

# **ME 517: Micro- and Nanoscale Processes**

## **Lecture 33: Electrokinetics - IV**

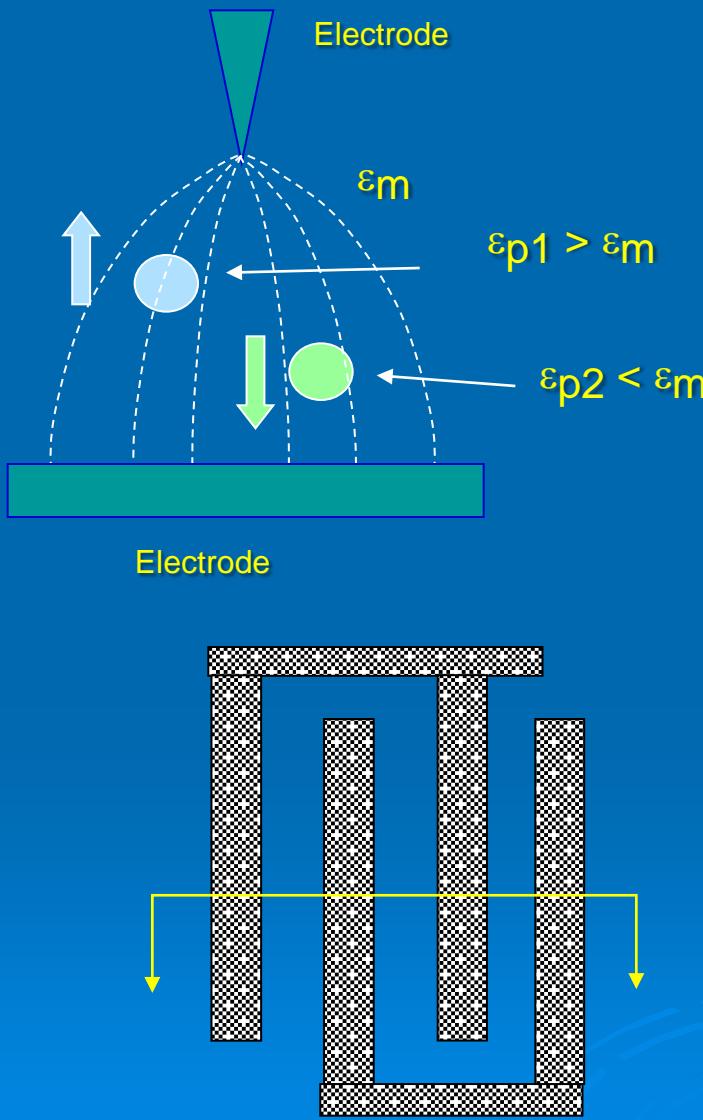
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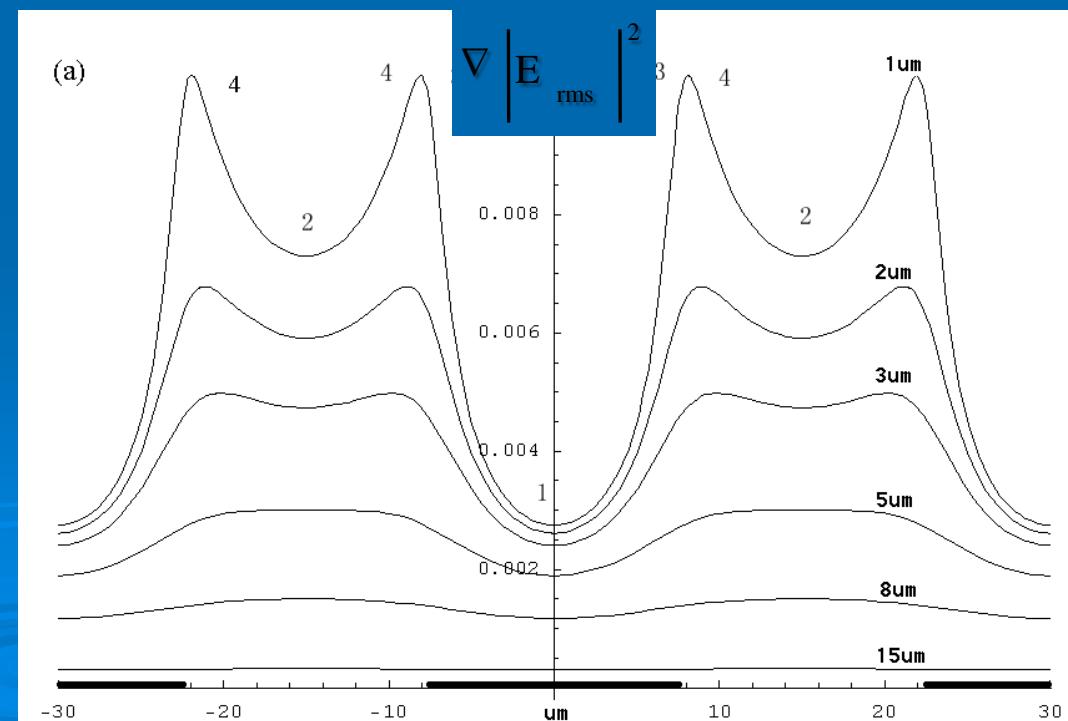
# Interdigitated Electrodes

