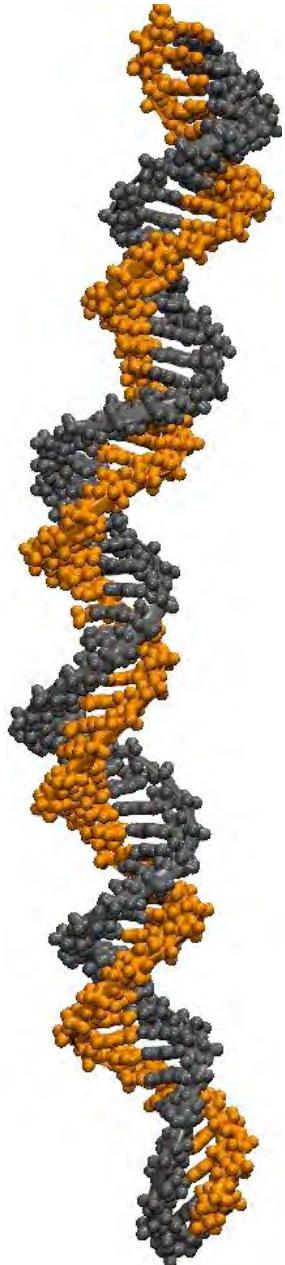
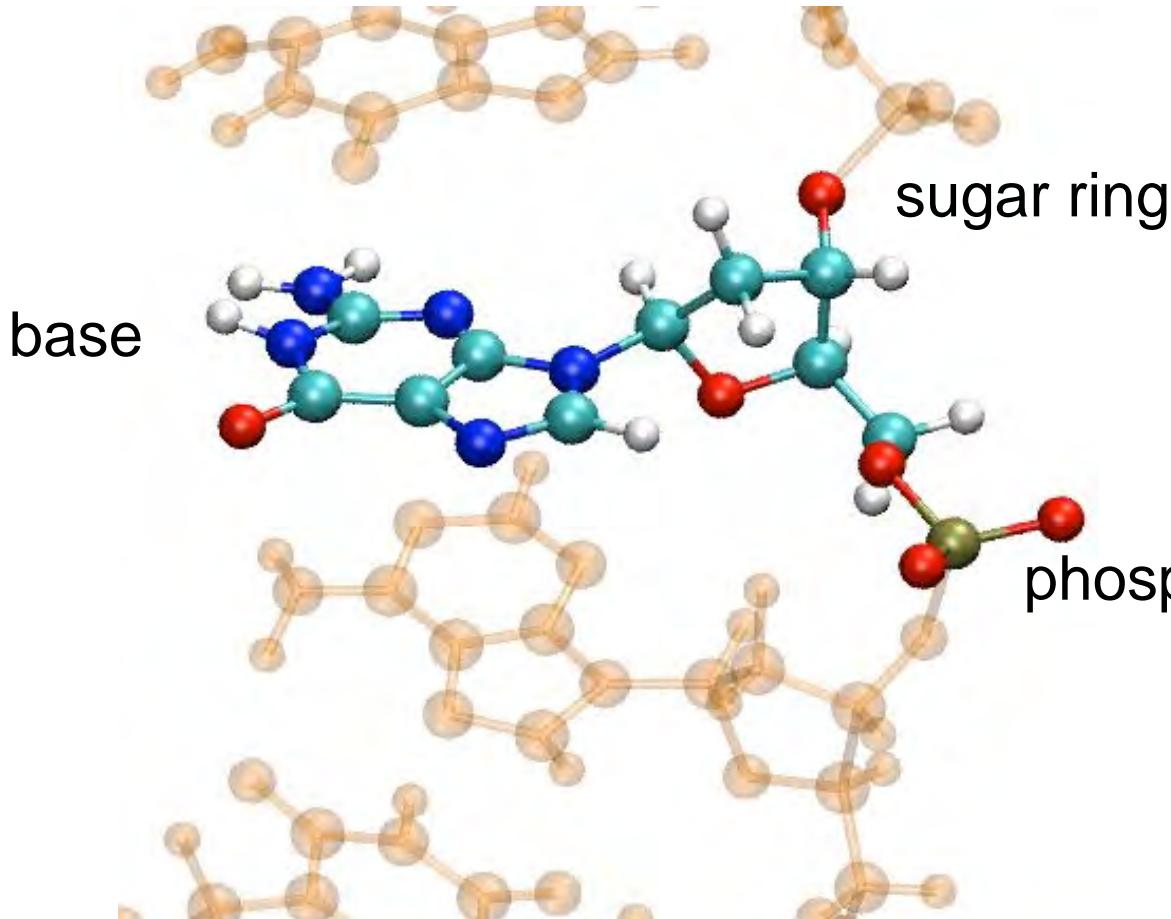


# Reinventing a DNA sequence reader

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

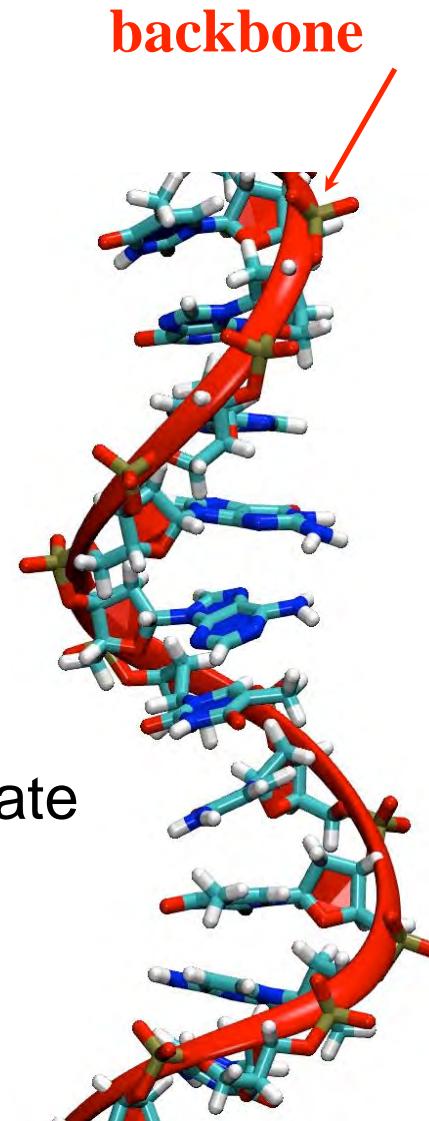
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Highly charged: 2 electron charges per 0.32nm



Double stranded DNA  
(persist. length ~50nm)

The sequence has direction:  
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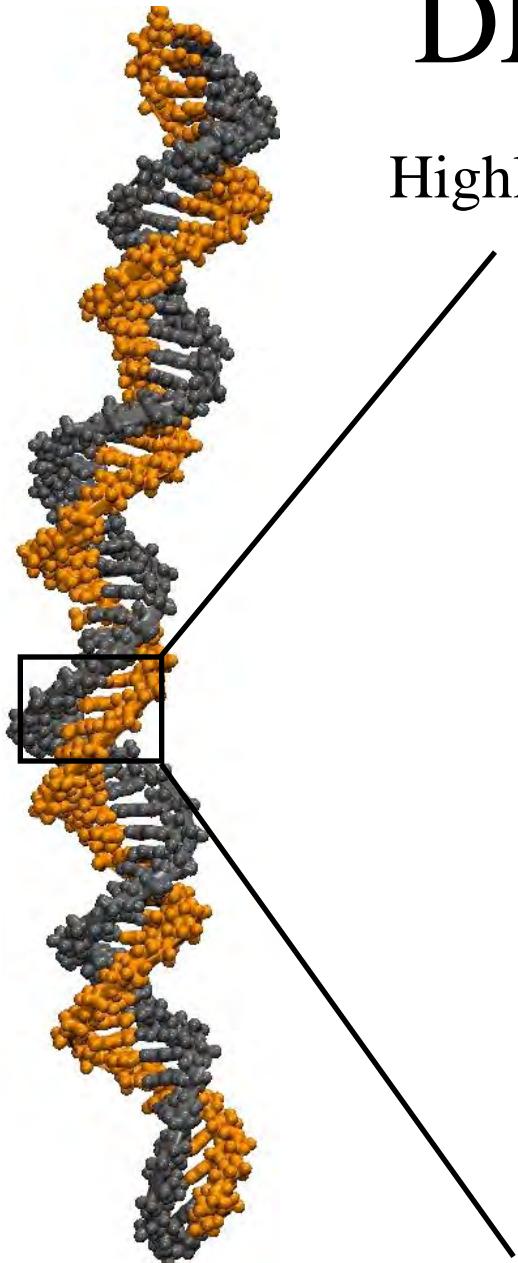


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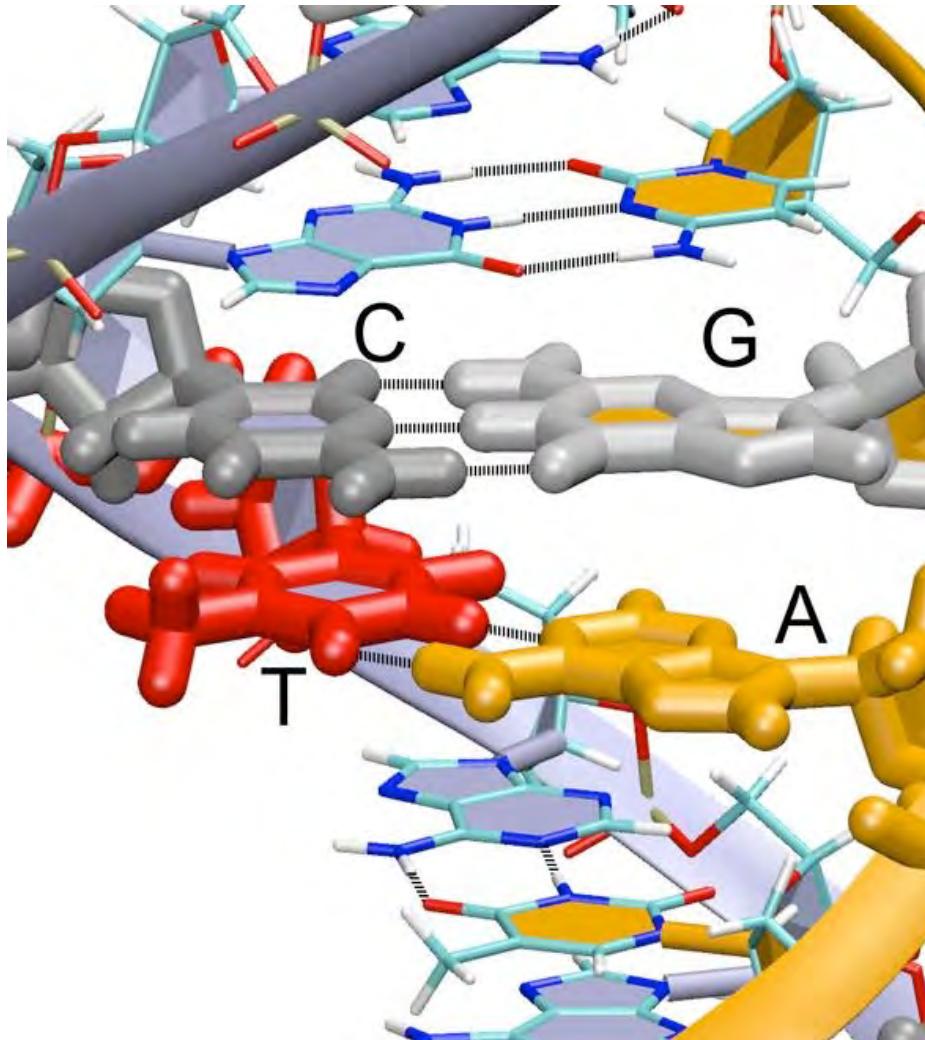
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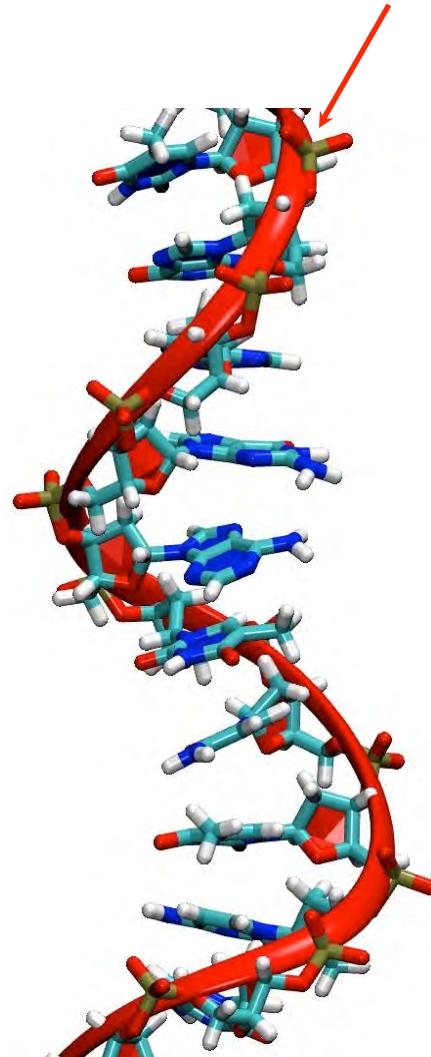


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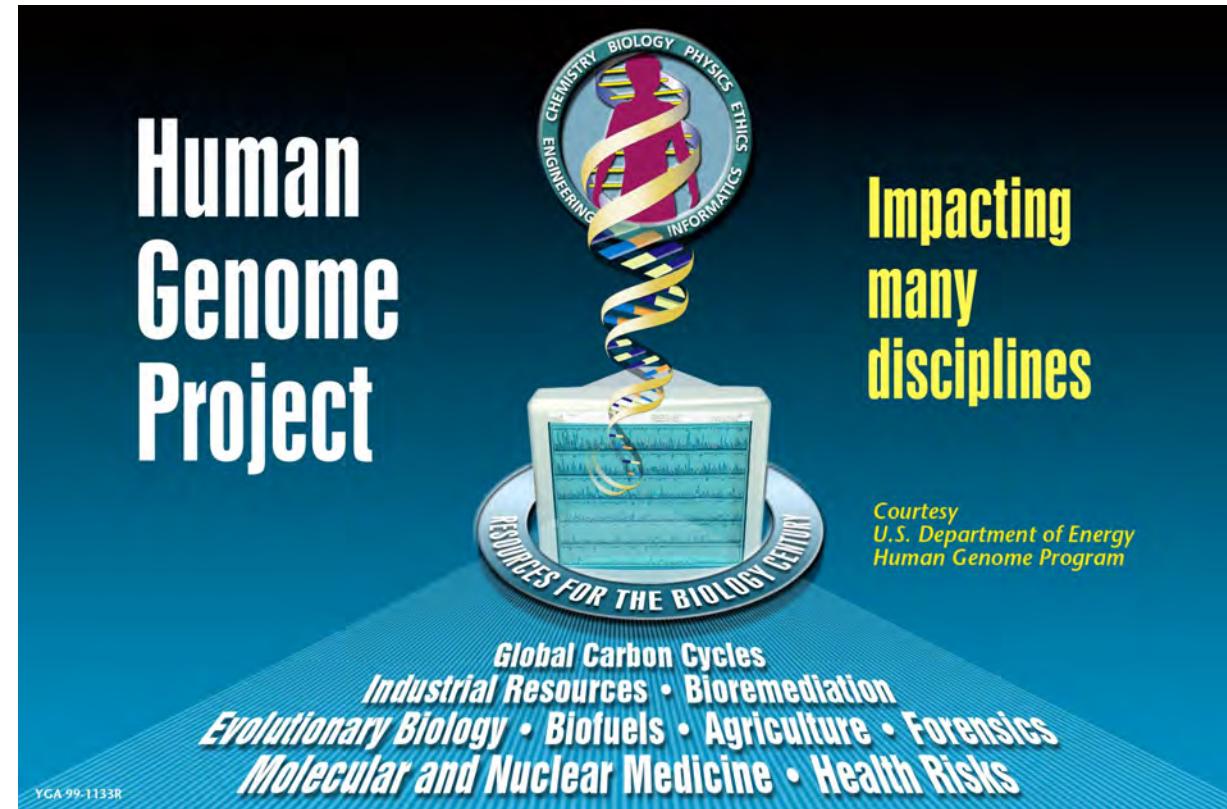


Single stranded DNA  
(persist. length ~1.5nm)

# The Human Genome Project

Duration:  
October 1990 - 2003

Discovered ALL  
20,000-25,000  
human genes



Determined complete sequence of the 3 billion DNA bases

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# ... and ~ 3,000,000 more pages!

(one month to show 24/7)



Just four letter:

~715 Mb

DNA code is  
billion times more  
efficient

A  
C  
G  
T

2 bits  
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11

8 bits = 1b

$4/8 * 3 * 10^9$

# Differences in the code are important

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That is still over 1,000,000 differences.

(... and you and chimpanzee: 99%)

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## Advanced diagnostics

(early detection and,  
possibly, prevention of 4,000  
genetic disorders)

## Research instrumentation

(reconstruction of the tree of life,  
human history, psychology)

## Personal pharmaceutics

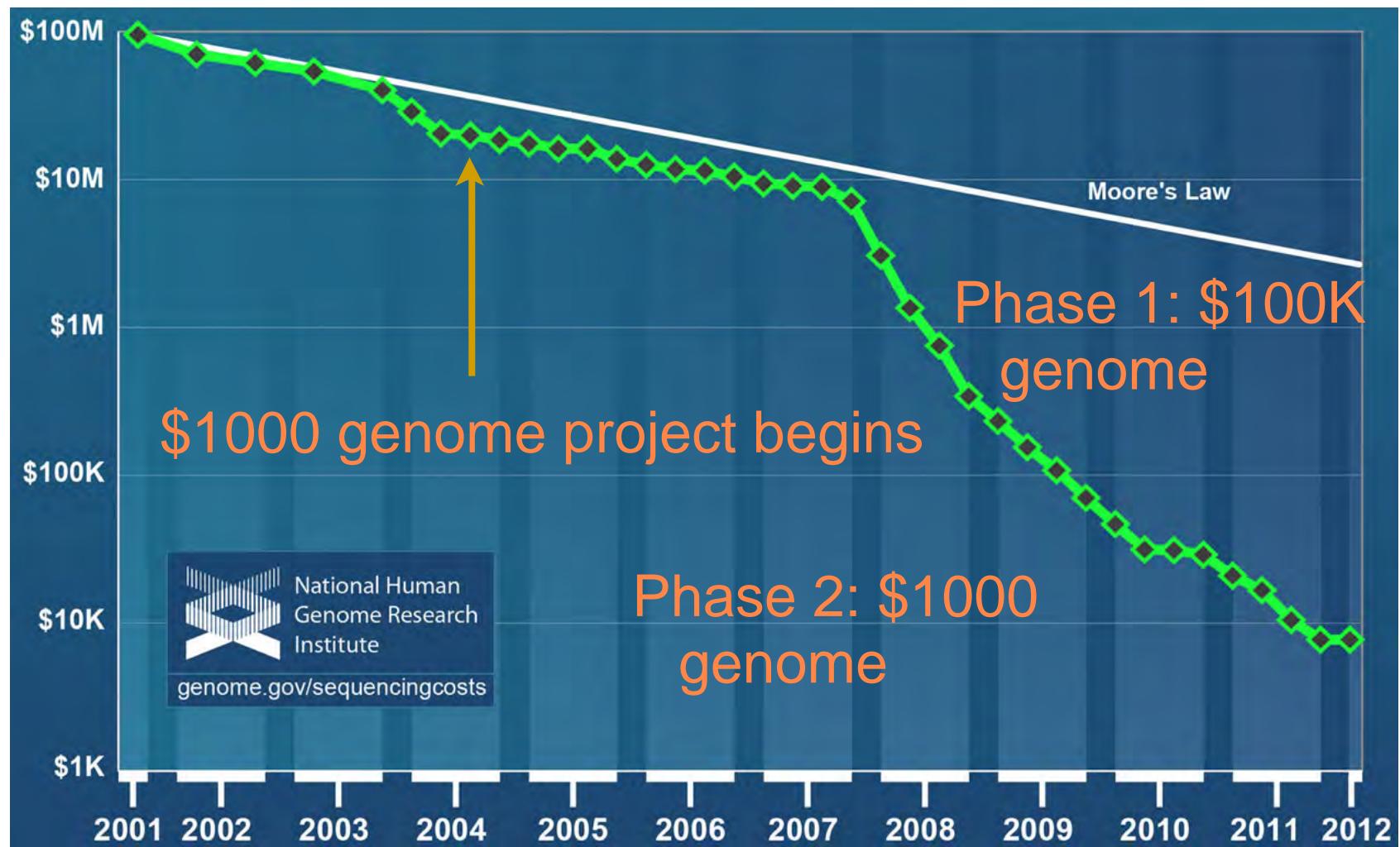
(tailor drugs to an individual's  
genetic make-up)

Cancer: disease of DNA

Prenatal diagnostics

Single cell sequencing

# Cost of sequencing a human genome (logarithmic scale)



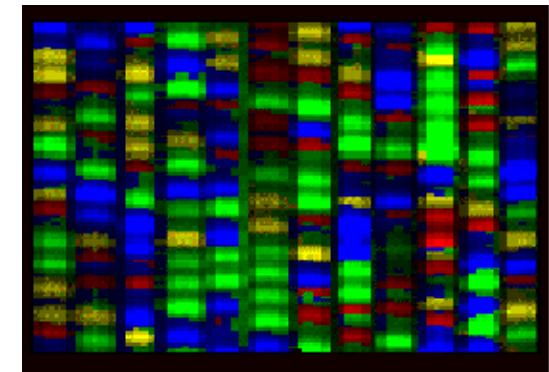
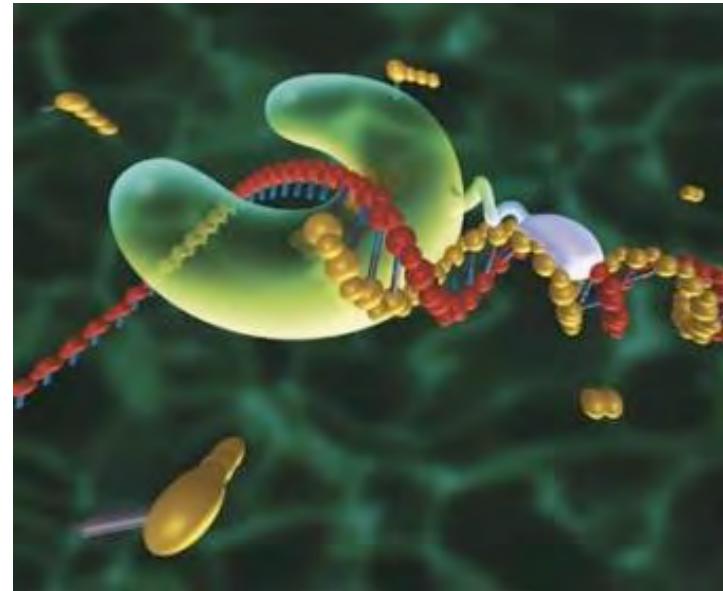
\$1,000 genome was claimed to be achieved (Jan 2014)

# Conventional DNA sequencing

Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1980

As the DNA is synthesized, nucleotides are added on to the growing chain by the DNA polymerase.

The reactions start from the same nucleotide and end with a specific base



Fluorescence-based sequence gel

# Next generation sequencing methods

**ion torrent**



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Extremely small pH meeter

**illumina®**

Multiplex optical readout

Problem: short reads, amplification, reagent and genome assembly costs



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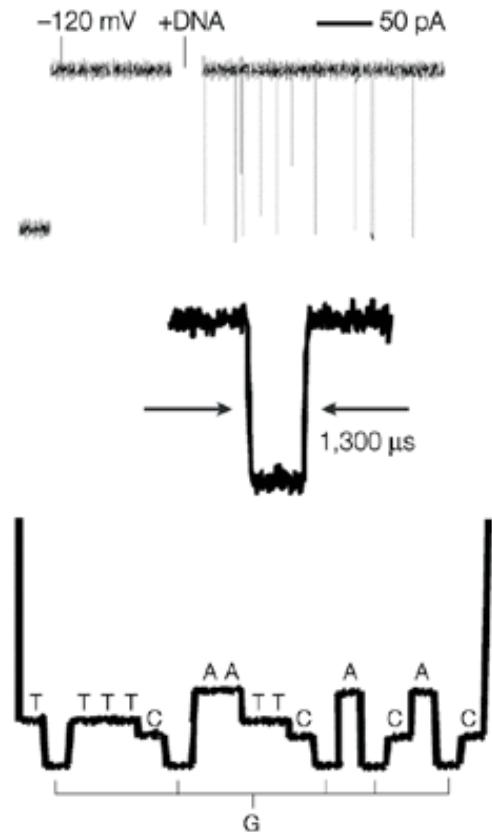
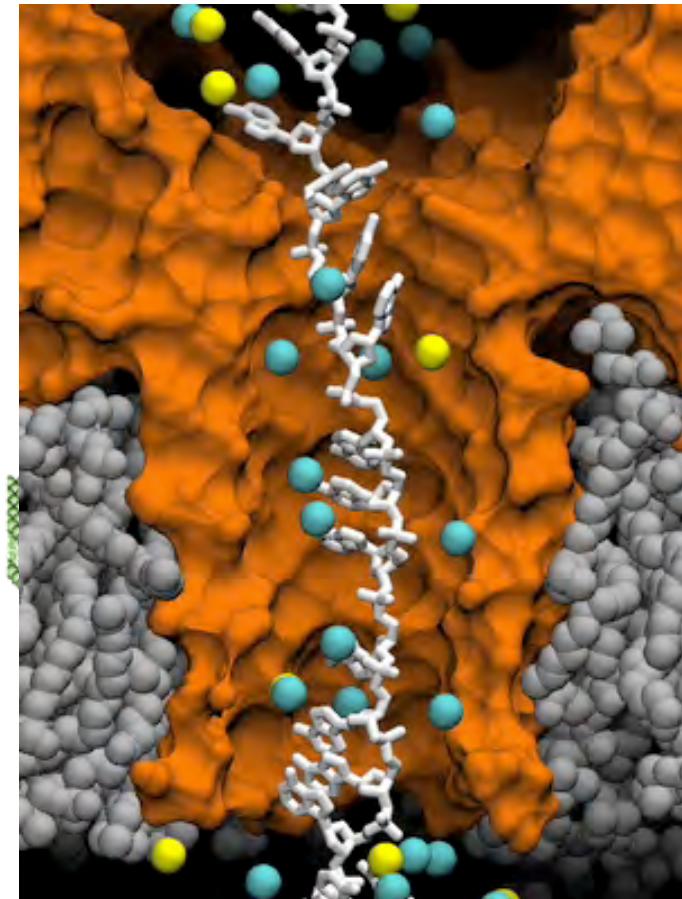
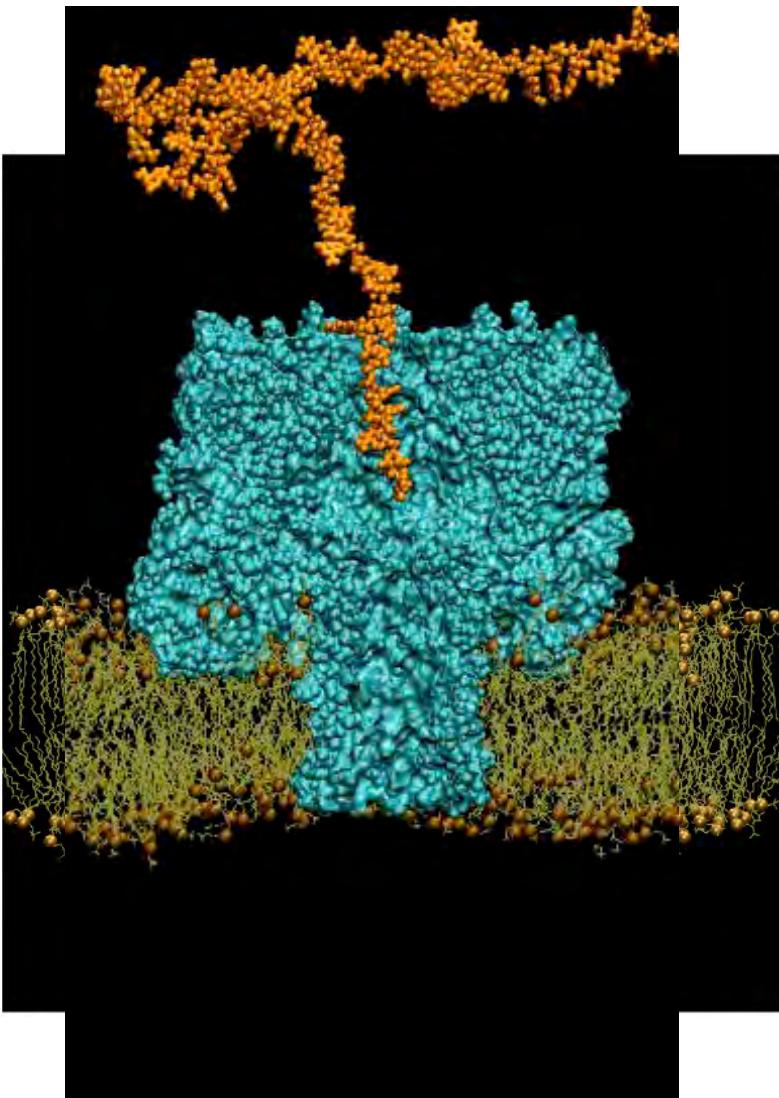


