

HABs in NJ Freshwater Lakes: Monitoring, Detection & Management

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Cyanobacterial Toxins

- ▶ ~50 species of cyanobacteria have been shown to produce toxins which are harmful.
- ▶ Microcystis, Anabaena, Oscillatoria, Nodularia
- ▶ Three main types of cyanotoxins:
 - Neurotoxins,
 - hepatotoxins, and
 - dermatoxins
- ▶ Cyanotoxins have no current cure (CDC 2011)

Cyanobacterial Toxins

Seasonal occurrence and toxicity of *Microcystis* spp. and *Oscillatoria tenuis* in the Lebna Dam, Tunisia

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Predicting potentially toxigenic *Pseudo-nitzschia* blooms in the Chesapeake Bay

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Detection of Saxitoxin-Producing Cyanobacteria and *Anabaena circinalis* in Environmental Water Blooms by Quantitative PCR^{∇†}

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Cyanobacterial Toxins: Removal during Drinking Water Treatment, and Human Risk Assessment

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Identification of HABs-causing microorganisms (phytoplankton)

- ▶ How?
 - Microscopy
 - Polymerase Chain React
 - Flow Cytometry



Develop Rapid PCR methods

- ▶ Optimization of the conditions
- ▶ Sensitivity study
- ▶ Test and design general or specific primers for this study

DNA Extractions

- ▶ A modified Chelex[®] DNA extraction protocol was used to isolate mixed population of DNA from environmental samples.

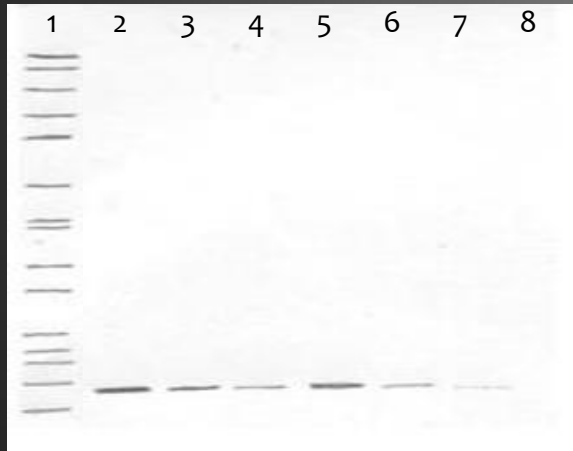


Primers Tested

| No. | Primer name | Primer sequence (5' → 3') | Tm (°C) | Amplicon size (nt) | Gene | Source |
|-----|-------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Uf | GAGAGTTTGATCCTGGTCAG | 52-56 | 791 | 16s rRNA, phytospecific species | Stiller & McClanahan, 2005. Canavate et al 2014 |
| | PSr | CCCTAATCTATGGGGWCATCAGGA | | | | |
| 2 | 27FB | AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG | 58 | 740 | 16s rRNA of all bacteria, cyanobacteria and phytoplankton | Barkovskii & Fukui, 2004. |
| | 785R | ACTACCRGGGTATCTAATCC | | | | |
| 3 | PSf | GGGATTAGATACCCCWGTAGTCCT | 50 | 735 | 16s rRNA in phytoplankton, general photosynthetic bacteria (Ur) | Stiller & McClanahan, 2005. |
| | Ur | ACGGYTACCTTGTTACGACTT | | | | |
| 4 | CPC1f | GGCKGICYTGYTRCYGACATGGA | 50 | 389 | β-subunit of phycocyanin gene for cyanobacteria | Stiller |
| | CPC1r | AARCGNCTTGVGWATCDGC | | | | |
| 5 | AN3801f | CAAATCACTCAGTTTCTGG | 55 | 171 | DNA polymerase III of <i>S. IU 625</i> & <i>S. elongatus</i> | Chu & Rienzo 2013 |
| | AN3801r | CAGTAGCAGCTCAGGACTC | | | | |
| 6 | ANAf | GATCTAGCCTCACCTGTTGACTT | 55-58 | 457 | Toxin biosynthesis gene cluster of <i>Anabaena circinalis</i> | Chu & Rienzo 2013 |
| | ANAr | GGGATCCTTTTTGCTGCGCC | | | | |
| 7 | Msf | ATCCAGCAGTTGAGCAAGC | 58 | 1369 | <i>mcyA</i> | Rillet et al. 2001 |
| | Msr | TGCAGAAAACCCGAGTTG | | | | |
| 8 | 2156f | ATCACTTCAATCTAACGACT | 50 | 973 | <i>mcyB</i> | Mikalsen et al 2003 |
| | 3111r | AGTTGCTGCTGTAAGAAA | | | | |
| 9 | PSCf | GCAACATCCCAAGAGCAAAG | 58 | 674 | <i>mcyC</i> | Ouahid et al 2005 |
| | PSCr | CCGACAACATCACAAAGGC | | | | |
| 10 | DINAf | GAATCTGCCCTCAGGAGGGGG | 58 | 2283(syn) 2134(proch) | 16S-23S ITS Prochlorococcus & Synechococcus (predominantly marine species) | lavin et al. 2008 |
| | DINAr | GGGTTGCCCATTCGGAAAT | | | | |

| No. | Primer name | Primer sequence (5' → 3') | Tm (°C) | amplicon size (nt) | gene | source |
|-----|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Pro-psbA-1F | AACATCATYTCWGGTGCWGT | 52 | 773 | <i>psbA</i> | Chenard & Suttle,2008 |
| | Pro-psbA-1R | TCGTGCATTACTTCCATACC | | | | |
| 2 | MCPF5 | GTTCTGGACACCTGAAGCGT | 56 | 350 | <i>mcp</i> | Baker et. al 2006 |
| | MCPR5 | GAT GCC GAC ACA AGC GAT GGT AAG | | | | |
| 3 | GSPATG00022332001F | TGGCATTGGATAATGCAGAA | 52.3 | 616 | <i>E1B</i> | Catania et al 2008 |
| | GSPATG00022332001R | GTAGAGGCAATGGCGTGAAT | 55.4 | | | |
| 4 | GSPATG00000223001F | TTCCCTGACCGAATAGGATTT | 53.4 | 592 | calcium binding protein gene | Catania et al 2008 |
| | GSPATG00000223001R | GGCCATAAGCATCCAAGATT | | | | |
| 5 | Syn3 | TACGACTTCACCCAGTCAYCAGCC | 50 | 1362 | ssu rDNA | Sanchez-Baracaldo et al 2008 |
| | Syn5 | CAGGATGAACGCTGGCGCYSTGC | | | | |
| 6 | 16s.19F | AAGCCTGACGGAGCAACGCC | 63 | 362 | ssu rDNA | Sanchez-Baracaldo et al 2008 |
| | 16S.409R | GGTATCTAATCCCTTTTCGCTCC | 60 | | | |
| 7 | phnD_syn119F | TCGGNGCMATYCCSGATCAGAACCCSG | 55-60 | 616-618 | <i>phnD</i> | Ilikchyan et al 2009 |
| | phnD_syn734R1 | TTGGGCTGSGCGASCCAGTGGTARTC | | | | |
| 8 | phnD_pro307F | GTNATWGCTCAAAGAGATATWGAT | 50-57 | 242 | <i>phnD</i> | |
| | phnD_pro551R | GTTGCATCATGACTNCCRCTATANCC | | | | |
| 9 | PITSANF | CGTAACAAGGTAGCCGTAC | 46 | 839 | ITS-1 | becker et al 2002 |
| | PITSEND | CTCTGTGTGCCAAGGTATC | 45 | | | |
| 10 | MICF | ATGTGCCGCGAGGTGAAACCTAAT | 55 | 238 | 16s rRNA | Hotto et al 2007 |
| | MICR | TTACAAYCCAARRRCCCTTCTCCC | | | | |
| 11 | mcyAF | AAAAGTGTTTTATTAGCGGCTCAT | 55 | 297 | <i>mcyA</i> | Hotto et al 2007 |
| | mcyAR | AAAATTTAAAGCCGTATCAAA | | | | |
| 12 | mcyE-F | GAAATTTGTGT(A/C)GAAGGTGC | 55 | 247 | <i>mcyE</i> | Hotto et al 2007 |
| | mcyE-R | CAATGGGAGCATAACGAG | | | | |
| 13 | mcyE-F | GAAATTTGTGTAGAAGGTGC | 55 | 247 | <i>mcyE</i> | Hotto et al 2007 |
| | mcyE-R | CAATCTCGGTATAGCGGC | | | | |
| 14 | mcyE-F | GAAATTTGTGTA/CGAAGGTGC | 55 | 327 | <i>mcyE</i> | Hotto et al 2007 |
| | mcyE-R | CTCAATCTGAGGATAACGAT | | | | |
| 15 | mcyE-F2a | GAAATTTGTGT(A/C)GAAGGTGC | 60 | 247 | <i>mcyE</i> | Vaitomaa et al 2003 |
| | MicmcyE-R8 | CAATGGGAGCATAACGAG | | | | |
| 16 | mcyE-F2a | GAA ATT TGT GTA GAA GGT GC | 58 | 262 | <i>mcyE</i> | Vaitomaa et al 2003 |
| | AnamcyE-12R | CAA TCT CGG TAT AGC GGC | | | | |
| 17 | anxgenF | ATGGTCAGAGGTTTTACAAG | 52 | 861 | <i>anaC</i> | Rantala-Ylinen et al 2011 |
| | anxgenR | CGACTCTTAATCATGCGATC | | | | |
| 18 | ana-C-genF | TCTGGTATTCAGTCCCCTCTAT | 58 | 366 | <i>anaC</i> | Rantala-Ylinen et al 2011 |
| | ana-C-genR | CCCAATAGCCTGTCATCAA | | | | |
| 19 | anaC-anabF | GCCCCGATATTGAAACAAGT | 60 | 263 | <i>anaC</i> | Rantala-Ylinen et al 2011 |
| | anaC-anabR | CACCCTCTGGAGATTGTTTA | | | | |
| 20 | anaC-oscF | CTCTATTCTCACAAGTTTGGTCT | 60 | 216 | <i>anaC</i> | Rantala-Ylinen et al 2011 |
| | anaC-oscR | GTTAGTTCAATATCAAGTGGTGGA | | | | |

