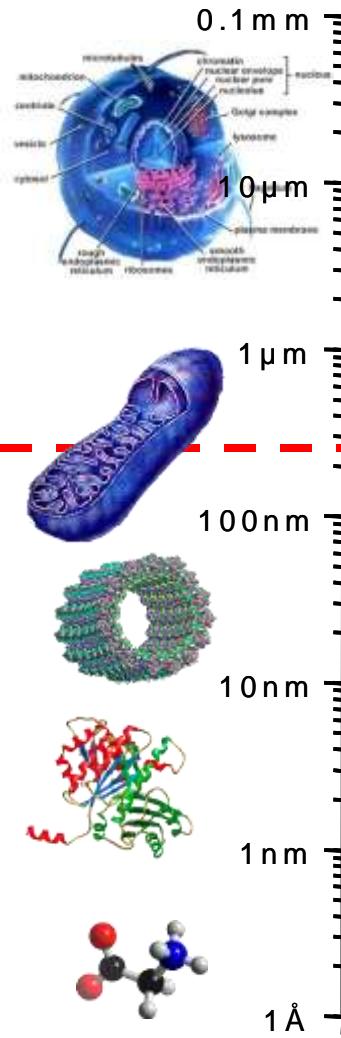


# Super-Resolution Optical Microscopy



Bo Huang

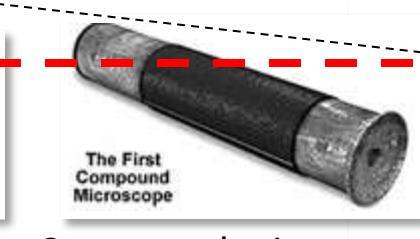
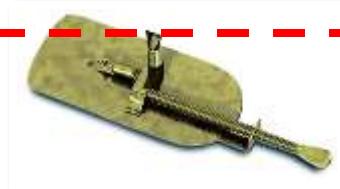
Mar 29, 2013



Naked eye: ~ 50-100

PLATE XXIV

★ 1595, Zaccharias and Hans Janssen  
First microscope, 9x magnification



Compound microscope  
>1000x

$$d \approx \frac{\lambda}{2 NA}$$

*fig. A*

*fig. B*

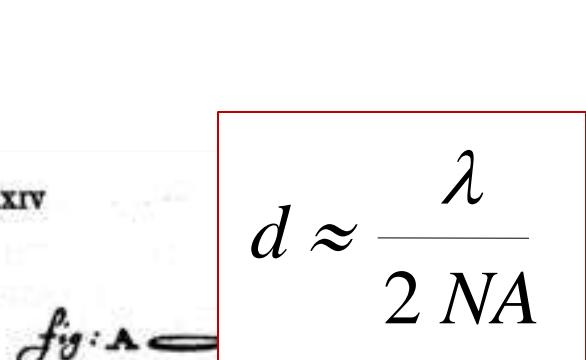
*fig. C*

*fig. D*

*fig. E*

*fig. F*

*fig. G*



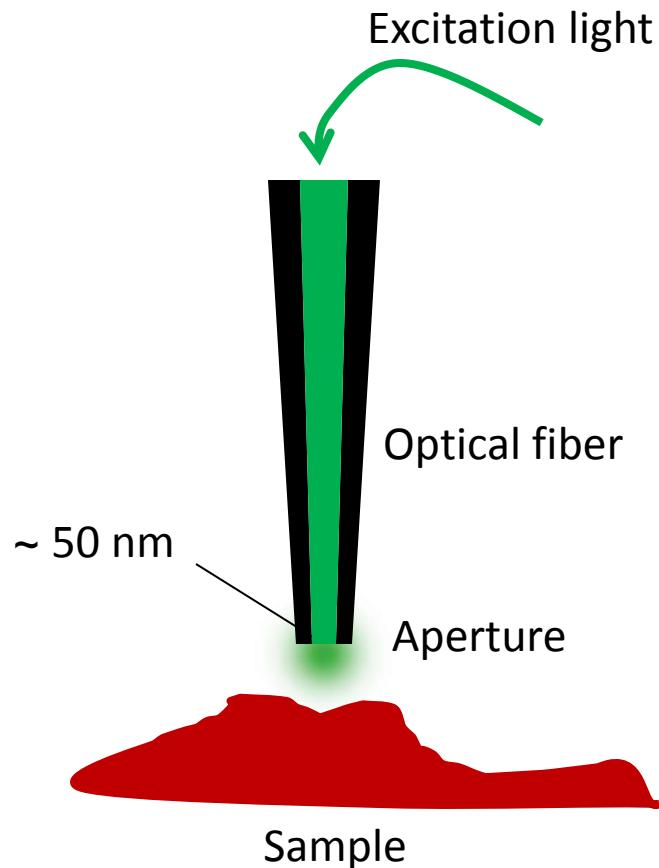
Ernst Abbe (1840-1905)  
The “physical” diffraction limit

1600 1700 1800 1900 2000

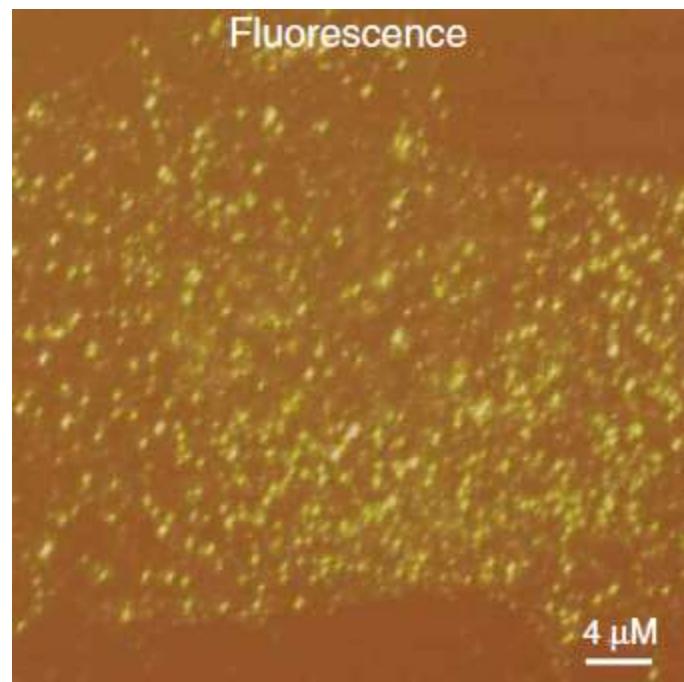
# 50 years to extend the resolution

- Confocal microscopy (1957)
- Near-field scanning optical microscopy (1972/1984)
- Multiphoton microscopy (1990)
- 4-Pi microscopy /  $I^5M$  (1991-1995)
- Structured illumination microscopy (2000)
- Negative refractive index (2006)

# Near-field scanning optical microscopy

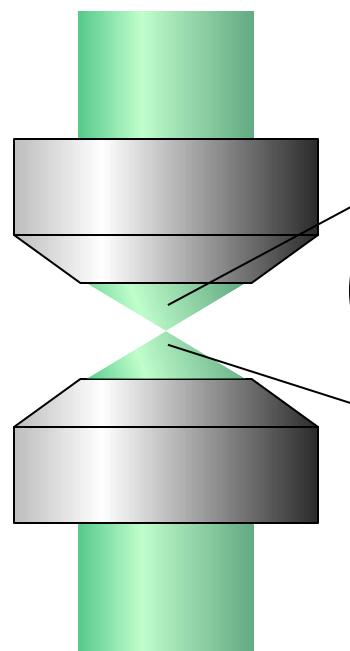


$\beta_2$  adrenergic receptor clusters  
on the plasma membrane



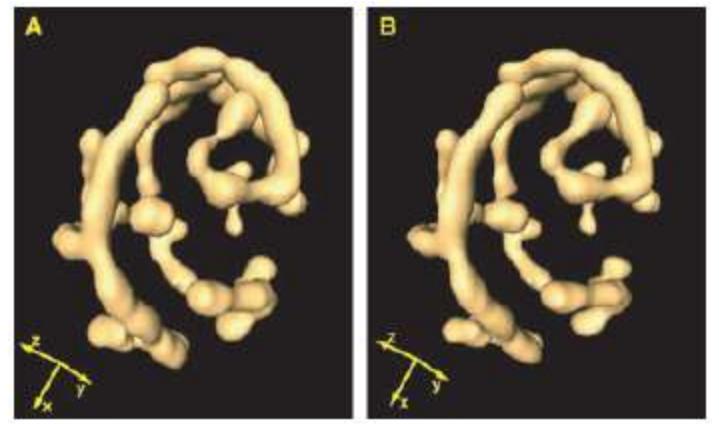
Ianoul et al., 2005

# 4-Pi / $\text{I}^5\text{M}$



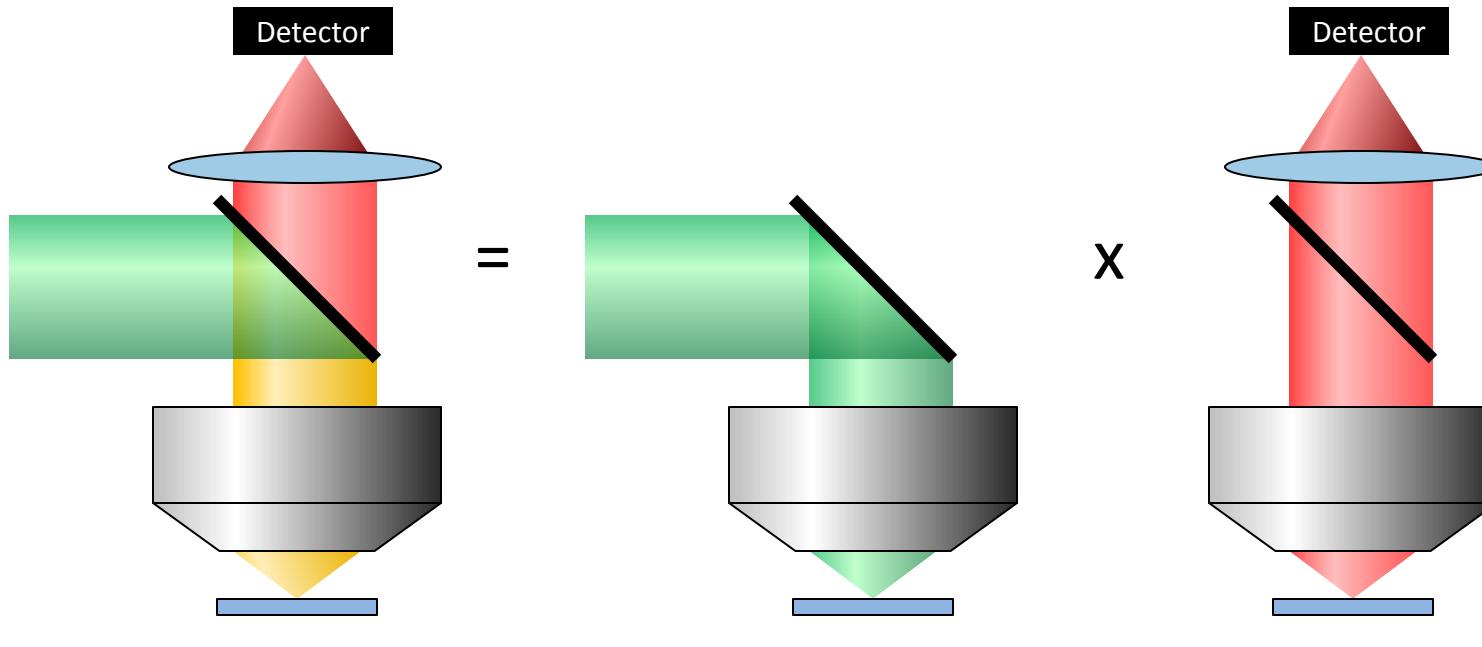
$$NA = n \sin \alpha$$

$$d \approx \frac{\lambda}{2 NA}$$



Major advantage:  
Similar z resolution as x-y resolution

# Patterned illumination

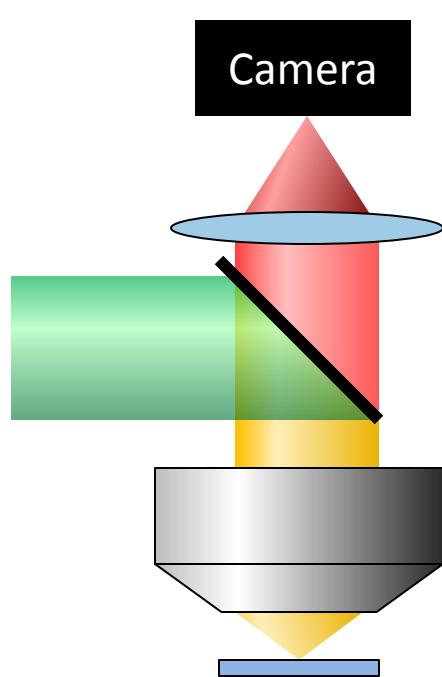


Excitation

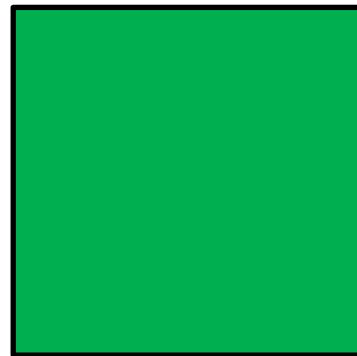
Detection

$\times$

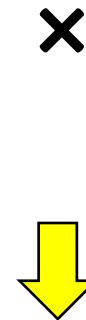
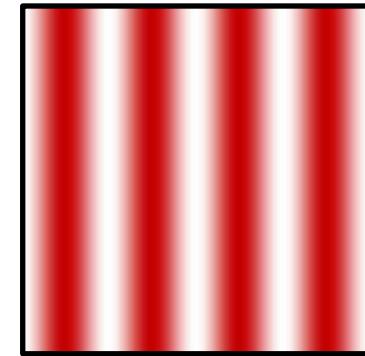
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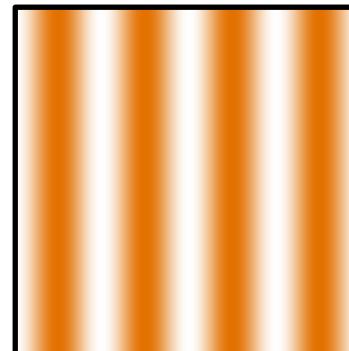
Wide field illumination



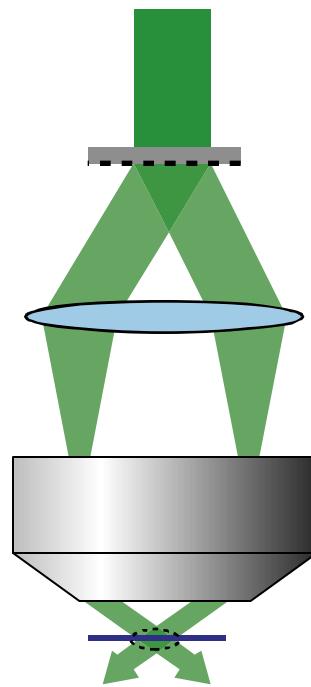
Diffraction-limited detection



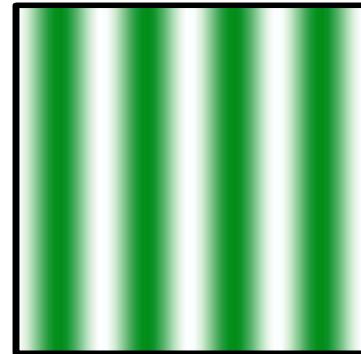
Diffraction-limited image



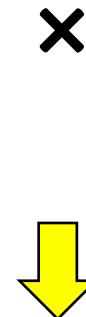
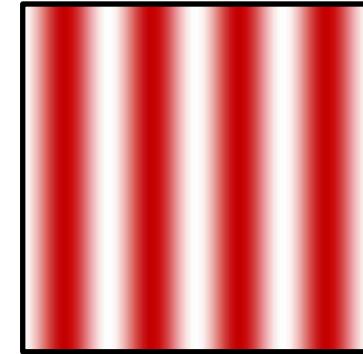
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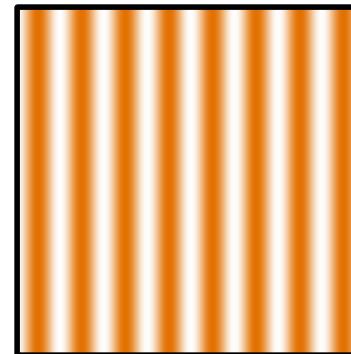
Structured field illumination



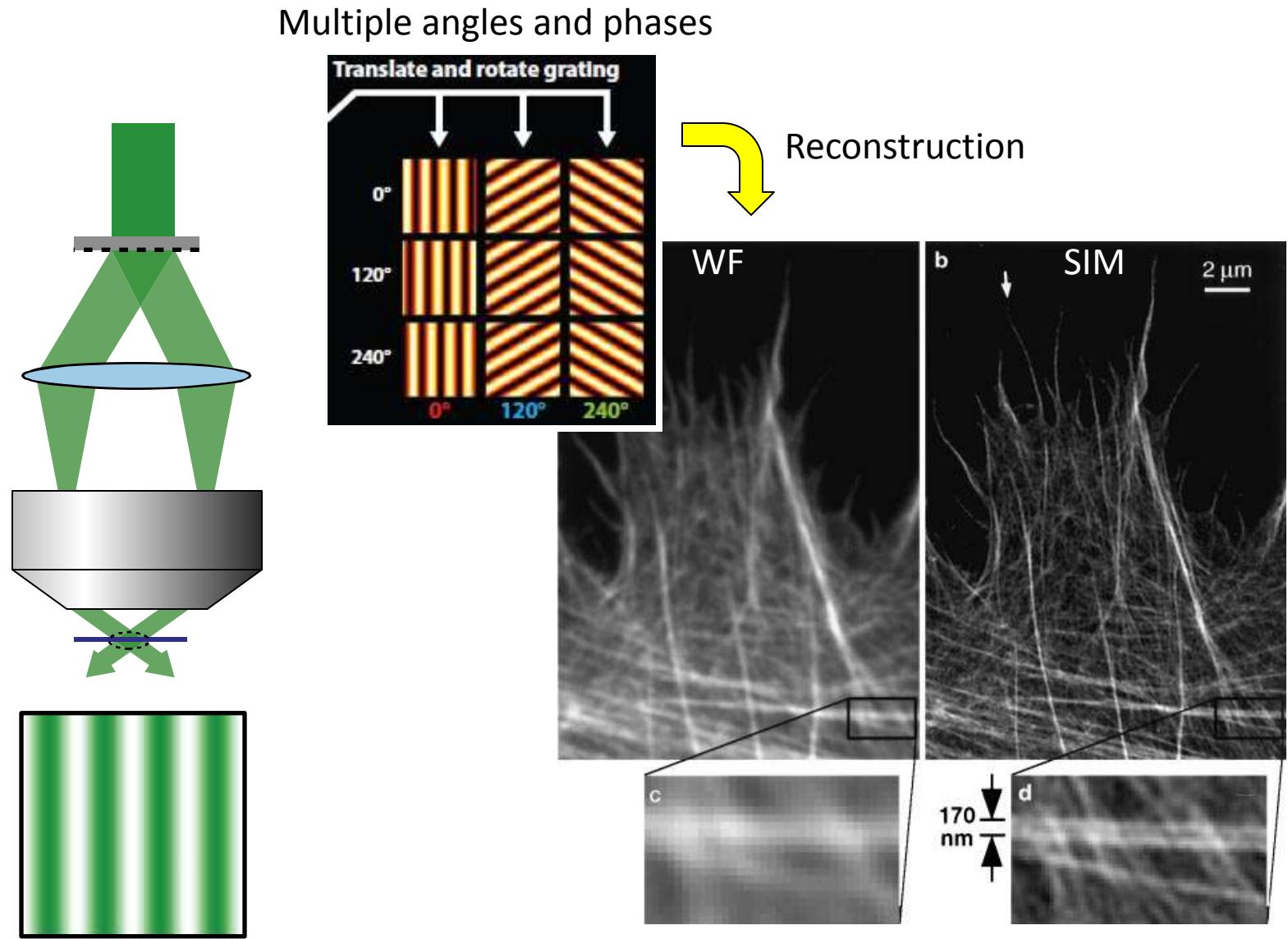
Diffraction-limited detection



Diffraction-limited detection image

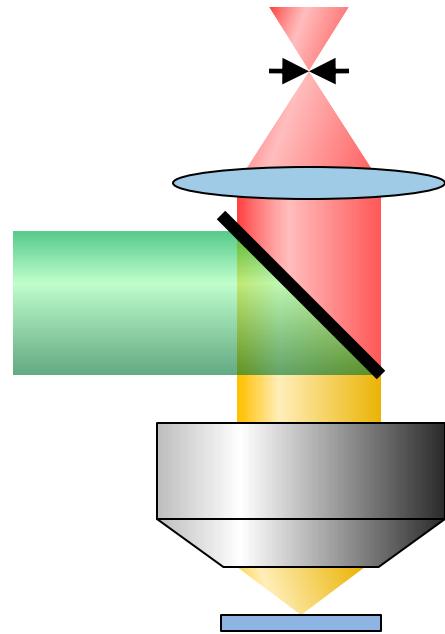


# Structured Illumination Microscopy (SIM)

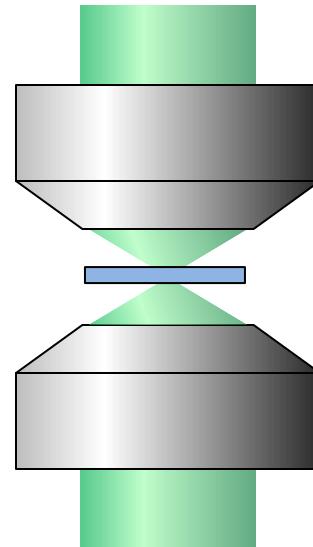


Gustafsson, J Microscopy 2000

# The diffraction limit still exists

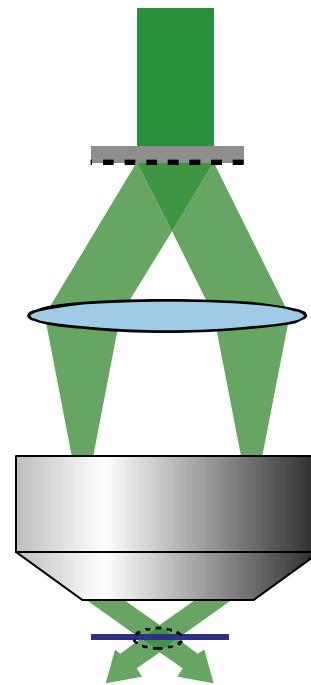


Confocal



$4\text{Pi} / \text{l}^5\text{M}$

$$d \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{2NA}$$

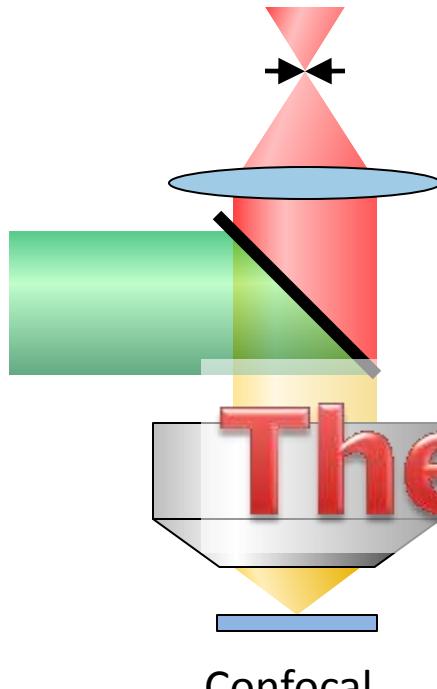


SIM

# Breaking the diffraction barrier



# Breaking the diffraction barrier

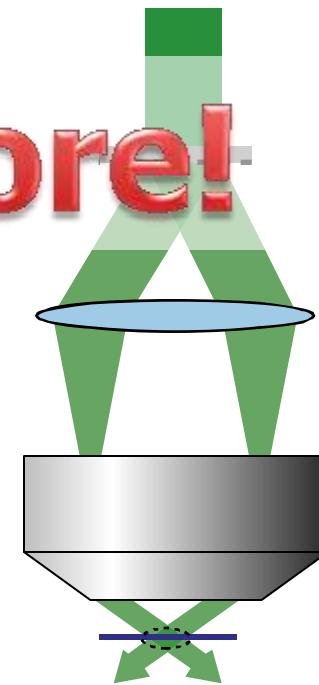


Confocal

The Fluorophore!



