

Supplementary information

Microchip design

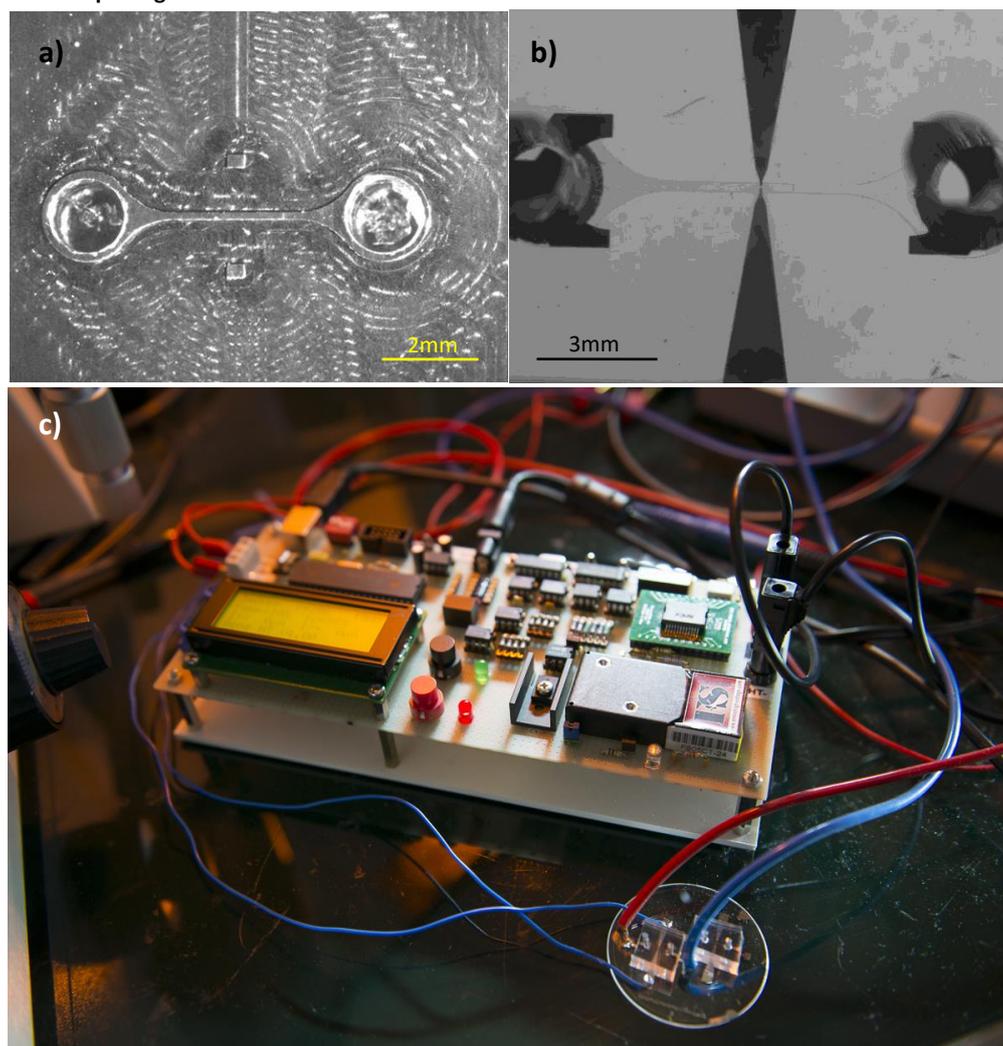
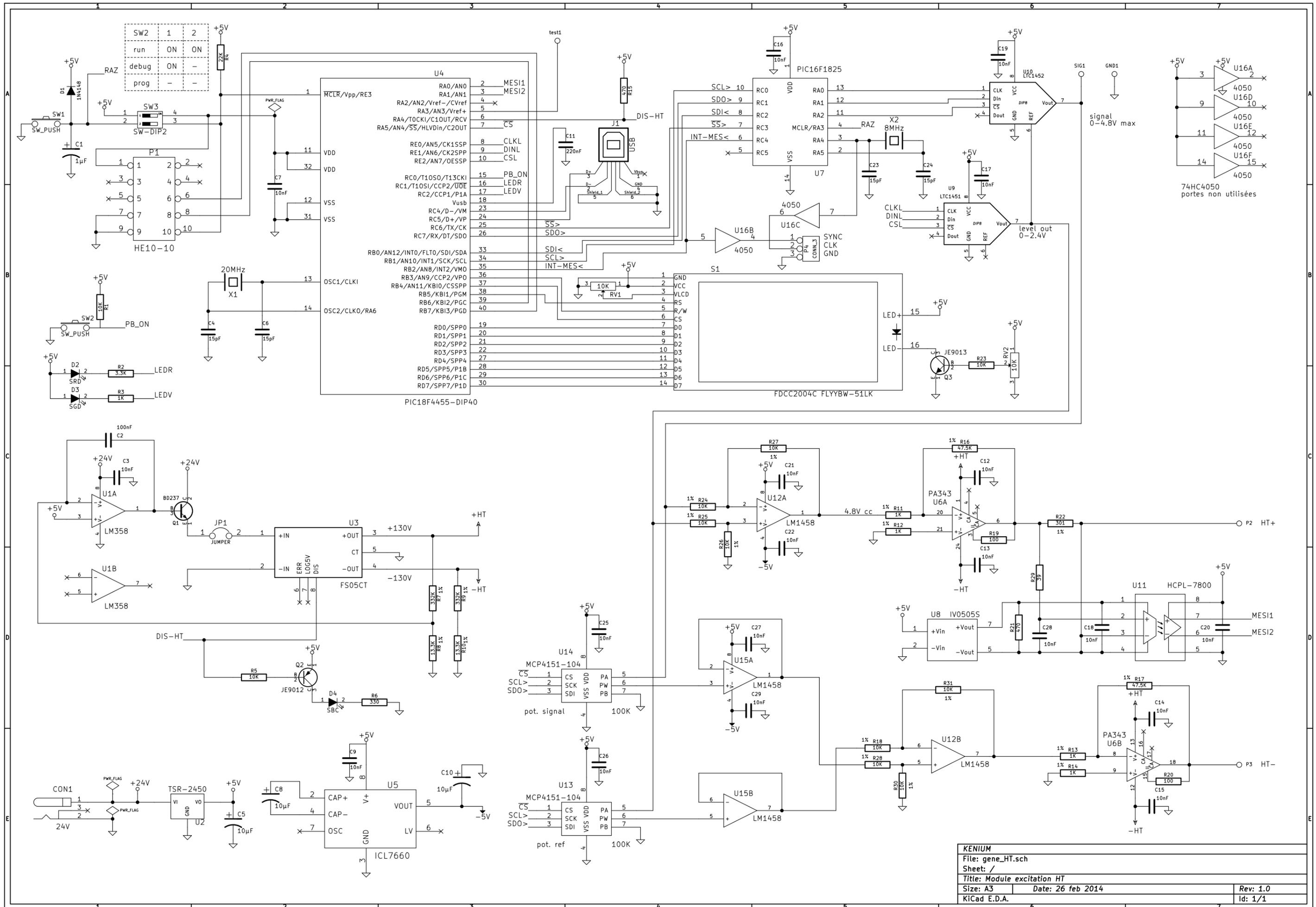


