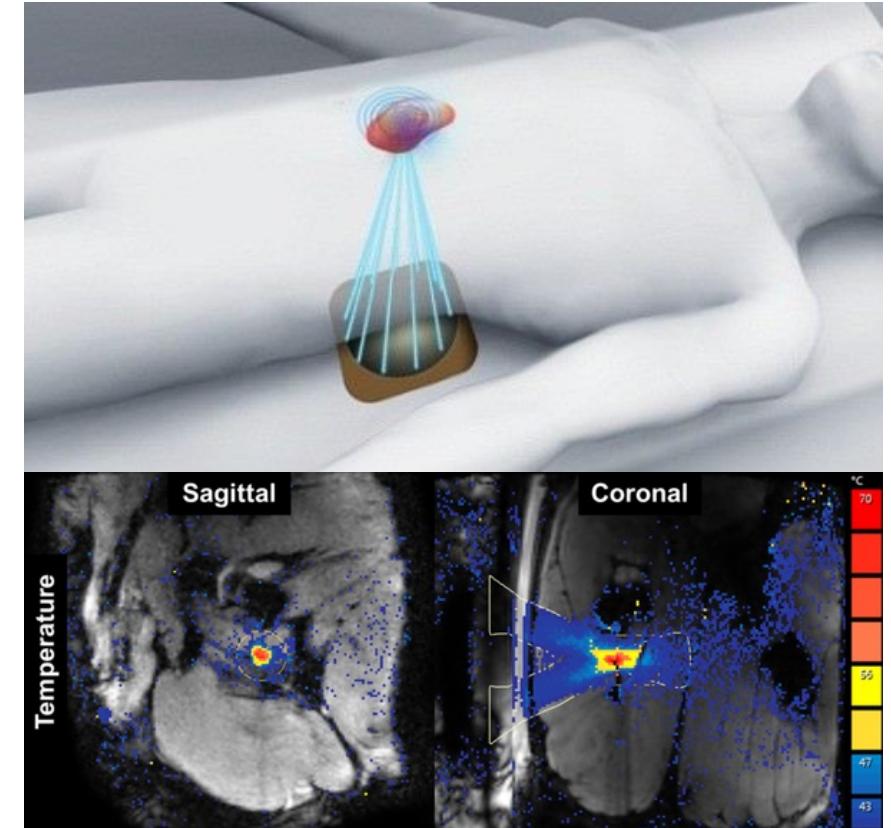
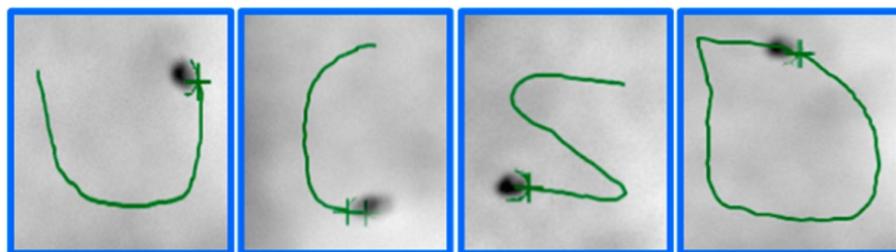
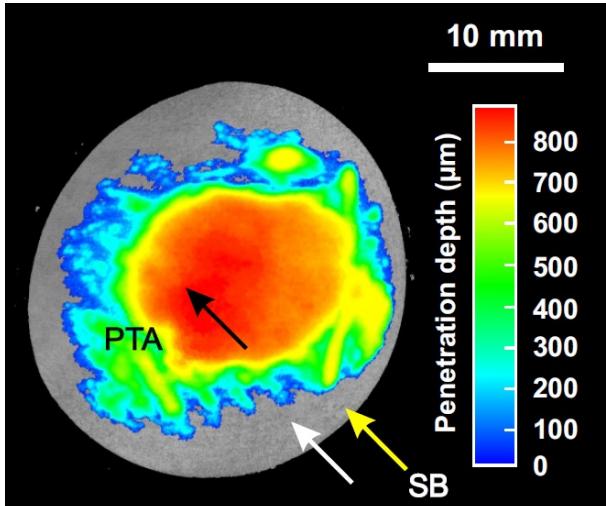


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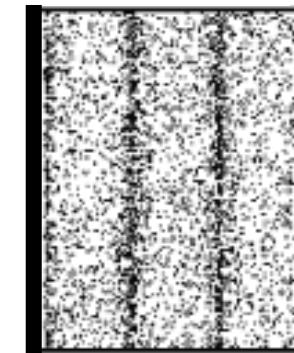
# Standing wave



plane wave: →



plane wave: ←



plane waves: superposition

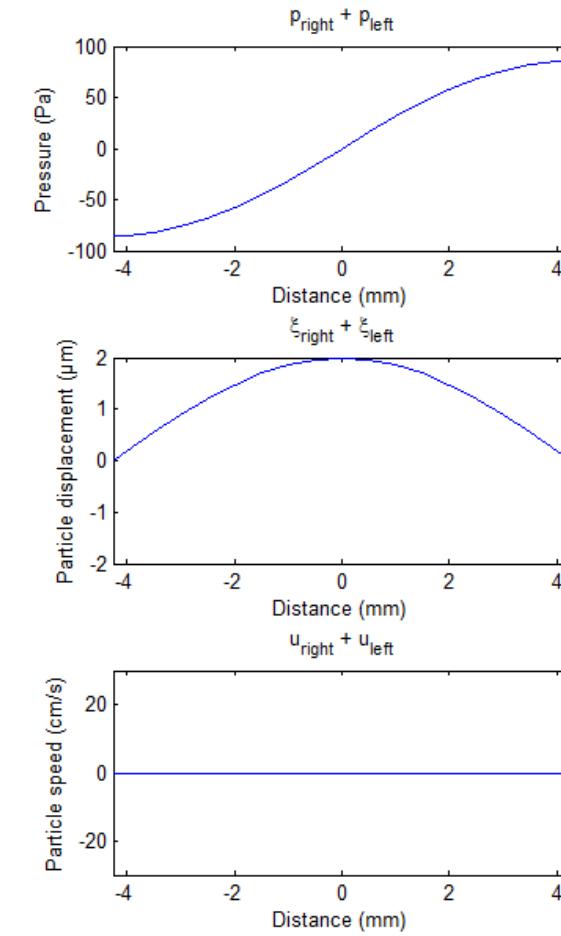
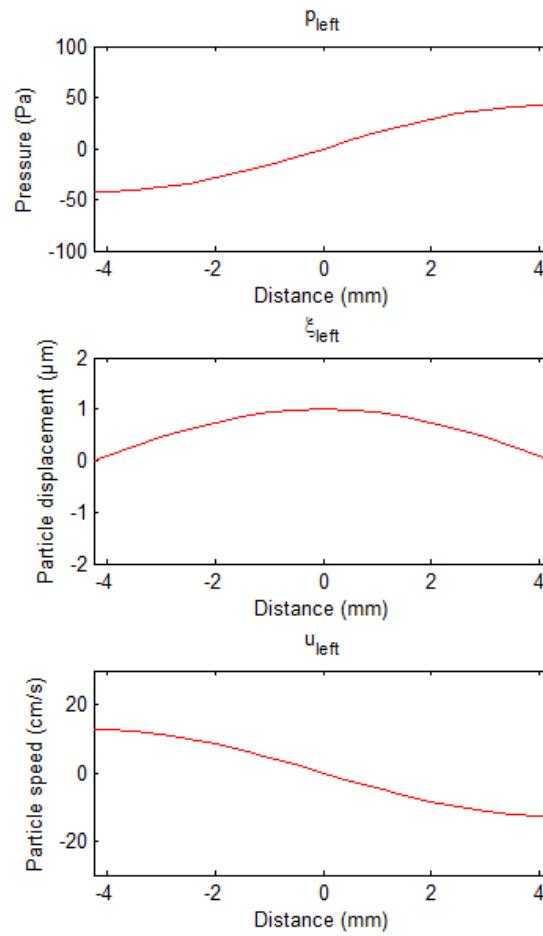
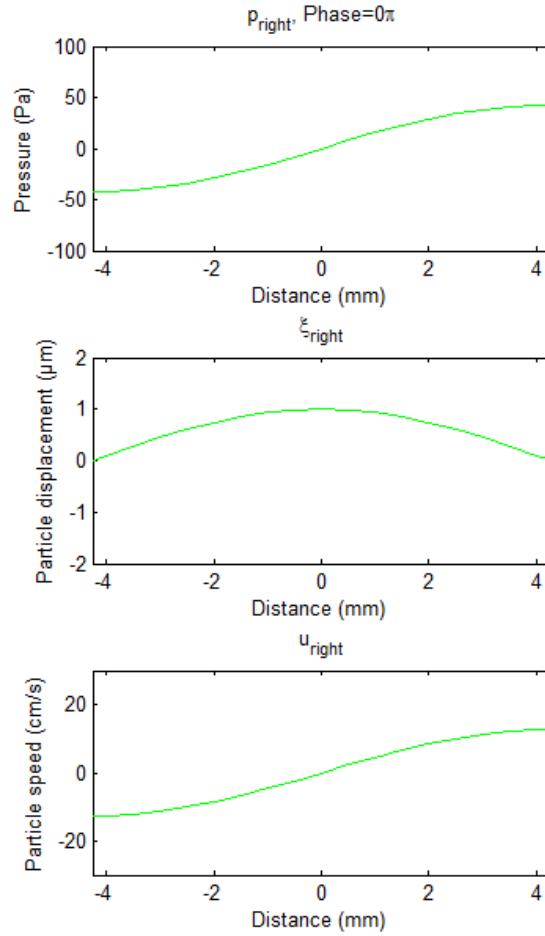
Where are the pressure nodes/anti-nodes?

