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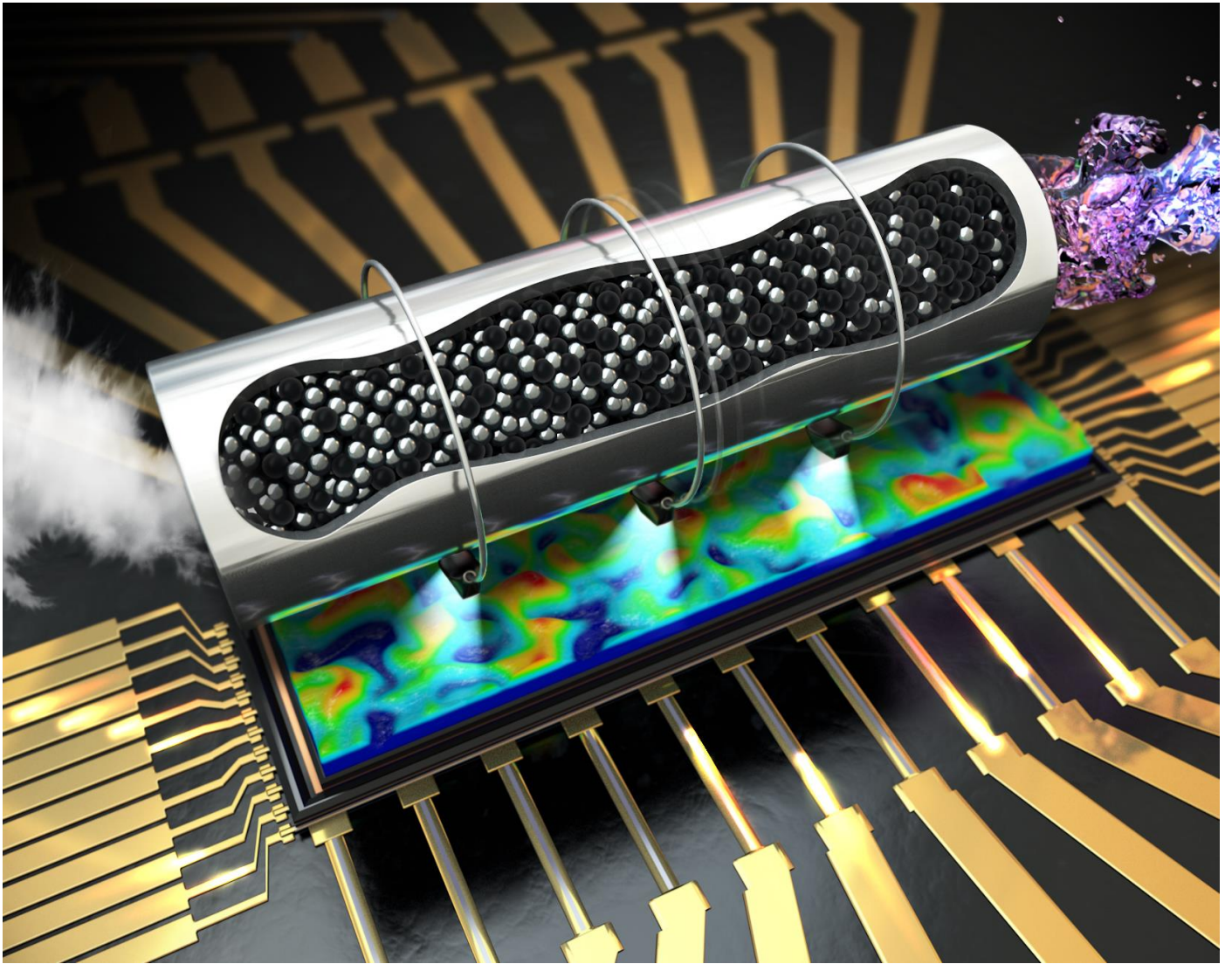
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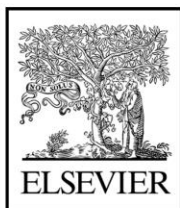
**Brief explanation of the illustration:**

We propose a multi-objective optimization methodology using a stochastic optimization algorithm, a genetic algorithm (GA) with  $\epsilon$ -constraint method, and a 2D axisymmetric computational fluid dynamics (CFD)-based Fischer-Tropsch microchannel reactor model, validated by experimental data of CO conversion and CH<sub>4</sub> selectivity, for simultaneously maximizing C<sub>5+</sub> productivity and minimizing the temperature rise of a Fischer-Tropsch microchannel reactor.

The illustration (art work) emphasizes 3 topics which are

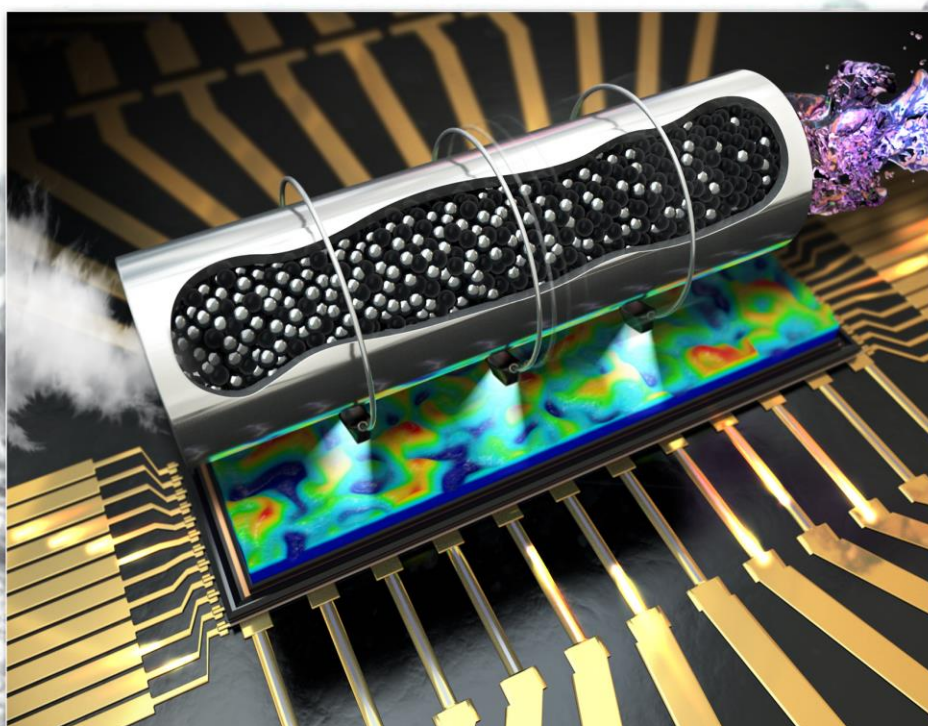
- 1) Microchannel Fischer-Tropsch reactor with discrete catalyst packing
- 2) Computational Fluid Dynamics modeling for predicting physical phenomena of reactor
- 3) Optimization platform that automatically finds the global optimal solution using high computing power





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