

# **La citofluorimetria per la salute pubblica: nuove applicazioni e prospettive future**

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## **Abstract**

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La versatilità della citofluorimetria (CF), che consente analisi multiparametriche, funzionali, rapide e quantitative su un elevato numero di eventi, ha permesso il suo impiego in diversi settori come quello dei processi industriali, dei controlli ambientali, agro-alimentare e veterinario. In quest'ultimo ambito, tralasciando le osservazioni di tipo clinico e patologico traslate dall'uomo agli animali, la CF sta suscitando un enorme interesse come possibile approccio metodologico per analisi di tutto ciò che possa compromettere la qualità e la sicurezza di un prodotto alimentare.

Nella relazione verranno presentati alcuni esempi di applicazione in questi settori. In particolare, la produzione di latte e dei suoi derivati rappresenta un valido esempio di una filiera con diversi punti critici che necessitano di continui accertamenti a tutela sia della salute degli animali che della sicurezza e della qualità del prodotto finale. Sebbene la CF è in parte già utilizzata, risulterebbe di enorme beneficio estendere il campo di applicazione per coprire il maggior numero di stadi sensibili lungo tutta la filiera di produzione.

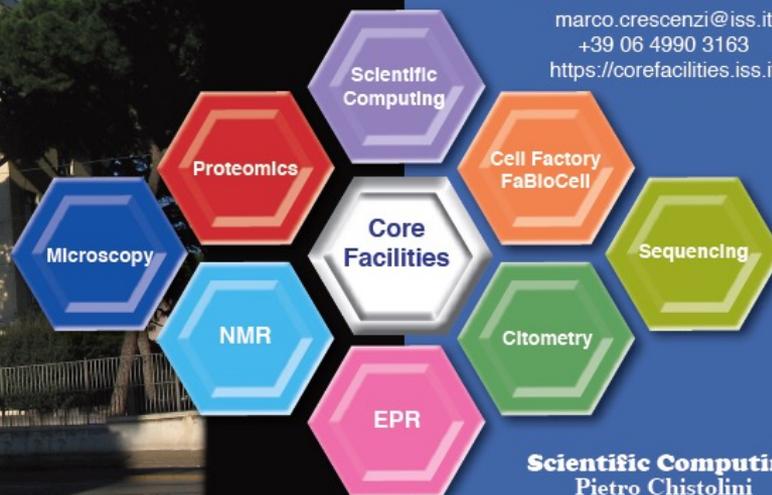
Partendo da questo modello valuteremo, laddove possibile, l'idea di intraprendere percorsi di valutazione intra- e inter-laboratorio che possano consolidare nuovi metodi di controllo basati sulla CF e quello più complesso del riconoscimento come metodi di riferimento alternativi dando così un importante contributo nel controllo dei rischi per la salute degli animali e dell'uomo.

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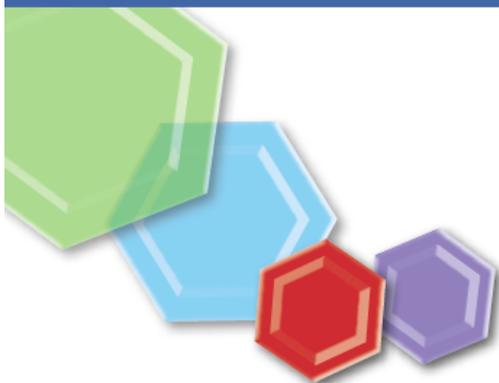
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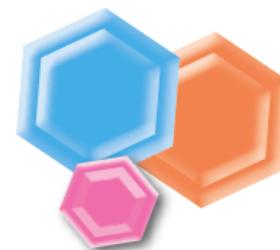
The Electronic Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) Area is equipped with four spectrometers operating in continuous wave X-band, one being an ultra-high sensitivity instrument. EPR is applied, *in vitro/ex vivo*, to the study of free radicals, oxidative stress, antioxidants, protein structures, membranes, metalloproteins, radiation damage, pre-clinical research into degenerative diseases and tumors. As for radiation damage, the Area has expertise and instrumental equipment for ionizing radiation detection and dosimetry; for the study of oxidative stress, biochemical and immunochemical techniques are applied.



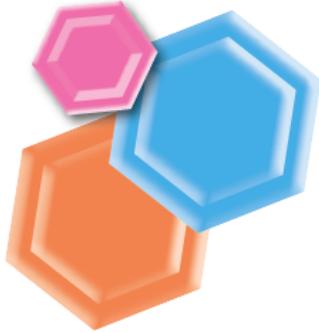
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## Technical-scientific areas



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The Sequencing area is equipped with an Ion Torrent PGM system for Next Generation Sequencing. The Ion Torrent Technology represents a fast, simple and accessible sequencing solution that ensures robust and reliable results.

The Ion Torrent PGM technology is mainly indicated for the following applications:

- Microbial sequencing (DNA, RNA , also de novo).
- Targeted DNA and RNA sequencing based on the Ampliseq technology.
- Small RNA and miRNA sequencing.



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The Proteomics Area uses mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS), immunometric techniques (Luminex), and Reverse-Phase Protein Microarrays (RPPA). LC-MS/MS analysis can be applied to identify and characterize semi-purified proteins, detect post-translational modifications and adducts, and to thoroughly analyze complex protein mixtures. It can also be used for qualitative and quantitative investigations of total proteomes and subcellular compartments, biomarker discovery, and analysis of protein complexes. The area relies on its expertise in biological sample preparation and bioinformatics. RPPA is suited for in-depth analysis of signal transduction pathways. The relative measurement of pathway activation levels is performed simultaneously on hundreds of protein extracts, via immunostaining with up to 400 validated antibodies.



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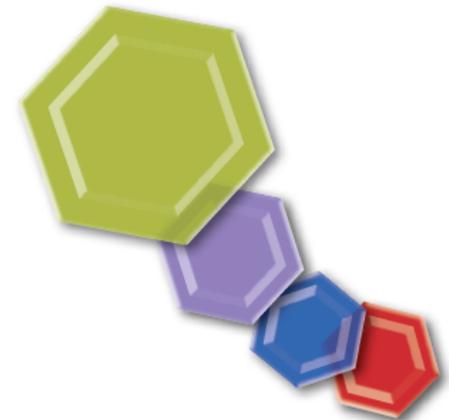
The Cytometry Area is equipped with three analyzers, two cell-sorters and Single-Cell Mass Cytometry (CyTOF). The staff have expertise in a wide range of cytometric techniques and offer qualified support in the design of the most appropriate multiparametric labelling panels, data processing and interpretation of analyses. Besides a Cell Sorting service, the facility provides support to the conception, planning, and data analysis to develop new experimental approaches. High-throughput multi-parameter cytometric analyses can be run in the facility's laboratory.



### Microscopy

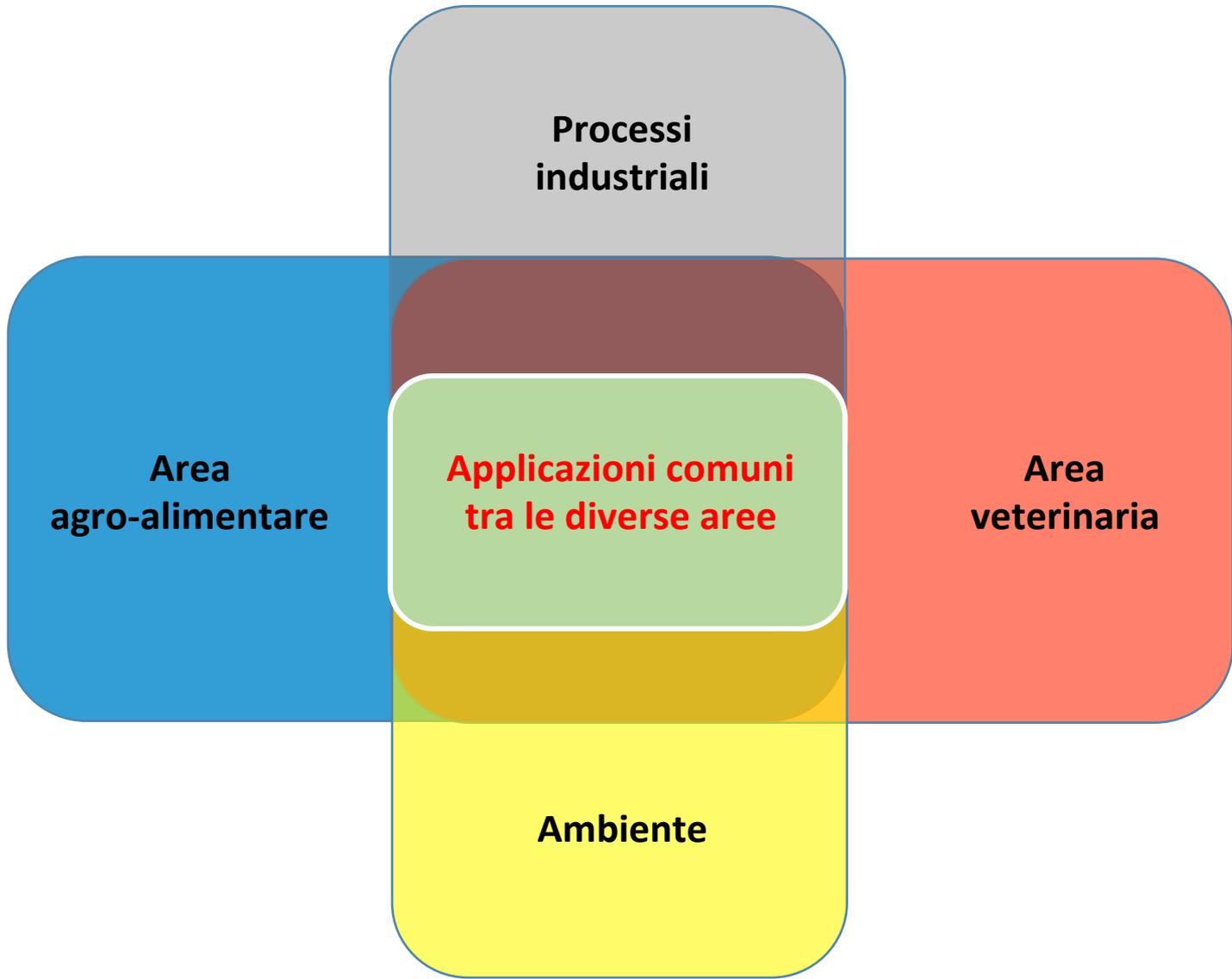
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Within the Microscopy Area, the Confocal Microscopy Unit is equipped with a laser scanning confocal microscope for a wide range of applications: from cells to tissues, from intact organisms to nanovesicles. The staff have long-term experience with pre-clinical research in oncology, immunology, neurosciences and genetic diseases. The Electron Microscopy Unit is equipped with a field emission scanning electron microscope (INSPECT F-FEI) and a transmission electron microscope (PHILIPS 208S EM-FEI) for ultrastructural analyses in the life sciences. The expertise of the unit spans from microbiology and parasitology to cell biology. Standard electron microscopy methods are used for morphological studies, and immunolabelling studies for antigen localization by both TEM and SEM.