PCR Sensitivity Limit



| Lane | Sample | Storage Temp (°C) | Starting cell count |
|------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 1 Kb Ladder | ----- | ----- |
| 2 | AN DNA | -20 | 4×10^4 |
| 3 | AN DNA | -20 | 4×10^3 |
| 4 | AN DNA | -20 | 4×10^2 |
| 5 | AN DNA | -70 | 4×10^4 |
| 6 | AN DNA | -70 | 4×10^3 |
| 7 | AN DNA | -70 | 4×10^2 |
| 8 | Negative control | ----- | ----- |

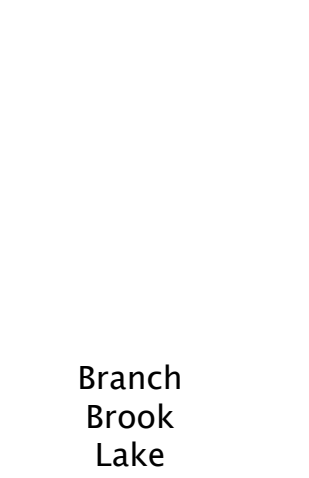
Freshwater Ponds & Lakes

- ▶ Clarks Pond – Bloomfield, NJ
- ▶ Diamond Mill Pond – Millburn, NJ
- ▶ South Orange Duck Pond – South Orange, NJ
- ▶ Branch Brook State Park Lake – Newark, NJ
- ▶ Verona Lake – Verona, NJ

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Clarks Pond



Branch Brook Lake



Diamond Mill Pond



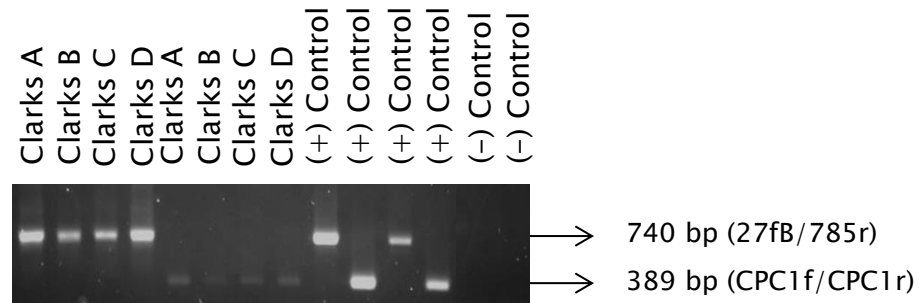
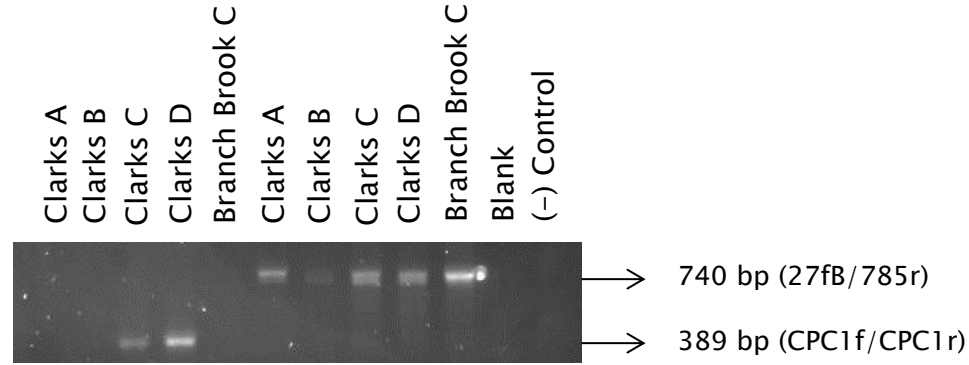
Verona Lake



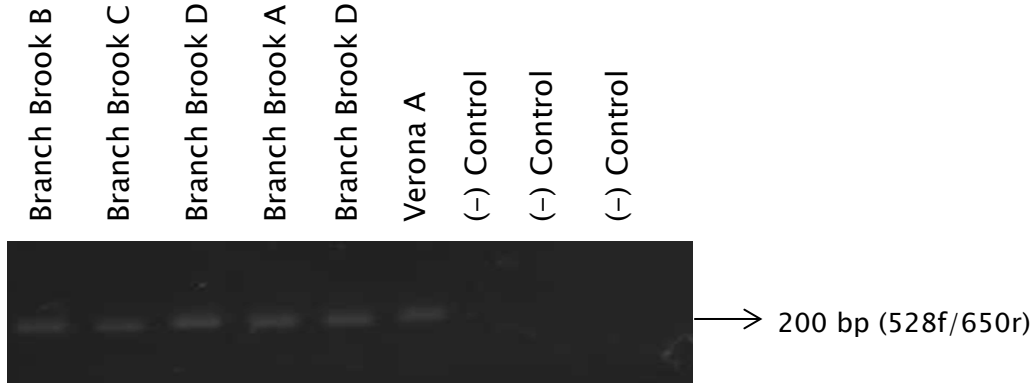
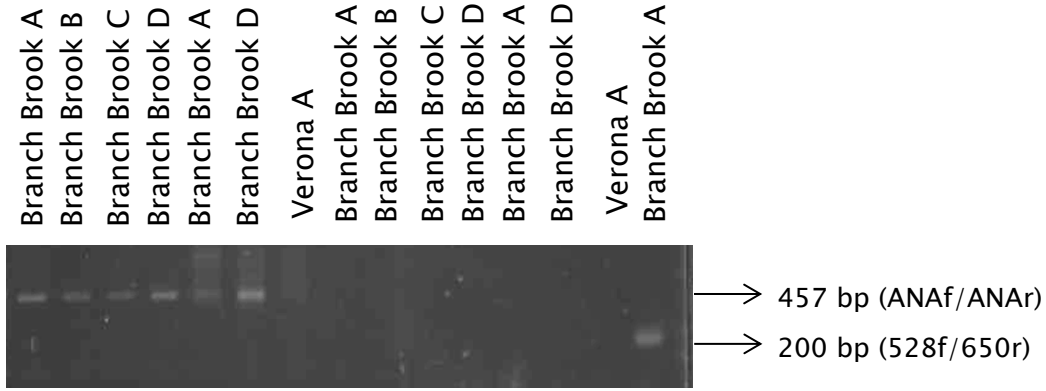
South Orange Duck Pond



PCR Results (Summer)



PCR Results (Fall)



Seasonal Eutrophication



Branch Brook State Park Lake
(June 14th, 2011)



Branch Brook State Park Lake
(November 1st, 2011)

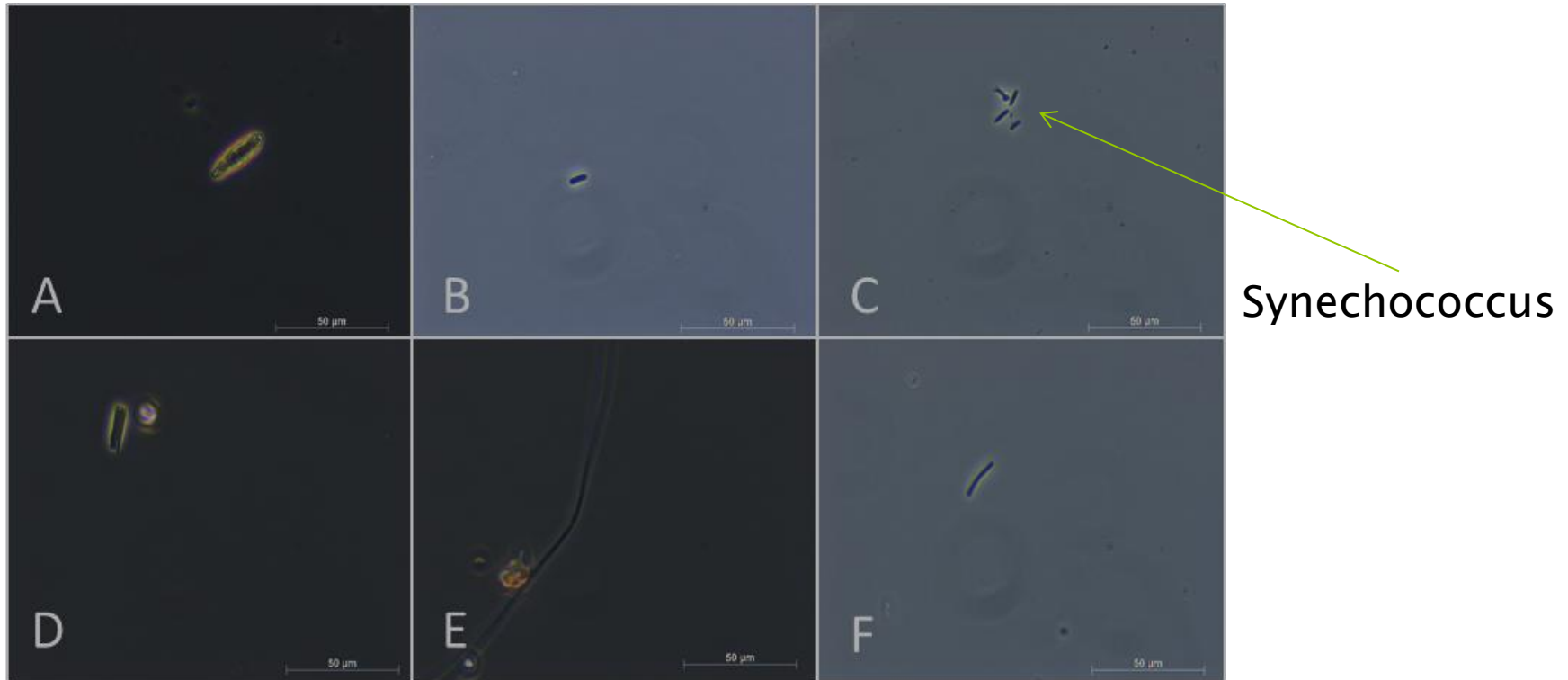
Cyanobacterial PCR Detection Summary – Summer vs. Fall

| Water bodies | Sites collected | Summer positive detection | Fall positive detection |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Brank Brook State Park | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| Clarks Pond | A, B, C, D, E | A, B, C, D | ND* |
| Diamond Mill Pond | A, B, C, D | A, C | ND* |
| South Orange Duck Pond | A, B, C, D | A, B | ND* |
| Verona Lake | A, B, C | A | A |

Table 3. Summary of cyanobacterial detection in the summer and in the fall among 5 water bodies. ND indicates non-detectable. The results showed the fall water samples contain fewer cyanobacteria.

