

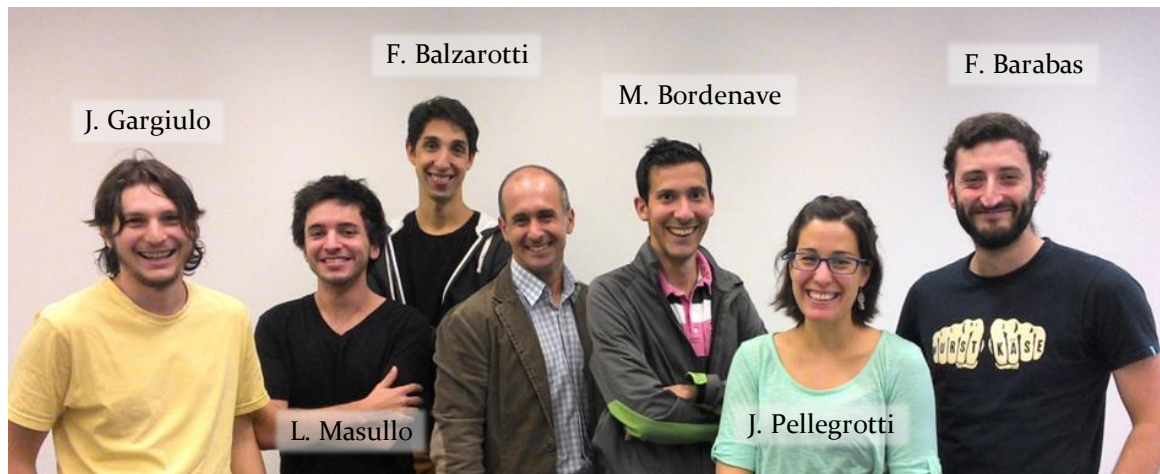
# Advanced Fluorescence Imaging

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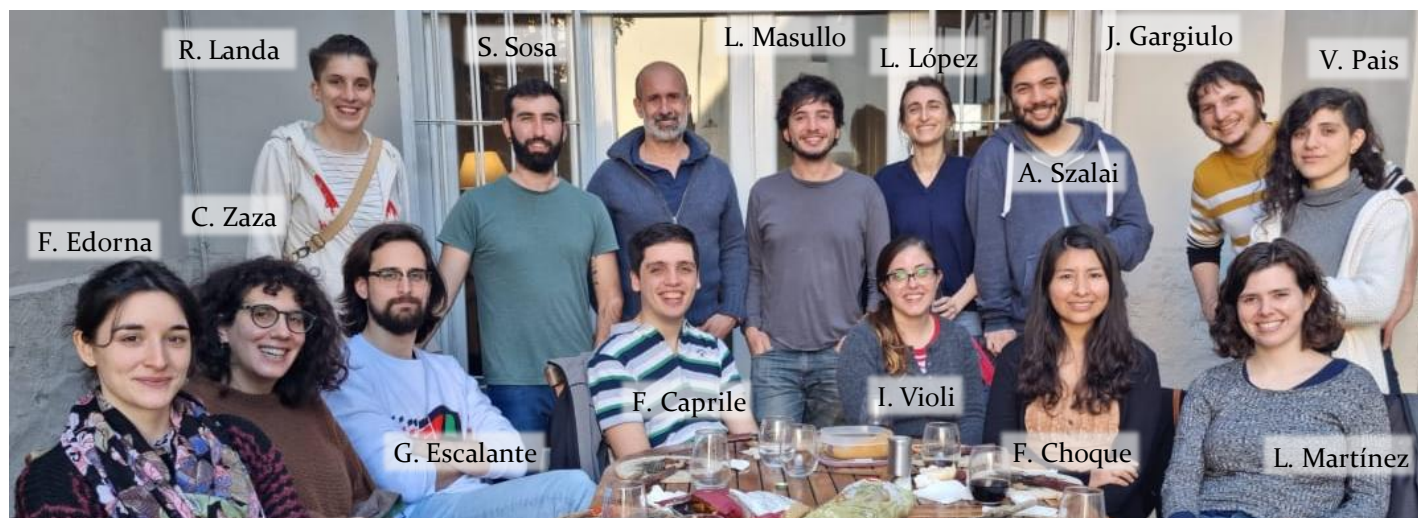
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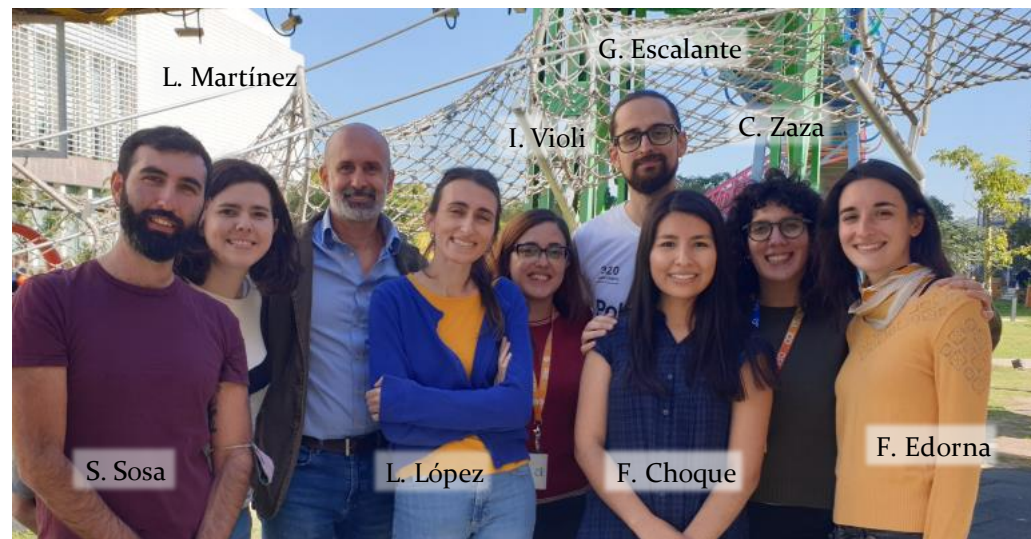
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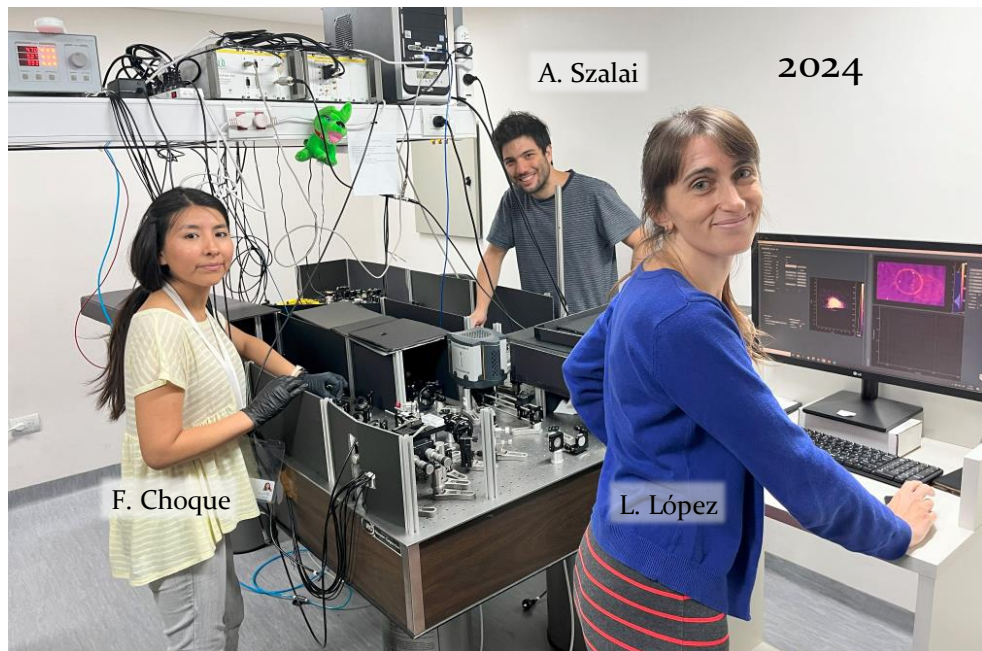
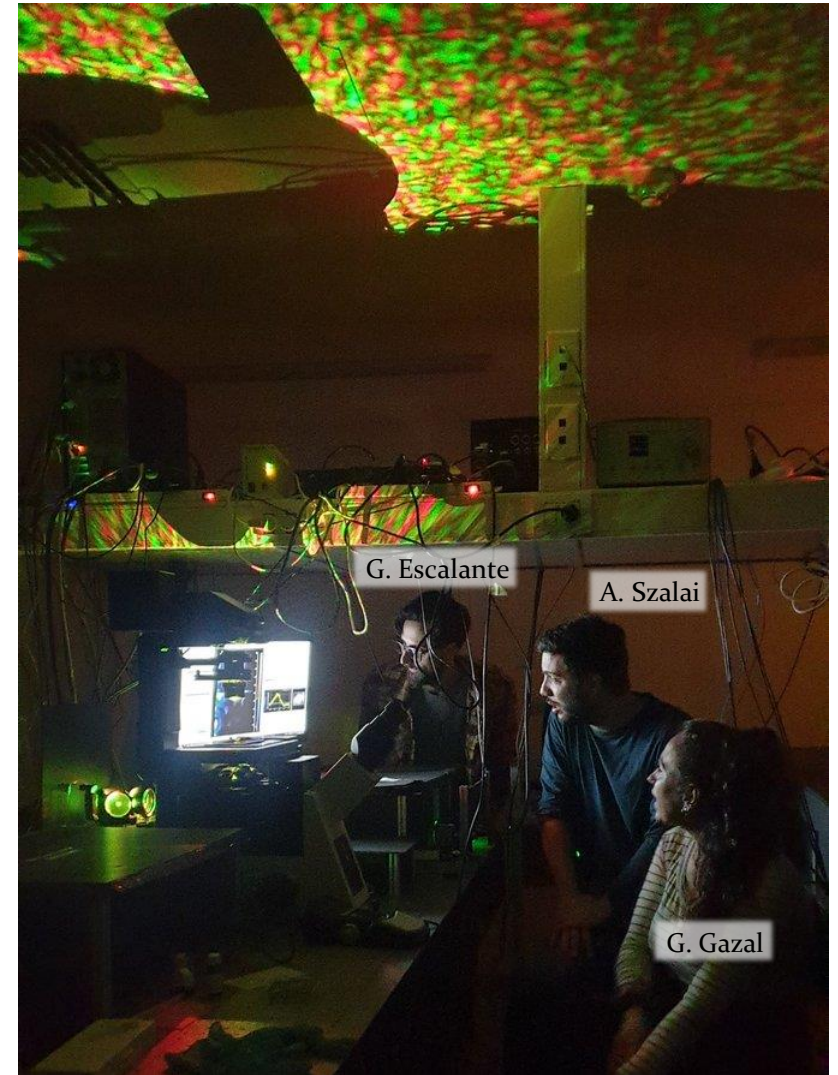
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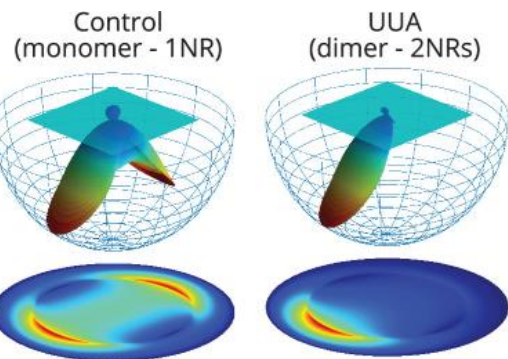
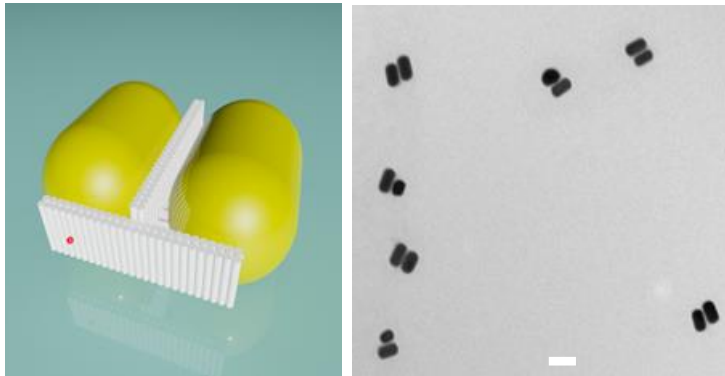
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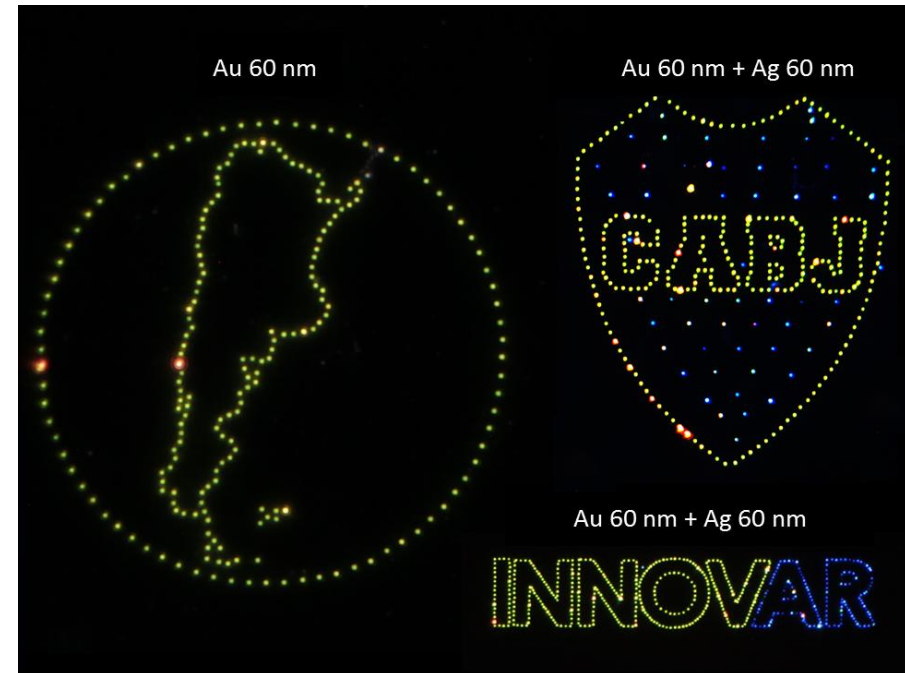
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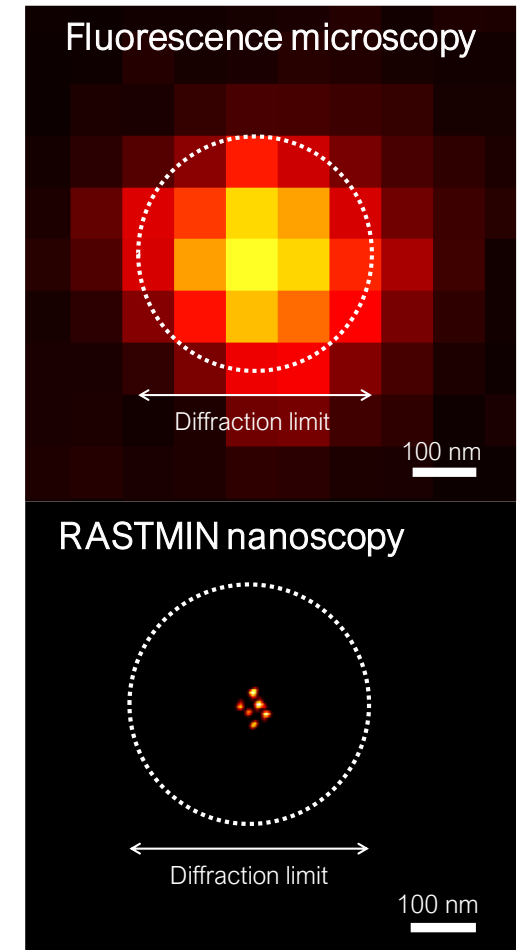
## DNA nanophotonics



## Optical manipulation of NPs



## Superresolution microscopy



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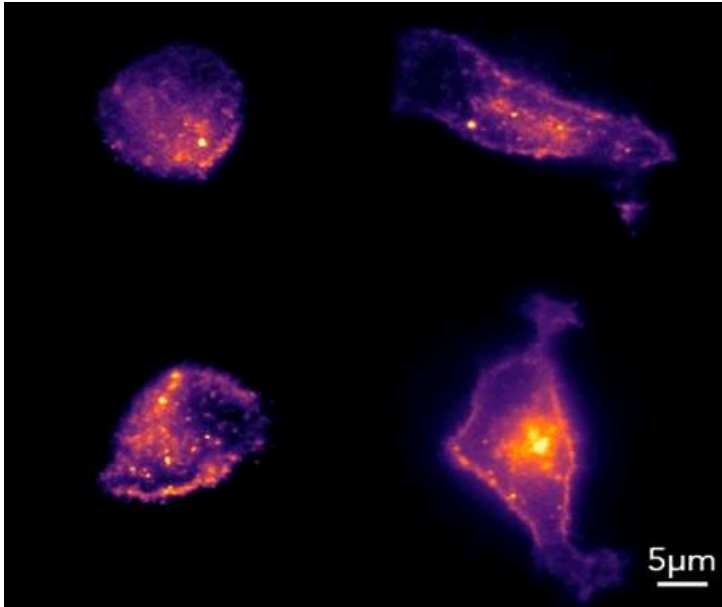


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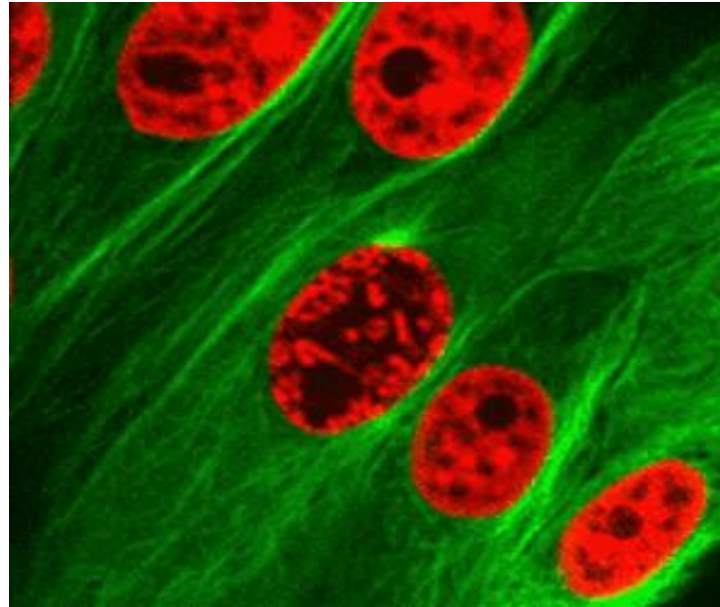


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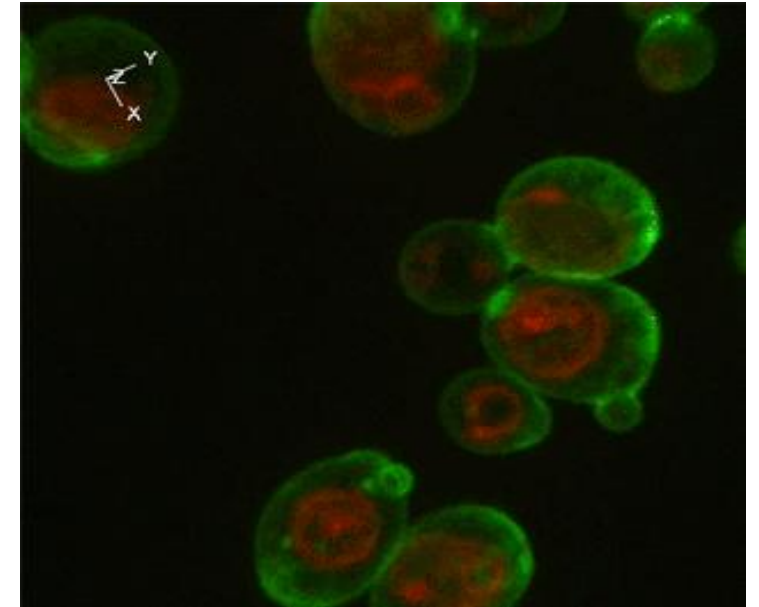
High specificity and sensitivity



Low invasiveness

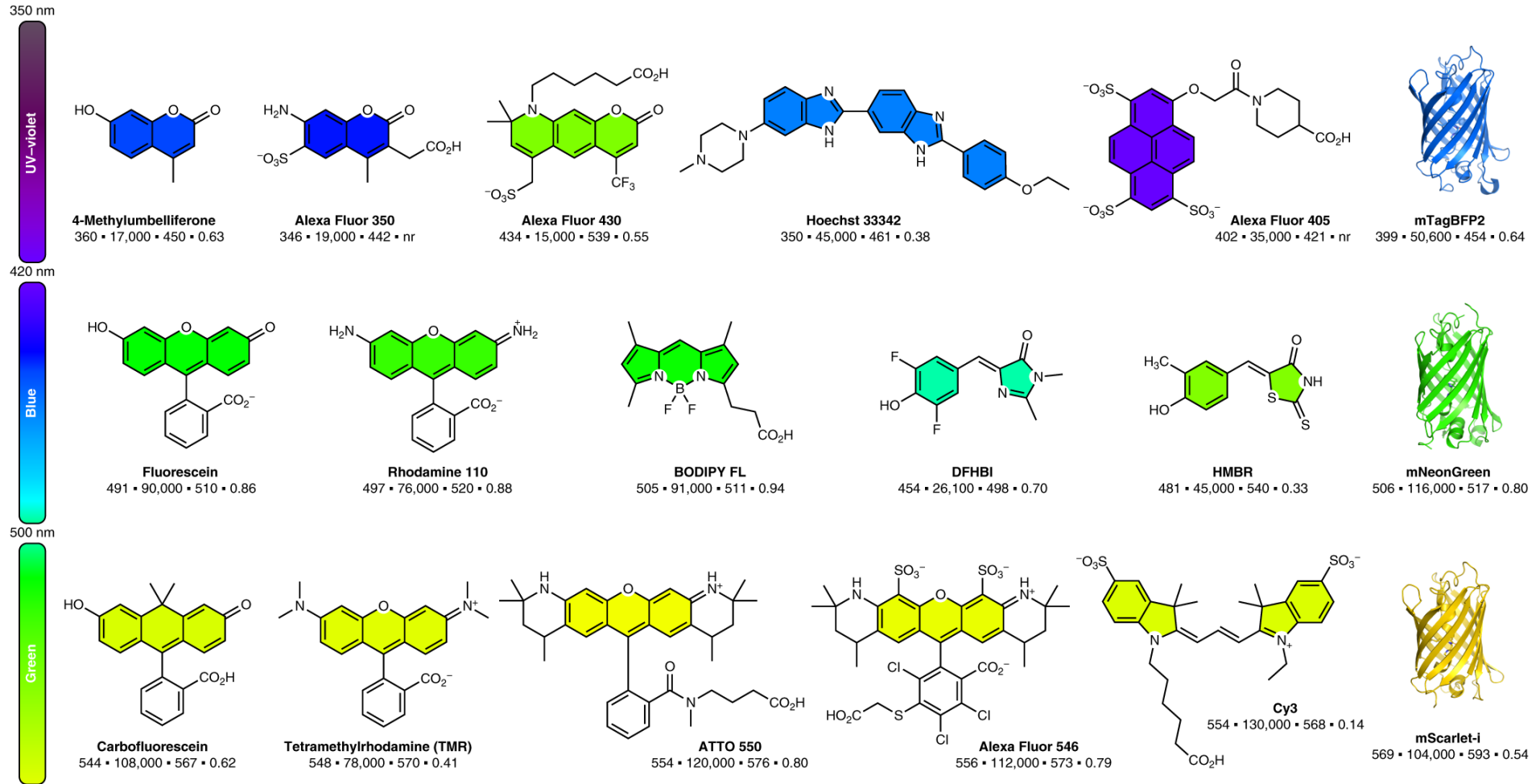


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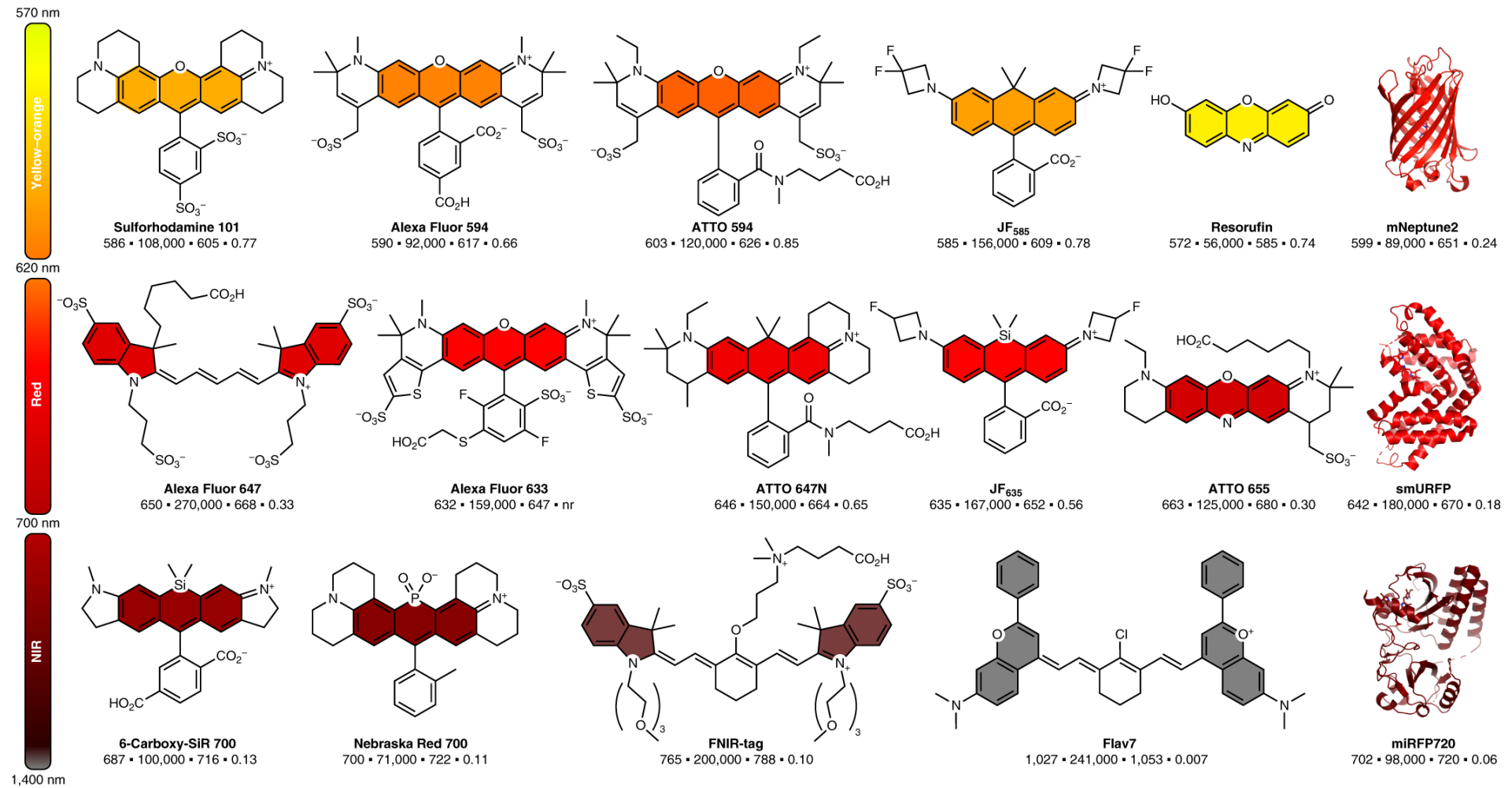


1. **Fluorescent markers:** molecules (fluorophores), fluorescent proteins, quantum dots, nanoparticles,...
2. **Labeling strategy:** antibodies, nanobodies, transfection, drug-like fluorescent molecules, etc...
3. **Imaging method:** wide-field, scanning (1-photon, 2-photon), light-sheet
4. **Signal:** intensity, lifetime, FRET, polarization, ...

