



Mini-stories from Engineering Puzzles of a Fluid Dynamicist

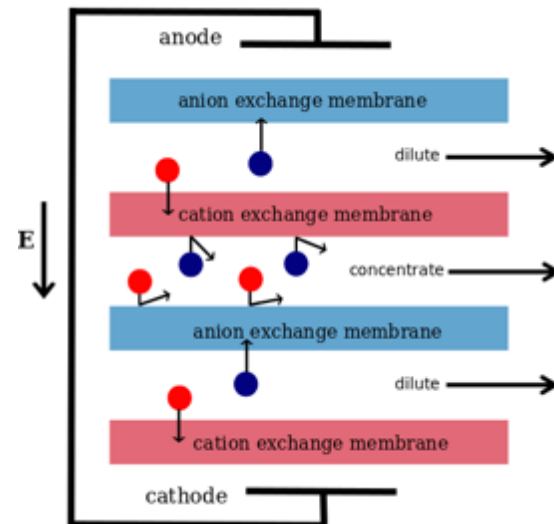
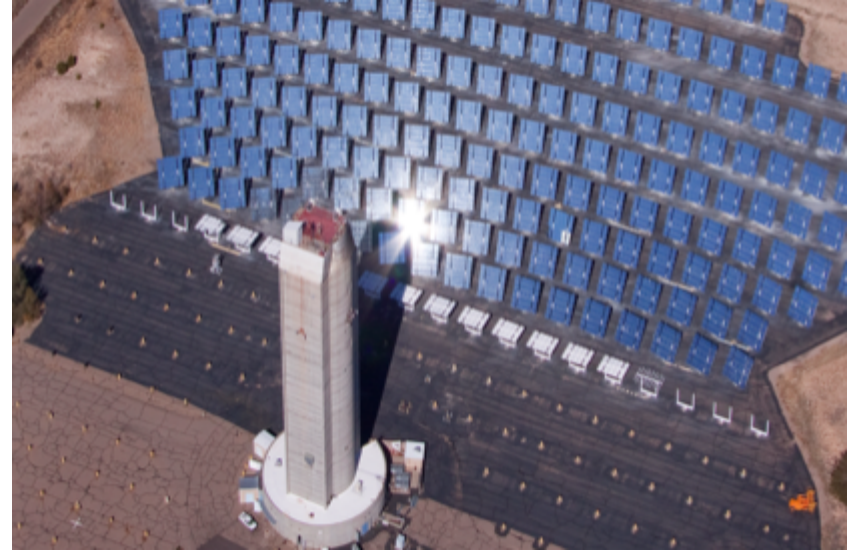
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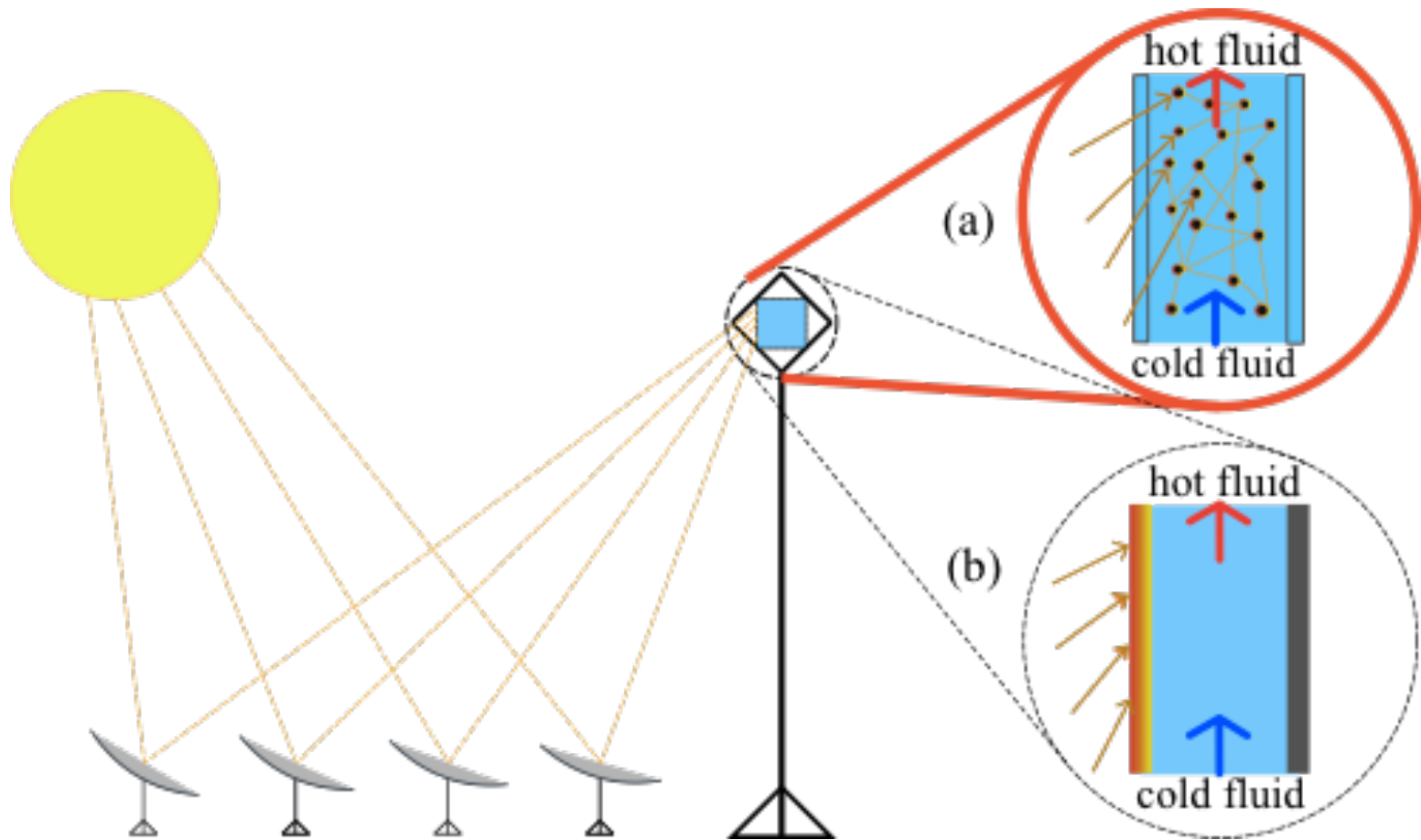
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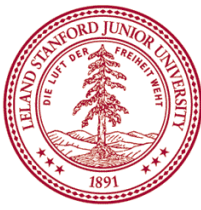
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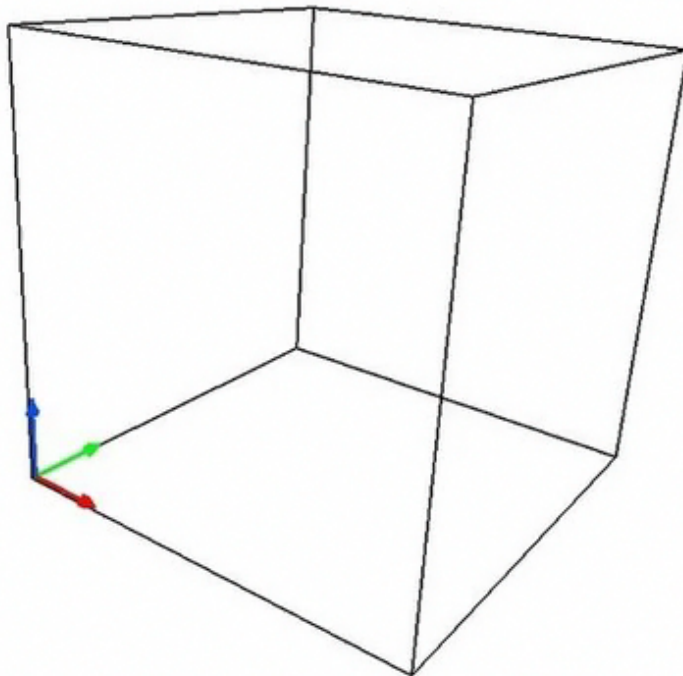
Particle-based Solar Receivers