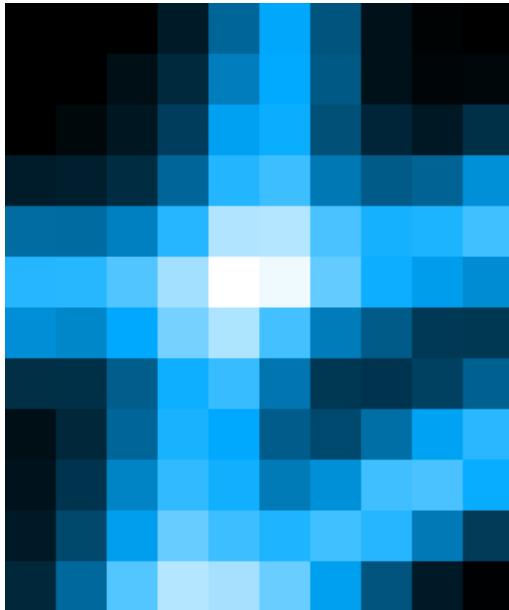
$4\text{Pi} / \text{I}^5\text{M}$



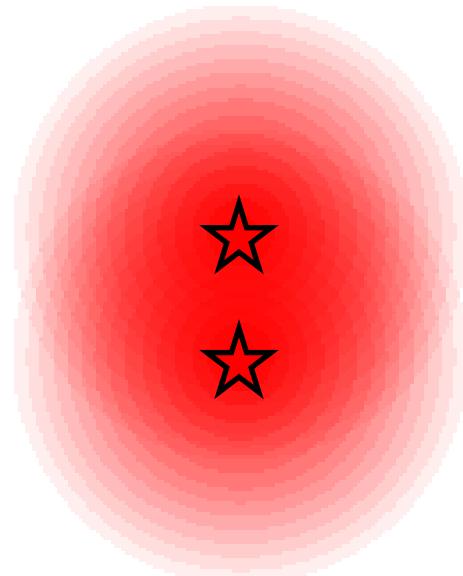
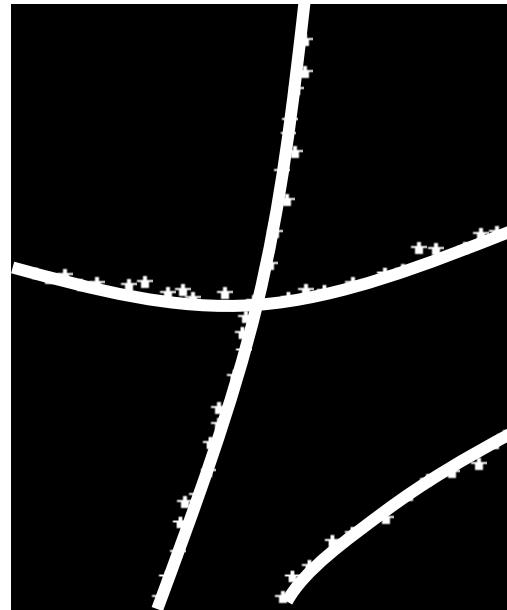
SIM

# Super-resolution by...

Fluorescence image

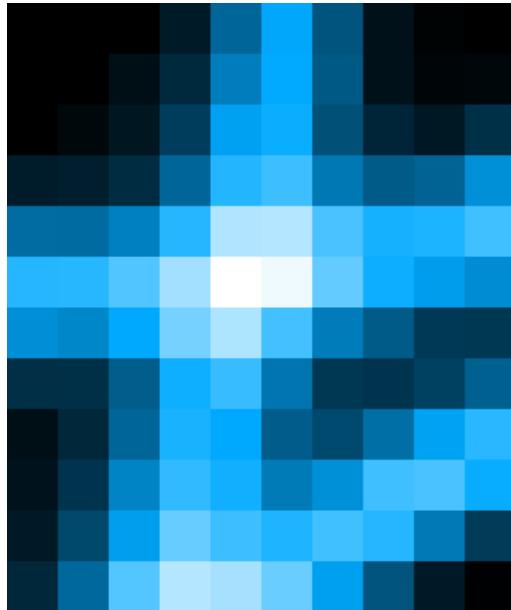


Underlying structure

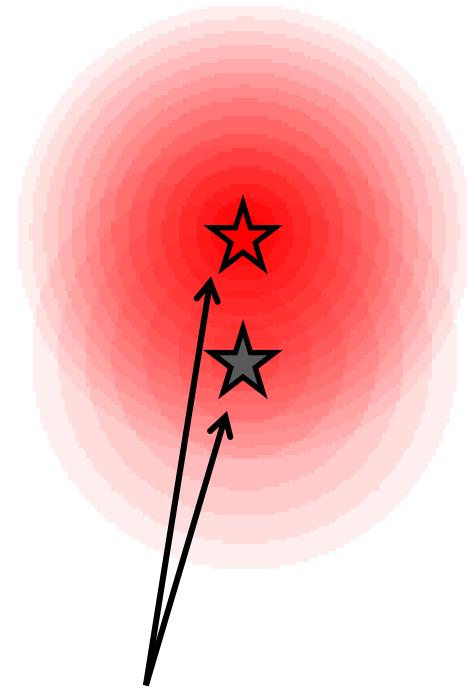
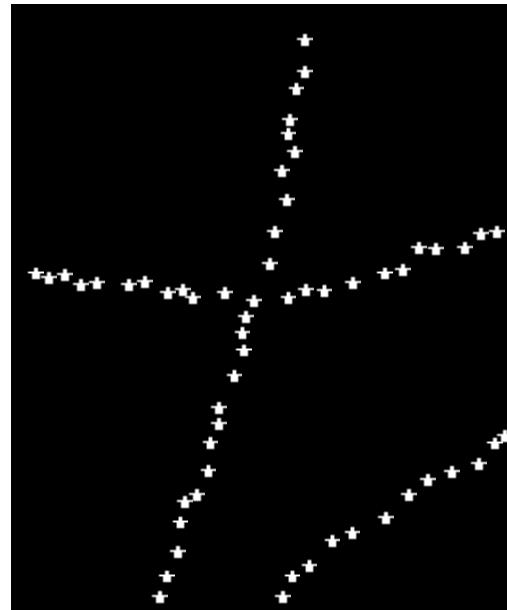


# Super-resolution by spatial modulation

Fluorescence image



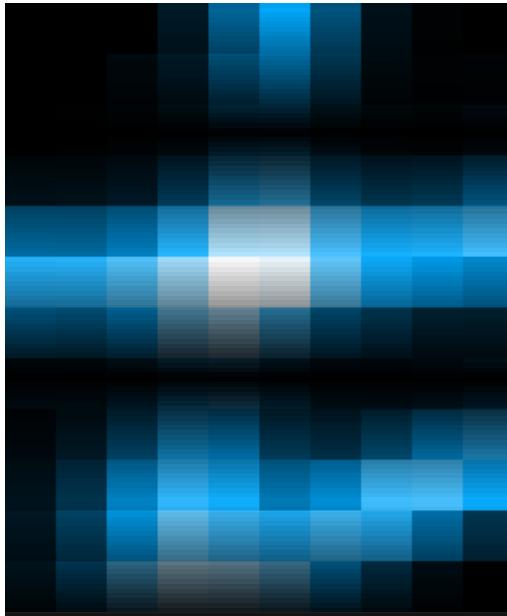
Underlying structure



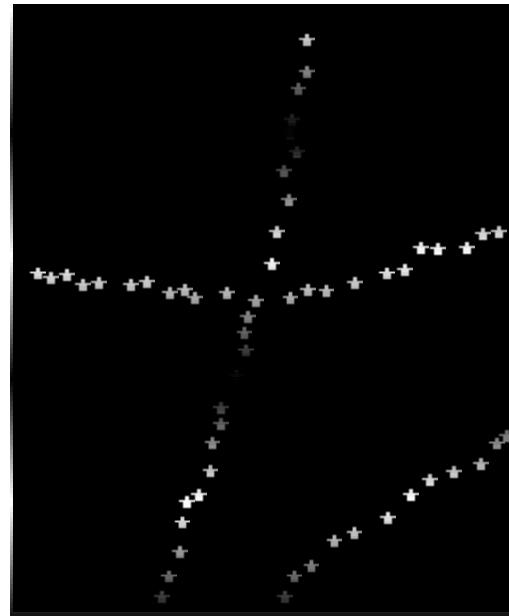
Differential modulation  
of the fluorescence response

# Super-resolution by differential excitation

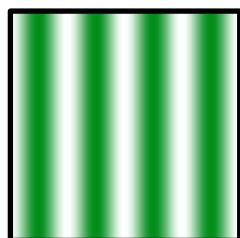
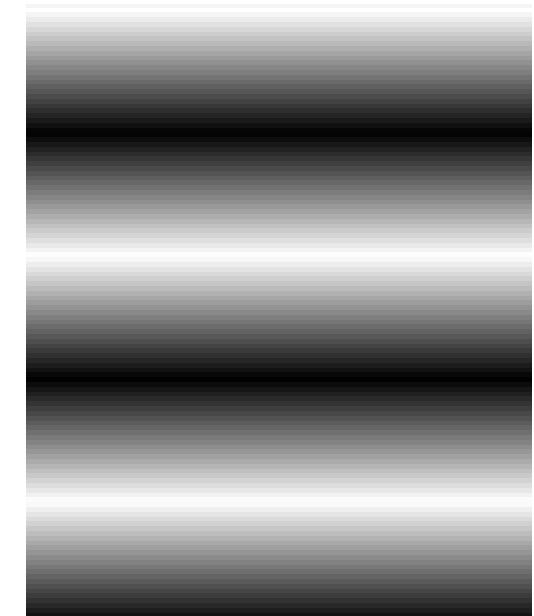
Fluorescence image



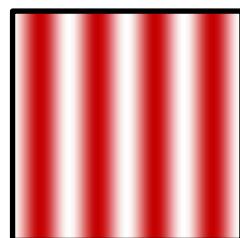
Underlying structure



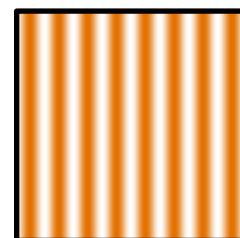
Excitation pattern



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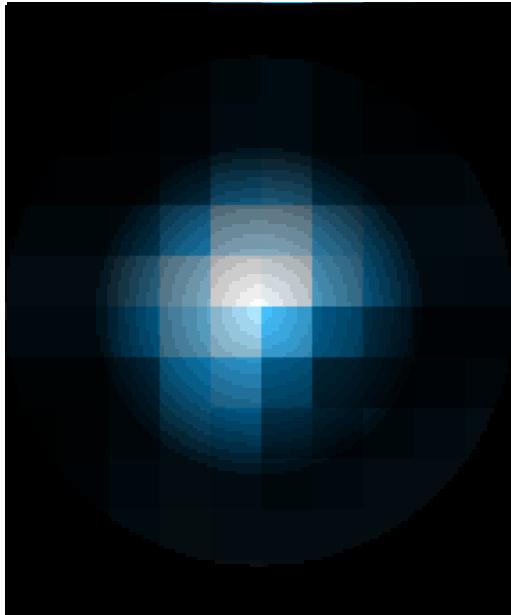
**SIM** (Gustafsson / Heintzmann)  
**SSIM** (Gustafsson 2005)

Diffraction limited excitation and emission

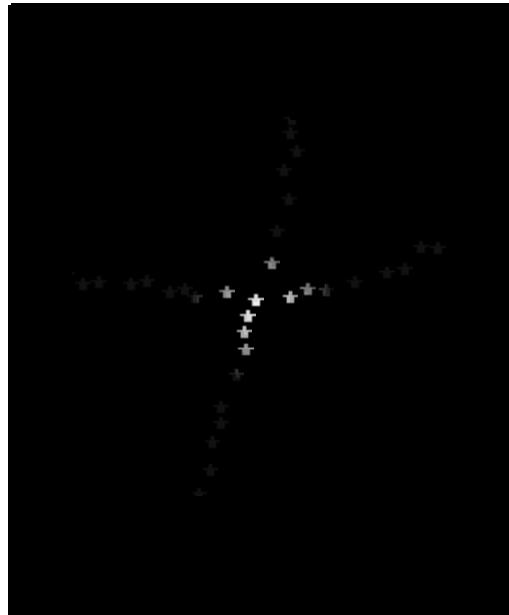
Doubled resolution

# Super-resolution by differential depletion

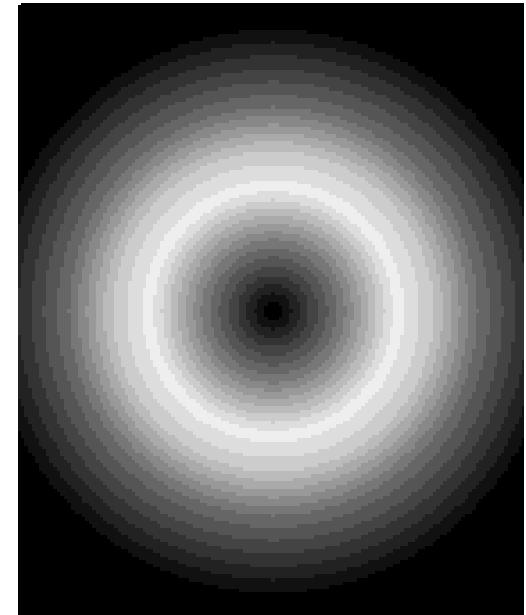
Fluorescence image



Underlying structure



Depletion pattern



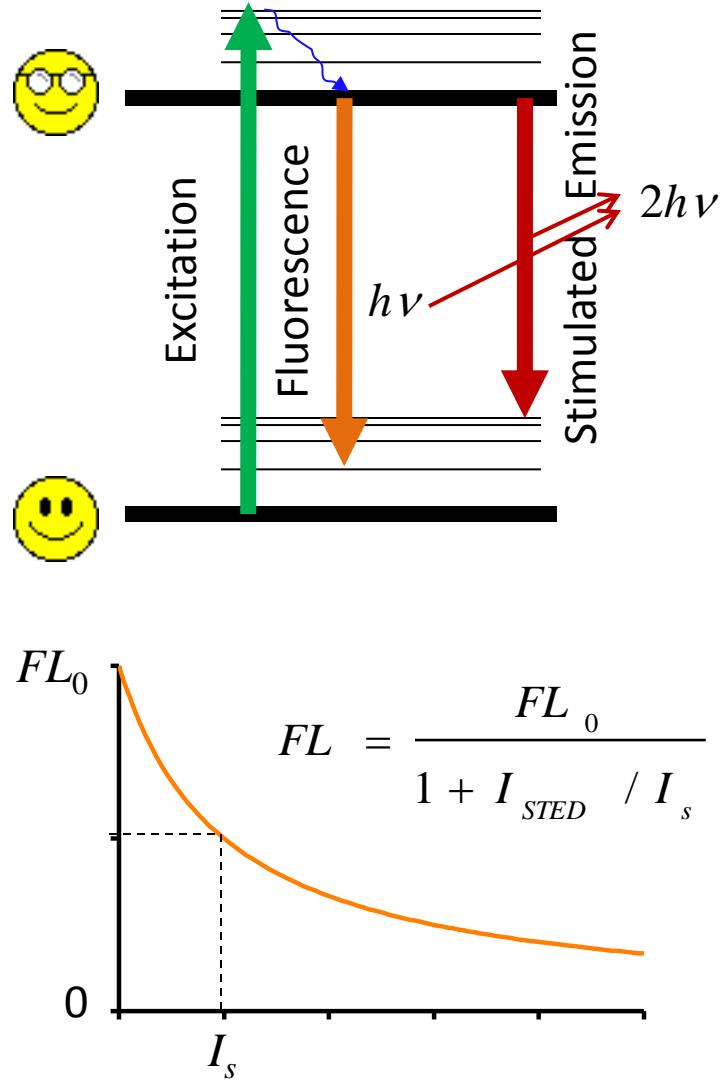
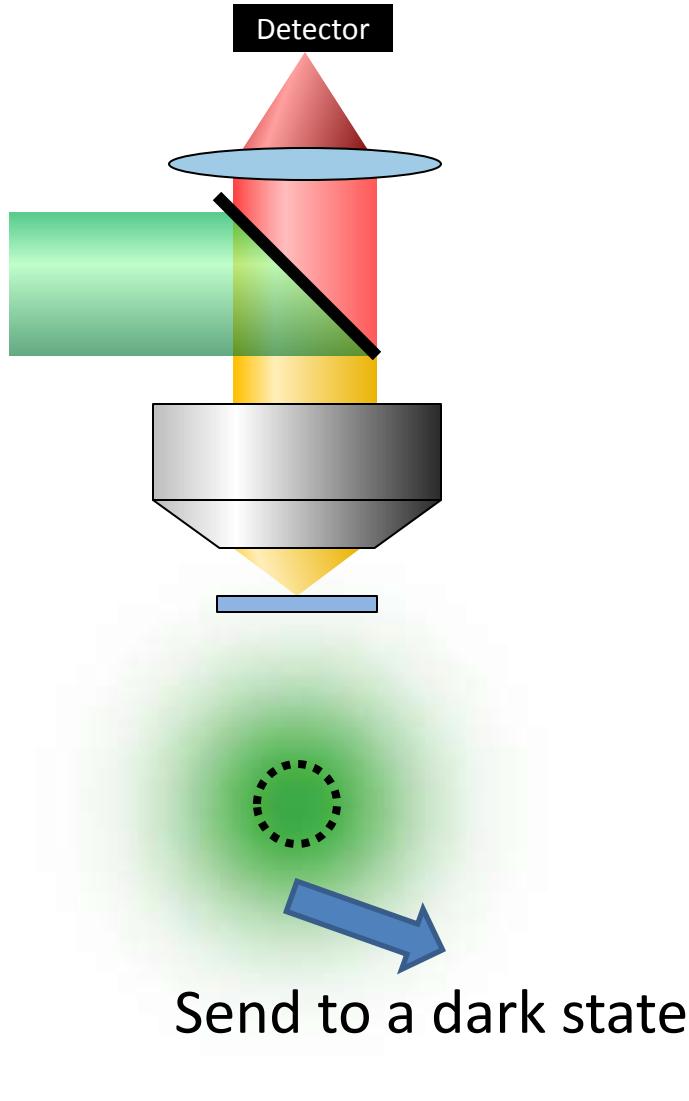
Diffraction limited PSF Saturated depletion = Smaller effective PSF

**STED** (Hell 1994, Hell 1999)

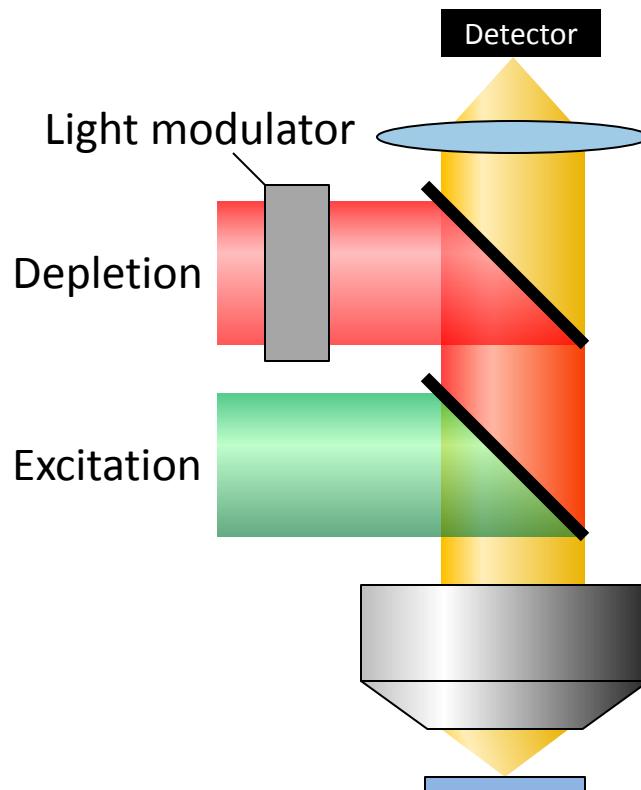
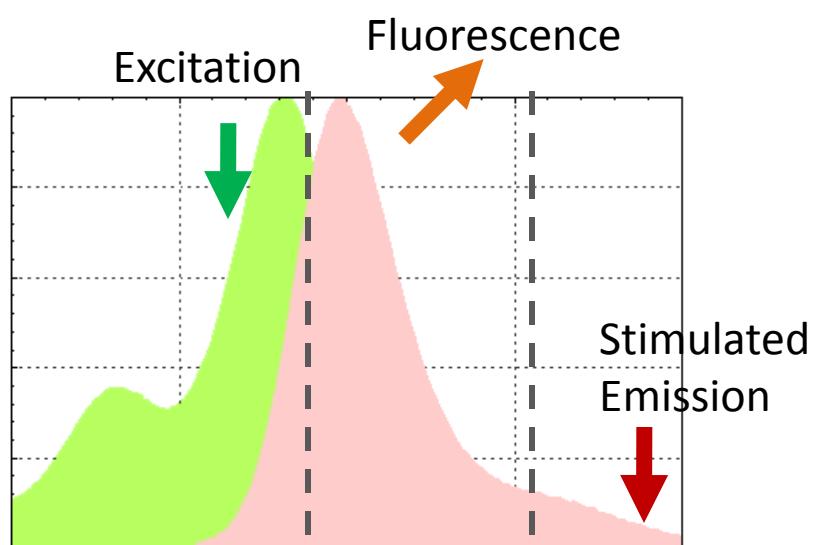
**GSD** (Hell 1995, Hell 2007)