Where are the displacement nodes?

# Relationships of pressure, particle displacement and particle speed

$\lambda/2$  resonator

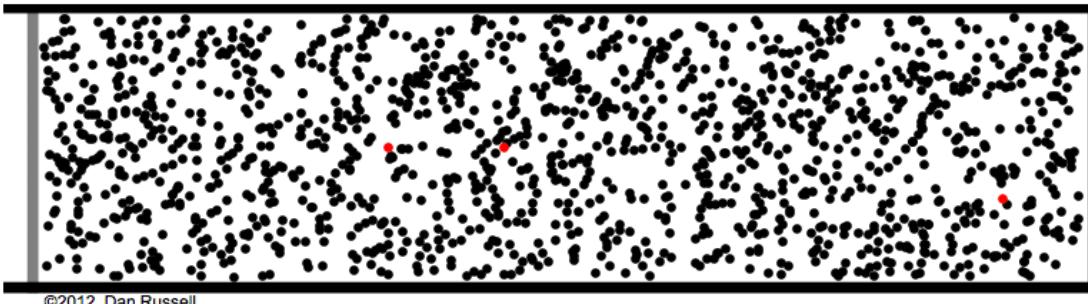
$c = 340 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $f = 20 \text{ kHz}$



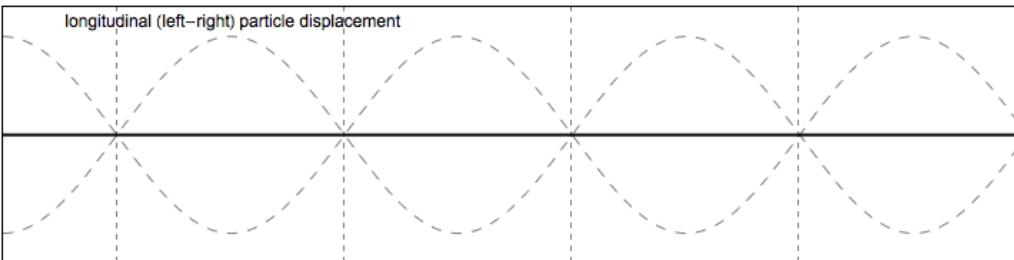
# Standing wave

Where is the energy density the lowest?

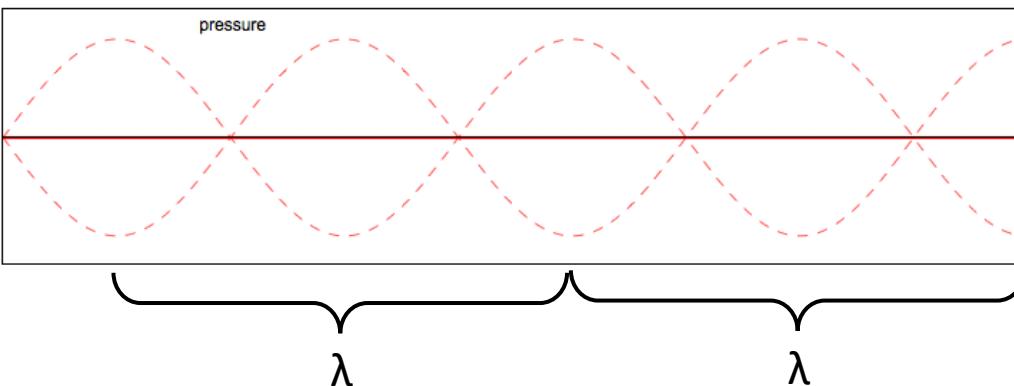
Where is the energy density the highest?



Particle displacement:



Pressure:



# Acoustic radiation force on a sphere within a standing wave

- A linear one-dimensional stationary standing wave the time-averaged radiation force applied to a sphere can be expressed as

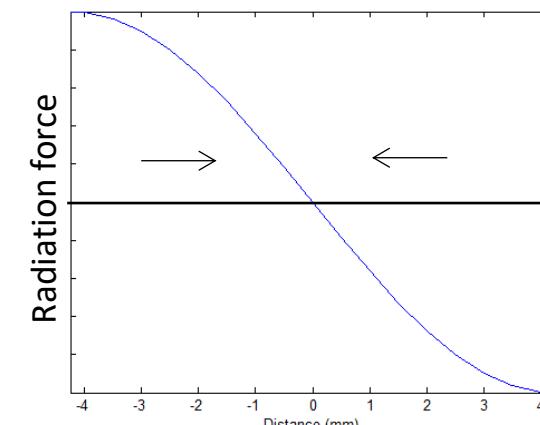
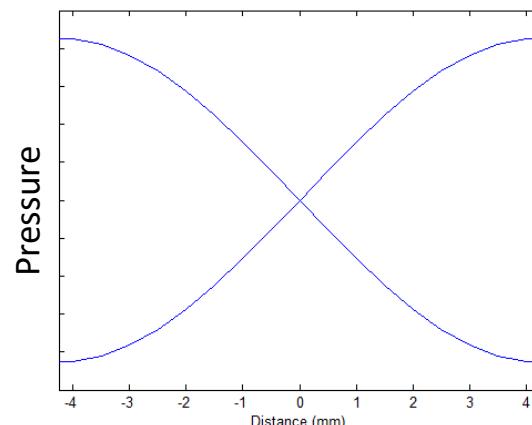
$$F = - \left( \frac{\pi \hat{p}^2 V_s \beta_m}{2\lambda} \right) \phi \sin(2kx) = - \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 \frac{k}{2} \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2\rho_m c_m} \phi \sin(2kx)$$

where

- $R$  = sphere radius
- $x$  = distance from the pressure node
- $\hat{p}$  = peak pressure amplitude of the standing wave
- $\beta_m$  =  $1/K$  = compressibility
- $\phi$  = is a contrast factor, i.e.  $\phi = \frac{5\Lambda-2}{2\Lambda+1} - \frac{1}{\Lambda\sigma^2} = \frac{5\Lambda-2}{2\Lambda+1} - \frac{\beta_s}{\beta_m}$ , where  $\Lambda = \rho_s/\rho_m$ ,  $\sigma = c_s/c_m$ , and  $s$  = sphere,  $m$  = medium.

$$\begin{aligned} &V_s \quad \text{Maximum energy density} \\ &\text{Contrast factor} \\ &k = \text{wavenumber} = 2\pi/\lambda \\ &\Lambda/2 \text{ resonator} \end{aligned}$$

When  $\phi > 0$ , the sphere travels towards the pressure node. When  $\phi < 0$ , the sphere travels towards the pressure antinode.



