

Catalytically Induced Electrokinetics for Motors and Micropumps

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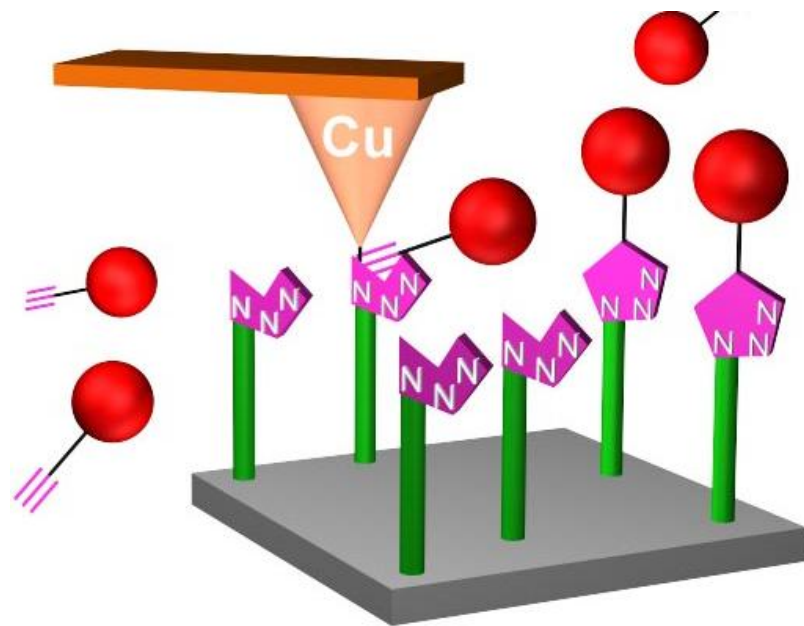
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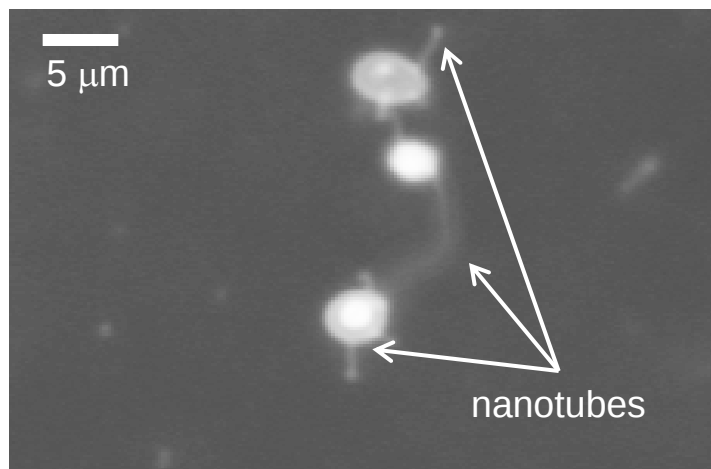
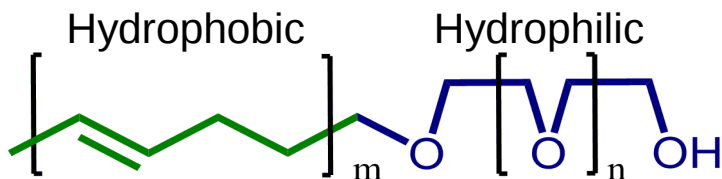
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**Soft, Biological, and Composite
Nanomaterials Thrust**

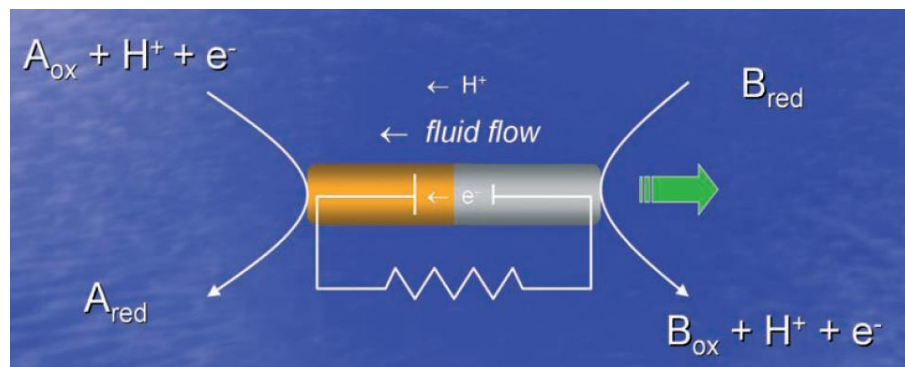
Colloid and Interfacial Chemistry
Electrochemistry / Self-Assembly



Direct-Write Click Chemistry (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**)



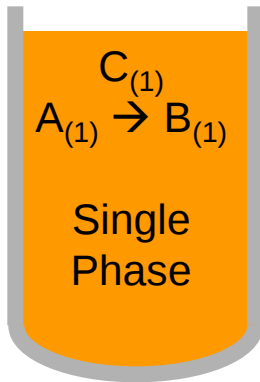
Robust Polymer Vesicles and Nanotubes



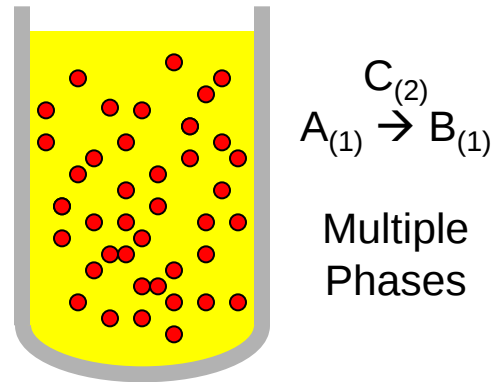
Catalytic Nanomotors (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**)

Catalysis in Nanotechnology

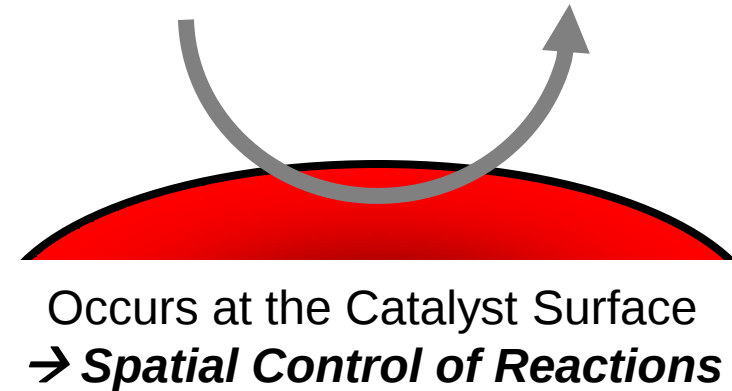
Homogeneous Catalysis



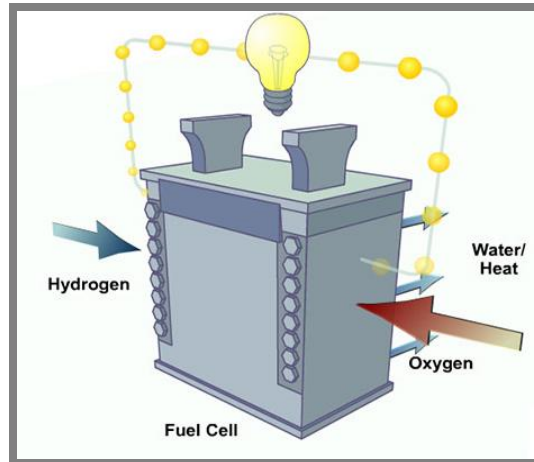
Heterogeneous Catalysis



Reactants Products



Efficient / Controllable
Chemical Transformations



Electrocatalysts
for Fuel Cells

Catalyst Miniaturization

Nanostructures for catalytic applications

Understand size/shape effects on catalytic properties

Consequences of Spatially-Confined Reactions

Exploiting those Consequences

Scaling of Chemical Locomotion



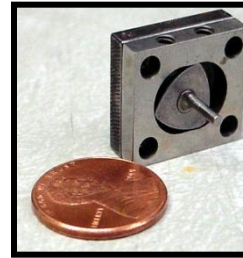
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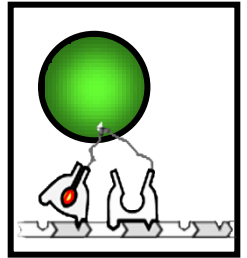
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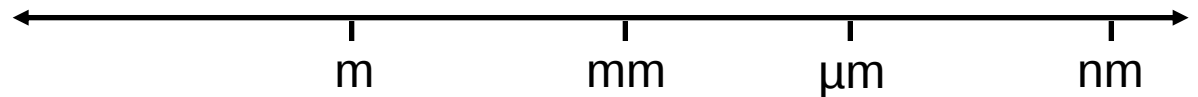
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Macroscale

