



Microfluidic Systems for Microbial Detection

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OUTLINE

A

Microbial Pathogens of Interest

(Waterborne Pathogens, Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria.)

B

Application-Specific Issues

(Multiplexing, Field deployability, Matrix, Volume, Cost)

C

Microfluidic Systems

(Databases, Molecular Tools, Microfluidics)

Water and Foodborne Pathogens

EPA's Contaminant Candidate List (CCL) 4

VIRUSES

Adenovirus
Caliciviruses (includes Norovirus)
Enterovirus (polioviruses,
coxsackieviruses and echoviruses)
Hepatitis A virus

BACTERIA

Campylobacter jejuni
Escherichia coli (O157)
Helicobacter pylori
Legionella pneumophila
Mycobacterium avium
Salmonella enterica
Shigella sonnei

PROTOZOA

Naegleria fowleri

FDA, FIGHT BAC!

Norovirus

Campylobacter
Clostridium botulinum
E. coli O157:H7
Listeria monocytogenes
Salmonella
Staphylococcus aureus
Shigella
Vibrio vulnificus

Cyclospora
Toxoplasma gondii

Microbial Systems: Phylogeny vs. Function

Phylogeny: Who is there?

Function: What are they doing (or capable of doing)?



16S rRNA gene

Genes related to specific functions

Diverse Set of Sample Matrices

BODY IN BALANCE ACTION OF GUT MICROFLORA

The good bacteria in our gut help us to digest food, absorb nutrients and keep a check on the bad bacteria. If allowed to multiply in an uncontrolled manner, the bad bacteria can cause a range of diseases.

The Guardian
Mary Roach
Saturday 30 March
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Blood
Swab
Tissue
Saliva
Urine
Feces
CSF



Clostridium difficile (above) Most harmful following a course of antibiotics when it is able to proliferate.

Campylobacter *C. jejuni* and *C. coli* are the strains most commonly associated with human disease. Infection usually occurs through the ingestion of contaminated food.

Enterococcus faecalis is a common cause of post-surgical infections. Compiled by Sarah Spencer



Bifidobacteria (pictured above) The various strains help to regulate levels of other bacteria in the gut, modulate immune responses to invading pathogens, prevent tumour formation and produce vitamins.

Escherichia coli Several types inhabit the human gut. They are involved in the production of vitamin K2 (essential for blood clotting) and help to keep bad bacteria in check. But some strains can lead to illness.

Lactobacilli Beneficial varieties produce vitamins and nutrients, boost immunity and protect against carcinogens.



Drinking Water



Produce



Wastewater



Surface Water

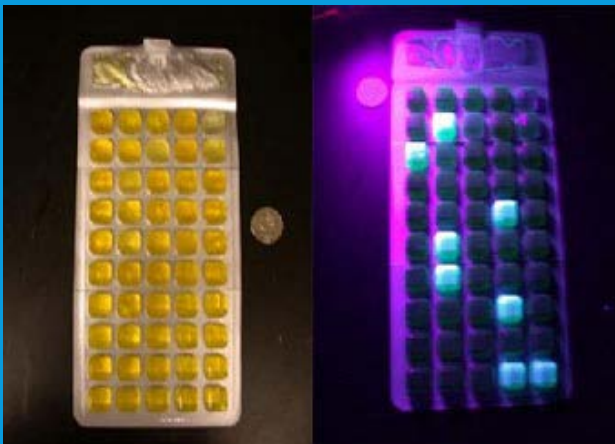
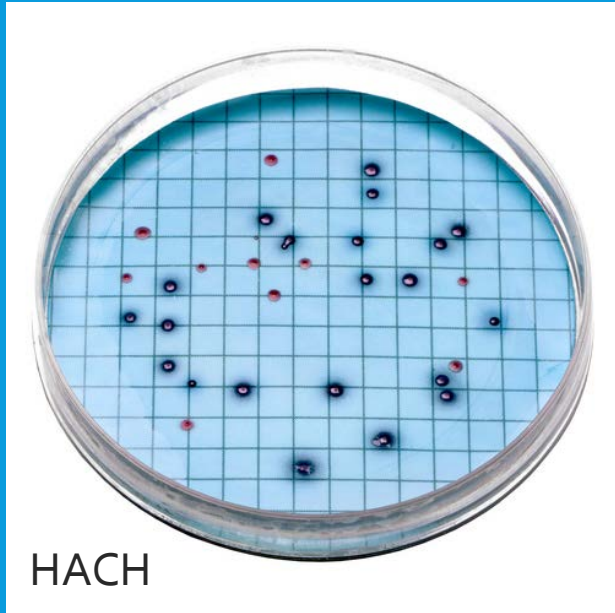


Sediment



Manure

Waterborne Pathogens: Limit of Detection, Live vs. Dead, Time



Coliform | *E. coli*

Issues

Very low concentrations ~ 1 CFU/100 ml

Live vs. Dead differentiation

Rapid detection (<1 hr)

Virulence and Marker Genes



Linked to Regulatory Definitions!

