

Micro-Fluidics

Related Sites

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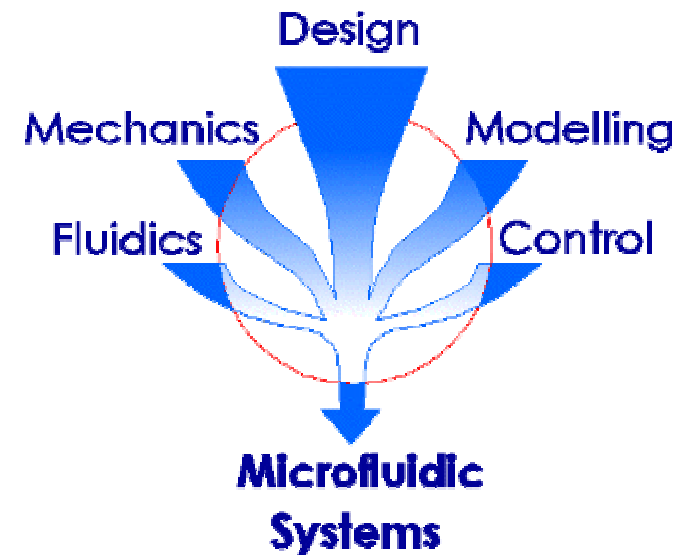
- Stanford Microfluidics Lab.(<http://microfluidics.stanford.edu>)
- MIT's Microsystems Technology Lab.(<http://www-mtl.mit.edu/mtlhome>)
- Lawrence Livermore National Lab.(<http://www.llnl.gov/IPandC>)
- Sandia National Lab.(<http://www.mdl.sandia.gov/micromachine>)

- **Organization**

- Microsystems Technology Office at DARPA (<http://www.darpa.mil/MTO/MEMS>)
- Information regarding Lab-on-a-chip (<http://www.lab-on-a-chip.com>)

- **Company**

- ACLARA Biosciences, Inc. (<http://www.aclara.com>)
- Agilent Technologies, Inc.(<http://www.agilent.com>)
- Caliper Technologies, Corp.(<http://www.calipertech.com>)
- Microfluidics, Inc.(<http://www.microfluidicscorp.com>)
- Mildendo GmbH (<http://www.mildendo-fluidics.com>)



Micro-Fluidics is one of the major fields of application of Micro Systems Technology. Micro-Fluidics aims at investigating and developing miniature devices which can sense, pump, mix, monitor or control small volumes of fluids or utilize fluids for producing actuating forces. Micro-Fluidics has the potential to revolutionize the processes and products that handle or use fluids by reducing their dimensional scale and by introducing high integration with a process.

Miniaturized channels and reservoirs

- Increase speed of reaction
- Reduce cost of reagents and power consumption
- High surface to volume ratio / low Reynolds number
- Precise mixing / dosage and heating

Integration

- Reduce cost of manufacture
- Minimize dead space, void volume, and sample carryover
- Multiplex capability: increased number of parameters monitored per assay

Micro-Fluidics

| | USA | EUROPE | JAPAN |
|---|--|---|---|
| Microfluid Connector/valve/ Pump/distributor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Univ. of Albany - UC Berkeley - Univ. of Utah - California Institute of Technology - Defense Medical Research Institute - Lucas Varsity Co. - Ohio state Univ., - Univ. of Michigan - UCLA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSG-IMIT - MESA - LETI - Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe GmbH - Royal Institute of Technology - IMEC - EPFL - Fraunhofer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advance Co. - Nagoya Univ. |
| Micromixer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa - Univ. of Illinois at Urbana Champaign - Stanford Univ. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical Univ. of Denmark | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mechanical Engineering Lab. - RIKEN |
| Micro flow controller | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UC Berkeley - Intertech Incorporation - Quinn-Curtis Incorporation - Michigan financial Corporation - UCLA | | |
| Microchip cooler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JPL - JSC - Univ. of Cincinnati - Case Western Reserve Univ. - NASA - ARC - MSFC | | |
| Microcryocooler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sienna Tech. Inc. - NASA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Univ. of Twente | |
| Microengine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dyncorp. - MIT - DARPA - Caliper technologies corp. - Univ. of Cincinnati - Case Western Reserve Univ. - Univ. of Michigan - UCLA - JPL - Univ. of California Davis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Univ. of Neuchatel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instruments Inc. - Univ. of Tokyo |
| Microgenerator Micromotor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MIT - Maxwell Technologies Inc. - Univ. of Southern California - Georgia Institute of Technology - Case Western Reserve Univ. - Pacific Northwest National Laboratory - UCLA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Univ. of South hampton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mitsubishi Electric Co. - Seiko Epson Co. - Seiko Instruments inc. - Univ. of Tokyo - Yokohama National Univ. |

