

# Microfabricated Biochemical Analysis: Bulk Properties to Single Molecules

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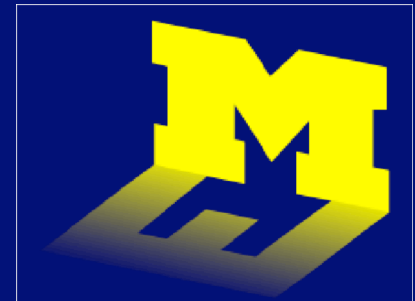
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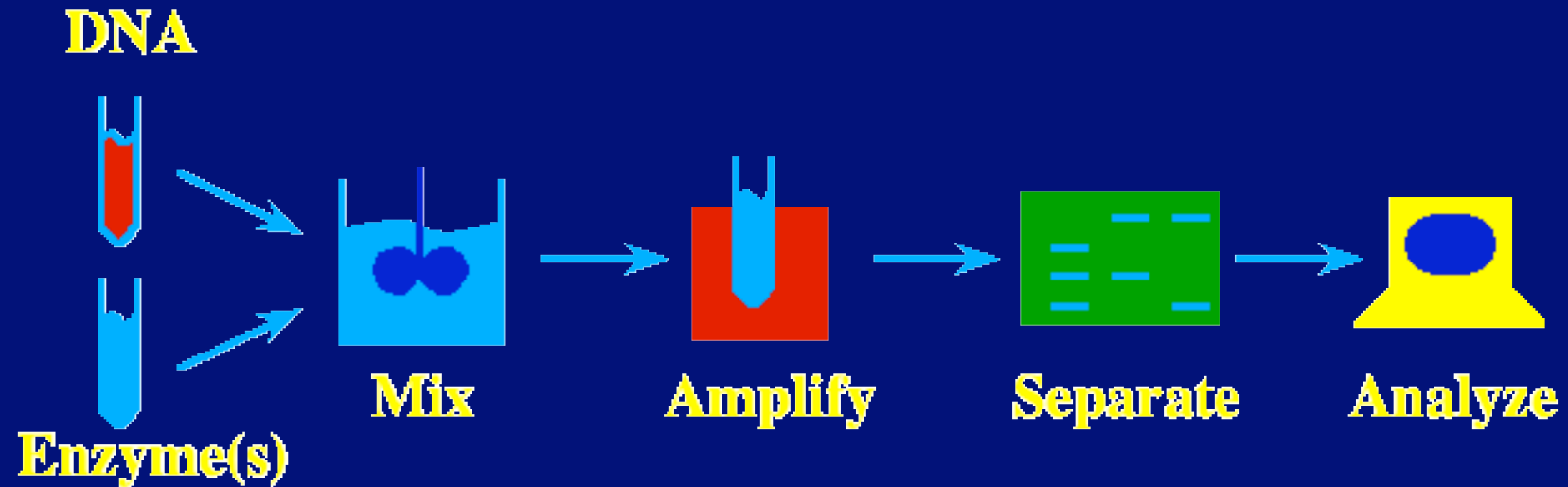
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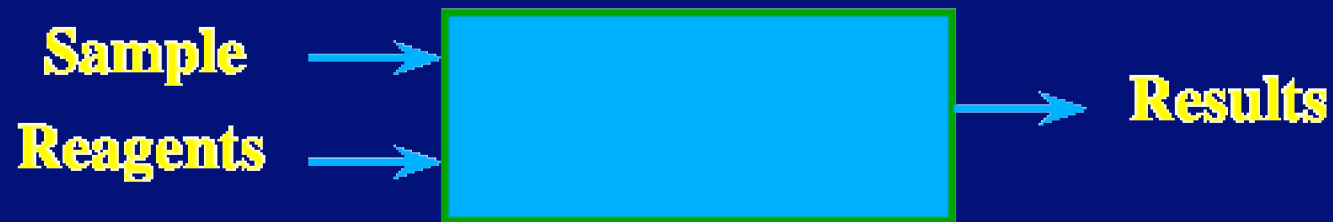
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## Macro-scale



## Micro-scale





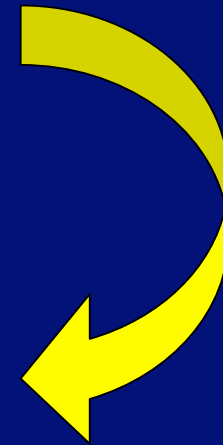
# Brief History of the Personal Computer

**1972**      The first digital personal microcomputer:  
              MITS 816 (no display or keyboard)

**1976**      Apple II  
              (Cray I Supercomputer)

**1981**      IBM PC, DOS

**2002**      Mac G4 Dual Processor (15 Gigaflops)



Ref: Virtual Computer History Museum  
(<http://virtualmuseum.dlib.vt.edu/index.html>)

# Brief History of the Genome Project

- 1953**      Watson and Crick publish structure of DNA
- 1990**      NIH/DOE present 5-year plan to Congress
- 1998**      Celera Genomics formed  
(Integrated DNA analyzer)
- 2000**      Draft of human genome
- 2003**      Sequencing centers (G5): DOE JGI, Baylor College,  
Sanger Centre, Washington U., Whitehead Institute/MIT

Ref: NIH (NHGRI)  
(<http://www.ornl.gov/hgmis/project/timeline.html>)

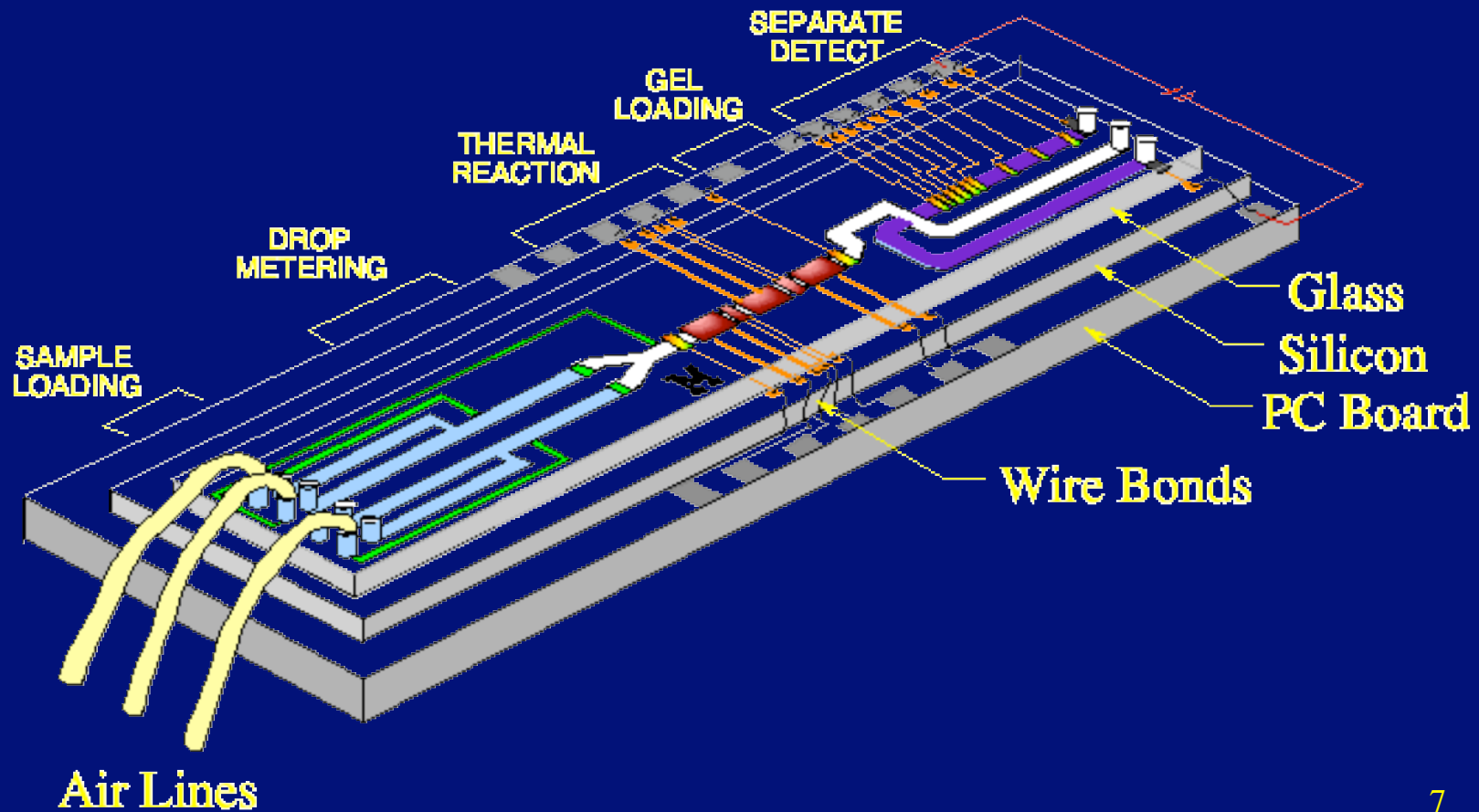
# Impact of Genetic Testing

Application	units of observation	approx. calculation	Tests yr.
<u>Medicine:</u>			
Pathogen testing of clinical samples	pathogens X patients	$10^3 \times 10^6$	$10^9$
Genetic testing (simple, single gene traits)	genes X patients	$10^2 \times 10^6$	$10^8$
Genetic testing (complex, multi-gene traits)	genes X variants X patients	$10^3 \times 10^3 \times 10^8$	$10^{14}$
<u>Agriculture:</u>			
Plant and animal breeding	genes X species X individuals	$10^3 \times 10^2 \times 10^8$	$10^{13}$
Pathogen testing of field samples	pathogens X species X individuals	$10^3 \times 10^2 \times 10^8$	$10^{13}$
<u>Biotechnology:</u>			
Bacterial testing of food products	pathogens X batch	$10^2 \times 10^7$	$10^9$
Police forensics	samples X identity loci	$10^7 \times 10^2$	$10^9$
Environmental and ecological testing	samples X identity loci	$10^8 \times 10^2$	$10^{10}$
		<b>TOTAL =</b>	$5 >10^{14}$

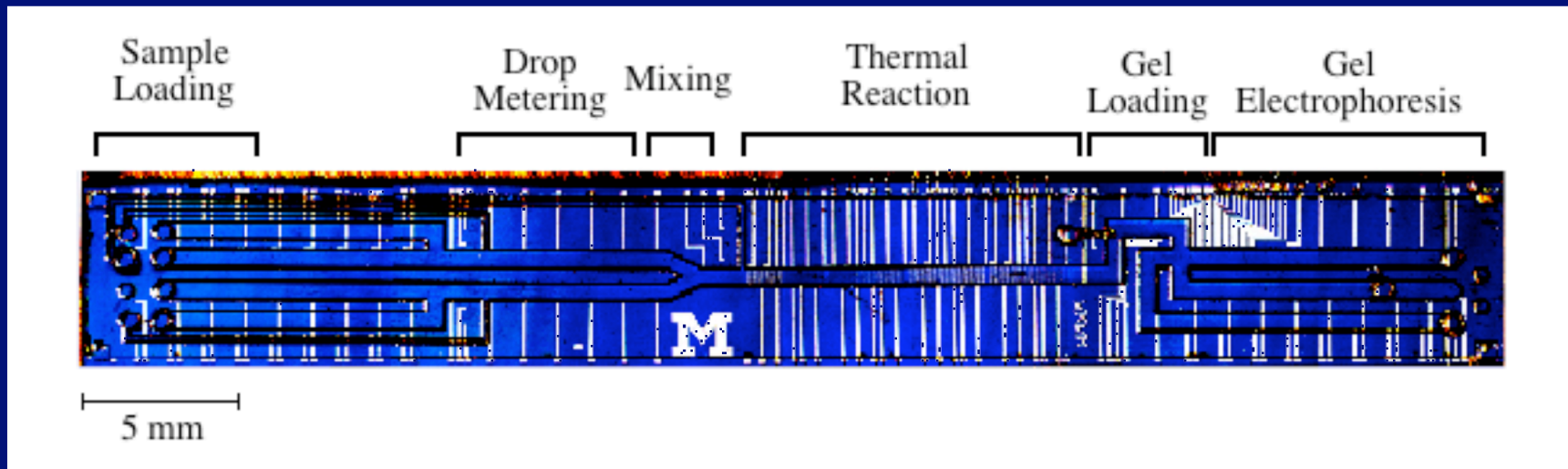
# Microfabricated Biochemical Analysis

- *Integrated Device*
- Phase-Change Valve
- Viscometer
- Single Molecule

# Microfabricated DNA Analysis: Fluidics, Reactions, and Separations

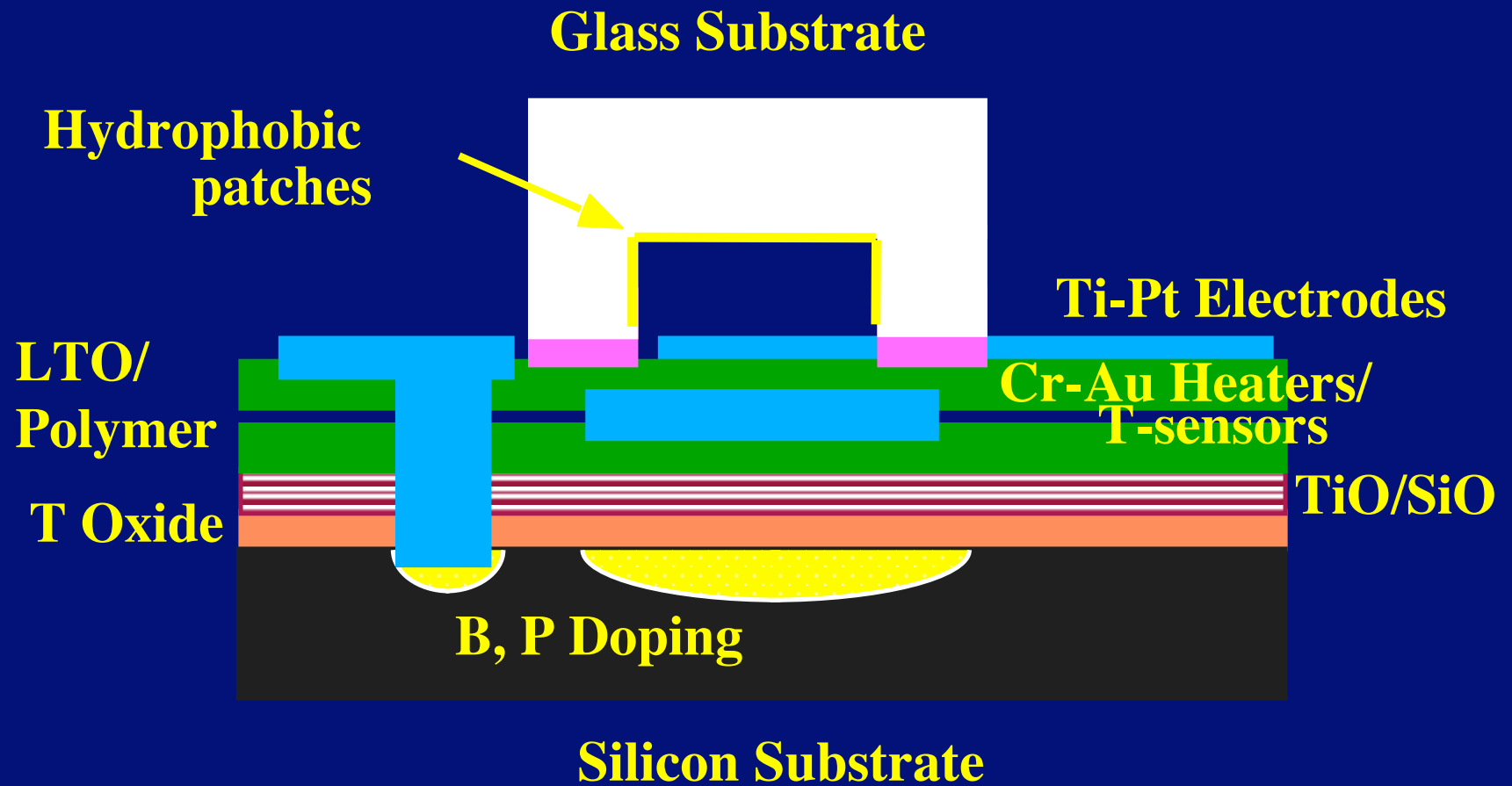


# Si/Glass Device

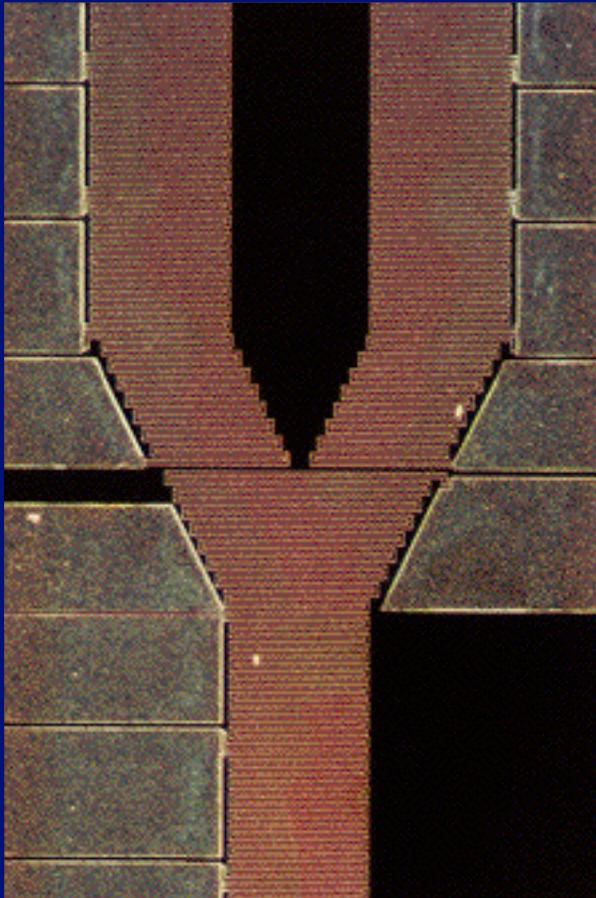


- Individual Drops (~100 nl)
- Integrated Heating ( $\pm 0.1$  C)
- Crosslinked Gel (PAGE)
- Integrated Detection ( $1 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{l}$ )

