

LNP Production with microfluidics

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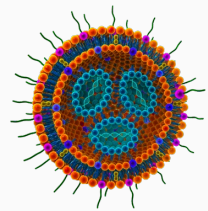


Case Study

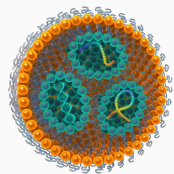


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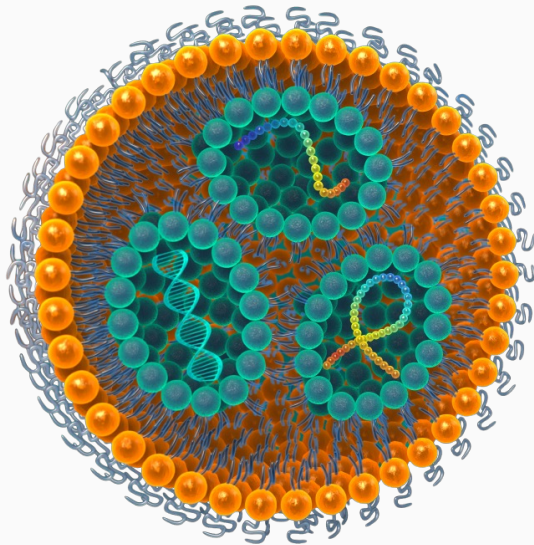
Liposome



Lipid Nanoparticle

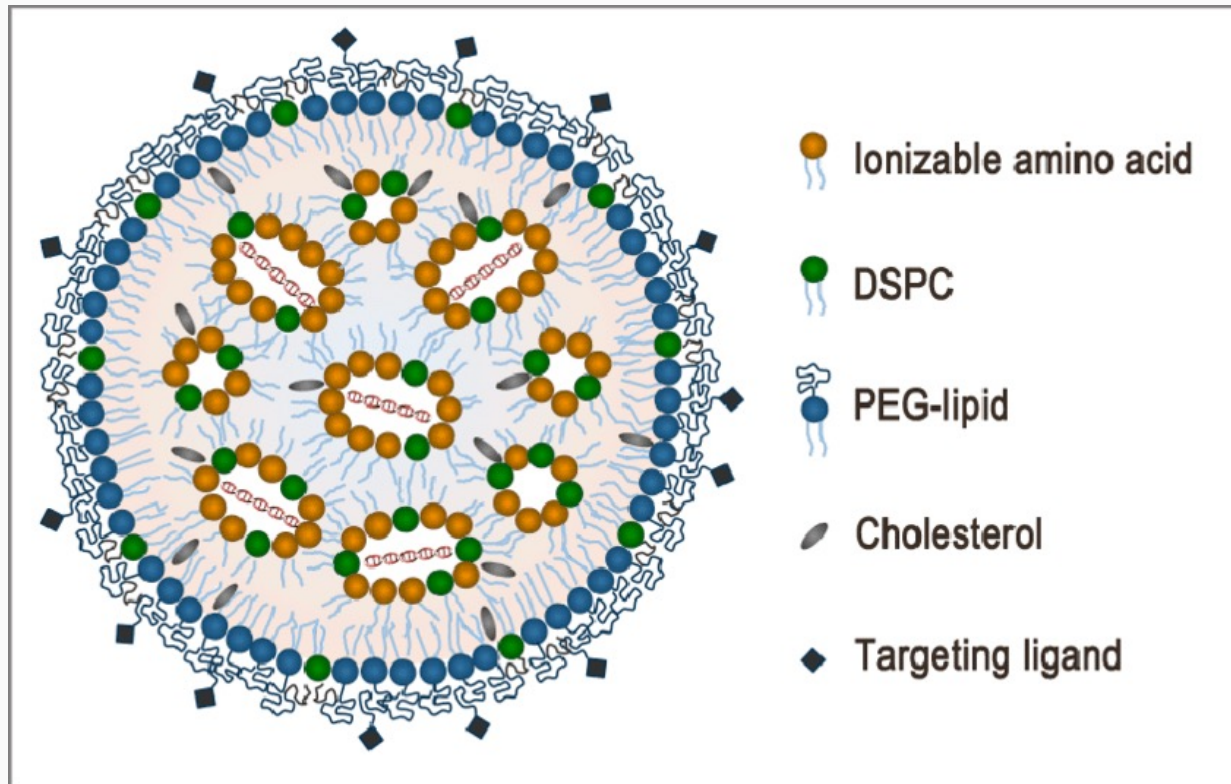
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Lipid Nanoparticles for the Delivery of mRNA/siRNA



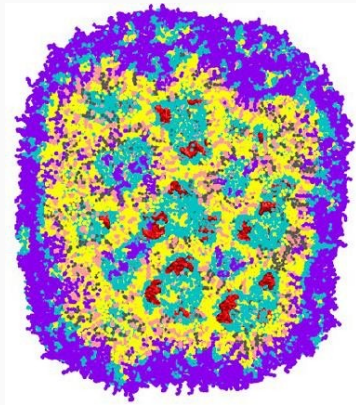
- Package RNA into nanoparticle core
- Protect RNA from degradation
- Facilitate RNA uptake into cells
- Promote RNA release into the cytoplasm

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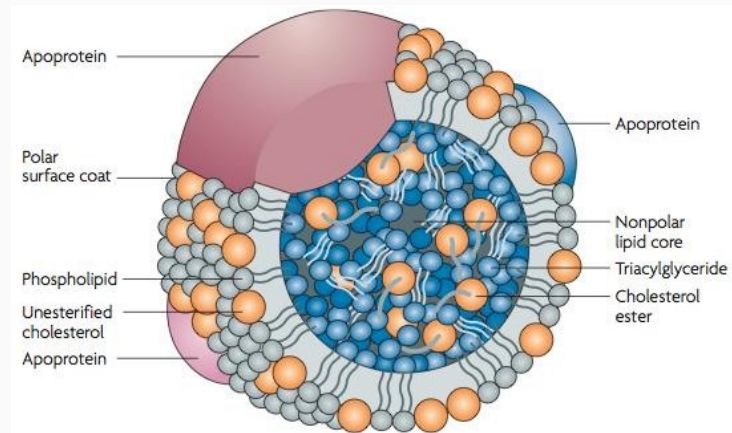


