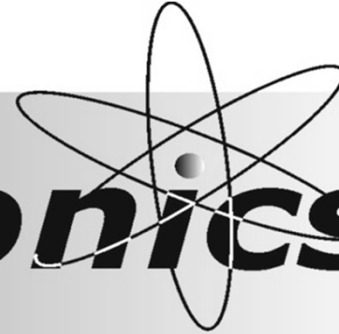


Nano**Electronics**



BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES IN DEVELOPING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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*Nanoelectronics is where physics, material science,
chemistry and electric engineering inevitably meet.*

OUTLOOK

✓ INTRODUCTION

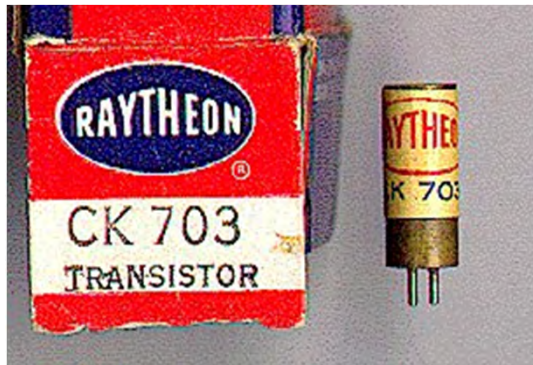
✓ SELF-ASSEMBLED NANOSTRUCTURES. DNA AND
NANOELECTRONICS

- 1 - TEMPLATE FOR CONSTRUCTING NANOCIRCUITS;
- 2 - THE POTENTIAL TO PERFORM CALCULATIONS;
- 3 - COMPUTATIONAL CIRCUIT; LOGIC GATE.

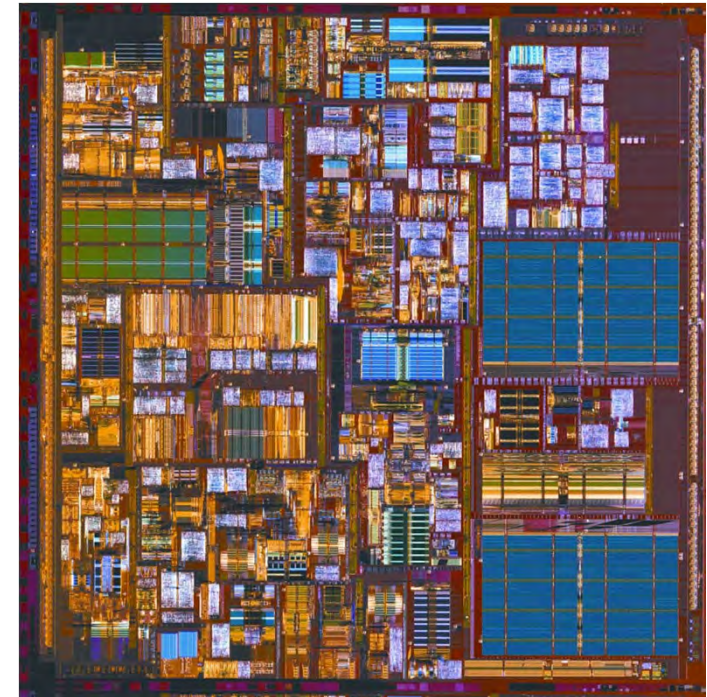
✓ CONCLUSION

DEVELOPMENT OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

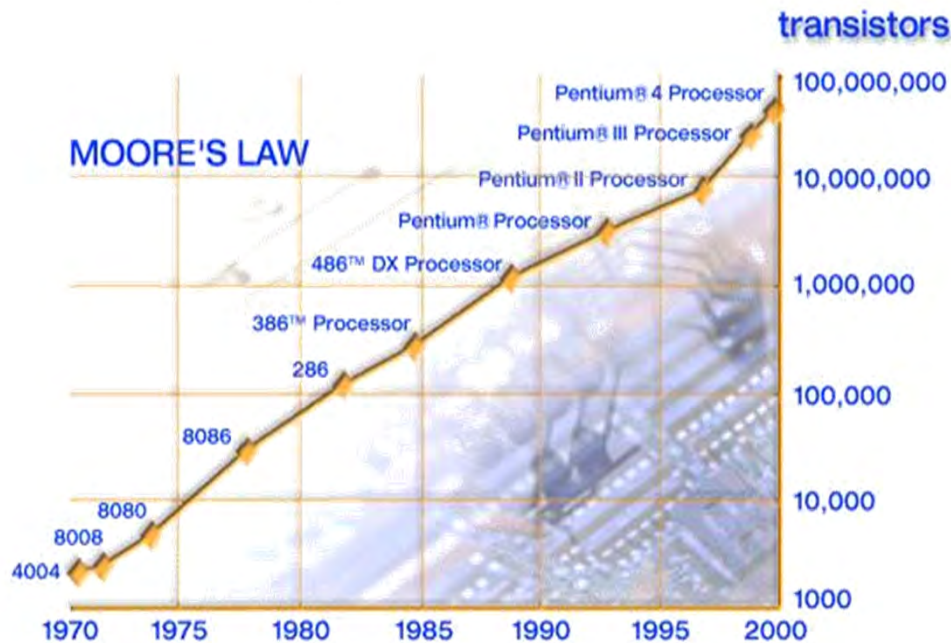
✓ BASES OF IC - metal-oxide-semiconductor (MOS) field-effect transistor (FET)



First commercial point contact transistor (1948)