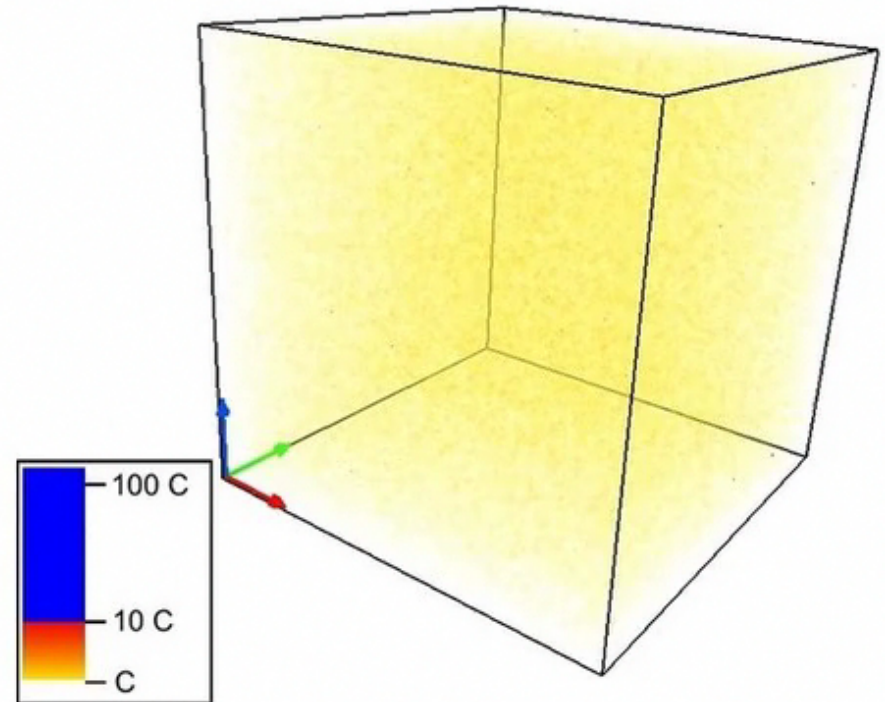
Particle-Laden Flows Subject to Radiation



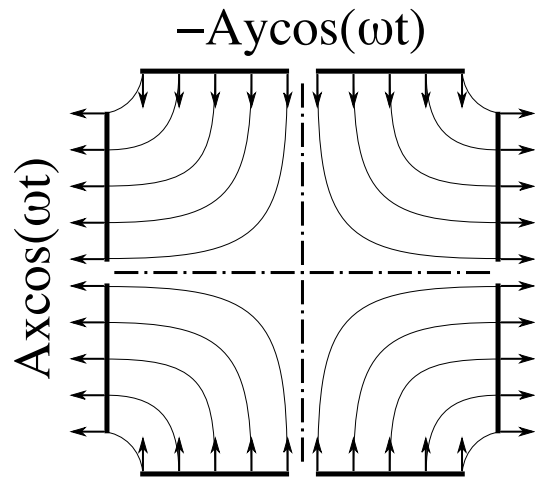
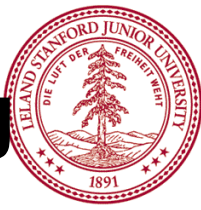
Temperature



