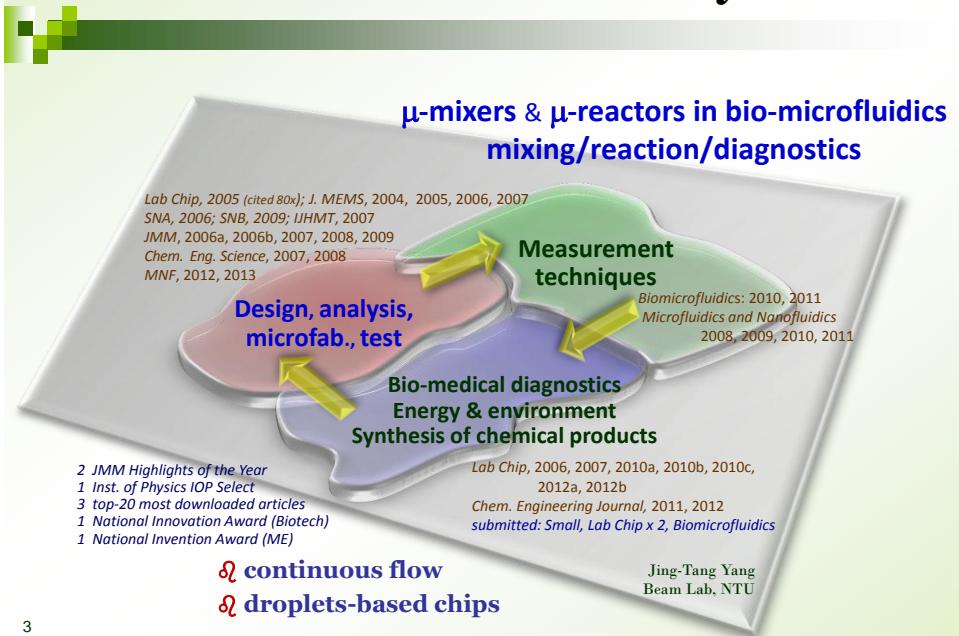


Research Frame of Micro-systems



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What is mixing ?

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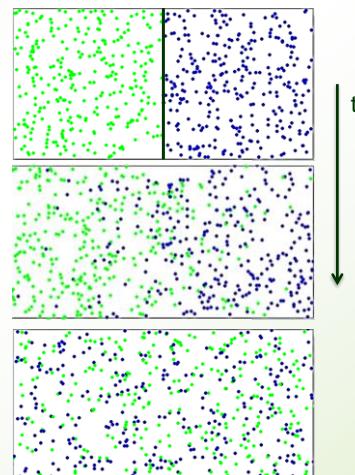
將兩種(or 兩種以上)不同的物、人或事摻雜在一起的行為。
~from Wikipedia

Ex.

物質中的混合。
音樂中的混合。
人類中的混合。
社會中的混合。
其他中的混合。

藉由某些手段讓系統中的物質更均勻分布於系統中

Ex. Diffusion (Brownian Motion), convection, turbulence, stir, etc.



Mixing phenomena in our daily life



<http://tw.aboluowang.com/life/2011/0316%25E5%92%96%2595%A1%E9%BB%BD%25E7%92%BD%25E4%BA%BA%25E9%F%A5%25A7%9A%84%25E5%25A5%25BD%25E8%99%95-46561.html>



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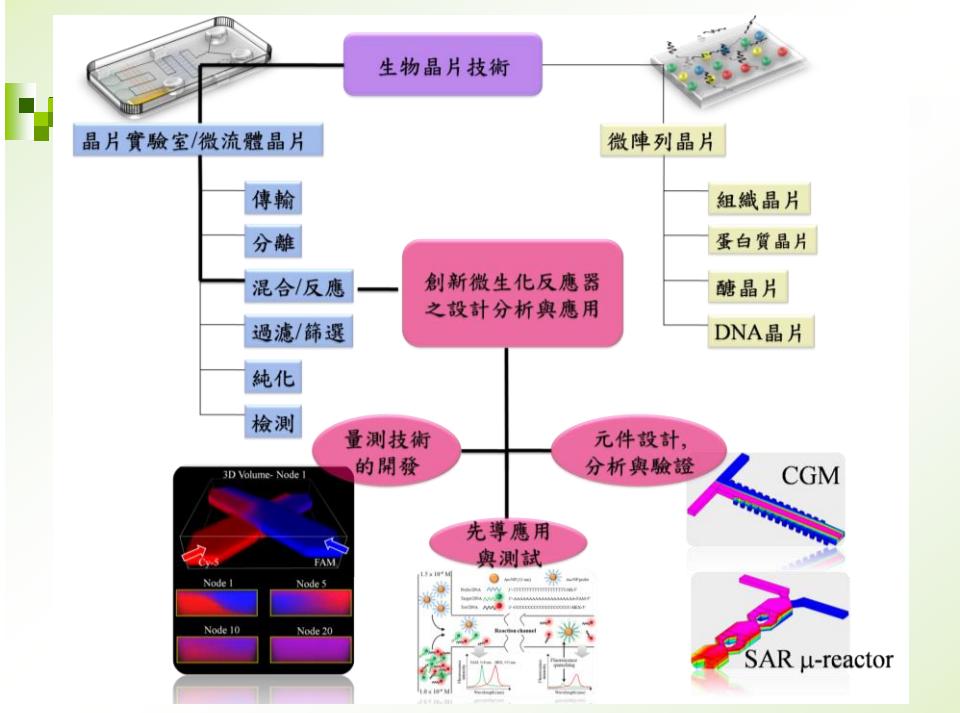


<http://shoppe4u.net/netherlands>

Mixing is closely related to our daily life

Scientific Aspects

- ❖ **Miniaturization Approach** (1980s~mid-1990s)
 - silicon microfluidic devices:
 - size effect
 - power effect
- ❖ **Exploration of New Effects** (mid-1990s ~)
 - actuators with no moving parts and nonmechanical pumping principles
 - electrokinetic pumping, surface-tension-driven flows,
 - electromagnetic forces, acoustic streaming
 - new effects which mimic nature → nanotechnology
- ❖ **Application Development**
 - biomedical diagnostics, drug discovery, flow control, chemical analysis
 - distributed energy supply and thermal management
 - chemical production with microreactors

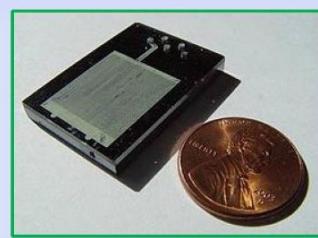


Micro-reactors

A microreactor is a reactor with characteristic dimensions in micrometers and reaction volumes in the nanoliter to microliter range.

- Types of Microreactor

▫ Chip based



▫ Capillary based



Karolin Geyer, Jeroen D. C., Codé, and Peter H. Seeberger. *Chem. Eur. J.* 2006, 12, 8434-8442.

<http://www.chem.utoronto.ca/staff/RAB/pdf/Greg2008.pdf>

Advantages of Microreactors

⊕ More uniform mixing and heating

(a large ratio of surface to volume within the microstructure)

⊕ Economy

(through decreased consumption of source materials and reagents)

⊕ Ease of modulation

⊕ Safe operation

(no need to store and to transport potentially hazardous materials)

⊕ Environmentally friendly

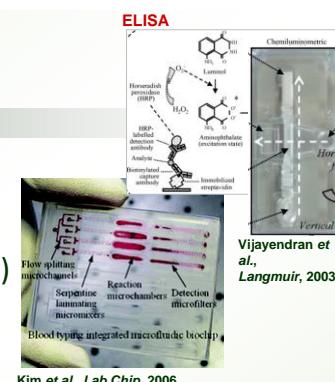
(as the process decreases consumption of most reagents).

For the bio-medical reaction, the microreactor performs fast, continuous and sensitive detection of small amount of sample. For the chemical reaction, it also proceeds more rapidly, with decreased generation of side products, increased yield and improved conversion of reactants.

Applications

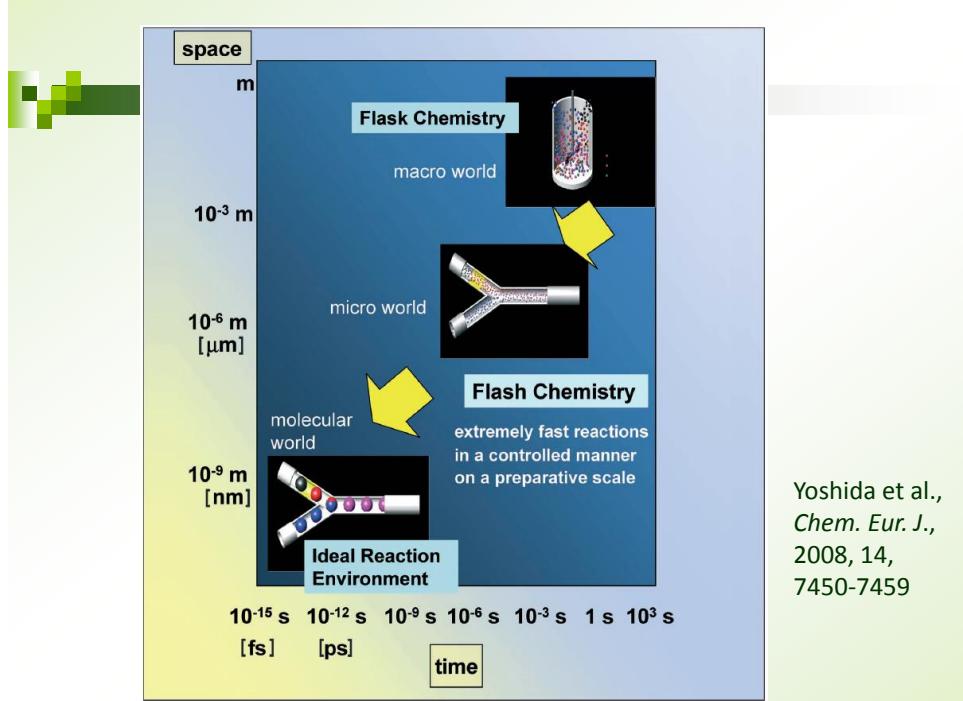
⊕ For Life Science

- **DNA analysis** (hybridization 、 PCR etc.)
- **Cell analysis** (drug reaction, cell interaction etc.)
- **Blood analysis** (typing)
- **Immunologic reaction**
- **Clinical diagnostics** (Detection of Potassium ion 、 iodine ion 、 Detection of DNA/ RNA Mutation)



⊕ For Chemistry

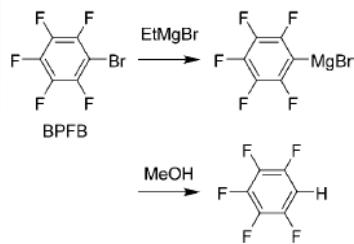
- **Organic synthesis**
- **Polymer synthesis**
- **Nanomaterial synthesis** (Au, CdS, CdSe, TiO₂ , Ag etc.)
- **Exothermic reaction 、 Competition reaction**
- **Catalyst reaction**



Example: **Highly exothermic reactions that are difficult to control in conventional reactors.**

Halogen–magnesium exchange reaction of bromopentafluorobenzene (BPFB) and EtMgBr

- Slow addition is used to avoid a rapid increase in temperature.
- It takes a long time to complete the addition and the overall time efficiency is low.



residence time~ 5 s.
reaction temperature: 20 °C
14.7 kg /day (92%yield)



Wakami et al., *Org. Process Res. Dev.* 2005, 9, 787–791.

Figure 4. Picture of the pilot plant for the halogen-magnesium exchange reaction of BPFB and EtMgBr.

Example: Reactions in which a reactive intermediate easily decomposes in conventional reactors

Swern–Moffatt oxidation involves the formation of highly unstable intermediates, which undergo an inevitable Pummerer rearrangement at temperatures higher than -30 °C.

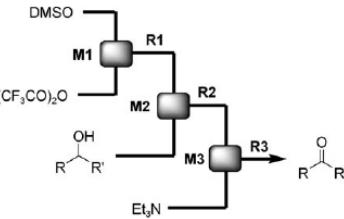


Figure 6. A microreactor system for room temperature Swern-Moffatt oxidation. M1, M2, M3: micromixers. R1, R2, R3: microtube reactors.

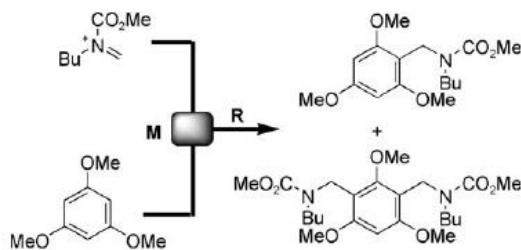
Table 1. Swern-Moffatt oxidation of cyclohexanol using a microreactor and a flask.

Method	Residence time t_{R1} [s]	T [°C]	Selectivity of cyclohexanone [%]
micro-reactor	2.4	-20	88
	0.01	0	89
	0.01	20	88
flask		-20	19
		-70	83

Kawaguchi et al., *Angew. Chem.*, 2005, 117, 2465–2468.

Example: Reactions in which undesired byproducts are produced in the subsequent reactions

Friedel–Crafts reaction



	monoalkylation product	dialkylation product
microreactor	92%	4%
flask	37%	32%

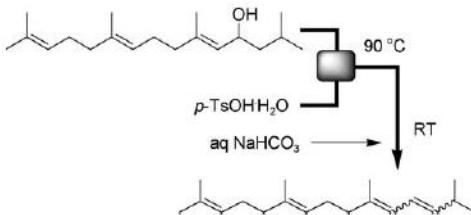
Figure 10. A microreactor system for selective Friedel-Crafts monoalkylation. M: micromixer. R: microtube reactor.

Suga et al., *Chem. Commun.* 2003, 354–355

Example: **Reactions in which the products easily decompose in conventional reactors**

The reactions should be quenched immediately after the formation of the products.

Acid-catalyzed dehydration of allylic alcohols



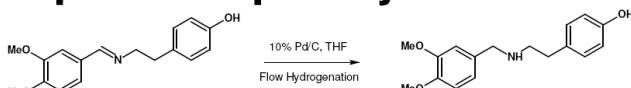
47 s → quenched with a saturated NaHCO₃ solution. → 80% yield (diene).

Figure 11. Acid-catalyzed dehydration of allylic alcohol using a micro-reactor system.