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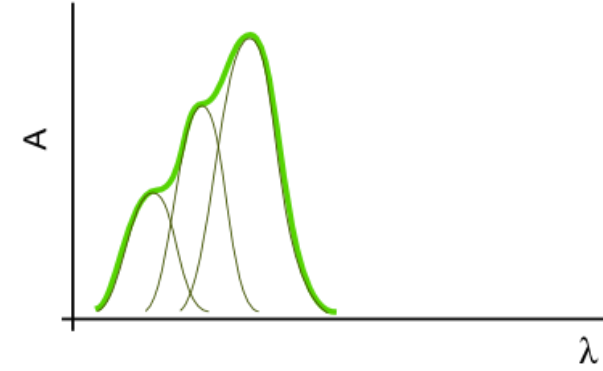
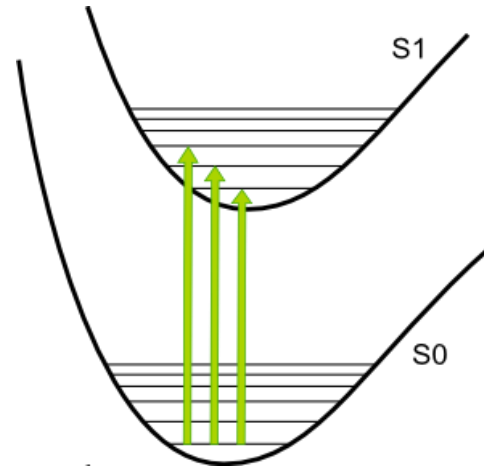


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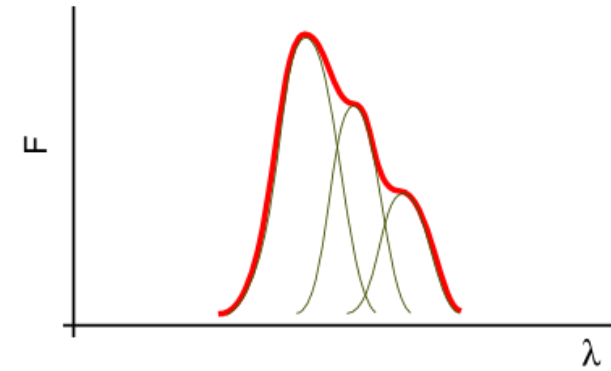
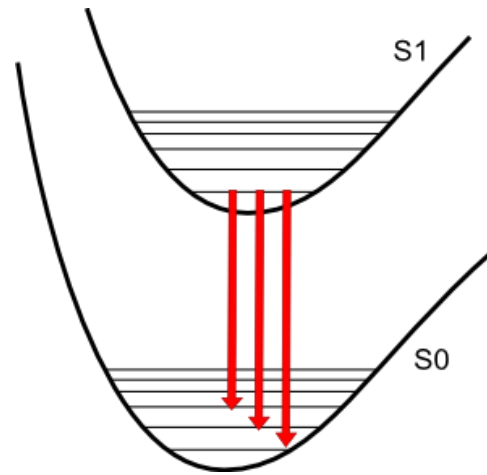


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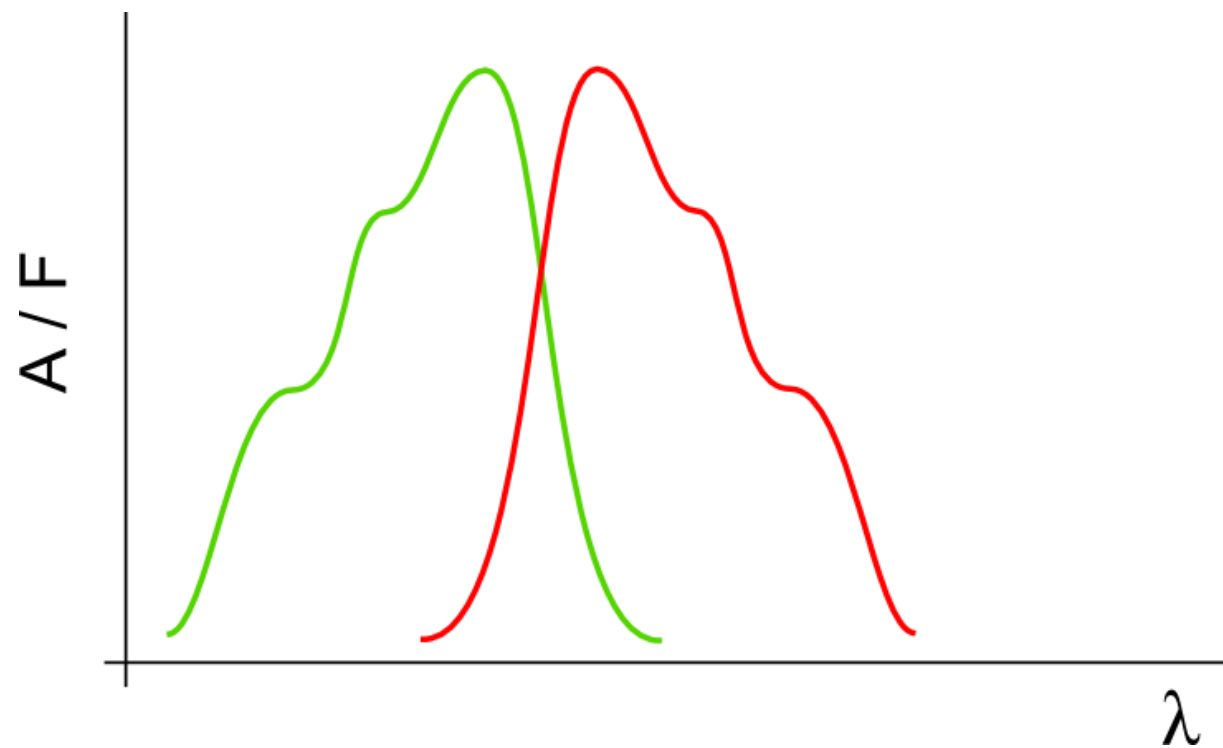
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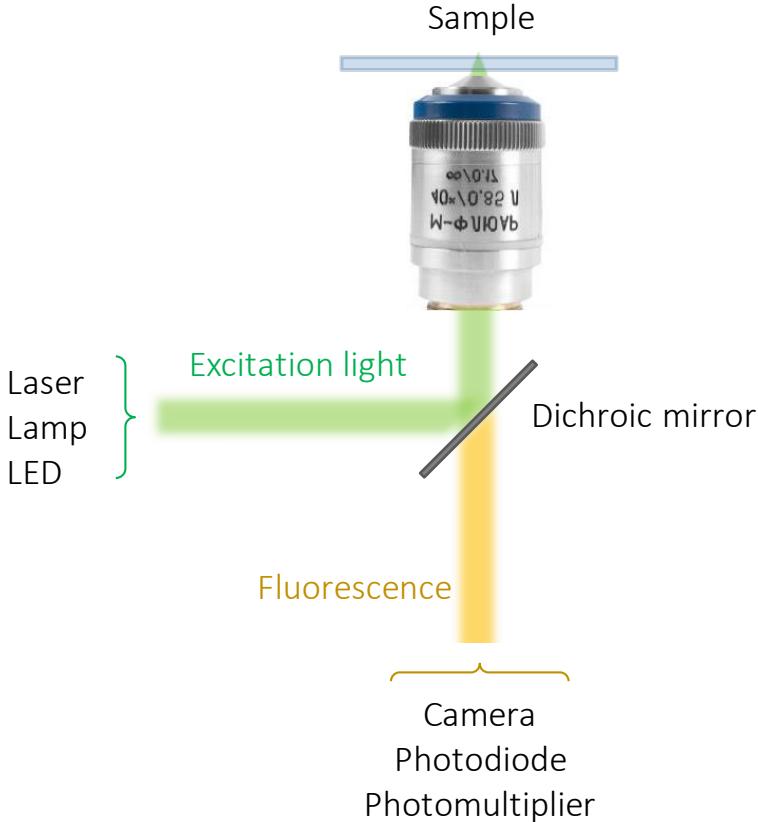
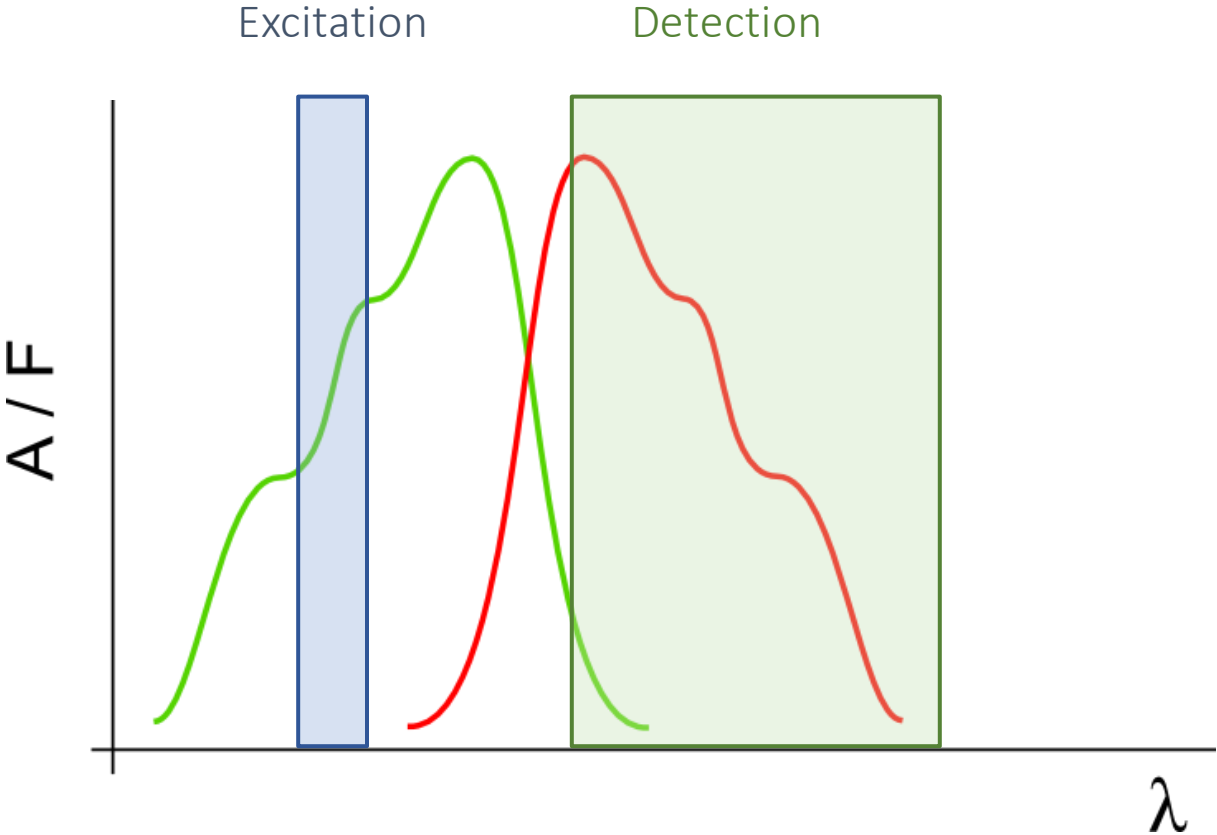
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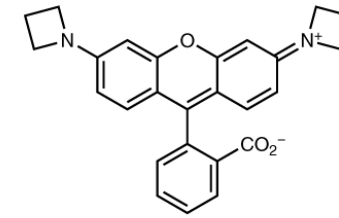
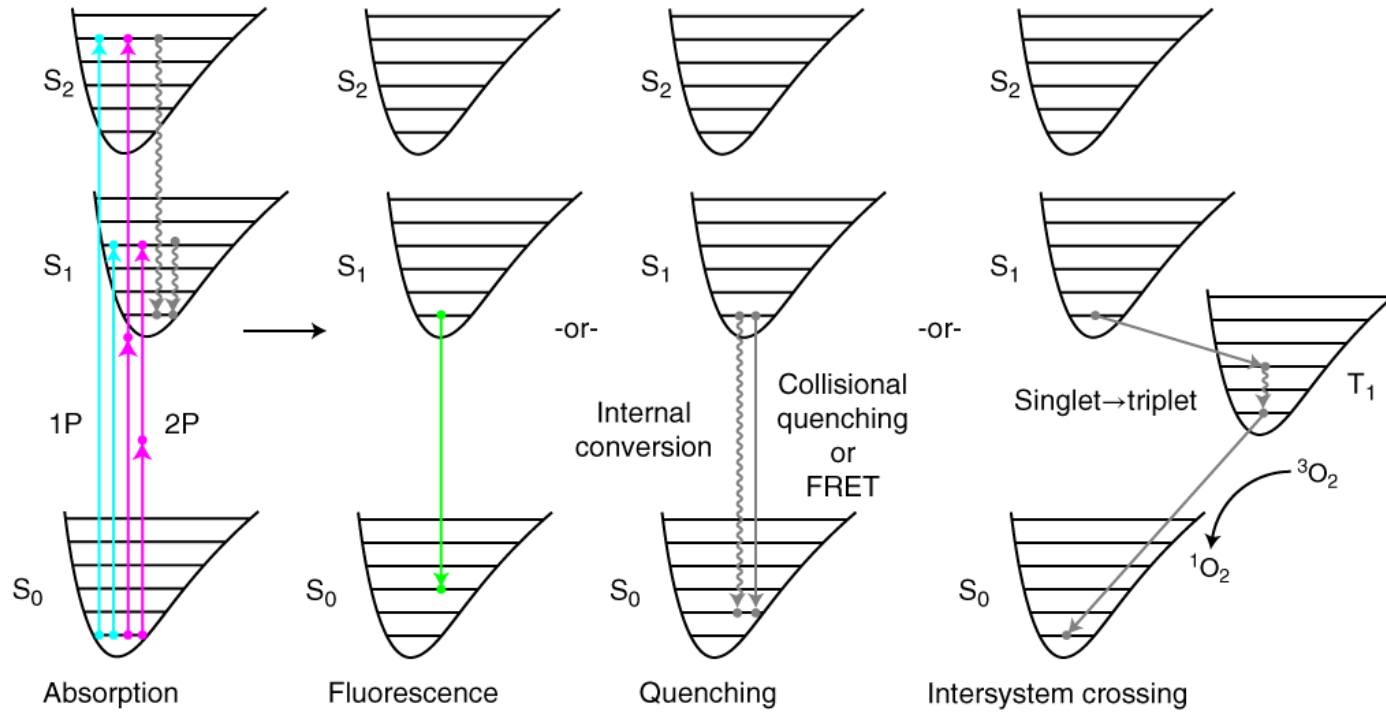
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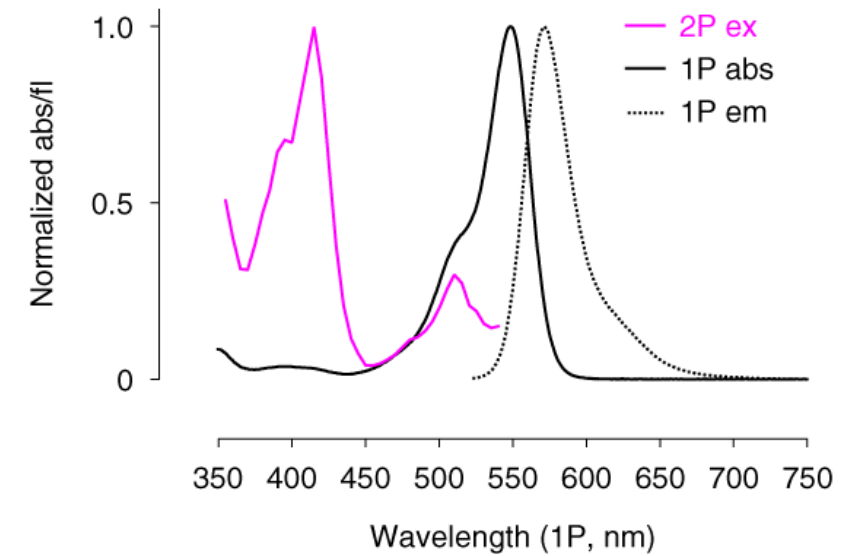
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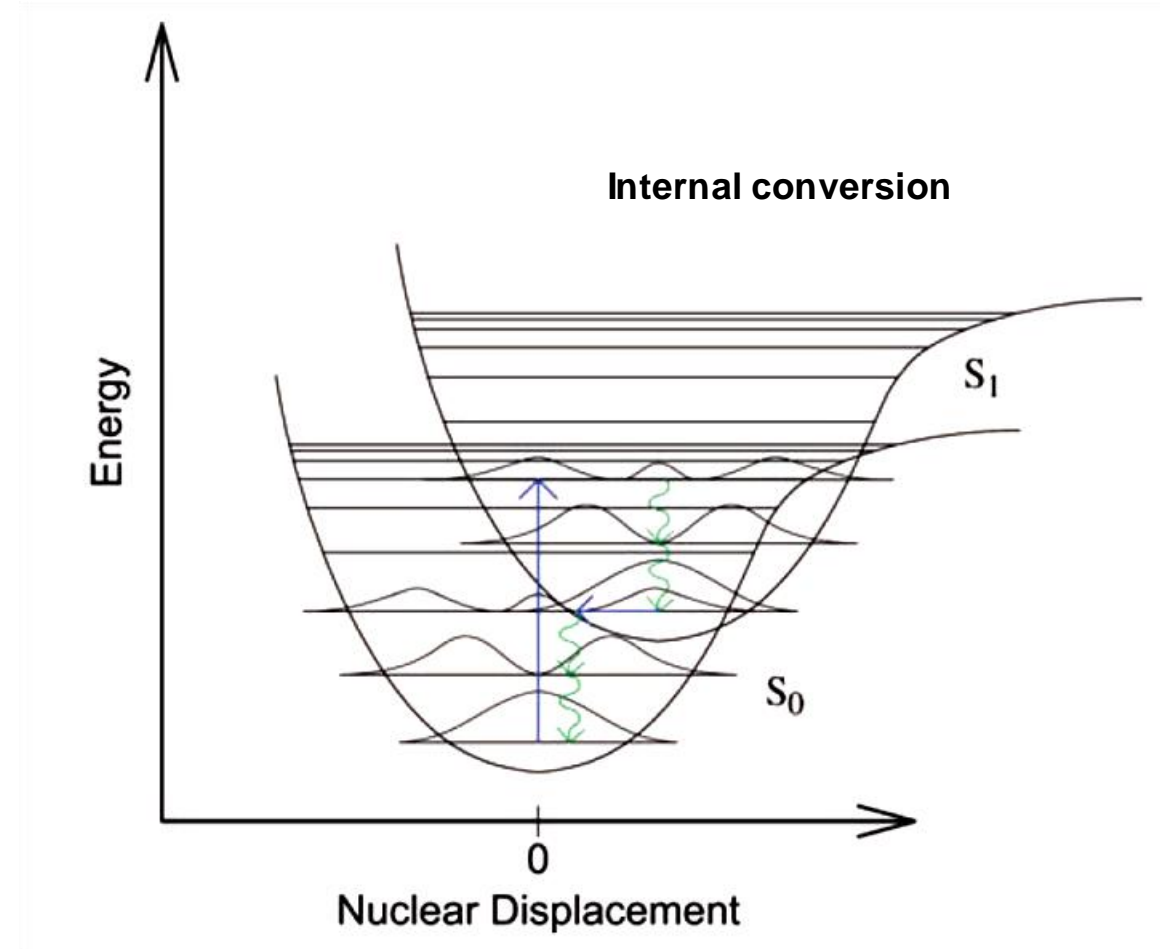
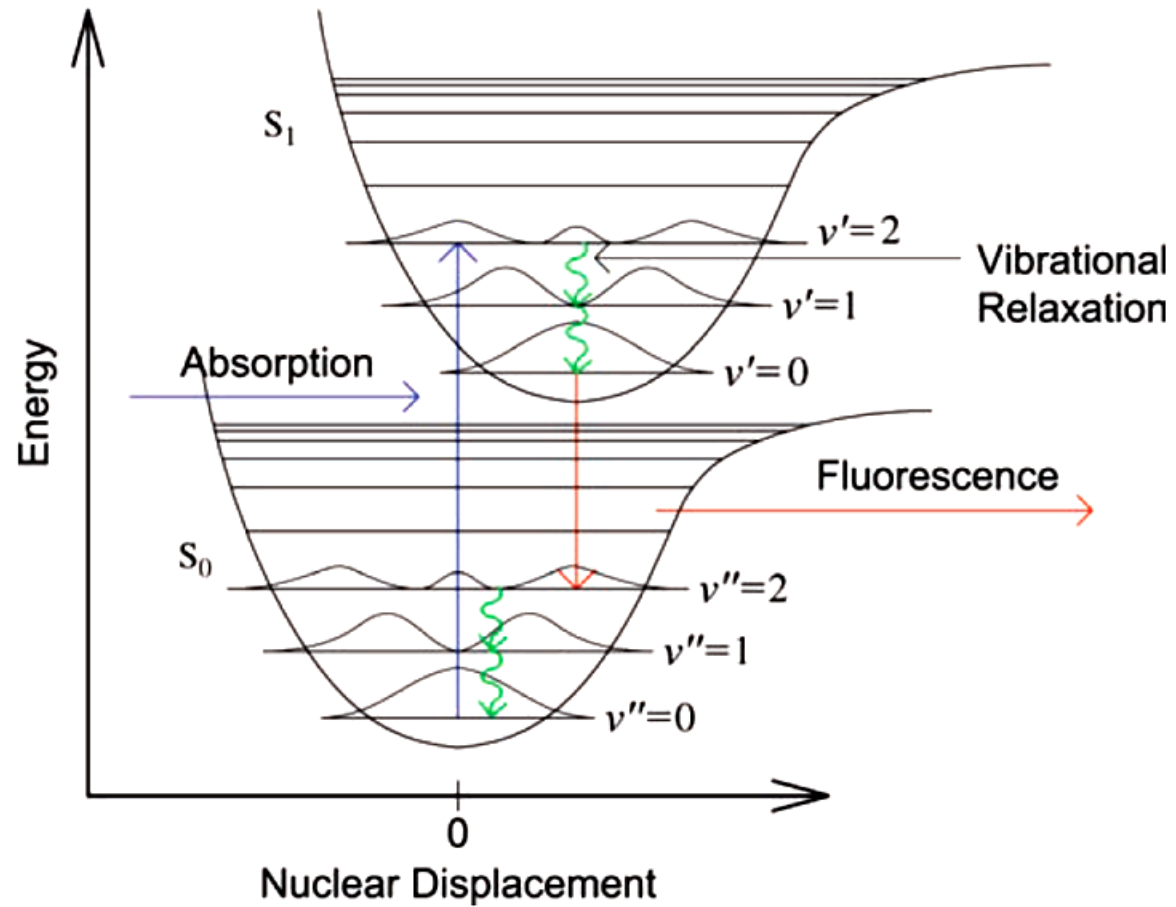
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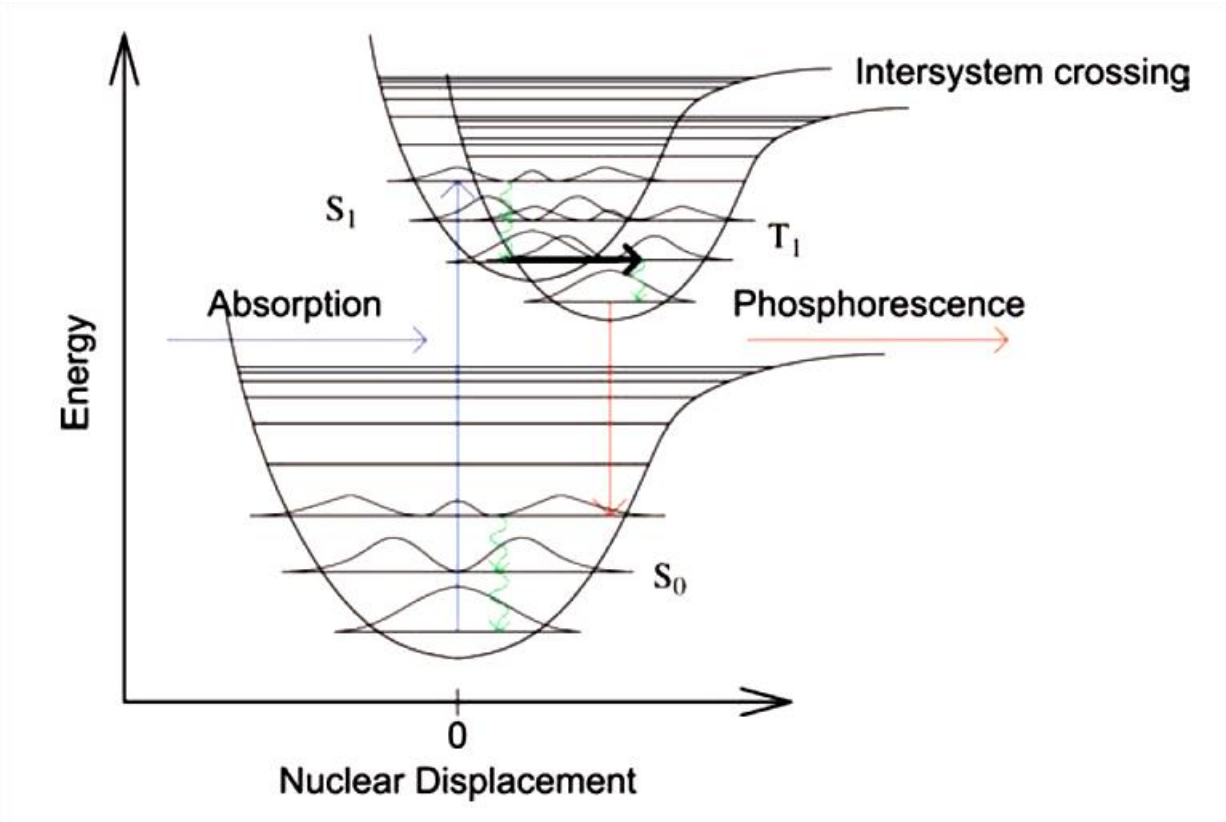
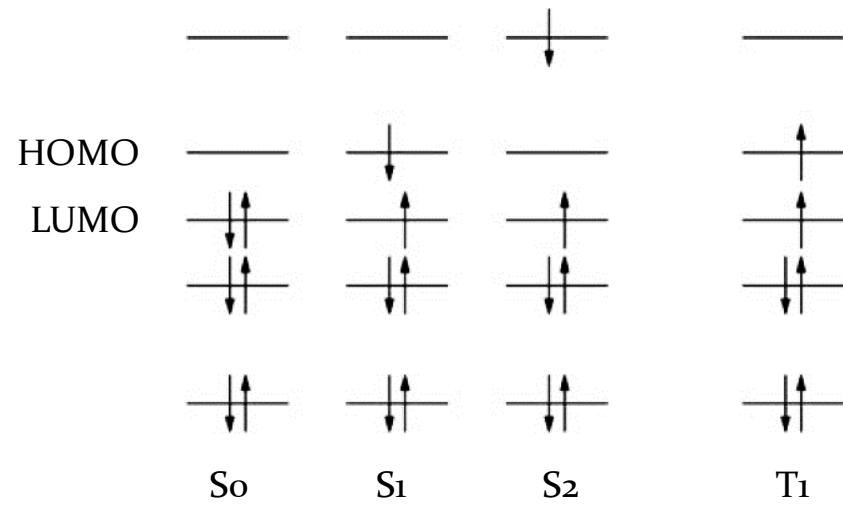


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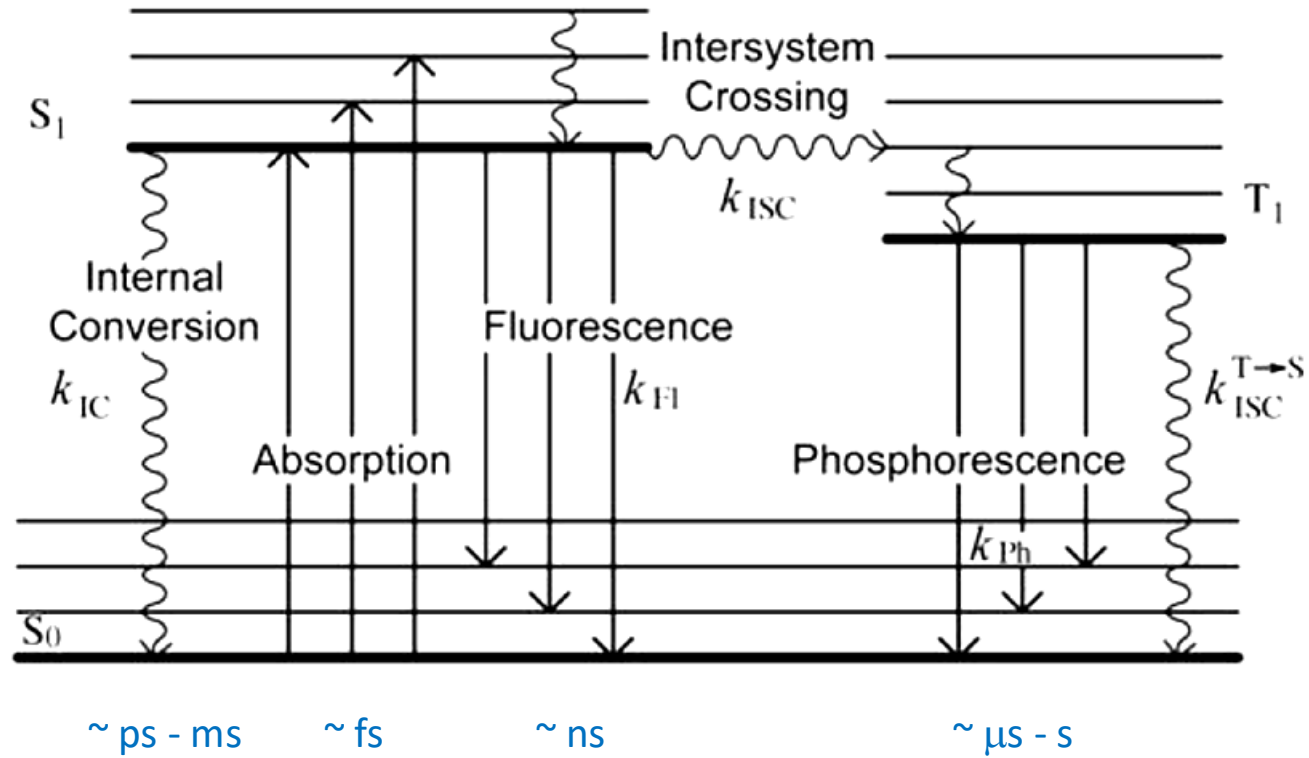




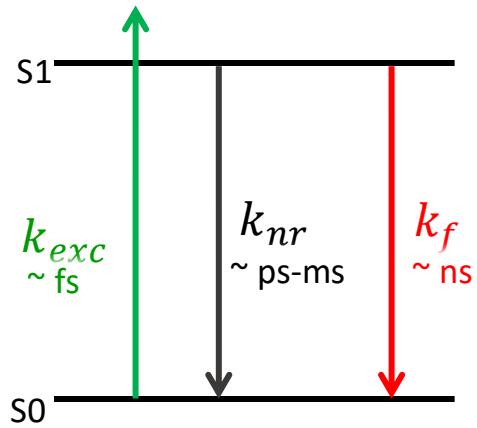
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# Jablonski diagram



# Fluorescence rates

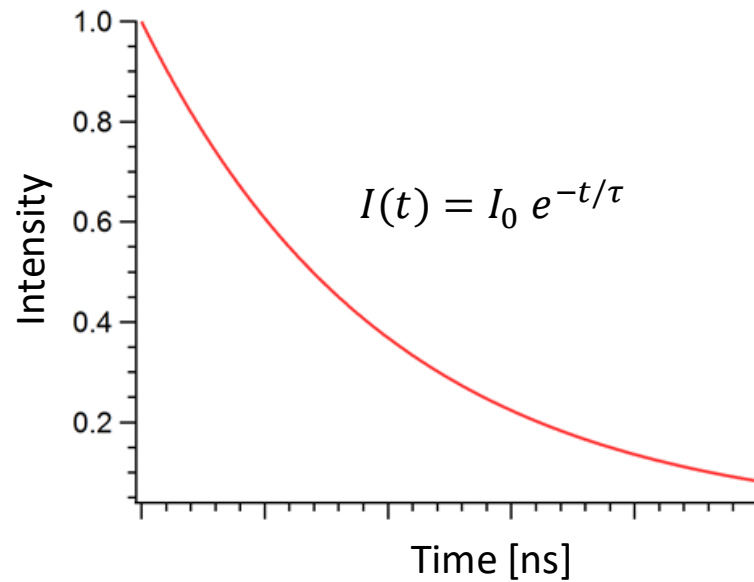


Fluorescence quantum yield

$$\phi_f = \frac{k_r}{k_r + k_{nr}}$$

ISC quantum yield

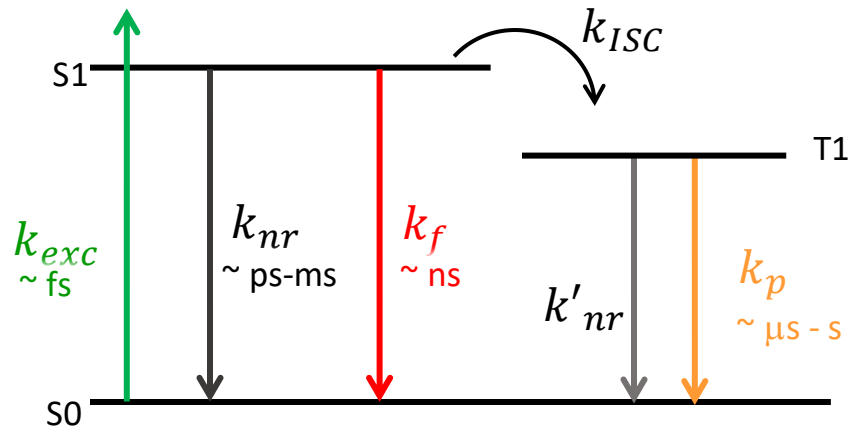
$$\phi_{ISC} = \frac{k_{ISC}}{k_{fl} + k_{IC} + k_{ISC}}$$



