

## Supporting information

# Simultaneous Measurement of Viscosity and Optical Density of Bacterial Growth and Death in a Microdroplet

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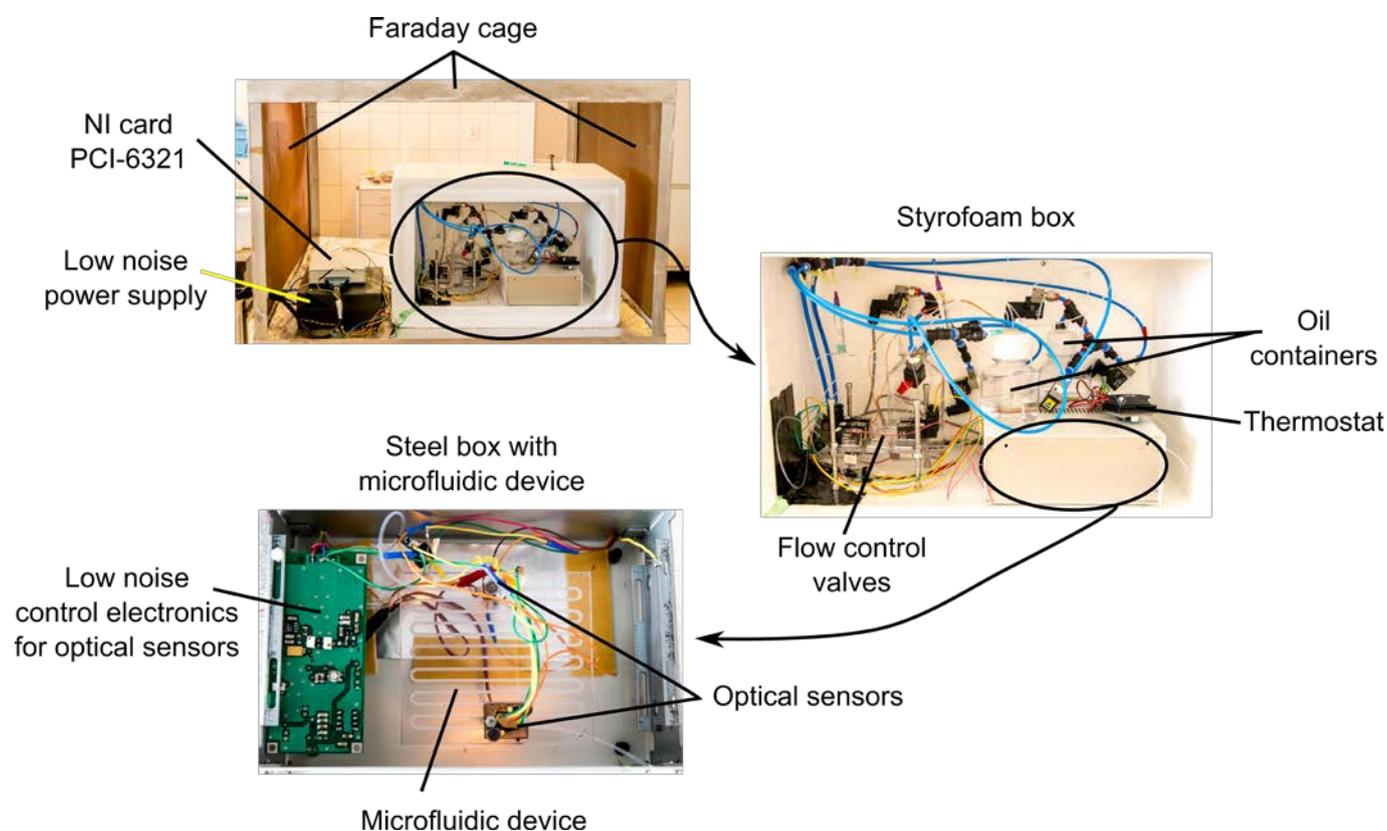
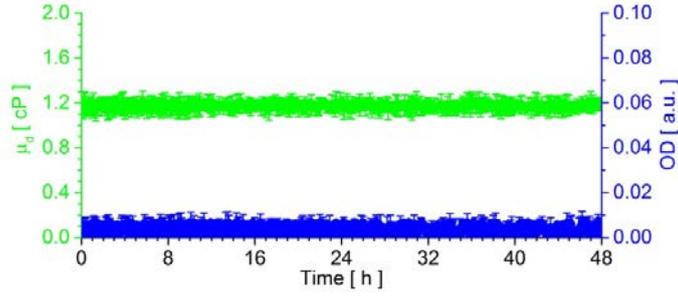
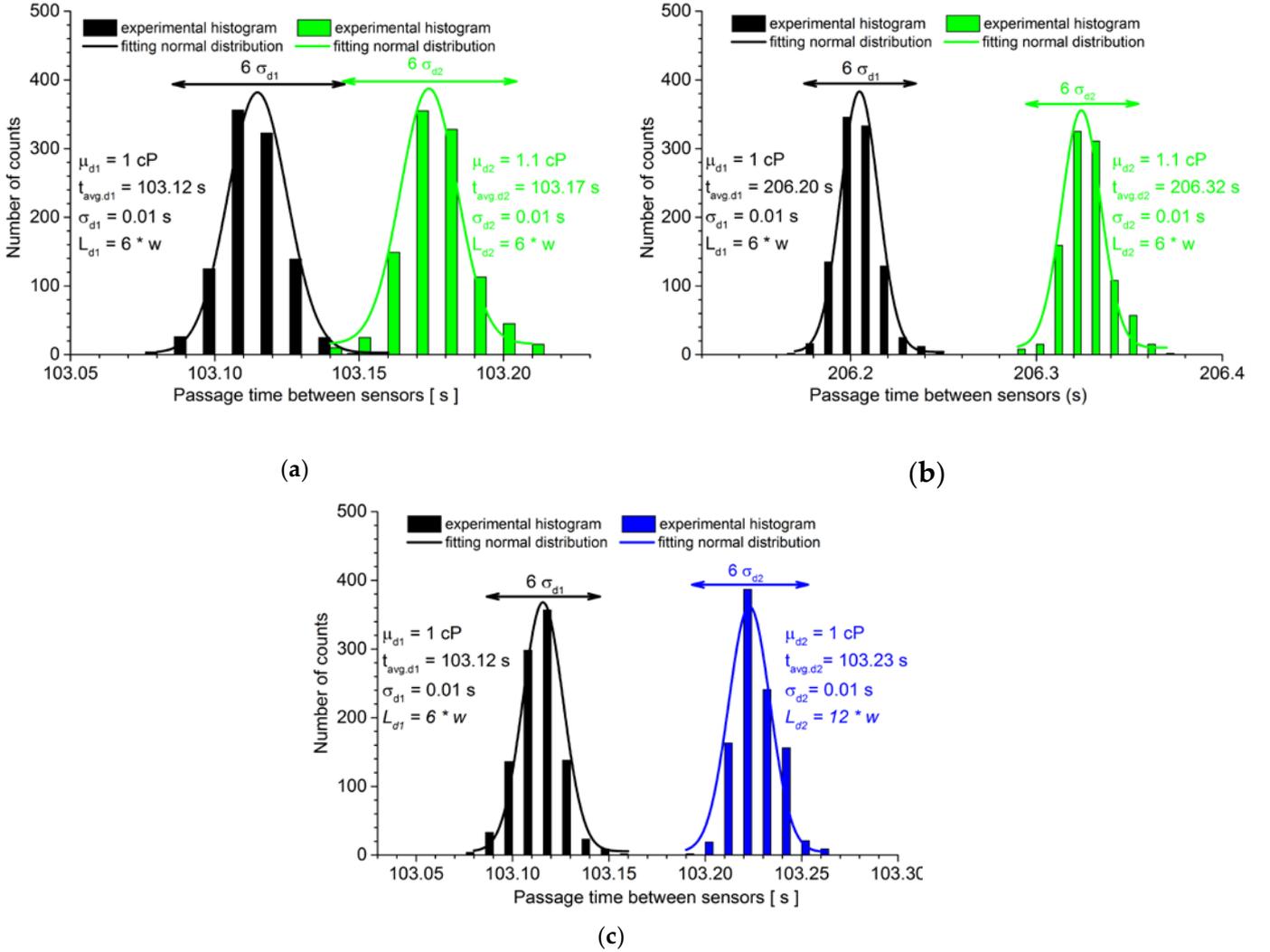