In Situ-Synthesized Virulence and Marker Gene Biochip for Detection of Bacterial Pathogens in Water^{▽†}

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Most probable number - loop mediated isothermal amplification (MPN-LAMP) for quantifying waterborne pathogens in <25 min



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METHODS AND PROTOCOLS

Thirty-minute screening of antibiotic resistance genes in bacterial isolates with minimal sample preparation in static self-dispensing 64 and 384 assay cards

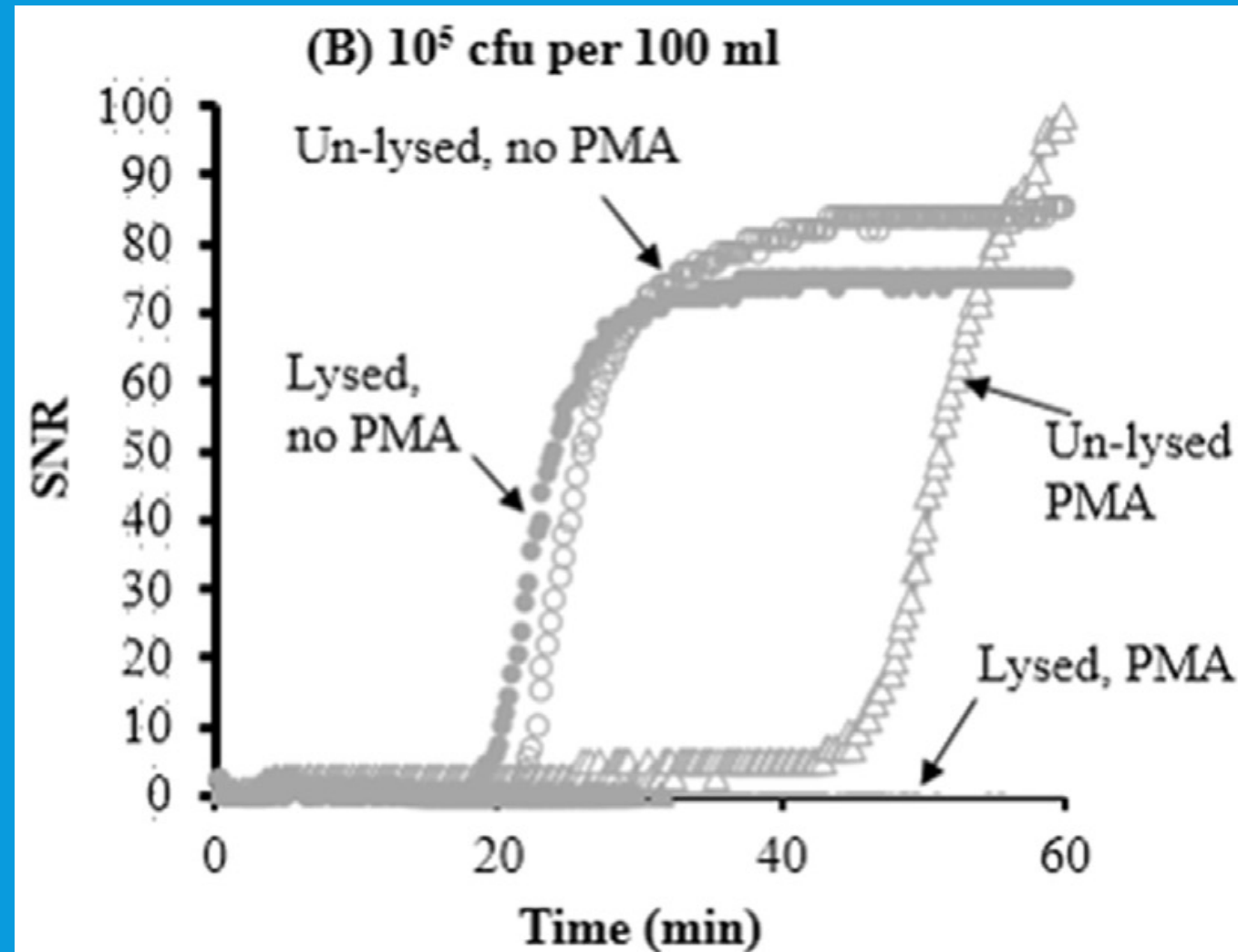
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Multiplex
Shorten the time
Live/Dead
LOD
Field deployability

LOD, Live vs. Dead, 1-hr: *Legionella pneumophila*



1. Filter 100 ml- 1 liter of water
2. Add Propidium Monoazide
3. Crosslink by ~400 nm light
4. On-filter direct amplification
5. Reading by Gene-Z

