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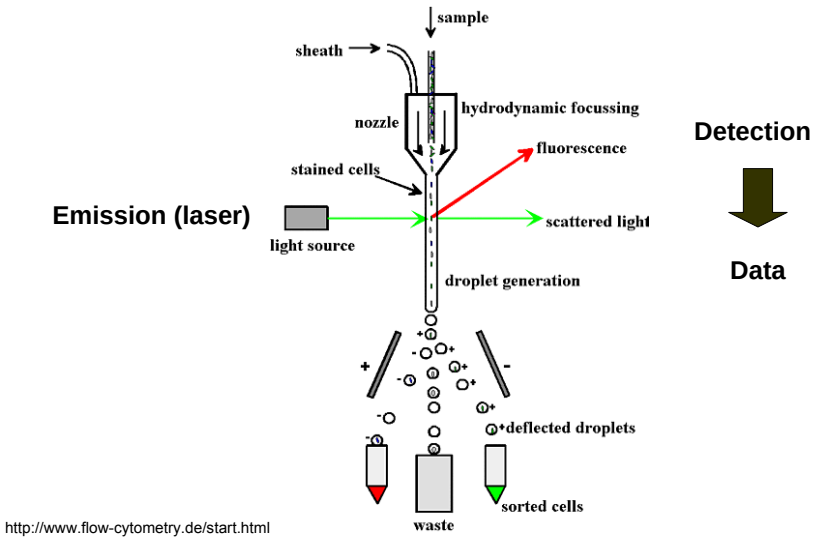
- Fluorescence Activated Cell Sorter
- Late 60's early 70's
- Medical applications

Flow Cytometry : principle



http://www.flow-cytometry.de/start.html

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- Emission : 3 lasers : 488nm, 633nm, 407nm
- Detection :
  - 5 wavelengths from 488nm laser
  - 2 wavelengths from 633nm laser
  - 2 wavelengths from 407nm laser

Flow Cytometry : applications

- Direct or indirect fluorescence (antibody conjugated to a fluorescent dye)
- DNA staining (propidium iodide) (sorting dead cells, tracking the cell division cycle)
- Cell division counts (CFSE binding to membrane and dividing equally at the division)
- Gene expression (reporter gene or labeling the product)

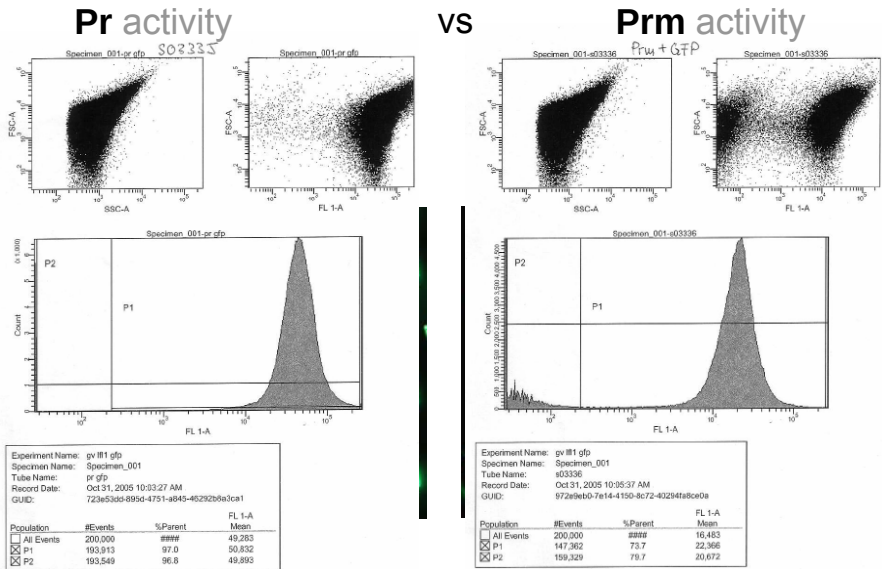
Selecting FPs

Table 1 | Properties of the best FP variants[a,b]