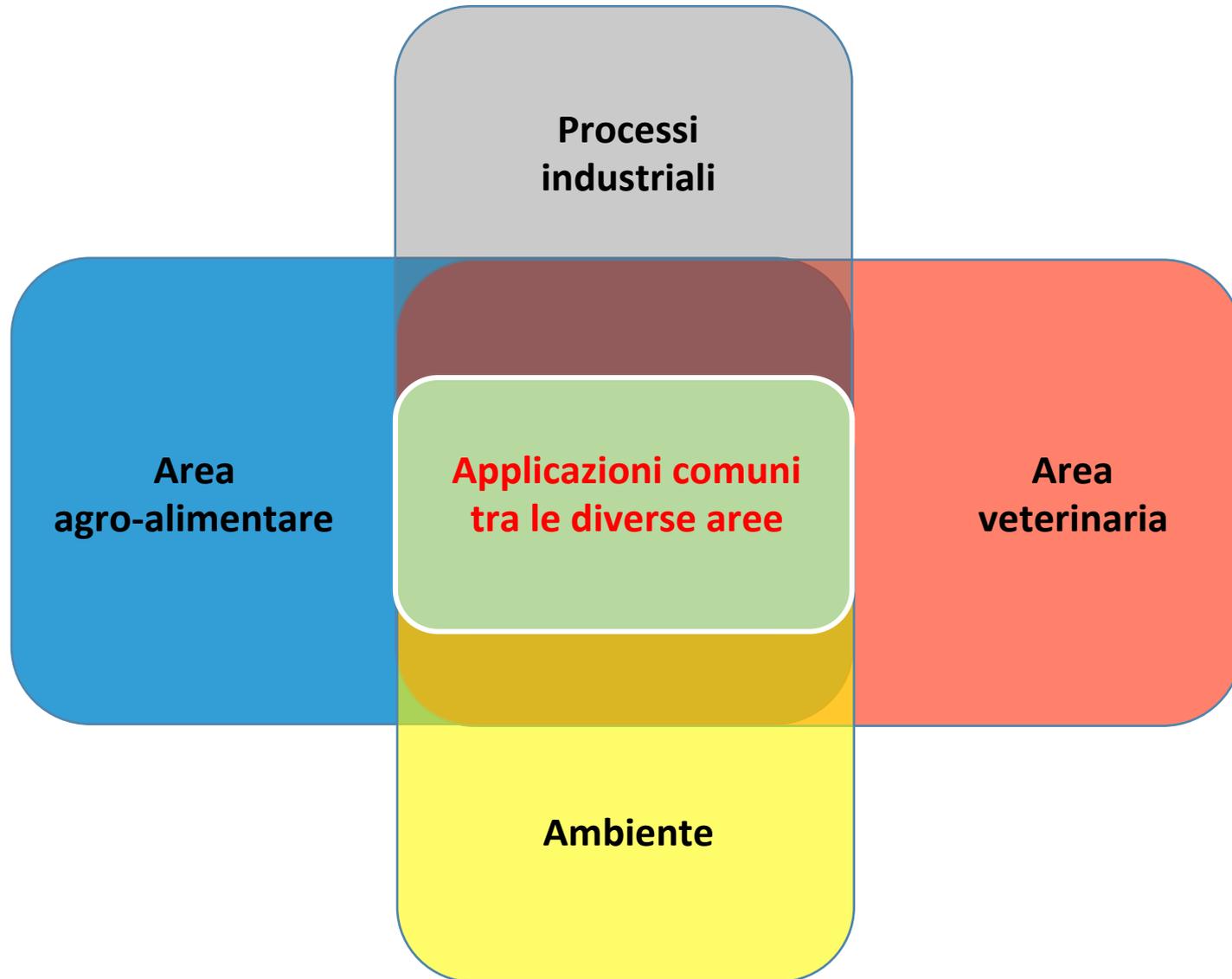
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## Review

# Application of flow cytometry to industrial microbial bioprocesses

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**Table 2**

Pharmaceutical and clinical FC applications.

Application	Cell type	Functional or structural parameter	Reference
Antibacterial effect and mechanism of action of silver solutions	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i>	Membrane integrity and esterase activity	[32]
Evaluation of antibiotics effects on cell viability	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> <i>Micrococcus luteus</i> <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	Membrane integrity and potential Membrane integrity	[130] [149]
Diagnosis assays	<i>Candida</i> species	Acid nucleic	[195]
Research in mycoplasmaology	Mycoplasmas	Acid nucleic	[197]
Evaluation of antifungal activity	<i>Candida</i> , <i>Aspergillus</i> dermatophytes	Metabolic activity	[199,201]
Cell susceptibility against antimycobacterial drugs	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	Membrane integrity	[200]
Persistence of cultures in stationary-phase	<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>		[202]
Screening of mutants for improved heterologous protein secretion	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Detection of secreted proteins	[207]

**Table 4**  
FC applications to alcoholic beverage production.

Application	Microorganism	Functional or structural parameter	Reference
Monitoring cider fermentation	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> , <i>Lactobacillus hilgardii</i>	Membrane integrity and esterase activity	[23]
Viable yeast and bacteria detection in wines	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> , <i>Saccharomyces bayanus</i> , <i>Oenococcus oeni</i>	Membrane potential, esterase activity	[114]
Early detection of alcoholic fermentation arrest	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Esterase activity	[118]
Yeast viability throughout cider fermentation	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Membrane potential	[127,236]
Optimization malolactic starters production	<i>Lactobacillus hilgardii</i>	Membrane integrity enzymatic activity	[144]
Optimization of high gravity and diet beer production	<i>Saccharomyces carlsbergensis</i>	DNA, lipids, sterol	[226]
Commercial yeast characterization in beer industry	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	DNA, lipids, sterol, FSC	[227]
Industrial beer production	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Proteinases activity	[228]
High-density industrial wine fermentation	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	DNA and membrane integrity	[229]
High-sugar Chardonnay fermentation	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	DNA and membrane integrity	[230]
Viability and cell count in a brewery	<i>Saccharomyces uvarum</i> <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Membrane potential	[233]
Cell cycle analysis during fermentation and beer quality	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Nucleic acid	[234]
Assessment of brewing yeast age	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Fluorescent labelled antibodies	[235]
Evaluation of yeast viability and concentration during wine fermentation	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Nucleic acid and membrane integrity	[237]
Cell count in oenology	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Enzymatic activity	[239]
Analysis of rehydrated yeasts populations for wine production	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Membrane integrity and permeability	[241]
Yeast viability and vitality in alcoholic fermentation	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Esterase activity	[242]
Re-pitching of low malt beer fermentation	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Membrane potential	[246]
Brewing yeast propagation	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Glycogen, proteins and DNA	[247]
Monitoring of simultaneously inoculated alcoholic-malolactic Chardonnay fermentation	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> , <i>Oenococcus oeni</i>	Fluorescent labelled antibodies	[248]

**Table 1**

Several applications of dyes to enological microorganisms.

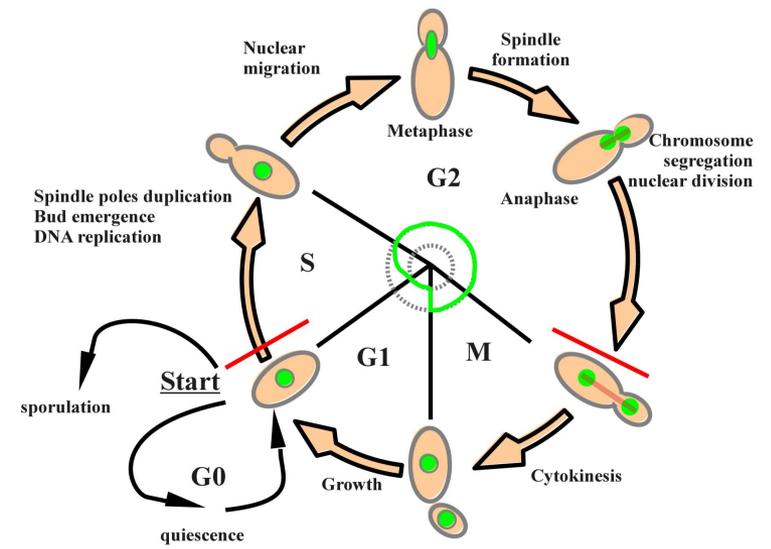
Functions	Dyes	Applications	Matrix	References
Vitality	FDA	AF microorganisms	Pinot Noir grape must; Red wine Synthetic wine	Malacrinò et al., 2001 Salma et al., 2013
		MLF microorganisms	White and Red wines Growth medium White wine Red wine	Gerbaux and Thomas, 2009 Bouix and Ghorbal, 2013 Salma et al., 2012 Malacrinò et al., 2001
Viability (membrane integrity)	cFDA	AF microorganisms	Synthetic must	Bouix and Leveau, 2001 Bouchez et al., 2004
	FUN-1 PI	AF microorganisms Sediment monitoring AF microorganisms	Synthetic wine Wine Synthetic must	Salma et al., 2013 Gerbaux and Thomas, 2009 Landolfo et al., 2008 Mannazu et al., 2008 Branco et al., 2012 Delobel et al., 2012 Chaney et al., 2006
Vitality and Viability	CV6/PI cFDA/PI CV6/PI	AF microorganisms	Red and White must White must Growth medium White and Red wines	Farthing et al., 2007 Bouix and Ghorbal, 2013 Salma et al., 2012
		MLF microorganisms	Cider must Growth medium Growth medium	Herrero et al., 2006 Monthéard et al., 2012 Da Silveira et al., 2002 Bouix and Ghorbal, 2013 Herrero et al., 2006
VBNC State (Flow cytometry versus Petri dish)	Specific probe FDA CV6/PI	AF microorganisms	Cider Synthetic must	Andorra et al., 2011
		Spoilage yeast MLF microorganisms	Synthetic wine Cider	Serpaggi et al., 2012 Herrero et al., 2006
Cell Cycle Analysis	SYBR Green PI	AF microorganisms	Apple must and green cider Synthetic must Synthetic wine	Quirós et al., 2009 Mendes-Ferreira et al., 2010 Salma et al., 2013
Membrane potential	DiBAC <sub>4</sub> (3)	AF microorganisms MLF microorganisms	Synthetic "beer wort" Growth medium White and Red wines	Kobayashi et al., 2007 Bouix and Ghorbal, 2013 Salma et al., 2012
Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) presence	MitoTracker <sup>®</sup> Red CMXRos DHE DHR	AF microorganisms	Synthetic must Synthetic "beer wort"	Mendes-Ferreira et al., 2010 Mendes-Ferreira et al., 2010 Kobayashi et al., 2007
Intracellular Lipid Content	Nile Red	AF microorganisms	Synthetic must	Mannazu et al., 2008
Intracellular pH (pH <sub>in</sub> )	cFDA-SE and CDCF	MLF microorganisms	Growth medium and white wine	Bouix and Ghorbal, 2015

**Dyes:** FDA: Fluorescein diacetate; cFDA: Carboxy fluorescein diacetate; FUN-1: 2-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydro-3-methyl-(benzo-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)-methylidene)-1-phenylquinolinium iodide; PI: Propidium iodide; CV6: Chemchrom V6; DiBAC<sub>4</sub>(3): Bis-(1,3-dibutylbarbituric acid) trimethine oxonol; DHE: Dihydroethidium; DHR: Dehydrorhodamine; cFDA-SE: 5,6 carboxyfluorescein diacetate succinimidyl ester; CDCF: 5–6 carboxy 2'7'-dichlorofluorescein.