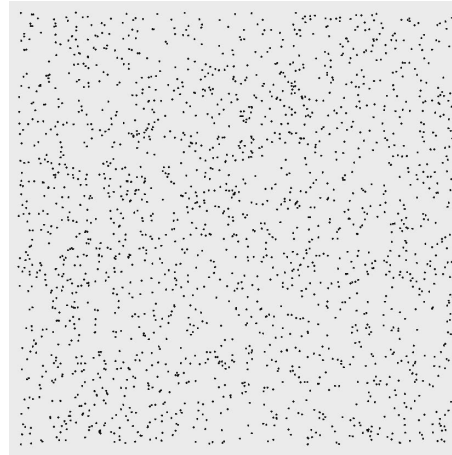
Particles



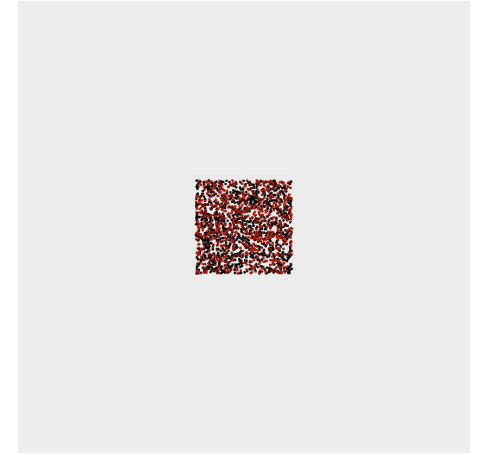
Simple Analysis of Particle Clustering



representative
flow field



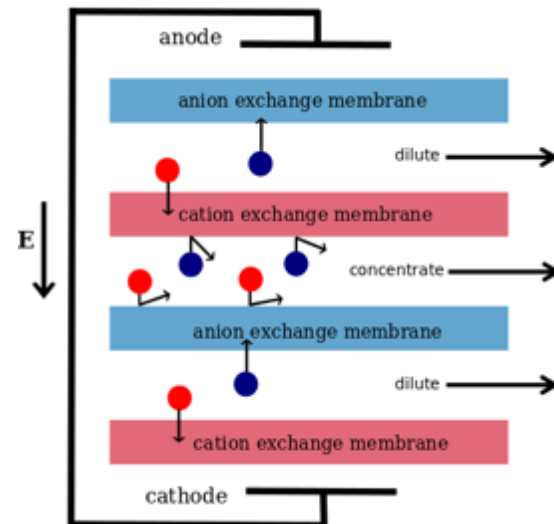
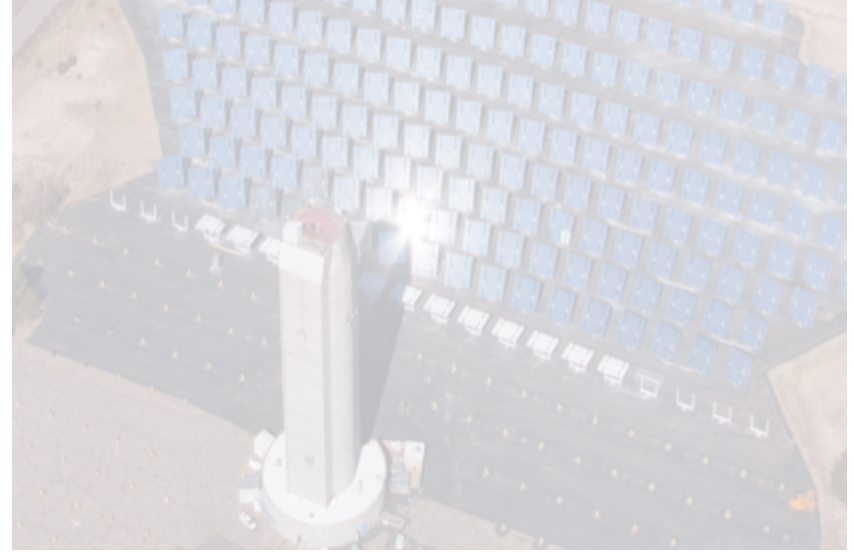
particles
in the flow



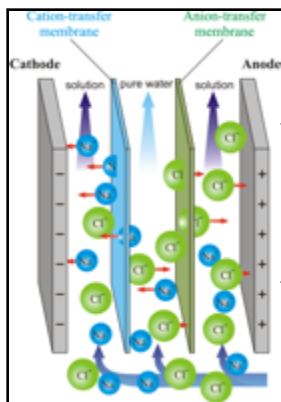
two sets of particles

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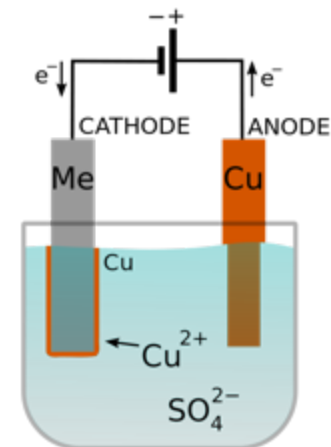


Ion Transport and Electrochemical Interfaces

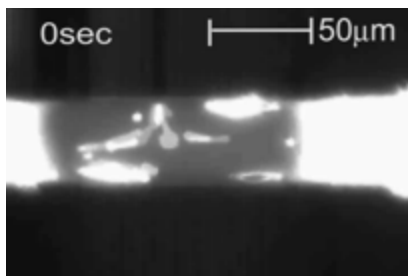
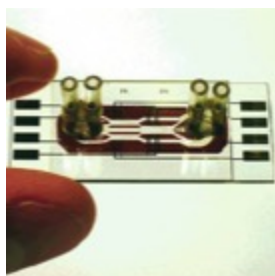


