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Advanced Fluorescence Imaging

- Day 1: Fluorophores, Fluorescence Fluorescence Microscopy Intro to Single-Molecule Localization Microscopy Lab experience and Q&A
- Day 2: Diffraction-limited imaging Super-resolution Coordinate-stochastic methods: SMLM Coordinate-targetted methods: STED New methods for sub-10 nm resolution Discussion

a.k.a.

Fluorescence Nanoscopy

Imaging tools and their spatial resolution



Fluorescence microscopy





Point light source







 $\sim \lambda - 500\,nm$





 $\sim \lambda - 500\,nm$



Visible photon source ~ 0.1 - 1 nm



Visible EM wavelength ~ 500 nm



Size mismatch ~ 1:200











Stefan Hell Lab – Göttfert et al. *Biophysical Journal* 105 (2013) L01–L03



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Membrane-associated Periodic Skeleton (MPS) of neurons





Xiaowei Zhuang Lab Xu et al. Science 2013, 339, 452–456.



Unsain et al. Scientific Reports 2018 18 3007





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Coordinate-Stochastic Super-resolution Microscopy

a.k.a.

Single-molecule fluorescence blinking

















 (x_{1},y_{1}) (x_{2},y_{2}) (x_{3},y_{3}) (x_{4},y_{4}) (x_{5},y_{5}) (x_{6},y_{6}) (x_{7},y_{7}) (x_{8},y_{8})

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STORM – Stochastic Optical Reconstruction Microscopy
PALM – Photo-Activated Localization Microscopy
PAINT – Points Accumulation for Imaging in Nanoscale Topography





Federico Barabas – PhD thesis



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SMLM in 3D





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Multicolor SMLM



DIFFRACTION-LIMITED

BLINKING SEQUENCE



Multicolor SMLM





Camera-based single-molecule localization



Thompson, R. E.; Larson, D. R.; Webb, W. W. *Biophysical Journal* 82 (2002) 2775–2783

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Various SMLM : excursion to the triplet state



ON-OFF by excursion to triplelt states



Various SMLM : photochromic fluorophores





Xiaowei Zhuang Lab

- Rust, M. J.et al. *Nat. Methods* 3 (2006) 793–795 (2006) / Bates, M. et al. *Science* 317 (2007) 1749–53

Various SMLM : random adsorption PAINT



Xiang Zhang Lab - Cang, H. et al. *Nature* 469 (2011) 385-388

PAINT: Points Accumulation for Imaging in Nanoscale Topography

A. Sharonov & R. M. Hochstrasser PNAS 103 (2006) 18911-18916

Various SMLM : DNA-PAINT





Various SMLM : DNA-PAINT





Multicolor DNA-PAINT by sequential multiplexing





Ralf Jungmann Lab - Schnitzbauer, J. Nature Protocols 12 (2017) 1198 - 1228

Multicolor DNA-PAINT by sequential multiplexing



Individual protein targets

Ralf Jungmann Lab - Unterauer et al. bioRxiv (2023)

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Membrane associated periodic skeleton (MPS) of neurons



Fluorescence Nanoscopy 2nd Generation

Fluorescence nanoscopy resolution limits

Position information is injected by the light pattern



Position information obtained from the emission (image)





Ideally (no background, perfect off-switching) one photon locates the emitter

High localization precision require shigh N

In practice, high spatial resolution requires N










Fluorescence nanoscopy resolution limits: photobleaching



- Imaging resolution limited to a few tens of nm
- Single-molecule tracking limited time/length

Nanoscopy resolution limit: photon budget



Solutions

Get more photons:	Get more information:
DNA-PAINT	SML-SSI (MINFLUX, RASTMIN)
Stabilizing buffers	SIMPLER
Self-healing dyes	STED-FRET

Nanoscopy with sub-10 nm resolution

SML-SSI Single-Molecule Localization with Sequential Structured Illumination

Balzzarotti et al. *Science* 355 (2017) 606-612 *Masullo et al. Nano Letters* 21 (2021) 840-846 *Masullo et al. Biophysical Reports* 2 (2022) 100036 Masullo et al. Light: Science & Applications 11 (2022) 70 Masullo et al. Light: Science & Applications 11 (2022) 199 Zdańkowski et al. ACS Photonics 9 (2022) 3777–3785

SIMPLER Supercritical Illumination Microscopy Photometric z-Localization w/ Enhanced Resolution

Szalai et al. Nature Communications 12 (2021) 517

STED-FRET Super-resolved energy transfer imaging

Szalai et al. Nano Letters 21 (2021) 2296–2303 Szalai et al. Nanoscale 13 (2021) 18421-18433

REVIEW: Masullo, et al. "Fluorescence nanoscopy at the sub-10 nm scale" Biophysical Reviews 13 (2022) 1101-1112

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$$\frac{k_t}{k_{f,D}} = \left[\frac{\Gamma_0}{r_{DA}}\right]^6 = \frac{1}{\phi_A} \frac{d_D^D}{d_A^A} \mathbf{F} \qquad \Gamma_0^6 = \frac{J\kappa^2}{n^4}$$

$$\boldsymbol{F} = \frac{F_A^D}{F_D^D} - \frac{I^D \sigma_A^D f_{bl} F_A^A}{I^A \sigma_A^A F_D^D} - \frac{d_D^A}{d_D^D}$$

Work-flow:

- 1. Confocal F_A^A
- 2. STED F_A^A
- 3. Confocal F_A^A
- 4. STED $F_D^D + F_A^D$
- 5. Denoising (optional)
- 6. Background subtraction
- 7. Masking
- 8. f_{bl} from 1. and 3.

