

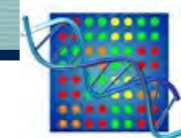
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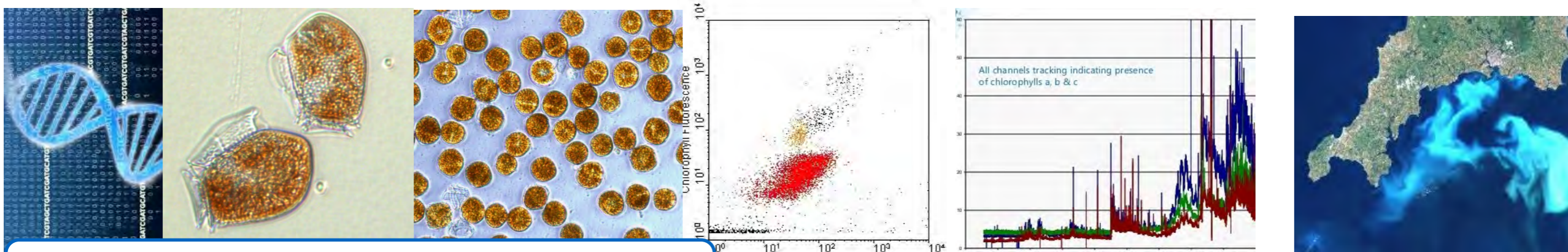
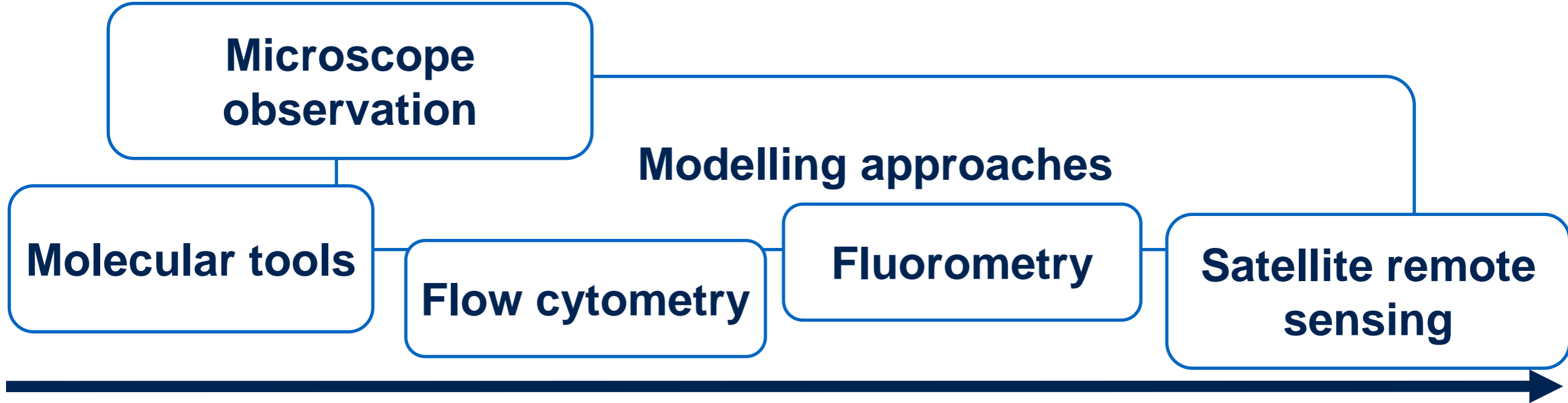
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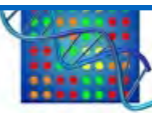
Introduction

Detection and monitoring system of harmful algae



Early detection systems

Changes in species distribution with climate change



Introduction

Molecular methods for detection of harmful algae

Molecular tools

- **Quantitative PCR (qPCR)**

Bowers et al. 2000; Popels et al. 20033; Galluzzi et al. 2004

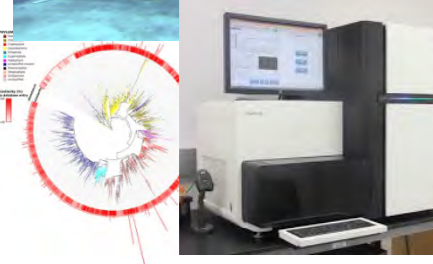
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Scholin et al., 1996;1999;

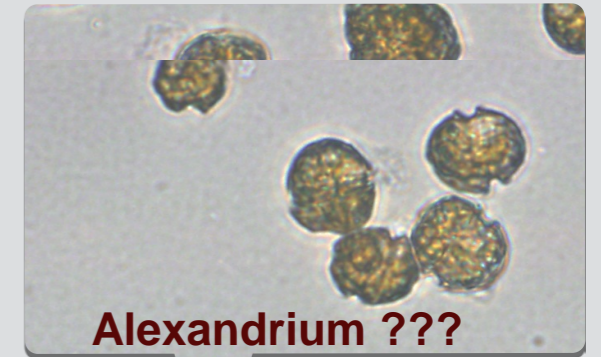
Diercks et al., 2008: ALGADEC

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- **Next generation Sequencing (NGS)**



Monitoring programs: Microscope observation



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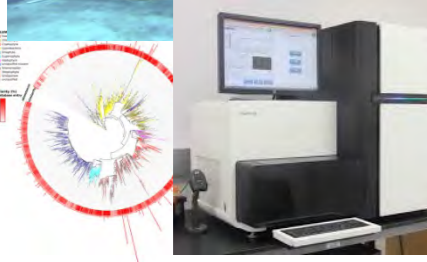
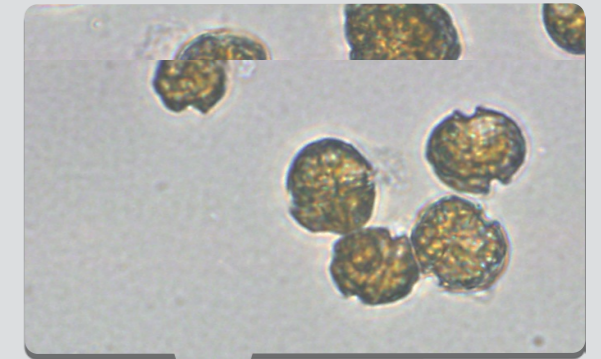
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- Primers / probes available vs Number of toxic species
- Lab instrumentation and equipment
- Cost of materials and reagents
- Molecular protocols
- Identification of one or few species at a time



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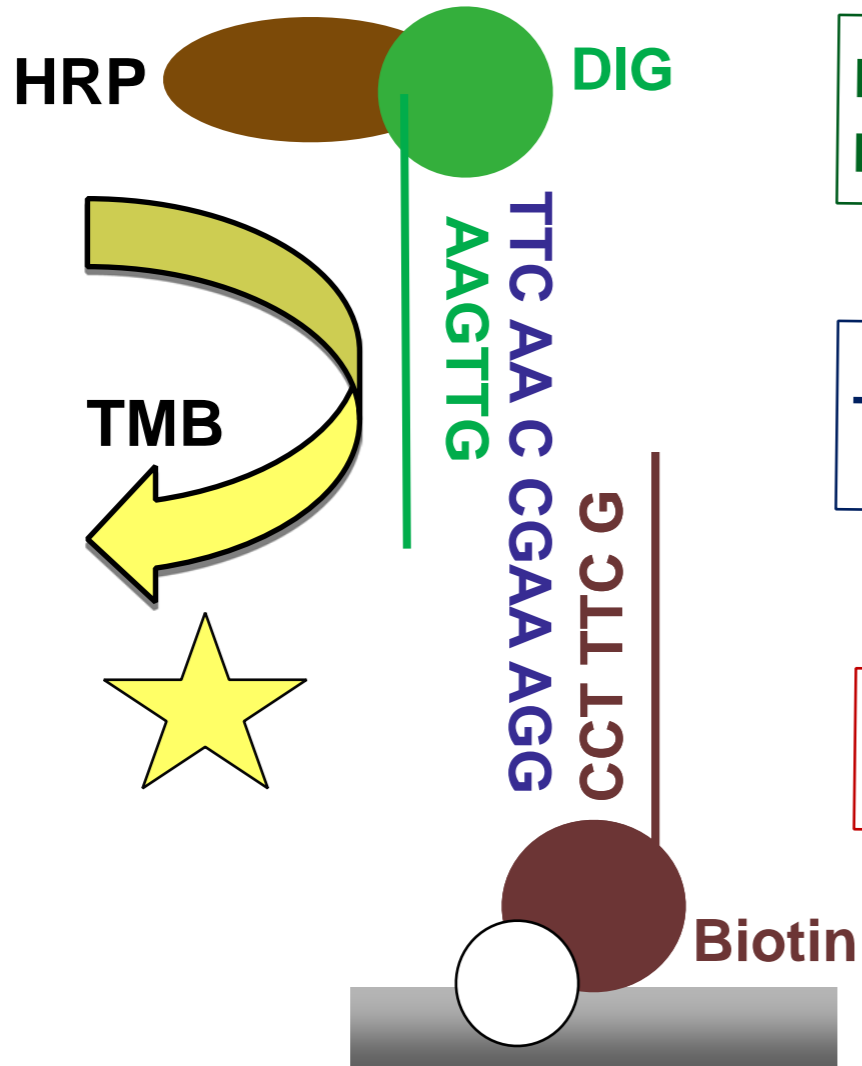
- Development of easy and cost effective tools for the detection of toxic species (*microarray, colorimetric SHA, electrochemical biosensor*)
- Probe/primer design
- Consulting / Service delivery



