

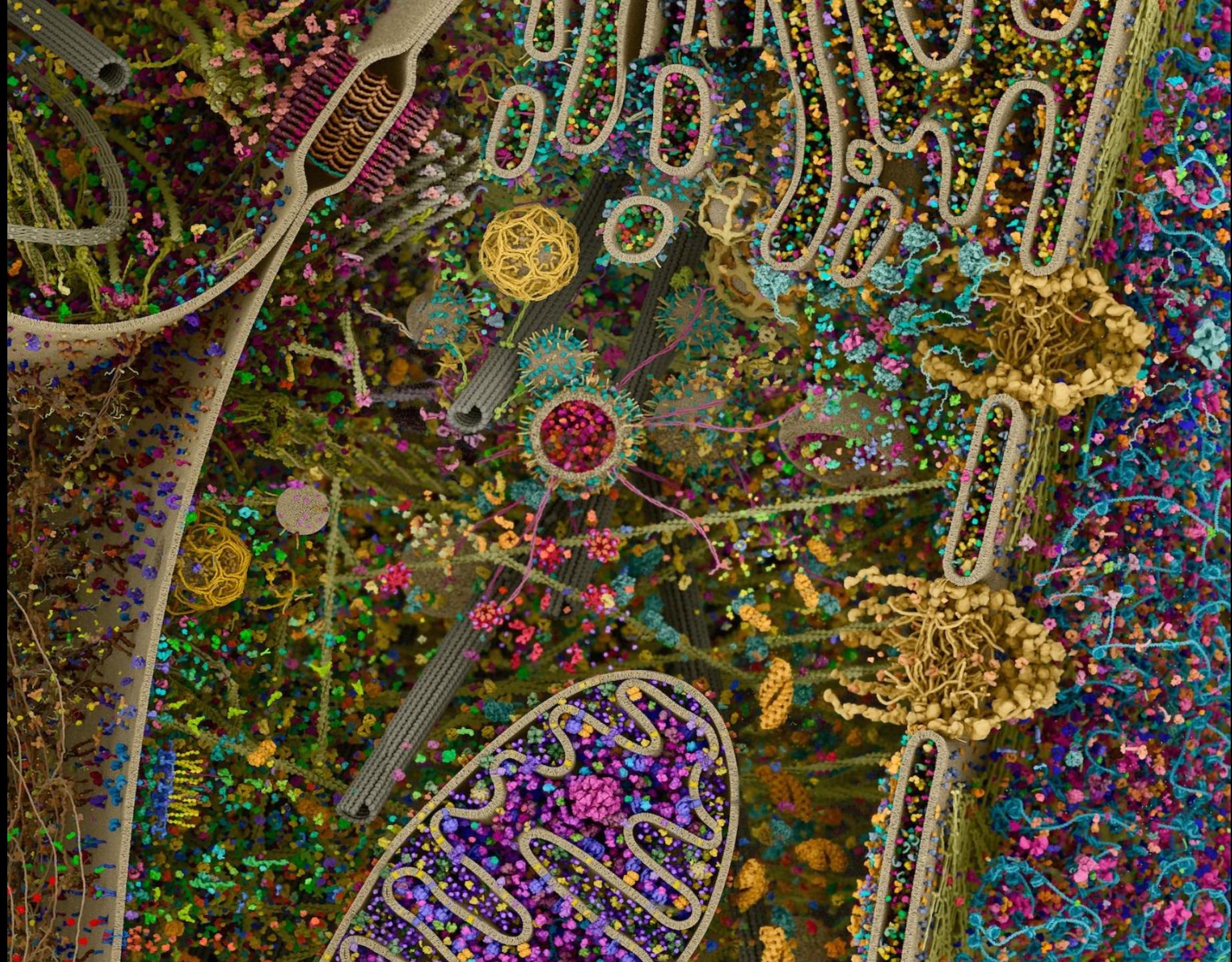
# SINGLE MOLECULE MICROSCOPY

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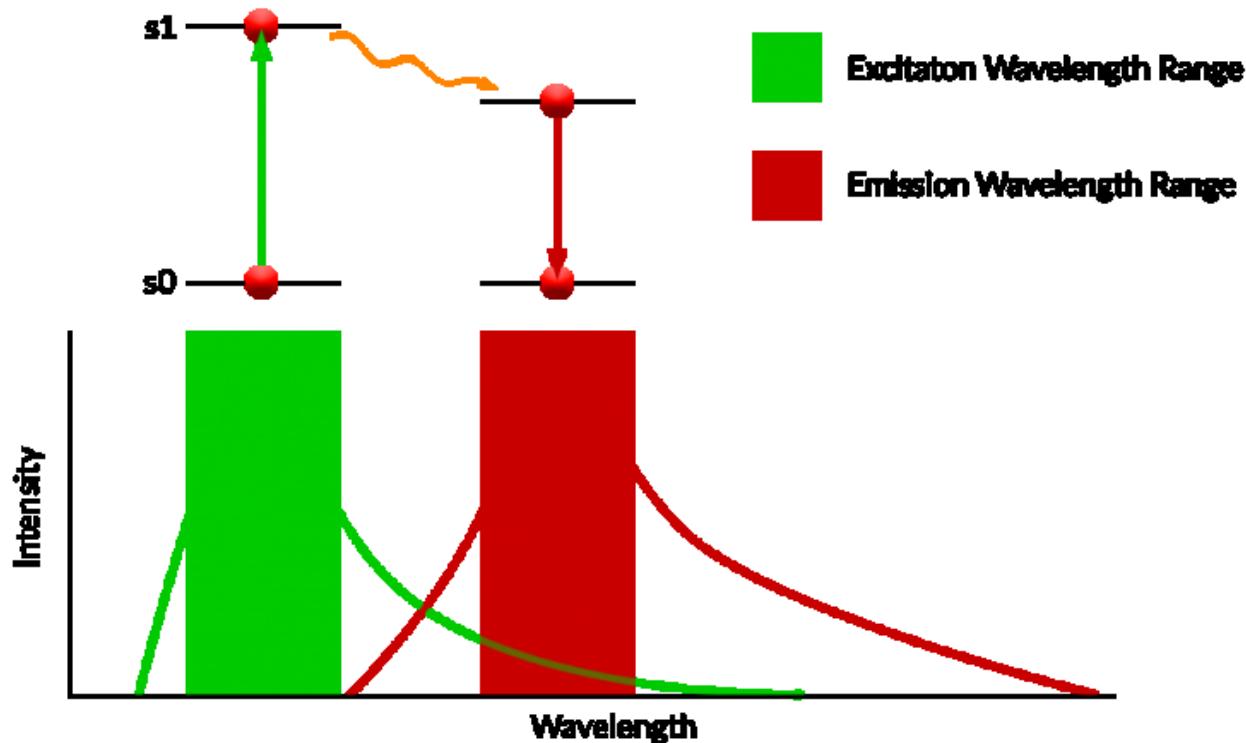


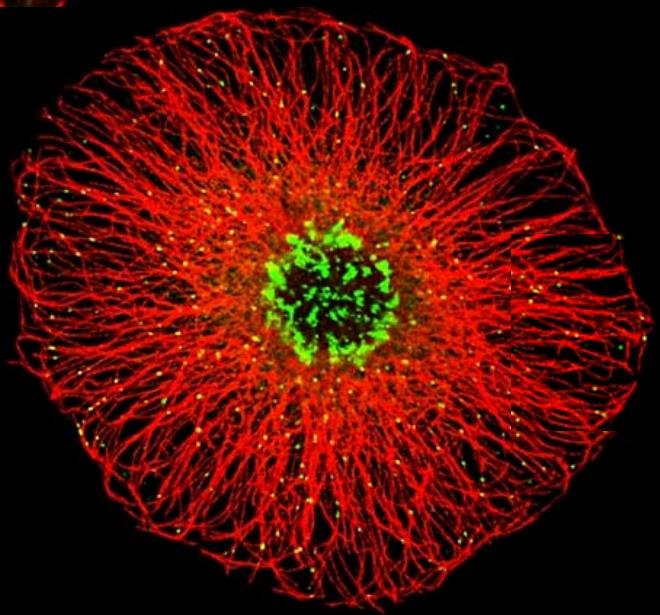
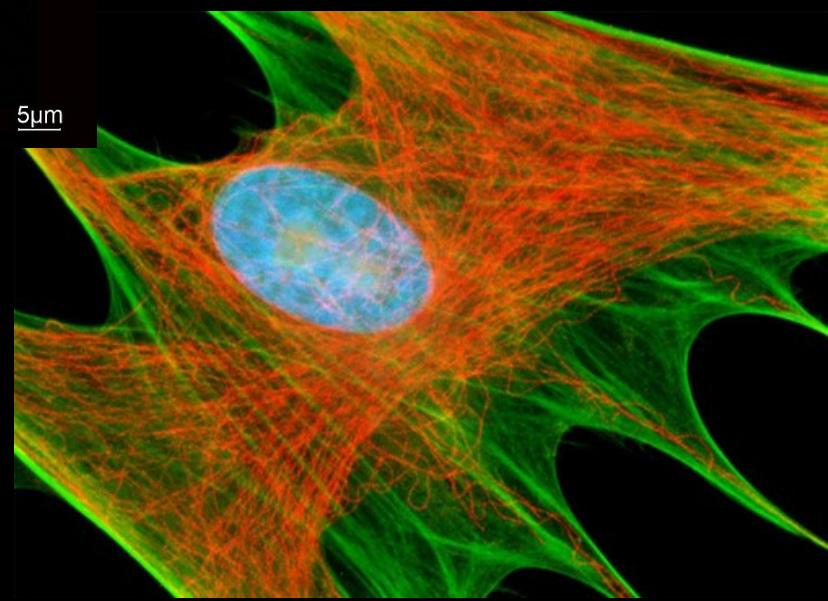
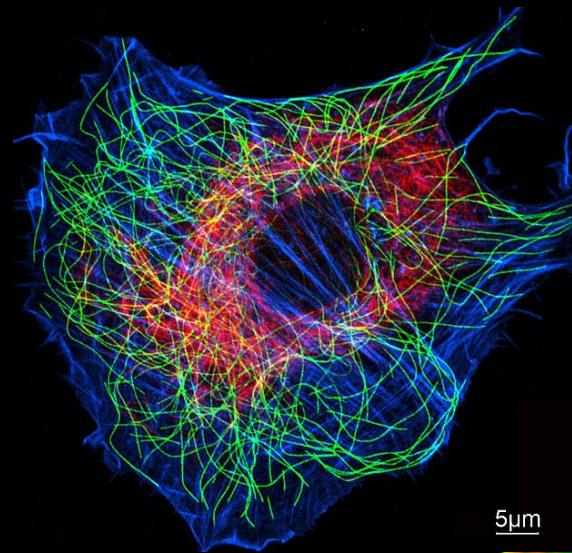
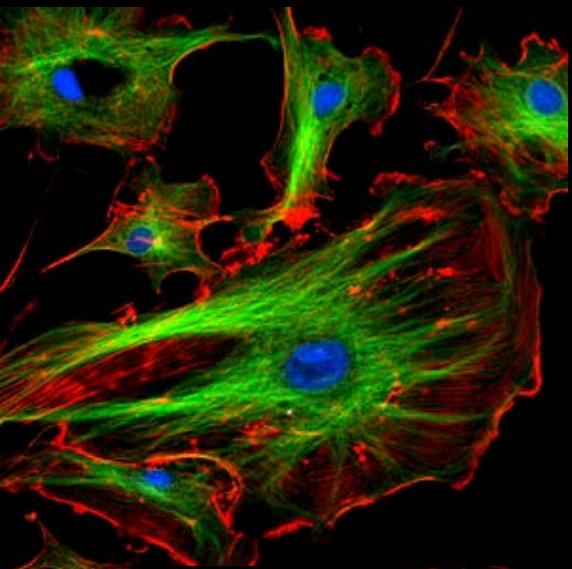
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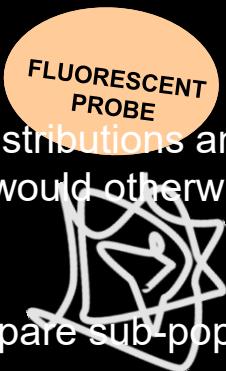


