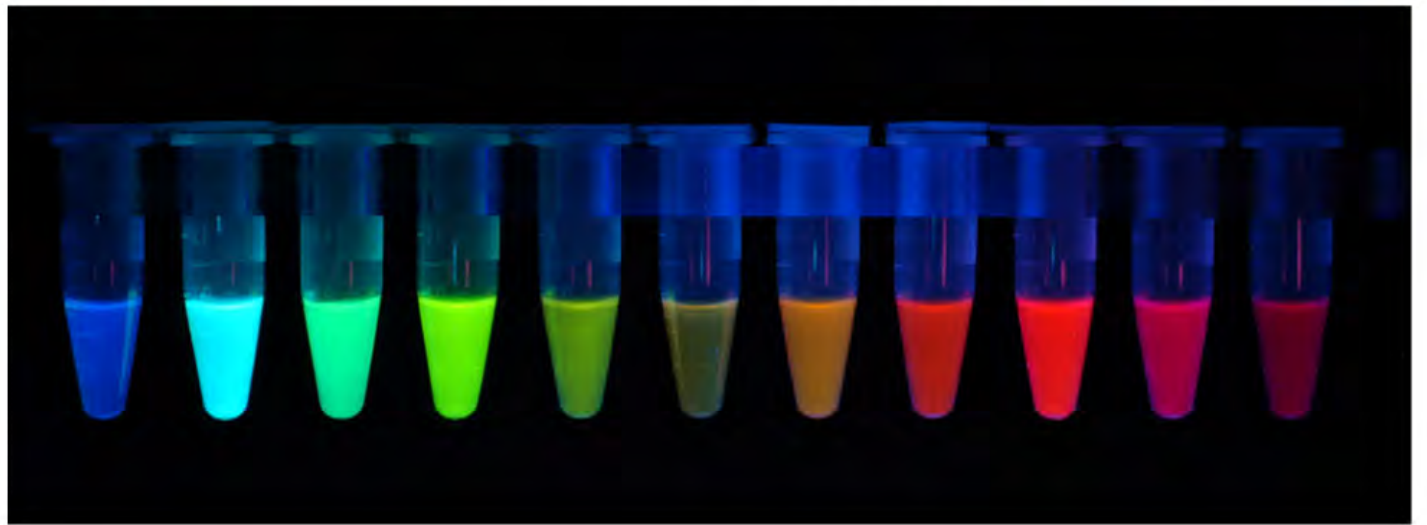
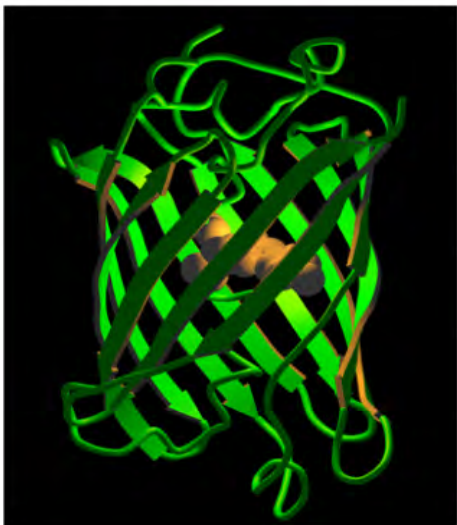
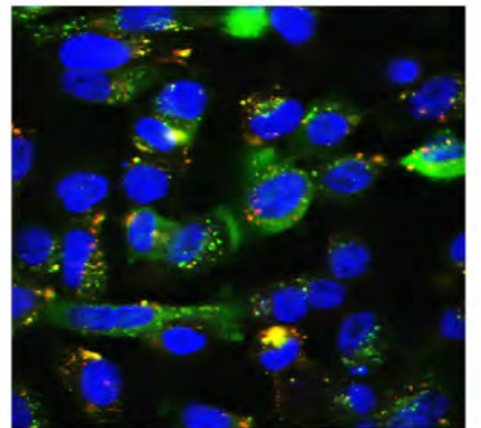
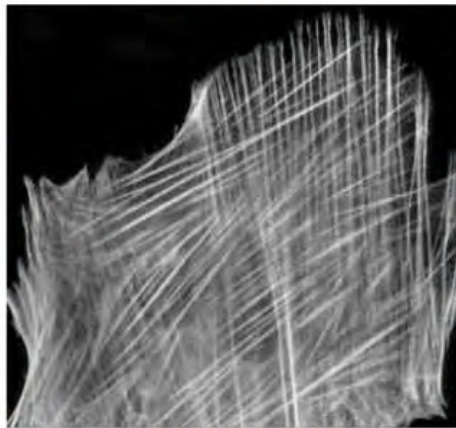
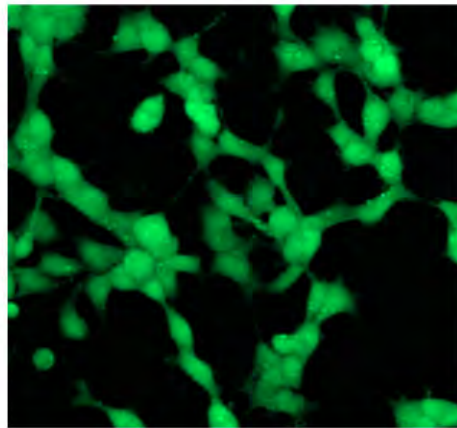
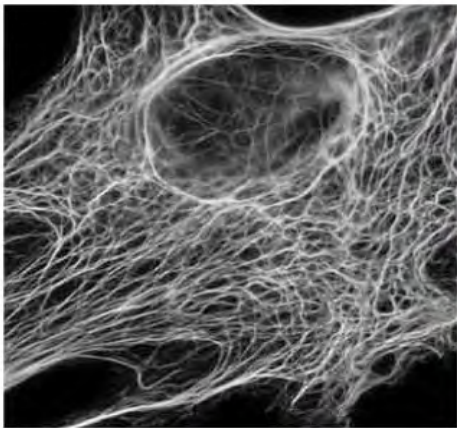
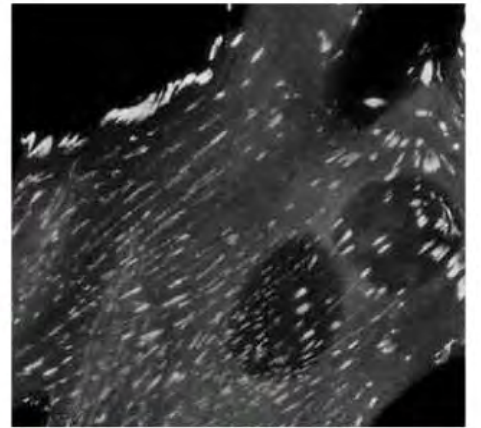
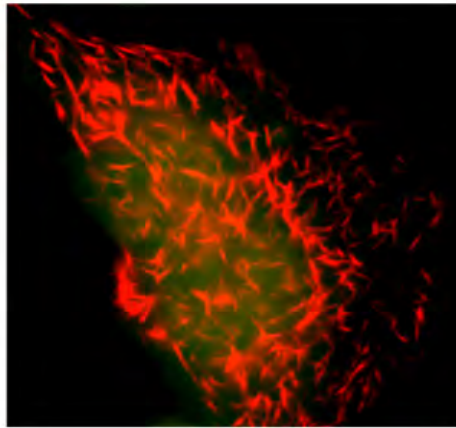
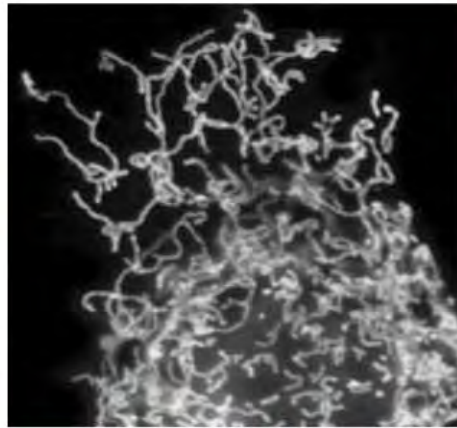
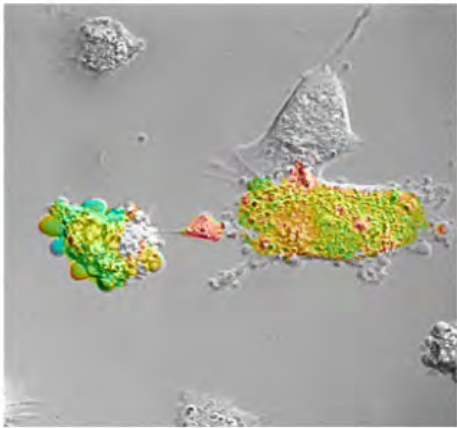
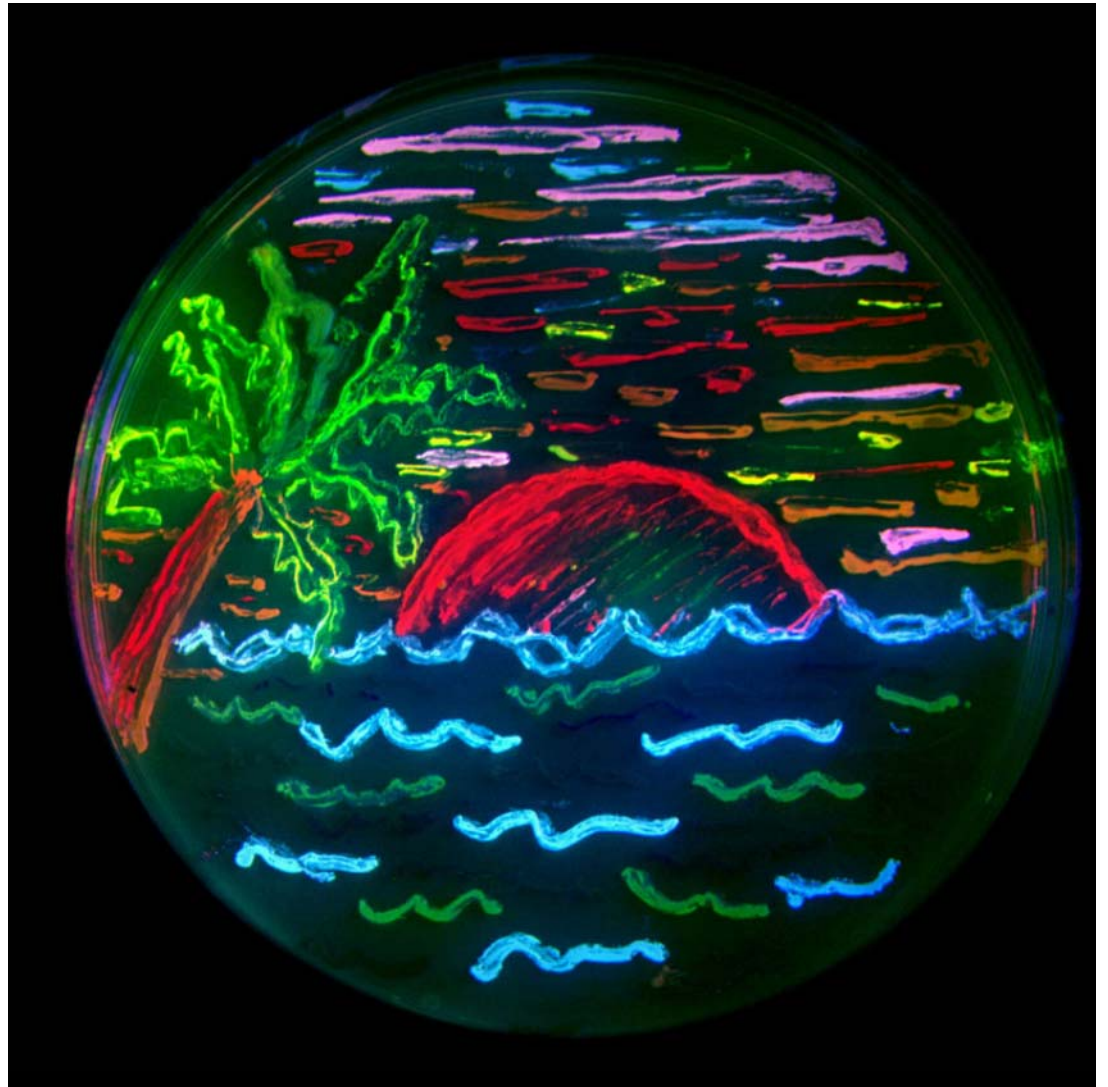
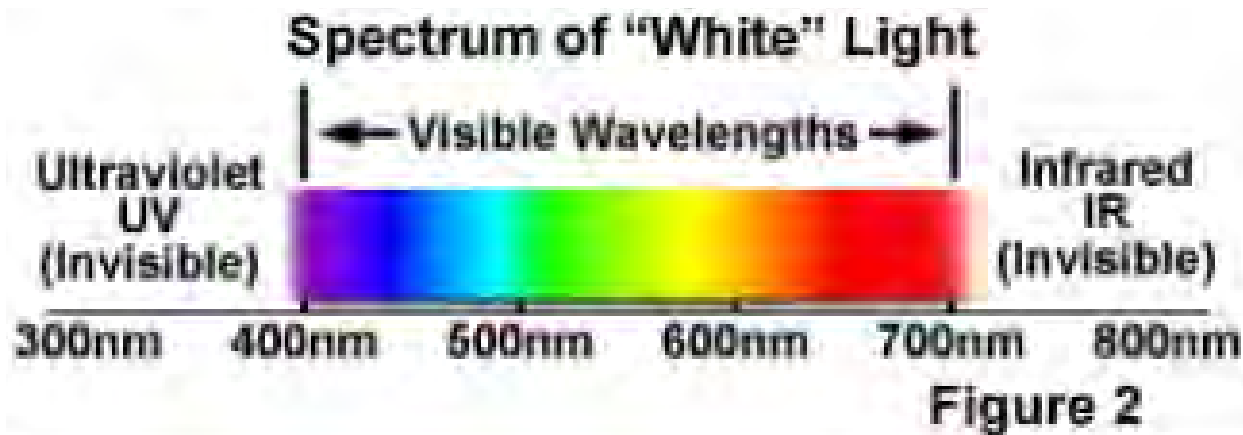
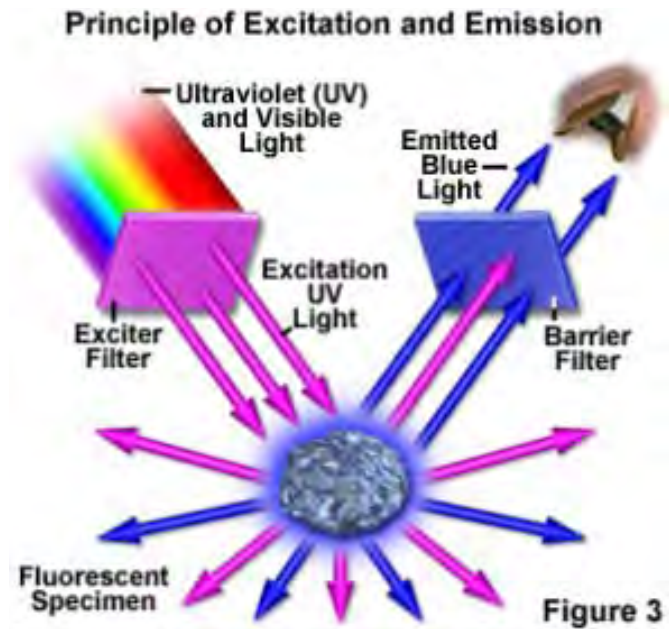
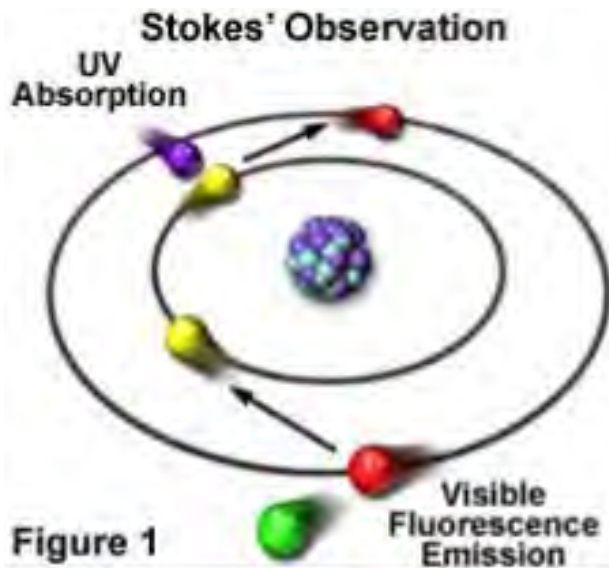


