









Optical Response

- 1. Change (+/-) in Quantum Yield with little change in spectra
 - e.g., fluo-3, Calcium Green, SPQ
- 2. Blue shift of absorption (excitation) spectrum with little change in maximum emission
 - e.g., fura-2, Fura Red, SBFI, PBFI, BCECF
- Blue shift in both absorption and emission spectra e.g., indo-1, SNARF & SNAFL

































ndicator	K _d in vitro *	K _d in situ	Cell/Tissue Type
fluo-3	390 nM	2570 nM	Frog skeletal muscle
fura-2	145 nM	371 nM	U373-MG astrocytoma cell
fura-2	145 nM	350 nM	Rabbit gastric gland
indo-1	230 nM	844 nM	Rabbit cardiac myocyte









































Fluorescence from the dual-emission Ca²⁺ indicator, indo-1 AM, is shown at 405 and 475 nm (left panels). Fluorescence from the dual-emission pH indicator, SNARF-1 AM, is shown at 575 and 640 nm (right panels)

Applications of pH selective dyes

•Cl ⁻ /HCO ₃ ⁻ exchange	 Multidrug resistance
•K ⁺ /H ⁺ exchange	•Cell volume changes
•Lactate transport and metabolism	•Cytosolic pH regulation in osteoblasts _ and osteoclasts
•Na ⁺ /H ⁺ exchange	•pH in lateral intercellular
•Na ⁺ /Ca ²⁺ exchange	spaces of epithelial cell monolayers _ and interstitial spaces of
• NH_4^+ transport	
•Apoptosis	normal and neoplastic
•Cytotoxicity	tissue
	Phagocytosis





































































































Fluorescent Microspheres



polystyrene microspheres 0.02 – 15 µm diameter





