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Introduction to Flow Cytometry

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Flow Cytometry

- Flow cytometry is the measurement of single cells as they pass single file through a beam of light in a fluid stream
- Cells are “flowing” through the instrument (flow cell)
- More control over which cells are being examined (cell sorting)
- Generate data for only the cells you are interested in

Flow Cytometric Immunophenotyping

- Characterization of a cell or group of cells by the presence or absence of certain antigens on their *surface* or in their *cytoplasm*
 - Pre-described immunophenotypes can be used to aid in the diagnosis of hematopoietic neoplasms
 - Pattern recognition + Right context
- Majority of the time, this is what we are talking about when we say “flow cytometry”

Figure 2

MARGINAL ZONE CD19, CD20, CD22, CD79, slg, FMC7, bcl-2, CD23+ (CD5, CD10, CD43, bcl-6 neg)

NODAL MALT

CLL CD19, CD20, CD43, CD23, slg+/-, CD5 (CD79 CD10, CD22, FMC7 neg)

HCL CD19, CD20, CD22, slg++, CD11c, CD25, CD103, CD123 (CD5, CD10, CD23 neg)

T LYMPHOMAS AND ANGIOIMMUNOBLASTIC
CD5+/CD10+/CD3+/CD4+

SEZARY CD3, CD2, CD5, CD4, CD7+/- (CD8 neg)

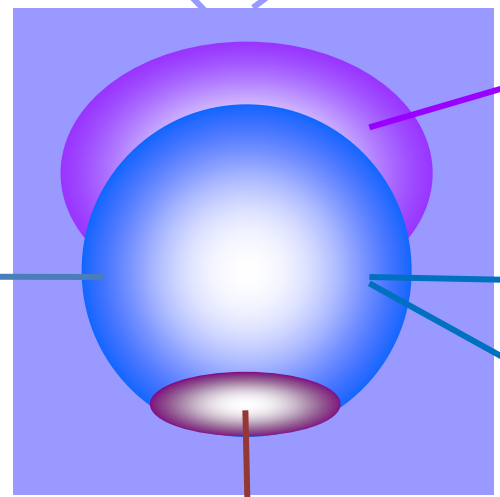
LARGE CELLS ANAPLASTIC CD2, CD4, CD3±, CD30

PERIPHERAL CD2, CD3, CD5, CD4

ANGIOCENTRIC CD2, CD5, CD4 ou CD8, CD56

INTESTINAL CD3, CD7, CD103

ATLL CD3, CD4, CD25, CD45RO, CD7neg



MANTLE ZONE CD19, CD20, CD22, CD79, FMC7, slg, bcl-1, CD5, CD43, (CD10, CD23 neg)

BURKITT CD19, CD20, CD22, CD79, slg, CD10, DR, bcl-6 (CD5, CD23, Tdt neg)

FOLLICULAR CD19, CD20, CD22, slg+, CD79, CD10, bcl-2 (CD5, CD23, CD43 neg)

WALDENSTROM CD19, CD20±, CD22, CD79 slg±, clg, FMC7 (CD5, CD10, CD23 neg)

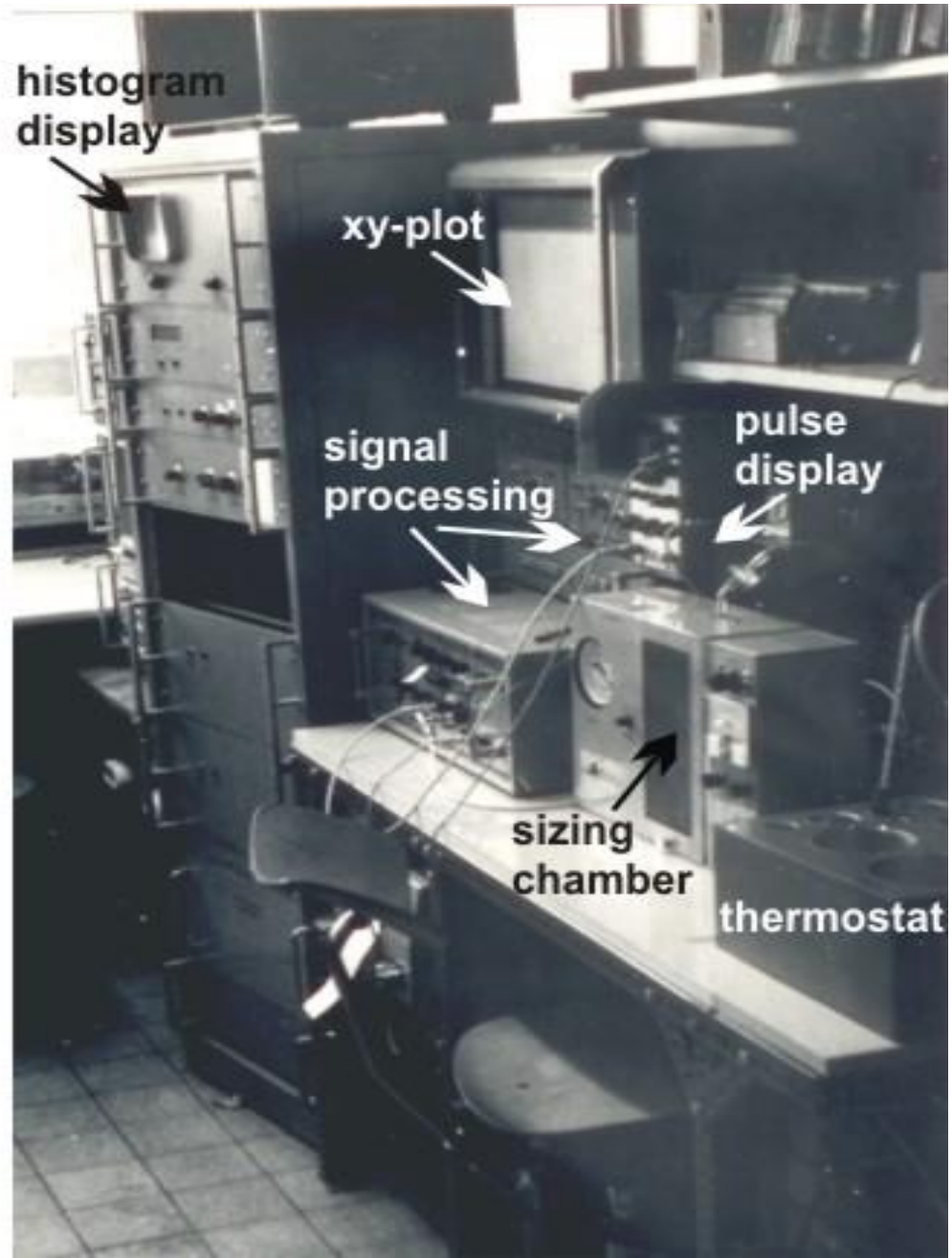
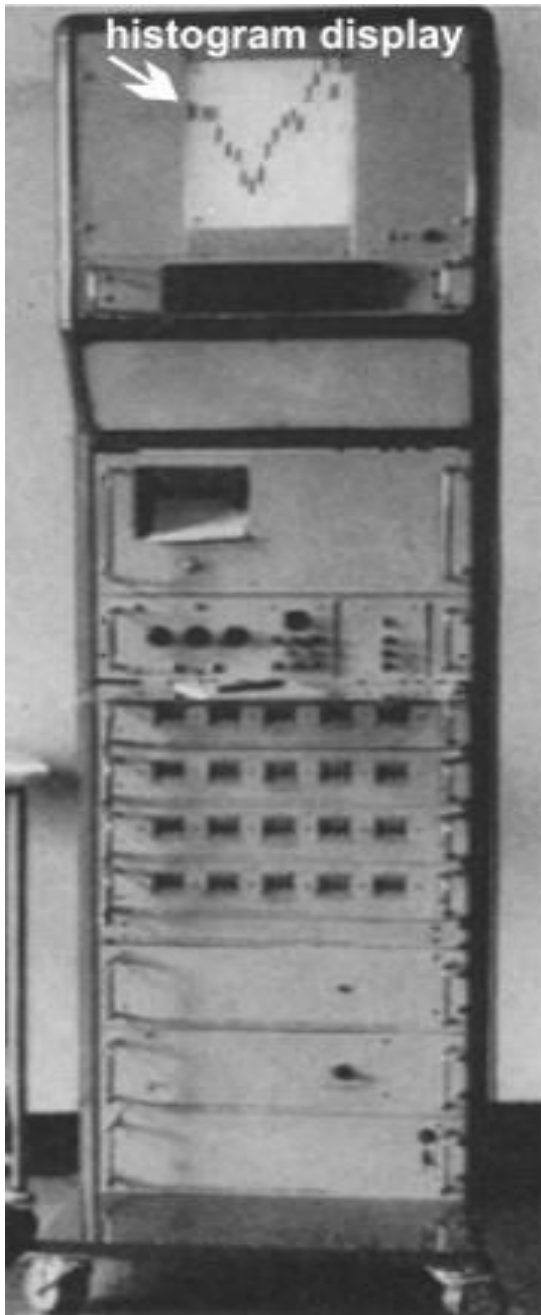
DIFFUSE LARGE B CELL LYMPHOMAS, slg±, clg+, CD19, CD20, CD79, CD22++, CD79, CD10± (CD5 rare cases, bcl-2, bcl-6, MUM-1 can be useful for further classification)

INTESTINAL OR LUNG MALT
Follicular, mantle zone, marginal zone

MYELOMA clg, CD56, CD45±, CD38, CD138 (CD19, CD20, CD22 neg)

SLVL
circulating marginal zone cells



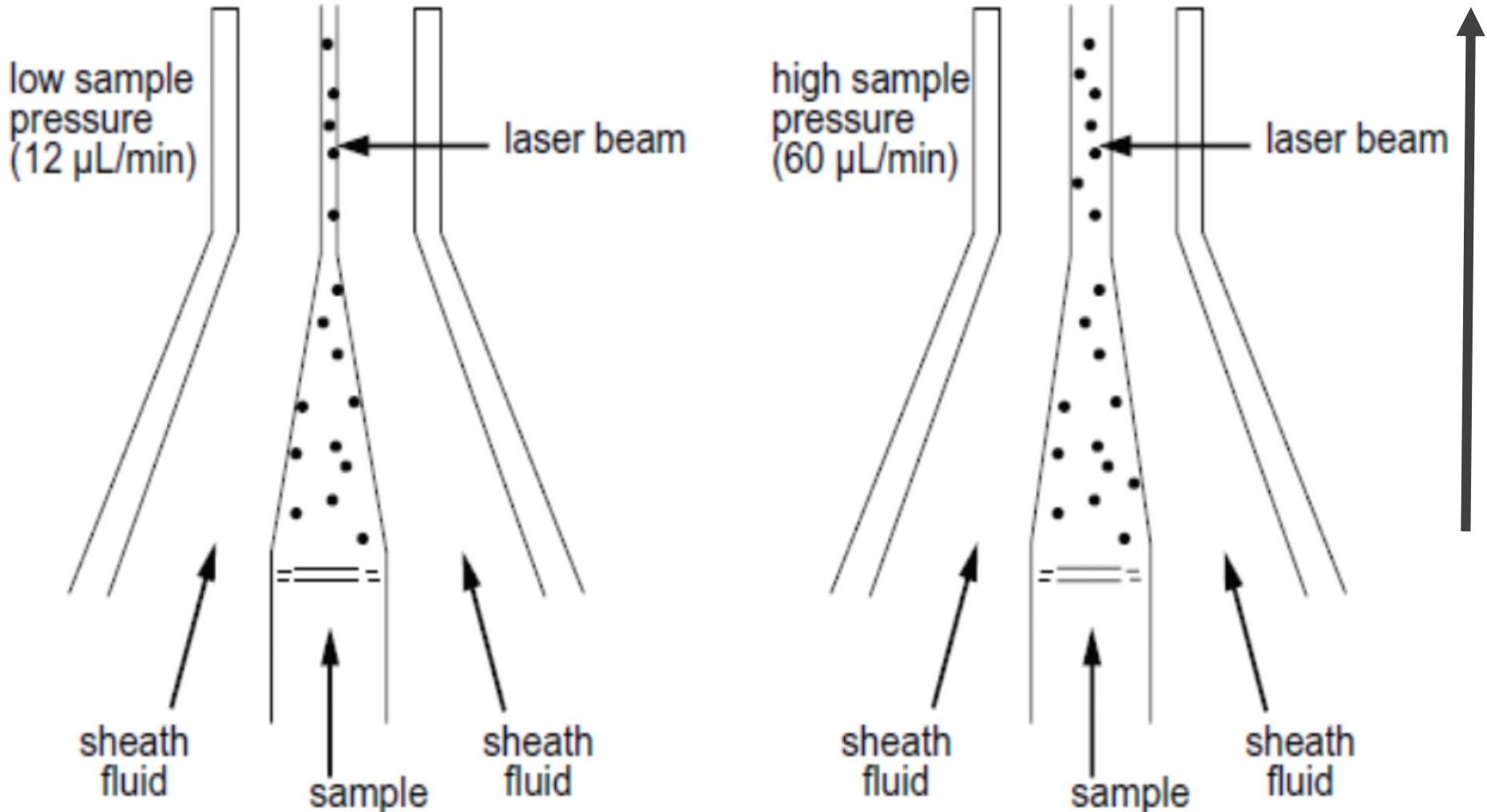




Why?

