



# IMAGING PLATFORMS IN THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

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## Flow Cytometry BD FACSAria SORP



Imaging



Flow Cytometry



- <http://www.med.hku.hk/corefac/>



# Mission

- Training and education
    - Basic operation
    - Advanced application
    - Imaging analysis
  - Consultation
  - New technology development
  - Host demonstrations & workshop
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graph TD; A[Faculty Core Facility] --> B[Flow Cytometry]; A --> C[Imaging]; A --> D[Analysis Software]; C --> E["BD FACS Aria I Cell Sorter<br/>BD FACS Aria SORP<br/>BD FACSCanto II Analyzer"]; D --> F["MetaMorph<br/>Imaris<br/>LSM510 & Axiovision<br/>FlowJo"]; C --> G[In vivo Animal Imaging]; C --> H[Confocal Microscopy]; G --> I["Xenogen IVIS 100<br/>CRI Maestro TM 2"]; H --> J["CZ LSM 510 Meta<br/>CZ LSM 700<br/>CZ LSM 710<br/>Perkin Elmer Spinning Confocal<br/>Bio-Rad Radiance 2100"];
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## Flow Cytometry

BD  
FACS Aria I  
Cell Sorter

BD  
FACS Aria  
SORP

BD  
FACSCanto II  
Analyzer

## Imaging

### In vivo Animal Imaging

Xenogen  
IVIS 100

CRI Maestro  
TM 2

### Confocal Microscopy

CZ LSM 510  
Meta

CZ LSM 700

CZ LSM 710

Perkin Elmer  
Spinning  
Confocal

Bio-Rad  
Radiance  
2100

## Analysis Software

MetaMorph

Imaris

LSM510 &  
Axiovision

FlowJo

# Getting started to be an authorized user:



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## Confocal Training Guideline

### Training policy:

1. The training is based on the first-come first-served policy. Your name will be put on waiting list on the day you submit your application form.
2. The training course will be scheduled every month for each microscope facility. The routine training schedule will be canceled if no one is on waiting list. The extra training session may be scheduled if more than 6 people on waiting list.
3. The first time training course and hands-on practice for users are free. **THE SECOND TIME TRAINING WILL BE CHARGED.**

### Getting started to be an authorized user:

Submit your training application form



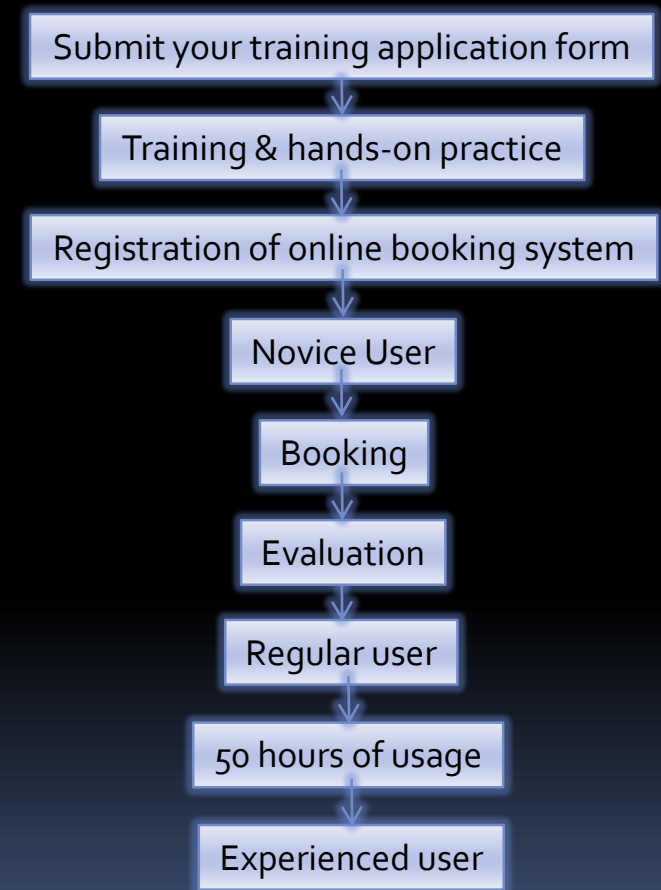
Training & hands-on practice



Registration of online booking system

# Getting started to be an authorized user:

- The training course will be scheduled every month for each microscope facility.
- The first time training course and hands-on practice for users are free.
- Training is generally done in groups of no more than five. You could bring your own specimens to training session.
- After the training session, you could register to be a novice user on online booking system (<http://www.med.hku.hk/corefac/>). Your registration will not be successful until your supervisor approves your application.



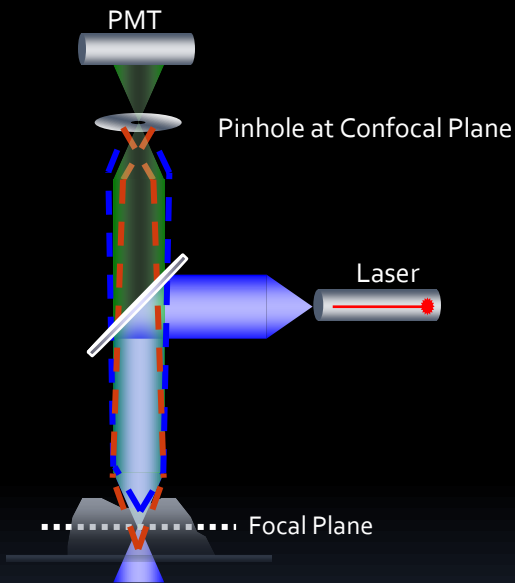


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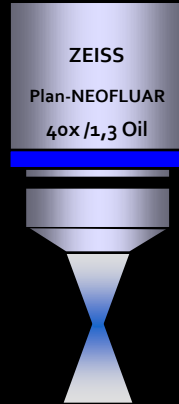
| Instrument       | User type        | Office hour (HKD/Hour) |                       | Non-office hour         |  |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
|                  |                  | w/ technical support*  | w/o technical support | Booking < 5h (HKD/Hour) | Consecutive booking $\geq 5h^*$ (HKD/booking)            |
| LSM 510          | Novice user      | 220                    | N/A                   | N/A                     | N/A  |
|                  | Regular user     | 220                    | 120                   | N/A                     | N/A  |
|                  | Experienced user | 220                    | 120                   | 96                      | Charge for first 5 hours, 90% discount from the 6th hour |
| LSM 700          | Novice user      | 200                    | N/A                   | N/A                     | N/A  |
|                  | Regular user     | 200                    | 100                   | N/A                     | N/A  |
|                  | Experienced user | 200                    | 100                   | 80                      | N/A  |
| LSM710           | Novice user      | 220                    | N/A                   | N/A                     | N/A  |
|                  | Regular user     | 220                    | 120                   | N/A                     | N/A  |
|                  | Experienced user | 220                    | 120                   | 96                      | Charge for first 5 hours, 90% discount from the 6th hour |
| PE-ERS confocal  | Novice user      | 180                    | N/A                   | N/A                     | N/A  |
|                  | Regular user     | 180                    | 80                    | N/A                     | N/A  |
|                  | Experienced user | 180                    | 80                    | 64                      | Charge for first 5 hours, 90% discount from the 6th hour |
| PE-ERS widefield | Novice user      | 133                    | N/A                   | N/A                     | N/A  |
|                  | Regular user     | 133                    | 33                    | N/A                     | N/A  |
|                  | Experienced user | 133                    | 33                    | 33                      | Charge for first 5 hours, 90% discount from the 6th hour |

\* Technical support: 100HKD/h

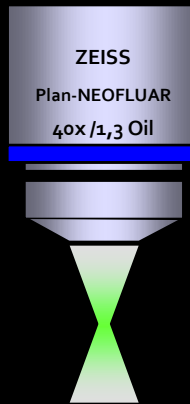
# Why confocal microscope?



