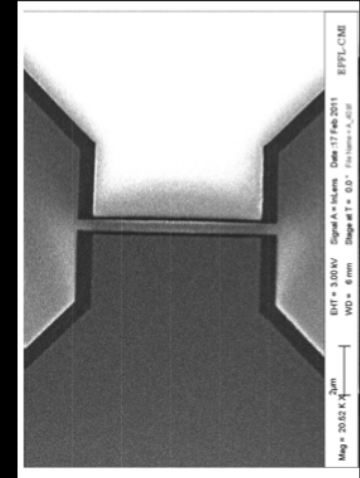
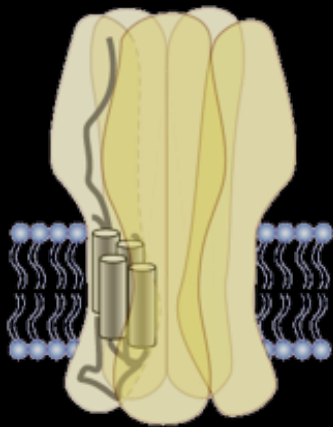


# From biology to NEMS: the importance of new sensor developments



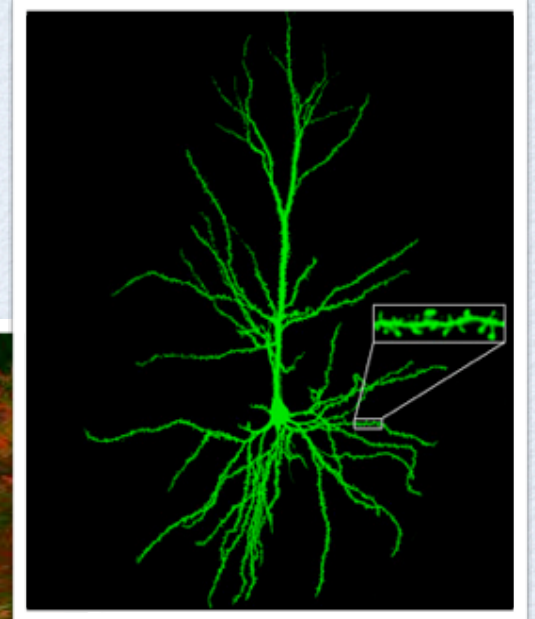
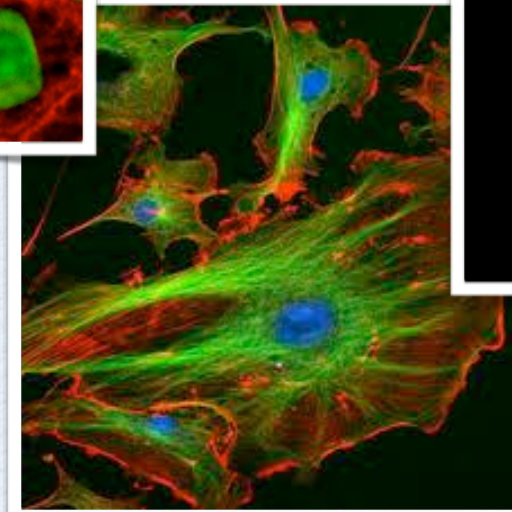
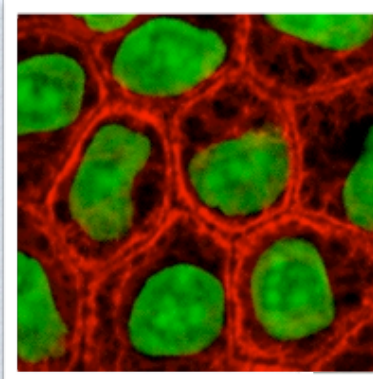
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# The human body

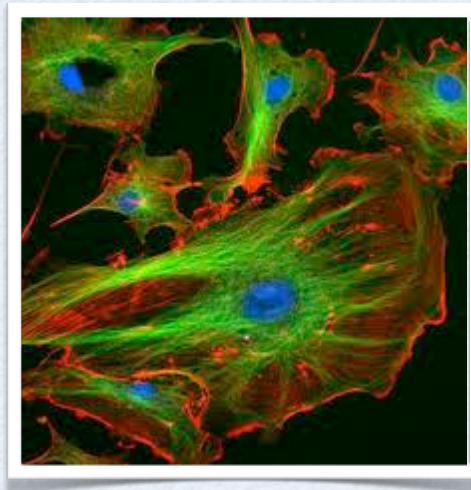


70 Kg



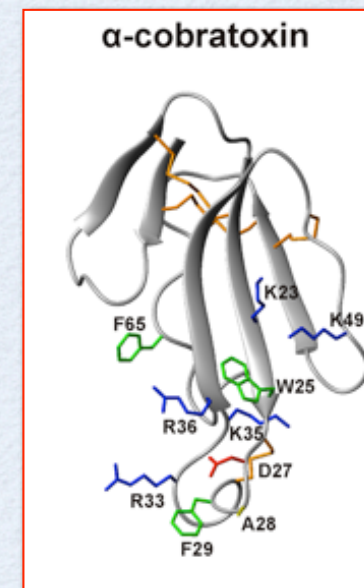
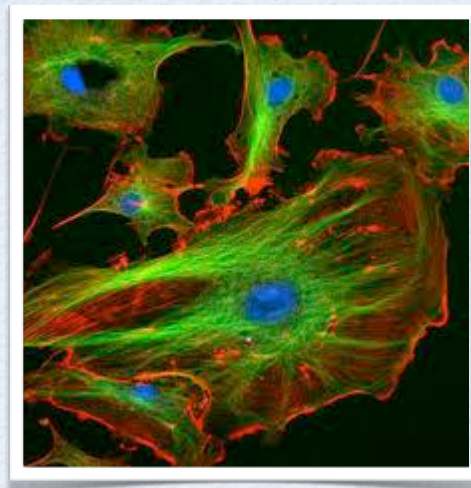
is composed of about  
 $10^{14}$  cells with different  
shapes and functions

# Importance of scale

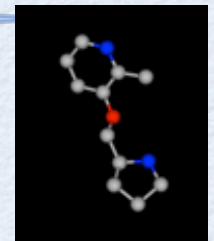


$10^{-9}\text{g}$

# Importance of scale



8 KDa  
 $1.3 \cdot 10^{-17}$  g



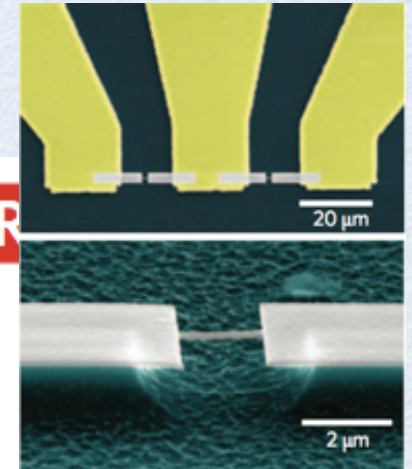
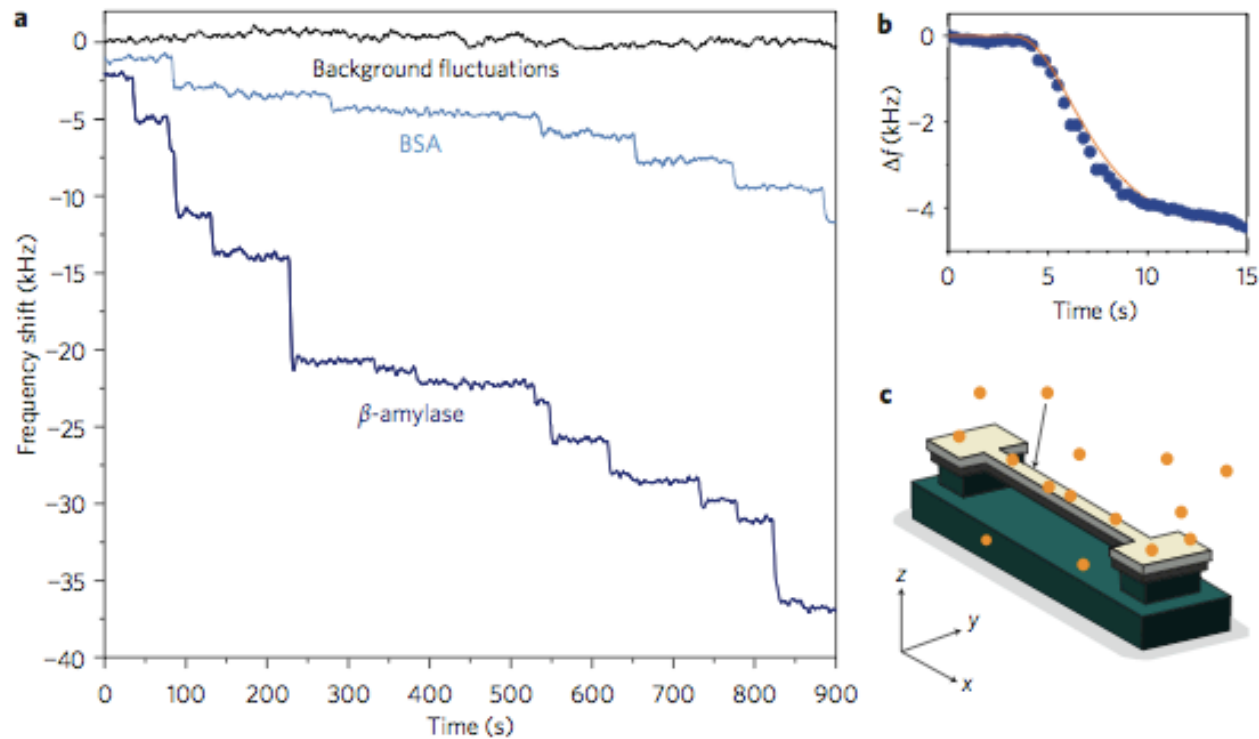
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# A proof of feasibility

