

# Use and diversity of fluorescent proteins in neuroscience

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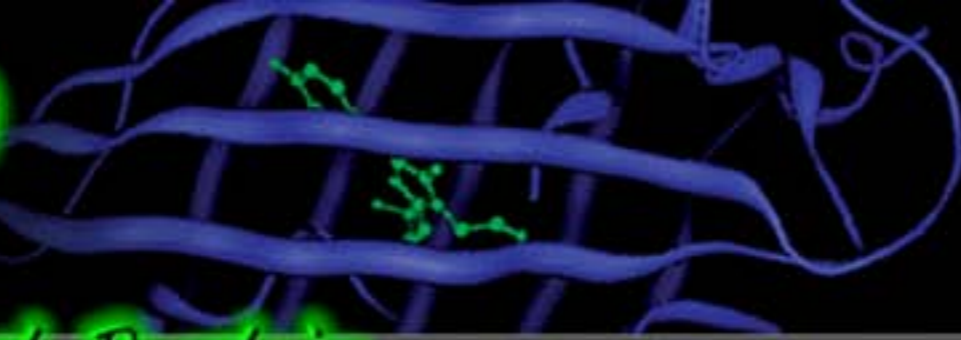
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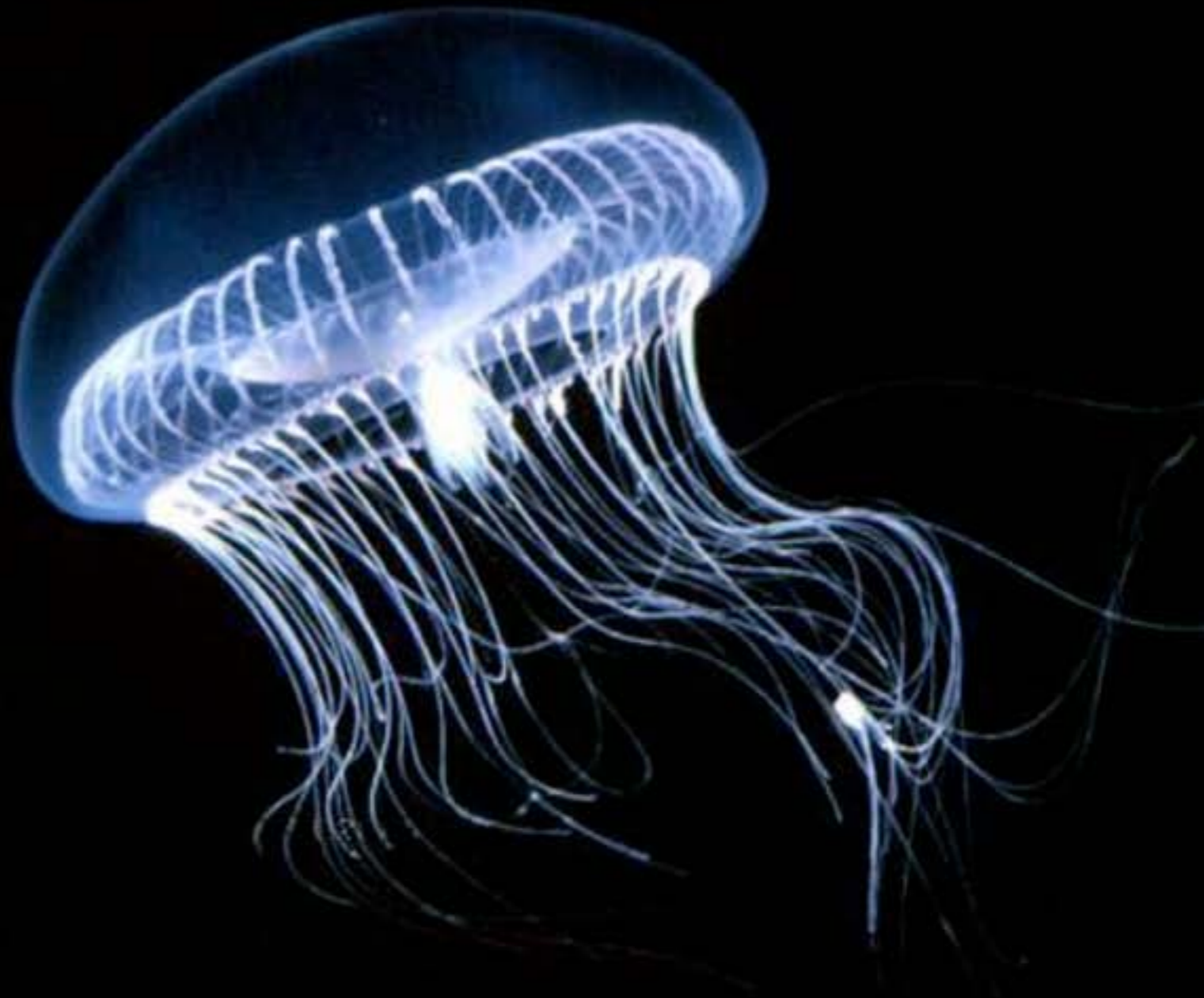


# GFP

Green Fluorescent Protein



*Aequorea victoria*



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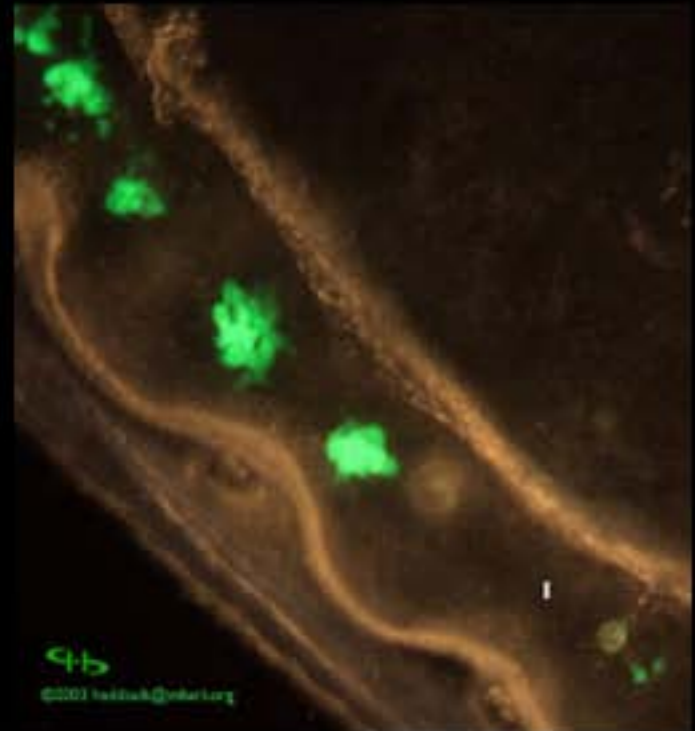
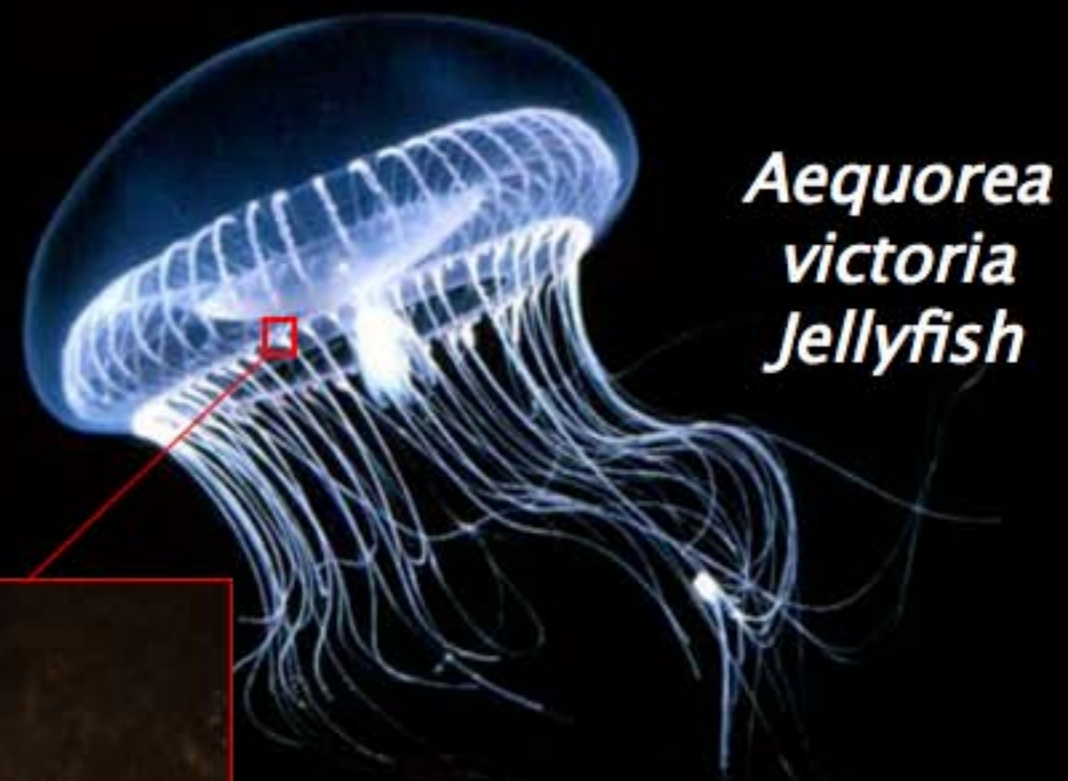
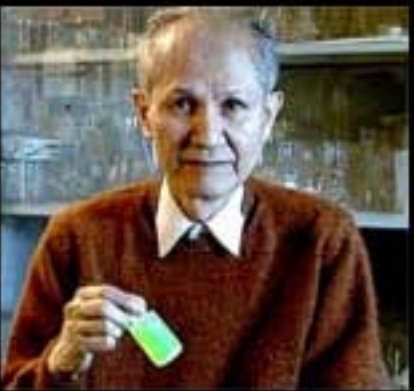
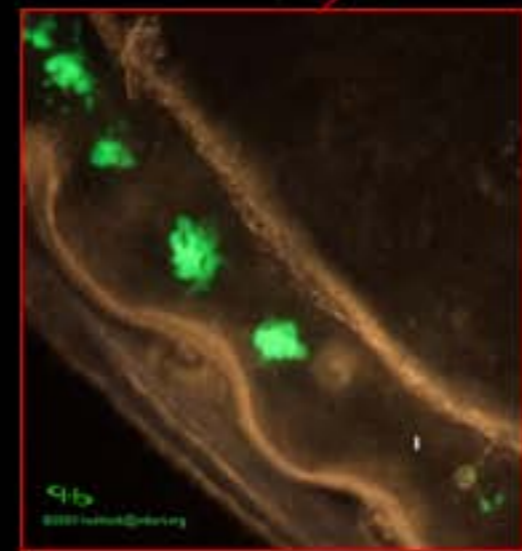


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## Osamu Shimomura

Osamu Shimomura was the first person to isolate GFP and to find out which part of GFP was responsible for its fluorescence.

### 1962 Identification of GFP, extracted from 10,000 jellyfish

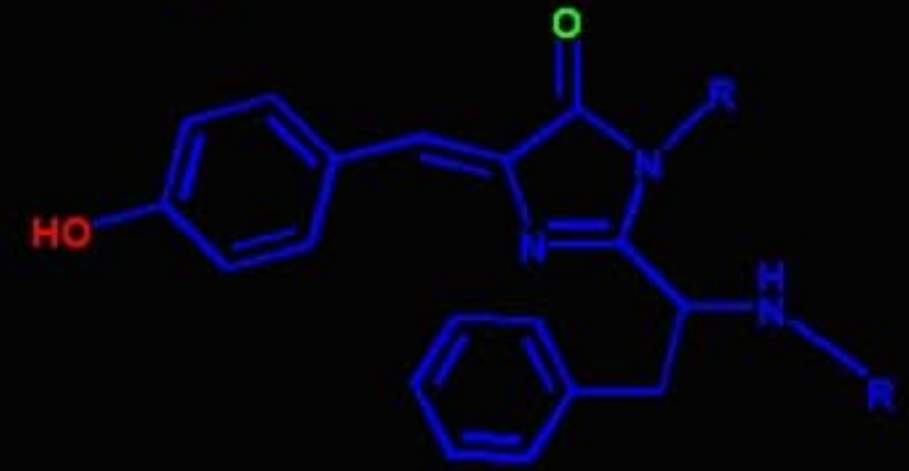
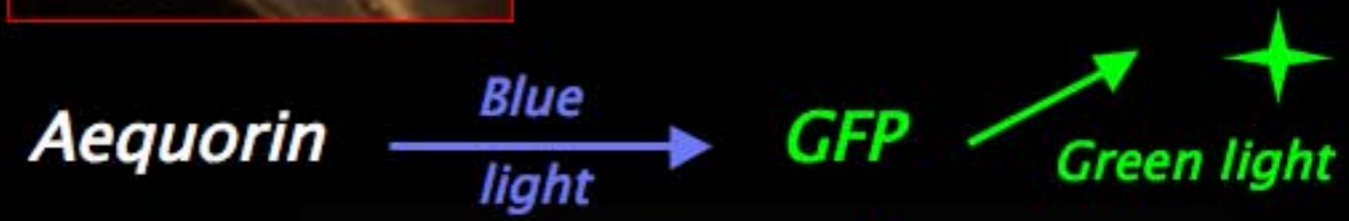
O Shimomura, FH Johnson, Y Saiga: Extraction, purification and properties of aequorin, a bioluminescent protein from the luminous hydromedusan, Aequorea. *J. Cell. Comp. Physiol.* 59 (1962) 223-29

### 1974 Intermolecular energy transfer between aequorin and GFP in jellyfish

JG Morin, JW Hastings: Energy Transfer in a bioluminescent system. *J. Cell Physiol.* 77 (1971) 313-18.  
H Morise, O Shimomura, FH Johnson, J Winant: Intermolecular Energy Transfer in Bioluminescent systems of aequorea. *Biochemistry* 13 (1974) 2656-62.

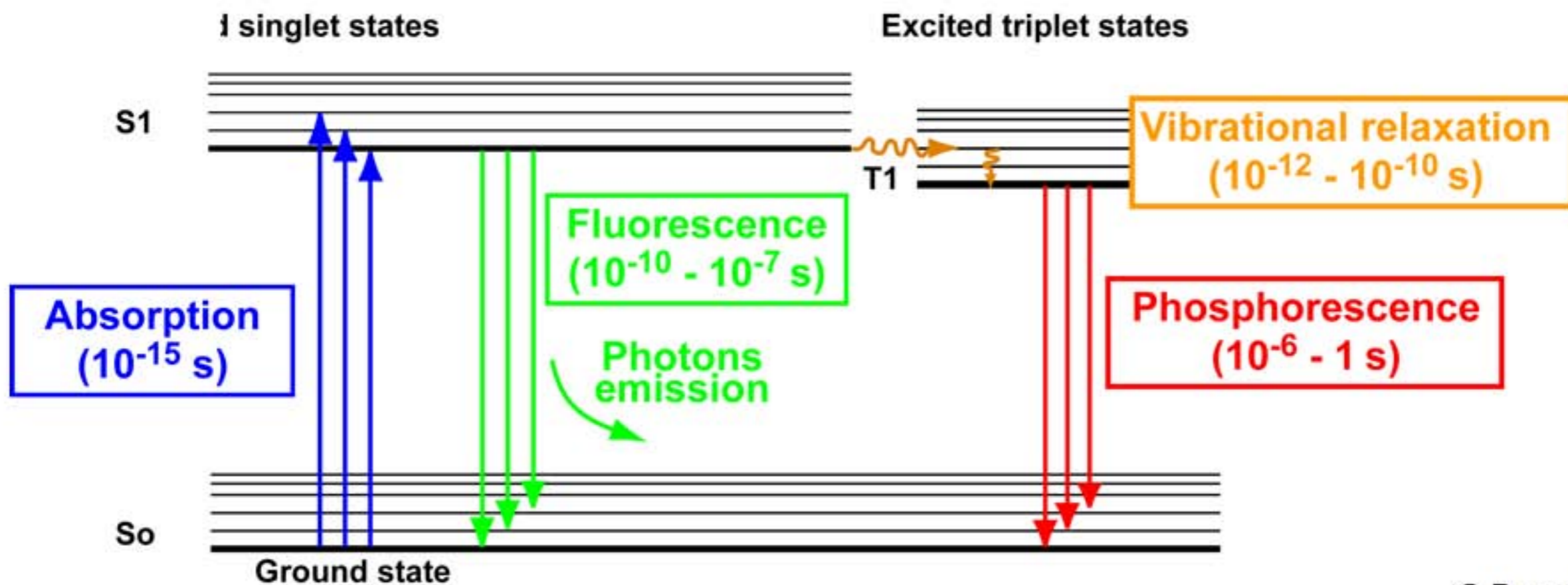
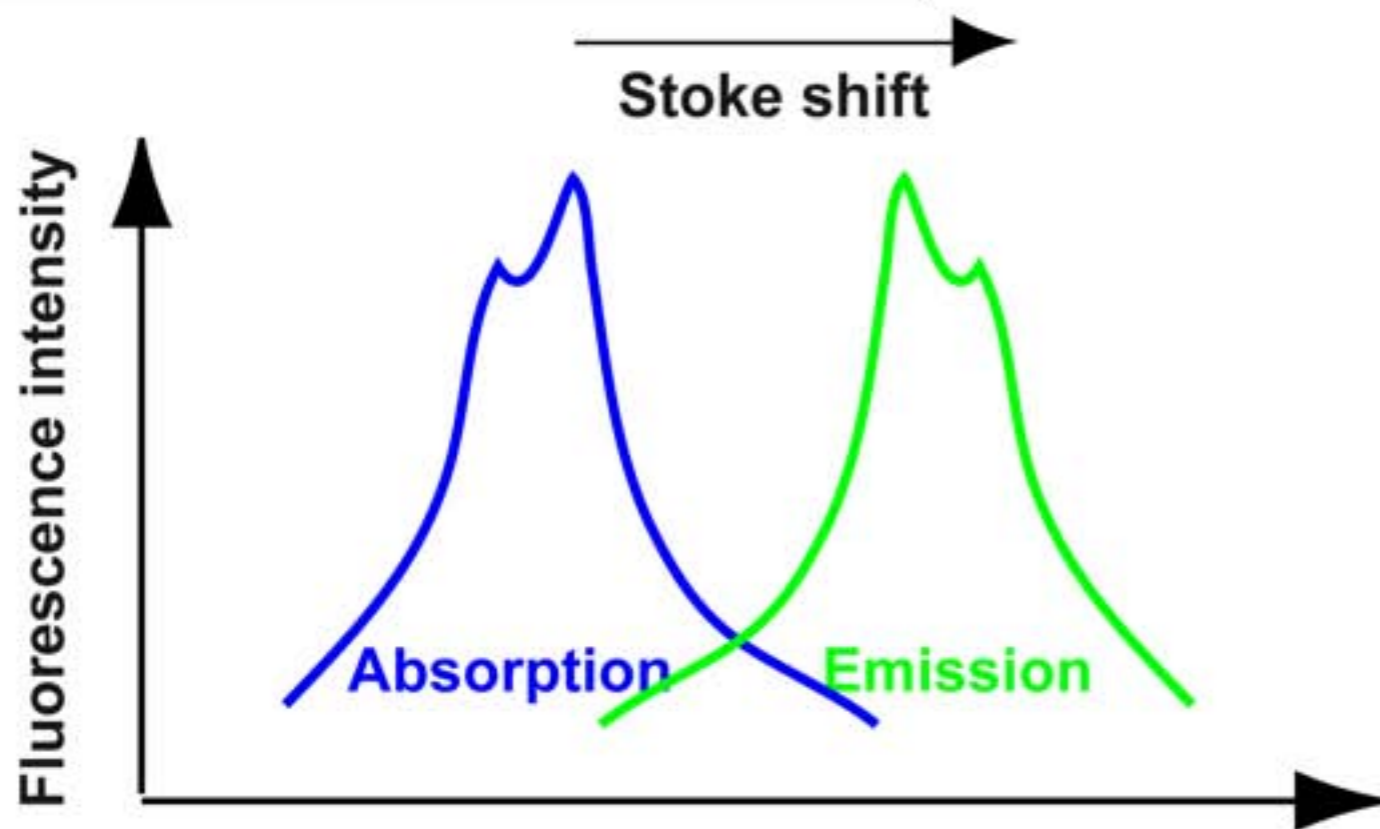
### 1979 Shimomura characterized structure of chromophore.

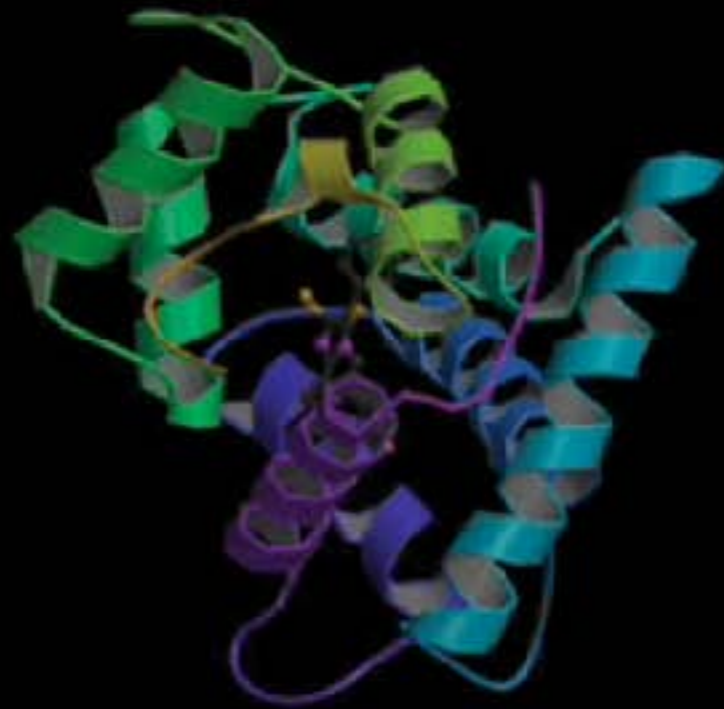
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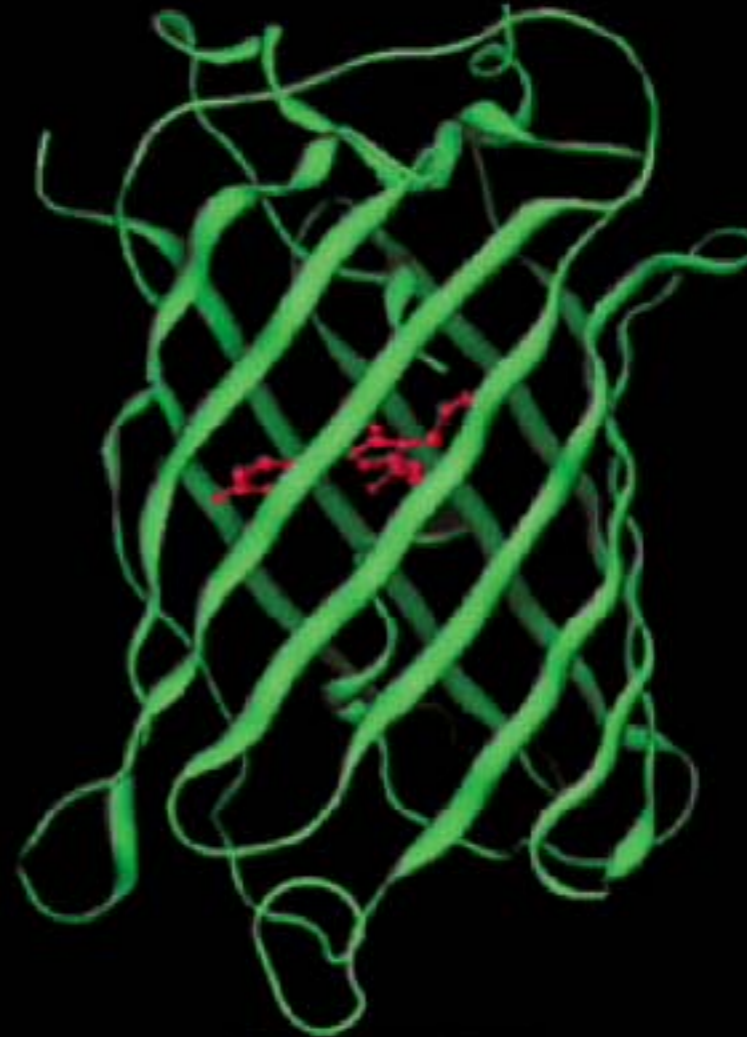


# Basics of fluorescence





**Aequorin**



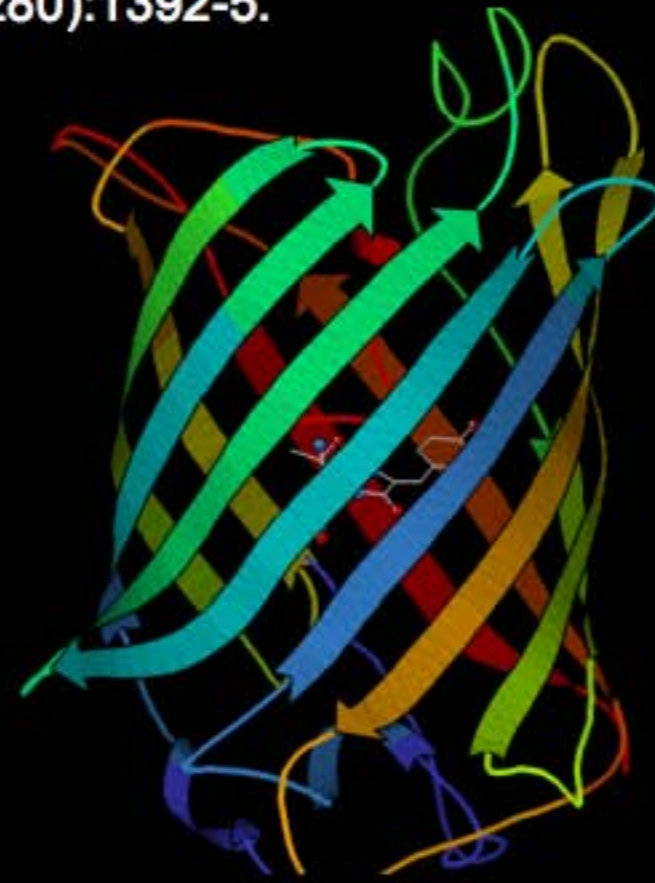
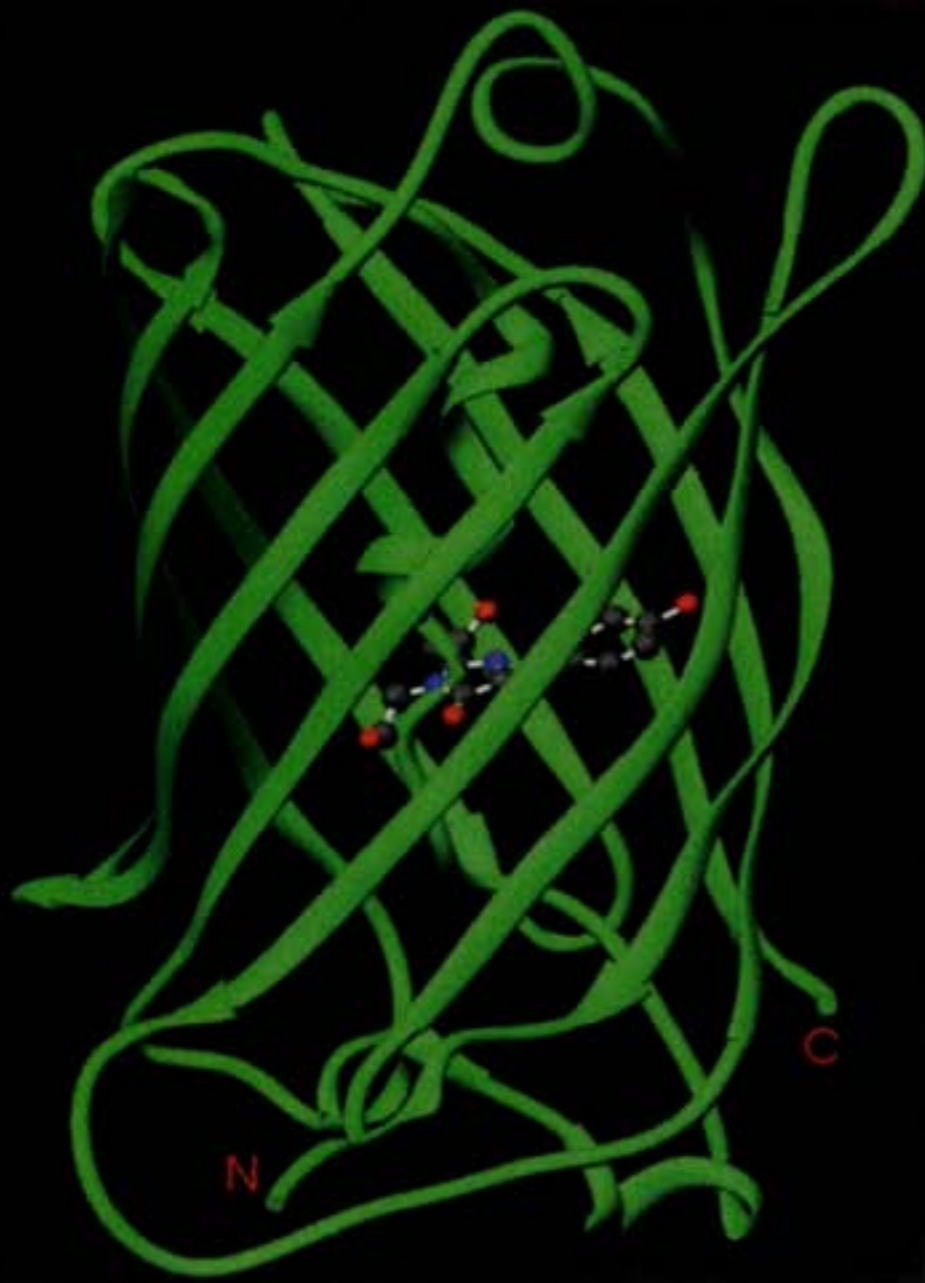
**GFP**



# Crystal structure of the *Aequorea victoria* green fluorescent protein.

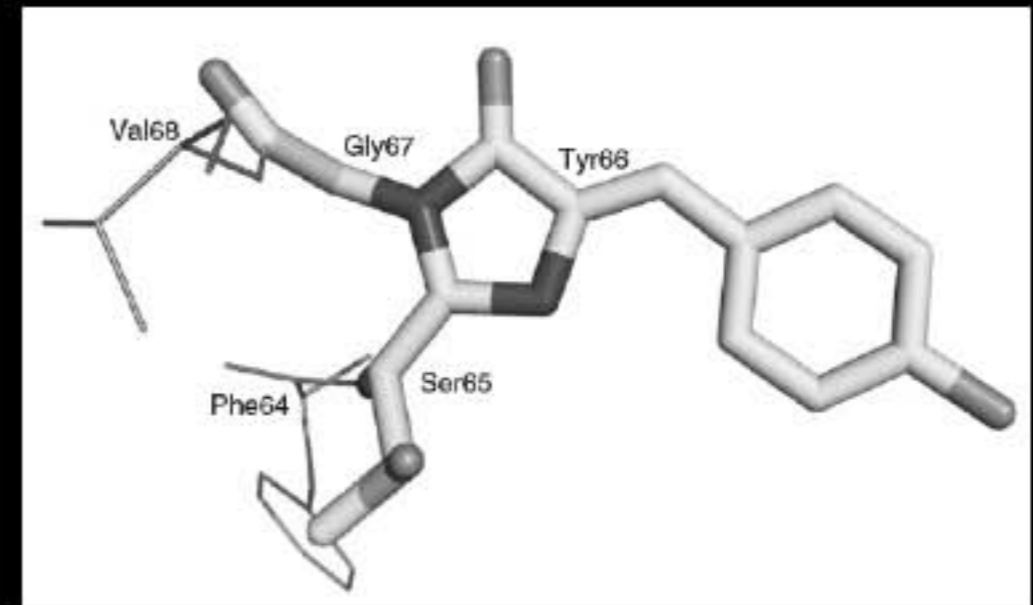
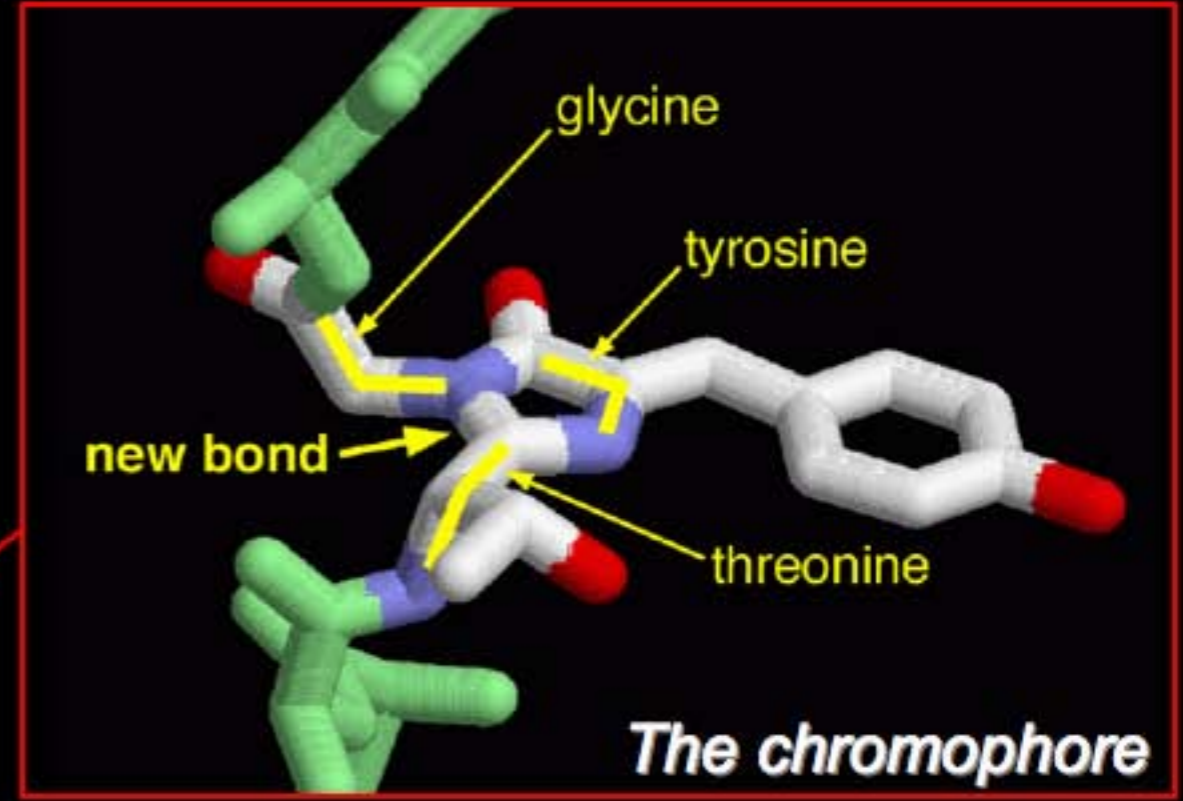
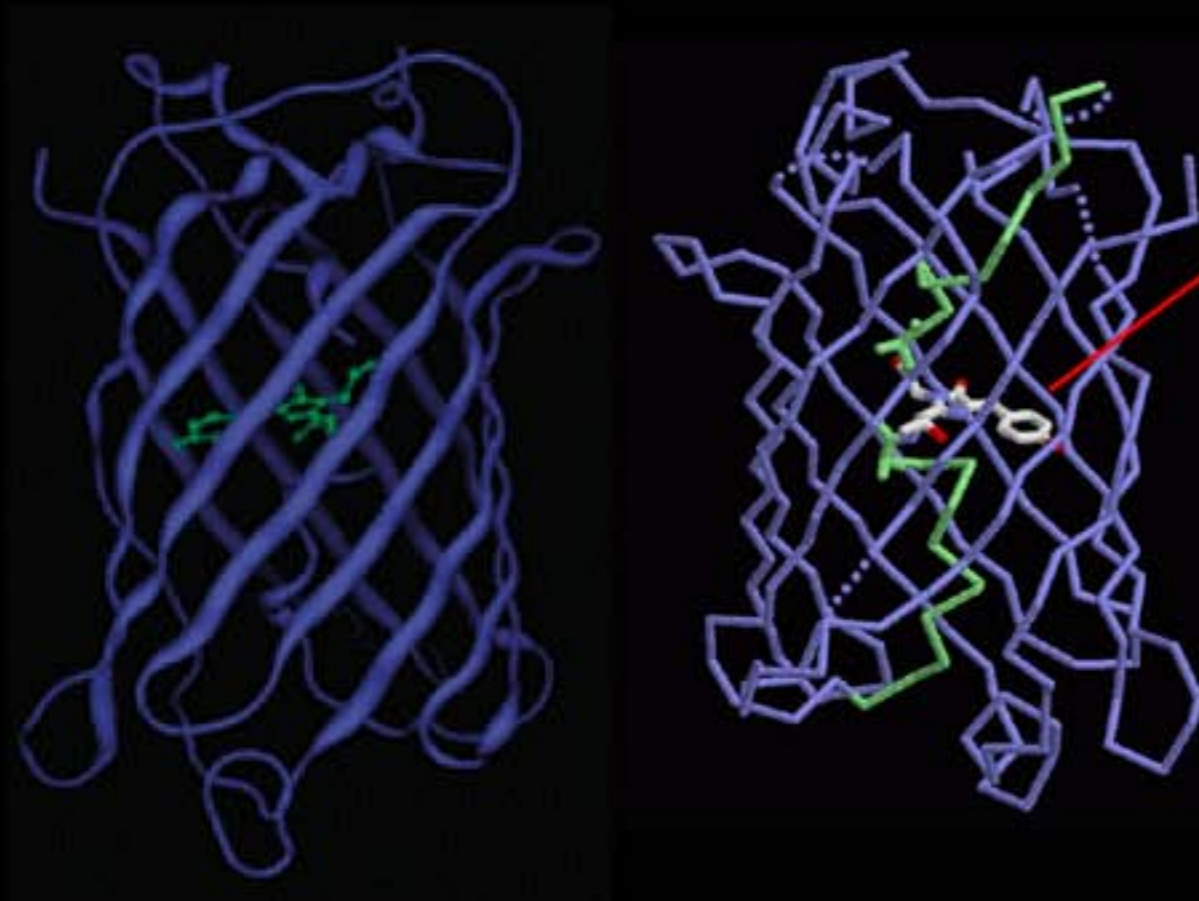
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# The Green Fluorescent Protein



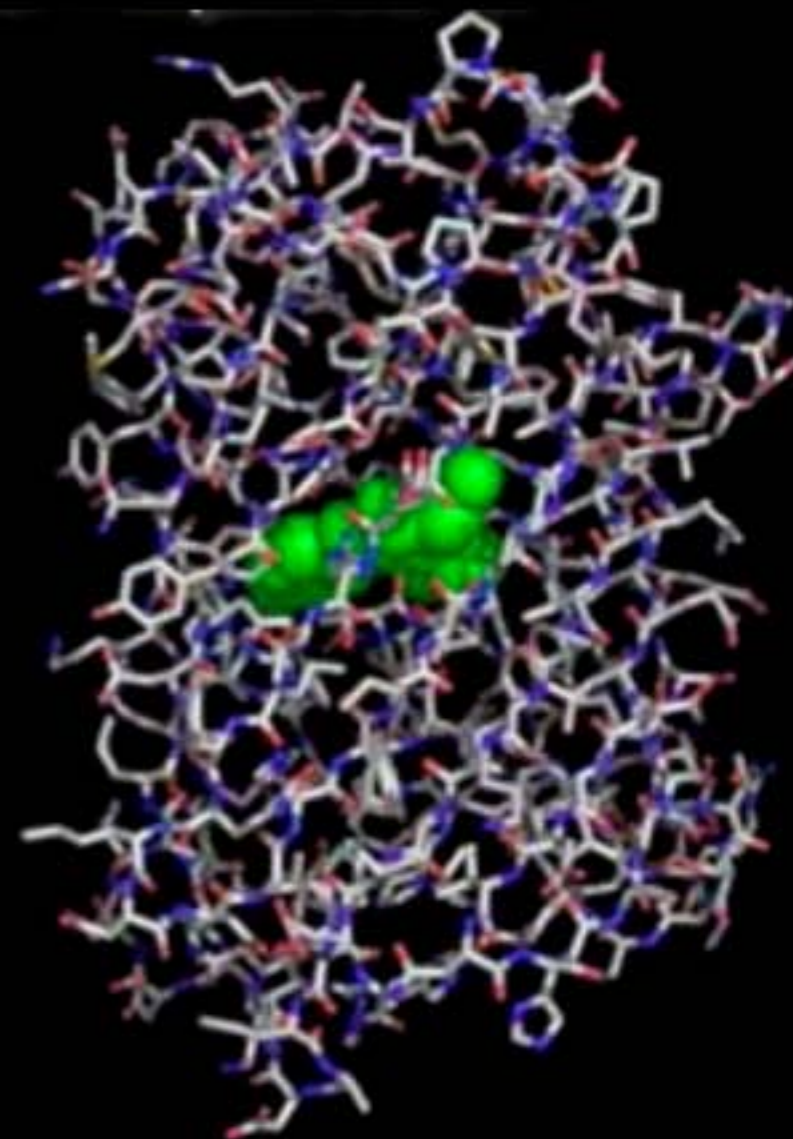
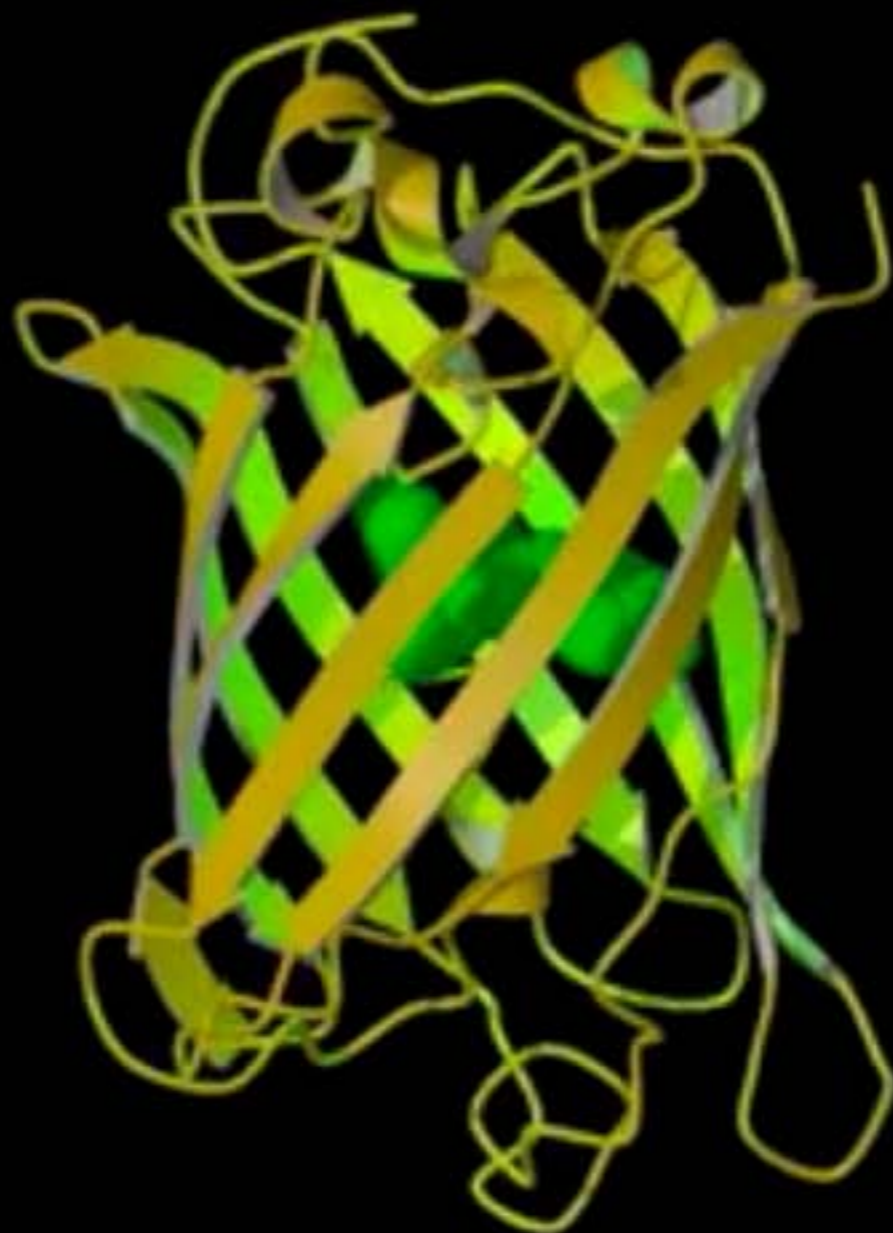
*Autofluorescent Proteins, METHODS IN CELL BIOLOGY, VOL. 85*

The core amino acids: Ser65, Tyr66, and Gly67.