9. **F** image $\propto k_t$

T. Jovin, E. Jares-Erijman, et al.

Chapter 12 in "FRET and FLIM Imaging"

- **ChemPhysChem** 2011, 12 (3), 563–566.

Szalai et al. Nano Letters 21 (2021) 2296–2303

$$F_D^D$$
 and F_A^D of d_D^A singly-labeled samples $\longrightarrow \frac{d_D^A}{d_D^D}$



CONTROL to account for local variations of *D* and *A* concentrations



Super-resolving biomolecular interactions with STED-FRET



Example neuron





.190 nm



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$$\frac{N(z)}{N_0} = \alpha_F \ e^{-z/d_F} + (1 - \alpha_F)$$

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 $\frac{N}{N_0} \to z$

































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MINFLUX









Scale bar: 20 nm

MINFLUX

Tunable nanometer resolution





Superfast tracking



Nanoscopy





MINFLUX



4 nm

0.38

0.40

Time (s)

0.42

0.44

⁻4 nm

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0 0.36



Stefan Hell Lab - Wirth et al. Science 379 (2023) 1004-1010





Four-focus particle tracking Perillo et al, Nat. Comm. (2015) Davis et al, Opt. Express (2014)





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Single-molecule confocal tracking



Marklund et al, Nature (2020)



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Single-molecule confocal tracking





MINSTED Weber et al, *Nature Photonics* (2021)



Common framework for SML-SSI



Open-source Python code: https://github.com/Stefani-Lab

Masullo et al, *Biophysical Reports* 2, 100036 (2022)

Common framework for SML-SSI

Goal: inferring the position of the emitter r_F , given:



- $I(\mathbf{r})$ The structure of the illumination
- r_i The sequence of beam positions
- **n**_i The detected signal in each position

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Maximum likelihood estimation

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{r}_{E}|\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_{i}), \mathbf{n}_{i})$$
$$\widehat{\mathbf{r}_{E}}^{MLE} = \arg \max \mathcal{L}$$

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Common description of known methods



Orbital tracking / MINSTED



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 r_1

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 r_4

I_{donut}



Thiele et al. *ACS Nano* **2020** Zaza et al. *Small Methods* **2023**

Enderlein *Appl. Phys. B* Kis-Petikova, et al. Microsc. Res. Tech. Wehnekamp et al. eLife Marklund et al. *Nature* Weber et al. *Nature Phot.* Balzarotti et al. *Science* **2017** Masullo et al. *Nano Lett*. **2021**

 $\circ r_3$

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Common description of known and new methods



OTMIN

RASTMIN

I_{donut}

 r_K



Fair benchmarking of known and new methods























Fernando D. Stefani, "Tracking nanoscopic motion with minima of light" Nature Photonics 17 (2023) 552–553

Fair benchmarking of known and new methods



RASTMIN instrumentation



Standard scanning microscope (confocal, two-photon)

Masullo et al, *Light: Science and Applications* 11, 199 (2022)

RASTMIN instrumentation



Standard scanning microscope (confocal, two-photon) + Vortex Phase Plate (or SLM)

RASTMIN instrumentation



Standard scanning microscope (confocal, two-photon) + Vortex Phase Plate (or SLM) + Active drift correction



Single molecules

Masullo et al, Light: Science and Applications 11, 199 (2022)

Single molecules





Single molecules





Single molecules





Masullo et al, Light: Science and Applications 11, 199 (2022)



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Pulsed-interleaved MINFLUX (p-MINFLUX)



Masullo et al. *Nano Letters* 21 (2021) 840-846
Lifetime multiplexed localization with p-MINFLUX







Lifetime multiplexed single-molecule tracking with p-MINFLUX



Fernando Stefani & Phillip Tinnefeld Labs - Masullo et al. Nano Letters 21 (2021) 840-846

Lifetime multiplexed single-molecule tracking with p-MINFLUX



Phillip Tinnefeld & Fernando Stefani Labs - Cole et al. Nature Photonics (2024). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41566-024-01384-4

Localizing a dark absorber with p-MINFLUX



10 nm

Localizations

Lifetime



Acceptor triangulation



Acceptor localization



Phillip Tinnefeld & Fernando Stefani Labs - Cole et al. Nature Photonics (2024). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41566-024-01384-4

Resolution Enhancement by Sequential Imaging (RESI)



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Ralf Jungmann Lab - Reinhardt et al. Nature 617 (2023) 711–716

Sub-10 nm resolution fluorescence nanoscopy

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SIMPLER

Sub-10 nm 3D TIRF nanoscopy

p-MINFLUX: fast / accurate tracking

RASTMIN / MINFLUX:

the high photon-efficiency is losing significance for highest resolution: tricks to get more photons, label size limit,...

Another edge: 10-20 nm resolution with "bad" fluorophores

Combination with camera-based localization for photophysical studies (absorption-emission)

STED-FRET



Super-resolved energy transfer / biomlecular interaction



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Current projecs: applications to biomedicine

