


# Thermo Fisher Scientific

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A group of young children are leaning over a stone ledge, playing in a shallow pool of water. They are smiling and looking down at the water. The background shows a blurred city street with buildings and trees.

Our Mission is our purpose:

**To enable our  
customers to make  
the world healthier,  
cleaner and safer**

## Healthier

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We make a positive impact on human health by providing our customers with advanced technologies and expertise to deliver breakthrough medicines and diagnostics that improve lives worldwide. Our customers rely on us to help them achieve the impossible.

## Cleaner

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We empower our customers with the tools to understand and address climate change, develop greener technologies and to help ensure the quality of air and water that sustains all life. As their partner, we are working with our customers to preserve our planet for future generations.

## Safer

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From products that detect contamination in food, to instruments that help solve crimes and identify potential threats, we provide the solutions that enable our customers to protect our communities. Together, we are determined to create a safer world.

## Expertise you can rely on



**\$1.3B/YR**

Invested in R&D



**120,000+**

Colleagues



**\$42B+**

In revenue



**7,200+**

R&D scientists/  
engineers



# A rich history of microbiology excellence

**ThermoFisher**  
SCIENTIFIC



1924

- Oxoid is born out of LabLemco™
- Specialized in culture media development
- Expand expertise to susceptibility testing

1973

- Regional Media Laboratories
- Specialized in prepared culture media
- Acquired immunodiagnostic capability

**remel**

2006

**ThermoFisher**  
SCIENTIFIC

A unique heritage in service  
dedicated to microbiology, providing  
excellent quality and support to  
microbiologists worldwide





# Why We're A Culture You Can Trust



**-30%**

waste reduction

## Commitment to Sustainability

Our sustainable manufacturing practices prioritize eco-friendly materials, energy-efficient technologies, and environmentally compliant facility expansions, benefiting customers with greener, more responsible products



**+40%**

increased capacity

## Strategic Capacity Expansion

We have significantly invested in state-of-the-art automation technologies and expanded our facilities in the US and UK to support growing customer demand, enhance precision, reduce human error, and increase production speed



**230**

countries shipped to

## Supply Chain Resilience

Customers can benefit from consistently high-quality products and reduced impact from market fluctuations with our global distribution network and control over critical supply chain elements, such as peptone production



**618K**

customers served

## Customer Centric Support

With over 100 years of microbiology expertise we can provide you with exceptional technical support, extensive product knowledge and expert advice, across the Clinical, Food & Beverage and Pharmaceutical market segments

# Continued investment in network to serve Microbiology customers worldwide



**2400+ employees**  
**13 locations**

# The economic burden of beverage product recalls

## Microbial spoilage contamination in the beverage market cost Millions \$ in terms of product recalls

- Microbial spoilage originate from raw materials, air, water, transport, packaging.
- Spoilage organisms can cause off-flavors, cloudiness, gas production, package swelling and spoilage
- Sometimes, they **remain undetected until it is too late.**



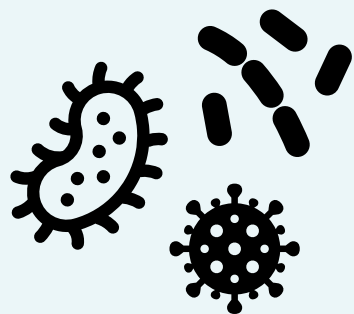
- **Testing** of environmental factors and finished products is crucial to prevent product holds, recalls, and brand damage
- **Traditional Methods are culture-based** and can take up to 7 days, which is a **too long time** for modern beverage production needs.



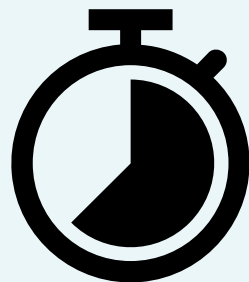
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Need of a more effective and proactive contamination control strategy

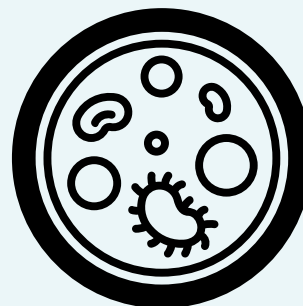
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Less product recalls

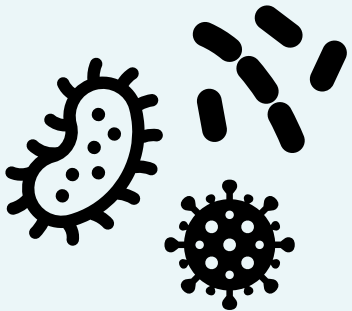


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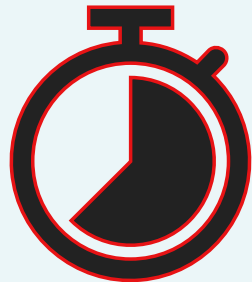


# Thermo Fisher support to beverage industries

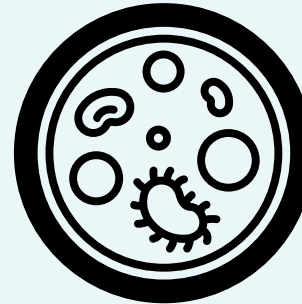
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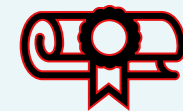
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# Thermo Scientific™ SureTect™ Beverage assays

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**Thermo Scientific™ SureTect™**

*Brettanomyces* spp. and *S. cerevisiae* Multiplex PCR Assay

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**Thermo Scientific™ SureTect™**

Beverage Spoilage Multiplex PCR Assay



# Rapid Spoilage Organism Detection

We have partnered with a beverage manufacturer to develop a rapid solution for environmental monitoring of yeast

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## Thermo Scientific™ SureTect™ *Brettanomyces* spp. and *S. cerevisiae* Multiplex PCR Assay

- ➔ Single PCR reaction detects and differentiates *Brettanomyces* species and *S. cerevisiae* in environmental and product samples
- ➔ *Brettanomyces*. target only includes those strains of concern for beverage spoilage (*B. naardenensis*, *B. anomalus* and *B. bruxellensis*)
- ➔ PCR result available after 3 days enrichment
- ➔ Rapid results support faster product release/acceptance and quicker response to environmental contamination



# Rapid Spoilage Organism Detection

The partnership progressed to develop industry-first, multi-parameter, molecular solution for rapid beverage quality testing in finished products.\*

## 2 Thermo Scientific™ SureTect™ Beverage Spoilage Multiplex PCR Assay

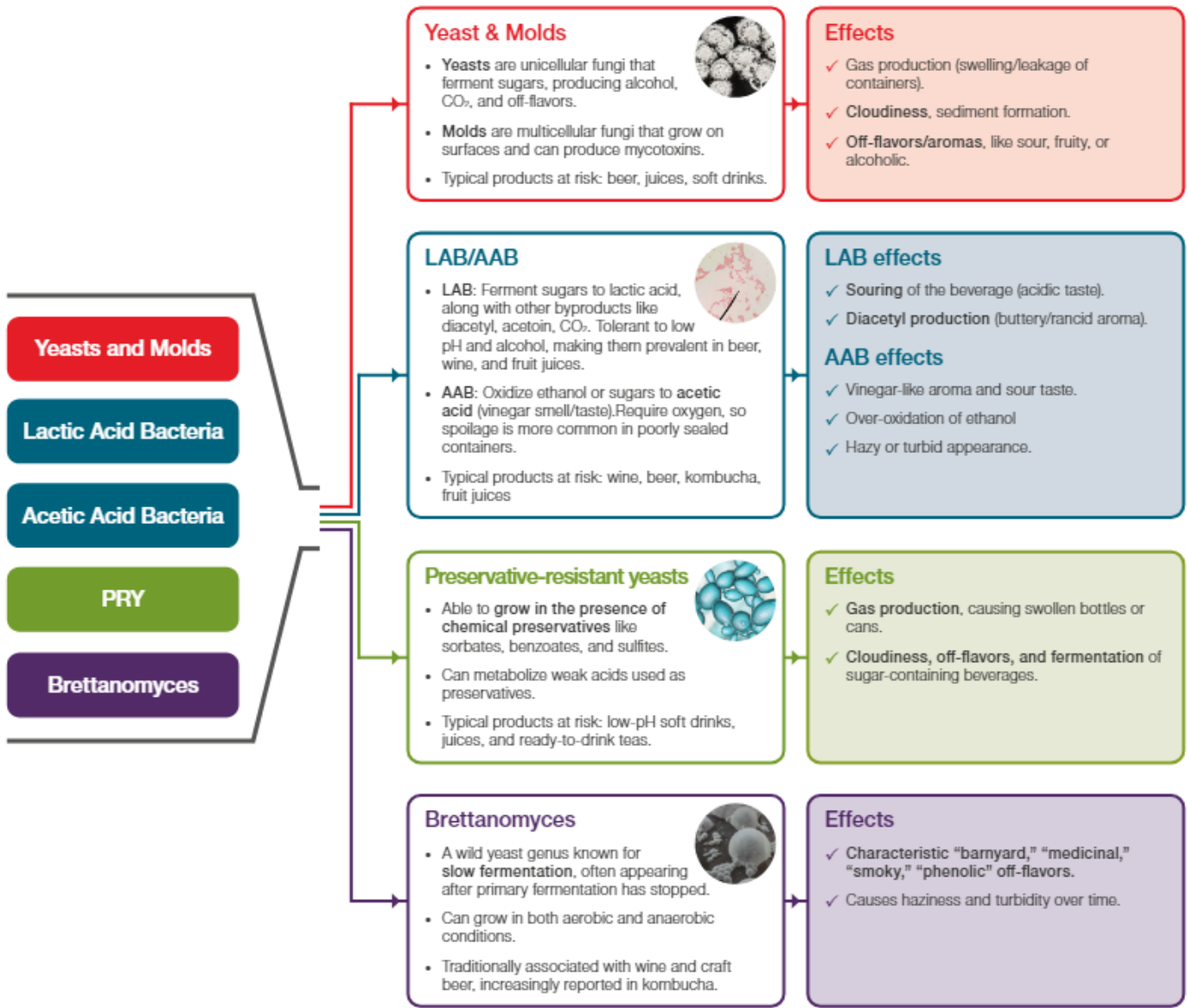
- ➔ Actionable results **4 to 6 days earlier** than traditional methods and current PCR solutions
- ➔ One PCR reaction – broad range of spoilage microorganisms; more than 100 different strains
- ➔ Streamlined risk-based product release decisions
- ➔ More sustainable operations with reduced plastics and waste



