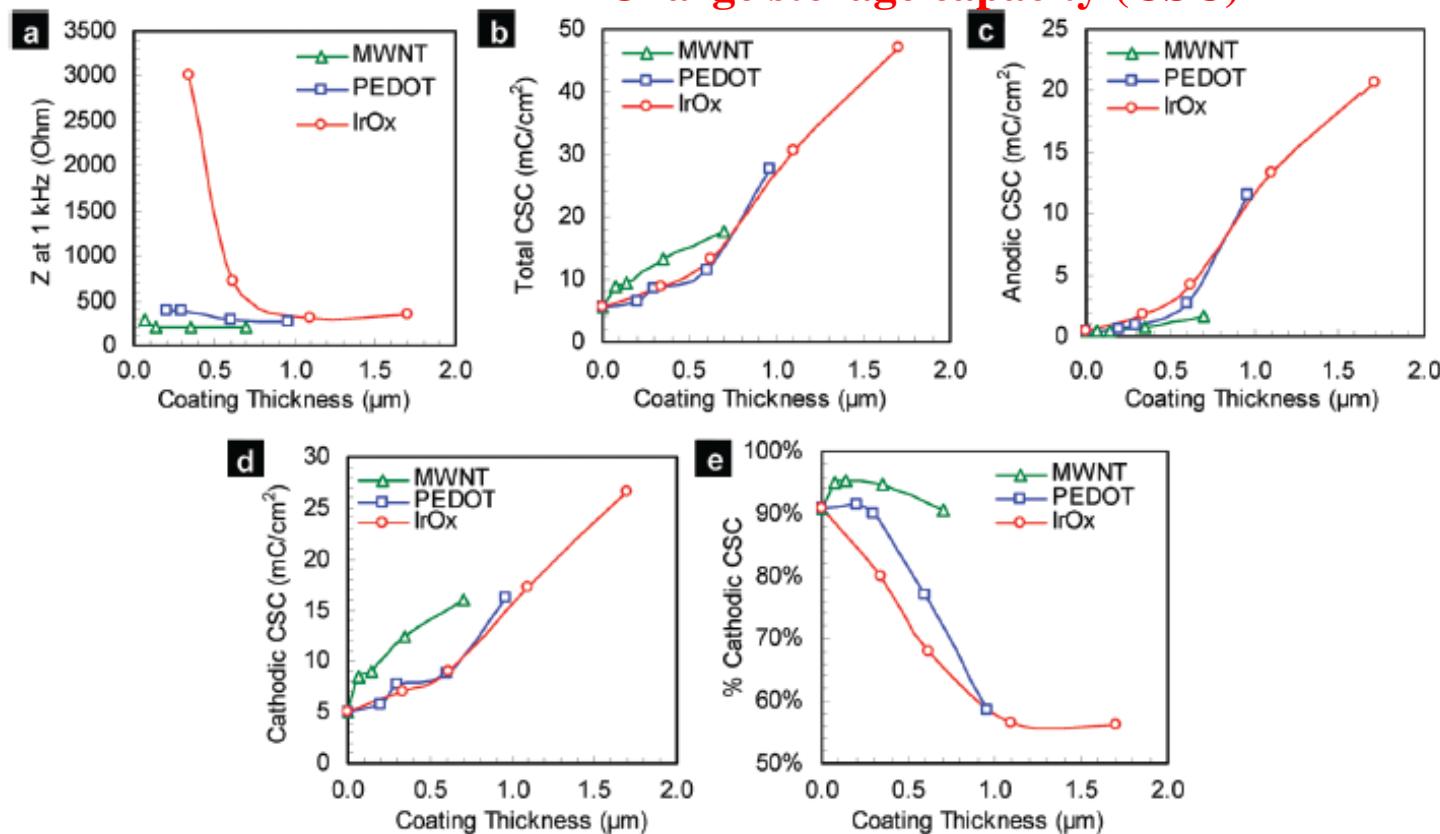


Diffusional pseudocapacitance (CT) and diffusional resistance (RT) for PPy NTs as a function of applied charge density

# Layered Carbon Nanotube-Polyelectrolyte Electrodes Outperform Traditional Neural Interface Materials (DC Martin)

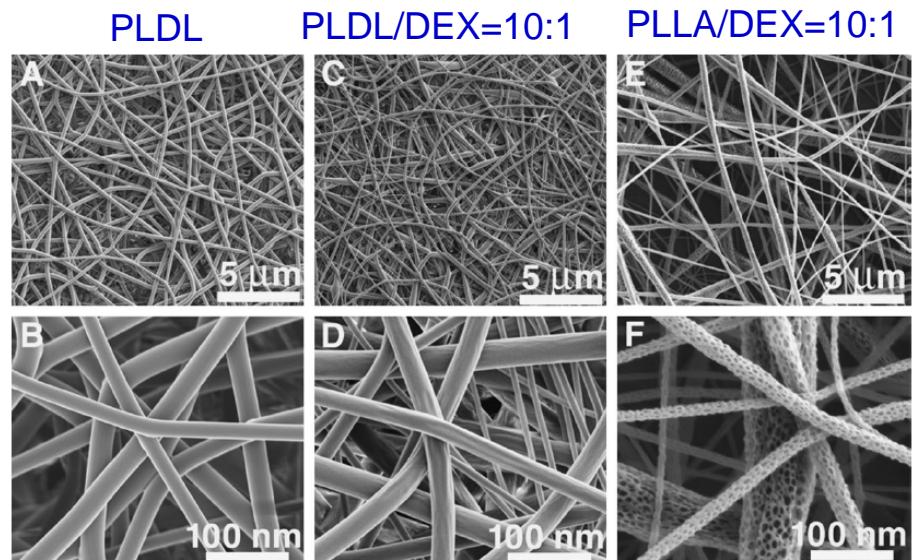
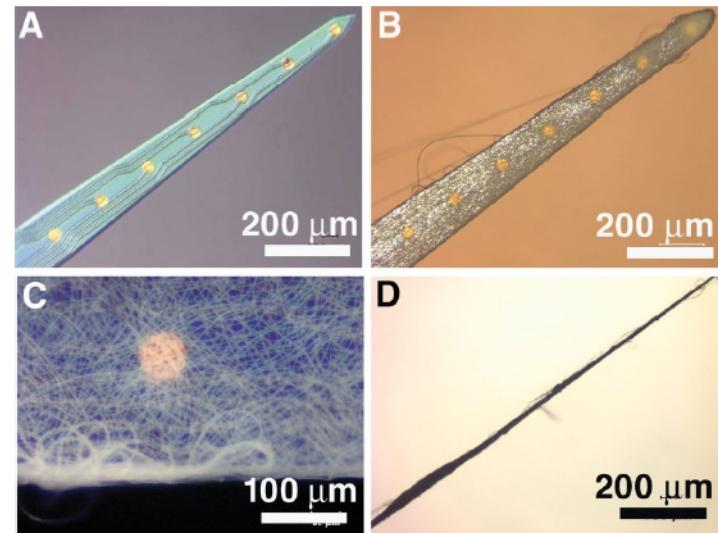
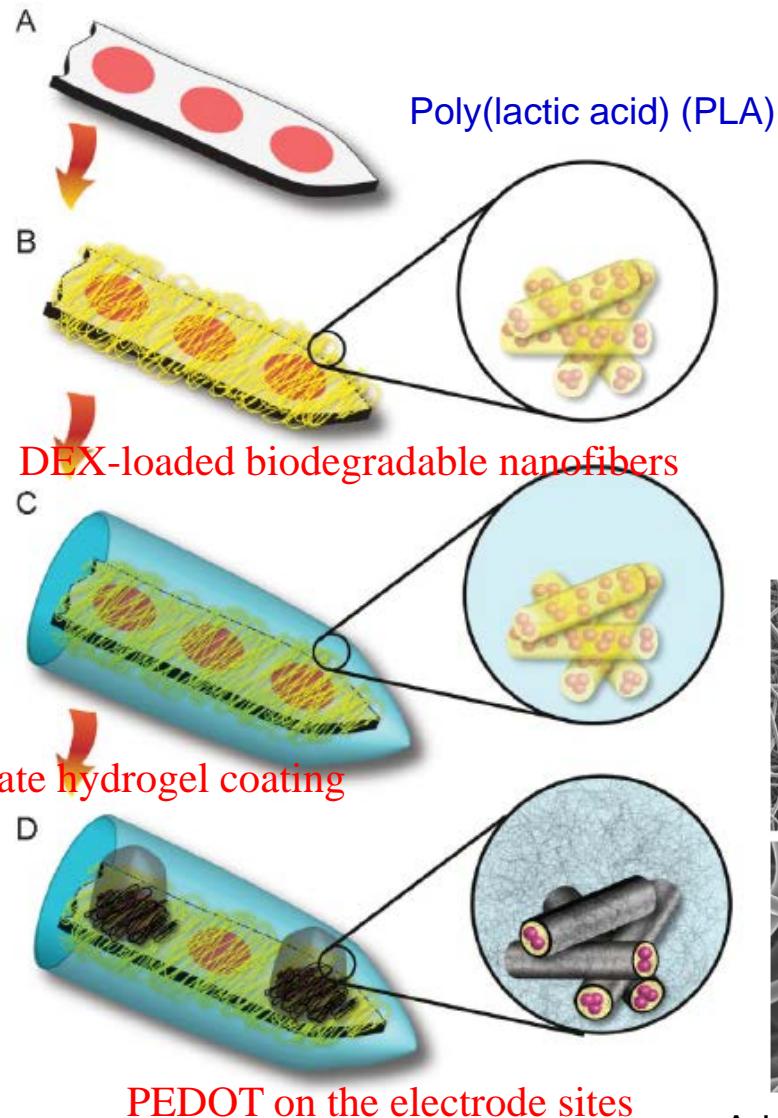


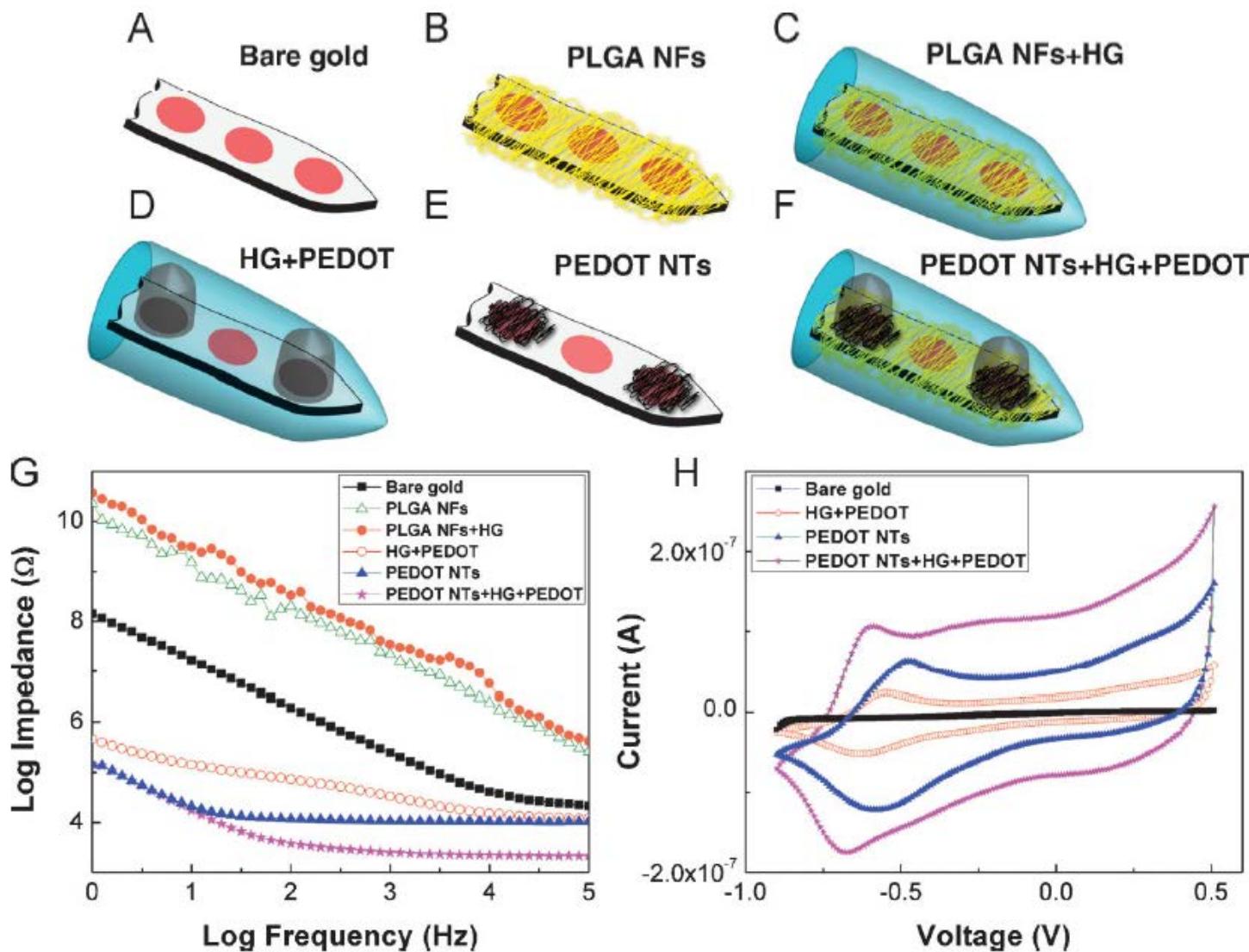
## Charge storage capacity (CSC)



**Electrical Stimulation Stability:**  
**MWNT > IrOx > PEDOT**

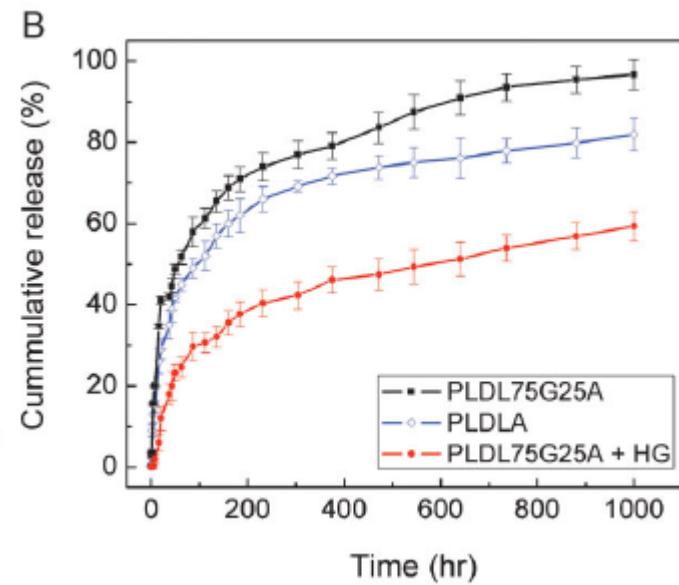
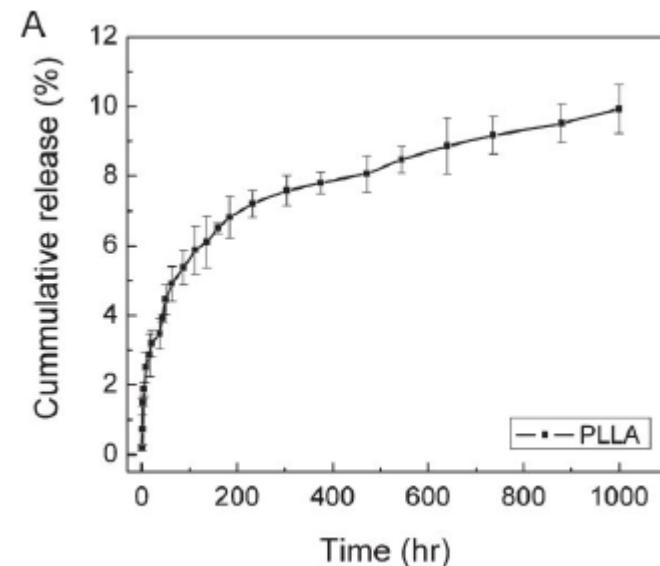
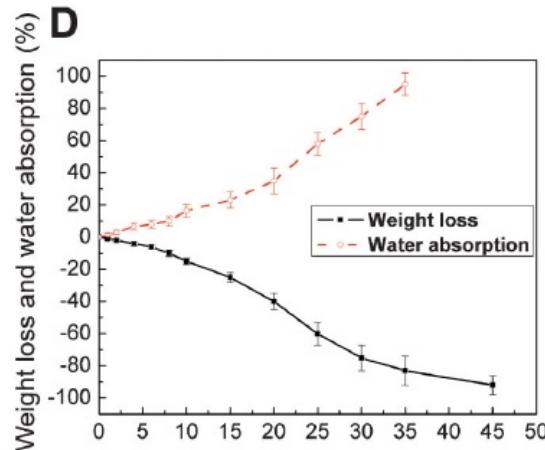
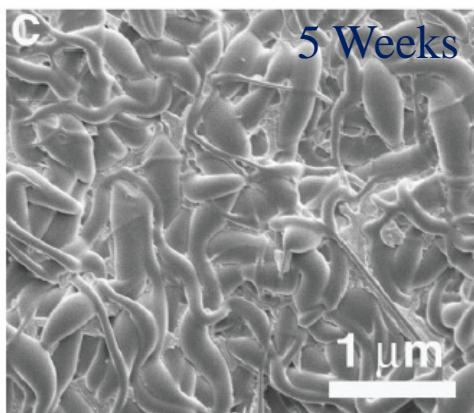
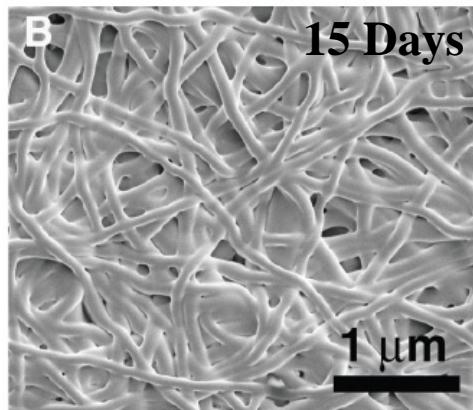
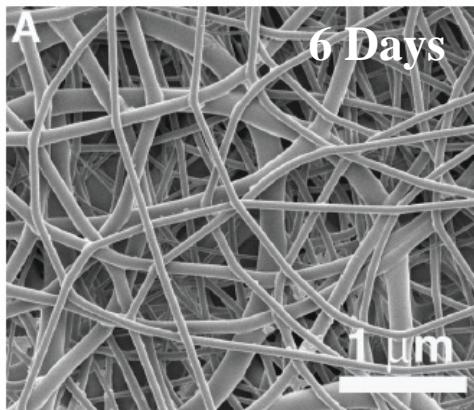
# Multifunctional Nanobiomaterials for Neural Interfaces (DC Martin)



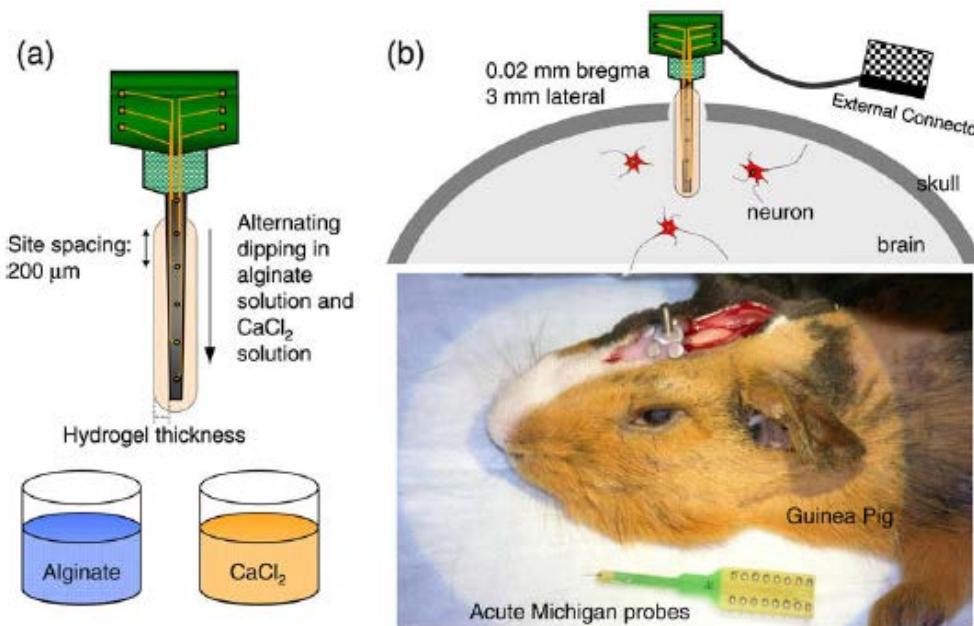


## Percentage cumulative mass release profiles of DEX-loaded polymers

### Degradation of nanofibers in PBS solution



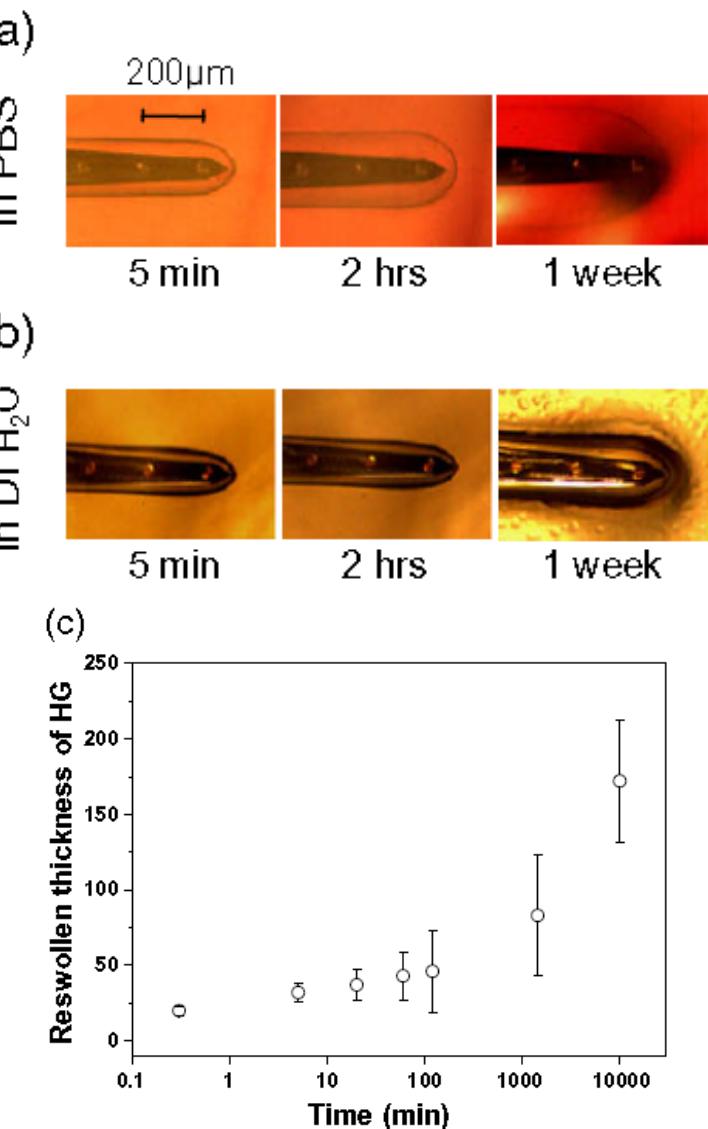
# Conducting polymers on hydrogel-coated neural electrode provide sensitive neural recordings in auditory cortex (DC Martin)



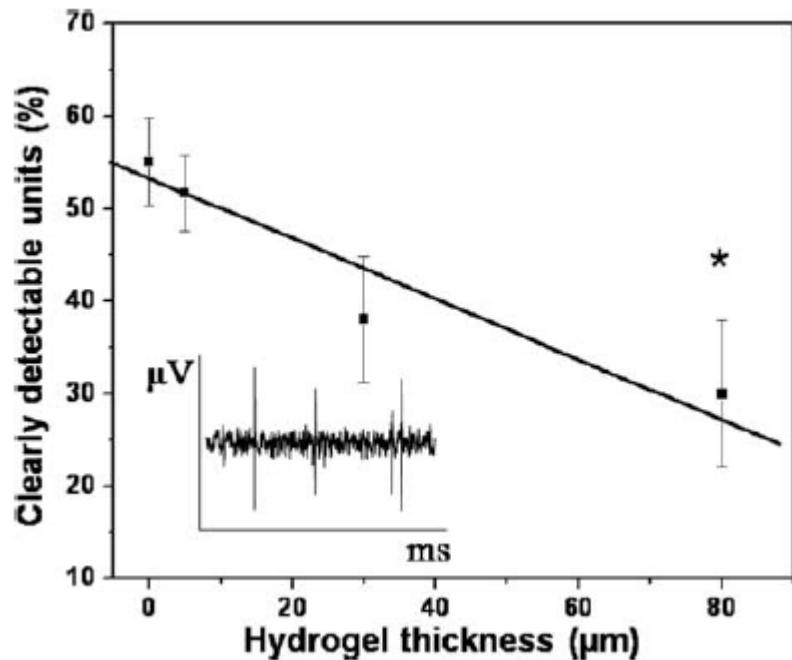
**Table 1**  
Classification of signal to noise ratios.