## Measurements in vacuum

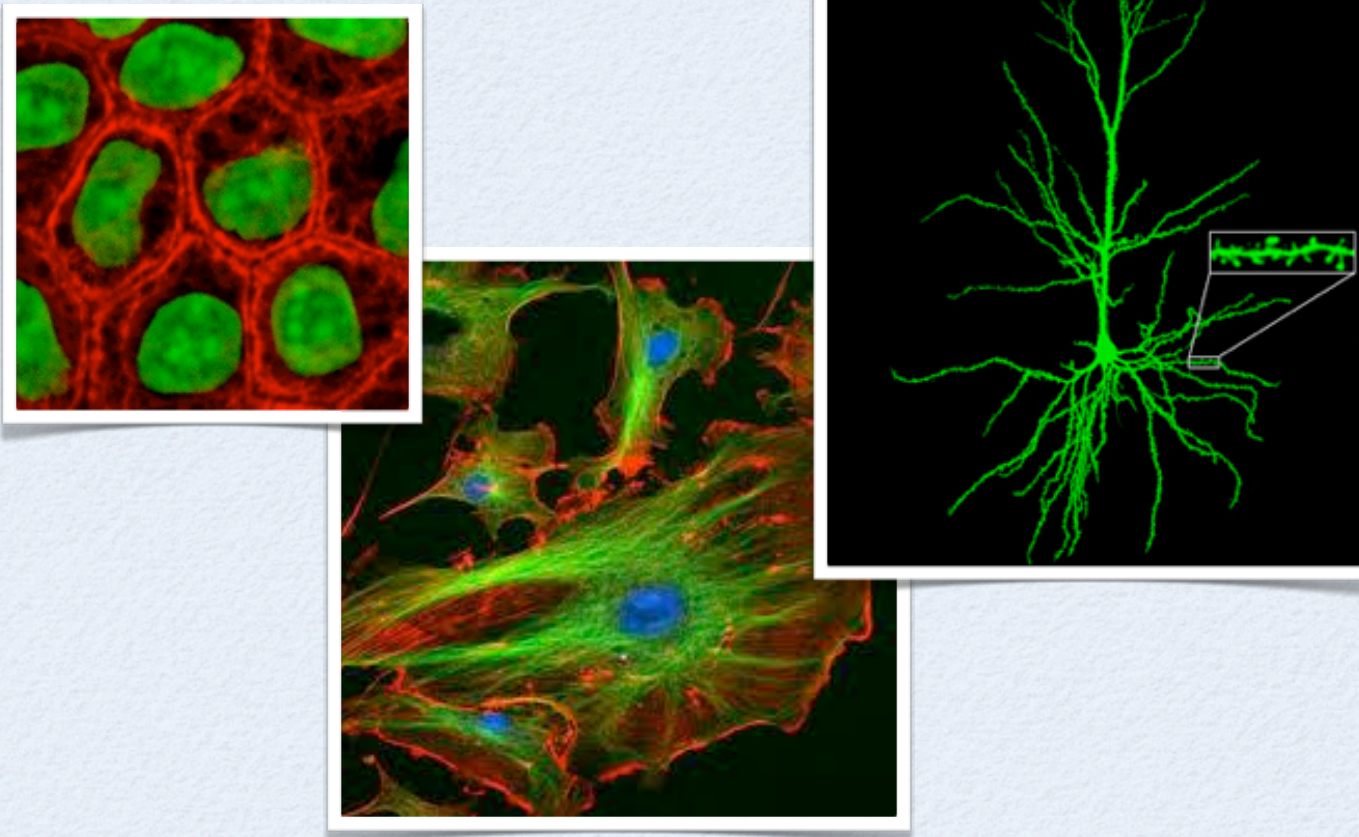
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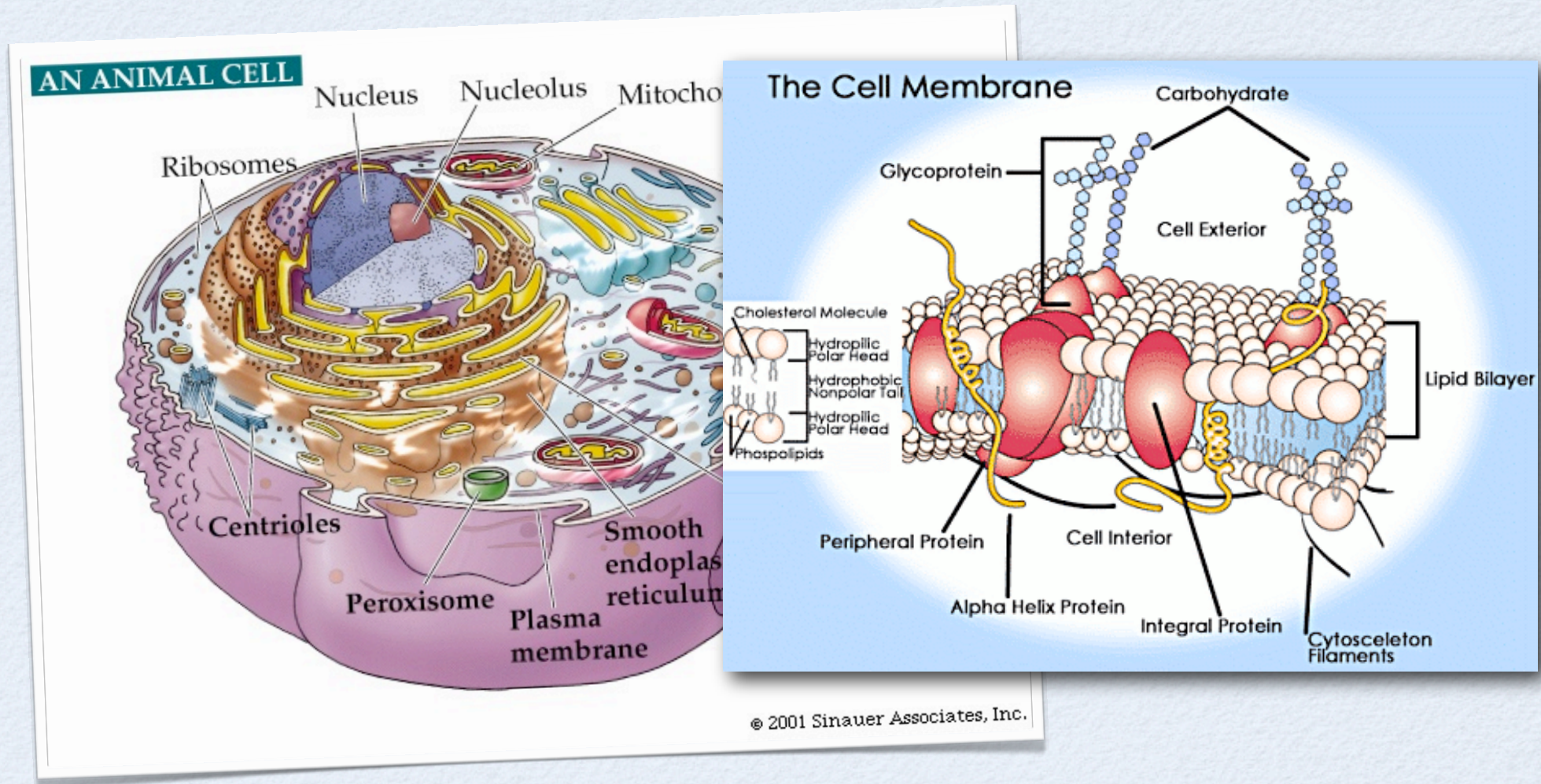
**Figure 2** | Real-time records of single-molecule adsorption events on a NEMS mass sensor. **a**, These raw experimental data show the distinctly different,

