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Introduction To Fluorescence



Synopsis

The phenomenon known as fluorescence is now widely used in the chemical and life sciences largely due to the development of highly sophisticated fluorescent probe chemistries and the commercial availability of these probes as well as the development of novel microscopy approaches. *Introduction to Fluorescence* helps readers acquire a sound understanding of basic fluorescence theory and practice. It describes general principles in a straightforward way and uses examples from a variety of disciplines to demonstrate them. In color throughout, the book takes readers through the history of important discoveries to the most current advances. It introduces the fundamentals of the fluorescence phenomenon and gives detailed examples of fluorescence applications in the molecular life sciences, including biochemistry, biophysics, clinical chemistry and diagnostics, pharmaceutical science, and cell and molecular biology. The author presents the basic theories underlying the applications and offers in-depth information on practical aspects. Along with a list of references in each chapter, the text incorporates more than 250 figures that clearly illustrate the concepts and gives the chemical structures of the most widely used fluorescent molecules. In addition, the appendix provides a "Rogue's Gallery" of the most common errors and pitfalls to avoid.

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I really like the book written by Prof. Jameson, it really complements other books on fluorescence spectroscopy. I find the style very appropriate for starting graduate student as well as undergrad working in a spectroscopy lab. The history presented by the author is of great interest and not often found in other books. The anecdotes and experimental techniques presented are of great help. Overall, this book is a must have for any laboratory dealing with spectroscopy.

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