Define	SNR range	Characteristics
High SNR	SNR > 4.0	Signals from clearly detectable units: easy to discriminated/analyzed from background noise
Medium SNR	4.0 > SNR > 3.5	Signals from active units: possible to be discriminated from background noise with some exceptions
Low SNR	SNR < 3.5	Signals from bad units: Difficult to be discriminated from background noise

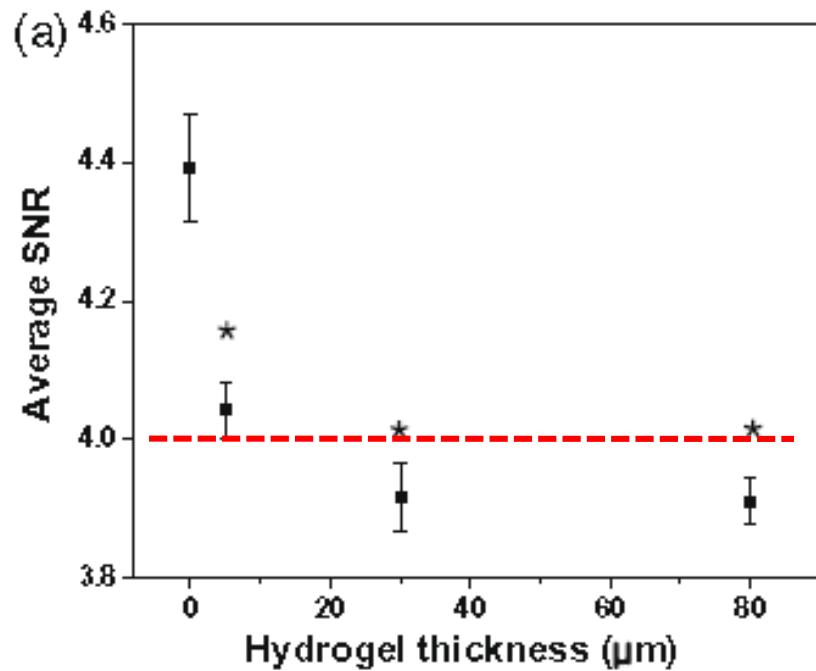
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## (Sensitivity)

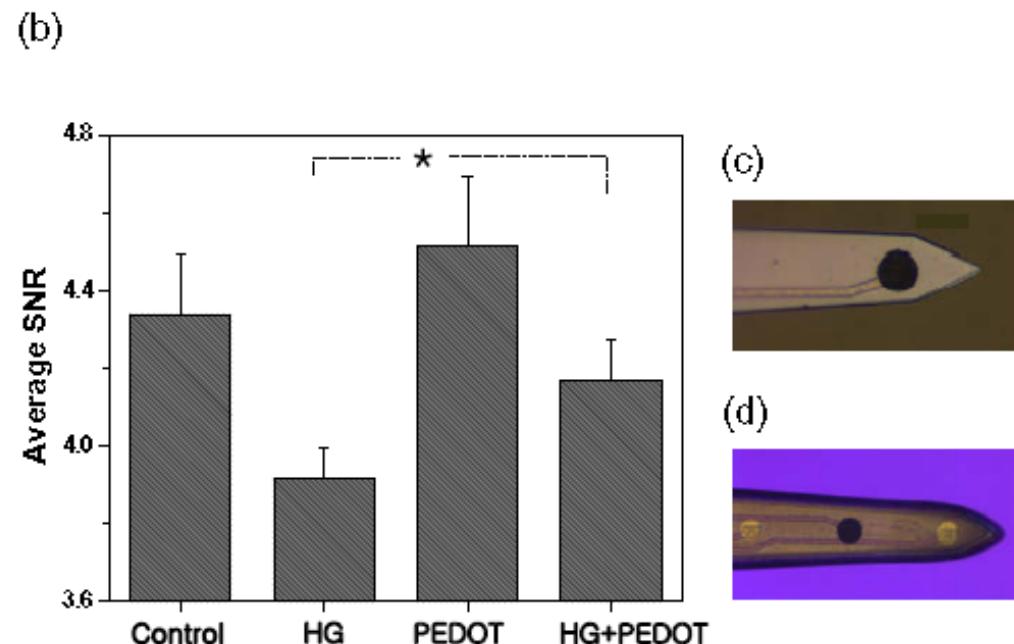
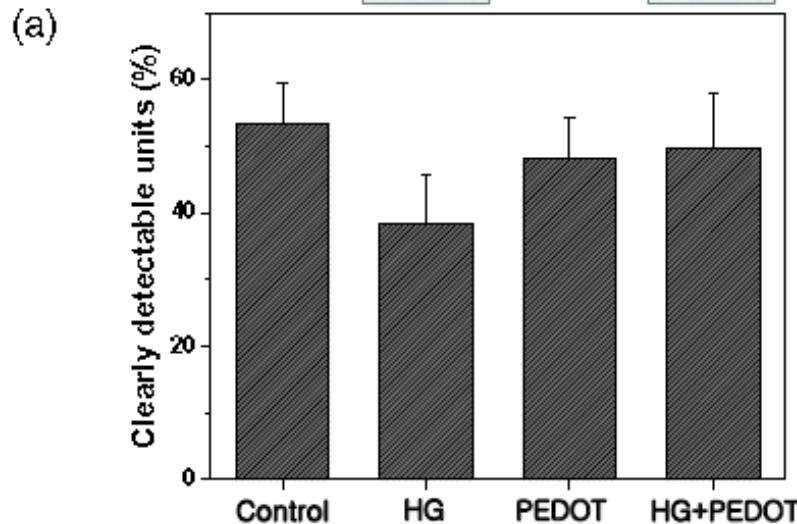


## (Signal-to-noise ratio, SNR)



The average percentages of clearly detectable units as a function of the thickness of HG-coated electrodes in the auditory cortex with a 200 ms noise burst.

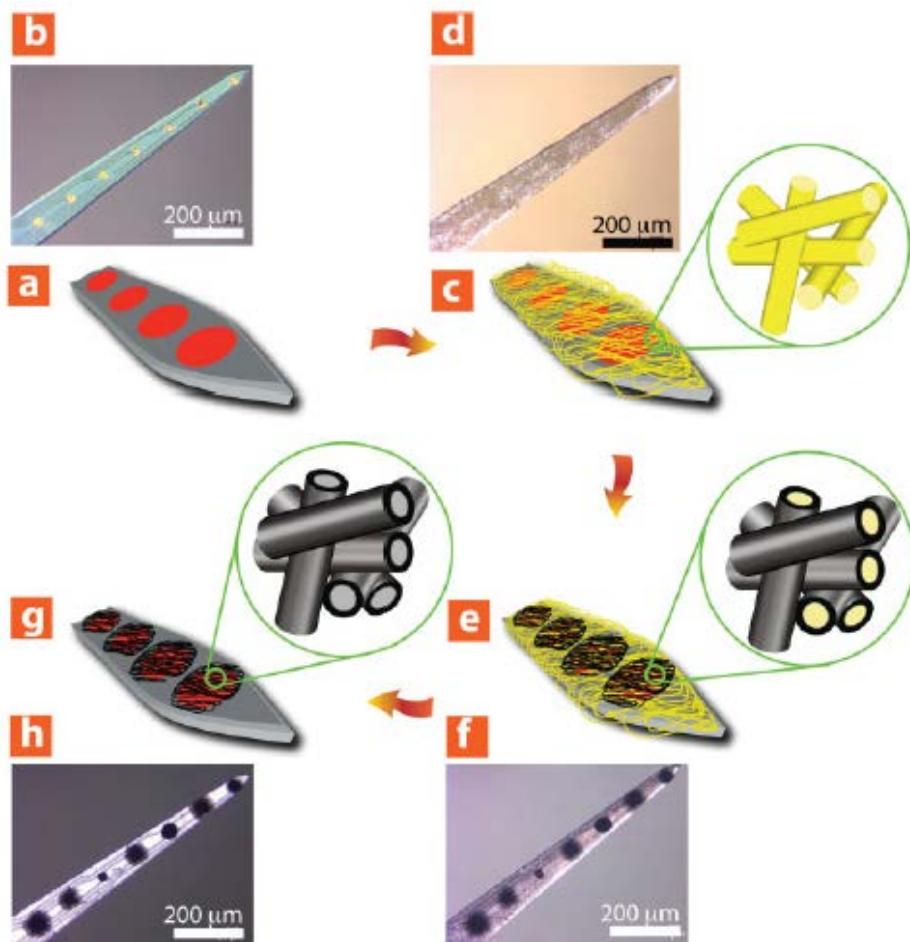
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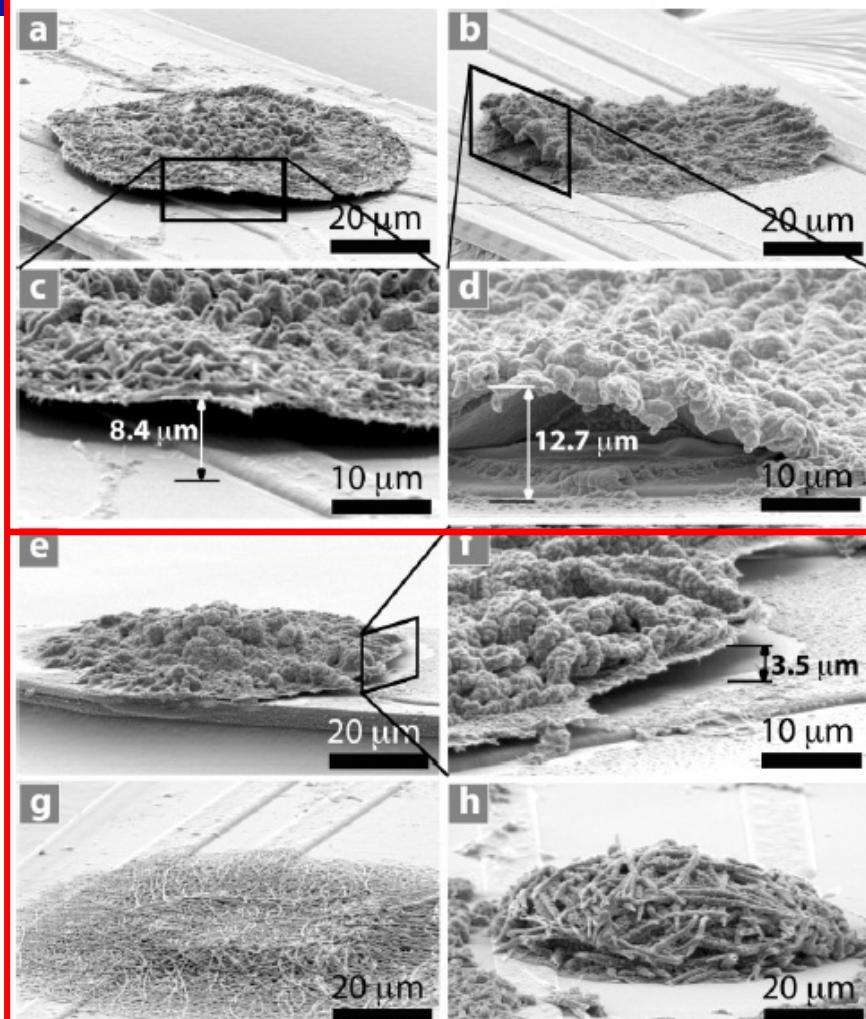
A significant loss in functionality determined by SNRs was observed with HG coatings as thin as 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , while the number of clearly detectable units gradually decreased as a function of the HG coating thickness. The loss of functionality of the electrodes is due to the lack of neurons immediately around the electrode sites.

PEDOT deposited on the electrode sites did not produce any increase in the number of clearly detectable units as compared with the bare electrodes, the PEDOT deposition improved the recording functionality of the HG-coated electrodes as measured by the SNR.

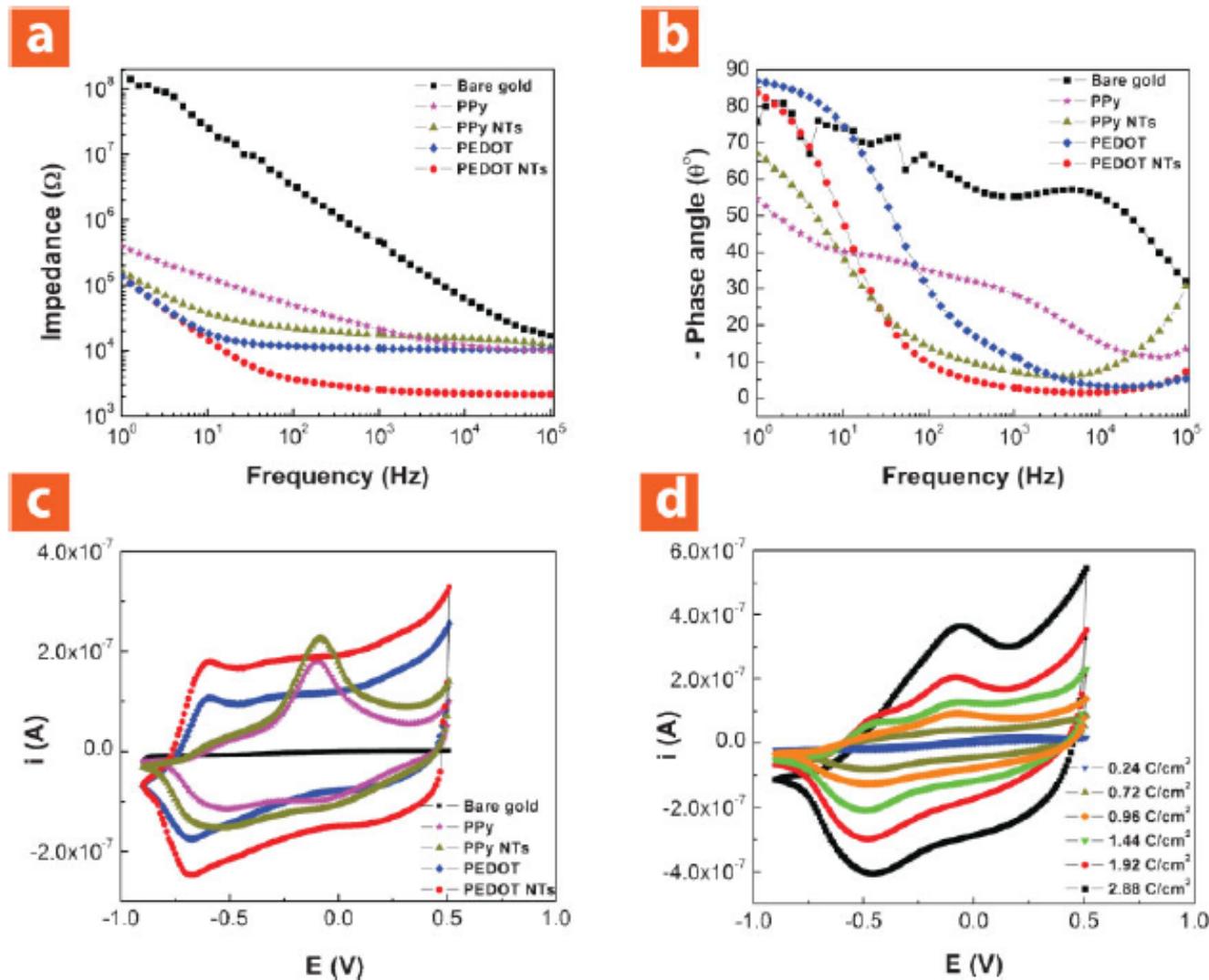
# Conducting-Polymer Nanotubes Improve Electrical Properties, Mechanical Adhesion, Neural Attachment, and Neurite Outgrowth of Neural Electrodes (DC Martin)

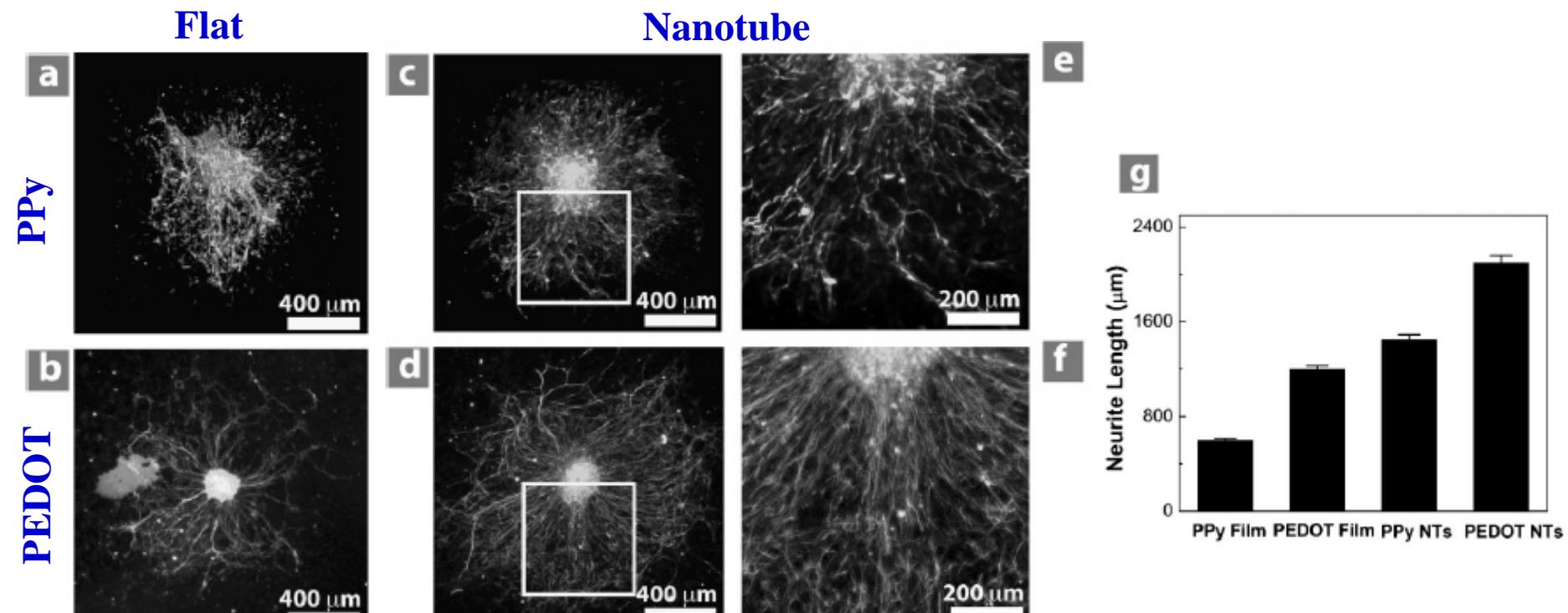


PEDOT nanotubes



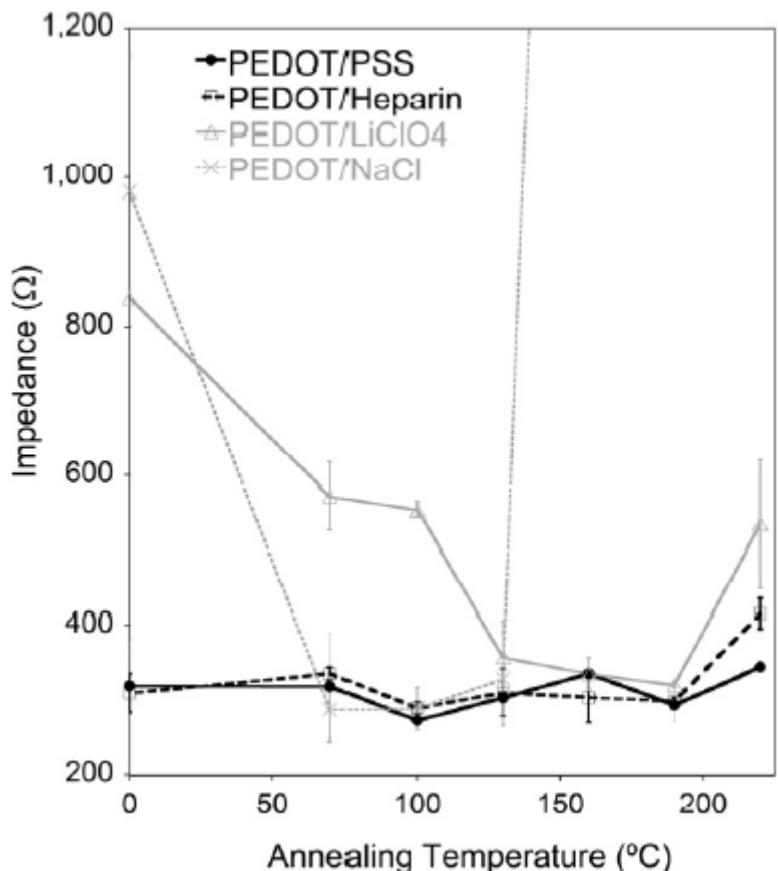
PPy nanotubes





DRG explants cultured on conducting polymer films and nanotubes.

# Structural, chemical and electrochemical characterization of poly(3,4-Ethylenedioxothiophene) (PEDOT) prepared with various counter-ions and heat treatments (DC Martin)



**Table 1**

Comparison of PEDOT films polymerized with different counter-ions and annealed.

Counter-ion	Molecular weight	$d_{100}$ spacing	1 kHz impedance and CSC before annealing	1 kHz impedance and CSC after annealing 1 h at 160 °C
PSS	~ 70,000 Da	~ 1.3 nm	319 Ω 26.1 mC/cm <sup>2</sup>	335 Ω 14.7 mC/cm <sup>2</sup>
Heparin	12,000–15,000 Da		309 Ω 20.9 mC/cm <sup>2</sup>	304 Ω 11.2 mC/cm <sup>2</sup>
LiClO <sub>4</sub>	106.4 Da		839 Ω 8.6 mC/cm <sup>2</sup>	335 Ω 11.3 mC/cm <sup>2</sup>
NaCl	58.4 Da	1.27 nm	981 Ω 19.3 mC/cm <sup>2</sup>	3168 Ω 12.7 mC/cm <sup>2</sup>

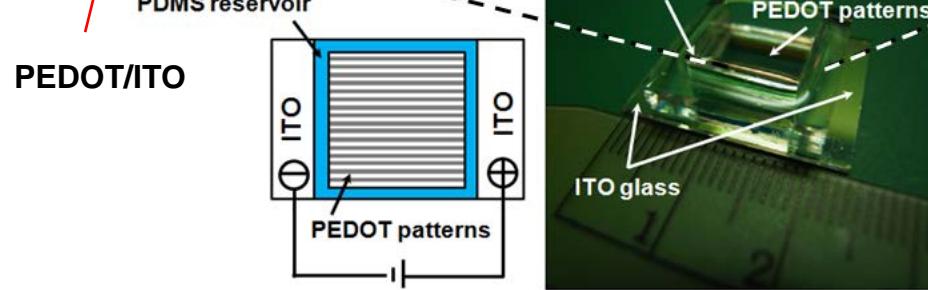
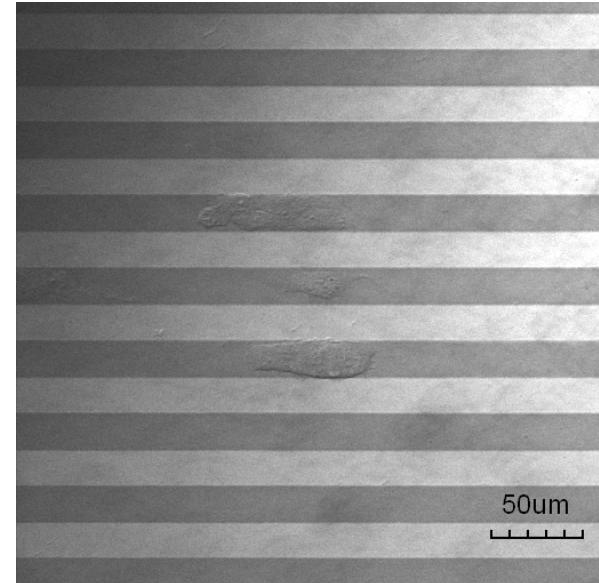
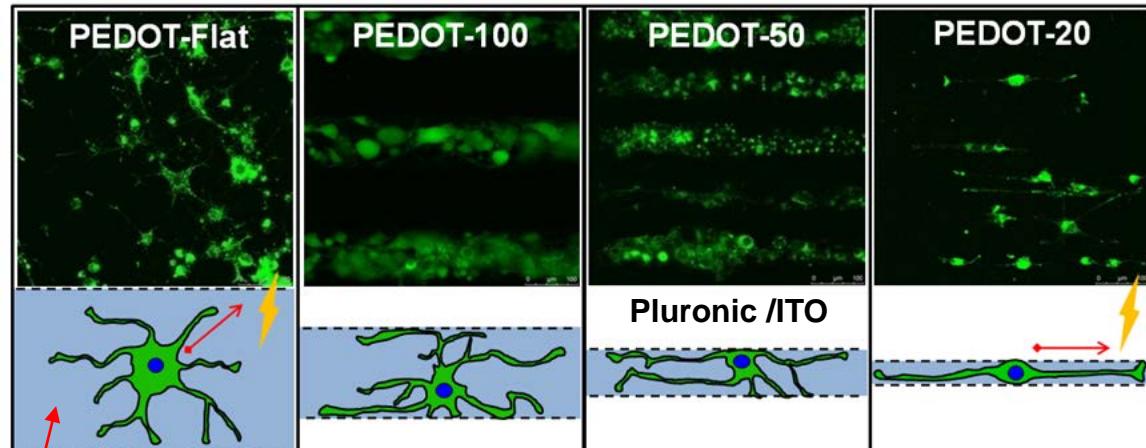
Thermal annealing  
→ Impedance and CSC decrease

# Manipulating location, polarity, and outgrowth length of neuron-like pheochromocytoma (PC-12) cells on patterned organic electrode arrays

