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Review: MICROFLUIDICS FOR SINGLE RBC STUDIES (492 REFS)



RBC SCA: Attention rises







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Leading Causes of Death



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59,041

- Accidents (unintentional injuries): 173,040
- Chronic lower respiratory diseases: 156,979
- Stroke (cerebrovascular diseases): 150,005
- Alzheimer's disease: 121,499



otic syndrome, and nephrosis: 51,565 neumonia: 49,783 narm (suicide): 47,511

<u>the United States, 2019, data table for figure 2</u>





Video Credit: Shishova's Lab

Problem Statement

uFD Chip.

Biomicrofluidic chip, suitable for visual, quantitative and qualitative study of single RBC inside and outside.

Trapping geometry.

Trap RBCs in channels while keeping them suspended to allow fluidic flows around the cell..

Topology Optimization. Achieve trapping efficiency 75%.











Historical timeline of developments in materials and microfluidics



Hou, X. (2017) Interplay between materials and microfluidics *Nat. Rev. Mater.* doi:10.1038/natrevmats.2017.16

Erythrocyte / RBC





A mature erythrocyte has a biconcave discoid shape. An erythrocyte is composed of hemoglobin (32%), water (65%), and membrane components (3%) and does not contain any nucleus.

Mazeron, S. Muller, and H. El. Azouzi, "Deformation of erythrocytes under shear: a small-angle light scattering study," Biorheology 34, 99-110 (1997).



 $z^{2} = \left(\frac{0.86d}{2}\right)^{2} \left[1 - \left(\frac{2x}{d}\right)^{2}\right] \left[0.01384083 + 0.2842917\left(\frac{2x}{d}\right)^{2} + 0.01306932\left(\frac{2x}{d}\right)^{4}\right].$



RBCs differ:

Depending on the value of the RBC's SC erythrocytes have different

shape:

Spherocytes
Elliptocytes/Ovalocytes
Stomatocytes
Schistocytes
Keratocytes
Helmet Cells
Acanthocytes
Echinocytes
Echinocytes
Target Cells (Codocytes)
Tear Drop Cells (Dacryocytes)
Sickle Cells (Drepanocytes)
Degmacytes

size:

Normocytes
Anisocytosis
Microcytes
Macrocytes
Megalocytes









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March 25, 2013

BOSTON - The Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering at Harvard University announced today that it was awarded a **\$9.25 million** contract from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to further advance a bloodcleansing technology developed at the Institute with prior DARPA support, and help accelerate its translation to humans as a new type of sepsis therapy.



Funding



estimated value = 9,400,000,000\$ USA Moon project = 20,400,000,000\$

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Table 1 : Common Microfluidic Separation Methods

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages	
Physical filtration	Increased cell separation and sorting efficiency, easily integrated with PDMS structures	Clogging and fouling of blood cells requires precise control of filter geometries	
Hydrodynamic and hemodynamic processes	Inertial focusing for enhanced cell separation and sorting narrowed sheathed flows	Produce stress on cell samples, may alter molecular mechanisms, inhomogeneity	
Surface Affinity and Topography	Specificity, cell purity	May alter cell physiology after sorting and isolation processes	
Surface Affinity and Topography Magnetophoresis	Specificity, cell purity Directly differentiate blood cells without additives, efficiency up to ~ 90 %	May alter cell physiology after sorting and isolation processes Weak magnetic flux gradients on cells	



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Innovation



Research Objectives

Objective #1, uFD Chip

Biomicrofluidic chip, suitable for visual, quantitative and qualitative study of single RBC inside and outside **Objective #2, Trapping geometry**



Trap RBCs in channels while keeping them suspended to <u>allow fluidic</u> <u>flows around the trapped</u> <u>cell.</u>

Objective #3, Topology Optimization

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Achieve trapping efficiency 75%



CHIP DESIGN; EXPERIMENTAL TEST OF CAPABILITIES FOR SINGLE CELL ANALYSIS



Experimental results and discussion

Local Optical Tomography

- Design and fabricate microfluidic chip suitable for LOT
- Run the RBC solution through the chip and trap at least one cell
- Mathematically restore the 3D surface of the trapped RBC (RBCs surface vary per RBC type)