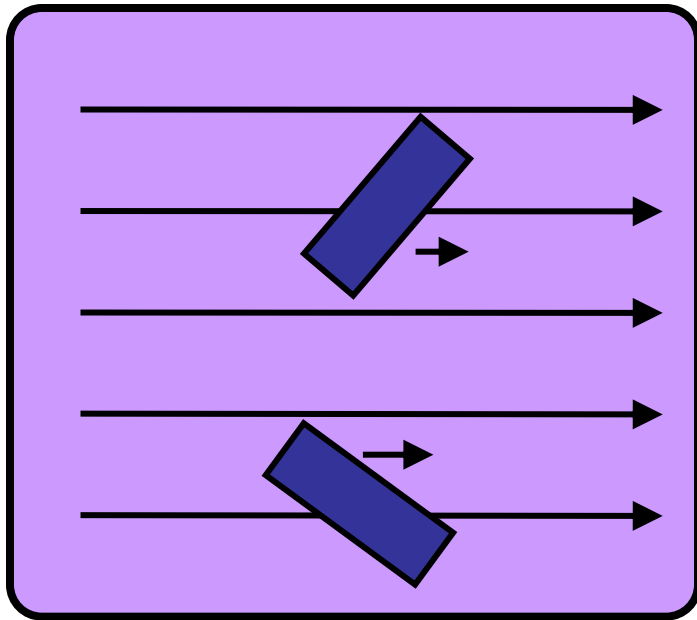
- Inertia important
- Body forces (gravity)

Micro/nanoscale

- Viscosity important
- Interfacial forces
- Brownian motion
- Harvest energy
- **Catalysis** and **Asymmetry**

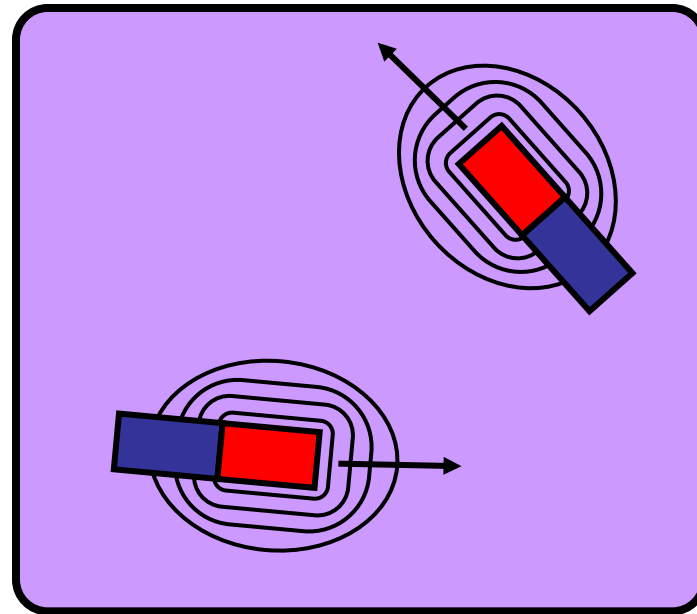
Gradient-Based Motion

External Fields^a



- Many types of fields:
(*magnetic, chemical, thermal, electric*)
- Energy applied from external source
- Ensemble behavior of all particles

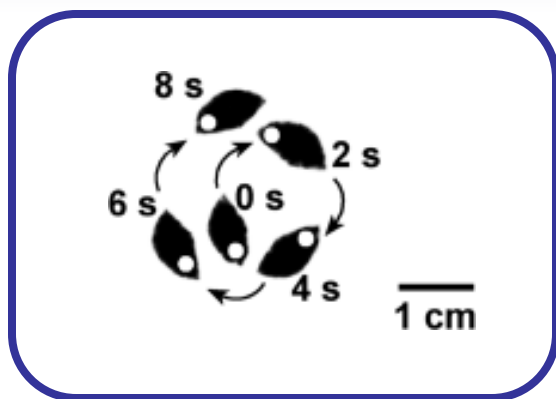
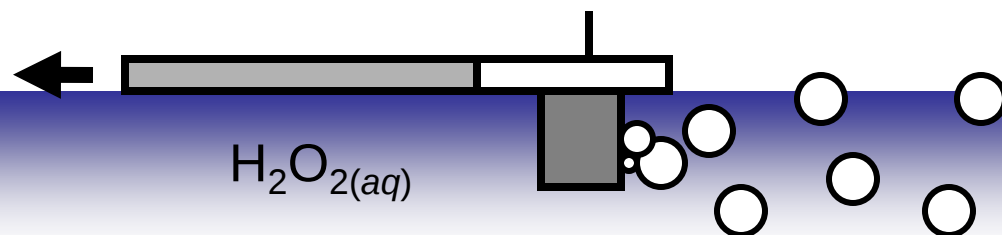
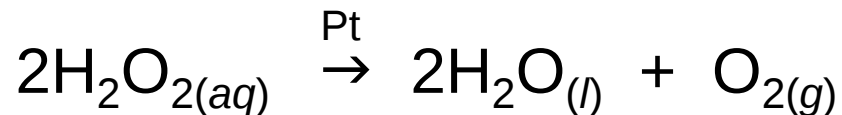
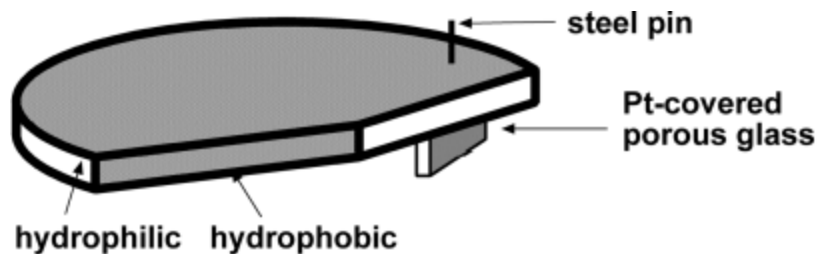
Self-generated Fields^b



- Catalytically generated fields:
(*chemical, thermal, electric*)
- Energy harvested locally
- Particles move independently
- **Catalysis** and **asymmetry**

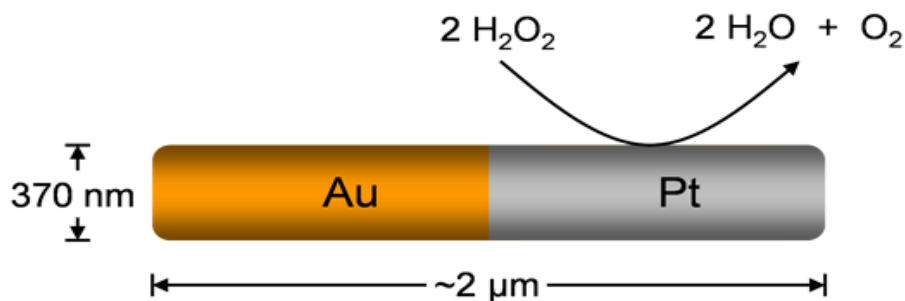
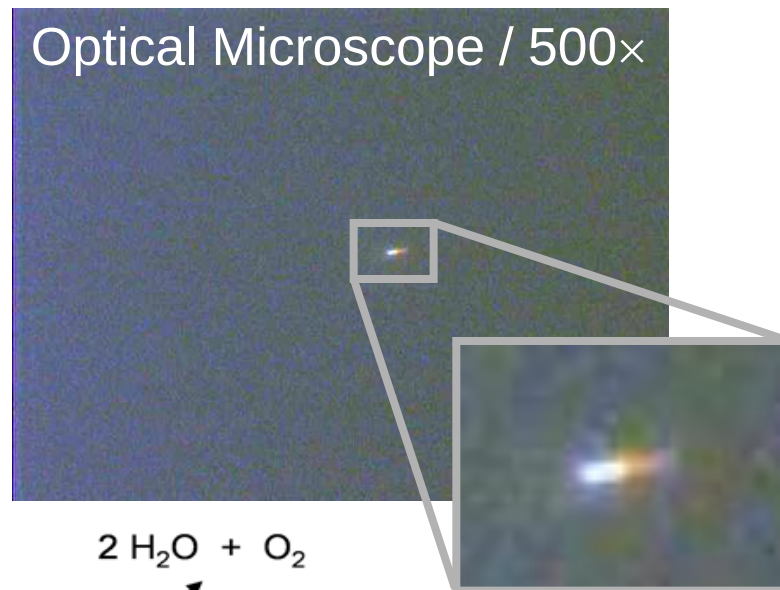
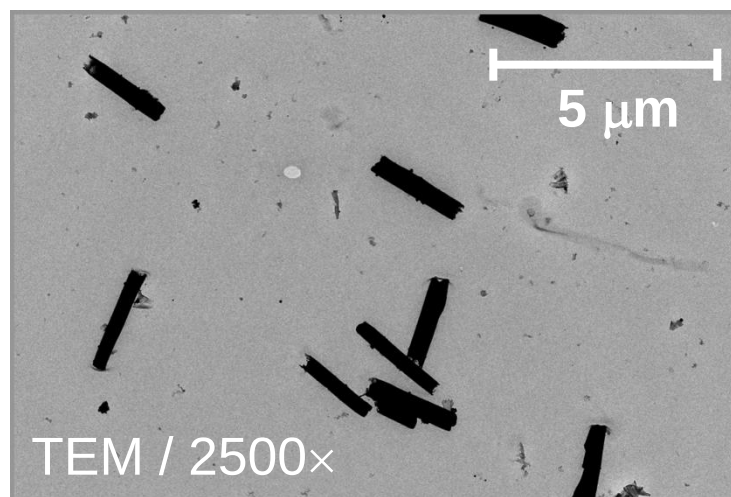
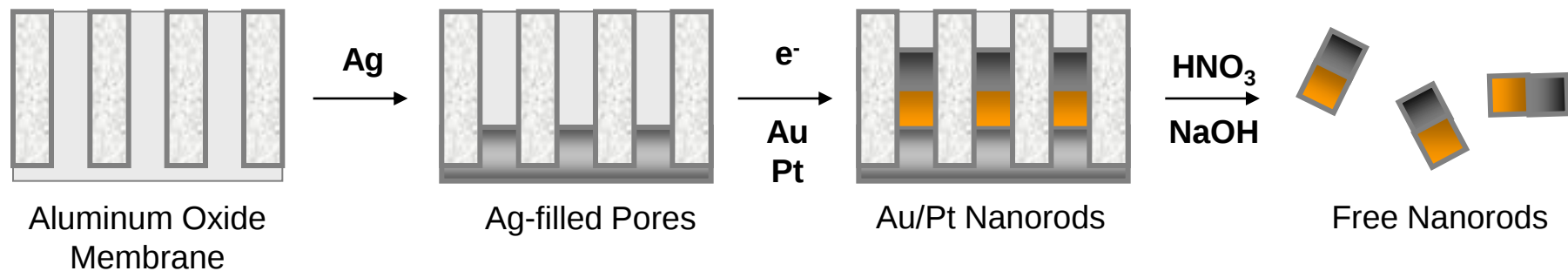
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A Catalytic Motor

