Think outside the dot.





Insight & Analysis

Welcome to a Revolution in Cell Analysis: Imaging Flow Cytometry

The ImageStream® system advances your science by combining quantitative cellular imagery with powerful population statistics.

With traditional cell analysis, you've had to choose between visualizing a few cells under a microscope without quantitation or analyzing large cell populations by flow cytometry without imagery. Microscopy gives you detailed fine structure, morphology, and qualitative molecular localization. Flow cytometry gives you robust statistical information and detection of rare sub-populations. No technology has been able to give you all this at the same time and in a single experiment.

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The ImageStream system from Amnis gives you morphology,

fluorescence localization, and population statistics for a

broad range of applications. Identify and image a rare sub-

population. Characterize a heterogeneous sample. Quantitate

translocation between cellular compartments. Examine cells

in mitosis. Accurately measure an apoptotic sub-population.

Until now.

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New Technology

An Entirely New Way to Analyze Cells

It's all about the numbers: 200 quantitative parameters from six simultaneous images per cell; brightfield, darkfield and multiple fluorescence imaging modes; 0.75 NA optics; sub-micron resolution; over 10,000 cells per minute.

ADVANCED DETECTION TECHNOLOGY DELIVERS HIGH SENSITIVITY WITH HIGH SPEED

A unique six-channel CCD camera and a novel velocity detection system work in concert to collect 1,000 times more light than conventional technology. The technique is called Time Delay Integration. The result is high resolution imagery with fluorescence sensitivity superior to flow cytometry.

MULTISPECTRAL IMAGING FOR MAXIMUM INFORMATION PER CELL

Illumination in the ImageStream system is provided by a brightfield lamp, a 488 nm laser and up to two additional

excitation lasers. Cellular imagery is split into six component images through a unique spectral decomposition element. The result is a brightfield image, a darkfield image, and multiple fluorescence images of every cell.

SIMPLE OPERATION

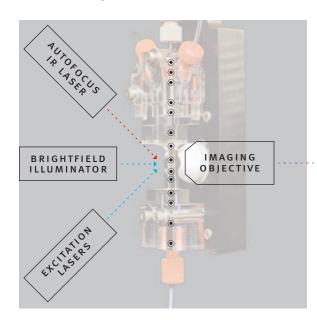
ImageStream technology may be complex, but operating the instrument isn't. Highly automated protocols step you through calibration and set up. The complexity of the technology is practically invisible, allowing you to concentrate on your research, not your instrumentation.

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CELLS IN FLOW

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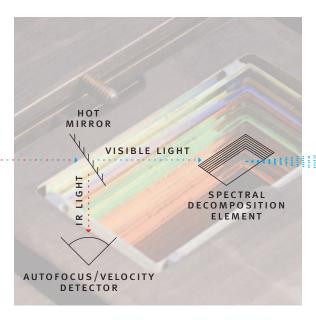
FLUORESCENCE EXCITATION OPTICAL SYSTEM

A solid state 488 nm laser and optional red and violet lasers excite a wide range of dyes used commonly in microscopy and flow cytometry.

A custom imaging objective with a numeric aperture of 0.75 and high performance optics achieve the image detail of a high quality microscope.

SPECTRAL DECOMPOSITION ELEMENT

A fan of dichroic mirrors splits the cell imagery into six spectral bands, one for each independent channel of the CCD camera.



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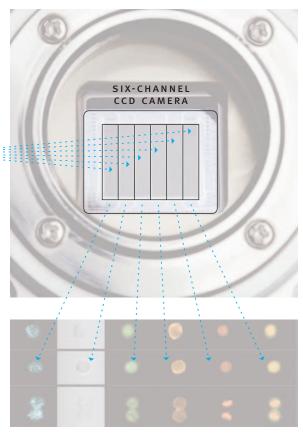
A sophisticated autofocus system continually optimizes image quality.

VELOCITY DETECTION

A patented velocity detection system synchronizes the CCD camera readout with the motion of the cells.

TIME DELAY INTEGRATION

A custom six-channel CCD camera electronically tracks the motion of the cells, increasing the signal 1,000-fold.



MULTISPECTRAL IMAGERY

Six images per cell, including brightfield, darkfield, and multiple colors of fluorescence, convey tremendous information.