Tanaka et al., *Org. Lett.* 2007, 9, 299 –302.

Example:

Optimize quickly

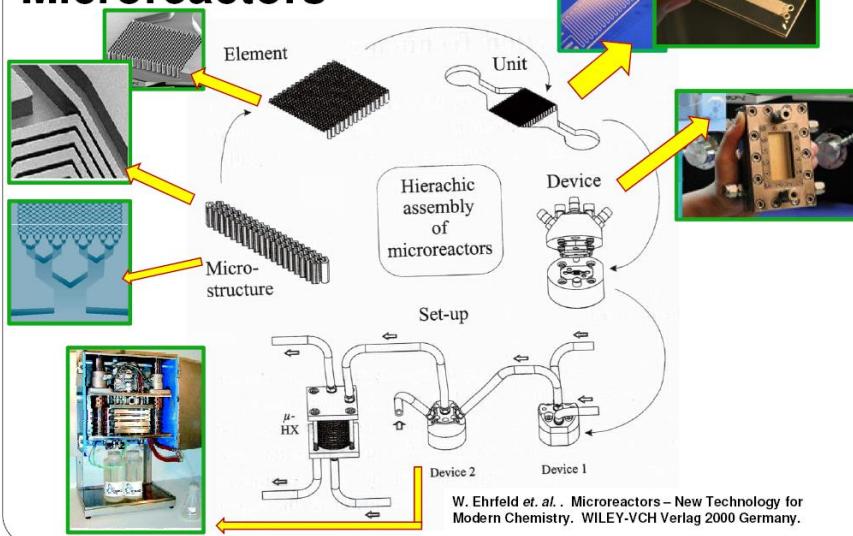


Run	Concentration M	Flow rate mL/min	Injection Volume (mL)	Pressure (bar)	Temp(C)	Conversion
1	0.5	1	5	20	25	17
2	0.1	1	5	20	25	85
3	0.05	1	5	20	25	100
4	0.025	1	5	20	25	100
5	0.5	2	5	20	25	4
6	0.1	2	5	20	25	70
7	0.05	2	5	20	25	85
8	0.025	2	5	20	25	100
9	0.5	1	5	20	60	33
10	0.5	1	5	40	25	33
11	0.5	1	5	40	60	33
12	0.05	1	70	20	25	95

Steven V. Ley et. al., *Chem. Commun.*, 2005, 2909-2911

<http://www.chem.utoronto.ca/staff/RAB/pdf/Greg2008.pdf>

Hierarchy Assembly of Microreactors



<http://www.chem.utoronto.ca/staff/RAB/pdf/Greg2008.pdf>

Potential Benefits and Disadvantages

Advantages

- Precisely control various reaction parameters
- Applicable to combinatorial, multi-step, and industrial chemistry
- Safer and cleaner to operate
- Lower cost for transportation, materials and energy
- Faster transfer of research results into production
- Earlier start of production at lower costs
- Easier scale up of production capacity
- Smaller plant size for distributed production

Disadvantages

- Can not be applied to all reactions.
- Microreactors are incompatible with solid reagents.
- Not as robust.
- Mainly useful for fast reactions.
- Technology is still expensive.
- Can be used for terrorist applications



W. Ehrfeld et. al. . Microreactors – New Technology for Modern Chemistry. WILEY-VCH Verlag 2000 Germany.

<http://www.chem.utoronto.ca/staff/RAB/pdf/Greg2008.pdf>

The importance of mixing

Biochemical / medical science

Quick screening: A process flow diagram showing a sequence of steps: "Up to 50 low (approximately 3000)", "Transfer 200 μl of assay diluent into each test tube.", "Insert the mesh stirrer, swirl gently for five times.", "Remove the mesh stirrer, swirl again for five times.", "Place the test tube into the shaker bath." Below the diagram is a small image of a blood assay.

Chemical engineering

A collage of images related to chemical engineering: a laboratory scene, a mixing visualization with the word "Mixing" overlaid, a refinery plant at night, and a close-up of industrial equipment.

Energy / environment

Engine: Comparison between an engine "BEFORE" and "AFTER" the installation of an AFS device. The "AFTER" image shows a more efficient combustion process.

Fuel cell: A schematic diagram of a fuel cell stack with hydrogen (H₂) entering from the left and oxygen (O₂) entering from the right. The stack is labeled "Used Fuel Reactions".

Reactions are crucially dominated by mixing

Merits of microfluidic mixing/reaction

m-TAS/Lab-on-a-chip

A detailed cross-sectional diagram of a microfluidic chip. Labels include: SAMPLE LOADING, DROPOUT METERING, THERMAL REACTOR LOADING, ELECTRO-HEATING, GASS, ELECTRO-BOARD, SILICON, ELECTRO-HEATING, PHOTODETECTORS, WIRE BONDS, THERMISTOR DETECTORS, FLUIDIC CHANNELS, AIR VENTS, and AIR LINES. Burns et al., *Science*, 1998.

- Low sample/reagent consumption
- Parallel process
- Rapid detection

Microreaction technology

A diagram showing a microreactor unit with various ports and components. It includes a list of merits:

- High selectivity
- High safety
- Flash reaction
- Controllable

Micromixers & Microreactors

A central yellow circle containing the text "Micromixers & Microreactors" with arrows pointing to the surrounding diagrams.

Energy & Environment

A diagram showing a microfluidic device with an "Ejector Plate" and a "Piezoelectric Transducer" connected to an "Inlet" and an "Outlet". Varadarajan et al., *JMM*, 2007.

- Green fabrication
- Eco-friendly usage
- Portable

Deficiencies of microfluidic mixing

Low Reynolds number ($Re < 1$)

- Viscosity-dominated system

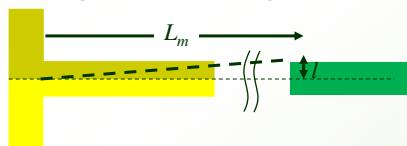
$$Re = \rho V D_H / \mu$$

- Diffusion-driven mixing

Fick's law

$$\begin{aligned} J &= -D \nabla \phi & J &= -D \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} &= D \nabla^2 \phi & \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} &= D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} \\ n(x, t) &= n(0) \operatorname{erfc} \left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}} \right) & \text{Diffusion length} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Mixing of fluids in a straight microchannel



$$l \sim (Dt)^{0.5} \quad t = L_m / U \quad Pe = Ul/D$$

$$L_m \sim U \times (l^2/D)$$

$$L_m \sim Pe \times l$$

$$U = 1 \text{ mm/s}, D = 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}, l = 100 \mu\text{m}$$

$$L_m = 10 \text{ cm} !!$$

Structural design of microchannels (i.e. micromixers) is urgently required.

State of the art for microreactors & micromixers

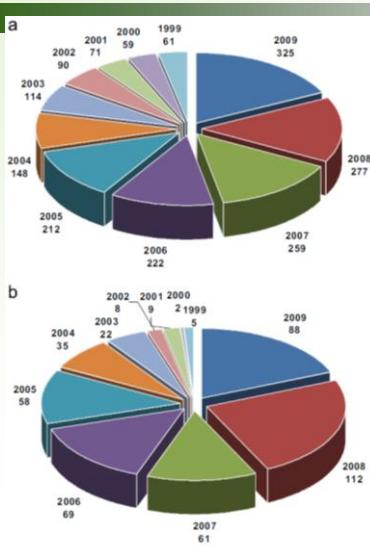


Fig. 1. Year-wise research articles published for (a) microreactors and (b) micromixers (year of publication, number of publications).

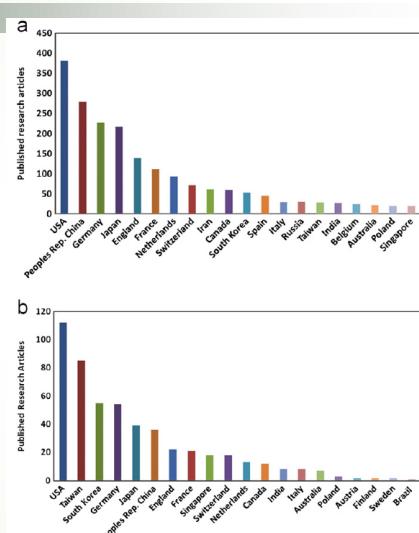
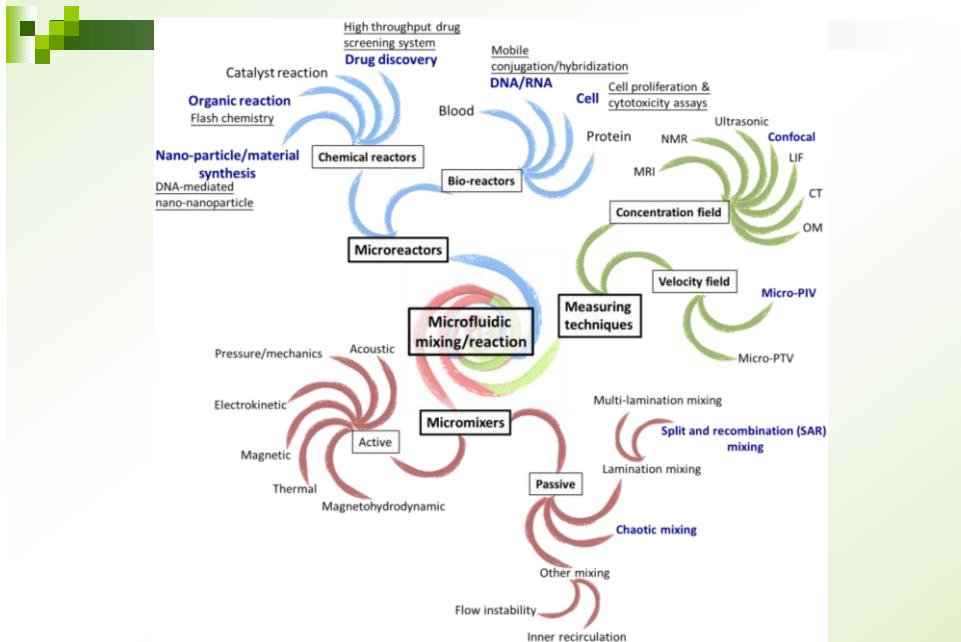


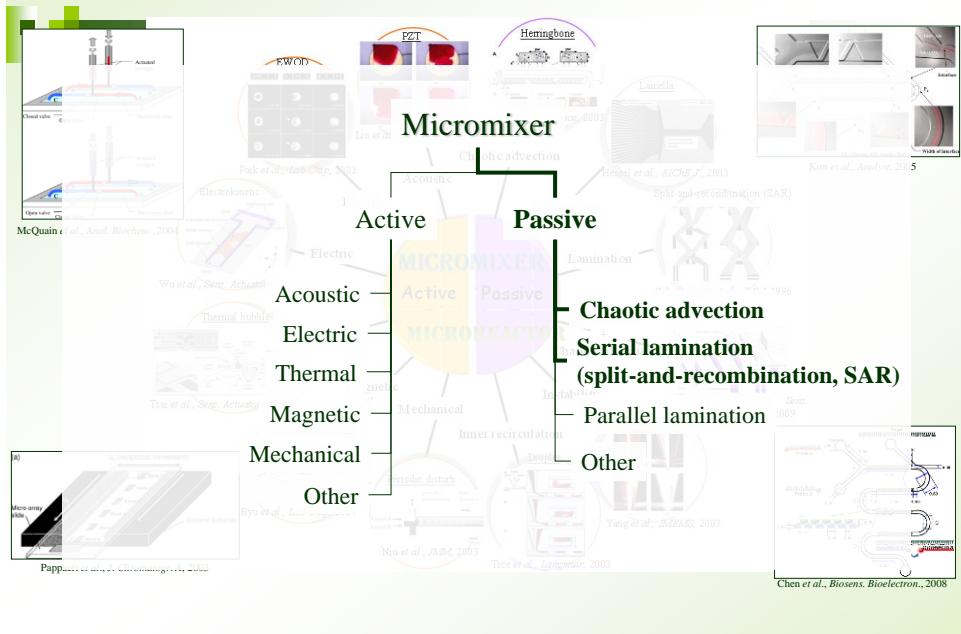
Fig. 2. Country-wise research articles published for (a) microreactors and (b) micromixers.