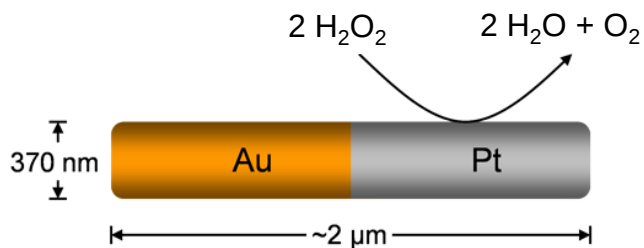


How small can we make these?

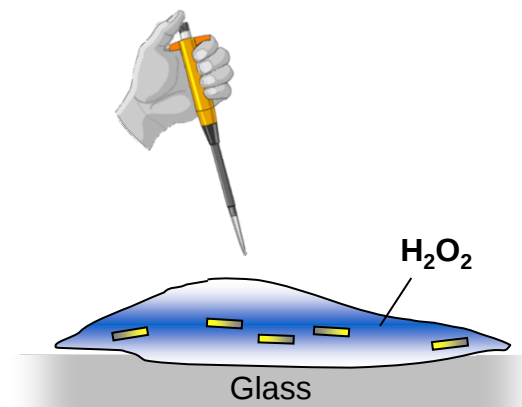
Miniaturizing Catalytic Motors



Diffusion vs. Catalytic Motors



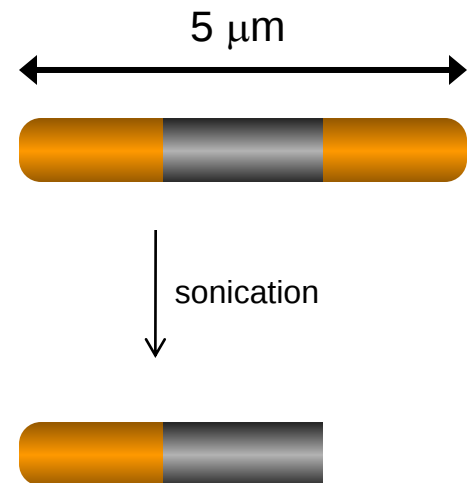
Pt/Au rods in H_2O (DI)



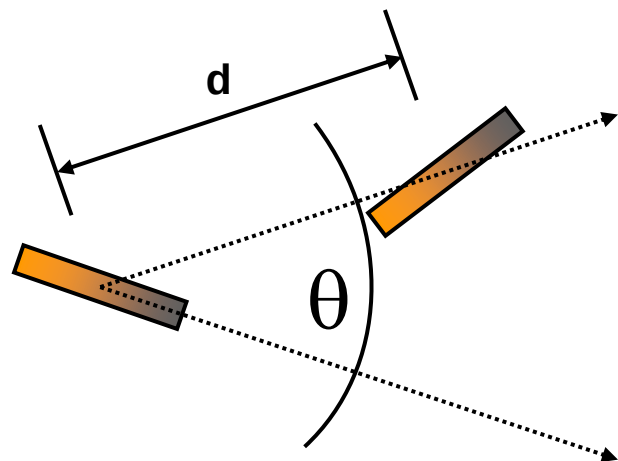
Pt/Au rods in 3% H_2O_2



Catalysis and Asymmetry



H₂O₂ Concentration Effect

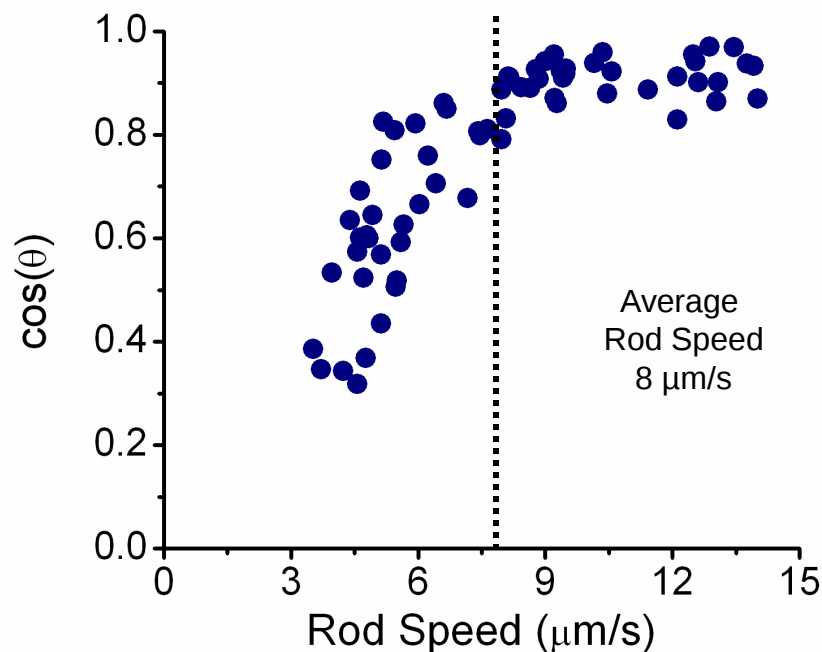


Displacement = d

Directionality = $\cos(\theta)$

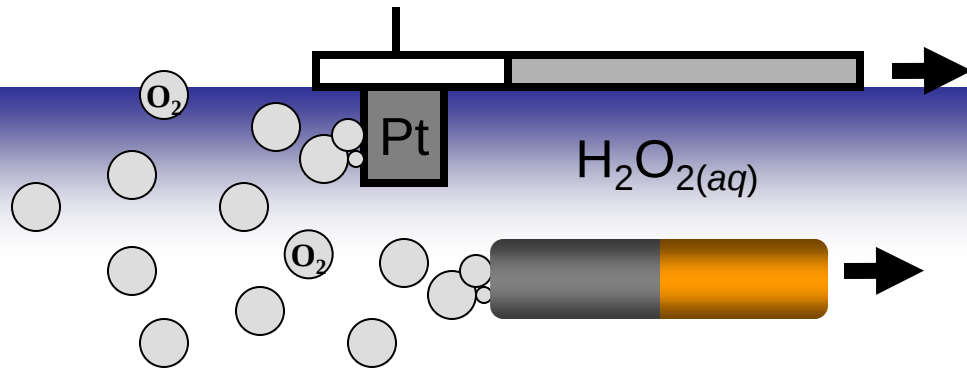
Axial velocity = $\cos(\theta) \times d / t$

H ₂ O ₂ (%)	Average Speed ($\mu\text{m/s}$)	$\cos(\theta)$	Axial Velocity ($\mu\text{m/s}$)
5	8	0.8	6.6
3	8	0.8	6.6
1.5	6	0.7	3.8
0.3	5	0.6	3.4
0.03	4	0.2	0.9
0	3	0.01	0.0

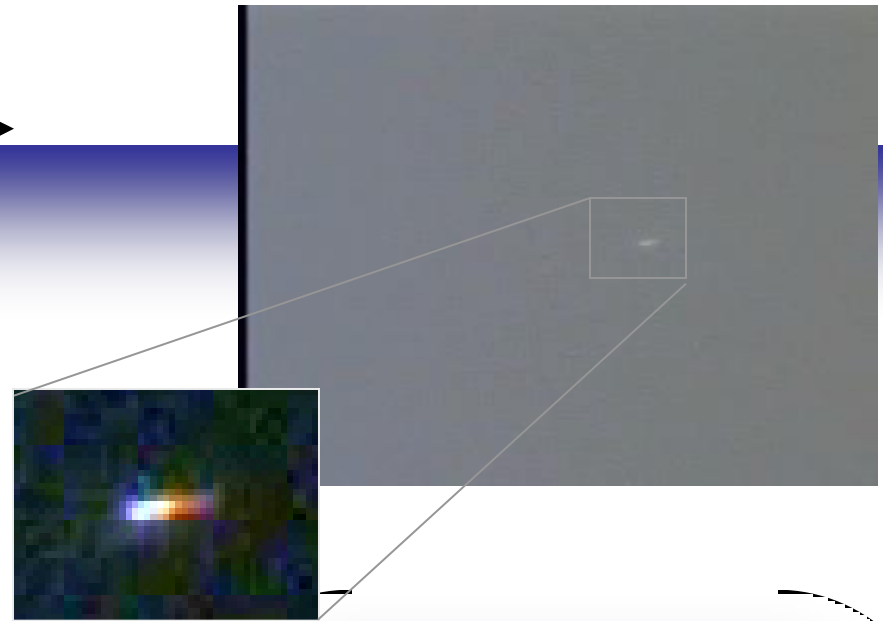


Why Do They Swim?