☆ PEDOT microelectrode array system☆

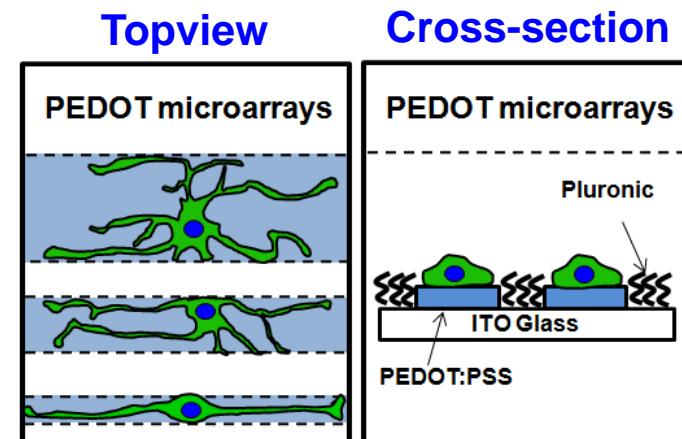
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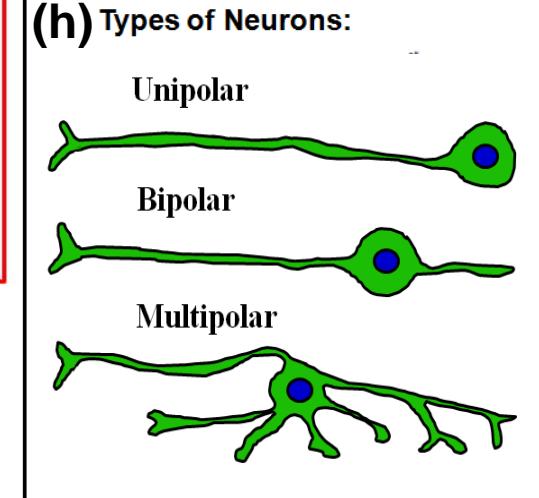
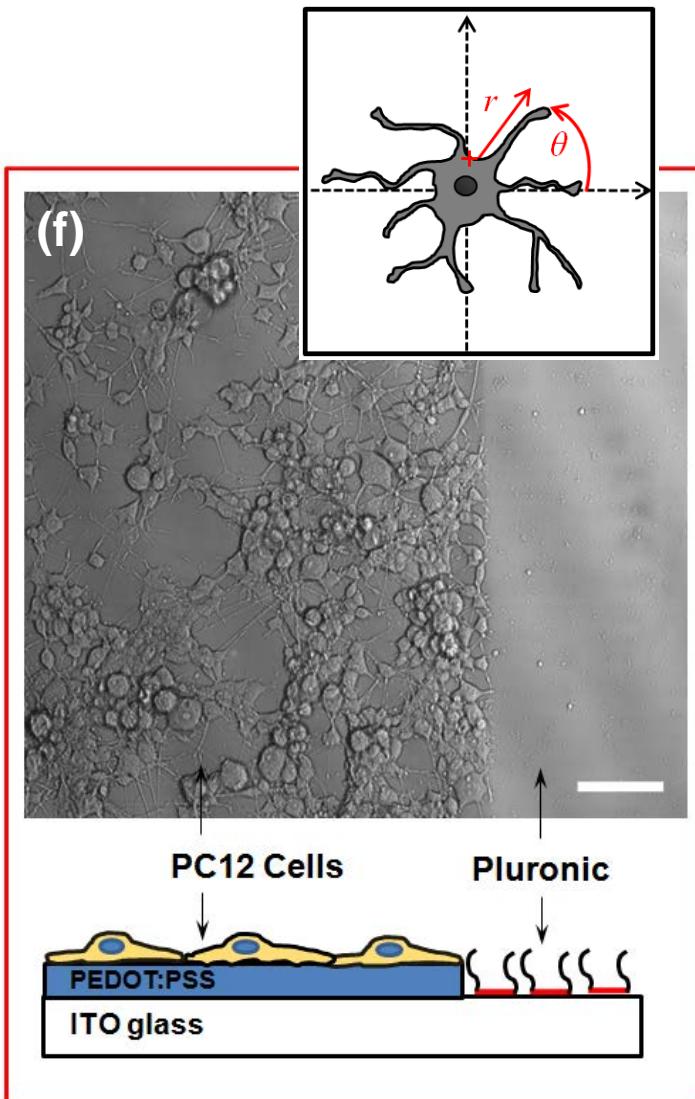
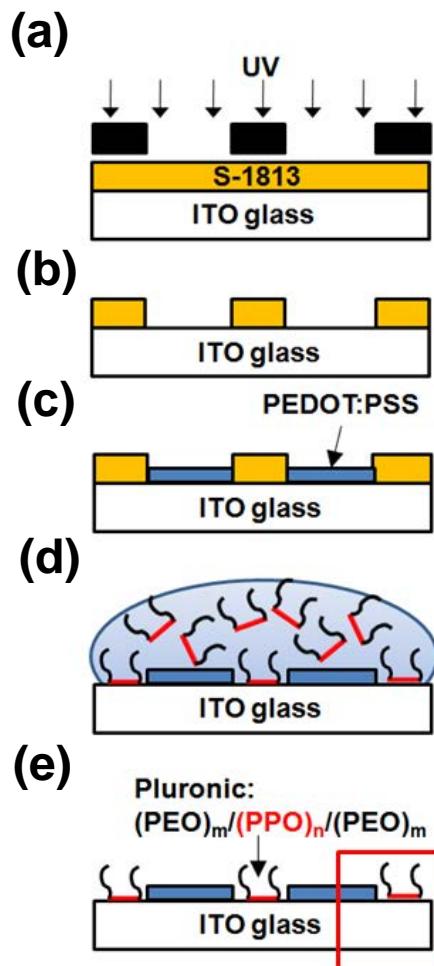
Live/Dead assay: Live (green)/ Dead (Red)



Pluronic

1. Contact attraction: PEDOT:PSS
2. Contact repulsion:  $(PEO)_m/(PPO)_n/(PEO)_m$
3. Chemoattraction. (NGF)
4. Electrical Stimulation



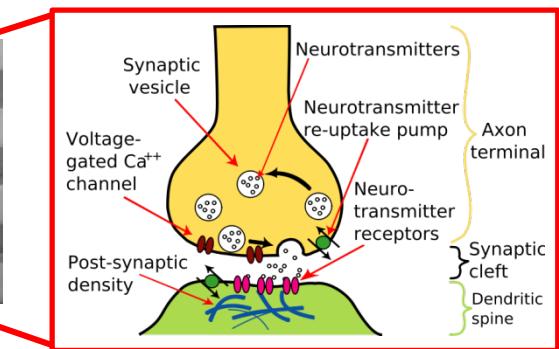
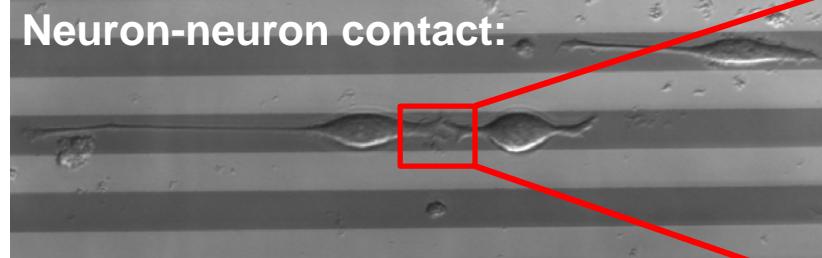
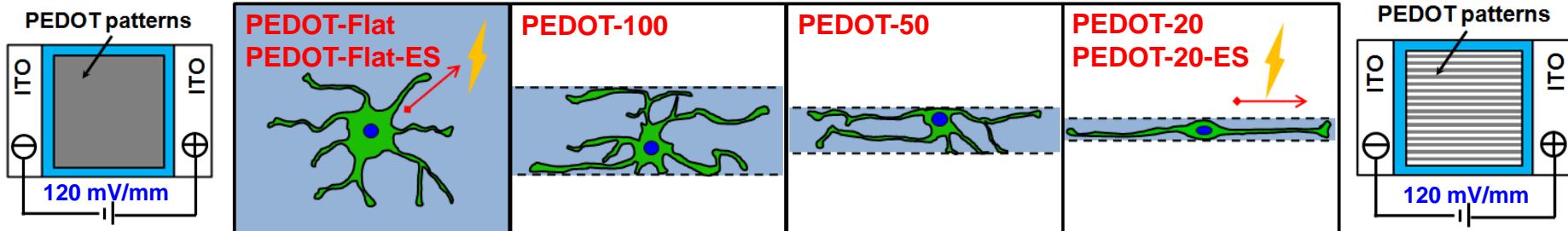


(a-e) Schematic representation of the fabrication of PEDOT microelectrode arrays with anti-adhesive Pluronic F108 coatings.

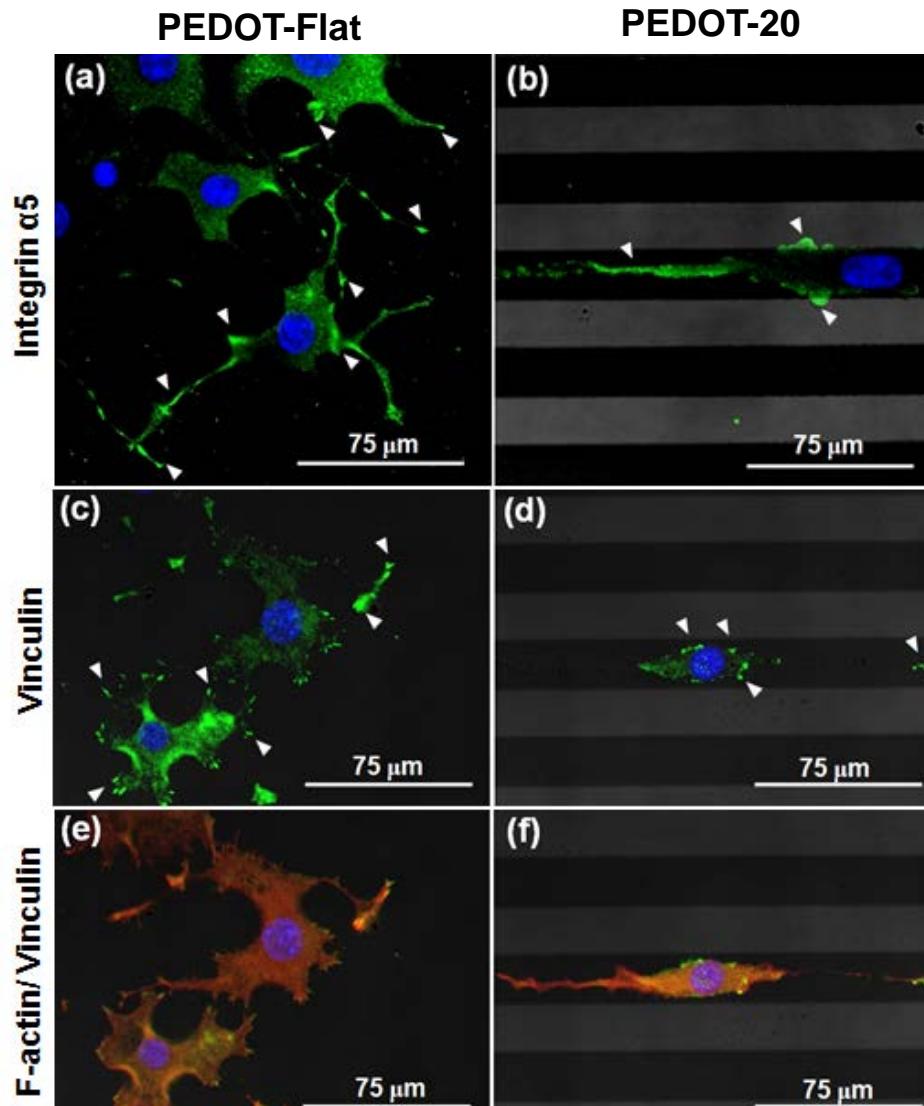
	Unipolar (% of Cells)	Bipolar (% of Cells)	Multipolar (% of Cells)	Average number of neurites per cell	Median neurite length ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Polar order parameter (S)
Control	4	18	78	3.7	91	-0.05 $\pm$ 0.36
PEDOT-Flat	6	14	80	3.2	98	-0.08 $\pm$ 0.36
PEDOT-100	26	22	52	2.7	60	0.22 $\pm$ 0.36
PEDOT-50	8	54	38	2.4	66	0.68 $\pm$ 0.24
PEDOT-20	24	72	4	1.8	88	0.97 $\pm$ 0.07
PEDOT-Flat-ES <sup>a</sup>	6	12	82	3.5	119	-0.07 $\pm$ 0.36
PEDOT-20-ES <sup>a</sup>	20	74	6	1.8	143	0.97 $\pm$ 0.06

<sup>a</sup>Electrical Stimulation (ES)

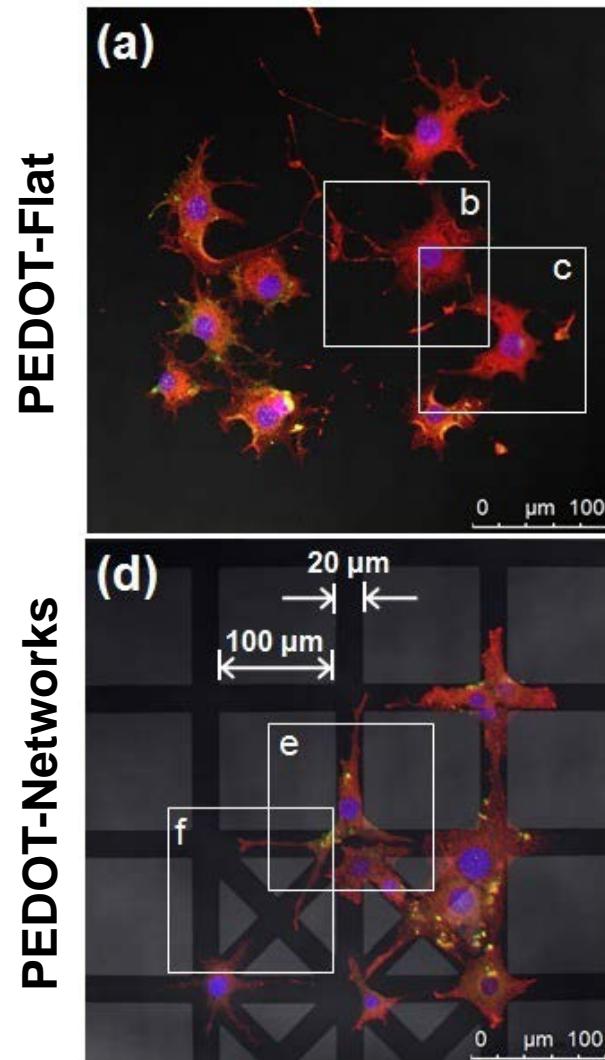
Polar order parameter (S)=(2 $\langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle - 1$ )



# Cytoskeleton Morphology and Focal Adhesion of PC12 cells on PEDOT-Flat and PEDOT-20 microelectrode arrays



F-actin (red)/ vinculin (green)/ nucleus (blue)



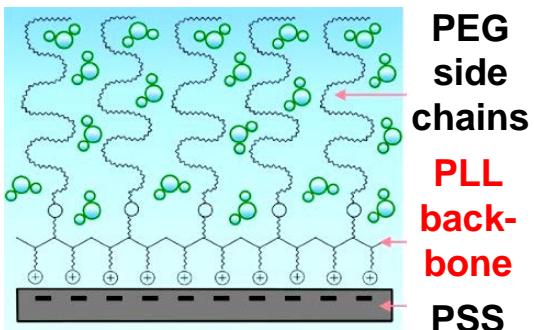
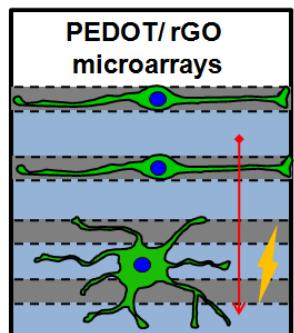
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# Electrically tunable organic bioelectronics for spatial and temporal manipulation of neuron-like pheochromocytoma (PC-12) cells

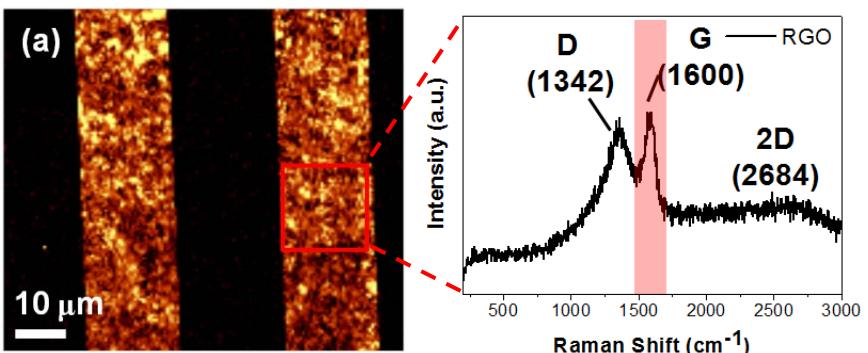
★ Graphene-PEDOT microelectrode array system★

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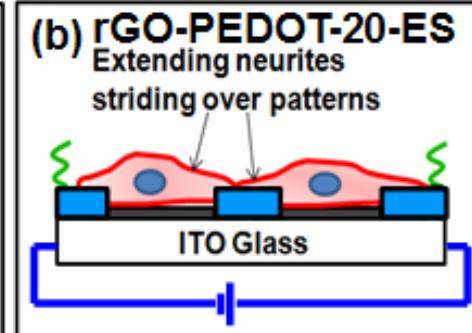
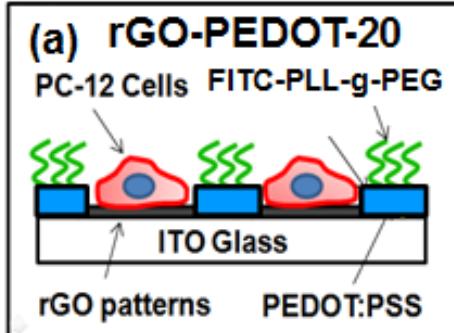
## Electrical Stimulation (ES) Condition:



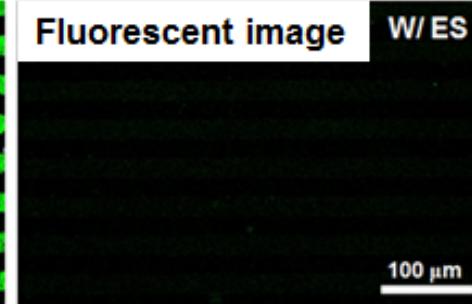
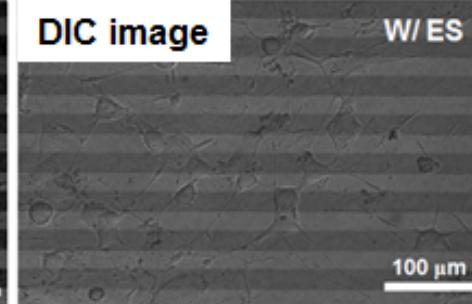
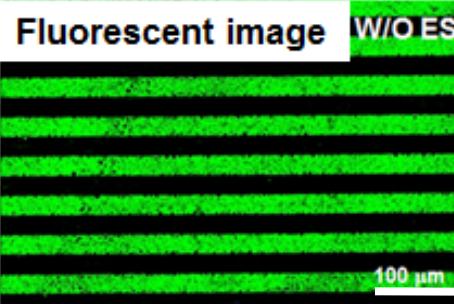
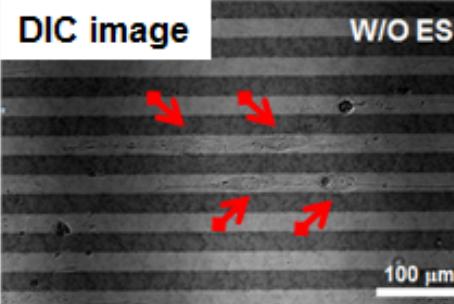
Raman Image



## ES for Spatiotemporal Control by DC voltage

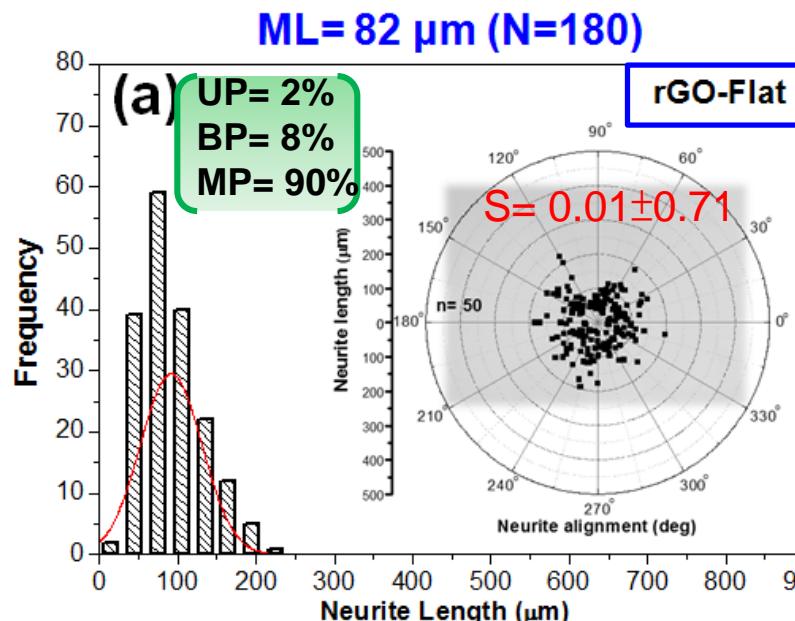


DC voltage of  $120 \text{ mV mm}^{-1}$

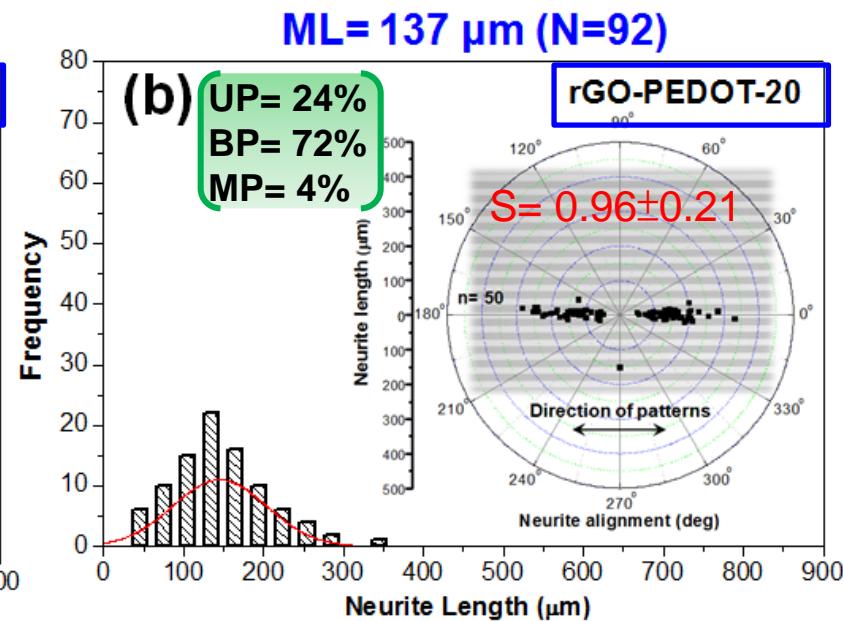


1. Contact attraction: rGO
2. Contact repulsion: PLL-g-PEG/PEDOT:PSS
3. Chemoattraction. NGF
4. Electrical Stimulation

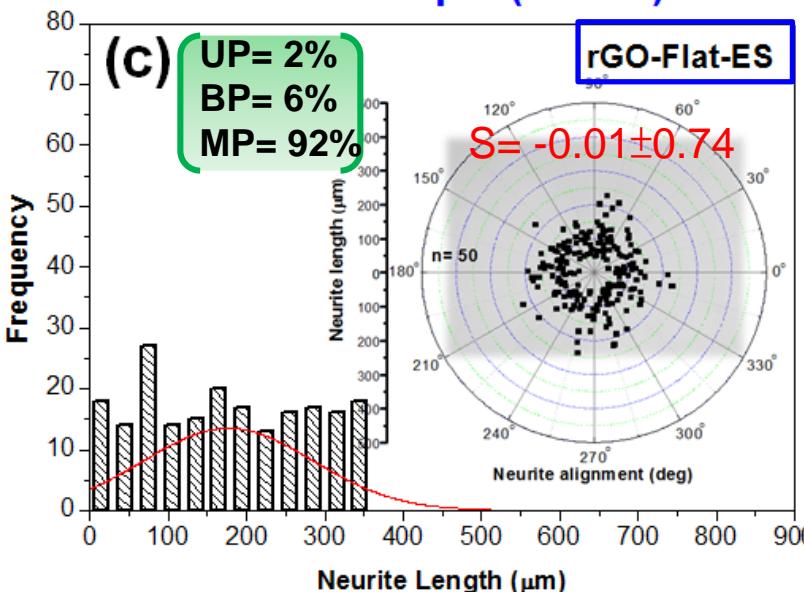
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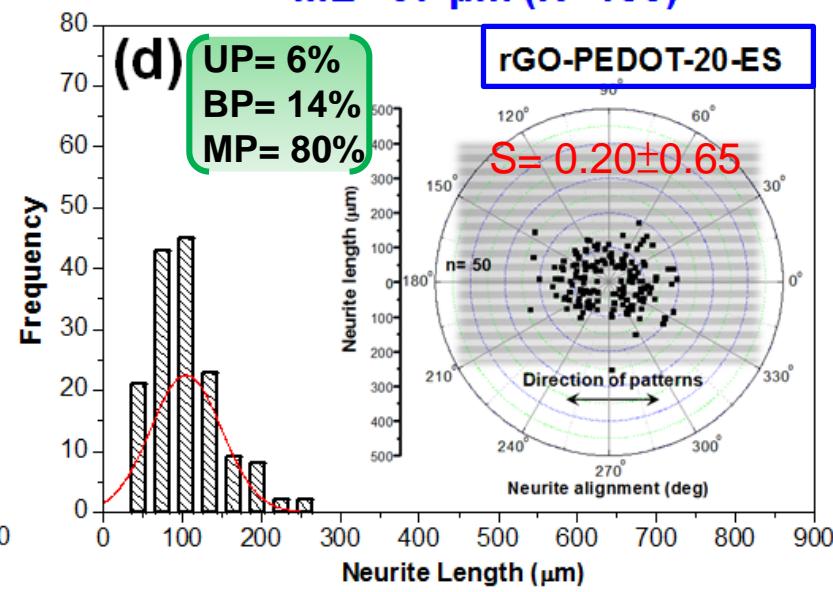
## rGO-PEDOT-20