# Device Construction

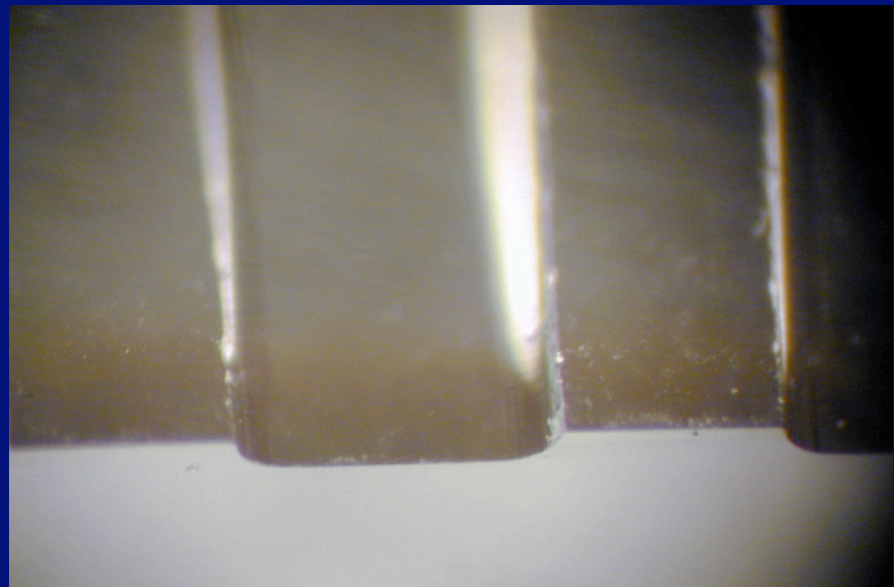


# Device Construction



**Heater/Sensor Substrate**

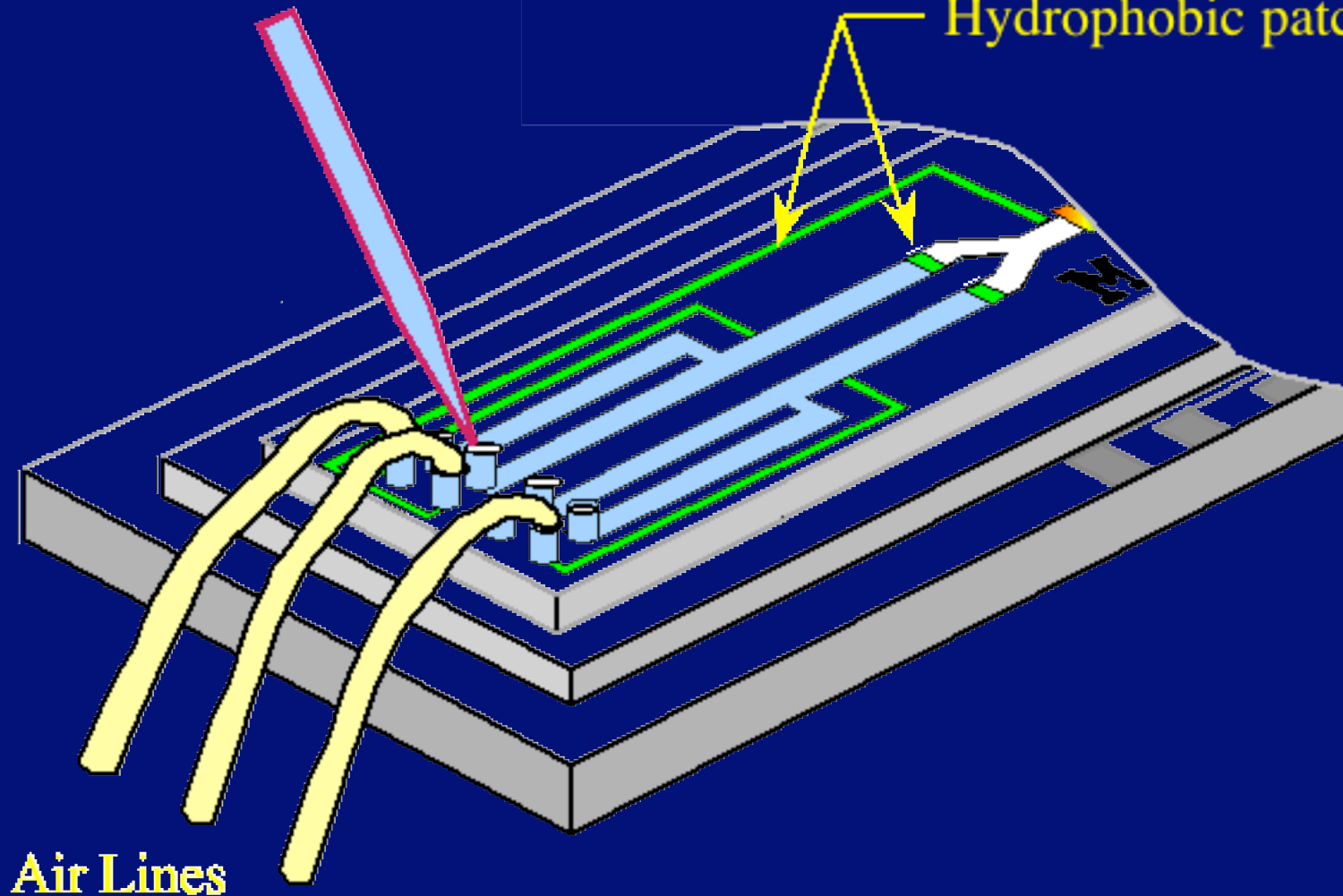
**Glass Substrate**





Liquid injection

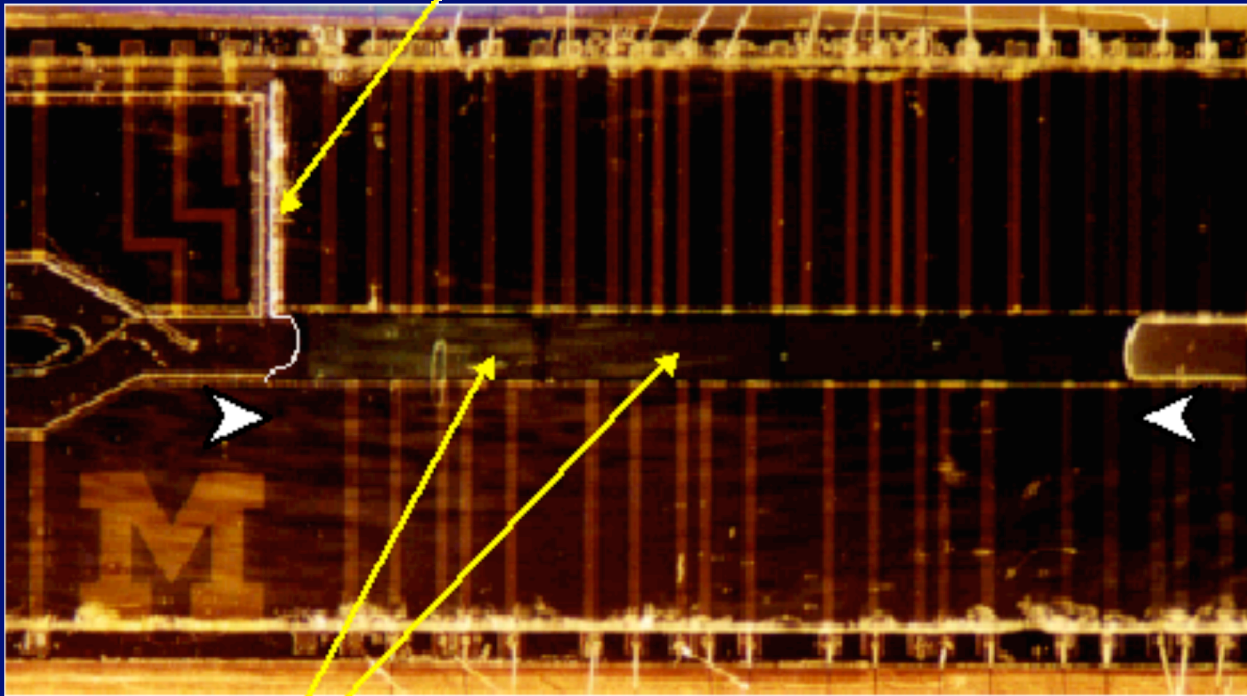
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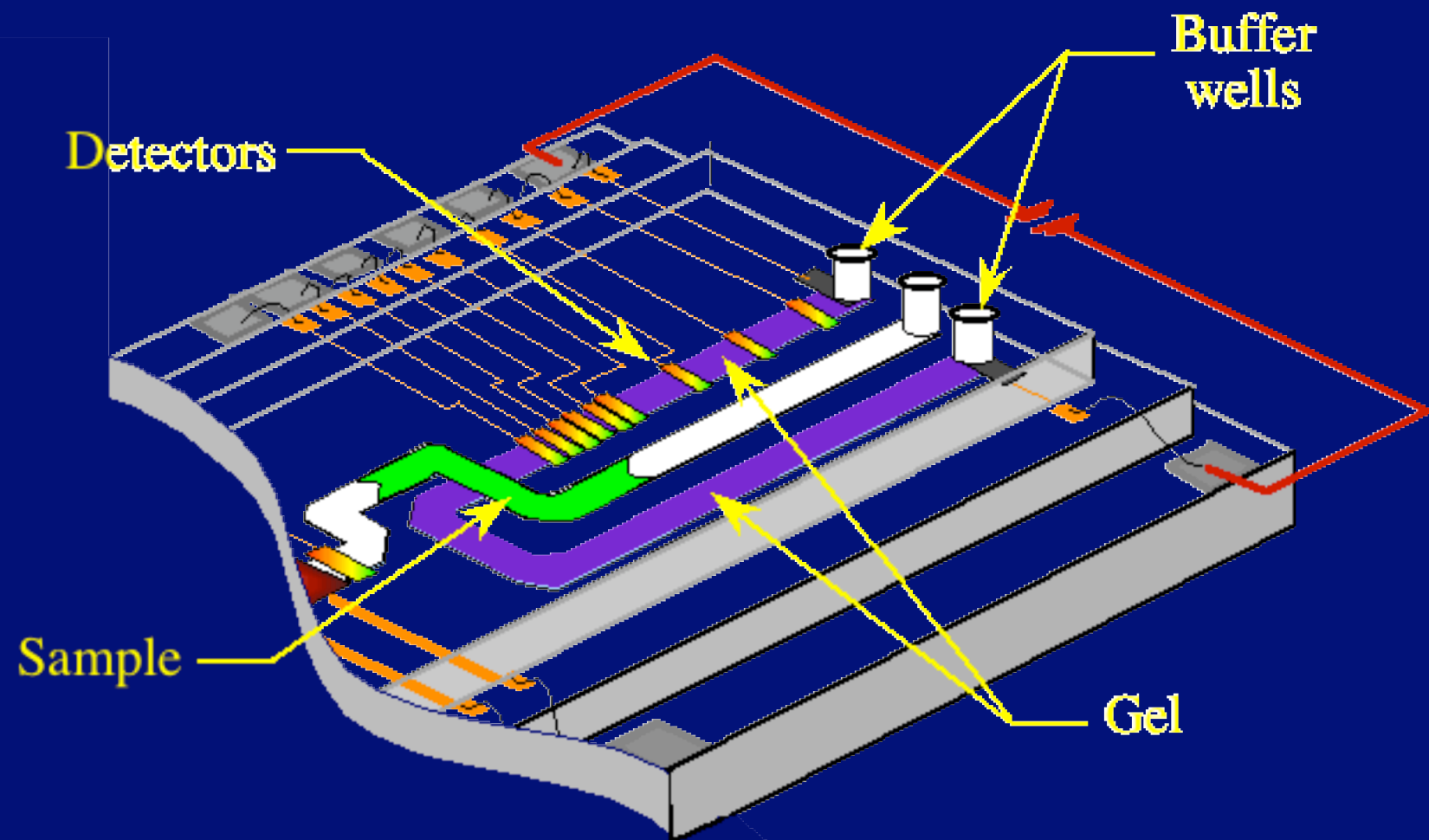
Air Lines

# 240 nl Reaction Volume

**Air Vent**



**Heaters and Temperature Sensors**



# Gel Electrophoresis: Loading



**Sample in  
intersection**

**10 s  
compaction**

**Remove  
excess**

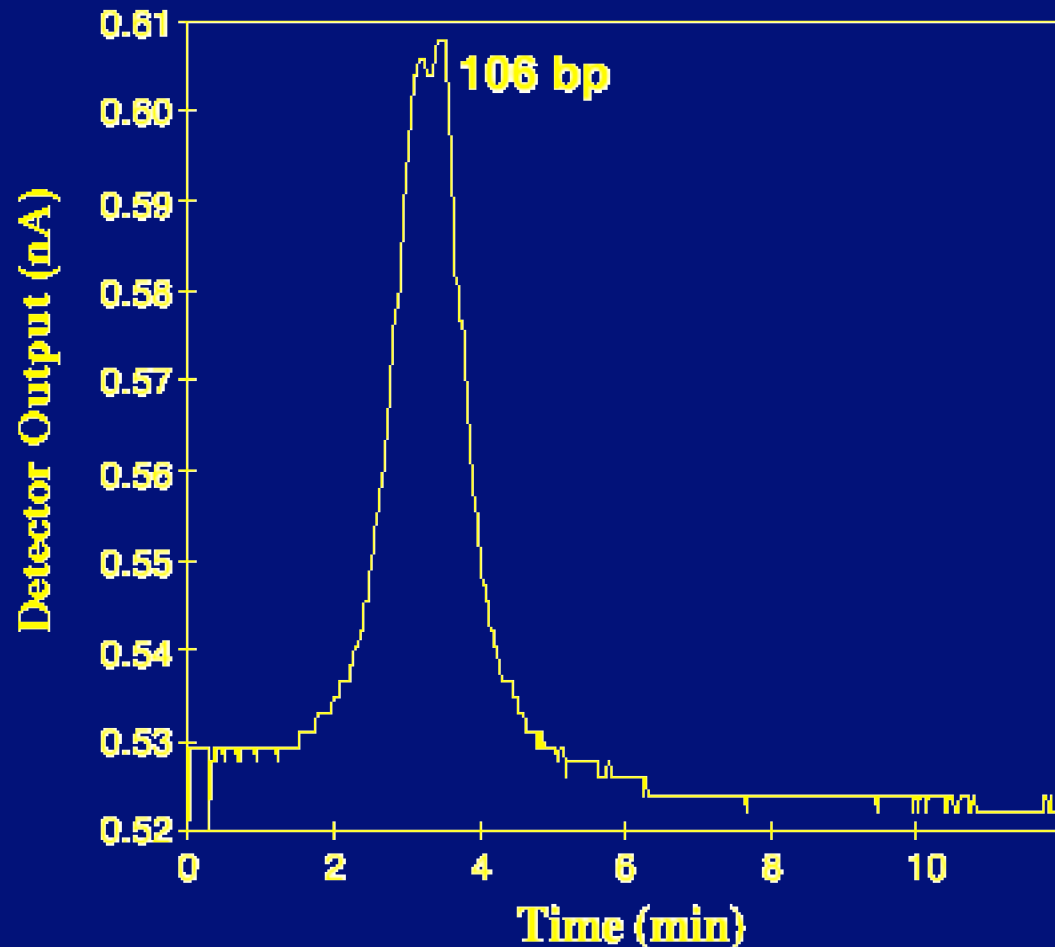
# Gel Electrophoresis: Separation



**Field of 6 V/cm  
50 bp ladder**

**800 bp 750 bp**

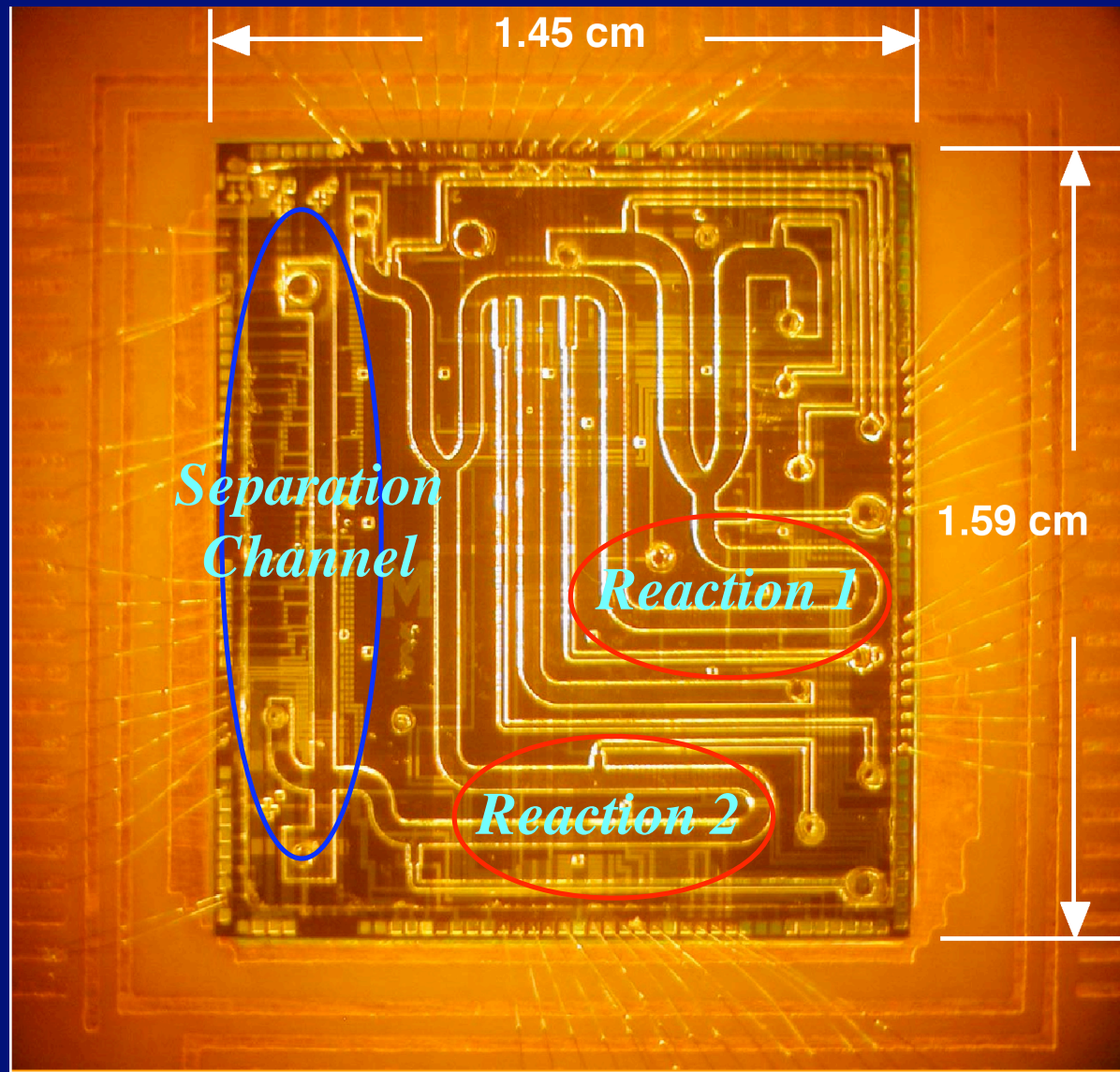
# Integrated Run



- Injection ( $\mu\text{l}$ )
- Meter (120 nl)
- Mix (DNA, Enzymes)
- Amplification (SDA)
- Separation (8 V/cm)
- Detection (on-chip)



# Two Reactions in Series + Separation



# Reaction system

DNA sample



Reaction 1



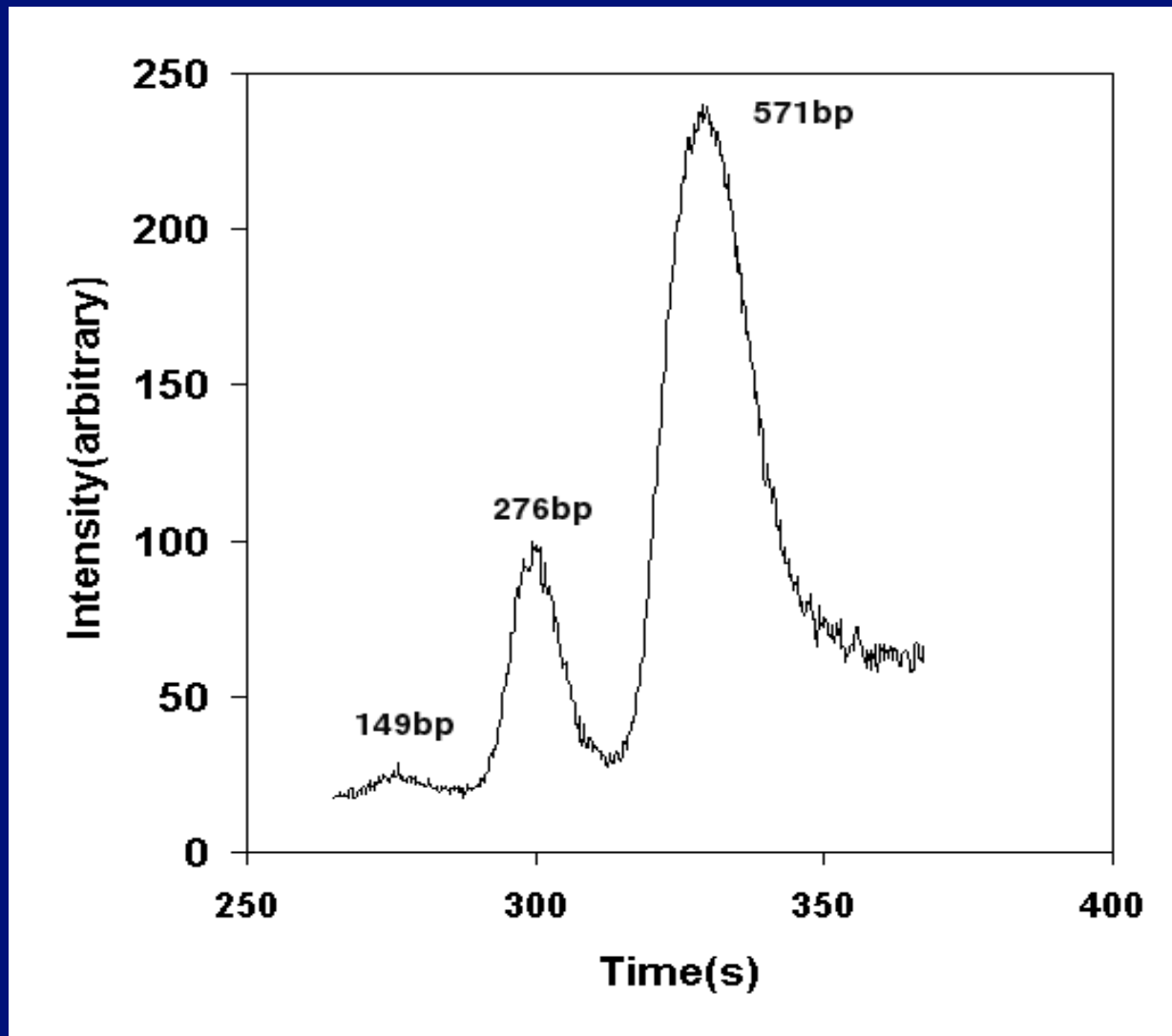
Reaction 2  
(plus dye)



