

Node-pore sensing: A label-free platform to screen single cells for their phenotypic profile

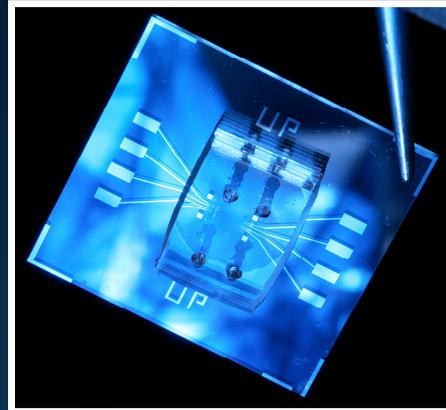
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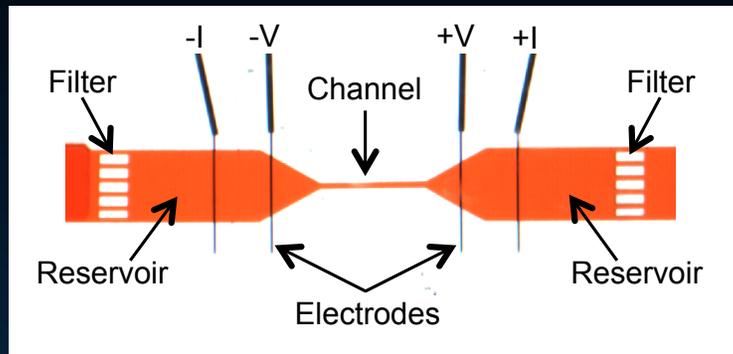
Node-Pore Sensing

Determining the Phenotypic Profile of Cells

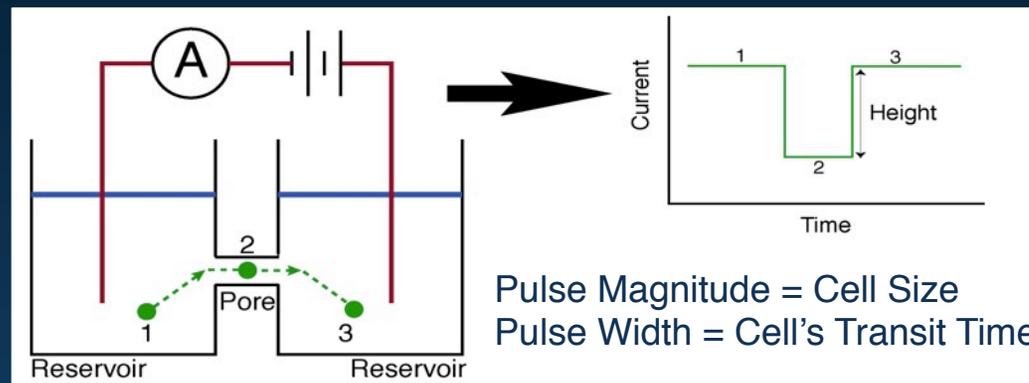
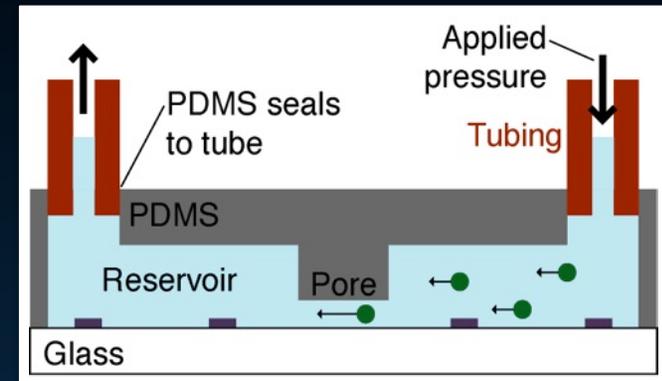