Microscopic Analysis

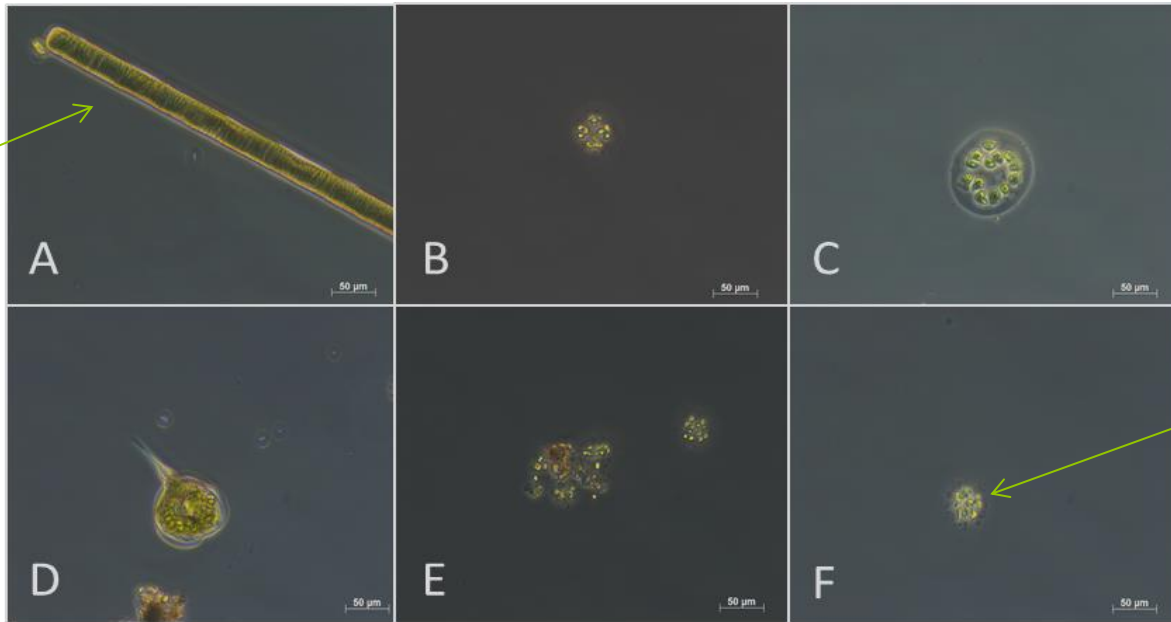
Cyanobacteria from Diamond Mill Pond



Microscopic Analysis

Cyanobacteria from Branch Brook Park

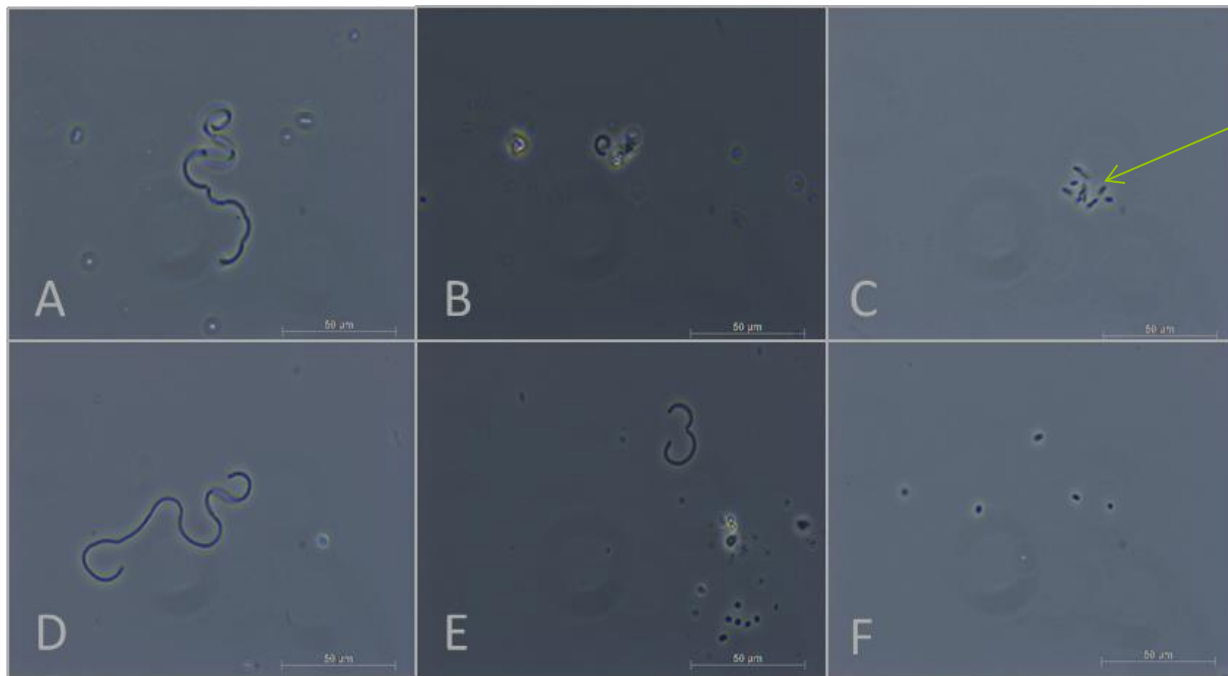
Oscillatoria



Radiococcus

Microscopic Analysis

Cyanobacteria from South Orange Duck Pond



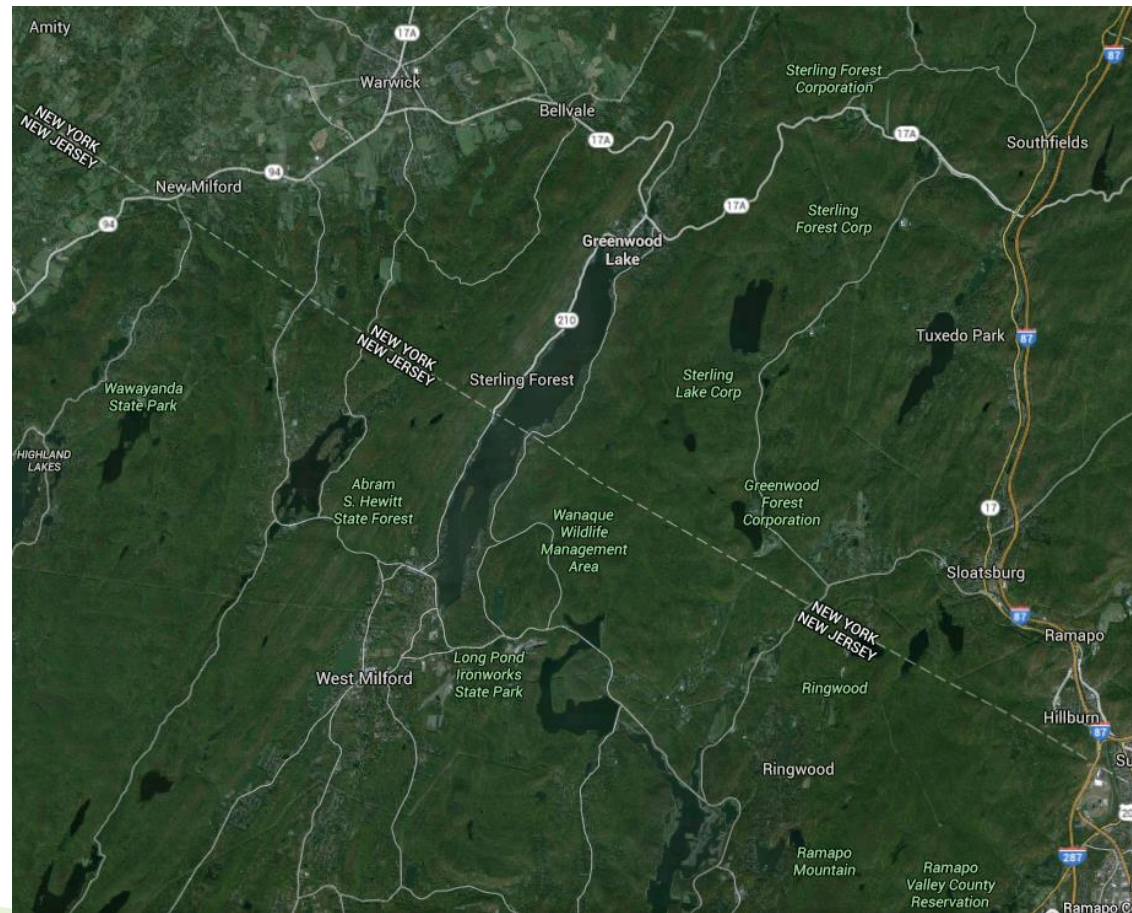
| Water Body | Site | Diatoms | Cyanobacteria | Photosynthetic Bacteria |
|------------------------|------|----------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Branch Brook Lake | A | PCR & MI | PCR & MI | PCR & MI |
| | B | PCR & MI | PCR | PCR & MI |
| | C | PCR | PCR | PCR & MI |
| | D | PCR | PCR | PCR & MI |
| Clarks Pond | A | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| | B | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| | C | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| | D | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| Diamond Mill Pond | A | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| | B | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| | C | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| | D | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| | E | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| South Orange Duck Pond | A | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| | B | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| | C | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| | D | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| Verona Lake | A | MI | PCR | PCR & MI |
| | B | MI | MI | PCR & MI |
| | C | MI | MI | PCR & MI |