**RESOLFT** (Hell 2003, Hell 2011)

# Stimulated Emission Depletion (STED)



# STED microscopy



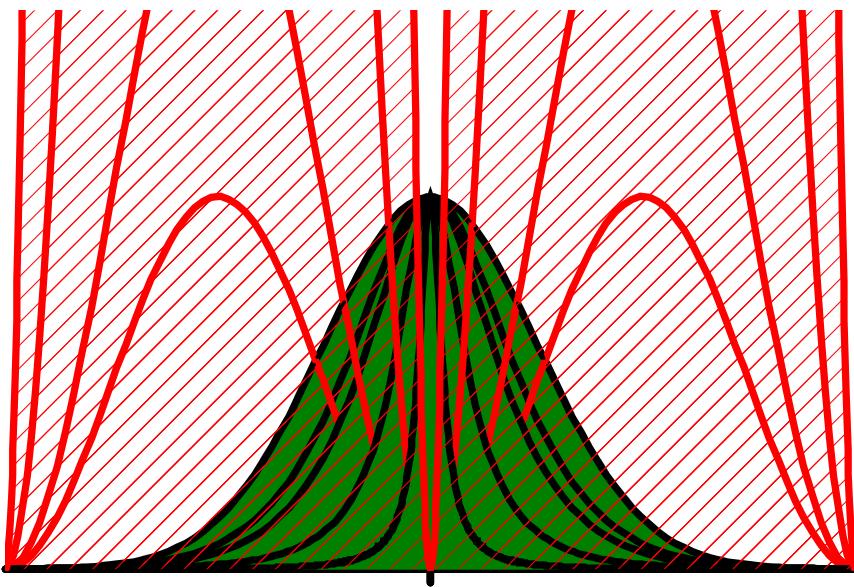
Excitation

STED  
pattern

Effective  
PSF

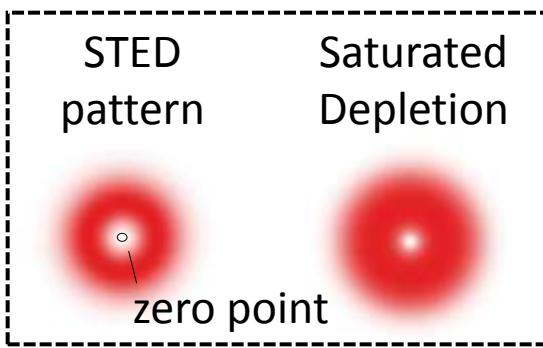
$$\text{Excitation} \div \text{STED pattern} = \text{Effective PSF} ?$$

# Saturated depletion

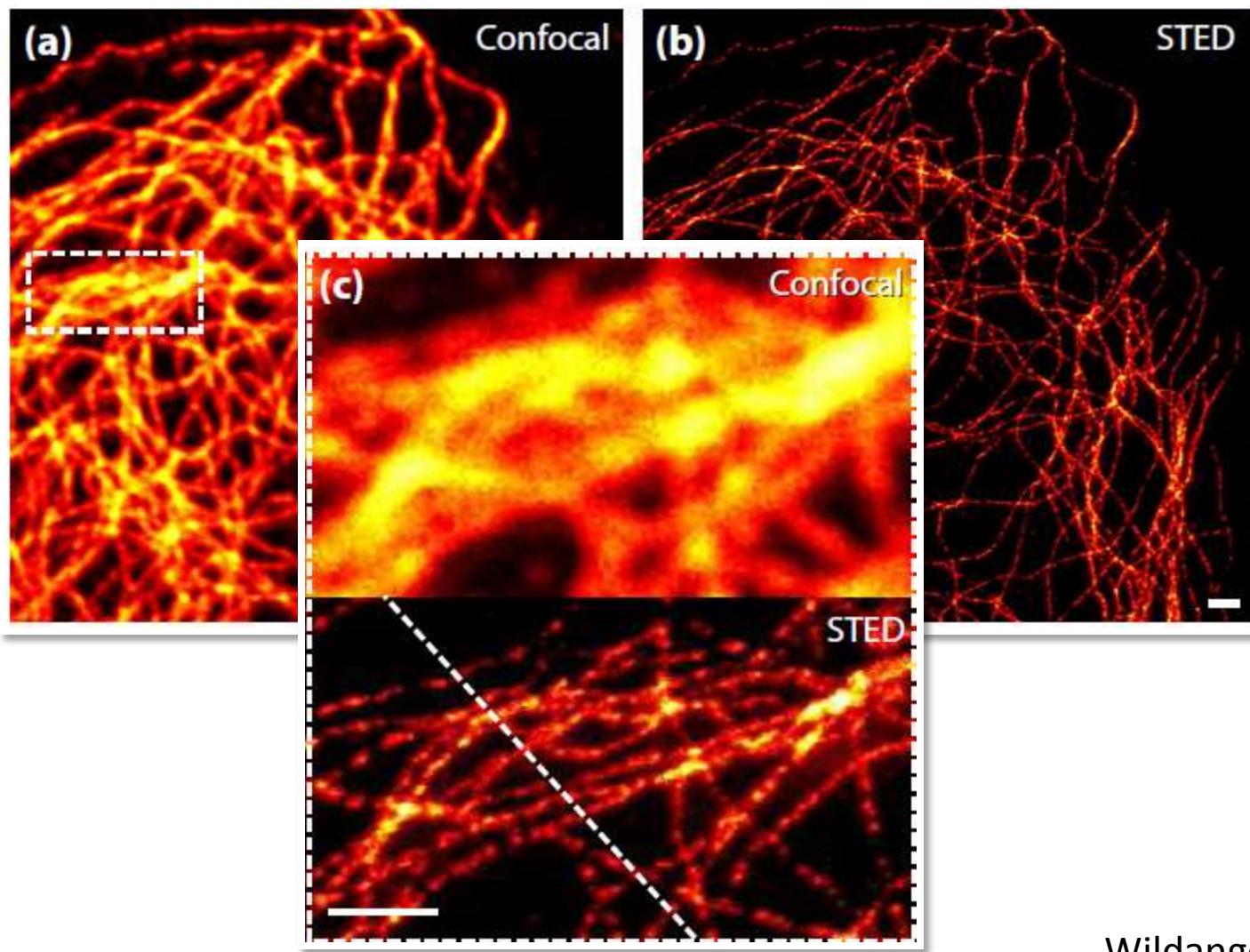


$$I_{\text{STED}} = I_s Q Q_S S_S$$

$$d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+I/I_s}} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{2NA}$$

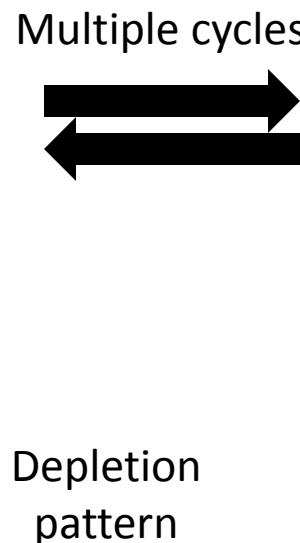
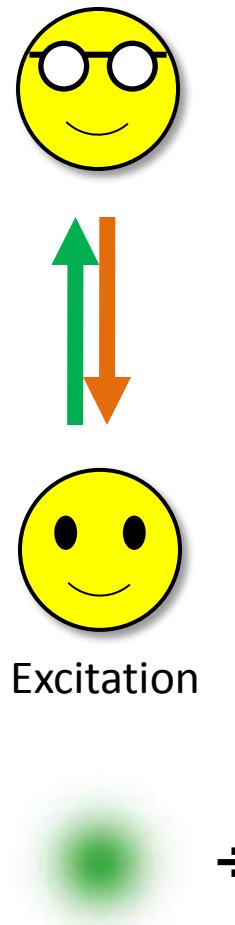


# STED images of microtubules



Wildanger et al., 2009

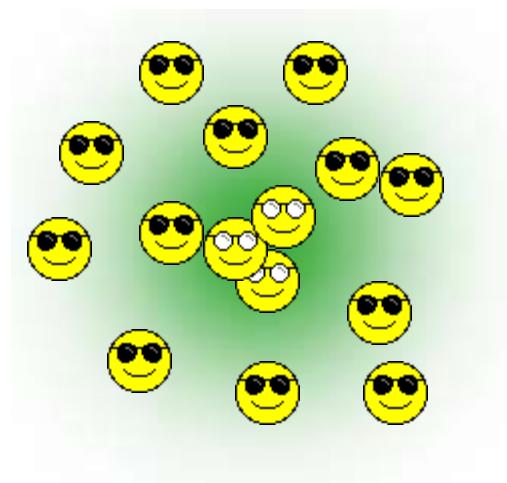
# The “patterned illumination” approach



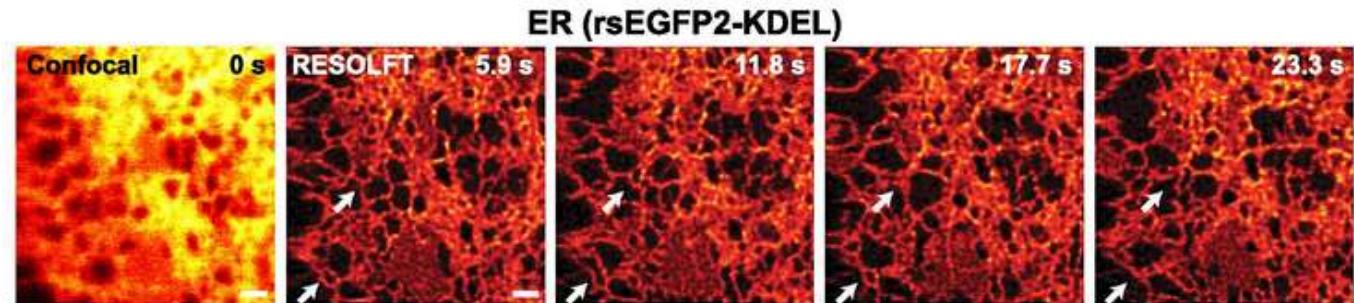
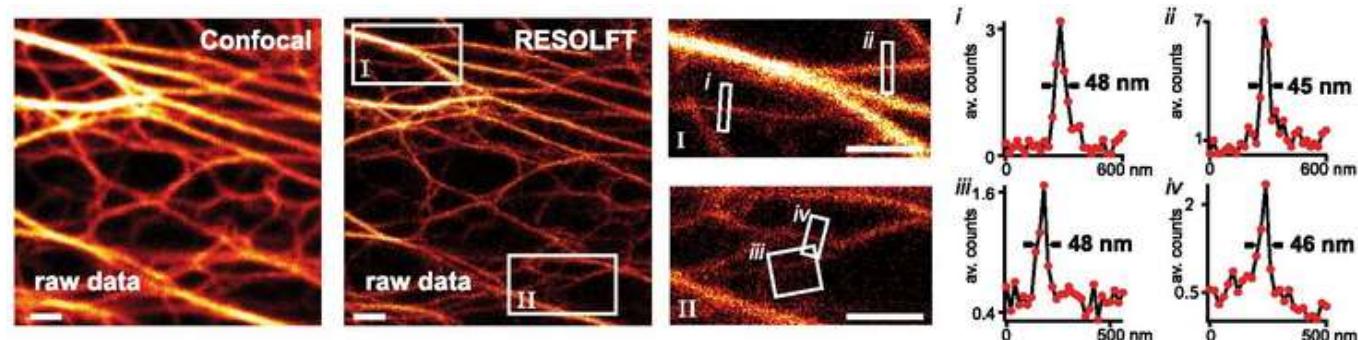
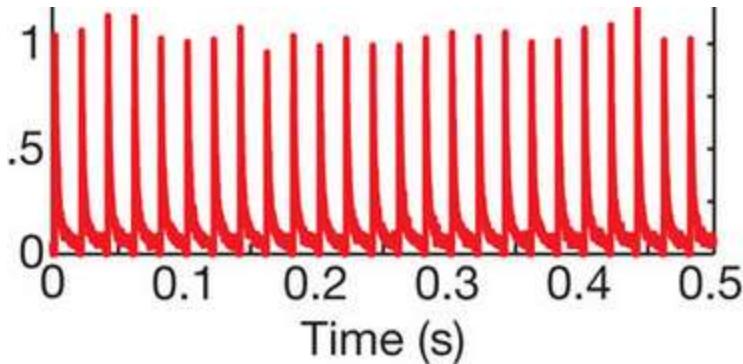
- Ground state
- Triplet state
- Isomerization
- etc.

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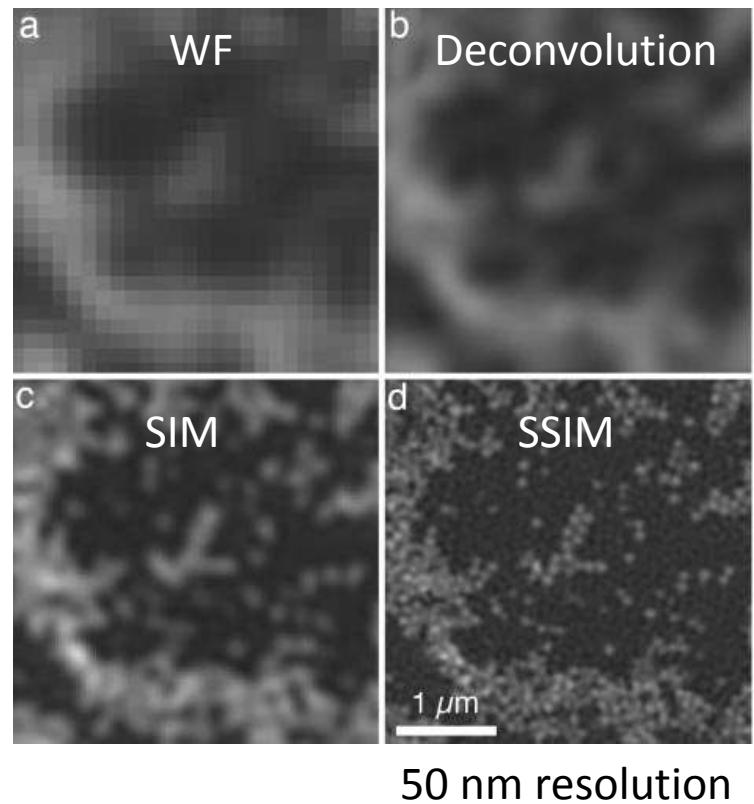
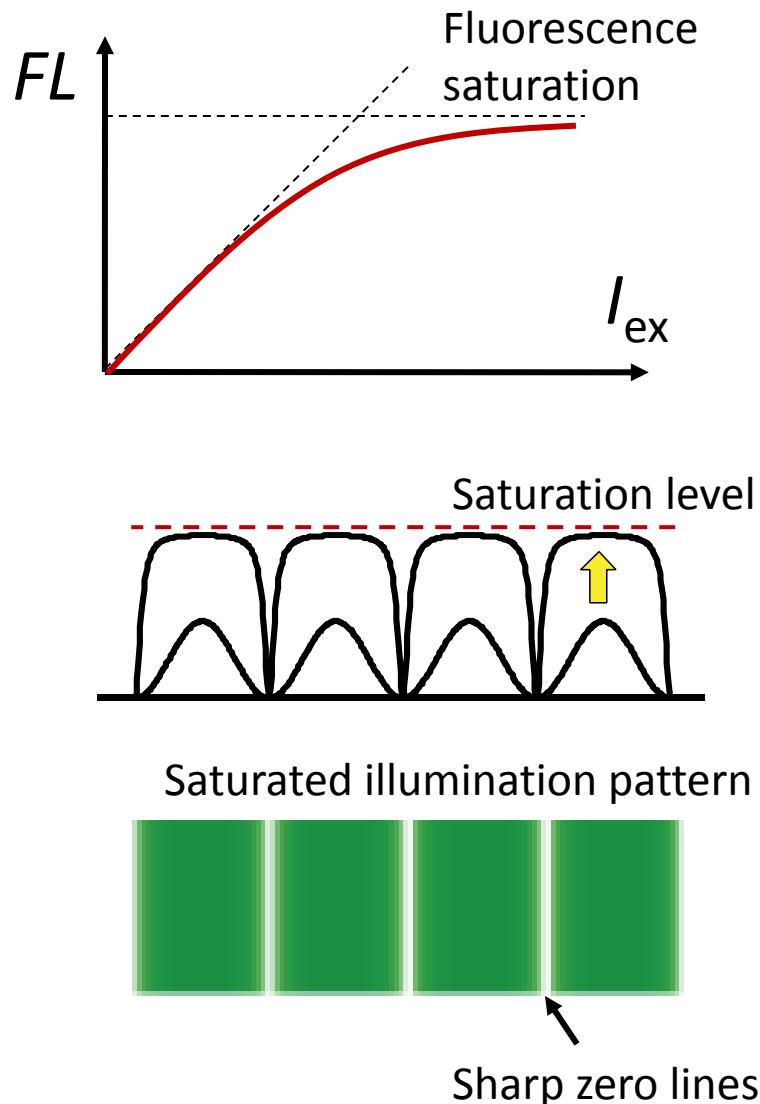
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# RESOLFT by rsEGFP and rsEGFP2



# Saturated SIM



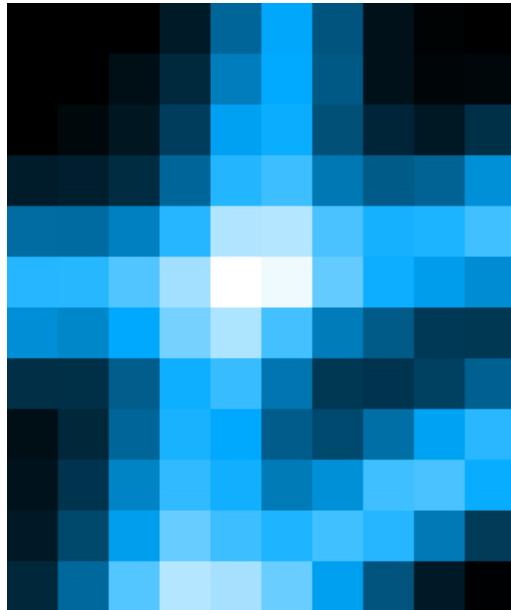
Suffers from fast photobleaching  
under saturated excitation condition

# Super-resolution by single-molecule switching

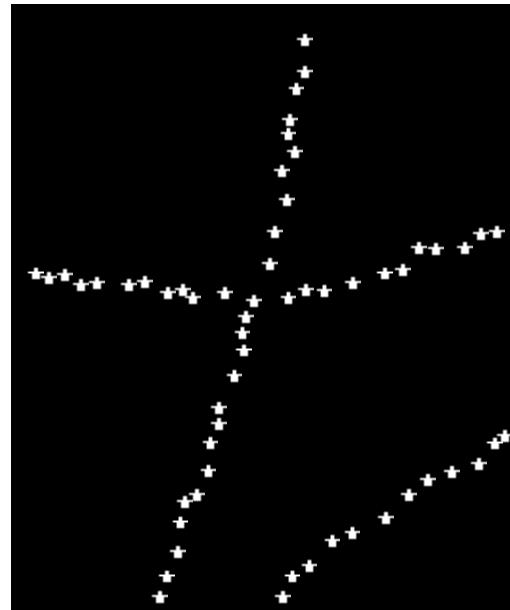


# Super-resolution by single-molecule switching

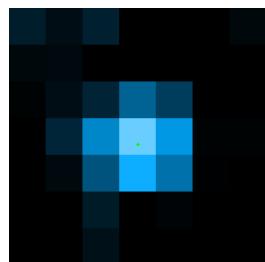
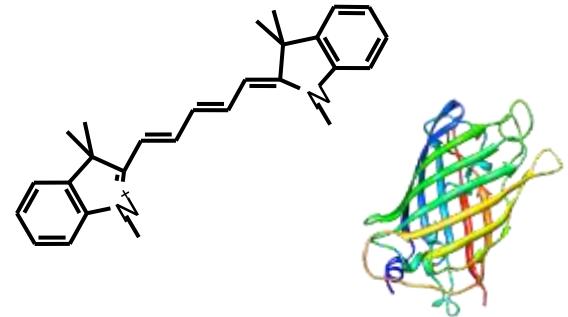
Fluorescence image



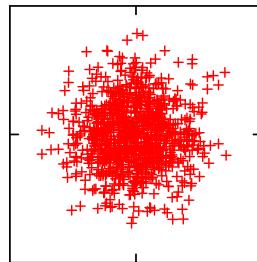
Underlying structure



Photoswitchable molecules



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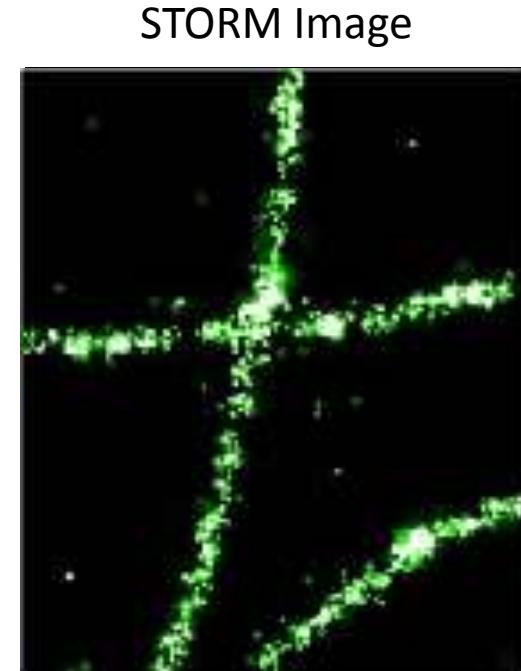
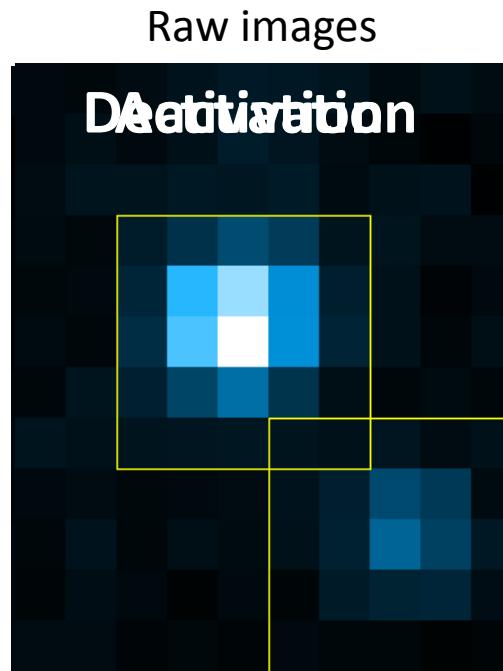
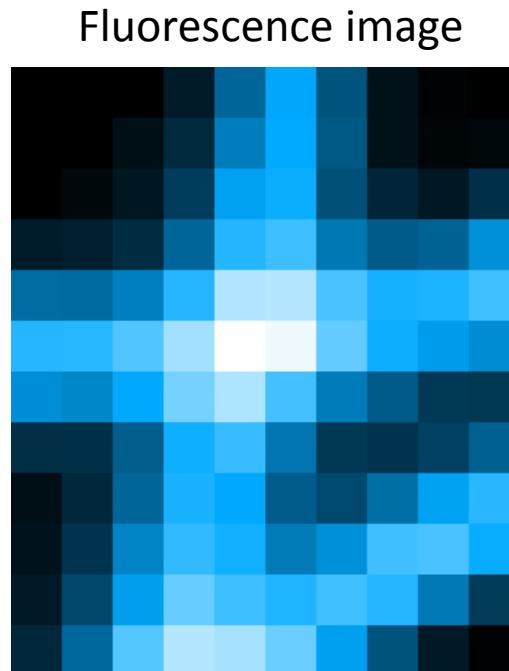
$$D \approx d / \sqrt{N}$$

