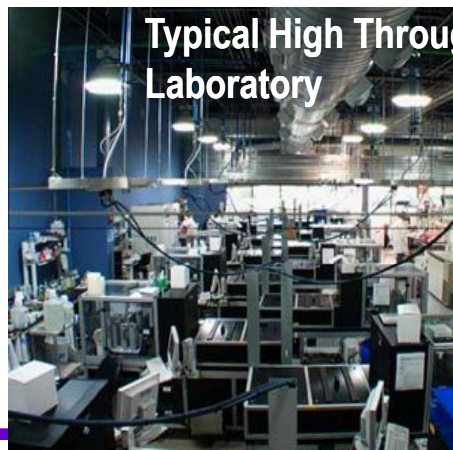
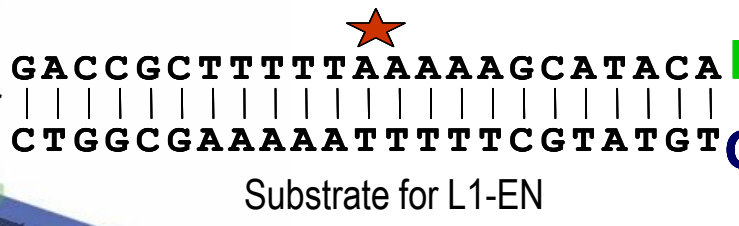
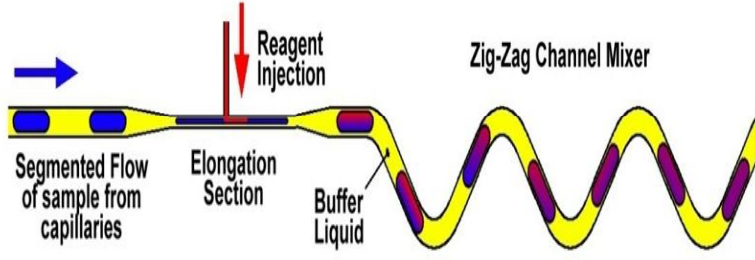
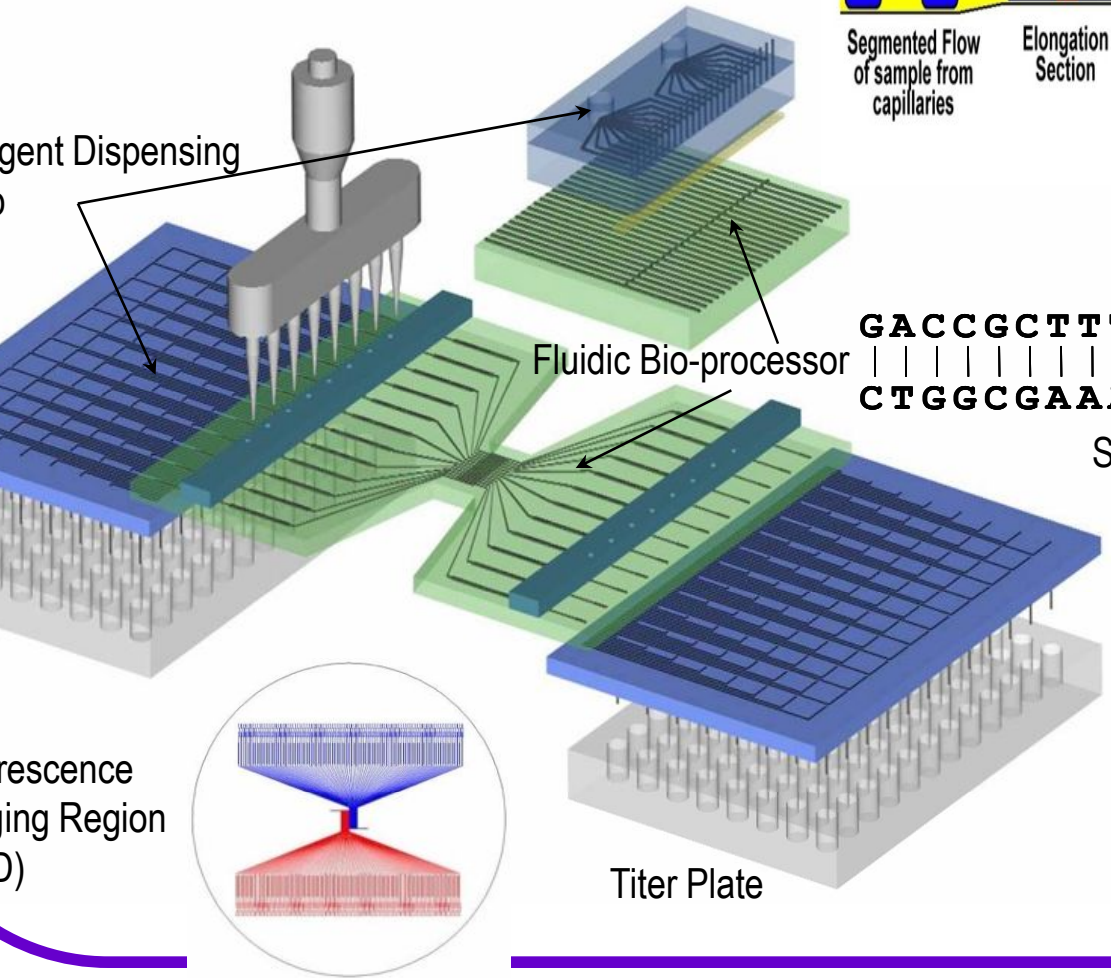


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Kim, Rani, You,  
Anreatha/Juneja, Walker

# Small Molecule Sensor (Steve Soper, LSU)



Open combinatorial library for inhibitors of L1-  
Genome instability



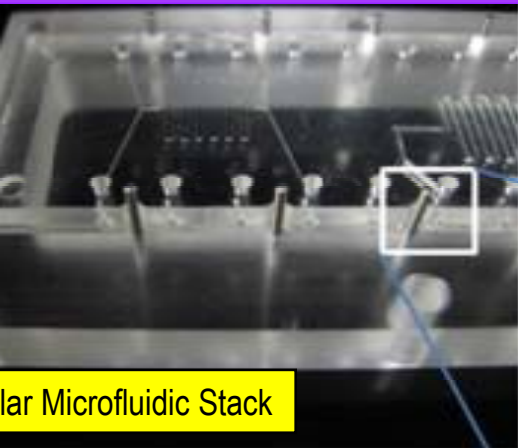
## VALUE ADDED

- **Current state-of-the-art instruments (Evotec);**
  - process 140,000 samples day<sup>-1</sup>
  - Robotic fluid handling
  - Uses 1-5  $\mu\text{L}$  of reagents
- **Small Molecule Sensor System;**
  - Process  $\sim 10^9$  samples day<sup>-1</sup>
  - Full automation affected by microfluidics
  - Imaging readout with high sensitivity
  - Uses 1-5 pL of reagents
- **Interdisciplinary project (synthetic, analytical, material chemists; mechanical engineers; molecular biologists; pharmaceutical industry)**
- **Experimental chemists/engineers become familiar with HPC (WP3, WP4)**
- **CHALLENGE – How to mine and organize the data generated (WP1)**

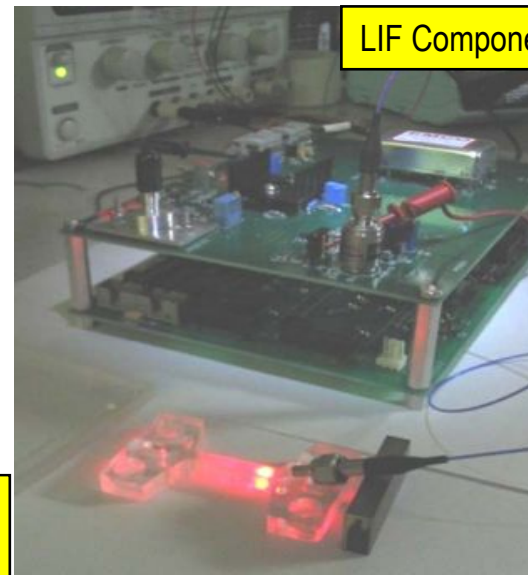
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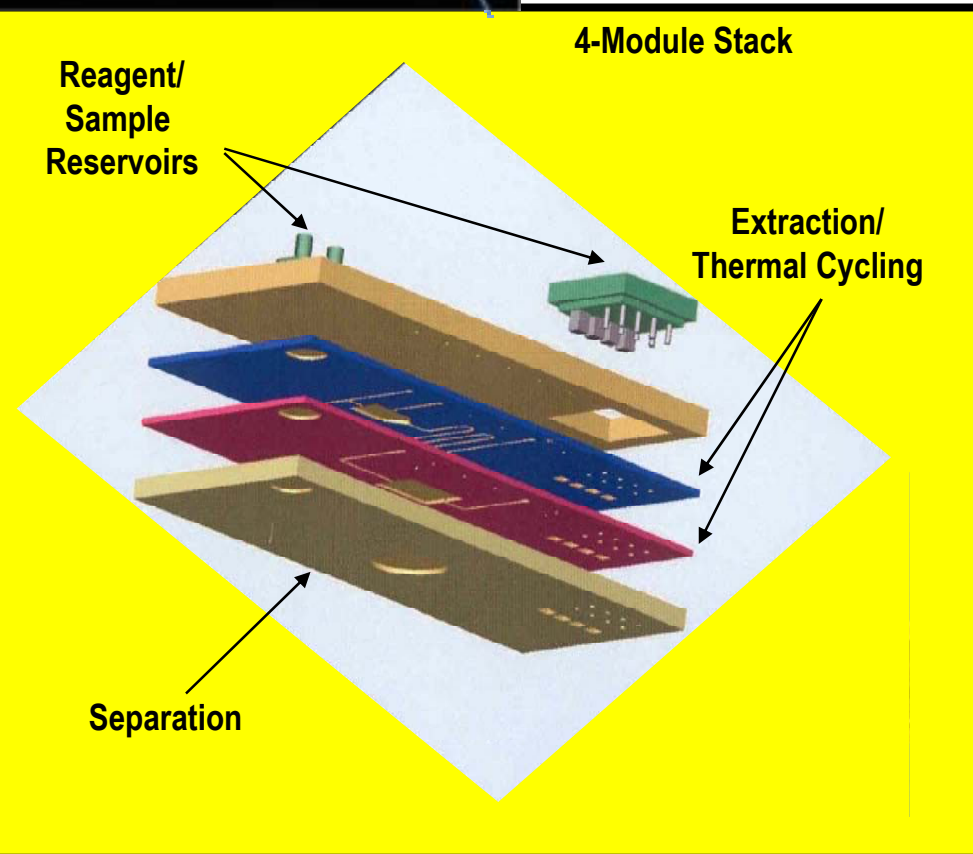
# Genosensor System (Steve Soper, LSU)



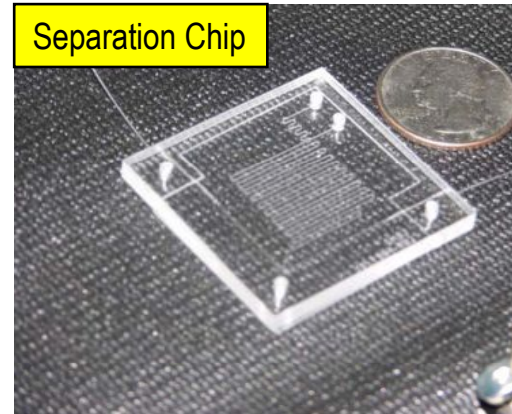
Microfluidic Stack



LIF Component



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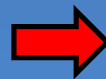
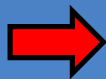
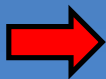
Separation Chip

## VALUE ADDED

- **Current state-of-the-art instruments (ABI);**
  - Multiple instruments for processing genetic samples
  - Large footprint and not field deployable
  - Requires specialized technicians to affect assay
  - Long assay turn-around time (6-8 h)

### Genosensor System;

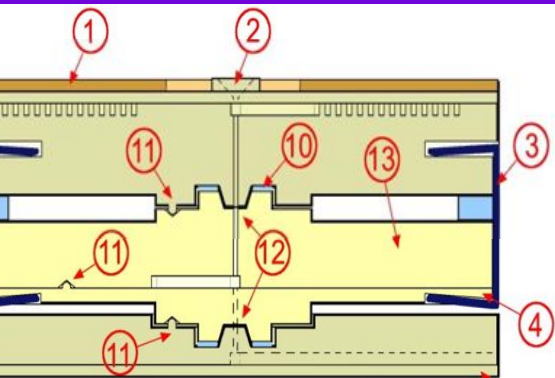
- Full automation affected by microfluidics and process integration
- Short assay turn-around-time (30 min)
- Field deployable without sacrificing assay performance
- **Interdisciplinary project (synthetic, analytical, material chemists; mechanical engineers; molecular biologists; computer scientists)**
- Reduce design/development time using system-level modeling
- **CHALLENGE** – Fabricate integrated system with multiple processing steps (WP3; WP4)