- For the same reason we look at a sample under a microscope:
- In a heterogeneous collection of cells:
- Determine the presence/absence of cell(s) of interest
- Determine the characteristics of the cell(s) present:
- “Parameters”
- Size, granularity, immunophenotype, proliferation rate, etc.
- MPC: multi-parameter flow cytometry

FLOW CELL



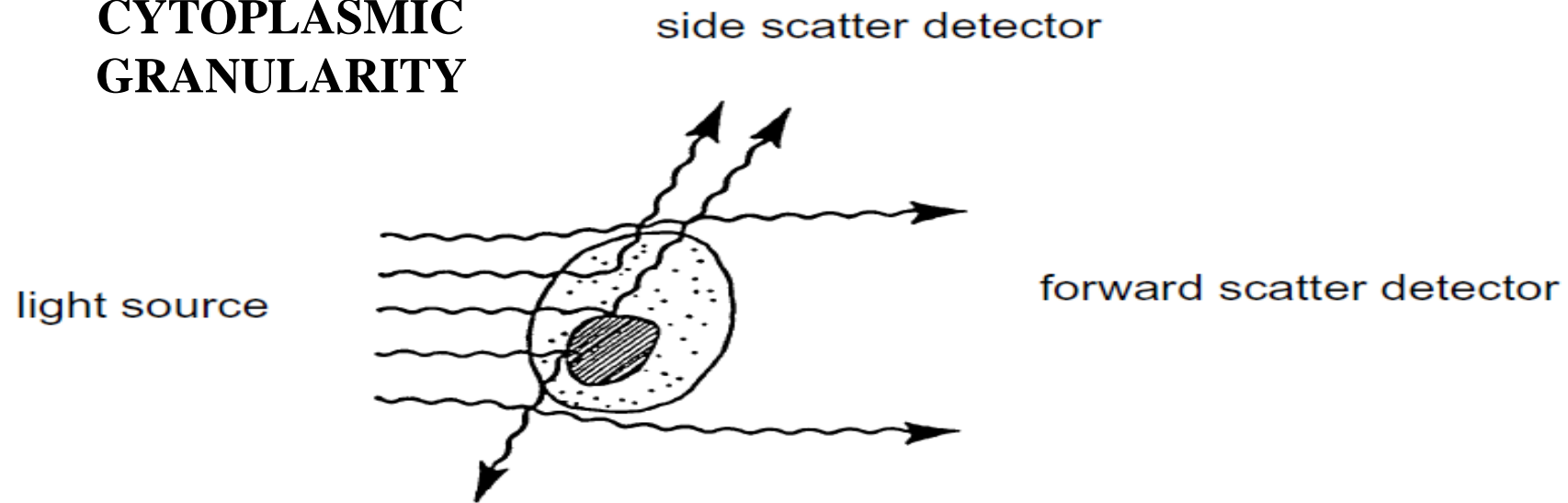
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Light Scatter

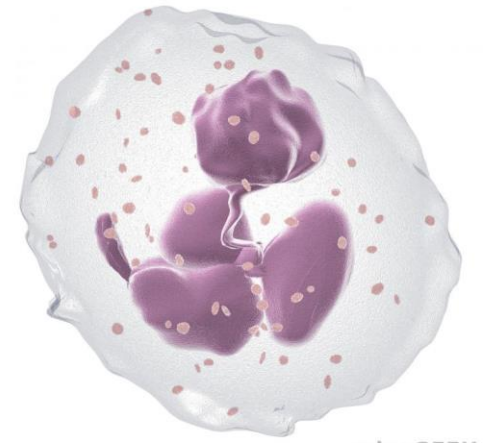
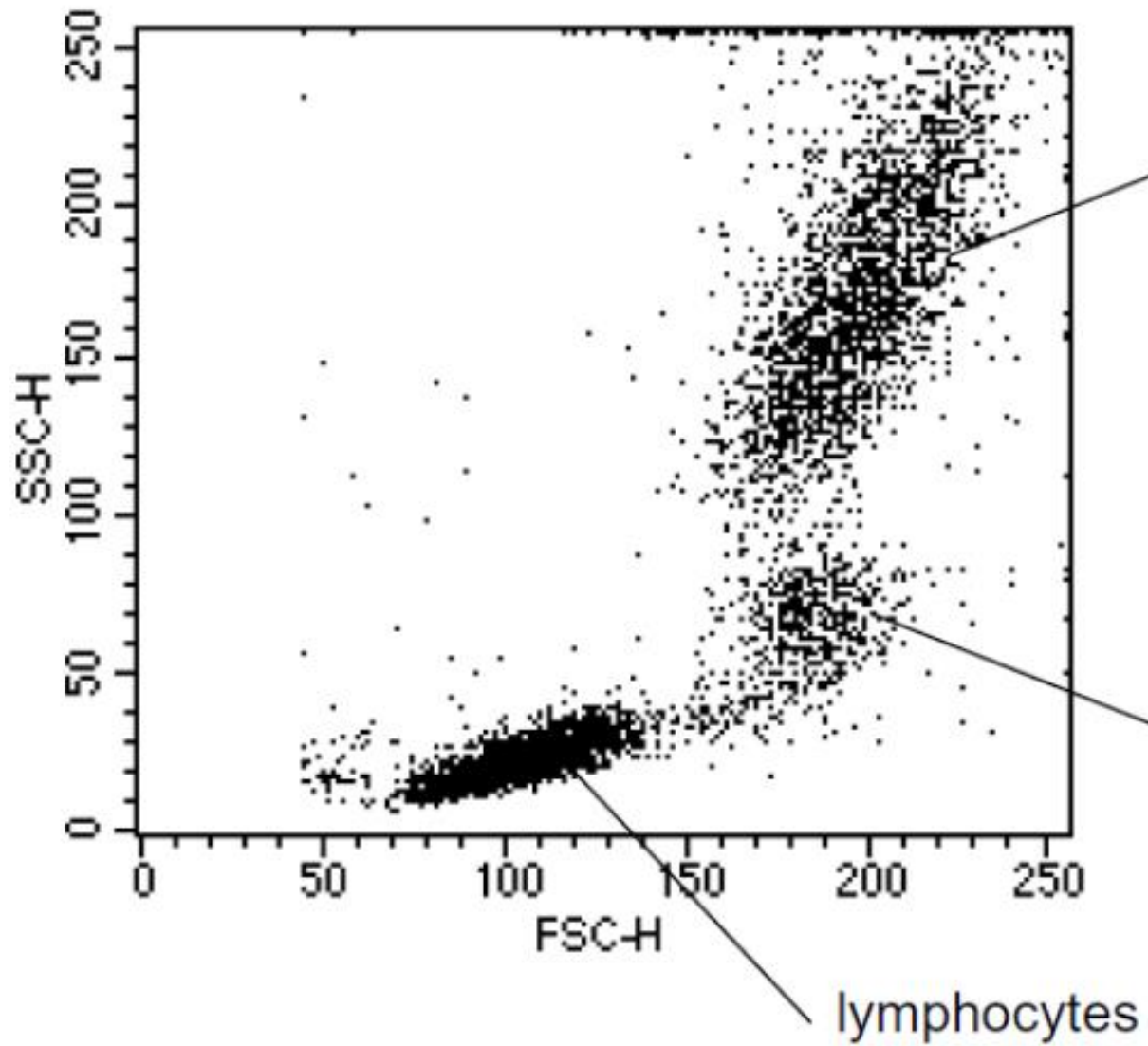
- Light passing in a “straight line”
- Deflection of light from its straight path is light scatter
 - Requires some kind of interaction with matter
 - Wavelength (energy) of the light
 - Characteristics of the matter
- If we control everything else (wavelength, etc.) we can use light scatter to determine characteristics of matter
 - Cells in our case