Classification of MEMS Devices

(: 268 , “Micro/Nano Fluid-Thermal Engineering”, 2001.6.)

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| () | | source/detector, internal path | interconnection | distribution, switching | control, modulation | reaction, conversion synthesis |
| | | - Reservoir - Drain tank - Channel/Pipe - Heater | - - | - - | - | - - - - |
| | | - Laser diode - Photo detector - Optical fiber - Wave guide | - | - | - | - |

MEMS Market and Industry(DARPA)

| Technology Area | Typical Devices/ Applications | Companies | Market Baseline (\$Millions) | Market 2003 (Est.) (\$Millions) |
|---|--|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Inertial Measurement | Accelerometers, Rate Sensors, Vibration Sensors | TI, Sarcos, Boeing, ADI, EG&G IC Sensors, AMMi, Motorola, Delco, Breed, Systron Donner, Honeywell, Allied Signals | \$350-\$540 | \$700-\$1400 |
| Microfluidics and Chemical Testing/Processing | Gene Chip, Lab on Chip, Chemical Sensors, FlowControllers, Micronozzles, Microvalves | Battelle, Sarnoff, Microcosm, ISSYS, Berkeley MicroInstruments, Redwood, TiNi Alloy, Affymetrix, EG&G IC Sensors, Motorola, Hewlett Packard, TI, Xerox, Canon, Epson | \$400-\$550 | \$3000-\$4450 |
| Optical MEMS (MOEMS) | Displays, Optical Switches, Adaptive Optics | Tanner, SDL, GE, Sarnoff, Northrop-Grumman, Westinghouse, Interscience, SRI, CoreTek, Lucent, Iridigm, Silicon Light Machines, TI, MEMS Optical, Honeywell | \$25-\$40 | \$450-\$950 |
| Pressure Measurement | Pressure Sensors for Automotive, Medical, and Industrial Applications | Goodyear, Delco, Motorola, Ford, EG&G IC Sensors, Lucas NovaSensor, Siemens, TI | \$390-\$760 | \$1100-\$2150 |
| RF Technology | RF switches, Filters, Capacitors, Inductors, Antennas, Phase Shifters, Scanned Apertures | Rockwell, Hughes, ADI, Raytheon, TI, Aether | (Essentially \$0as of 1998) | \$40-\$120 |
| Other | Actuators, Microrelays, Humidity Sensors, DataStorage, Strain Sensors, Microsatellite Components | Boeing, Exponent, HP, Sarcos, Xerox, Aerospace, SRI, Hughes, AMMI, Lucas Novasensor, Sarnoff, ADI, EG&G IC Sensors, CP Clare, Siemens, ISSYS, Honeywell, Northrop Grumman, IBM, Kionix, TRW | \$510-\$1050 | \$1230-\$2470 |

■ Companies currently under contract.

■ Companies with past contracts.

