

Development of a Multiplexed Microfluidic Detector for Biological Agents

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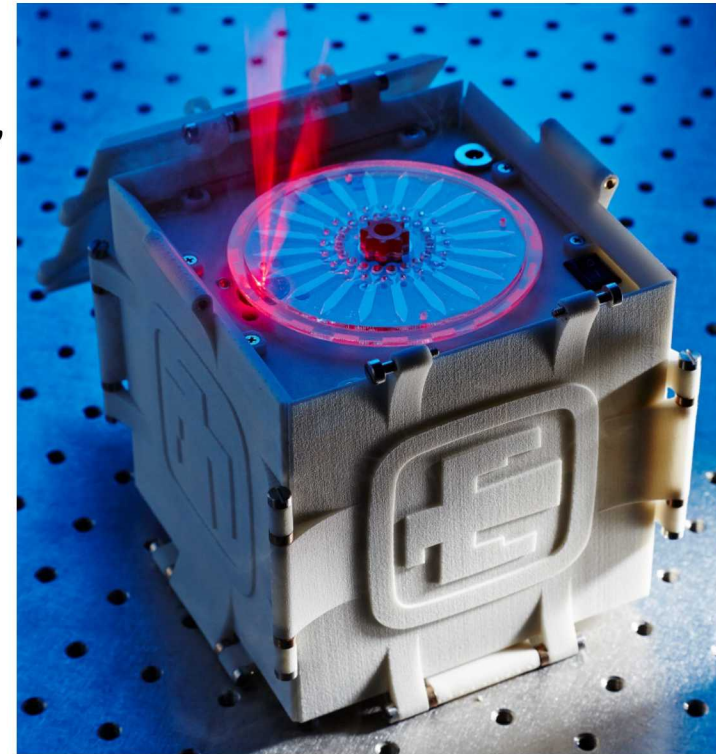
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Outline

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- Use cases
 - Protein detection
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 - Multiplexed serology
 - Dry storage
- Conclusions

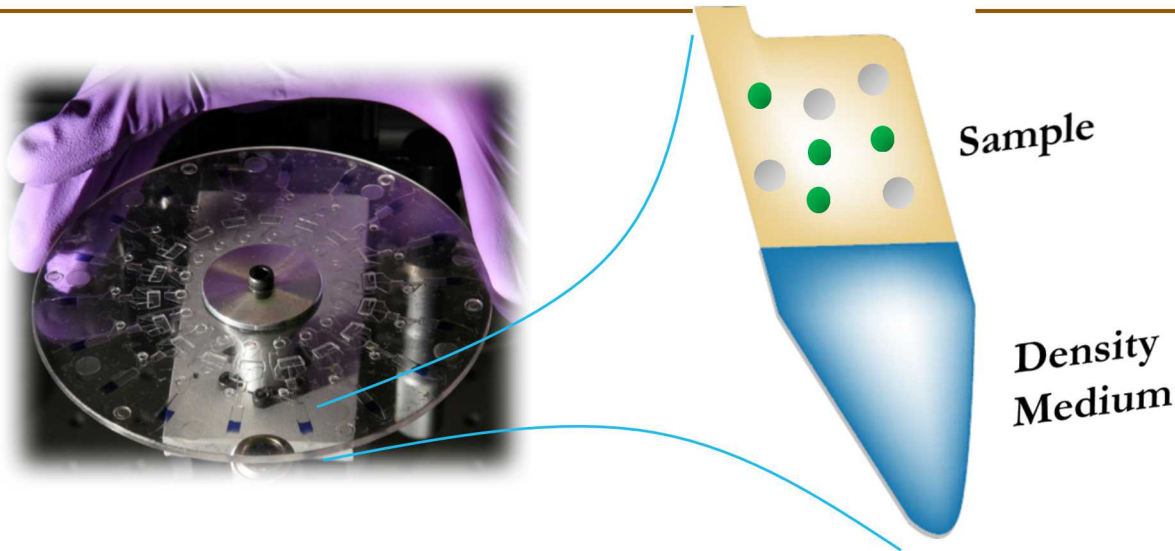
Key platform advantages

- **Fast:** Sample-to-answer in <15 min
- **Manufacturable:** Commodity plastics, standard metals, injection moldable
- **Multiplexed:** up to 20 parallel assays
- **Sample sparing:** 2 μ L per assay
- **Sensitive:** 1-2 orders more sensitive
- **No sample prep:** Direct analysis of samples including clinical (blood, serum, urine, saliva, stool) and environmental (white powder, food)
- **Flexible:** Proteins, nucleic acids, cells
- **Designed for biodefense:** Radiation biodosimetry, biosurveillance, toxin and pathogen diagnostics



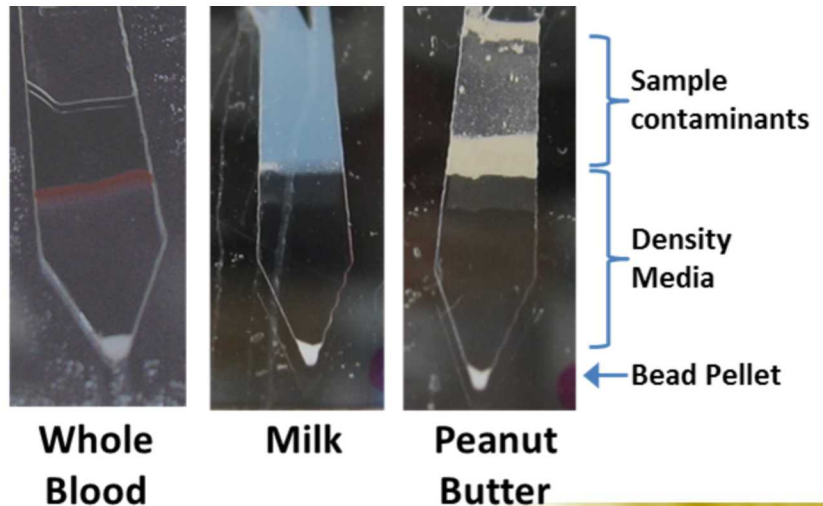
Portable: 5" (13cm) square, 2 pounds

Centrifugal microfluidics: sedimentation-based assays

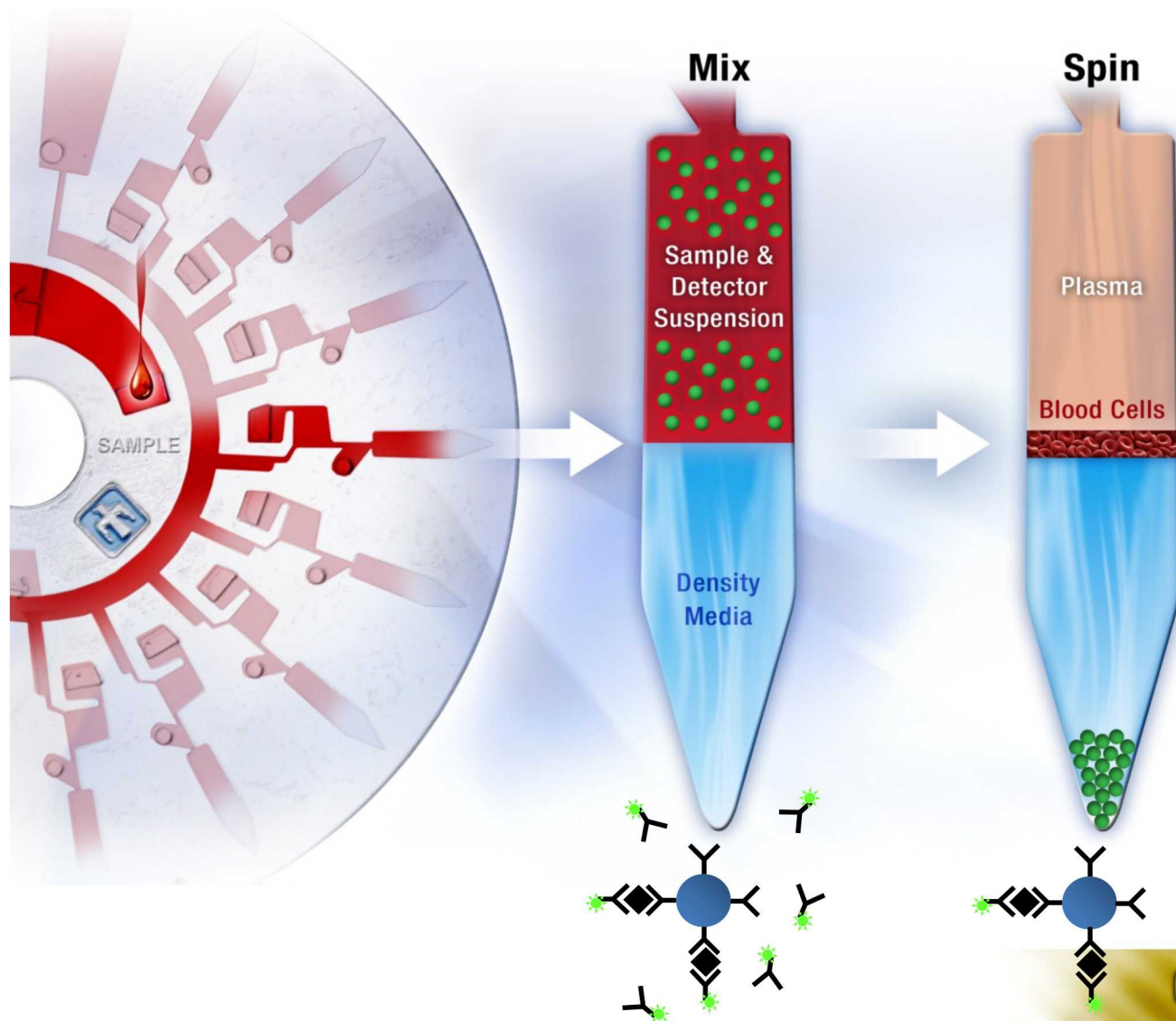


Particle transport governed by
Stoke's Law:

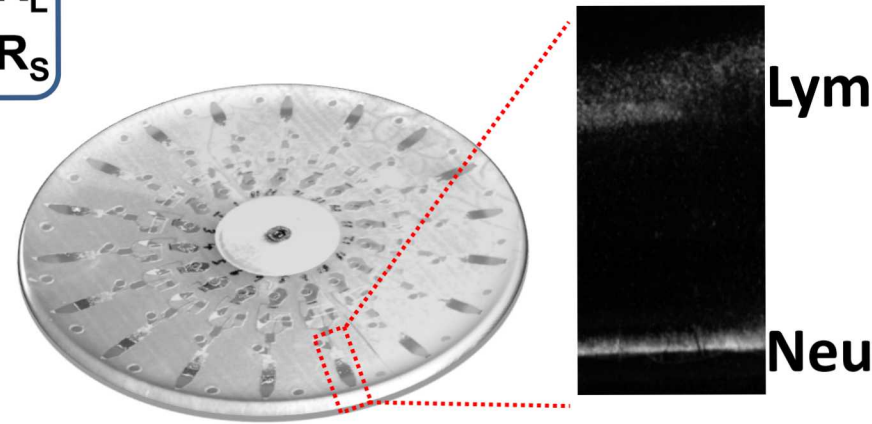
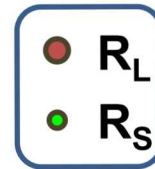
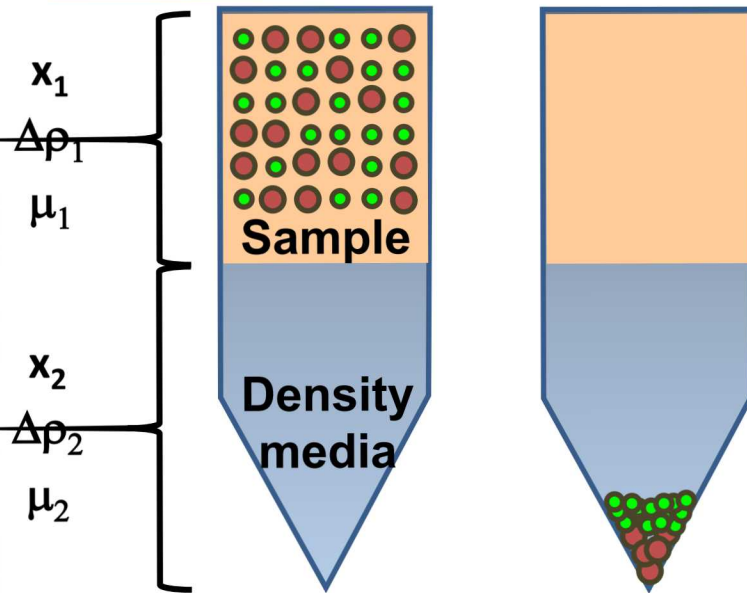
$$U_s = \frac{2}{9} \frac{(\rho_p - \rho_f)}{\mu} g R^2$$



Immunoassay architecture



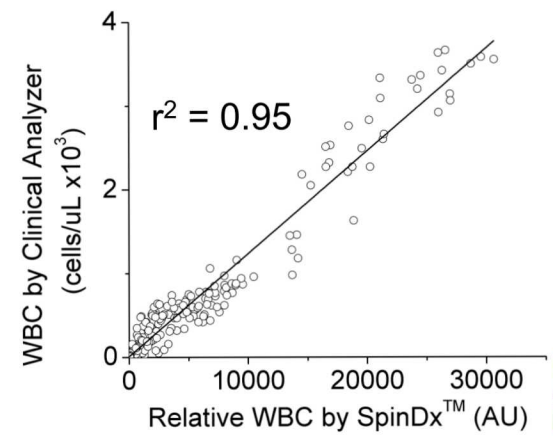
Further utilization of density-based separations



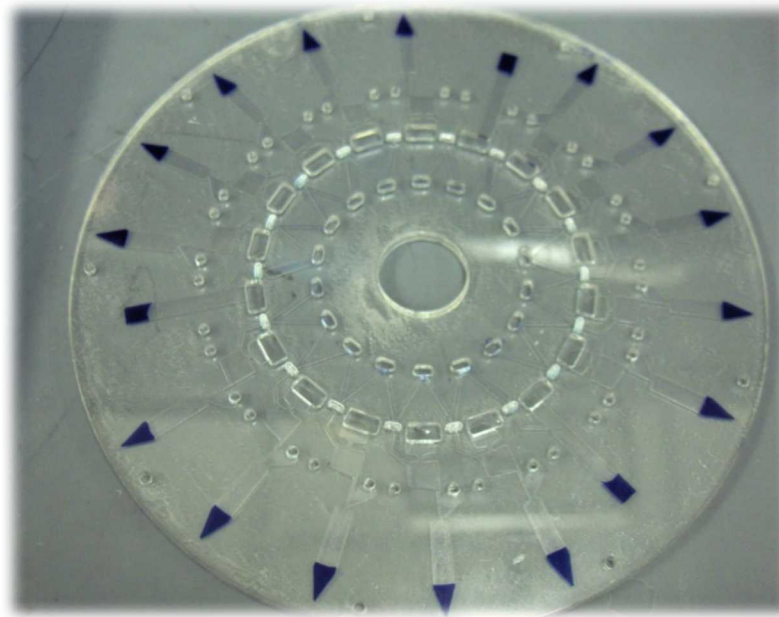
Cell sorting and analysis

In-channel multiplexing

$$\frac{R_L}{R_S} \geq \sqrt{1 + \frac{x_1 \mu_1 \Delta\rho_2}{x_2 \mu_2 \Delta\rho_1}}$$



Multiplexing and sample routing

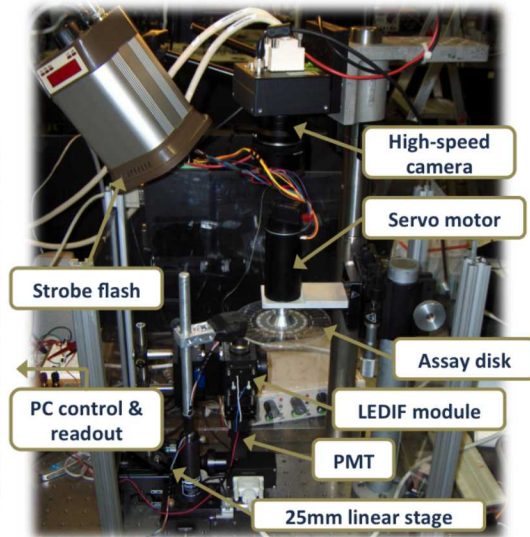


- Single inlet port, sample routed via capillary action
- Repeatable volume dispensing using channel geometry