Raman spectrometry

- Design and fabricate microfluidic chip suitable for Raman spectrometry
- Run the RBC solution through the chip and trap at least one cell
- Obtain spectra of the chip + trapped RBC
- Clearly detect hemoglobin on the spectra



Concept



Simulation and trapping.

a) COMSOL simulation of the velocity gradient distribution in the trapping chamber (inflow velocity = 0.1 m/s, no slip boundary condition), red arrow indicates the flow direction;

23b) 2 RBCs trapped in the mid-section cavity of the chamber and ready for tests.

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Fabrication



Figure: chip fabrication

- a) photoresist spincoating; b) photolitoghraphy;
- c) PDMS mold; d) chip packaging

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Local optical tomography by differential projections



Whole image from the DIC-projections (1) is proportional to the Hilbert transform of the original function of the object. Applying inverse Hilbert transform (2) to DIC-projections image the tomogram of an object is reconstructed [10.1134/S0030400X18120226].

$$b(x,z) = -2\pi H_x[f(x,z)]$$

$$f(x,z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} H_x[b(x,z)]$$

$$b(x,z) = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2\pi}}^{+\frac{\pi}{2}} g(x\cos\varphi + z\sin\varphi;\varphi)d\varphi$$

is total image from the DIC projections, f(x,z) is 2D image,

 φ is the angle between the perpendicular and the x axis on the interval $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2},+\frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

 H_x – Hilbert transform operator by x-axis and

g is a partial derivative of the 1^{st} order (r-coordinate) of central section







Typical fabricated microfluidic device

a) chip with one line used for blood solution being injected, due to the limitations of the Local Optical Tomograph the overall thickness is limited by 300 µm and output flow should be open, having no tubes or secondary PDMS slabs on top of it; b) device thickness comparison to a 0.6 mm thick medical syringe injector *needle;* c) – *an example of a* PDMS first layer film used for LOT



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Results of Raman spectrometry (combinatorial scattering)

Raman shift, cm ⁻¹	Chemical bonds	The sensitivity of band
1640	$C_a C_m$, $C_a C_m H$, $C_a C_b$	Redox and spin state of Fe, presence of ligand
1588-1580	$C_a C_m, C_a C_m H$	Spin state of heme Fe, diameter of porphirin ring
1552	$C_a C_m, C_a C_m H$	Spin state of heme Fe, diameter of porphirin ring



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TOP. OPT. 1: OF MINIMIZATION. MANUAL CREATION/TESTING OF NEW GEOMETRIES



Hydrodynamic

RBC

• **Design**: Glass (1.01; 0.17 mm) + PDMS (4.8; 0. 13 mm) round chamber (1 mm), V-shaped trap, holding/capturing concavity d = 25/35 micron (15 columns, 8 rows, 2 channels per chip == 240 chambers).



0.05

0.15

Typical geometry of the devices used in the experiments for establishing the optimal width of the trapping channels.



SiCMA

Fabrication



Figure: chip fabrication

a) photoresist spincoating;b) photolitoghraphy;c) PDMS mold;d) chip packaging



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Experimental microscopic images of establishing the optimal trapping width for trapping a target cell.

f, g, h – bovine erythrocytes, a, b, c, d, e human RBCs. To find the optimal parameters of a trap different geometries were tested within one chip: width ranging from 1 µm to 8 µm. a) 8 µm; b) 7 μm; c) 6 μm; d) 5 μm; e) 4 μm; f) 3 μm; g) 2 μm; h) 1 µm; the diameter of the human RBC = 7-8 μ m ⁴⁶², the size of the bovine RBC = 5-6 µm⁴⁷⁴



Flow solution rheological parameters (blood density...)



