



Microfluidic manufacturing: from clean room to workshop

In this talk the rapid evolution of the field of microfluidic manufacturing from clean-room based manufacturing to rapid-prototyping options will be discussed.

The advantages and limit of each option will be described, with examples from speaker's research from the design and manufacturing of bio-inspired blood plasma separation structures to the development of ultra-fast bonding techniques for PMMA-based microfluidics. Finally, challenges ahead for the microfluidic community, and opportunities for chemical/materials engineering collaborations will be discussed.

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