

Immuno-Fluorescence IF Staining and Imaging Workshop

**Having challenges of IF staining?
Join our workshop for solutions! All Welcome!**

Morning tea and lunch provided.
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Topics

- Basics of fluorescence imaging & IF
- Signal enhancing and background reduction
- Stains for cell health and function
- Novel Opal technique-dramatically improves staining and allows multiple primary antibodies of the same species
- Making most of the exiting Nuance imaging system to get rid of your autofluorescence background
- Vendor training/demo of the Nuance



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Program (24 July 15)

10-10.30am	Getting great data from your fluorescence staining by Dr Jad El-Hoss, Thermo Fisher
10.30-11am	Real research stories: challenges of IF staining in liver and fungal studies by Dr Mahmoud Azar, STL WMI Dr Sophie Lev, CIDM WMI
11-11.30am	Morning tea, WMI Café area Sponsored by Thermo Fisher
11.30-12pm	Strategies for multiplexed IF staining: Opal kit and multispectral imaging Dr Justin Ross, PerkinElmer
12-1.00pm	Lunch WMI Café area Sponsored by Perkin Elmer
1.30-3.00pm	Demo and training on Nuance multispectral imaging system Room J2.08 Cell Imaging Facility
1.30-3.00pm	Product display and Q&A time Thermo Fisher Shared area Cell Imaging Facility

10am-3pm 24 July 2015, WMI L2 Conference Room C2.20, WRH Cell Imaging Facility

Program

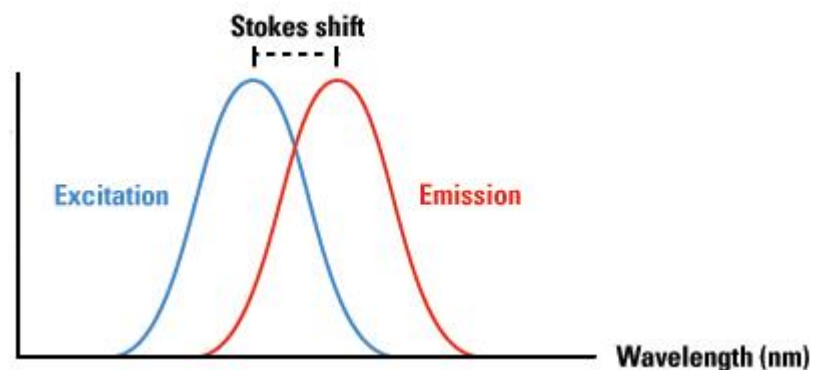
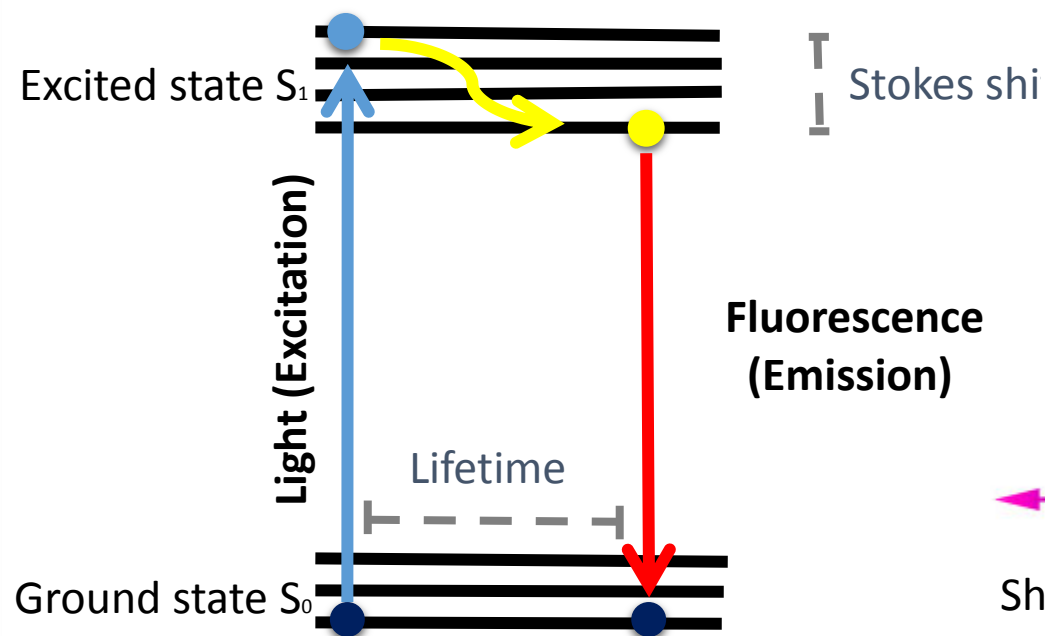
- 10.00-10.20** Welcome. IF basics and some considerations for IF staining microscopy
Dr Hong Yu
- 10.20-10.45 Getting great data from your fluorescence staining
Dr Jad El-Hoss, Thermo Fisher
- 10.45-11.15** Real research stories: challenges of IF staining in liver and fungal studies
Dr Mahmoud Azar, STL WMI
Dr Sophie Lev, CIDM WMI
- 11.15-11.35 Morning Tea, WMI Café area
Sponsored by Thermo Fisher
- 11.35-12.00** Strategies for multiplexed IF staining: Opal kit and multispectral imaging
Dr Justin Ross, PerkinElmer
- 12.00-12.05 Closing remarks and expression of interest for future seminars
Dr Laurence Cantrill
- 12.05-13.00** Lunch WMI Café area
Sponsored by Perkin Elmer
- 13.30-16.30 Tours, Demo and training on Nuance/Mantra multispectral imaging system
Dr Justin Ross, Perkin Elmer; Room J2.08 Cell Imaging Facility
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Theory of fluorescence