Reaction volume: 240 nl  
Reaction temperature: 37°C  
Reaction time: 10 minutes

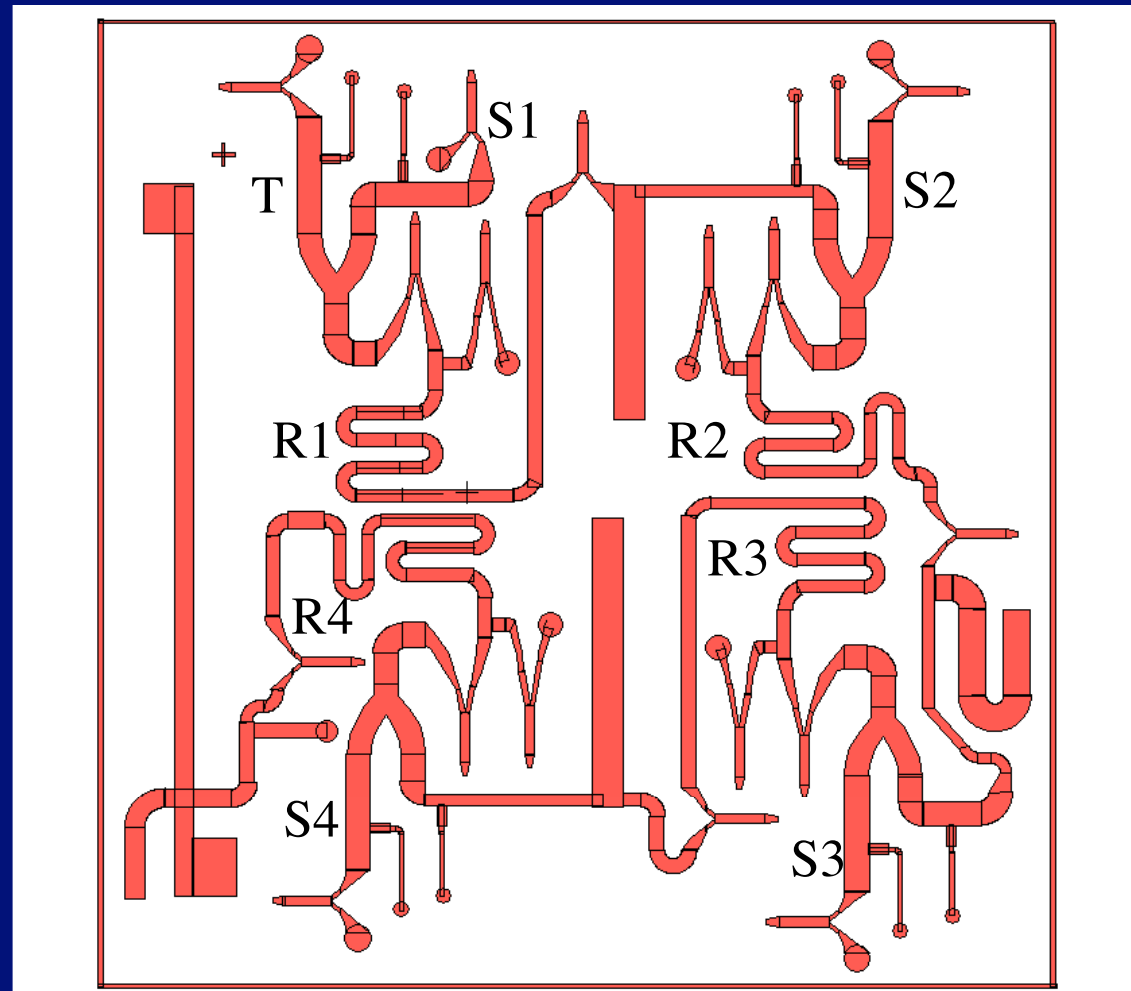


# Separation Result



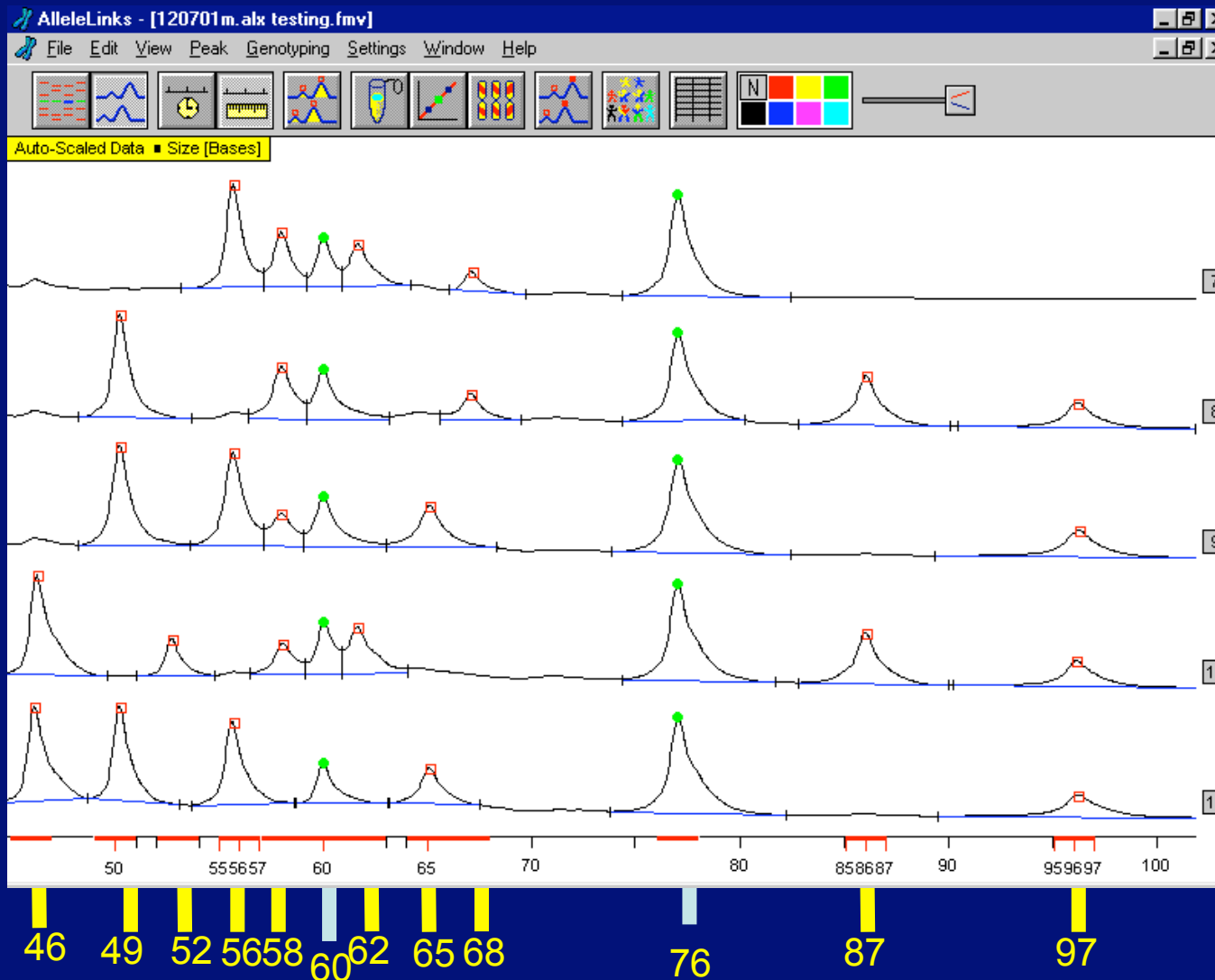
# Multiple Reaction Chambers

(4 reactions w/ valves, 1 separation)



# Multiplexed Genotyping

(PCR/PCR/ExoSAP/Lig (LDR)-Single tube reaction)



10-plex SNP LDR genotyping + 2 positive control peaks.

300 individuals typed in <3 days.

5 individuals shown on ALF

# Components for Analysis

## Fluidic:

- Fluidic manifold
- Phase-change (wax) valves
- Expansion chamber pumps
- Splitting/mixing
- Viscometer

## Separation:

- Short cross-linked gels
- Linear gels
- Replaceable polymers
- Native/denaturing

## Reaction:

- PCR amplification/quantification
- Ligation
- Roll cell convection
- Sanger seq. reactions

## Other:

- Bonding/packaging
- Liquid detection
- Reagent storage
- Single molecules <sup>22</sup>

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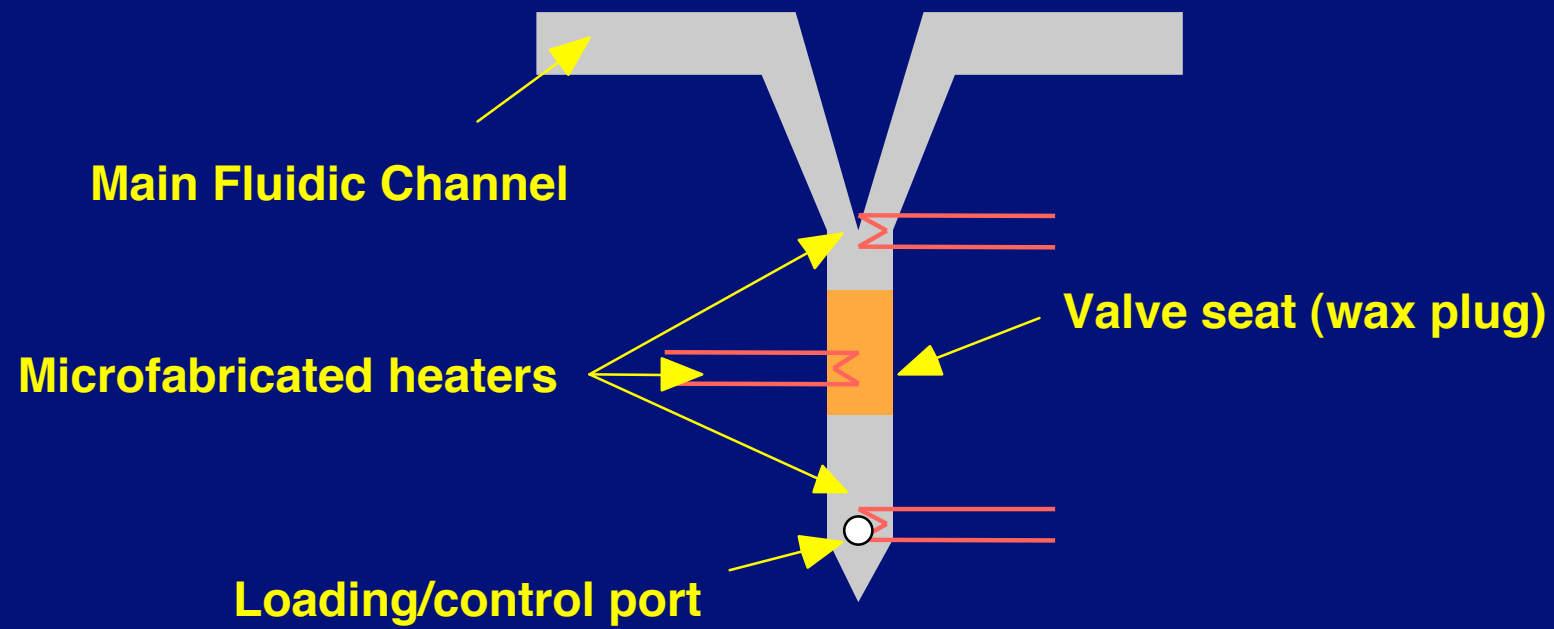
# Ideal Sealing Valve

## *Requirements*

- Biocompatible
- Simple actuation
- No new fabrication steps
- Individually addressable
- Latched Valve
- Seals both gas and liquid (T up to 95 C)

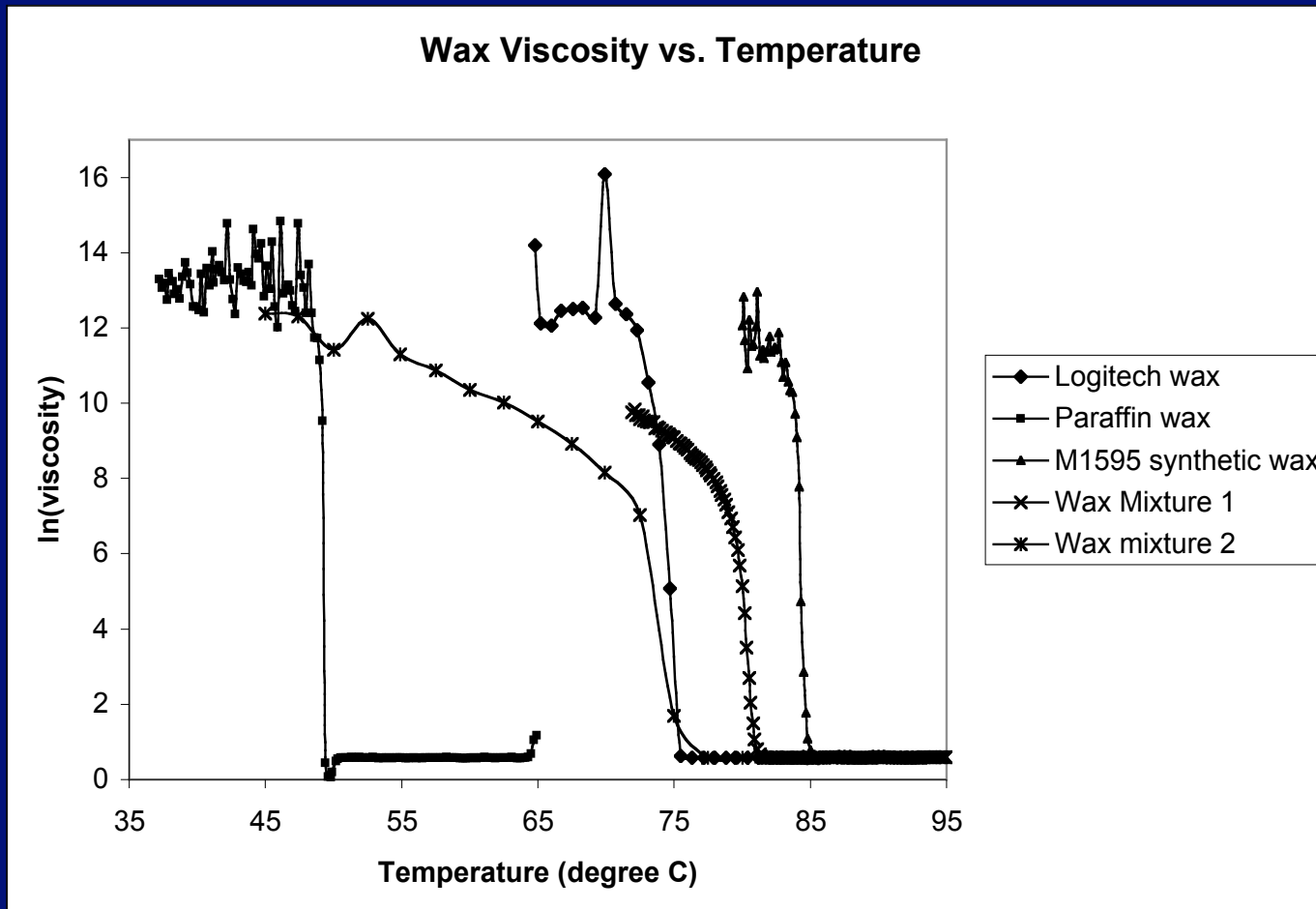
# Phase-Change Valve

*Concept*



# Phase Change Material

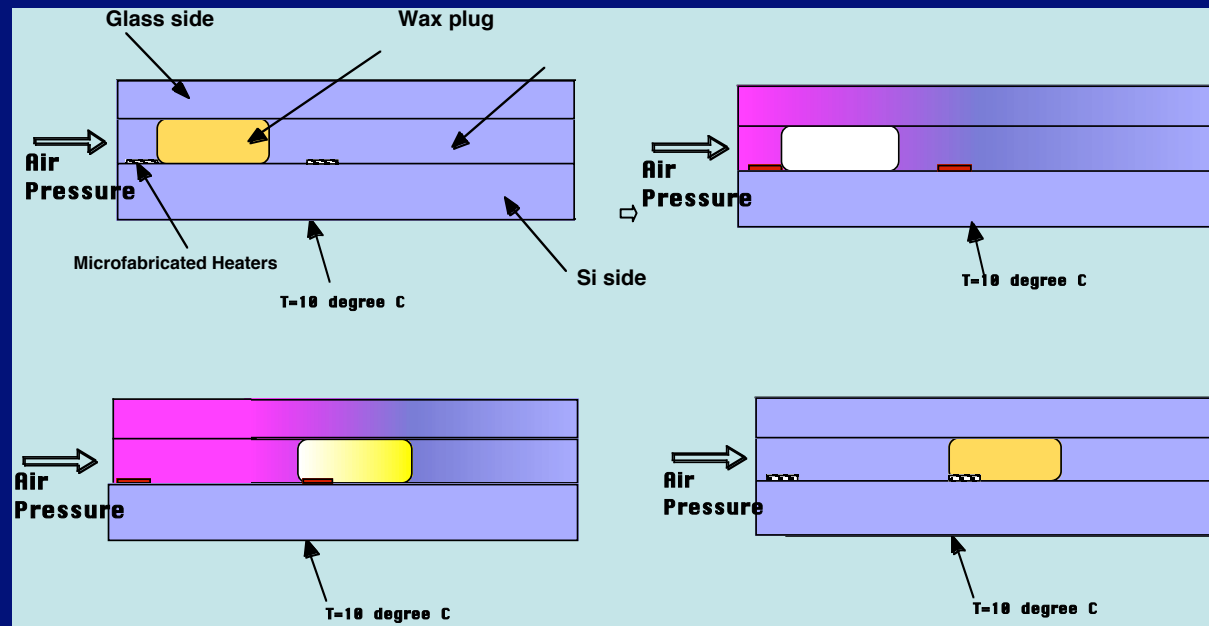
## *Transition*





# Controlled motion

## *Temperature gradients*

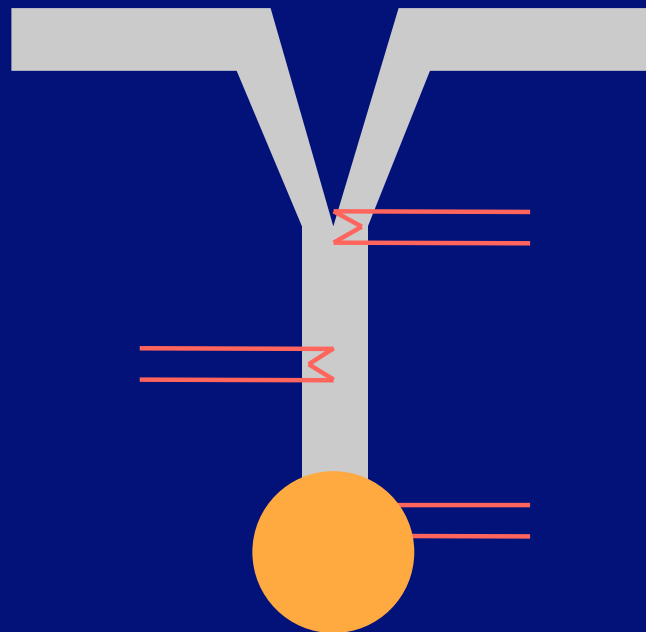


- Temporal/spatial gradient
- Front solidification controllable
- Arrays of valves possible

# Phase-Change Valve

*Operation*

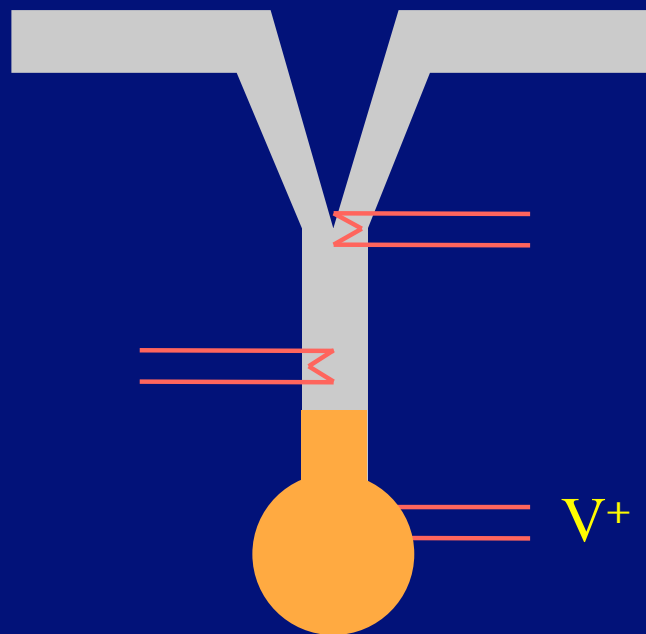
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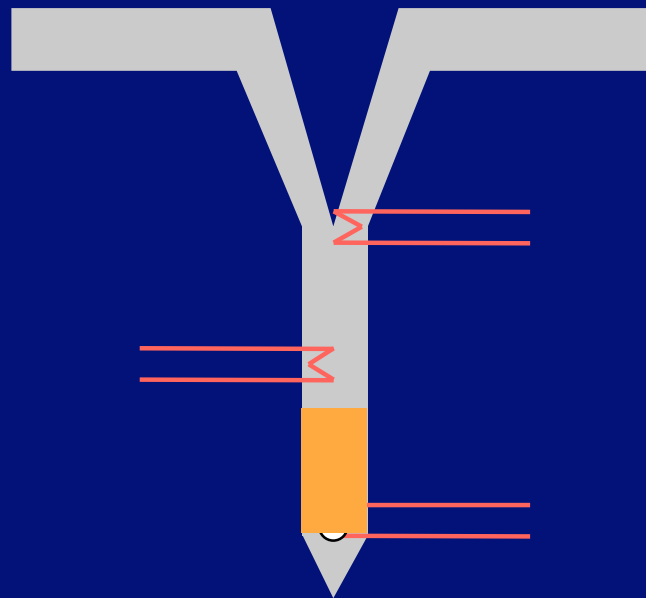
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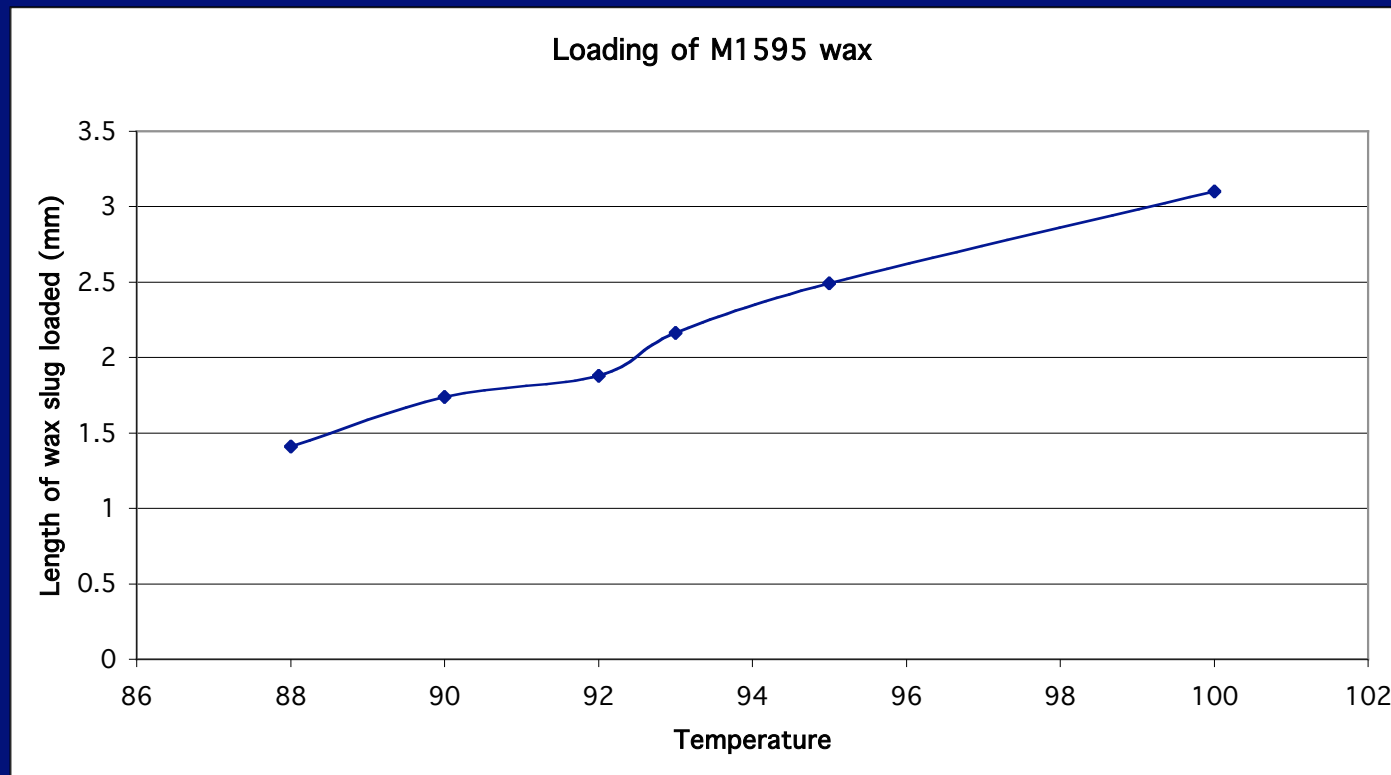
*Operation*

