

Principles of Flowcytometry

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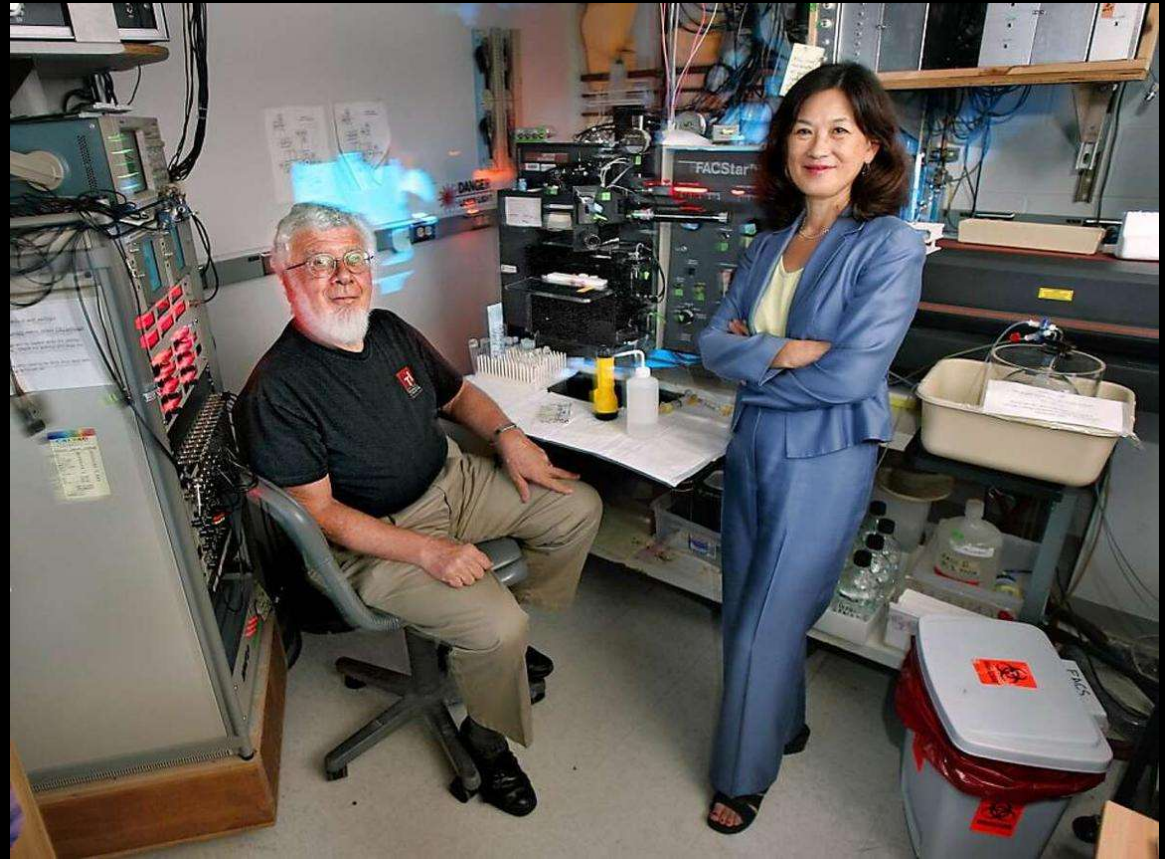
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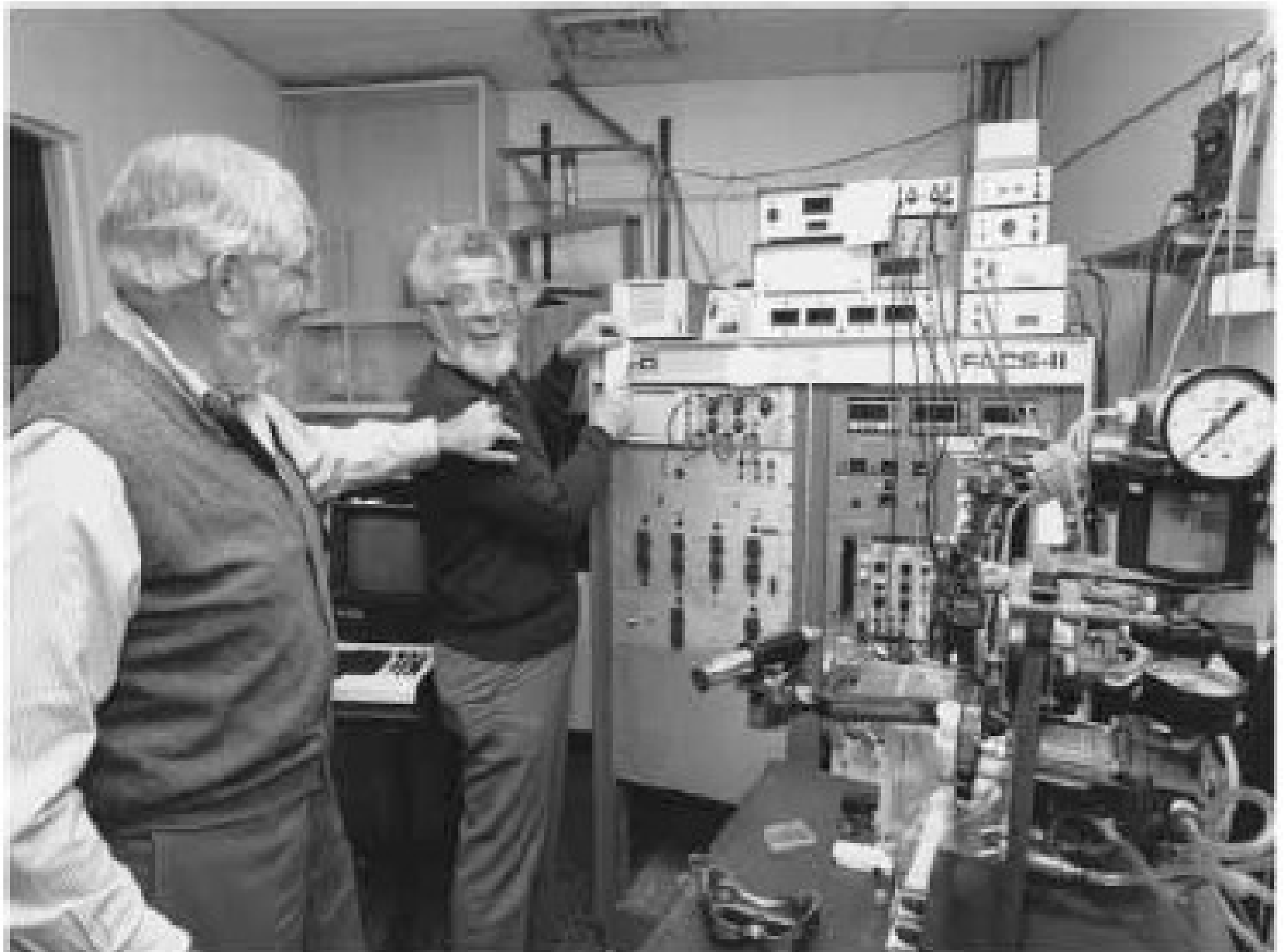


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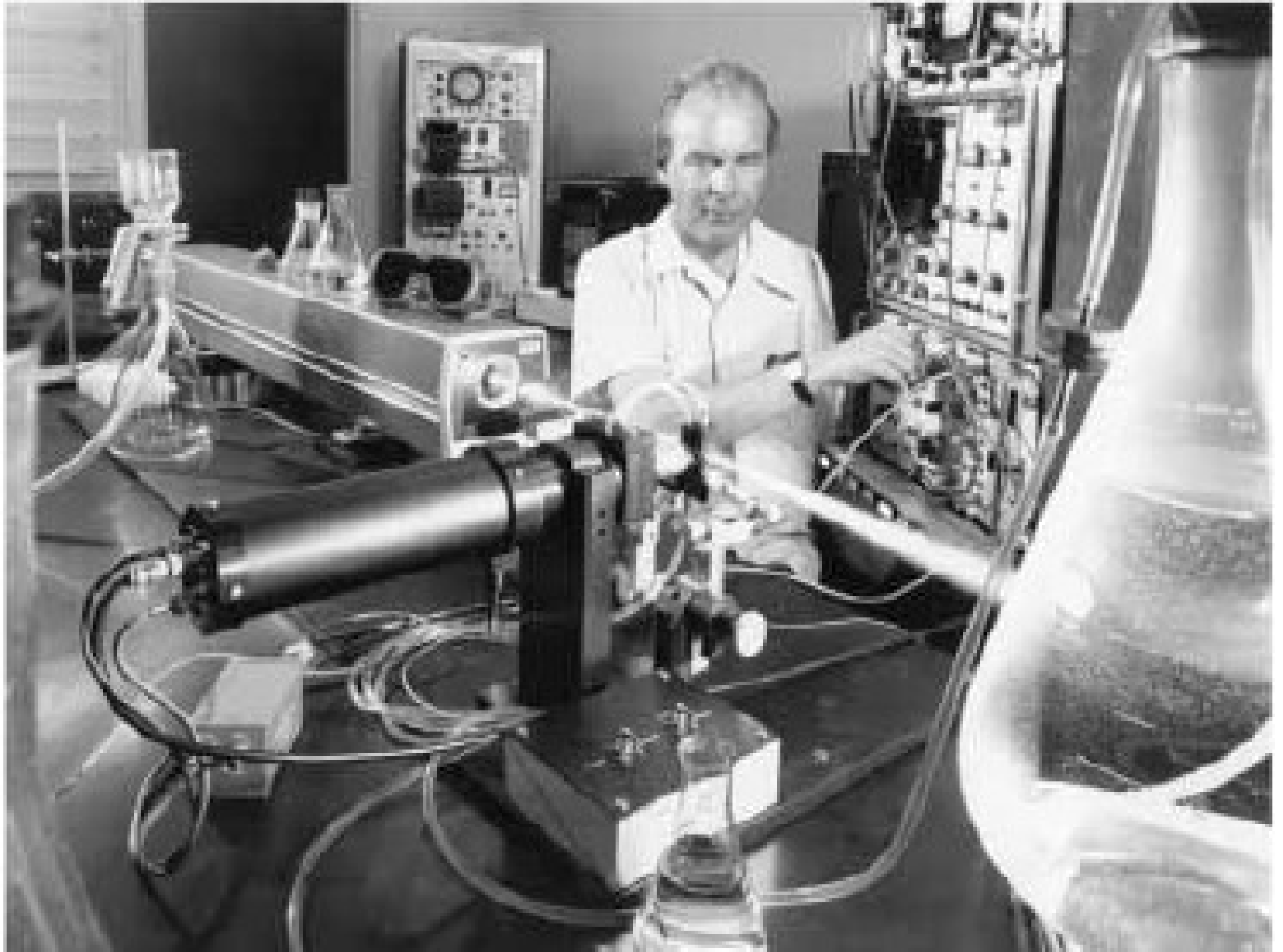
- لئونارد هرزنبرگ Leonard Herzenberg (۱۹۳۱-۲۰۱۳)
- یک ایمونولوژیست آمریکایی در Stanford University بود که تأثیر عمیقی بر زیست‌شناسی سلولی و ایمونولوژی گذاشت.
- پیش از کار هرزنبرگ، پژوهشگران می‌توانستند جمعیت سلول‌ها را به صورت کلی بررسی کنند، اما جداسازی سلول‌های خاص بسیار دشوار بود.
- مهم‌ترین دستاورد: ابداع FACS
- او همراه همکارانش در دانشگاه استنفورد:
- فناوری **FACS (Fluorescence-Activated Cell Sorting)** را توسعه داد که امکان شناسایی و جداسازی سلول‌ها بر اساس ویژگی‌های فلورسنت را فراهم کرد. این فناوری امروزه یکی از پایه‌های اصلی فلوسایتومتری مدرن است.

