

Lab on a Chip and Microfluidics

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Part VII. DNA microfluidics

DNA

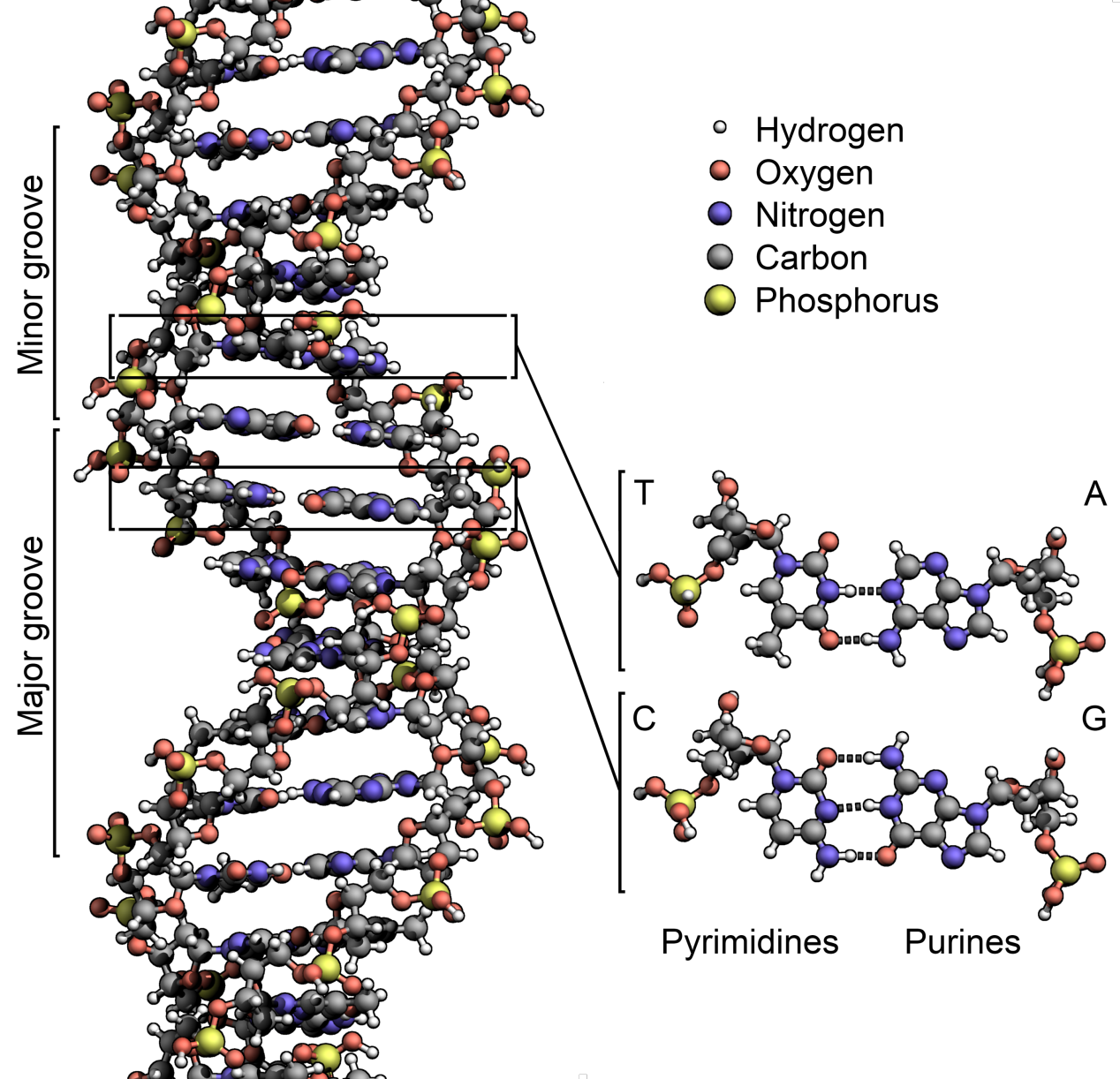
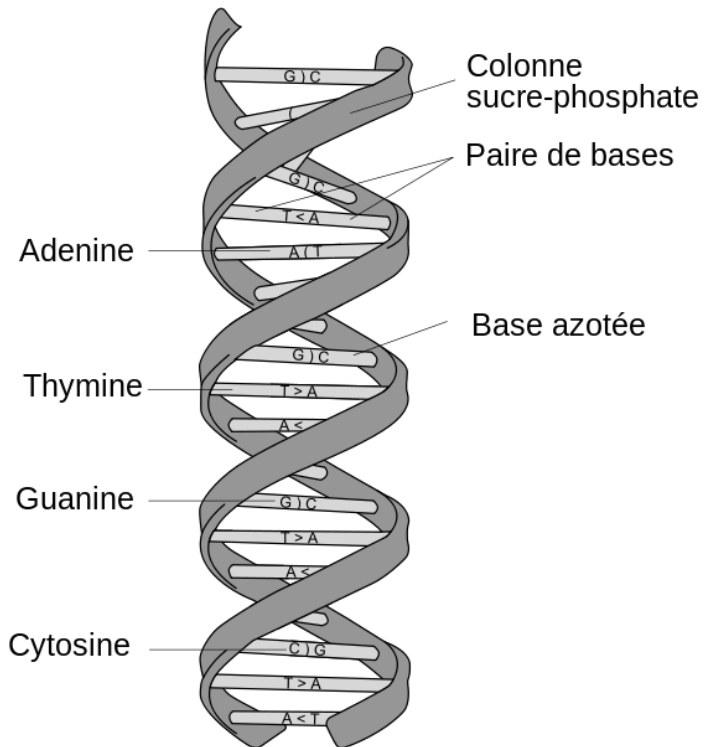
Deoxyribo Nucleic Acid

