

# Neuromorphic Computing with Polymers



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# One Laboratory – Two primary sites

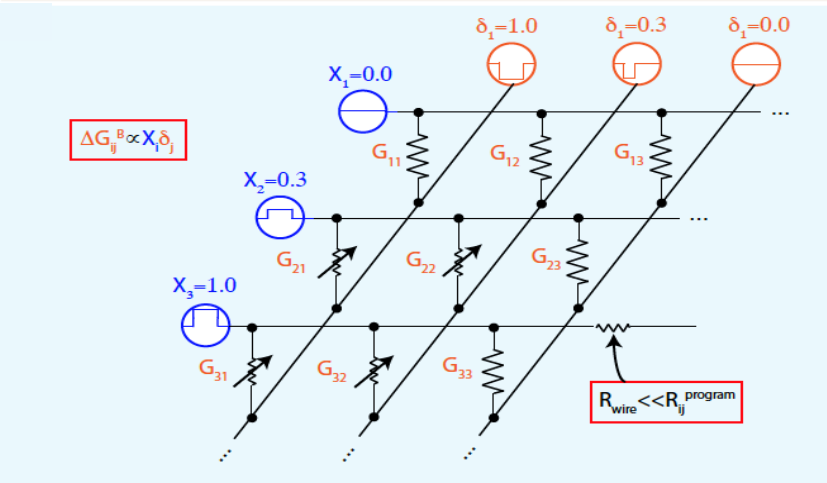
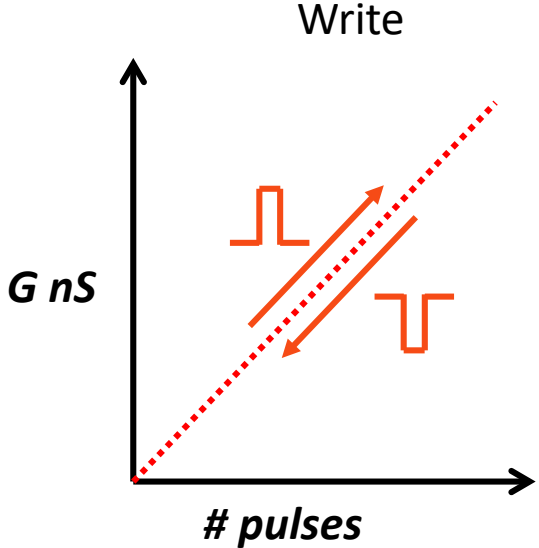
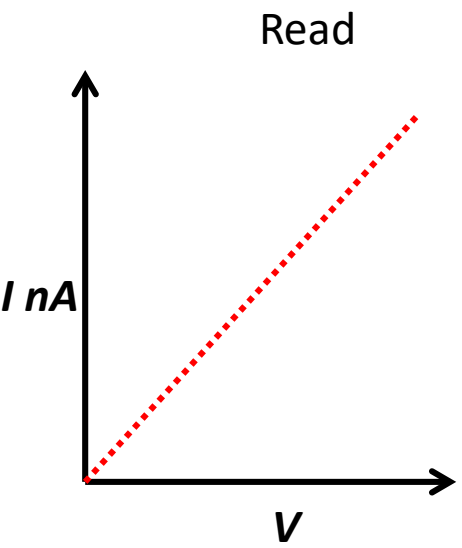
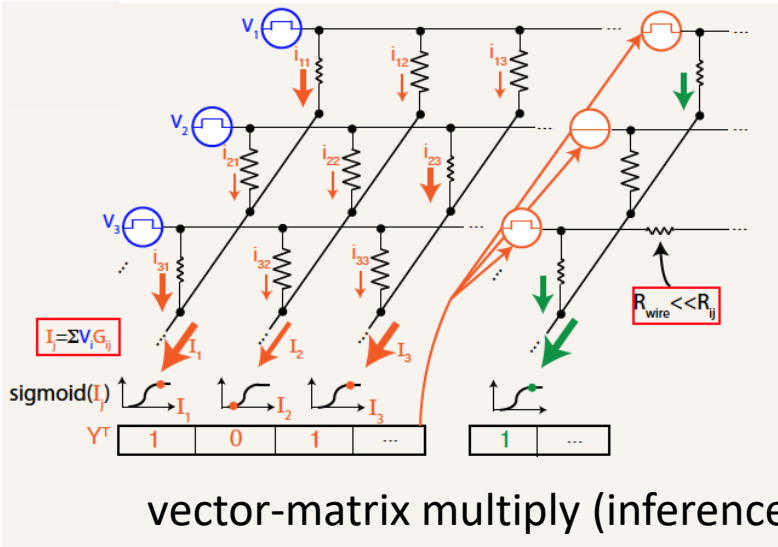
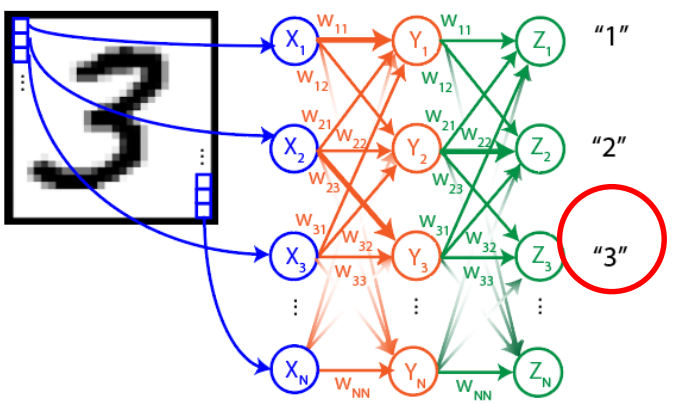


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# Need: Ohmic I-V, low conductance, fast, high endurance



# Organic non-volatile memory R&D >5 decades

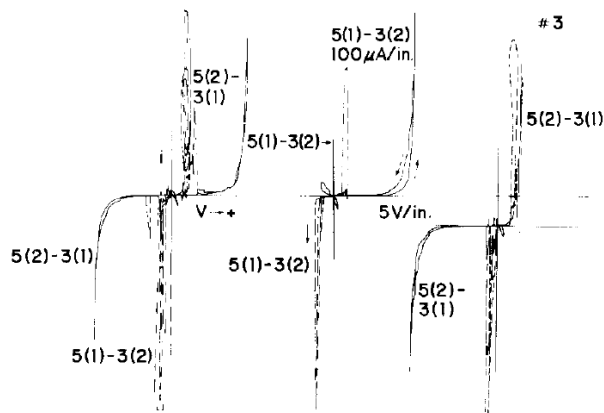
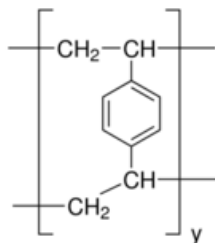


## ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY OF POLYDIVINYLBENZENE FILMS\*

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## Electrical switching and memory phenomena in Cu-TCNQ thin films

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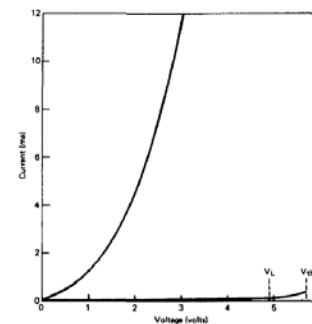
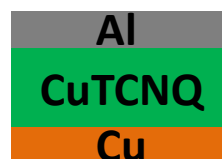


FIG. 1. Typical dc current-voltage characteristic showing bistable switching in a 5- $\mu$ m-thick Cu-TCNQ sandwich structure.

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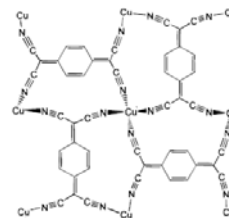
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## New Insight into the Nature of Cu(TCNQ): Solution Routes to Two Distinct Polymorphs and Their Relationship to Crystalline Films That Display Bistable Switching Behavior

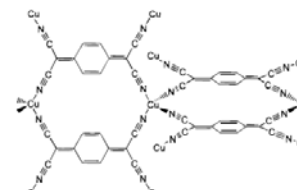
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Cu(TCNQ) Phase I



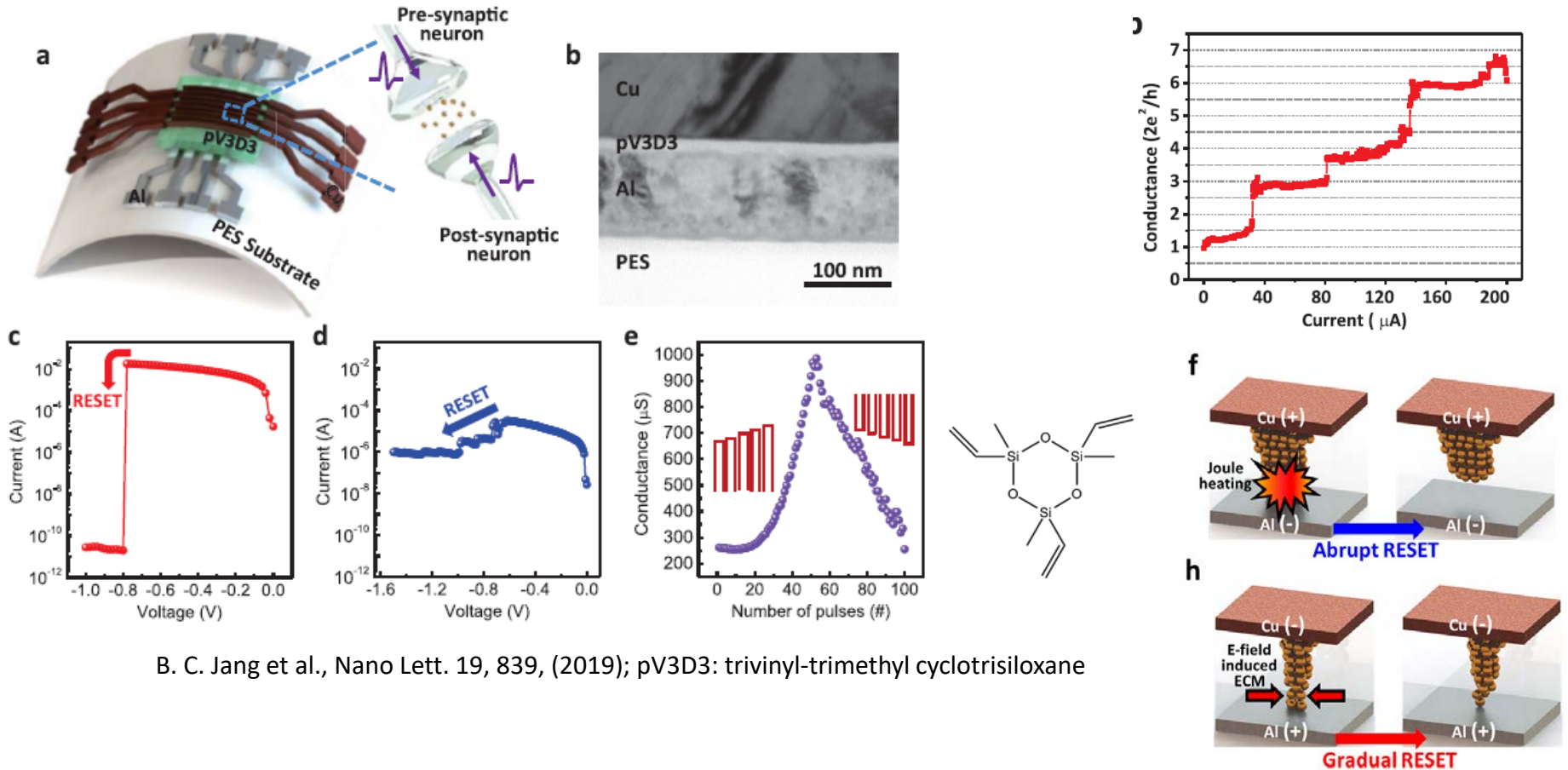
Cu(TCNQ) Phase II

# Polymers memristors



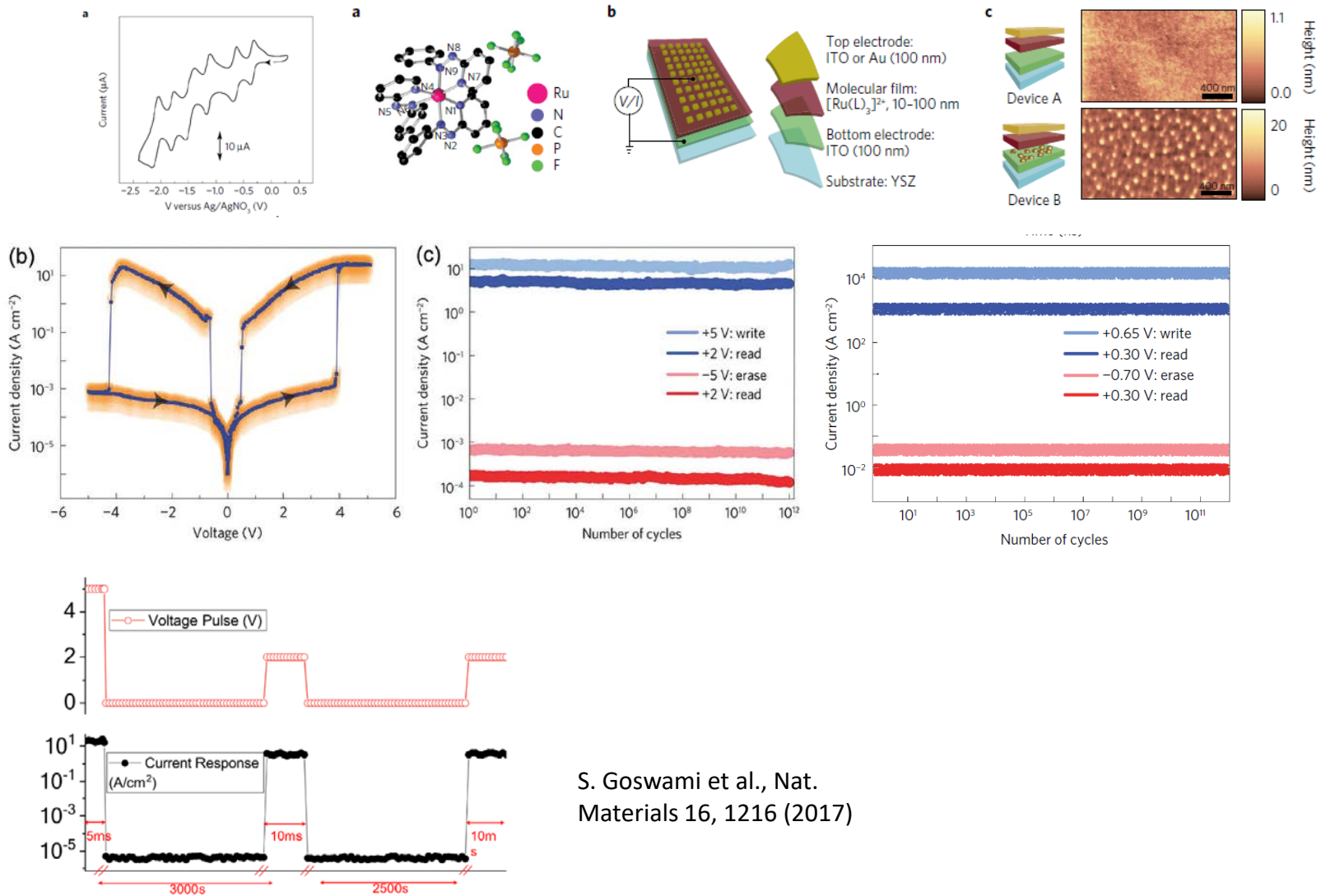
Recent review: Gao et al., Chem. Soc. Rev., 48, 1531, (2019)

- *Many proposed mechanisms....*
- *Non linearity, asymmetry, noise, need for reset, high conductance...*



B. C. Jang et al., Nano Lett. 19, 839, (2019); pV3D3: trivinyl-trimethyl cyclotrisiloxane

# Solution processable azo-aromatic metal complexes

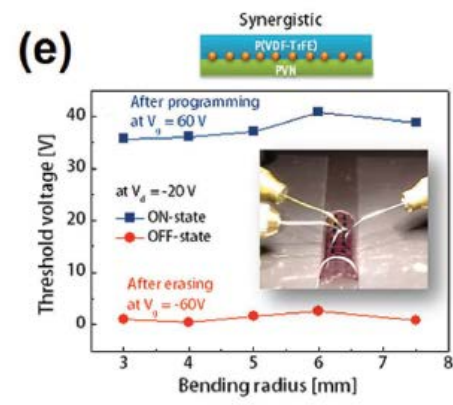
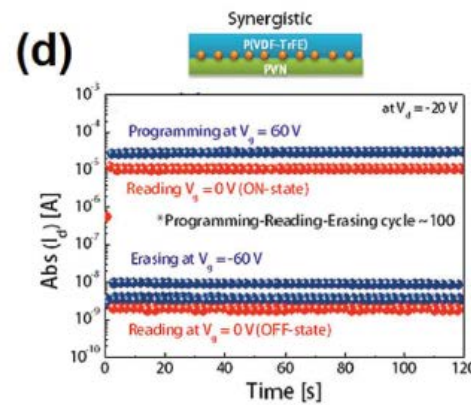
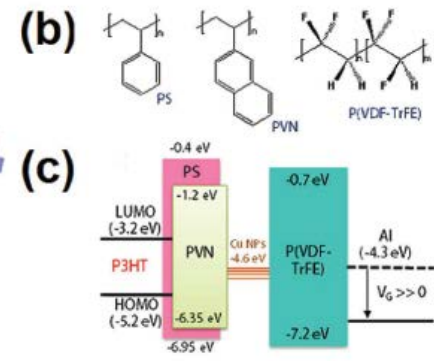
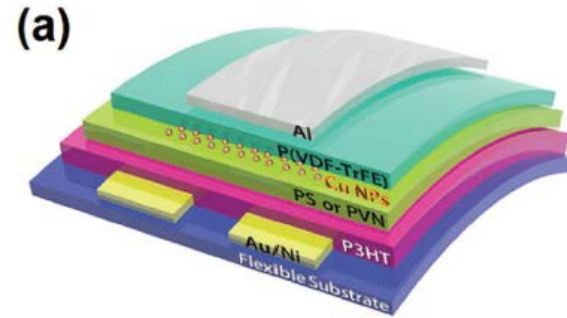
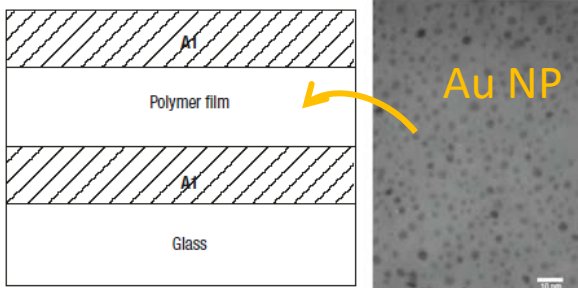
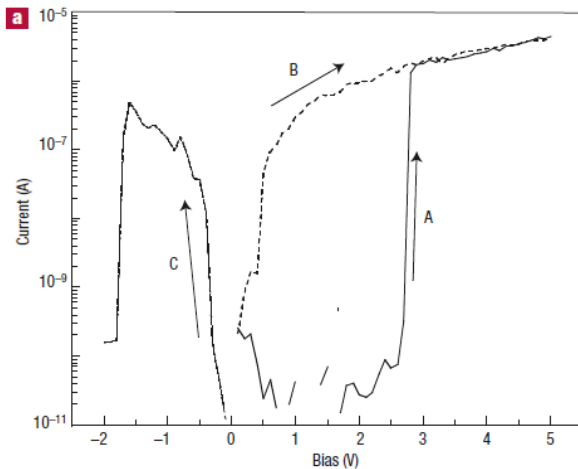