Introduction

Sandwich hybridization

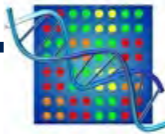
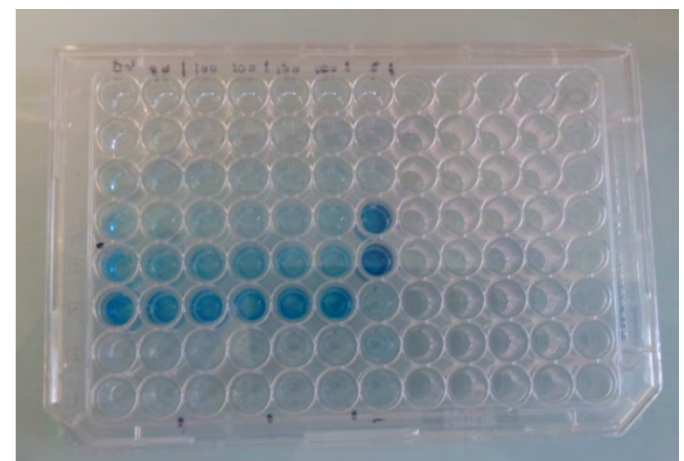
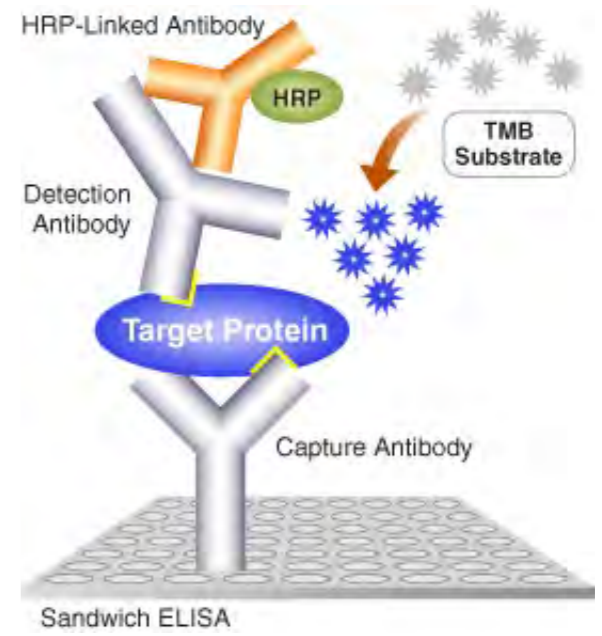
Sandwich hybridization assays in 96 wells microplate



DIG- Labelled signal probe

Target sequence

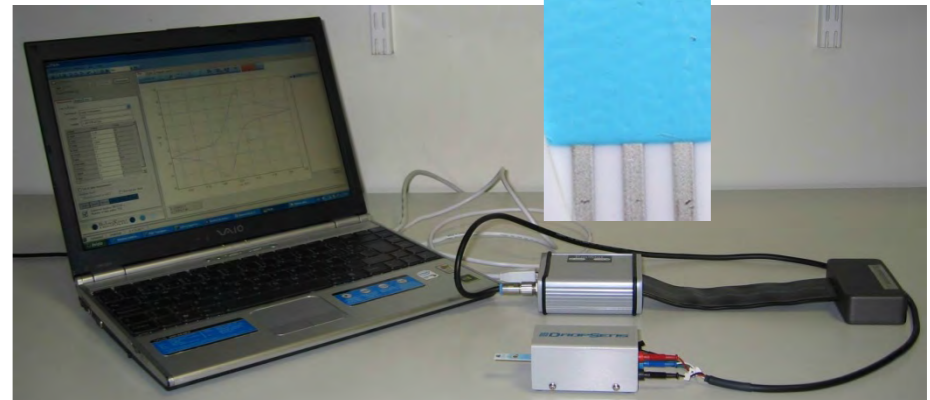
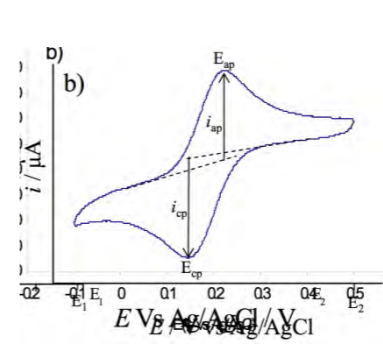
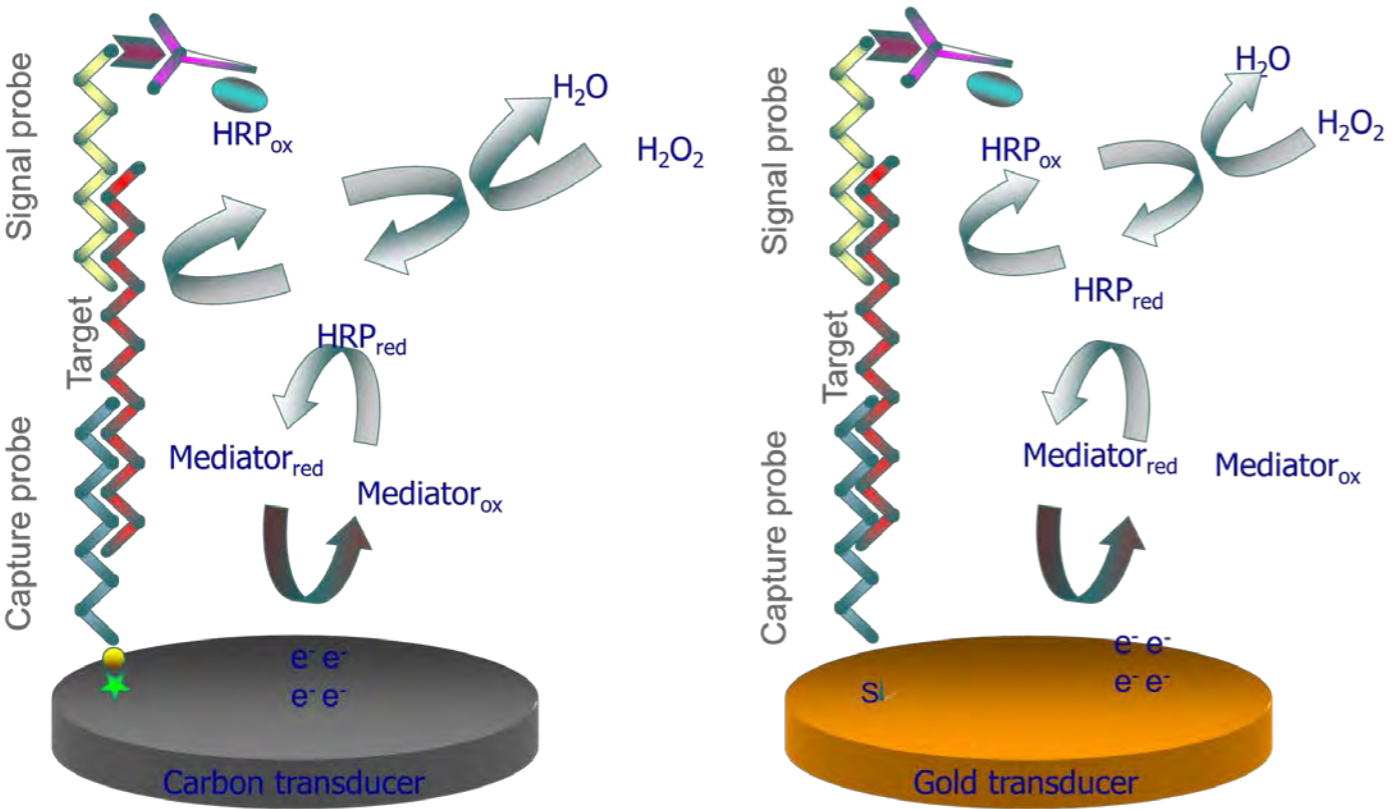
Biotinylated capture probe



Introduction

Sandwich Hybridization

Sandwich hybridization assays in electrochemical format
 Diercks et al., 2008, 2011. Orozco & Medlin, 2011

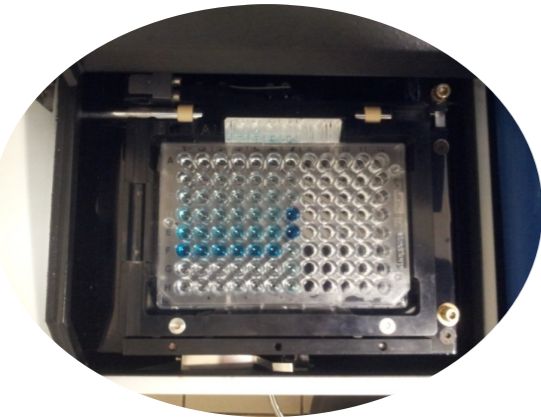


- ✓ Robustness, small size (versatility, portability)
- ✓ Integration in multisensor probes, miniaturised flow systems
- ✓ Useful information at real time scale (minimal sample handling requirements)
- ✓ Mass production, low cost.



1. Probes design

Development and validation of molecular probes for the identification of « Mediterranean » harmful algae



2. Probes test and validation

Development of fast/easy/cost effective protocols based on molecular tools for species identification



3. Automatization

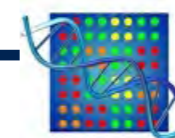
Automatization and miniaturization: integration on a platform system



1. Probe design: Database creation

Creation of a Database of 172 capture probes and signal probes corresponding to around 80 species/complex of species

- all but 10 genera/species capture probes tested in a microarray format (EU FP7 project MIDTAL)
- all probes were tested in silico
- 14 species tested in microtiter plate format and with total RNA
- 14 species tested in biosensor format for the positive control



2. Probe validation

Test *in silico*

Computer

- Corresponding species (Genebank)
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Test *in vivo*

Lab

Positive controls

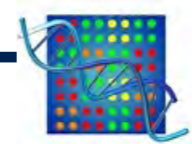
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Environmental samples



2. Probe validation

Methods

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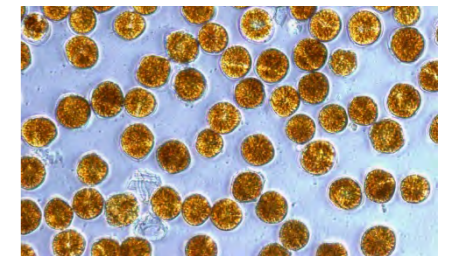
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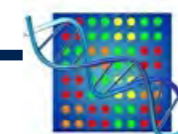
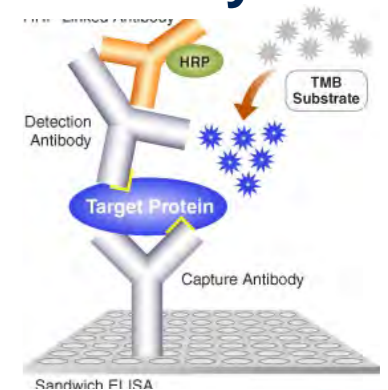
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RNA extraction