**Applications:** AF: Alcoholic fermentation; MLF: Malolactic fermentation; VBNC: Viable but non culturable.

# Ciclo cellulare di Saccharomyces Cerevisiae

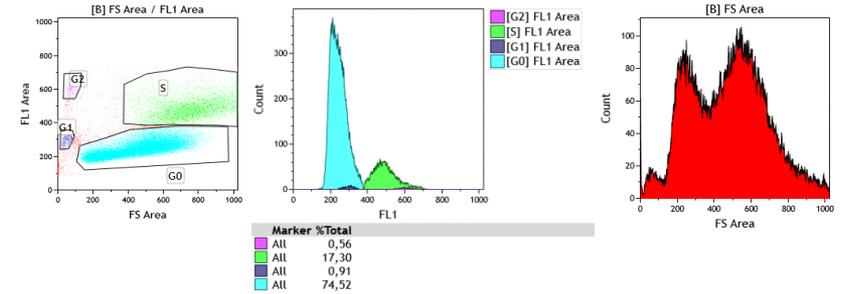
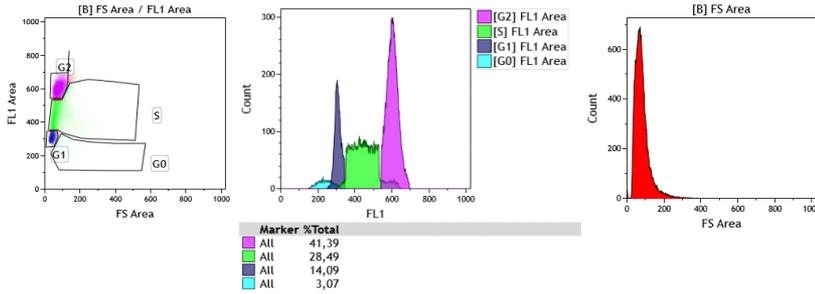
## *Ecologia Applicata e Modelli Matematici di Sistemi Dinamici*



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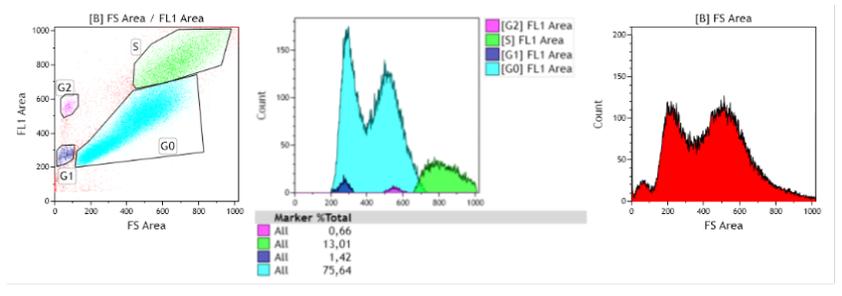
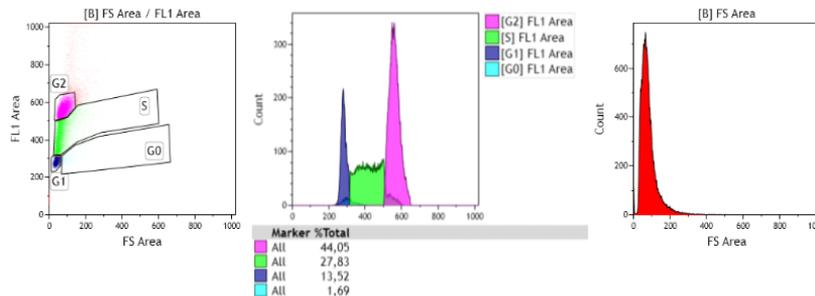
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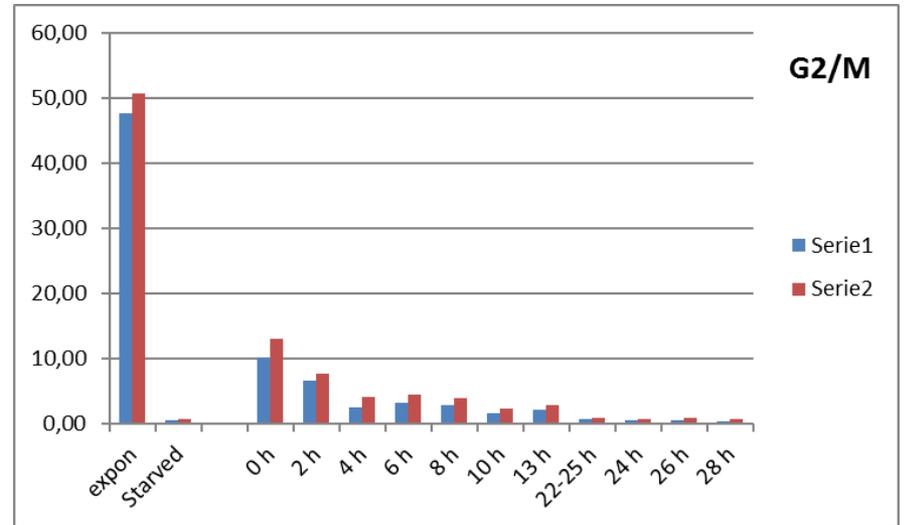
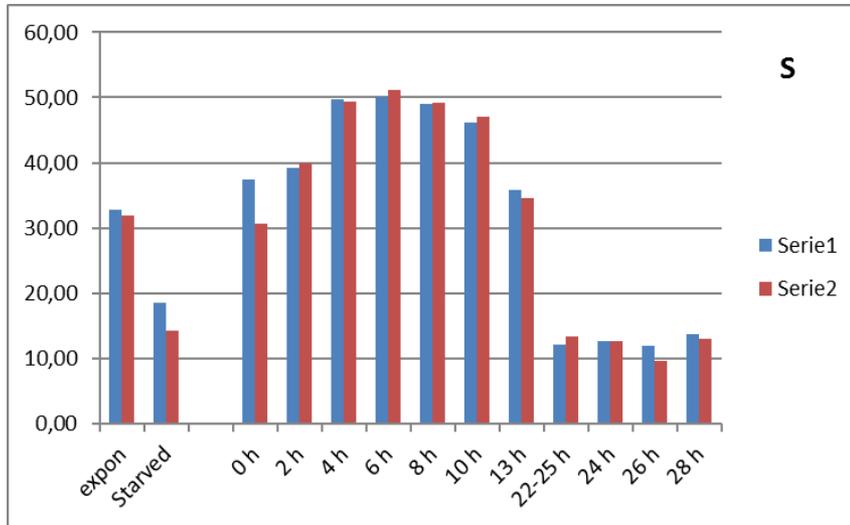
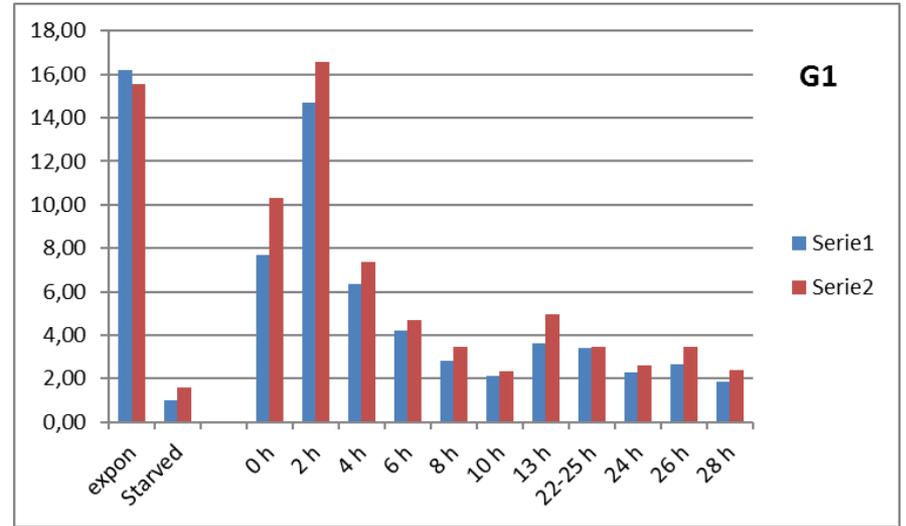
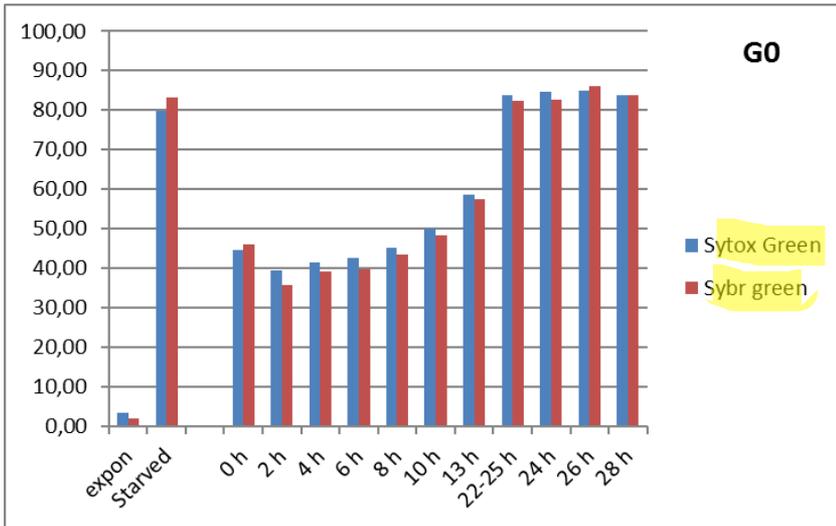


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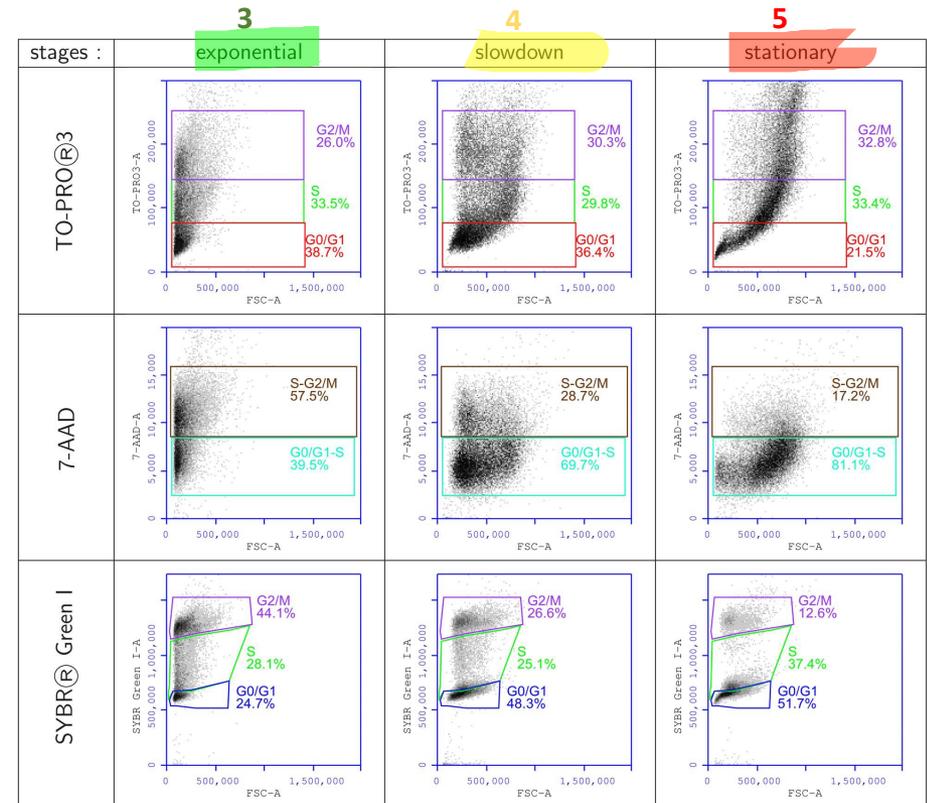
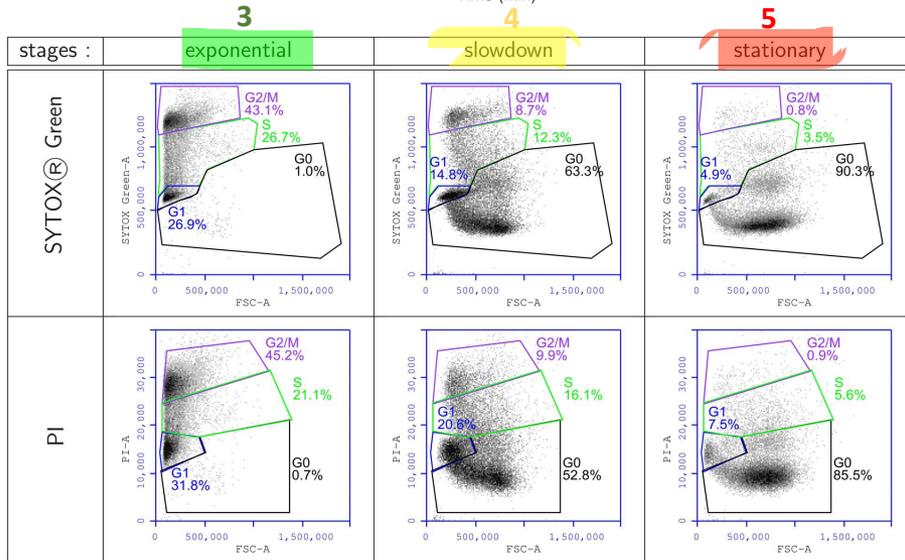
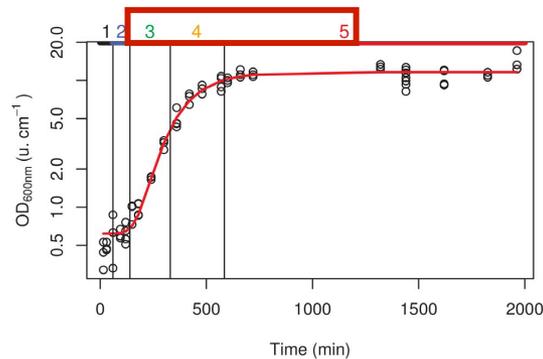