Bubble Propulsion?



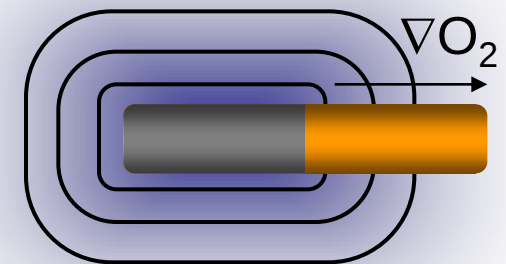
No bubbles near motors
Predicts motion in wrong direction



Diffusiophoresis?^{a,b}



Pushes particle to
lower concentration region



O_2 gradient acts on **gold** end
Predicted motion:

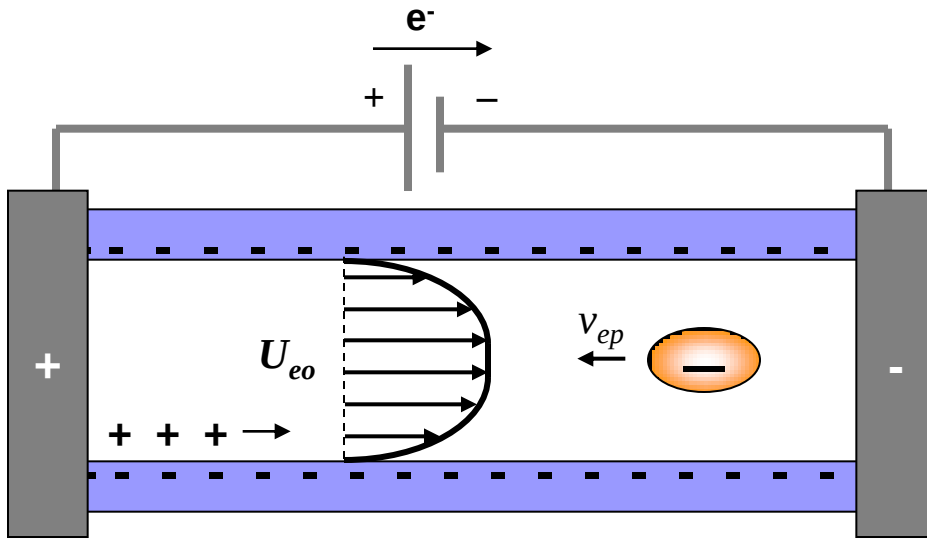
- toward gold (to low C)
- speed < 4 nm/s

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Electrokinetic Phenomena



Electroosmosis

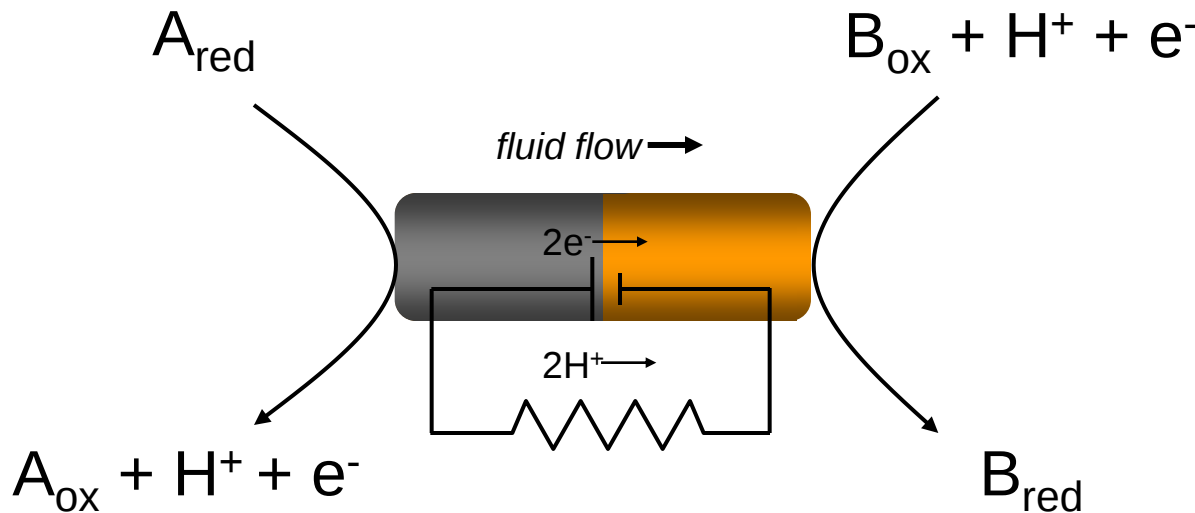
$$U_{eo} = \frac{\zeta_w \epsilon E_x}{\mu}$$

Electrophoresis

$$v_{ep} = \frac{\zeta_p \epsilon E_x}{\mu} f$$

Observed velocity

$$v_{obs} = U_{eo} + v_{ep}$$

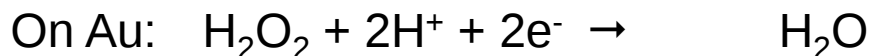
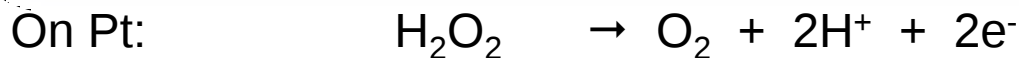
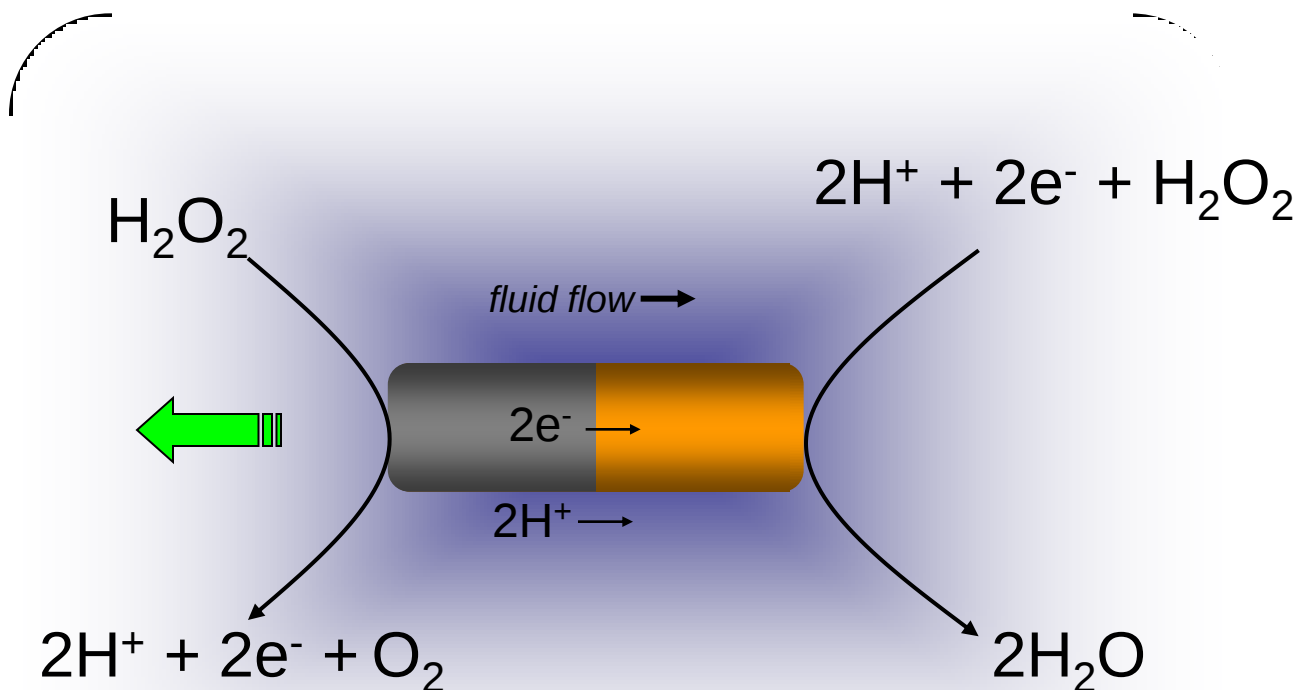