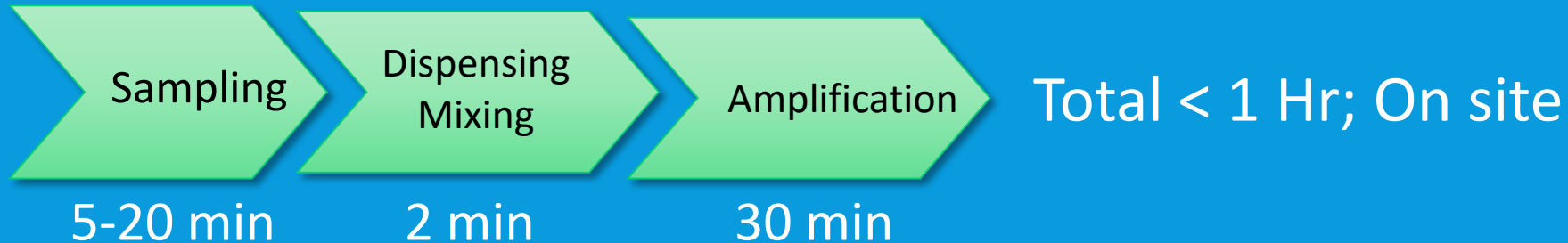


Filed Deployability: Direct Amplification

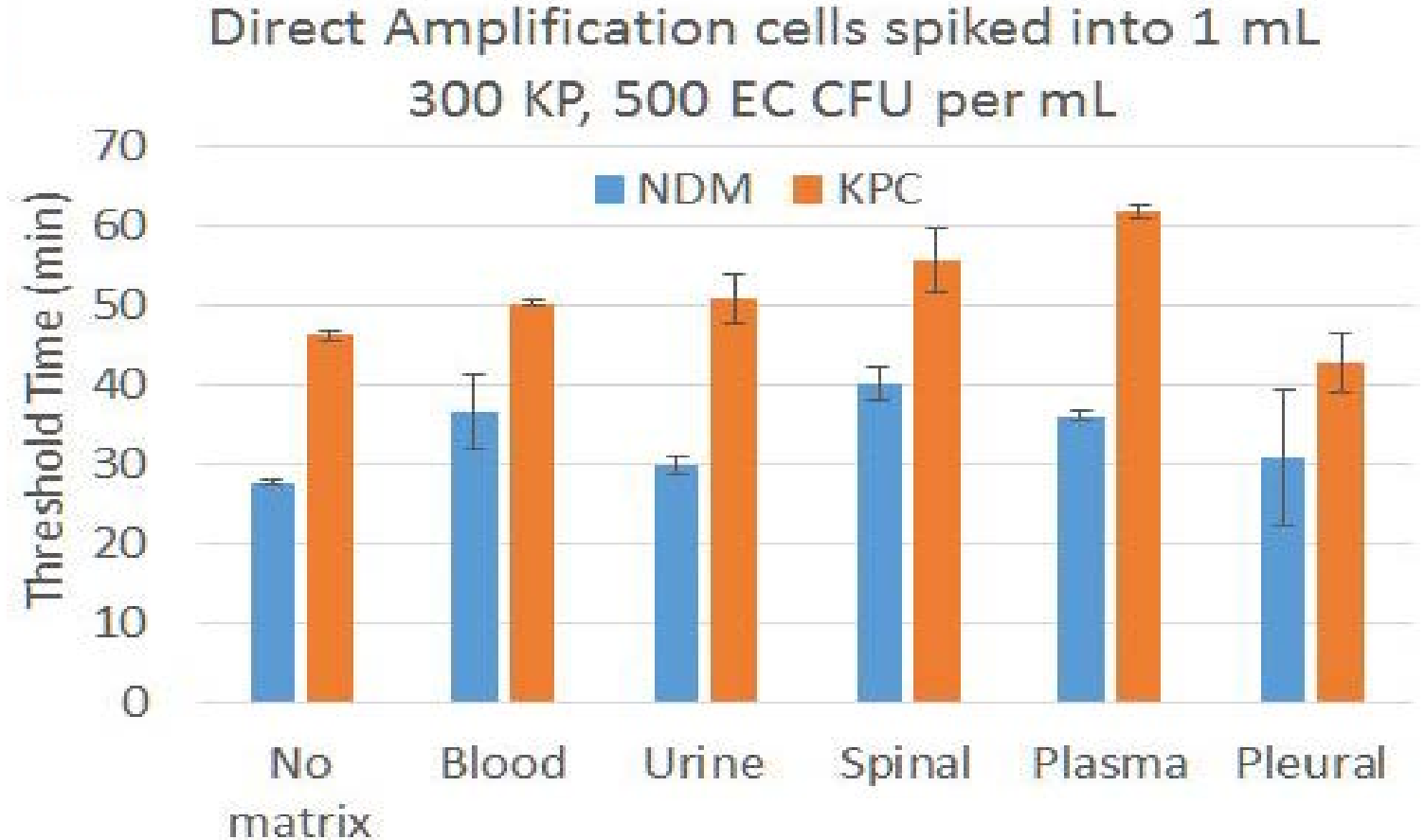
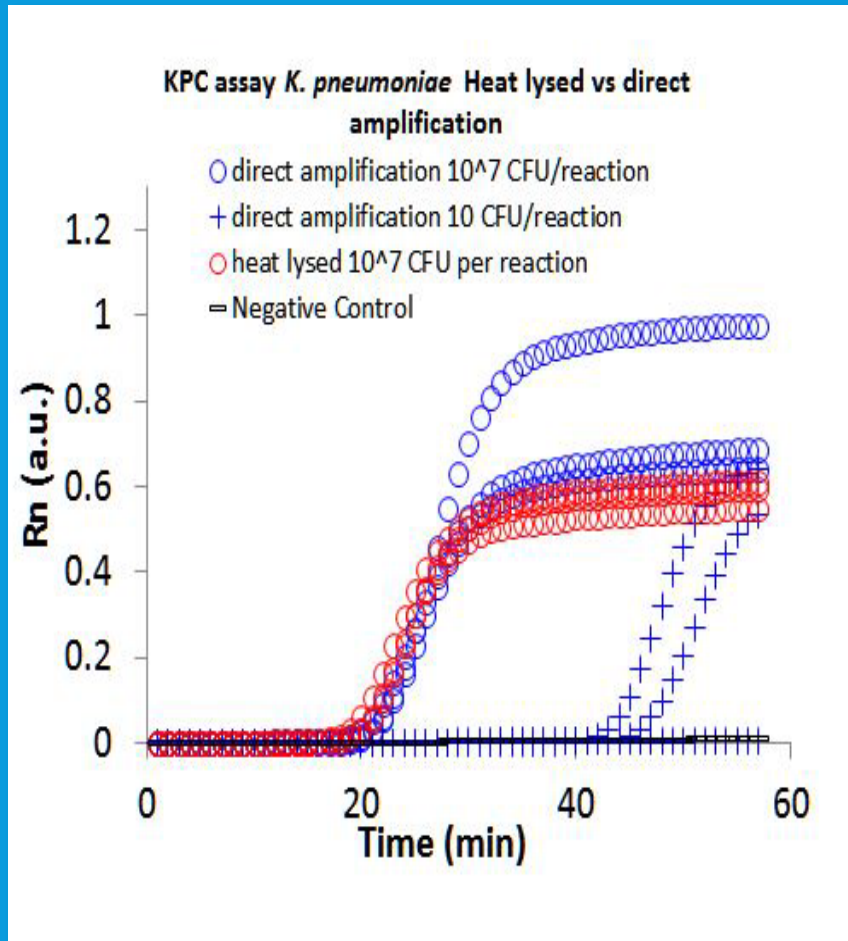
A. Traditional approach when DNA extraction is needed is complex; not suitable for POCs



