

# Lab on Chip and Microfluidics

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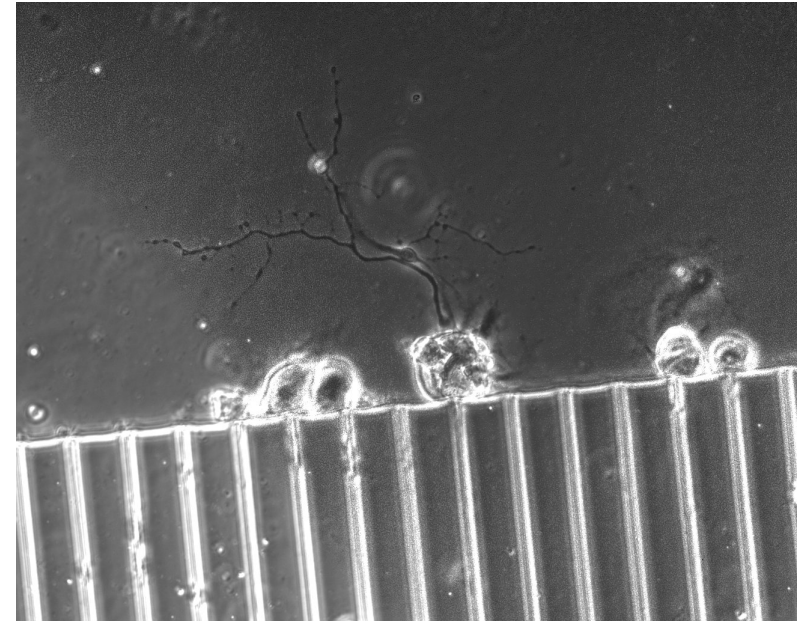
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Cells on Chips

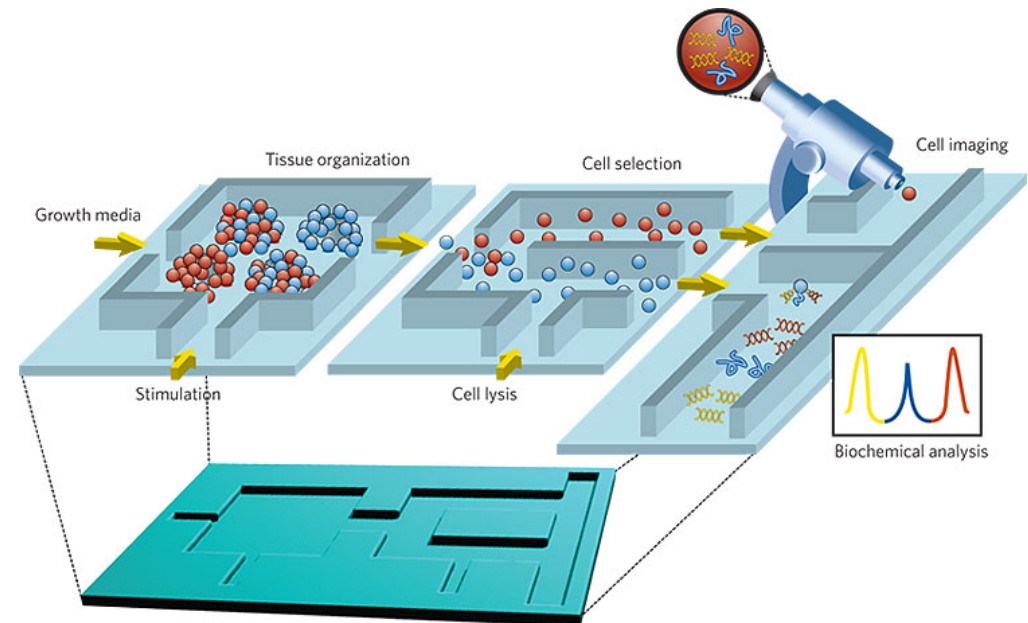
# Cells On Chips

Systems for the spatial and temporal control of cell growth and stimuli

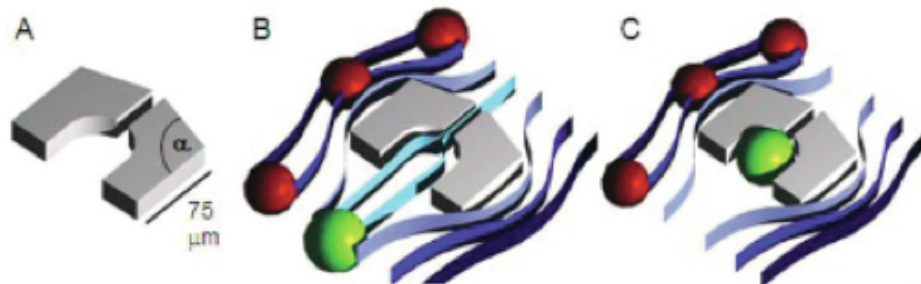
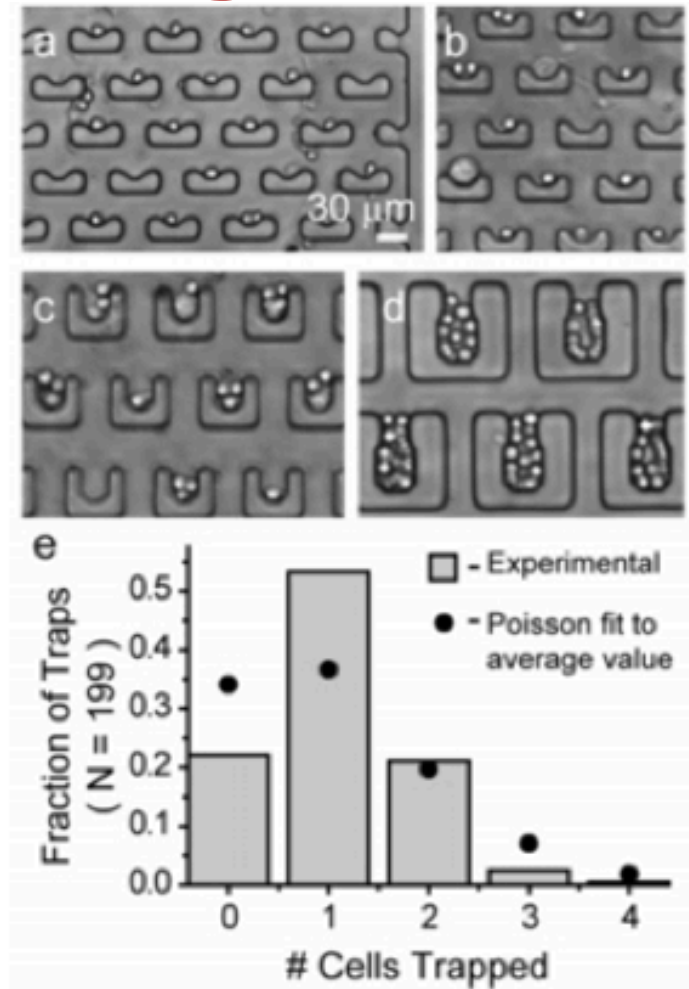
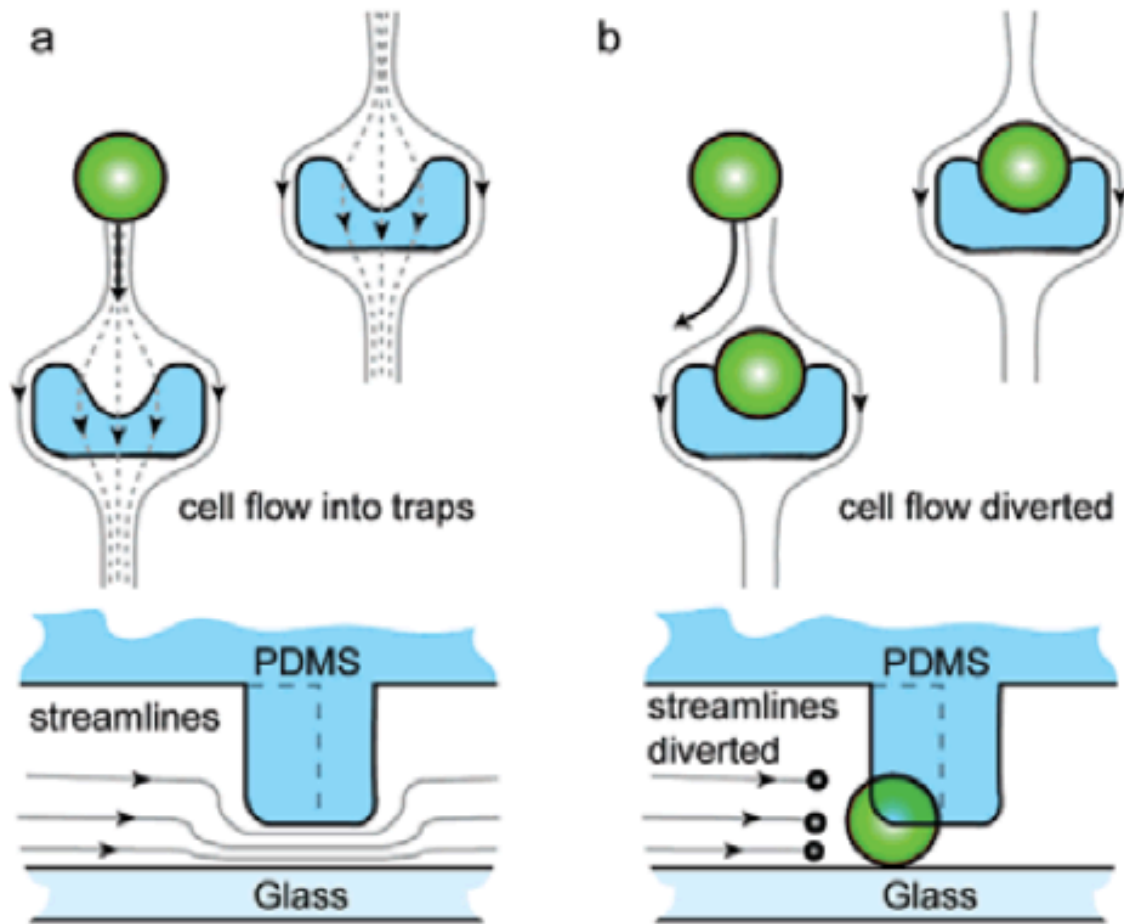
- Surfaces that mimic complex biochemistries and geometries of the extracellular matrix
- Microfluidic channels that regulate transport of fluids
- Diffusion of gas in PDMS



Cell trapping and sorting  
Culture  
Oriented growth (neurons)  
Compartmented culture  
Cytometry  
Lysis  
Electroporation  
Mechanical /Electrical stimulation  
Identification

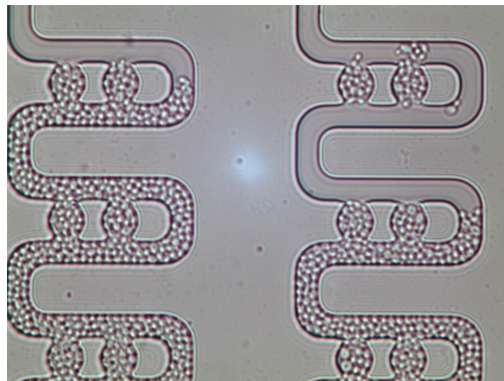
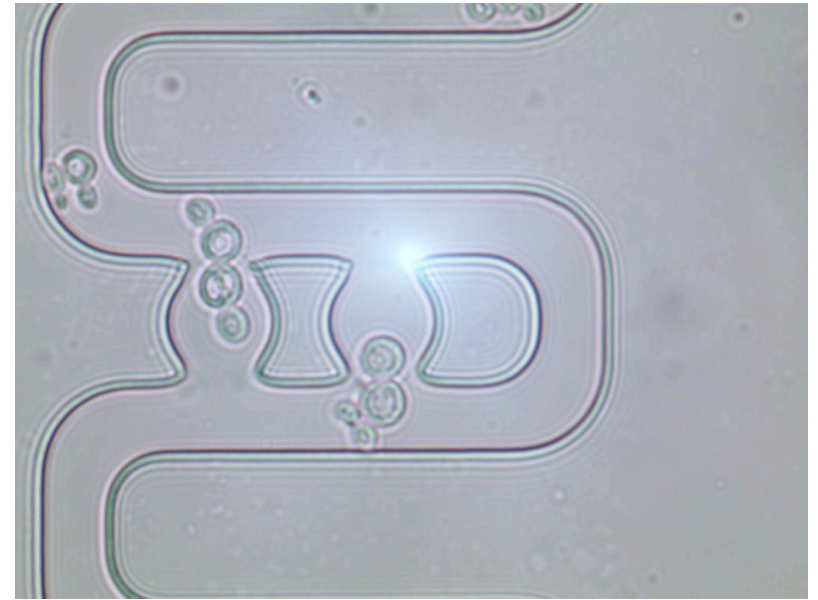
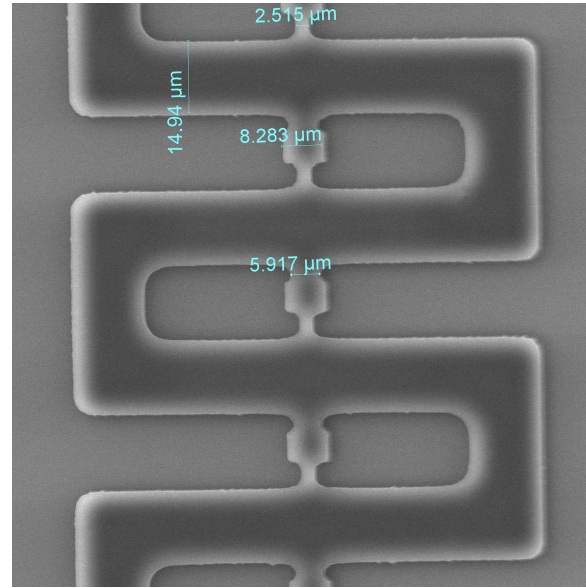
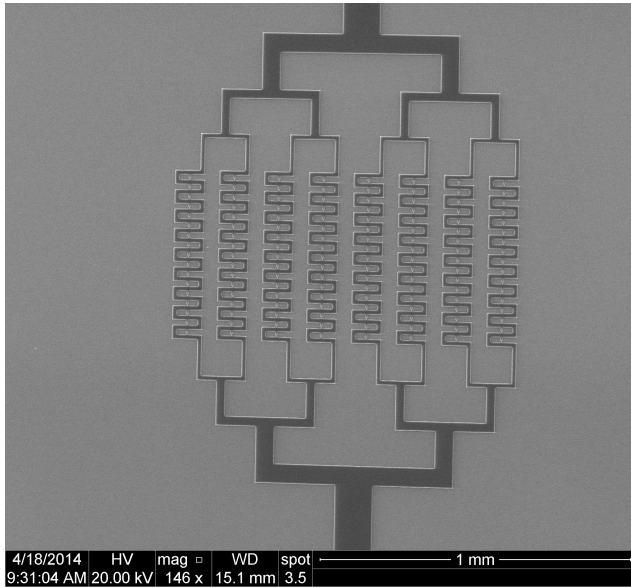


# Cell Chips Capture and Sorting



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Capture of yeast cells for duplication analysis (E.Schwob, B.Charlot)



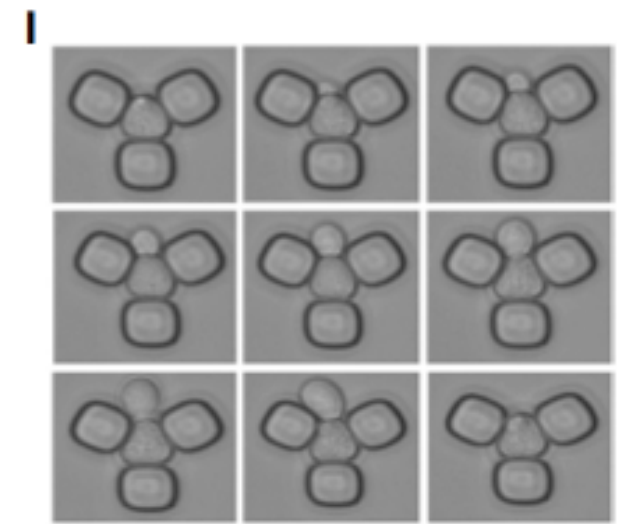
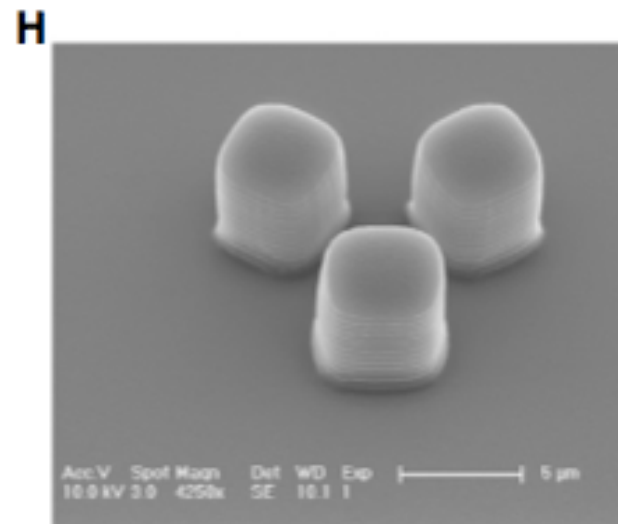
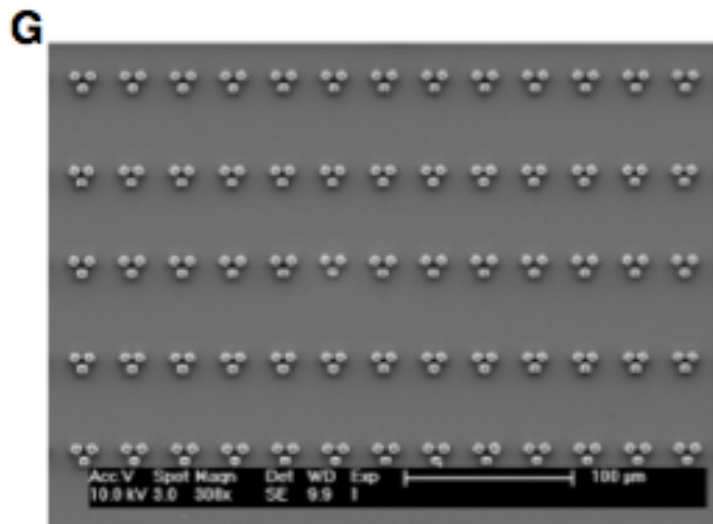
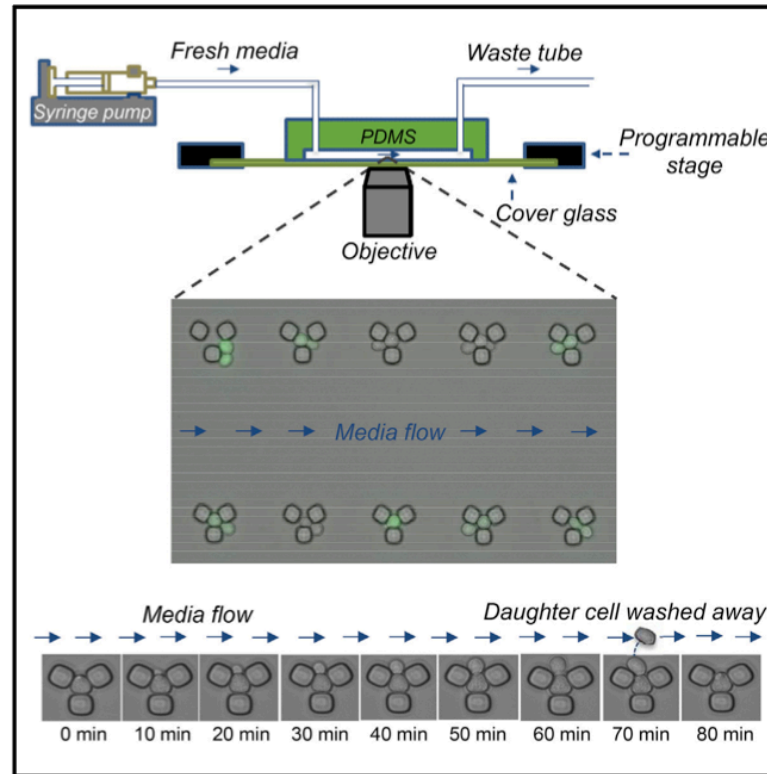
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slow single  
cell arraying

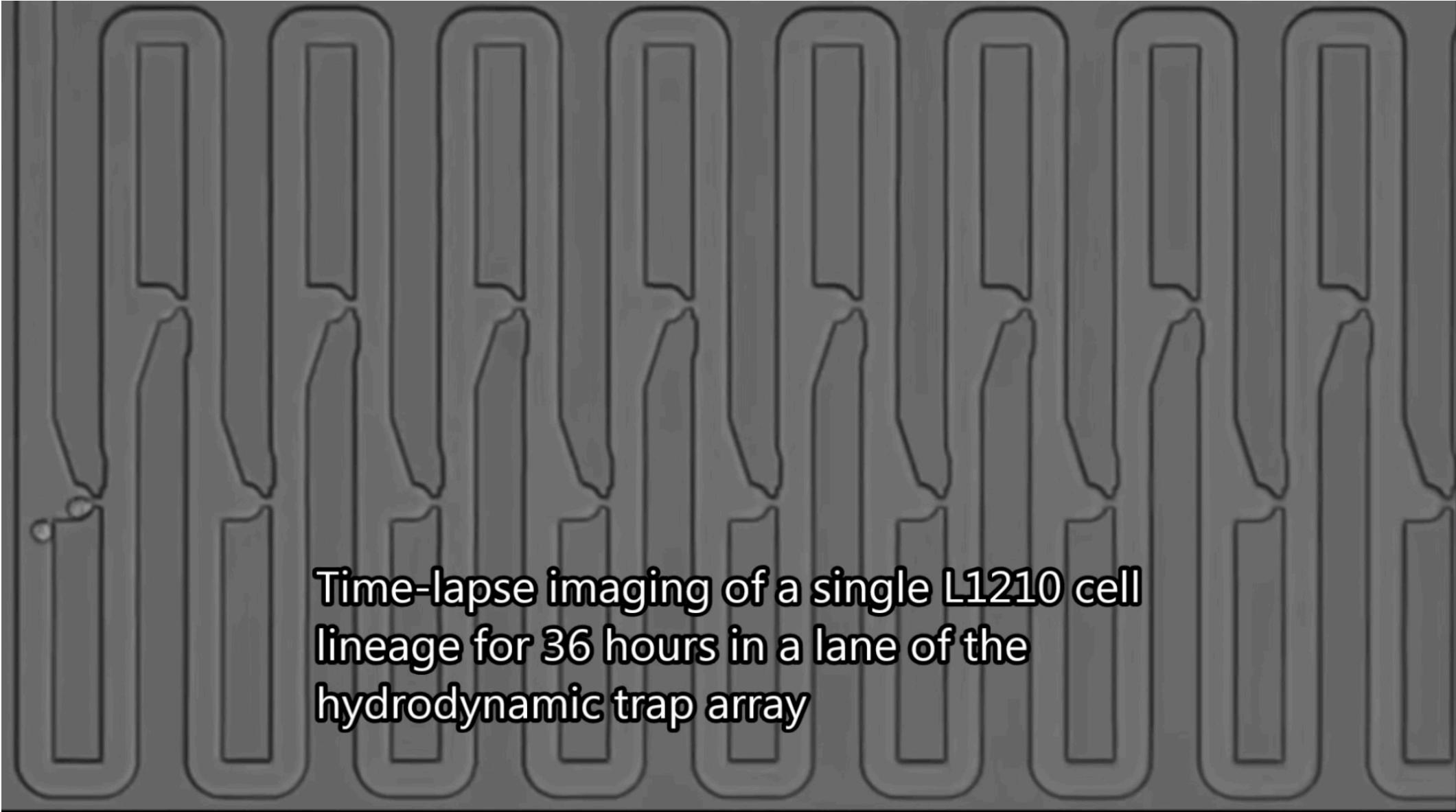
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Ping Liu, Thomas Z. Young, Murat Acar

Cell Reports 13, 634–644



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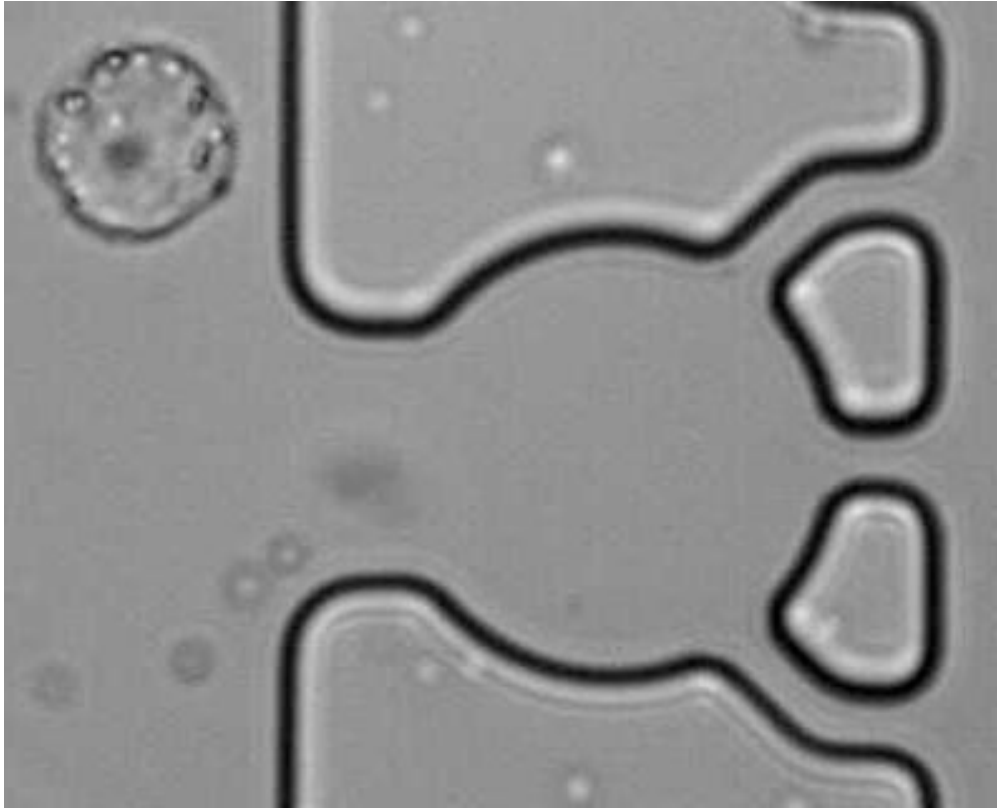
A grayscale micrograph showing a series of vertical, U-shaped hydrodynamic traps on a chip. The traps are arranged in a row. In the leftmost trap, a single cell is visible, appearing as a small, bright, irregular shape. The rest of the traps are empty. The background is a uniform gray.

**Time-lapse imaging of a single L1210 cell lineage for 36 hours in a lane of the hydrodynamic trap array**

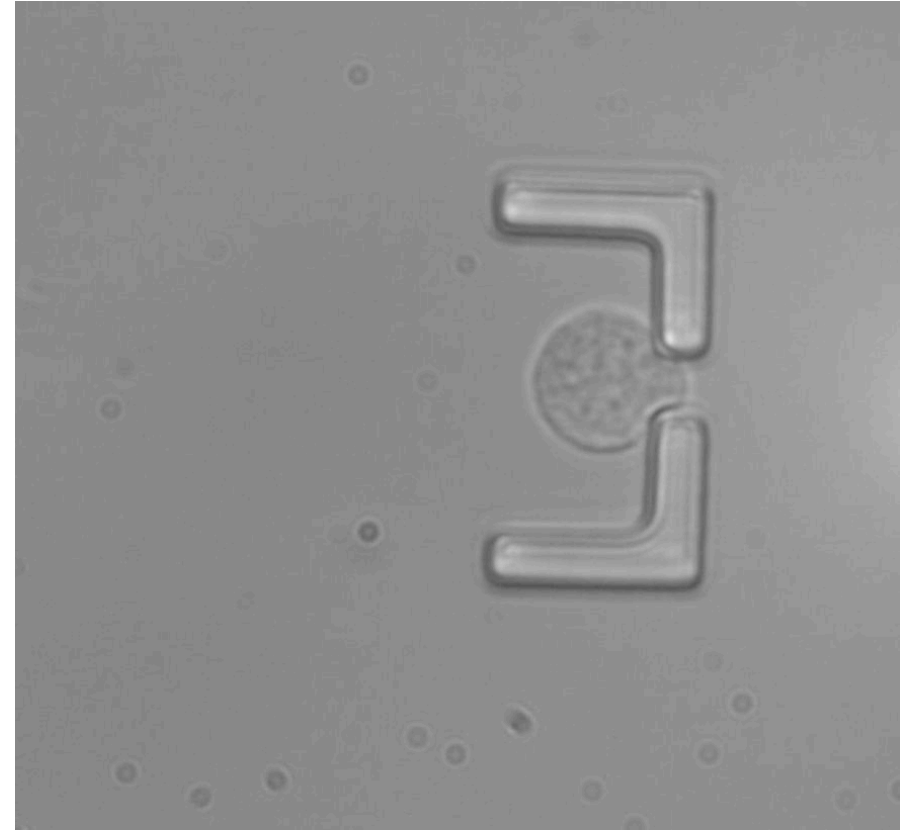
Robert J. Kimmerling et al (2016), Nature Communications



# Cell Chips Capture and Sorting



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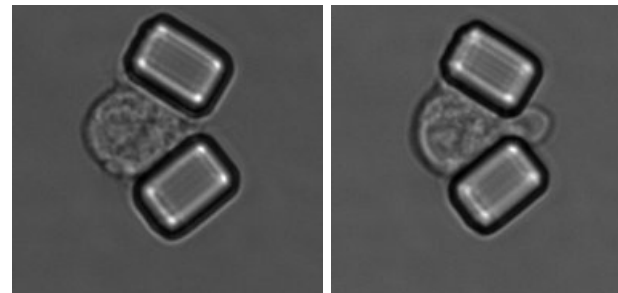
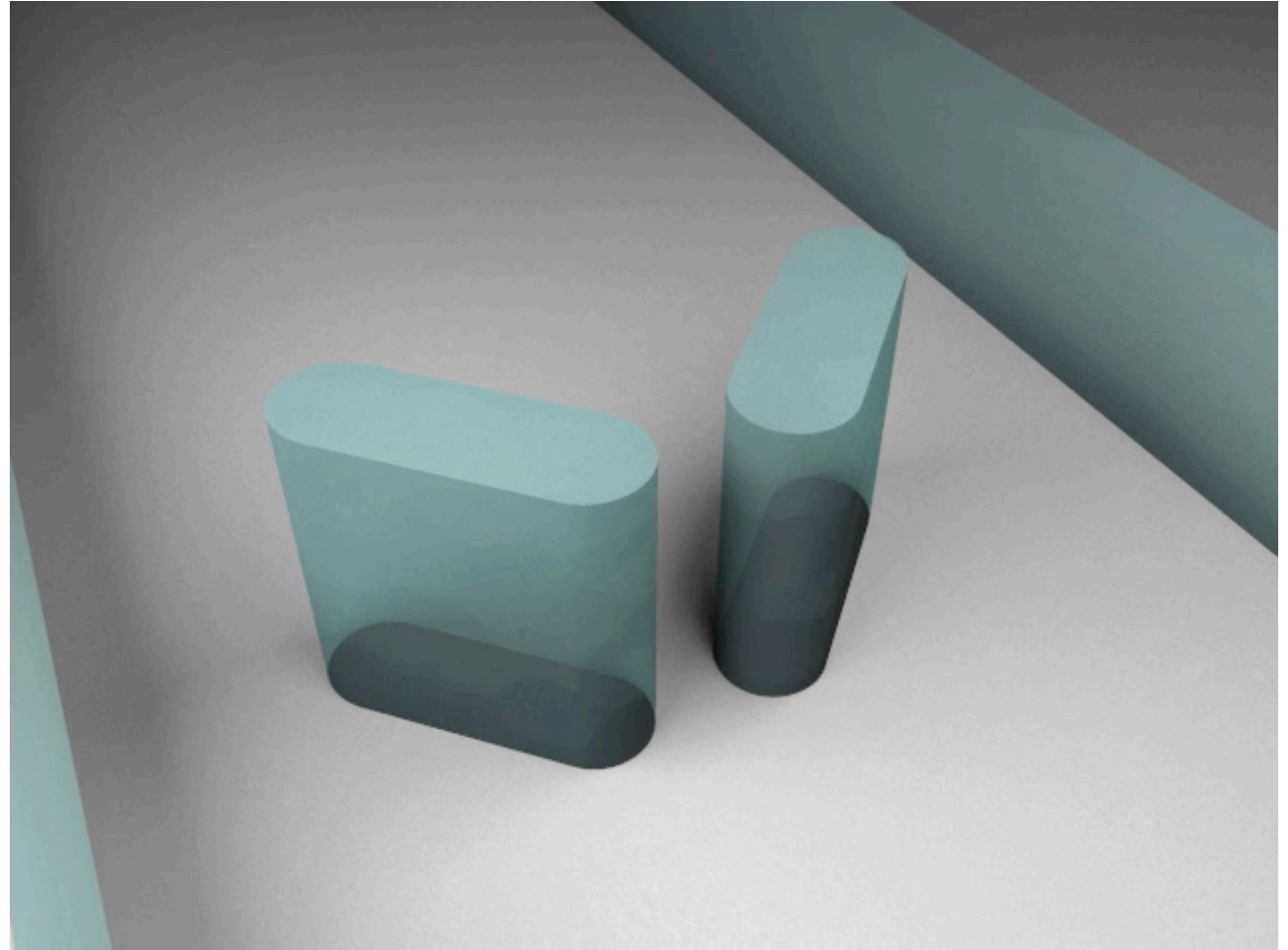
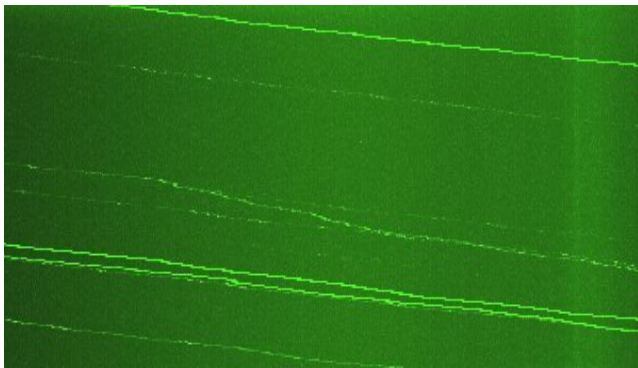
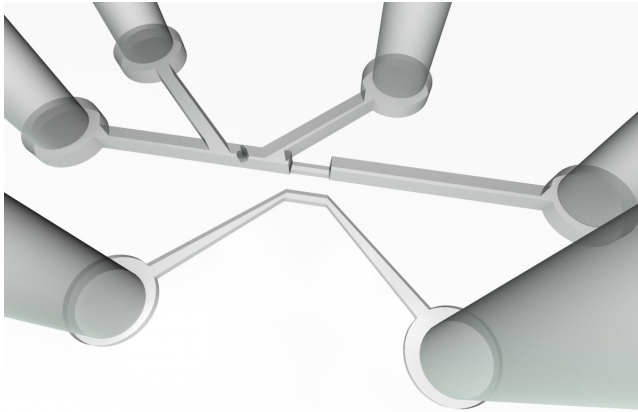
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Virofluidics