Resistive-Pulse Sensing

Label-free method for single-cell screening



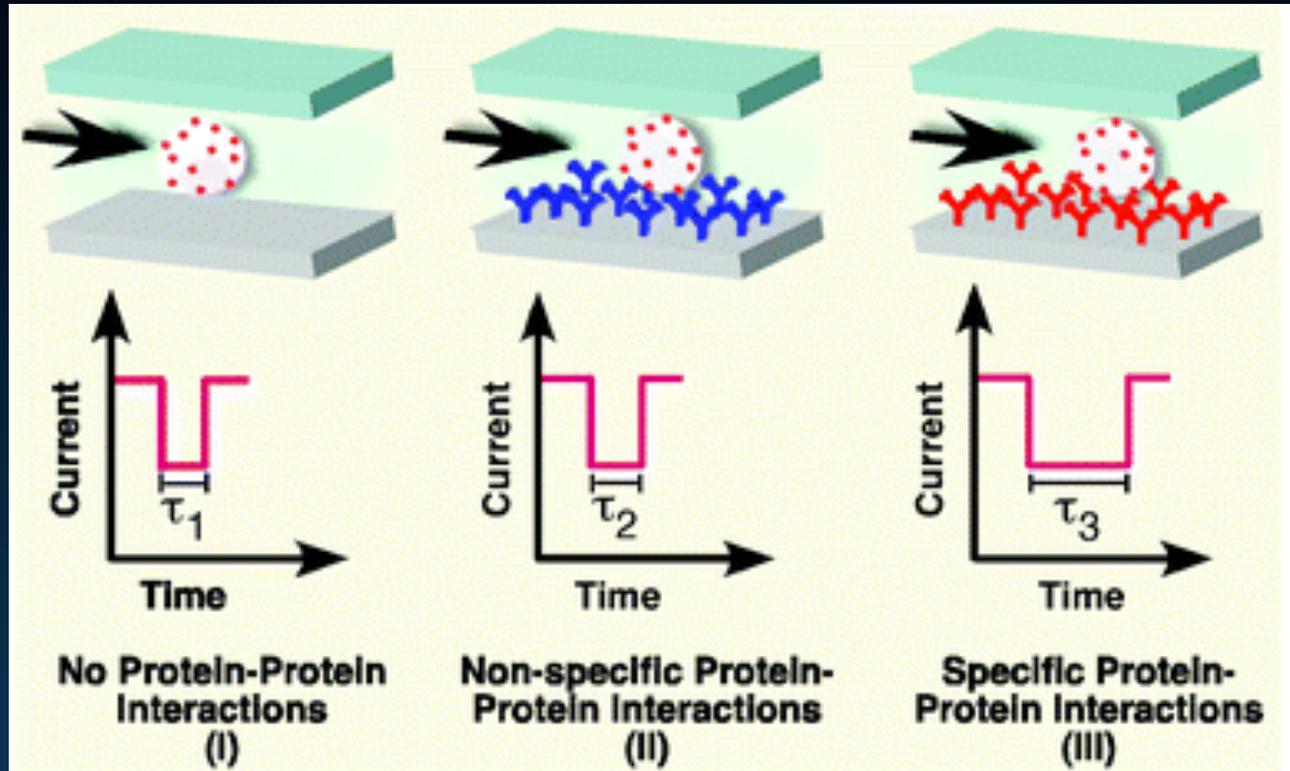
Channel size: $2200 \mu\text{m} \times 22 \mu\text{m} \times 24 \mu\text{m}$
(L x W x H)



