

# ***Sandia Automated Molecular Biology Platform:***

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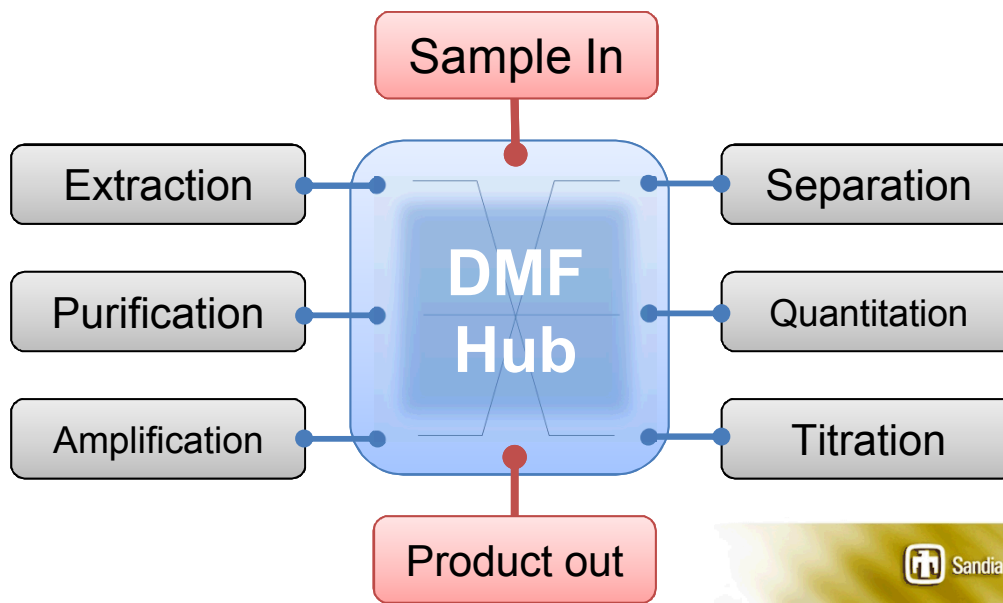
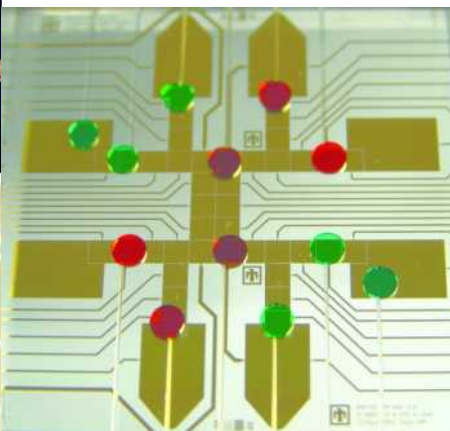
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# Technology Overview

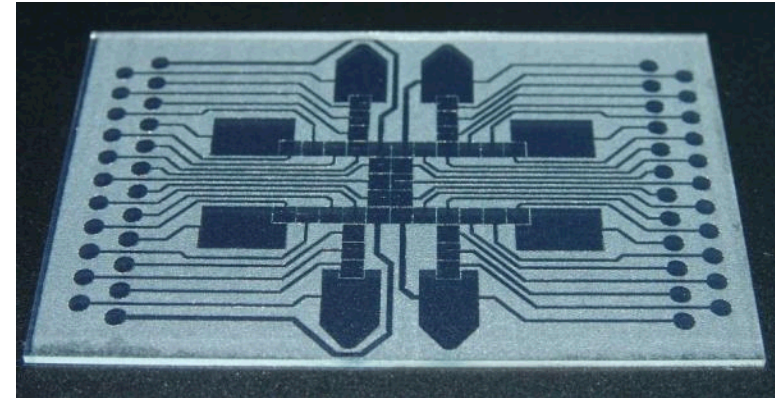
- Automate laboratory sample preparation at the microfluidic scale
- Flexible fluidic hub to seamlessly connect capabilities together
- Programmable processing and workflow