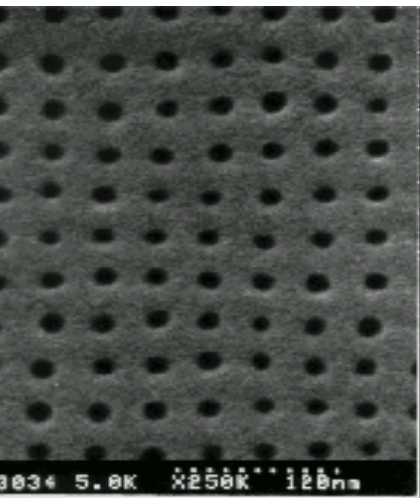


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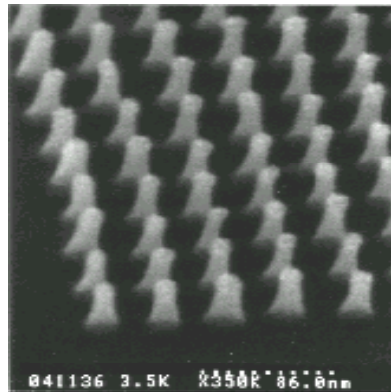
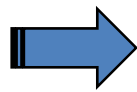
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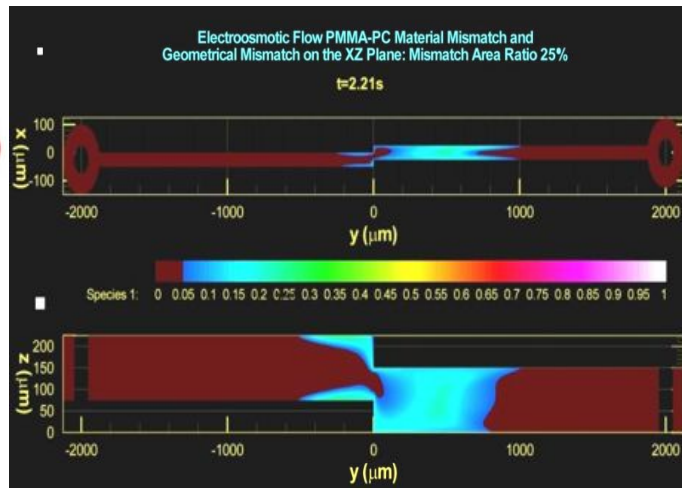
Conceptual drawing of superhydrophobic interconnect.



NIL



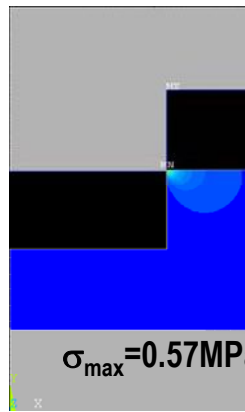
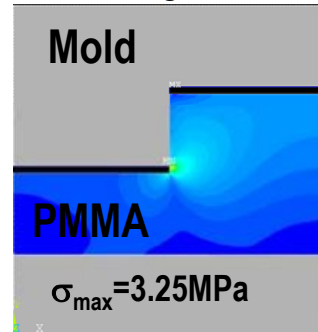
CFD simulation for module mis-alignment.



## Interconnects:

Designing modular systems across different materials and scales. **Computational Needs:** CFD simulations for Newtonian fluids across mixed-scale materials (nano-to-microchannels) for transport.

## Stress during demolding



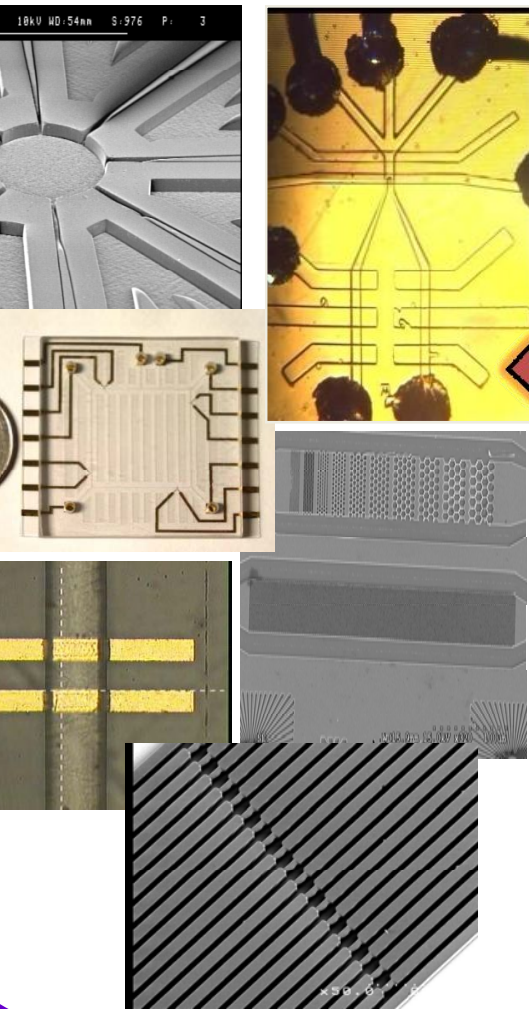
**Nanofabrication** : Nanoimprint lithography (NIL) to build nanostructure domains (extraction, extension)  
**Computational Needs** – Modeling Non-Newtonian Fluids during mixed-scale replication.

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Lekpeli

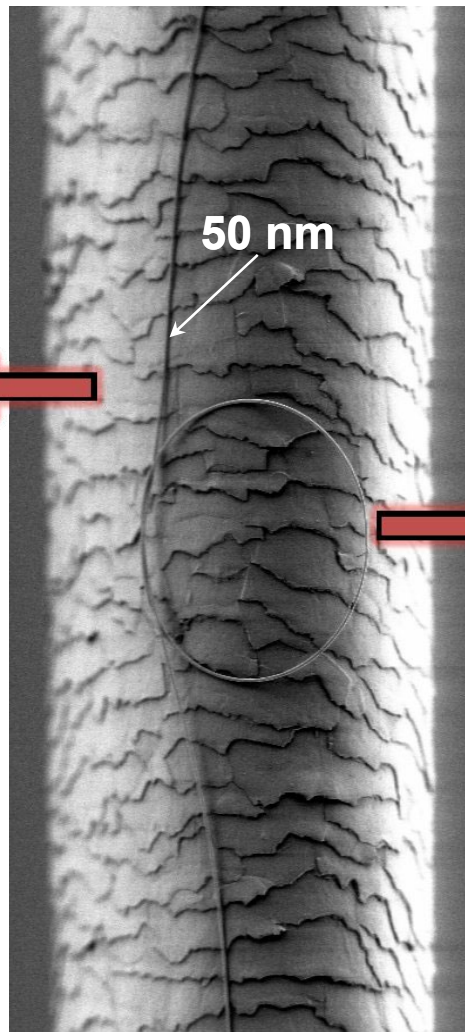
# Nanoscale Sensors: Rethinking the Molecular Processing Paradigm (Steve Soper, LSU)



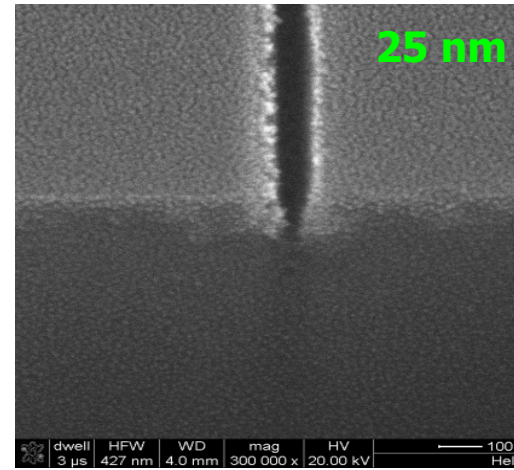
## Microtechnology



50  $\mu\text{m}$



## Nanotechnology



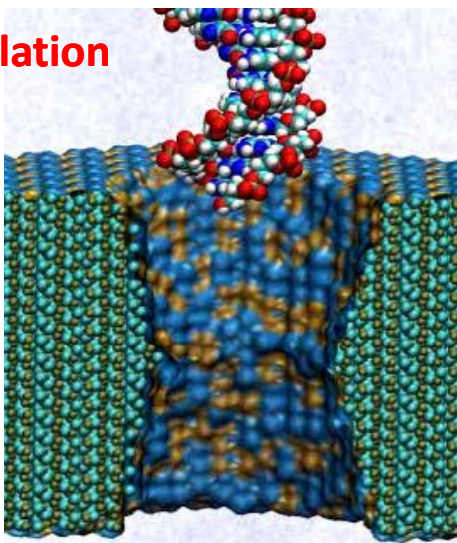
Menard and J. M. Ramsey, UNC



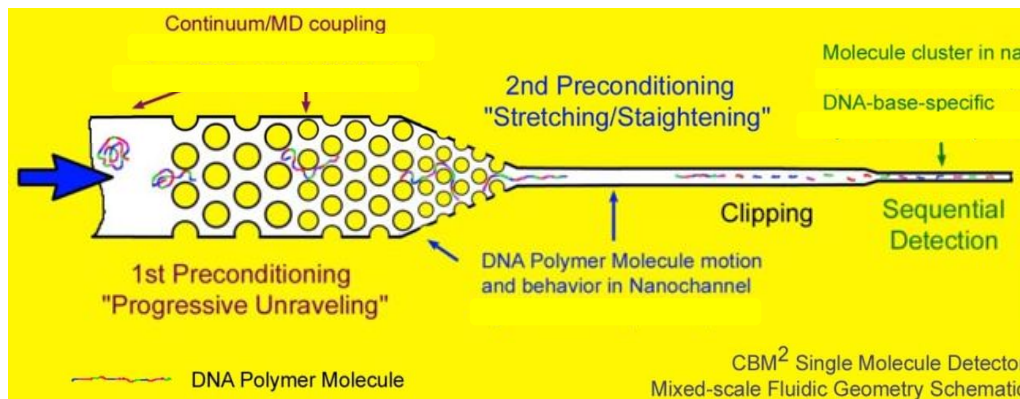
# CyberTools Modeling of DNA Transport in Micro- / Nano-domains (Steve Soper, LSU)



## Simulation

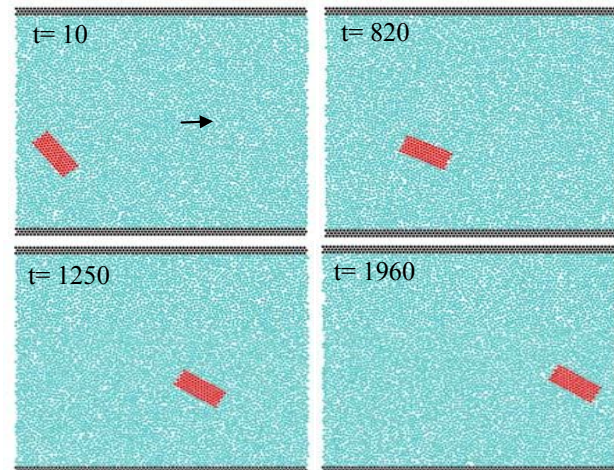
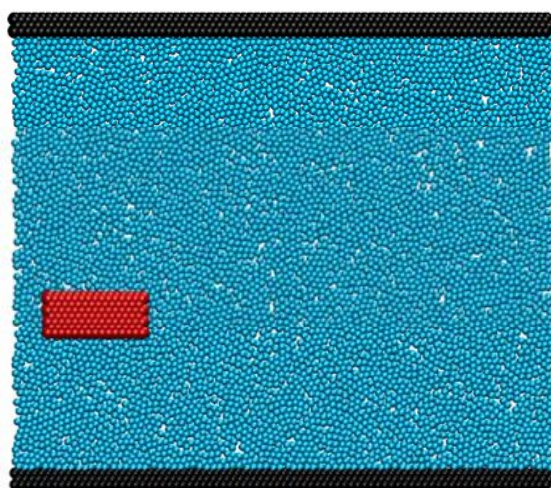


Schulten, *BioPhy. J.* 87 (2004) 2086.



Problem – MD Simulations limited to ~100 ns; 'True' translocations are millisecond-scale events.

