# Lab 2

Engineering 1282.02H Spring 2020

# **Y4**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Complete this worksheet as you complete Lab 2.
- Type all written responses/calculations as necessary.
- Include a title page, and properly format any figures or tables with appropriate titles, captions, units, etc.
- Check formatting of this document after completion, as page breaks will move as you fill out the worksheet.
- The Excel sheet on Carmen ('APP\_N08\_Lab\_2\_DATASHEET') containing the empty data table will automatically generate plots for you under the appropriate sheets. You may copy these plots into the designated places below, but make sure you understand what the plots are showing you. You may need to separate the average and maximum shear stress and velocity plots for scaling purposes. The spreadsheet also contains a formatted table for the results of your sensitivity analysis, which will also create plots for you. Be sure that any plots you include are formatted appropriately and easy to read (axes, legends, units, etc.).

#### Flow Rate Experiment:

- 1. Provide sample calculations for the following:
  - a. Experimental flow rate
  - b. Experimental pressure
  - c. Wall shear stress based on experimental flow rate
  - d. Wall shear stress based on experimental pressure
  - e. Pressure based on experimental flow rate
  - f. Flow rate based on experimental pressure

### Sample Calculations

# Experimental Flow Rate

$$\frac{\text{Volume (mL)}}{\text{time (s)}} = \frac{8.42}{180} = 0.0479$$

# experimental pressure

# shear stress based on Flow rate

$$\frac{\text{Q.12.M.L}}{\text{WH}^3} = \Delta P \rightarrow \Delta P = \frac{.0479 \cdot [2 \cdot .01 \cdot 3.5]}{(.035)(.035)^3}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta P}{L} = \frac{.035}{2} \cdot 13.404.41 = 47.035$$

Shear stress at the wall based on pressure

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \Delta P$$

$$\frac{.035}{2}$$
. 13404 =  $(47.03)$  dynus/cm<sup>2</sup> =  $3.5$ 

Pressure based on experimental flow rate

$$\frac{\text{Q.12.m.L}}{\text{WH}^3} = \Delta P \rightarrow \Delta P = \frac{.0479 \cdot [2 \cdot .01 \cdot 3.5]}{(.035)(.035)^3}$$

$$\Delta P = 13,406.41$$

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$$Q = \frac{WH^{3}\Delta P}{12ML} = \frac{.035 \cdot .035^{3} \cdot 24500}{12 \cdot .01 \cdot 3.5}$$

$$Q = .0875$$

2. Insert a scatter plot of experimental flow rate vs. water column height below (Plot 1):

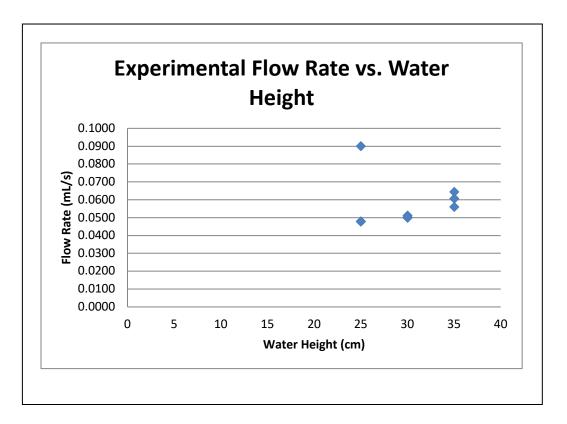
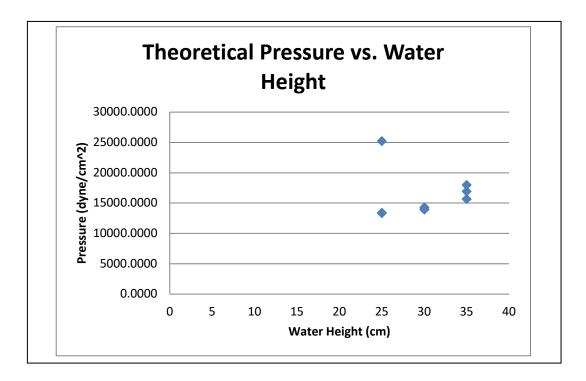


Figure 1: Experimental Flow Rate for each height measurement.