Electrochemical
Reaction



Electric Field

Electrokinetic Mechanism^{a,b}



$$i_{\text{e}^-} = i_{\text{H}^+}$$

$$E = \frac{J_{\text{H}^+}}{\sigma}$$

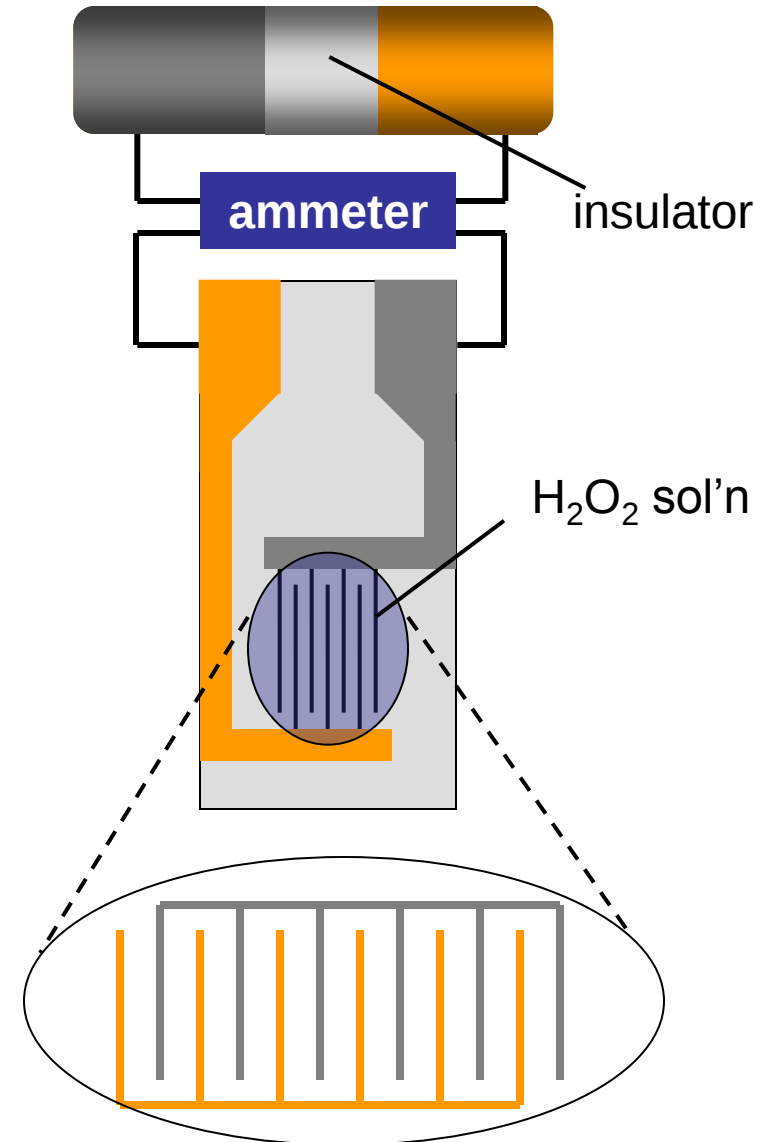
$$v = \frac{\zeta \epsilon E}{\mu} f$$

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Measuring Current in Small Systems

- Pt/Au motor
- Interdigitated Array
 - baseline: $<0.00001 \text{ A/m}^2$
 - water: $\sim 0.00001 \text{ A/m}^2$
 - 0.6% H_2O_2 : 0.27 A/m^2
 - 3% H_2O_2 : 0.53 A/m^2
- Predicted Electric Field ($E=J/\sigma$)
 - $J = 0.53 \text{ A/m}^2$
 - $\sigma = 4.1 \mu\text{S/cm}$
 - **$E = 13.1 \text{ V/cm}$**

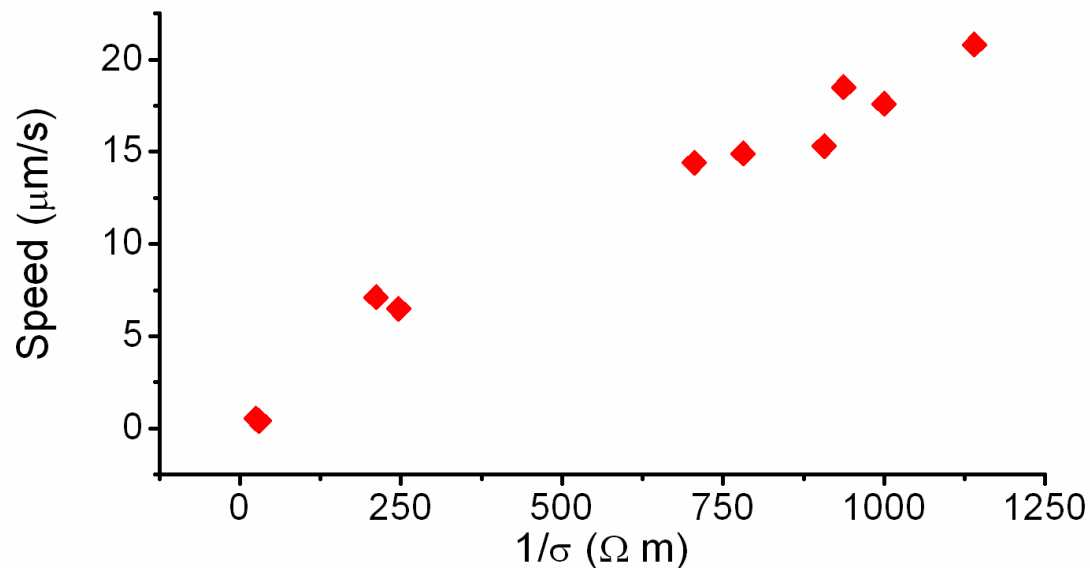


Rod Speed vs. Conductivity

$$v = \frac{\zeta \epsilon E_x}{\mu} f$$

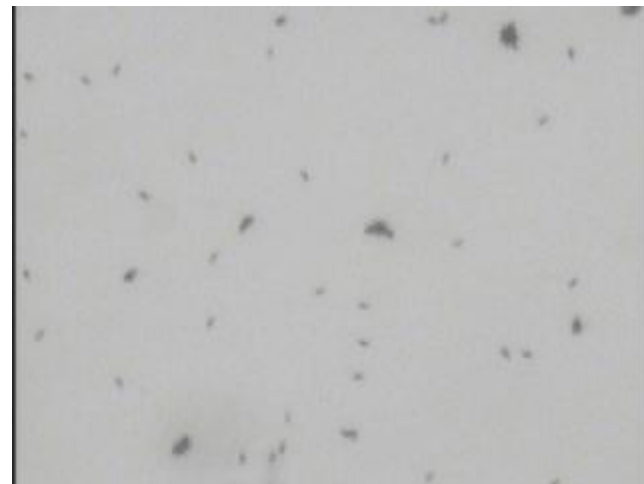
$$v = \frac{\zeta \epsilon}{\mu} \frac{J}{\sigma} f$$

As conductivity
increases,
velocity should
decrease!