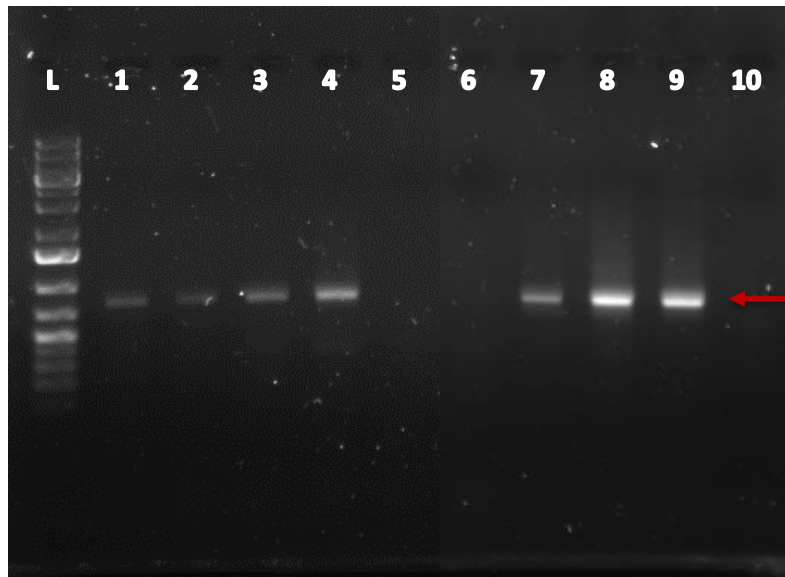
Table 6. The correlation between microscope findings and PCR findings from fall collections is depicted.

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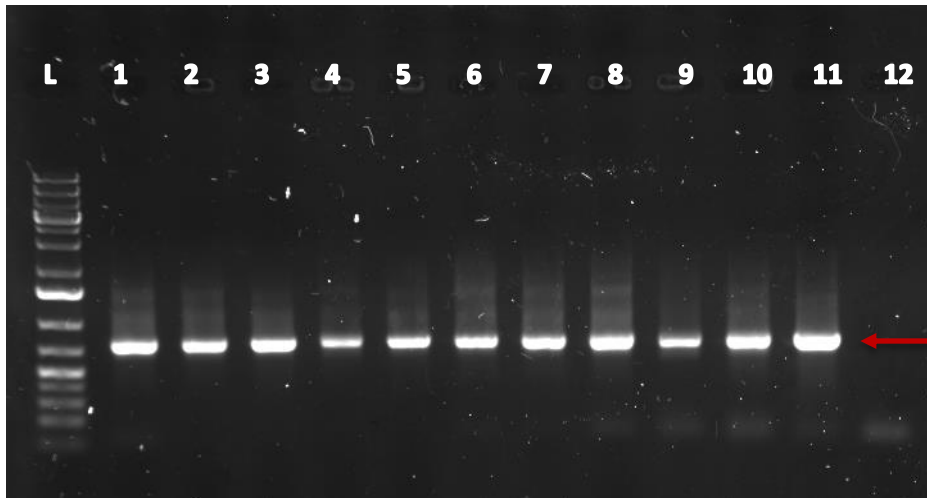
▶ Greenwood Lake





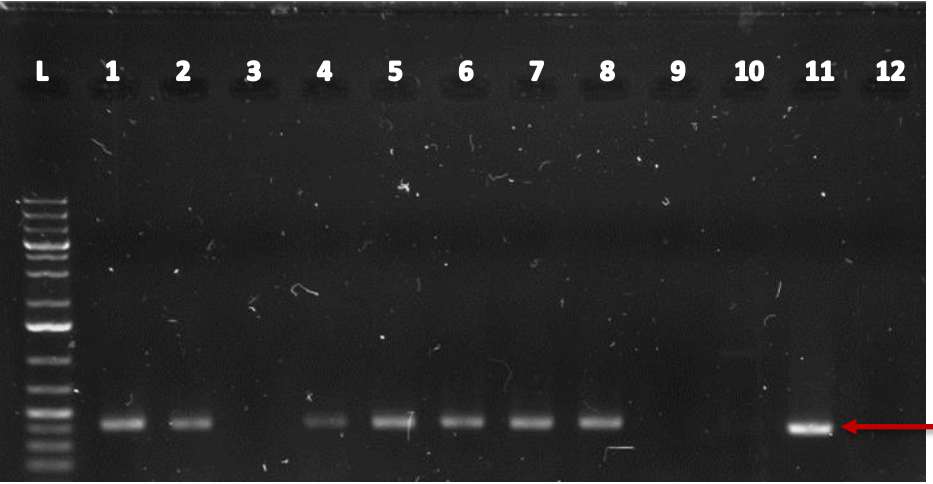
~740 bp

| Lane | Template | Primer Set | Tm (°C) | Amplicon (nt) |
|------|----------|-------------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | WS1-1 | 27FB + 785R | 58 | 740 |
| 2 | WS1-2 | 27FB + 785R | 58 | 740 |
| 3 | WS1-3 | 27FB + 785R | 58 | 740 |
| 4 | WS1-4 | 27FB + 785R | 58 | 740 |
| 5 | NC | 27FB + 785R | 58 | 740 |
| 6 | WS1-B1-1 | 27FB + 785R | 58 | 740 |
| 7 | WS1-B1-2 | 27FB + 785R | 58 | 740 |
| 8 | WS1-B1-3 | 27FB + 785R | 58 | 740 |
| 9 | WS1-B1-4 | 27FB + 785R | 58 | 740 |
| 10 | NC | 27FB + 785R | 58 | 740 |



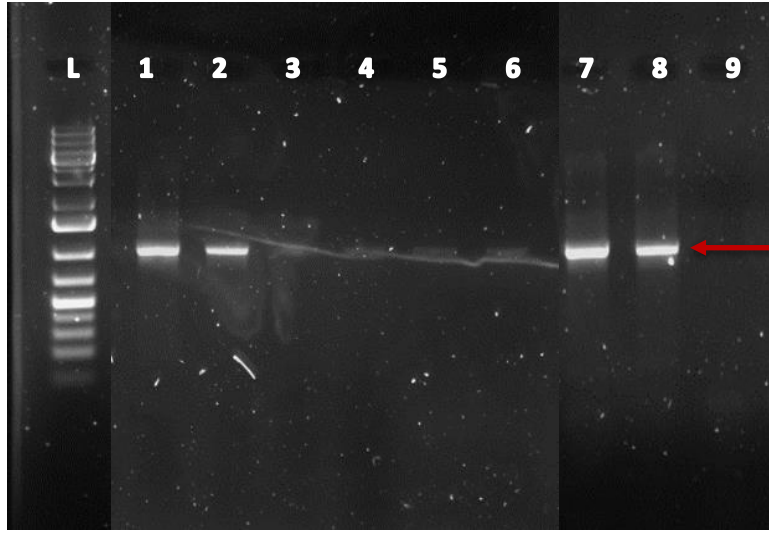
~955 bp

| Lane | Template | Primer Set | Tm (°C) | Amplicon (nt) |
|------|----------|------------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | WS1-1 | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |
| 2 | WS1-2 | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |
| 3 | WS1-3 | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |
| 4 | WS1-4 | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |
| 5 | WS1-B1-1 | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |
| 6 | WS1-B1-2 | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |
| 7 | WS1-B1-3 | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |
| 8 | WS1-B1-4 | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |
| 9 | Mixed1 | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |
| 10 | Mixed2 | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |
| 11 | S.IU625 | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |
| 12 | NC | PSf+Ur | 50 | 955 |



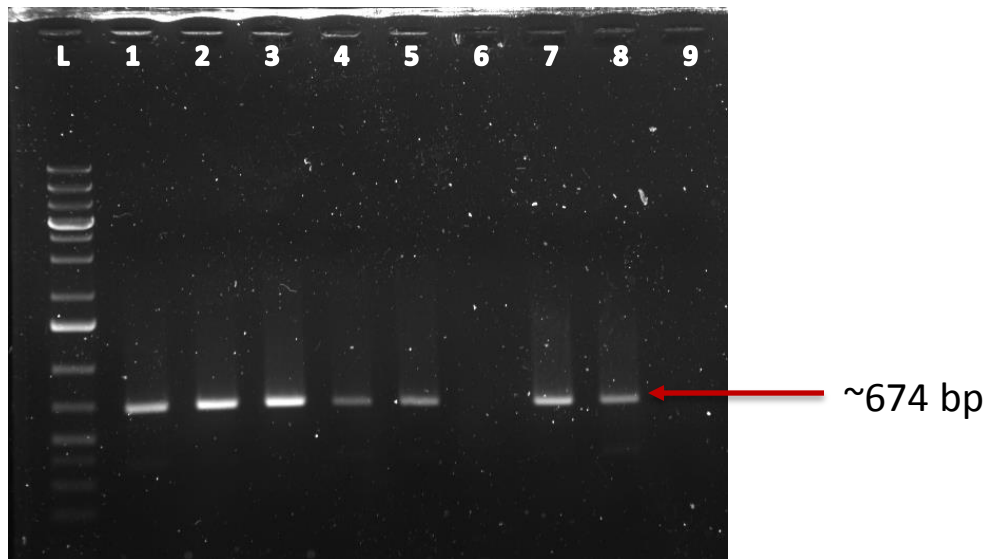
| Lane | Template | Primer Set | Tm (°C) | Amplicon (nt) |
|------|----------|-------------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | WS1-1 | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |
| 2 | WS1-2 | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |
| 3 | WS1-3 | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |
| 4 | WS1-4 | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |
| 5 | WS1-B1-1 | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |
| 6 | WS1-B1-2 | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |
| 7 | WS1-B1-3 | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |
| 8 | WS1-B1-4 | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |
| 9 | Mixed1 | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |
| 10 | Mixed2 | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |
| 11 | S.IU625 | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |
| 12 | NC | CPC1f+CPC1r | 50 | 389 |