B. Approach when DNA extraction is not needed is simpler and faster



Direct Amplification of Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) in body fluids



NDM-1 = New Delhi Metallo beta-lactamase 1, KPC = *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenem

Direct amplification vs. Extraction and purification



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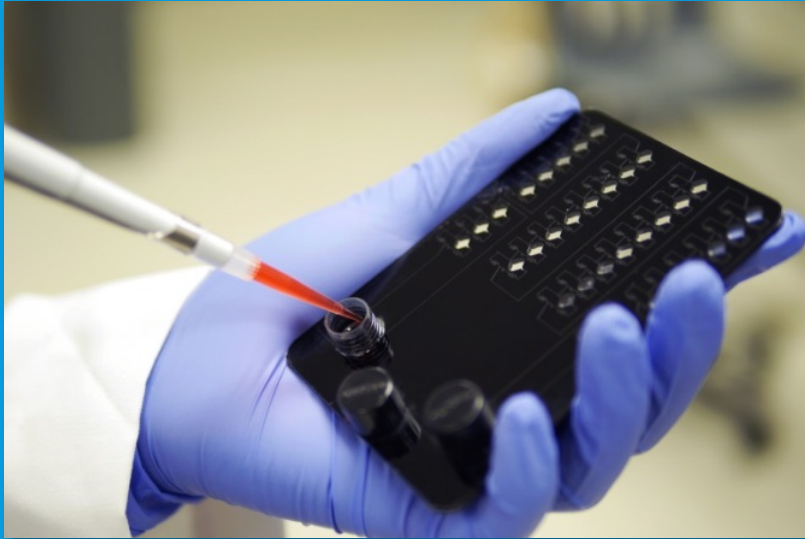
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DNA extraction is not always the necessary first step!

Field Deployable Real Time Amplification Readers

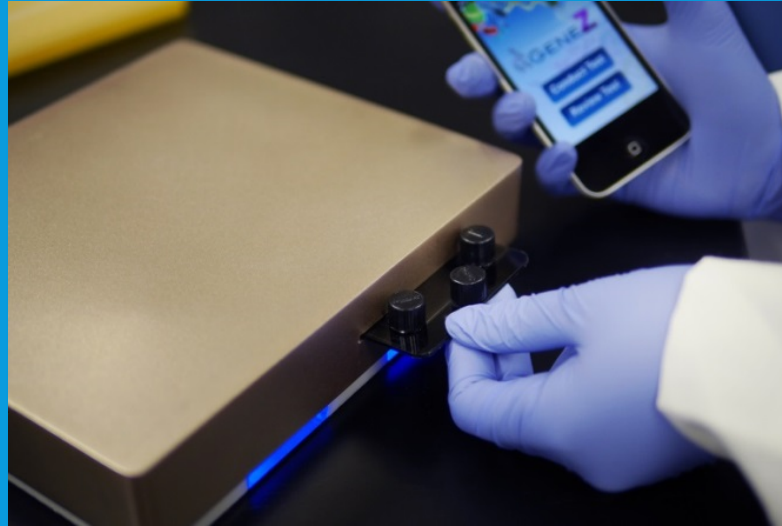
Fewer steps – good for limited resource settings