\*Yeast and Molds (Y&M), Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) and Acetic Acid Bacteria (AAB), Dekkera spp, and Preservative resistant yeasts (PRY), from filterable and non filterable beverage samples



# Key beverage spoilers



## SureTect™ Beverage Spoilage Multiplex PCR Assay

- Large **AAB and LAB species** coverage – more than 40
- Ideal for **mixed bacterial populations** - usually missed by cultures
- **Preservative-resistant yeast identification** - not possible with traditional methods
- Increased **sensitivity and specificity** for risk-based decisions

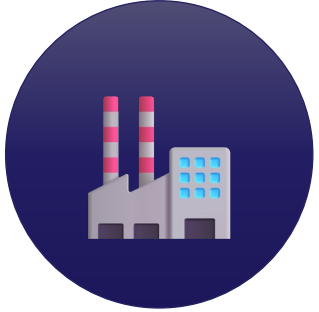


# SureTest Beverage Spoilage Multiplex PCR Assay



Channel	Target name in RFA	Target group	Species and other details
Cy5	Y&M	Yeasts and molds	Broad coverage across hundreds of yeast and mold species
FAM	Brettanomyces spp.	<i>Brettanomyces</i> spp.	<i>B. naardenensis</i> , <i>B. anomalus</i> , <i>B. bruxellensis</i>
VIC	PR Yeast	Preservative resistant yeasts	<i>Zygosaccharomyces</i> species, including <i>Z. bailii</i> , <i>Z. parabailii</i> , <i>Z. bisphorous</i> , <i>Z. lentus</i> , <i>Z. rouxii</i> , <i>Z. pseudorouxii</i>
			<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>
Cy5.5	LAB/AAB	Lactic acid bacteria	<i>Companilactobacillus mindensis</i>
			<i>Lactacaseibacillus paracasei</i>
			<i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i> , <i>L. argentoratensis</i>
			<i>Liquorilactobacillus cacaonum</i> , <i>L. hordei</i> , <i>L. satsumensis</i> , <i>L. mali</i> , <i>L. oeni</i>
		Acetic acid bacteria	<i>Asaia</i> species, including <i>A. bogorensis</i> , <i>A. krungthepensis</i> , <i>A. platycodi</i> , <i>A. prunellae</i> , <i>A. lannensis</i> , <i>A. siamensis</i>
			<i>Acetobacter. aceti</i> , <i>A. oryzifermentas</i> , <i>A. pomorum</i> , <i>A. pasterianus</i> , <i>A. tropicalis</i> , <i>A. ascendens</i>
			<i>Gluconacetobacter liquefaciens</i> , <i>G. dulcium</i>
			<i>Komagataebacter xylinus</i>
ABY	IPC BSM	N/A	N/A

# What is a daily routine?

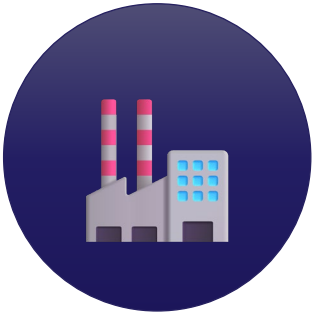


Manufacturing Plant

Aseptic Products

Non-aseptic Products

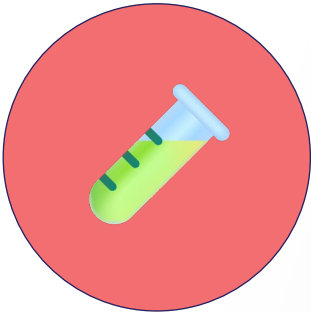
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QC Test

4 parameters:

Y&M

Yeasts & Molds

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LAB/AAB

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Brett

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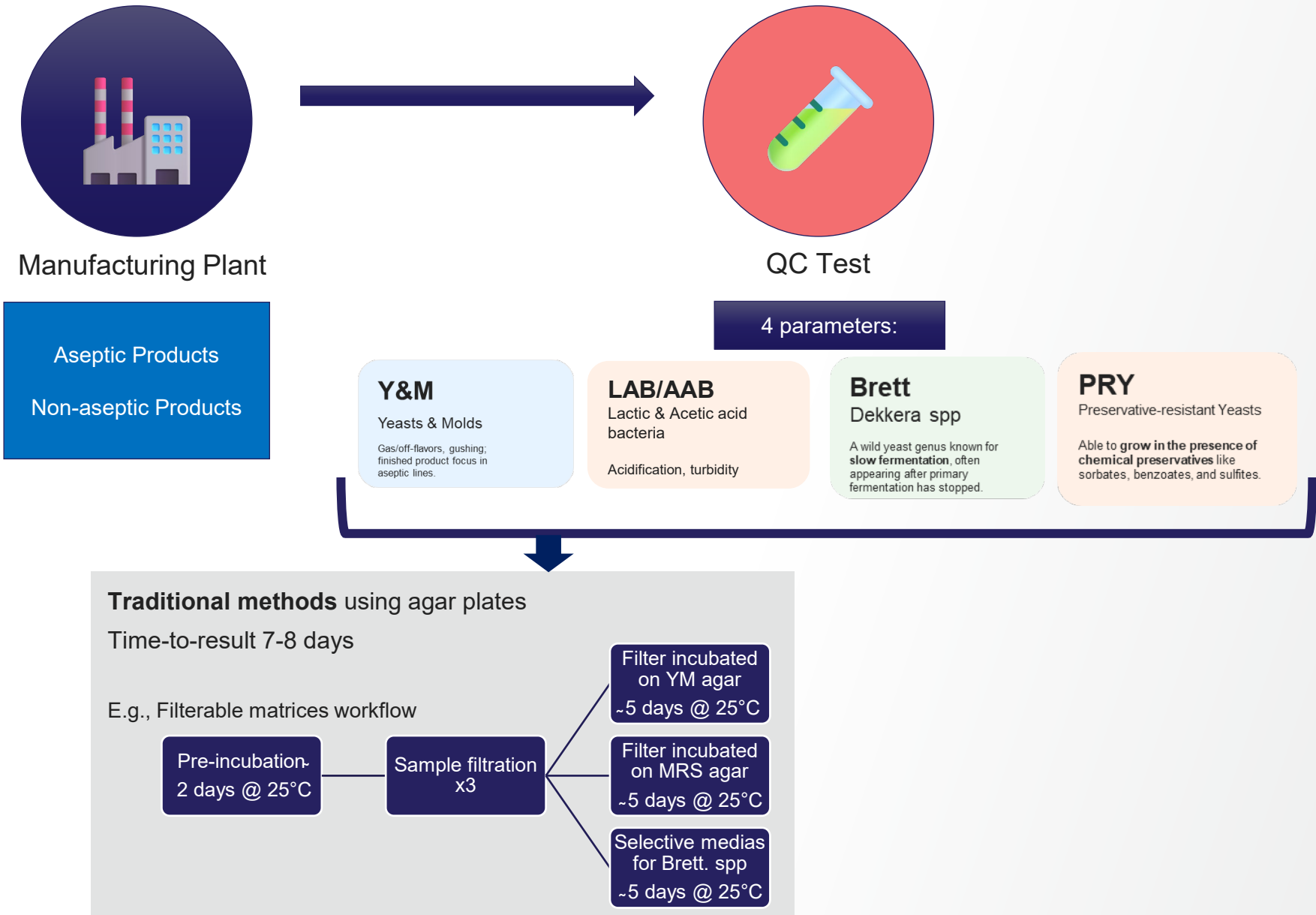
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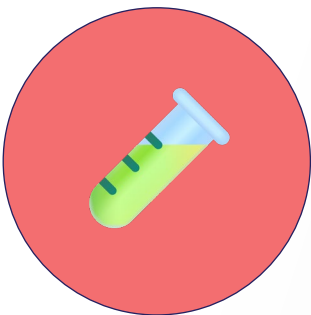