Platform evolution



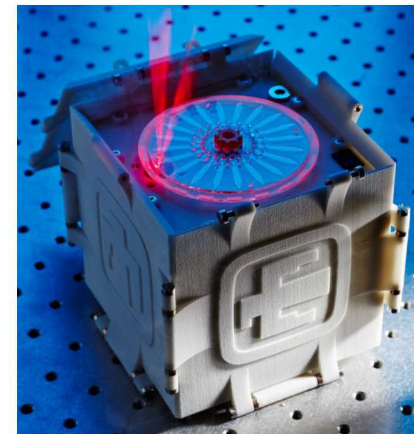
2011



2012



2013



2014

Broadly applicable to many use cases

Biodefense

Medical Diagnostics

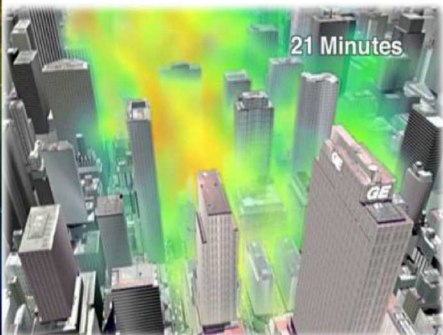
High Risk Traffic Screening



Routine Clinic Visit



Mass Population Exposure



BSL Compatible Research



Portable, Rapid Triage



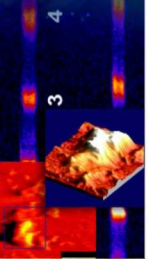
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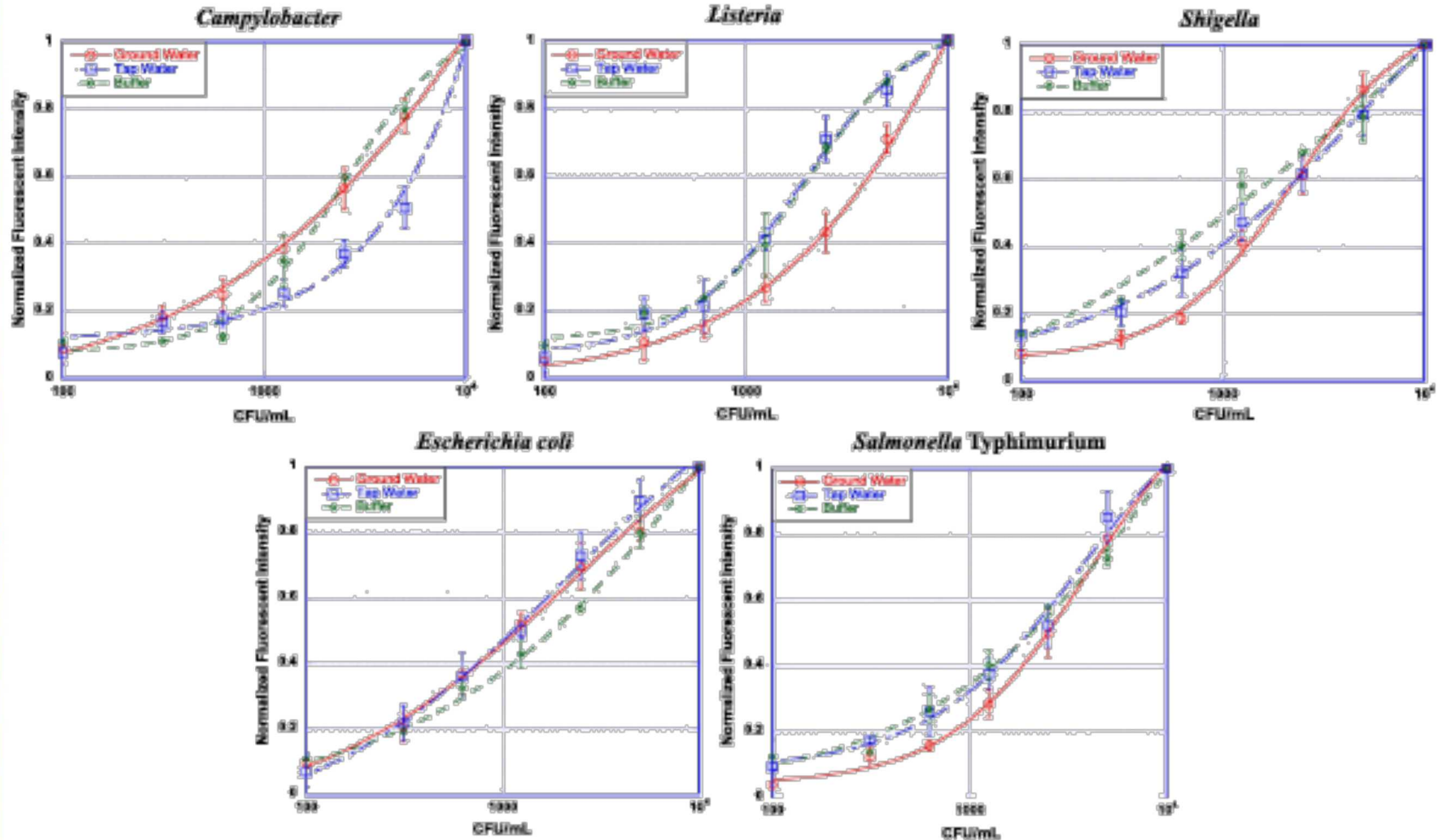
Global Healthcare

Platform technology: easily adapted to new targets

- Biodefense agents (e.g., toxins, pathogens)
- Public health targets (e.g., Salmonella, influenza, HIV, Zika, Dengue, Chikungunya)
- Biosurveillance (e.g., epidemiology, serology)
- Agriculture (e.g., animal health, disease prevalence)
- High value biomarkers (e.g., cancer, cardiac)



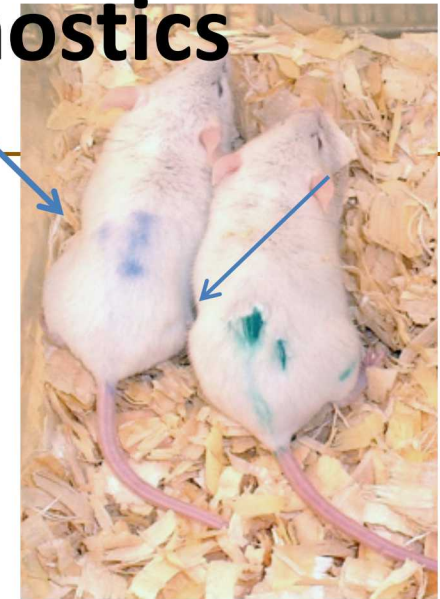
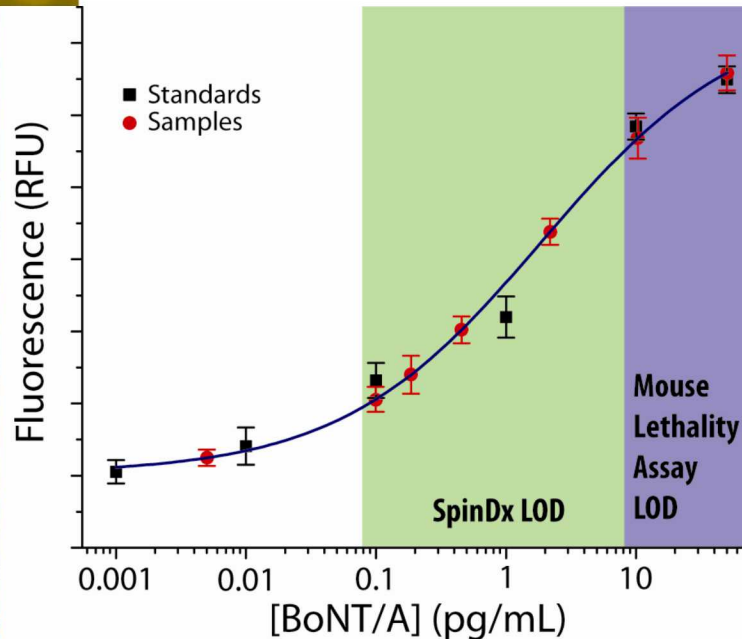
Whole-cell assays for water quality



Toxin and pathogen diagnosis for biodefense applications

- Making the most of limited medical resources
- Separating 'worried well' from real cases
- Shortening cycle time from sample-to-answer-to-intervention
- Focused on category A select agents
- Animal study in collaboration with USDA-Albany