SH Assay

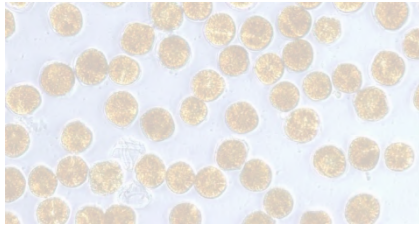


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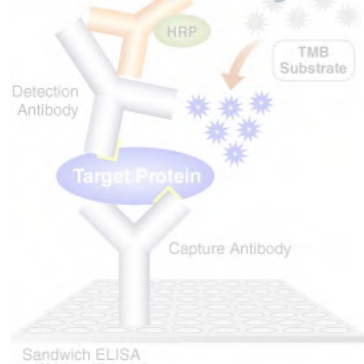
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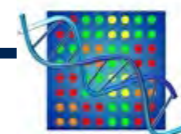
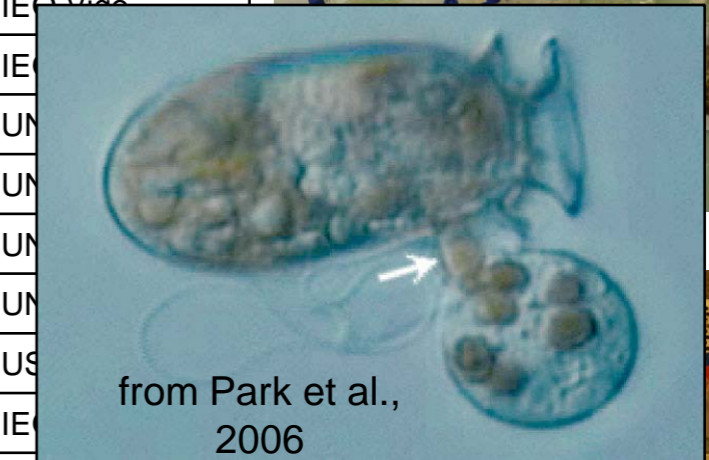
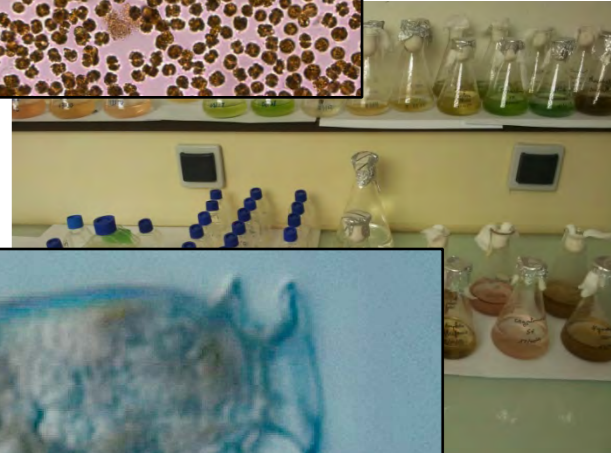
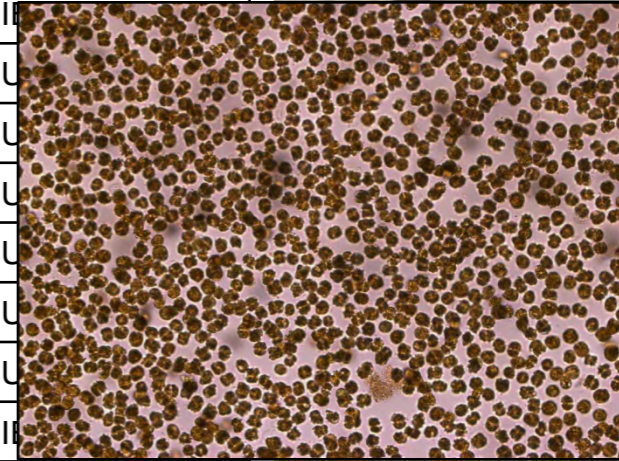
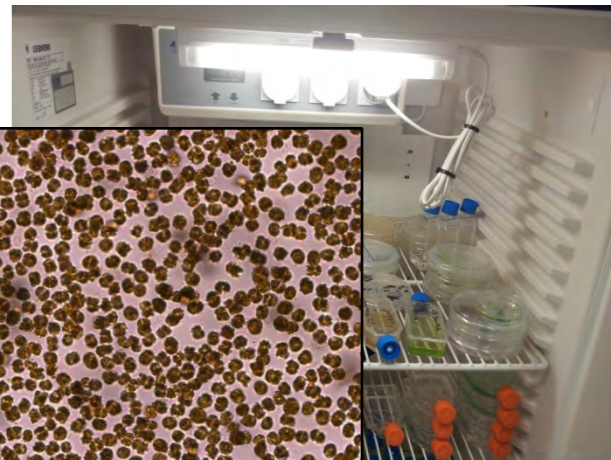
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| Species | Medium | Salinity (psu) | Temperature (°C) | Origin |
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| <i>Alexandrium minutum</i> (AM205) | F/2; L1; K | 38 | 20; 18 | CSIC Barcelona |
| <i>Alexandrium tamarense</i> (VGO928) | F/2; L1; K | 32 | 20; 18 | IEO Vigo |
| <i>Alexandrium ostenfeldii</i> (VGO956) | F/2; L1; K | 32 | 20 | IEO Vigo |
| <i>Chattonella subsalsa</i> (CS0507 -BC) | F/2; L1 | 36 | 20 | UN |
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| <i>Dinophysis acuminata</i> (VGO1063) | L1/20 | 32 | 18 | IEO Vigo |
| <i>Dinophysis acuta</i> (VGO1065) | L1/20 | 32 | 18 | IEO Vigo |
| <i>Gymnodinium catenatum</i> (GC12V) | L1 | 32 | 20 | IEO Vigo |
| <i>Heterosigma hakashiwo</i> (HA1V) | L1 | 32 | 20; 18 | IEO Vigo |
| <i>Karenia brevis</i> (CCMP718) | L1 | 32 | 15 | IEO Vigo |
| <i>Karenia mikimotoi</i> (Km0703) | F/2; L1; IMR | 36 | 20 | UN |
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| <i>Lingulodinium polyedrum</i> | F/2 | 28 | 19 | US |
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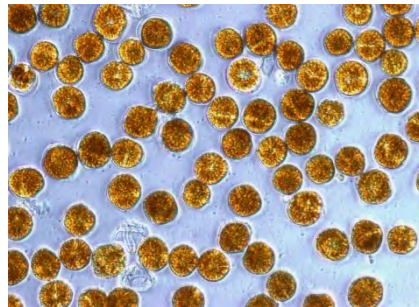


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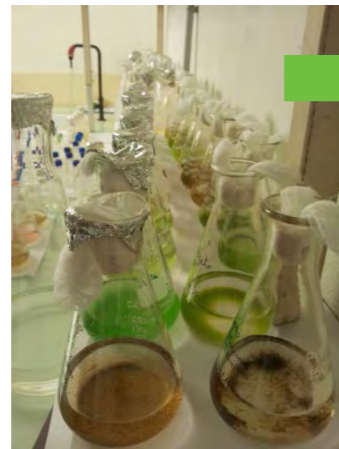
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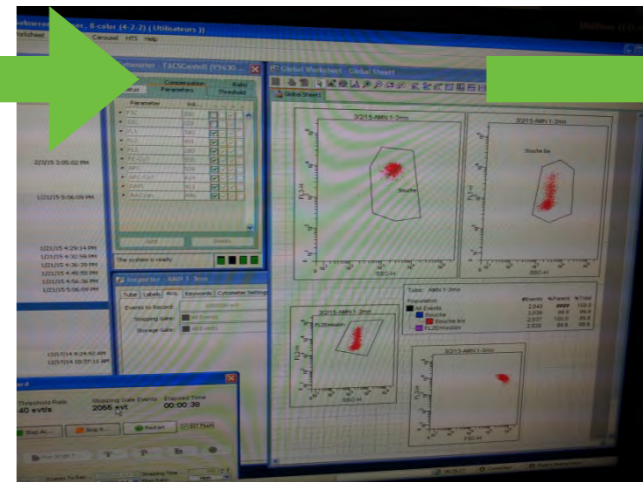
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Microscope observation



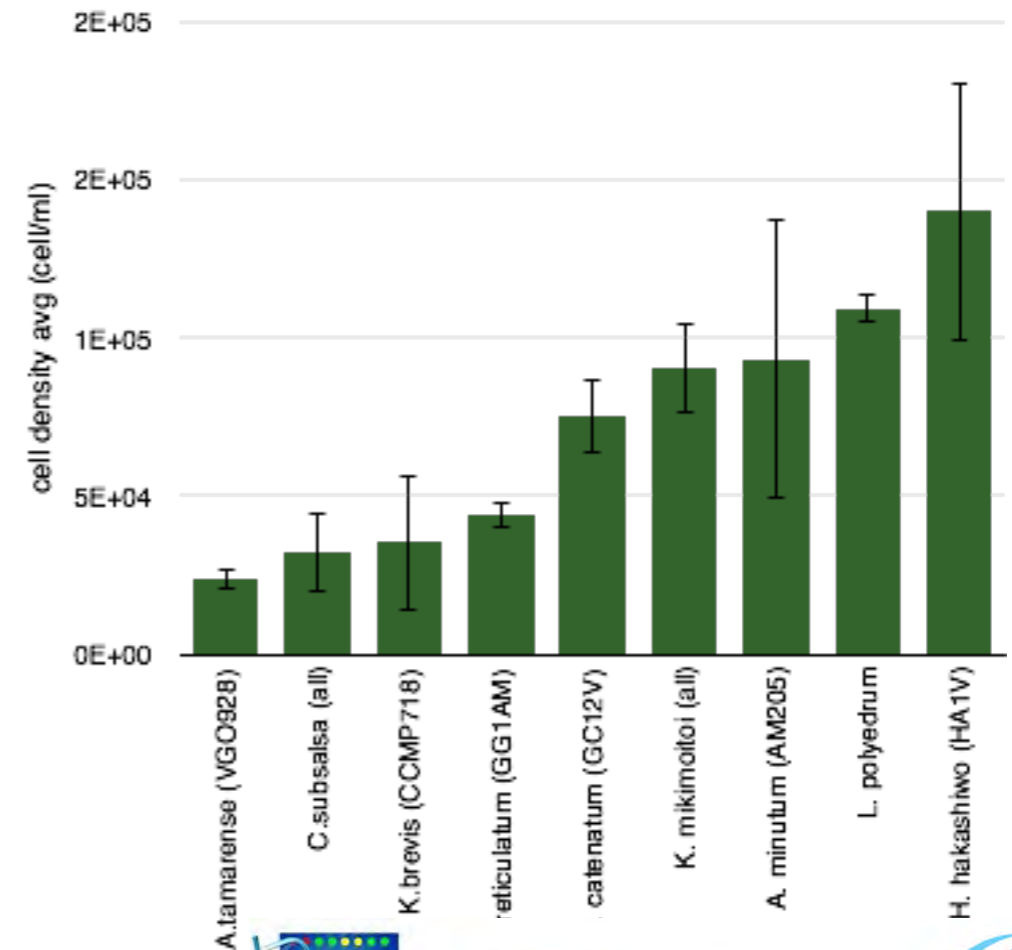
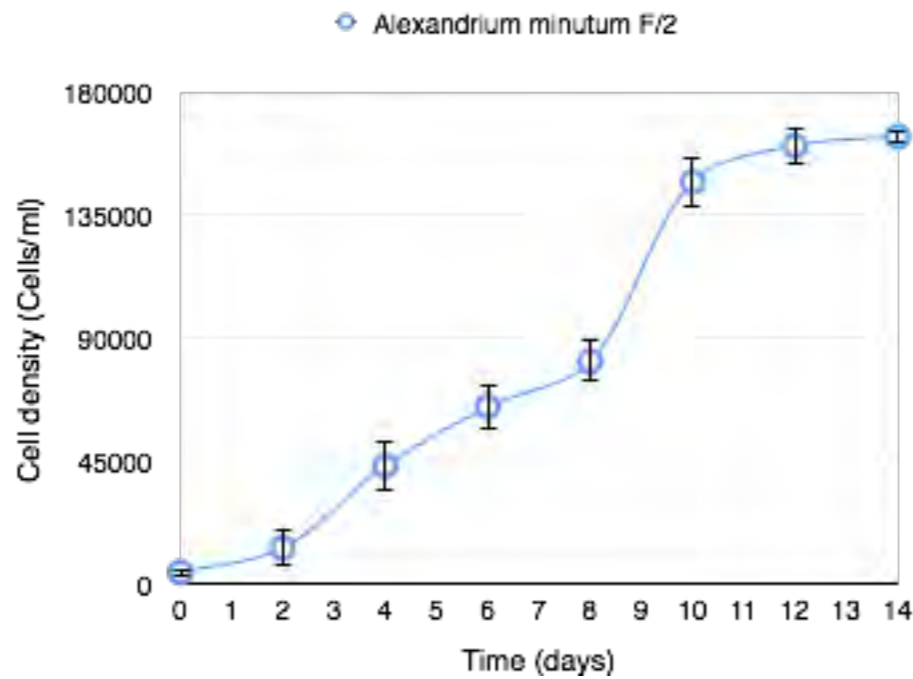
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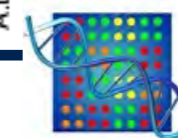
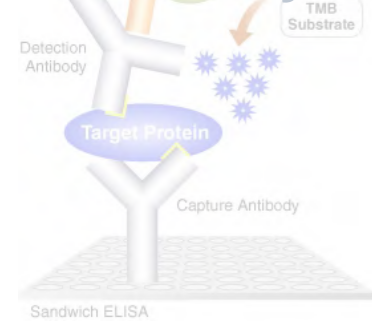
Cell density over time