**Helicos**  
BioSciences Corporation

Single molecule optical readout

Problems: costs, accuracy, scalability

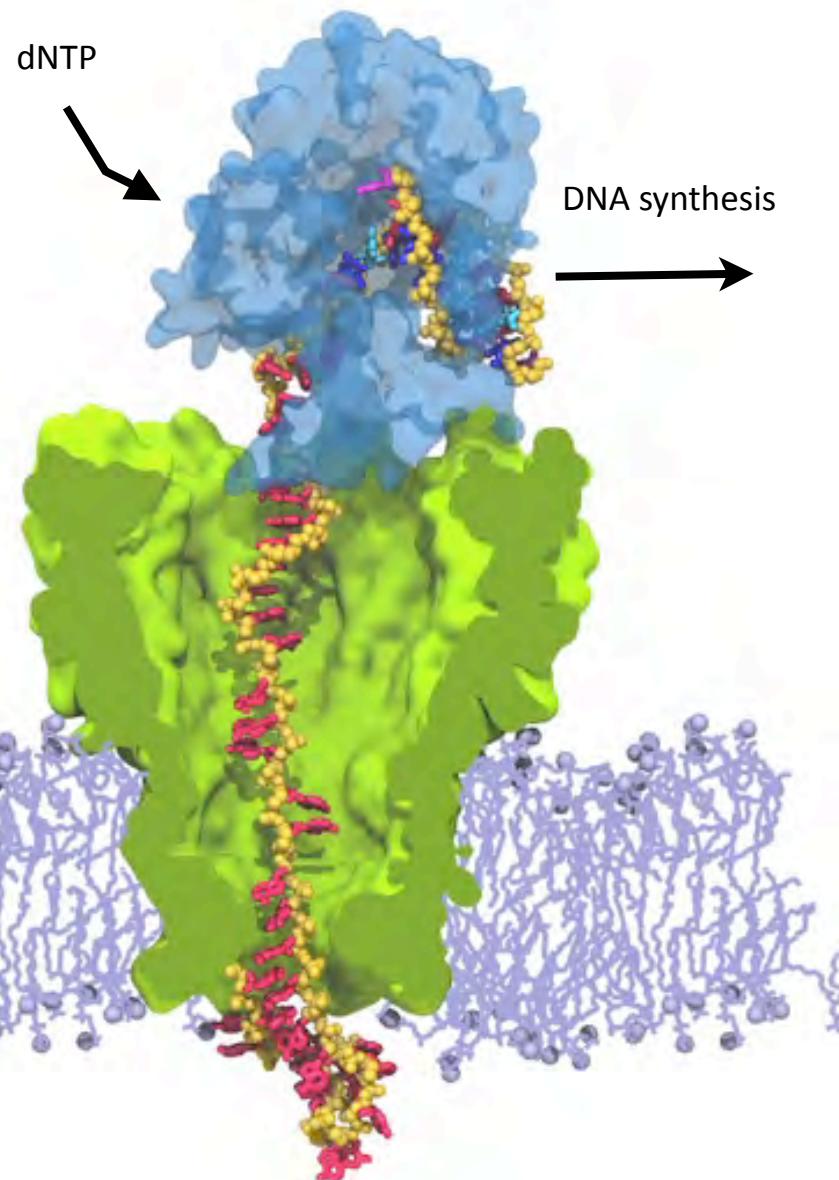
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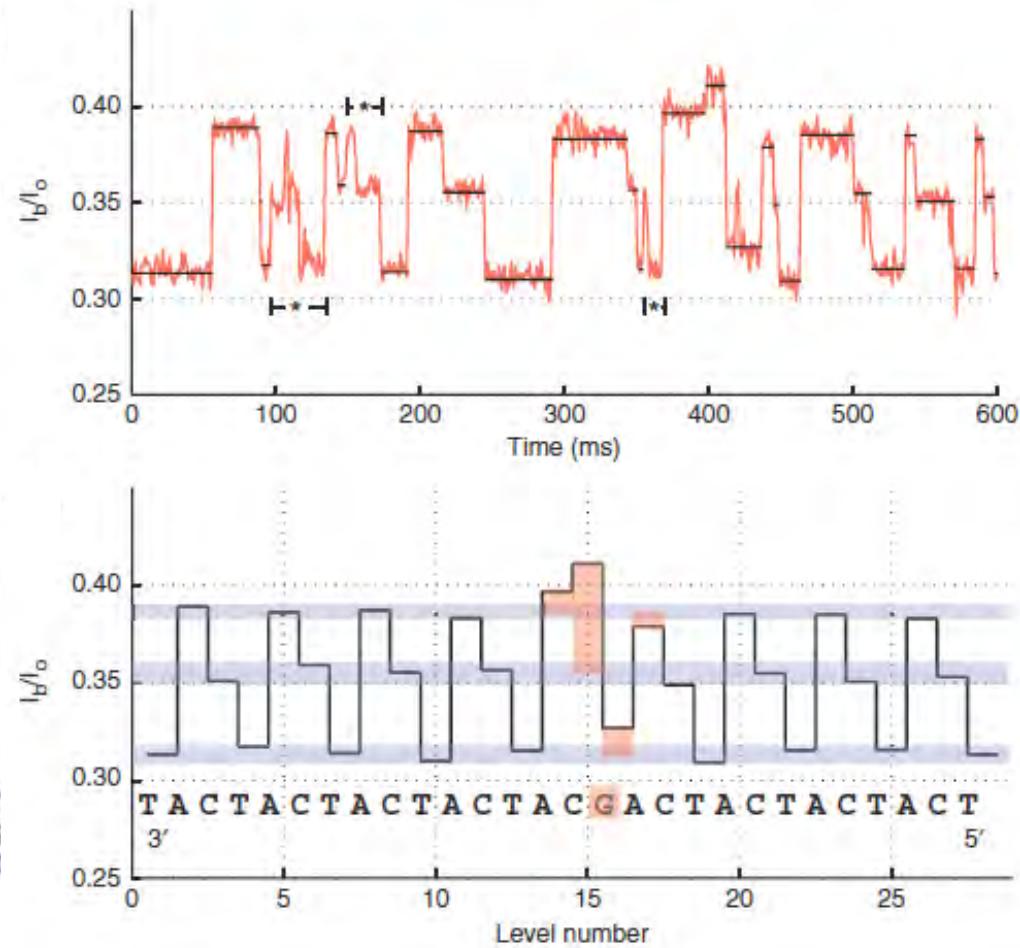
Nature Reviews Drug Discovery 1, 77-84 (January 2002)

The ionic current blockade reveals the sequence of the confined nucleotides

# Sequencing DNA using MspA



Experimentally measured ionic current blockades



Nature Biotech. 30: 349 - 353 (2012)

# Oxford Nanopore Technologies



MinION: ~800 parallel detection wells

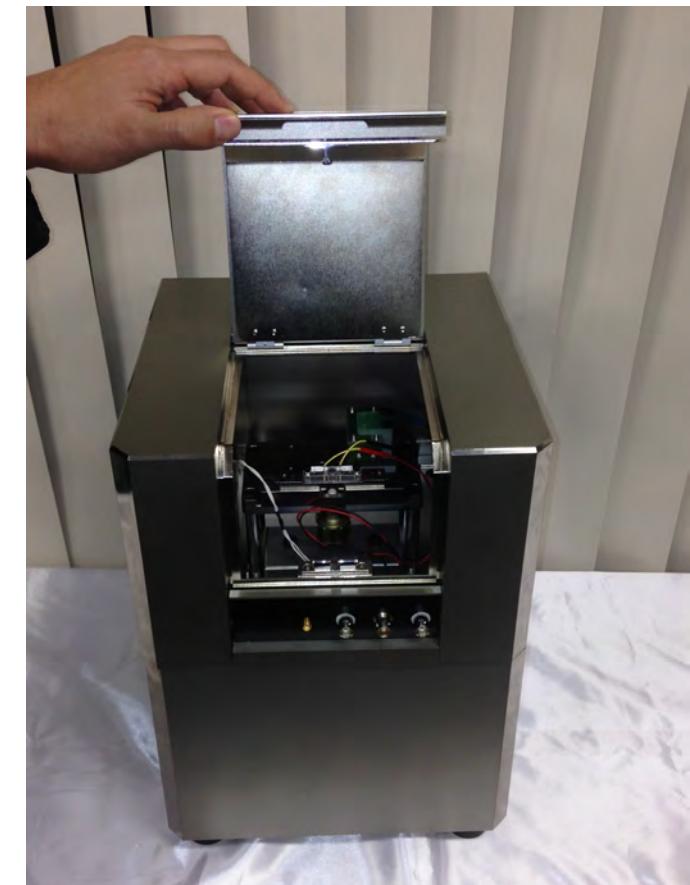
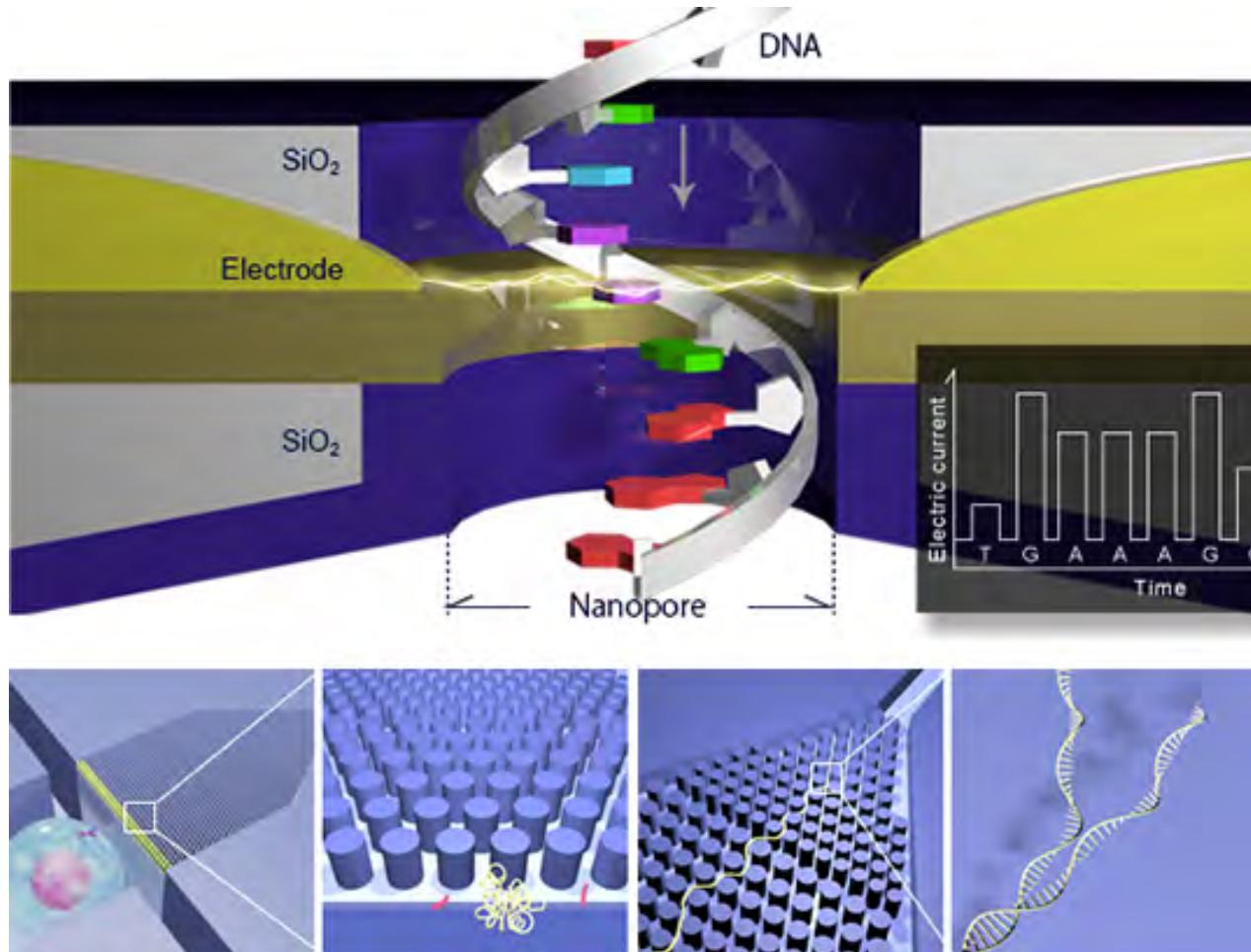
Read length: up to 100,000 nucleotides (2 strands of lambda phage genome)

Unknown pore (hemolysin, MspA, other?)

Unknown enzyme (better polymerase? Helicase?)

Accuracy: 96%

# Nanopore sequencing: state of the art

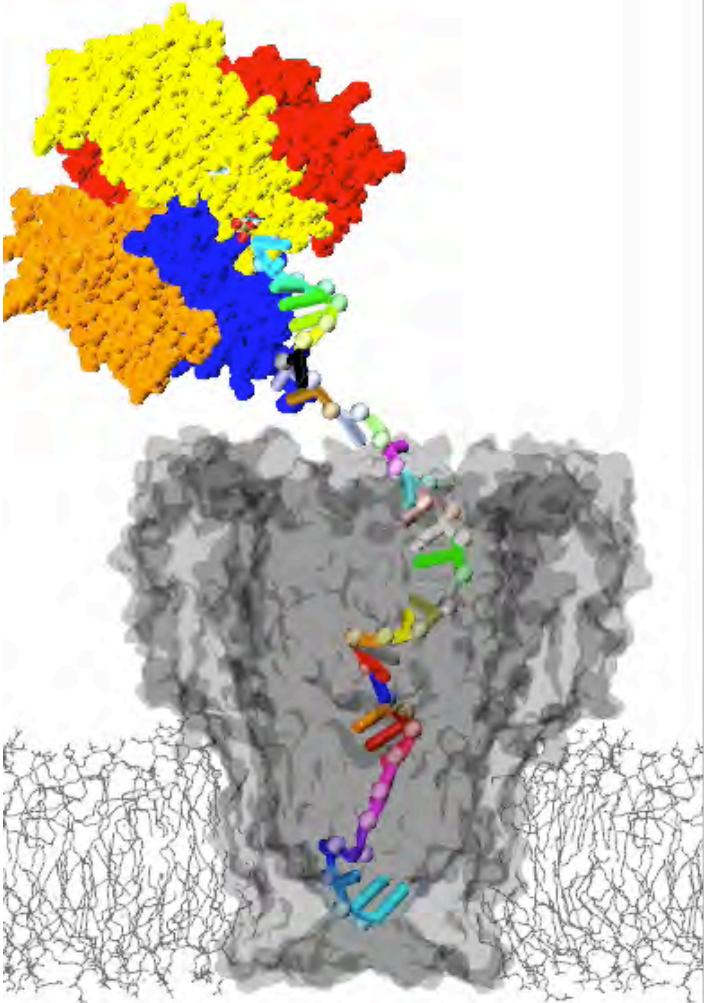


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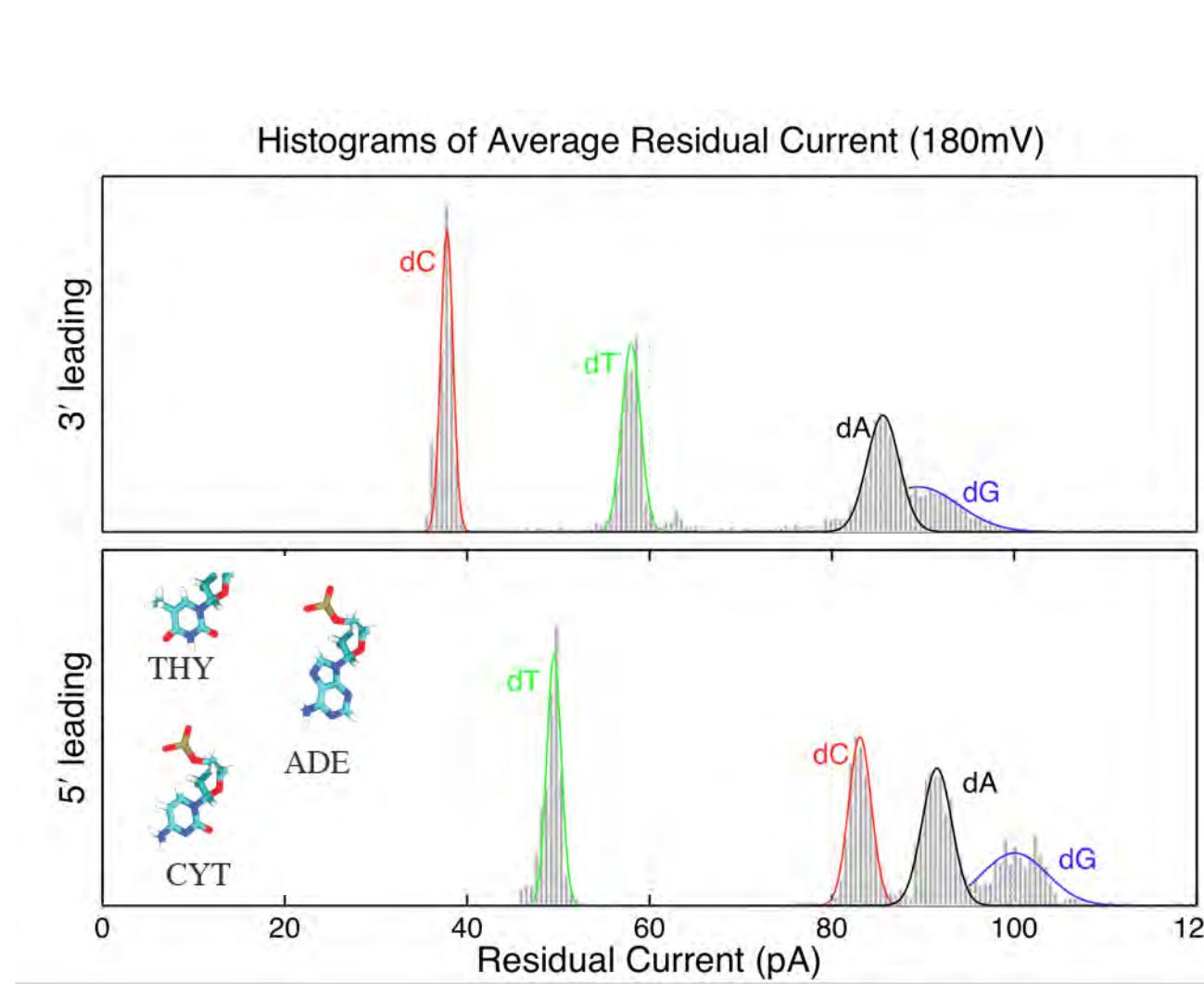
... Genia, Nabsys ...  
... Illumina, Roche ...

... also INTEL, IBM, HITACHI, TOSHIBA, SONY, SIEMENS ...

# Homopolymer blockades in MspA



MD simulation neutravidin-anchored ssDNA  
in MspA



Liz Manrao ... J Gundlach, U Washington  
*Plos One* 2011, 6

# Setting up a simulation is like cooking



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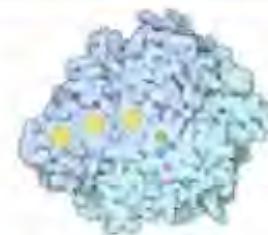
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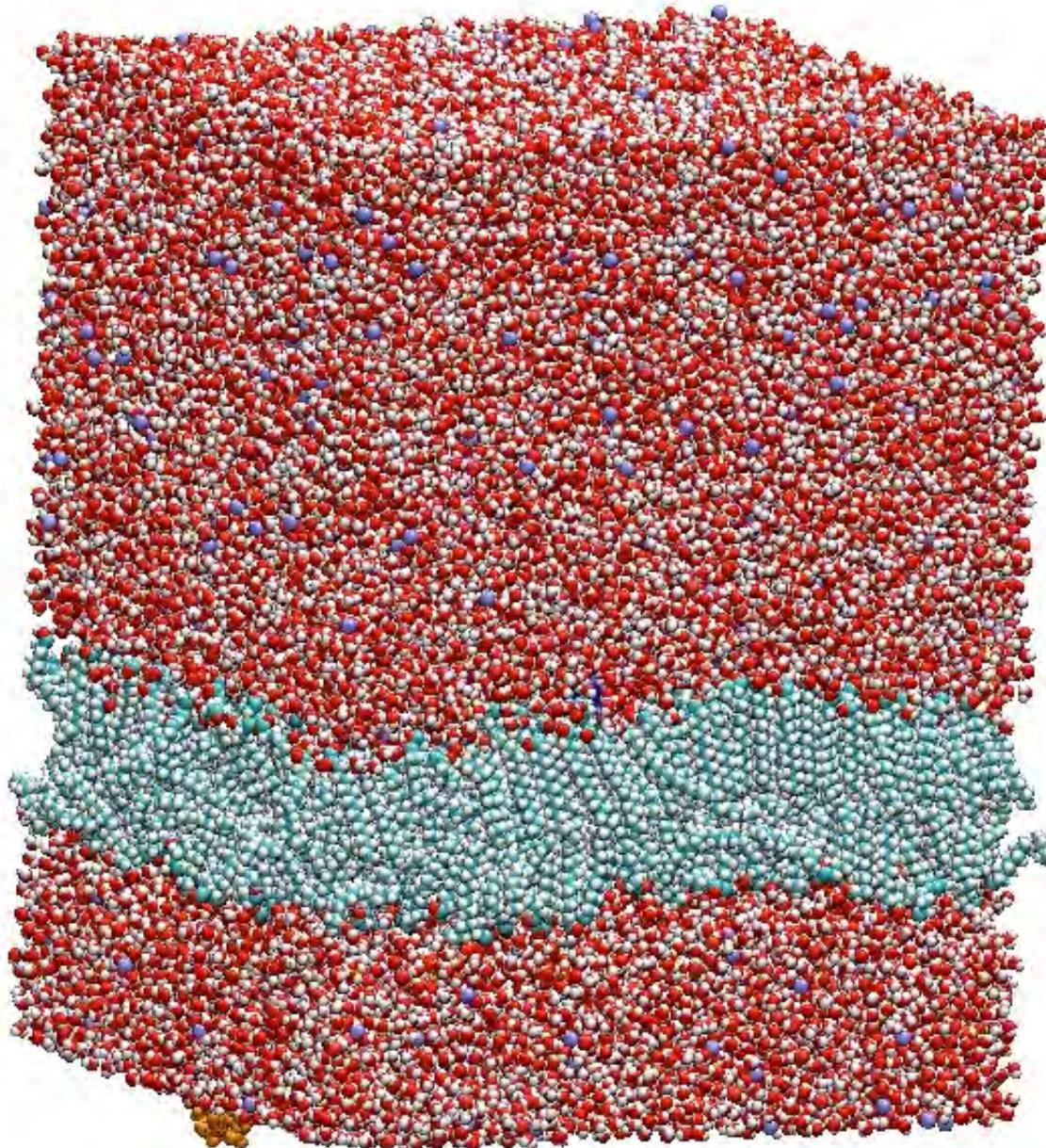
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**Bridgewater-Raritan High School Wins New Jersey Science Olympiad Protein Modeling State Finals**



The team from

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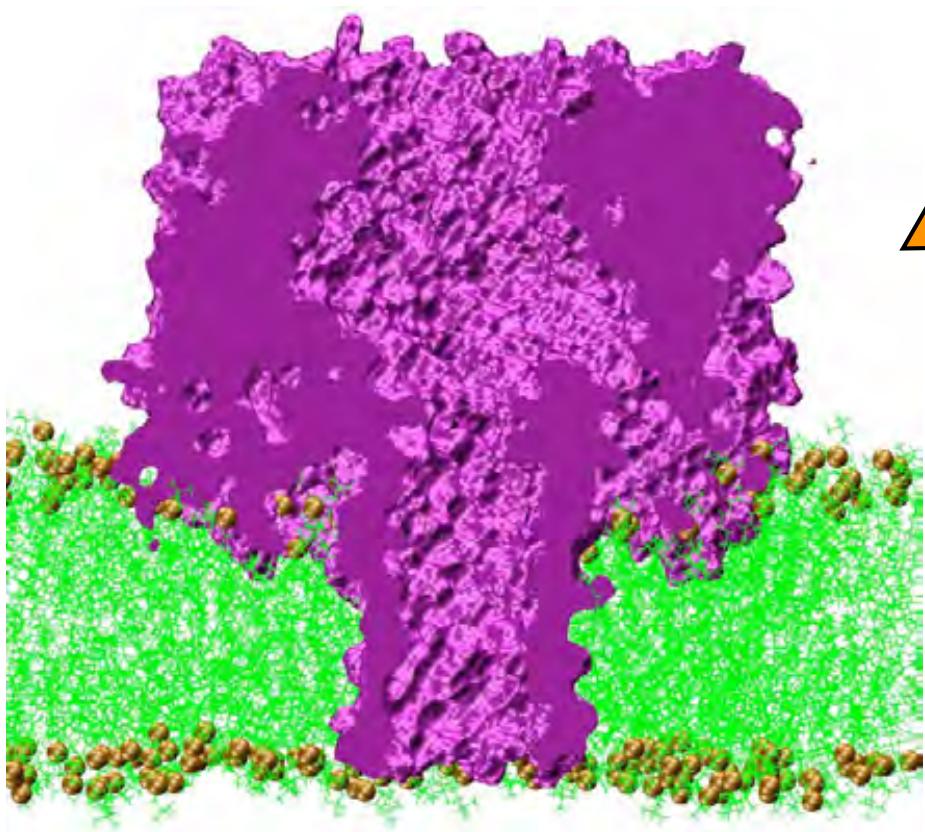
Components

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- DNA
- lipid
- ions
- water