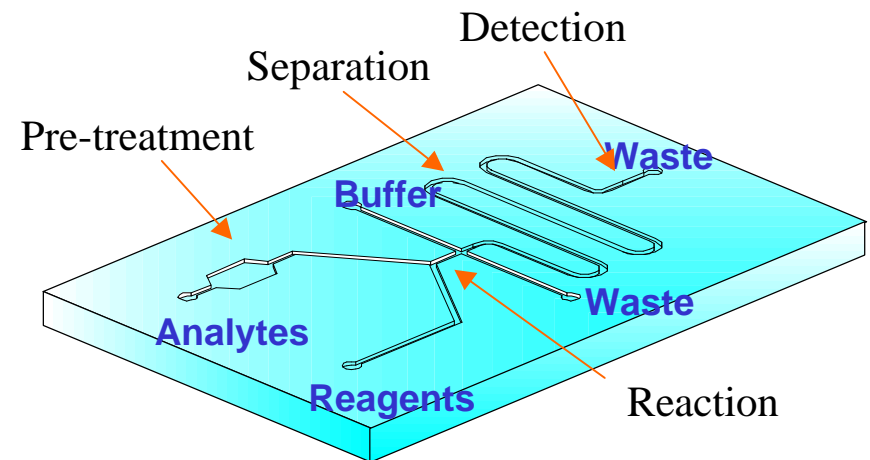
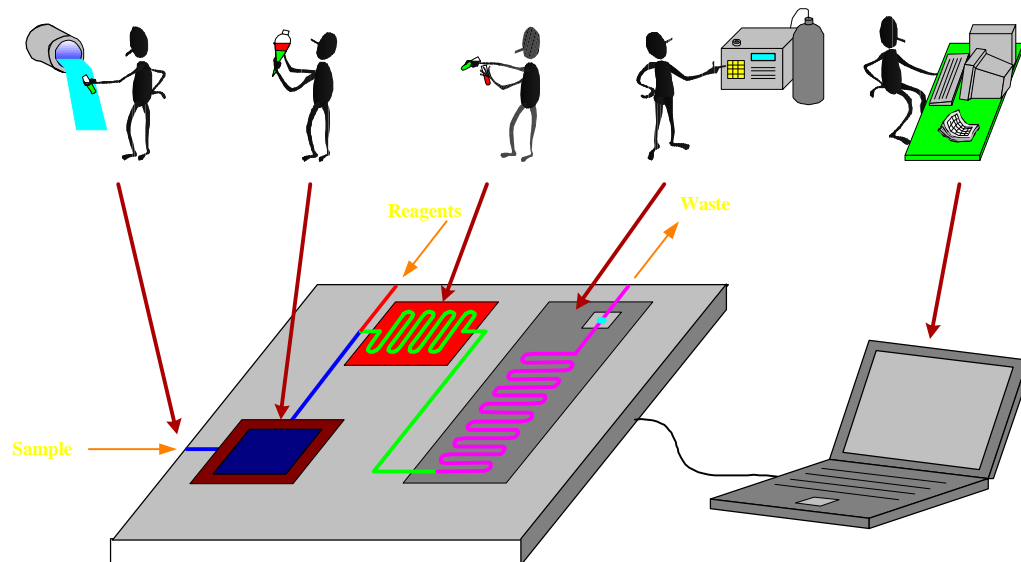
Challenges for Total Integration of Micro-Fluidic Chips

- Reagent storage and reconstitution
- Integrated microvalves and micropumps
- Packaging
 - Interconnects (Optimize, reduce, eliminate)
 - Filling / bubbles / dead volume
 - Leakage
- Surface functionalization
- Microflow measurement and characterization
- Control algorithms, data processing, and communication
- Integrated, ultrasensitive detection
- Heterogeneous material integration
- Sensitivity limited by sample volume
- Low power
 - Harness energy from a host or the ambient?
 - Low power pressure sources?