# Fluorescence microscopy





# Single-molecule fluorescence microscopy

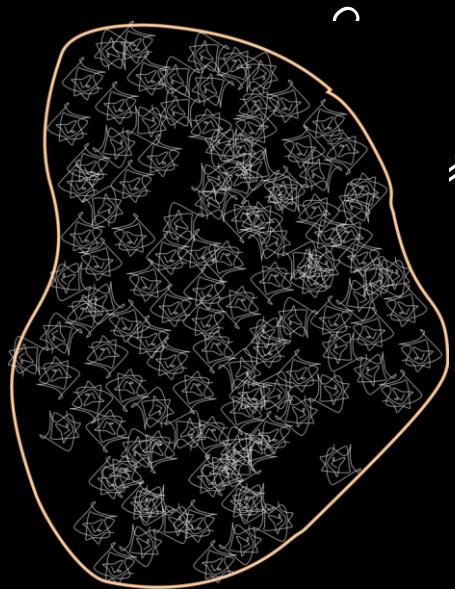


Information on distributions and time trajectories that would otherwise be hidden

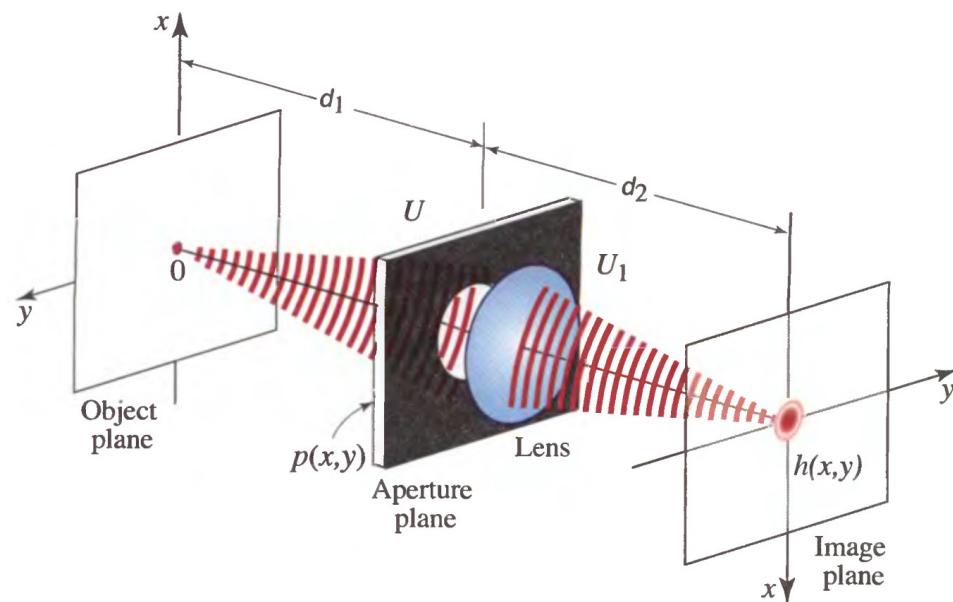
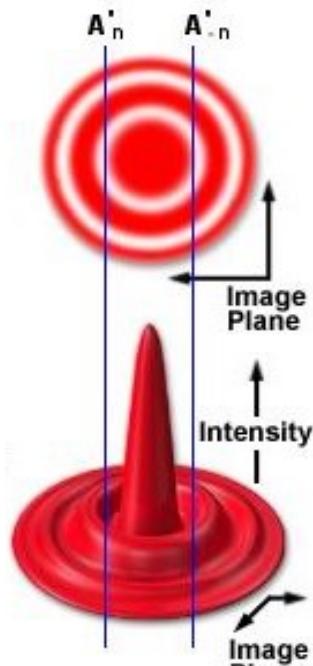
Identify and compare sub-populations

Probe biological macromolecules and provide informations on their structure and function

*In vitro* and *in vivo*



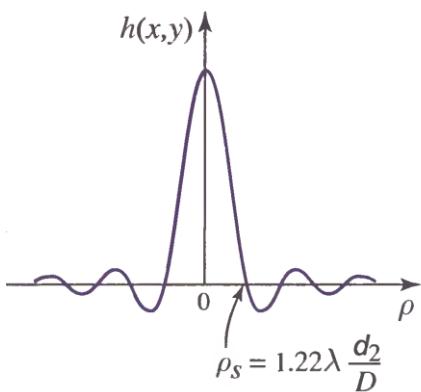
# PSF and image resolution



Abbe formula (x, y)

$$\rho_s = 1.22\lambda \frac{d_2}{D} \approx \frac{\lambda_0}{2n \sin \theta} = \frac{\lambda_0}{2NA}$$

Radius of x,y PSF

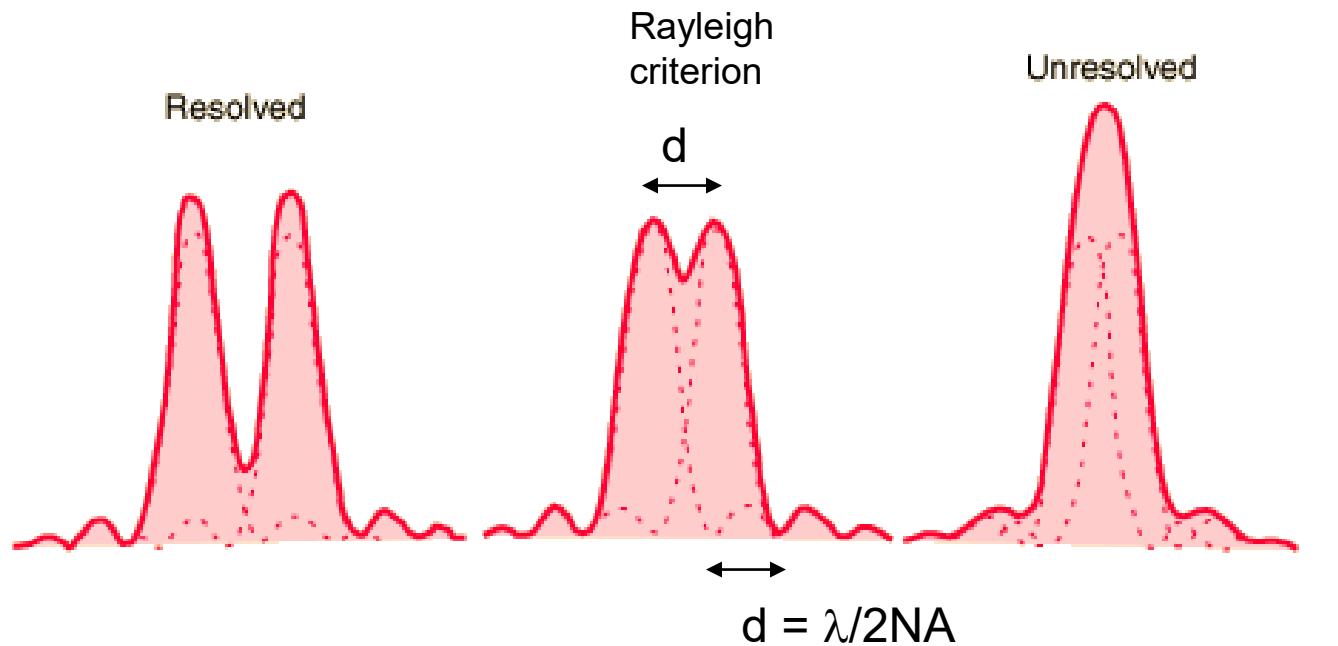


Abbre forluma (z)