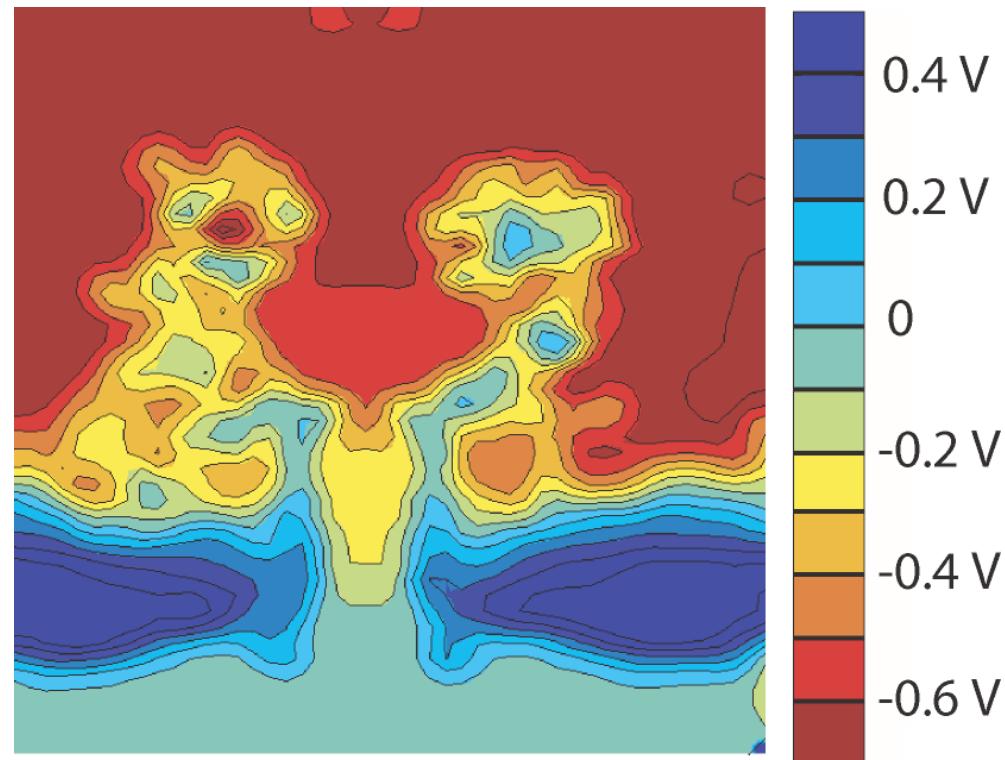
$F = ma @ 300 K$

Time step = 1 fs

# Computing conductance of $\alpha$ -hemolysin with molecular dynamics



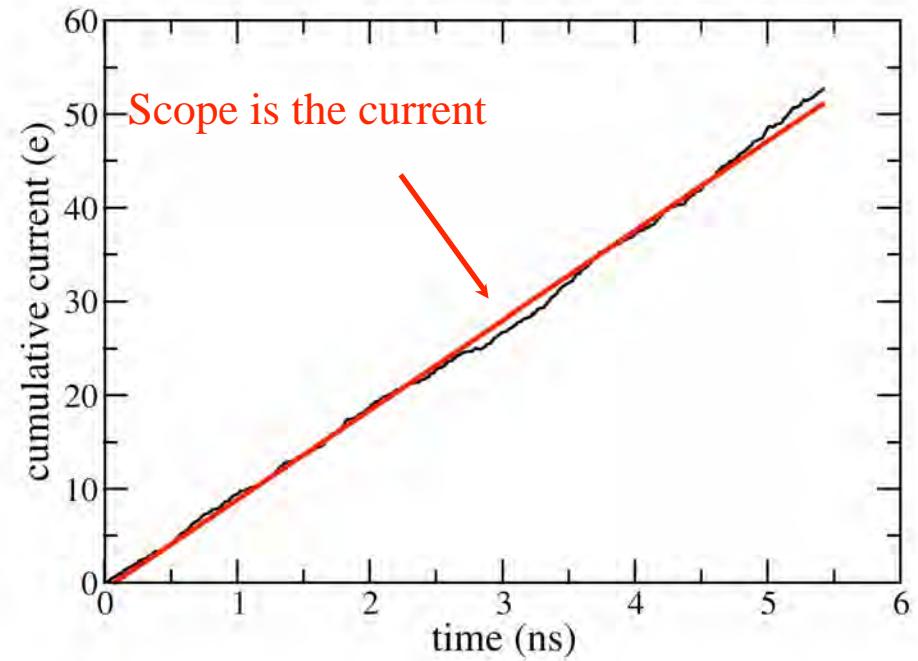
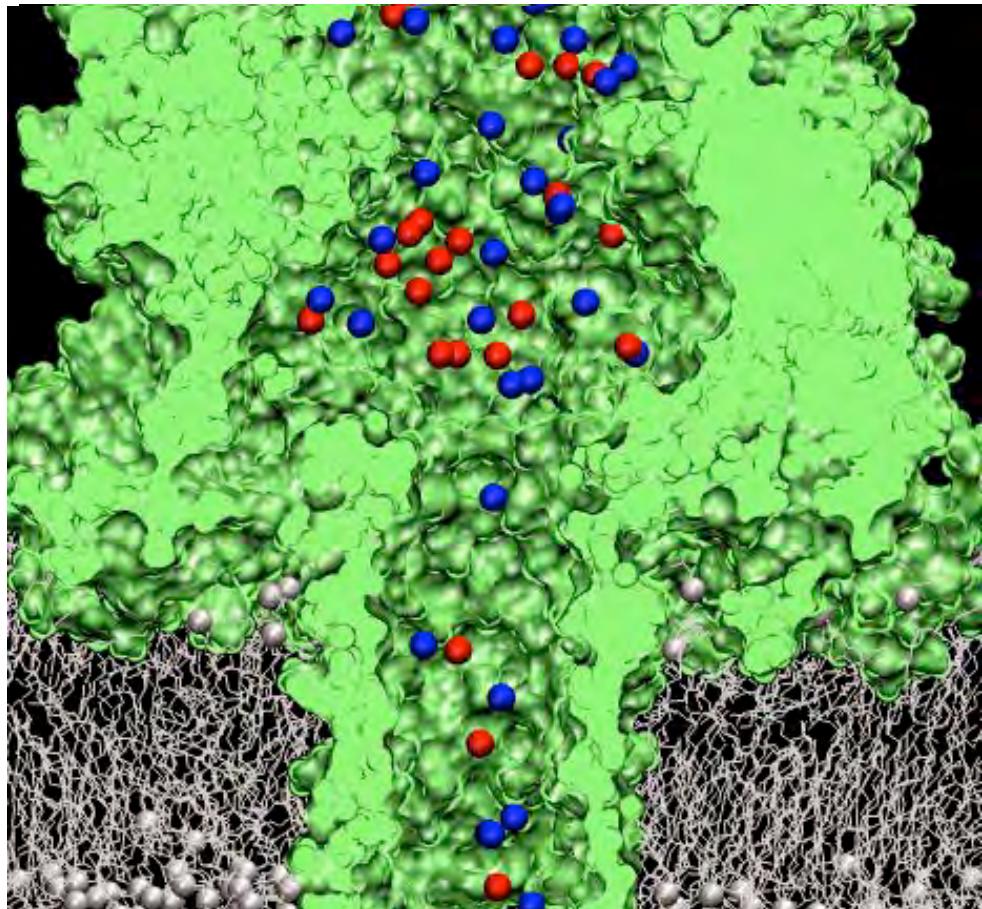
Protein + lipid bilayer membrane + 1M water solution of KCl = ~300,000 atoms



Average electrostatic potential map

# Current-voltage curve of $\alpha$ -hemolysin

*Biophys. J.* 88:3745 (2005)

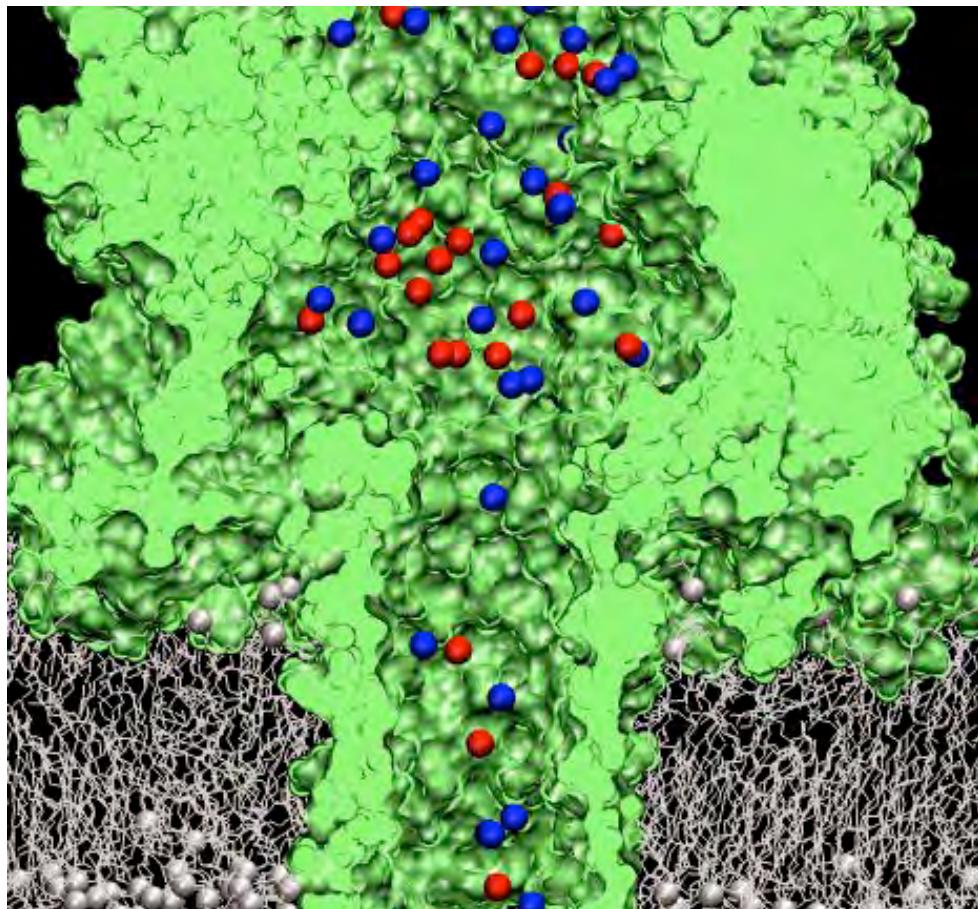


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Instantaneous current

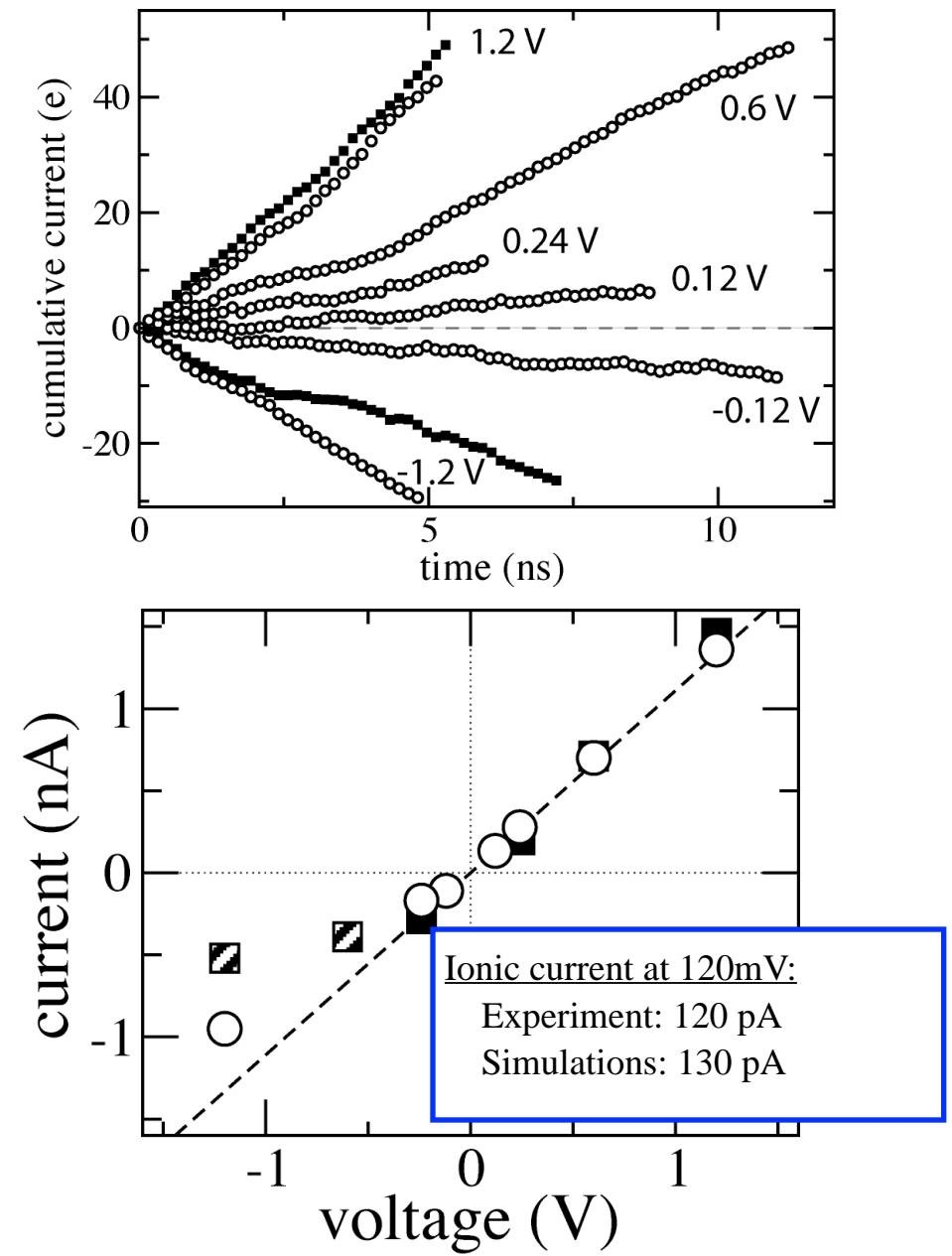
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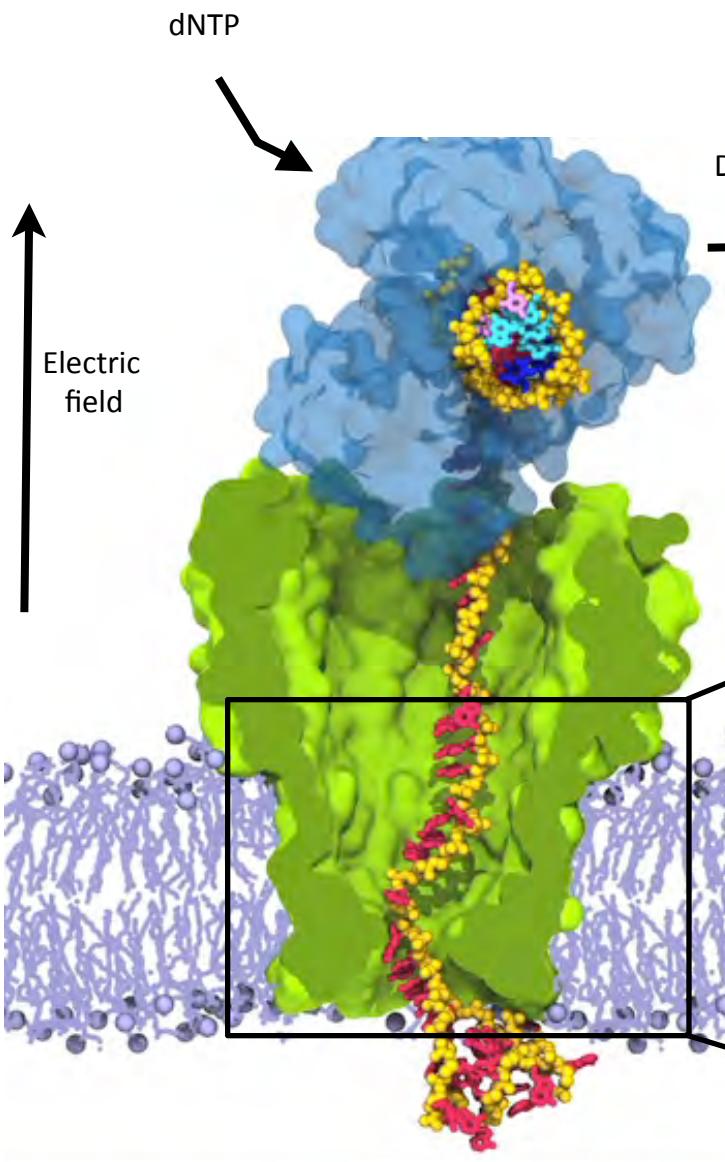


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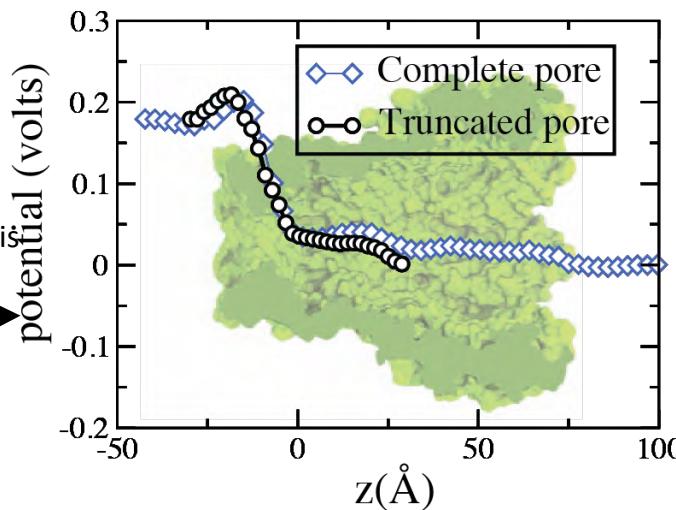
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# MD simulations of current blockades in MspA

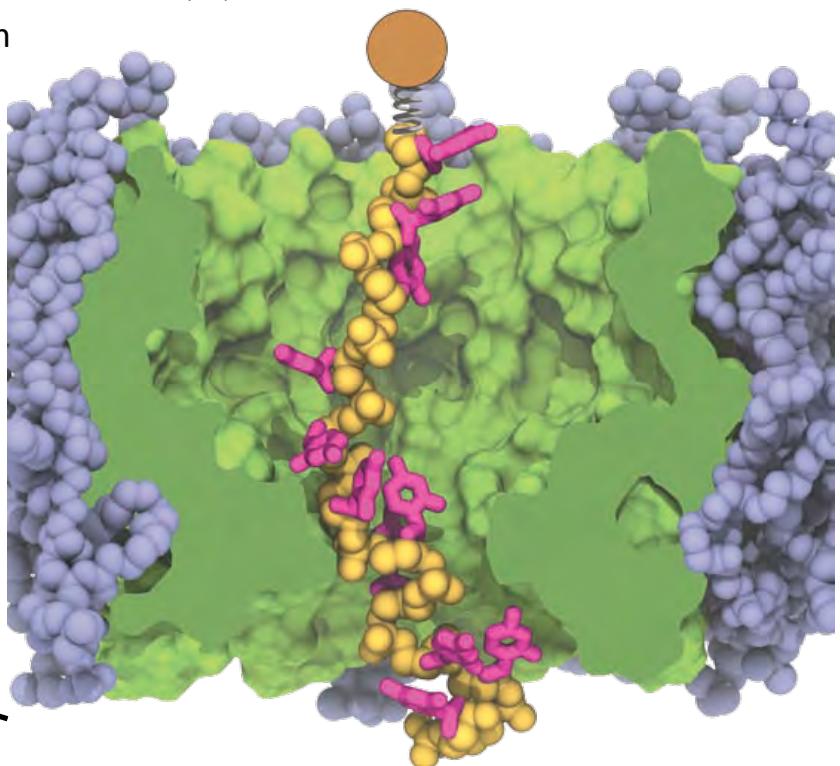


MD simulation ssDNA- DNA polymerase complex  
(350,000 atoms, 150 ns)

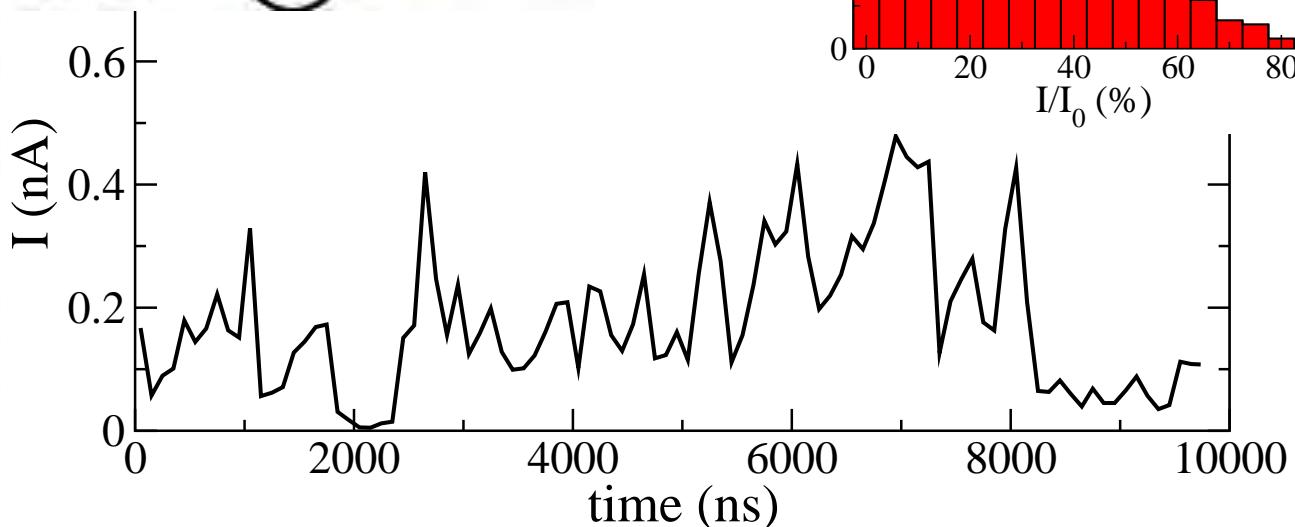
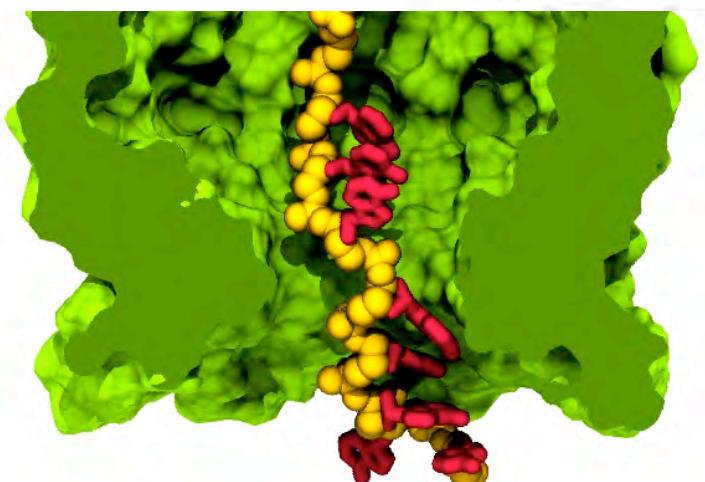
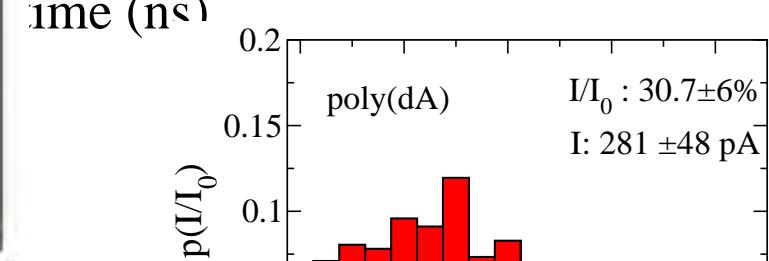
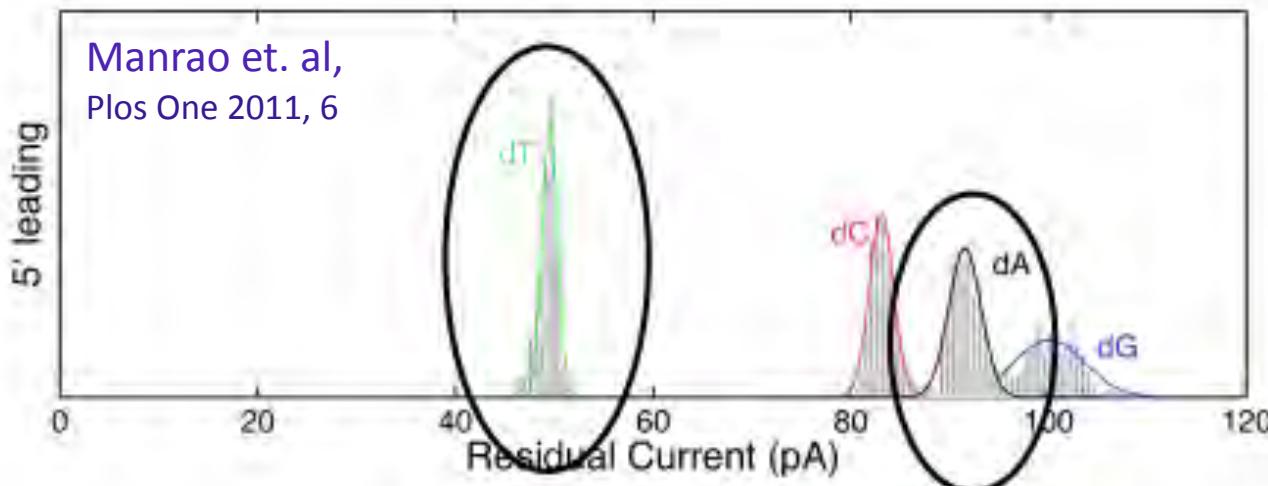
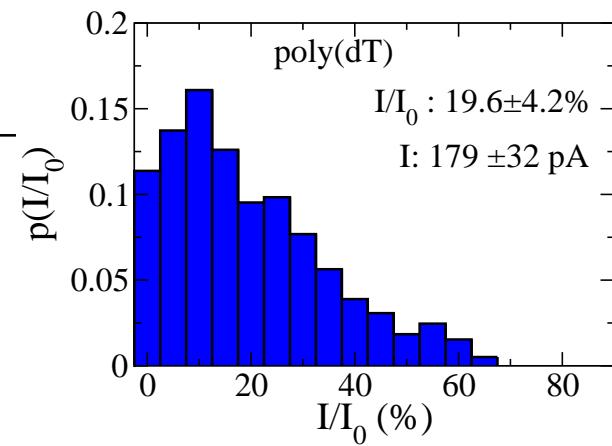
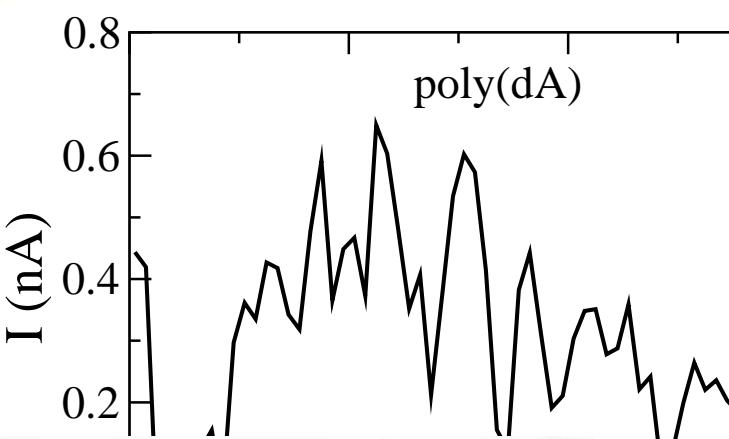
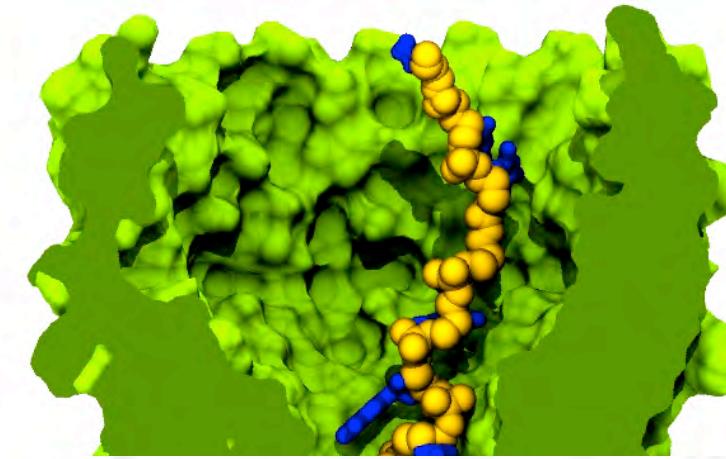