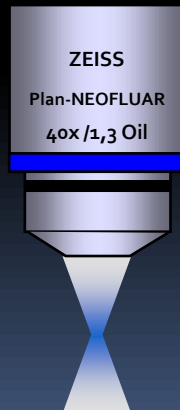
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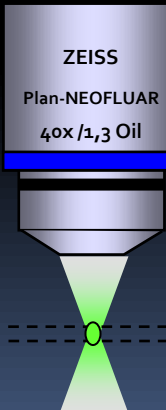
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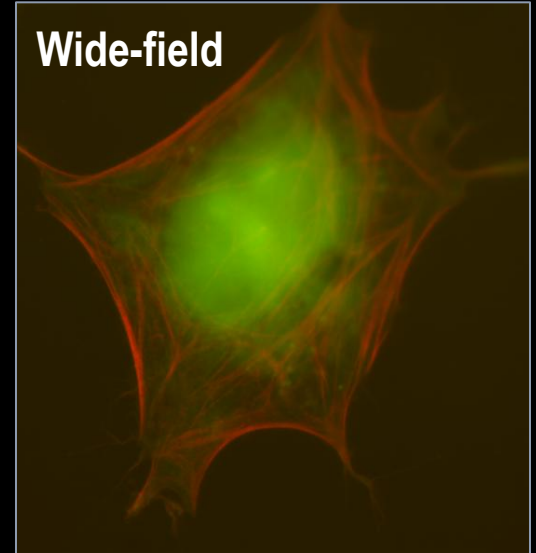
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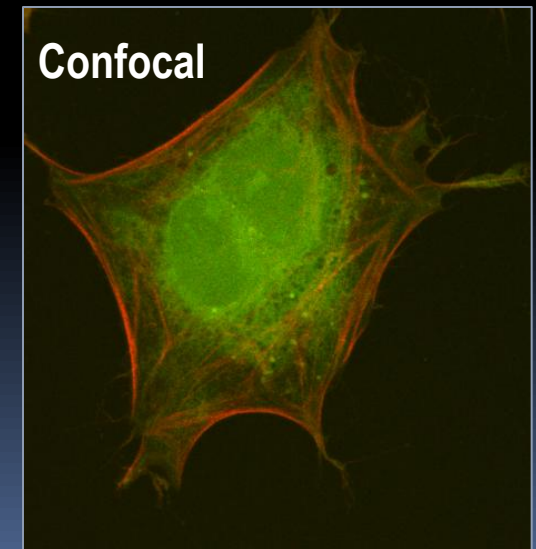
**Emission**



**Wide-field**



**Confocal**



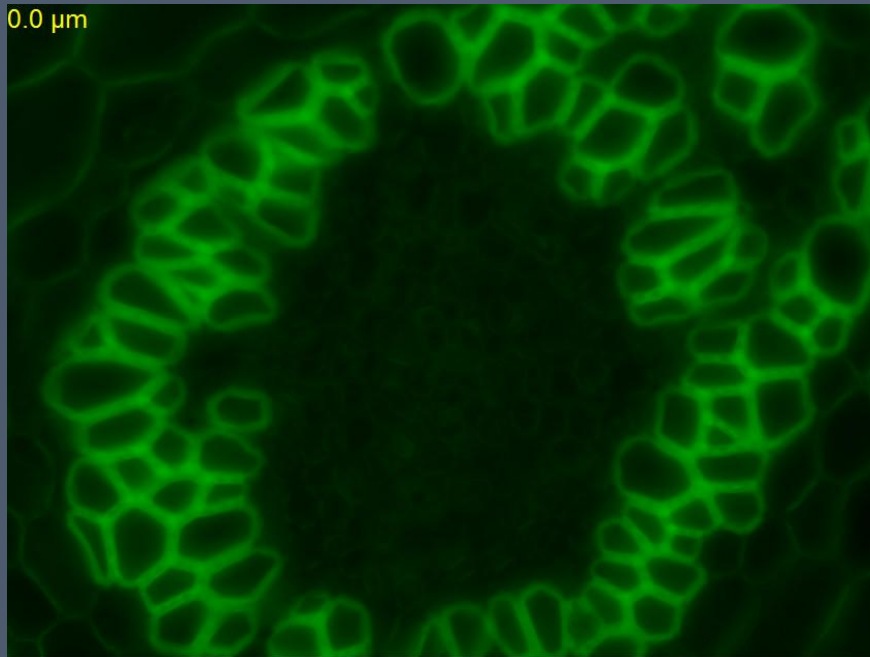
HeLa cell, FITC-MT, Rh-Phalloidin

**Problem:**  
Detecting in-focus information together with out-of-focus fluorescence signals in wide-field microscopy

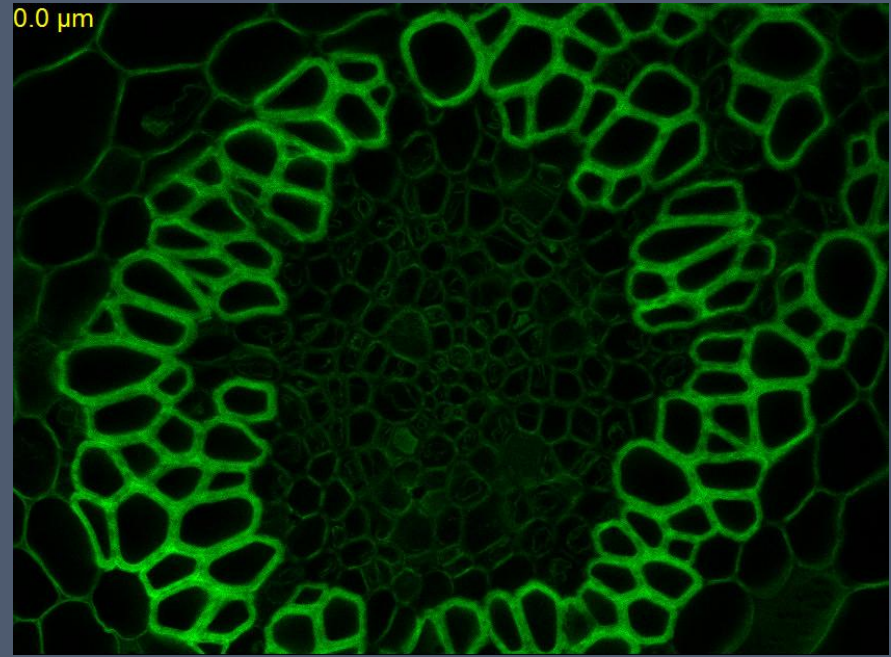


# Comparison of confocal and widefield microscope

Widefield



Confocal



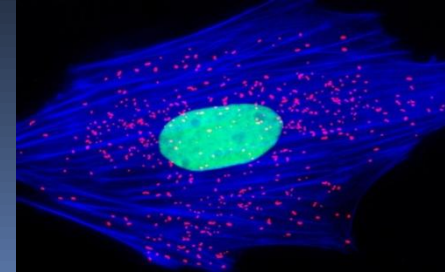
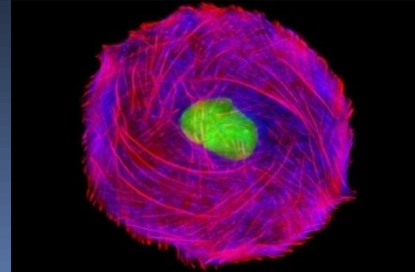
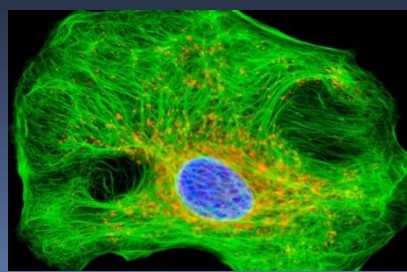
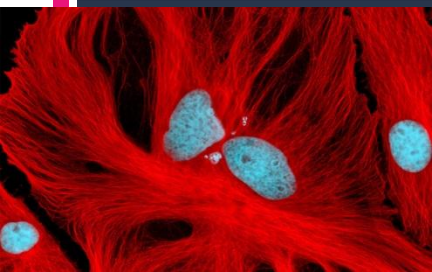
Z scale: 1 $\mu\text{m}$   
Z range: 11 $\mu\text{m}$

Sample: Rhizome of *Convallaria majalis*, *Ruscaceae*

# Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy Today

It's about more than pretty pictures ...