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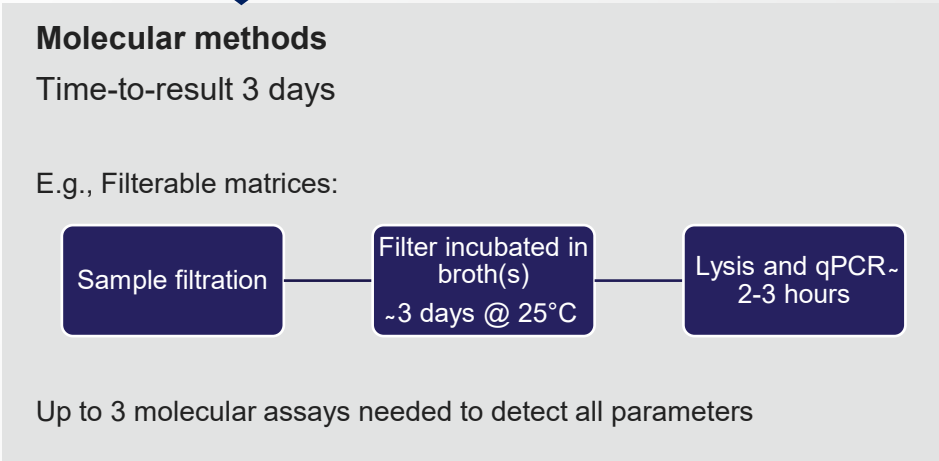
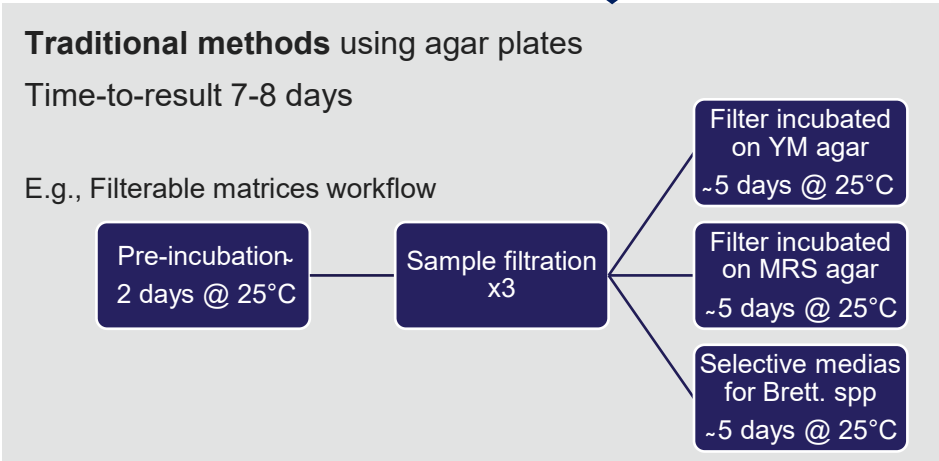
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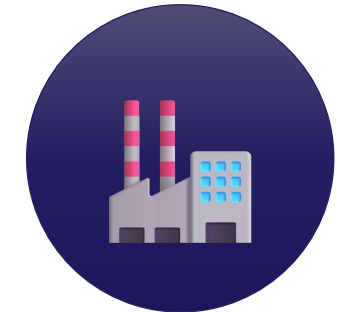
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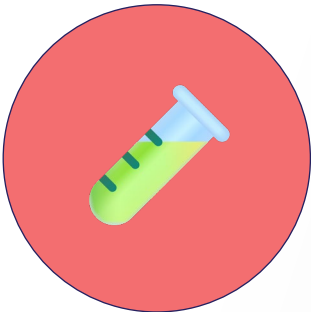


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Release

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**Negative release**  
ship before results;  
block if later positive

**Positive release**  
wait for a negative  
result before shipping  
Net: time-to-result is  
a drag on ops

**Traditional methods** using agar plates  
Time-to-result 7-8 days

E.g., Filterable matrices workflow

```
graph LR
    A[Pre-incubation  
2 days @ 25°C] --> B[Sample filtration  
x3]
    B --> C1[Filter incubated  
on YM agar  
~5 days @ 25°C]
    B --> C2[Filter incubated  
on MRS agar  
~5 days @ 25°C]
    B --> C3[Selective medias  
for Brett. spp  
~5 days @ 25°C]
```

**Molecular methods**  
Time-to-result 3 days

E.g., Filterable matrices:

```
graph LR
    A[Sample filtration] --> B[Filter incubated in  
broth(s)  
~3 days @ 25°C]
    B --> C[Lysis and qPCR  
2-3 hours]
```

Up to 3 molecular assays needed to detect all parameters

# Beverage Spoilage Assay



## Delivers

- Flags the **big four** groups: Y&M, Brettanomyces, preservative-resistant yeasts, LAB & AAB
- **Turnaround time** ~2–3 hours after enrichment
- Works with **filterable & non-filterable samples**
- Enrichment ensures growth for **detection and live/dead differentiation**



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- **No species-level discrimination** within those groups
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## Is species ID important?

- **Release gate:** No → any positive = hold; group-level is enough.
- **Stop it from happening again:** Yes → species (and sometimes strain) tells you what to fix (preservatives, oxygen control, thermal steps, sanitation niche).

# Complete pathogen detection in a single assay

SureTect Lysis Plate  
Pre-filled with Lysis Reagent 1

Lysis Reagent 2  
Listeria & S. aureus kits only

Pierceable Seals

- ➔ One PCR reaction – broad range of spoilage microorganisms ~ more than 100 microbial species
- ➔ Actionable results **4 days earlier** will lead to **Recall prevention**
- ➔ **Unique to the market**

Blue Proteinase K Reagent

SureTect PCR Assay Plate

Optical PCR Caps



# Switching from traditional methods?

## Culture media

VS

Hands- on time per  
sample

4 min



0.18 min

Handling steps

18 steps



6 steps

Productivity

40 samples/ day



96 samples/ day

Time to result

7 days



3 days

Annual plastic  
waste

3.8 tn



0.86 tn

Consumables  
cost per sample

~6 €



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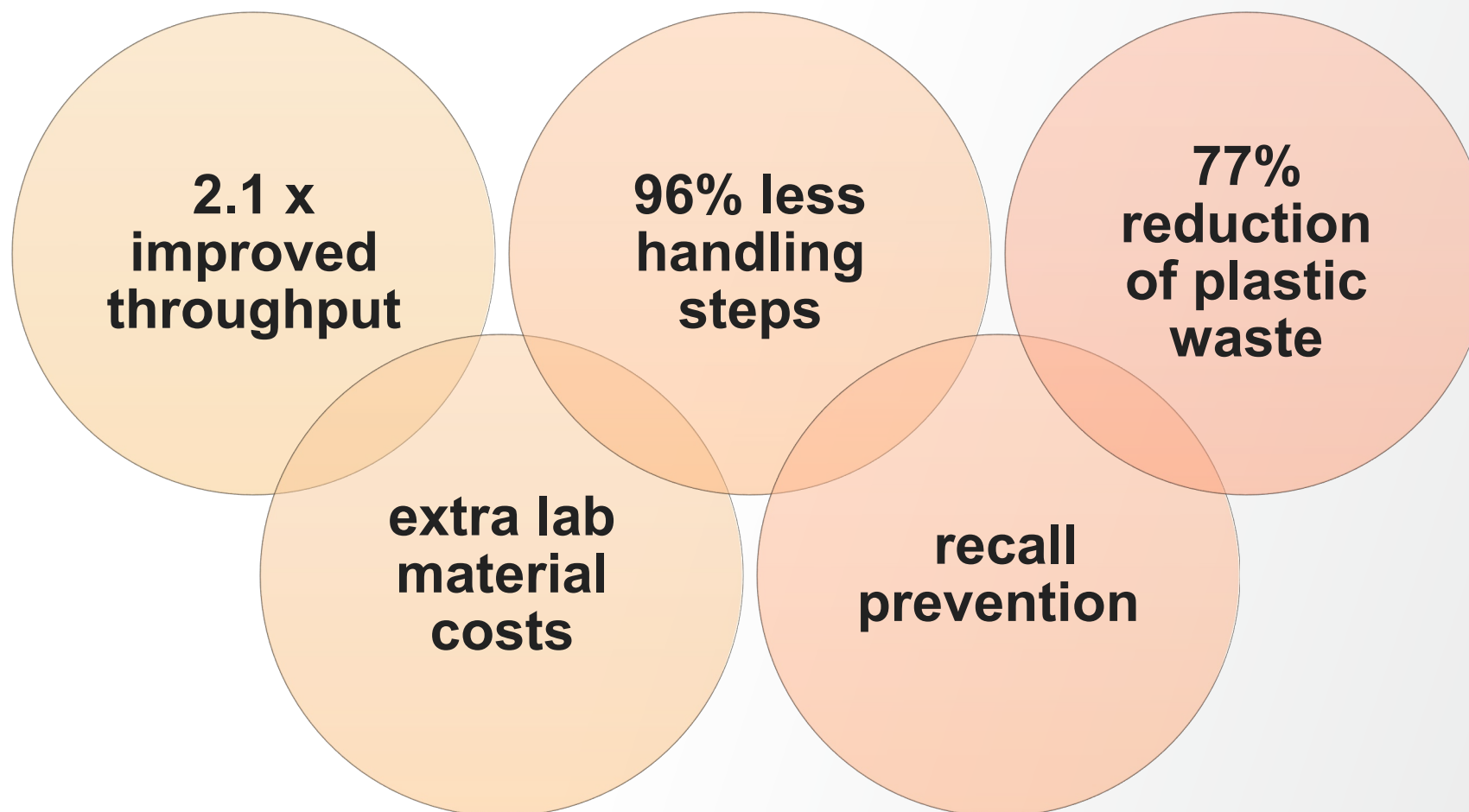