Fluorescence lifetime

$$\tau = \frac{1}{k_r + k_{nr}}$$

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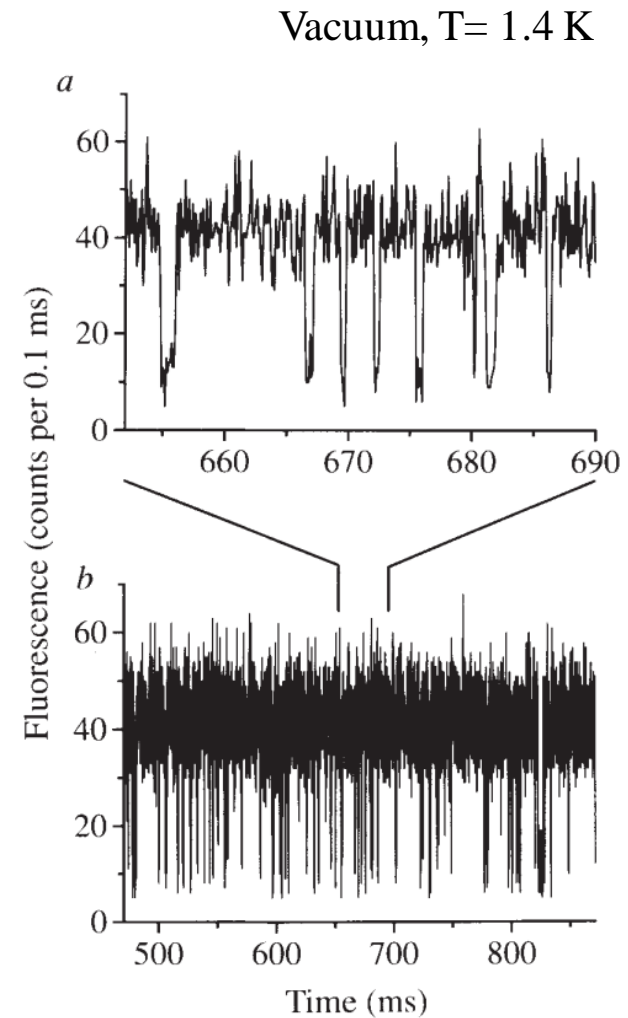


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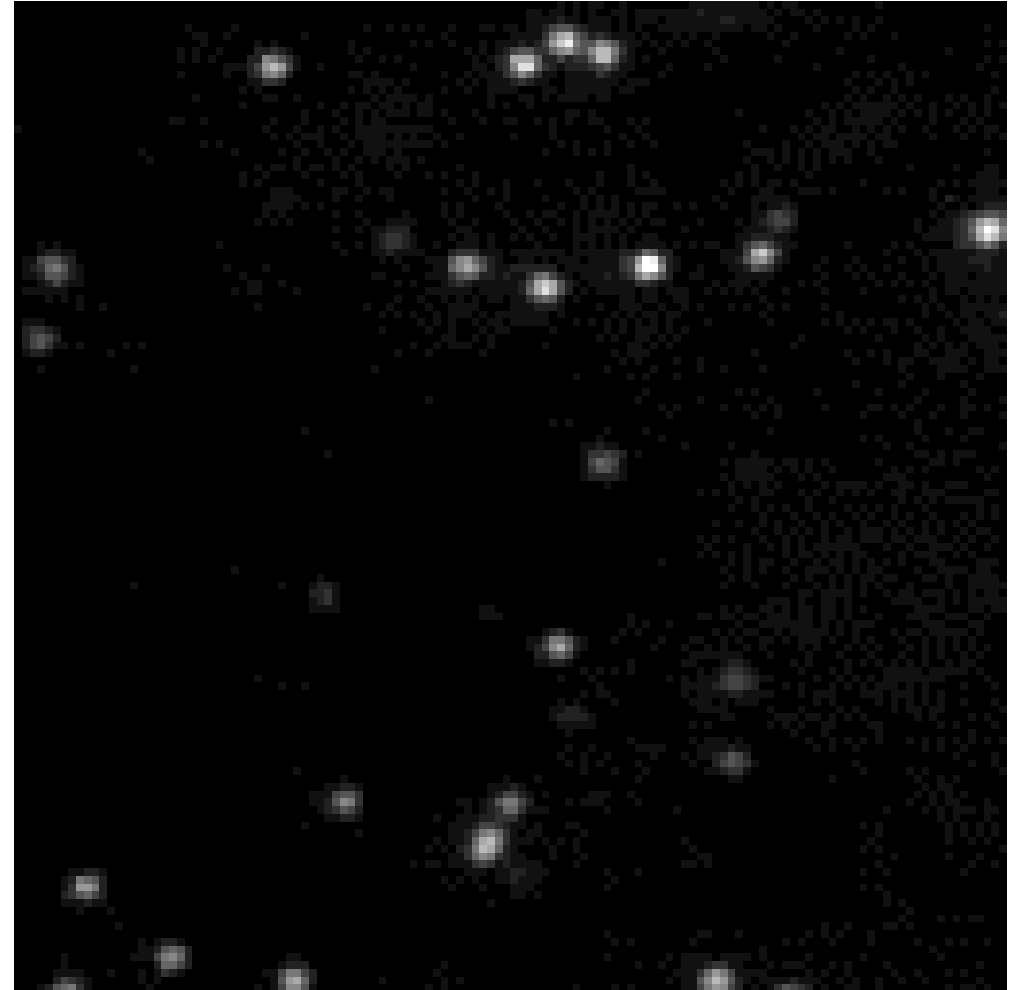
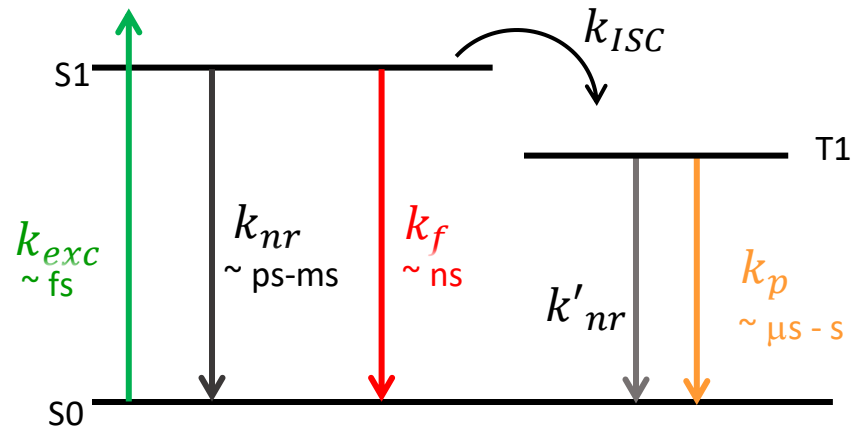
## Direct spectroscopic observation of quantum jumps of a single molecule

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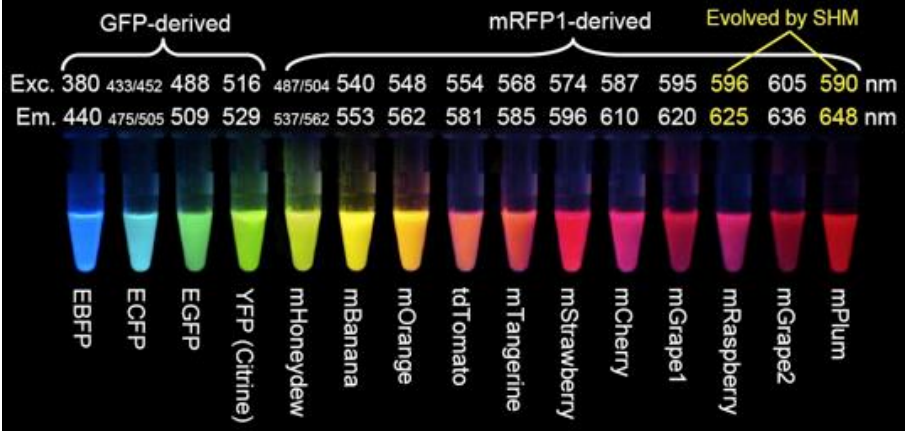
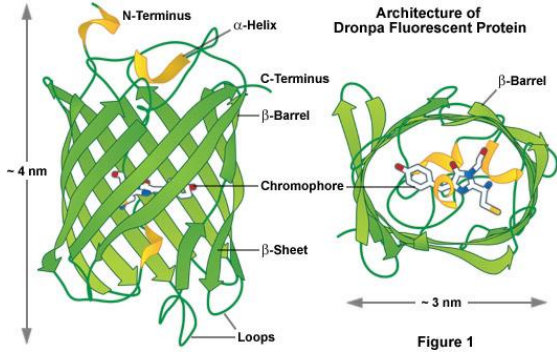
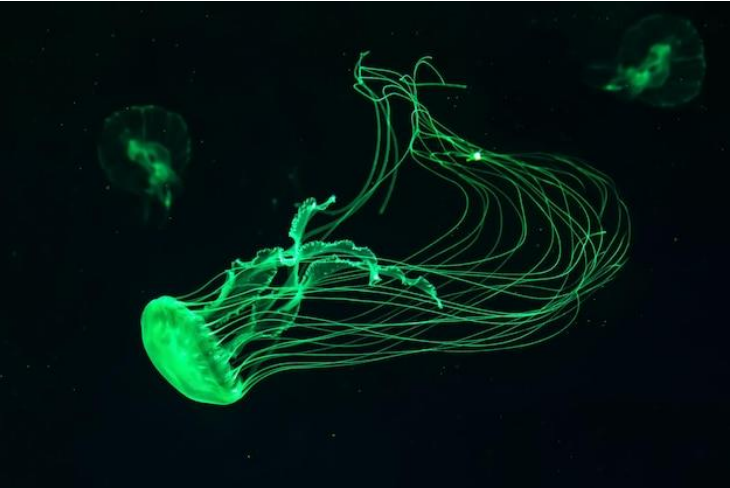


# Fluorescence blinking





# Fluorescent proteins



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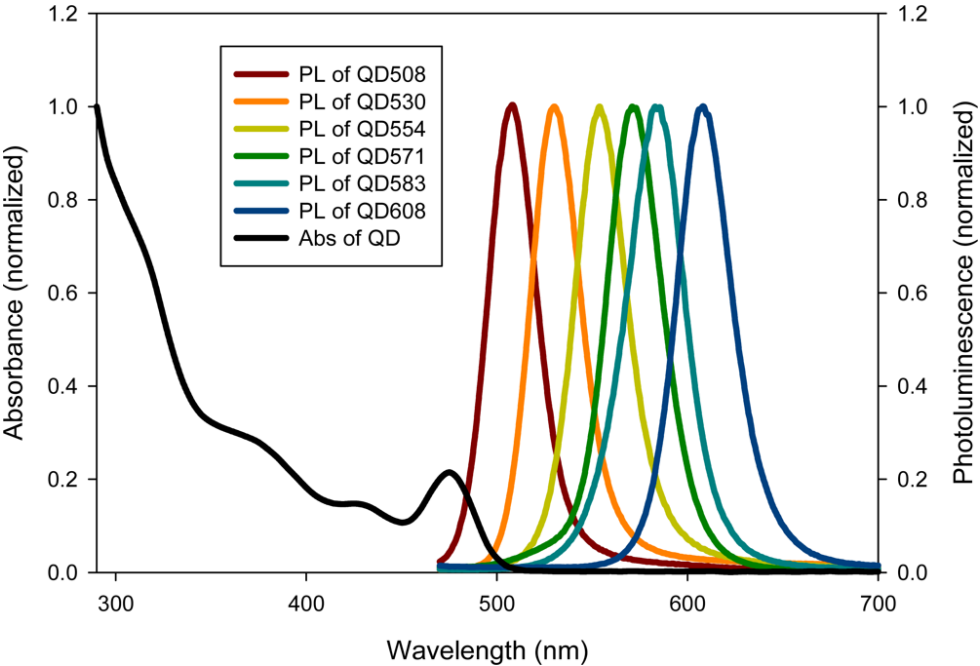
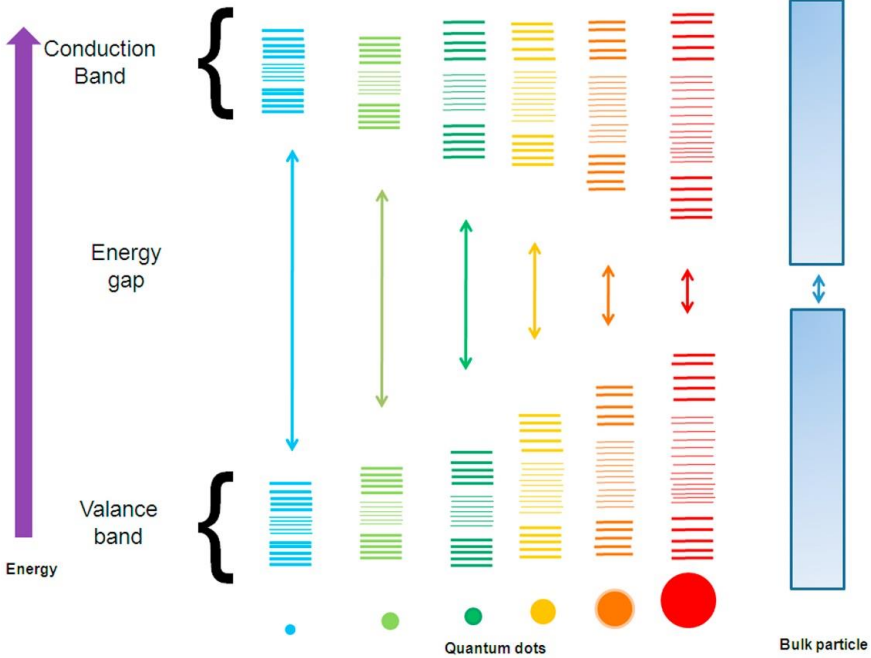
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# Quantum dots



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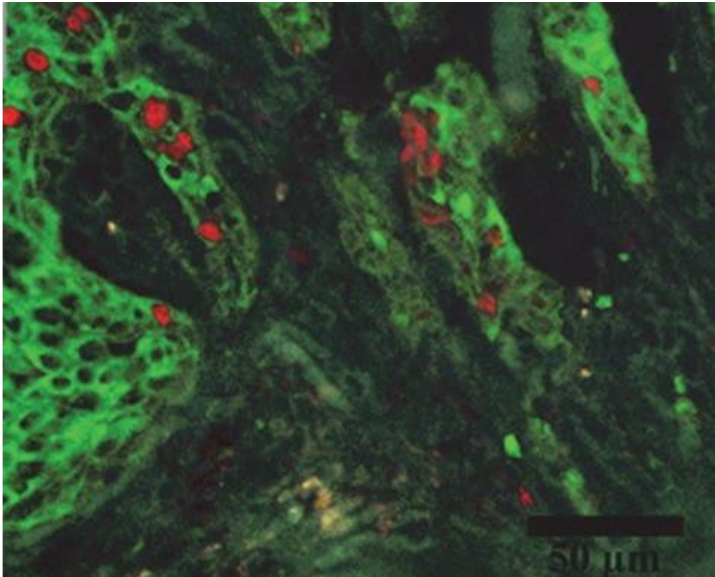
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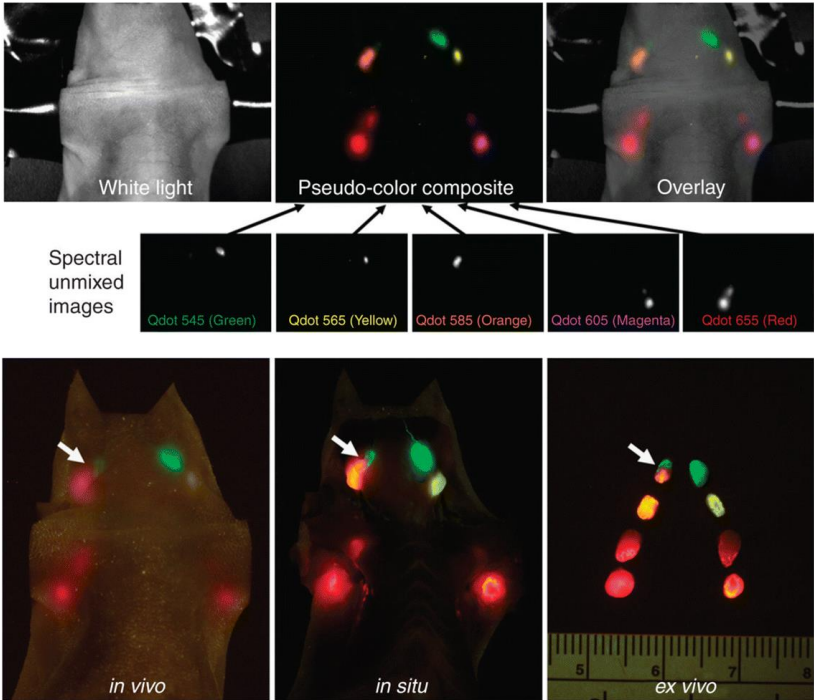
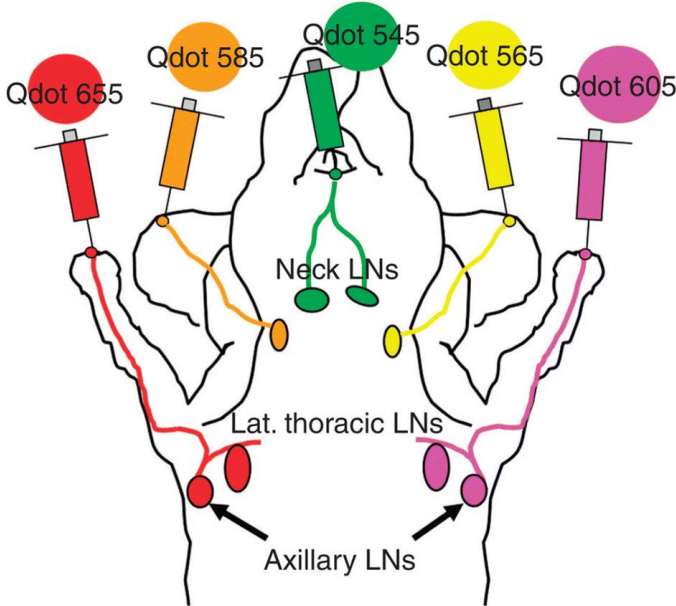
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# Quantum dots



Ki67 (605-QD) and CK (525-QD) in breast cancer specimens excited by UV light



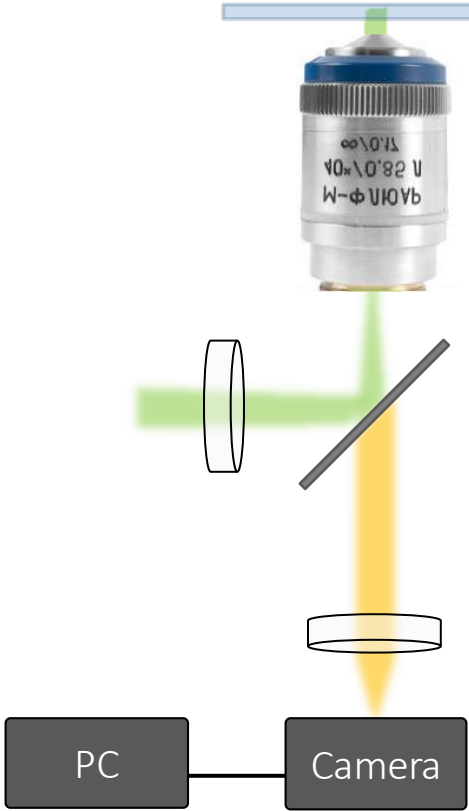
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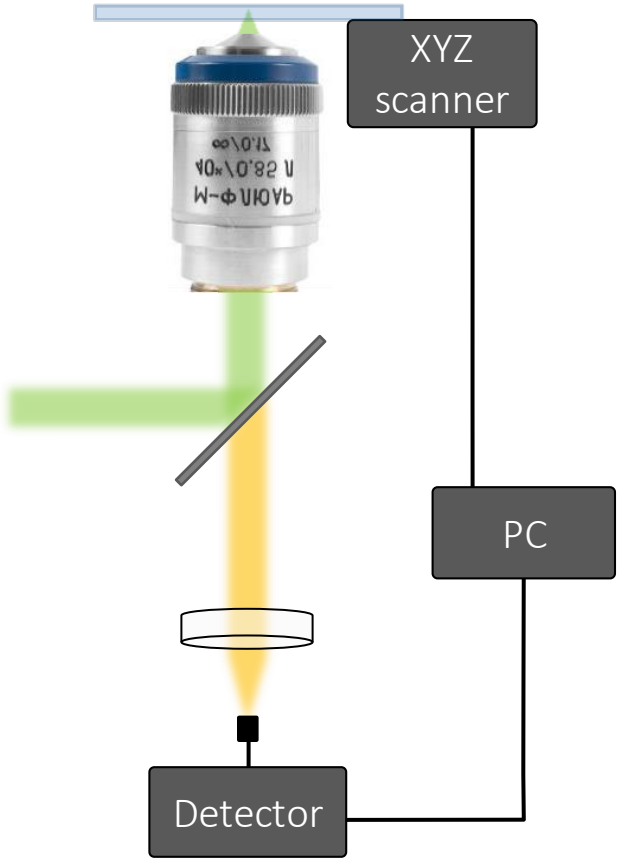
- Genetically encoded fluorophores (fluorescent proteins)
- Genetically encoded tags (Halo-tag, SNAP-tag, ...) + synthetic ligand
- Immunolabeling: antibodies, directly labeled, primary-secondary, Fab fragments, nanobodies
- High affinity small fluorescent molecules (drug-like, DNA intercalators, etc.)
- DNA, RNA hybridization
- ...

# Fluorescence microscopy modalities

Wide-field  
Fluorescence Microscope

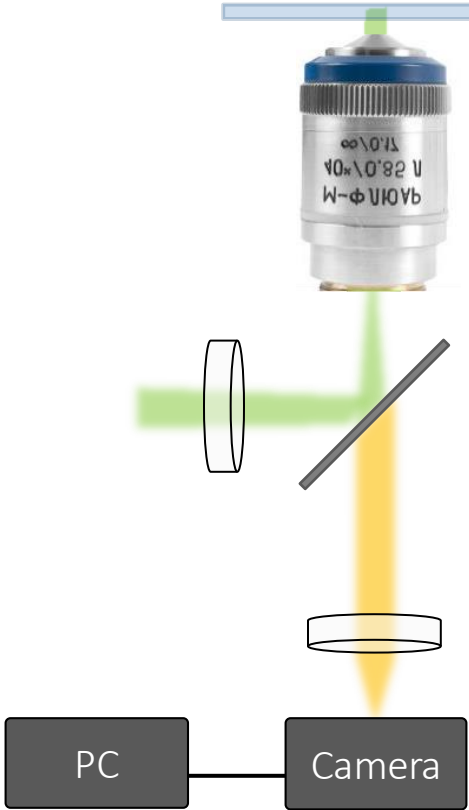


Sample Scanning (Confocal)  
Fluorescence Microscope

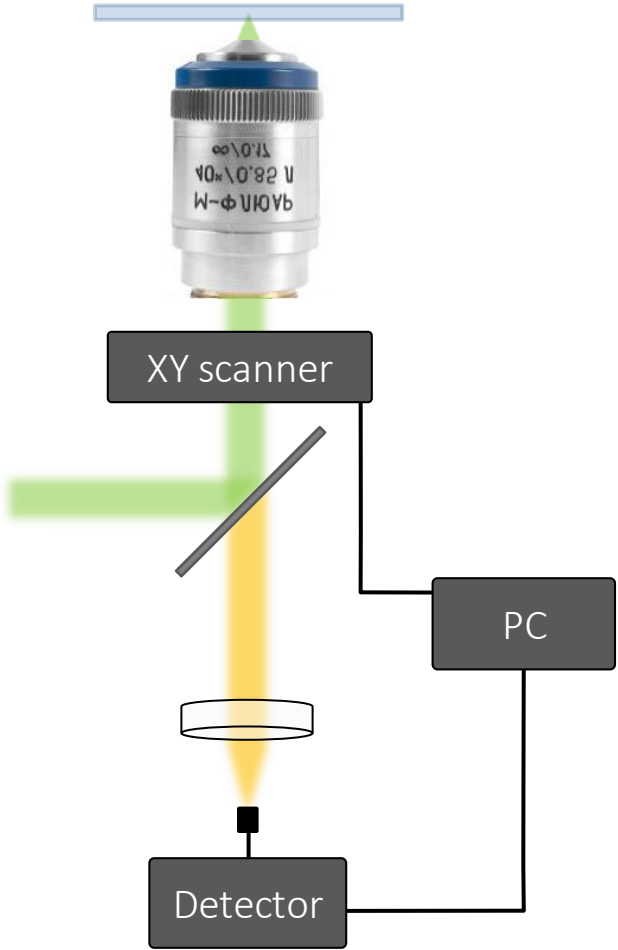


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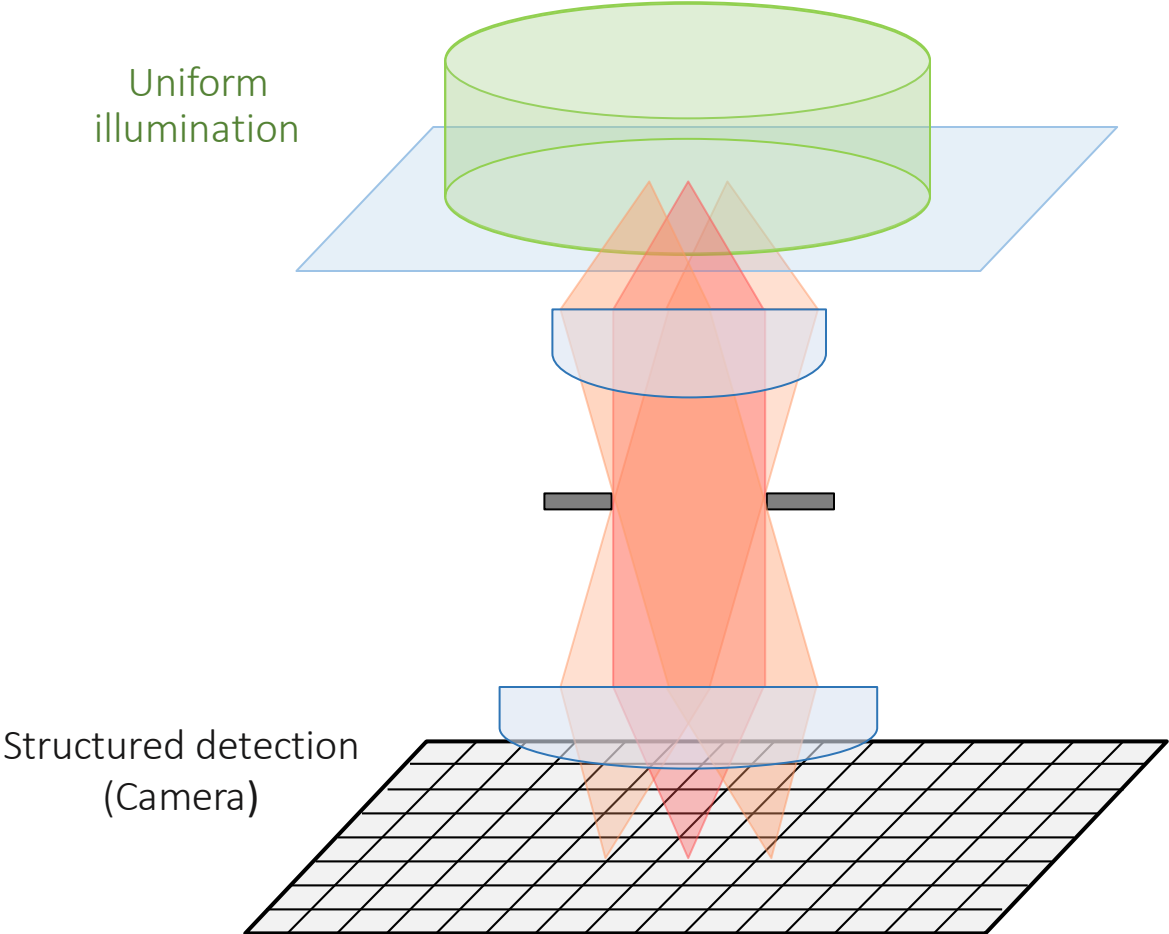
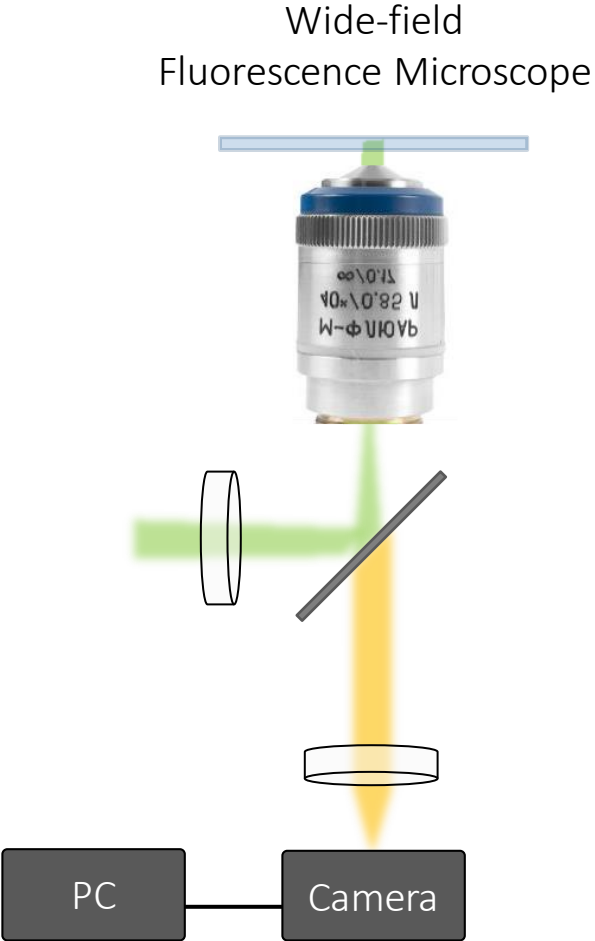
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Fluorescence Microscope