# Briefly describe the relationship between experimental flow rate and water column height:

The relationship between the two variables is not strong, but shows a relatively weak, exponential relationship between water height and flow rate. This relationship is only evident after excluding the outlier data point at the top of the graph; if it were not omitted, there would be no clear relationship.

3. Insert a scatter plot of theoretical pressure (from your program using experimental flow rate) vs. water column height below (Plot 2):

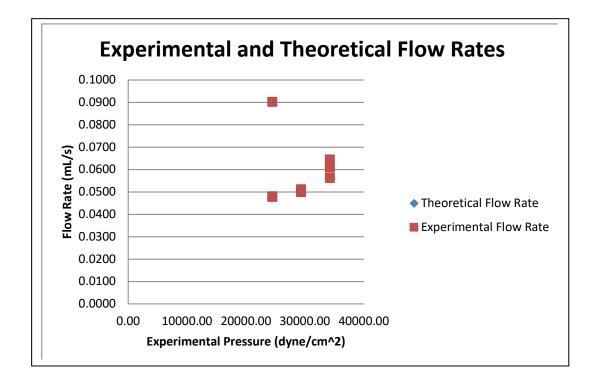


**Figure 2:** Calculated pressure valued for each measured height.

### Briefly describe the relationship between theoretical pressure and water column height:

The relationship between the two variables is not strong, but shows a relatively weak, exponential relationship between water height and flow rate. This relationship is only evident after excluding the outlier data point at the top of the graph; if it were not omitted, there would be no clear relationship.

4. Insert a scatter plot with both experimental flow rate vs. experimental pressure and theoretical flow rate (from your program using experimental pressure) vs. experimental pressure below (Plot 3):



**Figure 3:** Theoretical and experimental flow rates for experimental pressures.

Discuss reasons why experimental flow rate differs from theoretical flow rate. Consider the following aspects of our testing:

- Based on the assumptions of the fluid mechanics program, it should accurately describe the flow parameters of the standard chip.
- What assumptions were necessary to calculate the flow rate using your program? How good or bad are these assumptions when you consider the experiment?
- Were there any sources of error within the experiment that could account for differences in the theoretical and experimental flow rate?
- How could you improve upon either the experiment or program to address these differences?
   Is it feasible to adjust the assumptions of your program?

In our experiments, we only had one outlier data point that showed an experimental flow rate completely different from the theoretical flow rate. Due to inconsistencies in our testing method, rising primarily from the change in pressure used to hold the water tubes in place, there was greater flow for one of the tests. The assumptions used to calculate our experimental flow rate did not lead to large systematic errors, so we did not find any inconsistencies with these assumptions and/or

equations. The error that caused our outlier was, once again, most likely caused by issues in plugging the tubes into the chip. In the future, we could design the experiment such that the tubes are not removed and reinserted between tests. This would give the experiment more accuracy as it would involve a more consistent tube position across the different heights and would carry the water through the same channel geometry as before. If we keep removing the tubes and taking apart the chip after every experiment, we risk changing the geometry of the tube as we could tighten the chip too much or insert the chips too far before the next test (which would lead to a loss of flow).