$$2\lambda/NA^2$$

Axial amplitude of the PSF

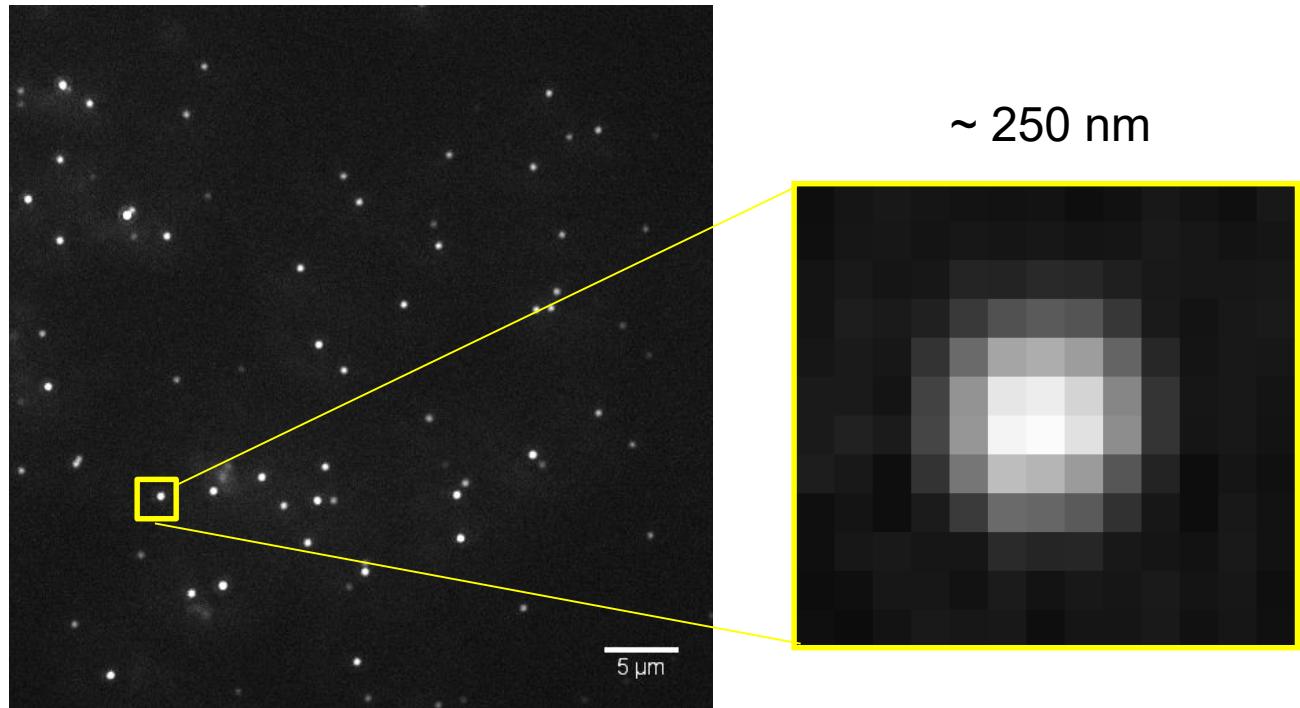
# Image resolution



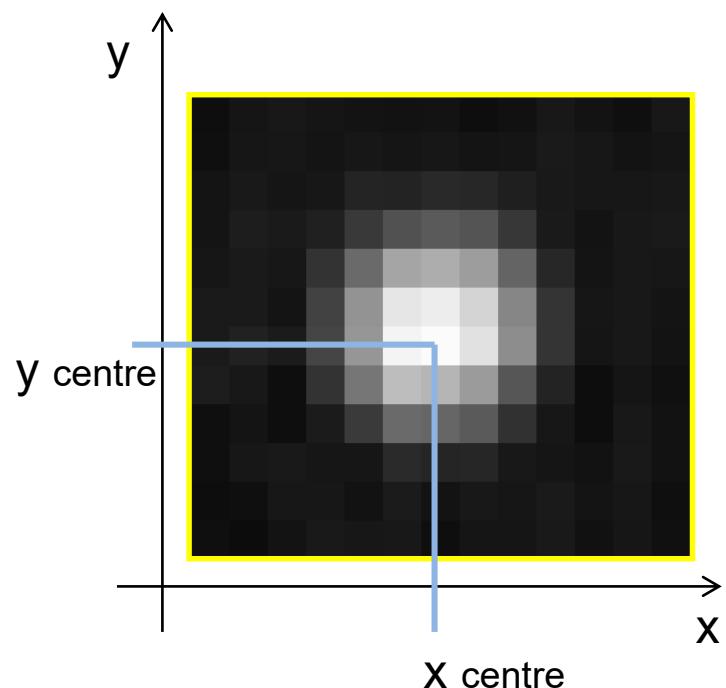
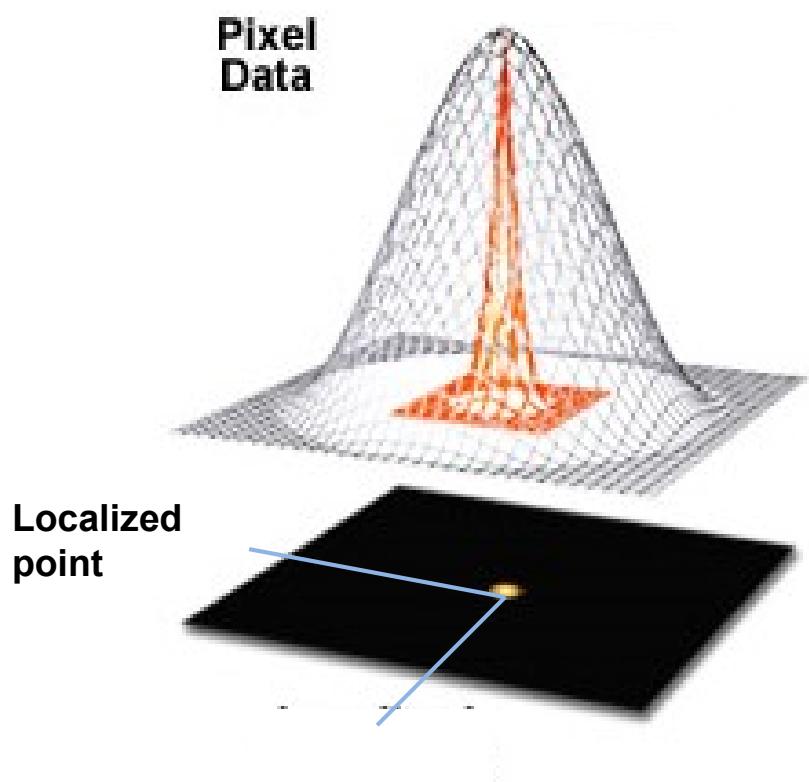
Lateral resolution  $\sim 250$  nm

Axial resolution  $= 2\lambda/NA^2 \sim 500$  nm

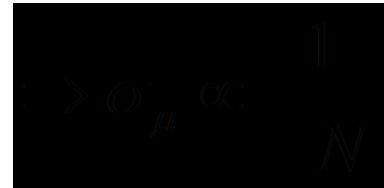
# Overcoming the diffraction limit



# Fluorescence Imaging with One Nanometer Accuracy FIONA



$$\sigma_\mu = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\sigma_{PSF}^2}{N} + \frac{a^2 / 12}{N} + \frac{8\pi\sigma_{PSF}^4 b^2}{a^2 N^2} \right)}$$



Thompson et al. *Biophys.J.* 2002

# Fluorescence Imaging with One Nanometer Accuracy

## FIONA

b ↓ ? N ↑

High quantum yield fluo probes

High NA aperture objectives (1.45)

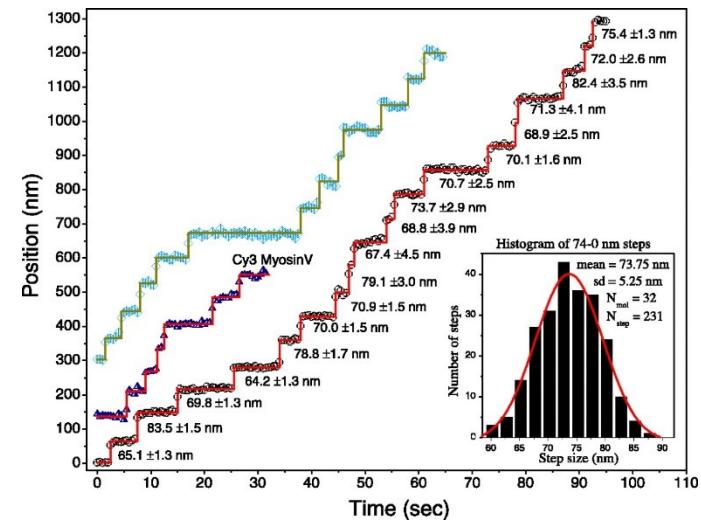
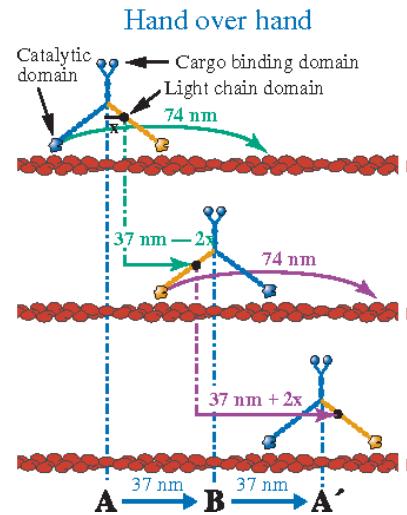
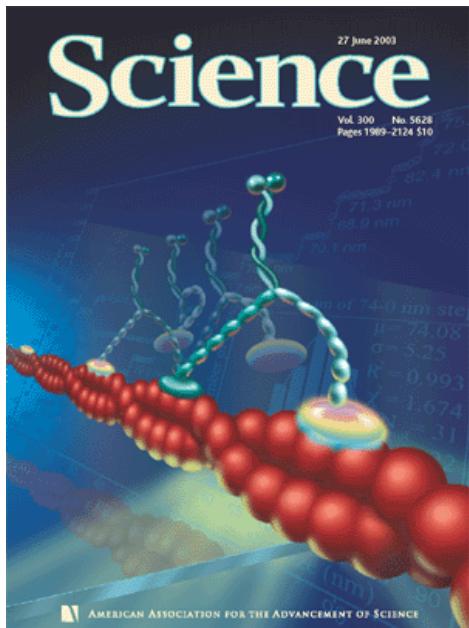
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$$N \approx 10^4 \text{ photons}$$
$$\sigma_\mu \approx 1.5 \text{ nm}$$