S. Goswami et al., Nat.  
Materials 16, 1216 (2017)

# Charge trapping polymer memory (organic Flash)



High write voltage; retention time  $10^3 - 10^8$  sec



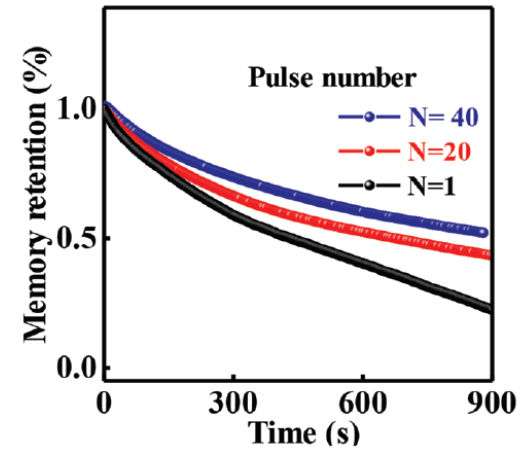
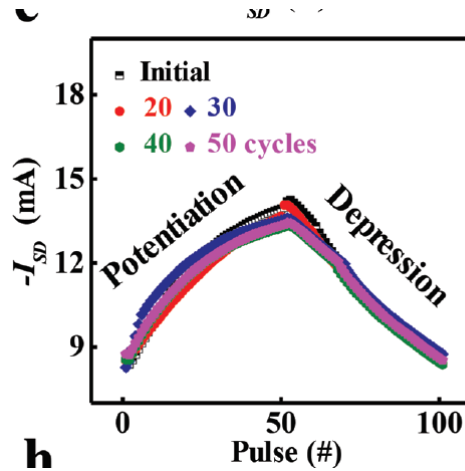
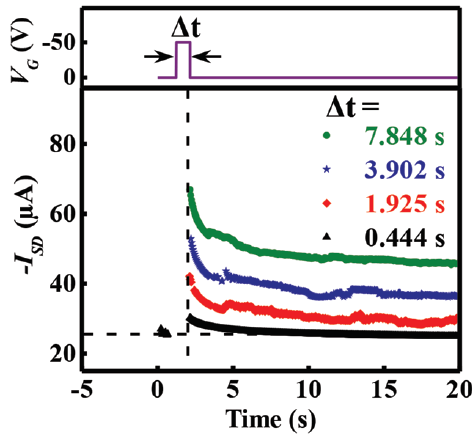
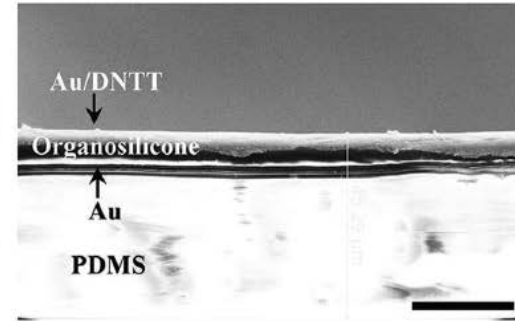
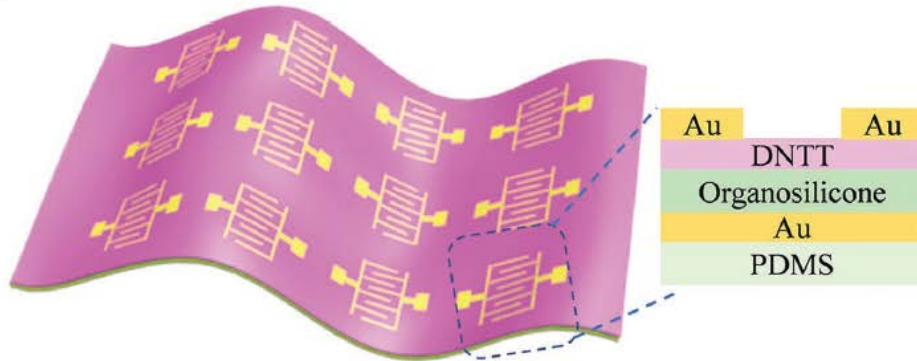
Ouyang et al., Nature Materials 3, (2004)

Scientific Reports 5, 12299 (2015)

# Organic polarization transistor

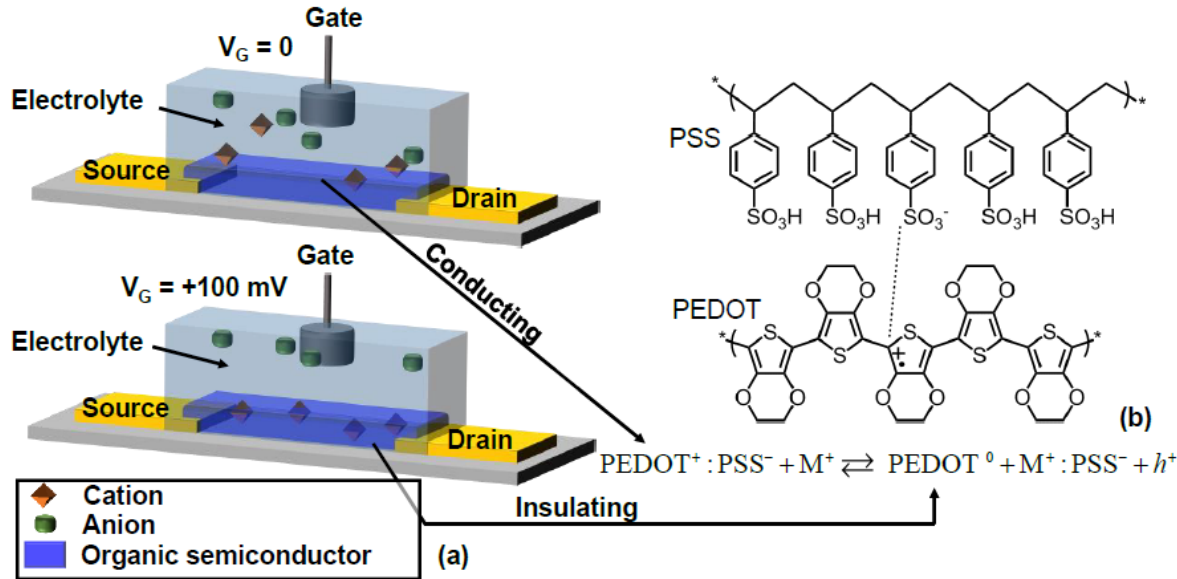


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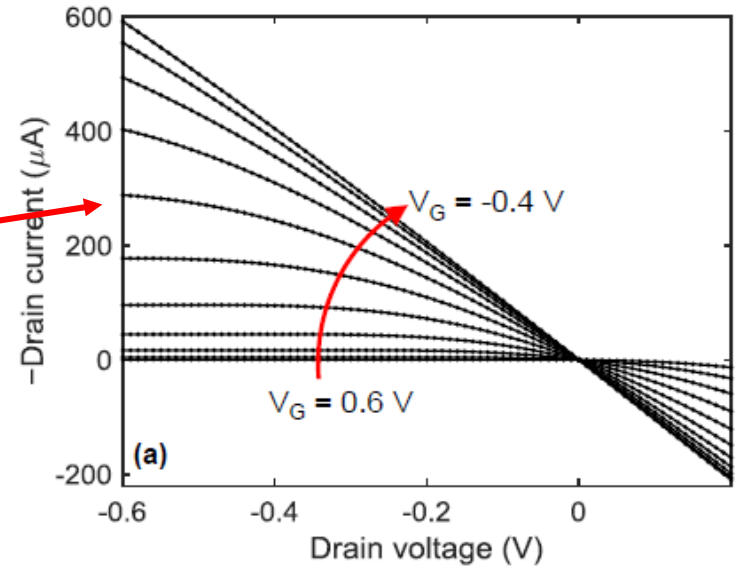
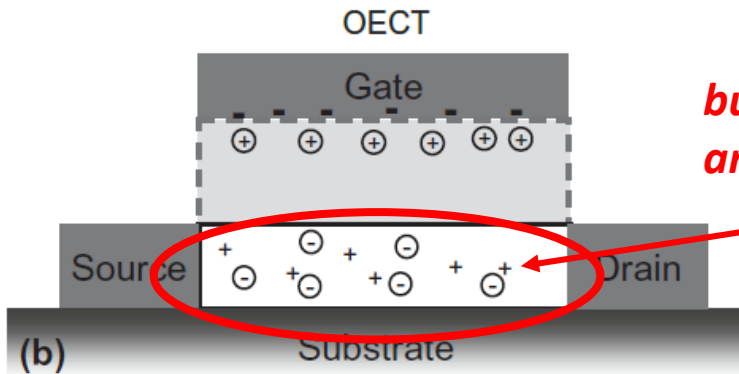




# Organic electrochemical transistors (OECTs)



Frechet et al., Organic Electronics 63 398, (2018)

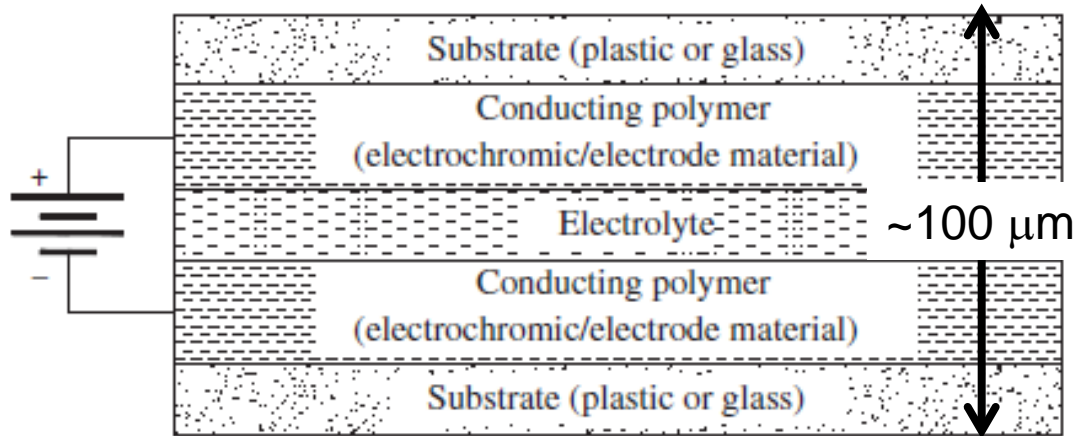


OECT is a volatile device (like a FET)

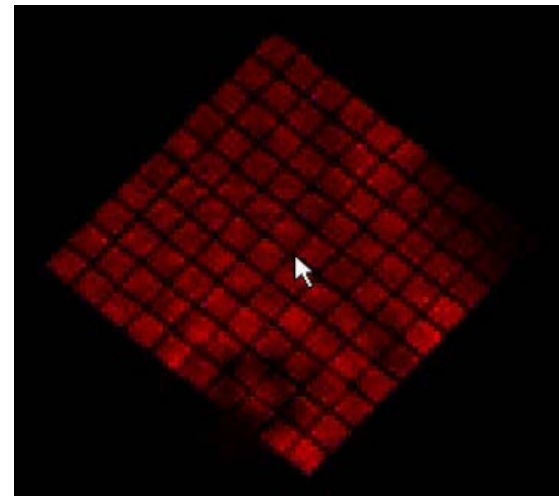
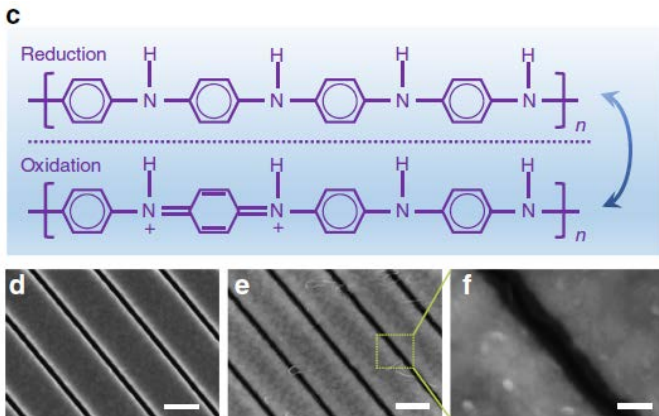
# Electrochromics store optical absorption (state of charge)



<https://www.gentex.com/products-technology/automotive/dimmable-glass/>

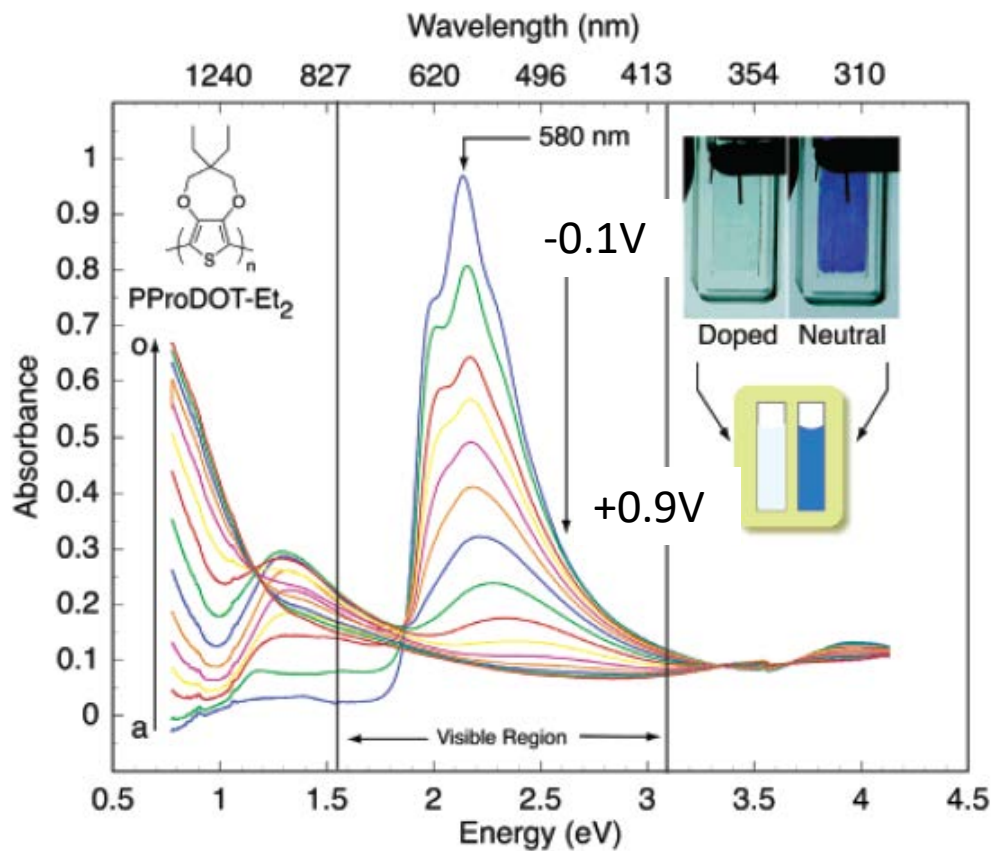


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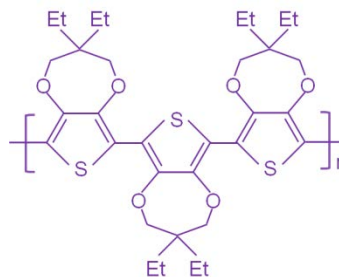


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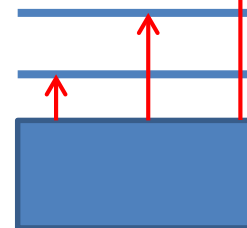
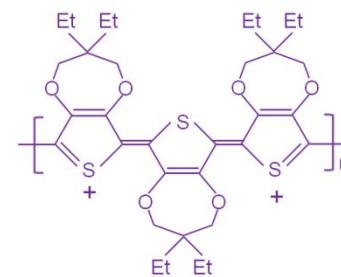
# Analog optical state tuning of PEDOT:PSS



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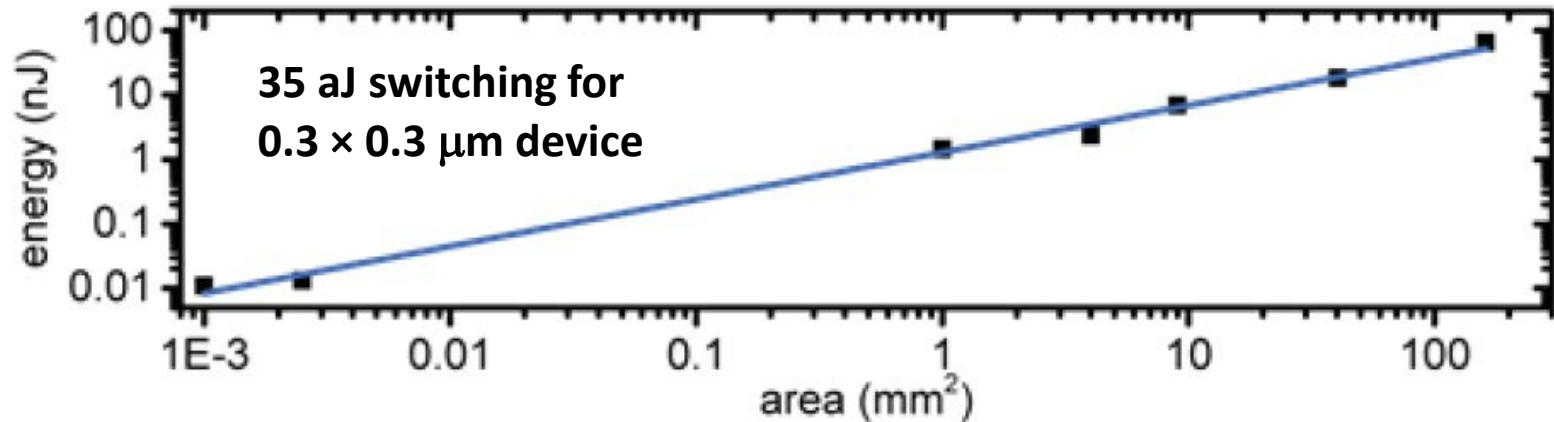
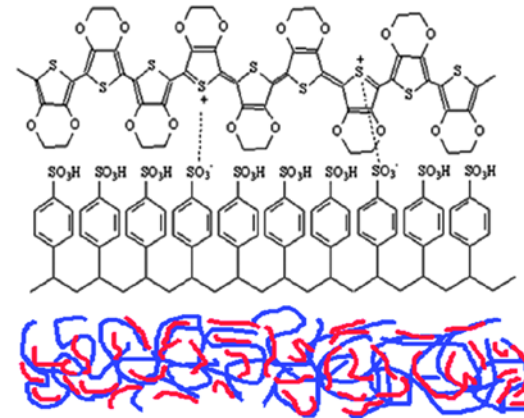
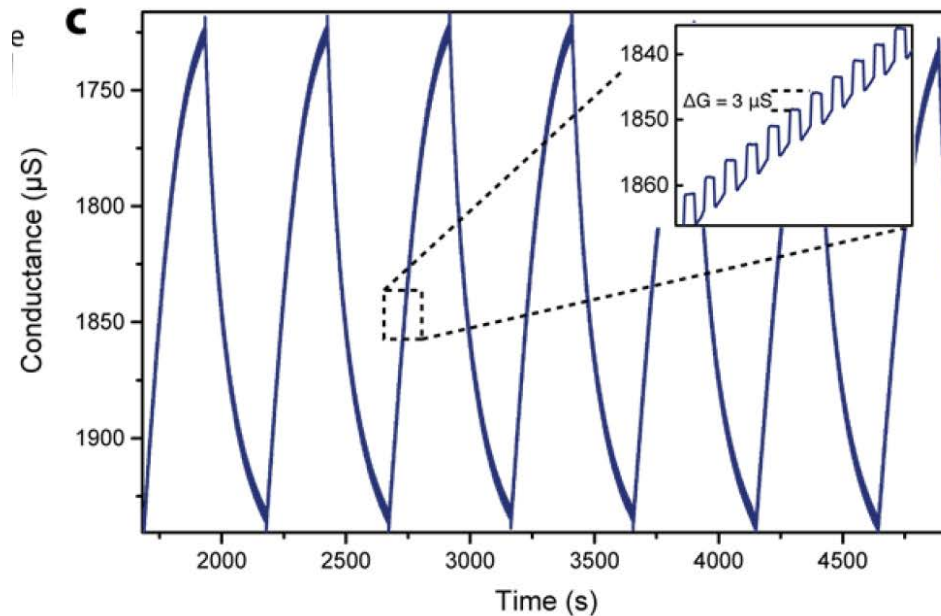
Doped/  
transparent (Vis)



Argun et al., Chem. Mater., 16, 4401, (2004)