H. Li, R. Bashir, Sensors and Actuators B



$$F = 2 \pi r^3 \epsilon_m \epsilon_0 \operatorname{Re}[f_{CM}] \nabla |E_{rms}|^2$$

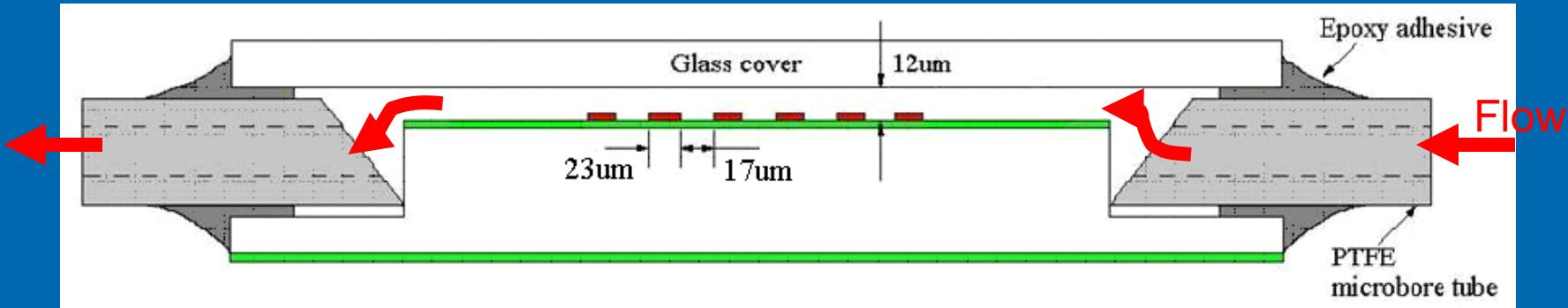
$$f_{CM}(\epsilon_p, \epsilon_m) = \frac{\epsilon_p - \epsilon_m}{\epsilon_p + 2\epsilon_m} \quad \epsilon_p = \epsilon(\omega)$$