DNA molecule holds the genetic information

Two anti parallel helix

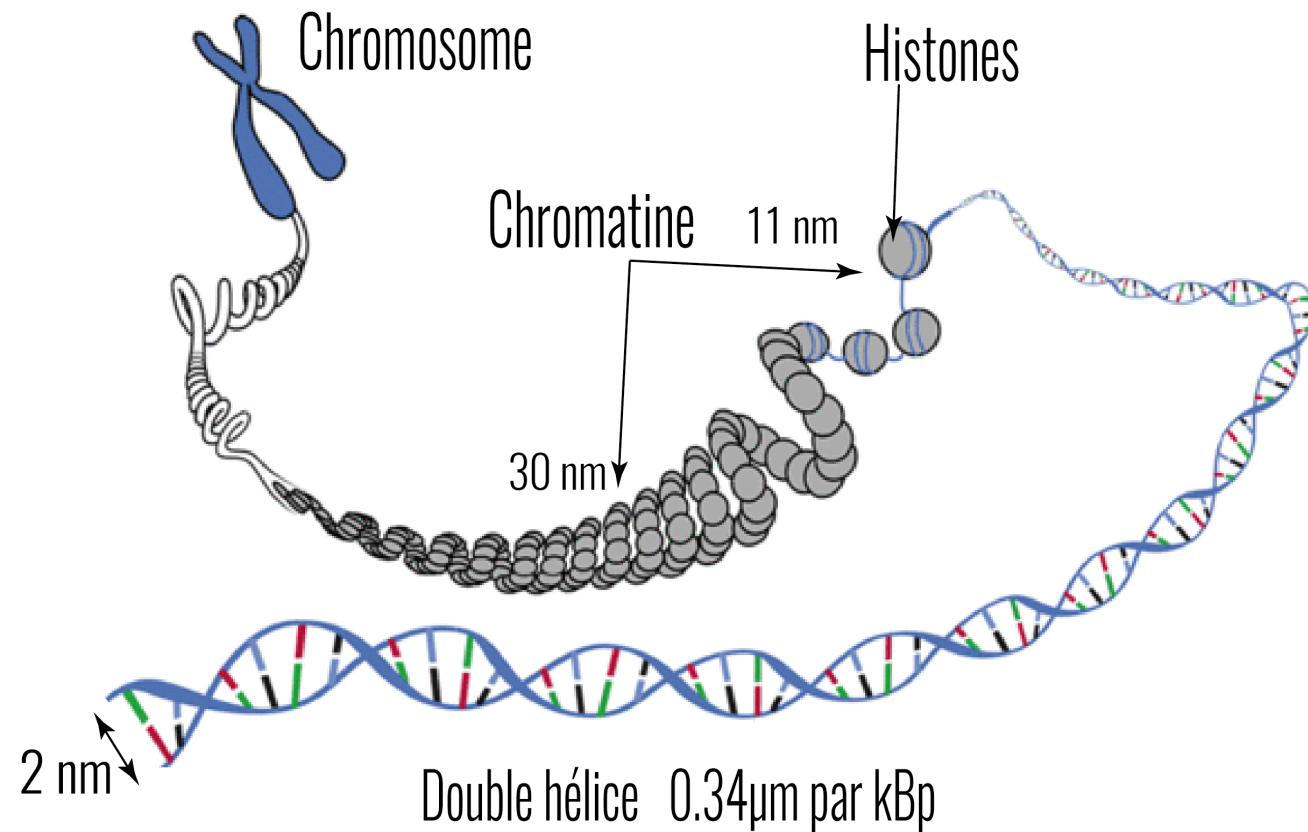
One phosphate sugar backbone

ATCG base



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DNA compaction and organisation



Persistence length : **100 nm** dsDNA and **2 nm** for ssDNA

Actin : **17µm**

Microtubule : **1,4mm**



DNA Lab on a Chip

- DNA is extracted from cell nucleus and purified
 - Break cell membranes using detergent
 - Remove cell debris, proteins, enzymes

DNA assays

- Detect specific fragments in fingerprint pattern-matching mode
- Sequence DNA fragment for base pair order of fragment

Analysis tools

- Chemical amplification
- Restriction digestion
- Electrophoretic separation
- Sanger sequencing process
- Hybridization
- Fluorescence visualization

Miniaturization Benefits

Reagent consumption ~ [s³]

Miniscule reaction volumes reduce reagent cost.

Heat transfer ~ [s²]

Surface phenomena

Mass transfer ~ [s²]

Reduced analysis times, with minimum assay time limited by

speed of enzyme (30-100 bp/s)

Flow is laminar

Electroosmotic flow for valveless systems ~ [s²]

Capillary flow ~ [s¹]

Separation efficiency ~ [s⁻²]

Injection volume well-defined

PCR Polymerase Chain Reaction

Principle :

Chain amplification of a few copies of a piece of DNA

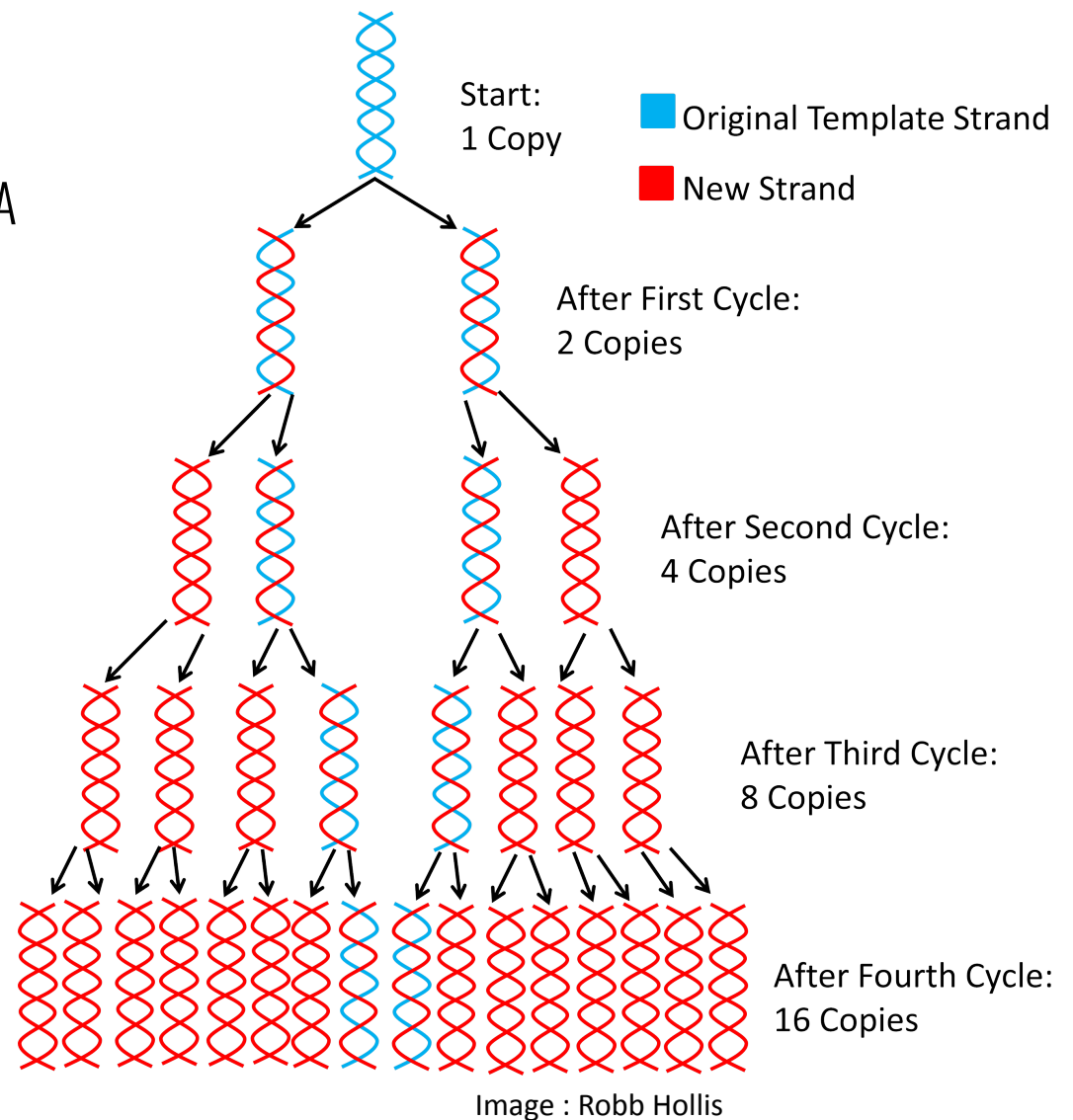
Across several orders of magnitude (10^9)

Polymerase

By Thermal cycling

Invention : 1988

Development in the 90'S

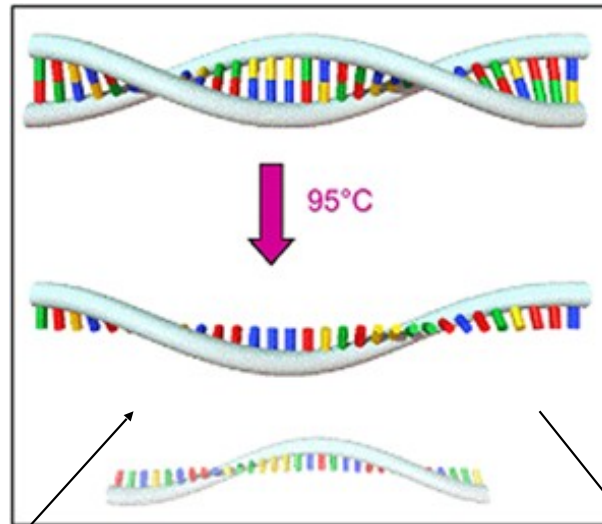
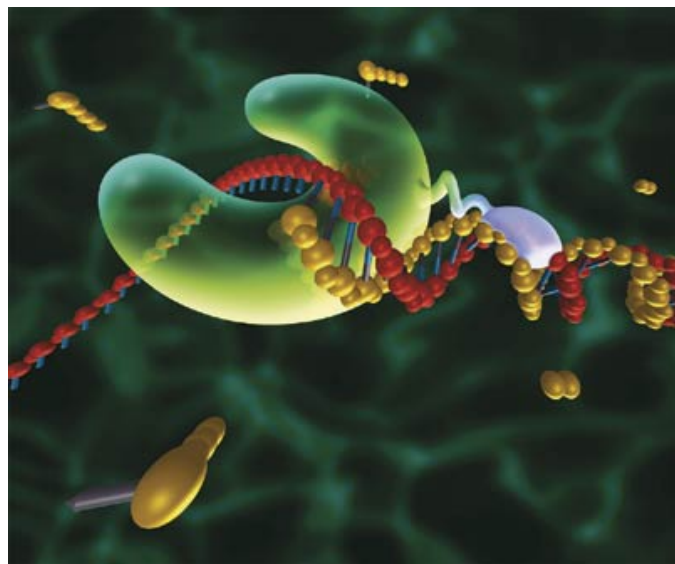