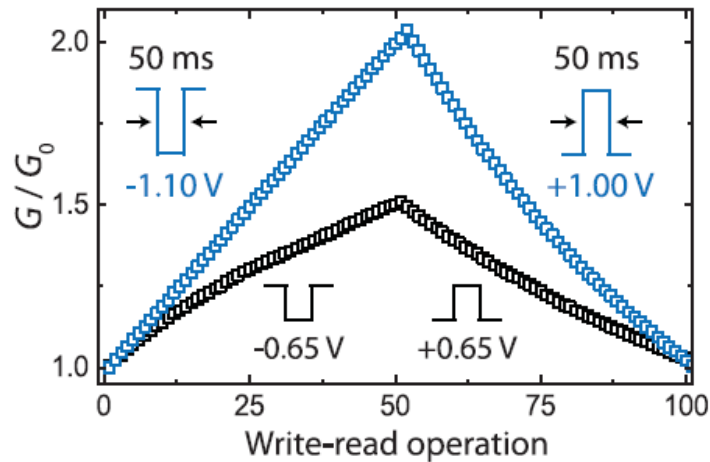
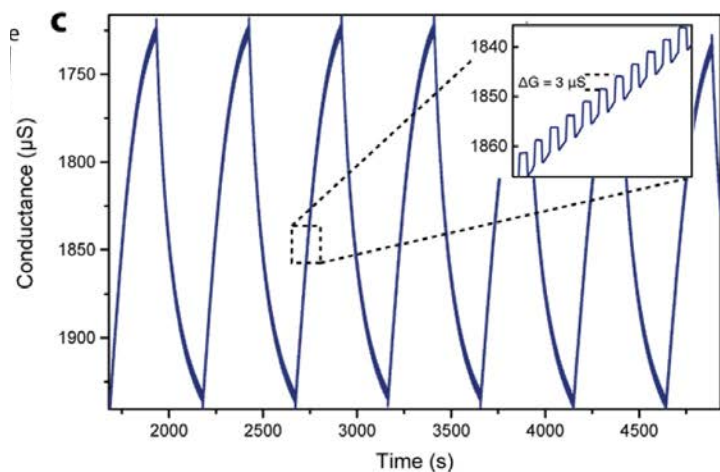
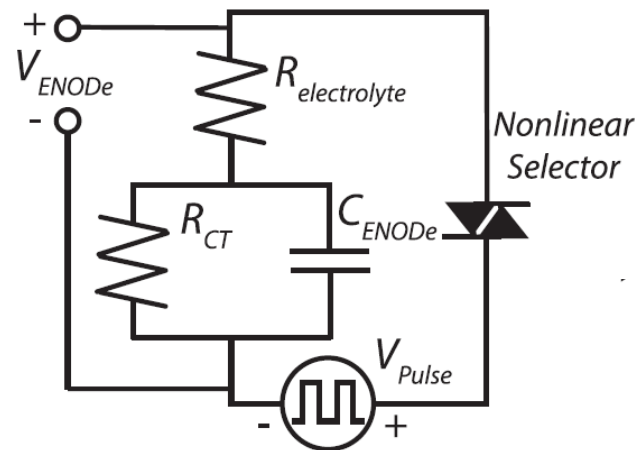
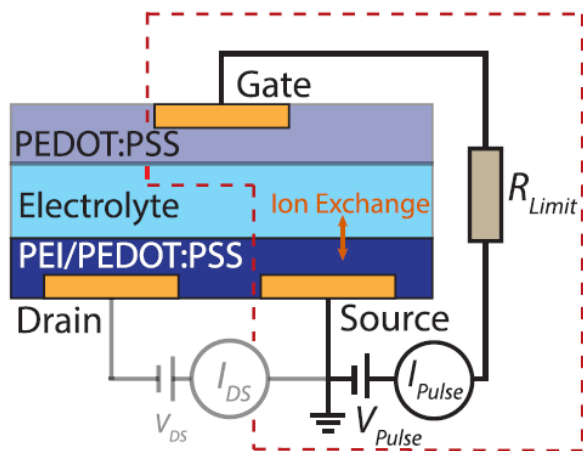


# Projected switching energy of 35 aJ for 0.1 $\mu\text{m}^2$ device



Y.B. van de Burgt, E. Lubberman, E.J. Fuller, S.T. Keene, G.C. Faria, S. Agarwal, M.J. Marinella, A.A. Talin\*, A. Salleo\*, Nature Materials 16, 414, 2017

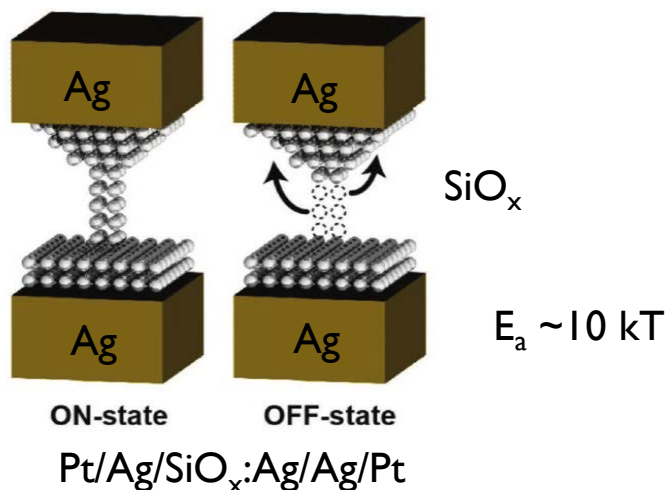
# Selector enables fast, low-V switching + retention



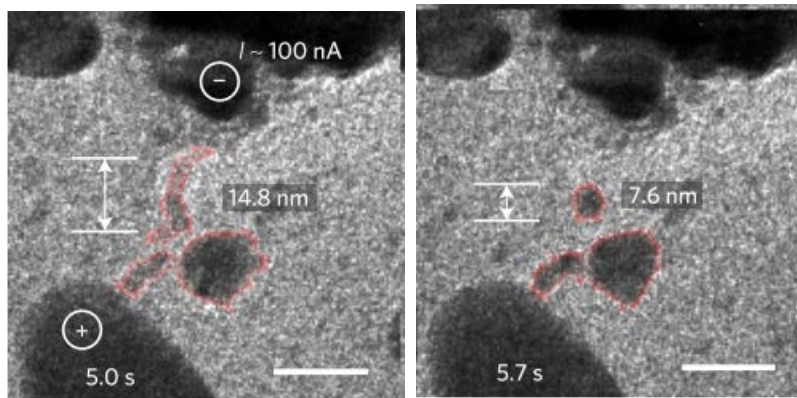
# Use binary, volatile selector



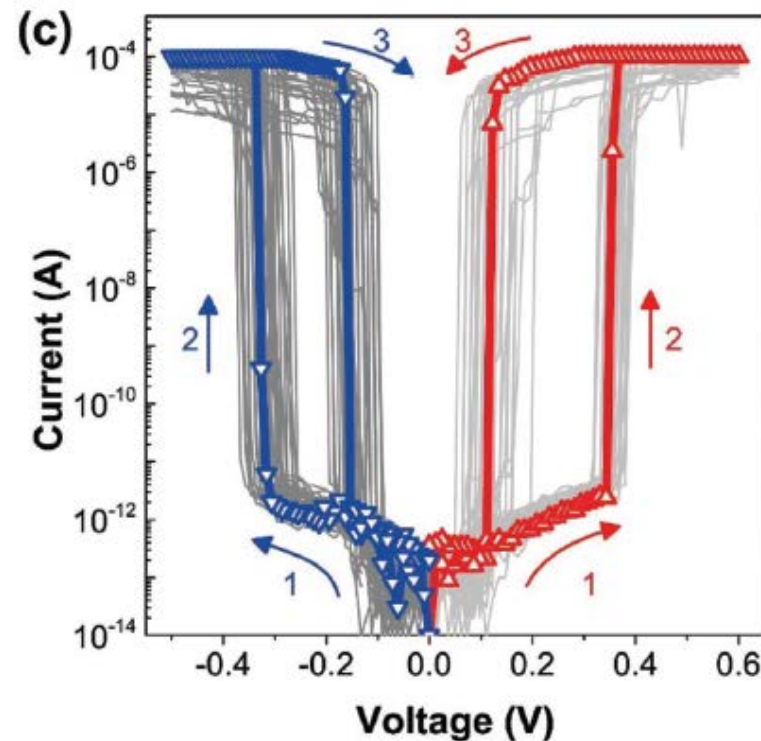
selector: diffusive memristor  
normally OFF,  $V_T = 150 - 400$  mV



Midya et. al., *Advanced Materials*, 29(12), 2017



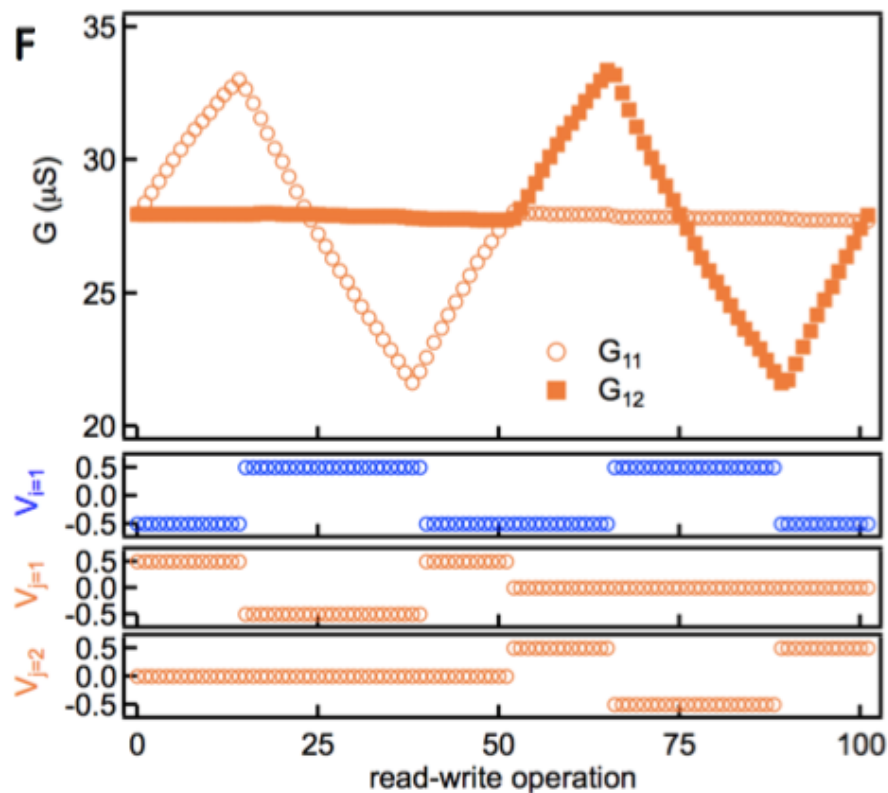
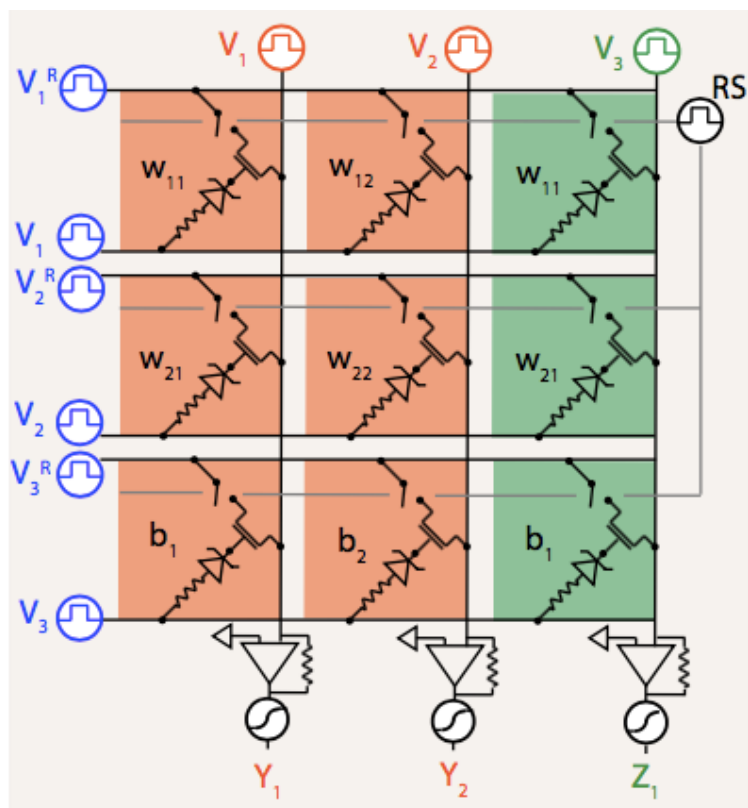
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symmetric thresholding mechanism  
for program selectivity within array

1 mV/decade slope

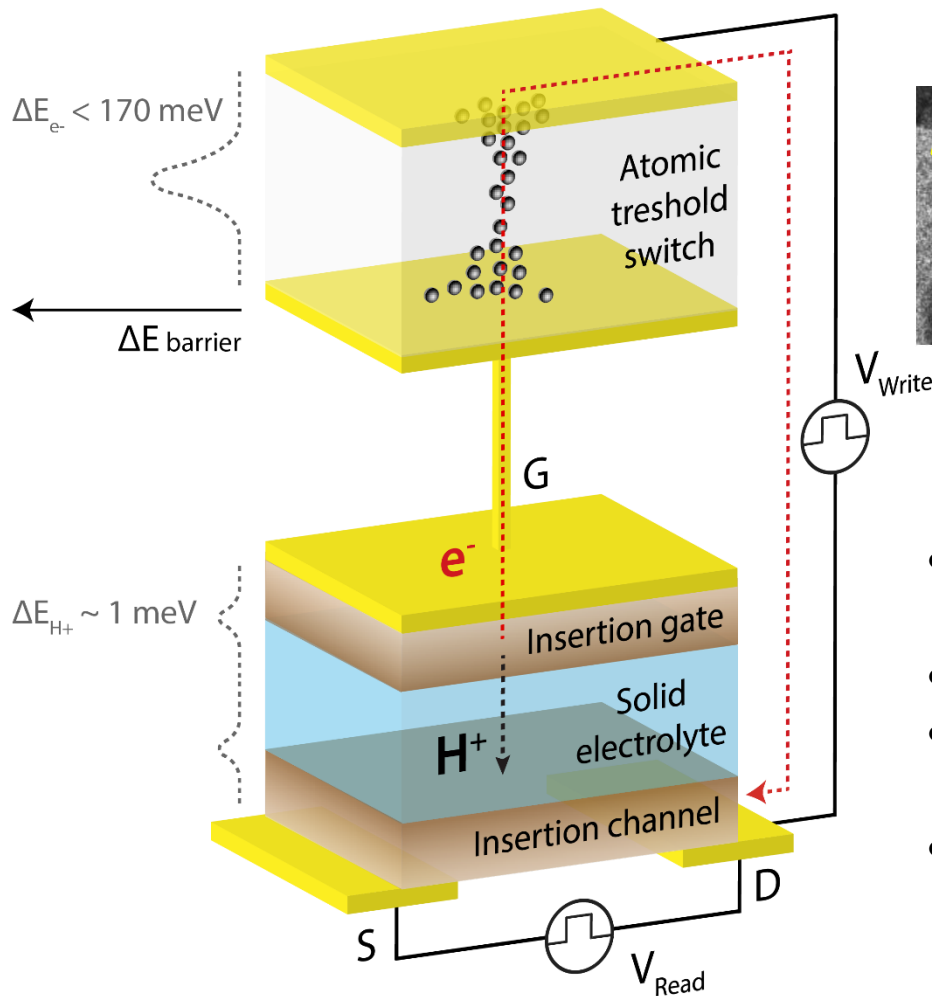
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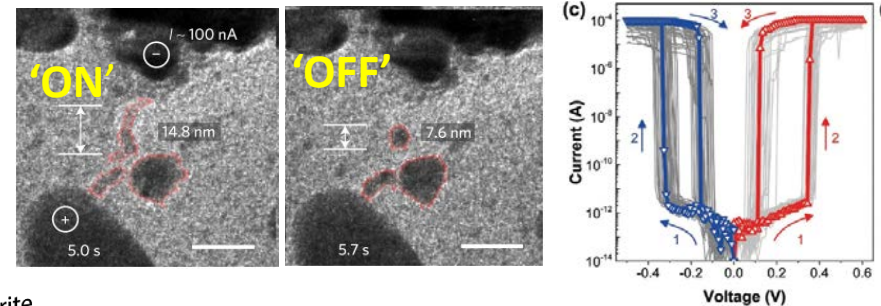
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# Non-volatile redox memory – a floating gate memory



**Threshold switch: only on for  $V > V_{th}$**

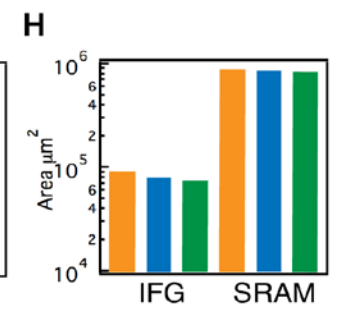
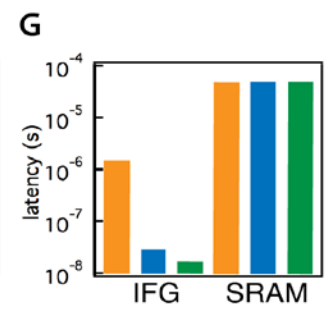
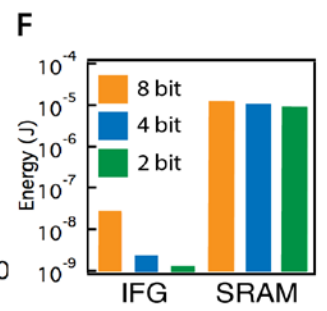
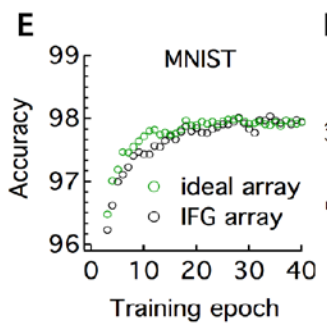
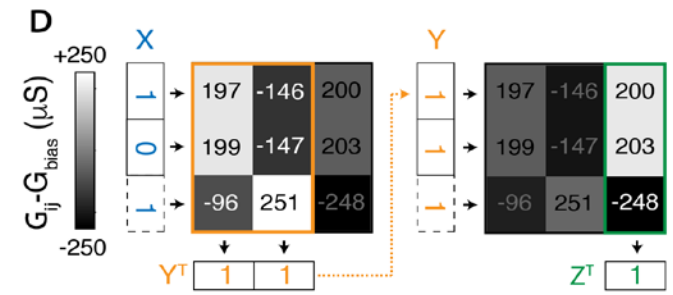
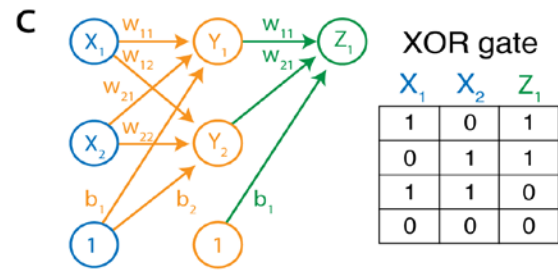
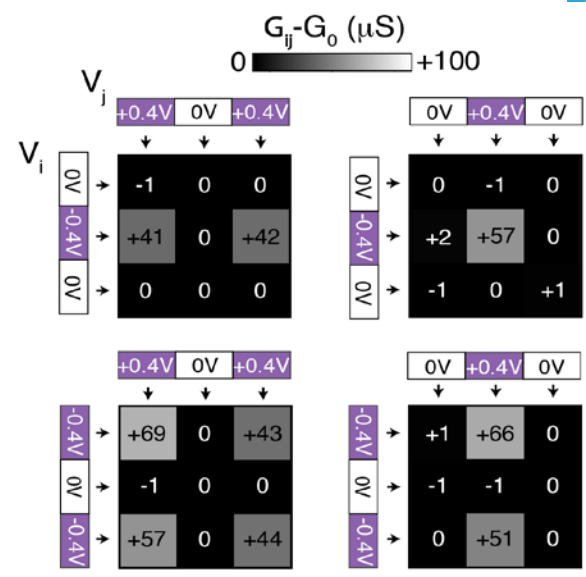
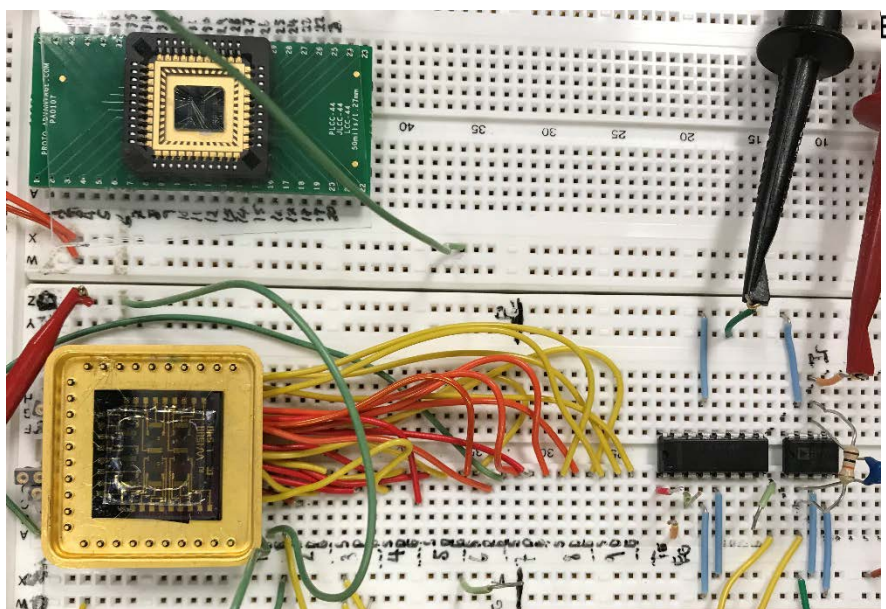


Wang et. al. *Nature Materials* 16, 101 (2016)

- Redox transistor is an electrochemical concentration cell
- Redox state  $\rightarrow$  channel conductance
- Threshold switch enables electron flow ONLY during 'write' step
- State retained after 'write' because electron flow is cut off.