DR. HERZENBERG



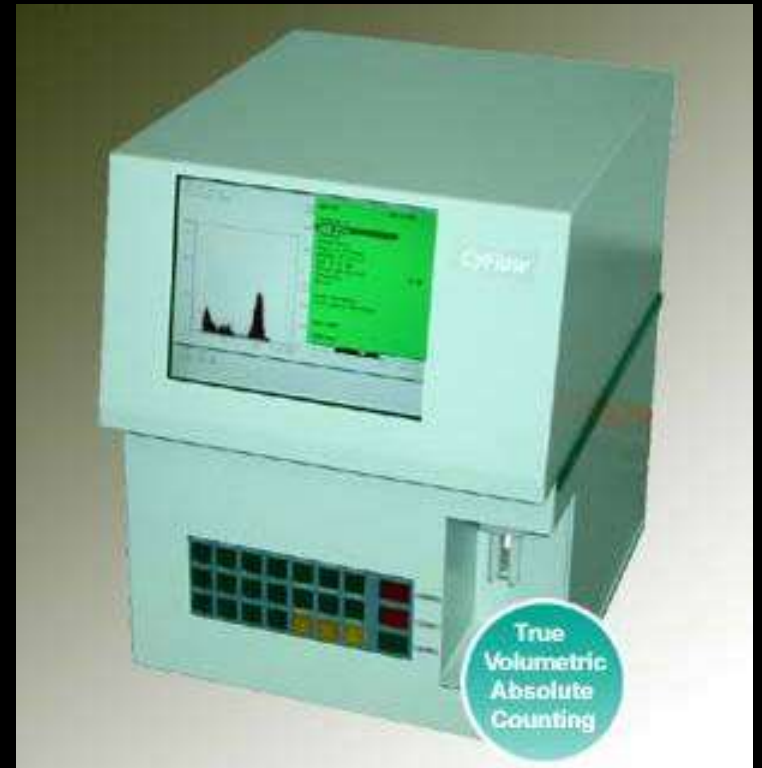






Cyflow Counter

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MOBILE FLOW CYTOMETRY LAB

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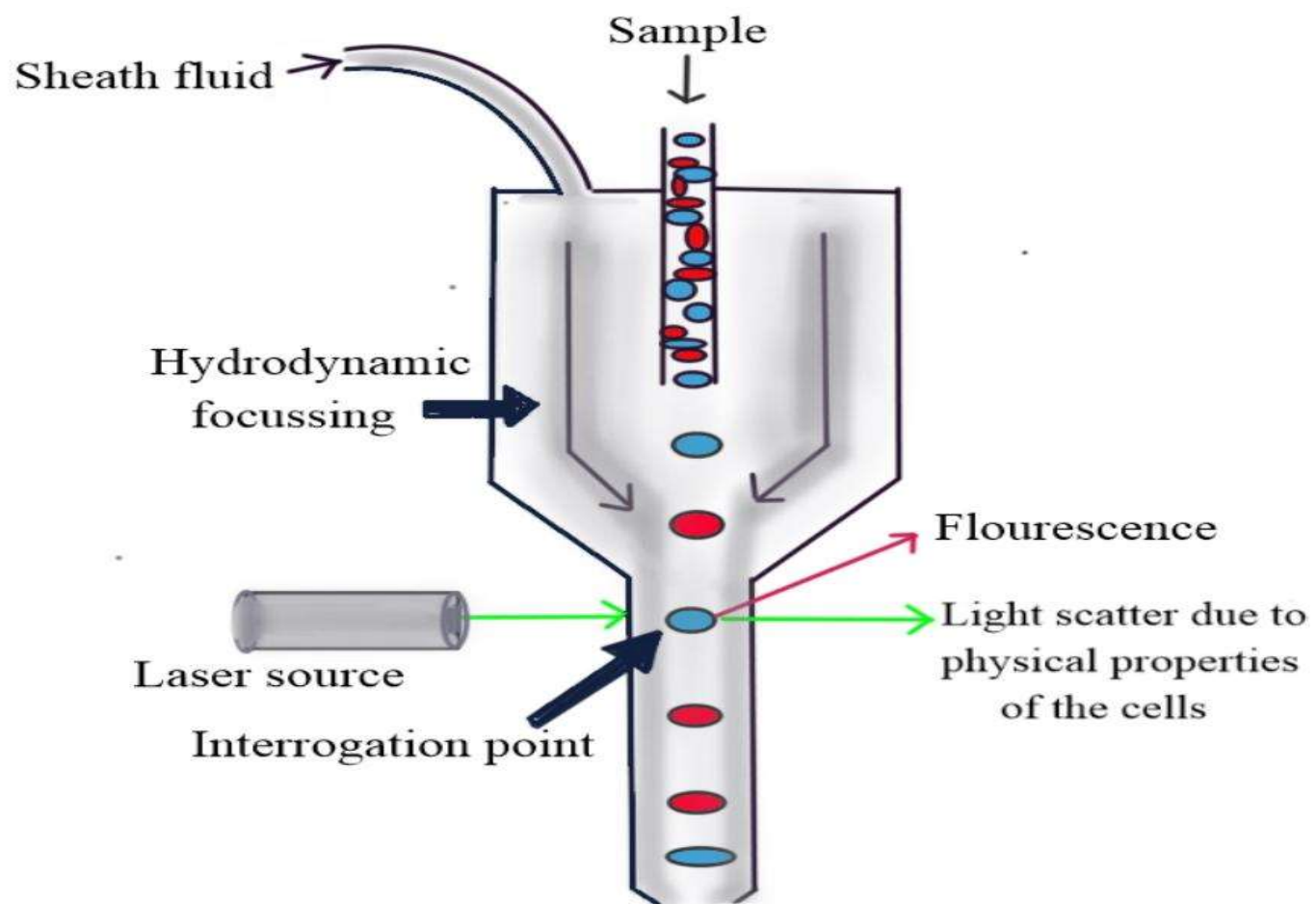


WHAT IS FLOW CYTOMETRY?

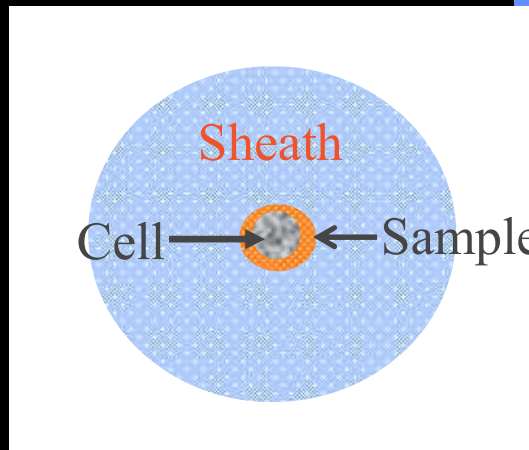
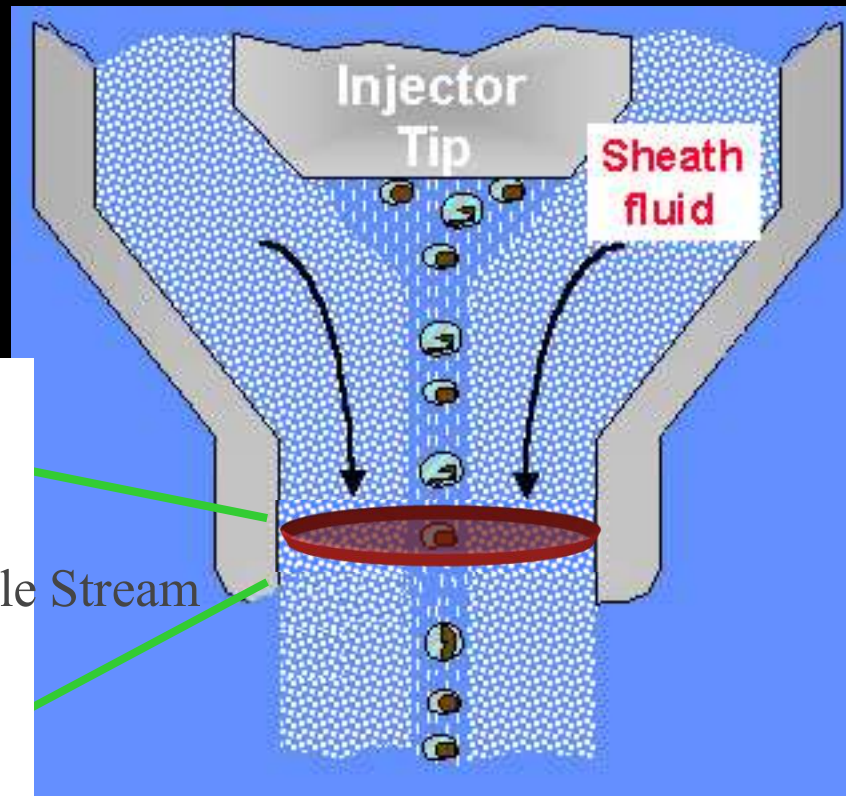
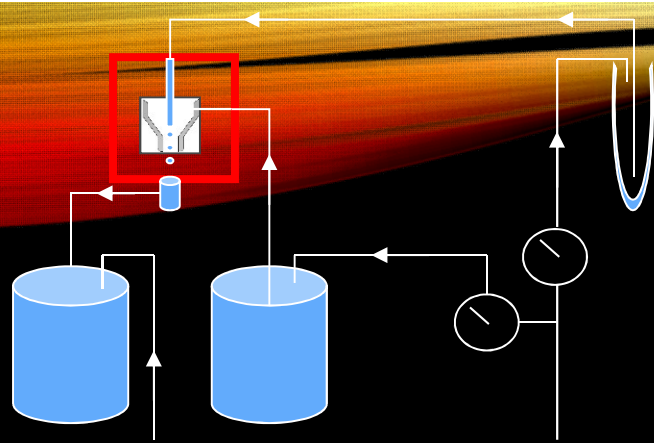
- Flow ~ cells in motion
- Cyto ~ cell
- Metry ~ measure
- Measuring properties of cells while in a fluid stream

Flow Cytometer Subsystems

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THE FLOW CELL



The introduction of a large volume into a small volume in such a way that it becomes “focused” along an axis is called **Hydrodynamic Focusing**.