Composition of RNA-Lipid Nanoparticles

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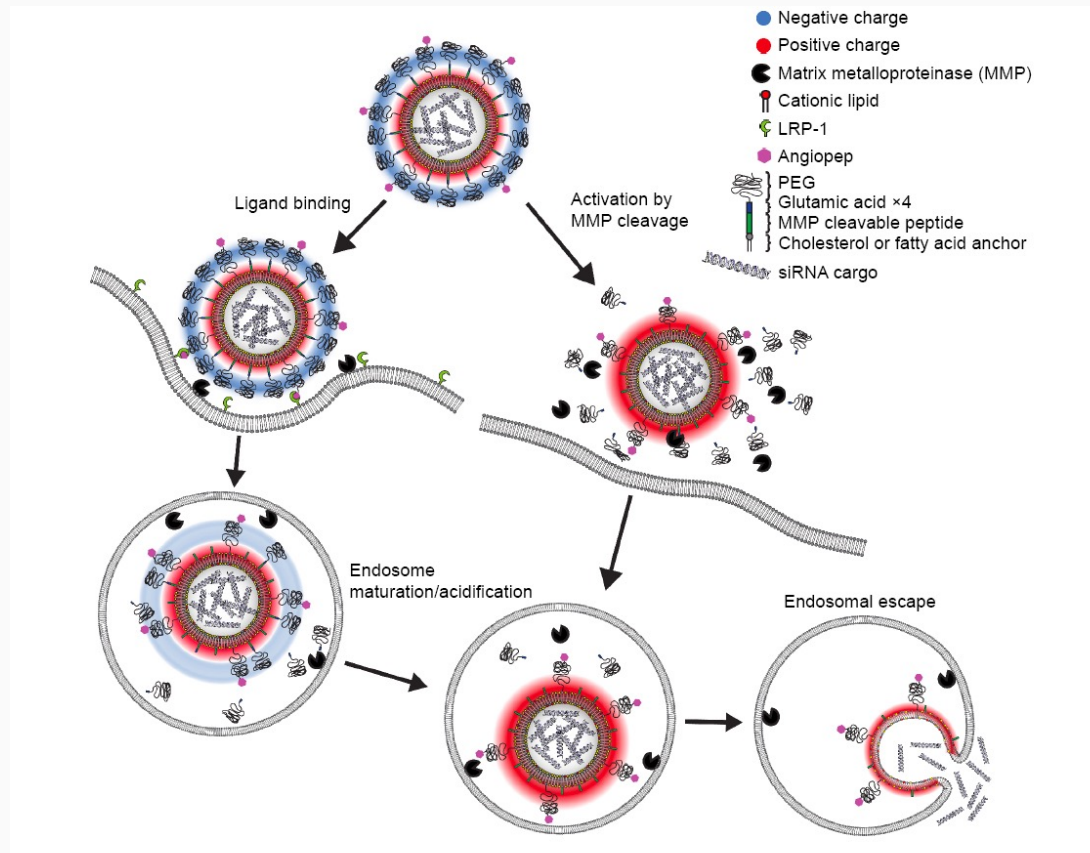
Neutral, Solid-Core RNA-Lipid Nanoparticles



Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL):
Endogenous Lipid Nanoparticles

Neutral RNA - Lipid Nanoparticles Mimic Endogenous Delivery Systems

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Ionizable Cationic Lipids Mediate Maximum Endosomal Escape



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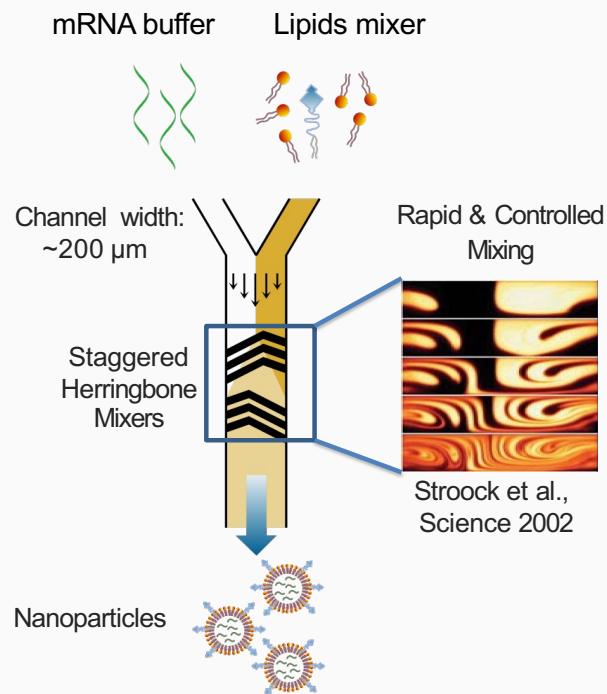
- Ease of use
- Size
- Encapsulation efficiency
- Speed
- Reproducibility
- Seamless Scale-Up

Advantage of Microfluidics in Novel RNA-Nanoparticles



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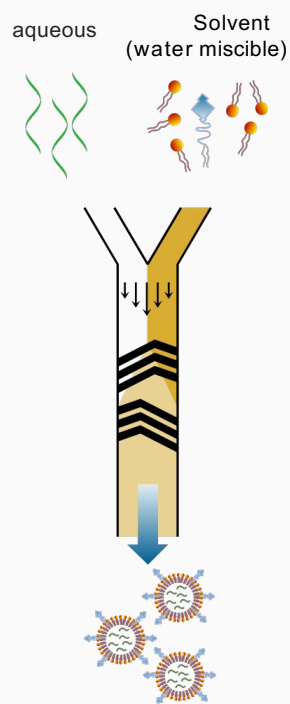
Microfluidic chaotic mixers



- Chaotic mixing
- Rapid mixing ($< 3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$)
- Reproducible

SHG microfluidic mixer for LNP production

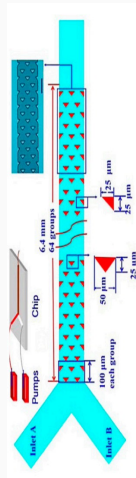
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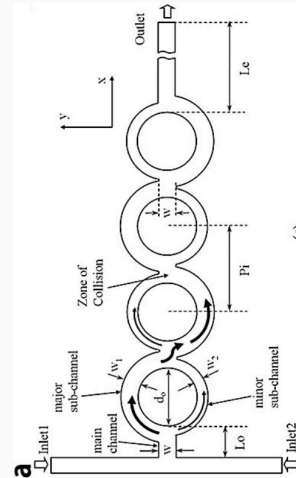
- FRR: aqueous:ethanol flow rates ration (mL/min) .
Higer FRR results in small LNP size and more uniform LNP
- TFR: Higher aqueous:ethanol flow rate ratios result in smaller LNP