Shorter wavelength
Higher energy
Weaker penetration

Longer wavelength
Less energy
Better penetration

A horizontal color bar with a purple arrow pointing left and a red arrow pointing right, showing a gradient from purple to red.

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Selection of fluorescent probes for IF staining

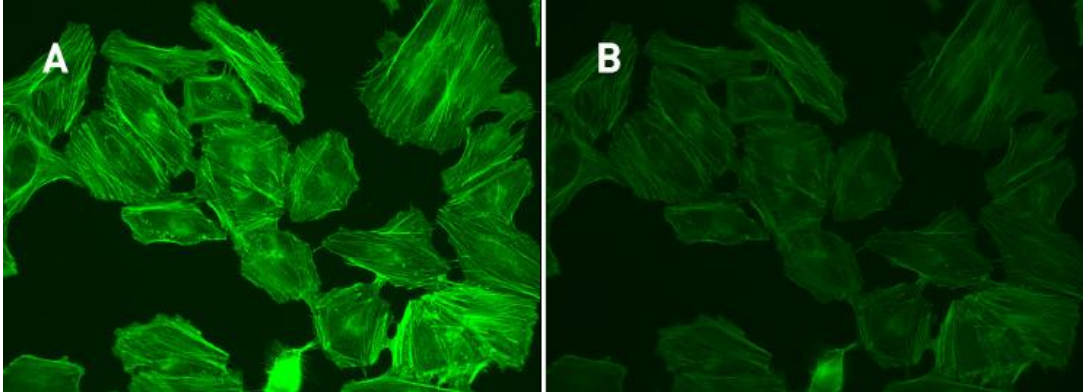
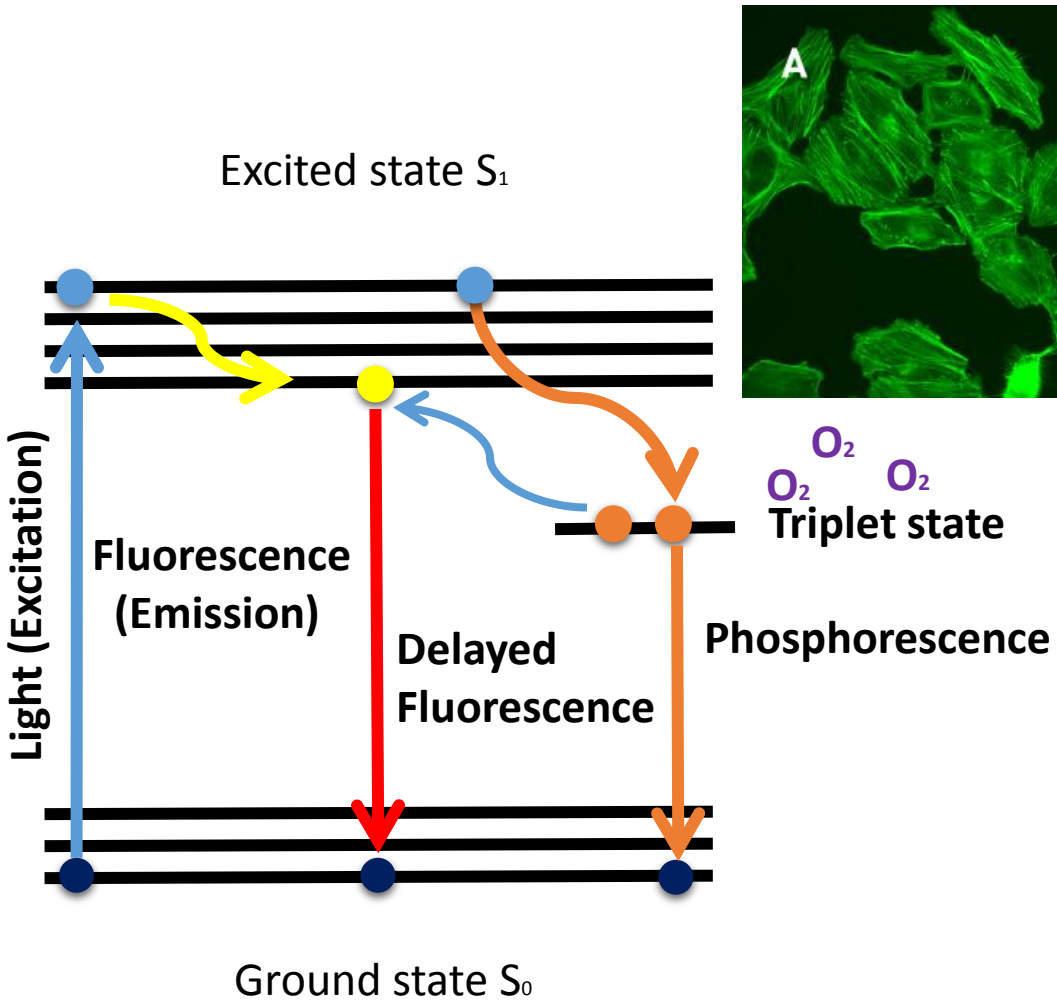
- Great Stokes shift
- Avoid crosstalk---SpectraViewer
- Thick/thin sample---
longer/shorter wavelength
- Shorter wavelength better resolution
Resolution = $(0.61 \times \lambda) / NA$



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Photobleaching and solutions