1. Load sample into the chip



A. Assay + Chips

2. Insert chip into the Gene-Z device



B. Device

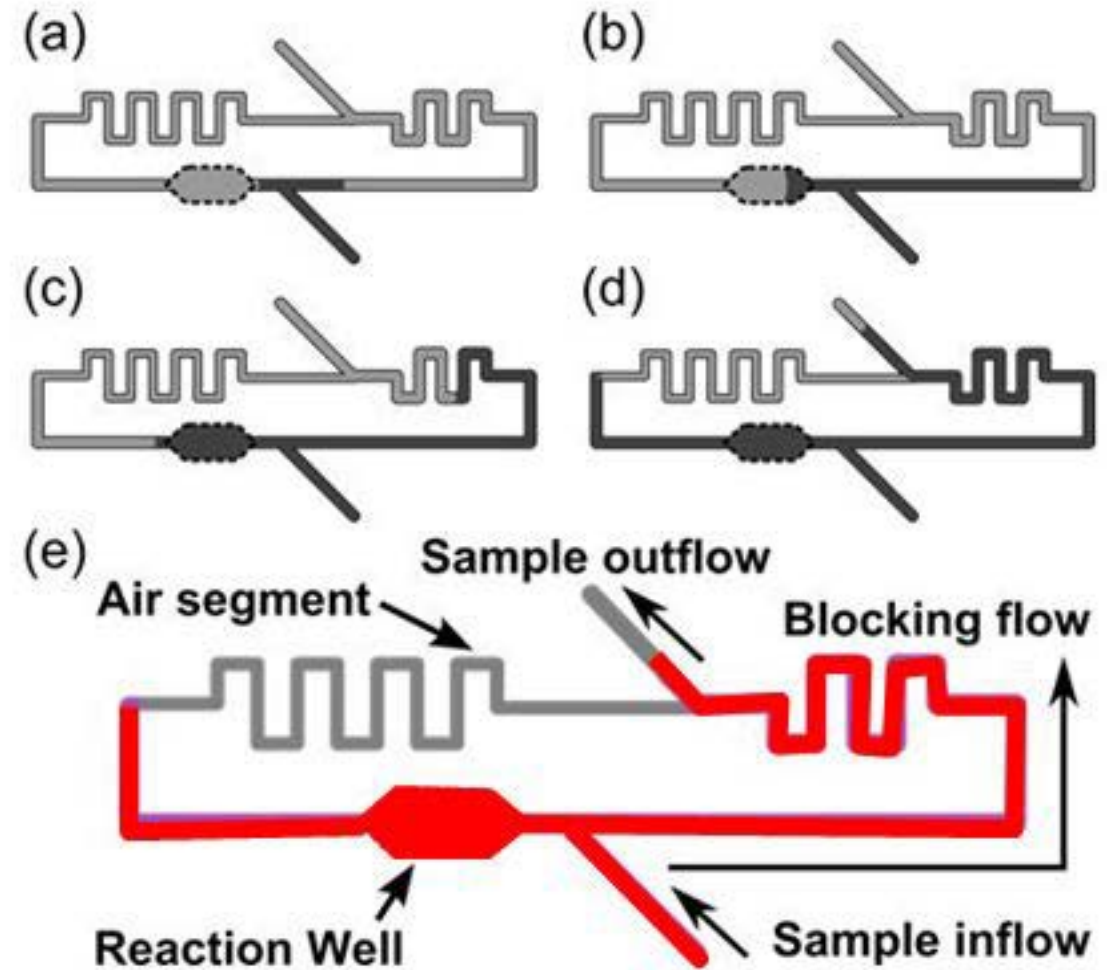
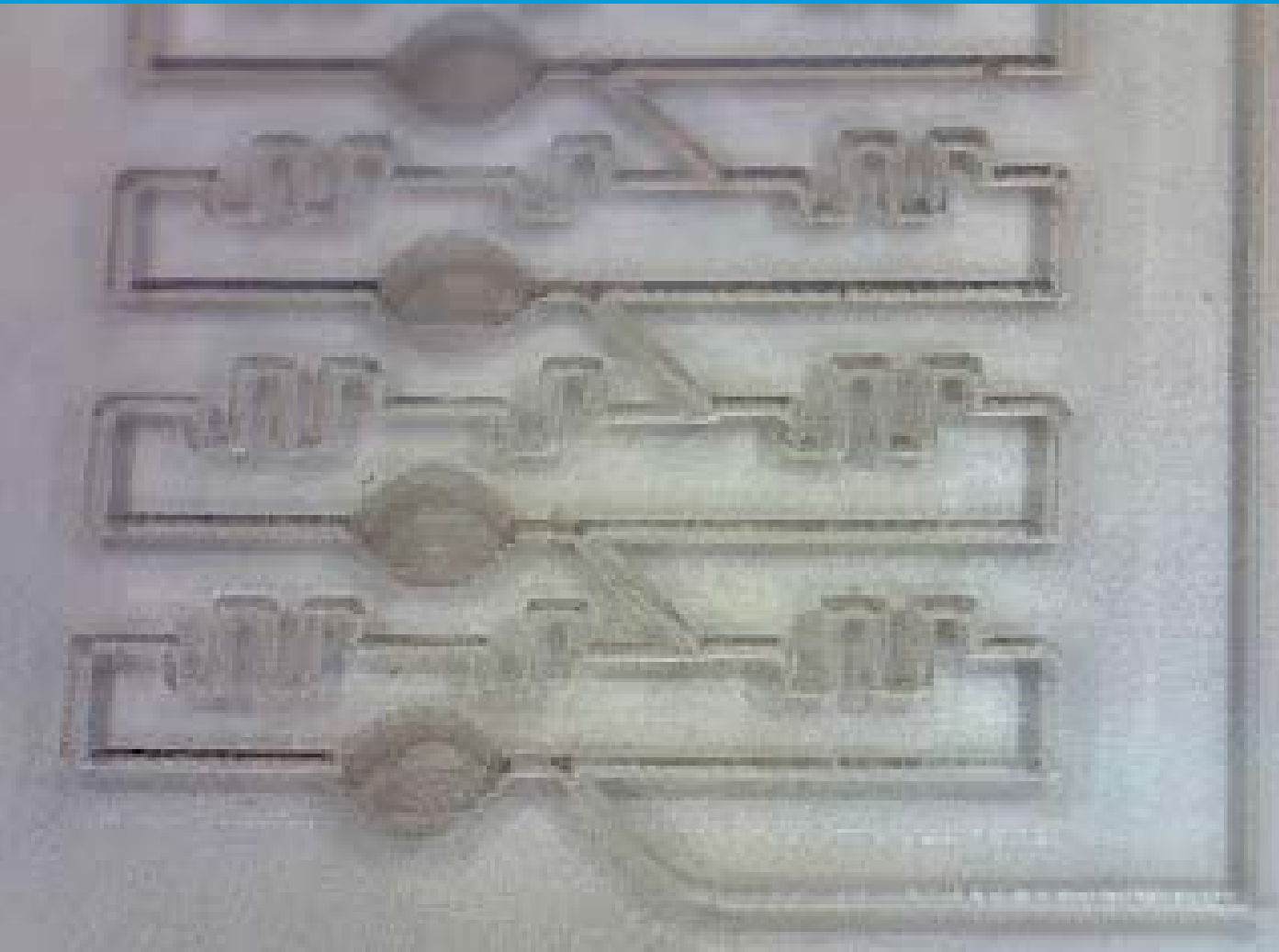
3. Press the Conduct Test button