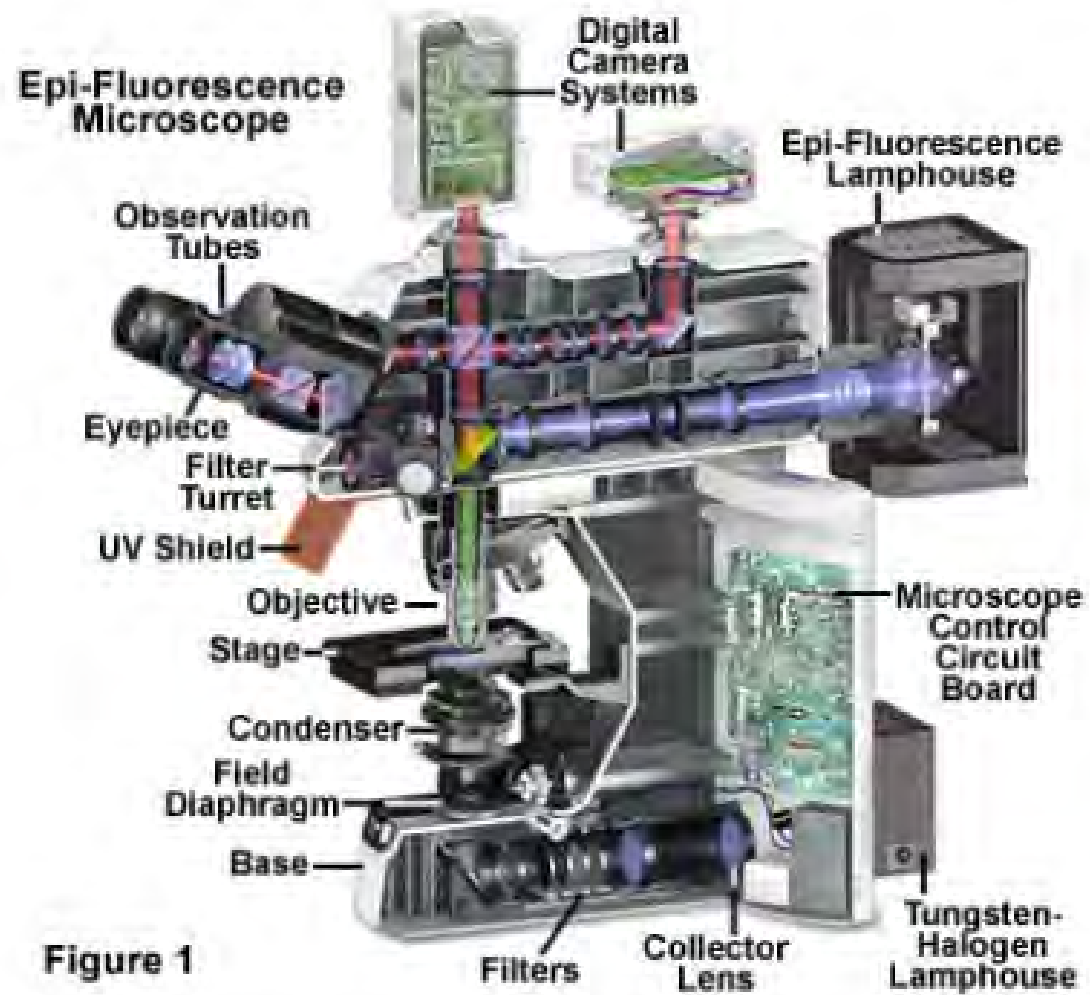
# Immunofluorescence and Fluorescent Proteins