Capturing single Cell

Studying virions release along  
time at single cell level

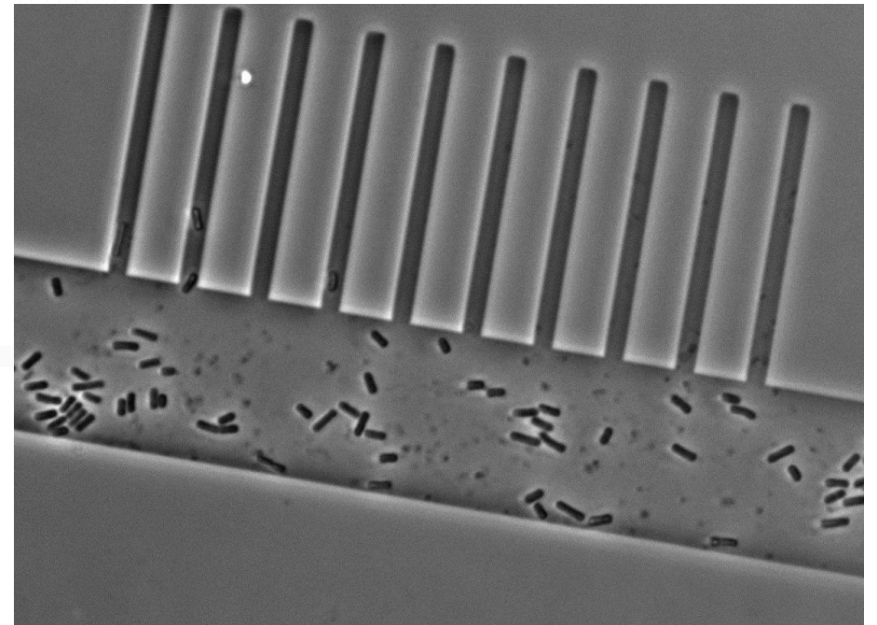
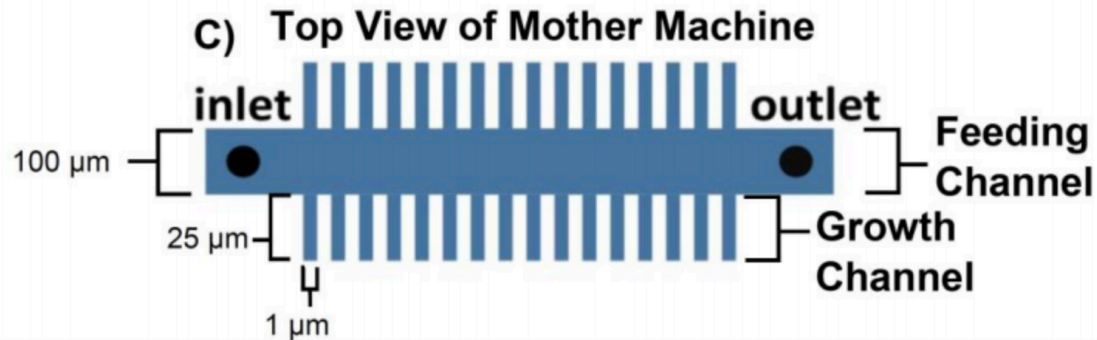
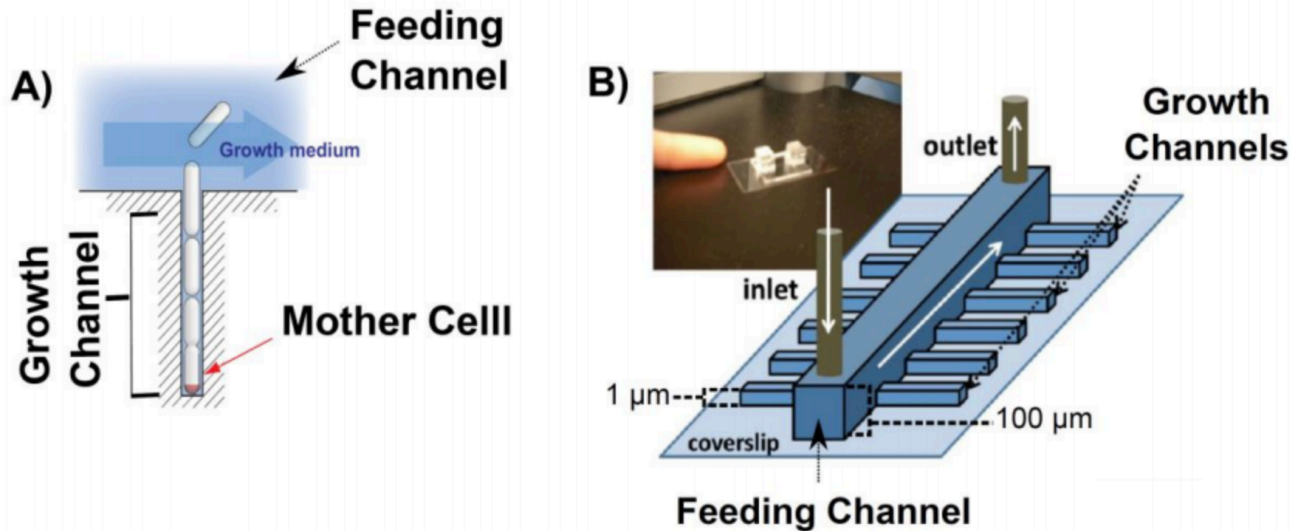


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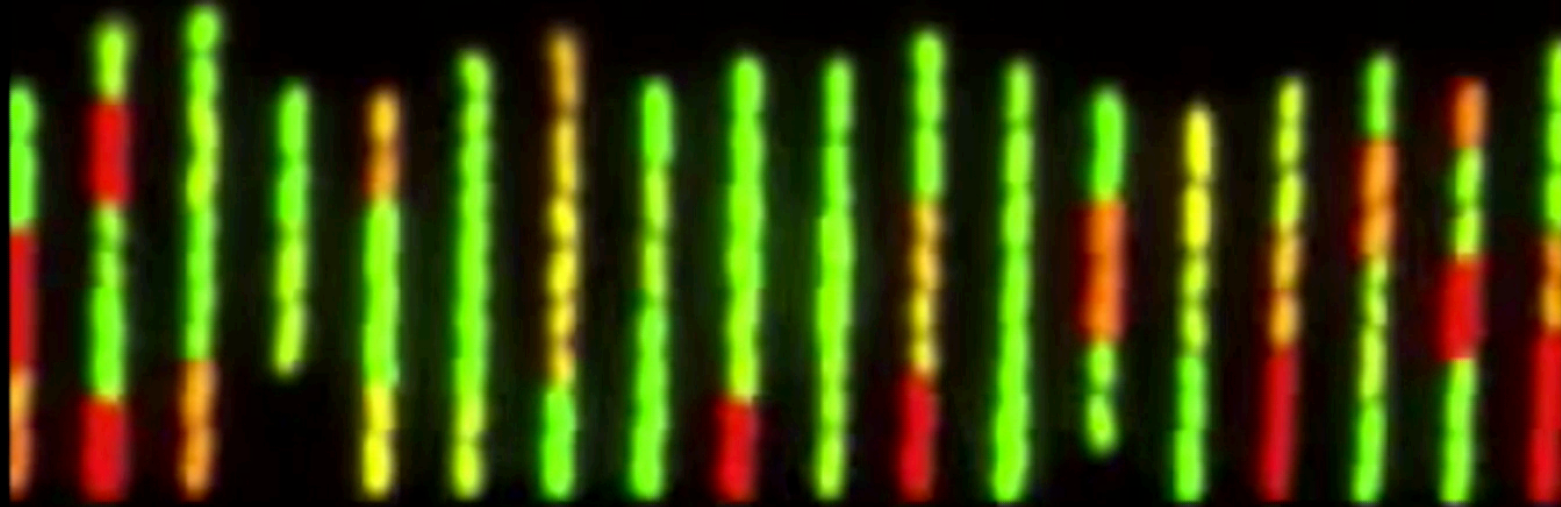
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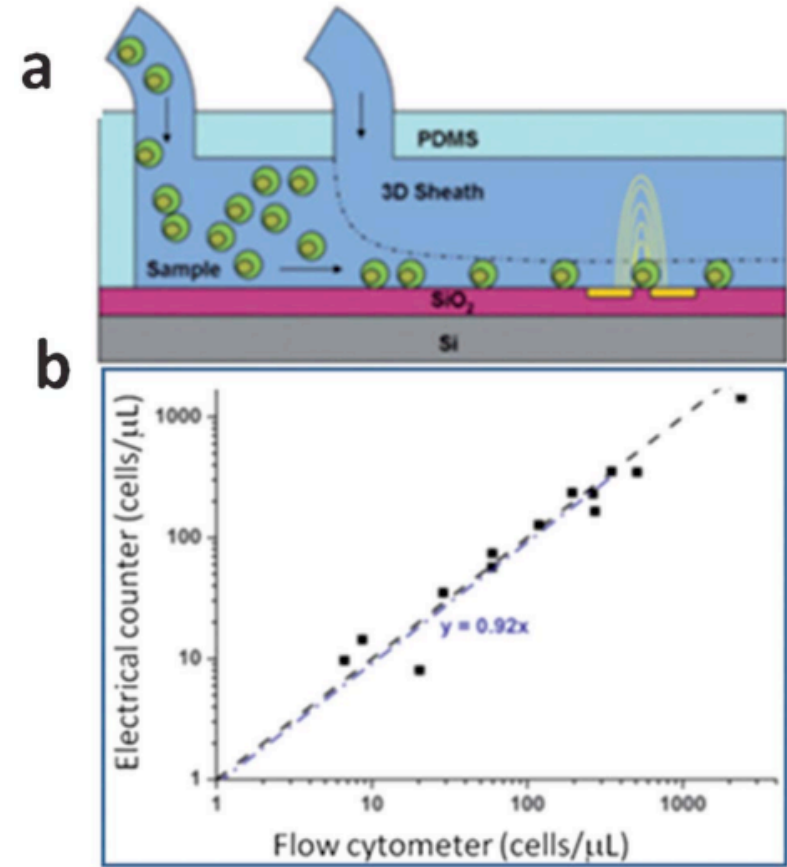
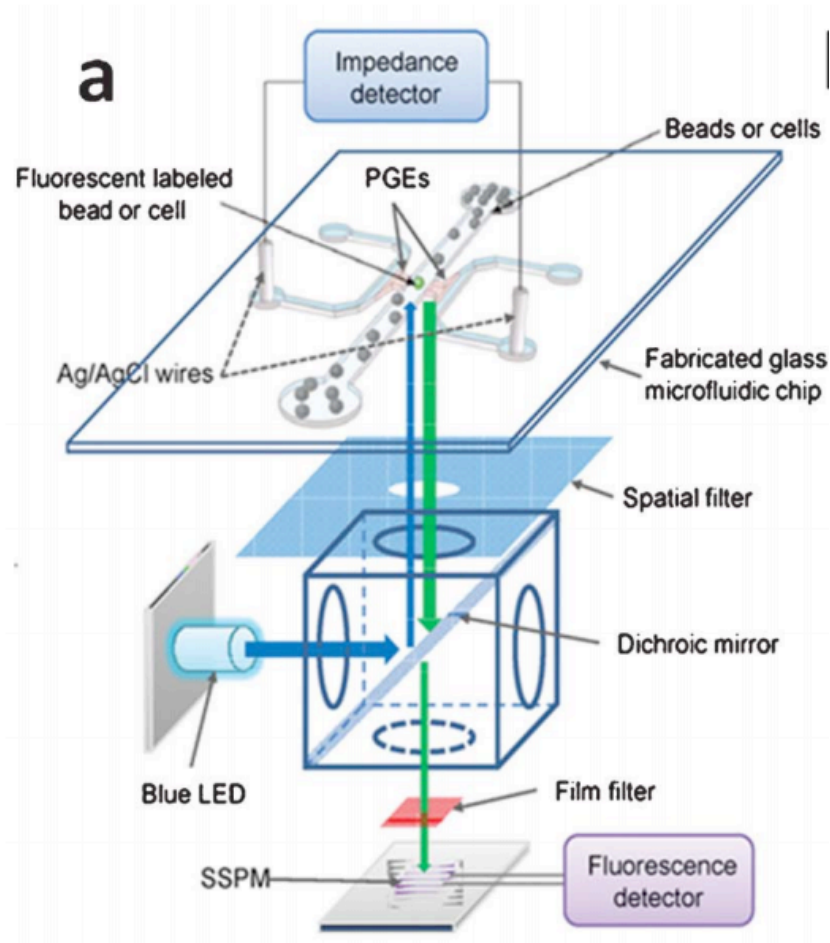


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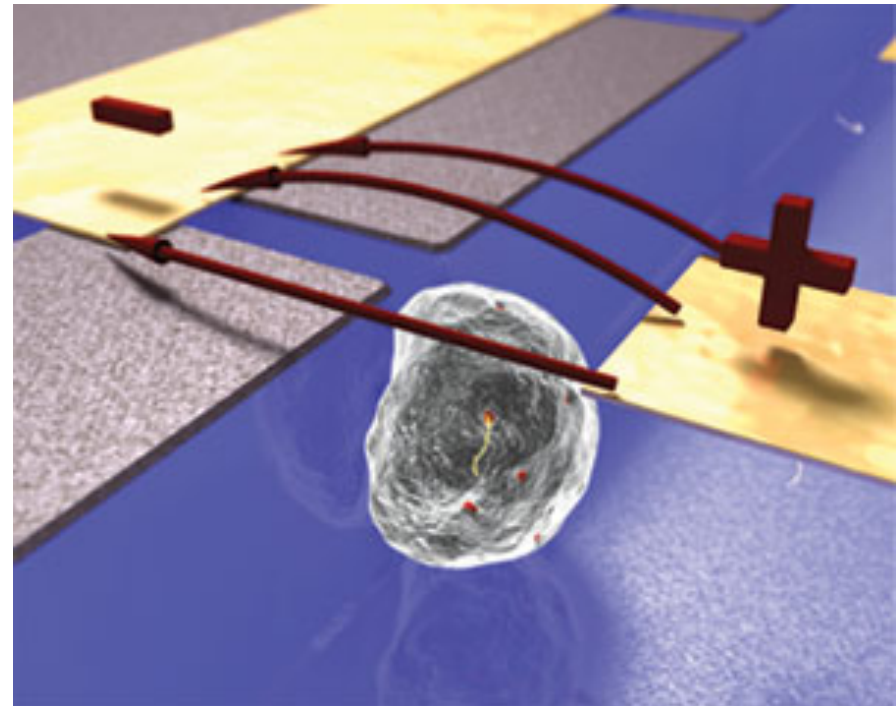
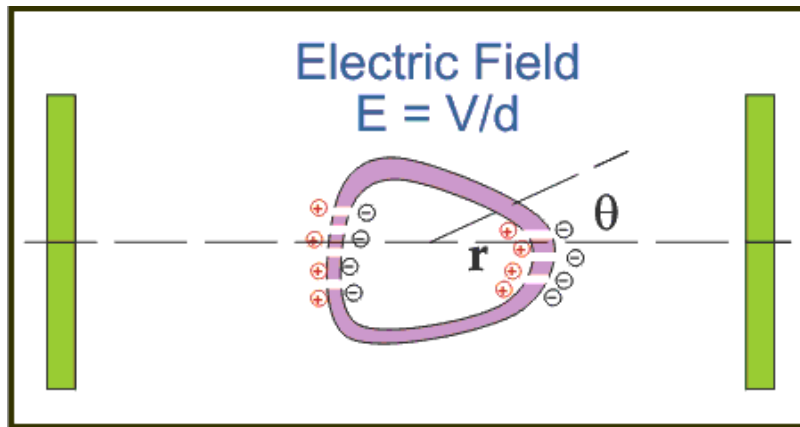


# Cell Chips Cytometry



# Cell Chips Electroporation

Electropermeabilization



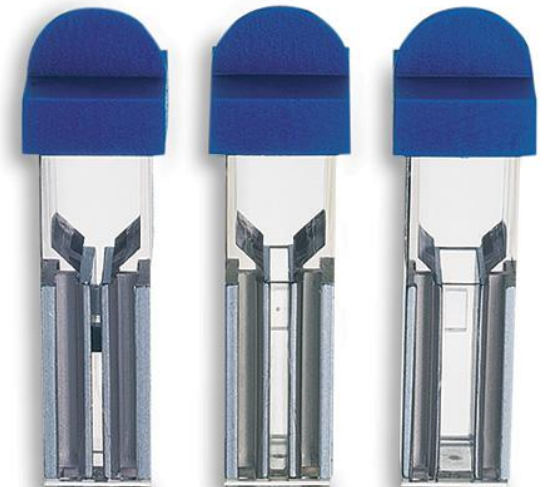
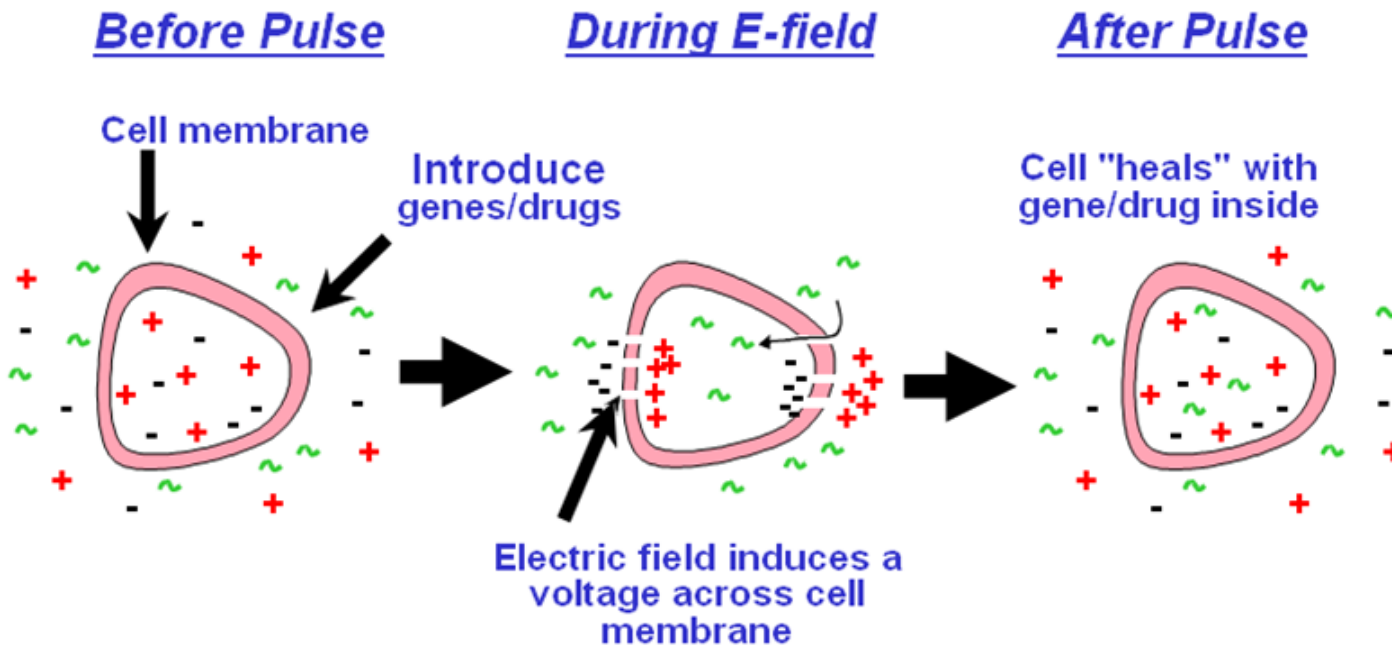
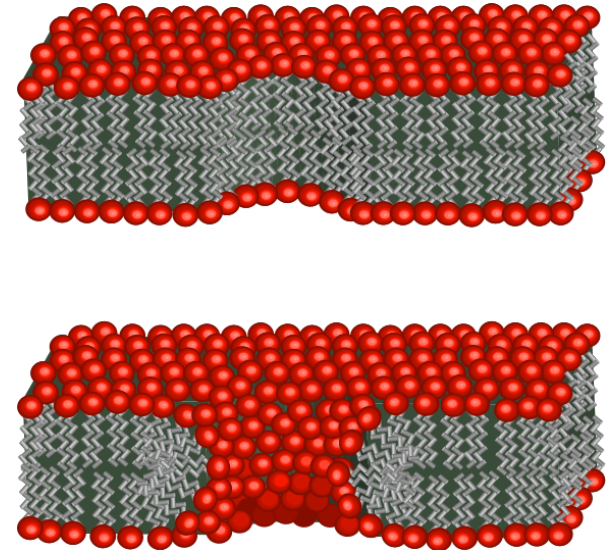
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a.k.a Electroporation

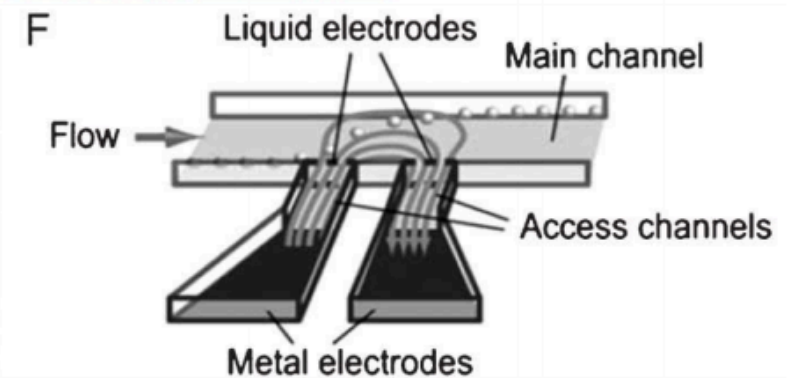
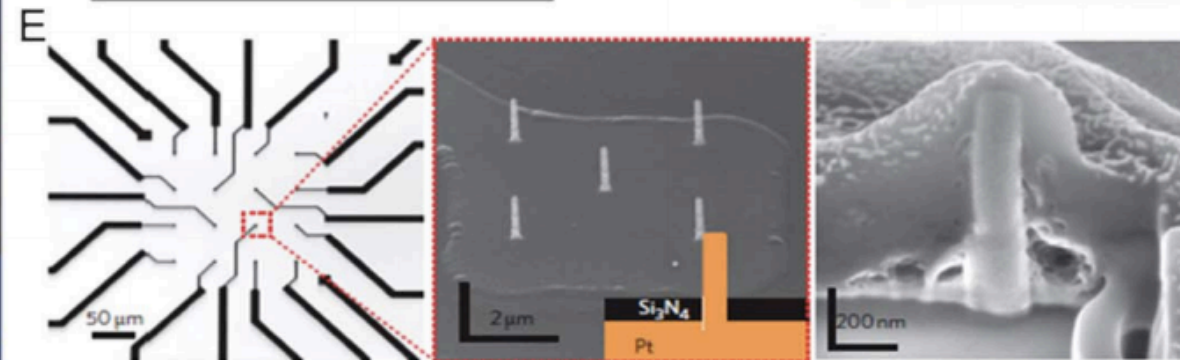
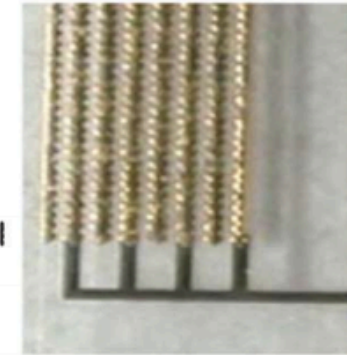
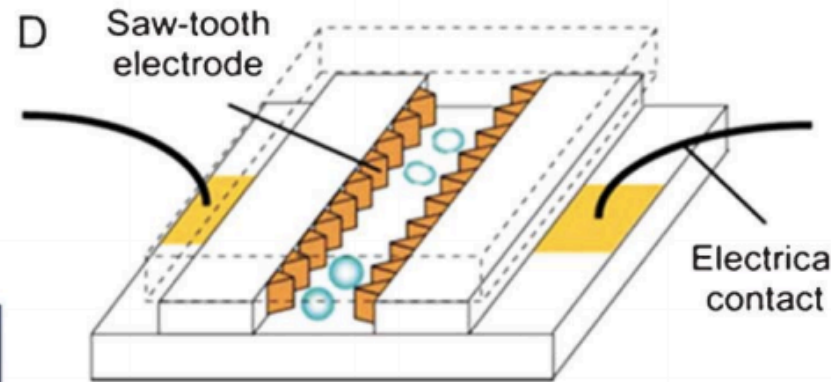
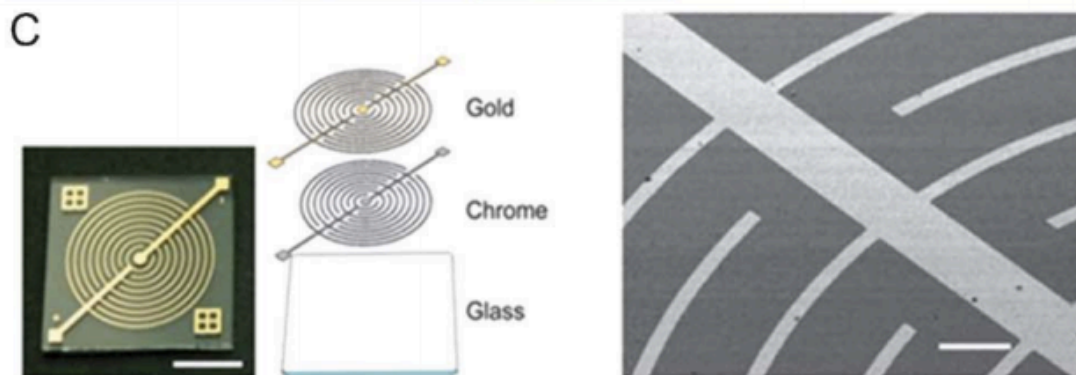
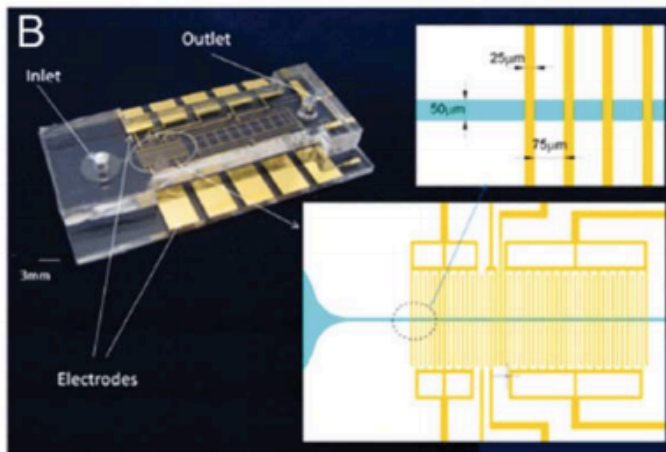
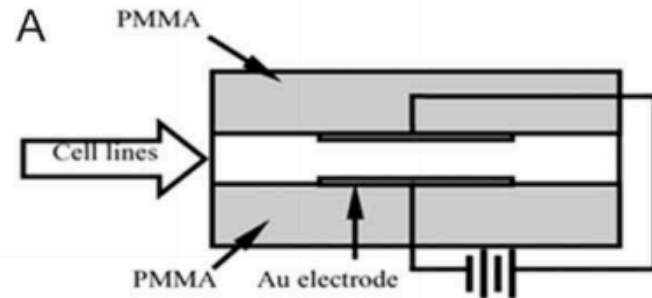
an electrical field is applied to cells in order to increase the permeability of the cell membrane, allowing chemicals, drugs, or DNA to be introduced into the cell

Transfection

300-400 mV for < 1 ms (across the membrane)

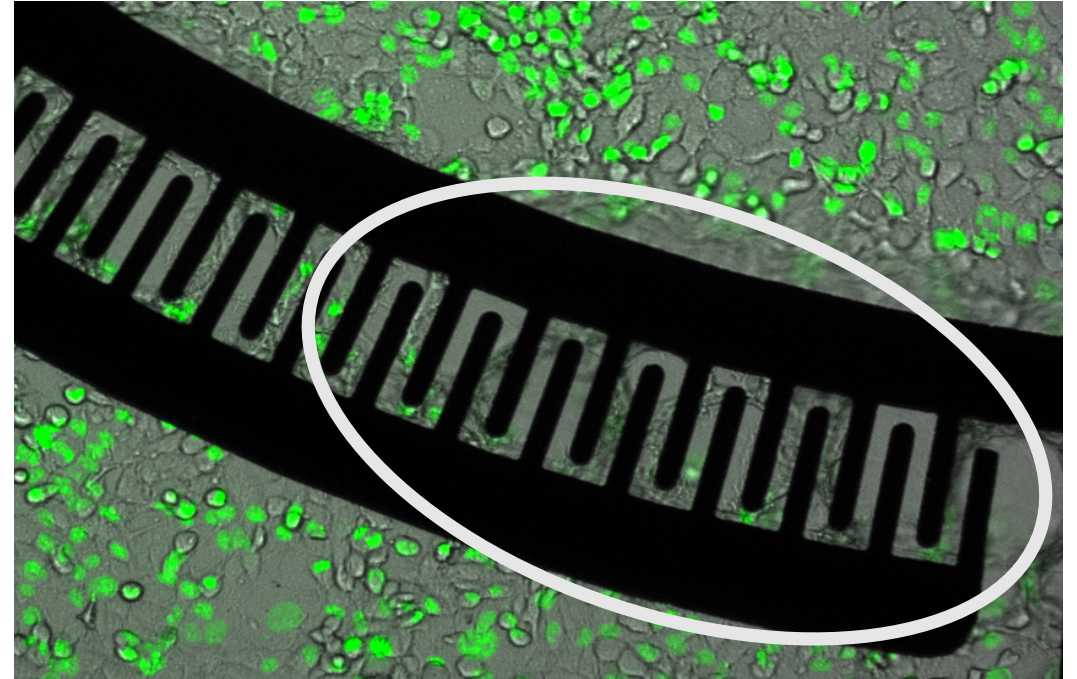
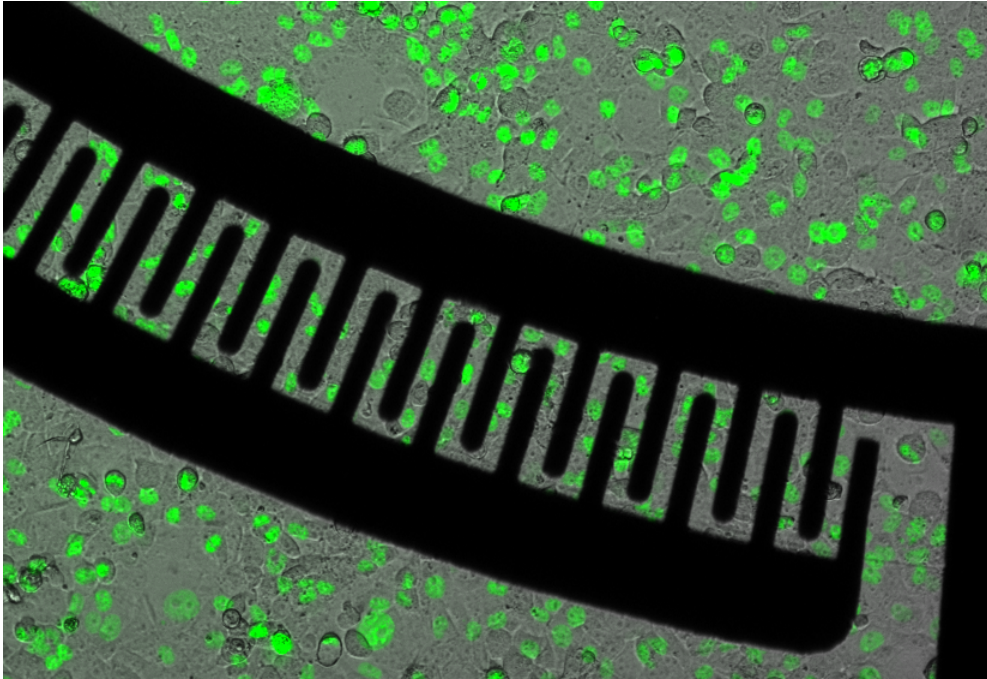


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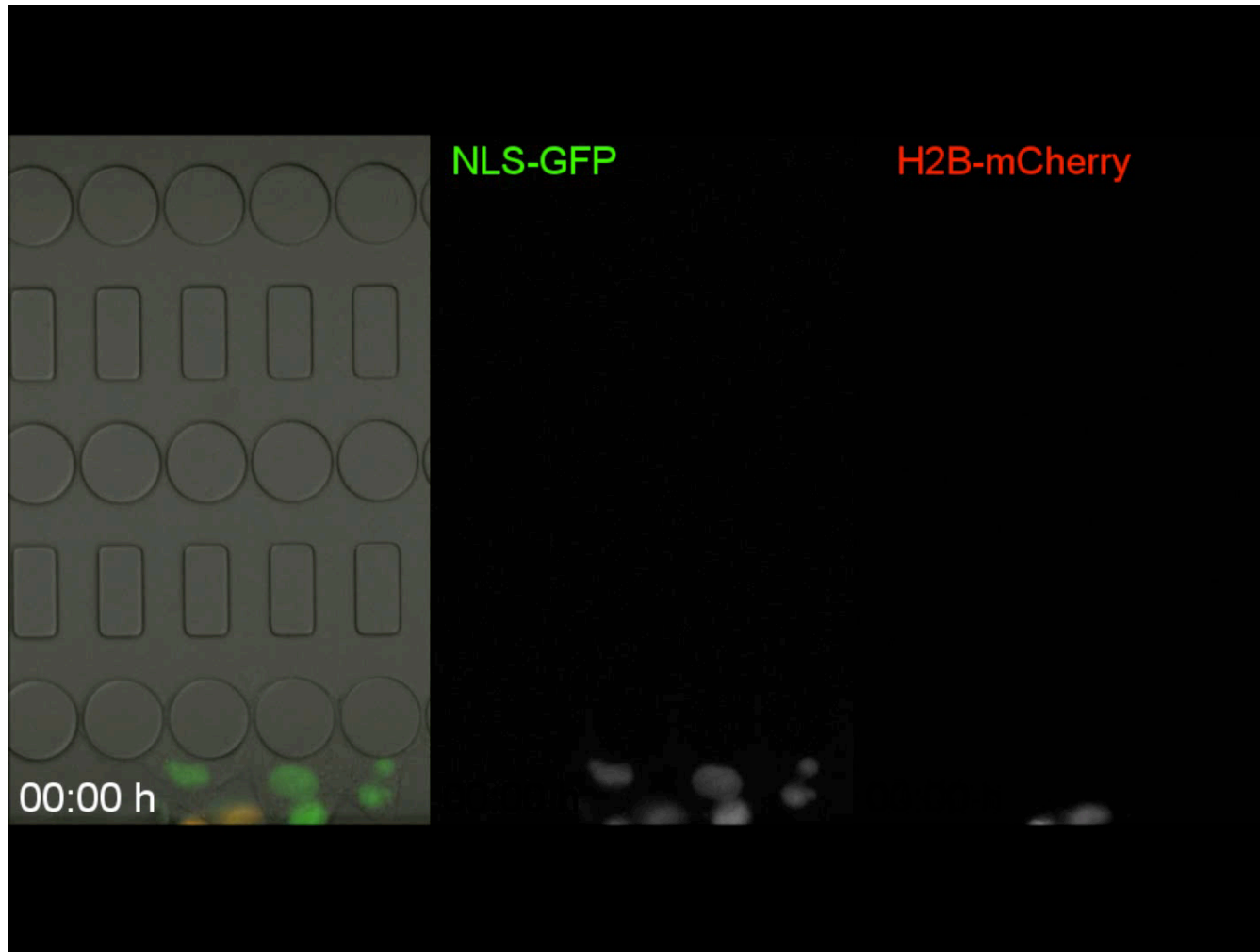


# Cell Chips Electroporation



# Cell migration

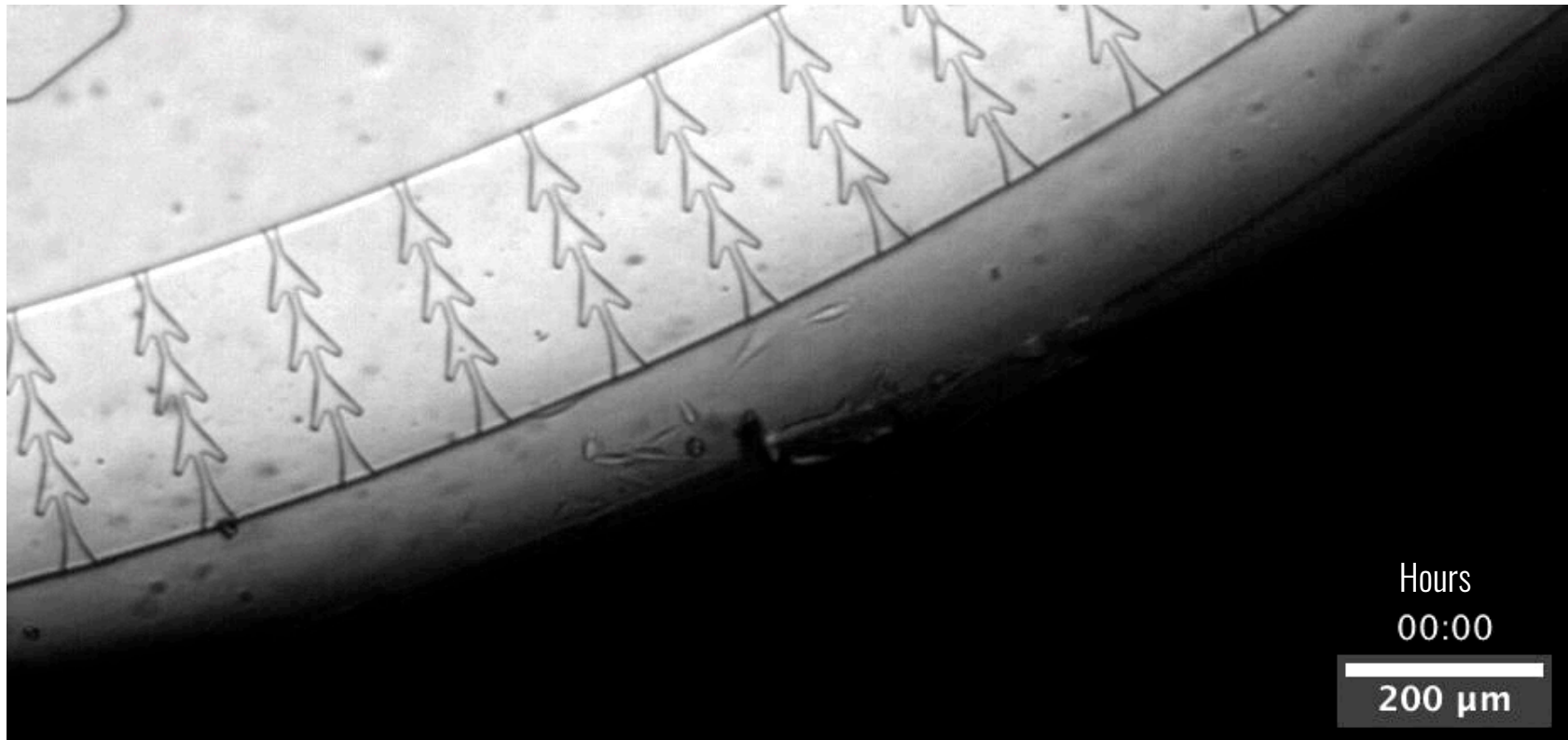
Cell migration in microengineered tumor  
Environments, Eujin Um et al. Lab Chip DOI: 10.1039/c7lc00555e