large-scale electrodialysis cells for water purification

left: E. Generalic, right: General Electric



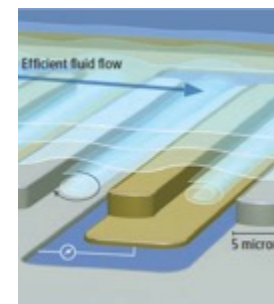
electrochemical systems



microfluidic labs-on-a-chip for biochemical analysis

left: P.H. Bessetet et al, *Anal. Chem* 2007

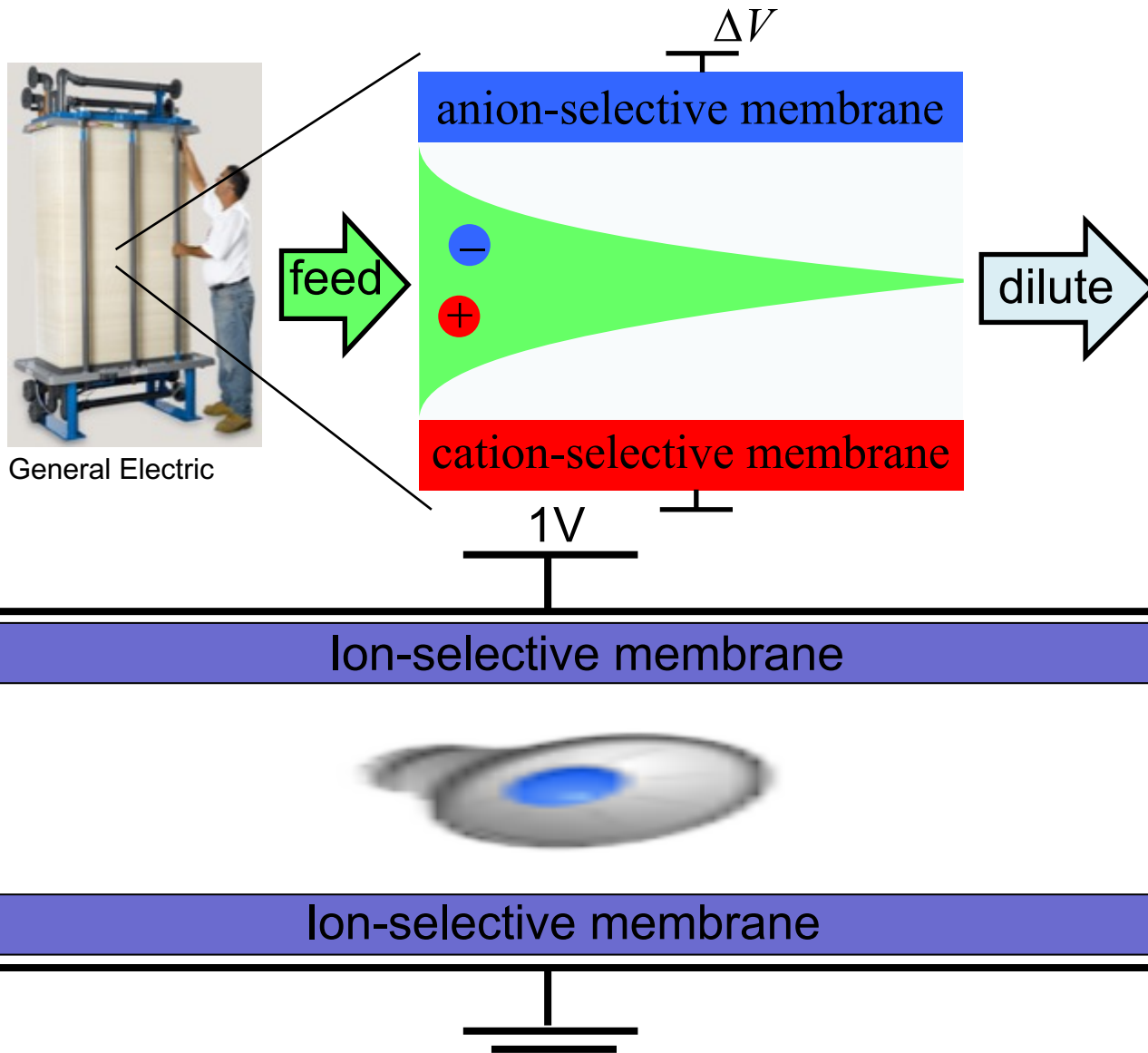
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AC electroosmotic micropumps

C.Q. Choi, *Sci. Am.*, 2007

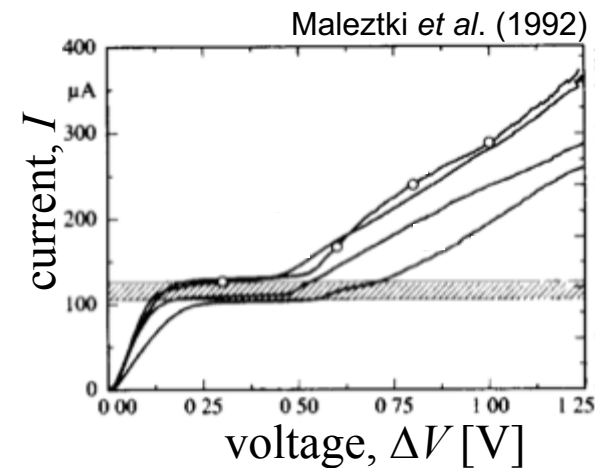
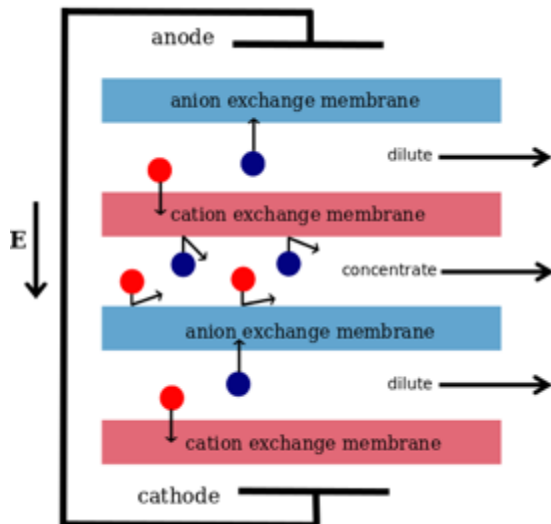
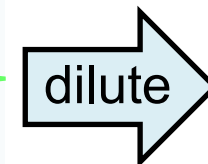
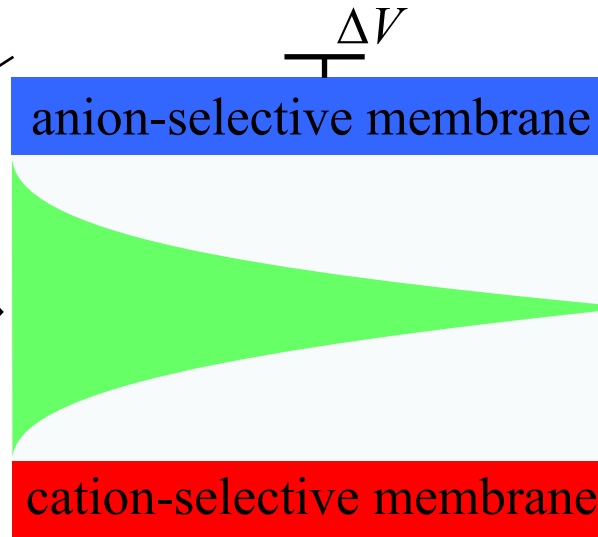
Example Application: Electrodialysis for Desalination



