

Supporting information for

## Rapid Flow in Multilayer Microfluidic Paper-Based Analytical Devices

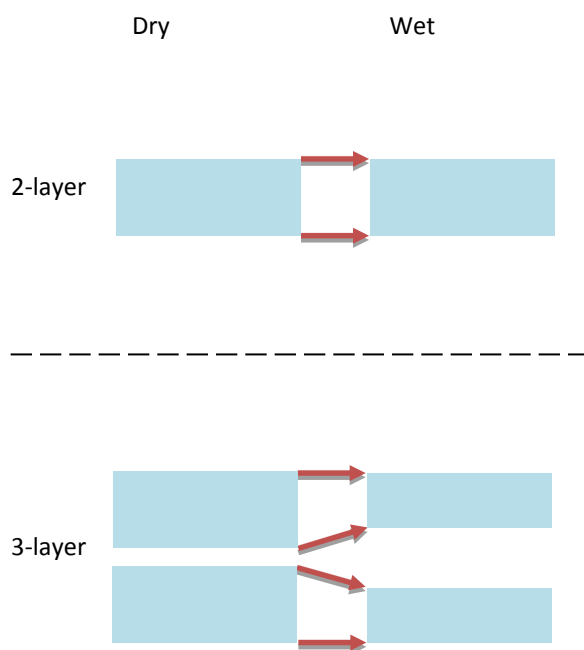
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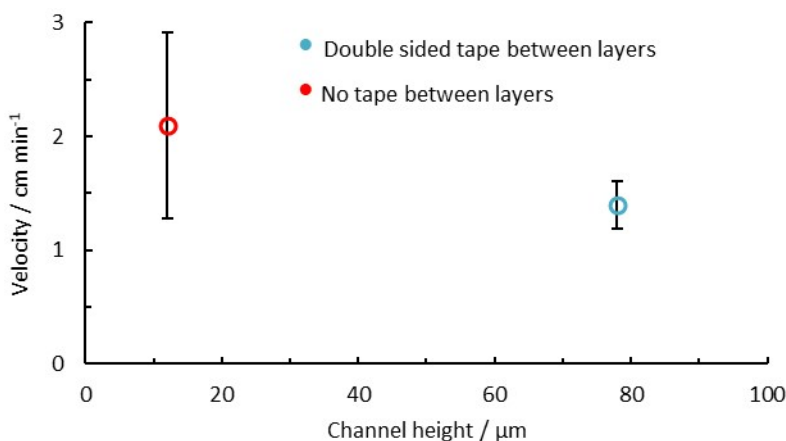
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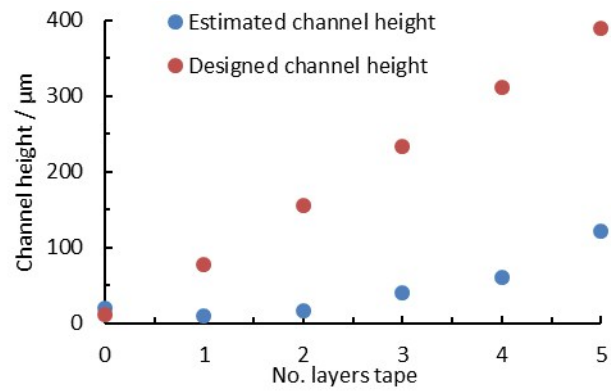
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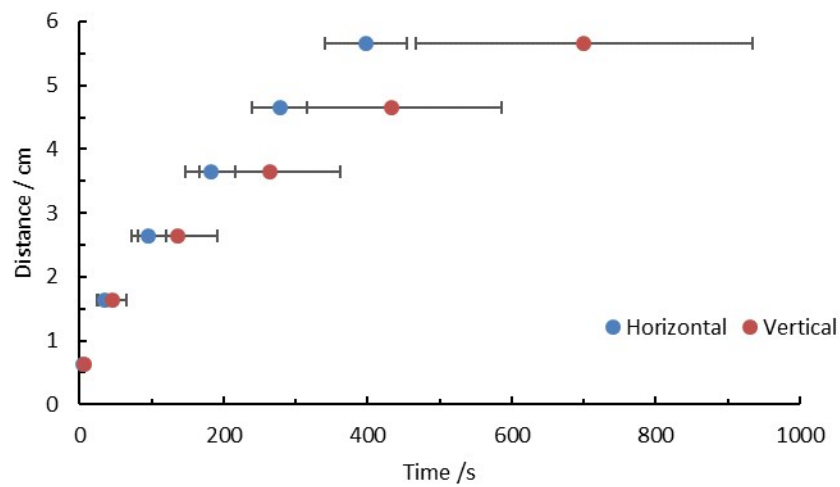
**Figure S1.** Side on illustration of swelling in 2- and 3-layer  $\mu$ PADs, where blue is fluid, red is paper and grey is the tape sealing. Note that as the paper wets, the channel height in the 2-layer device stays the same as the paper pushes on the tape, but the channel height is reduced in the 3-layer device due to swelling of the middle paper layer (red arrows).



