

Fabrication Process

ME141B/292 (ECE 141B)

Outline

1. Etching Channels

1. Solvent clean
2. Spin photoresist
3. Expose with opposite of the fluidic pattern
4. Develop photoresist
5. Deposit hard mask (Cr-Au)
6. Lift off
7. Wet etch (Buffered HF)
8. Metal etch

2. Depositing Electrodes

1. Solvent clean
2. Spin photoresist
3. Expose with metal pattern (aligned to fluidic features)
4. Develop photoresist
5. Descum
6. Evaporate Ti-Au
7. Lift off

3. Sealing the Channels

1. Prepare Flat PDMS (3-5mm Thick)
2. Punch holes (biopsy punch)
3. Clean
4. O₂ Plasma Treatment
5. Align and Bond
6. Run experiments

Etching Channels

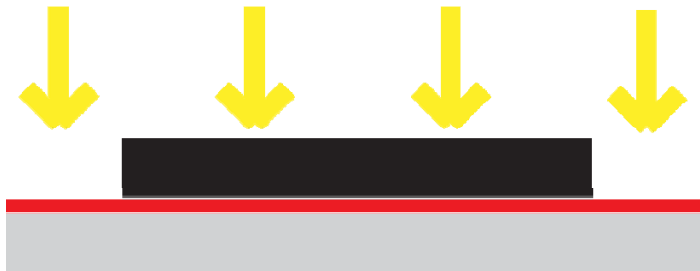
Solvent Clean Sample



Spin Photoresist (PR)



Expose Sample



Orange: Exposed, Red: Unexposed

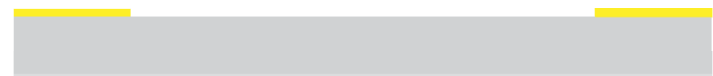
Develop PR



Evaporate Hard Mask (Cr-Au)



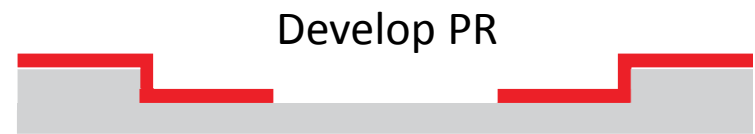
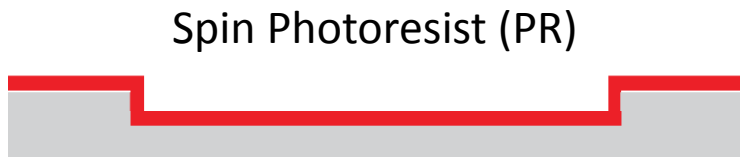
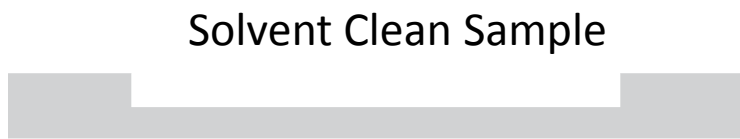
Lift Off



Etch Channel
Then Remove Metal



Depositing Electrodes



Sealing the Channels

Prepare Flat PDMS

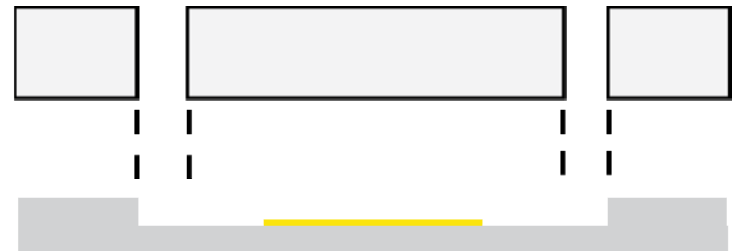


Biopsy Punch Access Holes

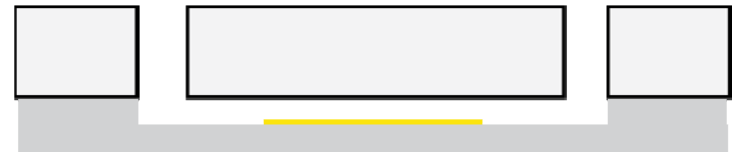


O₂ Plasma Surface Treatment

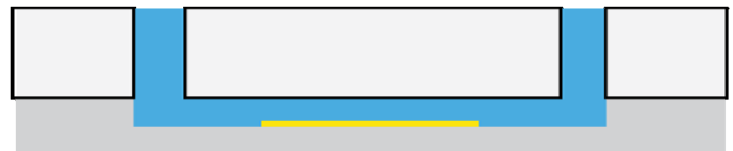
Align



Bond



Fill with Fluid



Run Experiments