**ML= 173  $\mu$ m (N=206)**

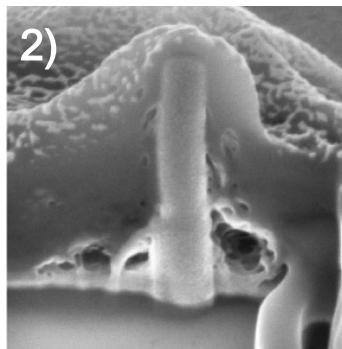
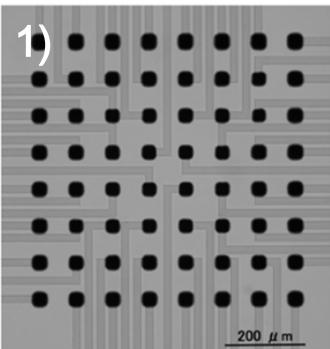
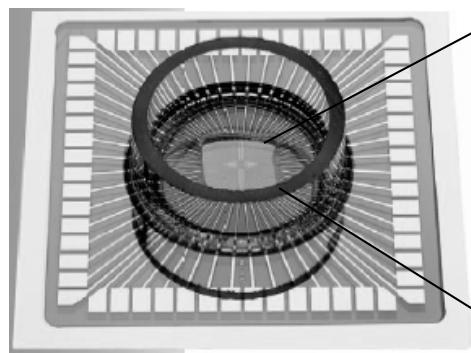


**ML= 97  $\mu$ m (N=153)**



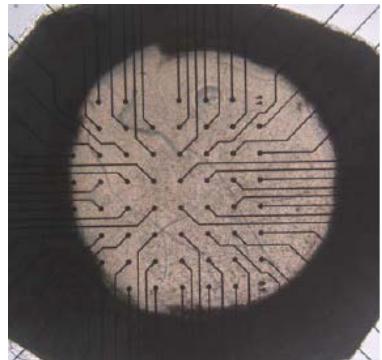
**PC-12 Cell type: Unipolar (UP); Bipolar (BP); Multipolar (MP)**

# Microelectrode Array (MEA)-System

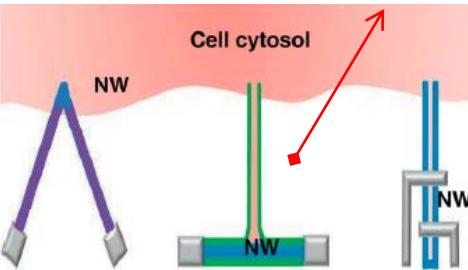
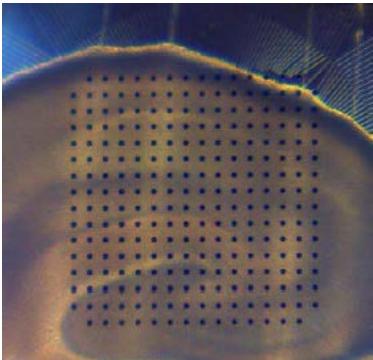


TiN electrodes, SiN isolator, contact pads and tracks transparent (ITO), with internal reference electrode, electrode grid 8x8, 60 electrodes, electrode spacing 200 $\mu$ m, electrode diameter 30 $\mu$ m, warranty: 6 months.

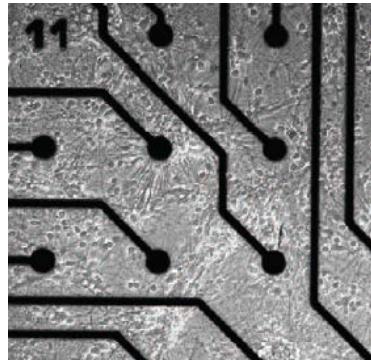
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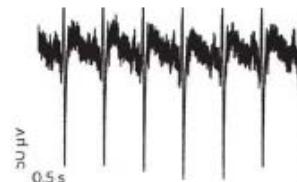
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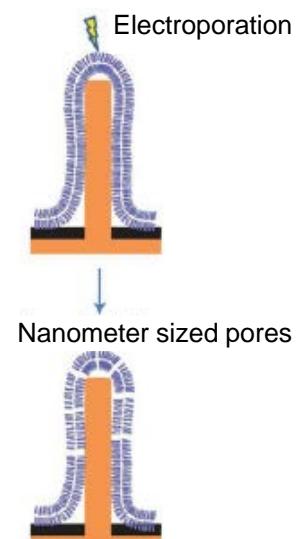
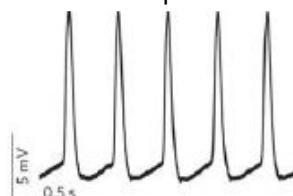
Neuronal cells



Recording before  
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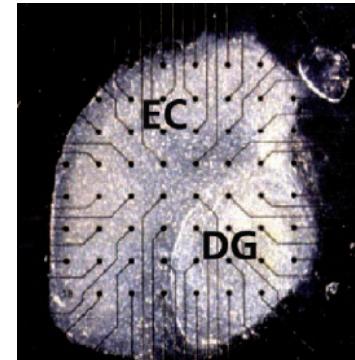
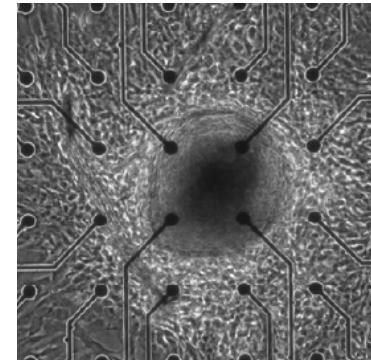


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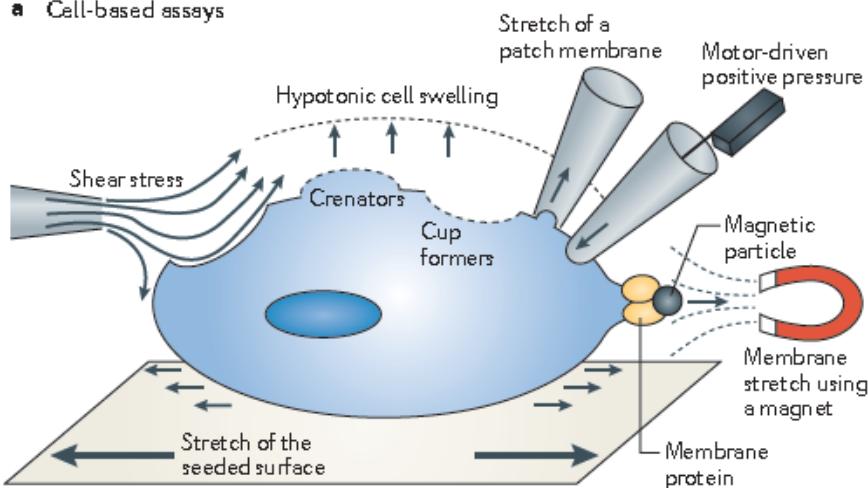
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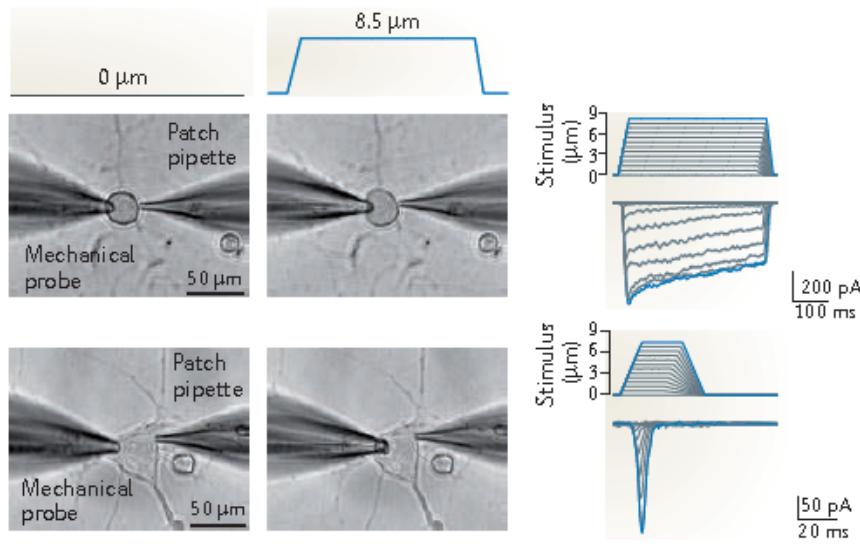


# Probe Mechanotransduction (PM)

## a Cell-based assays

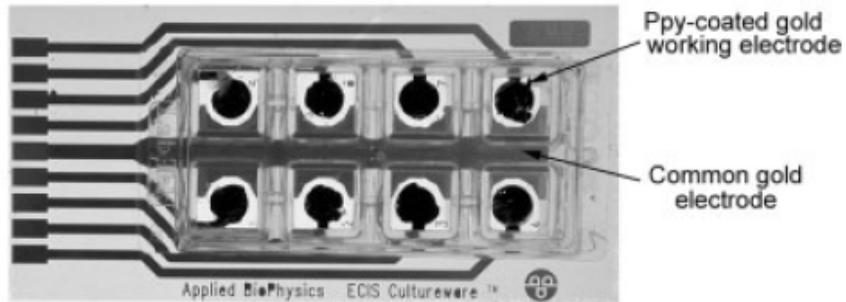


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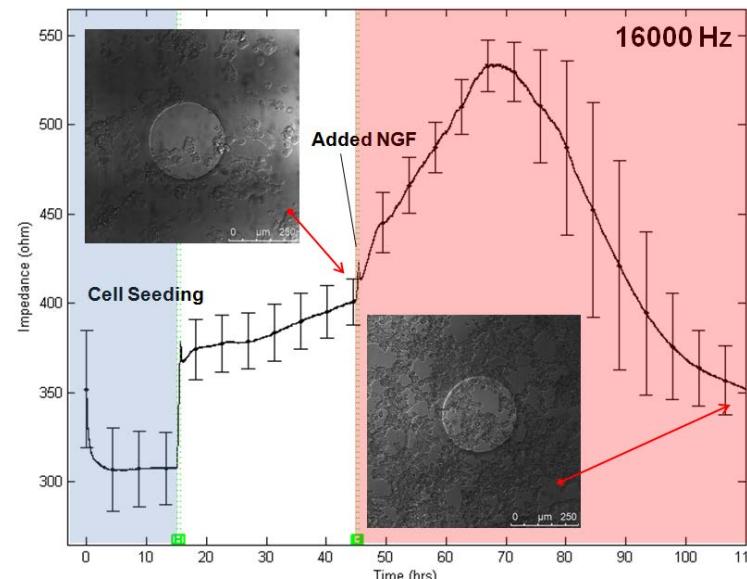


# Electric Cell-Substrate Impedance Sensing (ECIS)

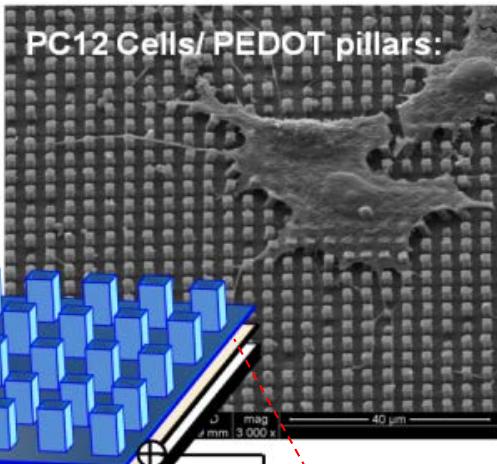
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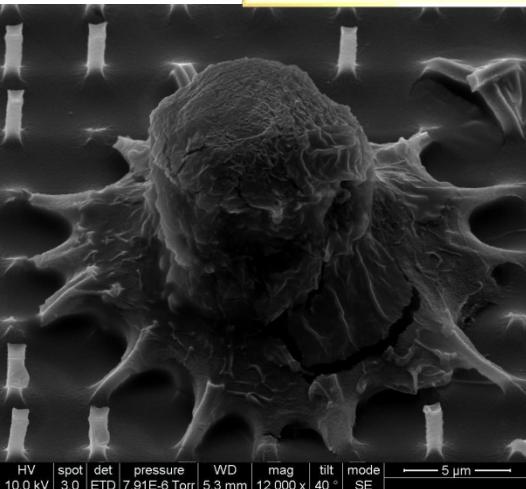
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# BI coated MEA-system for in vitro and in vivo

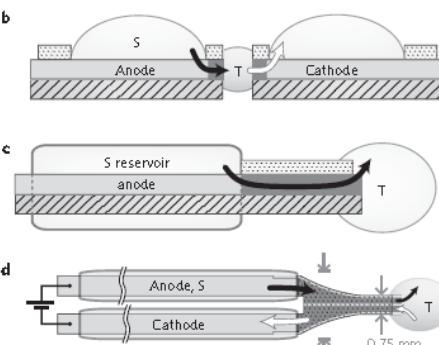
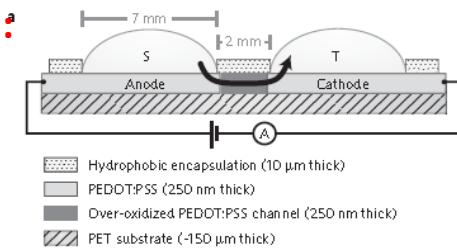
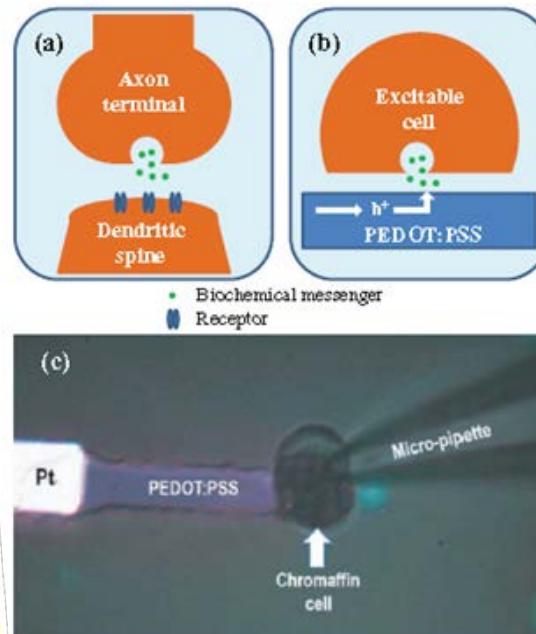


1. Action potential
2. Field potential
3. Electrocardiogram

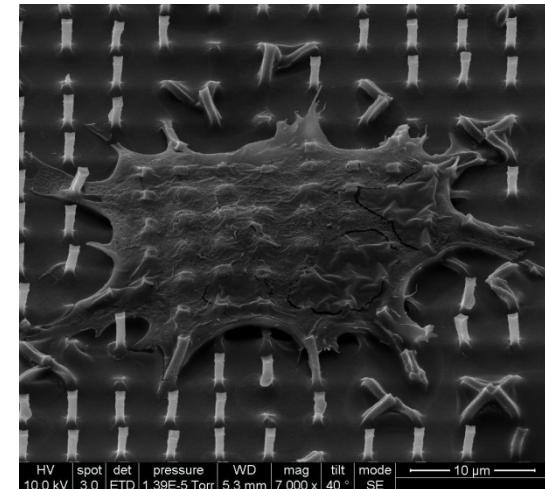


MCF7 cells/ PEDOT Nanorod Arrays

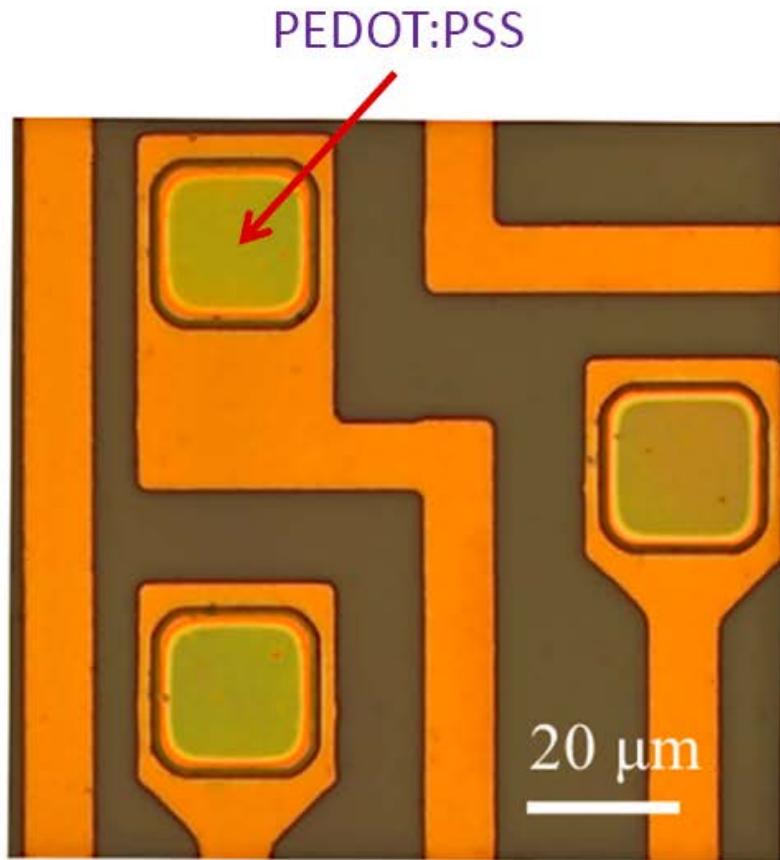
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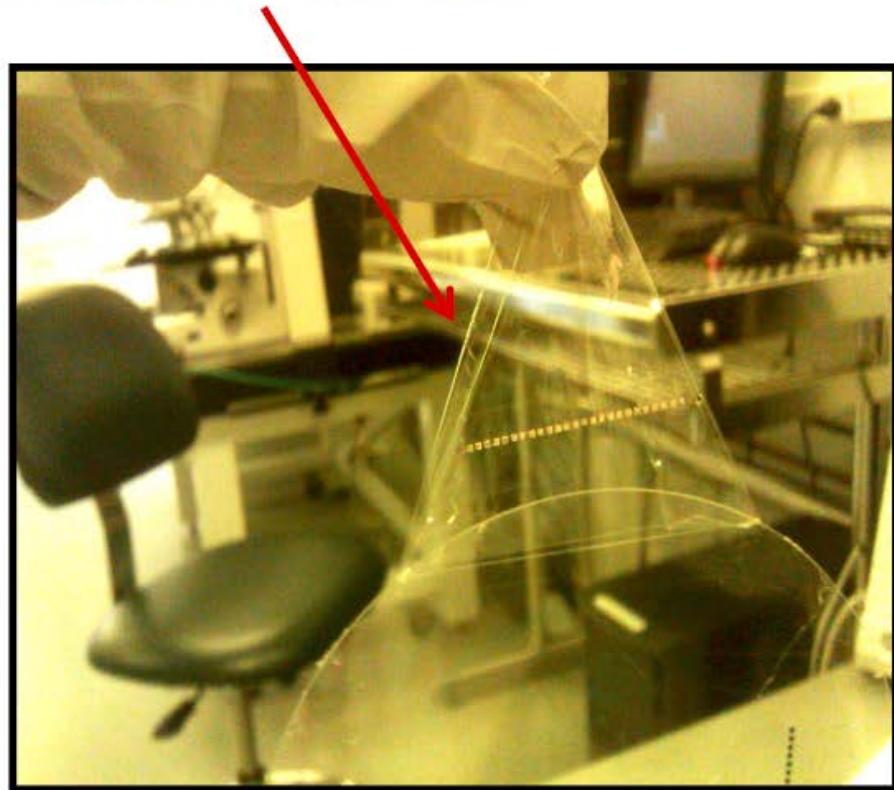
## 5. Organic Electronic Ion Pump (OEIP):