# **Sensitivity Analysis:**

5. Insert screen shots of your cut plots showing velocity contours below:

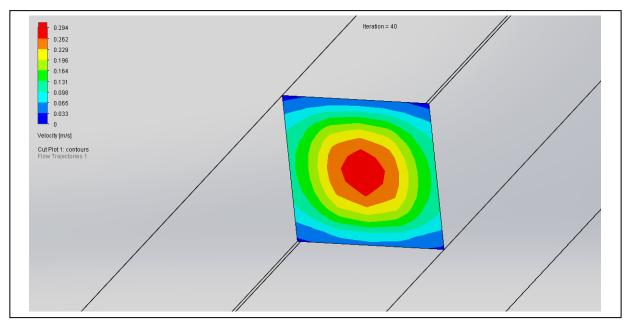


Figure 4: Velocity Cut Plot for Standard Height Channel

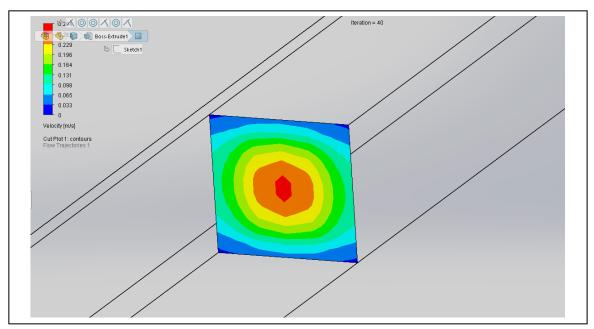


Figure 5: Velocity Cut Plot for Chip With 5% Smaller Height

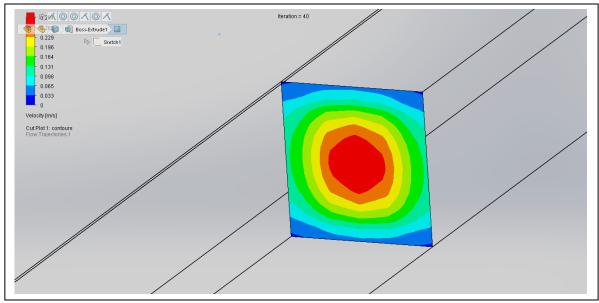


Figure 6: Velocity Cut Plot for Chip With 5% Larger Height

6. Insert a scatter plot of average and maximum velocity vs. channel height below:

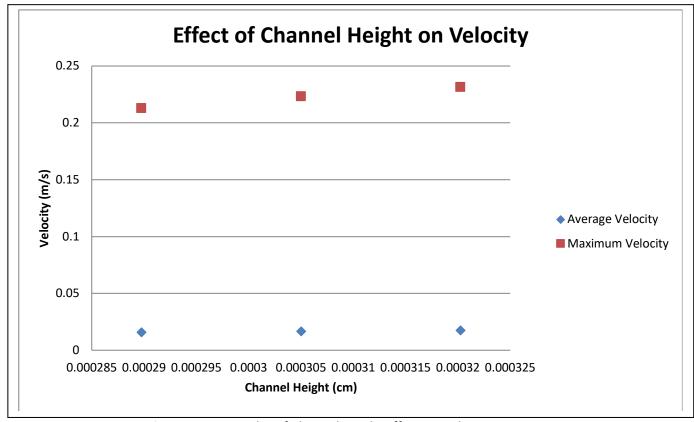


Figure 7: Scatter Plot of Channel Height Effect on Velocity

What trends do you see regarding the effect of channel height on velocity in the channel? Consider both the velocity contours and the channel velocities.

The most evident trend is an increase in velocity at almost every point in the velocity contour for the larger channels. Moreover, the larger channels had more circular contour shapes. The smaller channels not only had lower velocities (the red shades were not as dark and the colors of the contours were closer to the lower velocity values), but they also had more oblong-shaped contours.