E. J. Fuller, S. T. Keene, A. Melianas, Z. Wang, S. Agarwal, Y. Li, Y. Tuchman, C. D. James, M. J. Marinella, J. J. Yang, A. Salleo, A. A. Talin, *Science*, 364, 570, (2019).

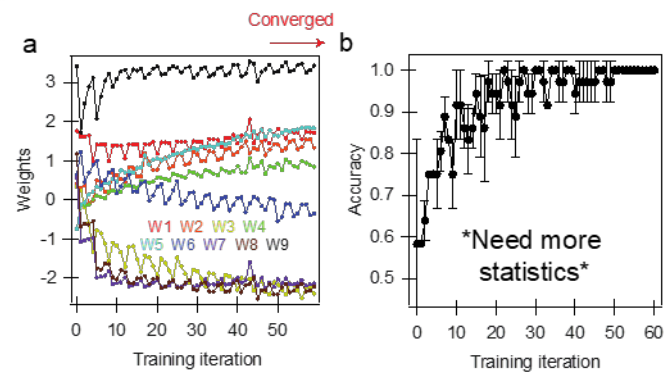
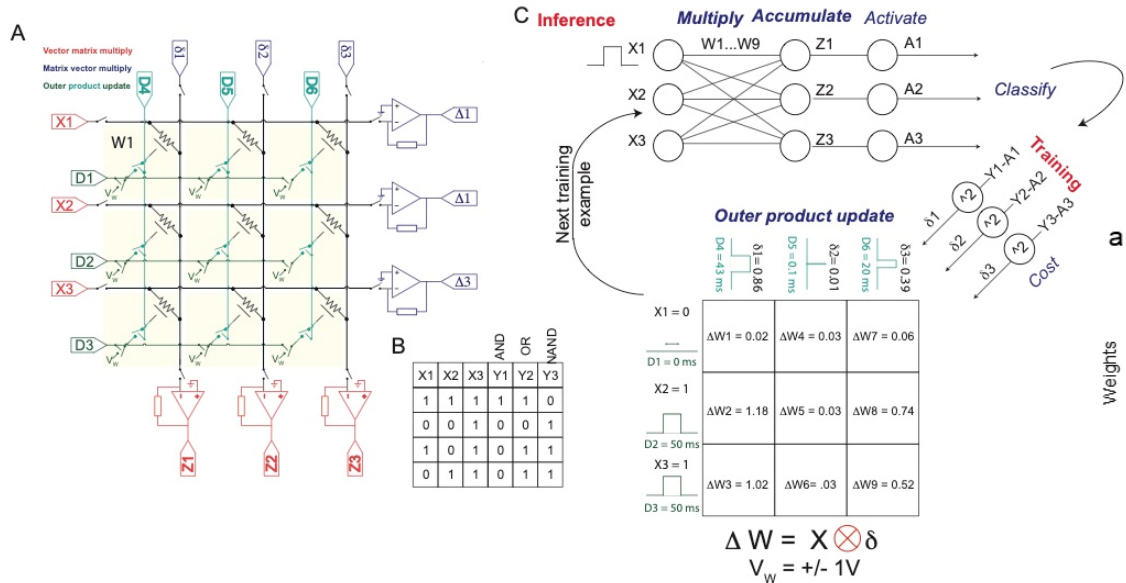
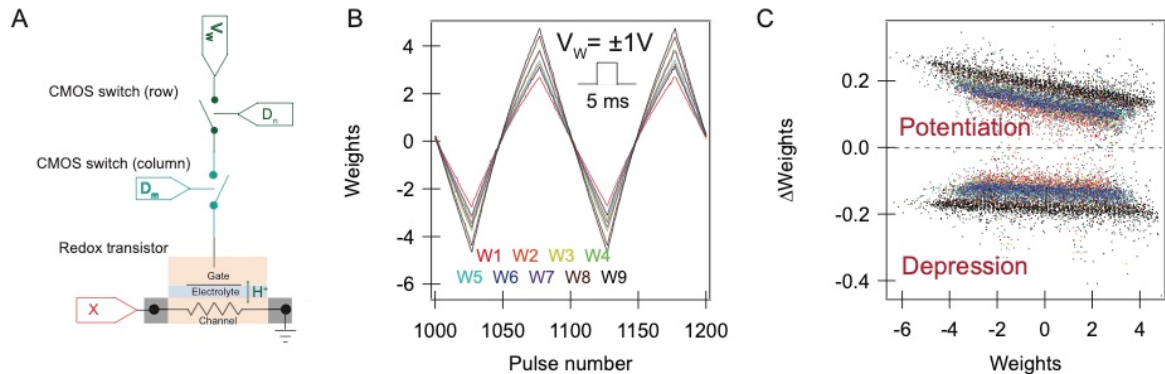
# Parallel updates in a 3x3 array, 'XOR' operation



# Parallel training with a 3x3 array



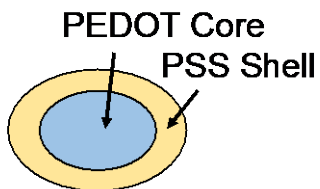
Y. Li et al., in prep.



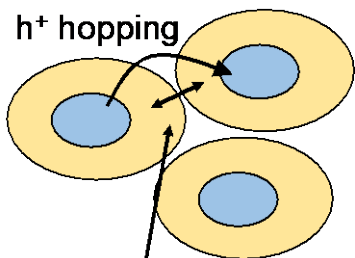
# Polymers are tunable



## Hypothesis



Lang et. al., *Adv. Func. Mater.* (2009), Zhou et. al., *J. Mater. Chem. C* (2014)

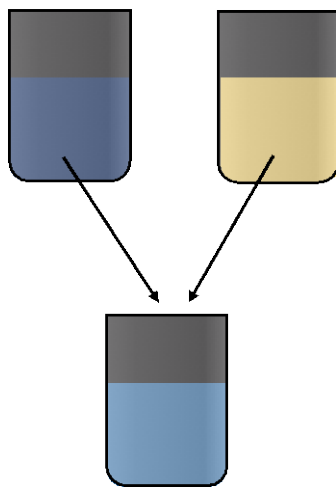


Tunable insulating barrier

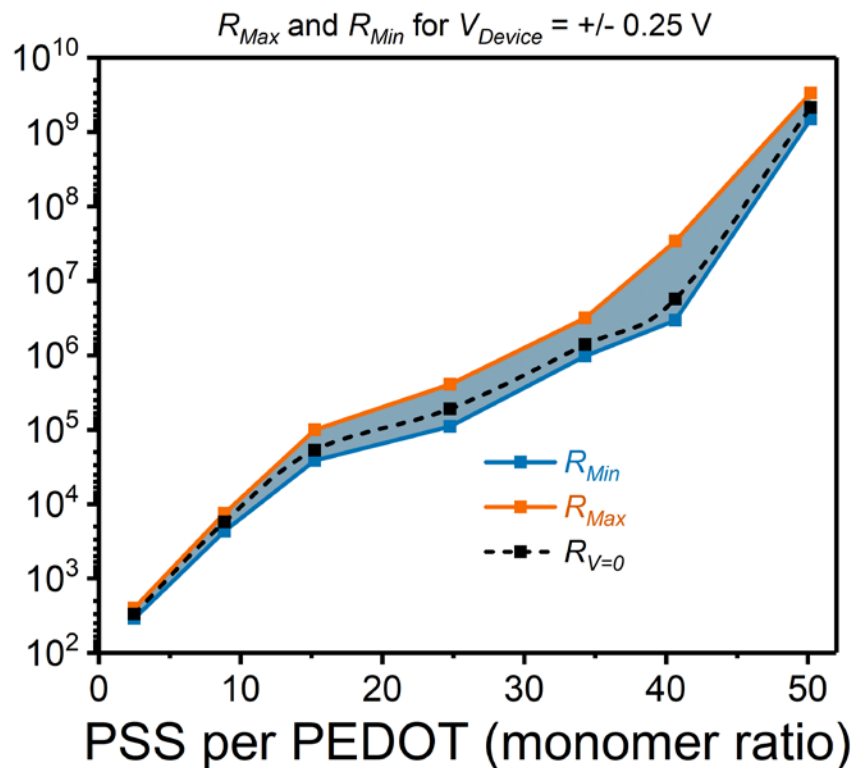
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PSS:Na (1.3 %wt)



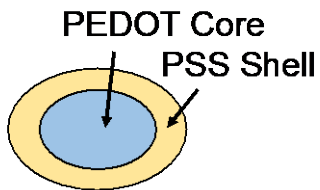
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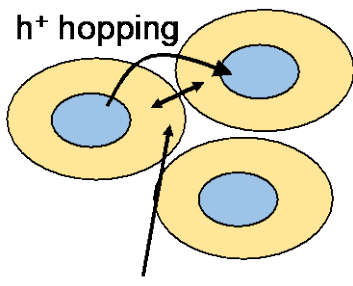
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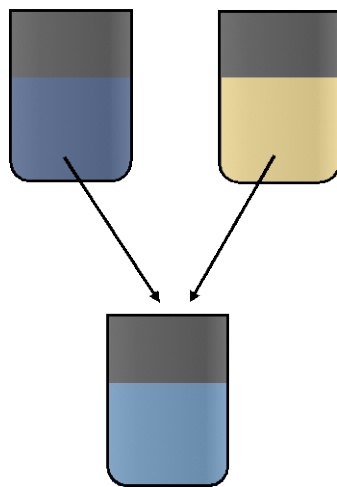
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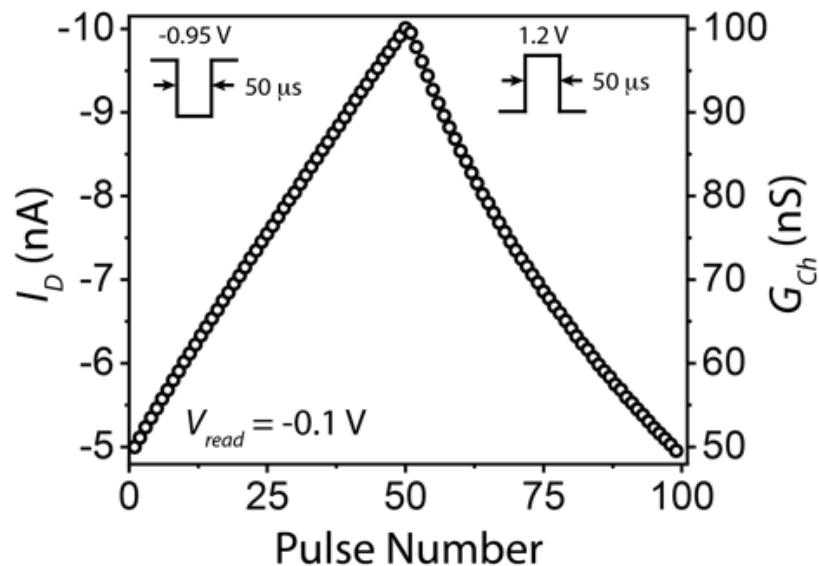
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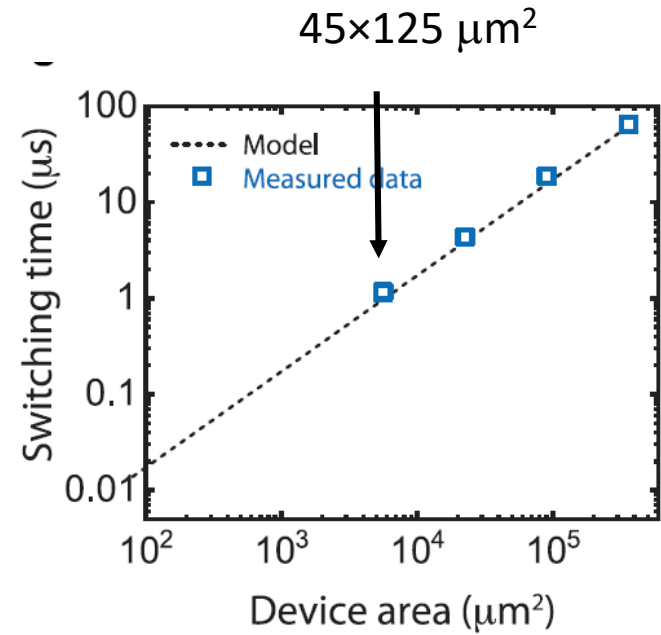
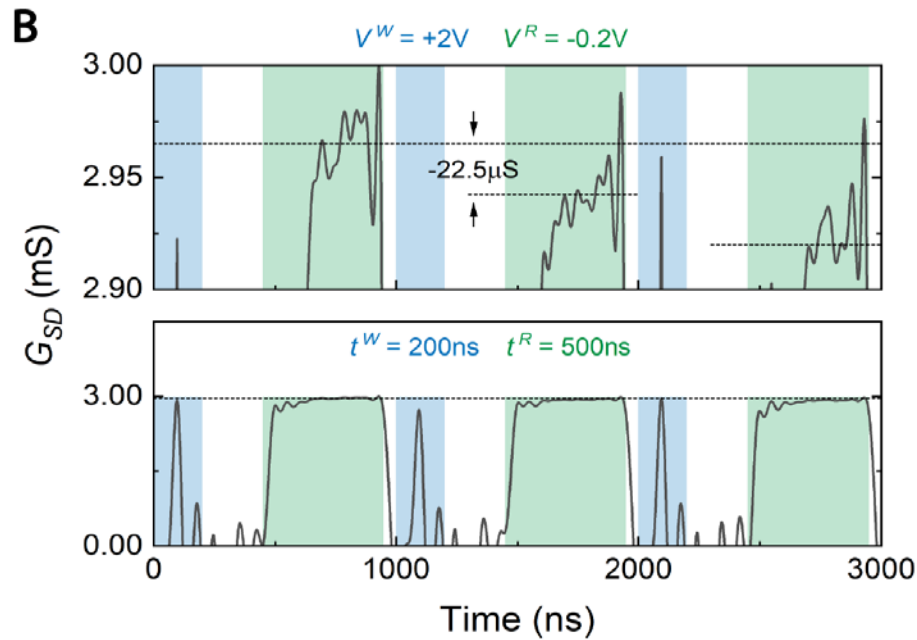
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Diluted PEDOT:PSS

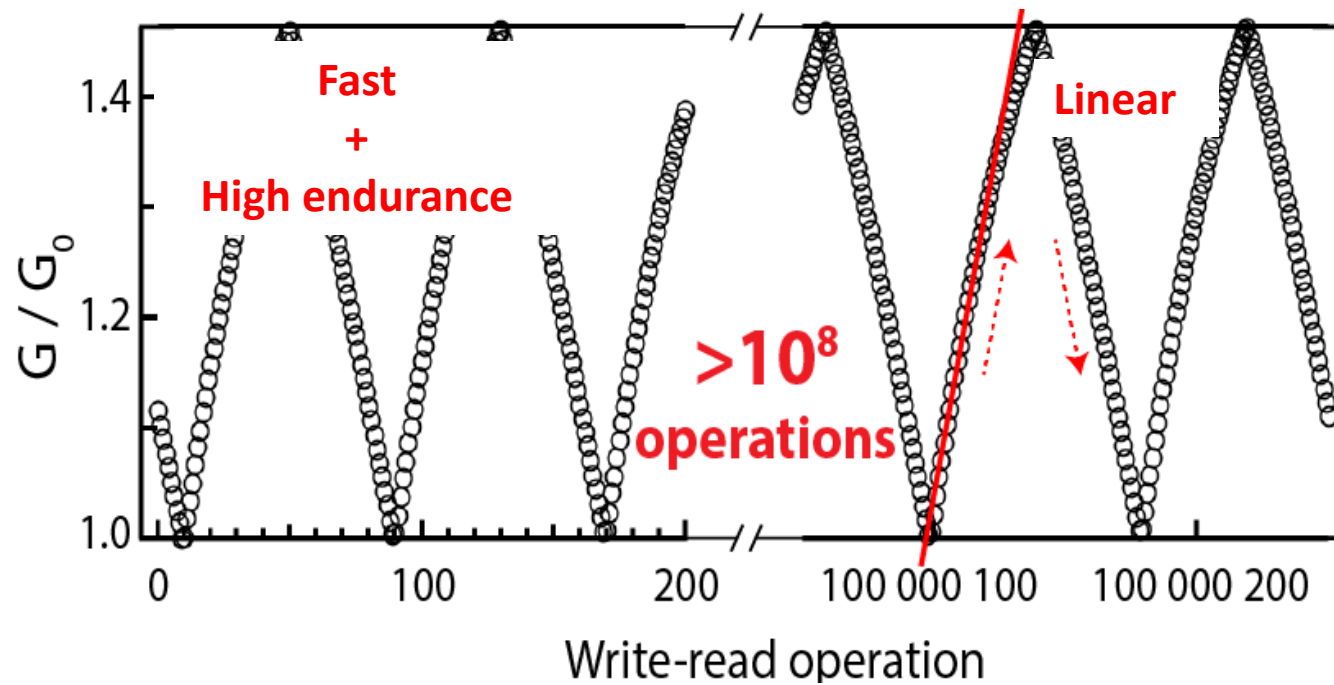


# Rapid H<sup>+</sup> transport enables fast switching



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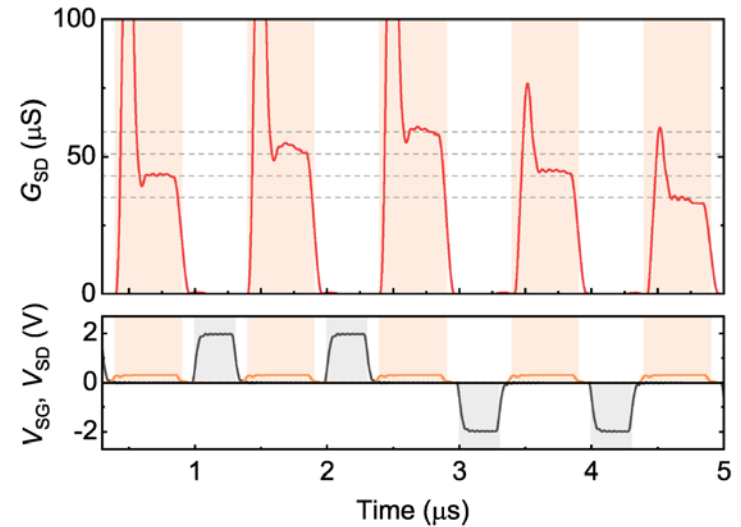
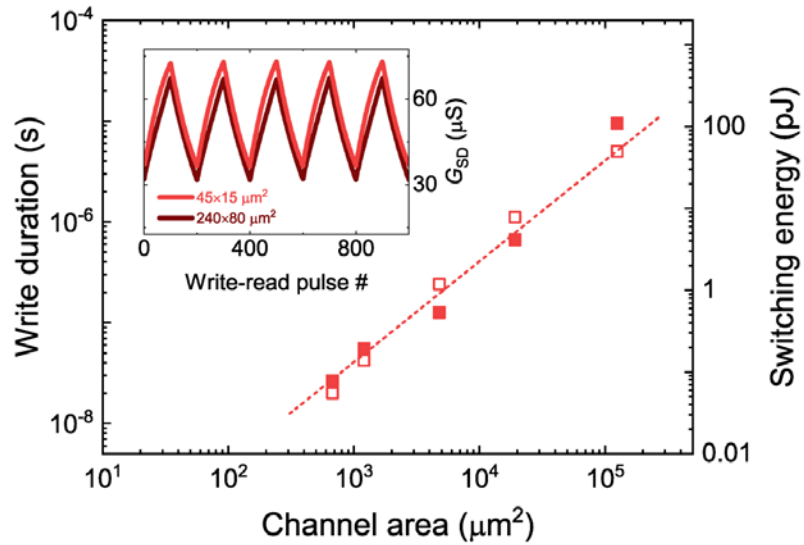
# Fast switching enable endurance testing



# Further reduction in switching time with scaling



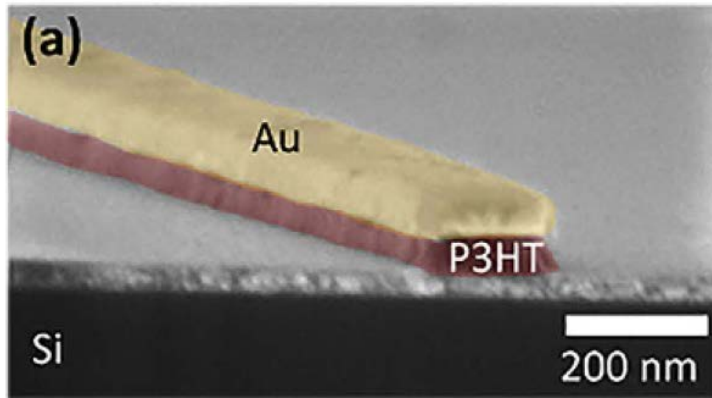
(Salleo group)



