

## Supplementary Figures

**Figure S1**

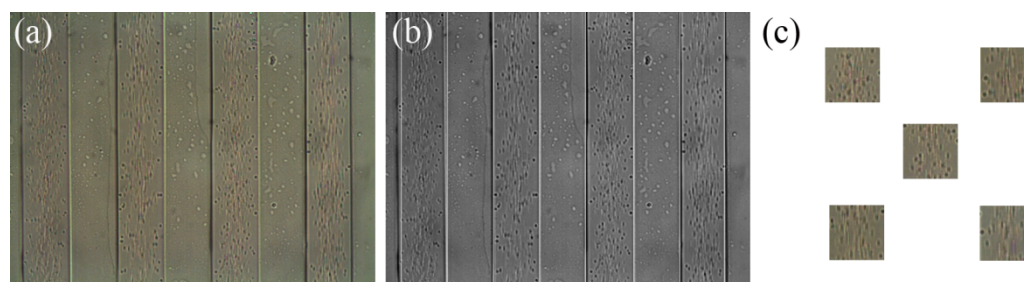


Fig. S1 (a) Image of the part of the straight channel of the 40<sup>th</sup> squarewave structure in group (I). The image dimensions are 800  $\mu\text{m}$   $\times$  600  $\mu\text{m}$ . The width of the channels is 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . (b) Eight channel walls were found and shown on the gray image (vertical white lines) and (c) five 90  $\mu\text{m}$   $\times$  90  $\mu\text{m}$  areas inside the channel were randomly cropped by running program “crop.m” and “findedge.m”.

**Figure S2**

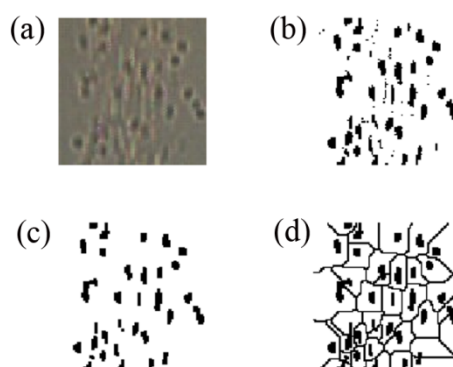


Fig. S2 (a) The original cropped image; (b) binary image; (c) image after denoising; (d) marker-controlled watershed segmentation

## Scripts

### “crop.m”

```
clear all
result=[];
Imge=imread('filename.jpg');
Img=double(rgb2gray(Imge));
y=findedge(Img);
result=[result;y];
result=result
I=randperm(500);
Im=Imge(I(1):I(1)+89,result(5)+10:result(5)+99,:);
```

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figure,imshow(Im);  
imwrite(Im,'test.bmp')
```

### “finededge.m”

```
function result=finededge(Img)  
[m,n]=size(Img);  
Img_sobel=edge(Img,'sobel');  
Img_hist=sum(Img_sobel,1);  
    threshold=150;  
Img_hist=Img_hist-threshold;  
Img_hist(find(Img_hist<0))=0;  
lie=[];  
    for i=2:n-1  
        if Img_hist(i)>Img_hist(i-1)&Img_hist(i)>=Img_hist(i+1)  
            lie=[lie,i];  
        end  
    end  
    if length(lie)==0  
        sprintf(strcat('The threshold now is ',num2str(threshold),'Please decrease the  
threshold !'))  
        result=[];  
        return  
    end  
[his,b]=sort(Img_hist(lie));  
num=8;  
nn=length(b);  
if nn>=num  
    b=b(nn:-1:nn-num+1);  
end  
    lie=lie(b);  
    histmaxlie=lie(1);  
    moni=[histmaxlie];  
    a=histmaxlie-100;  
    while(a>0)  
        moni=[a,moni];  
        a=a-100;  
    end  
    a=histmaxlie+100;  
    while(a<=n)  
        moni=[moni,a];  
        a=a+100;  
    end  
end
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revised=[];
unrevised=[];
for i=1:8
    [minn,min_num]=min(abs(lie-moni(i)));
    if minn<20
        moni(i)=lie(min_num);
        revised=[revised,i];
    else
        unrevised=[unrevised,i];
    end
end
len=length(revised);
if len<8

meann=floor((sum(moni(revised(2:len)))-moni(revised(1:len-1)))/sum(revised(2:len)-revised(1:len-1)));
ll=8-len;
for i=1:ll
    [minn,min_num]=min(abs(revised-unrevised(i)));
    dd=moni(revised(min_num))+(unrevised(i)-revised(min_num))*meann;
    if dd<=n & dd>0
        moni(unrevised(i))=dd;
    end
end
end
aa=find(moni<2);
if length(aa)>0
    moni(aa)=800;
    moni=sort(moni);
end

result=moni;
Img(:,moni)=255;
figure,imshow(mat2gray(Img));
return
```

#### “cellcount.m”

```
close all;clear;
img_rgb=imread('test.bmp');
img_yuv444=rgb2ycbcr(img_rgb);
gray = img_yuv444(:,:,1);
[m,n]=size(gray);
h=imhist(gray,256);
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img_mean = mean(mean(gray));
sum = 0;
for i=1:m
    for j=1:n
        sum = sum + (double(gray(i,j))-double(img_mean))^2;
    end
end
img_std = sqrt(sum / m / n);
img_sm = img_std/img_mean;

w0=0;w1=0;w2=0;w=0;sum0=0;sum1=0;sum2=0;sum=0;MaxSd=0;
for i=1:256
    sum = sum+i*h(i);
    w =w+ h(i);
end
for i=1:255
    w0 = w0+h(i);
    sum0 = sum0+i*h(i);
    mean0=sum0/w0;
    w1=0;w2=0;
    sum1=0;sum2=0;
    for j=i+1:256
        w1 = w1+h(j);
        w2 = w-w0-w1;
        if w1==0
            continue;
        end
        if w2==0
            break;
        end
        sum1 = sum1+j*h(j);
        mean1=sum1/w1;
        sum2 = sum-sum0-sum1;
        mean2=sum2/w2;
        sd=w0*(mean0-sum)^2+w1*(mean1-sum)^2+w2*(mean2-sum)^2;
        if (sd>MaxSd)
            MaxSd=sd;
            Thresh1=i;
            Thresh2=j;
        end
    end
end
end

if img_std > 5
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k=0.5;
s=2;
else
    k=2;
    s=3;
end
Thresh1 = Thresh1 + k*(img_std - 5) ;

Thresh1 = (Thresh1-1)/256;
Thresh2 = (Thresh2-1)/256;

img=im2bw(gray,Thresh1);
figure;
subplot(221);imshow(img_rgb);
subplot(222);imshow(img)

se=strel('square',s);
img=imdilate(img,se);
img=imerode(img,se);
img=imdilate(img,se);
img=imerode(img,se);
subplot(223);imshow(img);

D=bwdist(img);
L=watershed(-D);
w=L==0;
img2=img & ~w;
subplot(224);imshow(img2);

[L2,num]=bwlabel(L,8);
num
```