Micro-Fluidic based Bio-Chips

Lab-on-a-chip : capillary electrophoresis separation, DNA fragments separation

- micro-fluidics: sample handling, pumps/valves, micro-reactors
- microseparations: capillary electrophoresis
- biocompatibility: patterned biochemical arrays
- packaging and integration: μ -total analysis systems



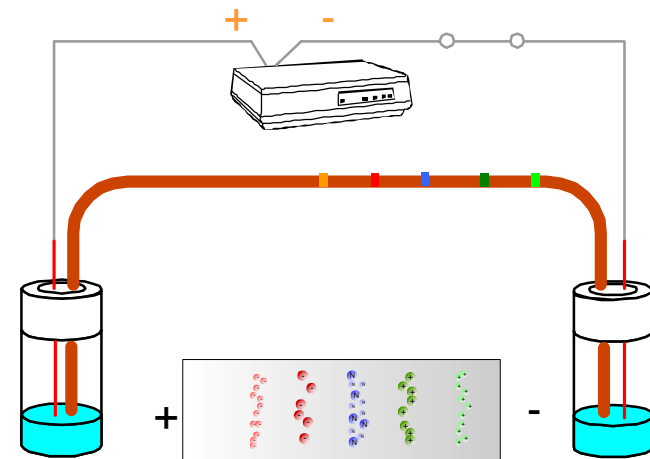
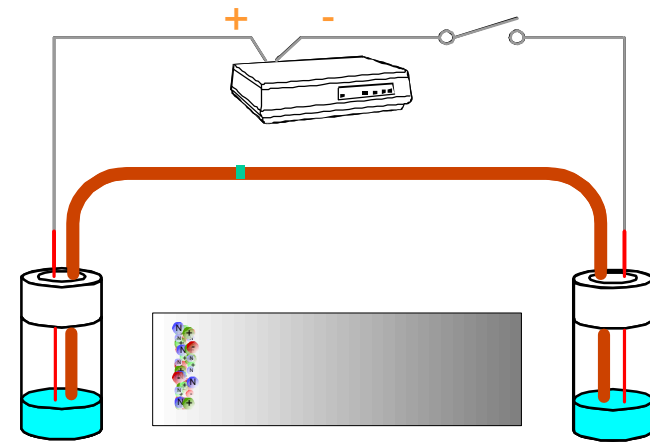
DNA chip, Protein chip

- genetic research
- clinical diagnostics
- drug screening
- biological detection

Neuron chip

- cell-based sensor
- electrophysiological tools
- neuroelectric devices

Micro-biosensors



capillary electrophoresis (CE)

Full-field Experimental Micro-Fluidic Velocimetry

- **X-ray micro-imaging** : Lanzillotto et al.(1996), *Proceedings from Solid-state sensors and actuators workshop*
- **Caged-dye technique** : Paul et al.(1998), *Analytical Chemistry*
- **Micro-PIV** : Santiago et al.(1998), *Experiments in Fluids*

Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV)

- **Seed flow with small particles**
 - don't affect fluid characteristics
- **Illuminate flow at two time instances (Δt)**
 - record images of particle positions
- **Determine particle displacements between two images (ΔX)**
- **Calculate velocity as $V \approx \Delta X / \Delta t$**

Micro-PIV

- **Positives**

- high resolution $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$, small depth average $\sim 2\text{-}10 \mu\text{m}$
 - minimally intrusive

- **Negatives**

- requires seeding flow
 - particles can become charged

- Purdue U. (Steve Wereley)

- UC Santa Barbara (Carl Meinhart, Rich Chiu, Mike Gray)

- Stanford U. (Juan Santiago)

- MIT (Kenny Breuer, Rob Bayt)

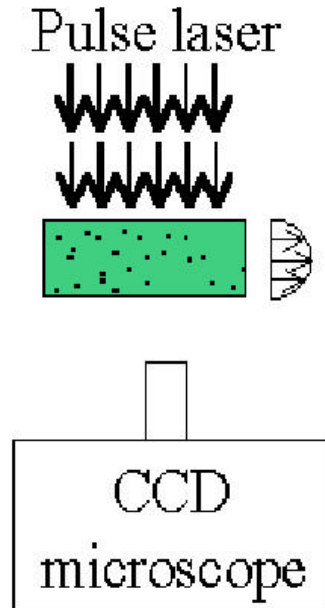
- **Goal: develop an optical diagnostic technique for micro-fluidics**