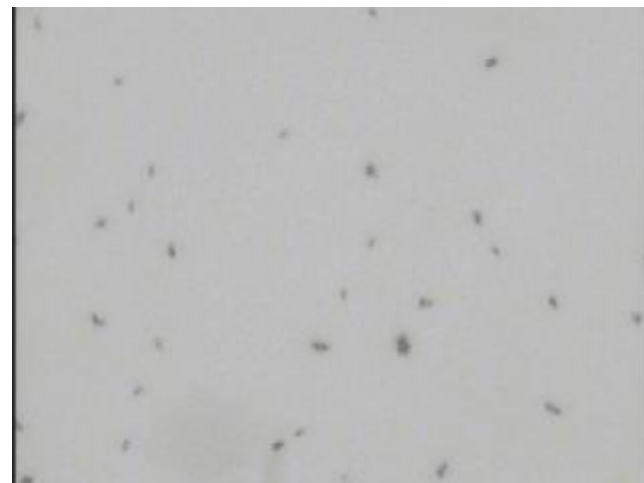


slowing due to increased conductivity

PtAu rods / 3% H_2O_2



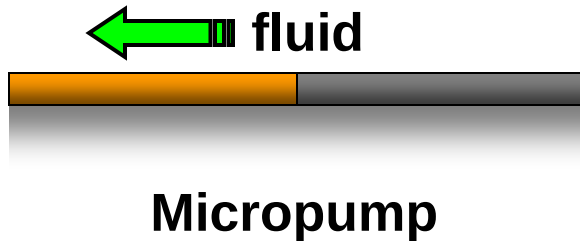
PtAu rods / 3% H_2O_2 / 3 mM NaNO_3



From Motors to Micropumps

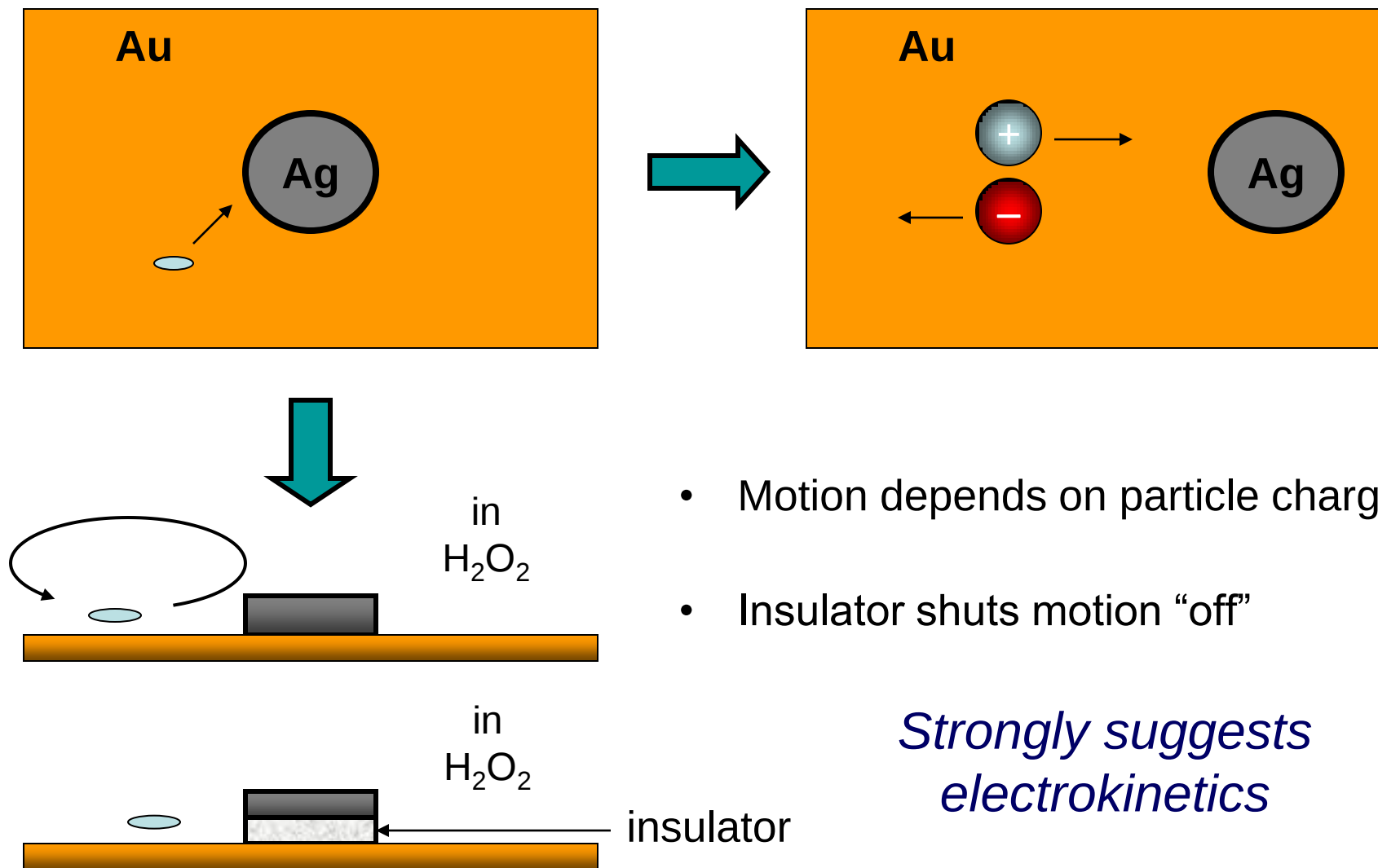


- Suspended motor moves itself.



- Immobilized motor moves surrounding fluid.

Catalytic Fluid Pumping

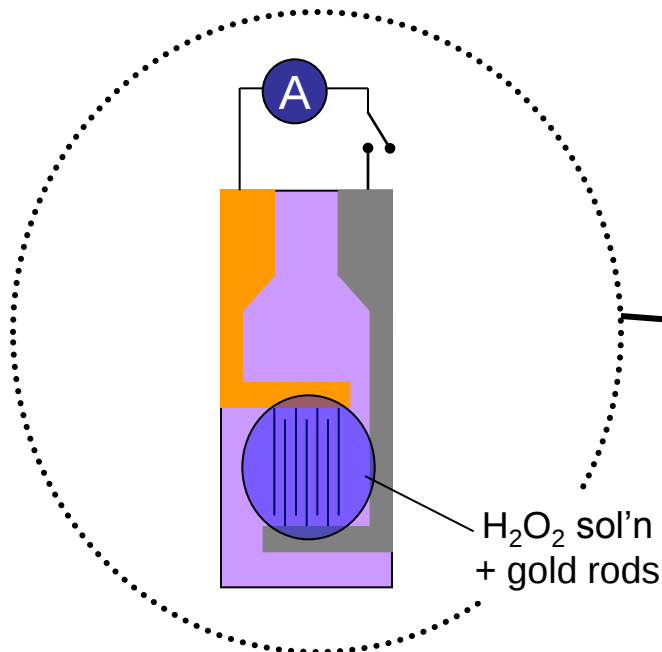
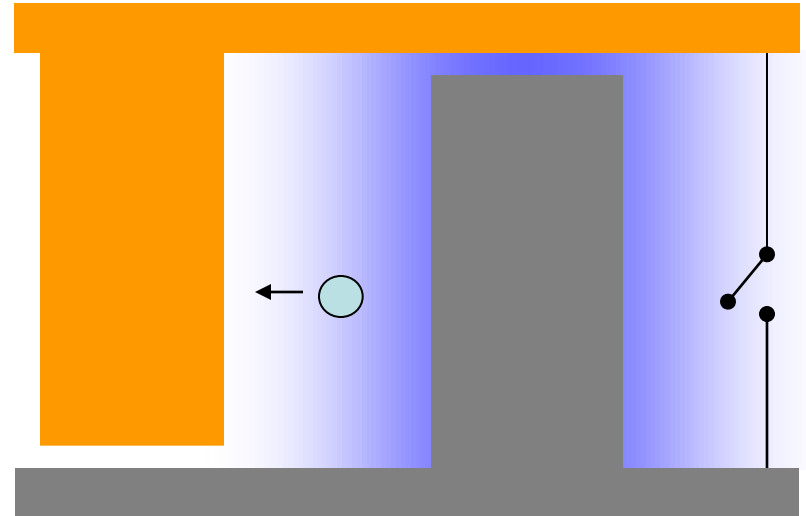


- Motion depends on particle charge (ζ)
- Insulator shuts motion “off”

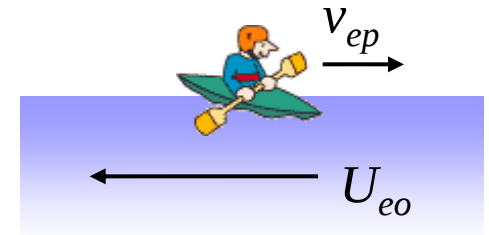
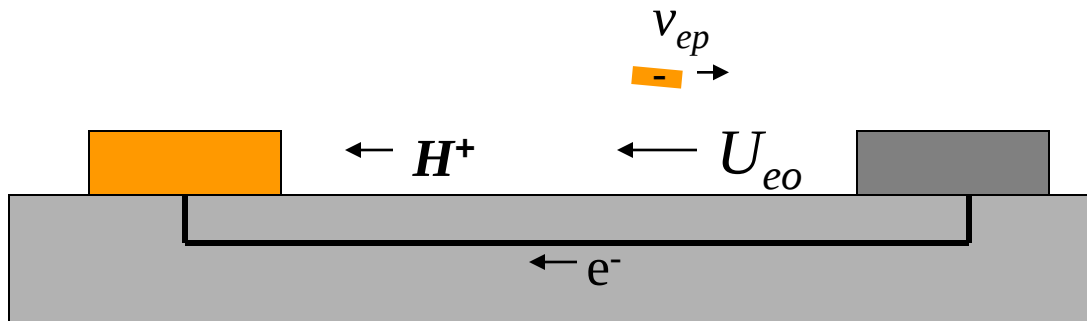
*Strongly suggests
electrokinetics*

Microelectrode Experiments

- O_2 gradient:
motion independent of switch.
- Electrokinetics:
“off” = diffusion only
“on” = linear motion