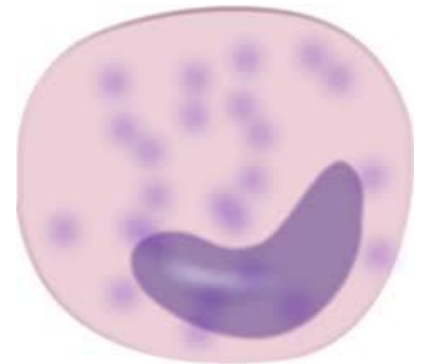
**CYTOPLASMIC
GRANULARITY**

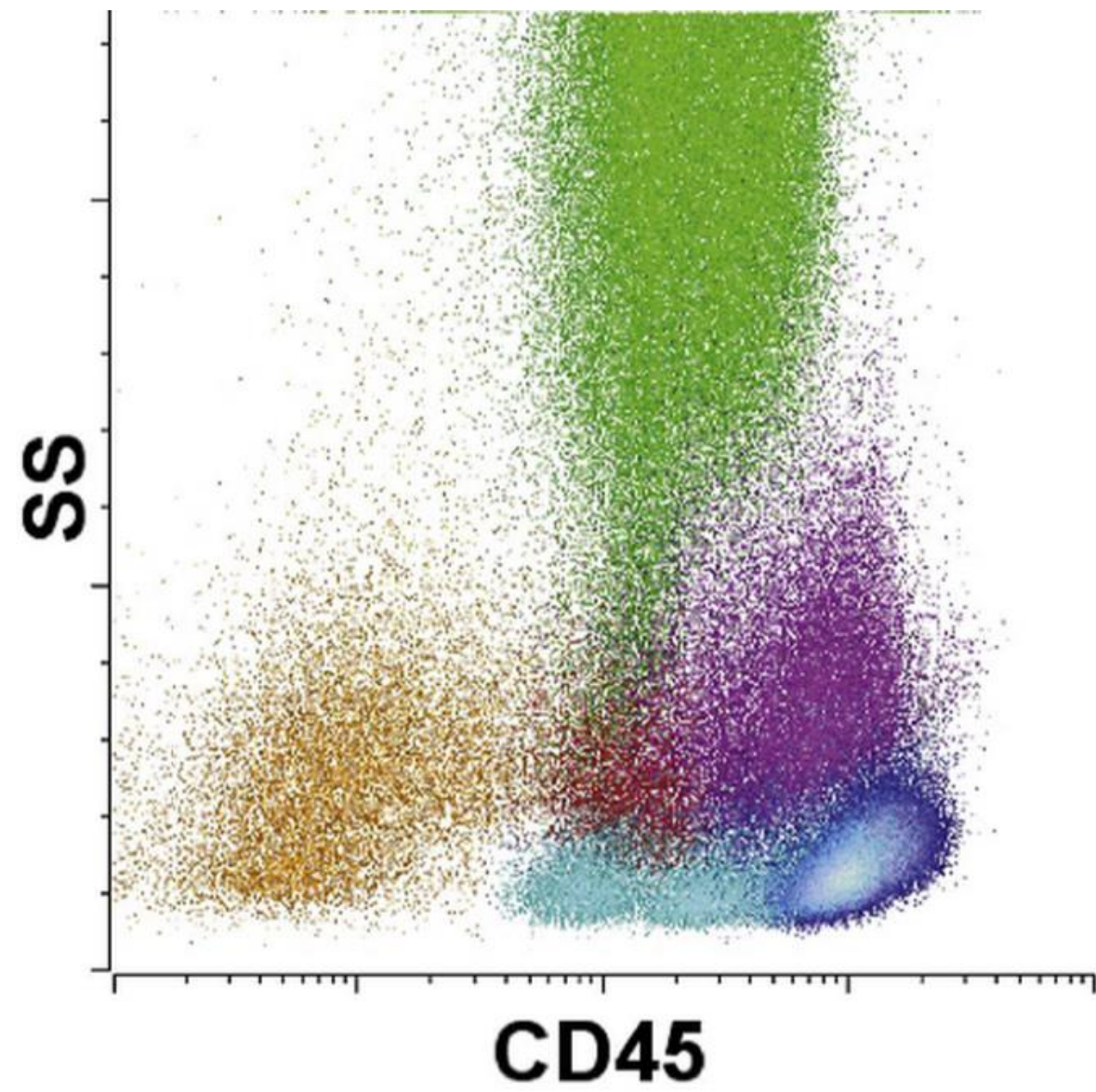
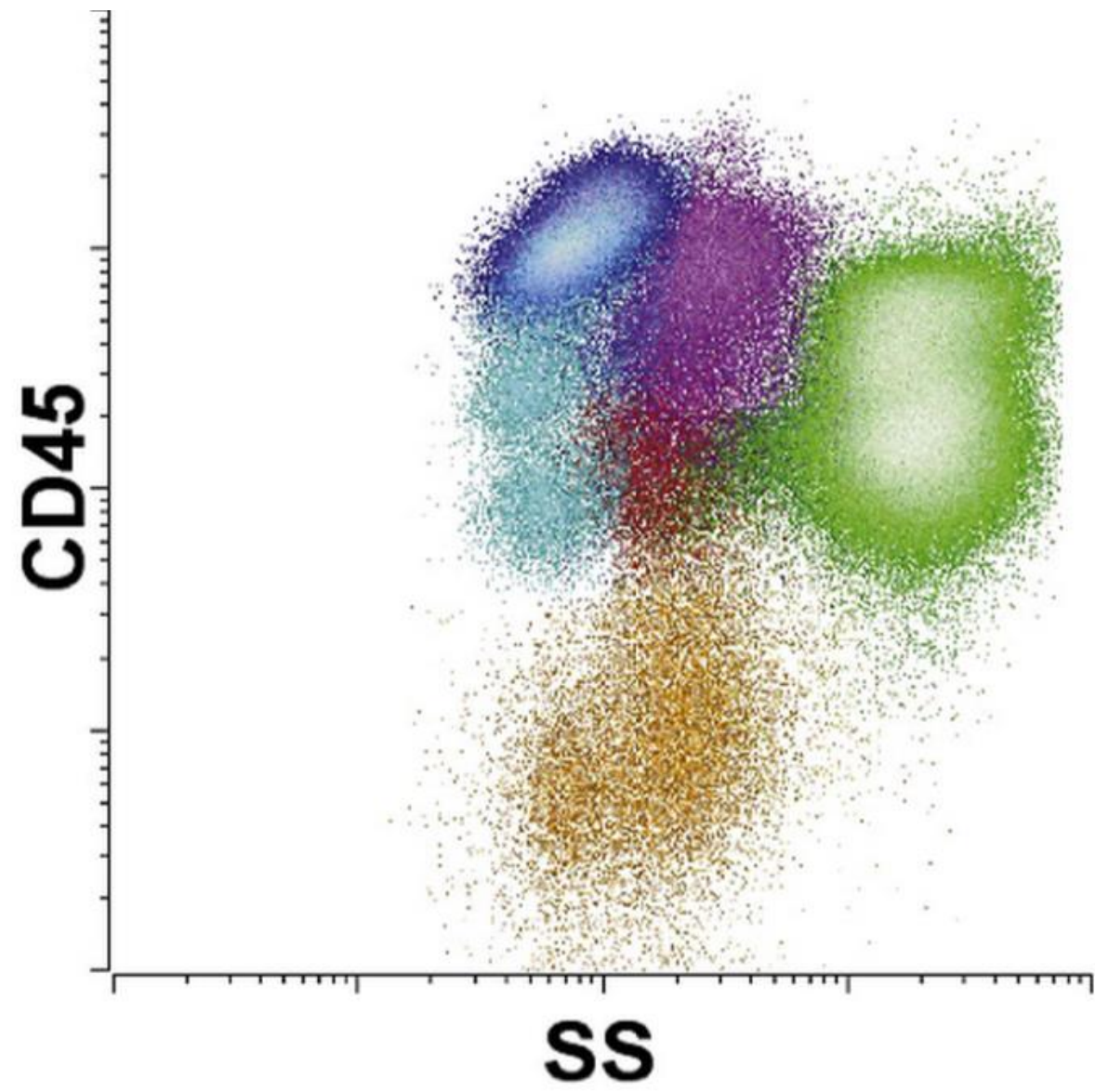


**CELL
SIZE**



wiseGEEK





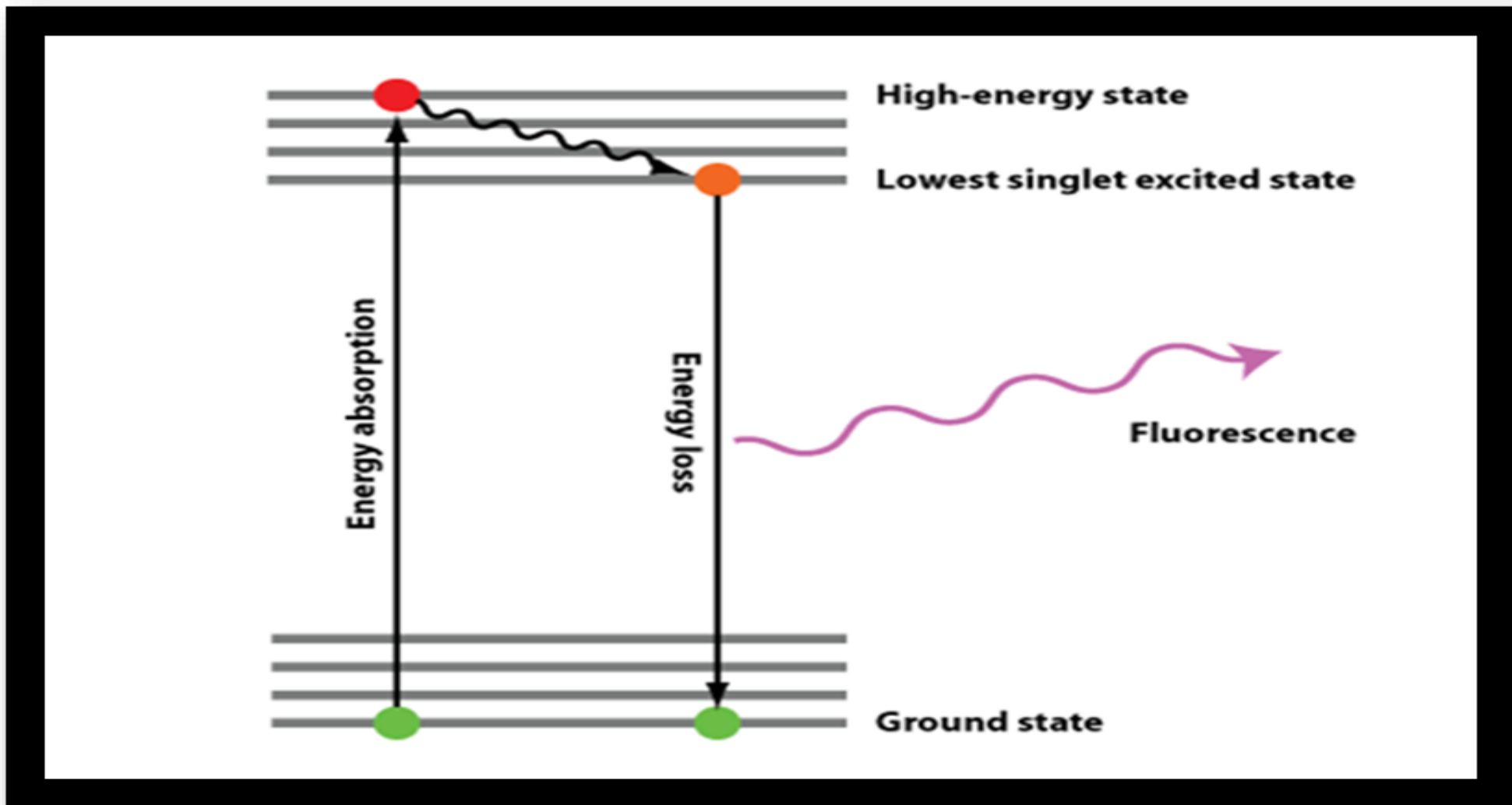
Fluorescence

Absorption of light at a certain wavelength(s)

Photon of light hits electrons in matter->Excitation of electrons to higher energy state->Quick decay to ground state->Excess light is released as a new photon

Emission of light a (usually) a longer (lower energy) wavelength(s)

$$E = hc/\lambda$$



Aragonit Crystal



**Higher Energy
Wavelength
Absorption**

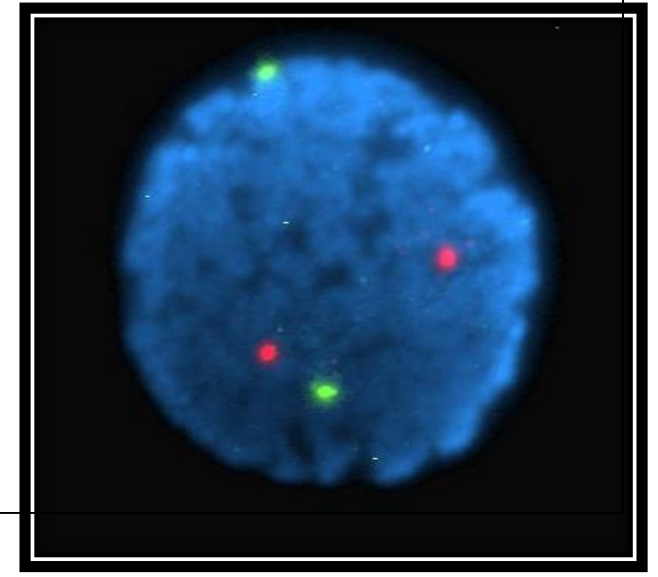
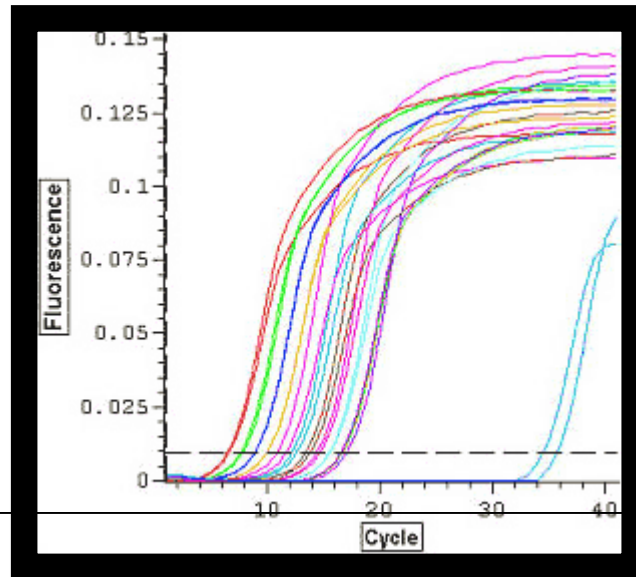
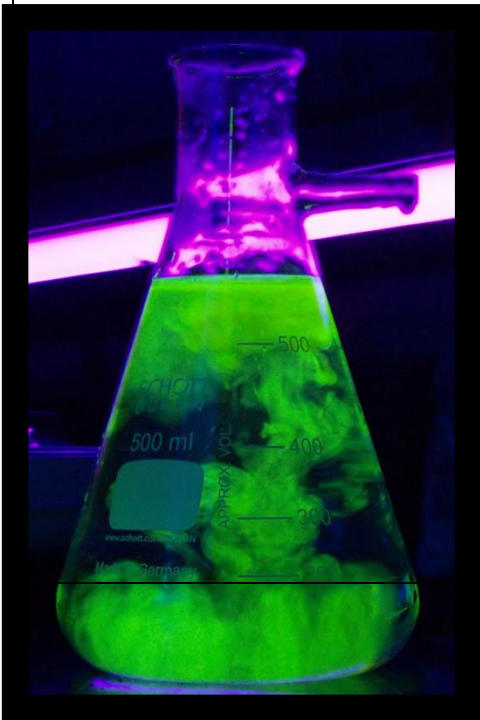