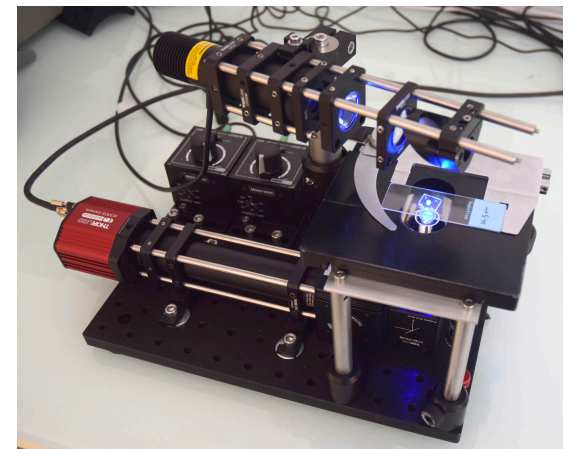
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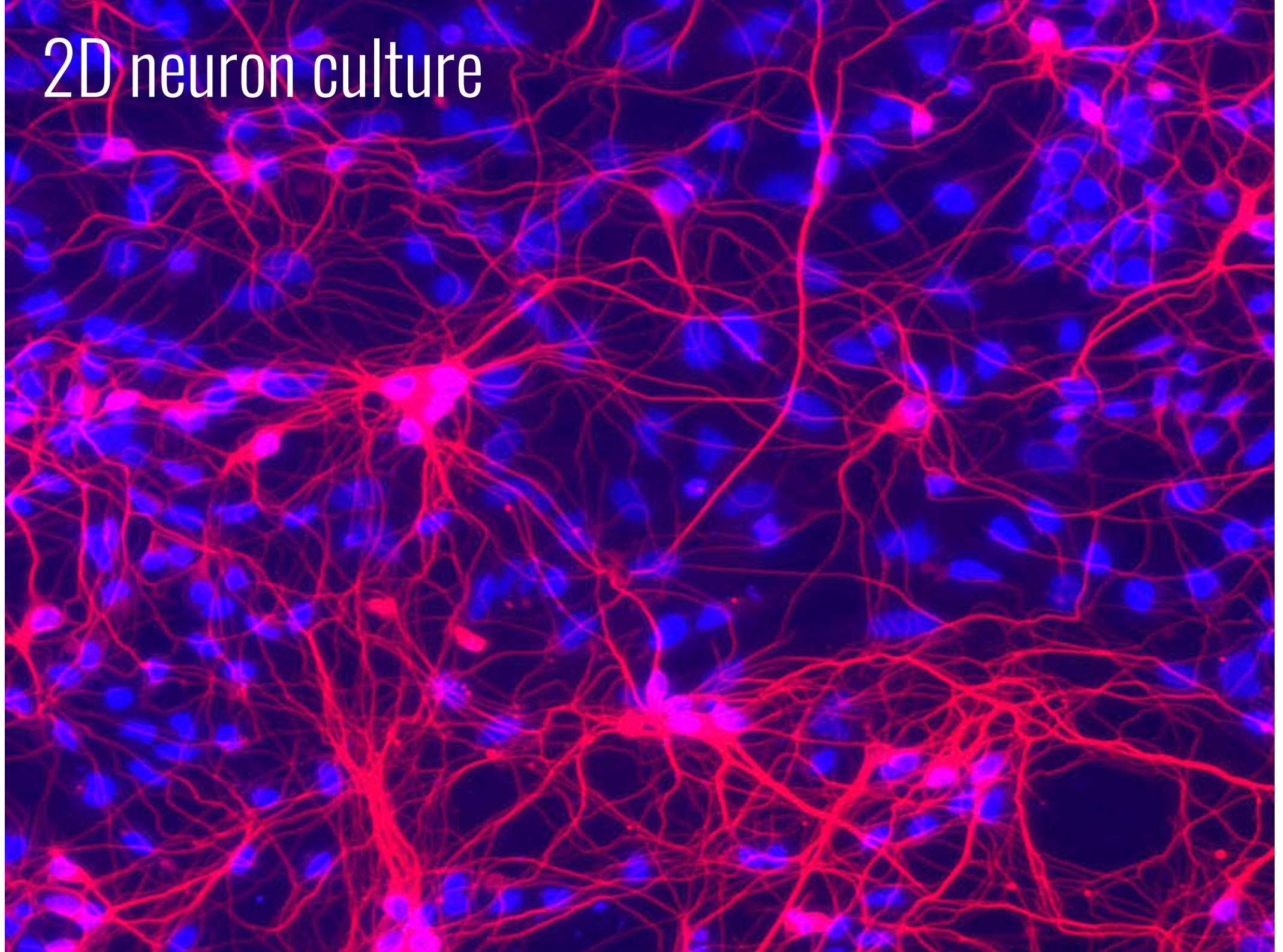
# Cell migration



Cancer cells migrating through a microfluidic circuit  
DIY microscope



# 2D neuron culture

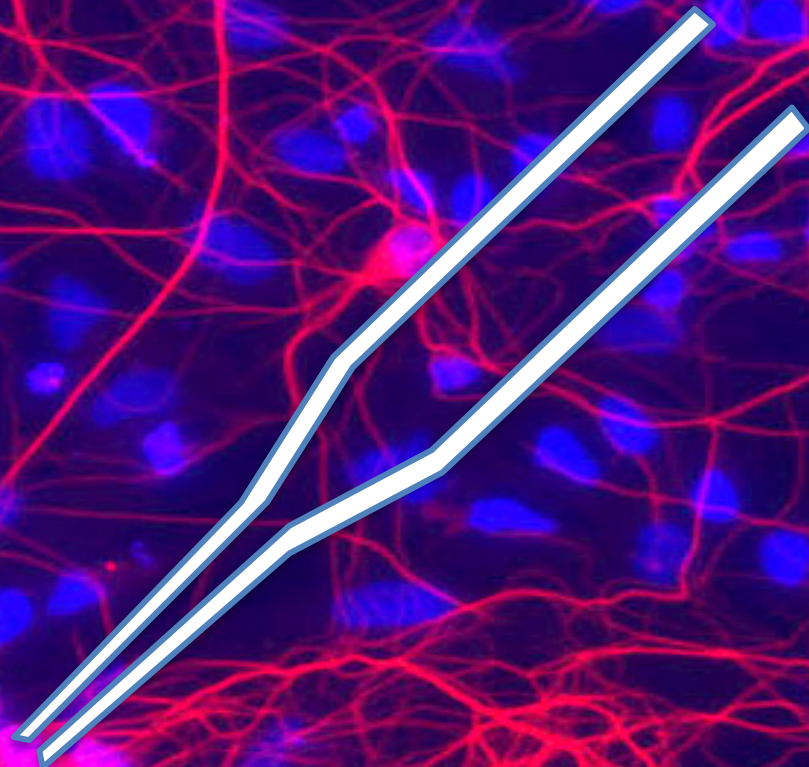
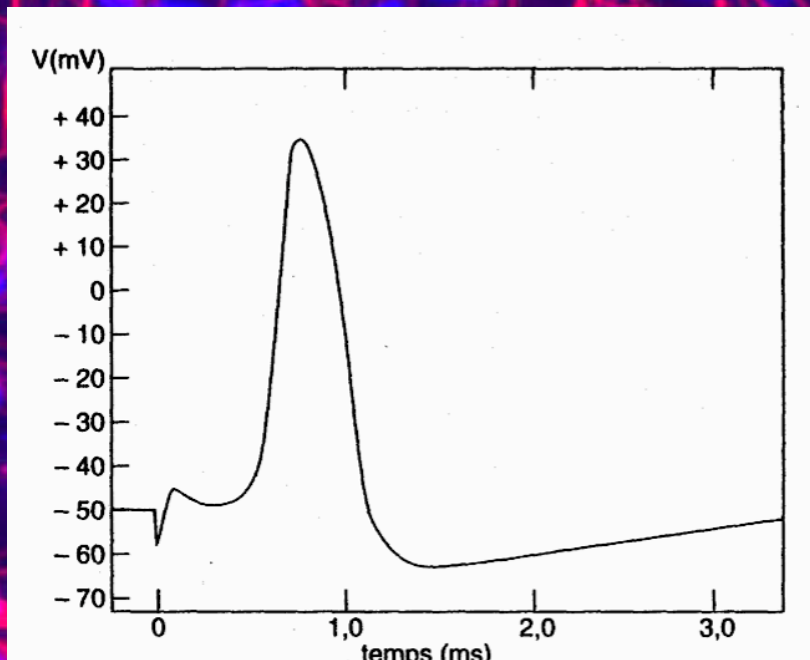


# How to measure electrical activity of the network?

## Patch clamp

One cell at a time

Intracellular recording

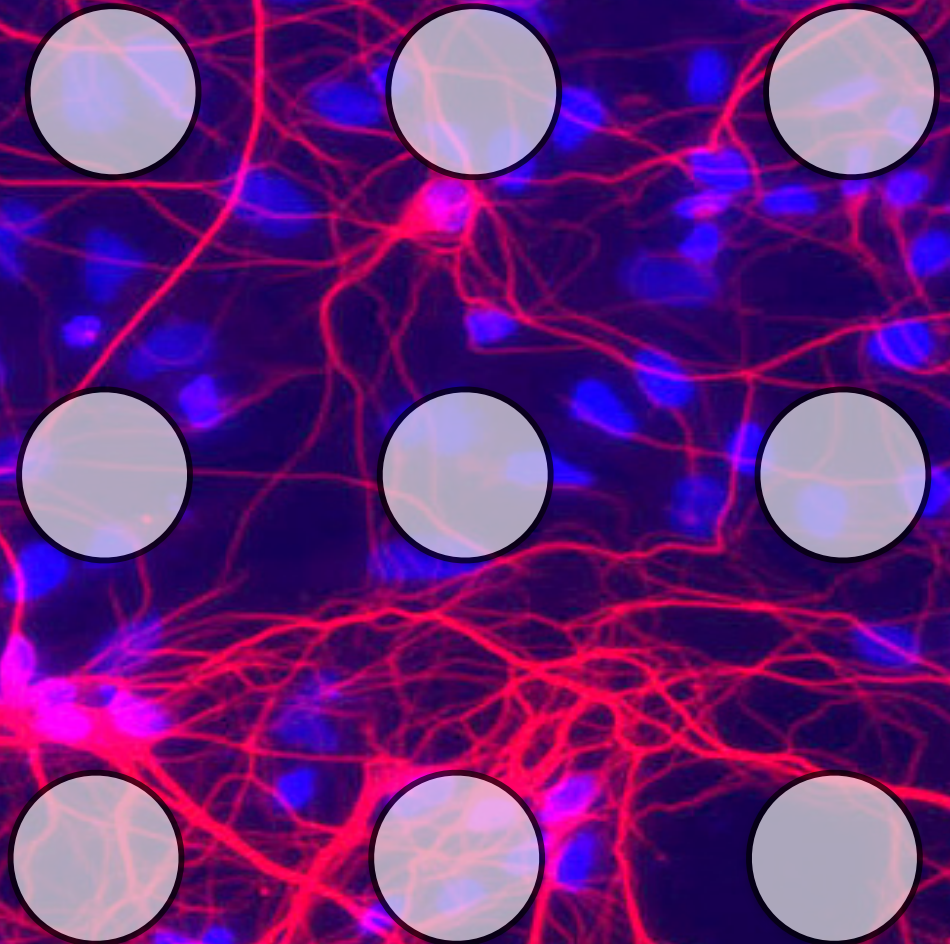
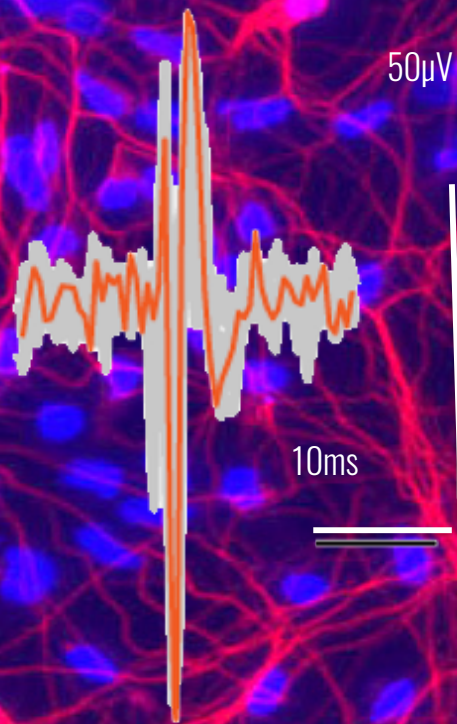


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## Micro Electrode array

Array of fixed electrodes

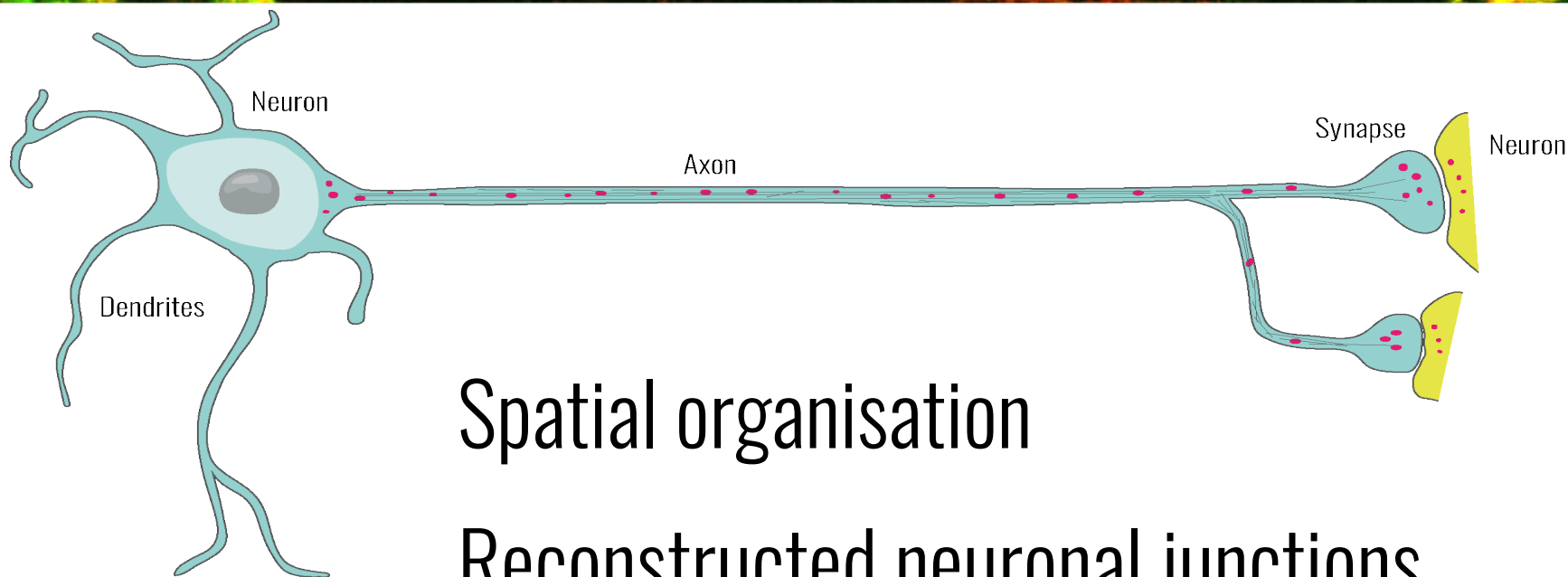
Extracellular potential



How to organise the network?



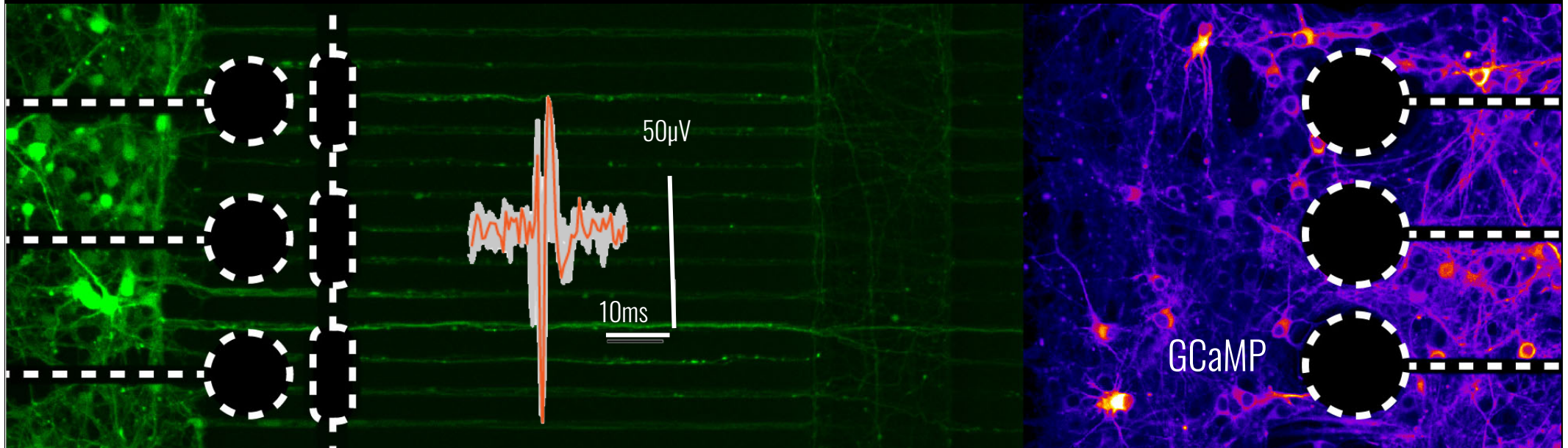
# Neurofluidics



Spatial organisation

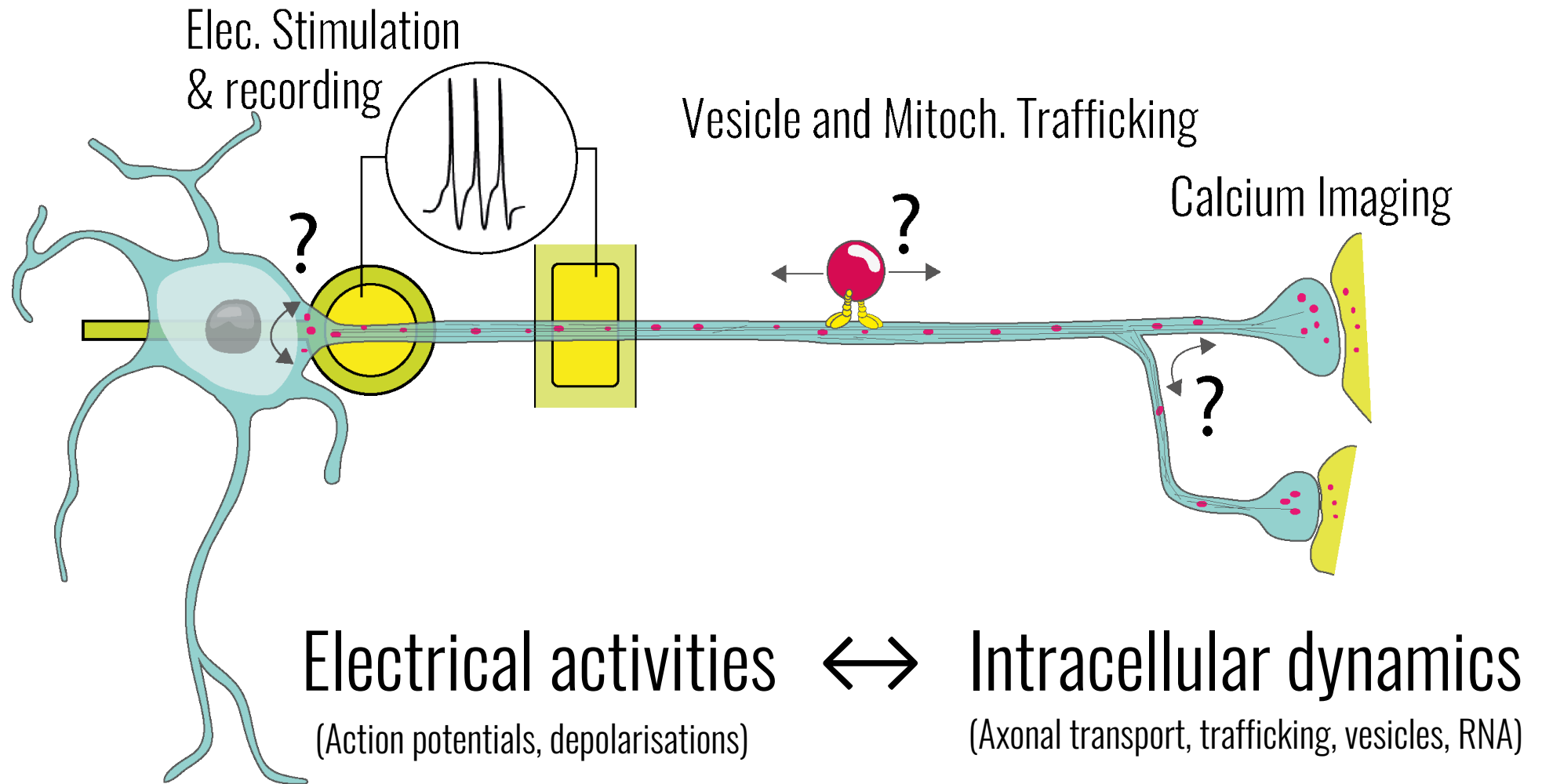
Reconstructed neuronal junctions





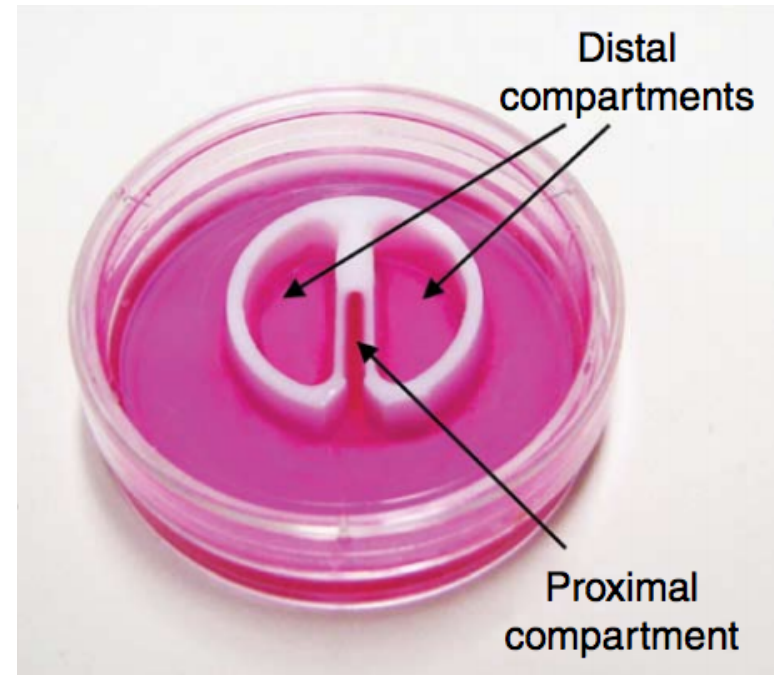
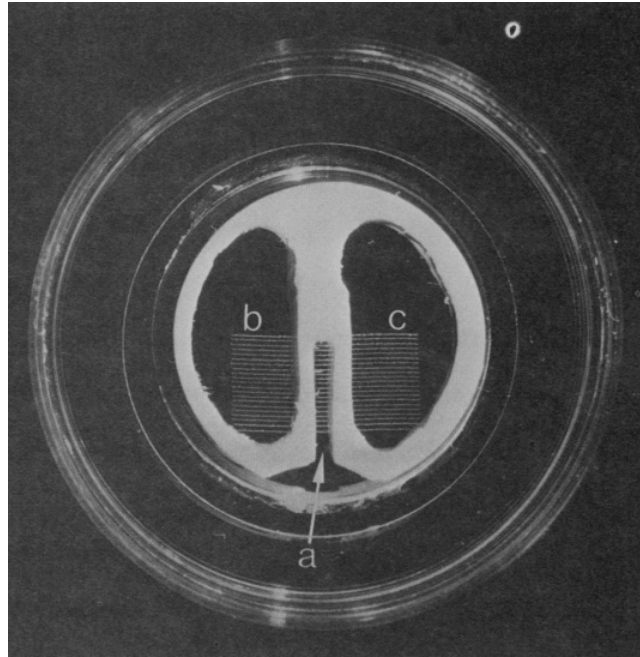
- Reconstruction of neuronal junctions → **Microfluidics**
- Stimulation and monitoring neuronal junctions → **Micro Electrodes**
- Observation of axonal transport → **Spinning Disc Fluorescence Microscopy**

# Neurofluidics + Extracel. electrodes



Neurodegenerative disease : HD Huntington disease, ALS, SMA 26

# Campenot Chambers, 1977

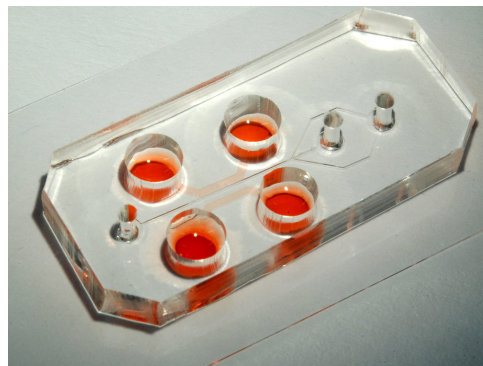
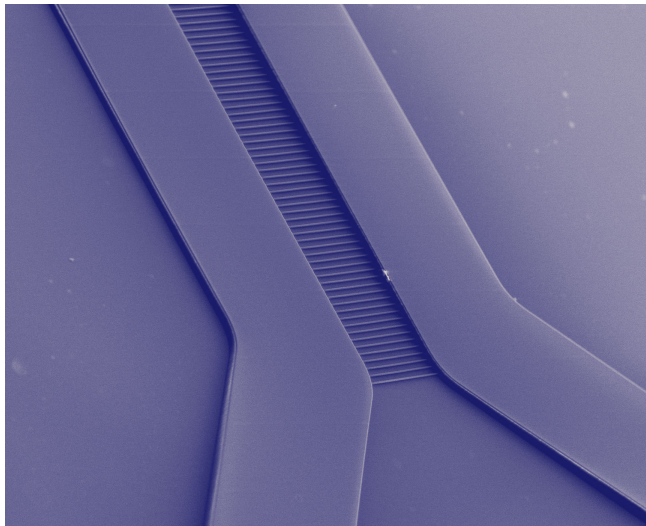
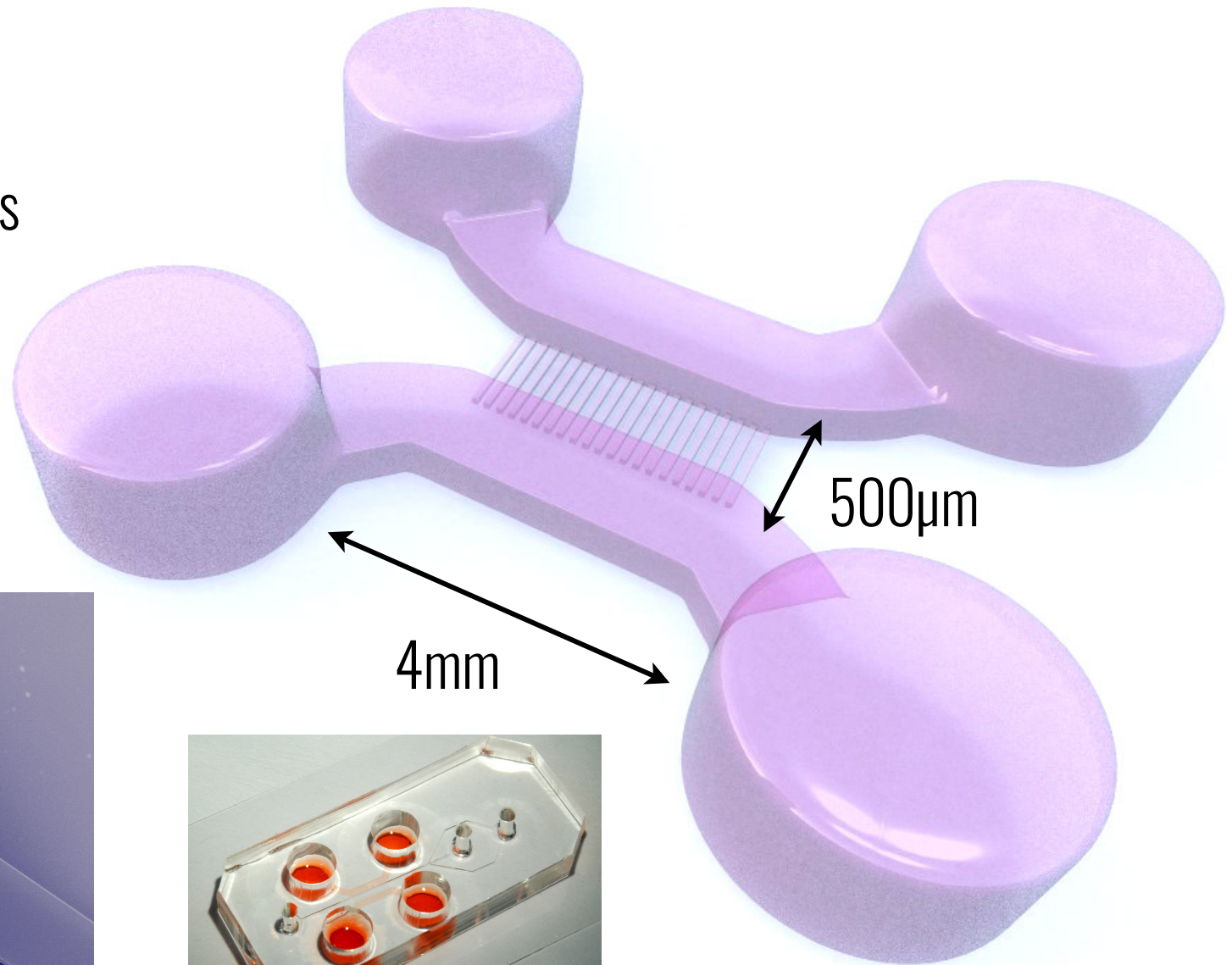


Robert. B. Campenot,  
PNAS 1977 Oct; 74(10): 4516–4519.

**A rake made by cementing together twenty insect pins was used to make 20 parallel scratches about 200  $\mu\text{m}$  apart on the collagen-coated coverslip.**

# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

Two large chambers  
A set of Microchannels



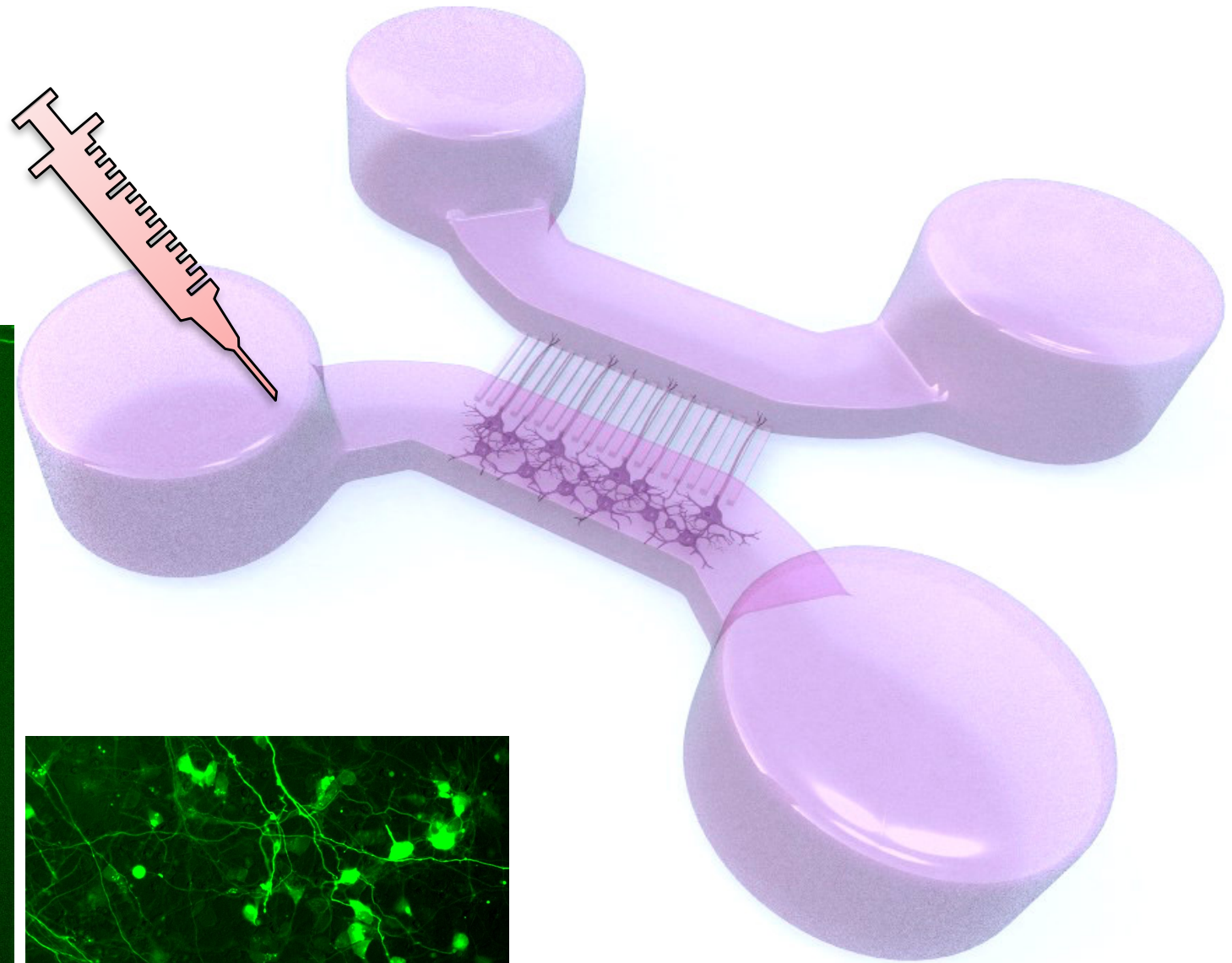
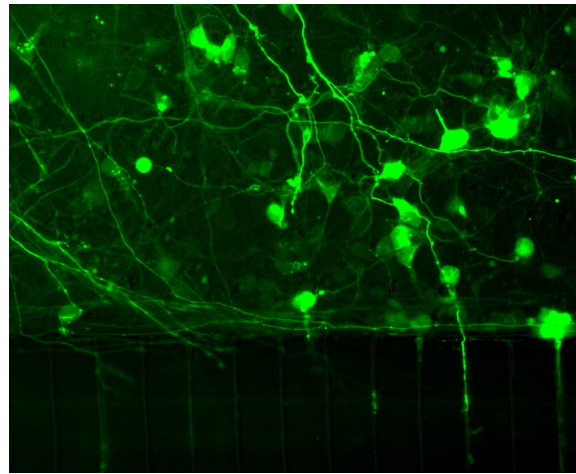
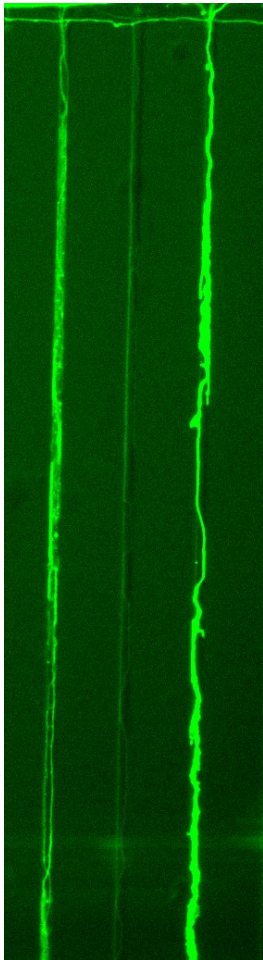
Dual thickness SU8 / PDMS

A.M.Taylor et al. Langmuir 19, 2003

A.M.Taylor et al. Nat. Methods 2, 2005

# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

PDL/Laminin coating  
Cell seeding  
Incubator  
Neurites and Axons  
(if  $L > 500\mu\text{m}$ )