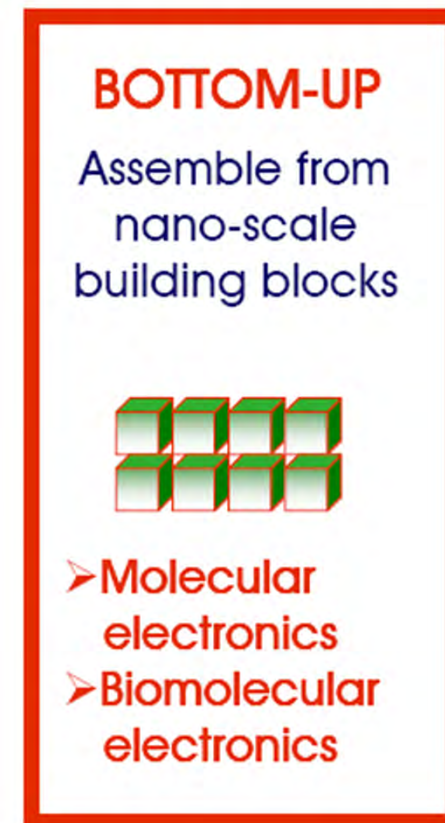
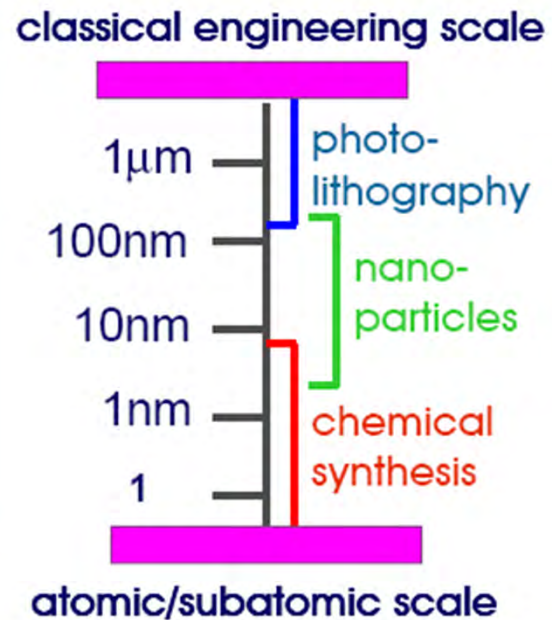
Layout *Pentium* chip (2006)
 55×10^9 transistors ($\sim 1.3 \mu\text{m}$)



MOSFET

3 nm (for RAM) < hSiO_2 < 5 nm (for ROM)

LIMITING FACTOR – The horizontal size



Denser devices scaling down MOSFETs to a gate length < 20 nm

- failure of the current driving capacity;
- thermal fluctuations;
- tunneling through the junction
- power dissipation

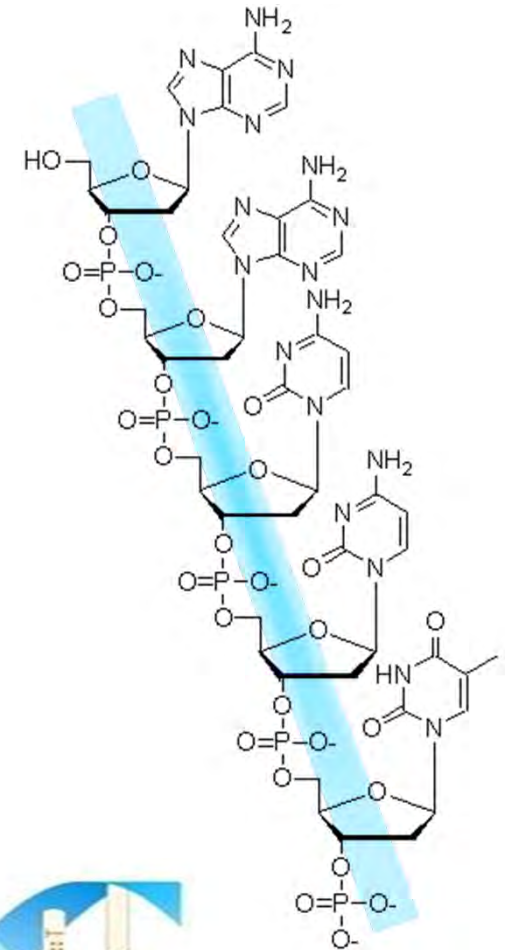
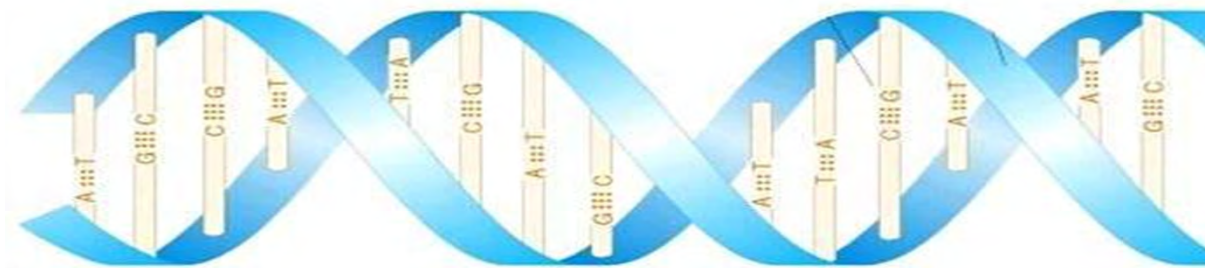
(BIO) MOLECULAR ELECTRONICS

- nanotechnology have already been achieved by biological systems
- machinery to “self-assemble” artificial structures

SELF-ASSEMBLED NANOSTRUCTURES; DNA IN NANOELECTRONICS

Why Use DNA to Build Devices?

- ✓ Molecules self-assemble to their minimum energy configuration;
- ✓ Molecules form stable structures;
- ✓ Control of DNA structure through its nucleotide sequence;
- ✓ Control of molecular interactions through sticky ends;
- ✓ Very small size (~ 2 nm in diameter).