# A Simple FCM Method to Avoid Misinterpretation in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Cell Cycle Assessment between G0 and Sub-G1

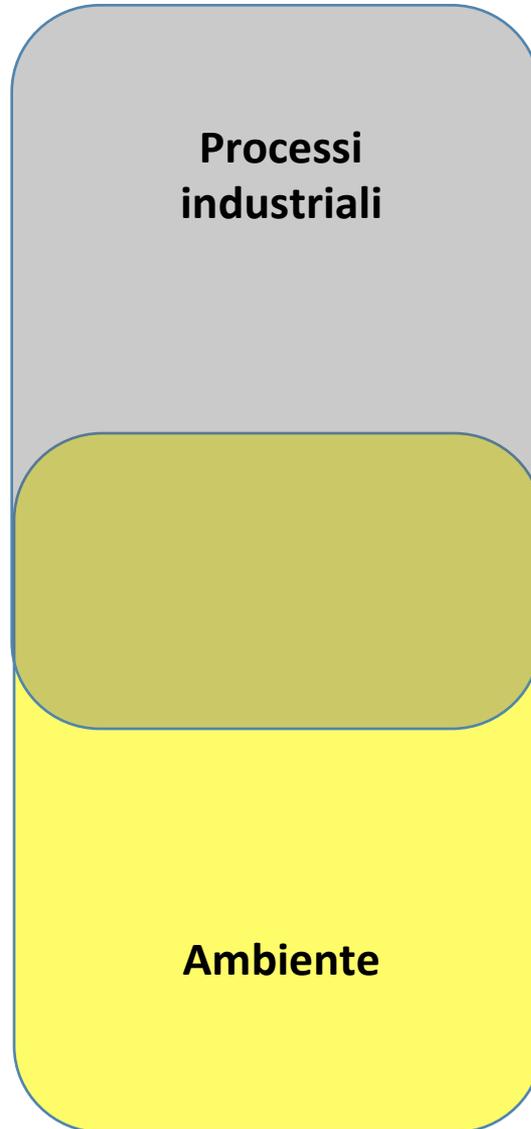
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# **l'impiego della citofluorimetria in campi non strettamente biomedici**

## **Possibili interessi comuni e risparmio economico**



**Table 5**

Some FC applications to water and environmental microbiology.

Application	Microorganism	Functional or structural parameter	Reference
Characterization of freshwater and marine waters	<i>Bacterial cells</i>	DNA content, Membrane integrity and esterase activity	[16]
Cell functionality after peracetic acid treatments	<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	DNA	[43]
Cell enumeration in marine and ballast water samples	<i>Escherichia coli</i> and <i>Bacillus cereus</i>	Nucleic acid content	[92]
Characterization of activated sludge	<i>Comamonas testoteront</i> , <i>Paracoccus pantotrophus</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> <i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	Respiratory activity	[109]
Enumeration of viable cells in water after chlorination		Esterase activity	[120]
Cell survival in seawater during starvation	<i>Escherichia coli</i> and <i>S. Typhimurium</i>	Membrane integrity and potential	[134]
Effectiveness of disinfection treatments	<i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i> , <i>Shigella flexneri</i> , <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> <i>Salmonella typhimurium</i>	Membrane integrity and potential, pump activity	[138,151]
Estimation of total bacteria in live and fixed samples from fresh and saline waters		Nucleic acids	[252]
Cell characterization in tropical marine environments	Bacterioplankton	DNA	[257]
Assessment of marine bacterial death	Natural bacterioplankton	Nucleic acids staining	[258]
Cell viability of in different types of water	<i>Aeromonas hydrophila</i>	DNA content and membrane integrity	[259]
Detection and viability assessment of water pathogens	<i>Giardia lamblia</i>	Fluorescent antibodies and membrane integrity	[260]
Chlorination treatment	<i>Nitrosospora</i> spp.	Membrane integrity and esterase activity	[262,263]
Evaluation of different environmental conditions and disinfection processes on VBNC cells in water	<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	Esterase activity	[264]
Drinking water treatment processes	Heterotrophic bacteria	Nucleic acids detection	[266]
Determination of assimilable organic carbon in drinking water	<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i>	Nucleic acids	[267]
Assessment of water quality in papermaking	<i>Bacterial cells</i>	DNA content and membrane integrity	[268]

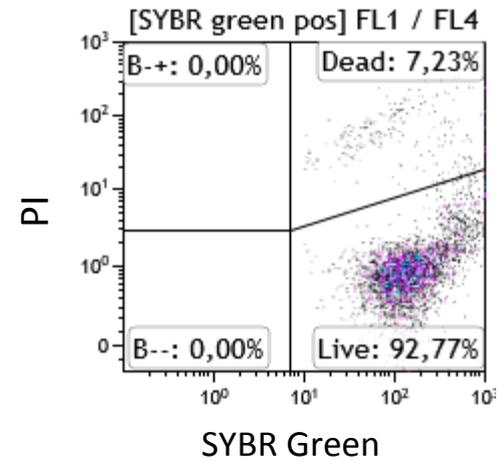
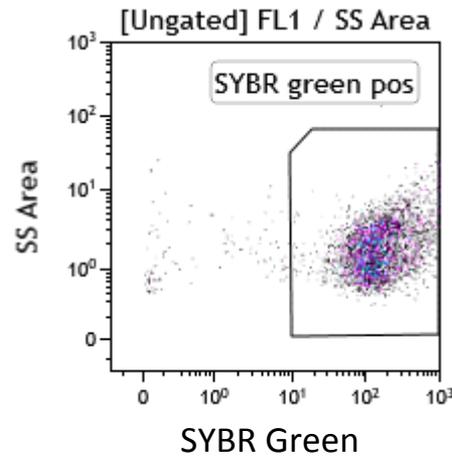
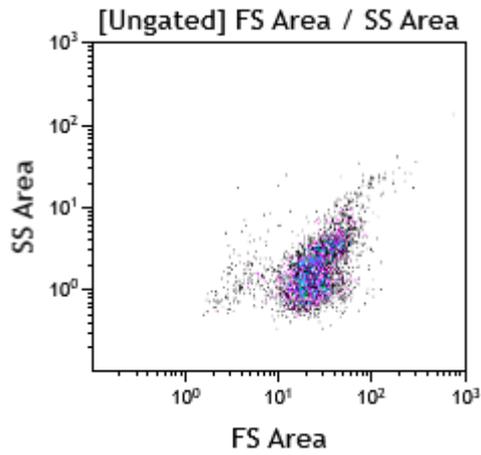
## Validazione del citofluorimetro come strumento di controllo dei batteri contaminanti acque destinate al consumo umano

La Svizzera è il primo paese al mondo ad aver adottato questo metodo avanzato per la quantificazione delle cellule microbiche in acqua.

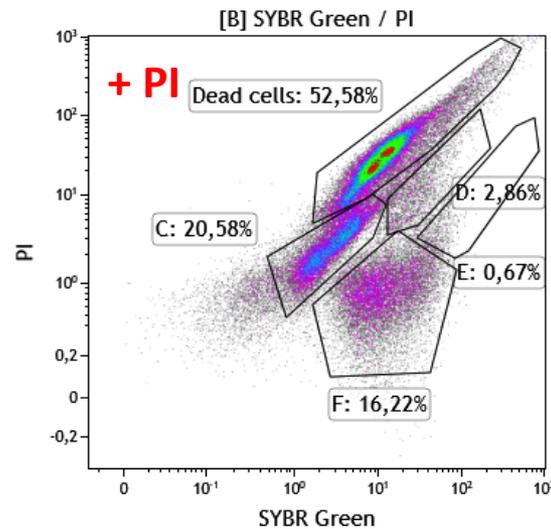
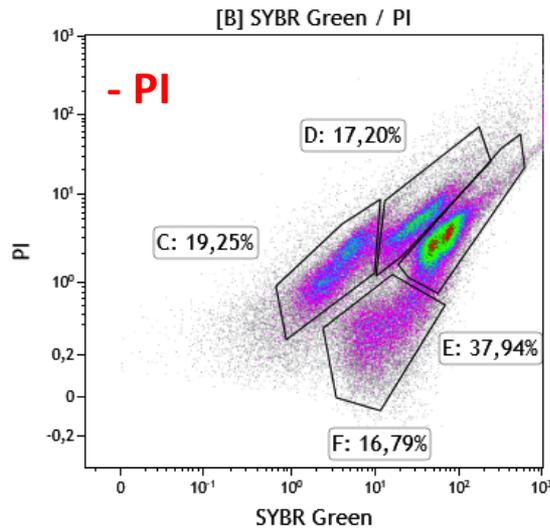
*Source: ScienceDaily. Flow cytometry (FCM) can now be officially used for the quantification of microbial cells in drinking water. The new analytical method - developed at EAWAG (Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology) and extensively tested both in Switzerland and abroad - has been incorporated into the Swiss Food Compendium (SLMB) by the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH). FCM provides much more realistic results than the conventional method, in which bacterial colonies are grown on agar plates. The results demonstrate that even good-quality drinking water harbours 100 to 10,000 times more living cells than the conventional plate count method would suggest.*

<https://www.eawag.ch/en/consulting/consulting/competence-centre-for-drinking-water/projects/advances-in-the-microbiological-drinking-water-analysis/>

## Da colture di E. Coli



## Diluizione 1:100 di Salamoia da confezione di Olive



# Microbiologia ambientale e controllo della qualità delle acque

- La proliferazione di alcuni cianobatteri in acque dolci, salmastre e marine costituisce un pericolo sia per la salvaguardia dell'ambiente che per la salute pubblica.
- Le *Microcystis* sp. Infatti sono in grado di rilasciare tossine microalgali (microcistine) durante la loro crescita e in seguito a morte cellulare.
- La citometria a flusso potrebbe diventare un valido strumento per studiare l'ecologia microbica della produzione di tossine *Microcystis* e contribuire ad un sistema di preallarme per le fioriture di *Microcystis* tossiche mediante rapidi controlli dei livelli di cianobatteri e delle relative tossine nelle acque.



