

Supporting Information

An optofluidic conveyor for particle transmission based on fiber array and photo thermal convection

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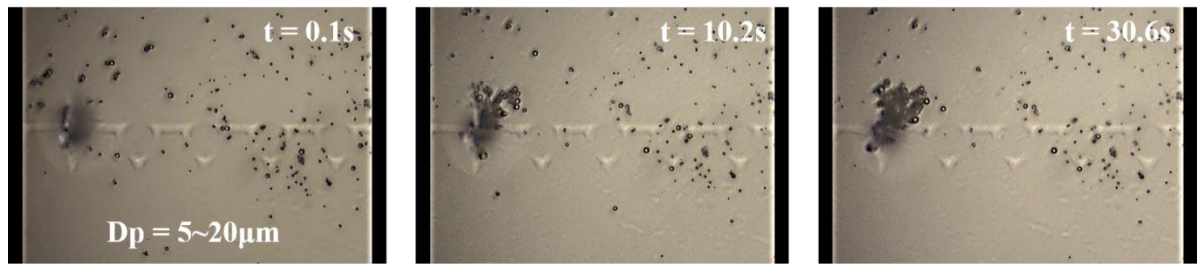


Fig.S1 Process of trapping 2-20 micron silica particles. Most 5-20 μm particles can be transmitted and captured at a distance of 750 μm , but cannot be transported over 750 μm . The light source power is 80mW, and the height of liquid is 700 μm .

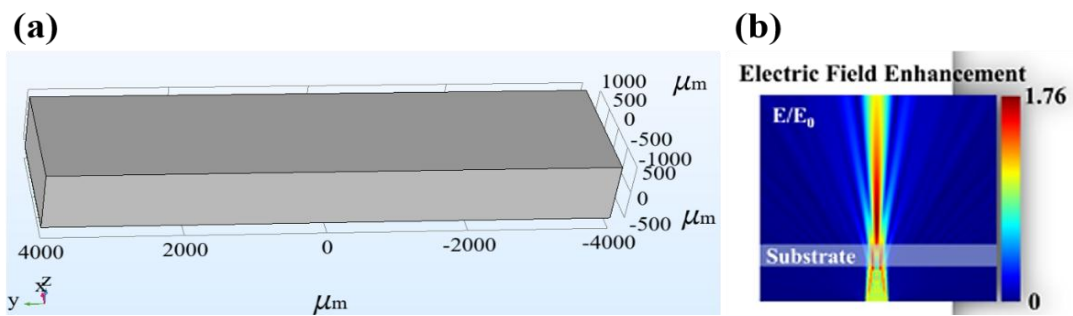


Fig.S2 (a) Schematic of simulation model. The liquid environment is set as a rectangle, and the size (length, width and height) is 4000*1000*700 μm . The surrounding boundary conditions are set to perfectly match the room temperature. (b) Electric field distribution near the fiber end.

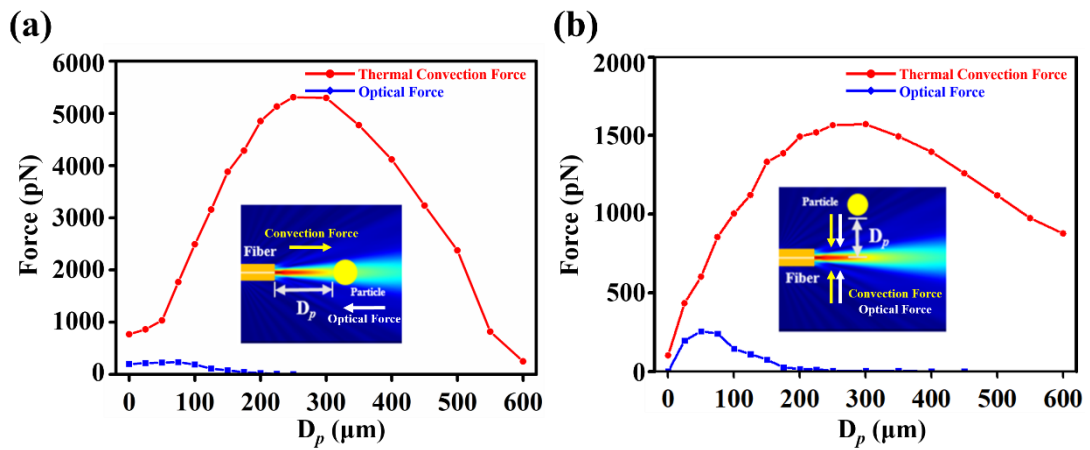


Fig.S3 Estimation of the optical gradient force and thermal convection force exerted on 100μm silica particle near the fiber. Since the particle diameter is much larger than the wavelength of the incident light, geometrical optics approximation algorithm is used to calculate the optical gradient force. The light source power is 80mW (a) The relationship between force and lateral distance of the silica particle from the fiber end face (b) The relationship between force and vertical distance of the silica particle from the fiber end face