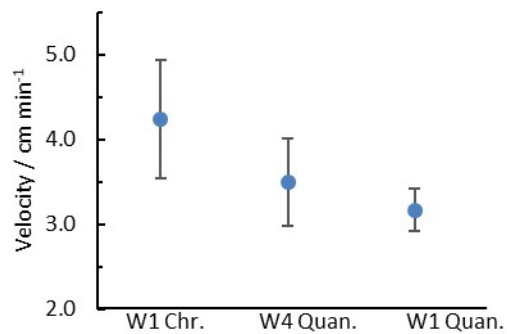
**Figure S2.** Effect of confining channel height with or without double sided sticky tape on the velocity for multilayer  $\mu$ PADs, vertical orientation, ( $n = 5$ ) flow taken up to 5.55 cm. The channel height for the untapped device is an estimate based on previous multilayer  $\mu$ PAD publications.<sup>1,2</sup>



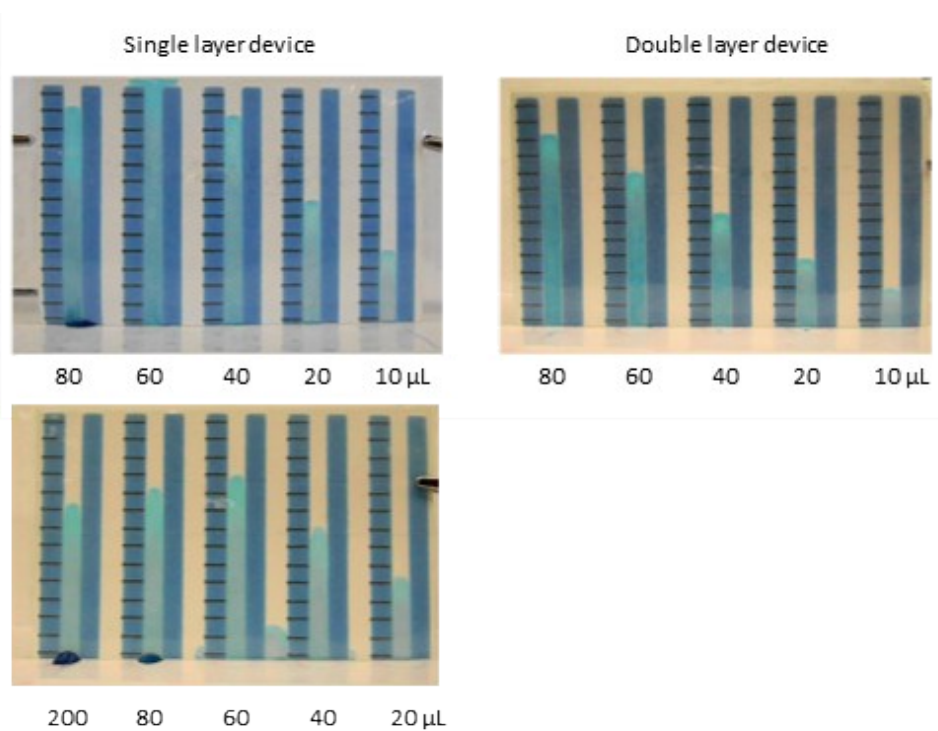
**Figure S3.** Estimated channel height from theoretical models based on the observed device velocities and actual channel height based on design of the multilayer  $\mu\text{PADs}$ , for horizontally orientated devices.