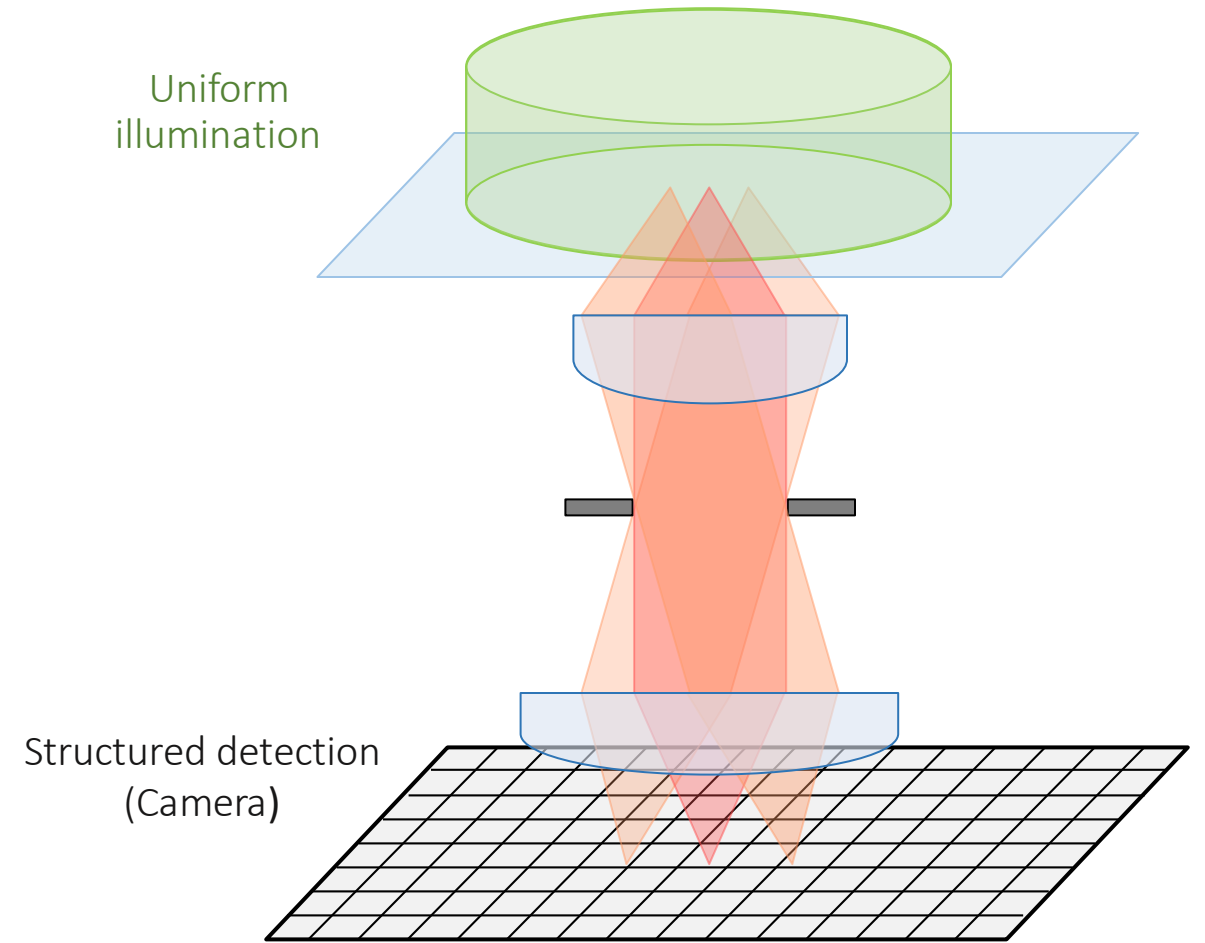
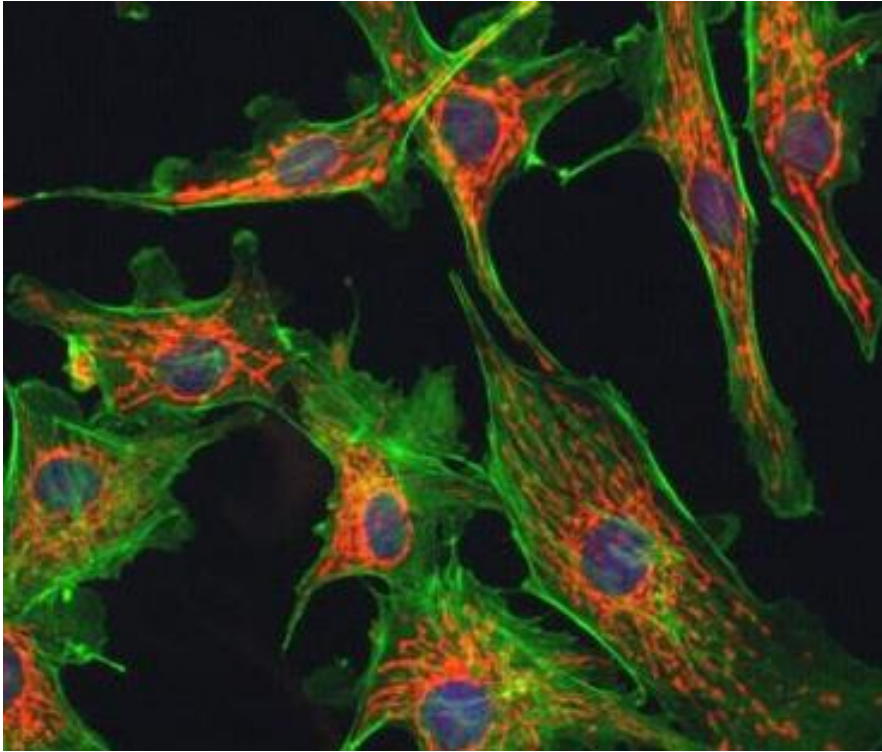
Beam Scanning  
(Confocal) Fluorescence Microscope



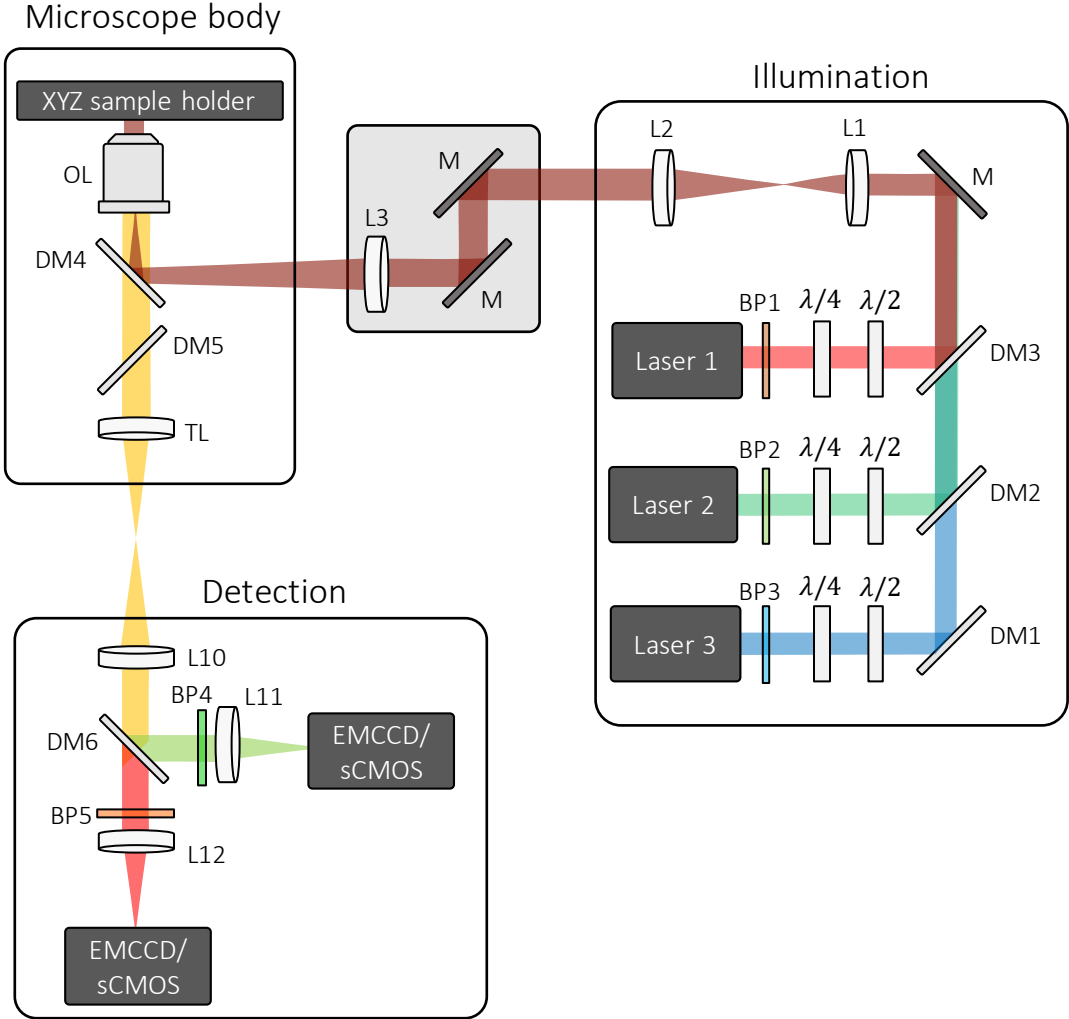
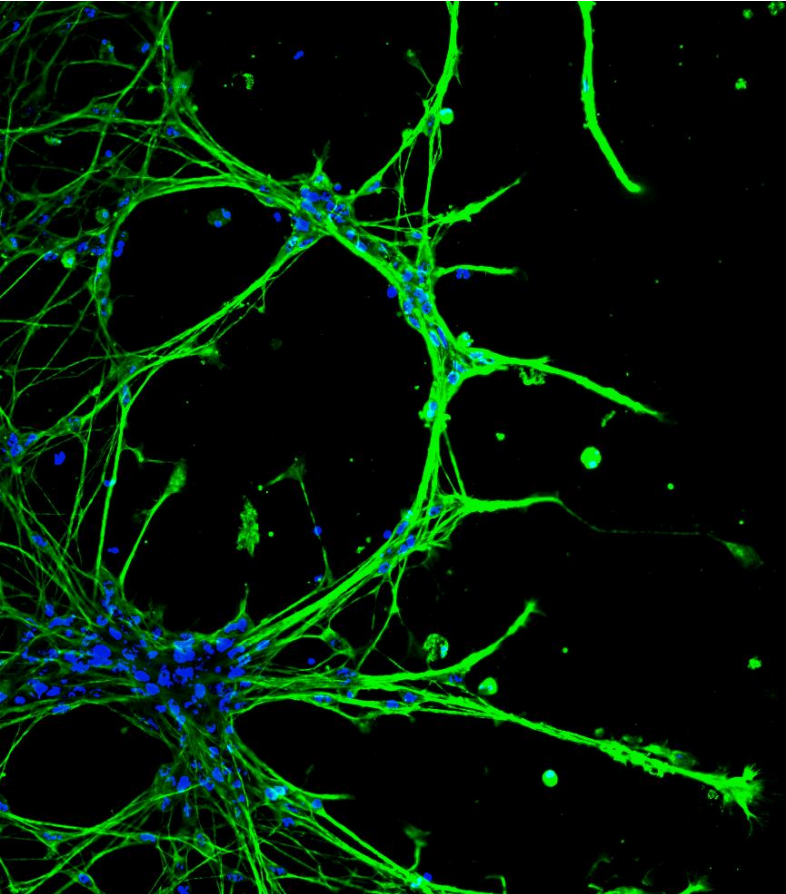
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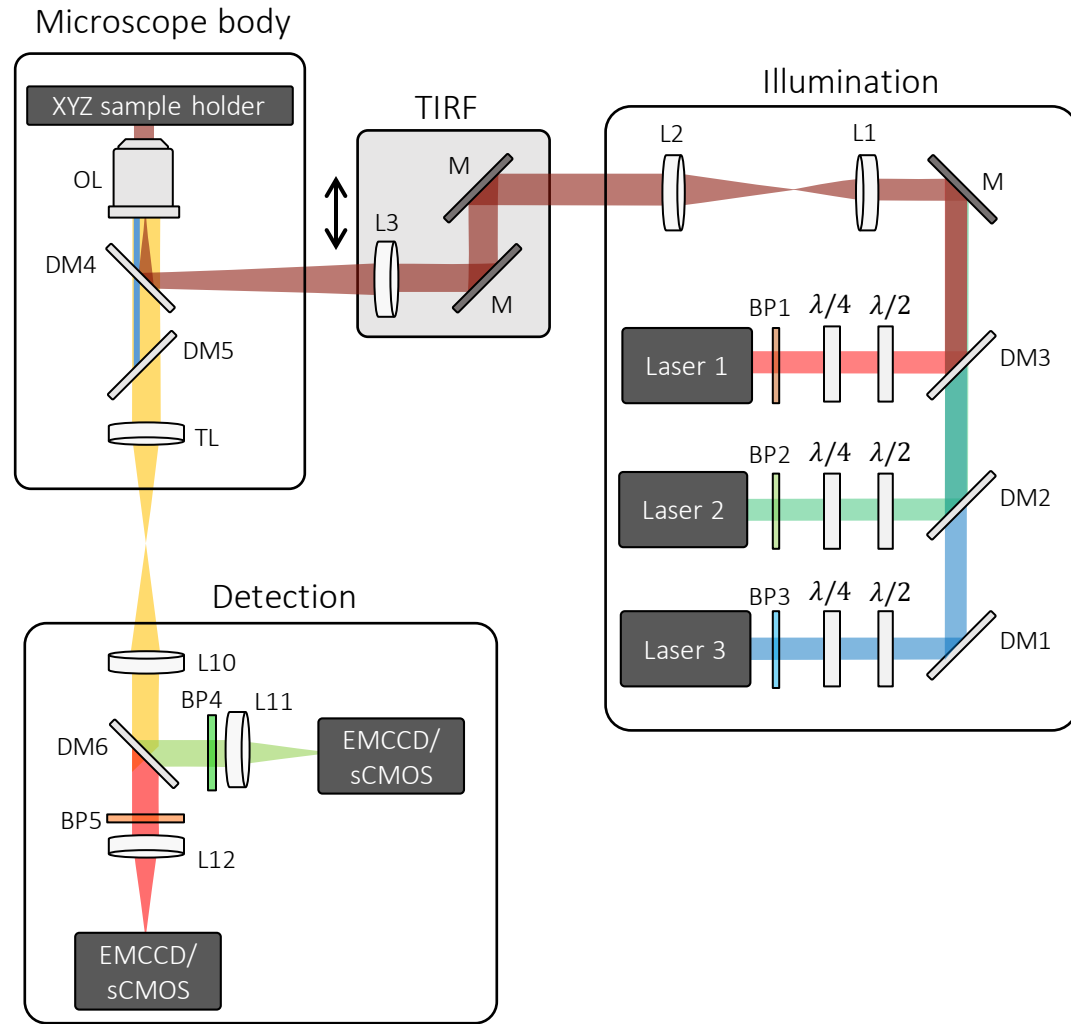
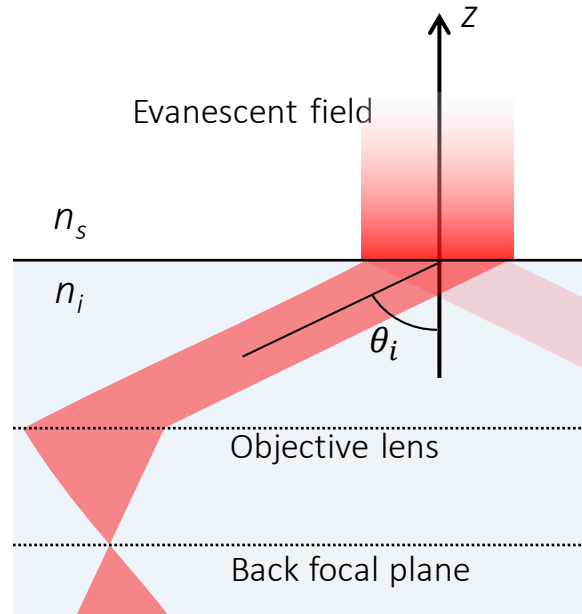
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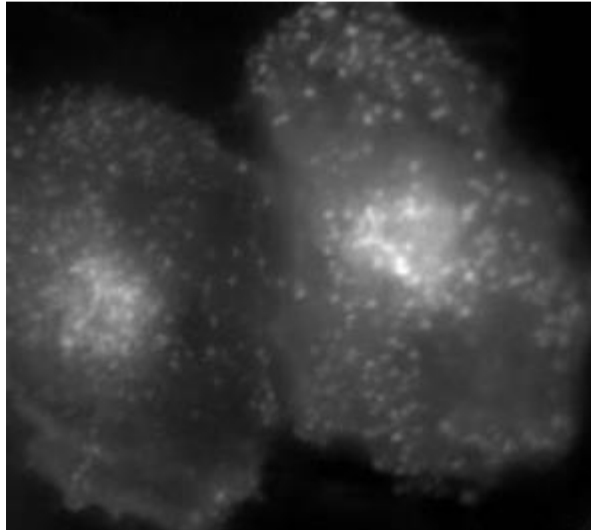
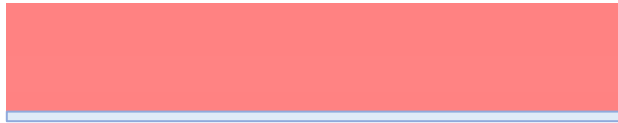
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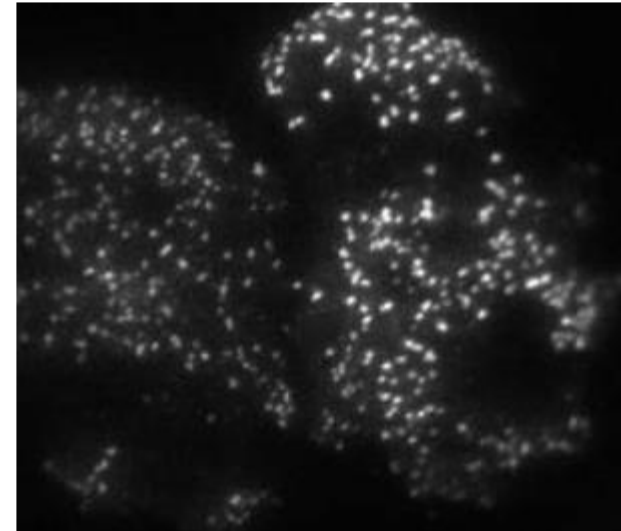
Epifluorescence



TIRF

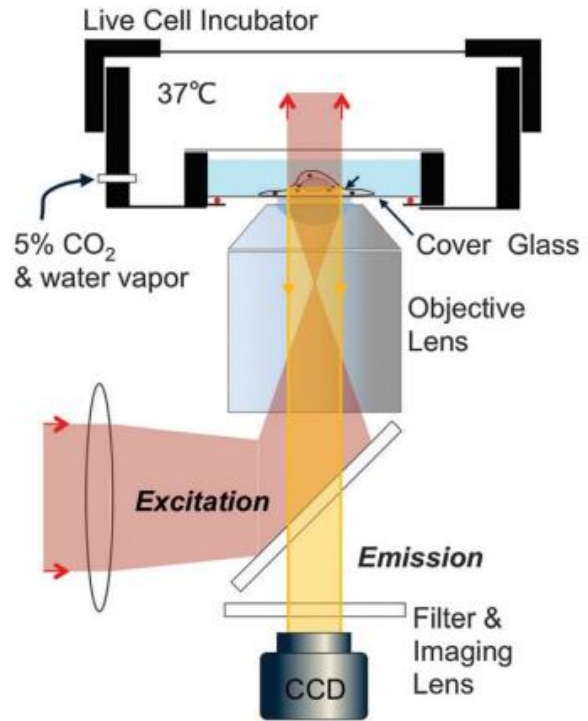


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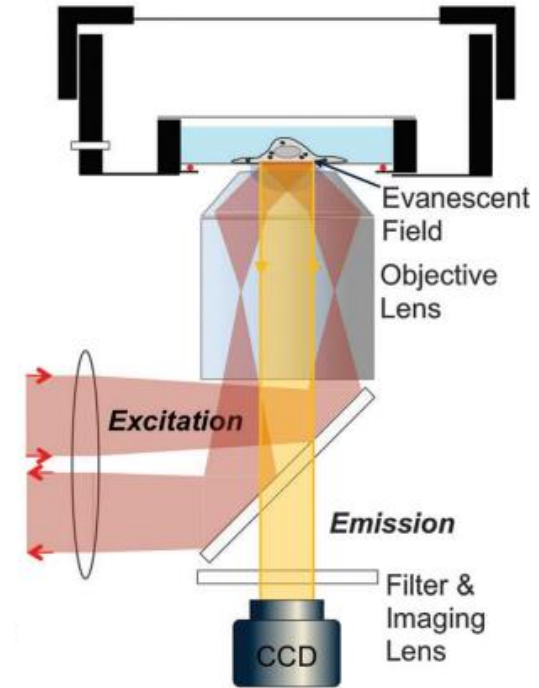


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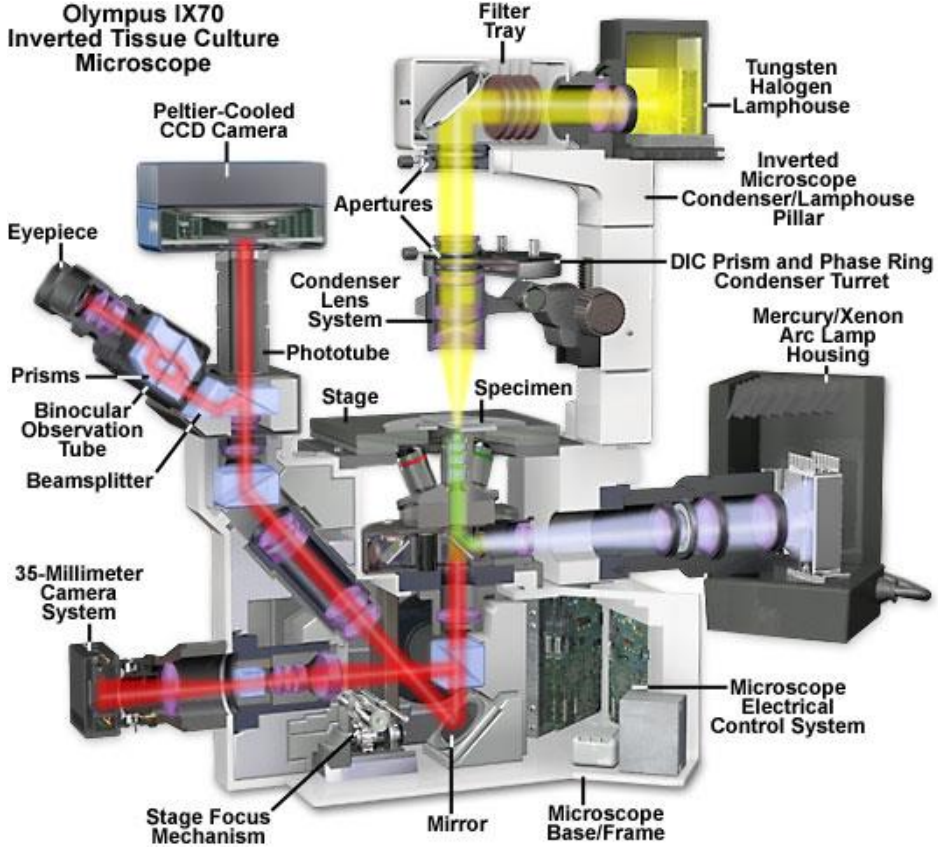
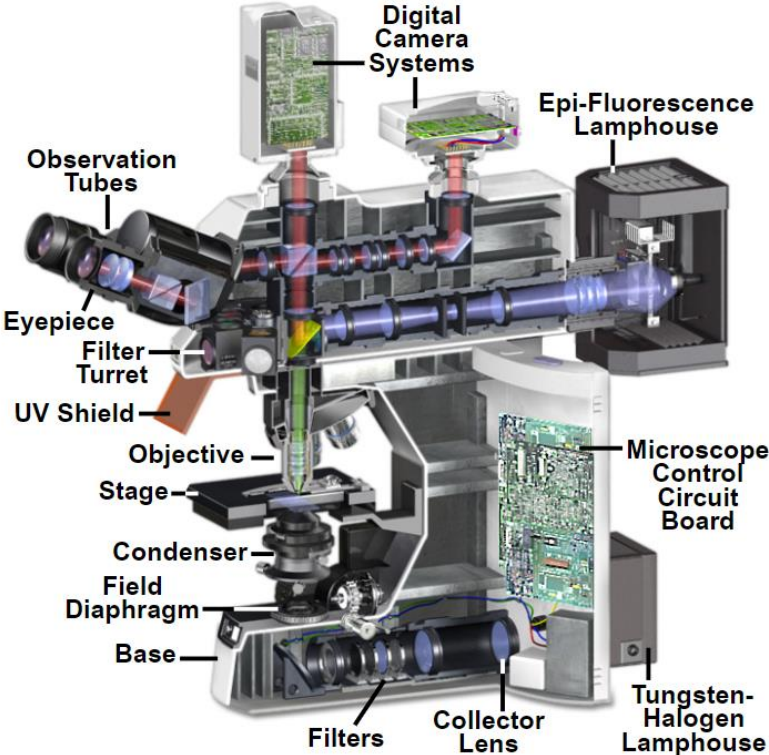
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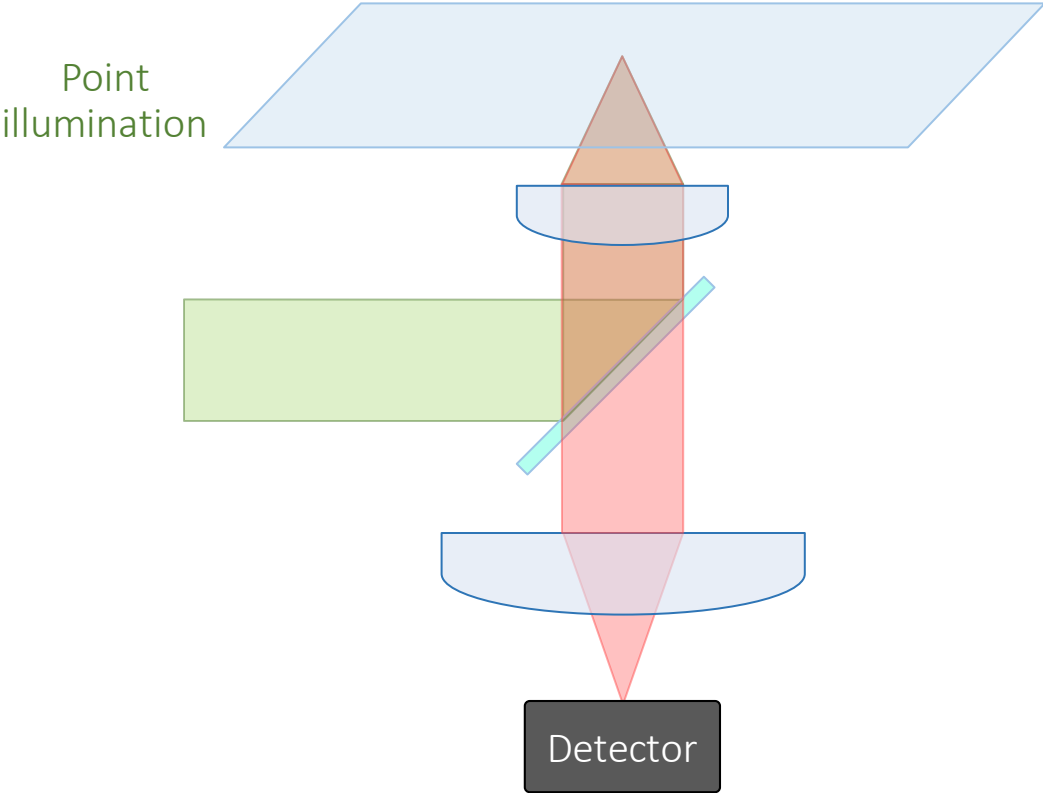
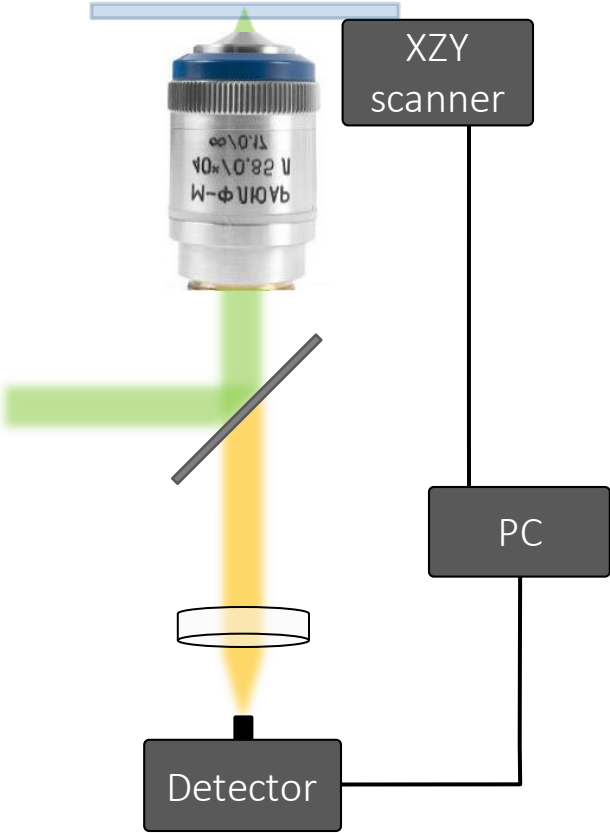