Pulse Magnitude = Cell Size
Pulse Width = Cell's Transit Time

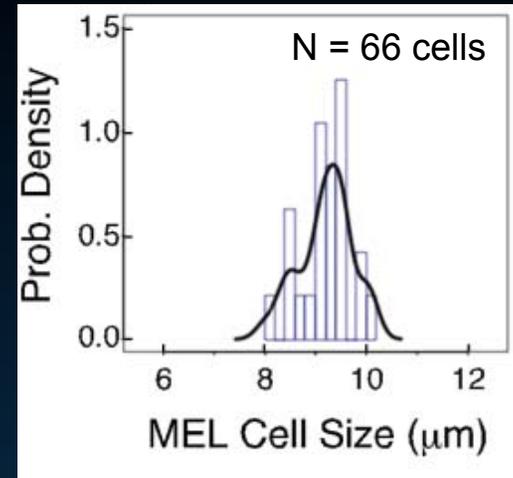
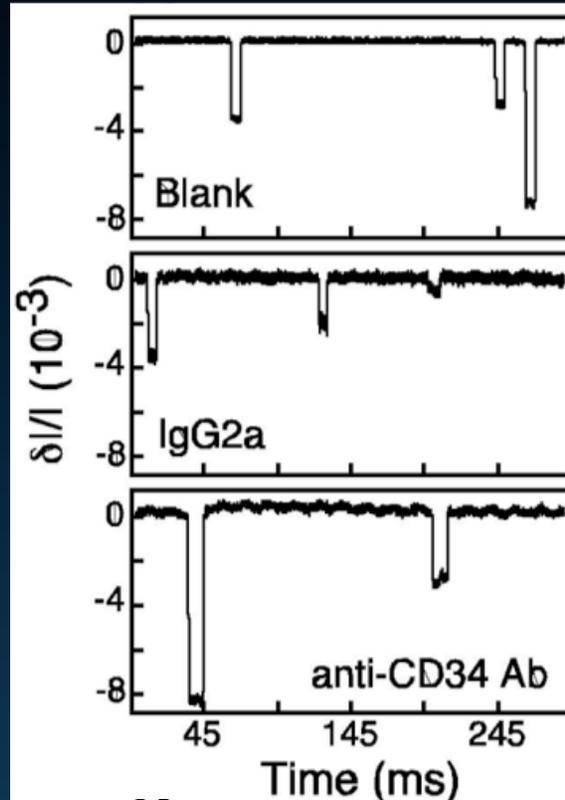
Surface-Marker Screening

Label-Free

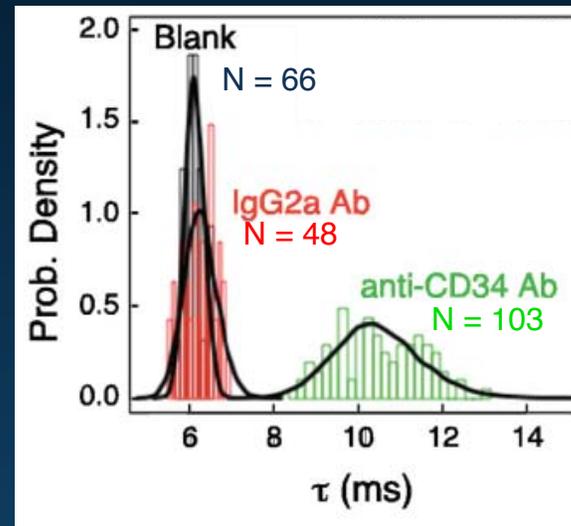


Proof-of-Principle

Murine Erythroleukemia Cells (CD34+)