# Ultra-conformable PEDOT:PSS microelectrodes

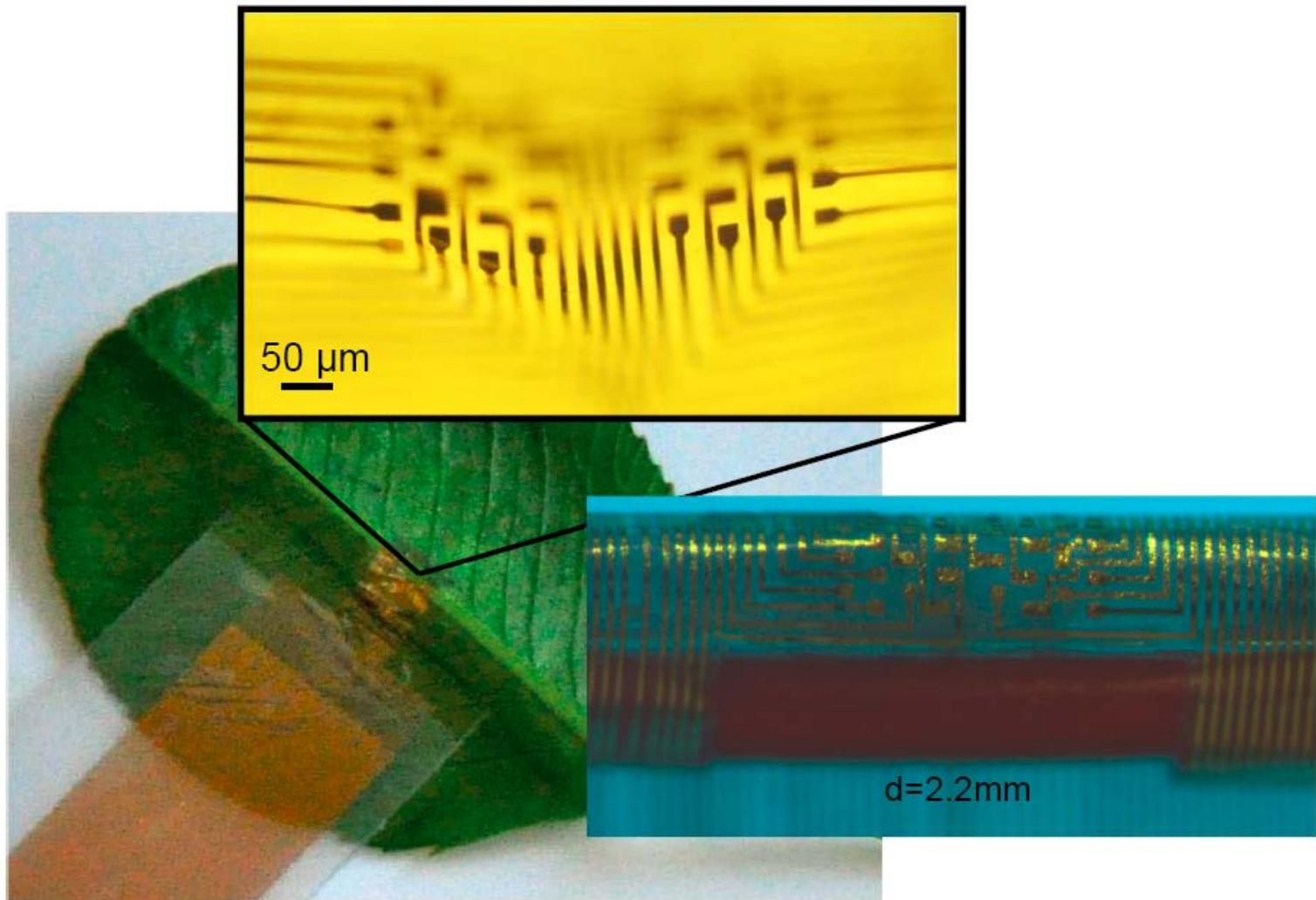


Parylene C – 4  $\mu\text{m}$  thick



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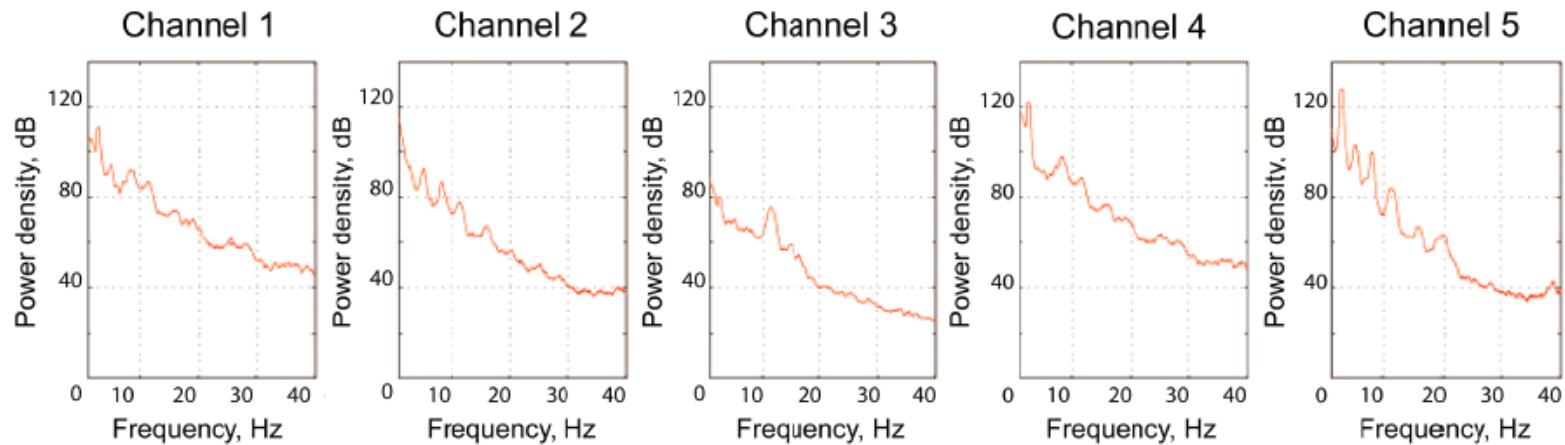
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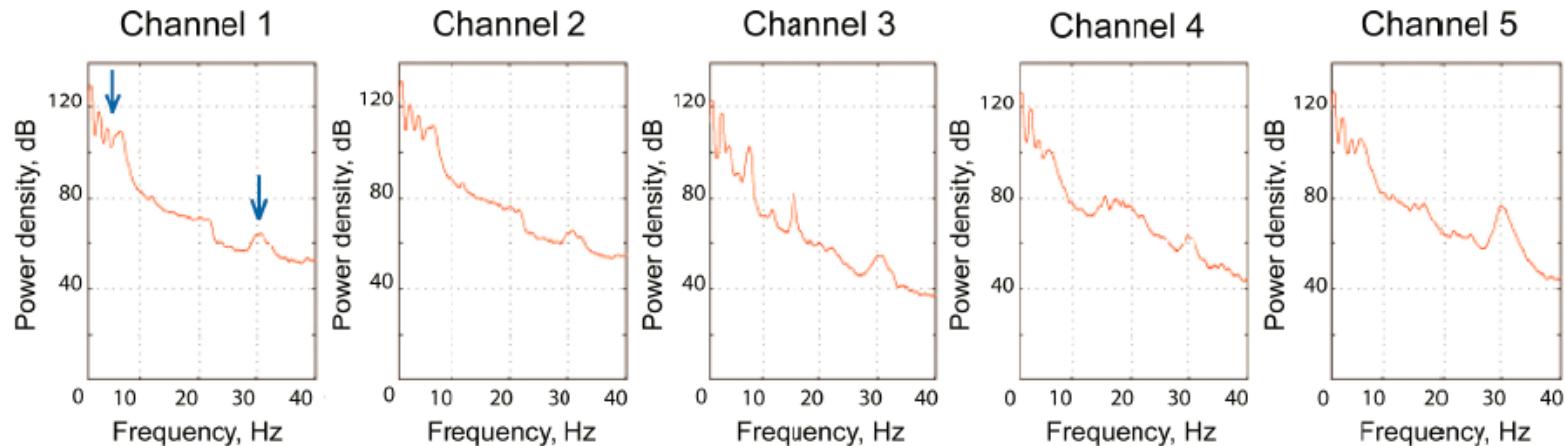
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# PEDOT:PSS electrodes outperform Au electrodes

Au  
electrodes

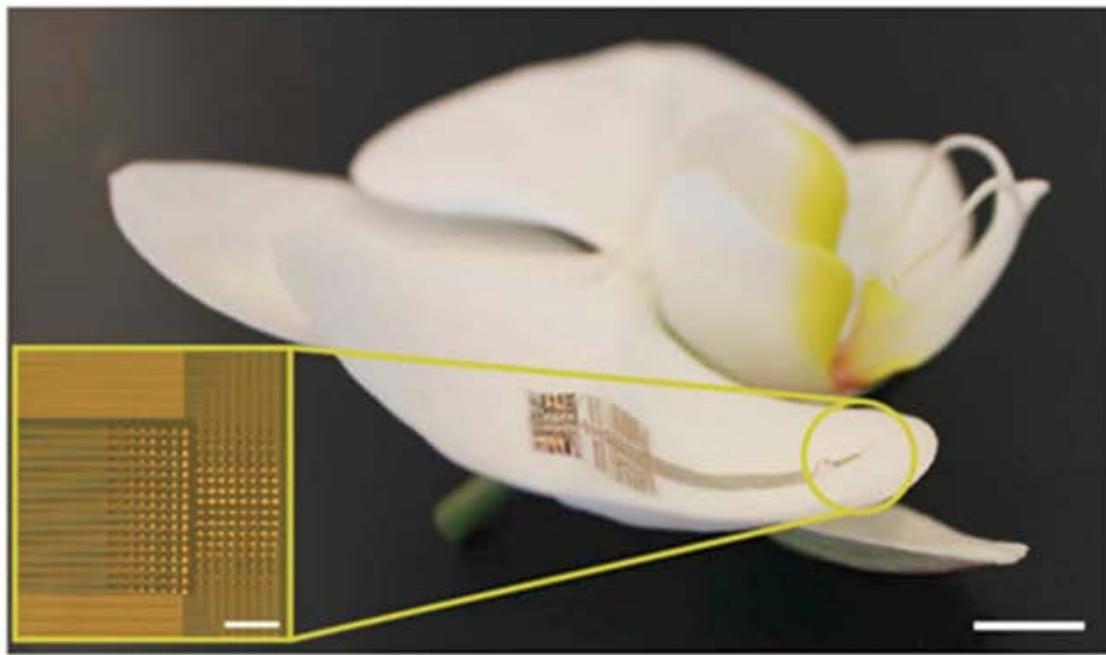


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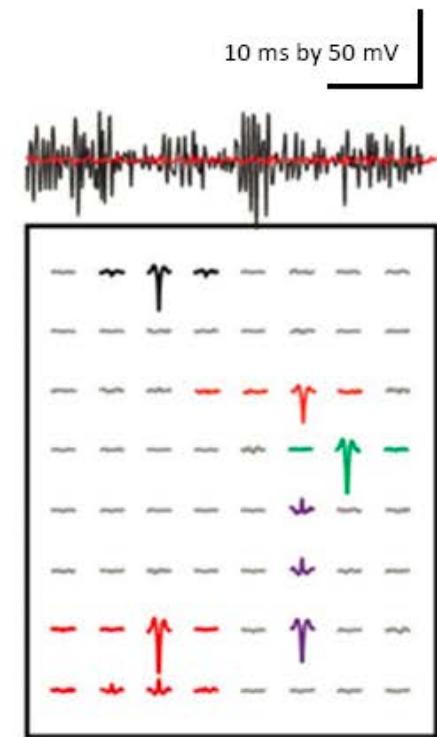


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# Detection of single neurons from brain surface



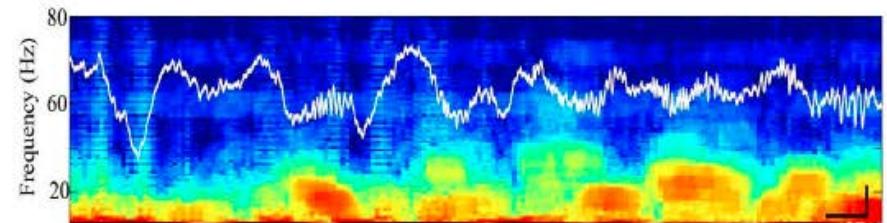
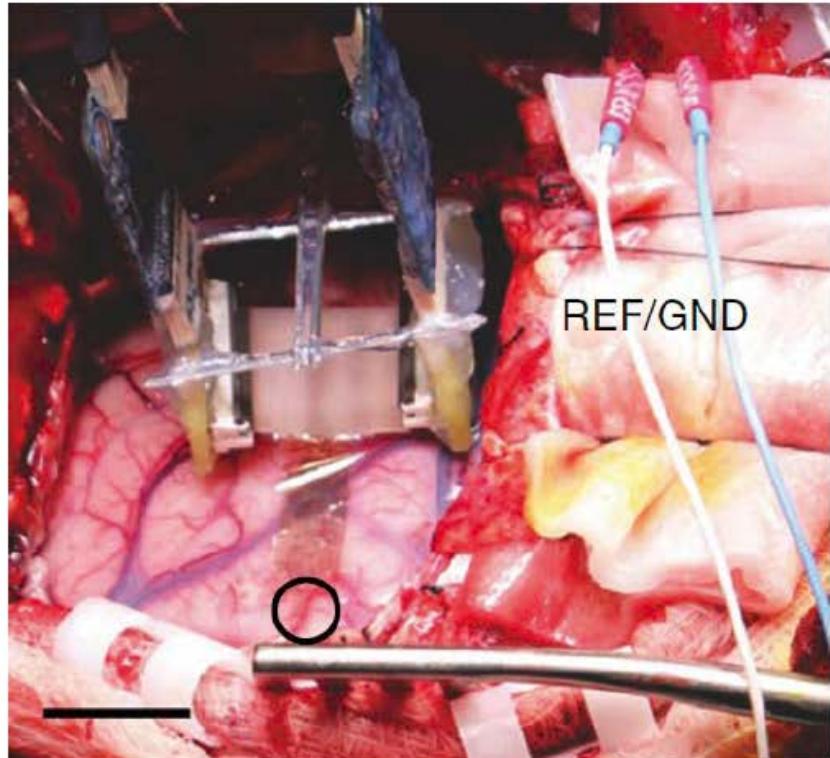
256 electrodes,  $10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^2$  with  $30 \mu\text{m}$  inter-electrode spacing



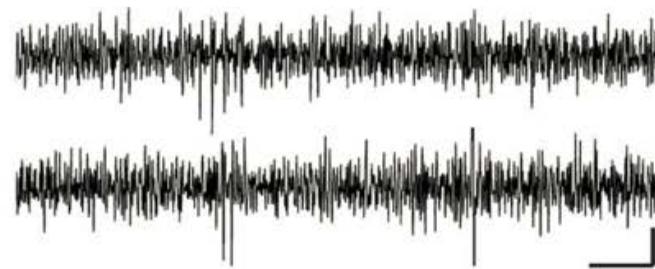
## Electrocorticography in rats

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# Translation to the clinic



500 ms by 500 mV



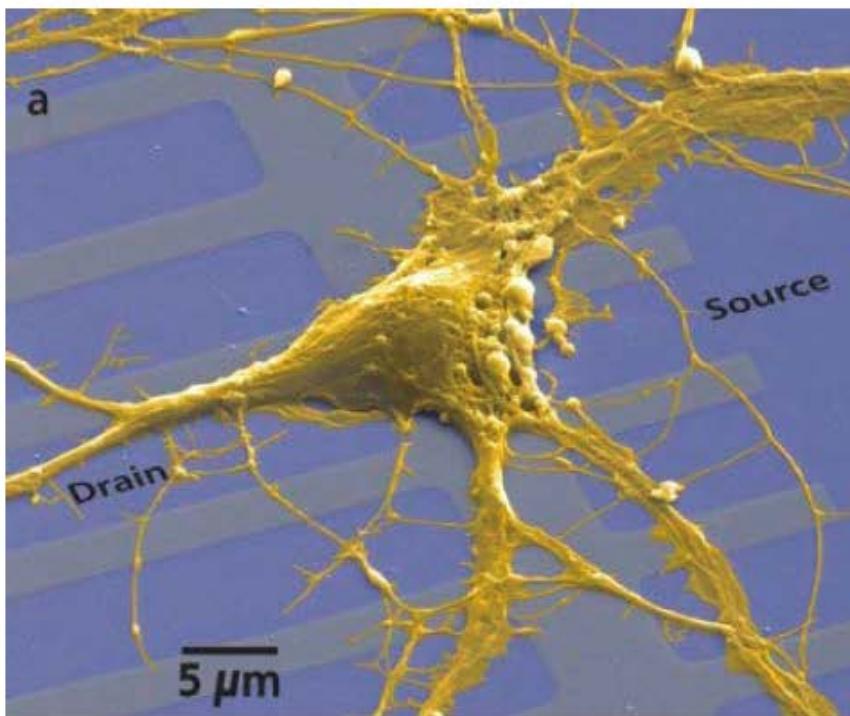
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Acute recordings in human patients

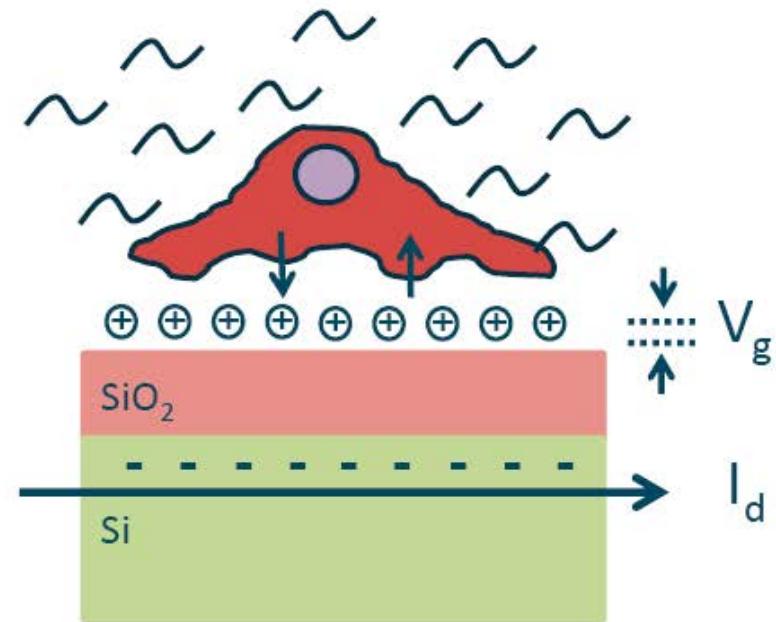
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# Organic electrochemical transistors (OECTs) record brain activity with record-high SNR

Field-effect transistors for neural recordings



Fromherz group, MPI

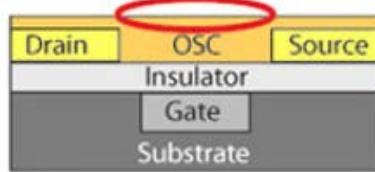


Field-effect transistor (FET)  
 $C'_{\max} = 5 \mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$

# Organic Field-effect Transistors (OFET)

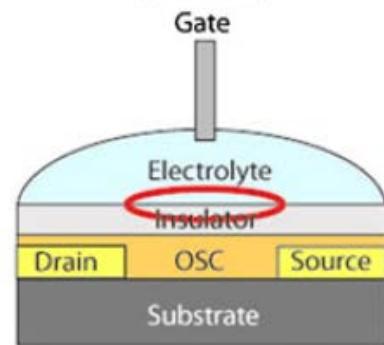
(a)

Classic OFET  
operating in dry state



(b)

Ion-Sensitive OFET  
(ISOFET)



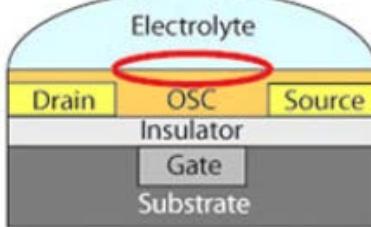
Operating potential > 10 V

Detection limit = 0.01-25 mM

In OFET, the gate is separated from the semiconductor by an insulator. Different dielectrics can be used, e.g. [vacuum](#), [oxides](#), [polymers](#), [self-assembled monolayers](#).

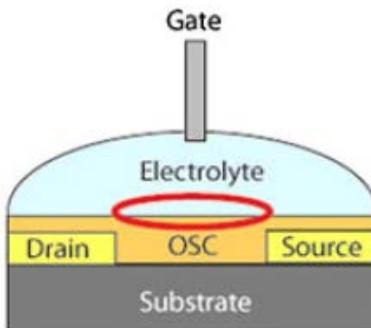
(c)

Classic OFET  
operating in aqueous medium  
Operating potential < 1 V



Surface modified OSC can increase sensitivity

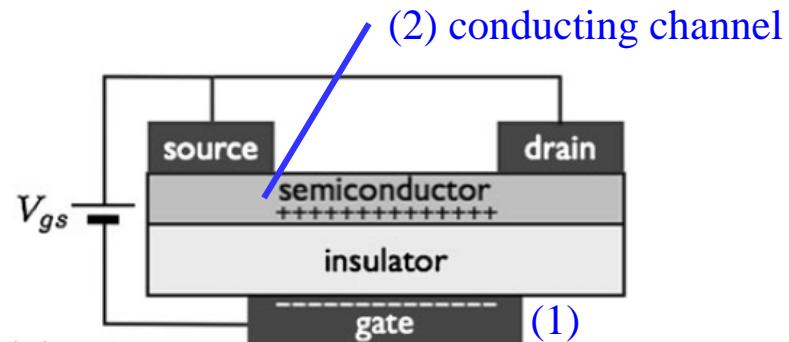
(d) Detection limit = 1 nM for DNA



Operating potential < 1 V

Faster response than OECT

Characterization:

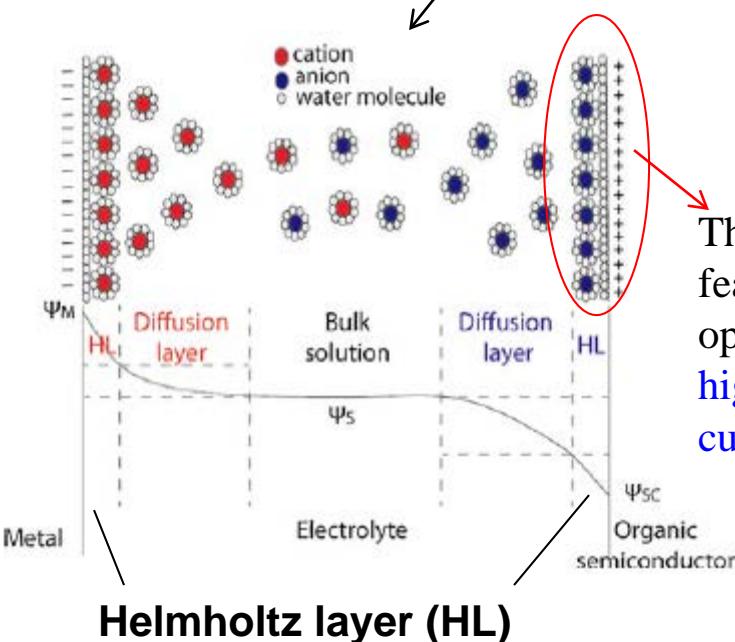
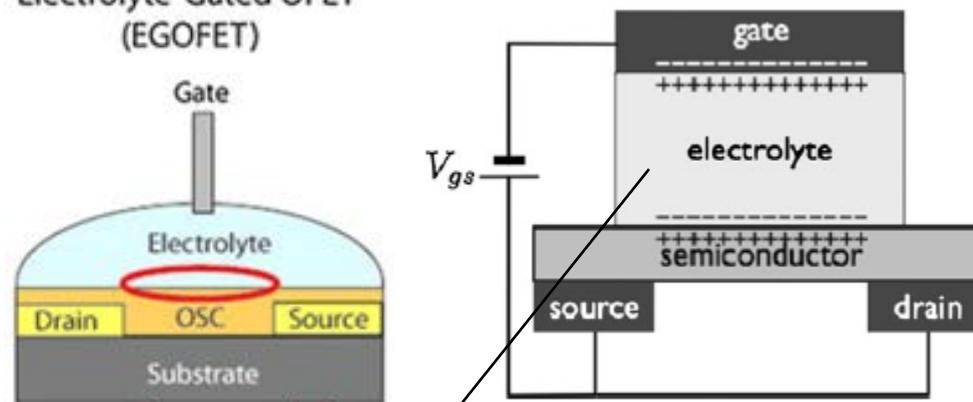


When the gate is negatively (positively) polarized in a p-channel (n-channel) device, free holes (electrons) in the semiconductor are drawn toward the semiconductor-insulator interface to compensate an equivalent negative (positive) charge at the gate-insulator interface.

The gate voltage required to switch the transistor from its “off” to its “on” state, i.e. to establish a conducting transistor channel, is called the threshold voltage.

# Electrolyte-gated Organic Field-effect Transistors (EGOFETs)

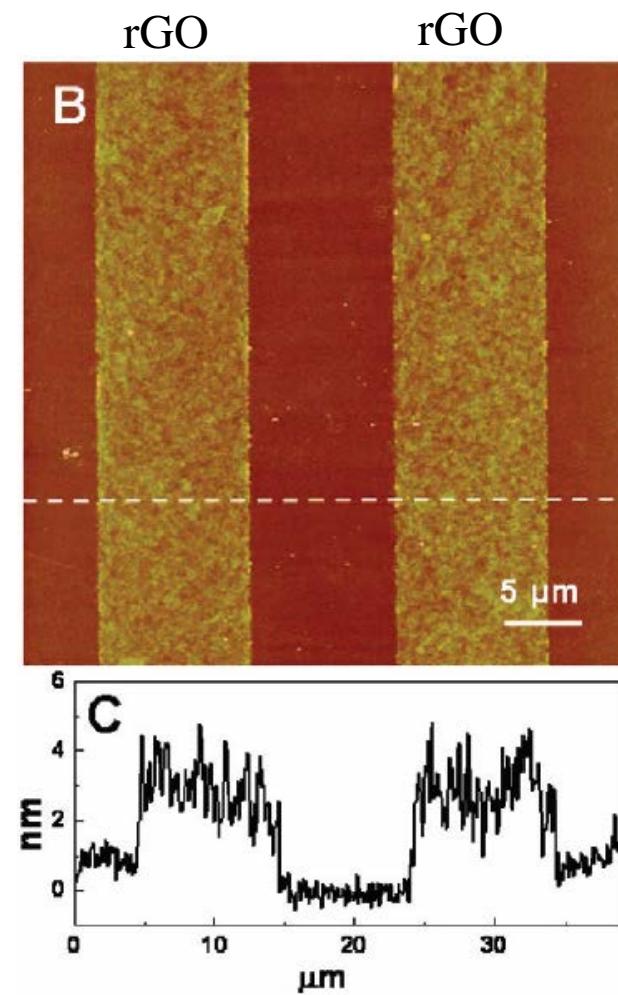
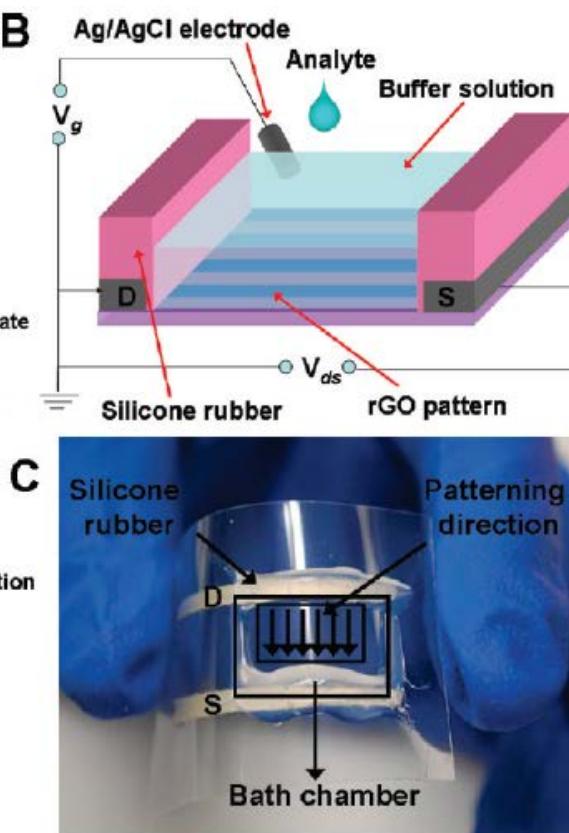
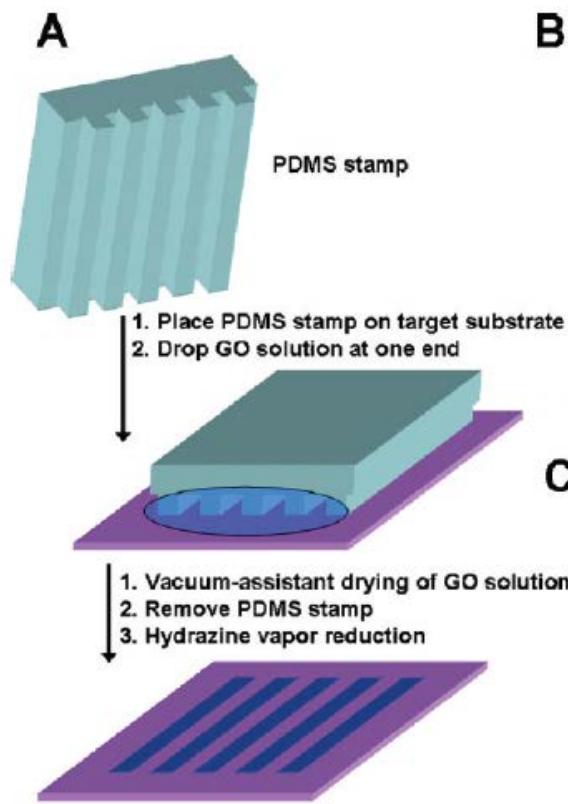
Electrolyte-Gated OFET (EGOFET)



