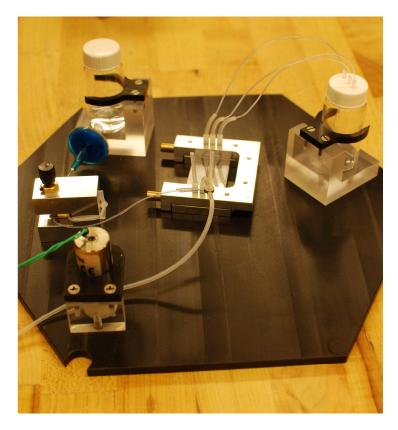
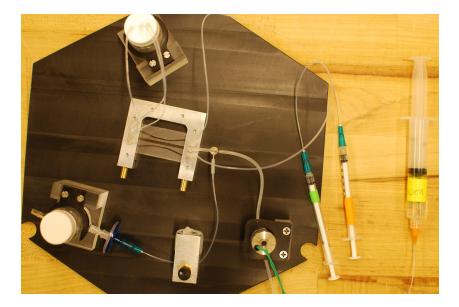
An improved fluidics setup that contains an electric solenoid valve for flushing buffer and also for knocking sticky beads off the pipette. The electric value creates a shock wave in the fluid whenever it is activated, which is useful when trying to break some multiple tethers and also useful for admitting a big flow from an external buffer syringe.

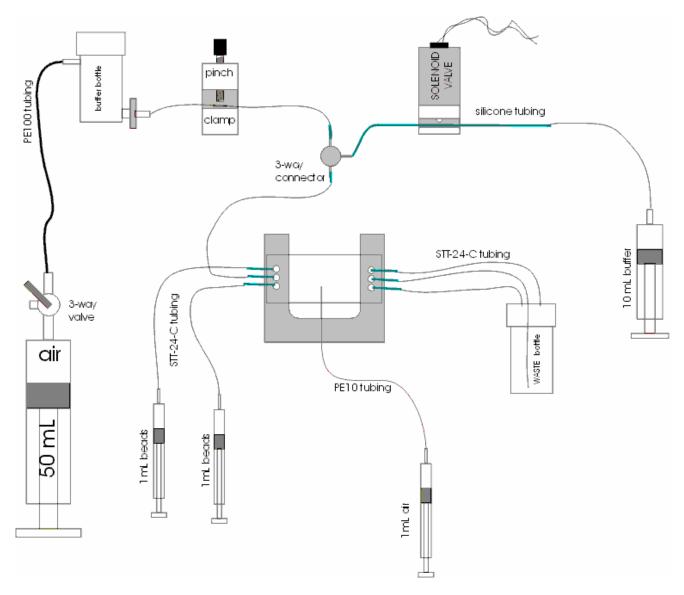




Parts list:

<u>Small Parts Incorporated</u>: 3-way tube connector STC-20/3/01; 3-way Valve, luerLock, LSCP-300B; blunt needles, 23-gauge, NE-233PL-C; PTFE Tubing, 24-gauge, SST-24-C

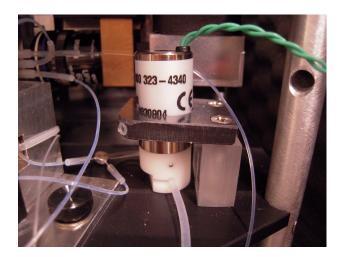
Cole Parmer: Pinch valve, 12VDC, 98302-00; Silicone rubber tubing, 1/32"IDx3/32"OD, EW-06422-01



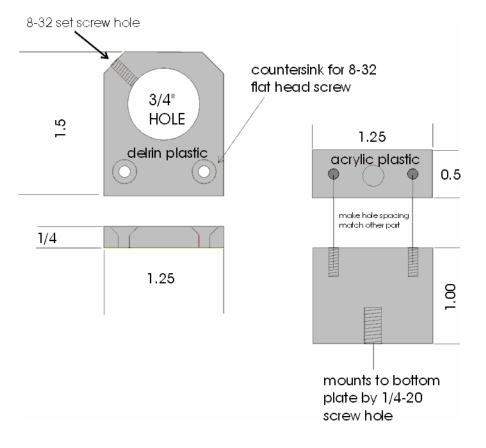
Needle size for PE-10 = 30 gauge

Needle size for PE-100 = 18 gauge

Needle size for PE-50 or STT-24-C = 23 gauge

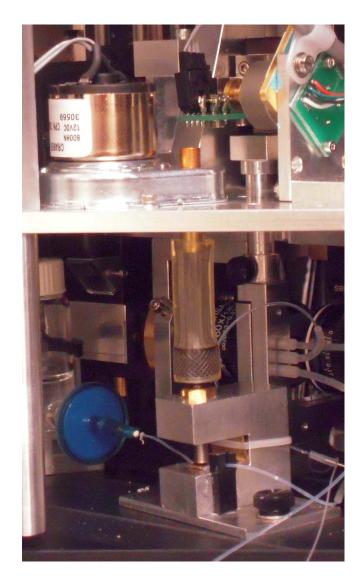


Holder for solenoid valve



Motorized Pinch-Clamp:

The purpose of the pinch clamp is to restrict liquid flow such that some moderate air pressure into the buffer bottle will create a controlled amount of liquid flow through the micro-chamber. That flow rate is controlled by how hard one pushes on the 50-mL syringe. The pinch clamp operates by flattening the STT-24-C Teflon tubing until it is almost closed. It is always necessary to adjust the pinch clamp before wrapping the instrument head in Saran wrap and before closing the sound-proof box, but it is irritating if the clamp needs to be readjusted by opening the box and wrappings again. An improvement can be made by installing a reversible DC motor which turns the pinch-clamp screw in response to computer keyboard commands. The motor is attached to the lower deck (Hexagon Base) by 2 screws and the shaft runs through a hole in the deck. The motor shaft connects by a piece of vinyl tubing onto the pinch-clamp handle (see photo). The motor speed and direction is controlled by the Motor Control Board where the drive voltage comes out conductors 31 and 32 of the motorcable harness. Adjust the clamp setting by pressing the SHIFT key while also pressing the UP / DOWN arrows on the keyboard.



Parts list:

Motor, 12VDC, reversible, 10 RPM: made by Cramer sold by Digikey CRA202-ND

Shaft bushing to connect motor and vinyl tube, ID=3/16", OD=0.305", Length=3/8", 2-56 set screw

Vinyl tube, OD=1/2", ID=1/4", L= approx 1.8"

Requires Motor-Control circuit board ver.8 or later, Hexagon Base ver.6 or later, GUI program LT-8D or later, PIC firmware MotorControl_8 or later