Single molecule image

N photons

Single-molecule localization

# Super-resolution by single-molecule switching



2x real time

**STORM** = Stochastic Optical Reconstruction Microscopy (Zhuang 2006)

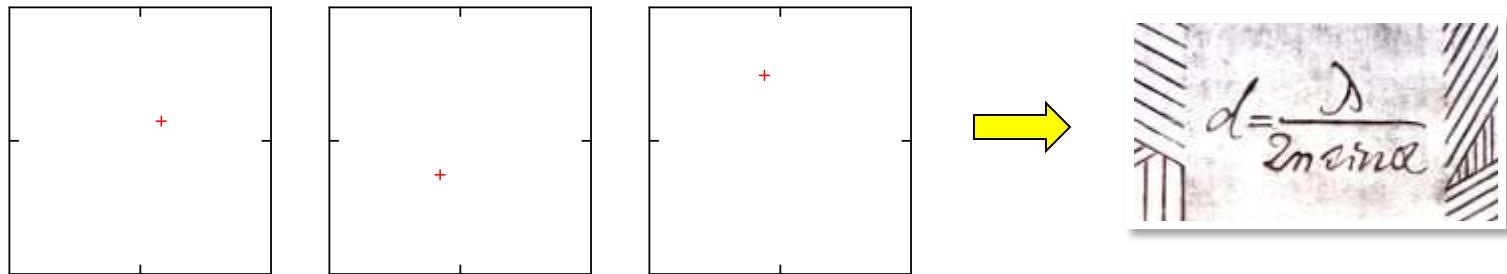
**PALM** = Photoactivated Localization Microscopy (Betzig & Hess 2006)

**FPALM** = Fluorescence Photoactivated Localization Microscopy (Hess 2006)

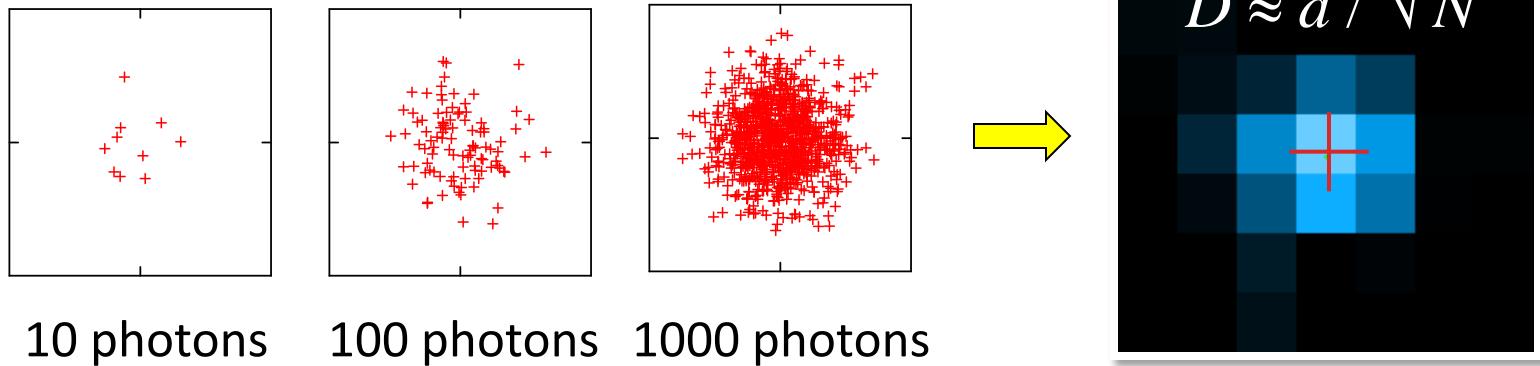
**PALMIRA** (Hell 2007), **GSDIM** (Hell 2008), **dSTORM** (Sauer 2008), **SMACM** (Moerner 2008)

**PAINT** (Hochstrasser 2006), **SPRAYPAINT** (Moerner 2011), **SOFI** (Weiss 2009)

# Single-molecule localization precision



1 photon

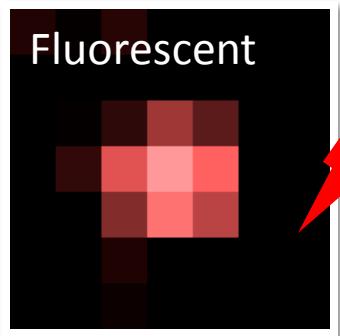


10 photons

100 photons

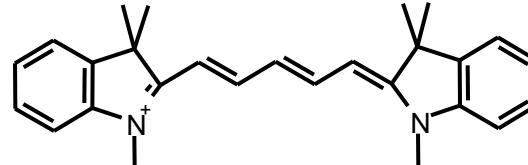
1000 photons

# Photoswitching of red cyanine dyes

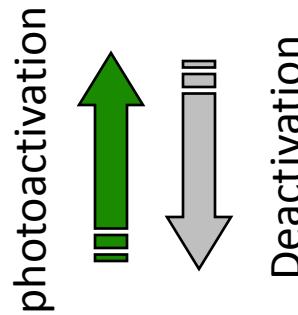


650 nm

+ thiol

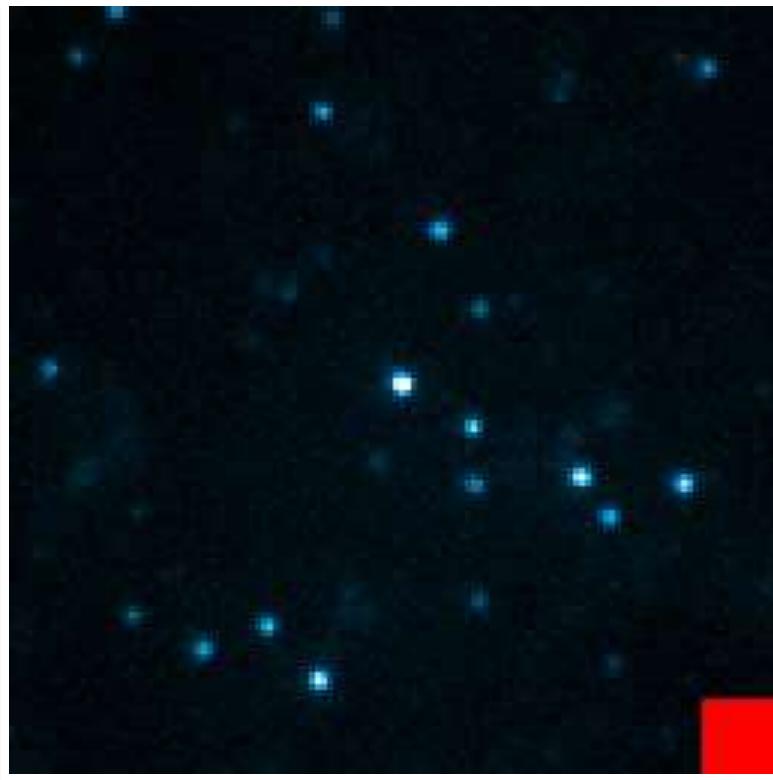
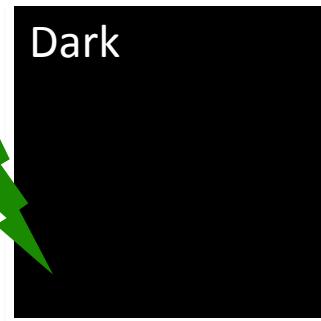


Cy5 / Alexa 647



360 nm

650 nm

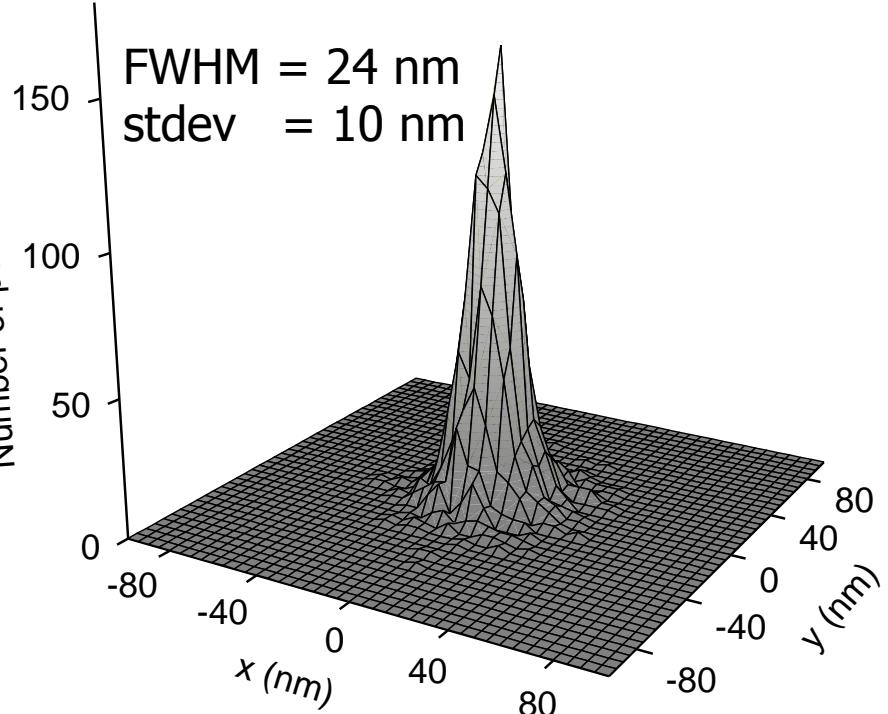


B-SC-1 cell, anti- $\beta$  tubulin

Commercial    Alexa 647    secondary antibody

FWHM = 24 nm  
stdev = 10 nm

Number of points

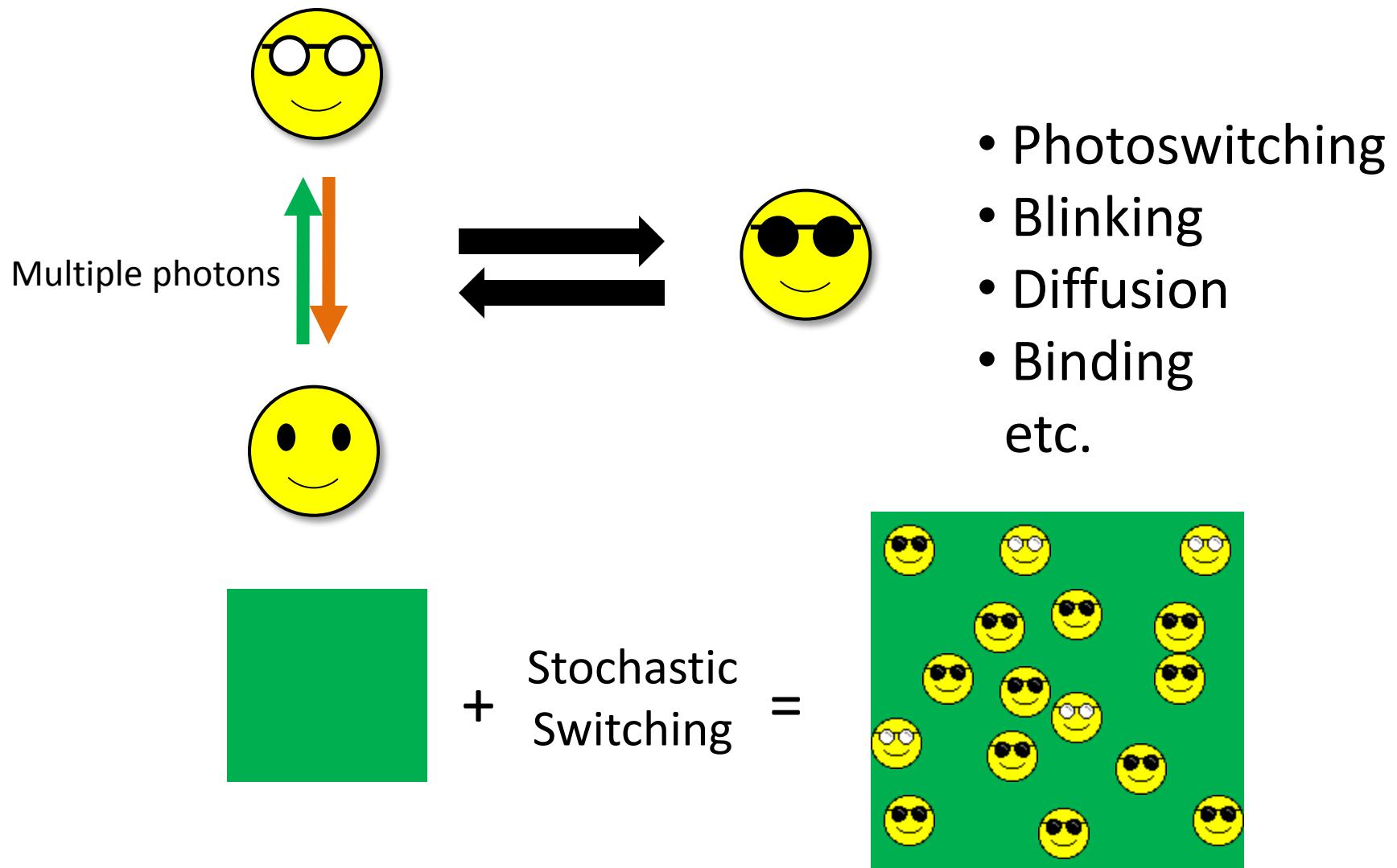


500 nm

5  $\mu$ m

Localization points

# The “single-molecule switching” approach



# Photoswitchable probes readily available

400

500

600

700 nm

Simple dyes (+ thiole / redox system)

Alexa488

Alexa532

Atto520

Atto565

Alexa568

Atto590

Alexa647  
Cy5

Cy5.5

Cy7

Atto655

Atto700

Bates et al., 2005, Bates et al., 2007, Huang et al., 2008

Heilemann et al., 2009

Functional dyes

MitoTracker Red

Dil

DiD

LysoTracker Red

ER Tracker Red

Shim et al., 2012

Photoactivatable fluorescent proteins

PA-GFP

PS-CFP2

Dronpa

mEosFP2

Dendra2

PAmCherry

PAtagRFP

Dreiklang

EYFP

Reviews:

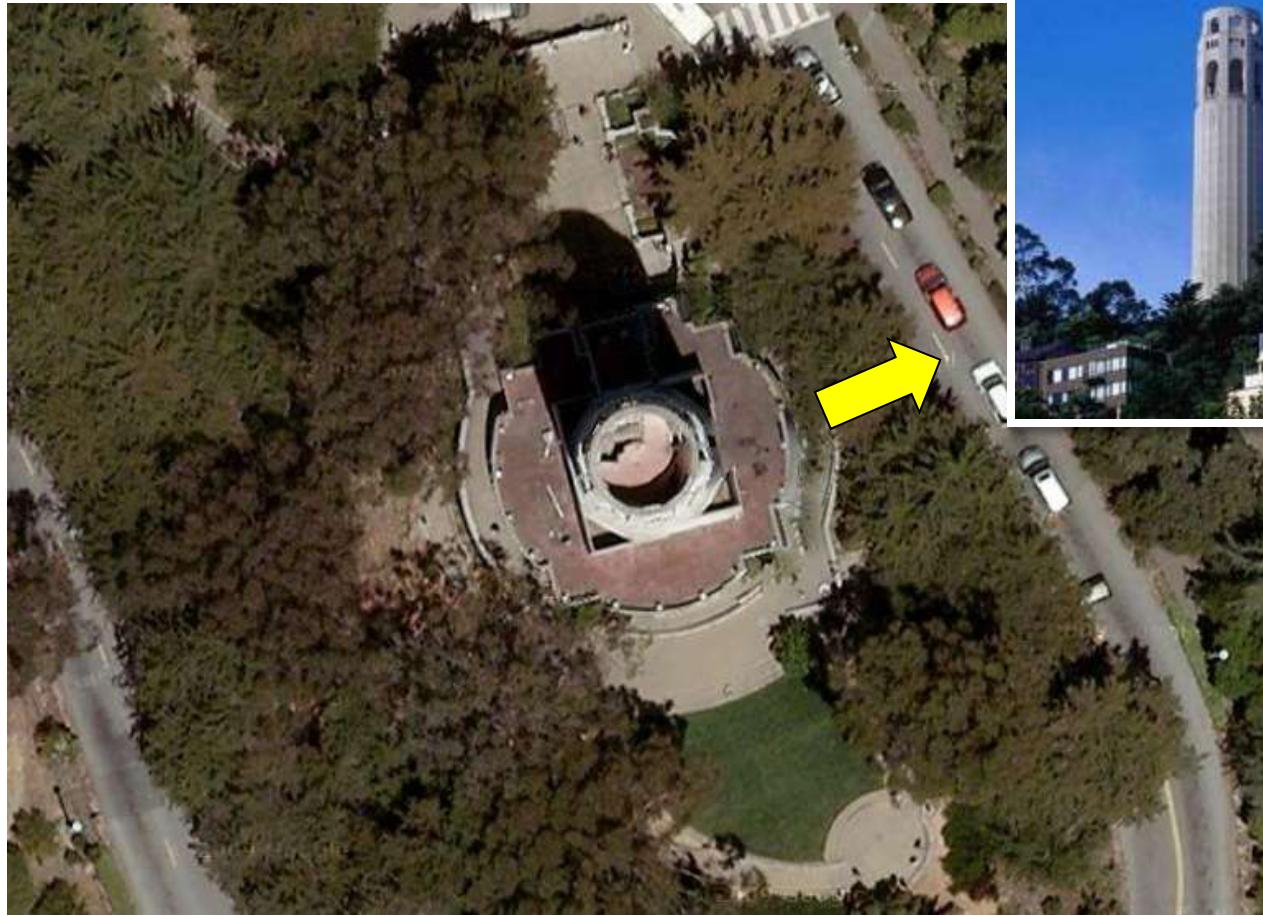
Lukyanov et al., Nat. Rev. Cell Biol., 2005

Lippincott-Schwartz et al., Trends Cell Biol., 2009

**3D Imaging**

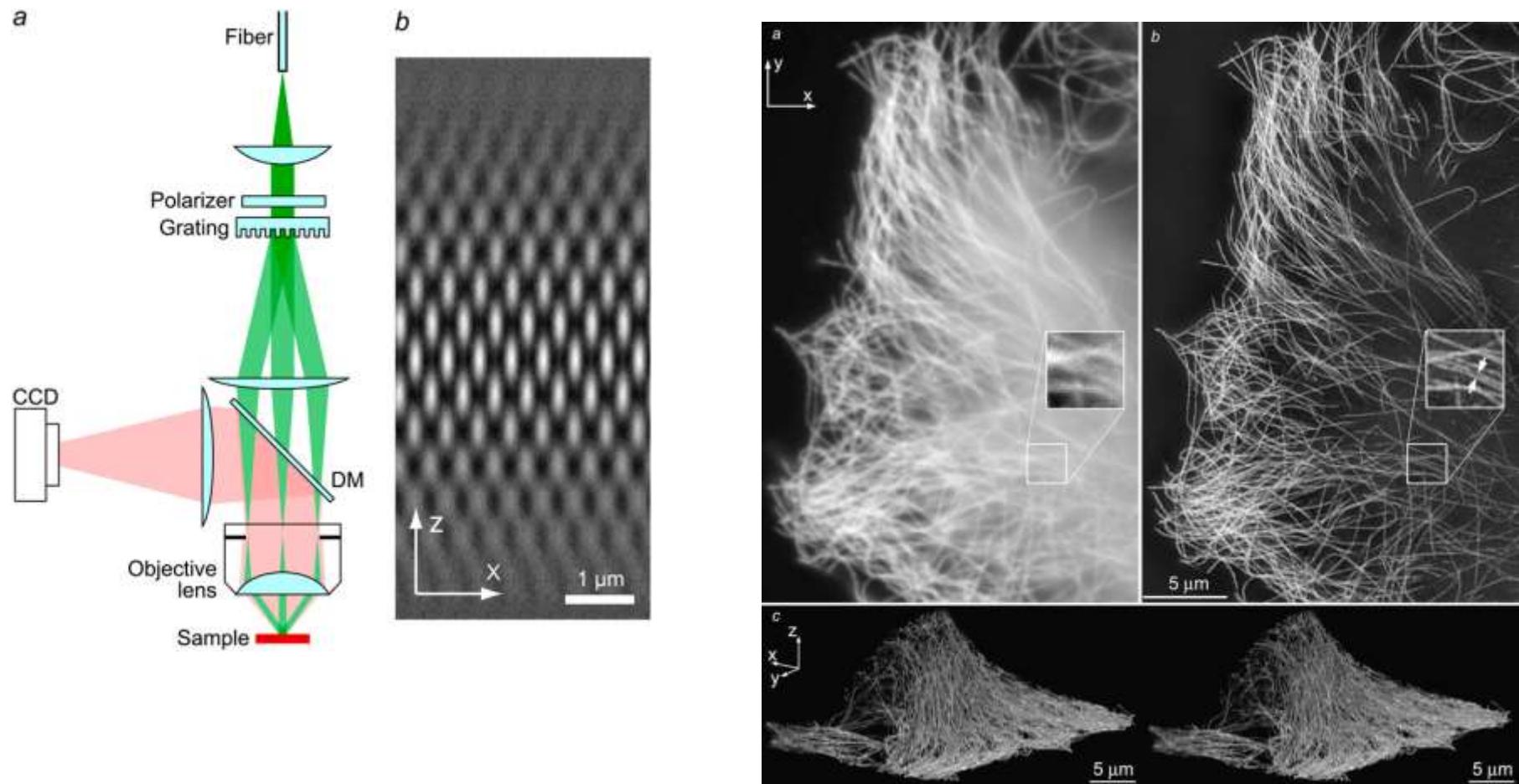
# In a 2D world...

Satellite image of ???

