

3D sperm may aid malaria fight

HOLOGRAMS of malaria sperm offer new hope in the fight against the killer disease, scientists believe. Experts from Edinburgh University and the US have developed a 3D filming technique which shows how malaria parasites mate in the gut of mosquitos. They

found the sperm move in an 'irregular, lopsided corkscrew motion' which is thought to help the sperm swim between red blood cells to find female mates. The findings could lead to improved prevention and control of the disease, which threatens 3.3 billion people.