# The structure of Aequorea GFP

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## Douglas Prasher

Prasher found the gene for GFP in *Aequorea victoria* and was able to express it in bacteria. In 1992 he published a paper in *Gene*; it reported the cloning of GFP and the sequence of the 238 amino acids



## Martin Chalfie

Chalfie received a GFP clone from Prasher. He expressed it in bacteria and *C. elegans*.

1992

### Cloning of the GFP gene in bacteria

D Prasher, RO McCann, MJ Cormier: Cloning and Expression of the Cdna Coding for Aequorin, a Bioluminescent Calcium-Binding Protein. *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications* 126 (1985) 1259-68.

DC Prasher, VK Eckenrode, WW Ward, FG Pendergast, MJ Cormier: Primary structure of the *Aequorea victoria* green fluorescent protein. *Gene* 111 (1992) 229-33.

CW Cody, DC Prasher, WM Westler, FG Pendergast, WW Ward: Chemical Structure of the hexapeptide chromophore of the *Aequorea* Green fluorescent protein. *Biochemistry* 32 (1993) 1212-18.

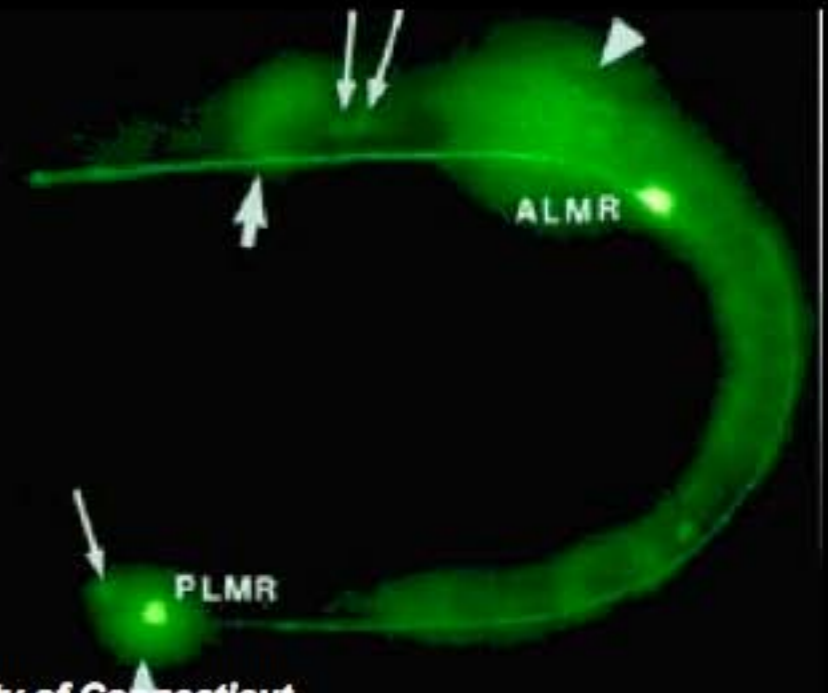
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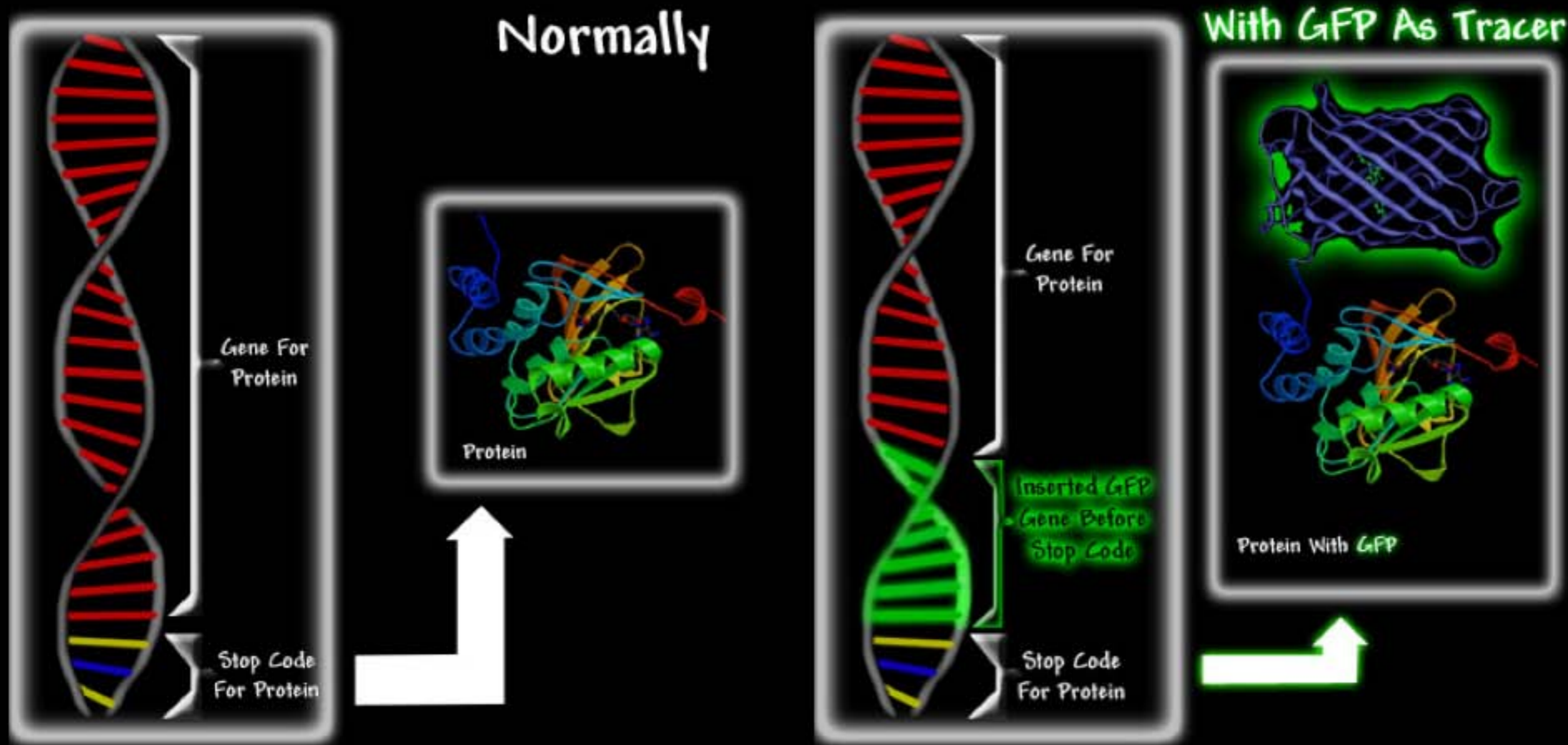
### Expression of the GFP in *C. elegans*

M Chalfie, Y Tu, G Euskirchen, WW Ward, DC Prasher: Green fluorescent protein as a marker for gene expression. *Science* 263 (1994) 802-05.



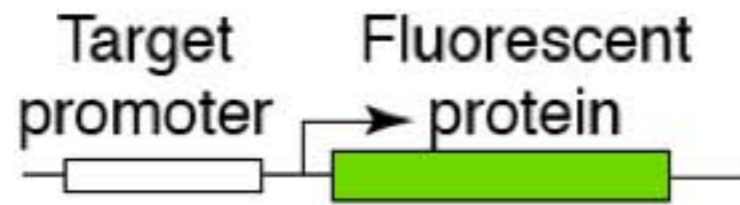


# The use of GFP as tracer

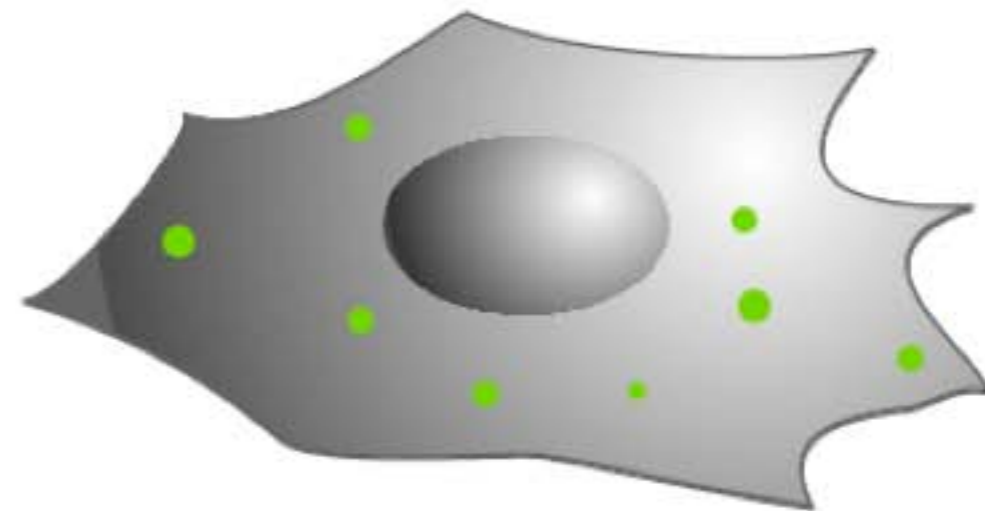
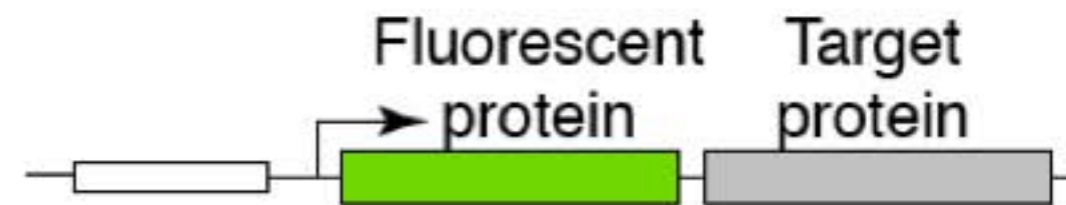




### Studying promoters

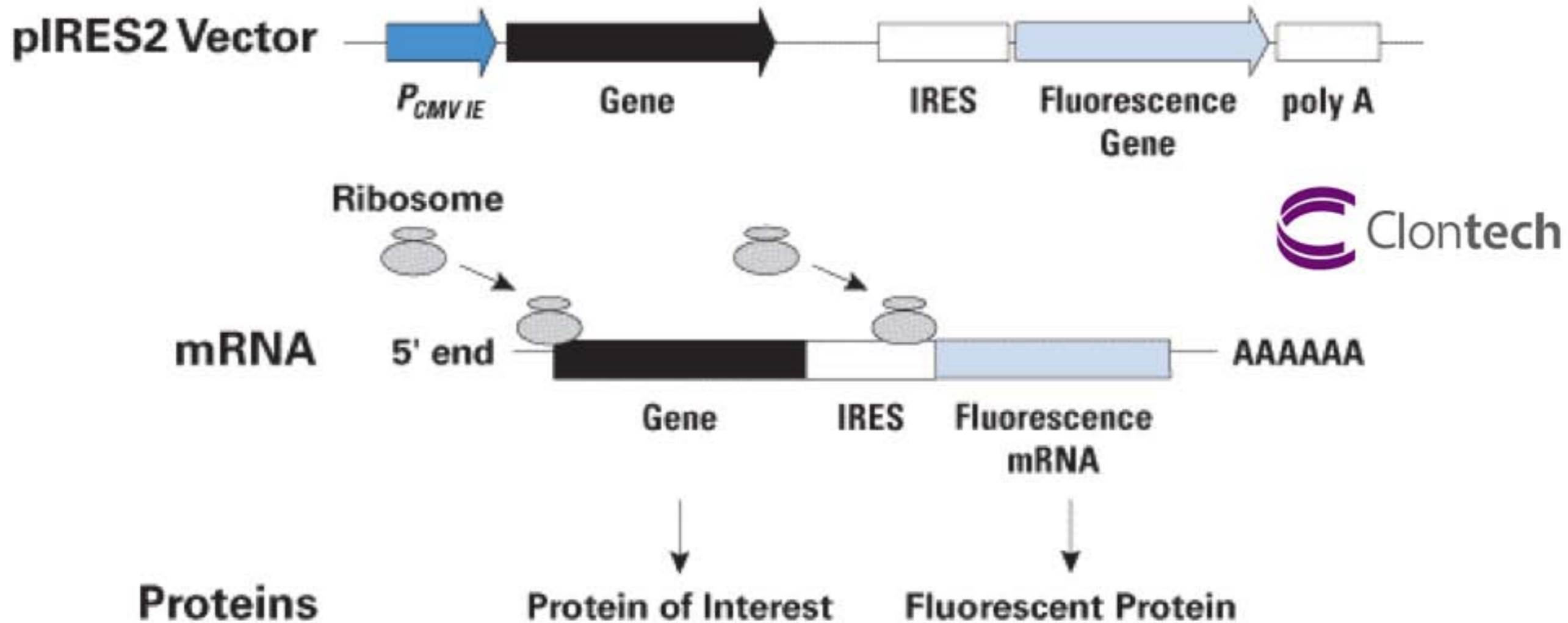


### Protein labeling





## Fluorescent bicistronic vectors



**Figure 1. Schematic diagram of bicistronic mRNA translation.** The internal ribosome entry site (IRES) permits a protein of interest and a fluorescent protein to be independently translated from the same mRNA.

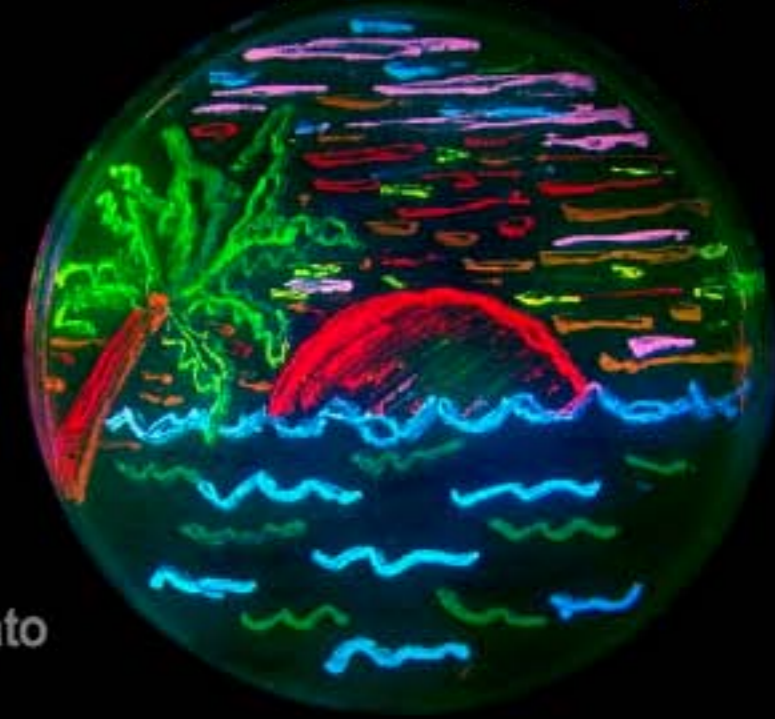
Thus, nearly 100% of fluorescently labeled cells will express your gene of interest, so you can quickly identify cells expressing your gene of interest by simply screening for fluorescence by flow cytometry or fluorescence microscopy. This reduces clone variability so selected cells can be used directly in experiments.





## Roger Tsien

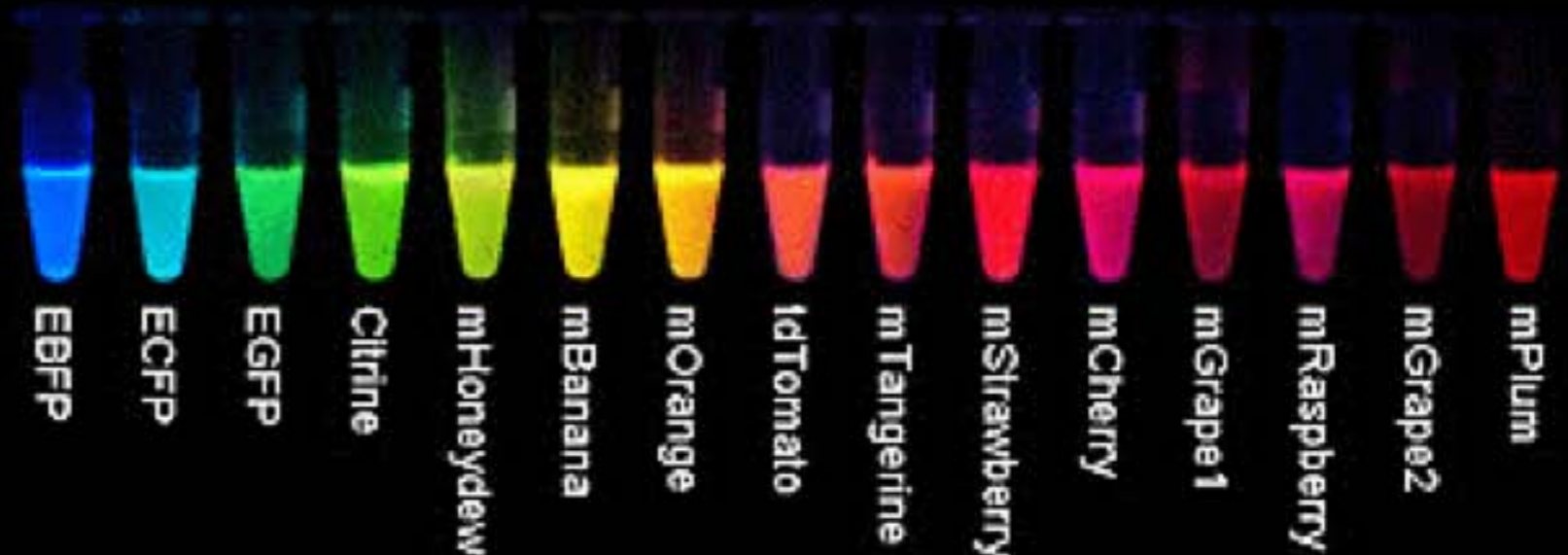
His group has developed mutants that start fluorescing faster than wild type GFP, that are brighter and have different colors (see below, the E stands for enhanced versions of GFP, m are monomeric proteins and tdTomato is a head-to-tail dimer).



R Heim, DC Prasher, RY Tsien: Wavelength mutations and posttranslational autoxidation of green fluorescent protein. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 91 (1994) 12501-04.

R Heim, A Cubitt, RY Tsien: Improved green fluorescence. *Nature* 373 (1995) 663-64.

M Ormo, AB Cubitt, K Kallio, LA Gross, RY Tsien, SJ Remington: Crystal structure of the *Aequorea victoria* green fluorescent protein. *Science* 273 (1996) 1392-95.







# The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2008

"for the discovery and development of the green fluorescent protein, GFP"

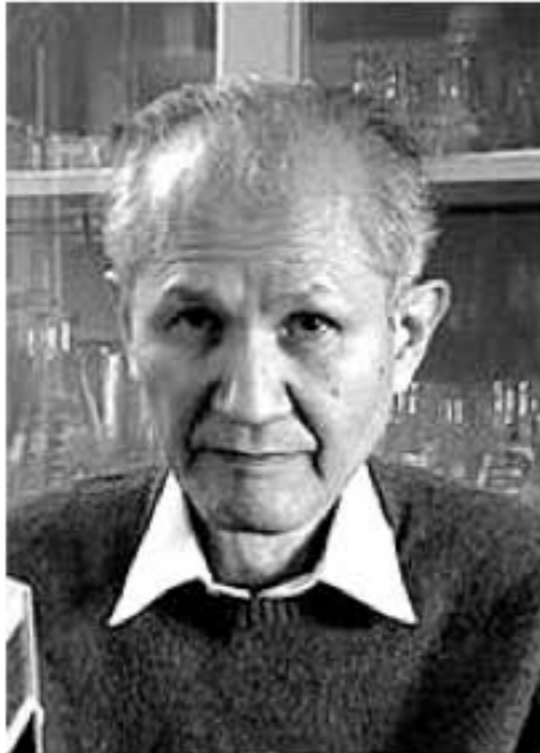


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**Osamu Shimomura**

🕒 1/3 of the prize

USA

Marine Biological  
Laboratory (MBL)  
Woods Hole, MA, USA;  
Boston University Medical  
School  
Massachusetts, MA, USA



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**Martin Chalfie**

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USA

Columbia University  
New York, NY, USA



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**Roger Y. Tsien**

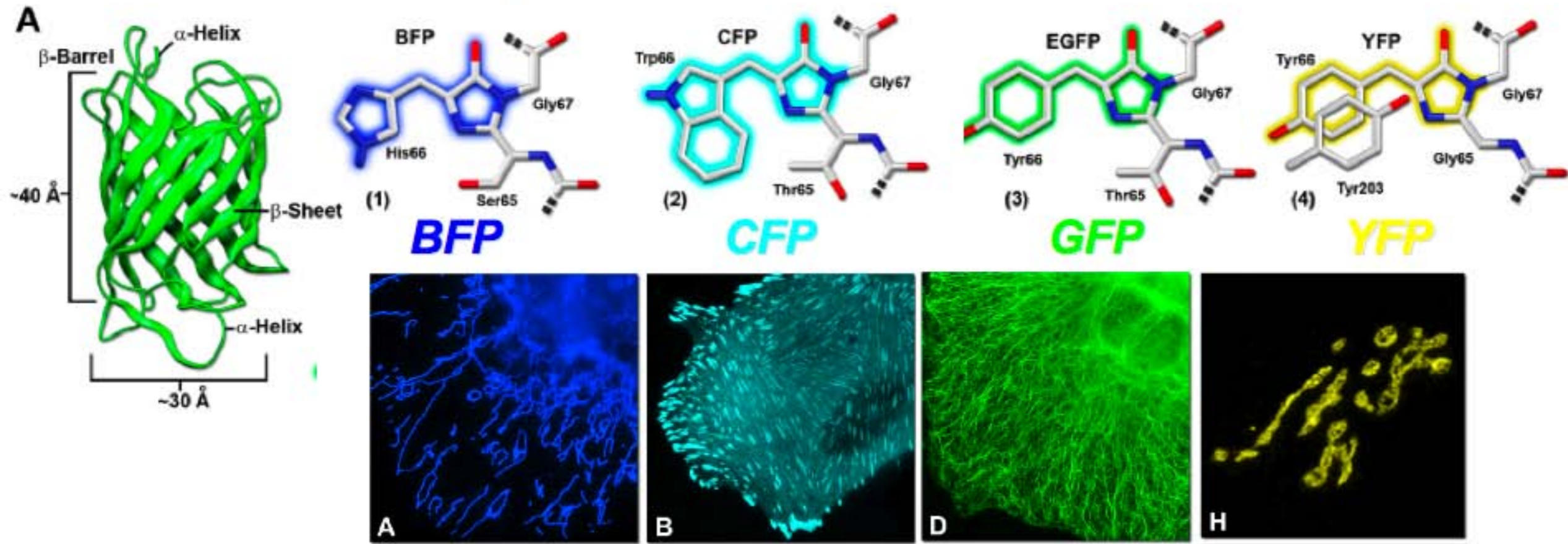
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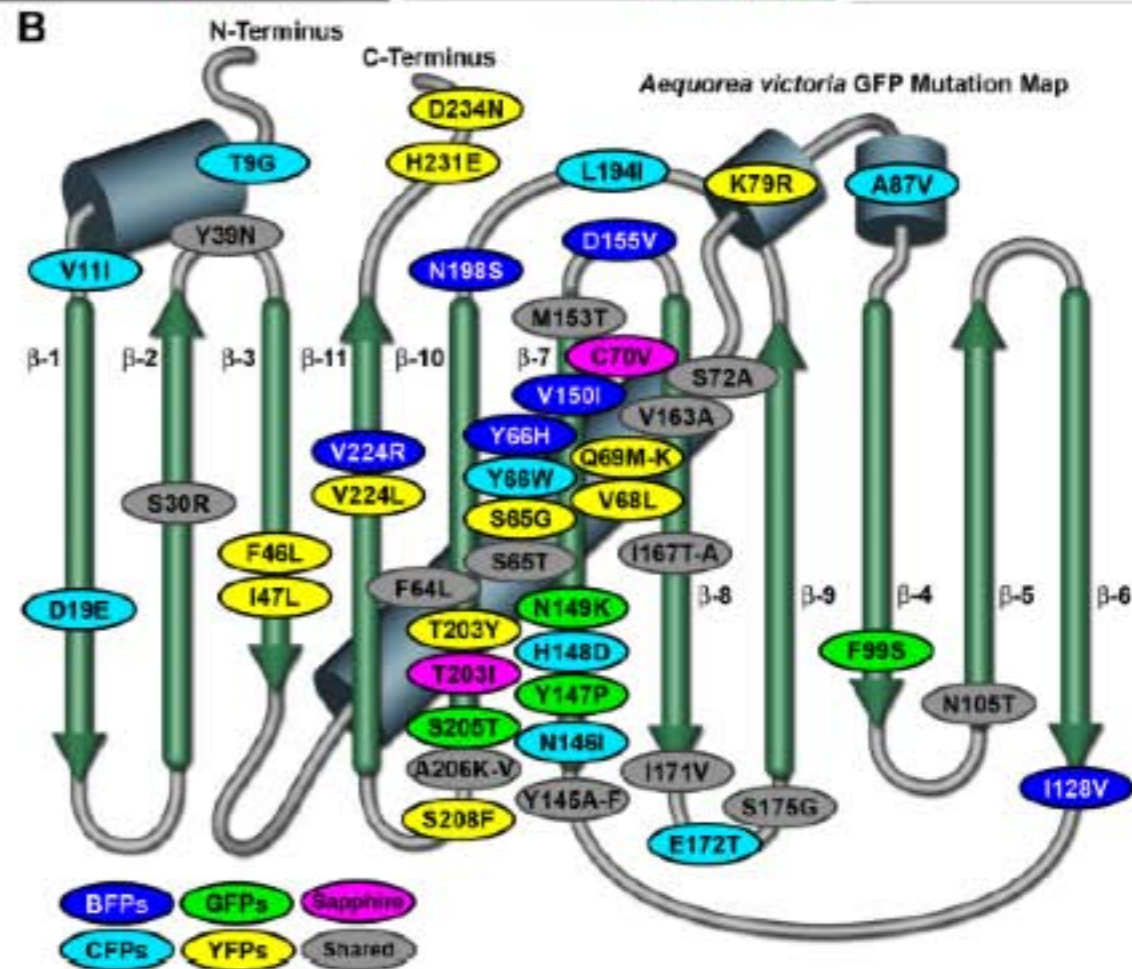
# The GFP mutants: BFP, CFP and YFP



## Advances in fluorescent protein technology

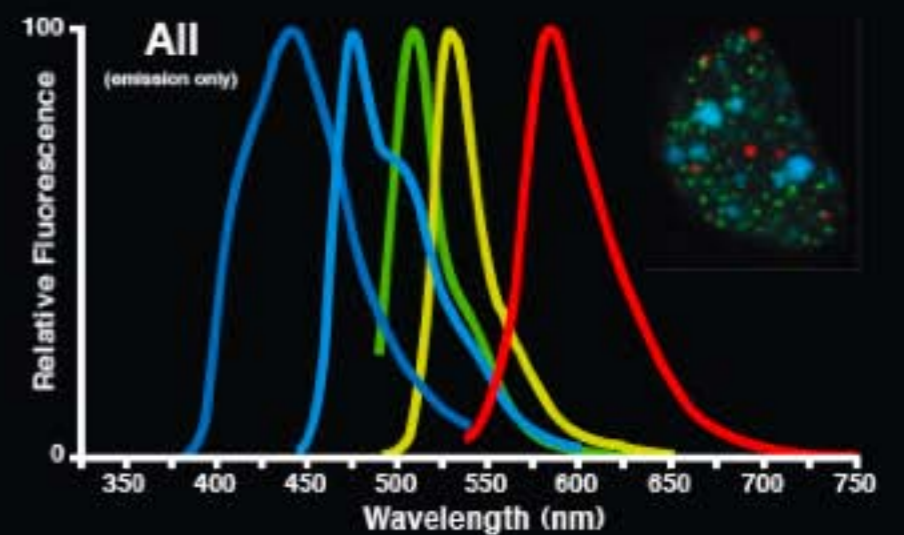
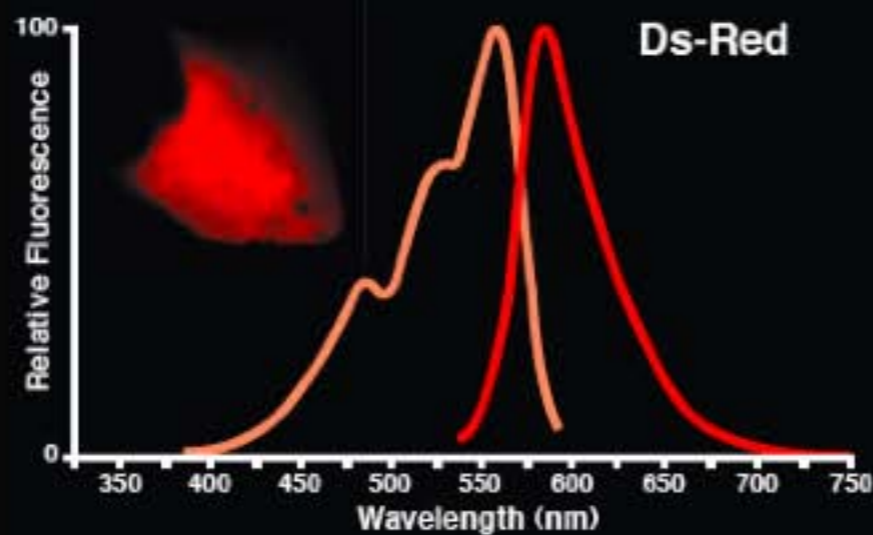
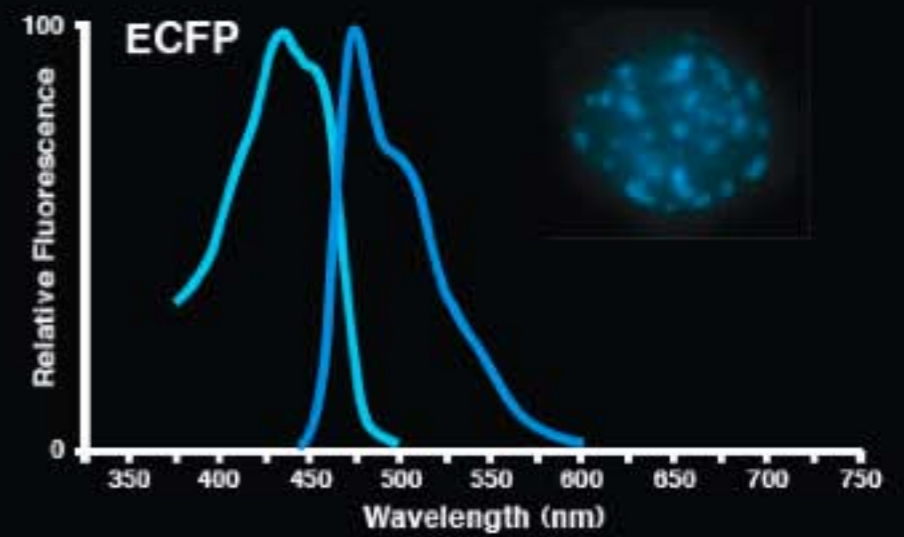
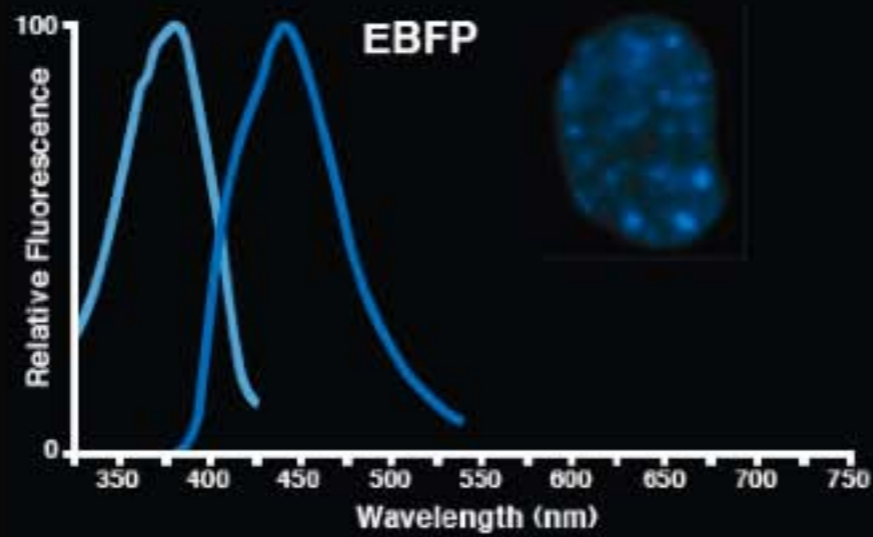
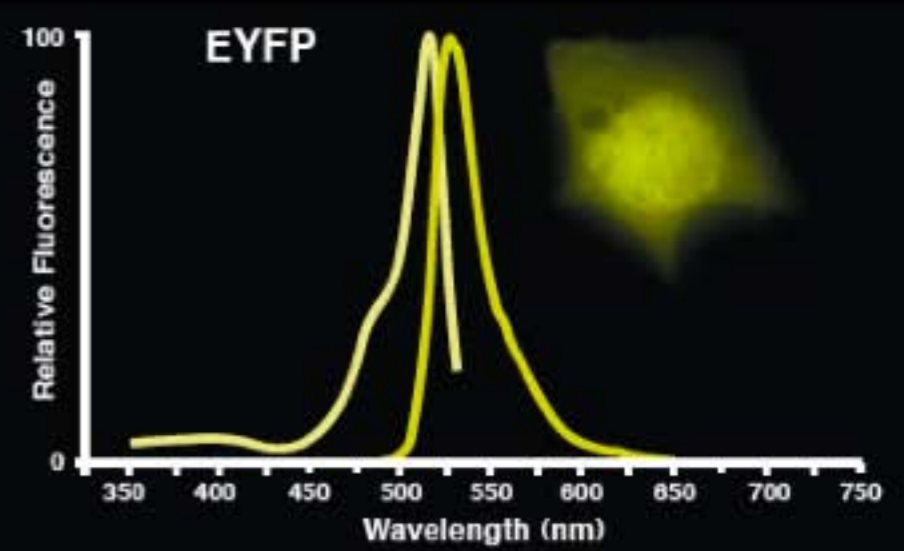
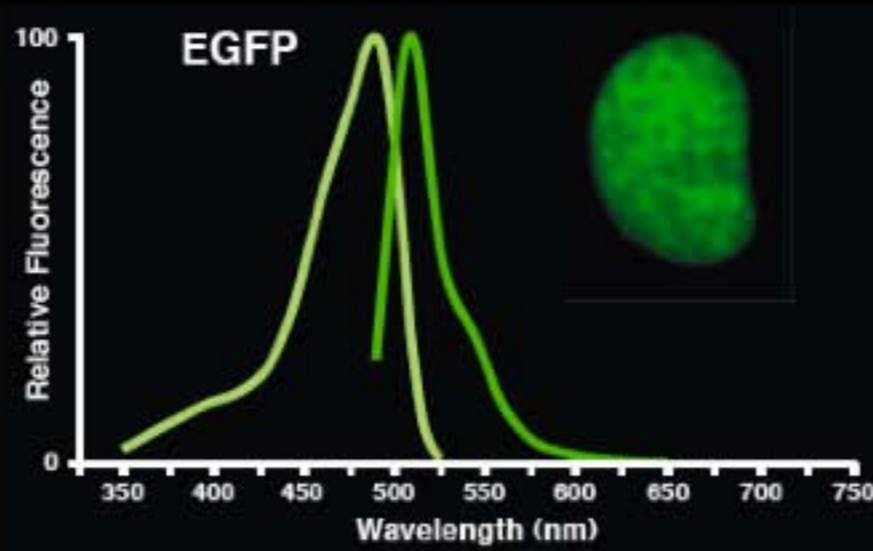
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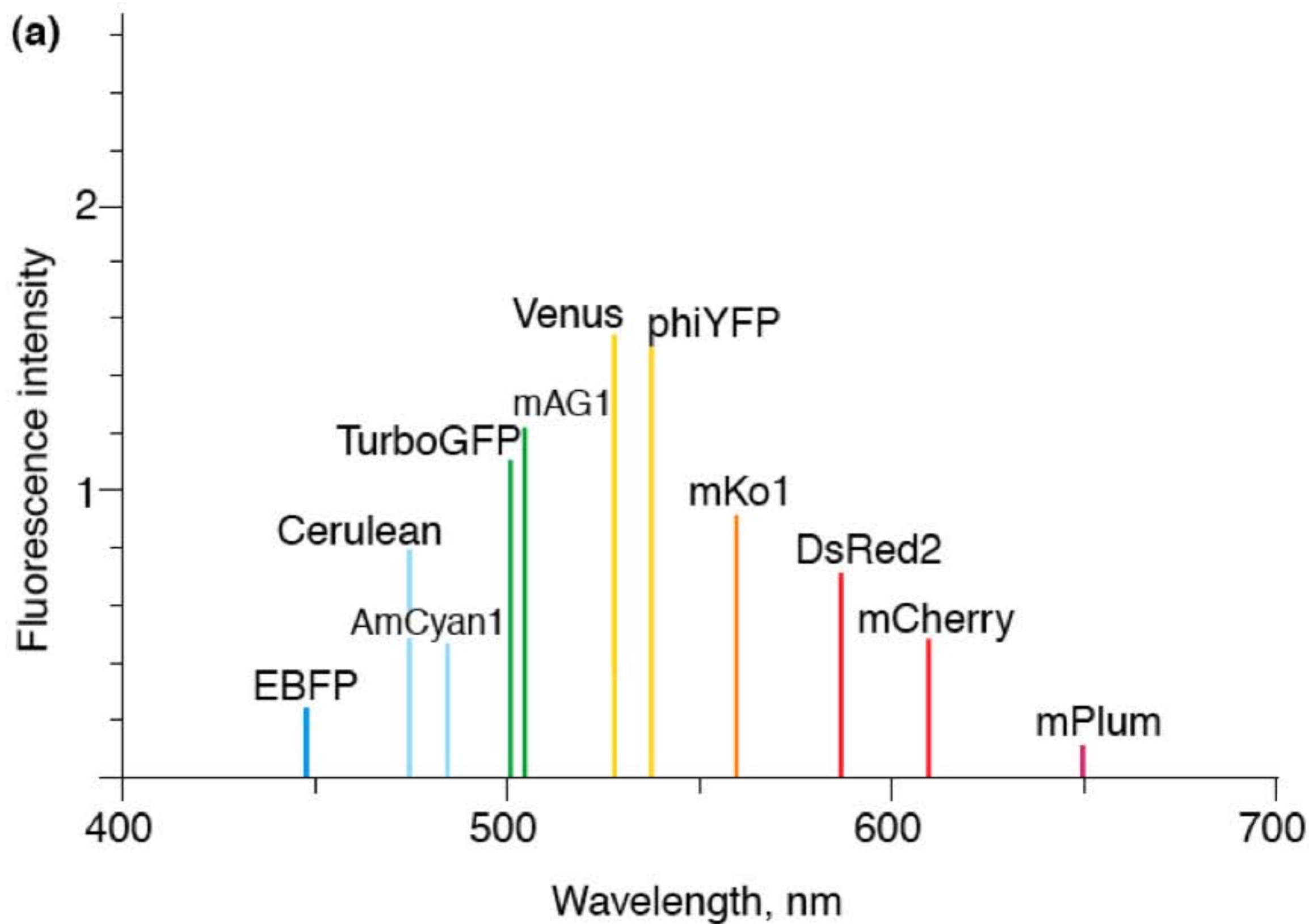




# Fluorescent protein spectra



**Fluorescent protein spectra**  
George Patterson<sup>1</sup>, Rich N. Day<sup>2</sup>  
and David Piston<sup>1\*</sup>  
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## Sergey A. Lukyanov

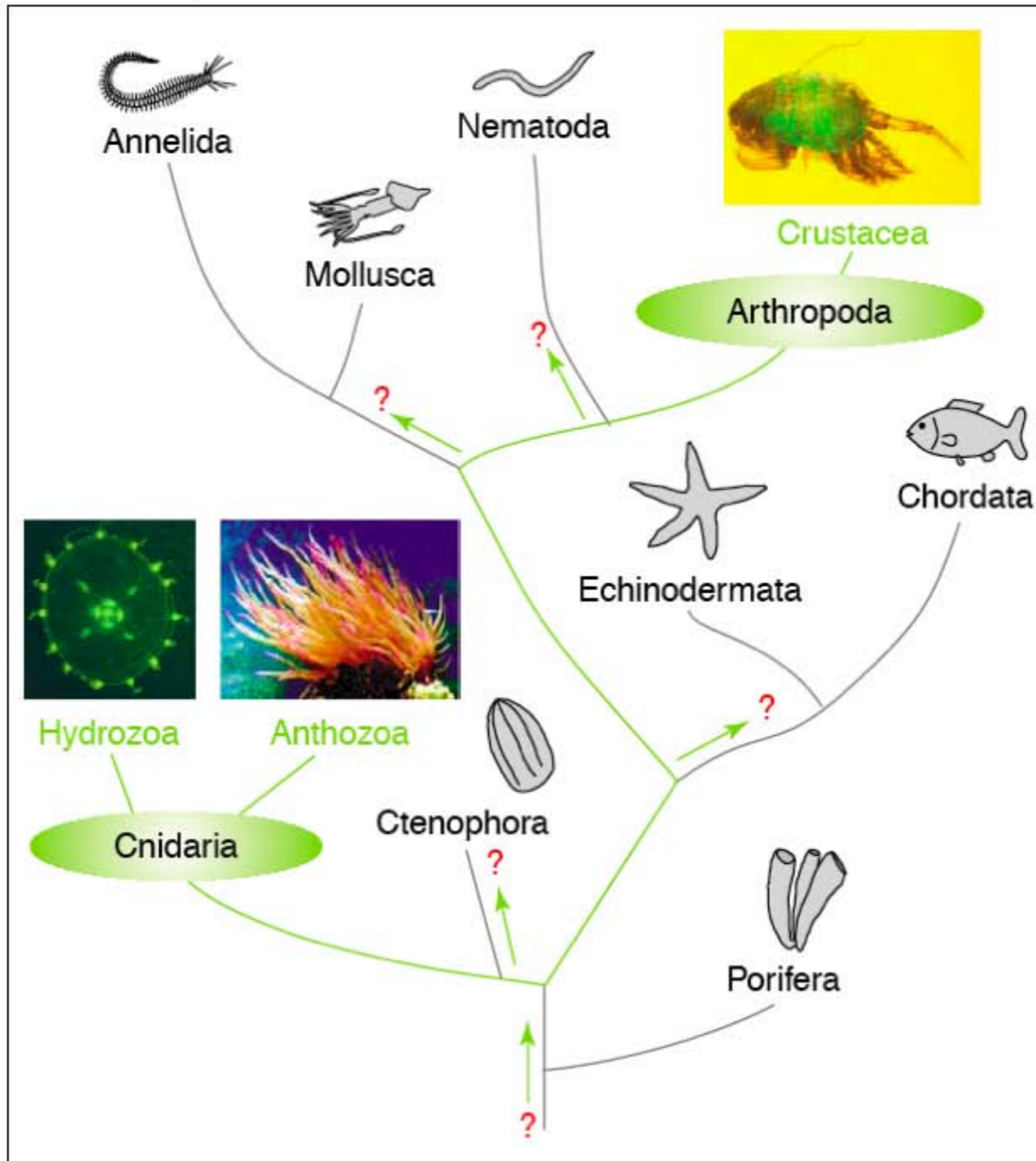
His group has found some GFP-like proteins in corals and in the sea anemone *Anemonia*.