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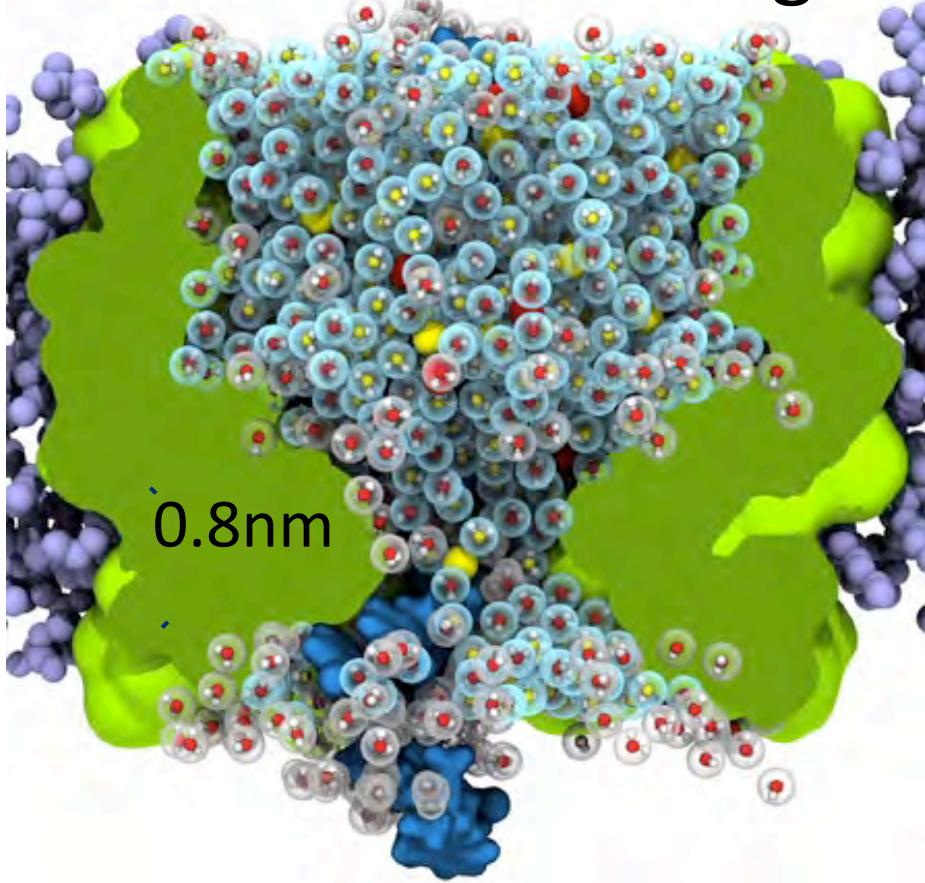
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Reduced system (28,000 atoms)



# Molecular origin of the current blockade



Unstructured (bulk-like) water: more than 2.5Å away from protein or DNA

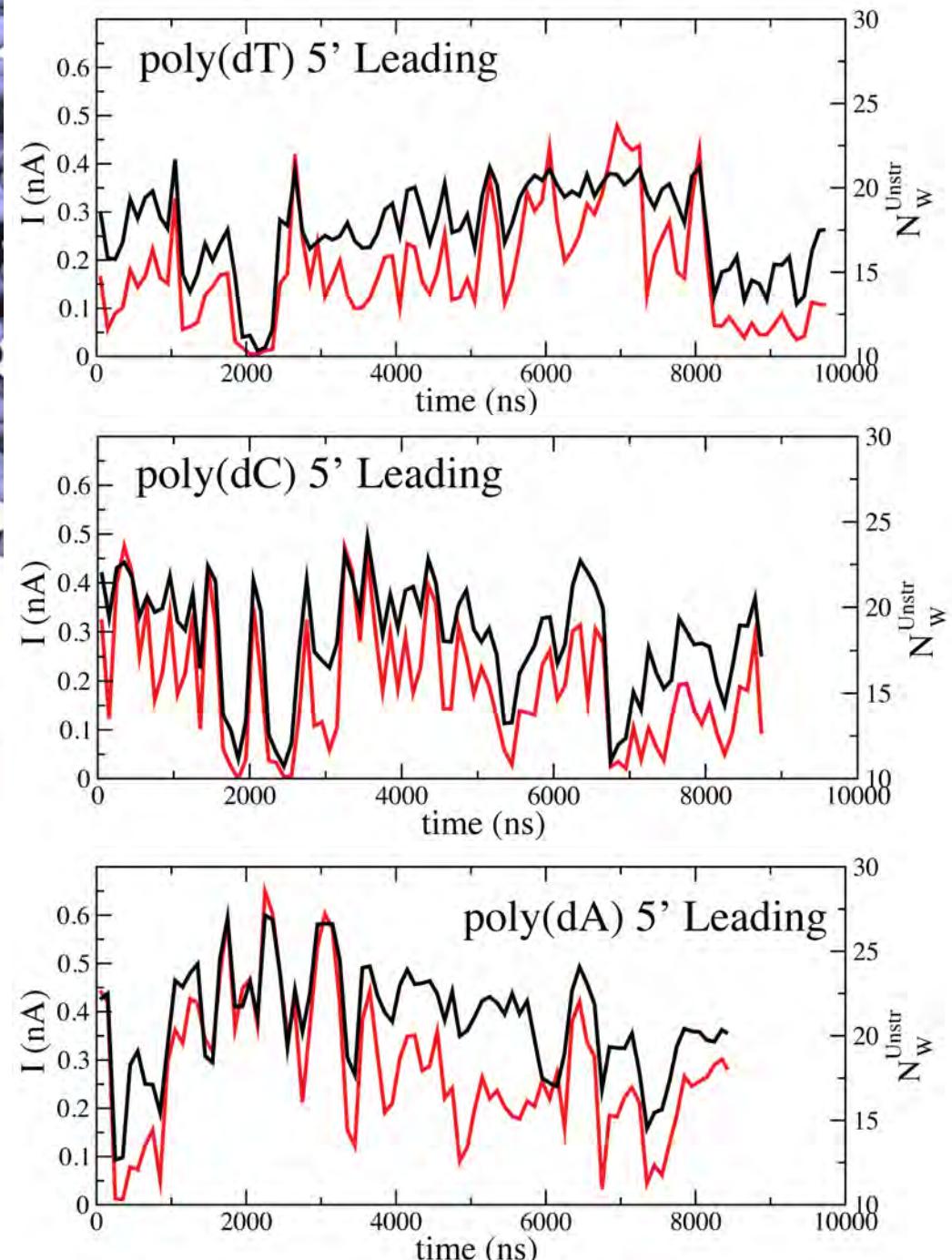
Correlation between Current and Water:

Pearson Coefficient

Poly(dT): 0.86

Poly(dC): 0.90

Poly(dA): 0.85



# Nanopore efforts around the world

## Polymer

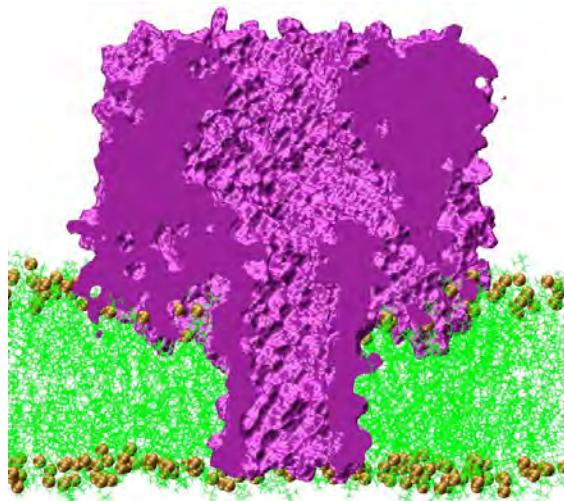
Darmstadt, UND,  
UC Irvine, UF,  
...



Ion track etched  
Thick layers (~ $\mu\text{m}$ )  
Robust  
Fixed charge  
Unknown dimensions  
Surface modifications  
High speed, low field  
Indi address difficult

## Proteins

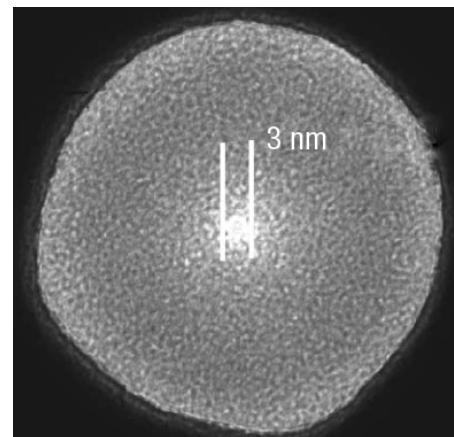
NIST, UCSC, Harvard, UBC,  
Oxford, Evry, BU, U Wash.,  
Syracuse, ...



Self-assembled  
Lipid membranes (~4nm)  
Fragile  
Fixed charge  
Atomically precise  
Can be engineered  
Low speed, high field  
Indi address difficult

## Nitride/oxide

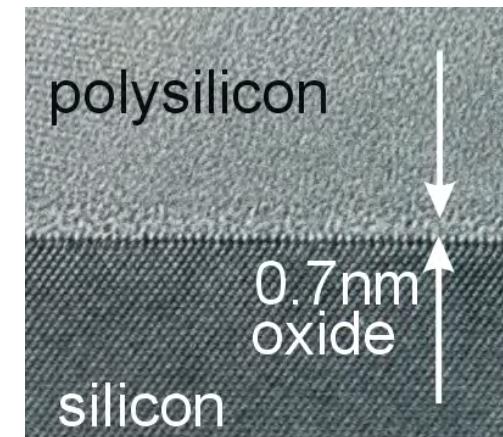
Harvard, UBC, BU,  
UIUC, Delft, Arkansas,  
Brown, UNC, NE(!),  
...



Fabricated  
>5nm  
Robust  
Fixed charge  
Sub-nm, but not atomic  
Surface modifications  
High speed, high field  
Indi addressed

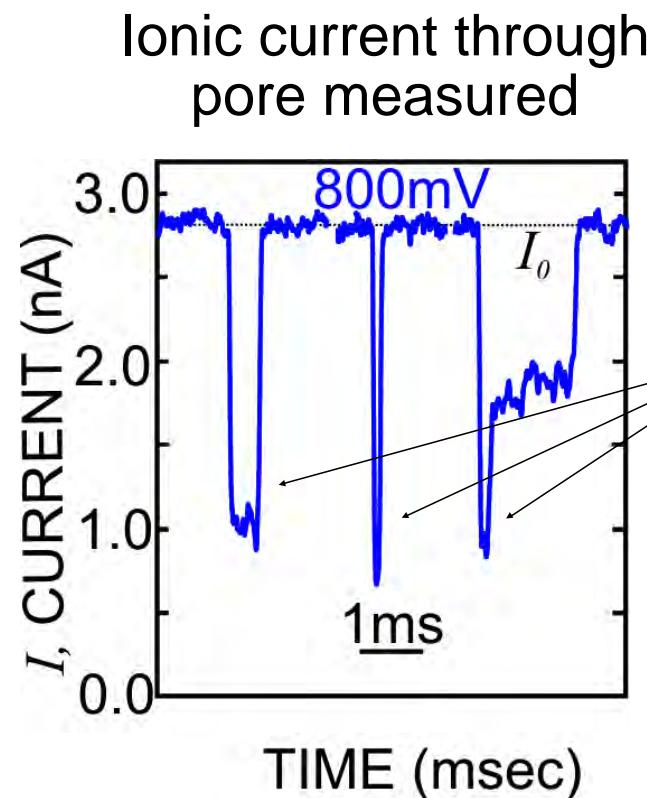
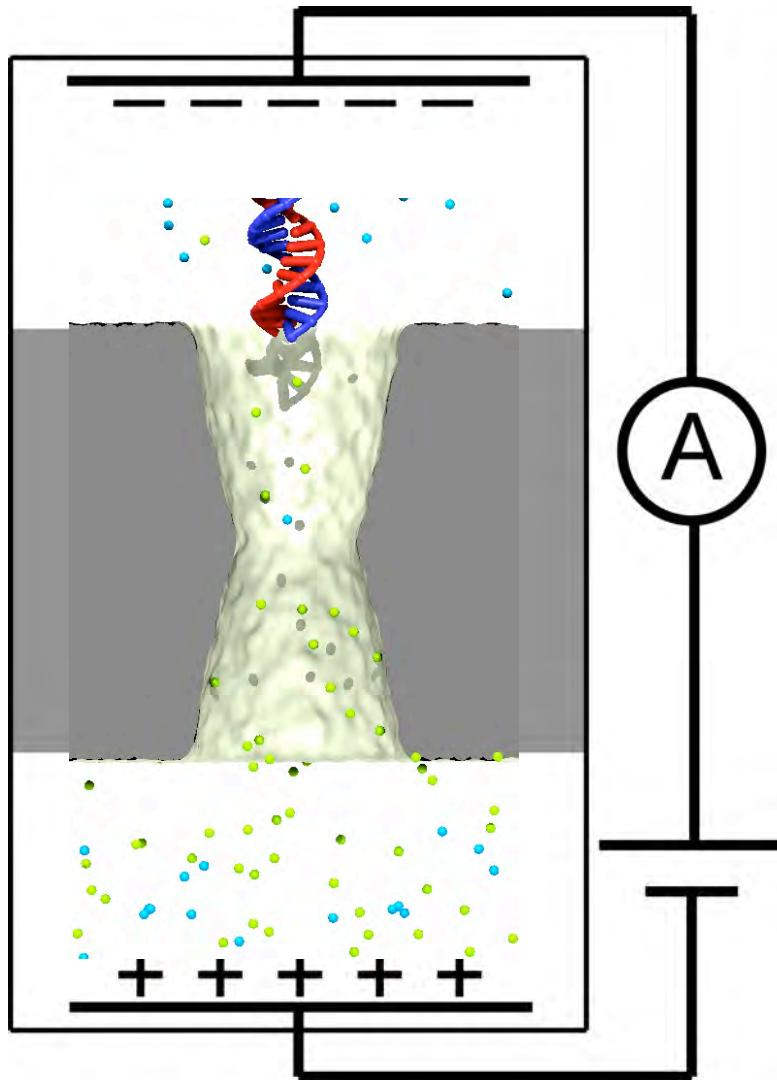
## Active hetero structures

IBM, UIUC,  
Lausanne, ...



Fabricated  
<1 nm  
Robust  
Field-effect adjustment  
Sub-nm  
Surface modifications  
High speed, high field  
Indi addressed

# DNA transport through solid-state nanopore



current transients  
associated with  
passage of dsDNA

- Isolates  $1\text{nm}^3$  of volume
- Automatic loading and reloading
- Highly processive, single-file transport
- Compatible with several detection schemes
- No limit on the read length

# The thinner, the better!



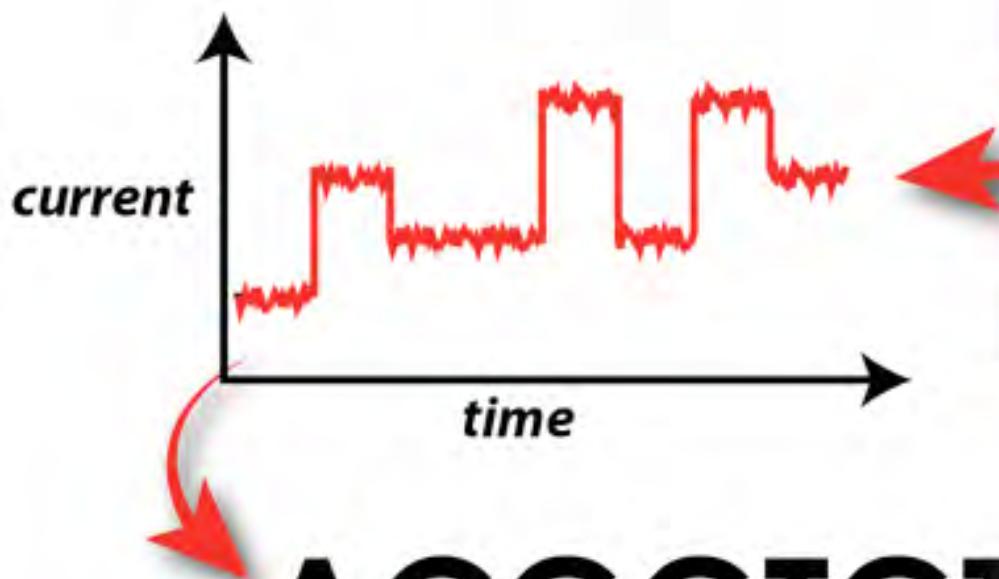
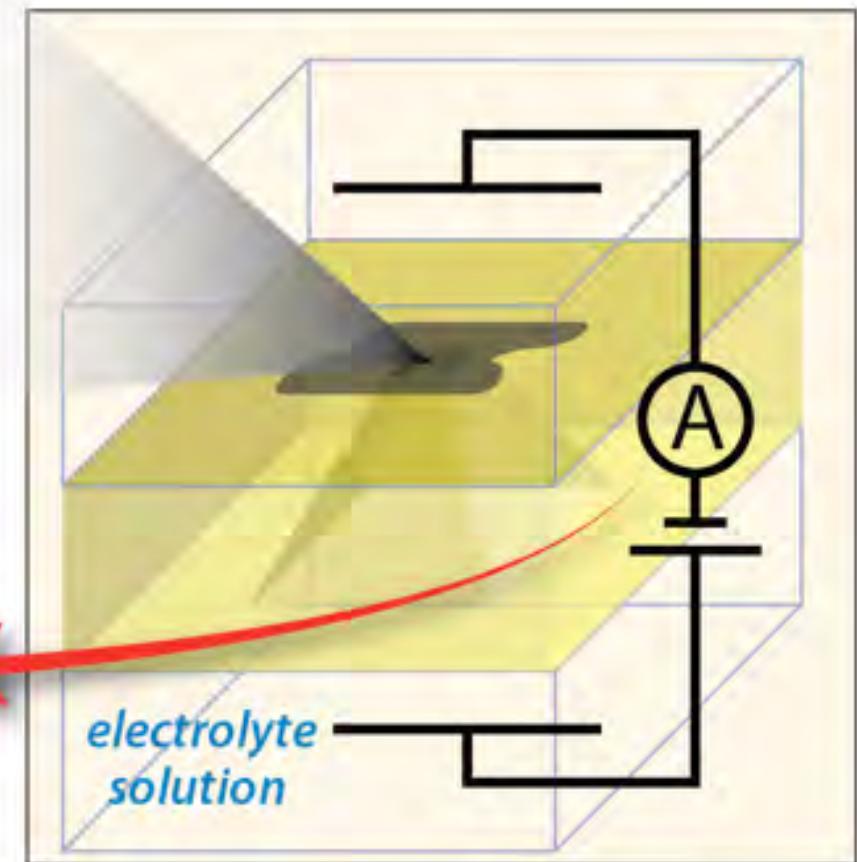
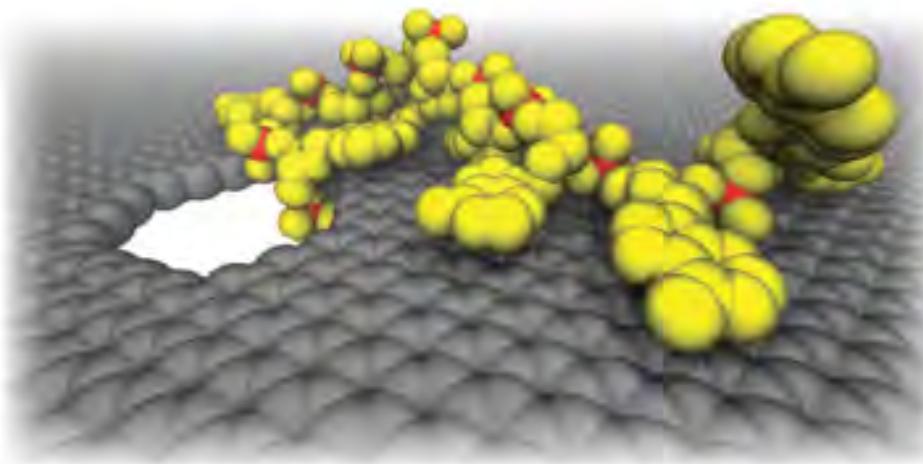
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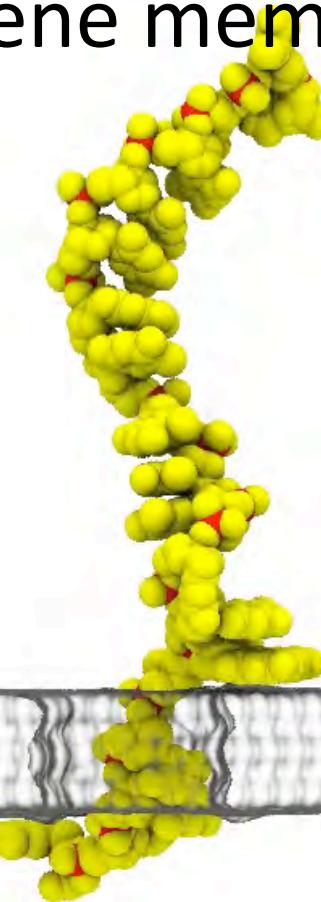
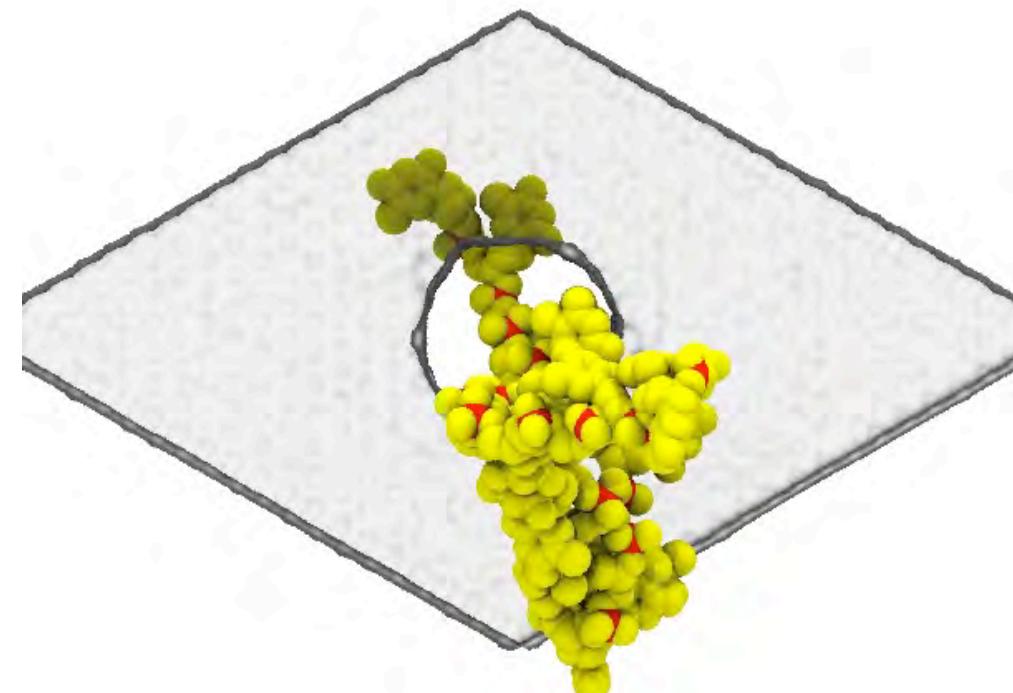
# Graphene Nanopores



**ACGGTGTTCGATTAA**

# Interaction of ssDNA with a graphene membrane

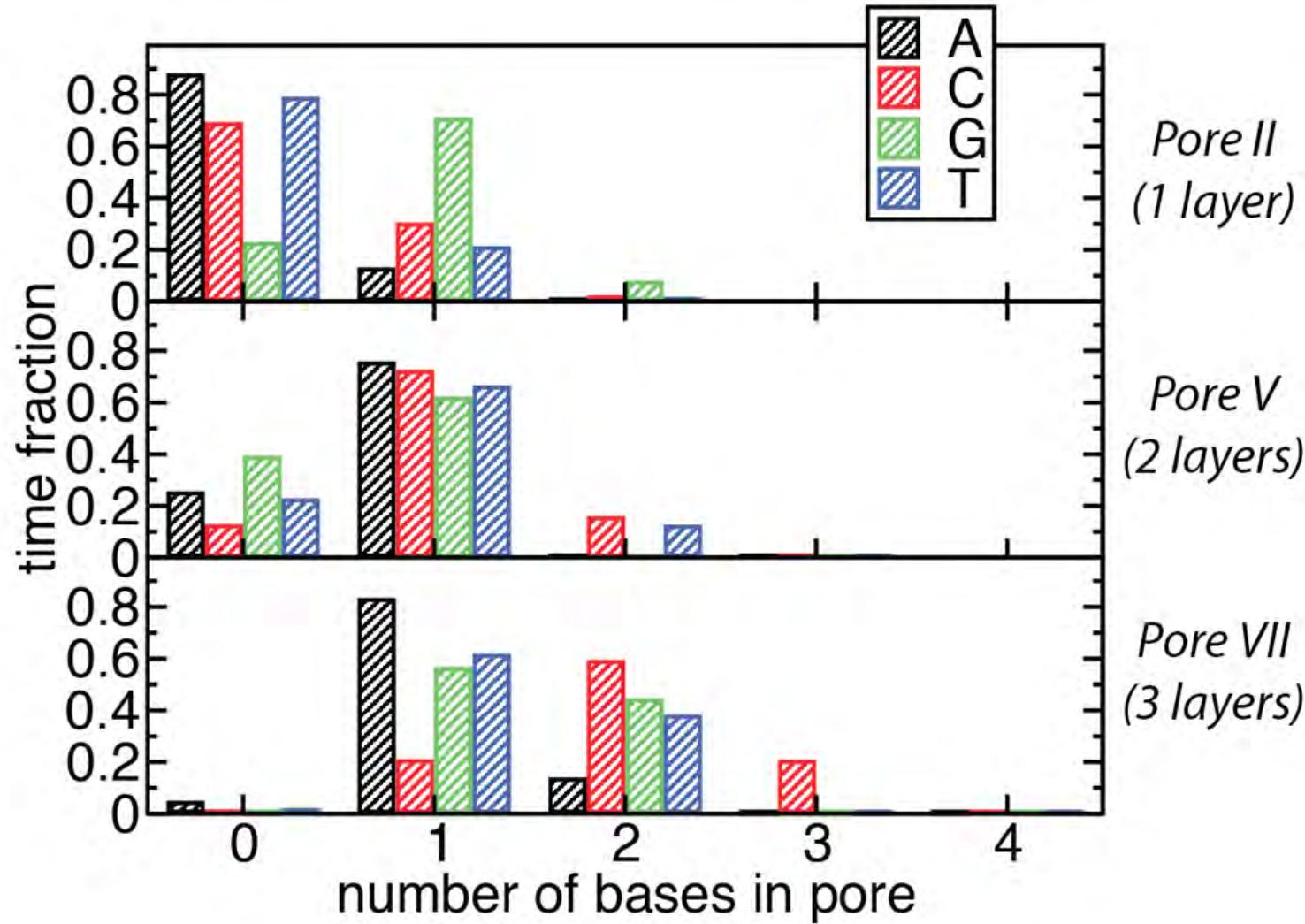
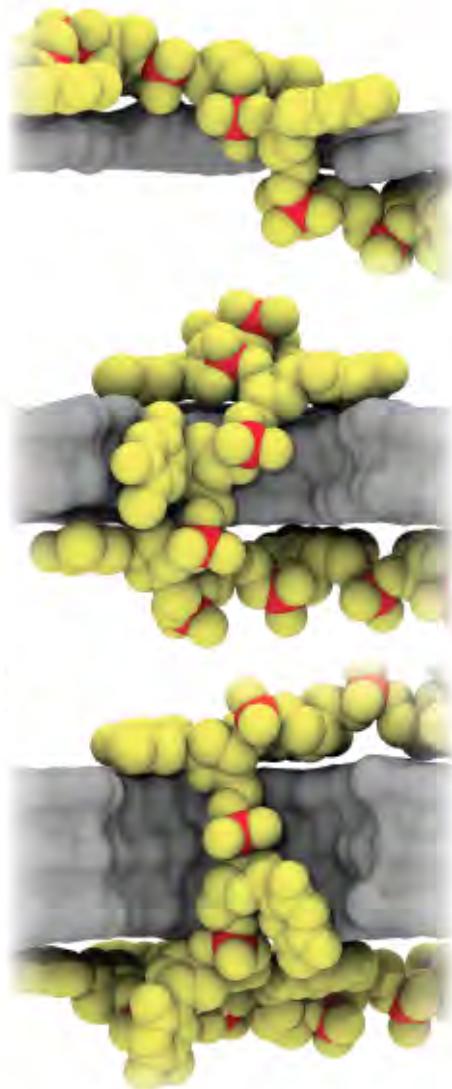
Top view



