

NANOSORTER® – SPECIFICATIONS

A single instrument to detect, count & isolate individual nanoparticles by functional criteria

- High rate (35.000 sorting decisions/s)
- High sensitivity (individual fluorescent particle counting & sorting) & reliability
- Adapted to EVs, viruses (lentiviruses, AAVs) or any fluorescent nanoparticle

NanoSorter® is a breakthrough in the field of nano-objects sorting and more generally in the field of flow cytometry. It is the first system that can detect and sort at a high-speed **individual** fluorescent nanoparticle by functional criteria (e.g. surface biomarkers).

Starting from a sample containing various nanoparticles, NanoSorter® encapsulates individual particles into **femtoliter-sized droplets** (volume 100.000 times smaller than in the existing sorting flow cytometers).

Our patented microfluidic chip generates up to **50.000 droplets per second**, and the system takes **sorting decision for each individual droplet**.

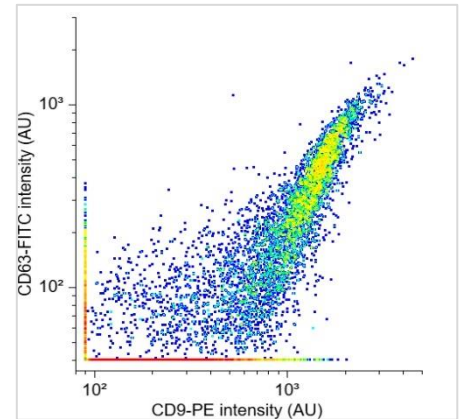
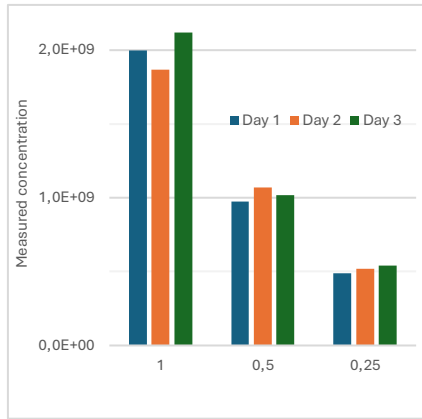
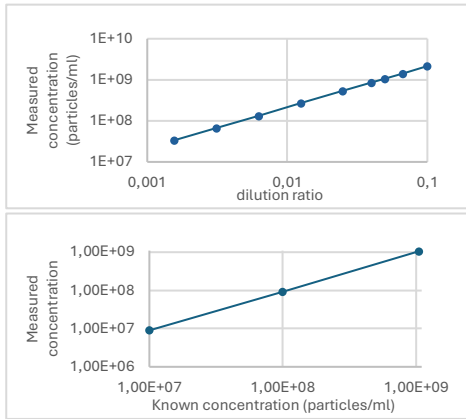
Thanks to this high decision rate, and to an ultra-sensitive optical detection, a concentrated and highly purified fraction of interest can be isolated. This sub-population can be sorted and harvested within a few hours allowing downstream analysis (genomic, transcriptomic, proteomic, lipidomic) and functional assays.

	Specification	Counting	Sorting
Optics	Supported excitation wavelength	488nm - 532nm - 561nm- 633nm - 660nm (2 lasers/device)	
	# of simultaneous wavelengths	2	
	Optical alignment	Automatic	
	Fluorescent detection	Single-Photon Counting Modules + Hardware-based particle detection algorithm	
	Fluorescent noise	≤1 Hz* (False Positive)	
	Optical filters	User exchangeable fluorophore specific optical bandpass filters	
Sample	Particle size	< 2000nm	
	Maximum sample concentration	3x10 ⁹ particles per ml	
	Minimum sample concentration	5x10 ⁵ particles per ml	
	Volume	>50µL	
Measurement	Sheath fluid	none	Fluorinated oil with surfactant
	Sample flow rate	up to 30 µL/h	3,5 µL/h
	Sample acquisition rate	up to 500.000 events /min	up to 2.100.000 events/min
	Overall concentration error	<20%	<20%
	Sorting error**	<i>na</i>	0,10%
	Sorted particle concentration	<i>na</i>	up to 2.10 ¹⁰ fluo particles/ml
	Run time	2 min standard (up to 15 min extent)	1-10 hrs
Data Management	Parameters	Objects count, concentrations, subpopulations distribution	Objects count, concentrations, subpopulations distribution
	Data report and output files	Open file format (.pdf, .csv, .fcs)	Open file format (.pdf, .csv, .fcs)
	Operating system	Windows 11 Pro or newer	Windows 11 Pro or newer
Physical parameters	Dimensions	h:470 w: 600 d: 430 mm	
	Weight	25 kg	