In August 2007 Lukyanov reported a bright, fast folding fluorescent protein that emits light in the far-red. The protein is named *Katushka*, a diminutive form of *Ekaterina* after *Ekaterina Merzlyak* one of the researchers working with Lukyanov. The monomeric form of the protein is called *mKate*. It was isolated from a brilliant red sea anemone bought in a Moscow petshop by Lukyanov.

DM Chudakov, VV Belousov, AG Zaraisky, VV Novoselov, DB Staroverov, DB Zorov, S Lukyanov, KA Lukyanov:  
Kindling fluorescent proteins for precise in vivo photolabeling. *Nature Biotechnology* 21 (2003) 191-94.

D Shcherbo, EM Merzlyak, TV Chepurnykh, AF Fradkov, GV Ermakova, EA Solovieva, KA Lukyanov, EA Bogdanova, AG Zaraisky, S Lukyanov, DM Chudakov:  
Bright far-red fluorescent protein for whole-body imaging. *Nature Methods* 4 (2007) 741-46.

AS Mishin, FV Subach, IV Yampolsky, W King, KA Lukyanov, VV Verkhusha:  
The first mutant of the *Aequorea victoria* green fluorescent protein that forms a red chromophore. *Biochemistry* 47 (2008) 4666-73.







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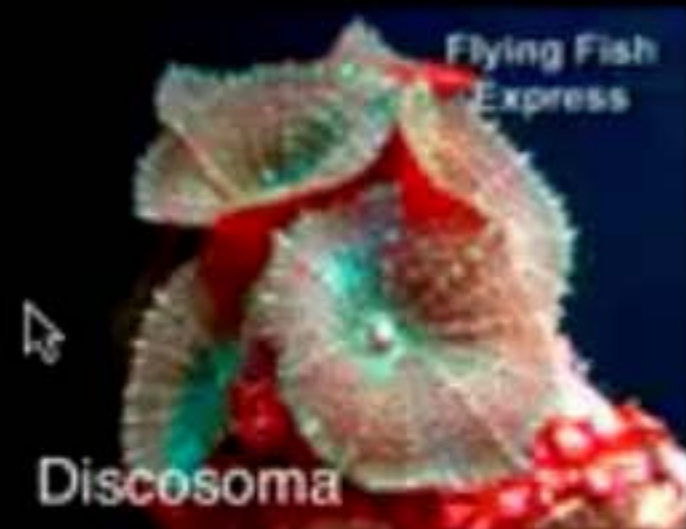


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Corals have  
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Proteins Too!

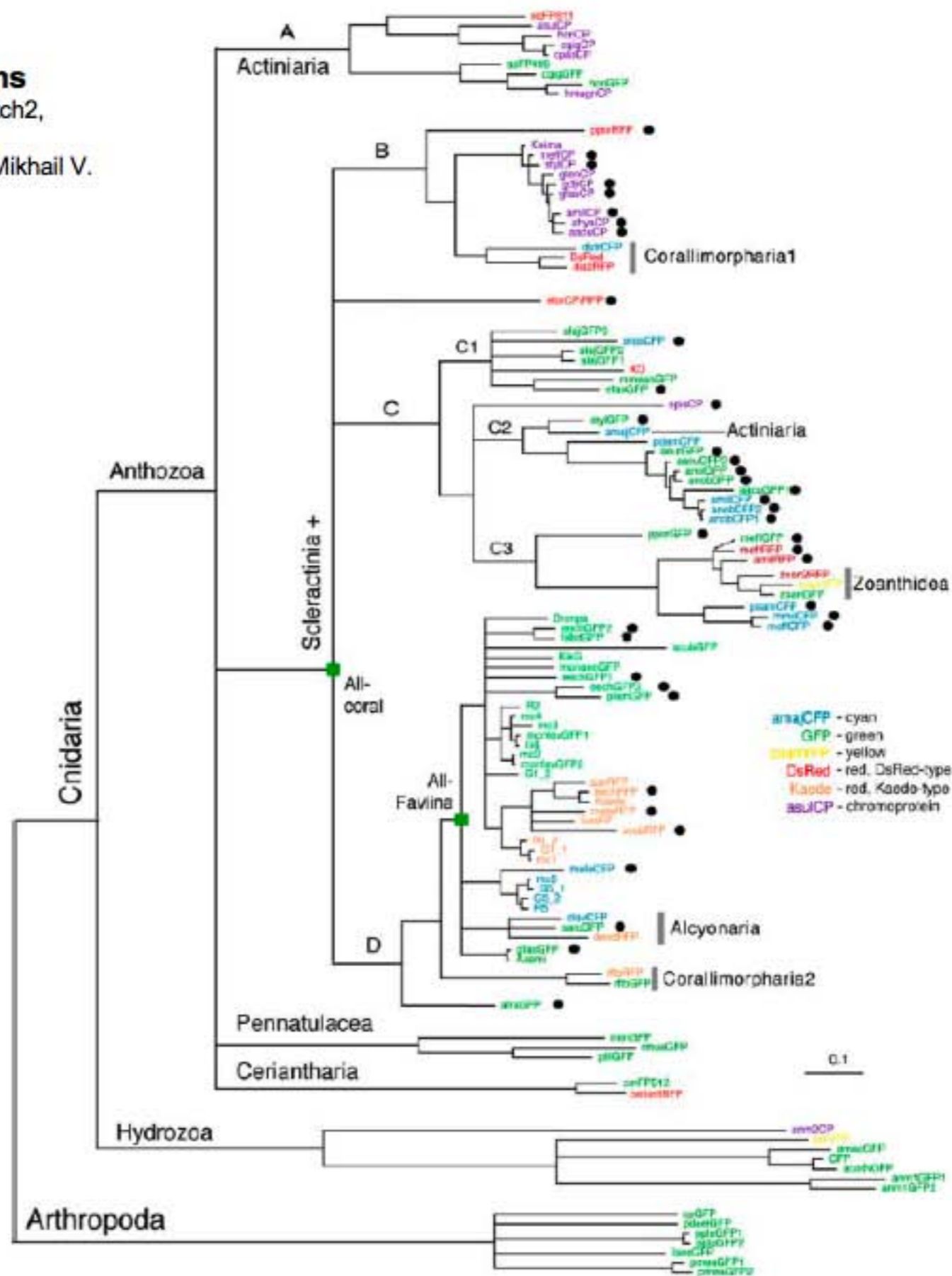


Zoanthus

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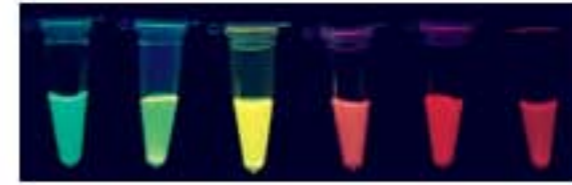
## Diversity and Evolution of Coral Fluorescent Proteins

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# Reef Coral Fluorescent Proteins (RCFP)



Protein	Color	Excitation Maximum (nm)	Emission Maximum (nm)
AmCyan1	blue	458	489
ZsGreen1	green	493	505
ZsYellow1	yellow	529	539
DsRed-Monomer	red	556	586
DsRed2	red	563	582
DsRed-Express	red	557	579
AsRed2	red	576	592
HcRed1	far red	588	618



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Like **DsRed**, **AmCyan**, **ZsGreen**, **ZsYellow** and **AsRed** are derived from **Anthozoa reef coral**.

**DsRed-Monomer**, **DsRed2**, and **DsRed-Express** derive from **Discoma sp. reef coral**.

**HcRed1** is derived from the Anthozoa-class sea **anemone**

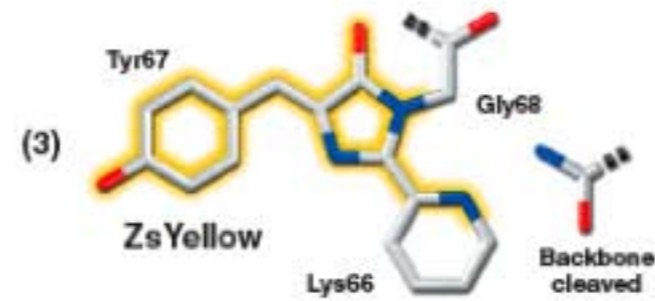
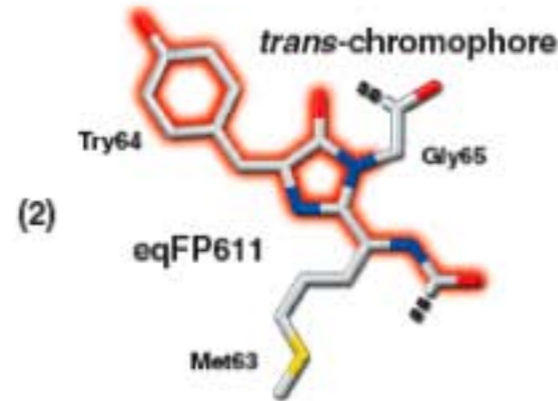
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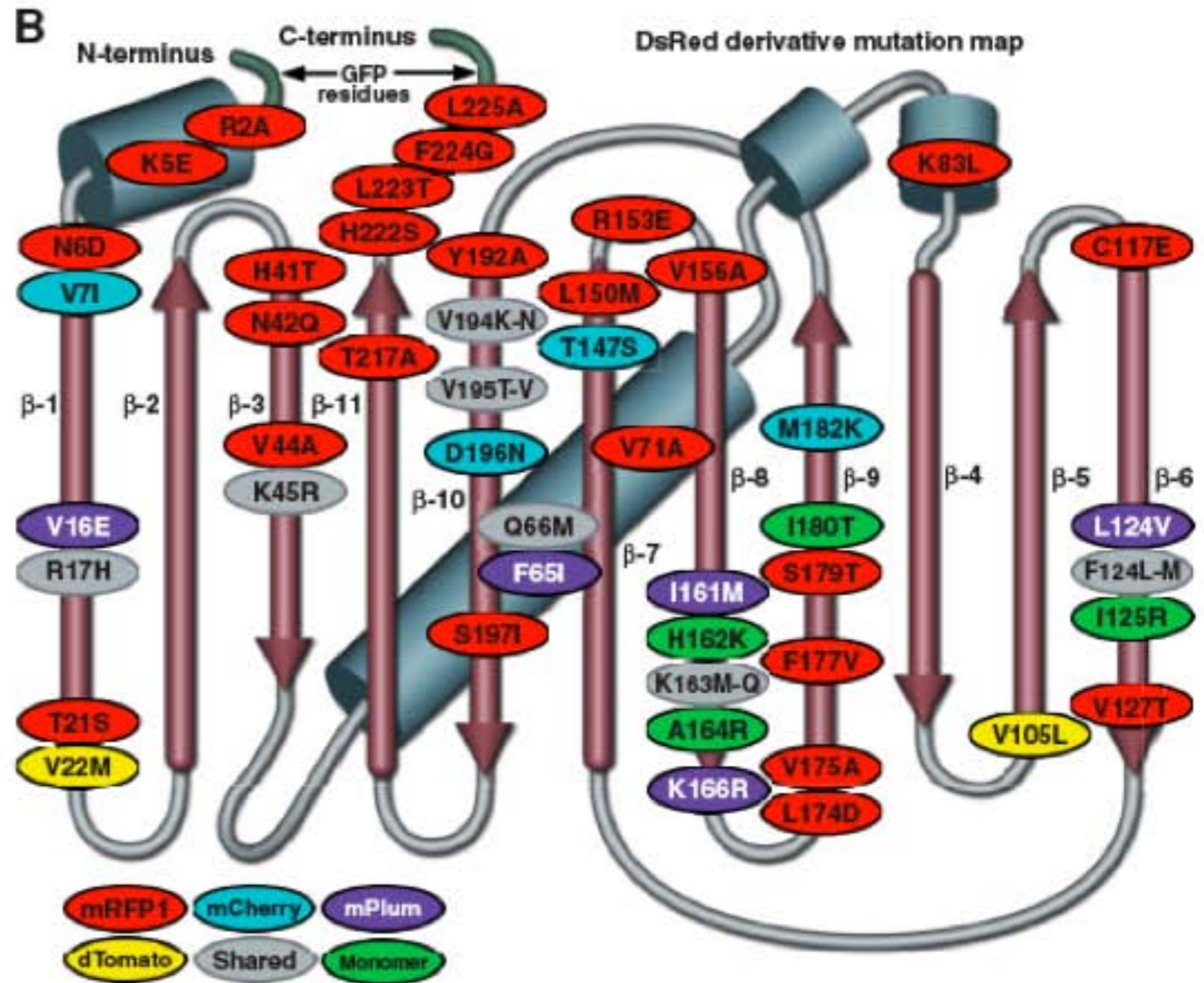
# The RFP derivatives :

## A Red fluorescent proteins



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GFP	179	<b>ADHY</b> Q <b>Q</b> N <b>T</b> P <b>I</b> G <b>D</b> G <b>P</b> V <b>L</b> L <b>P</b> D <b>N</b> H <b>Y</b> L <b>S</b> T <b>Q</b> S <b>A</b> L <b>S</b> K <b>D</b> P <b>N</b> E <b>K</b> R <b>D</b> H <b>M</b> V <b>L</b> L <b>E</b> F <b>V</b> T <b>A</b> A <b>G</b> I <b>T</b> H <b>G</b> M <b>D</b> E <b>L</b> Y <b>K</b>
DsRed	175	<b>VEF</b> .. <b>K</b> S <b>I</b> Y <b>M</b> A <b>K</b> K <b>P</b> V <b>Q</b> L <b>P</b> G <b>Y</b> Y <b>V</b> D <b>S</b> K <b>L</b> D <b>I</b> T... <b>S</b> H <b>N</b> E <b>D</b> Y <b>T</b> I <b>V</b> E <b>Q</b> Y <b>E</b> R <b>T</b> E <b>G</b> R <b>H</b> H <b>L</b> F <b>L</b> ...
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consensus	181	ad t ig PV LP yl t ls D vl f a G h

Fig. 2 Sequence alignment of *Aequorea victoria* green fluorescent protein (GFP) with *Discosoma* sp. DsRed and its extensively mutated derivative mRFP1.

# mRFP1-derived FPs



DsRed T1



mRFP1



mBanana

mOrange

tdTomato

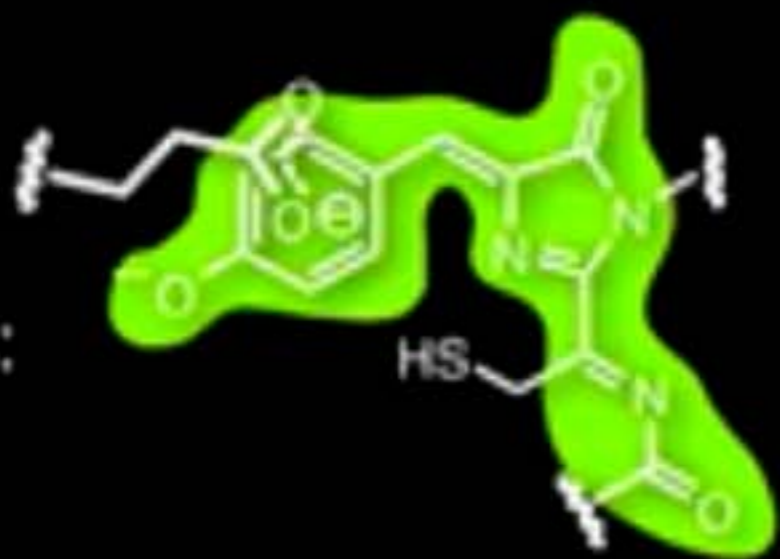
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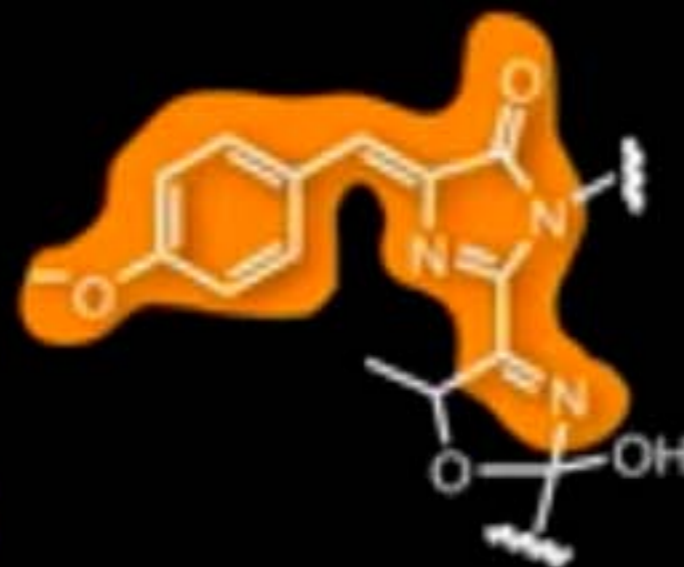
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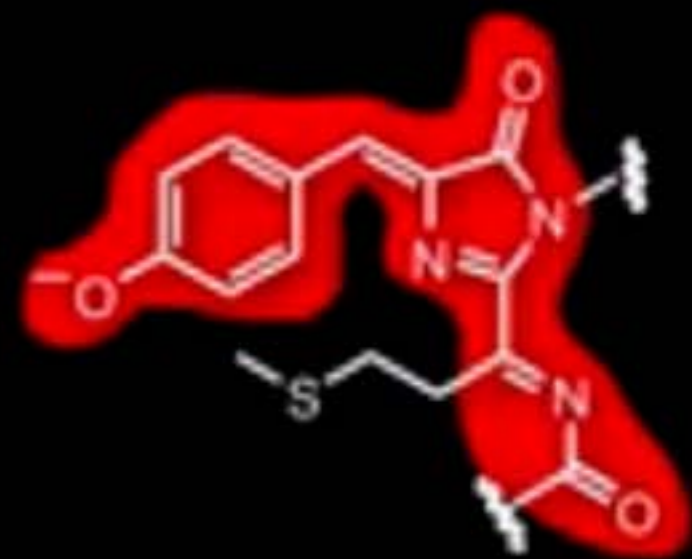
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Table 1. Physical properties of useful fluorescent proteins

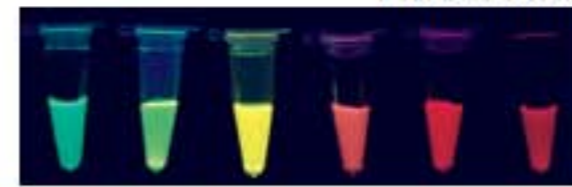
Protein*	Color of spectral class	Excitation peak (nm)	Emission peak (nm)	Brightness <sup>†</sup>	Photostability <sup>‡</sup>	pKa <sup>§</sup>	Association state <sup>¶</sup>	Chromophore	Filter set <sup>  </sup>	Reference
EBFP2	Blue	383	448	18	55	5.3	Weak dimer	SHG	DAPI/BFP	Ai et al., 2007
ECFP <sup>##</sup>	Cyan	433/445	475/503	13	64	4.7	Weak dimer	TWG	CFP	Cubitt et al., 1995
mCerulean	Cyan	433/445	475/503	27/24	36	4.7	Monomer	TWG	CFP	Rizzo et al., 2004
mTFP1	Cyan-green	462	492	54	110	4.3	Monomer	AYG	CFP	Ai et al., 2006
mEGFP	Green	488	507	34	174	6.0	Monomer	TYG	FITC/GFP	Heim et al., 1995
mEmerald	Green	487	509	39	101 <sup>†</sup>	6.0	Monomer	TYG	FITC/GFP	Cubitt et al., 1999
sfGFP	Green	485	510	54	157 <sup>†</sup>	5.5	Weak dimer	TYG	FITC/GFP	Pédélecq et al., 2006
EYFP <sup>##</sup>	Yellow	514	527	51	60	6.9	Weak dimer	GYG	FITC/YFP	Miyawaki et al., 1999
mVenus	Yellow	515	528	53	15	6.0	Monomer	GYG	FITC/YFP	Nagai et al., 2002
mCitrine	Yellow	516	529	59	49	5.7	Monomer	GYG	FITC/YFP	Griesbeck et al., 2001
YPet	Yellow	517	530	80	49	5.6	Weak dimer	GYG	FITC/YFP	Nguyen and Daugherty, 2005
mKO	Orange	548	559	31	122	5.0	Monomer	CYG	TRITC/DsRed	Karasawa et al., 2004
tdTomato	Orange	554	581	95	98	4.7	T-dimer	MYG	TRITC/DsRed	Shaner et al., 2004
TagRFP	Orange	555	584	48	37 <sup>**</sup>	<4.0	Monomer	MYG	TRITC/DsRed	Merzlyak et al., 2007
mRFPI <sup>##</sup>	Red	584	607	12.5	8.7	4.5	Monomer	QYG	TxRed	Campbell et al., 2002
mCherry	Red	587	610	17 <sup>††</sup>	96	<4.5	Monomer	MYG	TxRed	Shaner et al., 2004
mKate	Far-red	588	635	15	166 <sup>†</sup>	6.0	Monomer	MYG	TxRed	Shcherbo et al., 2007
mPlum	Far-red	590	649	3.2 <sup>††</sup>	53	<4.5	Monomer	MYG	TxRed	Wang et al., 2004

Physical properties for the recommended FPs in each spectral class. \*Common literature FP abbreviation. <sup>†</sup>Product of the molar extinction coefficient and the quantum yield (mM<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>)<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>‡</sup>Literature values except as noted. Photobleaching represents the time to bleach from an emission rate of 1000 photons per second to 500 photons per second (t<sub>1/2</sub>) in a widefield fluorescence microscope.

<sup>§</sup>Recommended common filter sets and custom FP sets available from aftermarket manufacturers. For specialized applications, we suggest choosing filter combinations that closely match the spectral profiles (see Shaner et al., 2005). <sup>¶</sup>Measured in live cells with mEGFP (t<sub>1/2</sub>~150 seconds) as a control. <sup>\*\*</sup>Measured and normalized per standard photobleaching protocol (see Shaner et al., 2005). <sup>††</sup>Averages of literature values. <sup>##</sup>Included for reference.



# Reef Coral Fluorescent Proteins (RCFP)



Protein	Color	Excitation Maximum (nm)	Emission Maximum (nm)	Relative Quantum Yield <sup>a</sup>	Extinction Coefficient (M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>	Brightness <sup>c</sup>	
AmCyan1	blue	458	489	0.75	39,000	29,250	Tetramer
ZsGreen1	green	493	505	0.91	43,000	39,130	Tetramer
ZsYellow1	yellow	529	539	0.65	20,000	13,000	Tetramer
DsRed-Monomer	red	556	586	0.20	16,100	3,220	<b>Monomer</b>
DsRed2	red	563	582	0.55	43,800	24,090	Tetramer
DsRed-Express	red	557	579	0.90	19,000	17,100	Tetramer
AsRed2	red	576	592	0.21	61,000	12,810	Tetramer
HcRed1	far red	588	618	0.03	20,000	600	Dimer

Like **DsRed**, **AmCyan**, **ZsGreen**, **ZsYellow** and **AsRed** are derived from **Anthozoa reef coral**.

**DsRed-Monomer**, **DsRed2**, and **DsRed-Express** derive from **Discoma sp. reef coral**.

**HcRed1** is derived from the Anthozoa-class sea anemone **Heteractis crispa reef coral**.

\* **DsRed2** :variant of DsRed : six point mutations: **improve solubility** by reducing its tendency to form aggregates, and decrease the time from transfection to detection.

\* **DsRed-Express** is a **rapidly maturing** variant of DsRed (enhanced solubility, reduced green emission, accelerated maturation) Forms the same tetrameric structure as wild-type DsRed, it displays a reduced tendency to aggregate.

\* **DsRed-Monomer** : Is is a **monomer**. It contains **45 mutations** in comparison to wt DsRed.

\* **HcRed1** is a far-red fluorescent protein derived from a **nonfluorescent chromoprotein found in the Anthozoa-class sea anemone Heteractis crispa**. The far-red fluorescent variant (HcRed1) was generated using **random and site-directed mutagenesis** (11, 12).



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Protein	Color	Excitation Maximum (nm)	Emission Maximum (nm)	Relative Quantum Yield <sup>a</sup>	Extinction Coefficient (M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>	Brightness <sup>c</sup>
AcGFP1	green	475	505	0.82	32,500	26,650



### AcGFP1 Fluorescent Protein

AcGFP1 was derived from the jellyfish *Aequorea coerulea* and is a novel alternative to enhanced *Aequorea victoria* GFP.

94% homology to EGFP at the amino acid level.

The chromophore matures rapidly and is readily detected 8-12 hours after transfection. Because it is a **true monomeric** protein, AcGFP1 is an ideal candidate for fusion tag applications and is a benefit for dual labeling with DsRed-Monomer.




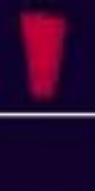



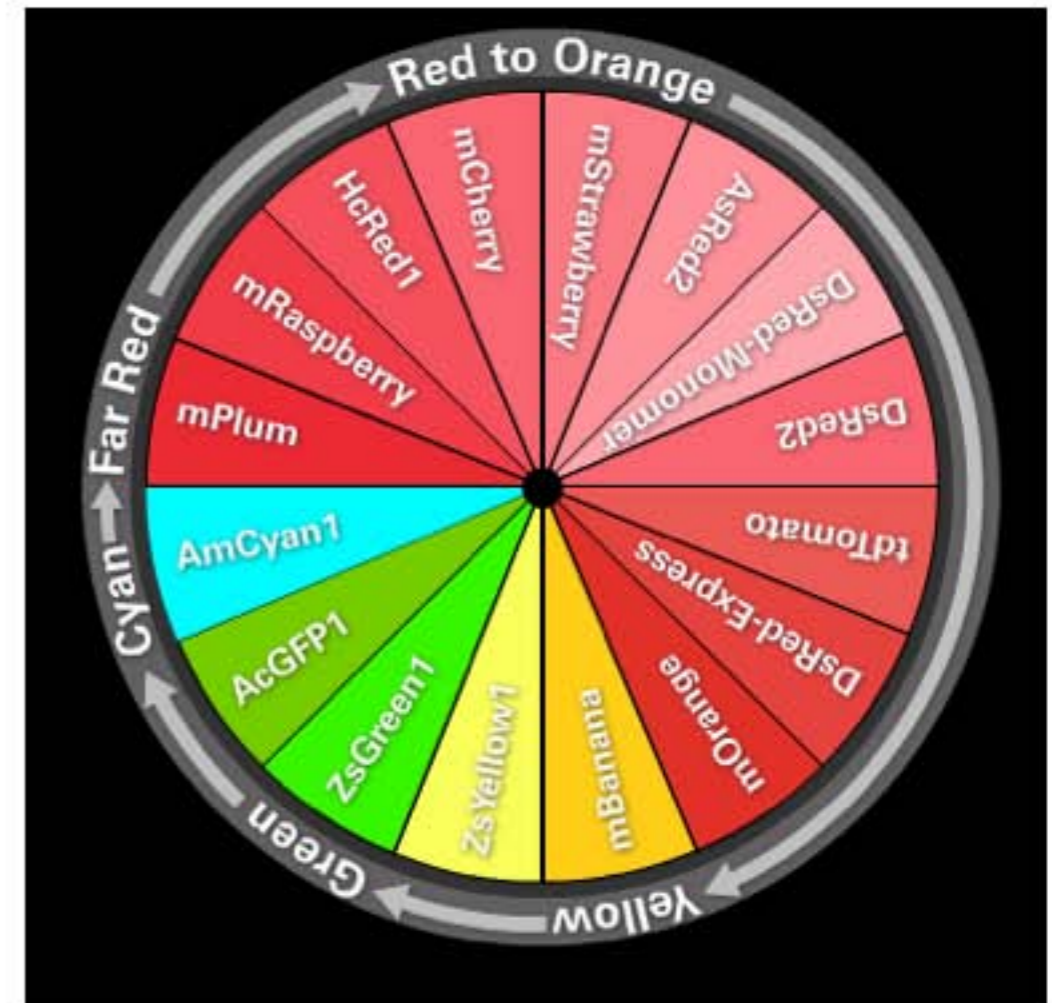
# Recommended FP for Different applications

Application	Recommended Proteins	Comments	Available Vector Format(s) <sup>1</sup>										
Fusion Tags	AcGFP1 DsRed-Monomer mCherry	Monomeric fluorescent proteins are often ideal for fusions as they tend to be least disruptive to the function of the protein of interest. In many cases, oligomers can also be effective.	A										
Reporters of Promoter Activity	DsRed2 ZsGreen1 ZsYellow1	Bright fluorescent proteins make excellent reporters. We provide promoterless reporter constructs containing bright fluorescent proteins for promoter activation studies.	B										
Cell Labeling and Imaging	DsRed-Express ZsGreen1 mCherry mOrange AmCyan1	Bright proteins that can be multiplexed (i.e., have very different excitation and emission maxima) are ideal for cell labeling and imaging. We offer the widest spectral range—so you can choose based on your color, filter, or multiplexing needs.	C										
Detection of Protein-Protein Interactions (FRET)	AcGFP1 and DsRed-Monomer AcGFP1 and mCherry mOrange and mStrawberry mOrange and mCherry	Good (high efficiency) FRET pairs require a donor with a high quantum yield ( $Q_0$ ) and an acceptor with a high Förster radius ( $R_0$ ). As required for any live-cell application, our red-shifted FRET pairs have reduced autofluorescence.	A, D										
Measuring Proteasome Activity	ZsProSensor	Our Proteasome Sensor Vector is ideal in image-based assays for compounds with proteasome-inhibiting or activating properties.	E										
Subcellular Labeling	AcGFP1 DsRed-Monomer mCherry HcRed1	Our Subcellular Localization Vectors allow you to target fluorescent proteins to the following structures:  <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">golgi complexes</td> <td style="width: 50%;">endoplasmic reticuli</td> </tr> <tr> <td>actin filaments</td> <td>mitochondria</td> </tr> <tr> <td>plasma membranes</td> <td>peroxisomes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>nuclei</td> <td>endosomes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>microtubules</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	golgi complexes	endoplasmic reticuli	actin filaments	mitochondria	plasma membranes	peroxisomes	nuclei	endosomes	microtubules		C
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<i>In Vivo</i> (Plant/Animal) Imaging	mPlum HcRed1 mCherry	Far red proteins are preferred for <i>in vivo</i> imaging because they avoid the natural green autofluorescence produced by plant and animal cells; however, bright green proteins have also been used successfully.	A, B, D										
Visualization of Gene Expression	DsRed-Express ZsGreen1	IRES (bicistronic) vectors permit your protein of interest and a fluorescent protein to be independently translated from a single RNA transcript. Good for monitoring transfection efficiency or gene expression.	F										



# Recommended FP for double labeling

	First Color	Second Color	Third Color
	AmCyan1	ZsYellow1	HcRed1
		DsRed2	
		DsRed-Express	
		AsRed2	
		HcRed1	ZsYellow1
	ZsGreen1 AmCyan	DsRed2	
		DsRed-Express	
		AsRed2	
		HcRed1	
	ZsYellow1	AmCyan1	HcRed1
		HcRed1	AmCyan1
	DsRed2 DsRed-Express AsRed2	AmCyan1	
		ZsGreen1	
	HcRed1	AmCyan1	ZsYellow1
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		ZsGreen1	



# Living Colors® Fluorescent Proteins

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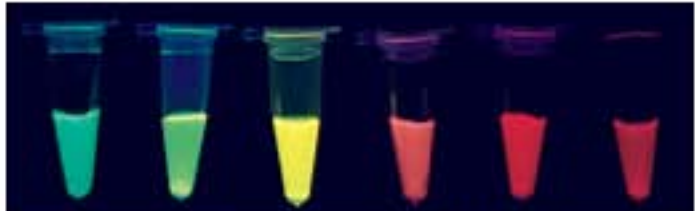


Table 1: Living Colors Novel Flu

Protein	Color (nm)	Excitation Max (nm)	Emission Max (nm)	Relative Fluorescent Intensity	Quaternary Structure	Comments
DsRed-Monomer	Red	556	586	++	Monomer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very soluble protein</li> <li>• True monomer</li> <li>• Excellent for multicolor labeling, and fusion proteins</li> </ul>
DsRed2	Red	563	582	+++	Tetramer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced aggregation compared to DsRed1</li> <li>• Many subcellular localization vectors available</li> </ul>
DsRed-Express	Red	557	579	+++	Tetramer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred for flow cytometry due to diminished green emission</li> <li>• Faster maturation</li> <li>• Can be used in fusion tag protein applications</li> </ul>
AsRed2	Red	576	592	++	Tetramer	
HcRed1	Far red	588	618	+	Dimer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Far red fluorescence can be multiplexed with DsRed-Express or DsRed-Monomer</li> </ul>
AmCyan1	Blue	458	489	+++	Tetramer	
ZsYellow1	Yellow	529	539	++	Tetramer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• True yellow emission</li> <li>• Ideal for multicolor applications</li> </ul>
ZsGreen1	Green	493	505	++++	Tetramer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptionally bright</li> <li>• Ideal for reporter applications</li> </ul>
AcGFP1	Green	475	505	++	Monomer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• True green monomer</li> <li>• Excellent for multicolor labeling and fusion tags</li> <li>• Good solubility</li> </ul>

Note: HcRed1 is derived from *Heteractis crispa* reef coral. AmCyan, ZsGreen, ZsYellow, and AsRed are derived from *Anthozoa* reef rive from *Discoma* sp. reef coral. AcGFP1 derives from *Aequorea coerulescens* jellyfish.





AmCyan1, ZsGreen1, ZsYellow1, DsRed1, AsRed2, and HcRed1.

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mPlum	far red	590	649	0.10 <sup>f</sup>	41,000 <sup>f</sup>	4,100
mRaspberry	far red	598	625	0.15 <sup>f</sup>	86,000 <sup>f</sup>	12,900
HcRed1	far red	588	618	0.03	20,000	600
mCherry	red	587	610	0.22 <sup>g</sup>	72,000 <sup>g</sup>	15,840
mStrawberry	red	574	596	0.29 <sup>g</sup>	90,000 <sup>g</sup>	26,100
AsRed2	red	576	592	0.21	61,000	12,810
DsRed-Monomer	red	556	586	0.20	16,100	3,220
DsRed2	red	563	582	0.55	43,800	24,090
DsRed-Express	red	557	579	0.90	19,000	17,100
mOrange	orange	548	563	0.69 <sup>g</sup>	71,000 <sup>g</sup>	48,990
mBanana	yellow	540	553	0.70 <sup>g</sup>	6,000 <sup>g</sup>	4,200
ZsYellow1	yellow	529	539	0.65	20,000	13,000
ZsGreen1	green	493	505	0.91	43,000	39,130
AcGFP1	green	475	505	0.82	32,500	26,650
AmCyan1	blue	458	489	0.75	39,000	29,250
EYFP <sup>e</sup>	yellow	512	529	0.54	45,000	24,300
EGFP <sup>e</sup>	green	484	510	0.70	23,000	16,100
ECFP <sup>e</sup>	blue	439	476	0.15	20,000	3,000



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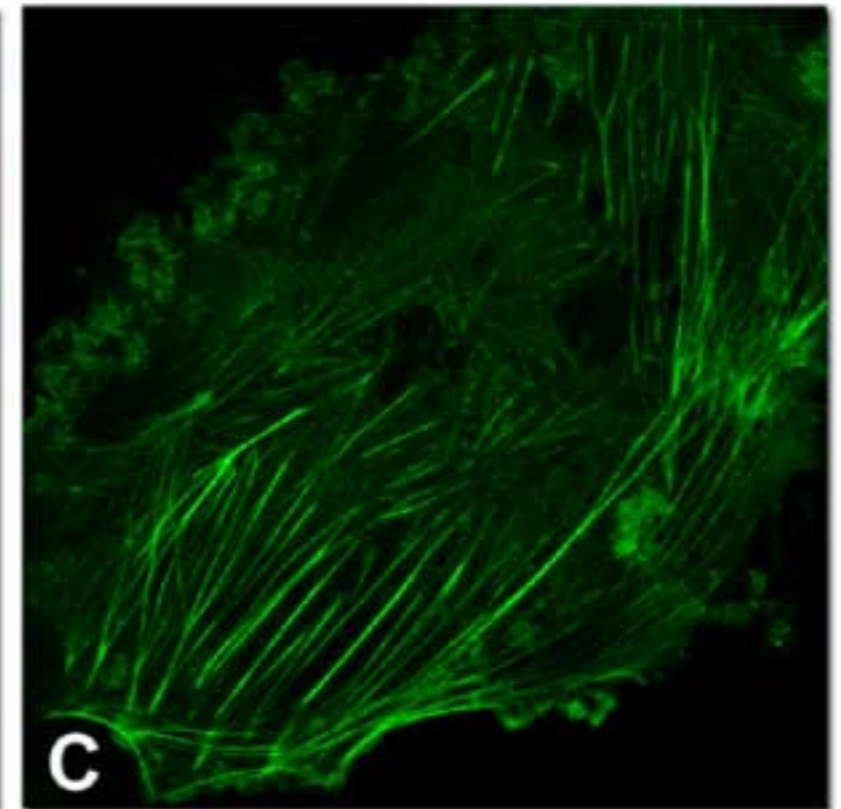
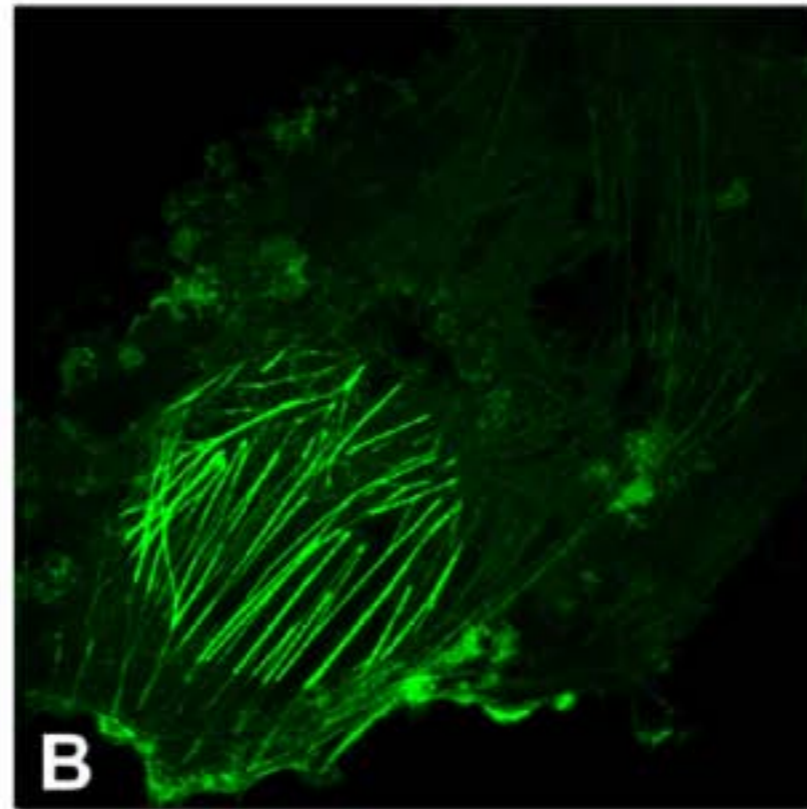
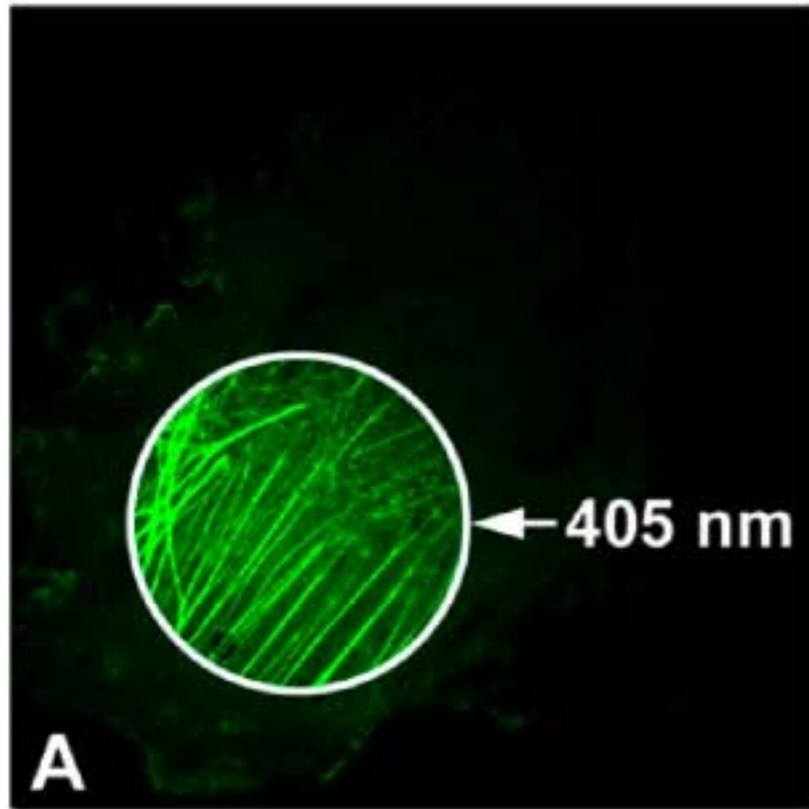
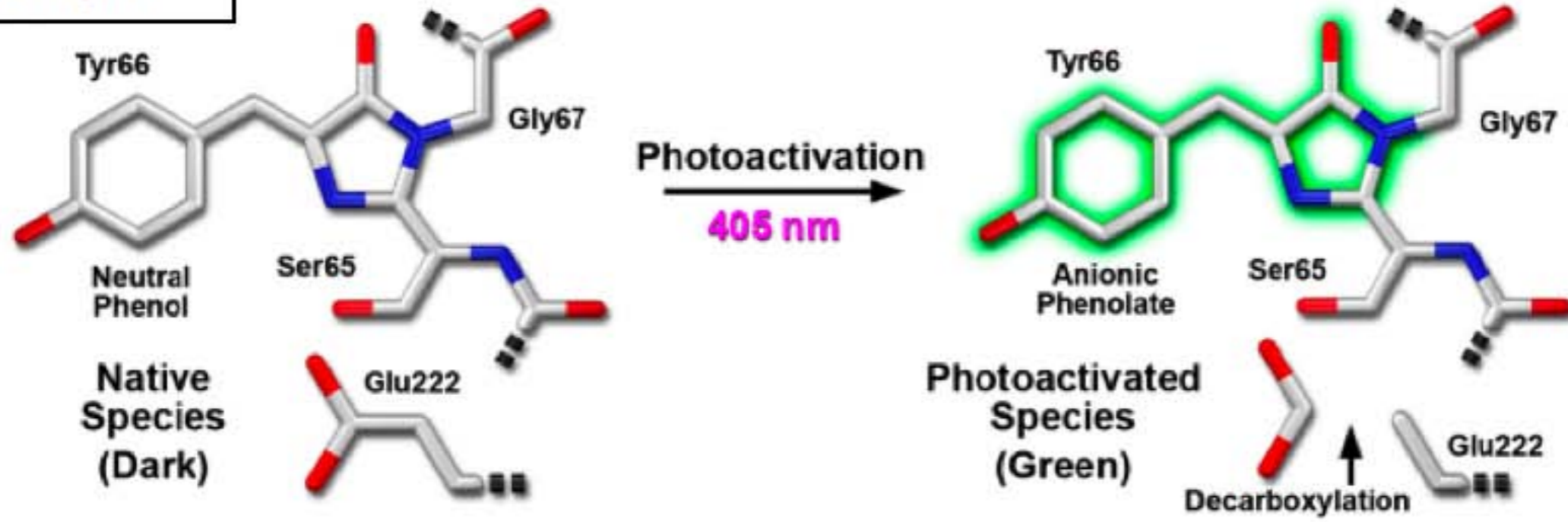
**Table 2. Physical properties of useful optical highlighter fluorescent proteins**

Protein*	Color of spectral class	Excitation peak(nm)	Emission peak (nm)	Brightness†	pKa‡	Association state‡	Chromophore	Filter set§	Reference
PA-GFP (N)¶	Green	400	515	2.7	4.5	Weak dimer	SYG	DAPI/FITC	Patterson and Lippincott-Schwartz, 2002
PA-GFP (P)**	Green	504	517	13.8	4.5	Weak dimer	SYG	FITC/GFP	Patterson and Lippincott-Schwartz, 2002
PS-CFP2 (N)	Cyan	400	468	8.6	4.3	Monomer	SYG	CFP	Chudakov et al., 2004
PS-CFP2 (P)	Green	490	511	10.8	6.1	Monomer	SYG	FITC/GFP	Chudakov et al., 2004
PA-mRFP1 (P)	Red	578	605	0.8	4.4	Monomer	QYG	TxRed	Verkhusha and Sorkin, 2005
tdEos (N)	Green	506	516	55.4	5.5	Tandem dimer	HYG	FITC/GFP	Nienhaus et al., 2006
tdEos (P)	Red	569	581	19.8	5.5	Tandem dimer	HYG	TRITC	Nienhaus et al., 2006
Dendra2 (N)	Green	490	507	22.5	6.6	Monomer	HYG	FITC/GFP	Gurskaya et al., 2006
Dendra2 (P)	Red	553	573	19.3	6.9	Monomer	HYG	TRITC	Gurskaya et al., 2006
KFPI (P)	Red	580	600	4.1	NA	Tetramer	MYG	TRITC/DsRed	Labas et al., 2002
Dronpa (P)	Green	503	518	80.8	5.0	Monomer	CYG	FITC/GFP	Ando et al., 2004

Table of physical properties for the monomeric and tandem dimer optical highlighters. \*Common literature FP abbreviation. †Product of the molar extinction coefficient and the quantum yield ( $\text{mM} \times \text{cm}$ )<sup>-1</sup>. ‡Literature values except as noted. §Recommended common filter sets and custom FP sets available from aftermarket manufacturers. For specialized applications, we suggest choosing filter combinations that closely match the spectral profiles (see Shaner et al., 2005). ¶Native conformation. \*\*Photoactivated or photoconverted conformation.