Side view

14-A diameter pore (surface-to surface);  
3-layer graphite;  
 $\text{poly}(\text{dT})_{20}$ ; 500 mV bias

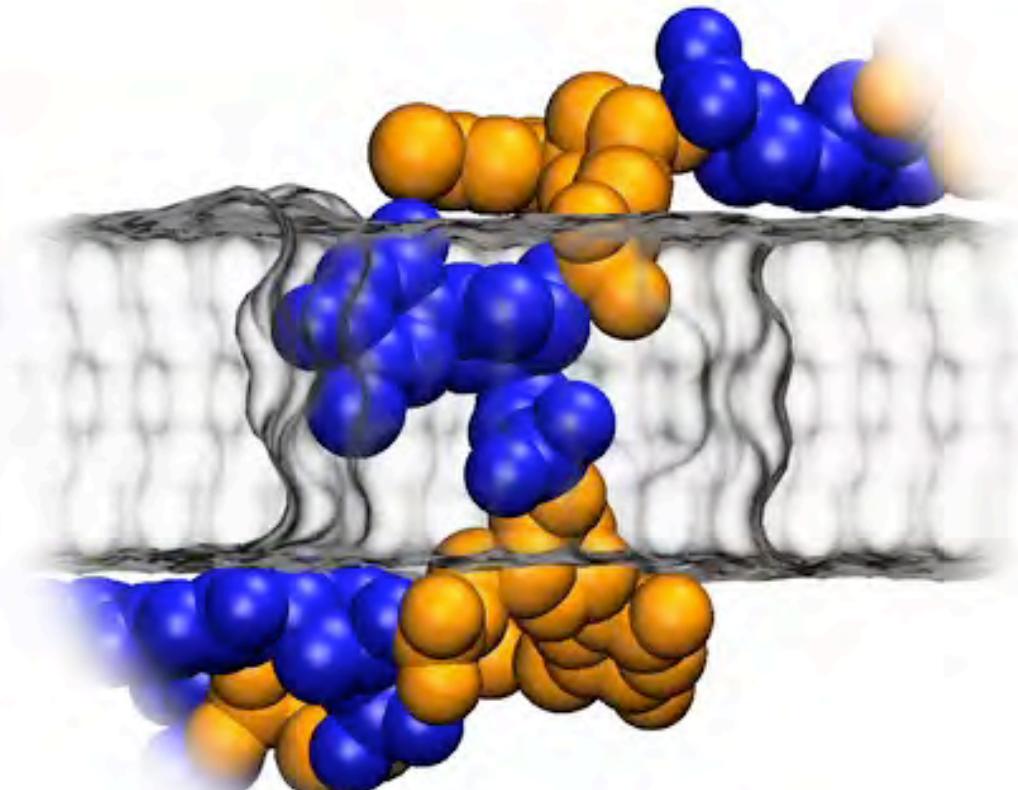
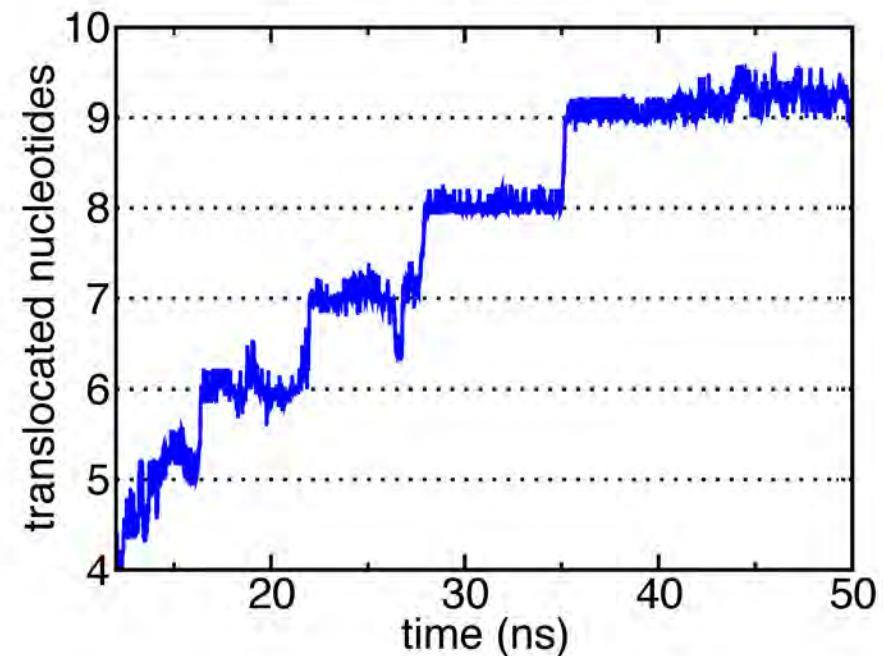
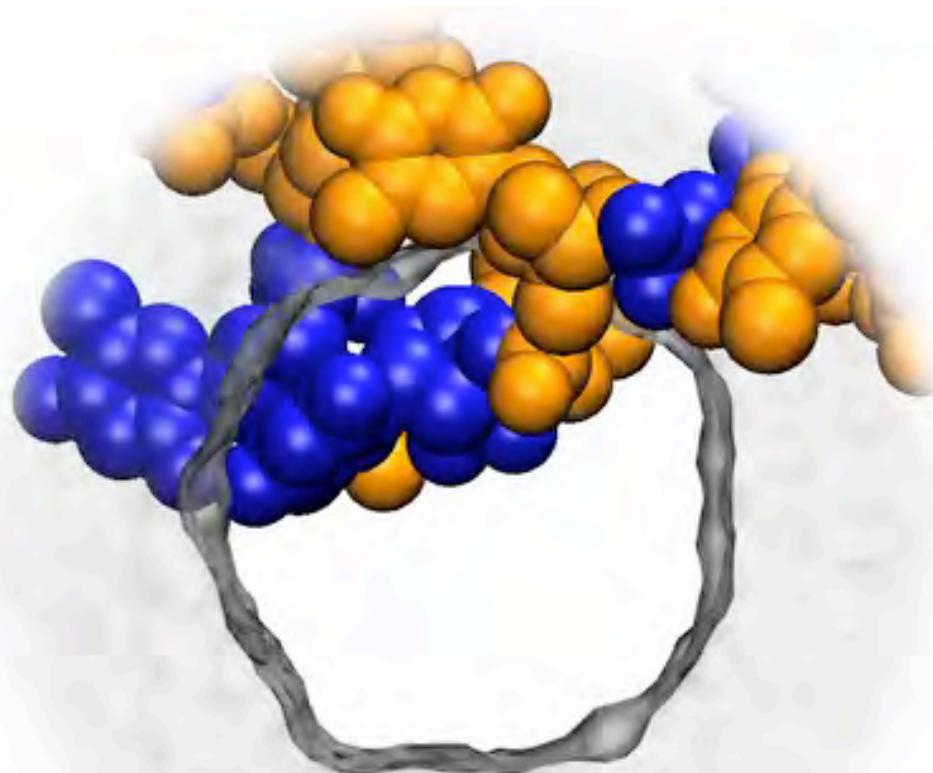
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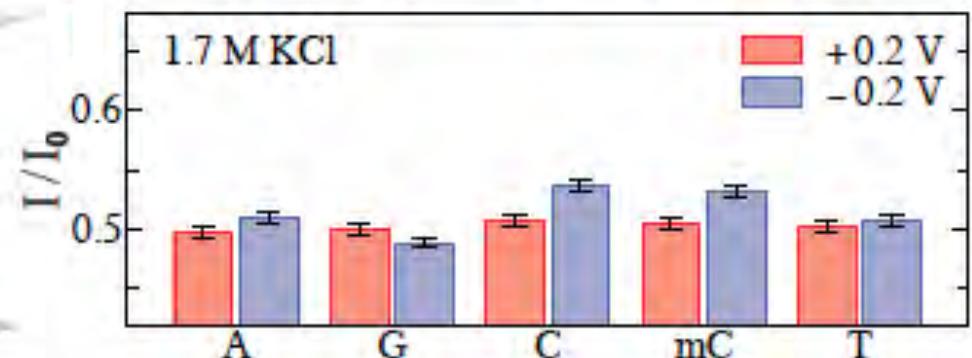
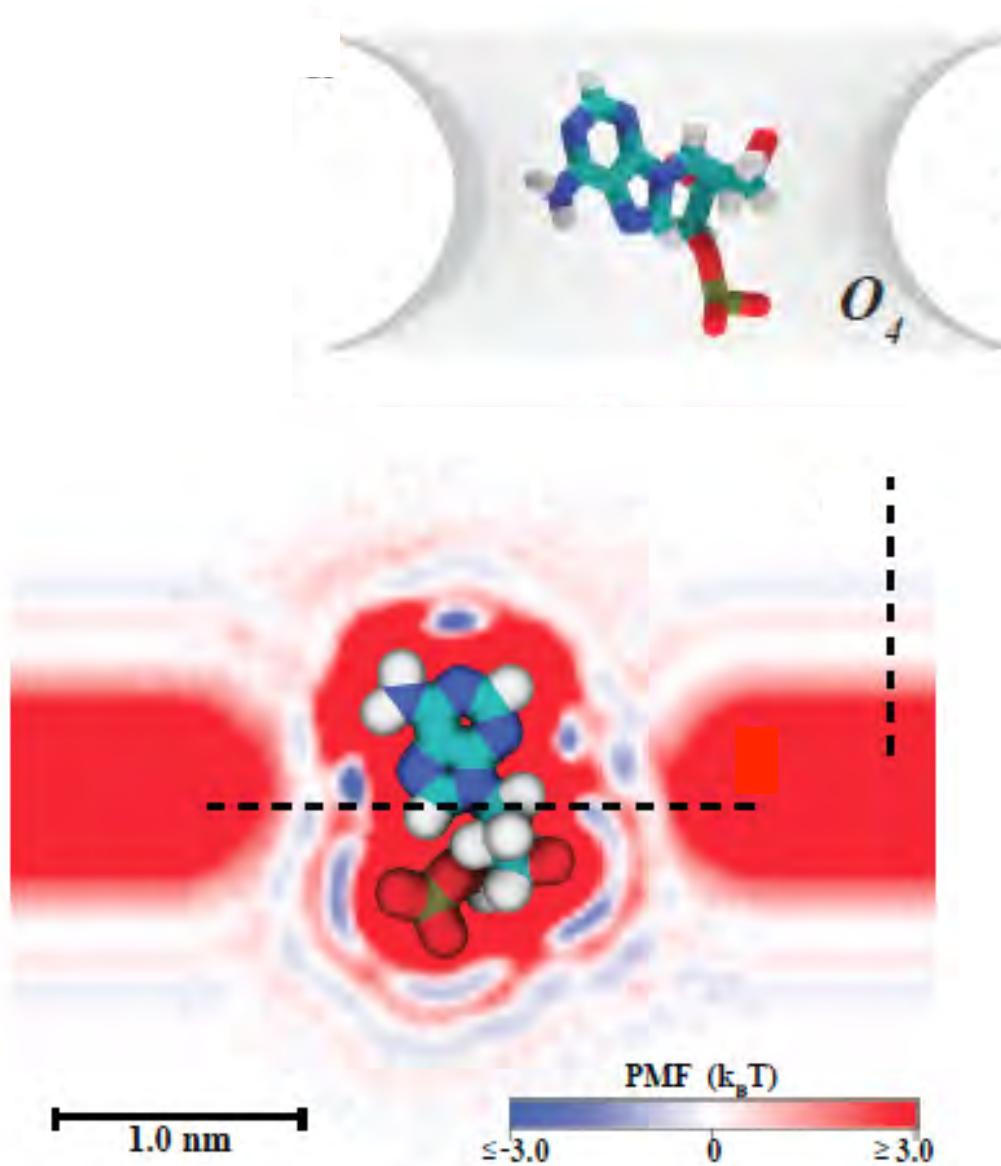
# Stepwise transport of ssDNA through graphene nanopore

14-A diameter pore (surface-to surface);  
3-layer graphite;  
 $\text{poly}(\text{dT})_{20}$ ; 500 mV bias

Acts like a polymerase!



# Ionic current blockades can reveal the DNA sequence

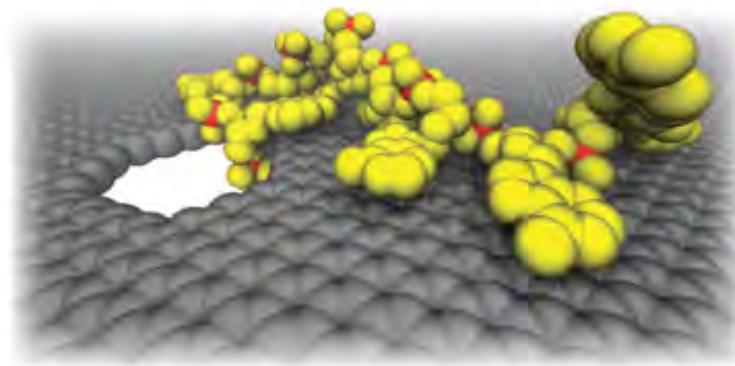
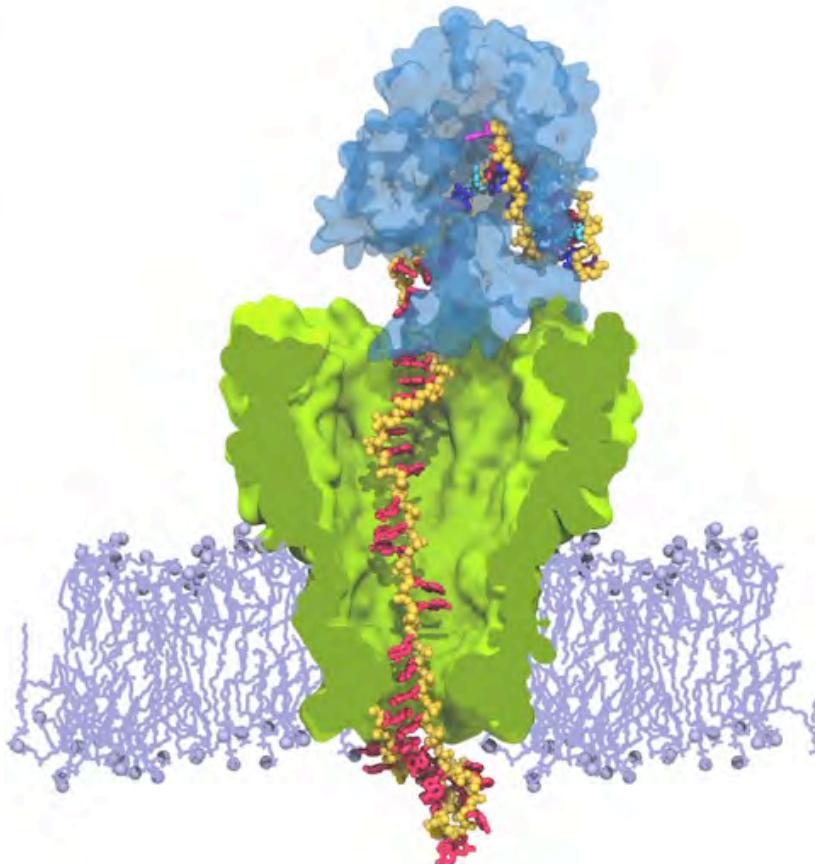
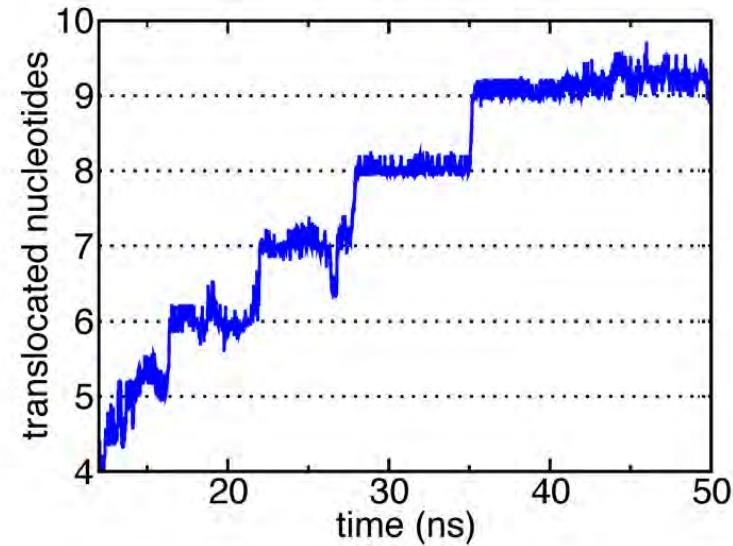
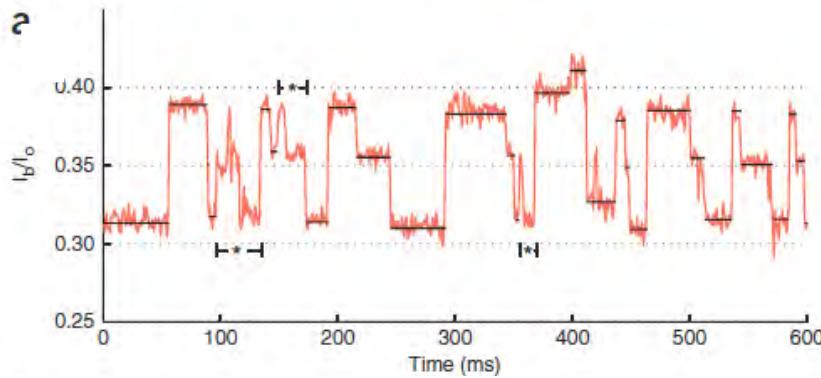


Atomic-Resolution Brownian Dynamics  
simulations of ionic current blockades in graphene  
nanopores

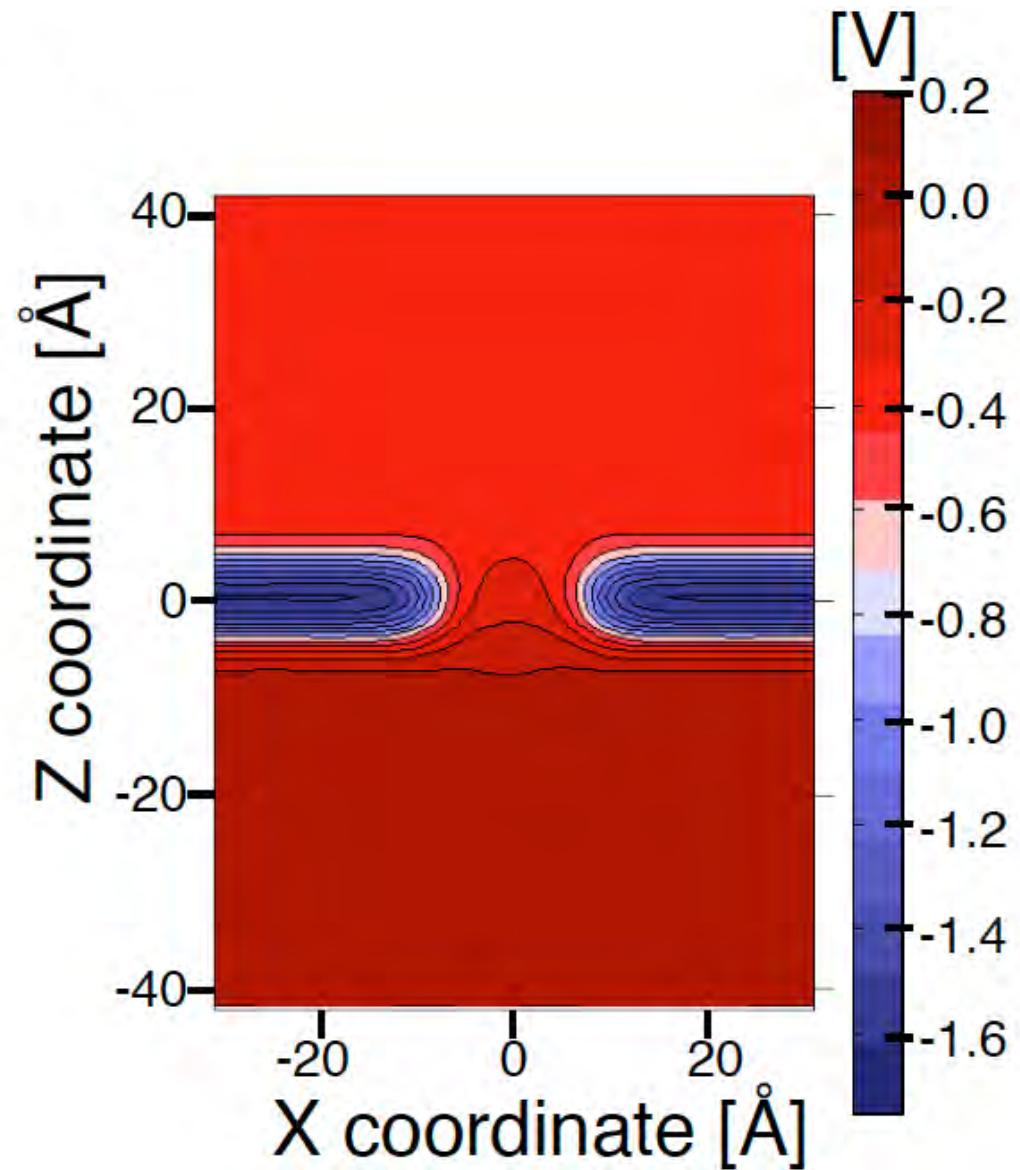
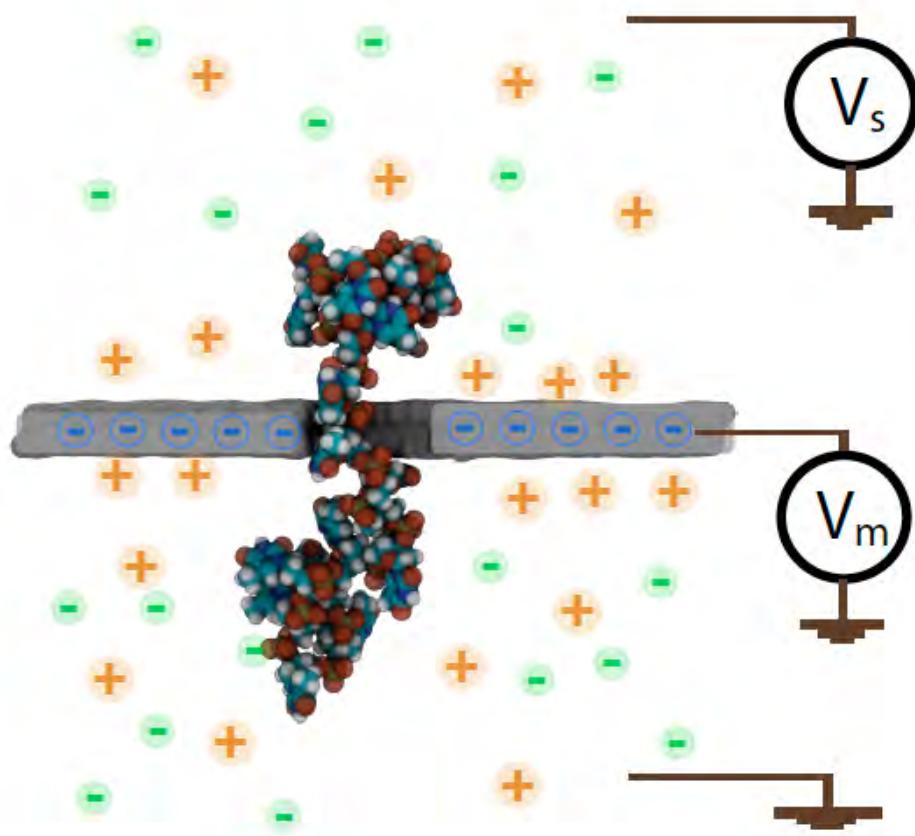


