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## **Supplementary Figures**

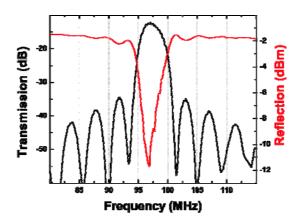


Fig. S1: N3-S3 delay line transmission (Black) and N3 reflection (Red) characteristics.

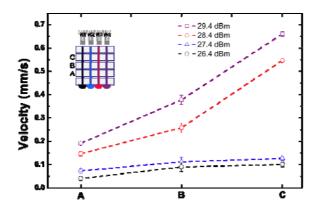


Fig. S2: Liquid injection dynamics during single microchannel fillings. Average meniscus velocities at different  $P_{RF}$  are reported during liquid transfer through different regions of the microchannel grid. A, B and C identify these positions. Error bars quantify the reproducibility of the filling processes.

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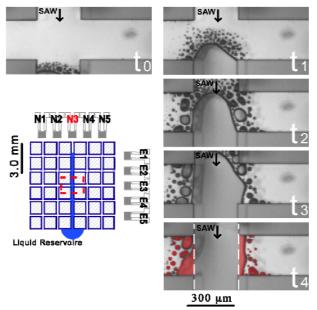


Fig. S3: Single microchannel filling. Typical filling sequence showing the meniscus evolution at a channel crossing. N3 was powered at 26.4 dBm. The frame t4 highlights the liquid leakage the lateral microchannels, estimated as  $\sim 10$  % of the total injected volume.

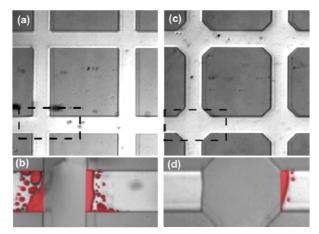


Fig. S4: Filling of microchannels having different cross-area geometry. (a) Standard grid layout. (b) Water leakage ( $\sim 10$  %) into lateral microchannels during single microchannel filling. (c) Alternative grid layout. (b) Reduced leakage (2.5 %) at the cross section during single microchannel filling.

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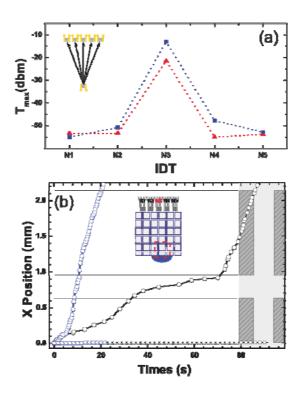


Fig. S5: (a) Maximum of the transmission characteristics between S3 and N1-5. Measurement carried out with (triangles) and without (squares) the presence of the fluidic layer touching the substrate surface. (b) Fluidic cross-coupling quantification. Meniscus position evolution at  $P_{RF}=32$  dBm (blue) and  $P_{RF}=28.4$  dBm (black). The circles and squares refer to the channels N3-S3 (aligned to the active IDT) and N4-S4 (nearby the active IDT), respectively.

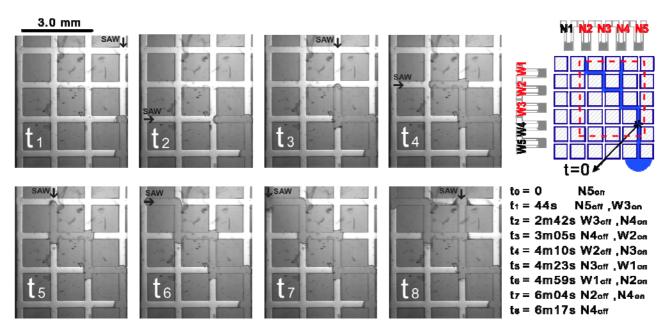


Fig. S6: Micropumping cycle exploiting 7 different SAW micropumps acting along a network of 7 microchannels, containing 6 cross areas for a total fluidic volume of 500 nl. The final liquid pattern ( $t_8$ ) was achieved by inducing 6 direction changes (from  $t_2$  to  $t_7$ ) and one fluid split

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