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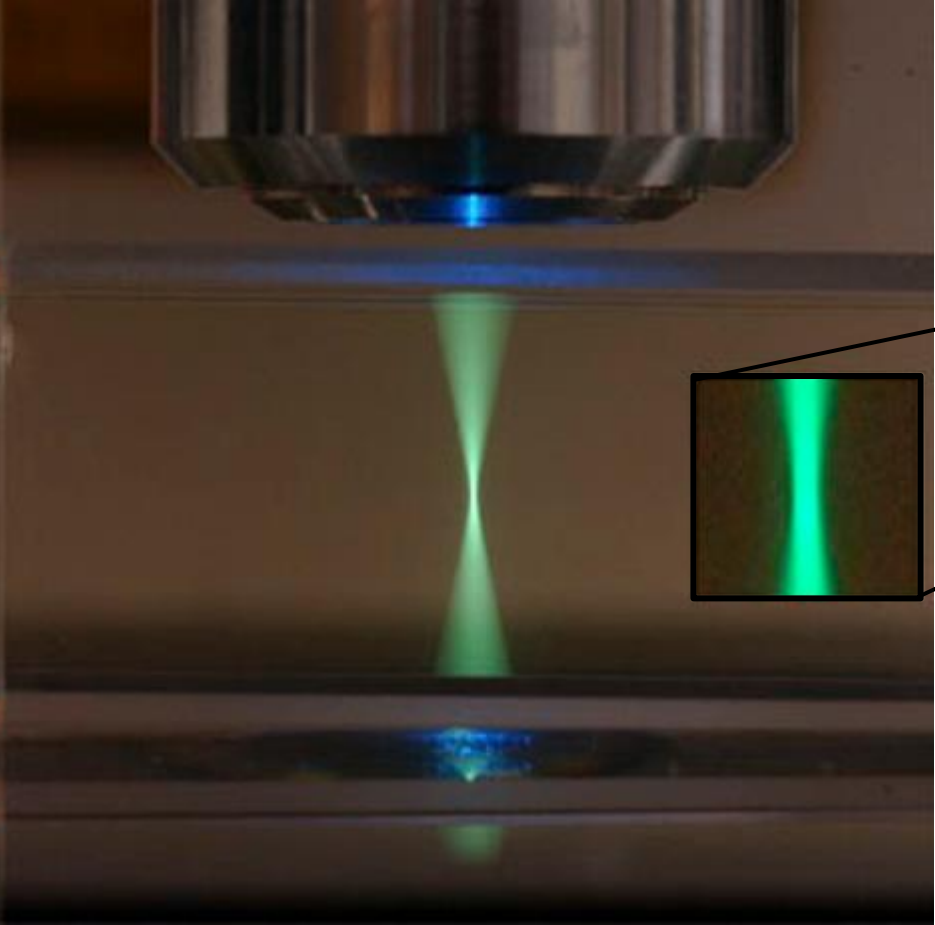


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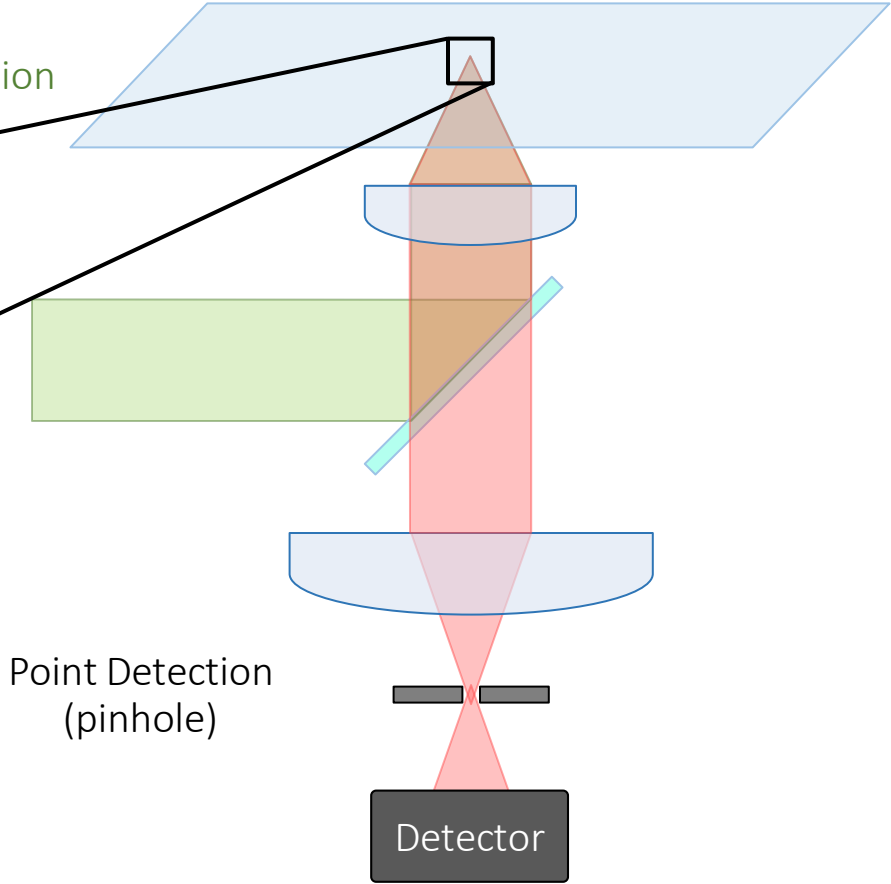
Scanning  
Fluorescence Microscope



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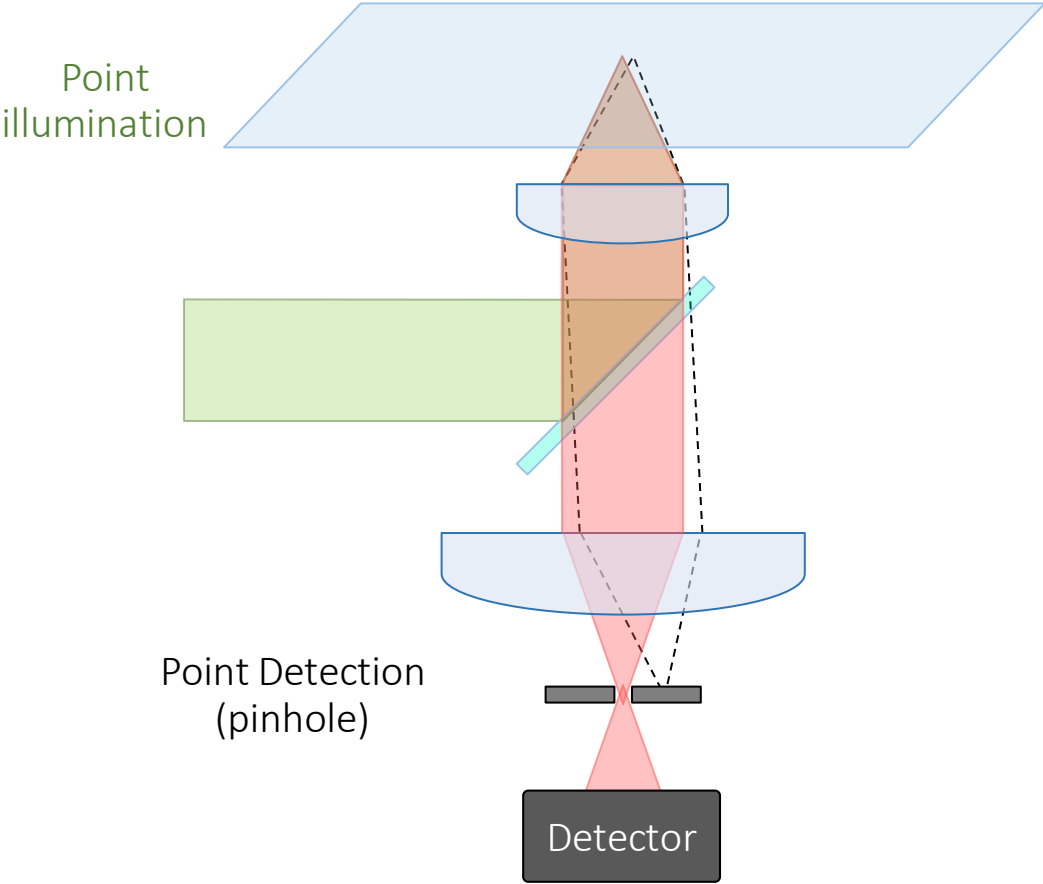
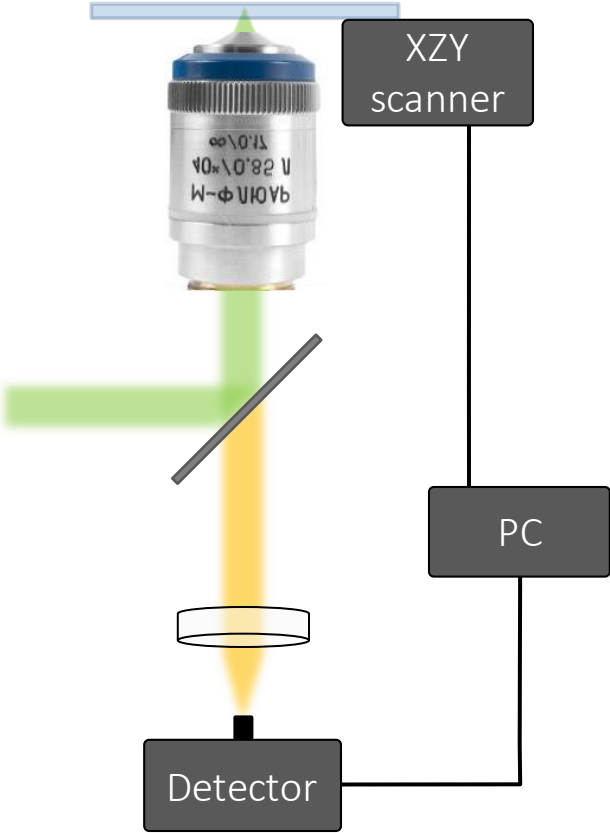


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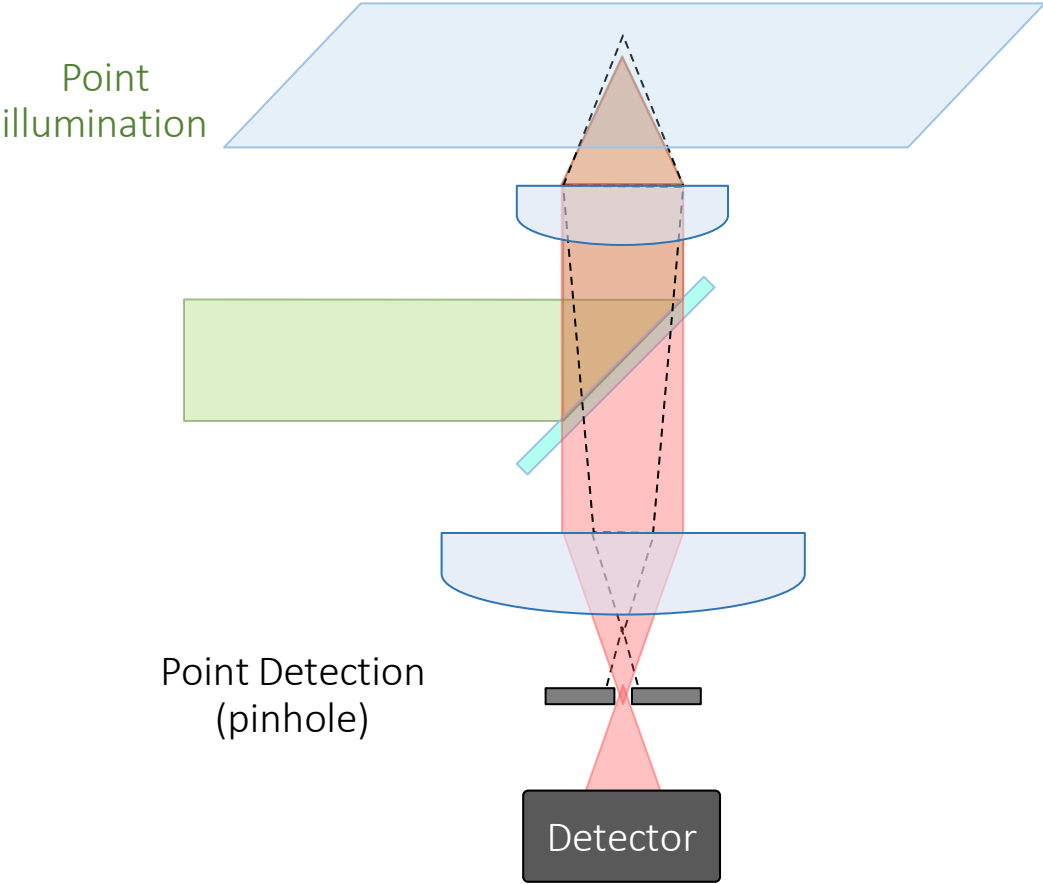
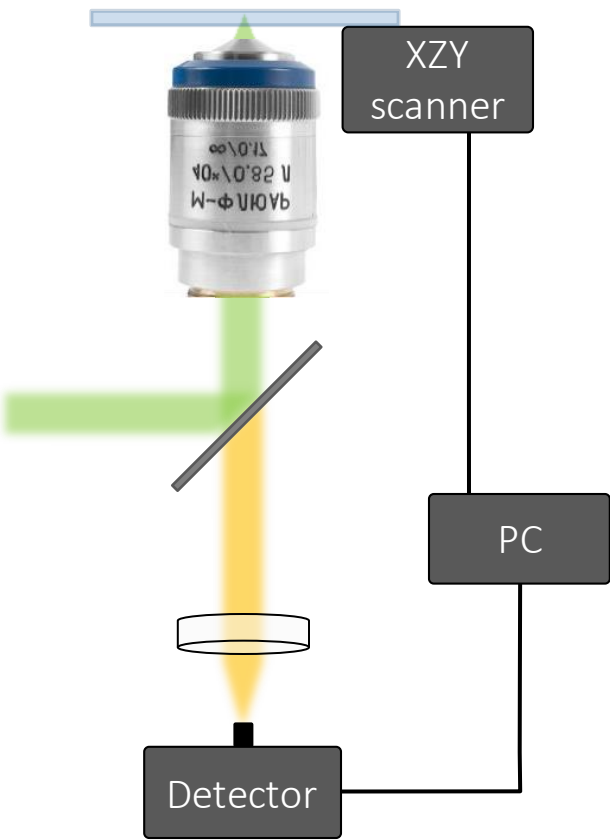
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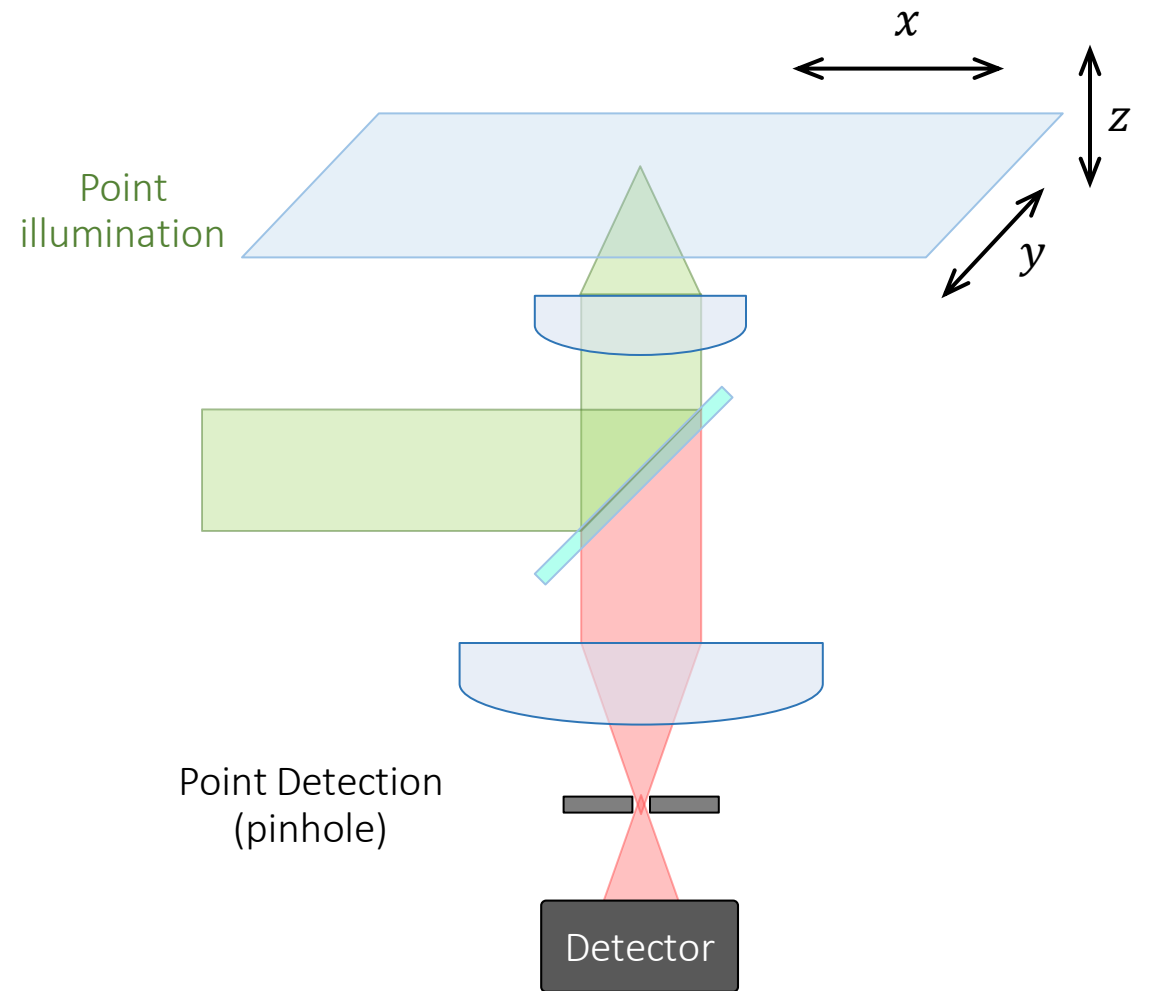
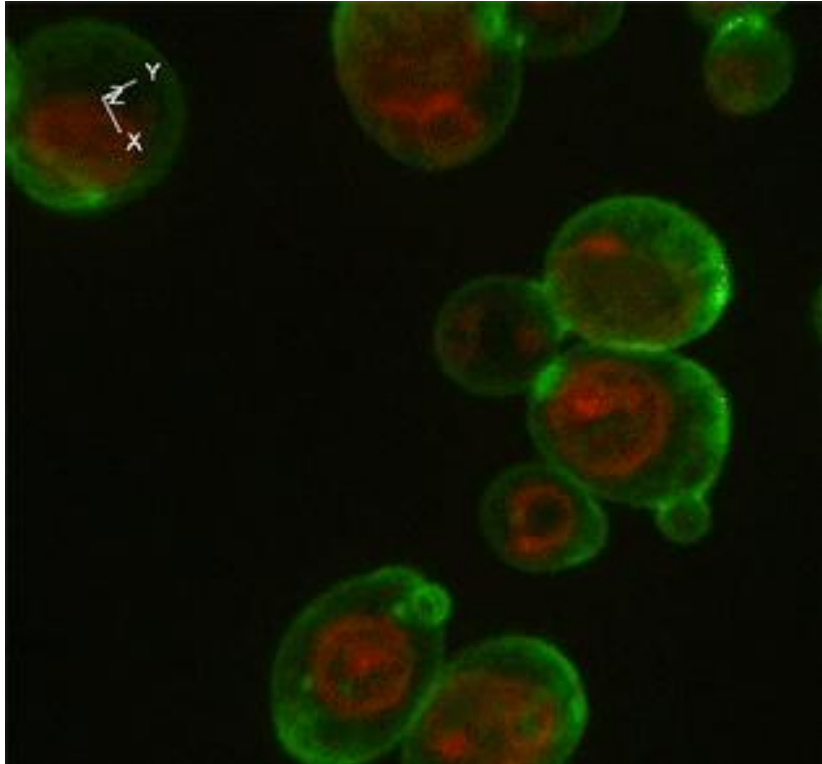
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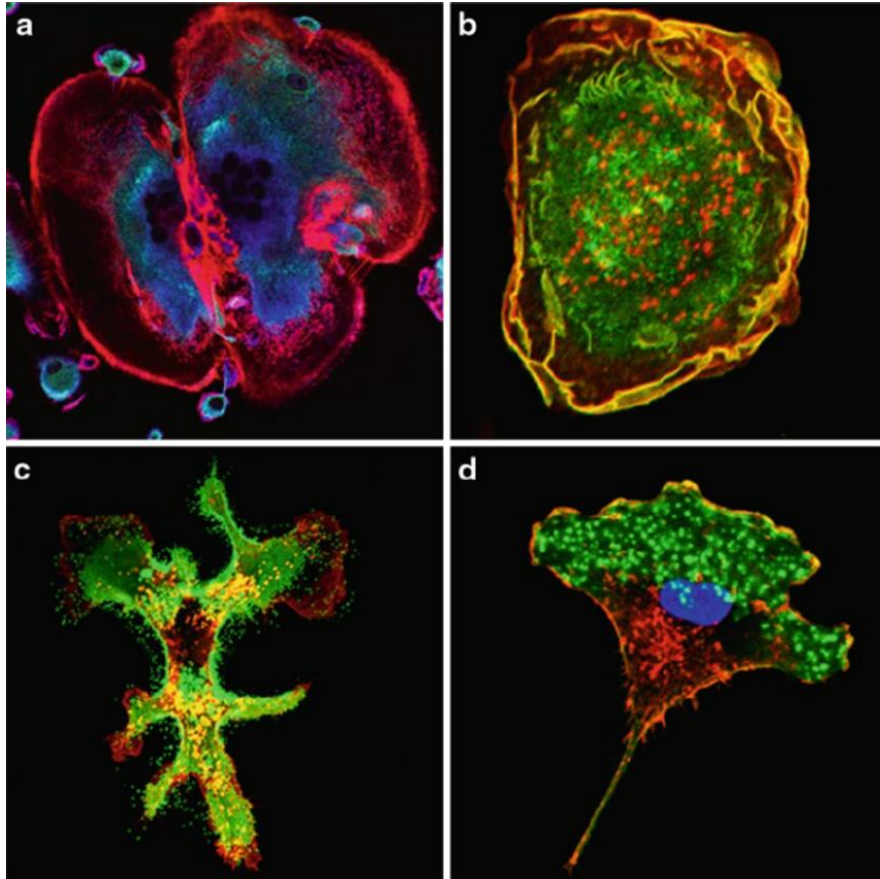




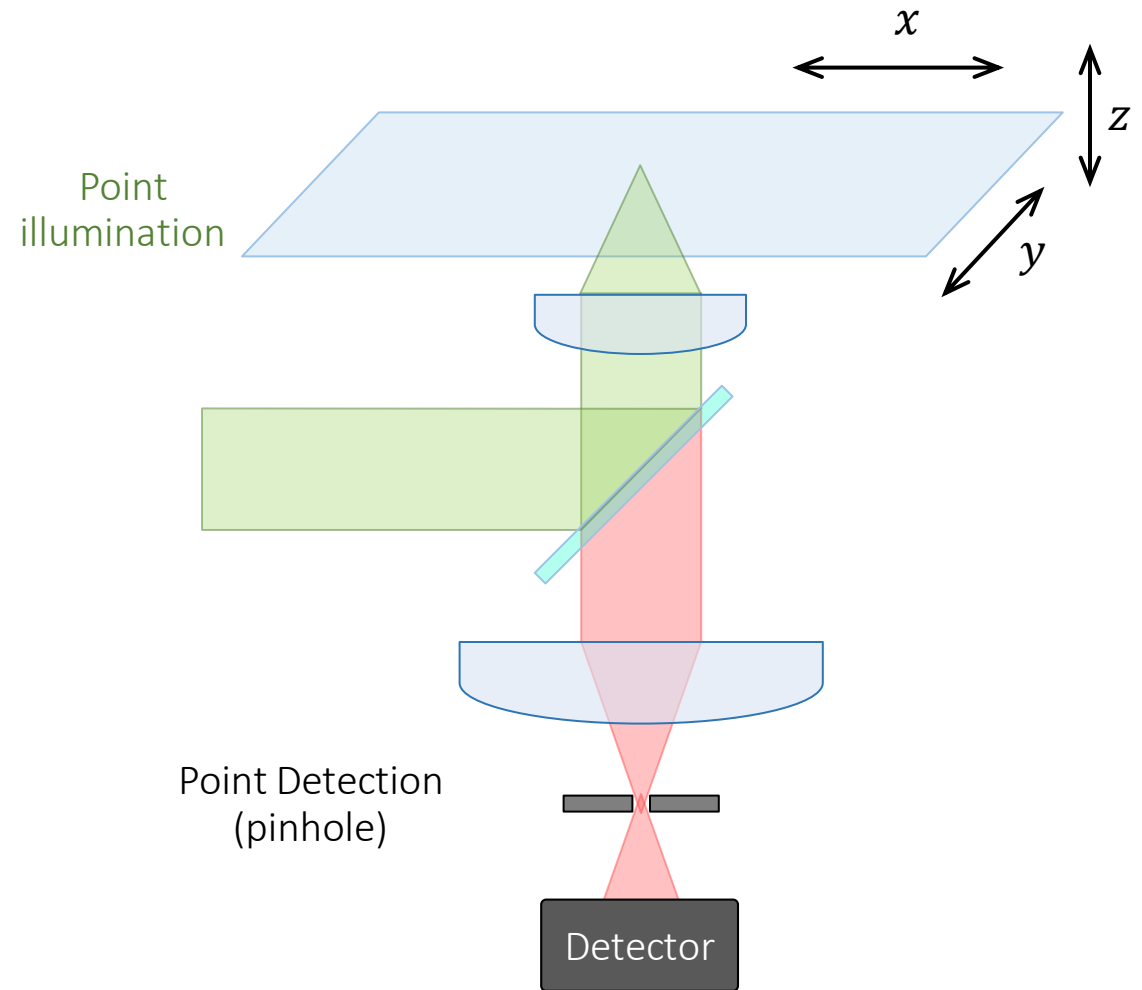
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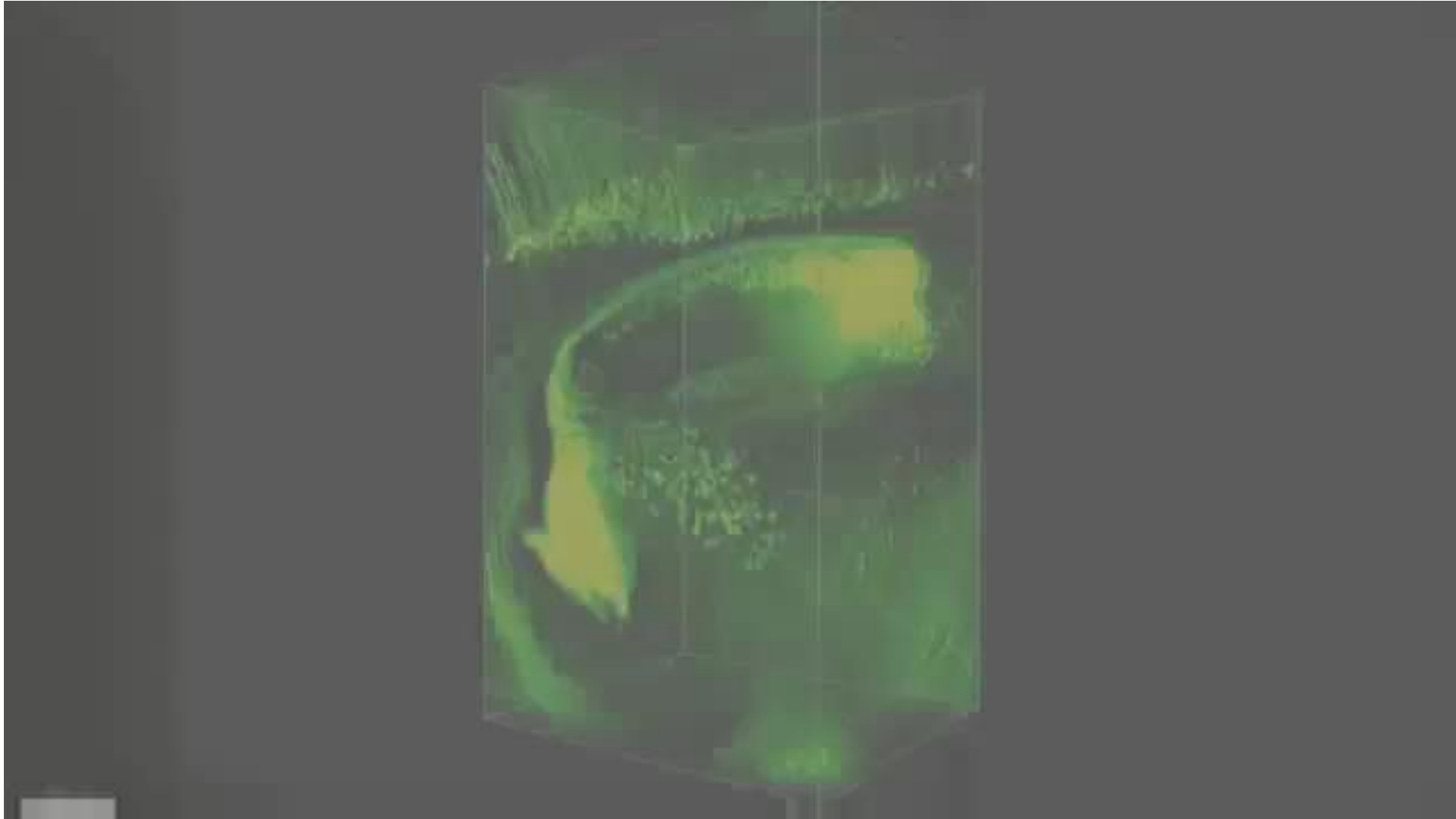
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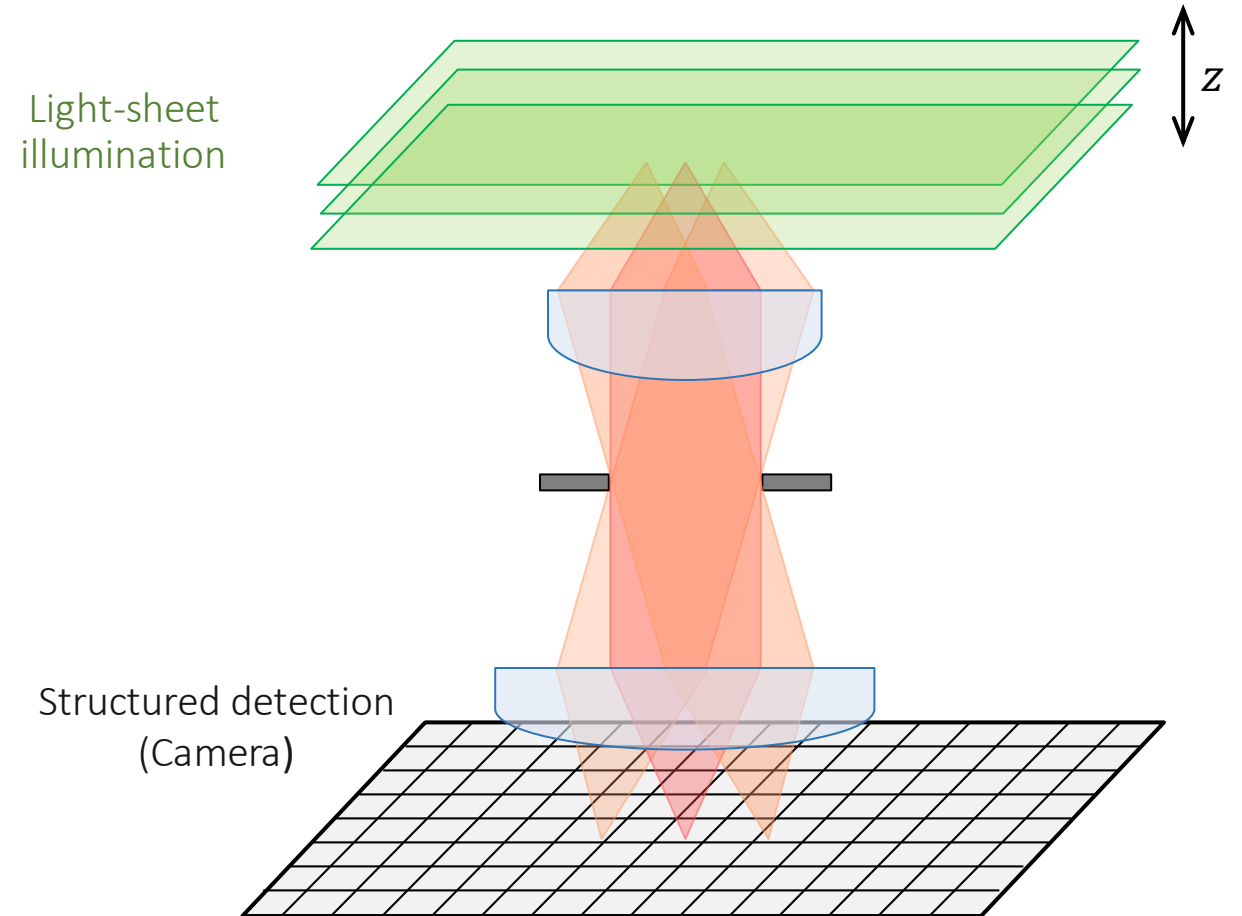
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Advanced Microscopy: Laser Scanning Confocal Microscopy.  
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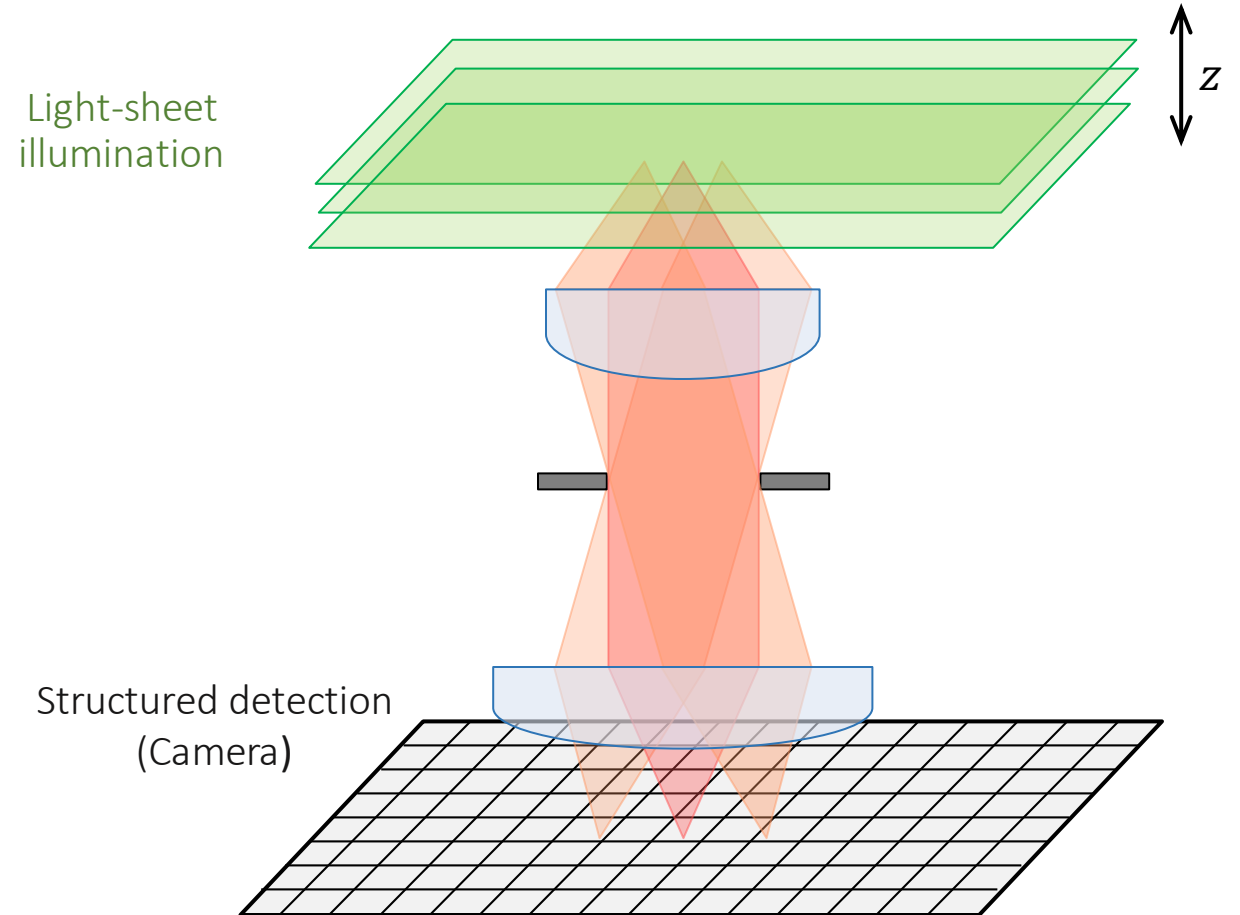
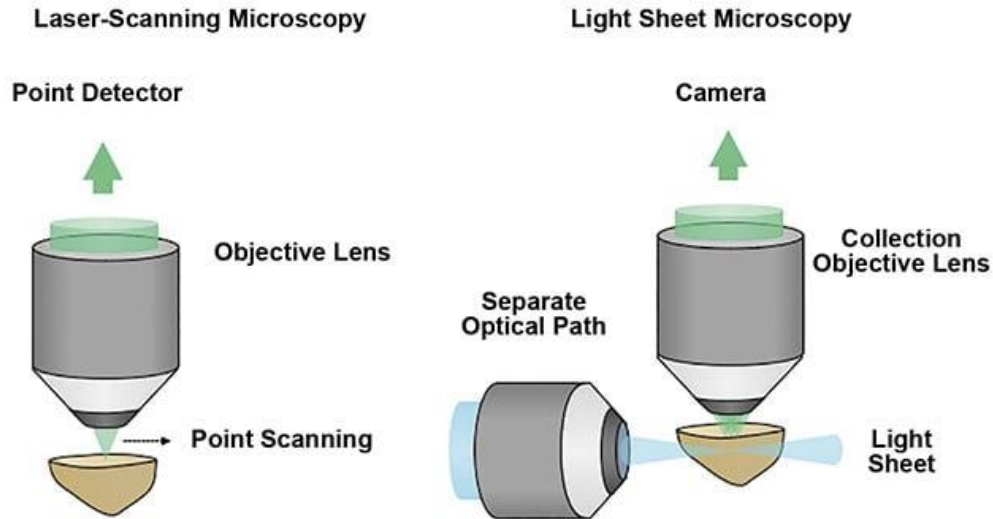