Wells, Belkin, Comer, Aksimentiev, Nano Letters  
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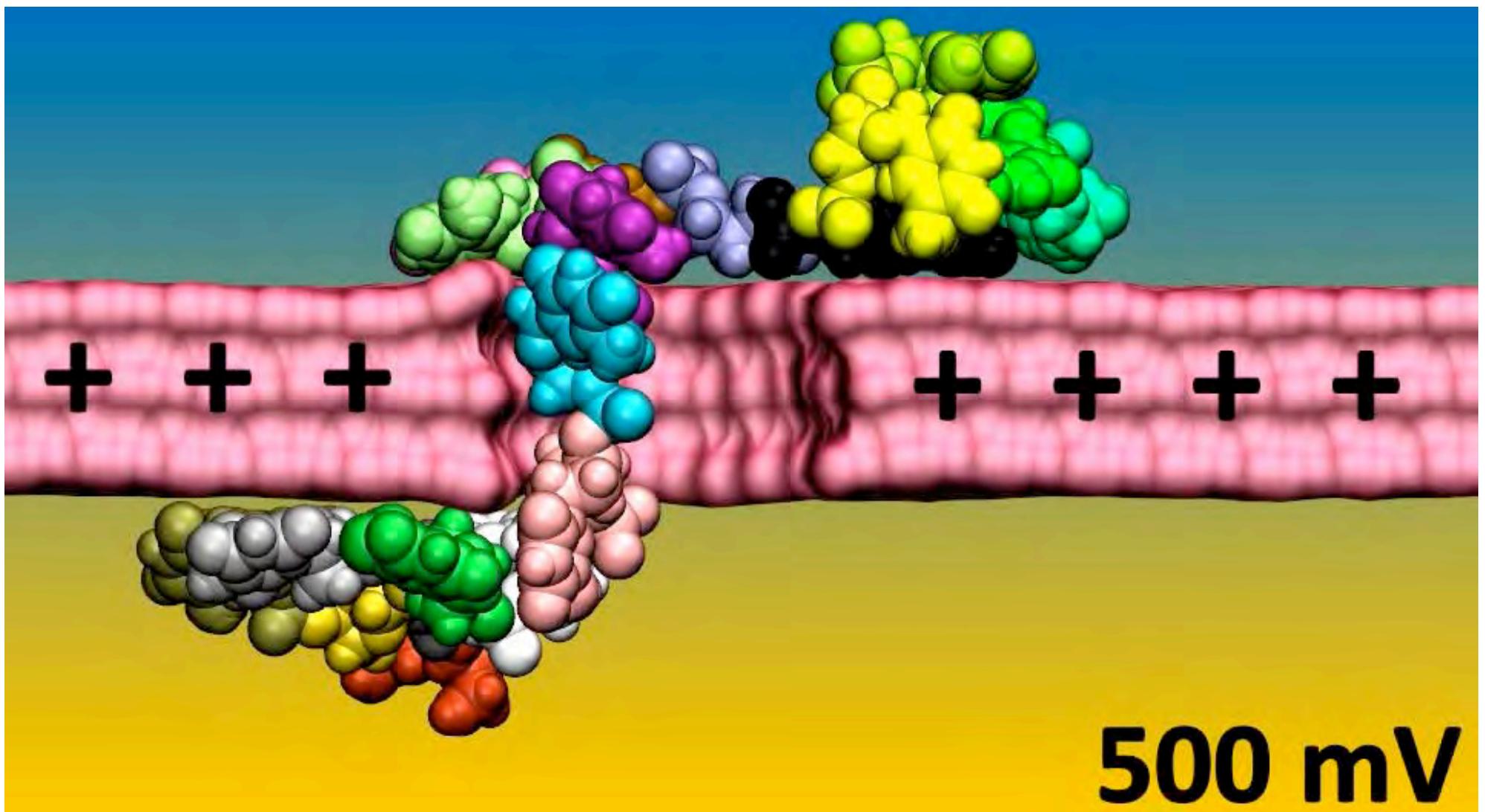
# Just like polymerase: transport is stochastic



# Charge modulates velocity of ssDNA translocation



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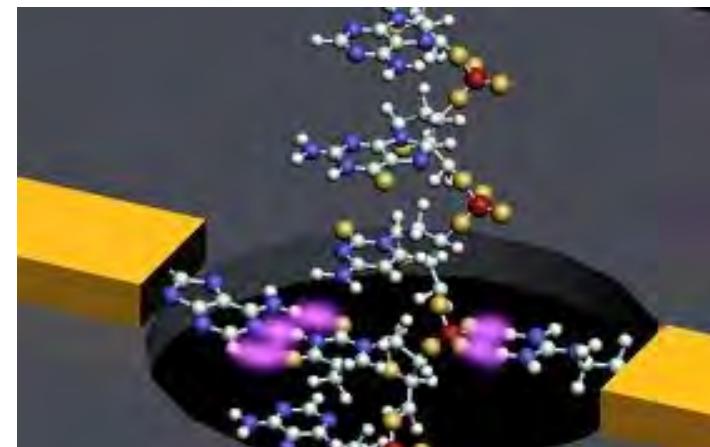
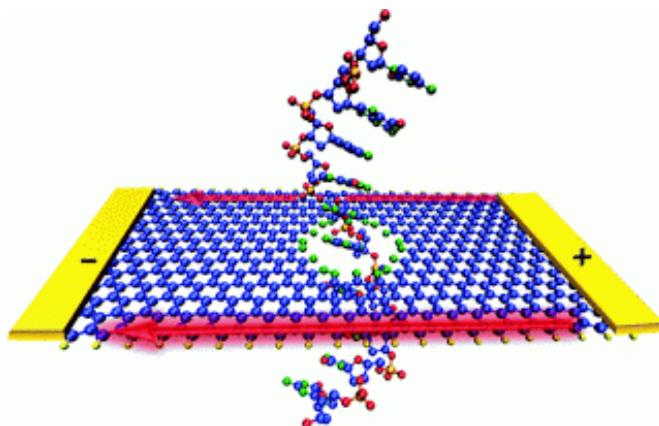
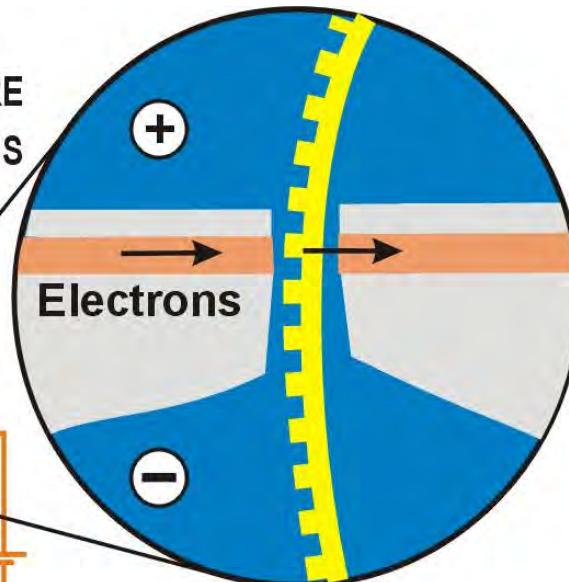
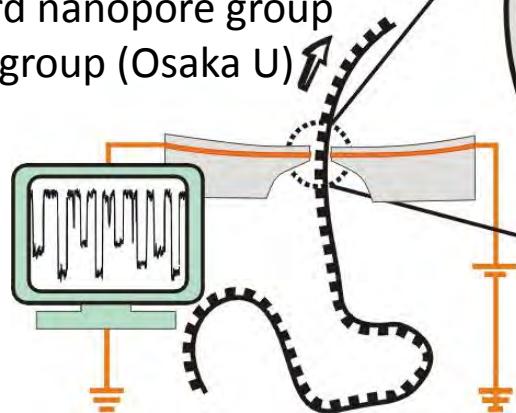


Manish Shankla et al. (to be published)

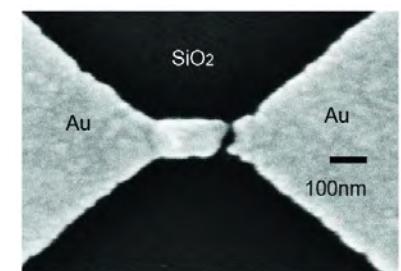
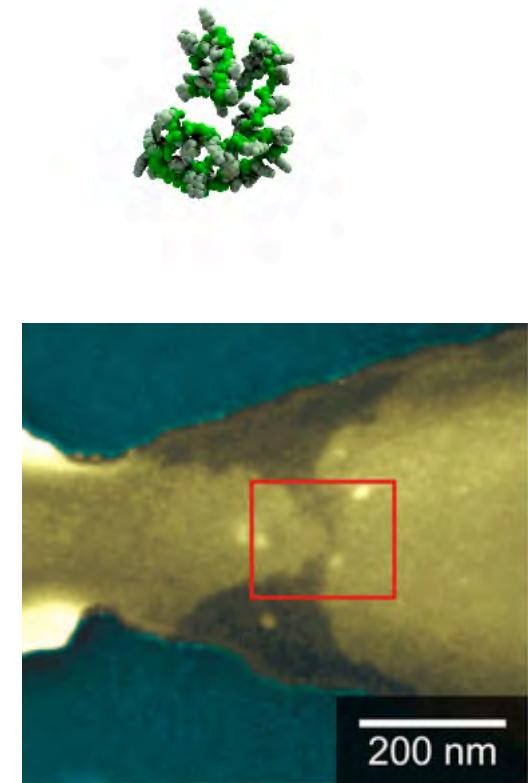
# Sequencing by transverse current

## A SOLID STATE NANOPORE ARTICULATED WITH PROBES

Max Diventra (UCSD)  
Harvard nanopore group  
Kawai group (Osaka U)



Stuart Lindsay (ASU)



# Temperature effects in nanopores

Slowing DNA transport:

Meller et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 2001

Wanunu et al. Nat. Nanotech (2010)

Regulating transport in :

aHL: Movileanu et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006

solid-state pores:

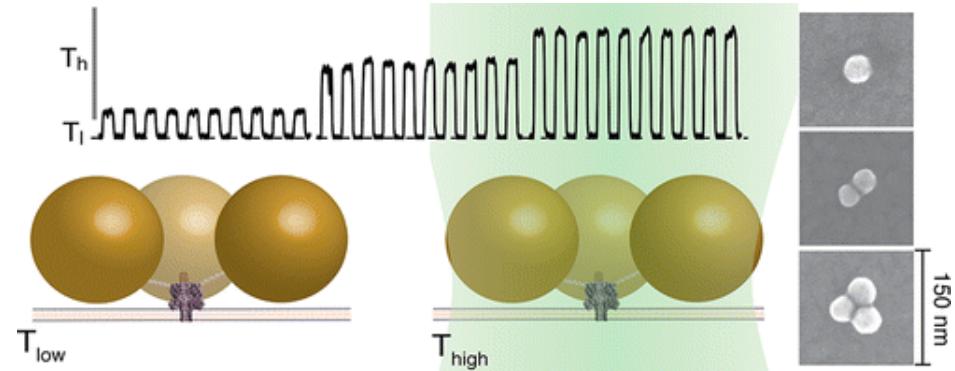
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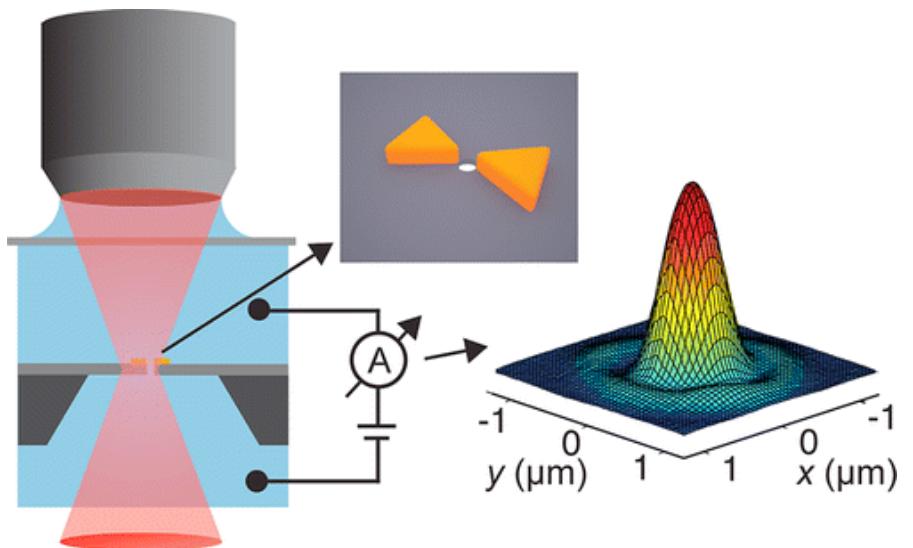
Finding the pore:

Keyser et al. Nano Lett. 2005, 5, 2253

Plasmonic heating:



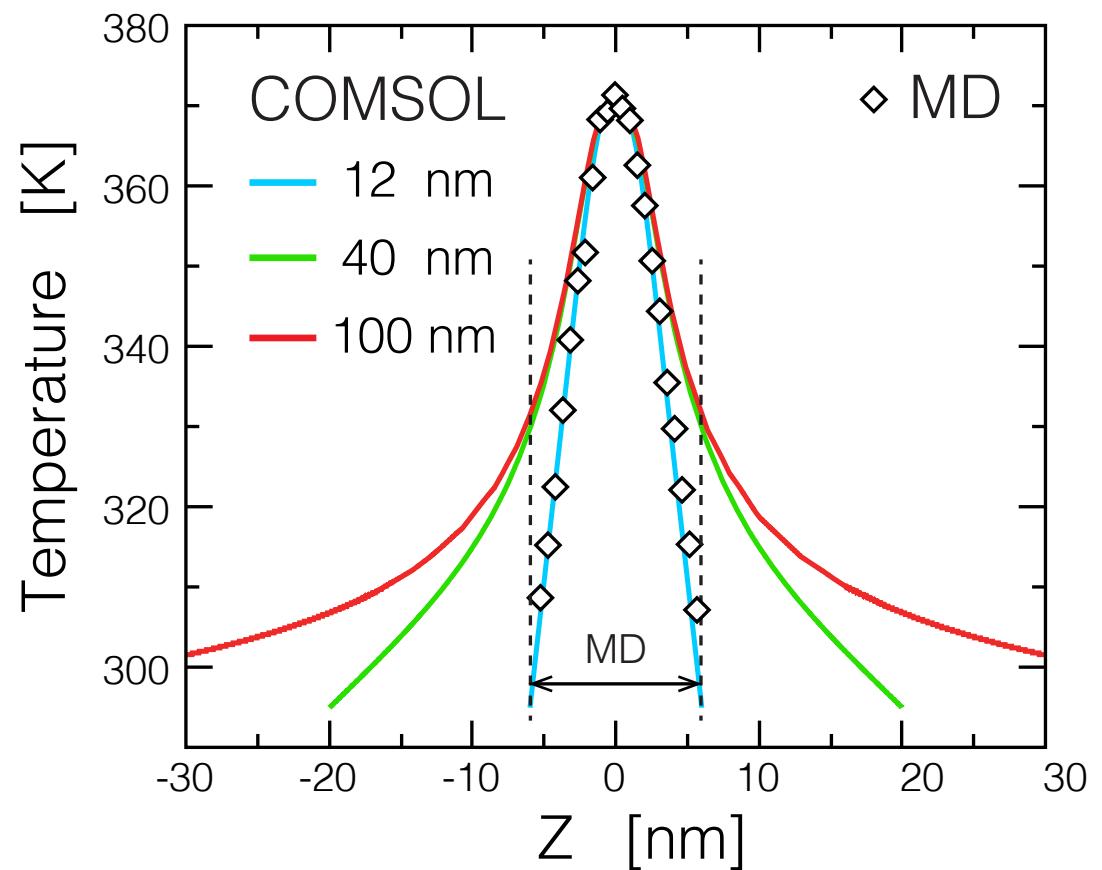
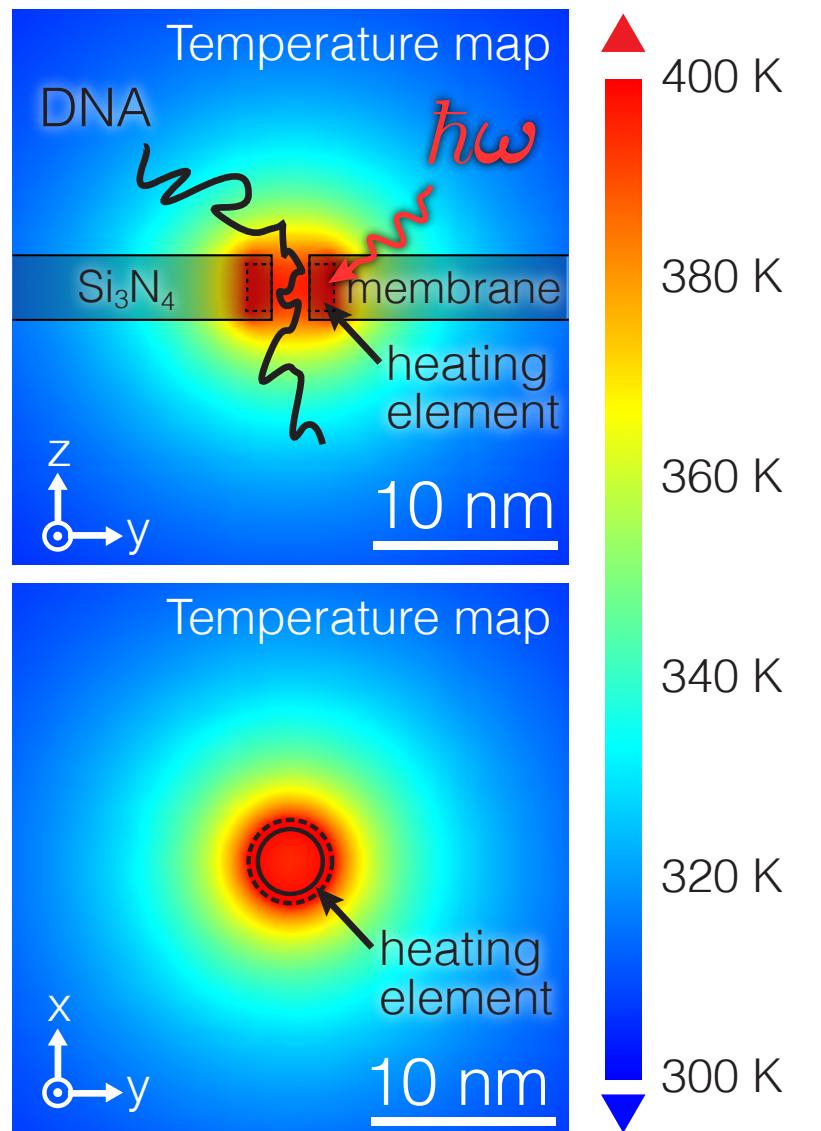
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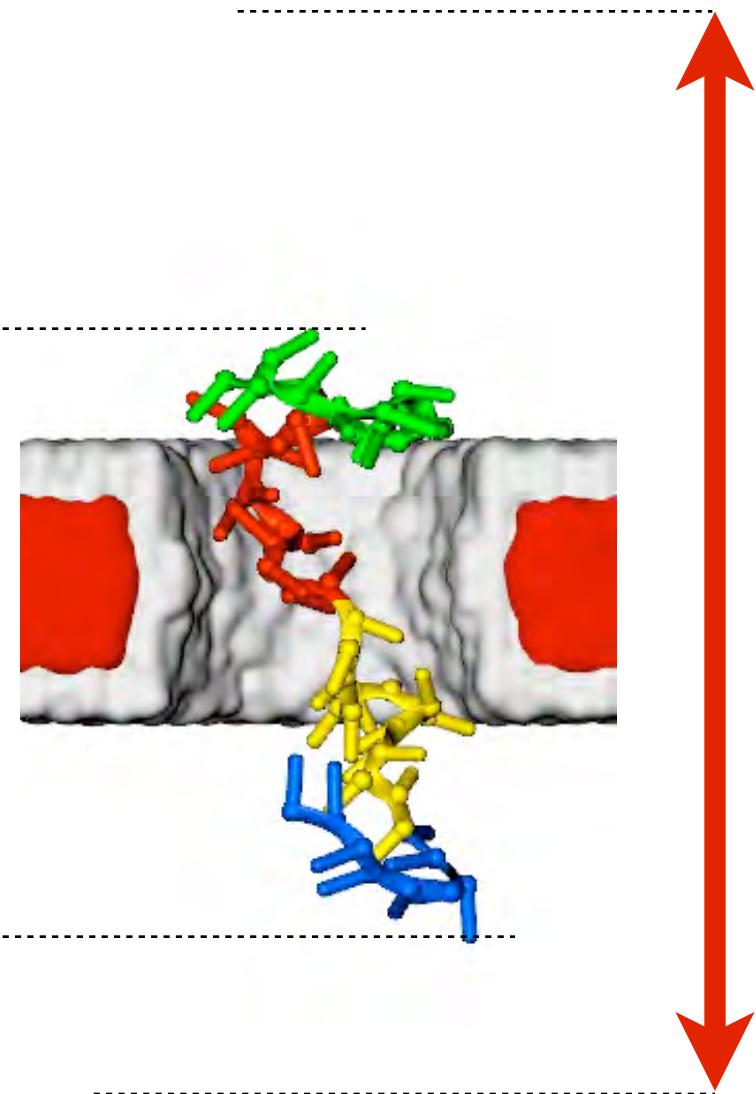
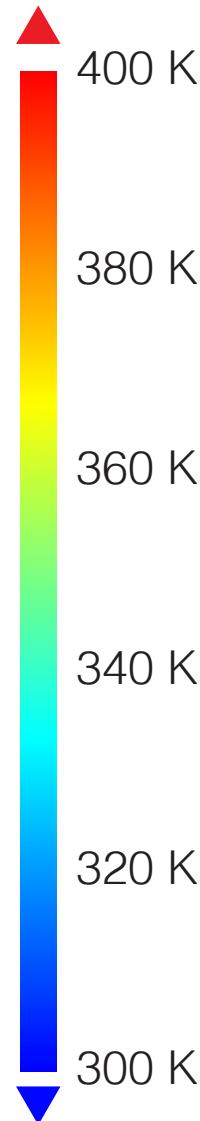
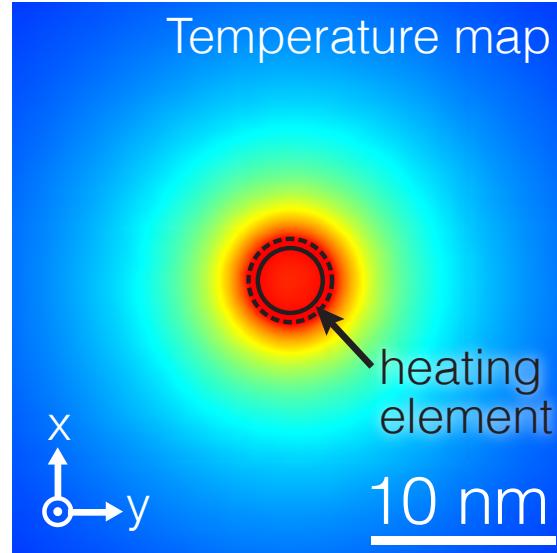
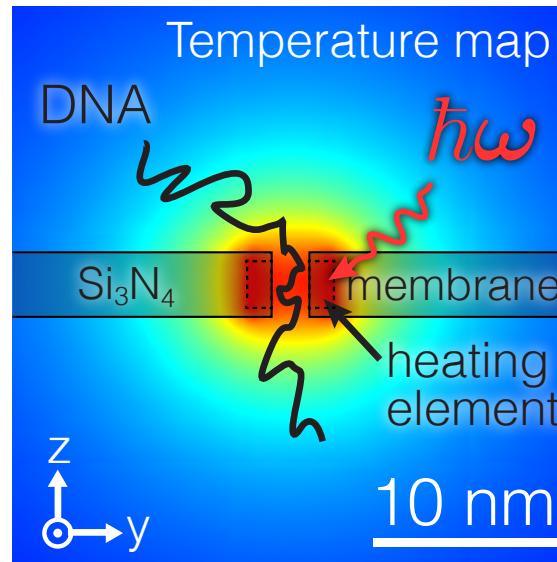
# Local plasmonic heating stretches ssDNA

M Belkin et al. ACS Nano 7:6816 (2013)



# Local heating in nanopore systems

M Belkin et al. ACS Nano 7:6816 (2013)



# Thermophoresis

Non-convective mass transport along temperature gradients

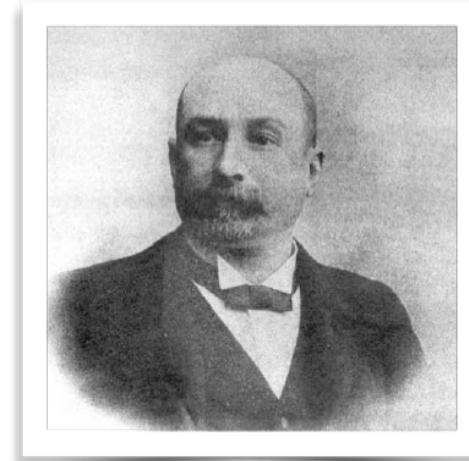
First reported in electrolyte solutions

1856 - Carl Ludwig

1879 - Charles Soret

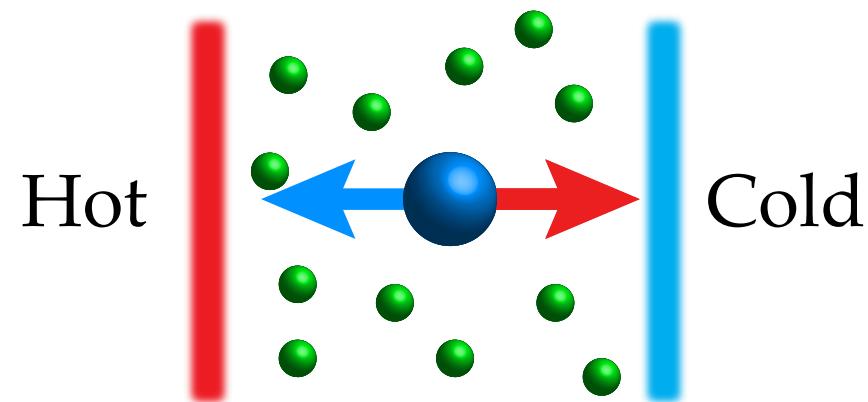


*Carl Ludwig*



*Charles Soret*

*positive thermophoresis*



*negative thermophoresis*

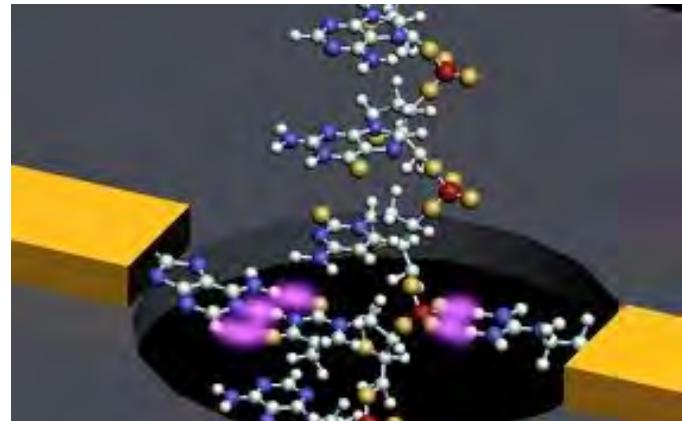
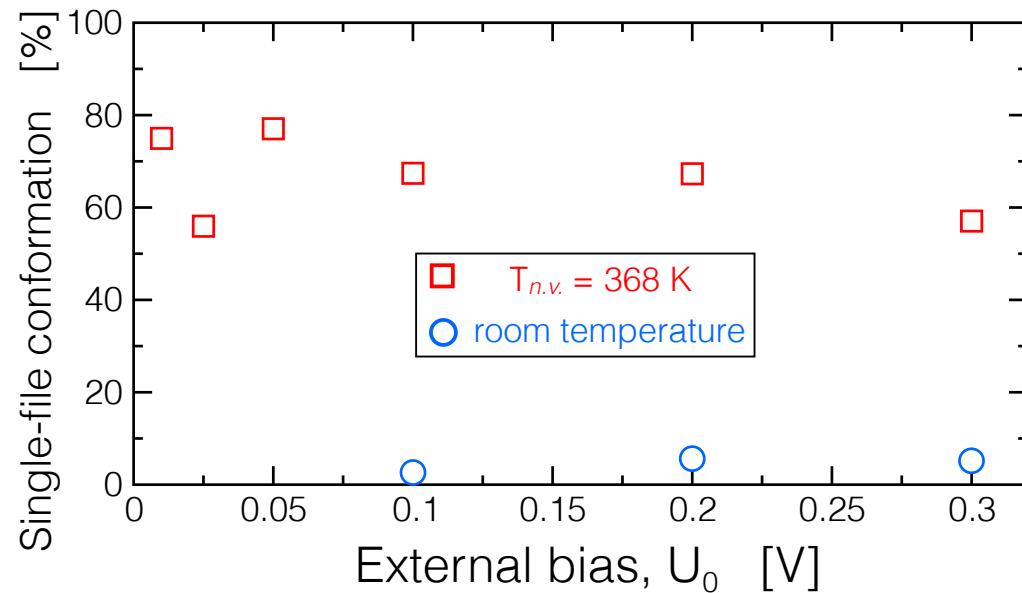
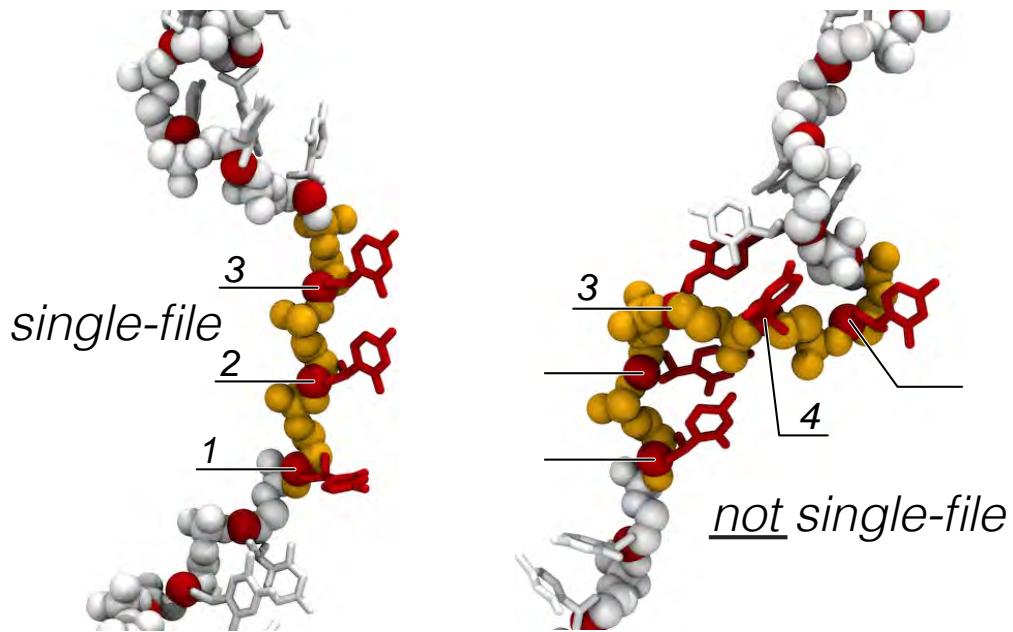
Magnitude and direction depend on:

- Temperature
- Temperature gradient
- Concentration
- Charge
- Size of species ...