PCR Polymerase Chain Reaction

Process

1. Template DNA
2. dNTPs
3. Primers
4. Buffer Solution
5. Polymerase (Taq polymerase)
6. MgCl₂ Solution
7. Water

Replication (72°C)

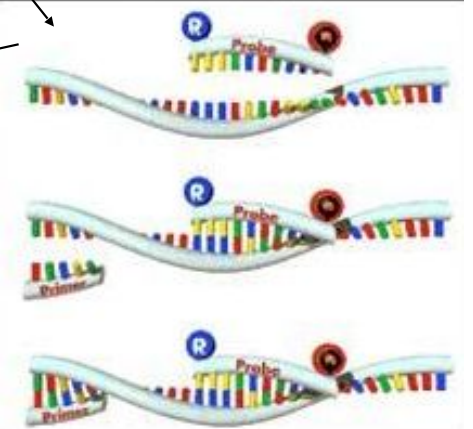


Denaturation (95°C)

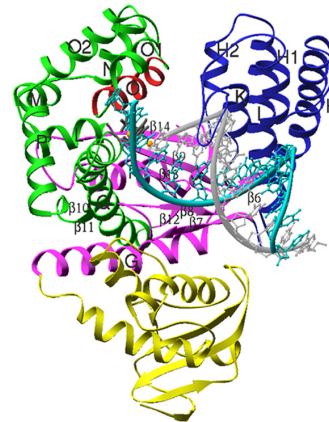
Dehybridation of
double stranded DNA

~25-35 cycles at 1-3 min/cycle
~30 cycles : 75 minutes

Hybridation (2)



Amorces (50°C)



PCR Polymerase Chain Reaction

Standard PCR equipment

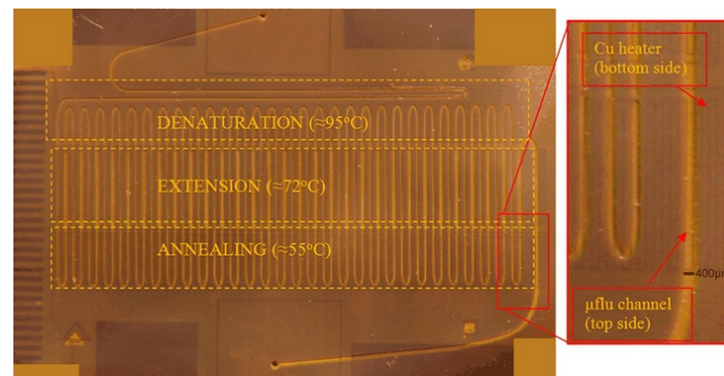
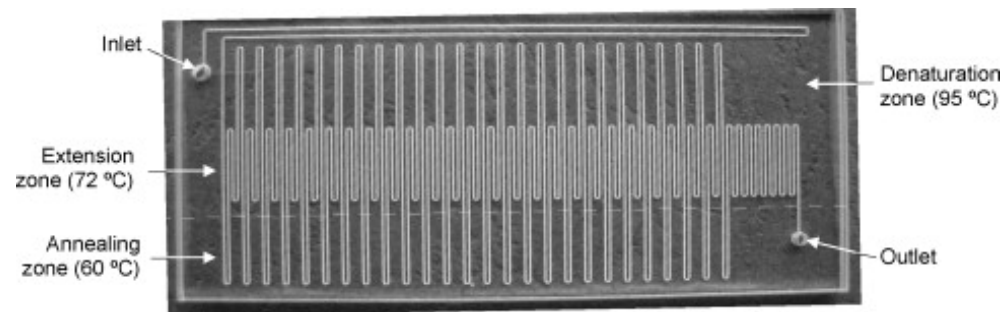
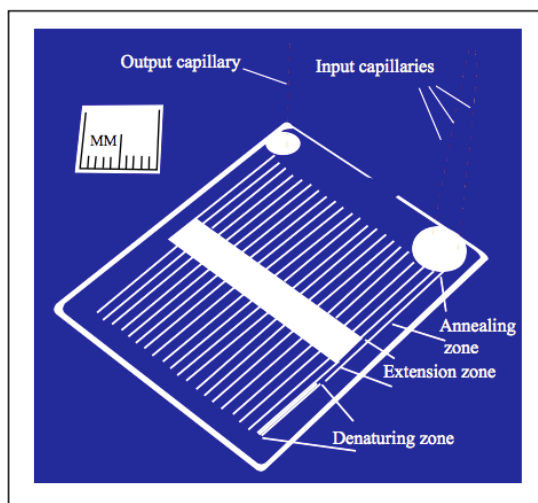
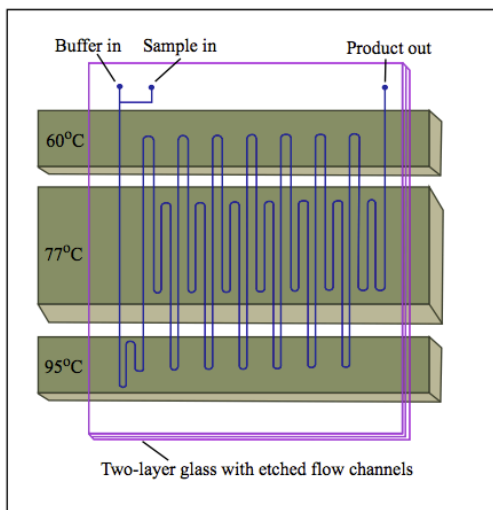