# Light-sheet fluorescence microscopy



- High throughput
- Lower exposure/less photobleaching

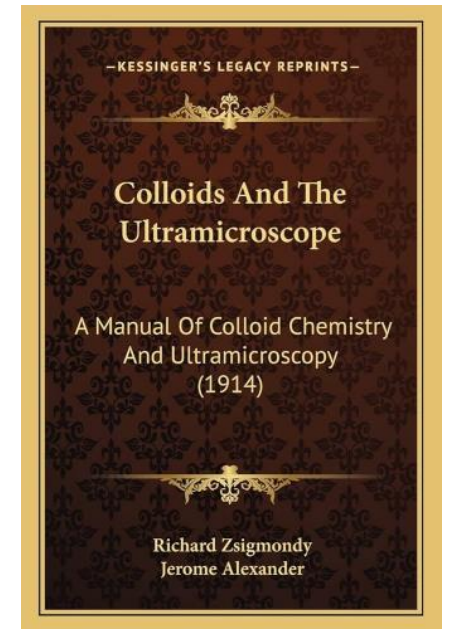
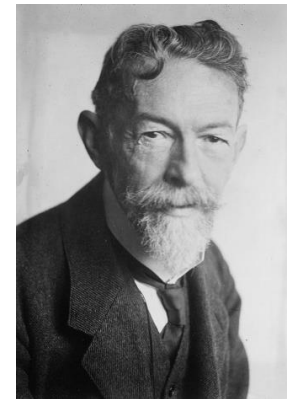
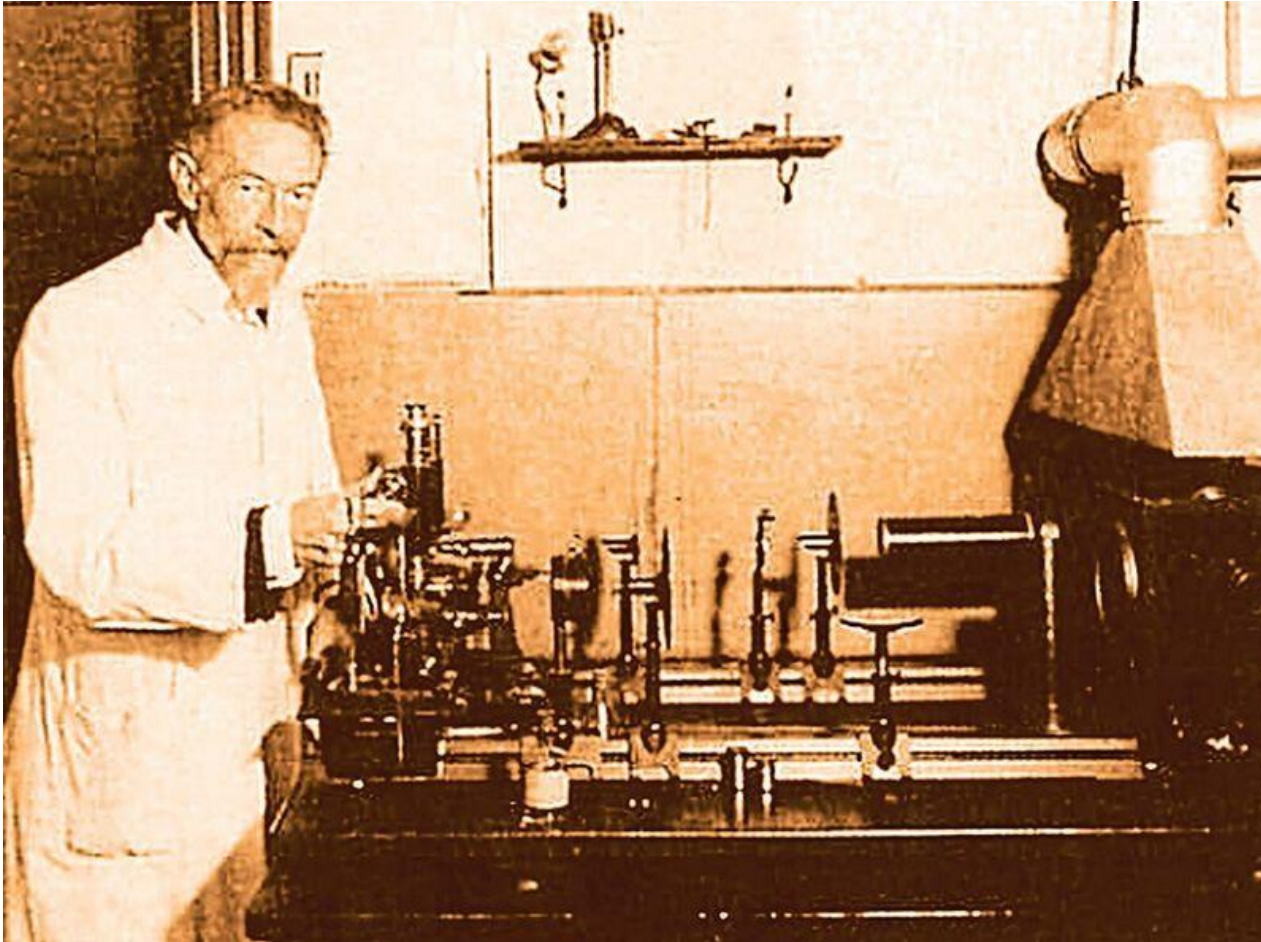
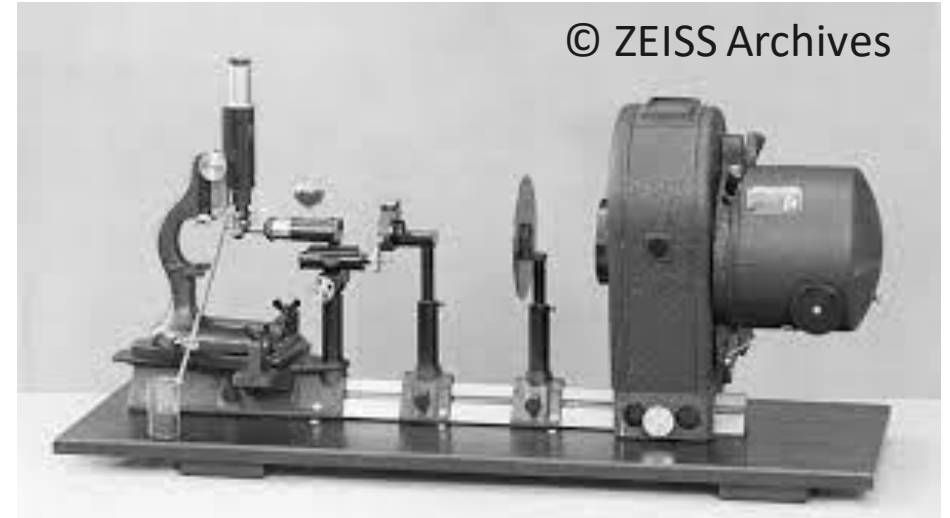
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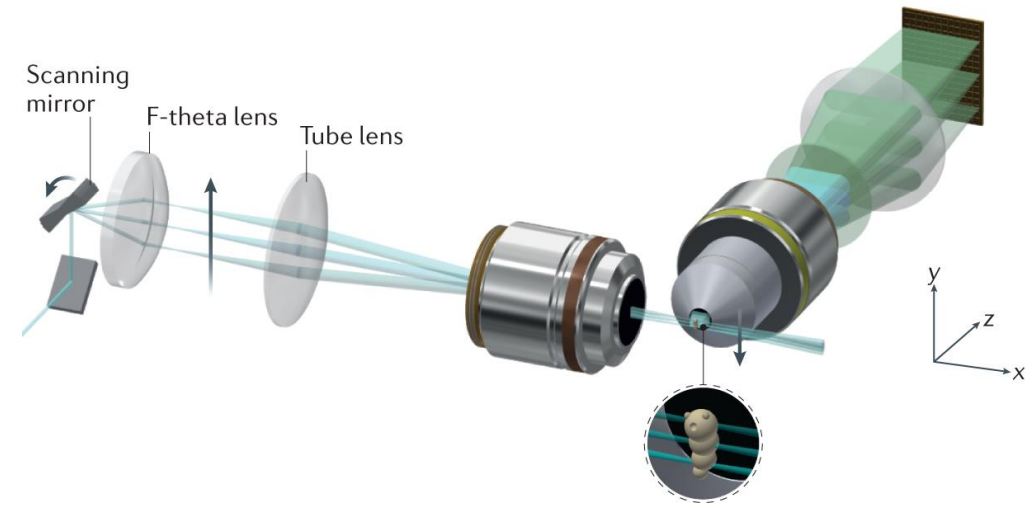
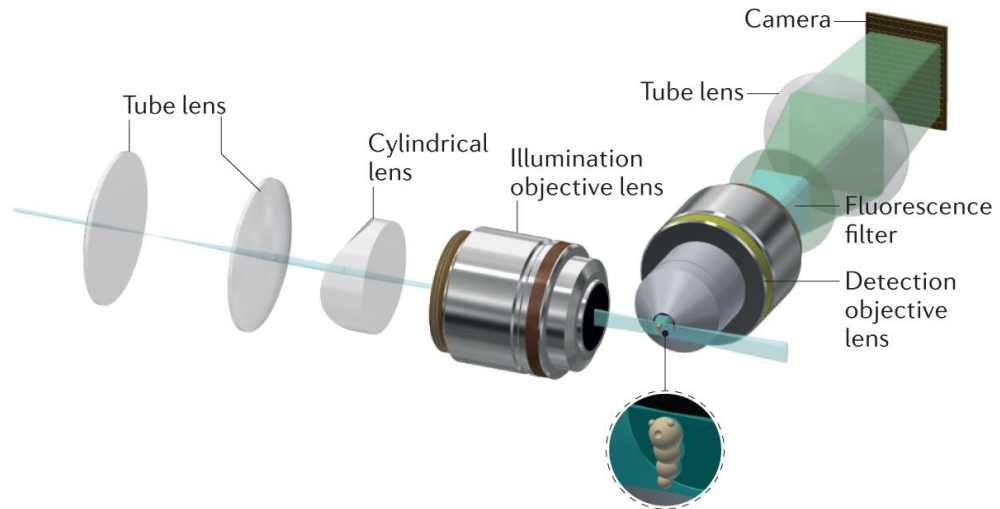
# The “Ultramicroscope” 1903

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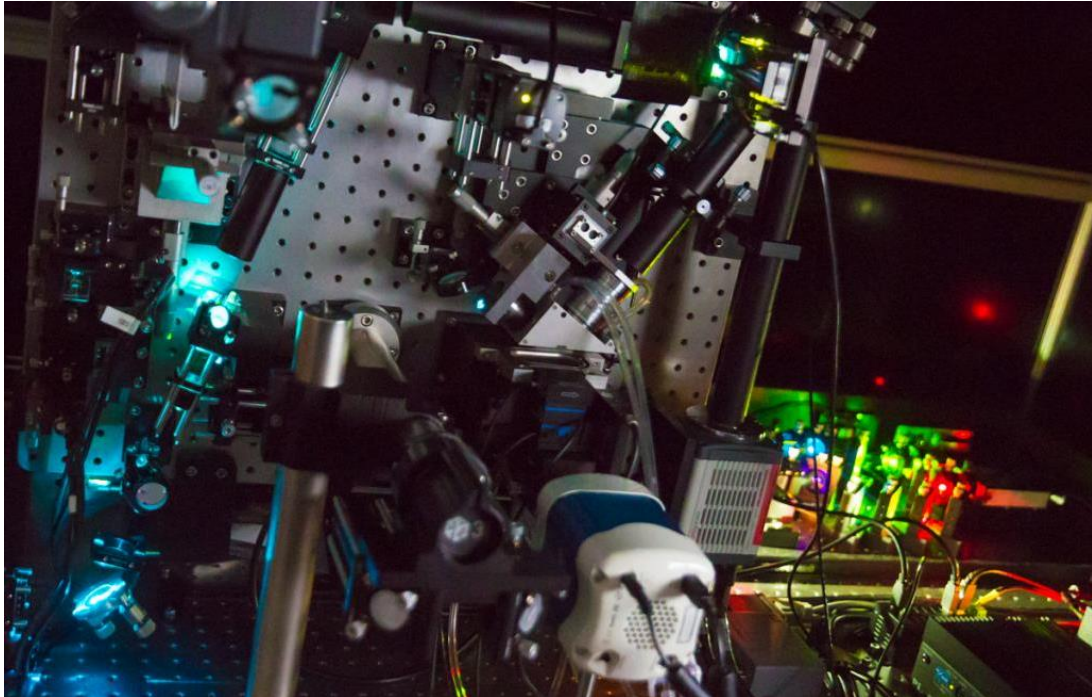
Richard Zsigmondy  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1925

# Light-sheet fluorescence microscopy



Stelzer, E.H.K., Strobl, F., Chang, B.J. *et al.* Light sheet fluorescence microscopy. *Nat Rev Methods Primers* 1 (2021) 73

# Light-sheet fluorescence microscopy



<https://huiskenlab.com/flamingo/>

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# Light-sheet fluorescence microscopy



## Drosophila Embryo Development

### What is it?

Transgenic line expressing His2Av-mCherry as fluorescent nuclear reporter. The fruit fly embryo was imaged for almost one complete day (4 x 200 slices every 30 seconds).

### Courtesy of:

Lars Hufnagel  
European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)  
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# Light-sheet fluorescence microscopy



## Zebrafish Development

### What is it?

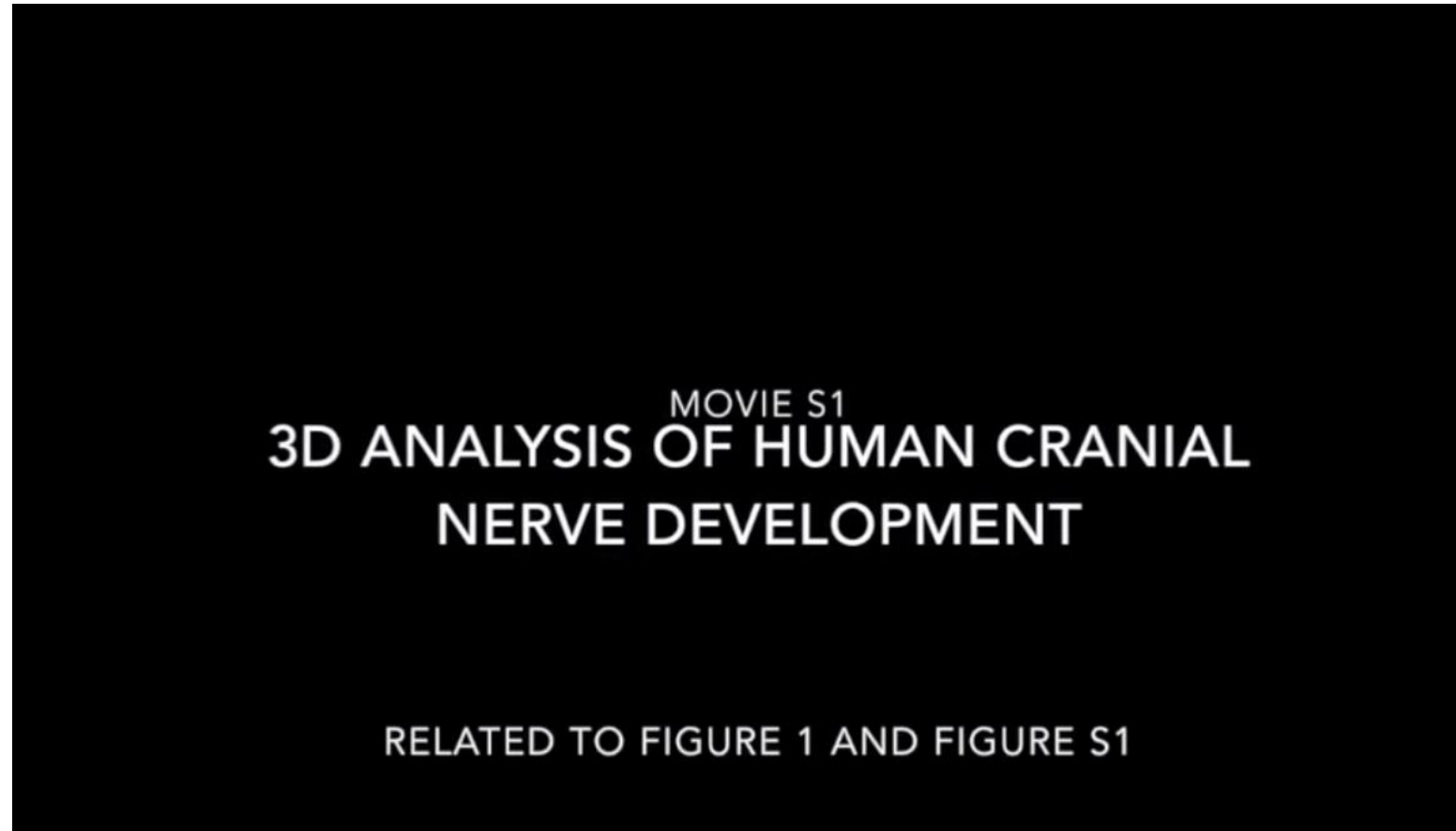
Zebrafish imaged on the MuVi SPIM. Stitched from 5 stacks in Imaris, each 340 slices, 16 hour/10min. Fish growth can be observed.

### Courtesy of:

Dr. Liu Jingxia  
Huazhong Agricultural University  
China

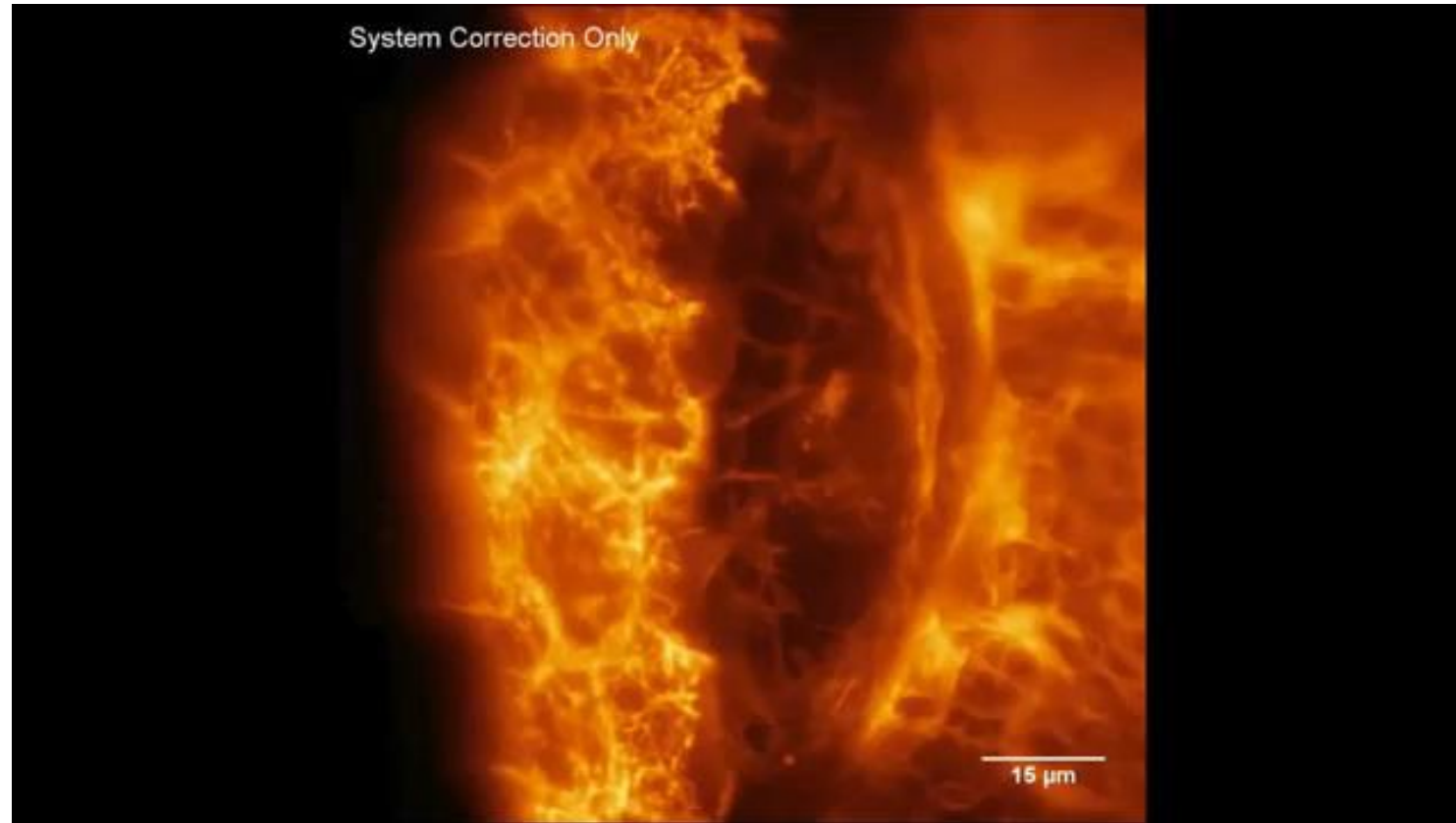
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# Light-sheet fluorescence microscopy