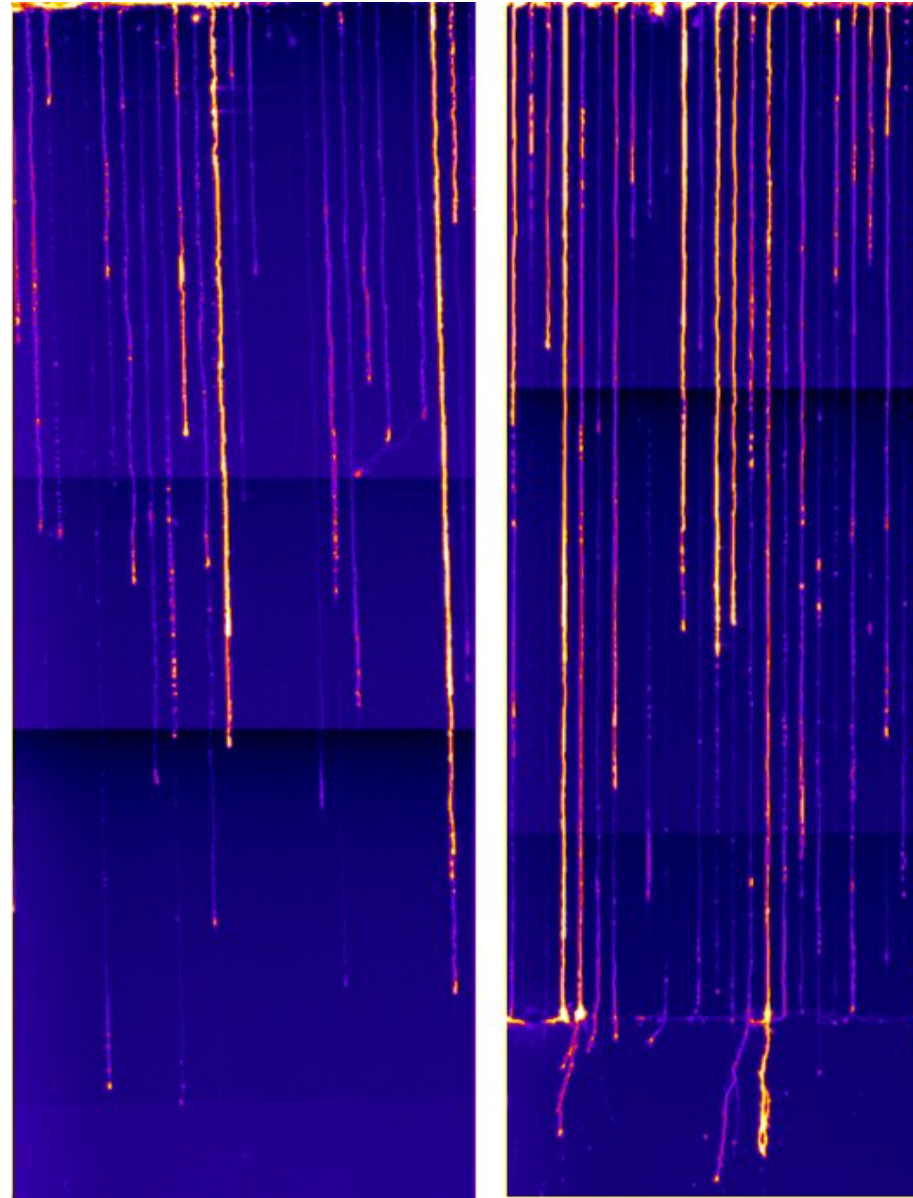


# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

Long micro channels : 1,5 mm

Analysis of growth rate analysis  
under different stimulations

- Chemoattractant
- Mechanotransduction
- Electric fields
- **Light**



Control

Optical  
stimulation

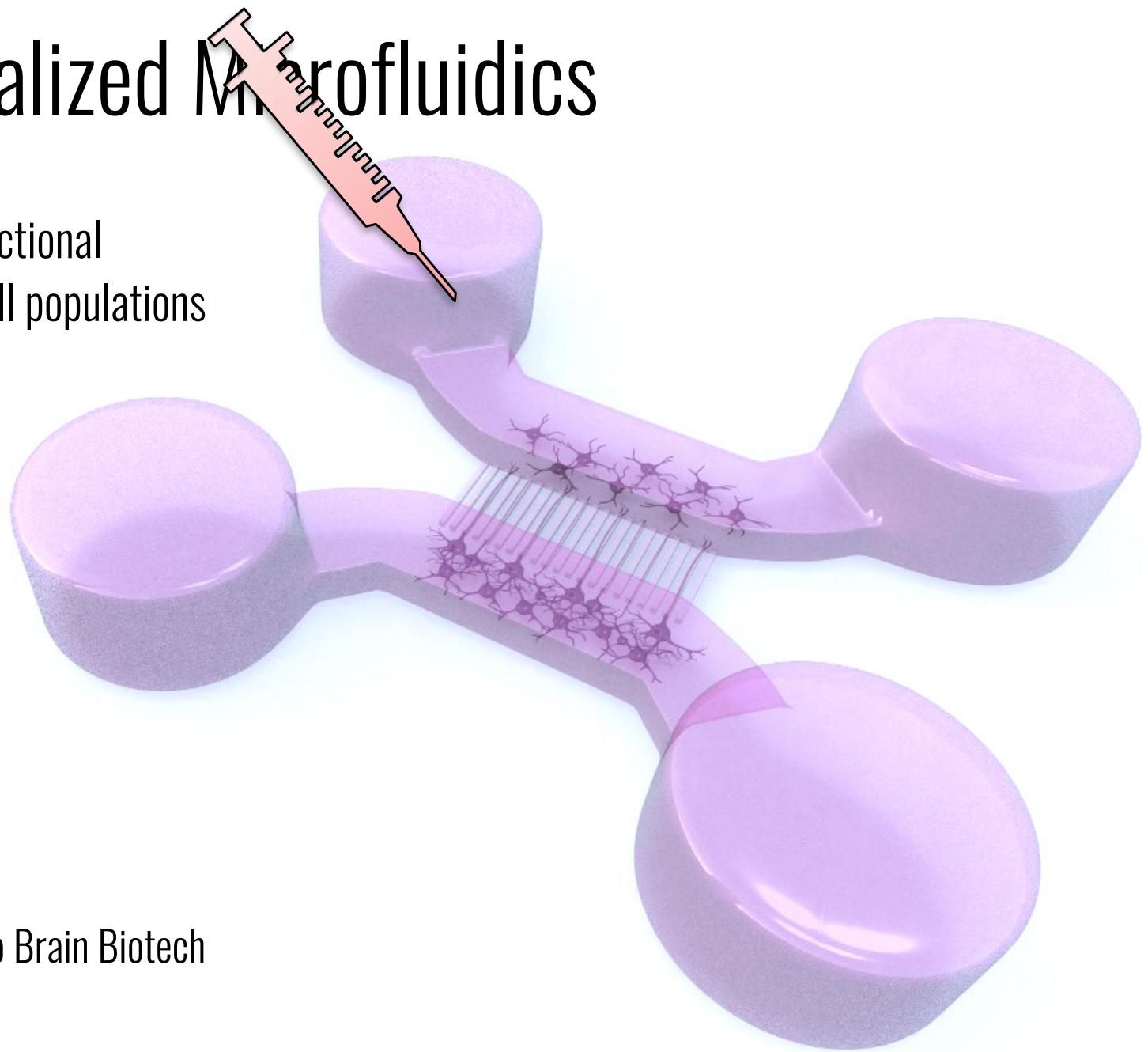
# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

in-vitro reconstitution of functional connections between two cell populations

**cortico-cortical**  
**cortico-Striatal**

cortico-hippocampal,  
hippocampo-hippocampal,

...

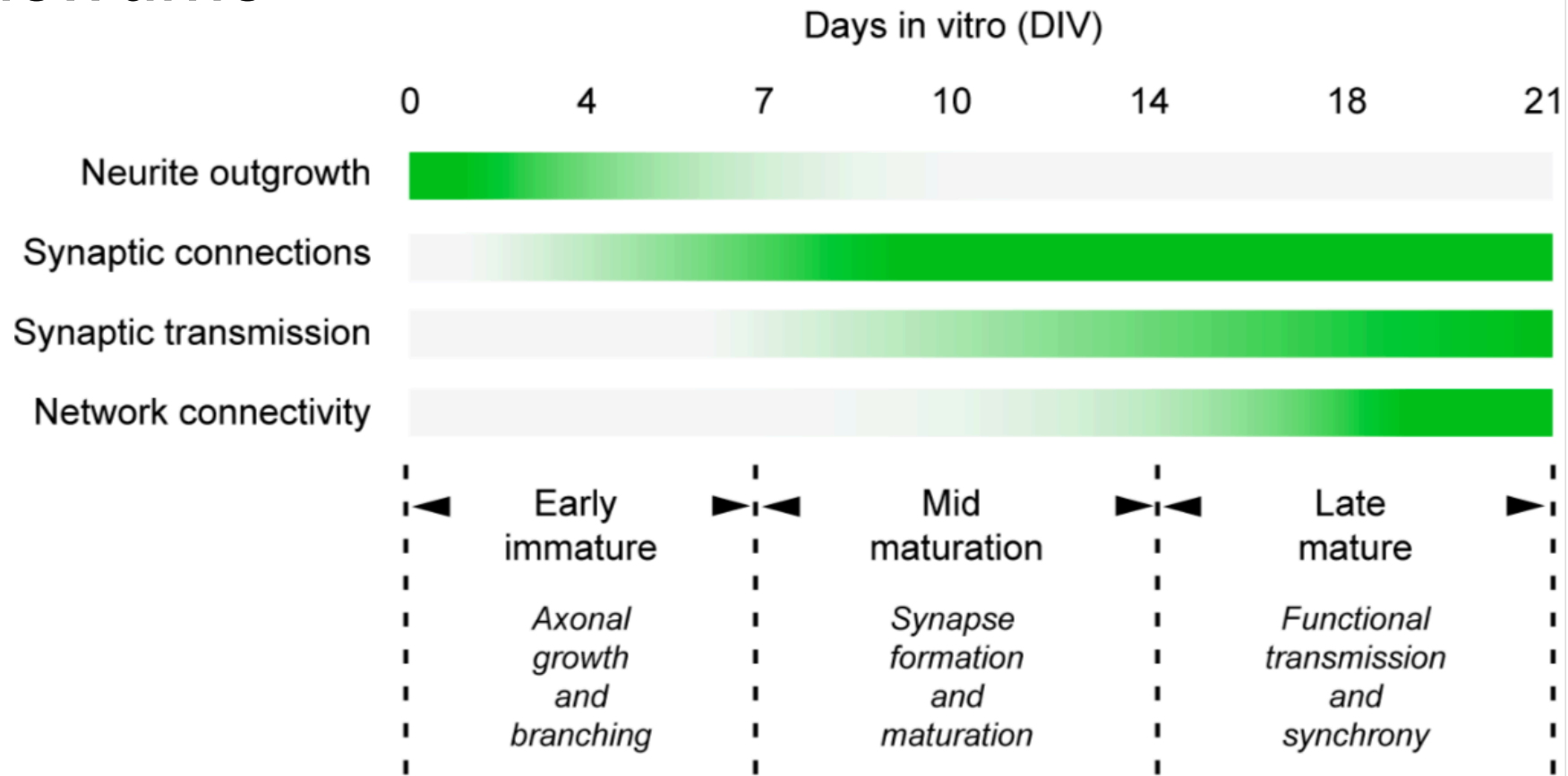


Xona, Millipore, Ananda, Micro Brain Biotech

+gradient of laminin/poly-d-lysine coating

# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

## Timeframe





# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

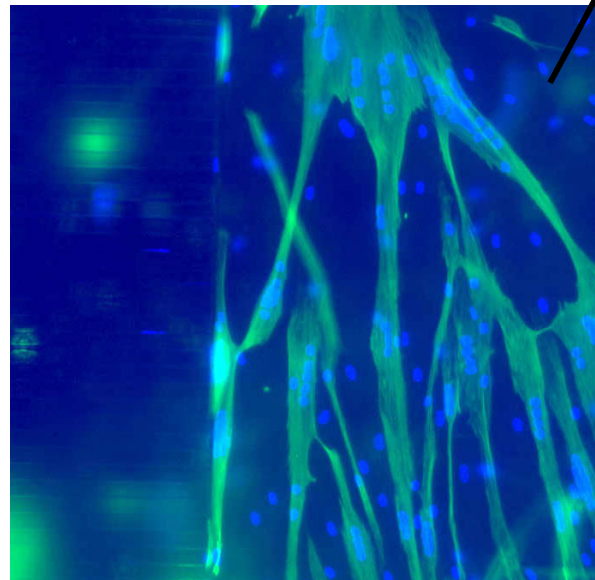
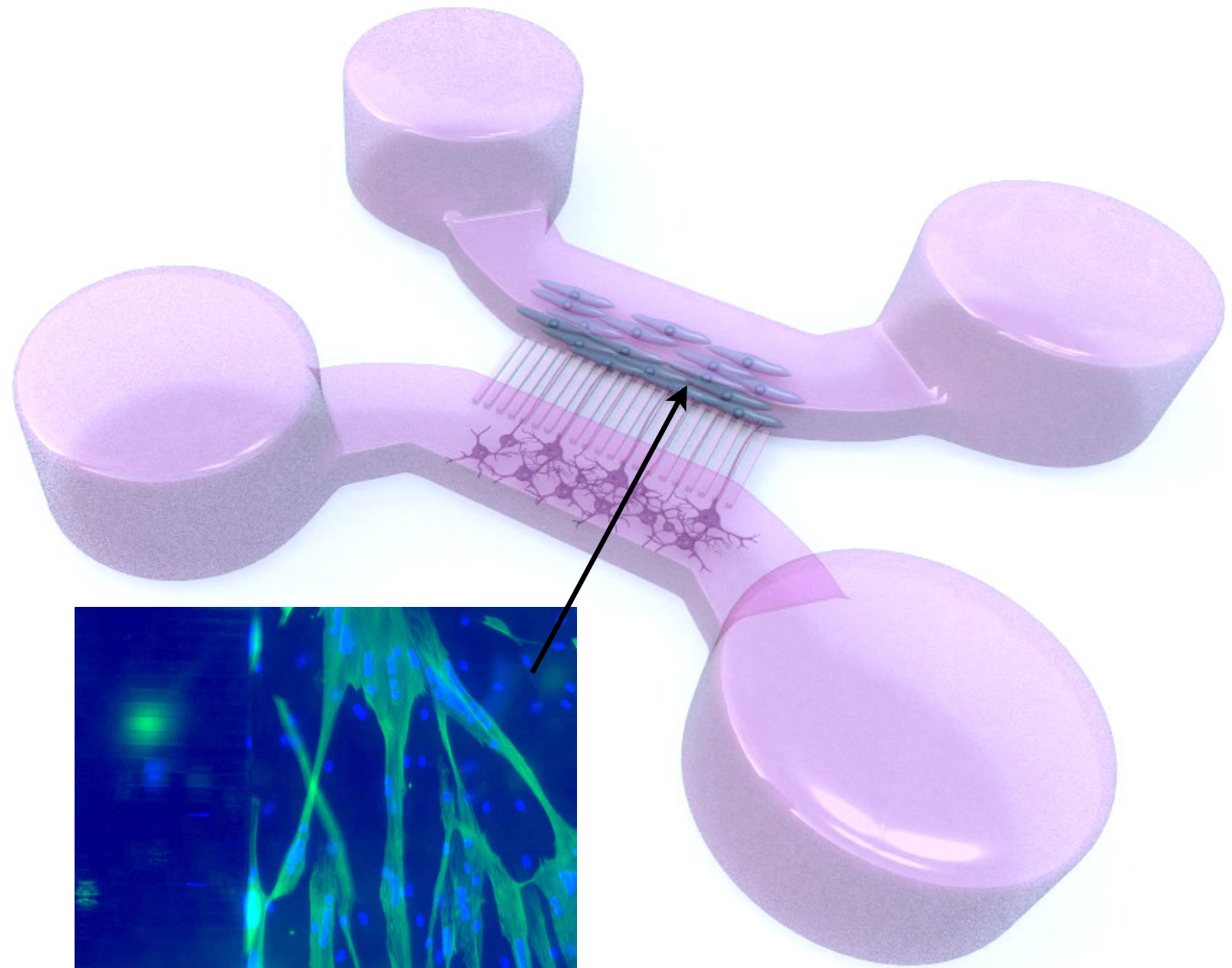
Co-Cultures

Neuron-skin

Neuron-bone

**Motoneuron-muscle**

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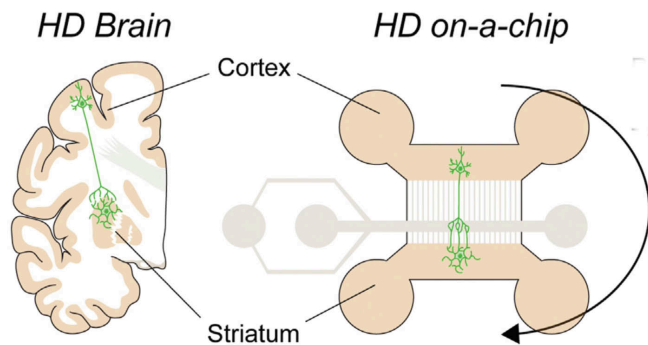
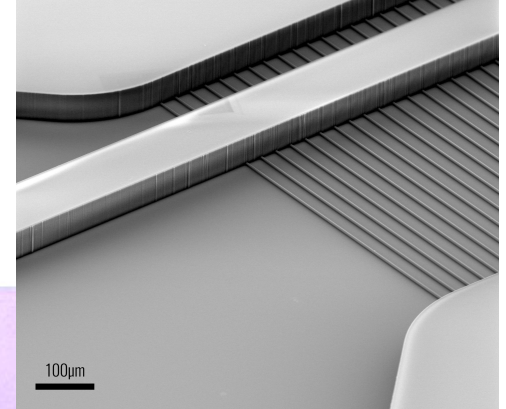
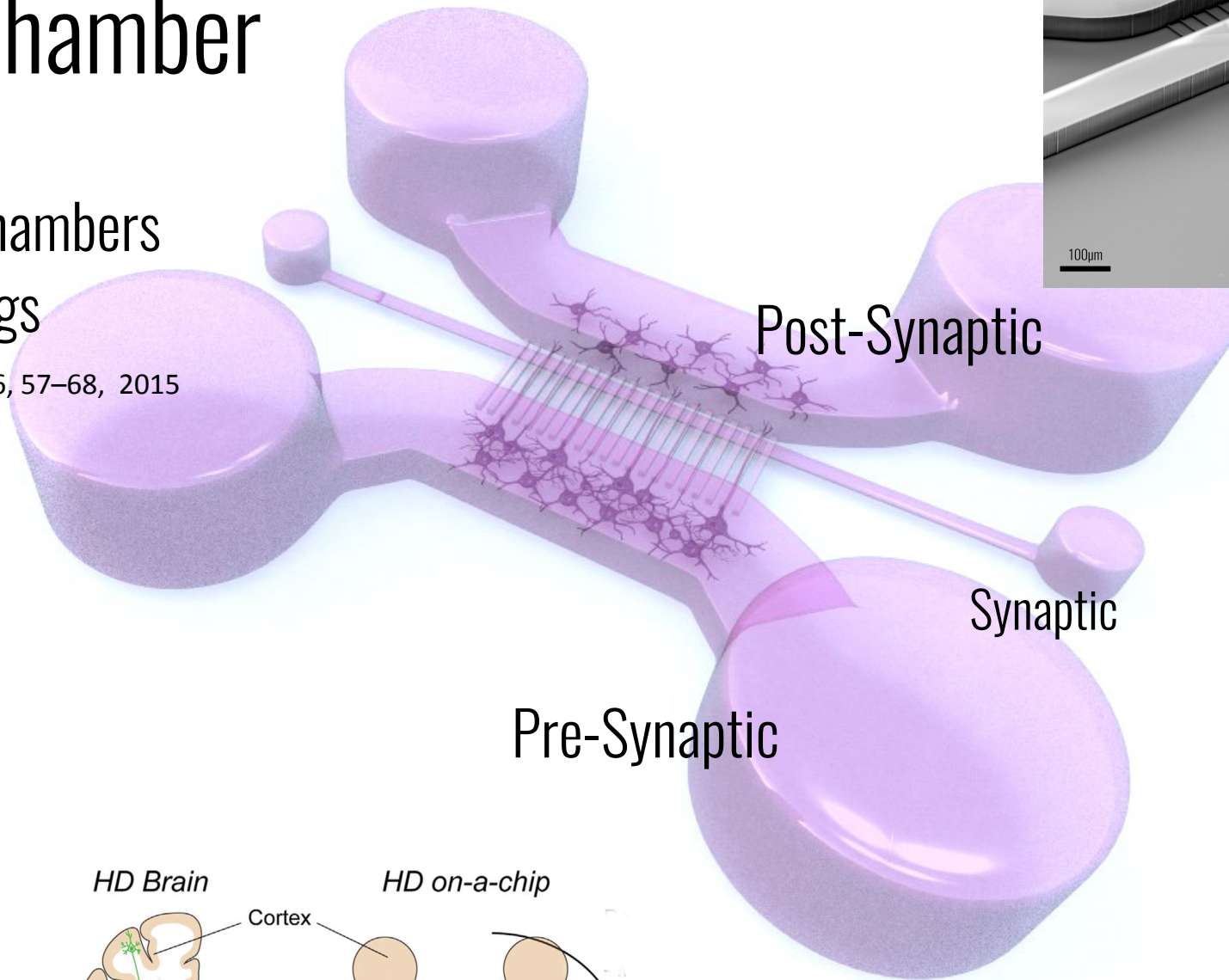
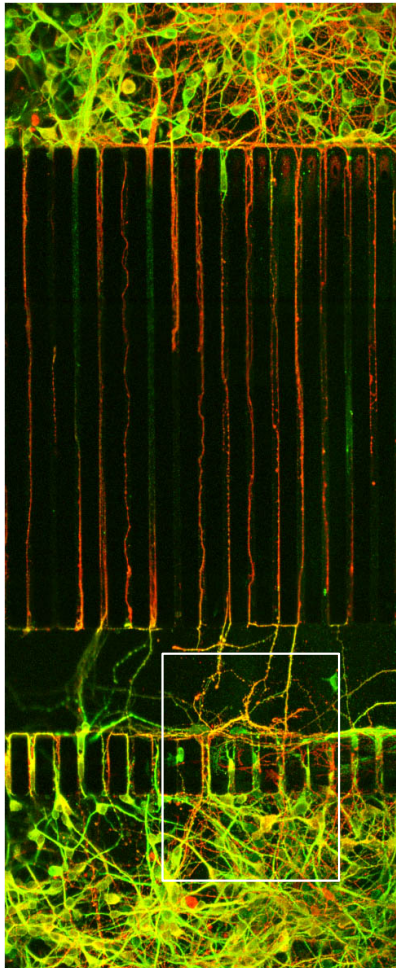


G.Carnac, Phymedexp

# Synaptic chamber

Design with 3 chambers  
Perfusion of drugs

A.M. Taylor et al. *Neuron* 66, 57–68, 2015



# Microfluidics + Micro Electrode Array (MEA)

Organisation

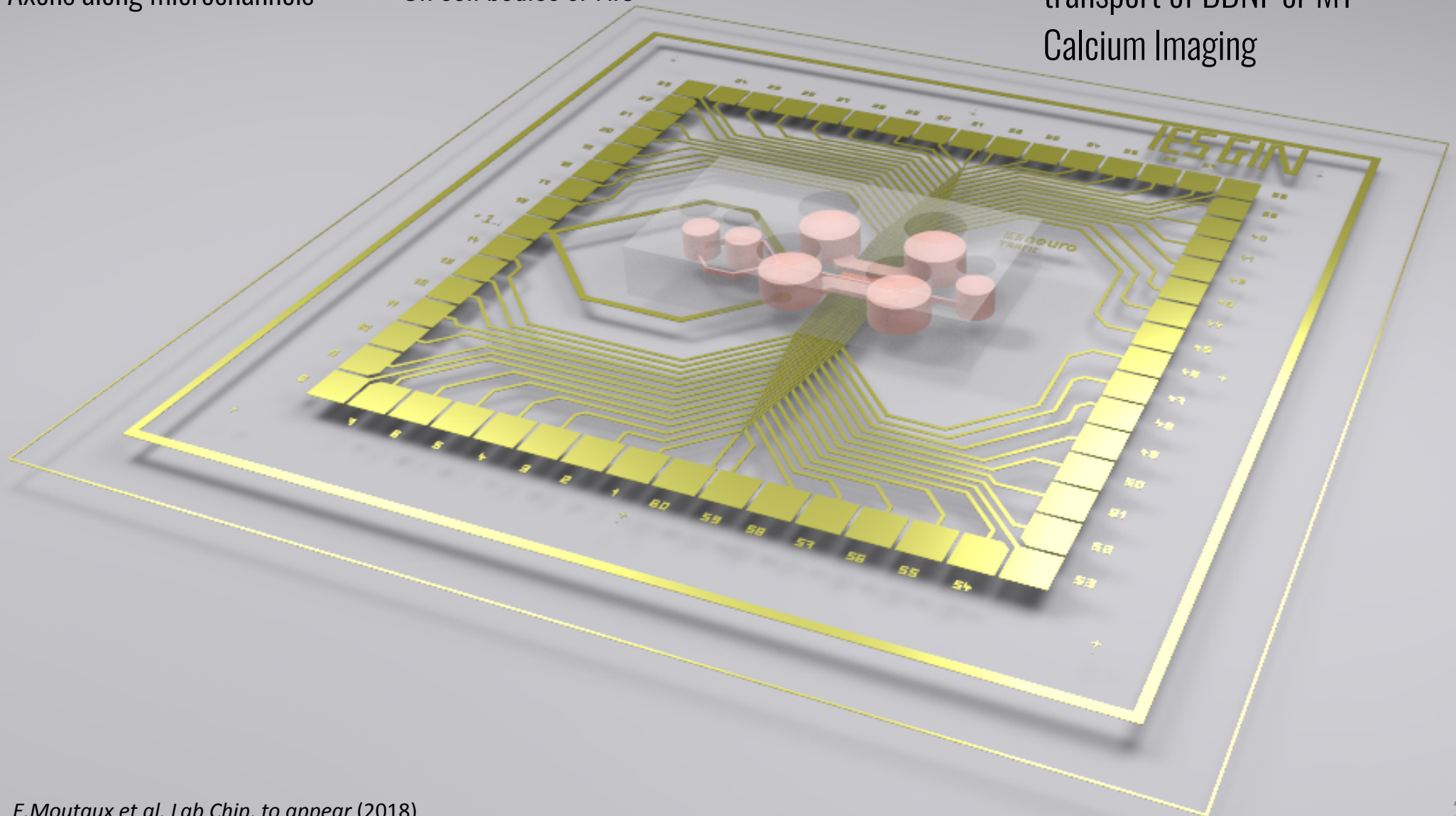
Axons along microchannels

+ Stimulation & Recording

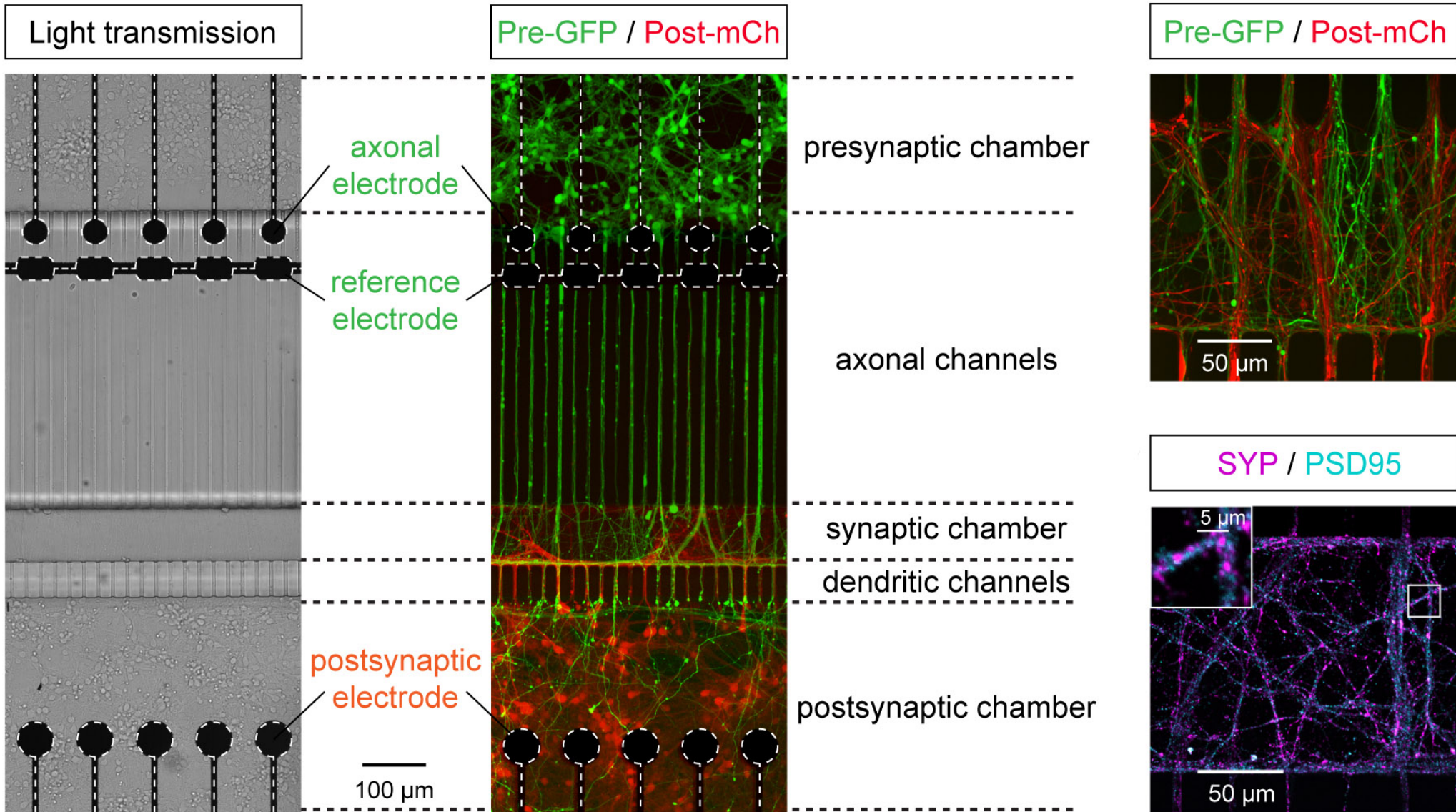
On cell bodies or AIS

+ Observation

transport of BDNF or MT  
Calcium Imaging



# Electrode arrangement



# MEA microfabrication

**Thin** glass substrate : 5x5cm 170 $\mu$ m

Mask1 Ti/Pt electrodes (Electron gun evap. + Lift Off)

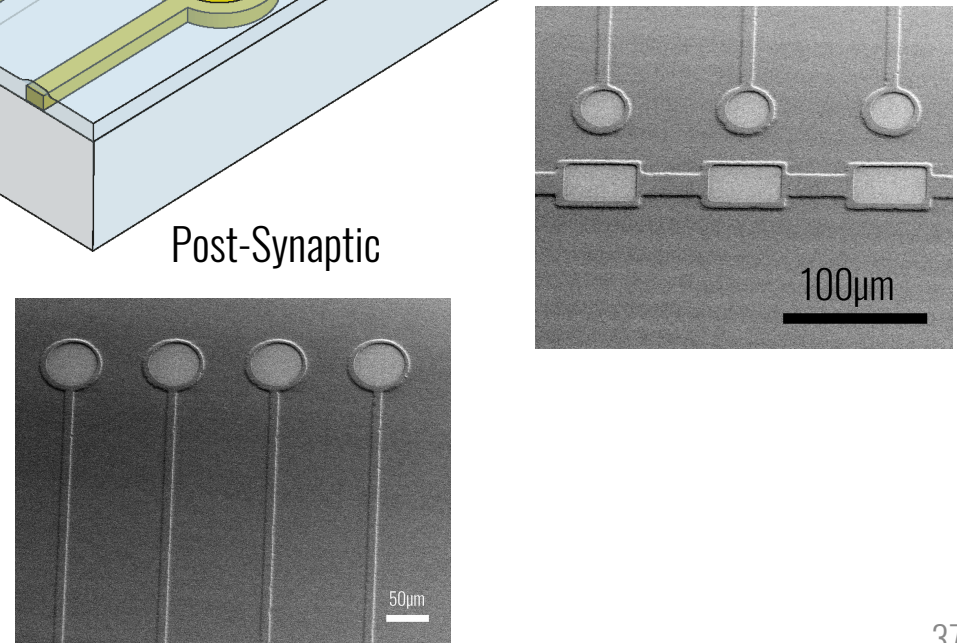
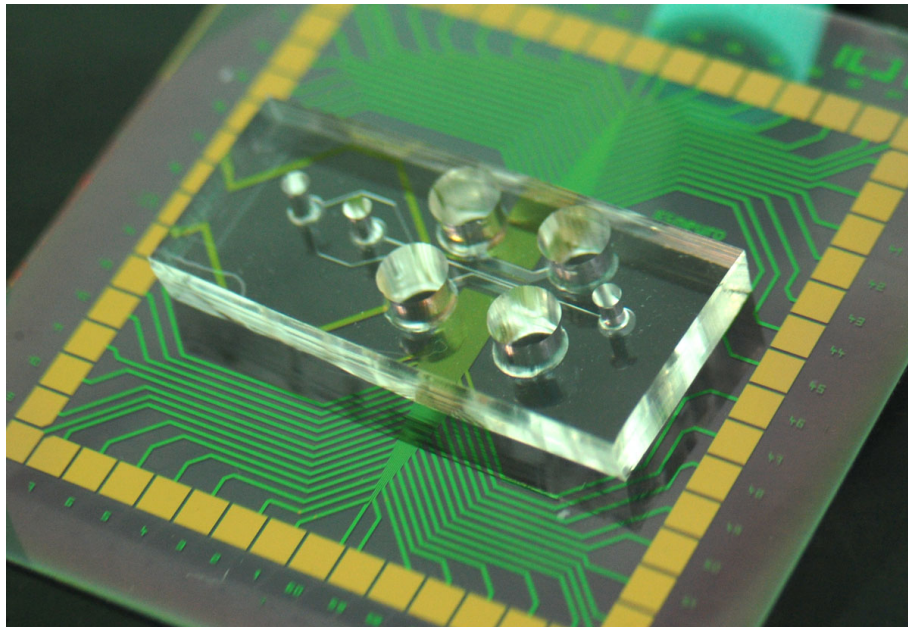
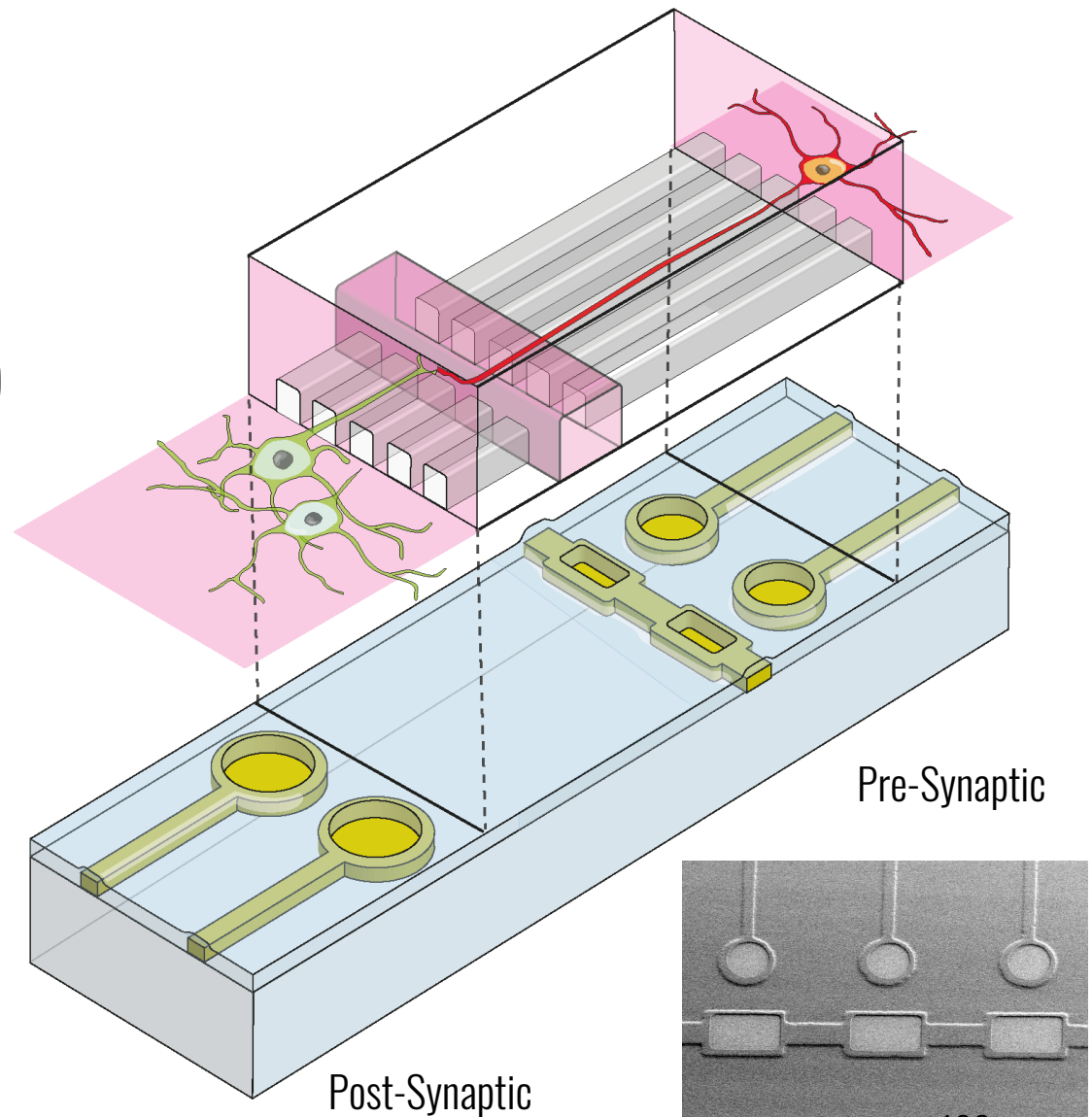
SiNx PECVD