# Cell biology

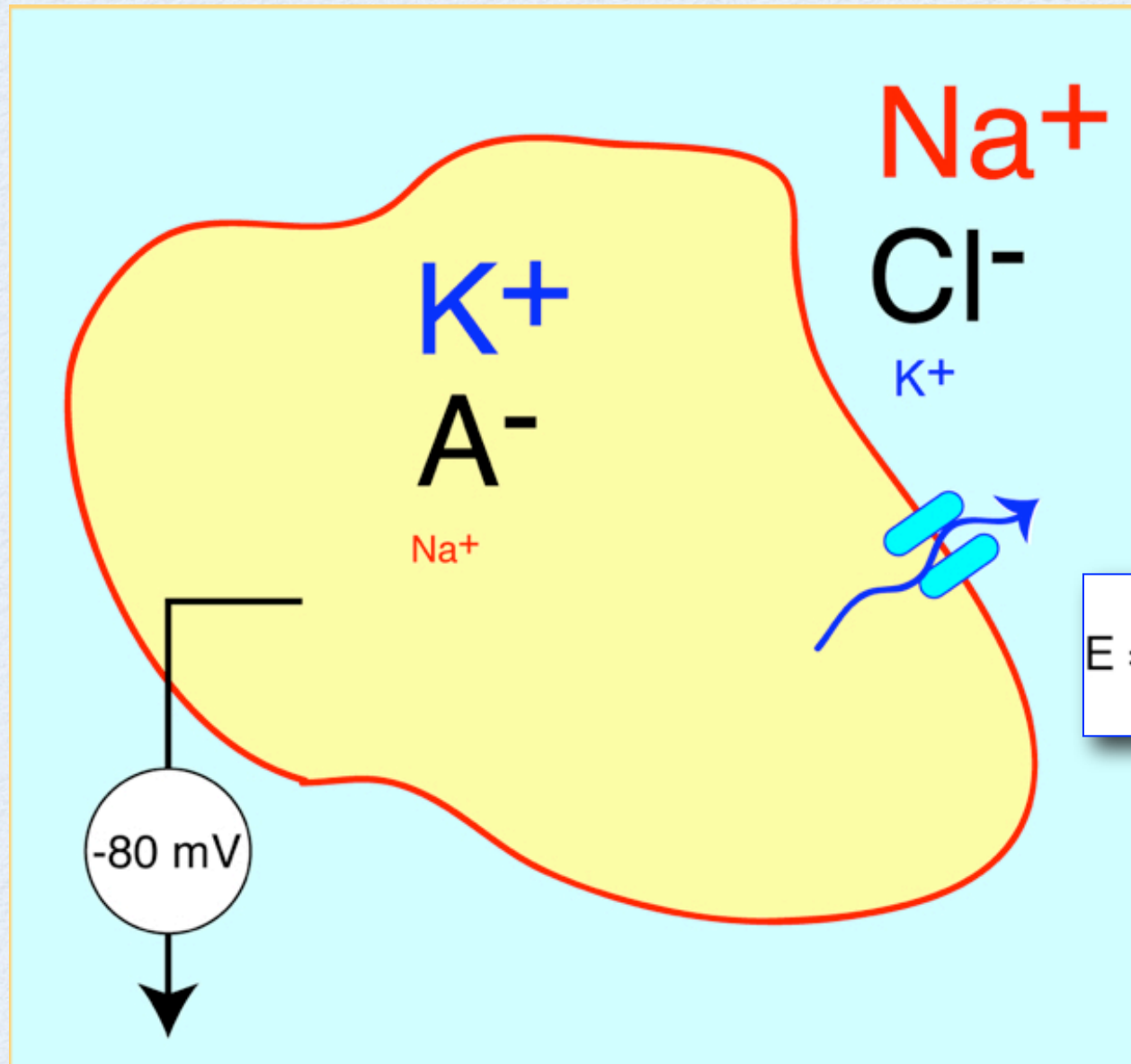


Cells are composed of at least 60 % water

# The cell properties

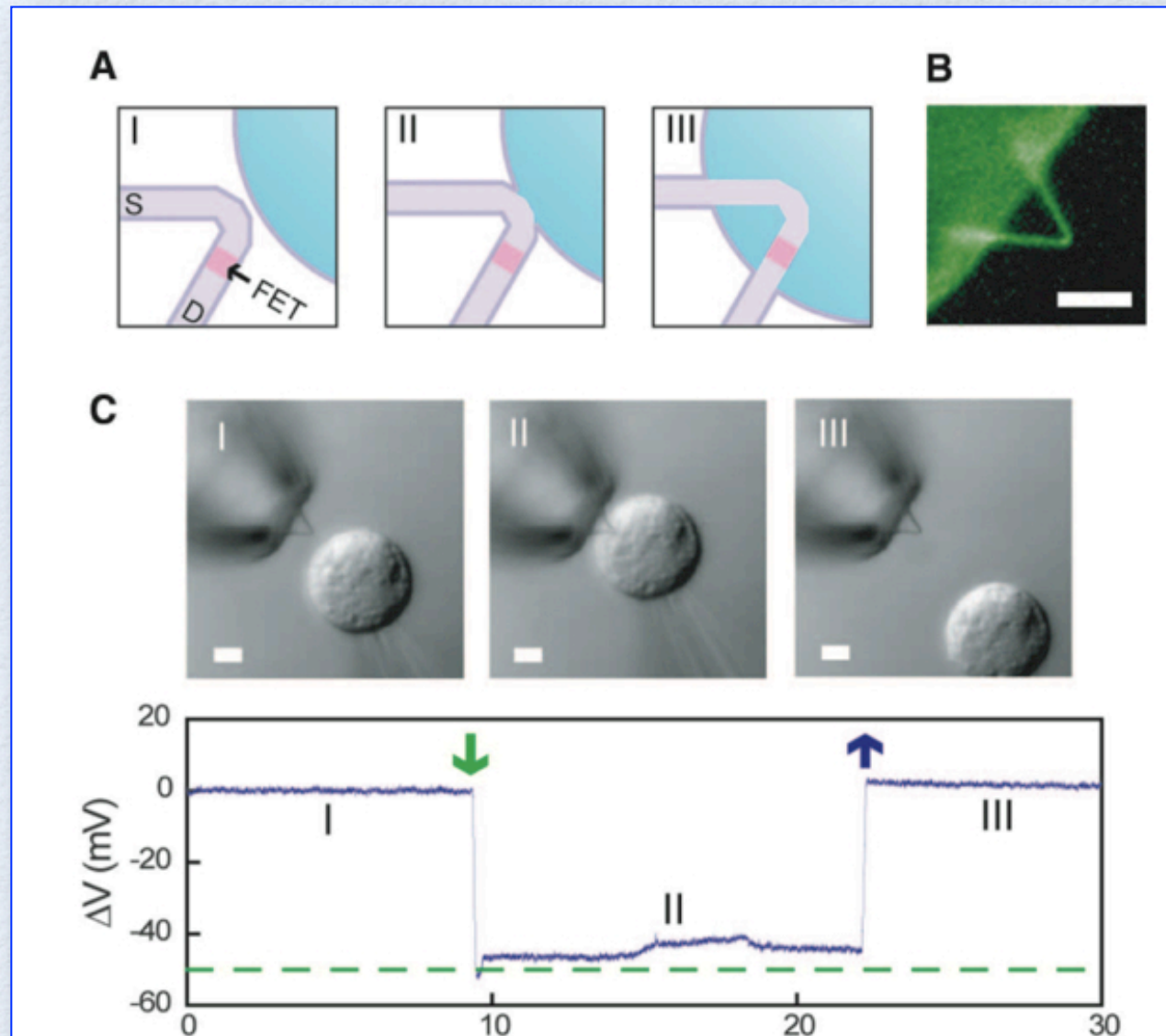


# Physiological Properties of a Cell

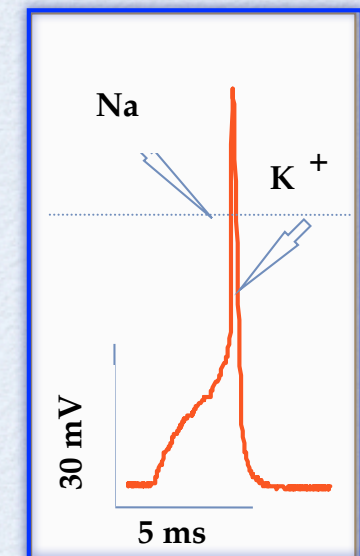
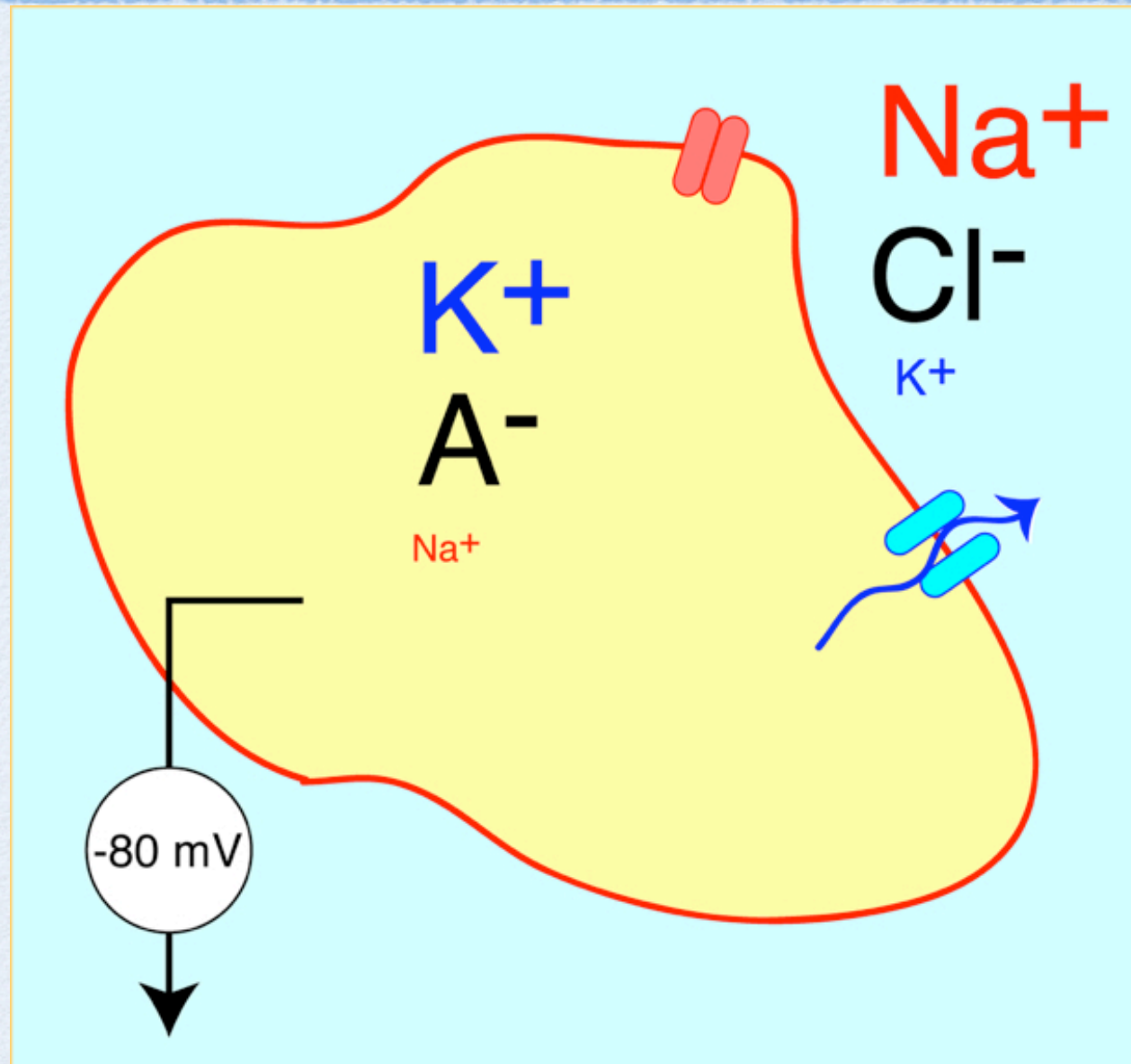