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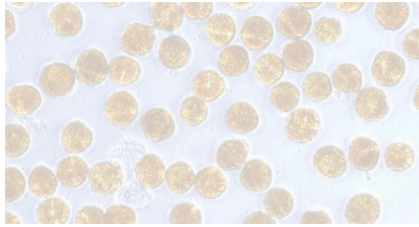
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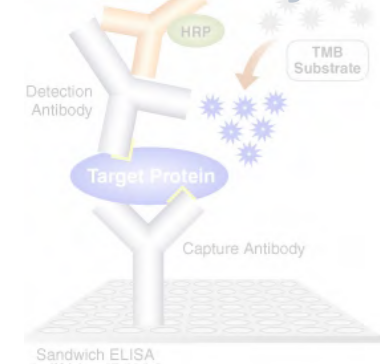
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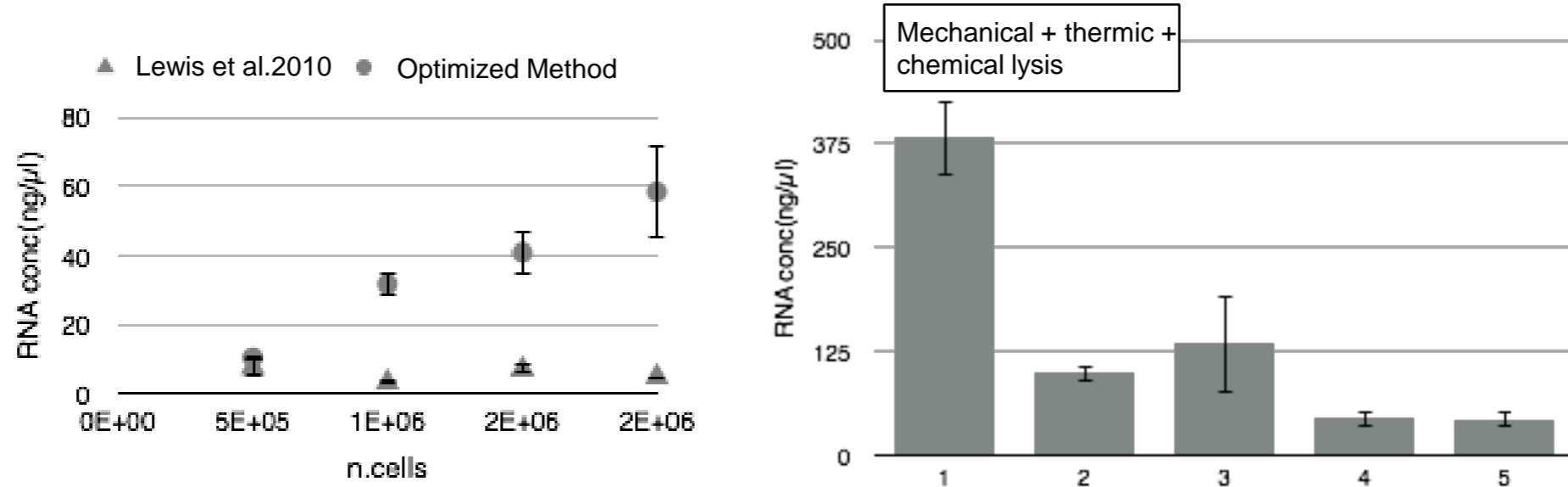
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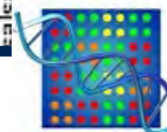
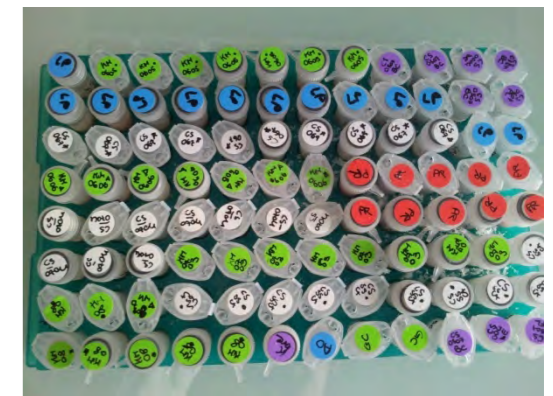
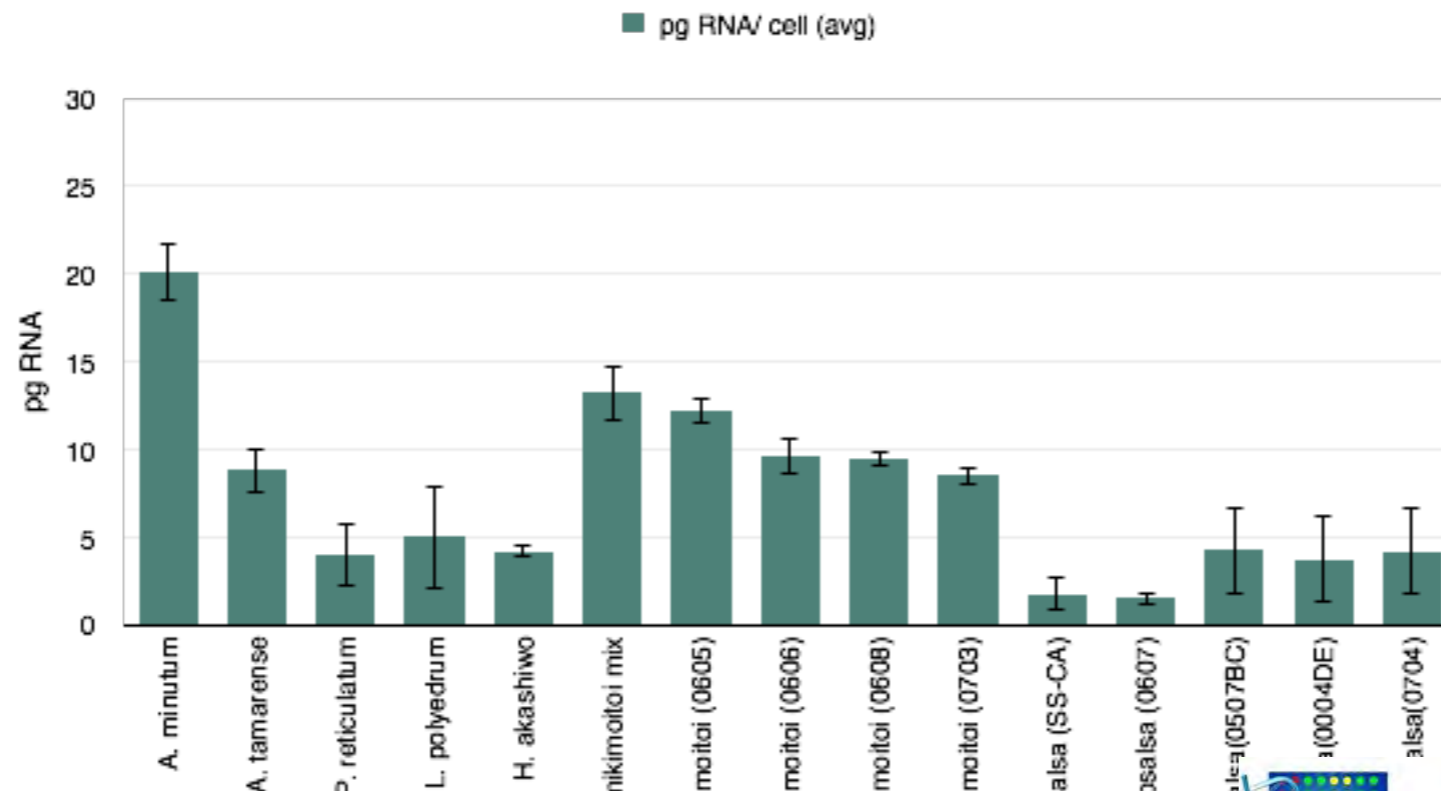
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Optimization of Lab Method for RNA extraction