**PA-GFP**



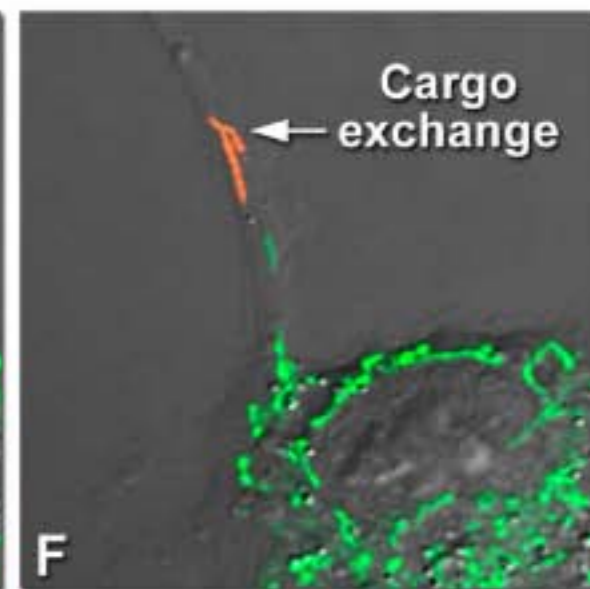
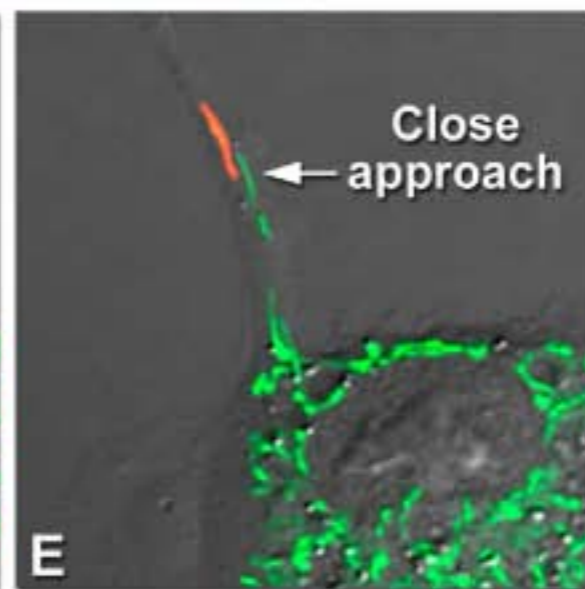
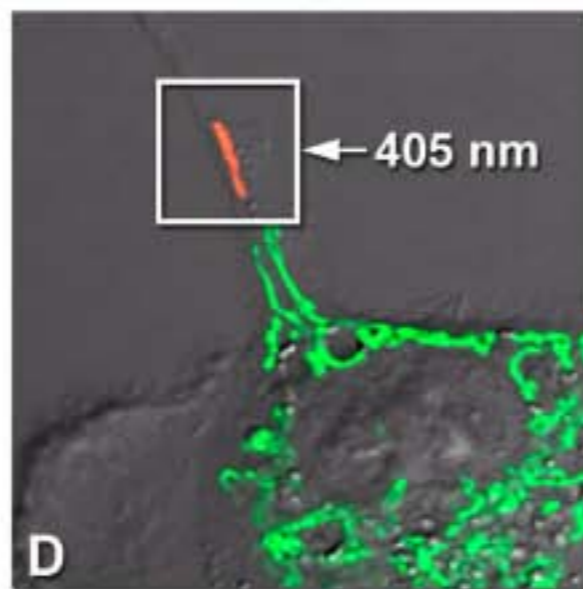
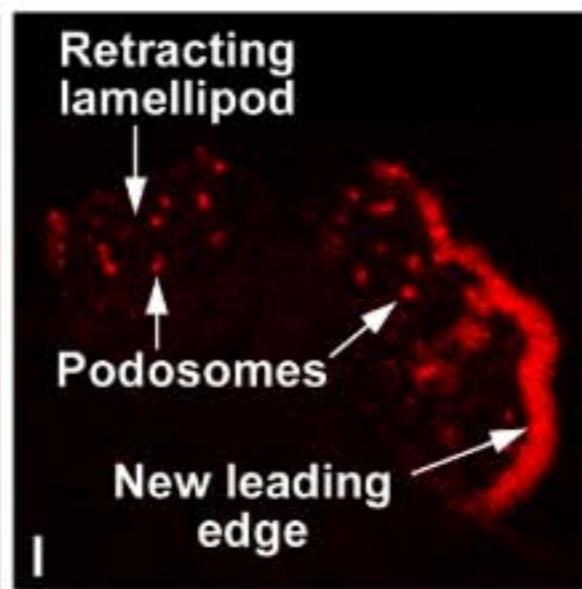
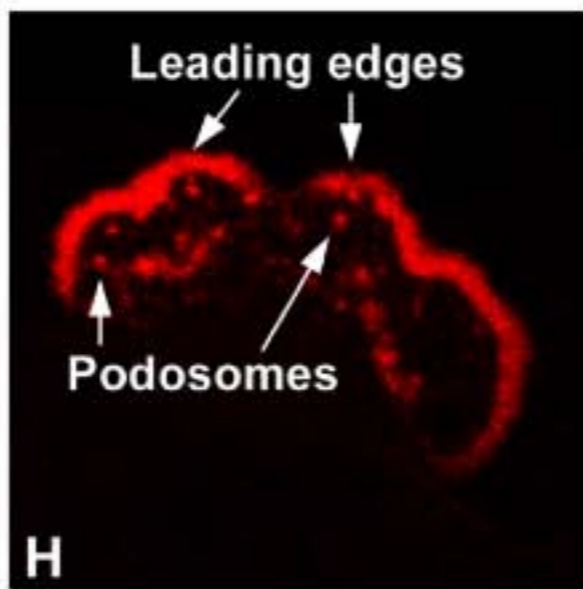
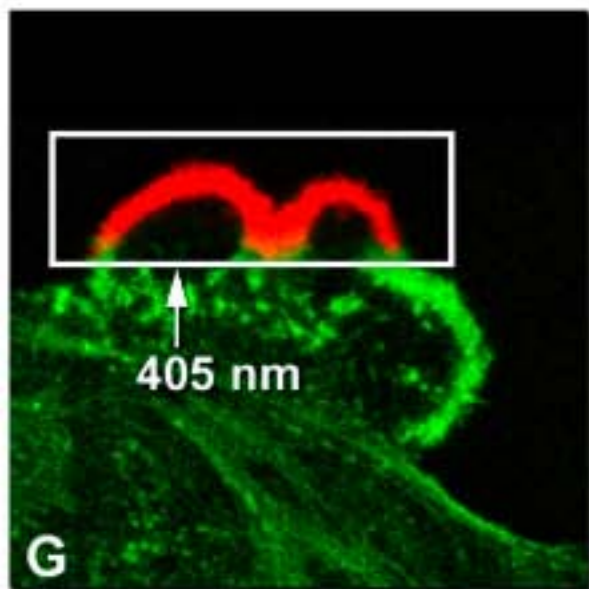
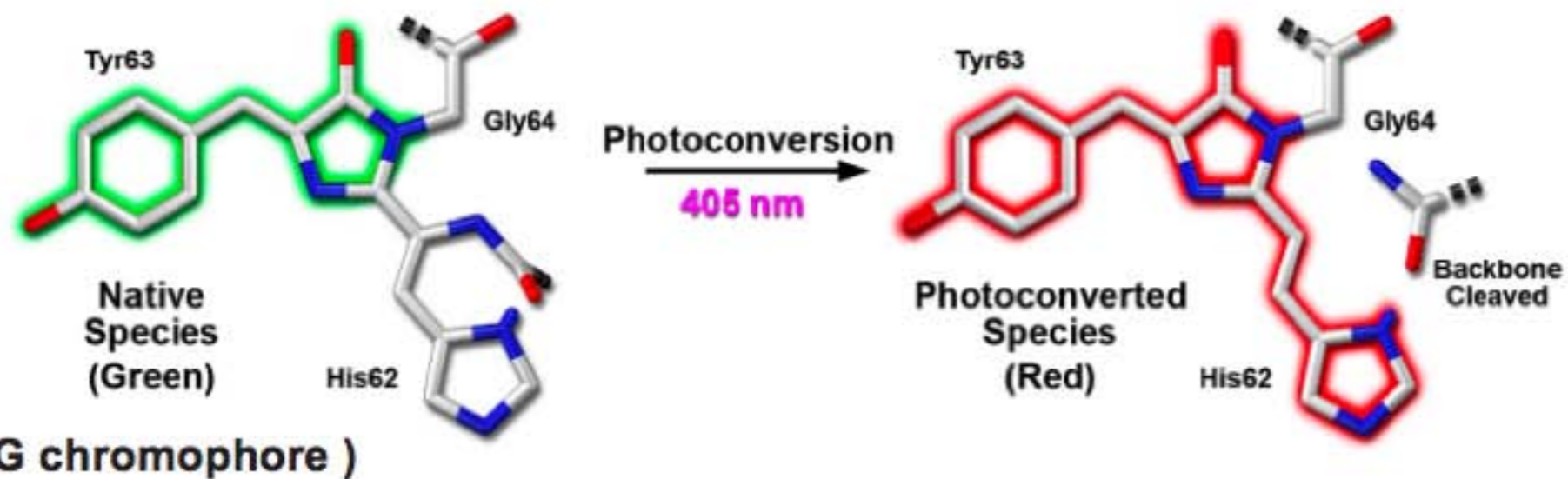
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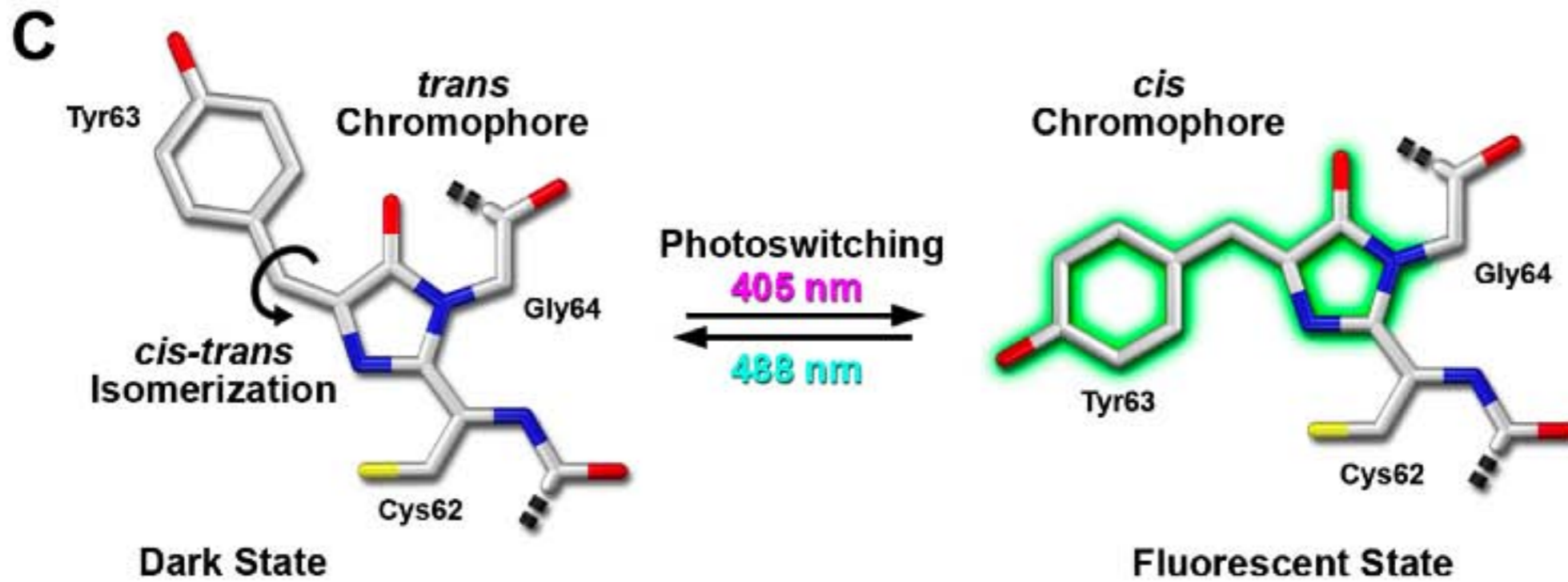
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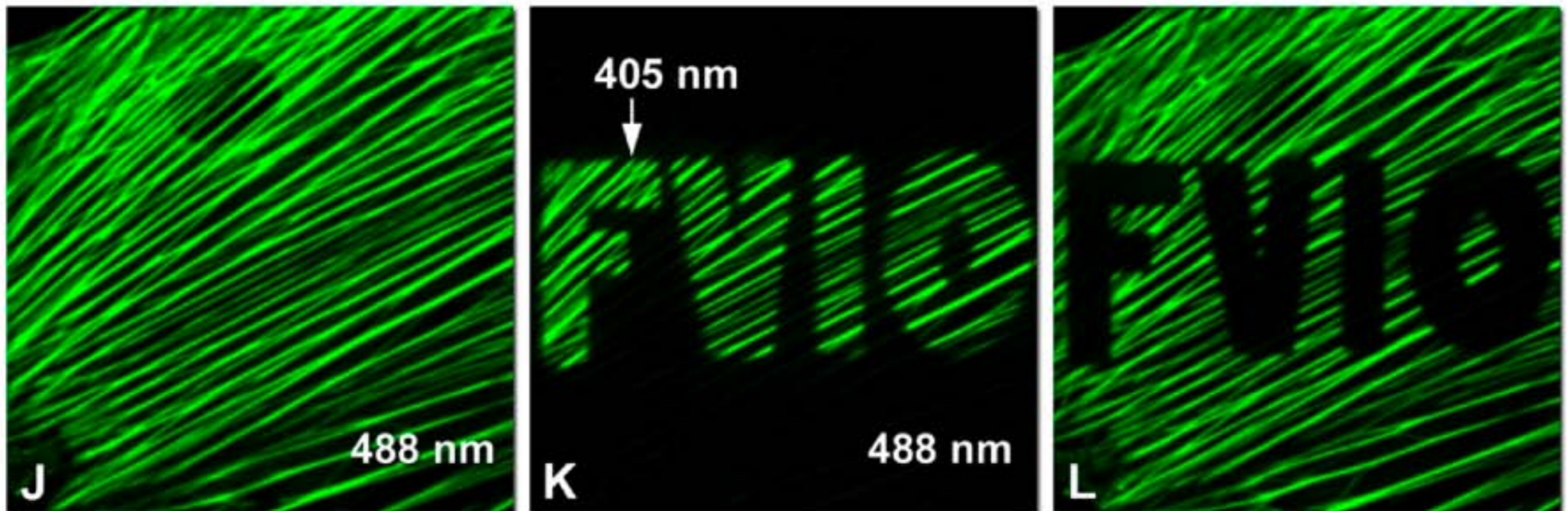
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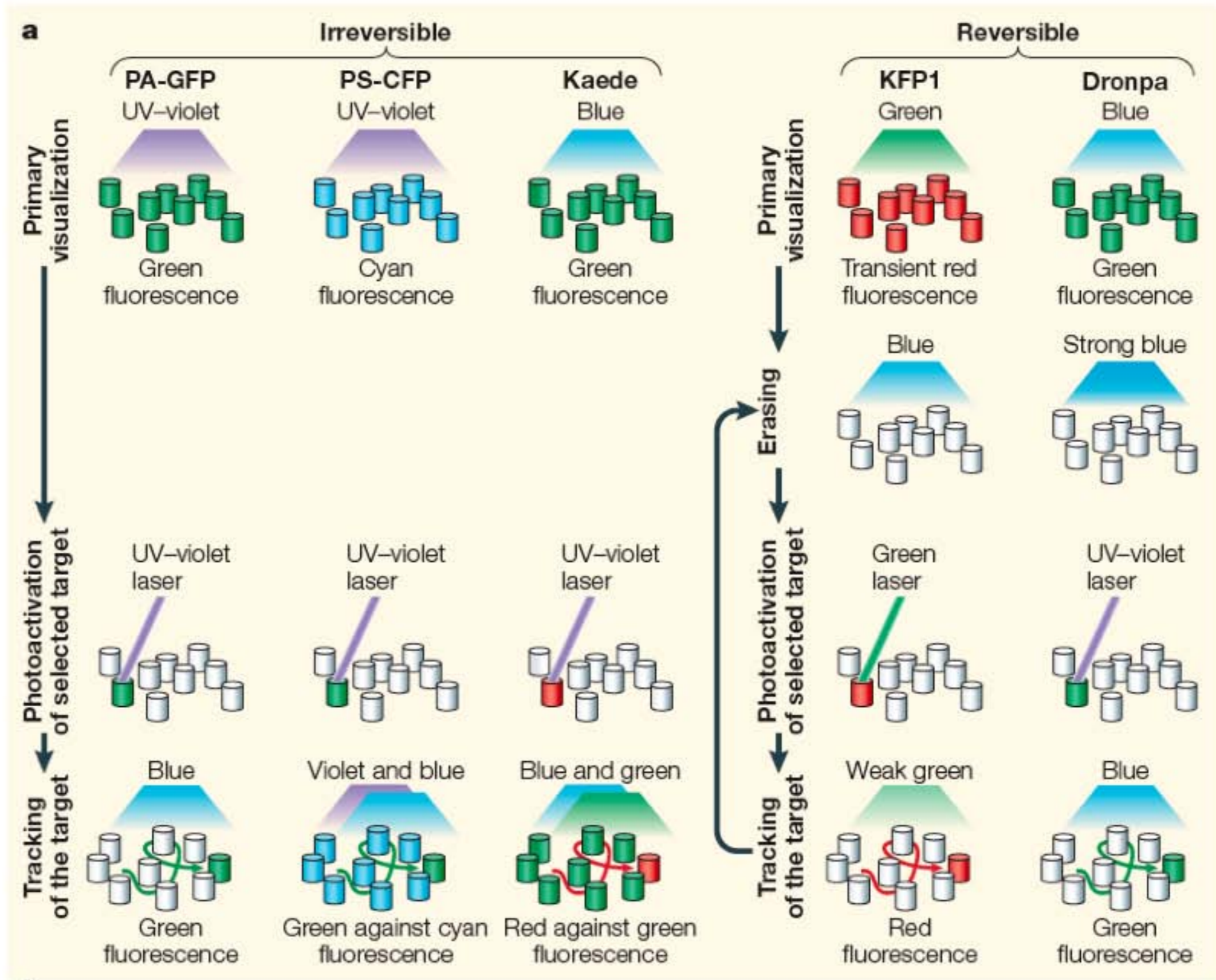




Table 1 | **Comparison of the spectroscopic properties of selected photoactivatable fluorescent proteins (PFAPs)**

<b>PAFP properties</b>	<b>PA-GFP</b>	<b>PS-CFP</b>	<b>PS-CFP2</b>	<b>PAmRFP1-1</b>	<b>Kaede</b>	<b>mEosFP</b>	<b>KikGR</b>	<b>KFP1*</b>	<b>Dronpa</b>
Oligomeric state	Monomer <sup>‡</sup>	Monomer <sup>‡</sup>	Monomer <sup>‡</sup>	Monomer <sup>‡</sup>	Tetramer <sup>§</sup>	Monomer <sup>‡</sup>	Tetramer <sup>§</sup>	Tetramer <sup>§</sup>	Monomer <sup>‡</sup>
Activating light	UV-violet <sup>§</sup>	UV-violet <sup>§</sup>	UV-violet <sup>§</sup>	UV-violet <sup>§</sup>	UV-violet <sup>§</sup>	UV-violet <sup>§</sup>	UV-violet <sup>§</sup>	Green <sup>‡</sup>	UV-violet <sup>§</sup>
Quenching light	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Blue, max at ~450 nm	Blue, max at ~490 nm
Change of absorbance spectrum (nm)	400 to 504	402 to 490	400 to 490	Increase at 578	508 to 572	505 to 569	507 to 583	Increase at 590	Increase at 503
Change of emission spectrum (nm)	Increase at 517	468 to 511	470 to 511	Increase at 605	518 to 580	516 to 581	517 to 593	Increase at 600	Increase at 518
Reversibility of photoactivation	Irreversible	Irreversible	Irreversible	Irreversible	Irreversible	Irreversible	Irreversible	Reversible and irreversible <sup>†</sup>	Reversible <sup>‡</sup>
Increase in fluorescence intensity (fold)	100	300 <sup>‡</sup>	>400 <sup>‡</sup>	70	800 <sup>‡</sup>	ND	ND	70 or 35	ND



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Table 1. Commercially available fluorescent proteins

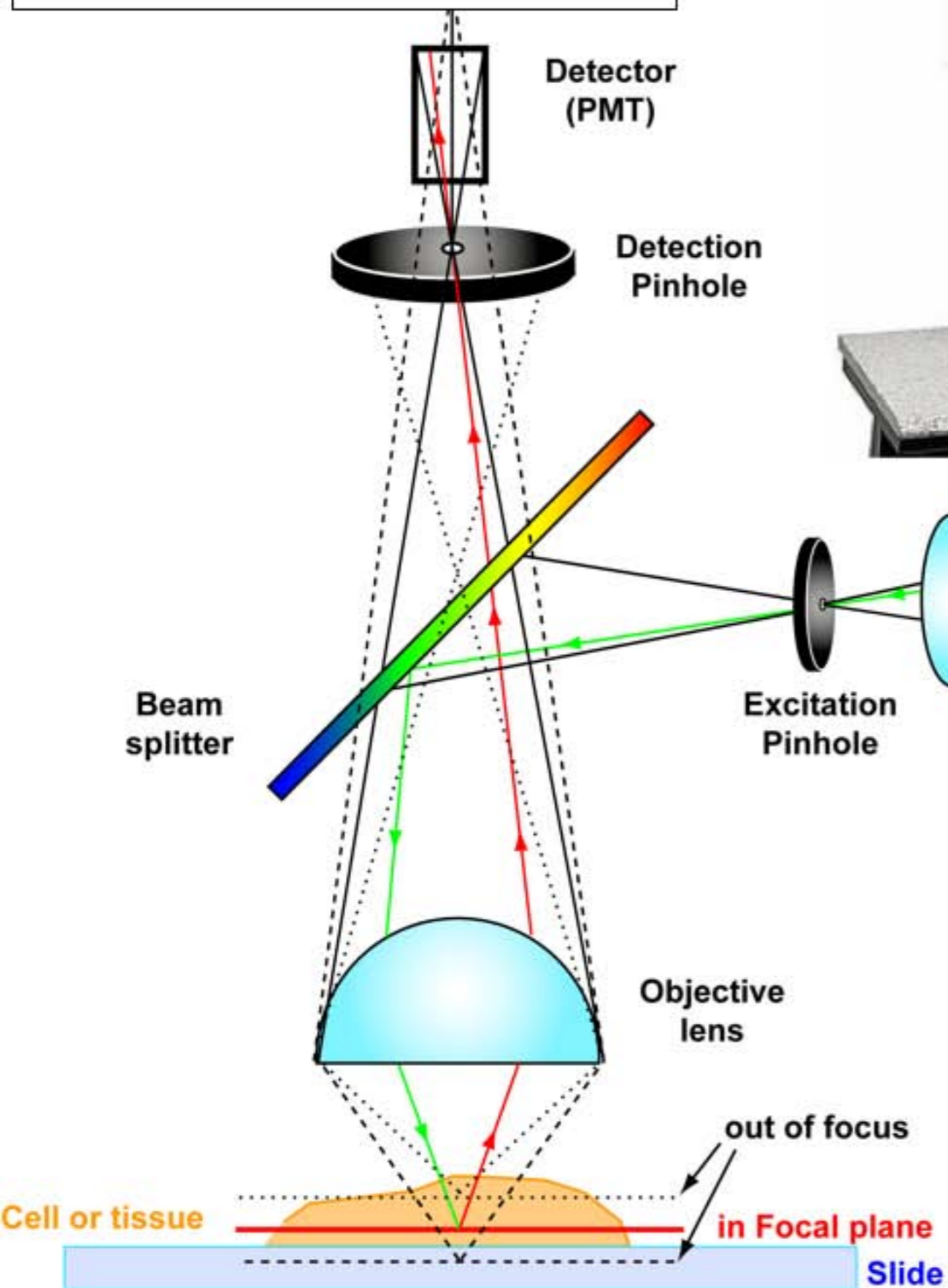
Company	Fluorescent proteins available				
	Blue, Cyan	Green	Yellow	Red	Photoactivatable
Amaya (www.amaya.com)		pmaxFP-Green <sup>a</sup>	pmaxFP-Yellow <sup>a</sup>	pmaxFP-Red <sup>a</sup>	
BD Biosciences Clontech (www.clontech.com)	AmCyan1	AcGFP1 ZsGreen1	ZsYellow1	DsRed2 DsRed-Express DsRed-Monomer Timer AsRed2 HcRed1	
Evrogen (www.evrogen.com)	PS-CFP2	TurboGFP	phiYFP	JRed	KFP-Red PS-CFP2
Invitrogen (www.invitrogen.com)	BFP CFP	EmGFP	YFP		
Lux Biotechnology (www.luxbiotech.com)		RmGFP PtGFP RrGFP			
MBL International (www.mblintl.com)	Midoriishi-Cyan	Azami Green		Kusabira-Orange	Dronpa Green Kaede KikGR
NanoLight Technology (www.nanolight.com)		RmGFP PtGFP RrGFP			
Promega (www.promega.com)		Monster Green			
Stratagene (www.stratagene.com)		hrGFP			

<sup>a</sup>pmaxFP-Green, pmaxFP-Yellow, and pmaxFP-Red are other names of TurboGFP, phiYFP, and JRed proteins, respectively.

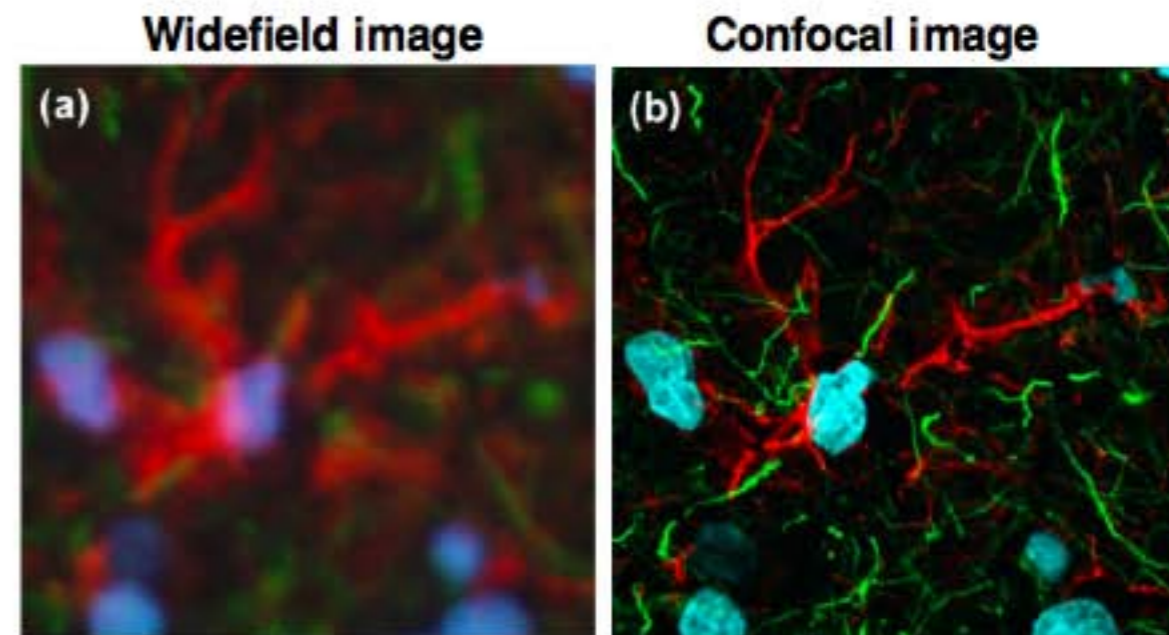


# ***Imaging fluorescent proteins***

# Confocal microscope



<http://www.leica-microsystems.com>



From LASER SCANNING CONFOCAL MICROSCOPY  
Nathan S. Claxton, Thomas J. Fellers, and Michael W. Davidson  
<http://www.olympusfluoview.com>



6:prism

7:PMT

3:scanner

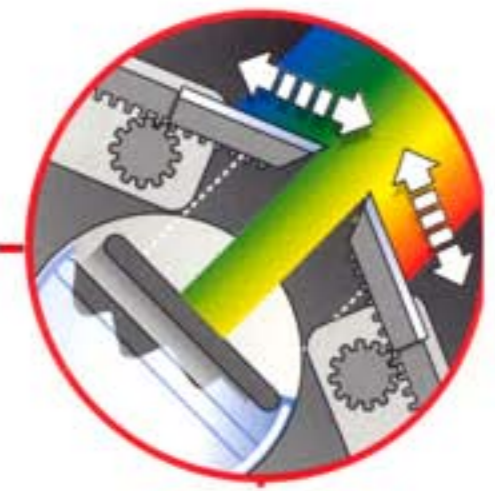
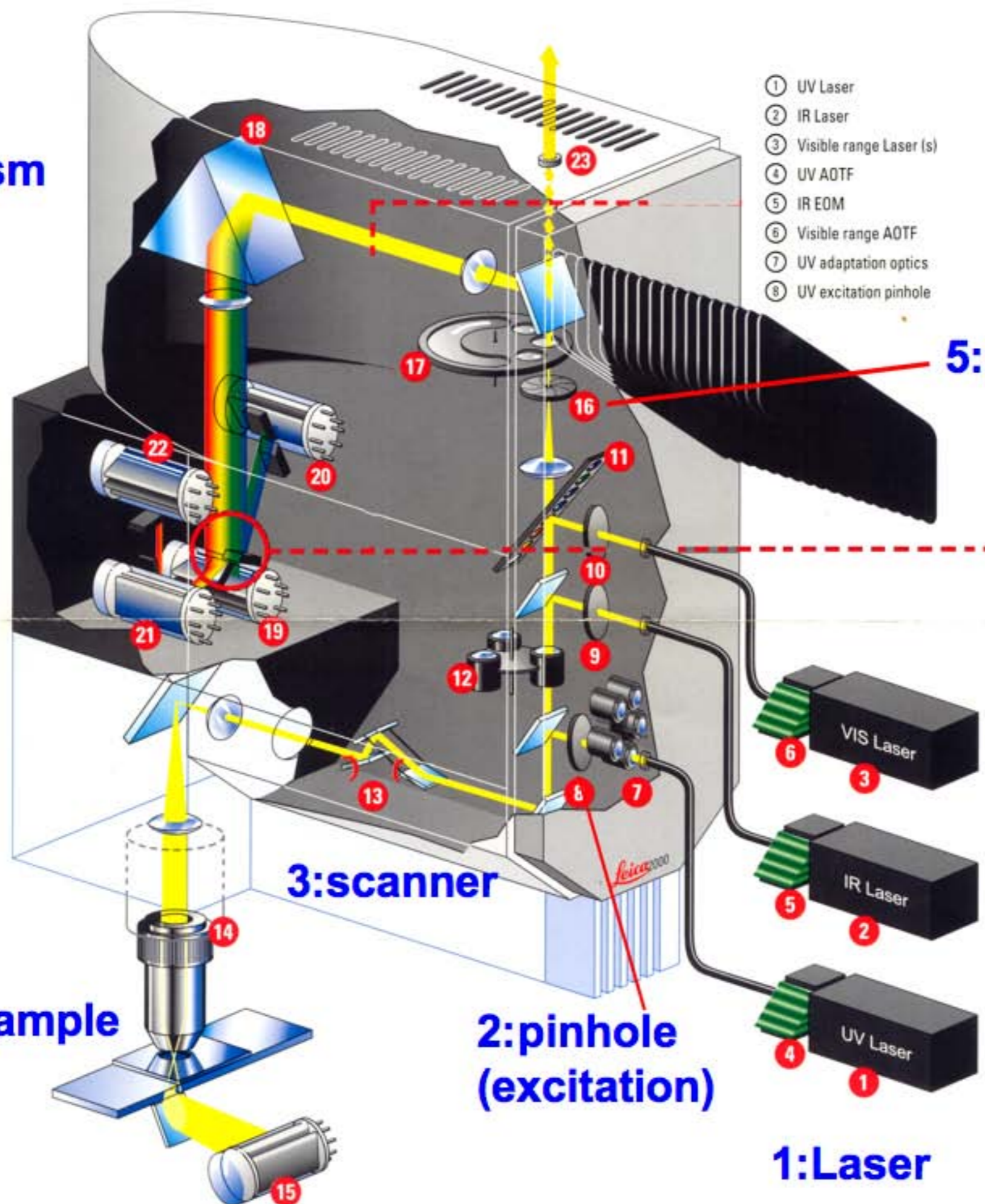
4:sample

2:pinhole (excitation)

1:Laser

5:pinhole (detection)

- |                           |                                 |                             |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ① UV Laser                | ⑨ IR excitation pinhole         | ⑰ Analyzer wheel            |
| ② IR Laser                | ⑩ VIS excitation pinhole        | ⑱ Spectrophotometer prism   |
| ③ Visible range Laser (s) | ⑪ Primary beam splitter         | ⑲ Photomultiplier channel 1 |
| ④ UV AOTF                 | ⑫ Adjustable pupil illumination | ⑳ Photomultiplier channel 2 |
| ⑤ IR EOM                  | ⑬ "K"-Scanner with rotator      | ㉑ Photomultiplier channel 3 |
| ⑥ Visible range AOTF      | ⑭ Microscope & objective        | ㉒ Photomultiplier channel 4 |
| ⑦ UV adaptation optics    | ⑮ Transmitted light detector    | ㉓ External optical port     |
| ⑧ UV excitation pinhole   | ⑯ Confocal detection pinhole    |                             |



Confocal: the 2 pinholes are conjugated on the same focal plane.