# Where does the particle want to go? Acoustic trap with blood

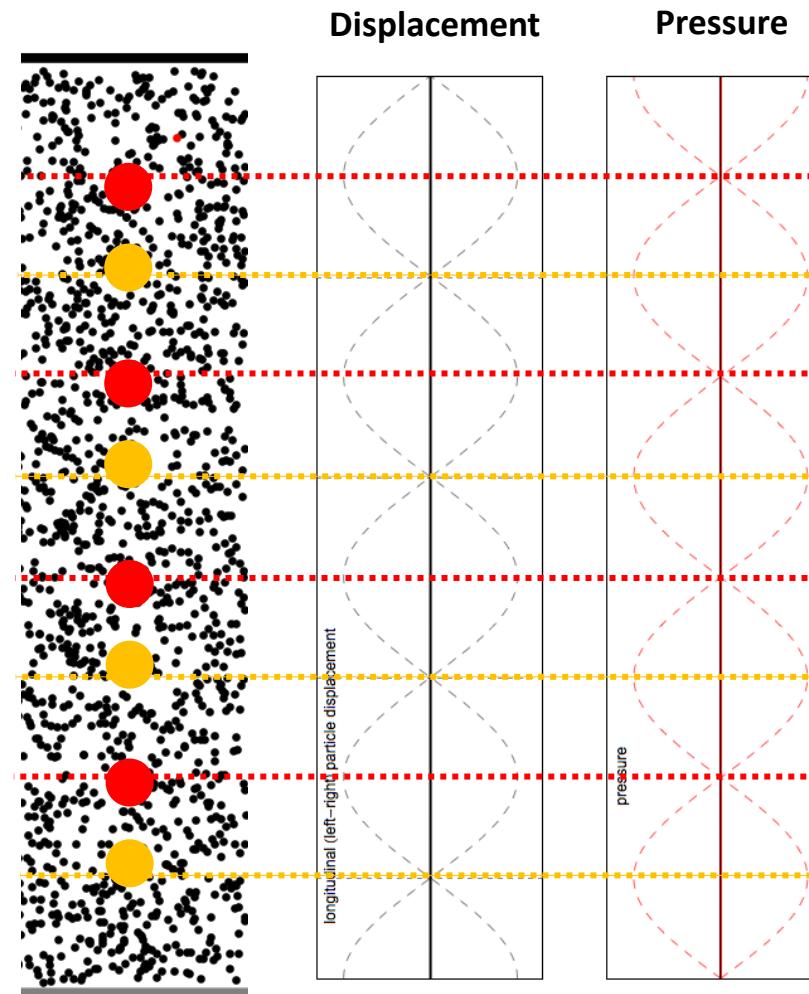
● = red blood cell

○ = fat particle

Gravitation ↓

**Heavy particles go  
to pressure node**

**Light particles go  
to pressure anti-node**



# Wall-less chemistry by acoustic levitator

Multiple polystyrene spheres



Multiple liquid droplet



Liquid compressed to a pancake



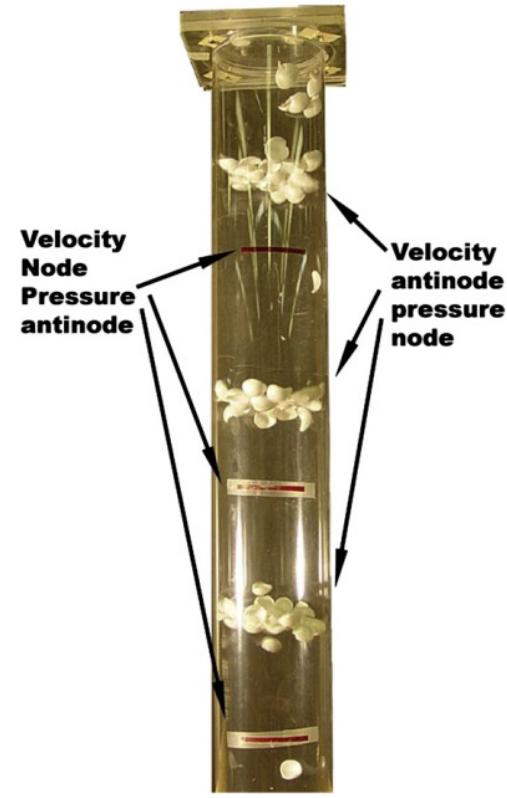
