

# M1D2:

## Test CometChip loading variables Estimate TK6 growth rate

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- Communication lab workshop
- **Short** pre-lab discussion
- Instructor check-in: design parameters
- Load CometChips,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in TC and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in main lab

# 3 experiments, 2 CometChips

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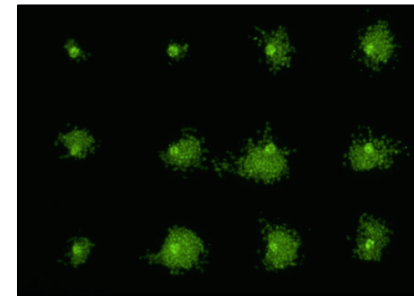
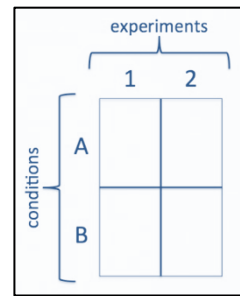
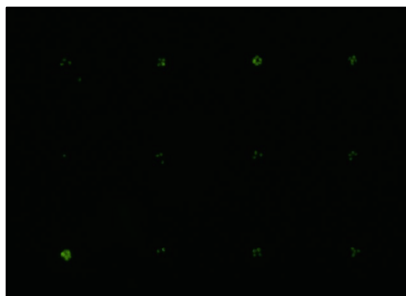
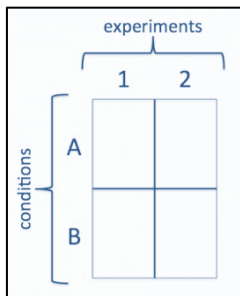
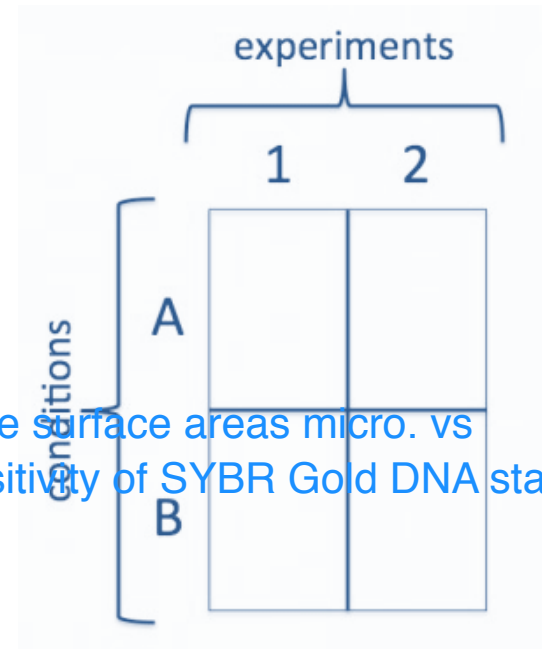
- two “in space”, on CometChips

- 1: number of cells (volumes possible, respective surface areas micro. vs macrowells, cell vs. microwell diameter, sensitivity of SYBR Gold DNA stain)
- 2: loading time

- one “in time”: cell doubling time

in main lab (t = 0)

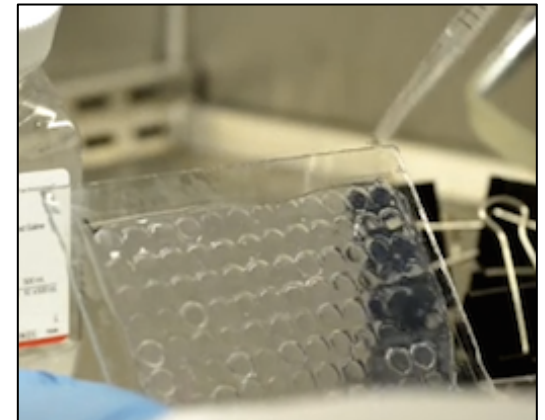
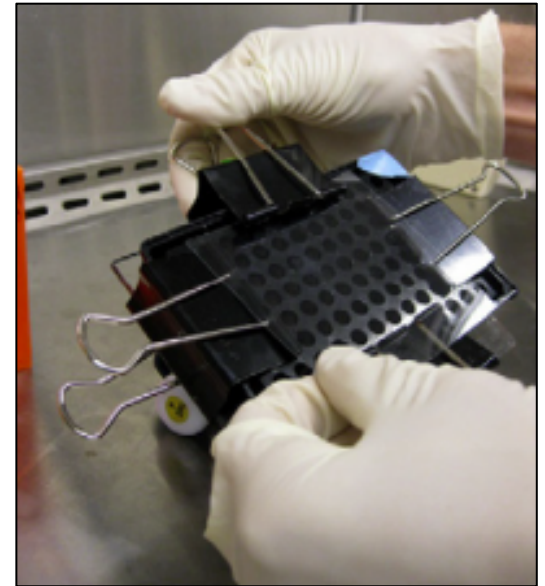
in TC room (t = 2.5 days)



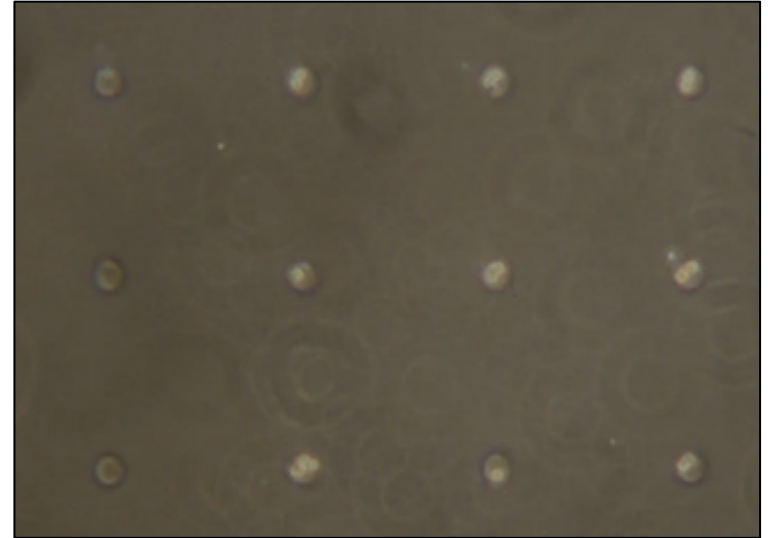
fixed in formalin at 5pm today

# Critical steps

- Cell loading
  - line up the macrowells very carefully within the AB12 pattern
  - **think timing:** how long will loading be in B1? in B2?
- Washing
  - not too much!
- 0.3% LMP agarose gels *slowly*
  - dispense it drop-by-drop
  - leave it undisturbed for 15 min (no lid)
  - check that it doesn't dry up



# Looking forward to M1D3



- Make a *figure & caption*
  - Apply your new communication skills
  - We'll email you pictures from  $t = 0$  CometChip
  - [Visit the BE Communication Lab](#) before M1D5
- Which loading parameters are ideal?
  - A1, A2, B1, or B2? [record this in your lab notebook](#)
- Quiz on M1D3

# Today in the lab

- Experimental parameters for 1 and 2
  - check your plan with instructor
- Retrieve your cells
  - at 500,000 cells / mL
- Split
  - one student in main lab,  
t = 0 CometChip
  - one student in TC room, *sterile*,  
t = 2.5 day CometChip
- (Image your t = 0 cells)
- Watch

<http://www.jove.com/video/50607/cometchip-high-throughput-96-well-platform-for-measuring-dna-damage>

