



# Simulation of Magnetically Driven Peristaltic Pumps for Microfluidic Applications



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- What can be done to simulate these devices





## Lab on a chip

- Reduce room-sized labs to handheld devices
- Microfluidic devices
- Wide range of applications
  - Biological
  - Chemical
  - Medical
  - Environmental
  - Energy



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- Magnetics arranged in circle





# **DESIGN DEVELOPMENT**



### **Design Development**

- Prototype and test
  - Expensive
  - Time consuming
  - Limited data
  - Demonstrates success
- Simulate and iterate
  - Reduces time and expense of developing prototypes
  - Extensive data
  - Increased understanding
  - Increased opportunity to iterate



### Pump Concept



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#### Results – Pumping of Fluid





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### Conclusions

- Simulation is critical to developing effective prototype of pump
- Analysis of pump requires Multiphysics coupling
- Unique capabilities of COMSOL Multiphysics enable analysis of full coupling
- Using two-dimensional analysis increases speed of design iterations
- Full three-dimensional analysis is possible