Realization of an RNA bank for probe testing



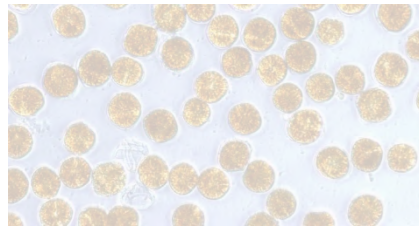
Methods

Development of a rapid and cost effective colorimetric detection using sandwich hybridization in a microtiter plate assay (ELISA TEST)

- Optimization of incubation time, temperature and buffers
- Time reduction (<1h)
- Increase in sensitivity (1ng RNA)



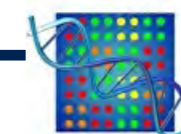
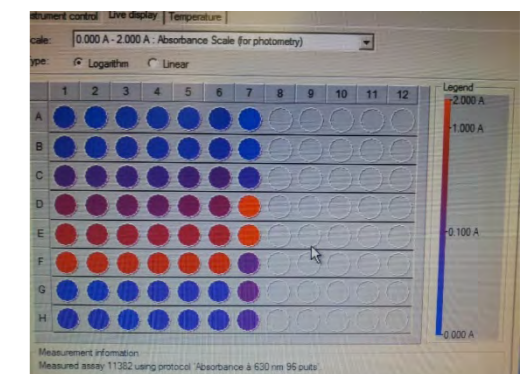
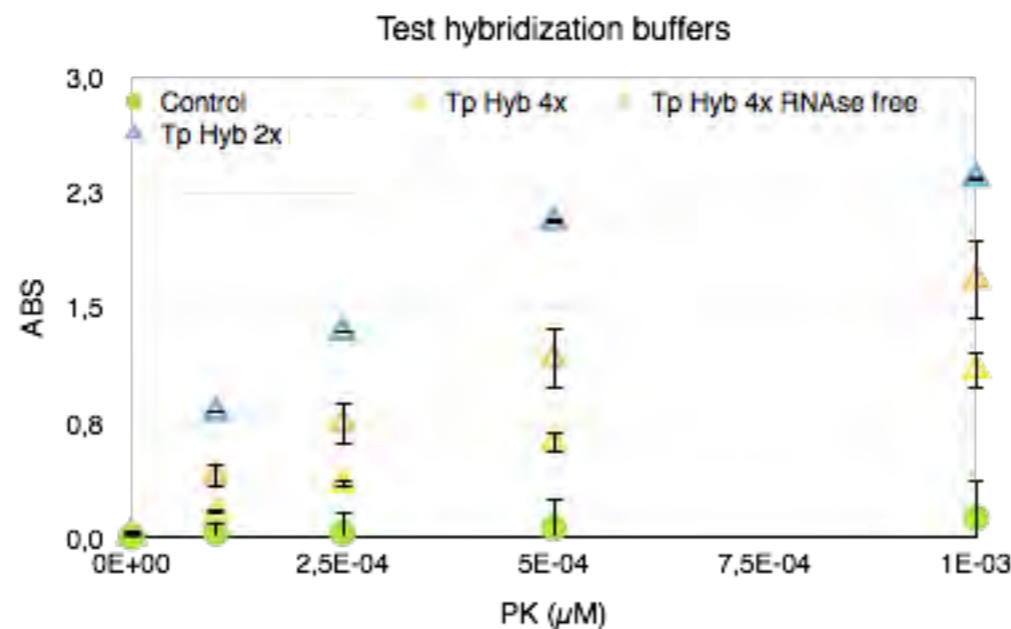
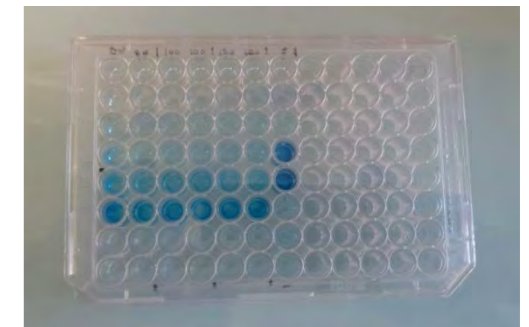
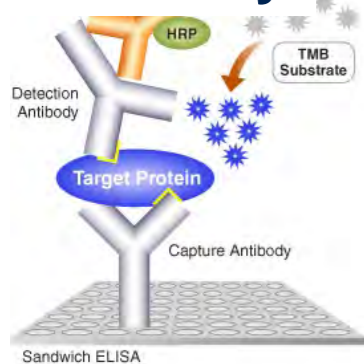
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Test *in vivo*

Lab

Positive controls

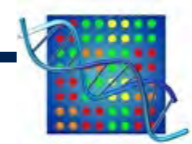


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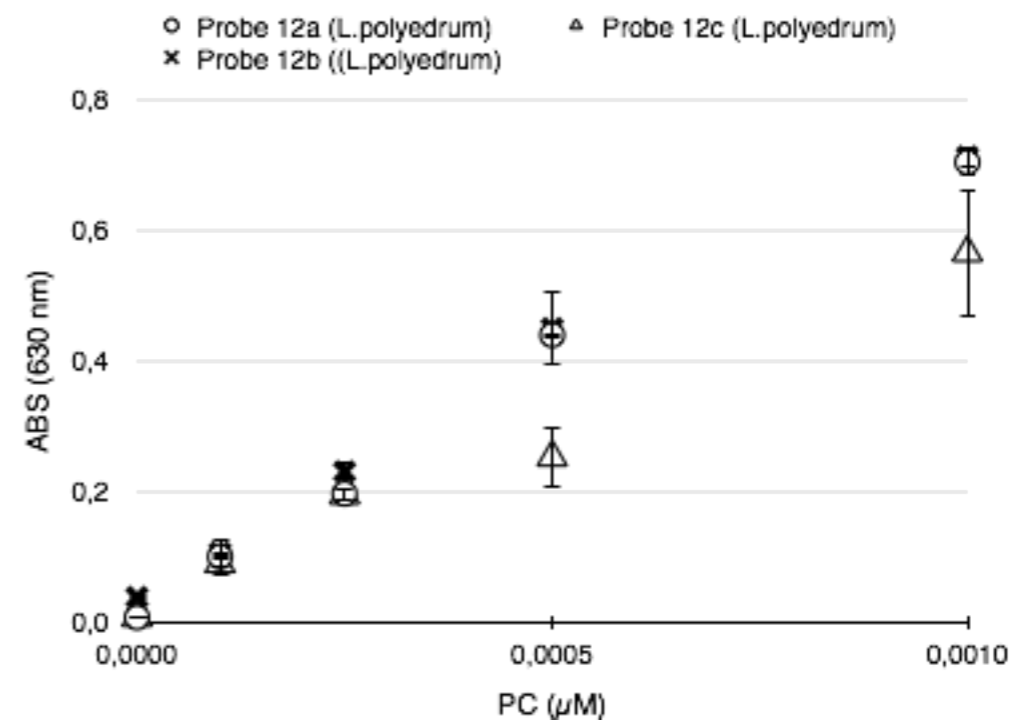
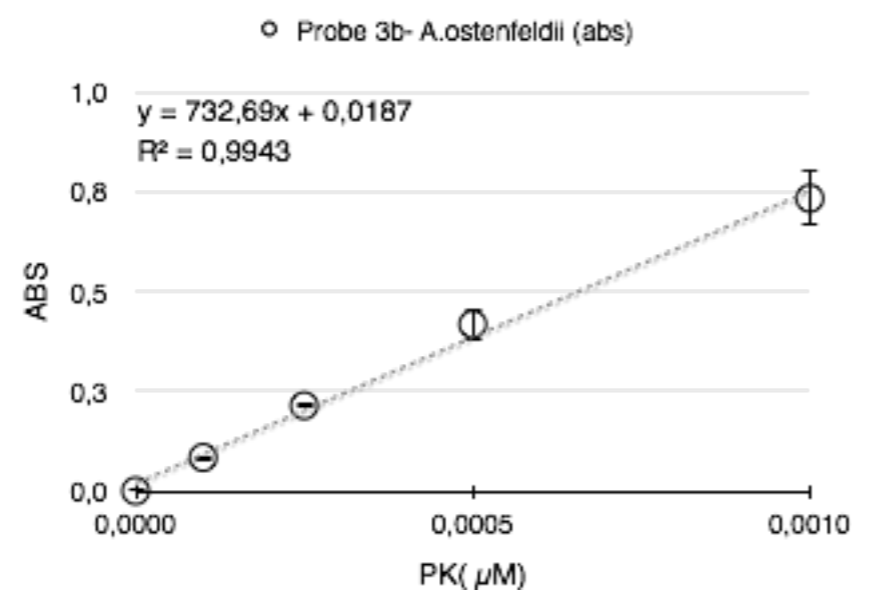
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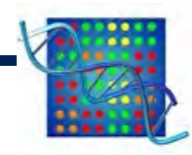
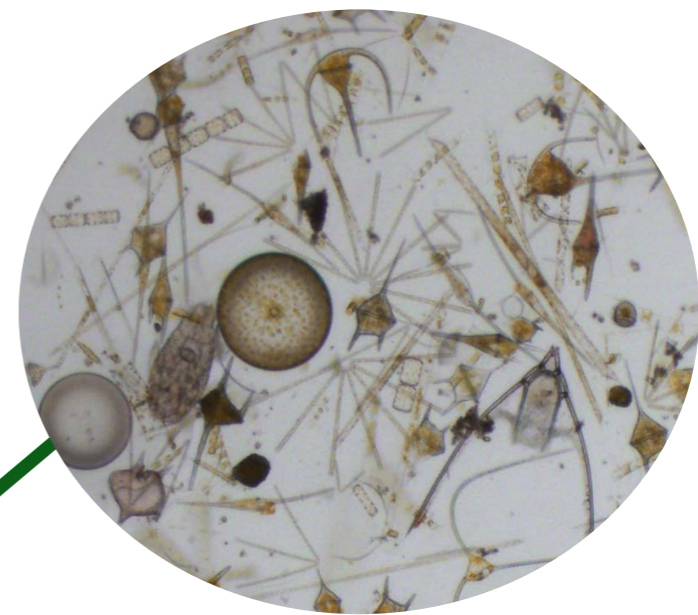
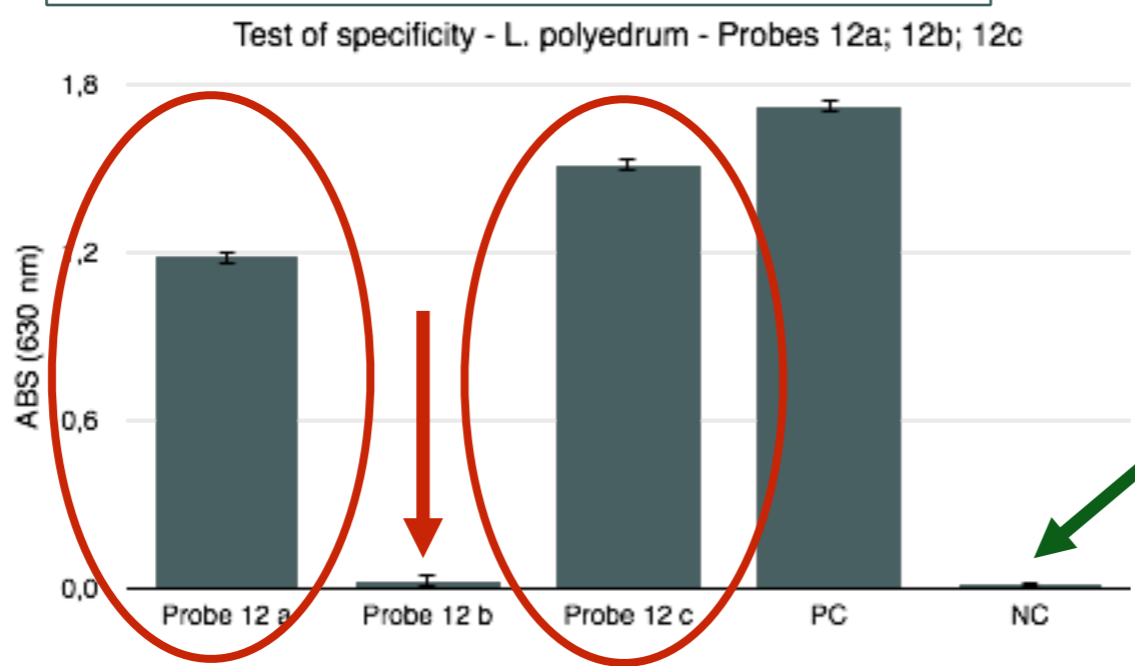
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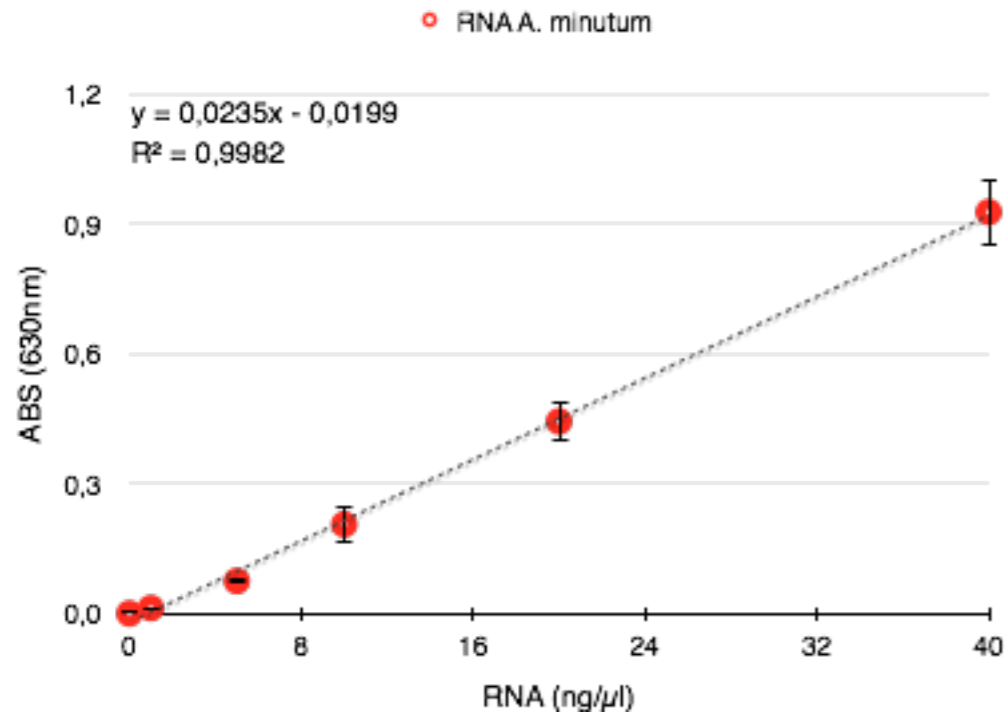