Kumar et al., CES, 2011

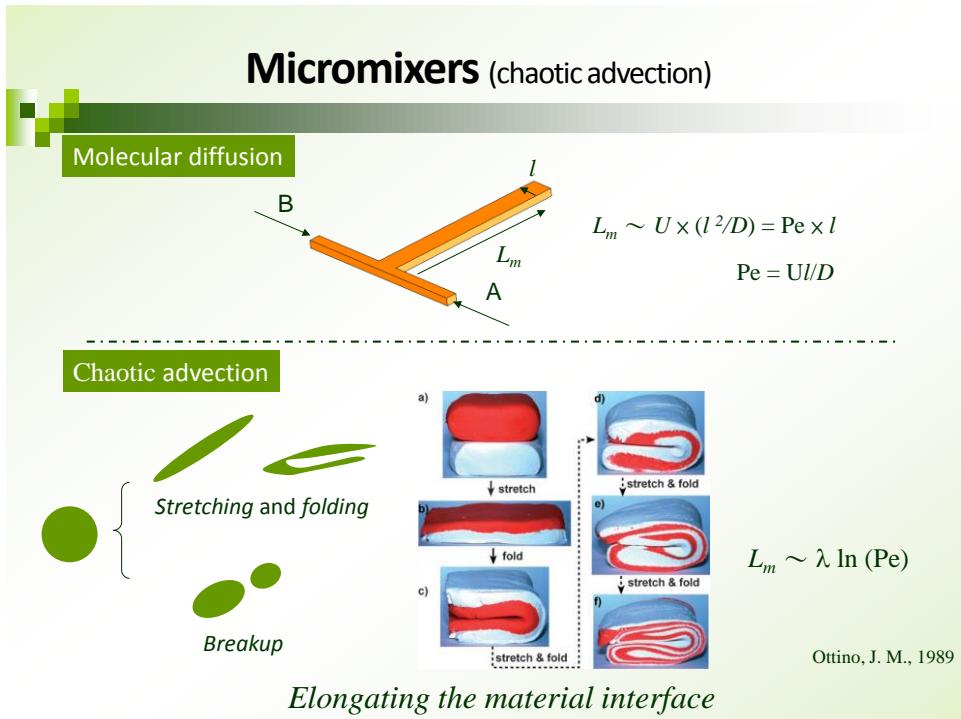
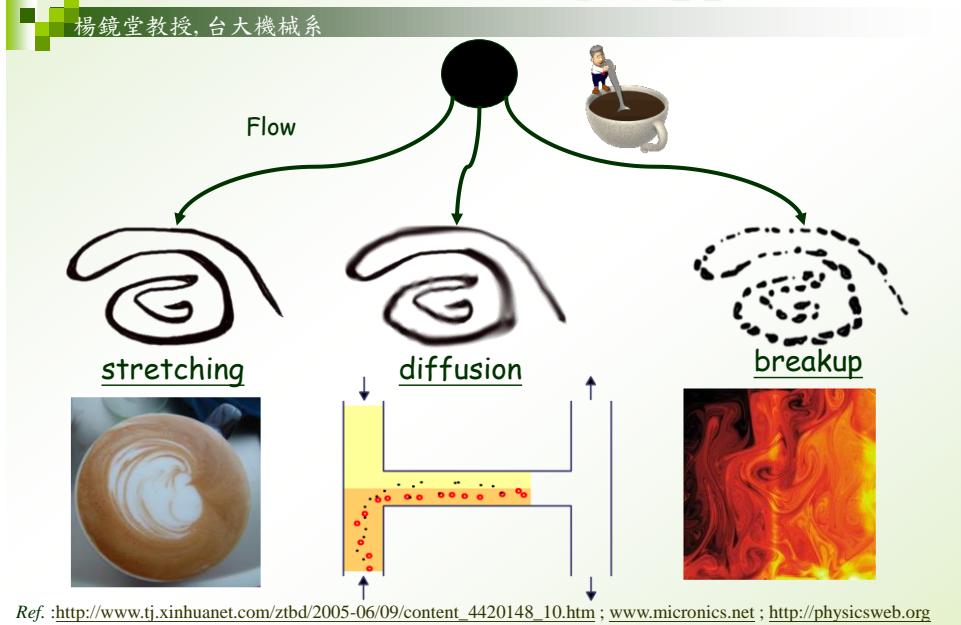
Framework of microfluidic mixing/reaction systems



Micromixers

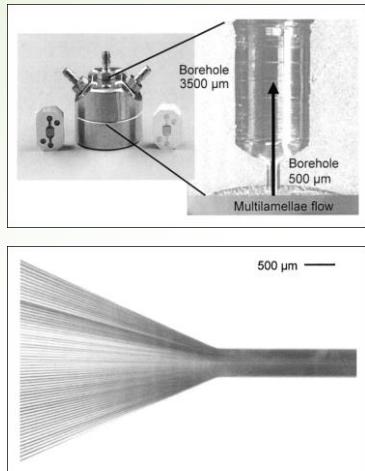


④ How does mixing happen?

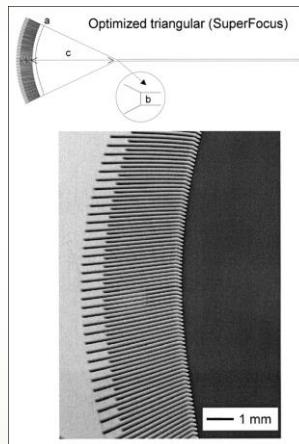


Micromixers (Lamination micromixers)

SuperFocus interdigital micromixer



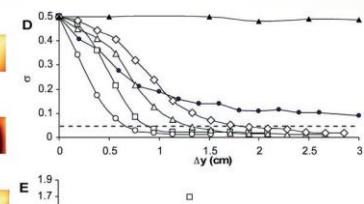
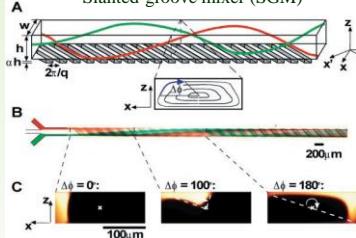
Parallel lamination



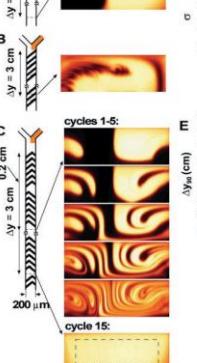
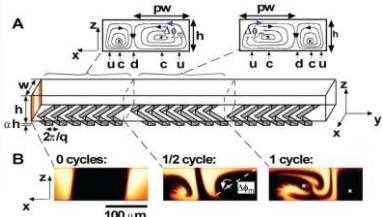
Hessel et al., AIChE J., 2003a,b
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Micromixers (chaotic micromixers)

Slanted-groove mixer (SGM)



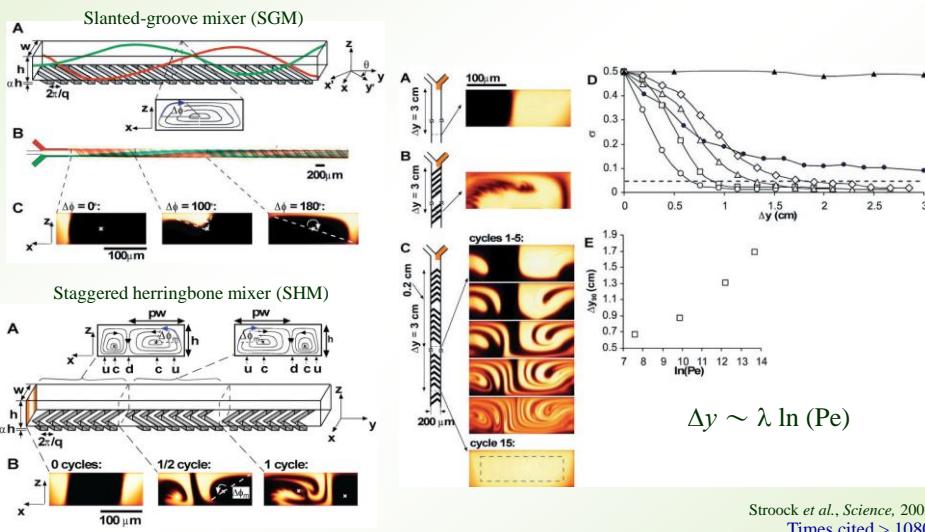
Staggered herringbone mixer (SHM)



$$\Delta y \sim \lambda \ln (Pe)$$

Stroock et al., Science, 2002
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Micromixers (chaotic micromixers)



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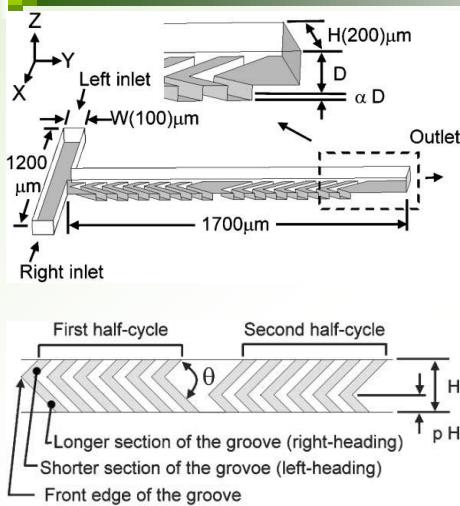


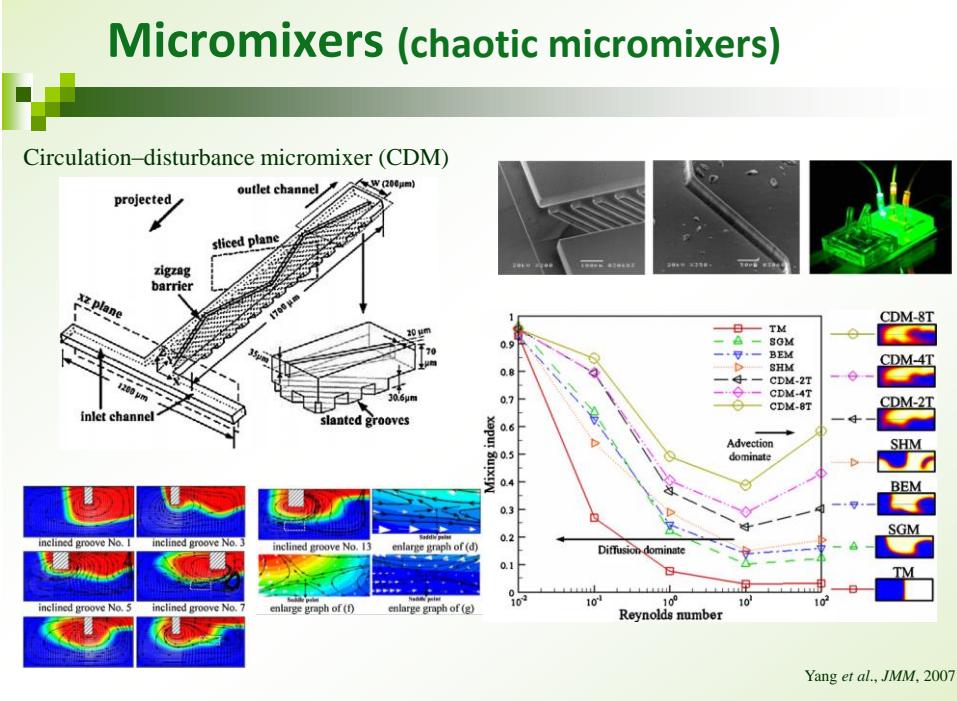
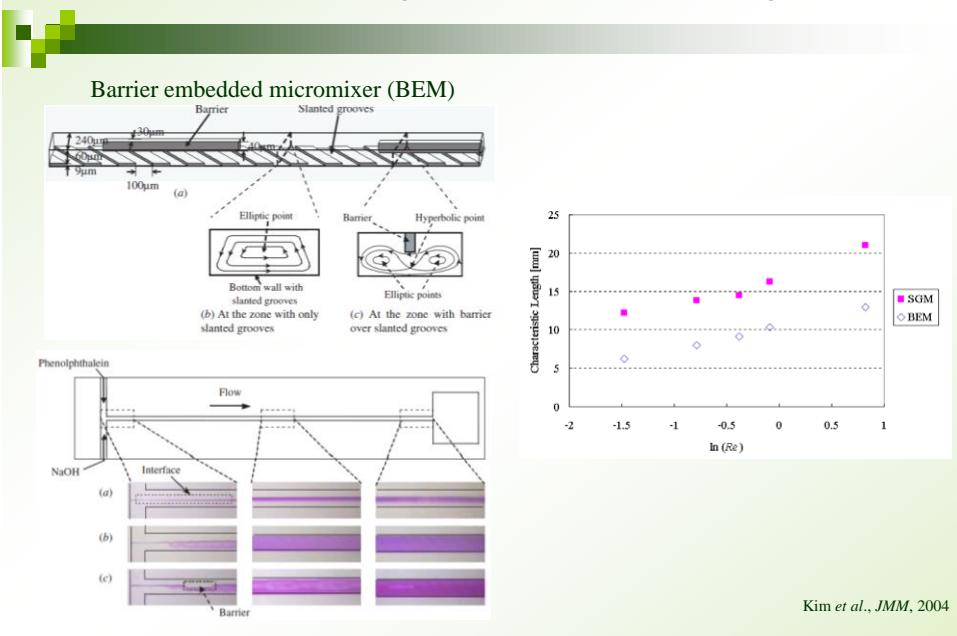
Table 1 Numerical values of geometric parameters

No.	Parameter	1	2	3
A	Asymmetry index (p)	0.21	0.33	0.45
B	Depth ratio of the groove (z)	0.07	0.13	0.18
C	Upstream to downstream channel width ratio (W/H)	0.5	1	1.5
D	Groove intersection angle (θ)	60°	90°	120°

Geometric parameter analysis, based on both the simulation results and the *Taguchi method*, reveal the relative effectiveness as:
 depth ratio of the groove \sim asymmetry index $>$
 groove intersection angle $>$ Upstream to downstream channel width ratio.

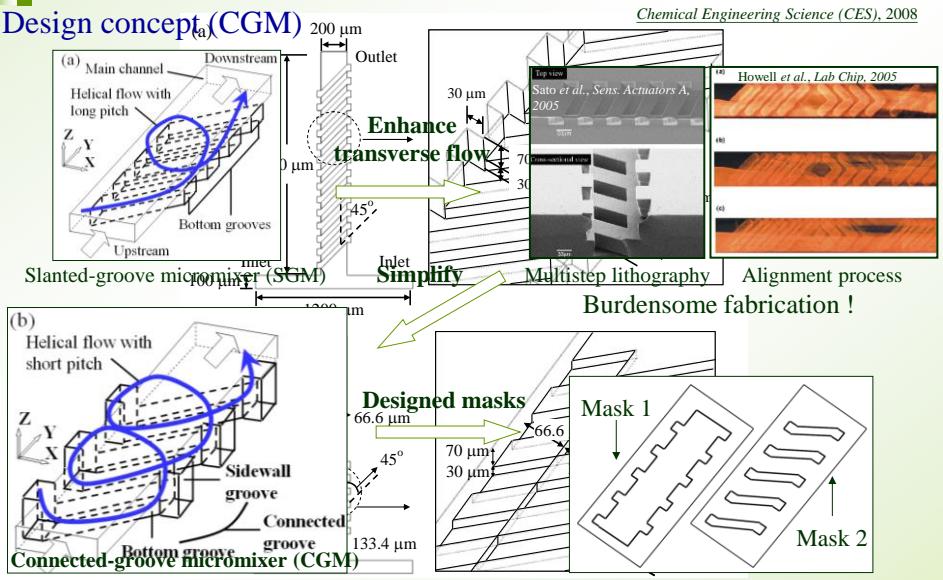
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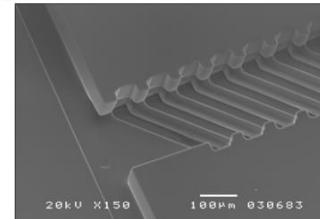
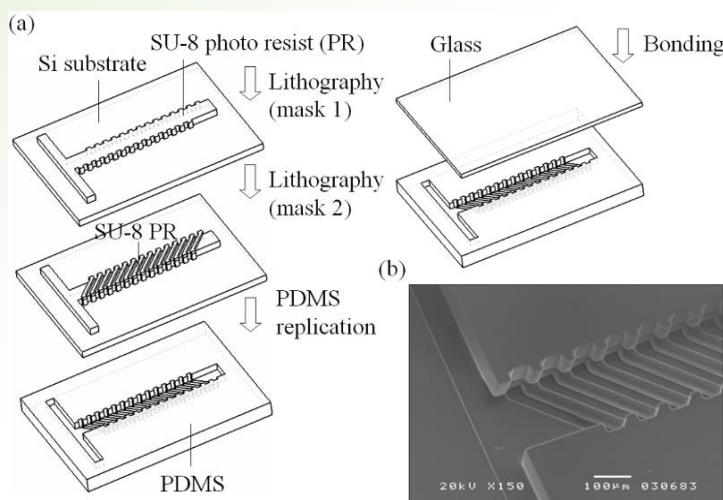
Micromixers- Connected-groove micromixer (CGM)