Cell Size



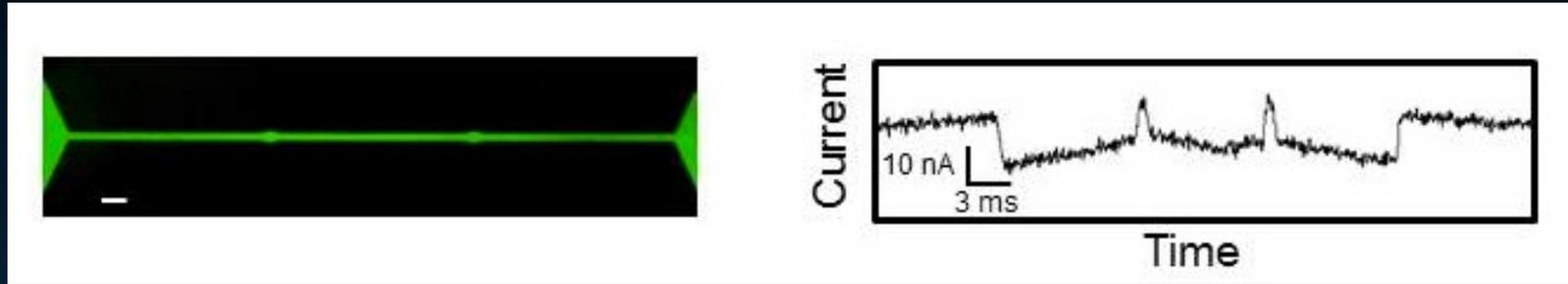
Presence of CD34 marker

*15 μm x 15 μm x 800 μm pores, 1.5 psi
10⁵ cells/mL*

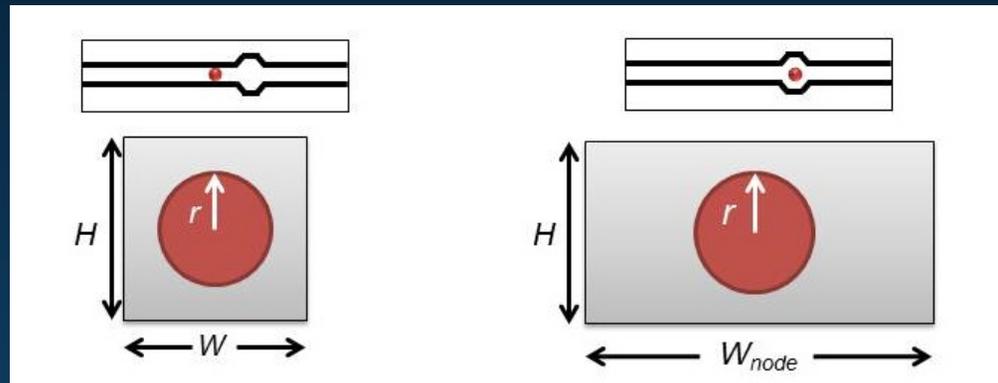
Works great, but how does can you screen for multiple surface markers simultaneously?



