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Single Quantum Dot (QD) Velocimetry S. POUYA, M. KOOCHES-FAHANI, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, Michigan State University, P. SNEE, M. BAWENDI, D. NOCERA, Dept. of Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology — We introduce the use of quantum dot (QD) nanoparticles for near-surface velocimetry and provide preliminary data to demonstrate its feasibility. Evanescent wave illumination is used to image the motion of water-soluble (CdSe)ZnS QDs with a core size of 6 nm within a region of order 100 nm of a surface. These particles are an order of magnitude smaller than those typically used to date in nano-PIV studies. Results will be presented for the two in-plane components of the velocity near the surface of a microchannel. This work was supported by the CRC Program of the National Science Foundation, Grant Number CHE-0209898.

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