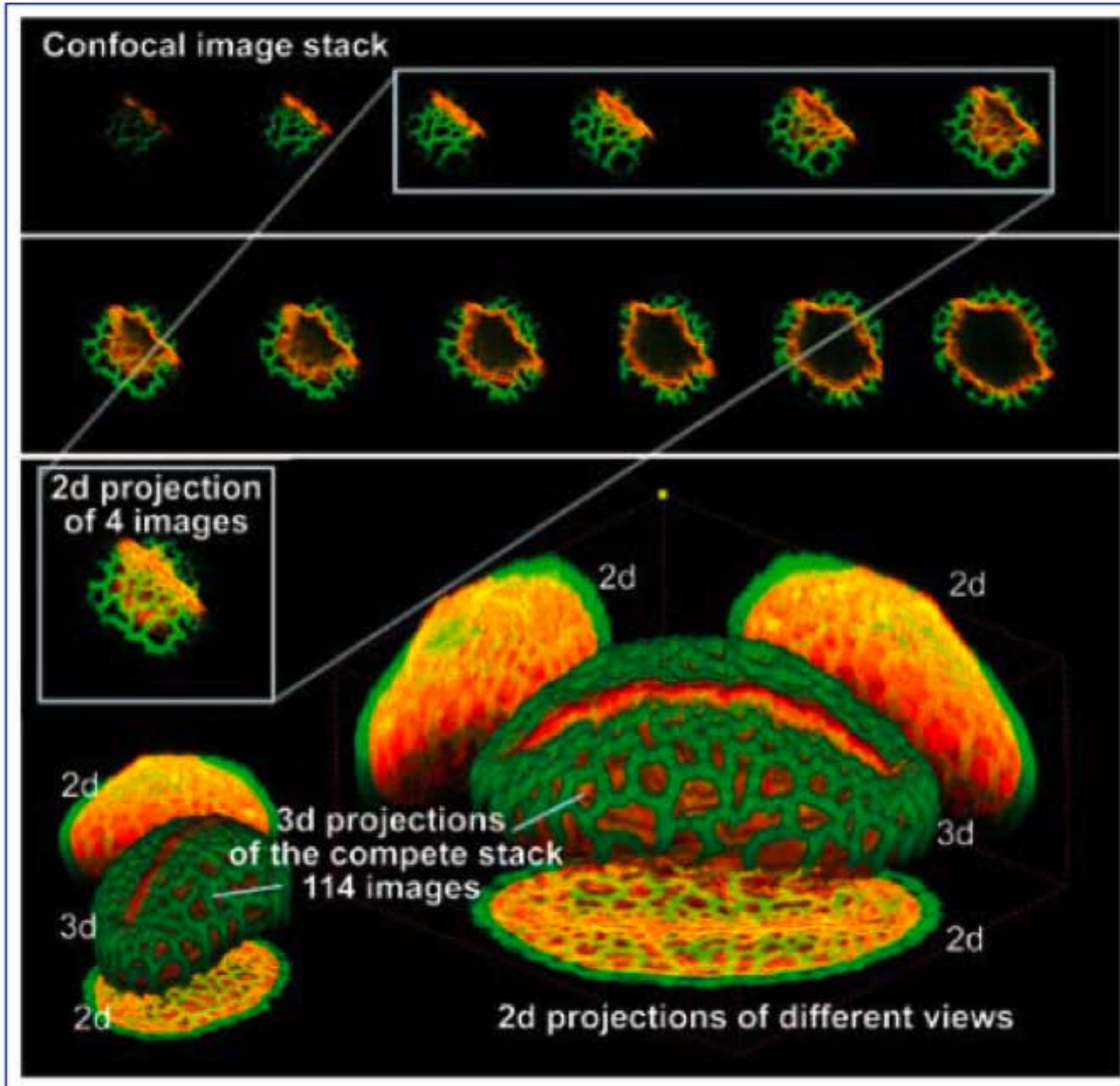
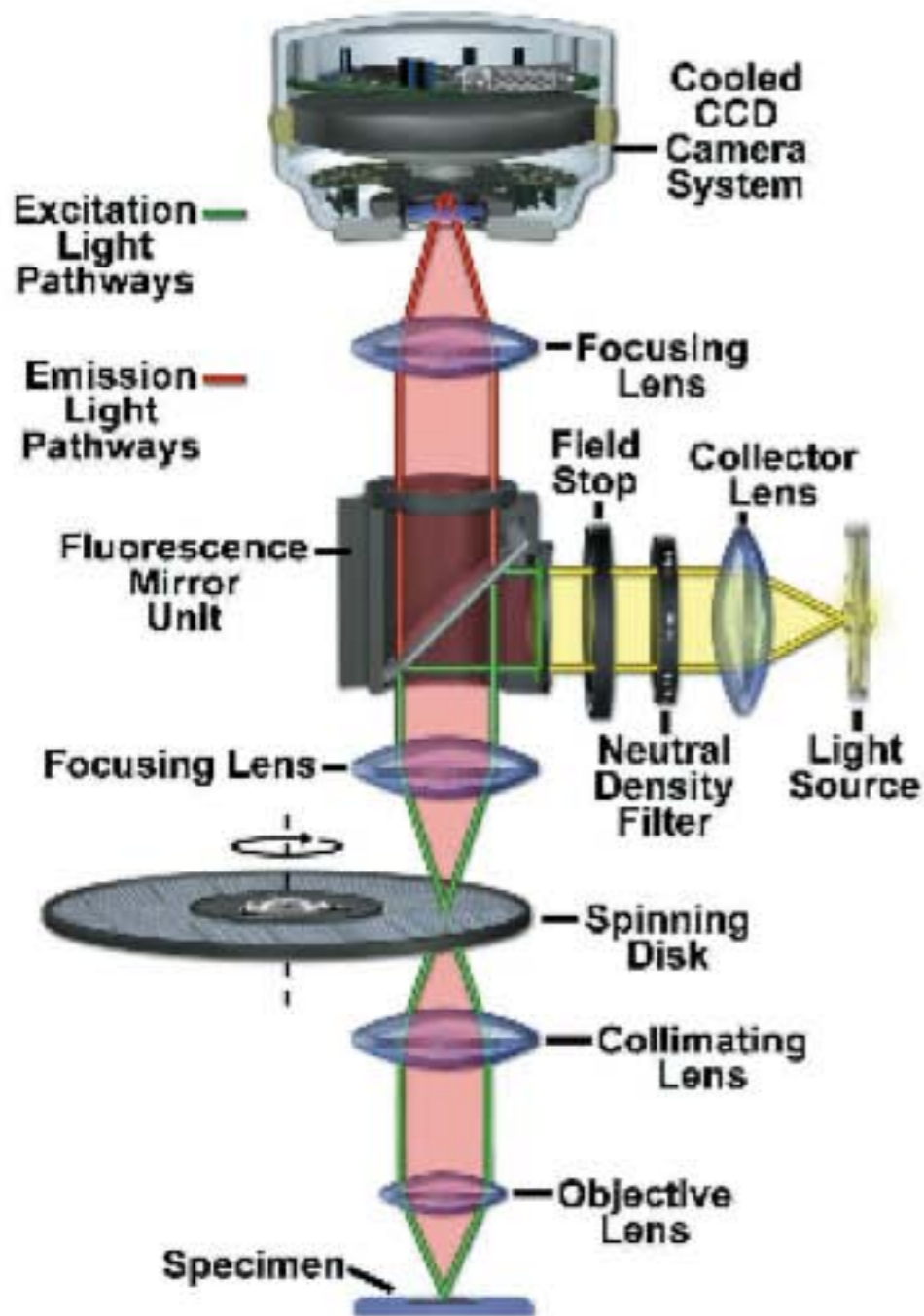


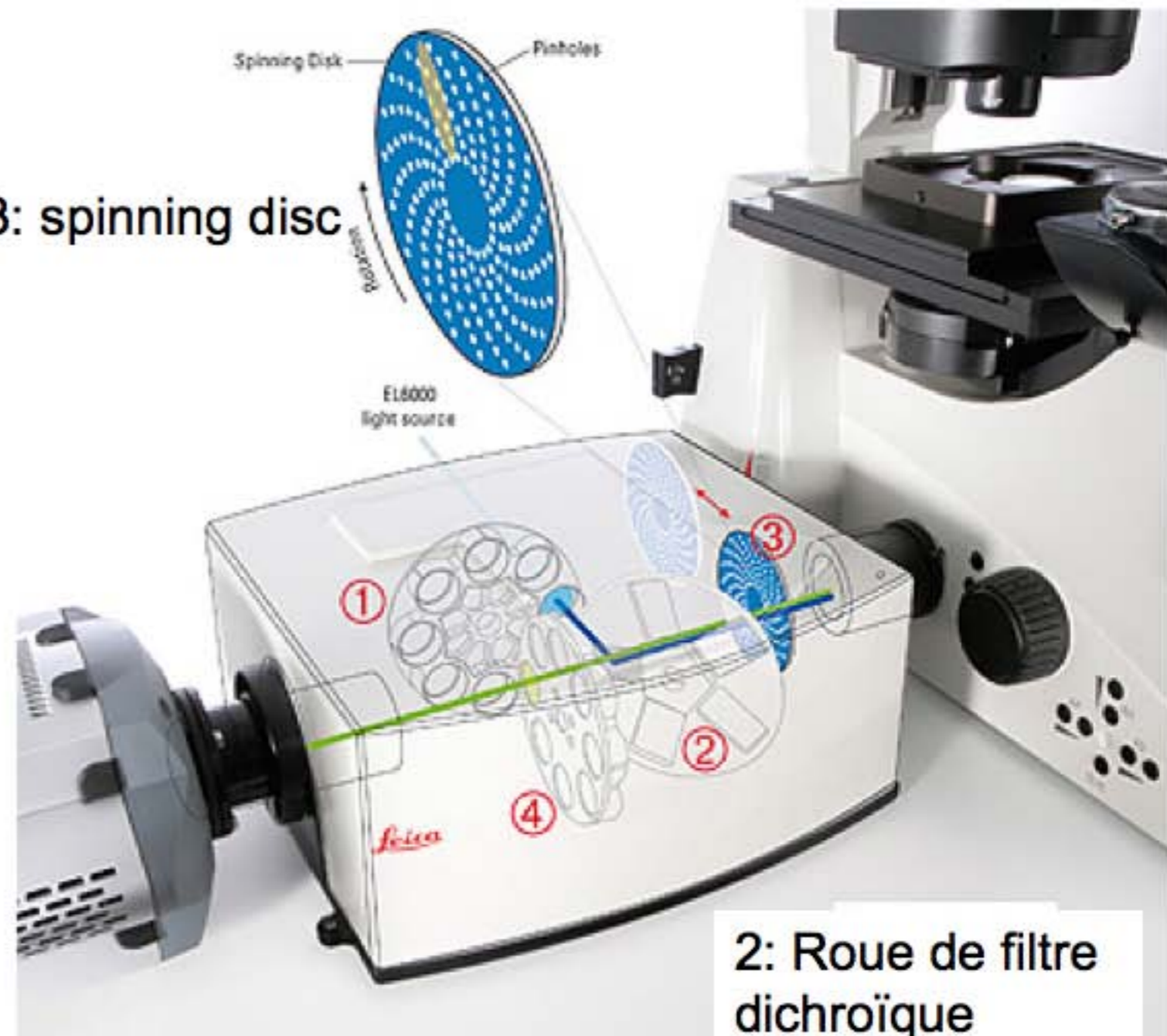
Fig. 59: Confocal images of pollen. The upper rows show the first 12 images of a series of 114, that can be used to create either two-dimensional projections of parts of the pollen or create a 3D view of the surface structure. This three-dimensional projection shown here is accompanied by two-dimensional projections as if the pollen was being viewed from different perspectives. Images were created using the Olympus Fluoview 1000.



# Microscope confocal « spinning disc »



3: spinning disc



2: Roue de filtre dichroïque

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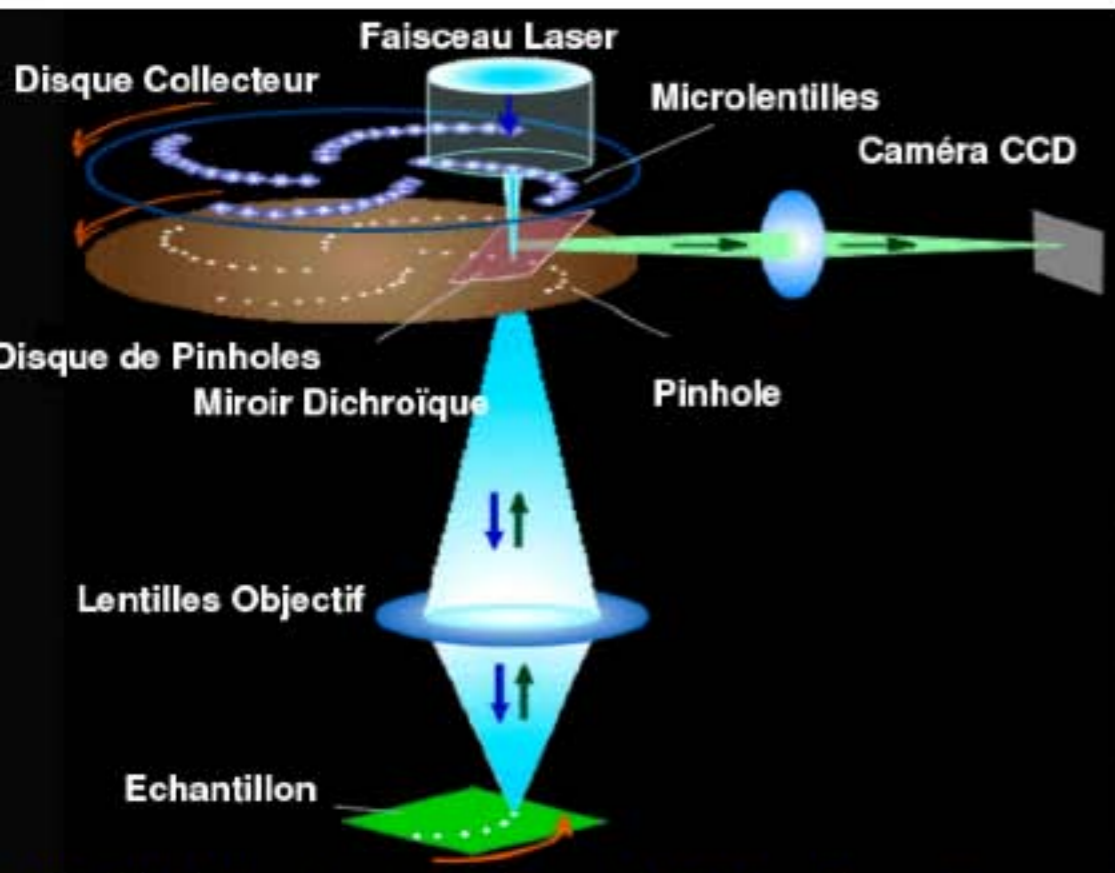
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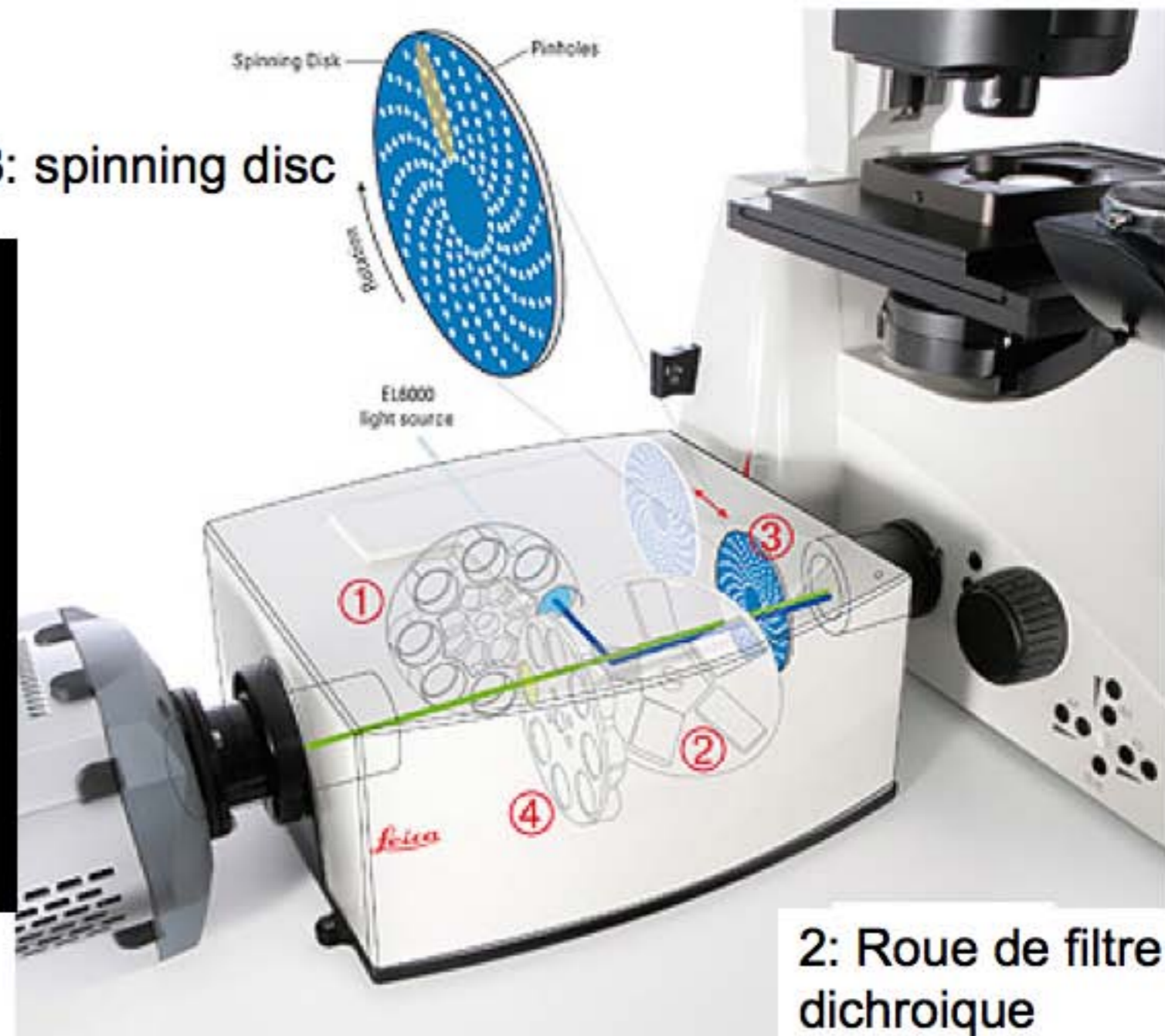
Figure 1: Confocal system layout, courtesy of Michael W. Davidson, Florida State University.



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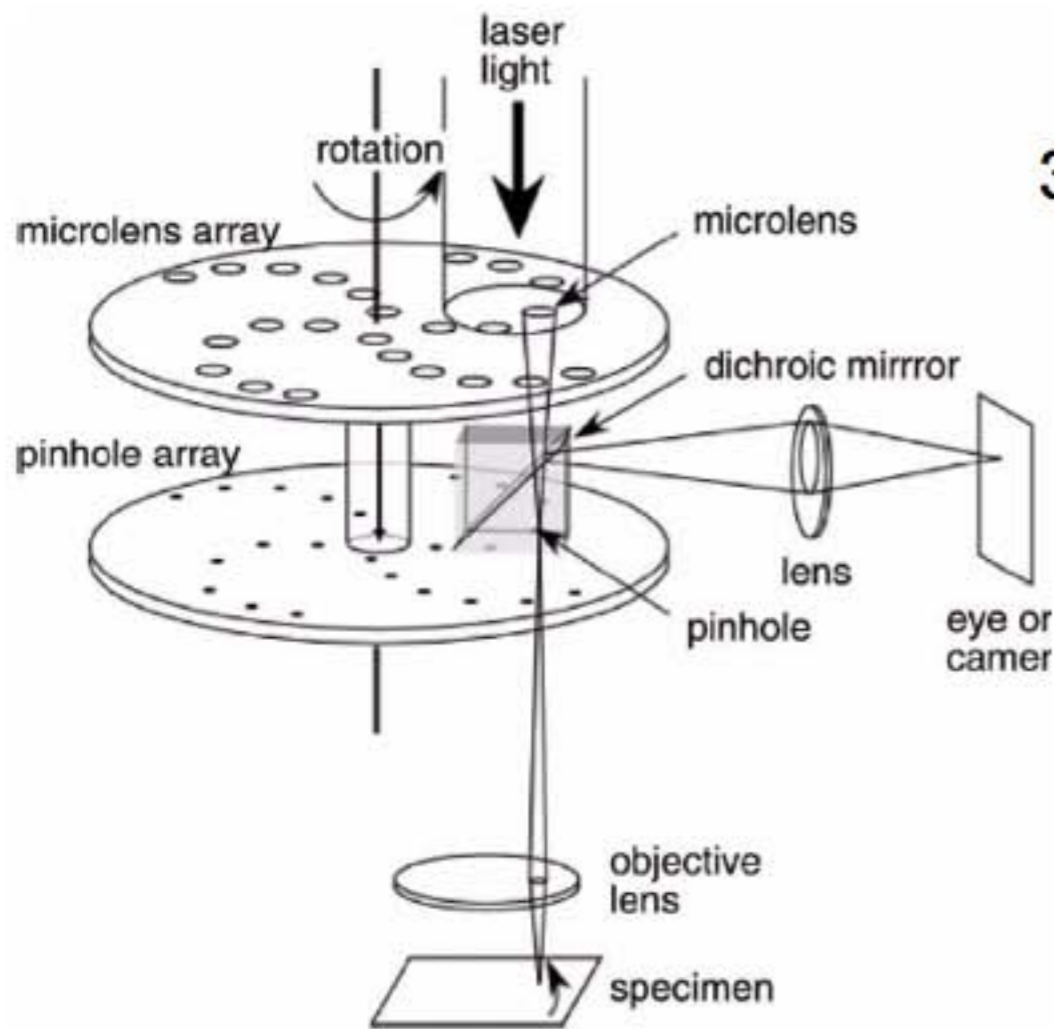
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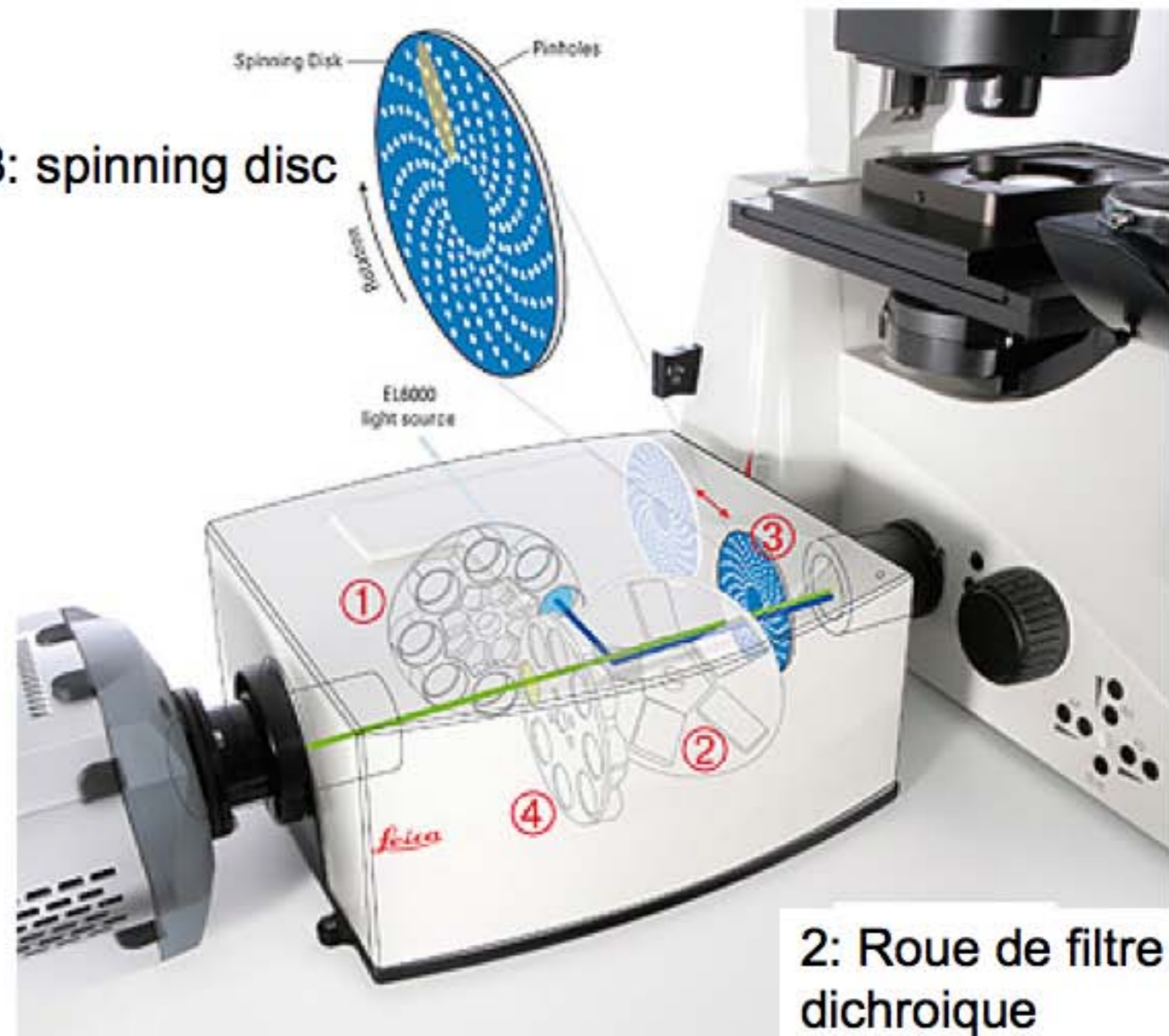
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# Microscope confocal « spinning disc »



## 3: spinning disc



2: Roue de filtre  
dichroïque

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1: Roue de filtre  
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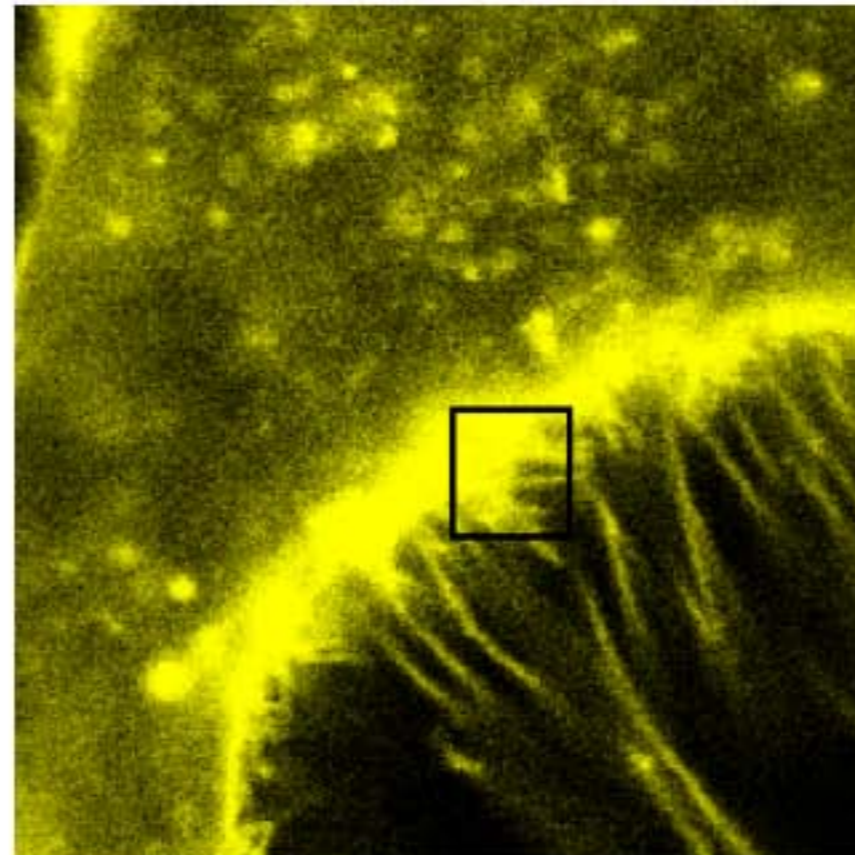
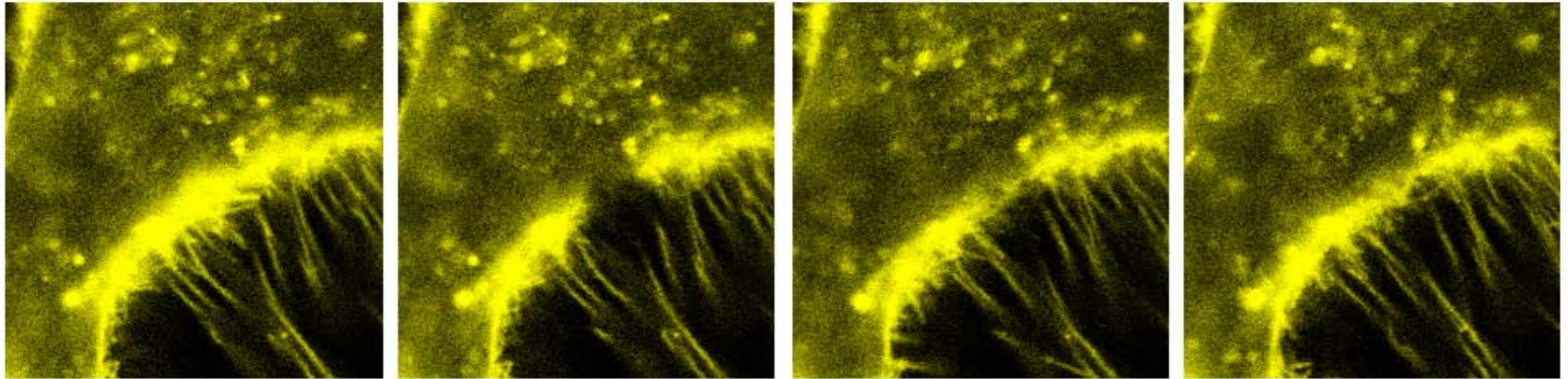
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à l'émission

**Fig. 2.** Nipkow disk confocal laser scanning microscope with microlens. The Nipkow disk method utilizes a spinning disk with multiple pinholes. The problem of irradiation efficiency is markedly improved by introduction of another disk with microlenses (Yokogawa patents). This method has enabled scanning at as fast as 1000 frames/sec. Since the light never moves during scanning, fluorescent signals produce a real image which can be directly viewed by eye or captured by camera.

From A. Nakano, *Cell Str & Func* (2002) 27:349-55.

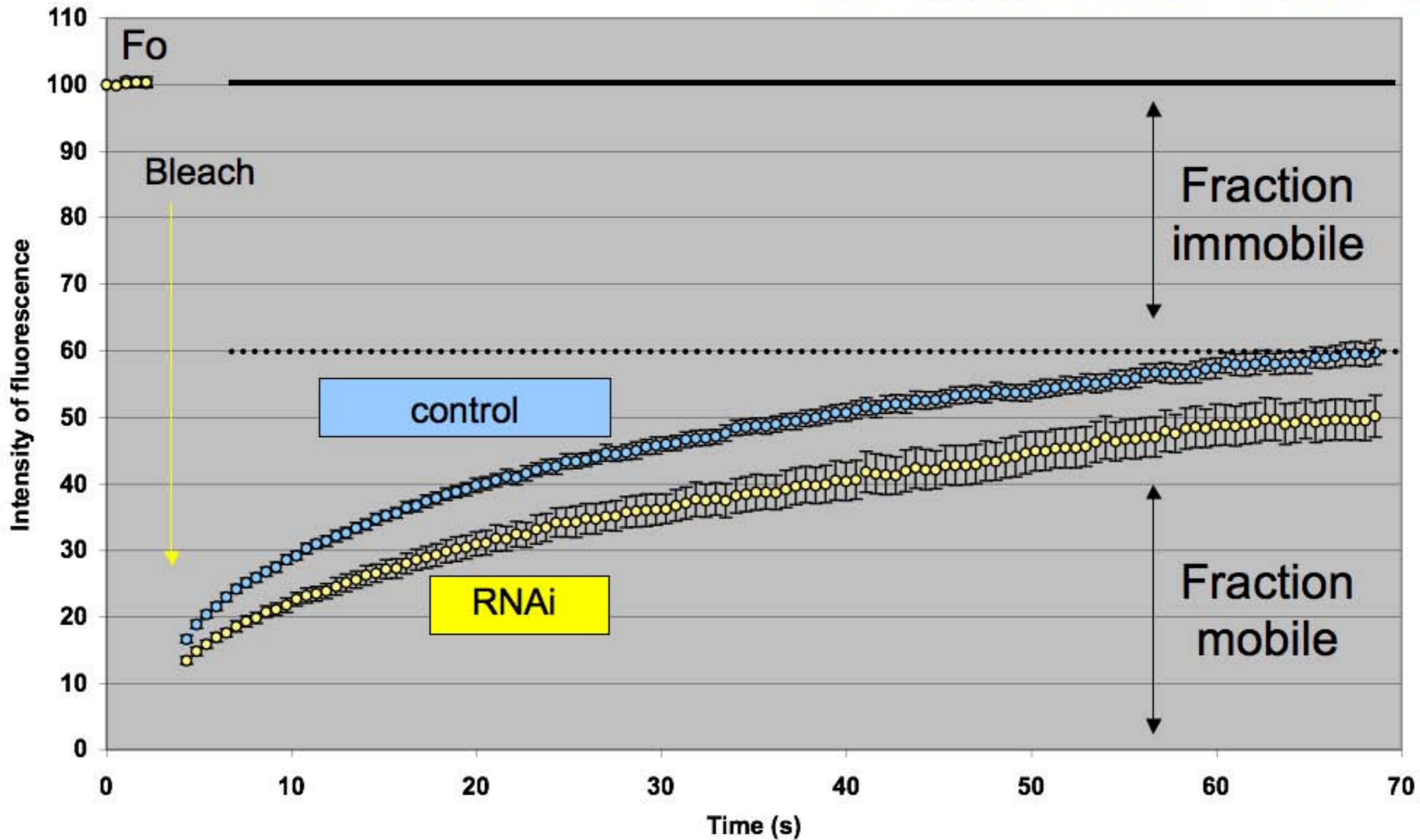
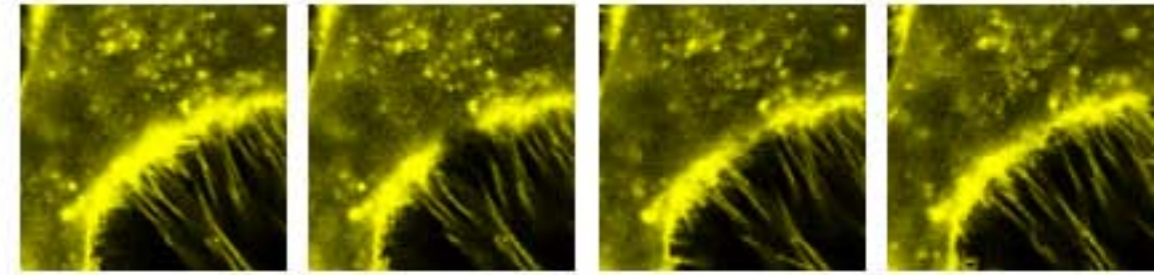


# FRAP: Fluorescence Recovery After Photobleaching





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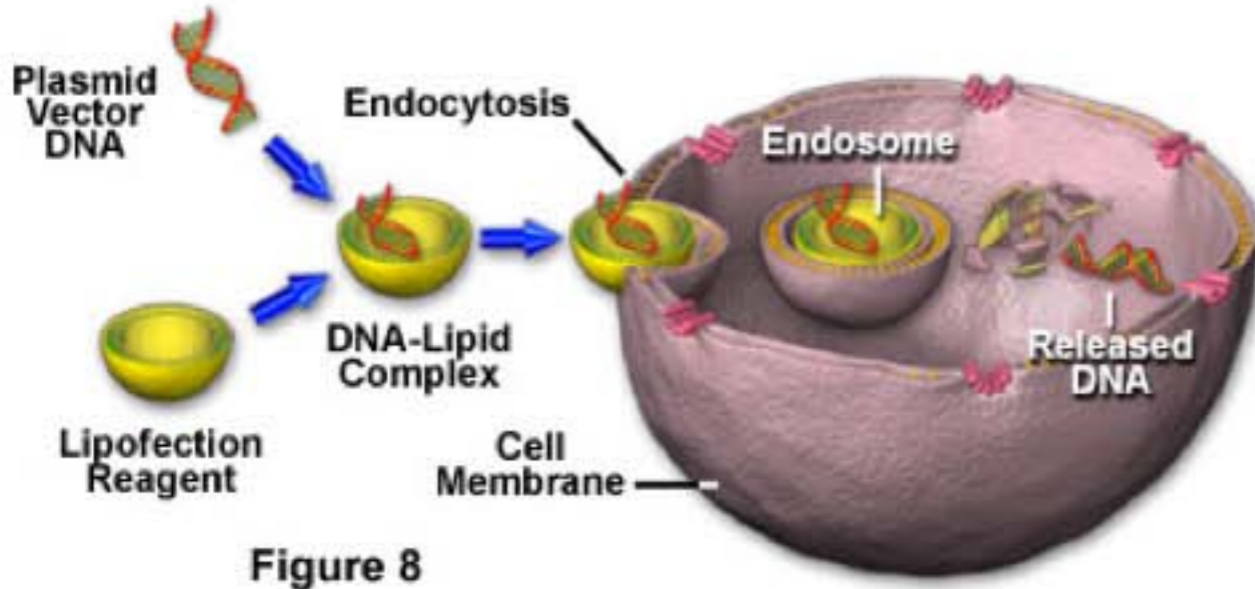


# ***Methods of gene delivery***

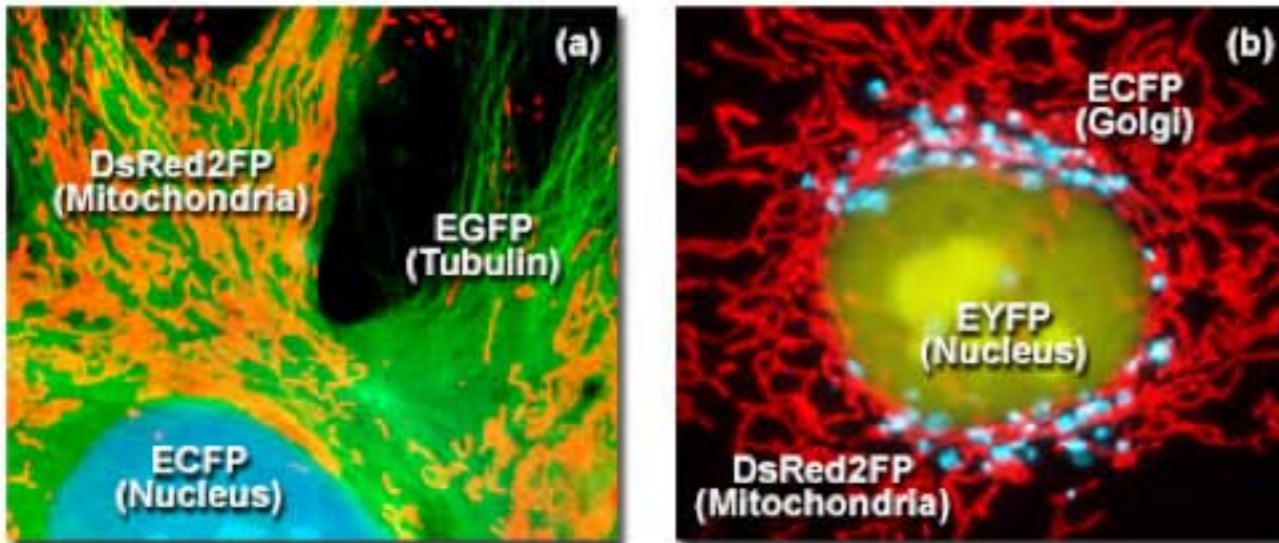


# Transfection methods

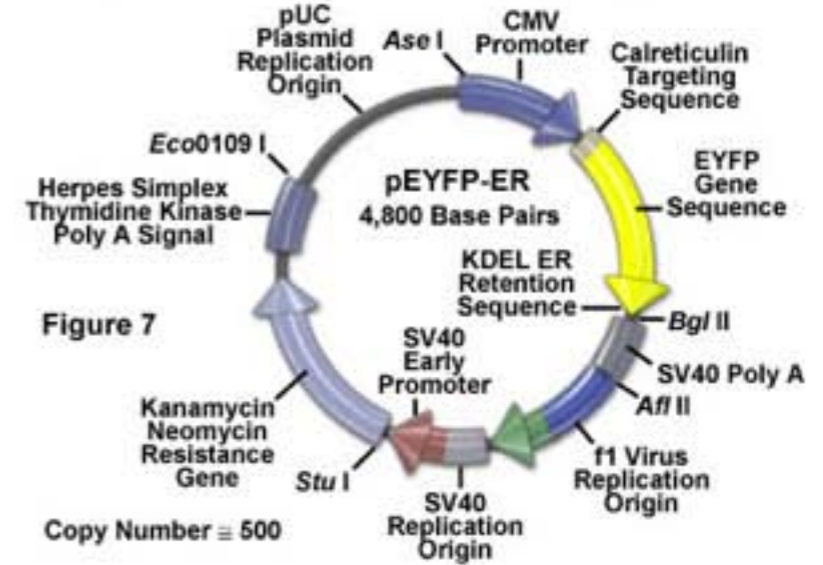
## Lipid-Mediated Transfection in Mammalian Cells



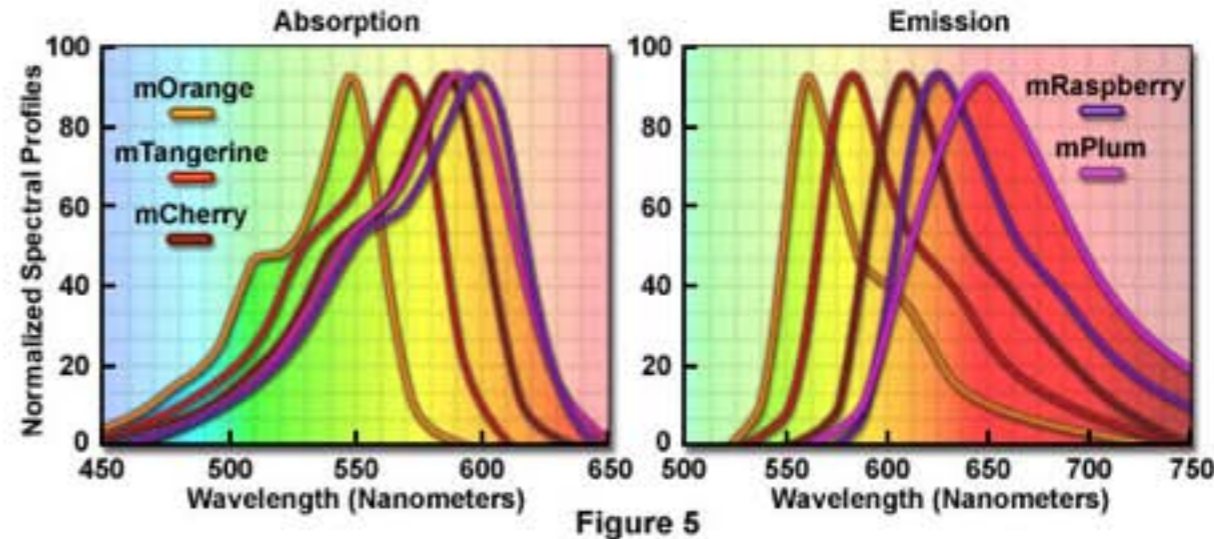
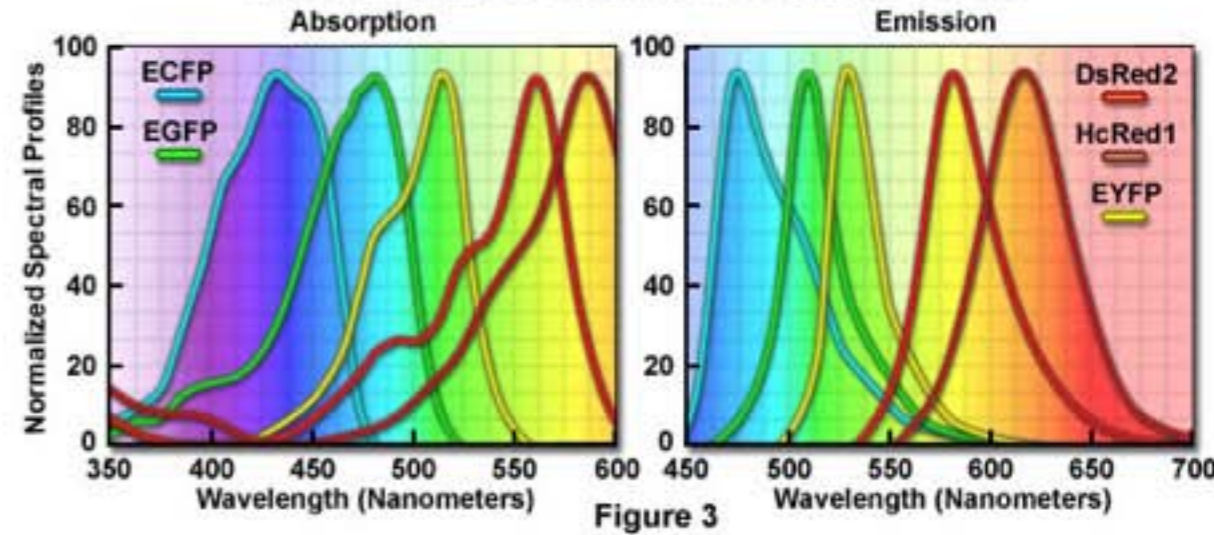
## Fluorescent Protein Labels in Living Cells



## EYFP Endoplasmic Reticulum Localization Vector



## Spectral Profiles of Common Fluorescent Proteins





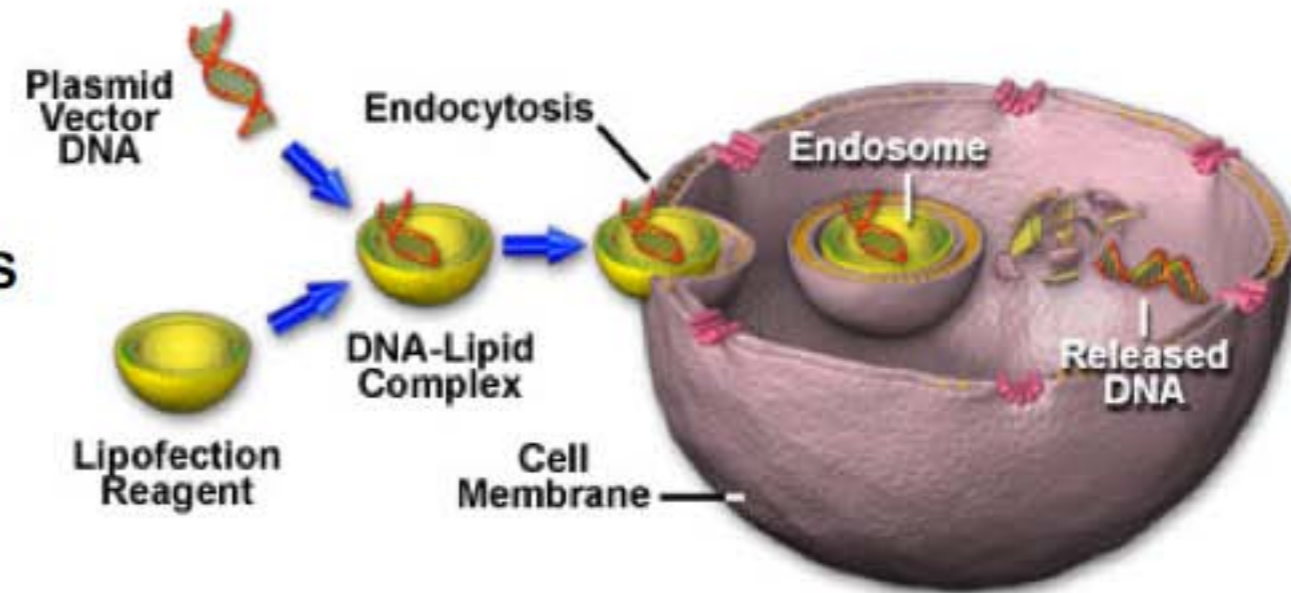
# Transfection

**Transfection:** introducing DNA or siRNA into cells by non-viral methods.

Different ways of transfection:

- Delivery of DNA by carriers molecules  
Calcium phosphate  
Lipofection
- Delivery of DNA by electroporation
- Delivery of DNA by biolistic methods
- Delivery of DNA by magnetofection

Lipid-Mediated Transfection in Mammalian Cells



<http://www.microscopyu.com>

**Infection:** introducing DNA into cells by viral methods.



# Transfection

**Transient transfection** : Since the DNA introduced in the transfection process is usually not inserted into the nuclear genome, the foreign **DNA is lost** at the later stage when the cells undergo **mitosis**. Within a few days most of the foreign DNA is degraded by nucleases or diluted by cell division

## Stable transfection:

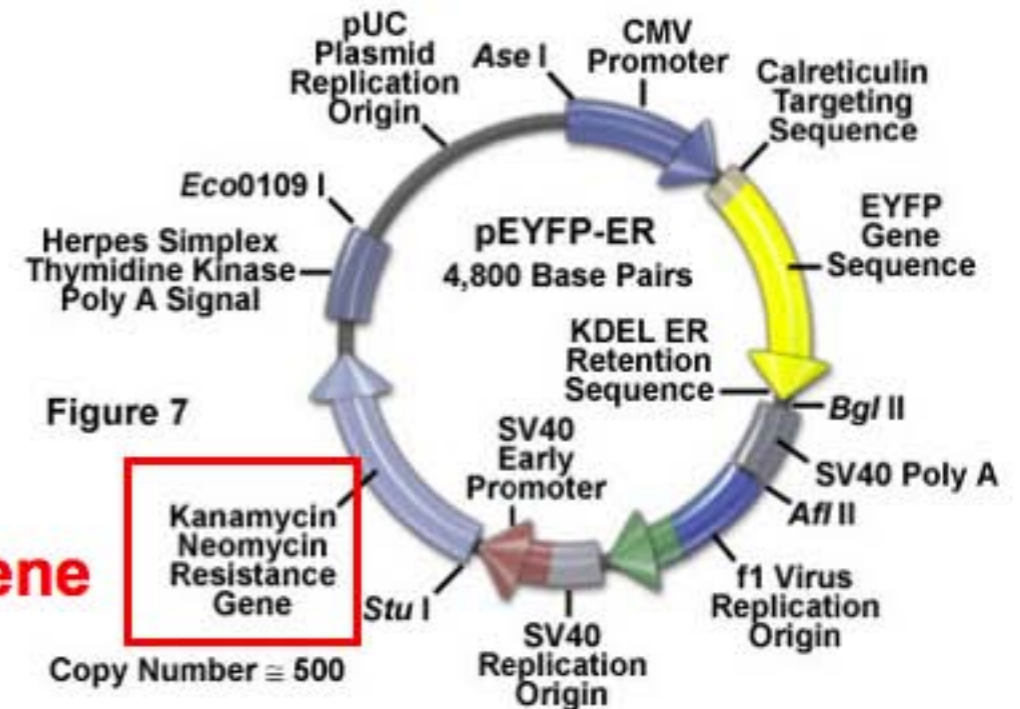
To achieve stable expression, the transgene must spontaneously integrate by recombination of the transfected plasmid into the host genome and replicate in synchrony with the cell. Cells containing integrated DNA are rare and must be amplified by selection for drug resistance or identified as a result of phenotypic alteration.