$$E = \frac{RT}{ZF} \log \frac{|K_{el}|}{|K_{il}|}$$

# Nano Scale Field Effect Transistor

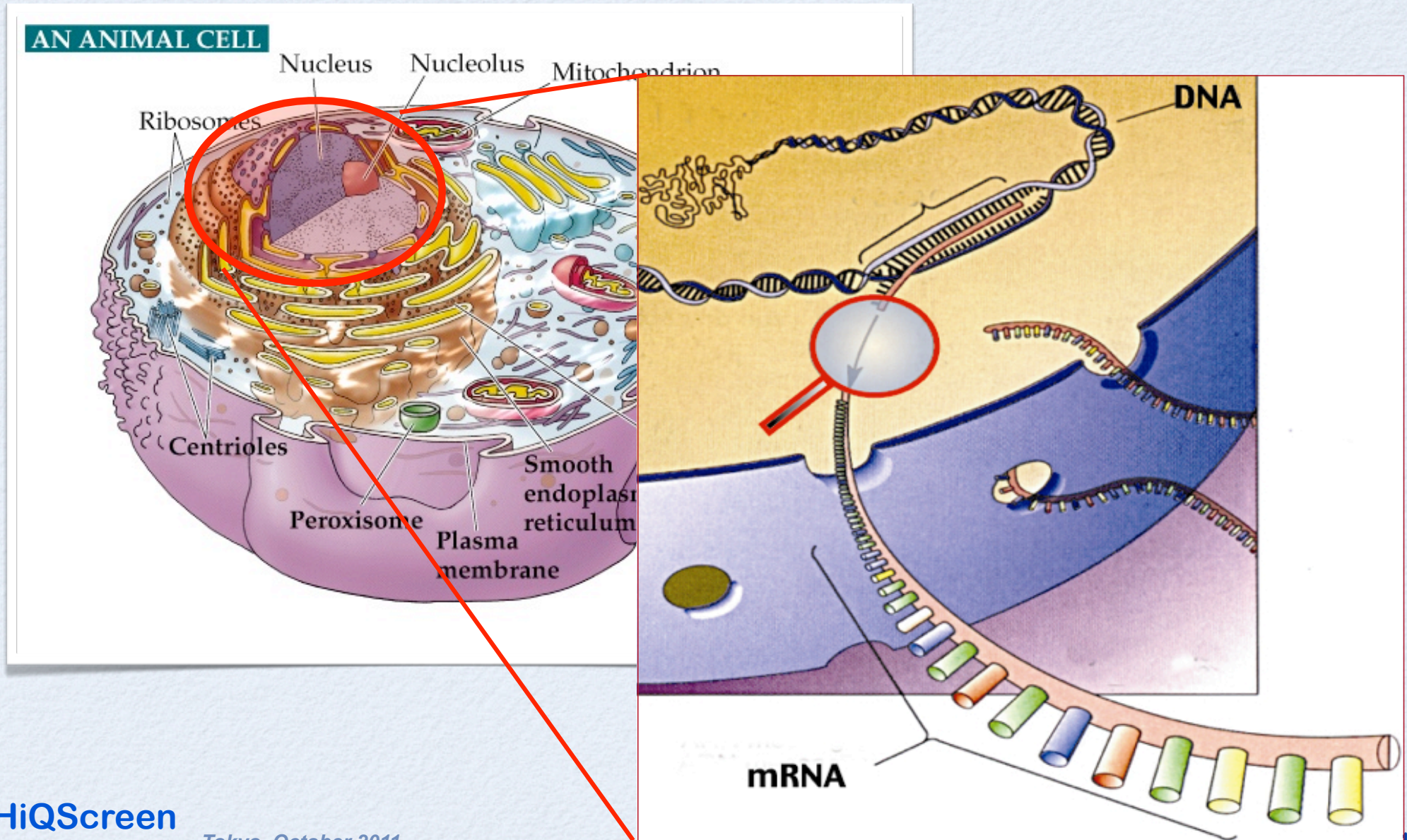


# The electrical activity of a cell



the action potential

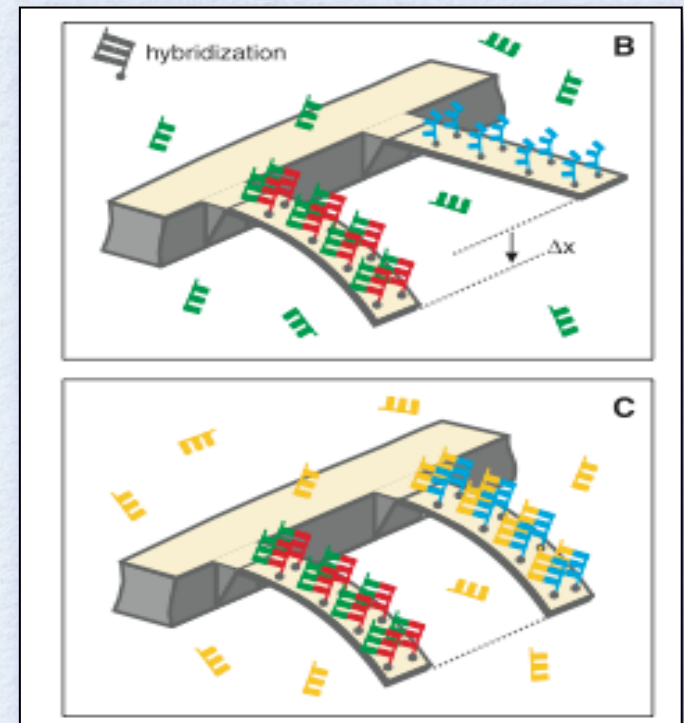
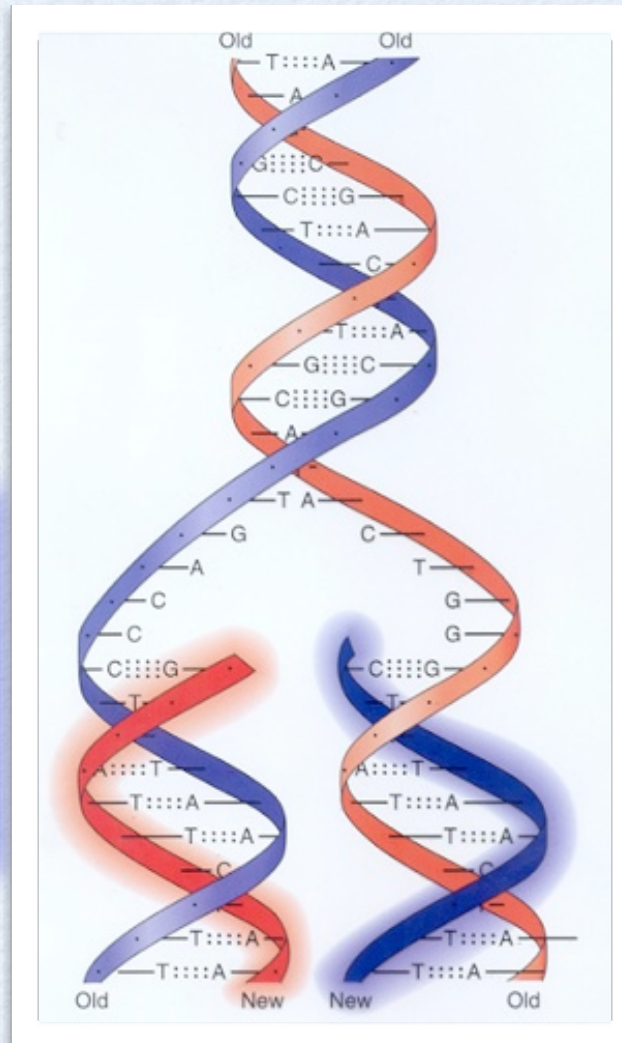
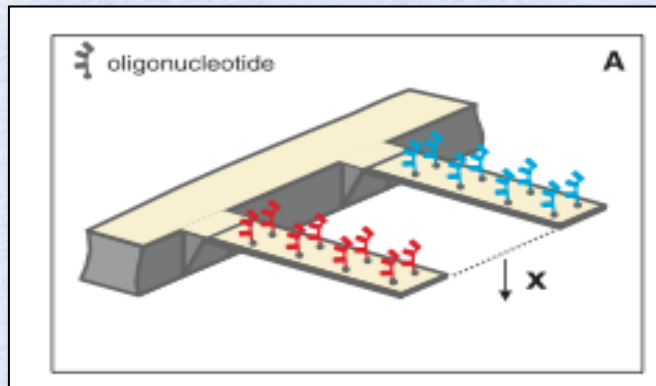
# The cell properties



# DNA detection



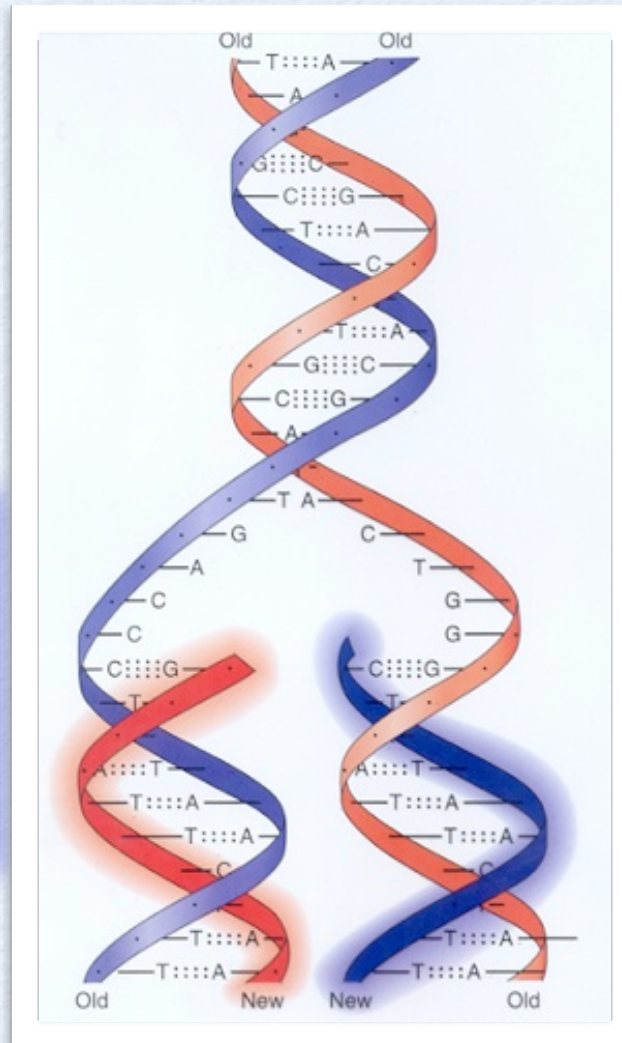
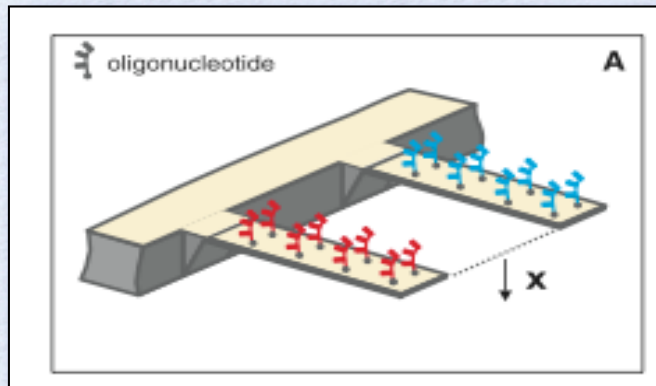
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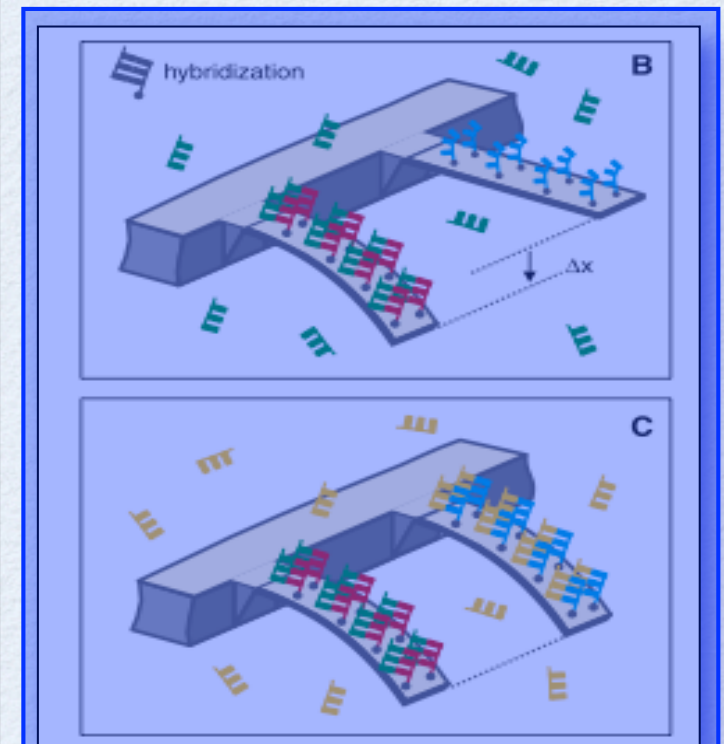
# DNA detection