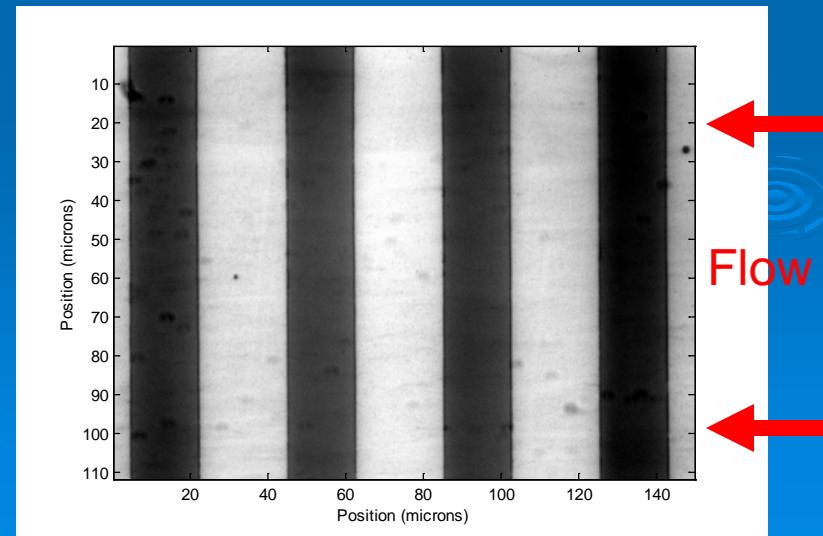
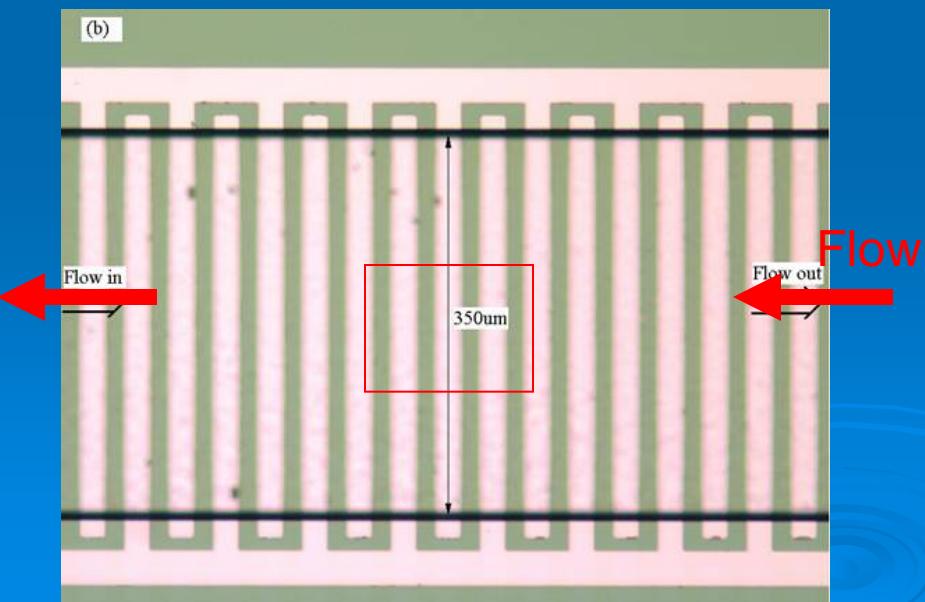
# Experimental Setup

Whitacre and Wereley, BioMEMS, 2007

Schematic of the device cross-section:

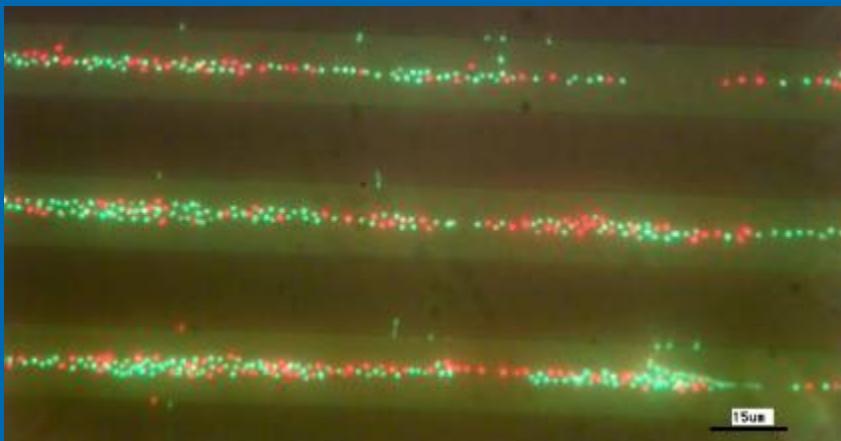


Photograph of the chamber (top view):