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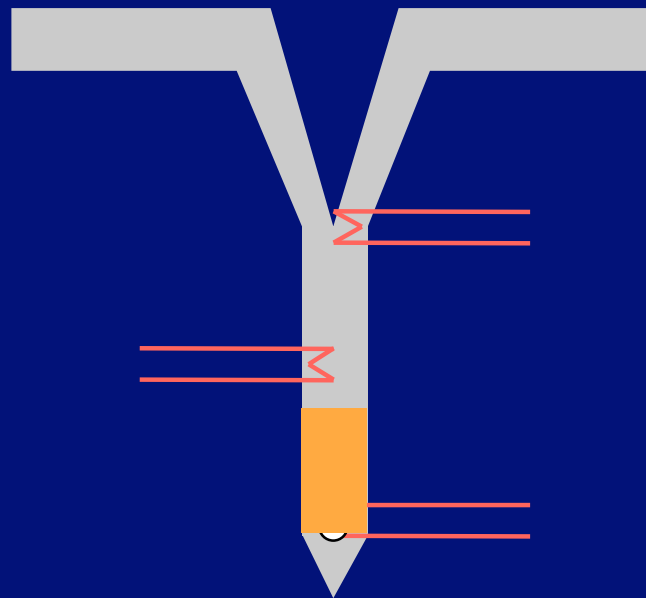
*Loading wax*



# Phase-Change Valve

*Operation*

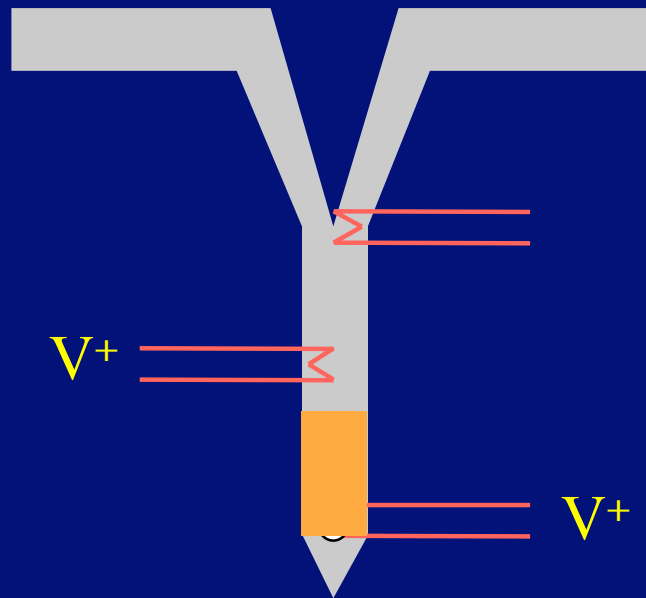
Closing



# Phase-Change Valve

*Operation*

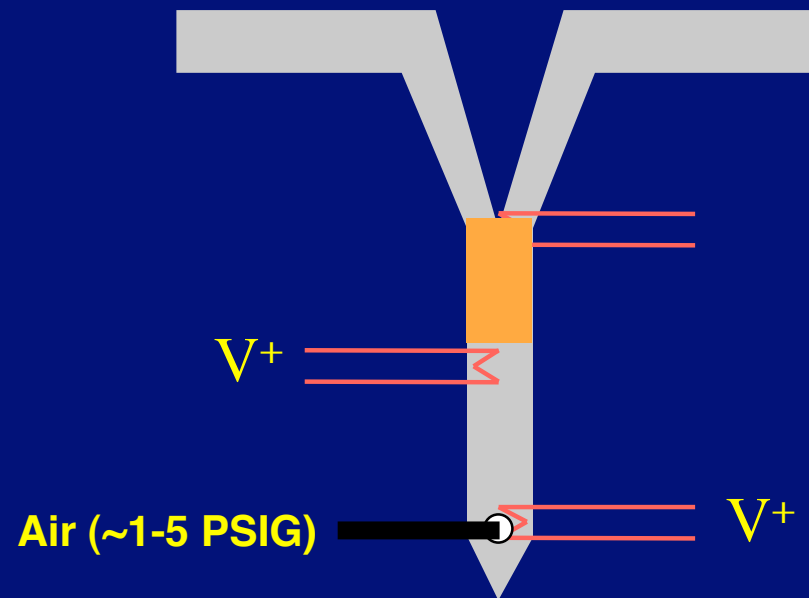
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# Phase-Change Valve

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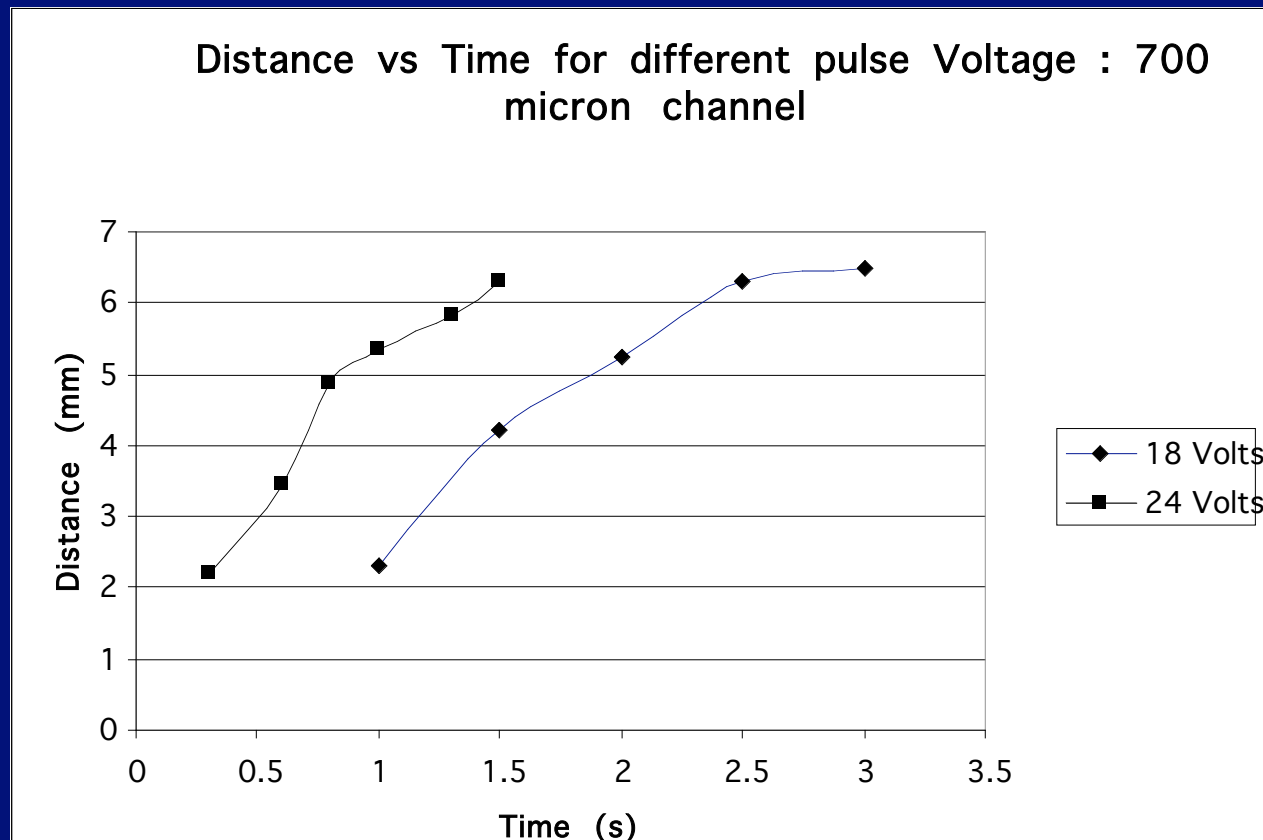
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# Problem Description

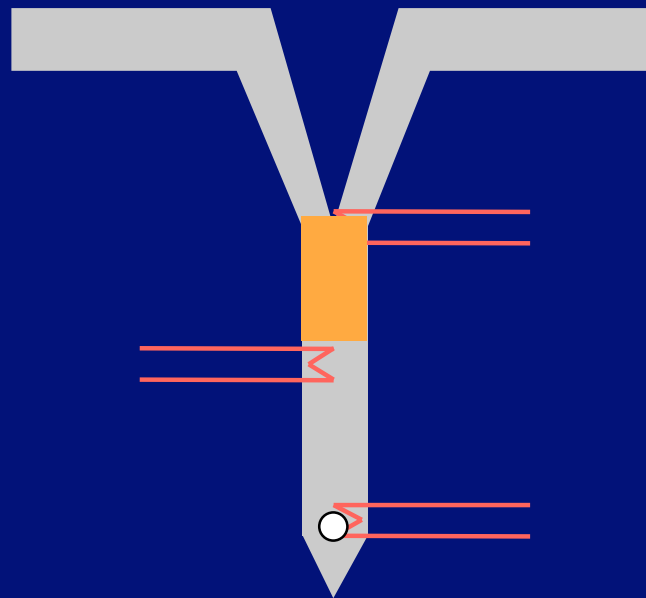
## *Objectives*



# Phase-Change Valve

*Operation*

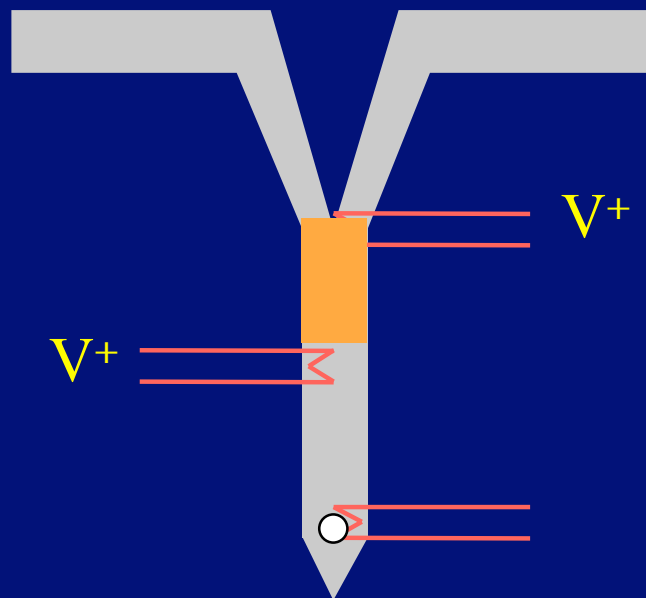
Opening



# Phase-Change Valve

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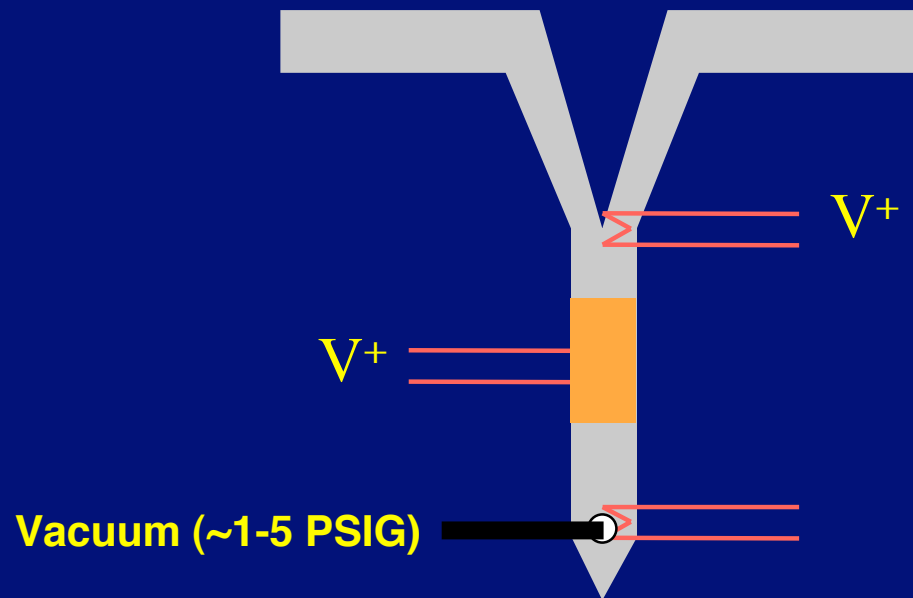
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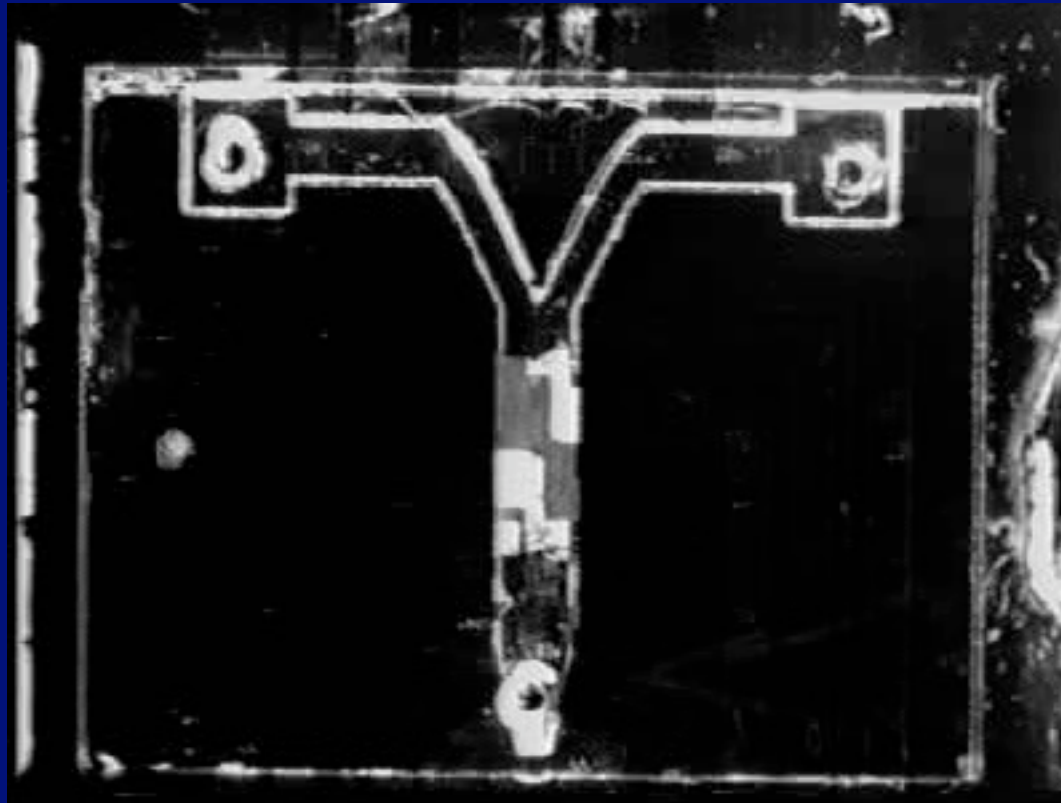
*Operation*

Opening



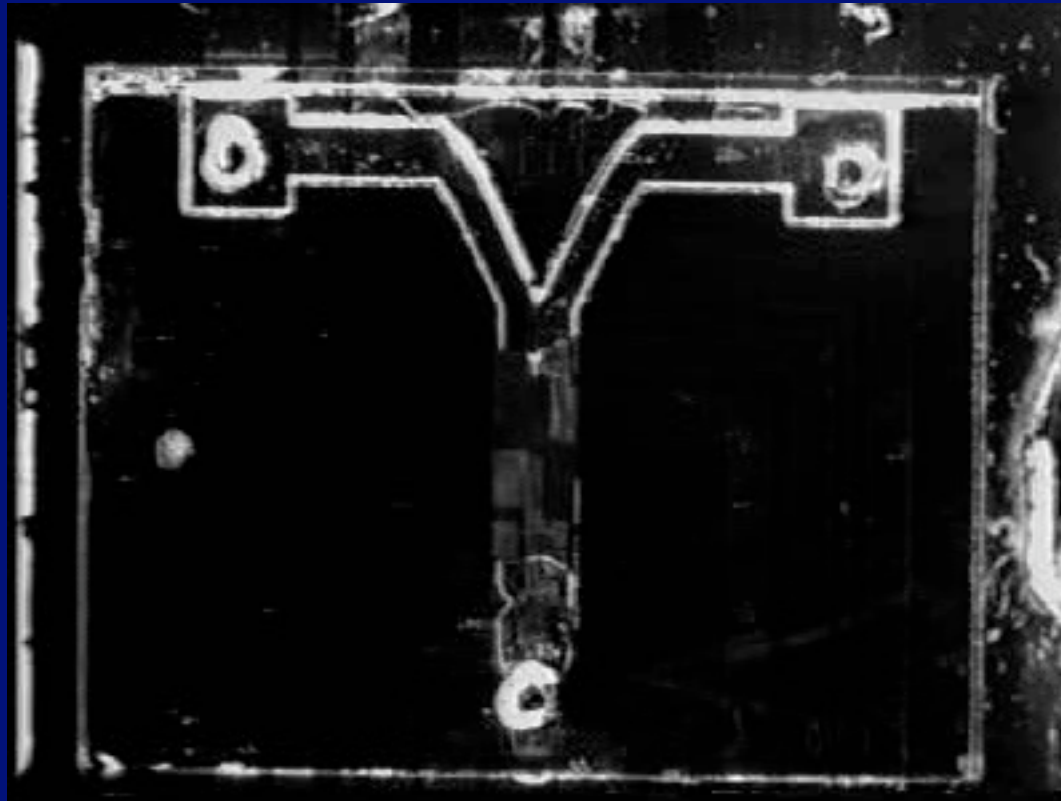
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*Piston Material*



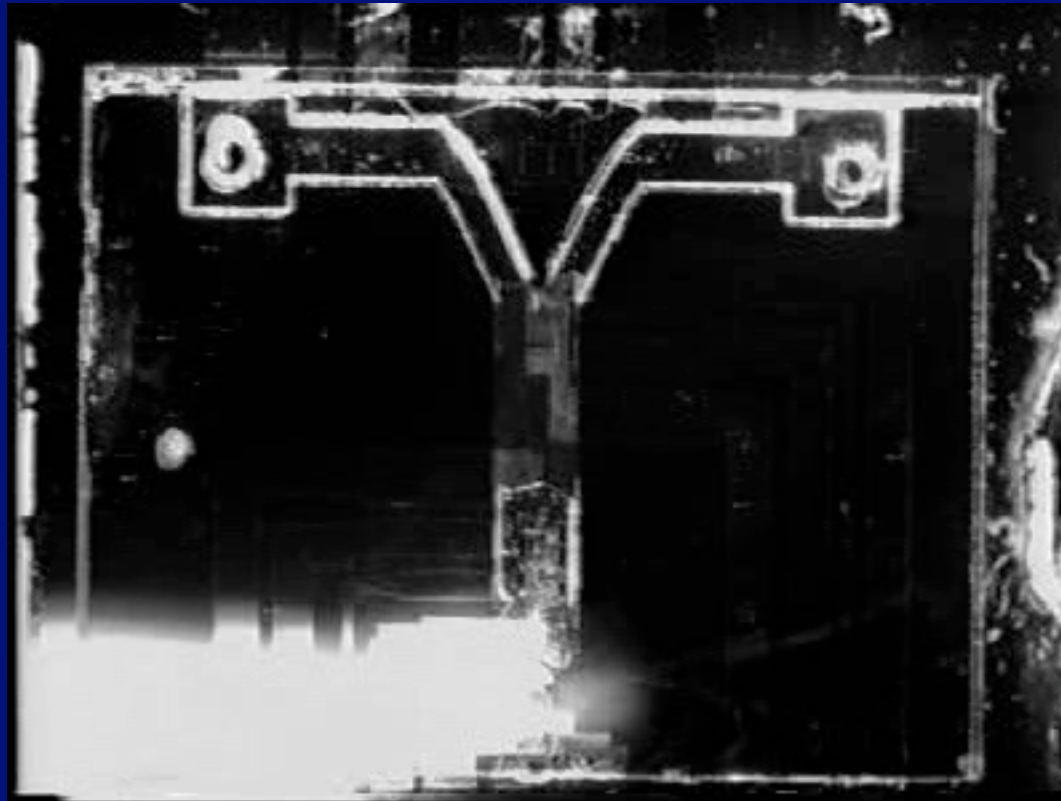
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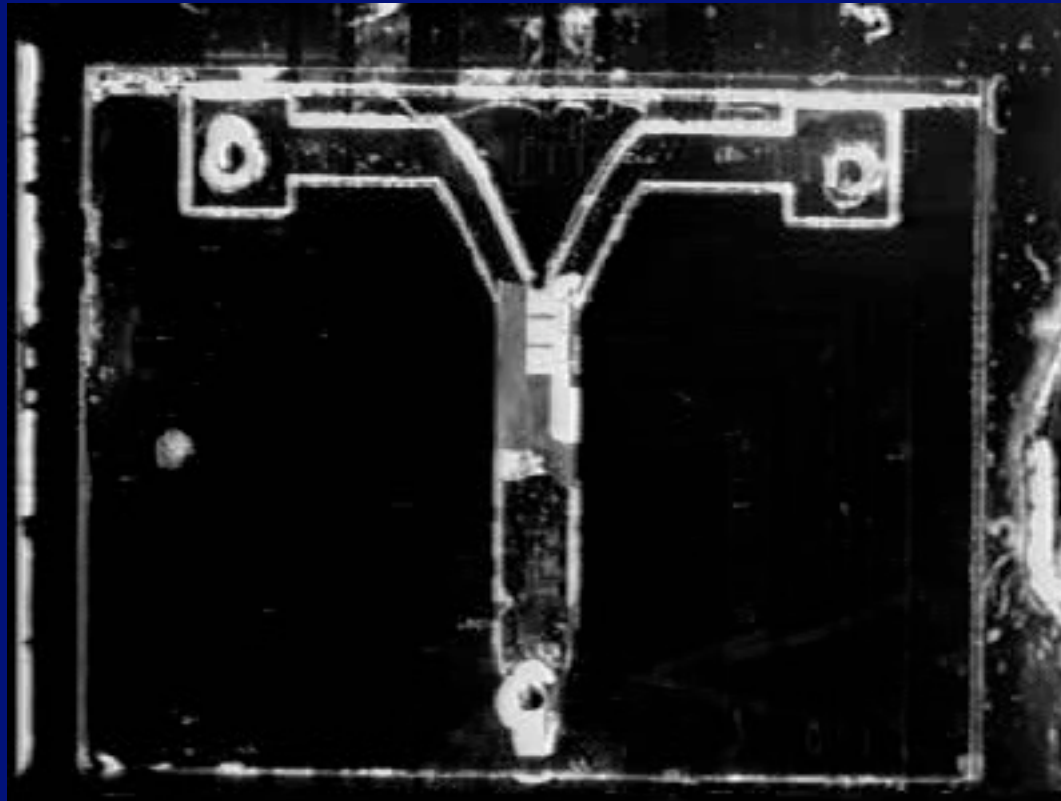
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*Piston Material*