Continuous-flow PCR on a Chip

Microfluidic Channel : $40 \times 90 \mu\text{m}$

Flow celerity
 20mm/s

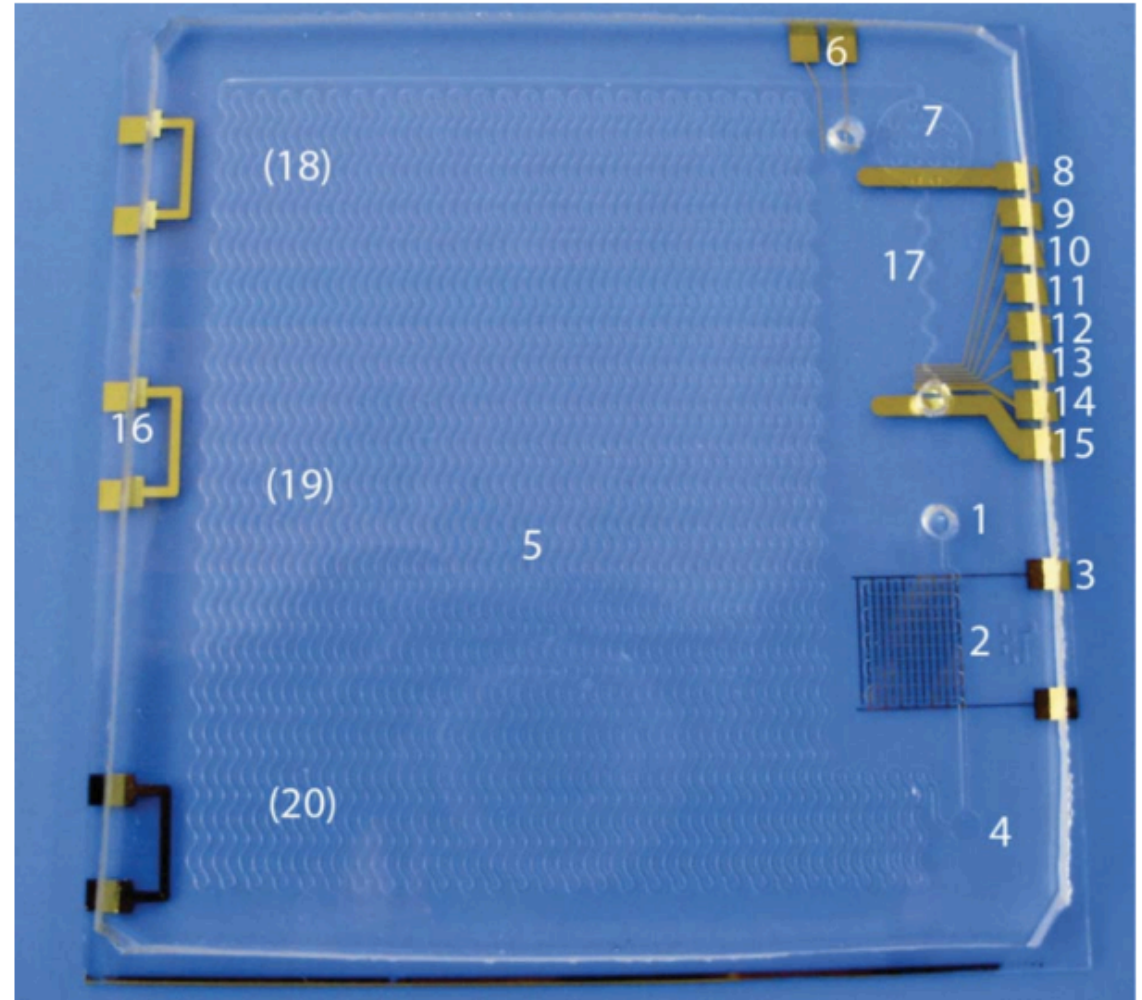
Thermal transition length
 $60 \mu\text{m}$



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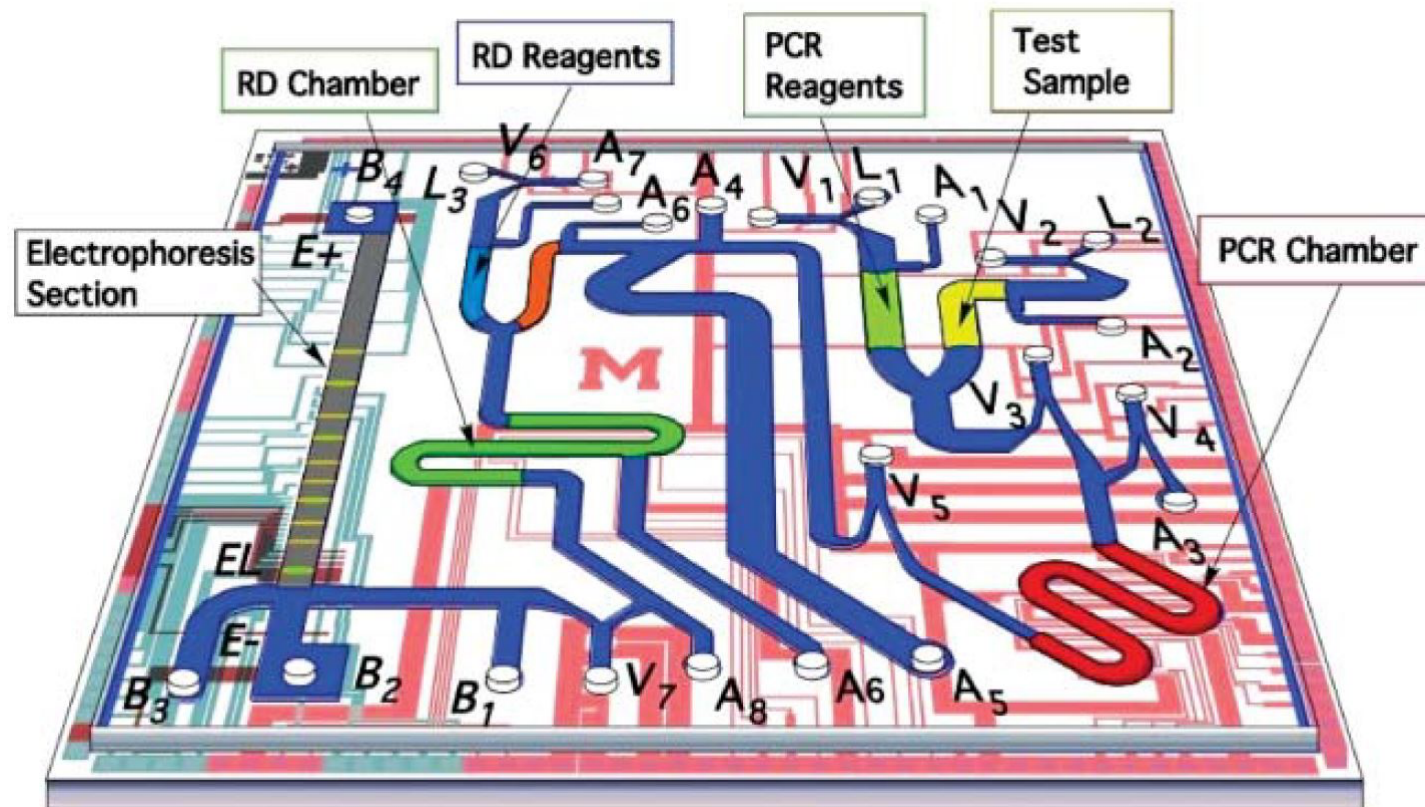
PCR microdevice

- (1) inlet reservoir for applying sample onto the microchip;
- (2) Gold interdigitated microelectrodes
- (3) contact pad for applying DC potential for electrochemical cell-lysis
- (4) reservoir for manual extraction of cell lysate from the chip for conventional analysis
- (5) microchannels for carrying out 25 cycles of PCR
- (6) gold electrodes used for conductometric liquid level sensor
- (7) large reservoir for collecting PCR amplicon sample
- (8) and (15) gold electrodes used for applying separation voltage for CE operation
- (9–11) optional decoupler electrodes
- (12) reference electrode
- (13) Working electrode
- (14) counter electrode
- (16) optional resistance temperature detector for feedback temperature
- (17) Spiral CE- microchannel filled with semisolid agarose dissolved in NaOH medium for CE-AD separation of PCR amplicon;
- (18–20) ITO microheaters on the back side of glass as thermocycler zones for PCR, namely: extension, annealing and denaturation.