# Manipulation of *L. innocua*

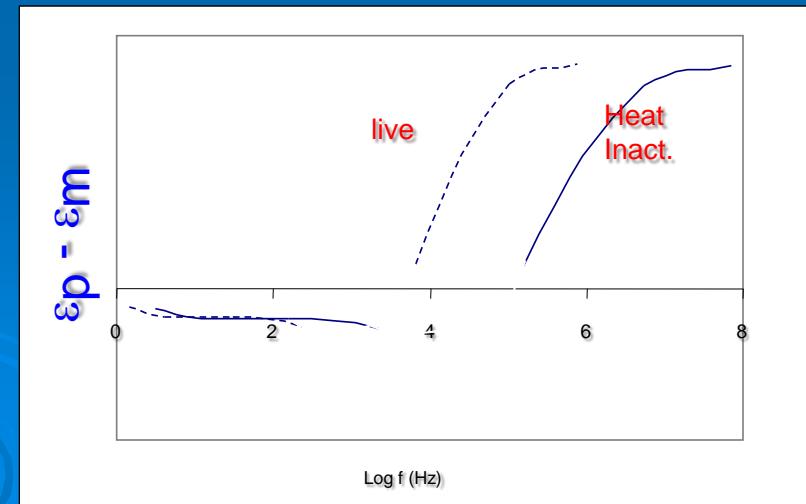
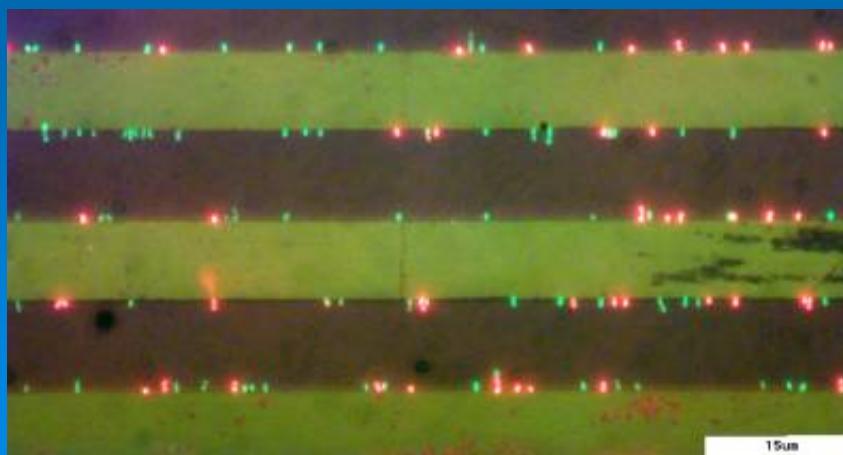
Negative DEP – AC voltage of  
1V ( $V_{pp}$ ) and 1KHz



live cells (positive DEP), dead cells  
(negative DEP)  
1V ( $V_{pp}$ ) and 50KHz,



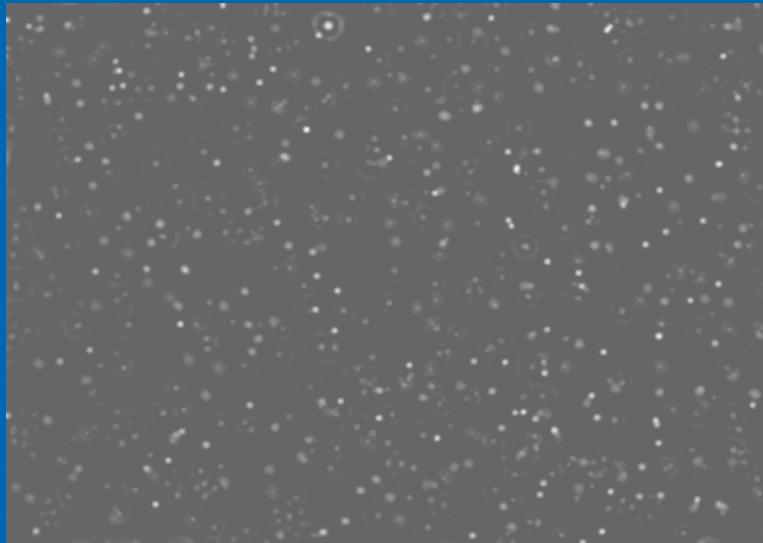
Positive DEP – AC voltage of  
1V ( $V_{pp}$ ) and 100KHz