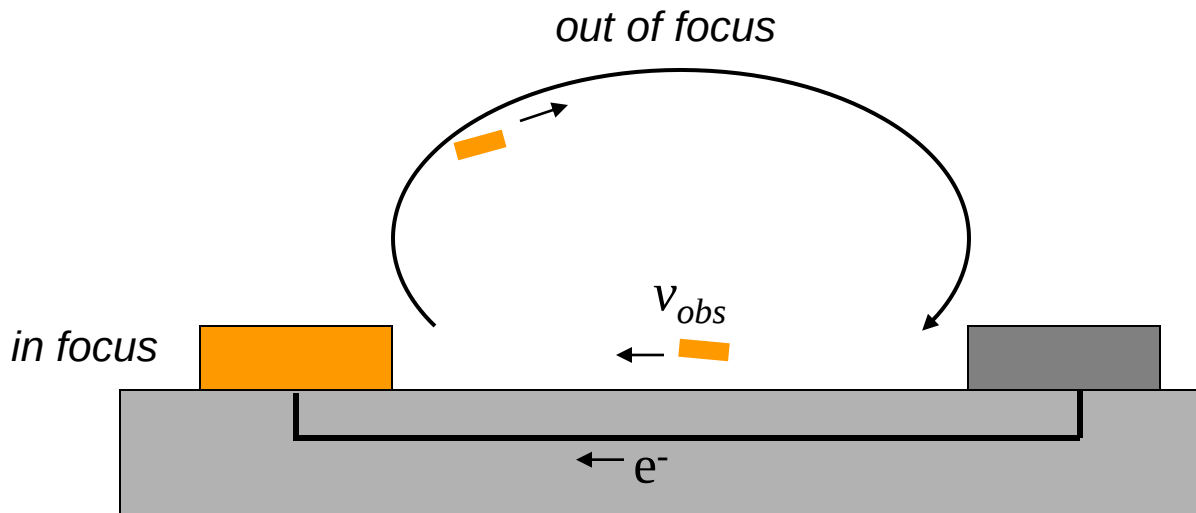


Catalytically Induced Electrokinetics



$$v_{obs} = U_{eo} + v_{ep}$$

$$v_{obs} \sim (\zeta_w - \zeta_p)$$



Electroosmosis dominates when

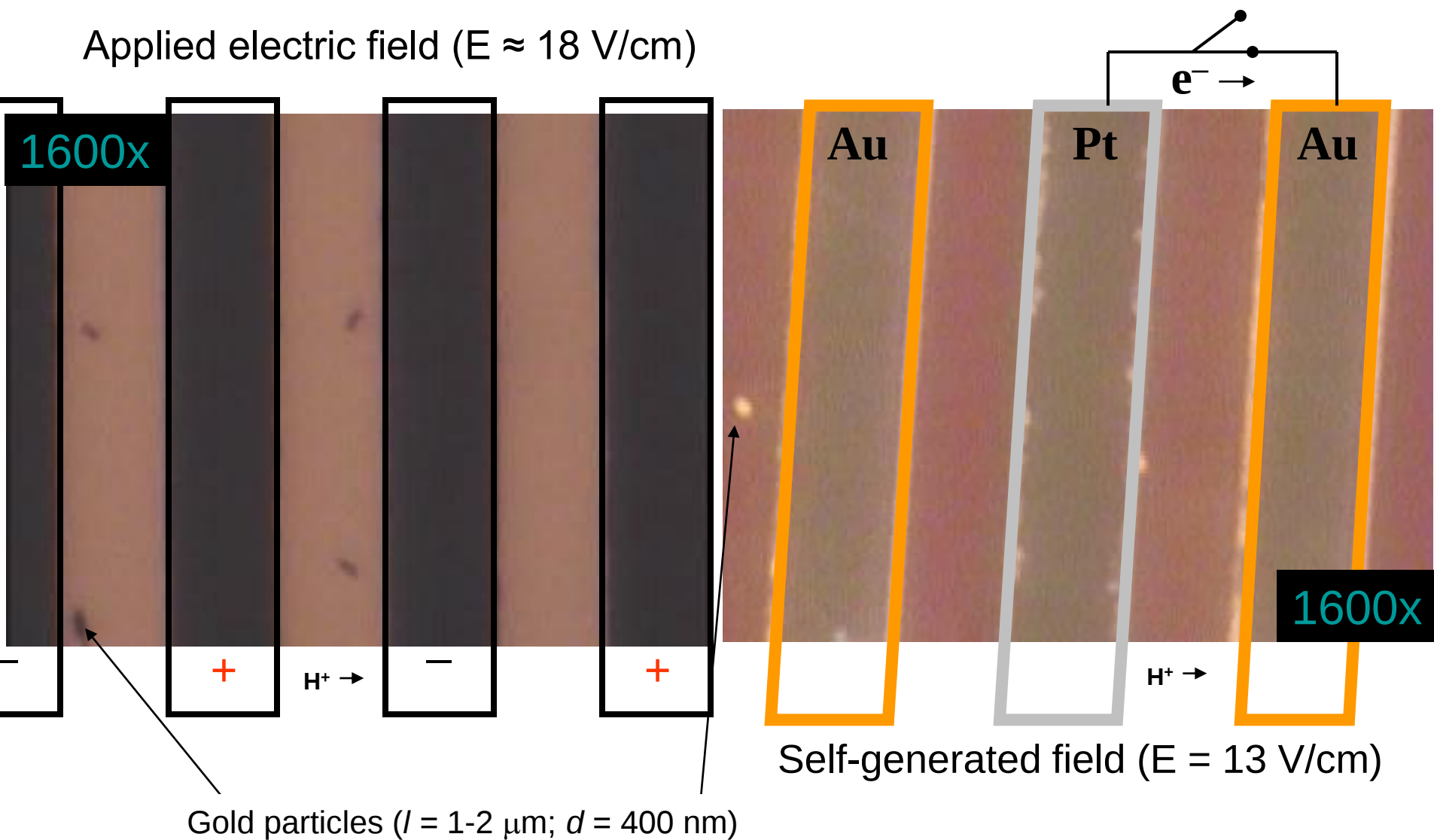
$$|\zeta_w| > |\zeta_p|$$

borosilicate
glass

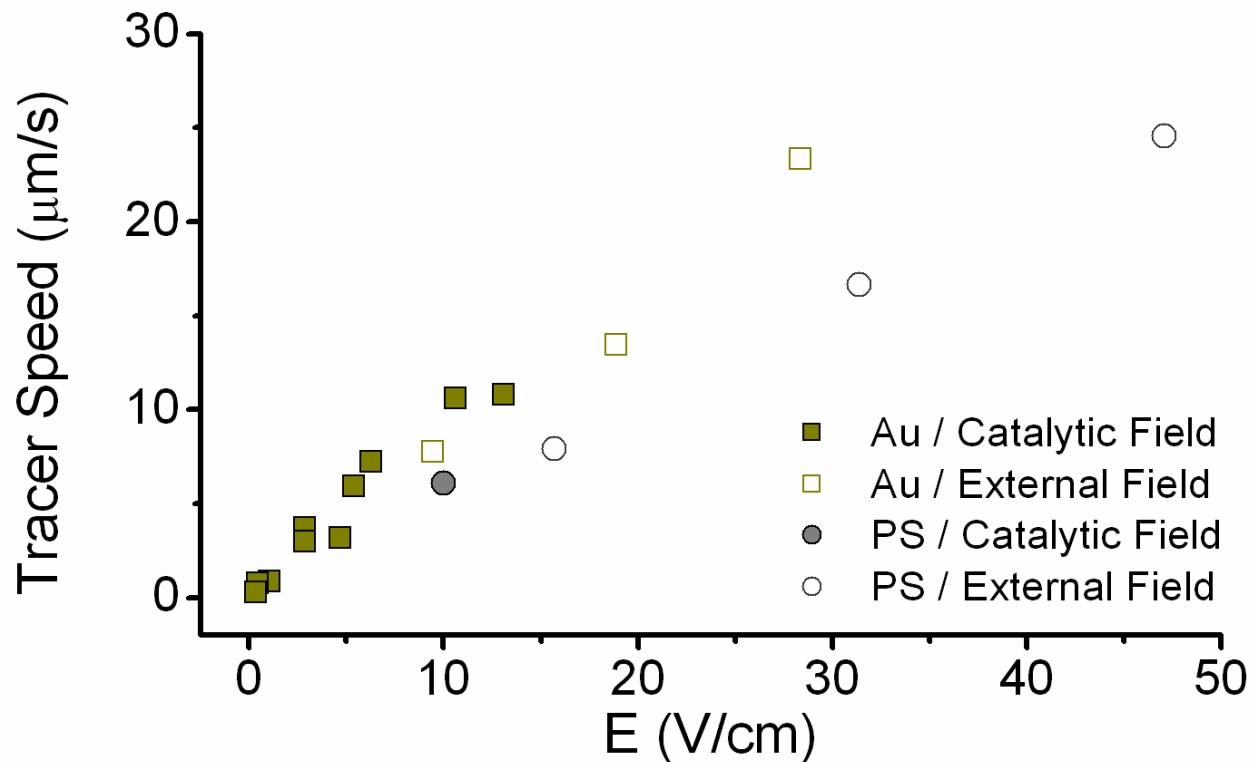
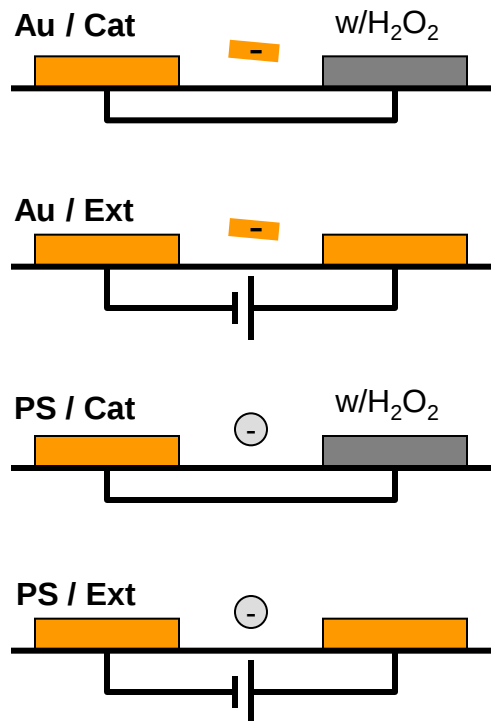
Au
tracers