## Resistance gene

→ co-transfection with a **selection gene** which gives the cell some selection advantage (antibiotic resistance).

Only those few cells with the foreign genes inserted into their genome will be able to proliferate, while other cells will die. After applying this selection pressure for some time, only the cells with a stable transfection remain and can be cultivated further.

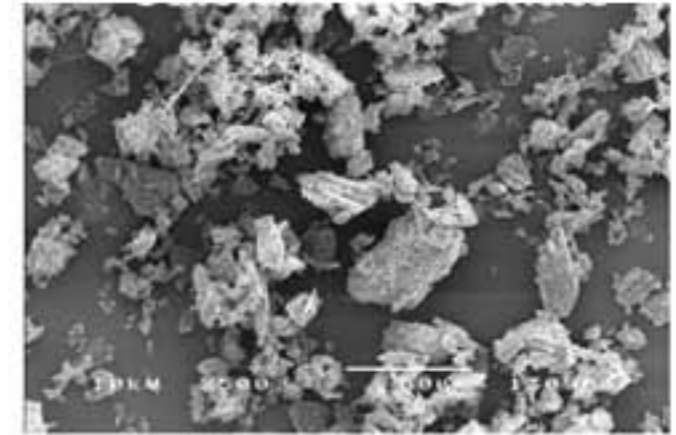
A common agent for stable transfection is Geneticin, also known as G418, which is a toxin that can be neutralized by the product of the **neomycin resistant gene**.





# Calcium phosphate transfection

## Calcium phosphate crystals



InLiquid. AAPS PharmSciTech. 2006; 7(4): Article 89.

1  $\mu$ g DNA  
+ CaCl<sub>2</sub>



HBS buffer

kit CalPhos (clontech #631312)

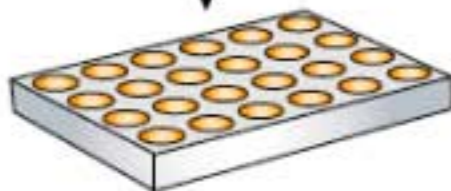


Add DNA solution  
dropwise to the HBS

Incubate cells for 45 min



Dissolve  
precipitates in a  
10% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator  
(Acid pH)



Return cells in 5%  
CO<sub>2</sub> incubator

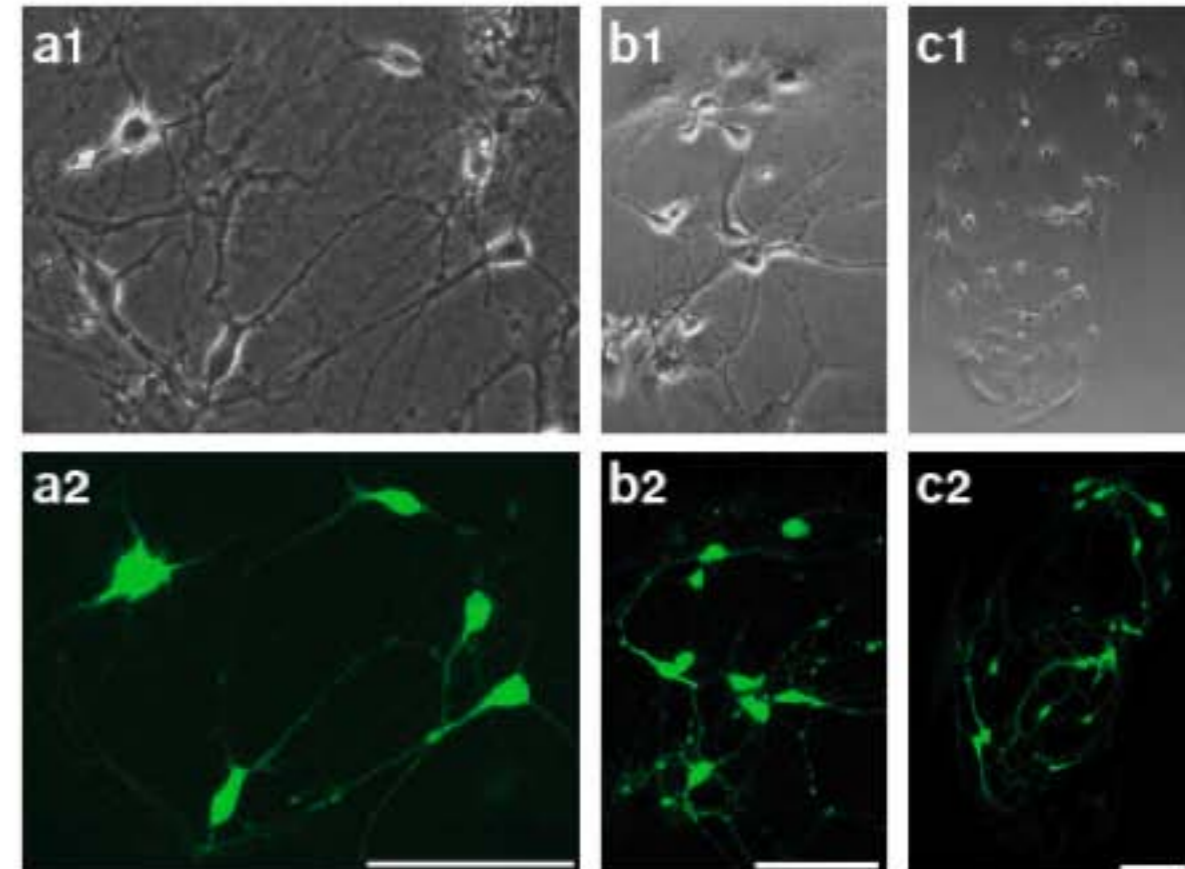
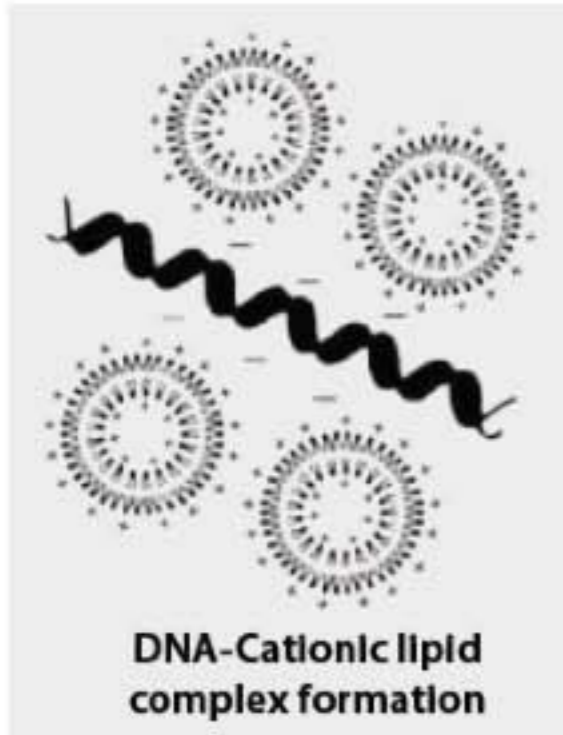


Figure 3 | High transfection efficiency achieved with our improved protocol in low-density hippocampal cultures. (a1–c1) Phase-contrast micrographs. (a2–c2) Fluorescent images of GFP-transfected cells in three independent transfections. Note that the majority of neurons in the local field (microislands) are transfected. Neurons were in culture for 10–15 d. Scale bar, 50  $\mu$ m. Reproduced from reference 11.

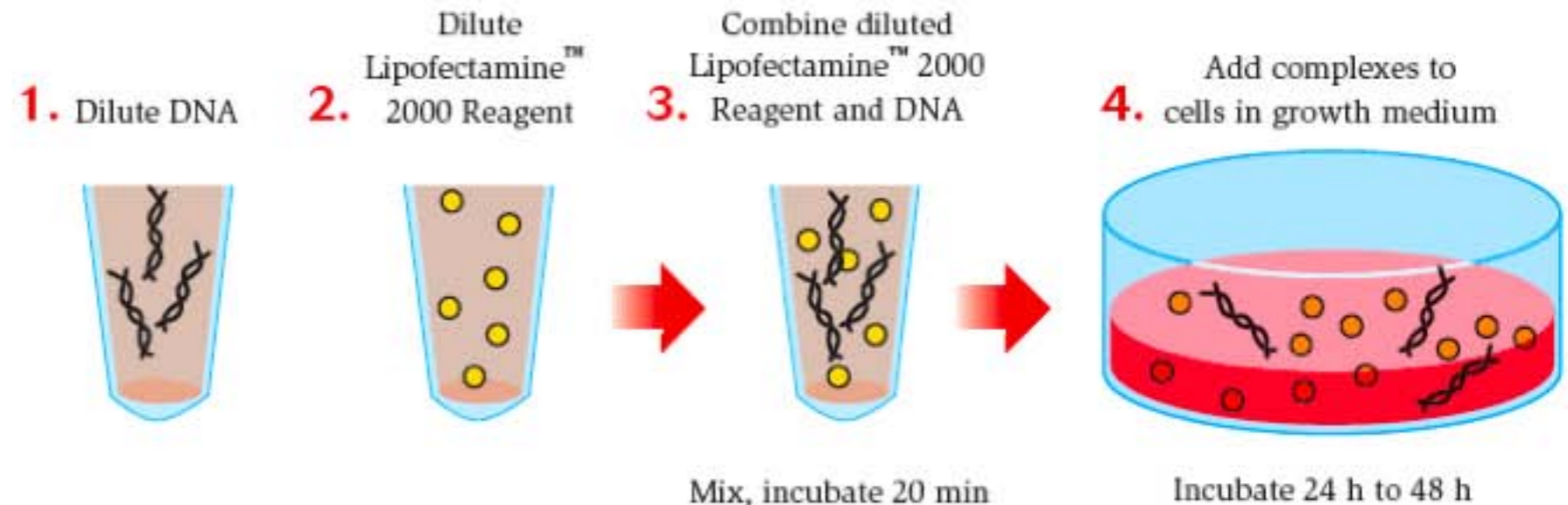


# Lipofection

- Lipofectamine (invitrogen)
- Effecten (QIAGEN),
- Fugene (Roche), ...



The basic structure of **cationic lipids** consists of a **positively charged head group** and one or two hydrocarbon chains. The charged head group governs the **interaction between the lipid and the phosphate backbone of the nucleic acid**, and facilitates DNA condensation. Often cationic lipids are formulated with a neutral co-lipid or helper lipid, followed by extrusion or microfluidization, which results in a unilamellar liposomal structure with a positive surface charge when formulated in water.



The main advantages of lipofection are its high efficiency, its ability to transfect all types of nucleic acids in a wide range of cell types, its ease of use, reproducibility and low toxicity. In addition this method is suitable for all transfection applications (transient, stable, co-transfection, reverse, sequential or multiple transfections...), high throughput screening assay and has also shown good efficiency in some in vivo models.

Lipofectamine or Lipofectamine 2000 is a common transfection reagent, produced and sold by Invitrogen, used in molecular and cellular biology. It is used to introduce, that is transfect, siRNA or plasmid DNA into in vitro cell cultures by lipofection. Lipofectamine treatment alters the cellular plasma membrane, allowing nucleic acids to cross into the cytoplasm. It was invented by Dr. Yongliang Chu at Life Technologies, Inc.

[http://www.promega.com/guides/transfxn\\_guide/transfxn.pdf](http://www.promega.com/guides/transfxn_guide/transfxn.pdf)

<http://www.invitrogen.com>



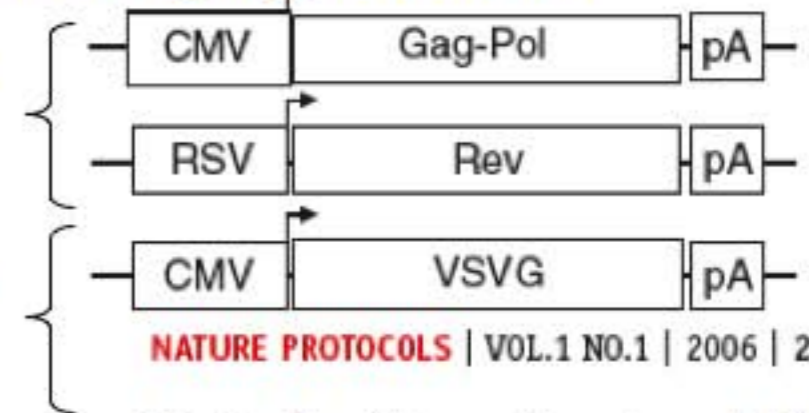
# Viral infection

The karyophilic properties of HIV mean that the viral DNA can enter the nucleus through nuclear pores without cell division. Therefore **lentiviral vectors can transduce both dividing and nondividing cells** (Naldini et al., 1996).

HIV-based vectors are often pseudotyped with vesicular stomatis virus glycoprotein (VSV-g) envelope.

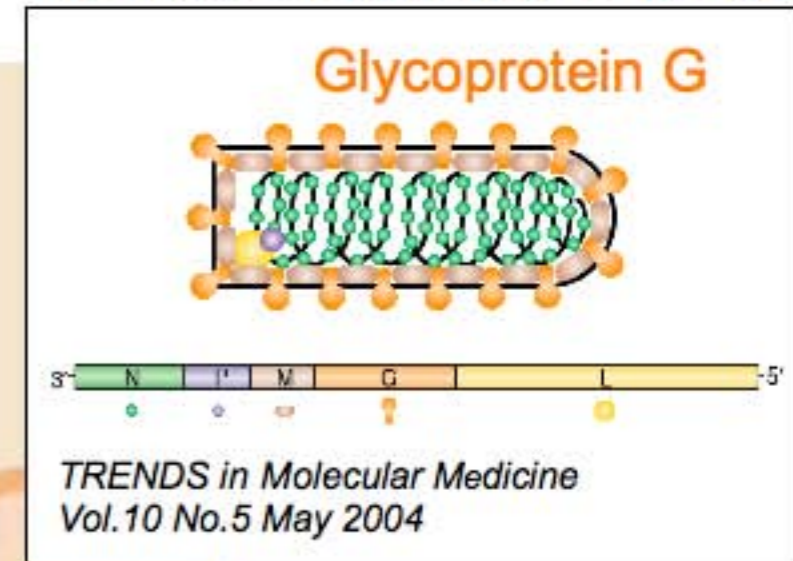
## Packaging vectors

HIV  
VSV

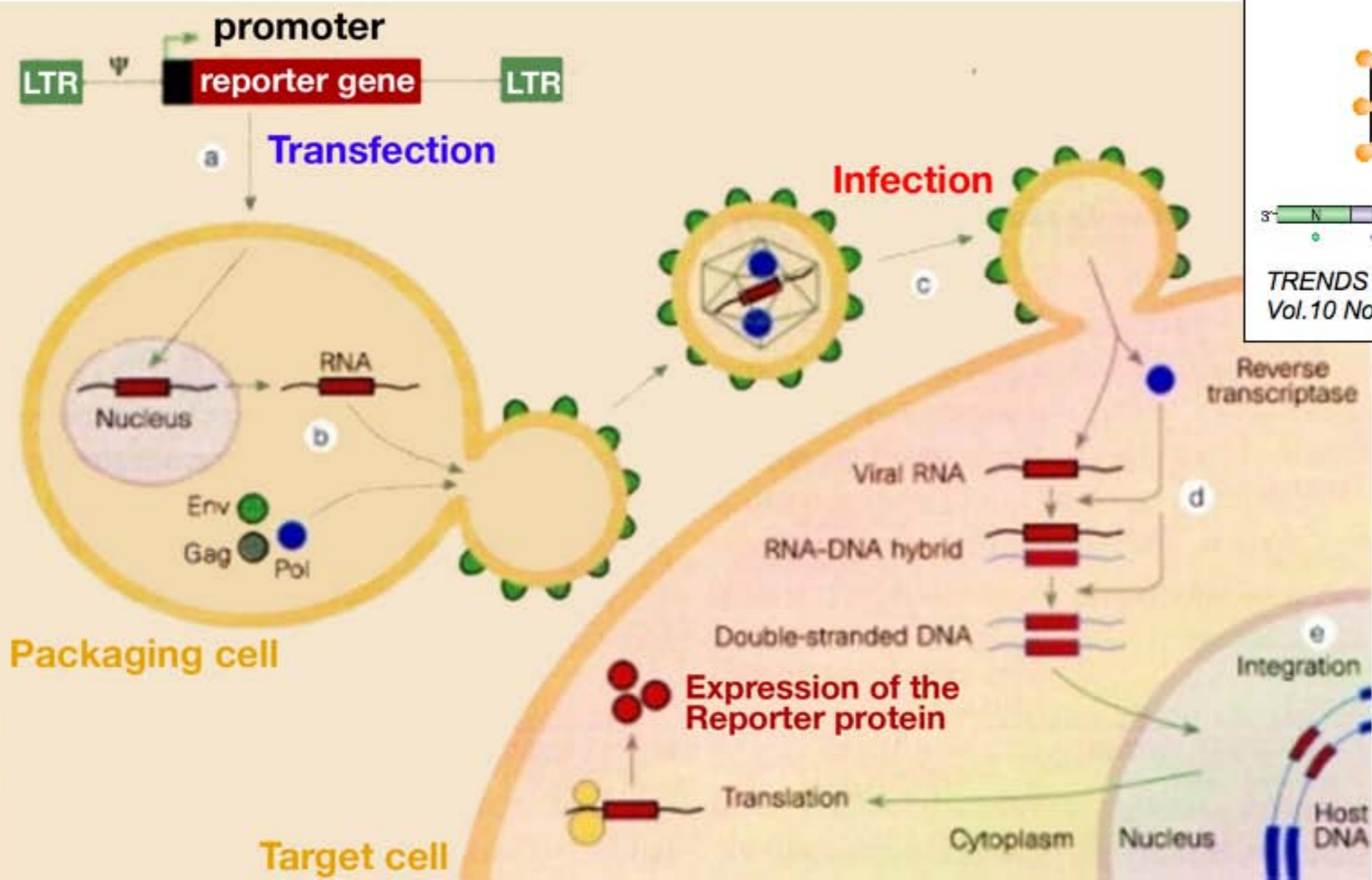


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## Vesicular Stomatite virus (VSV)



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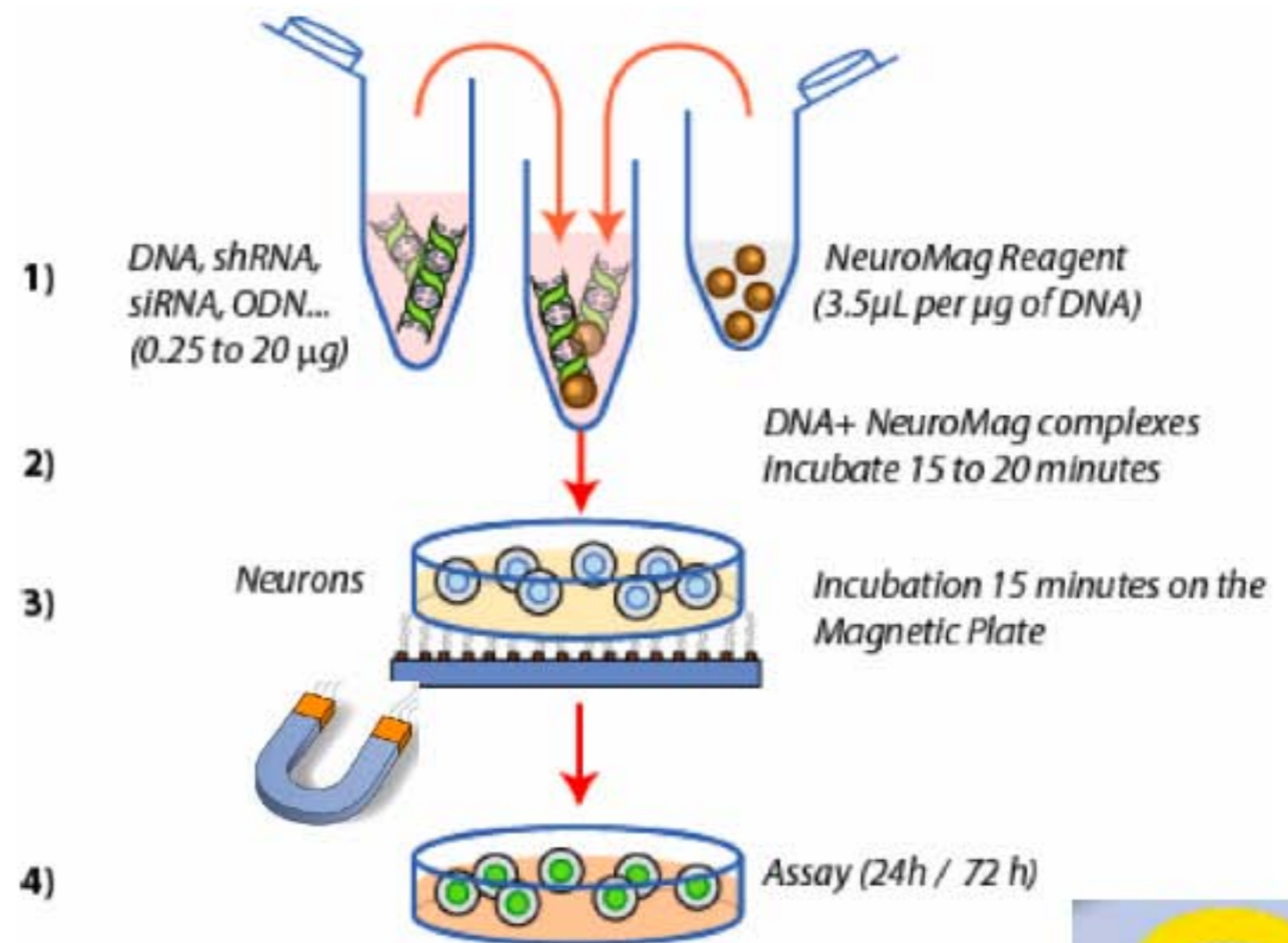
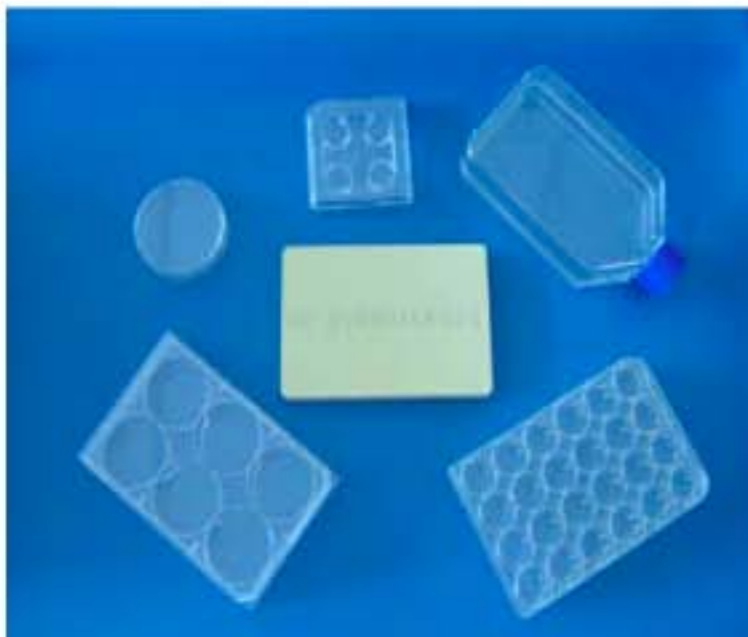




# Magnetofection

Magnetofection: uses magnetic fields to concentrate particles containing nucleic acid and cationic magnetic nanoparticle into the target cells. Magnetofection was invented by Christian Plank and Christian Bergmann and is registered as a trademark.

Nanoparticles: iron oxide, which is fully biodegradable, coated with specific cationic proprietary molecules.

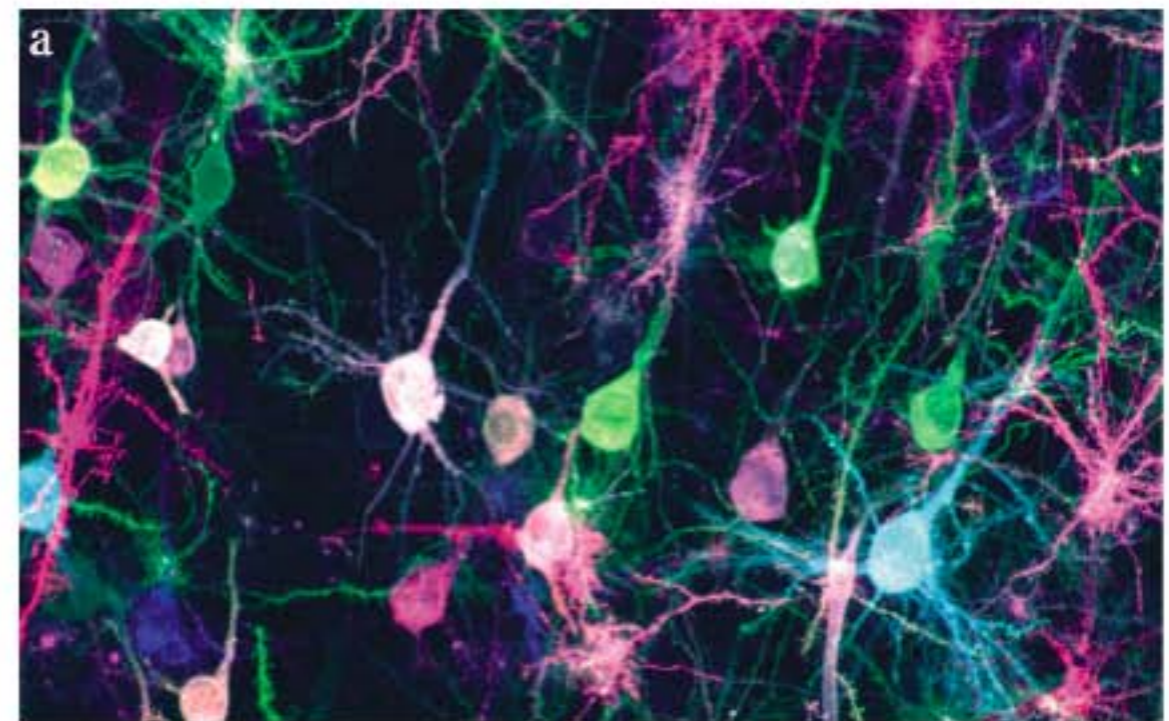




## The gene gun or the Biolistic Particle Delivery System

elemental particle of a heavy metal coated with plasmid DNA. This technique is often simply referred to as biolistics. Other heavy metals such as gold and silver are also used. Gold may be favored because it has better uniformity than tungsten and tungsten can be toxic to cells, but its use may be limited due to availability and cost.

The DNA to be delivered is attached to tiny gold balls (1 micrometer in diameter). These balls are put onto a disk that is in the inside of the Gene Gun. A blast of helium at 1000 psi sends the disk shooting forward at approximately 1300 feet per second, roughly the same speed as a bullet leaving a rifle. A screen stops the disk and the tiny gold or tungsten balls are launched towards the target cells. The balls breach the cell membrane and release the DNA particles. The Gene Gun utilizes recombinant DNA technology to incorporate the expression of the delivered genes. The genetically altered cells can be used to make plants that include the desired genetic modification in all of their cells (Voiland et al, 1999). This gun uses Biolistic® particle bombardment where DNA- or RNA-coated gold particles are loaded into the gun and you pull the trigger. A low pressure helium pulse delivers the coated gold particles into virtually any target cell or tissue. The particles carry the DNA so that you do not have to remove cells from tissue in order to transform the cells.



Labeling of many pyramidal neurons from a fixed brain slice from a P20 mouse that was shot with a combination of seven different lipophilic dyes.

[www.bio-rad.com](http://www.bio-rad.com)

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# Electroporation - Nucleofection (Amaxa)

Electroporation: application of an electric field which increases the conductivity and permeability of the cell plasma membrane

Nucleofection is a transfection method of nucleic acids into cells so far considered difficult or even impossible to transfect.

Nucleofection, is trademark, owned by amaxa AG - Part of the Lonza Group.



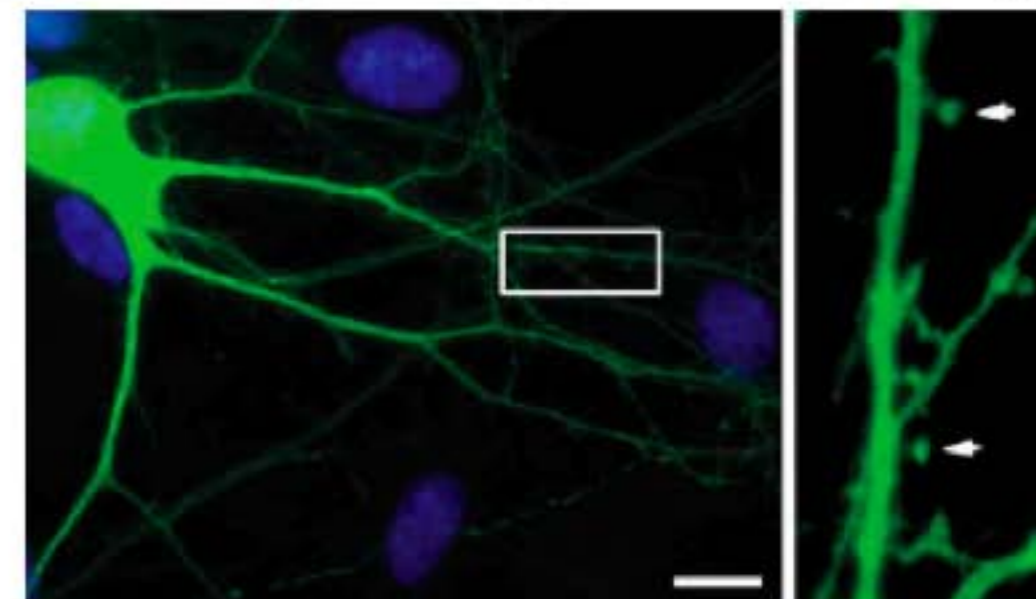
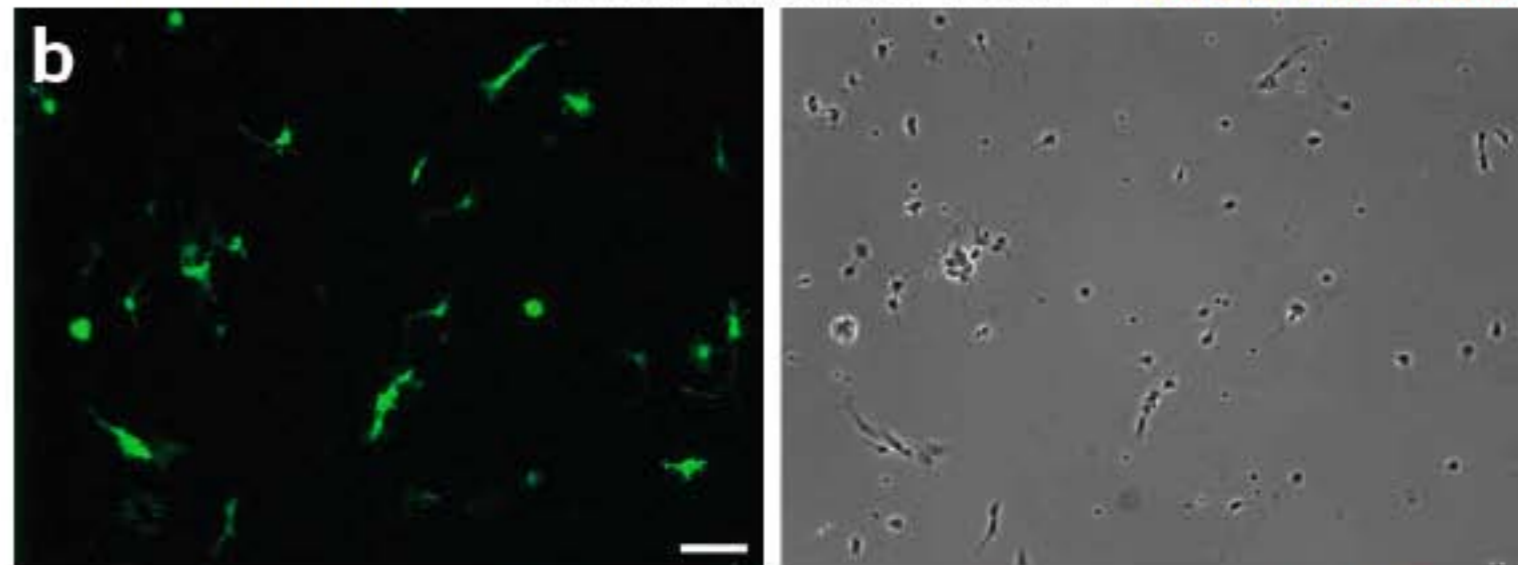
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In contrast to the comparatively low transfection rates obtained with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -phosphate/DNA-based methods (Fig. 1a), the transfection efficiency attainable with the nucleofector device typically ranges between 50% and 85% (Fig. 1b)

## High-efficiency transfection of mammalian neurons via nucleofection

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# Electroporation in utero

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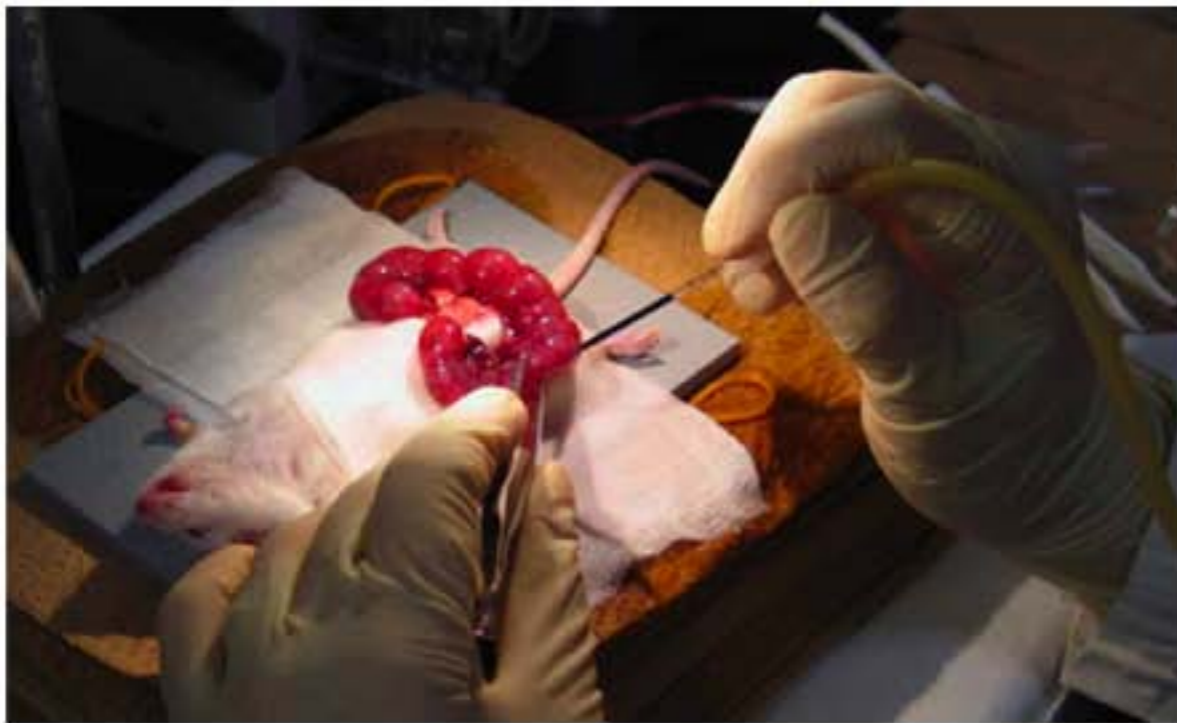


Figure 4 | DNA injection into the *in utero* embryo. Indigocarmine is used to show the micropipette.

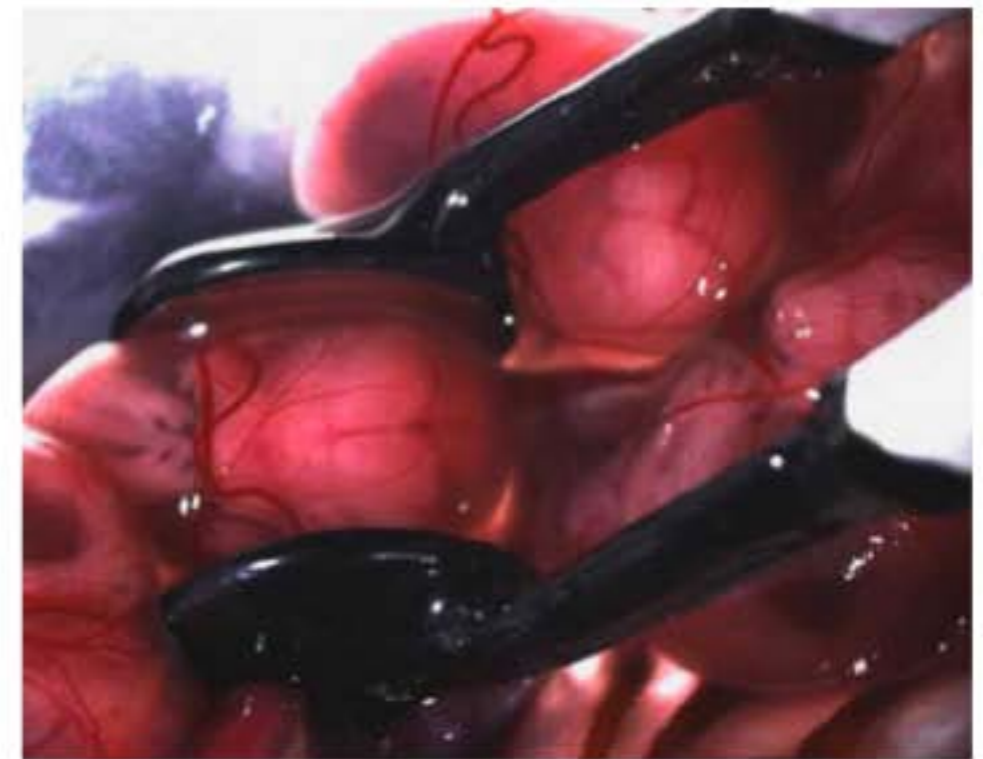
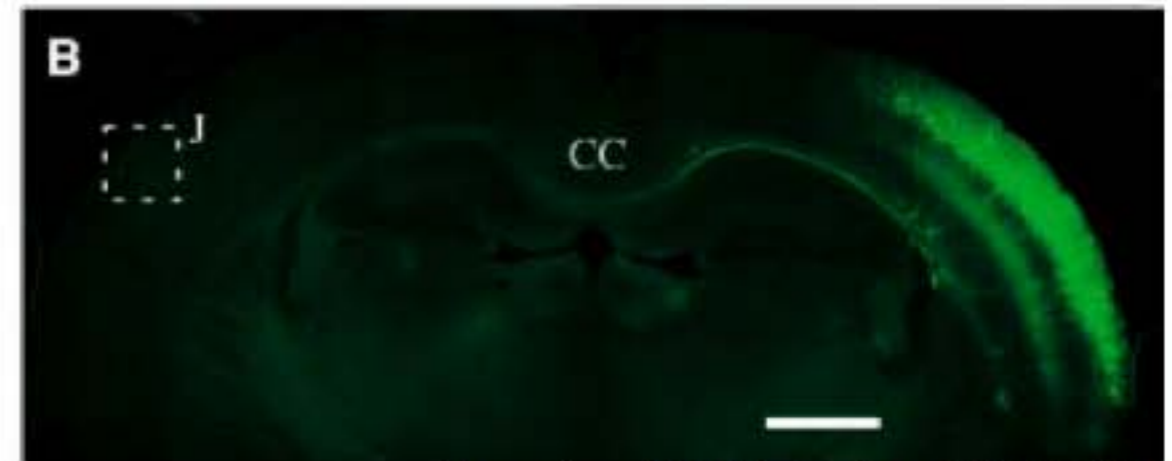


Figure 7 | The *ex utero* embryo is held with forceps-type electrodes.