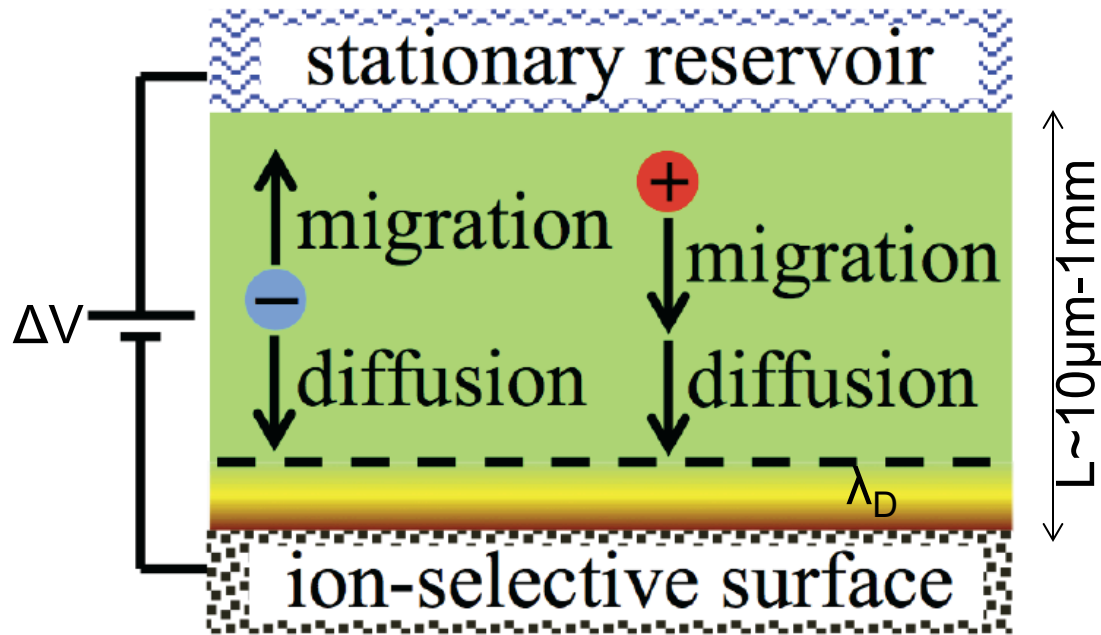
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General Electric



Model System



■ Governing equations

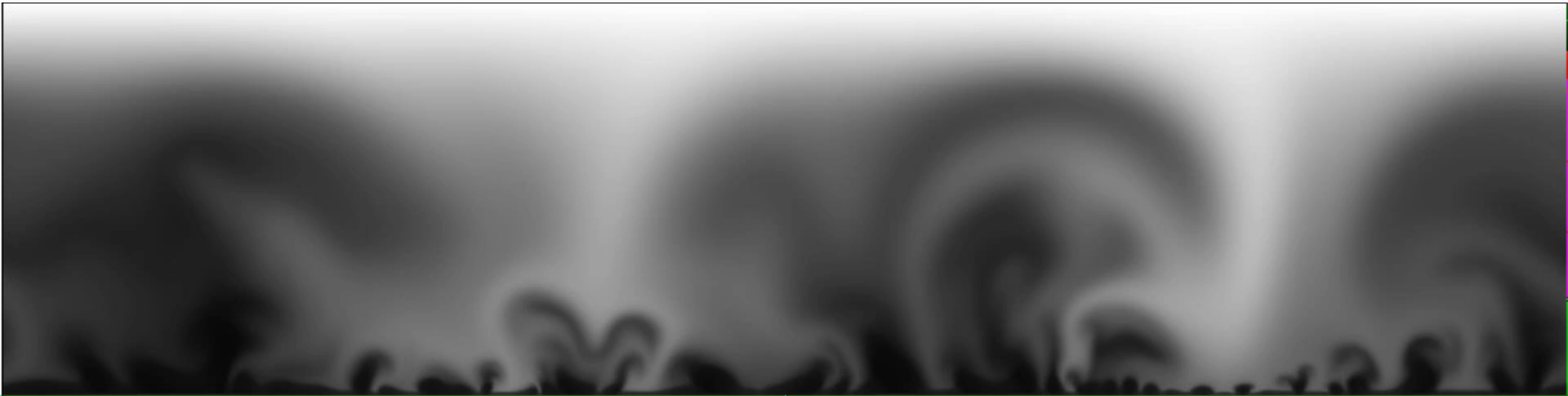
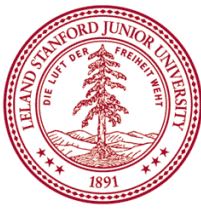
$$\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\vec{u} + \mu_i \vec{E}) c_i = D \nabla^2 c_i \quad \rho \left(\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \eta \nabla^2 \vec{u} + \rho_e \vec{E} \quad \epsilon_w \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = e \sum z_i c_i$$