Also can be used for practicing streaking technique...







**Fluorescent Microscope (Nikon)**

Immunofluorescence  
&  
Fluorescent Proteins

Applications

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## Immunofluorescence: Principle

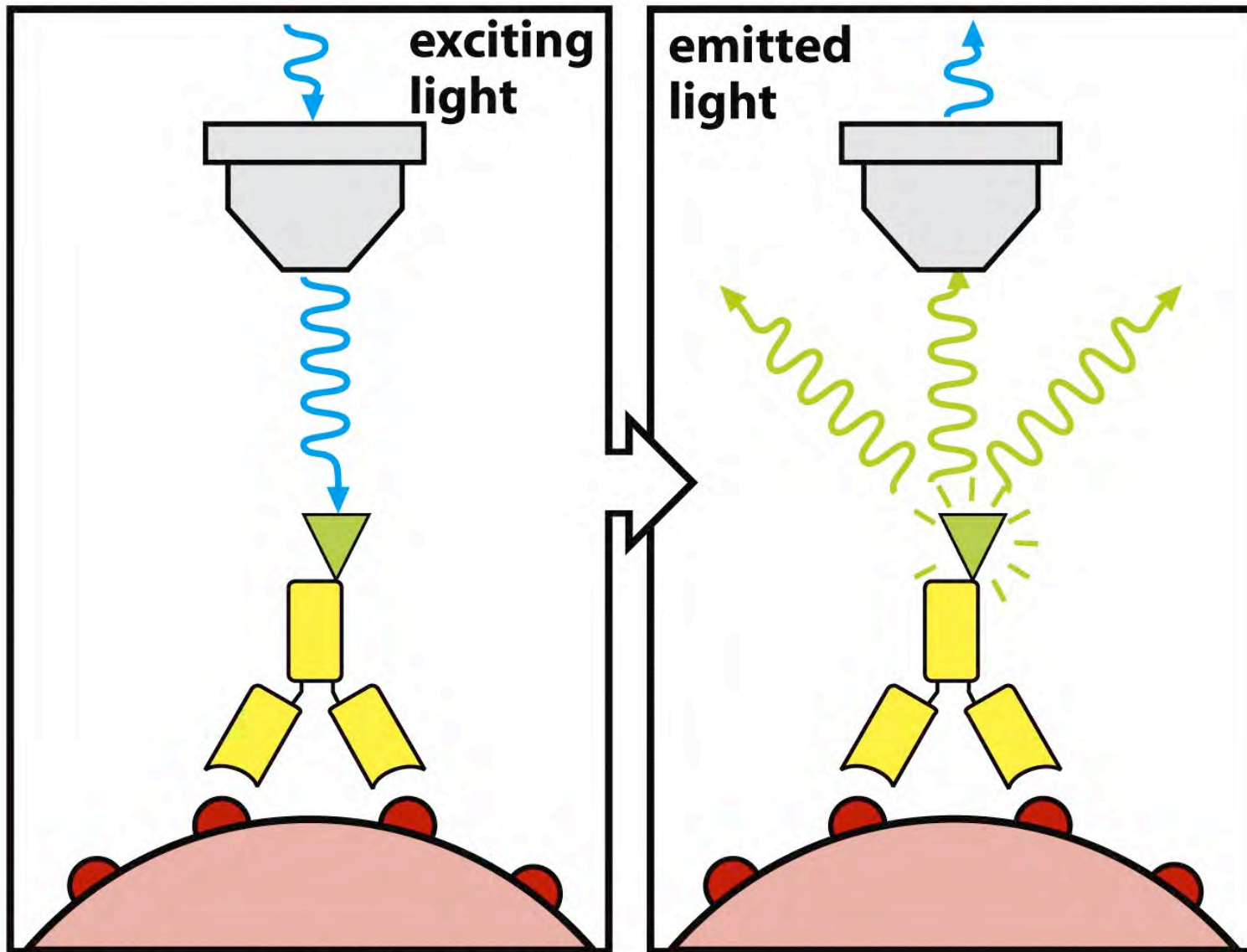


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# Use of a secondary antibody in Immunofluorescence analysis (a more practical approach)