Mask2+ Alignment + RIE etching

Cleaning, PDMS alignment and Bonding

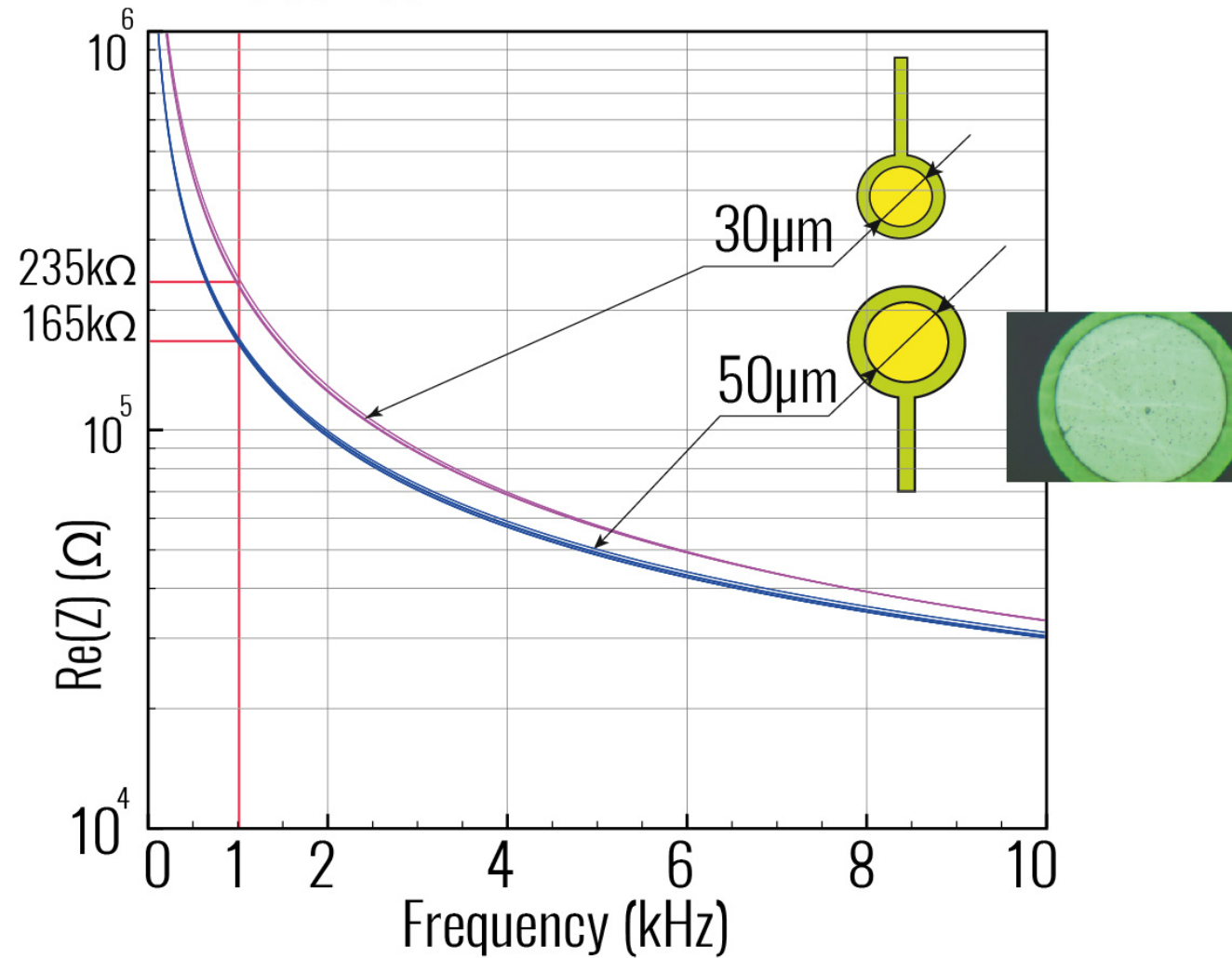
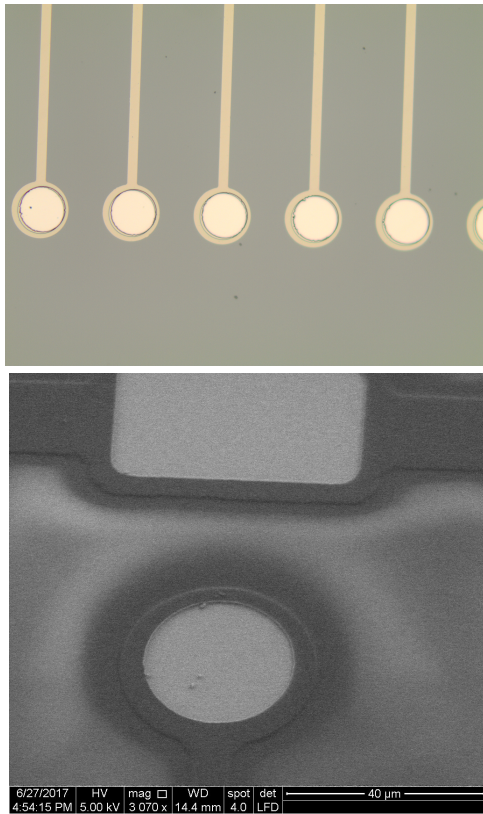
*Simple and Stable process*

*For series > 100 samples*



# Impedance

Ti / Pt Microelectrode Impedance  
PBS 1x  
OSC 100mV



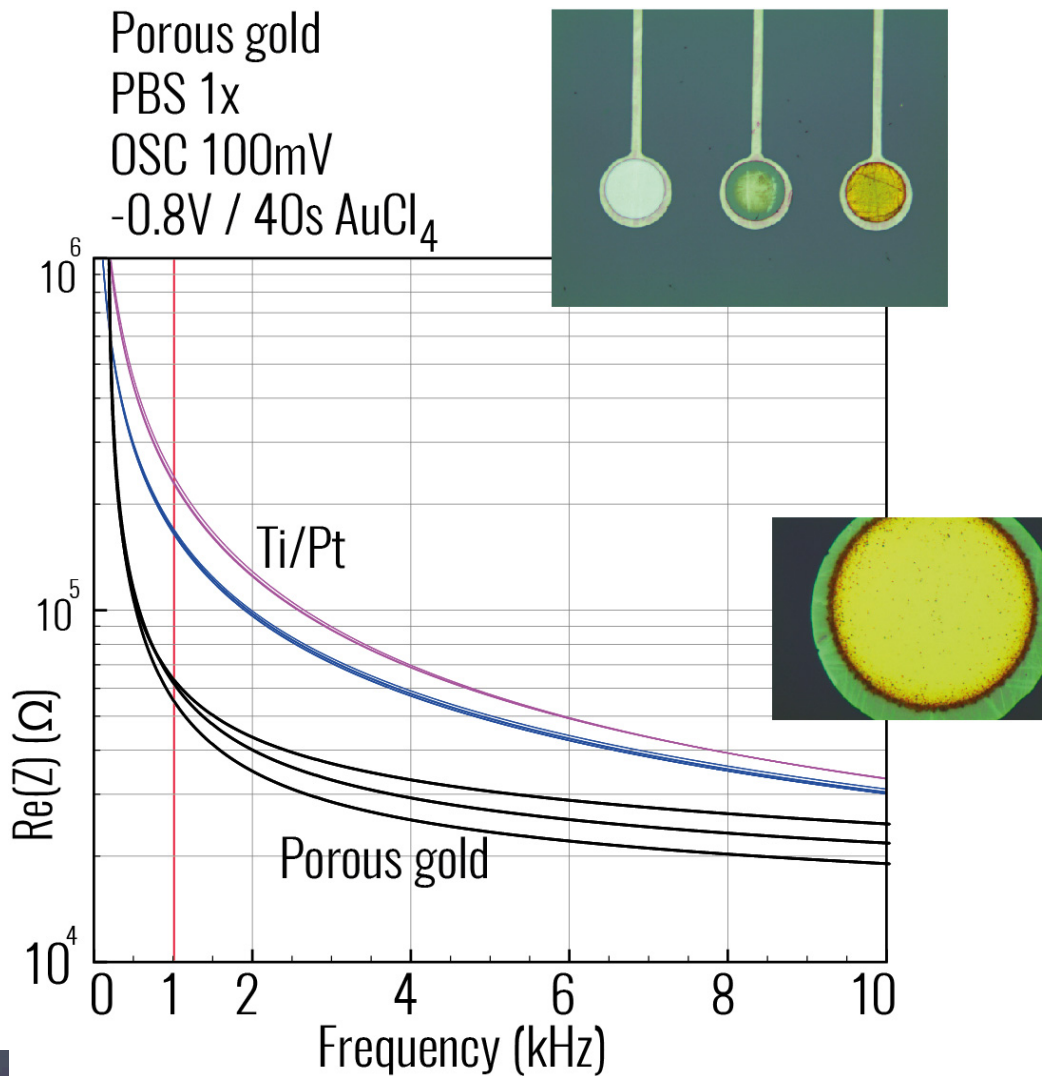
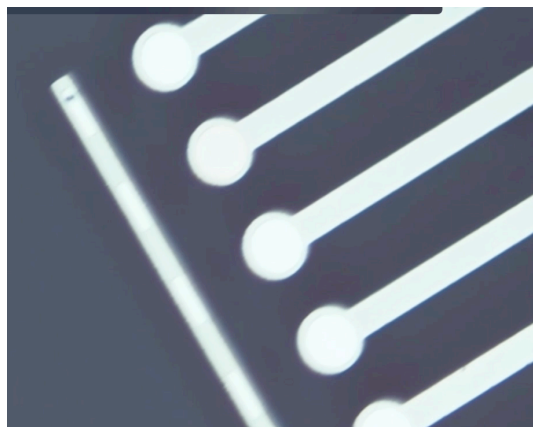
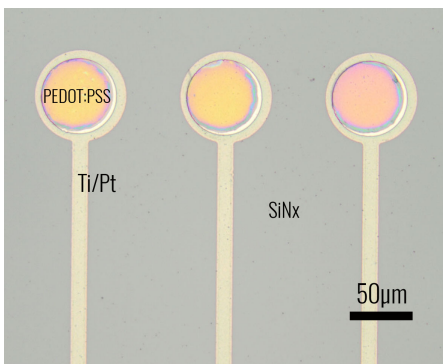
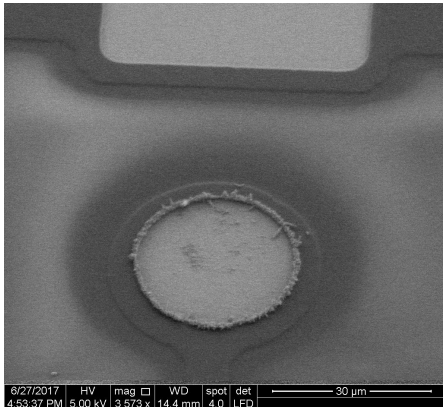
# Impedance lowering

Ti/Pt

TiN

PEDOT:PSS

Porous gold Electrodeposition

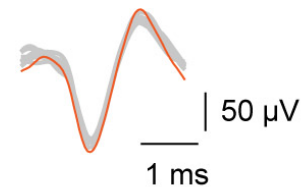
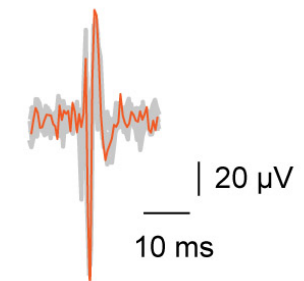
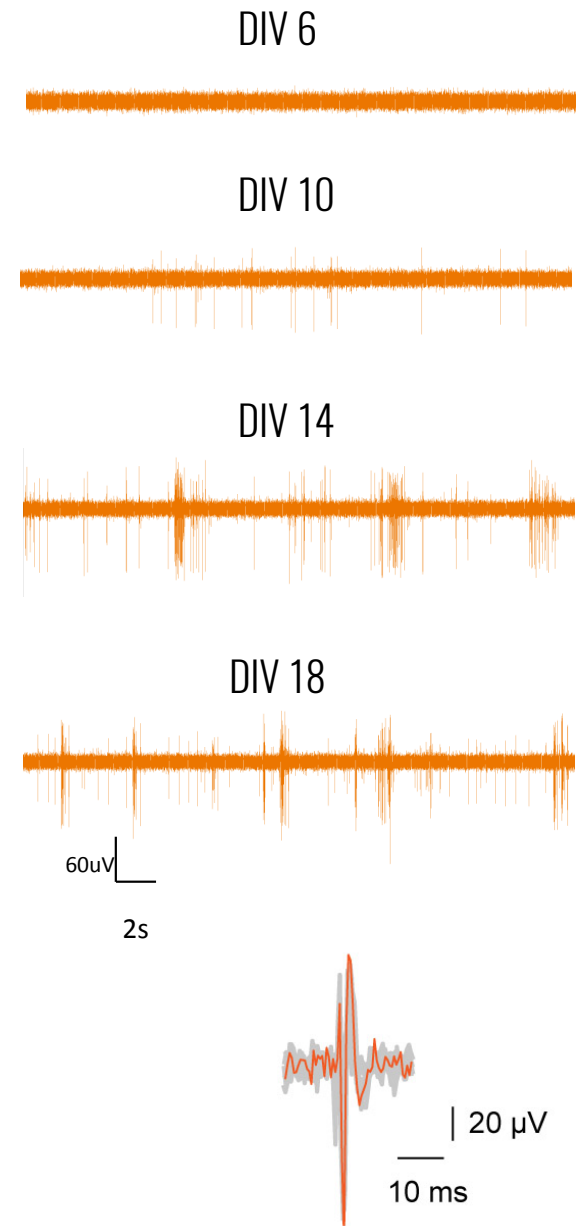
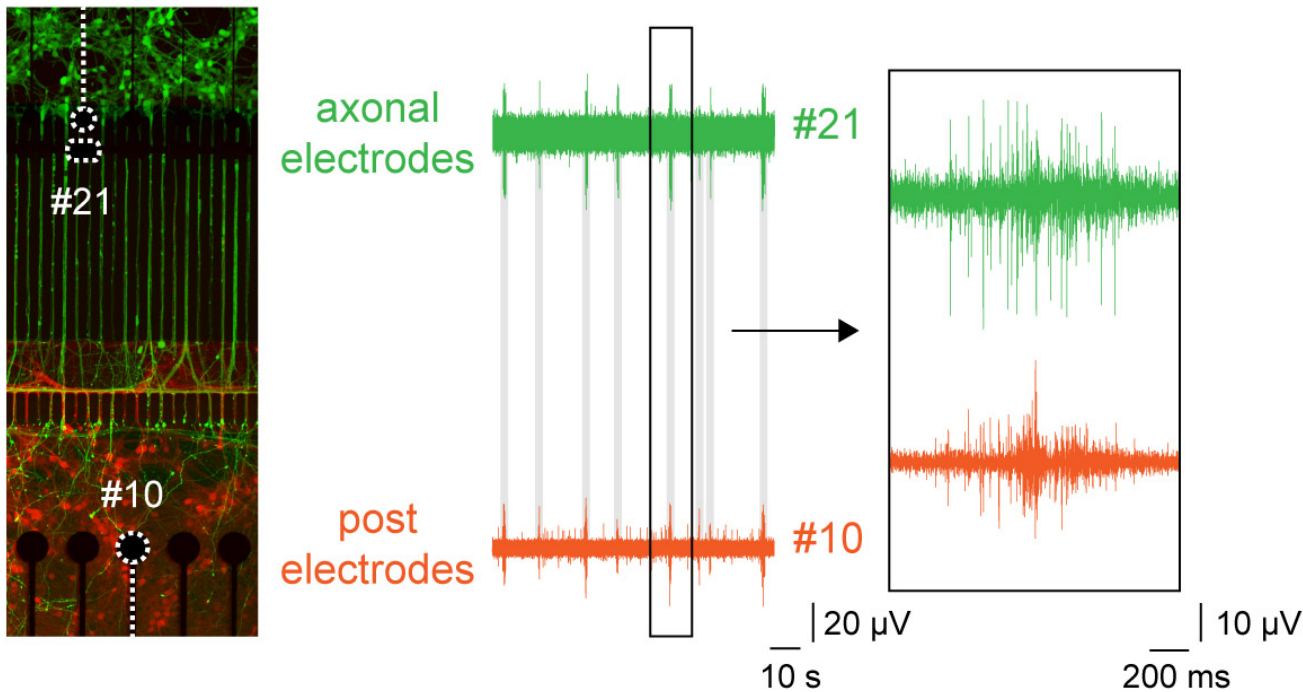


But..... Platinum for stability and reproducibility

# Extracellular Recording

Spikes detection (SNR>5)

Spontaneous activity DIV10

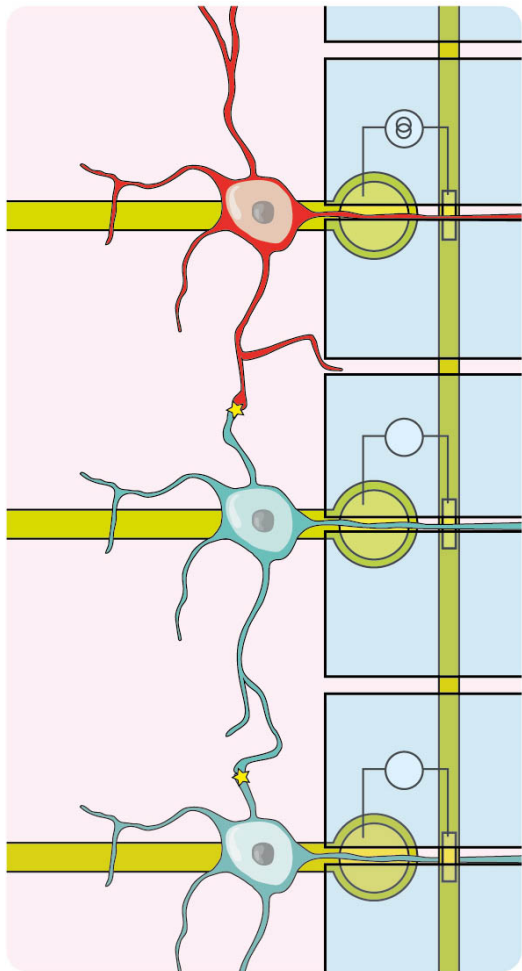


Self-organization and synchrony of the network

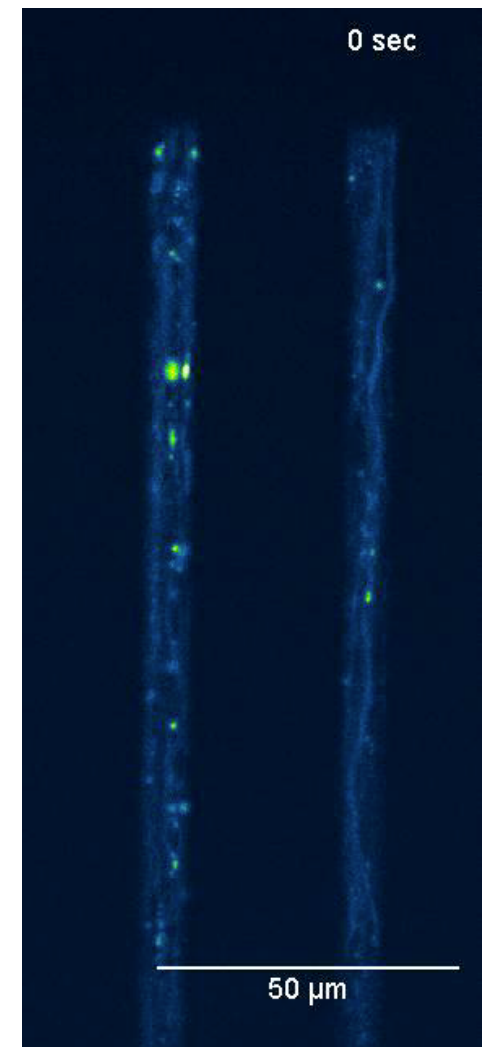
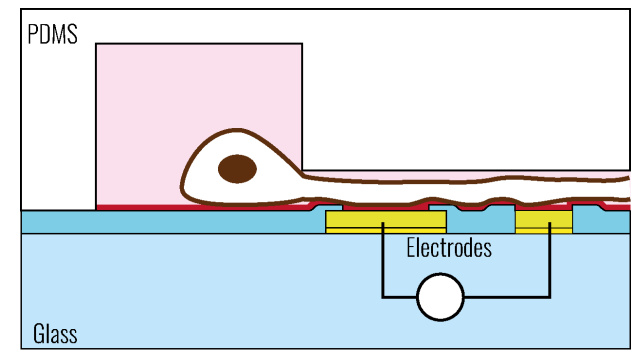
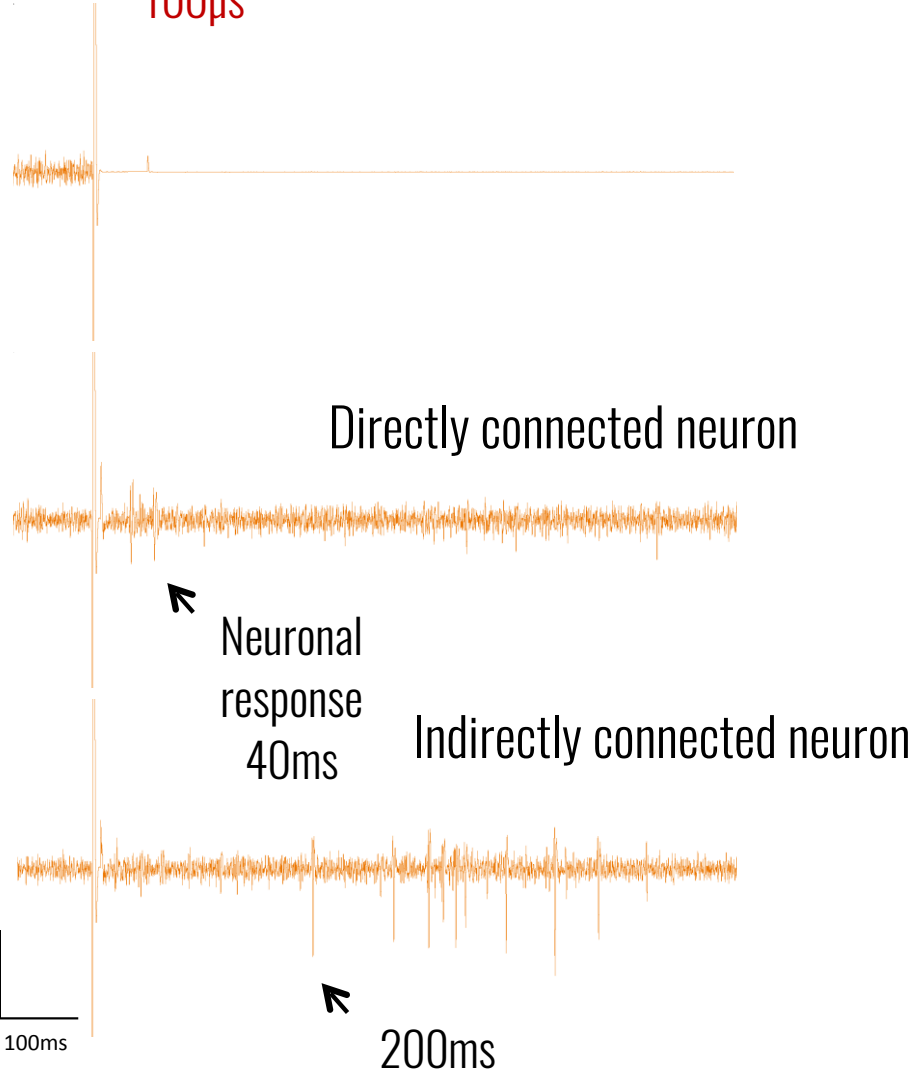


# Extracellular Stimulation

Current stimulation  
Axonal (AIS) stimulation

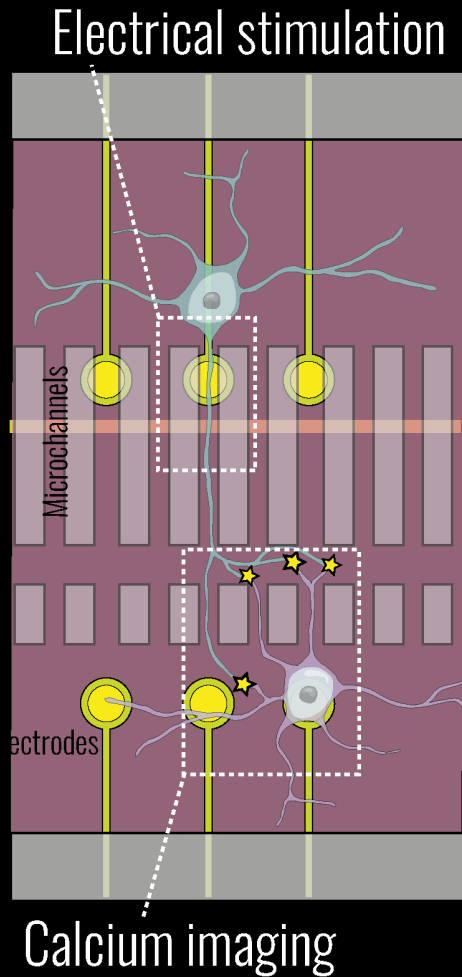


Stim  
40 $\mu$ A  
100 $\mu$ s

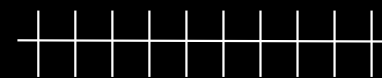
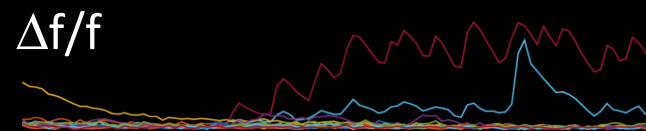
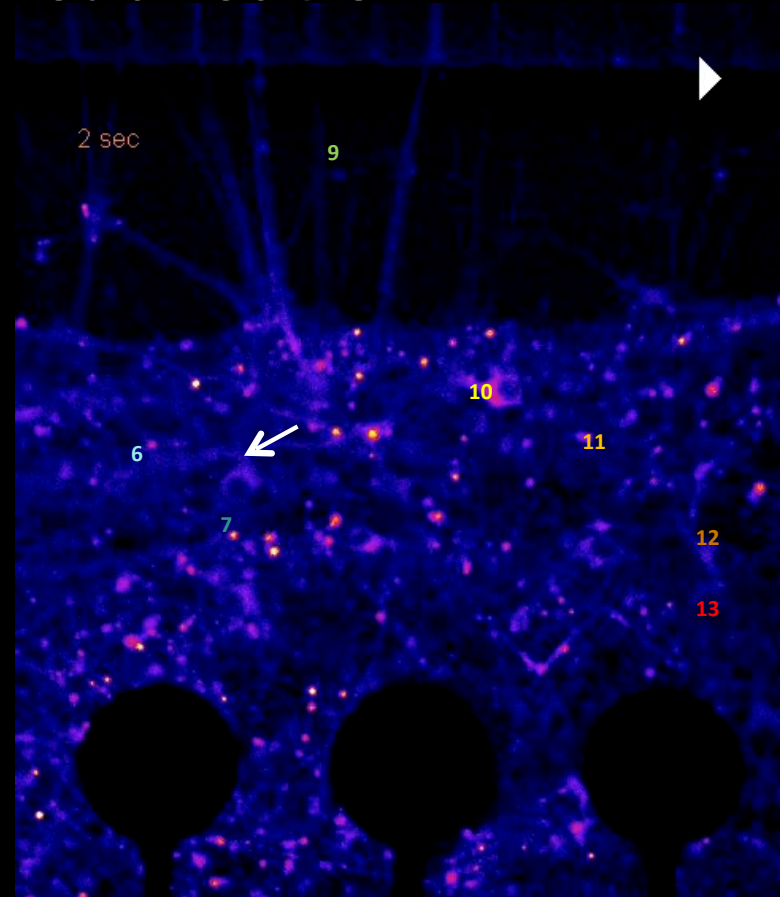


# Stimulation+ GCaMP6f visualisation

Genetically Encoded Calcium Indicators



1 Hz

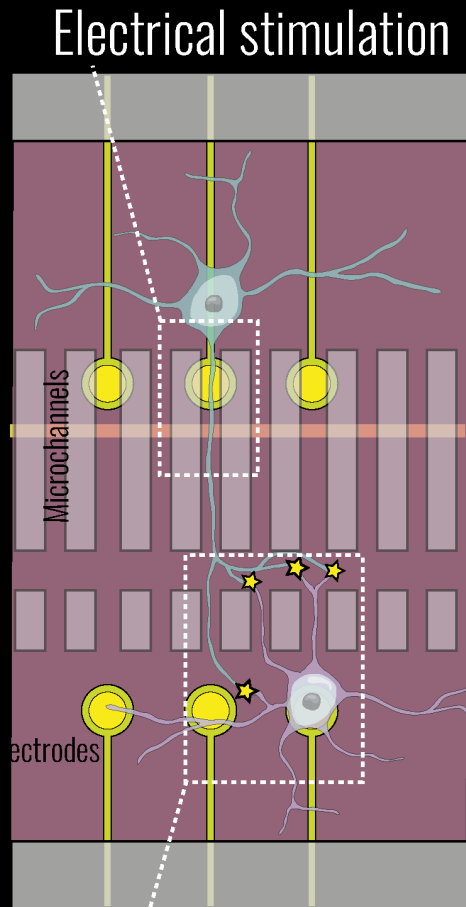


Small amplitude, repeated

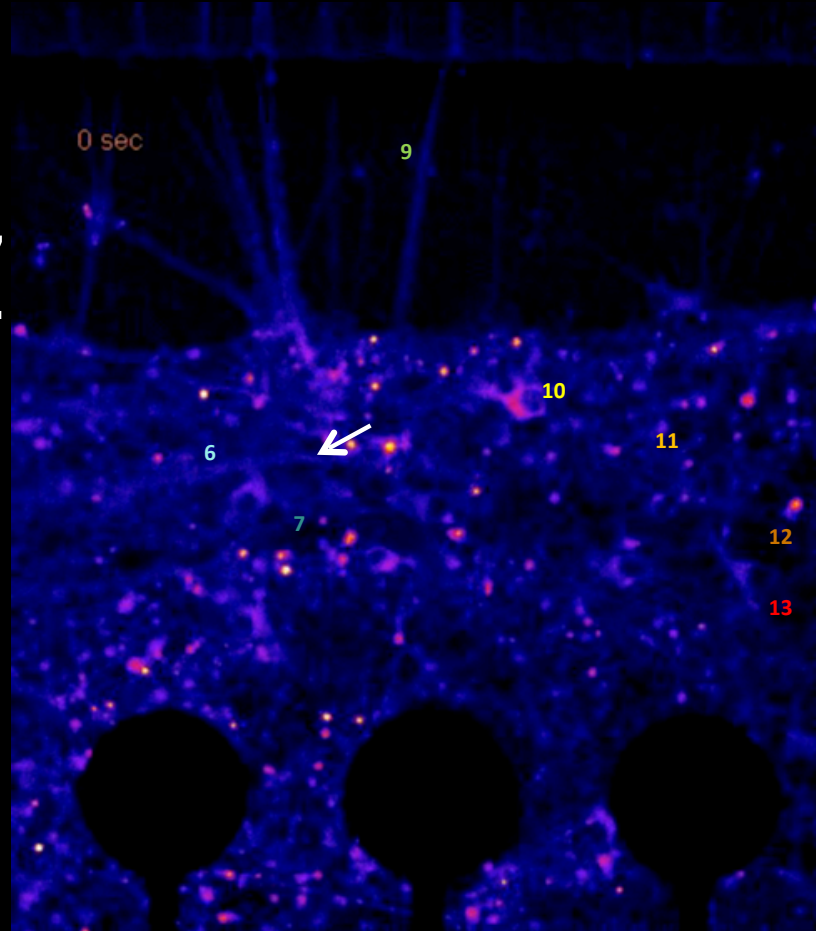
LTD long term depression : Decrease in synaptic strength induced by LF stimulation of presynaptic afferents

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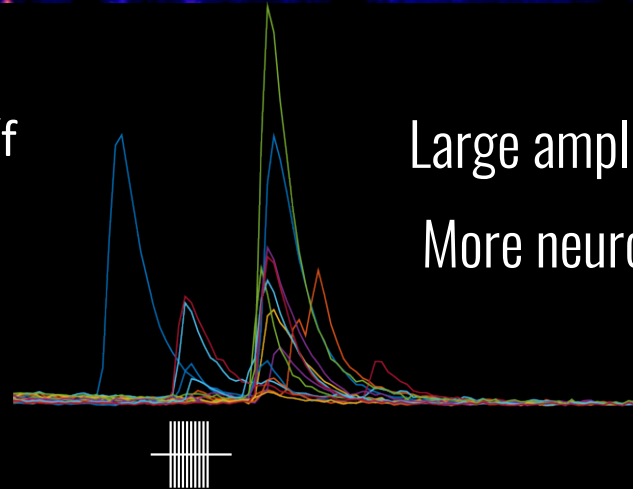


50Hz



Calcium imaging

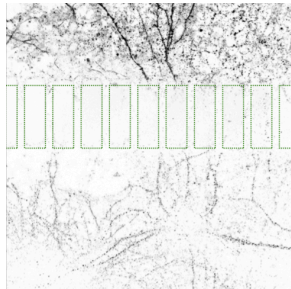
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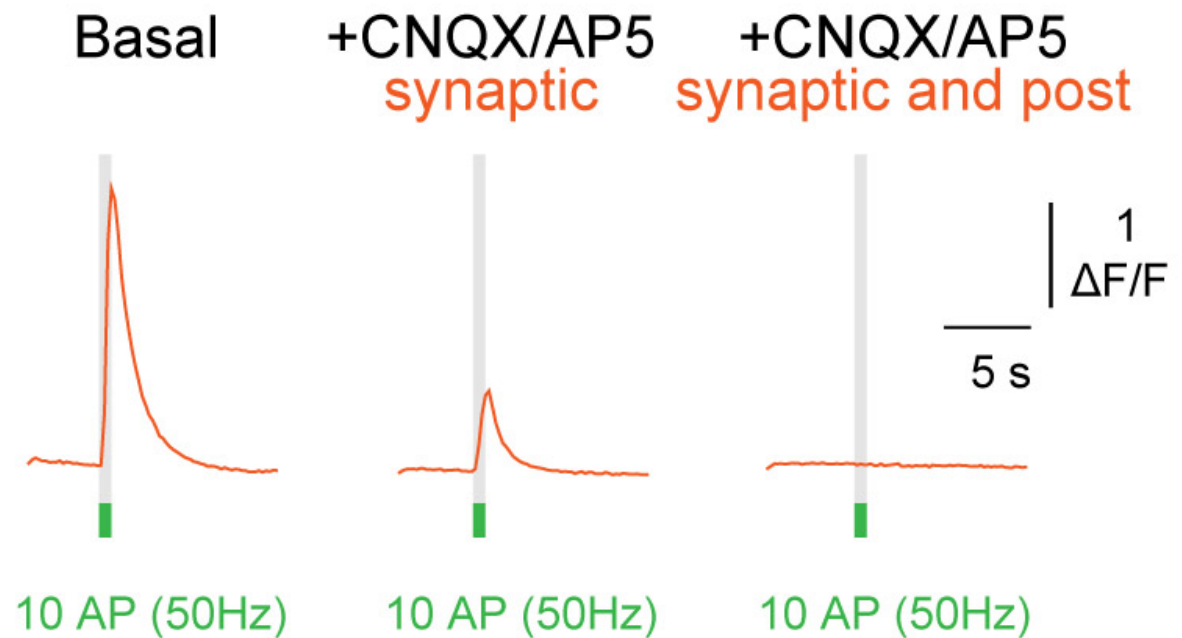
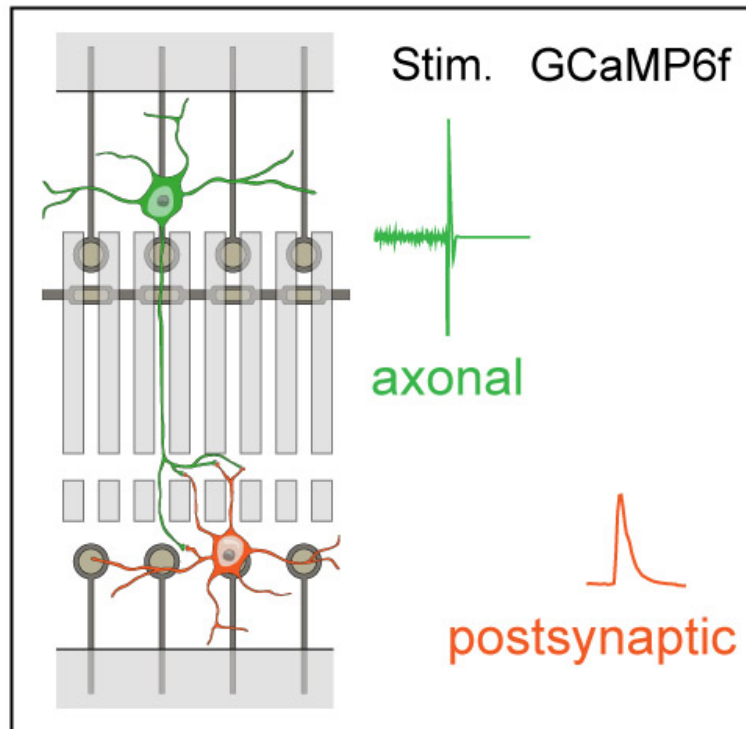
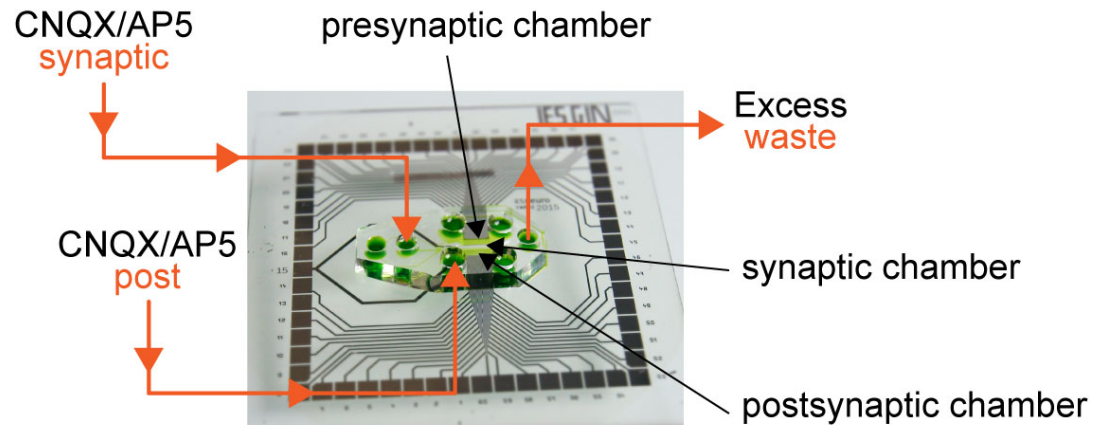
Large amplitude, long signal  
More neurons are recruited