- Measure instantaneously $10^3 - 10^4$ vectors

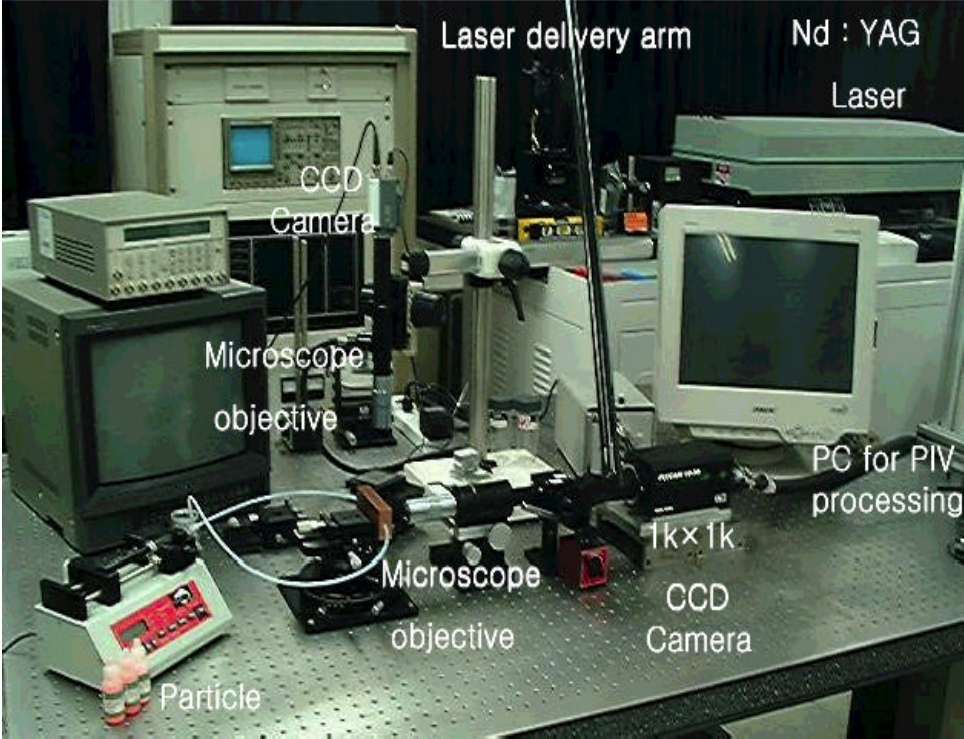
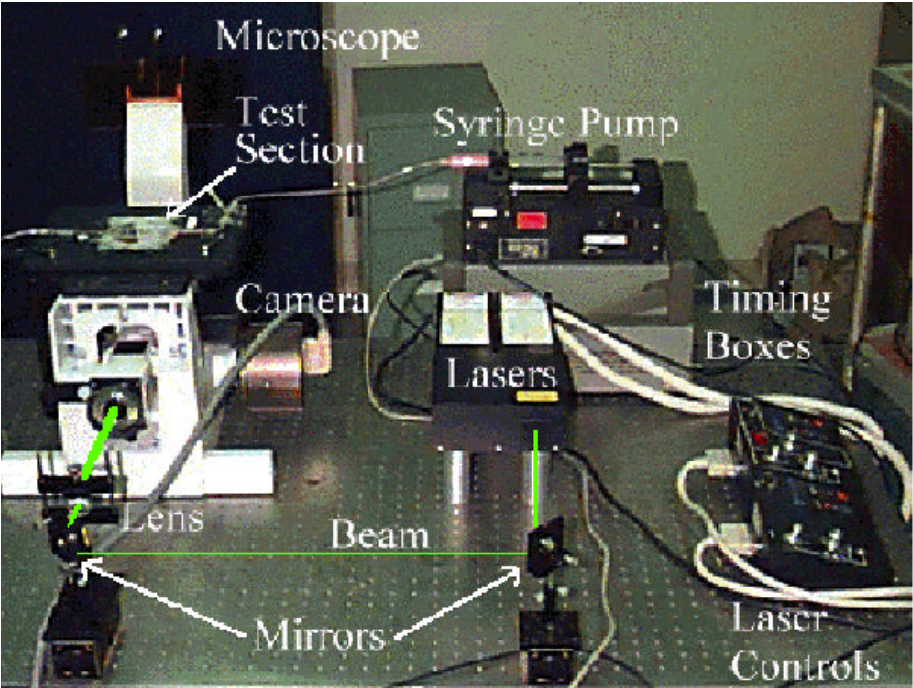
- Spatial resolution of $3 - 10 \mu\text{m}$