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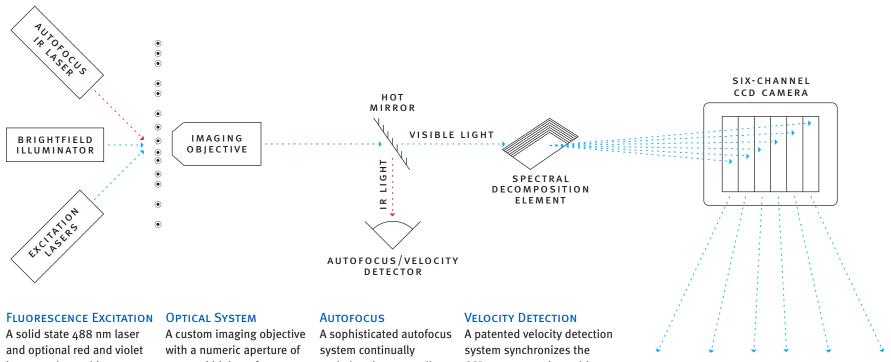
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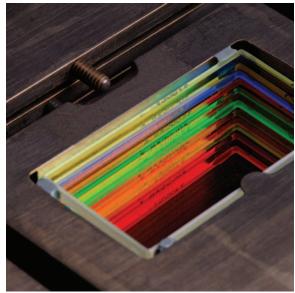
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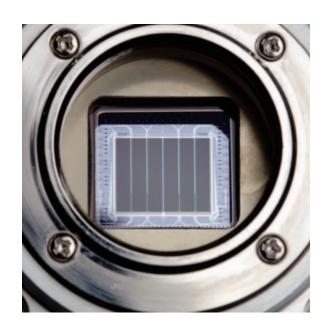
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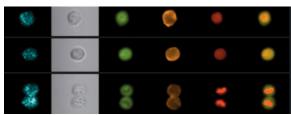
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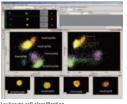
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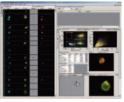






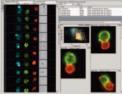














One Instrument, Many Applications

CELL SIGNALING / PATHWAY ANALYSIS

The ImageStream system brings significant new capabilities to pathway analysis for cells in suspension. The phosphorylation states of key signaling molecules and their locations within the cell can be measured directly. Molecular association with the cell membrane, the cytoplasm, or the nucleus is easily distinguished and quantitated.

APOPTOSIS

Using only measurements of nuclear morphology, the ImageStream system can directly differentiate apoptotic and necrotic cells, quantify the extent of apoptosis in cell populations, and calculate sub-population frequencies. The need for surrogate markers such as Annexin V or Caspase is reduced or eliminated. Visual analysis significantly reduces the classification errors found in conventional flow cytometric apoptosis assays, reducing false positive and false negative results.

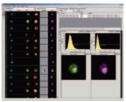
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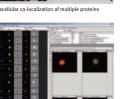
Change in cell shape is closely correlated with function in the analysis of lymphocyte or macrophage activation, pseudopod formation, response to drugs, and many other instances. Powerful features in the IDEAS® image analysis software allow you to accurately classify cells based on shape and structure.

CELL CLASSIFICATION

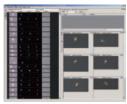
Characterization of peripheral blood mononuclear cell populations is a fundamental tool in hematology. The ImageStream system combines classical surface phenotyping with morphologic classification to deliver a full five-part differential analysis with room for the identification of additional sub-populations using fluorescent markers.

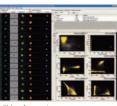
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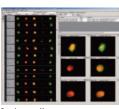


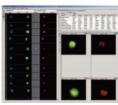


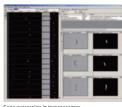


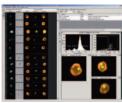


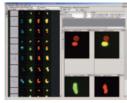


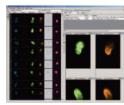


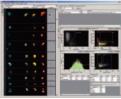












FLUORESCENCE IN SITU HYBRIDIZATION IN SUSPENSION (FISHIS™)

High throughput FISH is now possible with cells in suspension using the ImageStream system and Amnis protocols. Imagery is acquired rapidly and extended depth of field technology provides exceptionally clear visualization of multicolor chromosome spots in a range of cell types.