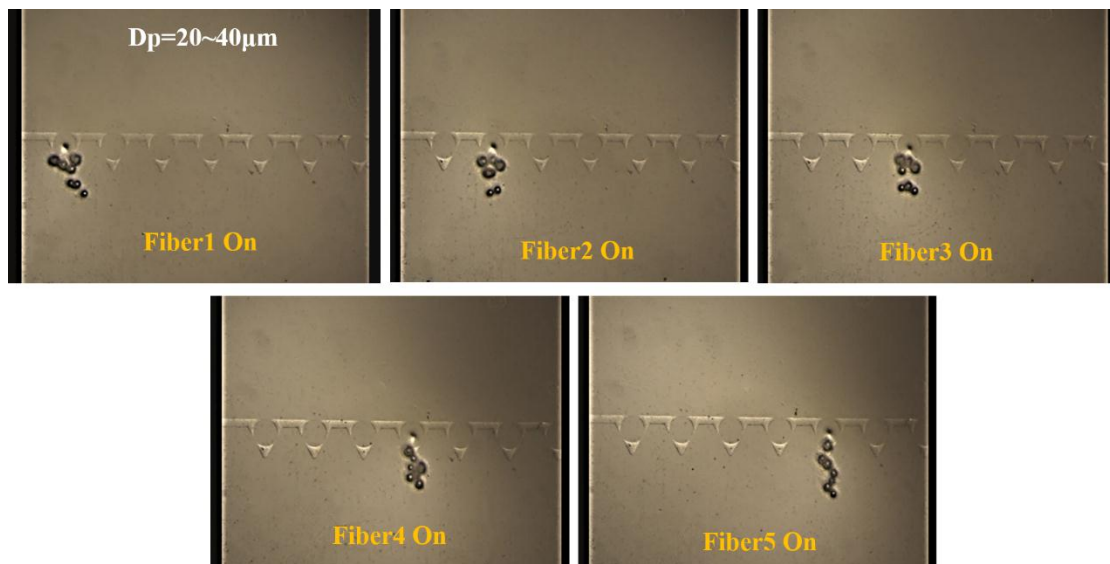


Fig.S4 Process of manipulating 20-40μm silica particles. The light source power is 40mW, and the height level is 700μm.

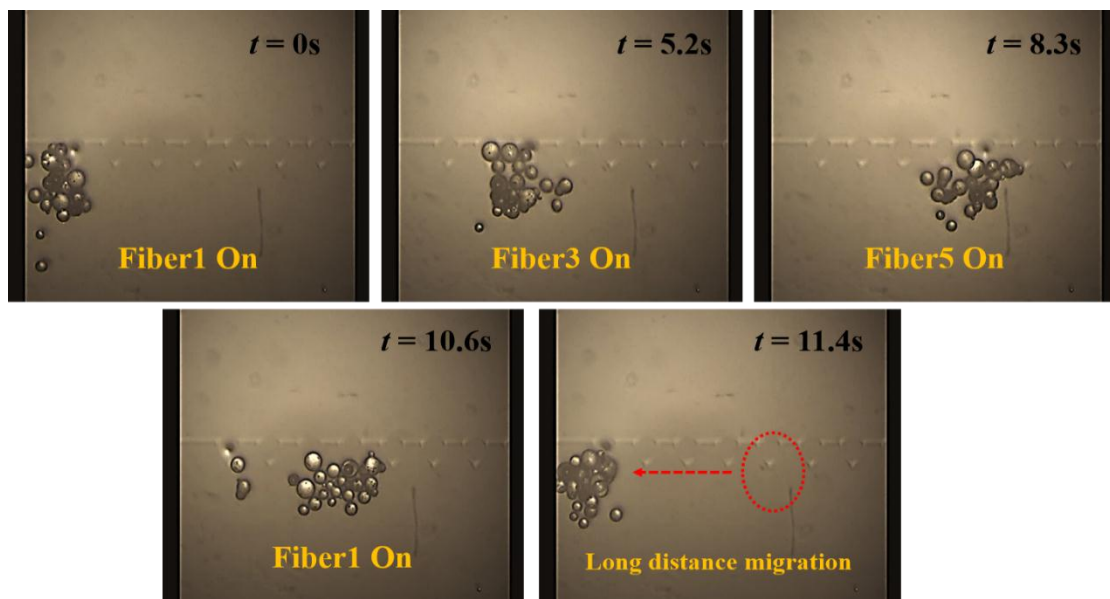


Fig.S5 Process of high-throughput 80-120 μm silica particles movement. The light source power is 80mW, and the height level is 700 μm .