Process parameters dictate nanoparticle biophysical characteristics

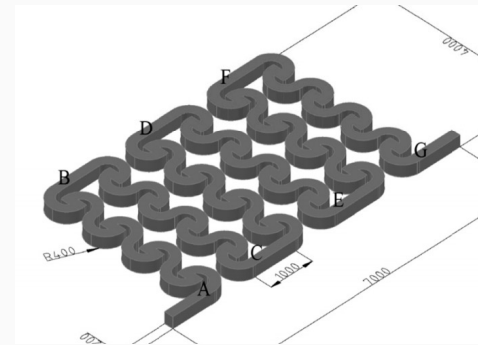
2D Microfluidic chaotic mixers



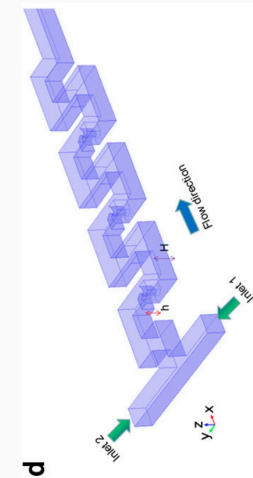
Obstacle Based



Unbalanced Collision

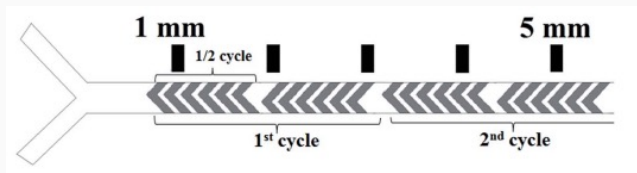
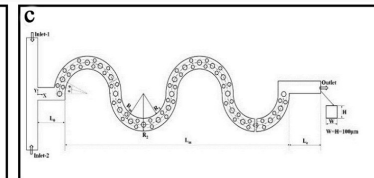
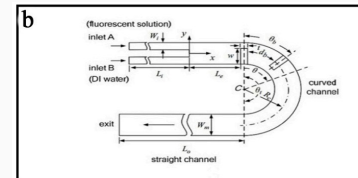
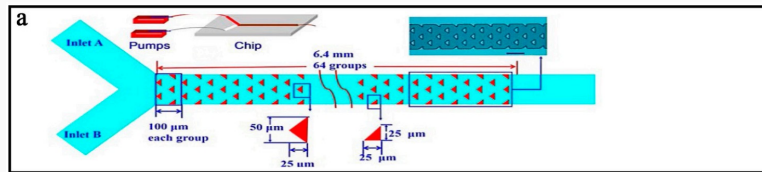