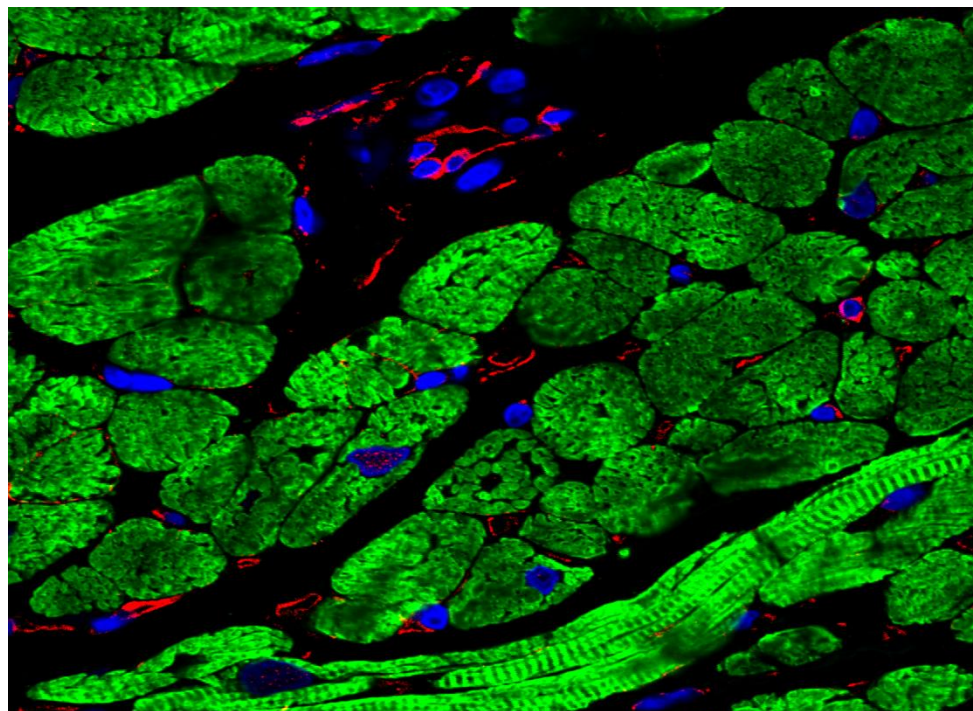
Protecting against photobleaching

- Use anti-fade agents to de-oxygenate your sample
- Reduce excitation intensity or exposure time
- Store your slides at low temperature



Autofluorescence (AF)

- AF Fixatives—wash with 0.1% borohydride in PBS for 30 min
- AF--- worst @ 488nm; use other channels i.e. blue, red, or far red
- AF quenchers: Sudan Black, Trypan Blue, Trueblack™ (Biotium)
- Nuance multispectral imaging system