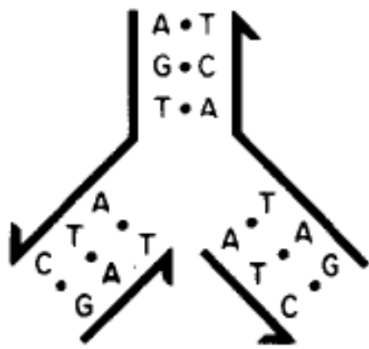


TEMPLATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS

CONTROL OF DNA STRUCTURE

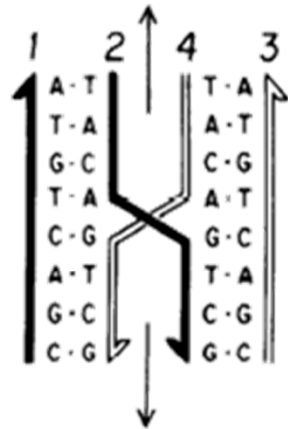
✓ DNA replication

- ✓ replication fork
- ✓ *helicases* separates the strands



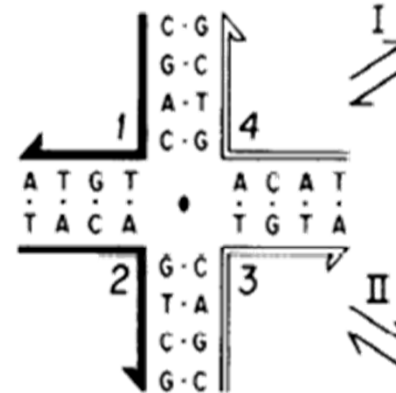
✓ Formation of junctions

- ✓ *recombinases* allows the crossover

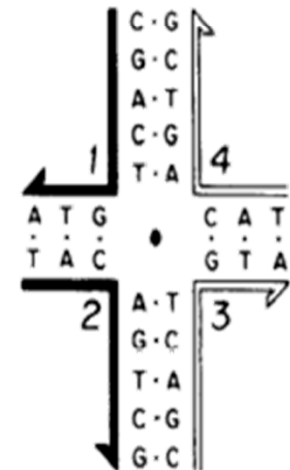
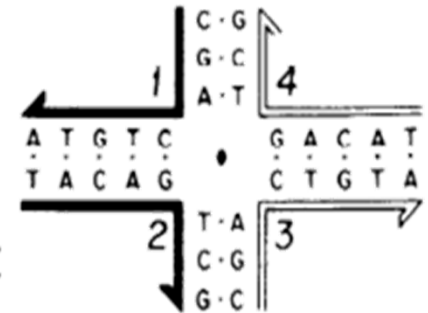


Holliday junction
genetic recombination

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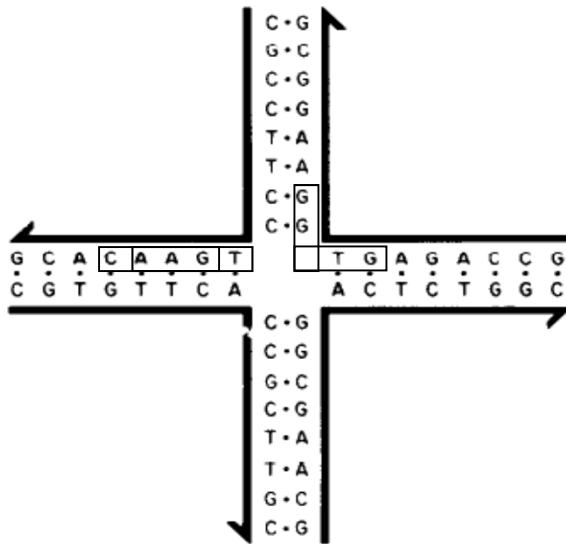
Cruciform structure
gene expression



Mechanisms driven by enzymes.
Unlikely to occur only mixing ODN.

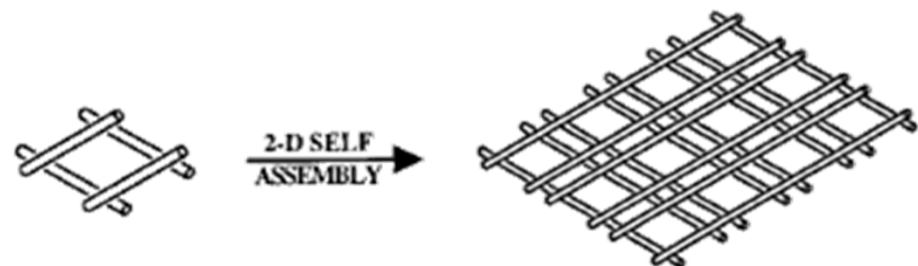
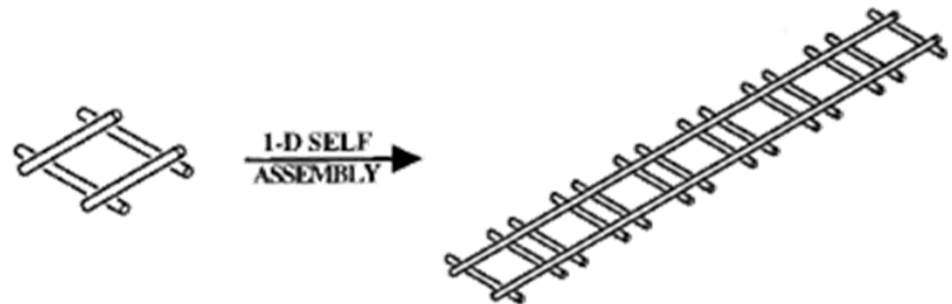
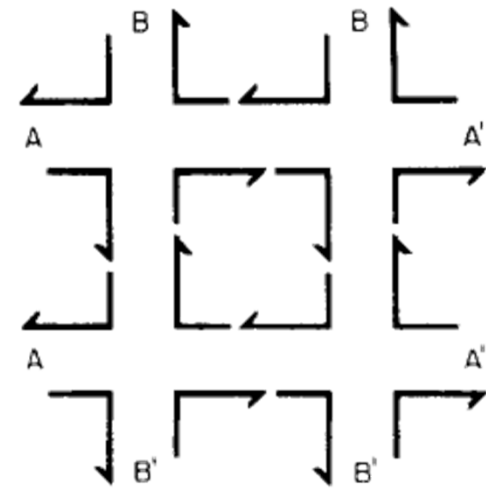
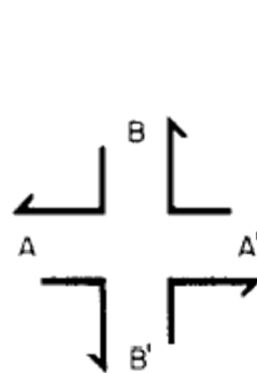
TEMPLATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS

IMOBILE JUNCTION



- Each criton must be unique
- The anti-criton spanning a bend must not be present in any strand
- Self-complementary critons not allowed
- The same base pair can only abut the junction twice and must not be on adjacent arms.

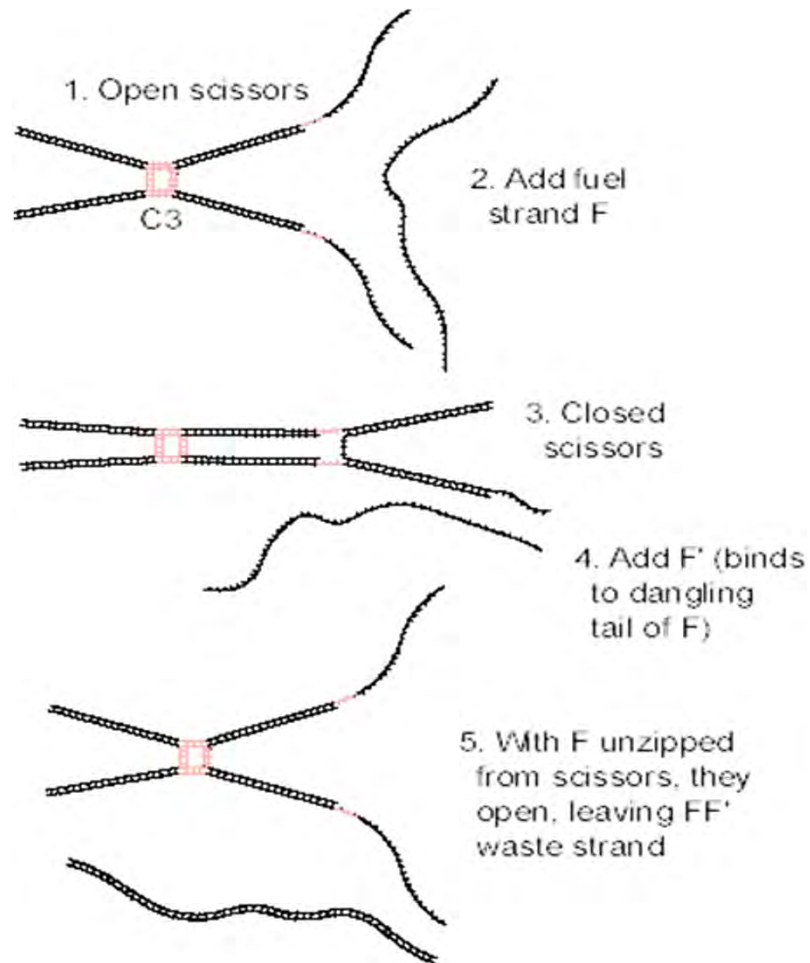
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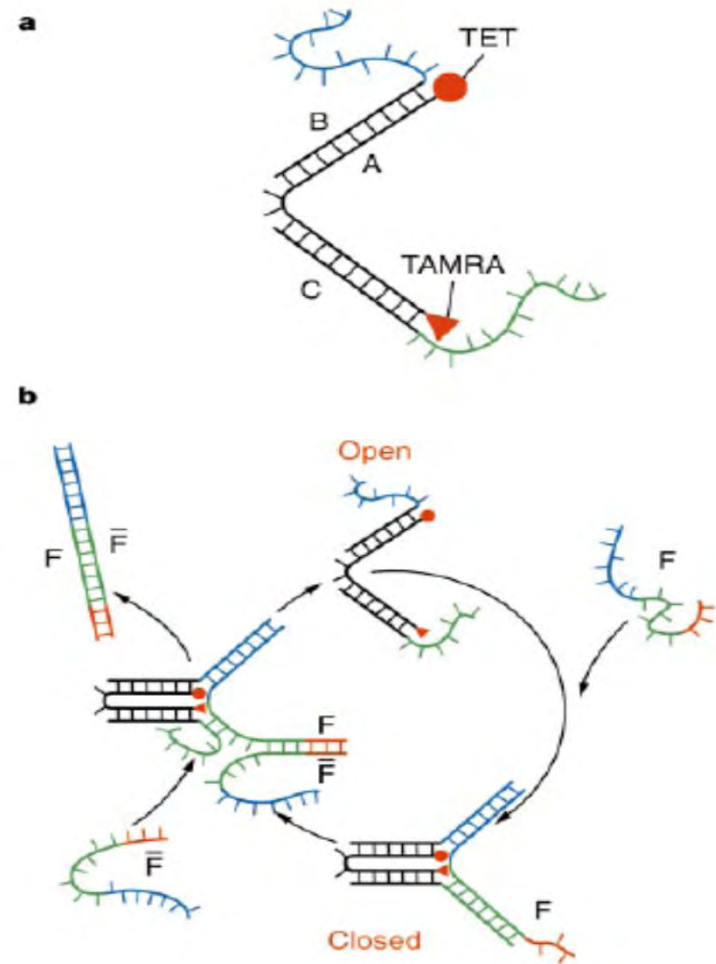
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✓ *Molecular motors - transfer of molecule free energy and removal of strand into mechanical action*