7. Insert screen shots of your surface plots showing shear stress profile below:

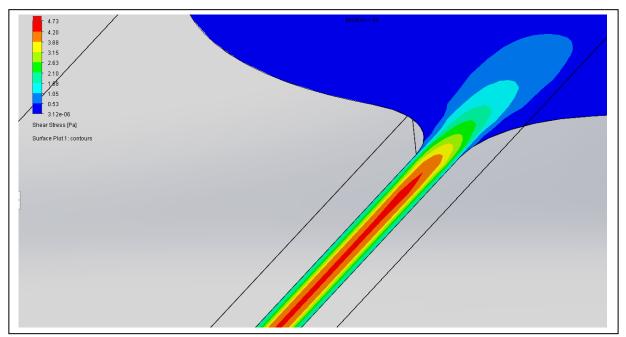


Figure 8: Shear Stress Surface Plot of Standard Chip

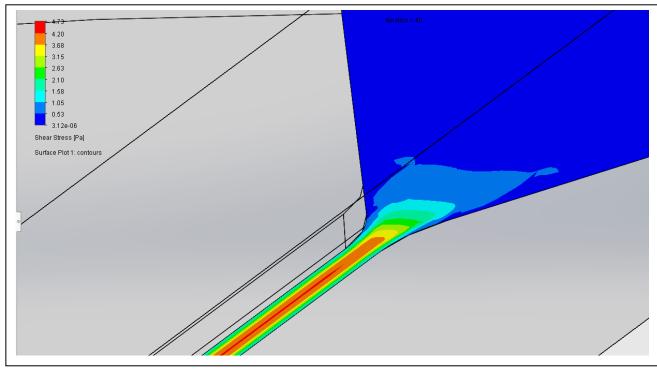


Figure 9: Shear Stress Plot of Chip With 5% Smaller Height

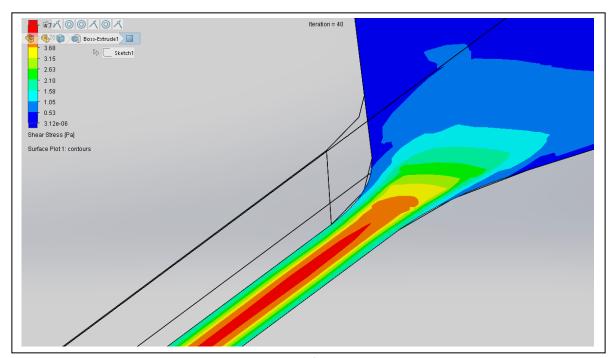


Figure 10: Shear Stress Plot of Chip with 5% Larger Height

8. Insert a scatter plot of average and maximum shear stress vs. channel height below:

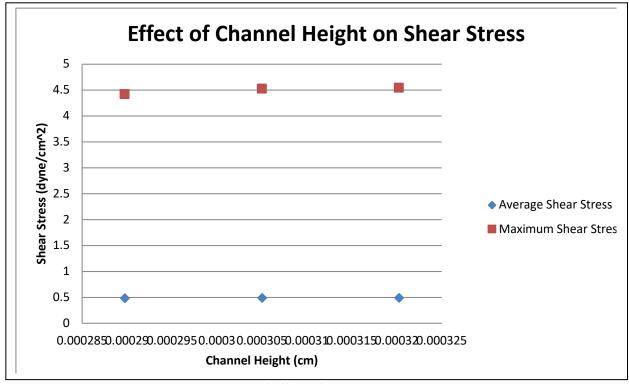


Figure 11: Scatter Plot of Effect of Channel Height on Shear Stress

What trends do you see regarding the effect of channel height on shear stress in the channel? Consider both the shear surface plots and the channel shear stress values.

The channel height did not cause much of a change in average shear stress, however the max shear stress does increase as the channel height increases. Also, according to the surface plots the area in which the max shear stress is smaller as the chip gets smaller.

9. Will the results of your sensitivity analysis affect your chip design or experimental procedure? Why or why not? If so, how will it affect your design? Use quantitative data to justify your decision.

I do not see the results of the sensitivity analysis having a large impact on the design or experimental procedure, as the shear stress and velocity values at different heights were similar. Especially since we are not exactly sure what optimal velocity and shear stress are, it would be inefficient to try to optimize these based on chip channel height when they can more effectively be altered and optimized through changing the pressure difference.

## 10. Below is a screen shot of a shear stress surface plot:

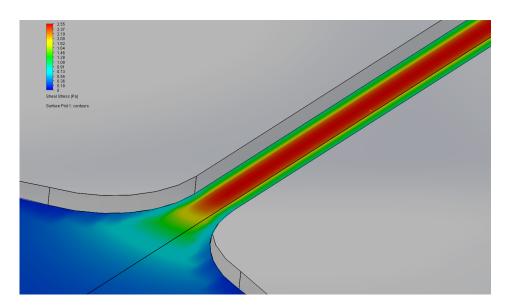


Figure 12: Shear stress surface plot.

Based on the assumptions of our fluid mechanics worksheets, the bottom of the channel should have a uniform shear stress across the width of the channel. It is apparent from this surface plot that this is not the case. Using the assumptions present in our shear stress derivation and in the solid works flow simulation, explain why the shear stress is not uniform across the channel. (Hint: What did we assume regarding the x-dimension of our channel?)