Fig. S1 a) Picture of the micro-milled mould. b) Picture of the final microfluidic chip, after bonding of the PDMS replica on the patterned glass slide. c) Picture of the microfluidic chip and the HVPS.

Excitation electronics

The schematics of the HVPS could be found below (Figure S2).



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Oligonucleotide sequences

List of the oligonucleotides used for SDA-HRCA. Underlined sequences with the same colour are identical. Sequences with the same colour are complementary. Nicking sequences are in italic and the nicked bond is bolded. Phos- indicates a 5' phosphorylation and * indicates a phosphorothiate bond. N is a random nucleotide.

| Name | Length | Sequence |
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| ldh1 | 165nt | 5'- <u>AGGTAATGGTGCAGTAGGT</u> <u>TC</u> <u>AAGCTACGCATTTTCATTAG</u> TGAACCAAAGCAT <u>TTGTTGATGAATTAGT</u> <u>CATCATTGATT</u> AGACACTGAAAAAGTT <u>CGAGGAGATGTTATG</u> GATTTAAACATGCCACACCATATTCTCC AACACA <u>GTTCTGTGAAAGCTGG</u> |
| mecA | 169nt | 5'-TAATAGCAATACAATCGCACATACATTAATAGAGAAAAAGAAAAAGATGGCAAAGATATTCAACTAA CTATTGATGCTAAAGTTCAAAAGAGTATTTATAACAACATGAAAAATGATTATGGCTCAGGTACTGCTATC CACCTCAAACAGGTGAATTATTAGCACTT |
| Extension Primer 1 | 45nt | 5'-GCATAATACTACCAGTCT <i>CCTCAGC</i> <u>AAGCTACGCATTTTCATTAG</u> |
| Extension Primer 2 | 44nt | 5'-TAGAATAGTCGCATACTT <i>CCTCAGC</i> <u>CATAACATCTCCTCGAACT</u> |
| Bump Primer 1 | 19nt | 5'- <u>AGGTAATGGTGCAGTAGGT</u> |
| Bump Primer 2 | 17nt | 5'- <u>CCAGCTTTCACACGAAC</u> |
| RCA Padlock | 90nt | 5'-Phos- <u>AGTCATCATTGATT</u> NNNNNNNNNNNN <u>ATCGACTGAGTGCTA</u> NNNNNNNNNN <u>TAAGCGTTT</u> <u>CCCAA</u> NNNNNNNNNN <u>TTGTTGATGAATT</u> |
| HRCA Primer 1 | 15nt | 5'- <u>ATCGACTGAGTGC</u> *T*A |
| HRCA Primer 2 | 15nt | 5'- <u>TTGGGAAACGCT</u> *T*A |

Signal acquisition and wavelet treatment

Wavelet treatment was performed using the wavelet package in Matlab.