~12€

**Double the cost**



# The qPCR Advantage: Faster, Greener, and More Profitable



**Though qPCR cost/test is higher, overall profitability is significantly increased.**

Speed: Results 4 days faster than conventional methods

Efficiency: Reduced hands-on time and improved productivity

Sustainability: Reduce your plastic waste and energy use

Brand Protection: Reduced risk of Recalls and product scraps

# Complete Solutions for Beverage Safety and Quality Testing

ThermoFisher  
SCIENTIFIC

## Filtration\*



Sample Filtration

## Culture media



Dehydrated  
Culture Media



Prepared Culture  
Media

## Sample lysis and preparation



Sample Dilutors, Peristaltic  
Pumps, and Homogenizers



Sample Preparation & DNA  
Extraction Systems

## Molecular methods



Open real-time PCR system for  
detection, quantitation and  
typing



CyBio™ FeliX for SureTect  
Automation

**Total solution from sample to result**

\*through our channel partners

# Thermo Scientific™ SureTest™ PCR System

Visibly simple food pathogen testing

With our comprehensive portfolio of assays combined with world-class instrumentation, you can confidently perform food safety tests knowing exactly what you are getting – quality combined with simplicity.



## Streamlined handling

Ready-to-use reagents and ergonomically designed tools for easy handling



## Fail safe

Color-coded plates and reagents to keep you on track



## Smart instrumentation

Automated sample preparation, lysis, test set-up and result interpretation



# Large number of food matrices evaluated

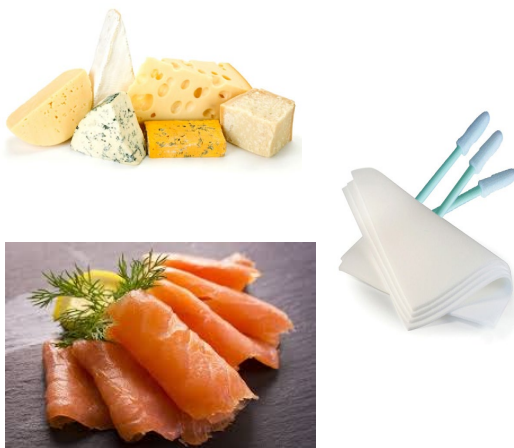
## Salmonella spp.



## Salmonella multiplex



## Listeria spp.



## L. monocytogenes



## STEC and E. coli O157:H7



## Cronobacter spp.



## Vibrio



## Campylobacter



## S. aureus



# Thermo Scientific™ SureTect™ PCR System

## SureTect™ PCR Manual solution



## SureTect™ PCR Automated solution



# SureTest PCR Workflow

Simplified for productivity

8-24  
hours



Single enrichment  
step



Sample preparation  
and lysis

~ 80  
minutes



Run, read and report  
PCR-negative results

24  
hours



Report/confirm  
PCR-positive results

One workflow for all  
pathogen targets

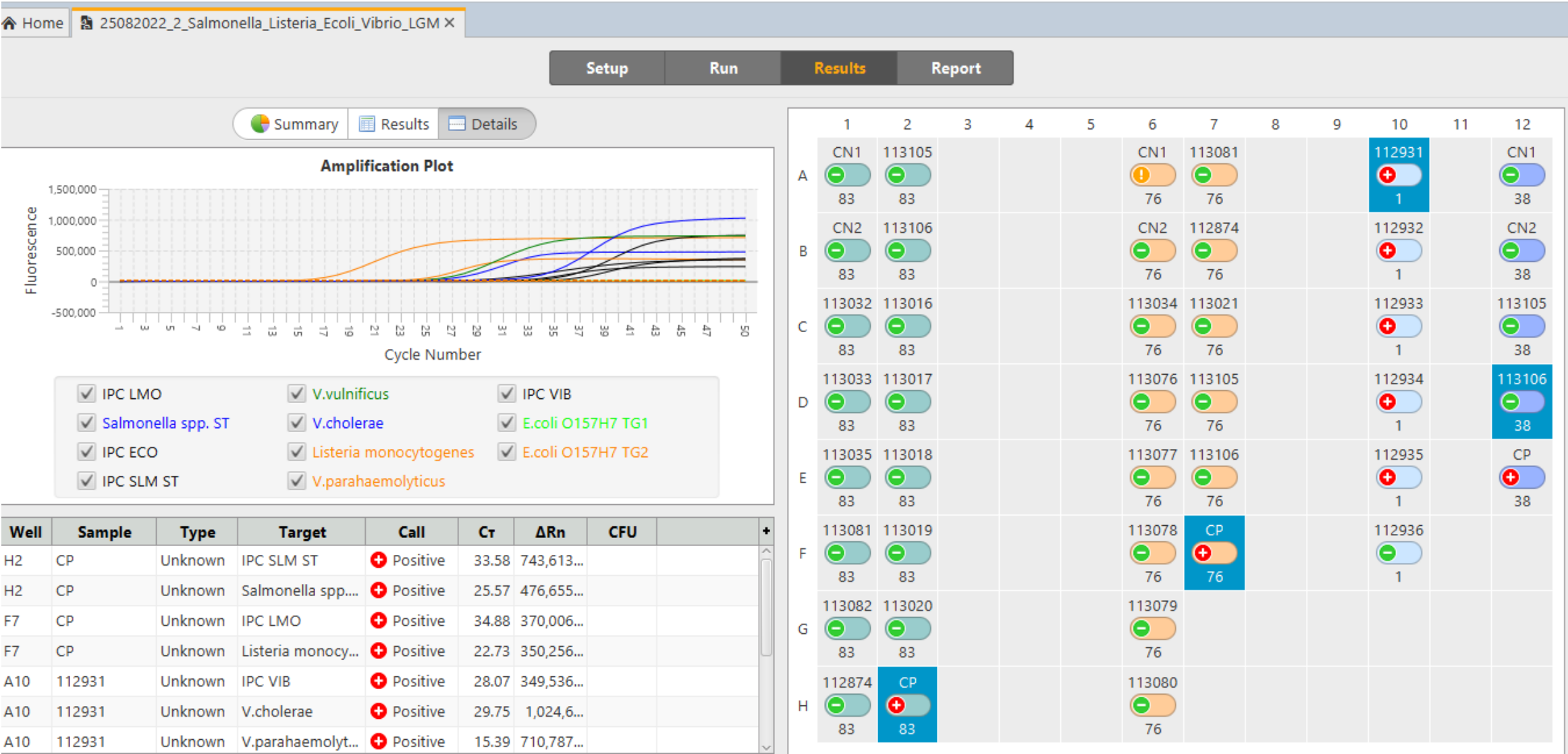
Ready-to-use and pre-  
dispensed reagents

Test multiple pathogens  
simultaneously

Flexibility for 1 to 96 tests in  
each run

Report negatives  
within 1 day

Simple, rapid confirmation  
tests for PCR-positives





# Thermo Scientific™ SureTect™ PCR System

## SureTect™ PCR Manual solution



## SureTect™ PCR Automated solution



# SureTest Automation

Reduce hands-on time, whilst increasing the accuracy and reproducibility of your results, with fully automated lysis and PCR preparation



## Time Saving

Rapid set-up and walk-away automation minimizes hands-on time in your workflow.