Low differential pressure

- Better resolution
- Better doublet discrimination (CV)
- Better cell cycle fittings

High differential pressure

Low
Setting
(12 μ l/min)

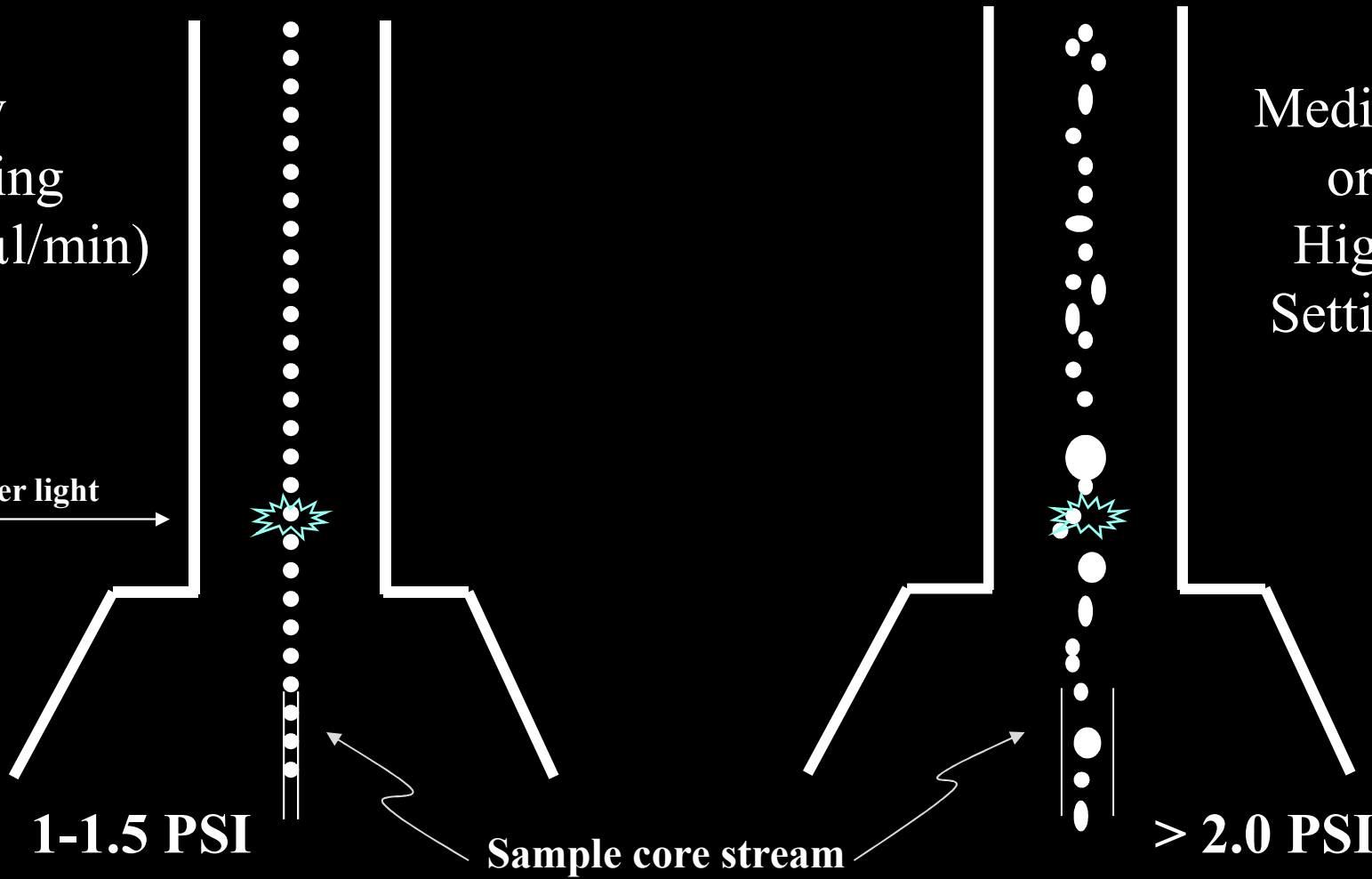
Laser light

1-1.5 PSI

Sample core stream

Medium
or
High
Setting

> 2.0 PSI

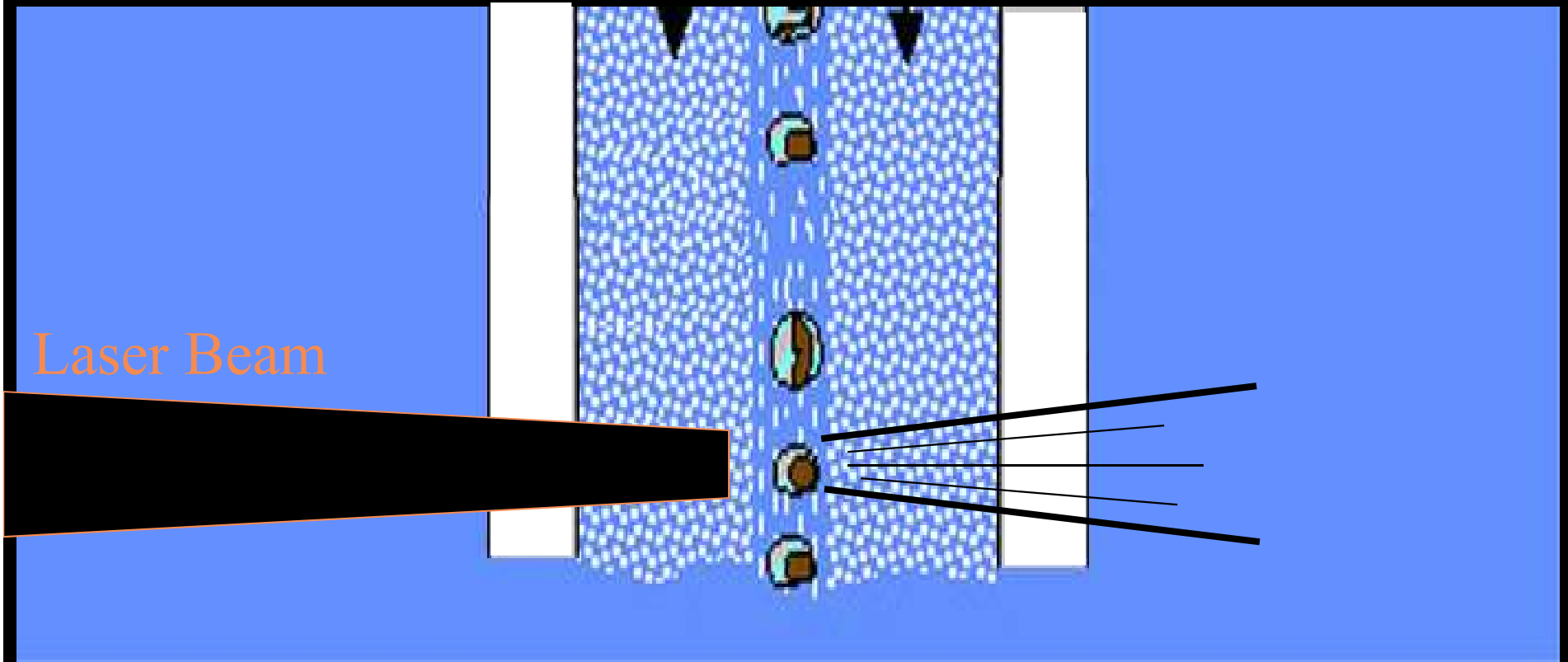


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INTERROGATION

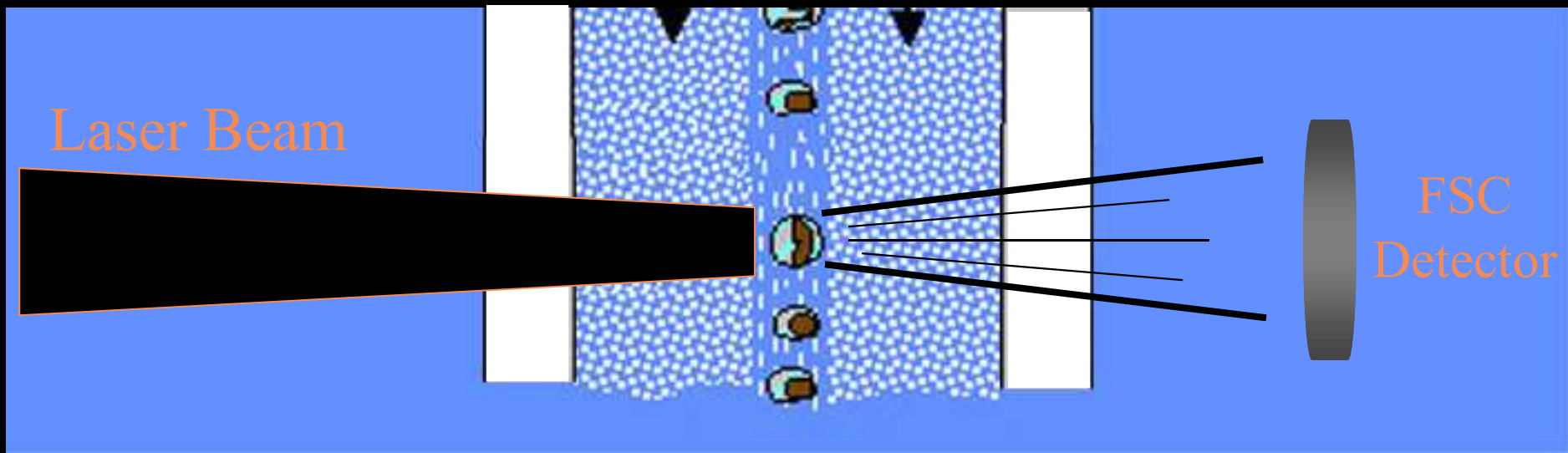
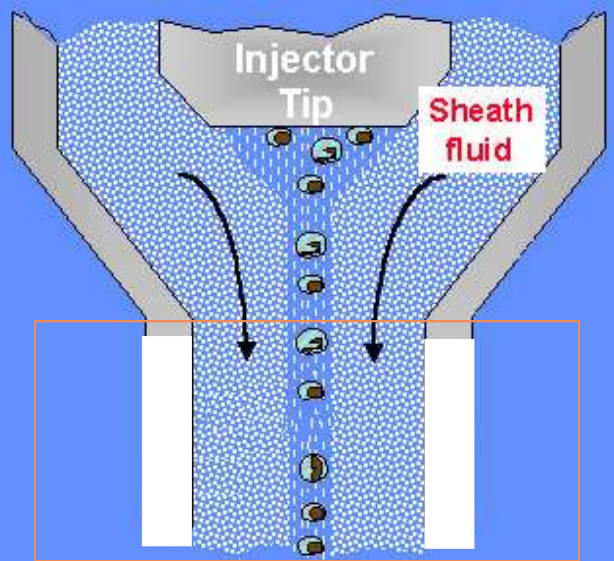
Laser Beam