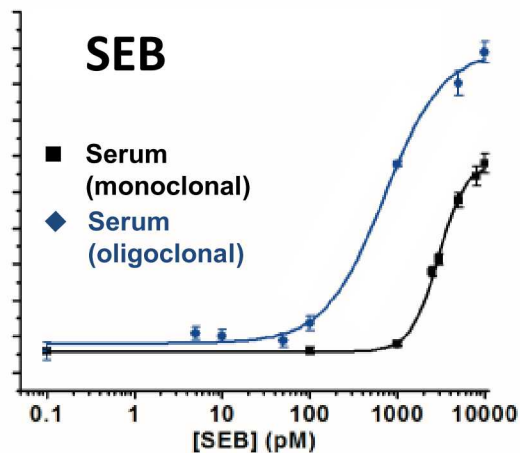
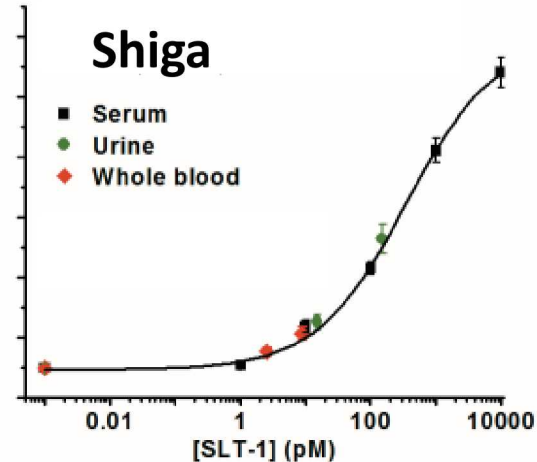
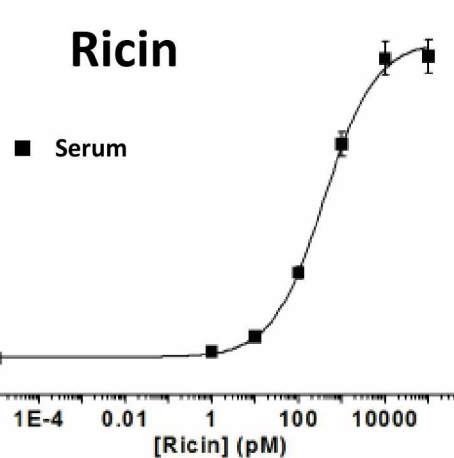
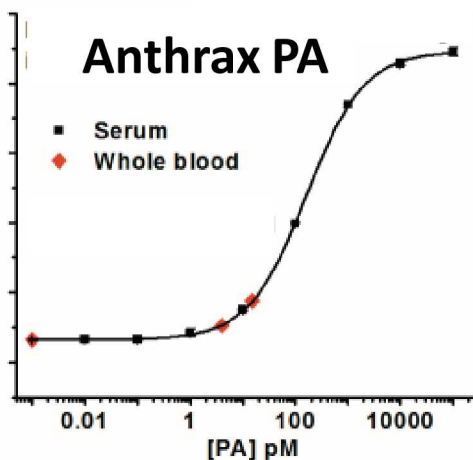
Botulinum neurotoxin diagnostics



BoNT/A (pg/mL)	Estimated Mouse LD ₅₀	Deaths (X/10)	Wasp Waist (X/10)
100	3.4	10/10	10/10
50	1.7	8/10	9/10
10	0.6	0/10	8/10
2	0.1	0/10	0/10

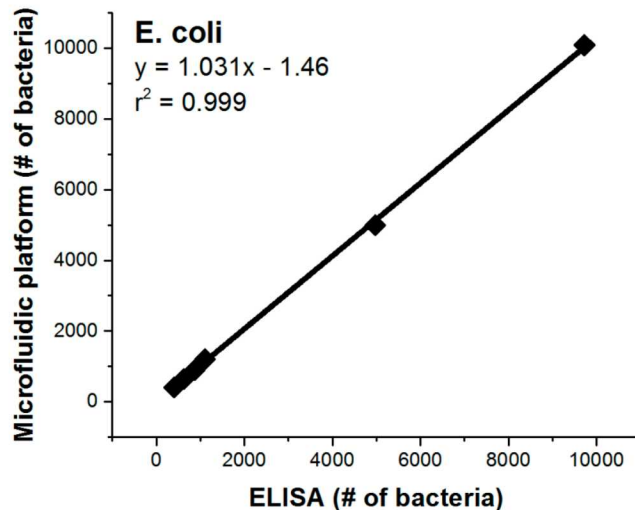
Head-to-head comparison with gold standard live mouse bioassay at USDA
~100-fold improvement in LOD, 500-fold decrease in sample volume
Results available in minutes instead of four days
No mice need to die

Other category A toxins

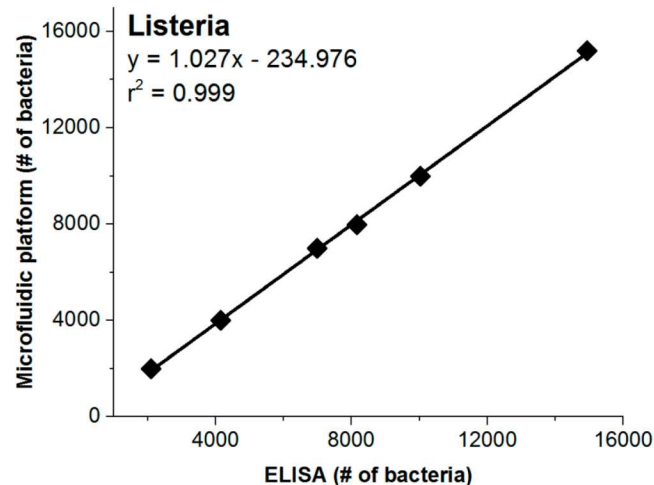


Biotoxin	Serum LOD	Serum LOQ
BoNT/A	0.5 fM	20 fM
Anthrax PA	2 pM	5 pM
Ricin	1 pM	7 pM
Shiga-like Toxin 1	0.8 pM	5 pM
SEB	84 pM	317 pM

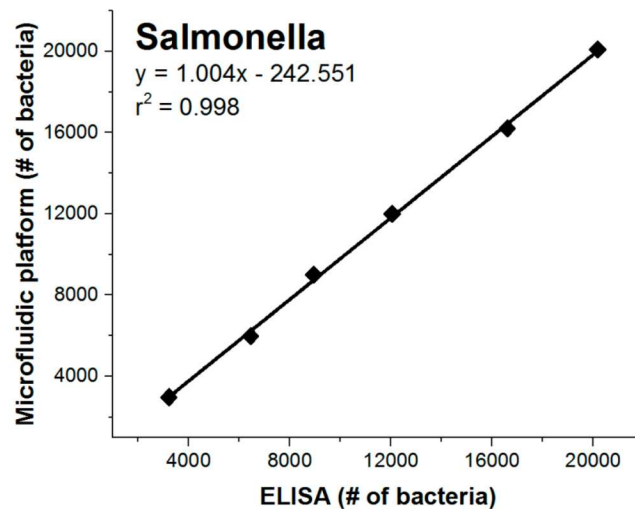
Method comparison with ELISA



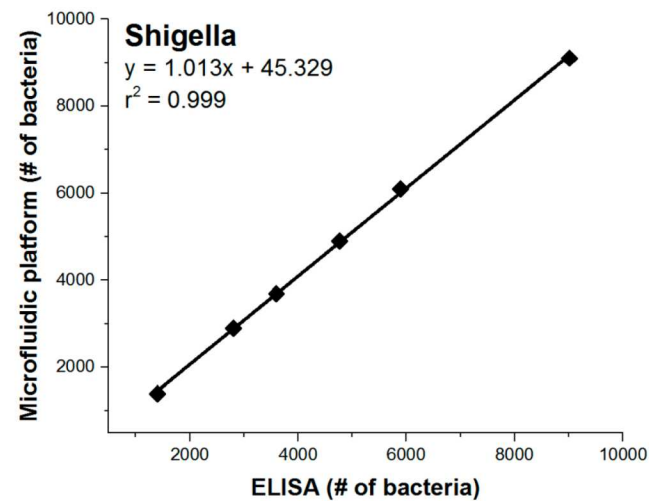
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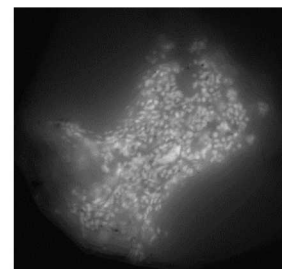
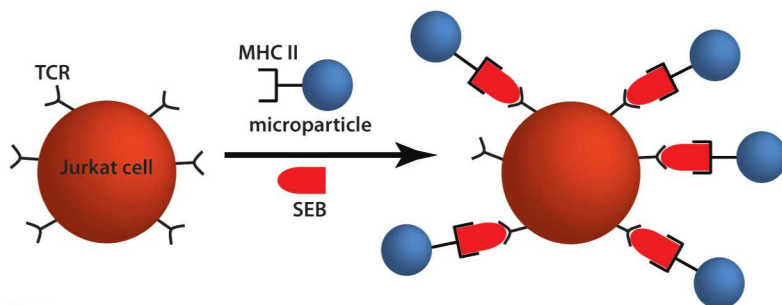
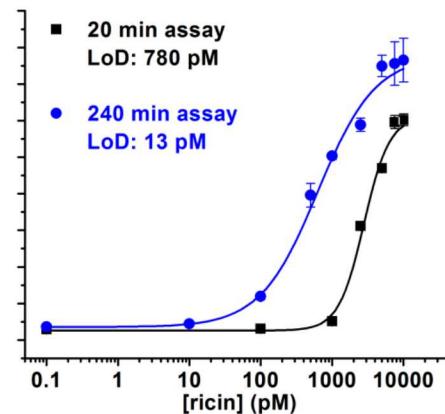
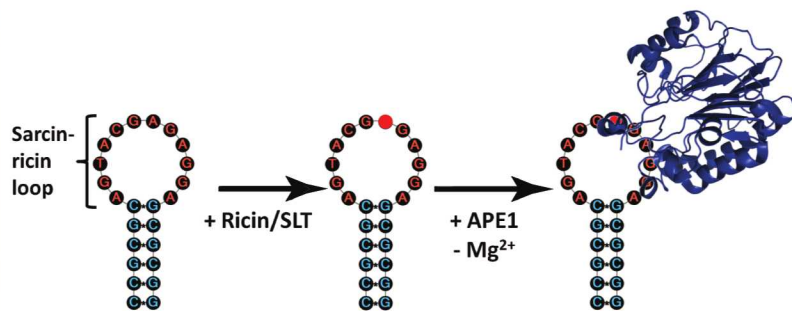