Spiral



Convergence–Divergence

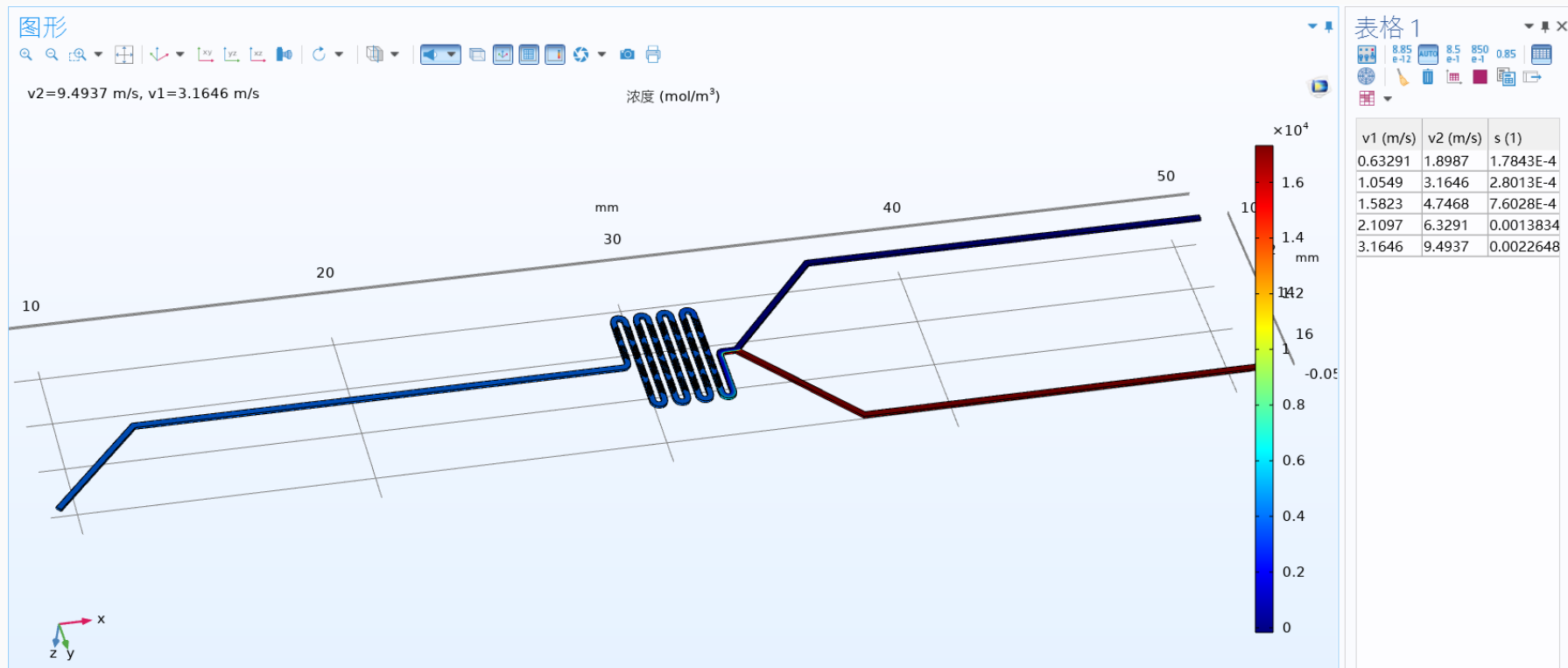
Obstacle based mixers



	mixing time	particle size	efficiency
SHG	5-10ms		91.7%

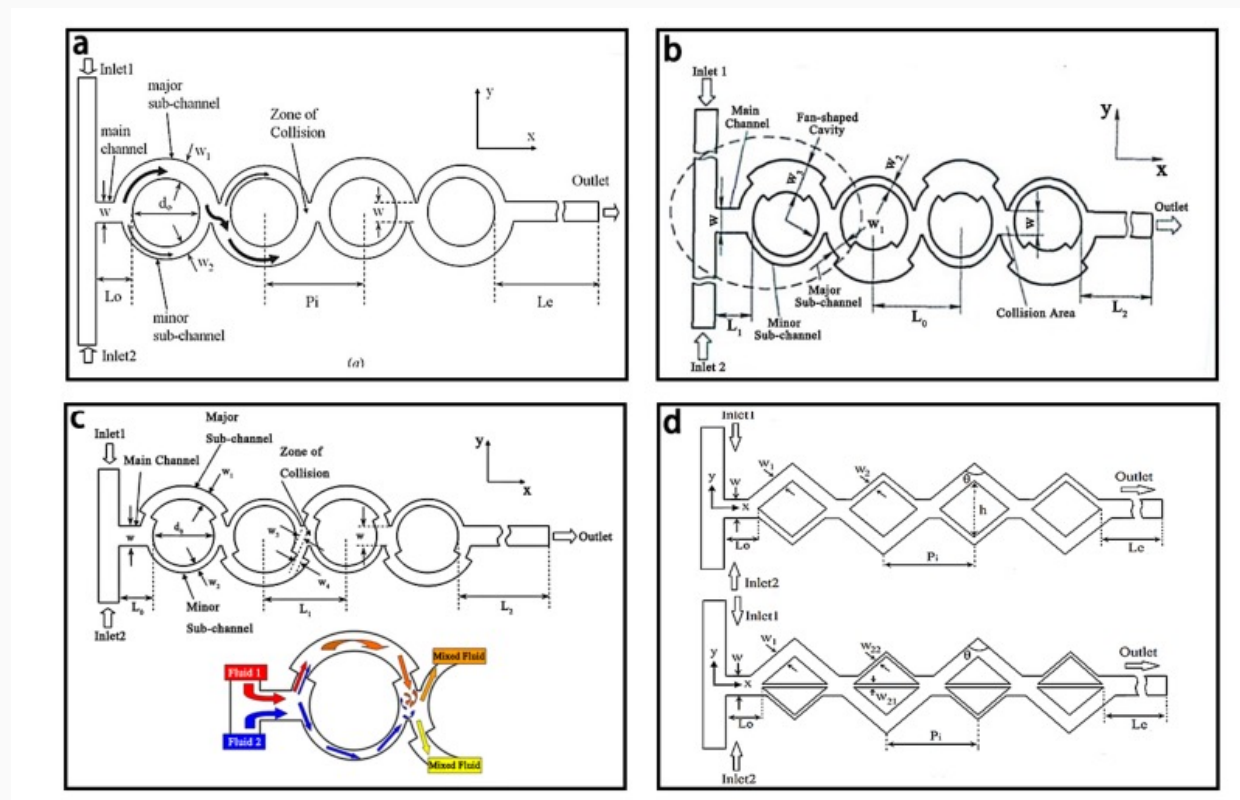
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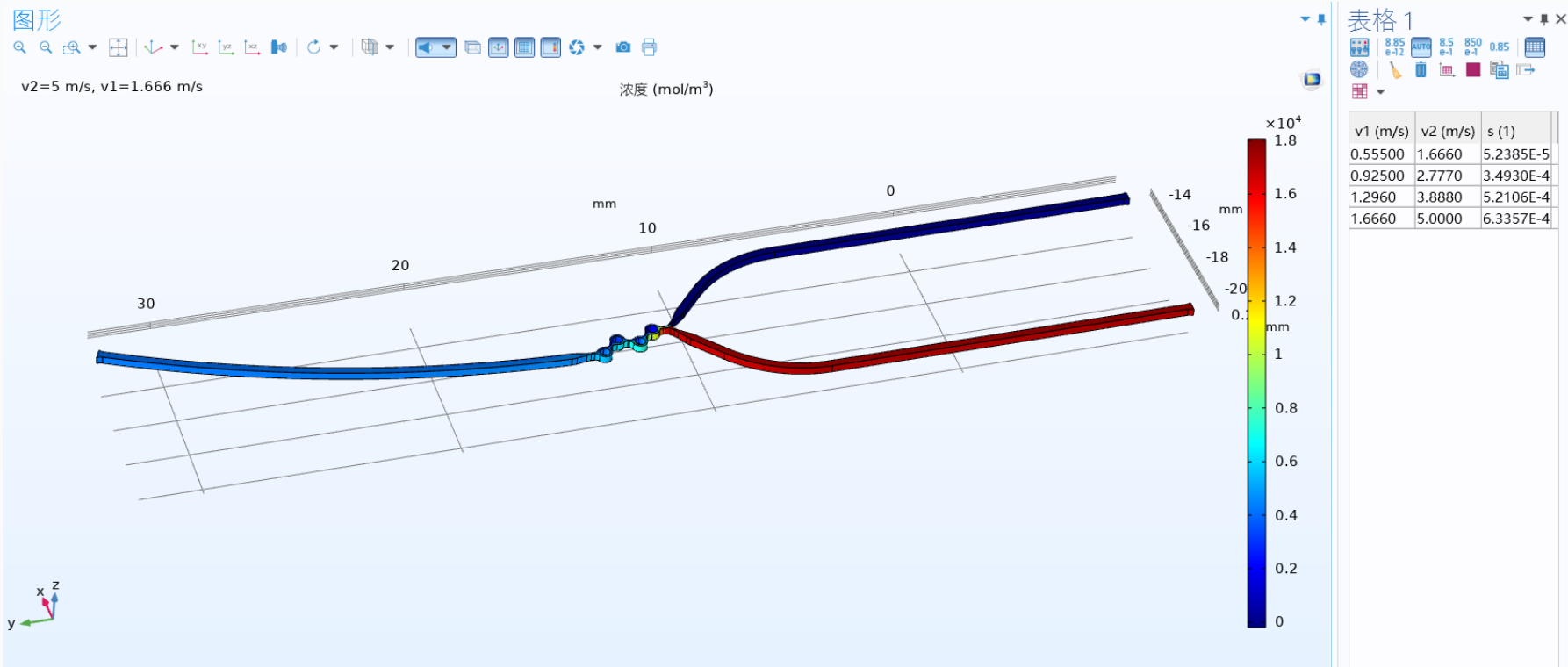
LNP-B0 simulation