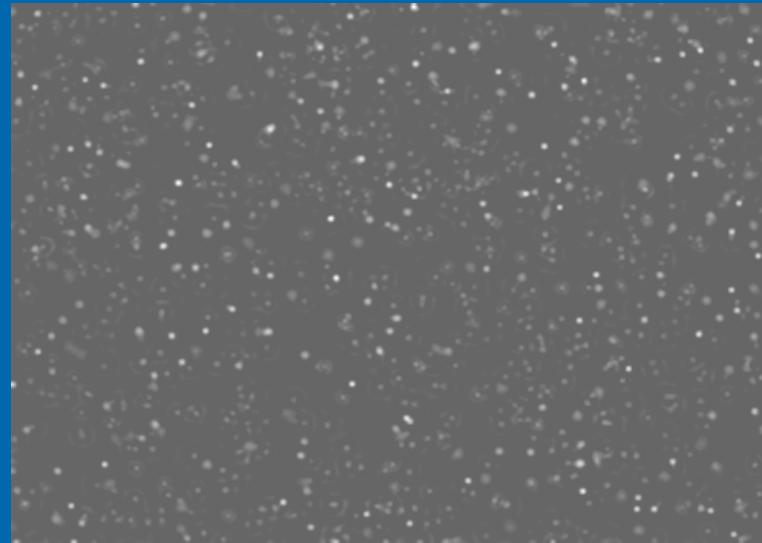
# Qualitative DEP Results

60x objective, 0.69  $\mu\text{m}$  particles, DOF~3  $\mu\text{m}$

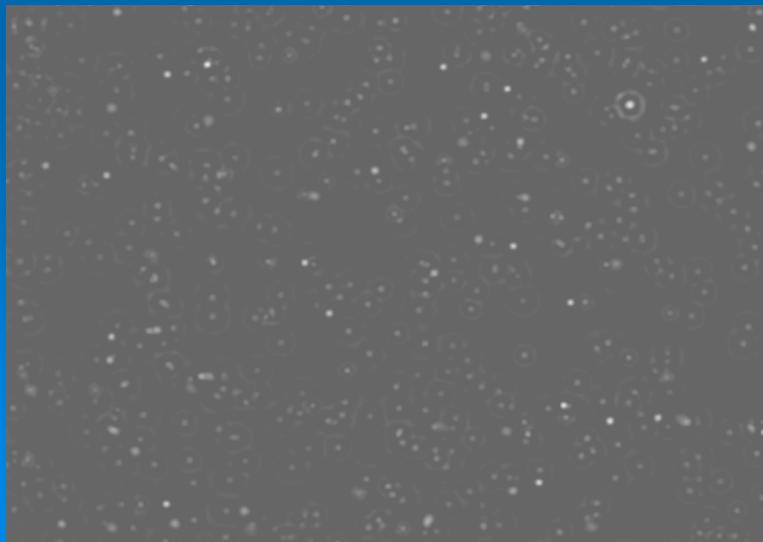
0.5V