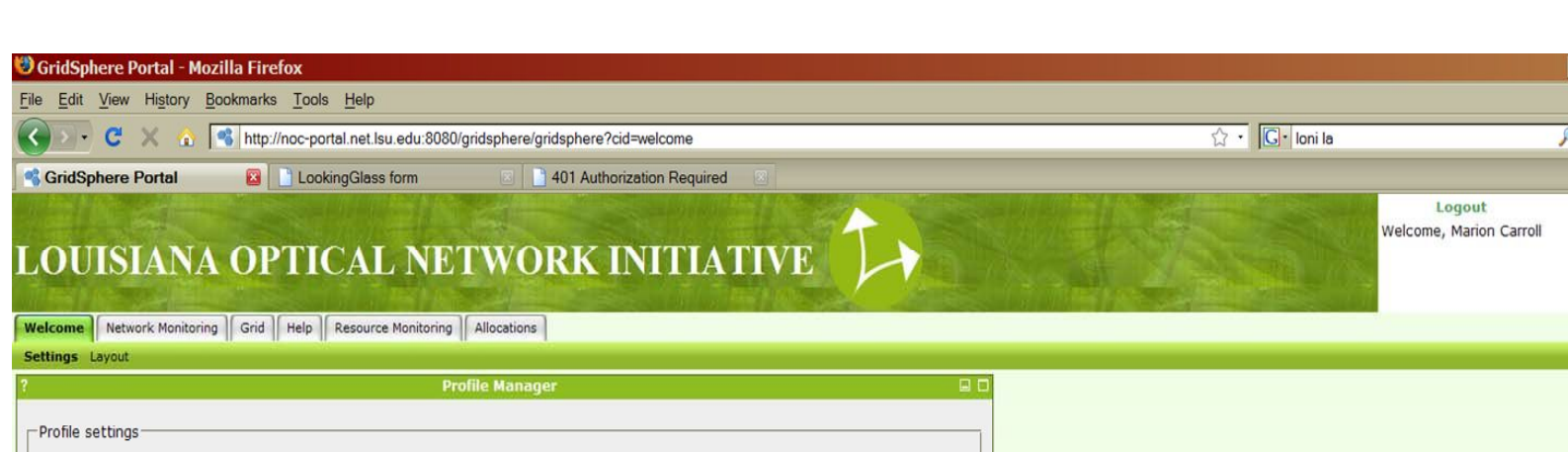
MD Simulation using Lennard-Jones Fluid  
MD time steps, step  
0.16 ps; w ~ 25 nm; L  
(27 nm).



# Discovery of new *Alu* Subfamilies using HPC (Marion Carroll, XU)



TREE\_PUZZLE and Maximum Likelihood Analysis



Queenbee HPC is employed to generate output files using TREE-PUZZLE that suggest divergence of uncharacterized Alu Y elements into subfamilies. Diagnostic mutations must then be described via sequence alignment in MEGA.



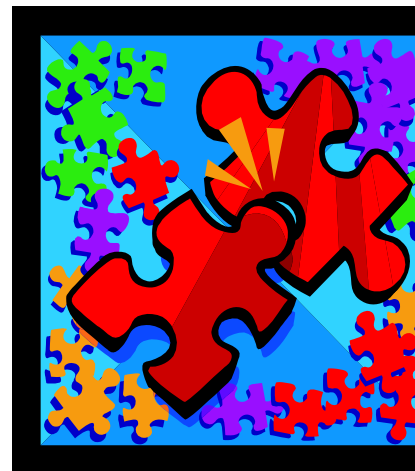
# Tree-Puzzle Algorithm

(Marion Carroll, XU)



**TREE-PUZZLE is an application run on Queenbee that reconstructs phylogenetic trees from nucleotide sequences by maximum likelihood.**

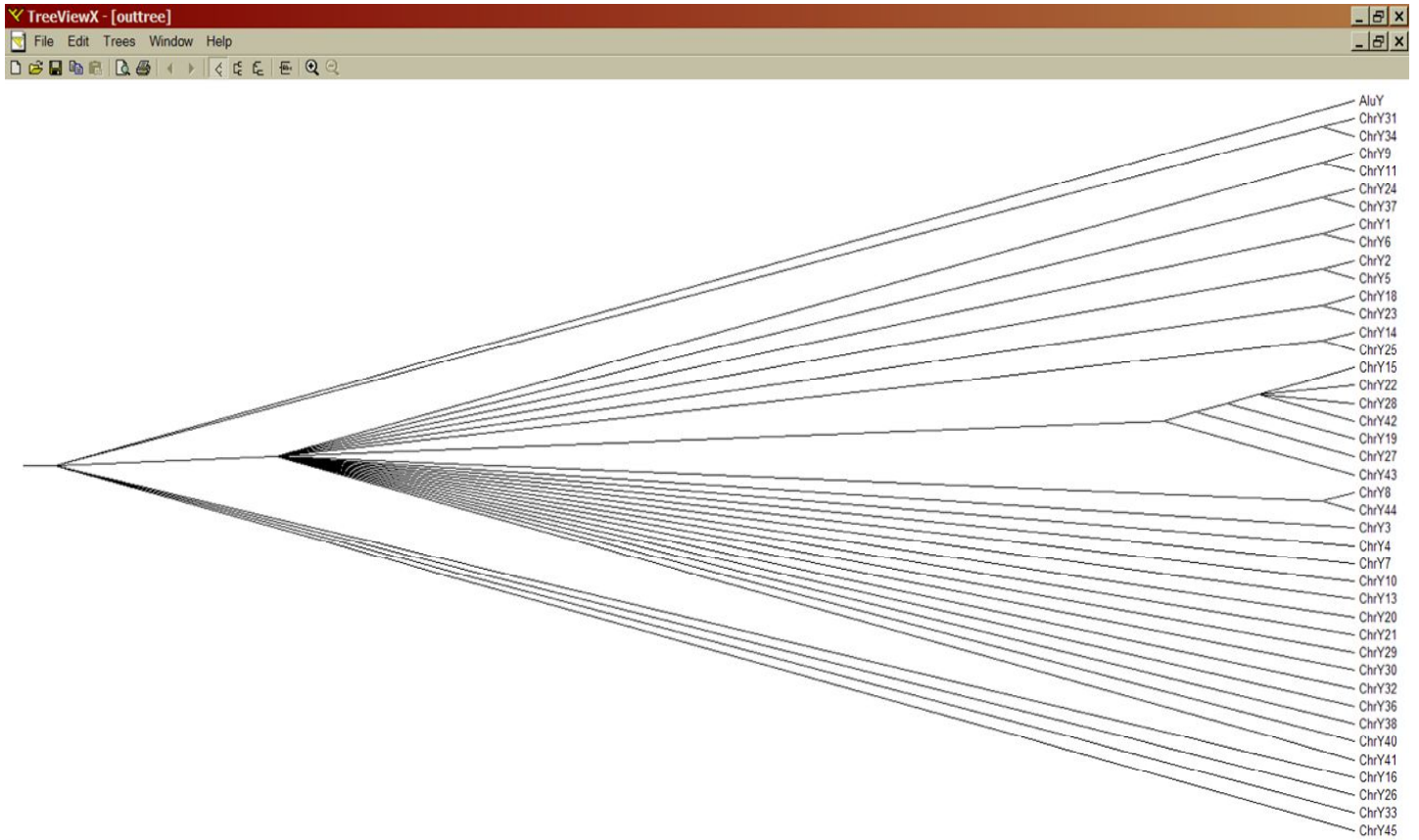
**TREE-PUZZLE conducts a number of statistical tests on the data set. It does a tree search algorithm or quartet puzzling that allows analysis of large data sets using MPI.**



# Output of Tree-Puzzle Analysis (Marion Carroll, XU)



## OUTTREE FILE





# Experimental Verification

(Marion Carroll, XU)



## Chimp Alu Polymorphic Display

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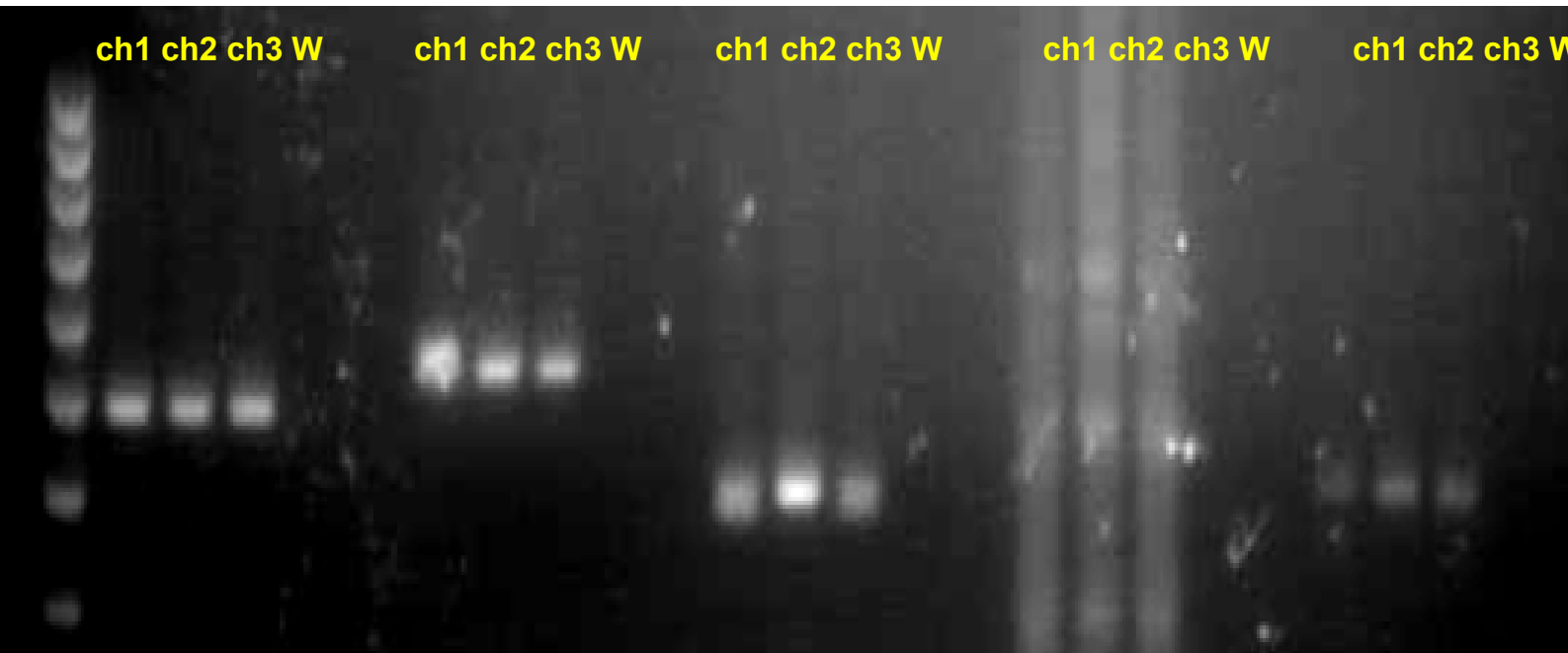
ch1 ch2 ch3 W

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# Microfabrication Infrastructure (Pin-Chuan Chen, LSU)

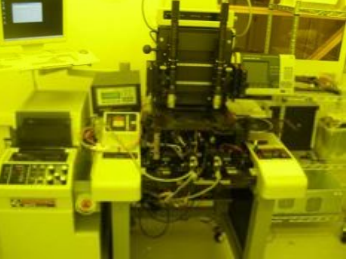
**Forming Patterns**  
 $10^{-8}m \Rightarrow 10^{-1}m$

Ray lithography



Micro-milling

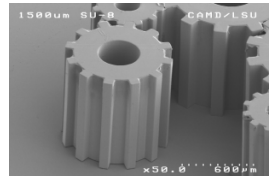
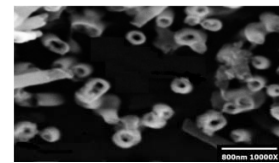
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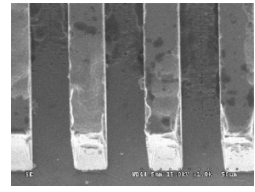
Excimer laser



Obducat nano-imprinting



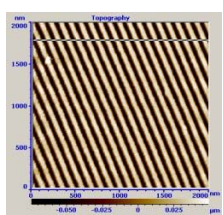
**Filling Patterns (Metals)**  
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**Replicating Patterns**  
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Battenfeld injection molding



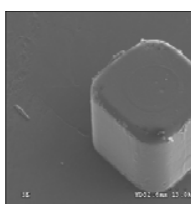
50 nm grating



Jenoptik HEX 02



Double-sided Injection molding hot embossing



cube

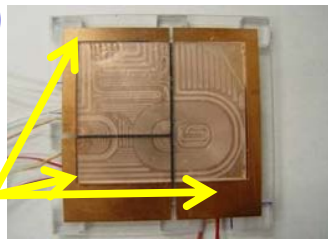
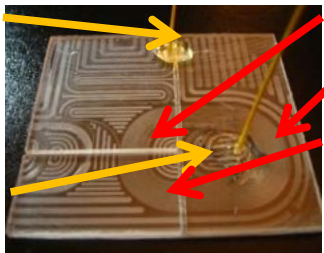