Unbalanced Collision based mixers

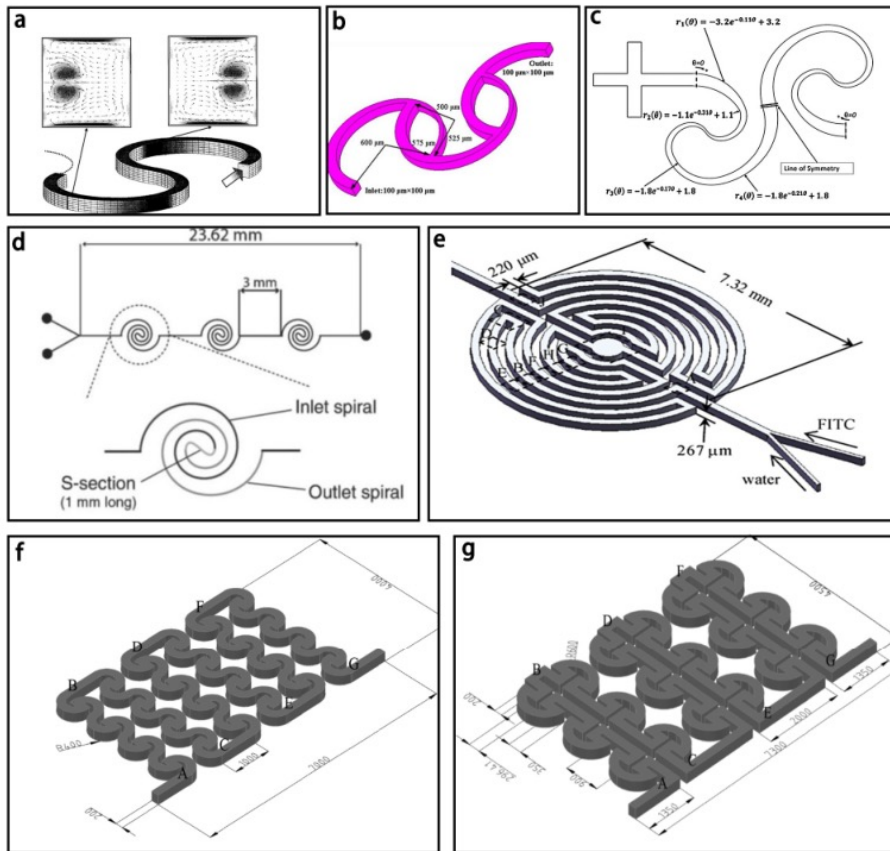


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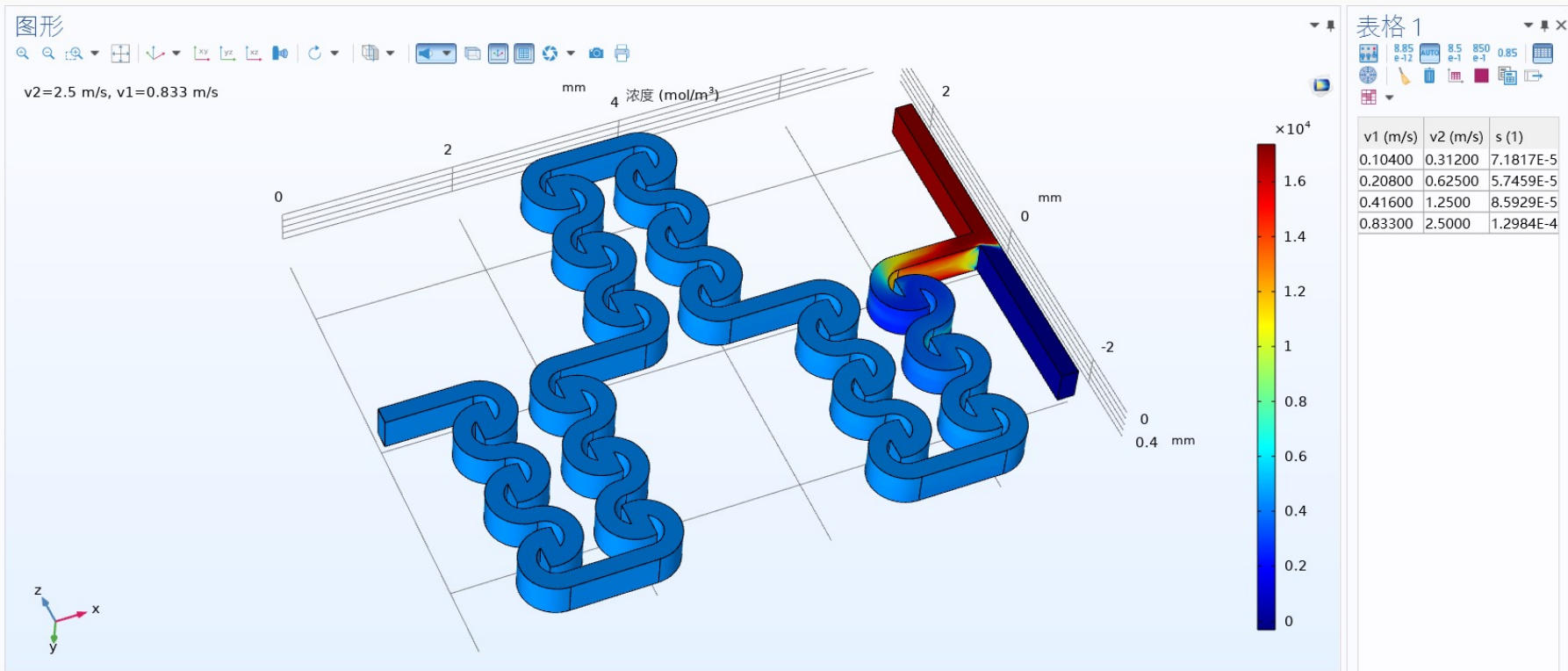
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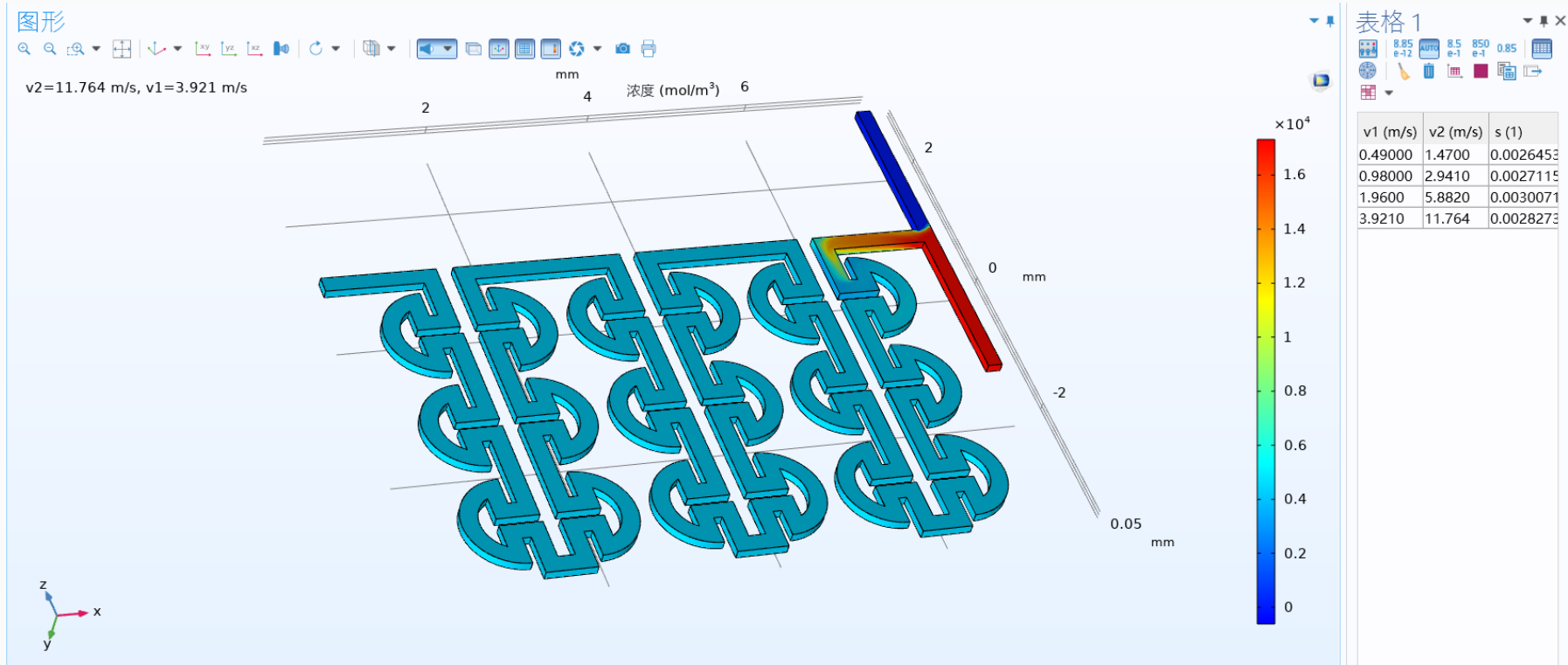
type	Re	mixing time	efficiency
c	67		86%
d			90%
e	2.5~30	9.8ms~32ms	>98%
f.g	0.01 ~ 50		>98%