DNA Scissor

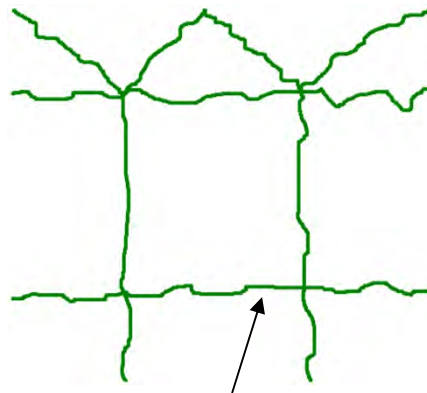


DNA Tweezer



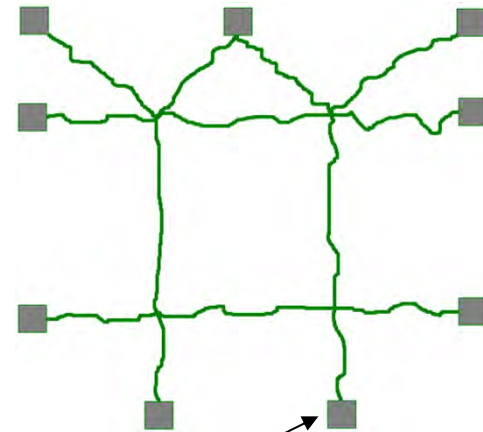
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a) assembly of DNA into networks



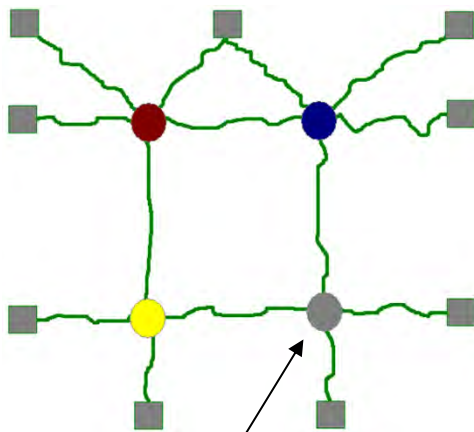
DNA network

b) integration into a contact array



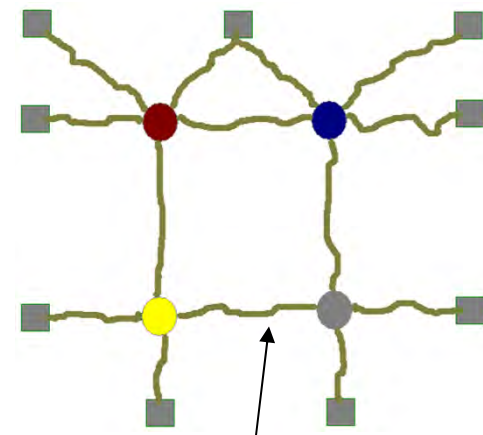
nanocontact

c) functional elements must be positioned



device

d) metallization



metallized DNA

ELECTRICAL CONDUCTION THROUGH DNA

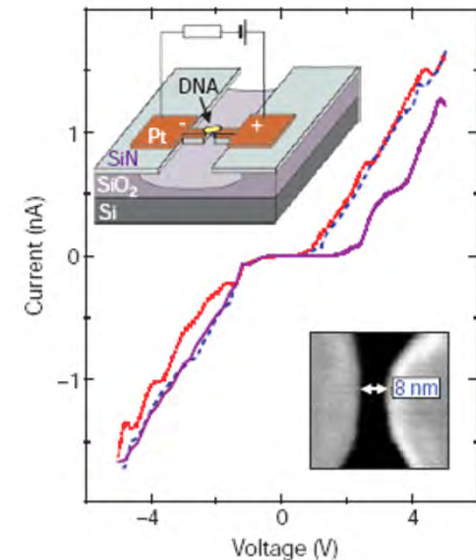
INSULATOR

- 16 μm -long λ -DNA, 12-16 μm -spaced electrodes, single molecule
Braun et al., Nature, 391 (1998) 775.
 - ✓ Template for conducting Ag nanowires
- 1.8 μm -long λ -DNA, SFM, single molecule
de Pablo et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., 85 (2000) 4992



SEMICONDUCTOR

- 10.4 nm-long (30 bp) poly(G)-poly(C), 8 nm-spaced electrodes
Porath et al., Nature, 403 (2000) 635



CONDUCTOR

- 600 nm-long λ -DNA, bundles in 2 nm hole
Fink and Schonenberg, Nature, 398 (1999) 6726
 - ✓ coherent tunnelling (no energy exchange)
 - ✓ thermal hopping between separated G.C base pairs

DNA TEMPLATED CNFET

(i) RecA Polymerization



(ii) Homologous recombination



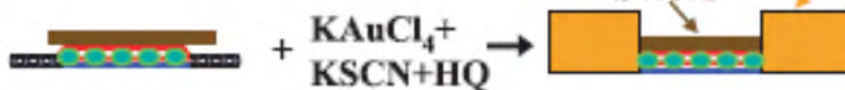
(iii) Localization of a SWNT using antibodies