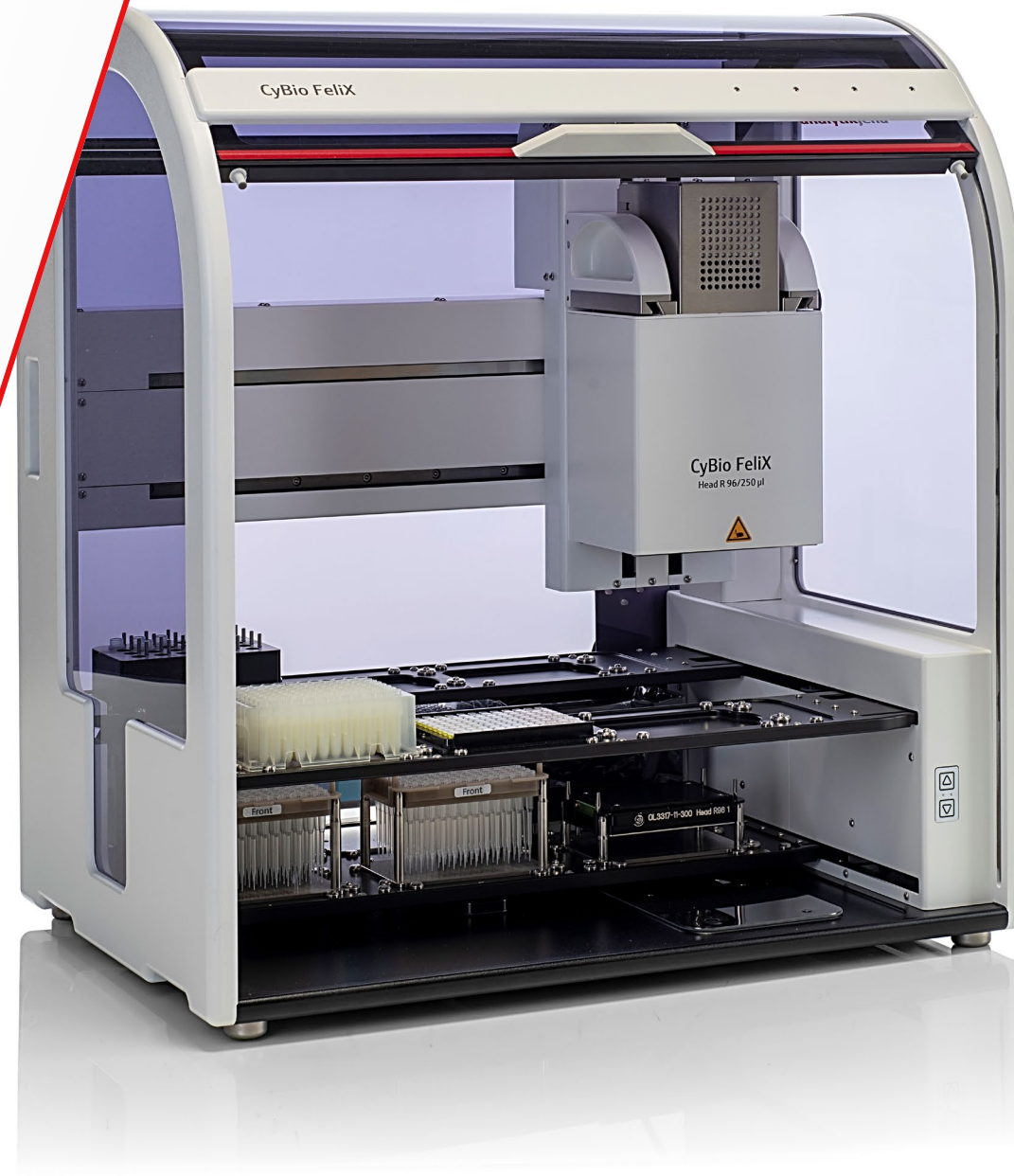
## Accurate

Precise pipetting reduces the risk of human error, improving the reproducibility of results.



## Flexible

Up to 6 assays/96 samples per run, with the choice to automate lysis, PCR setup or the complete workflow.



# Your laboratory workflow challenges

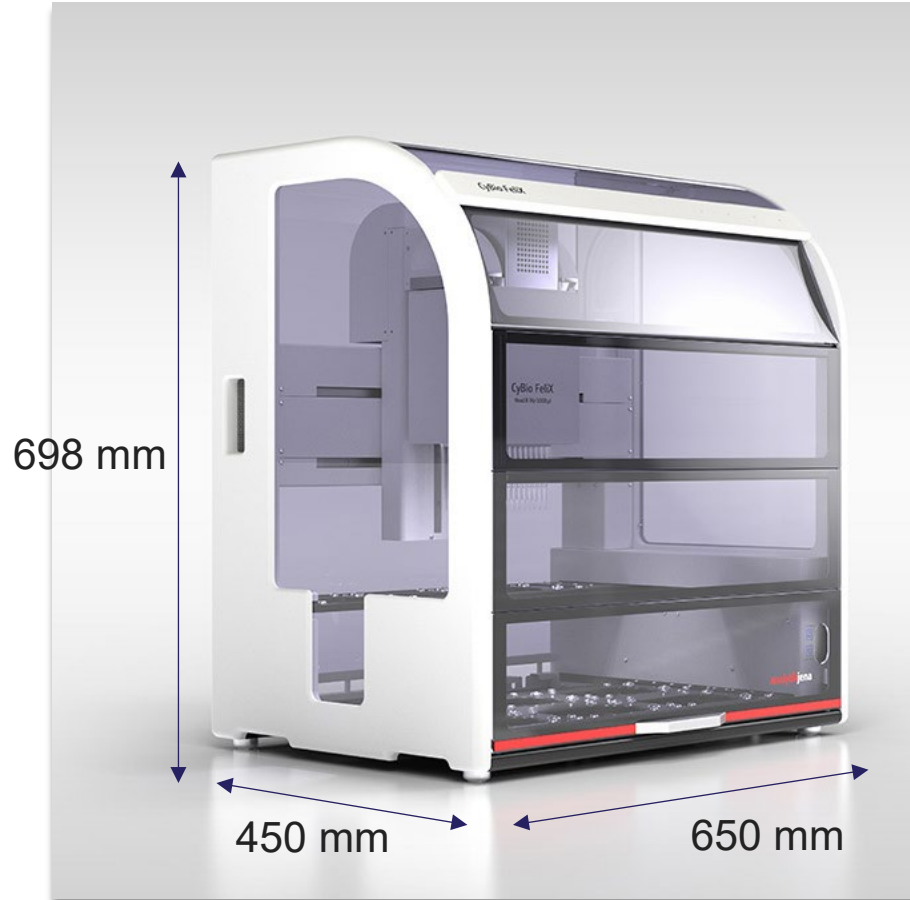
## Why choose automation?

### User insight

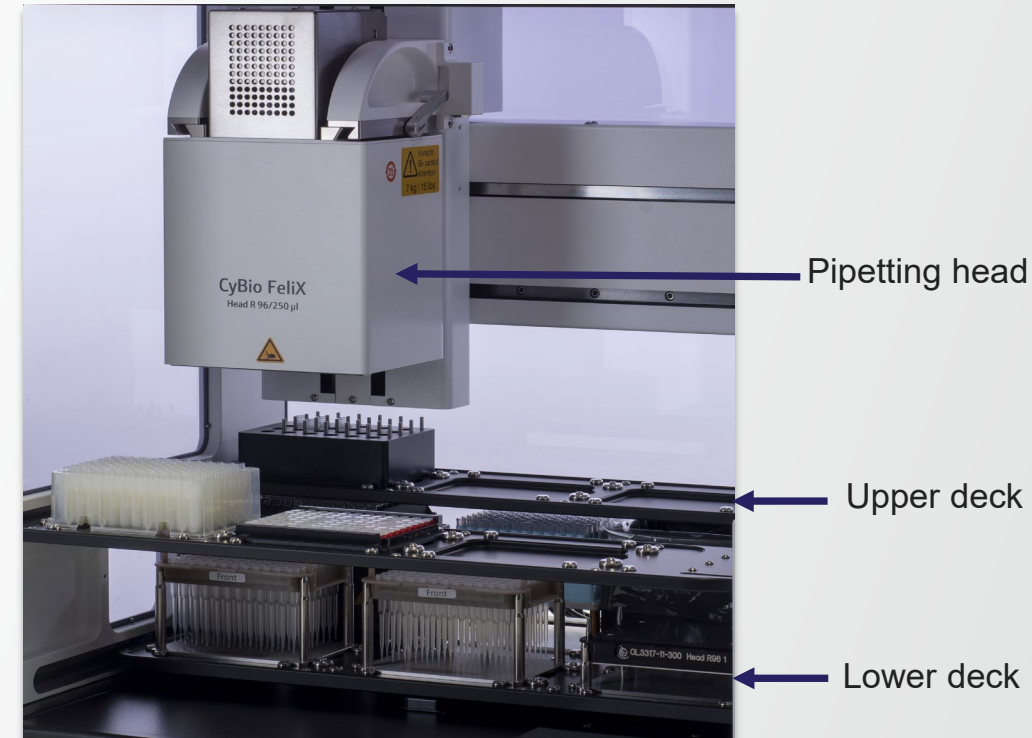
1. Reduce hands-on time & increase efficiency
2. Increase accuracy and reproducibility
3. Cost and resource savings
4. Simplify usability of the workflow
5. Reduce cross-contamination risk
6. Shortage of skilled technicians available



# CyBio FeliX Instrument



- ✓ Compact design with unique 2-level deck design suitable for any laboratory
- ✓ Factory calibrated
- ✓ Installation of Software, Plug and Play
- ✓ Easy to use instrument
- ✓ Weight = 58 Kg

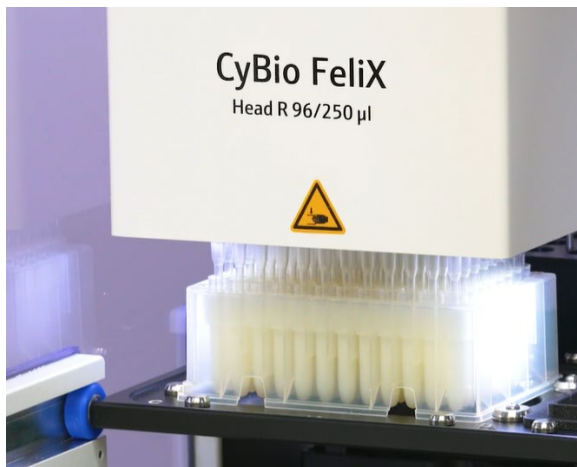


**Innovative 2-deck levels to reduce space**



# SureTest Automation Workflow head options

## Flexible head options to suit every lab



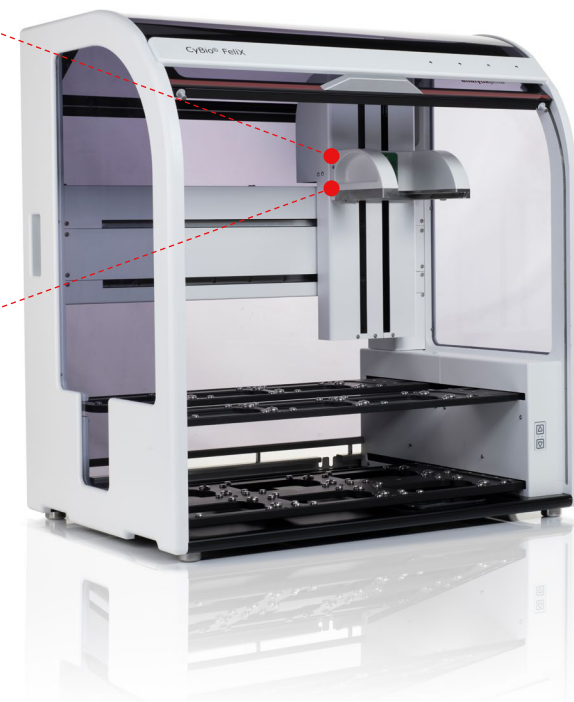
### Head R 96

- Up to 96 sample pipetting
- Shorter run time (around 40 minutes)
- Just 4-5 minutes hands-on time
- Full walk-away solution