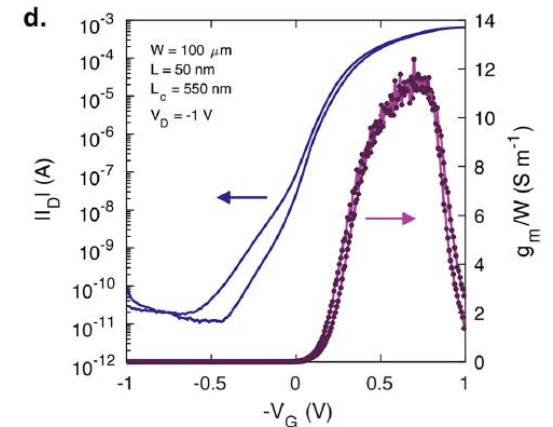
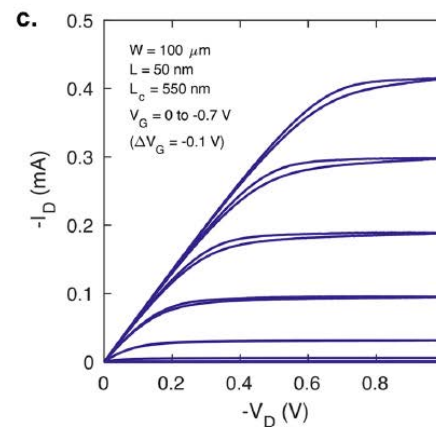
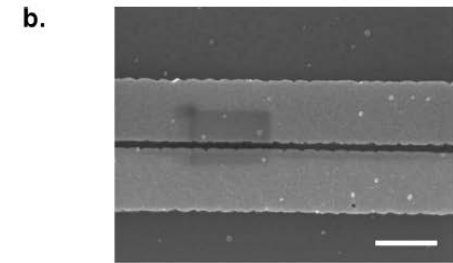
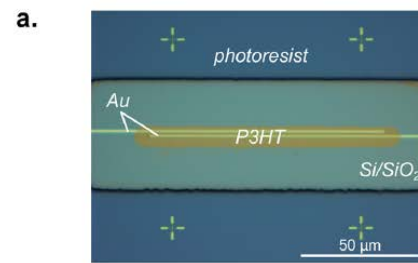
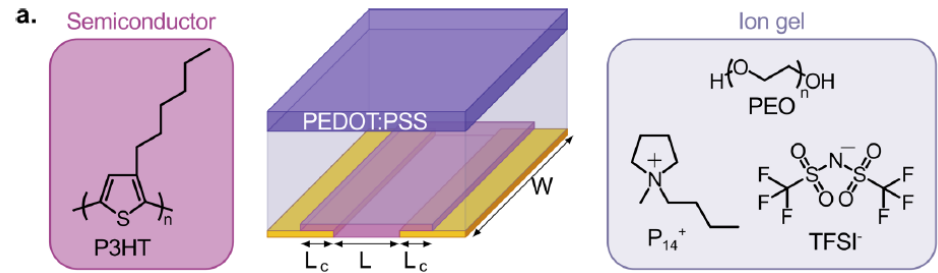
- $< 1 \mu\text{s}$  write-read cycle
- 20 ns switching achieved
- $< 100$  fJ write energy measured



# 50 nm polymer transistor demonstrated



Wilbers et al., Scientific Reports DOI:10.1038/srep41171

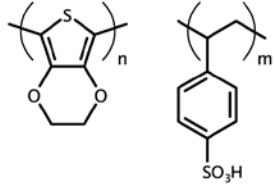


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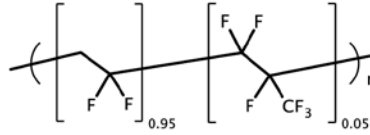
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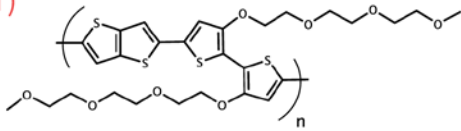
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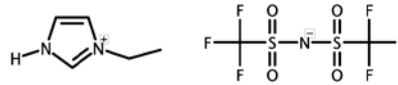
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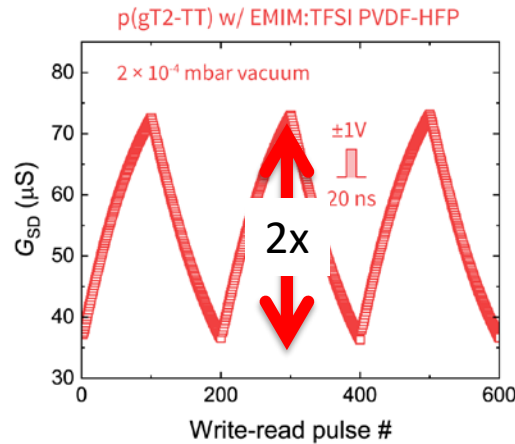
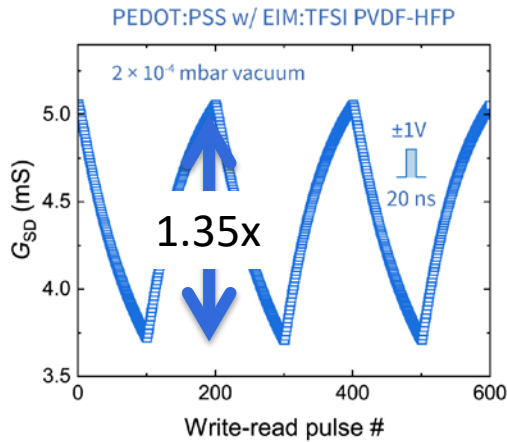
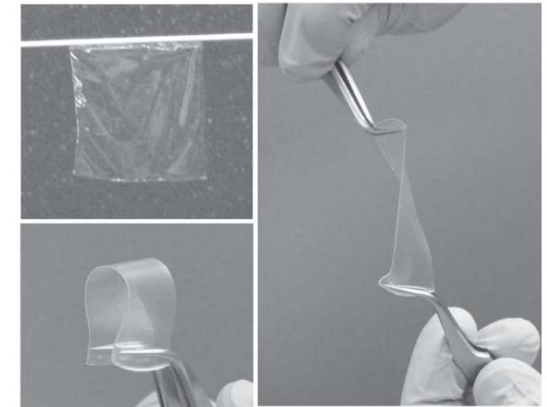
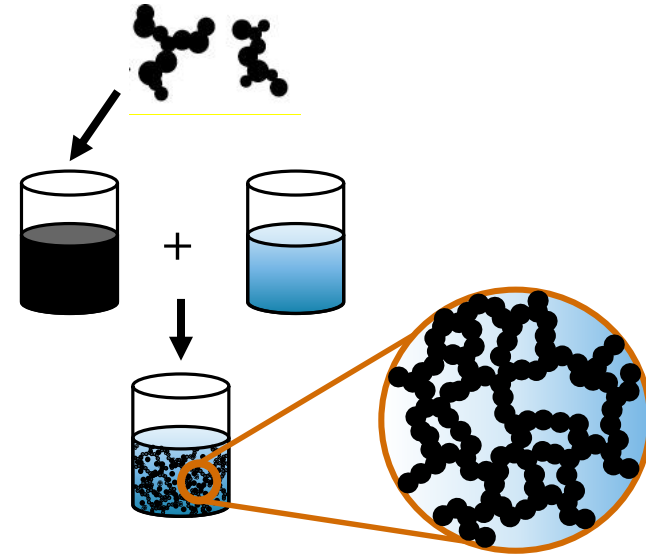
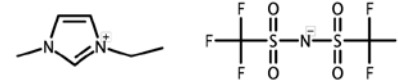
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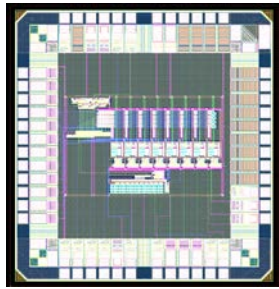


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# CMOS-Integrated Ionic Transistors

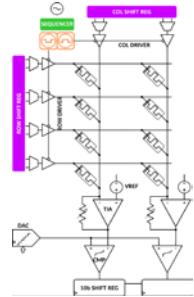


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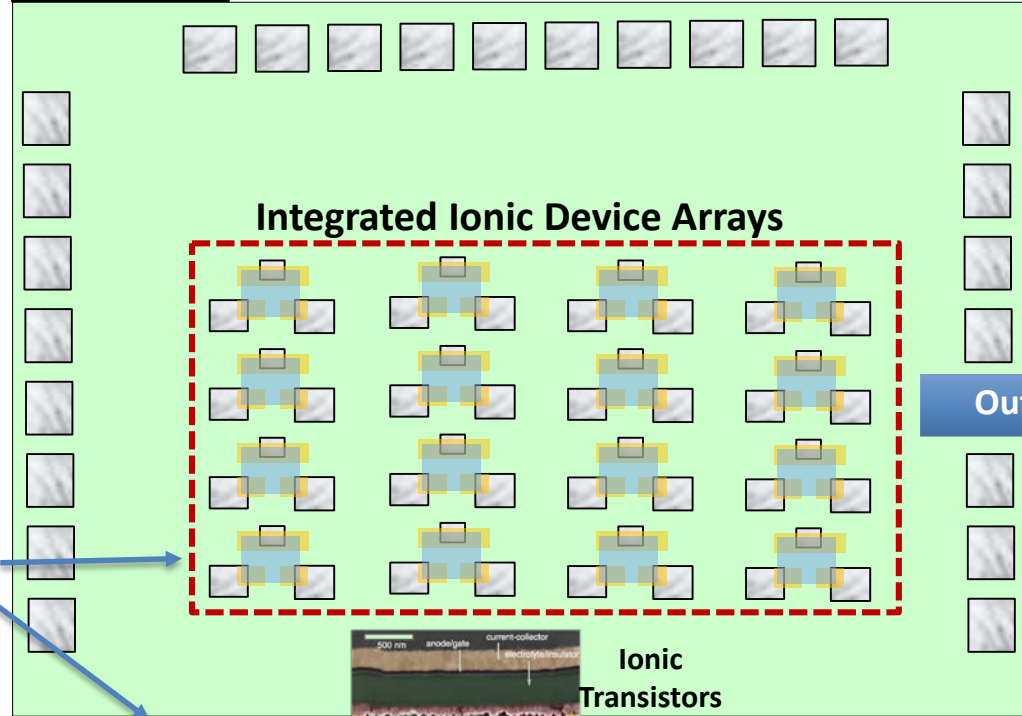


Top ionic device layers: integrated at SNL

180nm CMOS Analog Neuro Circuits

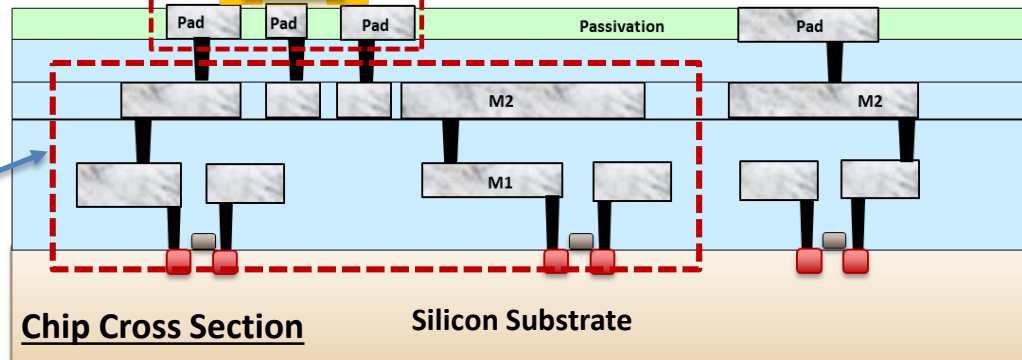
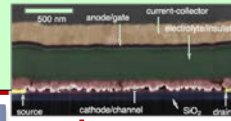


### Chip Top View



### Integrated Ionic Device Arrays

### Ionic Transistors

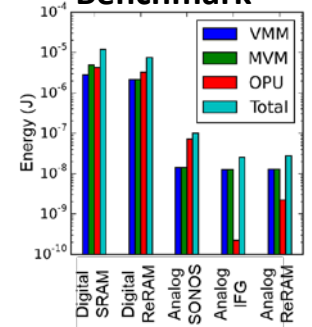


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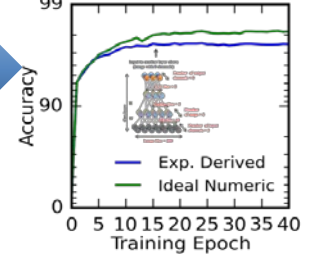
### Silicon Substrate

## Energy & Performance Benchmark

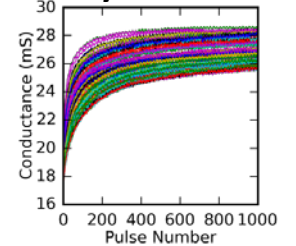
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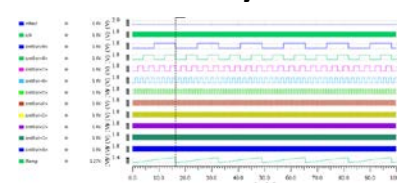
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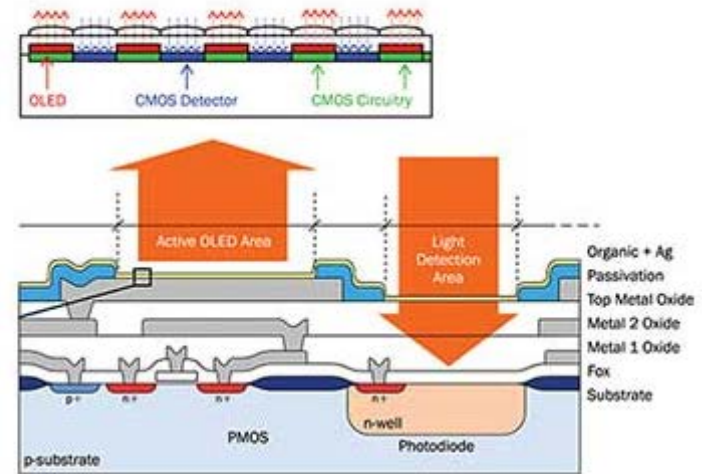
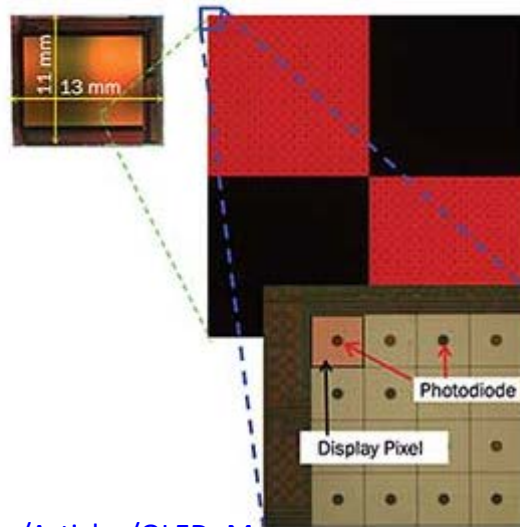
## Array Statistics



## Ensemble Dynamics



# Organic electronics technology rapidly advancing



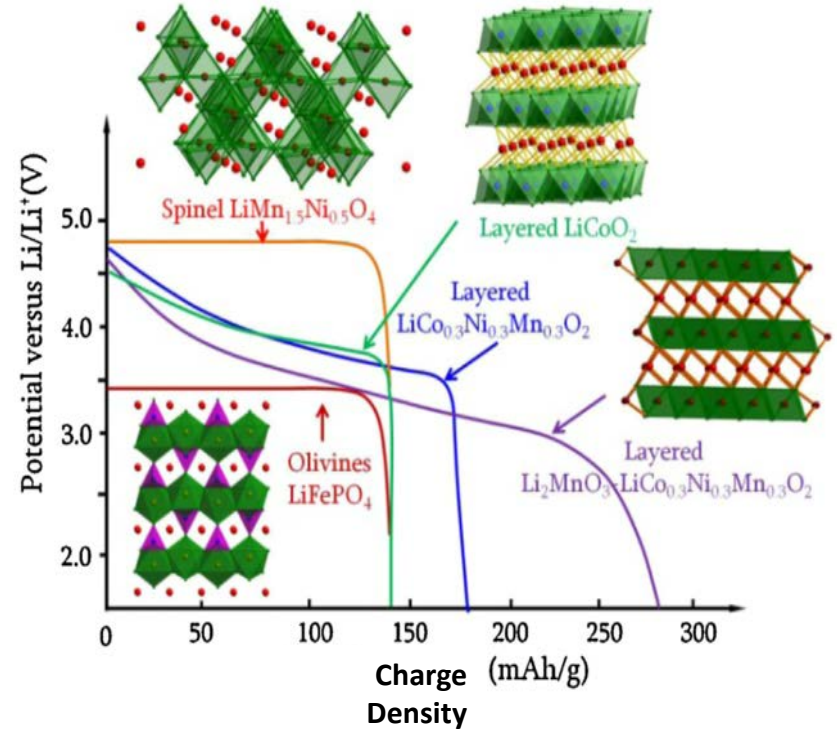
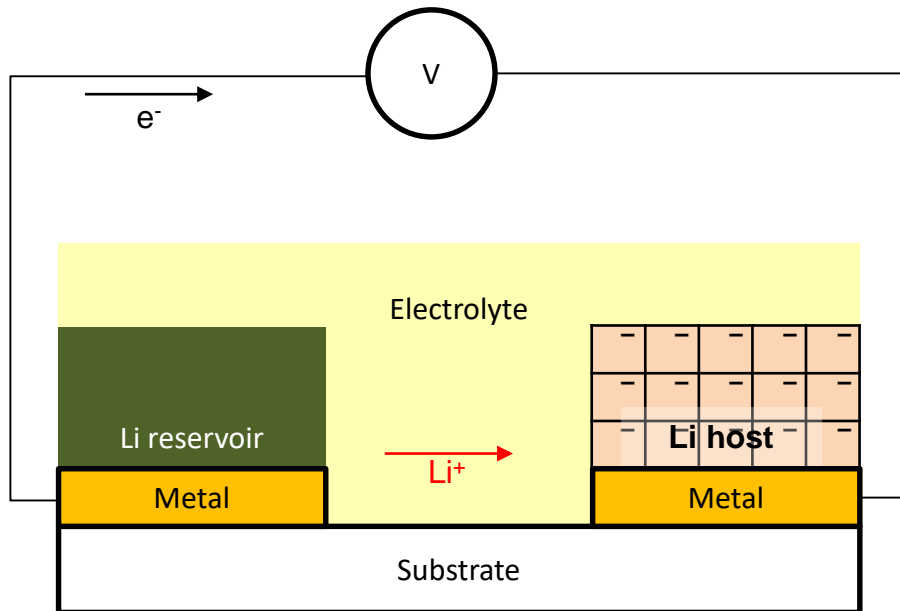
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General setup of a bidirectional OLED microdisplay (**left**). Courtesy of Fraunhofer FEP.