Class	Protein	Source laboratory (references)	Excitation[c] (nm)	Emission[d] (nm)	Brightness[e]	Photostability[f]	pKa	Oligomerization
Far-red	mPlum[g]	Tsien (5)	590	649	4.1	53	<4.5	Monomer
Red	mCherry[g]	Tsien (4)	587	610	16	96	<4.5	Monomer
	tdTomato[g]	Tsien (4)	554	581	95	98	4.7	Tandem dimer
	mStrawberry[g]	Tsien (4)	574	596	26	15	<4.5	Monomer
	J-Red[h]	Evrogen	584	610	8.8*	13	5.0	Dimer
	DsRed-monomer[h]	Clontech	556	586	3.5	16	4.5	Monomer
Orange	mOrange[g]	Tsien (4)	548	562	49	9.0	6.5	Monomer
	mKO	MBL Intl. (10)	548	559	31*	122	5.0	Monomer
Yellow-green	mCitrine[i]	Tsien (16,23)	516	529	59	49	5.7	Monomer
	Venus	Miyawaki (1)	515	528	53*	15	6.0	Weak dimer[j]
	YPet[g]	Daugherty (2)	517	530	80*	49	5.6	Weak dimer[j]
	EYFP	Invitrogen (18)	514	527	51	60	6.9	Weak dimer[j]
Green	Emerald[g]	Invitrogen (18)	487	509	39	0.69[k]	6.0	Weak dimer[j]
	EGFP	Clontech[l]	488	507	34	174	6.0	Weak dimer[j]
Cyan	CyPet	Daugherty (2)	435	477	18*	59	5.0	Weak dimer[j]
	mCFPm[m]	Tsien (23)	433	475	13	64	4.7	Monomer
	Cerulean[g]	Piston (3)	433	475	27*	36	4.7	Weak dimer[j]
UV-excitable green	T-Sapphire[g]	Griesbeck (6)	399	511	26*	25	4.9	Weak dimer[j]

[a]An expanded version of this table, including a list of other commercially available FPs, is available as Supplementary Table 1. [b]The mutations of all common AFPs relative to the wild-type protein are available in Supplementary Table 3. [c]Major excitation peak. [d]Major emission peak. [e]Product of extinction coefficient and quantum yield at pH 7.4 measured or confirmed (indicated by *) in our laboratory under ideal maturation conditions, in (mM × cm)–1 (for comparison, free fluorescein at pH 7.4 has a brightness of about 69 (mM × cm)–1). [f]Time for bleaching from an initial emission rate of 1,000 photons/s down to 500 photons/s ($t_{1/2}$; for comparison, fluorescein at pH 8.4 has $t_{1/2}$ of 5.2 s); data are not indicative of photostability under focused laser illumination. [g]Brightest in spectral class. [h]Not recommended (dim with poor folding at 37 °C). [i]Citrine YFP with A206K mutation; spectroscopic properties equivalent to Citrine. [j]Can be made monomeric with A206K mutation. [k]Emerald has a pronounced fast bleaching component that leads to a very short time to 50% bleach. Its photostability after the initial few seconds, however, is comparable to that of EGFP. [l]Formerly sold by Clontech, no longer commercially available. [m]CFP with A206K mutation; spectroscopic properties equivalent to ECFP.