- **3D Reconstruction**  
Subcellular structures in three dimensions with an easy-to-use setup.
- **Time Series**  
Added information on simple dynamic processes by acquisition of image series, also in combination with local bleaching: acquisition, visualization and analysis of time series (X, Y, t or X, Y, Z, t).
- **Quantitative Colocalization**  
Detection of the coincidence of two fluorescence-labeled molecules in the confocal detection volume. Investigation of neighborhood relations and interactions: definition of parameters, image presentation and data analysis (colocalization coefficients).
- **Transmitted-Light Microscopy**  
Image generation in transmitted light: brightfield, phase and DIC images in the LSM mode with optional transmitted-light detector.
- **FRET by Sensitized Emission** (Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer)  
Investigation of molecule interactions by energy transfer between fluorescence-labeled donor and acceptor molecules spaced at 1–10 nm: direct registration of FRET by detecting acceptor fluorescence intensity after donor excitation.
- **FLIP** (fluorescence loss in photobleaching) and the related methodology of **FRAP** (recovery after photobleaching)
- **Photoactivation** and **Photoconversion**







PE Spinning Disc Confocal



CZ LSM 710 Confocal

Which confocal microscope?

CZ LSM700 Confocal

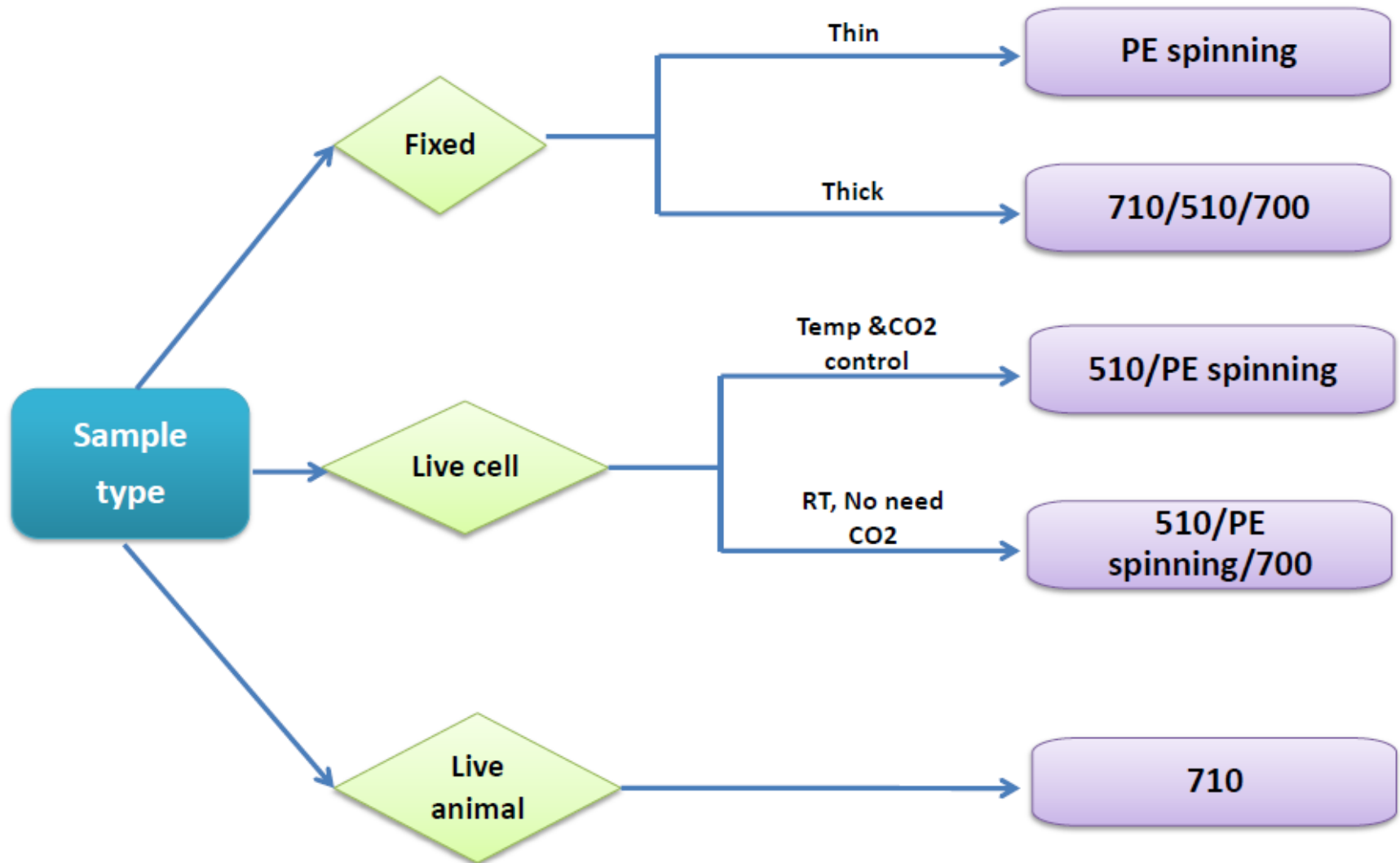


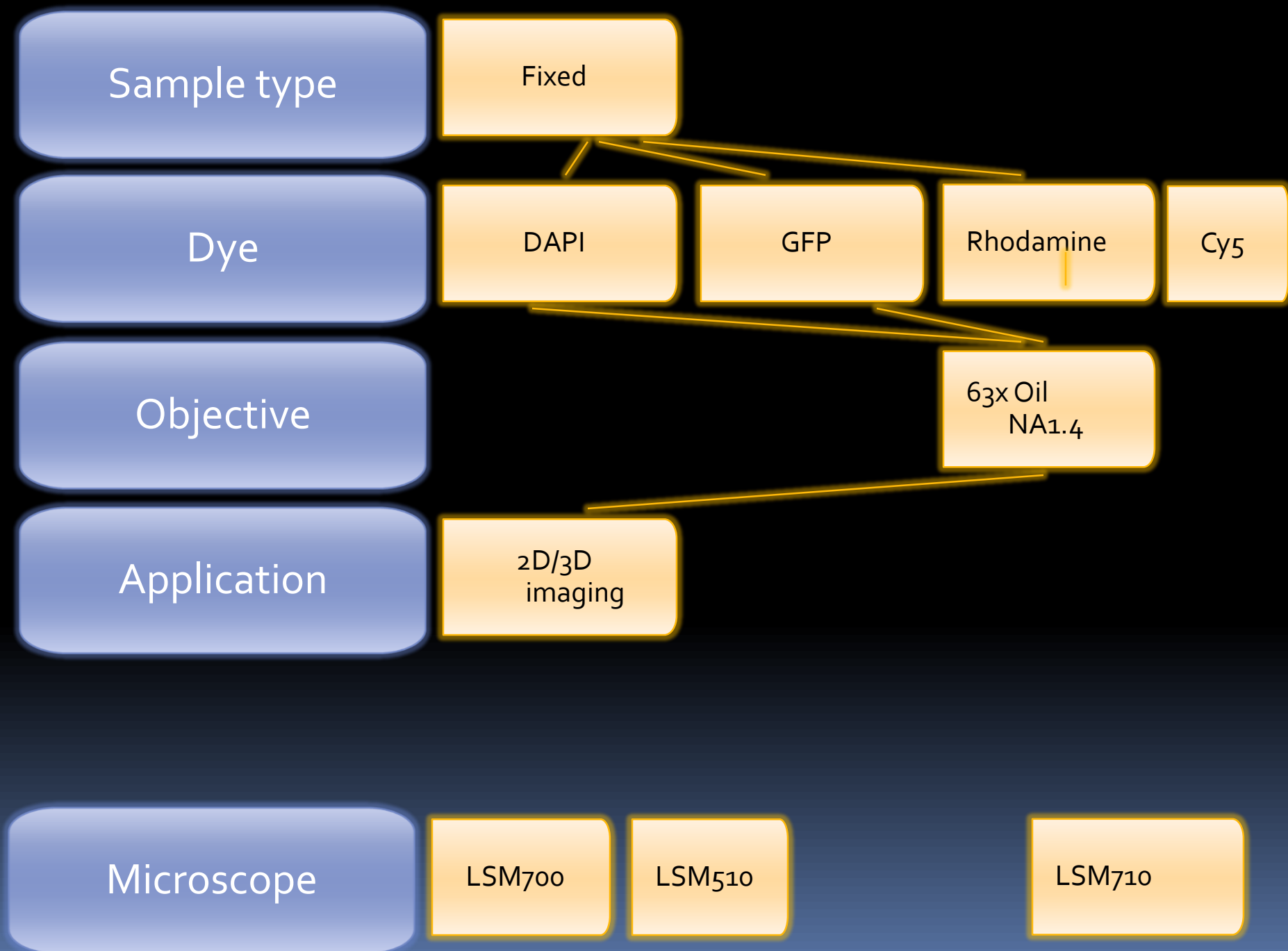
CZ LSM510 Confocal



# Which confocal microscope?

|             |               |                 |                    |        |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|
| Sample type | Fixed         | Live cell       | Live animal        |        |
| Dye         | DAPI          | GFP             | Rhodamine          |        |
| Objective   | Air           | Water           | Oil                |        |
| Application | 2D/3D imaging | Time series     | FRET/FRAP          |        |
|             | Line scan     | Linear unmixing | Two photon imaging |        |
| Microscope  | LSM700        | LSM510          | PE spinning disc   | LSM710 |







Sample type

Fixed

Dye

DAPI

GFP

Rhodamine

Objective

10x, 20x Air  
LD

63x Oil  
NA1.4

Application

2D/3D  
imaging

Microscope

LSM700

LSM510

LSM710



Sample type

Fixed

Dye

Special dye

>100um

Objective

Water

63x Oil  
NA1.4

Application

Two photon  
imaging

Microscope

LSM700

LSM510

LSM710

Sample type

Dye

Objective

Application

Microscope

Live cell

DAPI

GFP

Rhodamine

Brightfield

Oil

Air

Time series

Subcellular  
structure/FRET/FRAP

Widefield

LSM510

PE spinning  
disc

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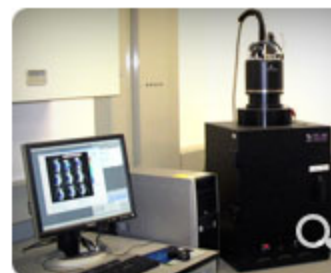
Fax: 29864297

E-mail: [corefac@hku.hk](mailto:corefac@hku.hk)

## Equipment — Imaging

### Xenogen in vivo imaging system 100 series (Xenogen IVIS100)

- Bioluminescence tumor and non-tumor models