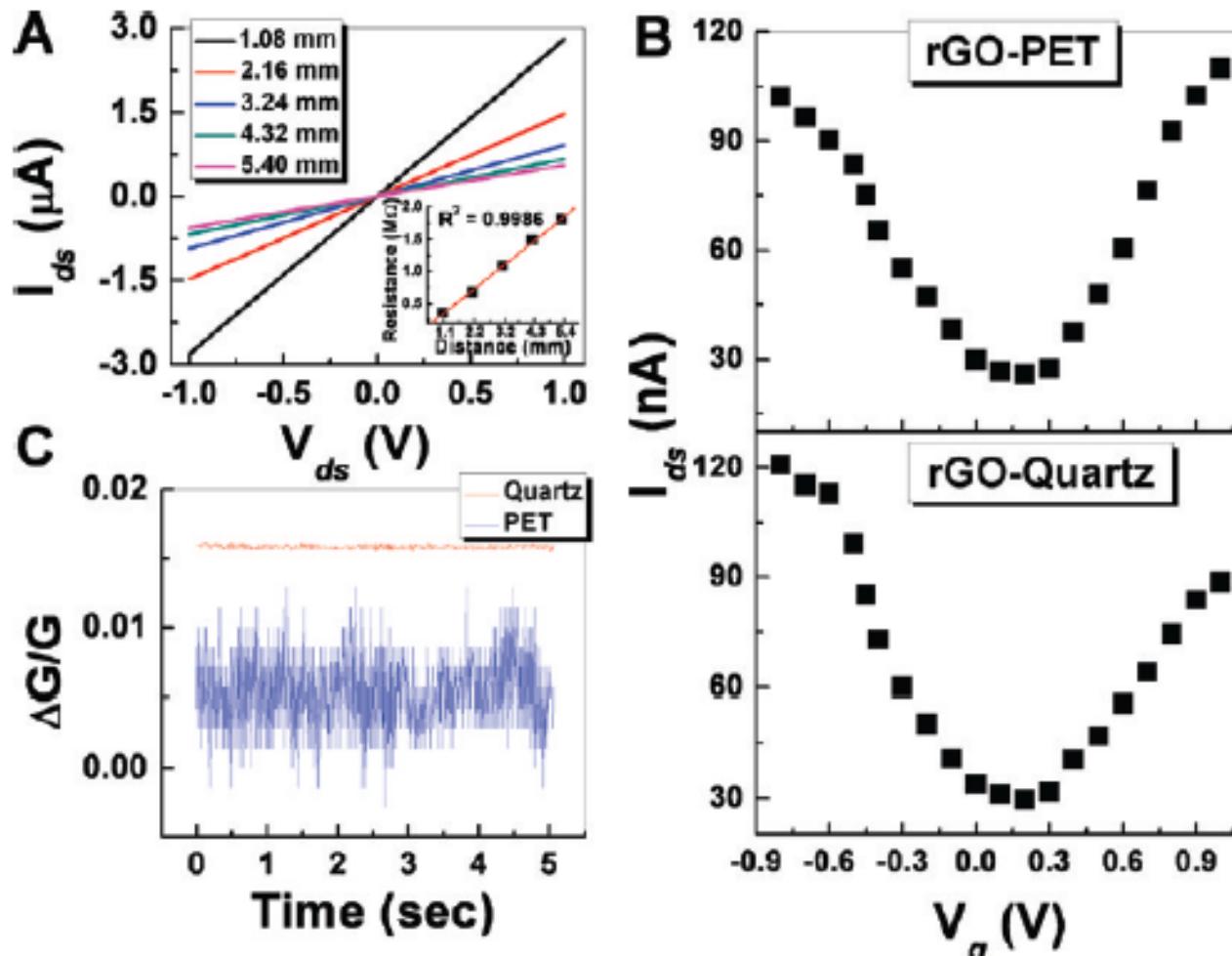
In a p-channel EGOFET device, upon positive polarization of the gate, the anions of the electrolyte migrate away from the electrolyte–semiconductor interface, while cations are attracted toward the electrolyte–gate interface, resulting in the formation of an **electrical double layer (EDL)** at both interfaces.

The **thin EDL (0.01 nm)** can be compared to a **capacitor** featuring high capacitance, which enables the transistor to be operated at very **low potentials**. Furthermore, it generates a **higher charge density**, thus **higher mobility** and **output currents**.

# Centimeter-Long and Large-Scale Micropatterns of Reduced Graphene Oxide Films: Fabrication and Sensing Applications

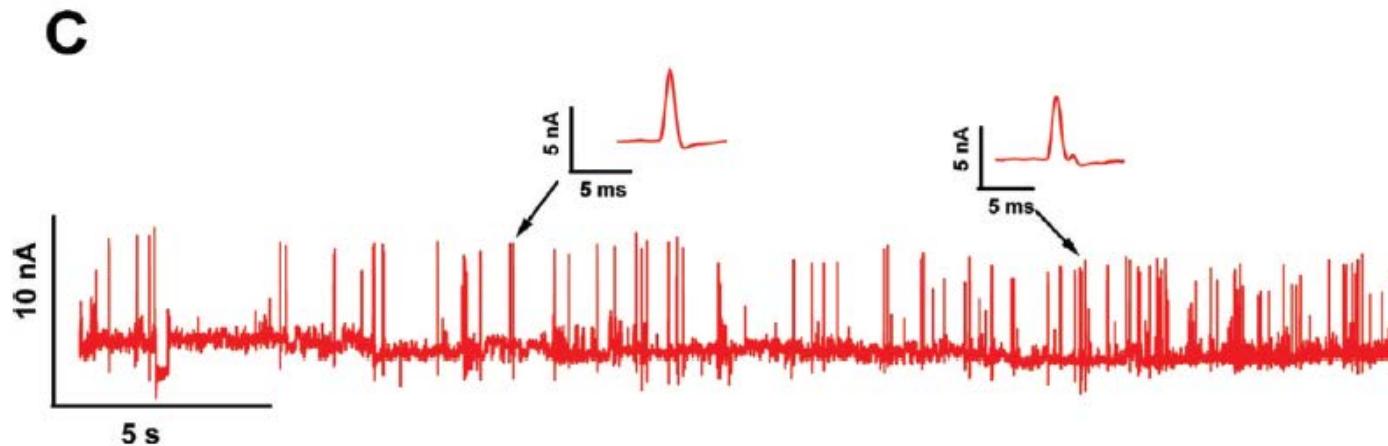
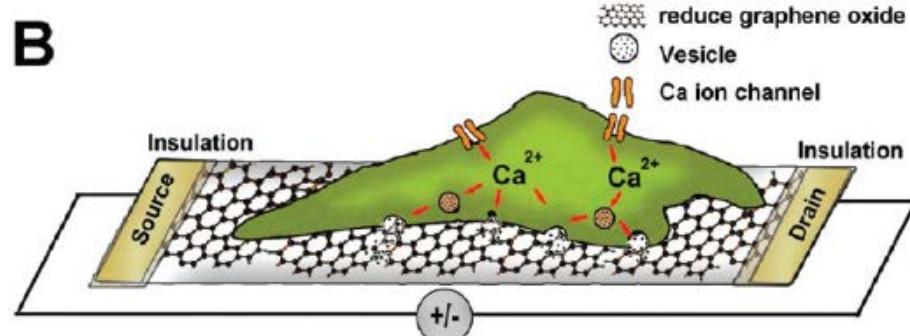
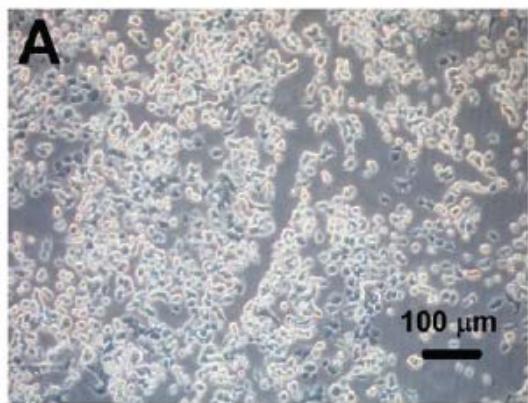


Schematic illustration of the experimental setup of front-gate FET for sensing application.



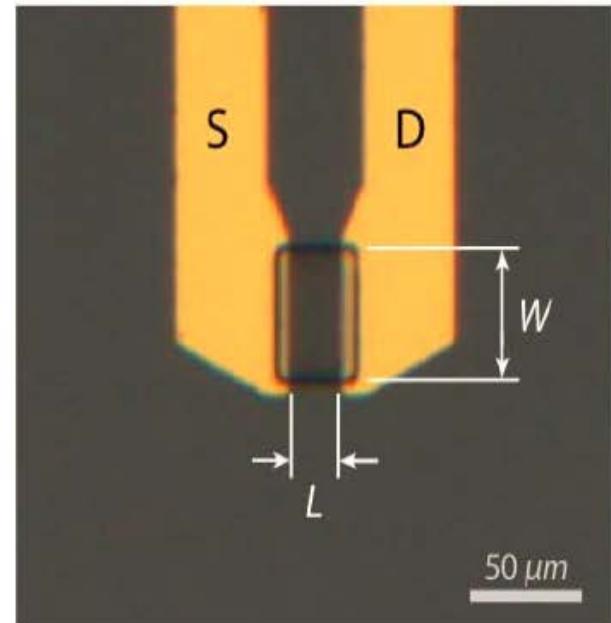
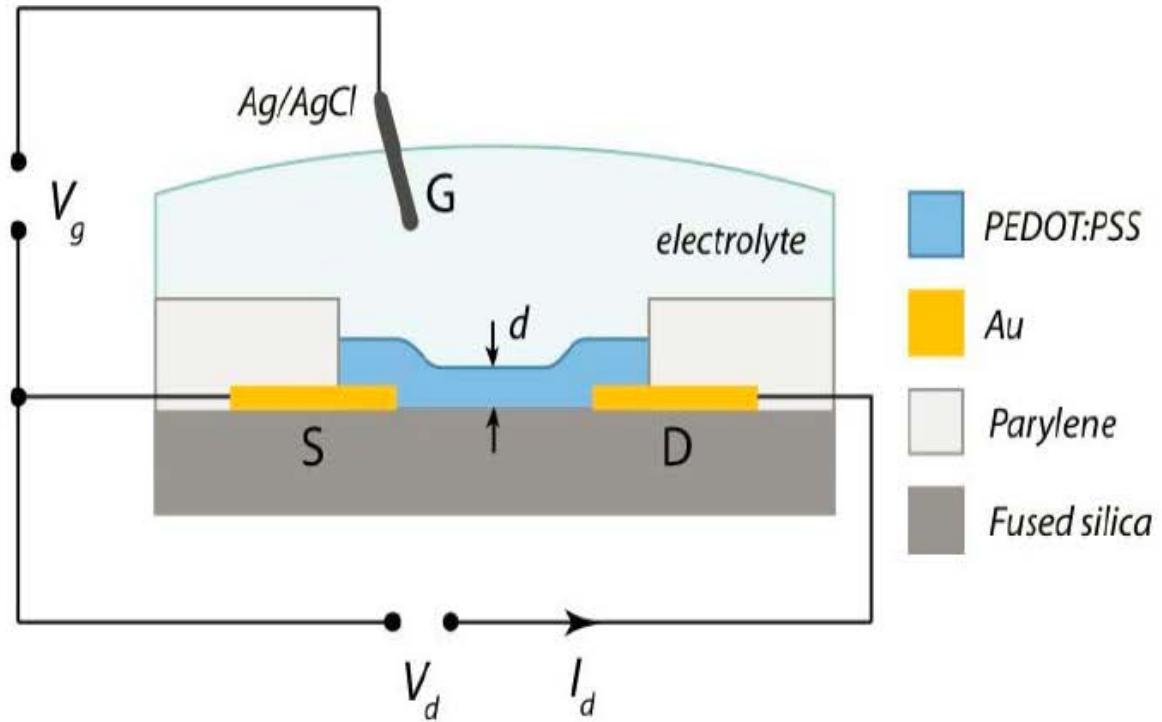
Current noise on rGO-quartz and rGO-PET devices. The distance between the drain and source electrodes in the devices in panels B and C is fixed at 1 cm.

$$V_{ds} = 400 \text{ mV}$$



Real-time response of rGO-PET FET to the vesicular secretion of catecholamines from PC12 cells stimulated by high  $\text{K}^+$  solution.  $V_{\text{ds}} = 100 \text{ mV}$ ,  $V_g = 0 \text{ V}$ . The distance between the drain and source electrodes in the device is fixed at 1 cm.

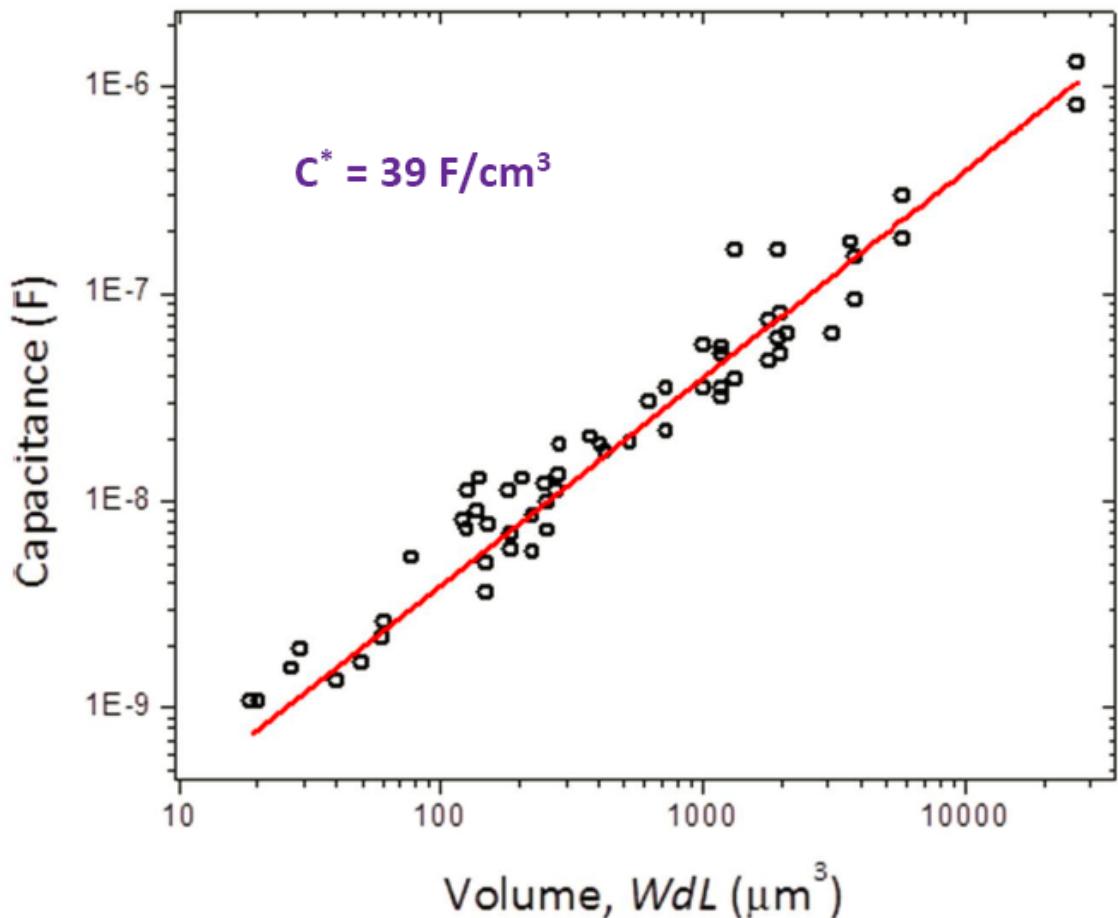
# The organic electrochemical transistor (OECT)



No insulator between channel and electrolyte

First OECT: H.S. White, G.P. Kittlesen, and M.S. Wrighton, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 106, 5375 (1984).

# Volumetric response of capacitance in PEDOT:PSS

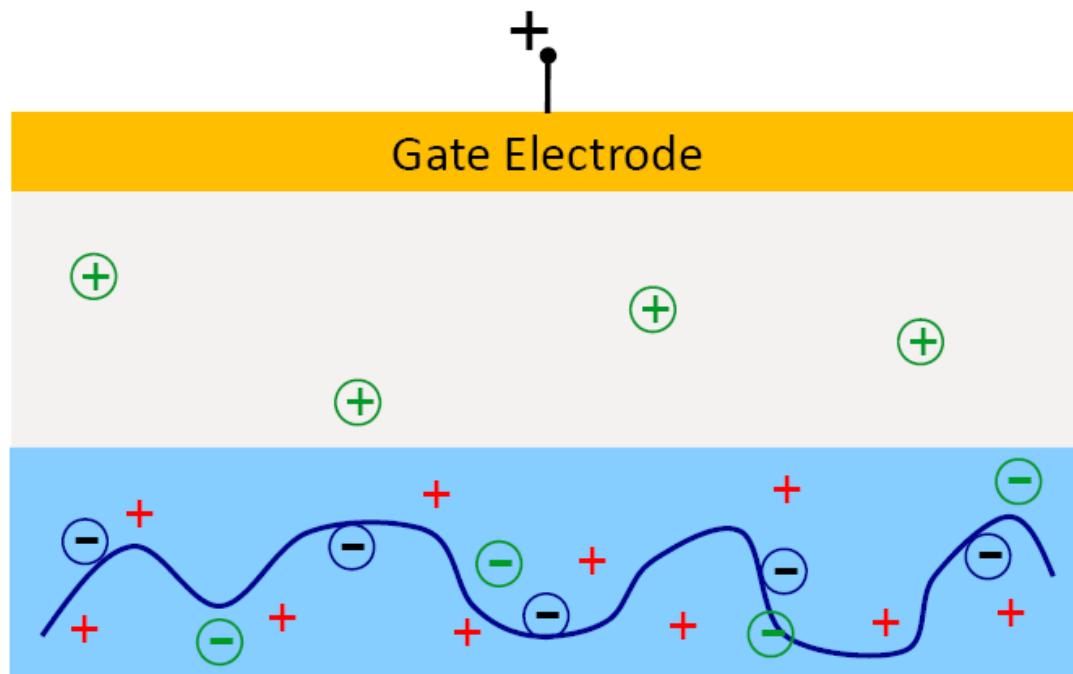


For  $d=130 \text{ nm}$ :  
 $C' = 500 \mu\text{F/cm}^2$

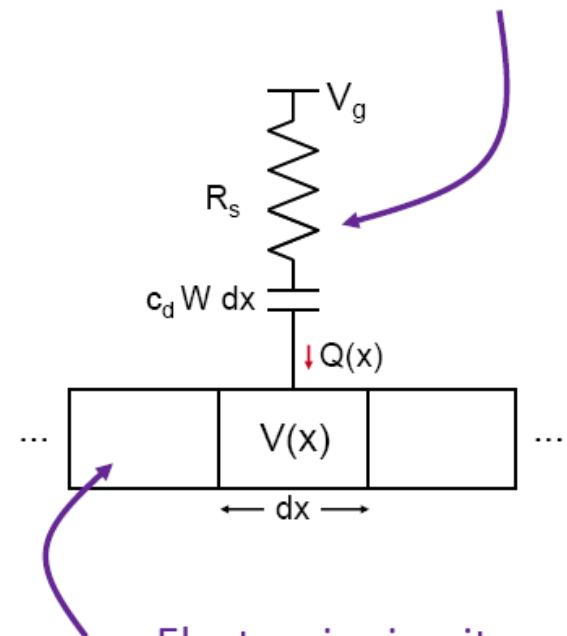
100× larger than  
double layer capacitance

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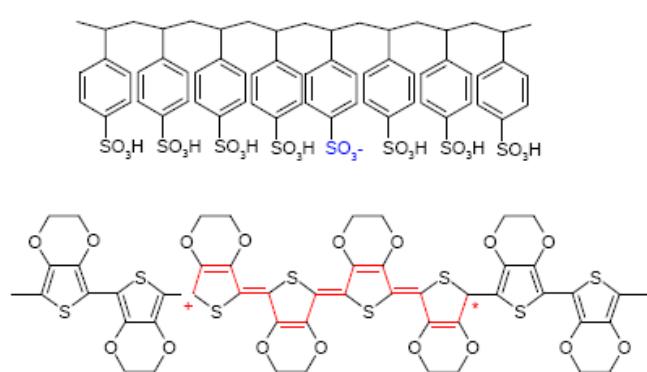
# Device model



Ionic circuit  
(electrochemistry)

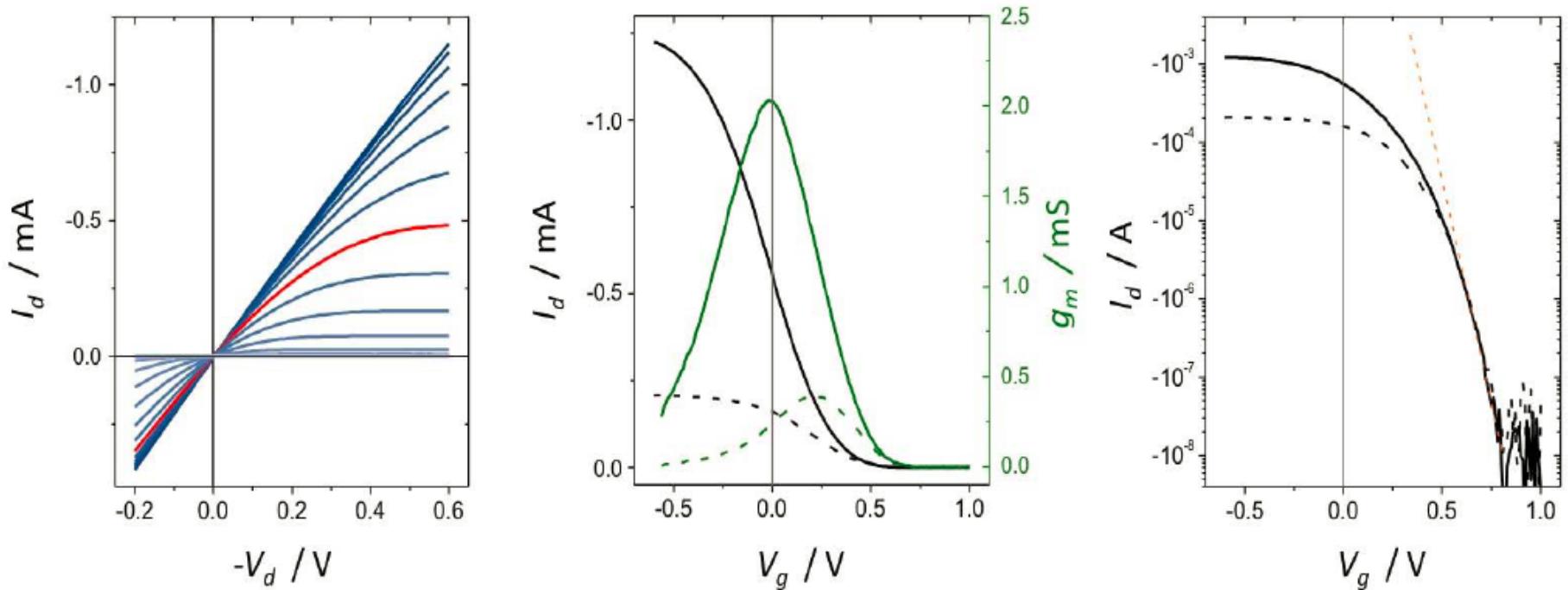


Electronic circuit  
(solid state physics)