(iv) RecA protects against silver reduction



(v) Gold metallization



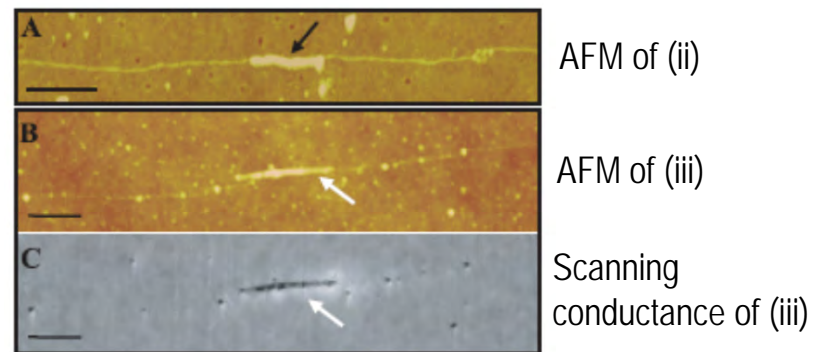
(i) RecA (*E. Coli*) monomers polymerize on a ssDNA molecule to form a nucleoprotein filament.

(ii) Homologous recombination reaction leads to binding of the nucleoprotein filament at the desired address on an aldehydederivatized scaffold dsDNA molecule.

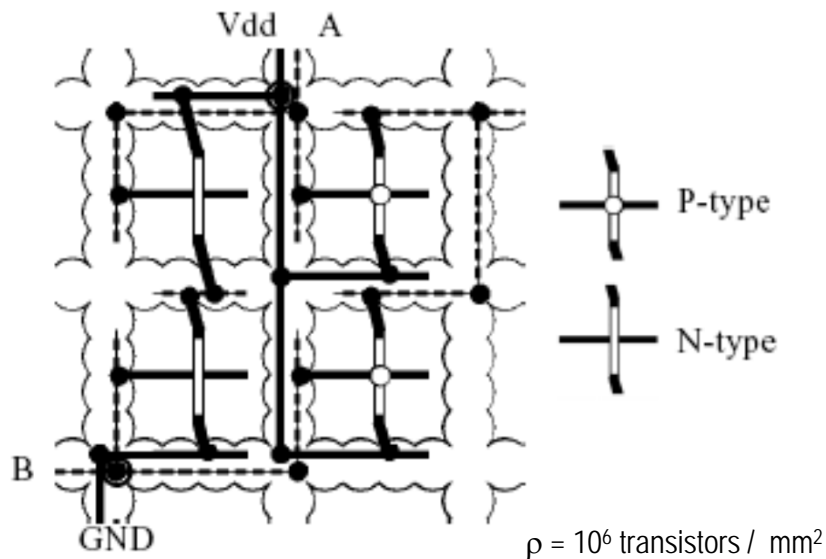
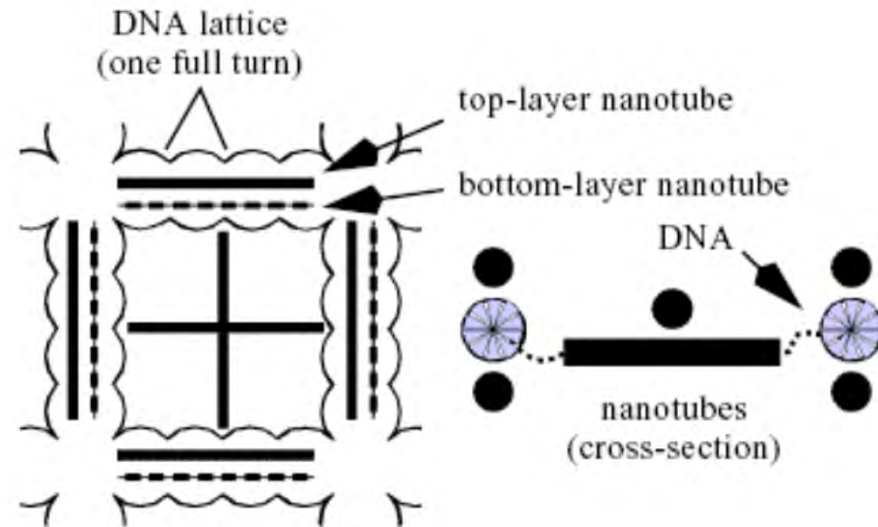
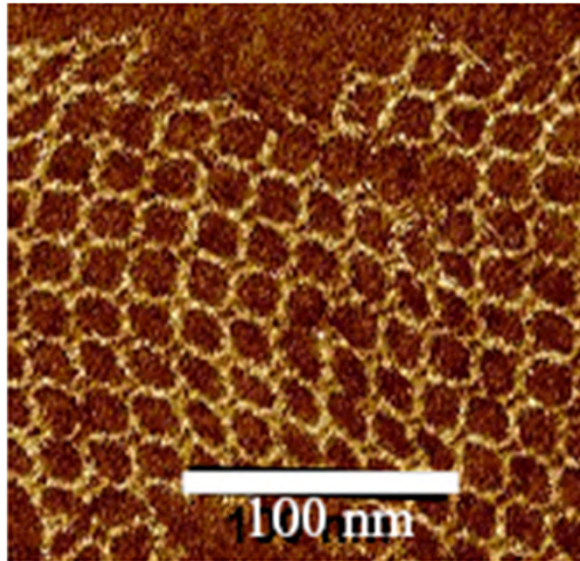
(iii) The DNA-bound RecA is used to localize a streptavidin-functionalized SWNT, utilizing a primary antibody to RecA and a biotin-conjugated secondary antibody.

(iv) Incubation in an AgNO₃ solution leads to the formation of silver clusters on the segments that are unprotected by RecA.