Heavy Tungsten sphere



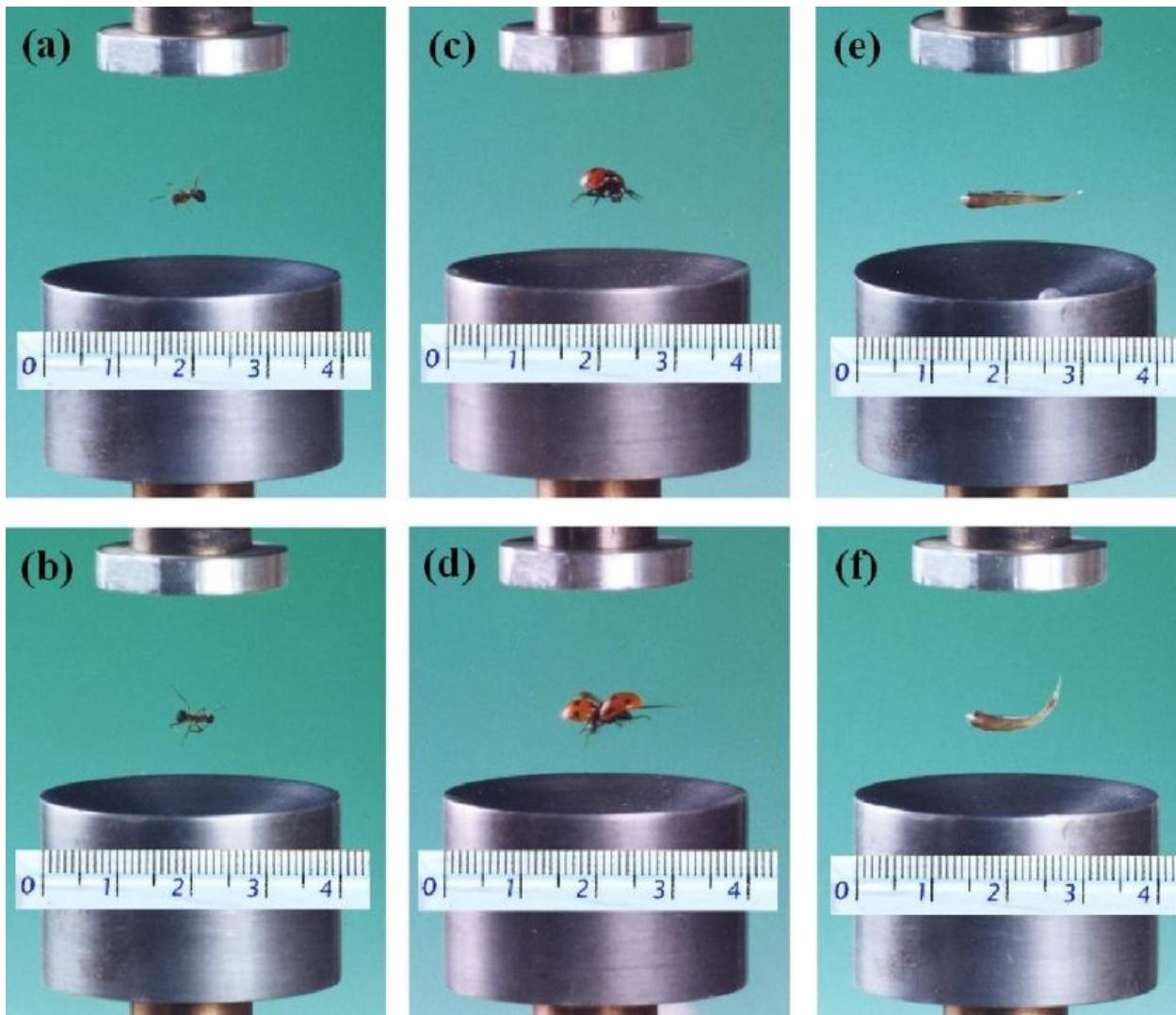
# Acoustic levitator



**Styrofoam chips levitating  
in a vertical Kundt's tube**

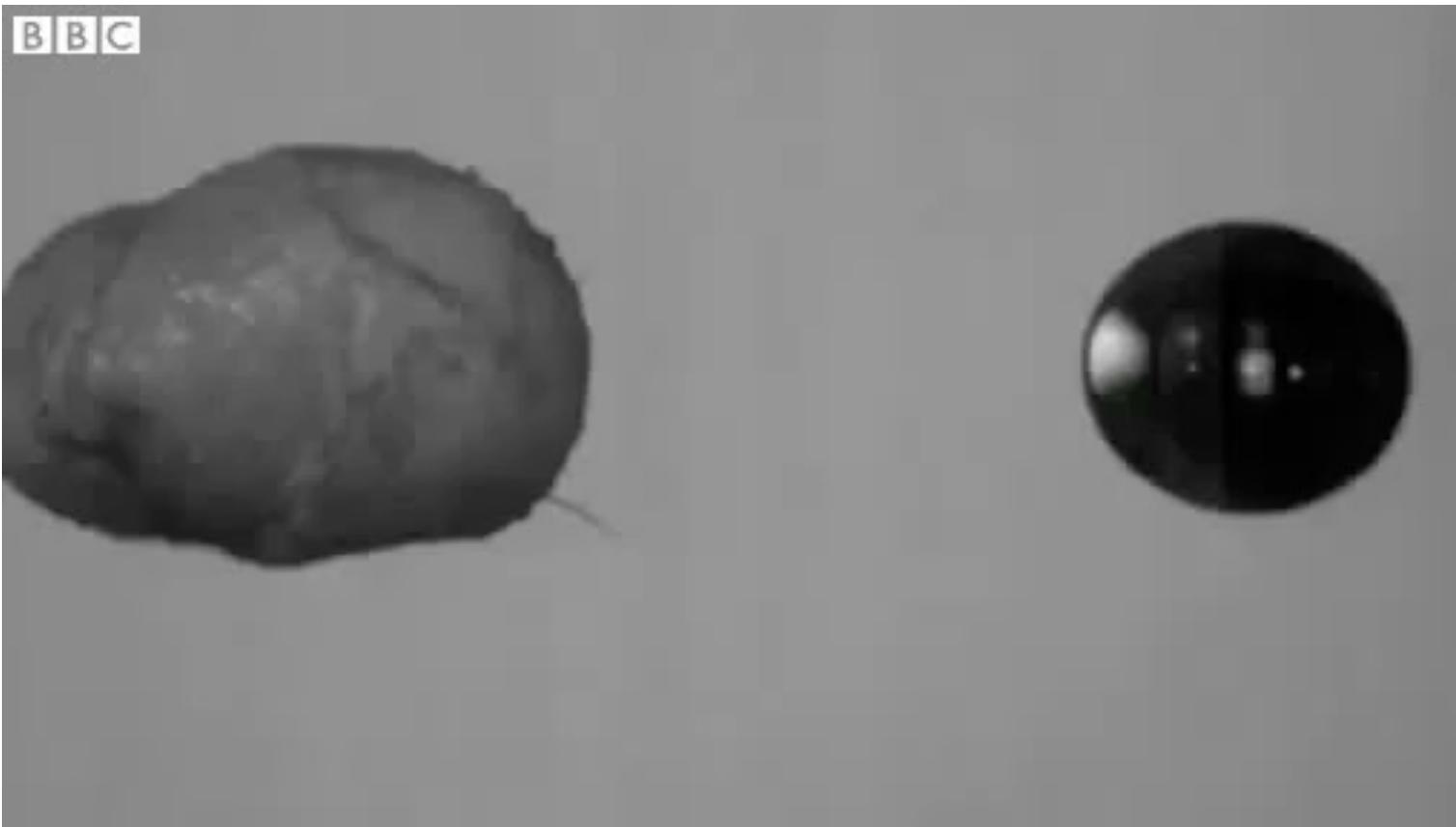


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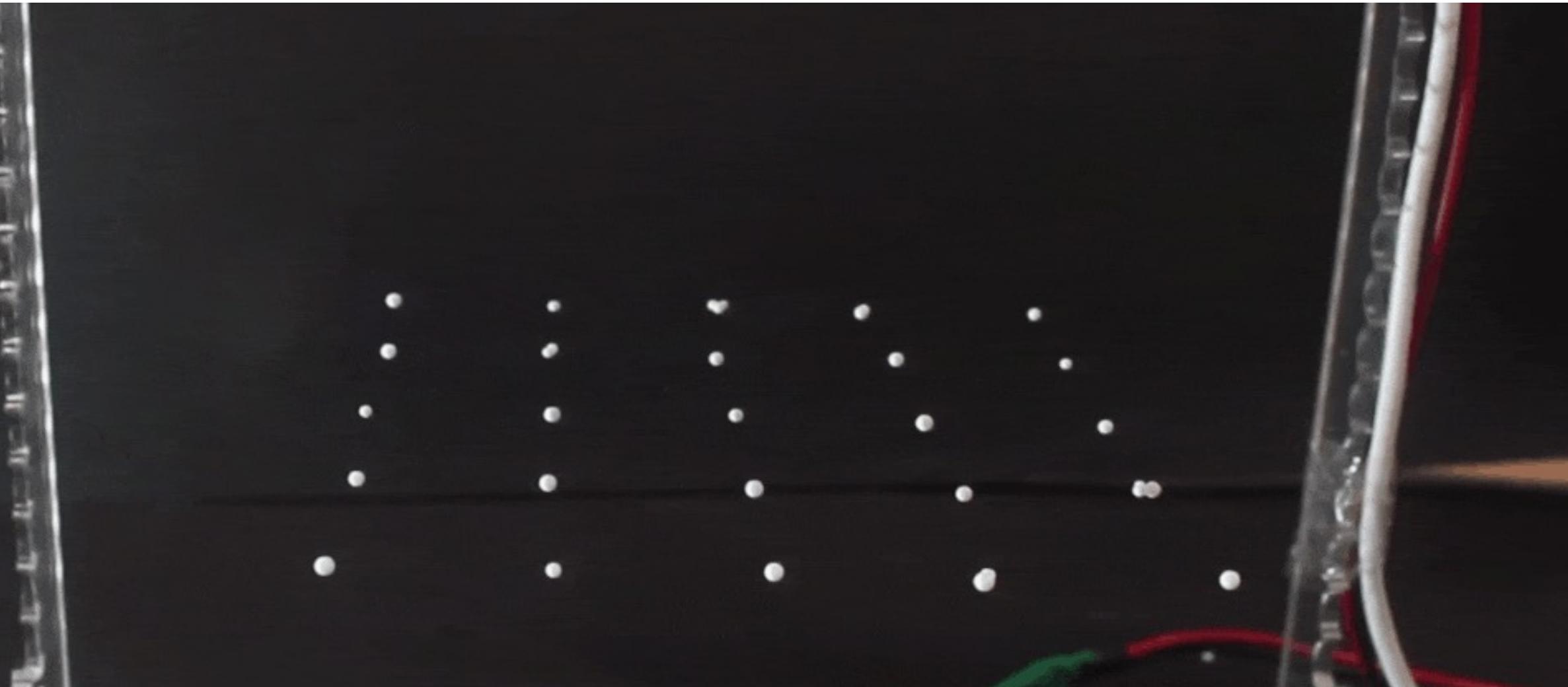


# Acoustic levitator

- Wall-less chemistry:



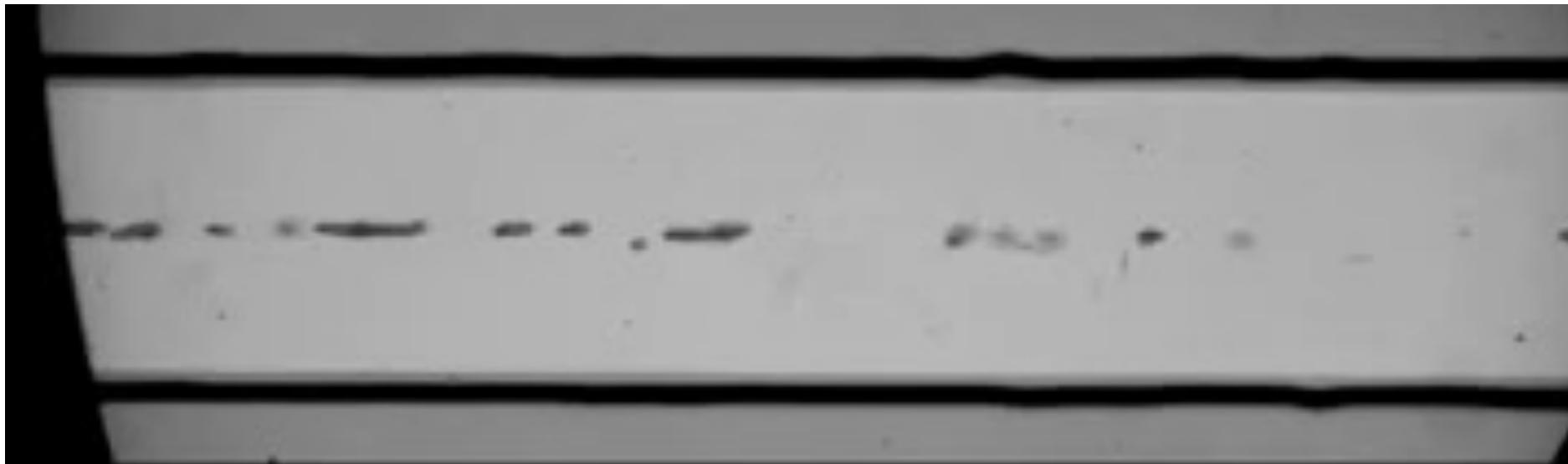
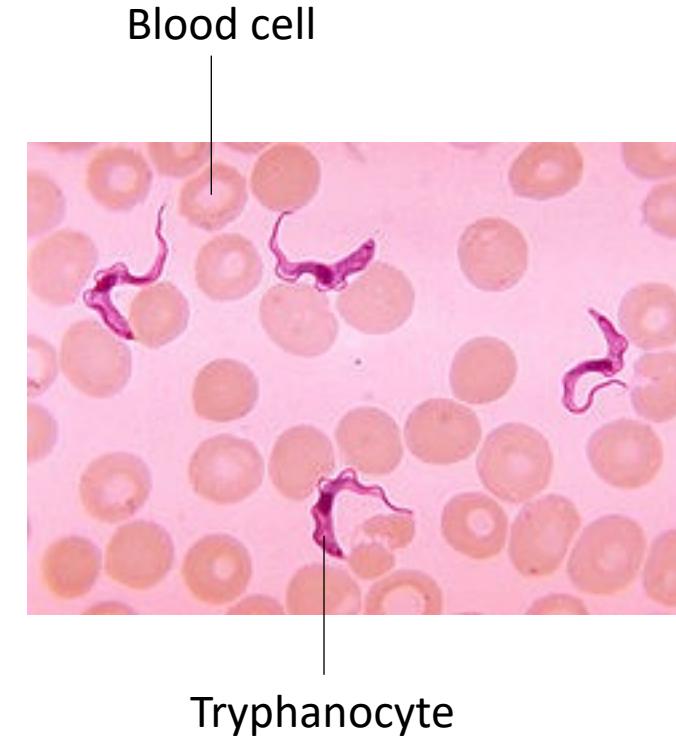
# Acoustic levitator