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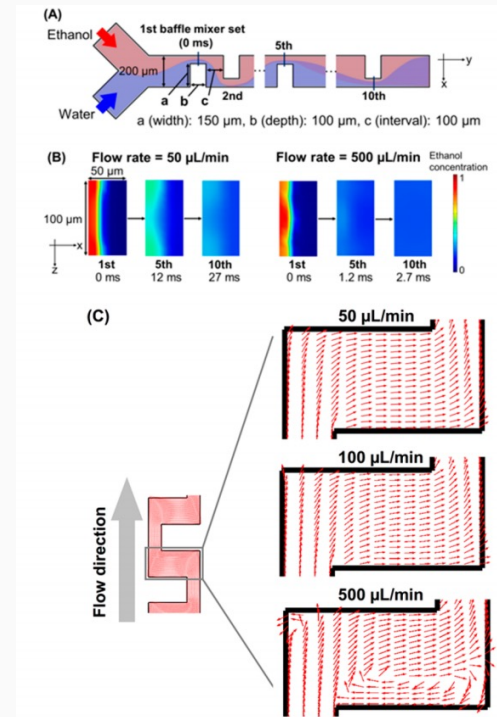
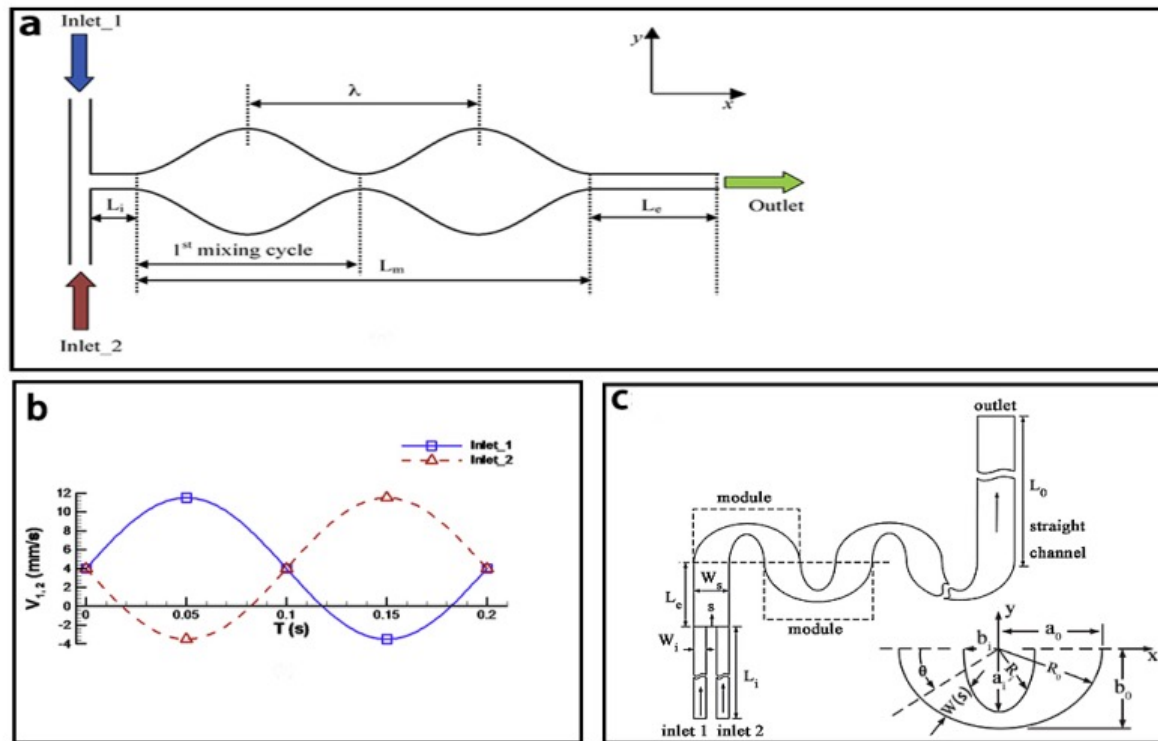
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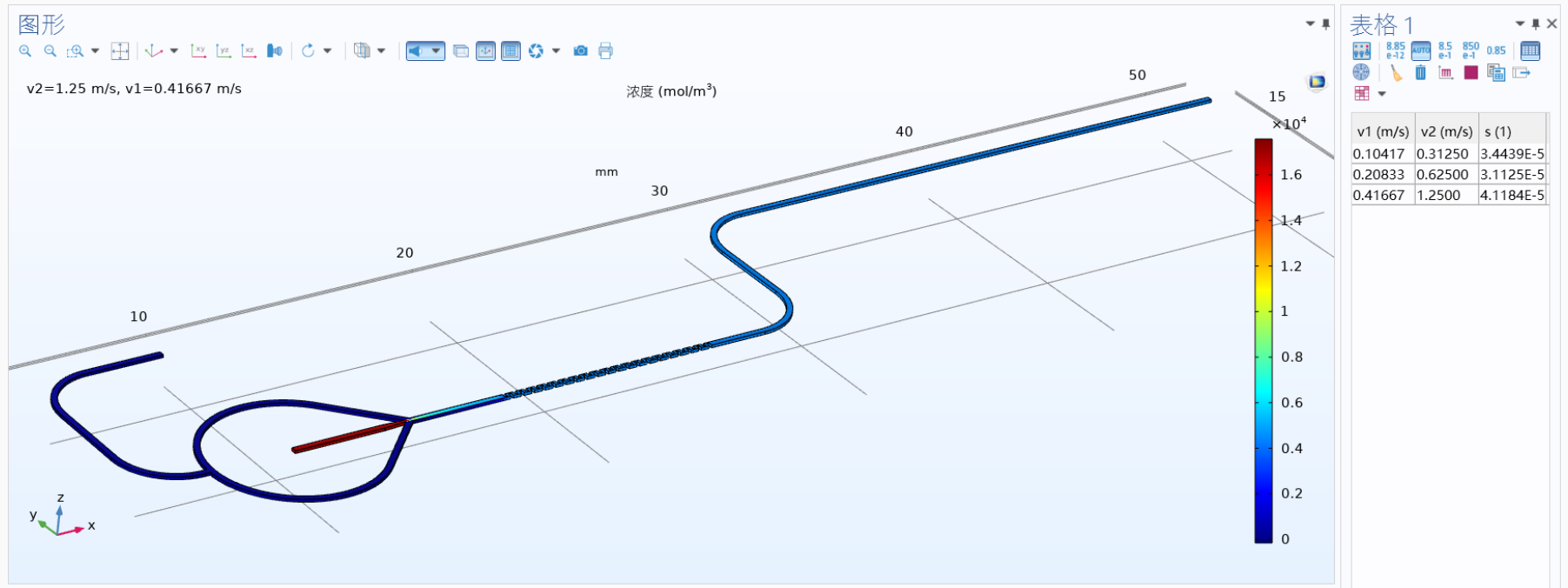
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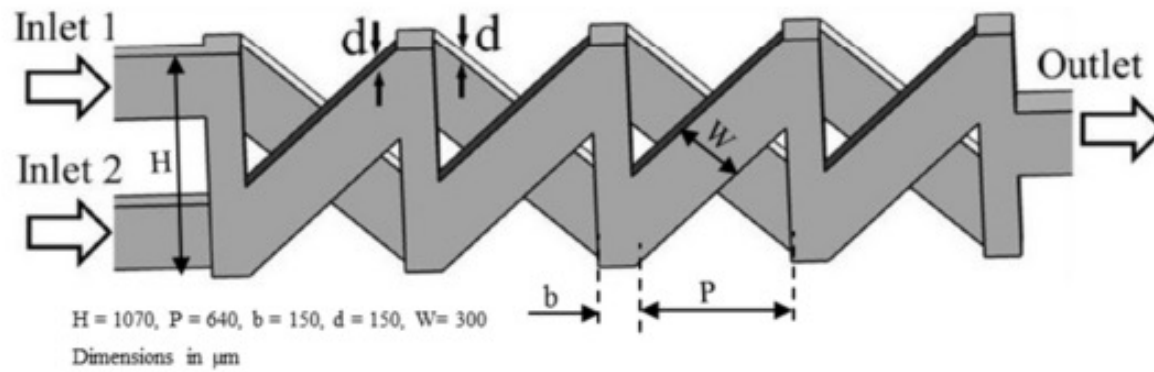
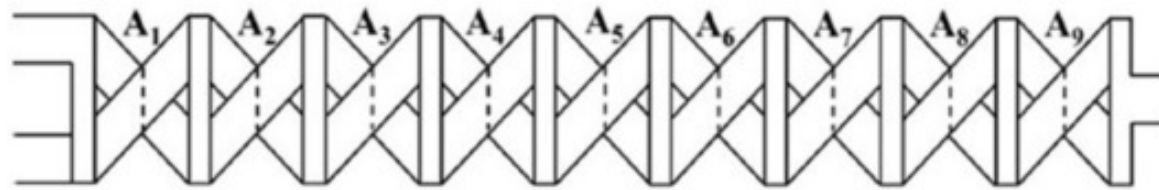
Convergence Divergence based mixers