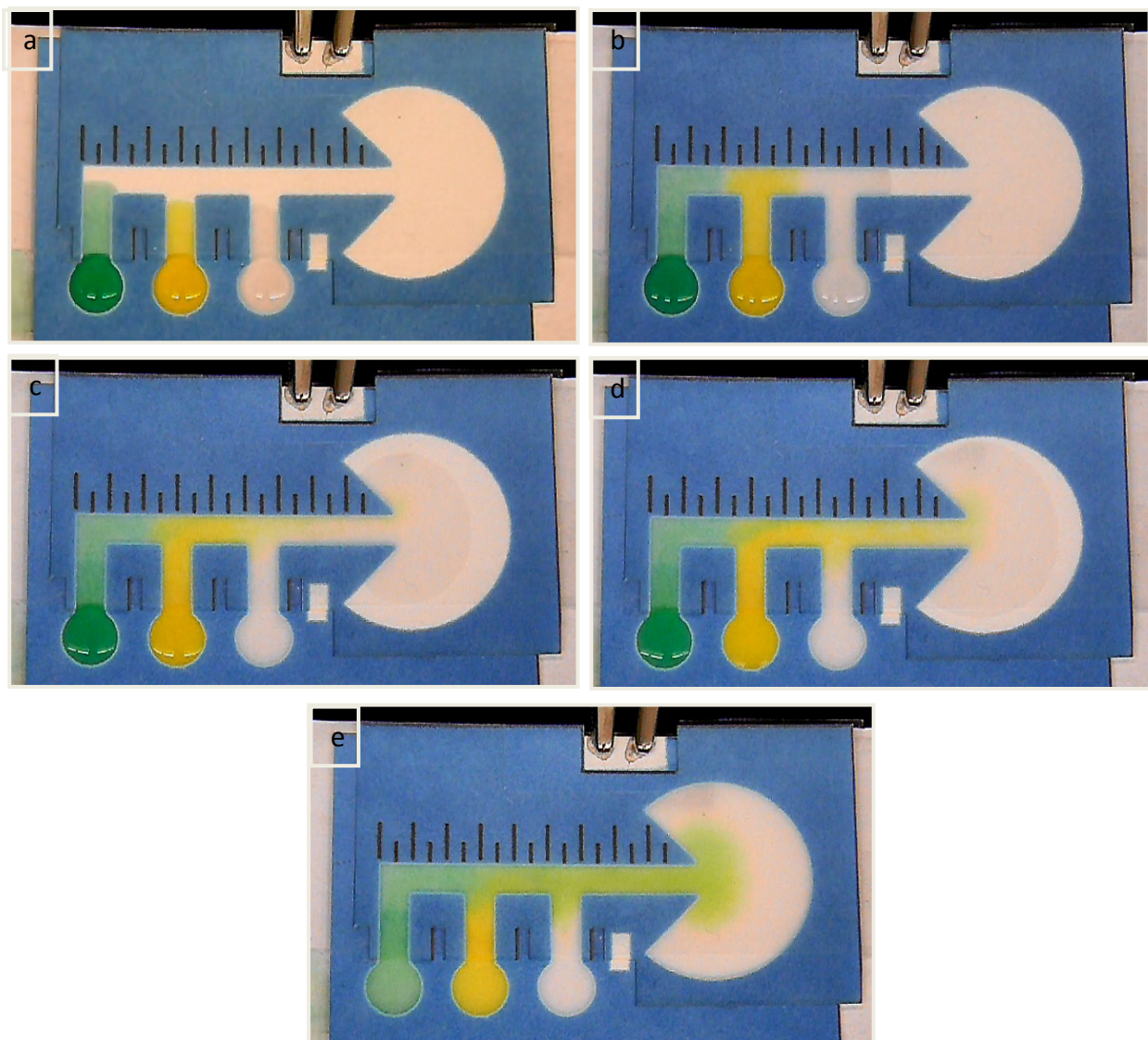
**Figure S4.** Length traversed down straight channel 1-layer of paper  $\mu\text{PADs}$  with horizontal and vertical orientation ( $n = 5$ ).



**Figure S5.** Effect of paper type on flow rate using vertical  $\mu$ PADs with 3 layers of tape between the two paper layers. Velocity is calculated for flow up to 5.55 cm ( $n = 5$ ).



**Figure S6.** Photographs of volume dependent fluid transport in single vs double layer devices, as described in Figure 5 of the main paper. Top: comparison of single and double paper layer devices with 10, 20, 40, 60, and 80  $\mu$ L dye. Bottom: snapshot of single layer device during flow, showing slower flow rates at inlet volumes above 60  $\mu$ L.



**Figure S7.** Images of a multilayered 3DPN device using 3 layers of tape between the layers, at different stages of sequential injection (Figure 6 if main paper, blue line). The 80  $\mu\text{L}$  injections from right to left are as follows:  $\text{KNO}_3$ , 1 mM  $\text{FcTMA}^+$  with 0.1 M  $\text{KNO}_3$  spiked with a yellow dye, and finally 0.1 M  $\text{KNO}_3$  spiked with a green dye. The snapshots represent a) addition of sample to wells and wicking up the inlet legs, b)  $\text{KNO}_3$  reaching the electrodes, c)  $\text{FcTMA}^+$

reaching the electrodes, d) The maximum current signal from the FcTMA<sup>+</sup> injection, e) the final (wash) KNO<sub>3</sub> injection washes the FcTMA<sup>+</sup> past the electrode and the flow ceases as the fan is filled and the sample wells are depleted.

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