The shear stress is not the same across the width of the channel. The x-direction of the channel is different than it was in our assumptions as this channel has walls and is not infinitely long. Because of the presence of walls in the channel, water molecules are forced to interact and push on each other, and the shear stress is not uniform across the floor.

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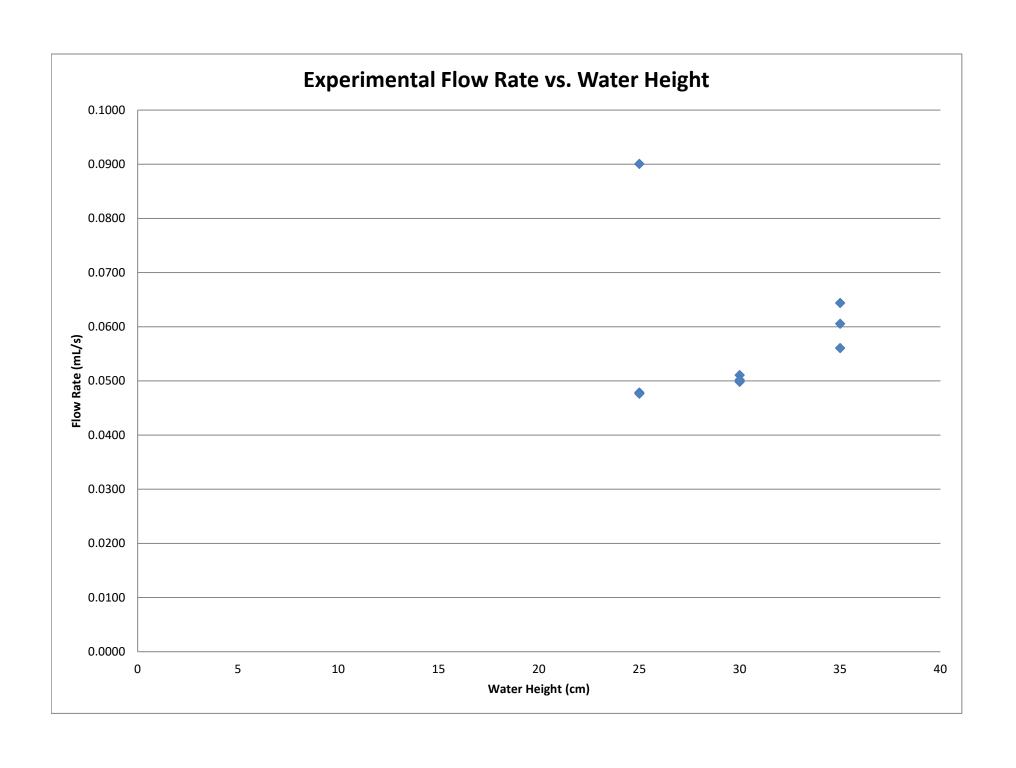
#### **Microfluidics Flow Calibration Datasheet**