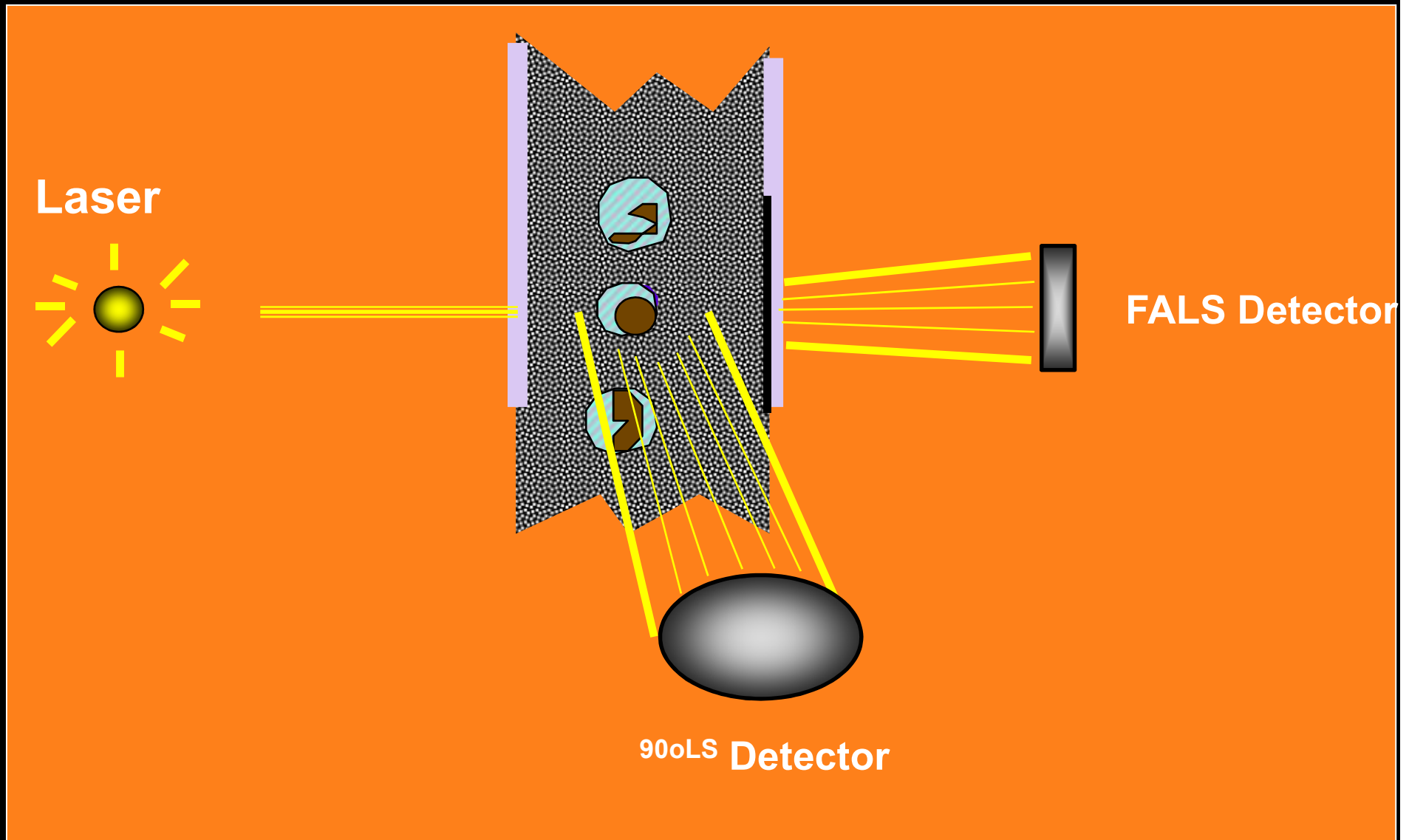
What Can a Flow Cytometer Tell Us About a Cell?

- Its relative size (Forward Scatter—FSC)
- Its relative granularity or internal complexity or cytosolic structure (Side Scatter—SSC)
- Its relative fluorescence intensity