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## Multi-detection method for five common microalgal toxins based on the use of microspheres coupled to a flow-cytometry system



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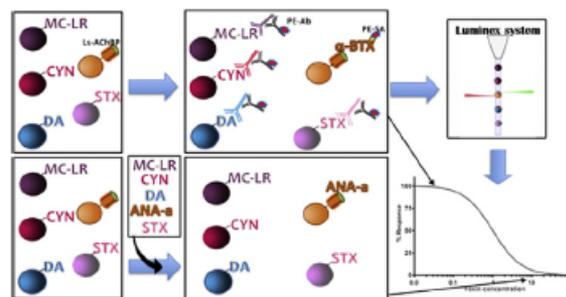
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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Multiplexed method for the detection of five microalgal toxin classes.
- Sensitive, easy-to-perform, rapid, semi-quantitative screening technique.
- Useful for the detection of freshwater toxins in cyanobacterial samples.

### GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



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## MONITORING OF FRESHWATER TOXINS IN EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL WATERS BY USING NOVEL MULTI-DETECTION METHODS

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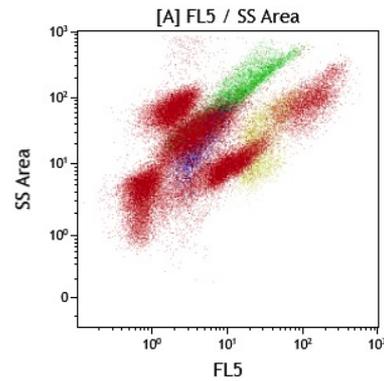
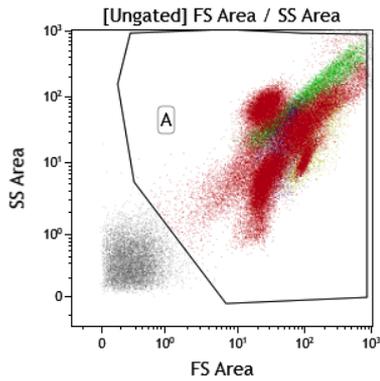
**In questo lavoro è stata monitorata la presenza di microcistine, nodularina, acido domoico, cylindrospermopsin e diversi analoghi dell'anatossina-a (ATX-a).**

**Comparazione tra Flow Cytometry e Ultraperformance  
Liquid Chromatography–tandem Mass Spectrometry, UPLC-****MS/MS**

La loro conclusione: ...*the microsphere-based method as a semi-quantitative approximation to detect the toxins seems to require further refining of antibodies cross reactivity. This initial screening indicates presence or absence of toxins and reduces the number of samples to be analyzed by confirmatory analytical methods, which typically are more laborious. Therefore, the combination of methodologies described in the present study should reduce the number of samples and the time of analysis, especially since both methodologies are designed as multidetection assays.*

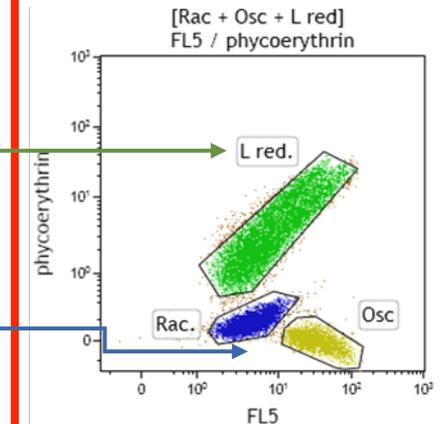
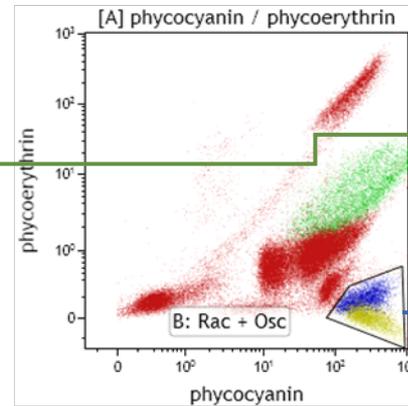
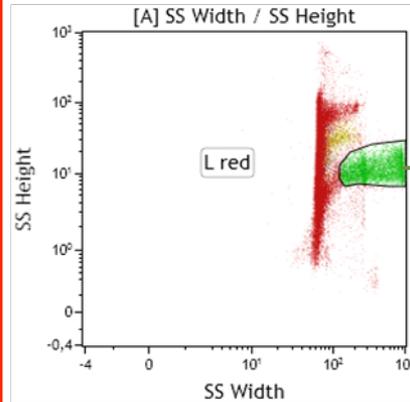
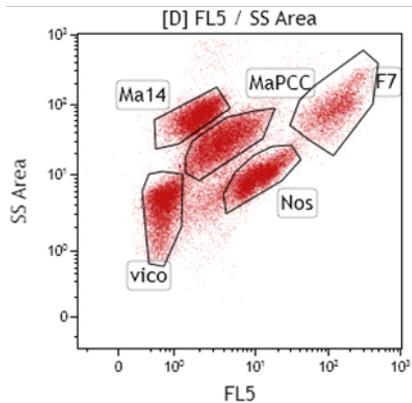
# Profilo citofluorimetrico di popolazioni miste di cianobatteri realizzato sfruttando la fluorescenza naturale dei loro pigmenti

## Merge dei campioni acquisiti



Ma14  
MaPCC  
Vico  
Nos  
F7  
L red  
Osc  
Rac

Microcystis Aeruginosa  
Microcystis Aeruginosa  
Synechococcus  
Nostoc sp.  
Plaktothrix rubescens  
Limnothrix  
Oscillatoria  
Cylindrospermopsis raciborskii

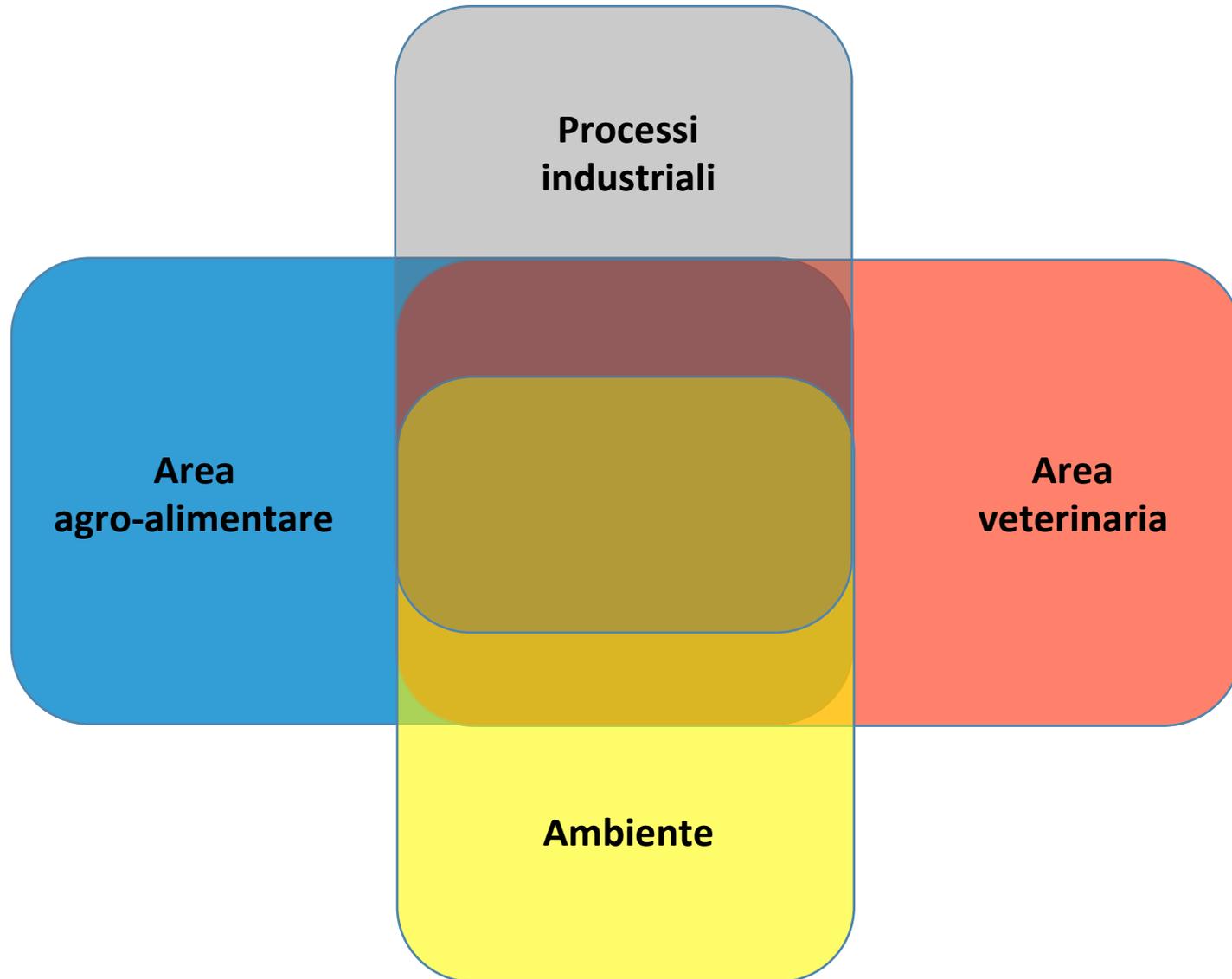


## **Riassumendo...**

**Uno screening iniziale mediante Citofluorimetria può aiutare a individuare la presenza di cianobatteri e di tossine. Ciò porterebbe a una riduzione del numero di campioni da analizzare con metodi analitici di conferma, che risultano molto spesso più impegnativi, onerosi e *time-consuming*.**

# **l'impiego della citofluorimetria in campi non strettamente biomedici**

## **Possibili interessi comuni e risparmio economico**



**Table 3**  
Selected applications of FC technique to dairy industry.

Application	Microorganism	Functional or structural parameter	Reference
Evaluation of microbial and somatic cell load in milk	<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Membrane integrity and potential, DNA content, respiratory activity and specific fluorescent labelled oligonucleotides	[11,18,104]
Assessment of acid stress effect on cell physiology	<i>Streptococcus macedonicus</i>	Membrane integrity and potential, esterase activity, cell wall biosynthesis	[13,67]
Assessment of cell stress due to deconjugated bile salts	Probiotic bacteria <i>Bifidobacterium lactis</i> and <i>Bifidobacterium adolescentis</i>	Membrane potential, integrity and cell activity	[62]
Analysis of bacterial viability in dairy starters and probiotics	<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i>	Membrane integrity and esterase activity	[141]
Viability evaluation after freezing and during storage	<i>Lactobacillus delbrueckii</i>	Esterase activity and membrane integrity	[209]
Assessment of different freezing methods	<i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i>	Esterase activity and membrane integrity	[210]
Monitoring cheese starter permeabilization and lysis	<i>Lactococcus lactis</i>	Membrane integrity	[216]
Enumeration of bacterial cells in fermented products	Probiotic bifidobacteria	Membrane integrity	[217]
Cell count in probiotics	<i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i> <i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i>	Nucleic acids and esterase activity	[218]
Evaluation of cell response to osmotic stress	<i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i>	Esterase activity and membrane integrity	[219]
Enumeration of viable bacteria in milk powder and whey protein concentrate	Thermophilic bacteria	Esterase activity, DNA	[221,222]
Raw sheep milk quality evaluation	Bacteria	Bactoscan	[223]
Quantification and differentiation of bacteria in bulk tank milk	<i>Pseudomonas</i> , <i>Bacillus</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> , lactic acid bacteria	Specific labelled antigens FSC, SSC	[224]
Bacteriophages detection in dairy fermentation	<i>Lactococcus lactis</i>	Membrane integrity	[225]

La diffusione e della persistenza delle mastiti nelle mandrie da latte è causata soprattutto dalla condizione subclinica, una condizione in cui, sebbene la mammella e il latte appaiono normali, la ghiandola mammaria risulta infiammata, infetta o entrambe. Le mucche infette che mostrano un quadro subclinico costituiscono una riserva per i patogeni e la causa della diffusione della mastite negli animali sani

**La mastite è causa di enormi perdite economiche all'industria lattiero-casearia. È indispensabile continuare a cercare nuovi biomarcatori che possano essere utili per rendere più efficiente e tempestiva la gestione delle mastiti nelle aziende lattiero-casearie.**

*The effective control of subclinical mastitis can clearly result in large economic profit for dairy farmers (van den Borne et al., 2010). However, the effectiveness of control is highly dependent on how fast these cows are detected, and hence the efficacy of the udder health monitoring program (van den Borne et al., 2010).*

La determinazione rapida e simultanea della conta di cellule somatiche (SCC) e del loro conteggio differenziale (DSCC) in campioni di latte vaccino usando la citometria a flusso viene considerato un buon metodo per la valutazione predittiva di stadi infettivi preclinici, sebbene la complessità della mastite suggerisce ulteriori studi.