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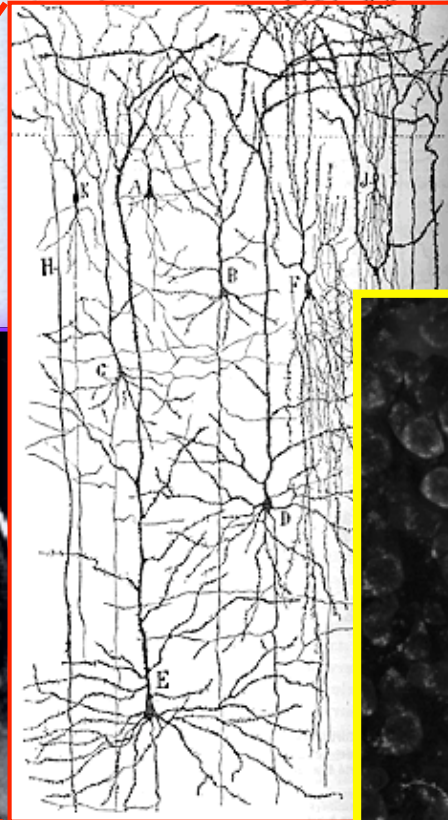
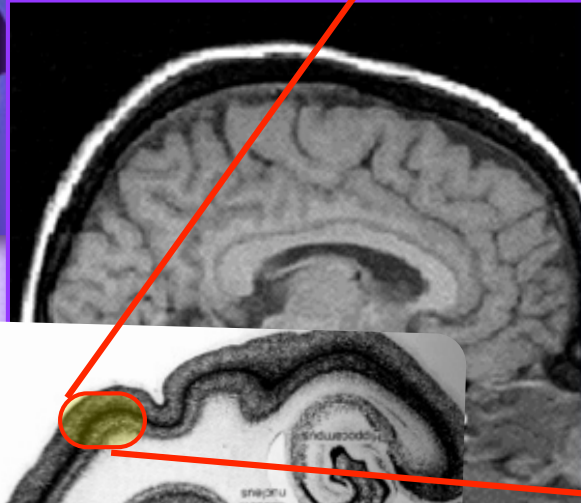
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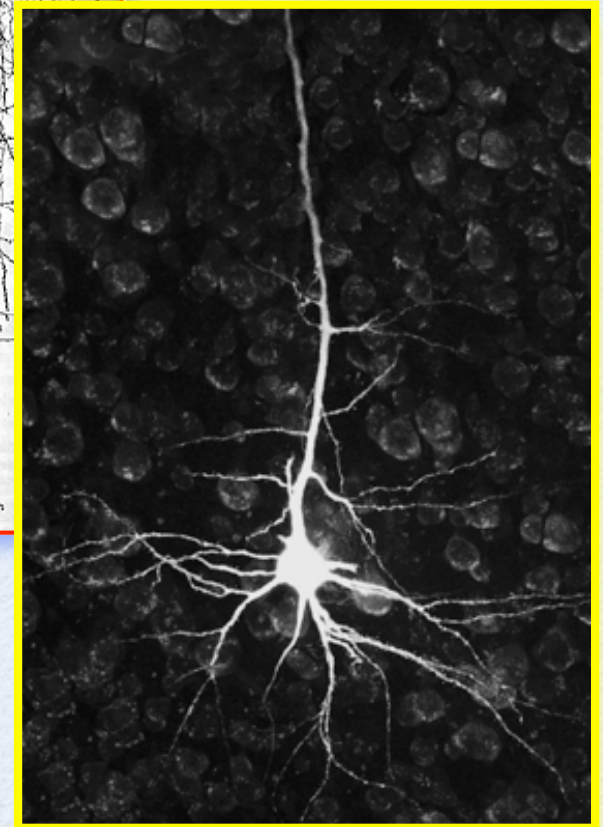
# The neurobiology of the brain



Brain

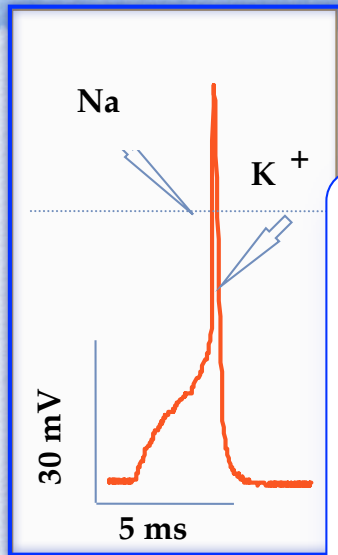


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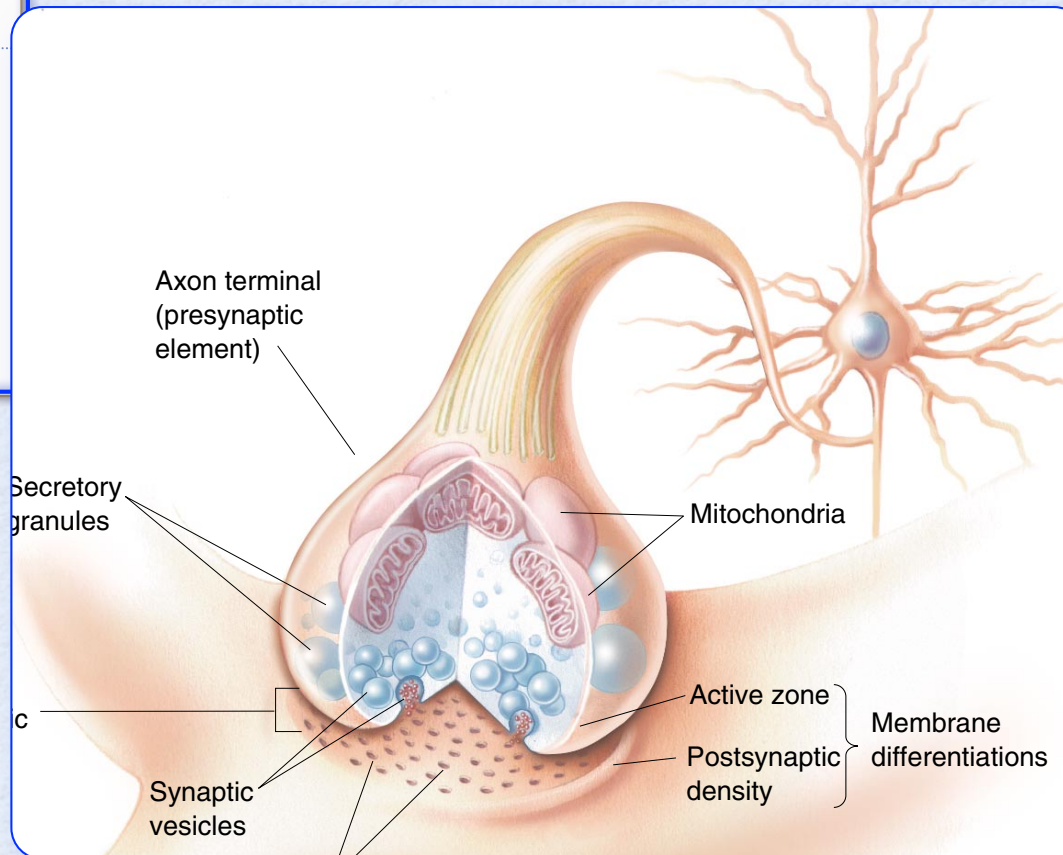


single neuron

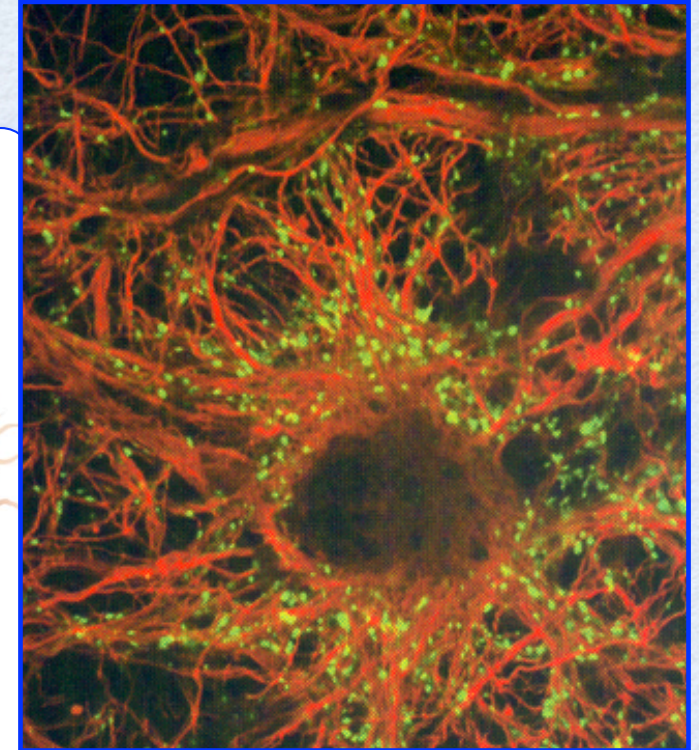
# How neurons communicate



**the action potential**



**the chemical synapse  
occurring in ms or less**

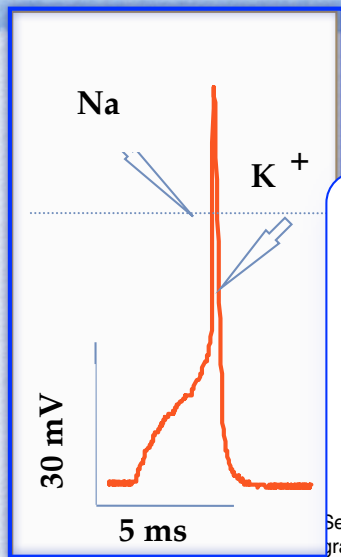


**a single neuron: 100 '000  
synaptic connections**

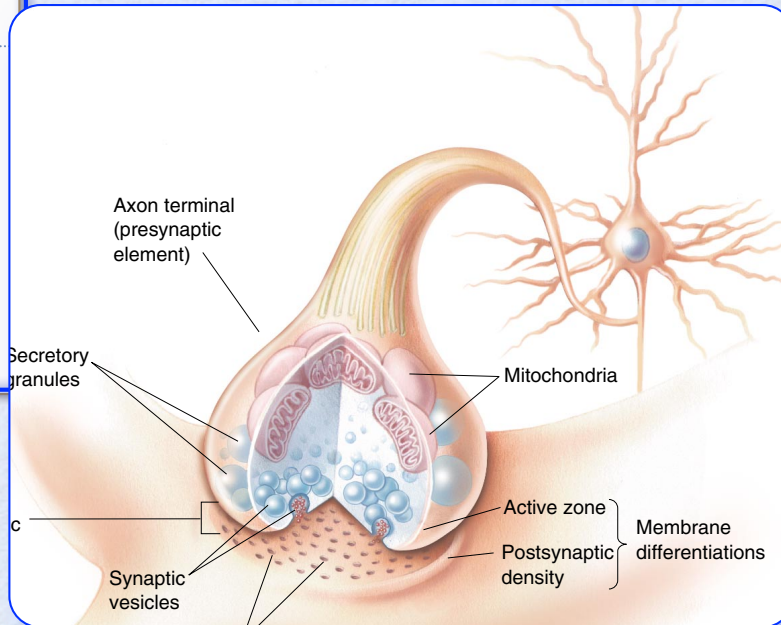
**$10^{11}$  neurons  
 $10^{16}$  connections  
20 W consumption**