Figure S1. Photographs of the experimental system.



**Figure S2.** Time evolution of the droplet viscosity ( $\mu_d$ ) and optical density (OD) for a circulating droplet filled with bare nutrient without bacteria. The standard deviations of OD and droplet viscosity over ten samples were marked on the graph. The experiments were performed for  $\Delta p_{\text{continuous phase}} = 100$  mbar in temperature  $T = 37$  °C.



**Figure S3.** The charts show the distribution of passage time of a droplet between sensors. The experiments were repeated for the sample consisting of 1000 independent droplets with the same viscosity. The normal distribution was fitted to histograms. The experiments were performed in temperature  $T = 37$  °C. **(a)** the volume of the droplets was  $2.4 \mu\text{L}$ , which corresponded to a length that was equal to the six internal diameters ( $w$ ) of the tube  $L_{d1} = L_{d2} = 6 \cdot w$ ,  $\Delta p_{\text{continuous phase}} = 100$  mbar, tested droplets viscosities:  $\mu_{d1} = 1$  cP and  $\mu_{d2} = 1.1$  cP, **(b)** the volume of the droplets was  $2.4 \mu\text{L}$ , which corresponded to a length that was equal to the six internal diameters ( $w$ ) of the tube  $L_{d1} = L_{d2} = 6 \cdot w$ ,  $\Delta p_{\text{continuous phase}} = 45$  mbar, tested droplets viscosities:  $\mu_{d1} = 1$  cP and  $\mu_{d2} = 1.1$  cP, **(c)** the volume of the droplets was  $2.4 \mu\text{L}$ , which corresponds to a length that was equal to the six internal diameters ( $w$ ) of the tube  $L_{d1} = 6 \cdot w$  and  $4.8 \mu\text{L}$ , which corresponds to a length that was equal to the twelve internal diameters ( $w$ ) of the tube  $L_{d1} = 12 \cdot w$ ,  $\Delta p_{\text{continuous phase}} = 100$  mbar, tested droplets viscosity:  $\mu_{d1} = \mu_{d2} = 1$  cP.