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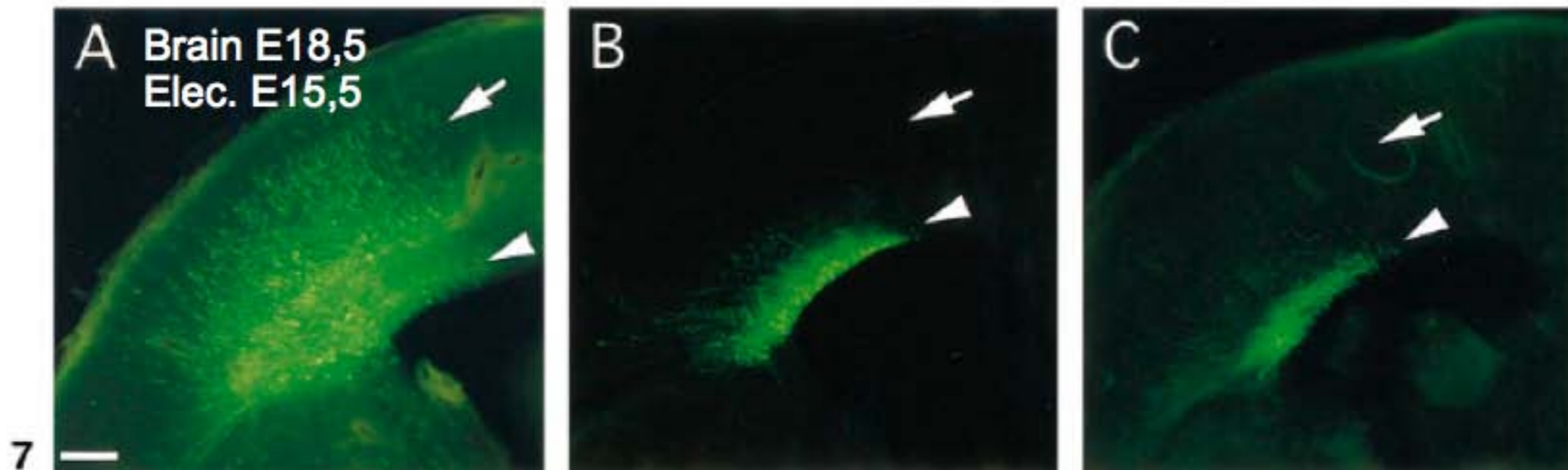
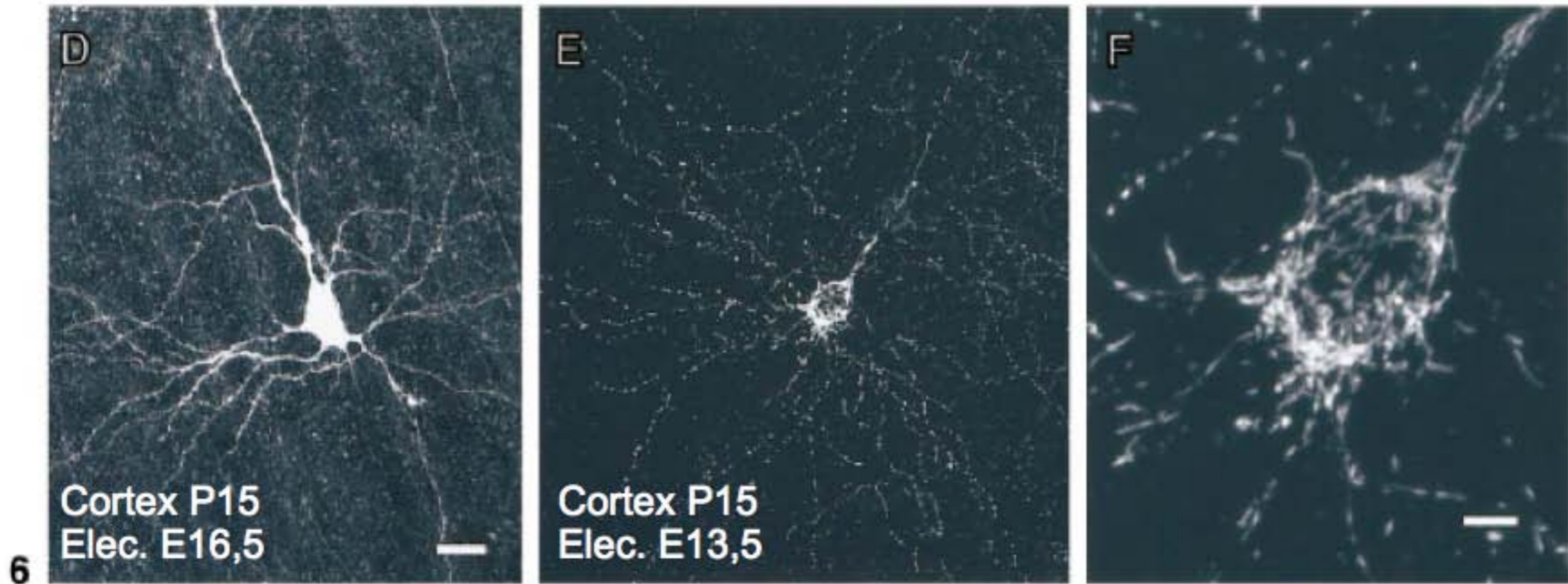
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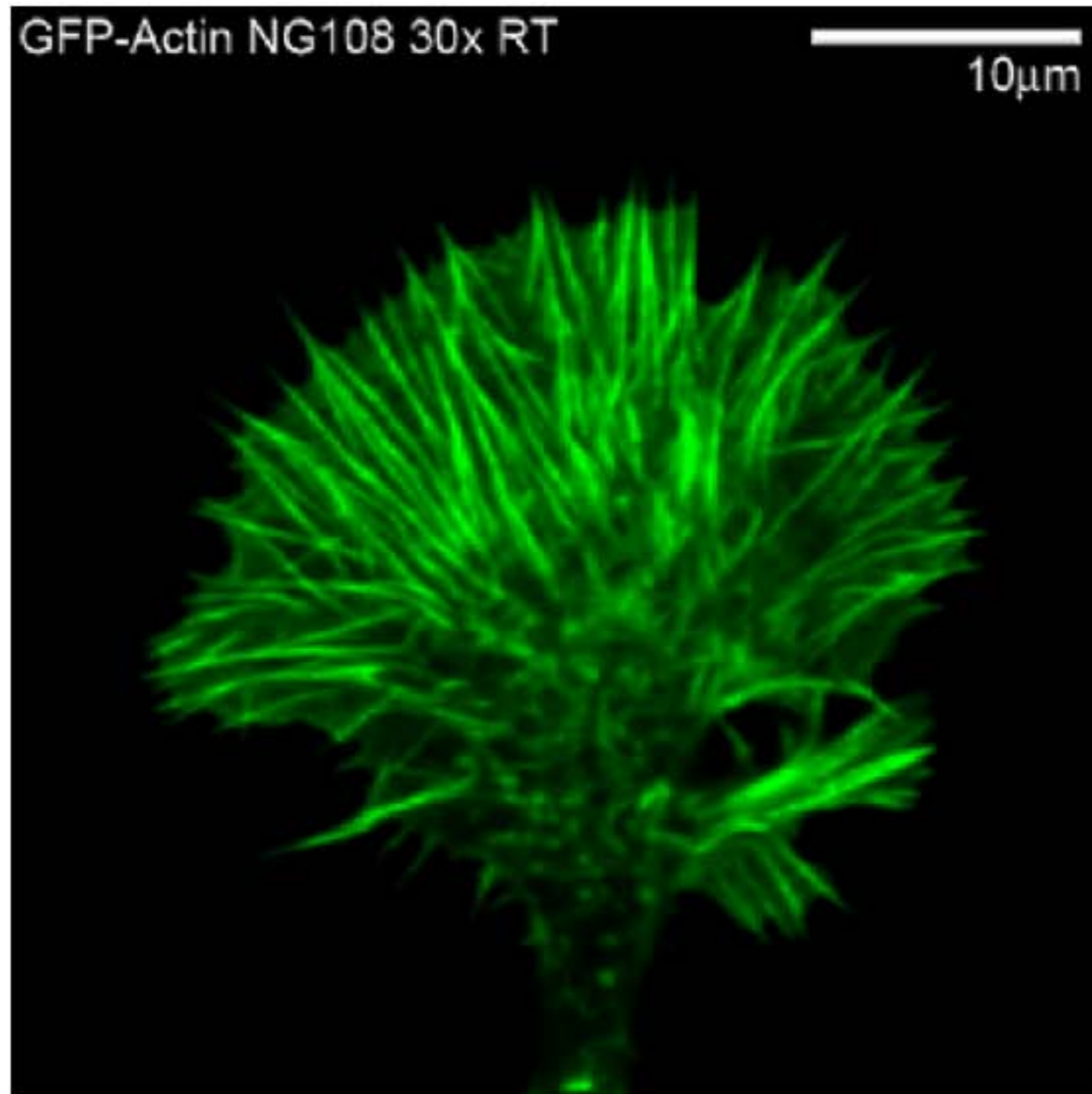
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Efficient Gene Transfer into the Embryonic Mouse  
Brain Using *in Vivo* Electroporation  
Tetsuichiro Saito<sup>1</sup> and Norio Nakatsuji, *Dev. Biol.* **240**, 237–246 (2001)





# ***Use of fluorescent proteins in neuroscience***







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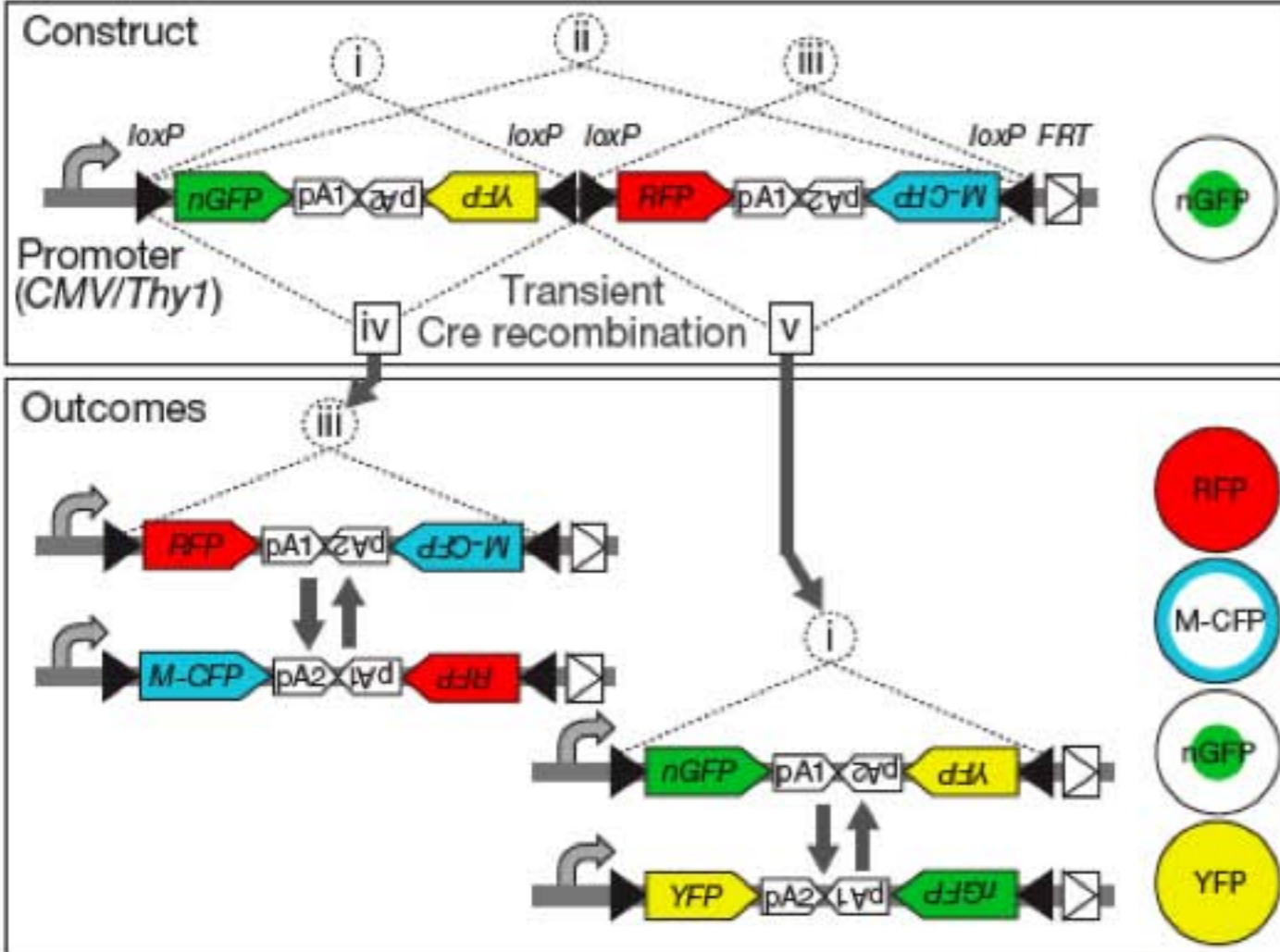
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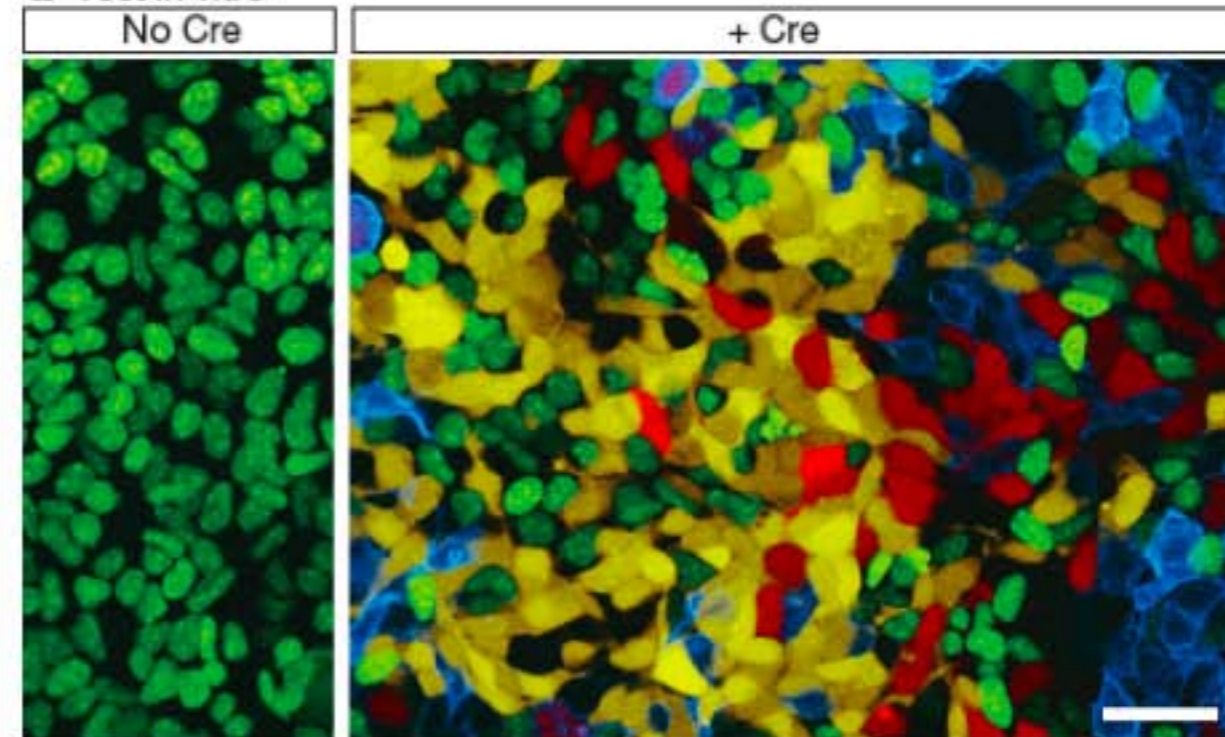
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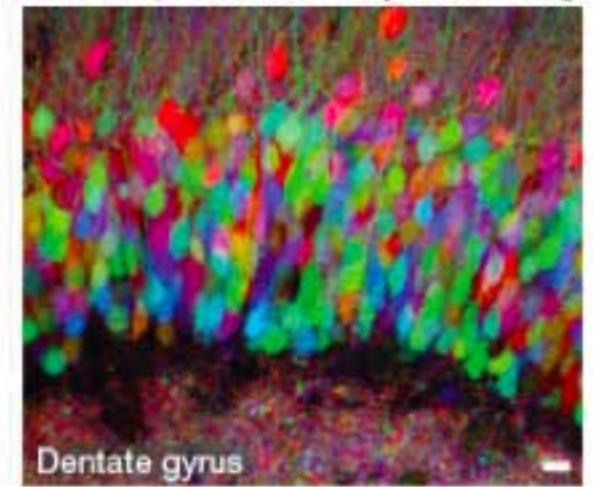


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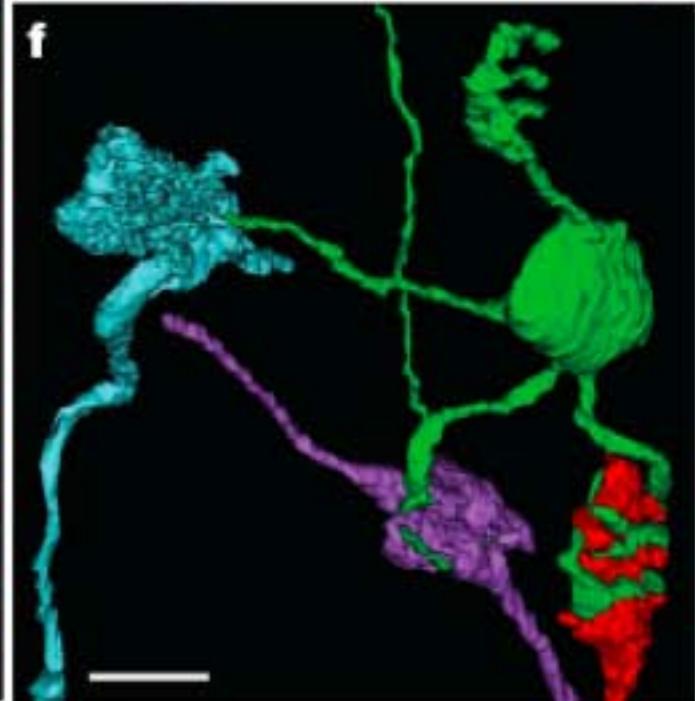
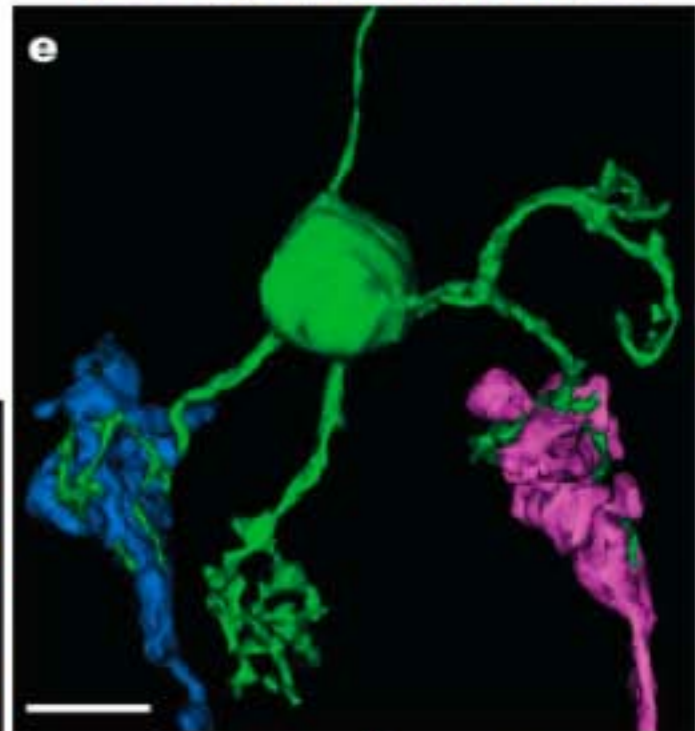
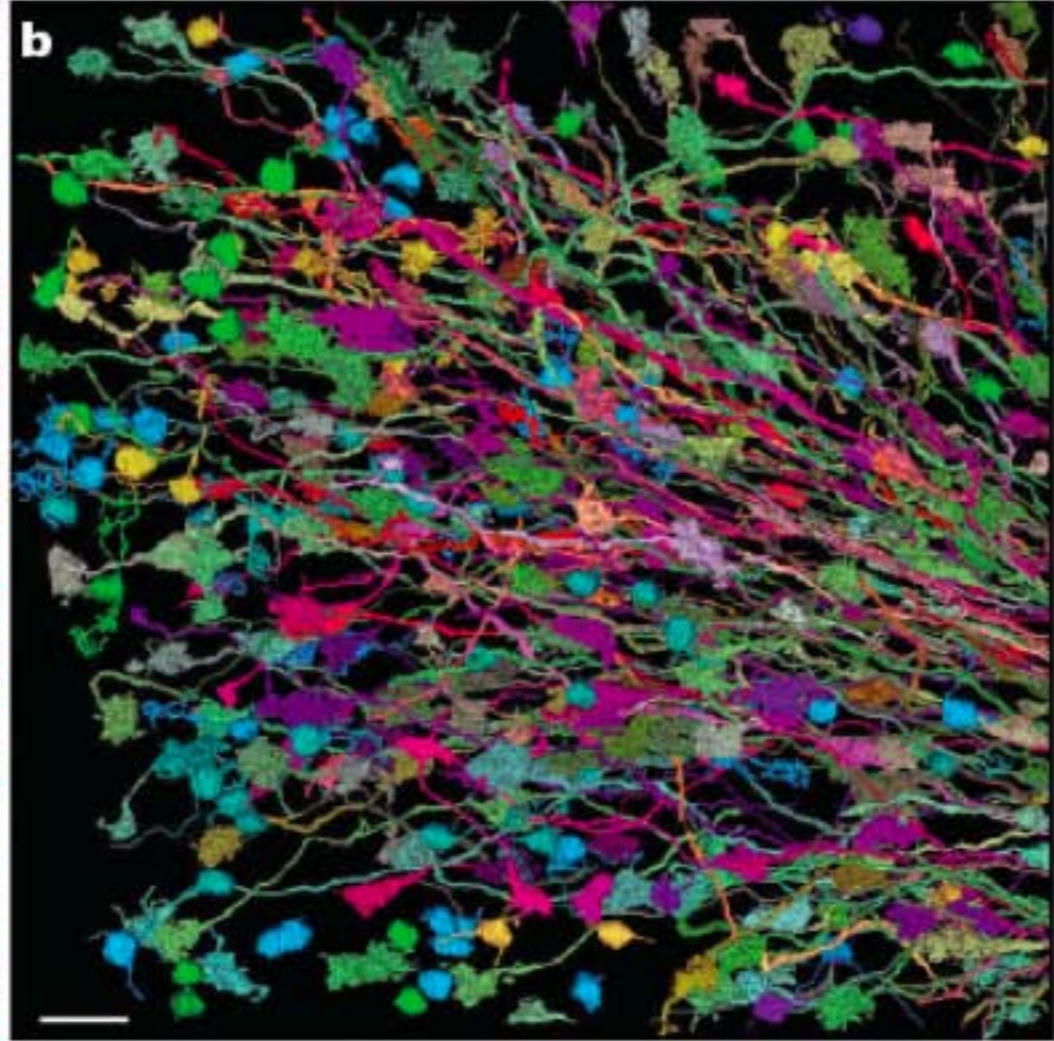
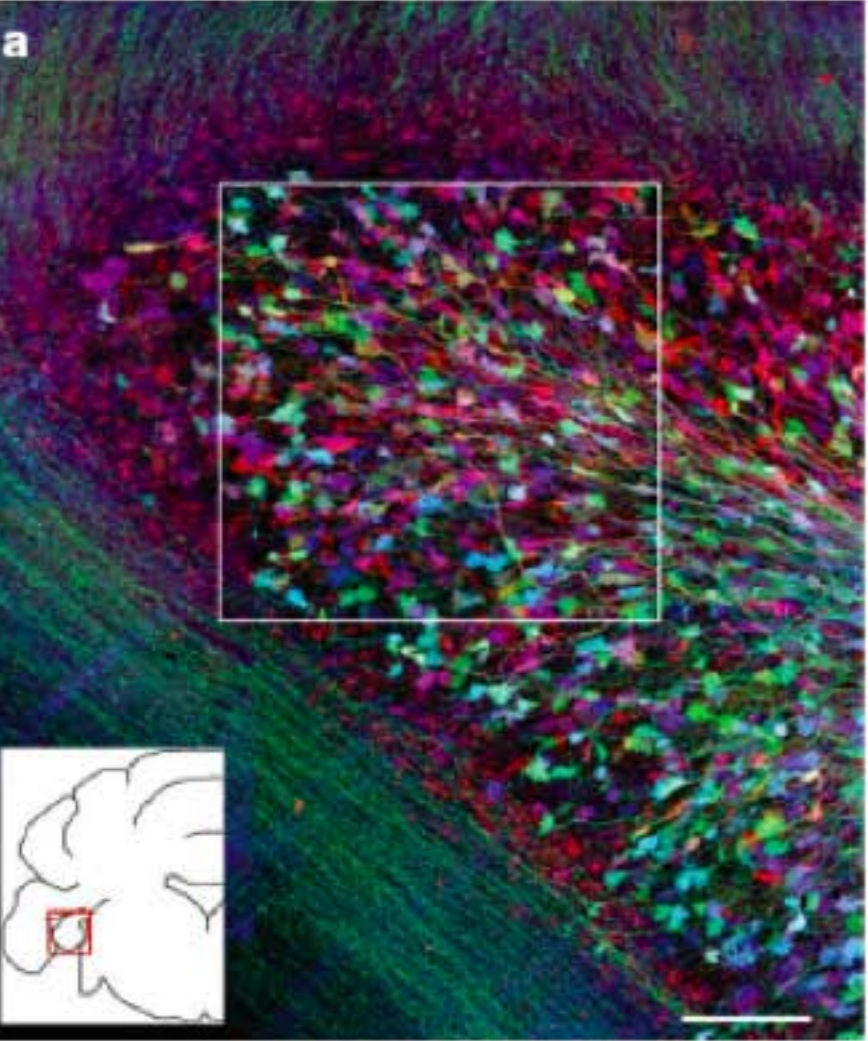
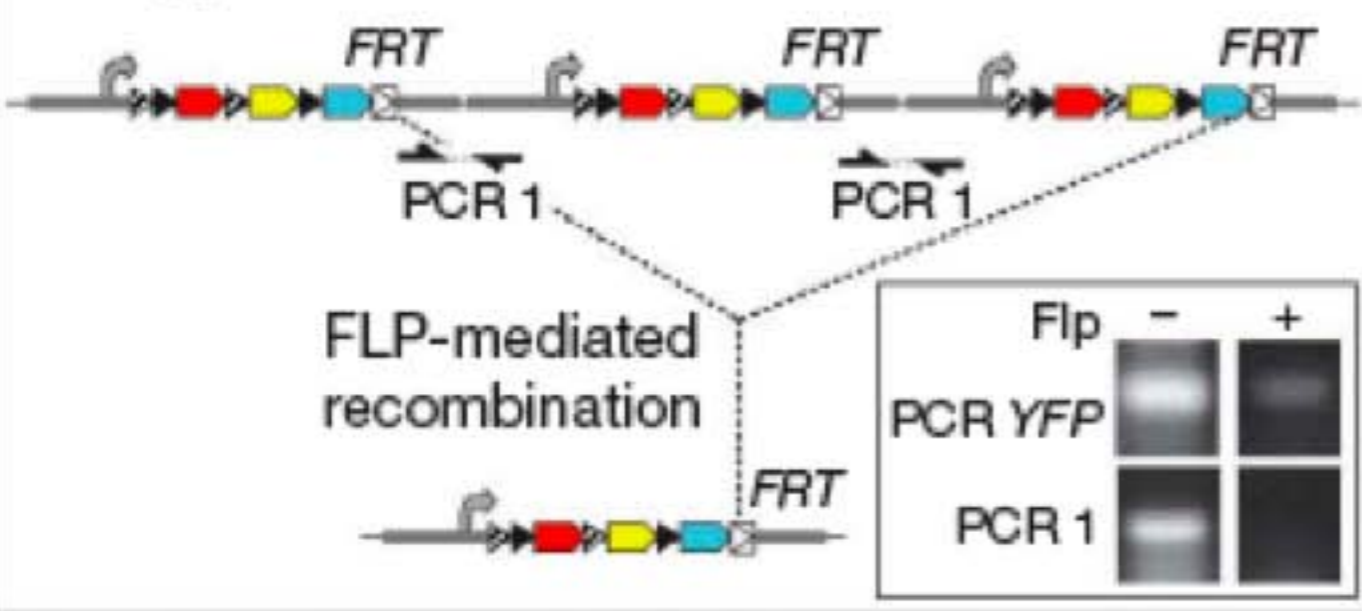
# The Brainbow



## a XFP combinations

Outcome for each copy			Resulting colour
1	2	3	
C	C	C	Blue
C	C	Y	Light blue
C	Y	Y	Blue-green
Y	Y	Y	Green
Y	Y	R	Light green
Y	R	R	Orange
R	R	R	Red
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R	C	C	Purple
R	C	Y	Grey

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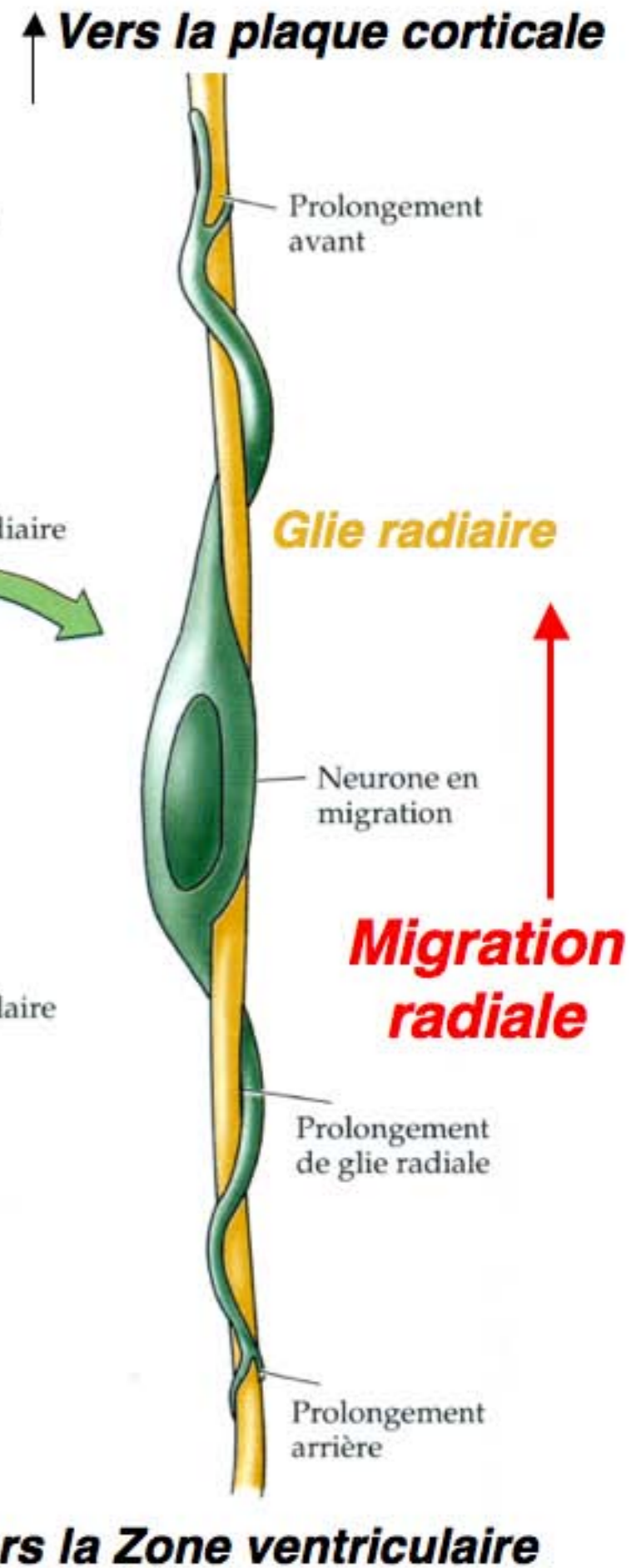
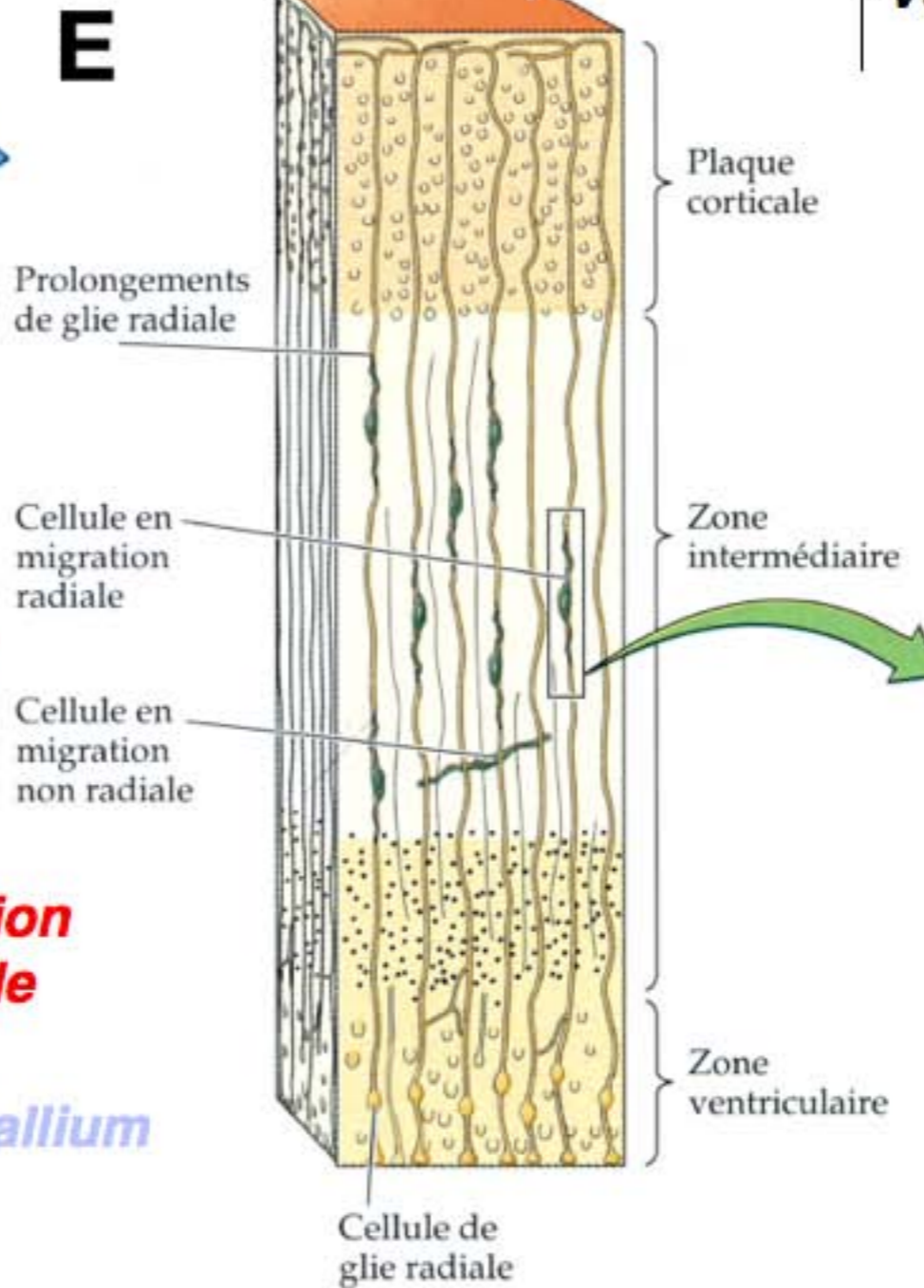
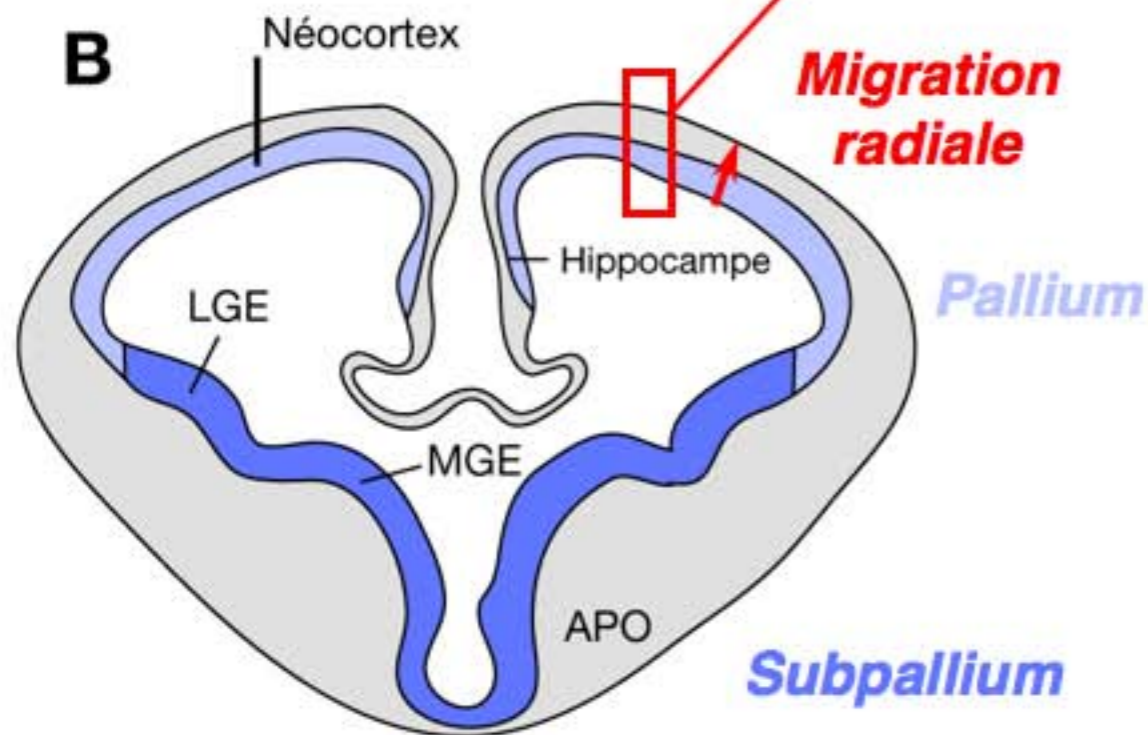
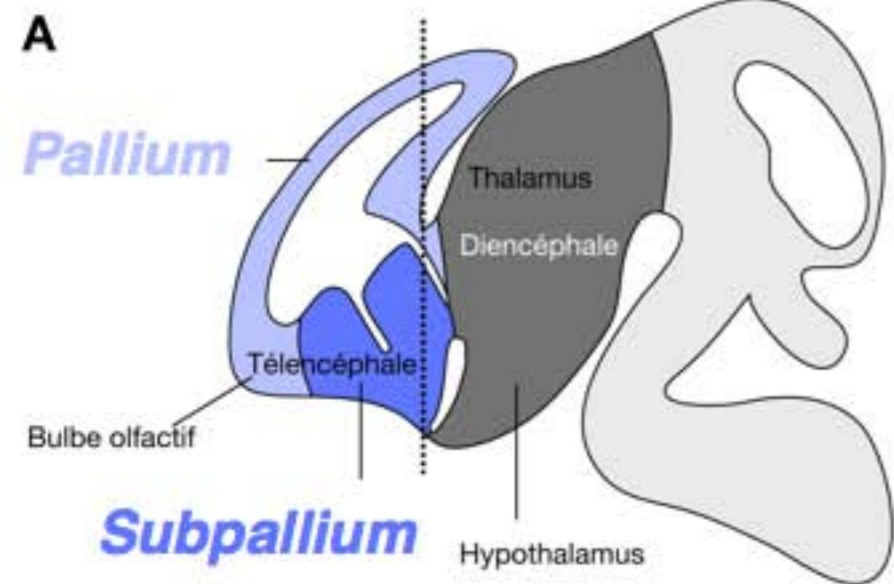




# Modes of migration of excitatory cells

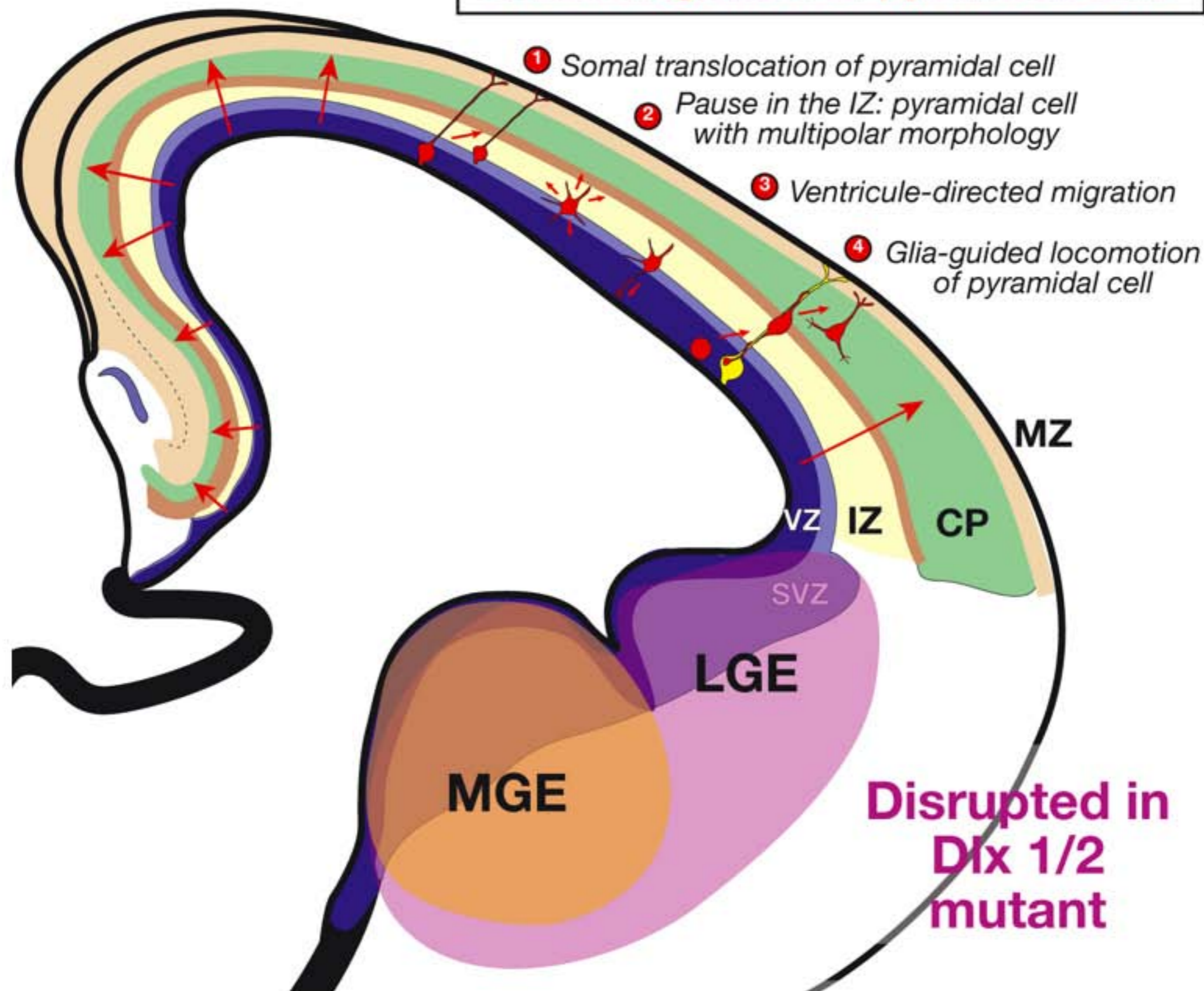


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## Radial migration of pyramidal cells





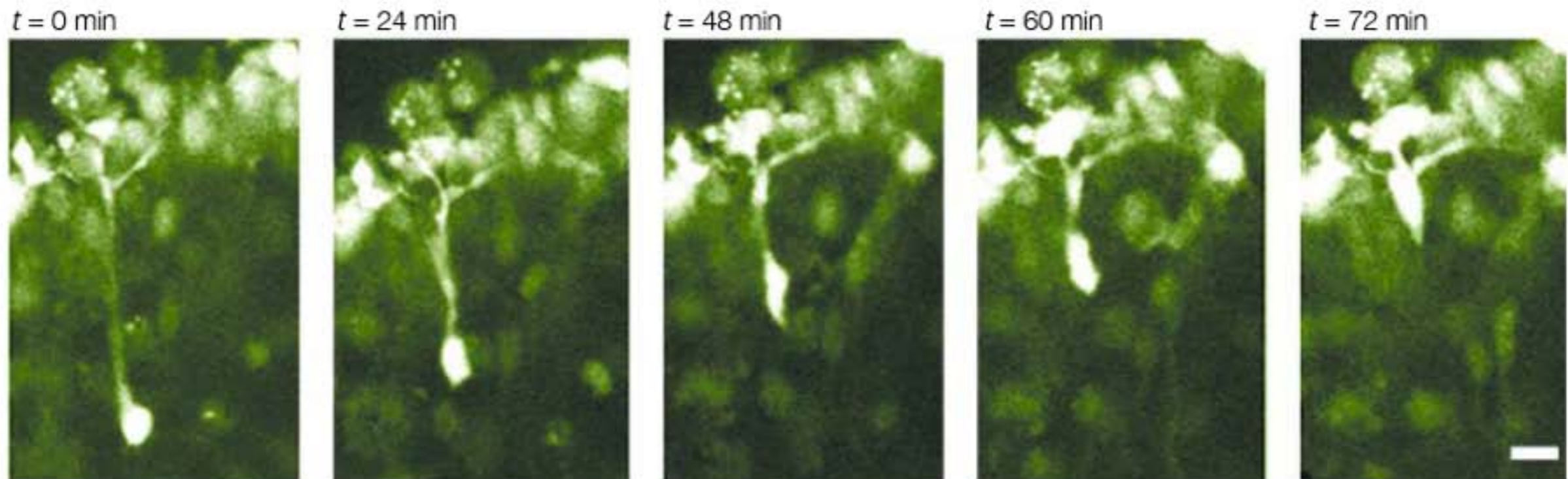


Figure 3 | **Somal translocation.** Time-lapse images of a cell showing somal translocation in a mouse cortical slice that was labelled with Oregon Green BAPTA-1 488 AM. Images were acquired every minute and each frame shows a single optical section. Scale bar, 10  $\mu$ m. See [Supplementary Movie](#) from REF. 31 © 2001 Macmillan Magazines Ltd.