- Wide velocity range: $50 \mu\text{m/s} \sim 400 \text{ m/s}$

- Accurate to within 3% full scale

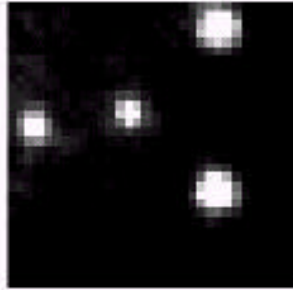


Micro-PIV System

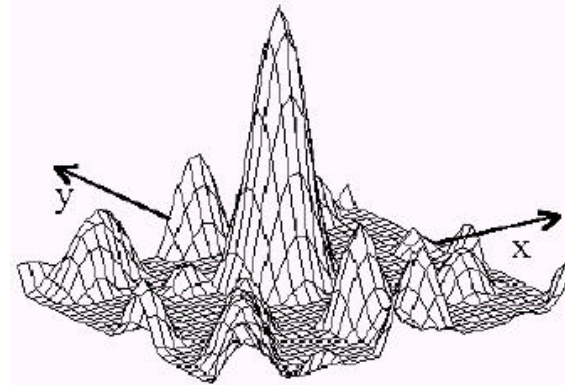
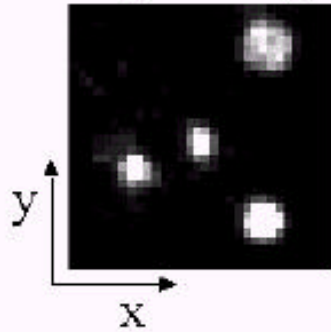


Cross-correlation PIV

Interrogation Region #1

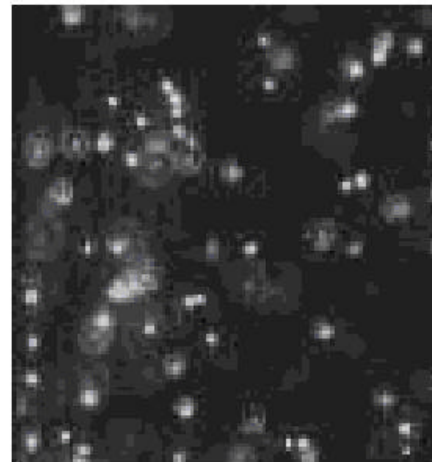
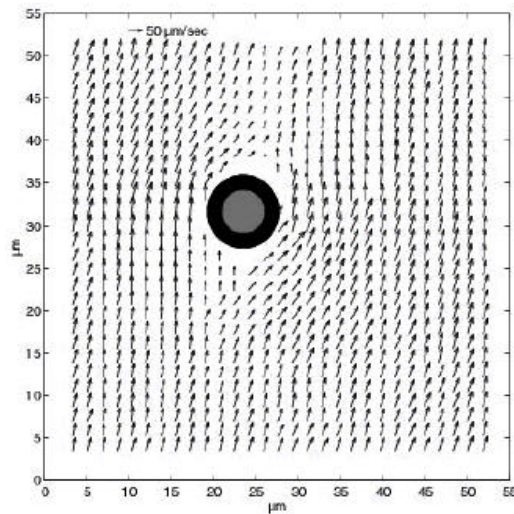