Design concept_(a) (CGM)



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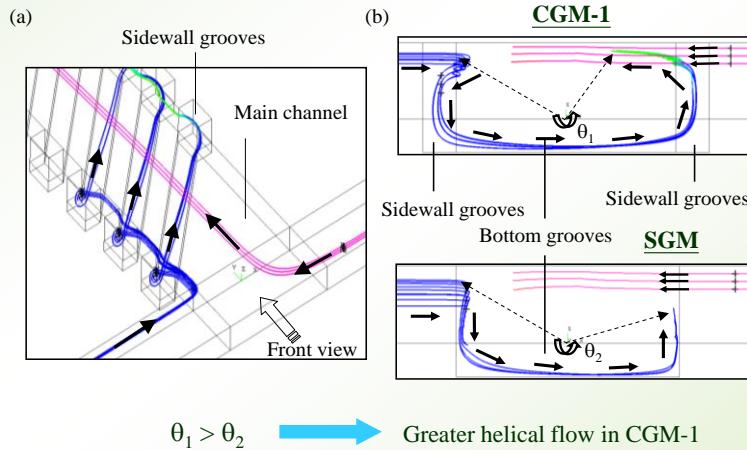
Simple fabrication



Micromixers- Connected-groove micromixer (CGM)

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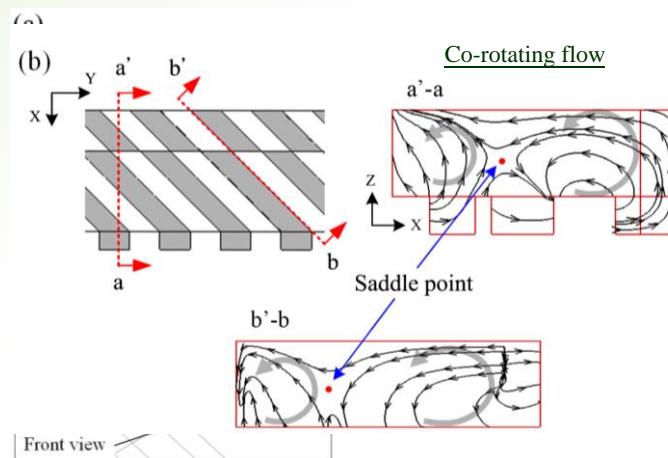
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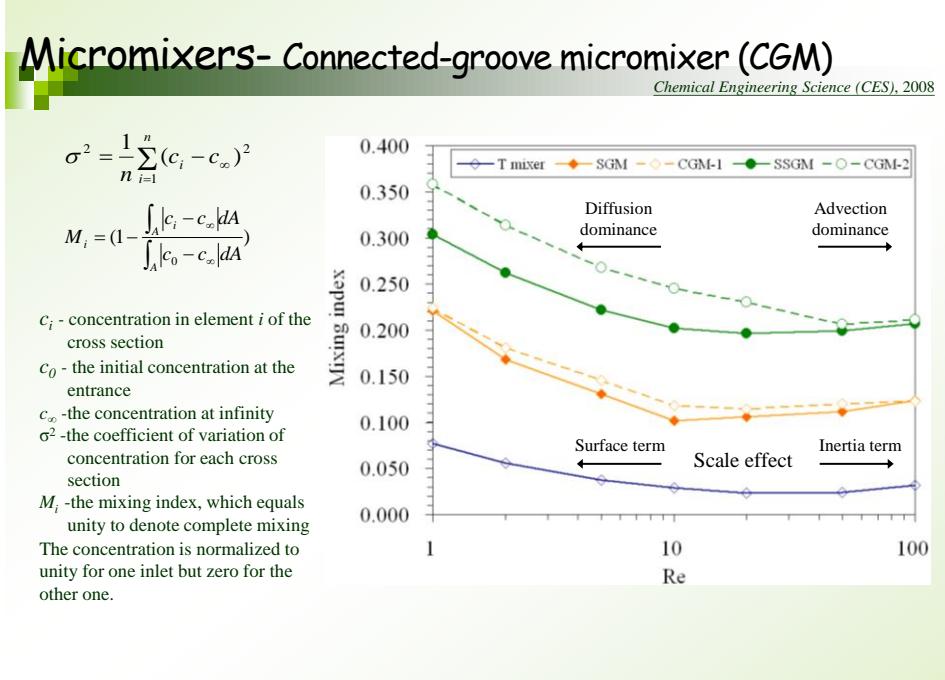
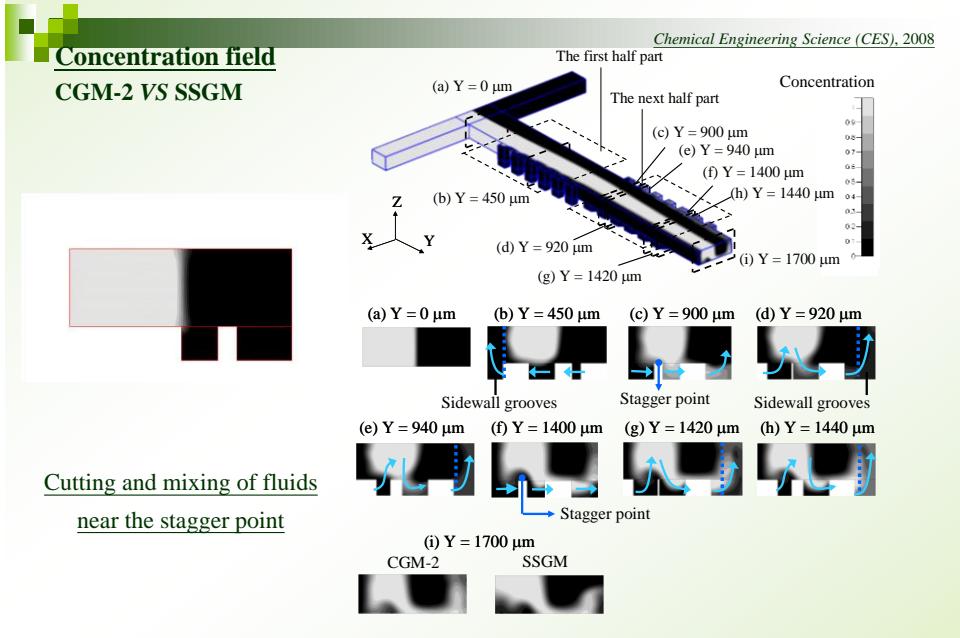
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Flow field

CGM-2 VS SSGM



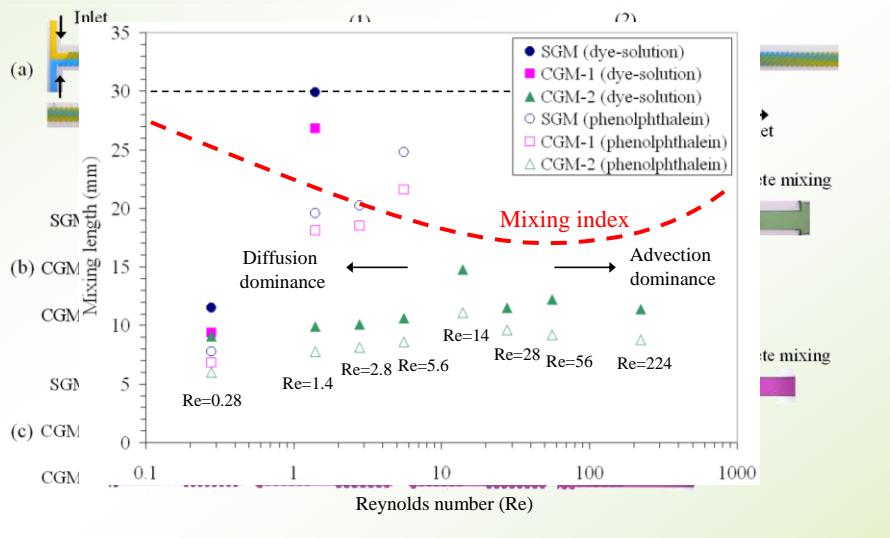
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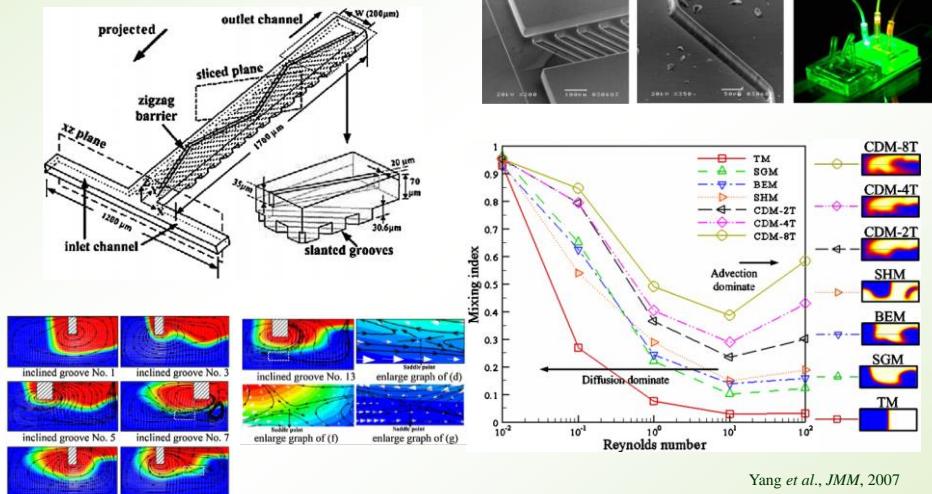
Mixing experiments

Chemical Engineering Science (CES), 2008

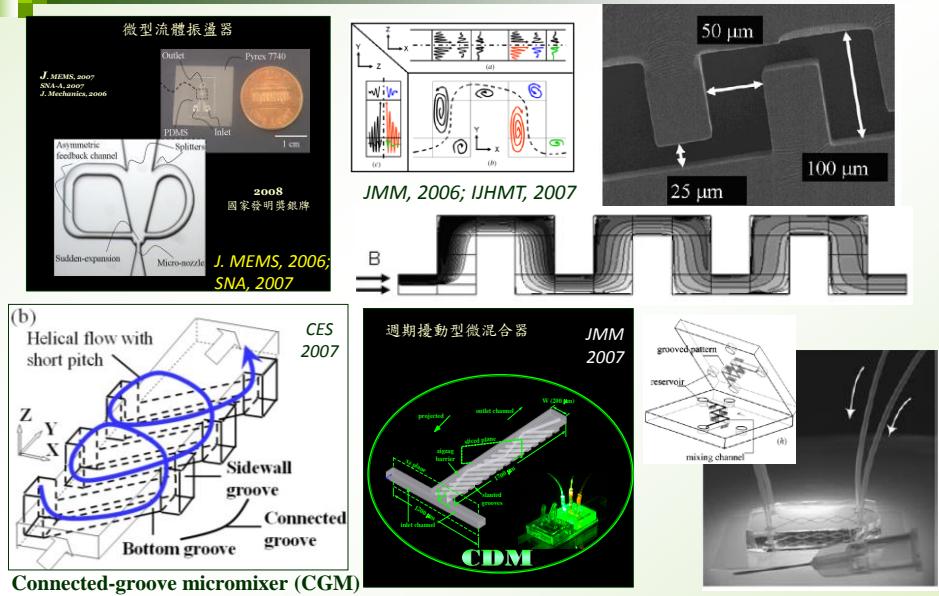


Micromixers (chaotic micromixers)

Circulation-disturbance micromixer (CDM)

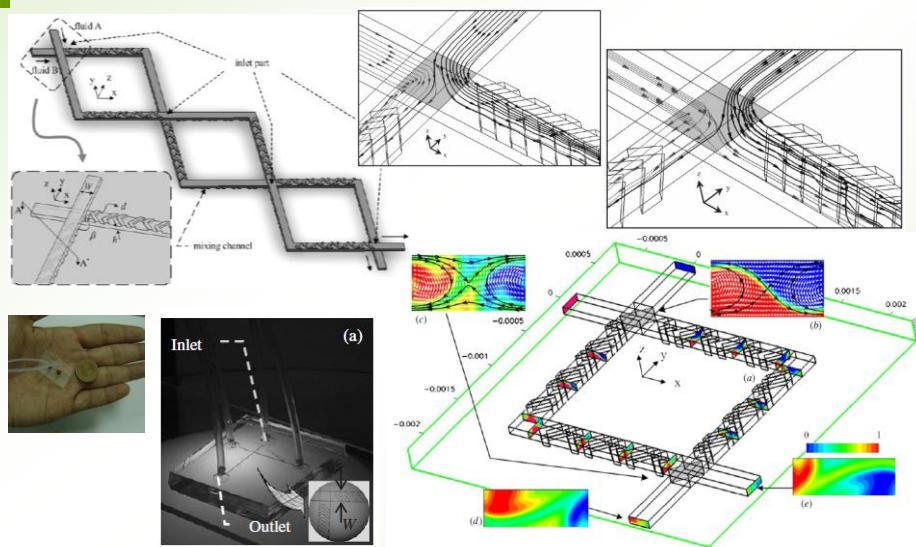


Various Micromixers developed by Beam Lab.