By trial and error, we validated the use of the Bior2.2 wavelet shape. In order to scan the complete conductometric signal, a collection of wavelets $\varphi_{j,k}$ were generated from the mother-wavelet φ .

$$\varphi_{j,k}(t) = 2^{-j/2} \varphi(2^{-j} t - k)$$

With $j, k \in \mathbb{N}$, where k controlled the temporal position of the wavelet and j the spatial width and amplitude of the wavelet. Discrete coefficients were then obtained by convolution with the temporal signal $x(t)$ to treat:

$$d_x(j, k) = \int x(u) \varphi_{j,k}^*(u) du$$

Each collection of coefficients $d_x(j, k)$ with a fixed spatial width j reflects the contribution of peaks with a similar width to the wavelet $\varphi_{j,k}$. This transformation could be inverted:

$$x(t) = \sum_{k,j} d_x(j, k) \varphi_{j,k}(t)$$

Where $\hat{\varphi}_{j,k}$ is the dual wavelet of $\varphi_{j,k}$. A detail signal $S_j(t)$ containing only the contribution of these peaks can be reconstructed using the following formula:

$$S_j(t) = \sum_k d_x(j, k) \hat{\varphi}_{j,k}(t)$$

The conductometric signal was then divided between several details signals $S_j(t)$ as seen on Figure S4:

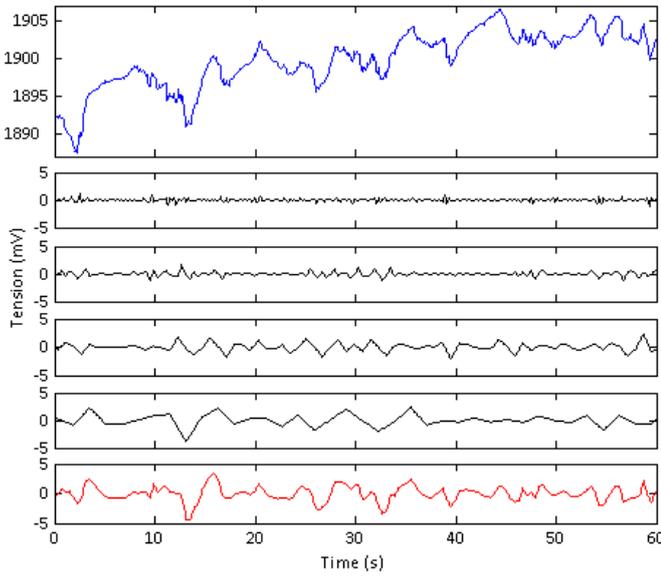


Fig. S3 From top to bottom: raw signal (in mV) from a conductometric measurement of Lambda-DNA aggregation (blue). Detail signals associated: $S_2(t)$, $S_3(t)$, $S_4(t)$, $S_5(t)$ (black). Reconstructed signal $x_w(t)$ (red)

The EHDA-related contributions were mainly distributed between the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th detail signals, while the electronic noise was present in the 1st detail signal and the slow baseline shifts was recovered above the 6th detail signal. A filtered signal $x_w(t)$ was thus reconstructed with the physically relevant detail signals only:

$$x_w(t) = \sum_{i=2}^{i=5} S_i(t)$$

Further treatments were needed to remove transient artefacts in the wavelet-treated signal. Each measurement was divided into 10 segments $x_w(t_s \rightarrow t_{s+1})$. To quantify both the quantity and the amplitude of the filtered peaks, we calculate the average of the absolute value of the filtered signal. A partial quantification parameter for the segment s is:

$$Q_s = \langle |x_w(t_s \rightarrow t_{s+1})| \rangle$$

The quantification parameter for the whole filtered signal is:

$$Q = \langle |x_w(t_0 \rightarrow t_f)| \rangle$$

If a segment had a quantification parameter higher than 12% (value validated with optical controls) of Q , it would be removed and the quantification parameter would be updated to:

$$Q = \langle |x_w(t_0 \rightarrow t_s \& t_{s+1} \rightarrow t_f)| \rangle$$

The algorithm was looped until no segment was removed and the previous quantification parameter was kept.