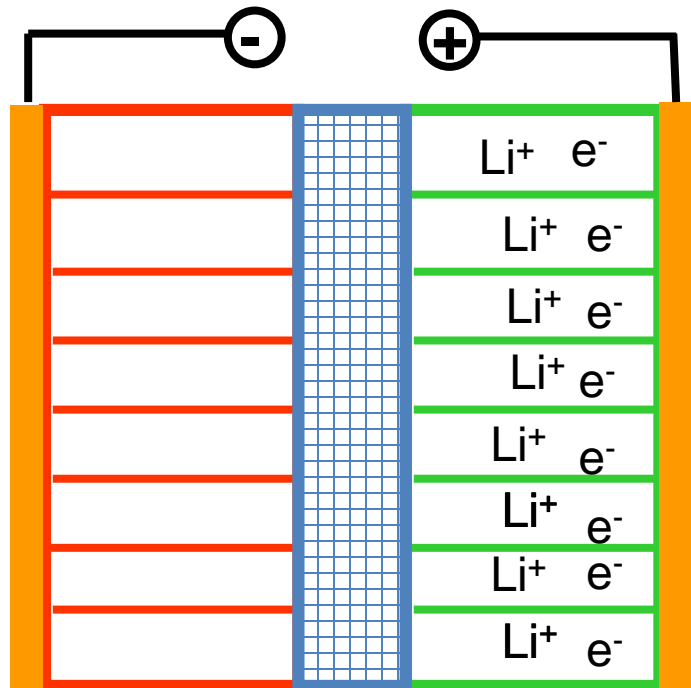




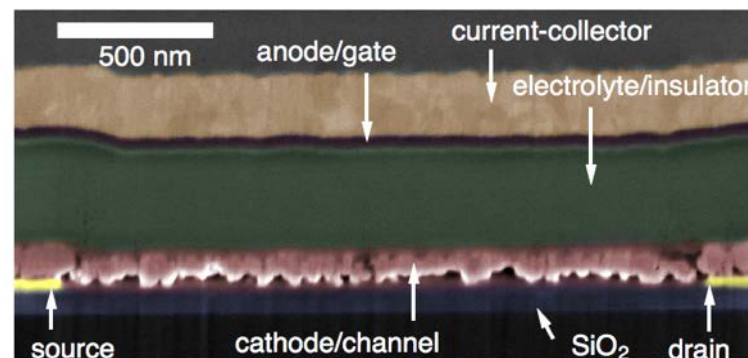
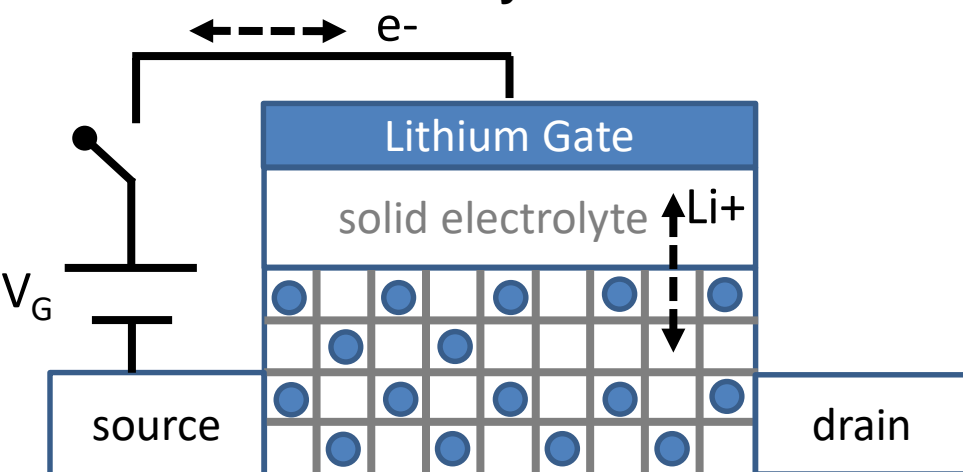
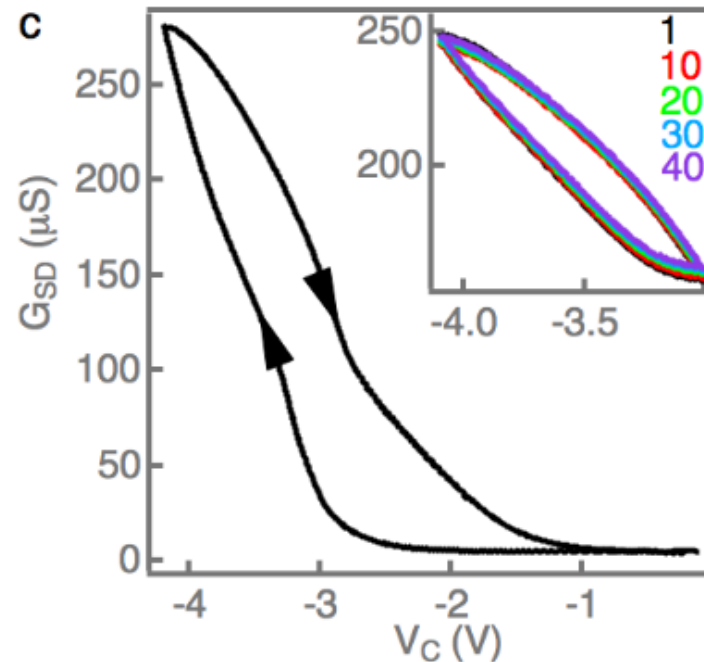
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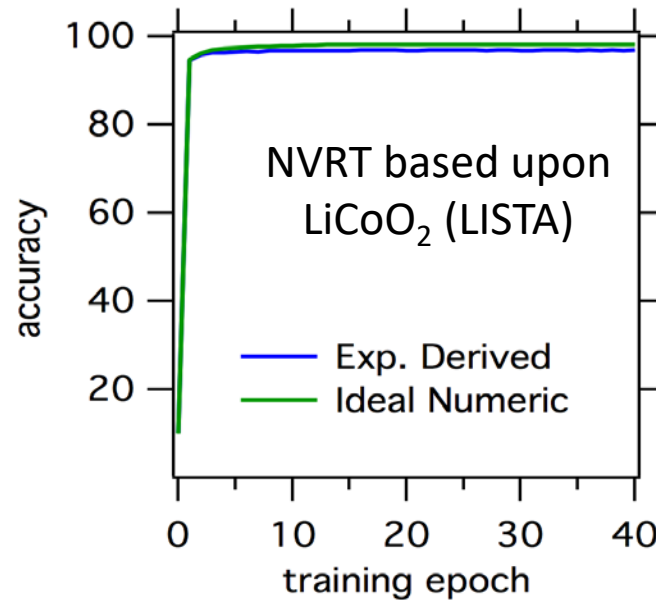
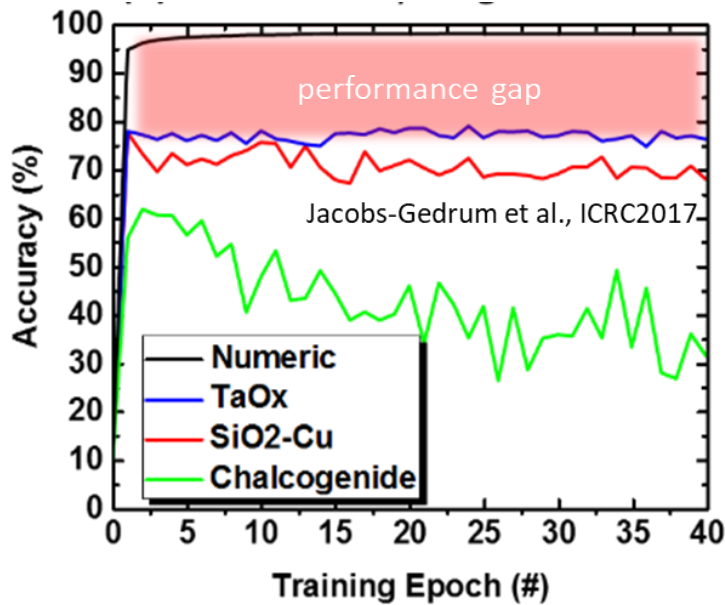
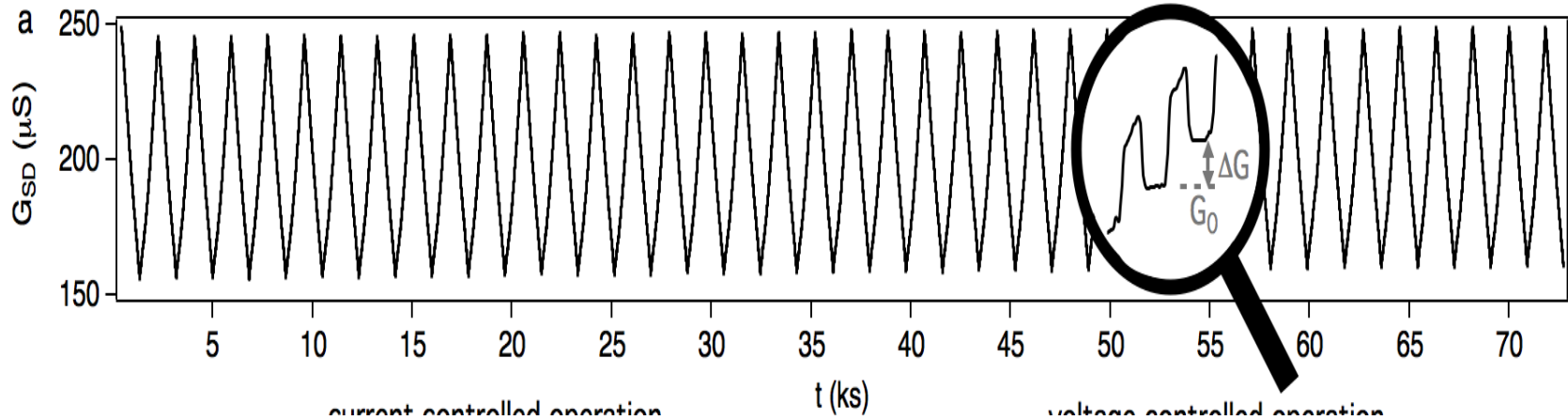
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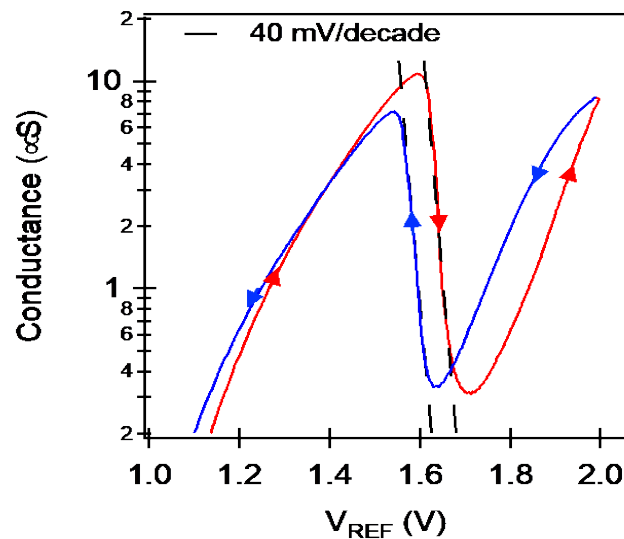
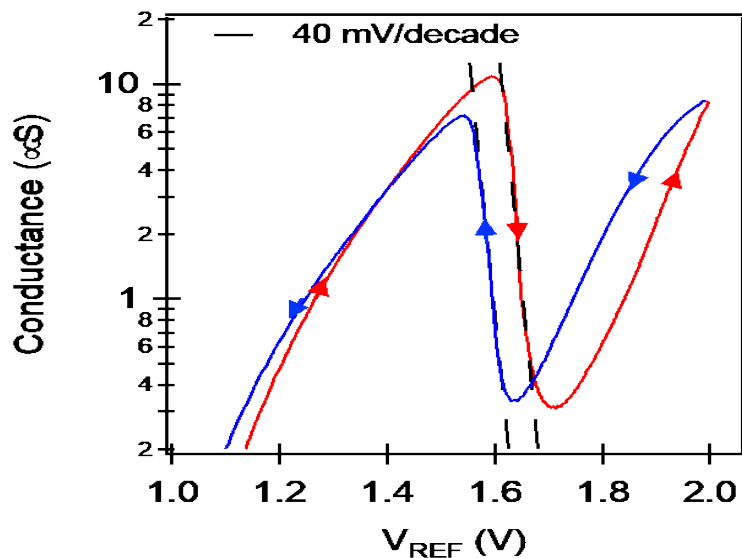
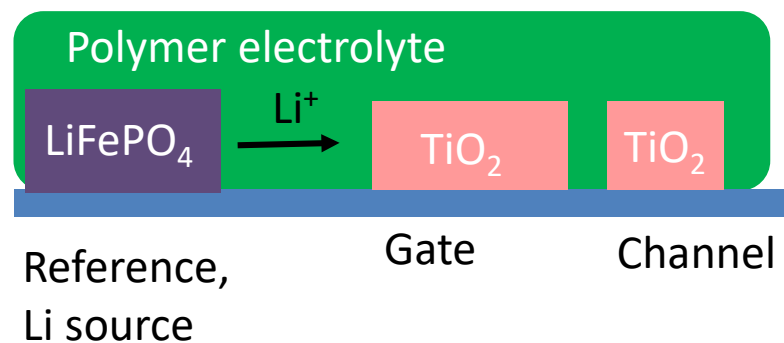
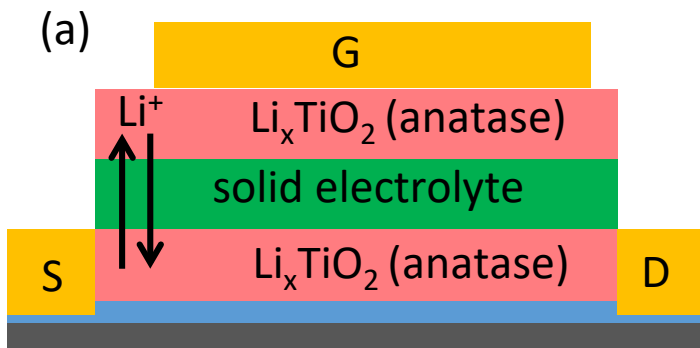
Anode Electrolyte Cathode



# Highly predictable, stable operation, ~200 states

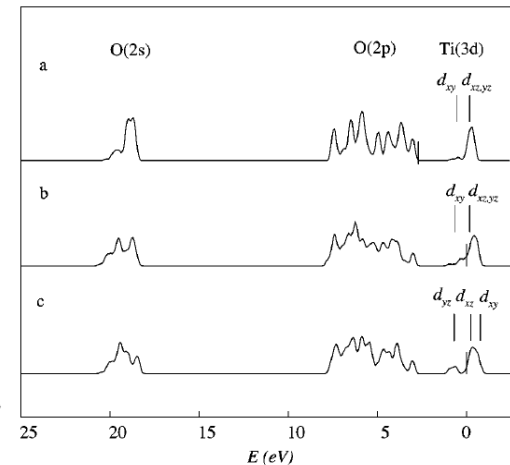
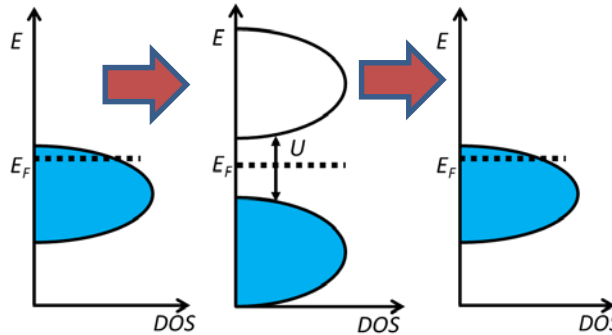
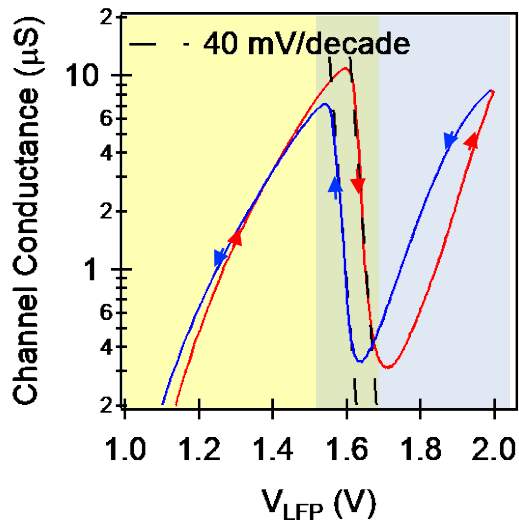
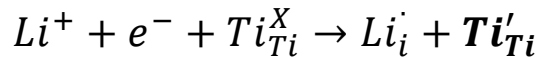


# $\text{Li}_x\text{TiO}_2\text{-Li}_x\text{TiO}_2$ symmetric redox transistor

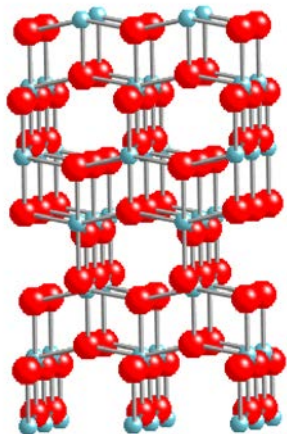




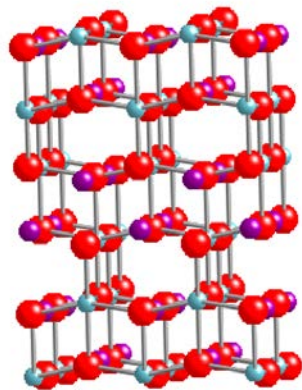
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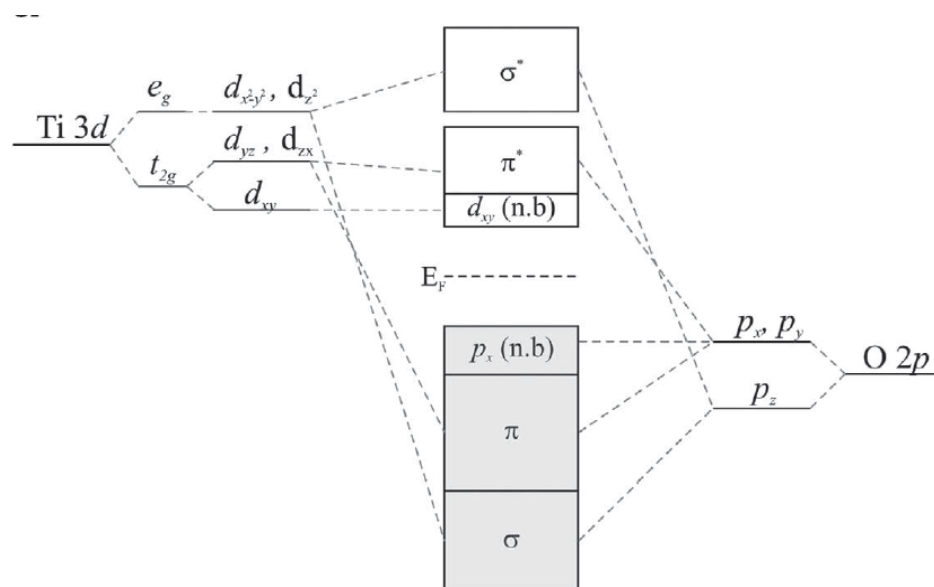
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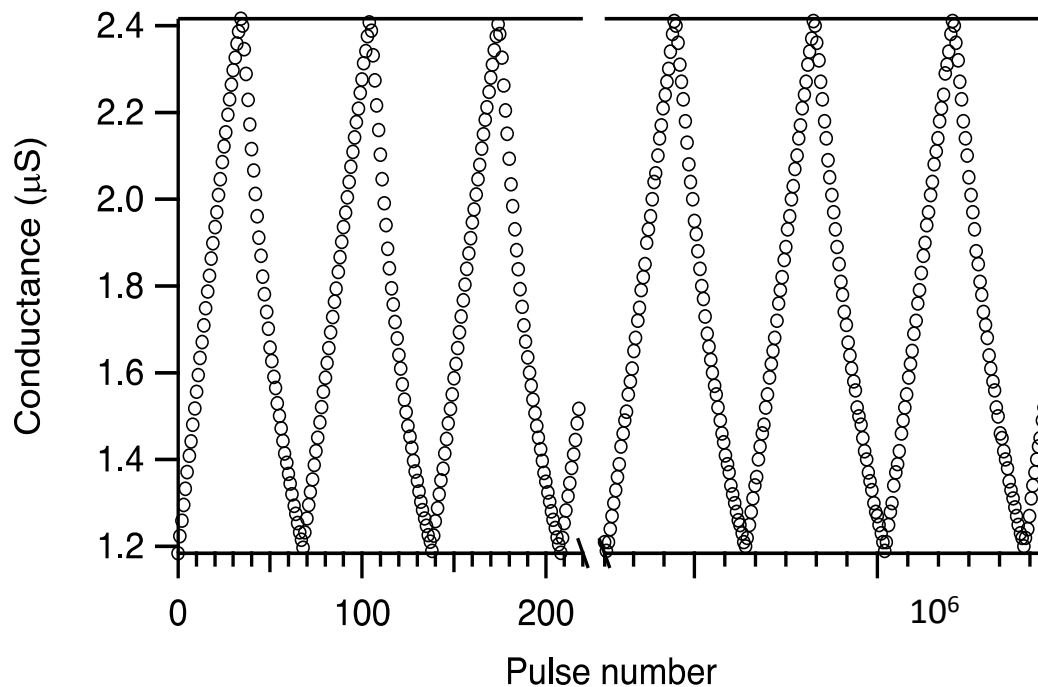
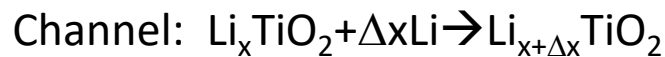
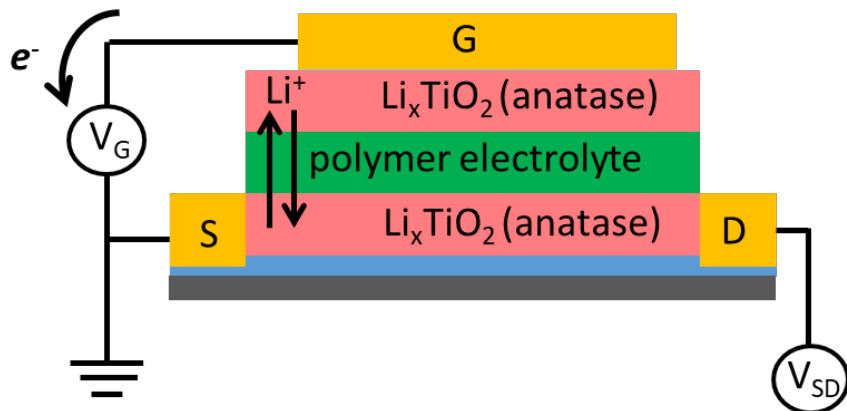
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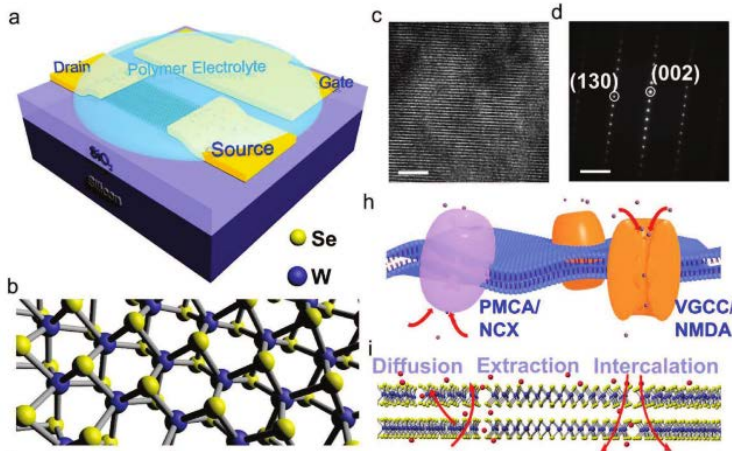
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# LISTA work is inspiring new 2D systems