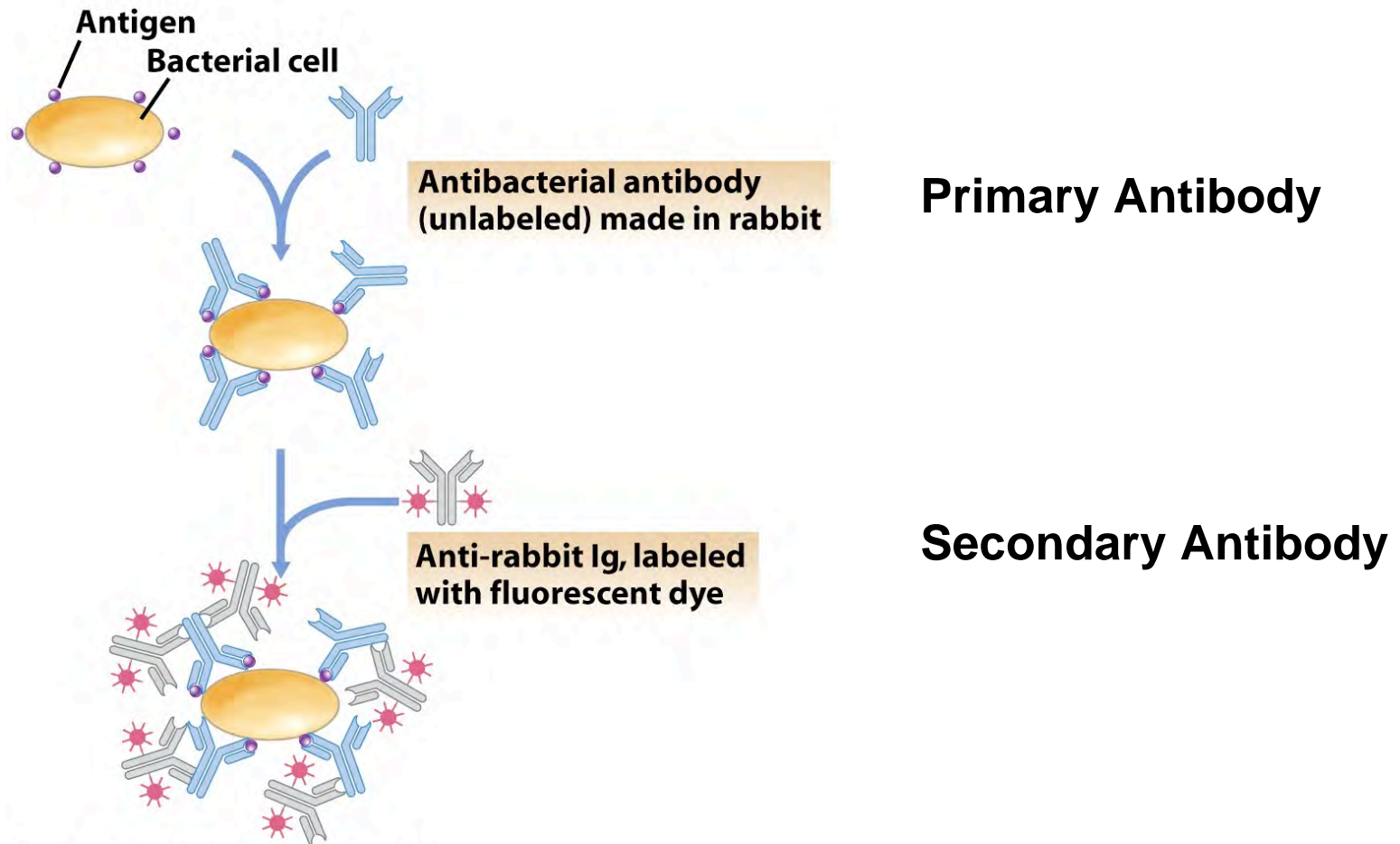


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# Immunofluorescence

<b>Excitation and emission wavelengths of some commonly used fluorochromes</b>		
<b>Probe</b>	<b>Excitation (nm)</b>	<b>Emission (nm)</b>
<b>R-phycoerythrin (PE)</b>	<b>480; 565</b>	<b>578</b>
<b>Fluorescein</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>519</b>
<b>PerCP</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>675</b>
<b>Texas Red</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>615</b>
<b>Rhodamine</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>573</b>

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# Immunofluorescence

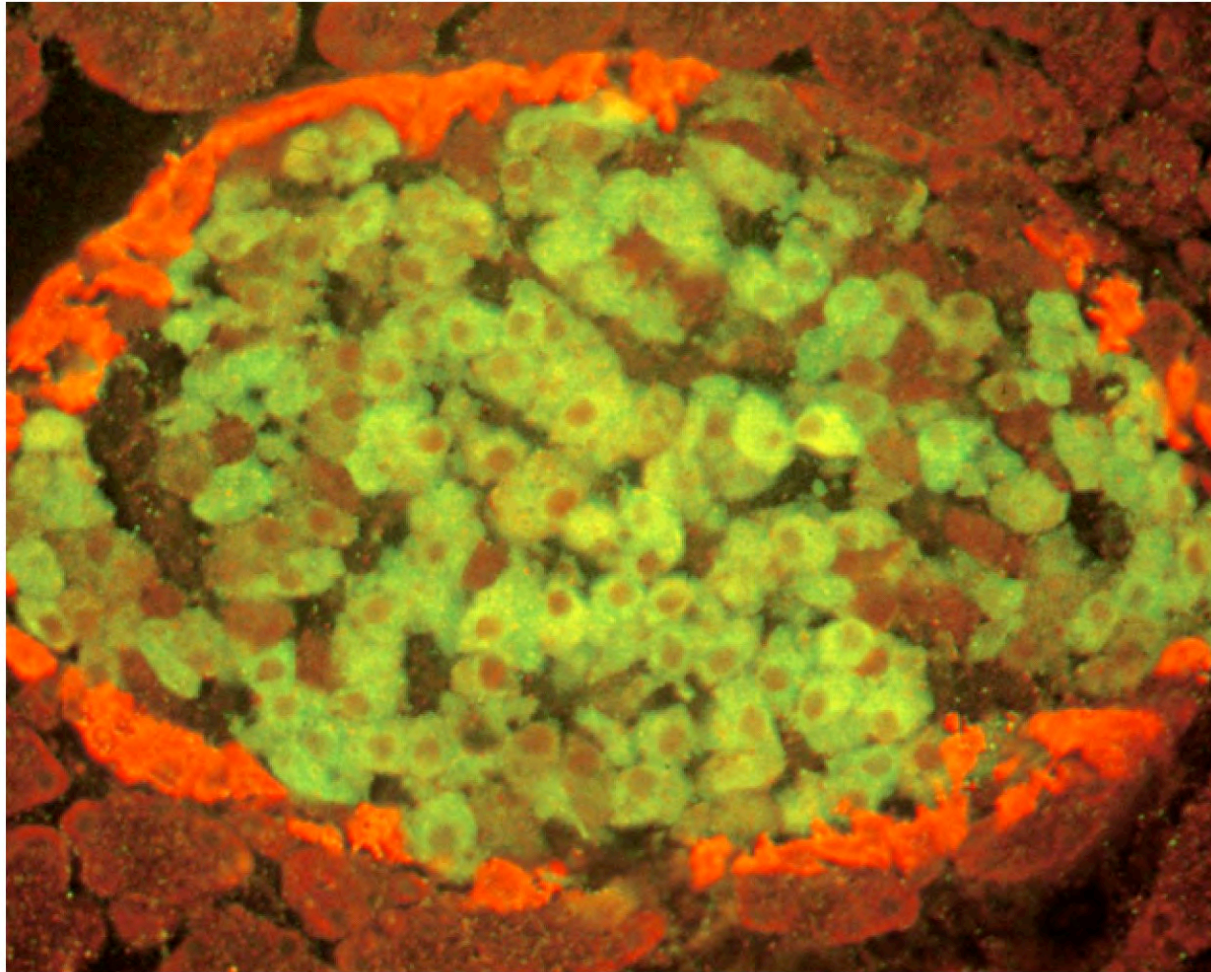


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**Glutamic acid decarboxylase in  $\beta$  cells of pancreatic islets of Langerhans**