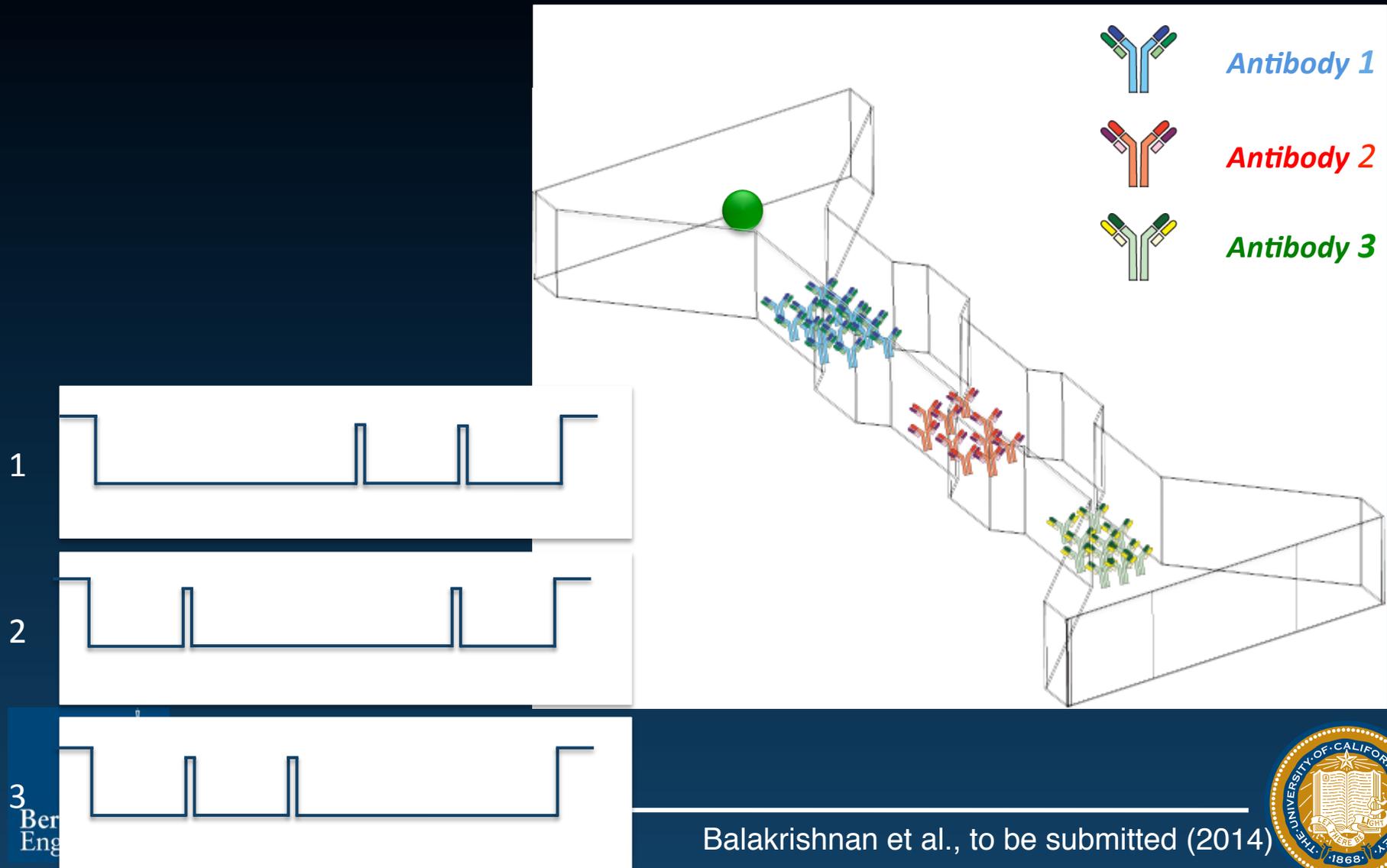
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$$J_{\text{node}} < J_{\text{channel}}$$



