

## Supplementary Material to:

### Real-time impedance-activated dielectrophoretic actuation for reconfigurable manipulation of single flowing particles

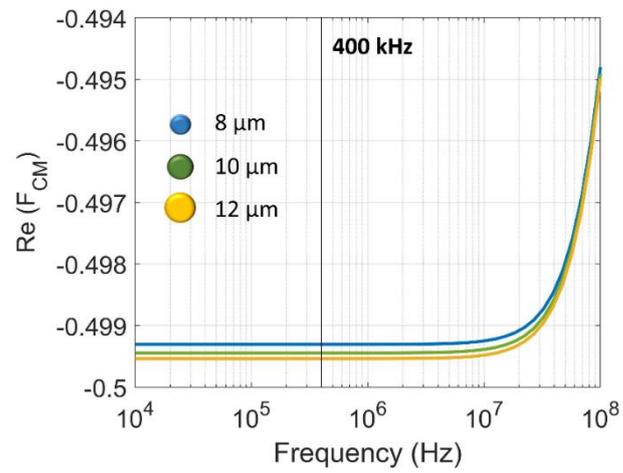
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**Figure S1.** Real part of the Clausius-Mossotti factor of the 8, 10, and 12  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter polystyrene beads. Medium properties: conductivity  $\sigma_m = 0.9$  S/m, relative permittivity  $\epsilon_m = 80$ . Bead properties<sup>1,2</sup>: surface conductivity  $\kappa_s = 1.67$  nS (which amounts to a bead conductivity  $\sigma_p = 4\kappa_s/d = 6.7 \times 10^{-4}$  S/m for the beads with diameter  $d = 10$   $\mu\text{m}$ ), bead relative permittivity  $\epsilon_p = 2.5$ .

|  | Zhong et al. <sup>3</sup>   | De Wagenaar et al. <sup>4</sup>  | Thomas et al. <sup>5</sup>   | Lipp et al. <sup>6</sup>                                   | Present work  |
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| <b>Sensing approach</b>                          | MIC   | MIC  | optical imaging  | visual inspection  | MIC   |
| <b>Actuation approach</b>                        | focused travelling surface acoustic wave                                | DEP  | DEP  | DEP  | DEP   |
| <b>Real-time processing and control approach</b> | C-program running on a processor embedded in the impedance spectroscopy | LabView program using USB connection between computer and impedance spectroscopy | MATLAB program   | manual   | C-program running on a processor embedded in the impedance spectroscopy                   |
| <b>Particle pre-focusing mechanism</b>           | sheath flow focusing  | DEP  | DEP  | none   | none  |
| <b>Throughput</b>                                | hundreds of particle/s  | < 5 particle/s   | up to 0.9 particle/s   | ~0.1 particle/s  | ~1 particle/s   |
| <b>Type of manipulation</b>                      | two-way sorting (target particles are deviated)                         | two-way sorting (target particles are deviated)                                  | two-way sorting (target particles are deviated) + demonstration of stream control through up to 5 channels | multi-way trajectory control (demonstrated 5-way)          | multi-way trajectory control (demonstrated 3-way)   |
| <b>Reported application</b>                      | enrichment of viable cells (cryopreserved primary PBMC samples)         | sorting of beads from sperm cells  | sorting of fluorescent particles/cells   | formation of aggregates of controlled size and composition | particle position-swapping, size-based separation, sorting of a desired particle sequence |

**Table S1:** Representative systems for selective manipulation of individual flowing particles/cells based on MIC-sensing and/or DEP-actuation.

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