C. OS/Database

Stedtfeld et al., Lab Chip, 2012

Field-deployable Multiplexed Microfluidic Chips



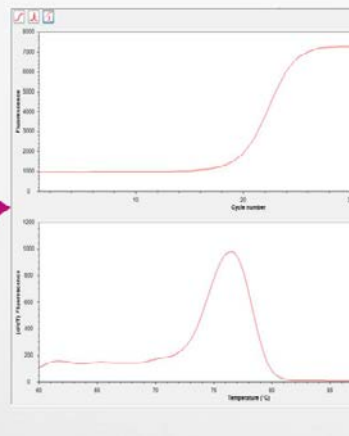
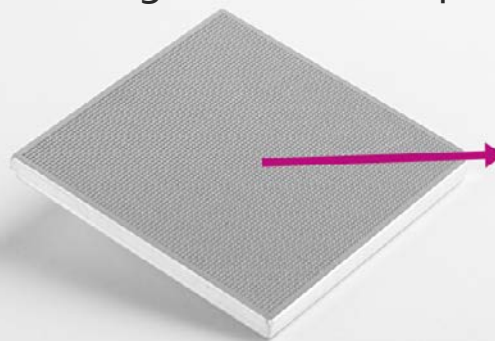
Primer set 2.0 for highly parallel qPCR array targeting antibiotic resistance genes and mobile genetic elements

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Wafergen's SmartChip



Assays	Samples	Assays	Samples
12	384	96	54
24	216	120	42
(Assay x Sample $\cong$ 5,184)			
54	96	248	20
72	72	296	16
80	64	384	12



ARGs in Michigan's Lakes

20+ Studies using this or an earlier version of the ARG chip

~300 Lakes Sampled
~30 Shown here!

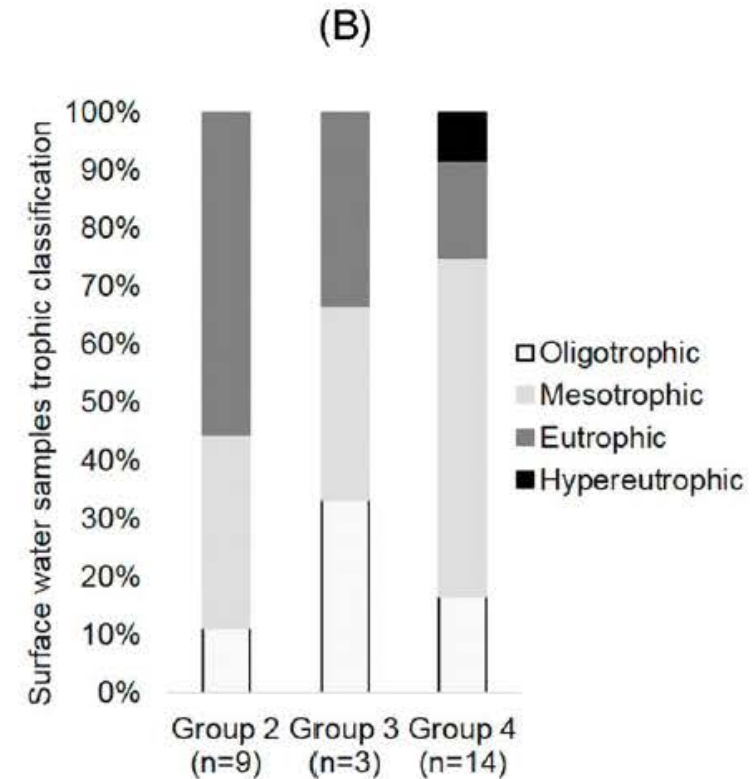
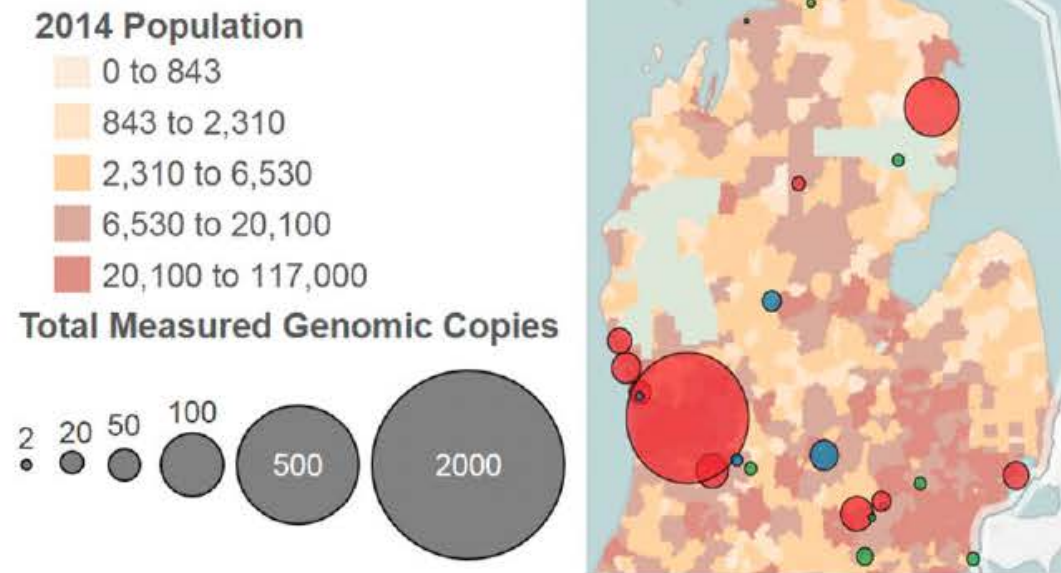
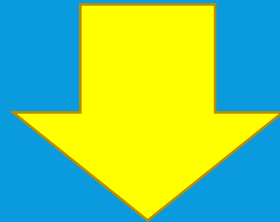