**Lower Energy
Wavelength
Emission**

Fluorochromes

Fluorescent chemical compounds

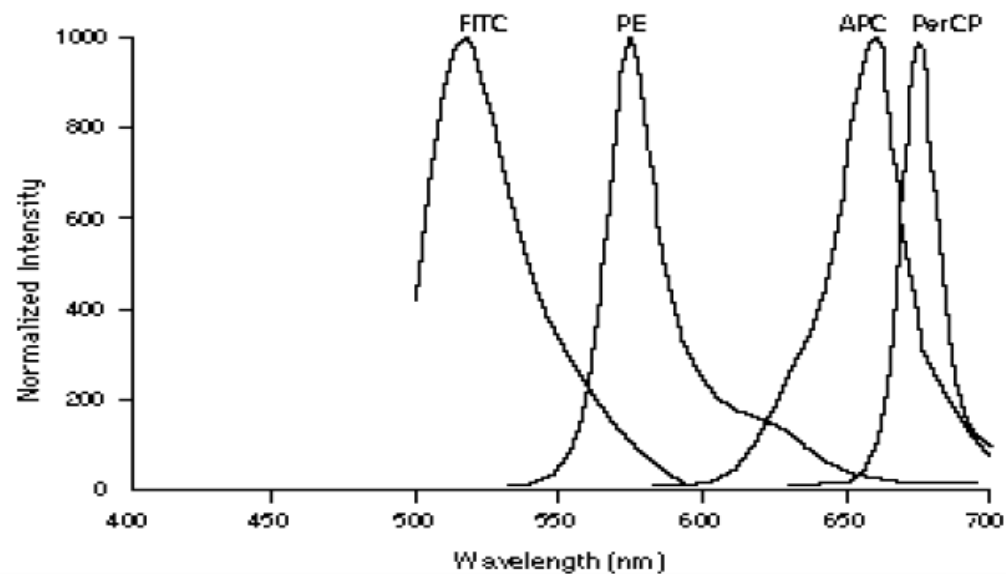
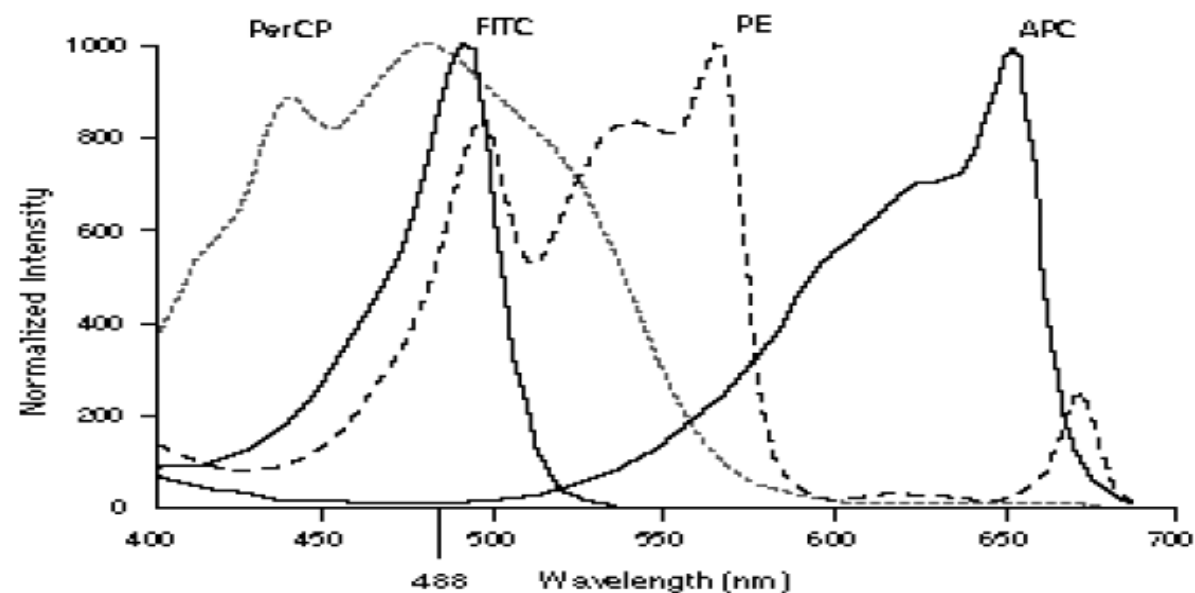
Used alone or as a substrate for enzymatic reaction, probe, antibody

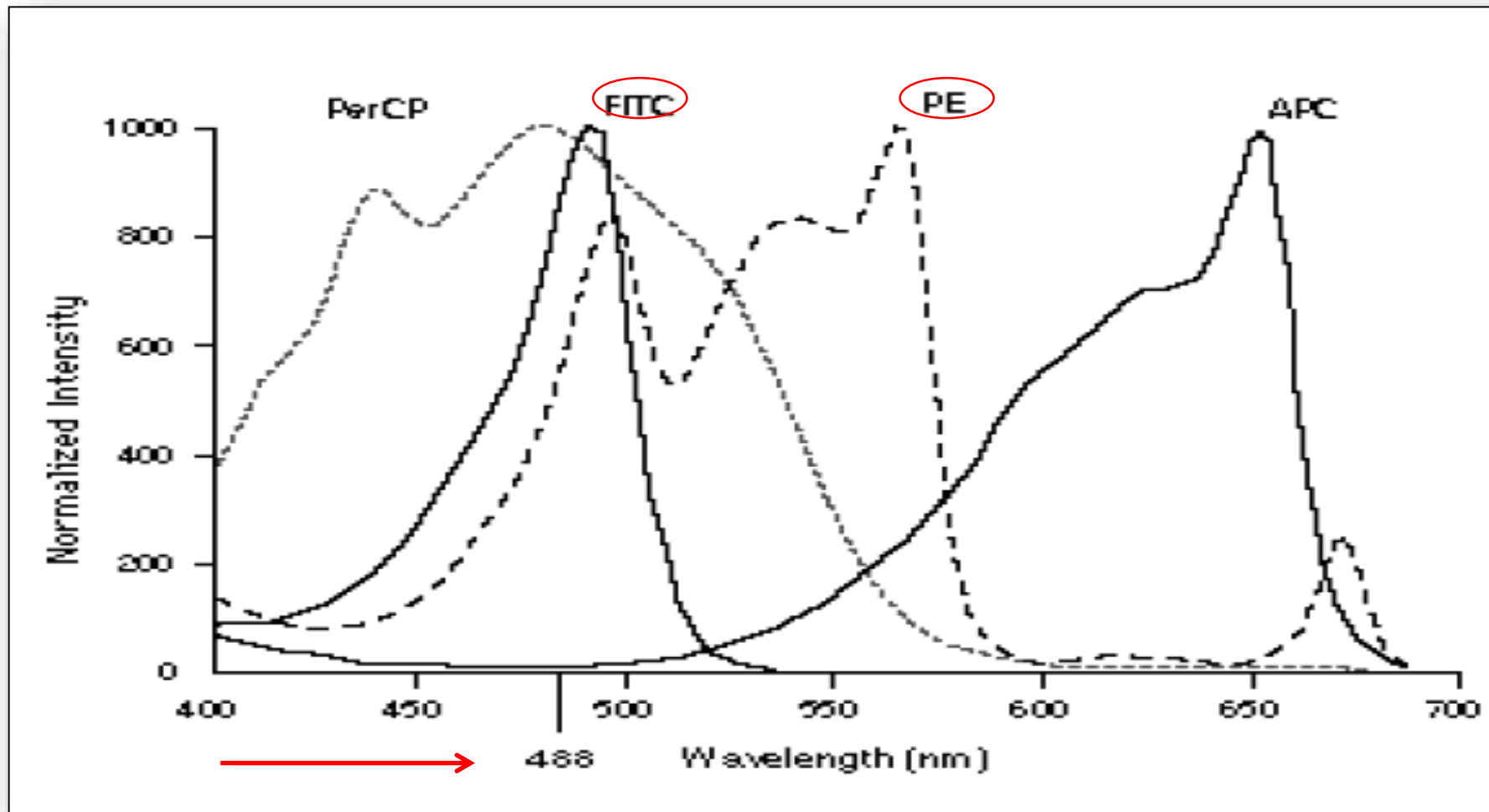


Fluorochromes

- Wavelength range in which a substance absorbs light is its absorption spectra
- Wavelength range in which that substance emits light is its emission spectra
- Difference between peak absorption wavelength and peak emission wavelength is called "Stoke's Shift"

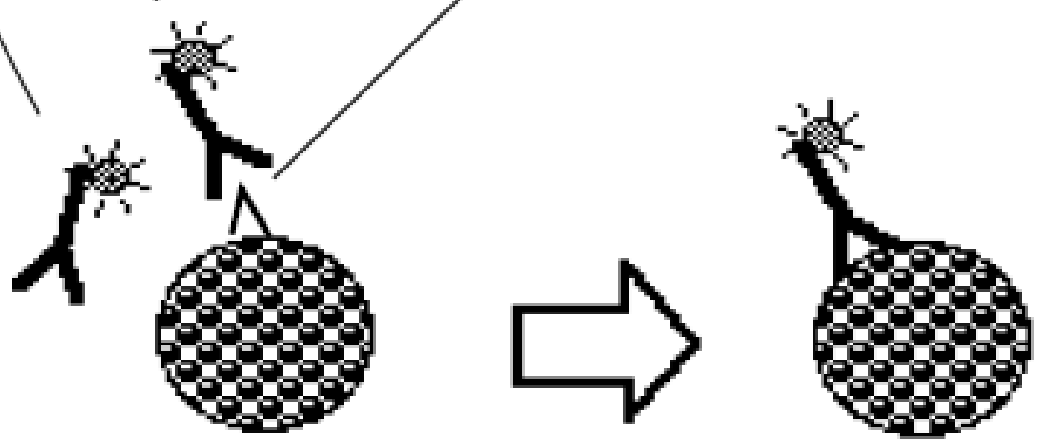
FITC = fluorescein isothiocyanate
PE = phycoerythrin
PerCP = peridinin chlorophyll protein
APC = allophycocyanin



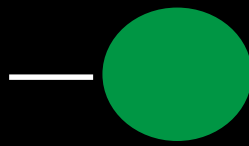
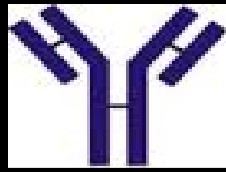
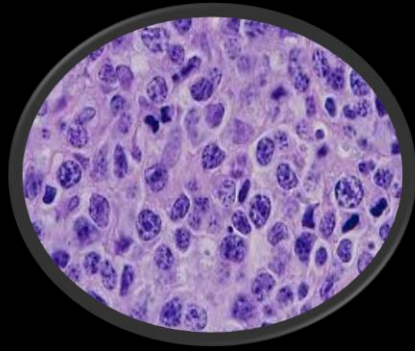


fluorochrome-labeled
antibodies

antigenic
surface marker

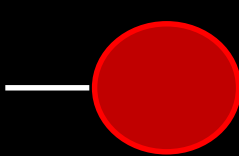
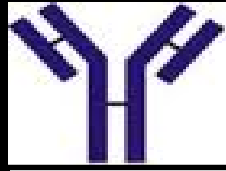


Incubate



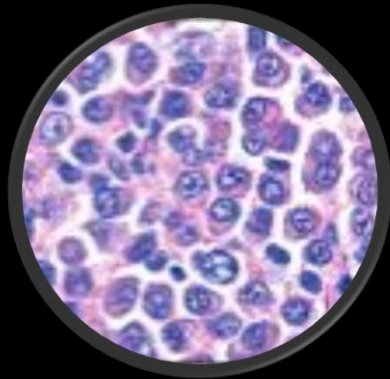
Kappa

sKappa FITC
sLambda PE

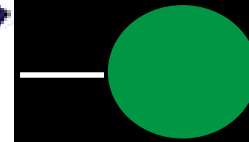
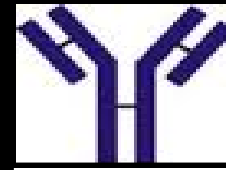


Lambda

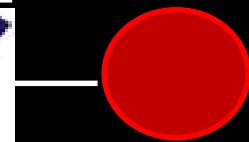
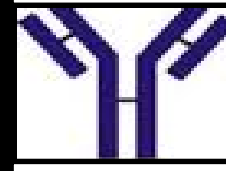
cKappa FITC
cLambda PE