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# Acoustic levitator

- Separation of blood cells and trypanocytes:

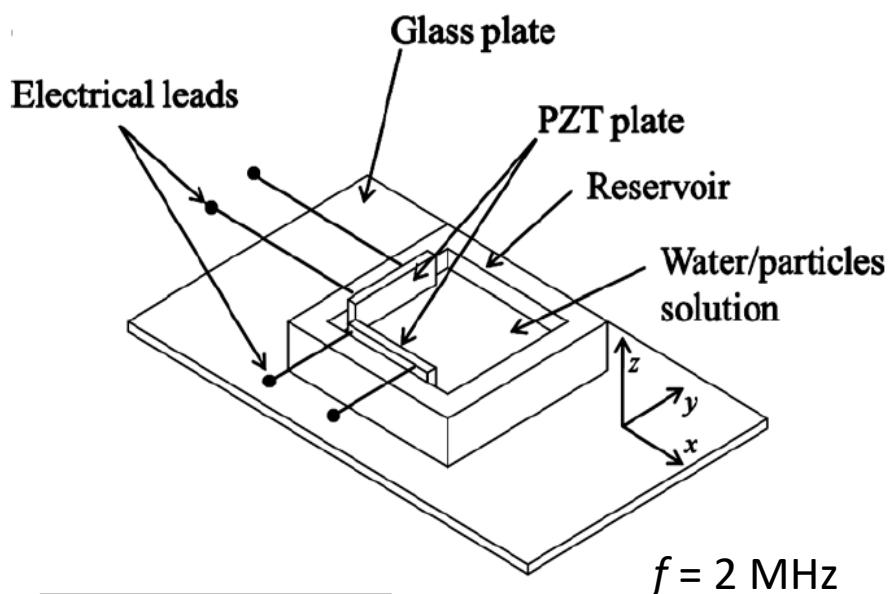


# Advantages of acoustic levitators

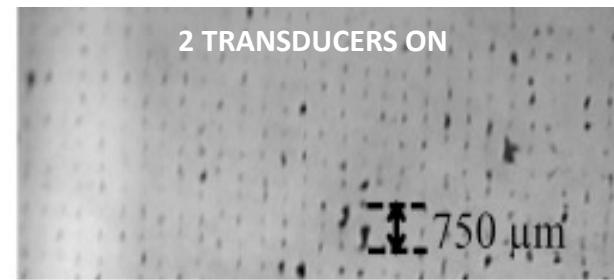
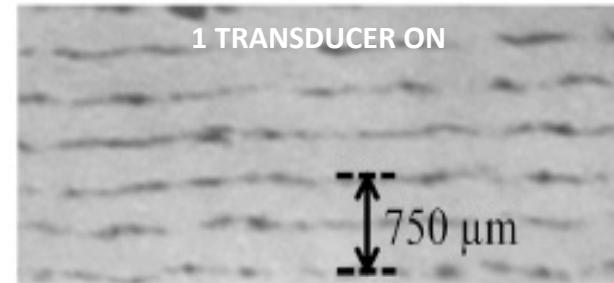
- Wall-less chemistry, bio-chemistry
- Remote forces → non-touching platform
- Trapping of entities in blood stream
- However, not yet applied in human *in vivo*

# Separation of diamond nanoparticles

- Radiation force
- Collecting 5nm diamond spheres using radiation force in standing waves



$f = 2 \text{ MHz}$   
 $p_0 = 50.2 \text{ kPa}$

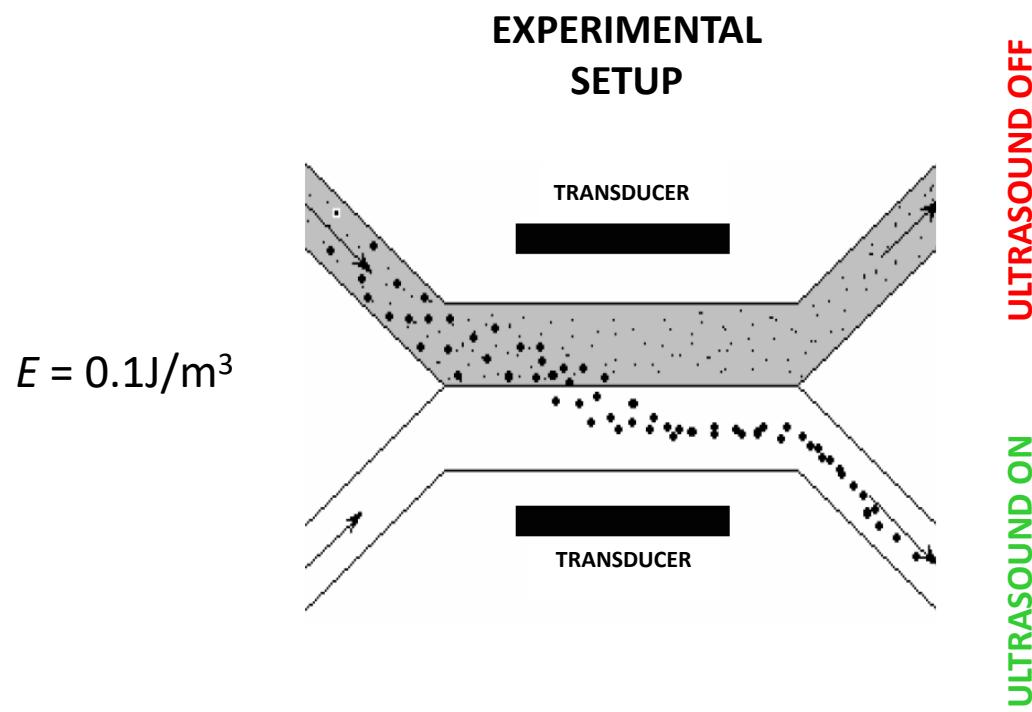


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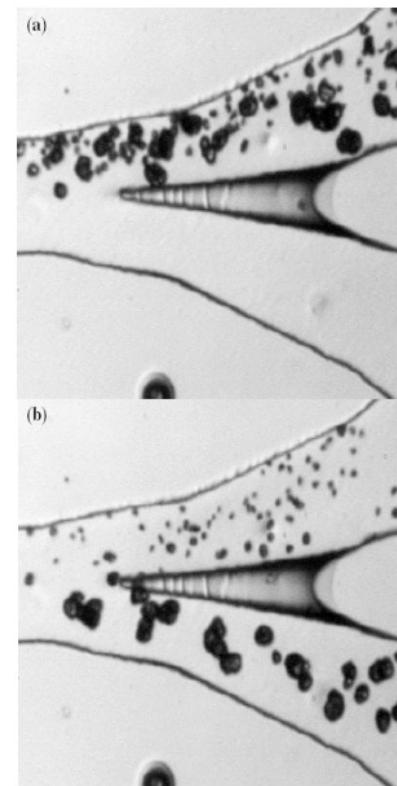
# Radiation force – standing wave

- Separation of blood cells: standing waves in microfluidic channel

Why are big particles moved and not small ones?

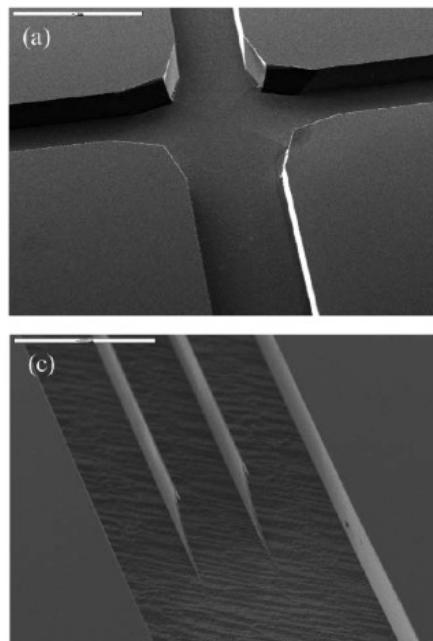


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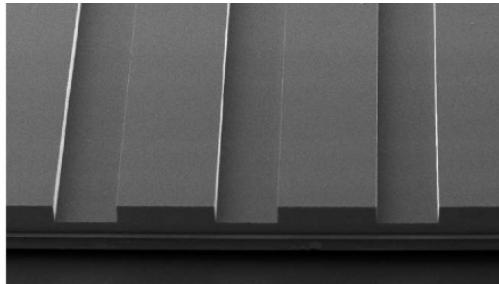