- OS/Software: Windows XP, Living Imaging (R), version 2.50.1



### CRI Maestro TM 2 in vivo imaging system

- Fluorescent tumor and non-tumor models
- OS/Software: Windows XP, Masetro TM Om — Vivo Imaging System, version 2.10.0



### Carl Zeiss LSM 510 Meta/Axiocam

- It allows complete separation within a sample of multiple fluorophores with overlapping emission spectra. It has a stage area box with temperature and CO2 regulation.
- Technical Specifications: Scope - Zeiss Inverted
- Argon laser (458, 477, 488, 514nm)
- HeNe laser (543nm), HeNe laser (633nm)
- Chameleon tunable 2-photon (720-930nm)
- OS/Software: Windows XP, LSM 510 version 3.2 SP2, AxioVision version 4.6.3.0
- Detailed Configuration



## Zeiss LSM 700 Inverted Confocal Microscope

| Specification  |  |
|----------------|--|
| Lasers         | Solid state lasers: 405nm (5mW); 488nm (5mW); 555nm (10mW); 639nm (10mW)   |
| Microscope     |  |
| Stand          | Inverted: Axio Observer  |
| XY stage       | Manual stage 130x85  |
| Filter cubes   | #49 DAPI; #43 Cy3; #38 EGFP  |
| Objectives     | 10x 0.3 Ph1; 20x0.8 Ph2; 40x1.3 Oil Ph3; 63x1.4 oil Ph3  |
| Scan Module    |  |
| Scan mode      | xy, xyz, xz, xt, xyt, lambda   |
| Scanning speed | 2 frames/sec with 512 × 512 pixels   |
| Detector       | 2 PMTs for reflection/fluorescence (R/FL) detection channels; 1T-PMT   |
| Software       | Windows Vista, ZEN 2010 version 6.0.0.309  |
| Application    | Phase contrast imaging; multi-spectrum fluorescence imaging; spot//line Scan, XY 2D image; Z-stack 3D imaging; colocalization; time series |


# Zeiss LSM 510 Inverted Confocal Microscope

| Specification  |   |
|----------------|---|
| Lasers         | Argon (458,488,514 nm); HeNe laser (543 nm); HeNe-laser (633 nm); Chameleon tunable 2-photon laser (720-930nm)  |
| Microscope     |   |
| Stand          | Inverted: Axiovert 200M   |
| XY stage       | Motorized scanning stage  |
| Filter cubes   | #49 DAPI; #43 Cy3; #38 EGFP   |
| Objectives     | 2.5x0.12; 5x 0.15; 10x0.3; LD20x/0.4; LD40x/0.6; 40x1.3 oil; 63x1.4 oil DIC   |
| Accessories    | Digital microscope camera AxioCam<br>Incubator PM S1<br>External shutters for TL and RL   |
| Scan Module    |   |
| Scan mode      | xy, xyz, xz, xt, xyt, lambda  |
| Scanning speed | 2 frames/sec with 512 × 512 pixels  |
| Detector       | Meta detector + 2 single PMTs ; 1 transmitted light PMT   |
| Software       | Windows XP, LSM 510 version 3.2 SP2, AxioVision version.4.6.3.0   |
| Application    | DIC imaging; phase contrast imaging, spot/line Scan; Xy 2D imaging; multi-spectrum fluorescence imaging; Z-stack 3D imaging; lambda scan, linear unmixing; online fingerprinting, colocalization, time series, FRAP, FRET, two photon imaging<br>Multidimensional widefield acquisition with CCD camera |