GENE EXPRESSION ANALYSIS

The ImageStream system is well suited to the analysis of Green Fluorescent Protein and other fluorescent markers used in the study of gene expression. The high spatial resolution and sensitivity of the ImageStream system allows quantitation of expression levels and localization of expression to specific regions of the cell and key organelles.

MOLECULAR DISTRIBUTION

Image similarity algorithms allow you to quantitatively compare the distribution of multiple signals within single cells for co-localization, co-capping, and similar studies.

ANALYSIS OF CELL CONJUGATES

Cells communicate through cell membrane-mediated molecular interactions. The ImageStream system not only identifies cell doublets, but also quantitates molecular co-localization at the interface between the interacting cells.

RECEPTOR MAPPING AND DISTRIBUTION

The ImageStream system not only measures the abundance of important cell surface receptors with exceptional sensitivity and resolution, but can also map their locations and co-localize them with ligands or intracellular organelles. For instance, proteins of interest may be co-localized to endosomal and lysosomal markers to follow intracellular processing and degradation.

Analytical Power

Designed by Biologists for Biologists

Powerful, flexible, and extremely easy to learn, the IDEAS statistical image analysis package is integral to the ImageStream system.

A ROBUST FEATURE SET, EXPANDABLE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

The IDEAS feature set – the heart of the image analysis package – is extraordinarily robust, providing more than 200 features for every cell. IDEAS also allows you to create almost any new feature you may need from the basic feature set.

IMAGE DATA AND STATISTICAL DATA ARE FULLY INTEGRATED

In IDEAS, population statistics and imagery are completely integrated. Every dot on a scatter plot links directly to a cell's images – click on the dot and you'll see the corresponding cell. With its virtual sorting capability, IDEAS will show you all the images of a cell population you define.

AN EFFICIENT, FLEXIBLE DATA INTERFACE

The IDEAS interface integrates image data, plots, and statistics. The Gallery shows you images of every cell, while the Workspace gives you graphing tools to define and analyze cell populations. The Tabular Data section allows you to view population statistics as well as individual feature values.