**The importance of neurotransmitters and receptors**

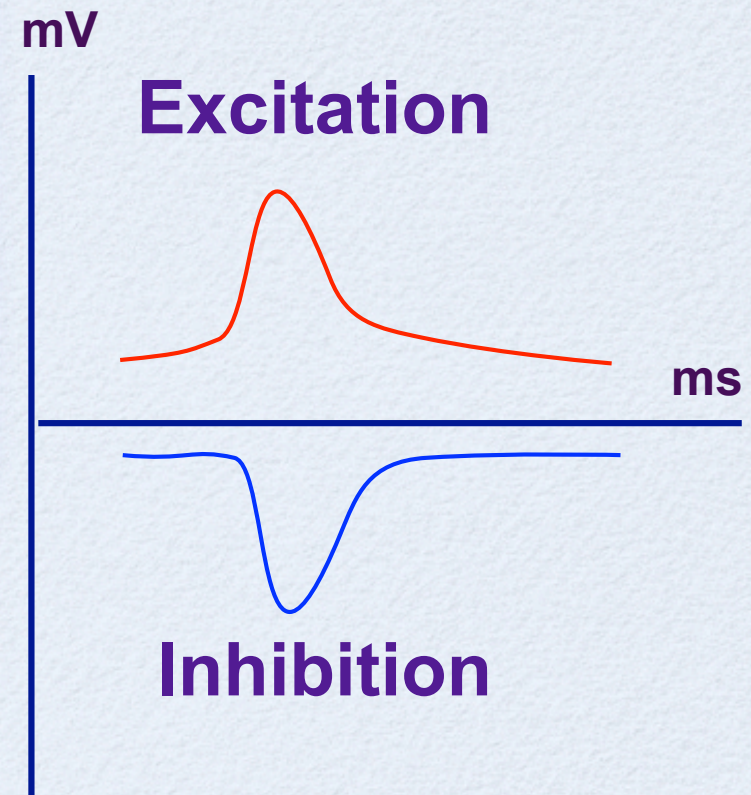
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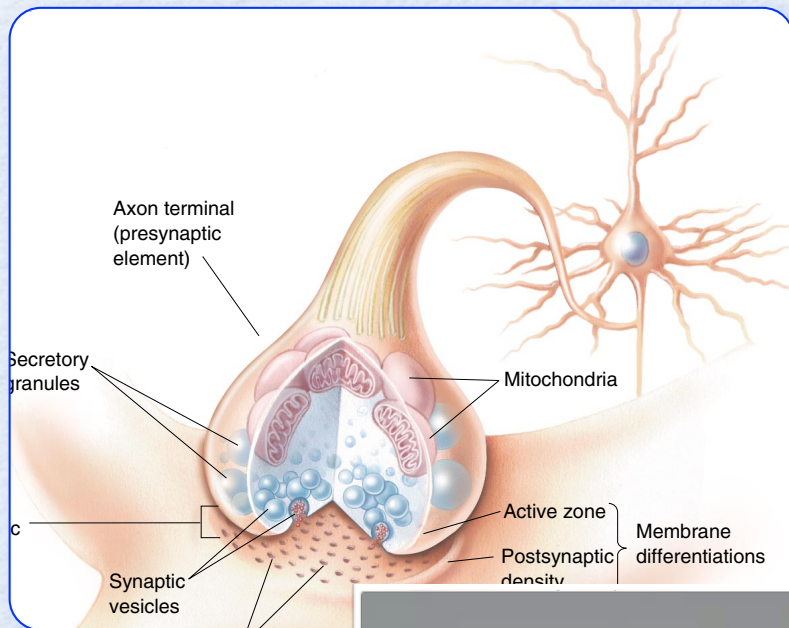
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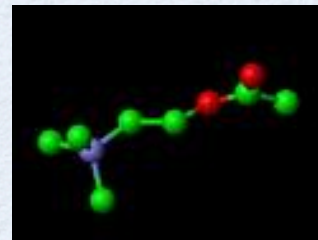
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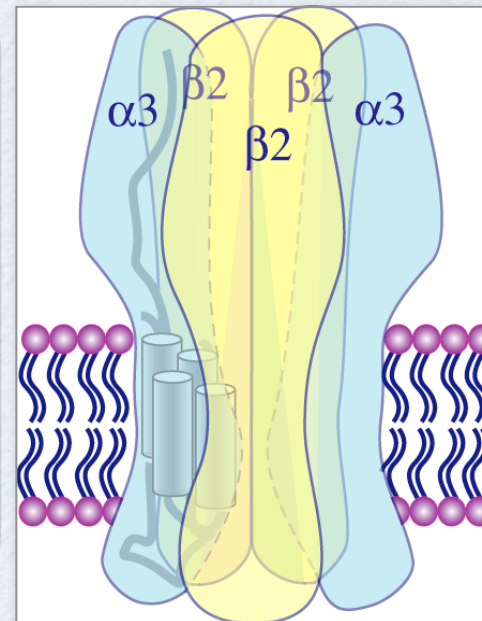
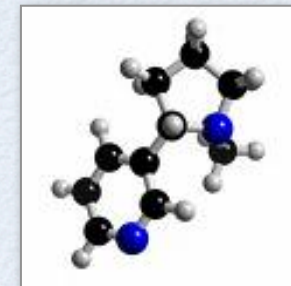
# An example of neurotransmission