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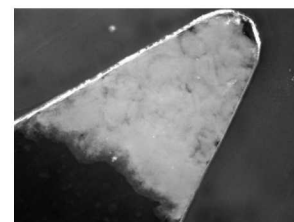
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Toxin activity assays



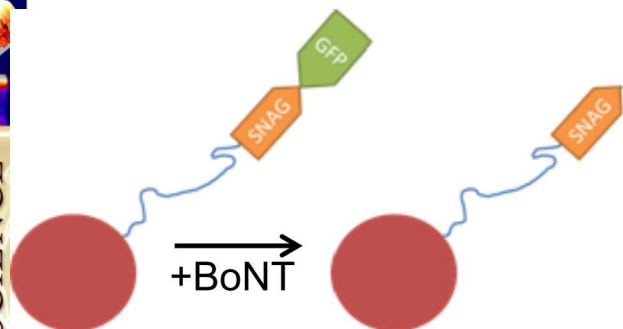
+ SEB

- SEB

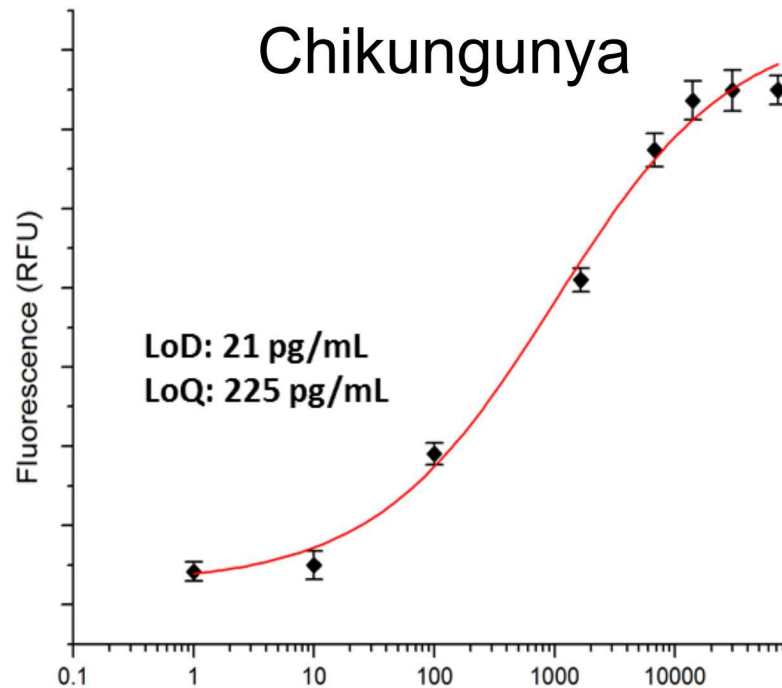
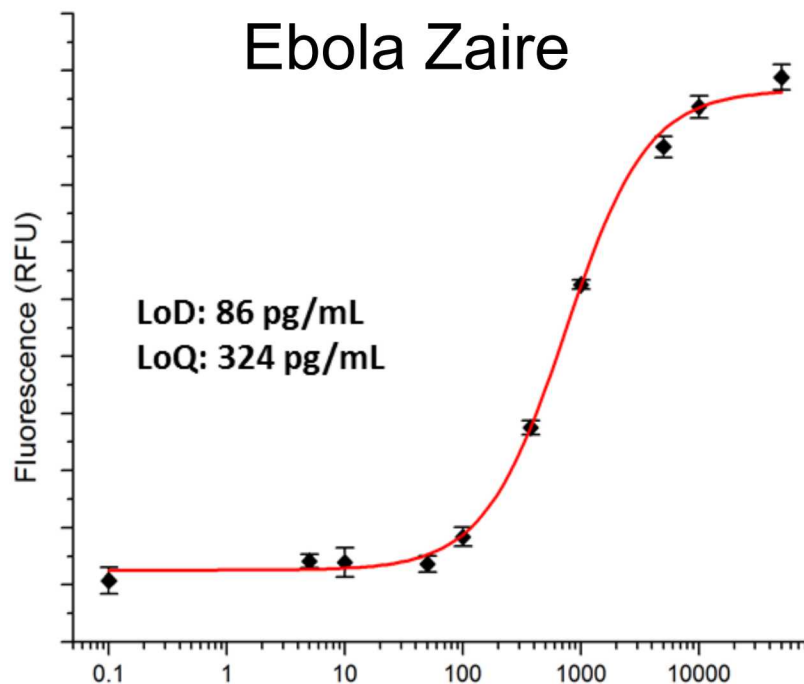