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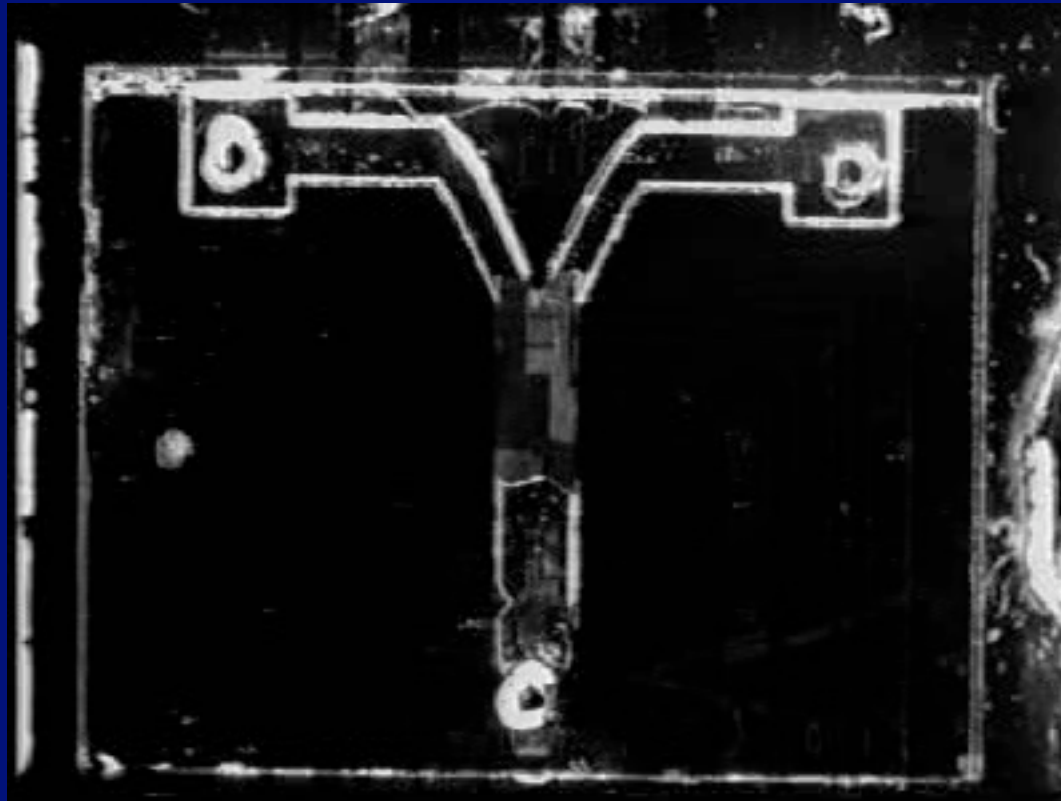
*Piston Material*





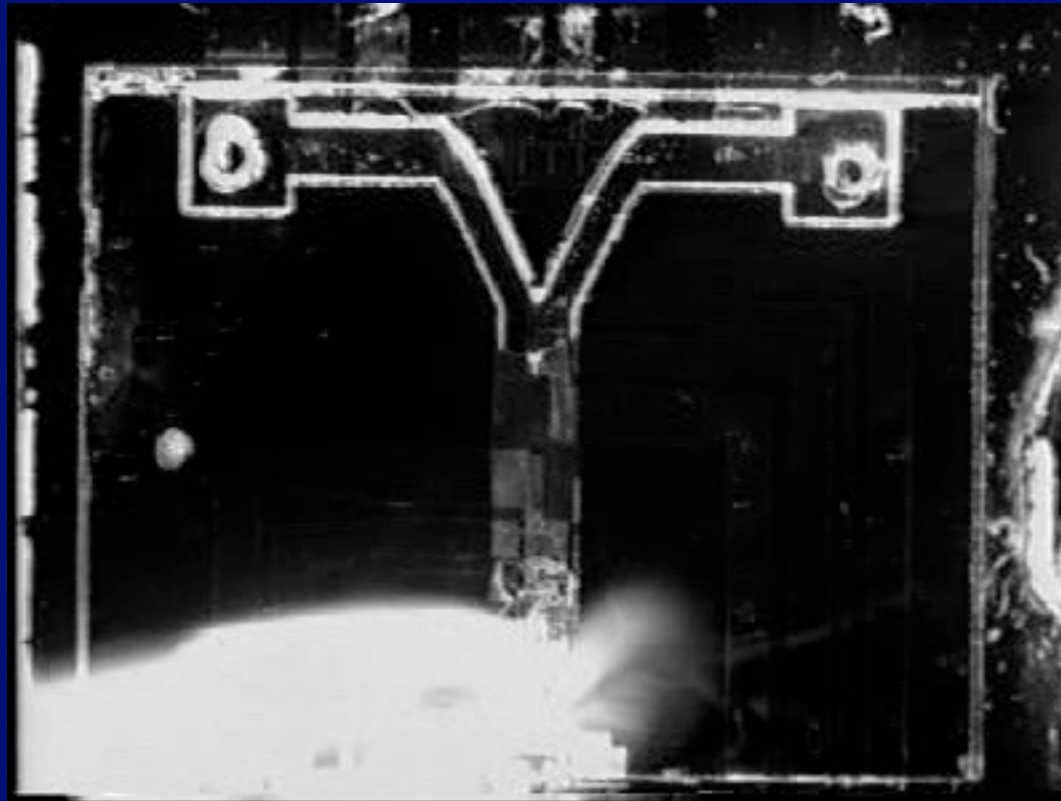
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*Piston Material*



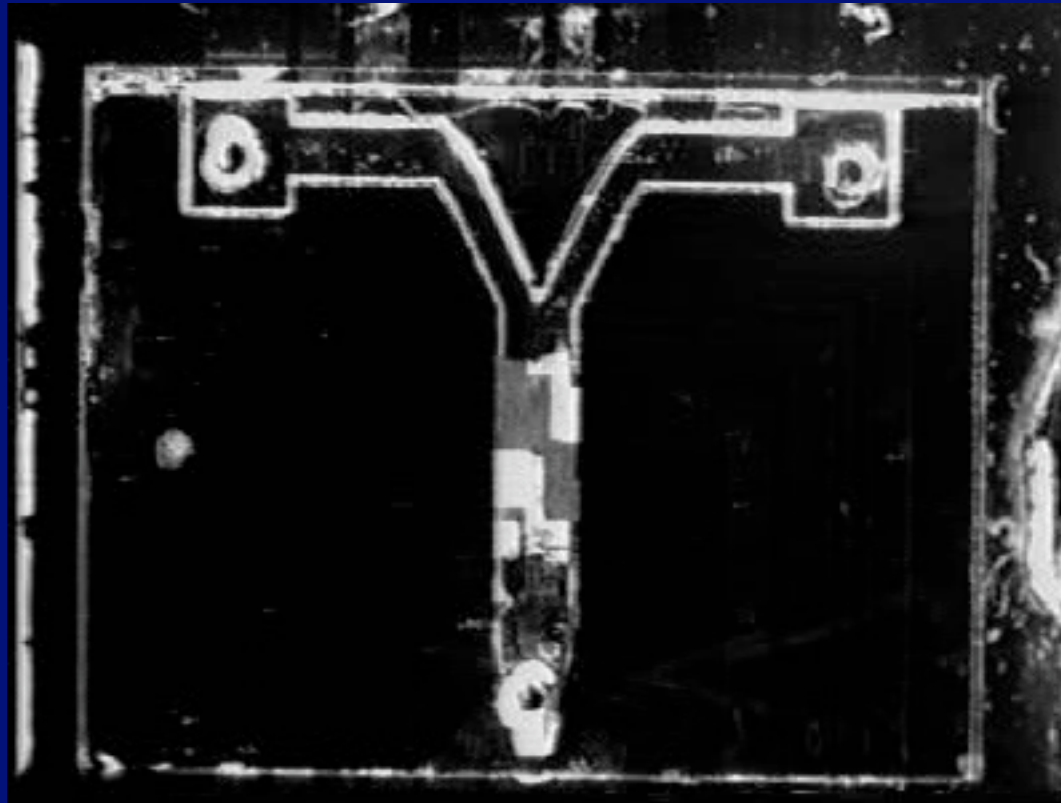
# Valve Opening

*Piston Material*



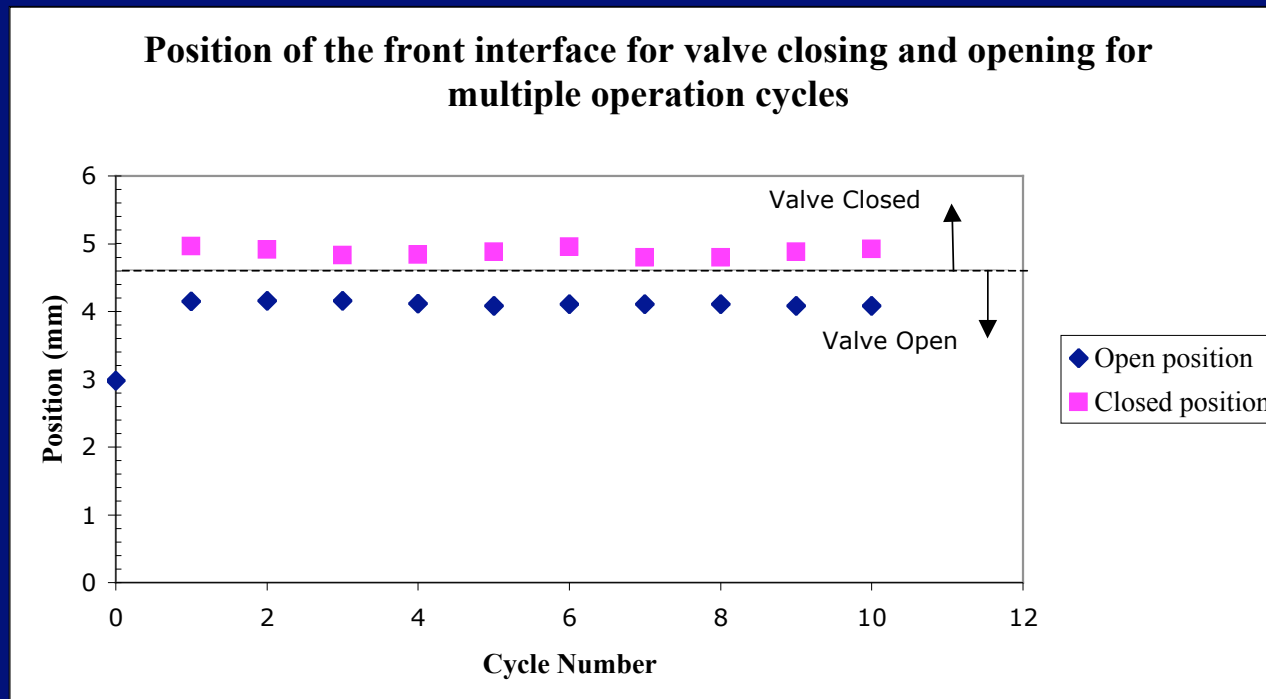
# Valve Opening

*Piston Material*



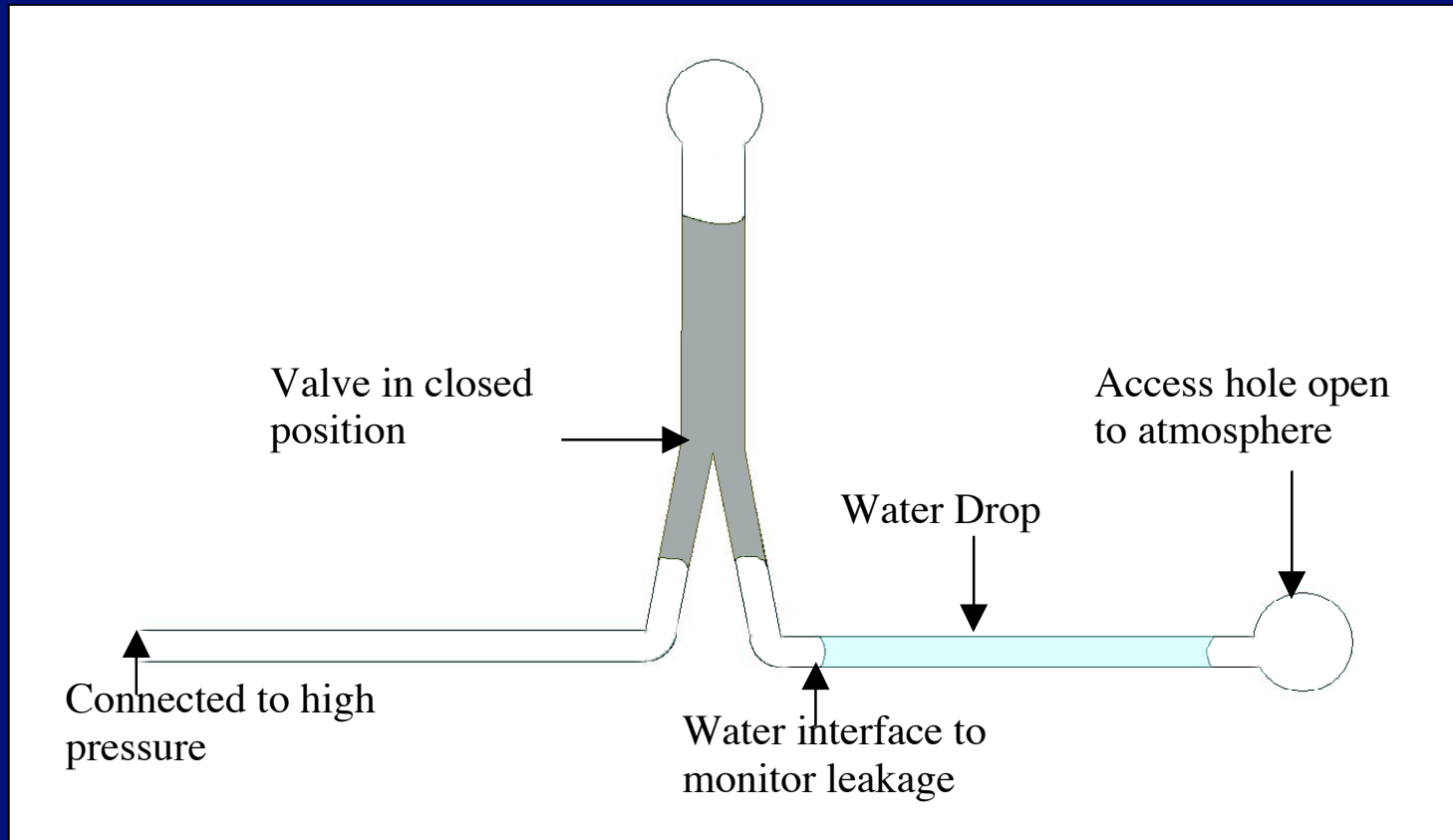
# Valve Reproducibility

*Cycling*



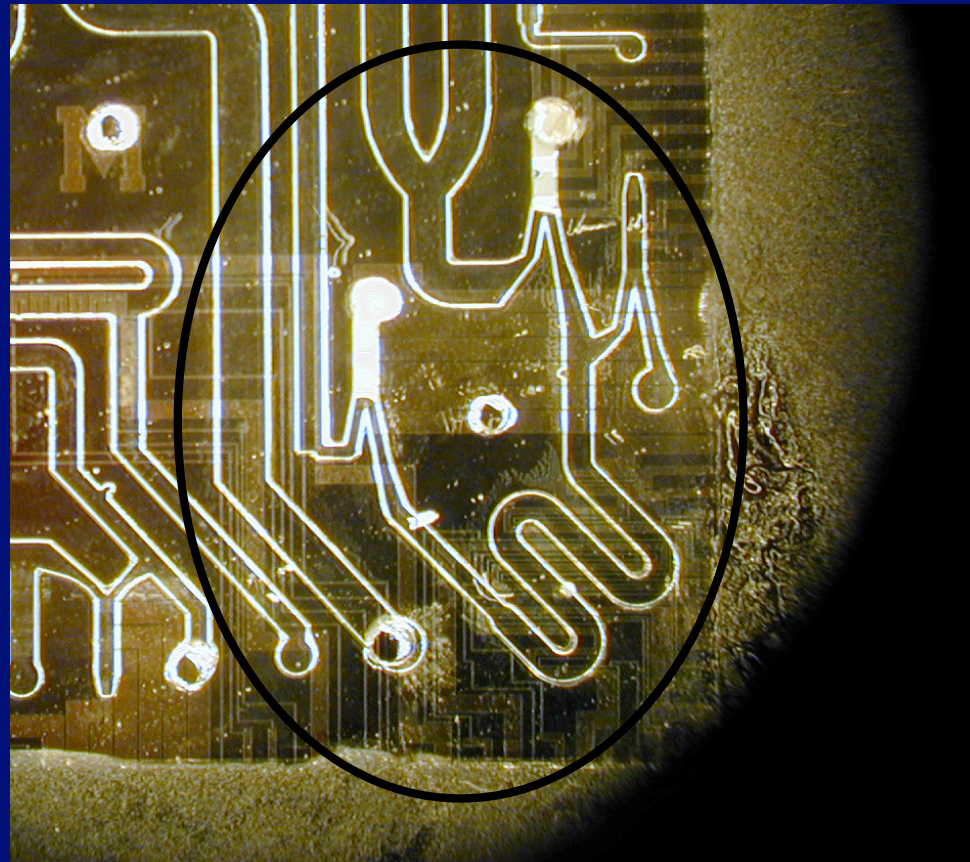
# Valve Closing

## *Pressure Test*



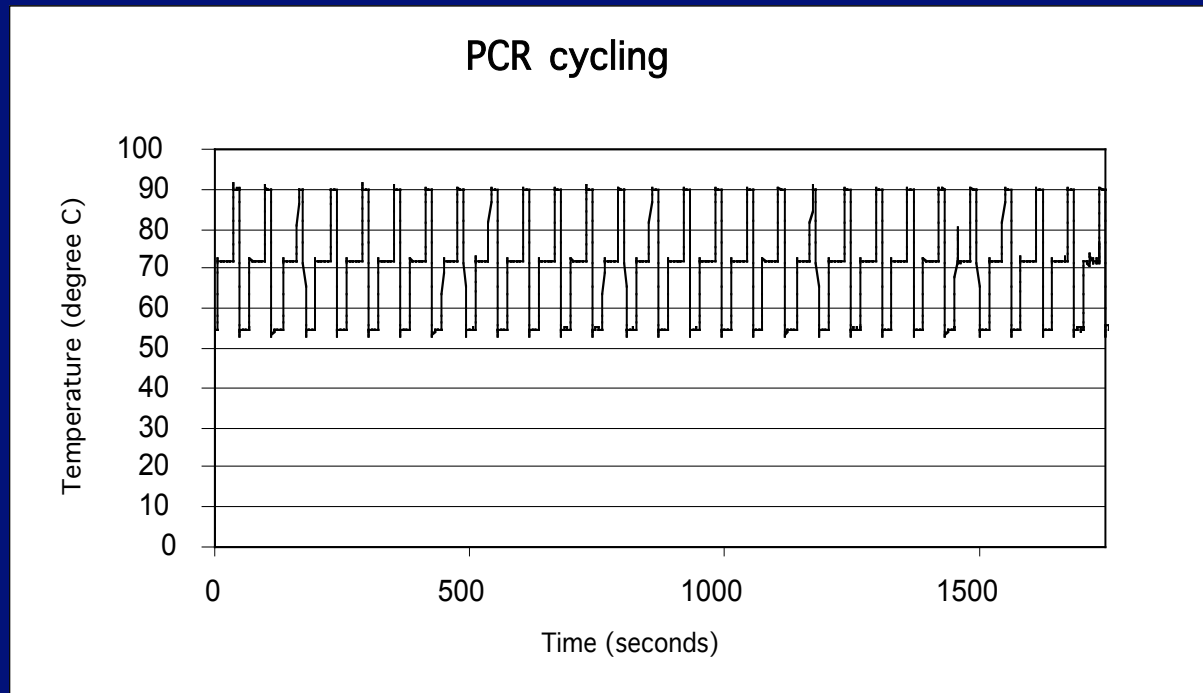
# Biochemical Reaction

*Device*



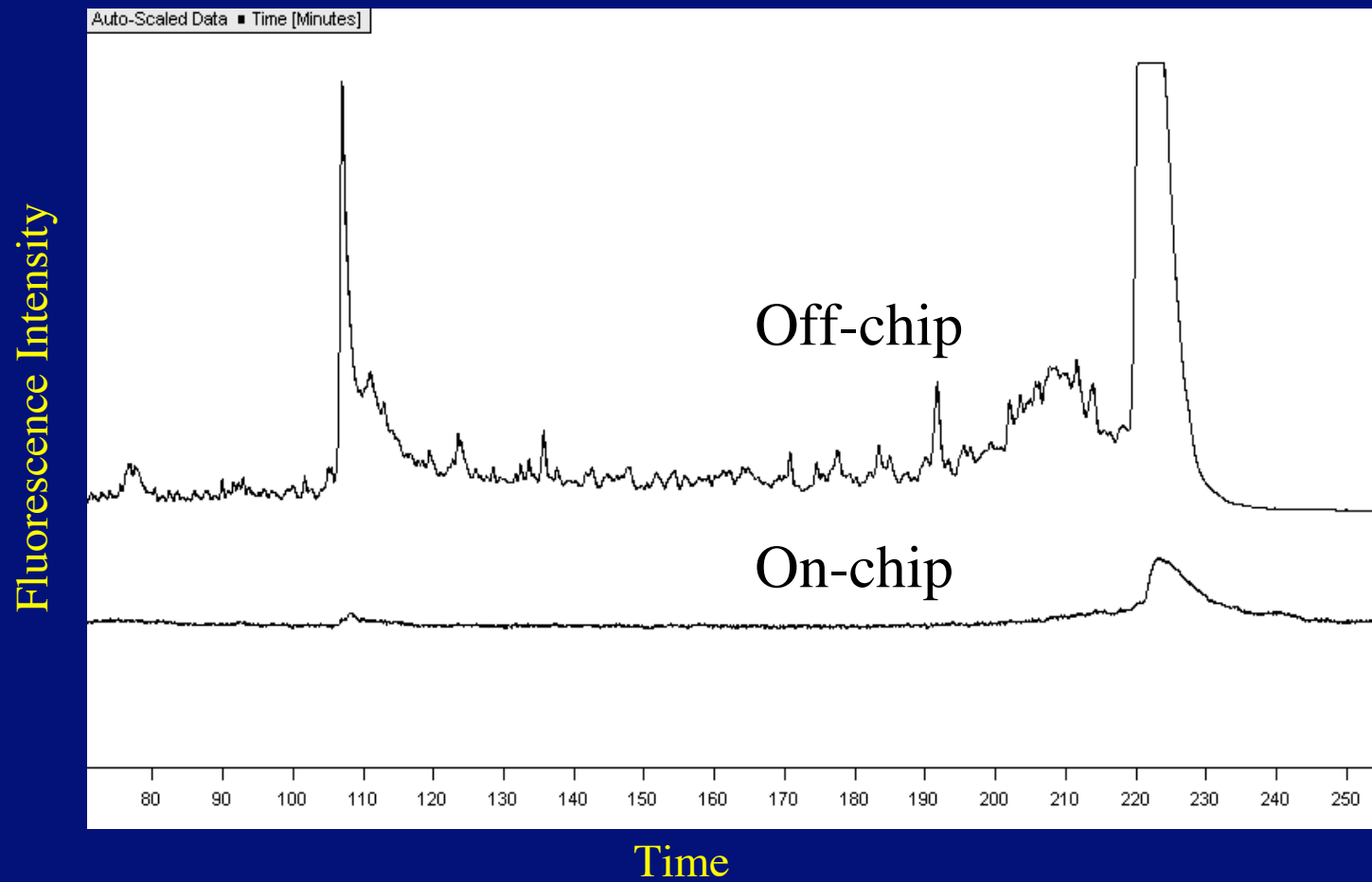
# Biochemical Reaction

*Cycles*



# Integrated Device

*Result*





# Microfabricated Biochemical Analysis

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- Phase-Change Valve
- Viscometer
- Single Molecule