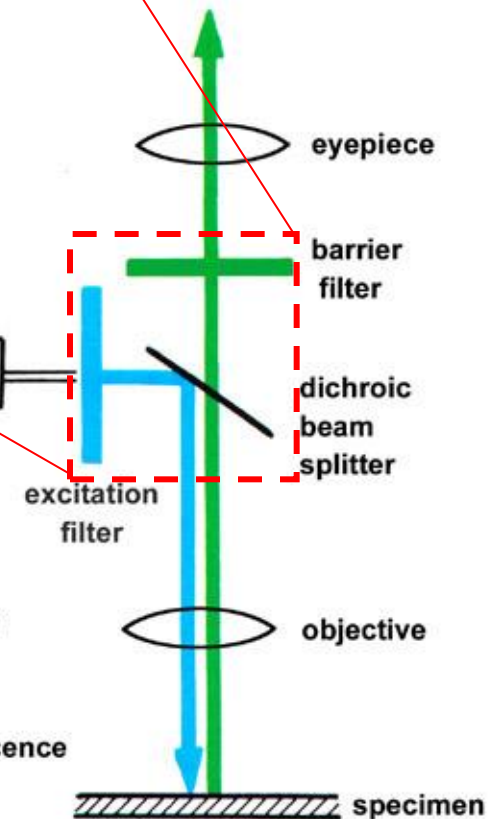
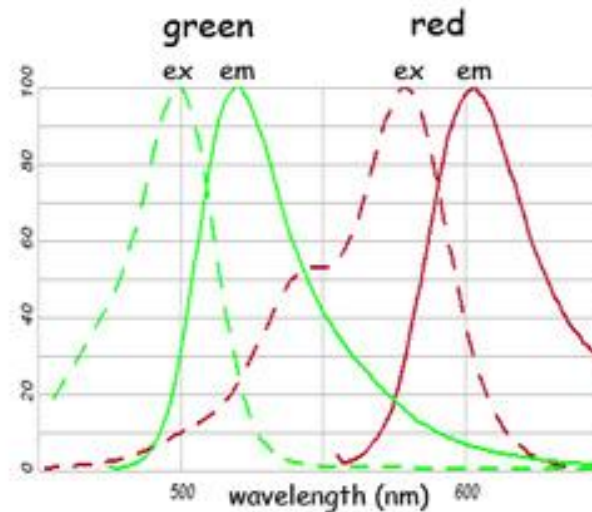
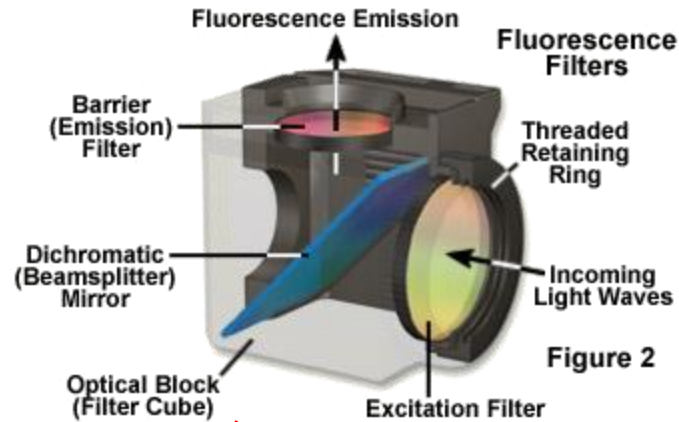
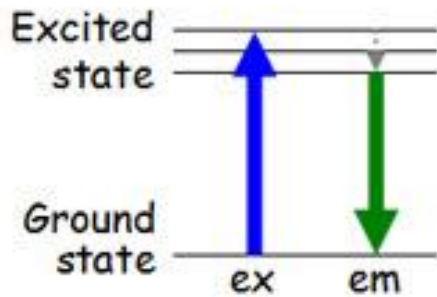




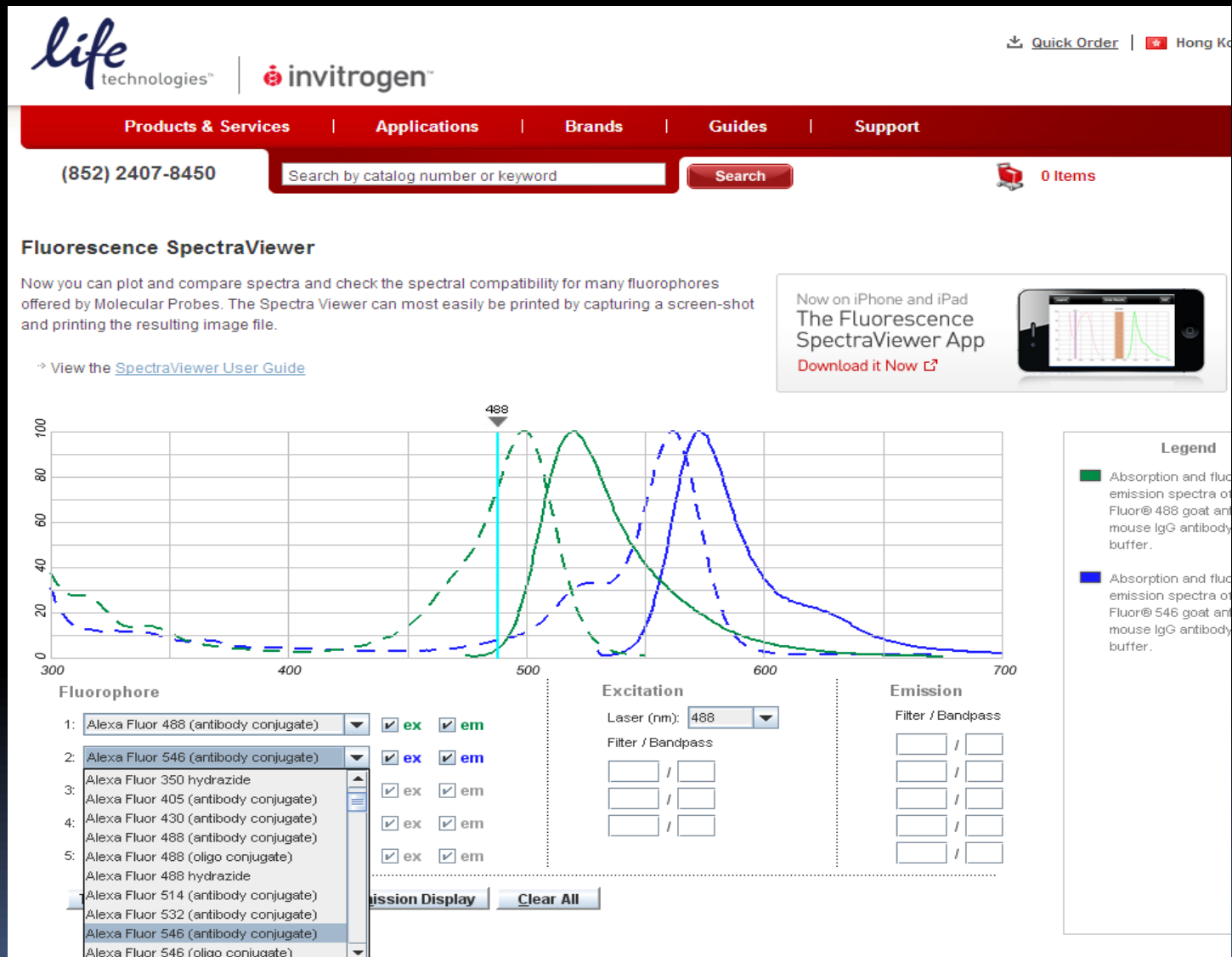
## Before image acquisition:

- To chose the right fluorophore
  - To use the right coverslip (No. 1; No. 1.5; No. 2)
  - To chose the right objective
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# Fluorescence



# Fluorescence SpectraViewer

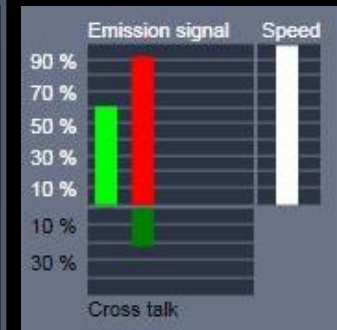
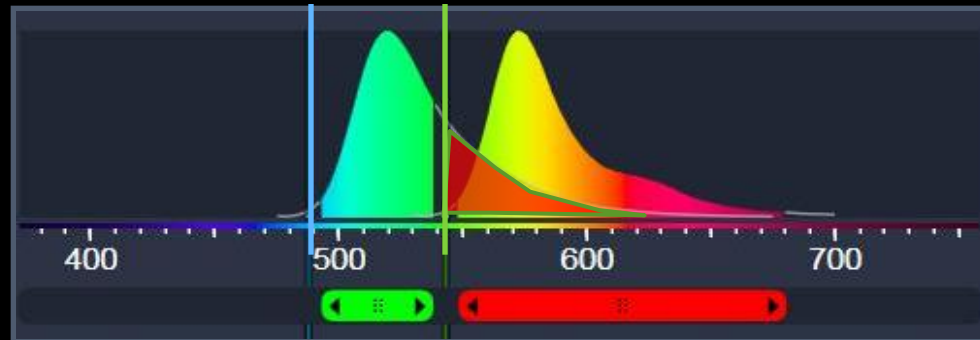


<http://www.invitrogen.com/site/us/en/home/support/Research-Tools/Fluorescence-SpectraViewer.html>