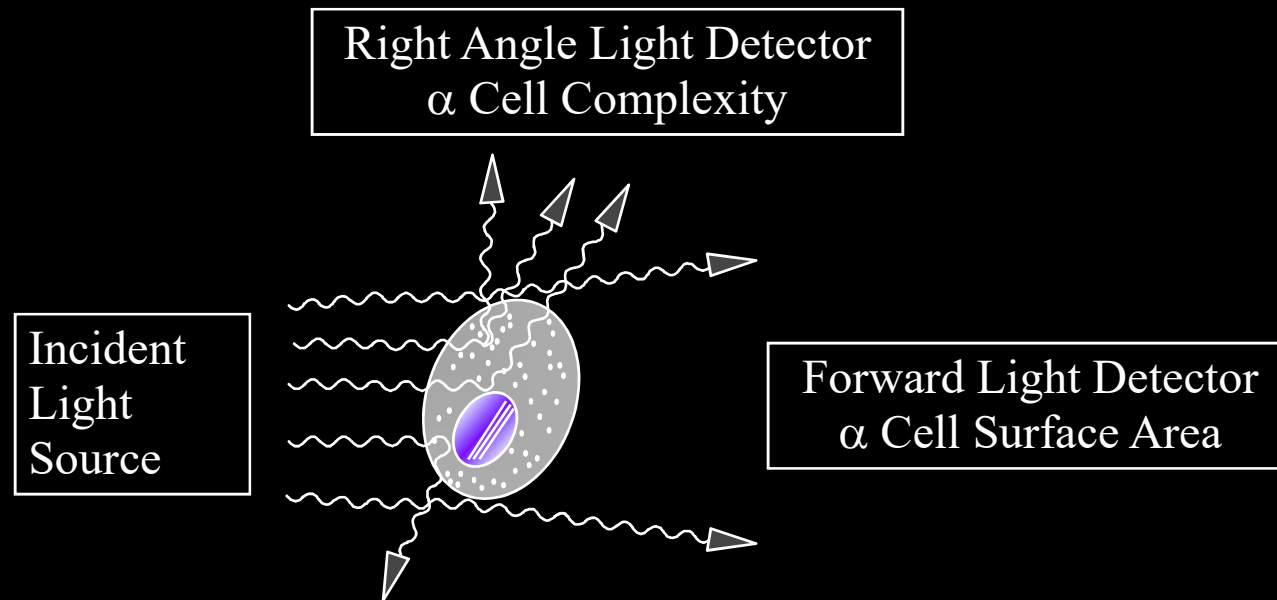
FORWARD SCATTER



SIDE (90°) SCATTER

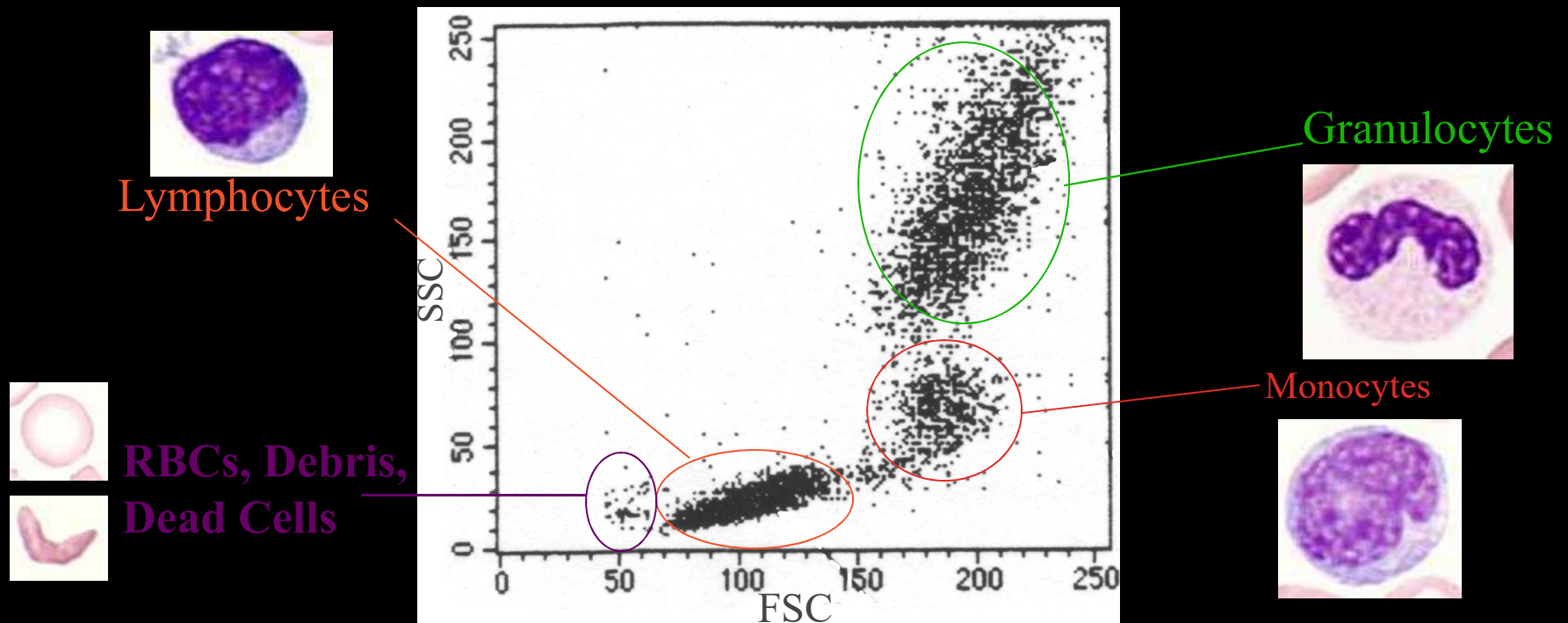


Light Scattering properties of cells

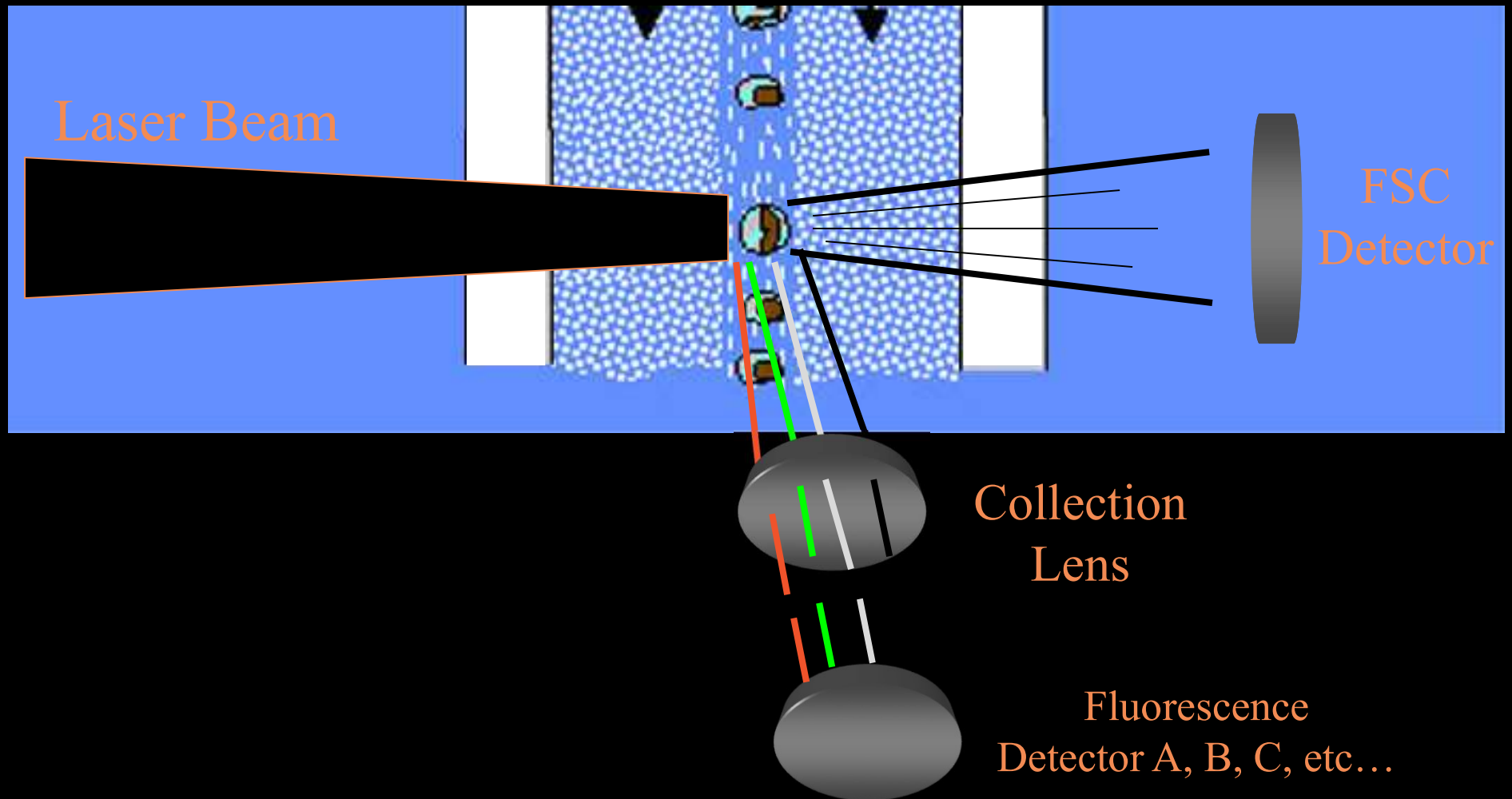


WHY LOOK AT FSC V. SSC

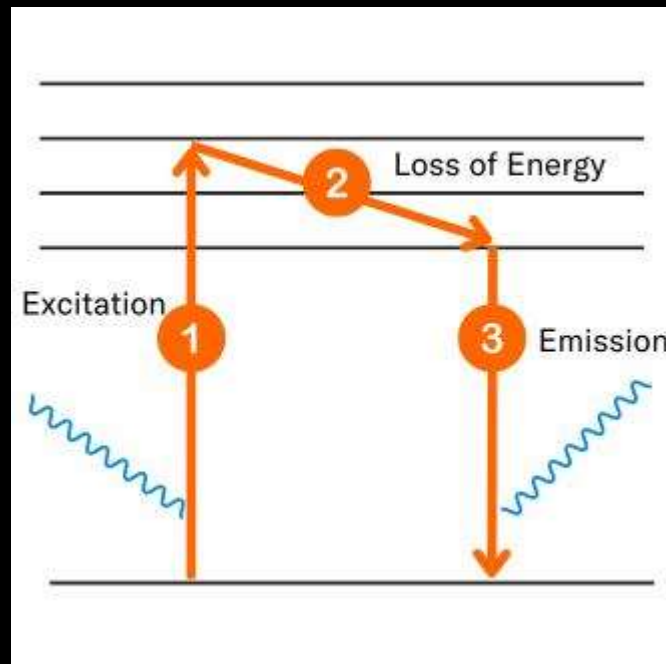
- Since FSC ~ size and SSC ~ internal structure, a correlated measurement between them can allow for differentiation of cell types in a heterogenous cell population



FLUORESCENCE DETECTORS

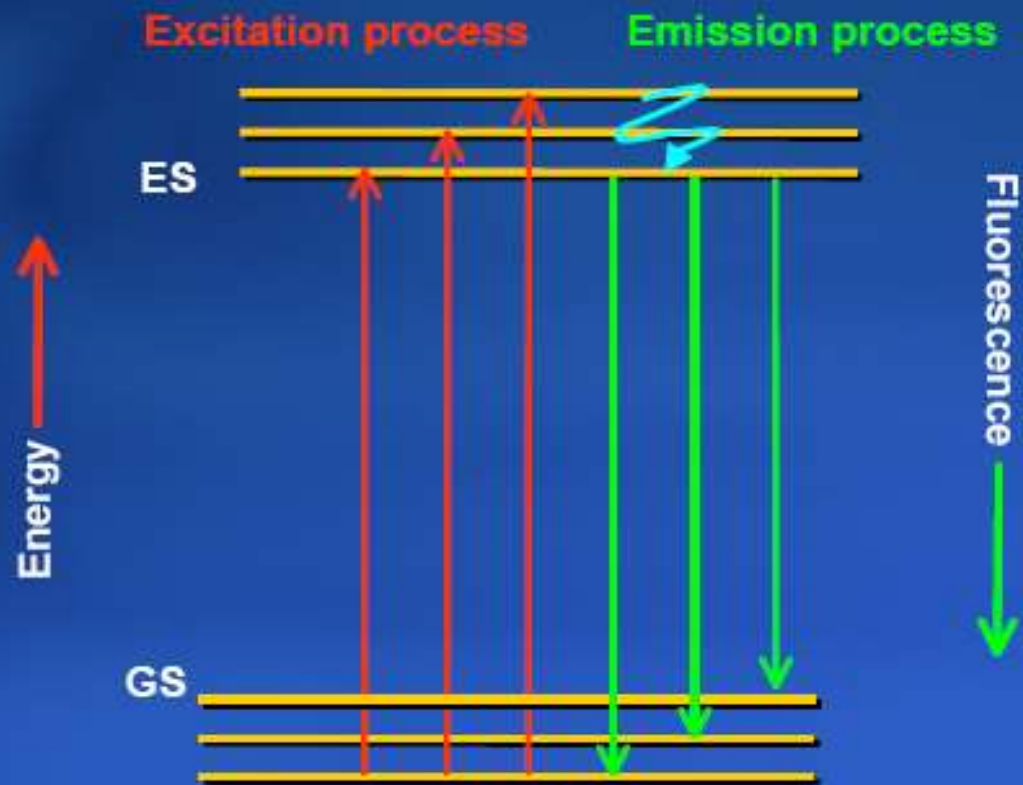


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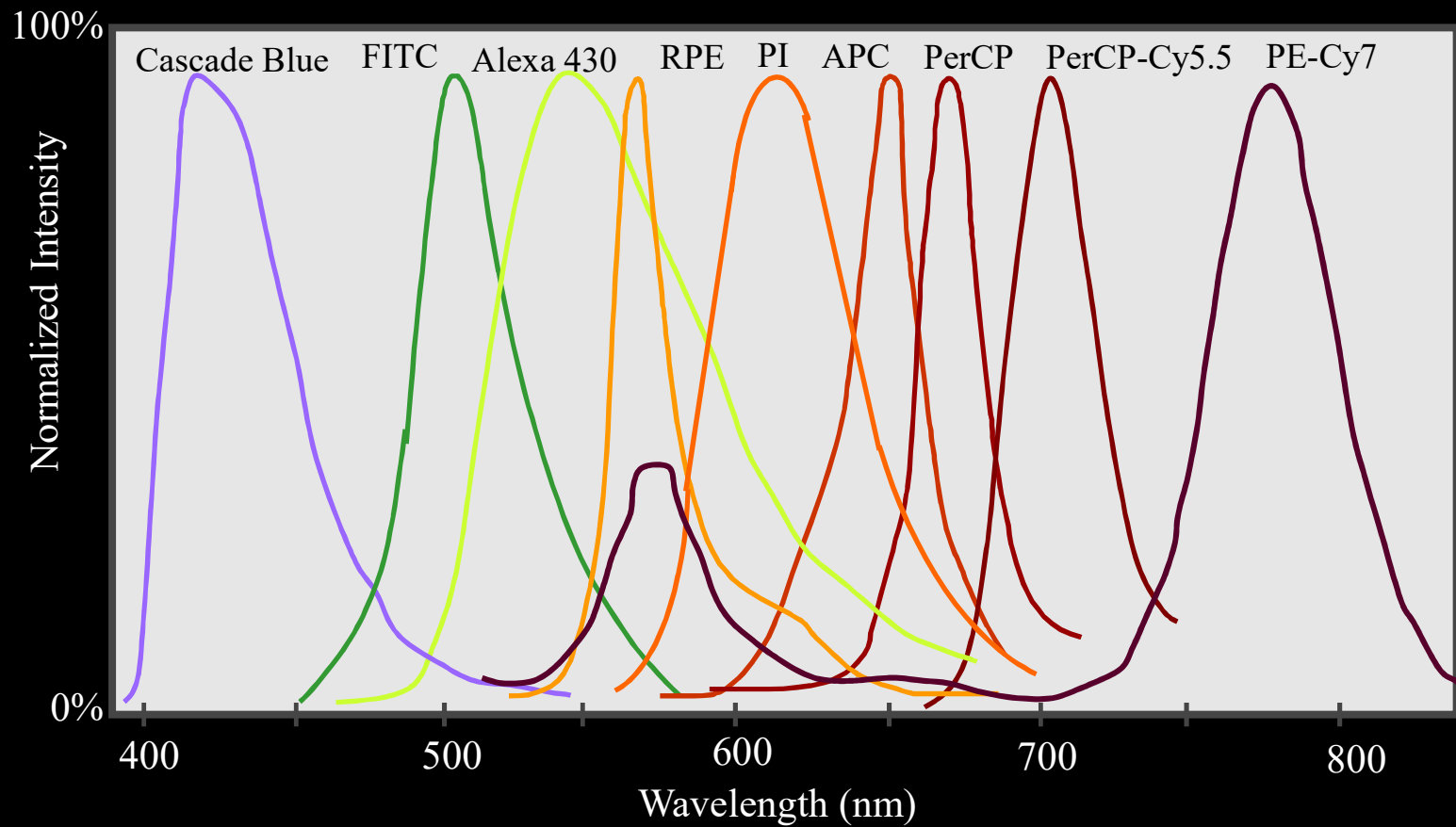