Human cranial nerve development  
M. Belle et al. *Cell* 169 (2017) 161-173

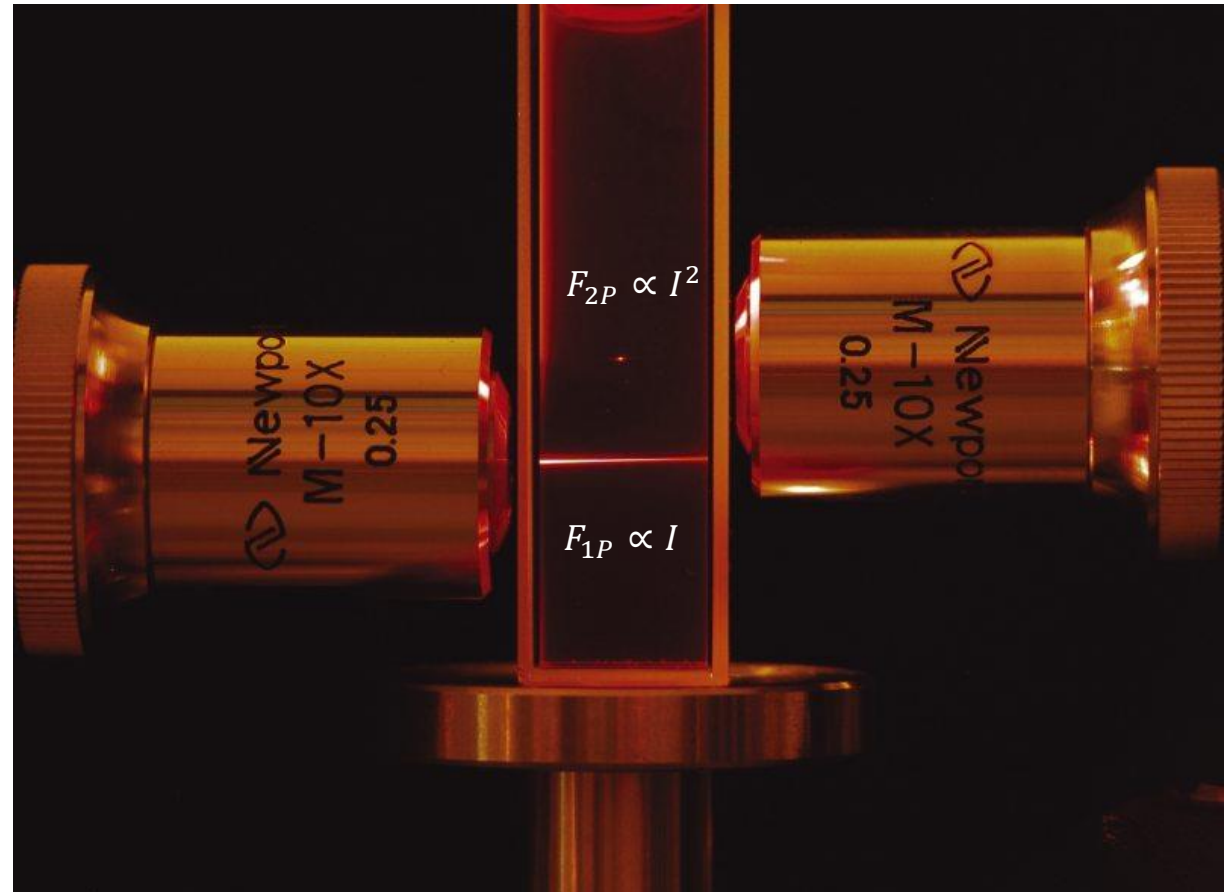
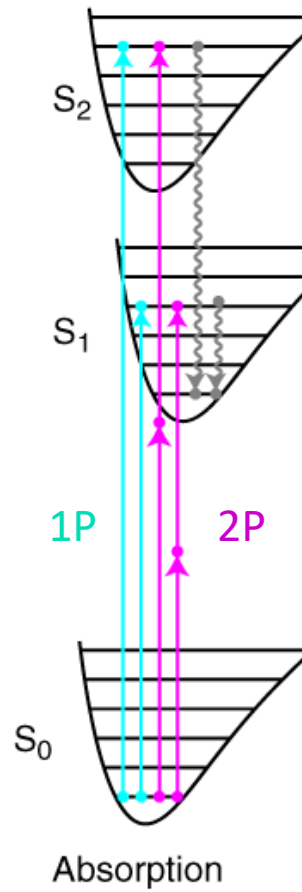
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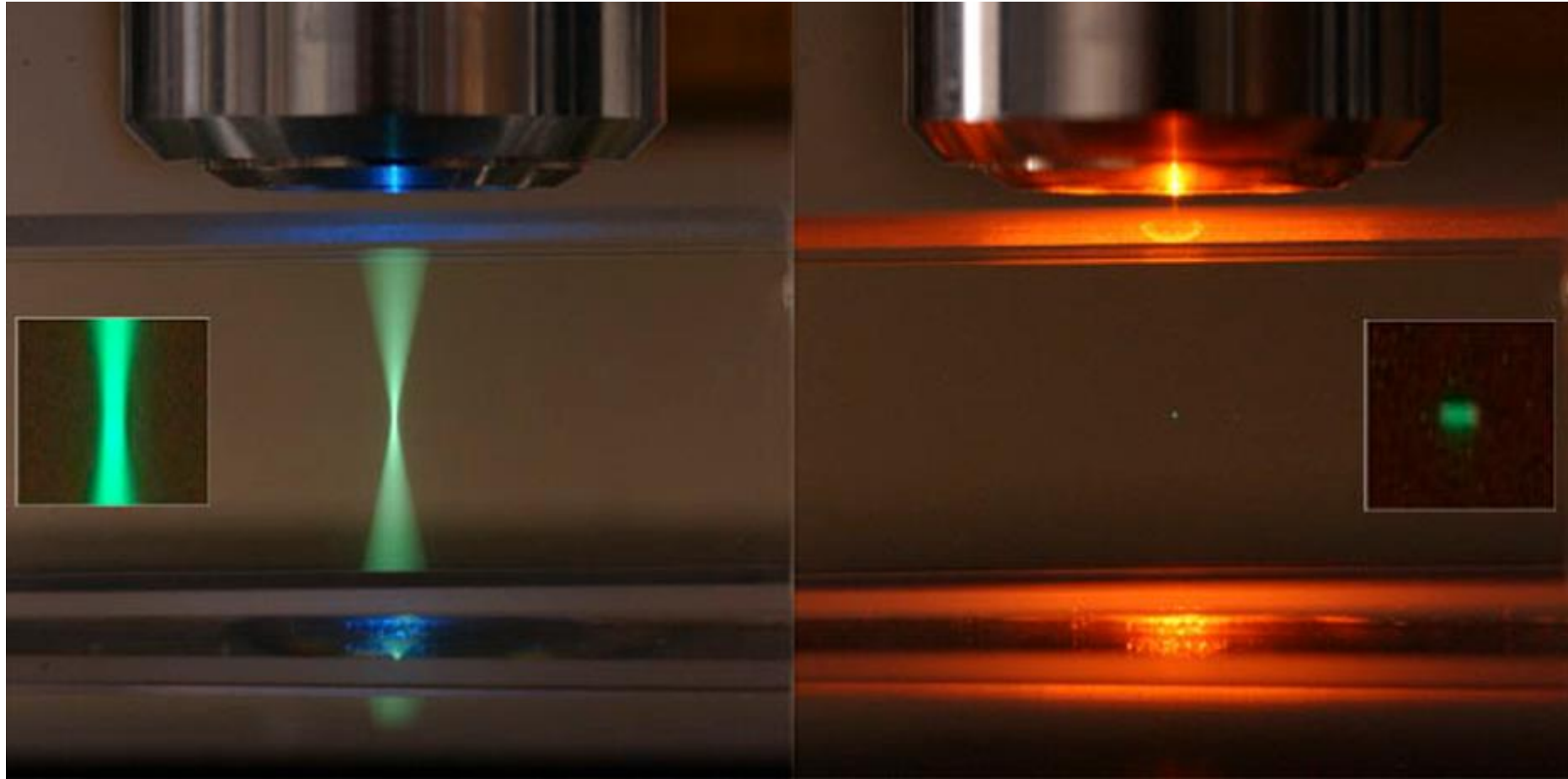
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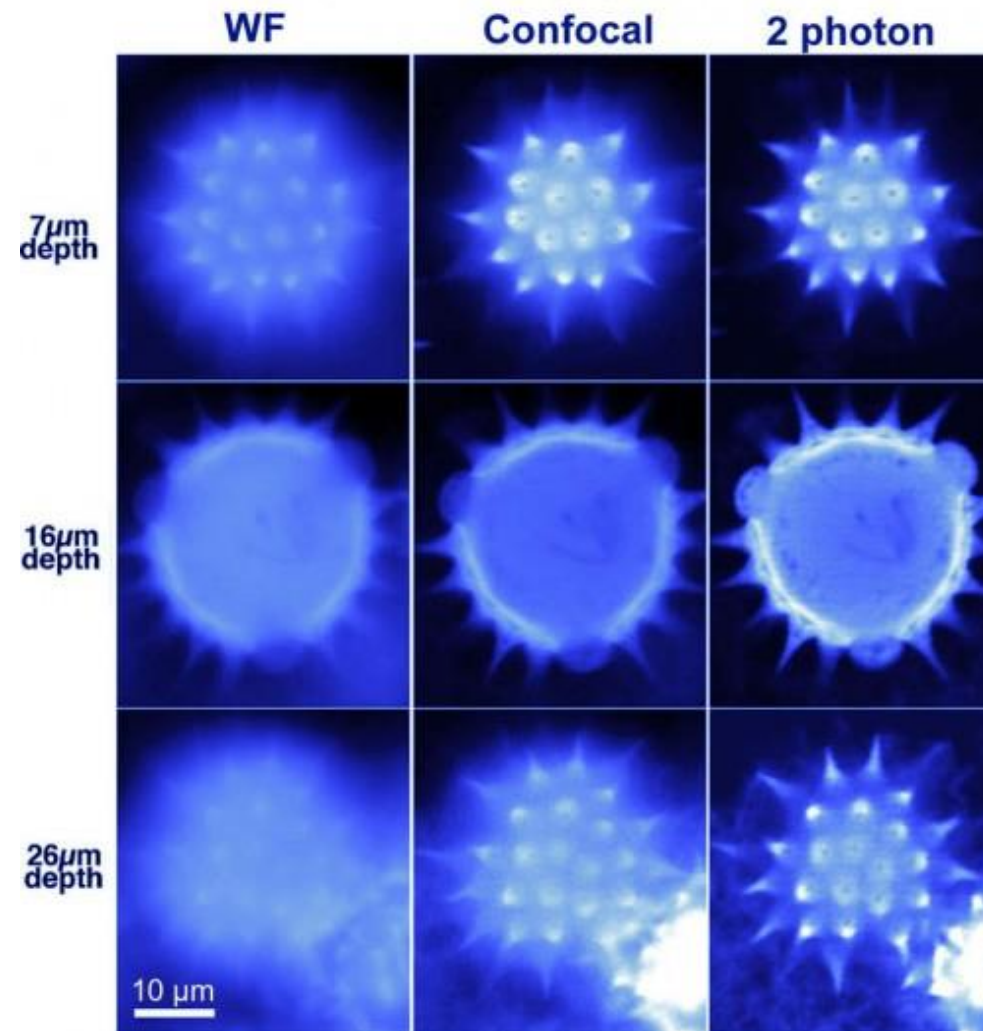
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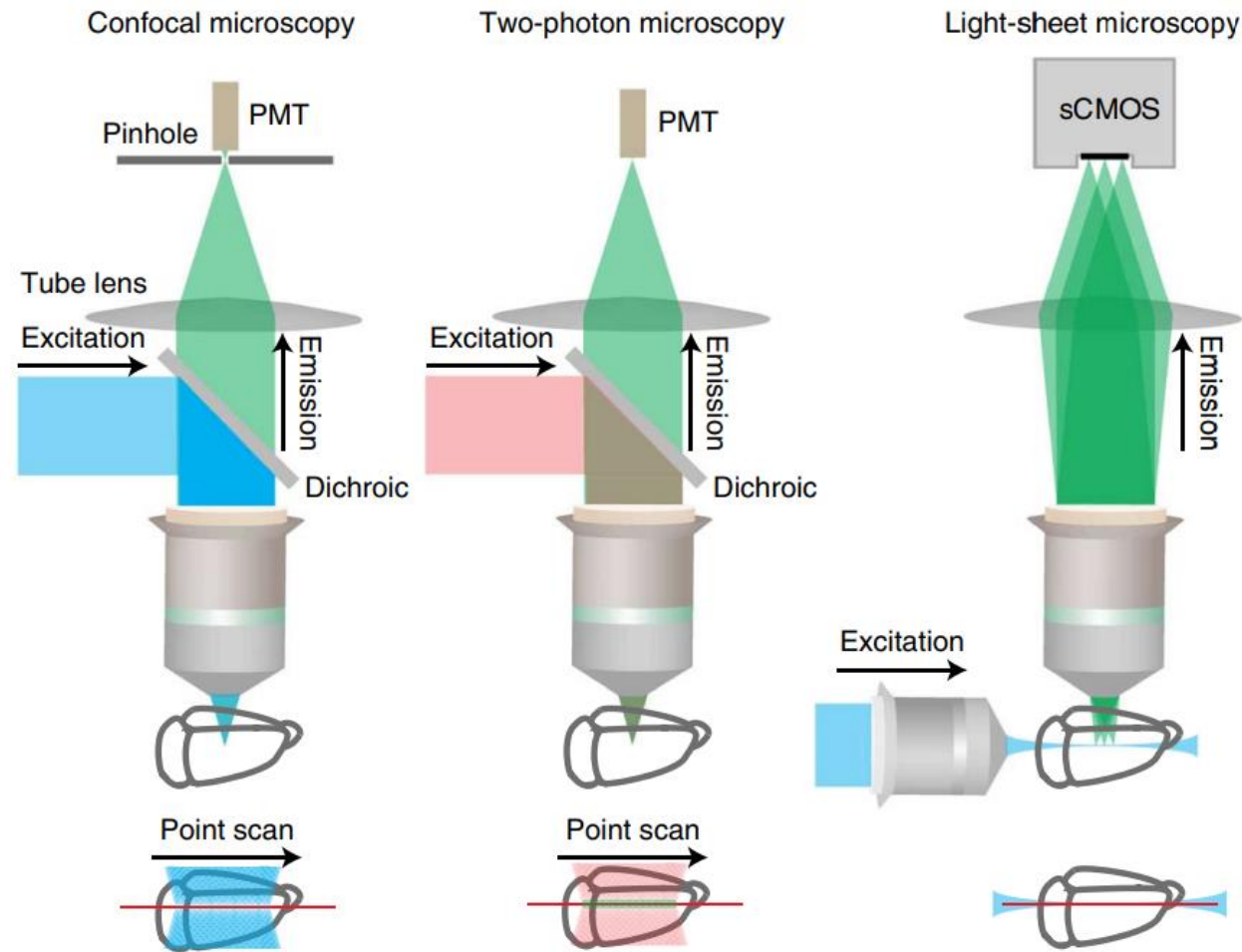
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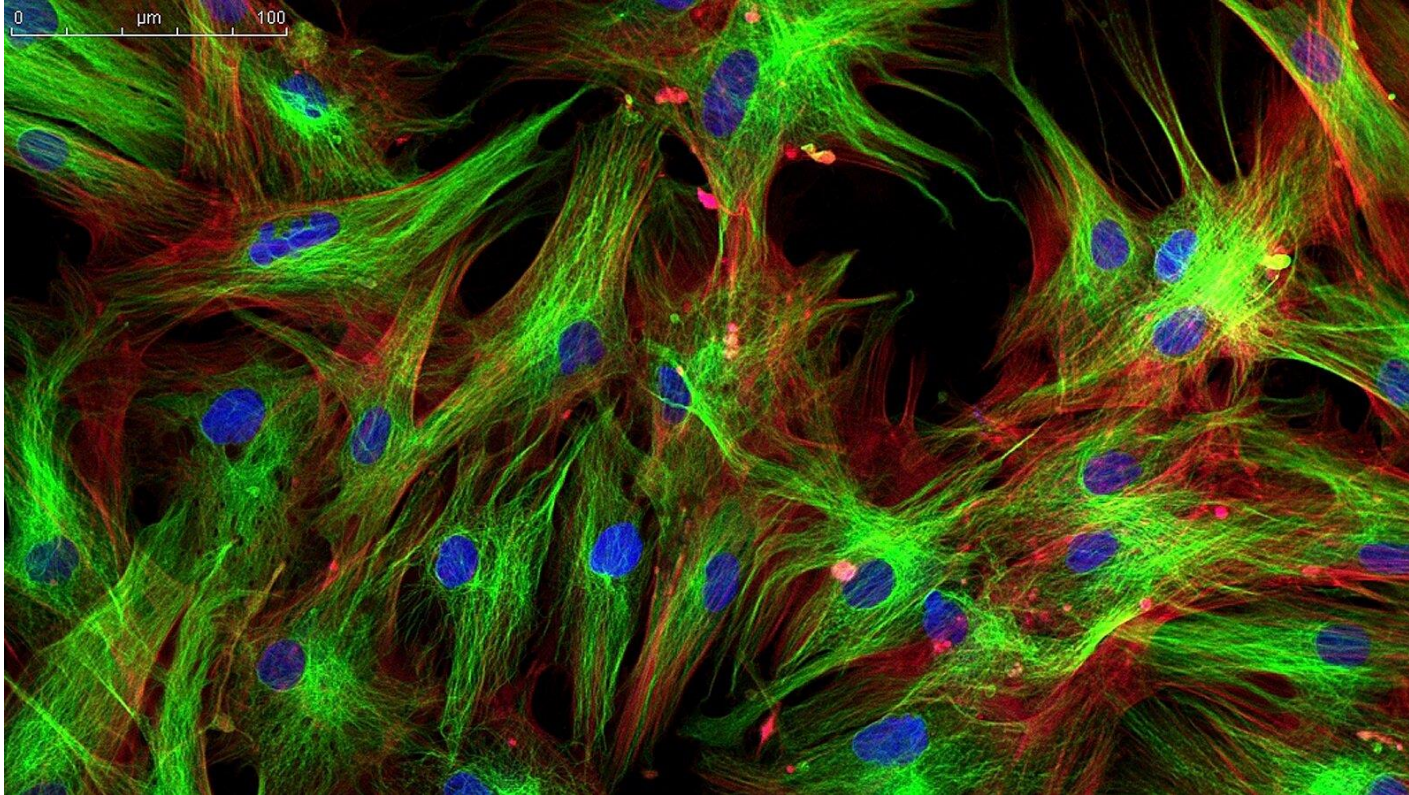


# Confocal, two-photon, and light-sheet fluorescence microscopy



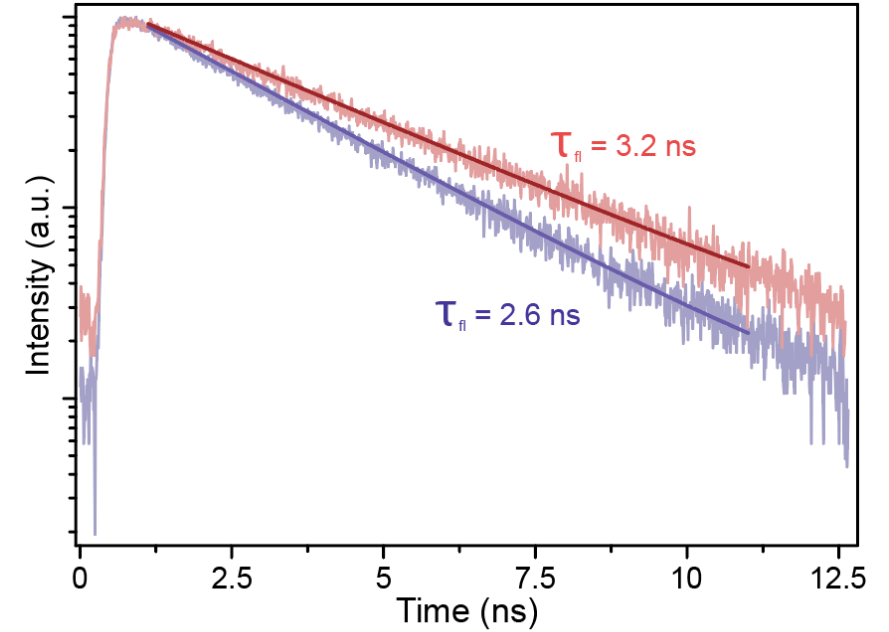
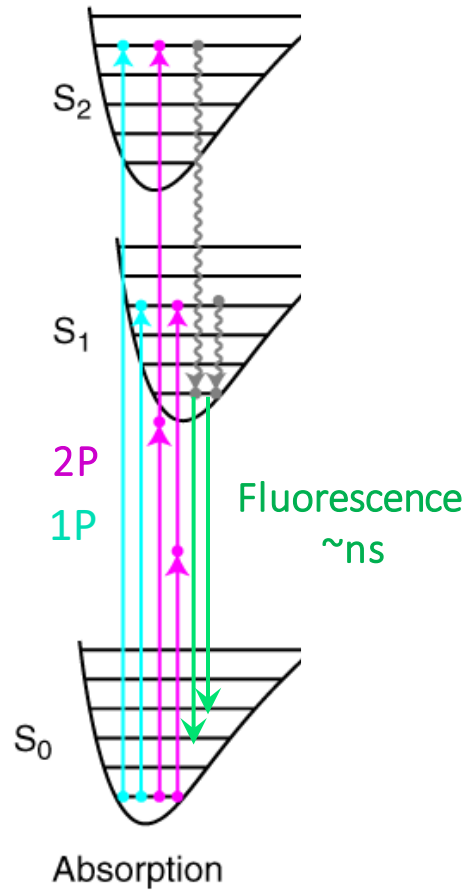


# Fluorescence signals: intensity



- Spatial distribution
- Identification – presence/absence
- Morphology
- (Quantitative abundance)

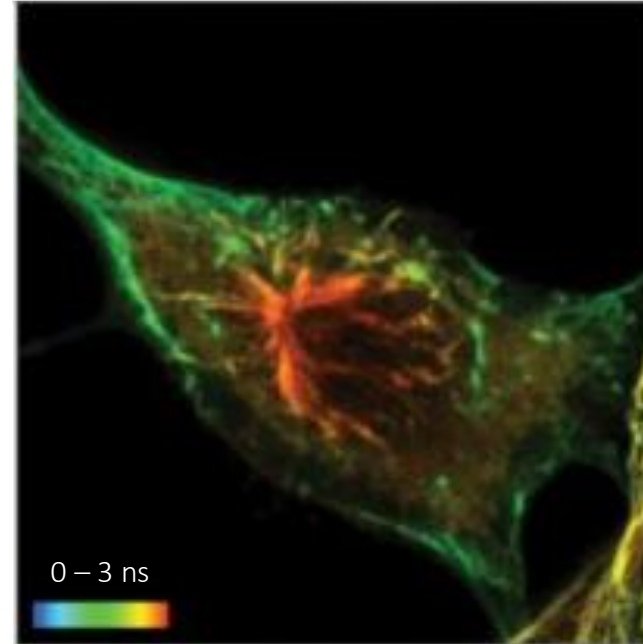
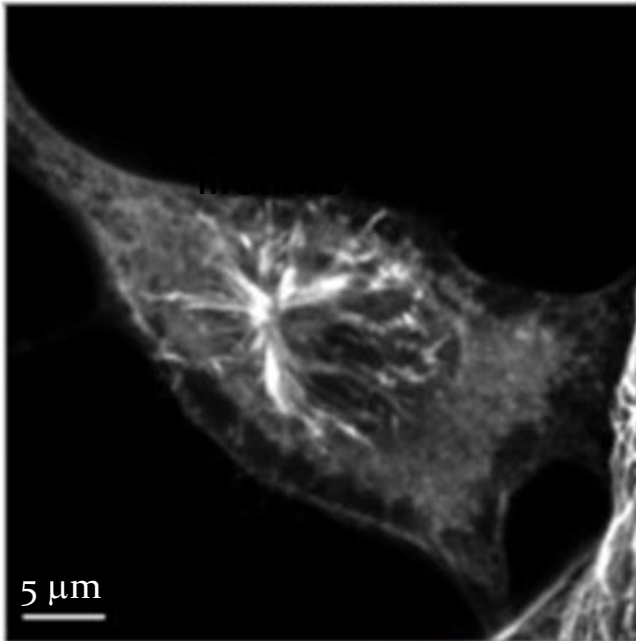
# Fluorescence signals: lifetime



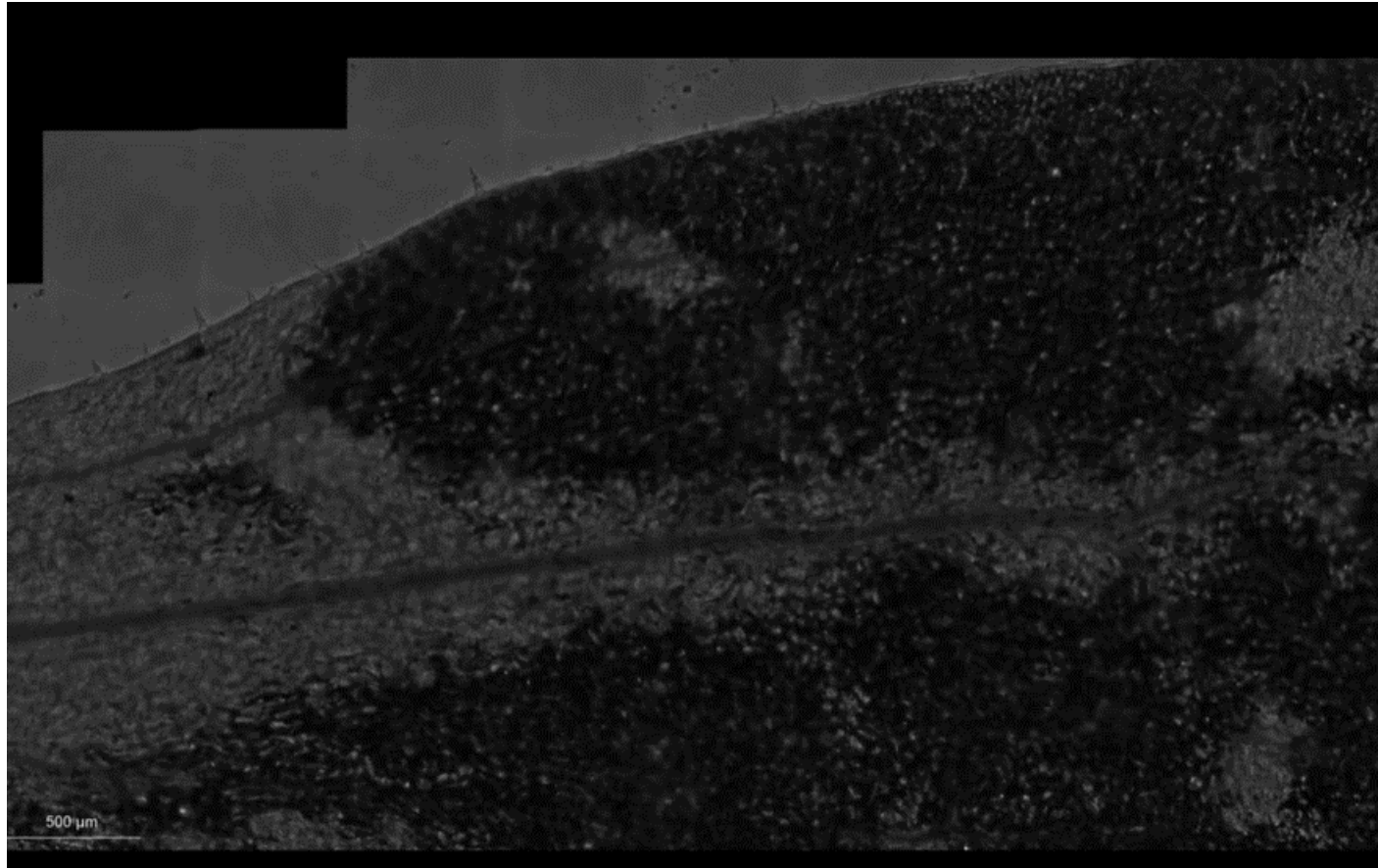
- Molecular environment (conformational changes, association)
- Chemical environment (pH, polarity, etc.)
- Optical environment (PMD)
- Temperature
- Energy transfer
- ...

# Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging (FLIM)

- Pulsed or modulated light sources
- Time resolved detection
- Sensor marker



# Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging (FLIM)

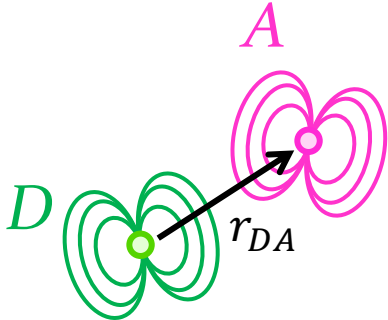


Transmission image shows the leaf structure

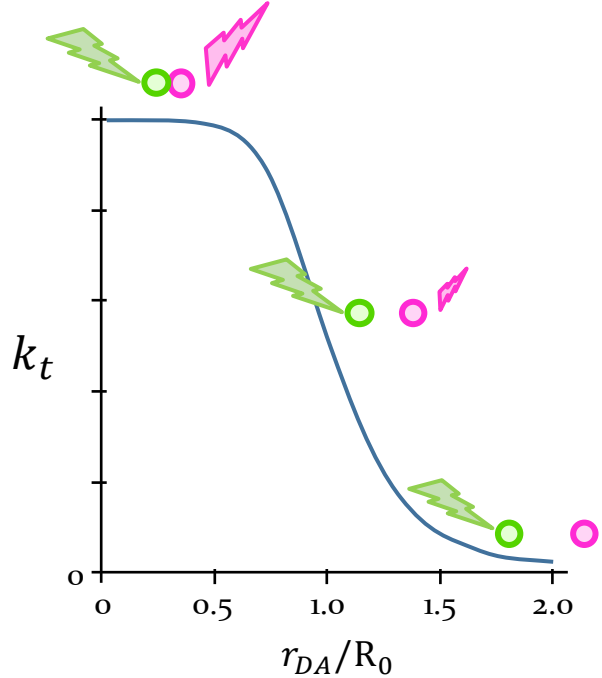
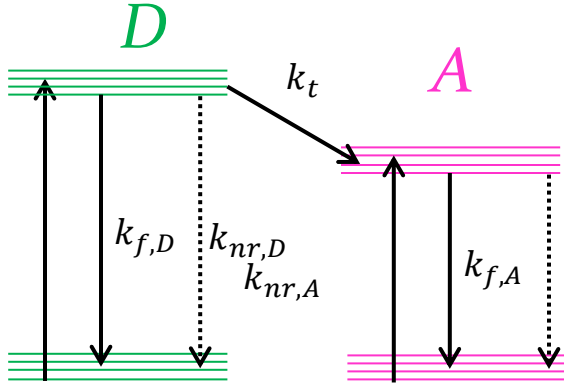
The endogenous chloroplast fluorescence is shown in green.

Fluorescence lifetime imaging reveals oxidative potential for each chloroplast.