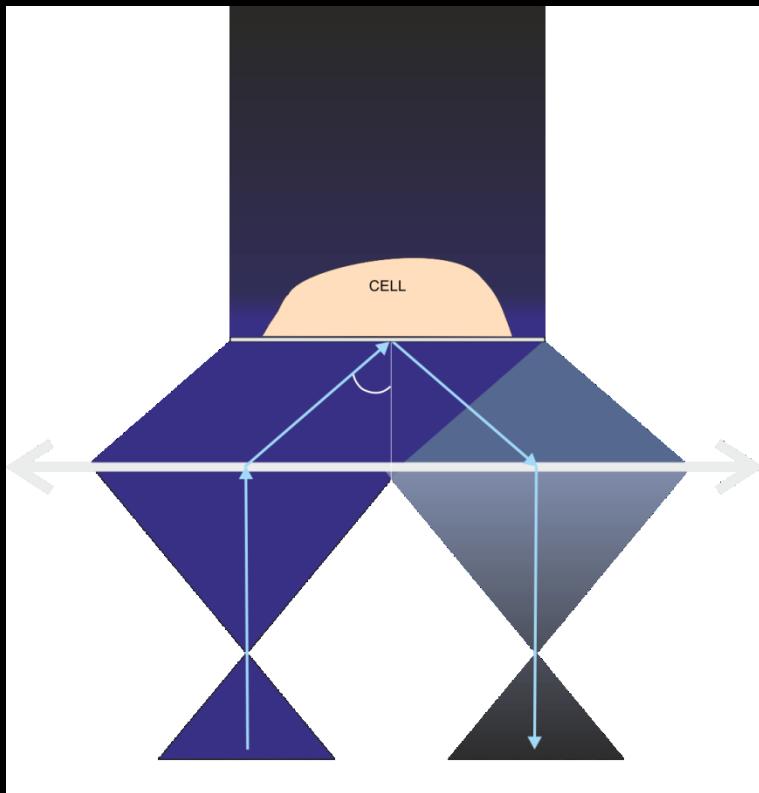
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# TOTAL INTERNAL REFLECTION MICROSCOPY (proximity to the membrane)



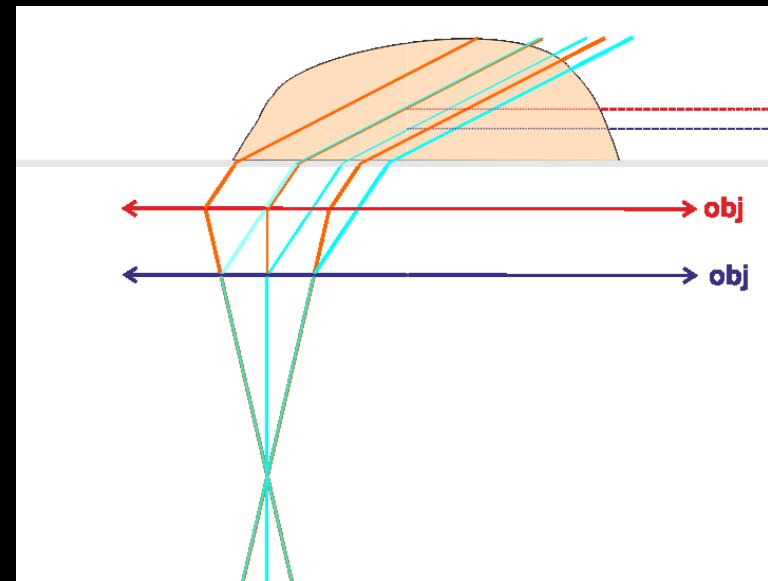
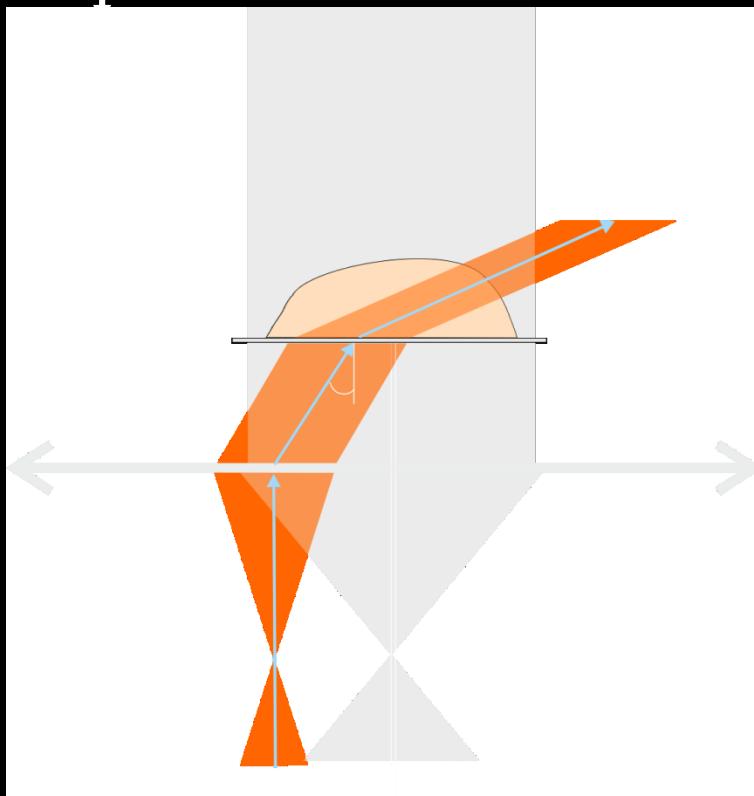
100 nm depth in the sample

Small volume excited

High S/N

## INCLINED ILLUMINATION

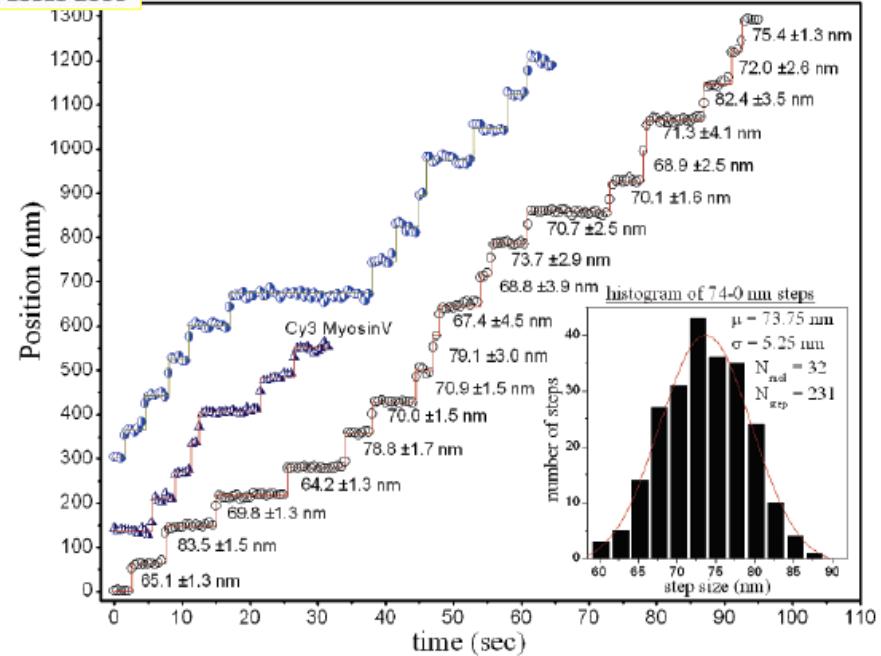
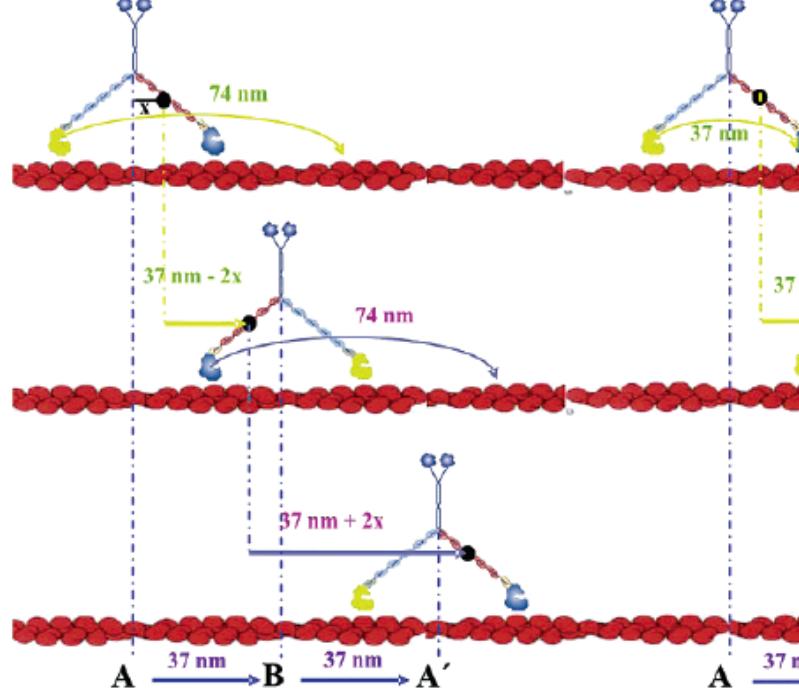
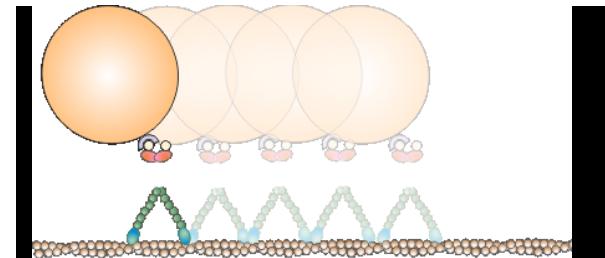
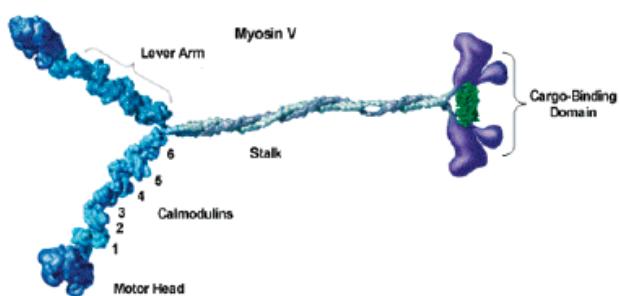
### b | HILO (Highly inclined and Laminated Optical sheet)