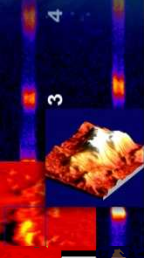
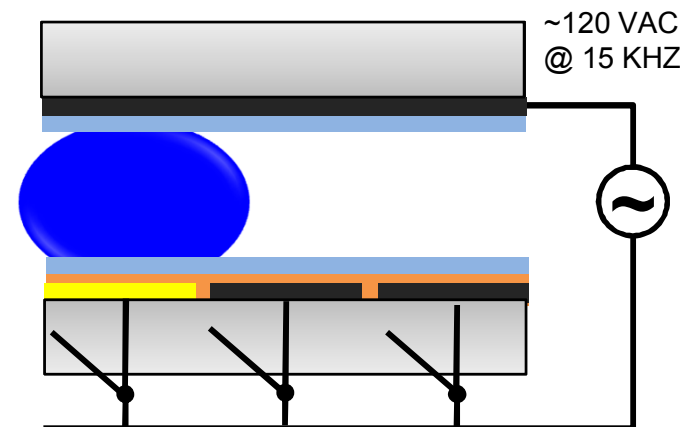
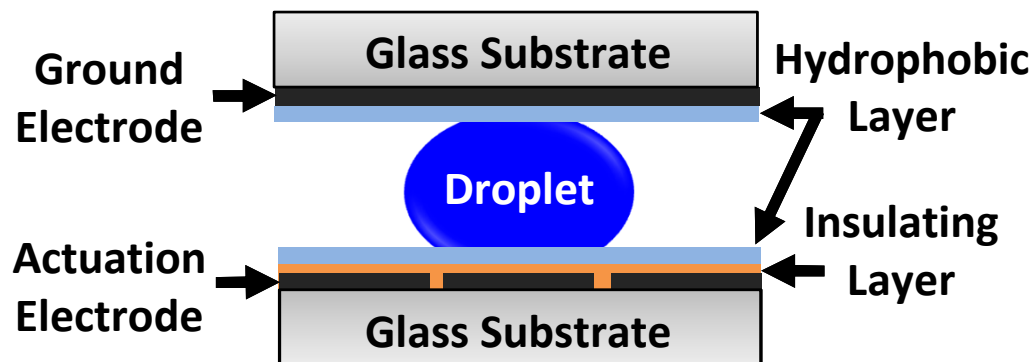
# Underlying Technology

## Based on principles of electrowetting-on-dielectric (EWOD) and dielectrophoresis

- voltage is applied to electrode pads in an addressable 2-D array (glass, PCB, etched films)
- All aqueous droplets can be manipulated (buffers, ETOH, DMF, bleach... beads, cells, polymers...)
- Teflon-coated surface minimizes surface fouling and contamination



46-pad laser-etched design

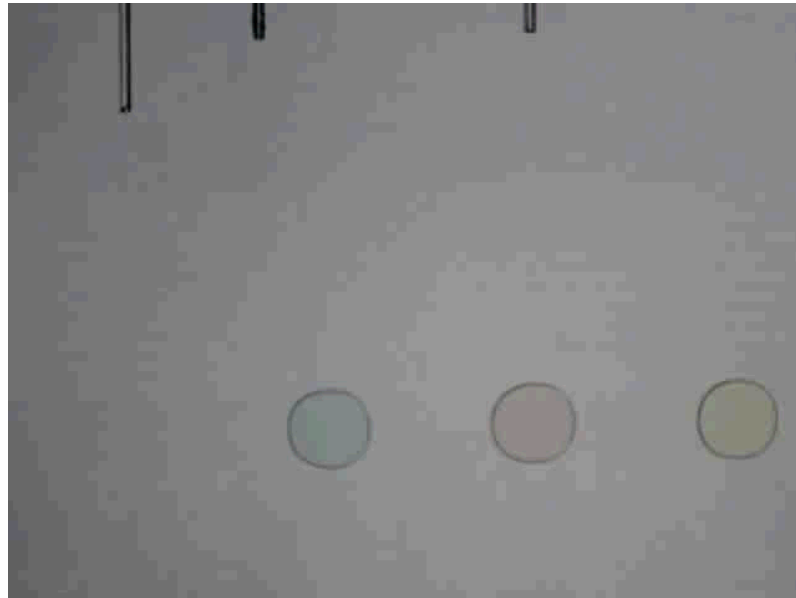
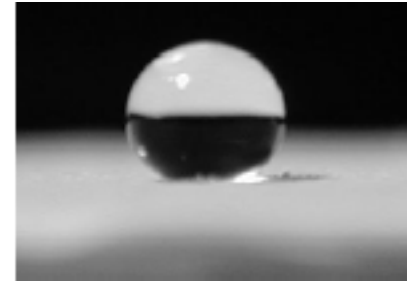