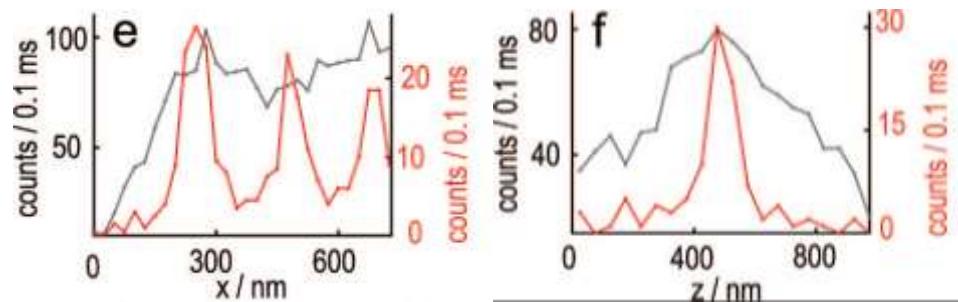
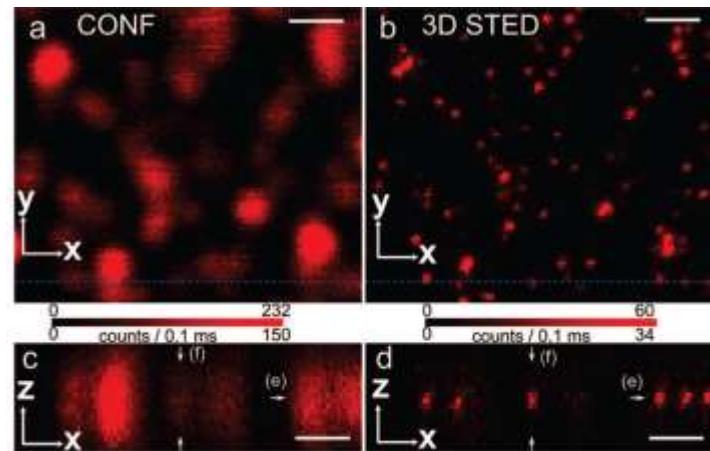
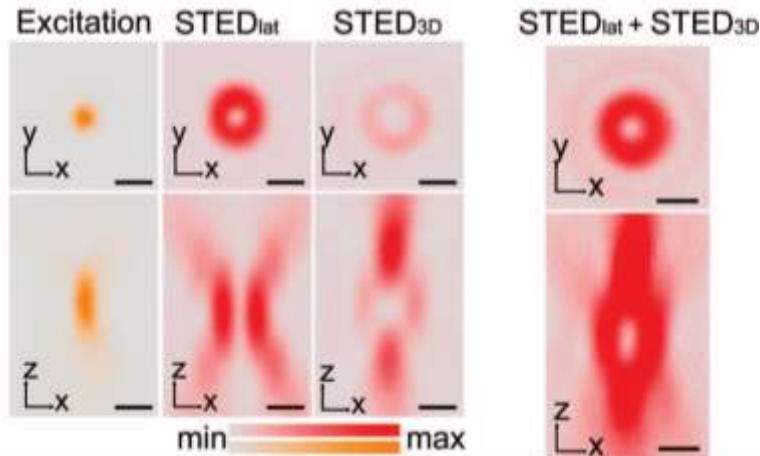


Google maps

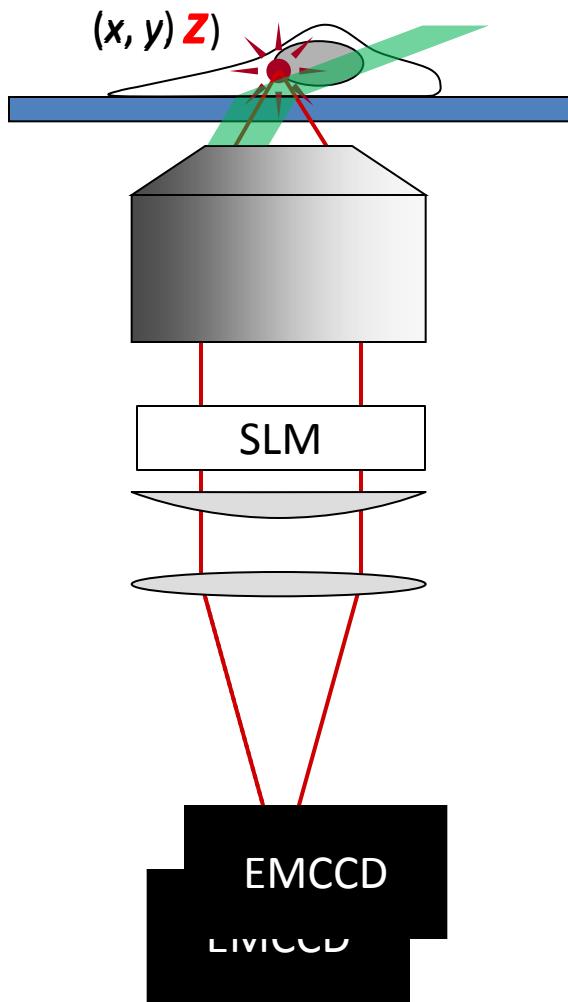
# 3D SIM



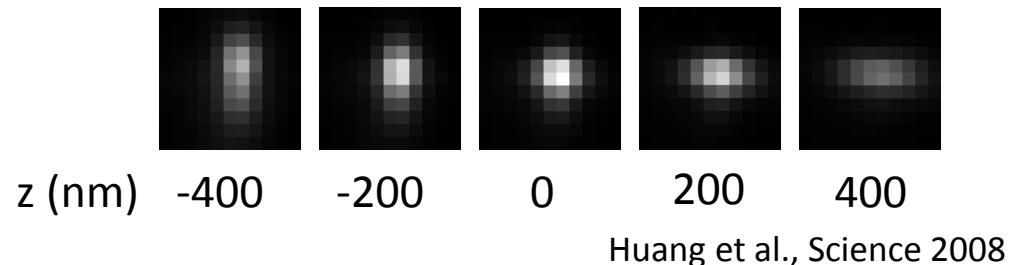
# 3D STED



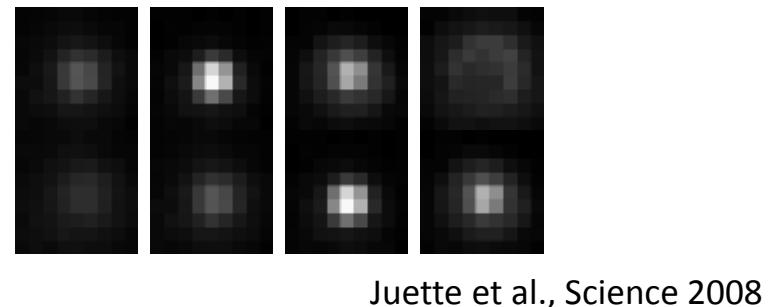
# 3D STORM/PALM



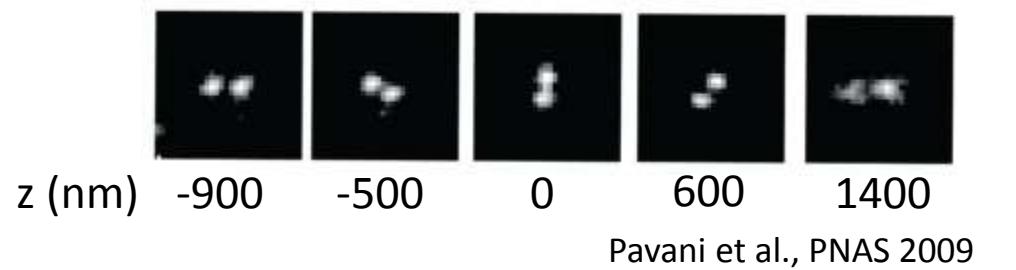
Astigmatic imaging



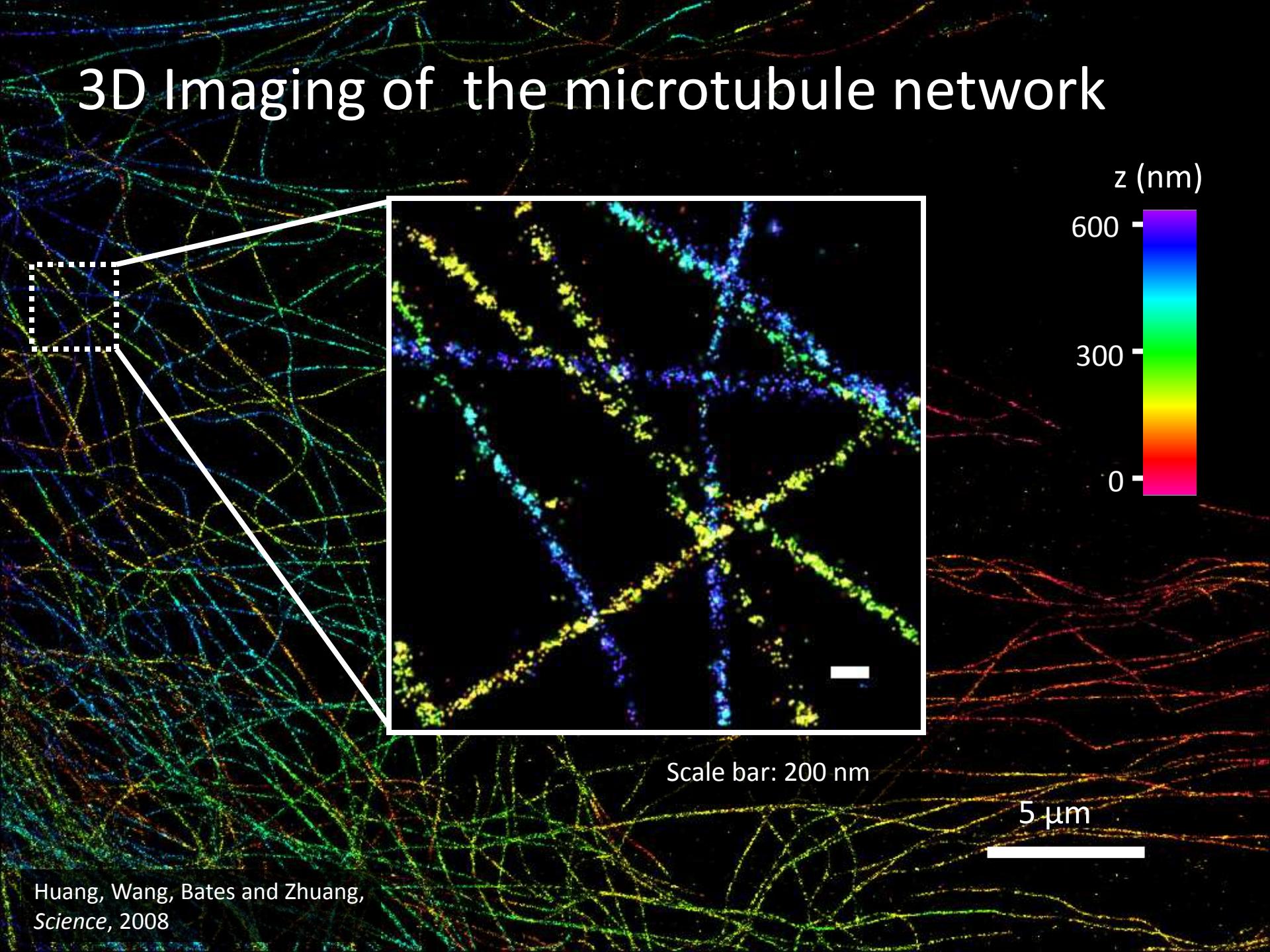
Bi-plane imaging



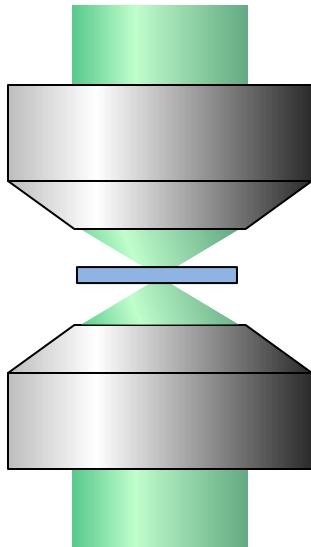
Double-helical PSF



# 3D Imaging of the microtubule network



# The use of two opposing objectives

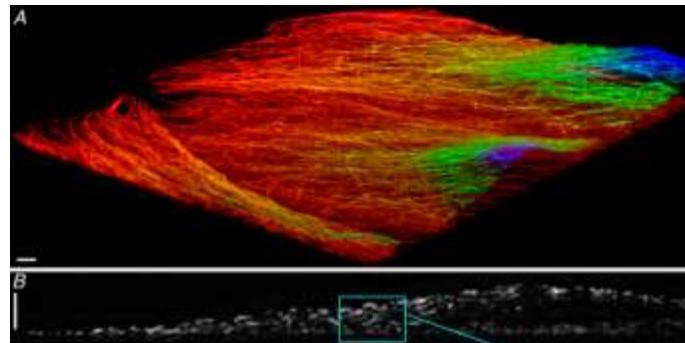


4Pi scheme



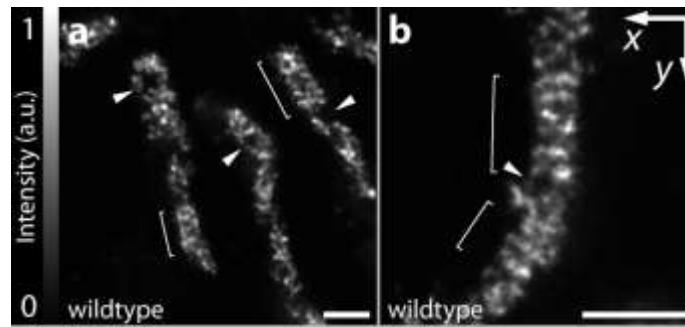
Near isotropic  
3D resolution

$|^5S$



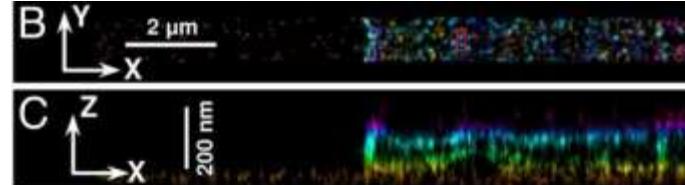
Shal et al., Biophys J 2008

isoSTED



Schmidt et al., Nano Lett 2009

iPALM



Shtengel et al., PNAS 2009

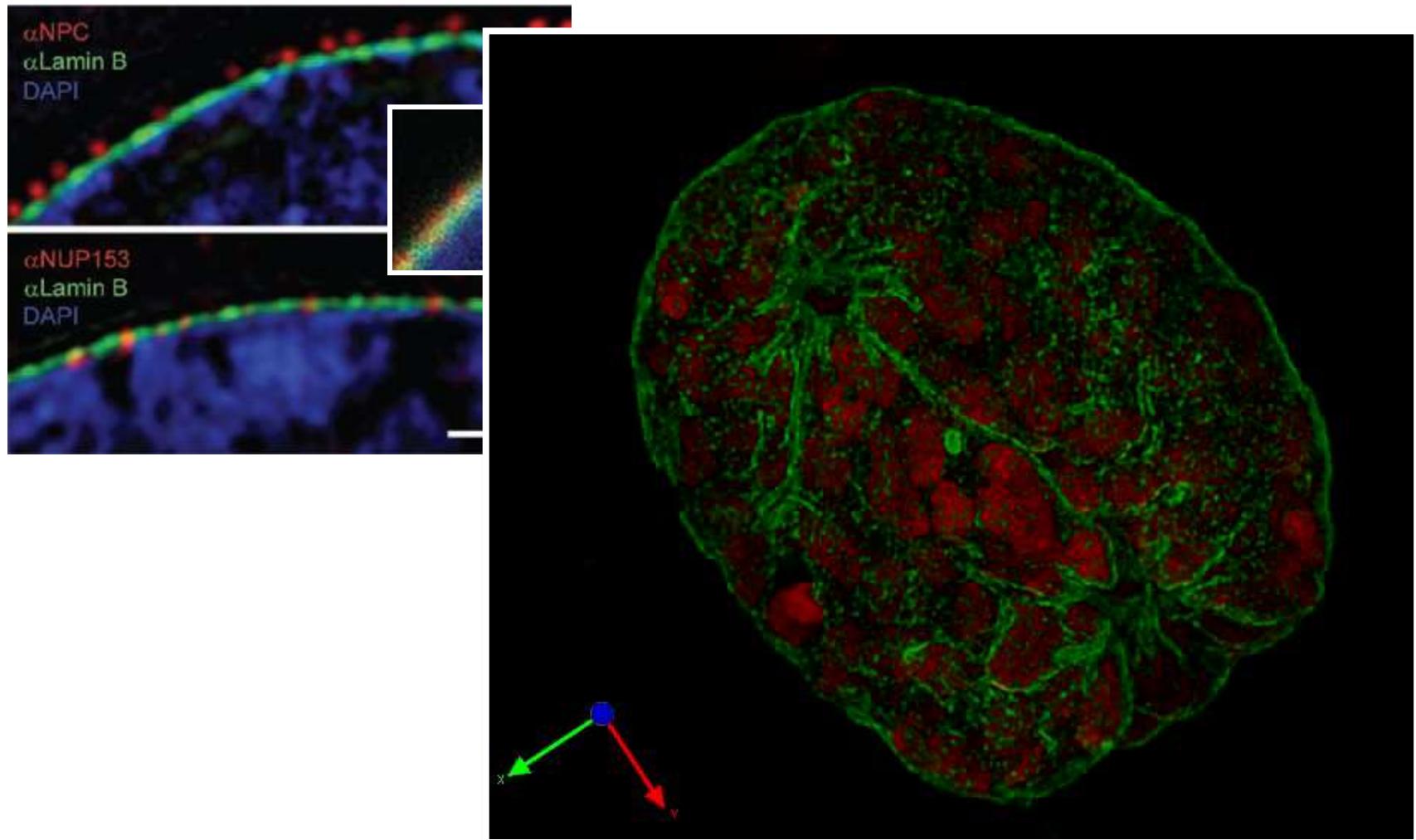
# 3D resolution of super-resolution methods

	x-y (nm)	z (nm)	Opposing objectives (nm)	Two-photon
Conventional	250	600	4Pi: 120	
SIM	100	250	I <sup>5</sup> S: 120 xyz	
STED	~30	~100	isoSTED: 30 xyz	100 µm deep
STORM/PALM	20-30	50-60	iPALM: 20 xy, 10 z	

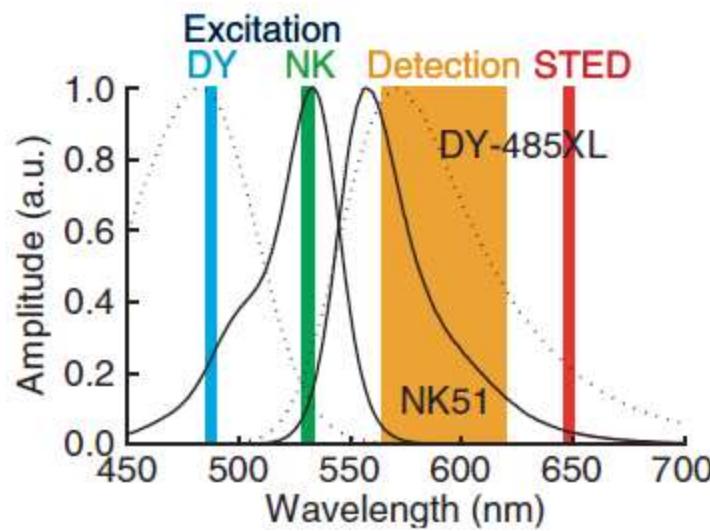
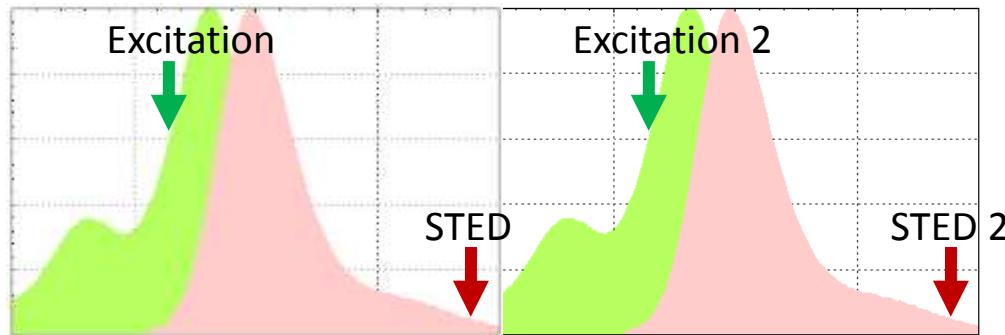
# Multi-color Imaging

# Multicolor SIM

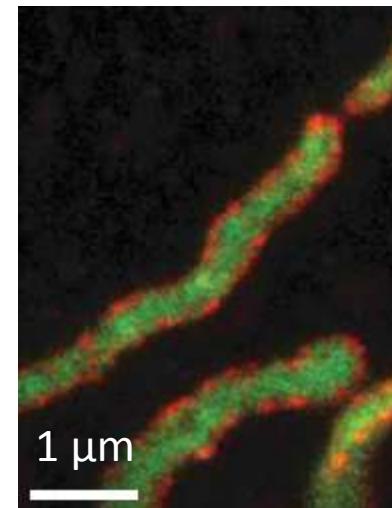
Same as conventional fluorescence microscopy!