THE ILLUMINATION BEAM ALWAYS PASSES THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE SPECIMEN PLANE ALLOWING OPTICAL SECTIONING

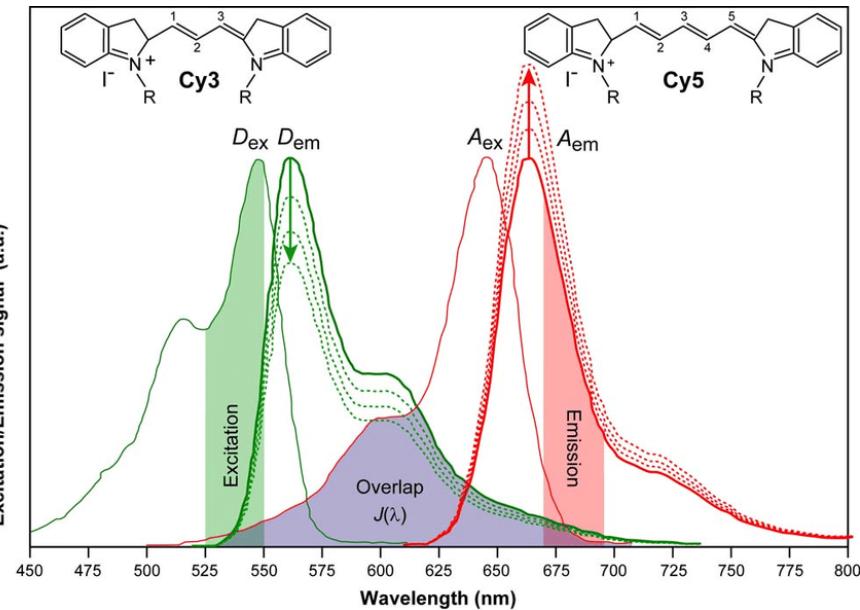
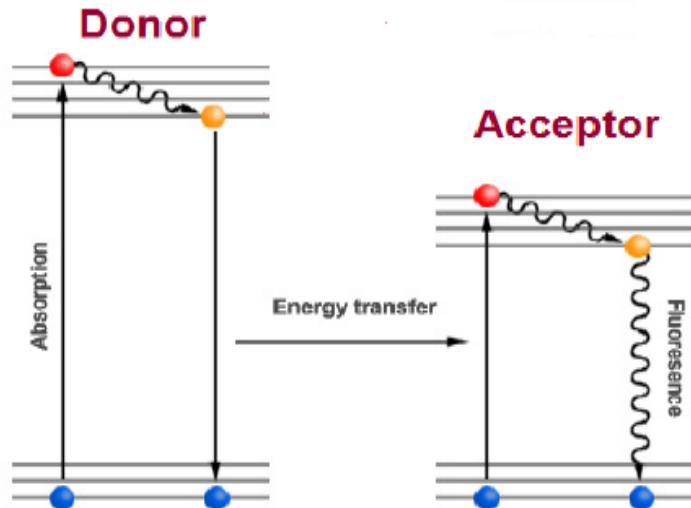
8 FOLD HIGHER SIGNAL/BACKGROUND COMPARED TO TRADITIONAL WIDEFIELD MICROSCOPY

# Application in vitro: myosin V walks hand over hand

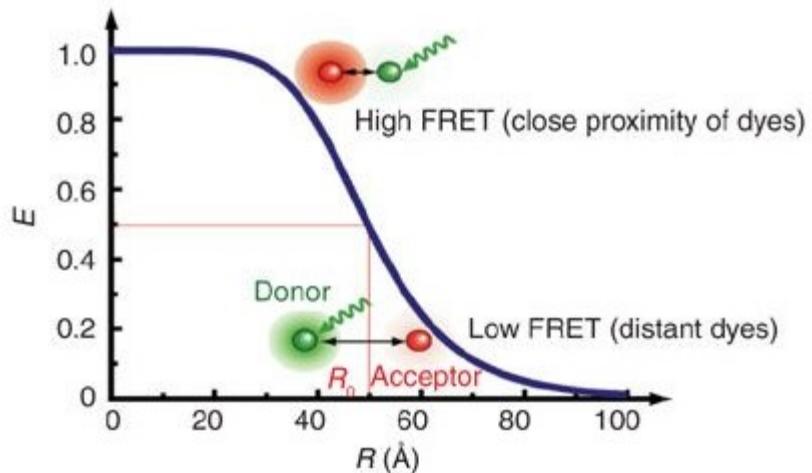


Accuracy: 1.5 nm. Time resolution: 0.5 s  
10<sup>4</sup> photons collected

# Singel Molecule FRET (Forster Resonance Energy Transfer)



Distanze tipiche tra 30 e 80 Å

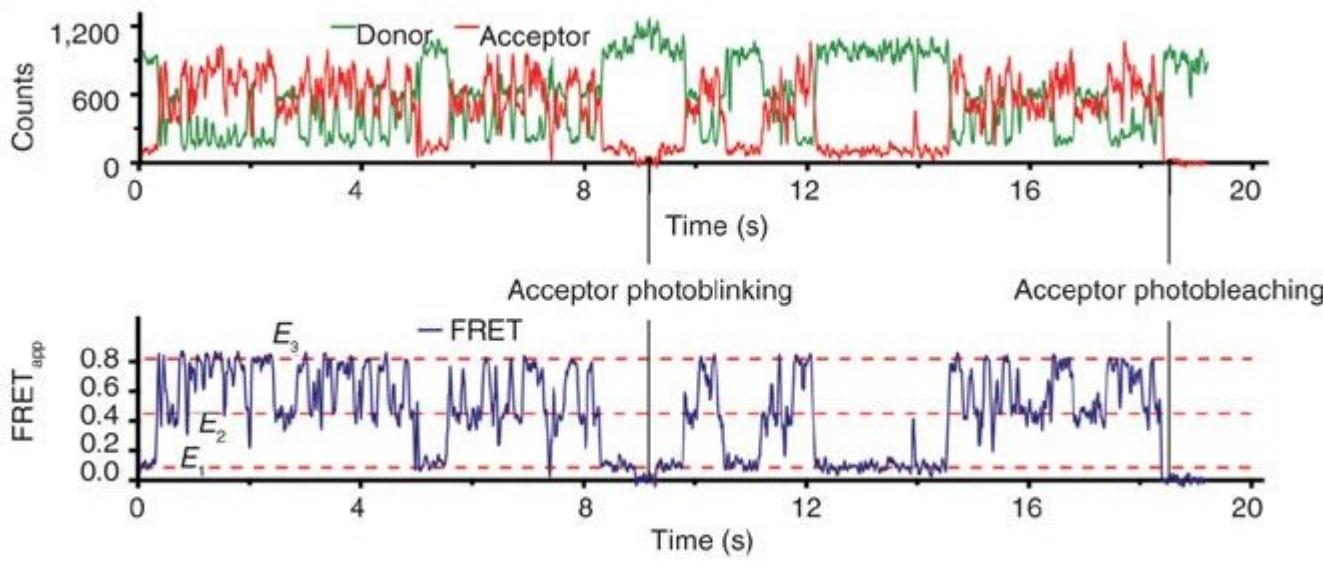


$$E = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{R}{R_0}\right)^6}$$

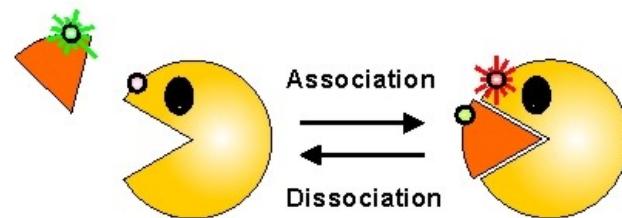
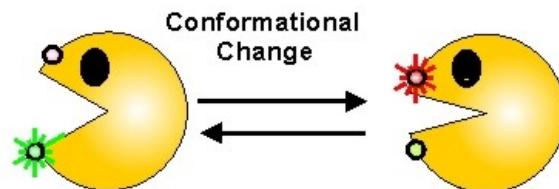
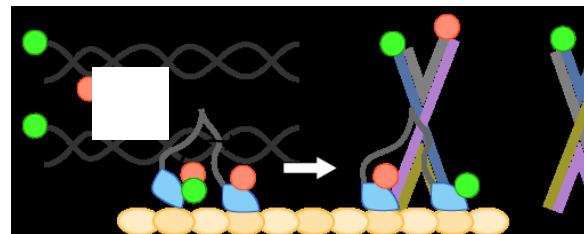
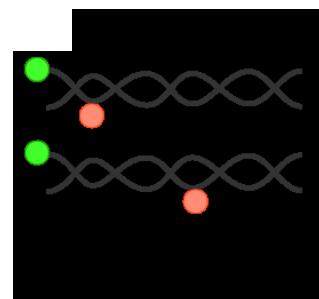
$R$  = dist.donor/acc

$R_0$  = dist.caratteristica (50% di en. trasferita)

Es.Cy3/Cy5  $R_0 = 60$  Å (6 nm)



