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OPTOFLUIDIC SYSTEMS FOR CONTROLLED CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL EXPERIMENTATION

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Project Summary: Droplet-based microfluidic systems have attracted significant attention due to their utility in complex and high-throughput chemical and biological experimentation. Work in this thesis is focused on further developing droplet-based microfluidic technologies, through the realization of novel optofluidic platforms for controlled, sensitive and high-throughput experimentation. Specifically, we report the design, fabrication and testing of a high-sensitivity, absorbance and fluorescence detection scheme integrated with a droplet microfluidic system for probing fast biomolecular kinetics. Furthermore, we introduce a simple method for fabricating solvent resistant microfluidic systems that allows the performance of small-molecule organic chemistry in highly efficient flow-based formats. Finally, we describe the development a droplet-based microfluidic system for the controlled synthesis of porous, polymeric microparticles. Such a module allows for the flexible and precise control of particle size and porosity in multidrug delivery applications.

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