Fluorescence: Definition

Energy Level Diagram



Emission Spectra



EIGHT COLOR

488 nM laser

- FITC
- PE
- PE-TR
- PE-CY5

605 nM laser

- TR
- APC
- APC-CY7

UV laser

- cascade blue

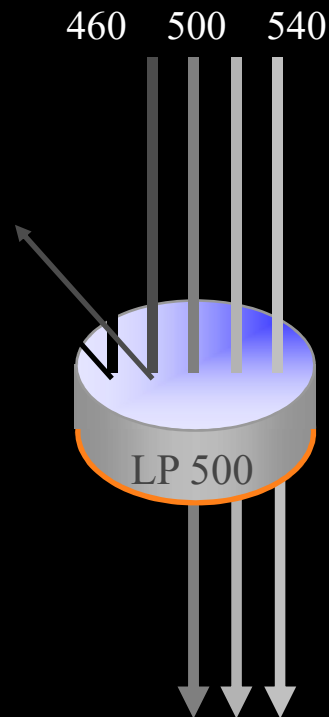
LASERS & FLUOROCHROMES BY APPLICATION

| Substrate | Probe | Ex_{max}/ Em_{max} | “ Best” Laser |
|---------------------------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| Plasmid Marker: | EGFP..... | 488/510 | 488 |
| Conjugated to antibodies: | FITC..... | 494/517 | 488 |
| | PE..... | 480/578 | 488 |
| | PerCP..... | 475/675 | 488 |
| | APC..... | 650/660 | 633 |

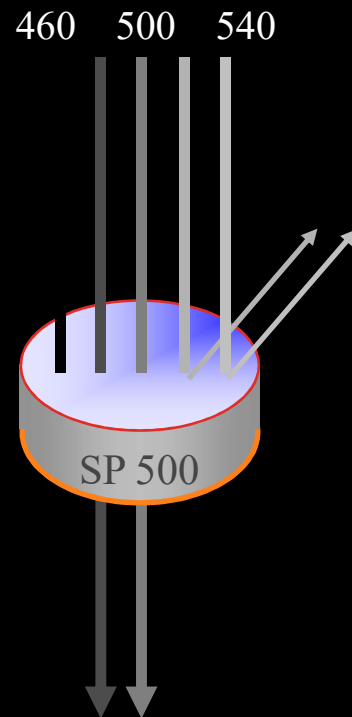
| Fluorochrome | Excitation Laser (nm) | Fluorescent Emission Maximum (nm) | FL Channel |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Alexa Fluo 488 ¹ | 488 | 519 | Green |
| FITC (Fluorescein) | 488 | 525 | Green |
| PE (R-PE, R-Phycoerythrin) | 488 | 575 | Yellow |
| PE-Cy5 ² | 488 | 670 | Red |
| PE-Cy5.5 ² | 488 | 690 | Red |
| PE-Cy7 ² | 488 | 774 | Infra-Red |
| APC (Allophycocyanin) | 633, 635 | 660 | Red |
| Alexa Fluo 647 ¹ | 633, 635 | 668 | Red |
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Optical Filters

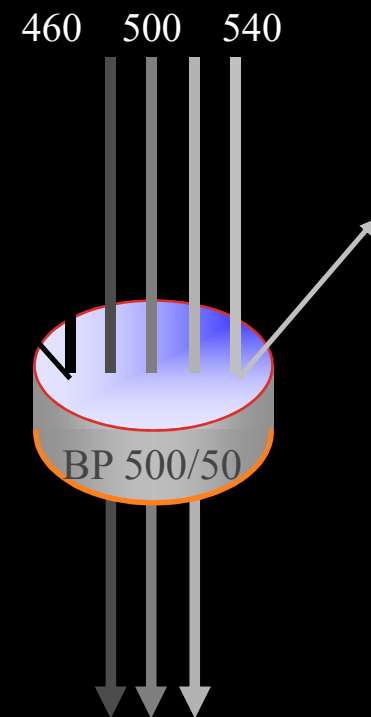
Longpass



Shortpass

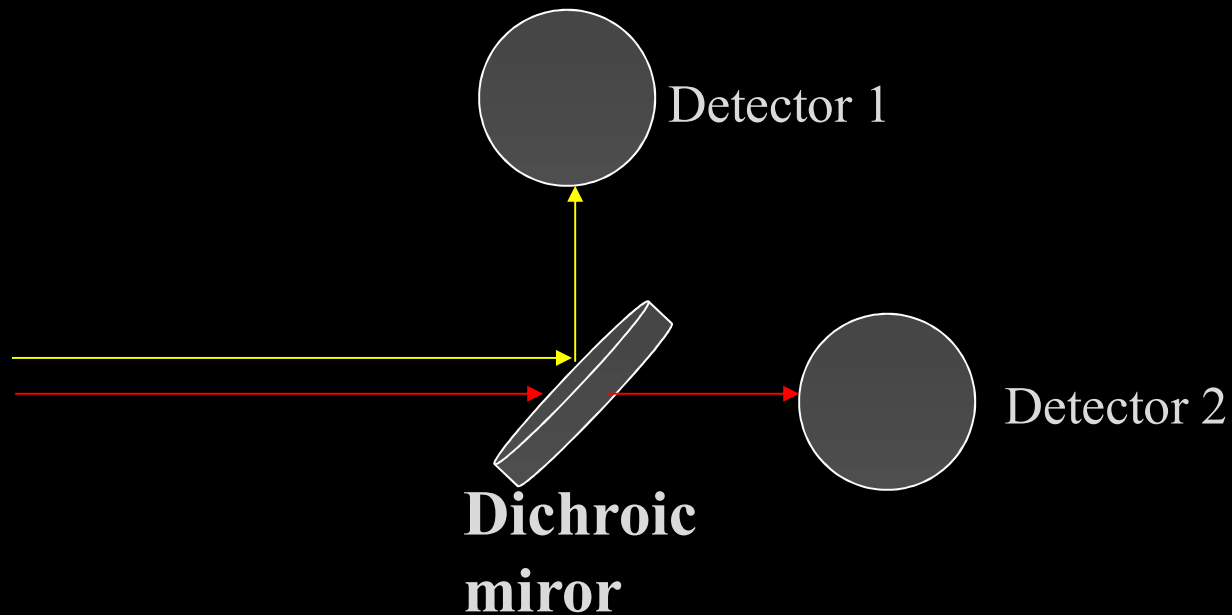


Bandpass

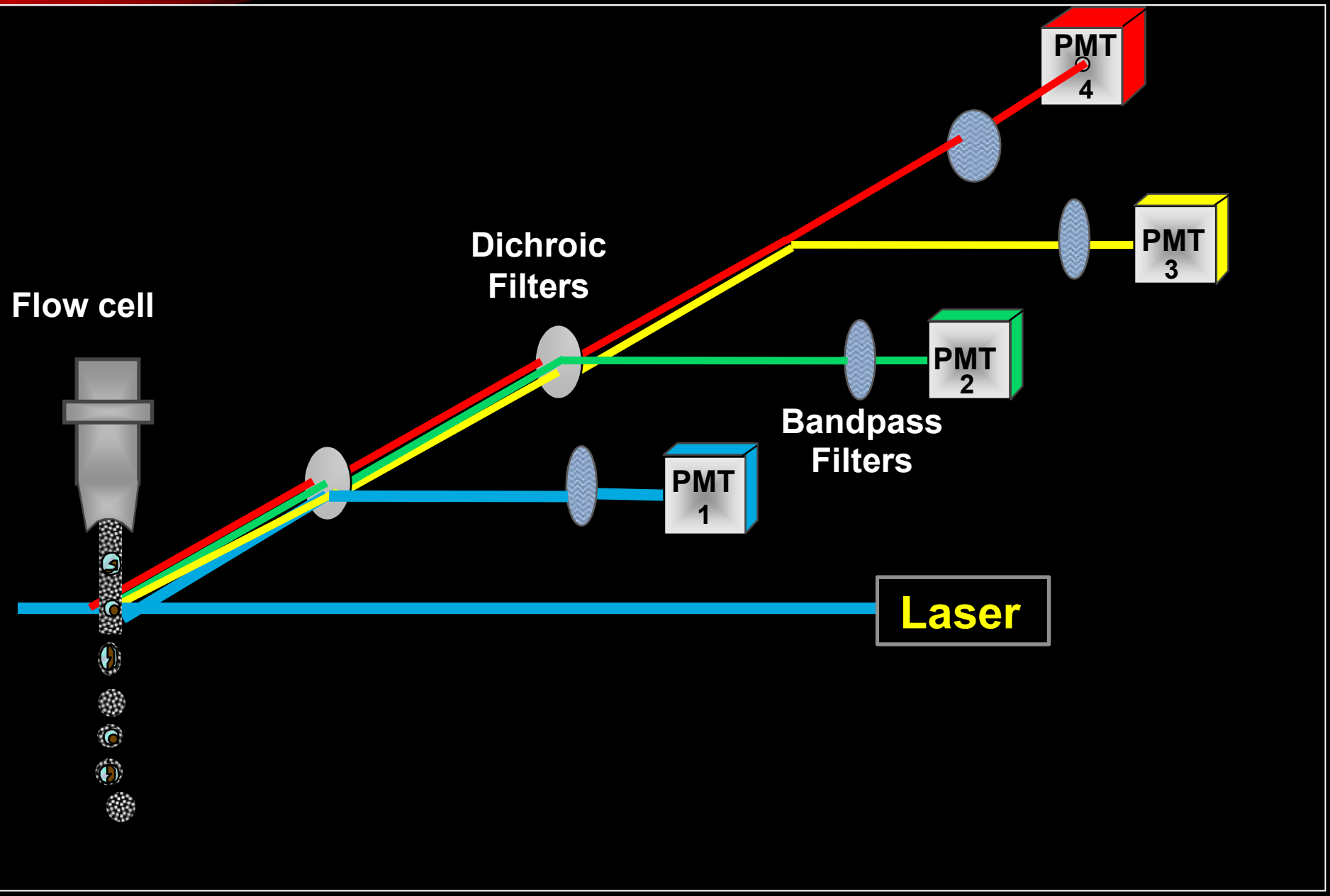


DICHROIC MIRRORS

- Filter is placed at a 45° angle to the incident light
- Part of the light is reflected at 90° to the incident light, and part of the light is transmitted and continues on.