Promoter activity



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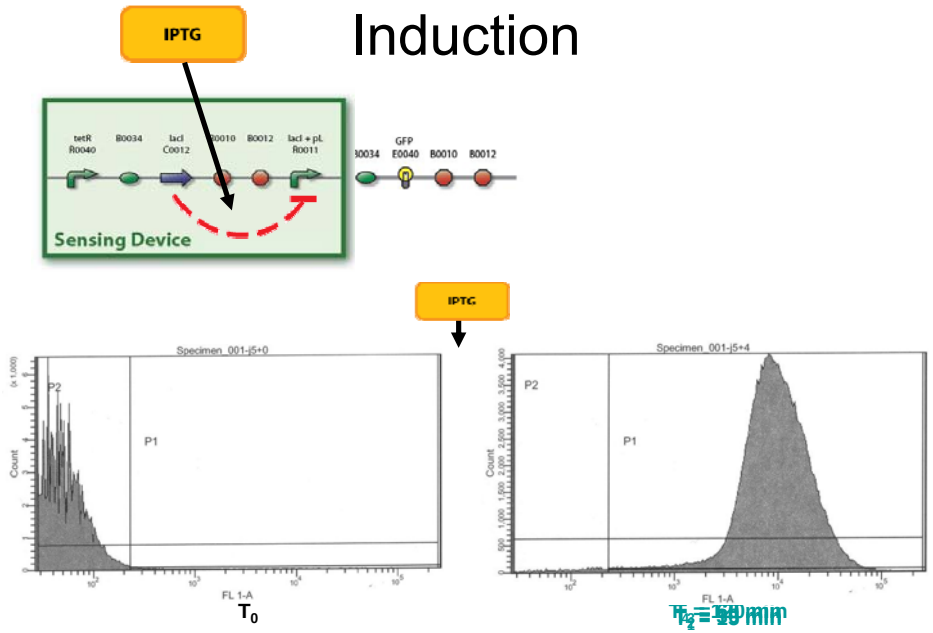

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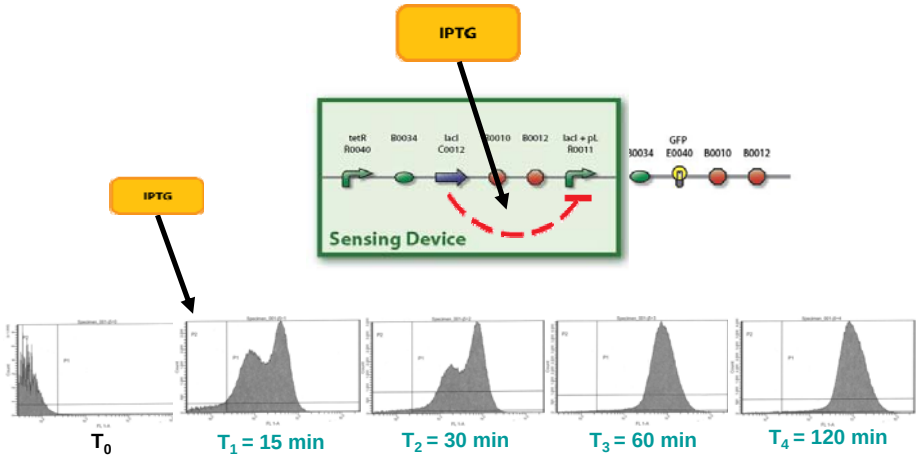

How does a FACS experiment look like…

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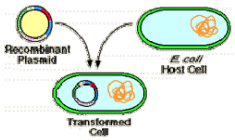


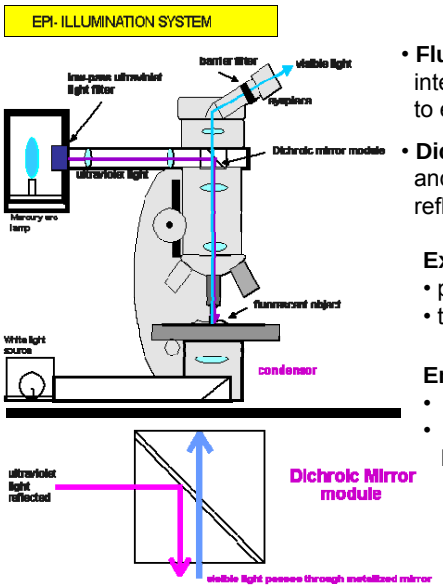
2. Inoculation of preculture from single colony

3. Growth of the culture (ev. induction)

4. Sample preparation (spin, wash, filter)

5. Go for FACS!!!

Fluorescence microscope



- **Fluorescence microscope** uses high intensity light to illuminate the sample and to excite fluorescence.
- **Dichroic mirror** used to separate excitation and emission light paths (excitation light is reflected; emission passes through)

Excitation filter:
- placed in excitation path prior to mirror
- to select the excitation wavelength

Emission filter:
- placed in emission path prior to mirror
- to specifically select the emission λ of light emitted from the sample