# Probing conformational changes and displacements



# Super-resolution microscopy

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# Single molecule localization microscopy: SUPER-RESOLUTION MICROSCOPY

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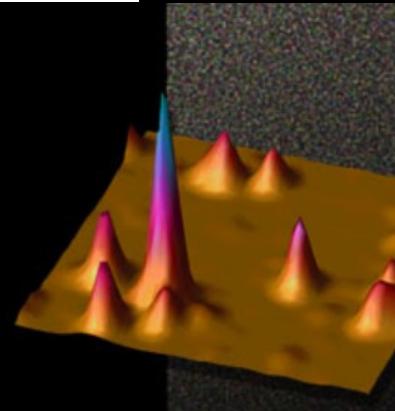
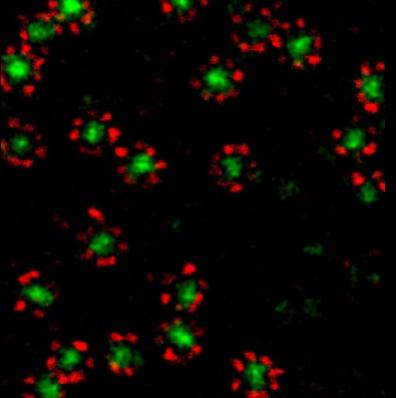
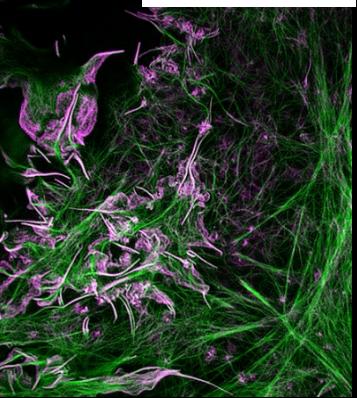
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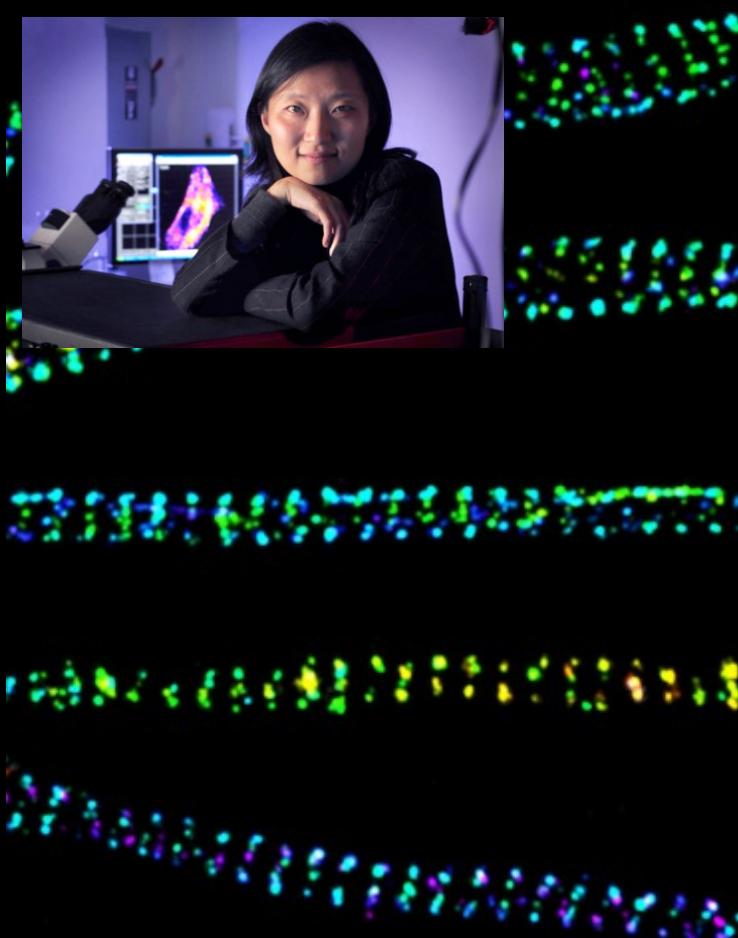
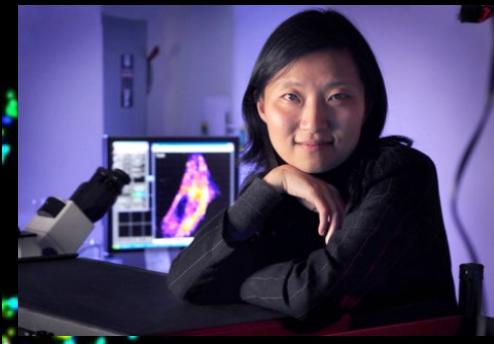
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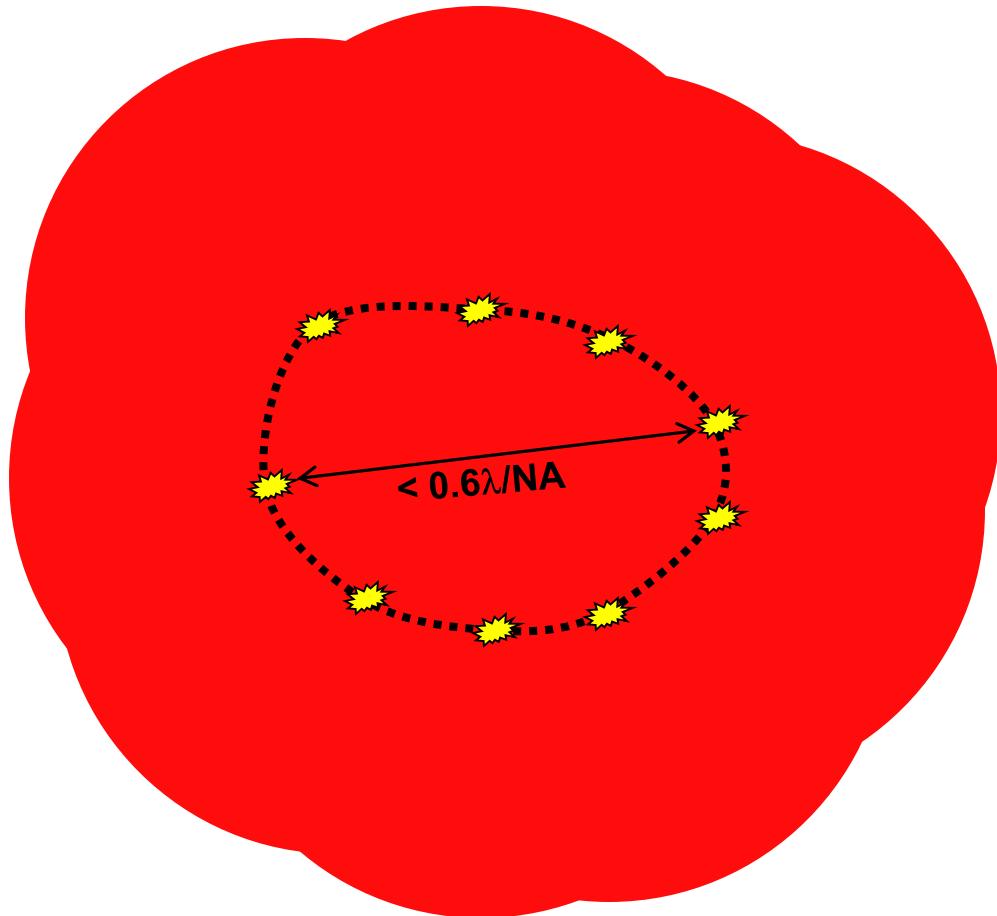