Gel electrophoresis protocol

The amplification products were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis, concentration 4% in a TAE 1X buffer. The gel was premixed with a final concentration of 1X SyBr Gold before casting. 0.5 μ l of SDA sample and 25bp ladder (from Invitrogen) were mixed with 1 μ l of Blue/Orange 6X loading dye (from Promega) and 4.5 μ l of TAE buffer. 5 μ l of mix was deposited in the gel wells. Electrophoresis was performed during 1h at 100V. Imaging of the gel was done in an Amersham 600 Imager.

SDA and HRCA scheme

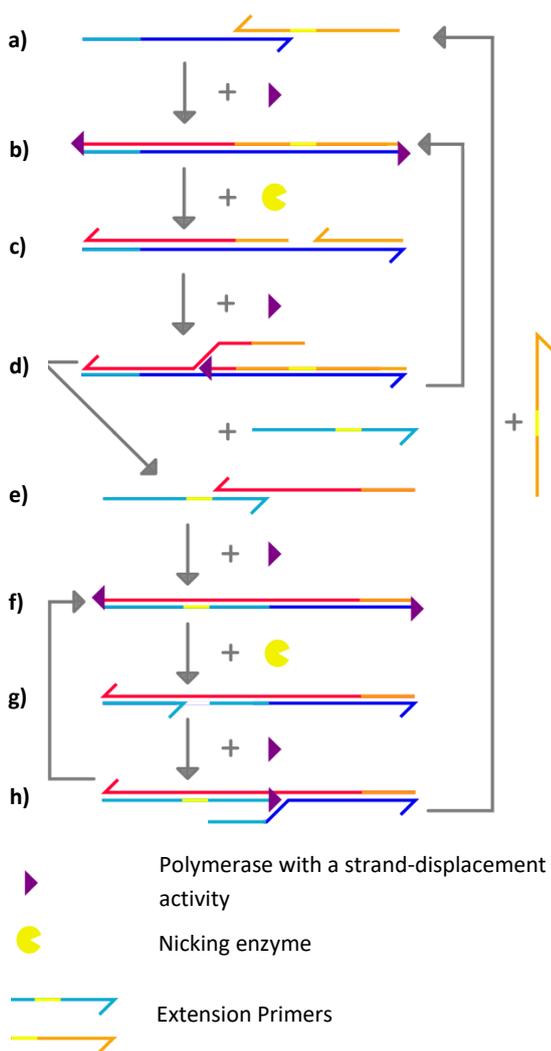


Fig. S4 SDA scheme. 3' ends are indicated with arrows. a) & e) Primer-target hybridization. b) & f) Primer-target elongation. c) & g) Nicking. d) & h) Elongation from the downstream strand and strand-displacement of the upstream strand.

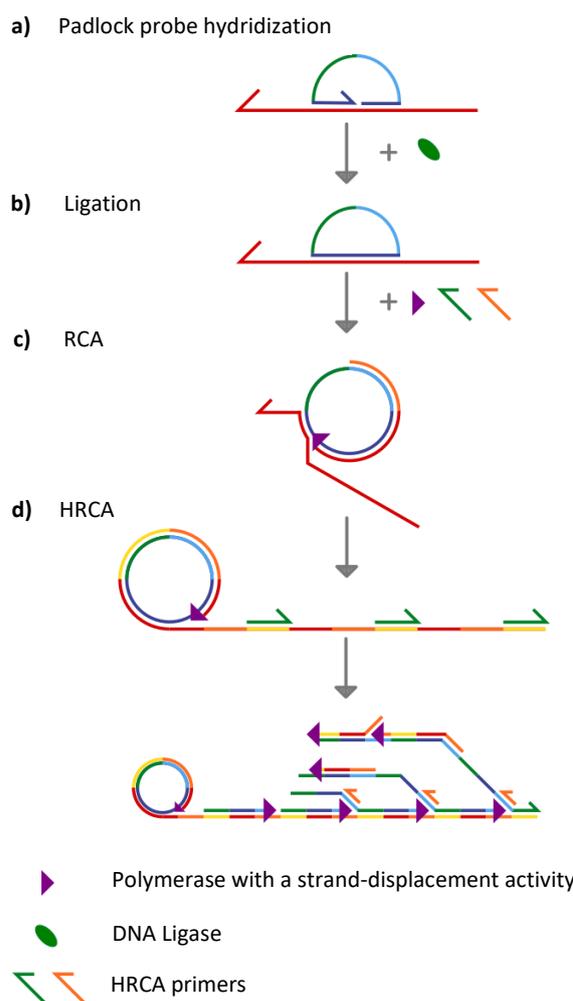


Fig. S5 HRCA scheme. 3' ends are indicated with arrows. a) Hybridization of the RCA Padlock probe with the SDA single-stranded amplicon. b) Ligation of the RCA Padlock probe into a DNA circle. c) Priming of the circle with a primer, and displacement of the SDA amplicon. d) Branching of the RCA multimer with the primers