FLOW CYTOMETER OPTICS



حداکثر نشر تقریبی فلوروفور

FITC ۵۳۰-۵۱۹nm

PE ۵۸۰-۵۷۵nm

PerCP ۶۷۰nm

APC ۶۷۰-۶۶۰nm

Excitation
Lasers

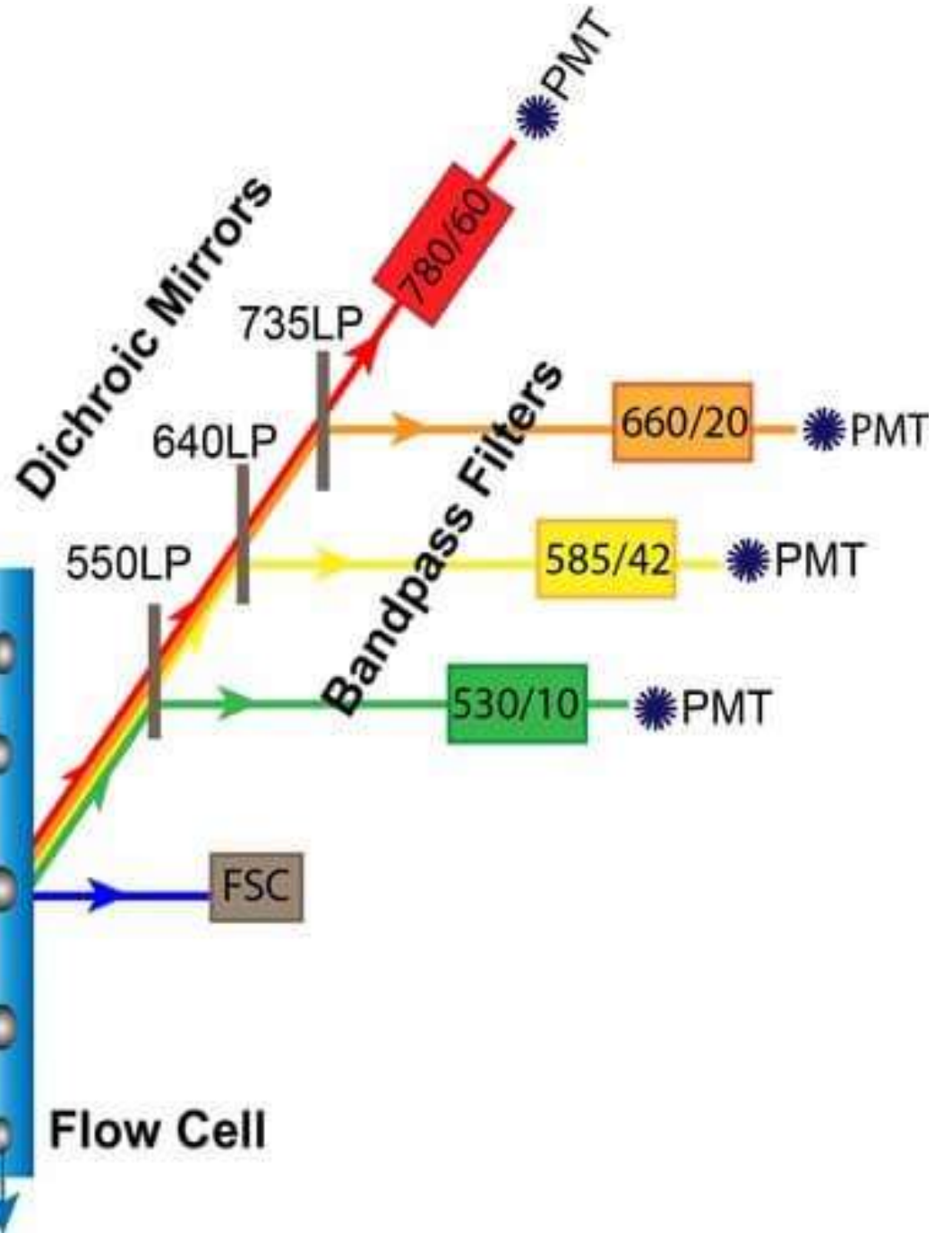
405 nm

488 nm

633 nm

Lenses and
Prisms

Flow Cell



فیلتر نوری

انتخاب محدوده مشخصی از طول موج

معمولاً فقط نور عبوری مورد استفاده قرار می‌گیرد

جلوی هر آشکارساز برای دقیق‌تر کردن طول موج

آئینه دایکروئیک

تقسیم نور به دو مسیر

هم نور بازتابی و هم عبوری

قبل از آشکارسازها برای جداسازی کانال‌ها

ویژگی

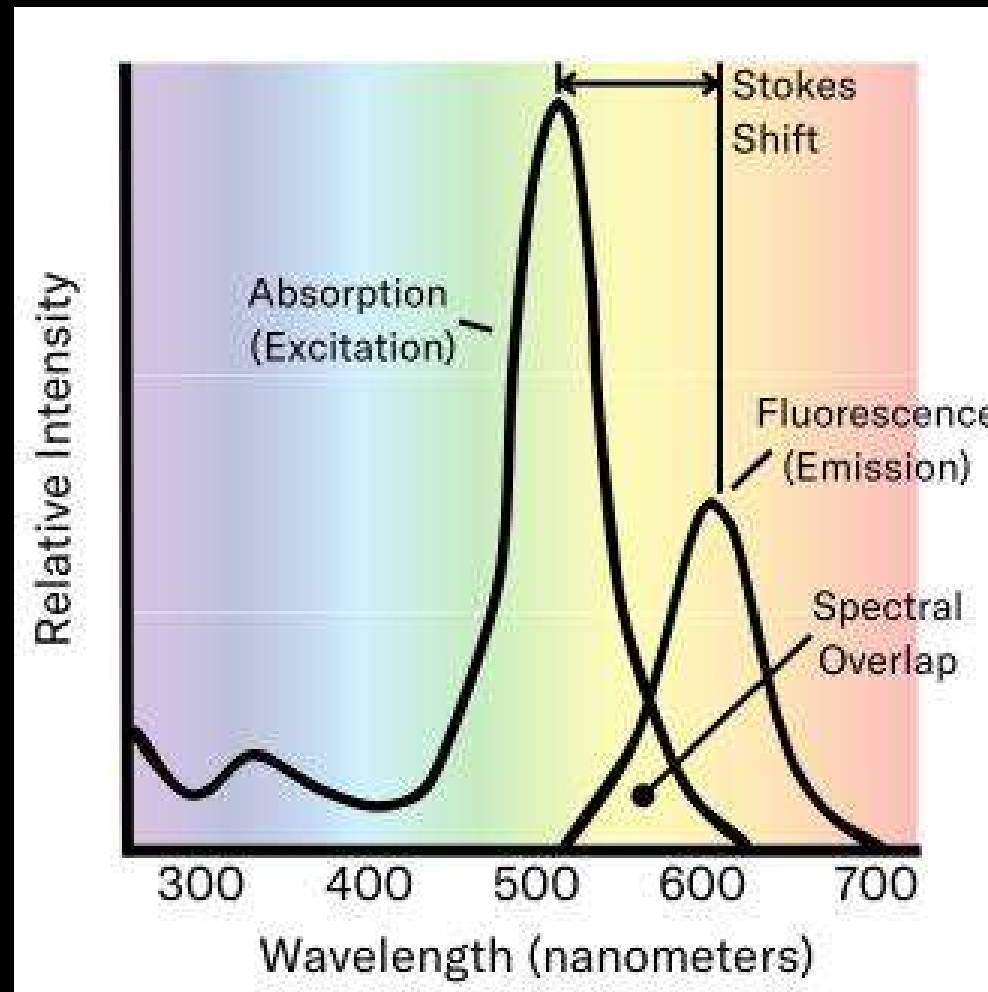
عملکرد اصلی

خروجی

محل استفاده

- آینه‌های دایکروئیک فقط بر اساس طول موج عمل می‌کنند و هیچ اطلاعی از نوع فلوروکروم ندارند. بنابراین اگر دو رنگ فلورسانس طول موج‌های نزدیک به هم داشته باشند، مقداری از نور آنها وارد کانال‌های مجاور می‌شود که به آن **Spillover** می‌گویند.

Spillover

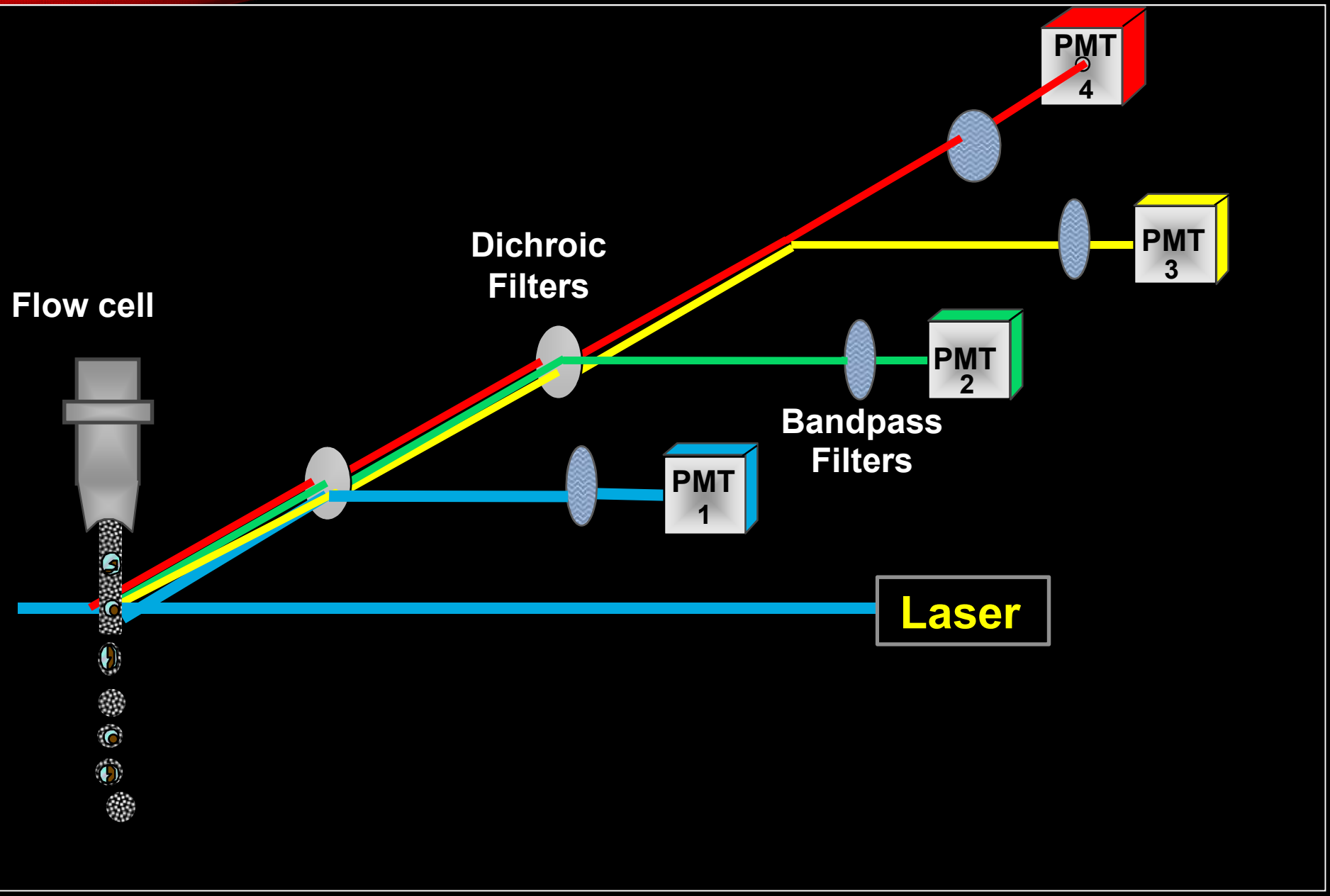


Spectral overlap : همپوشانی طیفی
تداخل نور منتشر شده از فلوروکروم‌های مختلف که نیاز به
جبران‌سازی (Compensation) دارد.