Transport equation

Navier-Stokes equation

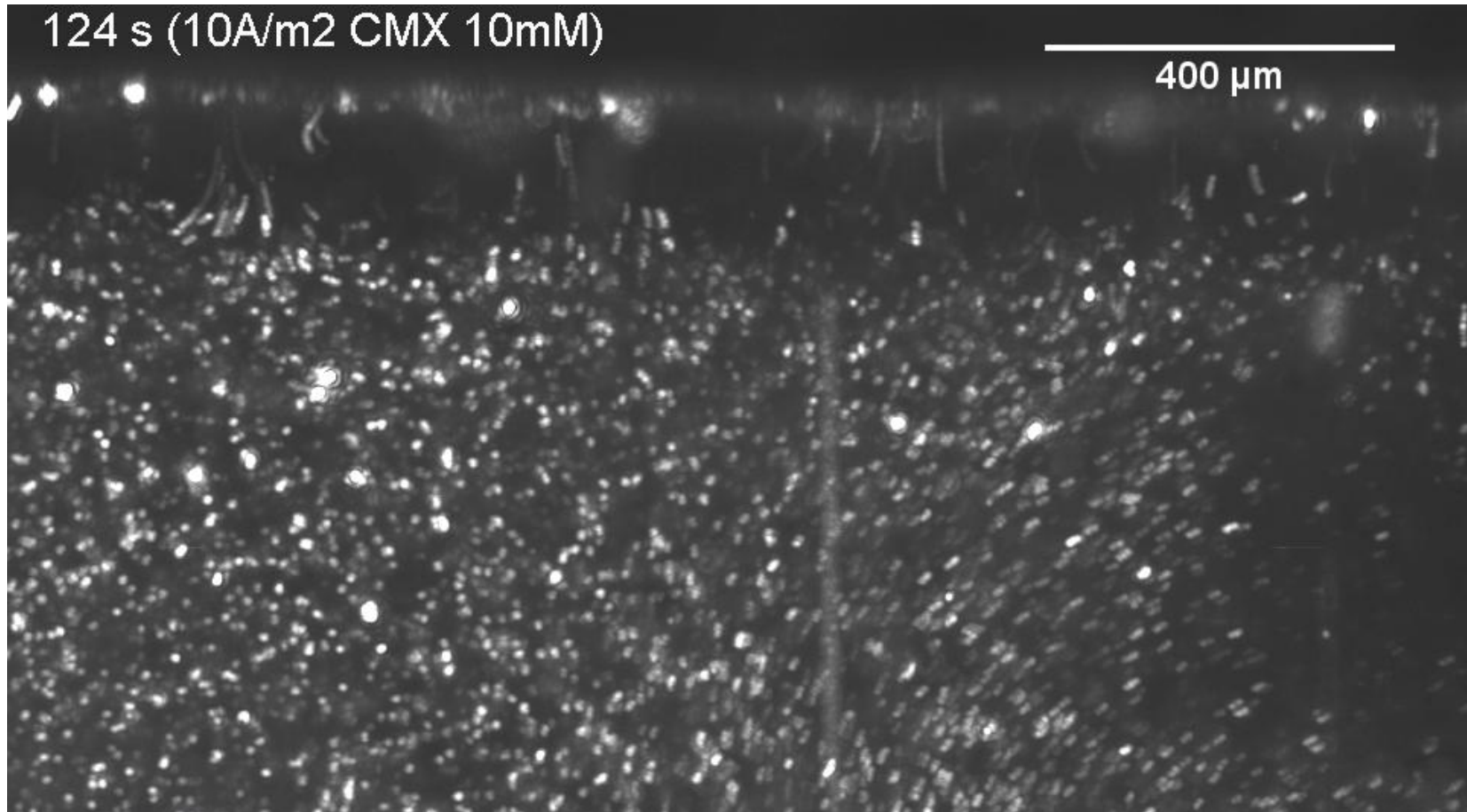
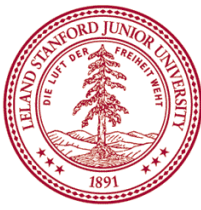
Poisson equation

Chaotic Behavior

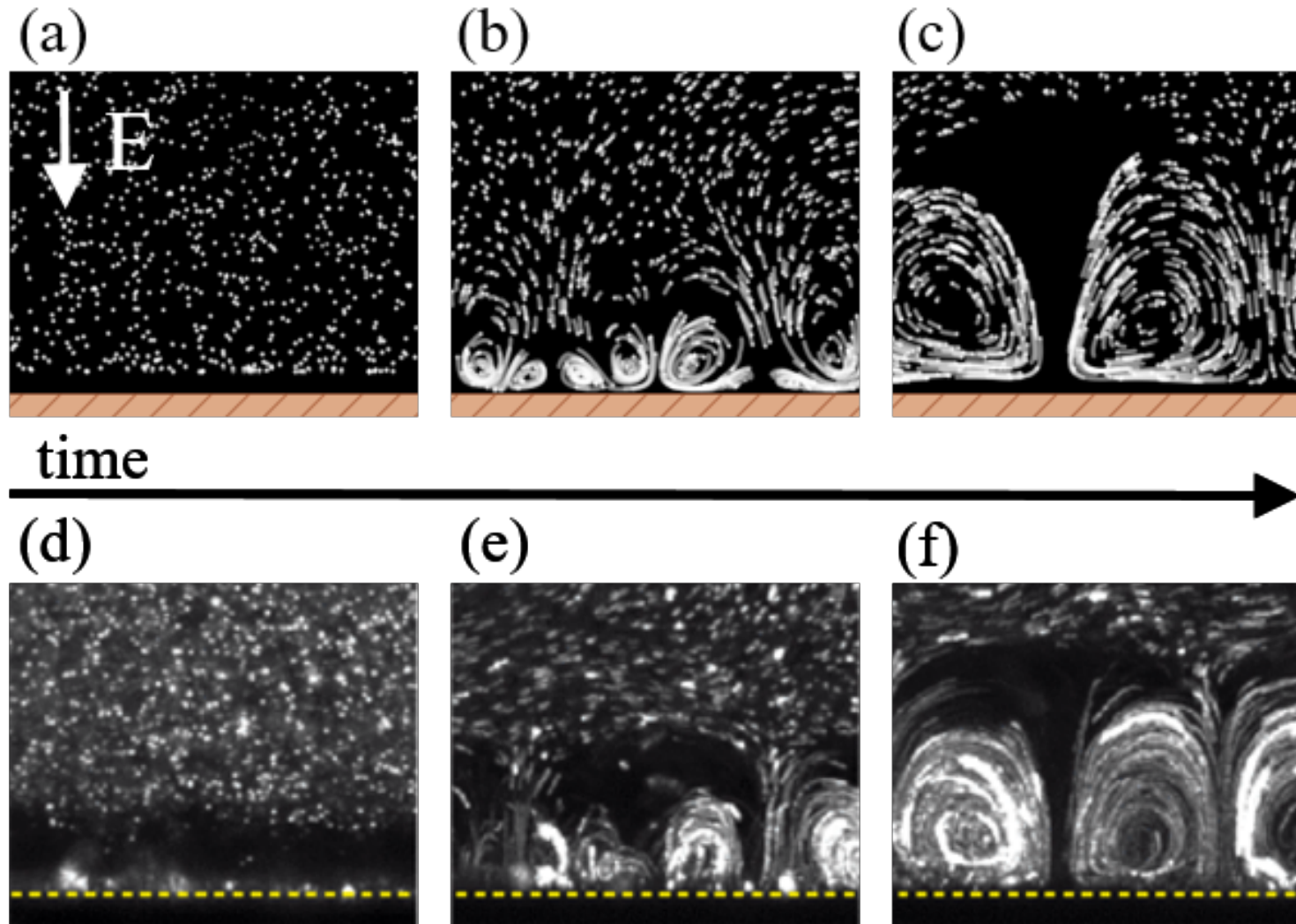
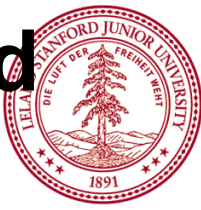