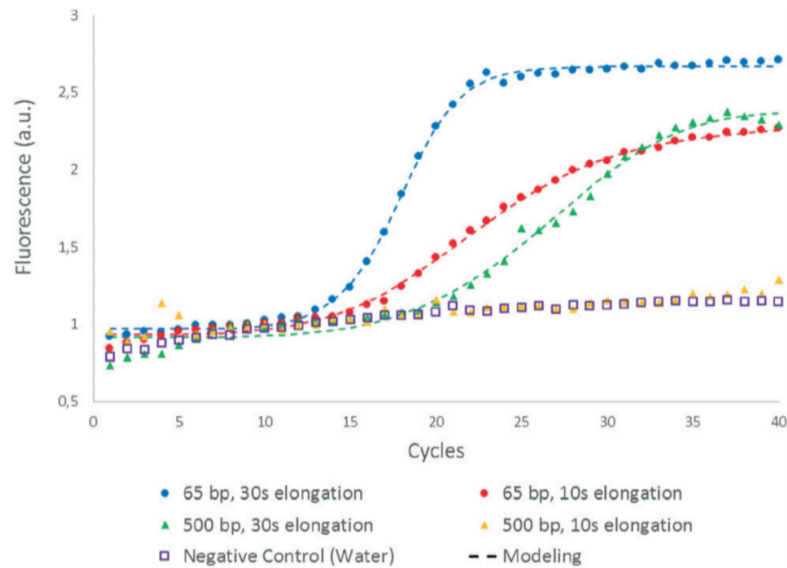
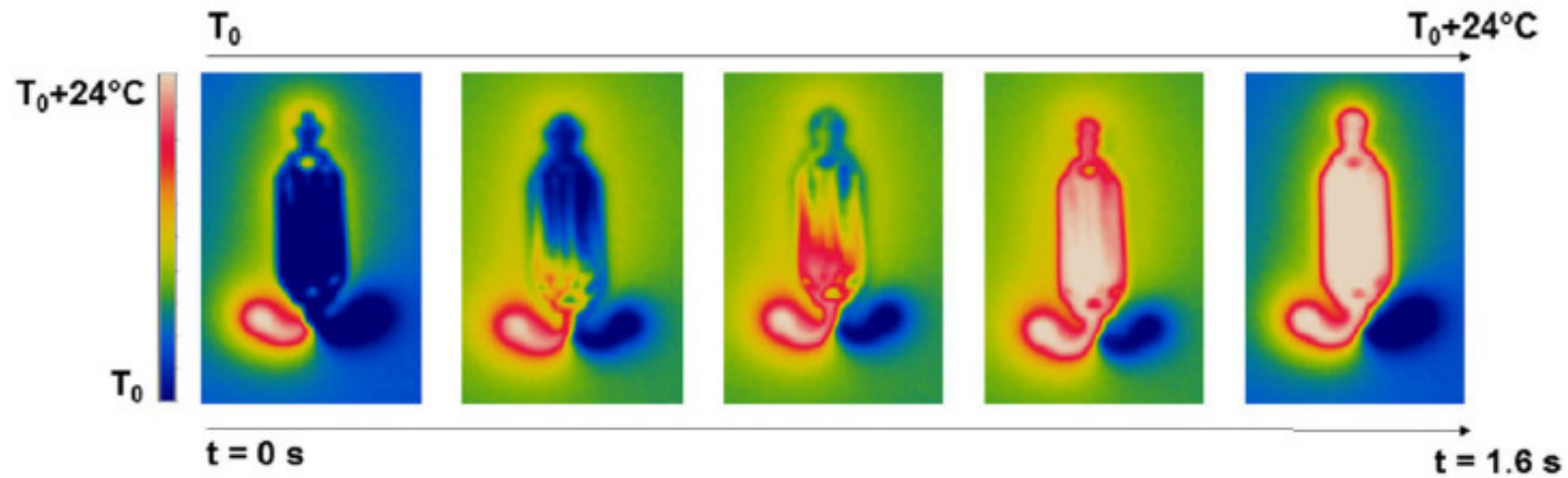
Kumar Jha et al. Lab Chip, 2012, 12, 4455–4464

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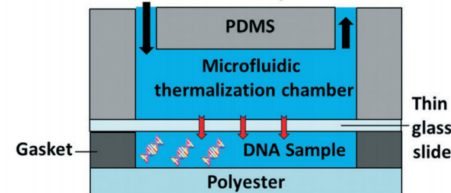


Pal et al., Lab on Chip, 2005 (7)

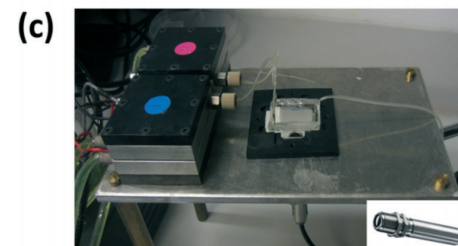
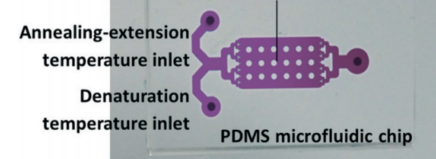
PCR Fast PCR : FASTGENE



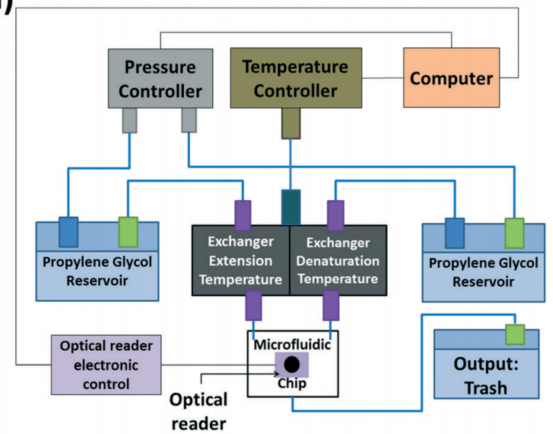
(a) Thermalization liquid at annealing/extension or denaturation temperatures



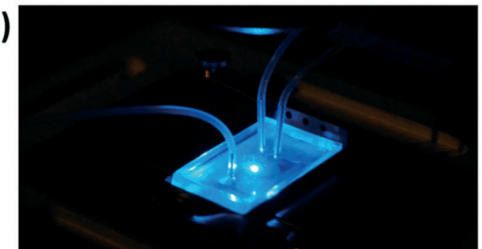
(b) Microfluidic thermalization chamber at annealing-extension or denaturation temperatures



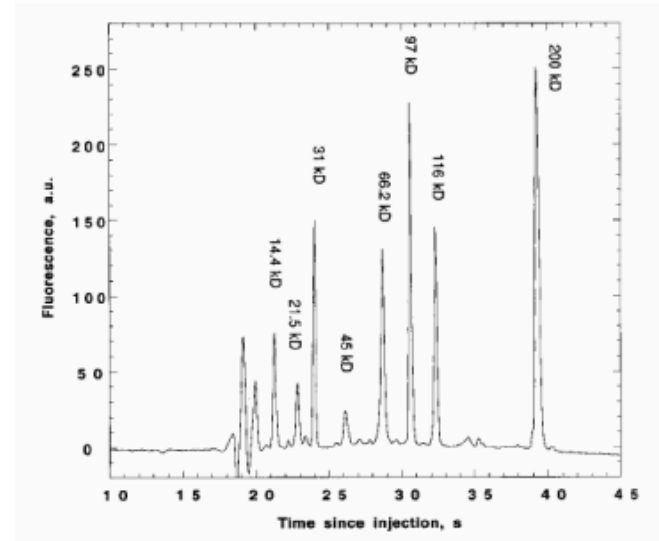
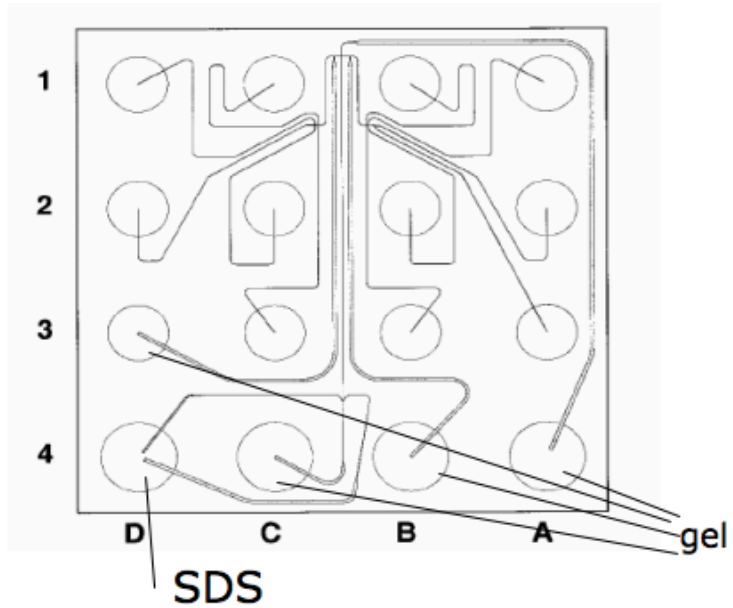
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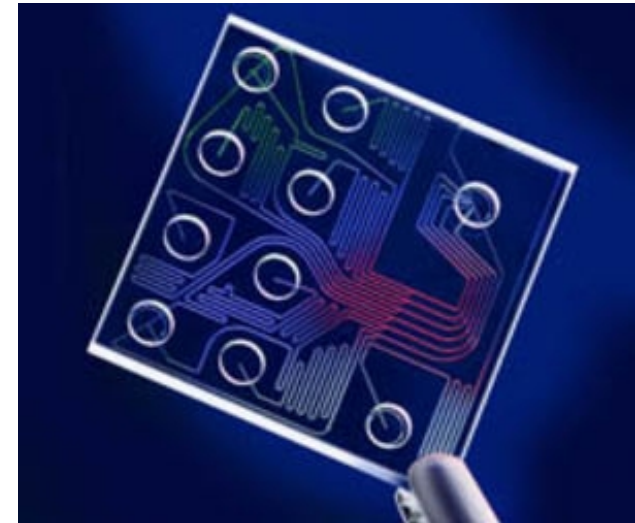
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CE Capillary Electrophoresis on chip