Interrogation Region #2



Cross-correlation

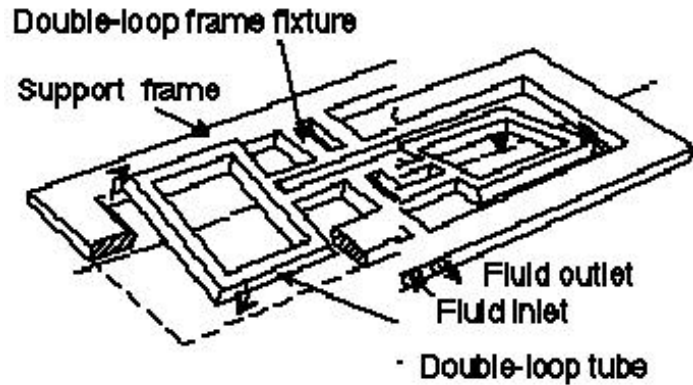
Micro-Particle Image Velocimetry for Micro-Fluidics



μ PIV measurements of the flow around a single (8 micron) red blood cell

Devices for Micro-Fluidics

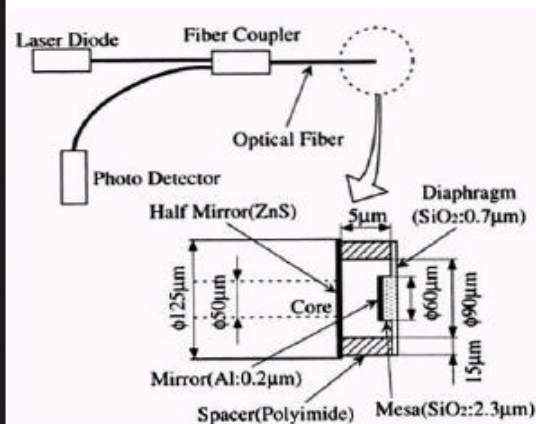
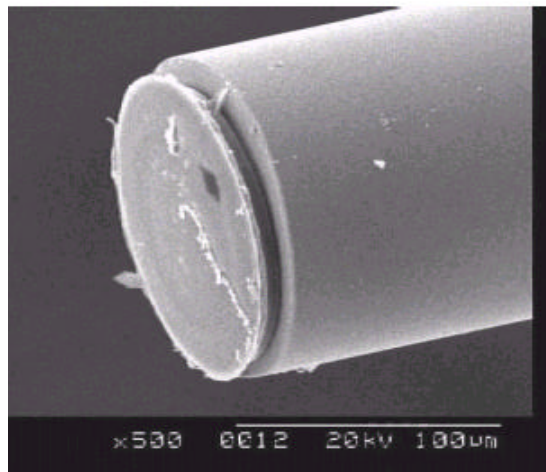
Resonant Fluid Density and Coriolis mass flow sensor



The fluid density and mass flow sensor design and torsional vibration mode. Thicknesses of the walls are 100 μm .

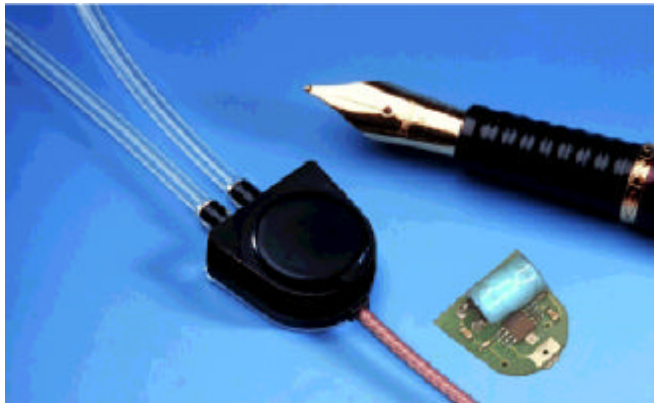
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Fiber optic pressure sensors