~389 bp



| Lane | Template | Primer Set | Tm (°C) | Amplicon (nt) |
|------|----------|------------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | WS1-1 | MSf + MSr | 58 | 1369 |
| 2 | WS1-2 | MSf + MSr | 58 | 1369 |
| 3 | WS1-3 | MSf + MSr | 58 | 1369 |
| 4 | WS1-4 | MSf + MSr | 58 | 1369 |
| 5 | WS1-B1-1 | MSf + MSr | 58 | 1369 |
| 6 | WS1-B1-2 | MSf + MSr | 58 | 1369 |
| 7 | WS1-B1-3 | MSf + MSr | 58 | 1369 |
| 8 | WS1-B1-4 | MSf + MSr | 58 | 1369 |
| 9 | NC | MSf + MSr | 58 | 1369 |

~1,369 bp



| Lane | Template | Primer Set | T _m (°C) | Amplicon (nt) |
|------|----------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | WS1-1 | PSCf + PSCr | 58 | 674 |
| 2 | WS1-2 | PSCf + PSCr | 58 | 674 |
| 3 | WS1-3 | PSCf + PSCr | 58 | 674 |
| 4 | WS1-4 | PSCf + PSCr | 58 | 674 |
| 5 | WS1-B1-1 | PSCf + PSCr | 58 | 674 |
| 6 | WS1-B1-2 | PSCf + PSCr | 58 | 674 |
| 7 | WS1-B1-3 | PSCf + PSCr | 58 | 674 |
| 8 | WS1-B1-4 | PSCf + PSCr | 58 | 674 |
| 9 | NC | PSCf + PSCr | 58 | 674 |

Microscopic Analysis

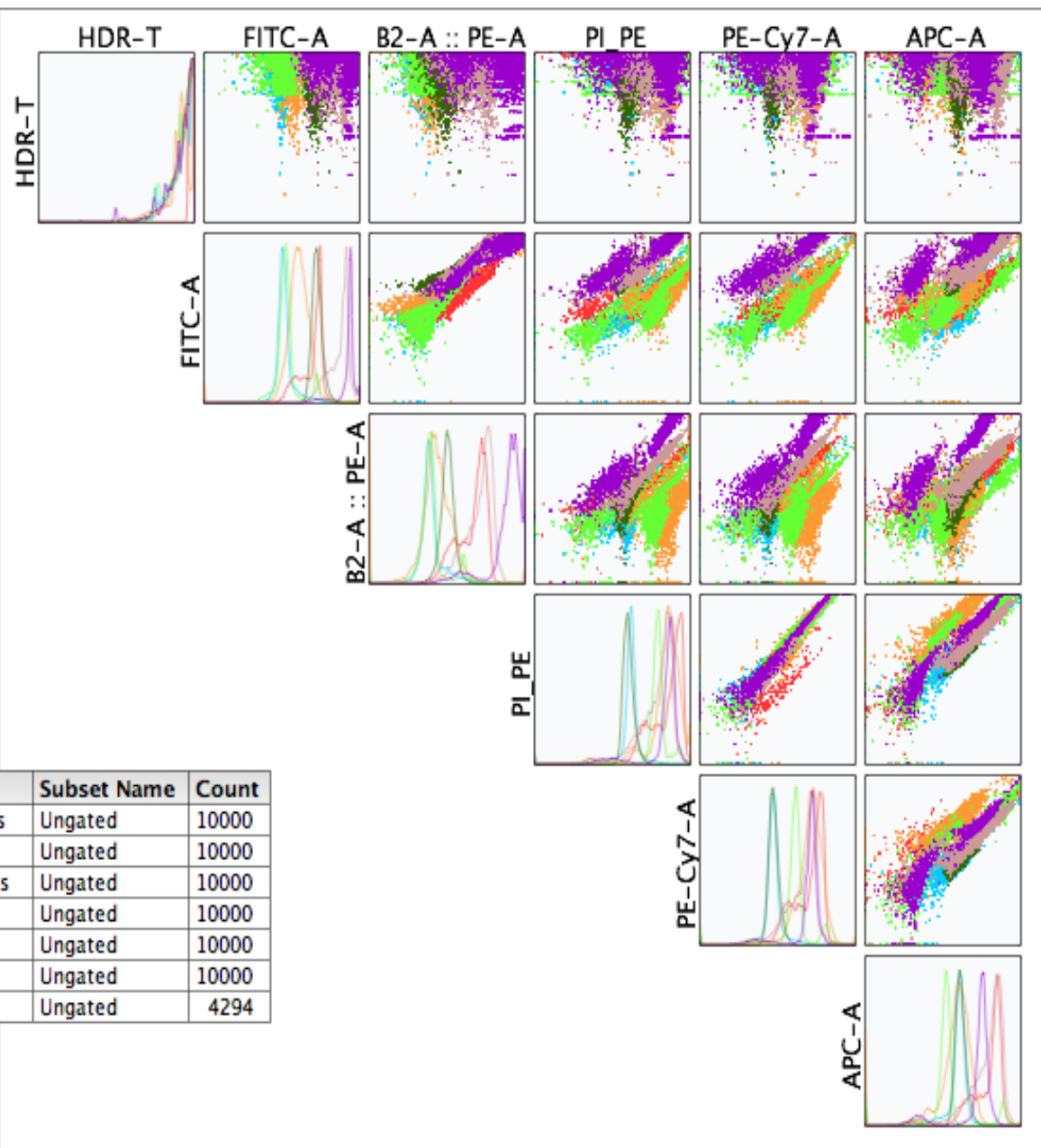
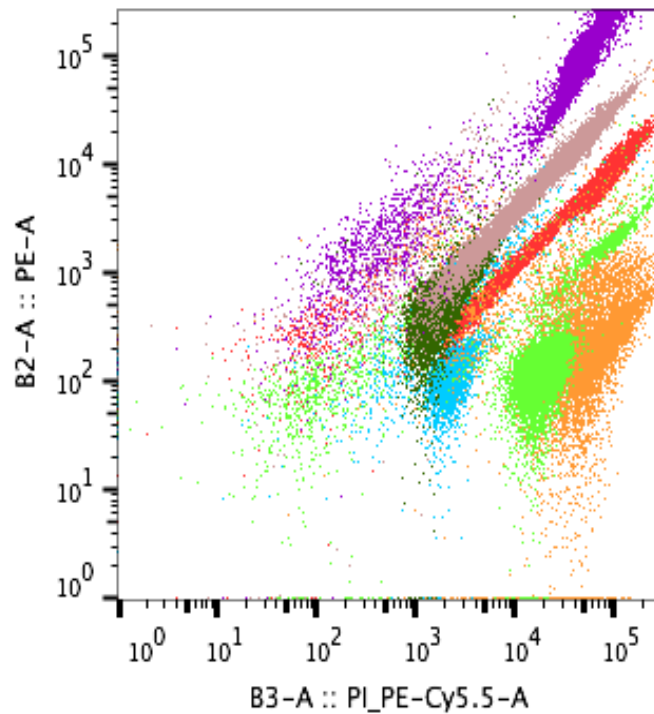


Cyanotoxin Detection with Flow Cytometer

- ▶ Several commercial available methods such as ELISA
- ▶ Field test kit: immunochromatographic strip test
- ▶ Protein phosphatase inhibition assay

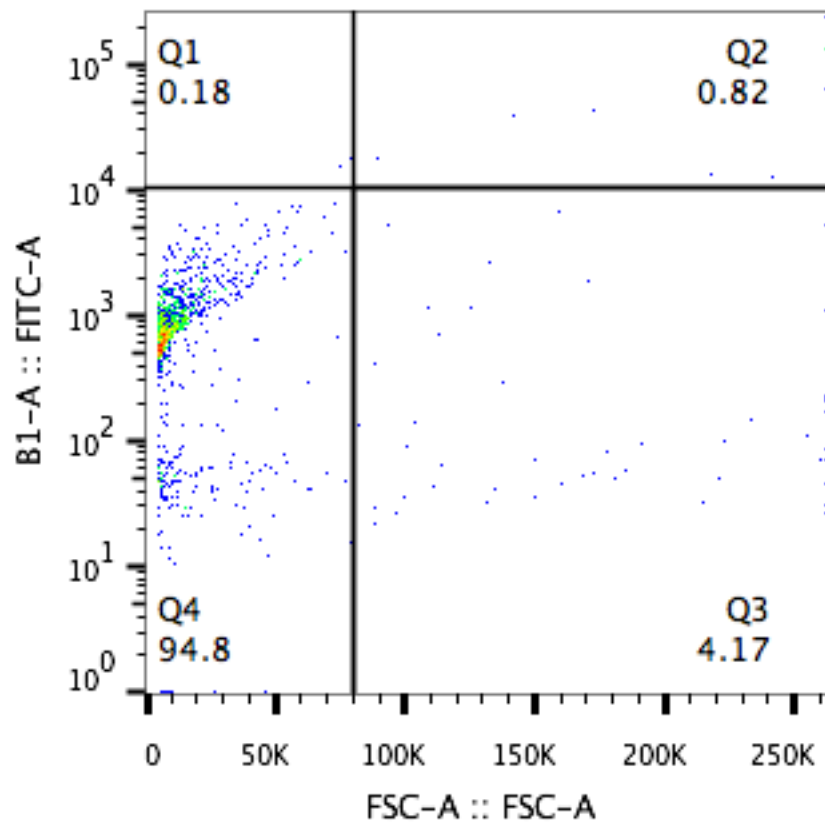
Cost, accuracy, time??