Dubrow et al. Anal. Chem. 2001, 73, 1207-1212



DNA MICRO ARRAYS

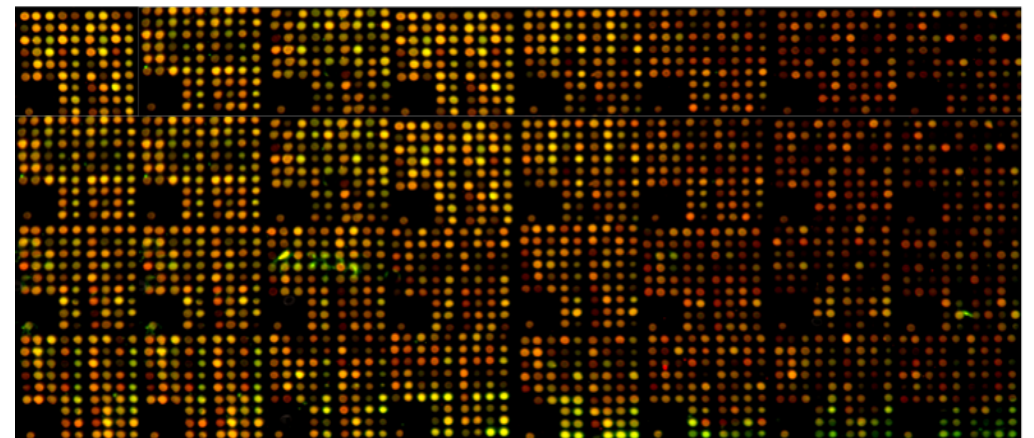
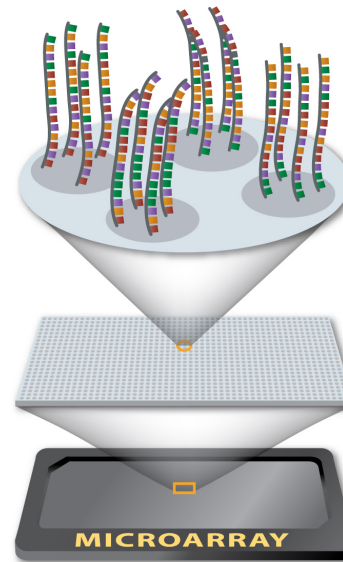
A device that captures the activity pattern of thousands of genes at once

Based on **hybridation**

100 000 spots per square inch

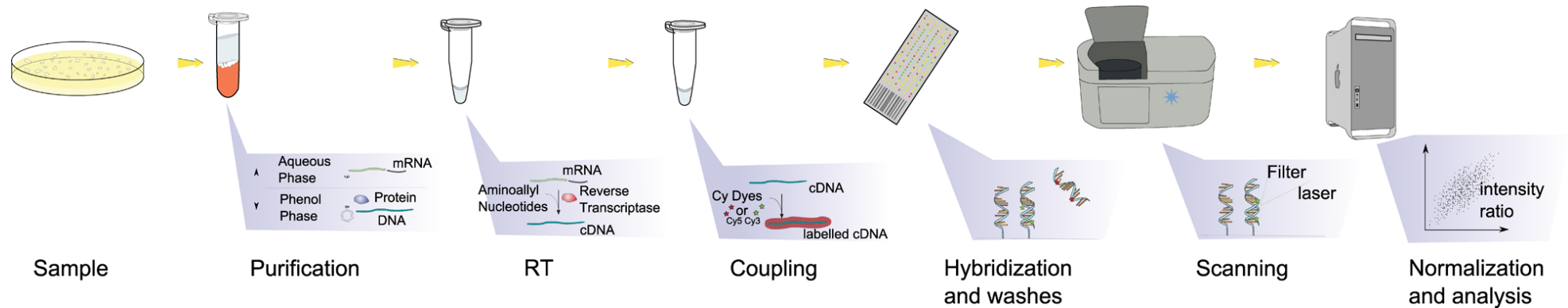
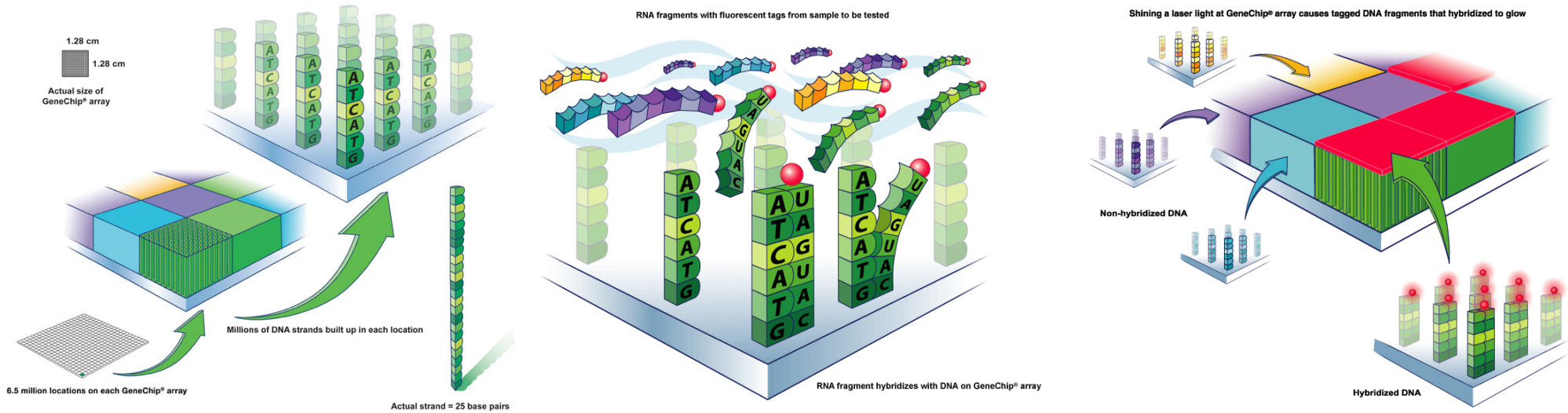
- Each holds millions of copies of a DNA sequence from one gene
- Each sequence must be unique to a specific gene
- Spotted sequence must be unique to the specific gene
- Requires careful planning,
- many genes share similar sequences

Affymetrix Genechip
probe array



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Process flow



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DNA MICRO ARRAYS

DNA microarrays Fabrication

Spotted microarrays,

- Probes are oligonucleotides, cDNA or small fragments of PCR products that correspond to mRNAs.
- Synthesis prior to deposition on the array surface and are then "spotted" onto glass
- Contact / Non contact
- Pins or needles controlled by a robotic arm
- Easily customized

In situ Oligonucleotide microarrays,

- Synthesis directly onto the array
- Photolithography technique
- Shorter probes may be spotted in higher density across the array and are cheaper to