**Glucagon in  $\alpha$  cells of pancreatic islets of Langerhans**

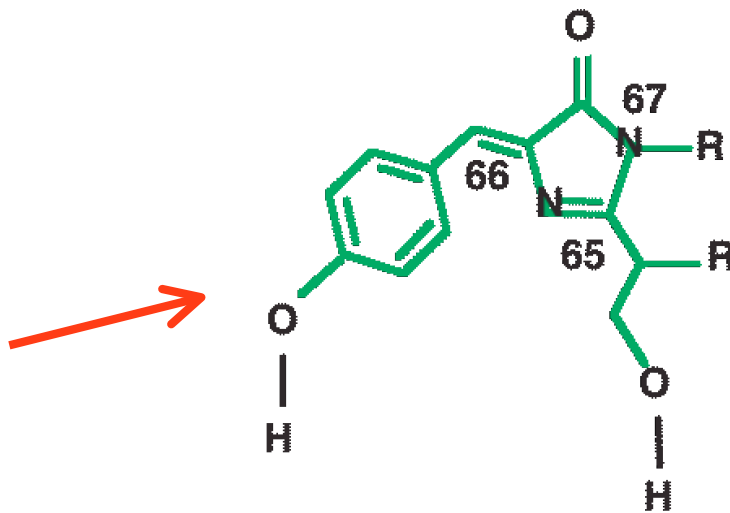
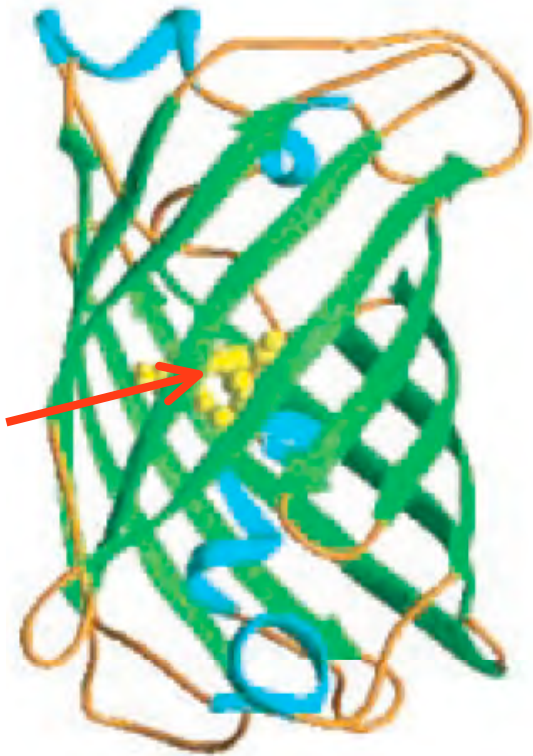
# GFP: The Green Fluorescent Protein

Source: *Aequorea victoria* (jellyfish)

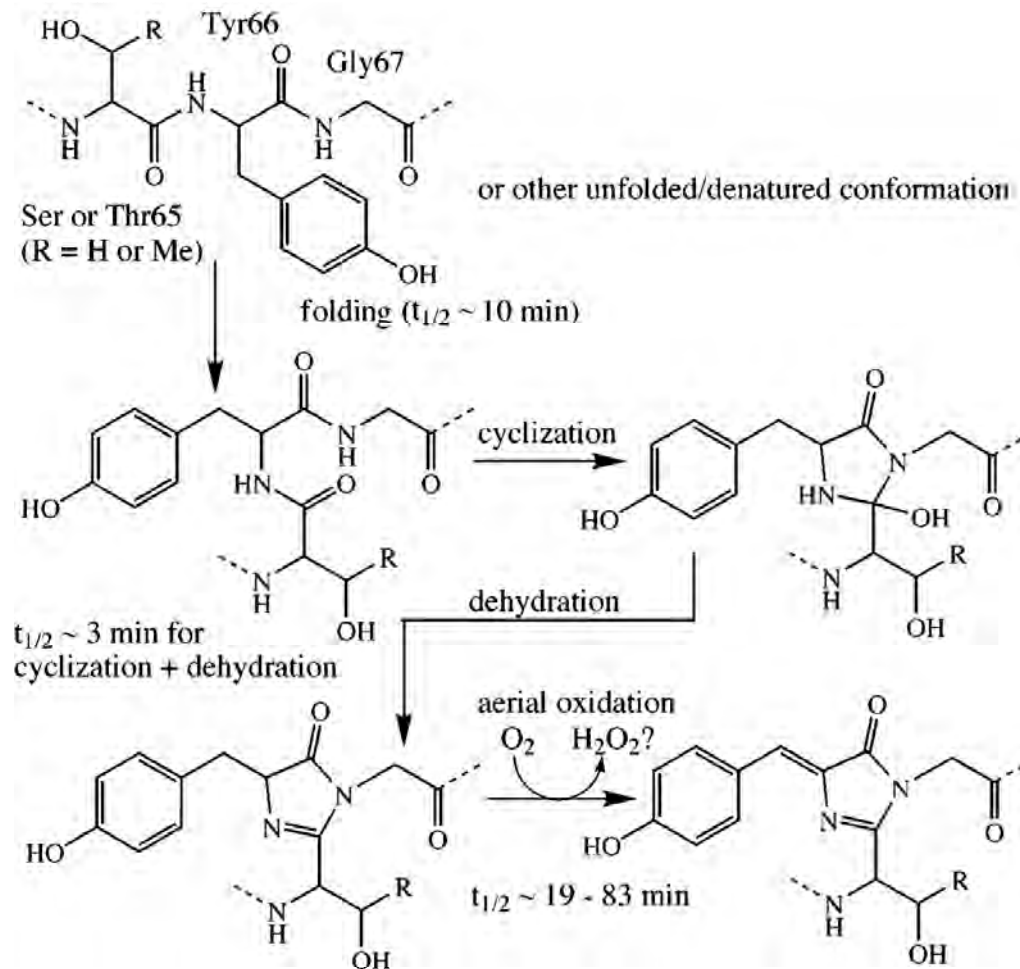
Discovery: Y. Tsien

Structure: 11-  $\beta$  Strand protein containing a fluorophore

Maturation of active site tripeptide SYG generates the fluorophore



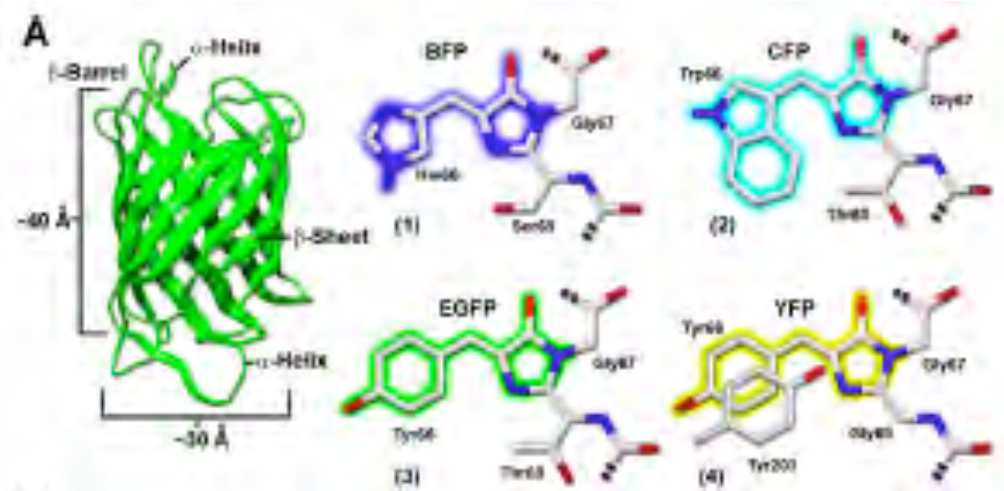
# Maturation of the Active Site Tripeptide Generates the Fluorophore