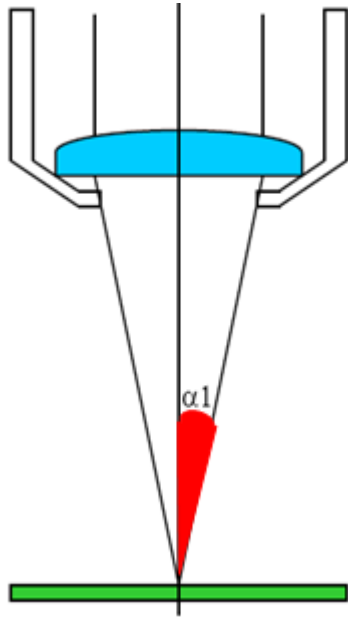


Numerical Aperture (NA) of a lens

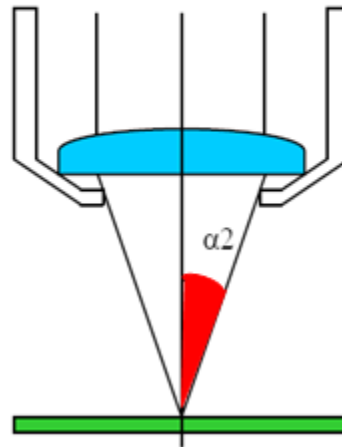
$$NA = n \sin \alpha$$

α : one-half angular aperture

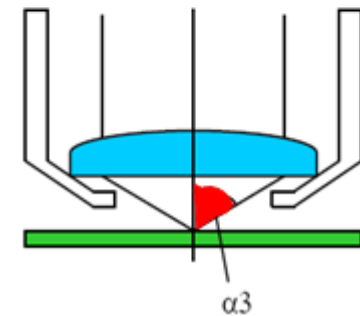
n : refractive index



10x Dry
NA 0.42

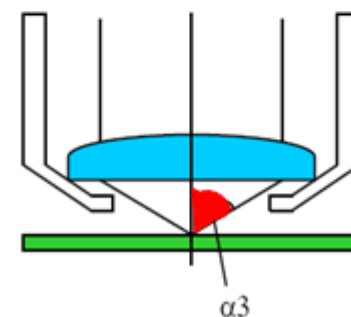
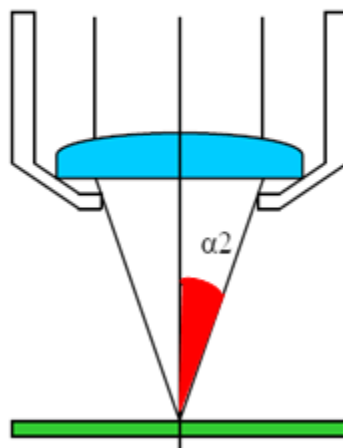
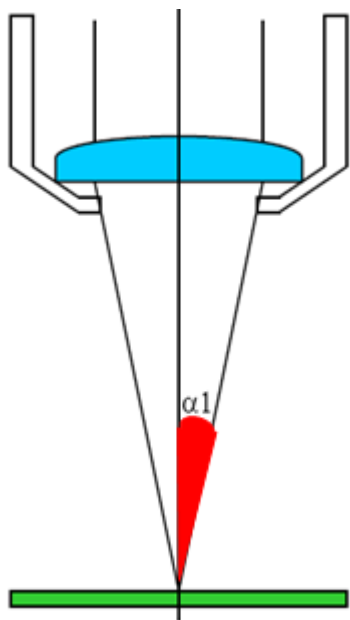


40x Water
NA 0.65



60x Oil
NA 1.42

Choosing the right objective



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Choosing the right objective

- high NA lens
- Apochromatic lens
- Correction collar



Interpreting IF results--controls

- **Negative controls—preclude false positive**
 - no staining at all—AF background
 - 2nd Ab only—non-specific staining
 - isotype control (monoclonal 1st Ab)
 - Absorption control—specific staining
 - knockout
- **Positive controls—verify protocol and 1st Ab**
 - known sample
 - immunoblots
 - Single staining
- **Include controls in scientific papers**