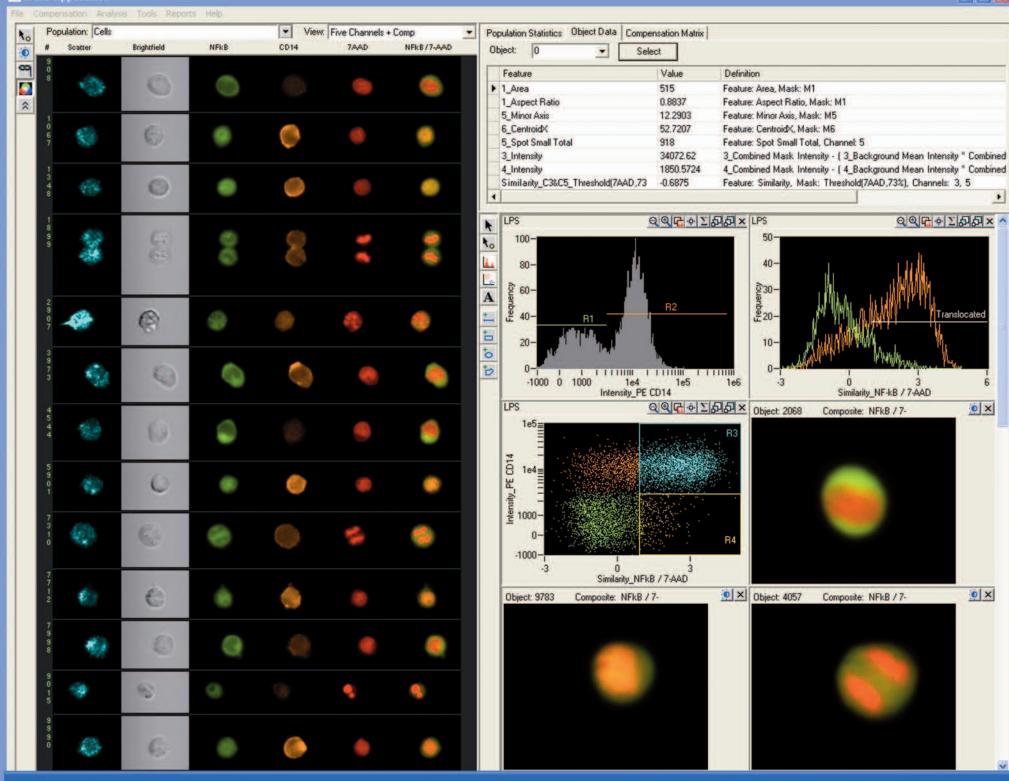
TEMPLATES AND BATCH PROCESSING

Once you've created an analysis scheme in IDEAS, you can save it as a template for batch processing future experiments or to share with your colleagues.

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RICH FEATURE SET IDEAS calculates over 35 features for each image and over 200 SIMPLE, FLEXIBLE POPULATION DEFINITIONS features per cell, allowing the Easy to use gating tools allow you to define, discrimination of subtle differences name and visualize cell populations quickly between cell populations. and intuitively. **FAMILIAR GRAPHING TOOLS** Quickly and easily create scatter plots and histograms to define your cell populations. Display parameters are easily adjusted. QUANTITATIVE DATA PLOTTING Any feature can be used in a histogram or dot plot. Extend your analysis beyond simple DATA LINKAGE ----fluorescence intensity with Every dot in a scatter plot is localization and morphology linked to a set of cell images. features. Click on the dot to see the cell, or click on a cell's images to locate it in all plots.



ImageStream Specifications

Advanced Engineering Creates Exceptional Performance

ILLUMINATION SOURCES

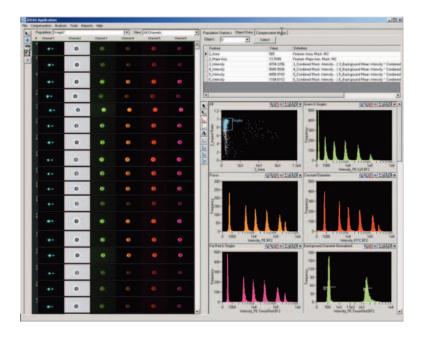
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SOURCE		WAVELENGTH	POWER
Brightfield Lamp	Standard	430-730 nm	100 W
Blue Laser	Standard	488 nm	20-200 mW
Ultraviolet Laser	Optional	375 nm	10 mW
Violet Laser	Optional	405 nm	180 mW
Red Laser	Optional	658 nm	80 mW

The ImageStream sytem includes a solid-state 488 nm laser as the standard excitation source. Up to two additional lasers may be added as options, either at the time of purchase or as upgrades.

DETECTION CHANNELS

CHANNEL 1 488 nm	CHANNEL 2* 400-470 nm	CHANNEL 3 500-560 nm	CHANNEL 4 560-595 nm	CHANNEL 5 595-660 nm	CHANNEL 6 660-735 nm
Darkfield	DAPI	Fluorescein	PE	7-AAD	PE-Cy5
	Hoechst	AlexaFluor 488	Cy-3	Alexa610/PE	PE-Cy5.5
	AlexaFluor 350	GFP	AlexaFluor 546	Propidium Iodide	Alexa680/PE
	Brightfield	Syto Green	AlexaFluor 555	PE-TexasRed	Alexa647/PE
		Spectrum Green	Brightfield	ECD	PerCP
		YFP		Brightfield	PerCP-Cy5.5
		Sybr Green			DRAQ5
		Brightfield			QD-705
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PERFORMANCE

• Detection Limit <50 MESF

• Numeric Aperture 0.75

• Pixel Size 0.5 x 0.5 microns

• Field of View 45 microns wide

SAMPLE VOLUME

• 40-200 microliters

DATA ANALYSIS

- Automated crosstalk compensation post-acquisition
- Unlimited user-defined image features
- Over 200 standard image features per cell

INSTRUMENT OPERATION

- Automated sample load, empty, flush, and purge
- Automated focus and core position tracking
- Automated sterilization
- Automated calibration and quality control
- Automated laser alignment

REQUIREMENTS

- 90-240 VAC, 50-60 Hz
- 100 Mbps ethernet, minimum
- No external air or water required
- 36"w x 24"h x 24"d
- 350 lbs



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