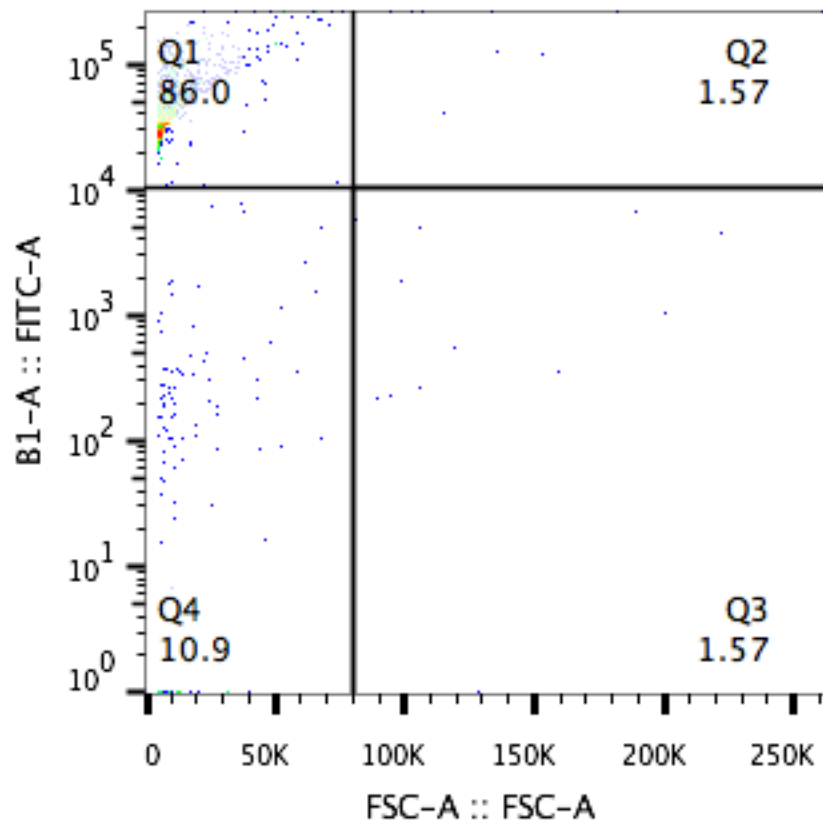


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Flow Cytometry Results

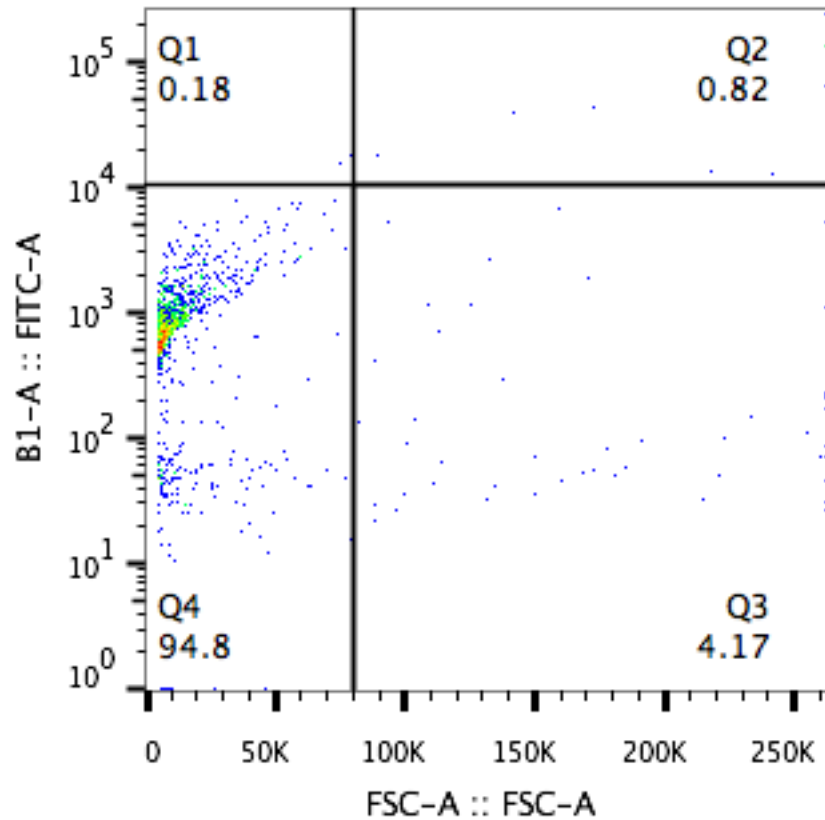


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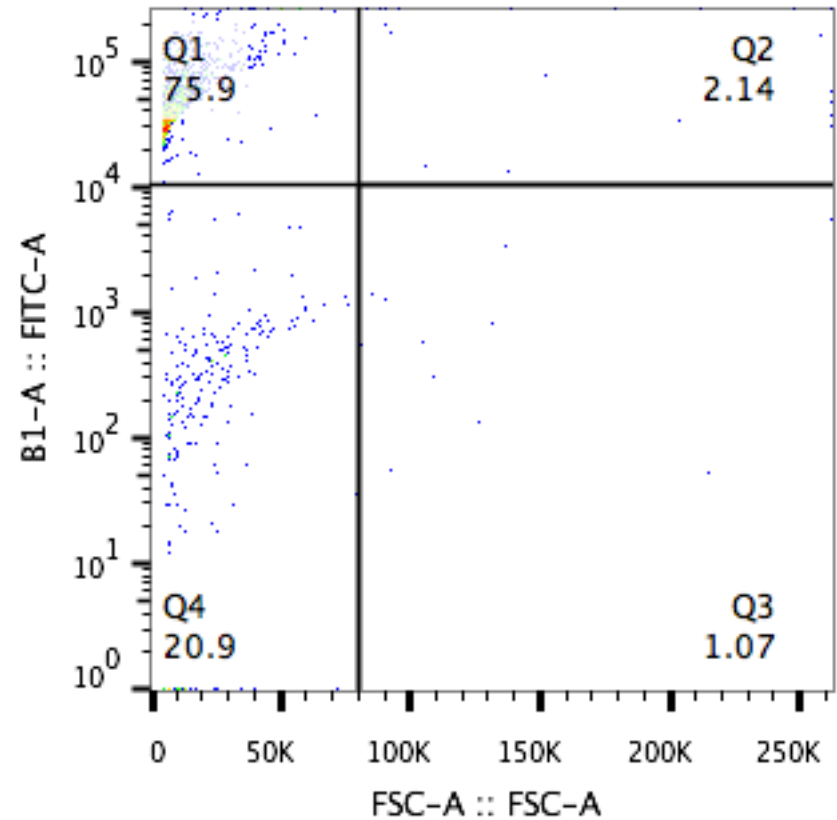


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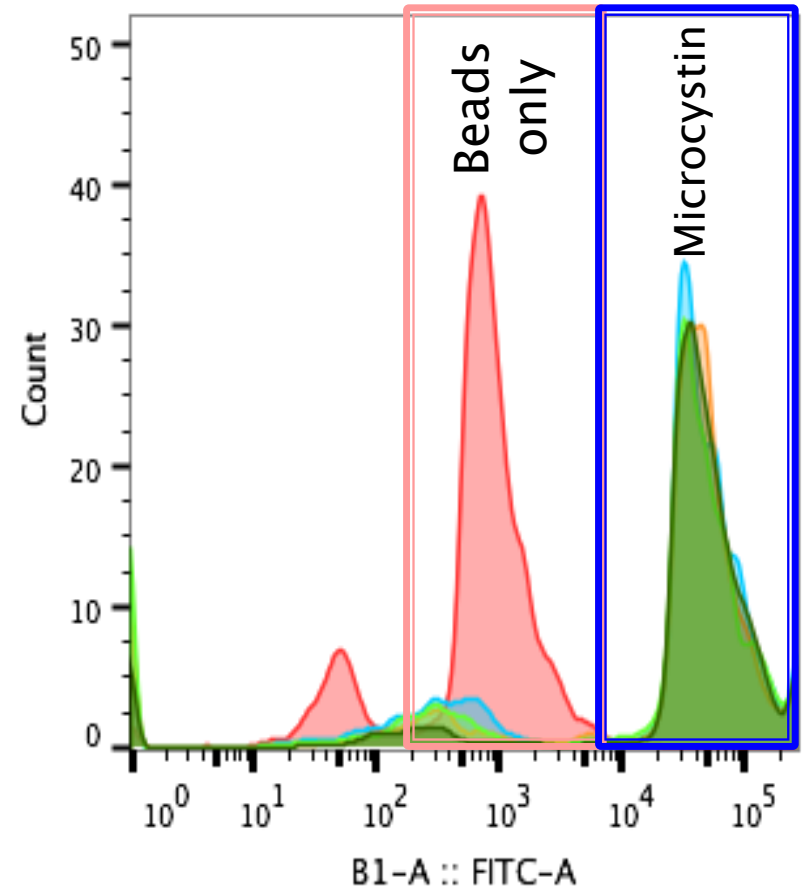
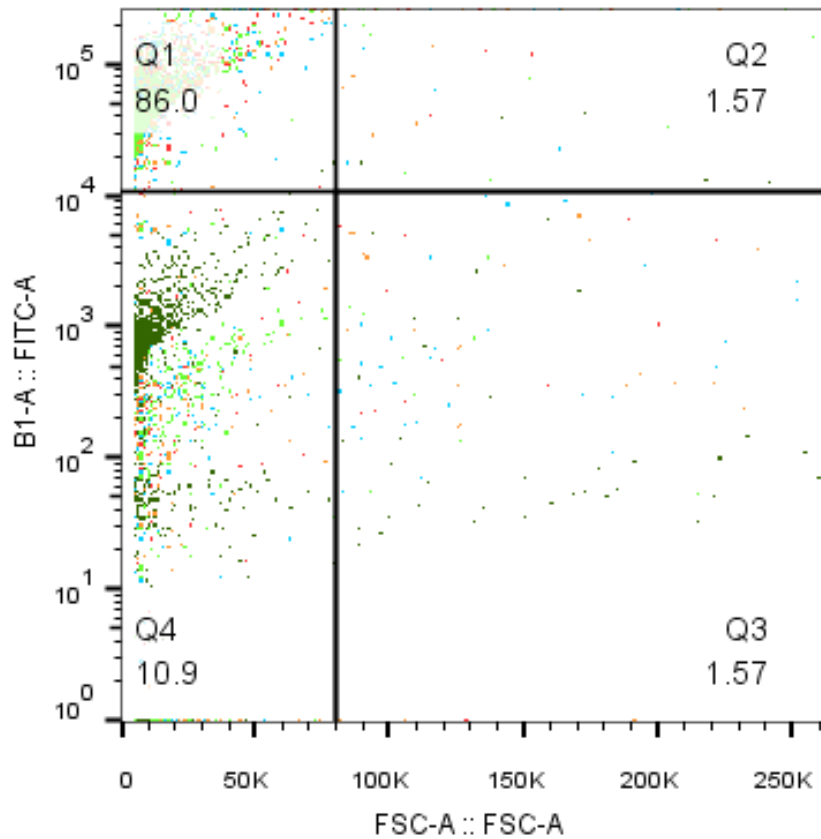