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Terminal  
Translocation

Total recording time:  
300 min.

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Somal translocation

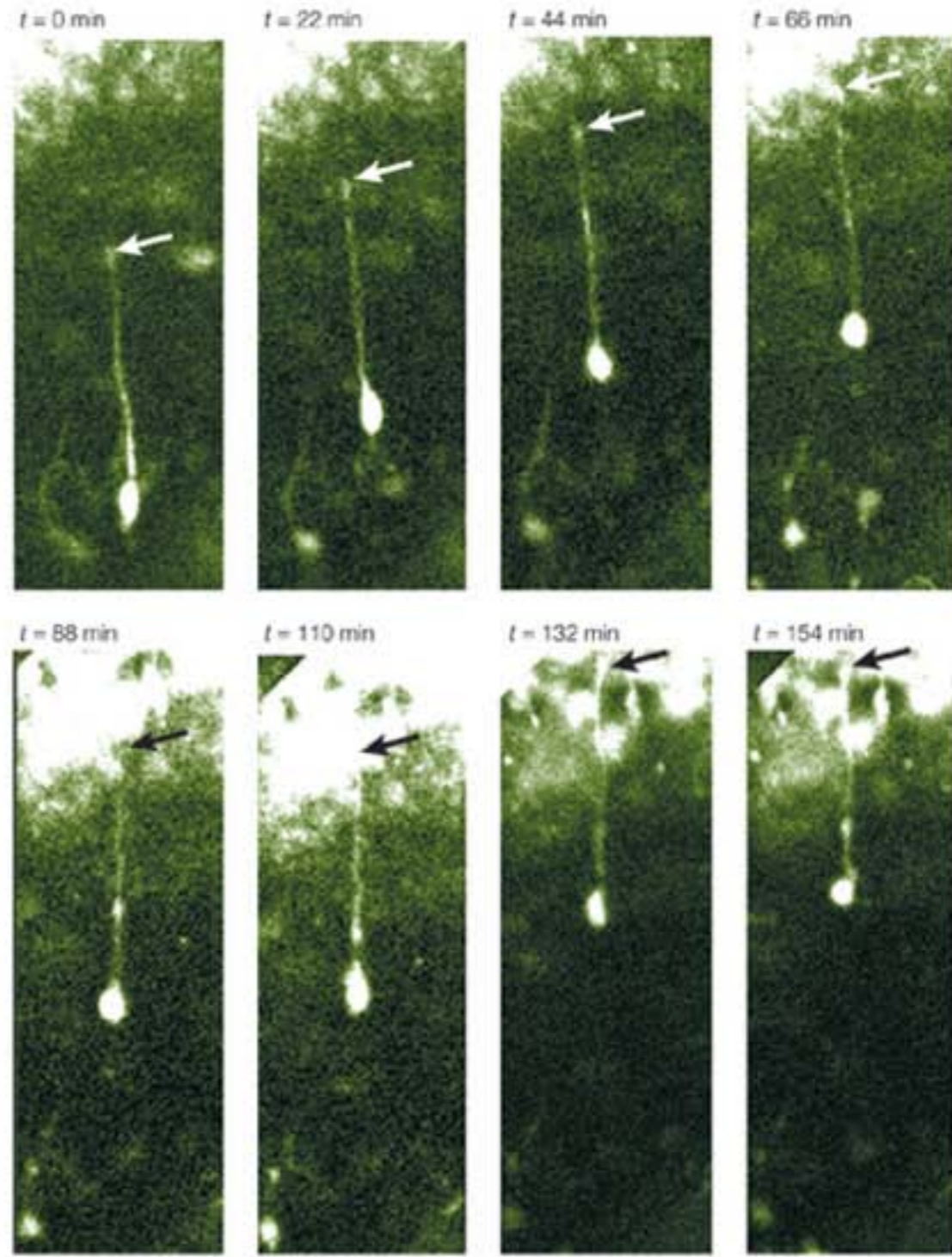


# Glia-guided locomotion

**Glial-Guidance**  
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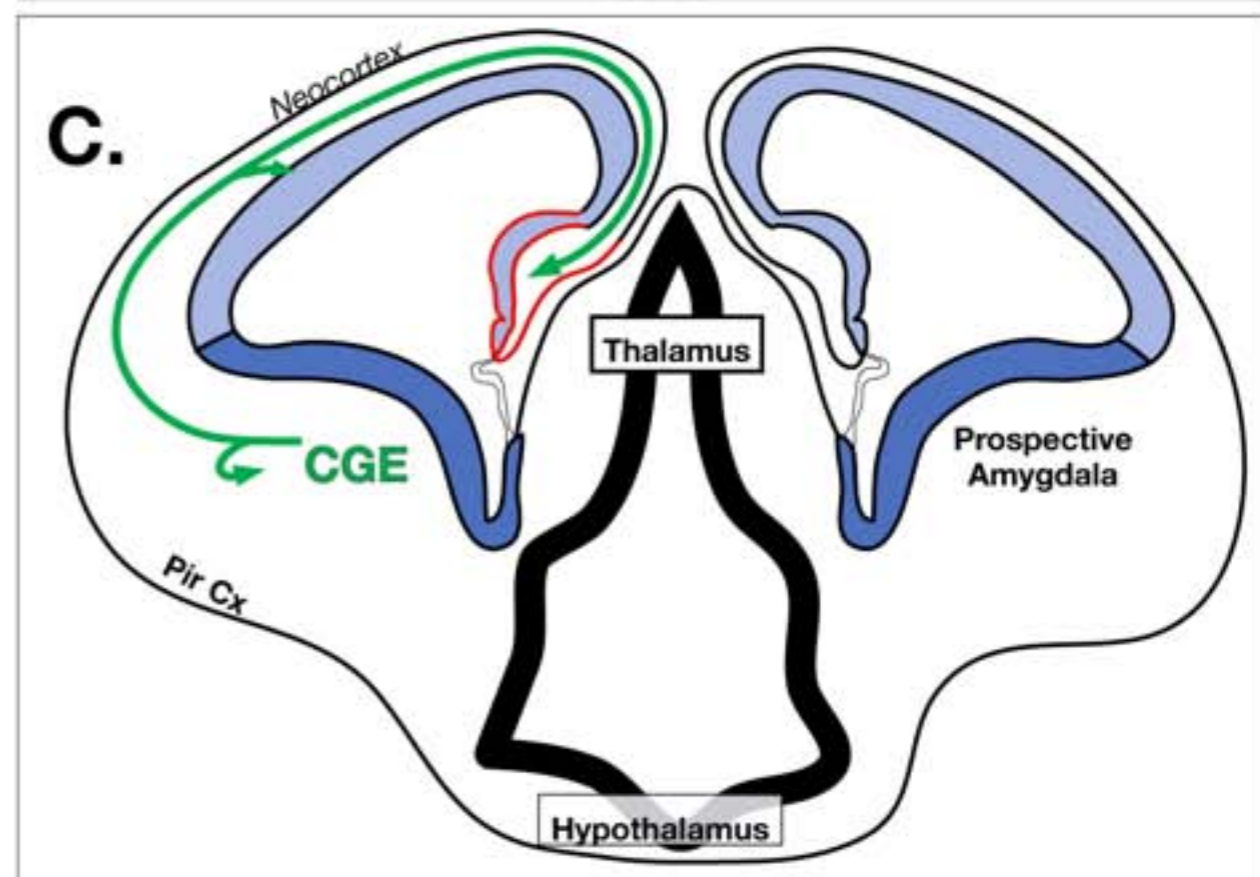
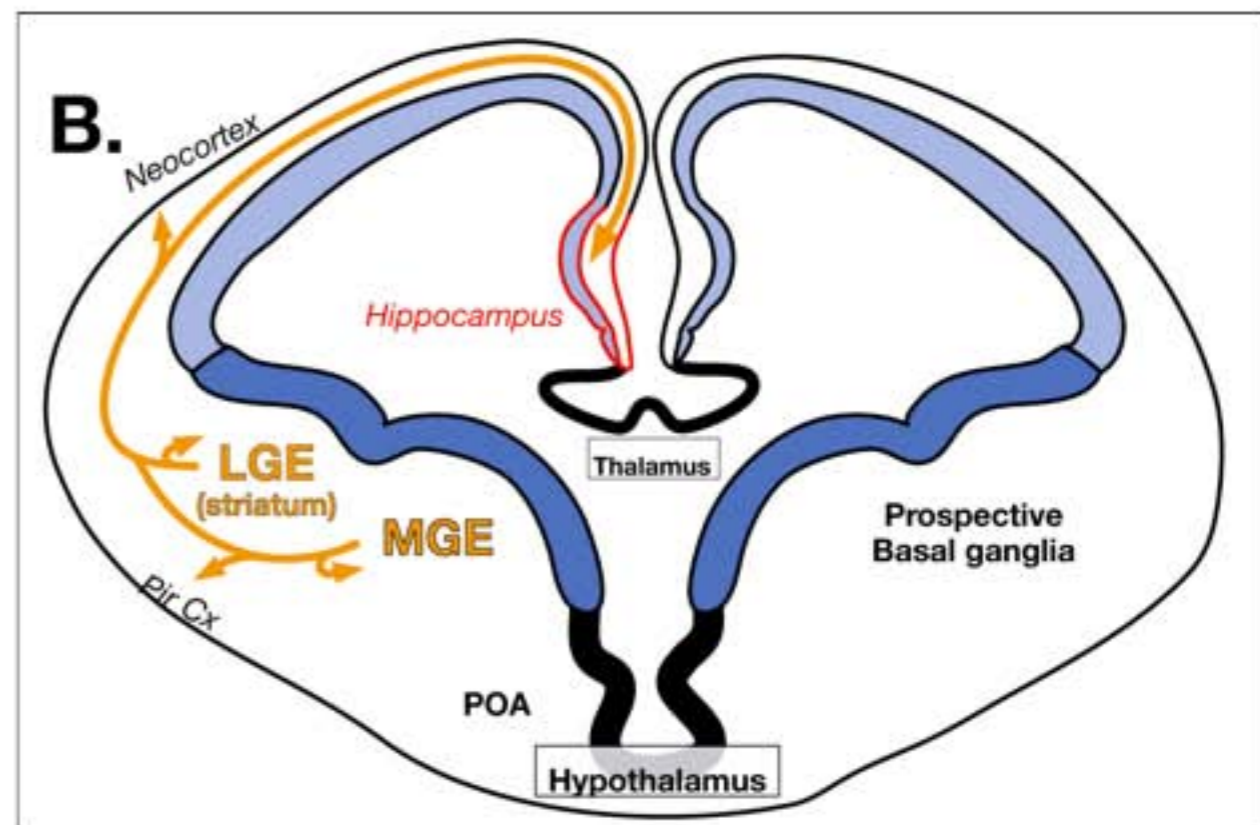
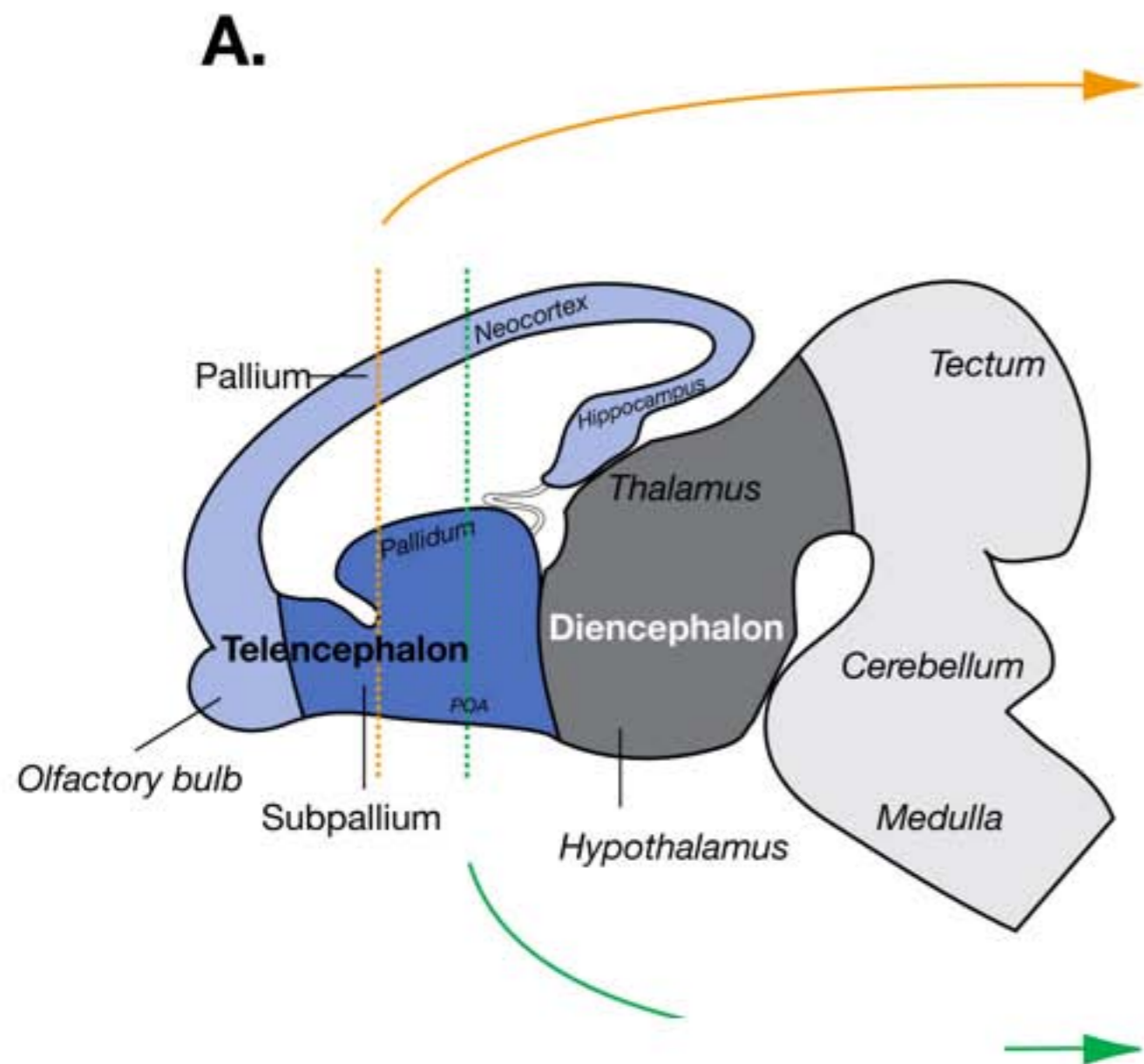




# Modes of migration of inhibitory cells



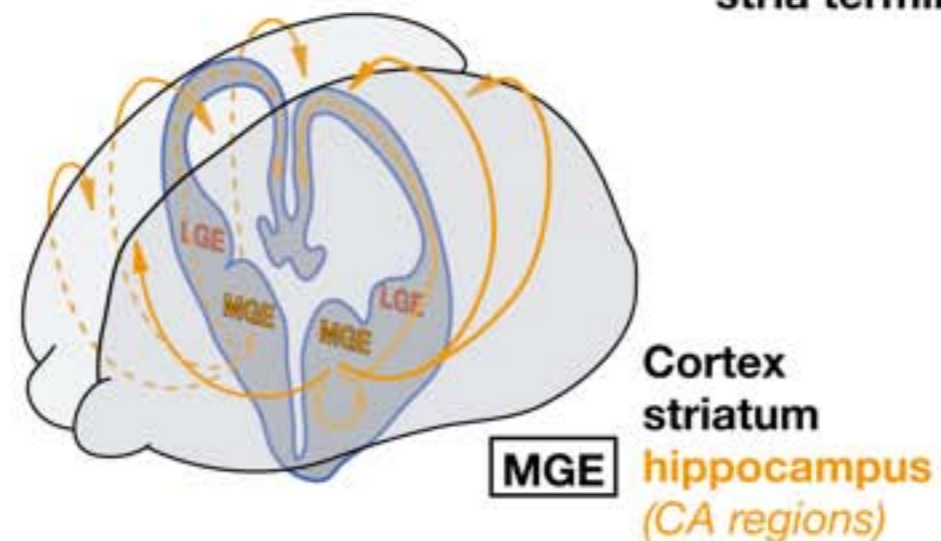
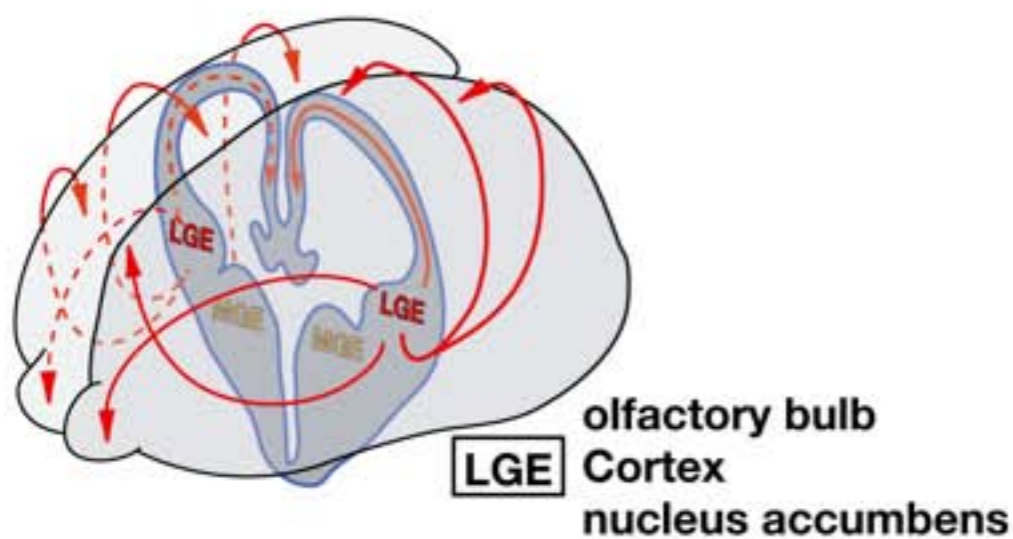
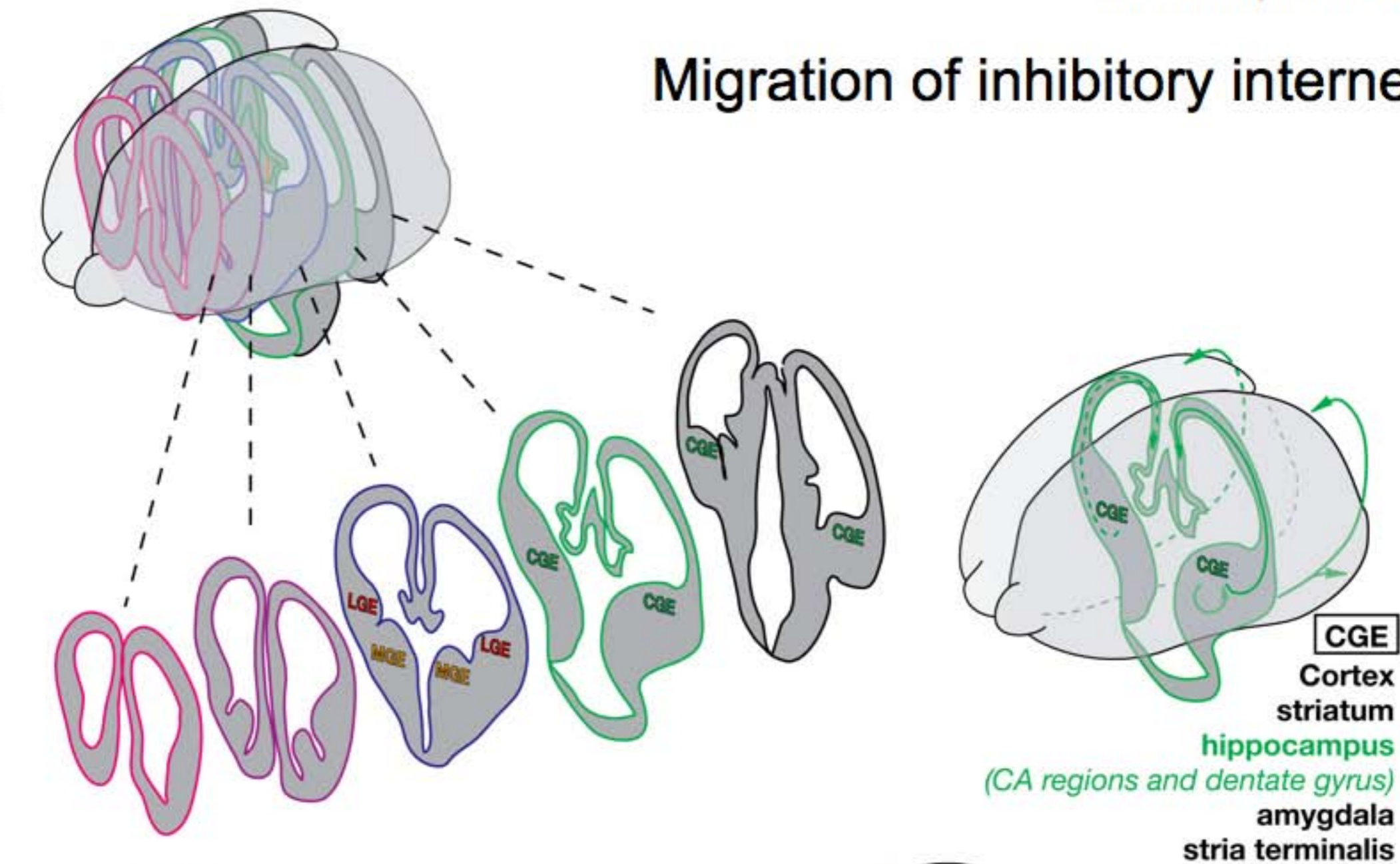
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# Migration of inhibitory interneurons





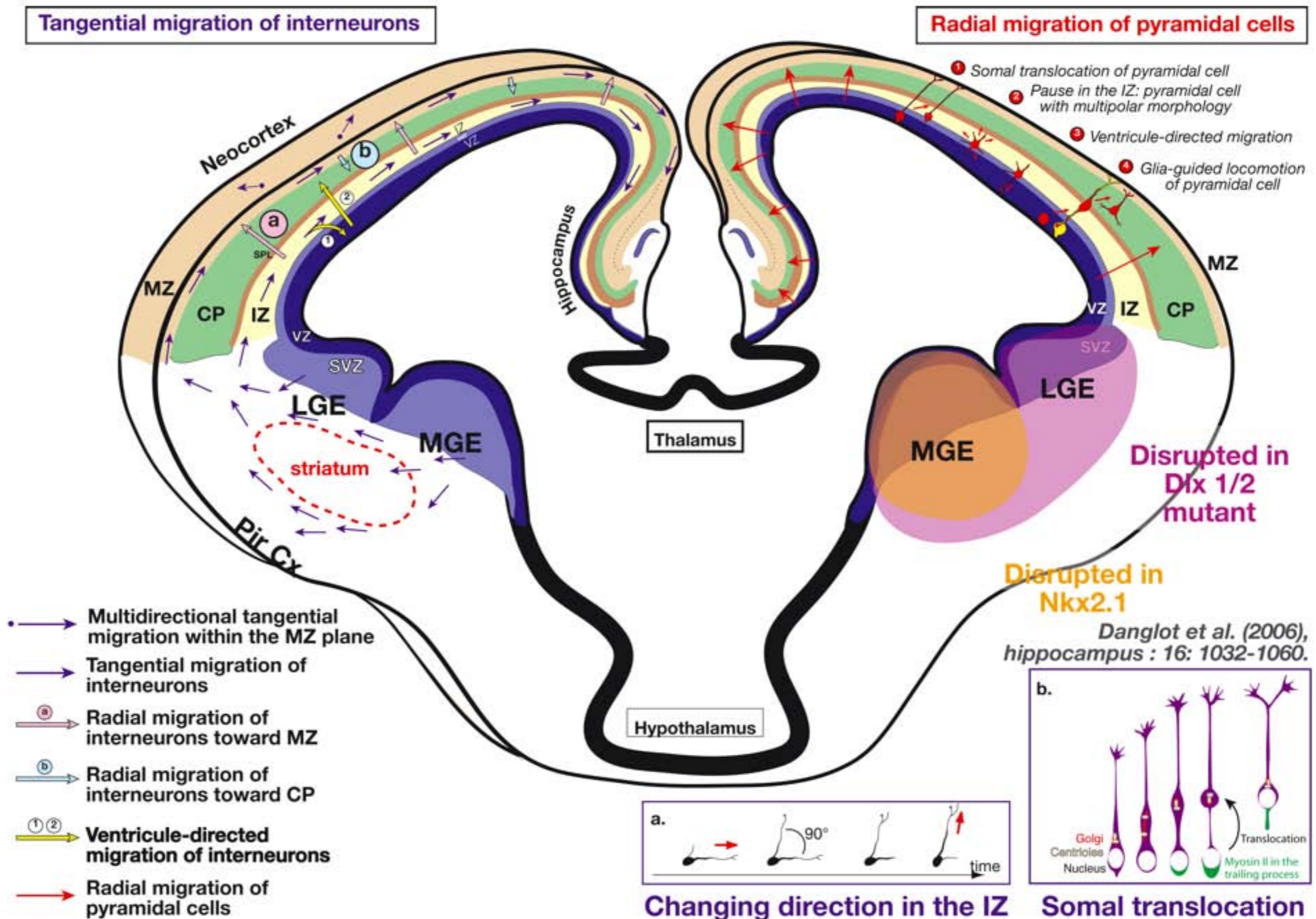
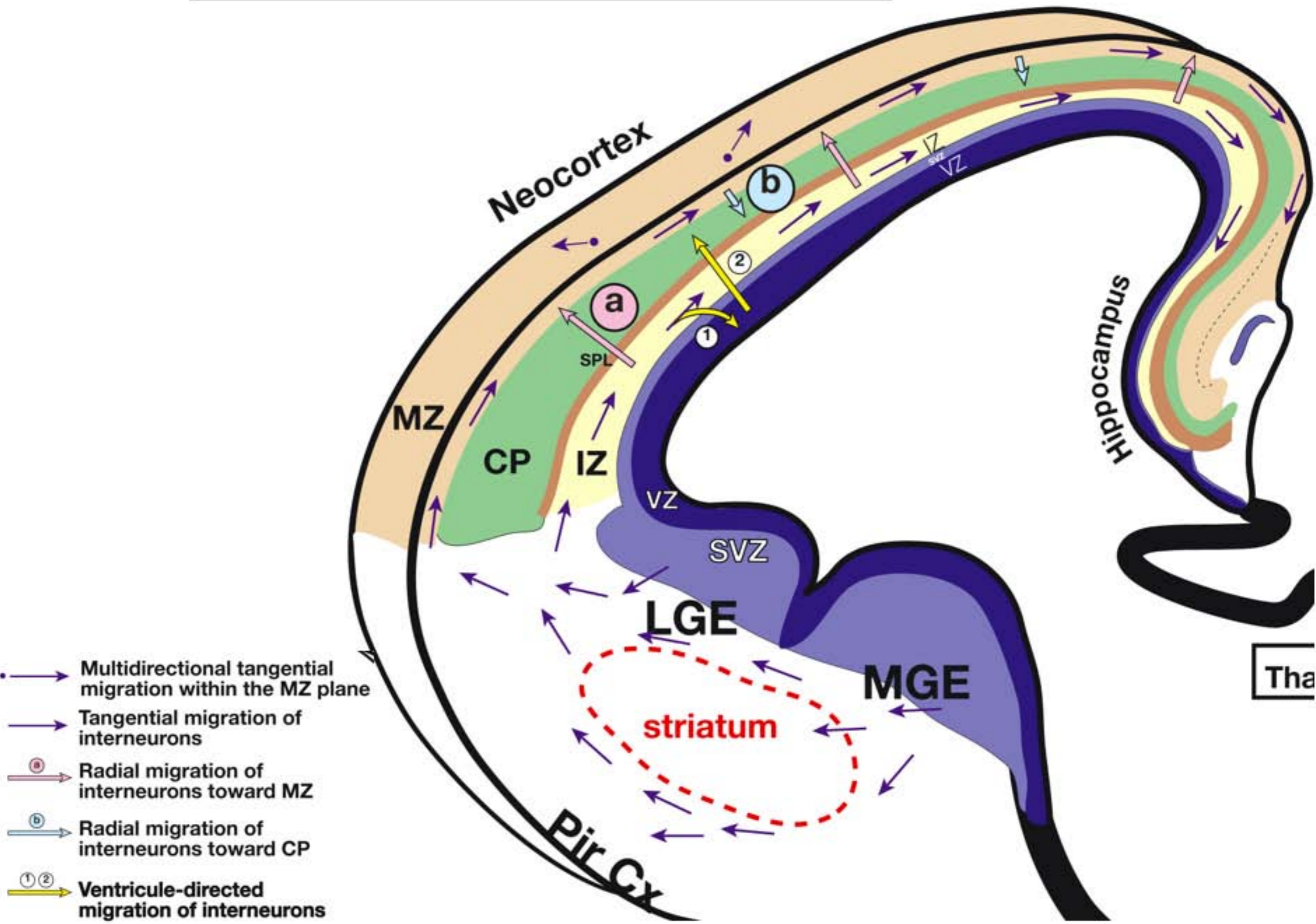


Figure 5 : Modes of migration of interneurons from the subpallial telencephalon toward the cortical and hippocampal anlagen.



**Tangential migration of interneurons**

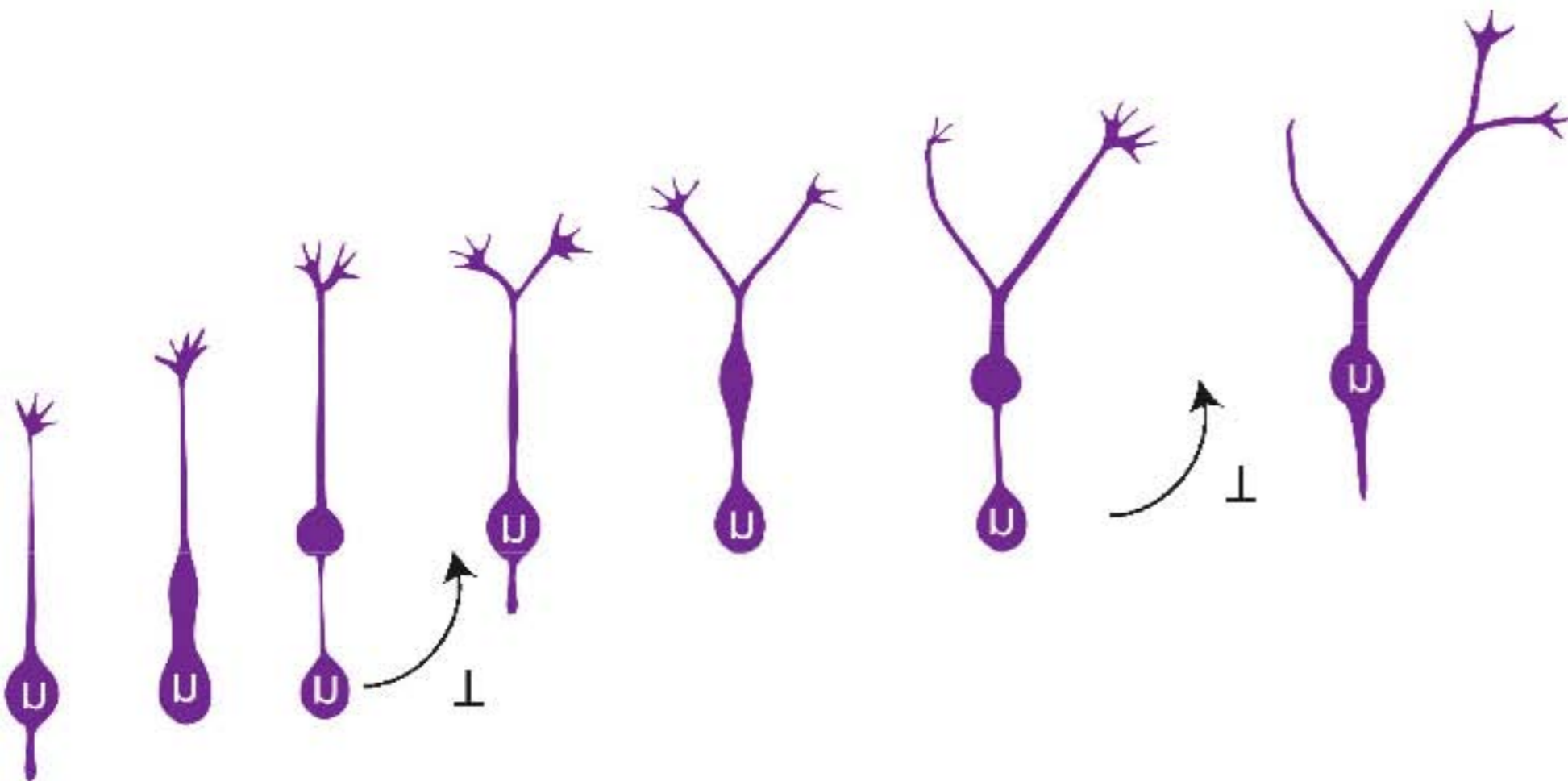


- Multidirectional tangential migration within the MZ plane
- Tangential migration of interneurons
- Radial migration of interneurons toward MZ
- Radial migration of interneurons toward CP
- Ventricule-directed migration of interneurons



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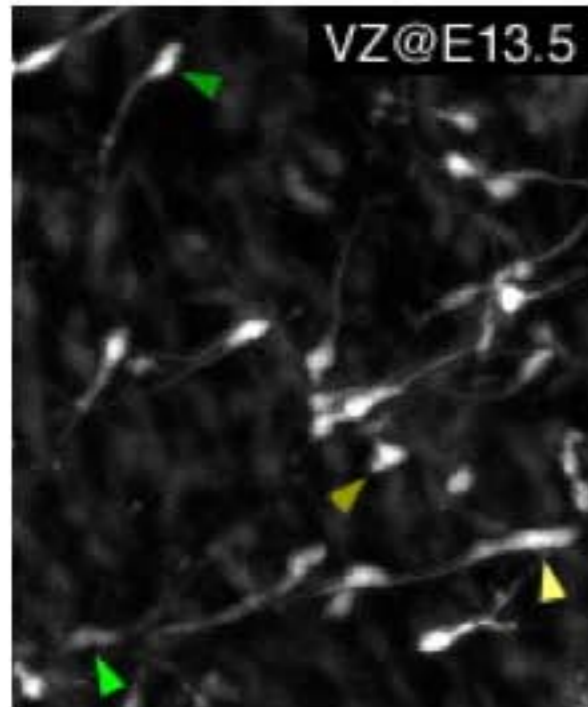
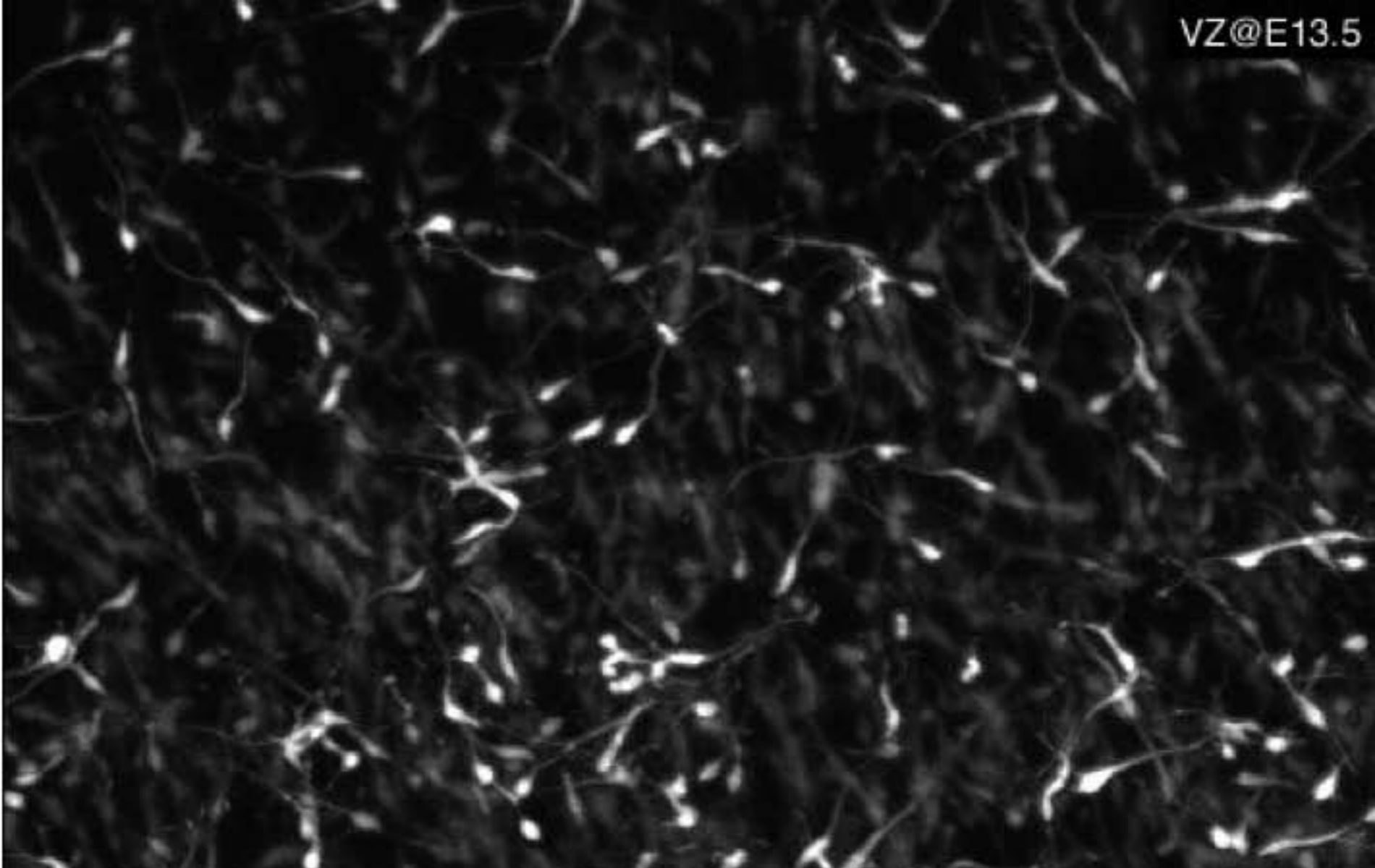
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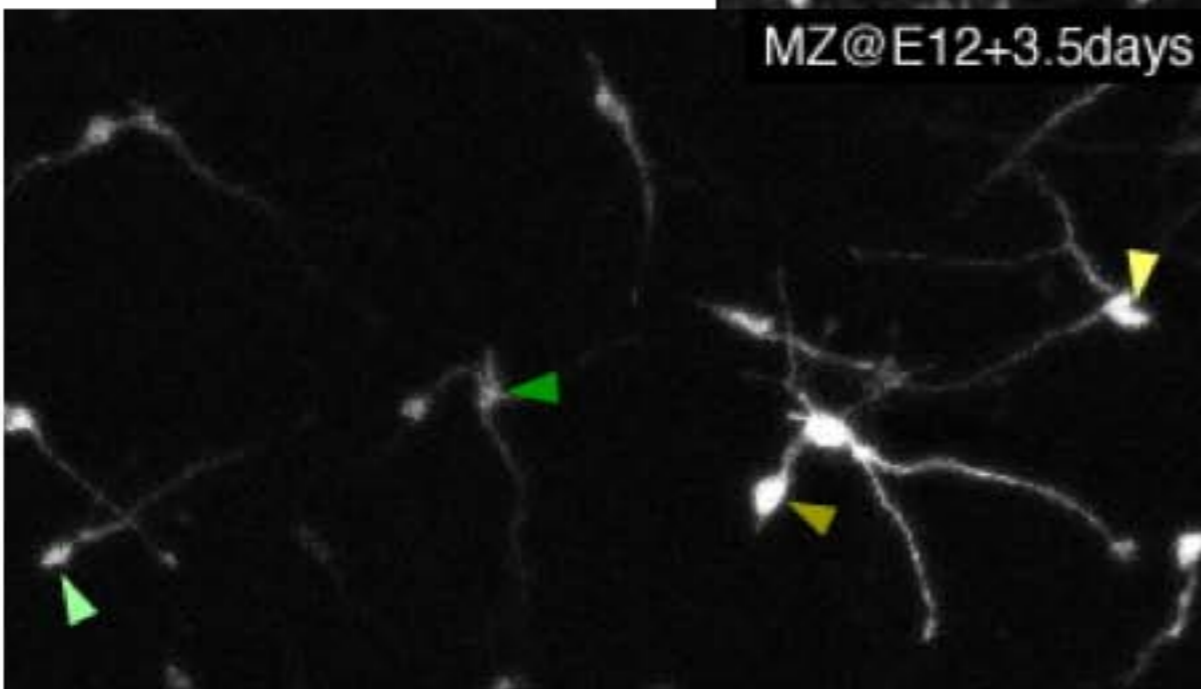


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