Objective function	Flow rates, units = 10 ⁻⁶ м ² /s			
	Broad channel F_0	1-st channel	2-nd channel	3-rd
				channel
0 (optimization off)	95.8	1.37	1.38	1.39
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$(F_1 / T_1 - 1)^2 + (F_2 / T_2 - 1)^2 + (F_3 / T_3 - 1)^2 + 4(F_0 / T_0 - 1)^2$	58.9	13.7	13.7	13.7
$T_1 = T_2 = T_3 = 40.0$				
$T_0 = 100.0$				
$= \left(\frac{\int_{narrow_channel_1} u dl}{1} - 1\right)^2 + \frac{1}{1}$	$\int \frac{\int u dl}{u dl}$	$(-1)^{2}$		
(target _{f narrow})	target _{f narrow}) (3.1)		
$+ \left(\frac{J_{narrow_channel_3} + (\frac{J_{narrow_channel_3} + (1)^2 + 4}{target_f_{narrow}} - 1\right)^2 + 4$	$* (\frac{f_{broad}u}{target_{f_{broad}}} - 1)^2$			
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Constraints

$$CRV = \iint abs \begin{bmatrix} u^2 * \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - v^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + uv * \begin{pmatrix} \partial v & \partial u \\ \partial y & - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix} \\ (u^2 + v^2)^{3/2} \end{bmatrix} dxdy$$

OF

$$= \left(\frac{\int_{narrow_channel_1} u \, dl}{target_{f_{narrow}}} - 1\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\int_{narrow_channel_2} u \, dl}{target_{f_{narrow}}} - 1\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\int_{narrow_channel_3} u \, dl}{target_f_{narrow}} - 1\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\int_{narrow_channel_4} u \, dl}{target_f_{narrow}} - 1\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\int_{narrow_channel_5} u \, dl}{target_f_{narrow}} - 1\right)^{2} + k * \left(\frac{f_{broad}dl}{target_f_{broad}} - 1\right)^{2} \right)^{2}$$

OF

$$= \left(\frac{\int_{narrow_channel_1} u \ dl}{target_{f_{narrow}}} - 1\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\int_{narrow_channel_2} u \ dl}{target_{f_{narrow}}} - 1\right)^{2} \\ + \left(\frac{\int_{narrow_channel_3} u \ dl}{target_f_{narrow}} - 1\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\int_{narrow_channel_4} u \ dl}{target_f_{narrow}} - 1\right)^{2} \\ + \left(\frac{\int_{narrow_channel_5} u \ dl}{target_f_{narrow}} - 1\right)^{2} + k * \left(\frac{f_{broad}dl}{target_f_{broad}} - 1\right)^{2} \\ + \left(\frac{\max_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) + \max_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)}{target_CRL} - 1\right)^{2} \\ + \left(\frac{\iint_{\Omega} abs \left[\frac{u^{2} * \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - v^{2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + uv * \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)}{target_CRV}\right] dxdy}{target_CRV} - 1\right)^{2}$$

Constraints

CRL = maxop1(uy) + maxop1(vx)

$$\max_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + \max_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)$$

 $CRV = intop1(abs(u^2 * vx - v^2 * uy + u*v*(vy - ux))/(u^2 + v^2)^{1.5})$

$$\iint_{\Omega} abs \left[\frac{u^2 * \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - v^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + uv * (\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x})}{(u^2 + v^2)^{3/2}} \right] dxdy$$



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OF topology optimization



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Pareto front parametrical plot

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2E8[1/m]

4E-4[m^2/s]



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1.11E+07

1.12E+07

7.90E+06

8.54E+06

1.18E+07

1.21E+07

1.10E+07

1.20E+07

1.84E+07

1.43E+07

1.43E+07

1.84E+07

3.66E+06

1.09E+07

1.85E+07

1.04E-06

3.97E-06

3.50E-06

4.21E-06

1E-6[m^2/s]

curvature

1.00E+08

2.06E+08

1.50E+08

2.25E+08

1.50E+08

9.43E+07

1.82E+08

1.95E+08

9.90E+07

1.72E+08

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TOP. OPT. 2: AUTO CREATION/TESTING OF NEW GEOMETRIES (10, 000 DATASETS).