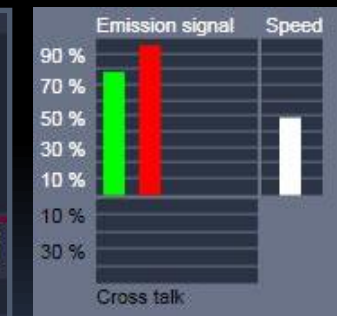
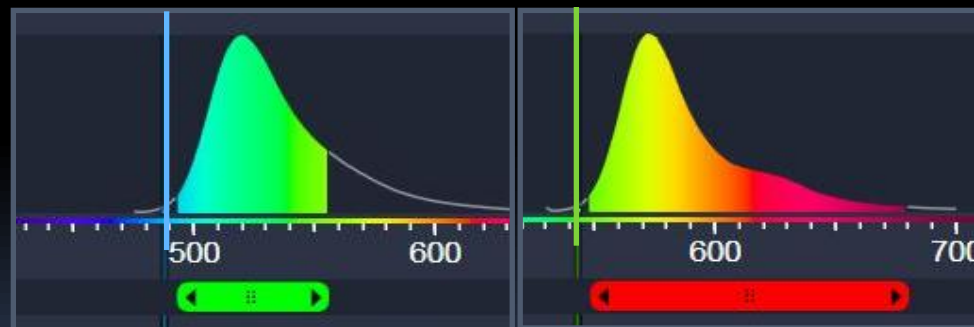
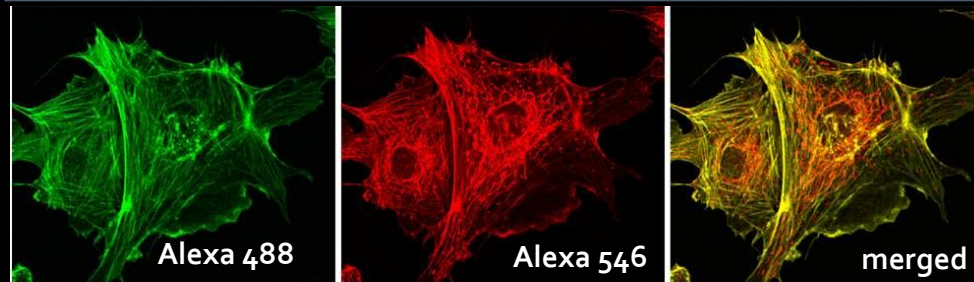
# Multiple staining - the emission crosstalk problem

Alexa 488 em

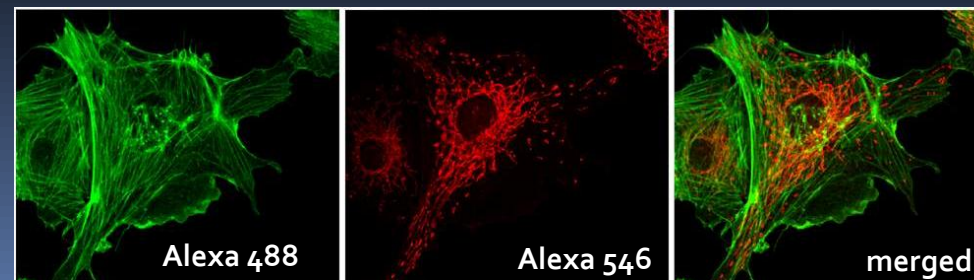
Alexa 546 em



Simultaneous scan

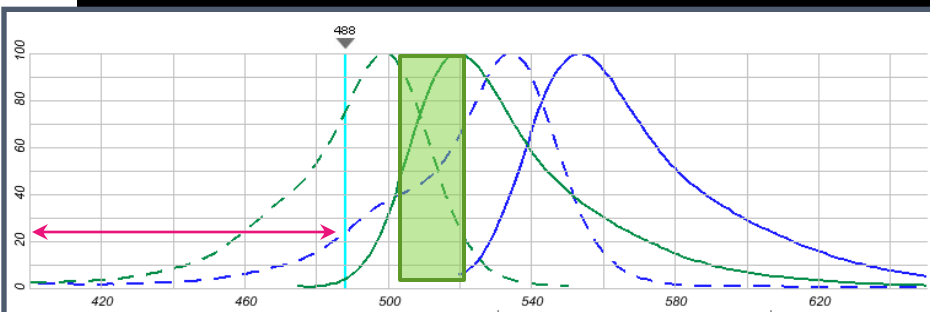


Sequential scan

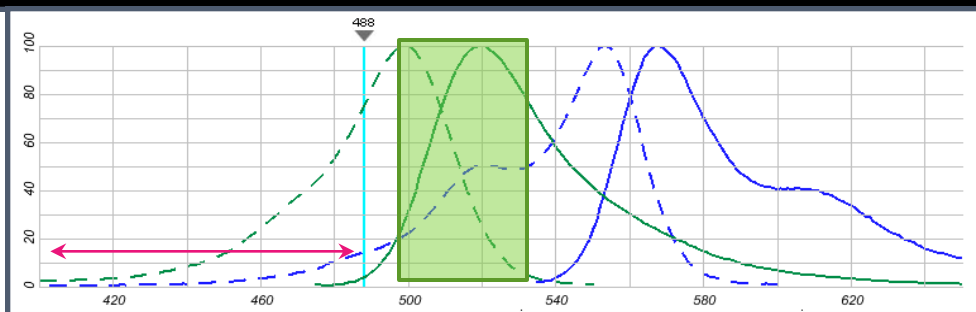


# Multiple staining - the excitation crosstalk problem

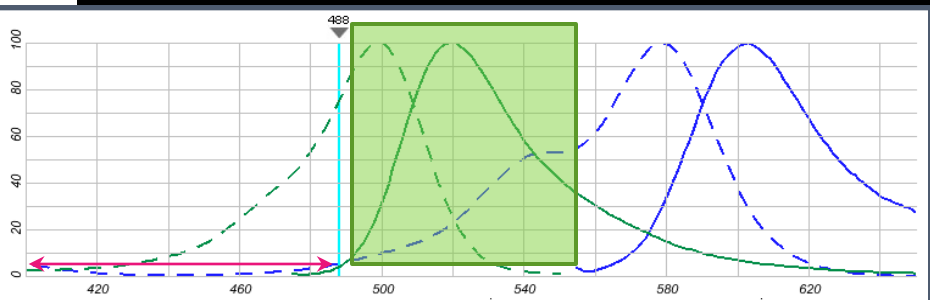
Alex fluo 488 + Alex fluo 532



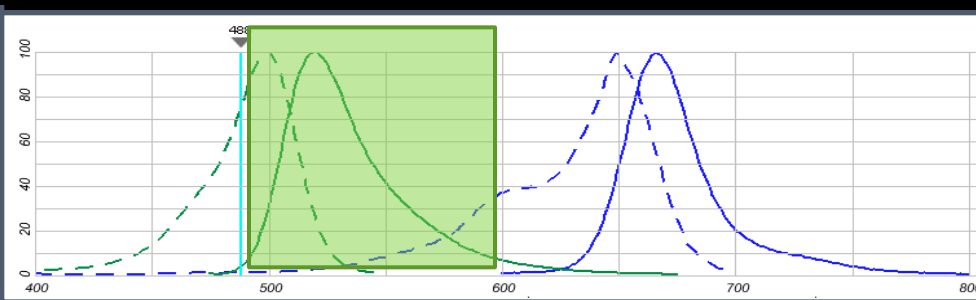
Alex fluo 488 + Alex fluo 555



Alex fluo 488 + Alex fluo 568



Alex fluo 488 + Cy5



# Knowing about objective

- <https://www.micro-shop.zeiss.com/?s=38843126af7b1d&l=en&p=us&f=o>

User ID:

Password:

Login

> NEW? Register now!  
> Forgot Password?