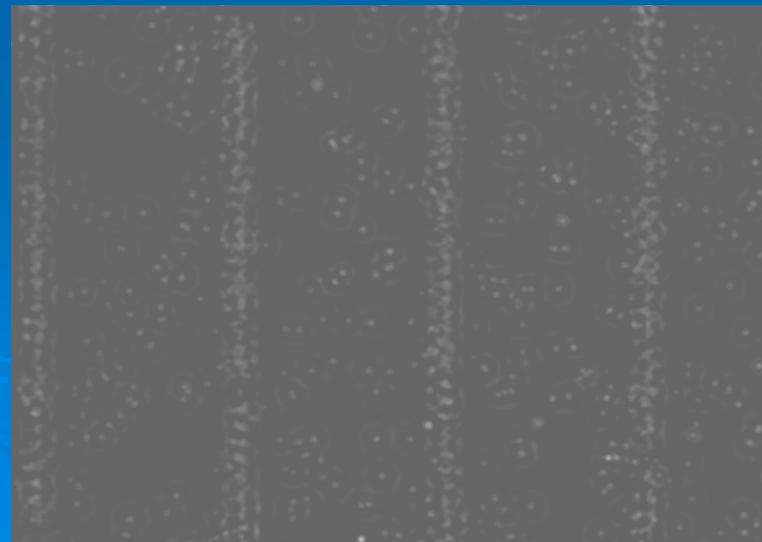
2.0V



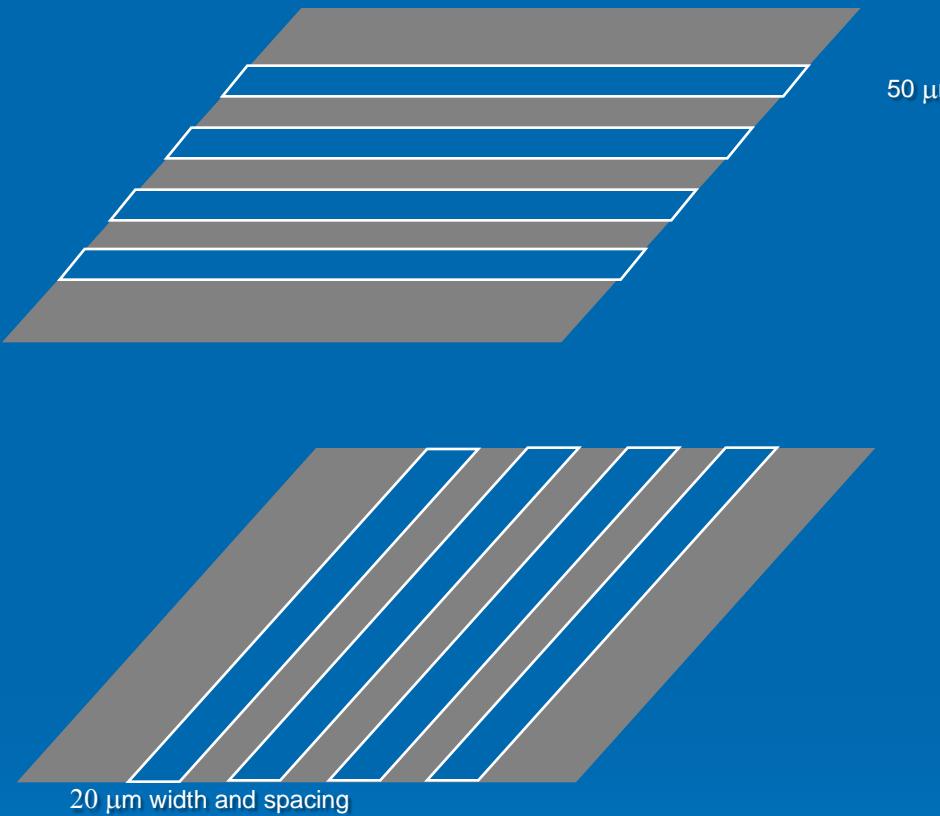
2.5V



4.0V

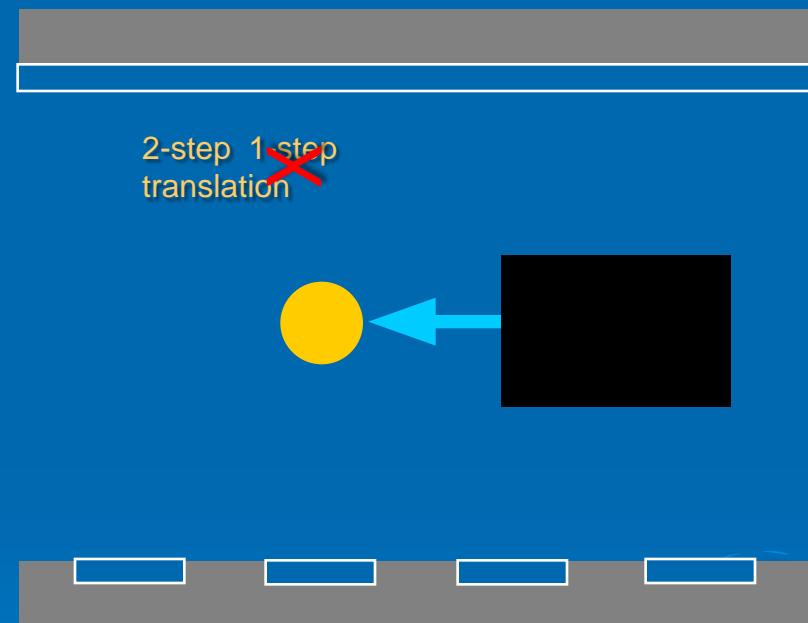


# DEP Manipulation Schemes (nDEP)