# Micro-scale Viscosity Measurement

- Viscosity of input sample important
- Body Fluids' viscosity diagnostic tool
- Low volume of sample
- Macroscale viscometers hard to use

# Viscosity in Medicine

Predictor/  
Risk factor  
(*Preventive*)

- Blood and Blood Plasma - Cardiovascular Risk factor, Ischemia, Type II Diabetes
- Synovial Fluid - Osteoarthritis Severity
- Mucin Asthma
- Spittle

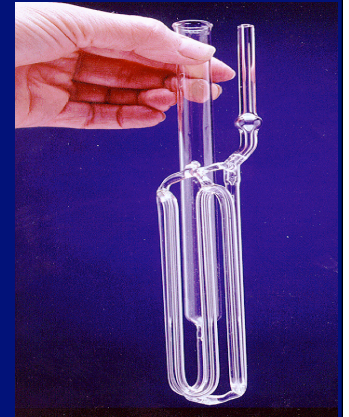
Indicator/  
Marker  
(*Diagnostic*)

- Blood Plasma -
  - Hyperviscosity Syndrome (growth of Tumour etc.)
  - Coronary Heart Disease, Diabetic Retinopathy
  - Rejection in Organ Transplantation
- Amniotic Fluid - Fetal Lung Maturity
- Seminal Fluid - Sperm Motility

# Motivation

## Current Instrumentation

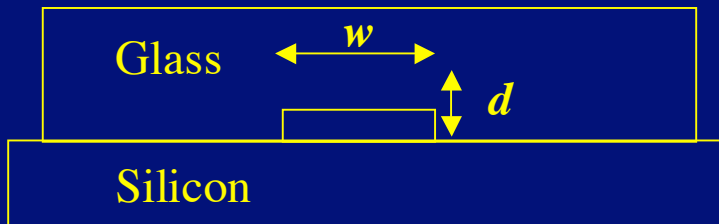
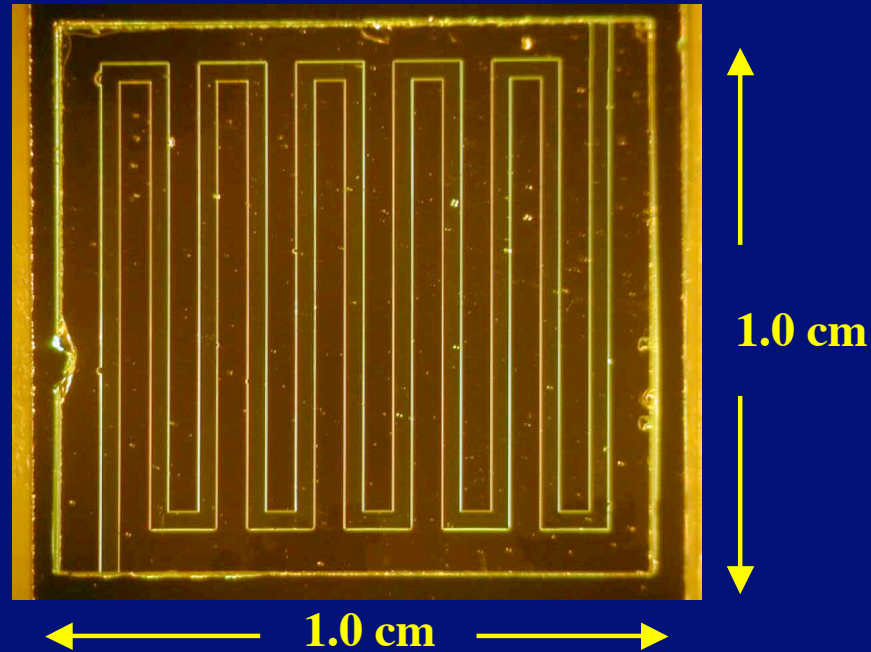
- o Rotational Viscometers
- o Capillary viscometer



## Limitations

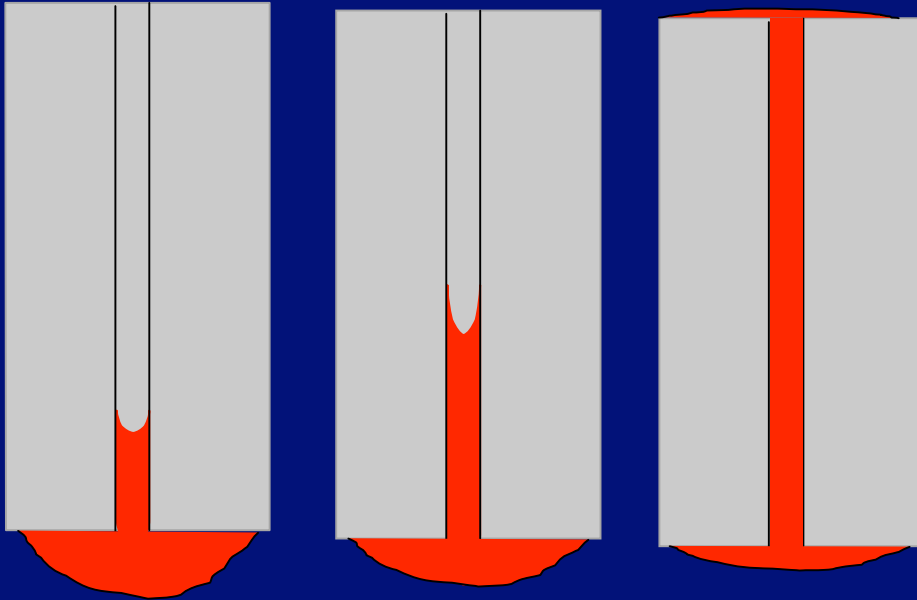
- ✓ Allows only serial testing
- ✓ Expensive, elaborate set-up, not portable
- ✓ Not available for Personal Healthcare

# Microfluidic Viscometer



$$\begin{aligned}d &= 34\mu\text{m} \\w &= 340\mu\text{m} \\L_{total} &= 9\text{cm}\end{aligned}$$

# Capillary Pressure Driven Flow



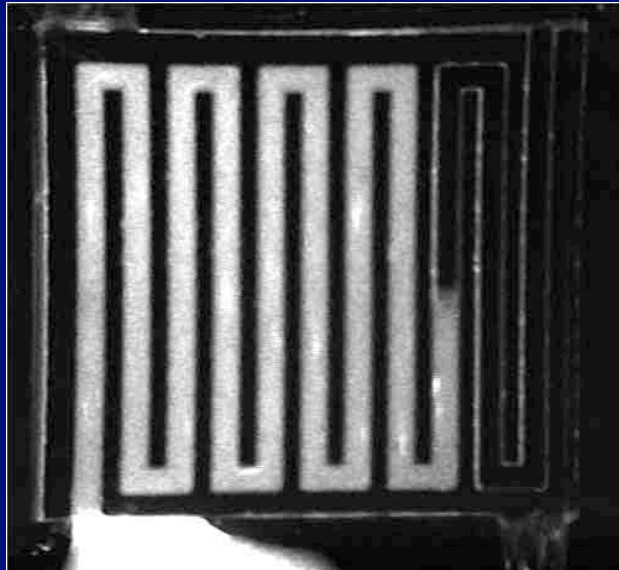
$$\Delta P = 2\sigma \cos \theta \left( \frac{1}{d} + \frac{1}{w} \right)$$

$$v = \frac{d^2}{S\mu} \frac{\Delta P}{L}$$

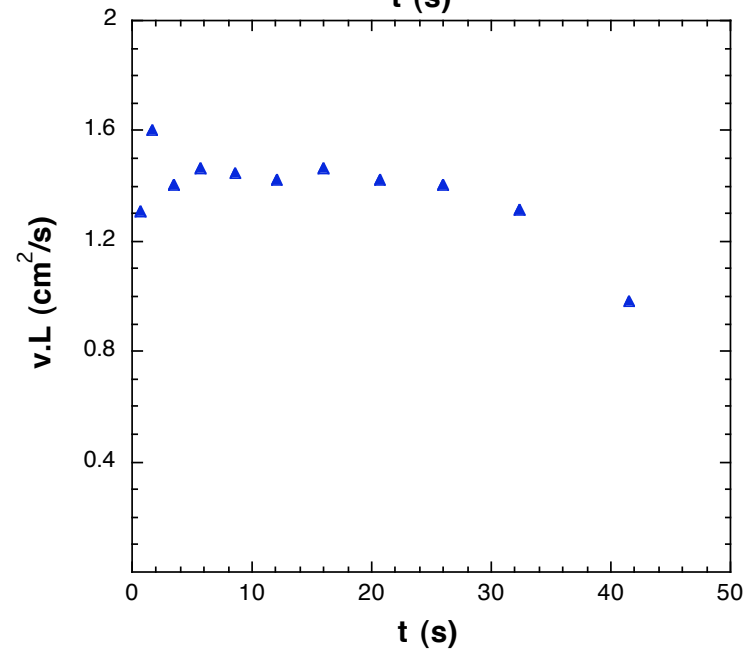
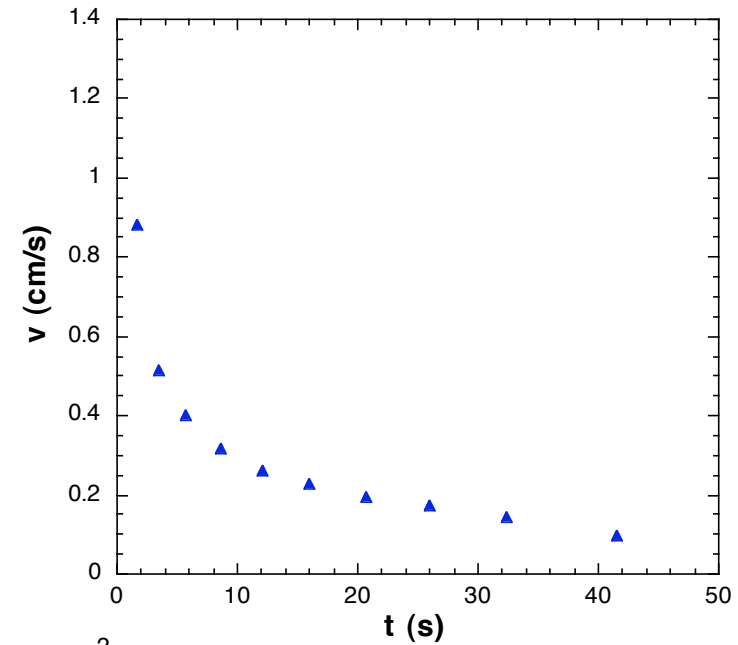
**Laminar Flow**

$$\mu = \frac{d^2}{S} \cdot \Delta P \cdot \frac{1}{vL}$$

# Data Analysis: $vL$ $\longrightarrow$ Viscosity

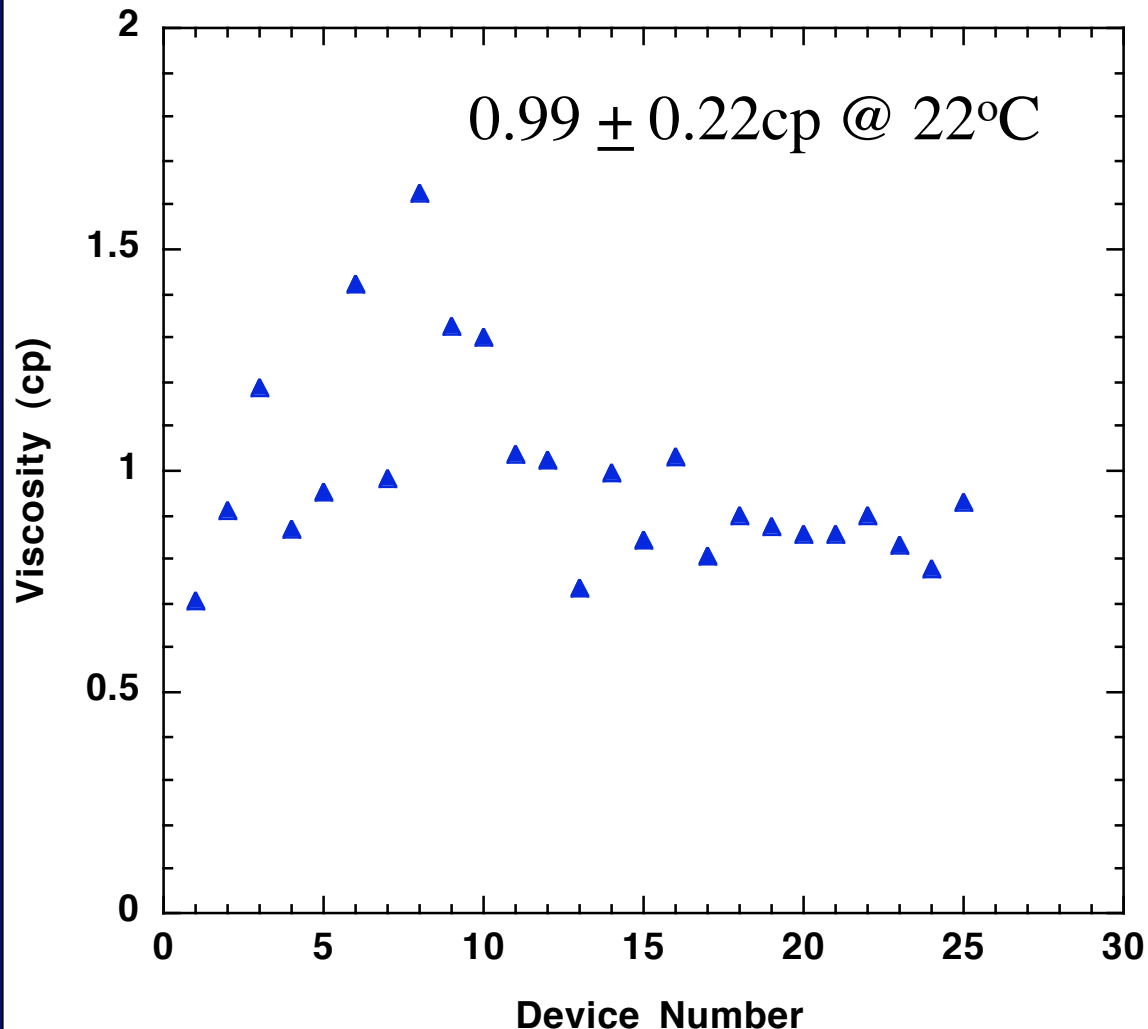


$$\mu = \frac{d^2}{S} \cdot \Delta P \cdot \frac{1}{vL}$$



# Viscosity of Water

$$\mu = \frac{d^2}{S} \cdot \Delta P \cdot \frac{1}{vL}$$



## Advantages

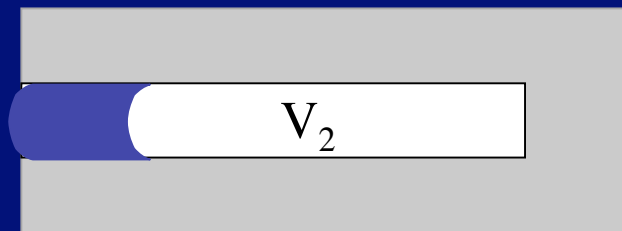
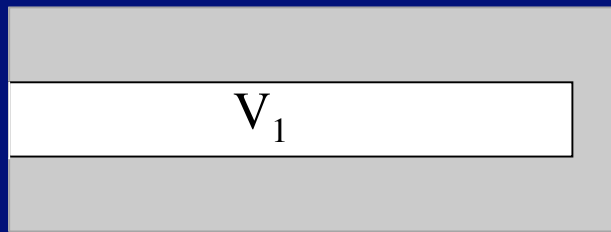
- Quick and Easy
- Cheap - therefore disposable
- Portable
- Multiple Channels allow parallel processing

## Limitations

- Need to know the geometry (d and S) accurately
- Capillary Pressure has to be calculated
- Low Precision



# Microfluidic Measurement of $\Delta P$ (Capillary Pressure)



$$P_{atm} V_1 = (P_{atm} + \Delta P) V_2$$

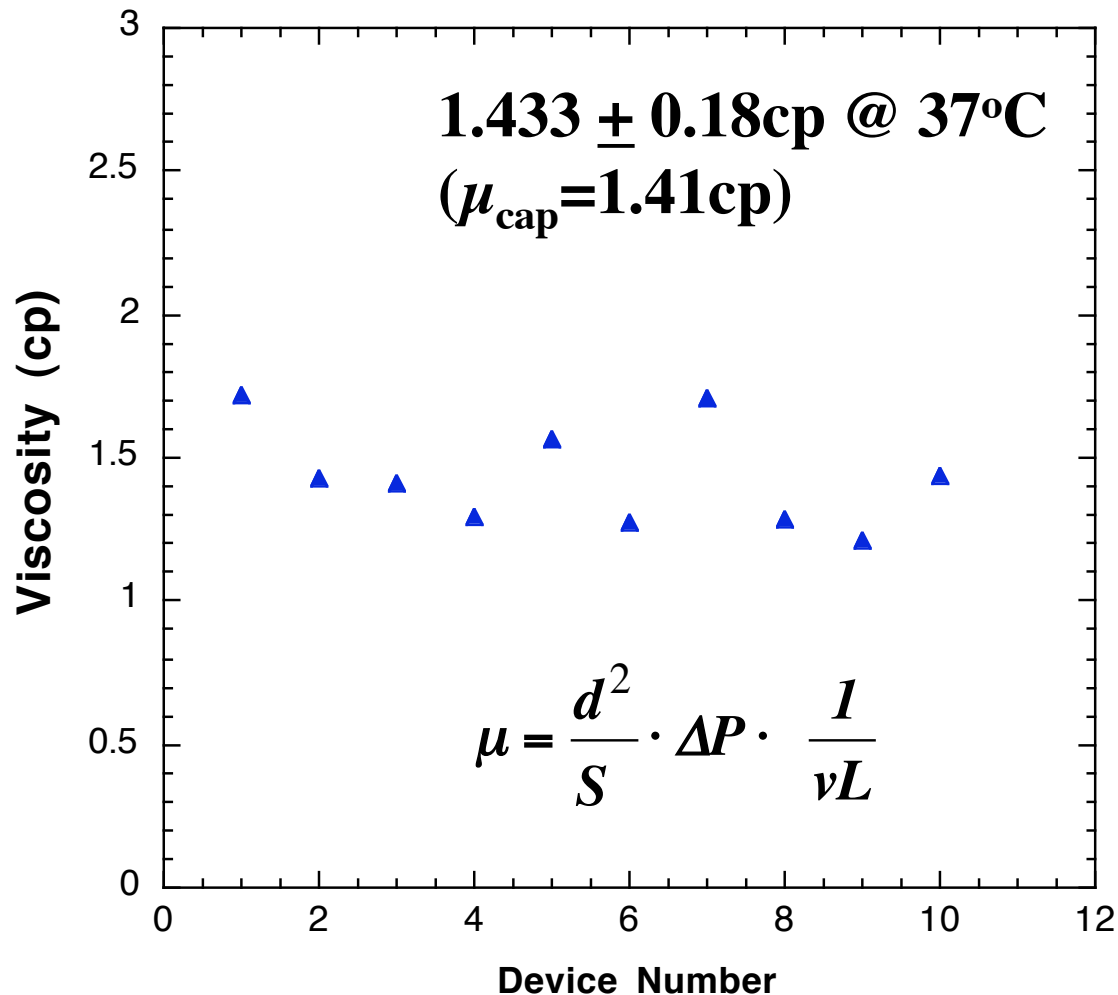
$$\Delta P = P_{atm} \left( \frac{V_1}{V_2} - 1 \right)$$