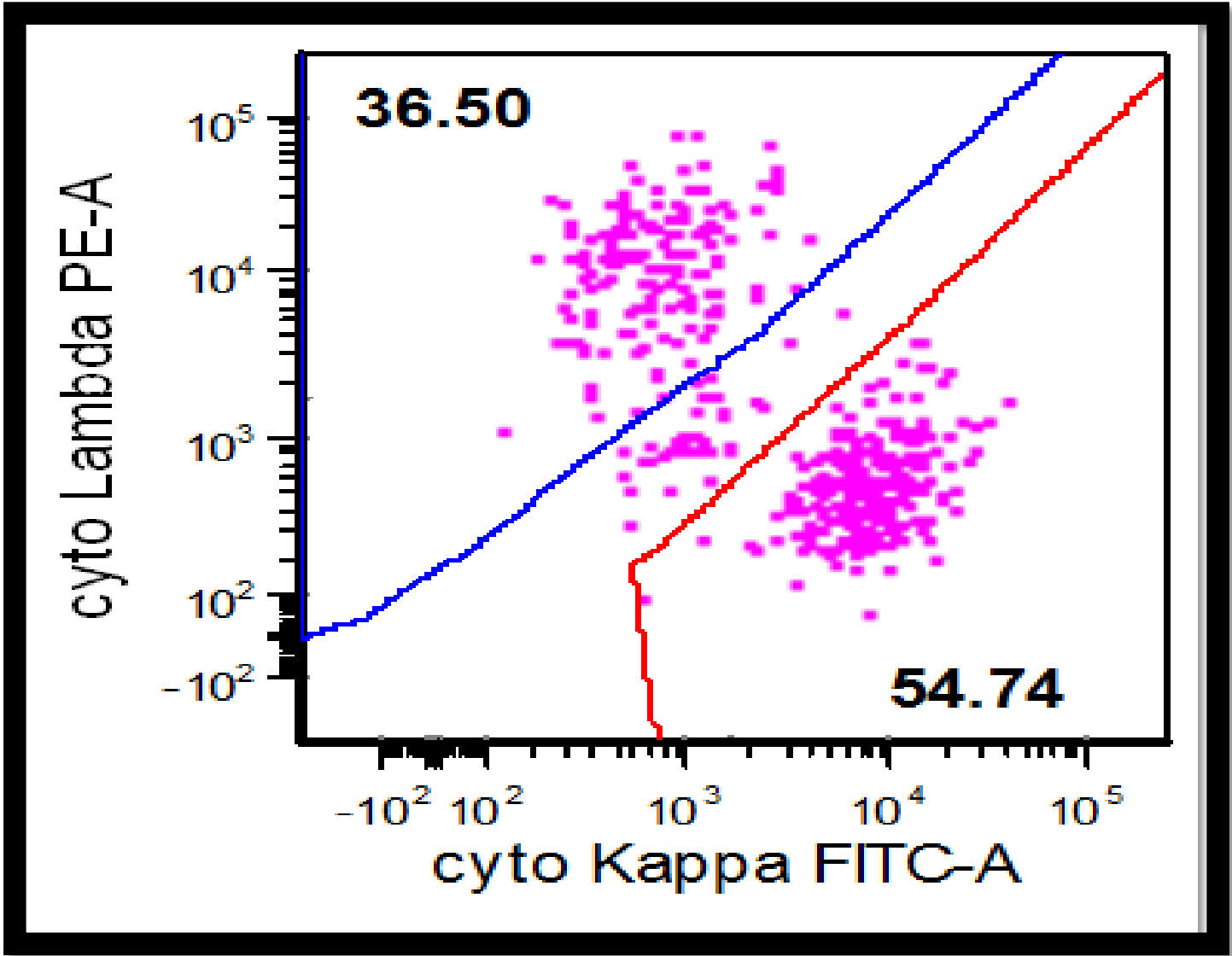
Permeabilization
Fixation

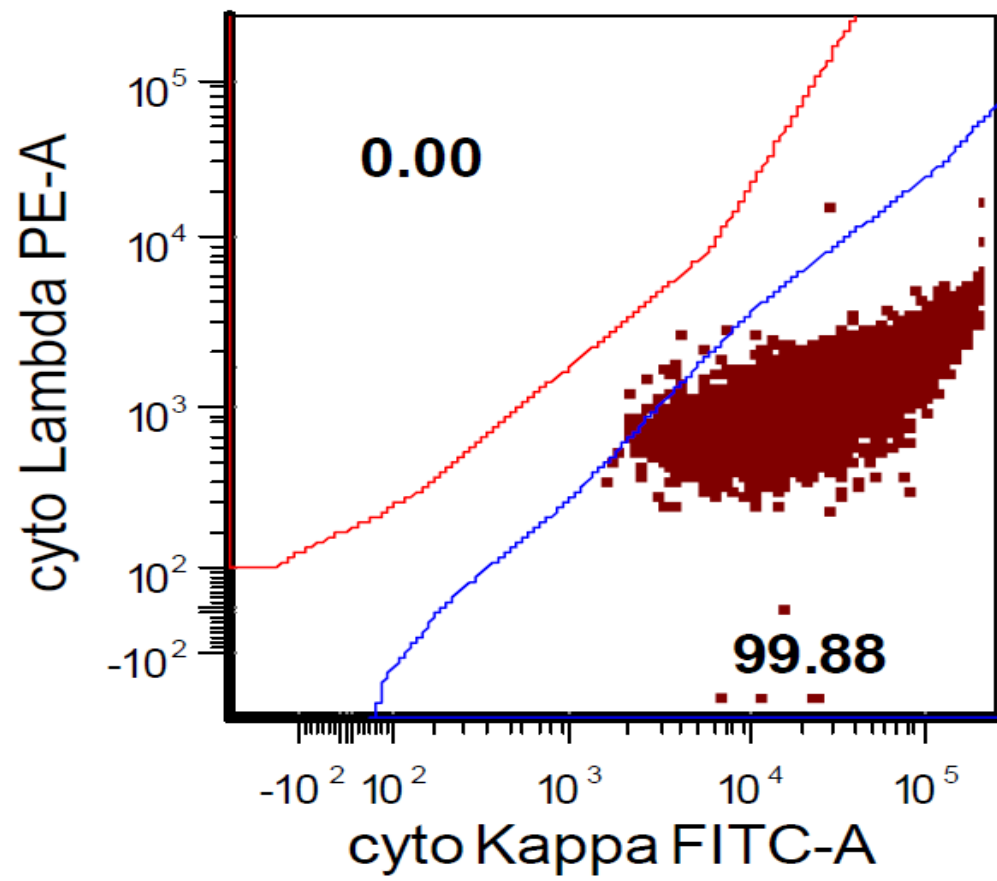


Kappa



Lambda





Fluorochrome	Fluorescence Emission Color	Em-Max (nm)
Brilliant Violet™ 421	Blue	421
BD Horizon™ V450	Blue	448
Pacific Blue™	Blue	452
BD Horizon™ V500	Green	500
Alexa Fluor® 488	Green	519
FITC	Green	519
PE	Yellow	578
BD Horizon PE-CF594	Orange	612
APC	Red	660
Alexa Fluor® 647	Red	668
PE-Cy™5	Red	667
PerCP	Red	678
PerCP-Cy™5.5	Far Red	695
Alexa Fluor® 700	Far Red	719
PE-Cy™7	Infrared	785
APC-Cy7	Infrared	785
BD APC-H7	Infrared	785

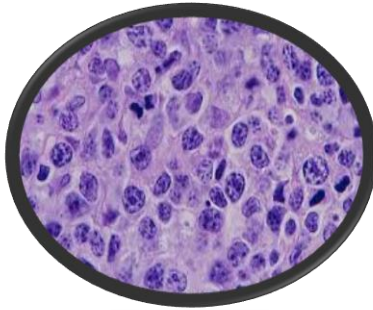
10^4 to 10^6
per tube



CD8-CD19-CD4-CD34-CD3-CD14-CD56-CD45



KAPPA-LAMBDA-CD22-CD19-CD10-CD20 -CD5 BV 421-
CD45



CD43-CD200-CD5-CD19-CD10-CD20-CD38 BV 421-CD45



CD11c-CD23-CD22-CD19-CD79b- -CD5 BV 421-CD45

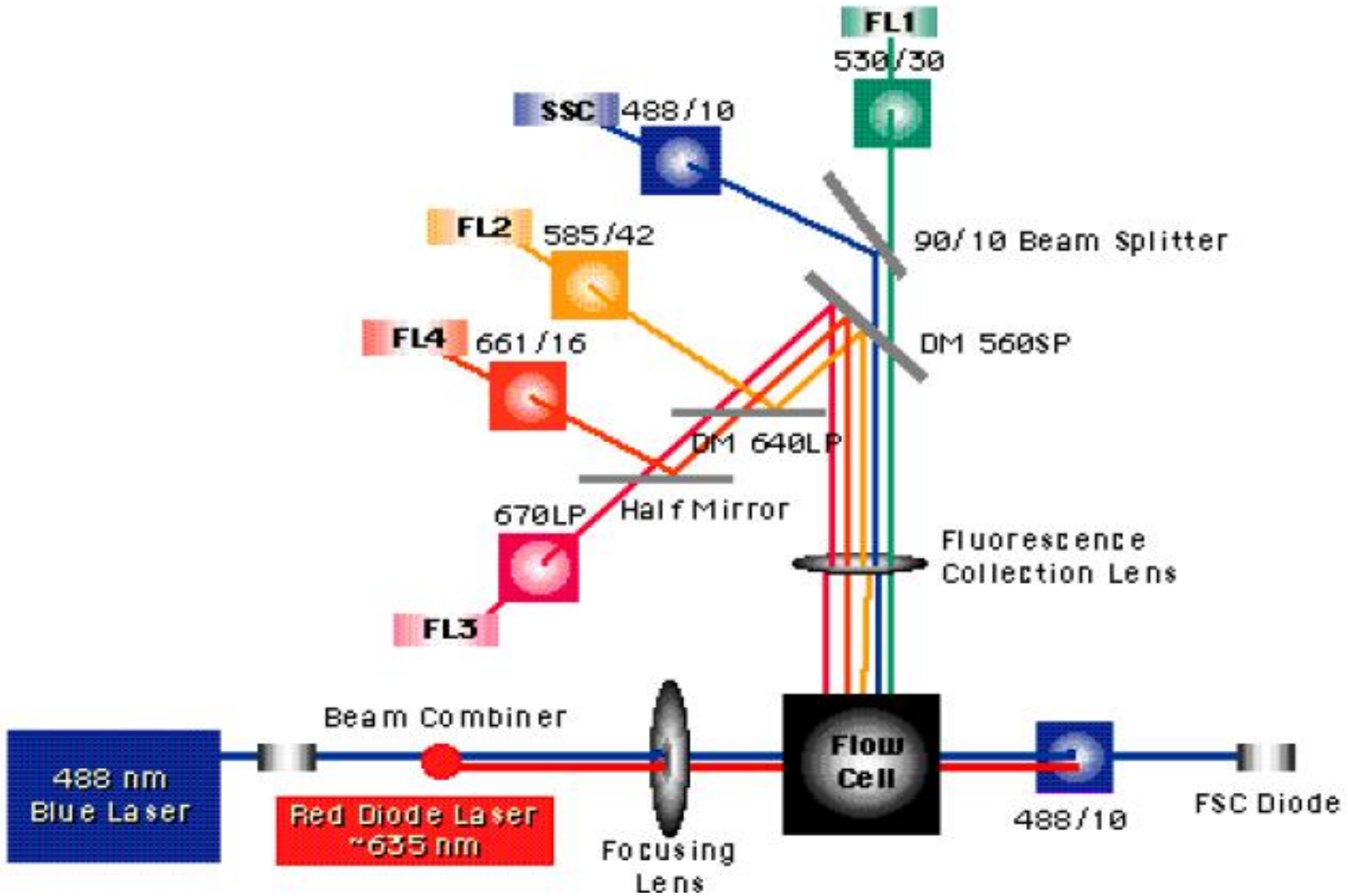
Laser(s)