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Recent Experimental Observation



Comparison Between Experiments and Simulations



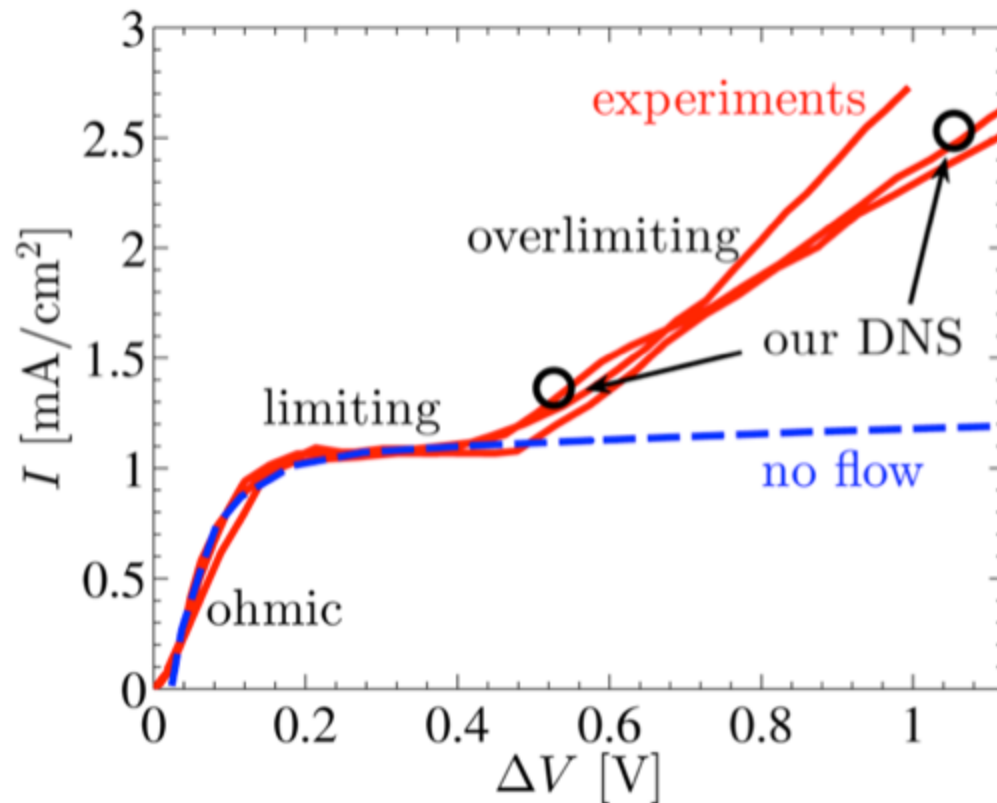
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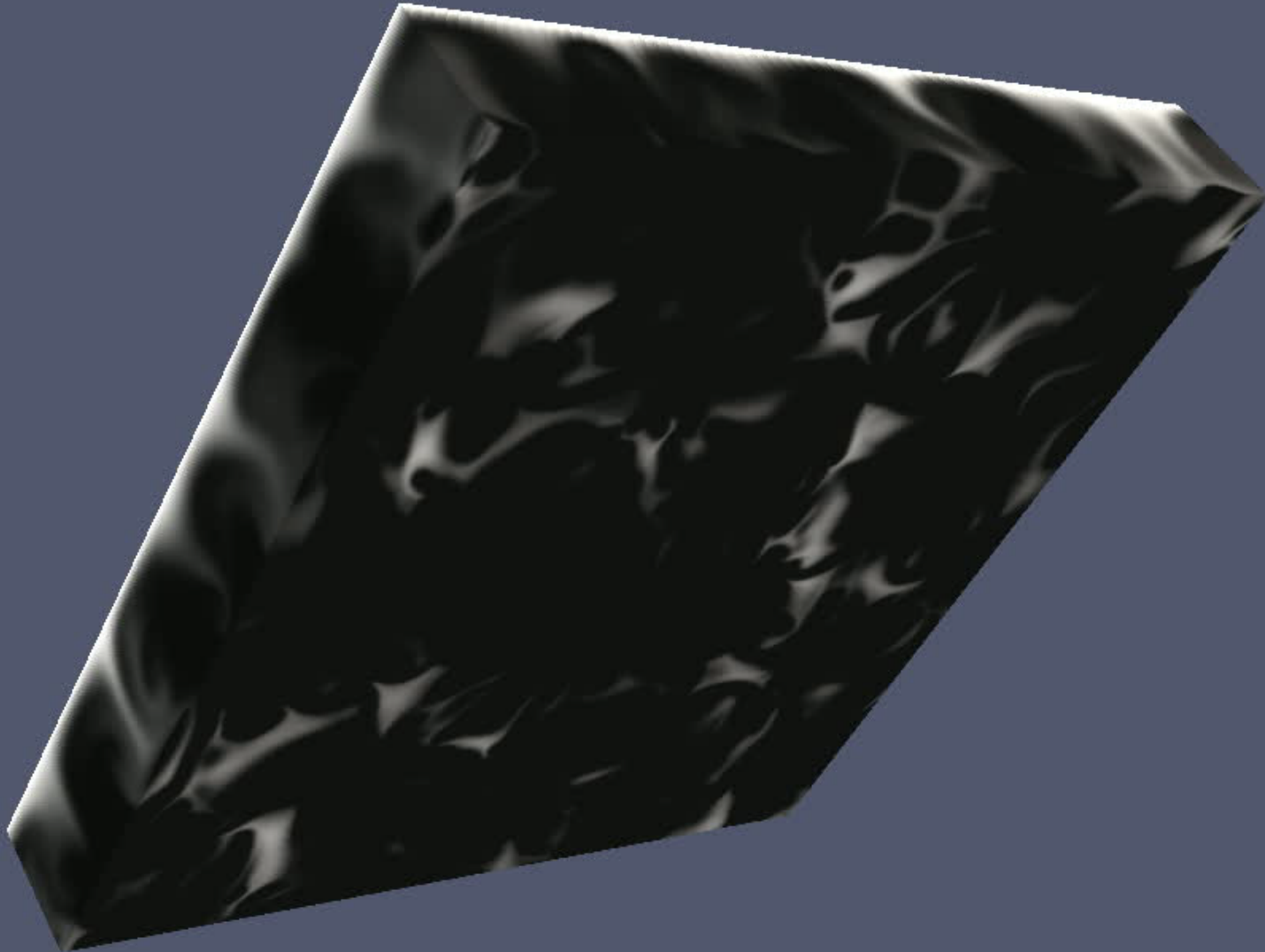
Puzzle Explained