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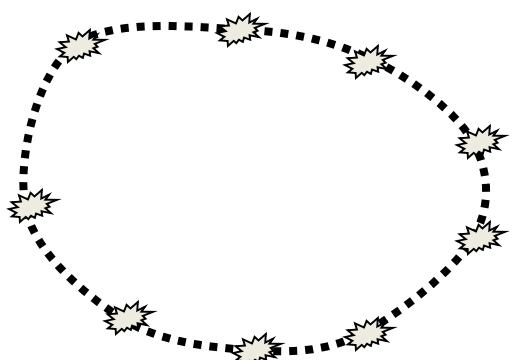
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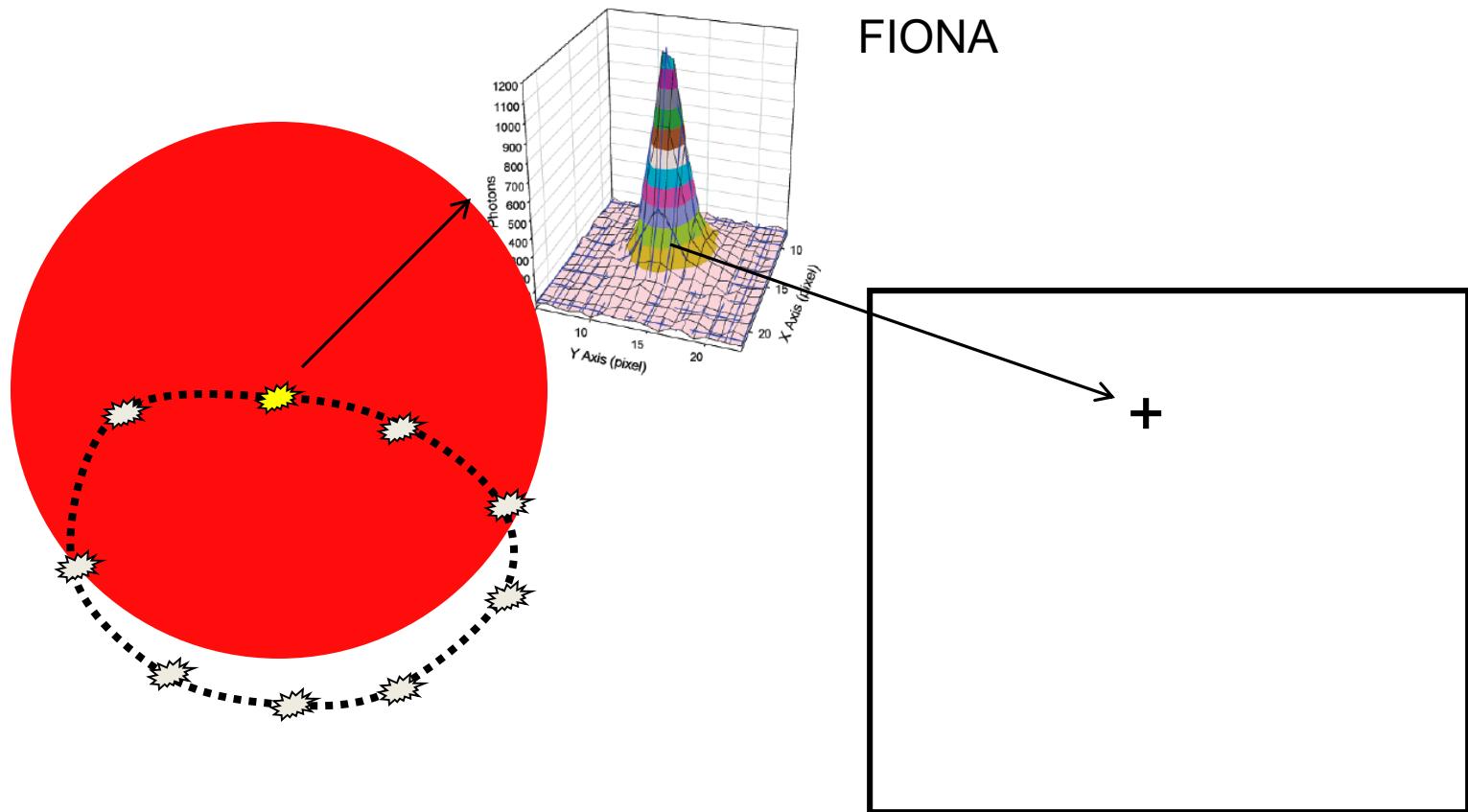
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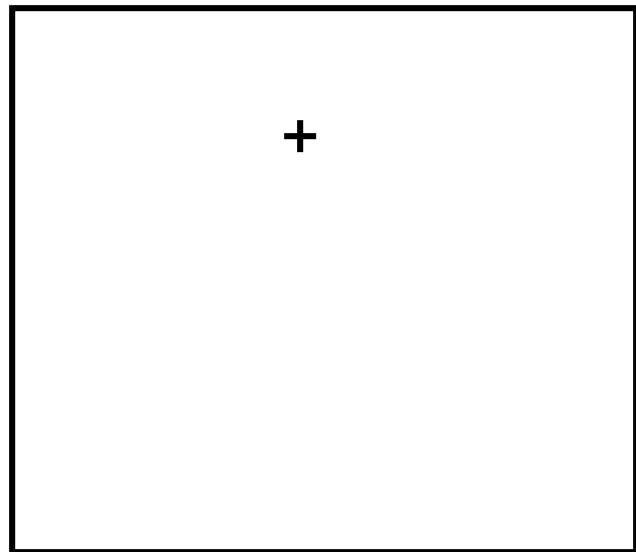
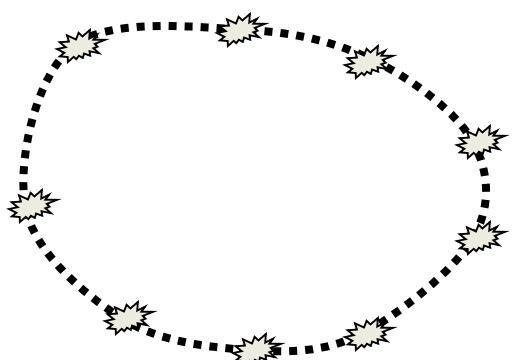
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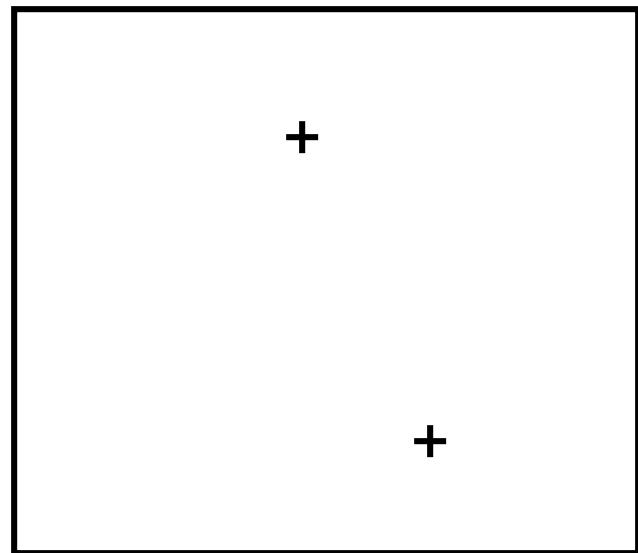
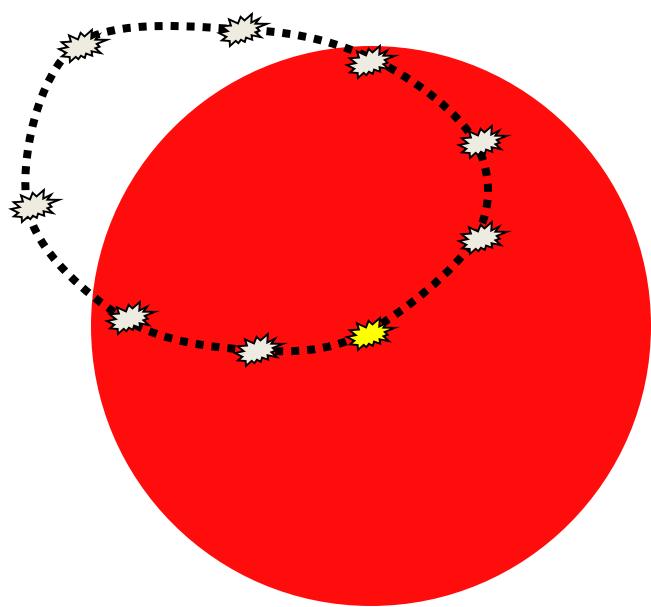
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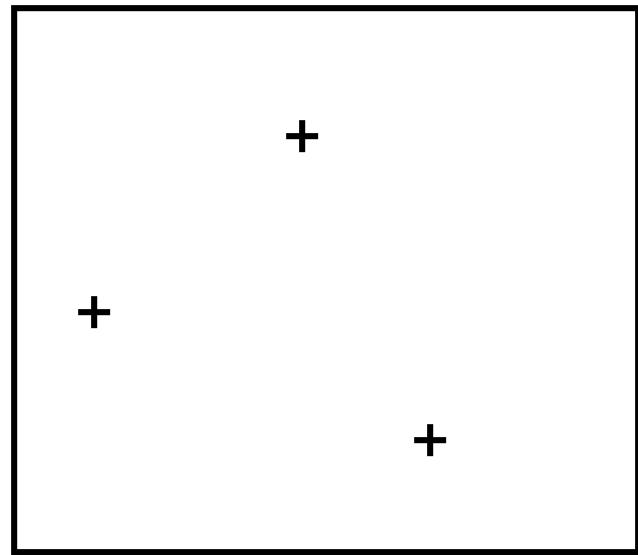
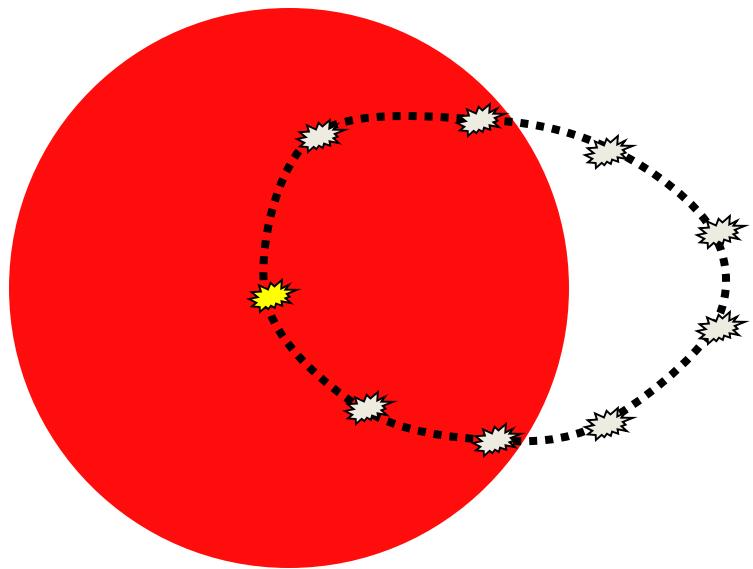