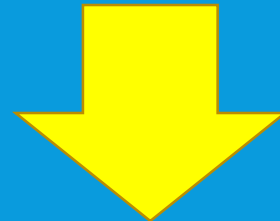
Figure 2. Mapping ARG database to identify hotspots and examine occurrence, co-occurrence and persistence of ARGs. (A) Total ARG copies versus population density for all 30 surface water samples, size of dot relates to total number of detected ARG copies, red, blue and green dots indicate samples from group 2, 3 and 4, respectively. Green portions of the map indicate no population information was available. (B) Trophic state of environmental surface waters, based on sample grouping via RDA (Fig. S2, Supporting Information).

Amplicon Recovery, Reusability

Bait-based Target Enrichment
Amplification-based Enrichment



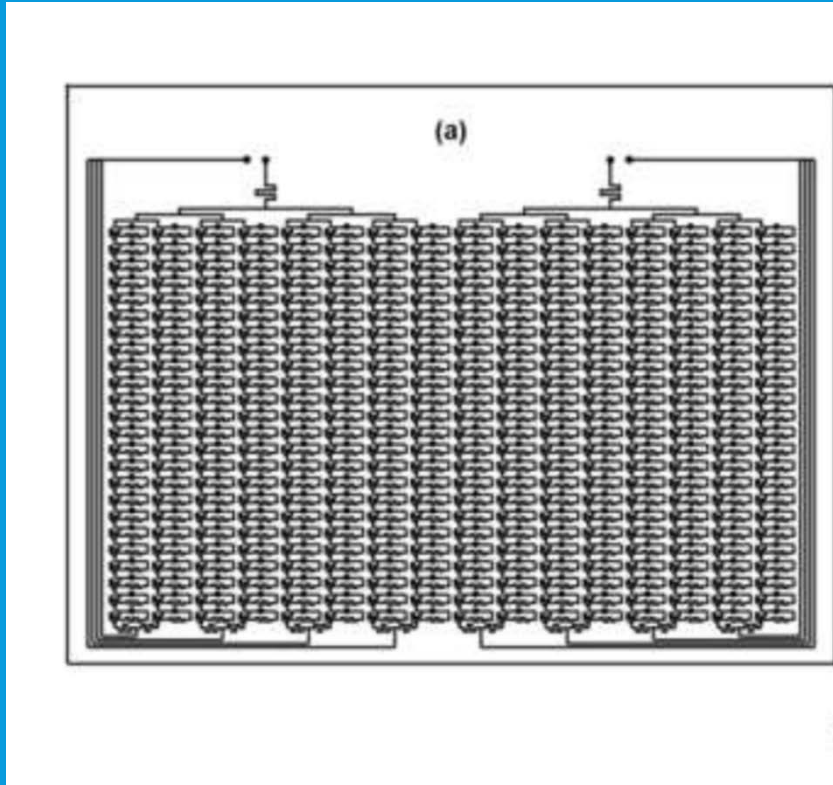
Allelic Diversity, Expression



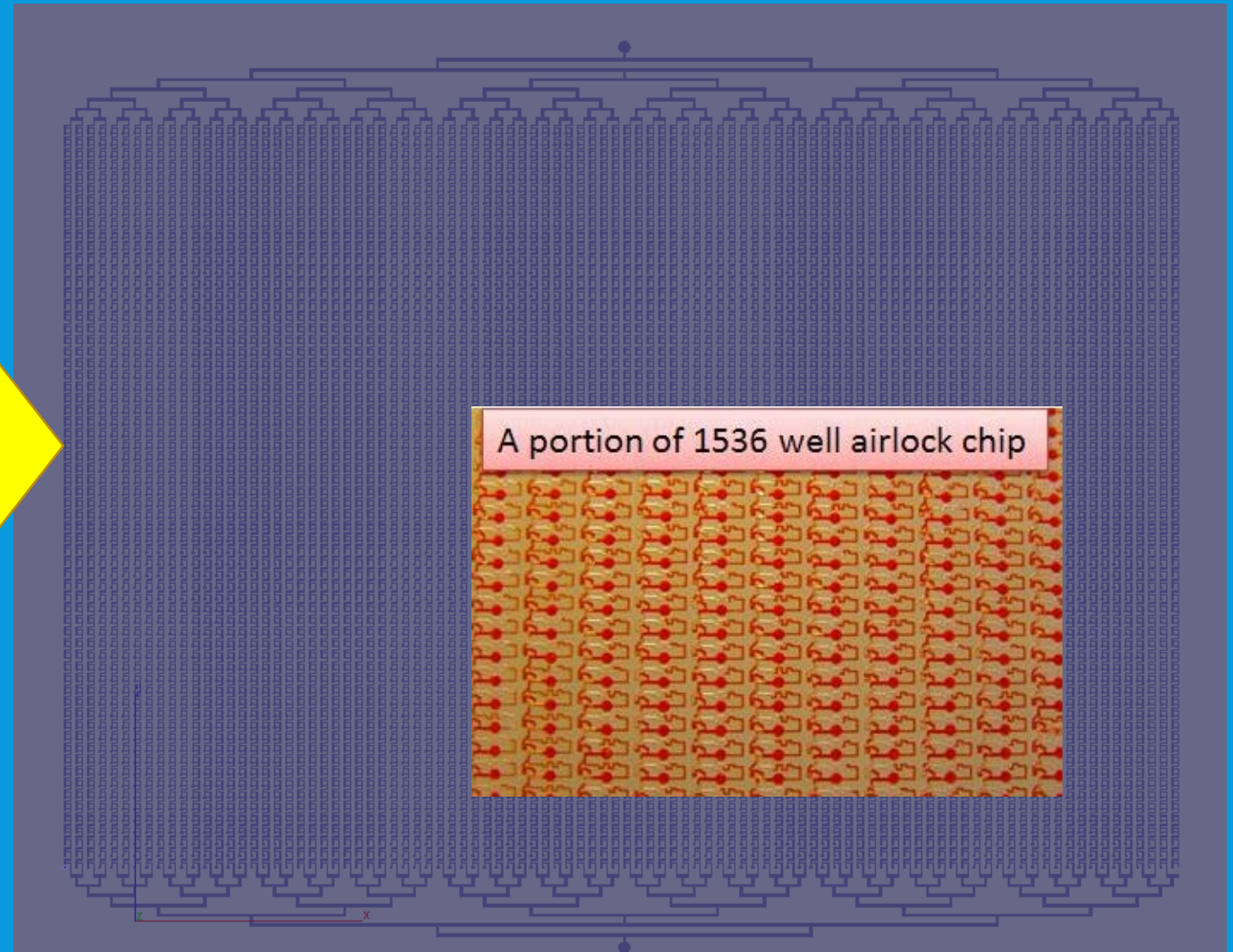