## **Ipotesi di sviluppo**

- Il citofluorimetro come strumento di controllo di alcuni parametri qualitativi lungo la filiera di produzione del latte e dei derivati caseari: dal foraggio destinato all'animale fino al consumatore

**Filiera del latte: possibili applicazioni della citofluorimetria nei controlli intermedi per garantire la qualità del prodotto finale.**

### **Controllo dell'uso di antibiotici**

**La resistenza agli antibiotici (ABR) è un fenomeno che desta particolare preoccupazione. L'OMS (Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità) ritiene che il contenimento di questo fenomeno sia una priorità per la salute pubblica, tanto che nel 2015 ha lanciato un piano globale per contenere l'ABR. Un eccessivo uso di antibiotici può tradursi nello sviluppo di patogeni multiresistenti con conseguente perdita di efficacia terapeutica e gravi rischi per la salute pubblica**

# BEADYPLEX™ Assay



## A) Absence of antibiotic in the sample

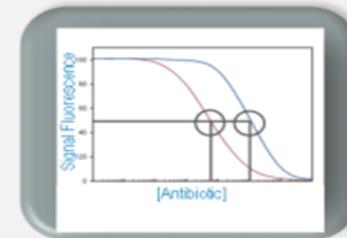


Maximum assay signal

## B) Presence of antibiotic in the sample



Decreased assay signal



# Assay Principle and Methodology

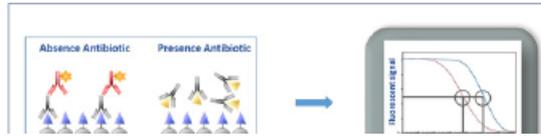
A twelve-plex competitive Flow Cytometry Immunoassay has been developed for the detection of 10 antibiotic families in food commodities (more than 80 residues included).

Antibiotic-mimicking molecules are individually coated on fluorescent beads encoded by their size and internal fluorescence. First, a mixture of primary binders directed to the different antibiotic families are incubated with the sample extracts and the antibiotic-conjugated beads. Then, secondary binders labeled with a fluorescent reporter are added for incubation. A washing step is required after every incubation step.

Upon reading with the NovoCyte®, the beads are classified by size and internal fluorescence (excited by 640 nm laser channel). The external assay signal for every bead from the secondary binders in FITC channel by 488 nm.

According to the competitive principle of the assay, the maximum fluorescence in the sample is translated into the maximum fluorescence for the associated bead. Whereas a decrease in fluorescence is observed upon the addition of antibiotics.

## Flow Cytometry Immunoassay



### Analysis Report

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 Cytometer: NovoCyte 451160925722  
 BEADYPLEX Kit Lot ID: BYP Lot 170905 - Milk  
 Test Validation: **VALID**

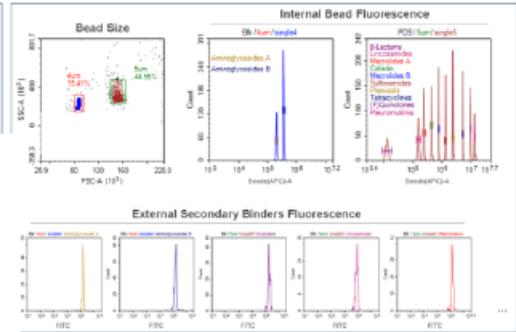
Report Date: 10/15/2018  
 Software: BeadyExpress 1.2.8  
 Operator: administrator  
 Institution: N/A

Sample Name:	A1:ISS Blk, A2:ISS ...
Sample Type:	Blank
Assay Beads	Results
Tetracyclines	<b>VALID</b>
β-Lactams	<b>VALID</b>
Sulfonamides	<b>VALID</b>
(F)Quinolones	<b>VALID</b>
Aminoglycosides A	<b>VALID</b>
Aminoglycosides B	<b>VALID</b>
Colistin	<b>VALID</b>
Macrolides A	<b>VALID</b>
Macrolides B	<b>VALID</b>
Lincosamides	<b>VALID</b>
Pleuromutilins	<b>VALID</b>
Phenicol	<b>VALID</b>

Sample Name:	A3:ISS POS, A4:ISS...	
Sample Type:	Positive Control	
Assay Beads	Normalized Signal	Results
Tetracyclines	33	<b>VALID</b>
β-Lactams	9	<b>VALID</b>
Sulfonamides	16	<b>VALID</b>
(F)Quinolones	7	<b>VALID</b>
Aminoglycosides A	10	<b>VALID</b>
Aminoglycosides B	36	<b>VALID</b>
Colistin	18	<b>VALID</b>
Macrolides A	9	<b>VALID</b>
Macrolides B	5	<b>VALID</b>
Lincosamides	6	<b>VALID</b>
Pleuromutilins	7	<b>VALID</b>
Phenicol	54	<b>VALID</b>

Sample Name:	A5:ISS Sple4	
Sample Type:	Unknown	
Assay Beads	Normalized Signal	Results
Tetracyclines	103	<b>NEG</b>
β-Lactams	22	<b>POS</b>
Sulfonamides	111	<b>NEG</b>
(F)Quinolones	193	<b>NEG</b>
Aminoglycosides A	203	<b>NEG</b>
Aminoglycosides B	258	<b>NEG</b>
Colistin	135	<b>NEG</b>
Macrolides A	121	<b>NEG</b>
Macrolides B	167	<b>NEG</b>
Lincosamides	170	<b>NEG</b>
Pleuromutilins	298	<b>NEG</b>
Phenicol	298	<b>NEG</b>

Sample Name:	A6:ISS Sple4(1)	
Sample Type:	Unknown	
Assay Beads	Normalized Signal	Results
Tetracyclines	112	<b>NEG</b>
β-Lactams	20	<b>POS</b>
Sulfonamides	116	<b>NEG</b>
(F)Quinolones	178	<b>NEG</b>
Aminoglycosides A	206	<b>NEG</b>
Aminoglycosides B	256	<b>NEG</b>
Colistin	139	<b>NEG</b>
Macrolides A	113	<b>NEG</b>
Macrolides B	166	<b>NEG</b>
Lincosamides	164	<b>NEG</b>
Pleuromutilins	269	<b>NEG</b>
Phenicol	281	<b>NEG</b>



### Sample Extraction

1 g sample + 1 mL extraction buffer (10 min) → centrifugation + filtration

### 1st Incubation

Sample extract + assay mix + primary antibodies 30 min, RT, darkness

## Results

Most of the antibiotics included on the scope of BE are equal to or below the European regulatory limits. LOD

Family	Antibiotic	LOD (µg/kg)	Family	Antibiotic
Aminoglycosides	Streptomycin	250	Sulfonamides	Sulfadiazole
	Dihydrostreptomycin	125		Sulfadimethoxyl
	Gentamicin	50		Sulfamonomethoxyl
	Neomycin B	100		Sulfathiazole
	Kanamycin A	100		Sulfamethylisoxazole
Paromomycin	250	Sulfamethoxazole		
β-Lactams	Ceftiofur	50		Sulfamonomethoxazole
	Ceftiofur	50		Sulfathiazole
	Deoxyfluorocloxacillin	3000		Sulfamethoxazole
	Cefepime	3		Sulfamonomethoxazole
	Cefixime	3500		Sulfamonomethoxazole
	Cefixime	5		Sulfamonomethoxazole
	Cefprozil	75		Sulfamonomethoxazole
	Desacetylceftriaxone	100		Sulfamonomethoxazole
	Cefprozil	100		Sulfamonomethoxazole
	Cefprozil	90	Sulfamonomethoxazole	
	Cefprozil	12.5	Sulfamonomethoxazole	
	Penicillin V	5	Macrolides	Tylosin
	Penicillin G	25		Tylosin
	Amoxicillin	25		Tylosin
	Amoxicillin	25		Tylosin
Oxacillin	50	Tylosin		
Lincosamides	Clindamycin	50	Polymyxins	Colistin
	Clindamycin	30		Colistin
	Nalidixic acid	300		Colistin
	Piperacillin	5		Colistin
	Piperacillin	5		Colistin

## Flow Cytometry reading

the software BeadyExpress™ upon plate reading with

### Blank and Positive Control Samples

Validation of the test

### Unknown Samples

Identification of Positive **POS**

and Negative **NEG**

results for each antibiotic family

## Conclusions and Perspectives

## Results

The validation of this multi-class and multi-residue screening in meat, fish and milk using BEADYPLEX™ kit has been realized according to the CRLs Guidelines for the validation of screening methods for residues of veterinary medicines (20/01/2010); supplement to Commission Decision 2002/657/EC. A principal validation was performed in porcine meat and milk including the establishments of thresholds/cut-offs, check of specificity/selectivity, determination of detection capabilities (CC $\beta$ ), robustness and applicability. For poultry and bovine meat as well as for high-fat and low-fat fish matrices (salmon and coley, respectively); a secondary validation was realized for the determination of CC $\beta$  in these matrices. The table below summarizes the CC $\beta$  values obtained for the antibiotics detected in the mentioned matrices; for most compounds, they are at or below the corresponding European MRL value established under the Commission Regulation EU N°37/2010 supported by the Commission implementing regulation EU N°470/2018.

Sono stati determinati i valori soglia, la specificità/selettività, la capacità di rilevazione (CC $\beta$ ), la robustezza e l'applicabilità.

I valori dei CC $\beta$  per la maggior parte dei composti, sono pari o inferiori ai corrispondenti valori MRL stabiliti dalla Commissione UE n. 37/2010, sostenuto dal regolamento di esecuzione della Commissione UE n. 470/2018..