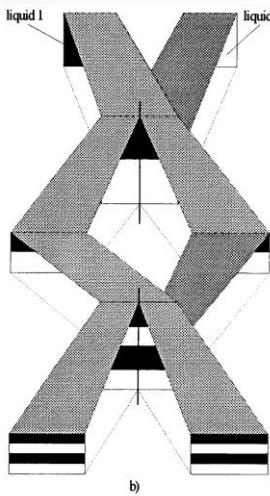
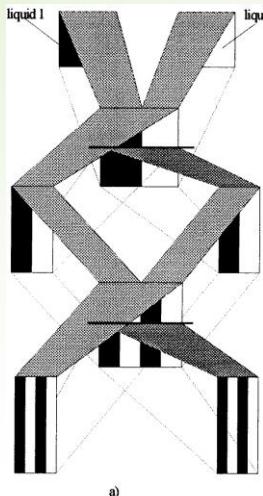
Overlapping Crisscross Micromixers

Wang & Yang, JMM Highlights of 2006, Chemical Engineering Science (CES), 2006



Micromixers (Lamination micromixers)

Serial lamination- split & recombination (SAR)



Exponential increase in contact interface

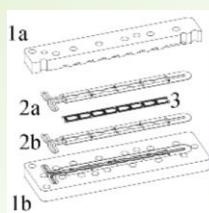
Suitable for melt polymer

Multiform properties of biochemical solutions

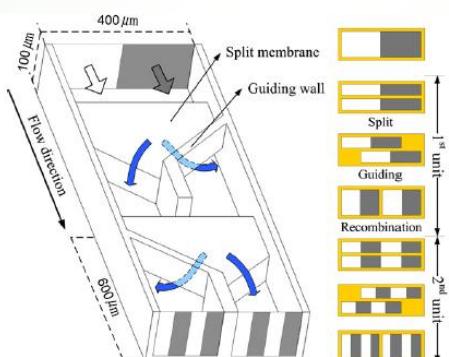
Schwasinger *et al.*, JMM, 1996
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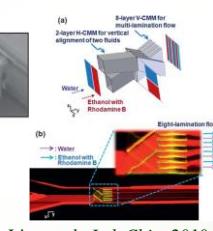
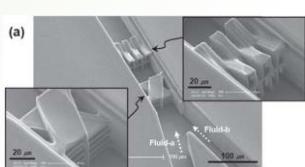
Serial lamination- split & recombination (SAR)



Schönfeld *et al.*, Lab Chip, 2004



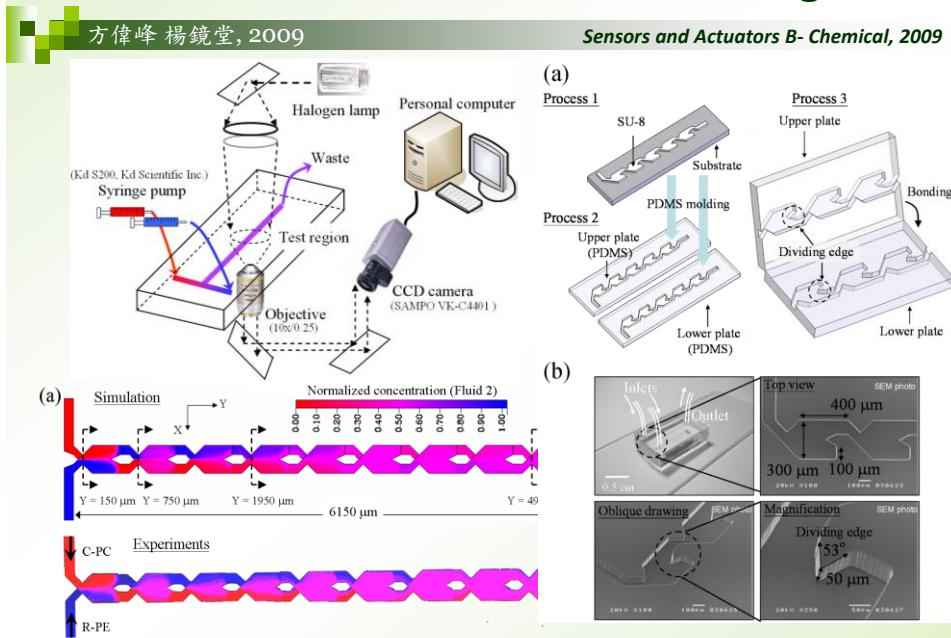
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Lim *et al.*, Lab Chip, 2010

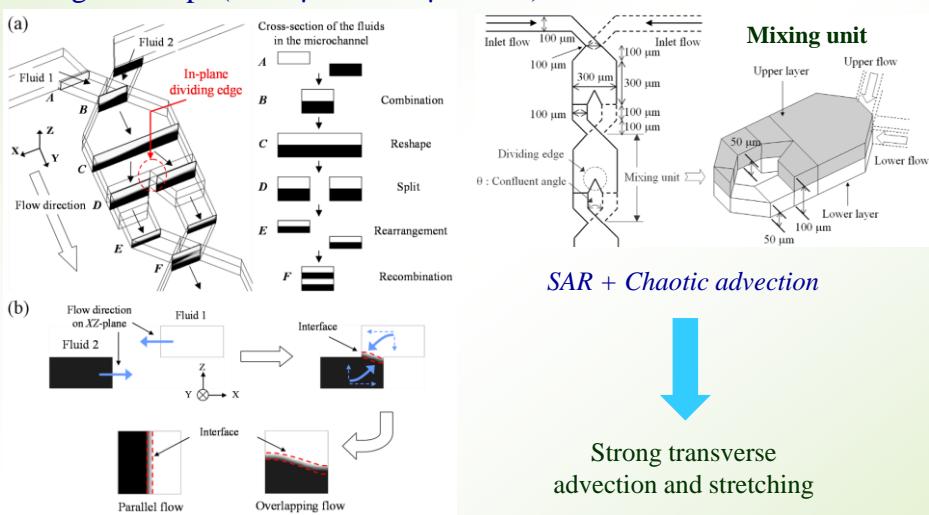
Intermediate layer
Separate channels
Confluent channels

A Novel Microreactor with 3D Rotating Flow



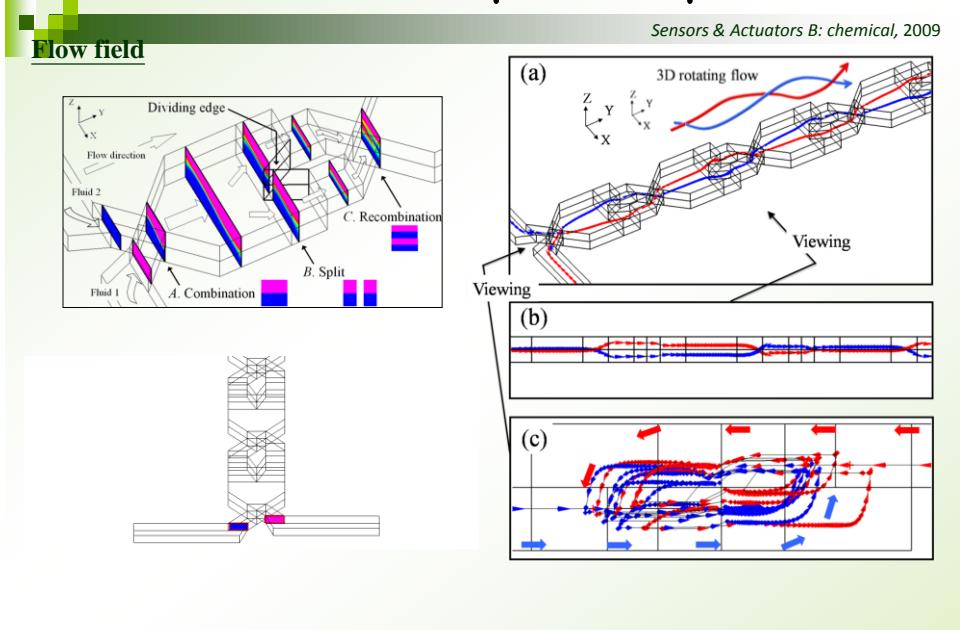
Micromixers- SAR μ -reactor/ μ -mixer

Design concept (SAR μ -reactor/ μ -mixer)

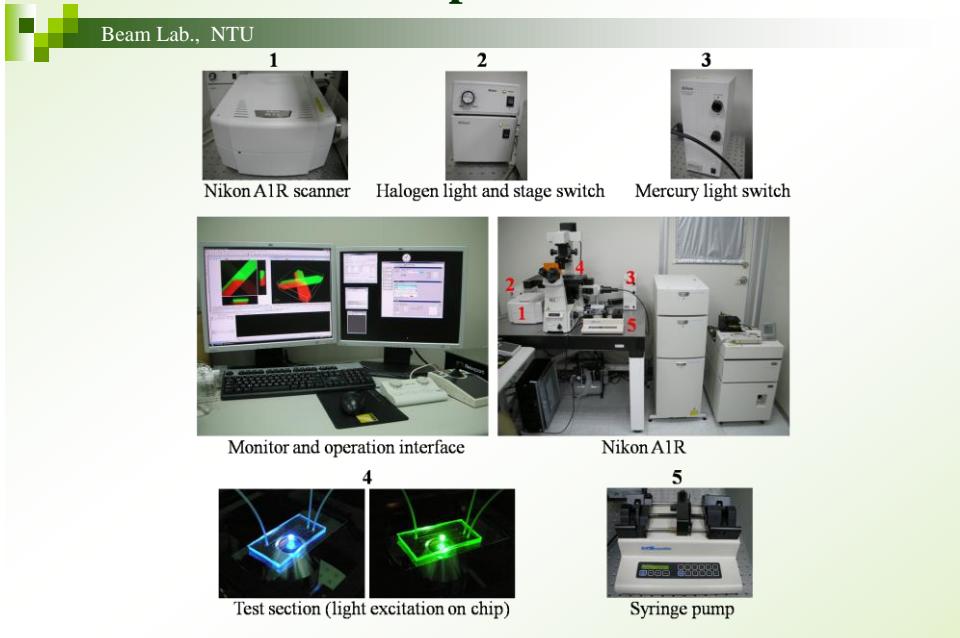


Fang & Yang, *Sensors & Actuators B: Chemical, 2009*

Micromixers- SAR μ -reactor/ μ -mixer



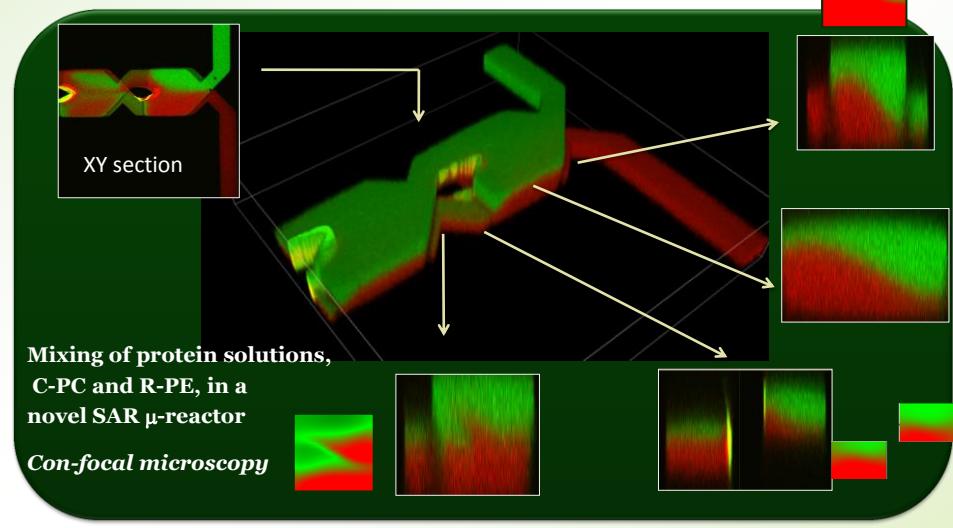
Confocal Microscope and Test Channels



Performance Test of a SAR μ -Reactor

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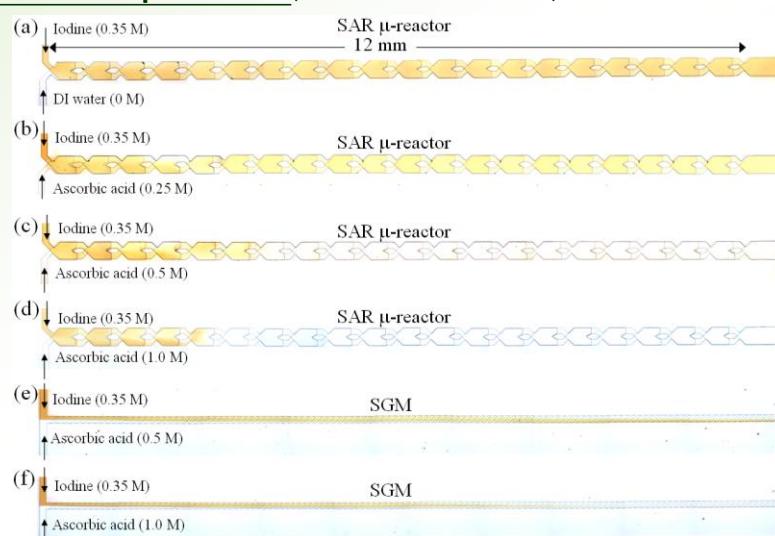
3D-image reconstruction: SAR m-reactor



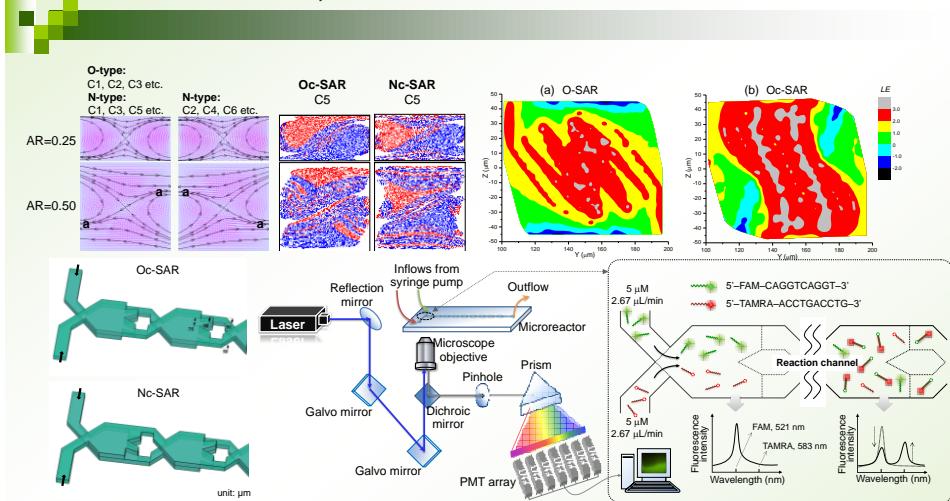
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Reaction experiments (ascorbic acid and diiodine)