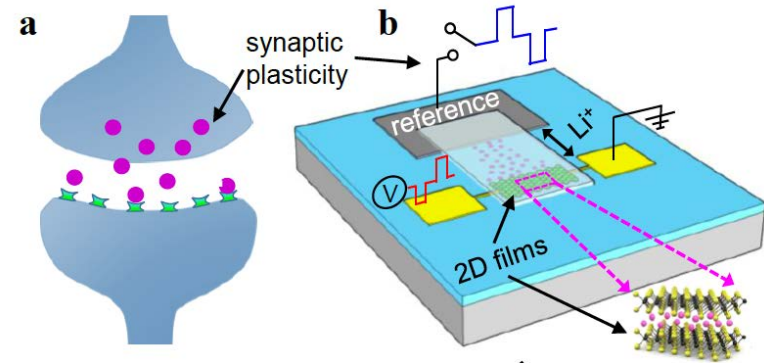


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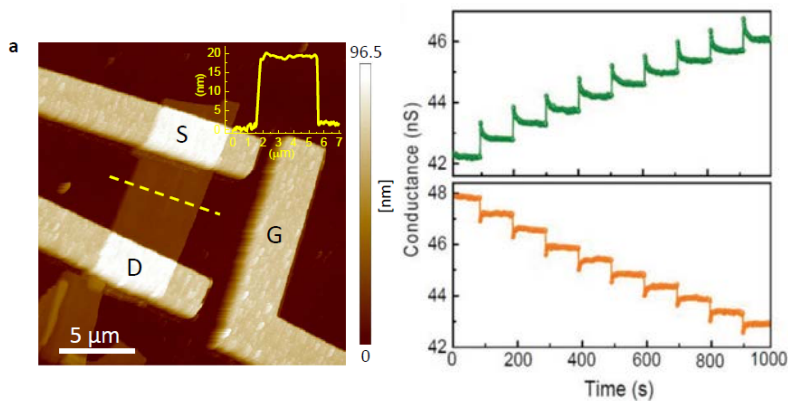
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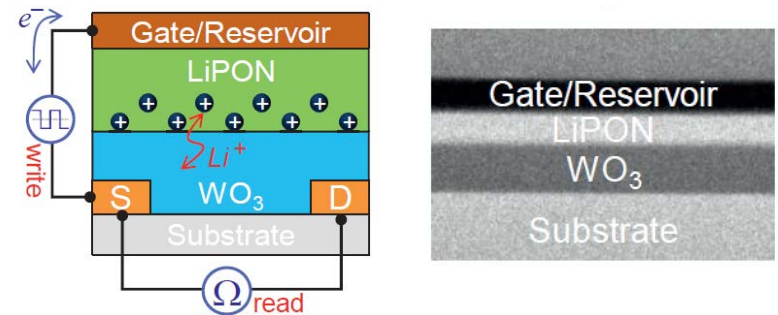
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## LISTA - MoO<sub>x</sub>



C-S. Yang, D-S. Shang, N. Liu, E. J. Fuller, S. Agrawal, A. A. Talin, Y-Q. Li, B-G. Shen, Y. Sun, *Adv. Funct. Mat.* 1804170 2018

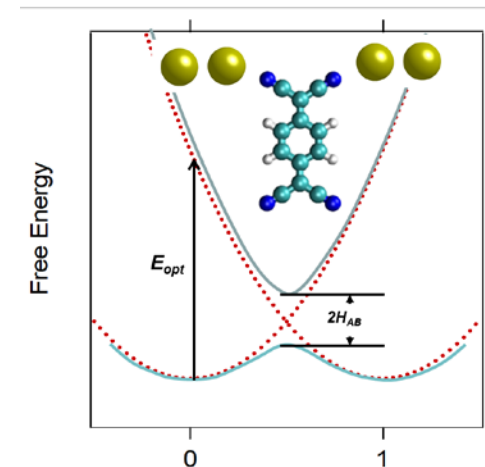
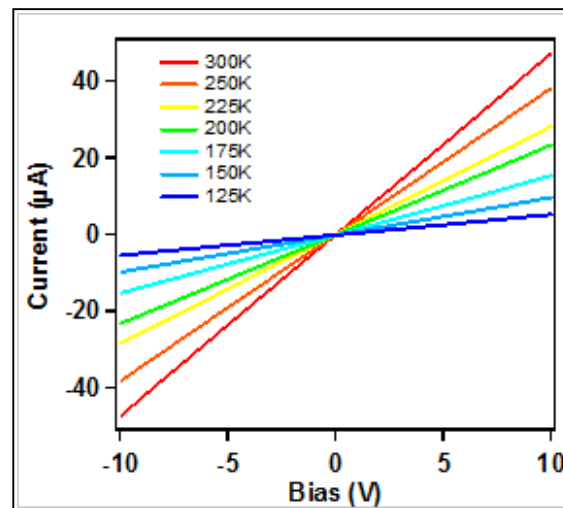
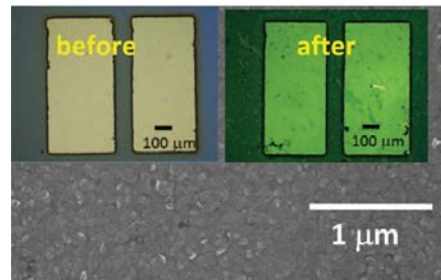
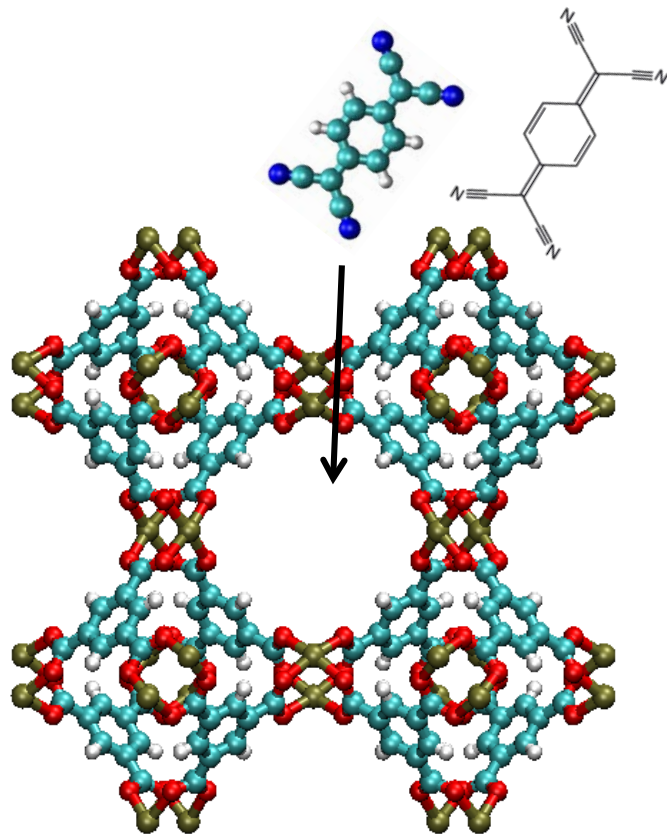
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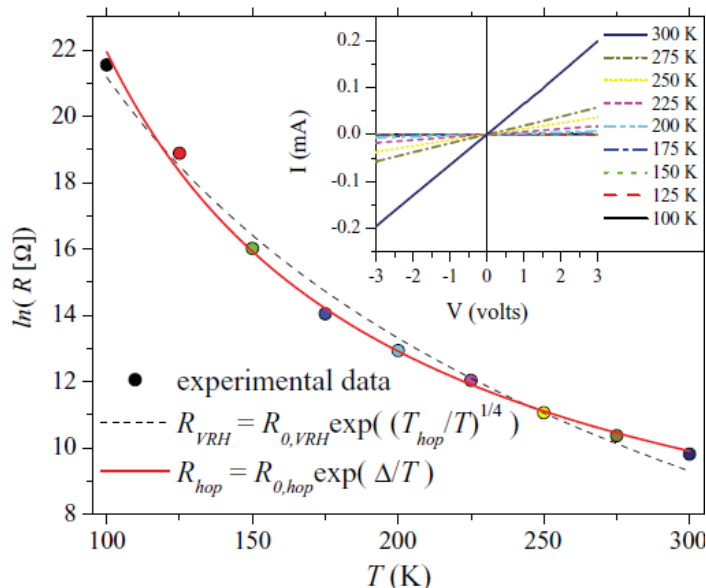
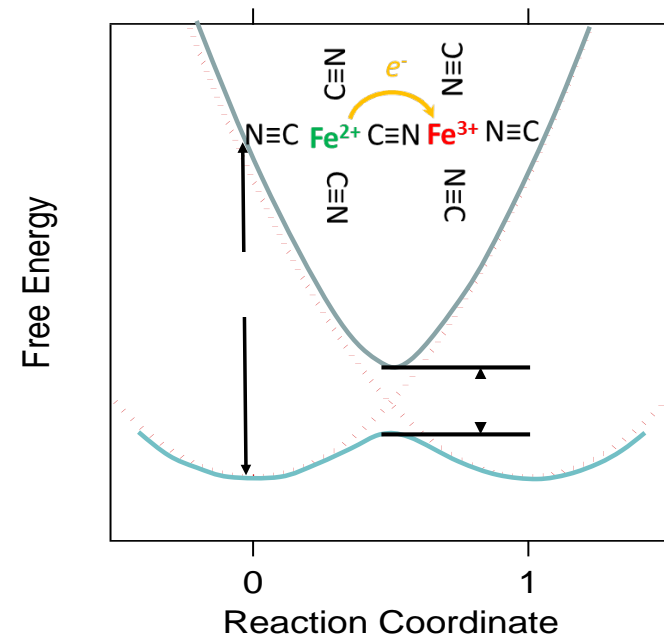
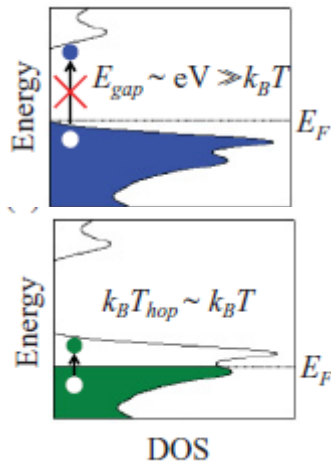
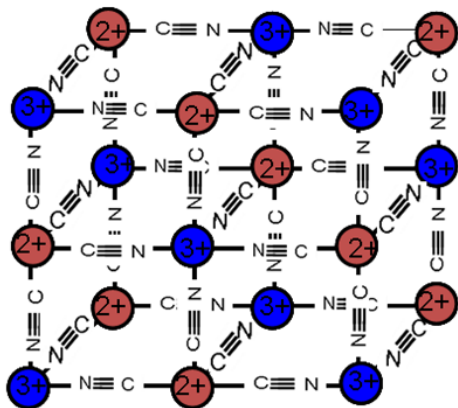
# Metal organic frameworks (MOFs)

- *high density of redox states*
- *structural porosity for high ionic transport*
- *tailor electronic transport through metal-ligand coupling*



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# PB analogs display ultrafast H<sup>+</sup>, tunable e<sup>-</sup> transport



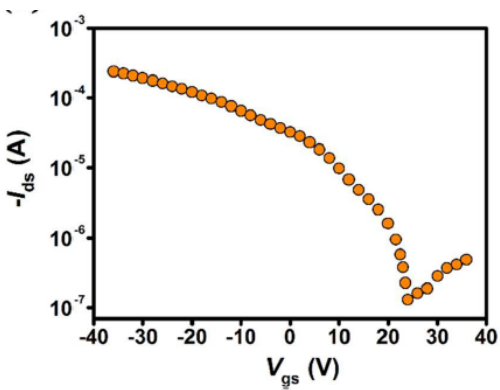
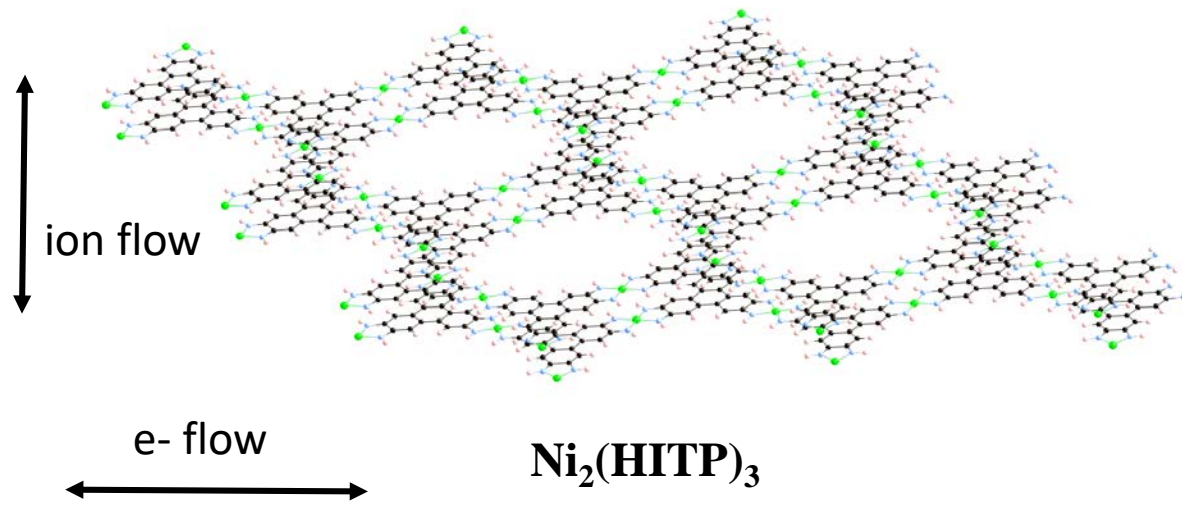
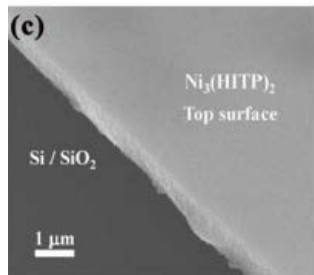
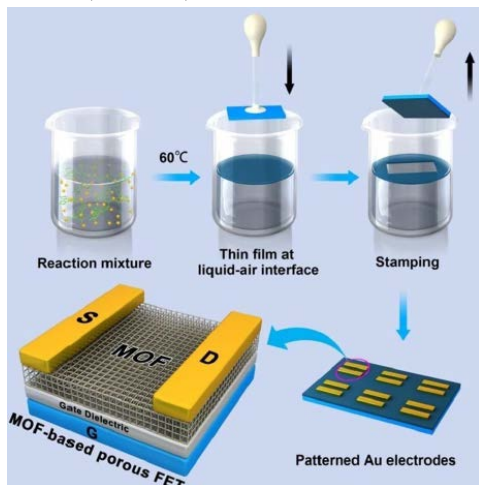
Pajeroski et al., Phys. Rev. B **83**, 153202 (2011)

$$\Delta G^* = \frac{(\lambda - 2H_{AB})^2}{4\lambda} \quad H_{AB} = \langle \Psi_A | H | \Psi_B \rangle$$

- Class I: ~ weak/no coupling
- Class II ~ moderate coupling
- Class III ~ strong coupling

# 2D semiconducting MOFs

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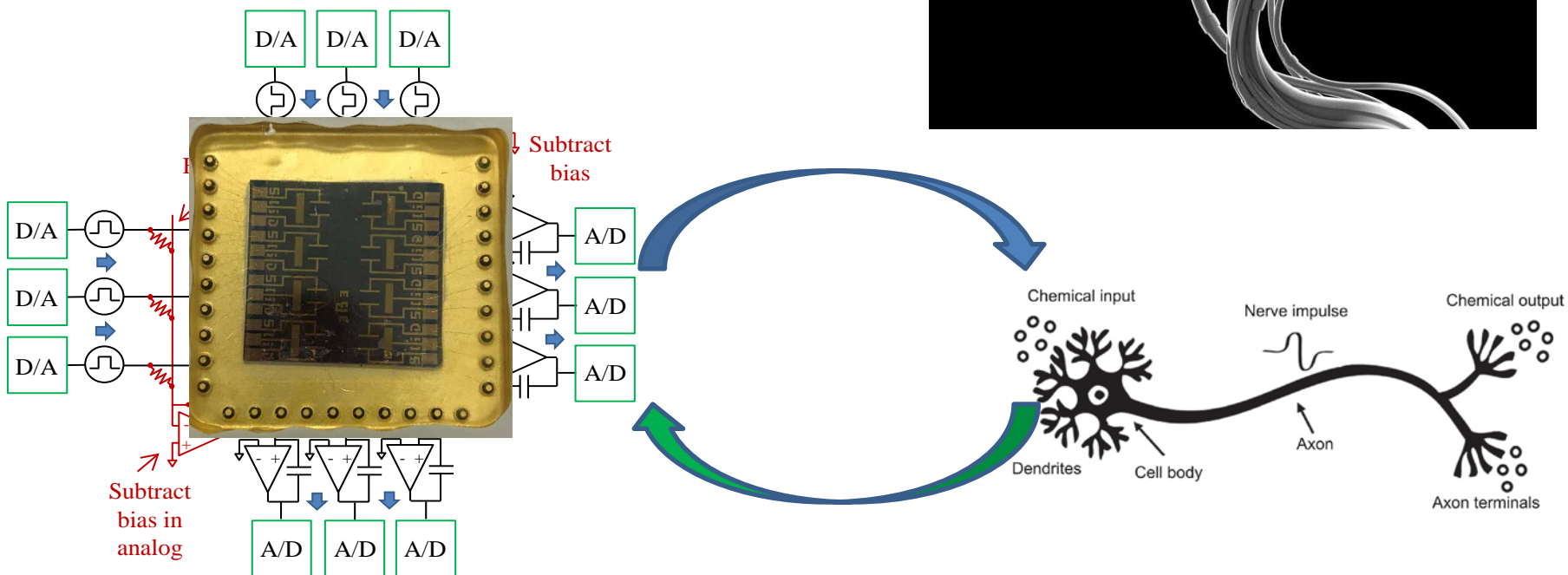
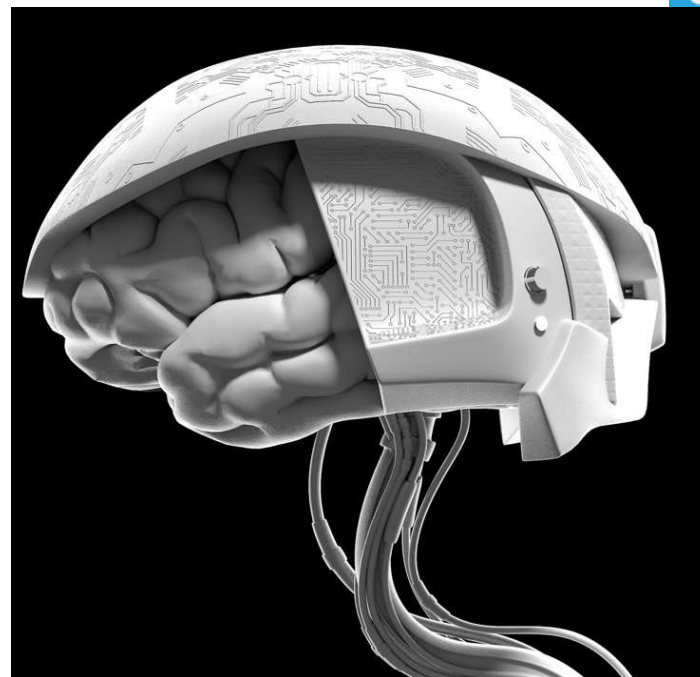