*in MiliQ @ 488nm; **estimated by sorting a 30%/70% mix of particles labeled with two different fluorophores, and analysing the proportion of unwanted particles in the sorted volume

EV Counting

High performances, in terms of accuracy, linearity and repeatability over two wavelengths in mono and co-detection



Linearity (top): tdTomato-labeled lentiviruses. Concentration measurement vs dilution.

Repeatability (down): Successive measurements over 3 days of 3 samples with relative concentrations 1, 0,5 and 0,25

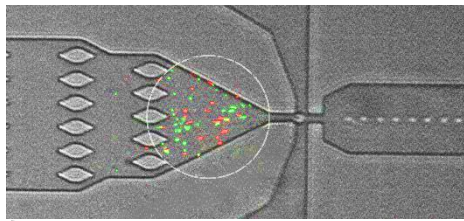
Accuracy: Measured concentration vs known concentration of different dilutions of 40nm beads (FluoSpheres™ orange, 2.1×10^{15} particles/ml initial concentration)

Co-detection: simultaneous detection and quantification of two wavelengths from serum samples stained for CD63-FITC and CD9-PE. Data obtained from a 60s run (12000 events)

EV Sorting

NanoSorter® can rapidly sort and concentrate subpopulations of nano-objects

A - Mixed population of fluorescent EVs injected into the microfluidic chip



Sample = aqueous fluid with mixed species of fluorescent particles to be sorted

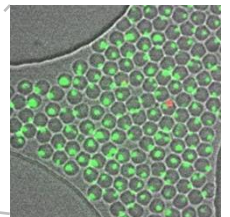
Droplet generation

B - Laser beam(s) focused on droplets path

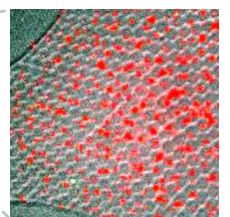


High sensitivity detection

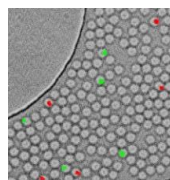
C - High voltage sorting pulse



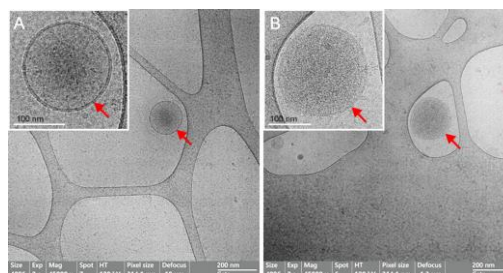
D - mNeonGreen sorted EVs (into droplets)



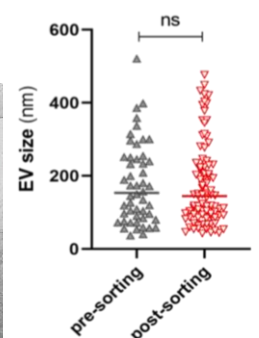
E - mRFP sorted EVs (into droplets)



F - Collected unsorted sample



G - Cryo-EM images of EVs before (A) and after (B) sorting, and particles size.



Schematic view of an optofluidic sorting assay:

A - Mixed population of small EVs*: CD63-mRFP (8.10^8 /ml) and CD63-mNeonGreen (2.10^9 /ml)

B - a laser beam is focused onto the droplet; fluorescence is detected with a high sensitivity detection chain.

C - when a fluorescent signal of interest is detected a high voltage pulse deflects the droplets into the dedicated collection channels.

D - microphotography of the "green" collected droplets.

E - microphotography of the "red" collected droplets.

F - collected unsorted sample.

After harvest, droplets are fused to obtain final subvolumes containing only the EVs populations of interest.

G - Cryo-EM image of EVs before and after sorting demonstrate that the sorting process does not alter the EV's morphology.**

* Fluorescent EVs are provided by INSERM U1307 CRCI2NA Team EVICAT (Dr. Guillaume Van Niel) - NANTES (France).

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