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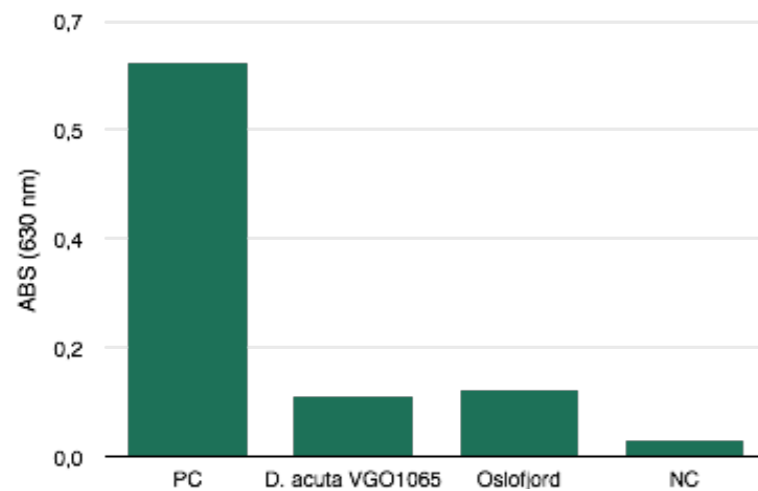


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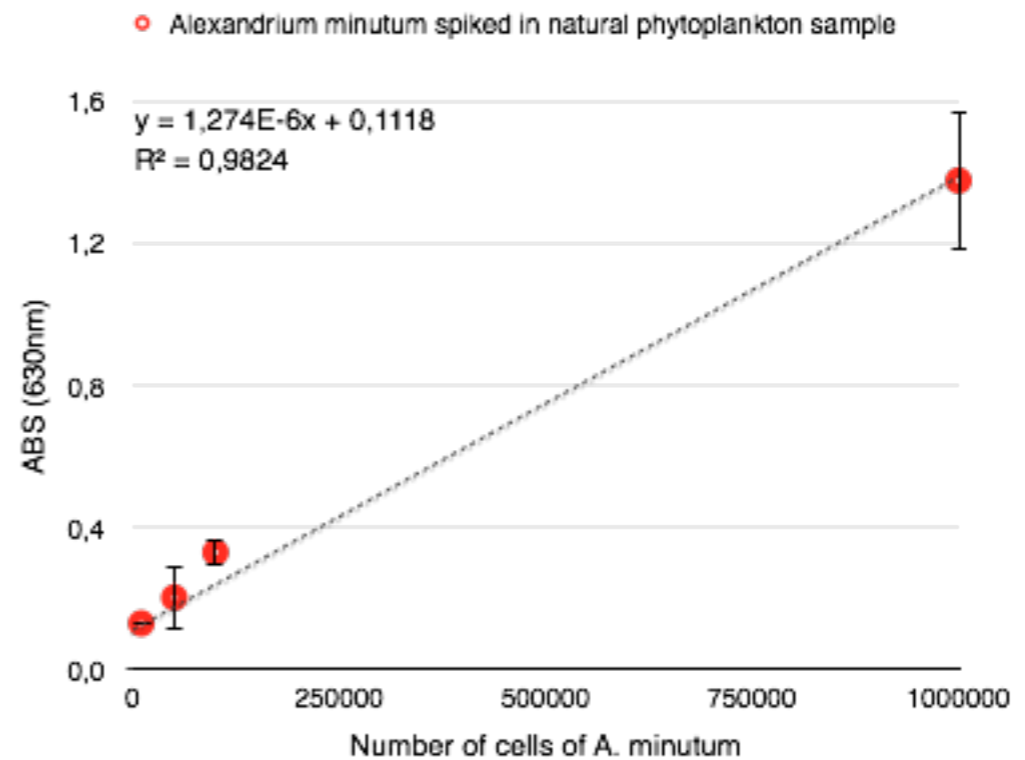
Calibration curves with RNA extracted from cultures