# In-Plane Thermal Management (Pin-Chuan Chen, LSU)

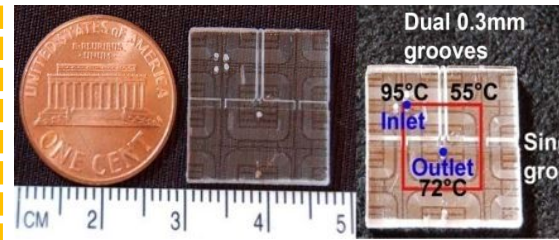


## Original CFPCR (3 cm X 4 cm)

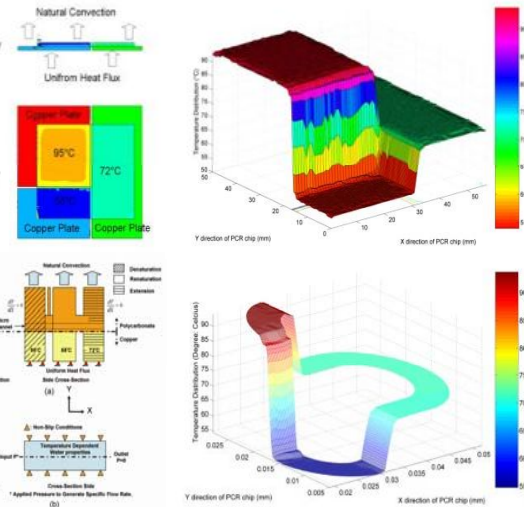
Denaturation (95°C)  
Extension (72°C)  
Renaturation (55°C)  
Copper Plates



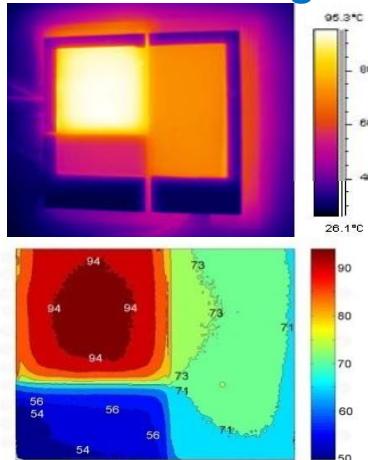
## Small Area CFPCR (9 mm X 9 mm)



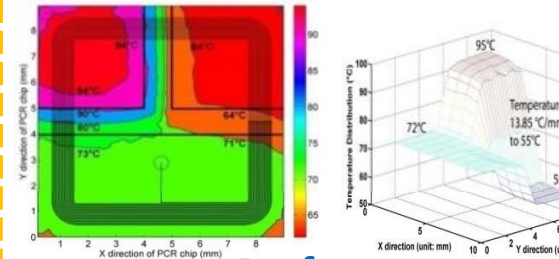
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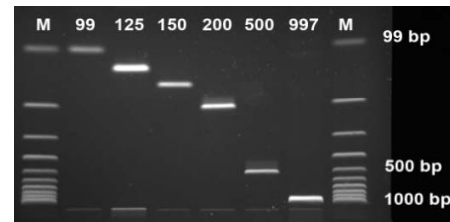
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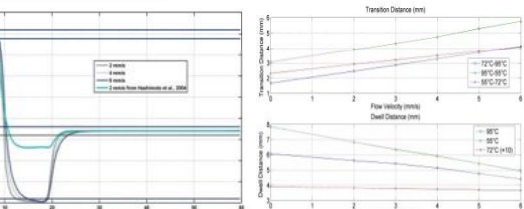
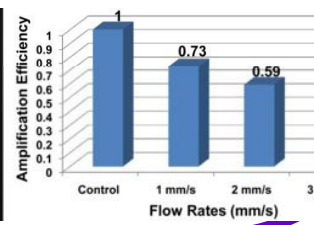
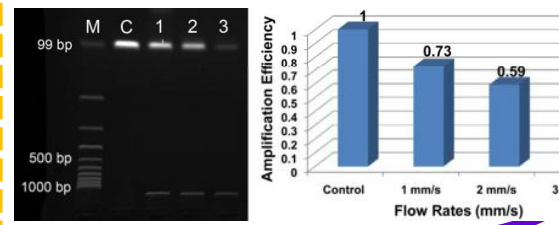
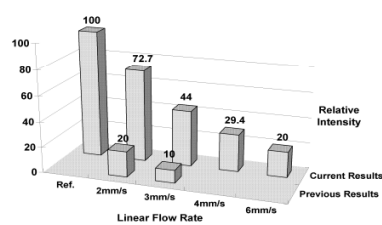
## Finite Element Analysis



## Performance



## Improved Performance

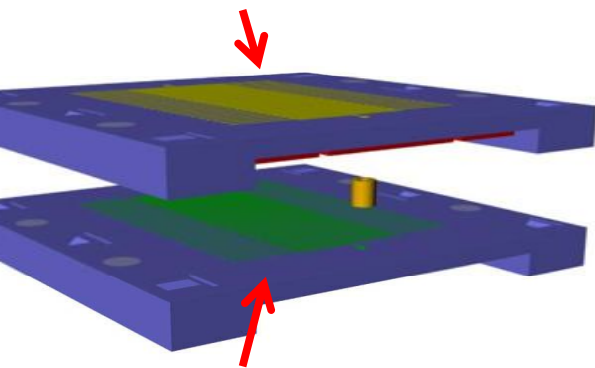




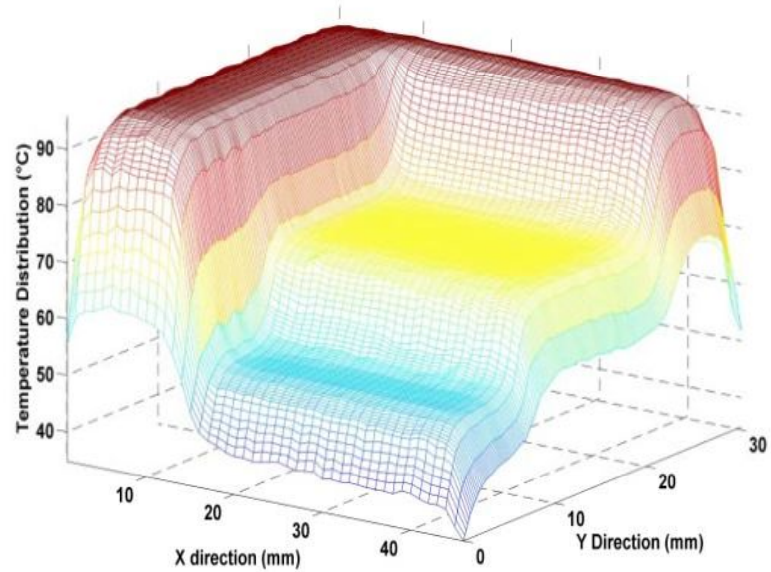
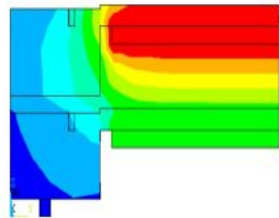
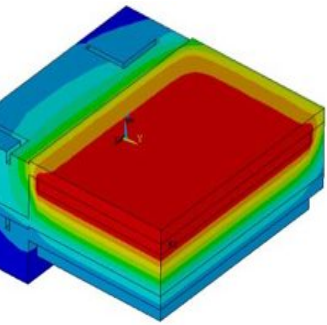
# Stacked Thermal Management (Pin-Chuan Chen, LSU)



Microfluidic Module 1



Microfluidic Module 2



Thermal Reactor (CFPCR)

Air gap

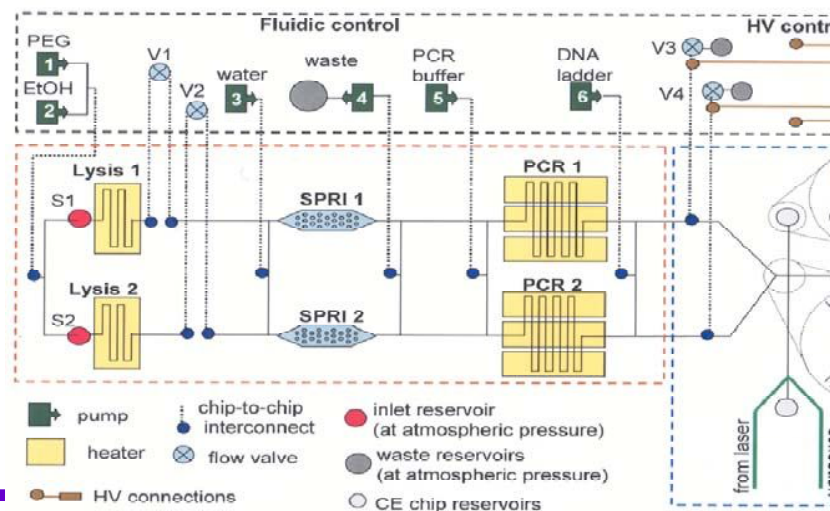
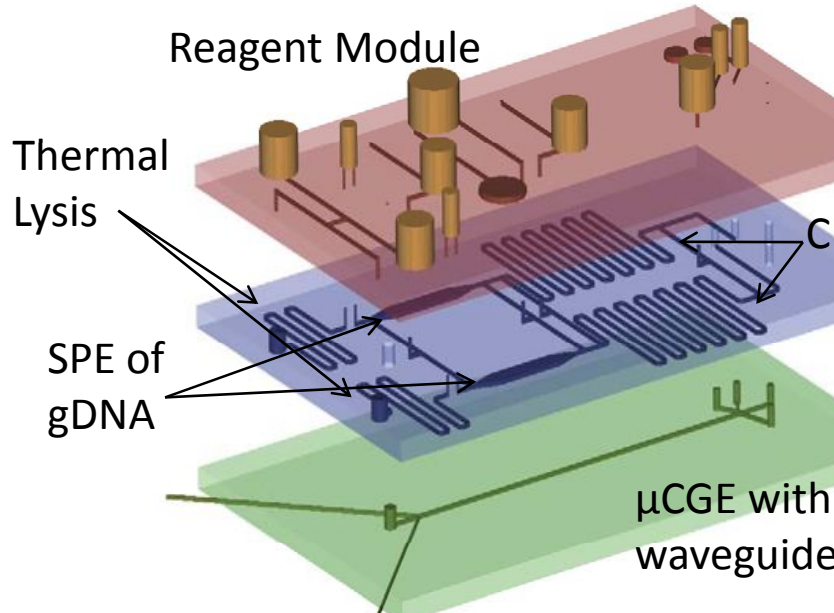
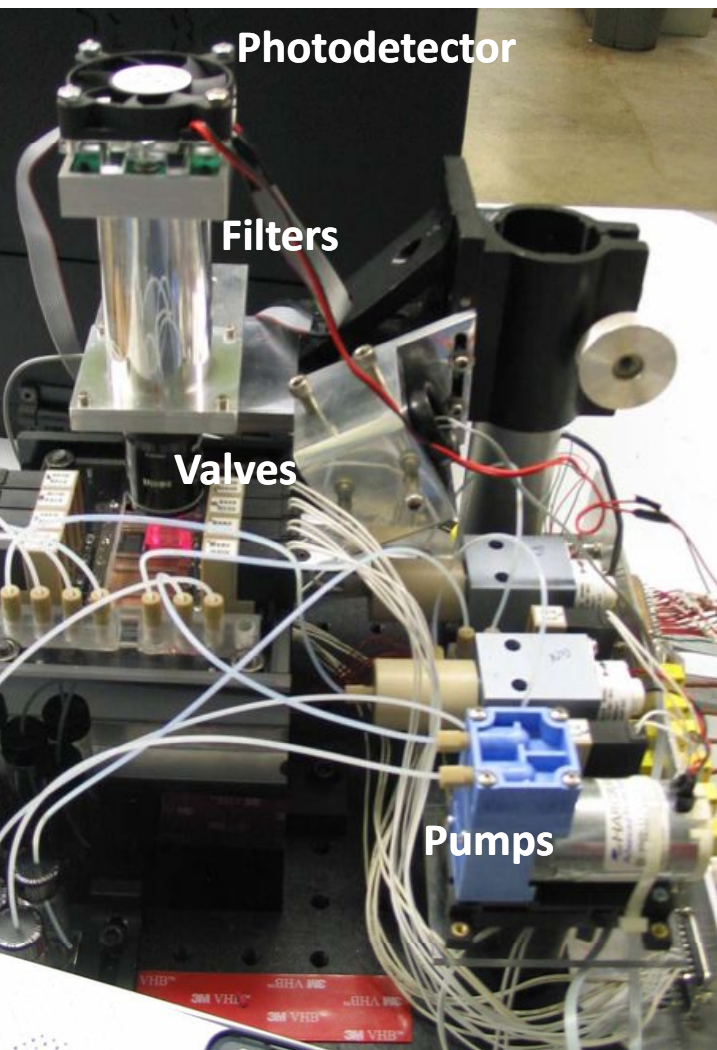