# Fluorescence signals: Förster Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET)



$$k_t = \frac{1}{\tau_D} \left[ \frac{R_0}{r_{DA}} \right]^6 \quad R_0^6 = \frac{J \kappa^2}{n^4} \phi_D$$



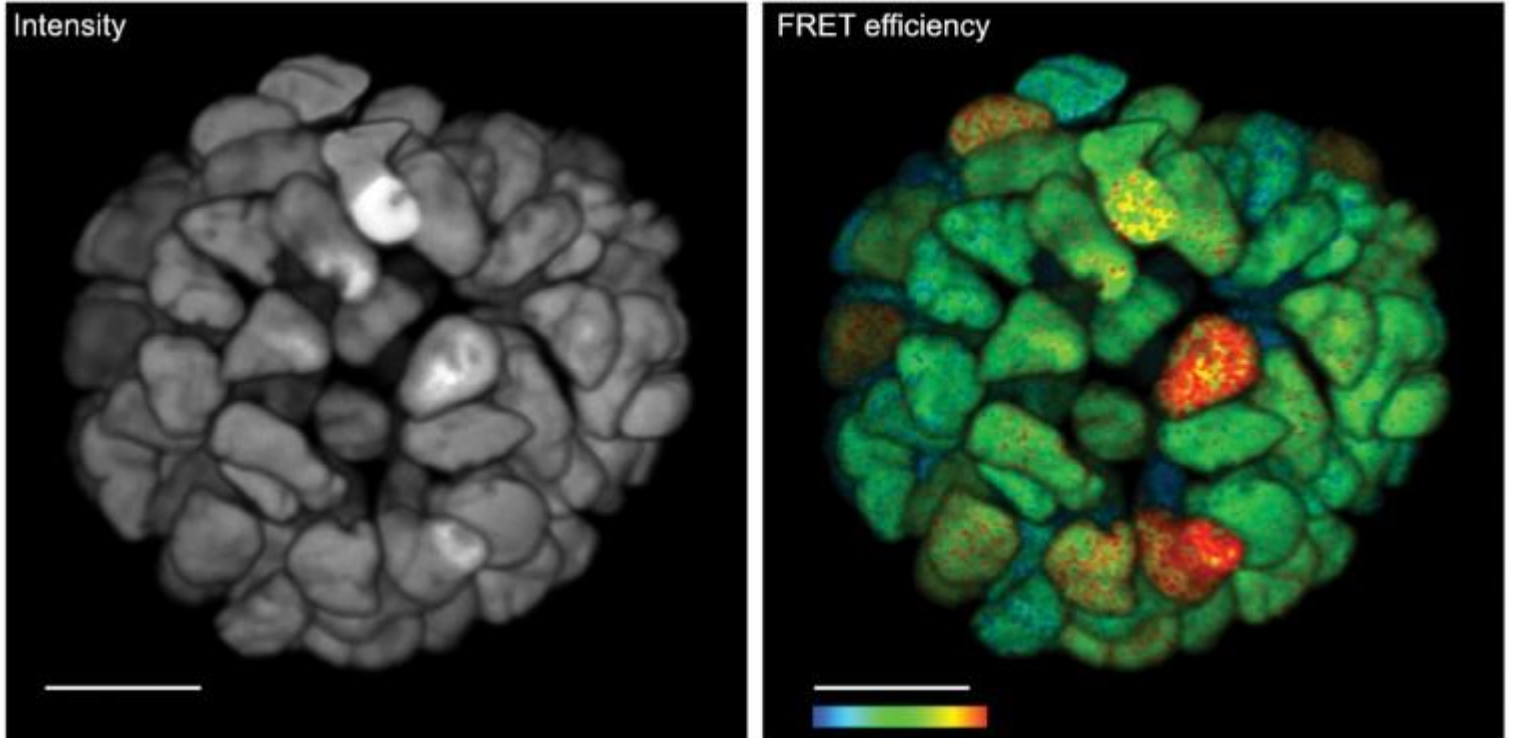
# FRET imaging

## FRET measurements

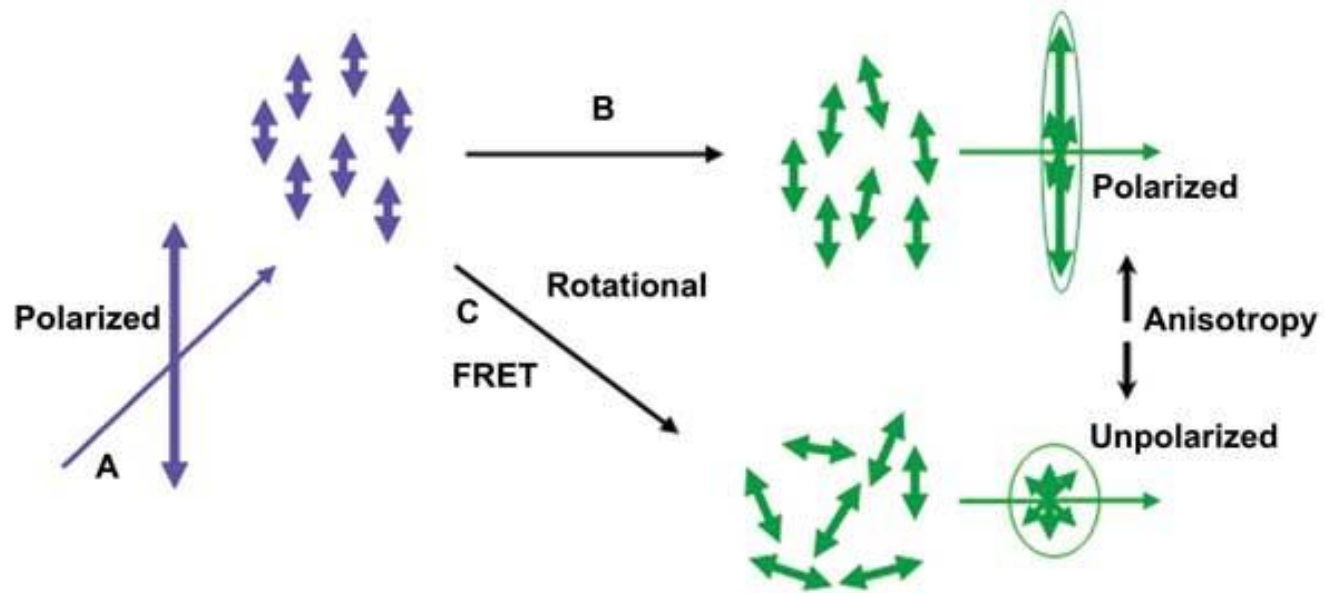
- Intensity
- Lifetime

## FRET information

- Molecular interactions
- Conformational changes



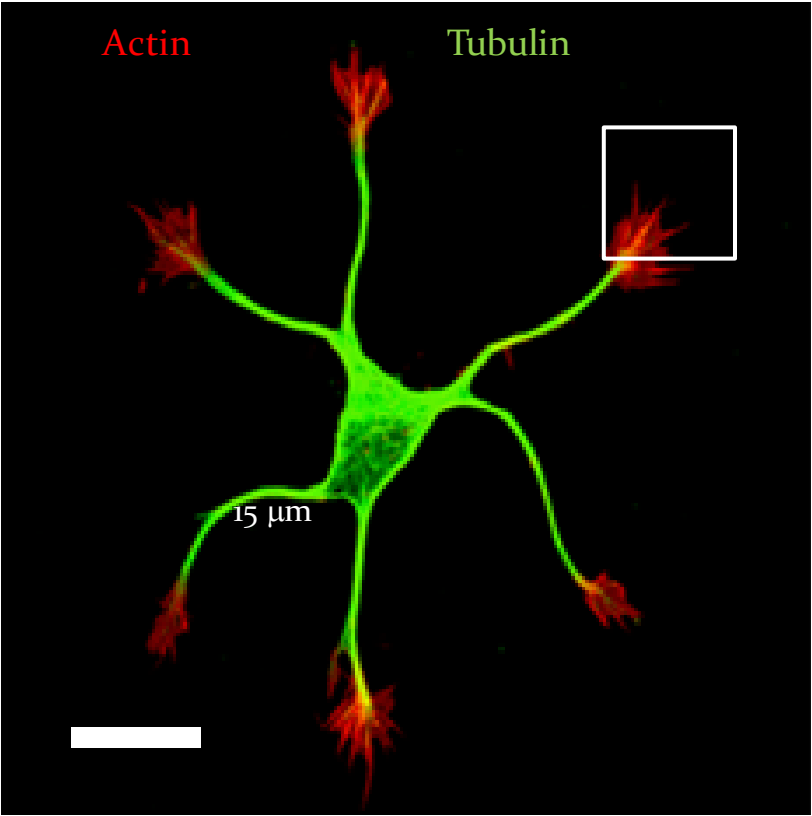
# Fluorescence signals: anisotropy



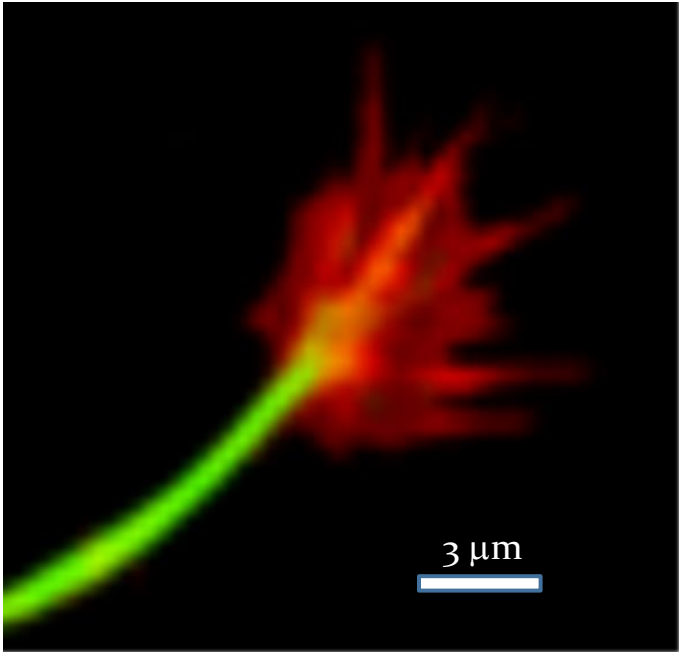
- Polarized excitation
- Polarized detection

- Molecular environment (viscosity)
- Molecular association
- Energy transfer
- ...

# Diffraction-limited spatial resolution

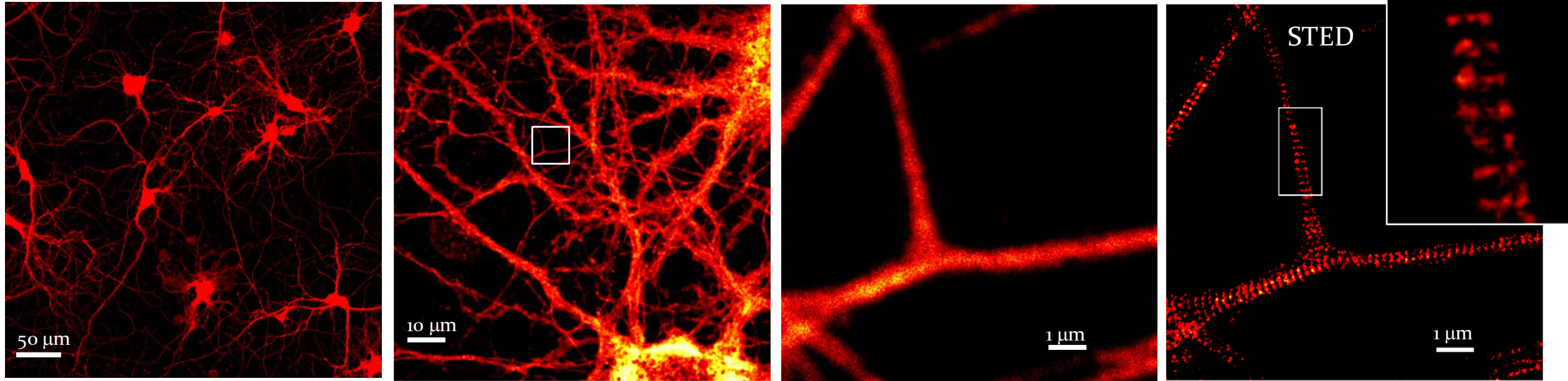


Diffraction-limited imaging





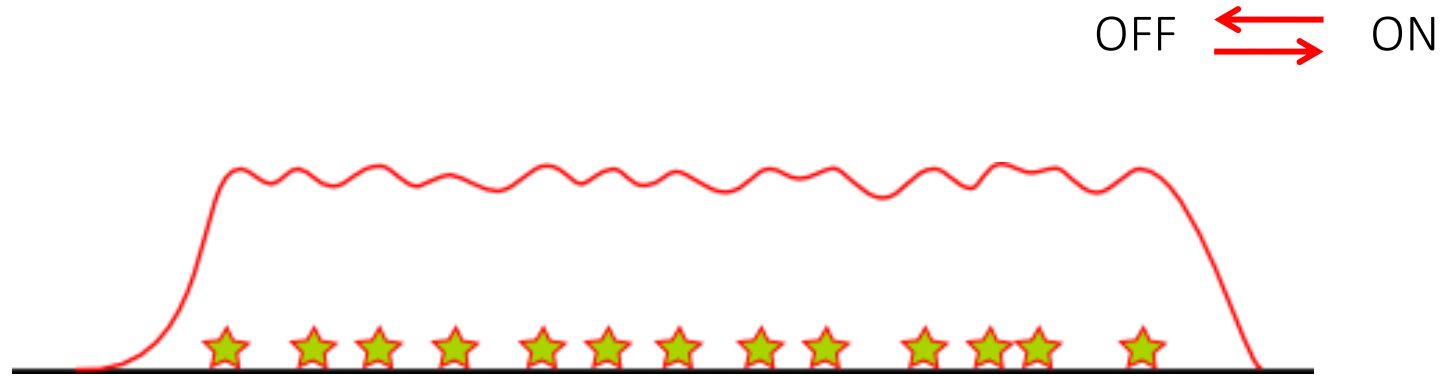
# Super-resolution fluorescence microscopy



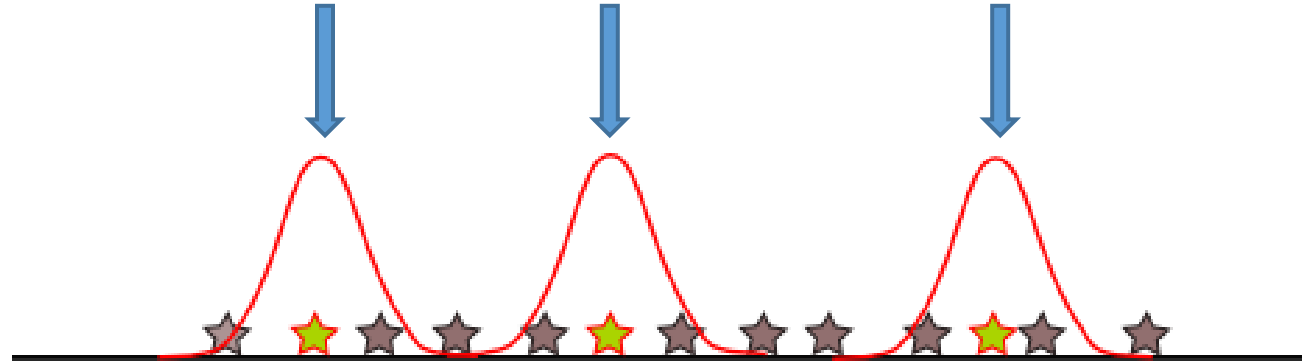
Barabas, F.M., *et al.* Automated quantification of protein periodic nanostructures in fluorescence nanoscopy images: abundance and regularity of neuronal spectrin membrane-associated skeleton. *Sci Rep* 7 (2017) 16029

# FLUORESCENCE NANOSCOPY

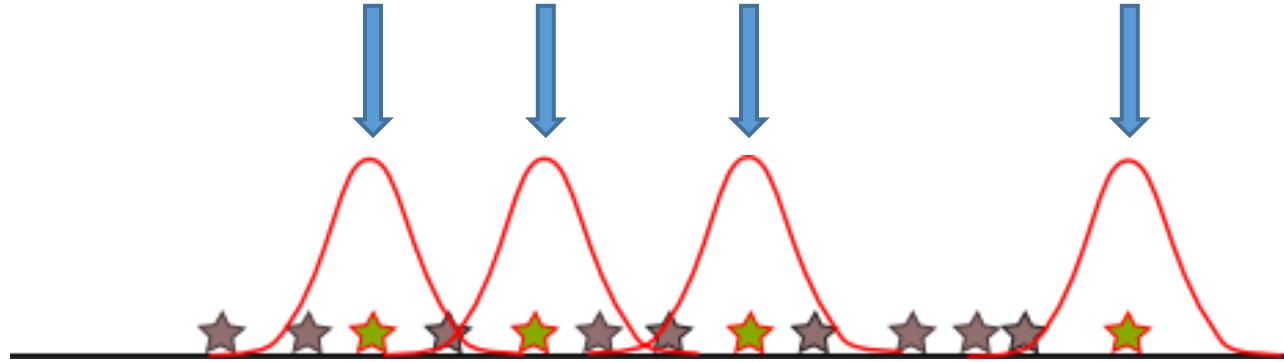
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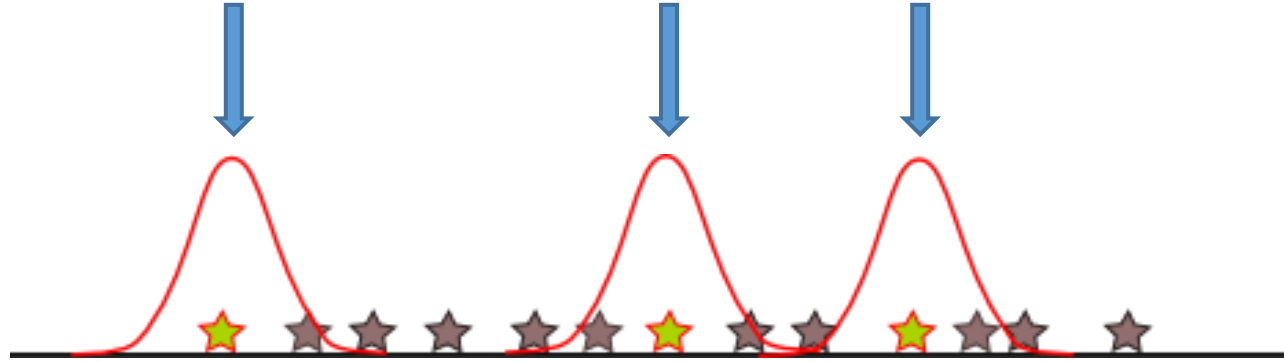
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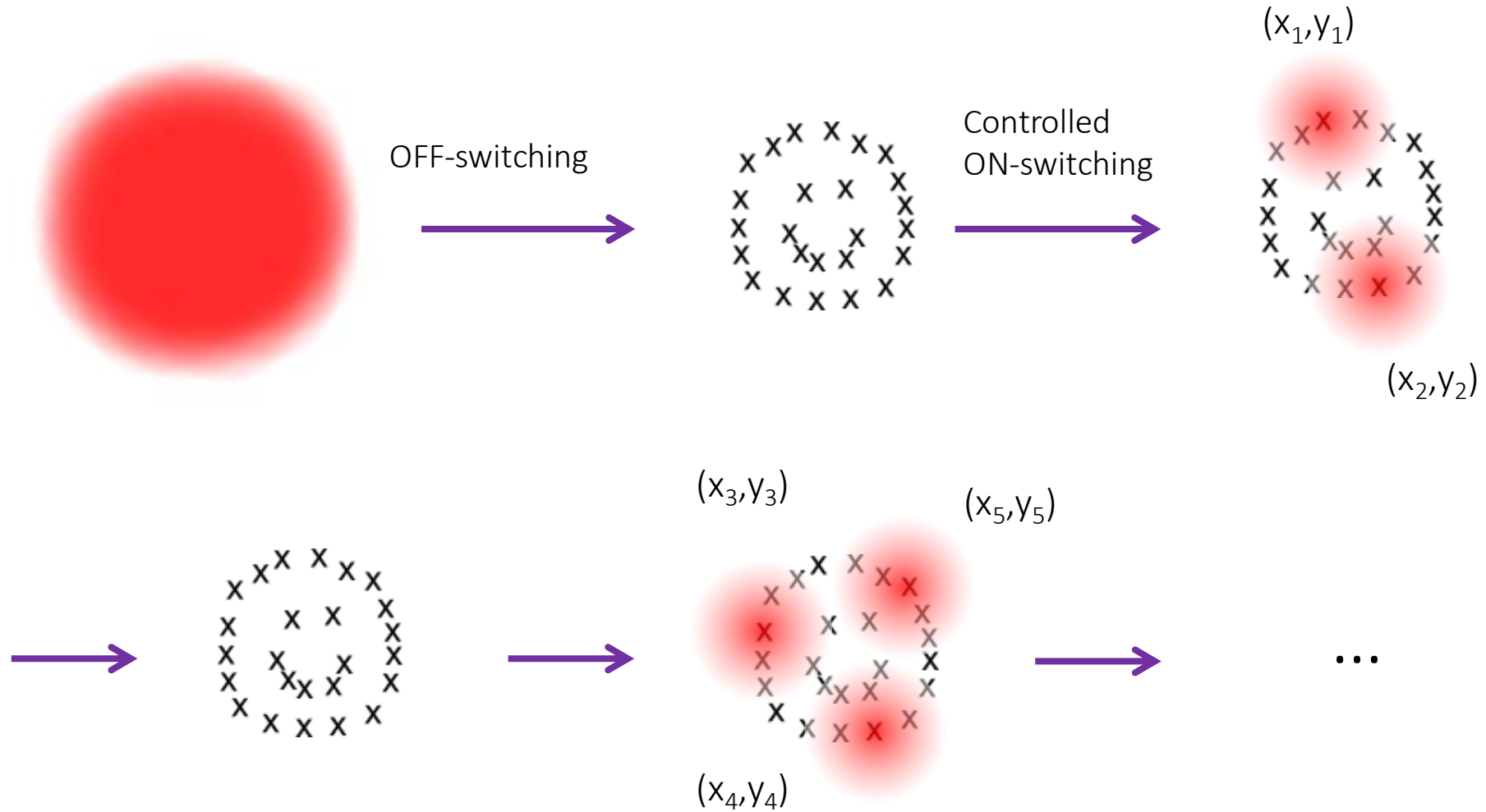
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$(x_1, y_1)$

$(x_2, y_2)$

$(x_3, y_3)$

$(x_4, y_4)$

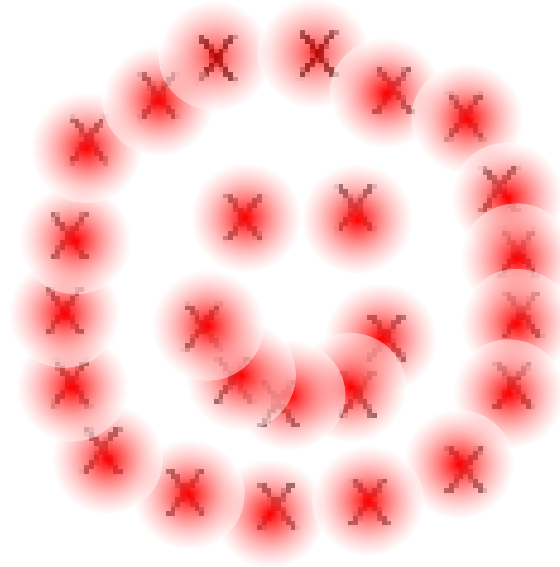
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$(x_6, y_6)$

$(x_7, y_7)$

$(x_8, y_8)$

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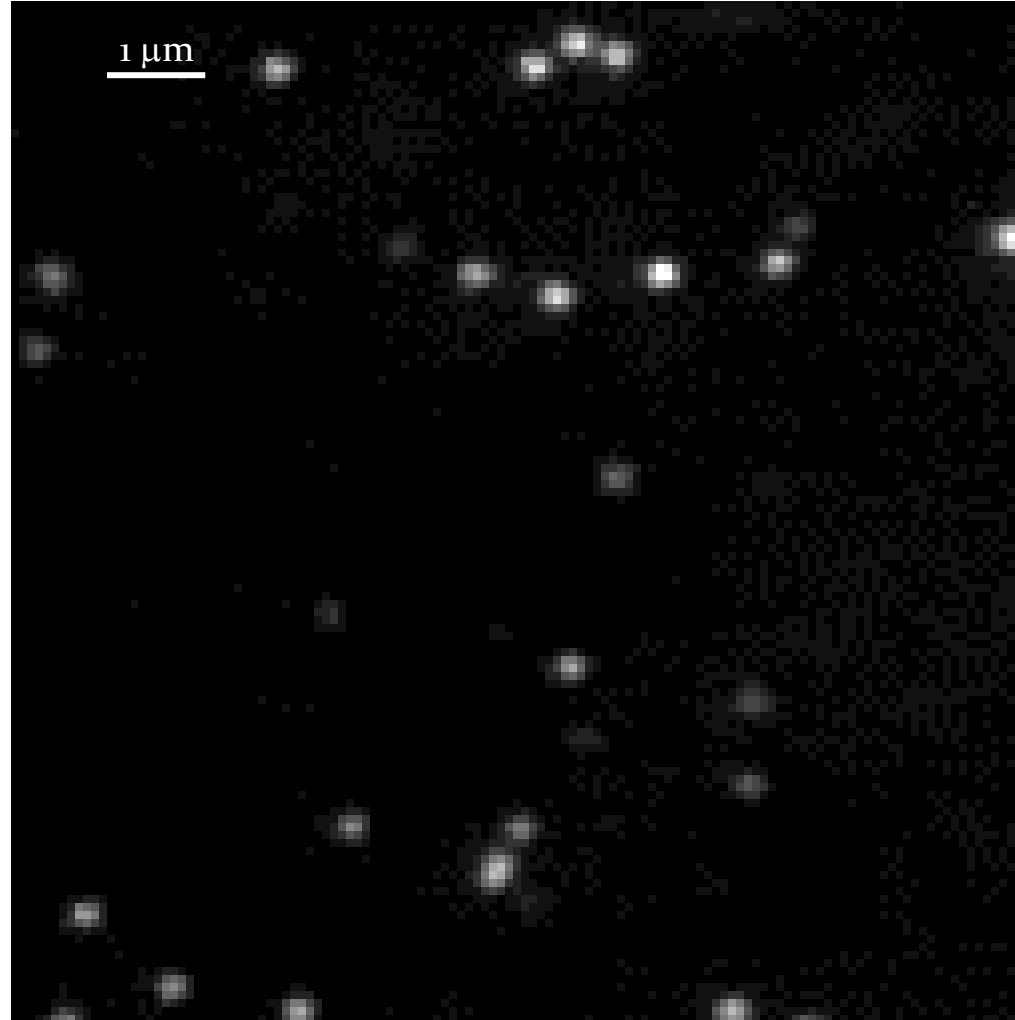
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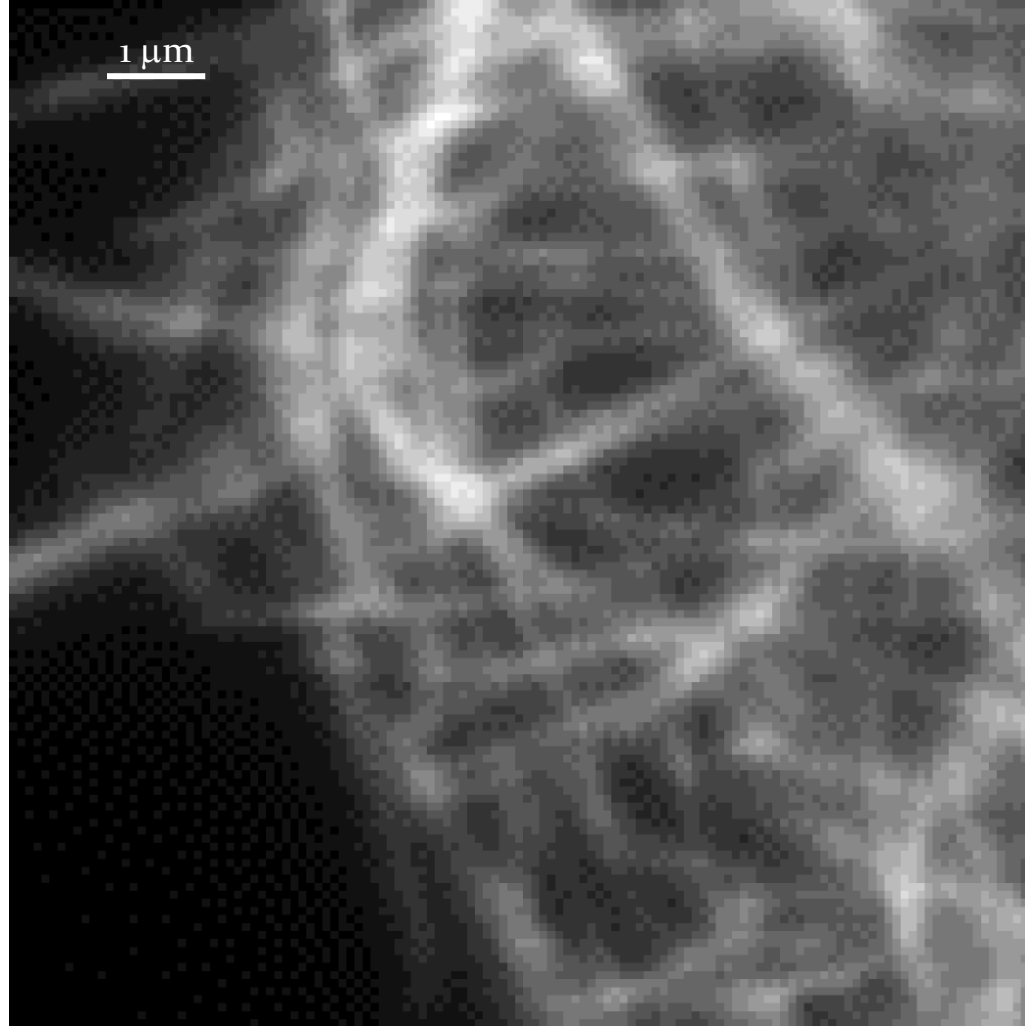
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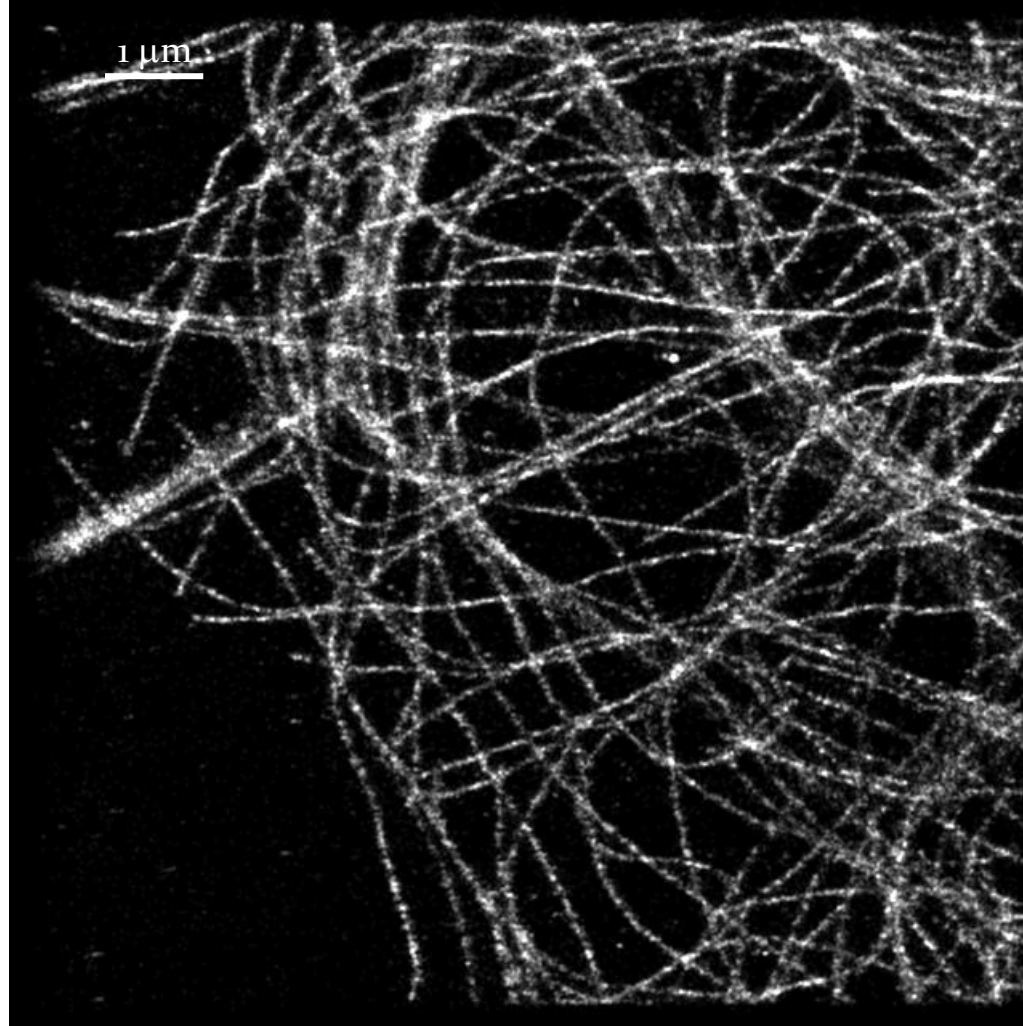
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Let's go to the lab and see how it is done