Found in: electrolyte solutions, gas mixtures, polymer solutions, plasma,...

# Local heating promotes single-file translocation

M Belkin et al. ACS Nano 7:6816 (2013)

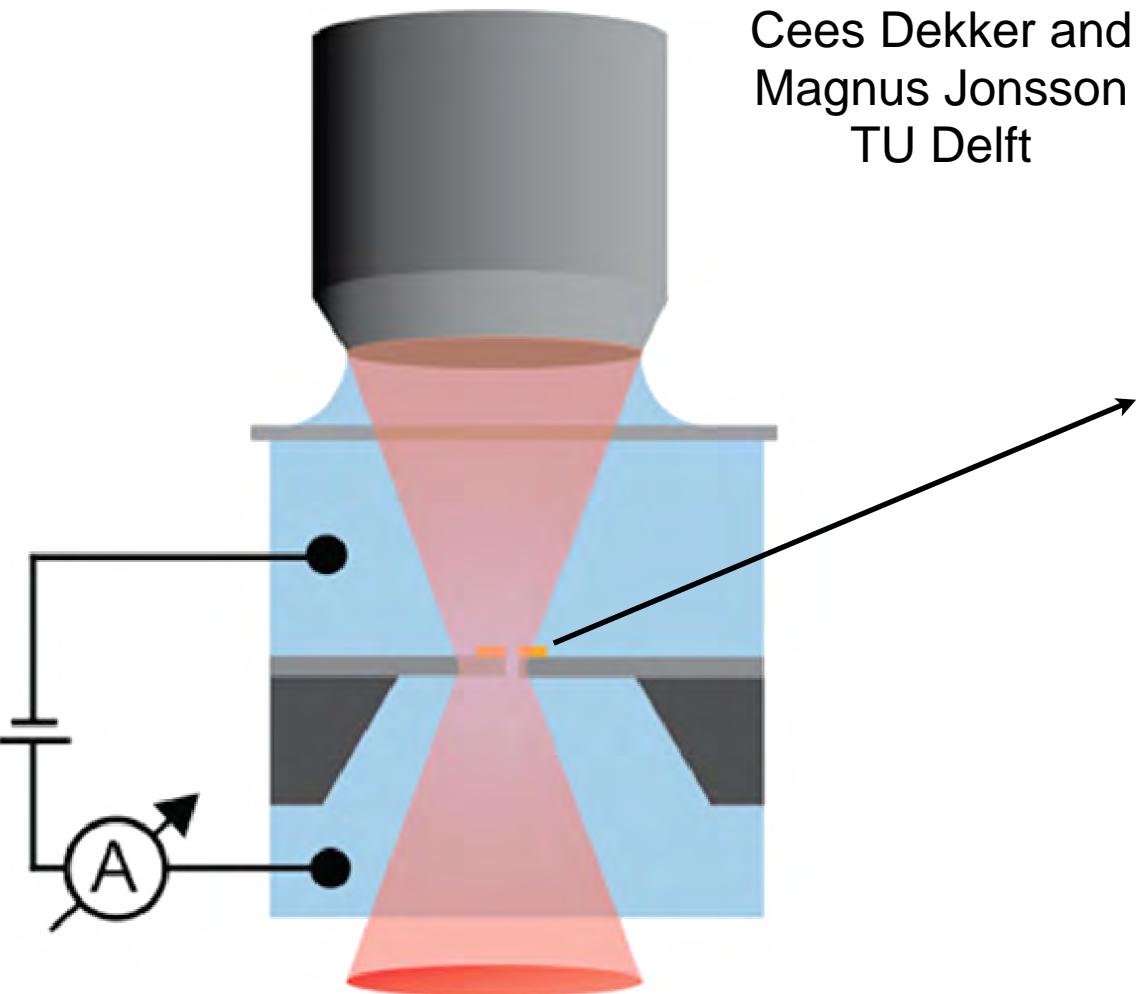


Local heating:

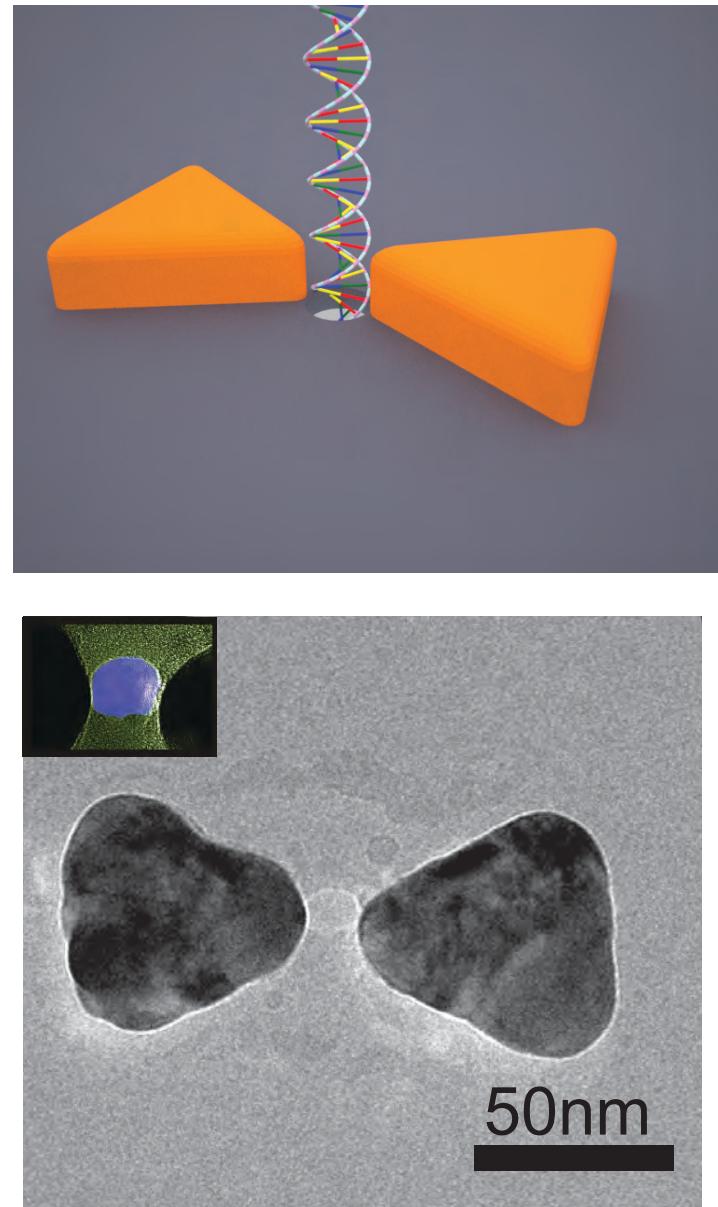
increase DNA mobility 20 fold

enables controlled displacement at 10mV biases

# Plasmonic nanopore tweezers

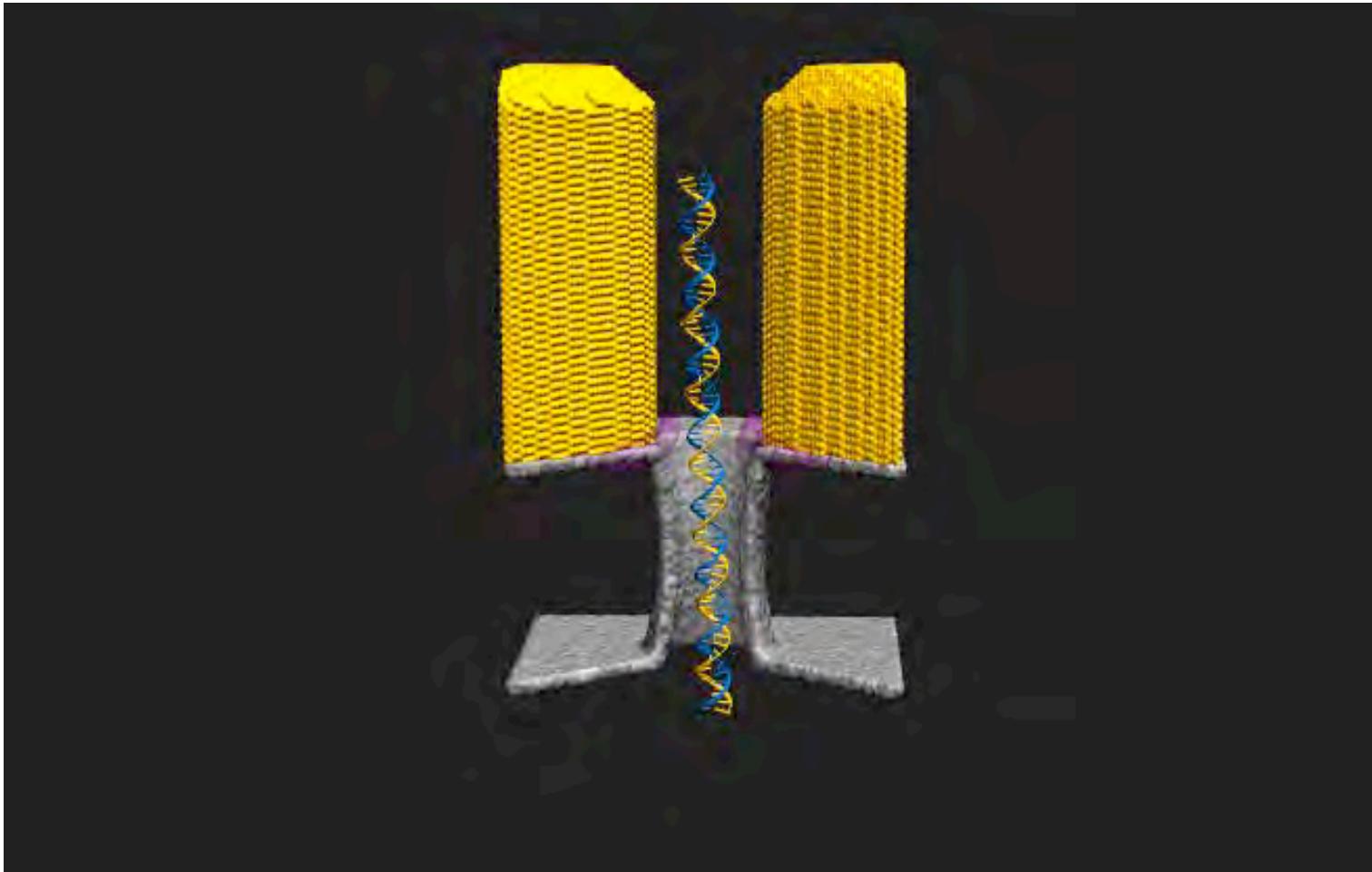


Main idea: use nanometer-focused light  
to directly trap biomolecules



Plasmonic nanopore (TEM)

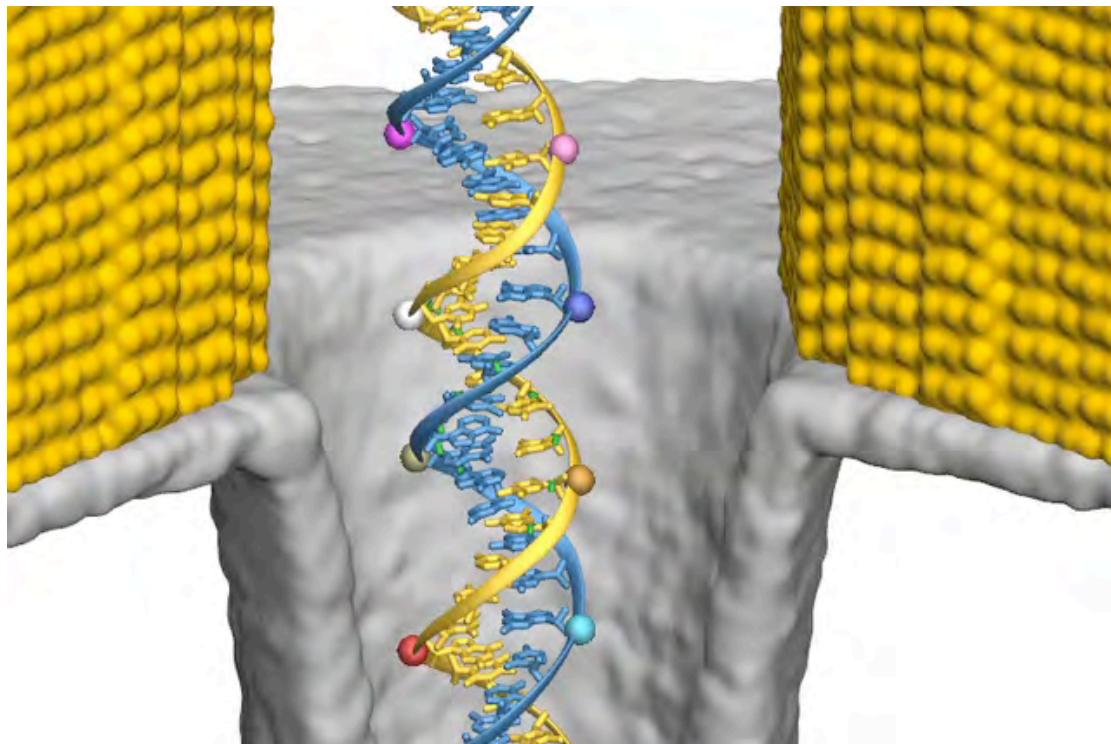
# MD simulations plasmonic trapping



Optical field is found by solving Maxwell's equations (FDTD)

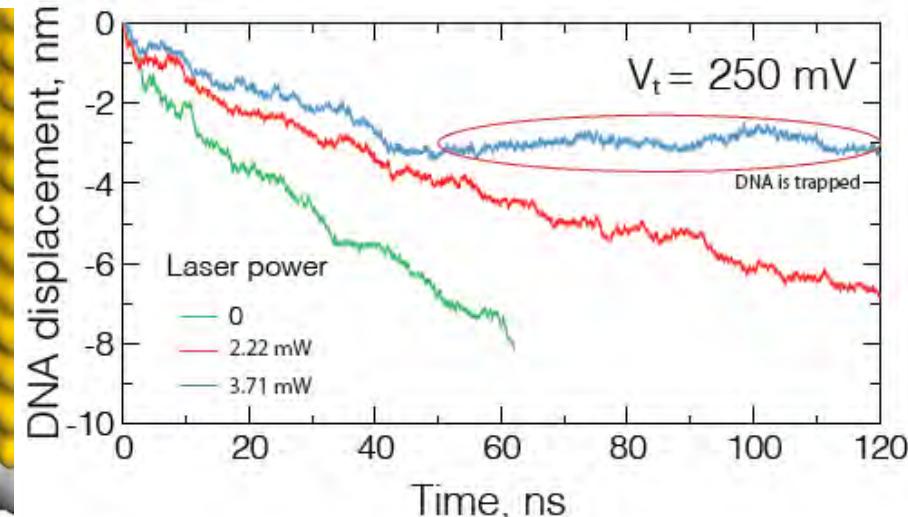
FDTD is couples to MD simulations through grid forces as  $F \sim \text{grad}(E^2)$

# Proof of principle simulations: trapping



Focused optical field arrests DNA motion

Red arrows represent plasmonic forces on individual nucleotides



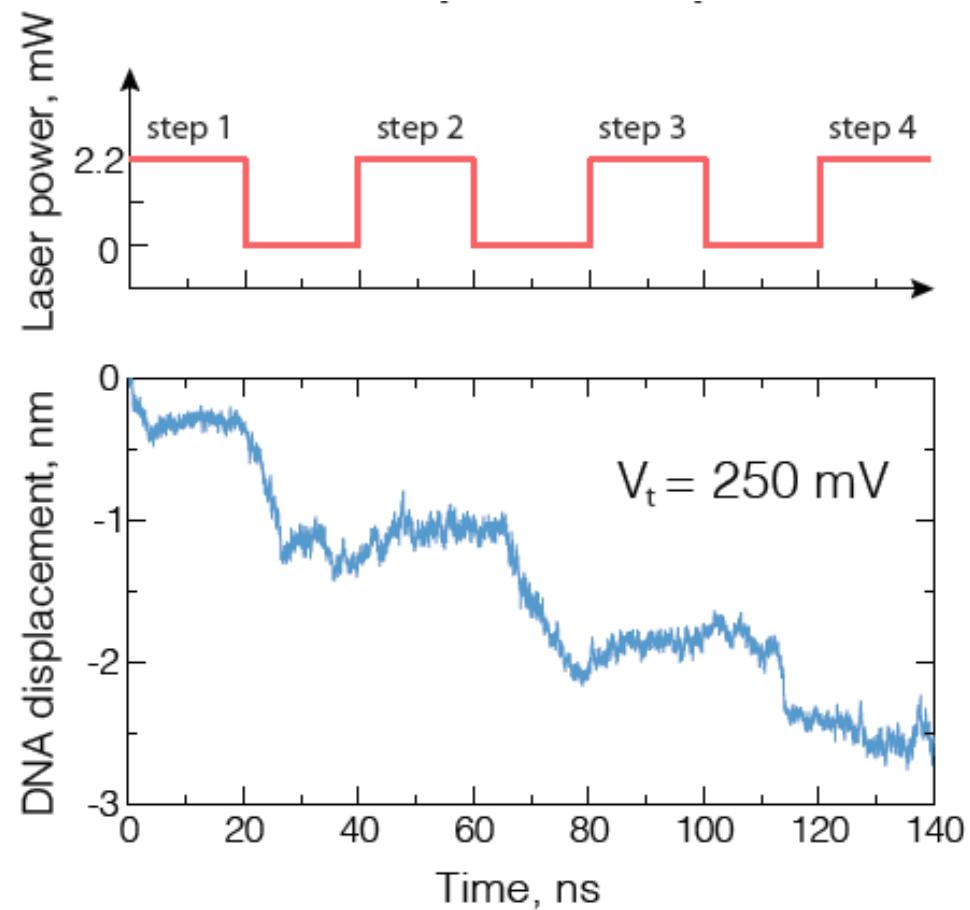
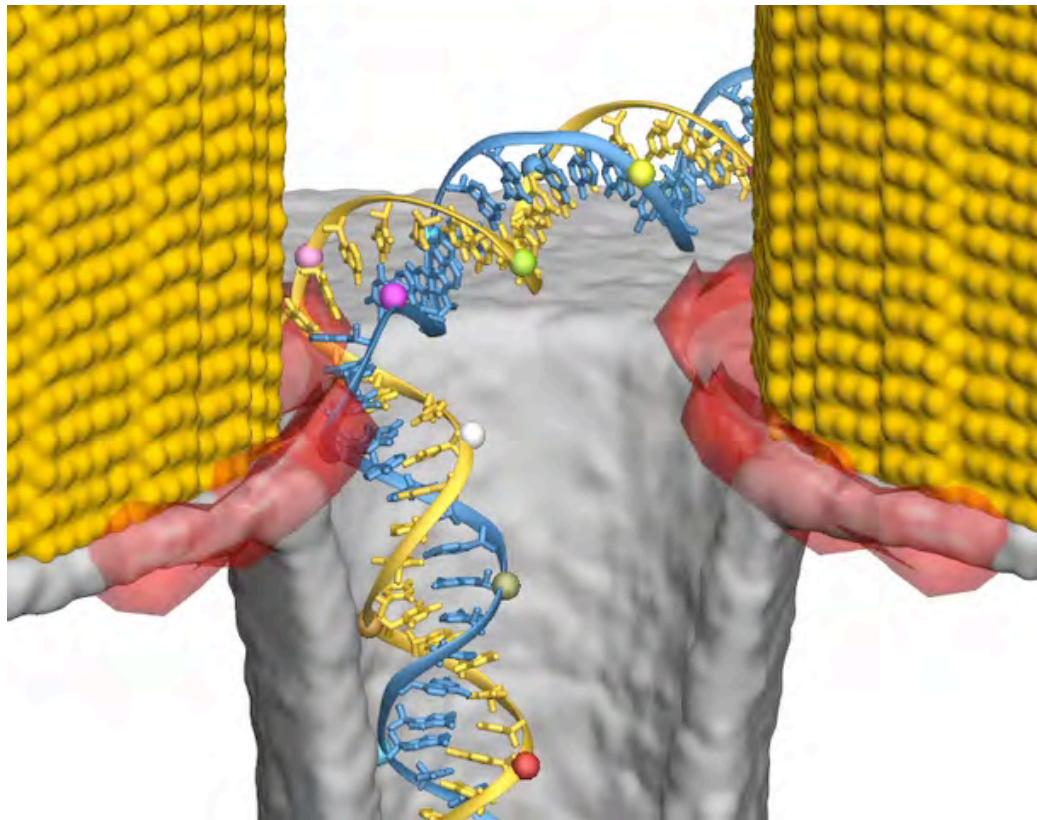
Optical field is found by solving  
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(FDTD, Lumerical)



Maxim Belkin

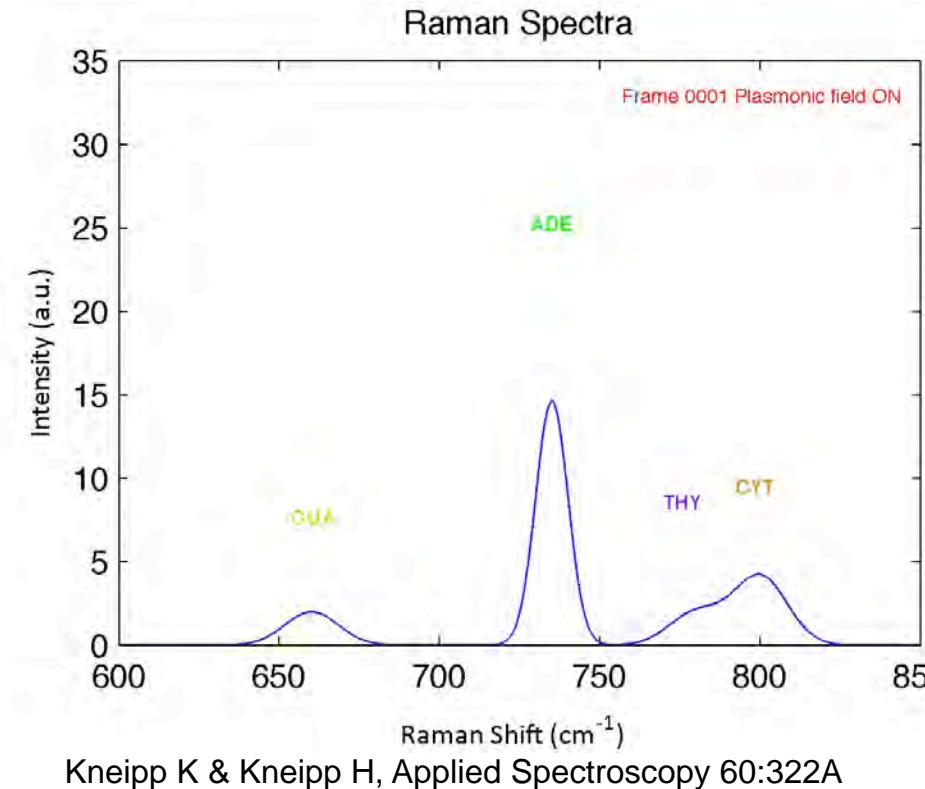
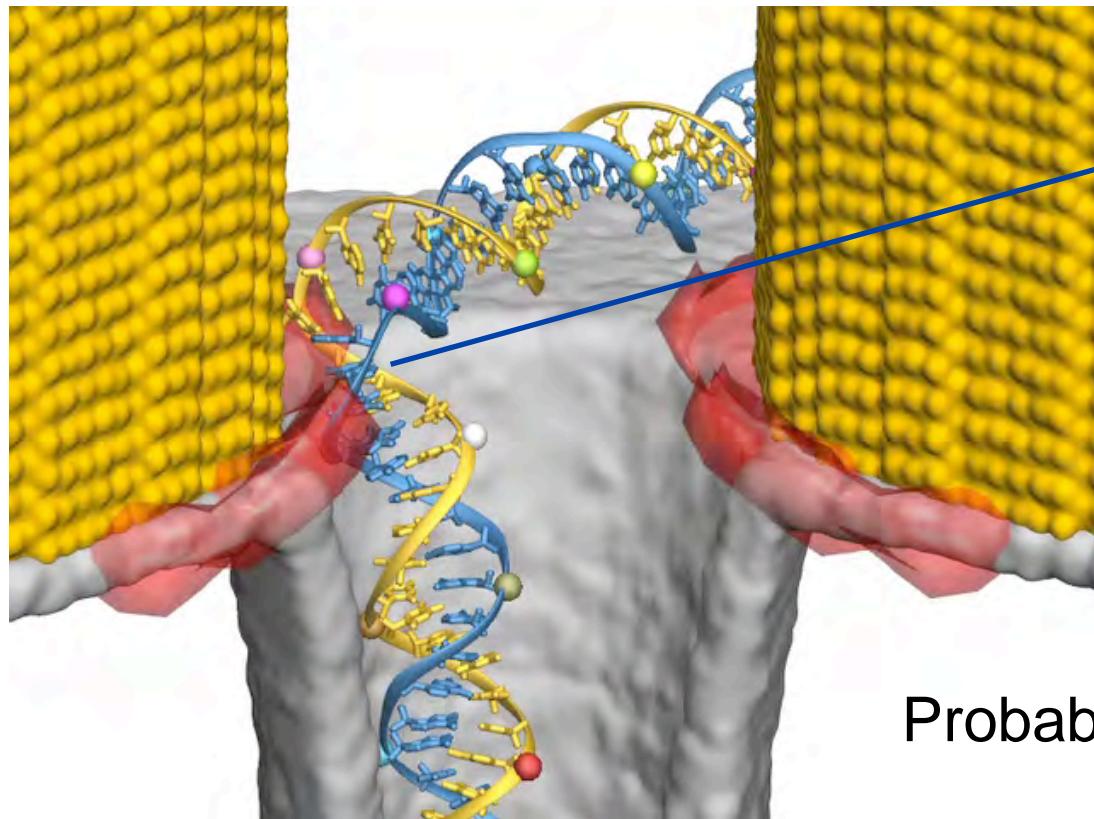
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# Stepping dsDNA by modulation of optical field