Electrophoresis

Finite Element Analysis to Understand Heat Transfer From Layer to Layer

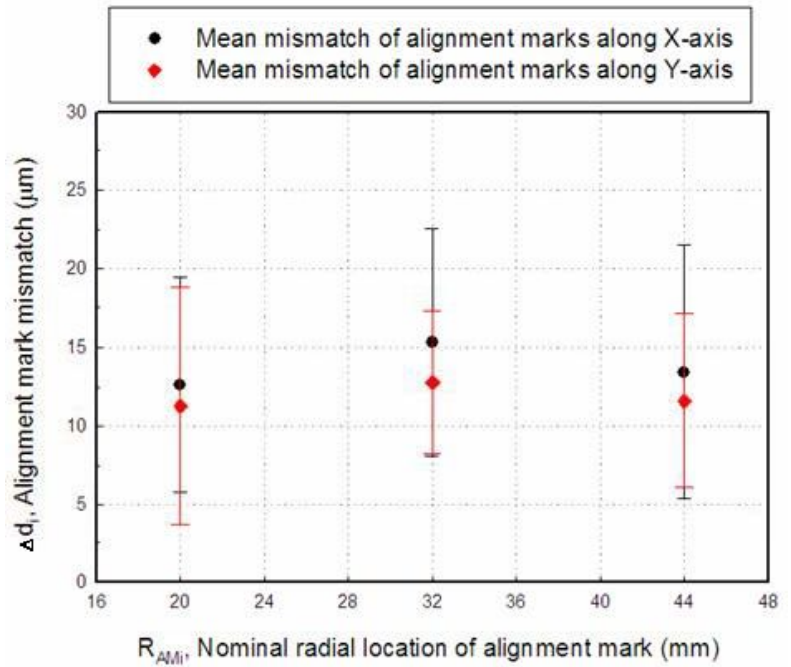
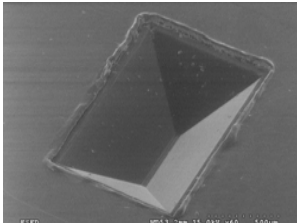
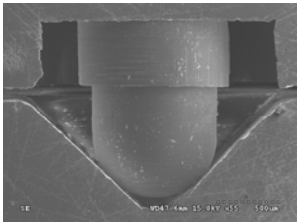
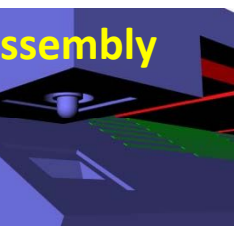
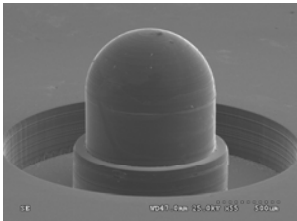
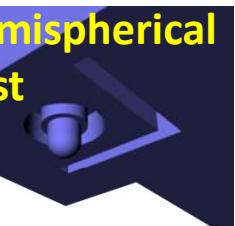
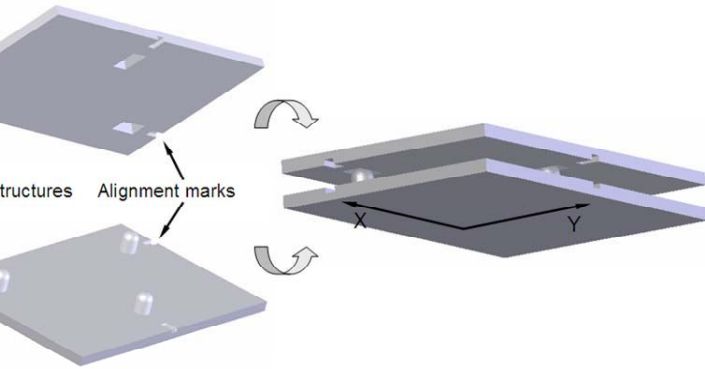


# Sensor for Human Identification (Jason Emory, LSU)



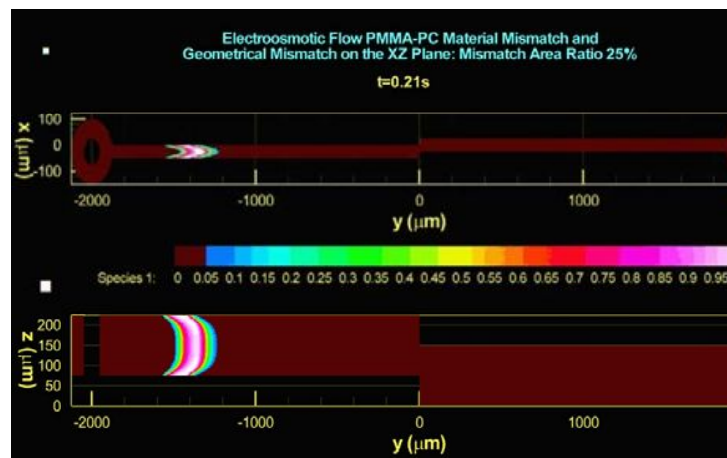
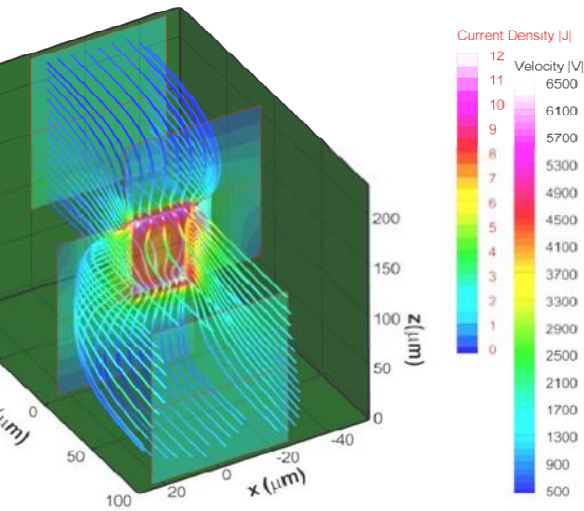


# Passive Alignment Structures (Jason Emory, LSU)

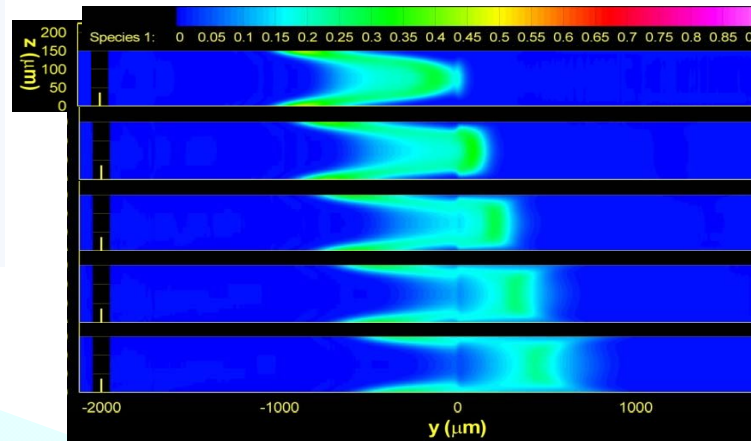
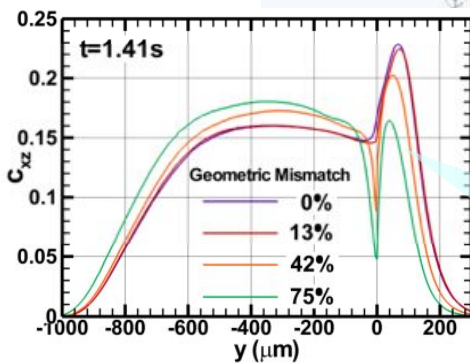
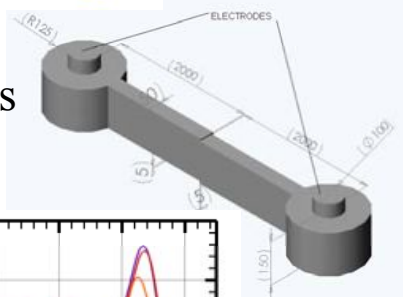


- Mean lateral offset in X- and Y-axes 10-15 µms
- Not location dependent
- Nominal post height 925 µms
- Mean hot embossed post height  $922 \pm 2$  µms
- Standard deviation < 6 µms

# Interconnects for Fluid Transfer between Modules (Jason Emory, LSU)



$Q=7.03\text{nL/s}$

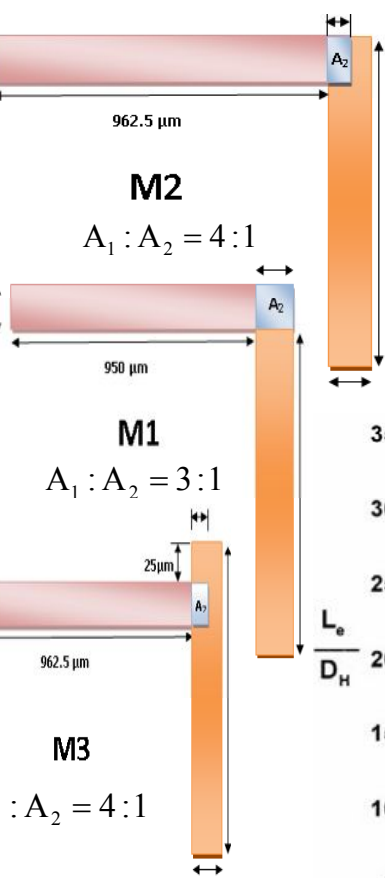


effect for  
geometrical  
mismatch

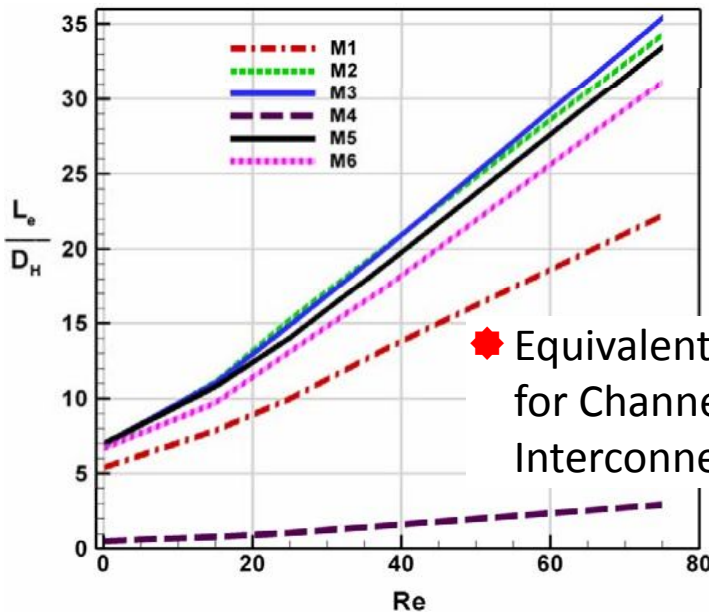
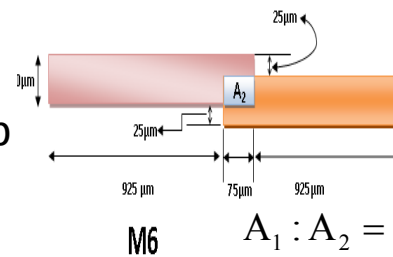
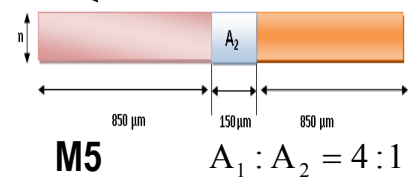
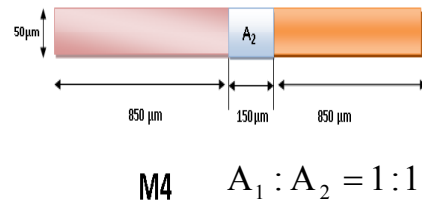
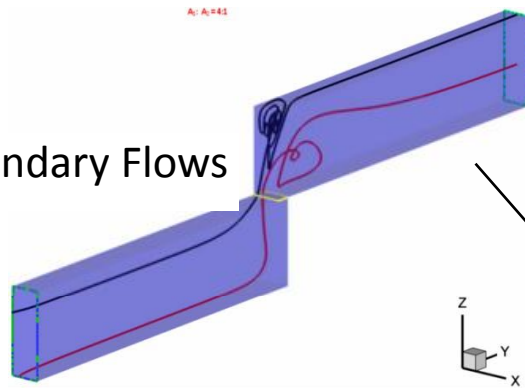
Plug re-concentration after PMMA-PC material mismatch