# Cell separation with ultrasound

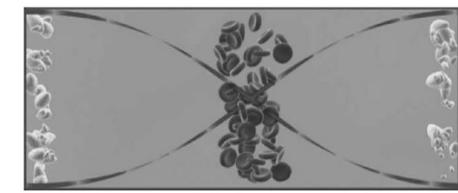
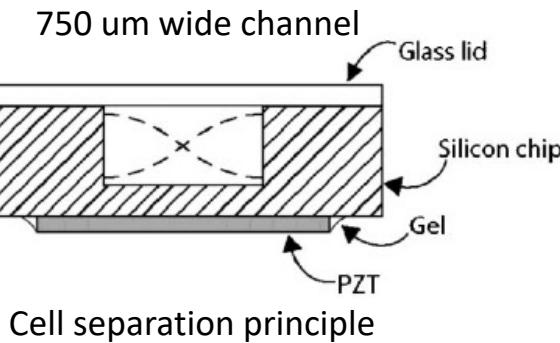
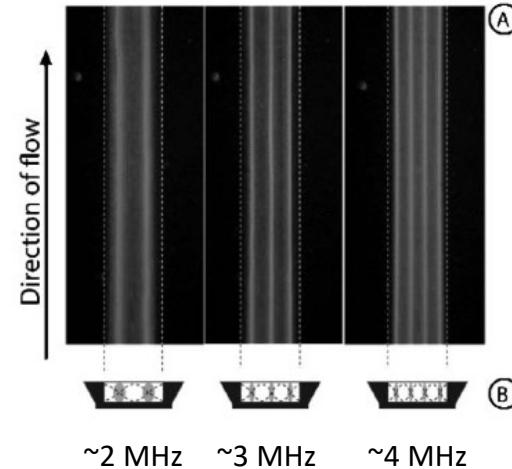
Complex channels in silicon wafer



Single channel  
in silicon wafer

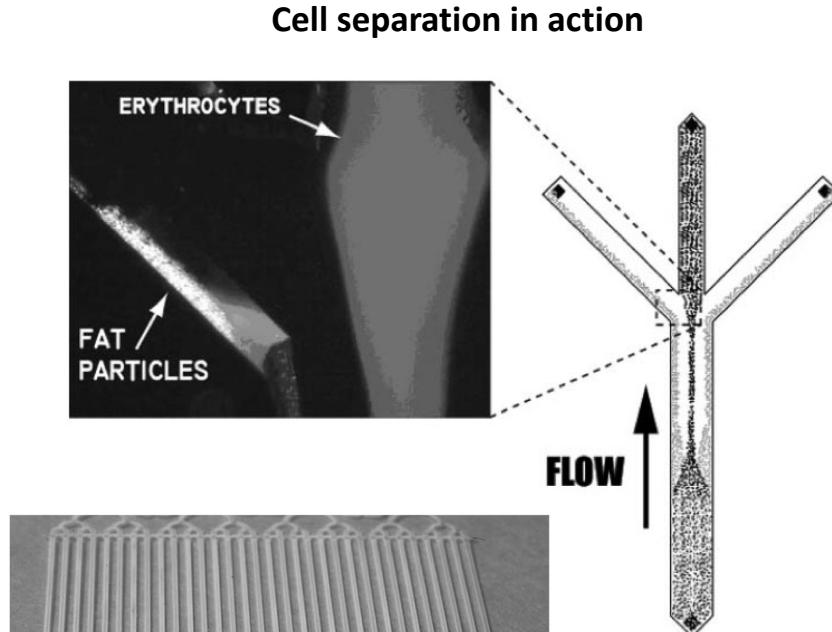
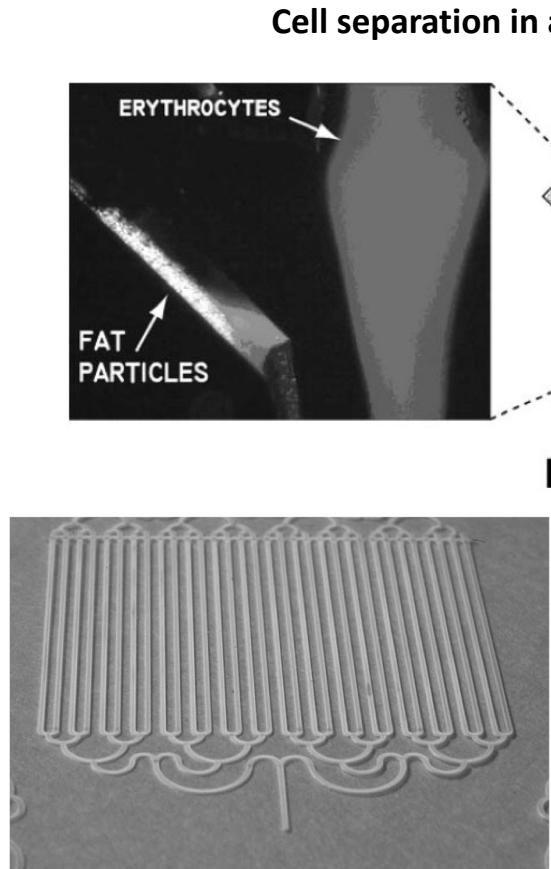


Separation at different  
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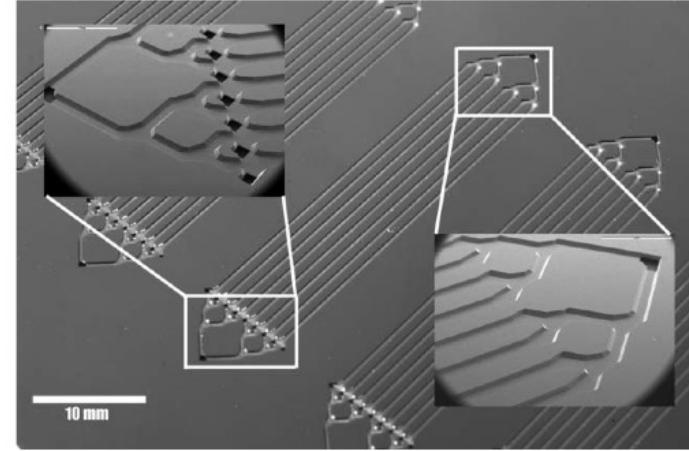


Separation in single channel

# Cell separation with ultrasound



**Fig. 20**  $2^5$  bifurcation channel tree holding 32 parallel  $\sim 400 \mu\text{m}$  channels realised by micromilling in a polycarbonate sheet. It is possible to realize separation channels in polymers but due to acoustic losses in the bulk material this is less preferential.

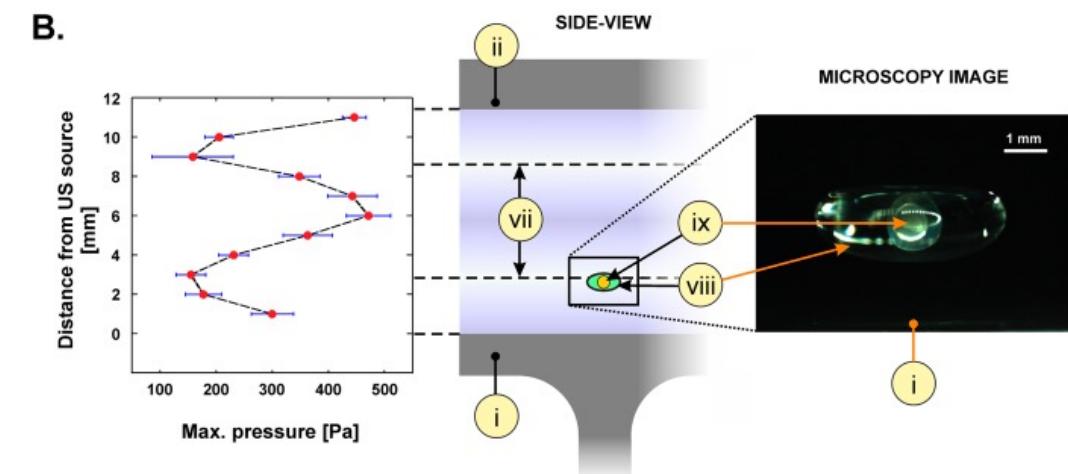


**Fig. 21** Picture of eight channel separation structures with scanning electron micrographs showing details of the bifurcation channel outlets (left) and inlet (right). The row of black diamond-shaped structures are the waste outlets. These are connected to a common waste outlet on the back side of the chip. The single outlet at the far left is the enrichment outlet.