LTP long term potentiation: Persistent increase in synaptic efficacy produced by high-frequency stimulation

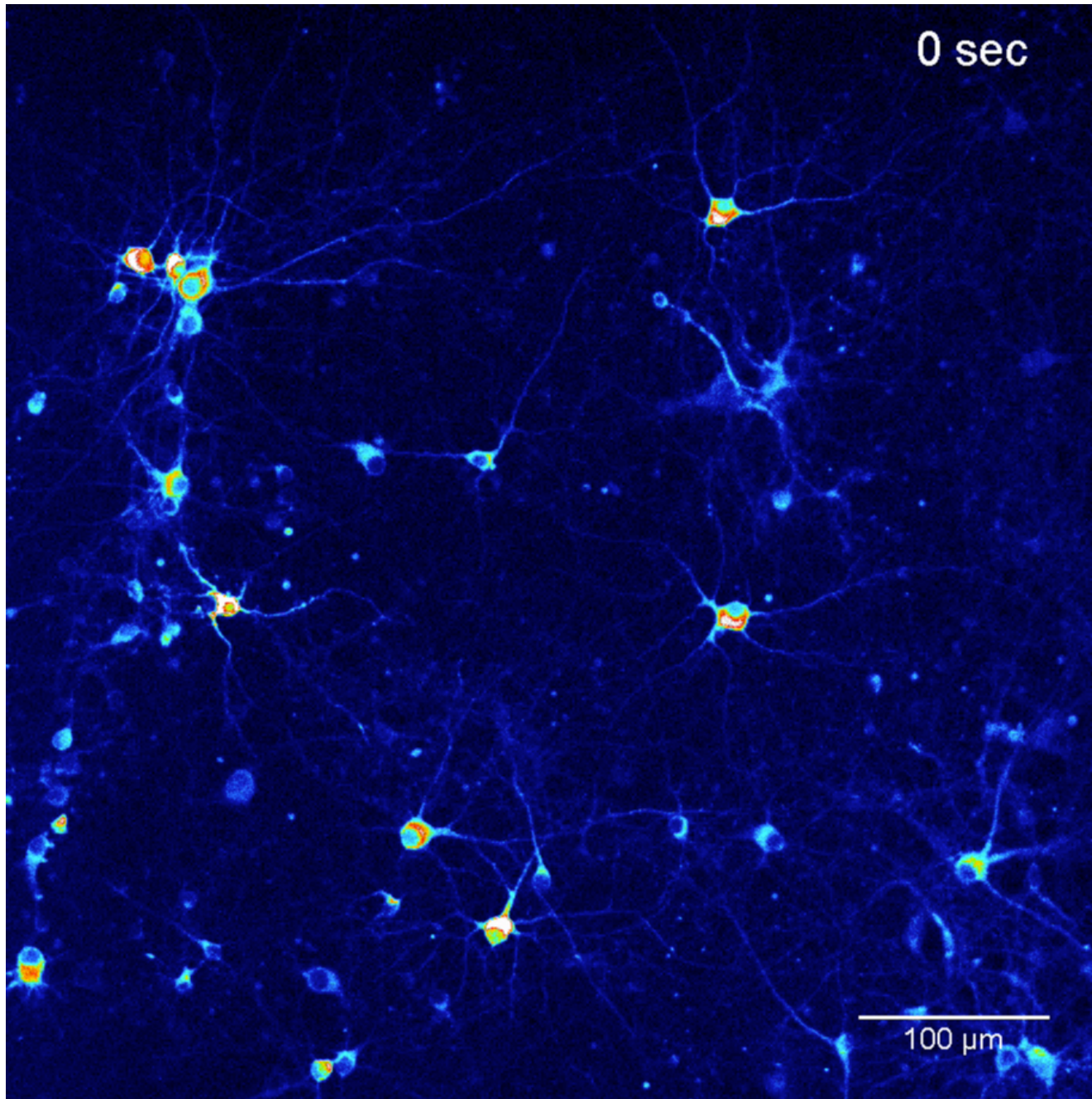
# Manipulating activity-dependent transmission using local application of drugs at the synapse



Synaptophysin



AMPA/Kainate and NMDA receptor antagonist



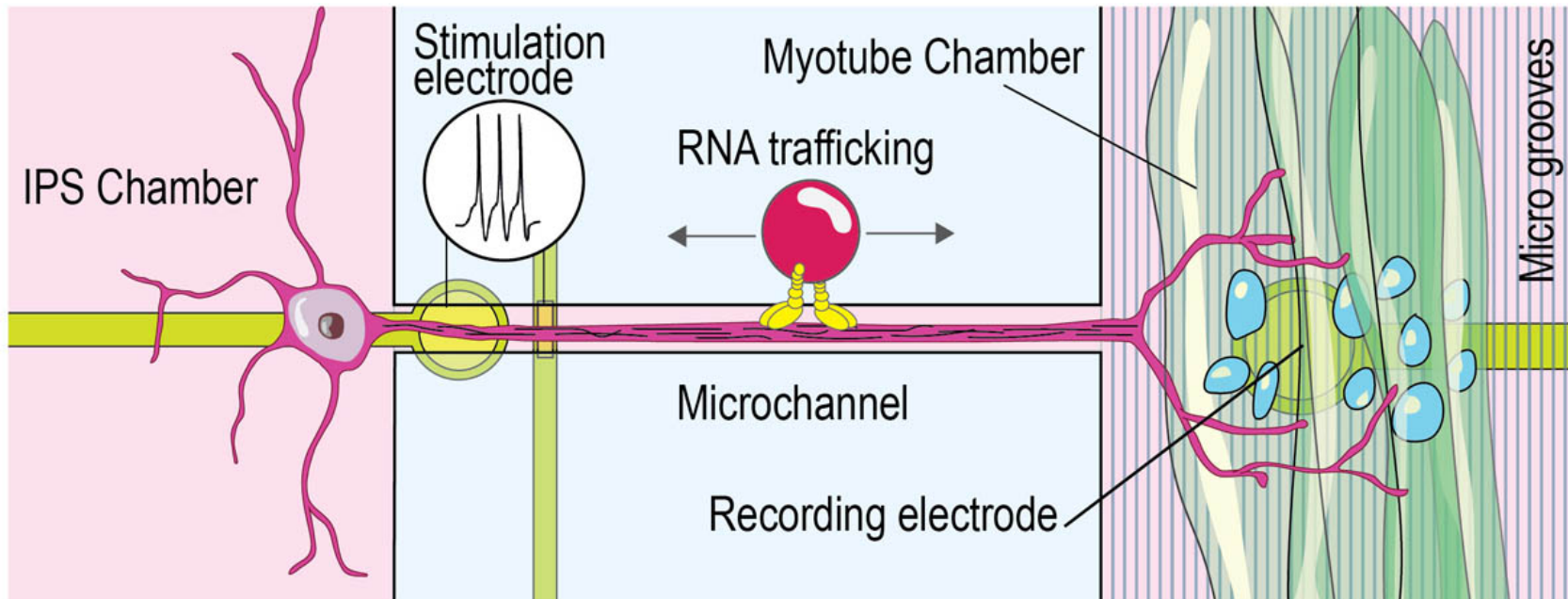
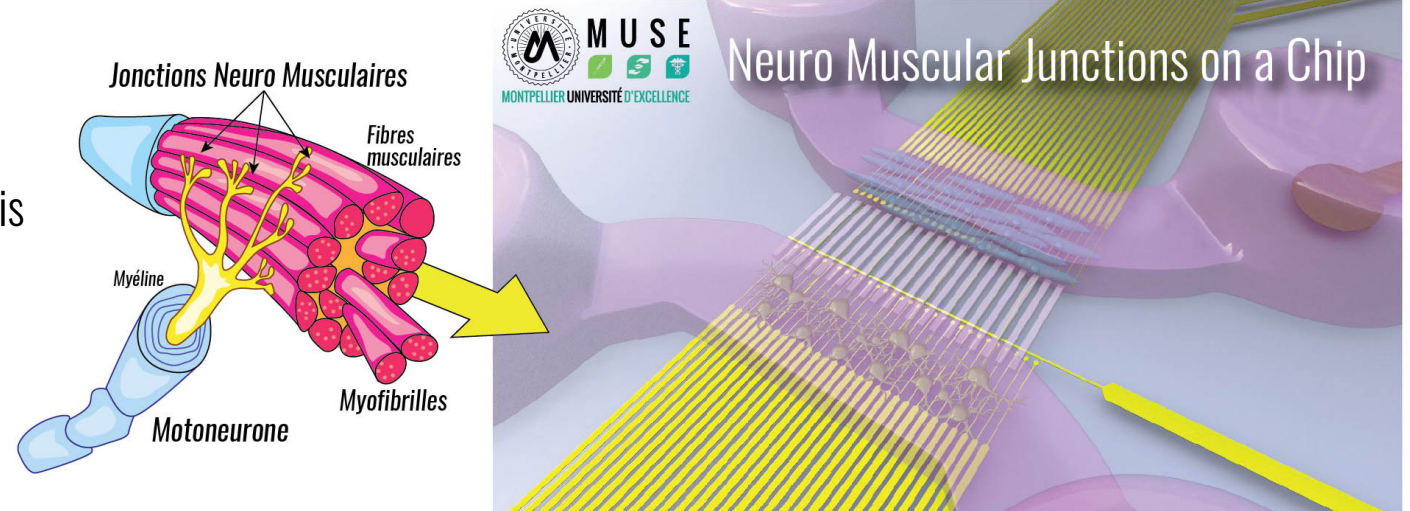
# On going : Neuro Muscular Junctions

iPS cells -> motoneurons / myocytes -> myofibrils

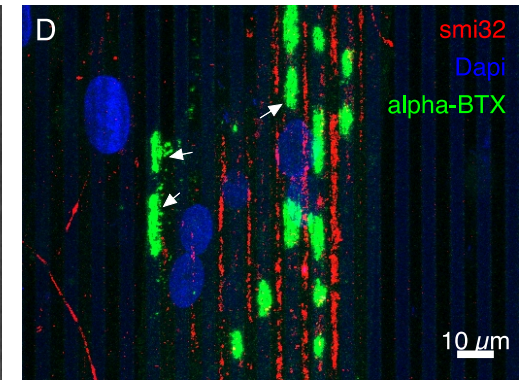
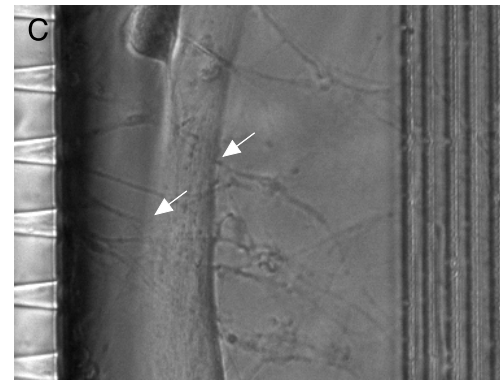
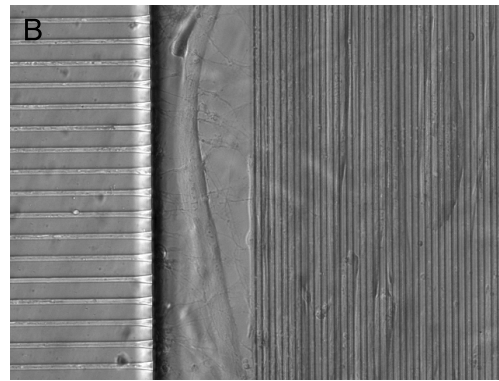
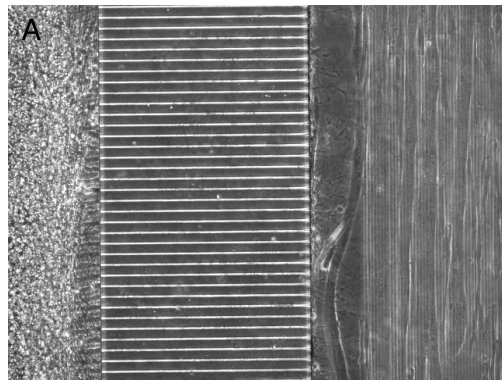
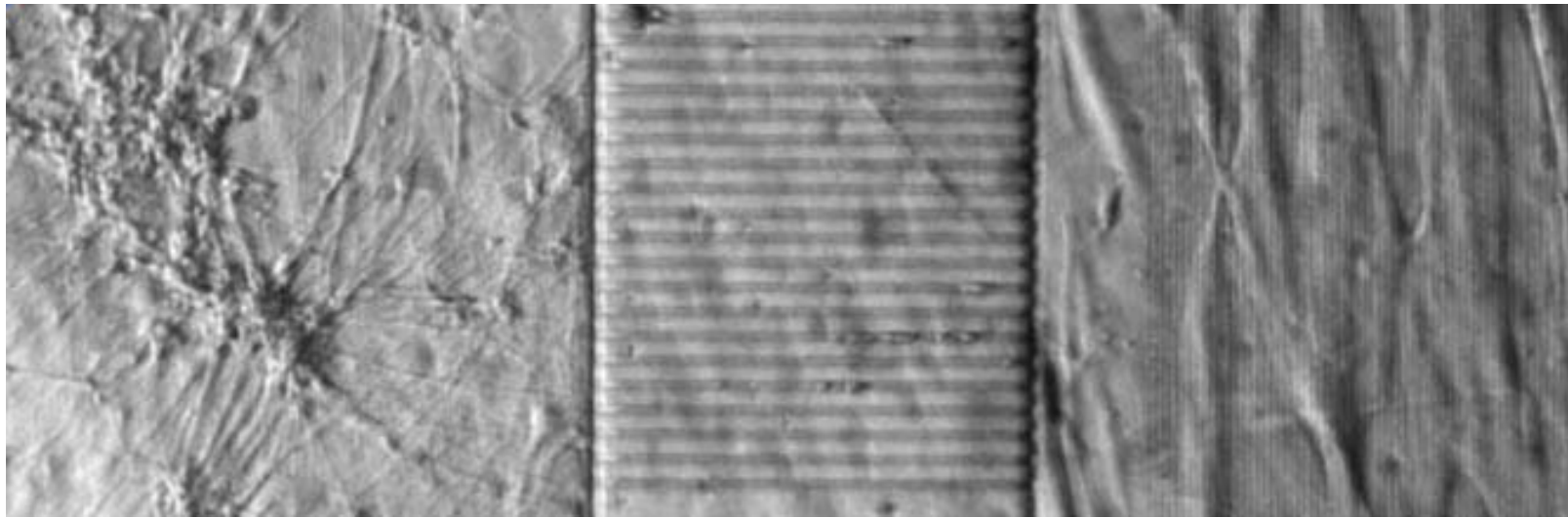
## All human model

ALS model : Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

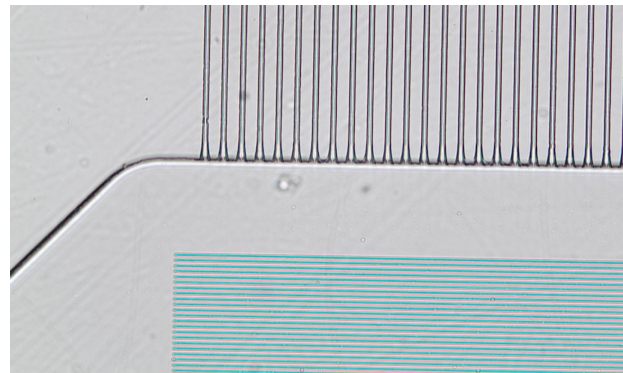
SMA model : Spinal Muscular Atrophy



# On going : Neuro Muscular Junctions

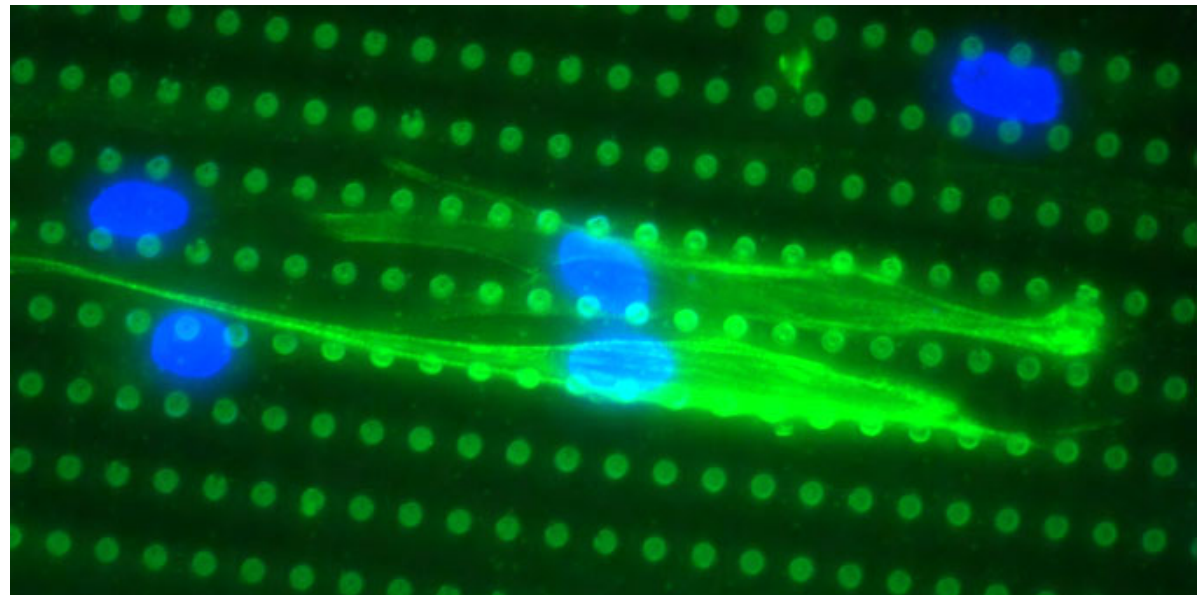
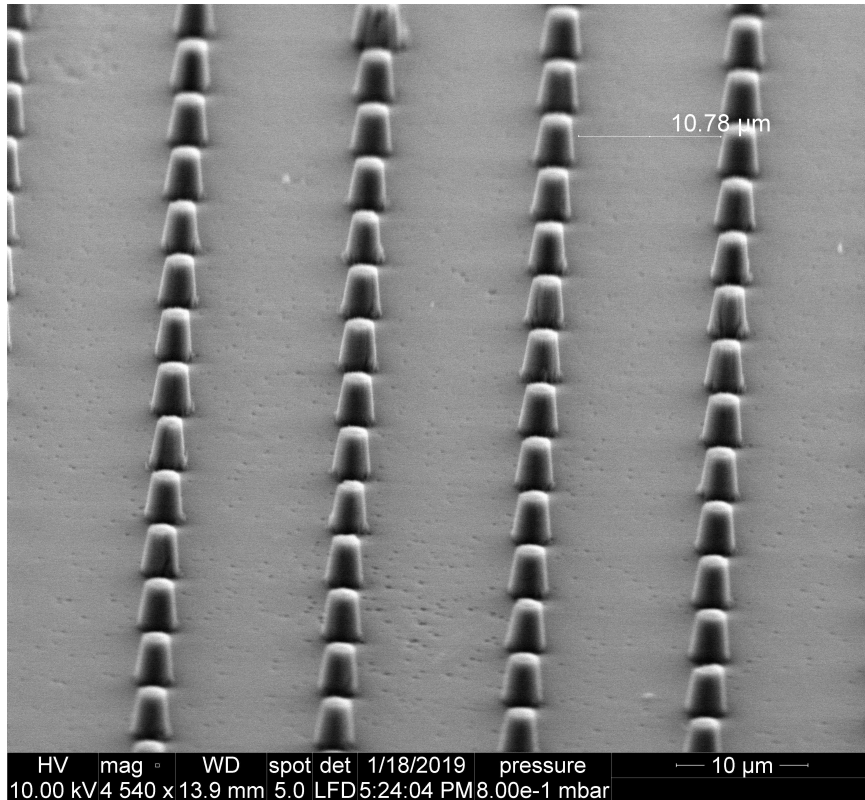


Micro grooves in the Myo chamber  
Alignment of Myocytes -> fusion toward Myotubes



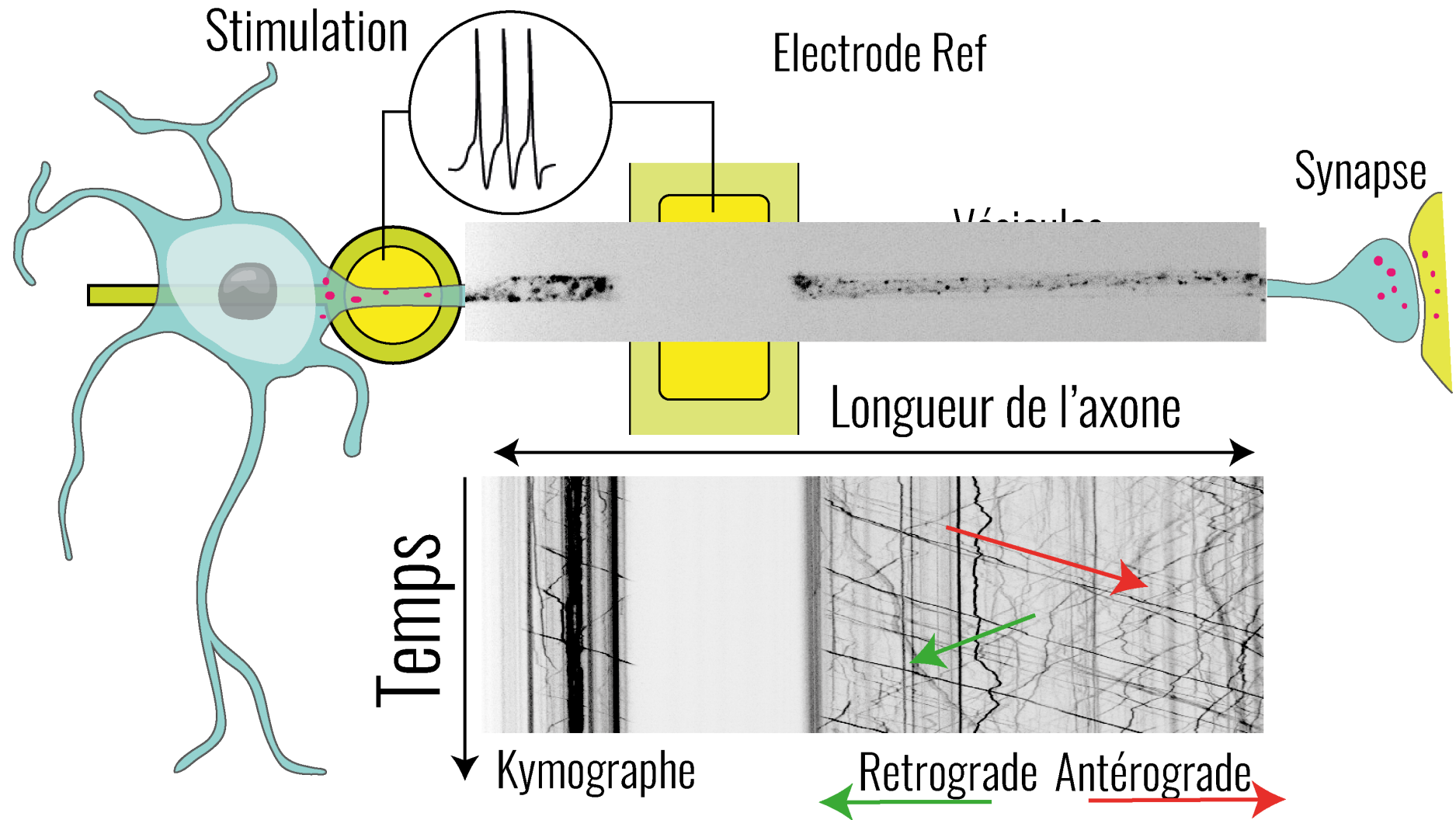
# On going : Neuro Muscular Junctions

Micro pillars for cell alignment/fusion

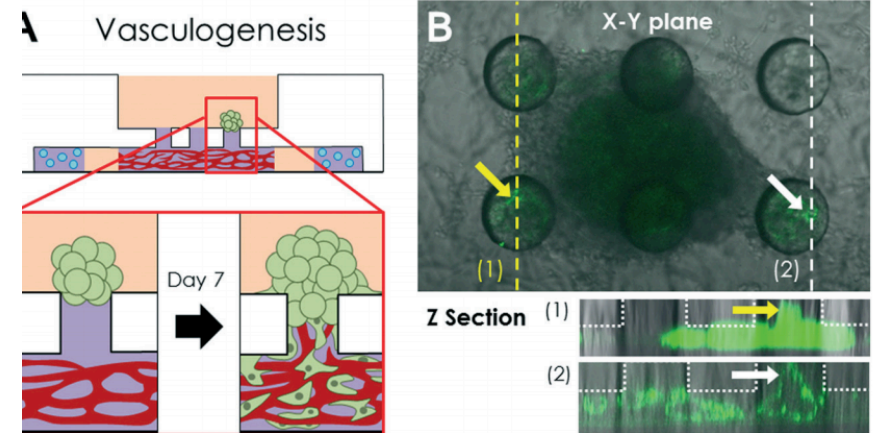
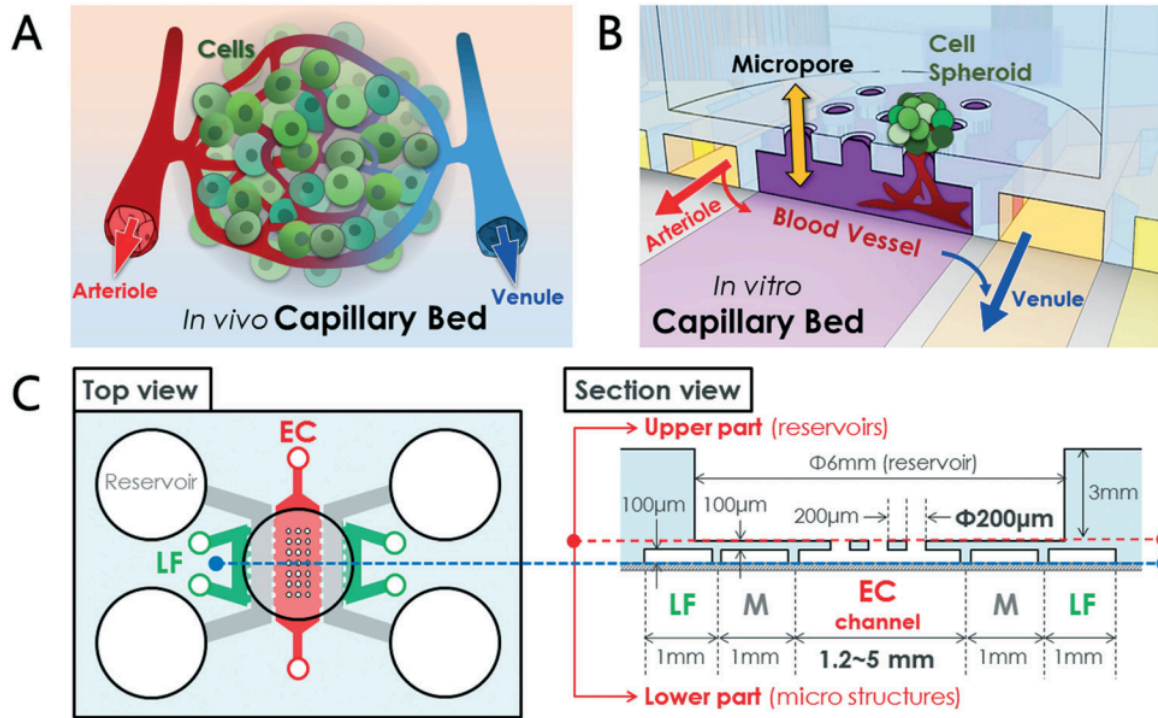




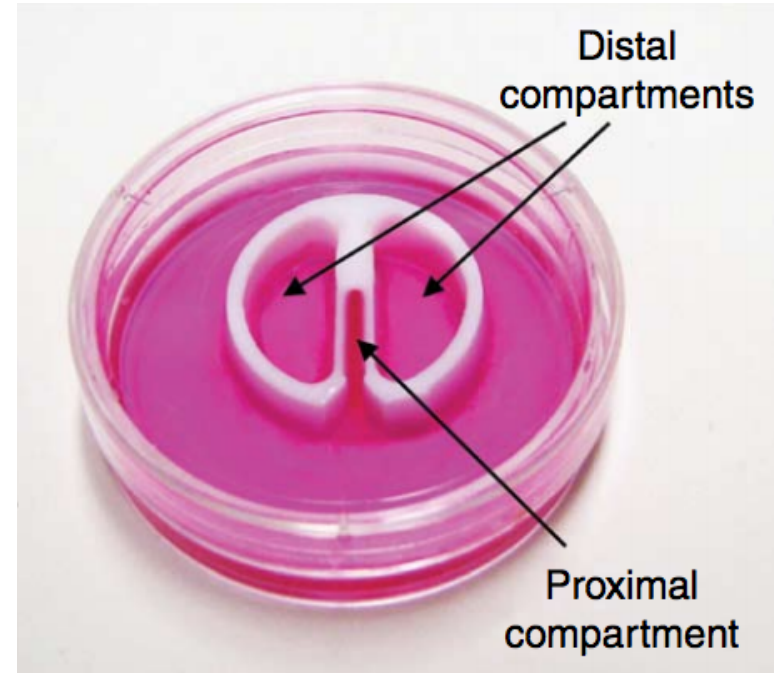
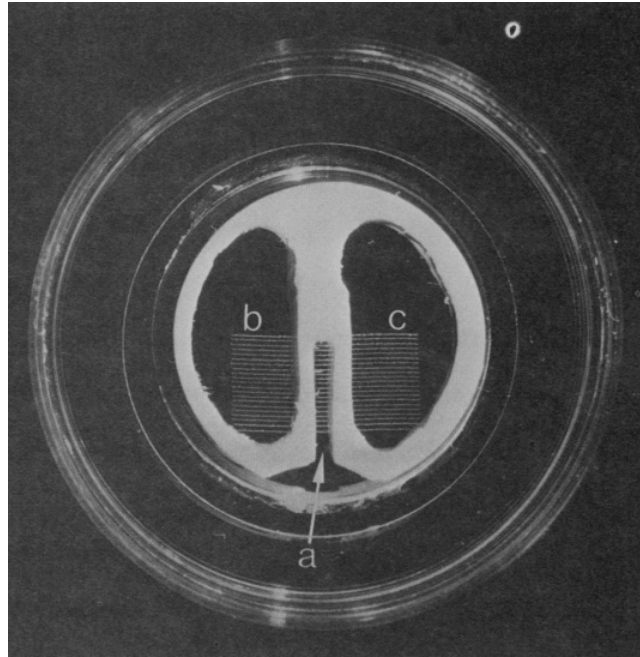
# Axonal Transport under Stimulation



# Angiogenesis on chip



# Campenot Chambers, 1977

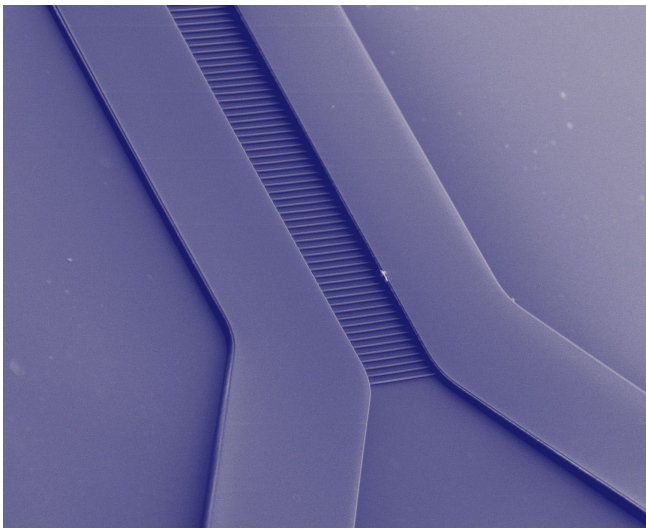


Robert. B. Campenot,  
PNAS 1977 Oct; 74(10): 4516–4519.