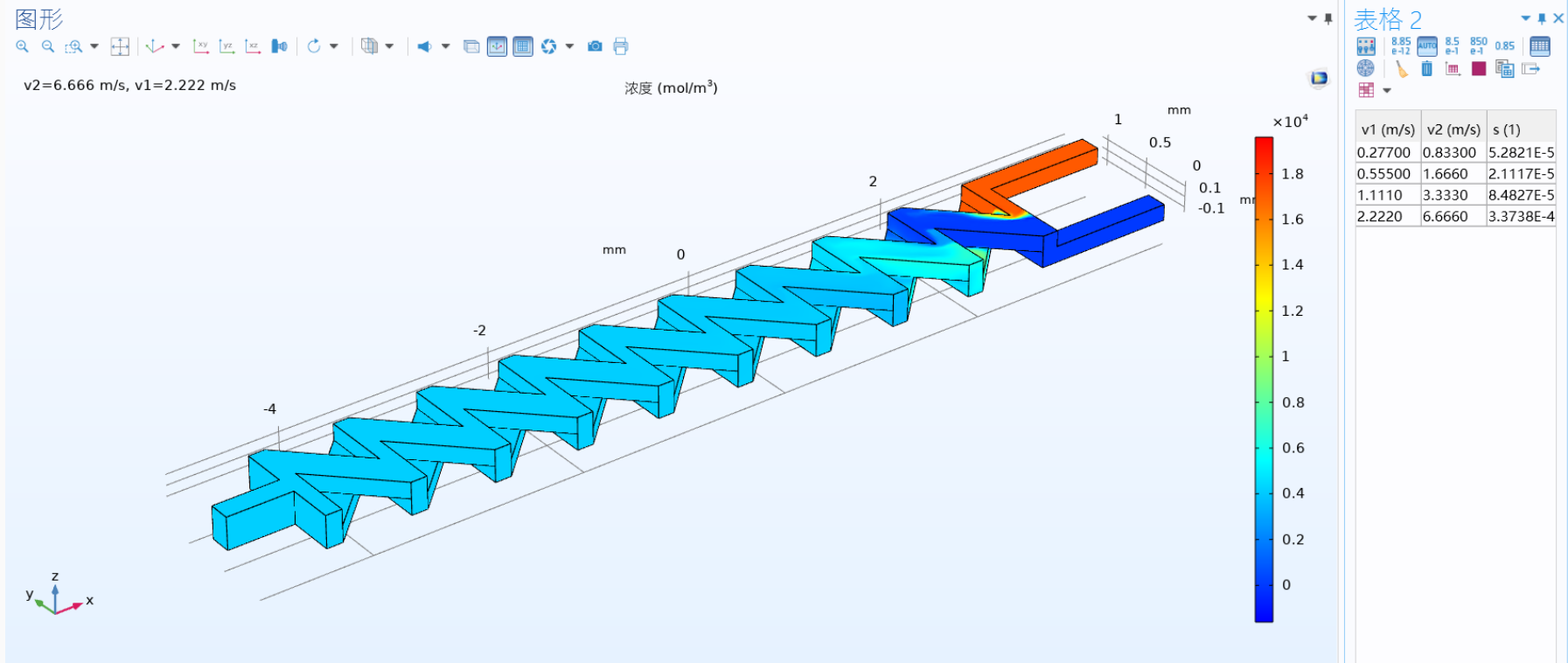
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3D structure based mixers