- **Qualitative comparison against Experiment**

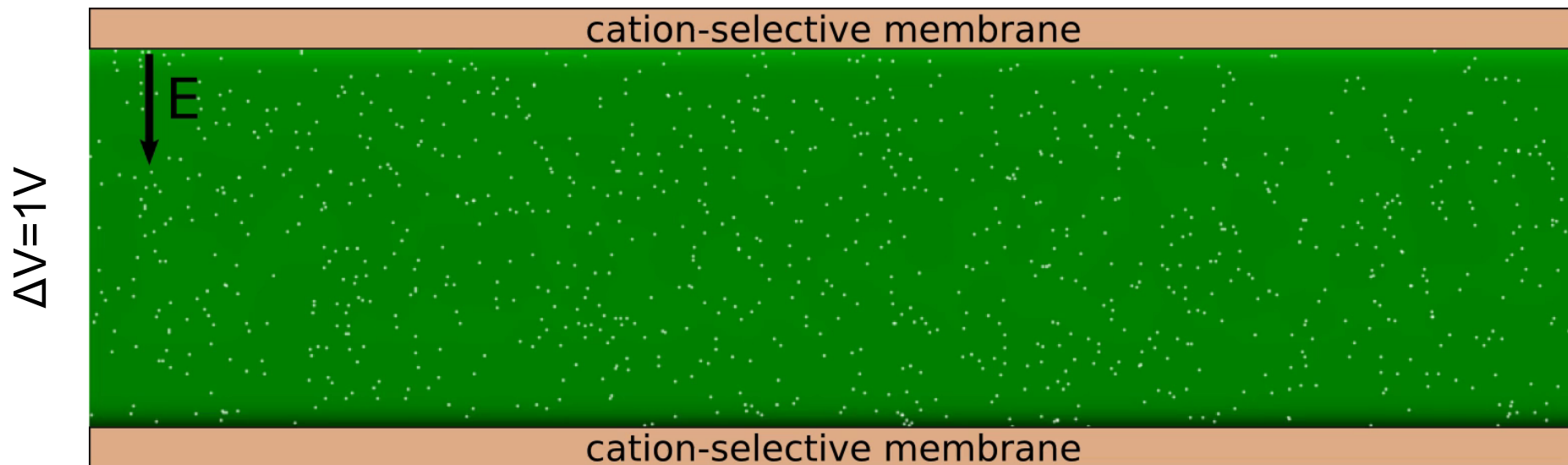
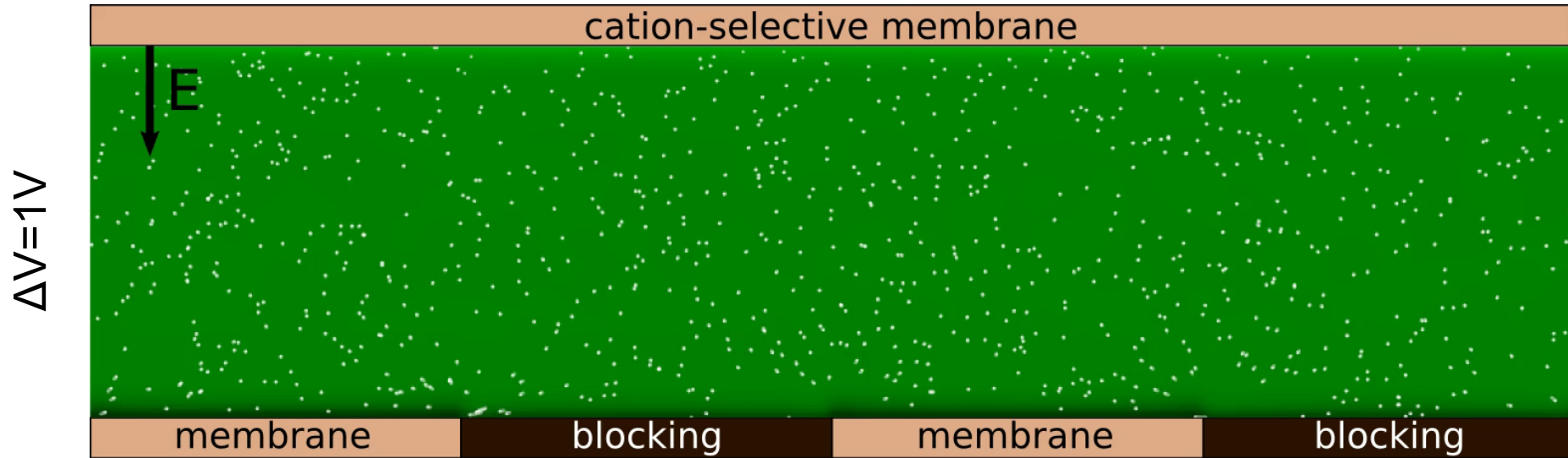
(experiment ref. Maleztki et al. 1992)



Direct Numerical Simulation in Three-dimensional Space



Impact of Membrane Patterning



Thank You



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