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Automated high-throughput generation of droplets

Jan Guzowski, Piotr M. Korczyk, Slawomir Jakiela and Piotr Garstecki*

We report a microfluidic technique for generation of droplets in parallel channels with online control of the volumes, volume fraction and distribution of volumes with the use of two external valves.



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Large-scale plasmonic microarrays for label-free high-throughput screening

Tsung-Yao Chang, Min Huang, Ahmet Ali Yanik, Hsin-Yu Tsai, Peng Shi, Serap Aksu, Mehmet Fatih Yanik* and Hatice Altug*

We demonstrate for the first time a large-scale plasmonic microarray technology with over one million sensors on single microscope slide.



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Speed of flow of individual droplets in microfluidic channels as a function of the capillary number, volume of droplets and contrast of viscosities

Slawomir Jakiela, Sylwia Makulska, Piotr M. Korczyk and Piotr Garstecki*

The results show quite a complex landscape of functional dependence of the mobility of droplets on the values of parameters.



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A universal multiplex PCR strategy for 100-plex amplification using a hydrophobically patterned microarray

Yang Li, Shu-Juan Guo, Ning Shao, Shun Tu, Miao Xu, Zhao-Rui Ren, Xing Ling, Guo-Qing Wang, Zhi-Xin Lin and Sheng-Ce Tao*

We present a universal Multiplex PCR strategy termed "Multiplex PCR on a Hydrophobically and Hydrophilically Patterned Microarray" and enable over 100-plex amplification with high specificity, sensitivity and flexibility.



MEMS microwell and microcolumn arrays: novel methods for high-throughput cell-based assays

Po-Cheng Chen, Yi-You Huang* and Jyh-Lyh Juang*

A new on-chip cell-based assay integrates MEMS-fabricated microwell and microcolumn arrays for gene function analysis and drug screening.





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Generation of oxygen gradients in microfluidic devices for cell culture using spatially confined chemical reactions

Yung-Ann Chen, Andrew D. King, Hsiu-Chen Shih, Chien-Chung Peng, Chueh-Yu Wu, Wei-Hao Liao and Yi-Chung Tung*

A single-layer PDMS microfluidic cell culture device capable of generating stable oxygen gradients using spatially confined oxygen generation or scavenging chemical reactions.

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Electrolysis in nanochannels for *in situ* reagent generation in confined geometries

Nicholas M. Contento, Sean P. Branagan and Paul W. Bohn*

The *in situ* electrochemical production of dissolved hydrogen, a reagent of interest, is monitored in a nanochannel array *via* a pH-sensitive fluorescent dye.





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Droplet-driven transports on superhydrophobic-patterned surface microfluidics

Siyuan Xing, Ryan S. Harake and Tingrui Pan*

In this paper, we present a comprehensive theoretical and experimental investigation of unconventional droplet-based motions on a superhydrophobic-patterned surface microfluidic (S²M) platform.



Miniaturized bead-beating device to automate full DNA sample preparation processes for Gram-positive bacteria

Kyu-Youn Hwang, Sung Hong Kwon, Sun-Ok Jung, Hee-Kyun Lim, Won-Jong Jung, Chin-Sung Park, Joon-Ho Kim,* Kahp-Yang Suh* and Nam Huh

We present a miniaturized bead-beating device to automate nucleic acids extraction from Gram-positive bacteria for molecular diagnostics.

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Enhanced cell sorting and manipulation with combined optical tweezer and microfluidic chip technologies

Xiaolin Wang, Shuxun Chen, Marco Kong, Zuankai Wang, Kevin D. Costa, Ronald A. Li* and Dong Sun*

A generic single-cell manipulation tool integrating optical tweezers and microfluidic technologies for handling small cell population sorting with high accuracy.

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Axon diodes for the reconstruction of oriented neuronal networks in microfluidic chambers

Jean-Michel Peyrin,^{*} Bérangère Deleglise, Laure Saias, Maéva Vignes, Paul Gougis, Sebastien Magnifico, Sandrine Betuing, Mathéa Pietri, Jocelyne Caboche, Peter Vanhoutte, Jean-Louis Viovy^{*} and Bernard Brugg^{*}

A novel microfluidic device using asymmetric micro-channels allowing the *in vitro* reconstruction of oriented neuronal networks, with a specific fluidic access to various cellular subcompartments within these networks.









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Manipulating location, polarity, and outgrowth length of neuron-like pheochromocytoma (PC-12) cells on patterned organic electrode arrays

Yu-Sheng Hsiao, Chung-Chih Lin, Hsin-Jui Hsieh, Shih-Min Tsai, Chiung-Wen Kuo, Chih-Wei Chu and Peilin Chen*

A biocompatible organic electrode system was demonstrated to regulate the neuron type, location, polarity, and outgrown length of neuron-like cells (PC-12).

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Monitoring protein distributions based on patterns generated by protein adsorption behavior in a microfluidic channel

Seokheun Choi,* Shuai Huang, Jing Li and Junseok Chae

We report a unique monitoring technique of protein distributions based on distinctive patterns generated by protein adsorption behavior on a solid surface in a microfluidic channel.



Microfluidic chamber arrays for whole-organism behavior-based chemical screening

Kwanghun Chung, Mei Zhan, Jagan Srinivasan, Paul W. Sternberg, Emily Gong, Frank C. Schroeder and Hang Lu*

Here we report a microfluidic device that allows for the behavior tracking of single worms and delivery of stimuli with precise temporal control.



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Fluorescence microscopy imaging with a Fresnel zone plate array based optofluidic microscope

Shuo Pang,* Chao Han, Lap Man Lee and Changhuei Yang

We report the implementation of an on-chip microscope system, fluorescence optofluidic microscope (FOFM), which employs an array of Fresnel zone plates (FZP) to generate an array of focused light spots within a microfluidic channel. As a demonstration, we show that such a system can be used to image fluorescent labeled HeLa cells.