Environmental samples
Preliminary test

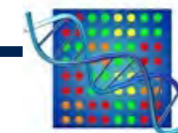


Calibration curves with cultures spiked in natural sample

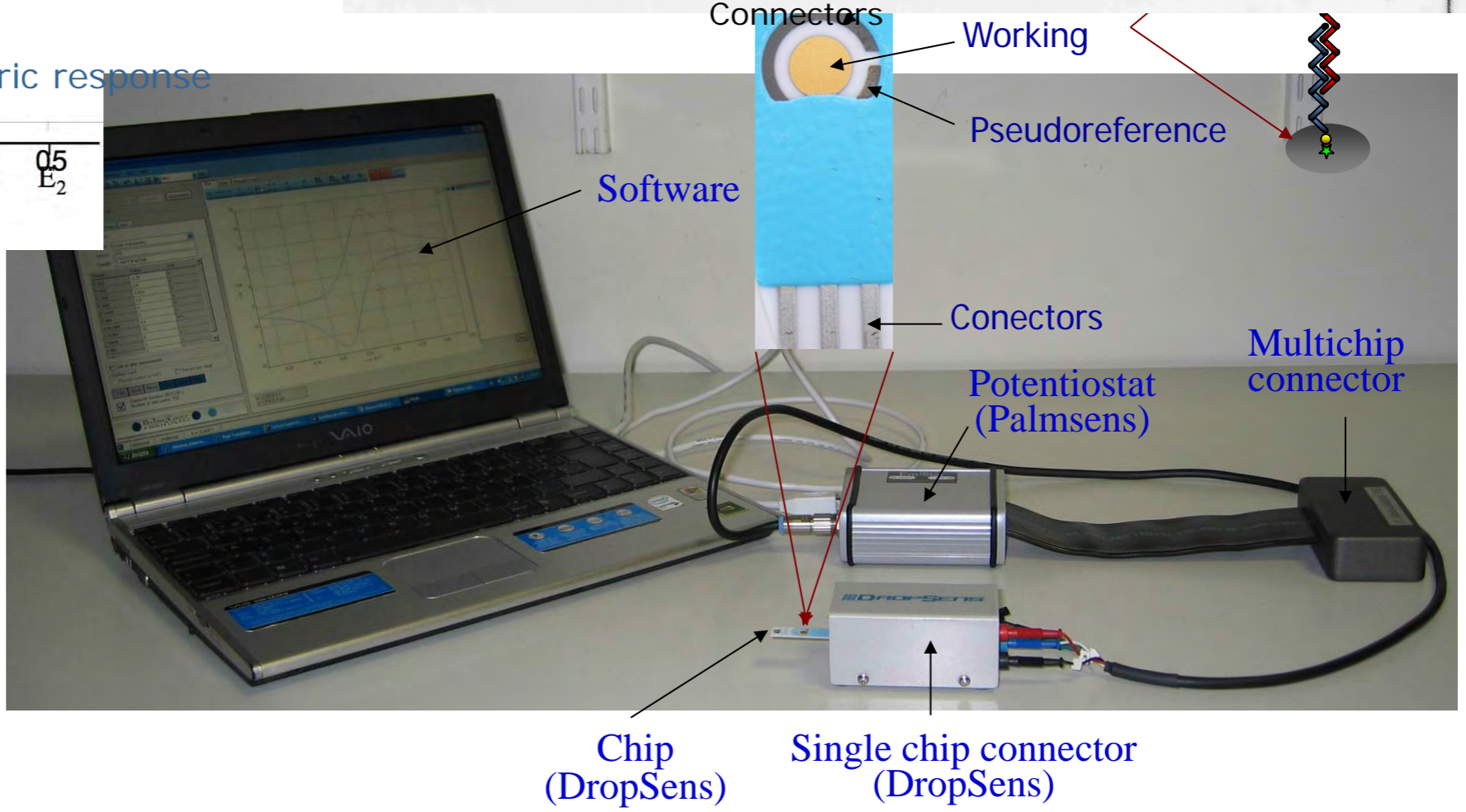
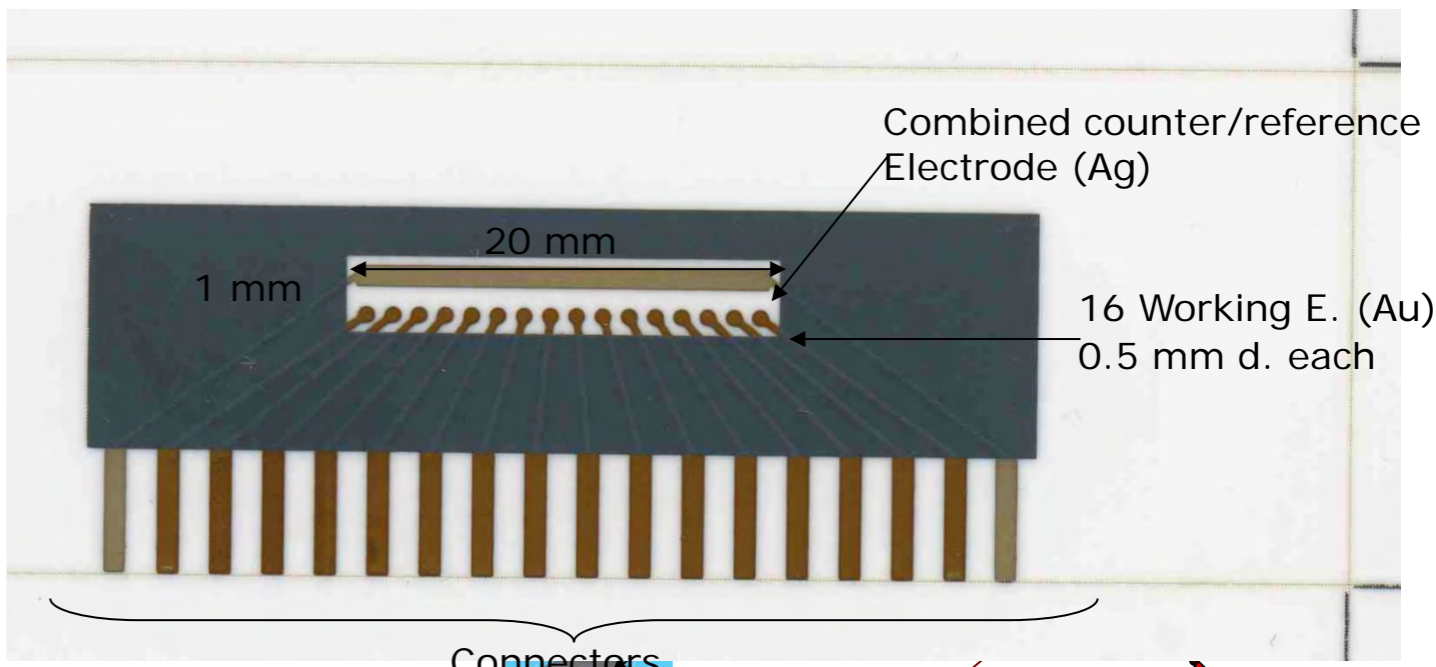
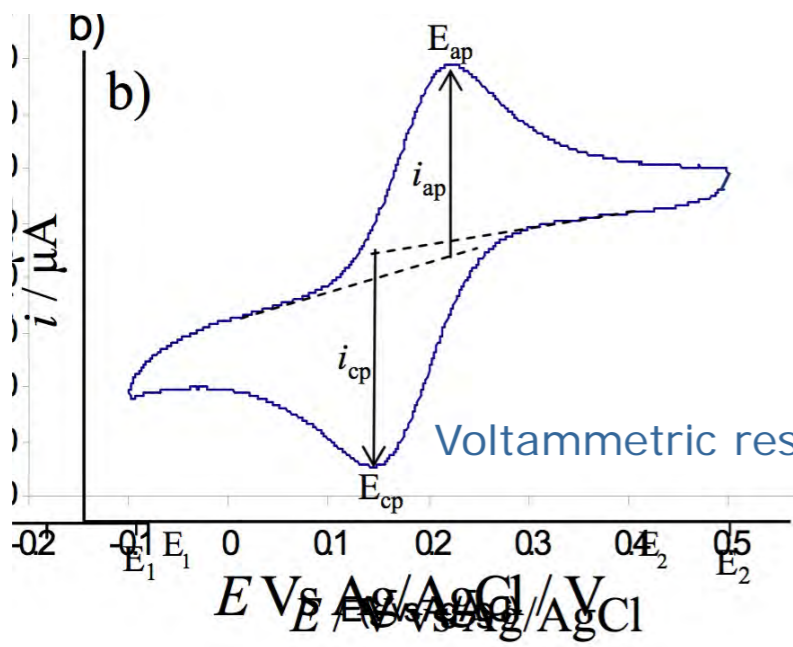


Next:

- Validation with Environmental samples
- Test of specificity for different strains/geographic region

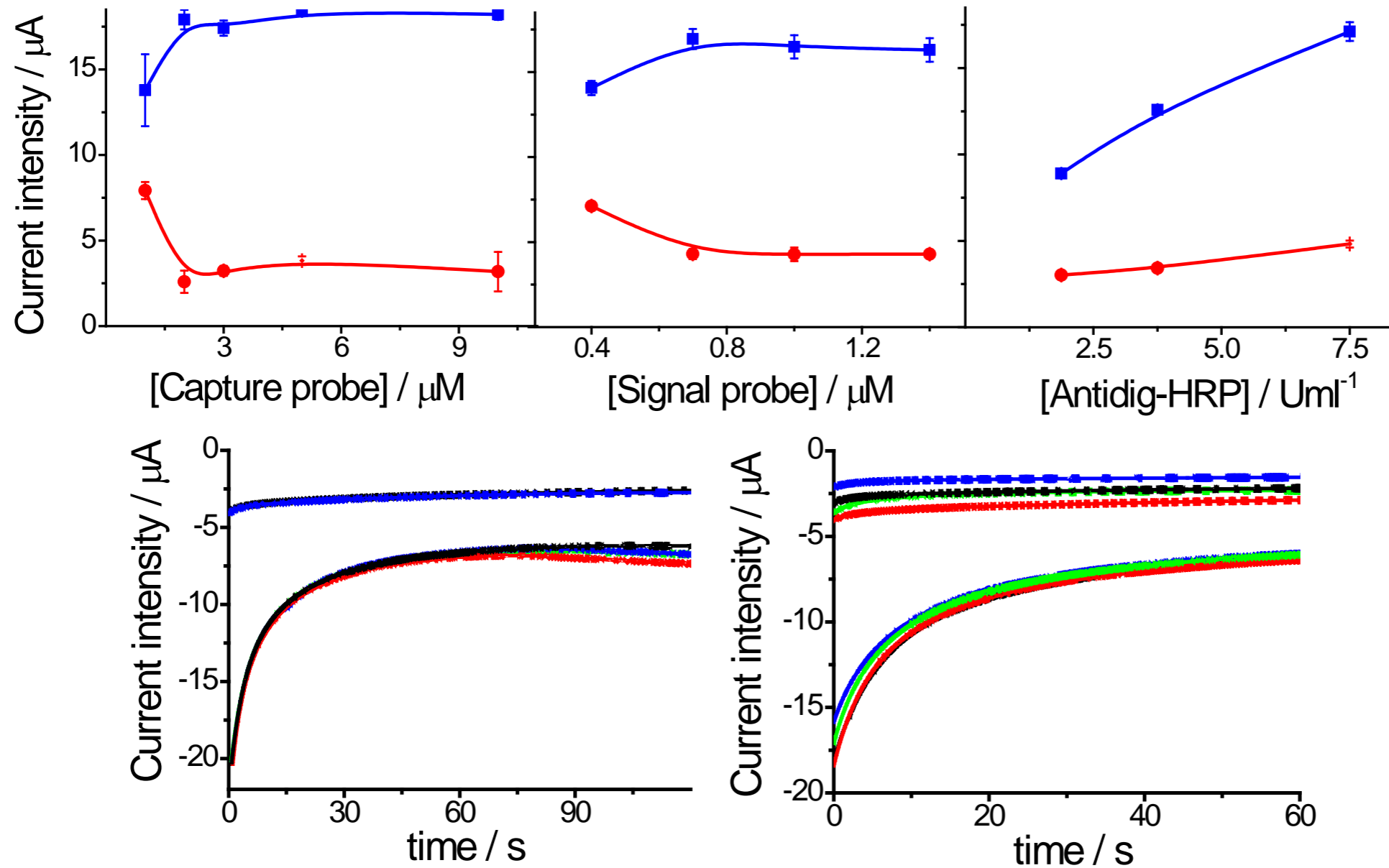


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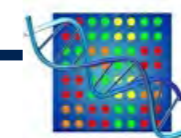