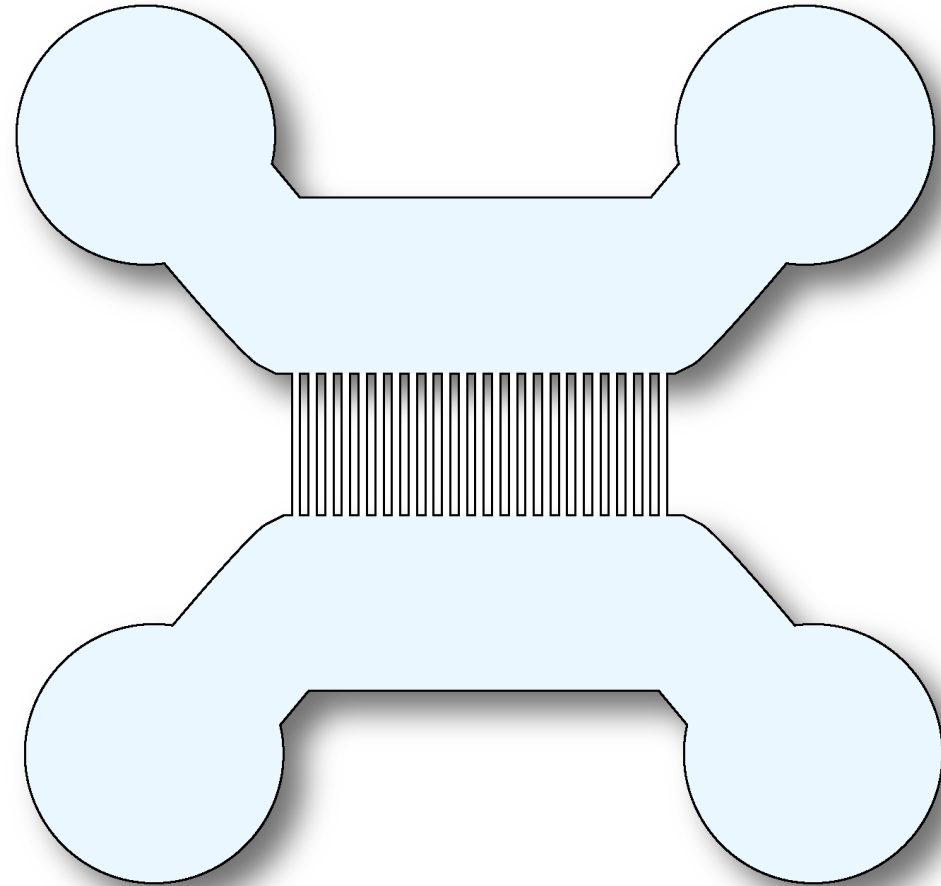
**A rake made by cementing together twenty insect pins was used to make 20 parallel scratches about 200  $\mu\text{m}$  apart on the collagen-coated coverslip.**

# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

Two large chambers  
A set of Microchannels



Dual thickness SU8 / PDMS

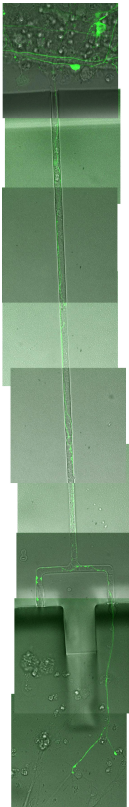
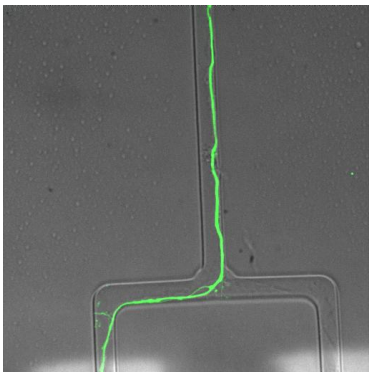
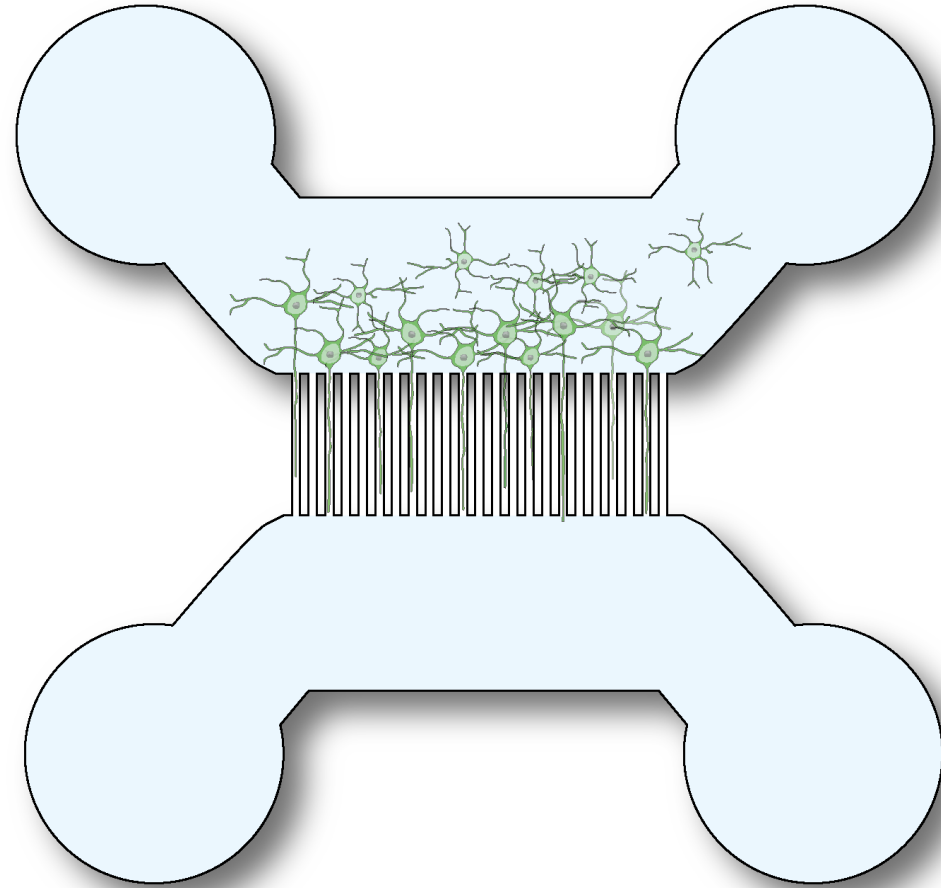
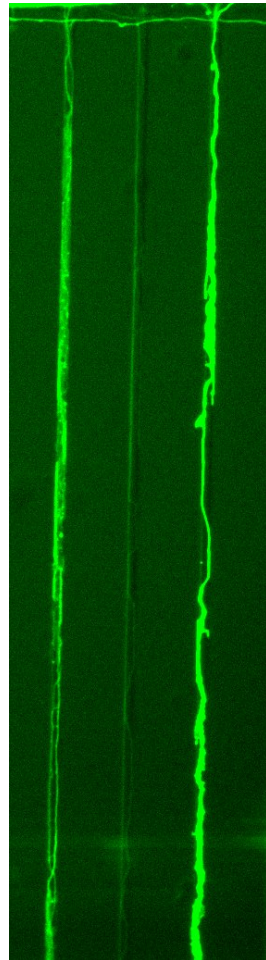
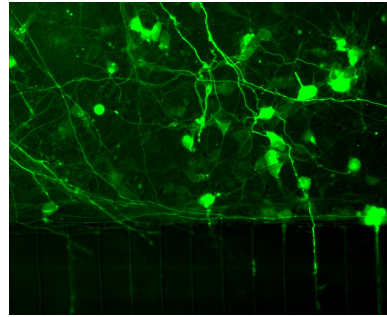


A.M.Taylor et al. Langmuir 19, 2003

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# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

PDL/Laminin coating  
Cell seeding  
Incubator  
Neurites and Axons  
(if  $L > 500\mu\text{m}$ )



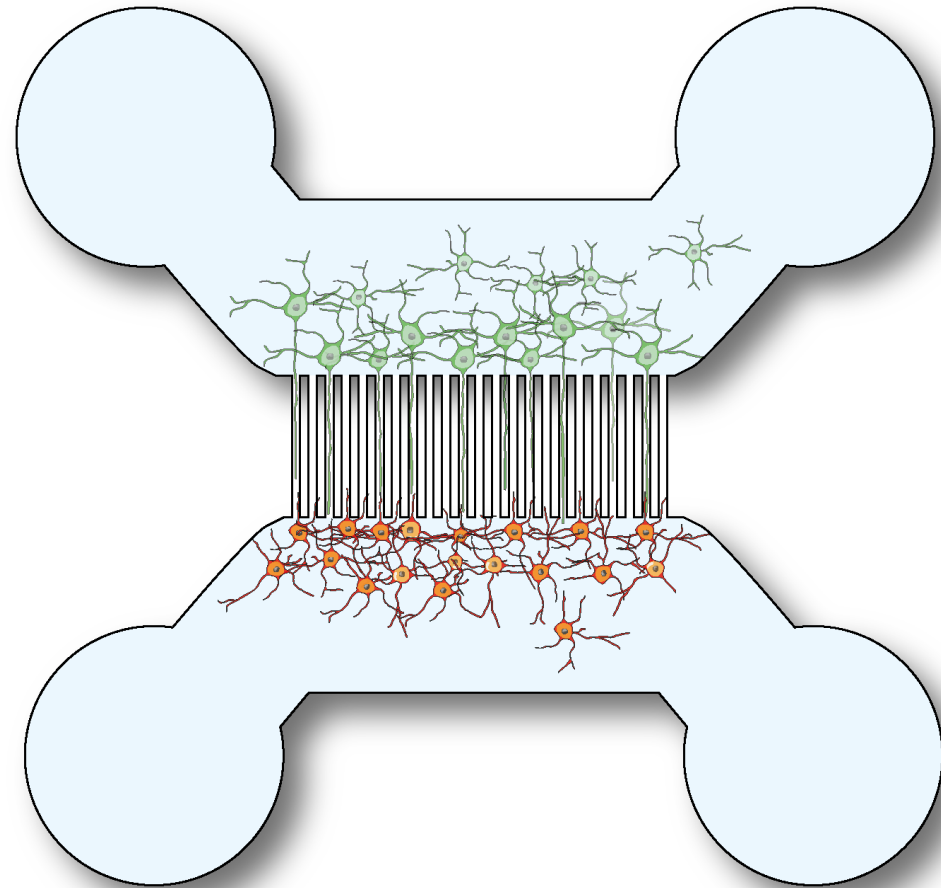
# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

in-vitro reconstitution of  
functional connections  
between two cell populations

cortico-cortical  
cortico-Striatal  
cortico-hippocampal,  
hippocampo-hippocampal,  
neuron-muscle

...

Xona, Millipore, Ananda, Micro Brain Biotech



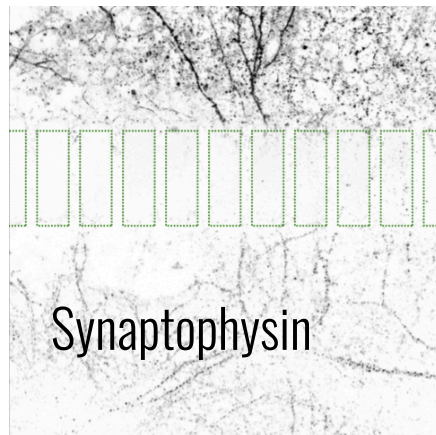
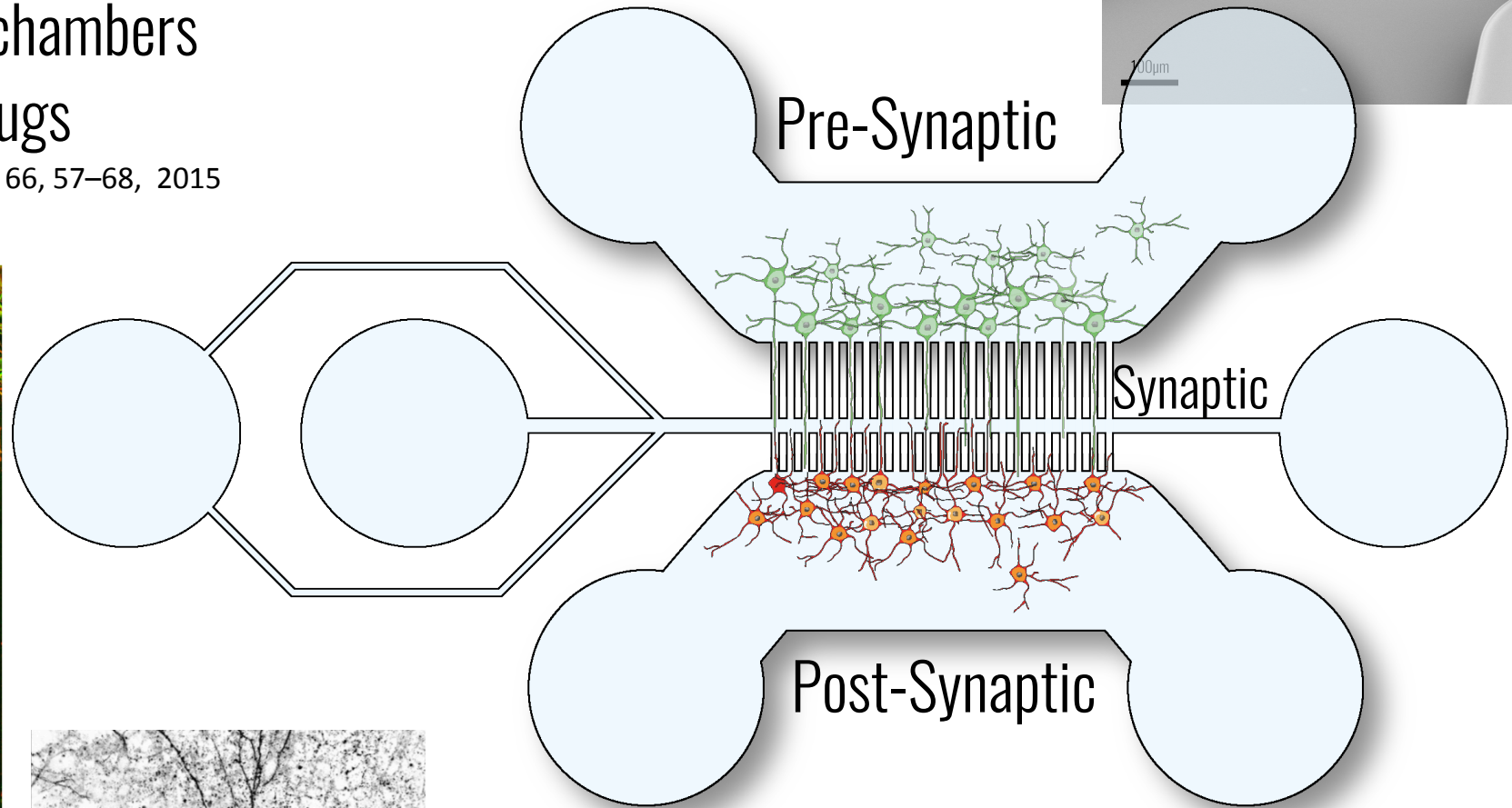
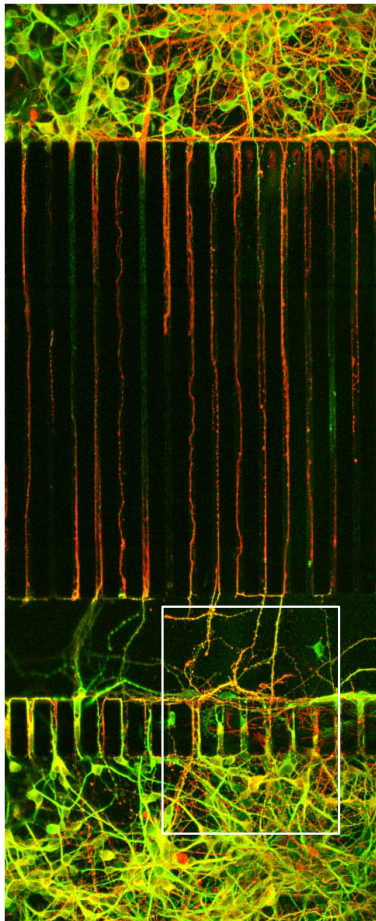
“the only widely used microfluidics device for neuro”

# Synaptic chamber

Design with 3 chambers

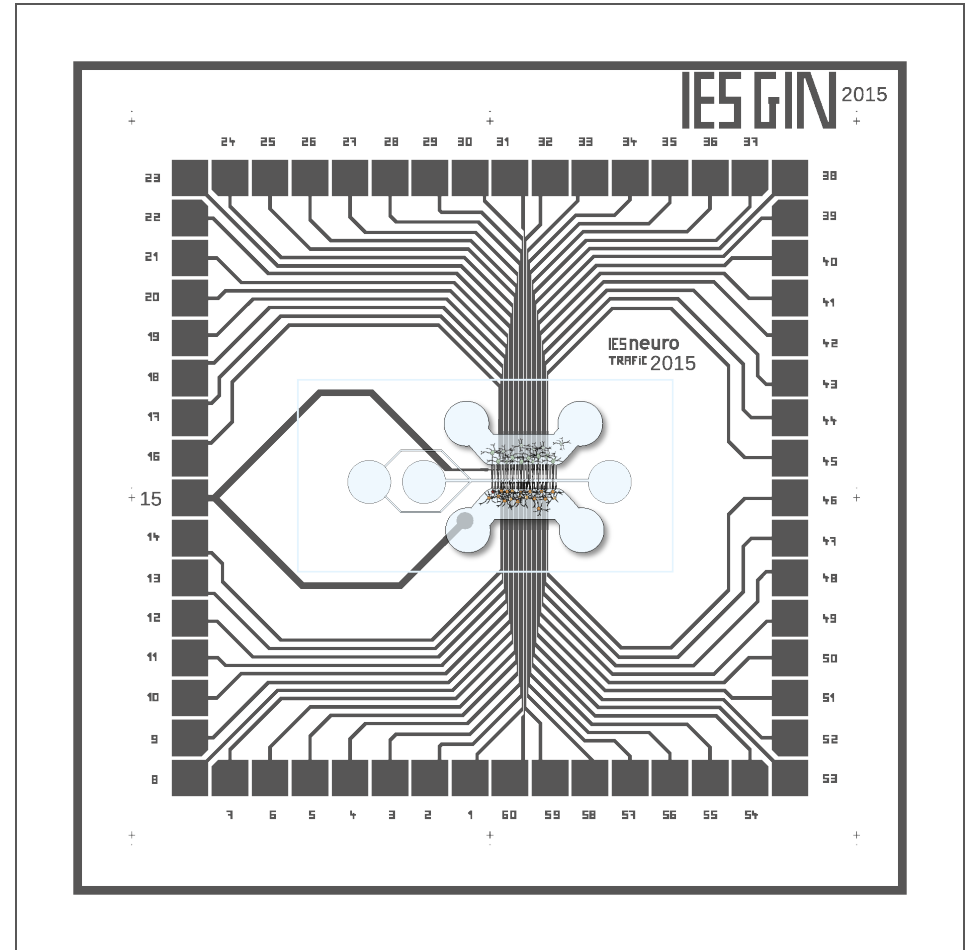
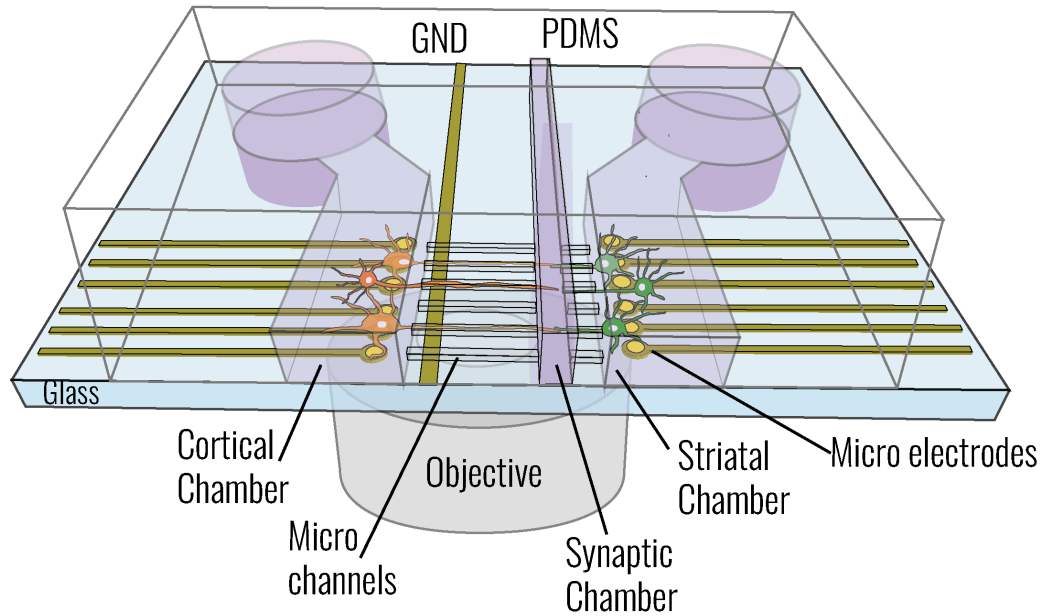
Perfusion of drugs

A.M. Taylor et al. Neuron 66, 57–68, 2015



Passive device...

# Microfluidics + dedicated MEA



**Organisation**

Axons along microchannels

**+ Stimulation  
& Recording**

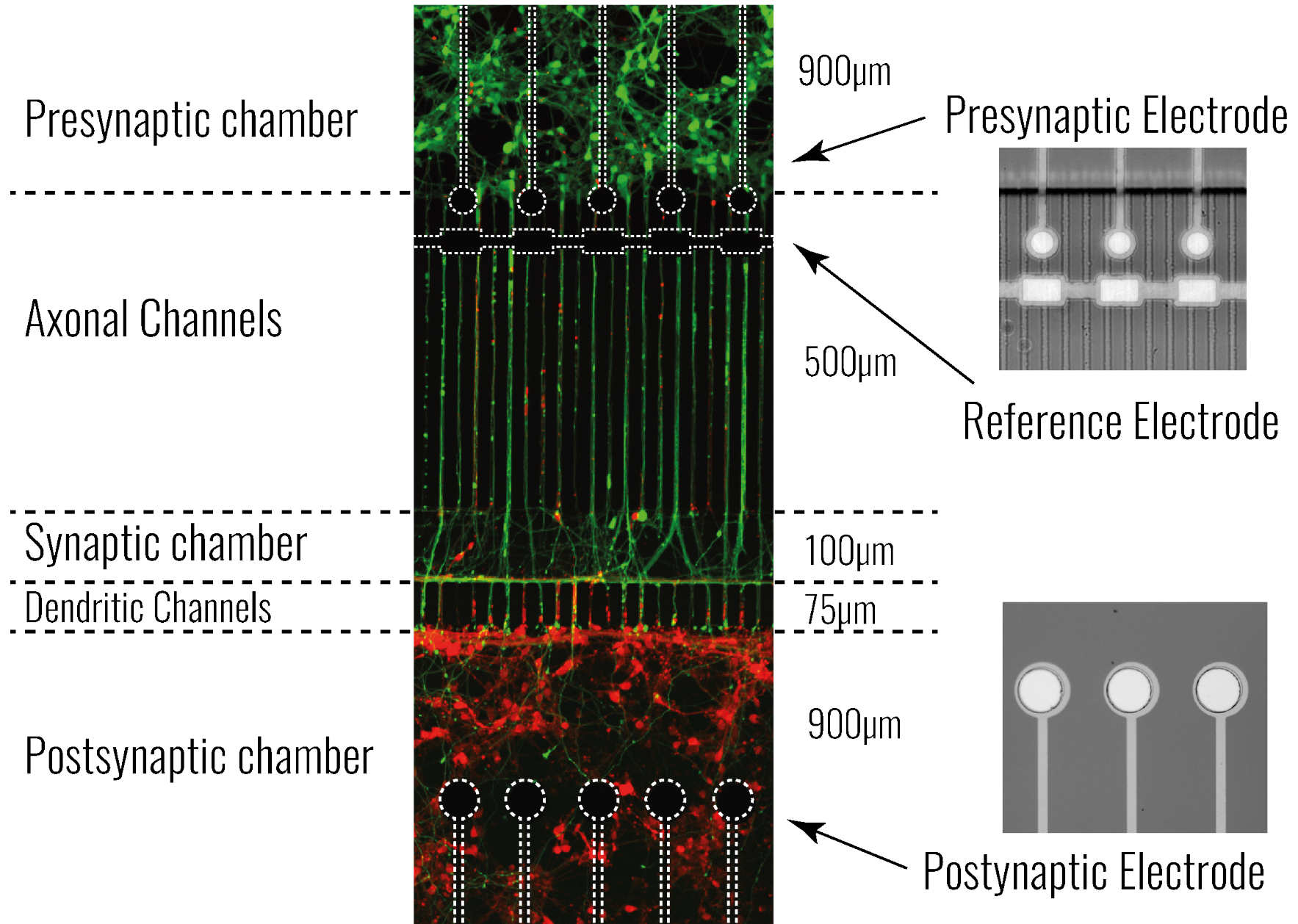
On cell bodies or AIS

**+ Observation**

transport of BDNF or MT



# MEA alignment



# MEA microfabrication

**Thin** glass substrate : 5x5cm 170 $\mu$ m

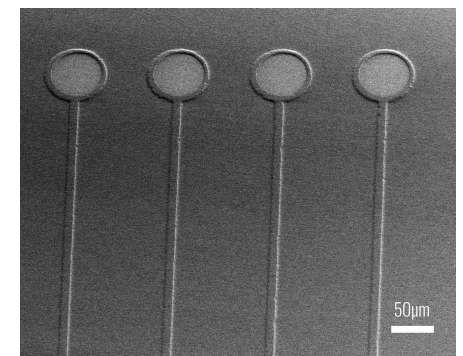
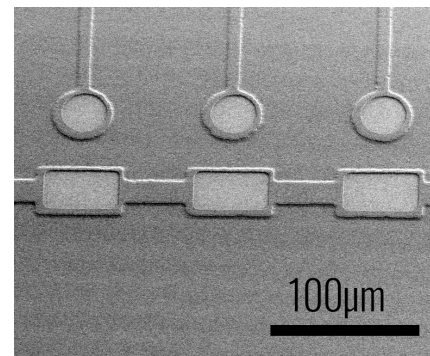
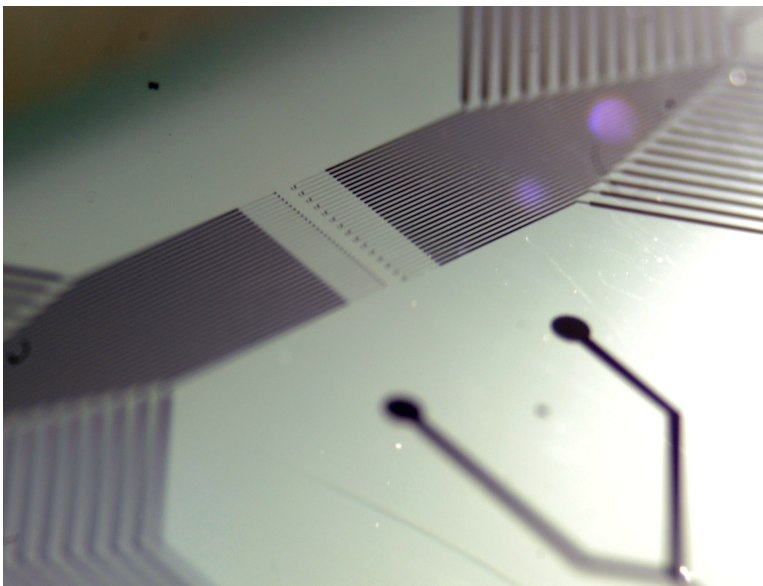
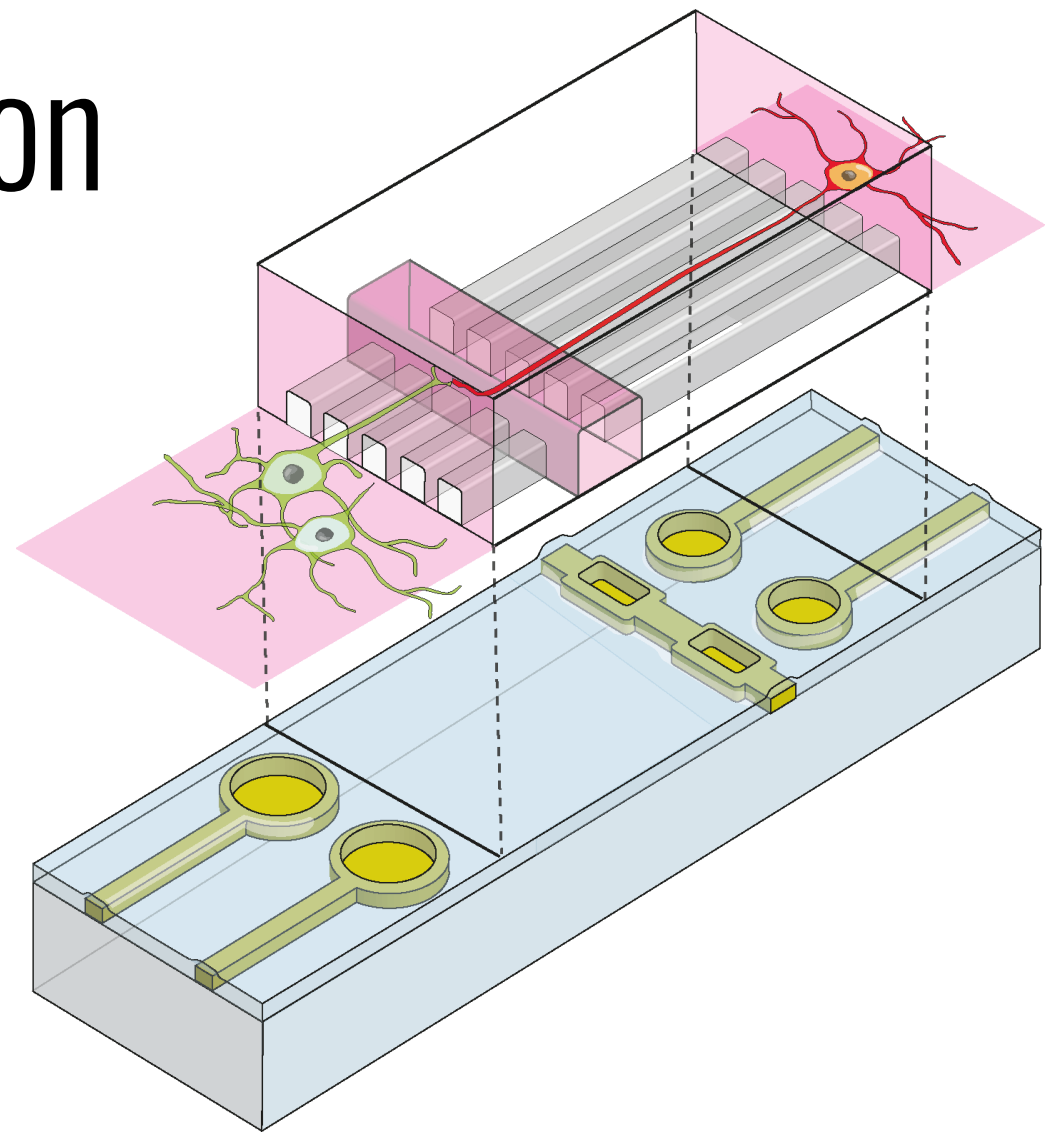
Mask1 Ti/Pt electrodes (Electron gun evap. + Lift Off)

SiN<sub>x</sub> PECVD

Mask2+ Alignment + RIE etching

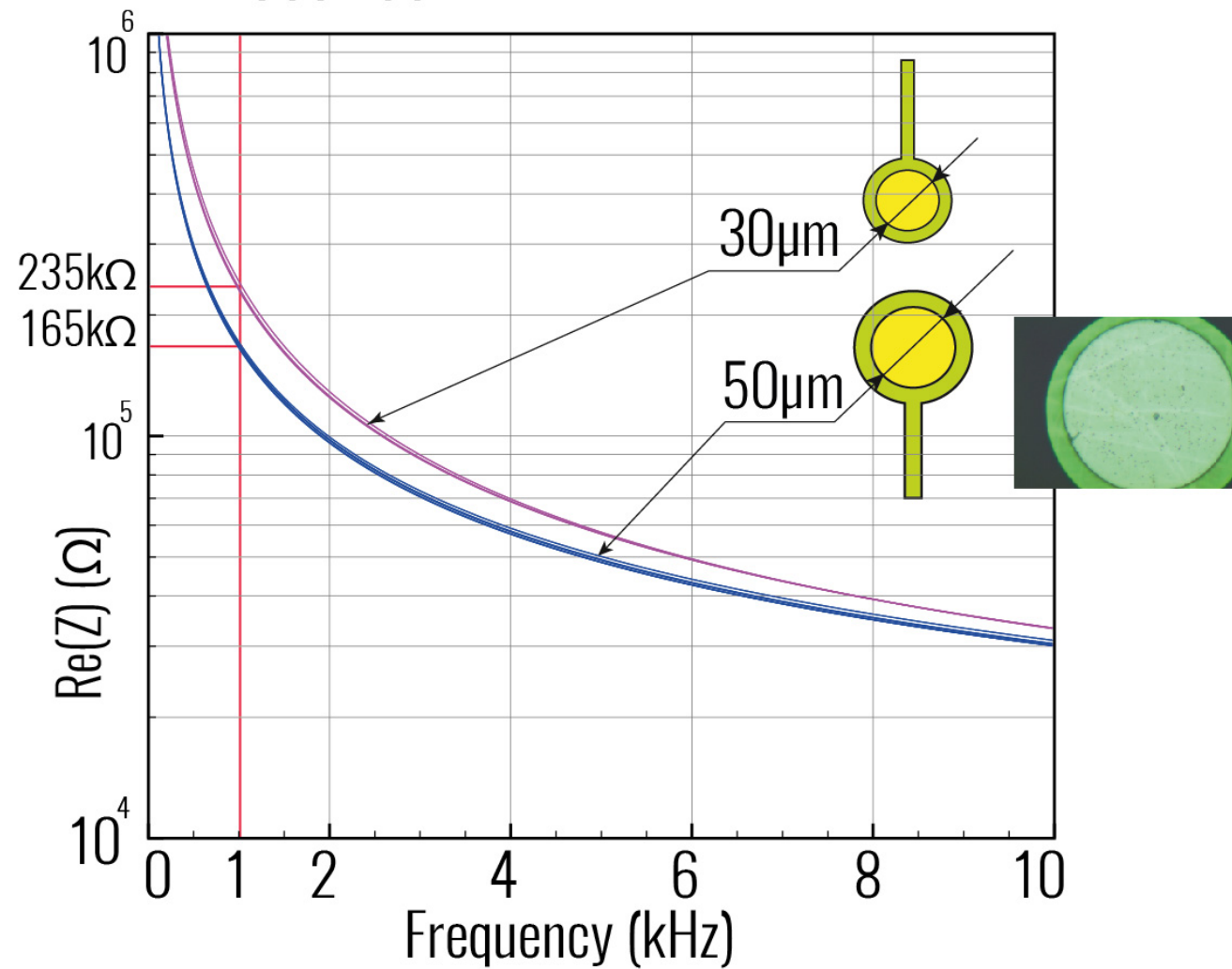
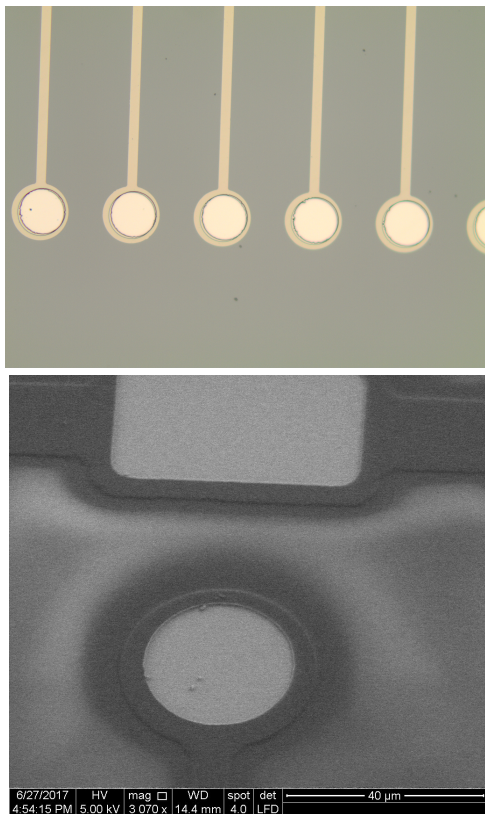
Simple and Stable process

For series > 100 samples



# Impedance

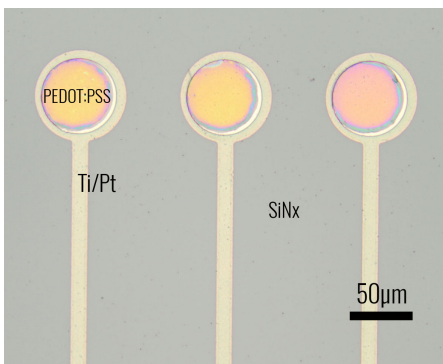
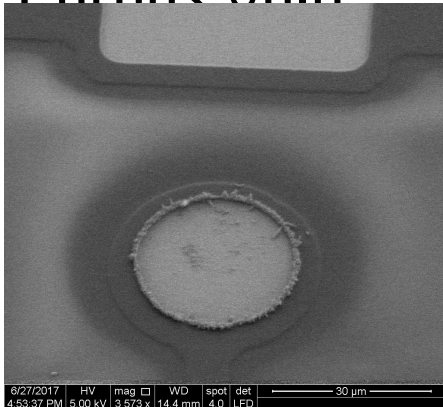
Ti / Pt Microelectrode Impedance  
PBS 1x  
OSC 100mV



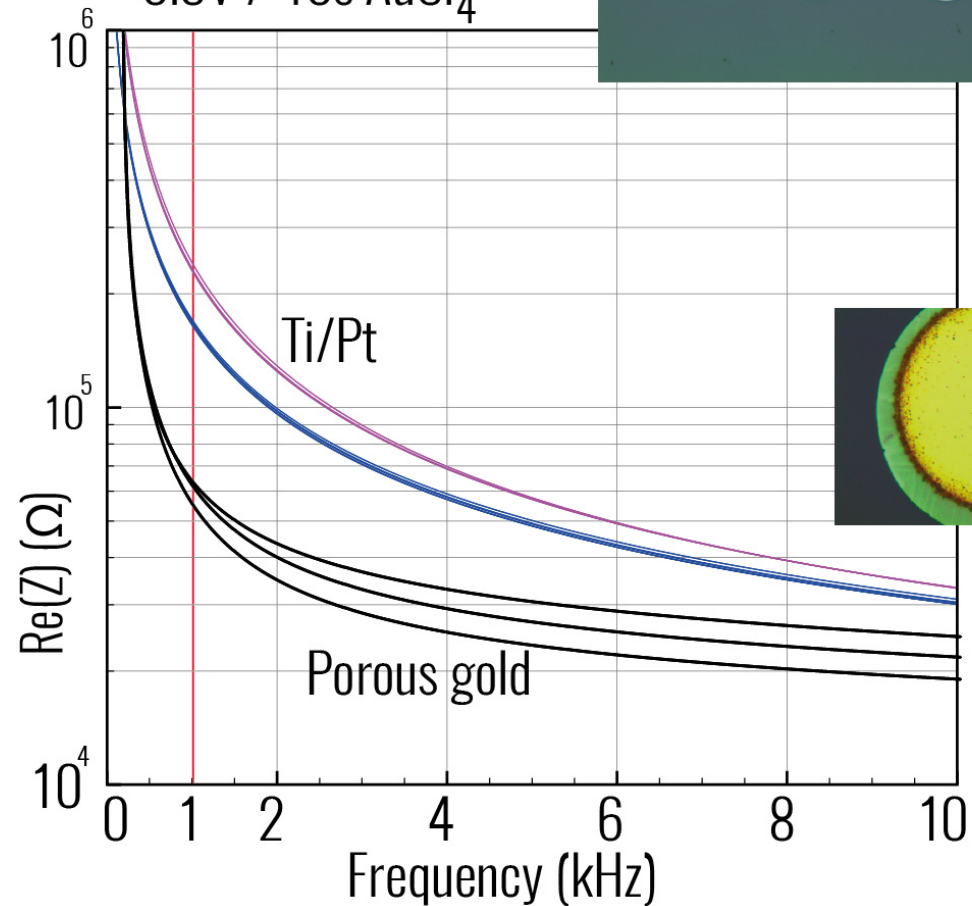
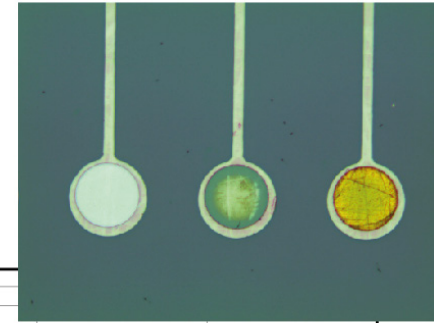
# Impedance