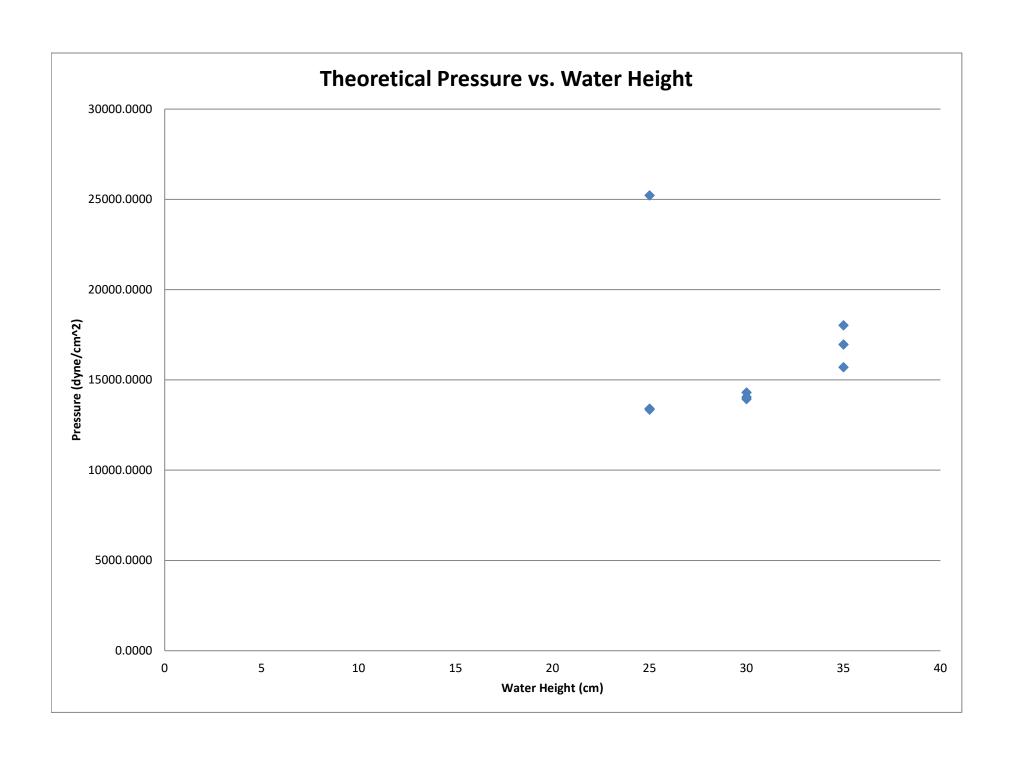
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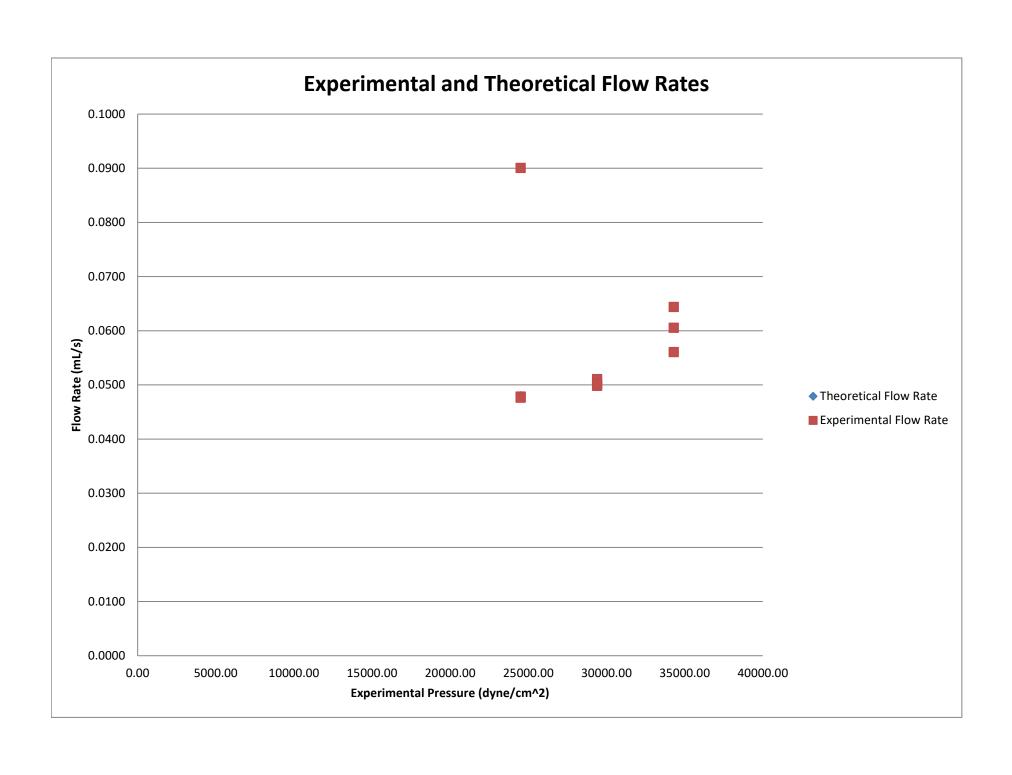
| Ri              | aw Experimental Data Calculated Directly from Experiment Calculated f |             |          | Calculated fro           | ed from your program using experimental flowrate and NOT pressure as inputs |                               |                        | Calculated from your program using experimental pressure and NOT flowrate as inputs |                 |                                    |                         |                 |                                    |                         |
|-----------------|---|-------------|----------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Height<br>(cm.) | Trial   | Volume (mL) | Time (s) | Experimental Q<br>(mL/s) | Experimental<br>Pressure<br>(dyne/cm²)                                      | Experimental Q<br>Mean (mL/s) | Pressure<br>(dyne/cm²) | V <sub>avg</sub> (cm/s)   | Reynolds Number | Shear Stress at<br>Wall (dyne/cm²) | V <sub>avg</sub> (cm/s) | Reynolds Number | Shear Stress at<br>Wall (dyne/cm²) | Theoretical Q<br>(mL/s) |
| 25              | 1   | 8.62        | 180.00   | 0.0479                   | 24500.00  |                               | 13406.0000             | 39.1020   | 136.5150        | 67.0371                            |                         |                 |                                    |                         |
| 25              | 2   | 8.58        | 180.00   | 0.0477                   | 24500.00  | 0.0619                        | 13350.0000             | 38.9388   | 135.9450        | 66.7500                            | 50.8636                 | 136.5108        | 86.6274                            | 0.0479                  |
| 25              | 3   | 16.21       | 180.00   | 0.0901                   | 24500.00  |                               | 25217.0000             | 74.5500   | 256.7850        | 126.0950                           |                         |                 |                                    |                         |
| 30              | 1   | 6.13        | 120.00   | 0.0511                   | 29400.00  |                               | 14302.0000             | 41.7143   | 145.6350        | 71.5100                            |                         |                 |                                    |                         |
| 30              | 2   | 5.98        | 120.00   | 0.0498                   | 29400.00  | 0.0504                        | 13938.0000             | 40.6531   | 141.9300        | 69.6900                            | 41.1158                 | 145.6346        | 70.4833                            | 0.0511                  |