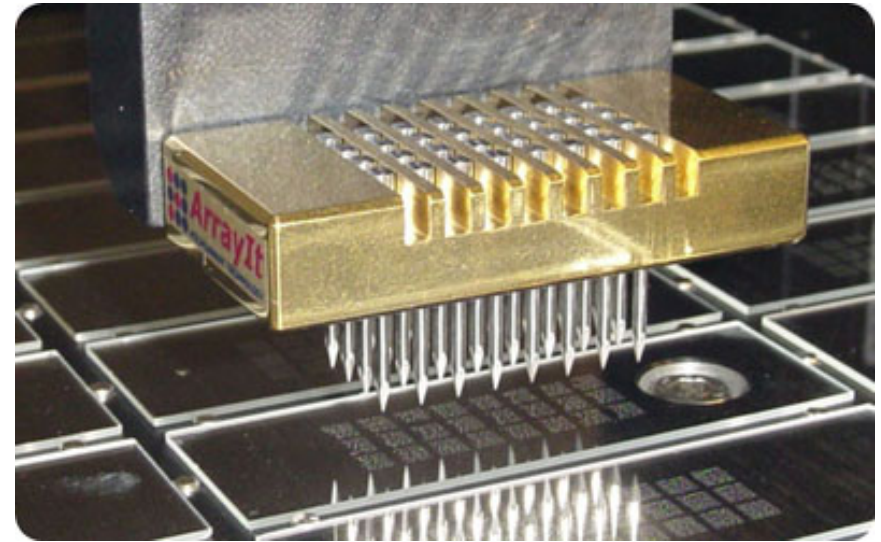
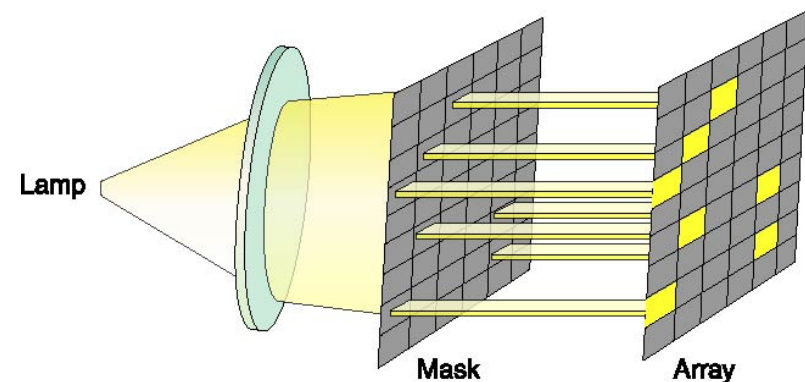
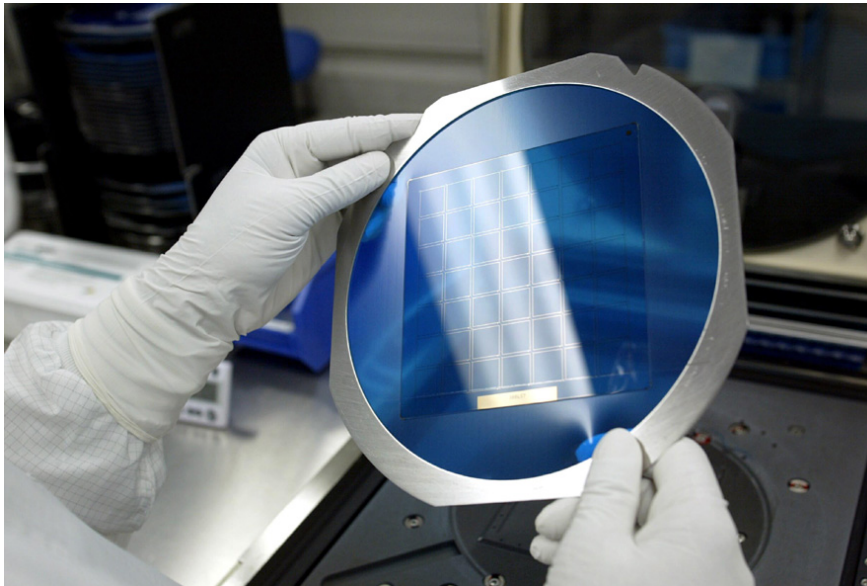
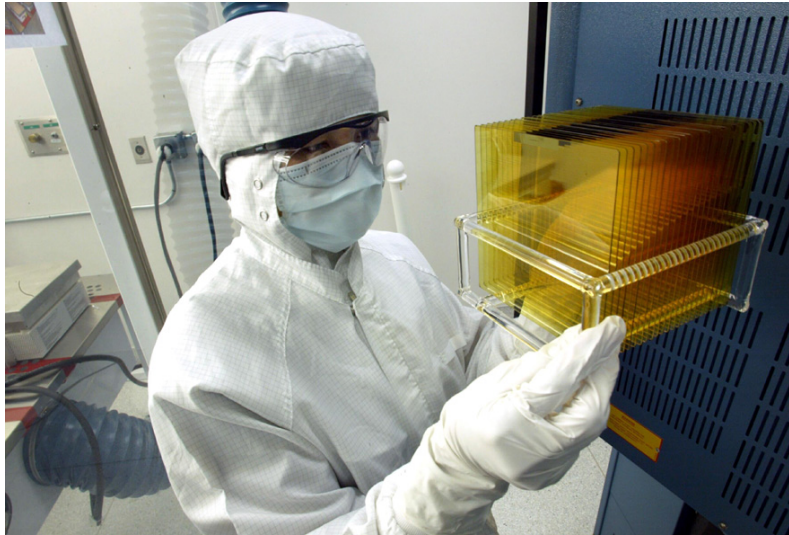


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Cleanroom process

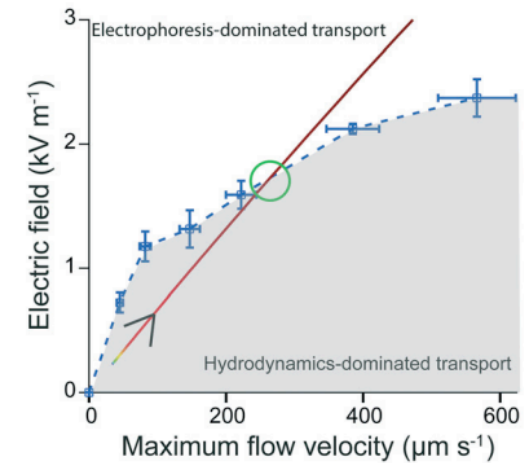


DNA in microfluidics : Concentration

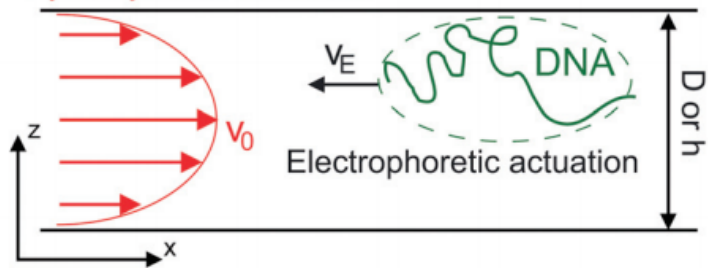
DNA separation and enrichment using electro-hydrodynamic bidirectional flows in viscoelastic liquids

Competition between :