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# Characteristics of OECTs



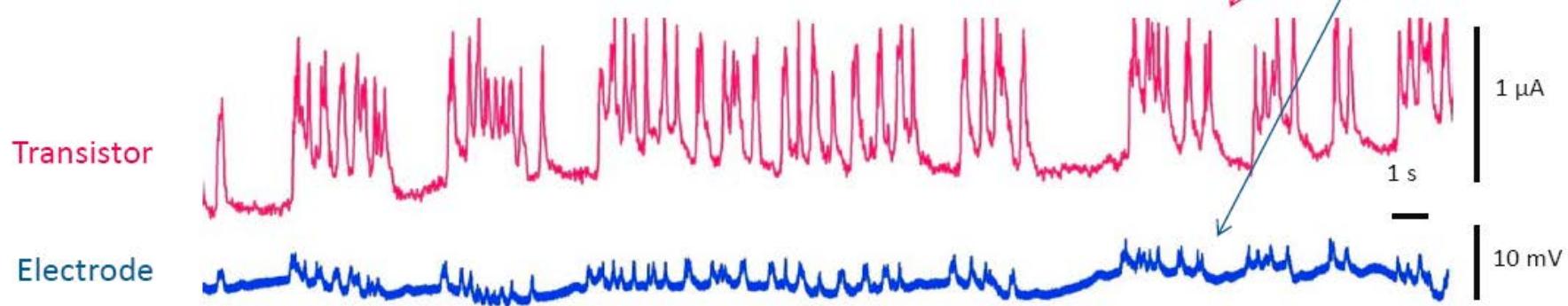
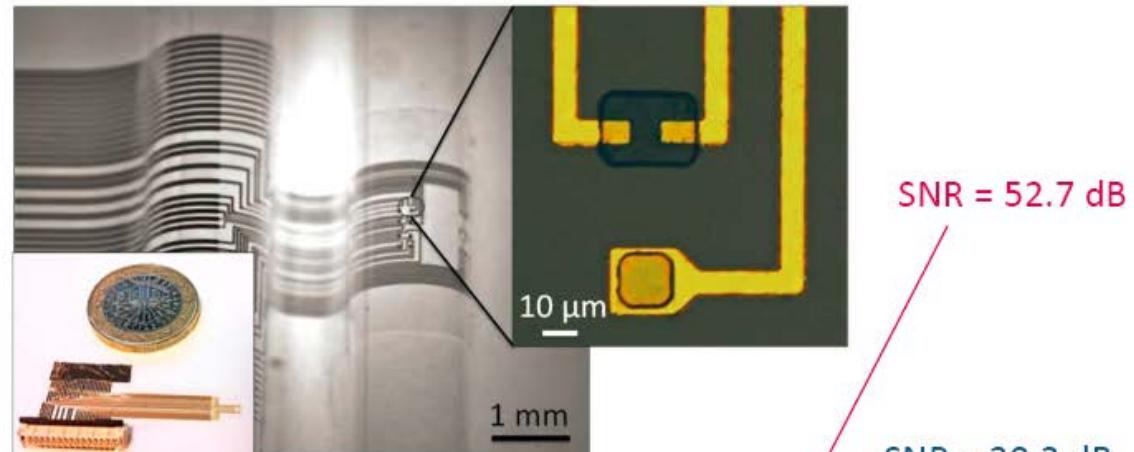
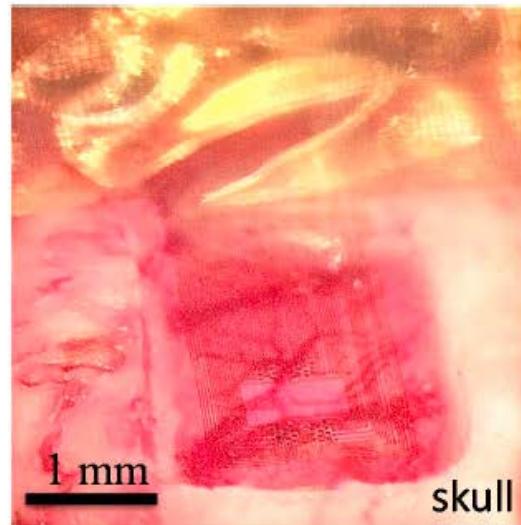
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# High transconductance OECTs

Active material	Dielectric material	W ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	L ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	V <sub>G</sub>   (V)	V <sub>D</sub>   (V)	g <sub>m</sub> ( $\mu\text{S}$ )	g <sub>m</sub> /W ( $\text{S m}^{-1}$ )	g <sub>m</sub> / V <sub>D</sub>   ( $\mu\text{S V}^{-1}$ )
<i>Aqueous electrolyte</i>								
PEDOT:PSS (best)	NaCl	10	10	0.2	0.6	4,020	402	6,700
PEDOT:PSS (typical)	NaCl	10	5	0.275	0.6	2,700	270	4,500
Graphene <sup>17, (18)</sup>	PBS + NaCl	40	20	0.25	0.1	420	11	4,200
Diamond <sup>19</sup>	PBS + KCl ( <i>in vitro</i> )	~20	~5-20	0.22	0.2	18	0.9	90
Silicon <sup>20</sup>	SiO <sub>2</sub> /TiO <sub>2</sub> ( <i>in toto</i> )	20	20	0.25	0.25	15	0.75	60
Silicon NW <sup>21</sup>	SiO <sub>2</sub> , PBS	20	2	~0.4	0.03	5	0.25	167
<i>Ionic liquid/gel, solid electrolyte</i>								
ZnO <sup>22</sup>	IL (DEME/TFSI)	200	500	1.2	0.1	160	0.8	1,600
ZnO NW <sup>23</sup>	Solid electrolyte (PVA/LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	0.018	0.94	~1.5	0.5	2.79	155	5.58
Organic semiconductor: P3HT <sup>24, (15)</sup>	IL (EMIM/TFSI) gel (PS-PEO-PS)	100	20	~4	1	50	0.5	50
<i>Solid-state</i>								
ZnO <sup>25, (26)</sup>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	50	1	5.1	4	1,400	28	350
Graphene <sup>27, (28,29)</sup>	SiO <sub>2</sub> (BG); Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (TG)	2.7	0.31	~1.2	2	1,863	690	932
III-V NW: n-InAs NW <sup>30, (31)</sup>	SiN <sub>x</sub>	0.05	2	0.56	1	97.5	1,950	98
III-V Bulk: GaN/InAlN <sup>32, (33,34)</sup>	SiN <sub>x</sub>	NR	0.06	1.75	2	NR*	1,105	NR
Carbon nanotube (mat) <sup>35, (36)</sup>	HfO <sub>2</sub>	10	1.5	~1	0.5	50	5	100
Organic semiconductor: DNTT <sup>37, (38,39)</sup>	AlO <sub>x</sub> /SAM	10	1	~2	2	12	1.2	95
Silicon NW <sup>40</sup>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.01	0.8-2	~2-4	NR	2	200	NR

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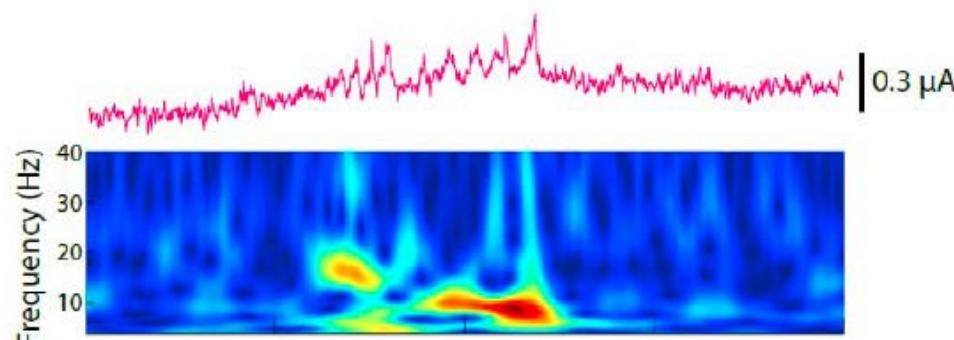
# In vivo recordings using transistors



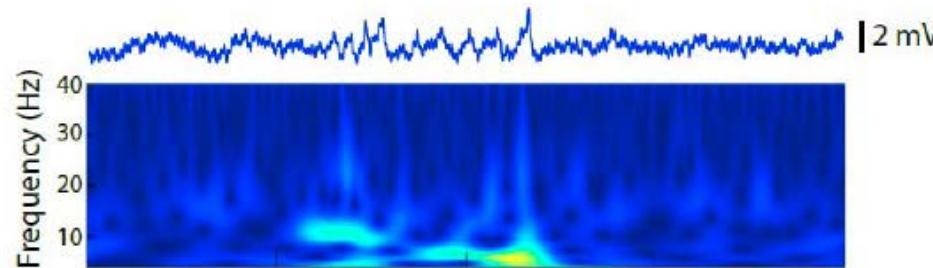
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# Transistors enable less invasive recordings

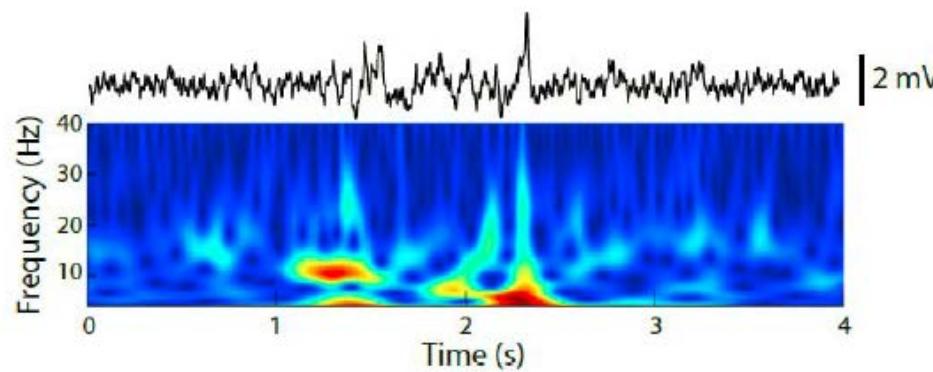
Transistor



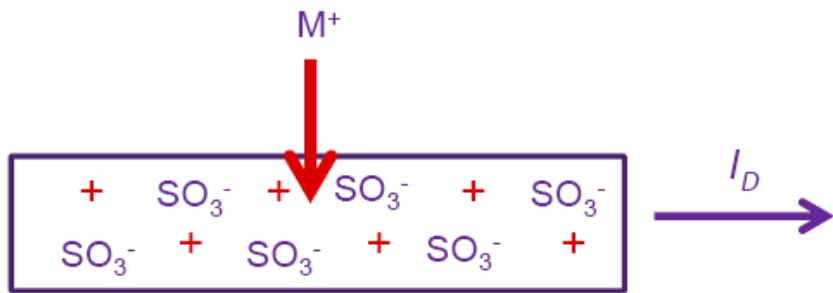
Surface  
electrode



Depth  
electrode



# Model for OECT operation



$$I_D = W \cdot d \cdot e \cdot \mu \cdot p(x) \cdot [dV(x)/dx]$$

$$p(x) = SO_3^- - M^+(x)$$

$$M^+(x) = (C^*/e) \cdot [V_G - V(x)]$$

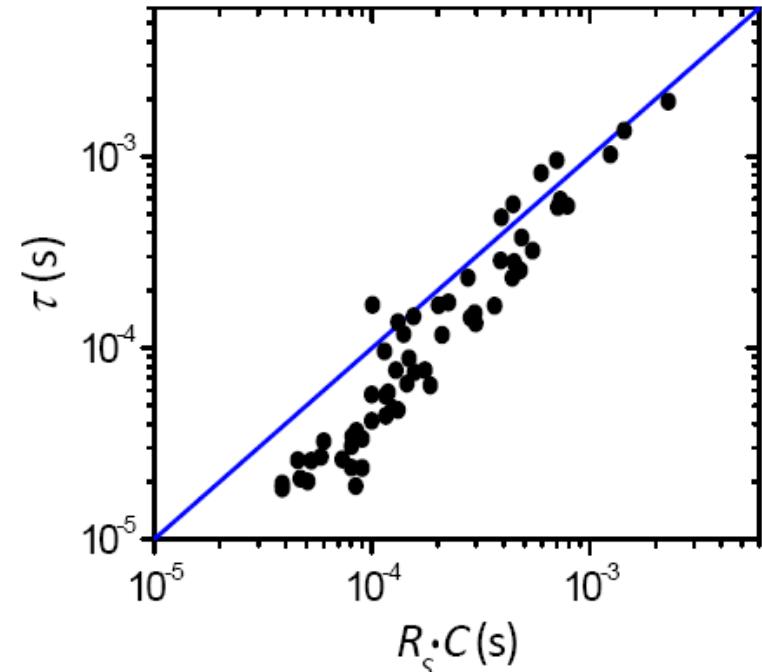
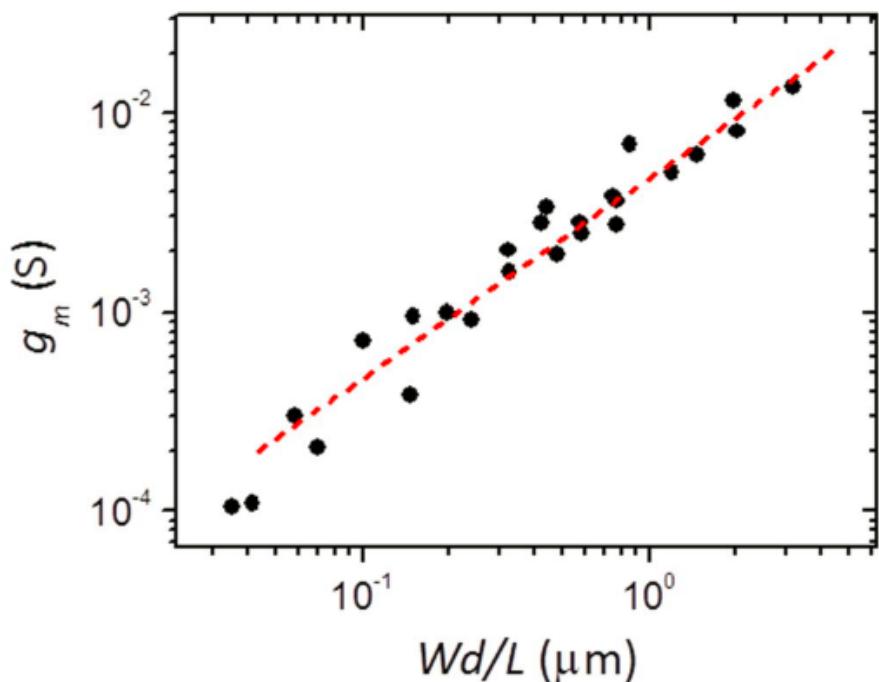
Integrating  $I_d$  over the length of the channel:

$$I_D = (W \cdot d/L) \cdot \mu \cdot C^* \cdot [V_T - V_G + V_D/2] \cdot V_D$$

$$V_T = e \cdot SO_3^- / C^*$$

$$I_D^{SAT} = [W / (2 \cdot L)] \cdot d \cdot \mu \cdot C^* \cdot [V_T - V_G]^2$$

# Scaling with geometry

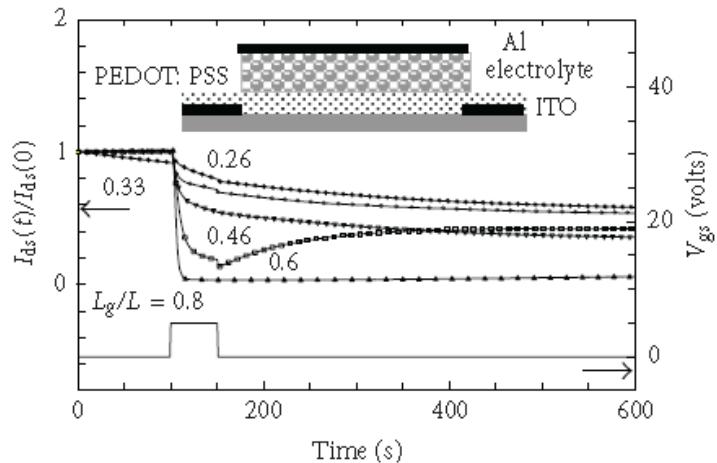


$$g_m = (W \cdot d/L) \cdot \mu \cdot C^* \cdot (V_T - V_G)$$

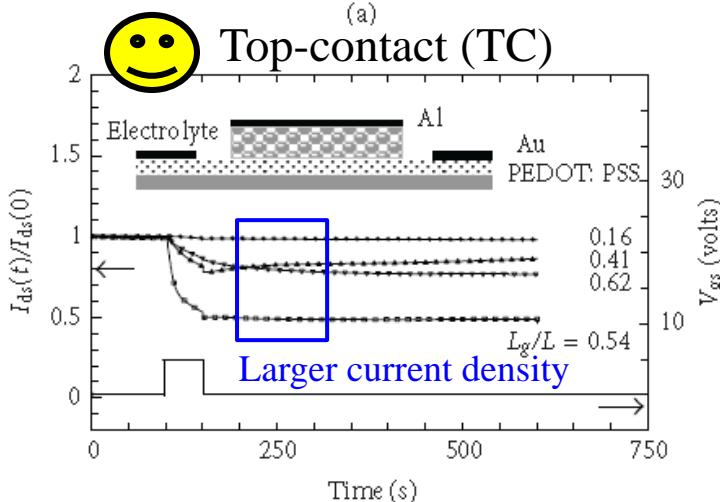
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# Geometry Design of OECTs for improving device sensitivity

Bottom-contact (BC)



(a) Top-contact (TC)



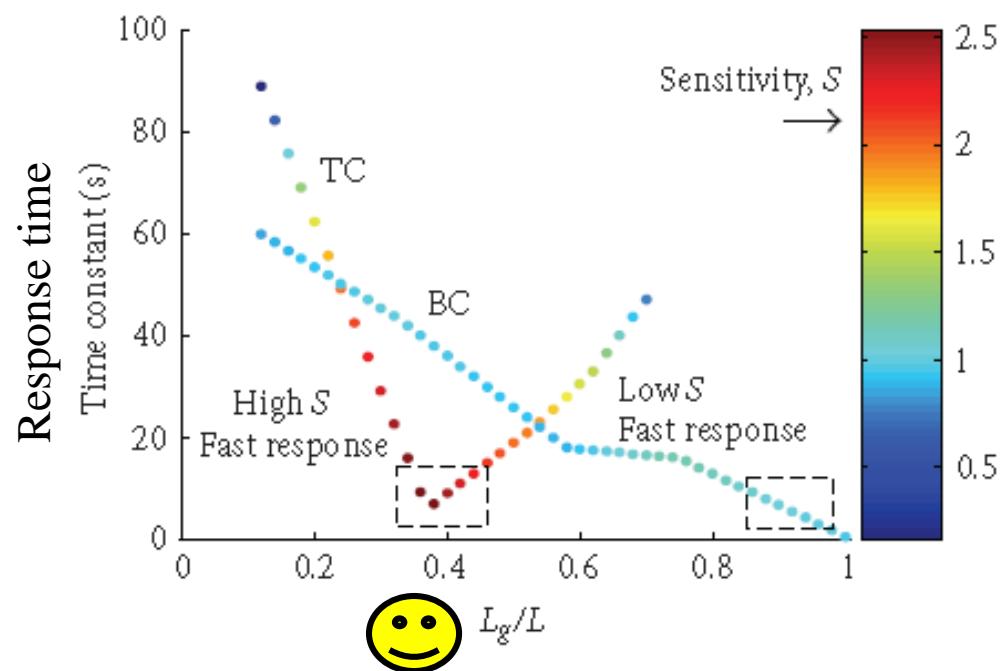
(b) Solid-electrolyte: PVA

$$S \text{ (sensitivity)} = \beta / (L_g / L)$$

$$\beta = \Delta I_{ds} / I_{ds}$$

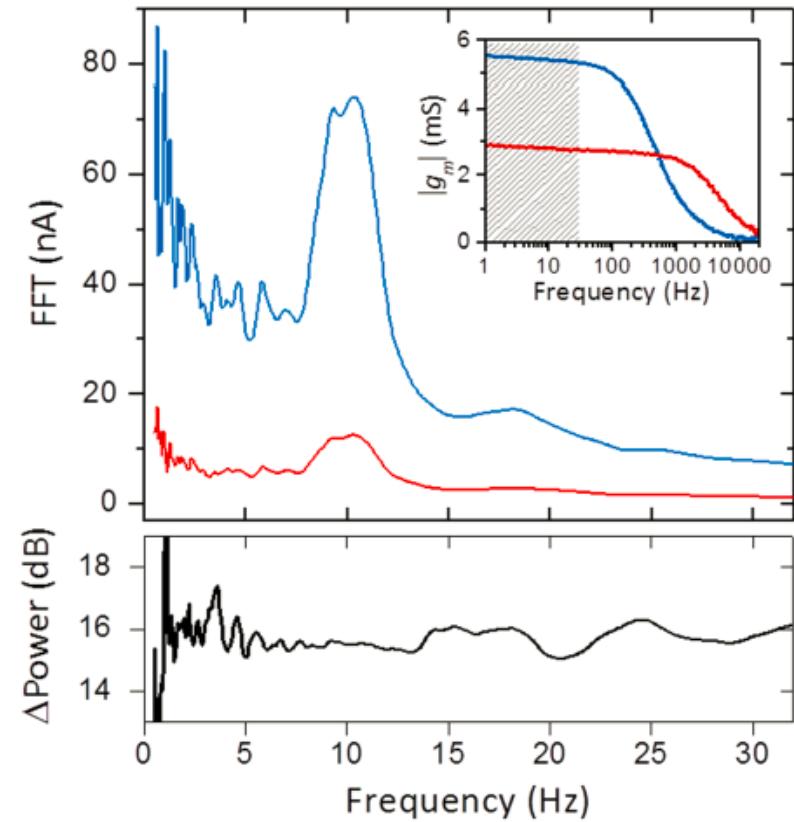
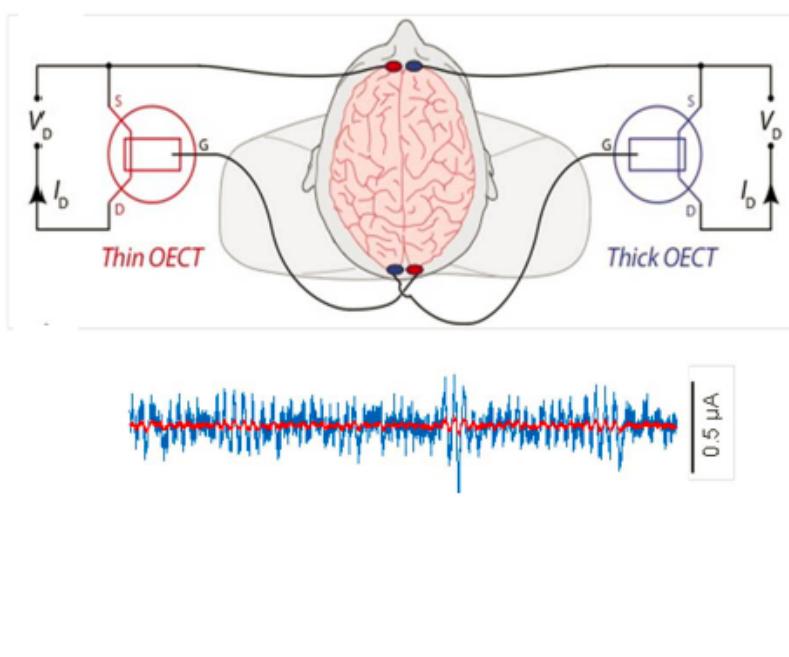
Channel length (L) = 12 mm; Width (W) = 3 mm

Gate length ( $L_g$ )



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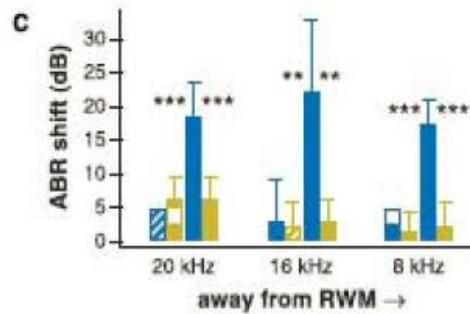
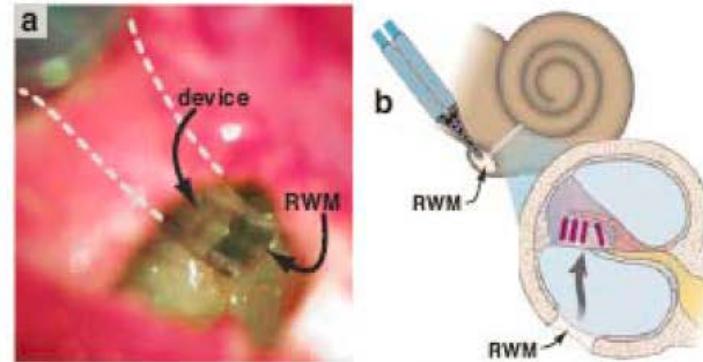
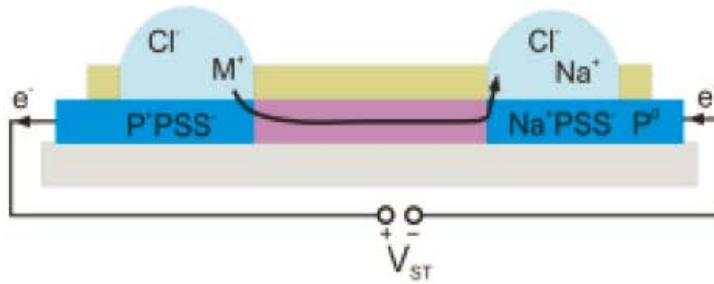
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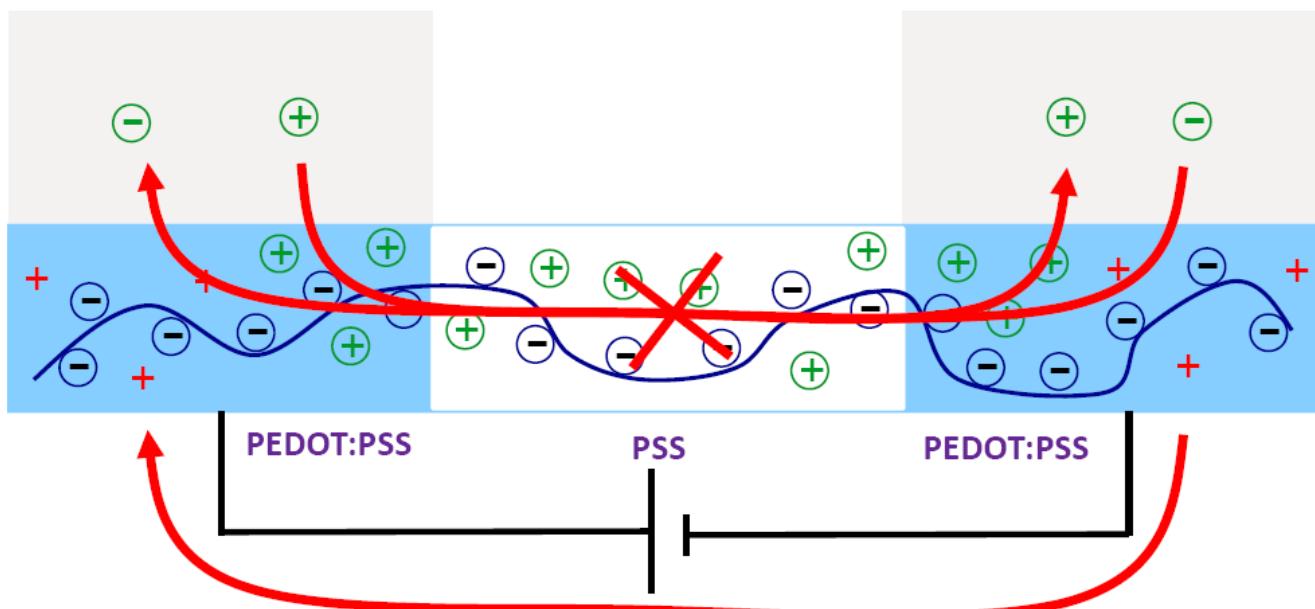
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## The organic electronic ion pump