$$|-60 \text{ mV}| > |-40 \text{ mV}|$$

Electric Field and Motility Comparison



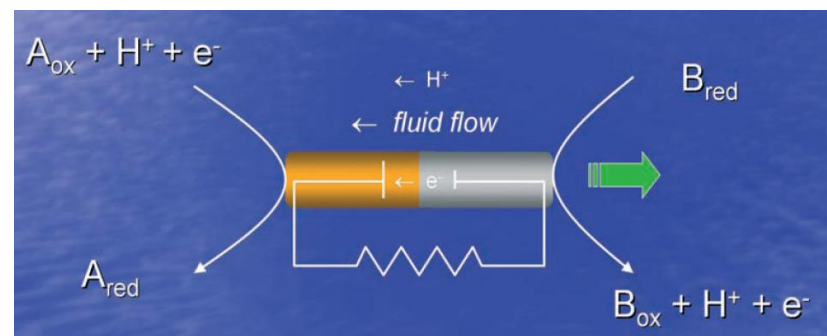
Tracer Speed vs. E-Field



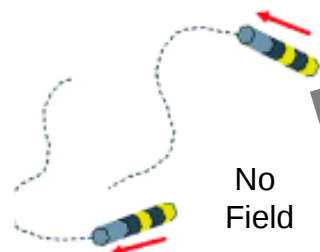
Tracer	ζ_p (mV)	Measure Slope ($\times 10^9 \text{ m}^2/(\text{V}\cdot\text{s})$)
Au/Cat	-40(8)	7.8(8)
Au/Ext	-40(8)	8(1)
PS/Ext	-46(4)	7.2(2)

$$v_{obs} = \frac{\epsilon(\zeta_p - \zeta_w)}{\mu} \frac{J}{\sigma}$$

And Then What Happened?



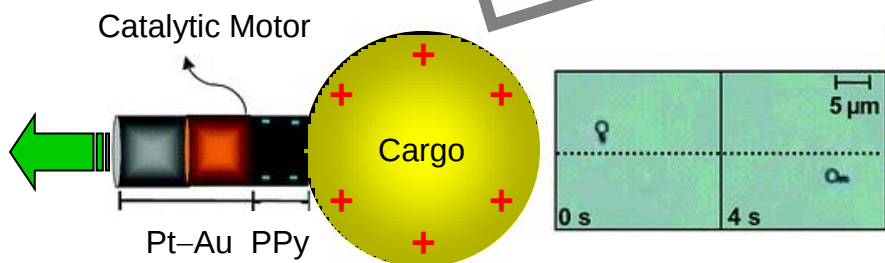
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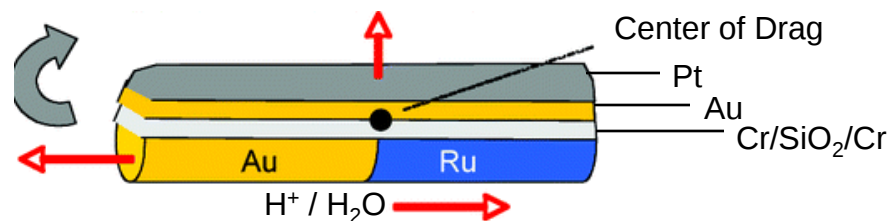
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Catalytically Induced Electrokinetics

- **Motors** to power nanoscale machines

Pt/Au particles in H_2O_2 solutions: smallest autonomous non-biological *motor*

Motion due to catalytically-induced electrokinetics



Motor

- **Micropumps** to pump fluid on chip

No moving parts

Fluid/tracer velocity a function of electric field
($E=J/\sigma$)

Energy supplied locally and chemically



Micropump

- Motion due to bimetallic redox chemistry:

Pt/Au rods in H_2O_2 act as miniature fuel cells

Rod speed a function of catalytic activity



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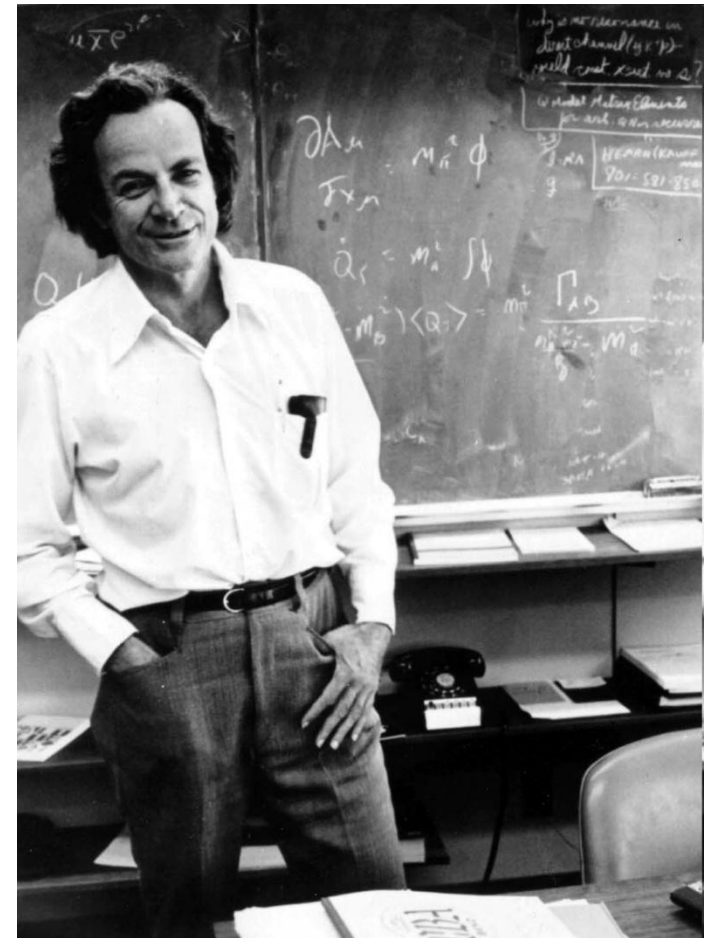
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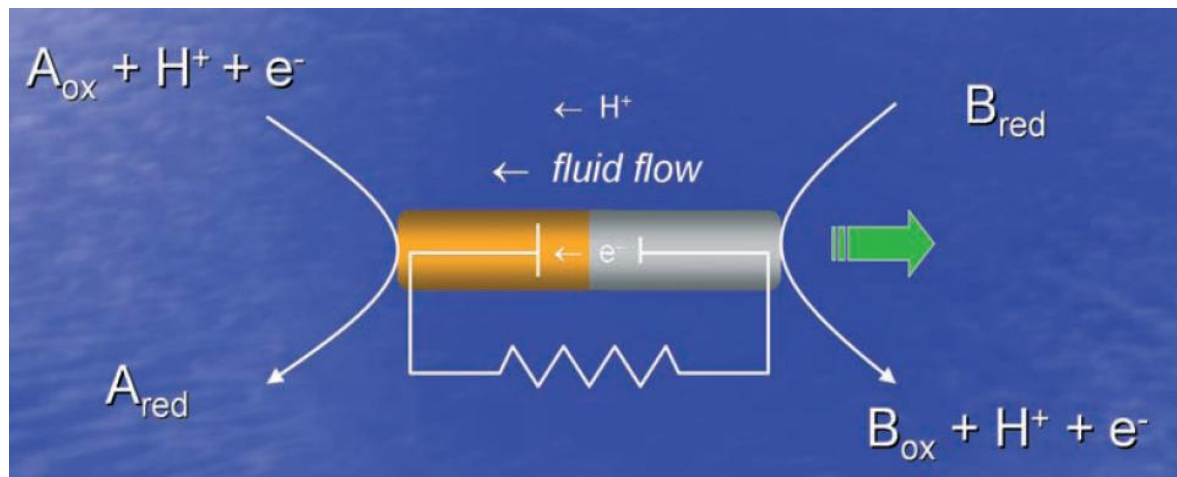
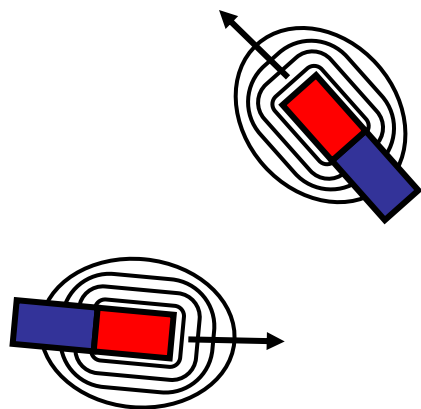


Now, you might say, “Who should do this and why should they do it?” Well, I pointed out a few of the economic applications, but I know that the reason that you would do it might be just for fun. But have some fun!



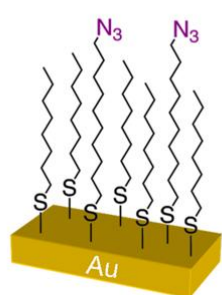
A Tale of Two Projects...

Autonomous Motion of Catalytic Nanorods



Surface Functionalization Using Click Chemistry

Azide-Bearing Surface



Functionalized Surface