Applications

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- > Filter Assistant
- Objective Assistant

N-ACHROPLAN 5x/0,13  
∞ / -

N-ACHROPLAN 10x/0,25  
∞ / -

N-ACHROPLAN 20x/0,45  
∞ / 0,17

N-ACHROPLAN 40x/0,65  
∞ / 0,17

N-ACHROPLAN 100x/1,25 Oil  
∞ / 0,17

## Objective Assistant

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### List of Objectives

[pdf Brochure: Objectives from Carl Zeiss \(5 MB\)](#)

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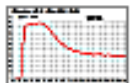
| Objective Class           | Magnific. | Contrast Method/Application      | Options           |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| A-Plan                    | 1.0x      | PlasDIC Polarization-Optical DIC | Without Immersion |
| LD A-Plan                 | 1.25x     | TIC Total Interference Contrast  | Water             |
| Achroplan/N-Achroplan     | 2.5x      | PH Phase Contrast                | Oil               |
| W Achroplan/W N-Achroplan | 5x        | VAREL Contrast                   | Glycerine         |
| C-Achroplan               | 10x       | HMC Hoffman Modulation Contrast  | Correction Ring   |

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Search Result: 4 Objectives





→ Transmittance curve

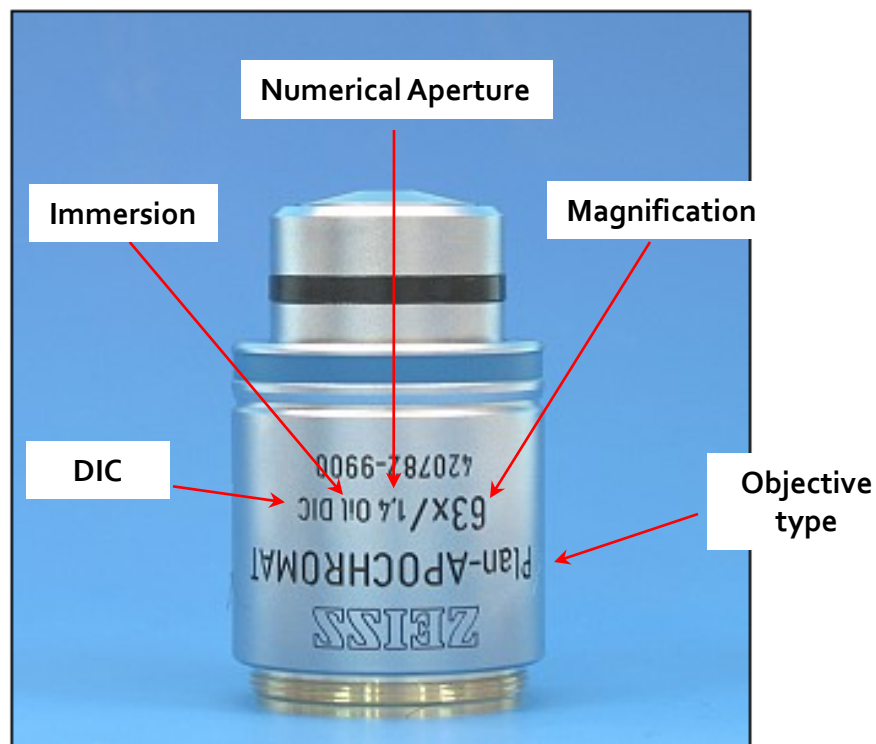
Objective "Plan-Apochromat" 63x/1.40  
Oil DIC M27

420782-9900-000

Basket

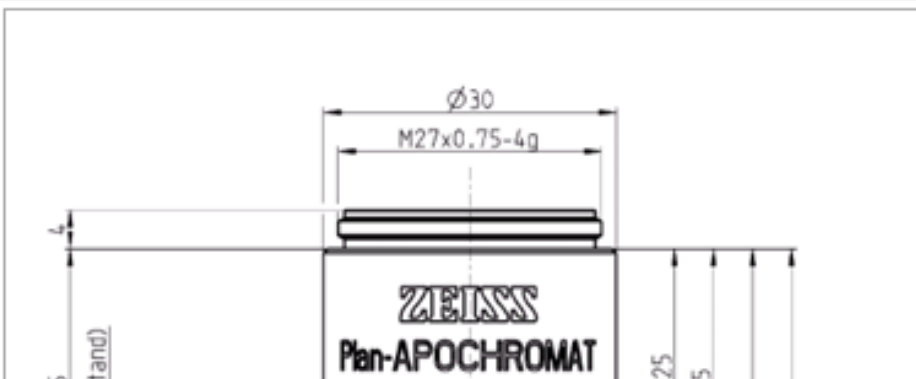
|                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Price                              | → Price                               |
| Magnification                      | 63x                                   |
| Numerical Aperture                 | 1.4                                   |
| Working Distance [mm]              | 0.19                                  |
| Coverglass Thickness [mm]          | 0.17                                  |
| Thread Type                        | M27x0.75                              |
| Immersion                          | Oil                                   |
| Field of View [mm]                 | 25                                    |
| Parfocal Length [mm]               | 45.06                                 |
| Long Distance (LD)                 |                                       |
| Correction Ring (Korr)             |                                       |
| Iris (Iris)                        |                                       |
| Optical System                     | Infinity Color Corrected System (ICS) |
| Flatness                           | ★★★★★                                 |
| Color Correction                   | ★★★★★                                 |
| Biomedical Applications            |                                       |
| Fluorescence                       | ■                                     |
| - Multichannel                     | ★★★★★                                 |
| - Ultraviolet Transmission         | ★★★★                                  |
| - Infra Red Transmission           | ★★★★                                  |
| BrightField (H)                    | ■                                     |
| Differential Interference Contrast | ★★★★★                                 |

Objective "Plan-Apochromat" 63x/1.40 Oil DIC M27



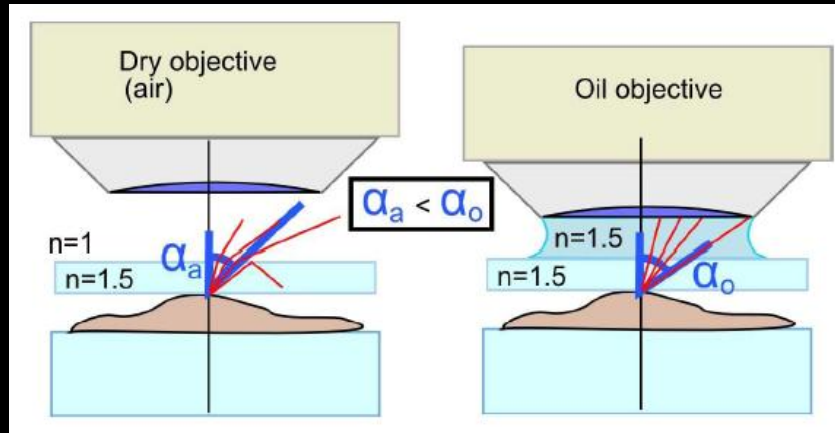
(WD=0.19mm), incl. "Immersol" 518 F, oiler 20ml and Cover glasses, high performance, D=0.17mm, box with 100 pc.