+BoNT

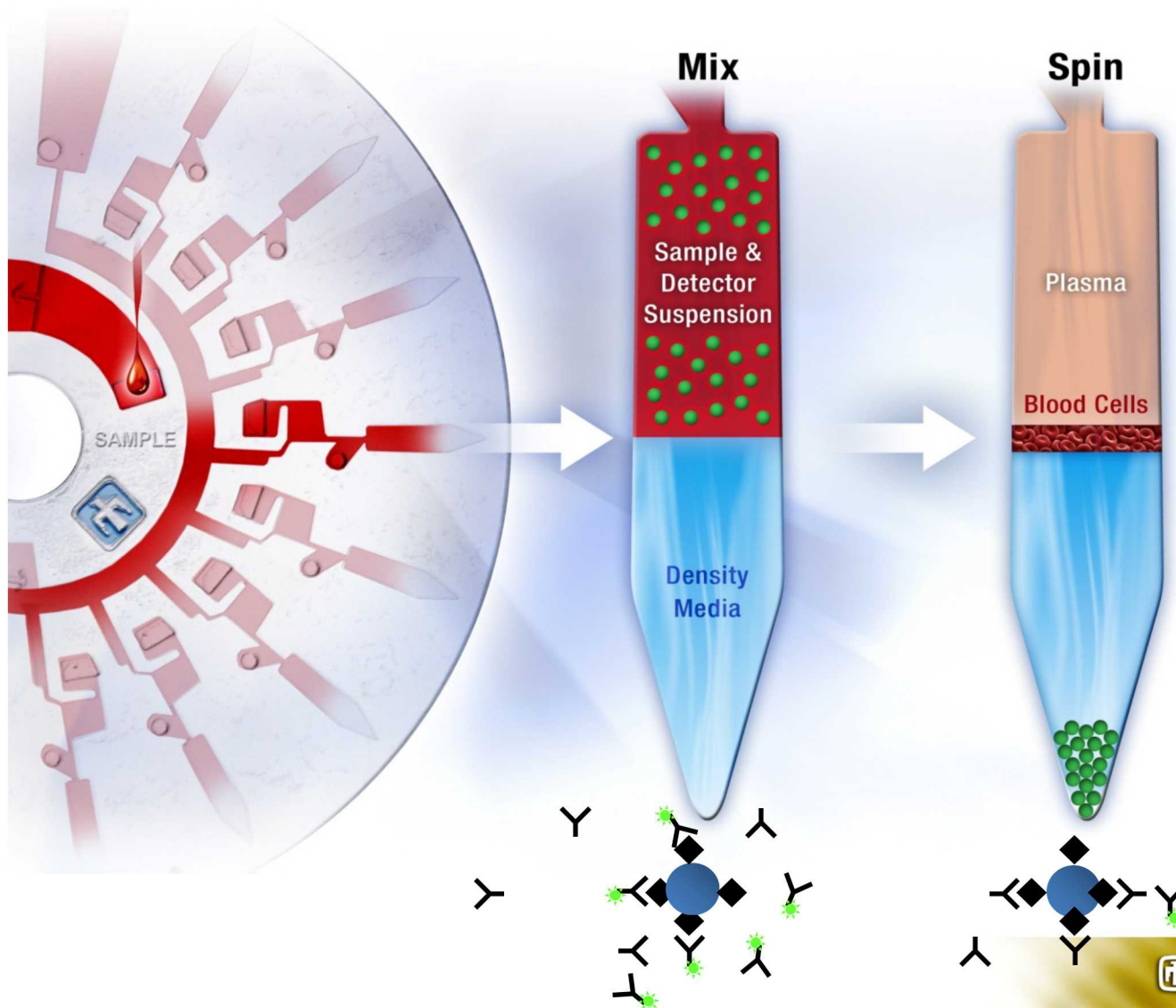
-BoNT



Pathogen antigen detection

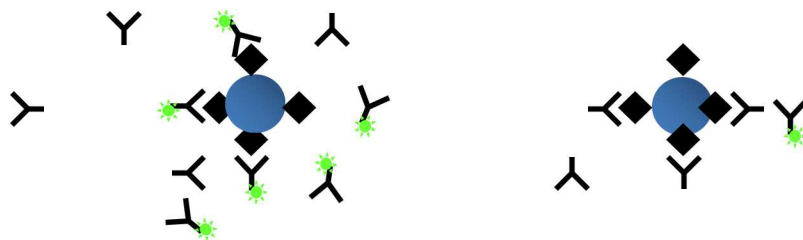


Detection of small molecules – competitive inhibition



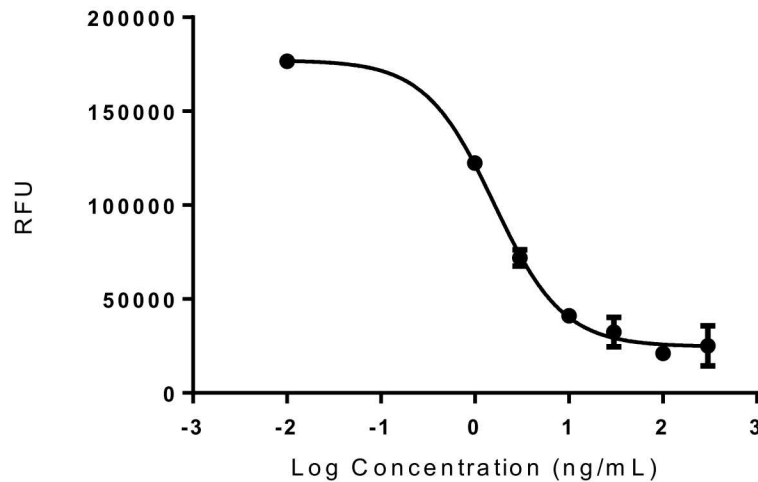
Competition assay for small molecules

- Dual antibody recognition in sandwich format
 - Higher specificity
 - Potentially higher sensitivity
- Not always possible with small molecules
- Loss of signal assay



