

Algae Cultivation & Industrial Production

OVERVIEW

More than 500 FlowCams® are used in 50+ countries to identify and count algae and other microscopic particles. The FlowCam images a liquid sample using a method that is automated and scalable compared to manual microscopy.

- Capture images of algal cells along with 40+ morphological measurements
- Analyze a 1 mL sample in 6 minutes
- Retain a record of results in Excel along with digital images of cells
- Track yield, cell size distribution, and contamination
- VisualSpreadsheet® software performs image analysis by measuring 40+ morphological parameters including biovolume, coloration, shape, and size to classify taxa



APPLICATIONS

Monitor culture health and yield by measuring cell size distribution and concentration

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Automate cell biovolume calculation

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Characterize astaxanthin concentration with color metrics

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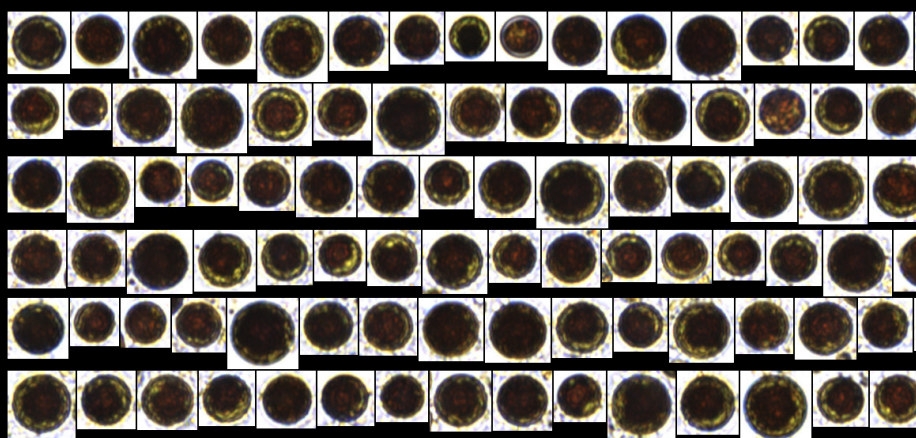
Analyze lipids using Nile Red or Bodipy stain and fluorescence excitation

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Track contamination of rotifers and biological invaders with image recognition

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Perform live/dead population analysis



HAEMATOCOCCUS PLUVIALIS IMAGED AT 10X

25 µm

FlowCam 8000	
Particle Size Range	2 µm to 1 mm
Magnification & Flow Cells	20X (~200X magnification), flow cell depth: 50 µm Field-of-View (FOV) 10X (~100X magnification), flow cell depth option: 80 µm and 100 µm FOV 4X (~40X magnification), flow cell depth option: 300 µm and 600 µm FOV 2X (~20X magnification), flow cell depth: 1 mm FOV
Sample Processing Capability	0.05 mL/minute at 20X and up to 5 mL/minute at 2X
Measured Parameters	<p>Basic Shape Parameters: Area, Aspect Ratio (width/length), Area Based Diameter (ABD), Equivalent Spherical Diameter (ESD), Length, Volume (ABD-based), Volume (ESD-based), Width, 3 Biovolume Measurements</p> <p>Advanced Morphology Parameters: Area (Filled), Circle Fit, Circularity, Circularity (Hu), Compactness, Convex Perimeter, Convexity, Elongation, Fiber Curl, Fiber Straightness, Geodesic Aspect Ratio, Geodesic Length, Geodesic Thickness, Perimeter, Roughness, Symmetry</p> <p>Fluorescence Detection & Measurements: Channel 1 Area, Channel 1 Peak, Channel 1 Width, Channel 2 Area, Channel 2 Peak, Channel 2 Width, Channel 2/Channel 1 Ratio</p> <p>Gray Scale and Color Measurements: Average Blue, Average Green, Average Red, Blue/Green Ratio, Red/Blue Ratio, Red/Green Ratio, Edge Gradient, Intensity, Sigma Intensity, Sum Intensity, Transparency</p>
Camera	High resolution (1920x1200 pixels) CMOS. Monochrome and color available.
Frame Rate	Shutters up to 100 frames per second.
Fluidics	Micro syringe pump with multiple sizes to optimize flow rates: 0.5 mL, 1 mL, 5 mL, 12.5 mL
Data Acquisition Method	FlowCam 8400 - fluorescence based laser triggering and auto imaging FlowCam 8100 - auto imaging
Fluorescence Emission & Detection	<p>Excitation Options (488 nm, 532 nm, 633 nm) with 2-Channel Fluorescence Detection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 488 nm laser - Ch 1: 650 nm long pass (Chlorophyll) / Ch 2: 525 nm ± 15 nm (FITC) - 532 nm laser - Ch 1: 650 nm long pass (Chlorophyll) / Ch 2: 575 nm ± 30 nm (Phycocerythrine) - 633 nm laser - Ch 1: 700 nm ± 10 nm (Chlorophyll) / Ch 2: 650 nm ± 10 nm (Phycocyanin)
VisualSpreadsheet®	Interactive, image-based analytical software that generates 40+ particle measurements per cell. Filter, sort, and classify data based on user-defined criteria. Create libraries to automate classification for future sample analyses.

Will FlowCam solve your particle analysis needs?

Contact us for more information or to arrange for a demo or sample analysis.