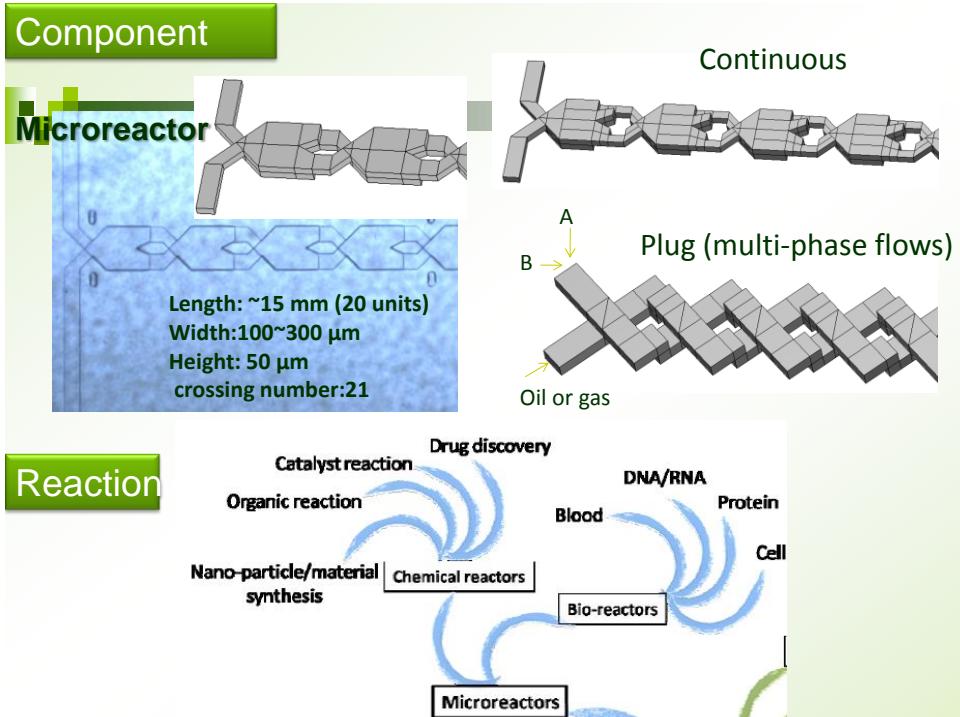


Analysis of chaos & FRET reaction in split-and-recombine microreactors, Chen et al., Microfluidics and Nanofluidics, 2011



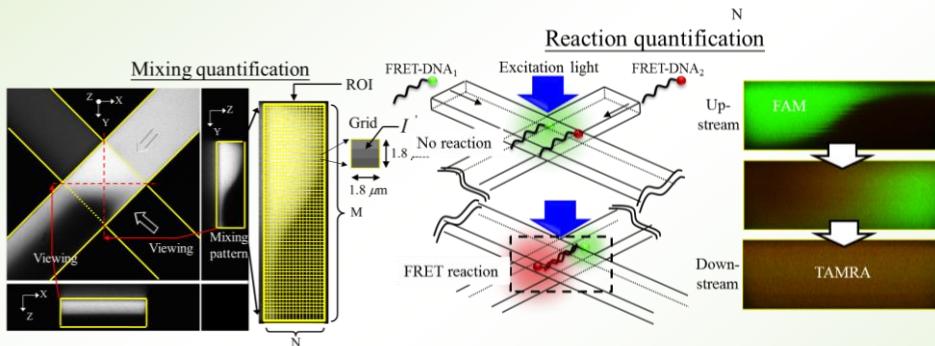
Through analysis of the chaos, we revealed numerically the dynamic mixing governed by multi-lamination and chaotic mechanisms in the devices. How the devices affected the rate of hybridization was thereby assessed, verifying that FRET is a technique capable of estimating the practical applicability of these devices.

Beam Lab



Characterization of microfluidic mixing and reaction in microchannels via analysis of cross-sectional patterns

Fang et al., *Biomicrofluidics*, 2011

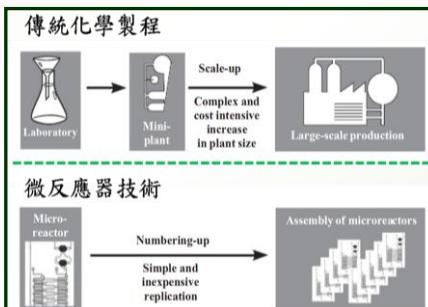


A quantification approach based on a confocal-fluorescence microscope is proposed to characterize fluid mixing precisely in microchannel devices. The approach is qualified for use to inspect microfluidic mixing, to disclose flow behavior, and to diagnose biochemical and chemical reactions in microfluidic devices.

微反應器的綠色特質

- 高表面積體積比
 - 表面張力、黏滯性
 - 擴散主導
- 高靈敏度、安全性
- 副產物少、減少汙染
- 產物轉換效率高
- 反應快速
- 試劑使用量小、減少資源浪費

平行化處理放大產量



<http://www.chem.utoronto.ca/staff/RAB/teachinglinks.html>, extracted on 2012/07/12



業界實例

TNO Science and Industry
研發的高產量微反應器裝置

微反應器晶片可以輕鬆替換

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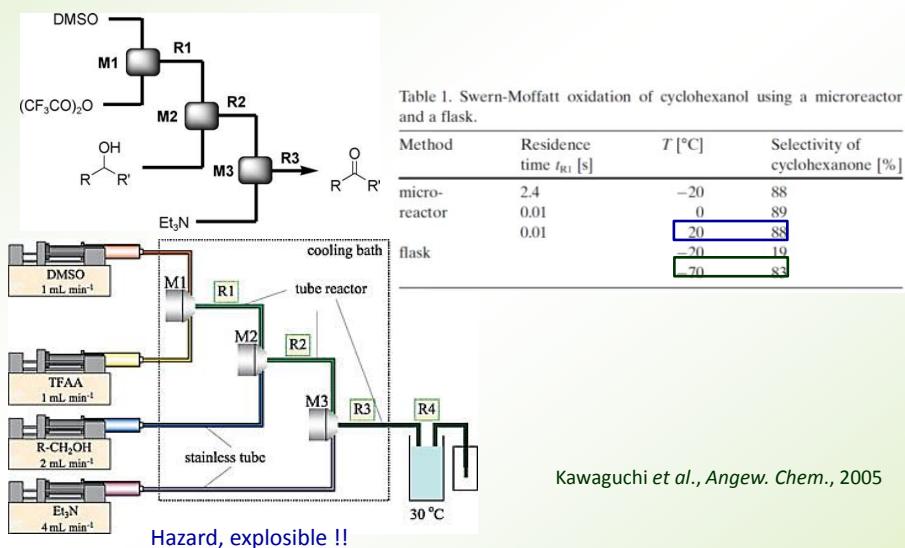
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Microreactors

Sahoo et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2007

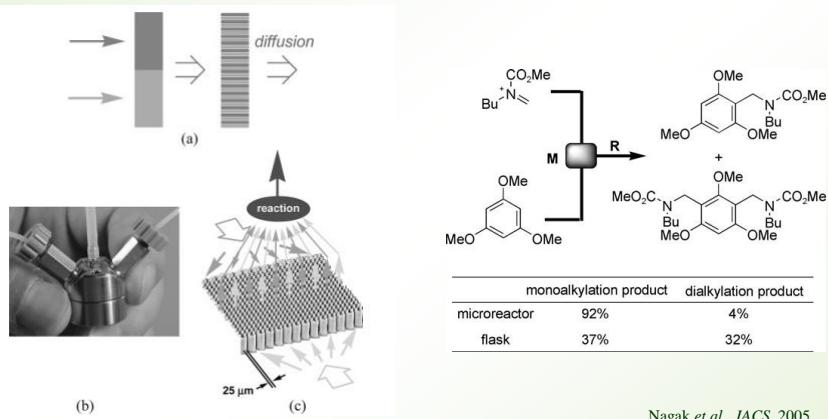
Microreactors (oxidation reaction)

Swern-Moffatt oxidation of cyclohexanol in microreactors

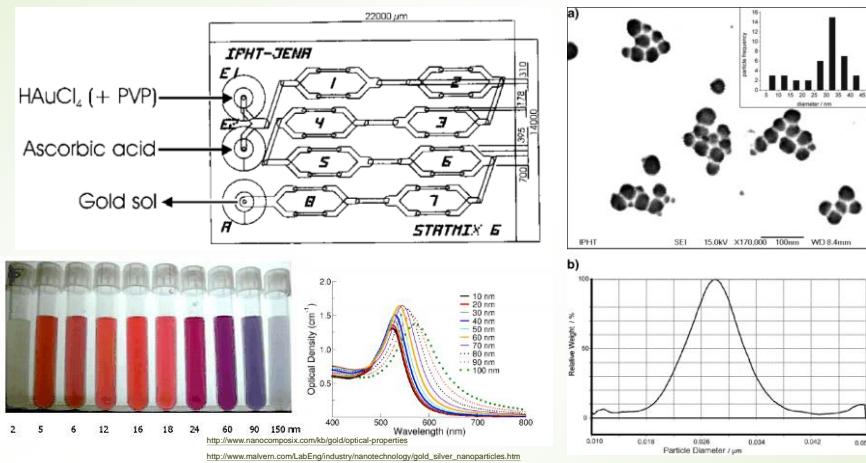


Microreactors (Competitive Consecutive Reactions)

Friedel-Crafts reaction of cyclohexanol in microreactors

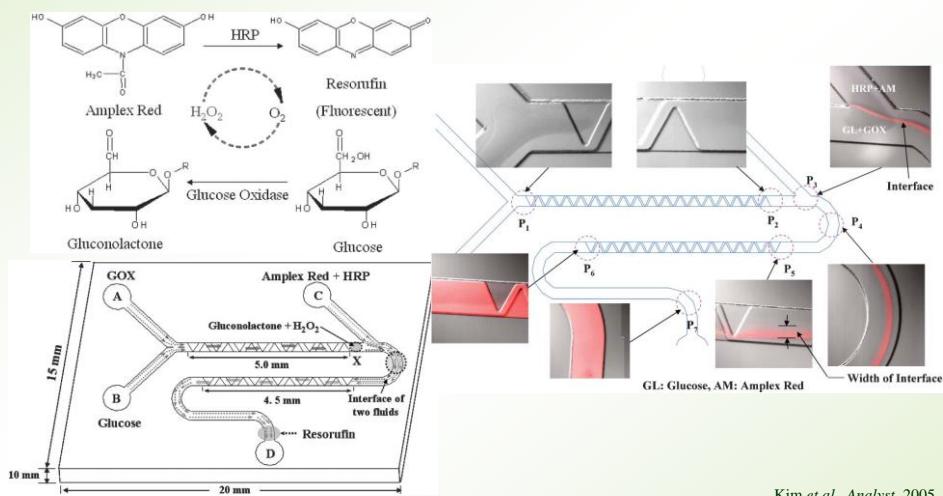


Microreactors (Synthesis of gold nanoparticles)

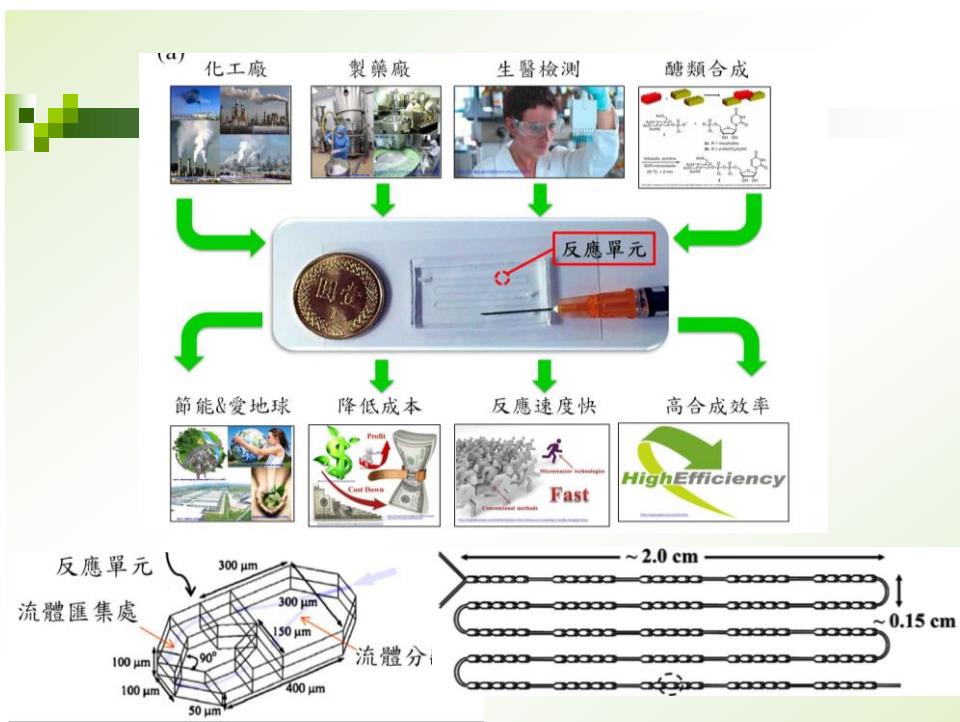


Wagner and Köhler, *Nano Lett*, 2005

Microreactors (Glucose-catalyst reactions)