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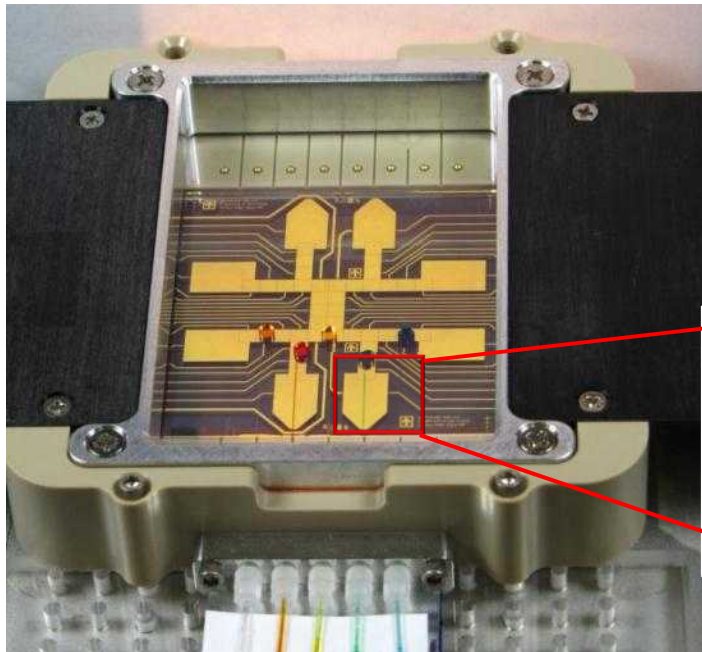
## Core architecture is the Sandia Digital Microfluidic Hub

- Use microliter droplets as sample cargo containers
  - Operated “digital” fashion
  - virtual tubes or microreactors
  - Merge, mix, split (virtual pipetting)

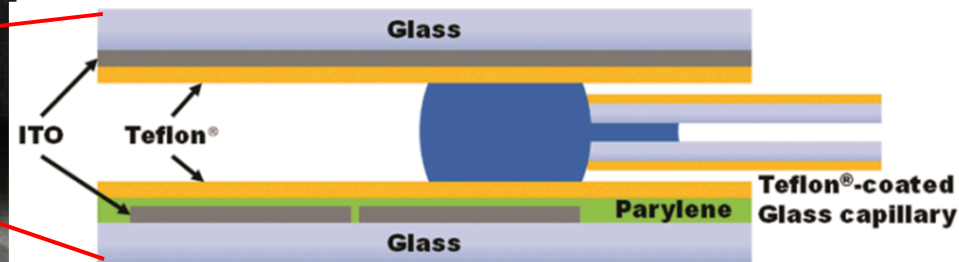
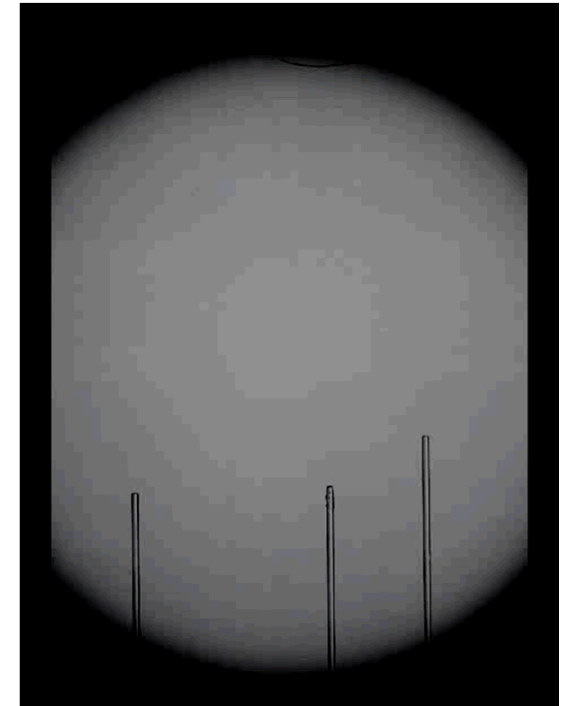


# Key Advantages

- Standardized fluidic interface for transporting fluids and reagents
- Overcomes limitations due to volume scales
- Programmable processing and workflow