$$\Delta P = 2\sigma \cos \theta \left( \frac{1}{d} + \frac{1}{w} \right)$$

$$\mu = \frac{d^2}{S} \cdot \Delta P \cdot \frac{1}{vL}$$

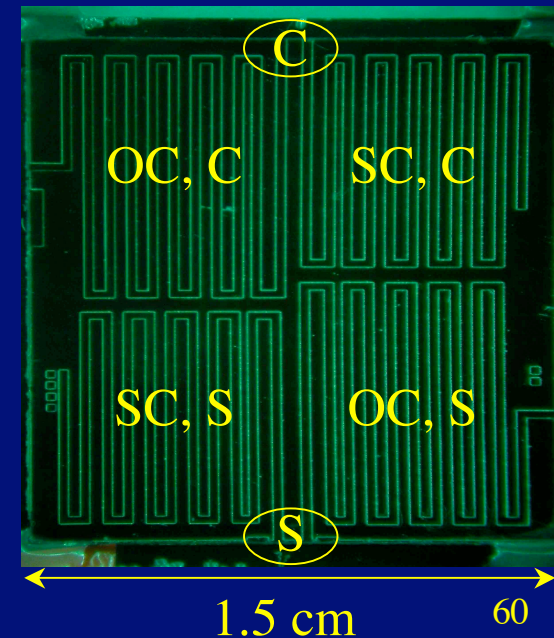
# Self-Calibrating Nanoliter Viscometer

## Blood Plasma Viscosity



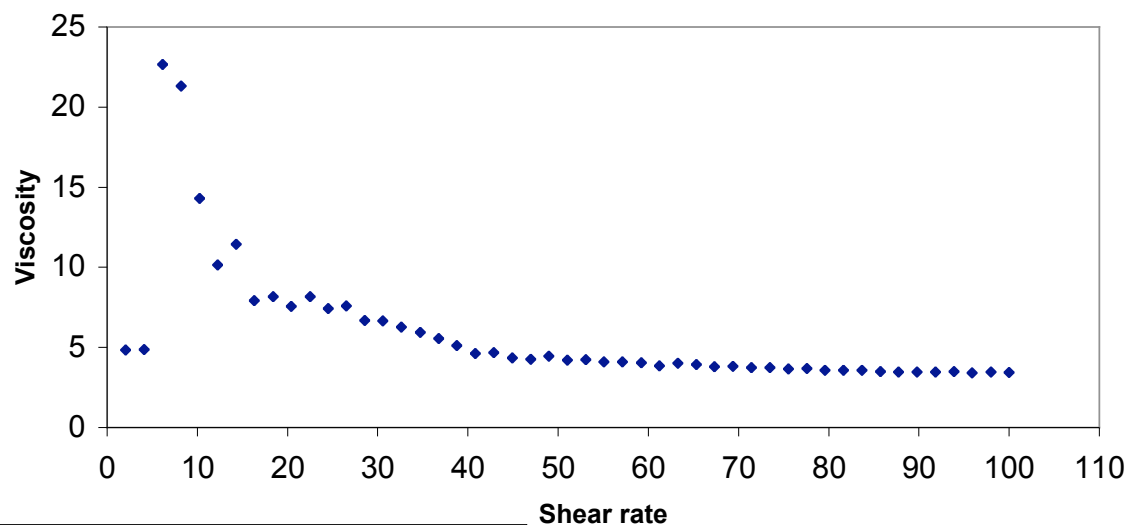
### Advantages

- Self Calibrating
- Better precision
- Applicable to a wider range of liquids

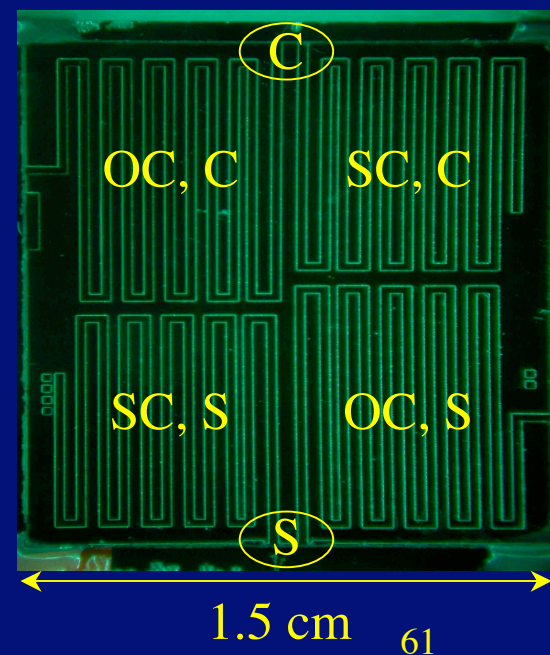
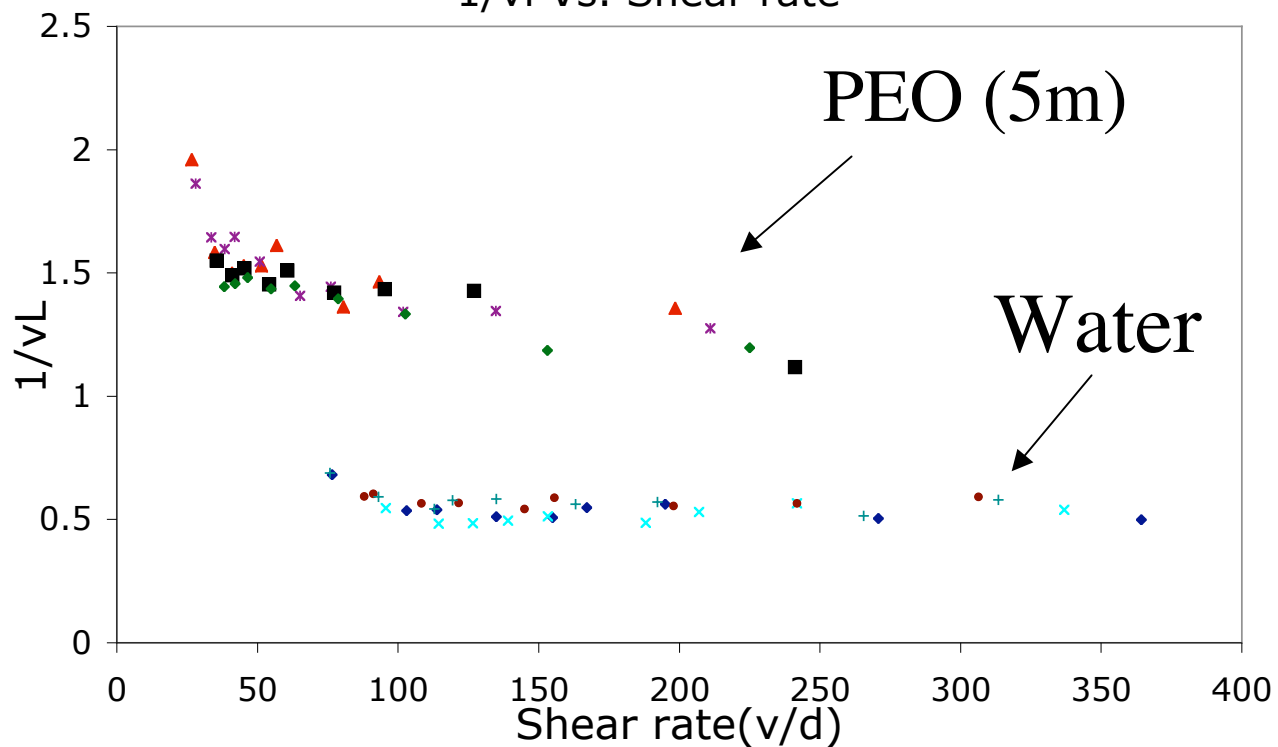


# Non-Newtonian

Viscosity (cp) Vs Shear rate (1/s)



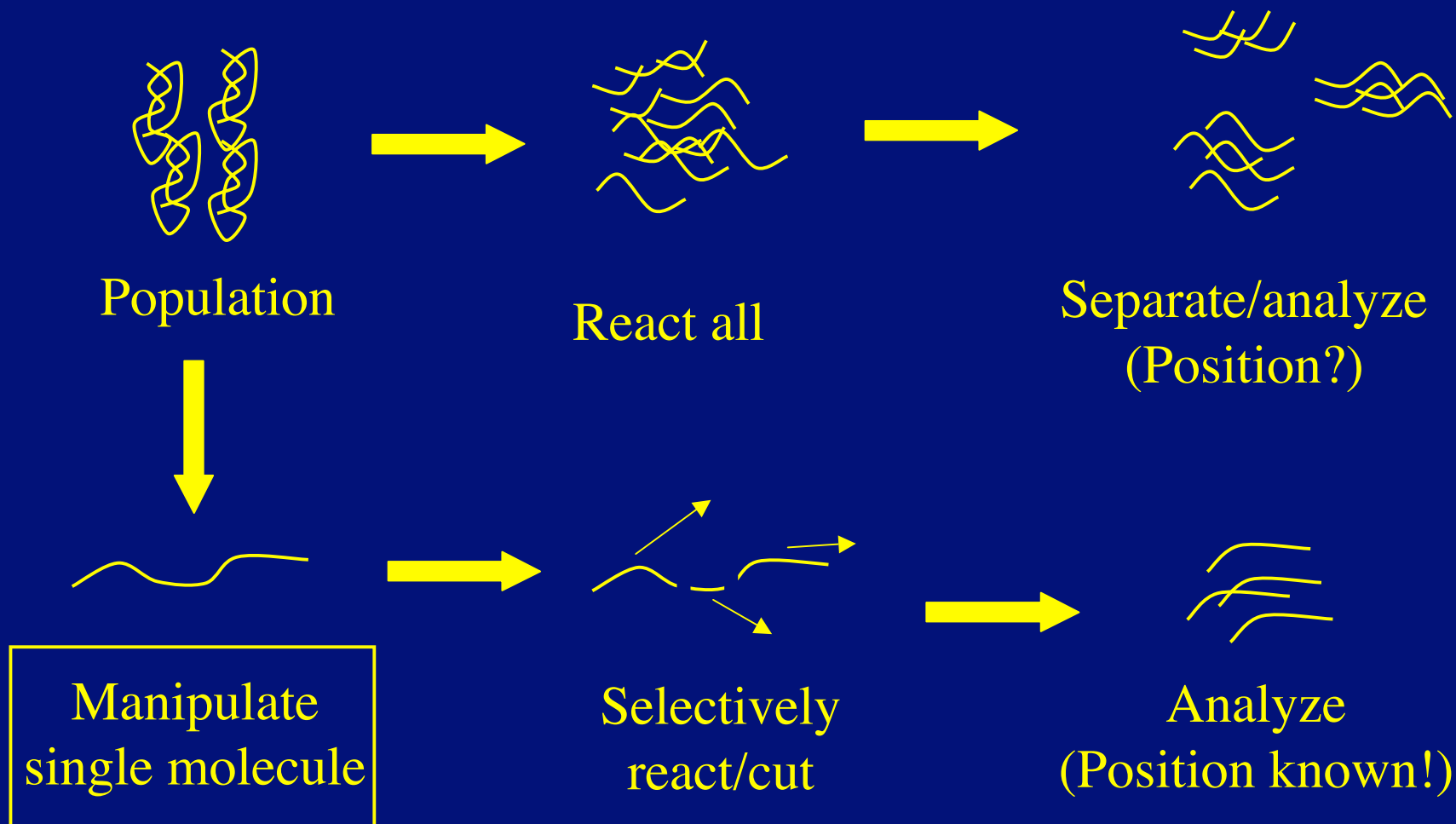
1/vL Vs. Shear rate



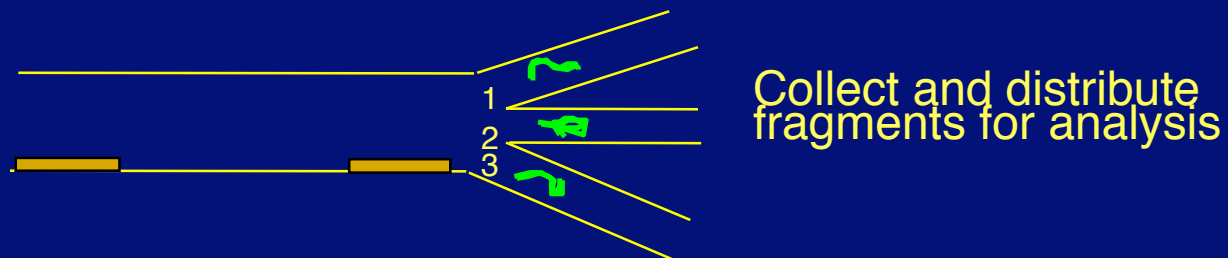
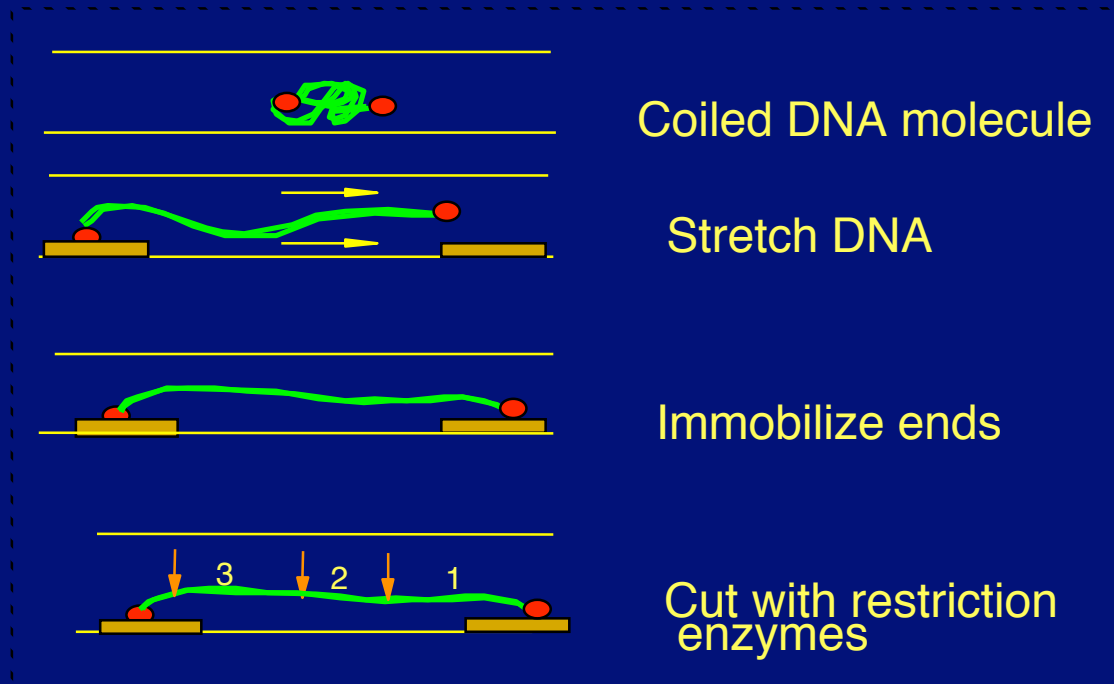
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# Advanced Component Development: Single Molecule Manipulations

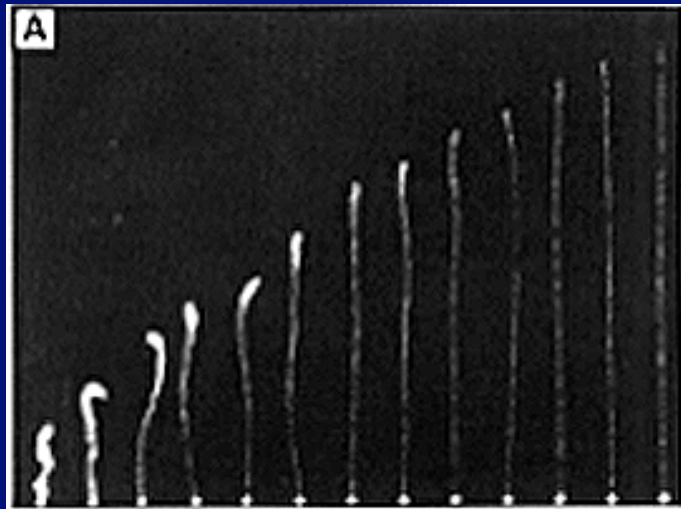


# Single Molecule Analysis



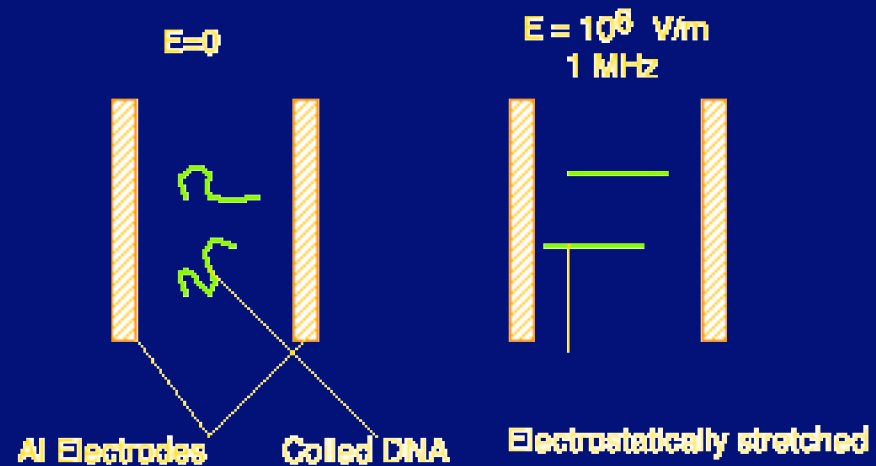
# DNA Stretching

## Hydrodynamic forces



Chu, Larson et. al. (1995)

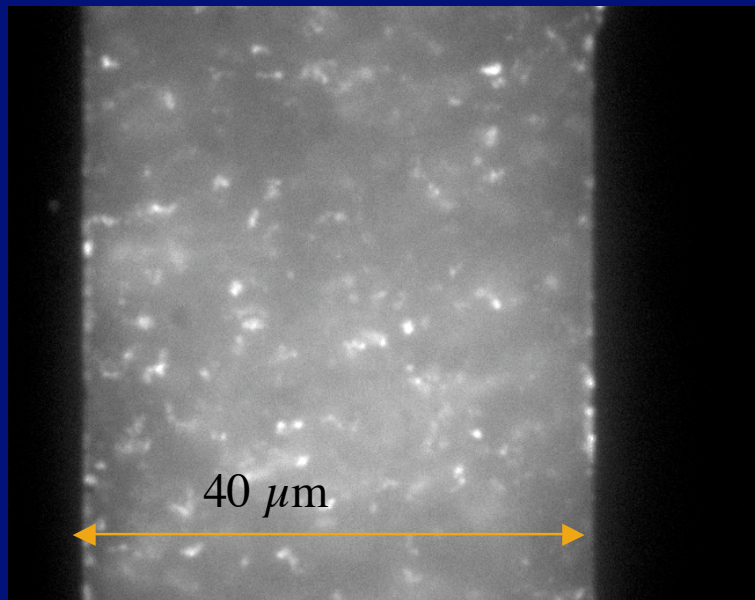
## Electrostatic forces



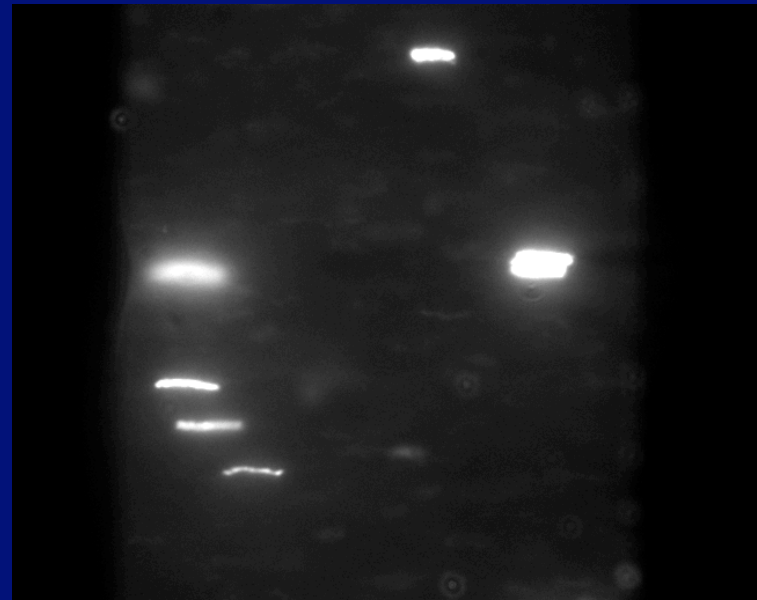
Washizu et. al. (1995)

# DNA Electrostretching

## Lambda DNA Stretched in Tris Hcl



Relaxed DNA Molecules



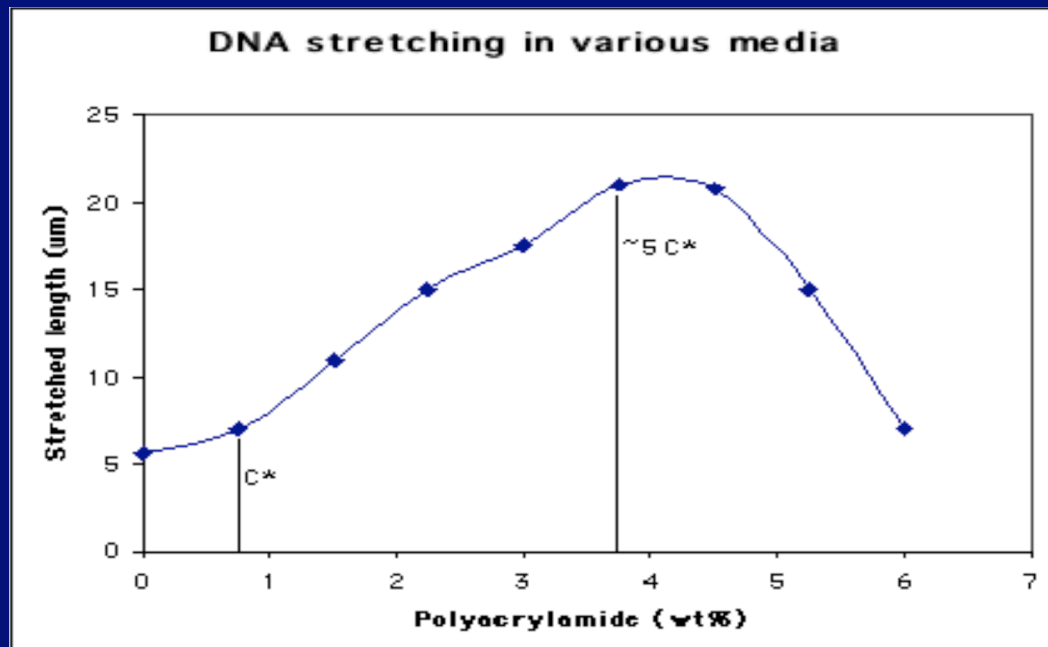
DNA partly stretched under  
AC field ( $10^6$  V/m, 1MHz)