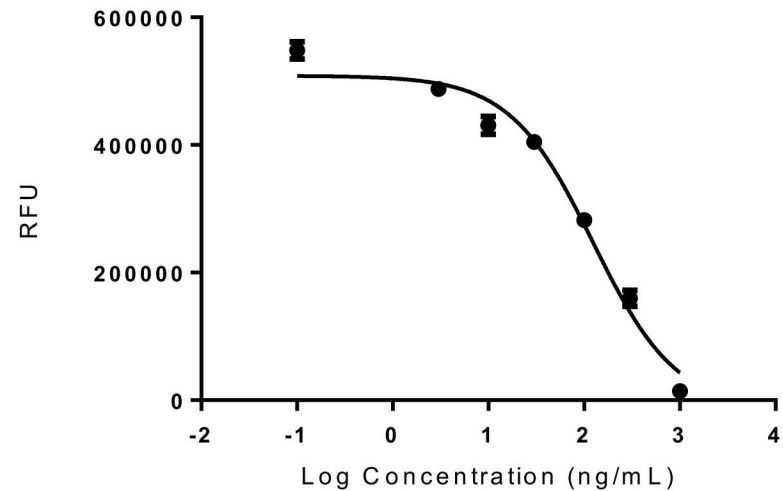
Detection of small molecule toxins

Aflatoxin B1



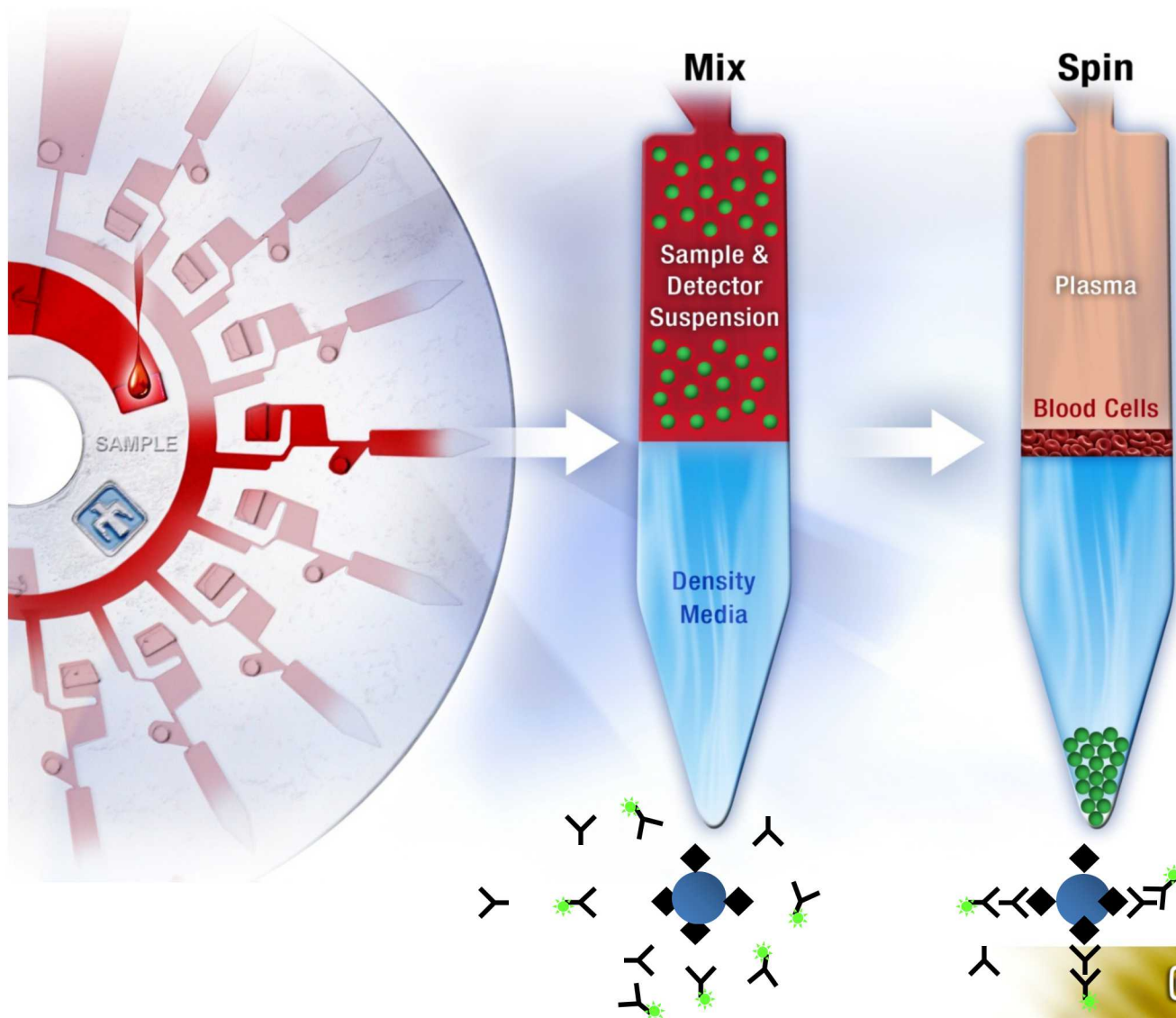
LoD: 0.200 ng/mL

Ochratoxin



LoD: 0.405 ng/mL

Multiplexed serology

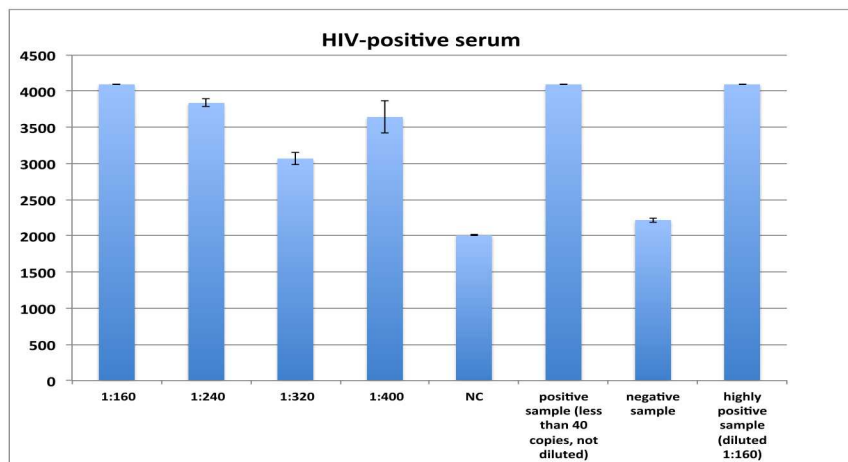


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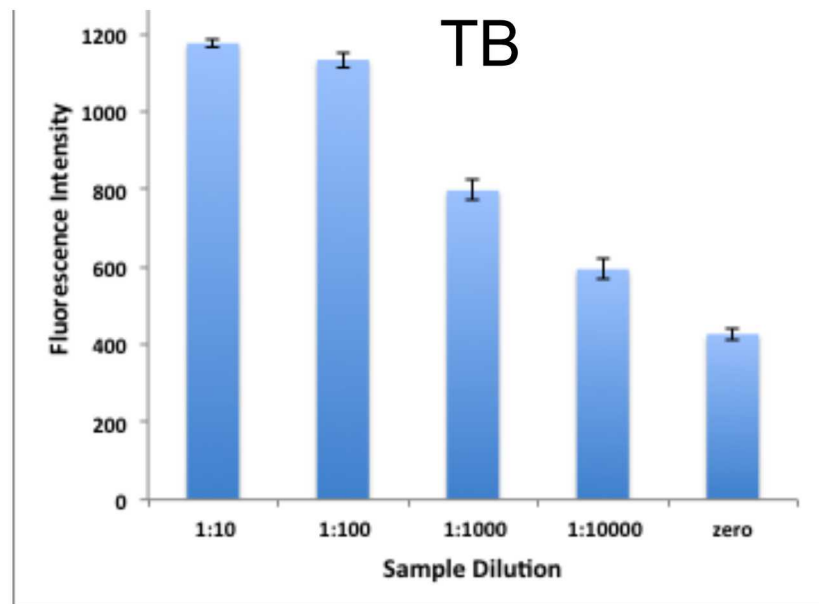
- Built-in dilution scheme
- No sample preparation required
- Integrated pre-treatment (e.g., acid/base, surfactants, salts) if necessary
- Precise, repeatable sample metering

Infectious diseases

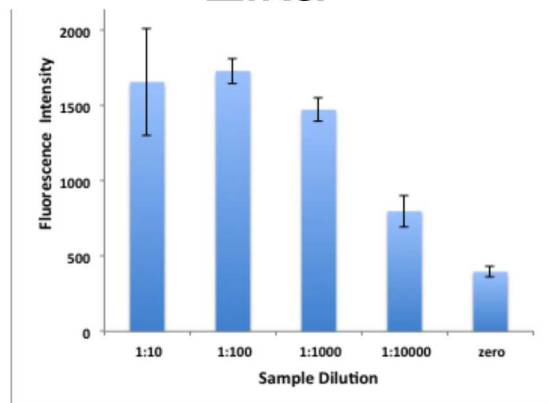
HIV



TB



Zika



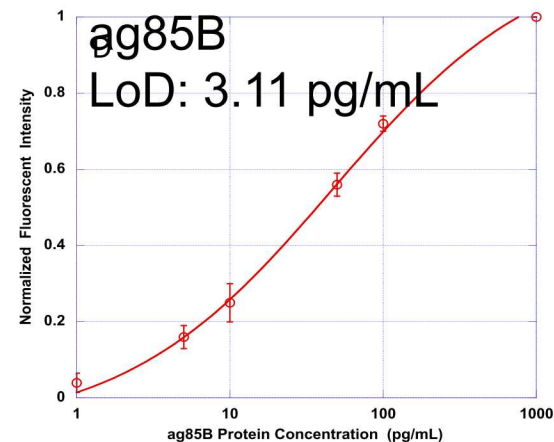
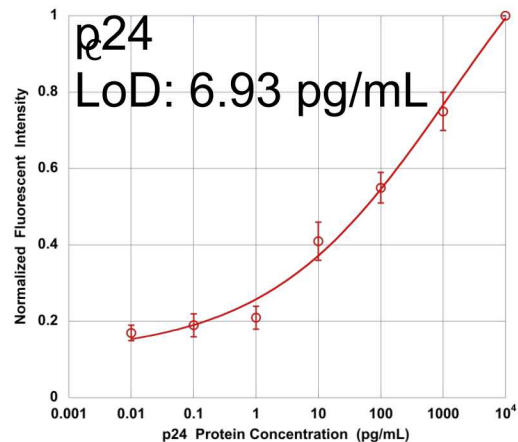
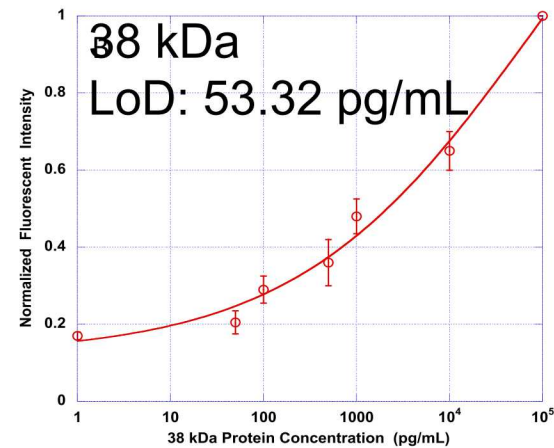
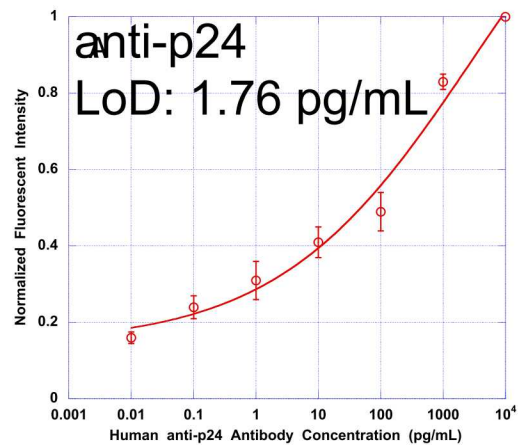
Preliminary Data

Clinical study

- Collaboration with University of Texas-Medical Branch (Galveston, TX) hospital lab
- Demonstration of antigen detection and serology
- HIV - p24; TB – ag85B and 38 kDa
- 24-month study, 180 patient samples tested
- Only found two TB-positive samples

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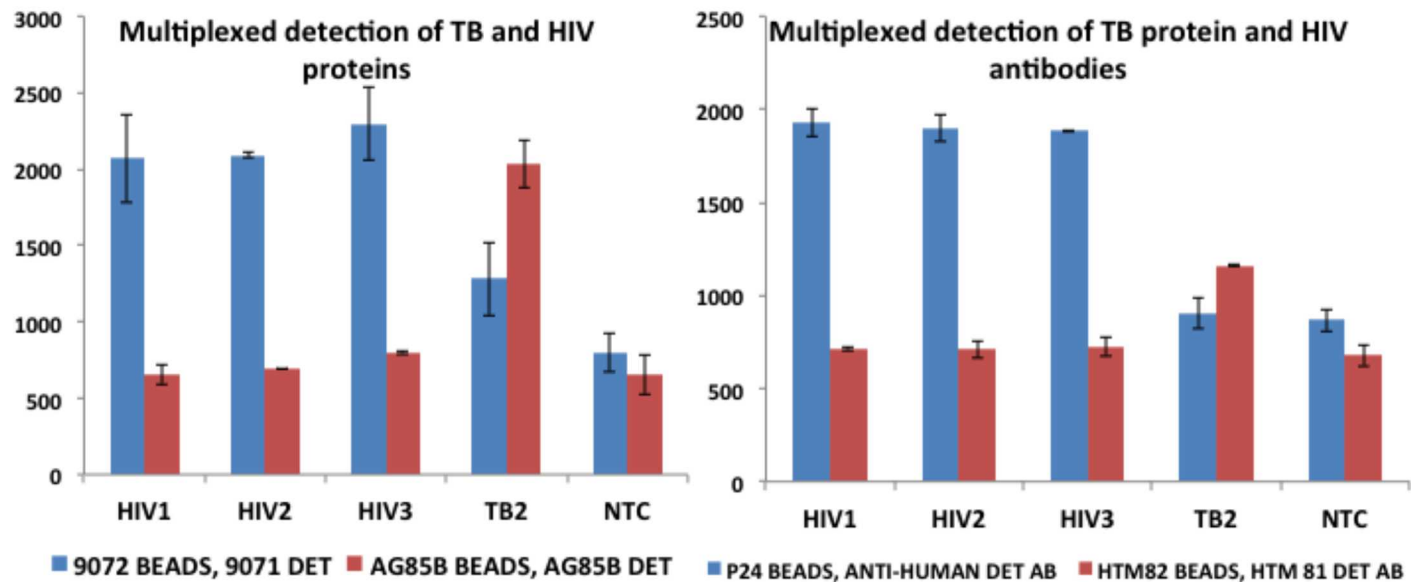
Clinical study