### CHOICE™ Head

- Simultaneous up to 8 sample pipetting
- Slightly longer run time (53 minutes)
- Just 4-5 minutes hands-on time



- ✓ Preventive Maintenance
- ✓ High priority service contract option
- ✓ Head Exchange Program option



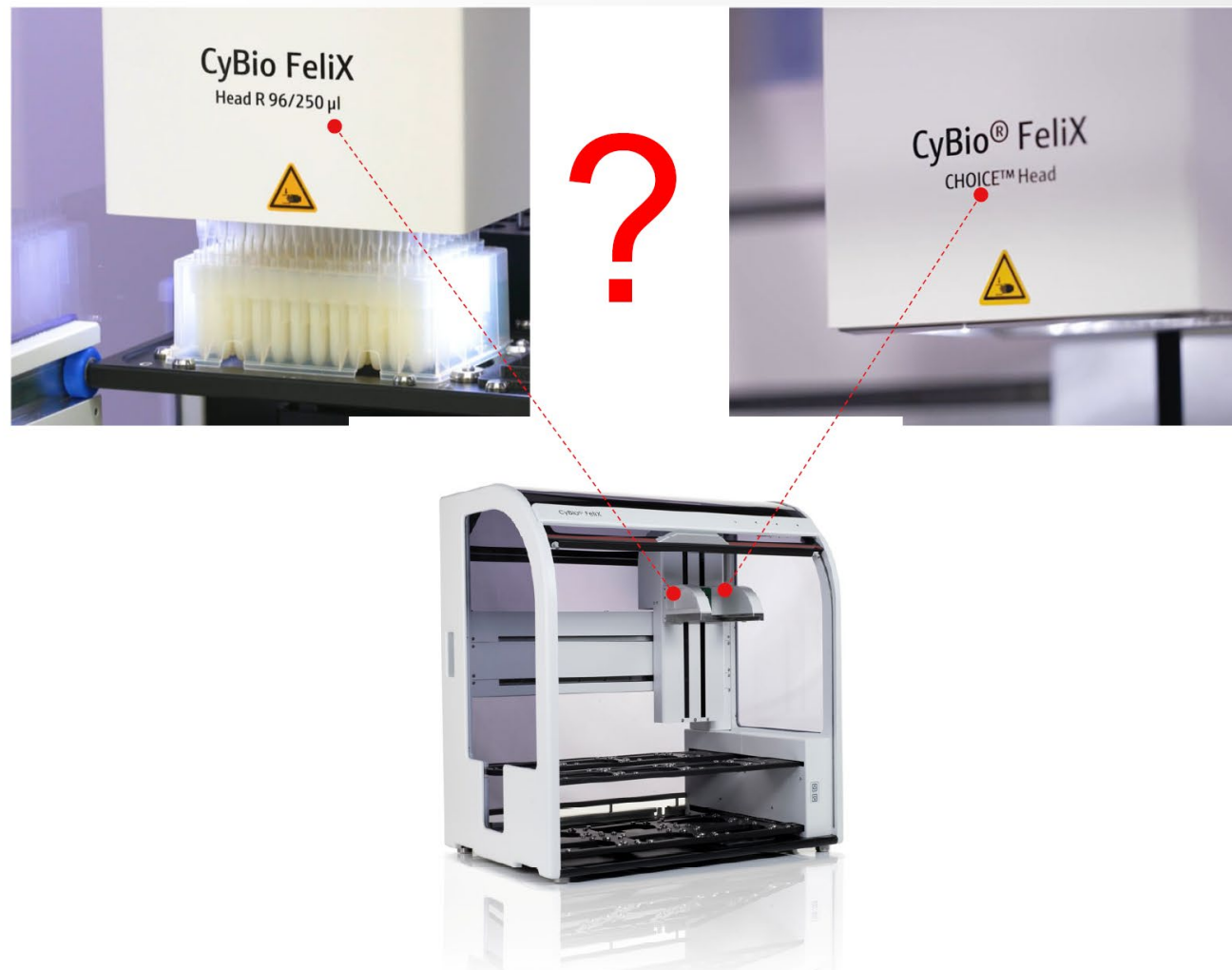
# SureTest Automation Flex Package

To make Felix more Flexible ....

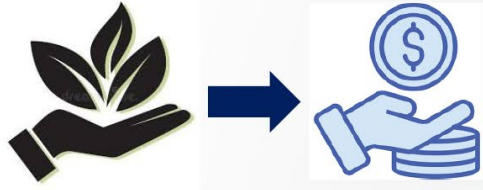
Flex Package configuration

How does it work?

Advantages



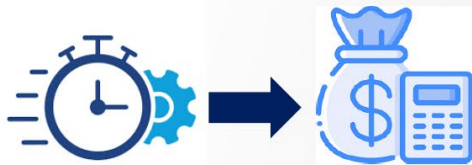
## To ensure maximum control with SureTest Automation Workflow



- Reduce consumables waste mainly Filter Tips offering a sustainable workflow
- Reduce consumables cost per point



- Offer modular run time based on customer needs and urgency to get results



- Reduce the Piston movement of the Pipetting head, when needed.
- Reduce time to service pipetting Head
- Reduce significantly service cost



- Continue to offer Full walk away workflow, when needed, with an easy-to-use instrument and friendly software guidance



**The perfect balance between cost saving and rapid Time To Results**

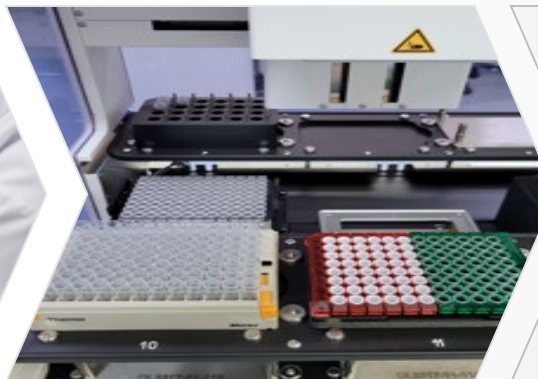
# SureTest Automation Workflow steps



Enrichment



Add sample enrichment to sample tube



Load sample tubes, pipette tips, and reagents



Automated sample lysis & lysis and PCR setup - 40 min for 96 samples



Remove PCR tubes, seal and vortex for 10 seconds and flick to remove droplets



Run PCR ~ 80 mins for 96 samples

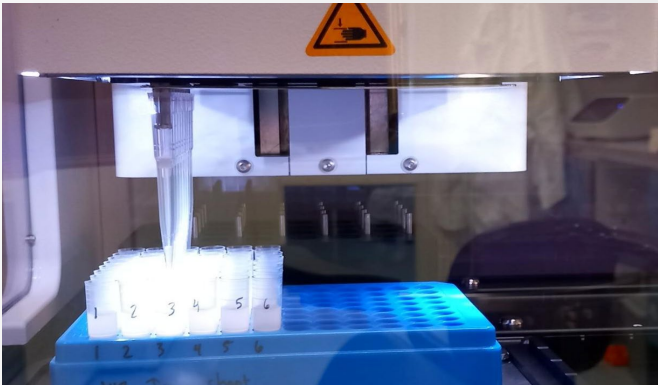
**Only 5 minutes hands-on time (27 minutes for manual workflow) to process 96 samples**