# Electrostretching

*Medium*

## DNA Stretching vs Polymer concentration



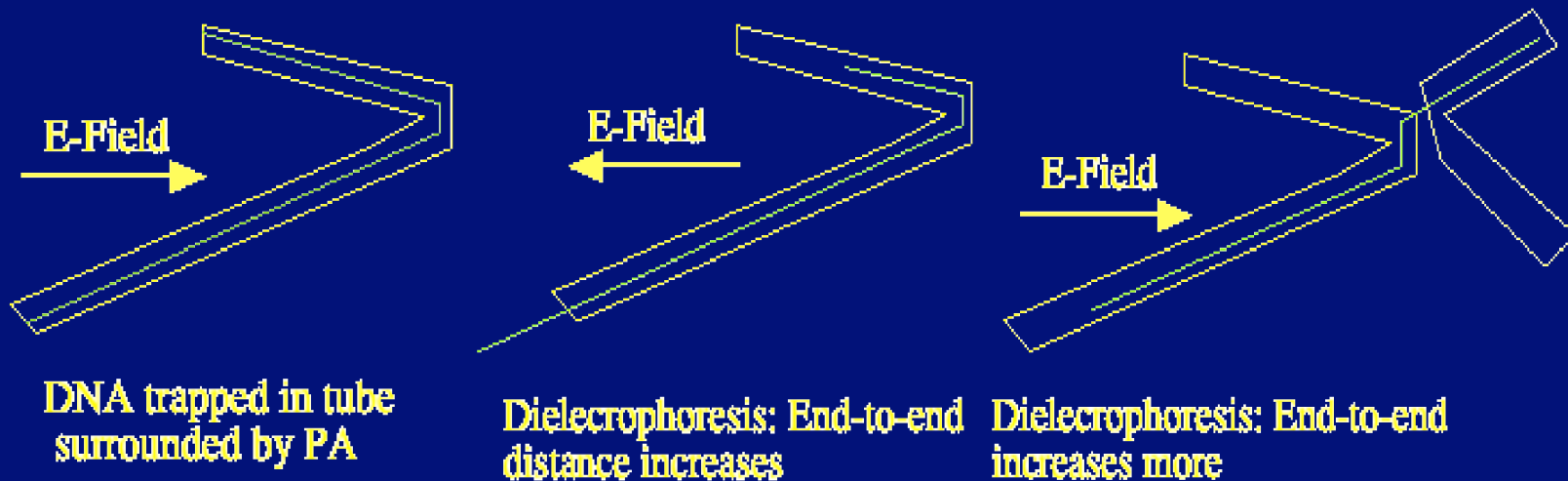
### Conditions

- Lambda DNA
- Gold Electrodes
- Tris HCl with varying LPA
- AC field ( $3 \times 10^5$  V/m, 1MHz)

$C^*$  : Critical entanglement concentration

$5 C^*$  : Polymer well entangled; Tube diameter close to DNA size

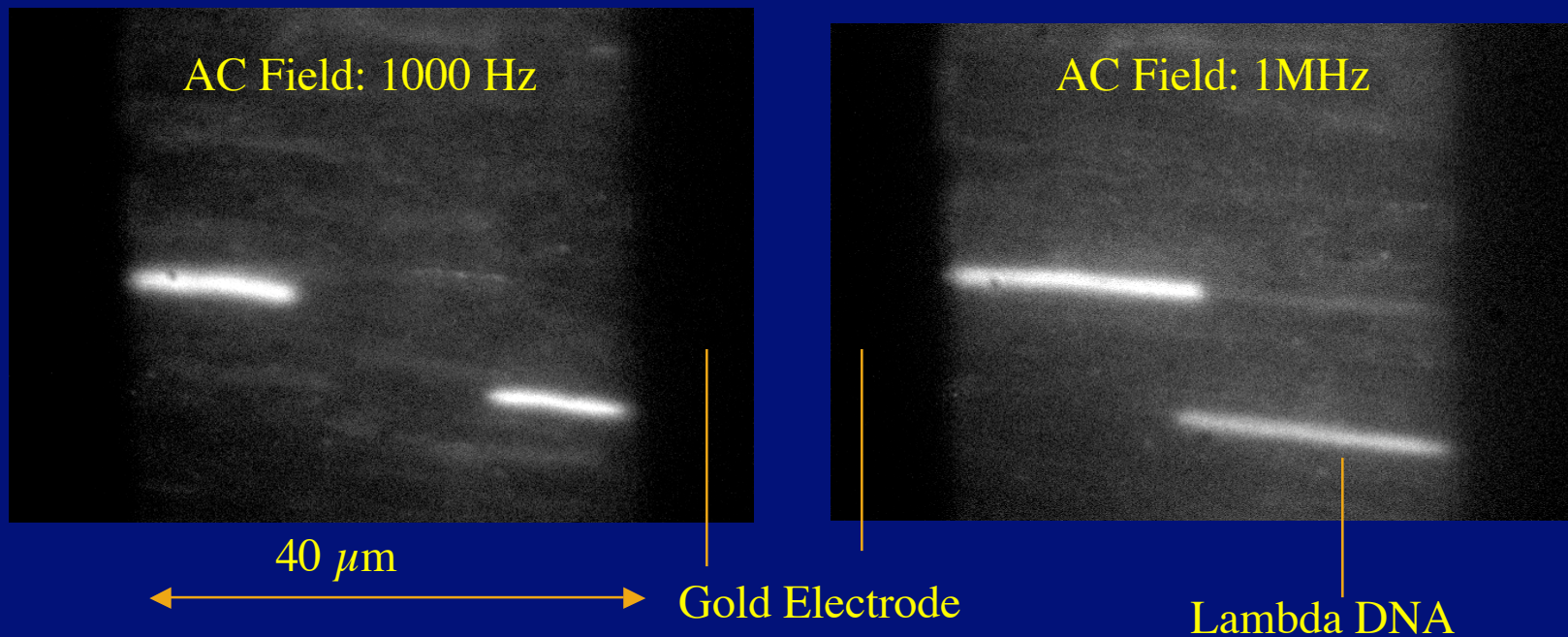
# Mechanism of DNA Stretching: AC fields



- Linear Polyacryamide confines DNA molecules within tubes
- At  $5 C^*$ , Tube diameter approaches DNA diameter
- AC field helps in Dielectrophoretic stretching

# DNA Immobilization and Optimization

## Lambda DNA Stretched in Linear Polyacrylamide



DNA immobilized at gold  
Electrodes by Dielectrophoresis

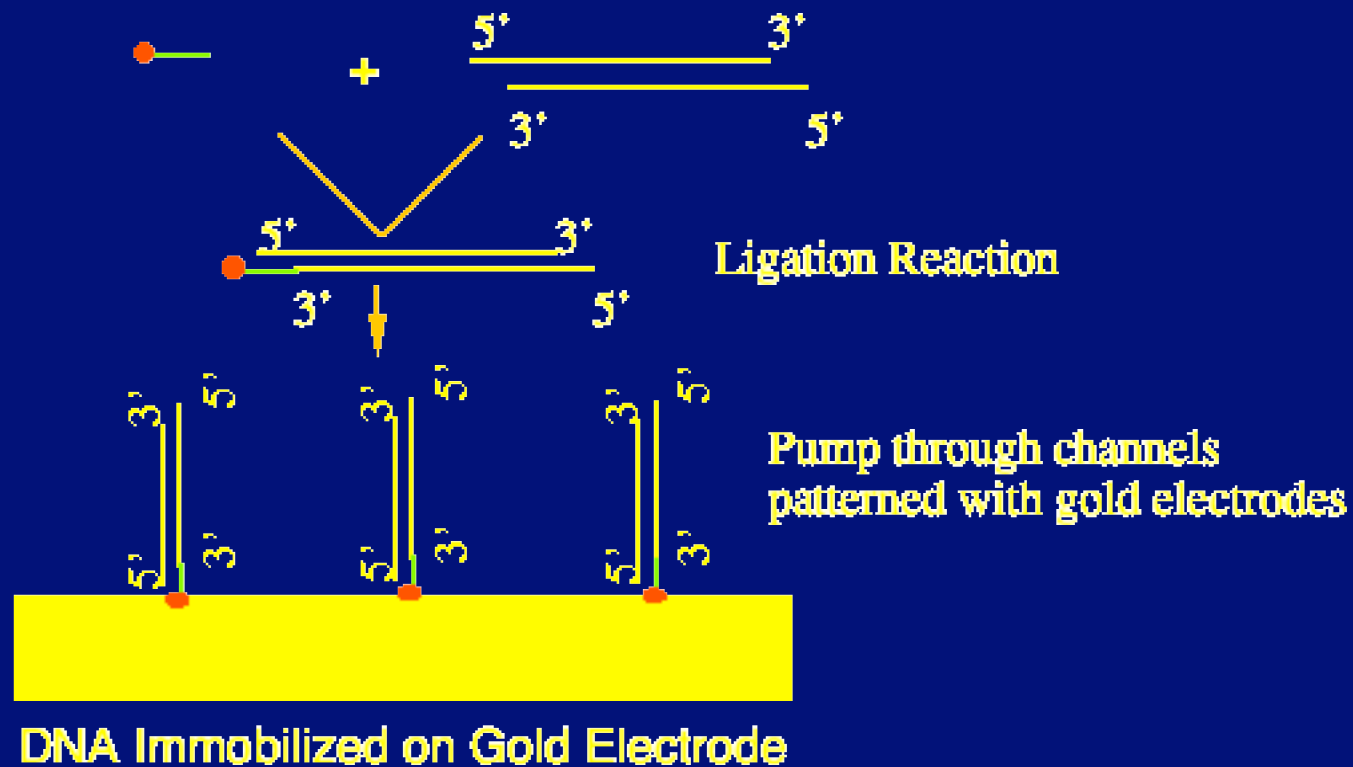
DNA fully stretched under  
AC field ( $10^6$  V/m, 1MHz)

# DNA Immobilization

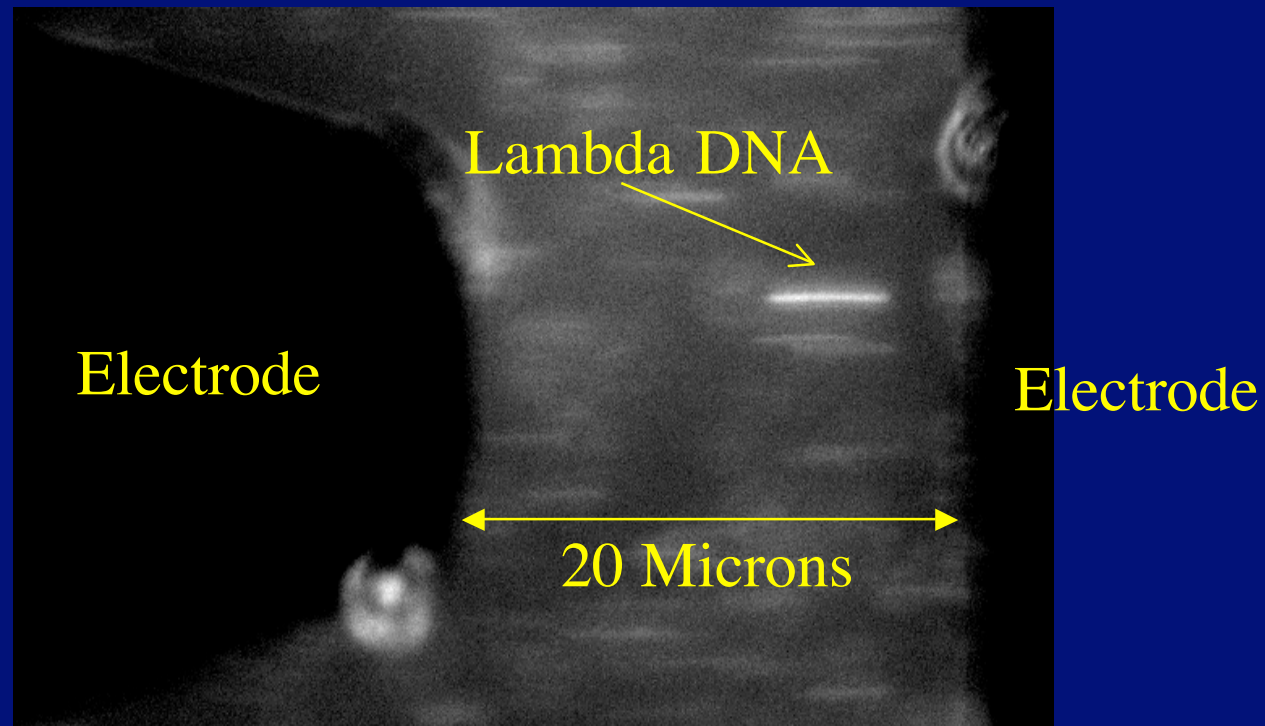
## Thiol-On -Gold

Thiol labeled 12-mer  
(Sigma Genosys)

Lambda DNA  
(Gibco BRL)

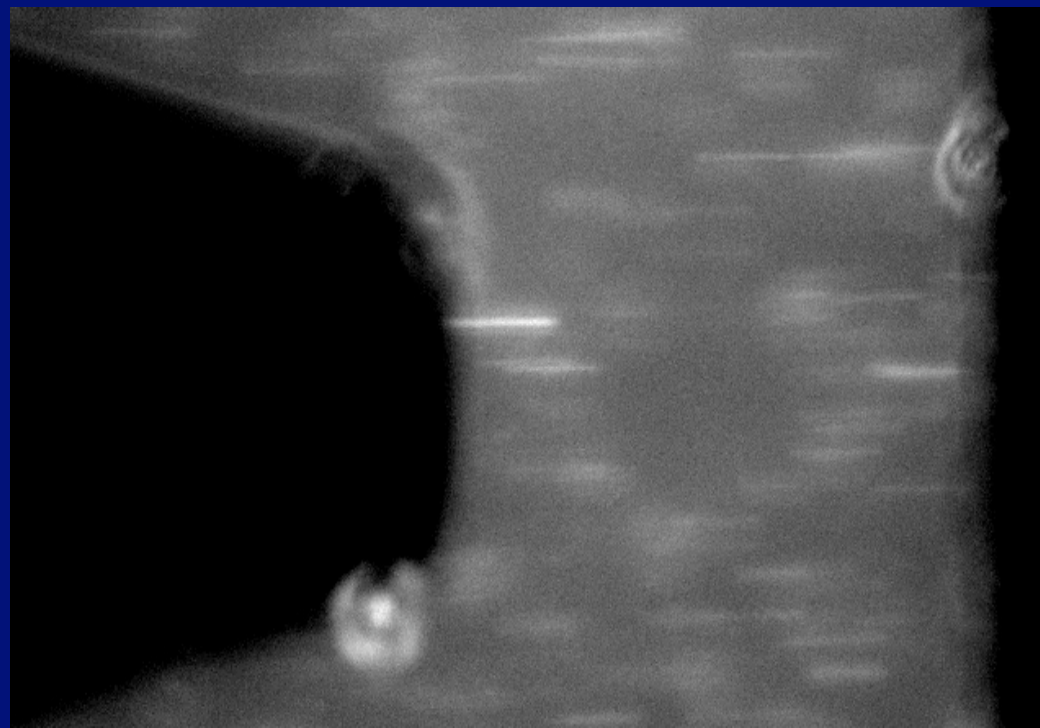


# Single Molecule Manipulations



Electric field on — DNA molecule stretches...

# Single Molecule Manipulations



...and moves towards pointed electrode.

# Single Molecule Manipulations

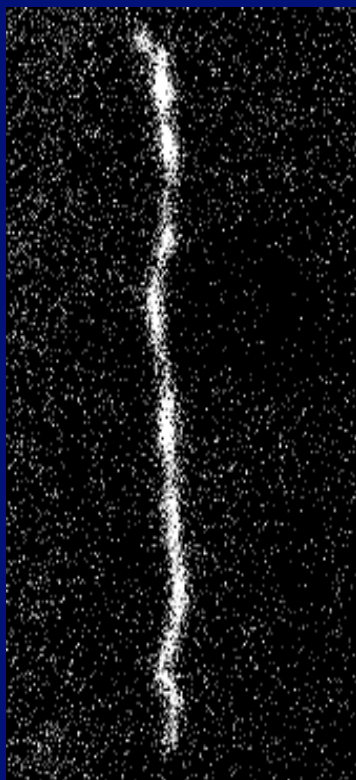


Field (frequency) increases — DNA stretches between electrodes

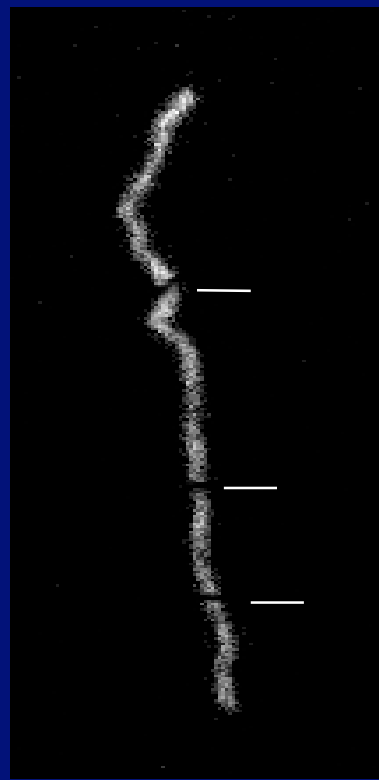
# Reactions

*Microscale*

Stretch



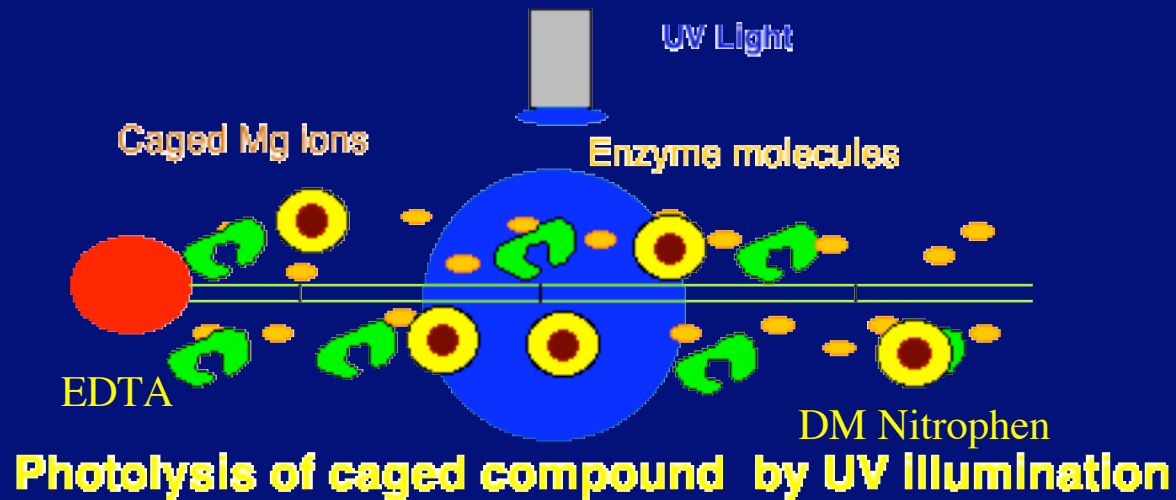
then cut





# Localized Reactions

*UV Activation*

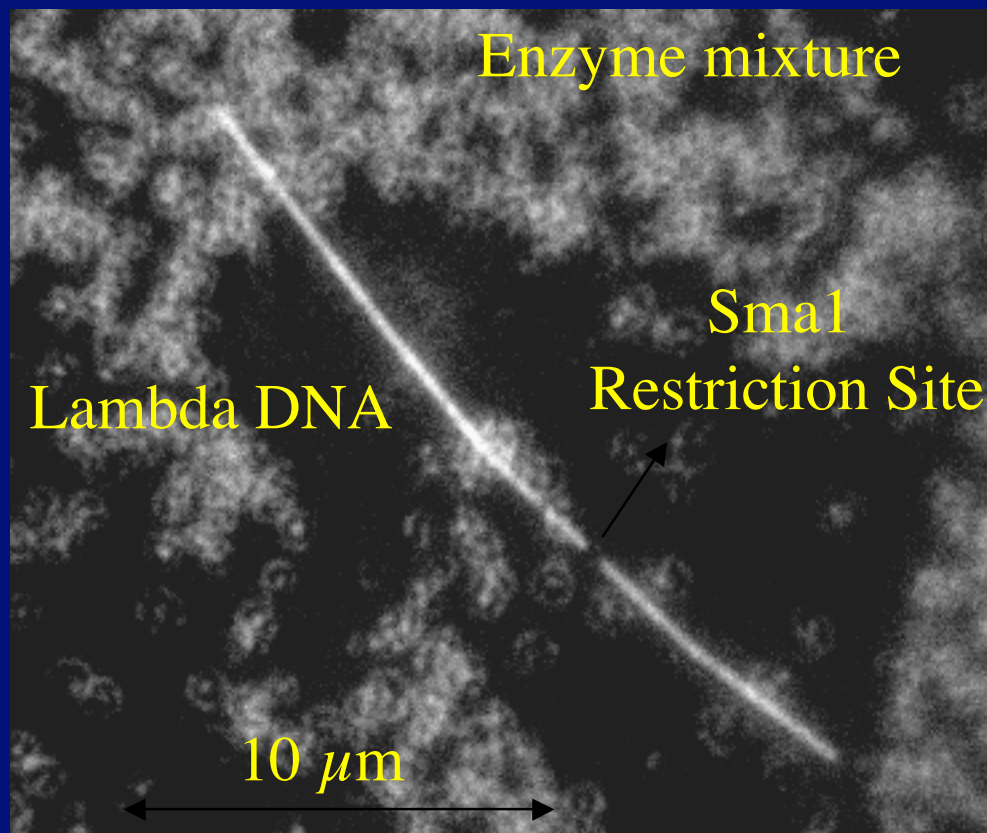


**Localized restriction digestion reaction of stretched DNA**

# UV induced reactions

*Microscale*

Zone 1 illumination



# Conclusions

- Microfabricated components for chemical analysis
- Integrated chemical analysis system
- Potential for inexpensive, self-contained, complex systems
- Many future applications