## Bifurcation enables:

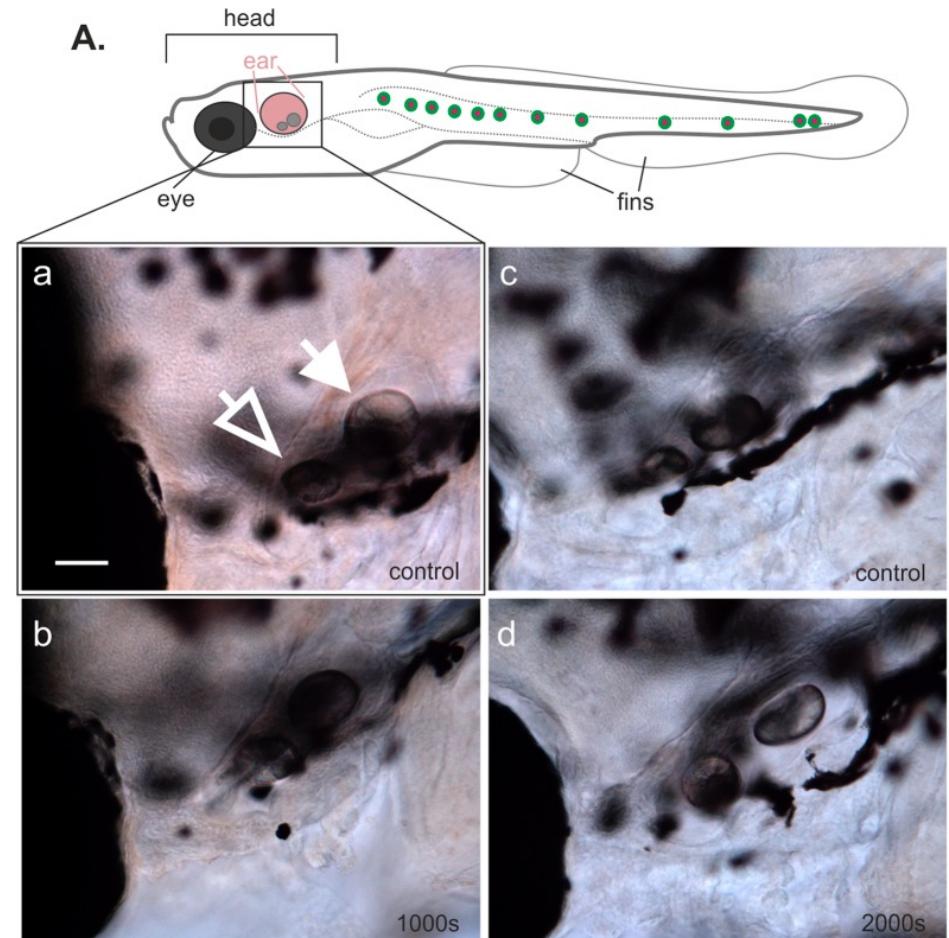
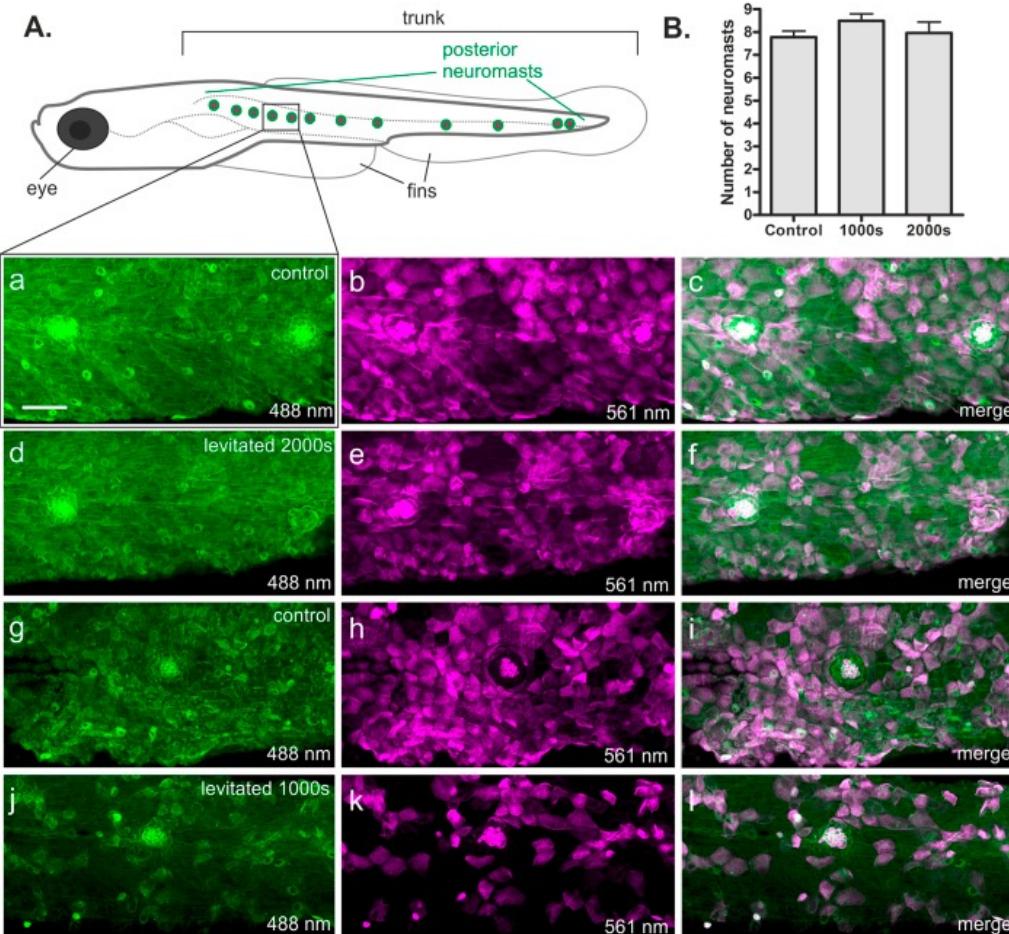
- More efficient particle separation
- Higher concentration of the end product
- Less contaminants in the end product

# Acoustic Levitation of Zebrafish embryos



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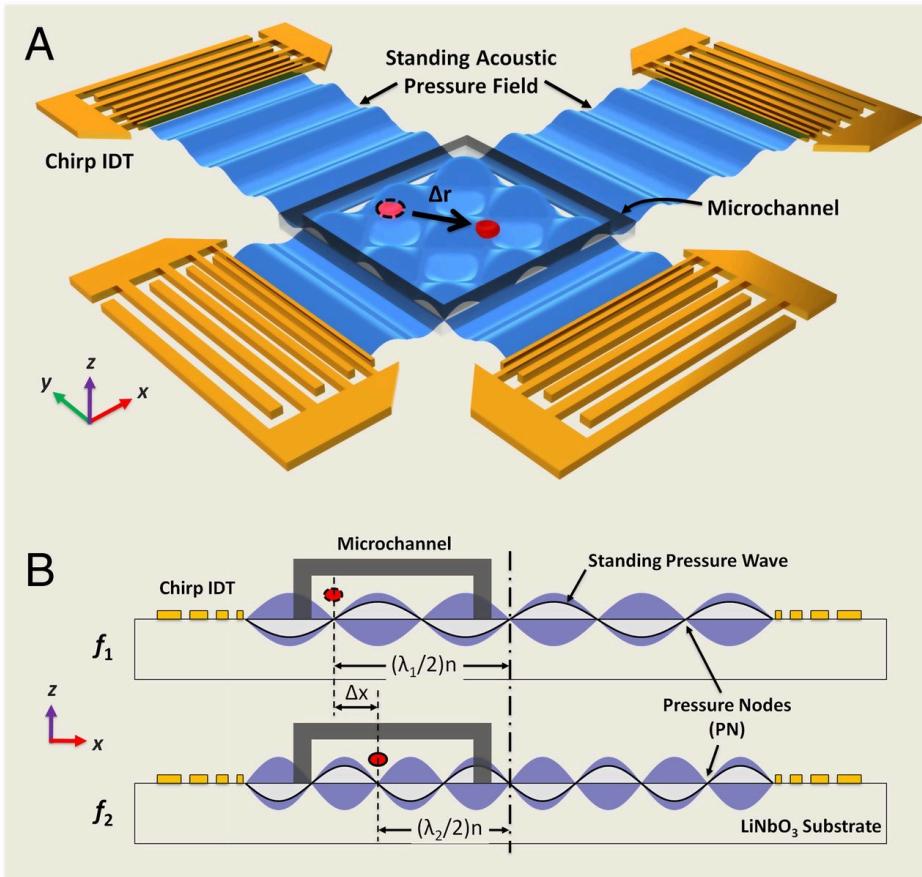
No biological adverse effects on pressure sensitive organs.