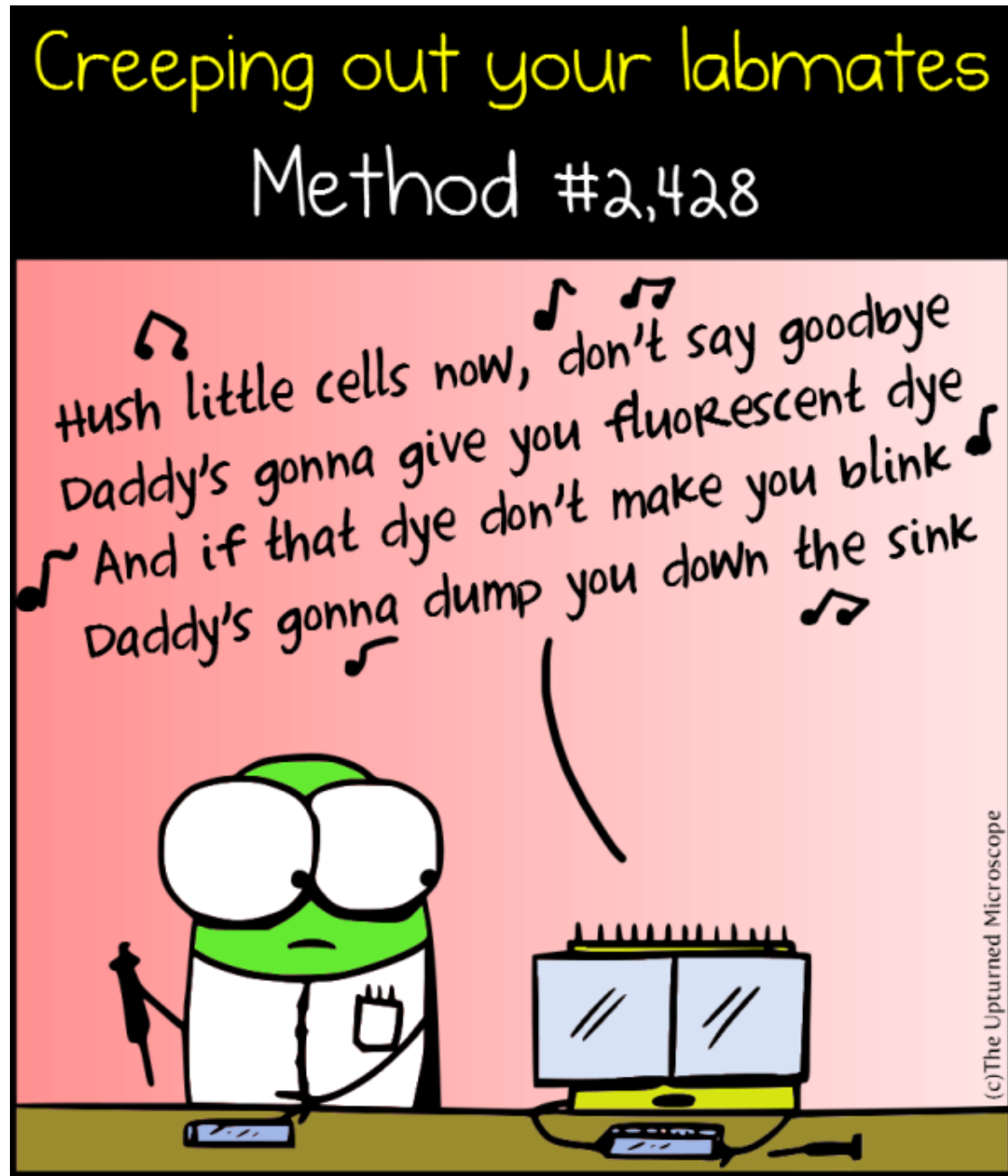
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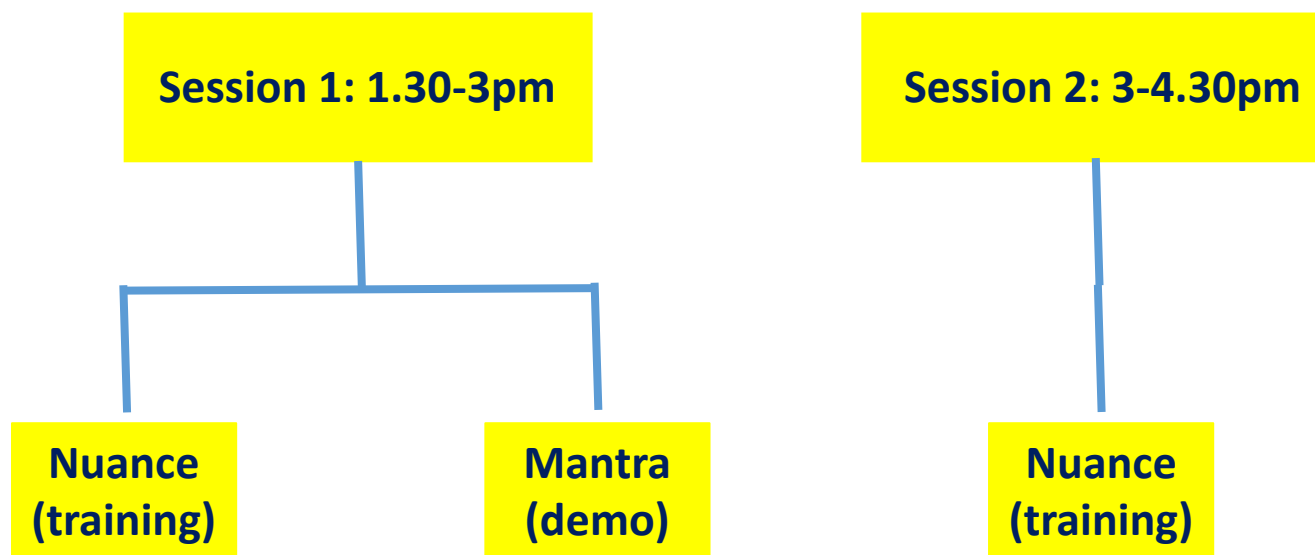
Location!



**Thank you and
Enjoy more talks!**



Afternoon training and workshop



What topics would you like for next seminar/workshop?

1. Foundational light microscopy
2. Confocal microscopy
3. LCM workshop
4. Live cell Imaging
5. Super-res microscopy---