Microfluidics for the World

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Esoteric Details

- Micro channels- tens to hundreds of micrometers
- Mesoscale- 10 microns to 1mm
- 10⁻⁹ to 10⁻¹⁸ liters.
- Microfluidics has four parents: molecular analysis biodefense molecular biology microelectronics.





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Blood Vessels



George Whitesides Research Group, Harvard

Blood tests rely on colour changes.

- 1. blood group
- 2. pathogenic presence
- 3. diabetes
- 4. presence of chemicals

Smaller quantities of chemical reagents and just one drop of blood.

Blood Vessels

• Cancer cells move about in the bloodstream due to metastasis.





• Diagnosis by CELL SORTING





Lab on a Chip



- 1. Bioreactor
- 2. Fluid flow and thermal study
- 3. DNA sequencing
- 4. Local Assistance Systems
- 5. Stem cell culture...



launchpad

- Electrical conduction in plants
- Droplet computer
- DNA manipulation
- Less testing on animals



With the microscope we got a closer look, now with the microchip we are able to touch.

Roadblocks

- Micro fabrication techniques
- Material science
- Cost of machinery



Road ahead

Development of disruptive technologies such as

- 3D printing
- Soft lithography
- Photo lithography....







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