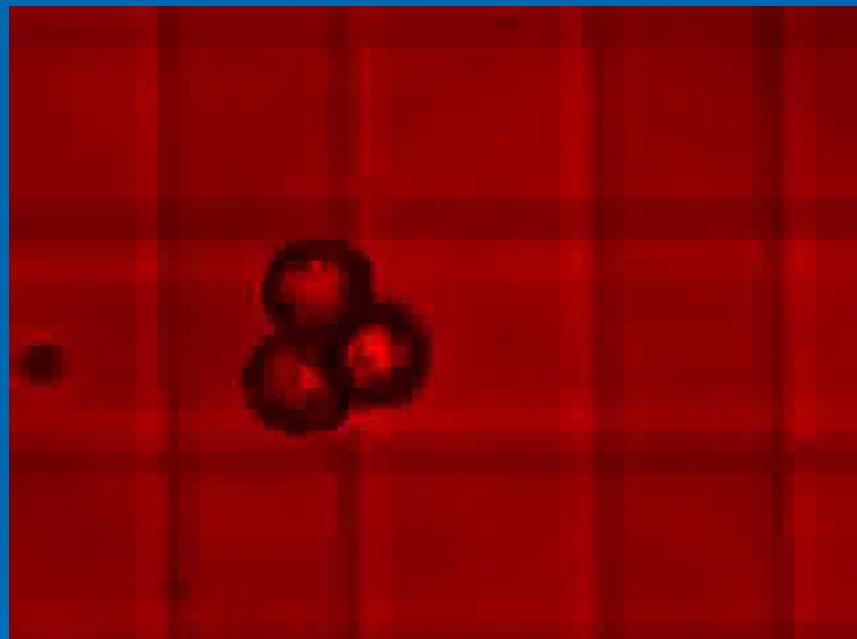
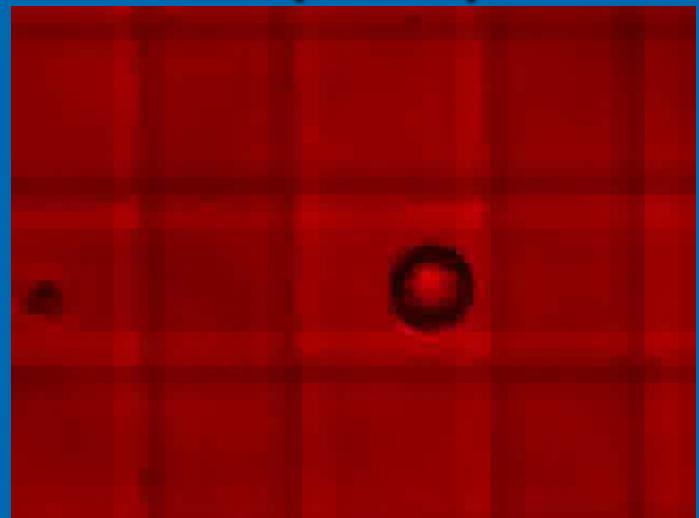
- Not Connected
- + V
- V
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3D arrangement  
2D arrangement