# Interconnects: Channel Overlap Configuration (Jason Emory, LSU)



Secondary Flows

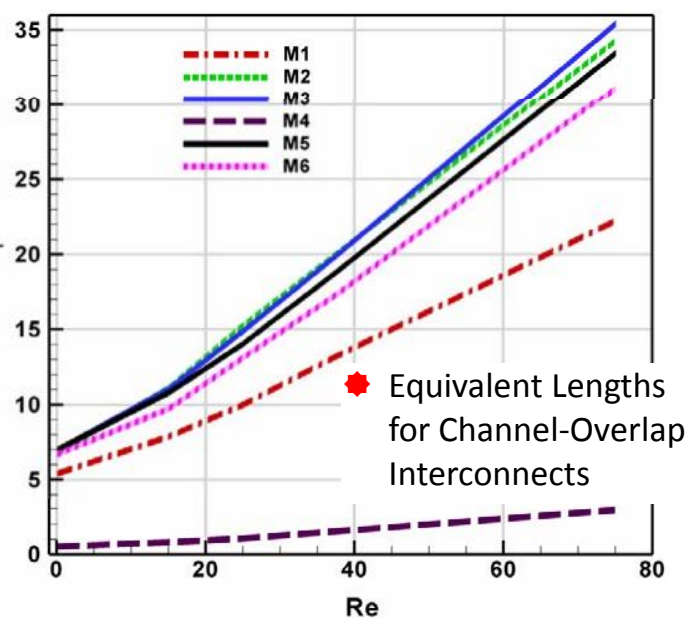
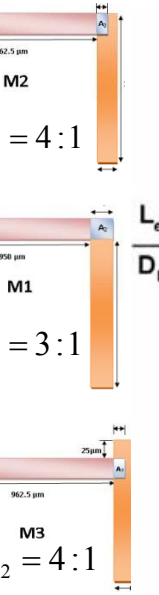
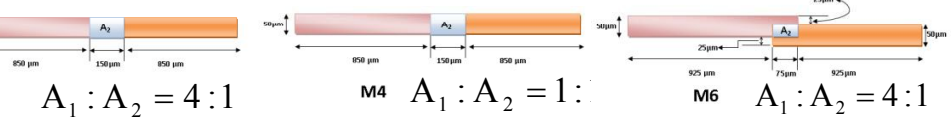
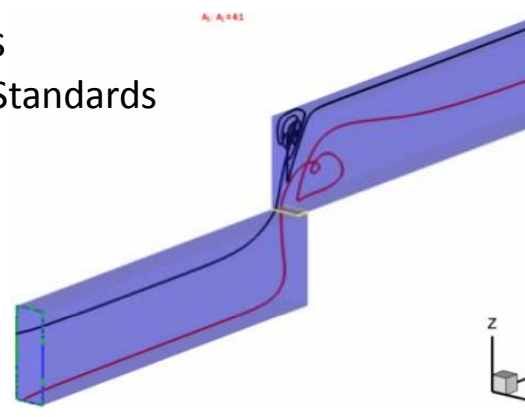
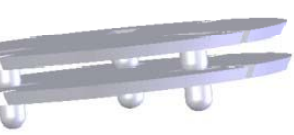




# Design Knowledge Base & Rules Through Simulation (Dimitris Nikitopoulos, LSU)



- ★ Pressure Loss Through Interconnects
  - ★ Determined according to ANSI/ASME Standards
  - ★ Equivalent length dependence on
    - ★ Reynolds number
    - ★ Interconnect Configuration



- ★ HPC Utilization and Benefit
  - ★ Migrate commercial codes on Queenbee (WP4)
  - ★ Parametric study parallelization (W)
  - ★ Interactive Post-processing and Data Management
  - ★ *Full-system simulation* when component-by-component approach fails (e.g. processes involving heat and mass transfer)

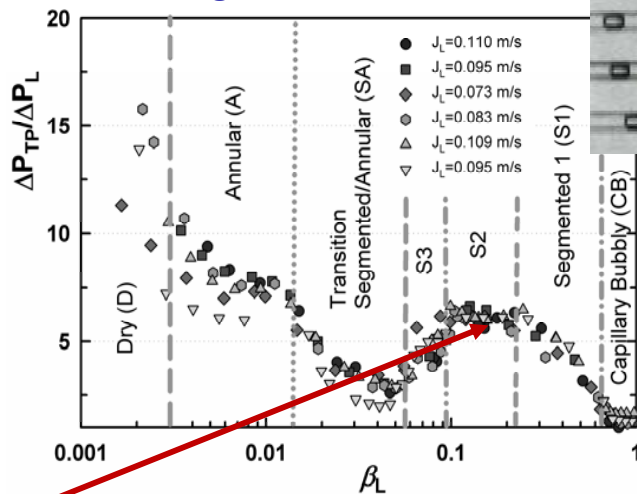
Posters  
 . Kim (Exp.)  
 . D. Walker (Sim.)

# Understanding Multi-phase Micro-Fluidics (Dimitris Nikitopoulos)

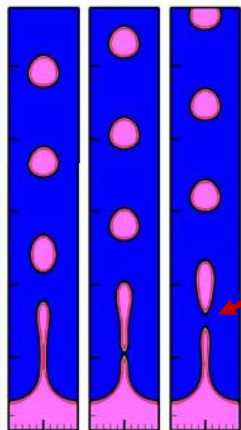


Code adapted to handle wall-interface interaction and break-up/coalescence  
 Parallelization – Code (Walker; WP4 - Tyagi) – Run (WP1)  
 Advanced interactive visualization tools (WP3 - Ullmer)  
 Improvement of Accuracy/Performance  
 Multi-Grid algorithm for elliptic eqns. with discontinuous coefficients (Walker; WP4 – Aksyolu, Tyagi)  
 Handle complex Cartesian geometries (Walker; WP4 - Tyagi)  
 Computational Steering (WP1, WP3, WP4)

Segmented flows

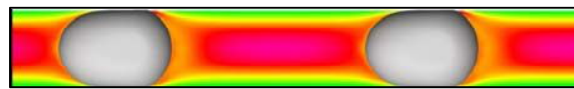


## Injection



### Scientific Challenges

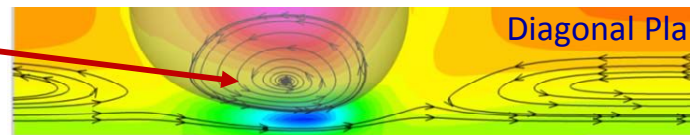
- ★ Pressure drop prediction
- ★ Understand and model the physics
  - ★ Interface/wall interaction
  - thin films - wettability
- ★ Break-up (injection)
- ★ Coalescence



film break-down = contamination



Center Plate



Diagonal Plate

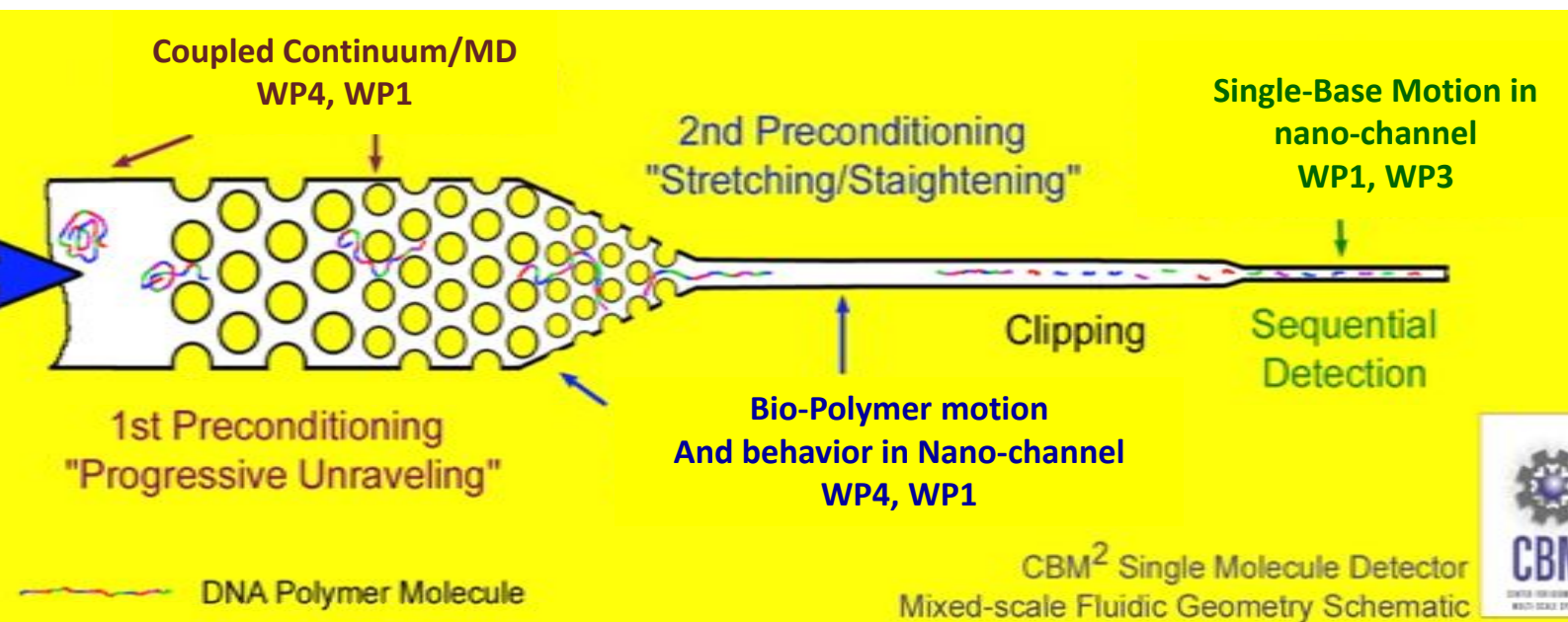
secondary flows aid mixing

# Multi-scale Application Test-Bed Example (Dimitris Nikitopoulos)



## Single-Molecule Multi-Scale Sensor

- ★ 1<sup>st</sup> Preconditioning: Milli- micro- to nano-scales
- ★ 2<sup>nd</sup> Preconditioning & Bio-polymer length meas.: micro- to nano-scale
- ★ Nano-channel Small Molecule Sensor: nano-/molecular scales



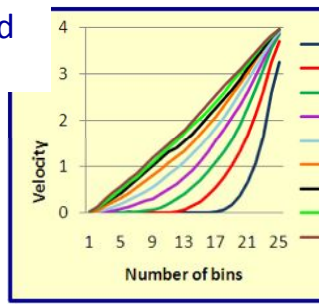
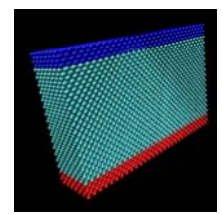
Poster  
C. Dufaud

# Multi-scale Coupled MD-Continuum Simulation Tool (Dimitris Nikitopoulos)

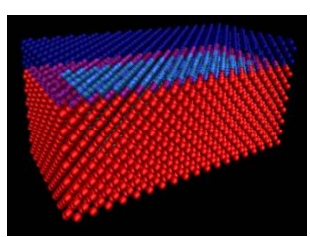


- Basic in-house MD code
- Developed, parallelized, Tested (Couette, Poiseuille)
- Documentation of the code for delivery to WP4
- Migration to CACTUS (New Student, WP4-Tyagi, Schnetter, Kim)
- Continuum 3D N-S Parallel Code (Velocity/Vorticity)
- Developed, parallelized (T.-Dervout\*, Dufaud)
- Tested on 3D driven cavity test problems (Dufaud)
- Documentation of the code for delivery to WP4 (Dufaud)
- Migration to CACTUS (New Student, WP4-Tyagi, Schnetter)
- Continuum-MD Coupling
- Parallelization issues (Dufaud, New Student; WP4-Tyagi)
- MD-Continuum code coupling using constrained dynamics
- under CACTUS (New Student; WP4-Tyagi, Schnetter, Kim; WP1)

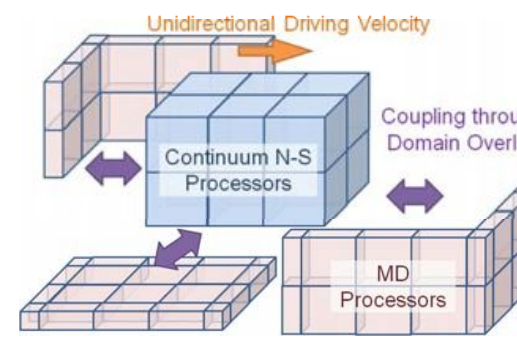
Test Results: Impulsively Started Couette Flow



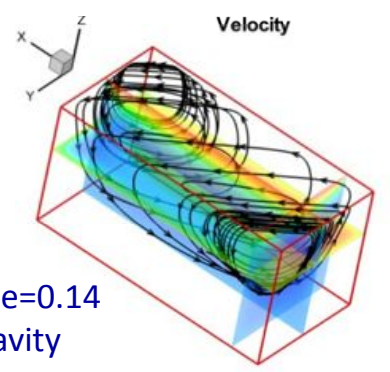
MD Domain Layout for Driven-Cavity Test Problem



Problem Distribution Schematic for Coupled MD-Continuum Driven-Cavity Test Problem