**Just 1 manual pipetting step across the automation workflow**

**Test up to 96 samples or 6 assays in a single run**

**Pre-programmed runs for quick setup**

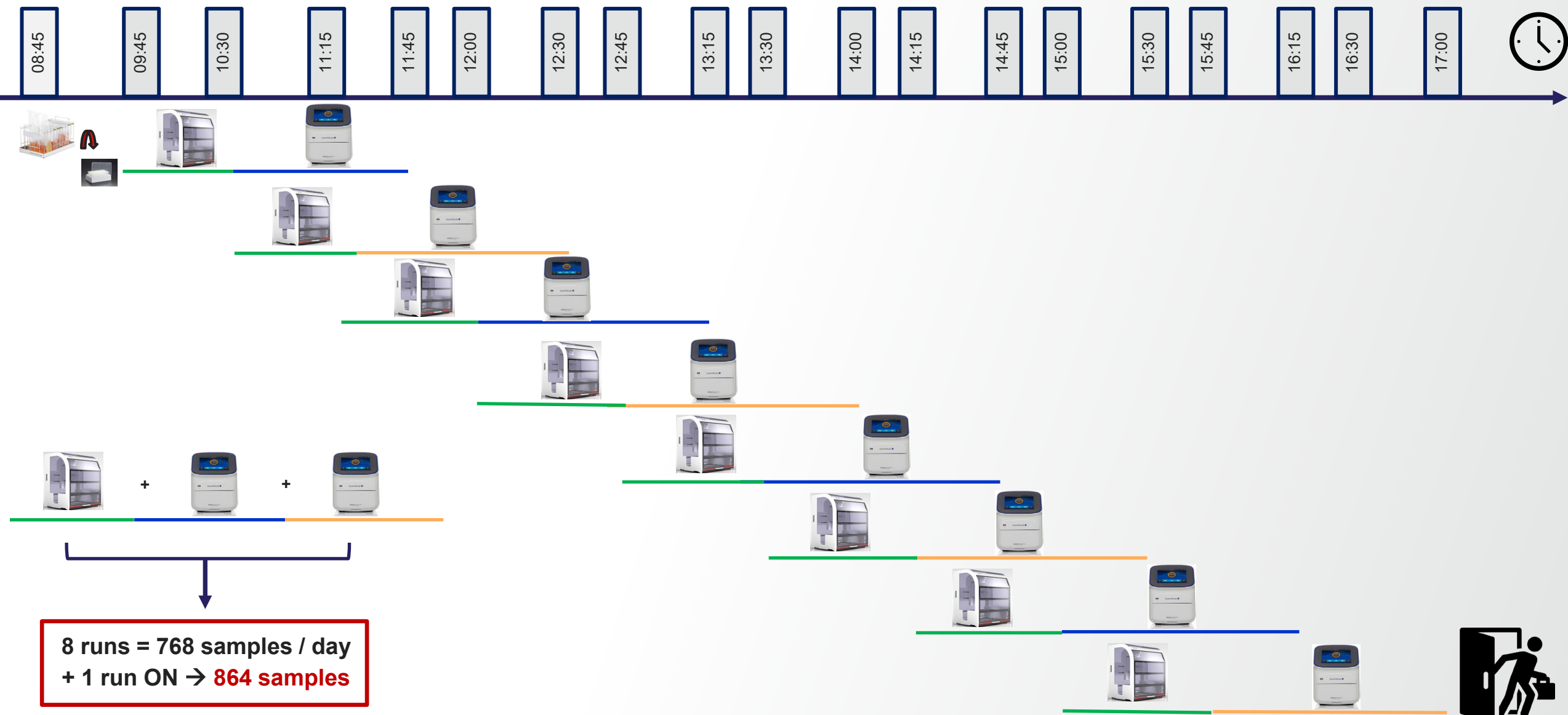
# Estimated Run time for 96 samples



	Manual workflow	Automated Head R 96 workflow	Automated CHOICE head workflow
Run time	42 min	39 min	53 min
Hands-On time	27 min	4-5 min	4-5 min

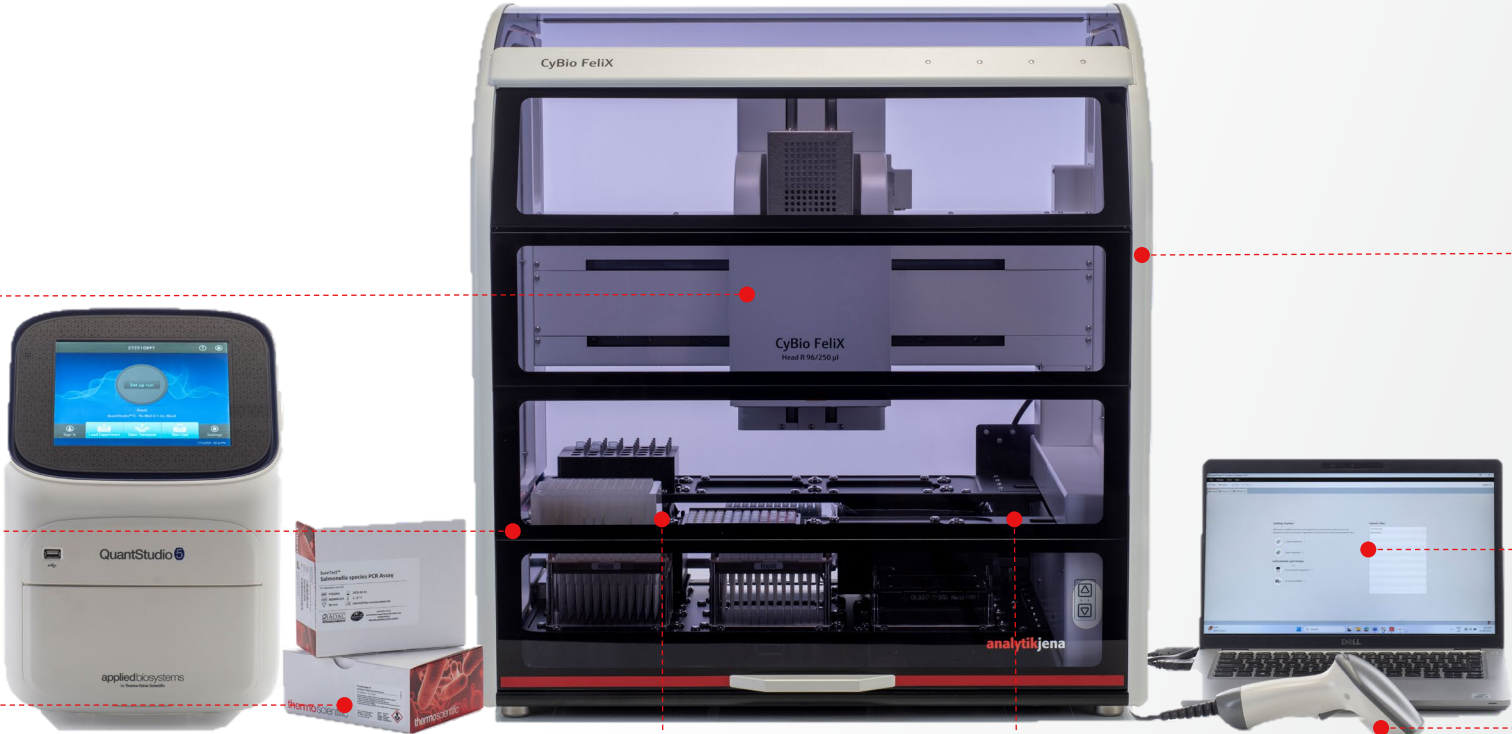


# My day with Felix and 2 x QS5 ...





# World class instrumentation for comprehensive portfolio of food safety and quality assays



The image shows a ThermoFisher CyBio Felix PCR system, a compact, dual-deck instrument designed for food safety and quality assays. The system consists of a main unit with a transparent front panel, revealing the internal components including the pipetting head and the sample block. To the left of the main unit is a QuantStudio thermal cycler, which is a small, white, cylindrical device with a screen and a keypad. To the right of the main unit is a laptop displaying the software interface, and a barcode scanner is positioned in front of it. The system is designed for high-throughput processing, with a capacity for up to 96 samples and 6 assays per run. The main unit is labeled 'CyBio Felix' and 'Head R 96/250 µl'. The QuantStudio is labeled 'QuantStudio' and 'Applied Biosystems'. The laptop screen shows a software interface with various assay protocols and sample entry options. The barcode scanner is used for sample entry and traceability. The system is designed to be space-saving and easy to use, with a weight of only 58kg.

- Choice of pipetting head options
- Integrated heating and cooling block
- SureTect-specific protocols
- Capacity for up to 96 samples/6 assays per run
- Innovative, space-saving dual-deck design
- Only 58kg
- Intuitive software interface
- Barcoded sample entry for full traceability and LIMS compatibility