# The Pentagon's Push to Program Soldiers' Brains

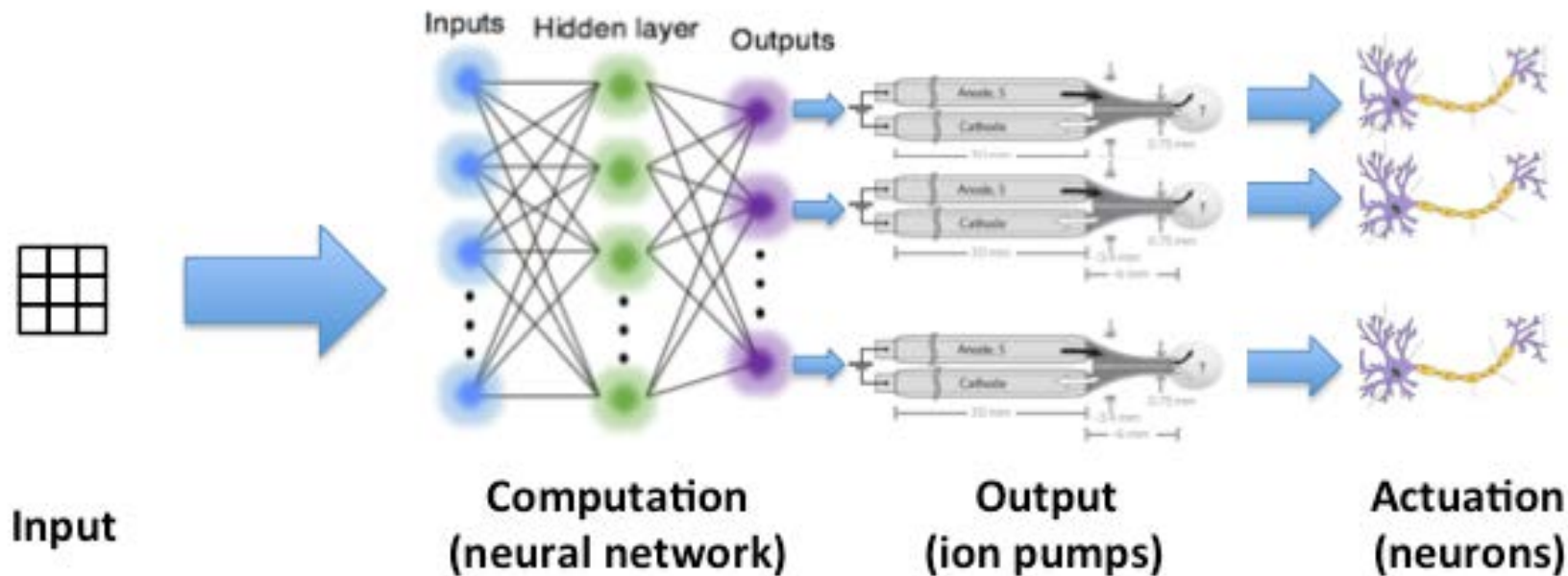


**The mission is to make human beings something other than what we are, with powers beyond the ones we're born with.**

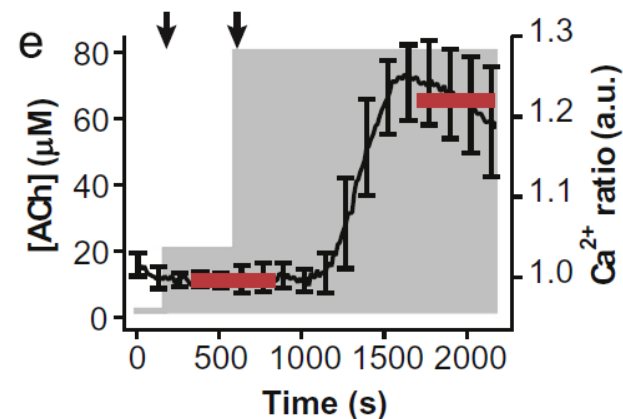
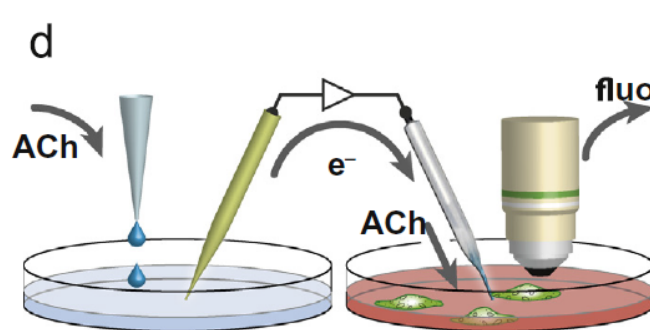
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# Polymer NVRM for brain-machine interface

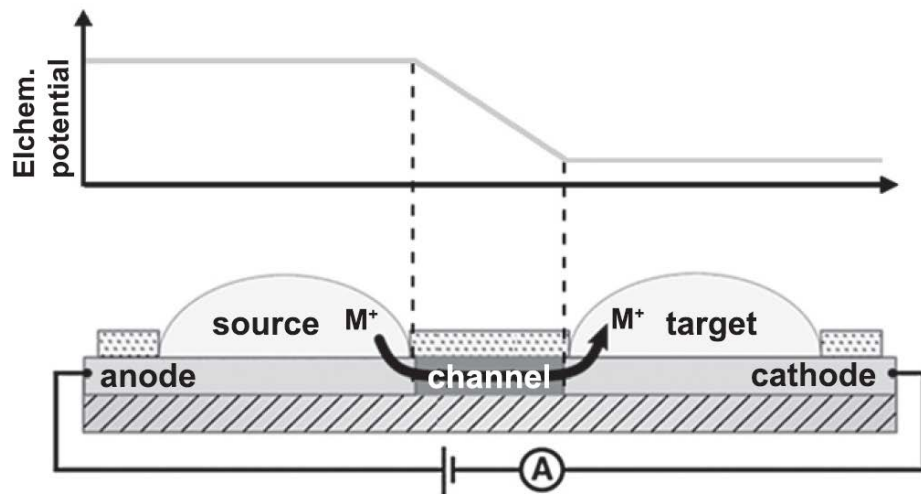


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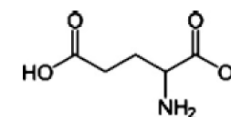
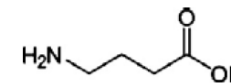
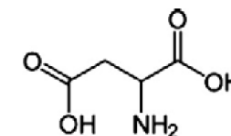
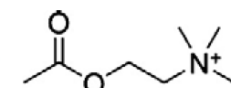
# PEDOT:PSS ionic-electronic neurotransmitter pumps



- hydrophobic encapsulation
- PEDOT:PSS
- over-oxidized PEDOT:PSS channel
- PET substrate

K. C. Larsson, P. Kjäll, A. Richter-Dahlfors, *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta* 1830 (2013) 4334

Ions		
Na <sup>+</sup>	Involved in the initiation of action potentials.	80%
K <sup>+</sup>	Maintain the resting potential in excitable cells.	100%
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Important second messenger in cell signaling, dictates release of neurotransmitters.	100%
<i>Neurotransmitters</i>		
Acetylcholine	Neurotransmitter in the CNS and PNS.	100%
Aspartate	Excitatory neurotransmitter in the CNS.	16%
GABA	Major inhibitory neurotransmitter in CNS.	77%
Glutamate	Major excitatory neurotransmitter in the CNS.	37%





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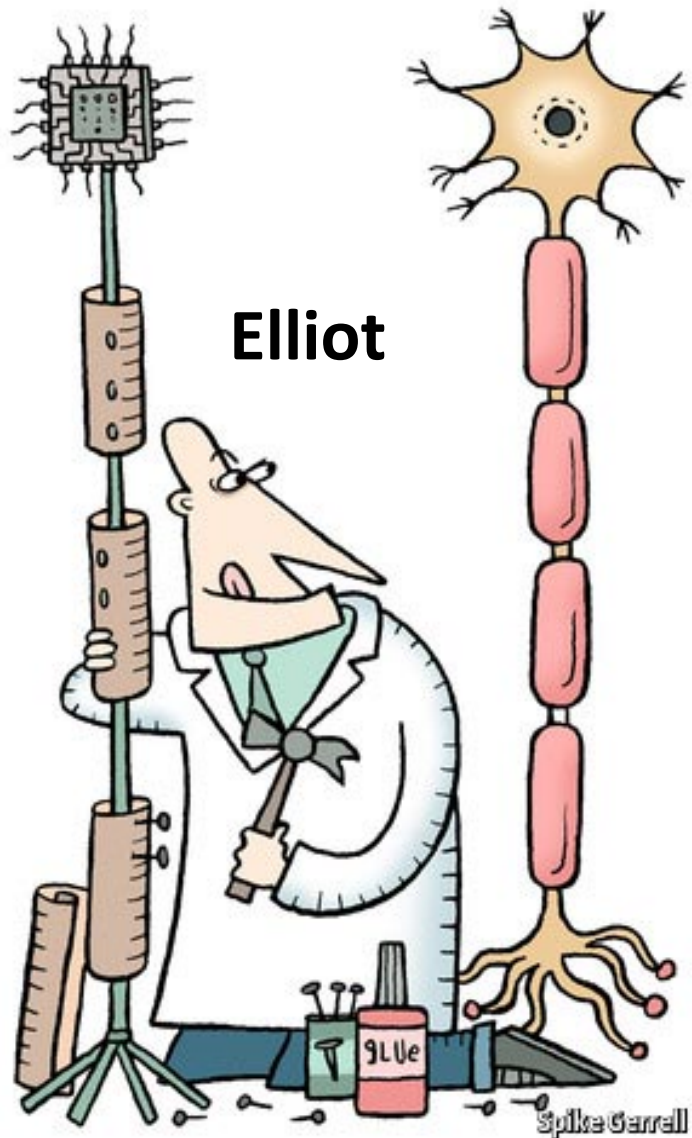
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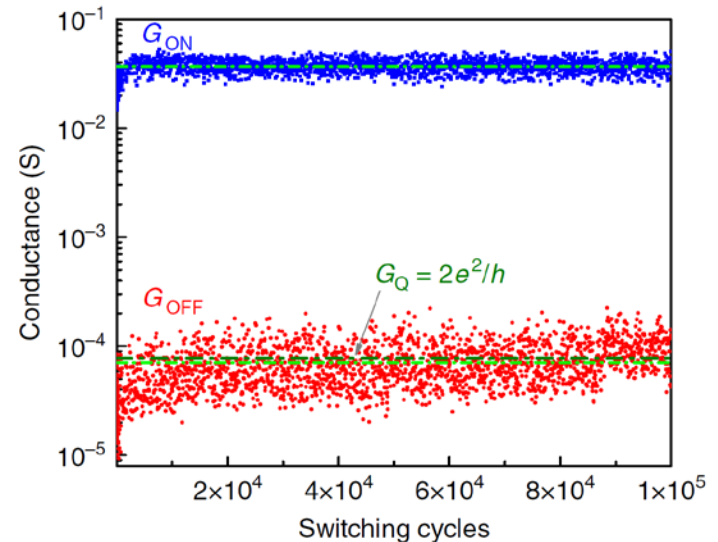
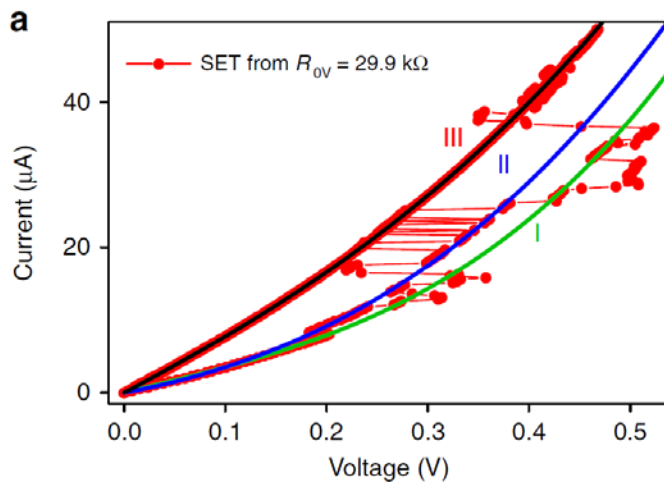
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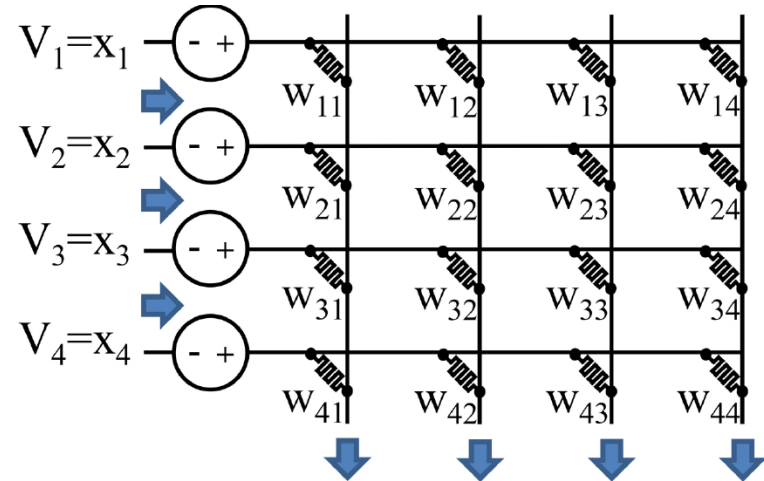
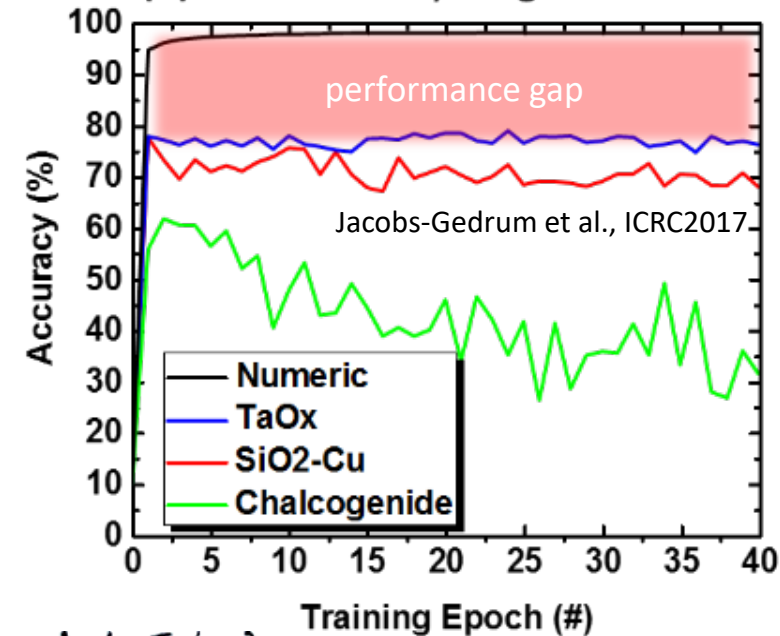
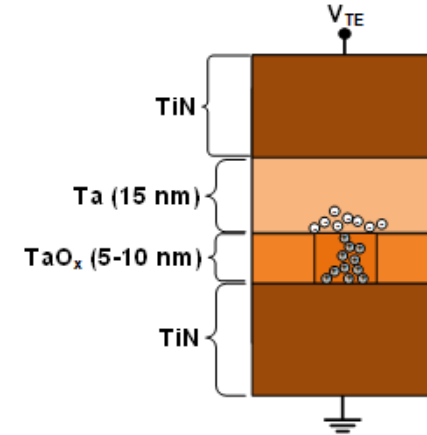
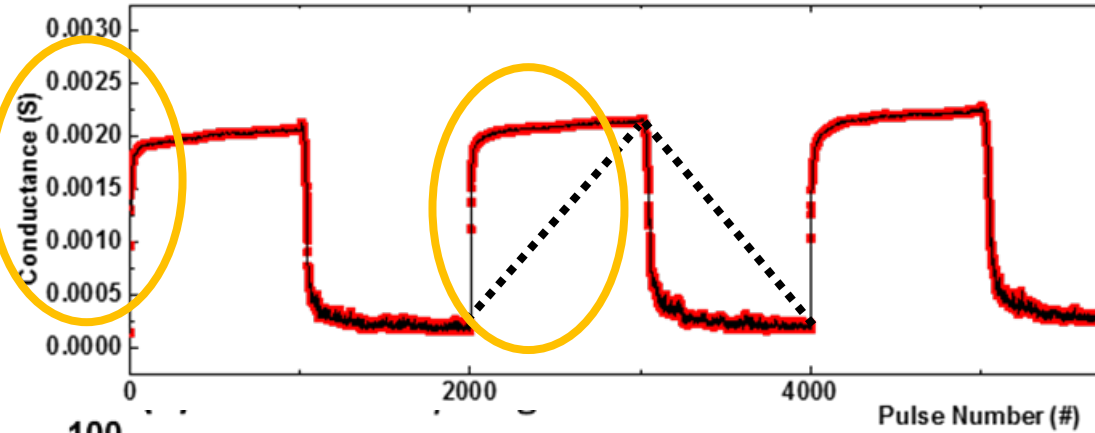
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## Quantized conductance coincides with state instability and excess noise in tantalum oxide memristors

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# Non-linearity, high conductance limit accuracy, scaling



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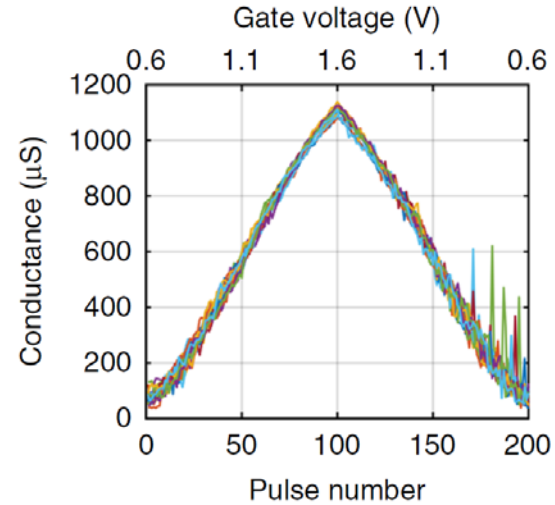
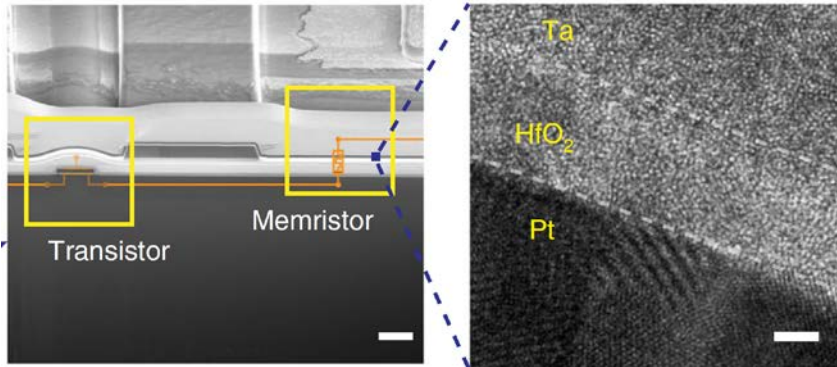
Data set	# Training Examples	# Test Examples	Network Size
MNIST Large Digits	60,000	10,000	784×300×10

# Linearity BUT conductance high, needs reset



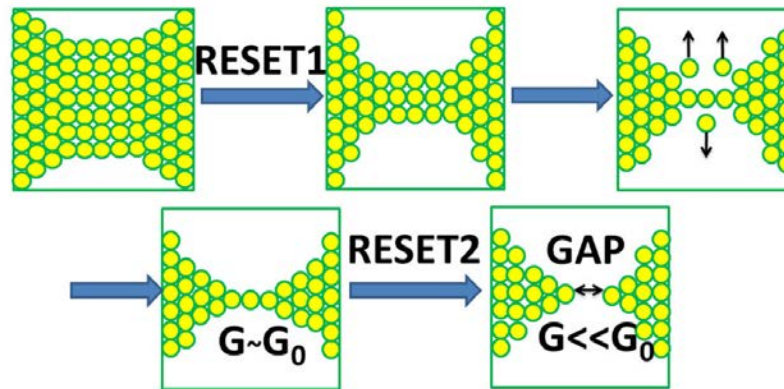
- Increase conductance → synchronized V+ to memristor, FET gate; set I compliance
- Decrease conductance → reinitialize memristor, then increase conductance as above

20 cycles for a single device



100 μS →  
0.1mA @1V!

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$$G_o = 2e^2/h = 13k\Omega$$