Lowering of the impedance : better  
Signal to noise ration

TiN  
PEDOT:PSS  
Porous gold



Porous gold  
PBS 1x  
OSC 100mV  
-0.8V / 40s AuCl<sub>4</sub>



But..... Platinum for stability and reproducibility

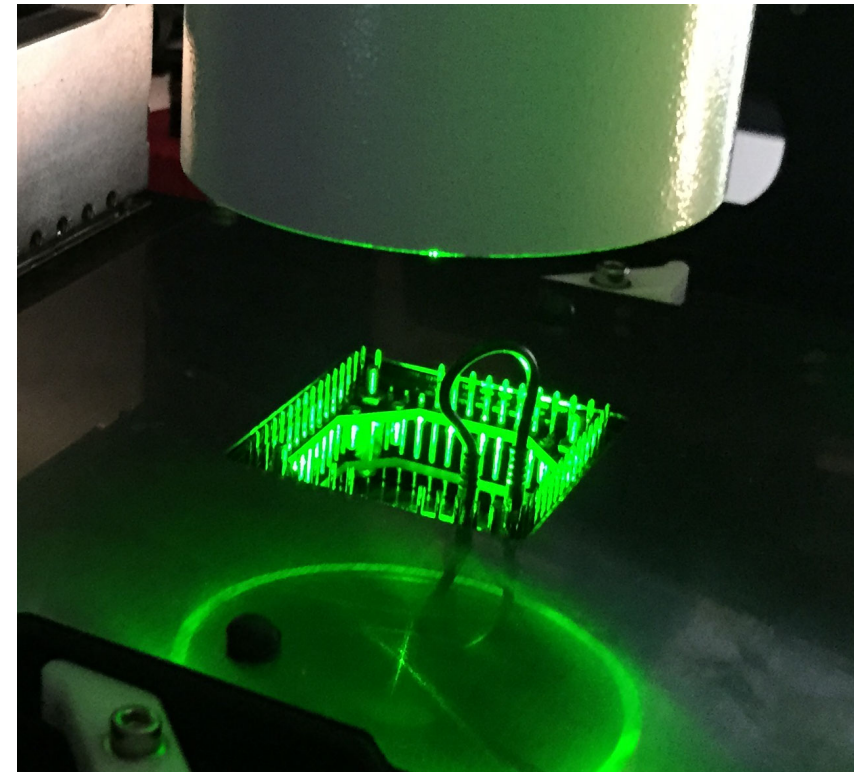
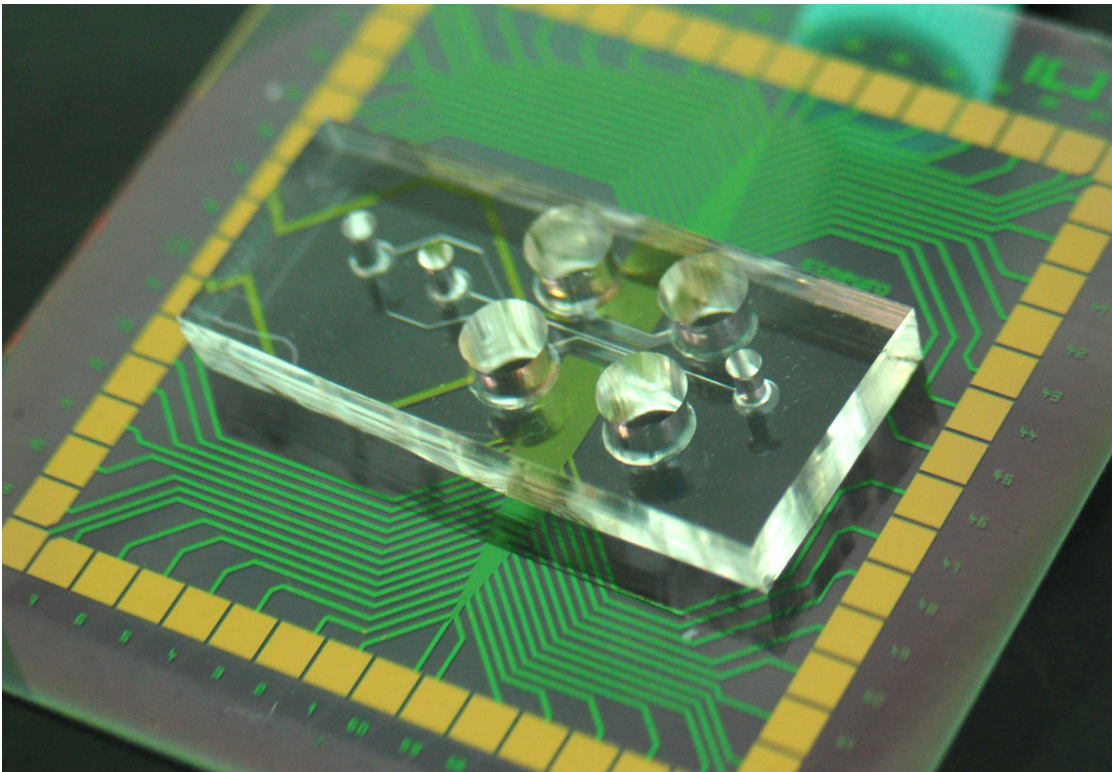
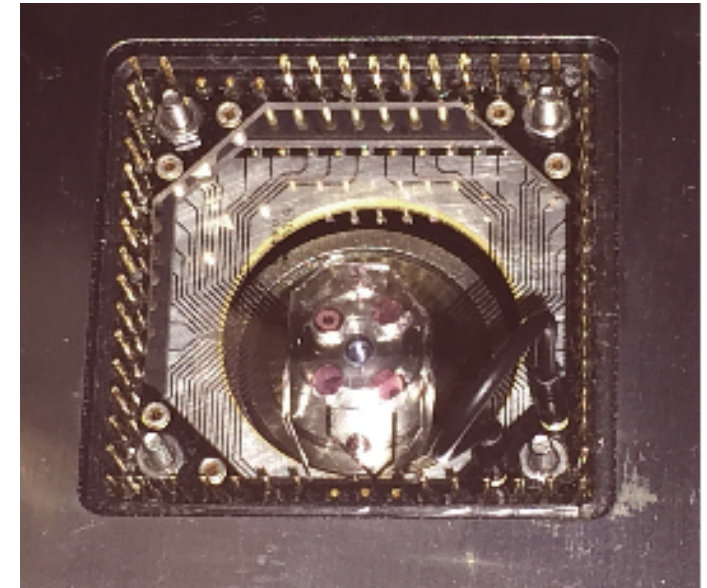
# Experimental Setup

PDMS Microfluidic chamber

Aligned on specific MEA chip

Connected to a MCS 64 channel system

Under Spinning disc microscope

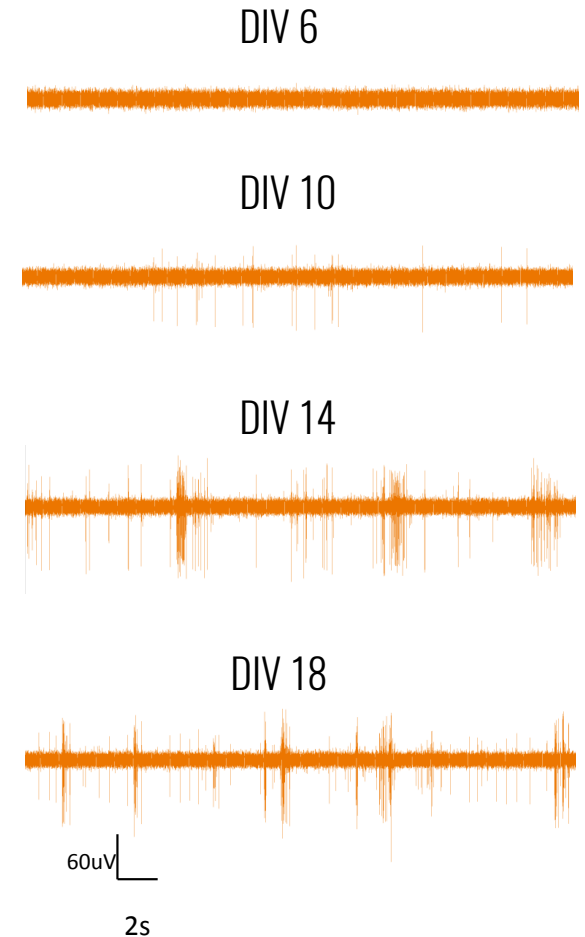
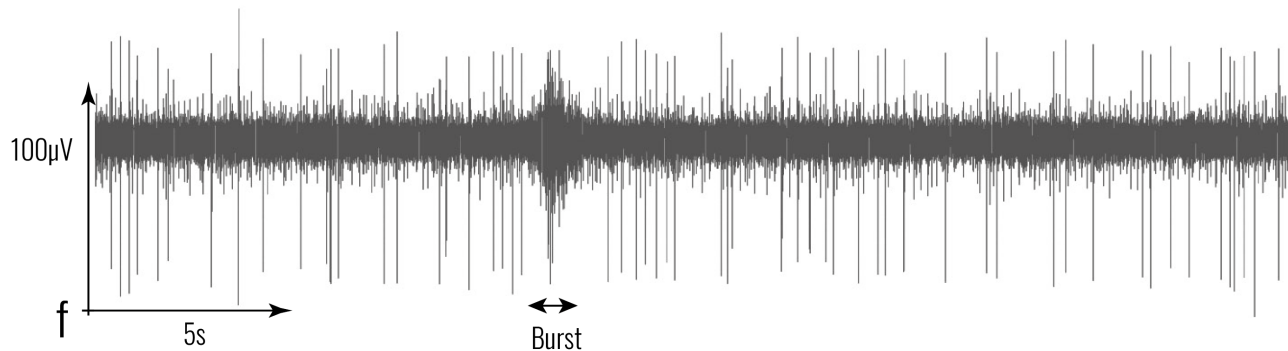
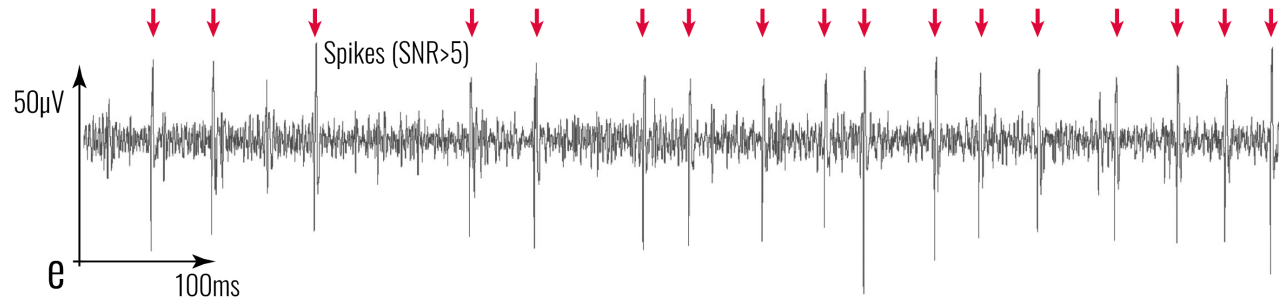
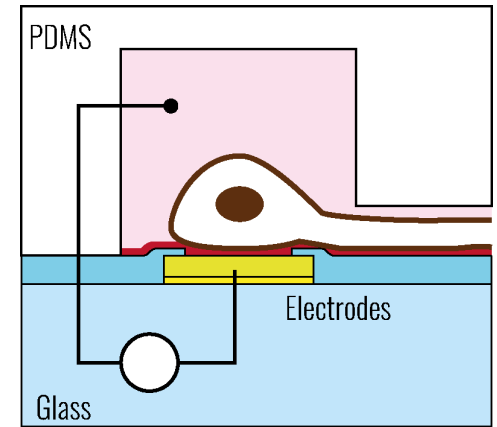
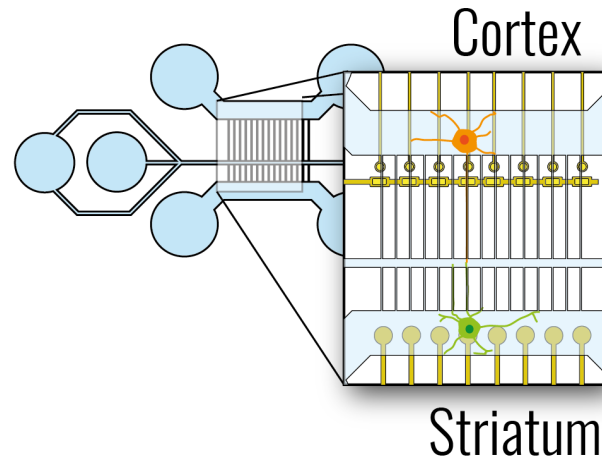


# Extracellular Recording

$\mu\text{V}$  range

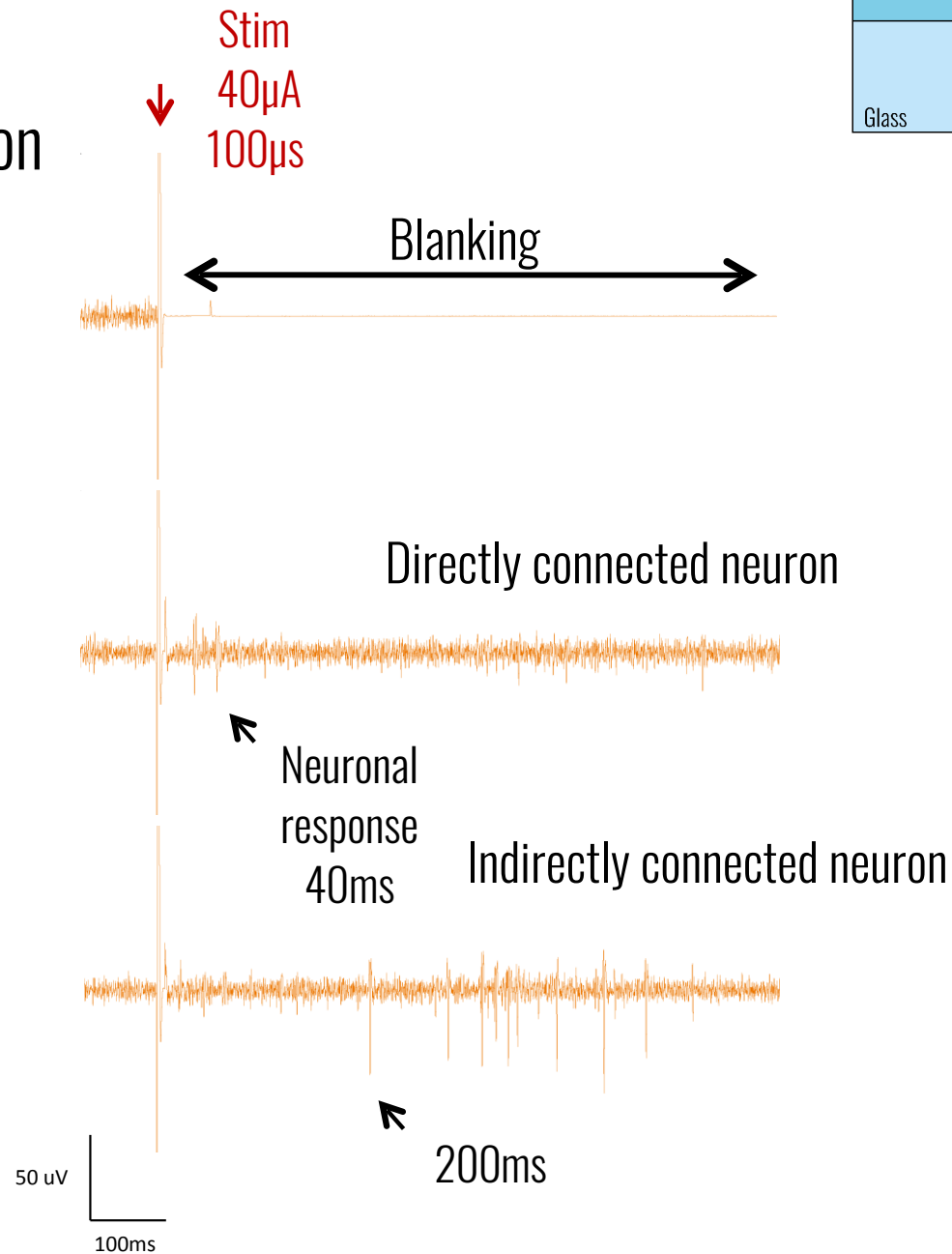
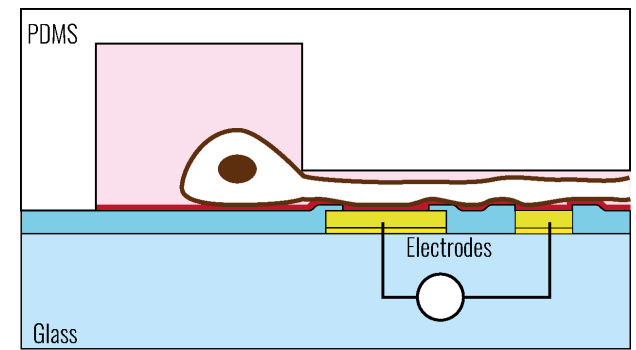
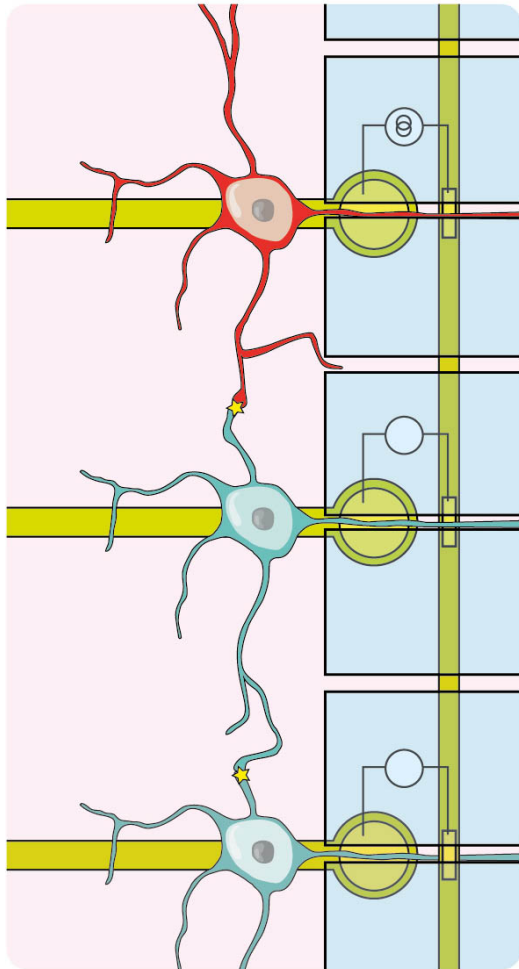
Spikes detection (SNR>5)

Spontaneous activity DIV10



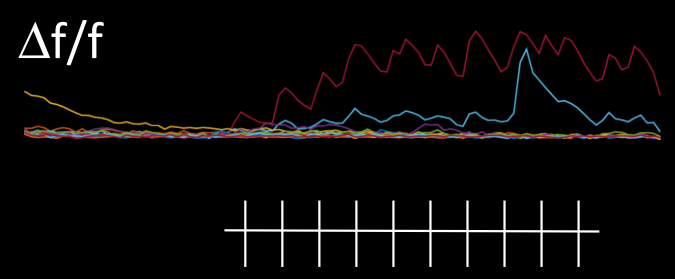
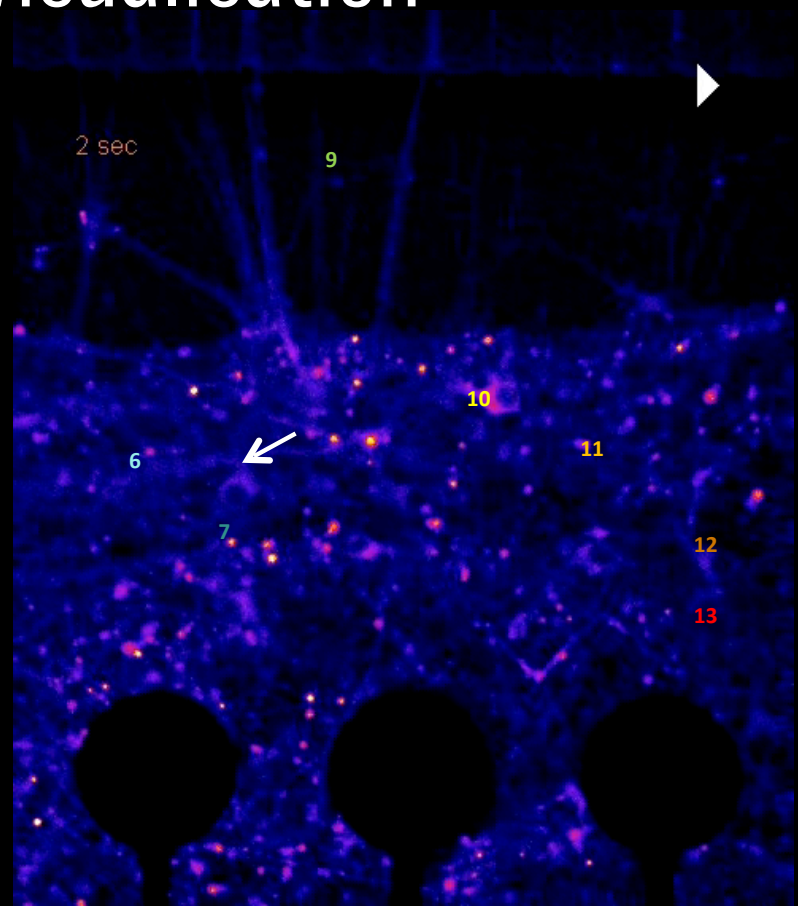
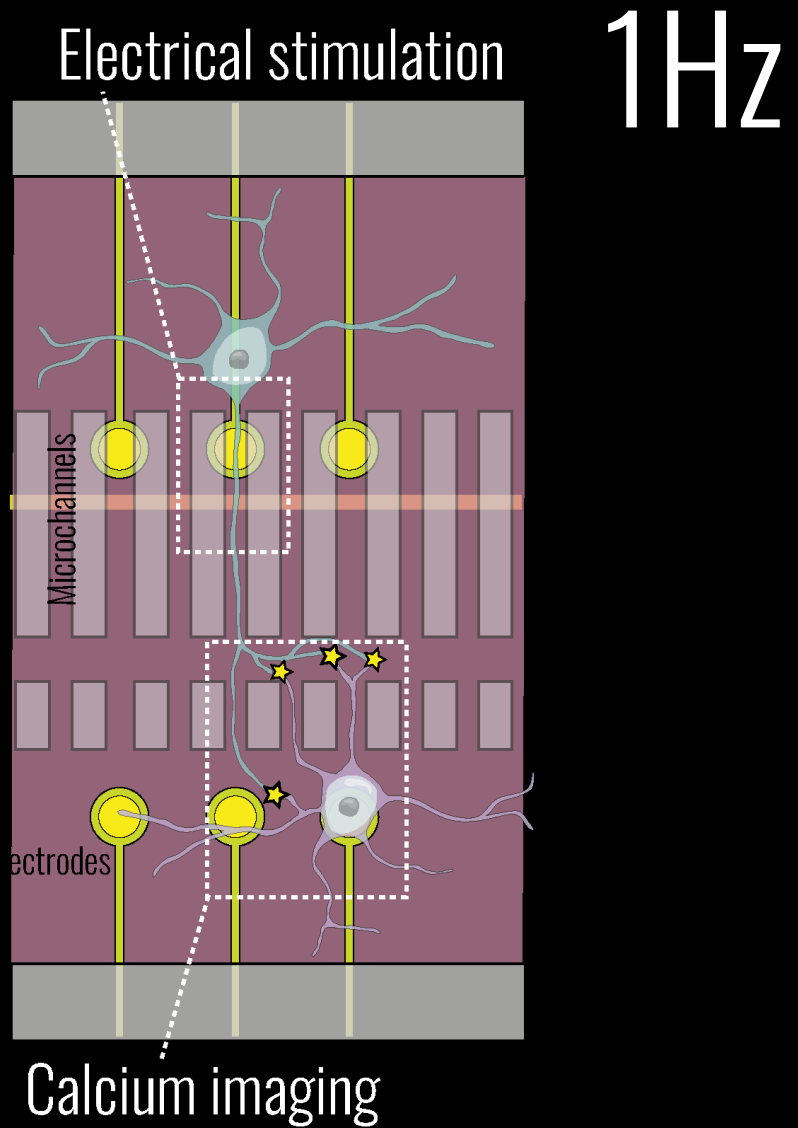
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Current stimulation  
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# Stimulation+ GCaMP6f visualisation

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Small amplitude, repeated  
LTD long term depression

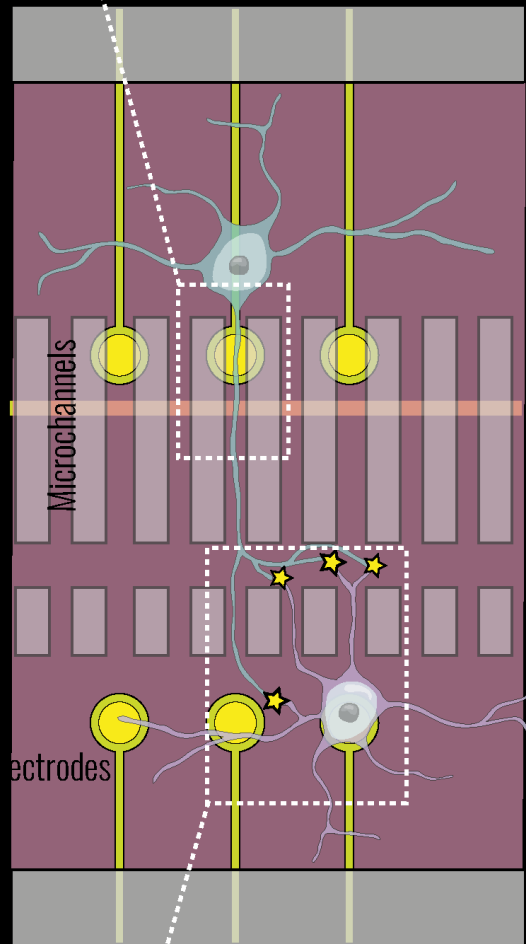


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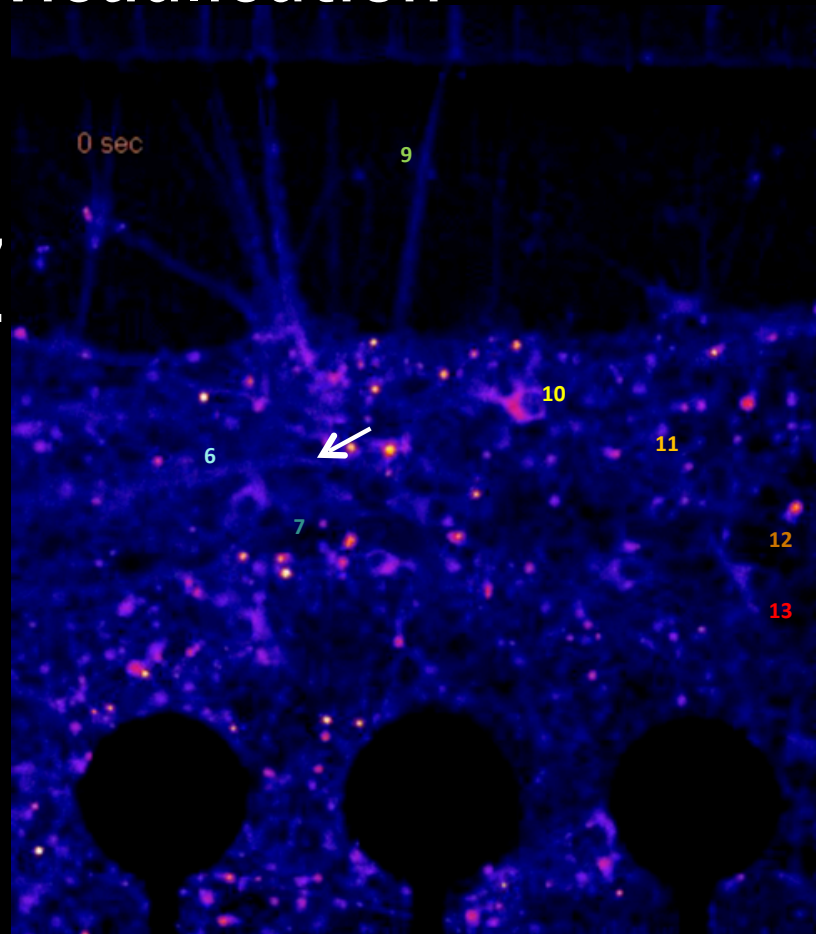
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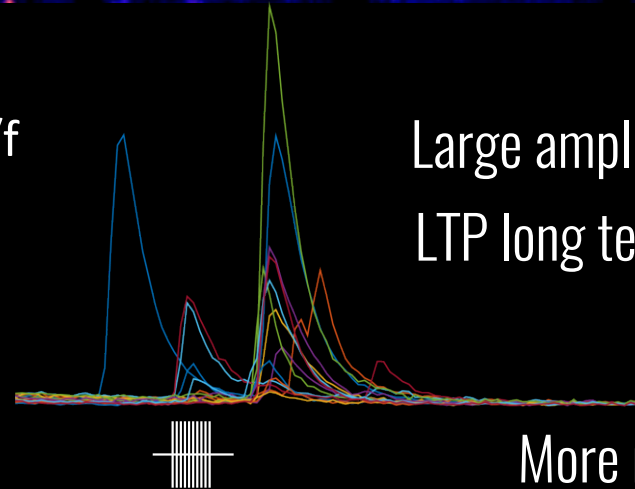
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Calcium imaging



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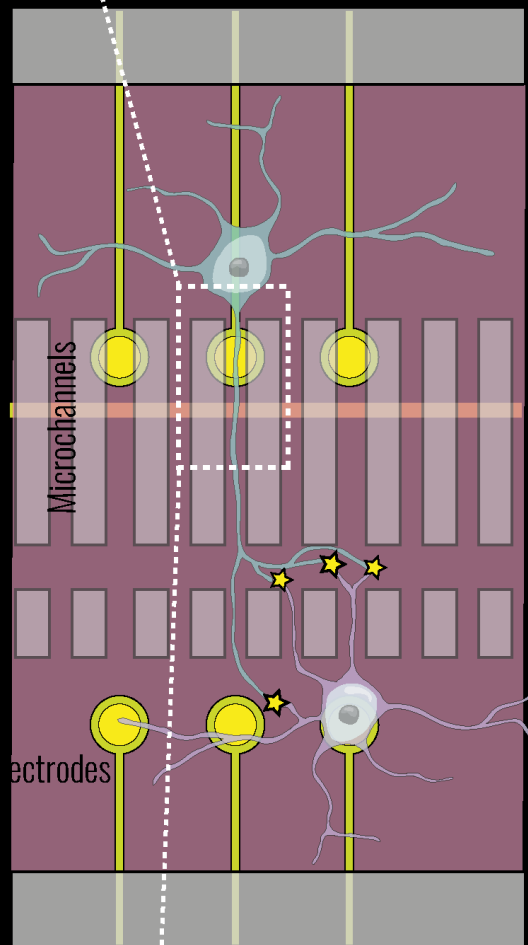
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LTP long term potentiation

More neurons are recruited

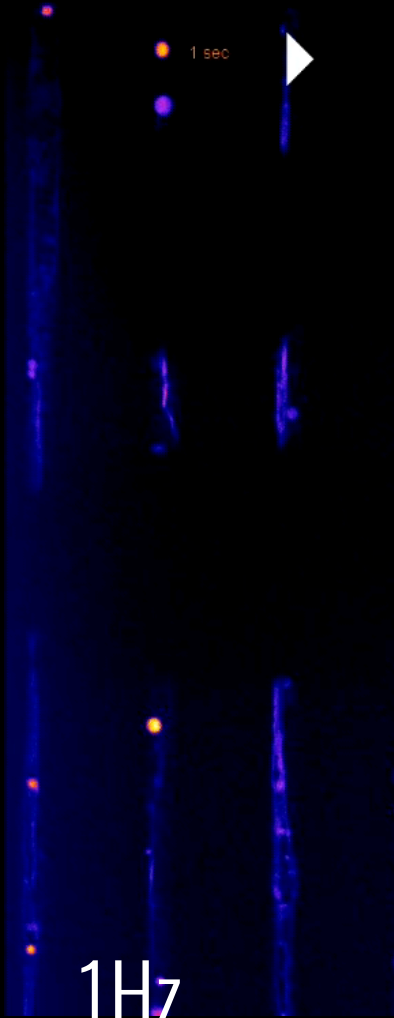
# Stimulation+ GCaMP6f visualisation

Axons Inside Microchannels

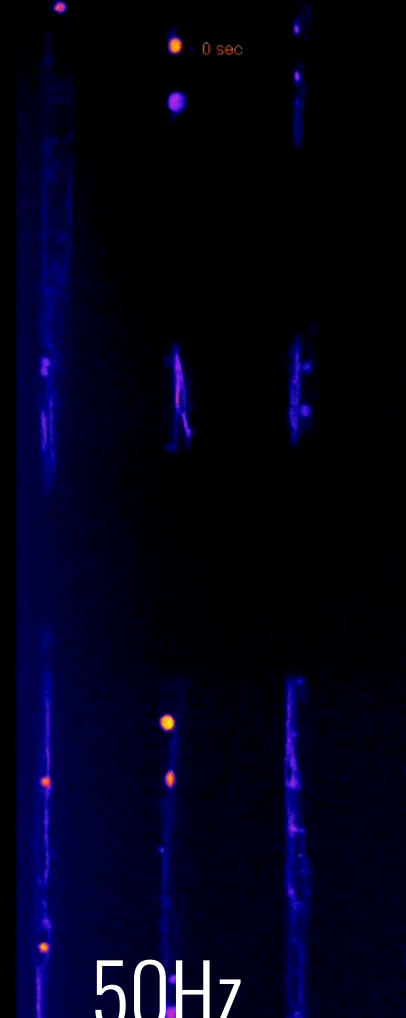
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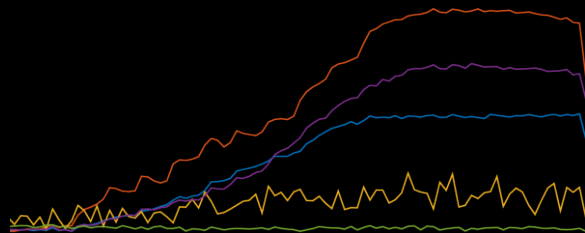
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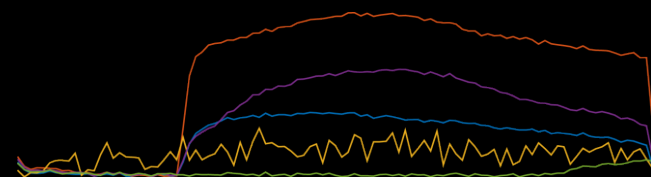
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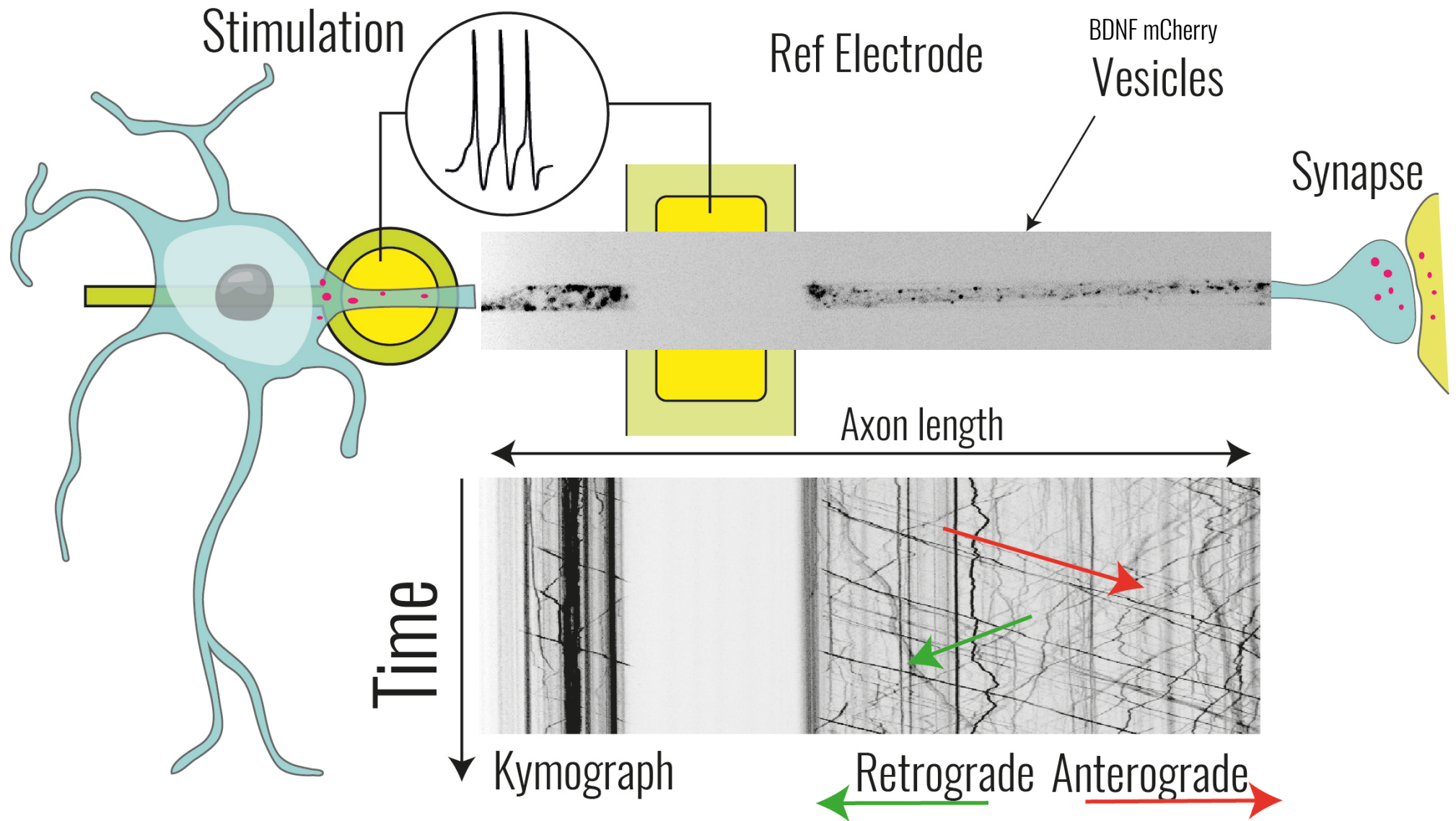
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$\Delta f/f$



# Axonal Transport under Stimulation



How the neuronal activity will be decoded and translated into a **regulation of axonal**

# Summary

## Integration of Microfluidic and Micro Electrode Arrays