# Thermo Fisher Scientific PCR Assays

ThermoFisher  
SCIENTIFIC



## Ambient shipping conditions

More cost-effective



## Pre-dispensed lysis & PCR reagents

Reduces handling steps and risk of operational error



## Color-coded lysis & PCR plates with orientation identification

Easy target identification & reduction in human error



## Color indicated reagents

Allows for simple tracking while pipetting



## Internal Amplification Control (IAC) in every well

Confidence with every result



## Compact kit size

Easy storage and organization



Simple



Smart



Fast

# Better. Together.

Together we can advance safety & quality



Flexible solutions for simple & accurate testing



Consultative technical & application support network



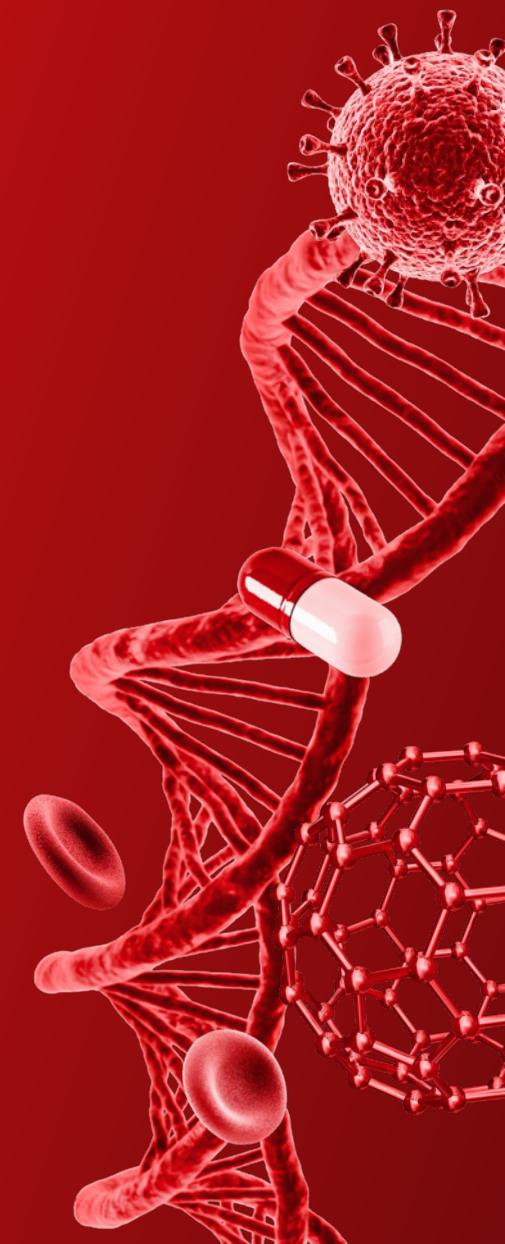
Global supply chain to support all your testing requirements



Continued investment in R&D innovation



# Thank you

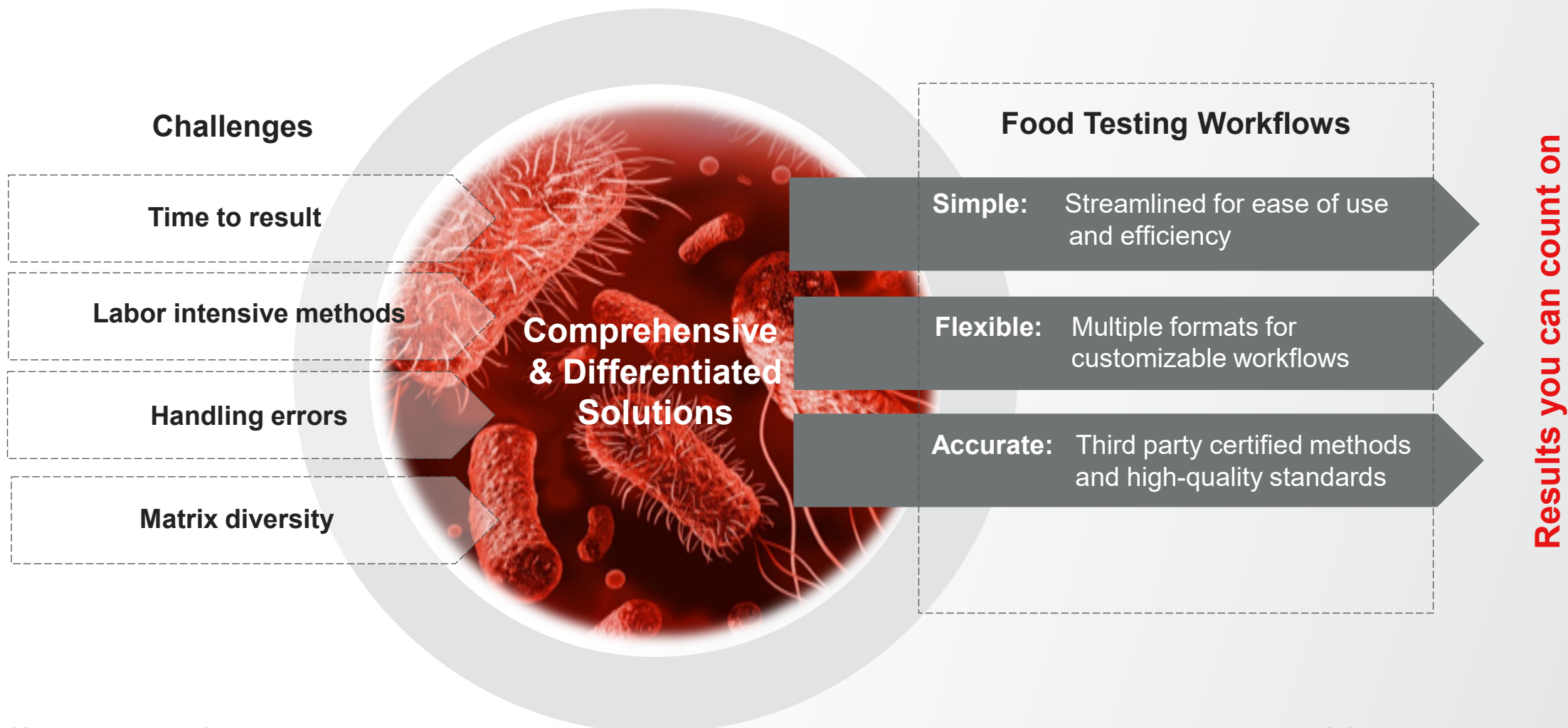




# Our solution to food testing



Helping our customers solve their greatest testing challenges



We offer simple, flexible and accurate solutions to address the unique testing needs of food customers



# Complete pathogen detection in a single assay



SureTect Lysis Plate  
Pre-filled with Lysis Reagent 1

Lysis Reagent 2  
Listeria & S. aureus kits only

Pierceable Seals

Blue Proteinase K Reagent

SureTect PCR Assay Plate

Optical PCR Caps



# SureTest PCR Assay manual workflow



Enrichment



Using stepper pipette, add 10  $\mu$ L of Proteinase K Reagent to Lysis Tubes



Add 10  $\mu$ L of sample enrichment



10 minutes at 37°C then 5 minutes at 95°C



Multi-channel pipette



Transfer 20  $\mu$ L of DNA lysate to PCR tube



Vortex for 10 seconds  
Flick to remove droplets



Run PCR

# SureTest Food Safety PCR System Software

## Thermo Scientific™ RapidFinder™ Analysis Software v3.0



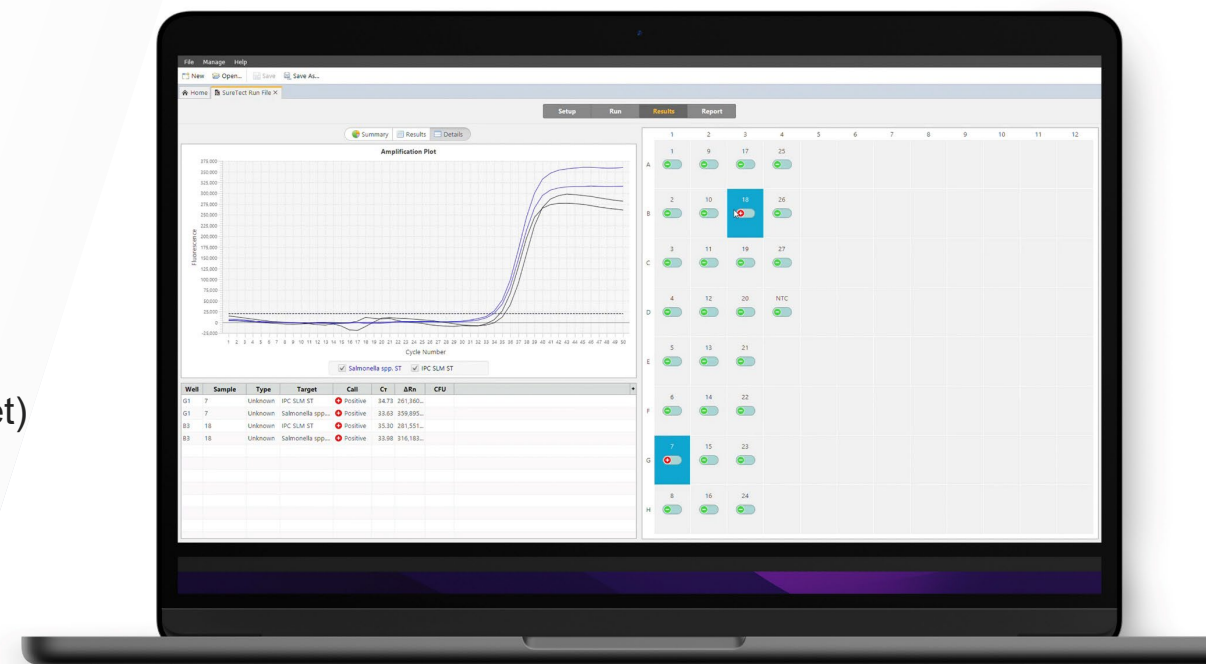
### Simple set-up

- Intuitive sample set-up
- Flexible plate layout
- Pre-set, optimized thermal cycling conditions per target
- Interrogation of results for the whole plate, grouped by sample, or for individual PCR tubes



### Automatic data interpretation

- Automatically generates results (presence or absence of the target)
- Quick interpretation of data with flags, notifications, and prompts
- Detailed report generation for printing or export
- Interoperability with LIMS or similar data management tool for importing plate set-up and exporting assay results



Ease of use from kit files and  
ease of data interpretation  
—red or green light