Lenses
&
Mirrors

Filters

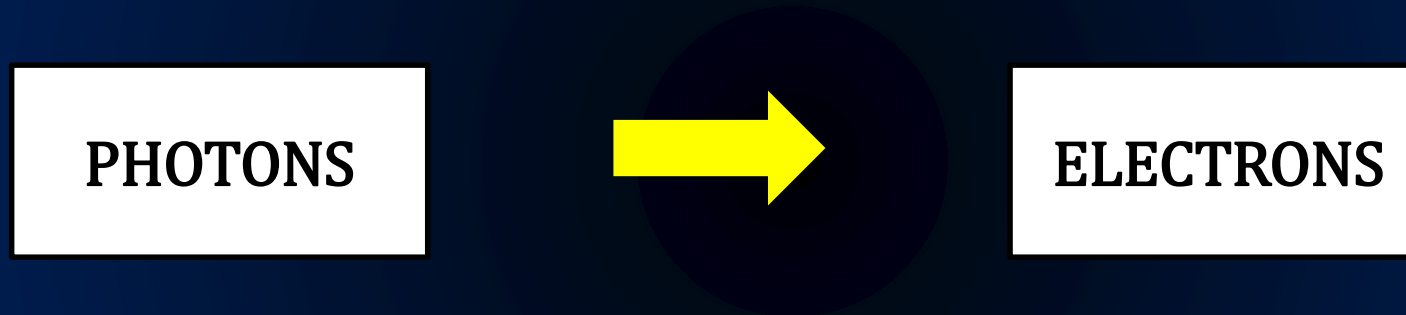
Detectors

Diodes
&
PMT



Electronic System

- Converts light signals into numerical data for analysis



- Cell or “event” hits laser
- Generates a pulse

Electronic System

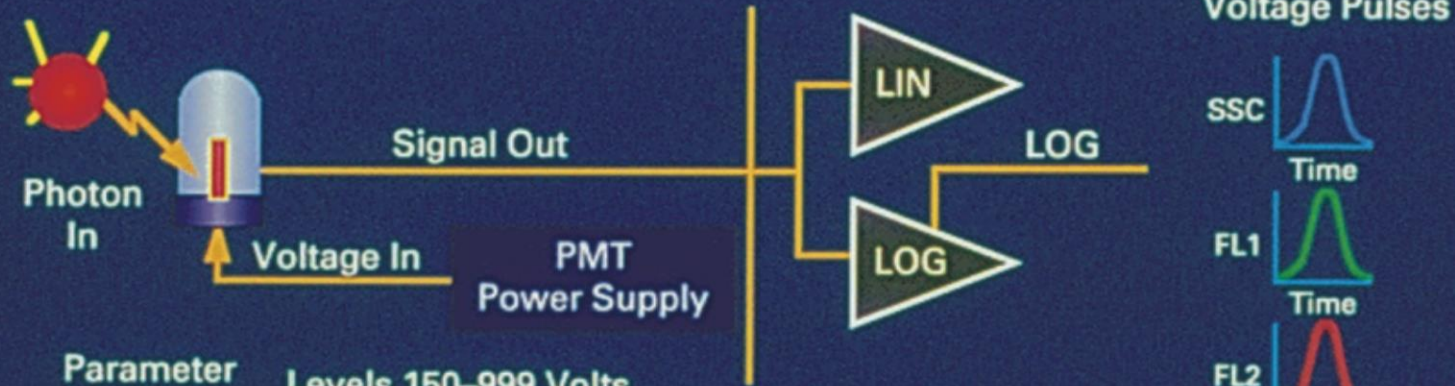
- Photodiodes (FSC and SSC)
- Photomultipliers (Fluorescence)
- Convert light signal (photons) into electrical signals (pulses)
- Thresholds
- Voltage (amplification)



Electronic System

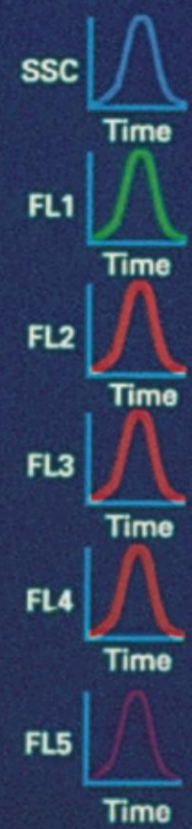
- Each event gets a numeric value (pulse height, width, area) and assigned a channel number
- Raw data stored as “list mode data”
- Each channel number is assigned point on a dot plot
- Linear or logarithmic scale

Conversion of Optical Signals to Proportional Electronic Signals



Parameter	Levels 150-999 Volts
SSC	
FL1	
FL2	
FL3	
FL4	
FL5	

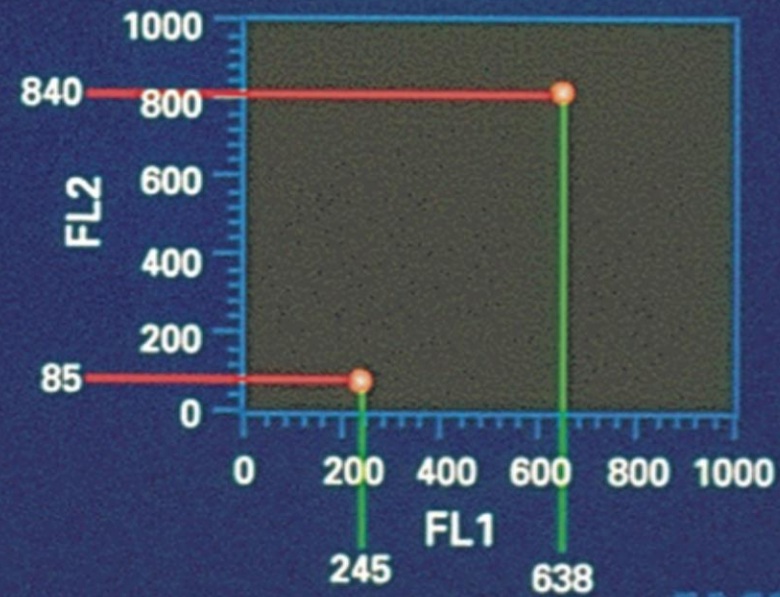
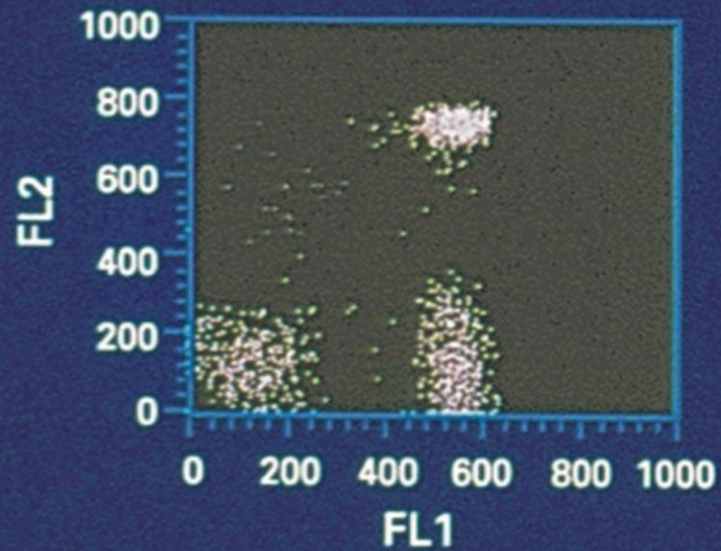
Voltage Pulses



Dot Plot

List-Mode Data

	FSC	SSC	FL1	FL2
Event 1	30	60	638	840
Event 2	100	160	245	85
Event 3	300	650	160	720



Fluidics and optics system allows the simultaneous generation of 8 signals from each event
“10 dimensions and beyond”

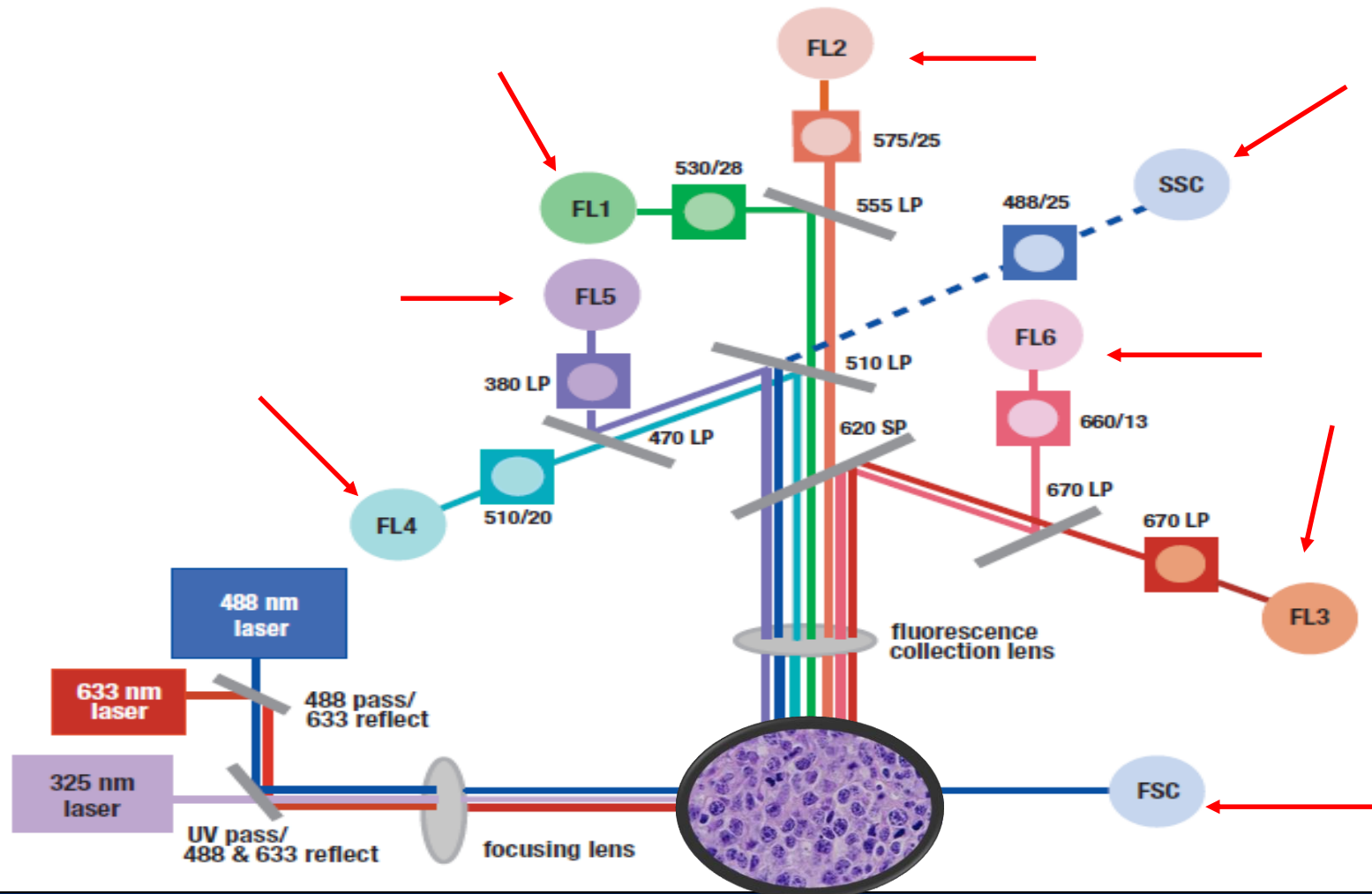
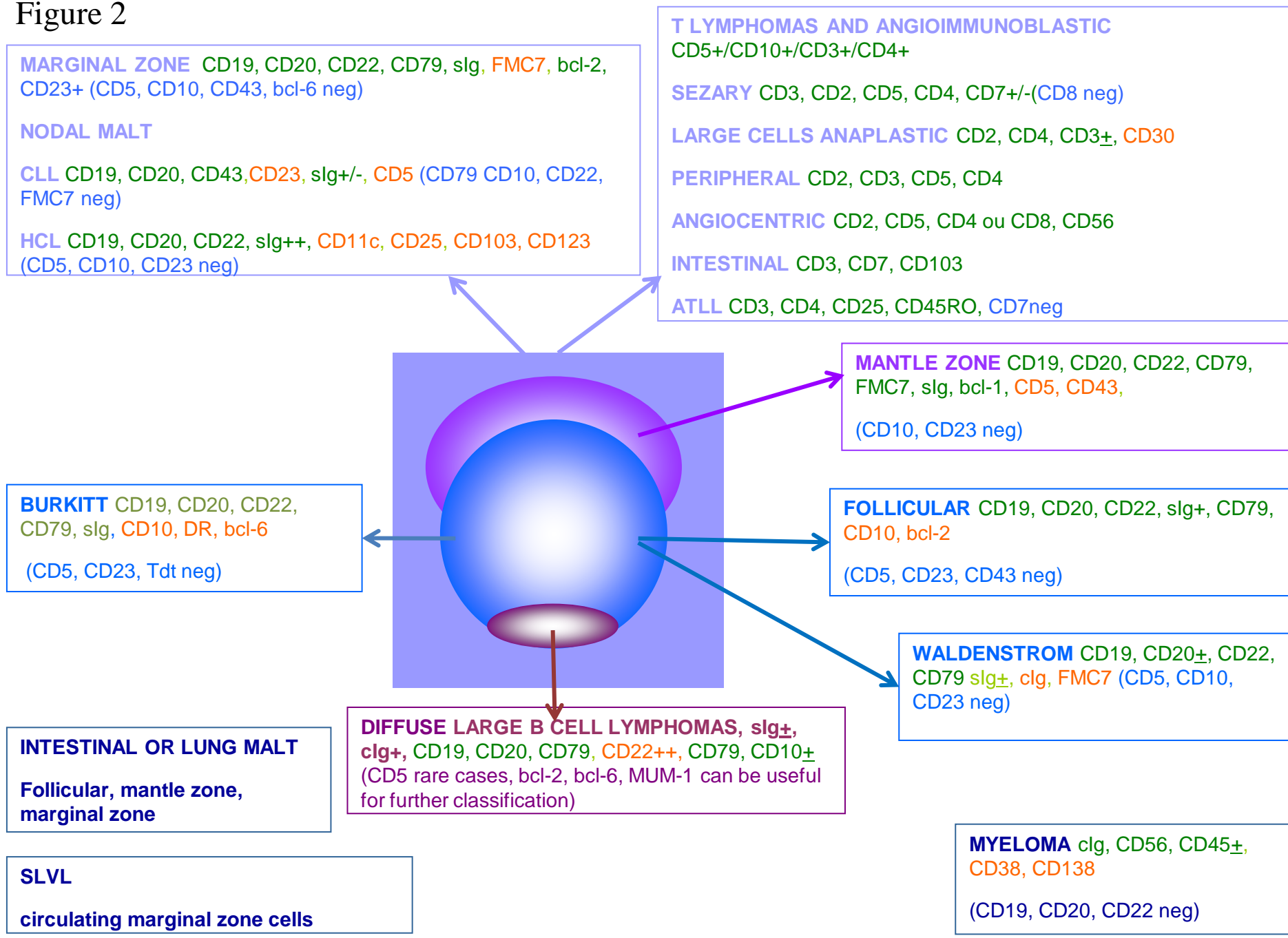
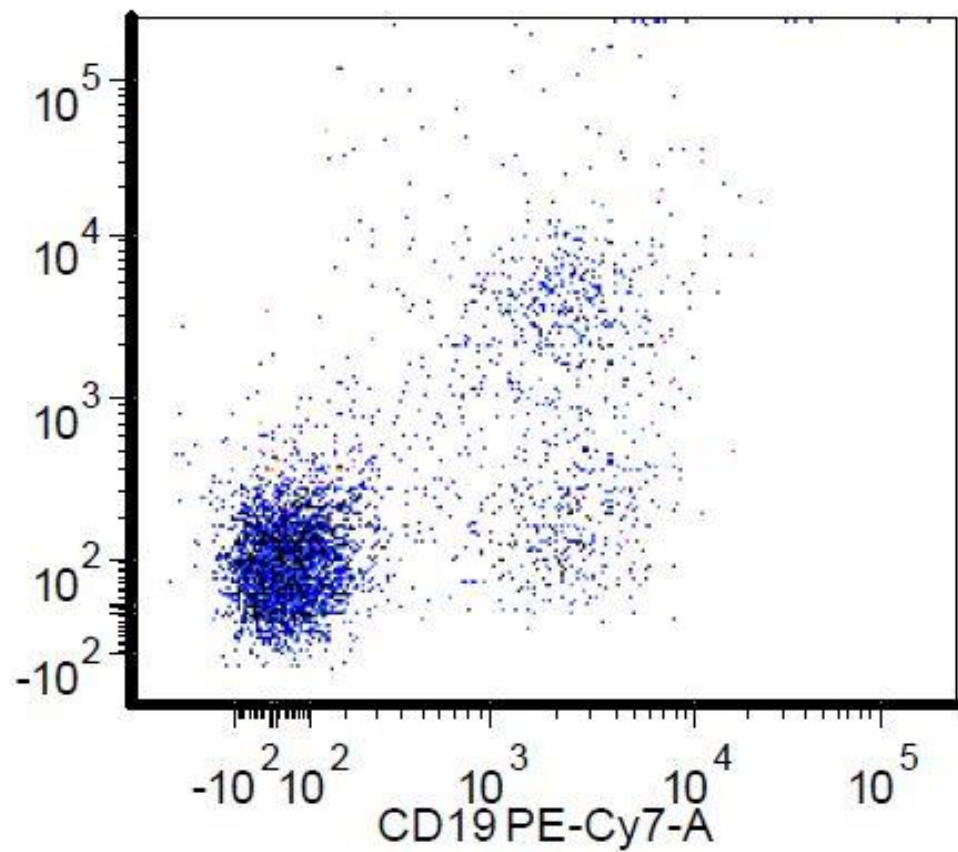