Kim et al., *Analyst*, 2005



Objectives of the NSC Project

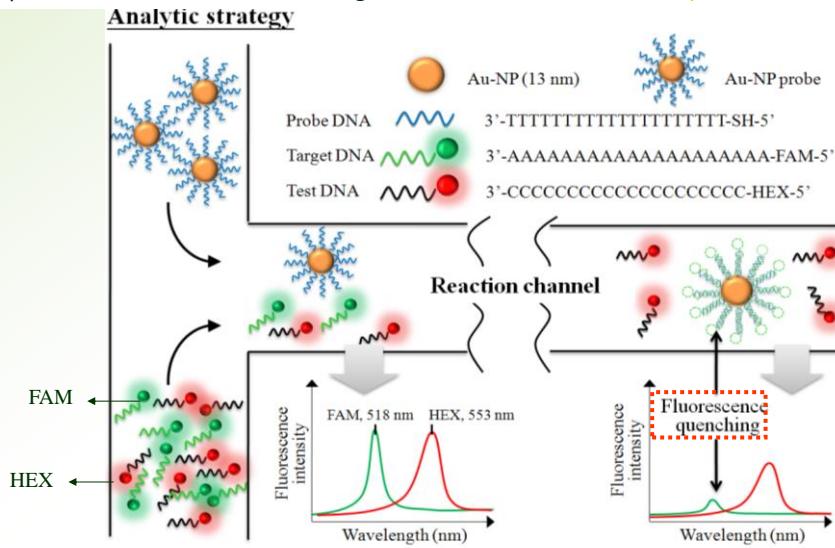


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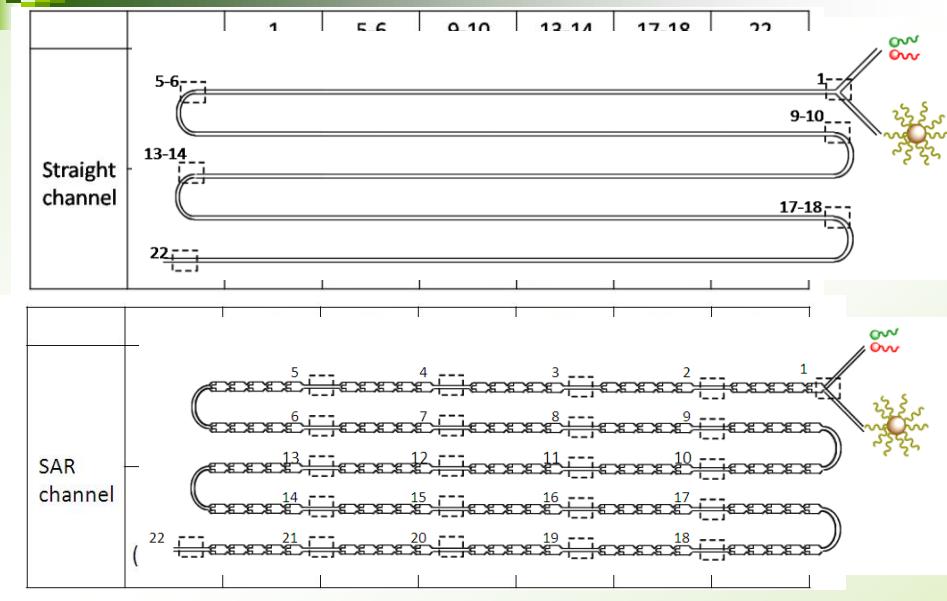
- 研發結合機械設計、流體力學、有機化學合成與生化分析整合之微全分析系統 (**micro total analysis systems**)
- 突破傳統費時之檢測流程，主要研究包含微反應器設計分析、化學試劑與生醫流體混合、奈米粒子如奈米金球或磁珠與生醫流體待測物之鍵結、目標DNA之引入及分離篩選之訊號轉導量測技術研發，以達系統結合上的廣泛應用性及效率。

Enhanced Mobile Hybridization of Decorated Gold Nanoparticles with Oligonucleotide in Microchannel Devices

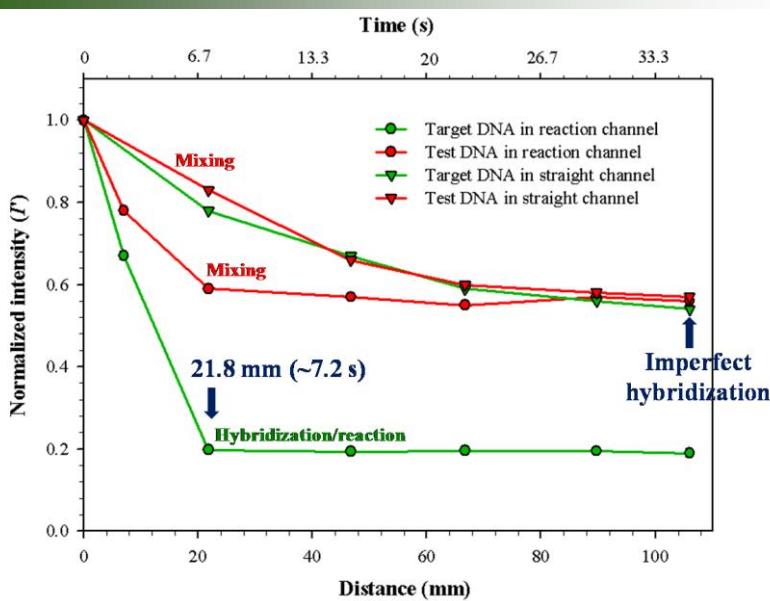
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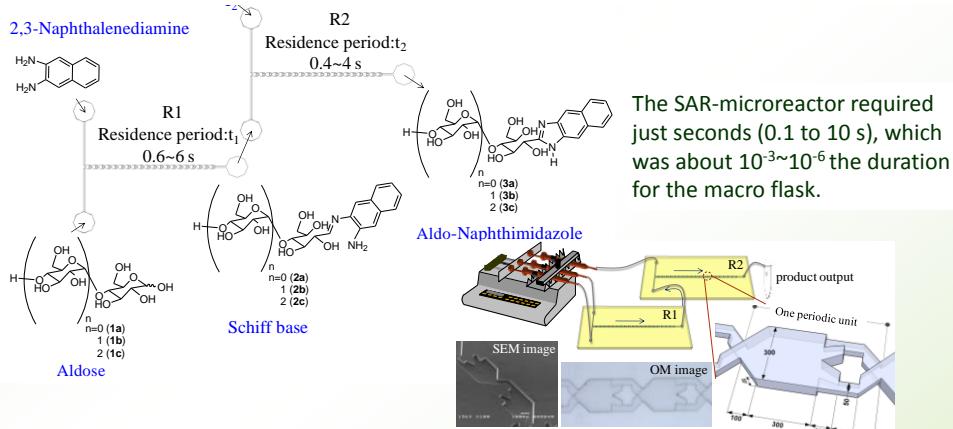


Reaction and Mixing Distance of Mobile conjugation in Various Microchannels



Flash synthesis of carbohydrate derivatives in split-and-recombine microreactors

Y. T. Chen, K. H. Chen, W. F. Fang, S. H. Tsai, J. M. Fang, and J. T. Yang*
Chemical Engineering Journal, Vol. 174, pp. 421-424, 2011

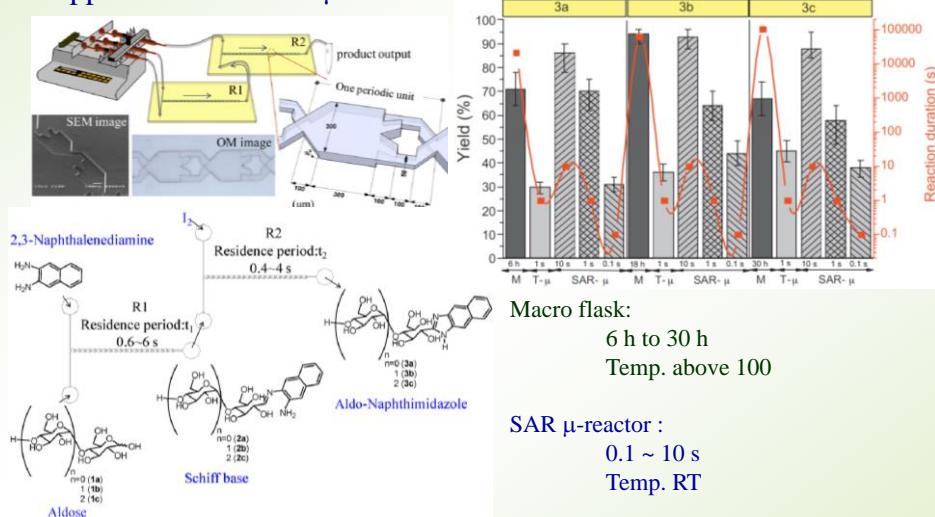


An efficient and rapid synthesis of carbohydrate derivatives was accomplished using a split-and-recombine (SAR) microreactor. Using two steps reaction process in SAR-microreactors, the carbohydrate derivatives, aldo-naphthimidazoles were generated by linkage of naphthalenediamine with mono-, di- or trialdoses in less than 10 s with satisfactory yield.

Microreactors (Flash synthesis of carbohydrate derivatives)

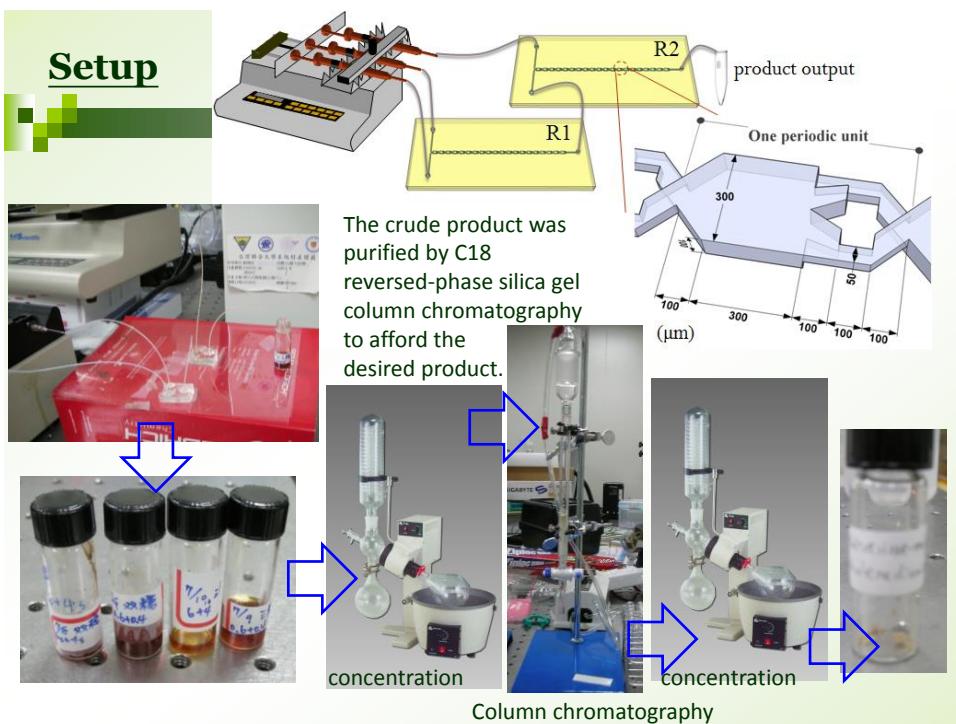
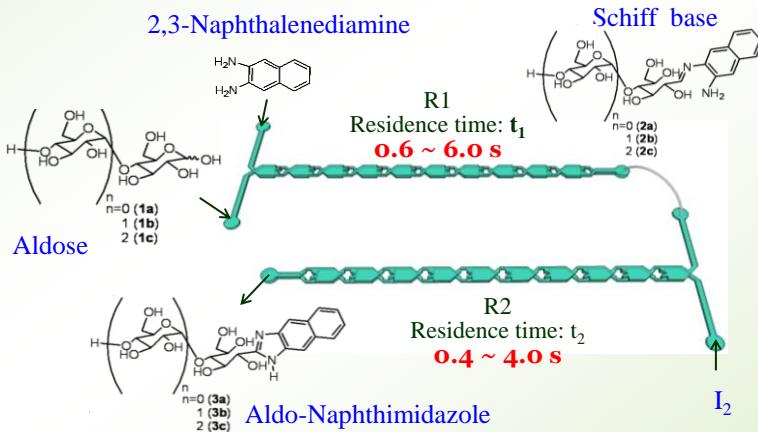
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Applications of SAR μ -reactor



Highly Efficient Synthesis of Carbohydrate Derivatives using Split-and-Recombine Microreactors

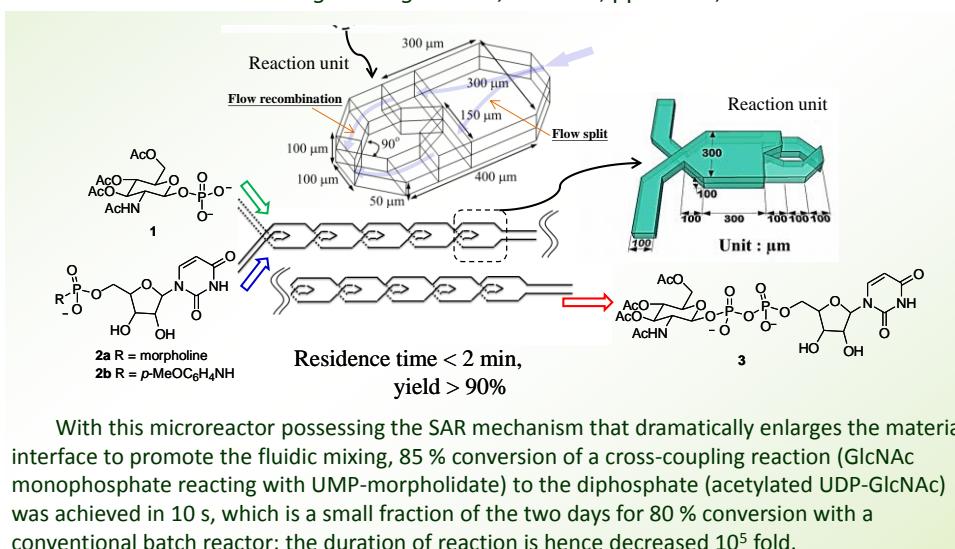
An efficient direct synthesis of carbohydrate was accomplished using a SAR-microreactor. The process requiring just seconds, 10^{-4} duration less than for the macro flask. The yield of the product was also much enhanced relative to a T-shaped microreactor.



