

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### Oil-sealed femtoliter fiber-optic arrays for single molecule analysis

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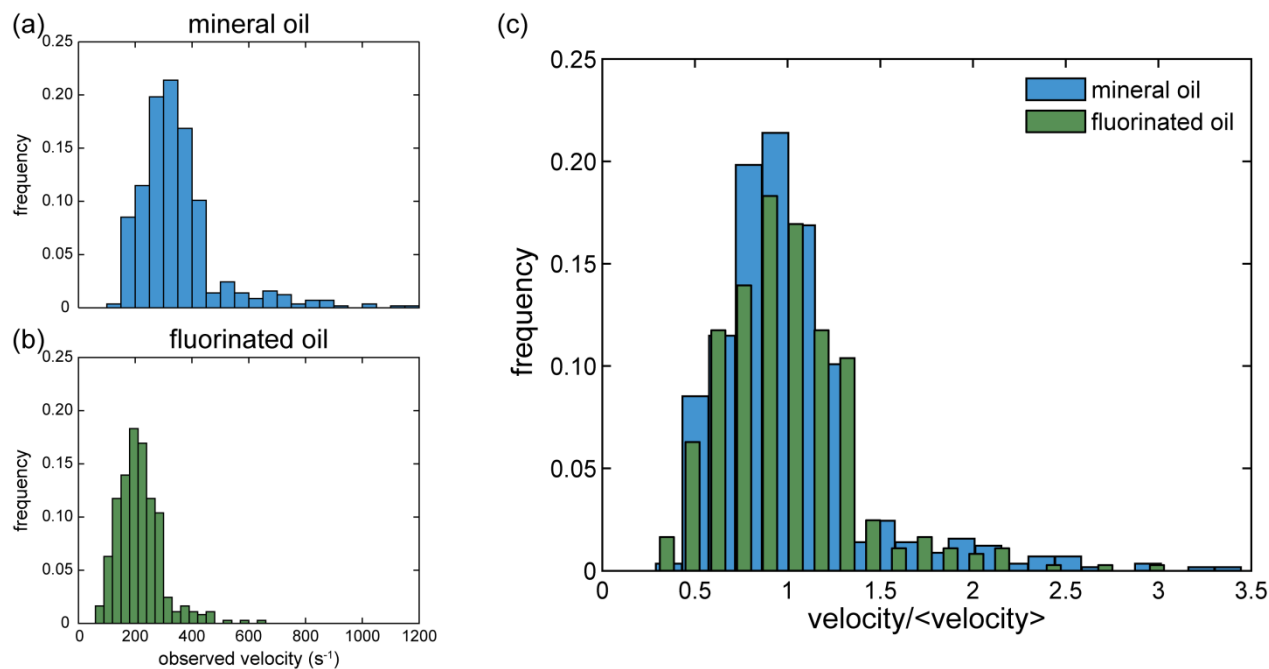
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**Fig. S1. On-chip sealing using mineral oil.** A section of the femtoliter microwell array after an enzyme/substrate solution containing 0.72 pM  $\beta$ -gal and 100  $\mu$ M RDG has been sealed by mineral oil with an on-chip protocol. The accumulation of fluorescent product in wells containing an active enzyme molecule makes them clearly distinguishable from the background.



**Fig. S2. Histograms of observed velocities of  $\beta$ -gal enzymes sealed with mineral oil and fluorinated oil.** (a) Histogram of the observed velocities of 575  $\beta$ -gal enzymes sealed with mineral oil using an off-chip protocol. The mean velocity is 350  $\text{sec}^{-1}$ . (b) Histogram of the observed velocities of 366  $\beta$ -gal enzymes sealed with Fluorinert© FC-70 oil using an off-chip protocol. The mean velocity is 220  $\text{sec}^{-1}$ . (c) Normalized histograms of  $\beta$ -gal catalytic turnover rates sealed by FC-70 and mineral oil. The shapes of the distributions correlate well with one another.