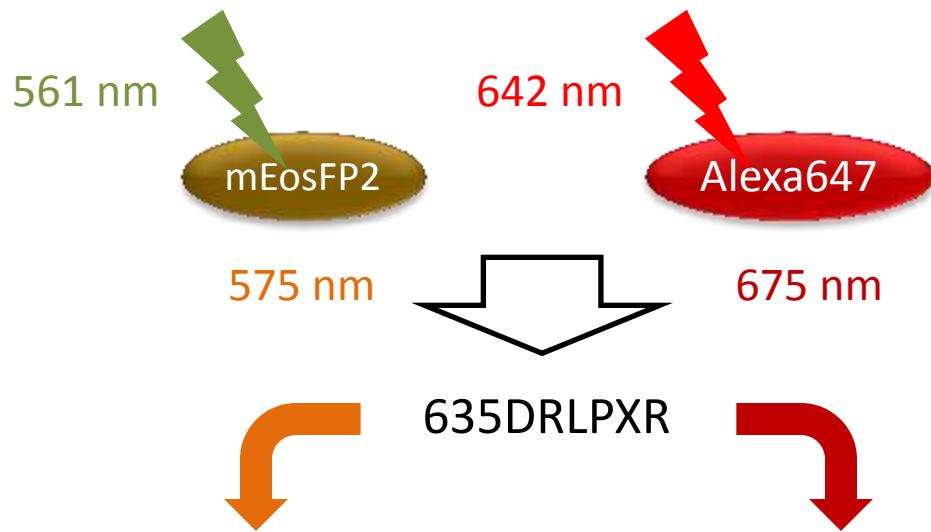
# Muticolor STED



2 color isoSTED resolving  
the inner and outer membrane  
of mitochondria



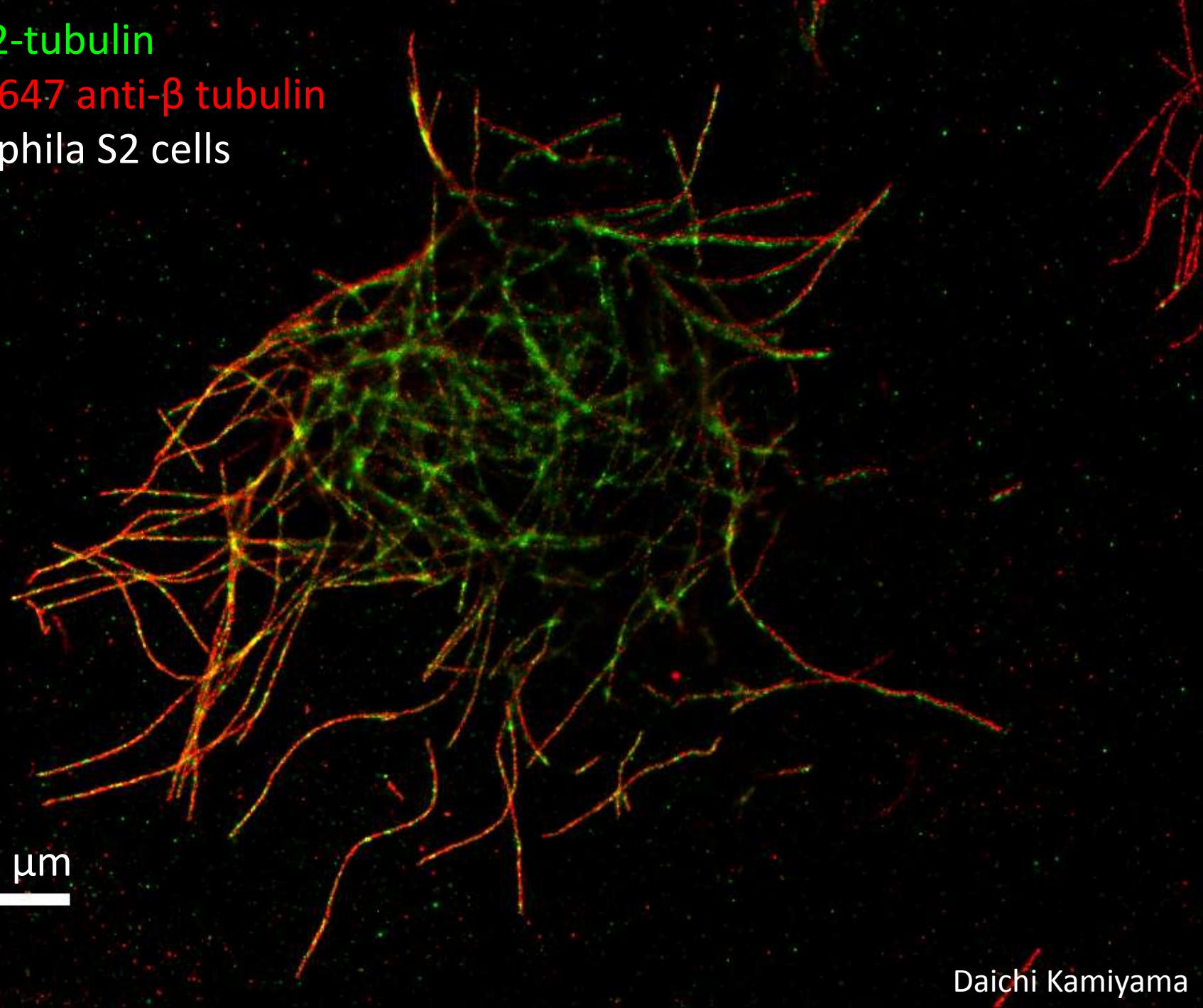
# Multicolor STORM/PALM



mEos2-tubulin

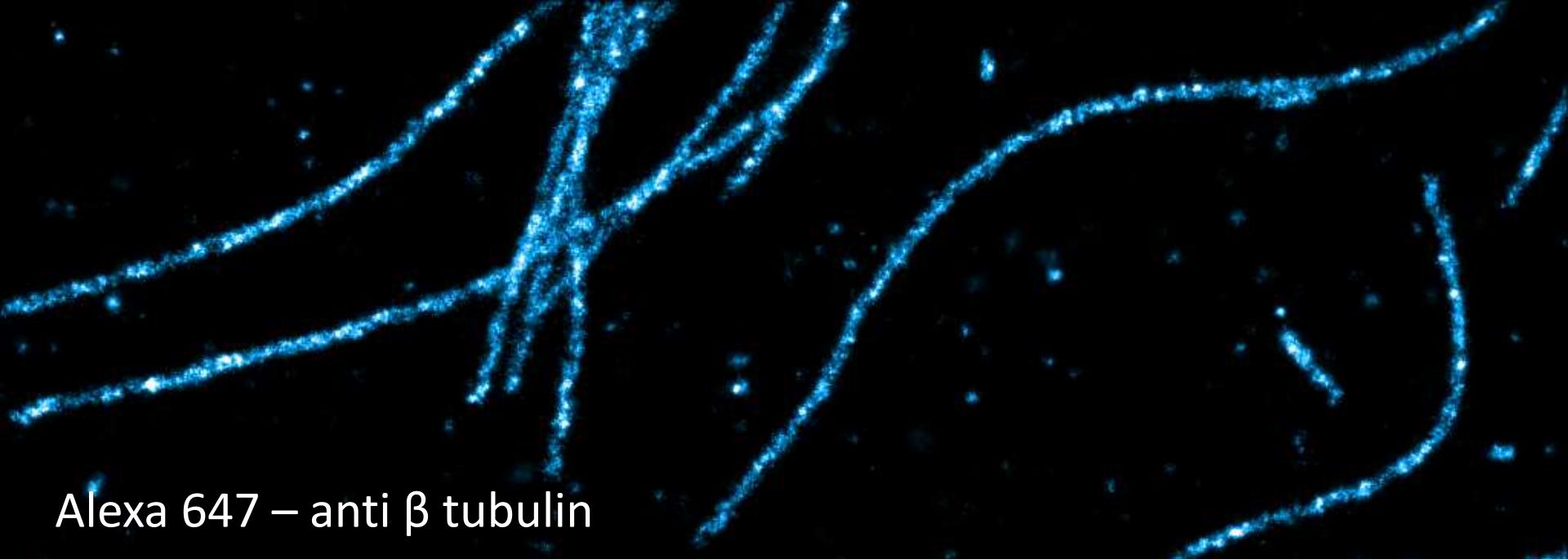
Alexa 647 anti- $\beta$  tubulin

Drosophila S2 cells

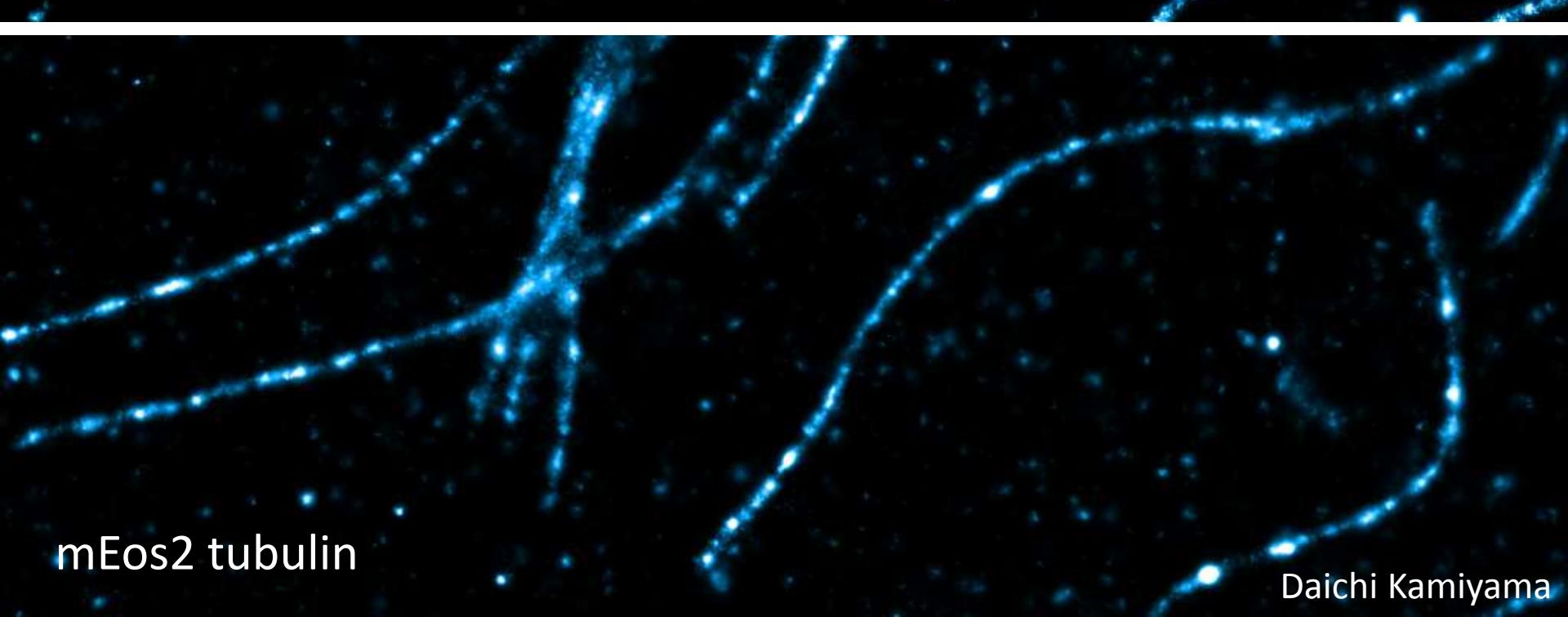


2  $\mu$ m

Daichi Kamiyama



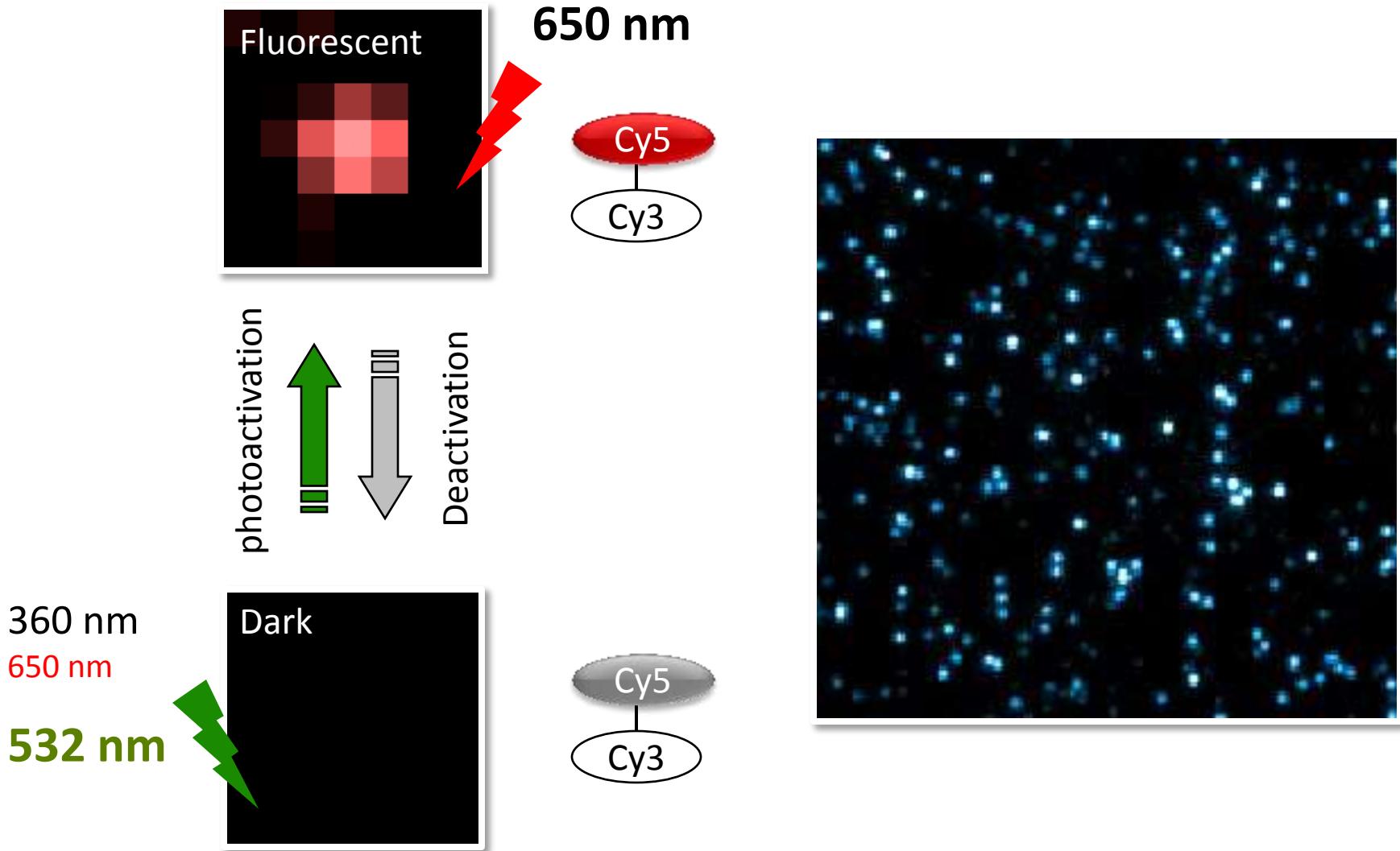
Alexa 647 – anti  $\beta$  tubulin

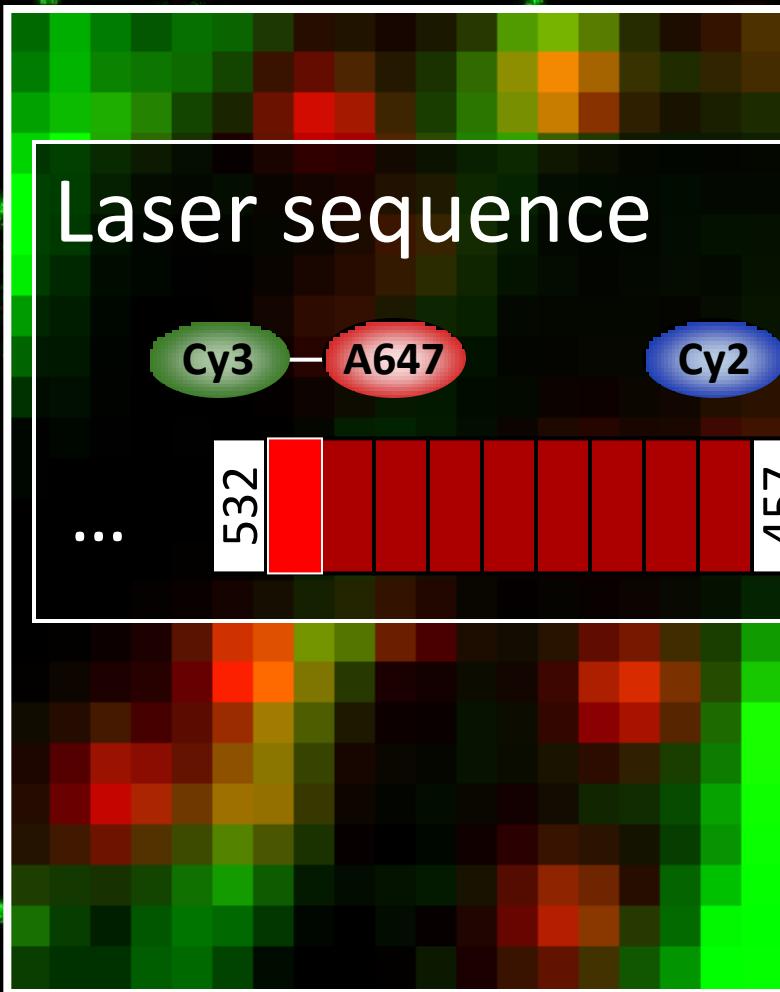


mEos2 tubulin

Daichi Kamiyama

# Multicolor STORM/PALM: activation





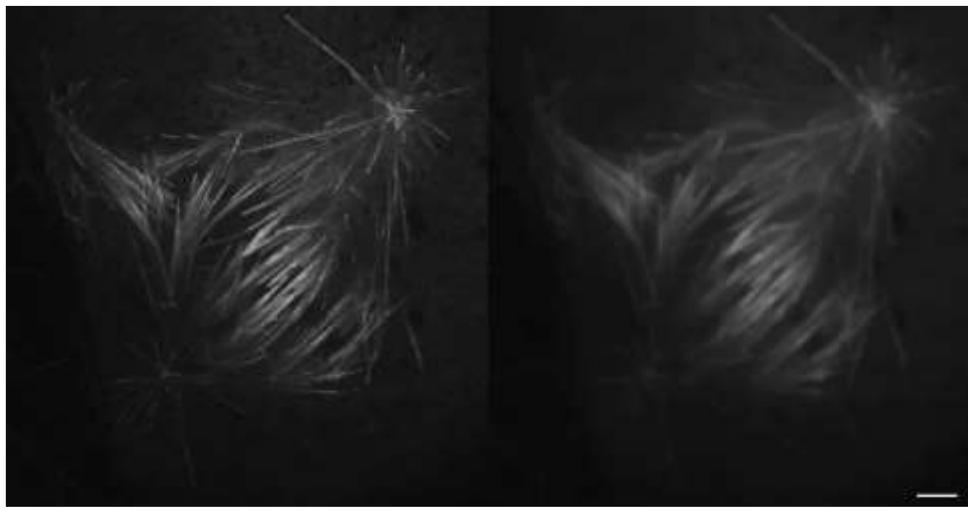
1  $\mu\text{m}$

Bates, Huang, Dempsey and Zhuang,  
*Science*, 2007

# Multicolor imaging

Multicolor capability	
Conventional SIM	4 colors in the visible range
STED	2 colors so far
STORM/PALM	3 activation x 3 emission

# Live Cell Imaging



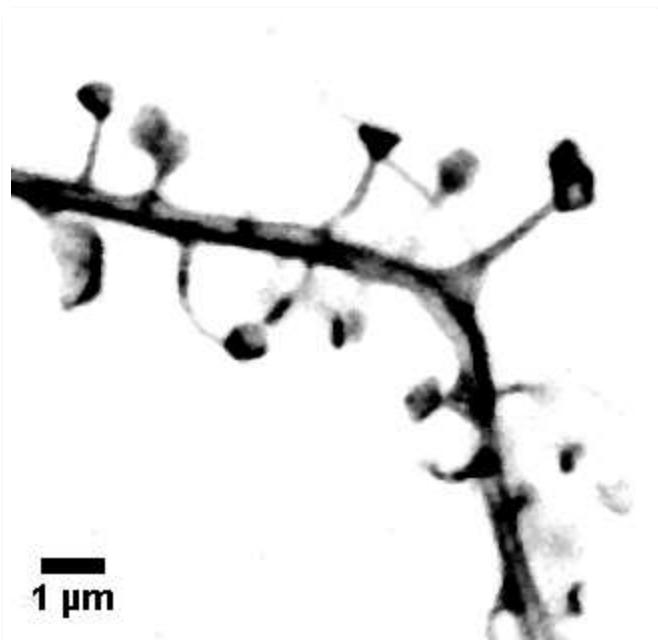
SIM

2 μm

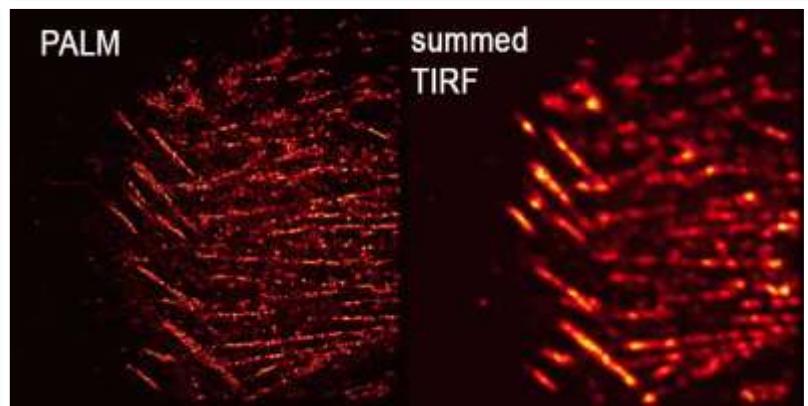
STORM/PALM

Kner, Chhun et al., Nat Methods, 2009

STED



Nagerl et al., PNAS, 2008



Schroff et al., Nat Methods, 2008



The limit of “Super-Resolution”

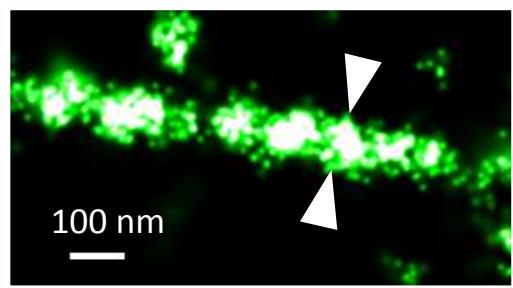
# Unbound theoretical resolution

$$D = \frac{d_{\text{Diffraction}}}{S}$$

- $S \approx \sqrt{N}$
- 6,000 photons for Cy5  $\rightarrow$  5 nm
- 1,000,000 photos for Hydro-Cy5  $\rightarrow$  < 1 nm  
(Vaughn et al., 2012)

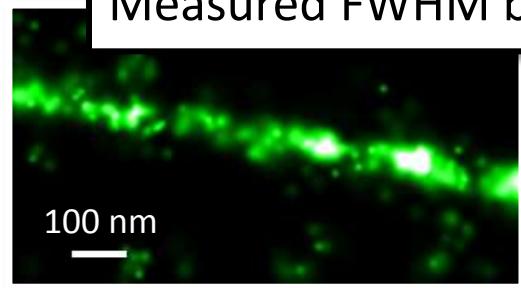
# Effective resolution: Probe matters

Antibodies:  
~ 10 nm



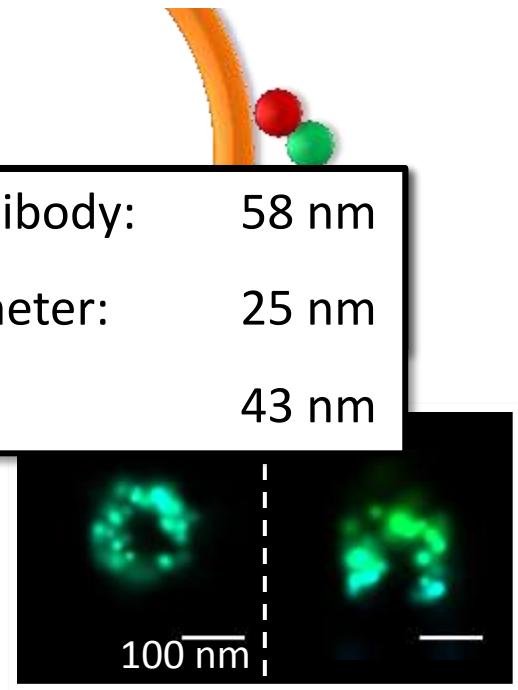
~ 6000 photons

Fluorescent Proteins:  
~ 3 nm



< 1000 photons

Small fluorophores:  
~ 1 nm



~ 6000 photons

# Fluorescent protein vs. Antibody

## Fluorescent protein fusion

- Live sample labeling
- High specificity
- High labeling efficiency
- Genetically encoded
- Lower S/N

## Antibody immunofluorescence

- Fixed sample

### Newer labeling methods

- Enzymatic tags  
SNAP-tag, HALO-tag, TMP-tag, etc.
- Nanobodies
- RNA aptamers

precision

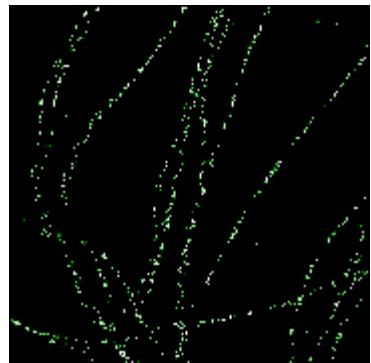
- Multicolor imaging so far challenging

- More versatile for multicolor imaging

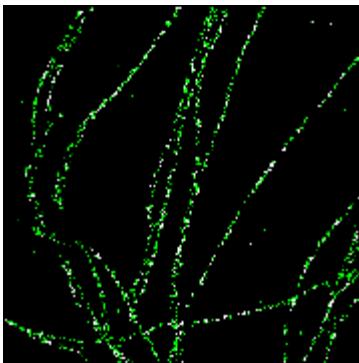
# Effective resolution: Density matters

Frames for image reconstruction:

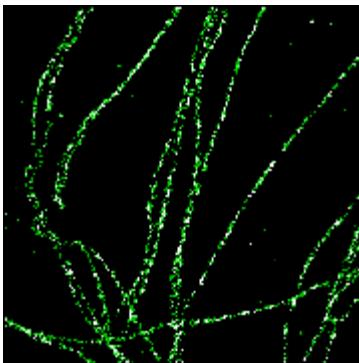
200



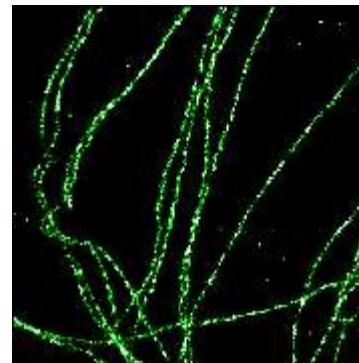
500



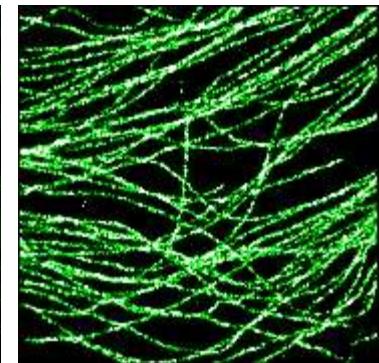
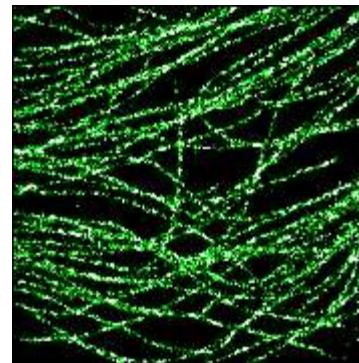
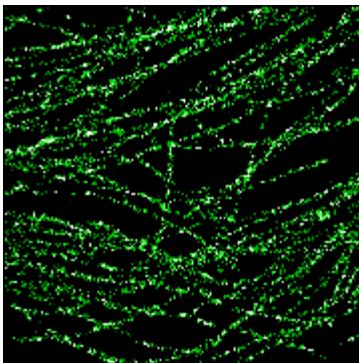
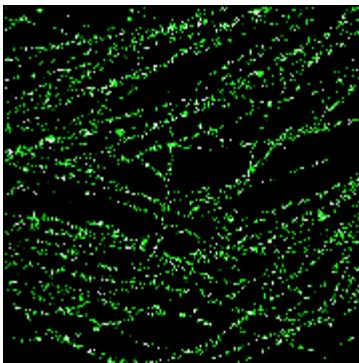
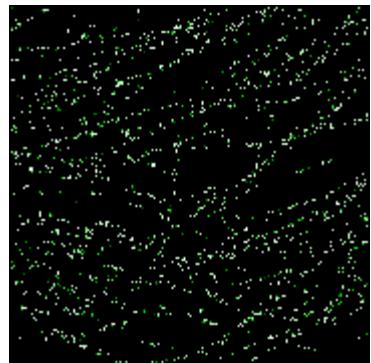
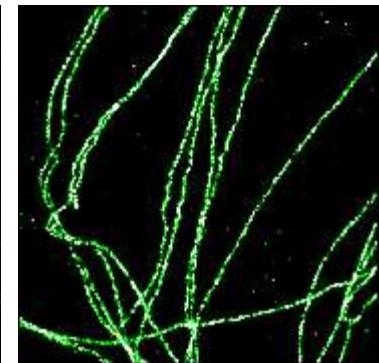
1,000



5,000



40,000



# Effective resolution: Density matters

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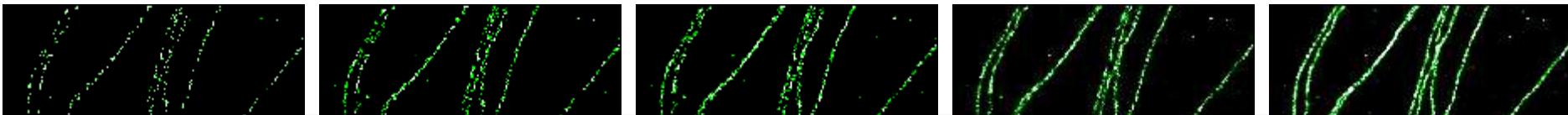
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500

1,000

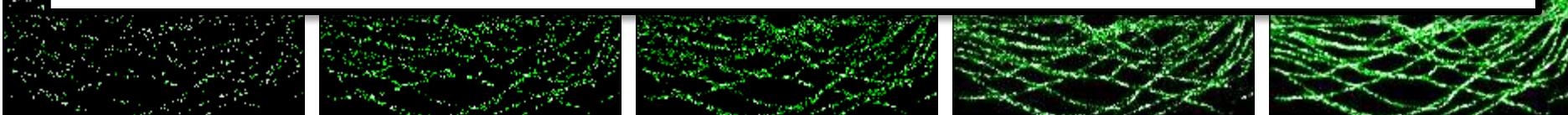
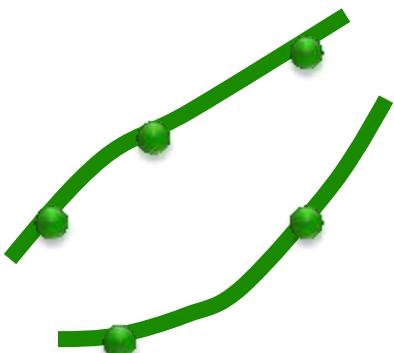
5,000

40,000



Nyquist criteria 

Point to point distance  $\approx$  Feature size



# Effective resolution: Density matters

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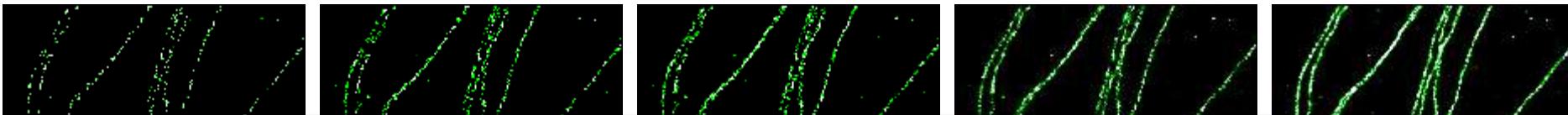
200

500

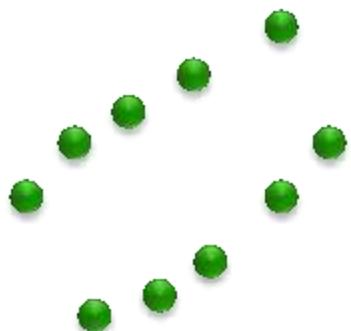
1,000

5,000

40,000



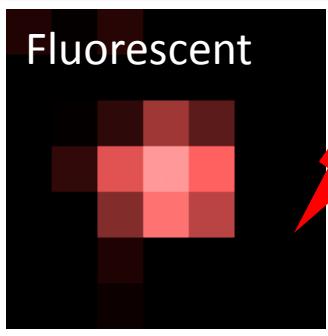
Nyquist criteria



Point to point distance <  $\frac{1}{2}$  Feature size

This labeling density limit of resolution applies to **all** fluorescence microscopy methods

# Effective resolution: Contrast matters

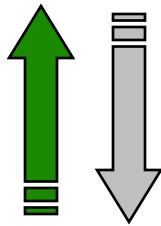


650 nm

e.g. 1%



photoactivation



Deactivation

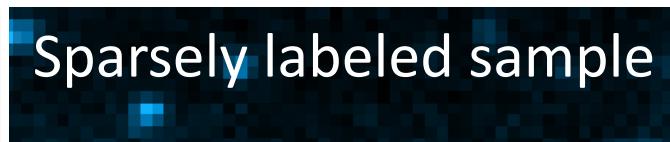
650 nm



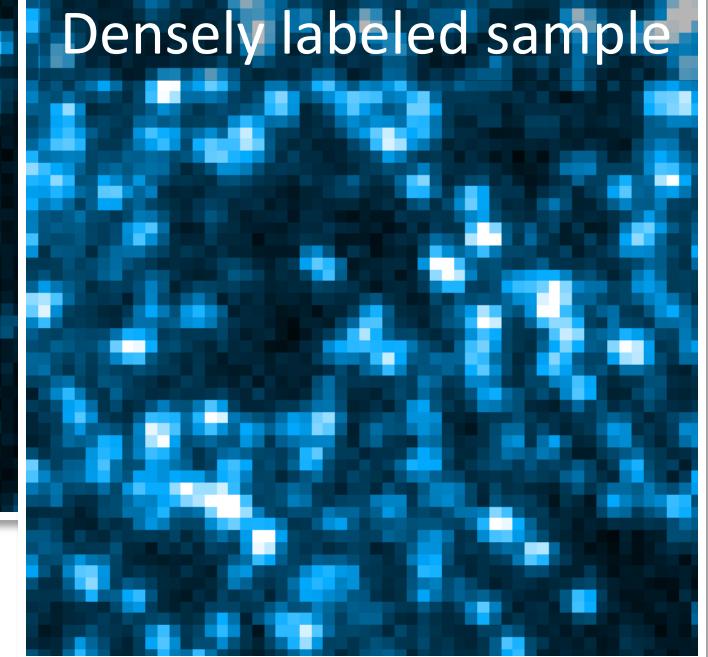
Dark

e.g. 99%

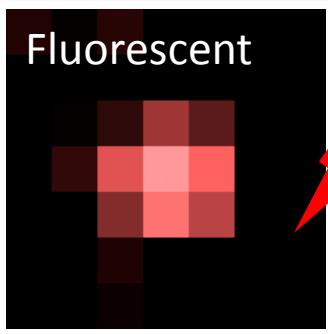
1% means...



Densely labeled sample

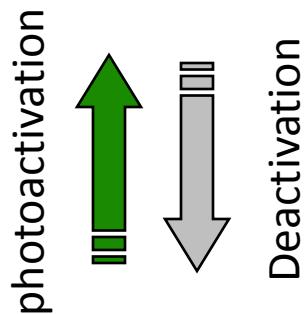


# Effective resolution: Contrast matters

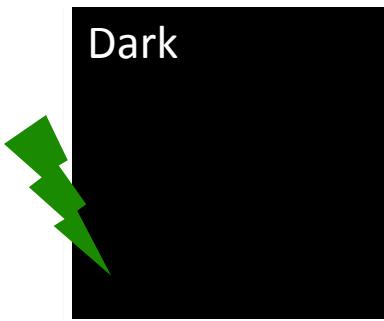


650 nm

e.g. 1%



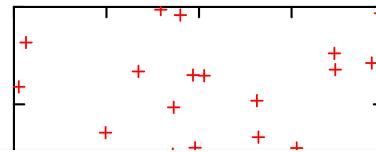
650 nm



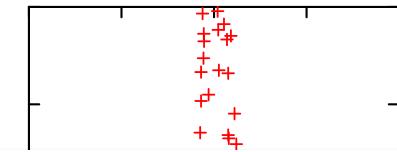
e.g. 99%

1% means...

Homogeneous sample



Microtubule



Common blinking dyes: >3%

Cy5 + mercaptoethylamine: 0.1-0.2%

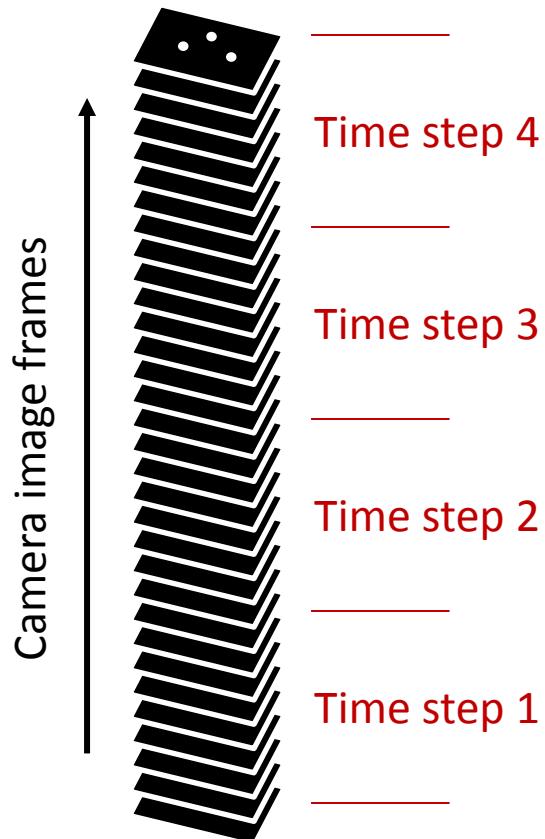
mEosFP: 0.001%

40 nm

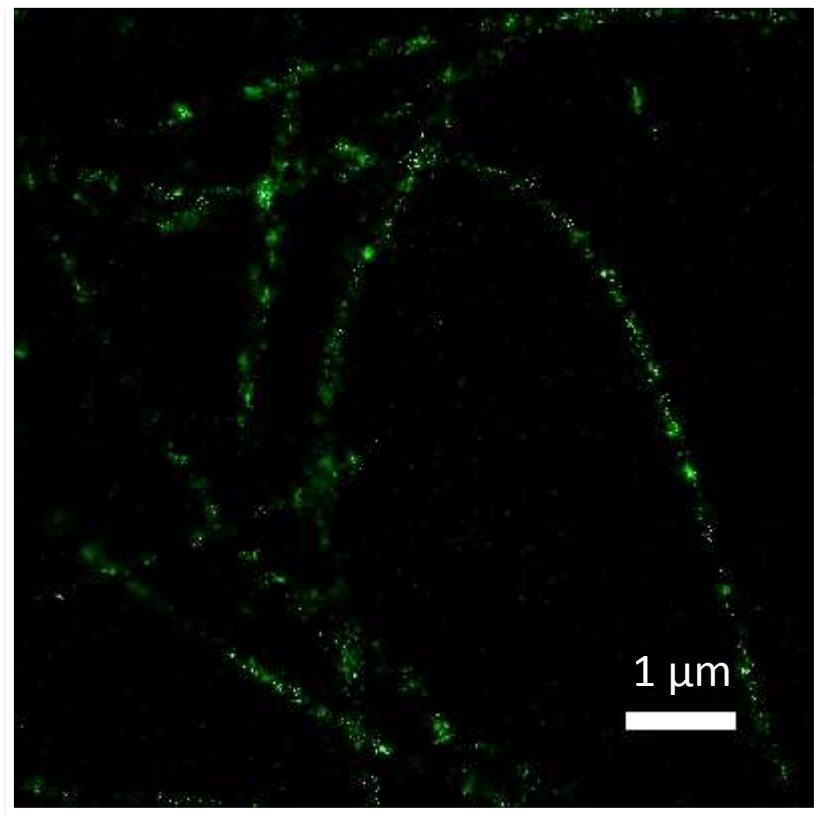
14 nm

# Live Cell STORM/PALM

# Live cell STORM

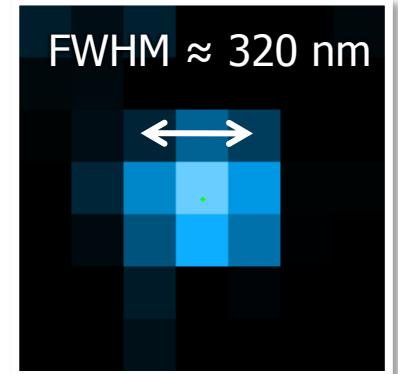
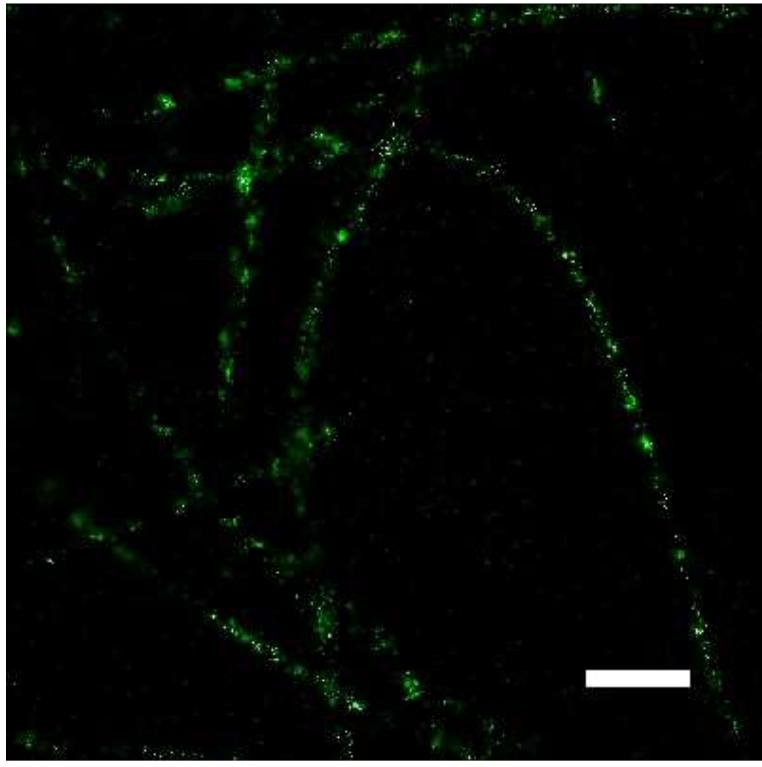


mEos2 labeled microtubule in live S2 cells



60 frames/sec  
1200 frames/step (20 sec time resolution)  
50x real time

# Spatial-temporal resolution trade-off



Assuming:

1 molecule occupies  $500 \times 500 \text{ nm}$

On average **0.1 point** /  $0.25 \mu\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{frame}$

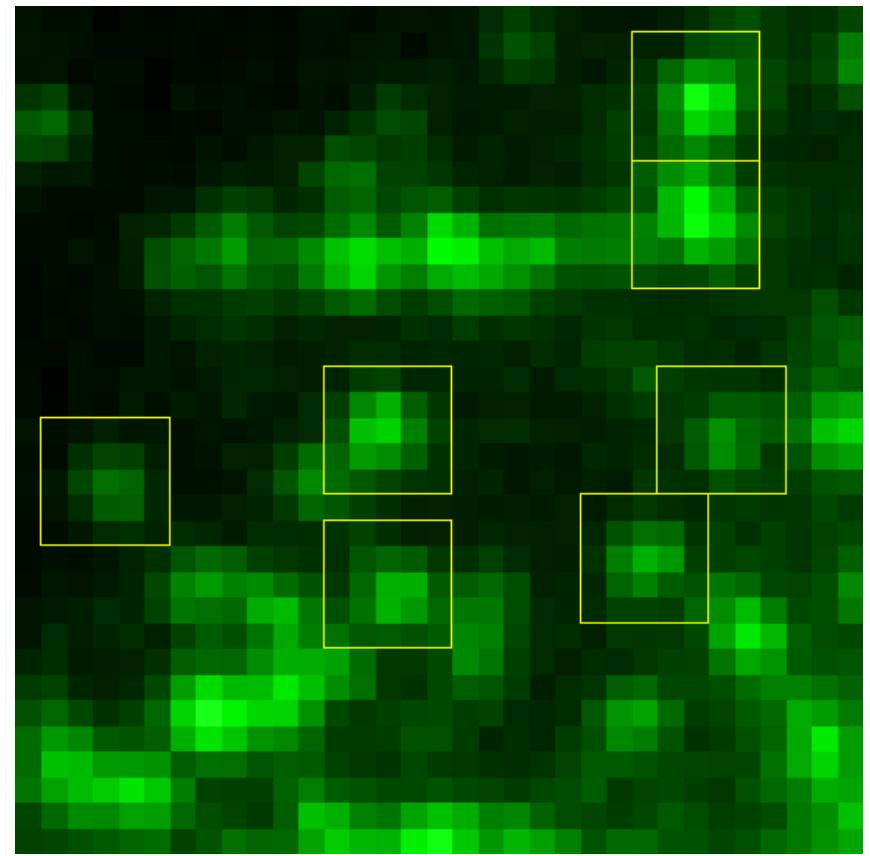
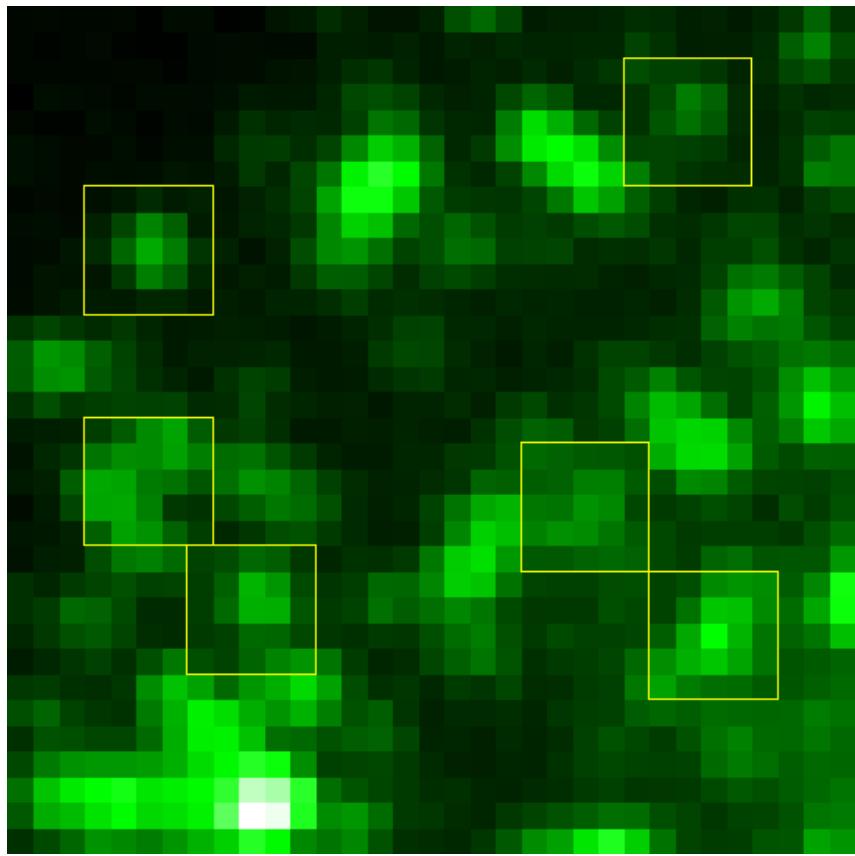
$\downarrow$   
70 nm resolution  $\equiv$  2000 frames