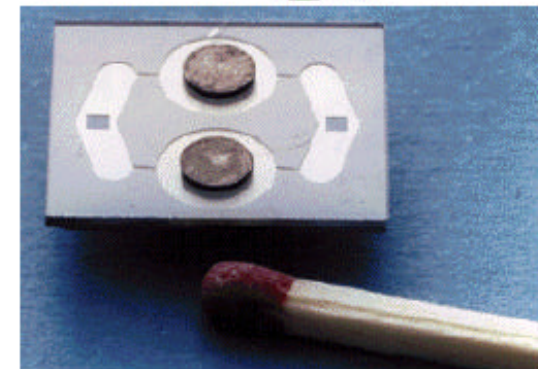
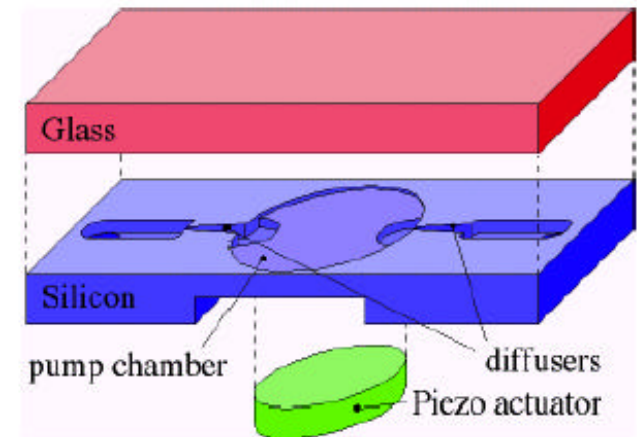
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Micropumps



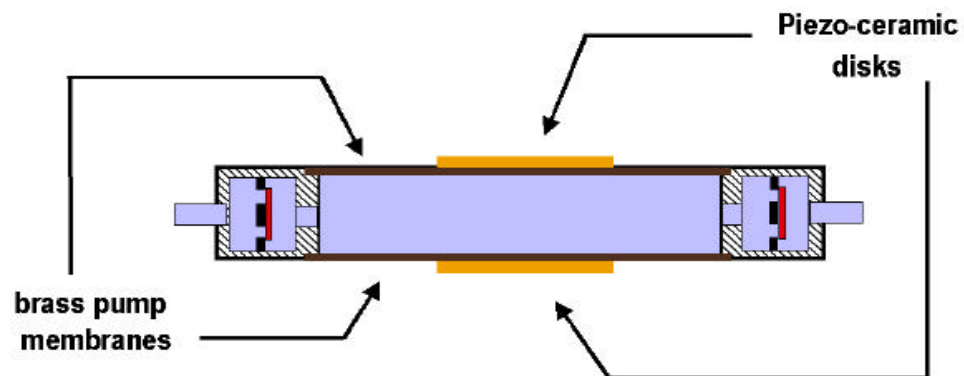
EUROPRACTICE

Valve-less Diffuser Micropump



Royal Institute of Technology(KTH/SWEDEN)

Piezoelectric Micropump



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Max Flowrate: 90 micro l/s, Max Delivery Head: 350 mmH₂O, Weight: 2.65 g, Volume: 133 mm³

Future Directions

- **Continue micro-fluidic diagnostic techniques development**
 - Increase spatial and temporal resolution
 - Bio-chips research
- **Study intrinsically micro-fluidic phenomena**
 - Biological/biomedical flows
 - Non-continuum effects/slip flow
 - Surface tension/electrically driven flows
- **Use micro-fluidic diagnostic techniques to design and evaluate micro-fluidic devices**