Detection Capabilities ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ ) for bead-based FCIA method in porcine / bovine / poultry muscle + fat / lean fish + cow milk (non-exhaustive list)

Family	Antibiotic	Porcine muscle		Bovine muscle		Poultry muscle		Fish		Milk		
		MRL	CC $\beta$	MRL	CC $\beta$	MRL	CC $\beta$	MRL	CC $\beta$	MRL	CC $\beta$	
Aminoglycosides	Streptomycin	500	250	500	250	500	250	500	250	200	100	
	Dihydrostreptomycin	500	125	500	125	500	125	500	125	200	50	
	Gentamicin	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	100	100	
	Neomycin B	500	100	500	100	500	100	500	100	1500	25	
	Kanamycin A	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	150	75	
	Paromomycin	500	250	500	250	500	250	500	250	*	250	
$\beta$ -Lactams	Cefquinome	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	20	20	
	Ceftiofur	1000	50	1000	50	1000	50	1000	50	100	25	
	Desfurloycefotiofur	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	50	50	
	Cefoperazone	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	1	
	Cefalexin	200	3500	200	3500	200	3500	200	3500	100	1600	
	Cefalonium	20	5	20	5	20	5	20	5	20	2.5	
	Cefepirin	50	75	50	75	50	75	50	75	50	5	
	Desacetylcefepirin	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	100	30	
	Ceftazolin	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	20	
	Cefceftiole	125	50	125	50	125	50	125	50	125	50	
	Penicillin V	25	12.5	25	12.5	25	12.5	25	12.5	25	4	
	Penicillin G	50	5	50	5	50	5	50	5	4	4	
Macrolides	Ampicillin	50	25	50	25	50	25	50	25	4	4	
	Amoxicillin	50	25	50	25	50	25	50	25	4	4	
	Oxacillin	300	50	300	50	300	50	300	50	30	10	
	Cloxacillin	300	50	300	50	300	50	300	50	30	6	
	Dicloxacillin	300	30	300	30	300	30	300	30	30	12	
	Nafcillin	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	30	75	
	Piperacillin	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	
	Lincos	Tilmicosin	50	50	50	50	75	50	50	50	50	12.5
		Tylosin A	100	20	100	20	100	20	100	20	50	10
		Tylosin B	50	125	50	125	50	125	50	125	200	20
Tildipirosin		1200	1200	400	1200	400	1200	400	1200	*	500	
Spiramycin		250	250	200	200	200	200	200	200	250	200	
Lincos		Lincomycin	100	25	100	25	100	25	100	25	150	20
		Clindamycin	-	150	-	150	-	150	-	150	-	100
Lincos		Colistin	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	50	25
Tetracyclines		Chlortetracycline	100	25	100	25	100	25	100	25	100	25
	Doxycycline	100	25	100	25	100	25	100	25	*	12.5	
	Oxytetracycline	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	
	Tetracycline	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	
	Demeclocycline	-	50	-	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	
	Methacycline	-	25	-	50	-	50	-	50	-	50	
Fluoroquinolones	Marbofloxacin	150	20	150	20	150	20	150	20	75	2	
	Flumequine	200	800	200	2000	400	2000	600	2000	50	50	
	Enrofloxacin	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	
	Ciprofloxacin	100	10	100	20	100	20	100	20	100	2	
	Danofloxacin	100	250	200	200	200	200	100	200	30	30	
	Oxolinic acid	100	800	100	1000	100	1000	100	1000	*	62.5	
	Difloxacin	400	50	400	50	300	50	300	50	*	25	
	Norfloxacin	-	2.5	-	10	-	10	-	10	-	2	
	Serafloxacin	30	125	30	125	30	125	30	125	10	5	
	Pefloxacin	-	10	-	20	-	20	-	20	-	2	
Phenols	Enoxacin	-	50	-	50	-	50	-	50	-	5	
	Lomefloxacin	-	15	-	15	-	15	-	15	-	3	
	Ofloxacin	-	15	-	15	-	15	-	15	-	1	
	Cinoxacin	-	800	-	800	-	800	-	800	-	50	
	Nalidixic acid	-	2000	-	2000	-	2000	-	2000	-	50	
	Phenols	Chloramphenicol	0.3	0.45	0.3	0.45	0.3	0.45	0.3	0.45	0.3	0.3
Flortfenicol		300	2100	200	2100	100	2100	1000	2100	*	1600	
Thiamphenicol		50	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	
Phenols	Valnemulin	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	10	
	Tiamulin	100	25	100	25	100	25	100	25	100	12.5	

\*Not for use in animals from which milk are produced for human consumption

# Validation of Beadyplex - Summary



Screening of 74 antibiotics (test report) from 10 antibiotic groups:

TETRACYCLINES,  $\beta$ -LACTAMS, SULFONAMIDES (incl. Dapsone), QUINOLONES, AMINOGLYCOSIDES, POLYMYXINE (Colistin), MACROLIDES, LINCOSAMIDES, PLEUROMUTILINS, AMPHENICOLES

Sulfaclozin, Cefalexin, Florfenicol were excluded, because  $CC\beta \gg MRL$

Tylvalosin, Tildipirosin (cattle, goat), Thiamphenicol, Chloramphenicol:  $CC\beta > MRL/RPA$

70 antibiotics (incl. Tildipirosin for pig):  $CC\beta \leq MRL/RPA$

4-epi-Oxytetracycline is sensitive:  $CC\beta = 25 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ , 4-epi-Chlortetracycline and 4-epi-Tetracycline are insensitive, but Chlortetracycline and Tetracycline  $CC\beta = 25 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ ; more than 50 % 4-epimer is unlikely => screening below  $MRL = 100 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  should be no problem (see analyses of reference materials)

# Le micotossine

Le vacche da latte sembrano essere protette dall'esposizione alle micotossine dalla loro flora del rumine.

Tuttavia, diverse micotossine superano questa barriera o vengono convertite in metaboliti che conservano l'attività biologica.

Tra gli effetti indesiderati delle micotossine esercitati nei ruminanti è presente un'attività antimicrobica, il cui esito è una compromissione della funzione della flora del rumine che causa:

- uno scarso utilizzo dei mangimi
- un ridotto aumento di peso
- una riduzione della produttività

**Sebbene le aflatossine (specialmente l'aflatossina M1) siano micotossine di maggiore incidenza nel latte e nei prodotti caseari, in questi prodotti si possono trovare altre micotossine, come fumonisina, ocratossina A, tricoteceni, zearalenone, tossina T-2 e deossinivalenolo**

Table 2—Occurrence of AFM<sub>1</sub> contamination in bovine milk.

Country	Sample	Frequency (%)	Min–Max (µg/L)	Reference
Serbia	Pasteurized milk	(35/36) 97.2	0.06–1.2	Kos and others (2014)
	UHT milk	(69/70) 98.5	0.02–0.41	
	Organic milk	(6/6) 100	0.01–0.08	
	Raw milk	(40/40) 100	0.08–1.2	Tomasevic and others (2015)
	Raw milk	(382/678) 56.3	0.282–0.358	
	Heat treated milk	(143/438) 32.6	0.09–0.145	
Lebanon	Raw milk	(28/38) 73.6	0.0026–0.126	Assem and others (2011)
	Pasteurized milk	(17/25) 68.0	0.0033–0.084	
Spain	Powder milk	(5/15) 35.7	0.0092–0.016	Cano-Sancho and others (2010)
	UHT milk	(68/72) 94.4	0.002–0.014	
Brazil	Pasteurized milk	(26/30) 87	0.009–0.437	Iha and others (2013)
	UHT milk	(13/17) 76	0.008–0.215	
	Milk with additives	(13/17) 76	0.009–0.061	Iha and others (2013)
	Powder milk	(12/12) 100	0.02–0.76	
	Infant formula	(0/7) 0	–	Jager and others (2013)
	Fluid milk	(26/65) 40	0.009–0.069	
	Powder milk	(2/4) 50	0.5–0.81	Oliveira and others (2013)
	UHT milk	(23/75) 30.7	1.0–4.1	
	UHT milk	(133/152) 87.5	0.002–0.121	Silva and others (2015)
	Raw milk	(48/60) 48	0.002–0.08	
South Korea	Raw milk	(48/60) 48	0.002–0.08	Lee and others (2009)
Portugal	UHT and pasteurized milk	(11/40) 27.5	0.007–0.07	Duarte and others (2013)
Italy	Infant formula	(2/185) 1.1	0.012–0.015	Meucci and others (2010)
Thailand	Raw milk	(240/240) 100	0.05–0.101	Ruangwises and Ruangwises (2010)
Turkey	Fluid milk	(43/50) 86	0.001–0.030	Ertas and others (2011)
	UHT milk	(75/29) 58.1	0–0.544	
	UHT milk	(67/100) 67	0.01–0.63	
Morocco	Pasteurized milk	(54/61) 88.8	0.001–0.117	Zinedine and others (2007a)
India	Infant formula	(17/18) 94	0.143–0.77	Rastogi and others (2004)
Taiwan	Pasteurized milk	(44/48) 90.9	0.002–0.083	Rastogi and others (2004)
Iran	Raw milk	(85/111) 76.6	0.015–0.28	Kamkar (2006)
	Pasteurized milk	(83/116) 71.5	0.006–0.528	
	UHT milk	(68/109) 62.3	0.006–0.516	
China	Raw milk	(12/12) 100	0.16–0.5	Pei and others (2009)
	Raw milk	(45/100) 32.5	0.005–0.06	
	UHT milk	(84/153) 54.9	0.006–0.16	
	Pasteurized milk	(25/26) 96.2	0.023–0.154	
Sudan	Raw milk	(42/44) 95.5	0.22–6.9	Elzupir and Elhussain (2010)
Pakistan	Raw milk	(76/107) 71	0.004–0.845	Iqbal and Asi (2013)
Croatia	Raw milk	(72/1543) 2	0.006–0.027	Bilandzic and others (2015)

**Table 3—Occurrence of AFM<sub>1</sub> contamination in dairy products.**

Country	Sample	Frequency (%)	Min–Max ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )	Reference
Kuwait	White cheese	(32/40) 80	0.024–0.452	Dashti and others (2009)
Turkey	Cheese	(68/72) 94.4	0.012–0.378	Ertas and others (2011)
	Yoghurt	(28/50) 56	0.0025–0.078	
	Dairy dessert	(26/50) 52	0.0015–0.08	
	Butter	(92/92) 100	0.01–7.0	
Iran	Cream cheese	(99/100) 99	0–4.1	Tekinsen and Uçar (2008)
	Yoghurt	(70/80) 87.5	0.01–0.475	Atasever and others (2011)
	White cheese	(93/116) 80.1	0.052–0.745	Fallah and others (2009)
	Cream cheese	(68/94) 72.3	0.058–0.785	Fallah and others (2011)
	Lighvan cheese	(49/75) 65.3	0.03–0.313	
	Cheese	(47/88) 53.4	0.082–1.254	
Libya	White cheese	(30/50) 60	0.041–0.374	Tavakoli and others (2012)
	Feta cheese	(66/80) 82.5	0.15–2.41	Kamkar (2006)
	Cheese	(15/20) 75	0.11–0.52	Elgerbi and others (2004)
Brazil	Cheese	(3/10) 30	0.091–0.3	Jager and others (2013)
	Yoghurt	–	–	Kaniou–Grigoriadou and others (2005)
Greece	Feta cheese	(0/54) 0	–	
Pakistan	White cheese	(93/119) 78	0.004–0.595	Iqbal and Asi (2013)
	Cream cheese	(89/130) 59	0.004–0.456	
	Butter	(33/74) 45	0.004–0.413	
	Yoghurt	(59/96) 61	0.004–0.616	
Serbia	Milk products	(122/322) 37.8	0.268–0.952	Tomasevic and others (2015)

L'ampia presenza di diversi tipi di micotossine non solo nel latte ma anche in altri prodotti lattiero-caseari, nonché la preoccupazione per la loro tossicità animale e umana, rendono necessaria l'adozione di misure adeguate per ridurre al minimo la contaminazione degli alimenti da tali micotossine.