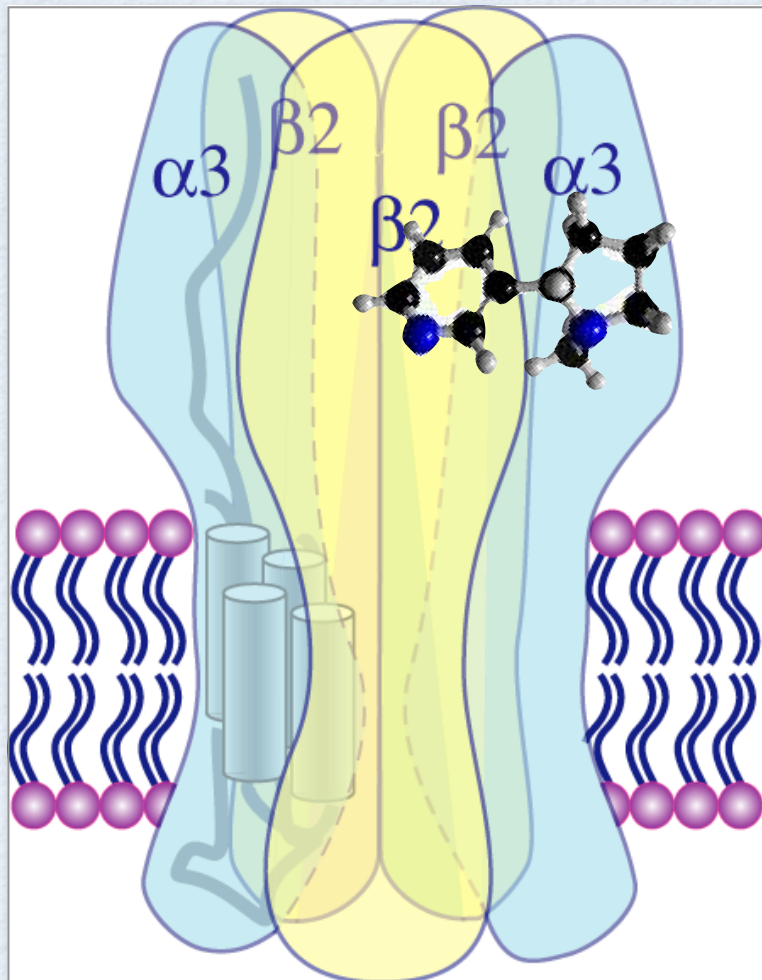
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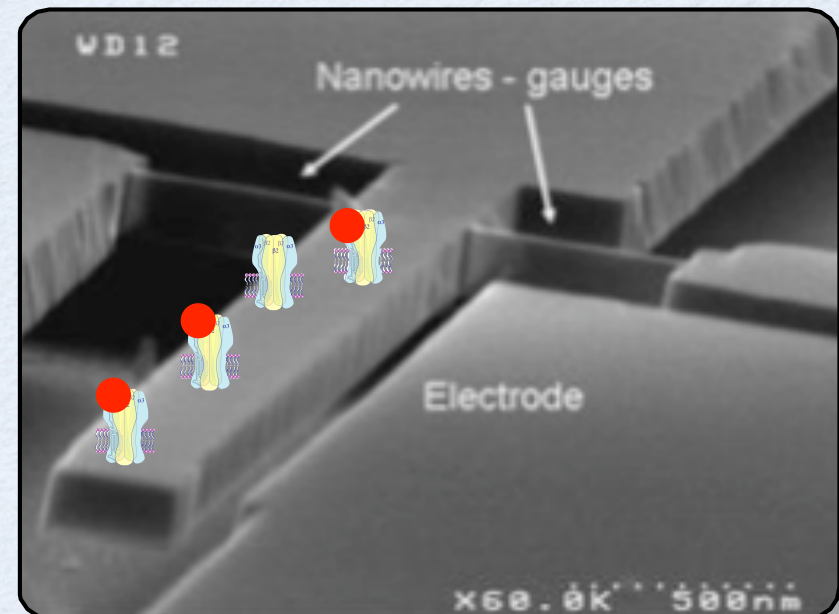
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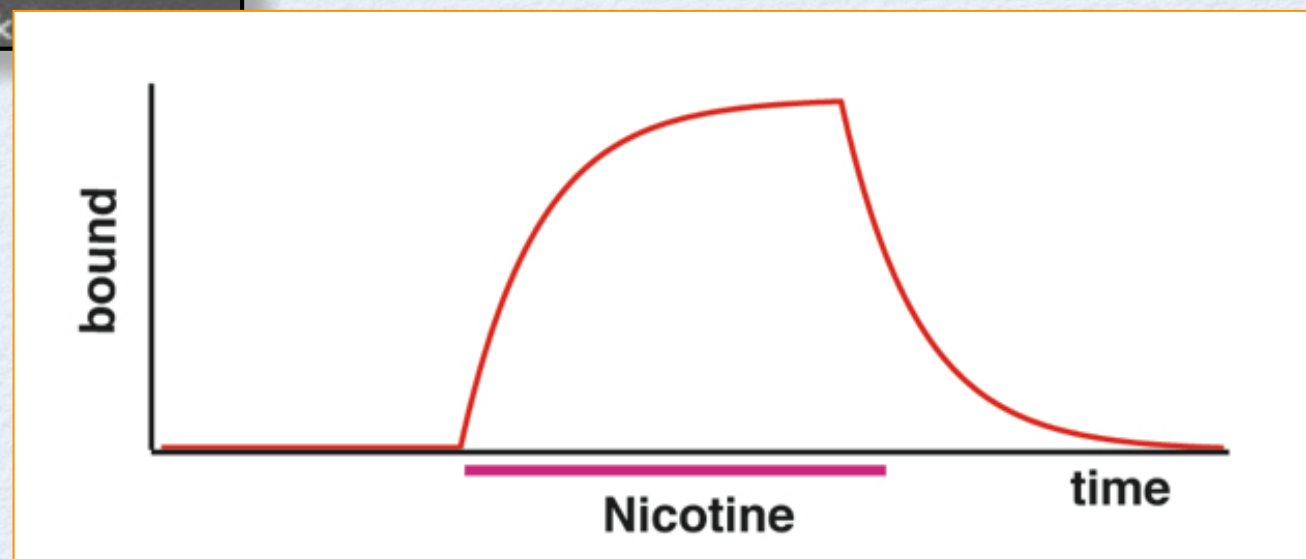
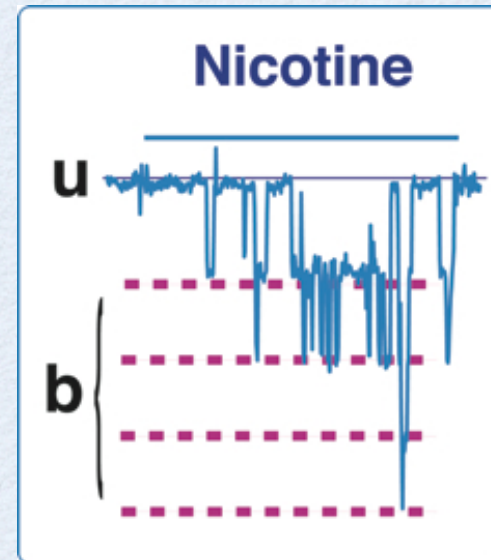
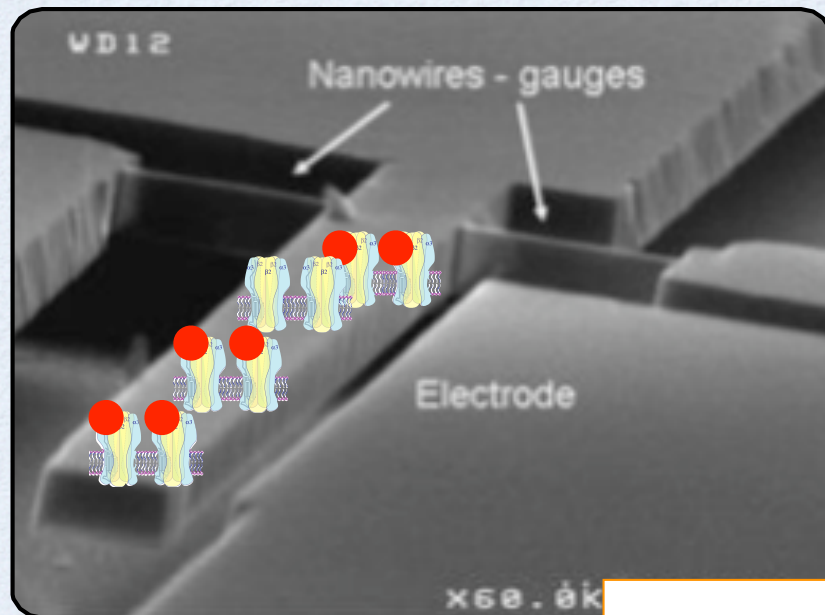
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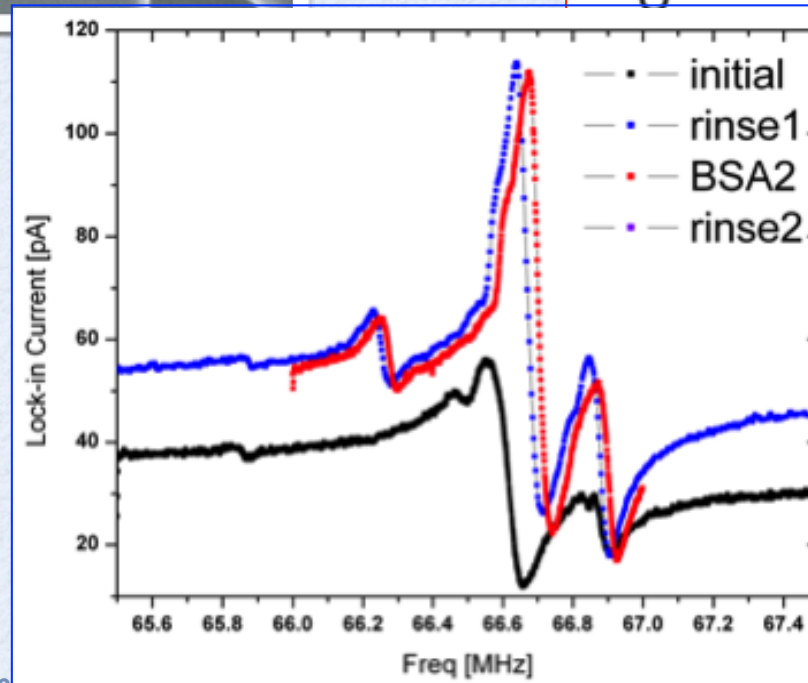
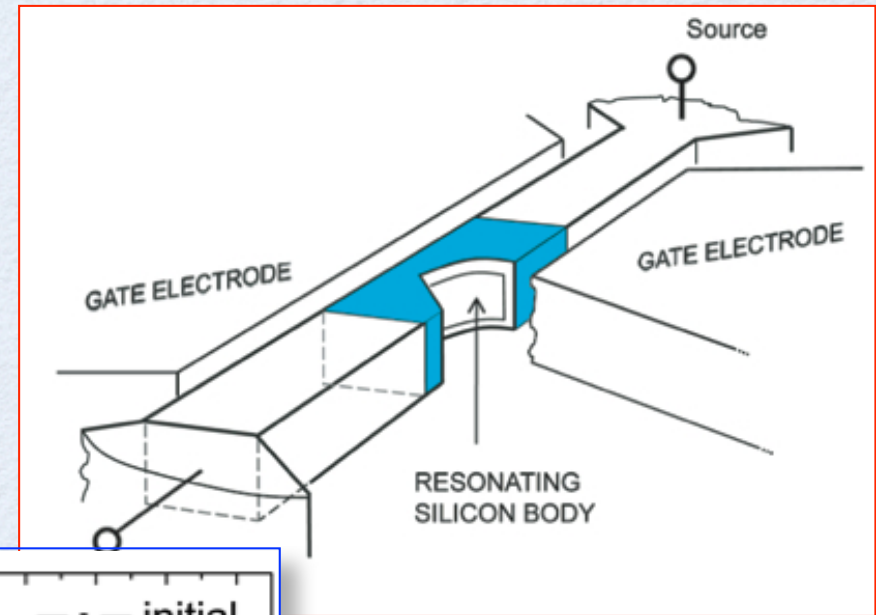
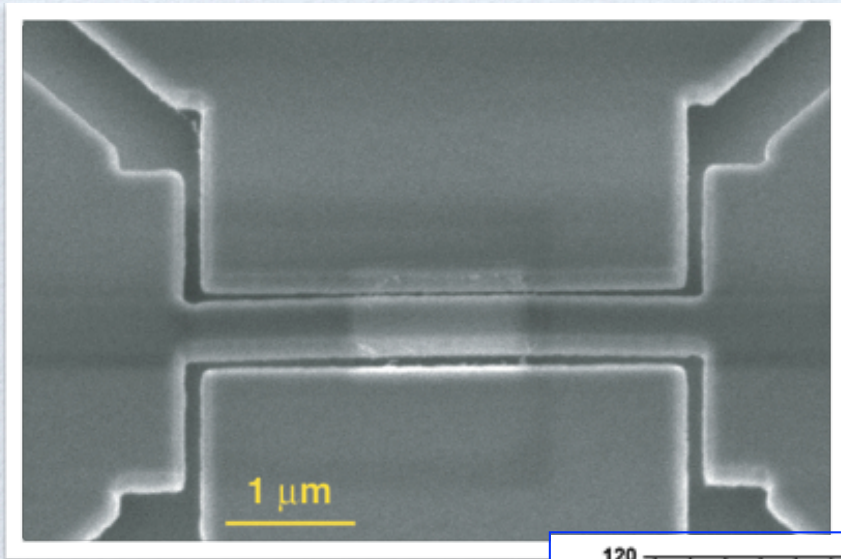
**+Nicotine**  
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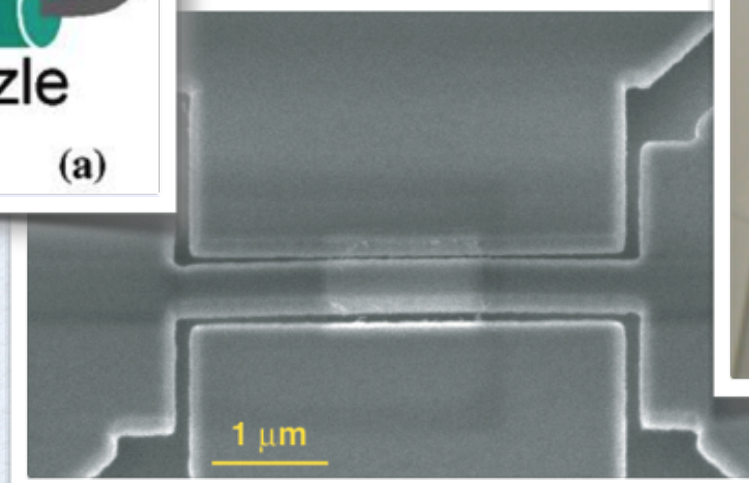
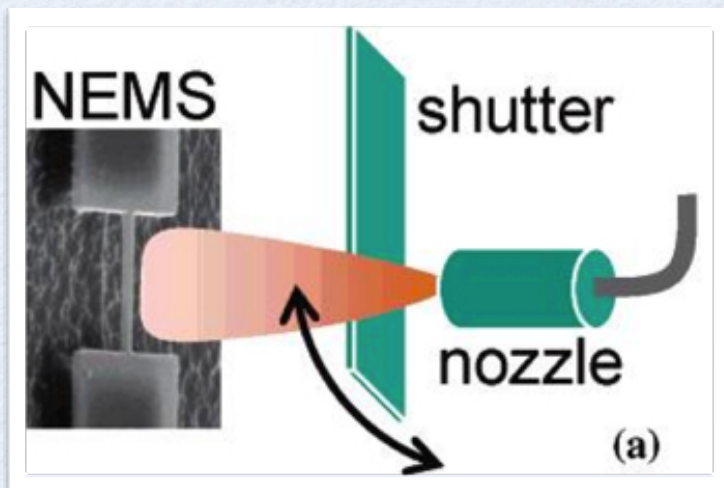


# Resonating body FET



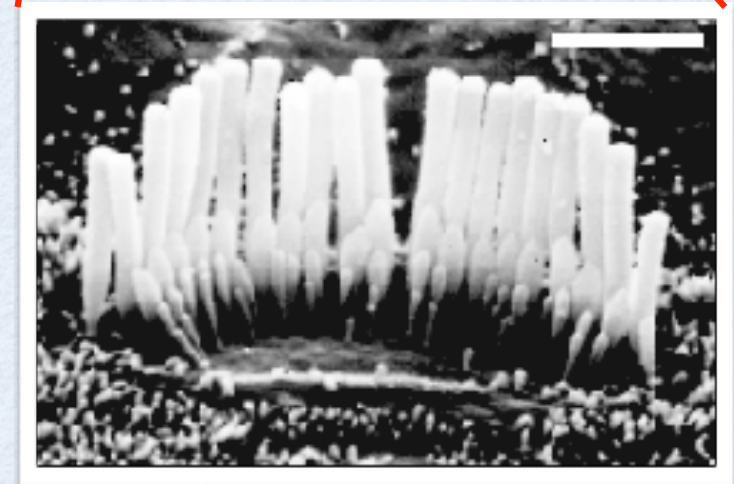
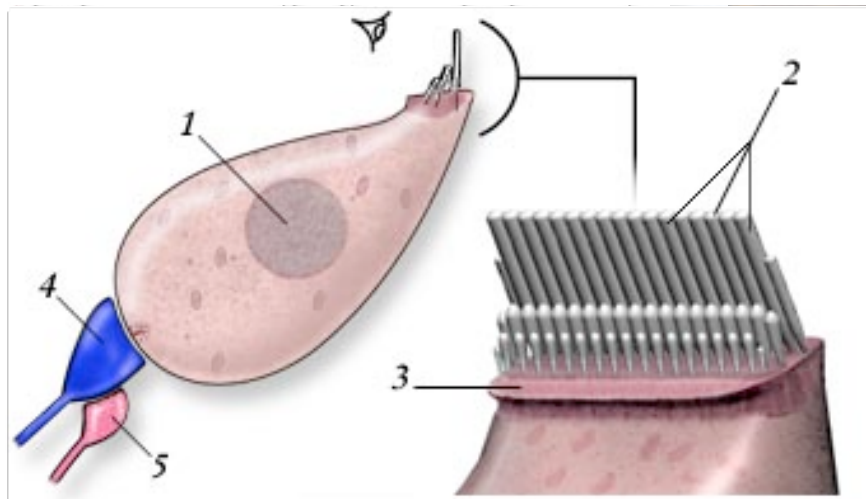
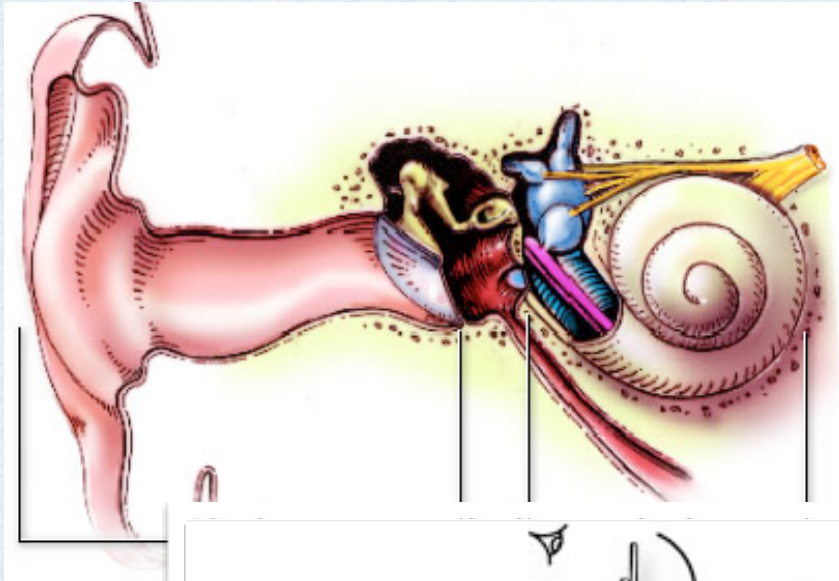
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# From present to future