# Fluorophore Structure in GFP Variants

(Shaner, N.C. et al. 2007. J. Cell Sci. 120: 4247-4260)

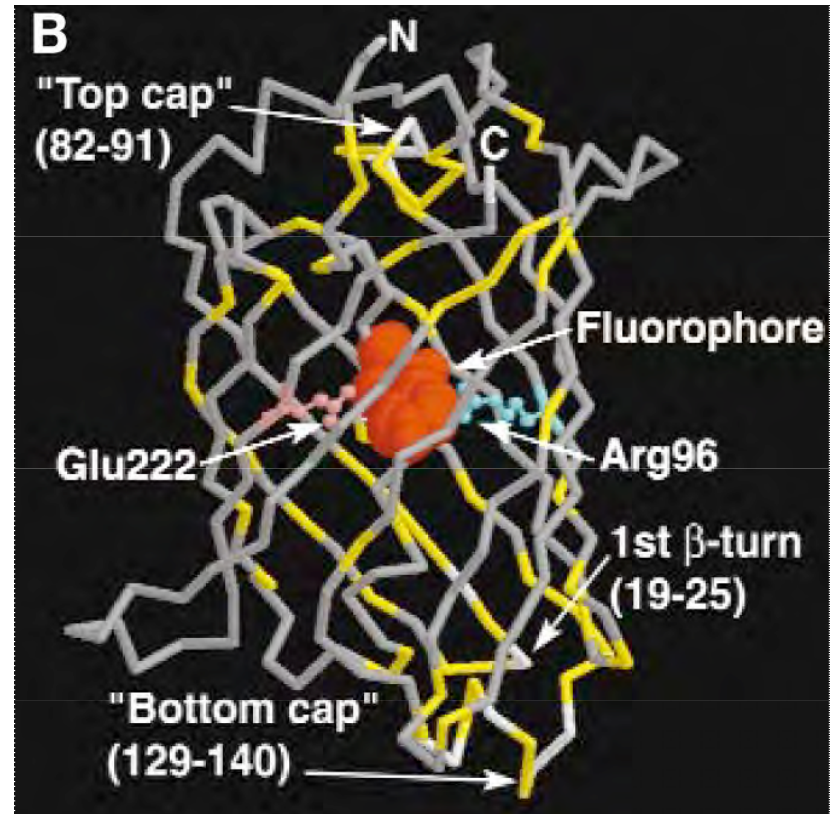


**BFP:** Blue Fluorescent Protein  
**CFP:** Cyan Fluorescent Protein  
**YFP:** Yellow Fluorescent Protein  
**EGFP:** Enhanced Green Fluorescent Protein

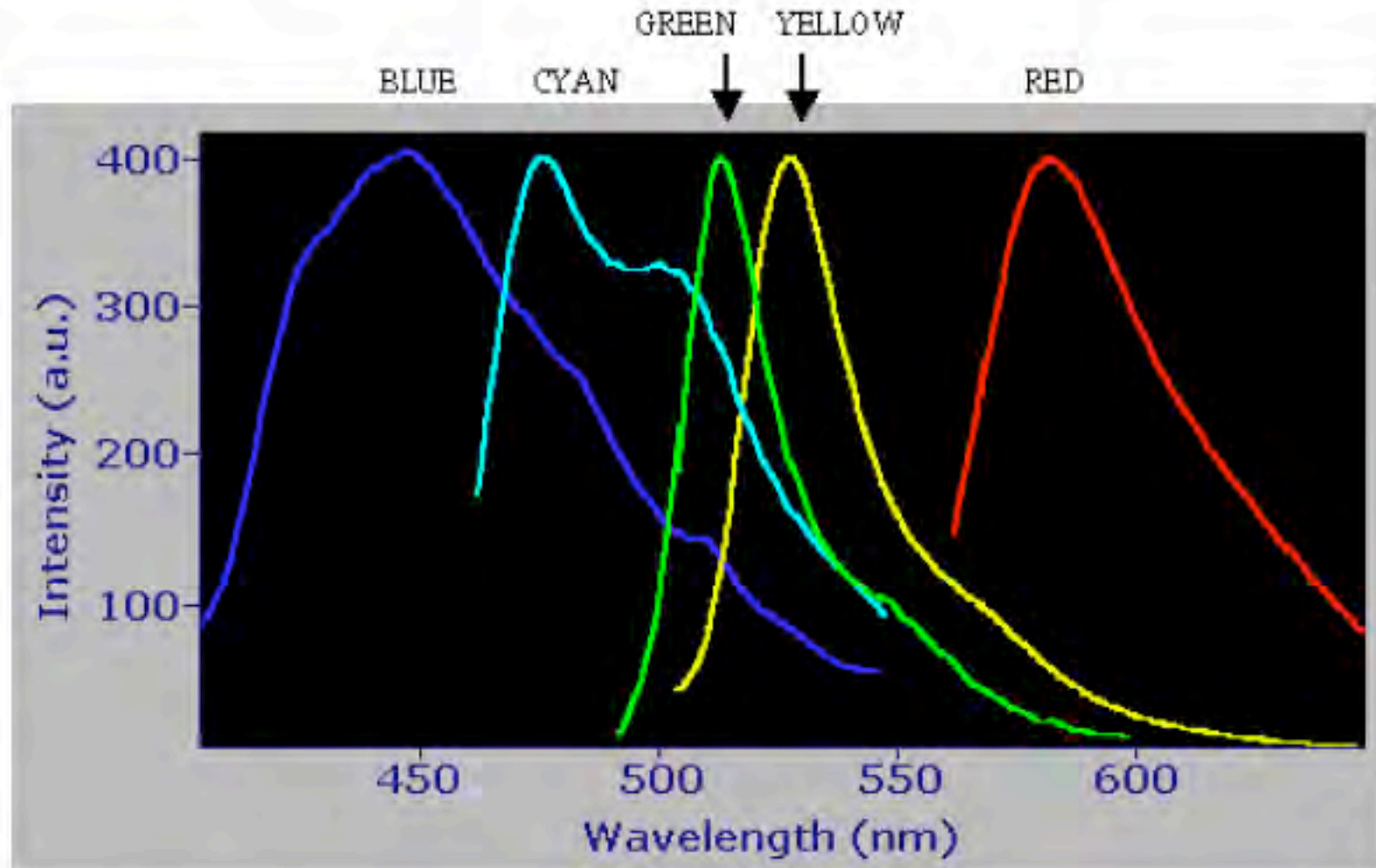
# Extended Spectrum Fluorescent Proteins: dsRed