Constraints & variables

Constraints:

- flow curvature, flow width, flow rates.
- <u>flow curvature</u> (no flow direction rapid changes);
- <u>flow width</u> within the channel/chamber (the limit is - not narrower than ¹/₄ or 1/3 of "broad channel" width;
- <u>flow rates</u> (each "narrow outlet" has 1/3 of a "broad outlet" flow rate).

Parameters that may vary within a range:

- width of the whole chamber (50 ... 250 microns);
- length of the whole chamber (10 ... 200 microns) excluding outlets length;
- number of narrow outlet channels (3 ... 15);
- width of the broad outlet channel (50 ... 100 microns);
- length of the narrow and broad outlets (2 ... 50 microns).



Topology Optimization 2

The design stages of cell traps and architecture of the evolutionary algorithm m/s (d) ×10⁻³ 45 40 35 30 Final traps geometry: Problem: velocities v_1..v_4 COMSOL+MATLAB Sorting solutions 25 are too low to trap a cell L-shaped 4 cells traps autogenerate polygons by highest TVR ratio 20 f) PD e) v 15 10 5 0 v main Um

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TOP. OPT. 3: EA, AUTO CREATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF 300 NEW GEOMETRIES



Generative design of microfluidic structures using evolutionary approach 1



The scheme of evolutionary approach for the de- sign of microfluidic geometry and an example of problem- specific evolutionary operators.

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{X}opt &= \arg\min \mathcal{X} \ F(\mathcal{X}), \\ F(\mathcal{X}) &= G(F(Y(\mathcal{X})) \, | \, G(\mathcal{X})), \ G(\mathcal{X}) = \\ & (g_1(\mathcal{X}), \, ..., \, g\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})) \\ \mathcal{X} &= (P1, \, P2, \, ..., \, PN), \ P = (Pt1, \, Pt2, \, ..., \\ Ptki), \ Pt \ j \ = (\chi j, \, \chi j) \end{split}$$



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Topology Optimization 3 target=0.258867 curv=1.657296 curl=24217.406313 width_ratio=0.33712 T ... B) A) -2.0 - 1.8 - 1.6 - 1.4Fitness N 2.6-2.4-2 Evolutional Random search 10 15 20 25 30 0 5 Generations, # pop_num 100

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TOP. OPT. 4: EA, AUTO CREATION SELF-IMPROVEMENT OF 30, 000 NEW GEOMETRIES



Design stages of cell traps and the architecture of the evolutionary algorithm

The design stages of cell traps and architecture of the evolutionary algorithm



Constraints

CRL = maxop1(uy) + maxop1(vx)

$$\max_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + \max_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)$$

 $CRV = intop1(abs(u^2 * vx - v^2 * uy + u*v*(vy - ux))/(u^2 + v^2)^{1.5})$

$$\iint_{\Omega} abs \left[\frac{u^2 * \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - v^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + uv * (\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x})}{(u^2 + v^2)^{3/2}} \right] dxdy$$

$$TVR = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{4} v_k}{v_{PD} + v_{main}}$$

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Convergence graph

The convergence of the fitness function values (the function that is used to estimate how close a given design solution is to the specified aim) during the evolutionary optimization of cell traps for the 100 generations (iterations of evolution).



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Final optimized geometry of the microfluidic trap for single cell

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Experimental results of the system following the evolutionary algorithm design to trap RBCs.

Parameter	Units	Initial	Target values	Optimized	Gain, %
vl_1	m/s	0.012038	determined	0.02308	92
vl_2	m/s	0.0094433		0.01579	67
vl_3	m/s	0.0094776	by	0.012701	34
vl_4	m/s	0.0095439		0.010092	6
vl_PD	m/s	0.0059983	TVR ratio	0.012438	107
vl_main	m/s	0.027247		0.019577	-28
CVR	1/m	70,769,000	$< 7 \times 10+07$	17,113,000	-76
CRL	1/s	12717	< 30, 000	20615	62
TVR (target)	-	1.22	$1.22 < \mathrm{TVR} < 2$	1.93	58

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CONCLUSION AND CLOSING REMARKS



uFD design overview



Discussion



uFD successfully trapping cells



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