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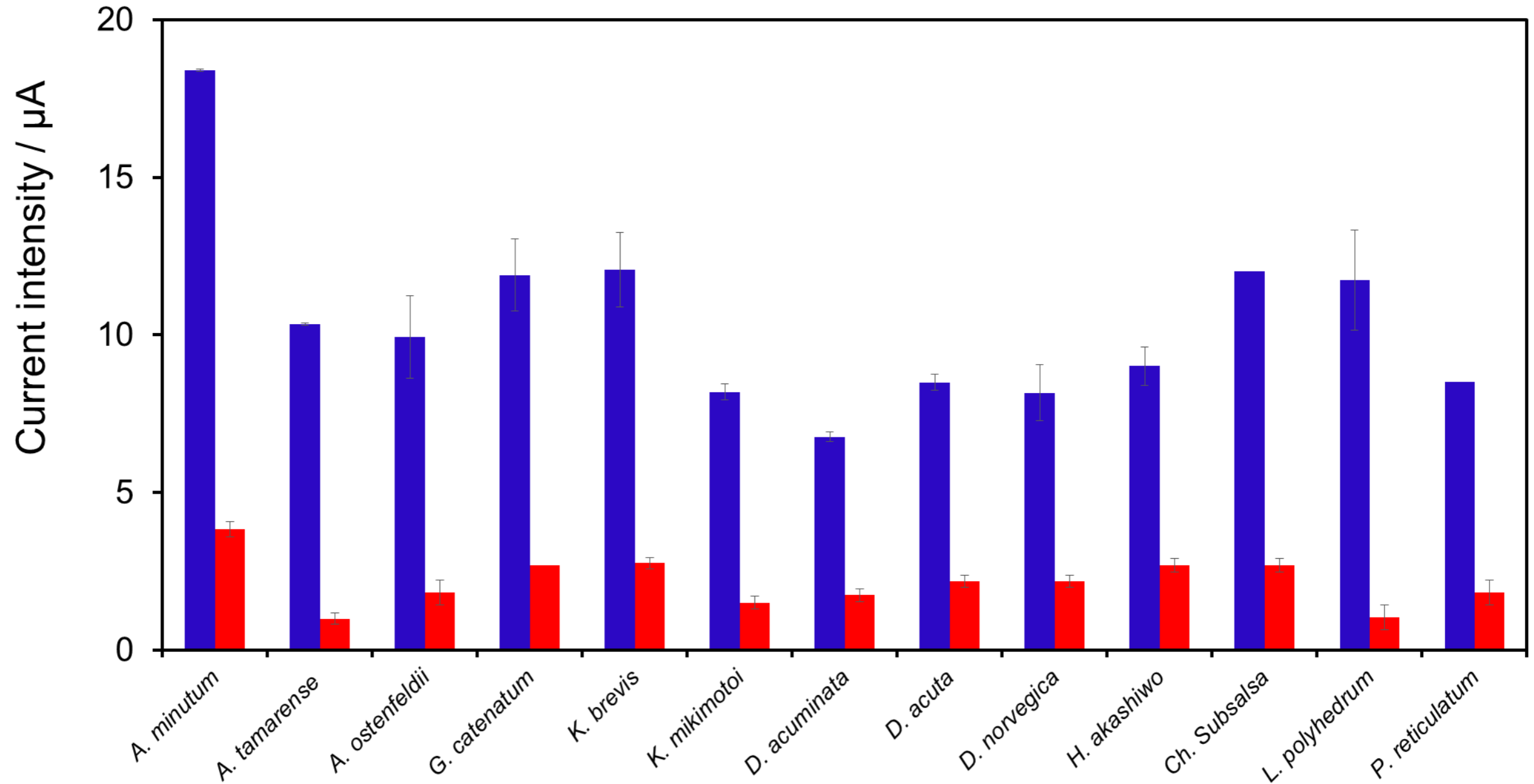
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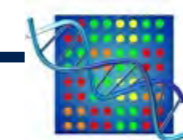


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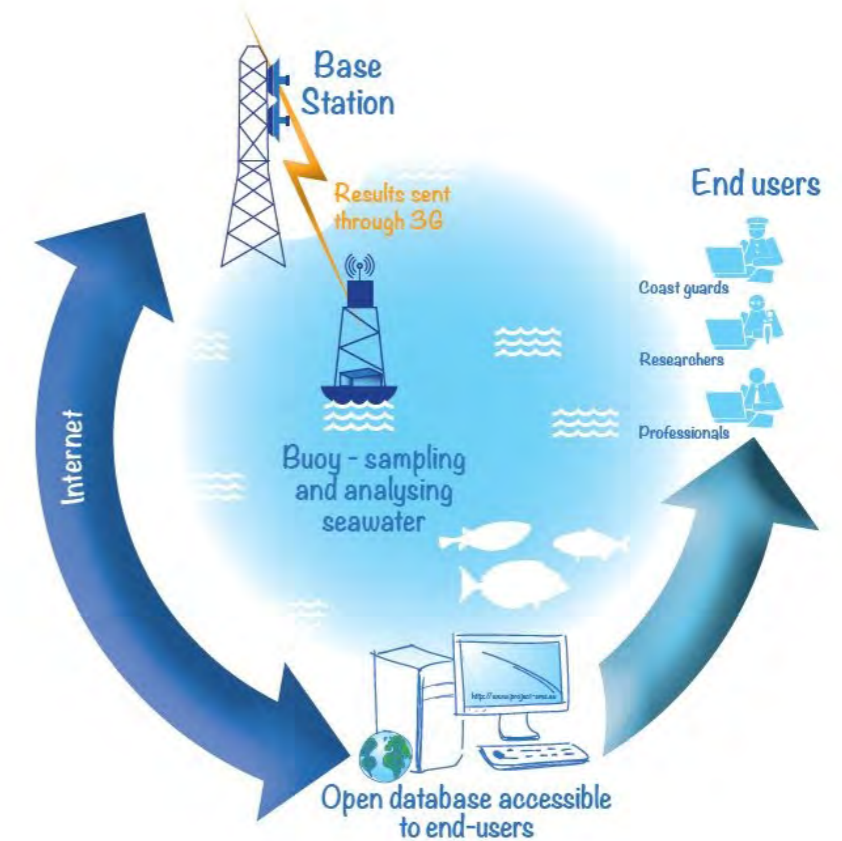
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Toxic algal species

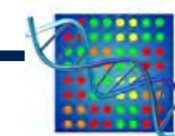




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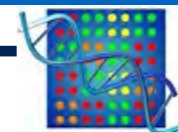
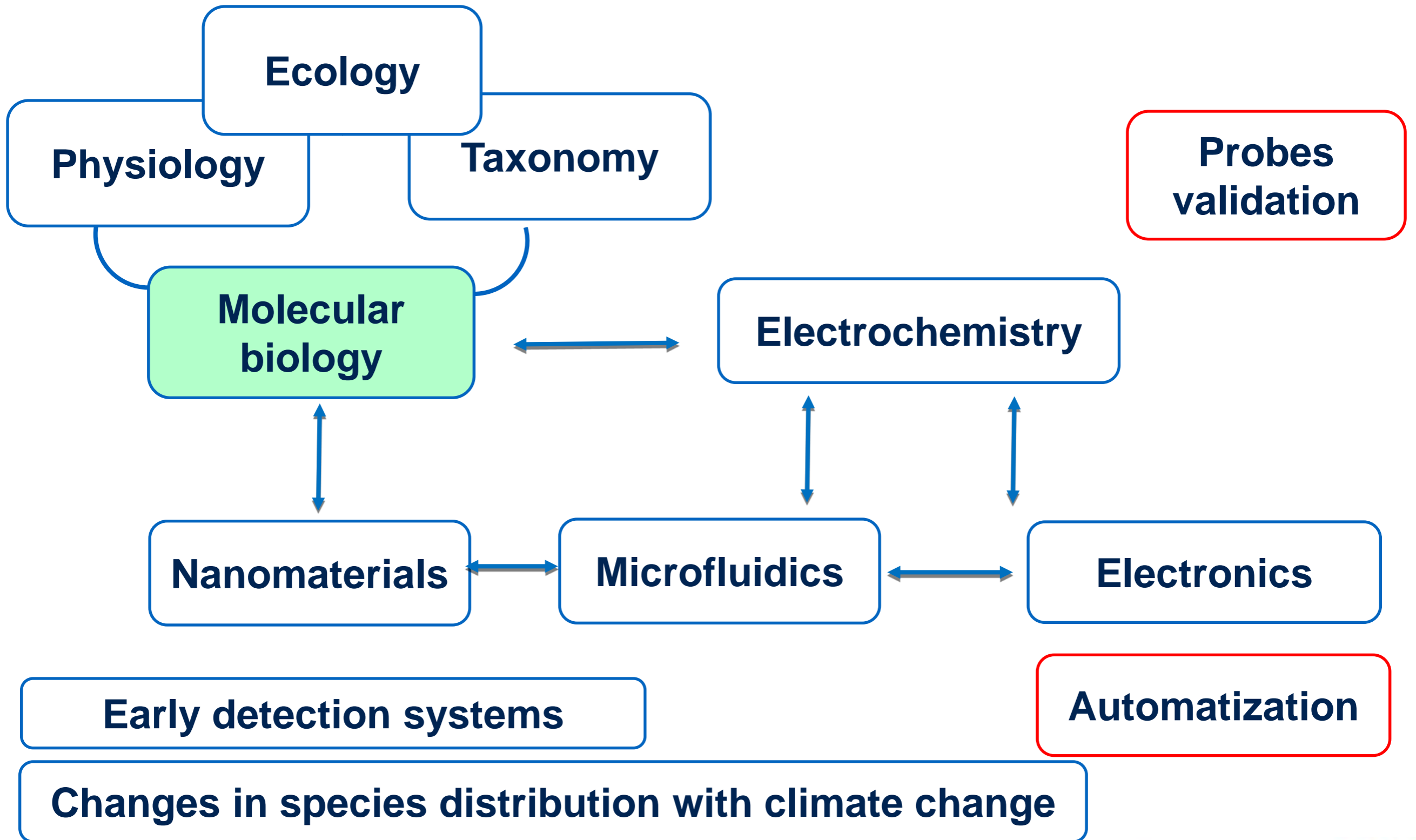


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Conclusions

Towards real-time in-situ monitoring of toxic algae





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