(v) Electroless gold deposition, using the silver clusters as nucleation centers, results in the formation of two DNA-templated gold wires contacting the SWNT bound at the gap.



CNFET SELF-ASSEMBLED USING DNA



0 V to 0.8 V = logic 0

2 V to 5 V = logic 1

Starting with a circuit description, using tools for placement, routing, and electrical simulation it is possible to develop a viable circuit.

THE POTENTIAL TO PERFORM CALCULATIONS

1994 - Leonard Adleman

Step 1 Generate random paths through the graph;

Step 2 Keep only those paths that begins with 0

and

end with 6;

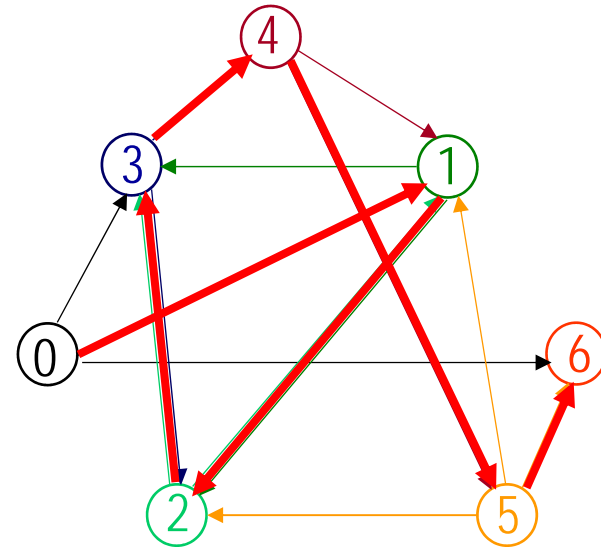
The product of Step 1 was amplified by PCR using primers O_0 and \bar{O}_6

Step 3 If the graph has n points, then keep only those paths that enter exactly n points;

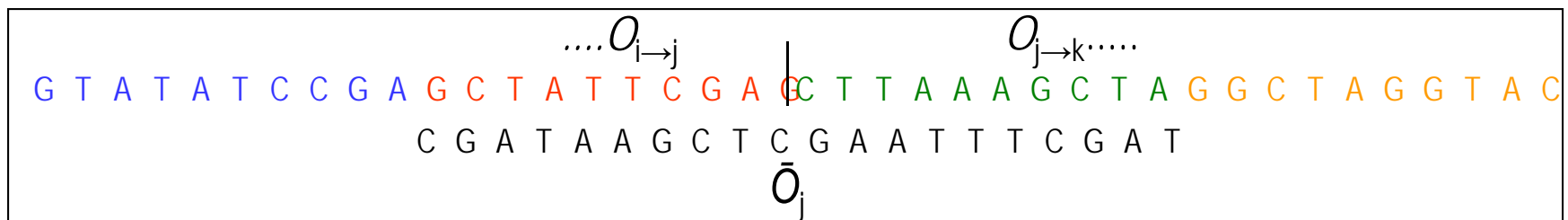
The product of Step 2 was submitted to electrophoresis and 140-bp dsDNA was extracted

Step 4 Keep only those paths that enter all of the points of the graph once;

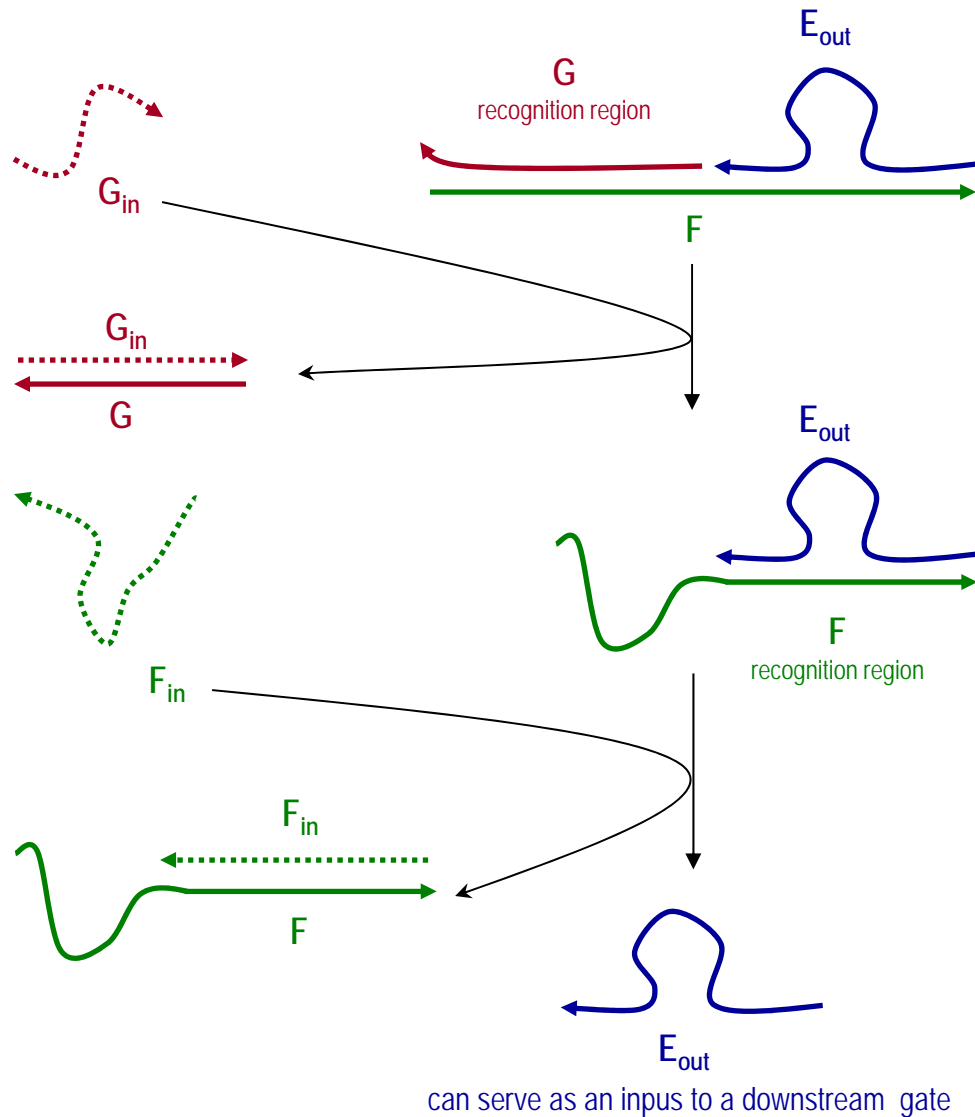
The product of Step 3 was purified with \bar{O}_j ($0 < j < 6$) biotin-avidin magnetic beads system