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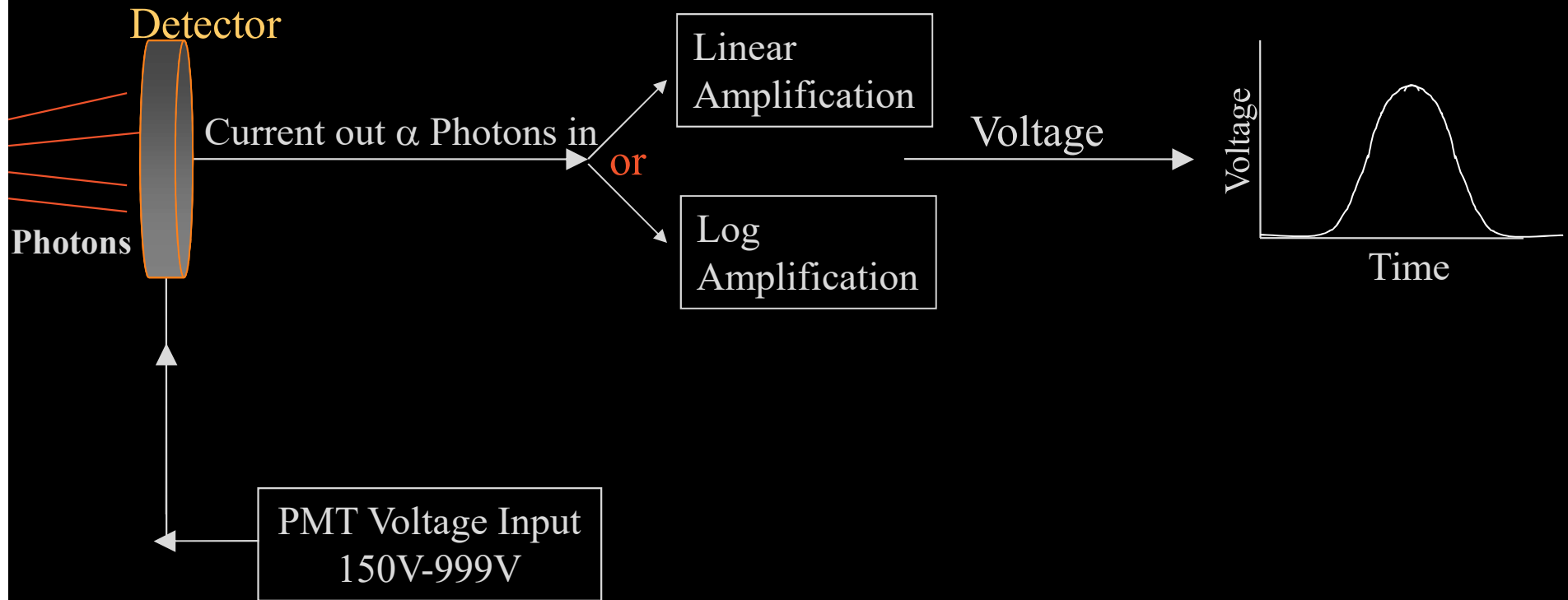


- دتکتورها اجزایی هستند که نور پراکنده شده و نور فلورسانس تولید شده توسط سلولها را به سیگنال الکتریکی قابل اندازه گیری تبدیل می کنند. این سیگنالها سپس تقویت، دیجیتال سازی و توسط نرم افزار تحلیل می شوند.

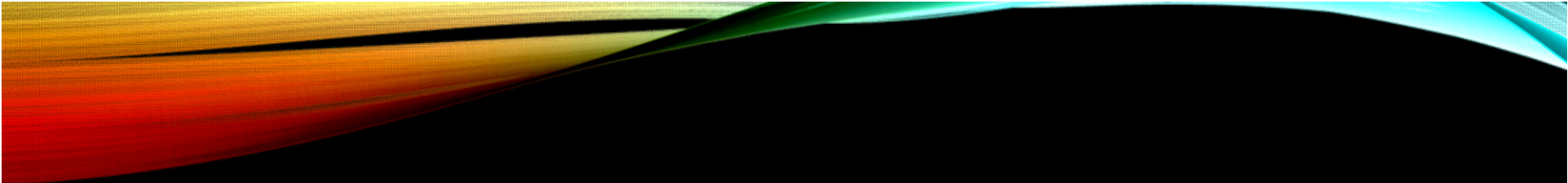
DETECTORS

- There are two main types of photo detectors used in flow cytometry
 - Photodiodes
 - Used for strong signals, when saturation is a potential problem (eg. FSC detector)
 - Photomultiplier tubes (PMT)
 - More sensitive than a Photodiode, a PMT is used for detecting small amounts of fluorescence emitted from fluorochromes.

ELECTRONICS SCHEMATIC

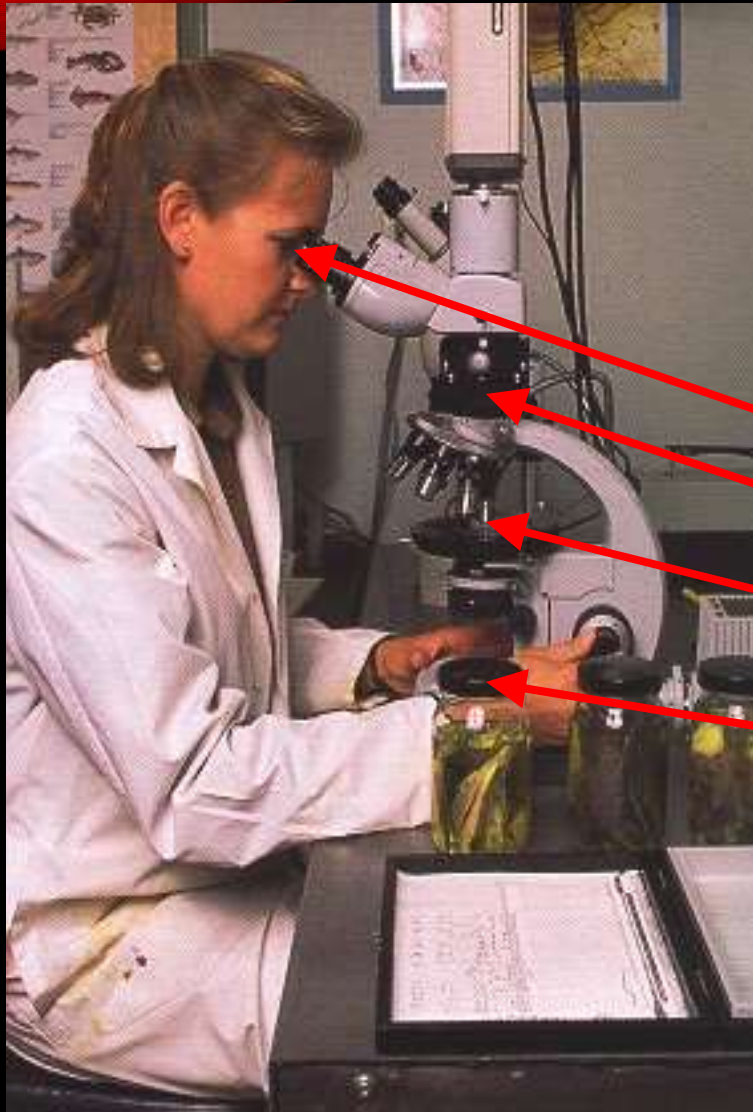


Original from Becton Dickinson Training manual, Modified by James Marvin

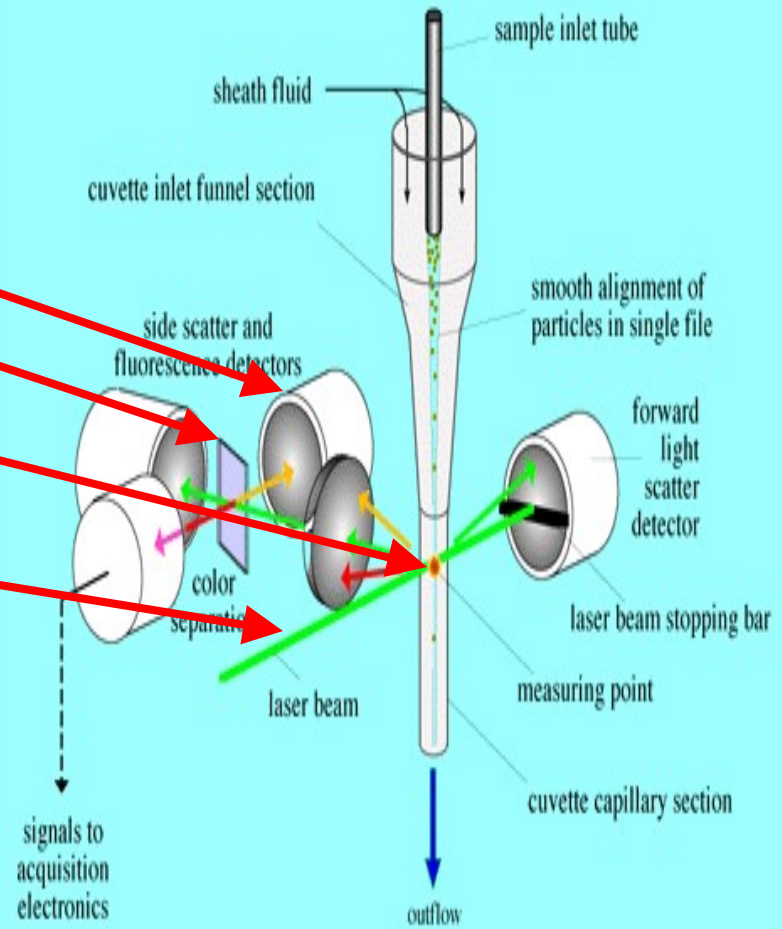
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- You can adjust the intensity of the voltage by amplifying it on a linear scale or converting it to a logarithmic scale
 - The use of a log amp is beneficial when there is a broad range of fluorescence as this can then be compressed; this is generally true of most biological distributions.
 - Linear amplification is used when there is not such a broad range of signals e.g. in DNA analysis and calcium flux measurement.

ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERTERS

- An ADCs takes the voltage pulse and converts it to discrete binary numbers depending on total resolution
- The binary signal generated is converted to a relative bin number
- Those relative bin numbers are acquired as a list of values from each detector for each event (cell) and are eventually plotted on a graph.



Flow cytometer operating principle



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INTERPRETATION

- Once the values for each parameter are in a list mode file, specialized software can graphically represent it.
- The data can be displayed in 1, 2, or 3 dimensional format
- Common programs include...
 - Cell Quest
 - WinMDI