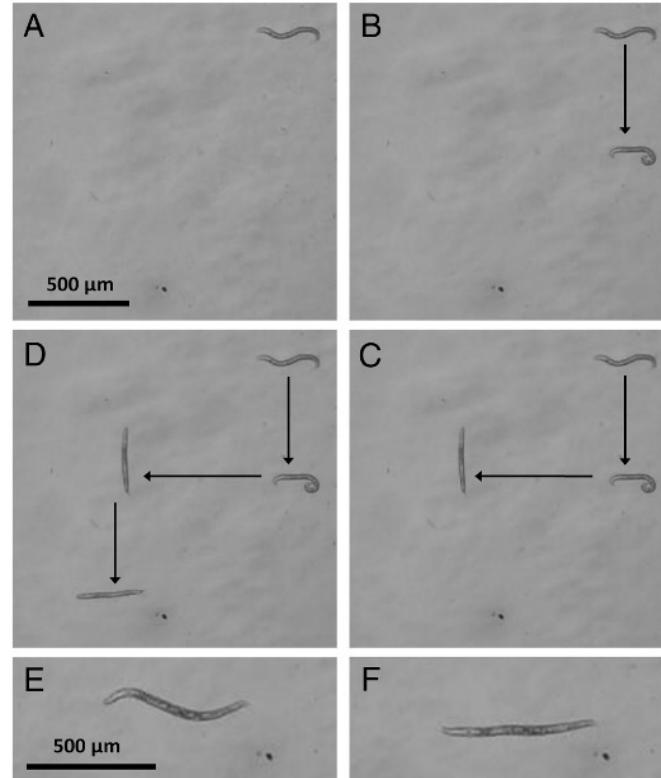
# Radiation force (standing SAWs)

# Surface acoustic wave (SAW) tweezers

Movement of an organism using SAW tweezers



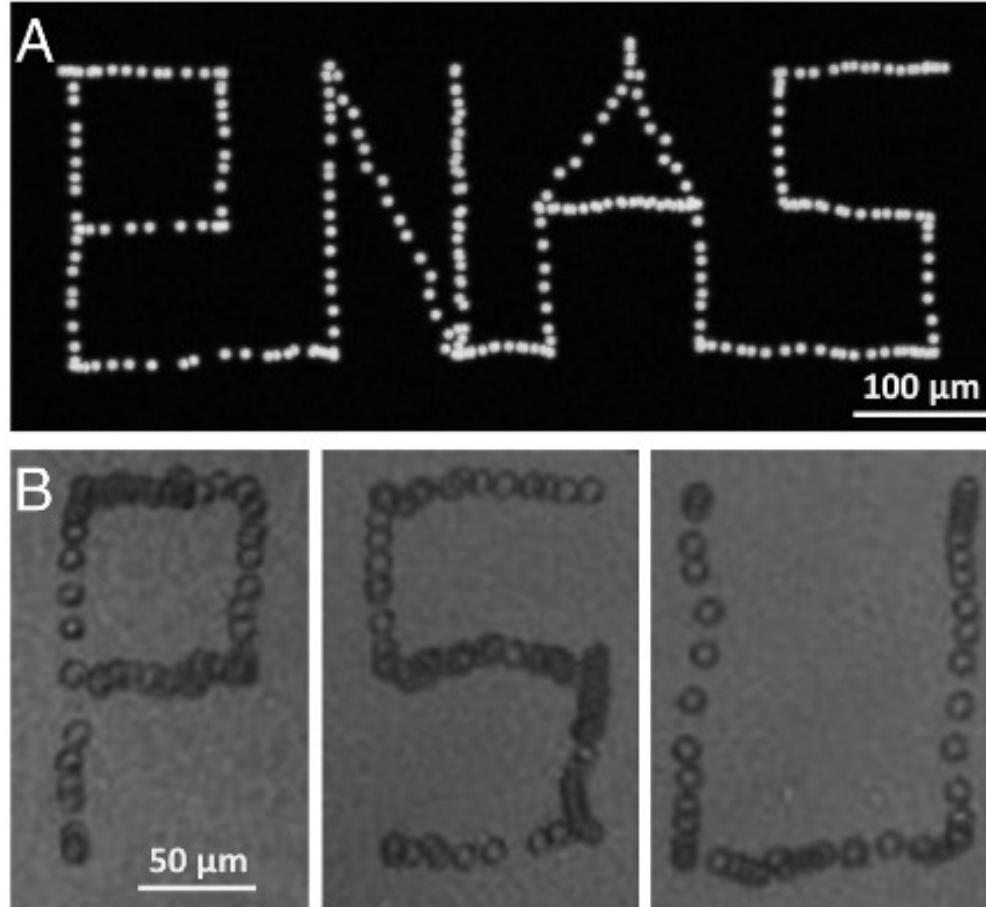
IDT = interdigital transducers



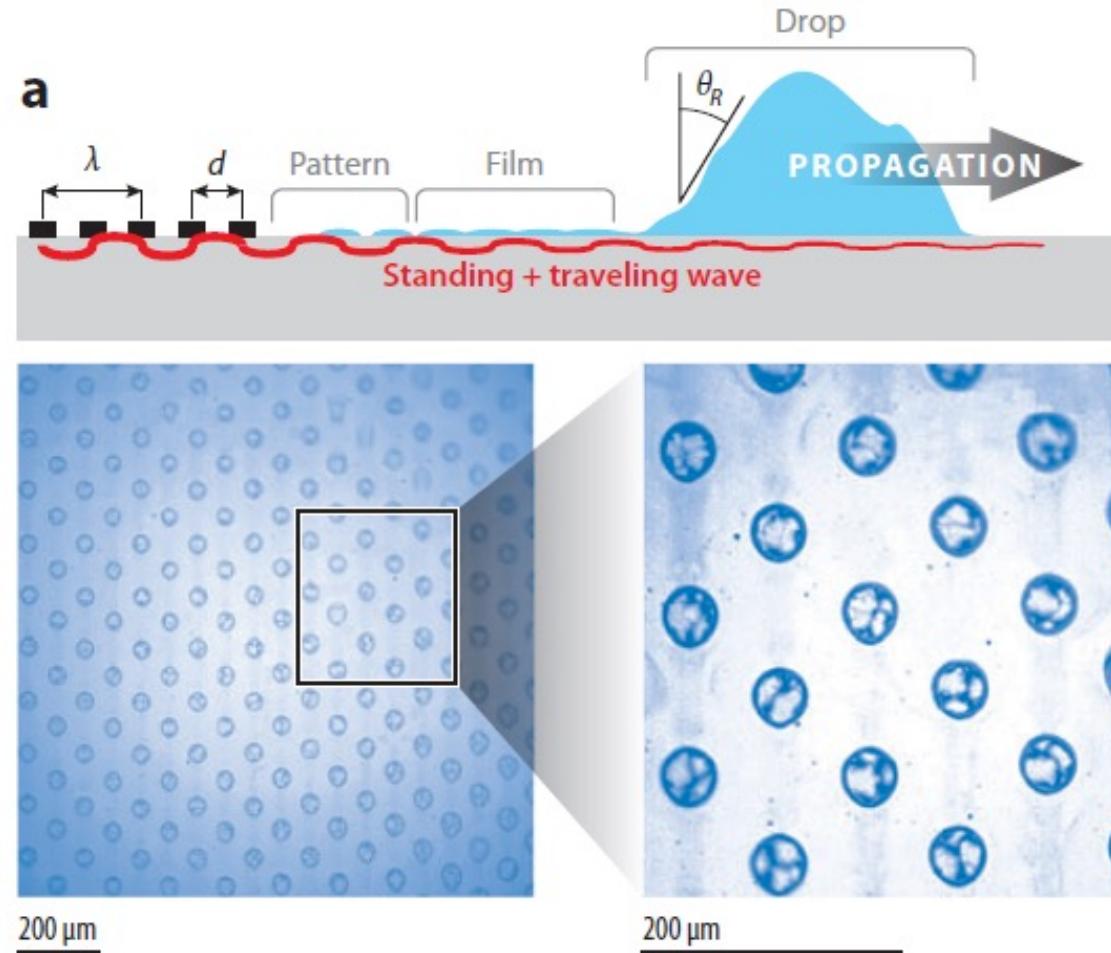
**Fig. 5.** Single *C. elegans* manipulation. One single *C. elegans* was (A) trapped, (B) moved in  $y$  direction, (C) moved in  $x$  direction, and (D) moved in  $y$  direction again and released, with the average velocity of approximately 40  $\mu\text{m}/\text{s}$ . An optical image of *C. elegans* (E) before and (F) after being fully stretched. *C. elegans* = *Caenorhabditis elegans*

# Track generated by surface acoustic wave tweezers

**Path drawn by**  
A. Polystyrene spheres  
B. Bovine red blood cells



# Droplet matrix generation



# Biological responses to radiation force

**Table 3.3.** *Summary of pulsing regimes required to generate acoustic bio-responses apparently caused by radiation pressure.*

Effect	Pulse length	Number of pulses
Choroid blanching (Lizzi)	100 $\mu$ s	1
Tactile sensation (Daleki)	1 ms	repetitive
Cardiac response in frog (Daleki)	5 ms	1
Fluid movement (Starritt)	0.5 $\mu$ s	1

# Summary: Radiation force

- Radiation force (travelling wave):
  - Can move tissue and tissue interfaces
    - Secondary streaming near a moving interface?
  - Can translate particles (and gas voids)
    - Translation of drug or drug vehicle
    - Contribution to drug localization/deposition/release
  - Depends on material properties:
    - Absorption
    - Reflection
    - Scattering
    - Speed of sound

# Feedback on this session

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