O_i	5' - T A T C G G A T C G G T A T A T C C G A - 3'
O_j	G C T A T T C G A G C T T A A A G C T A
O_k	G G C T A G G T A C C A G C A T G C T T
$O_{i \rightarrow j}$	G T A T A T C C G A G C T A T T C G A G
$O_{j \rightarrow k}$	C T T A A A G C T A G G C T A G G T A C
\bar{O}_j	3' - C G A T A A G C T C G A A T T T C G A T - 5'



COMPUTATIONAL CIRCUIT LOGIC GATE



AND gate
performs a logical
"and" operation on
two inputs, A and B

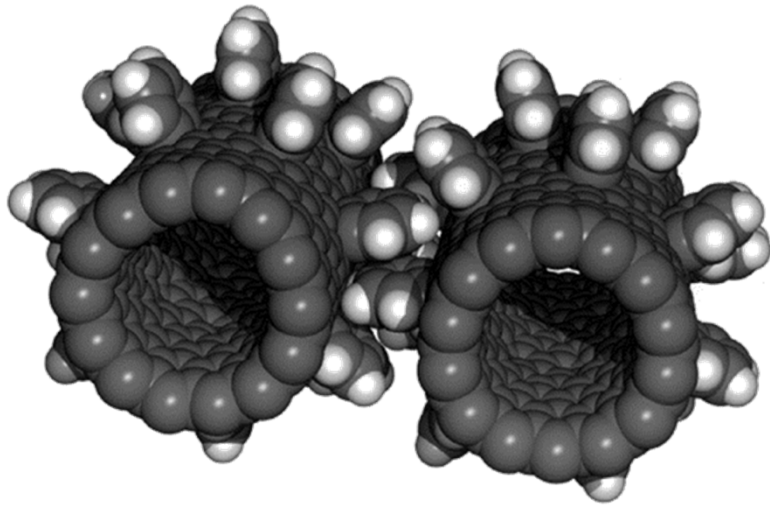
A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

The idea
*If A and B are both 1,
then Q should be 1*

	REACTANTS	PRODUCTS
1	EFG, no input	Same as reactants
2	EFG + F_{in}	Same as reactants
3	EFG + G_{in}	EF + GG_{in}
4	EFG + F_{in} + G_{in}	E + FF_{in} + GG_{in}

BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES IN NANO ELECTRONICS

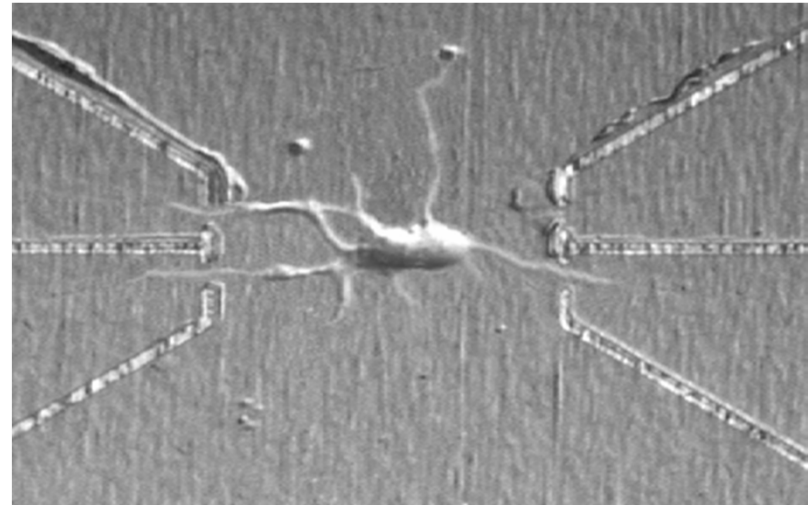
NANO-GEARS



- ✓ attaching benzyne molecules to the outside of a nanotube to form gear teeth.
- ✓ laser creates an electric field around the nanotube.
- ✓ placing two opposite charges on different faces of the nanotube, the electric field will drive the nanotube around it.

<http://grin.hq.nasa.gov/ABSTRACTS/GPN-2000-001535.html>

NEURON INTEGRATED FET



- ✓ Detection, Stimulation, and Inhibition of Neuronal Signals
- ✓ Arrays of nanowire-neuron junctions enable simultaneous measurement of the rate, amplitude, and shape of signals propagating along individual axons and dendrites.

F. Patolsky, et. al., *Science*, 313 (2006) 1100

CONCLUSION

- ✓ demonstrations that may lead to useful application of nanoassembly are appearing;
- ✓ increased level in manipulation and automation are needed to prototype more complex and useful devices;
- ✓ pick-and-place operations and the construction of 3-D nanostructures are primitive and need further development;
- ✓ there is a need in creating programmed self-assembling rather than nanomanipulation