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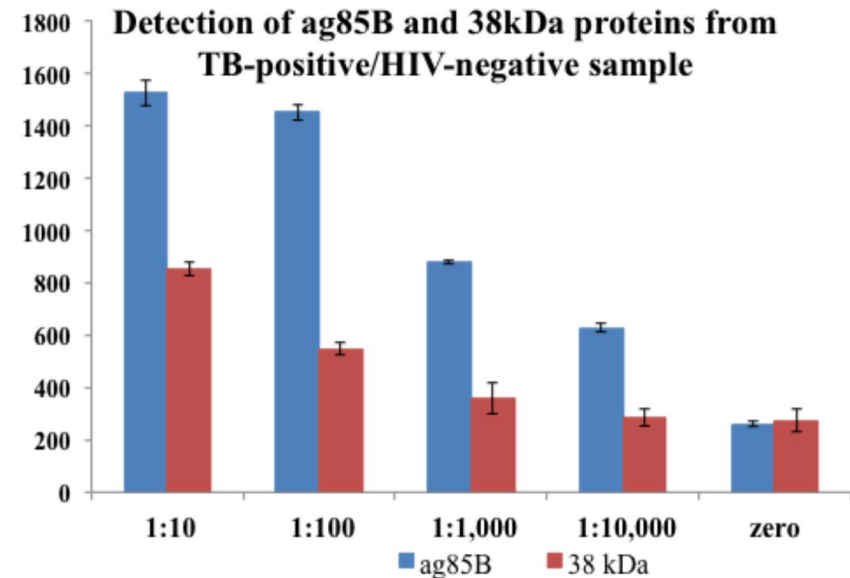
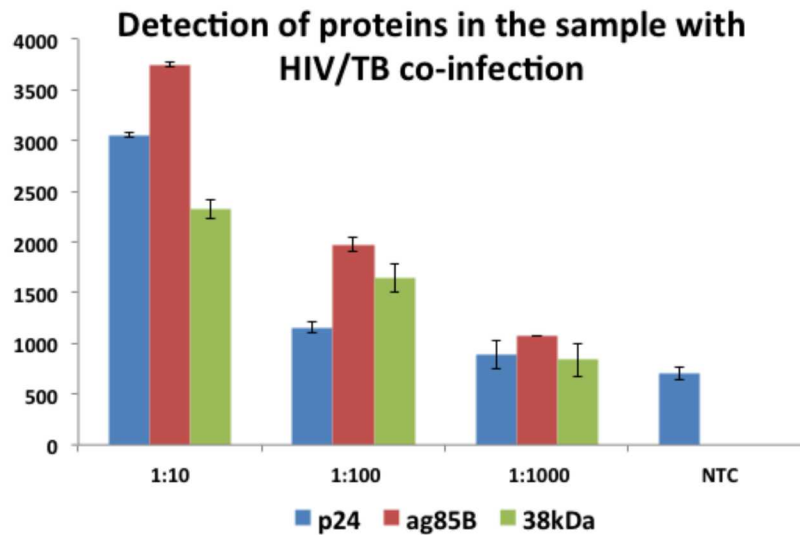
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- Antigen detection: 92% sensitivity, 89% specificity
- Serology: 100% sensitivity and specificity
- Demonstration of antigen detection and serology

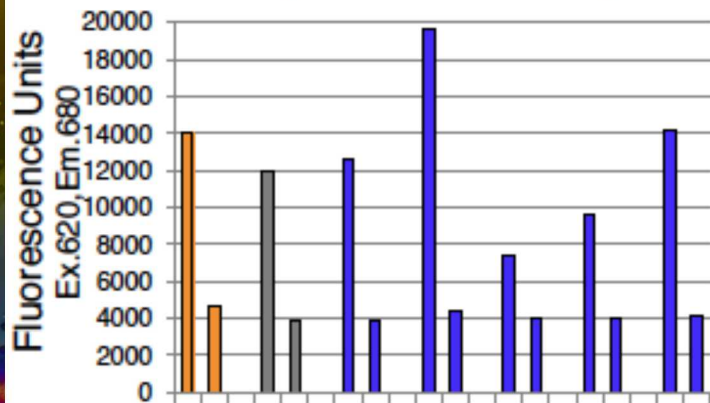
Dried reagent storage

- Shelf-stable reagents ideal
 - Ease of storage
 - Elimination of cold chain
- To date, all experiments done with reagents stored at 4/-20°C
- Tested control antigen detection sandwich immunoassay (IL-6 detection)

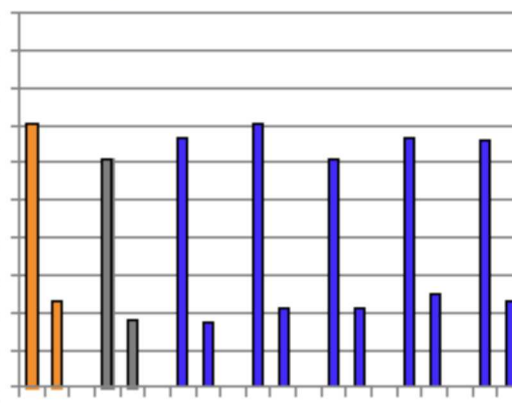
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Shelf life study

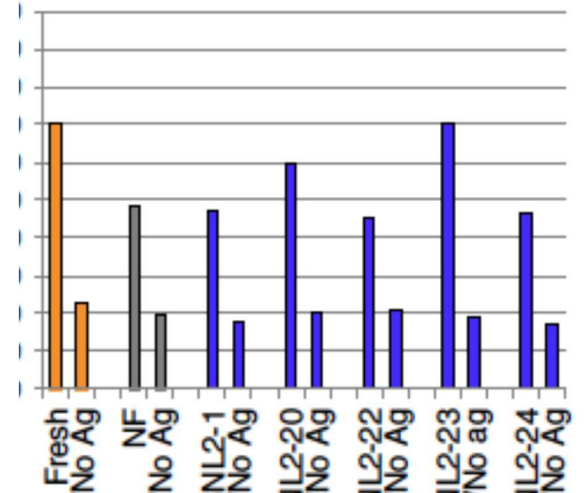
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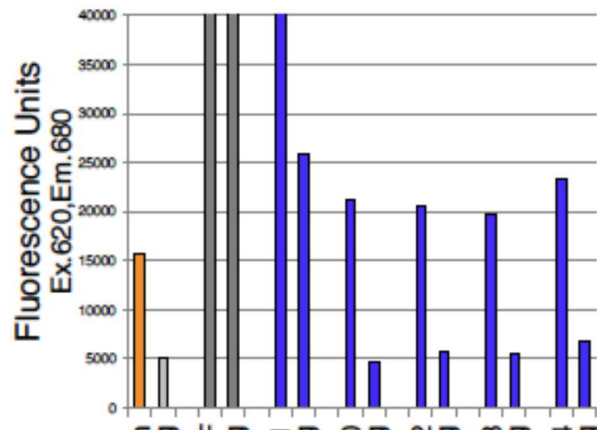
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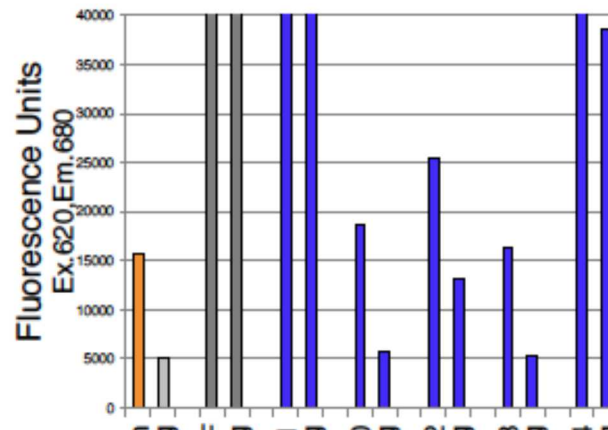
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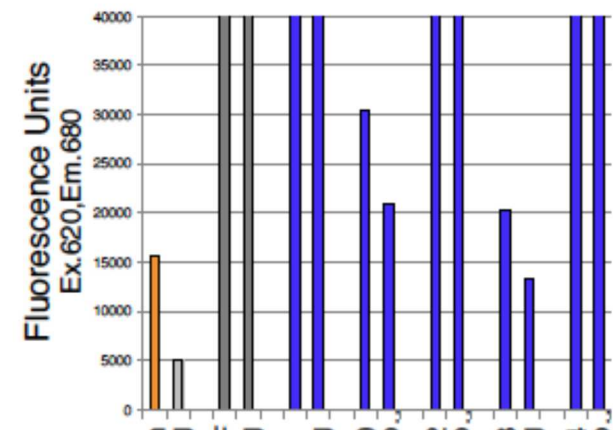
Day 13, Detector at 45°C



Day 13, Detector at 60°C



Day 13, Detector at 70°C



Conclusions

- Rapid, sensitive, easy-to-use portable biological molecule detector
- Immunoassay-based detection chemistry
- Flexible platform technology
- Sample matrix insensitive
- Onboard sample preparation simplifies operation

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