#### Mechanical Dimensions



# Numerical aperture (NA) & resolution

$$NA = n \sin(\alpha),$$



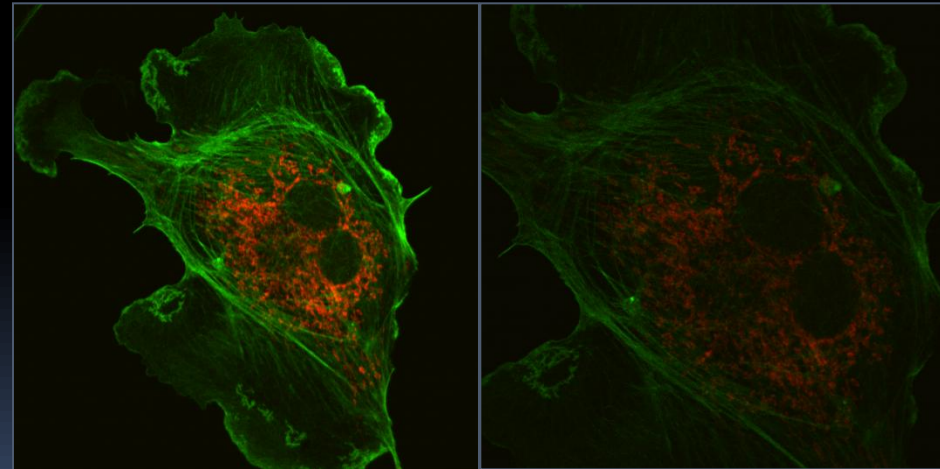
$$FWHM_{ill,lat} = \frac{0.51 * \lambda_{em}}{NA}$$

FWHM = Lateral Resolution [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]  
NA = Objective Numerical Aperture  
 $\lambda_{em}$  = Emission Wavelength [nm]

$$\lambda = 520\text{nm}$$

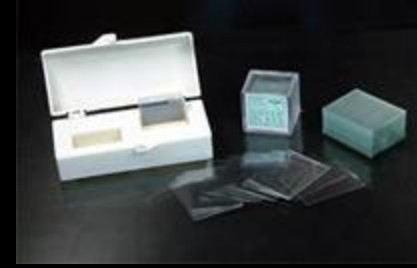
$$NA = 1.4$$

$$FWHM = 189\text{nm}$$



Sample: Bovine pulmonary artery endothelial (BPAE) cells  
Alexa Fluor® 488 phalloidin  
MitoTracker® Red

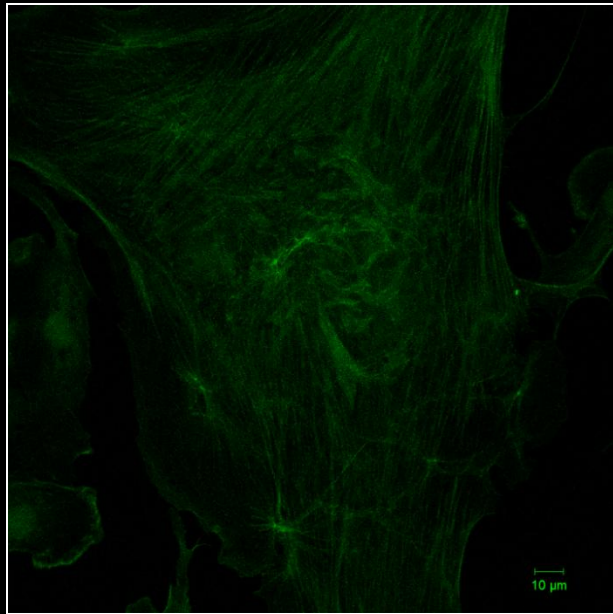
# Coverslip



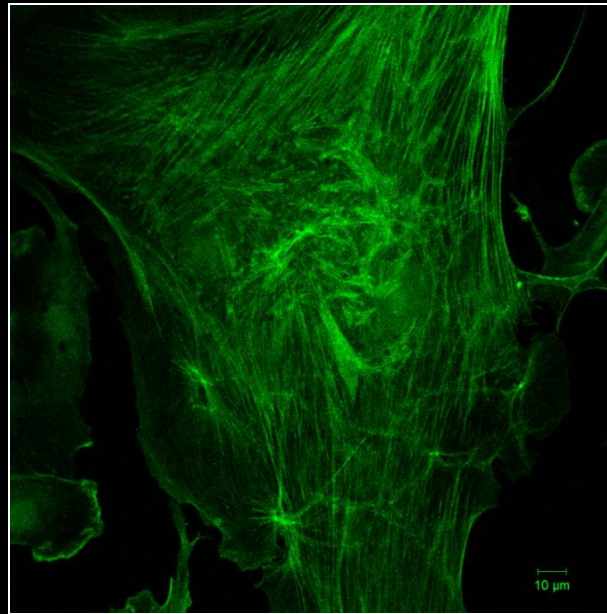
| Number      | Ideal thickness                     | Range                                   |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| #0          | 100 $\mu\text{m}$                   | 80-130 $\mu\text{m}$                    |
| #1          | 150 $\mu\text{m}$                   | 130-170 $\mu\text{m}$                   |
| <b>#1.5</b> | <b>170 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></b> | <b>160-190 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></b> |
| #2.0        | 220 $\mu\text{m}$                   | 190-250 $\mu\text{m}$                   |

Most objectives are designed to use #1.5 coverslips. Using the wrong one may have serious implications for image intensity and quality. This is particularly true for objectives with NA above 0.4 and when the sample is very close (eg adhered to) the coverslip. There is actually a surprising amount of variation in a batch of coverslips. If your application is very sensitive to coverslip thickness you can measure them and use the ones close the ideal value.

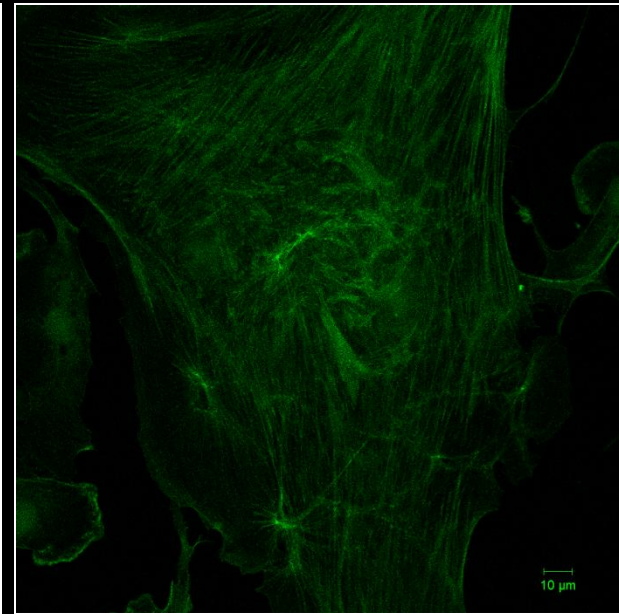
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0.15mm



0.17mm



0.19mm

BPAE cells  
Alexa Fluor® 488 phalloidin



Excitation: 488nm

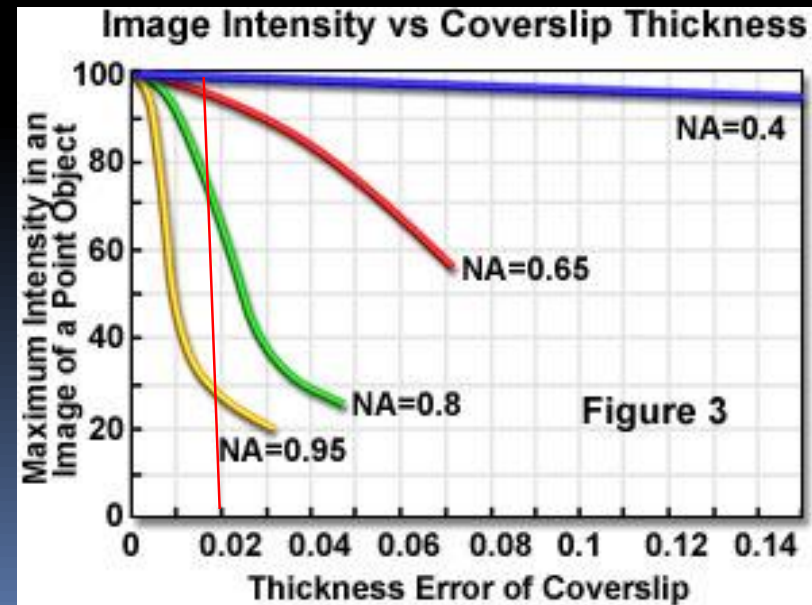
Same settings:

Laser power

Master Gain


Offset

Digital gain





# Applications

- 2D imaging & 3D reconstruction
  - Quantification of co-localization
  - FRET
  - Phase contrast & DIC imaging
  - Reflection imaging
  - Live cell imaging
  - FRAP
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