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DYNAMICALLY CONTROLLED CRYSTALLIZATION METHOD AND APPARATUS AND CRYSTALS OBTAINED THEREBY

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DYNAMISCH KONTROLLIERTES KRISTALLISATIONSVERFAHREN, VORRICHTUNG UND DAMIT ERZEUGTE KRISTALLE

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PROCEDE ET APPAREIL DE CRISTALLISATION A COMMANDE DYNAMIQUE ET CRISTAUX OBTENUS AU MOYEN DE CEUX-CI

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO9942191A1] A method and apparatus for dynamically controlling the crystallization of molecules including a crystallization chamber (14) or chambers for holding molecules in a precipitant solution, one or more precipitant solution reservoirs (16, 18), communication passages (17, 19) respectively coupling the crystallization chamber(s) with each of the precipitant solution reservoirs, and transfer mechanisms (20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28) configured to respectively transfer precipitant solution between each of the precipitant solution reservoirs and the crystallization chamber(s). The transfer mechanisms are interlocked to maintain a constant volume of precipitant solution in the crystallization chamber(s). Precipitant solutions of different concentrations are transferred into and out of the crystallization chamber(s) to adjust the concentration of precipitant in the crystallization chamber(s) to achieve precise control of the crystallization process. The method and apparatus can be used effectively to grow crystals under reduced gravity conditions such as microgravity conditions of space, and under conditions of reduced or enhanced effective gravity as induced by a powerful magnetic field.

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