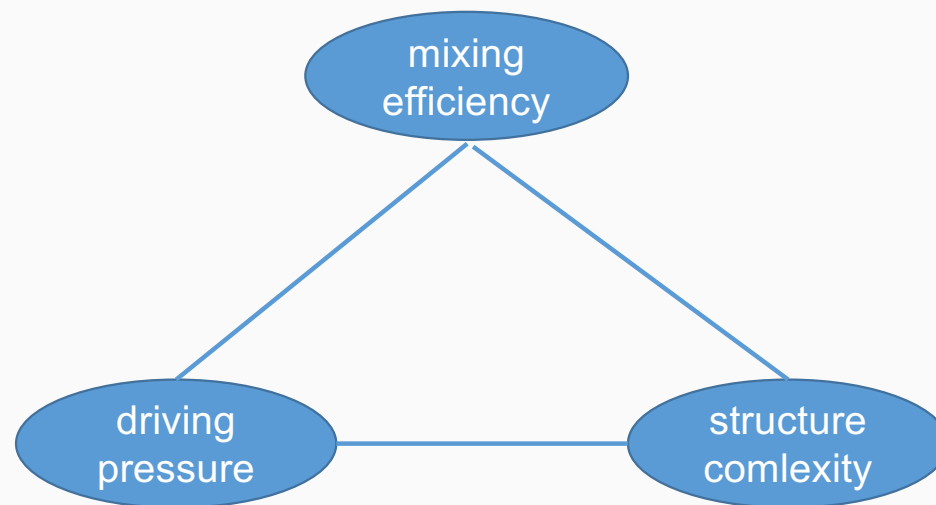


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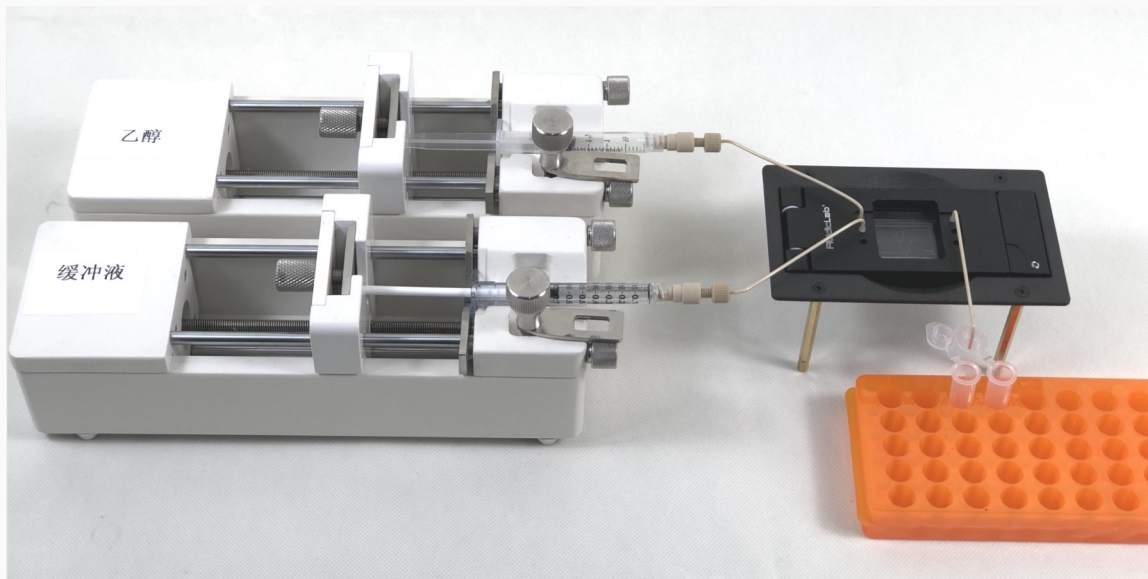


Conclusion based on current models

1. Smaller channel size is better for mixing but needs significantly higher pressure.
2. There is a maximal speed for mixing efficiency.
3. 3D structure is better than 2D structure.



Instrument setup



- LNP-B0
- 1 ml-10 ml total volume

Small volume LNP production with syringe pump

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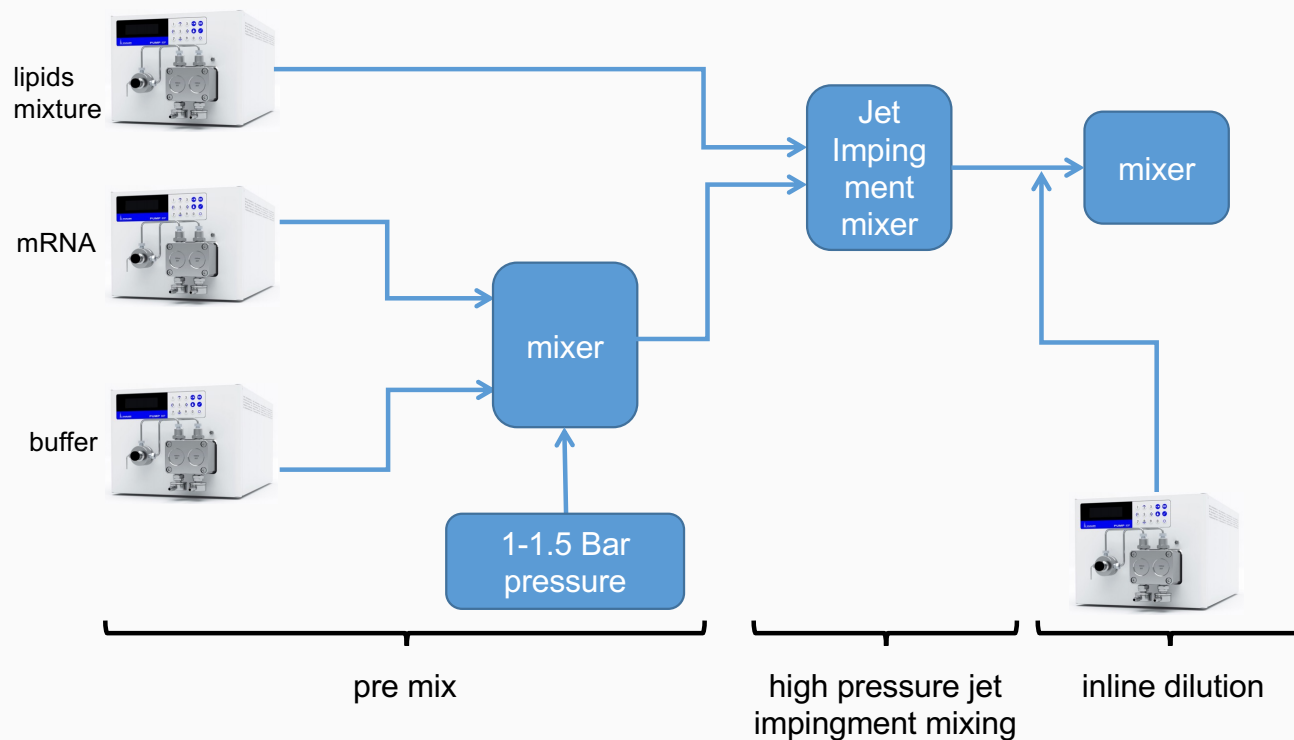


- LNP-C0
- 50 ml-100 ml total volume

Medium volume LNP production with pressure pump

Solutions

Instrument setup



- size: 70-100 nm
- PDI: 0.03-0.05
- >10 L scale

Large volume LNP production with solvent delivery pump