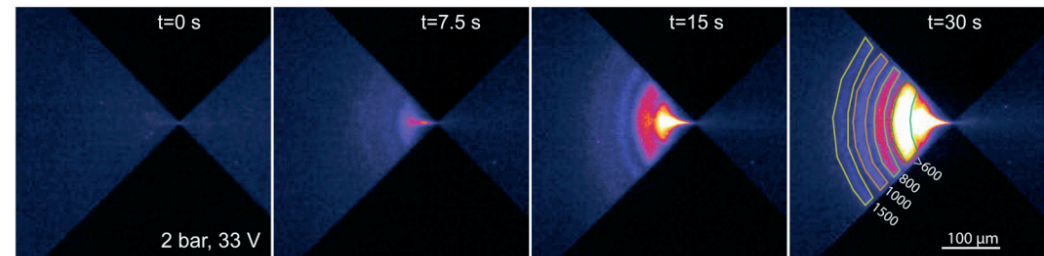
- Electro osmosis
- hydrodynamics



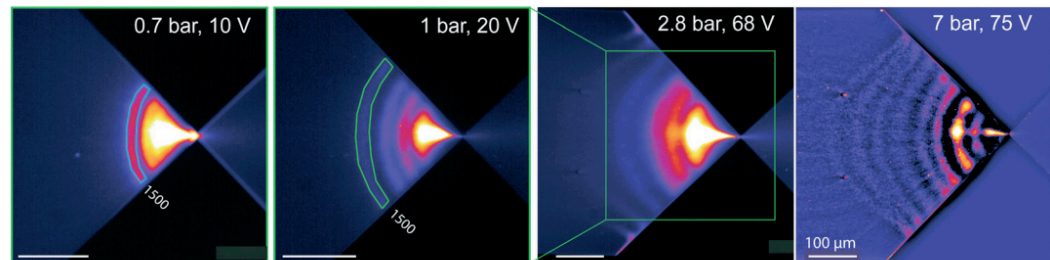
Hydrodynamic actuation



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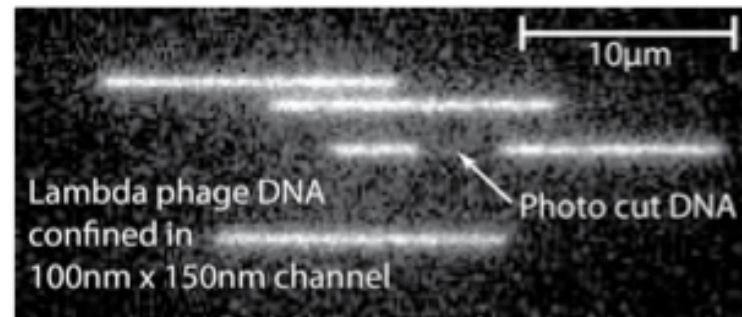


Ranchon et al. Lab Chip, 2016, 16, 1243

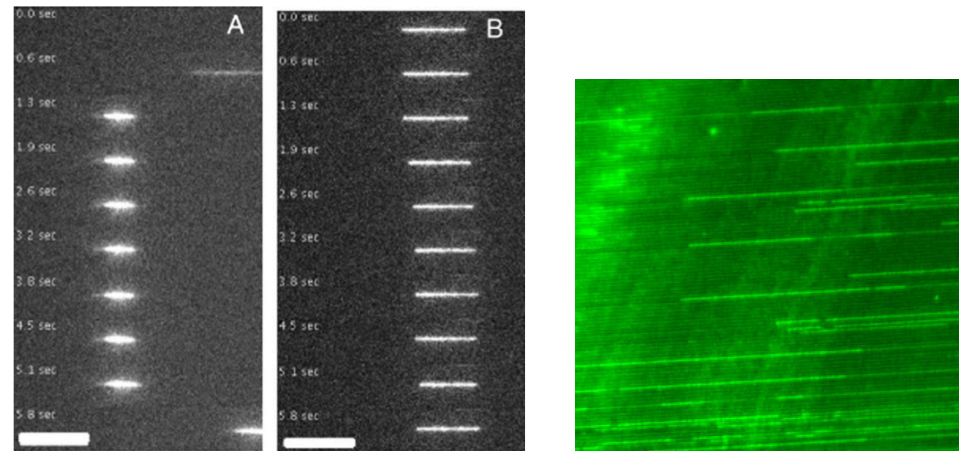
Aurélien Bancaud, LAAS

DNA nanofluidics containment

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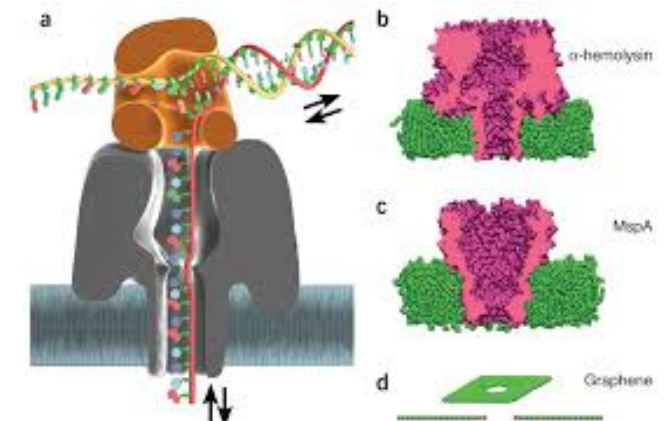
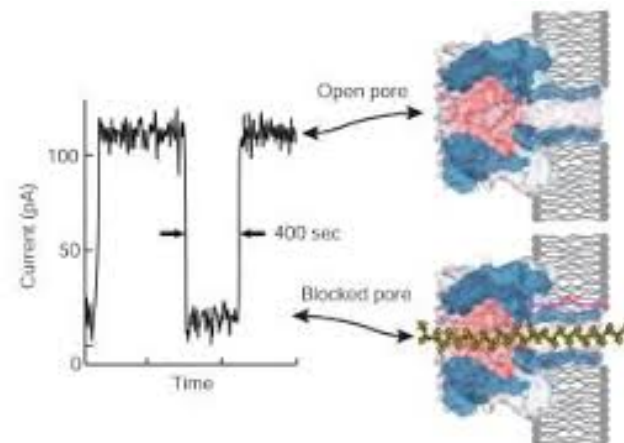
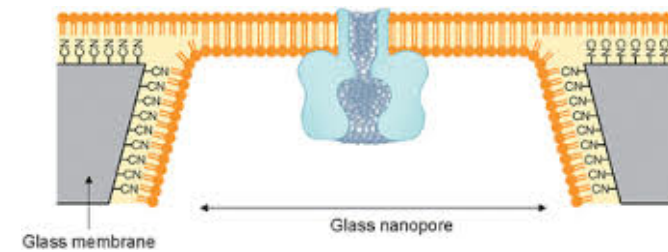
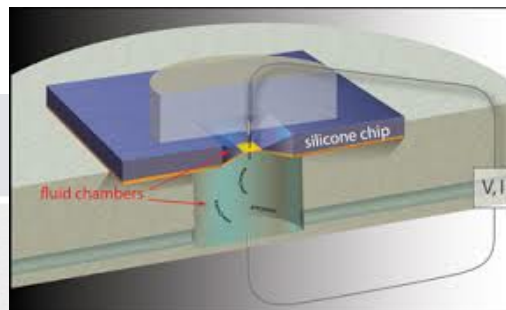
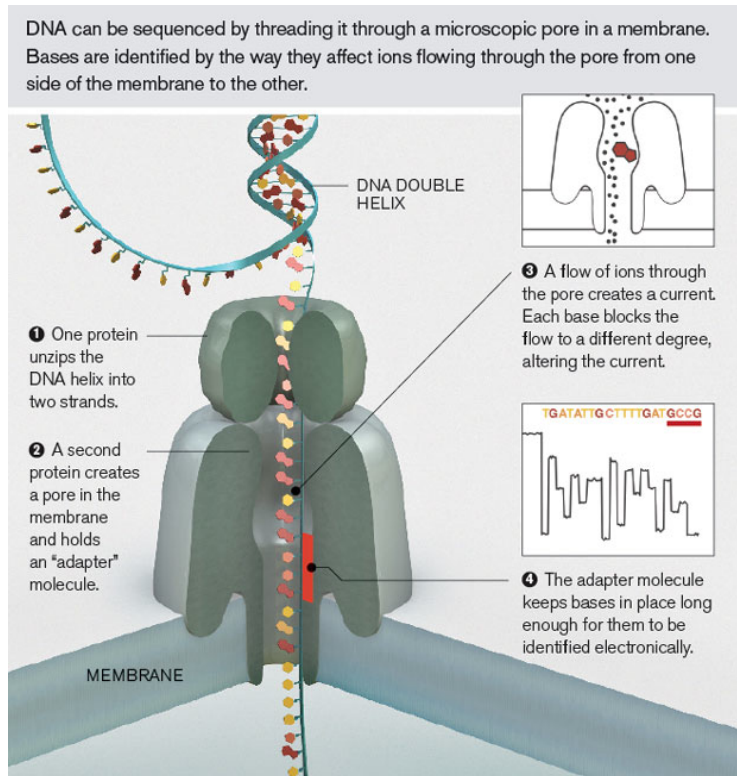
F. Westerlund, Chalmers



D.E.Streng; North Carolina
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DNA sequencing in nanopore

- Translocation of DNA strands through a nanopore
- α -hemolysin inclusion in an artificial membrane
- Current measurement



DNA sequencing in nanopore

Oxford Nanopore