Microflow Synthesis of Saccharide Nucleoside Diphosphate with Cross-coupling Reactions of Monophosphate Components

K. H. Chen, W. F. Fang, Y. T. Chen, J. M. Fang,* and J. T. Yang*

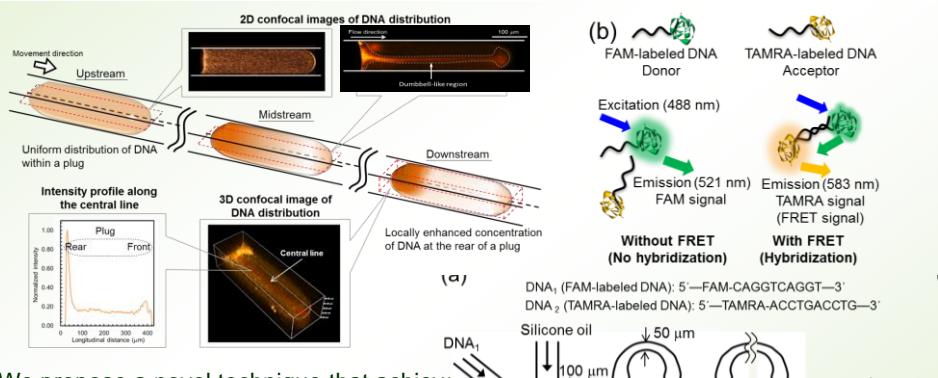
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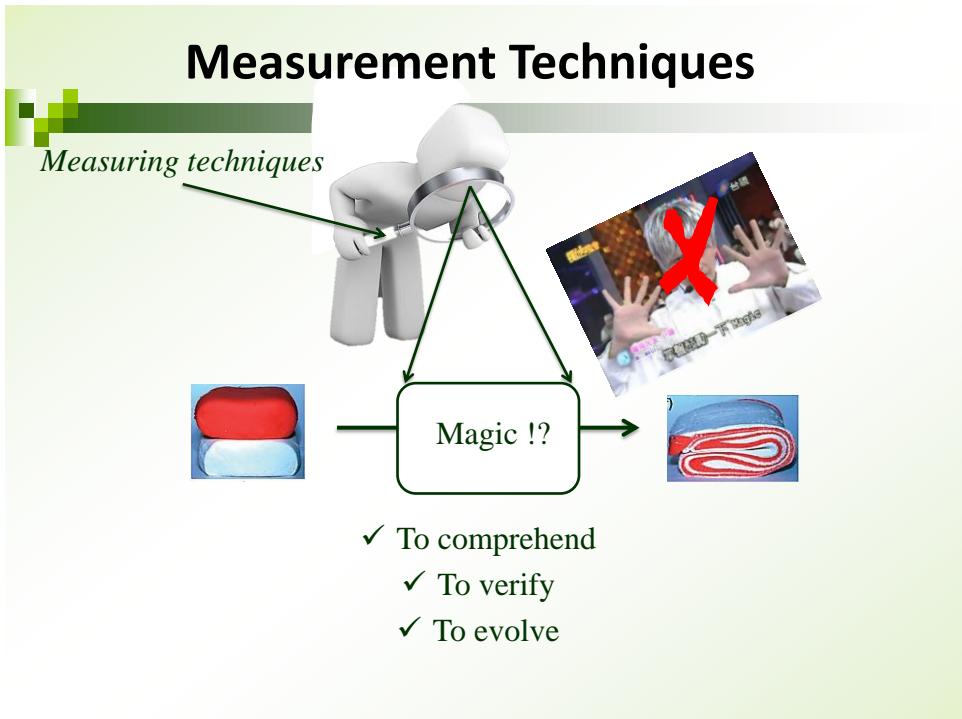
Locally Enhanced Concentration and Detection of Oligonucleotides in a Plug-Based Microfluidic Device

W. F. Fang, S. C. Ting, C. W. Hsu, Y. T. Chen, and J. T. Yang,*

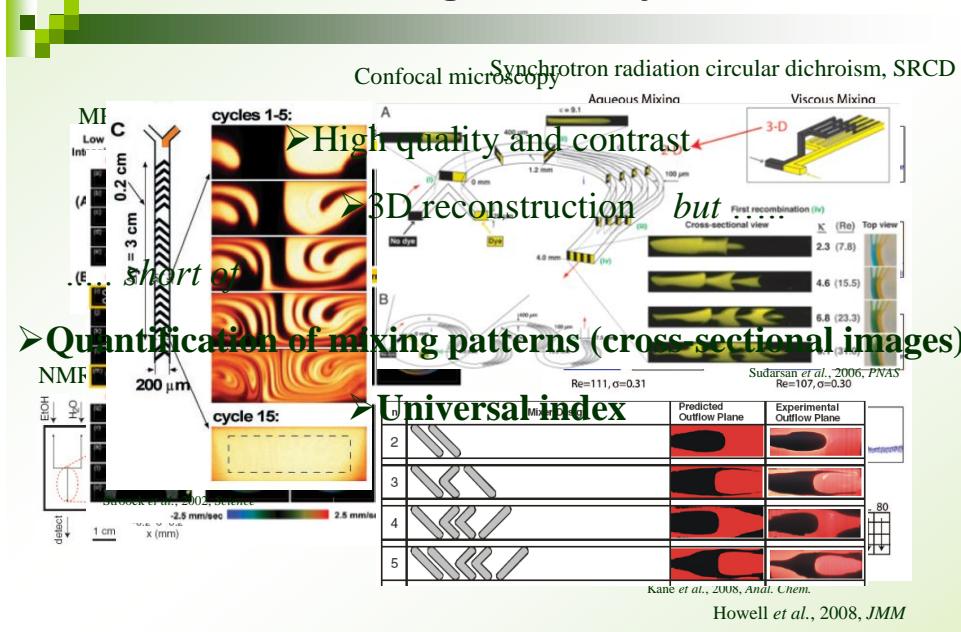
mTAS-2011, October 2-8, Seattle; *Lab on a Chip*, Vol. 12 (5), pp. 923–931, 2012



We propose a novel technique that achieves enhanced concentration of DNA at the rear solution plug in a plug-based microfluidic device, based on combined hydrodynamic trapping and affinity adsorption, for the benefit of detection of DNA at a small concentration.

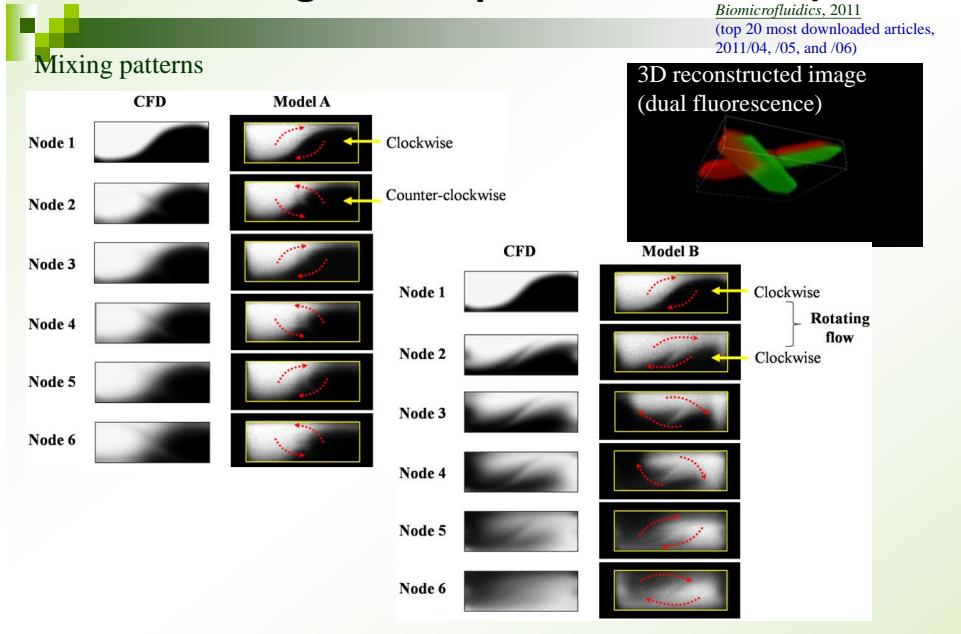


Measuring Techniques



Measuring Techniques (Universal index)

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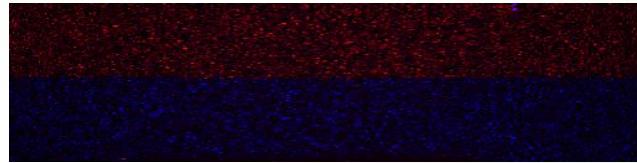


Measuring Techniques (simultaneous measurement)

Is it possible to achieve the simultaneous measurement of species velocities & concentrations in microdevices ?

Mass transfer & momentum transfer ? All in one ?

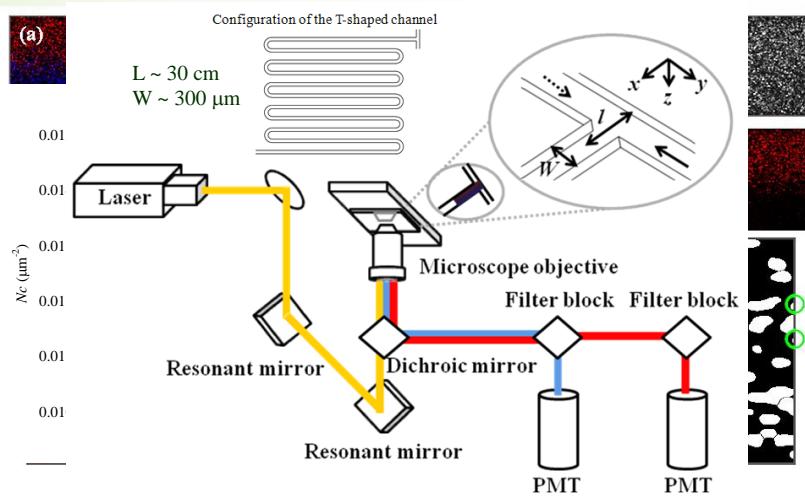
~ absolutely yes !



Measuring Techniques (simultaneous measurement)

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Simultaneous measurement (micro-PIV & particle counting method)



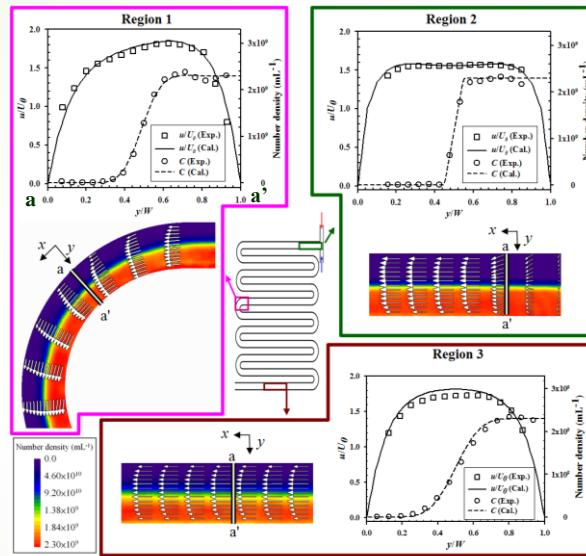
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Simultaneous diagnosis of velocity and concentration fields

The maximum relative errors for both velocity and concentration fields between experimental and numerical results are about 5 %

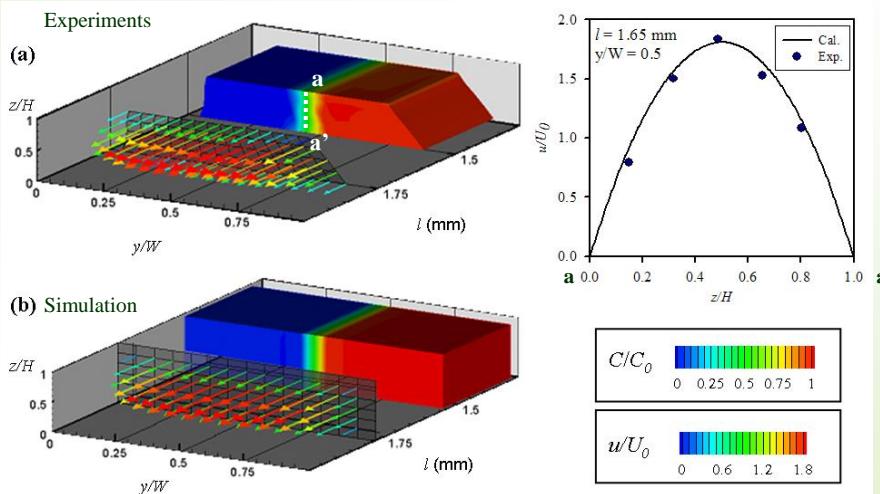


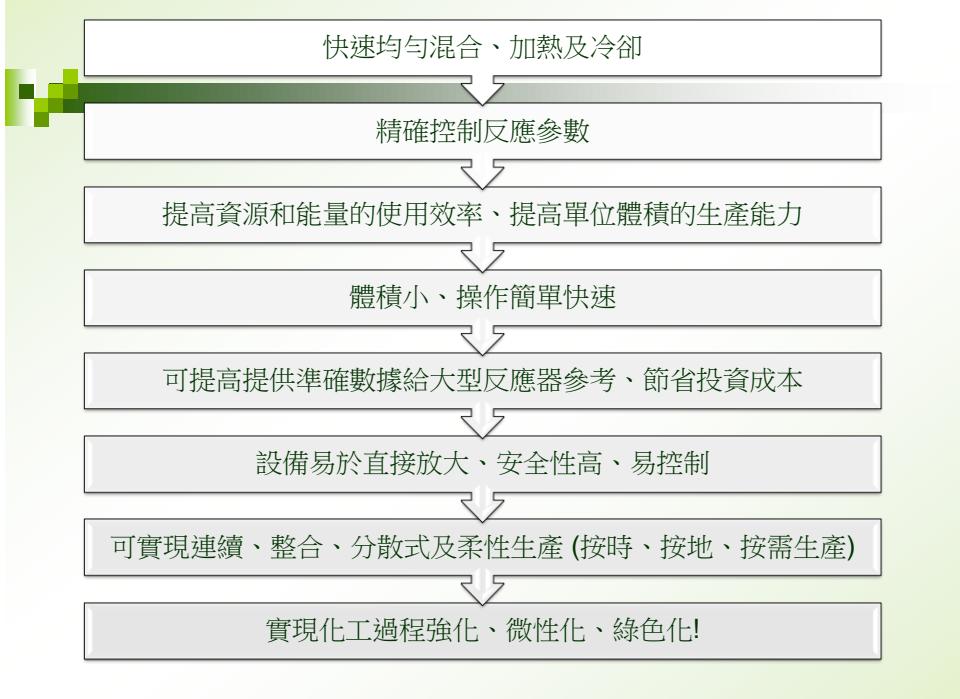
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3D velocity and concentration fields





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