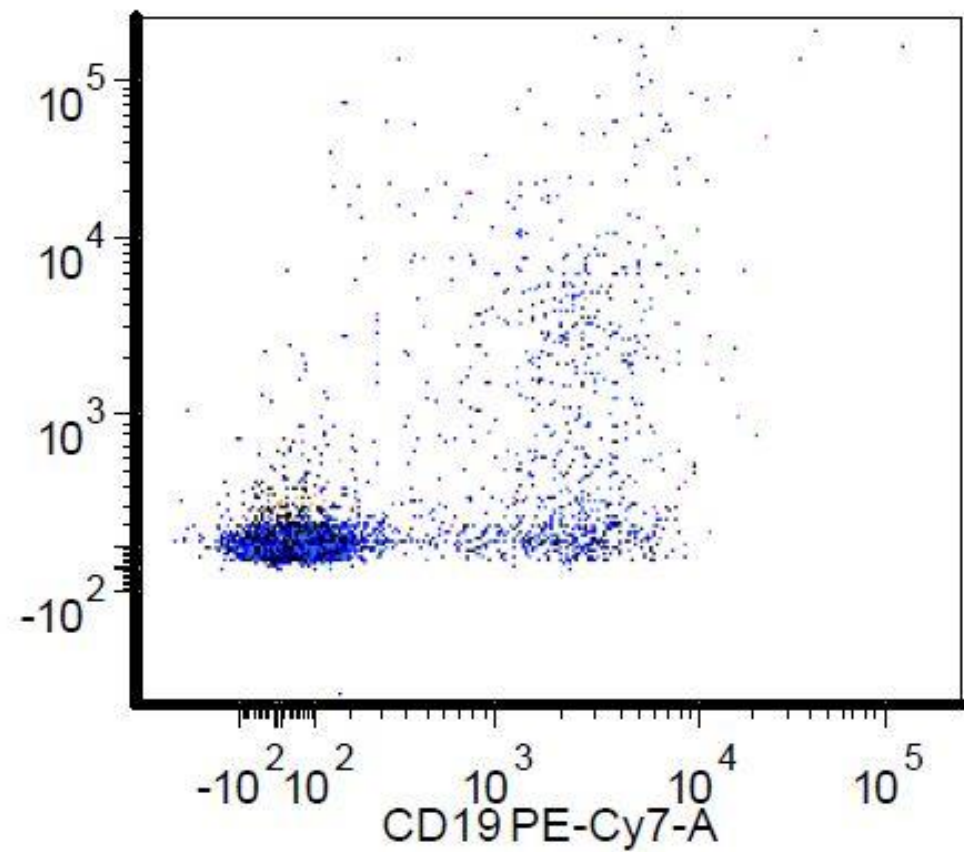
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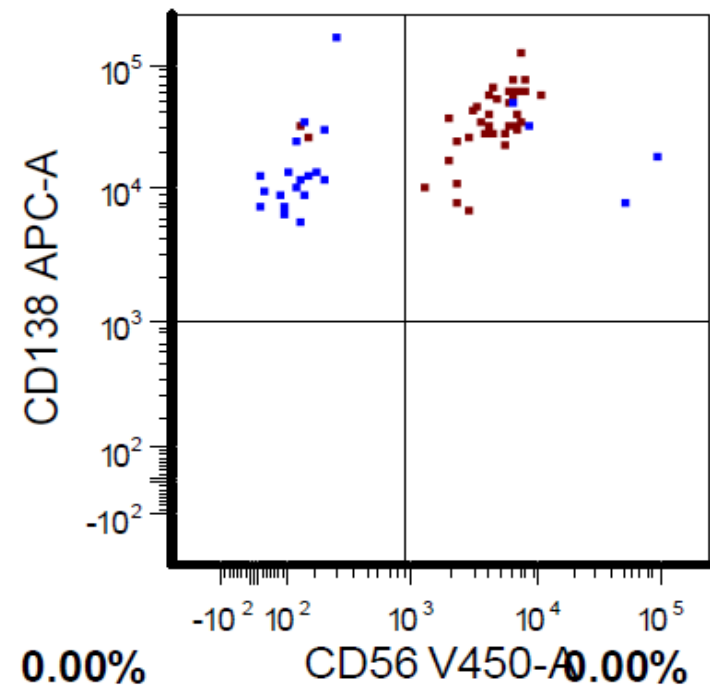
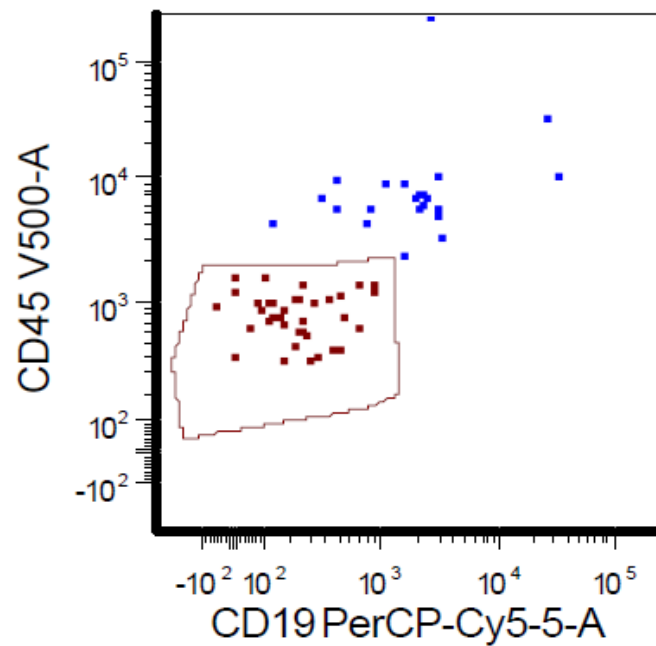
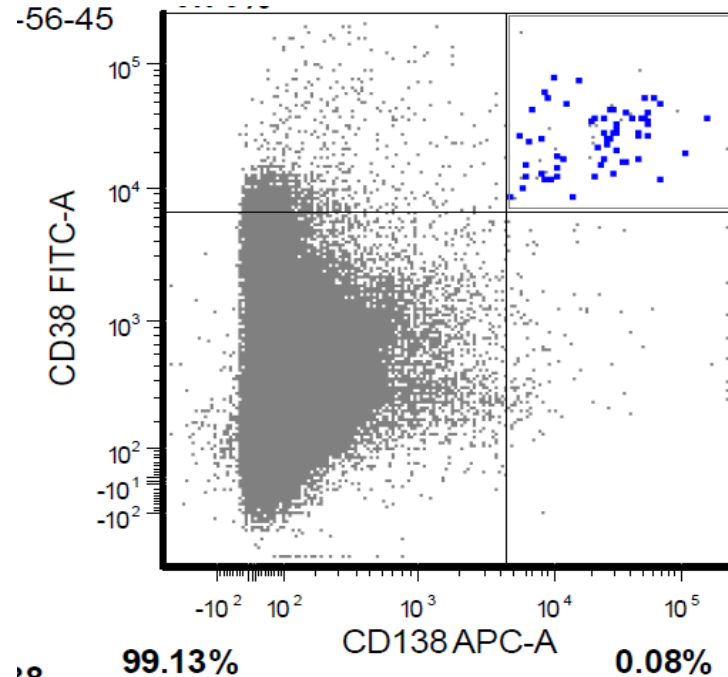
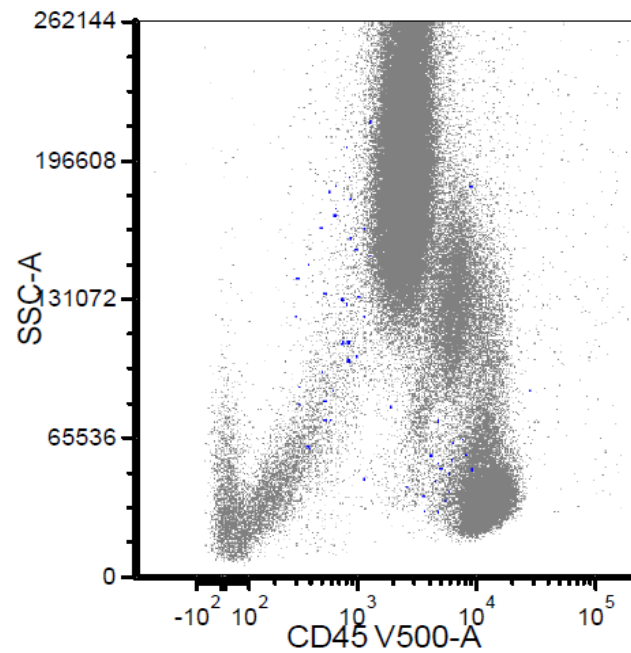