$\downarrow$   
**100 fps** = 20 sec time resolution

1000 fps

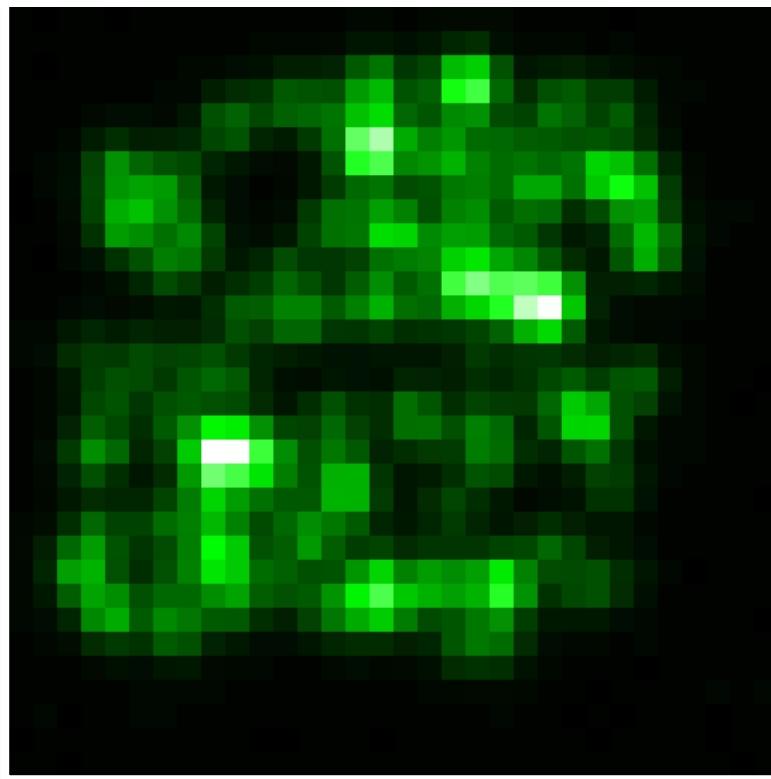


# More molecules per camera image?

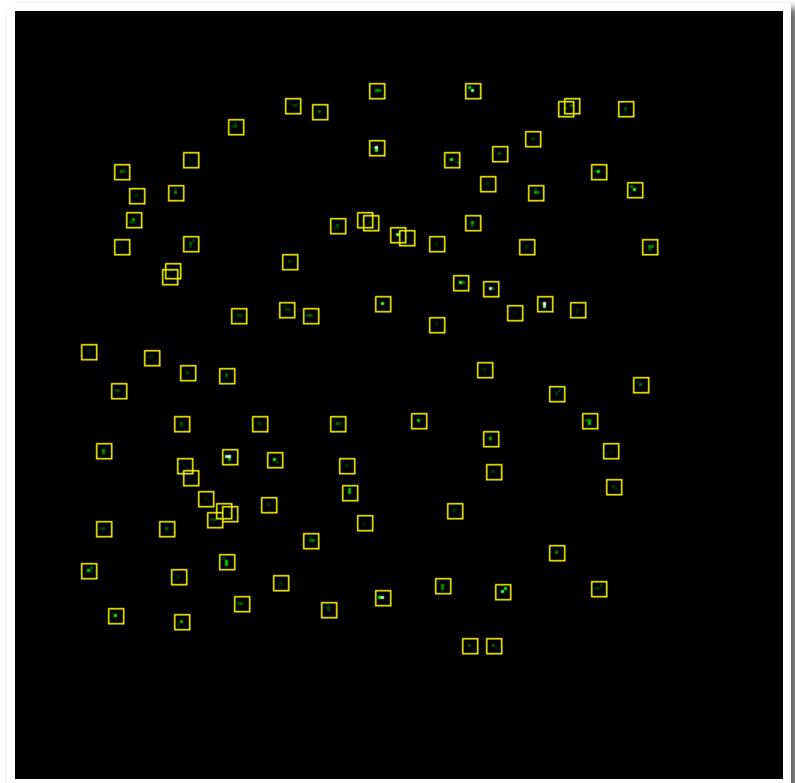


# Molecule identification by compresses sensing

Simulated camera image



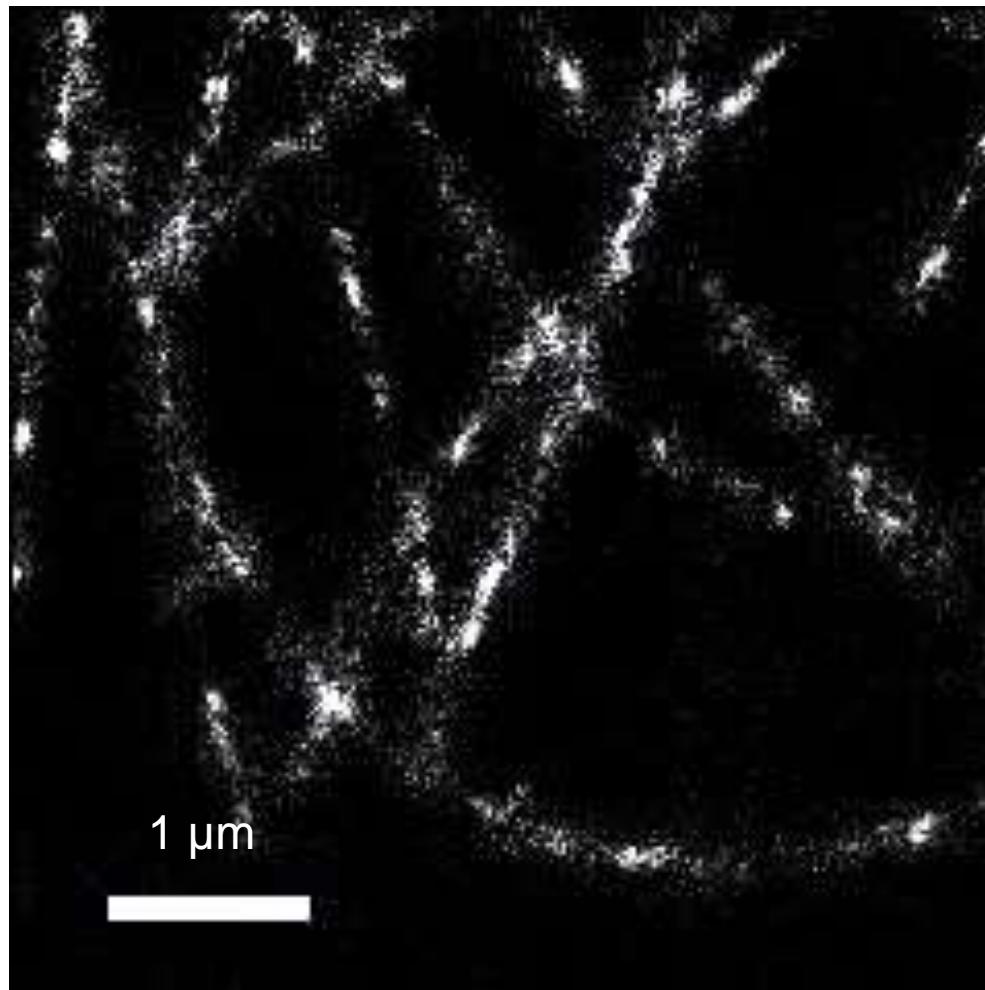
Compressed sensing



94 recovered

100 molecules

# Fast live cell imaging by compressed sensing



mEos2-tubulin in S2 cell, 3 sec time resolution, 11.8x real time

# Fast... and even faster?

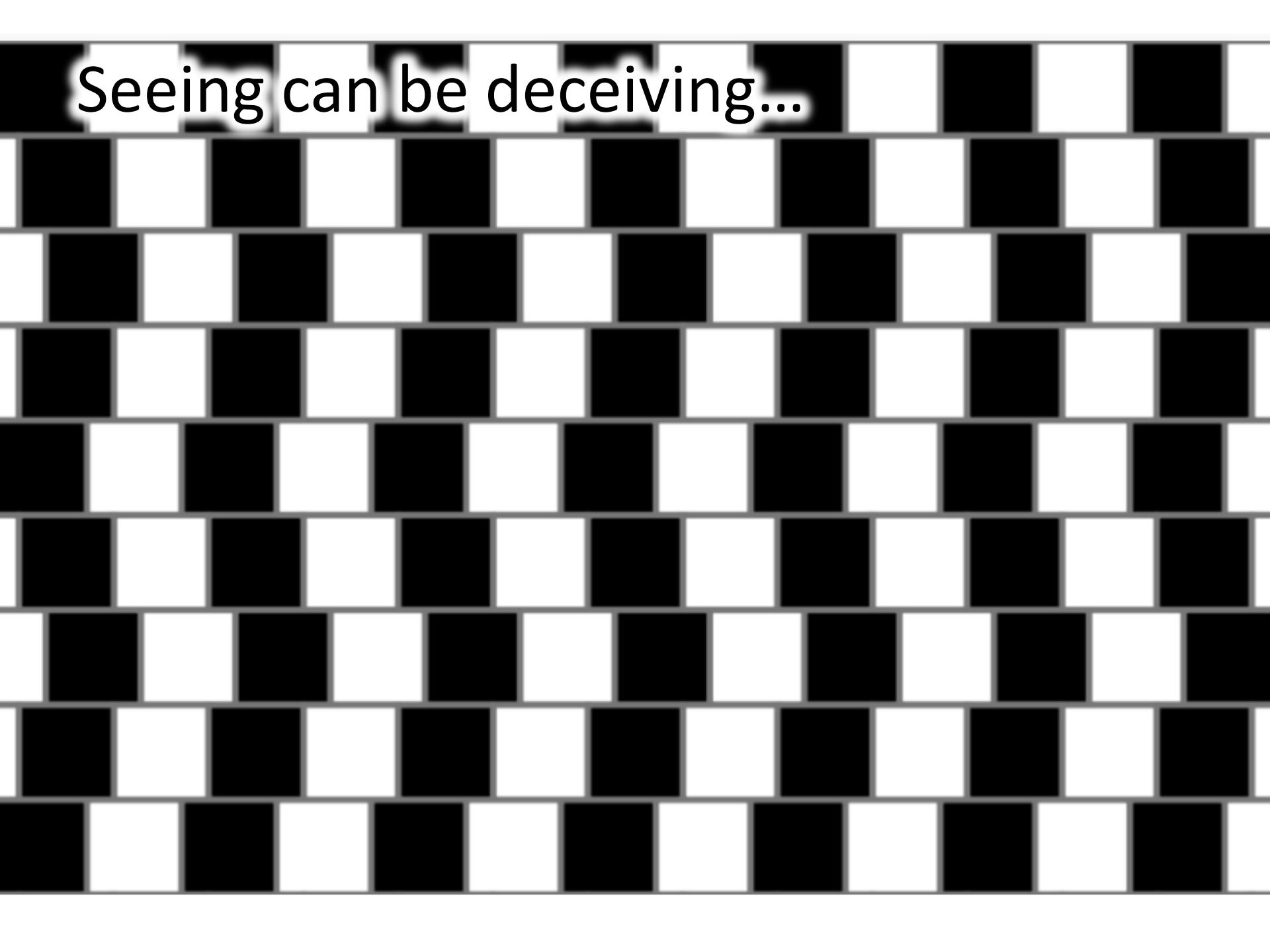


# Comparison of time resolution

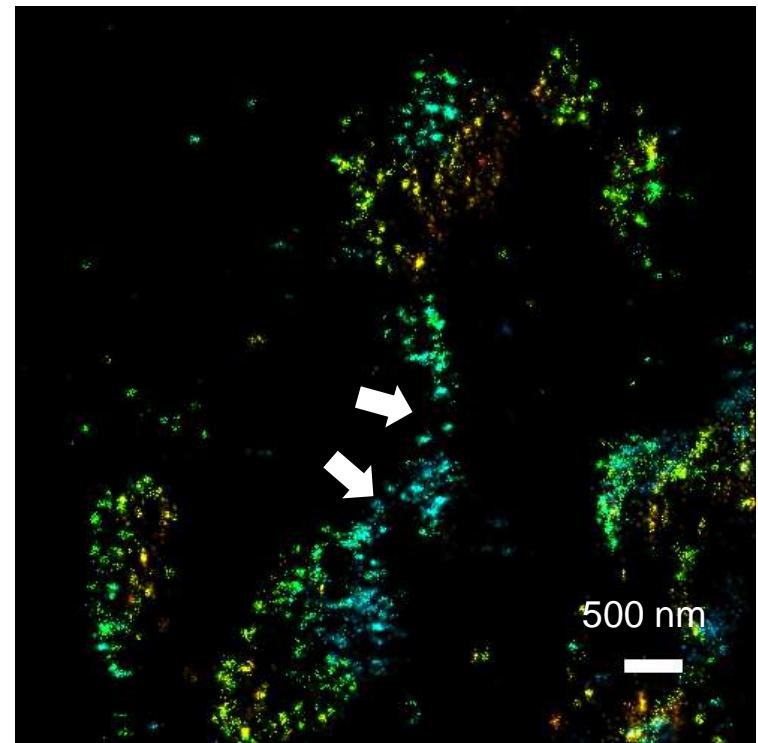
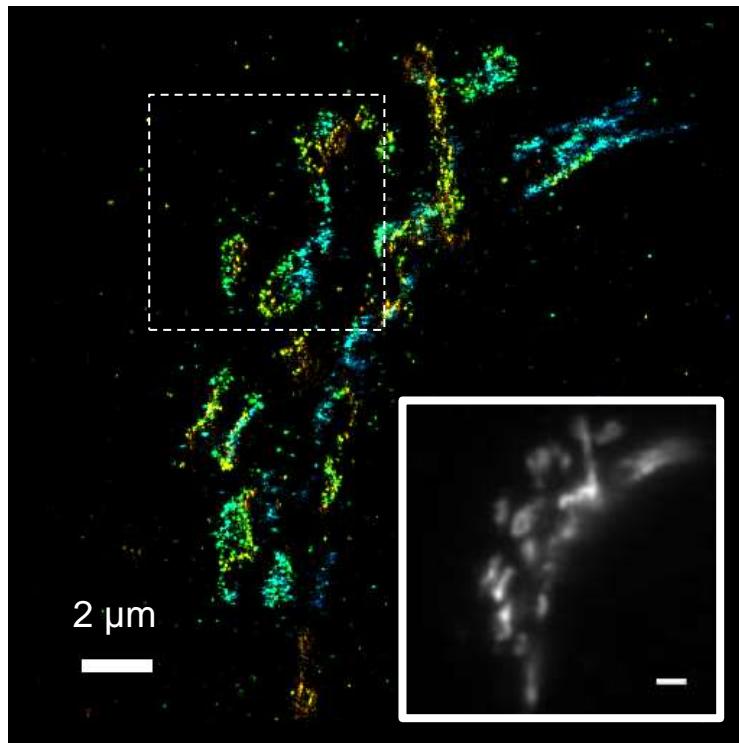
2D		Spatial resolution	Time resolution
SIM	Wide-field	120 nm	9 frames (0.09 sec)
STED	Scanning	60 nm	$1 \times 2 \mu\text{m}$ : 0.03 sec $10 \times 20 \mu\text{m}$ : 3 sec
STORM/PALM	Wide-field	60 nm	3000 frames (3 sec)

3D		Spatial resolution	Time resolution
SIM	Wide-field	120 nm	15 frames x 10 (1.5 sec)
STED	Scanning	60 nm	$1 \times 2 \times 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ : 0.6 sec $10 \times 20 \times 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ : 60 sec
STORM/PALM	Wide-field	60 nm	3000 frames (3 sec) – no scan!

Seeing can be deceiving...

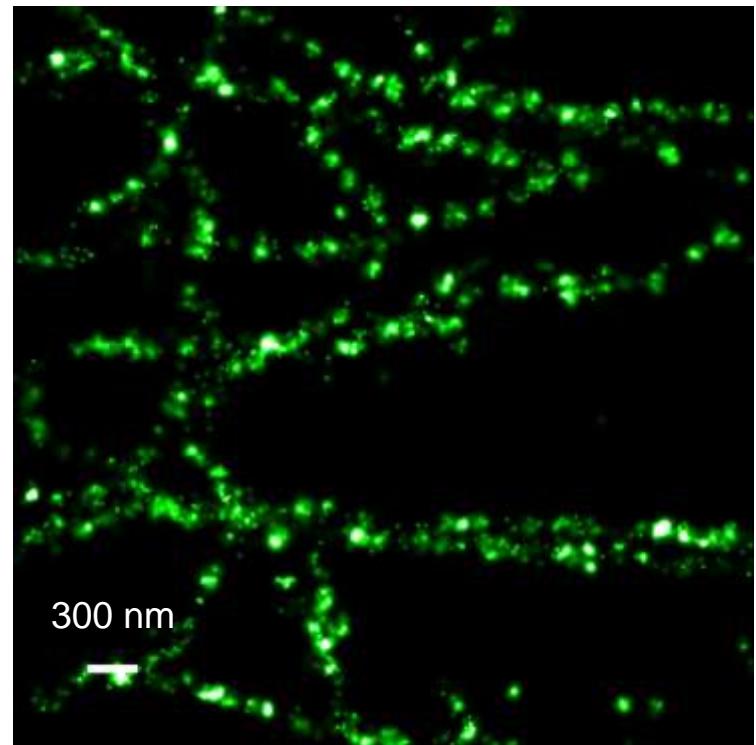
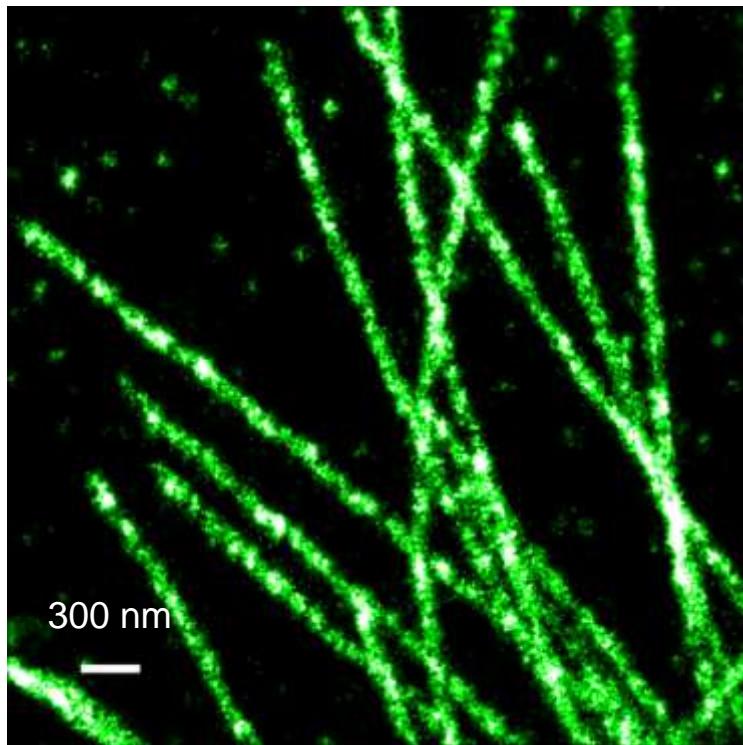


# Super-resolved artifacts: sparse labeling



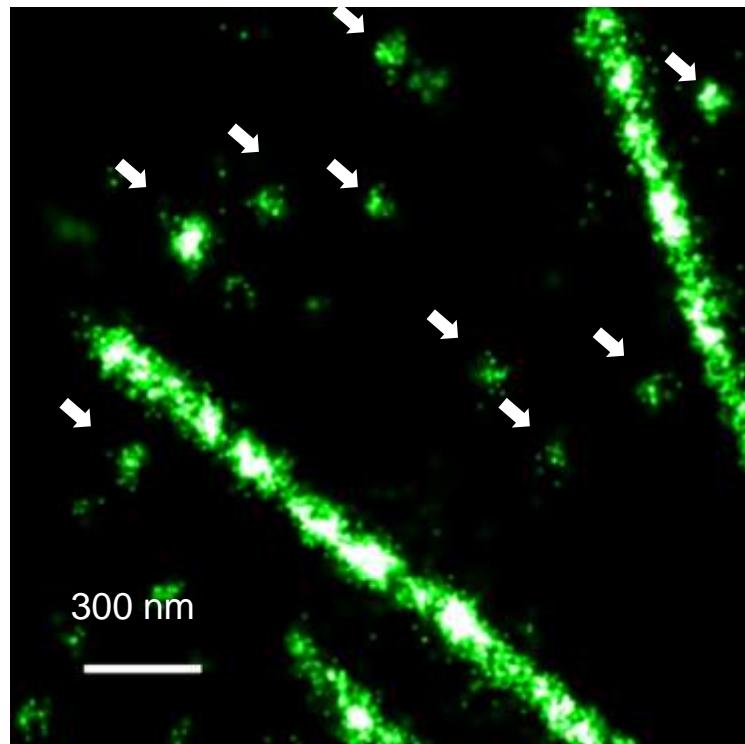
Golgi: Giantin immunofluorescence

# Super-resolved artifacts: poor fixation

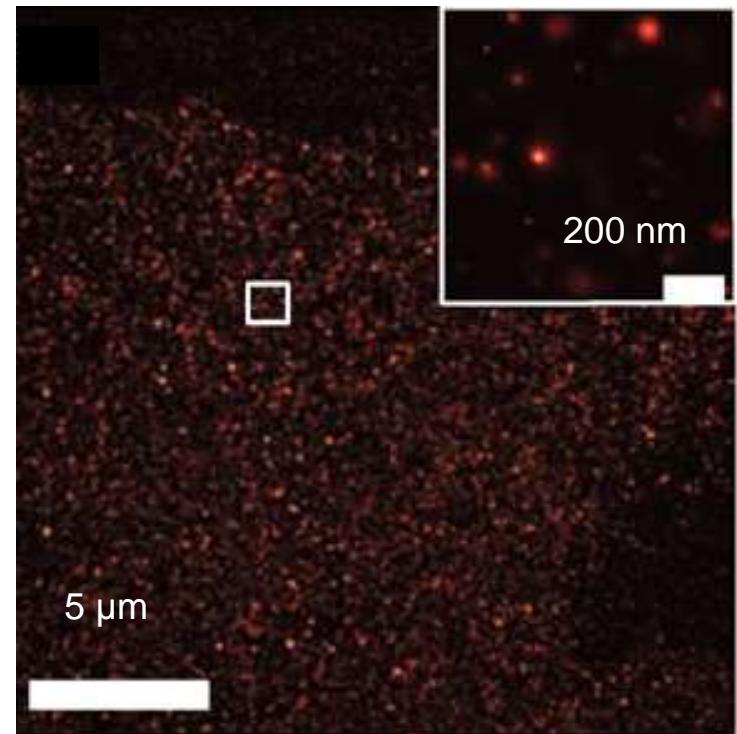


Microtubules: good and bad fixation

# Super-resolved artifacts: clustering

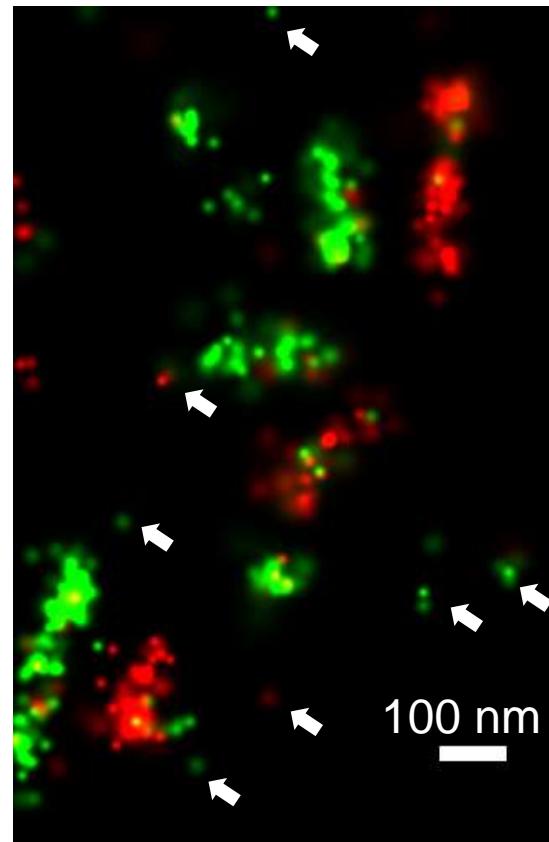
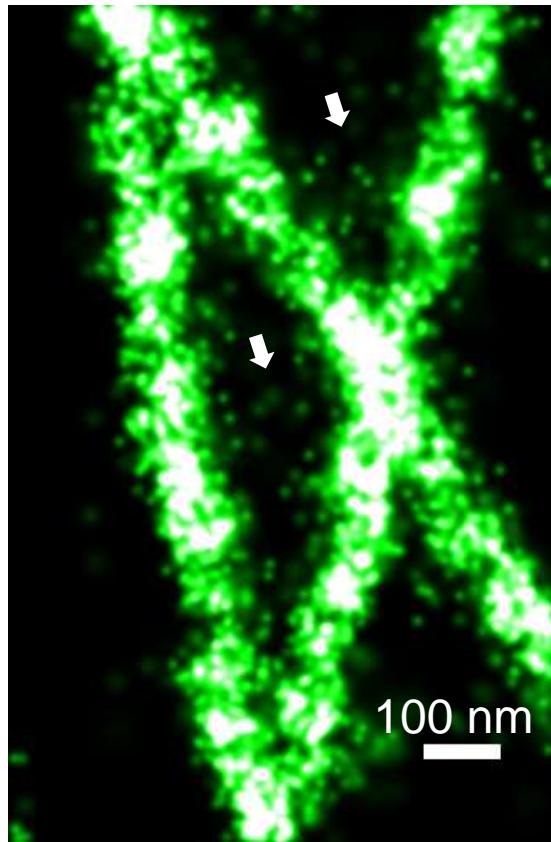


Clusters from single antibodies



Clusters from blinking FPs

# Super-resolved artifacts: “noise” points



Noise from misidentified molecules, crosstalk and background

# Useful review articles

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