Test Results:  $Re=0.14$  xy-driven cavity

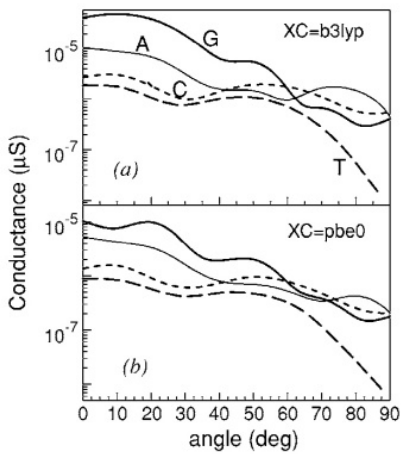
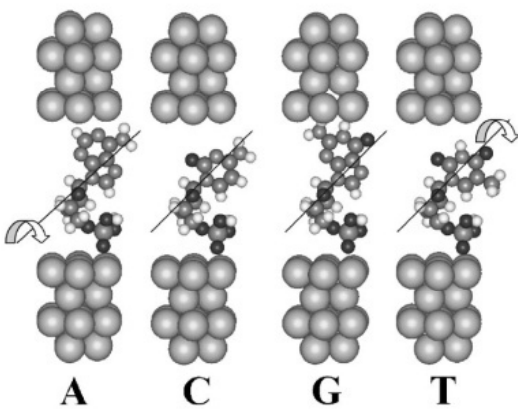




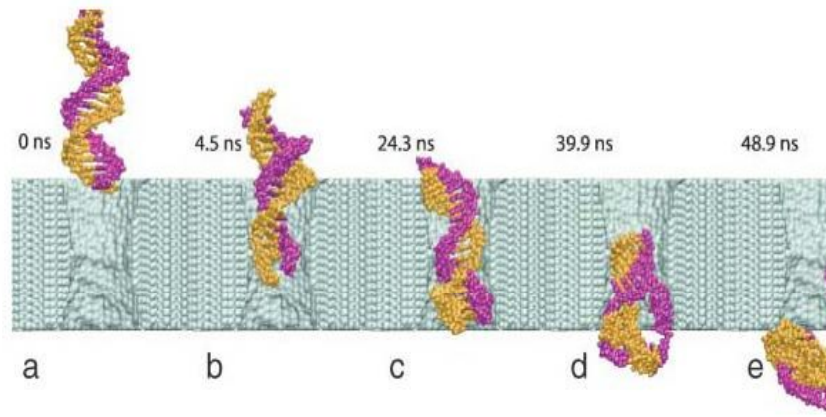
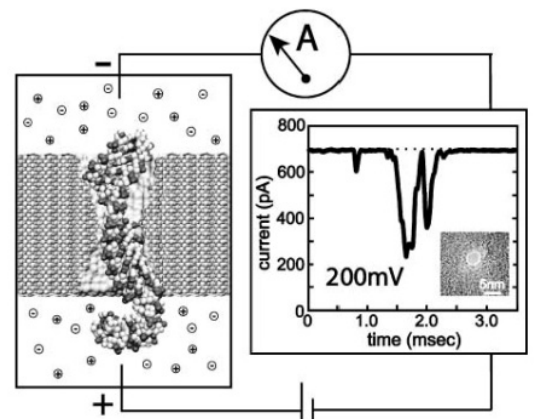
# Atomistic Simulation of Biopolymer Transport through Nano-Domains (Dorel Moldovan, LSU)



## Motivation



R. Zikic et al., Characterization of the tunneling conductance across DNA bases, Phys. Rev E 74, 011919 (2006)



A. Aksimentiev et al., et al., Microscopic kinetics of DNA translocation through synthetic nanopores, Biophys. J. 87 (2004) 2086

# Atomistic Study of Biopolymer Transport through Nano-channels (Dorel Moldovan, LSU)



## Methodology and Simulation System

→ MD simulations were performed with the software package LAMMPS

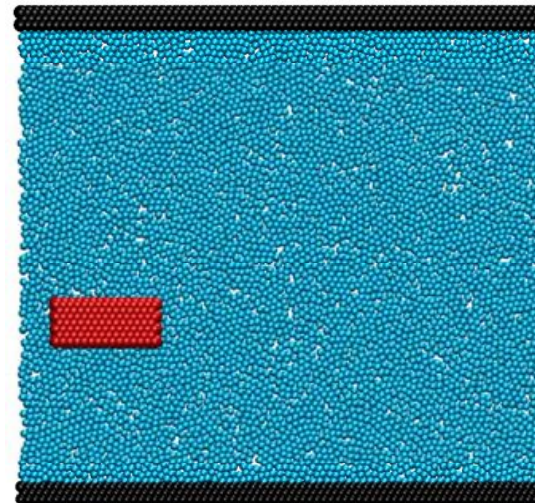
→ The interactions between any pair of atoms are described by the Lennar-Jones potential.

→ The two-dimensional system consists of ~6000 atoms and the molecule has an elongated shape of aspect ratio 2.6

→ The simulations were conducted and analyzed in reduced units. The distances are expressed in units of  $\sigma$ , the energy in  $\epsilon$ , the temperature in  $\epsilon/k_B$ , the time in,  $1/\sqrt{\epsilon/m\sigma^2}$  the force in  $\epsilon/\sigma$ , the density  $1/\sigma^2$ , etc.

→ The simulations were carried out at temperature  $k_B T/\epsilon = 1.2$  and density  $\rho/\sigma^2 = 0.81$ .

→ The Poiseuille flow was induced by introducing a “gravity” force that is applied parallel to the channel axis to each atom of the liquid and molecule.



$$V_{LJ}(r_{ij}) = 4\epsilon_{ij} \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$

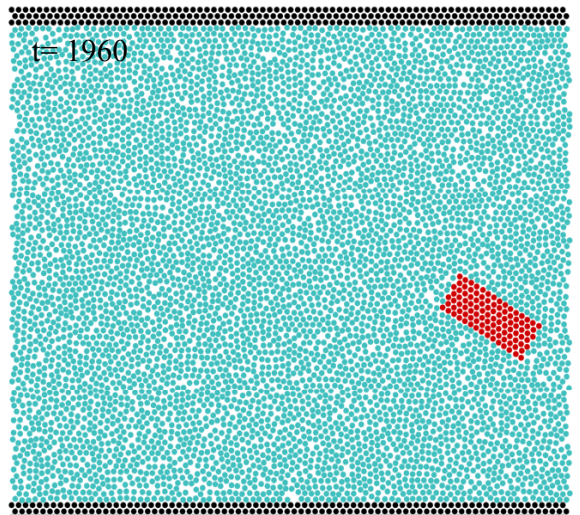
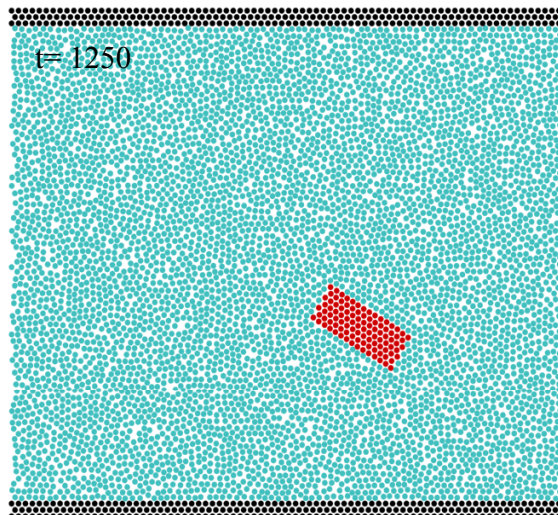
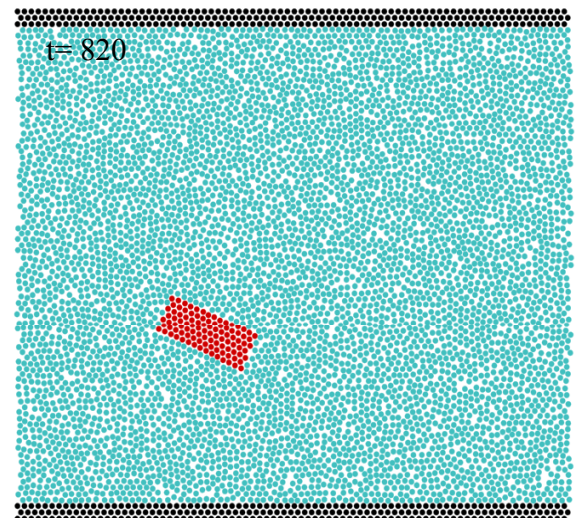
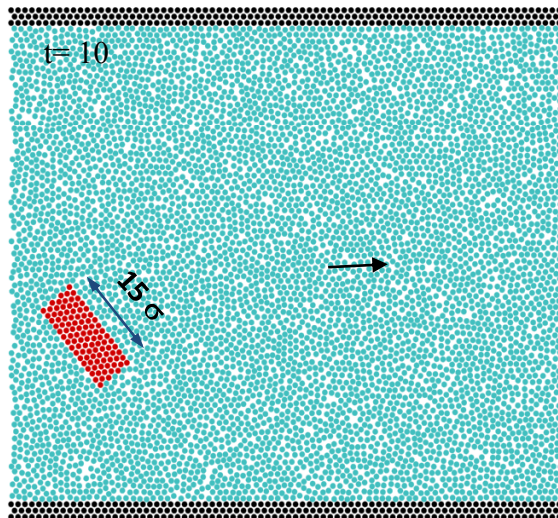
For Ar:  $\sigma = 3.4 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\epsilon/k_B = 120\text{K}$ ,  $m=40 \text{ a.u.}$   
accordingly the natural time unit is  $\tau = 2.16 \text{ p}$



# MD Simulation Results



78.3  $\sigma$  (for Ar  $\sim$  26 nm)



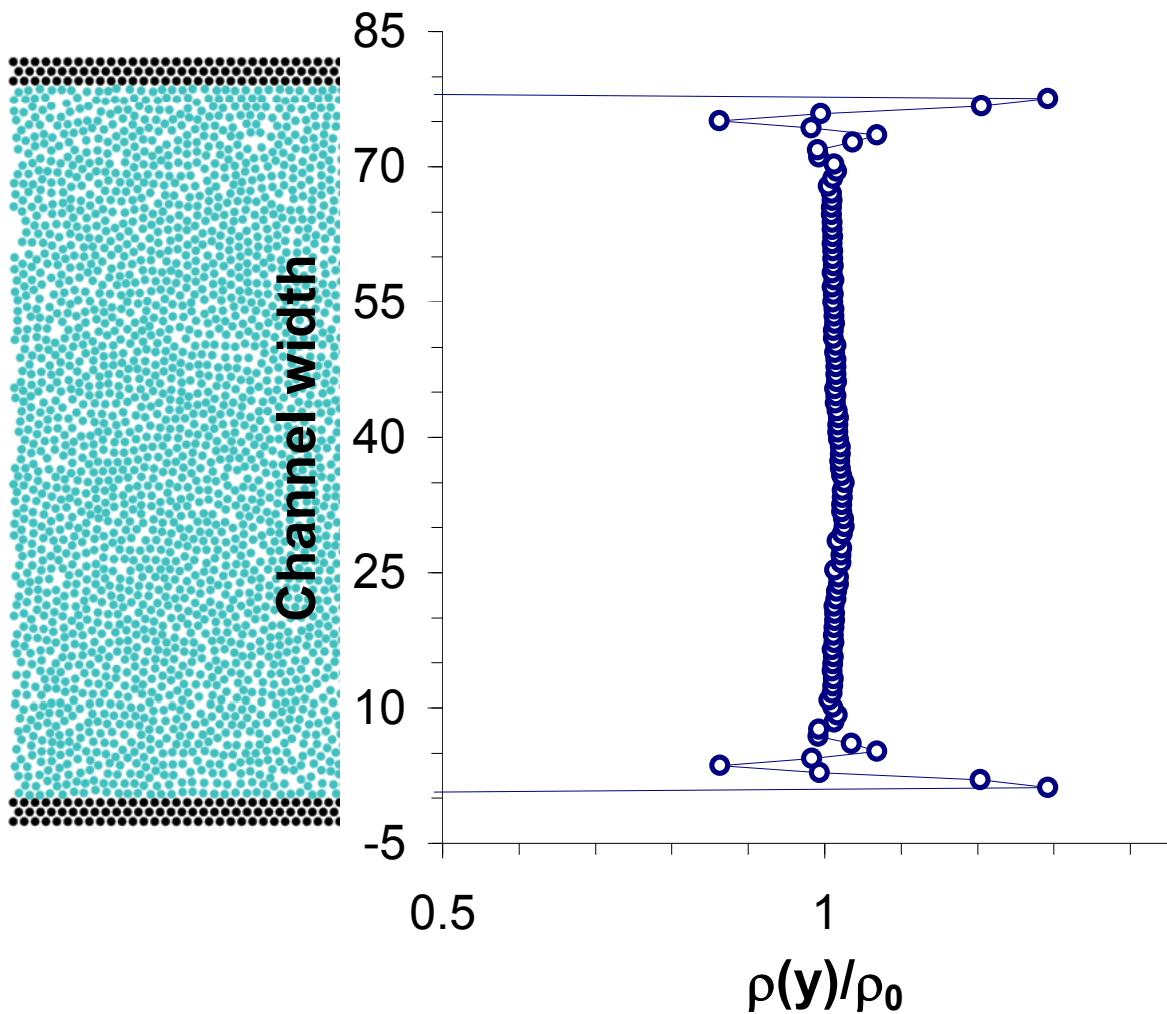
Simulation snapshots of the molecule moving in a microchannel in a Poiseuille flow. Time is given in reduced units.