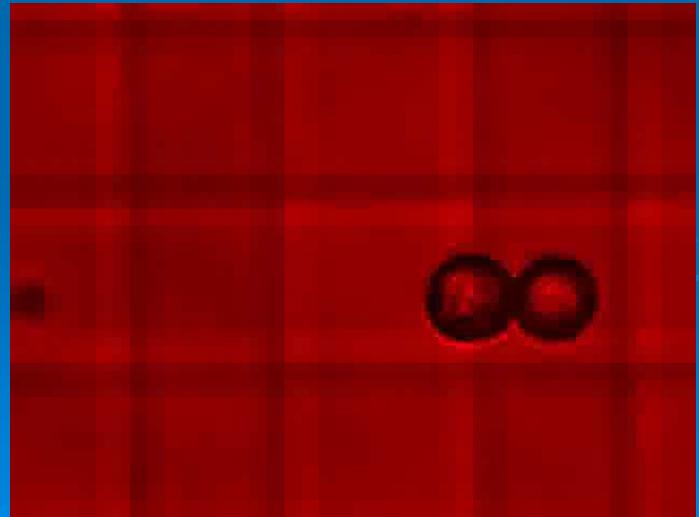
# DEP Trapping Results (3D)

T = 2.0 sec  
13 V<sub>pk-pk</sub>



T = 0.5 sec  
20 V<sub>pk-pk</sub>

T = 1.0 sec  
15 V<sub>pk-pk</sub>



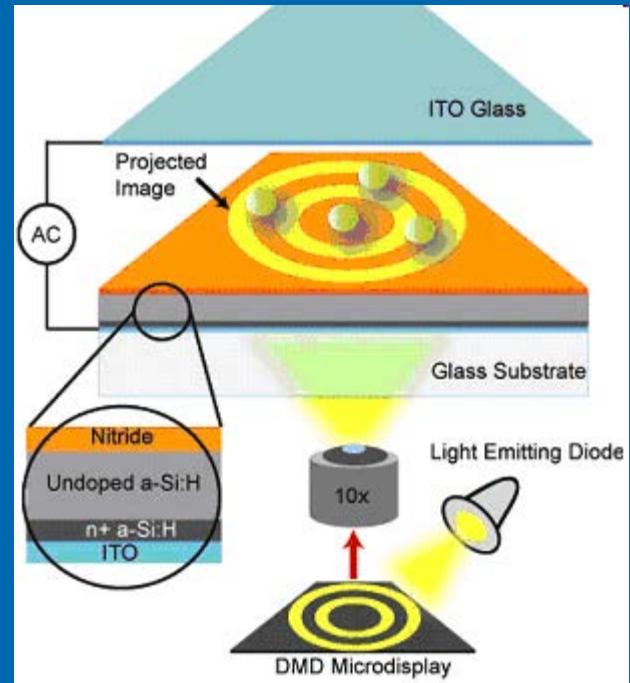
[Movie Link 1](#)  
[Movie Link 2](#)  
[Movie Link 3](#)

# Optical Interaction with Electrodes

- Opto-electric tweezers (OET)
  - DEP with dynamically definable electrodes
- Rapid electrokinetic patterning (REP)
  - Electrothermal fluid flow plus particle polarization

# Optoelectronic Tweezers (OET)

- Couple illumination with photosensitive materials (a:Si) to generate non-uniform electric fields
  - Dielectrophoresis
  - ACEO
  
- REP differs:
  - Uniform electric field
  - Polarization mechanisms
  - Greater fluid conductivity\*



Chiou, P.Y., et al., *Nature* (2005)