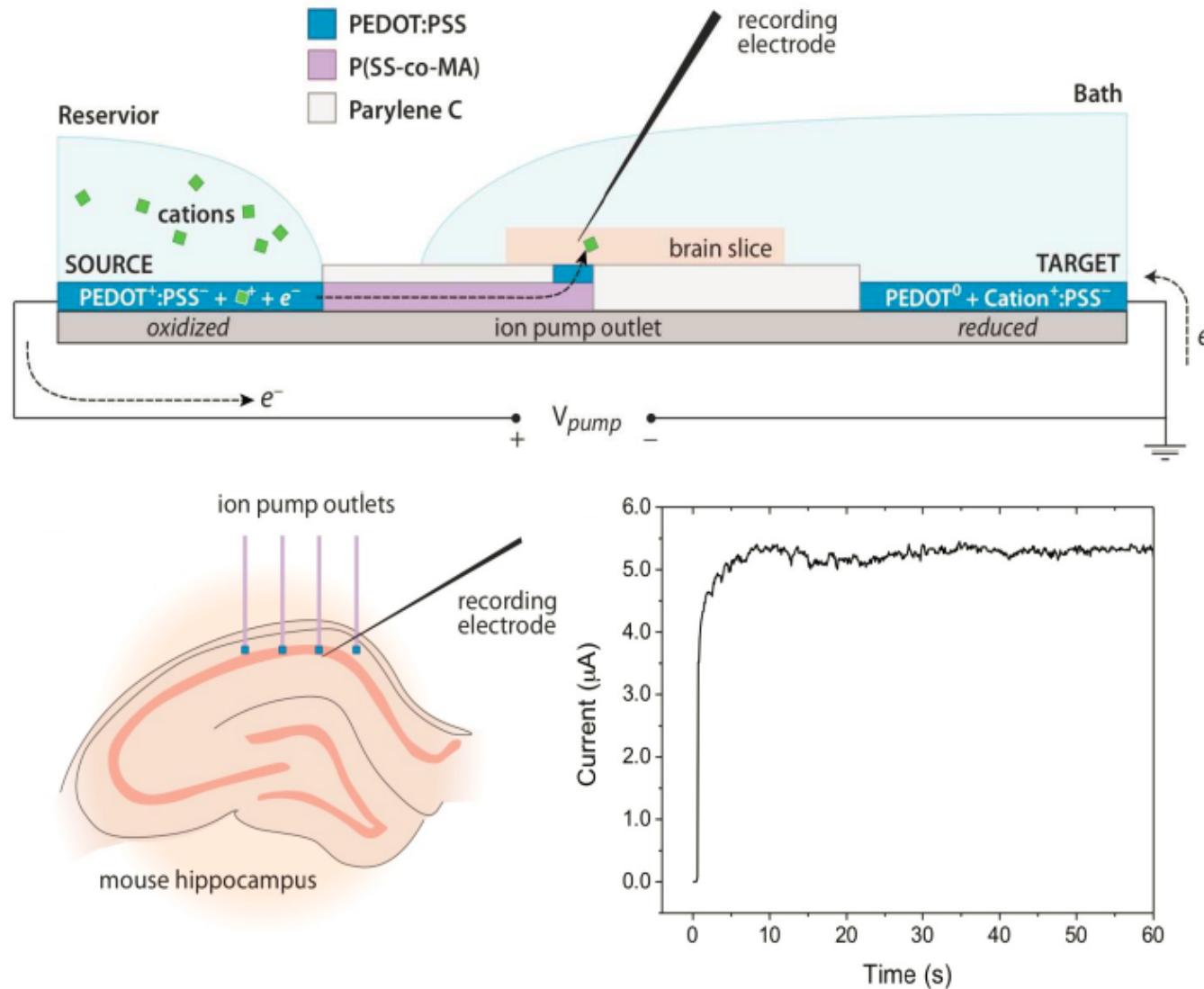


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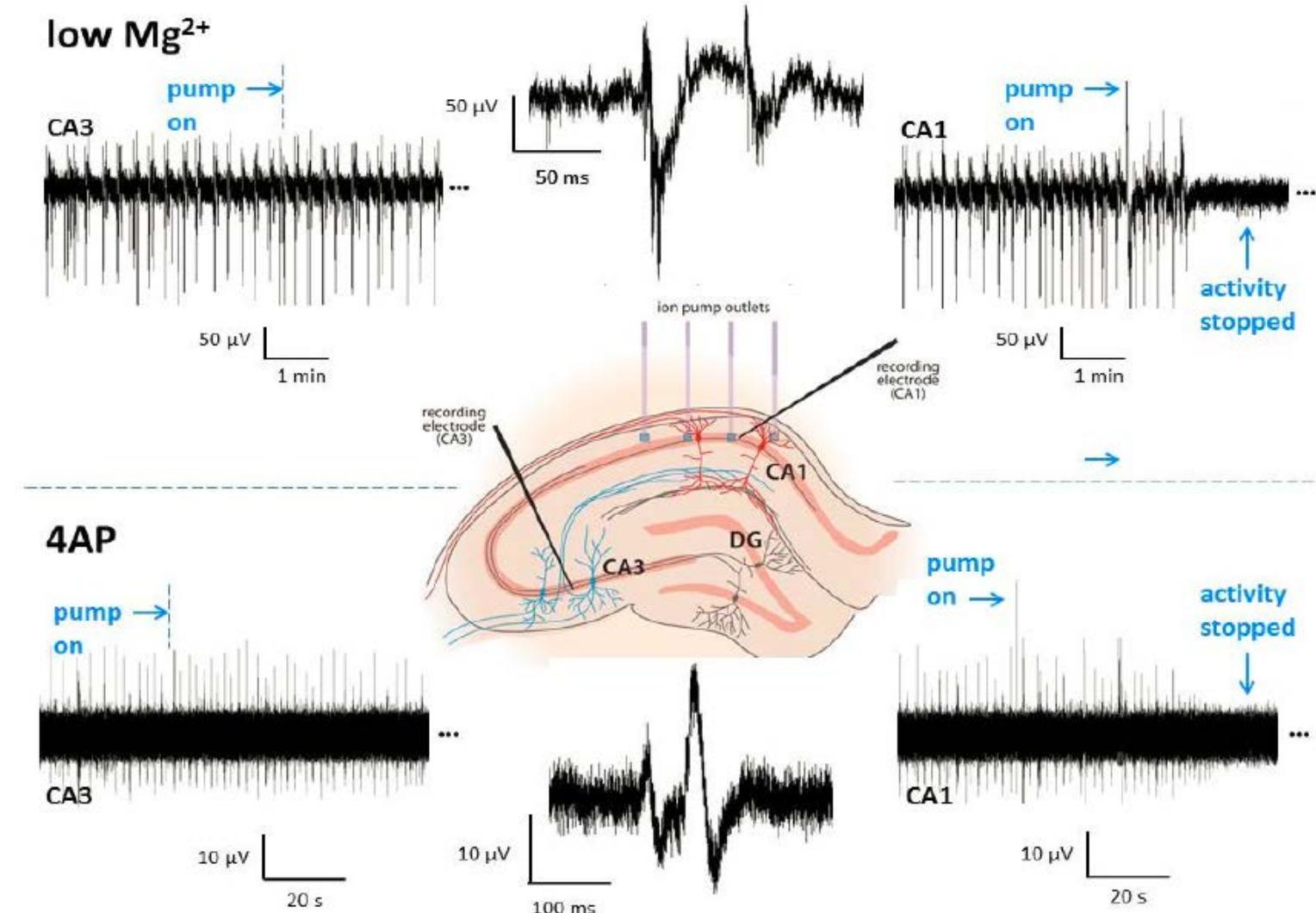
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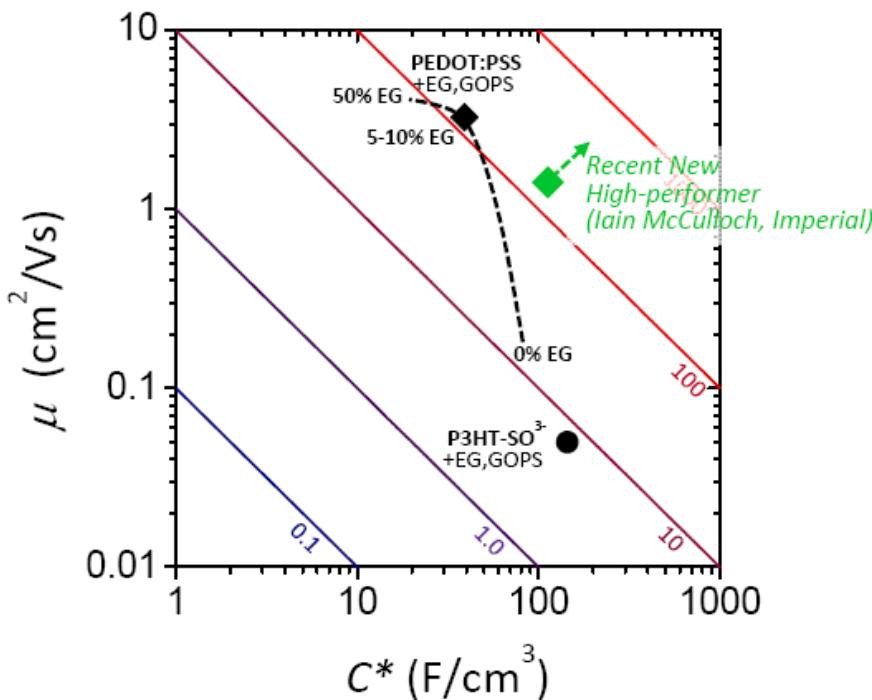
# Ion pump for local delivery in neural networks



# Local delivery of GABA suppress seizure activity

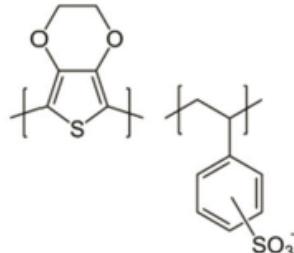


# $\mu C^*$ as the materials figure of merit



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PEDOT:PSS  
(+EG, +GOPS)

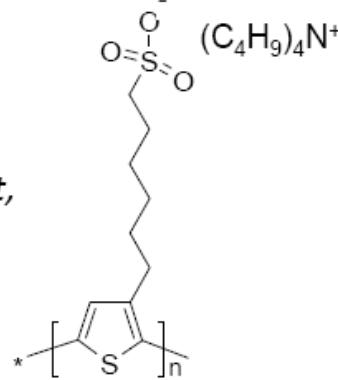


$$\mu C^* = 128 \text{ F/cmVs}$$

$$\mu = 3.3 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$$

$$C^* = 39 \text{ F/cm}^3$$

P3HT- $\text{SO}_3^-$   
(+EG +GOPS)

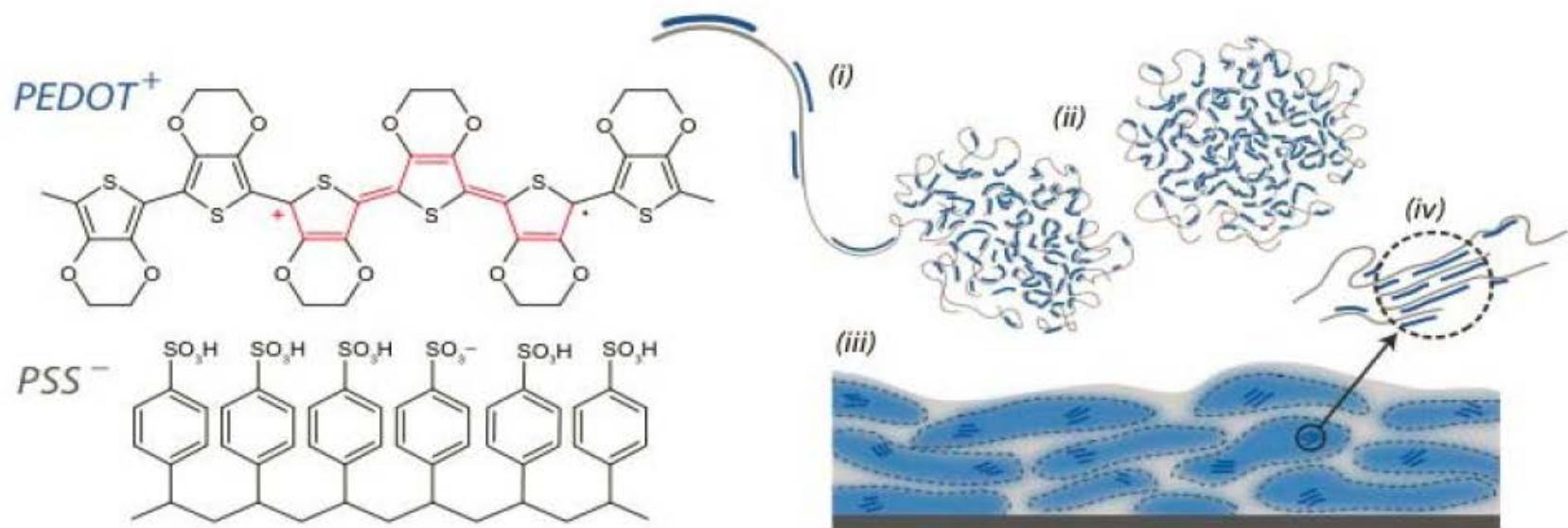


$$\mu C^* = 7.2 \text{ F/cmVs}$$

$$\mu = 0.05 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$$

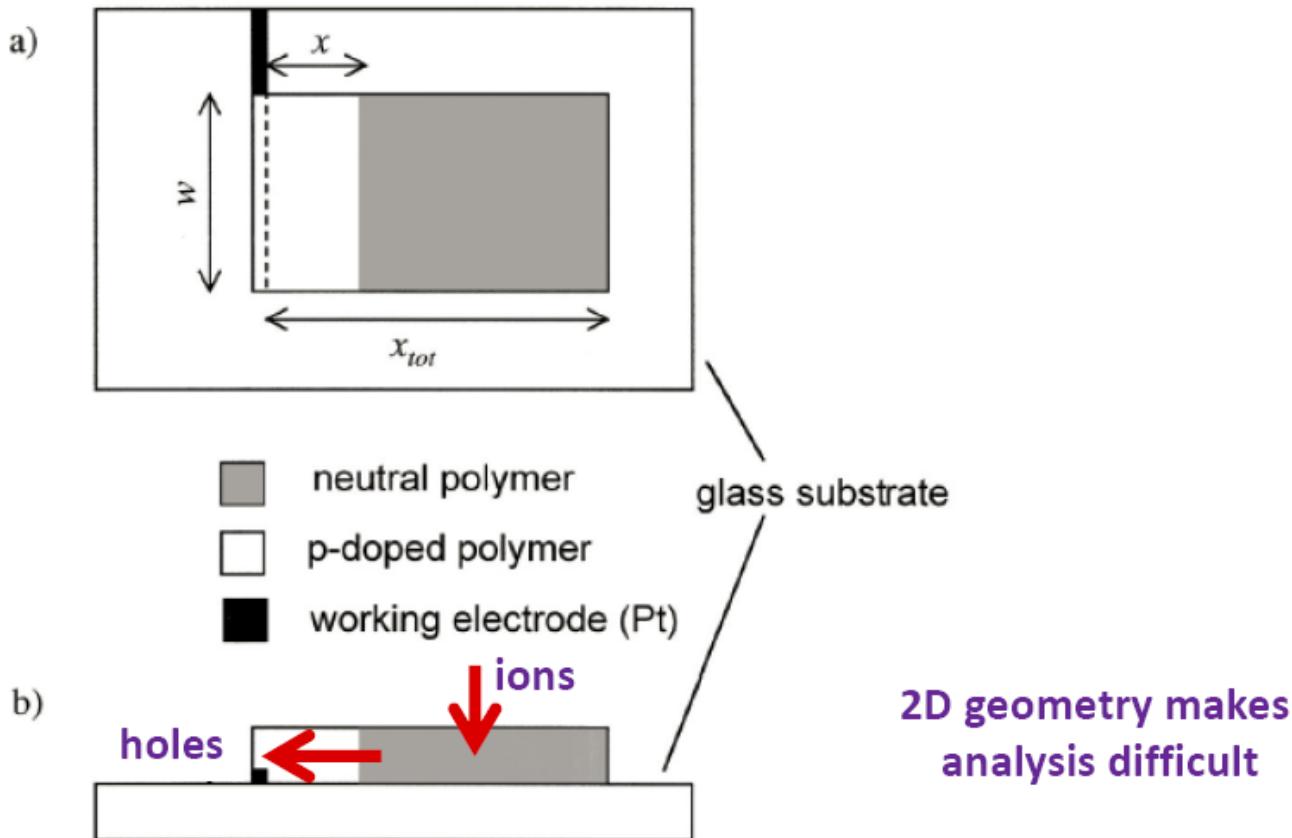
$$C^* = 144 \text{ F/cm}^3$$

# PEDOT:PSS as a champion material



- Phase separated morphology
- Hole transport in PEDOT-rich domains, ion transport in PSS matrix

# “Moving front” measurements

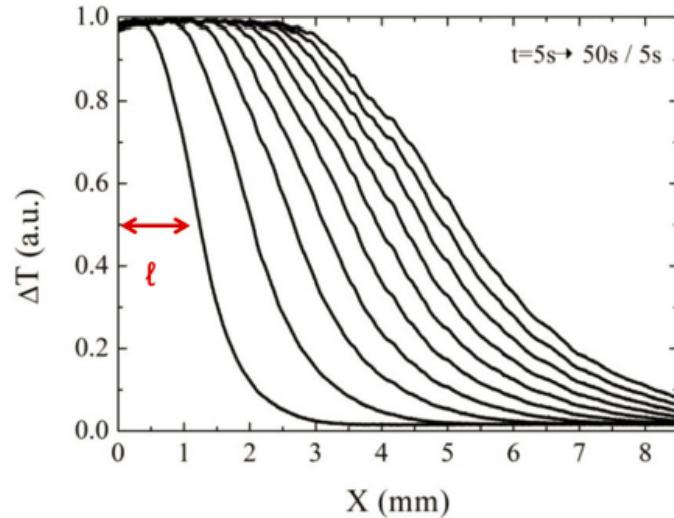
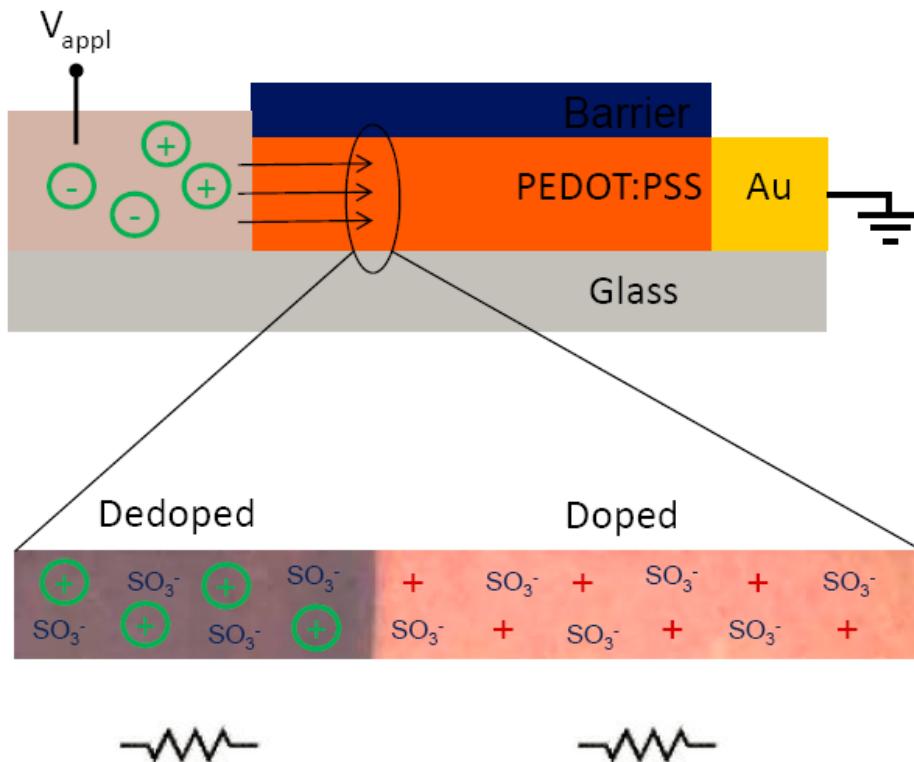


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# A simple way to measure ion transport

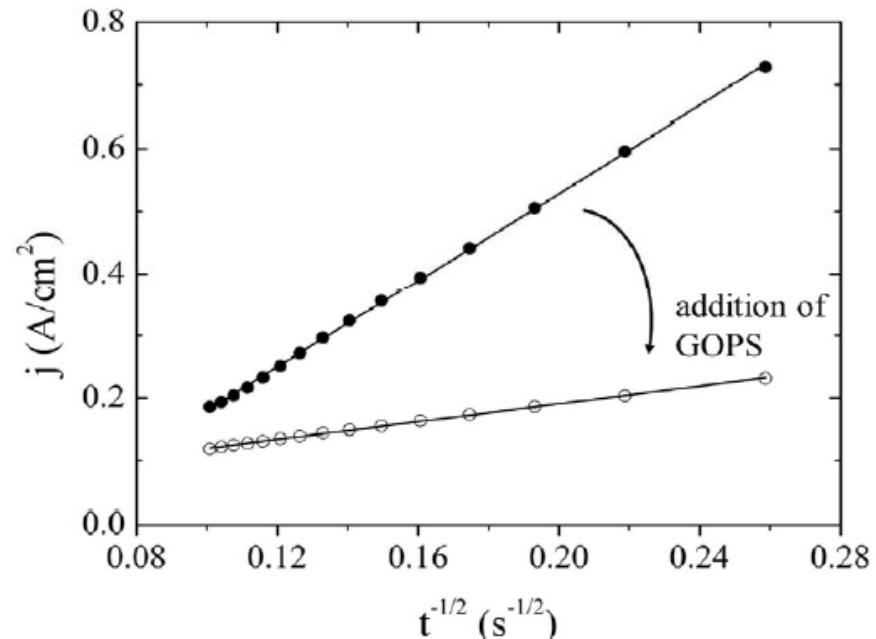
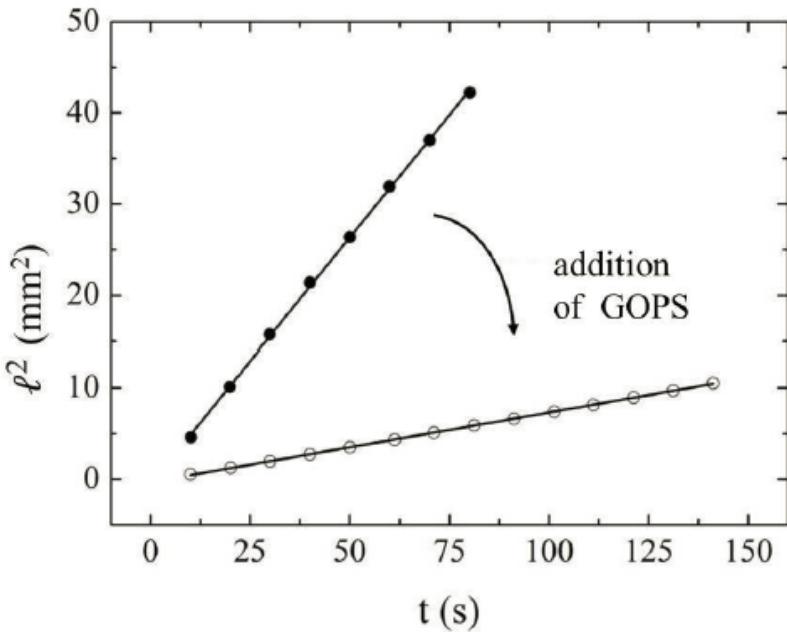


$$\ell^2 = \mu \cdot V_{appl} \cdot t$$

$$j = \frac{e \cdot P \sqrt{2 \cdot \mu \cdot V_{appl}}}{2\sqrt{t}}$$

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# Ions are highly mobile in PEDOT:PSS



	$K^+$ mobility in film ( $\text{cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$K^+$ density in film ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )
PEDOT:PSS	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$5.9 \cdot 10^{20}$
PEDOT:PSS :GOPS	$1.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{20}$

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