Stepwise motion is achieved by switching on and off the laser beam

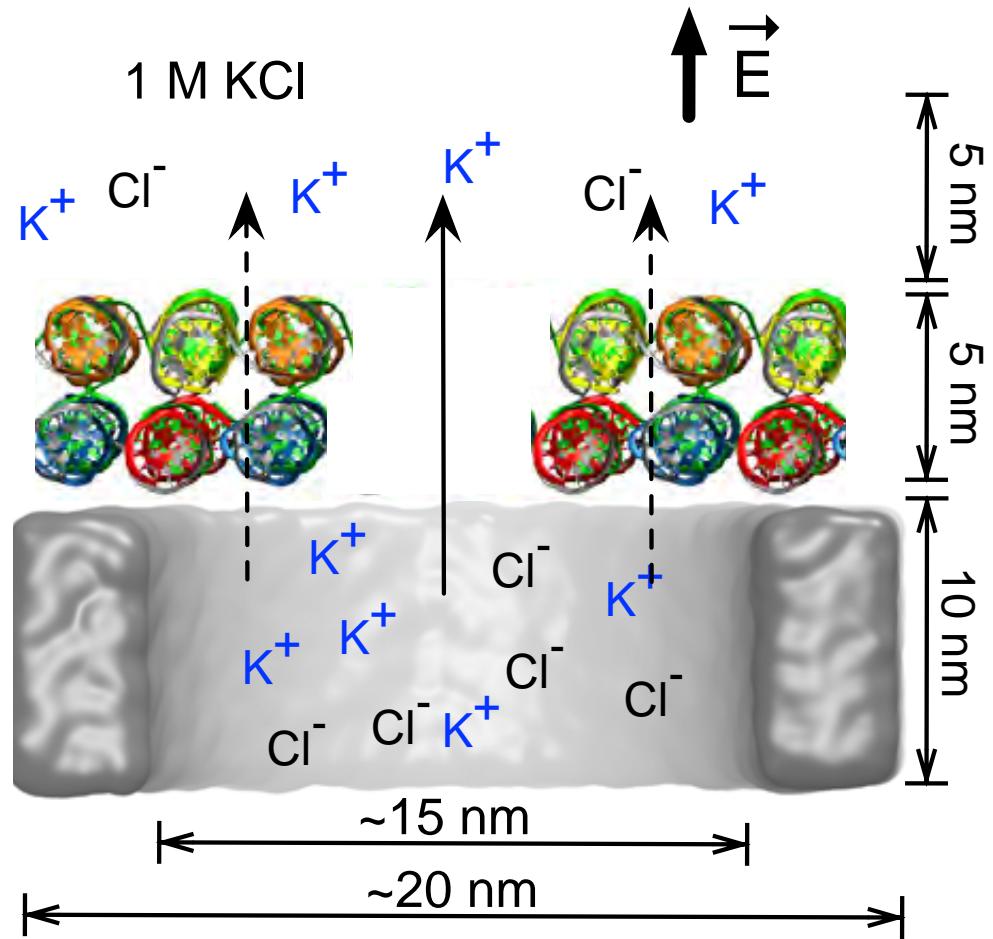
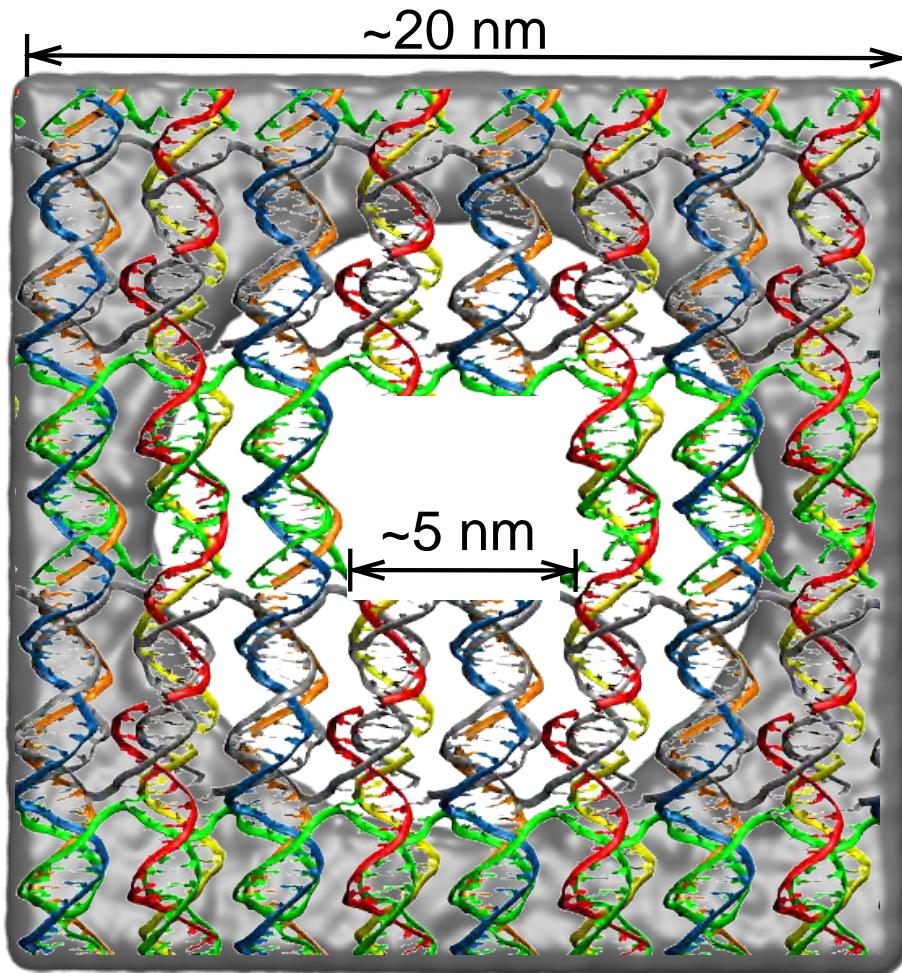
# Surface-Enhanced Raman Scattering



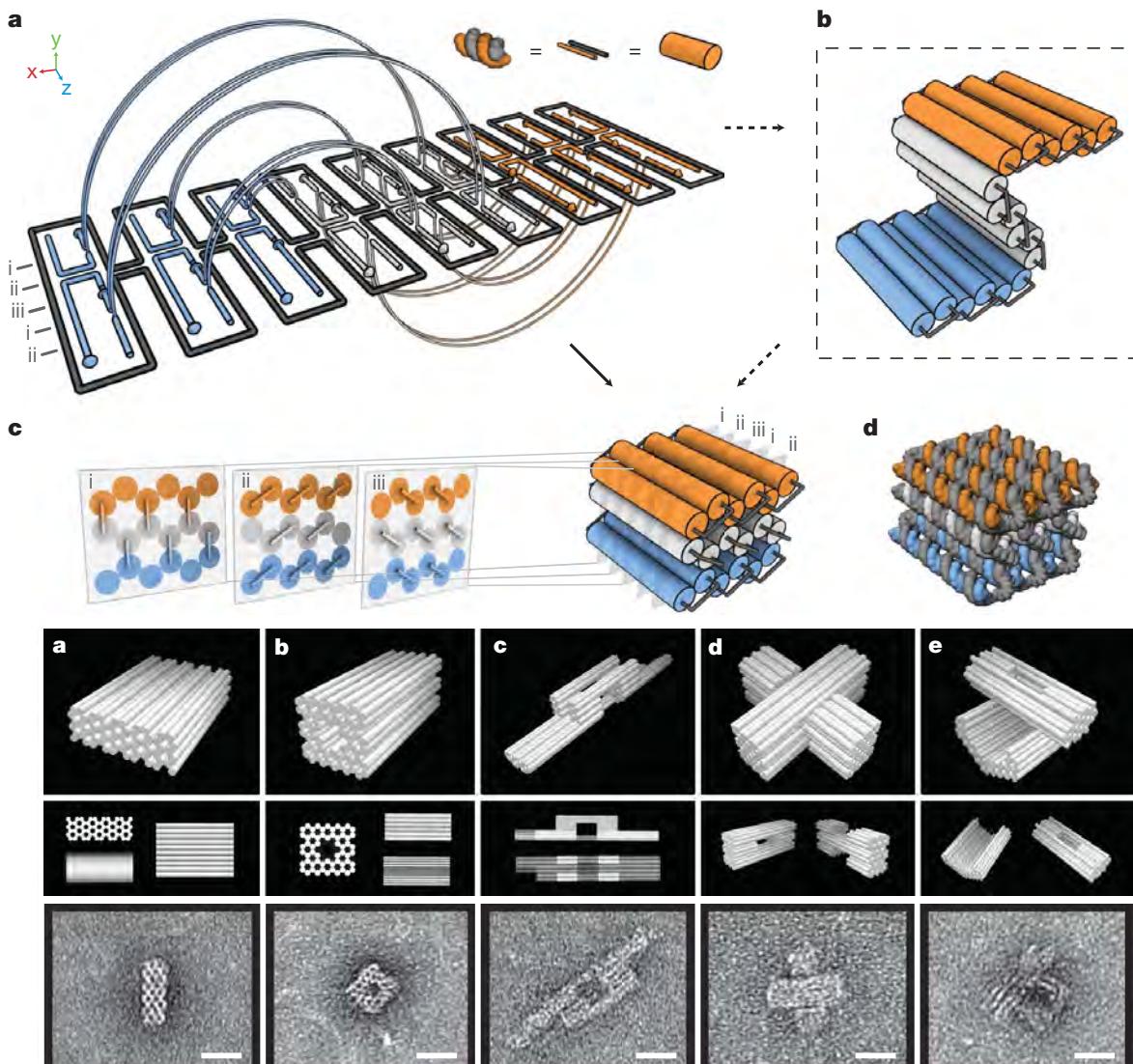
Probability ~ (Field intensity)<sup>4</sup>

DNA sequence is read by measuring Raman spectra from nucleotides passing through the plasmonic hotspot

# Molecular sensing with origami nanopores



# Folding of viral genome into 3D objects



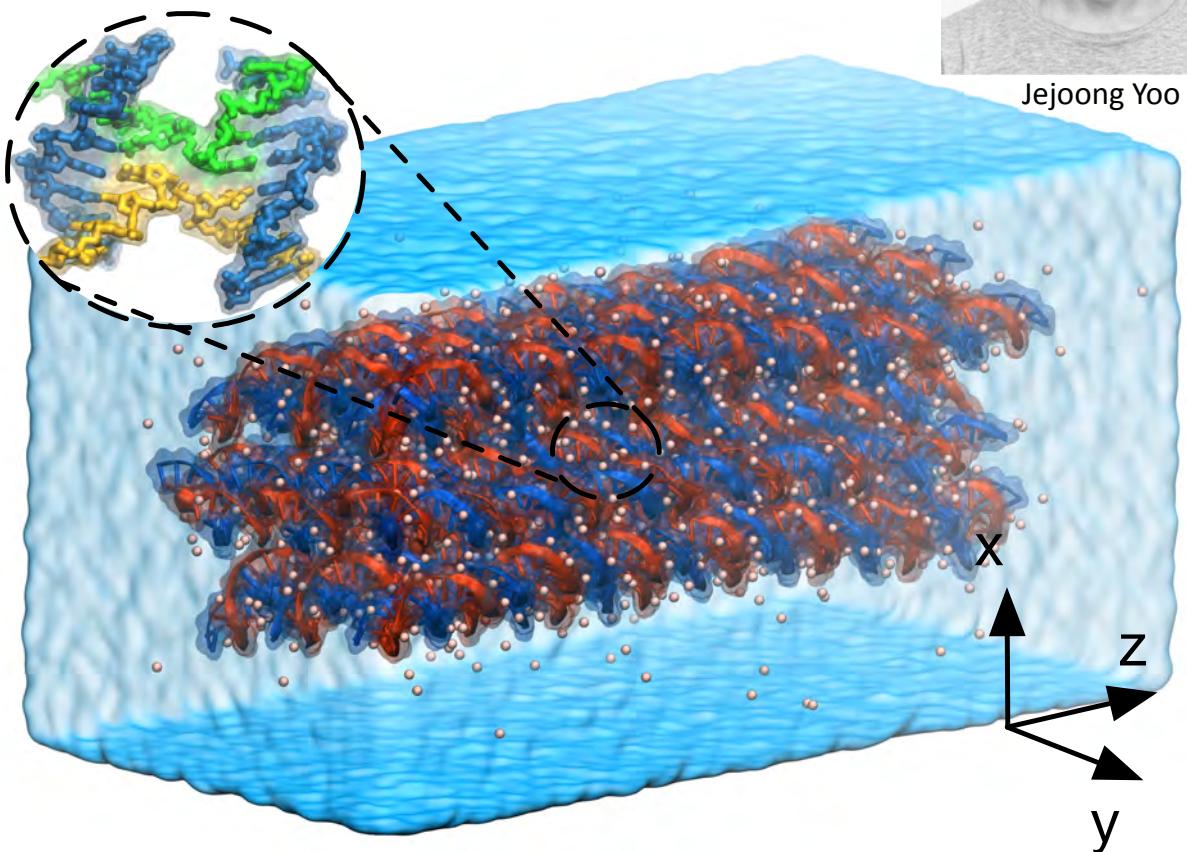
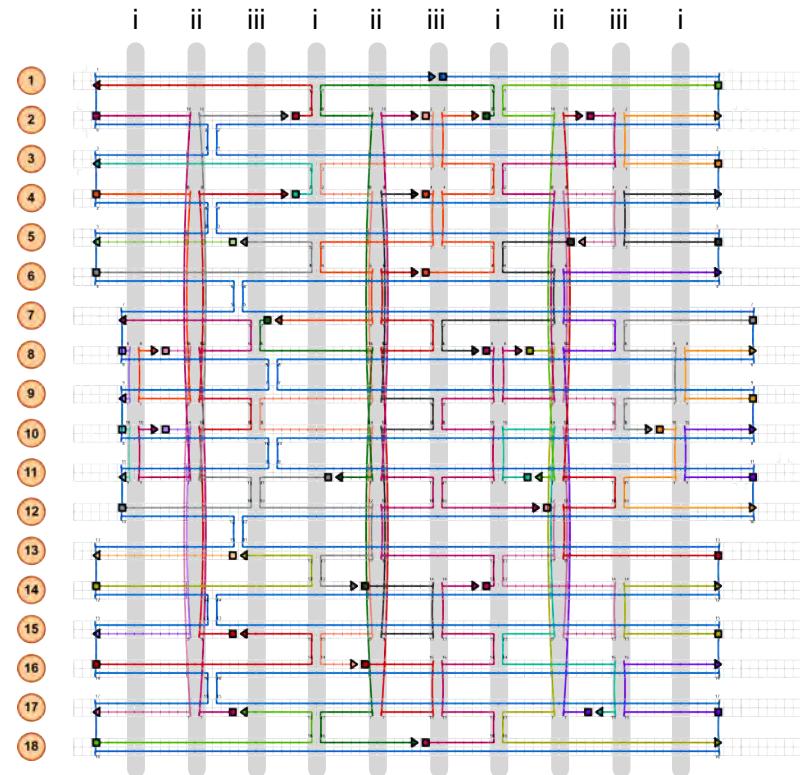
- Short synthetic oligonucleotides (staples) apply spatial constraints to a long viral genome.
- Based on the design of staples, same viral genome can be folded to numerous different shapes.

# All-atom simulations of DNA origami

Yoo and AA, PNAS 110:20099 (2013)



Jejoong Yoo

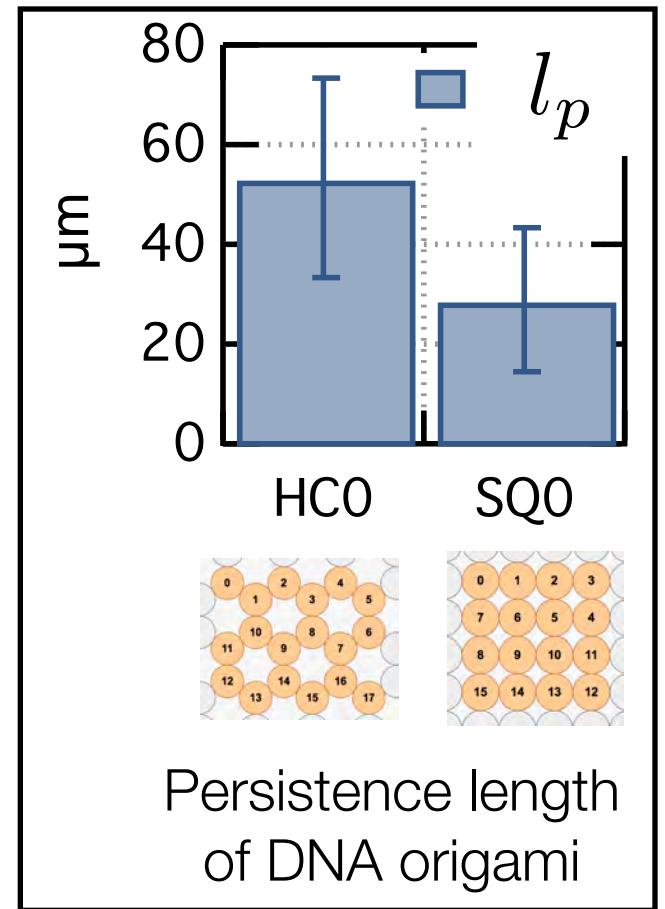
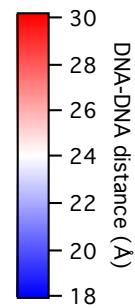
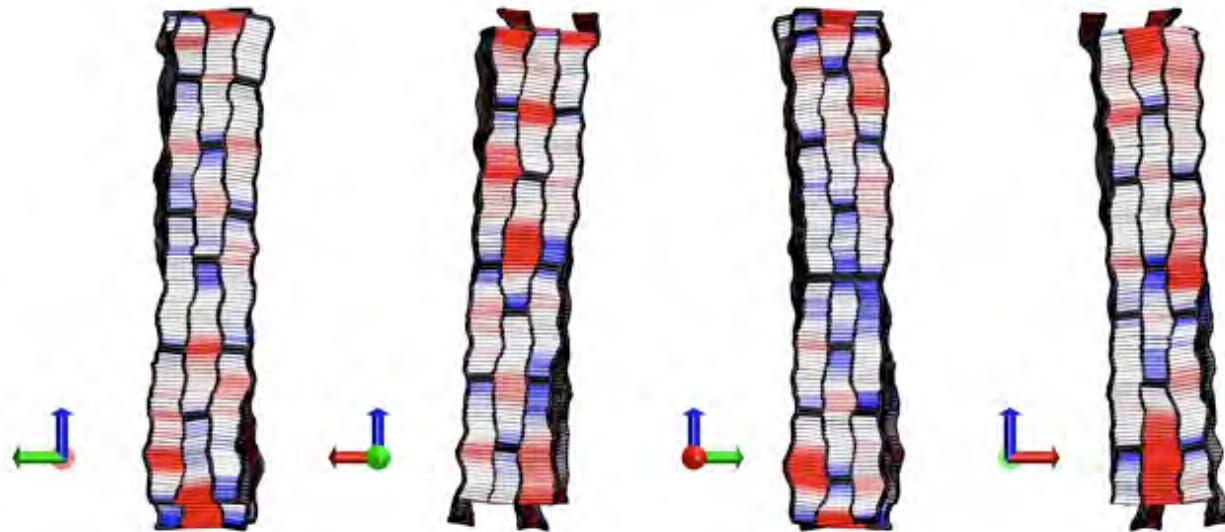


- caDNAno returns topology (json) and sequence (csv) information.
- **cadnano2pdb.pl** combines json and csv files into a PDB file.

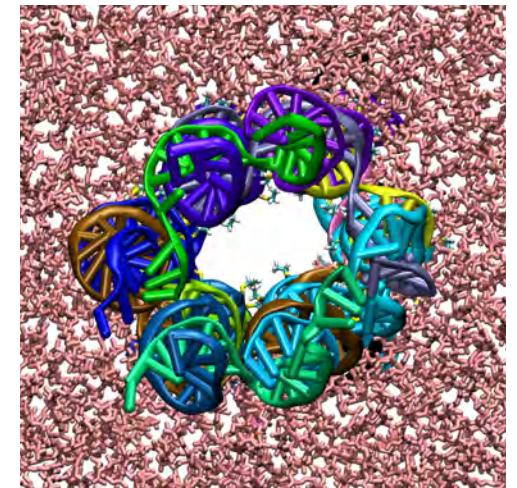
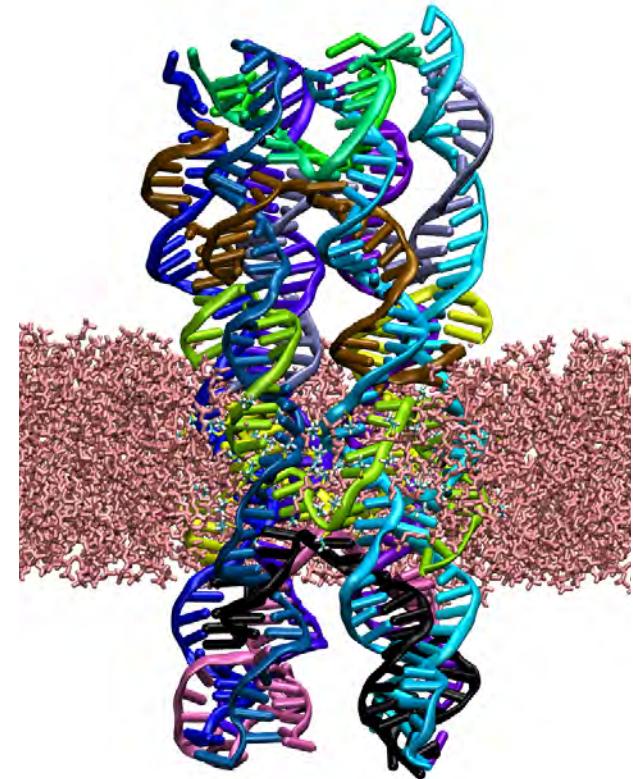
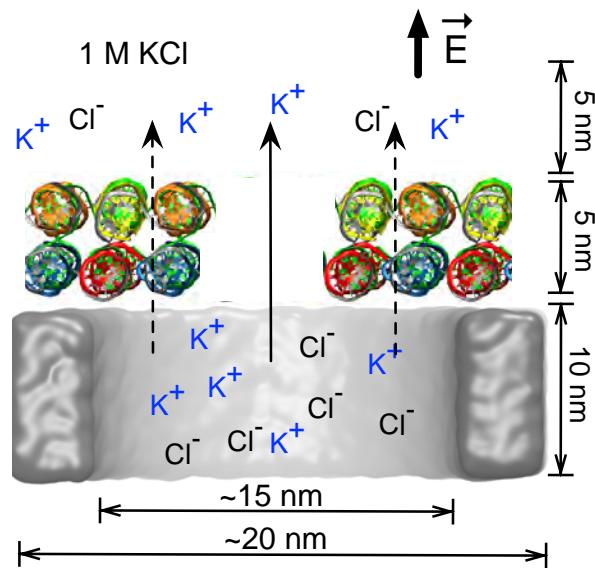
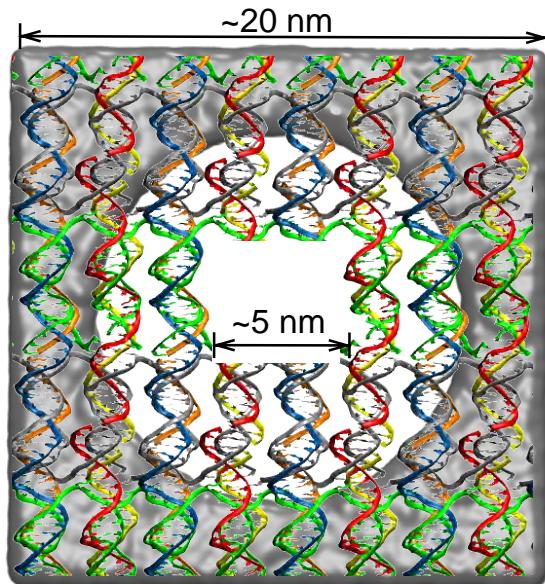
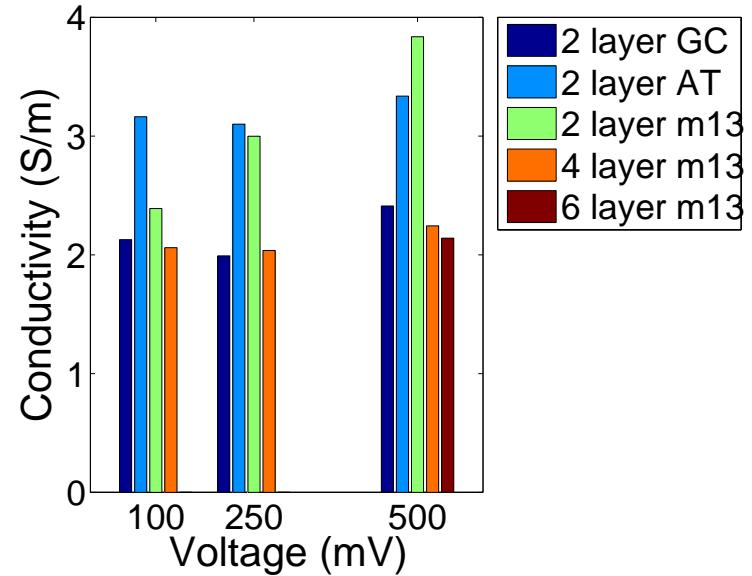
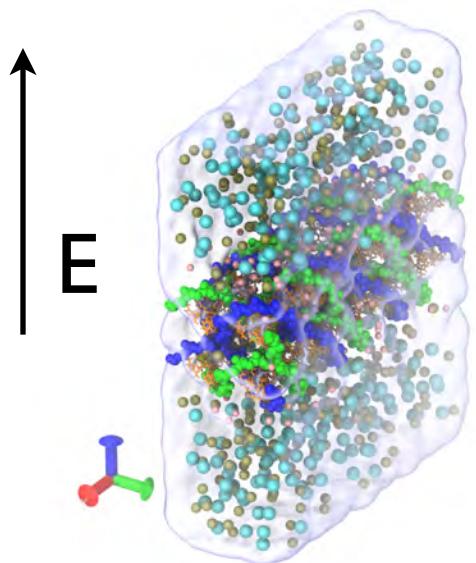
- \* CHARMM36 force field
- \* Explicit water
- \*  $[MgCl_2] \sim 10 \text{ mM}$
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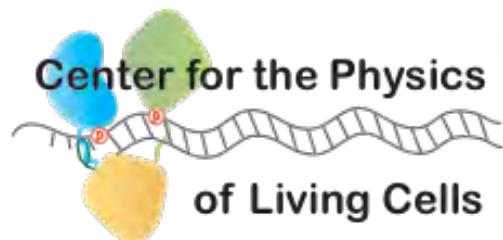
# Structural fluctuations reveal local mechanical properties

- Chicken wire frame represents center line of helices & junction.
- Inter-DNA distance in color map



# DNA origami nanopore/nanochannel systems





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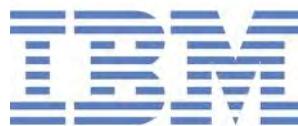
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