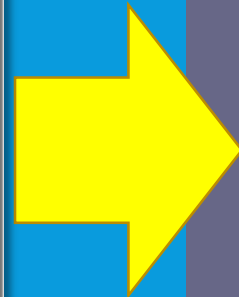
1. Moderate multiplexing (~200 primers)
2. Larger volumes (1-10 μ l) to allow reasonable amount of amplicons
3. Ability to recover the amplicons after amplification
4. Reusability

Multiplexing: 64 wells $\rightarrow$ 1536 wells

1536 well chip

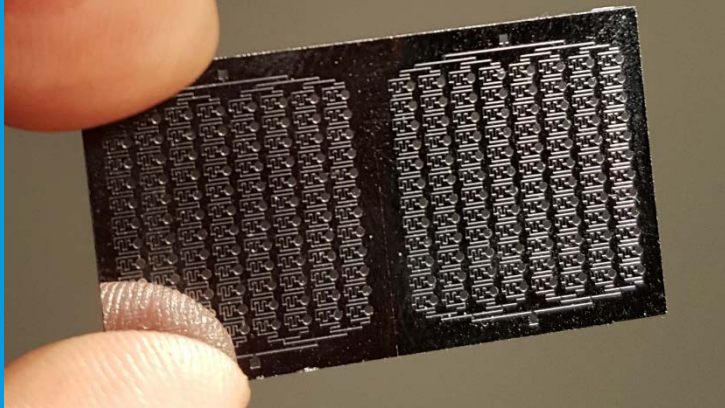


384 well chip Kostic et al., Appl Microbiol
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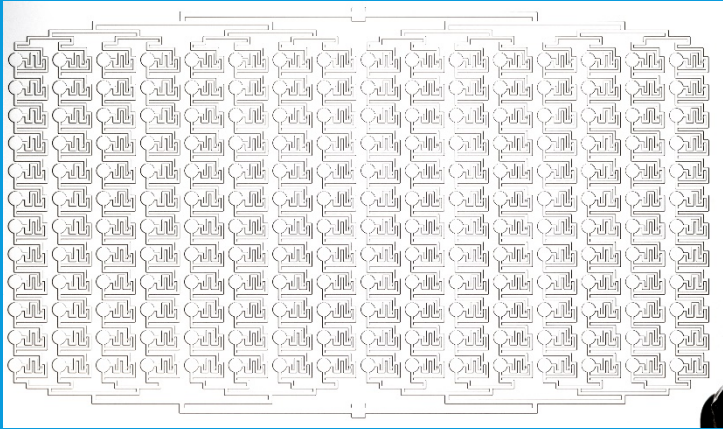


1536-wells: One entry-exit means one sample

Reusable after Amplicon Recovery?



96 well on silicon wafer



384 well on glass



Summary

1. **Direct Amplification**
2. **Simple Microfluidic Chips and Low Cost POC Platforms**
3. **Application-specific needs and development**



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