| 30              | 3   | 6.02        | 120.00   | 0.0502                   | 29400.00  |                               | 14050.0000             | 40.9800   | 143.0700        | 70.2500                            |                         |                 |                                    |                         |
| 35              | 1   | 3.36        | 60.00    | 0.0561                   | 34300.00  |                               | 15701.0000             | 45.8000   | 159.8900        | 78.5100                            |                         |                 |                                    |                         |
| 35              | 2   | 3.63        | 60.00    | 0.0606                   | 34300.00  | 0.0603                        | 16961.0000             | 49.4700   | 172.7100        | 84.8000                            | 49.2800                 | 159.8803        | 84.4767                            | 0.0561                  |
| 35              | 3   | 3.86        | 60.00    | 0.0644                   | 34300.00  |                               | 18024.0000             | 52.5700   | 183.5400        | 90.1200                            |                         |                 |                                    |                         |

| Max Shear Stress |  |
|------------------|--|
| 126.0950         |  |
| 71.5100          |  |
| 90.1200          |  |

| Fluid Density (g/ml)        | 1.00       |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| channel height (μm)         | 35000.00   |
| channel width (μm)          | 35000.00   |
| channel length (μm)         | 3500000.00 |
| Fluid Viscosity<br>(g/cm-s) | 0.01       |







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# **LOC Sensitivity Analysis**

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| Channel Height (cm) | Average Shear<br>Stress<br>(dyne/cm^2) | Maximum<br>Shear Stress<br>(dyne/cm^2) | Average<br>Velocity<br>(m/s) | Maximum<br>Velocity<br>(m/s) |
|---------------------|--|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 0.00032025          | 0.49                                   | 4.54                                   | 0.017526                     | 0.23152                      |
| 0.000305            | 0.49                                   | 4.52                                   | 0.0168159                    | 0.223441                     |
| 0.00028975          | 0.48                                   | 4.42                                   | 0.0158358                    | 0.212968                     |

39.1008

41.7142

45.7946