Coral: *Discosoma*

Active site: (N/Q/K)YG



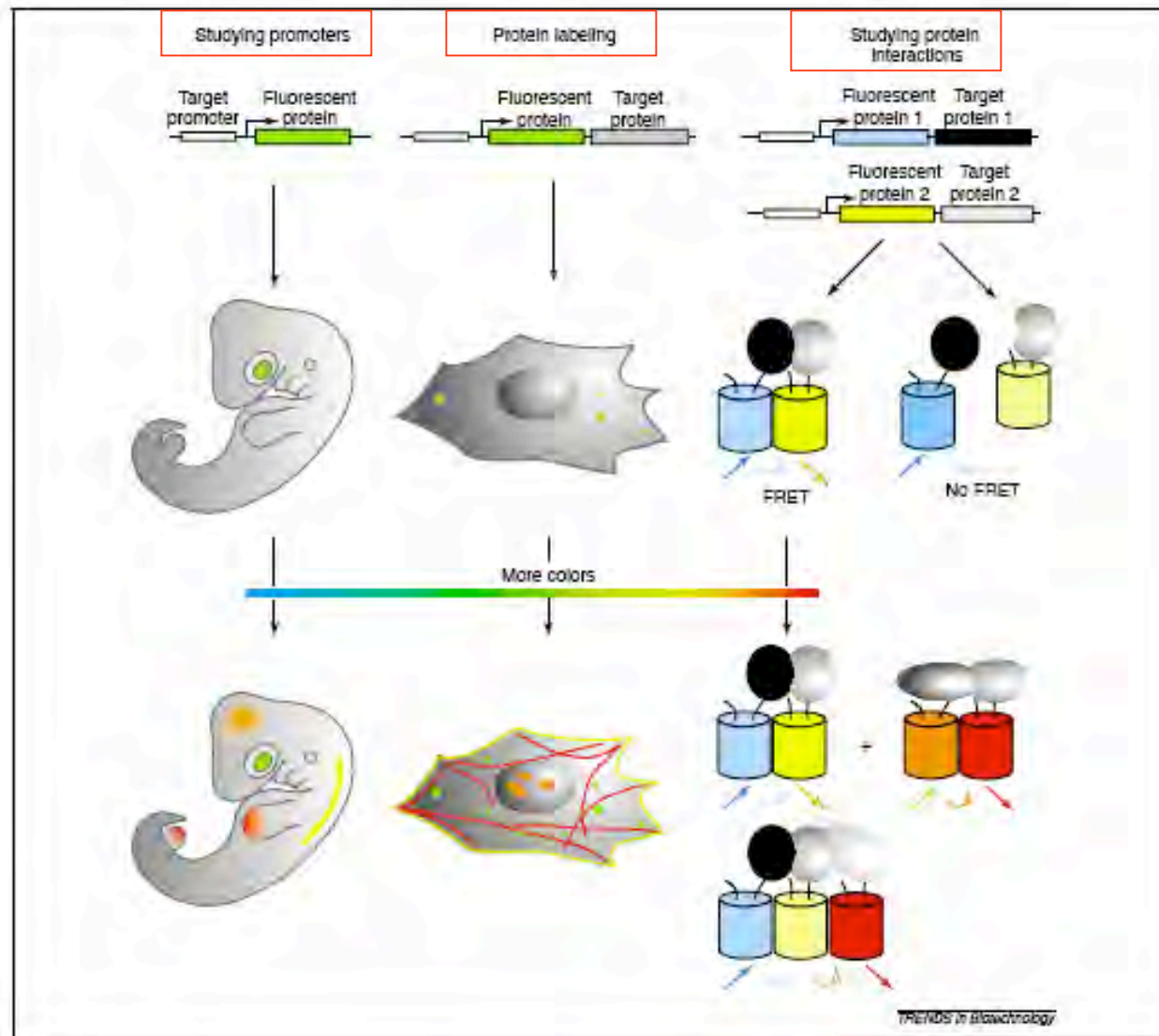
Emission red -> visible light (to 583 nm)



**Figure 3.** Intensity vs emission for the full spectrum of fluorescent proteins.

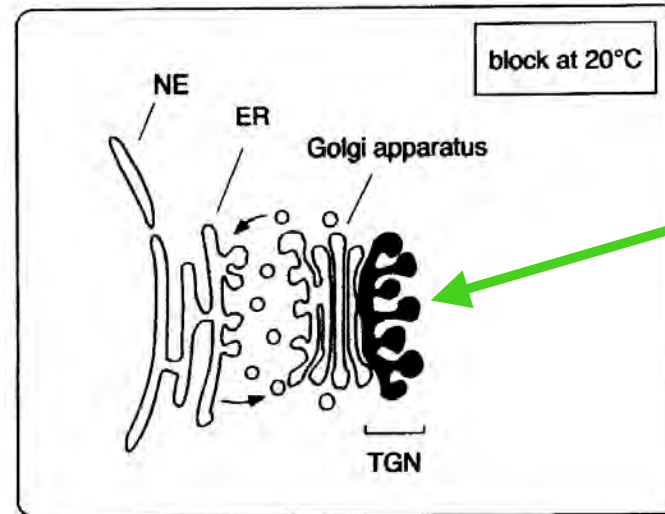


# Fluorescent Proteins: Applications

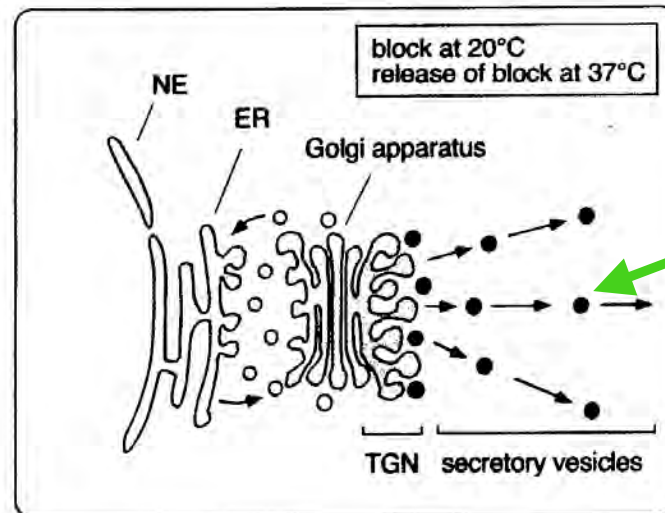


Chudakov, D.M. et al. 2005. Trends Biotech. 23: 605-613

# Application of GFP Fusions in Cell Biology

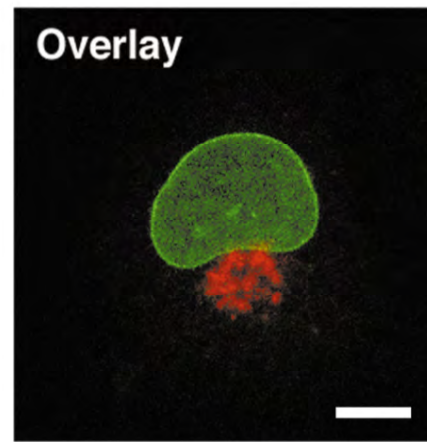
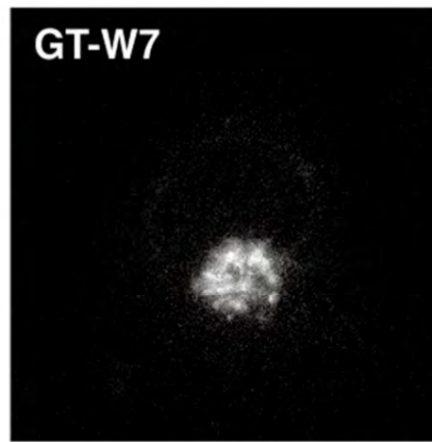
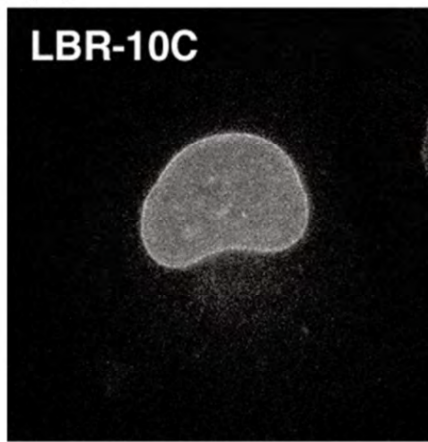