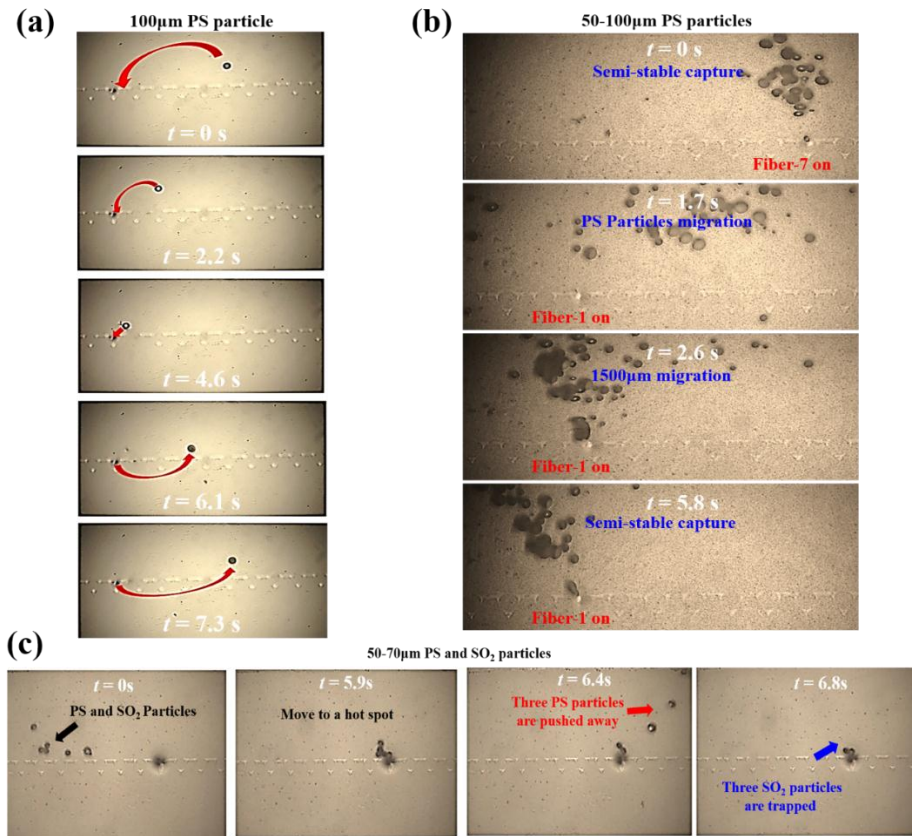


Fig.S6 Experiment results on PS particles trapping, the liquid level is 700µm (a) Trapping experiment of 100µm PS particle. The PS particle can be transmitted to hot spot, then be pushed away from the heat source. The experimental conditions are 80mW light source power and water solution. (b) Semi-capture experiment of high-throughput 50-100µm polystyrene particles, when the experimental conditions are 40mW light source power and alcohol solution. (c) Sorting experiment of SiO₂ and PS particles. Under the experimental conditions of 80mW light source power and 700µm water solution, the mixed PS and SiO₂ particles can be migrated, but only the SiO₂ particles can be stably captured, the PS particles will be ejected away from the hot spot.

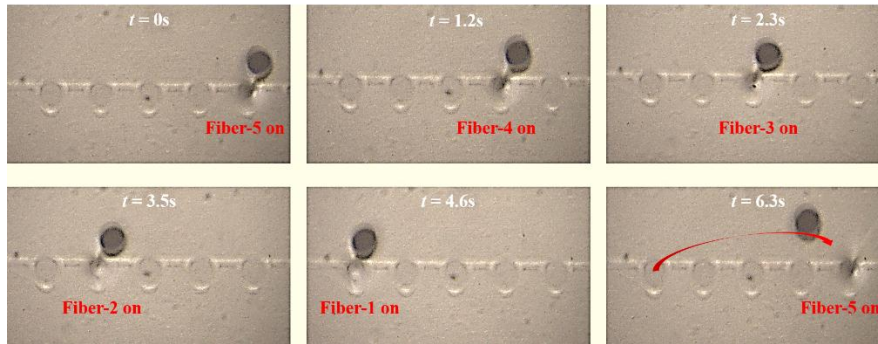


Fig.S7 Process of zirconium dioxide particle manipulation between fibers. The liquid level is $700\mu\text{m}$ and the light source power is 80 mW.

Video S1: process of periodic cycling of $100\mu\text{m}$ silica particles between fibers

Video S2: process of $120\mu\text{m}$ silica particles transport $2250\mu\text{m}$, from fiber 10 to fiber 1

Video S3: process of $20\mu\text{m}$ silica particles transport $1000\mu\text{m}$, from fiber 1 to fiber 5

Video S4: the formation of bubbles affects the capture process when the incident light power is 100mW

Video S5: process of silica particles manipulation between fibers at the situation of three optical switch ports

Video S6: particle manipulation at different height level environment. (with $\times 2$ speed)