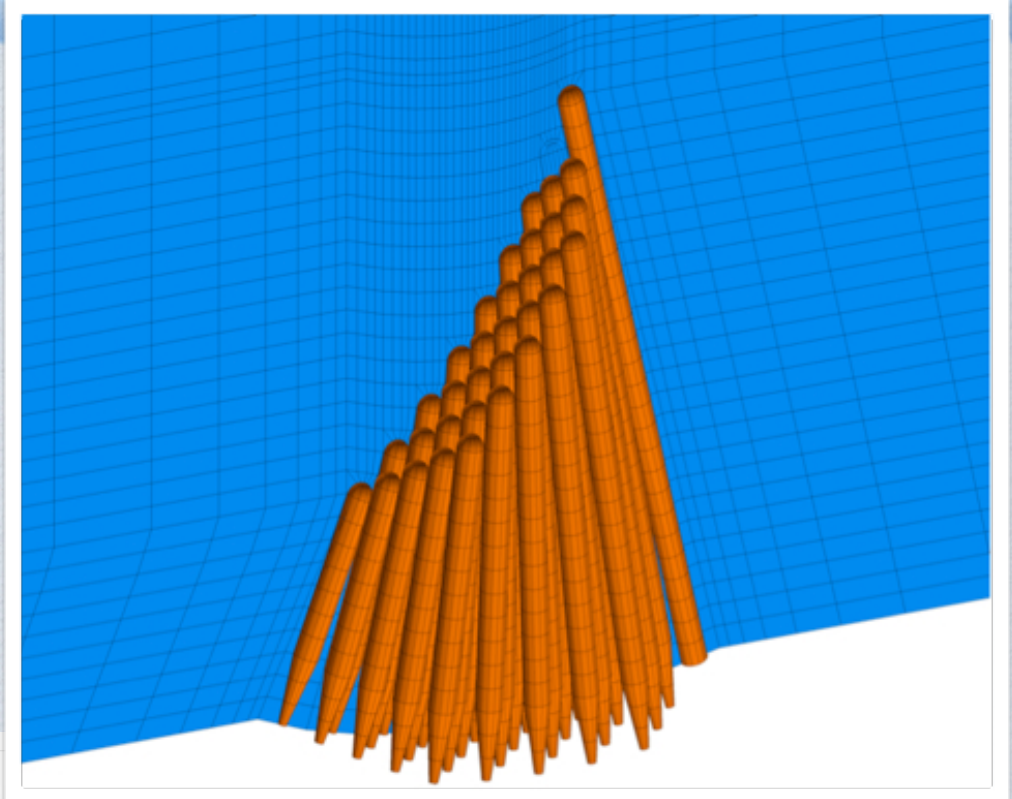
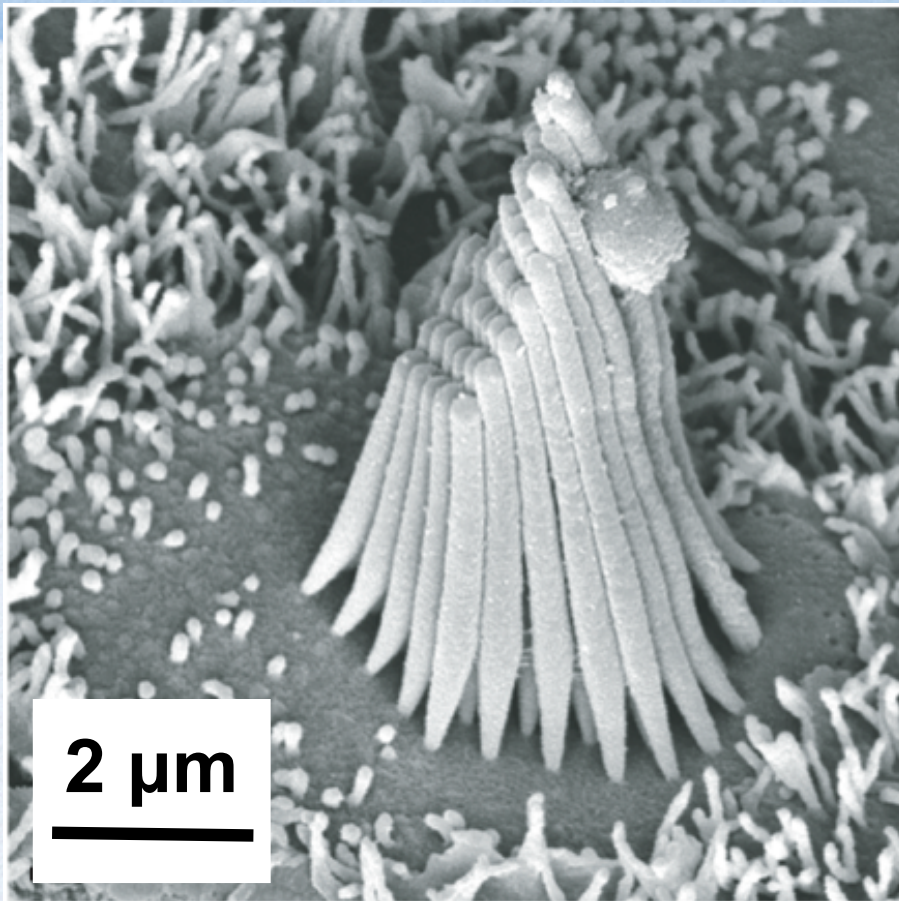
## From Vacuum to Liquid

# The inner ear: a biological example of NEMS



Subnanometer displacement

# The physics of stereocilia

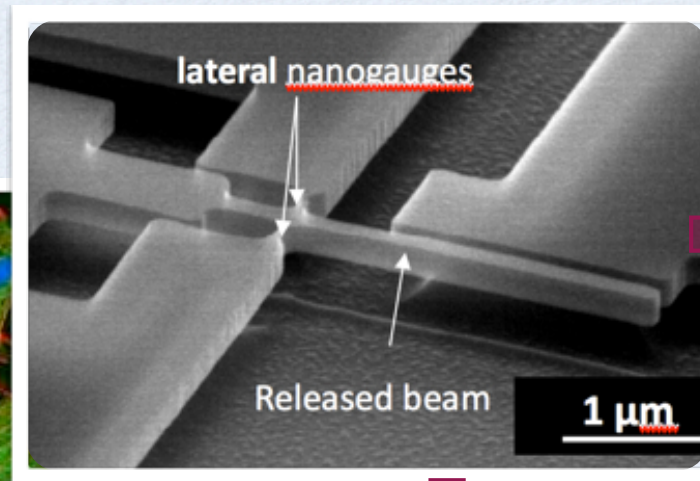
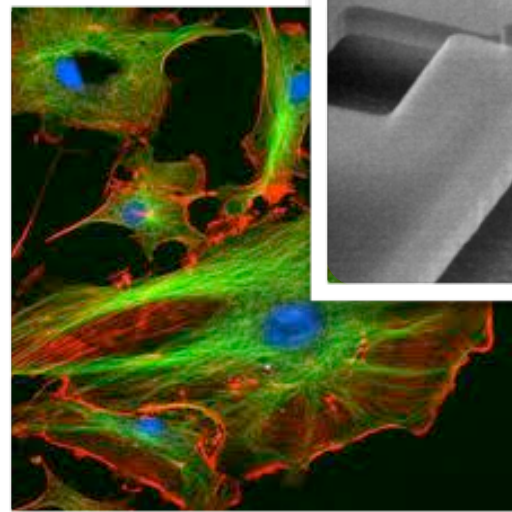


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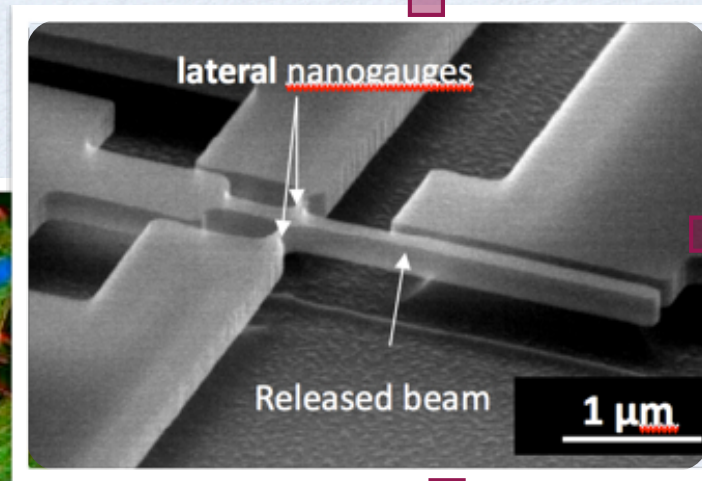
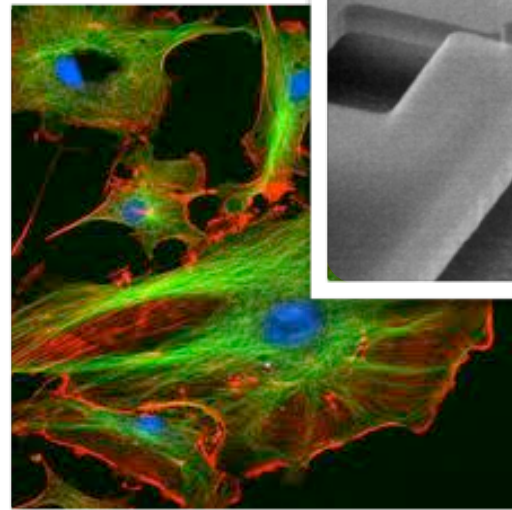


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# Work Done in Collaboration

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