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### [54] CHARACTERIZATION OF INDIVIDUAL POLYMER MOLECULES BASED ON MONOMER-INTERFACE INTERACTIONS

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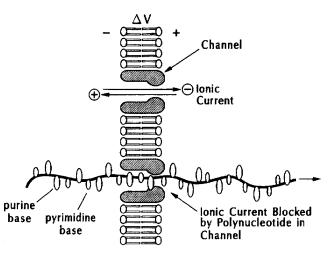
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### [57] ABSTRACT

A method is disclosed for characterizing a linear polymer molecule by measuring physical changes across an interface between two pools of media as the linear polymer traverses the interface and monomers of the polymer interact with the interface, where the physical changes are suitable to identify characteristics of the polymer.

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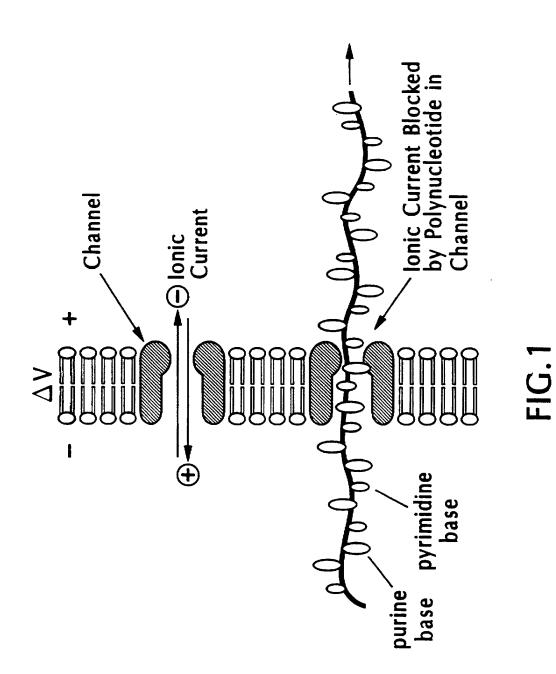
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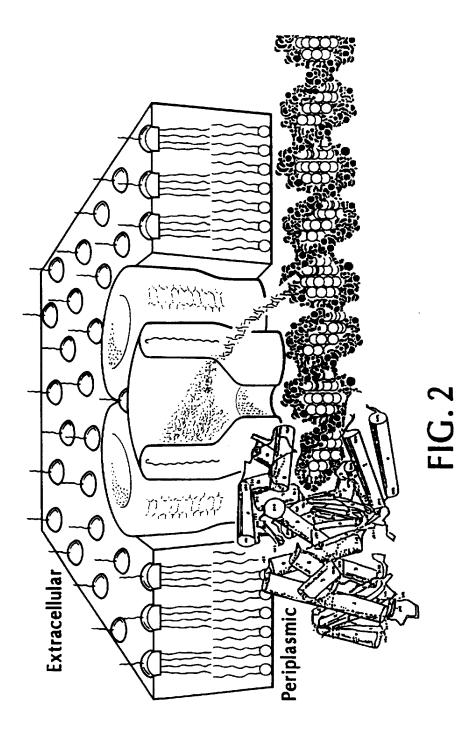
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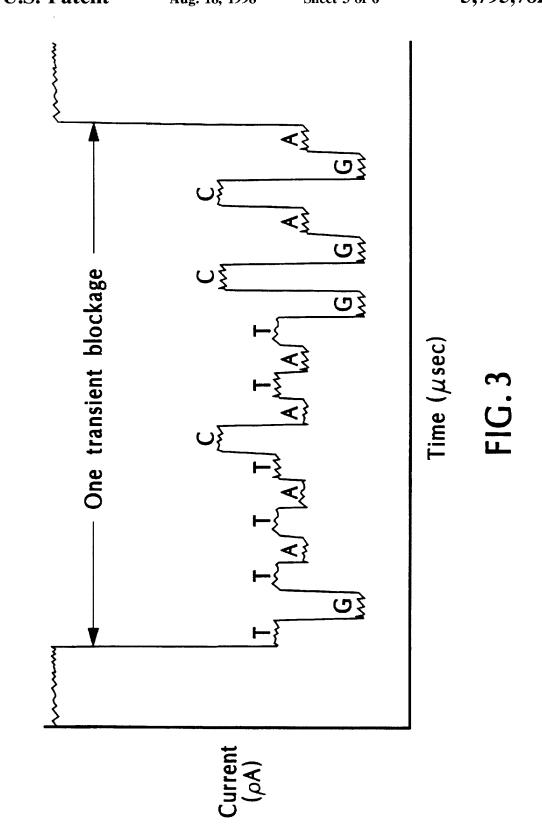
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