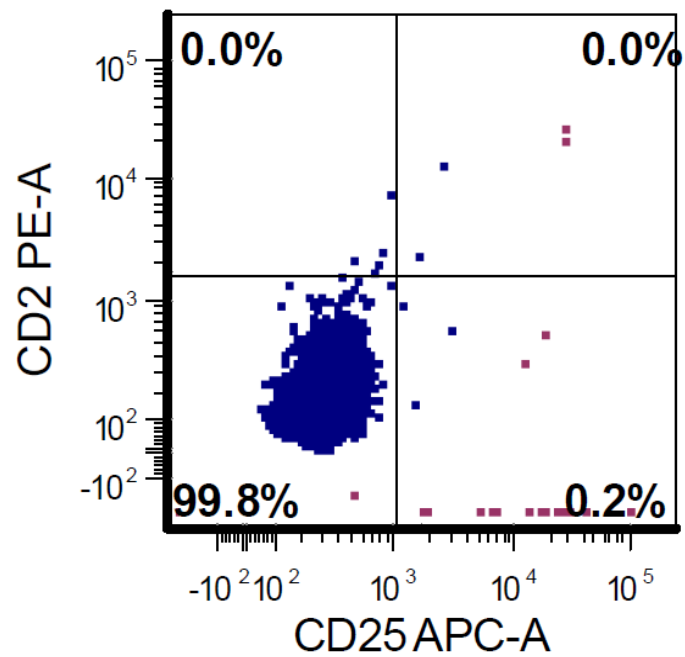
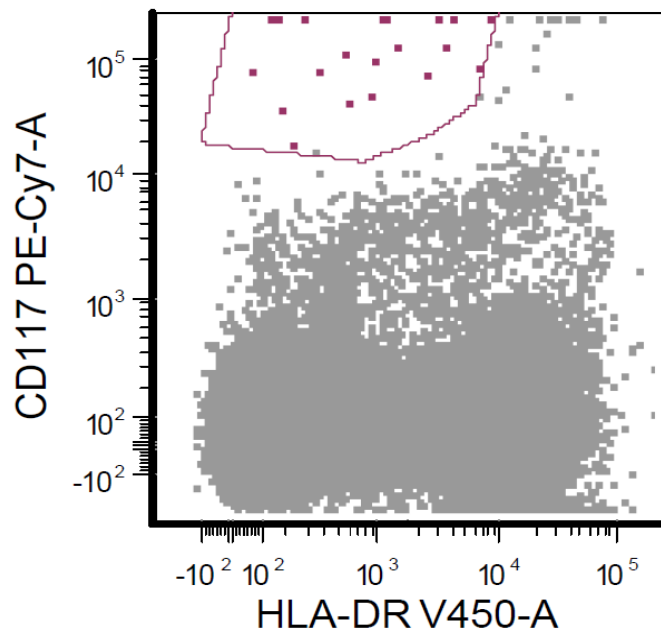
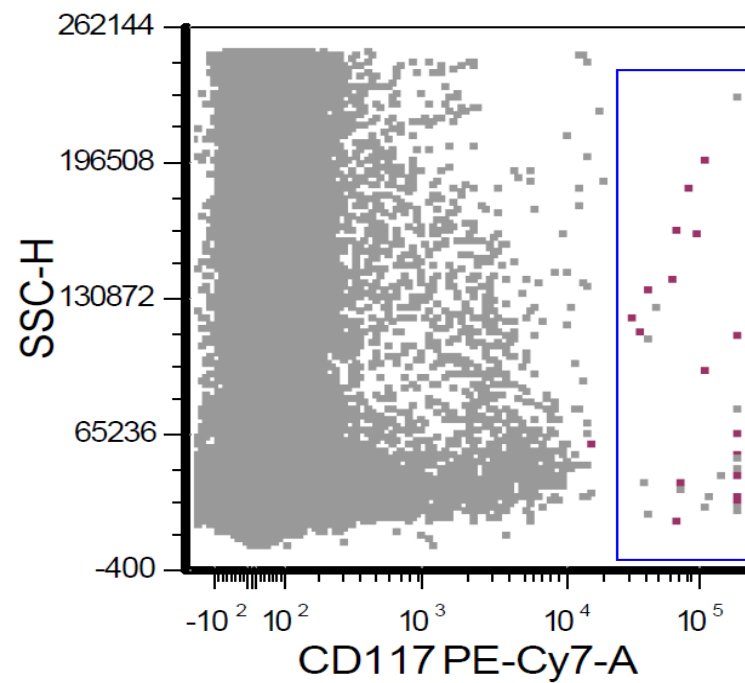
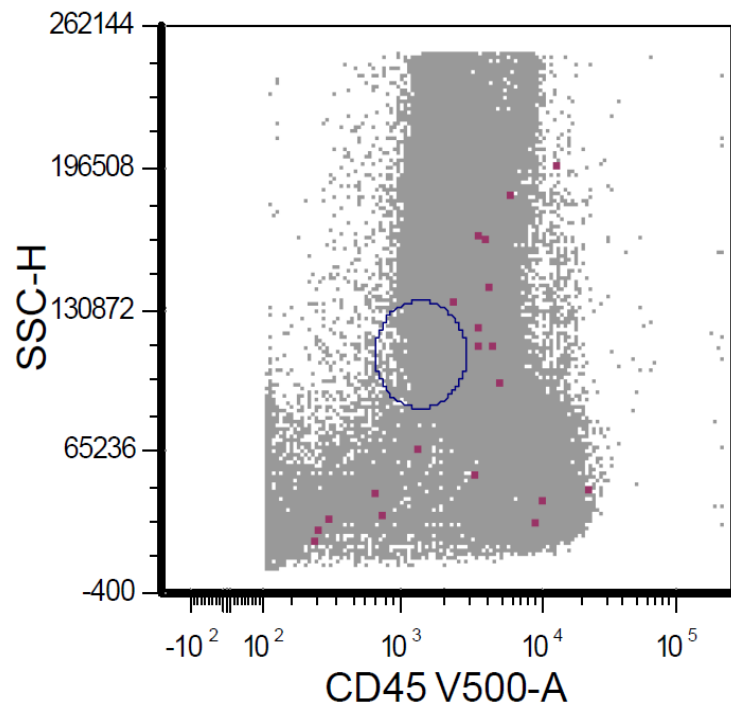
KAPPA APC-A



LAMBDA FITC-A

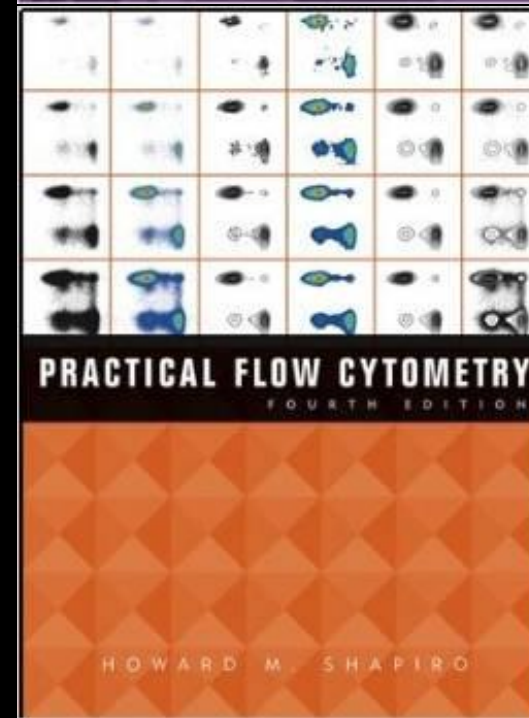
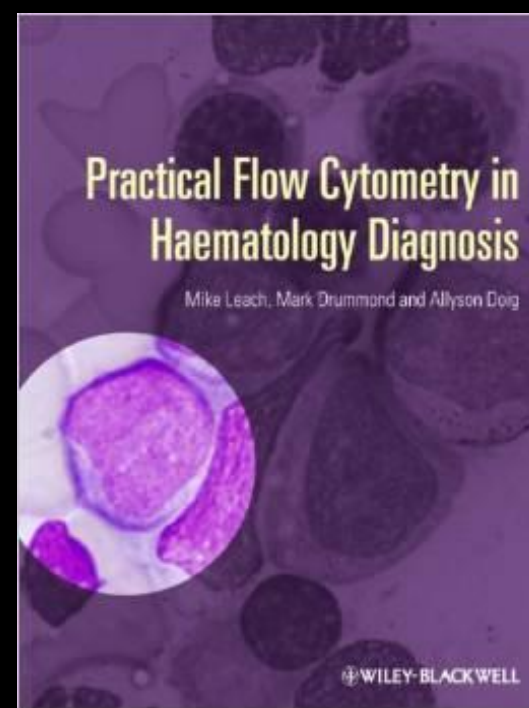
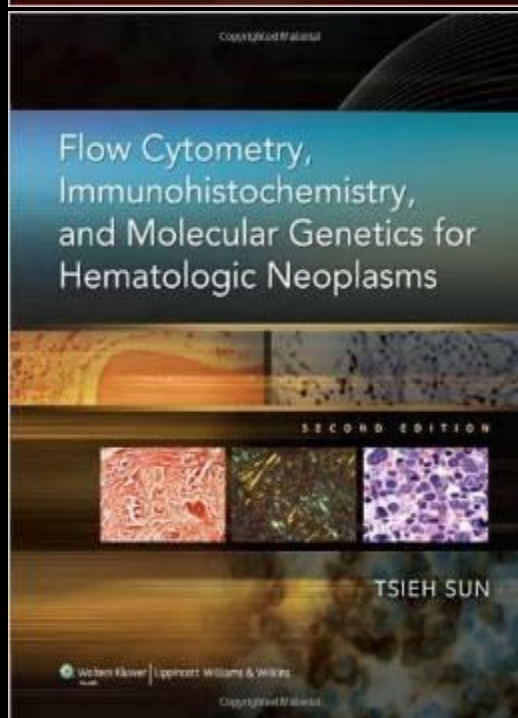
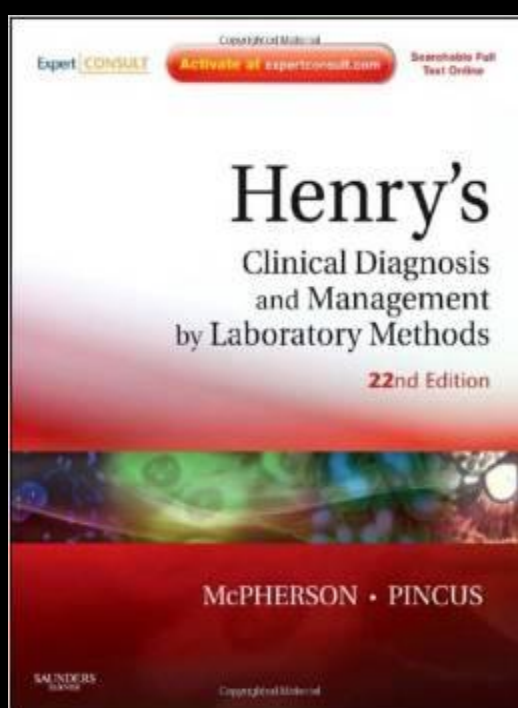






Stop Here

- Review hand outs
- Will discuss use of FCIP for diagnosis of acute leukemia and lymphoma in subsequent lectures (if you invite me back)



Questions?

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