Czeh et al. hanno introdotto un immunodosaggio competitivo fluorescente con microsfere basato sulla citometria a flusso (CFIA) per la determinazione simultanea di sei micotossine dallo stesso campione dopo una singola fase di estrazione. La CFIA potrebbe diventare una tecnica di routine robusta con l'obiettivo principale di consentire alle autorità di procedere a interventi rapidi in circostanze critiche

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A flow cytometry based competitive fluorescent microsphere immunoassay (CFIA) system for detecting up to six mycotoxins

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## Comparison and Evaluation of Seven Different Bench-Top Flow Cytometers with a Modified Six-Plexed Mycotoxin Kit

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**Table 1**

Summary of major fungi species, and corresponding mycotoxins including impact on humans and domestic animals.

Mycotoxins	Fungal species	Deleterious effects
Aflatoxins (B <sub>1</sub> , B <sub>2</sub> , G <sub>1</sub> , G <sub>2</sub> and M <sub>1</sub> )	<i>A. flavus</i> <i>A. parasiticus</i> <i>A. nomius</i>	Acute toxicity: LD <sub>50</sub> values, 1.0–17.9 mg/kg BW (laboratory animals), 0.5 mg/kg BW (ducklings); hepatic lesions; teratogenic. Reduced feed efficiency, immune function and reproductive performance in ruminants. Carcinogenic in humans. Hepatotoxic and carcinogenic
Ochratoxin-A	<i>P. ochraceus</i> <i>A. alliaceus</i> <i>P. verrucosum</i> <i>P. nordicum</i>	Teratogenic, carcinogenic, decreased foetal weight, immunosuppressive, strong inhibition of protein synthesis, nephrotoxicity, hepatotoxicity, strong acute toxicity
Fumonisin	<i>F. moniliforme</i> <i>F. proliferatum</i> <i>F. subglutinans</i>	Hepatic lesions in pigs and cattle, Equine leukoencephalomalacia. Porcine pulmonary oedema. Implicated in oesophageal cancer in humans, hepato- and nephrotoxicity
Zearalenone	<i>F. culmorum</i> <i>F. graminearum</i> <i>F. sporotrichioides</i>	Infertility, reduced milk production and hyperoestrogenism in cows.
Deoxynivalenol (Vomitoxin)	<i>F. culmorum</i> <i>F. graminearum</i> <i>F. sporotrichioides</i> <i>F. poae</i> <i>F. acuminatum</i>	Feed refusal, decreased weight gain and vomiting, teratogenic
T-2 toxin	<i>F. sporotrichioides</i> <i>F. poae</i>	Feed refusal, nervous system disturbances, diarrhoea, decreased milk production, acute toxicity, inhibition of protein synthesis, immunosuppressive

Text:

Table 1 identifies the six major fungi species and mycotoxins they produce. Some of the major deleterious health effects for both humans and animals are included (Barna-Vetro, 2002; Varga et al., 1996).

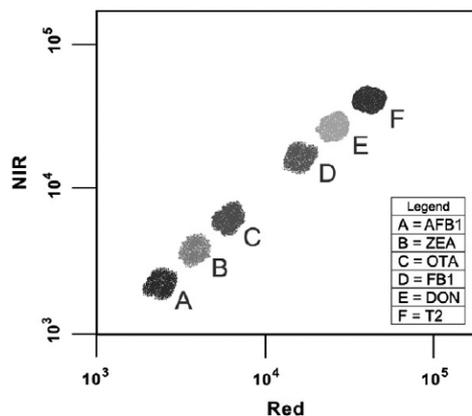


Fig. 1. Two dimensional dot plot display on the FACSArray™ for six mycotoxins. Text: Based on dual fluorescent scatter plotting, the 6 distinct microsphere populations are easily discriminated from each other.

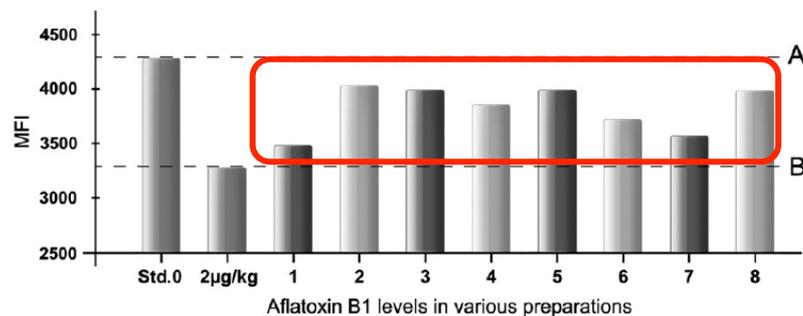


Fig. 2. Histograms for aflatoxin B1 levels with 8 different toxin free grain types. Legends. 1 = sunflower 5 = white lupine. 2 = wheat 6 = spring barley, 3 = pea 7 = chickpea. 4 = mung bean 8 = rye and pea feed mixture. Text: In this histogram the first column illustrates the toxin free standard, next the maximum permitted toxin level for EU, following with 8 varieties of grain illustrating the naturally existing levels that are all well below zero standard.

## Riassumendo.....



Controllo micotossine  
nel foraggio e nel latte

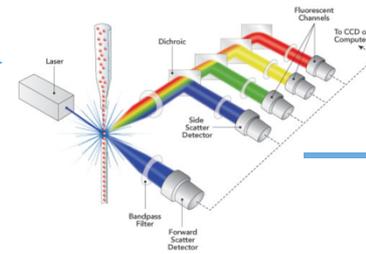


Controllo batteri e cellule  
somatiche nel latte  
Sviluppo nuovi marker predittivi

Controllo antibiotici  
negli animali e nel latte



citofluorimetro



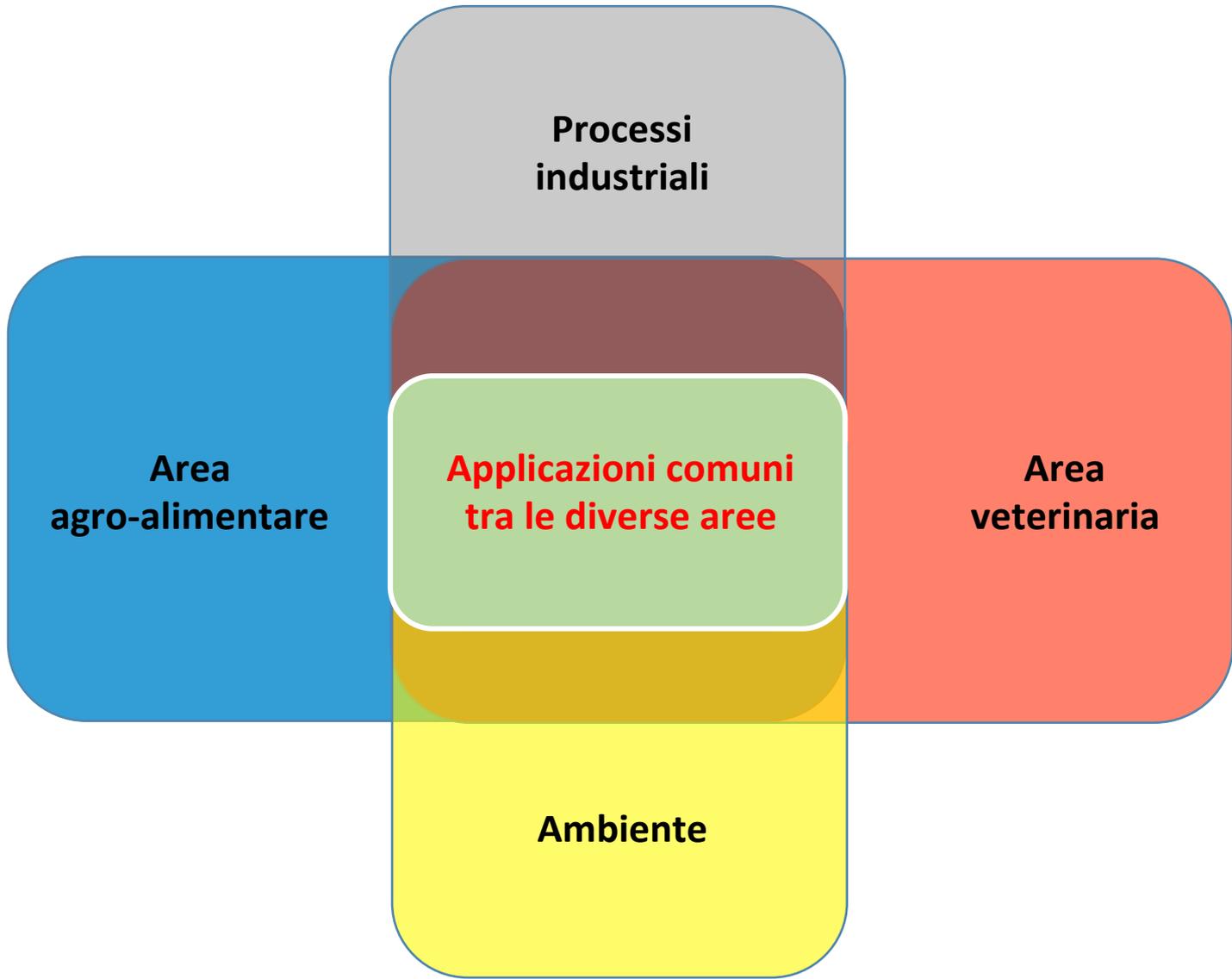
Fogli di calcolo da  
diverse acquisizioni



Sviluppo di software  
per l'analisi differenziata

# L'impiego della citofluorimetria in campi non strettamente biomedici

## Possibili interessi comuni e risparmio economico



# Possibili procedure comuni per analisi citofluorimetrica in settori diversi:

## Analisi carica batterica:

<b>Agroalimentare</b>	<b>controllo probiotici</b>
<b>Ambiente</b>	<b>controllo batteri patogeni e cianobatteri</b>
<b>Processi industriali</b>	<b>controllo starter</b>
<b>Veterinaria</b>	<b>controllo batteri nel latte</b>

## Analisi residui antibiotici:

<b>Agroalimentare</b>	<b>controllo in diverse matrici alimentari</b>
<b>Ambiente</b>	<b>controllo nei bacini di allevamenti ittici</b>
<b>Veterinaria</b>	<b>controllo in animali destinati al consumo e nei prodotti da loro derivati</b>

## Micotossine:

<b>Agroalimentare</b>	<b>controllo in cereali destinati al consumo</b>
<b>Veterinaria</b>	<b>controllo nel foraggio per animali destinati al consumo e nei prodotti alimentari da loro derivati.</b>

## Suggerimenti

### ***Riconoscimento***

- **Contribuire a sviluppare nuovi sistemi di analisi basati sulla citofluorimetria e proporre relativi percorsi di convalida**

### **Semplificazione**

- **La realizzazione di sistemi basati sull'uso di un unico strumento, in grado di rispondere rapidamente e con affidabilità a istanze analitiche di differenti problemi biologici relativi a prodotti destinati al consumo**

### **Integrazione**

- **Questo impianto analitico potrebbe inoltre essere ulteriormente migliorato con l'introduzione di un sistema di tracciabilità dei prodotti**

**Tali obiettivi dovrebbero essere realizzati in accordo e in stretta collaborazione fra settore imprenditoriale e ricerca, sfruttando i benefici della ricerca e dell'innovazione.**

### **E dovrebbero:**

- **portare a una maggiore garanzia per la tutela ambientale, la salute animale e sanità pubblica, rispettando inoltre le esigenze dei consumatori;**
- **e sostenere i consumi promuovendo l'immagine e la qualità dei prodotti alimentari.**