# Atomic Layering Close to Walls (Dorel Moldovan, LSU)



5 nm

Normalized atomic density in the liquid phase across the width of the nanochannel. The liquid bulk atomic density is  $\rho_0 = 0.81$ .

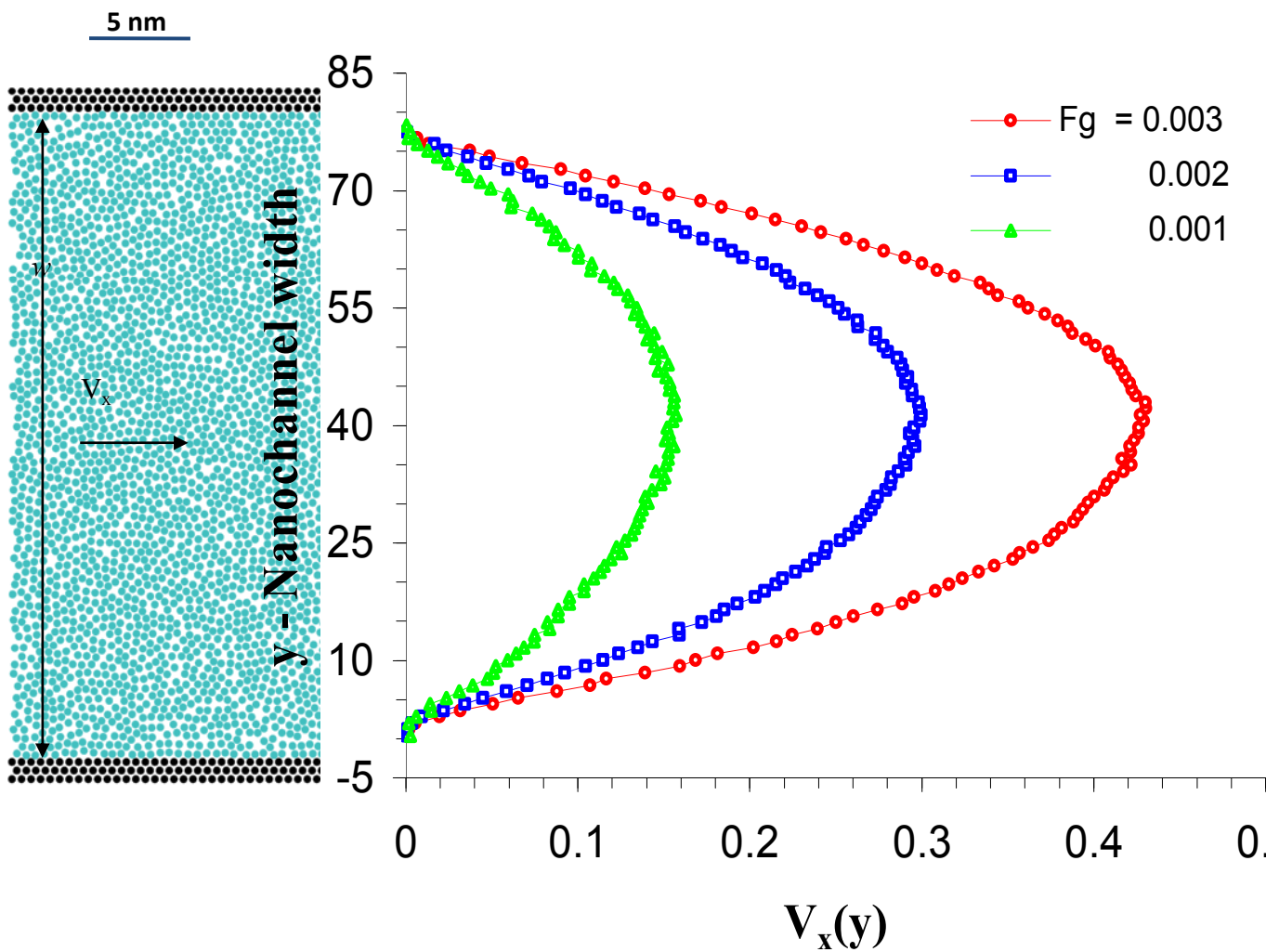




# Transverse Velocity Profile (Dorel Moldovan, LSU)

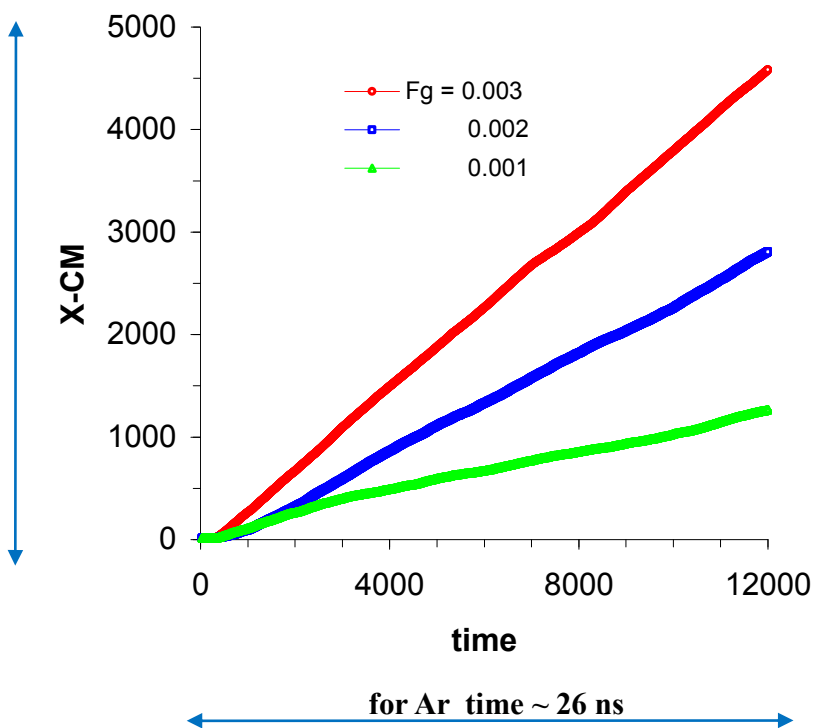


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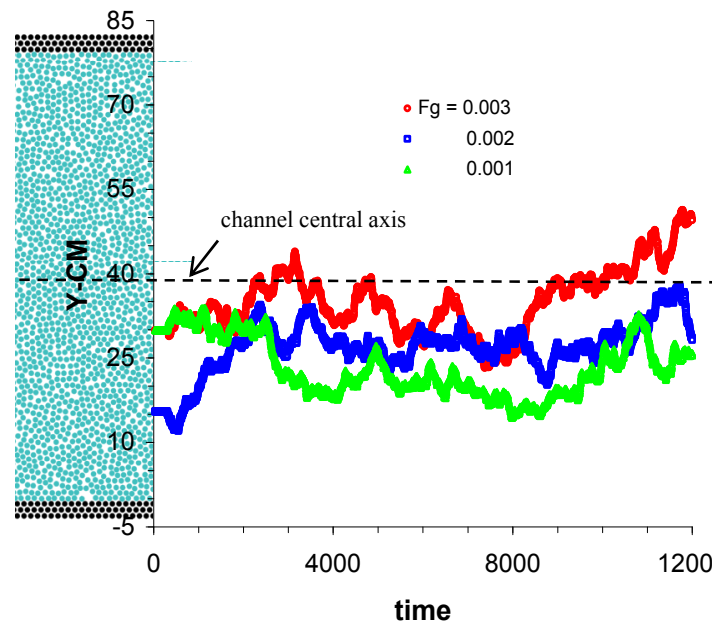




# Time Evolution of Molecular CM during Translocation (Dorel Moldovan, LSU)



Variation of the x-component of the position of the molecule center of mass vs time for three flow regimes controlled by gravity forces:  $F_g=0.003$ ,  $F_g=0.002$  and  $F_g=0.001$



Variation of the y-component of the position of the molecule center of mass vs time for three flow regimes controlled by gravity forces:  $F_g=0.003$ ,  $F_g=0.002$  and  $F_g=0.001$

# Education and Outreach: Professional Development Seminars for GS, PDF



## CBM<sup>2</sup> Seminar Series

### "Using LSU's High-Performance-Computers to Simulate Merging Stars"

by **Prof. Joel E. Tohline**

Department of Physics and Astronomy and Coast to Cosmos (C2C) Focus Area Lead  
at Center for Computation and Technology (CCT)  
Louisiana State University

Astronomers understand that the internal structure of individual stars, like our Sun, as well as the interactions between pairs of stars that orbit one another in so-called "binary star systems" is governed by essentially the same set of mathematical equations that govern fluid flows here on Earth. However, generally speaking, very large and very fast computers are required to solve this complex set of equations, especially in the case of strongly interacting binary systems. We are using high-performance-computers (HPCs) at LSU and across LONI (Louisiana Optical Network Initiative) to study the evolution of binary stars whose interactions are so strong that they eventually collide and merge. Such violent events in nature are thought to give rise to certain types of supernovae or even more energetic phenomena referred to as gamma-ray bursts (GRBs). Research by various groups within LSU's Center for Computation and Technology (CCT) has aided us in our pursuit of this challenging astrophysics goal, and is guiding our plans to effectively use future generations of HPC hardware.



Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Presentation at 4:00 pm

Life Sciences Annex A101

followed by refreshments at 5 pm

For more info contact: Dr. Maggie A. Witek [mwitek@lsu.edu](mailto:mwitek@lsu.edu)

## CBM<sup>2</sup> Seminar Series

### Scientific and Professional Writing

by **prof. Malcolm Richardson**

Dr. J.F. Taylor Professor of English  
Department of English  
Louisiana State University

Methods to create good scientific writing are not complex or mysterious but require certain kinds of preparation which are typically not taught during English writing courses either in the U.S. or abroad. These methods, which should be fully understood before the first word is written, include first an understanding of basic rhetorical principles of audience analysis and second an understanding of both the purpose of the entire scientific document and of its different parts (introductions, results, discussion, etc.). This presentation will focus on writing theses, dissertations, and academic articles, and will suggest practical ways to be a more efficient writer by planning ahead.



Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 2006

Refreshments at 4:30 pm

Presentation at 5:00 pm

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Contact: Dr. Maggie Witek [mwitek@lsu.edu](mailto:mwitek@lsu.edu)

## Other E&O Activities



**Science Adventure Camps (Audubon Girl Scouts) –**  
Goal: increase interest in science/engineering in females; one-week summer camps with experiments in chemistry, biology, environmental engineering, mechanical engineering, biological engineering.

**Project Science (Cain Center, LA Dept. Education) –**  
Goal: provide linkages to university and community resources to build synergistic relationships among scientists and educators.

***You Be the Chemist* Challenge (Exxon)**  
Goal: Provide middle school students the opportunity to be exposed to rigorous chemistry concepts and gain experience in participating in academic exercises.





# Other E&O Activities



## Science and Engineering Day @ LSU (08/01/08)

- Formal presentations and panel discussions on biological/medical technology needs; computational capabilities in microfluidics design; poster session



## High School/Undergraduate Research Experiences

- *Ginger Granville* – Louisiana Arts and Science Academy High School, Microchip separation of *Alu* elements
- *Jenny Hsu* – Princeton University, Novel Near-IR Fluorescent Dyes for Drug Discovery



## Numerous Graduate Student Presentations at National/International Meetings

- Pin-Chuan Chen; Paul Okagbare; Jason Emory; Samuel Njorge; Matt Hupert ( $\mu$ TAS)

## Publications (10 faculty - 4 CHEM; 3 BS; 3 ME)

- Team faculty members and their students published 68 papers in 07/08



2007



2008

THE PLATYPU GENOME  
Sequence analysis reveals clues to early mammalian evolution

# Other Activities (Patents and Entrepreneurship, Center Grants)



**Statistics for Technology Transfer** – 10 disclosures and 4 Provisional Patents were filed in 2007/2008

**BioFluidica** Microtechnologies, LLC – Commercial venue for new technologies emanating from CBM<sup>2</sup> (won two business plan competitions; CEO – Johannes Desta, Ph.D. with Prof. Michael Murphy) – Development of point-of-use systems for human identification

**CBM<sup>2</sup> submitted an ERC application in 2007** – of ~155 pre-proposals submitted, CBM<sup>2</sup> was selected at one of 34 for full proposal submission; was not selected for site-visit

**CBM<sup>2</sup> submitting STC in 2008**