Multi-Marker Screening

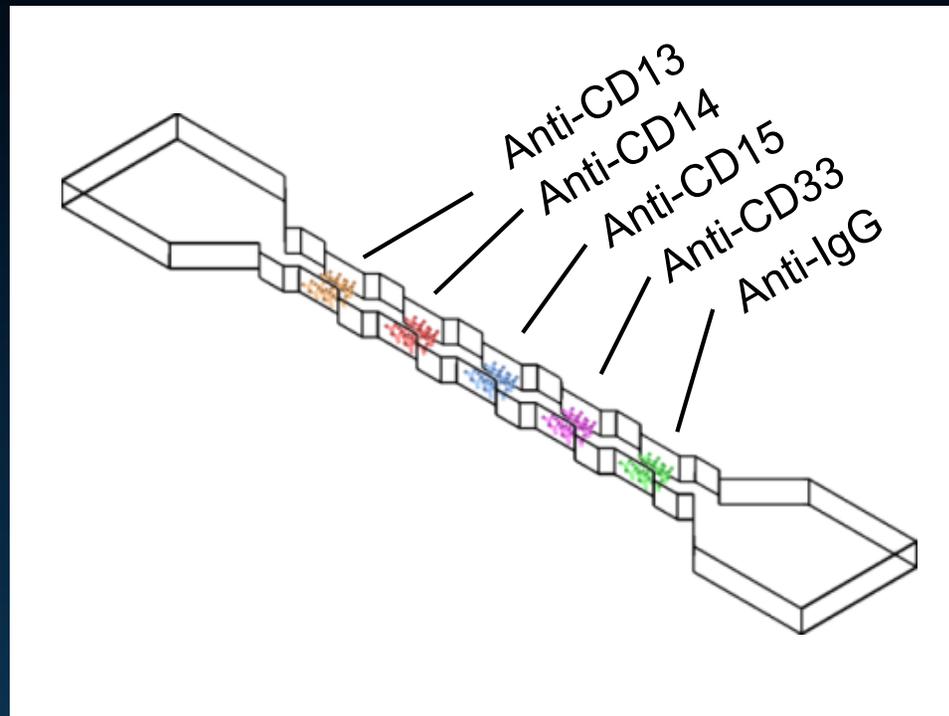


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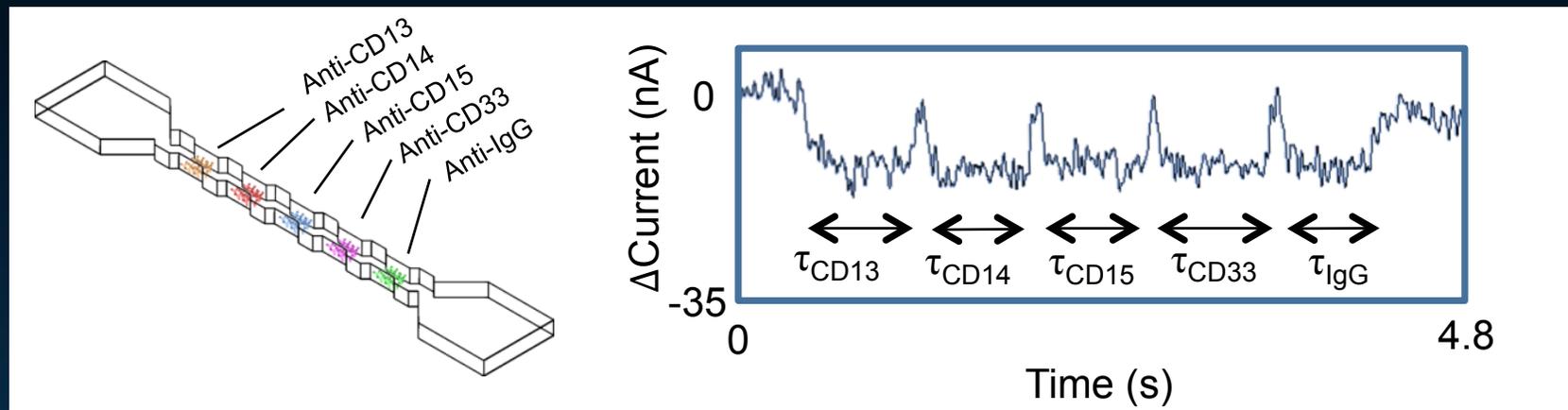
Screening Multiple Markers

CD13, CD14, CD15, and CD33



- Channel dimensions: $18\ \mu\text{m} \times 18\ \mu\text{m}$ (H x W); $1150\ \mu\text{m}$ segments
- Nodes: $58\ \mu\text{m}$ wide x $50\ \mu\text{m}$ long
- Antibody concentration: $1\ \text{mg/mL}$

What Does the Raw Data Look Like?



Screening of NB4 Cells

Human APL Cell Line that Responds to ATRA



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How We Compare to FACS



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Screening AP1060 Cells

Human APL Cell Line Resistant to ATRA



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Screening a Mixed Population

1:1 NALM-1:AP1060 Cells

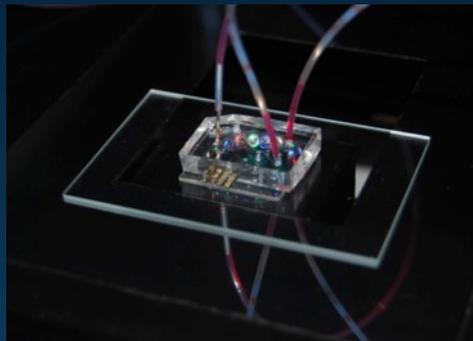


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Where Are We Now with Our Screening?

- We've started screening patient samples obtained from the tissue banks at U. Chicago School of Medicine
- Making a true "POC" system



Node-Pore Sensing for Multi-Marker Screening

How far can we go?

How many markers can we screen?

Can we go beyond multi-color flow cytometry?

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