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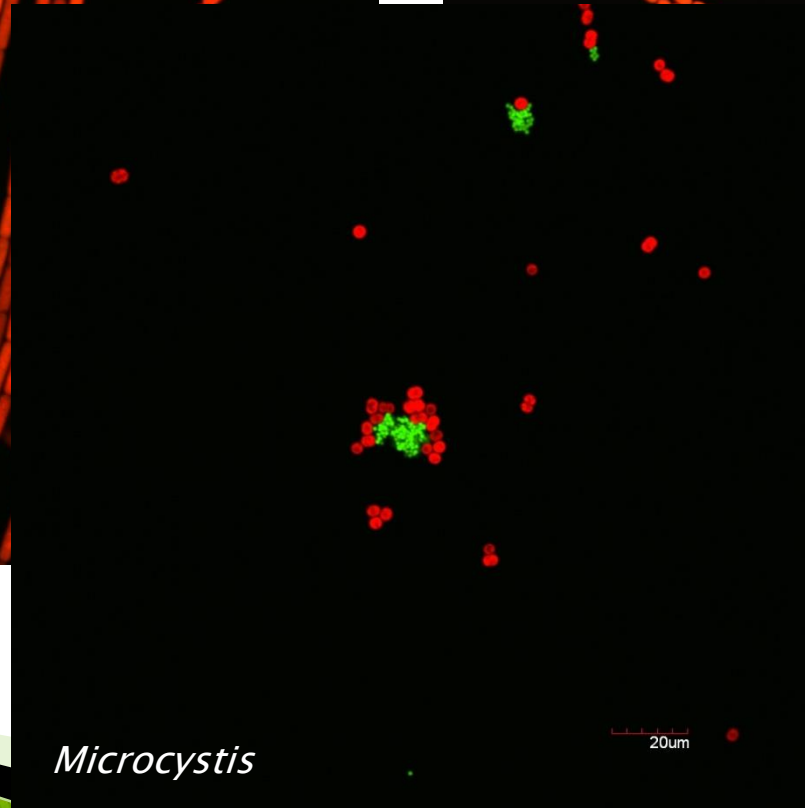
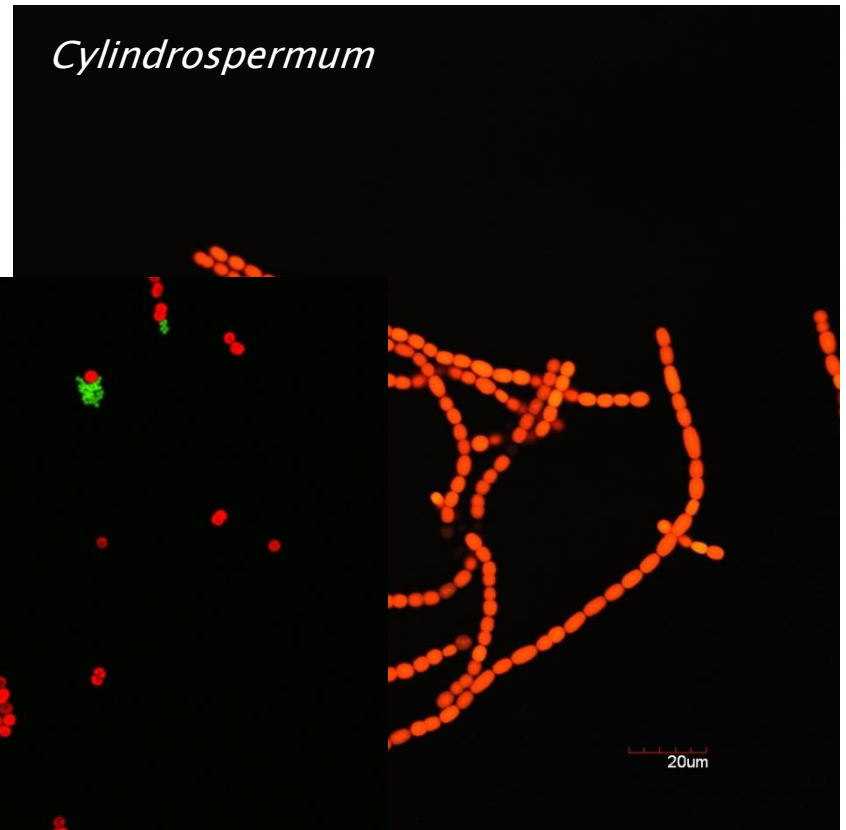
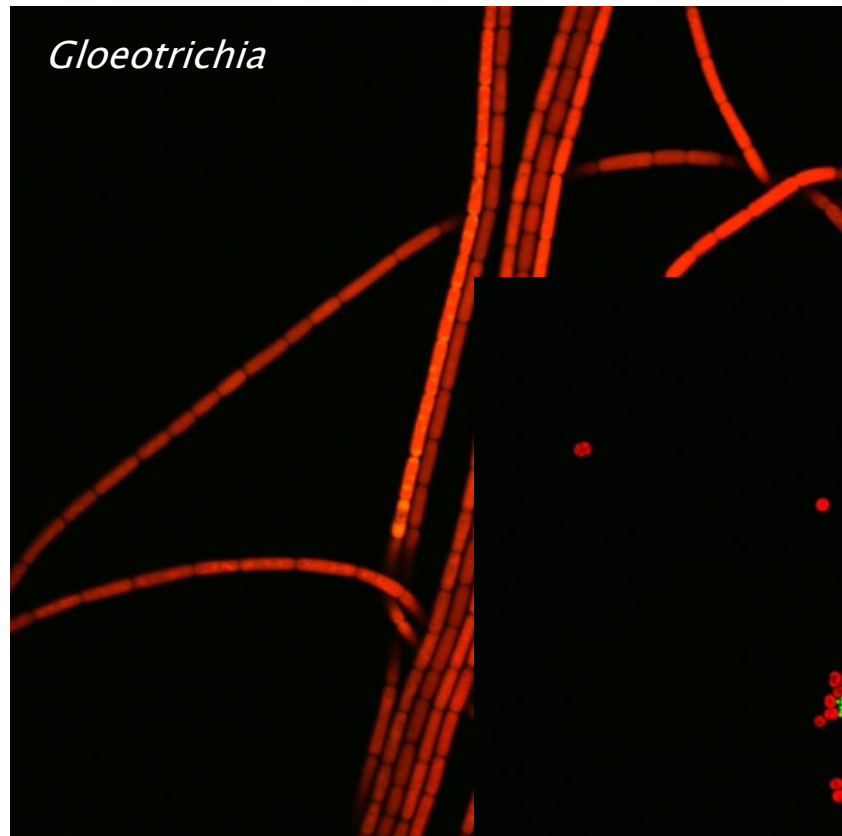
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Flow Cytometry Results

