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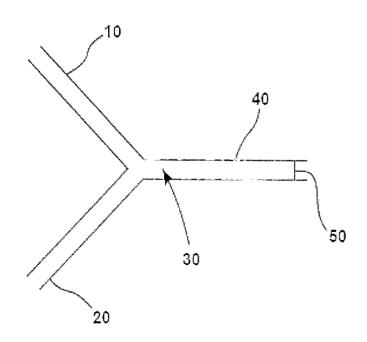
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(57) Abstract: Evaporative cooling is an effective and efficient method for rapidly removing heat from a system device. In accordance with the disclosure herein, a microfluidic Y-junction apparatus is provided which can produce low temperatures and can be integrated into microdevices.





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