**GFP fusion to secreted protein**



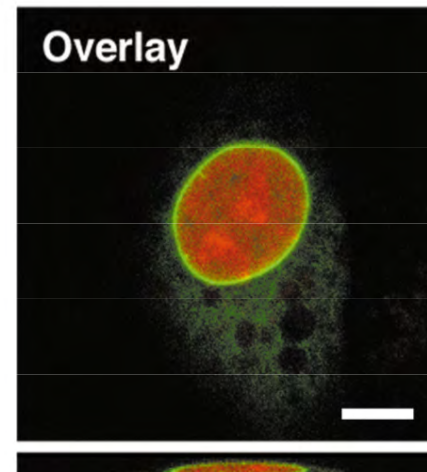
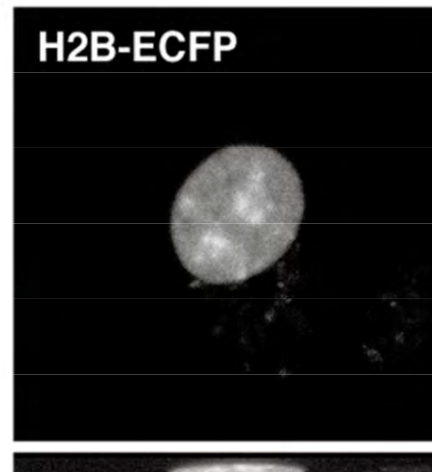
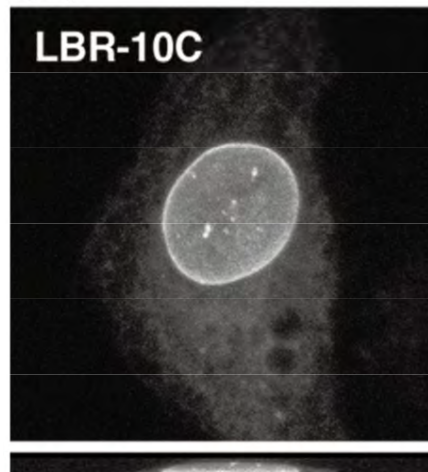
**release of GFP-labelled secretory vesicles**

## Double Labelling with GFP Variants



nucleus/lamin B  
receptor:  
green/EYFP

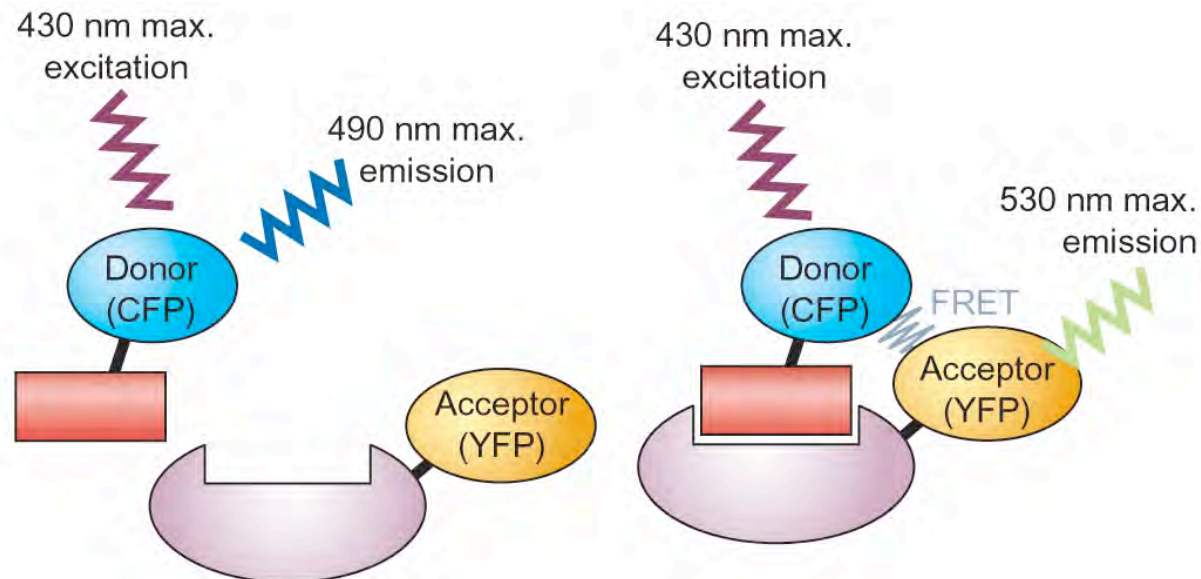
golgi: red/ECFP



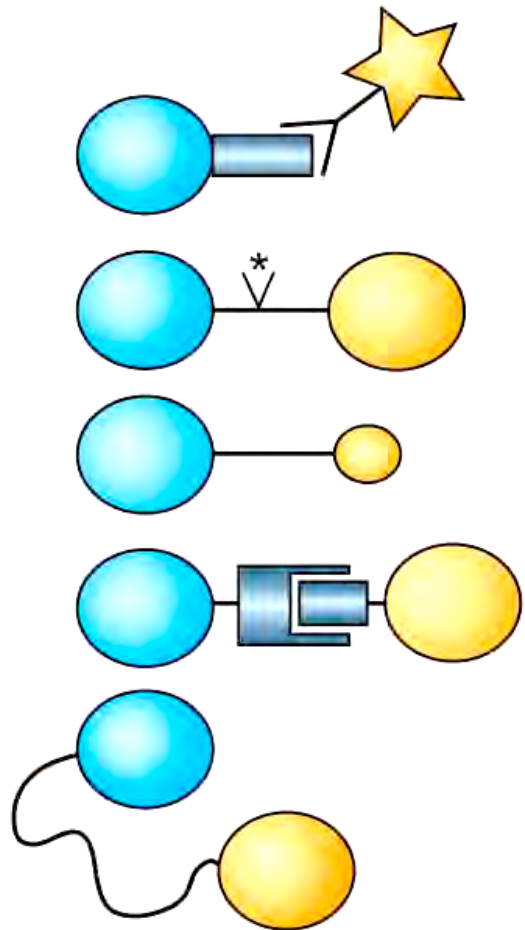
nucleus/lamin B  
receptor:  
green/EYFP

chromatin/H2B:  
red/ECFP

# Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET) in the study of protein interaction



## Design of Different Types of FRET Experiments



GFP fusion protein and fluorophore-coupled primary antibody undergo FRET<sup>46–48</sup>

Proteolytic cleavage between two fluorescent proteins eliminates FRET<sup>70–72</sup>

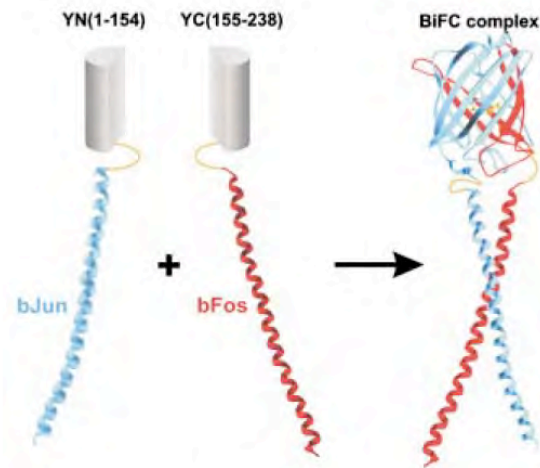
FRET acceptor fluorescent protein is sensitive to chemical environment<sup>62</sup>

GFP fusion proteins interact and FRET<sup>40,41,73–75</sup>

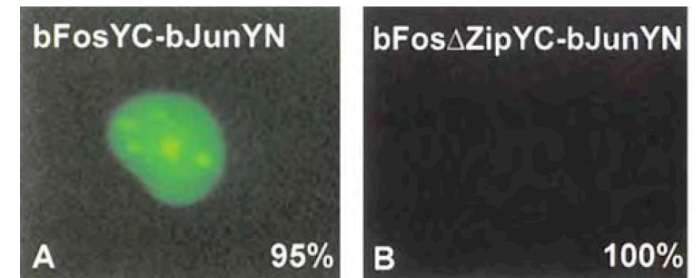
FRET efficiency varies with linker sequence conformation<sup>39,52,66–69</sup>

# BiFC - Bimolecular Fluorescence Complementation Split GFP Approach

## Leu zipper interaction *in vitro*



## Fos - Jun interaction *in vivo*



Hu et al.,  
2001