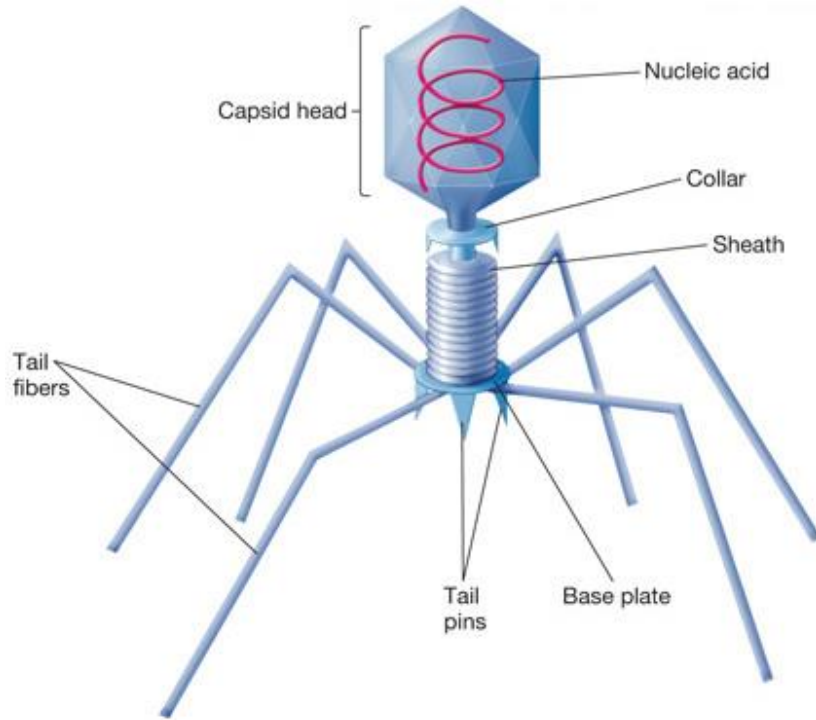


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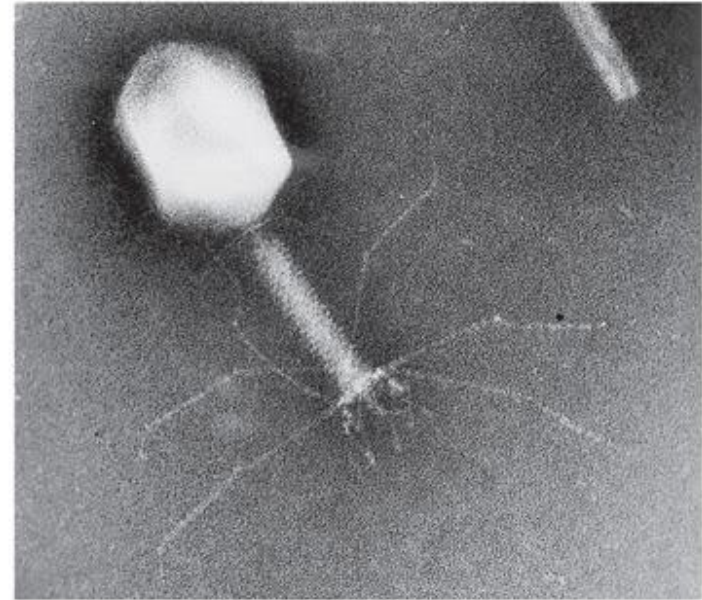
Confocal Fluorescence Microscopy



Cyanophage



(a)



(b)

b: © Harold Fisher

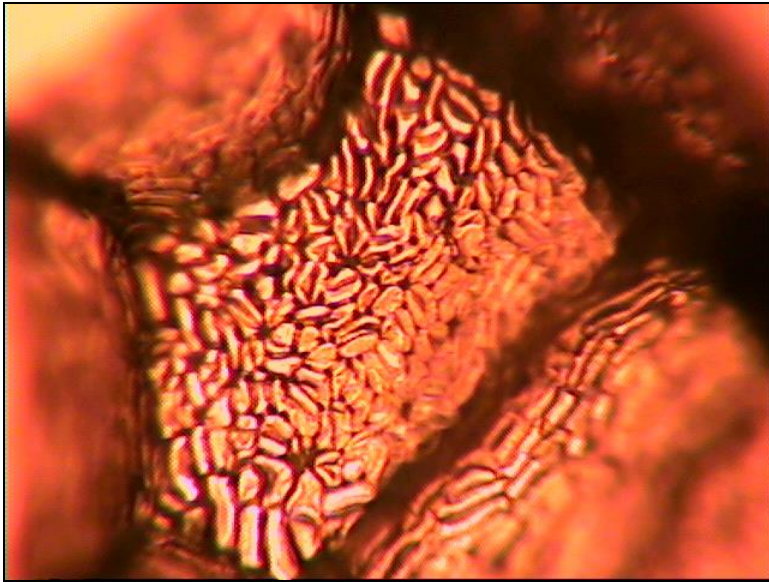
Ultrasound



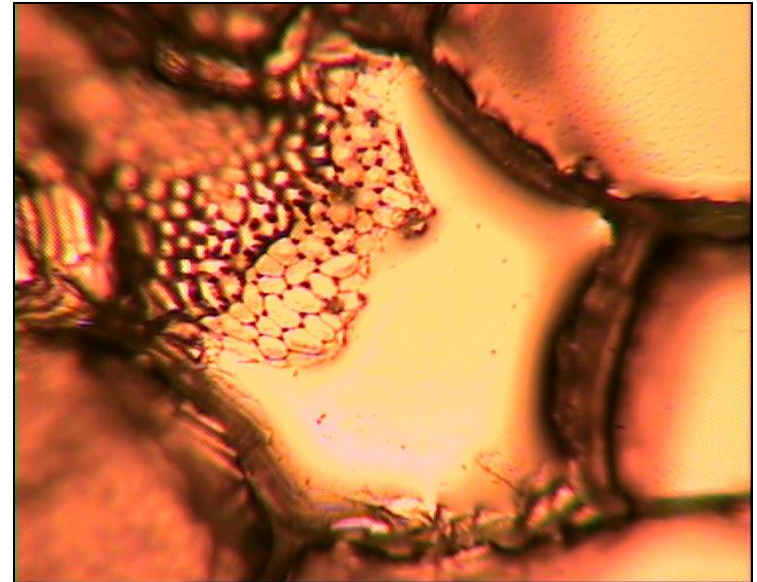
Ultrasound:

- ▶ sound wave
- ▶ above the audible frequency range for humans
- ▶ two major bioeffects:
 - thermal effect: energy is converted into heat
 - acaoustic cavitation: cause bubbling activities

Damage Cellular Structure

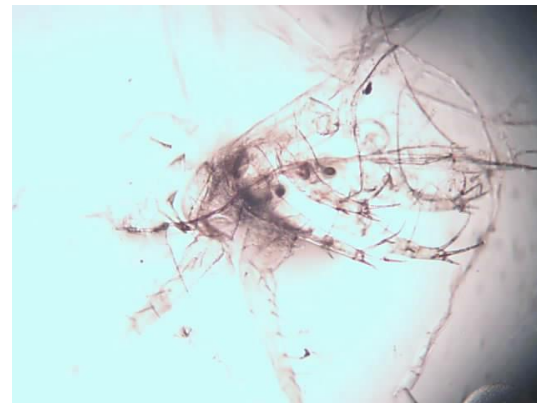


Control



Treatment

Ultrasonic Control

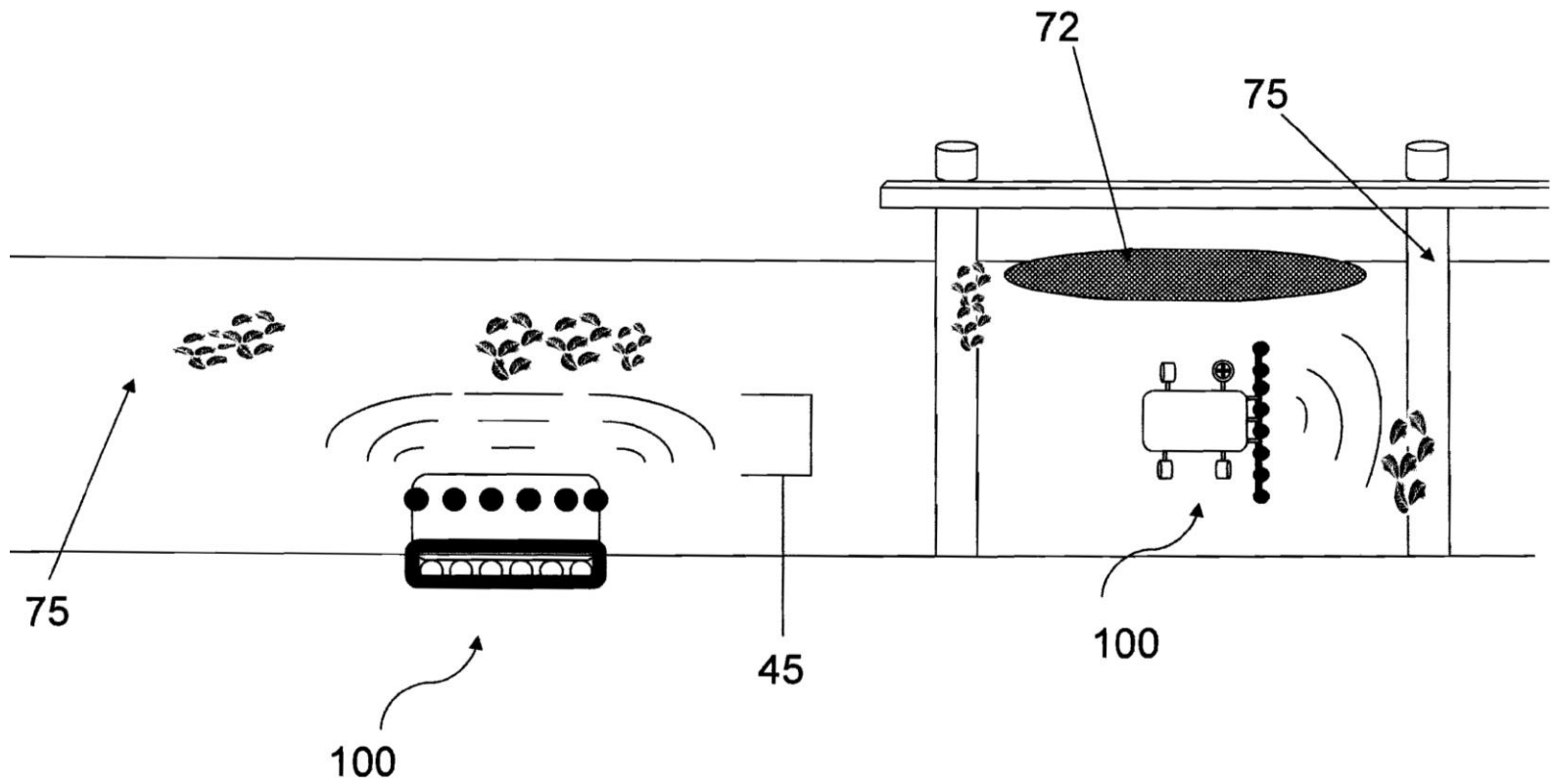


effectively control *E. coli*, daphnia, copepods & jellyfish (mortality rates > 99

Treatment of Ship Ballast Water



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