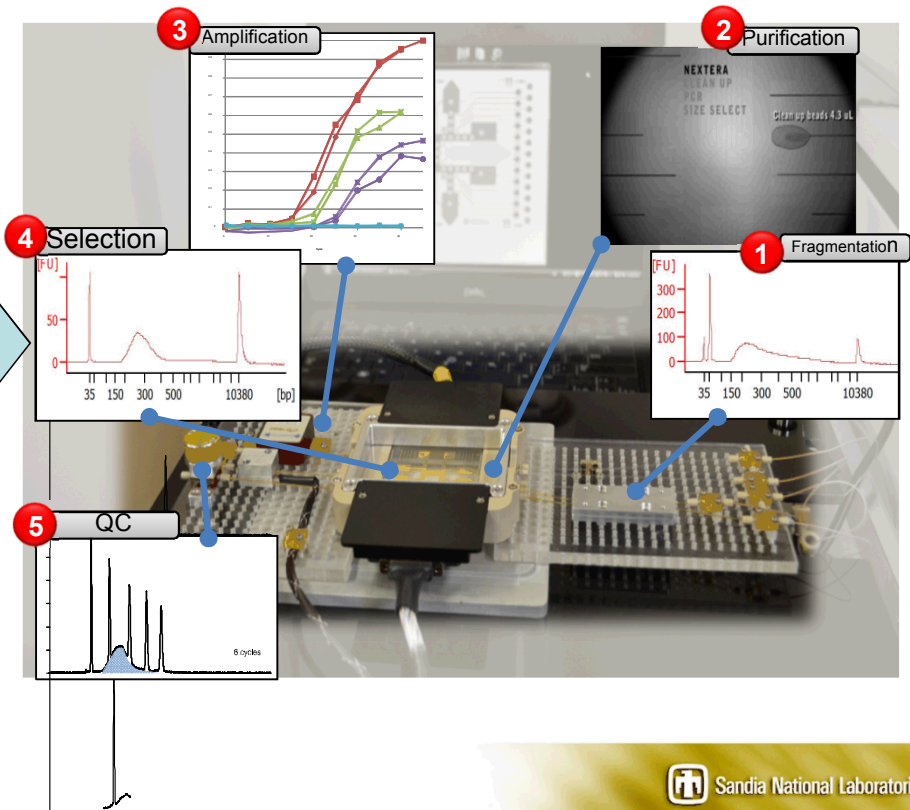
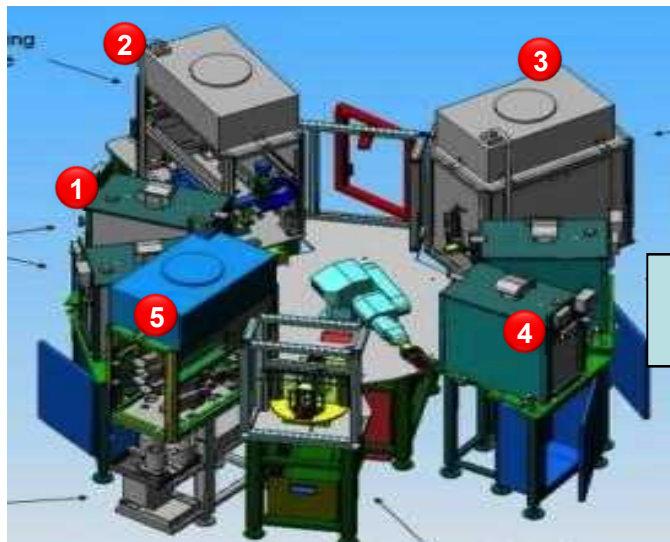
Sandia Digital Microfluidic Hub



Cross-section view

# Differentiating factor from existing technology

Translate robotic liquid handler workflow to the microscale



# Commercial Applications

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- **DNA forensics**
- **Small-scale laboratory automation**
- **Analytical instrument QC integration**



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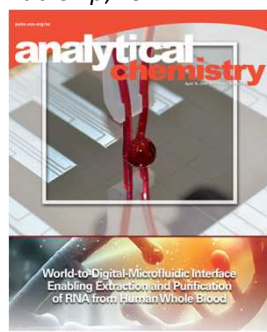
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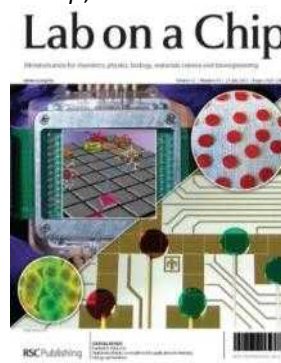
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