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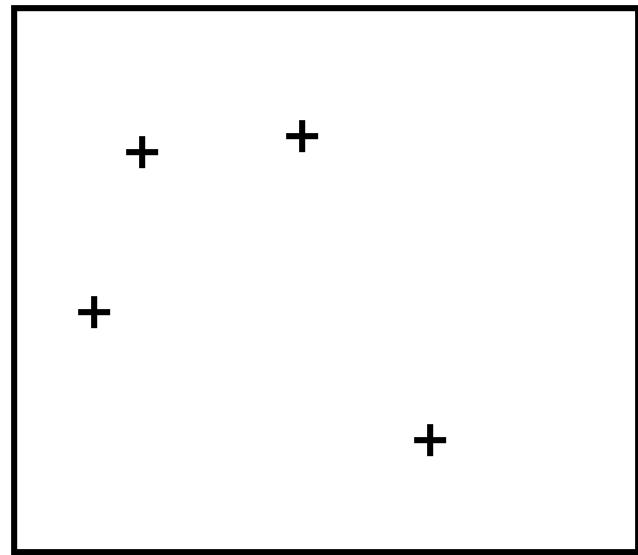
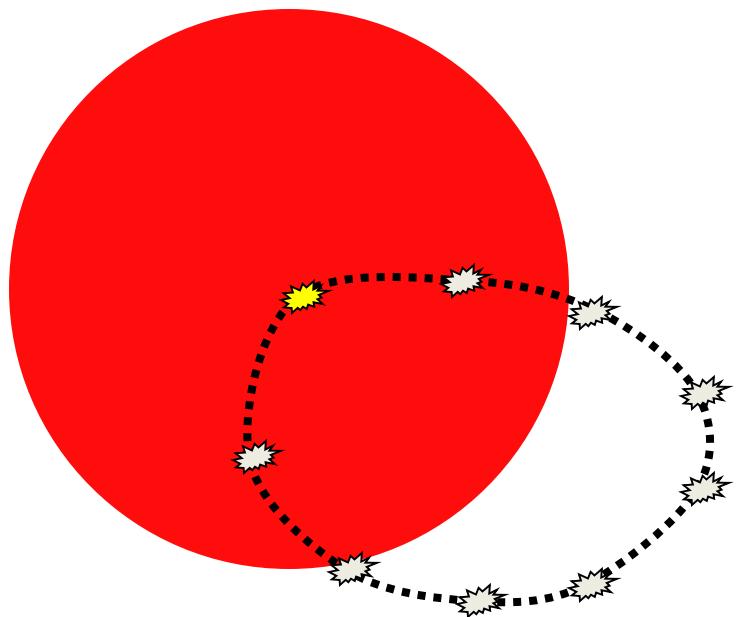
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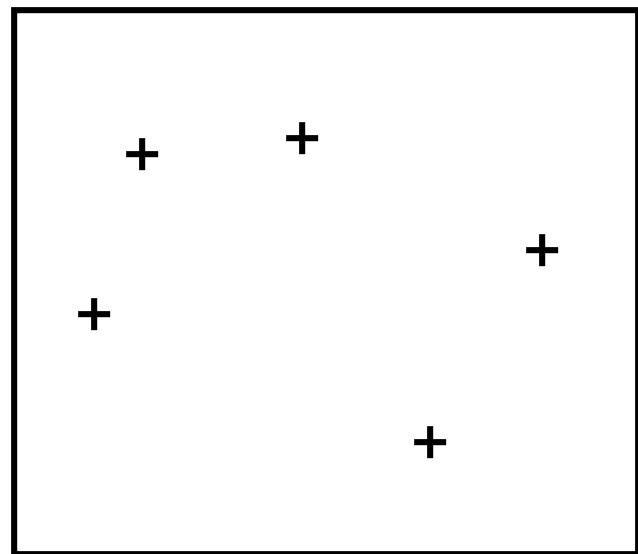
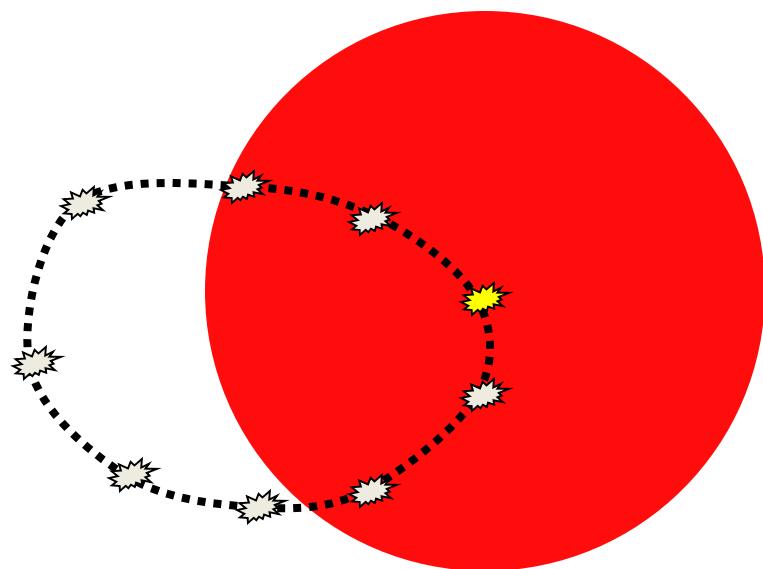
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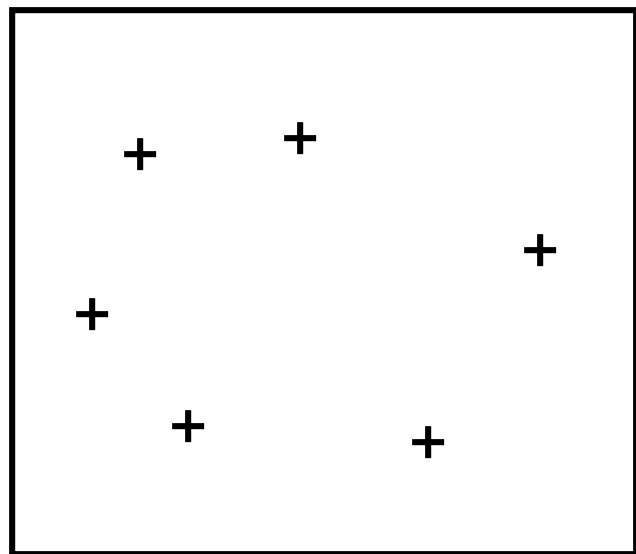
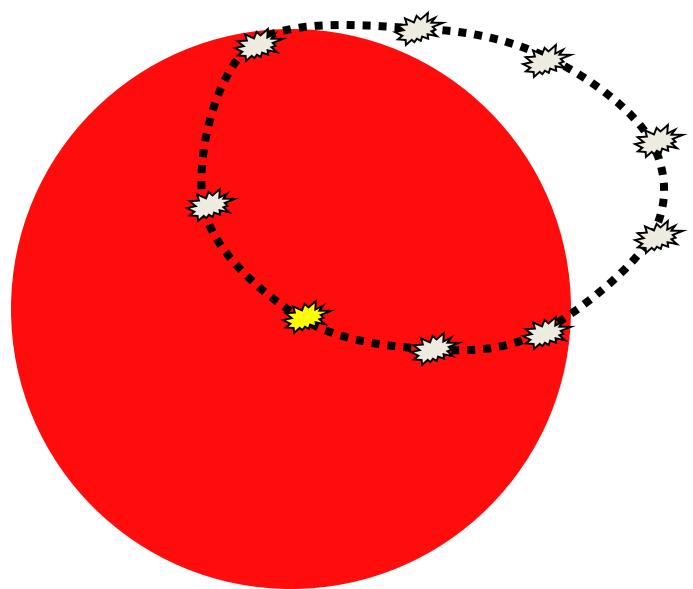
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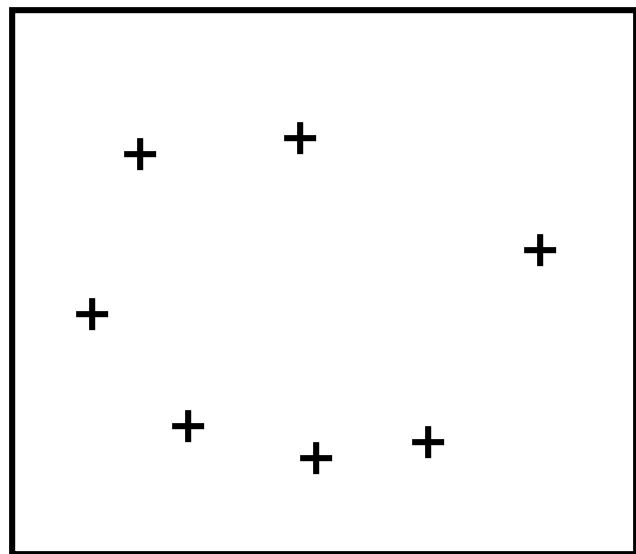
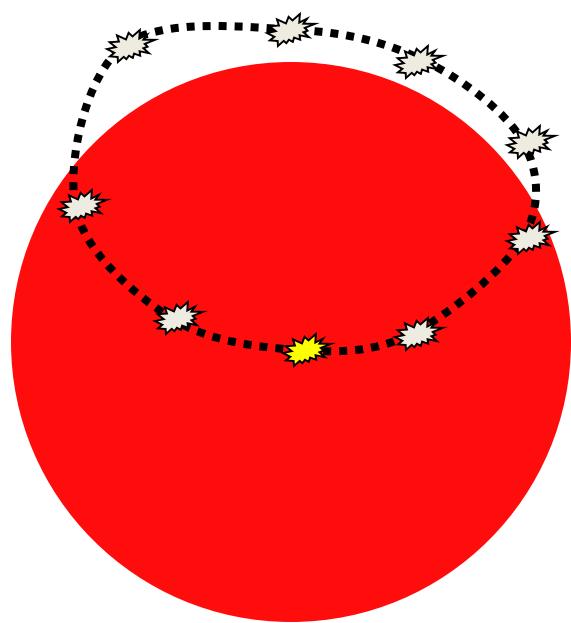
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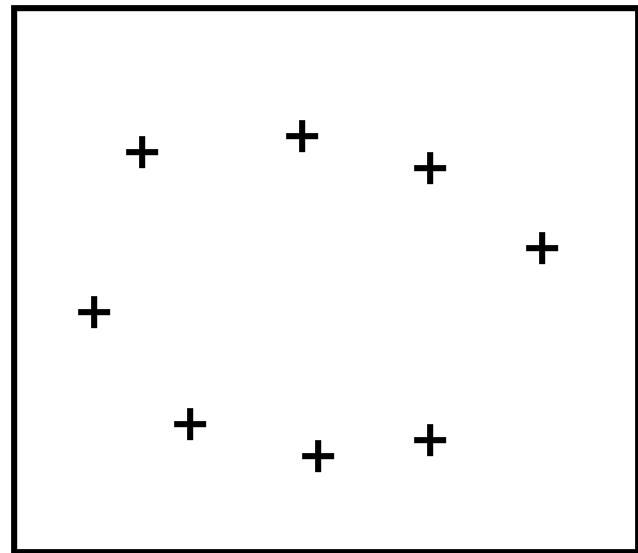
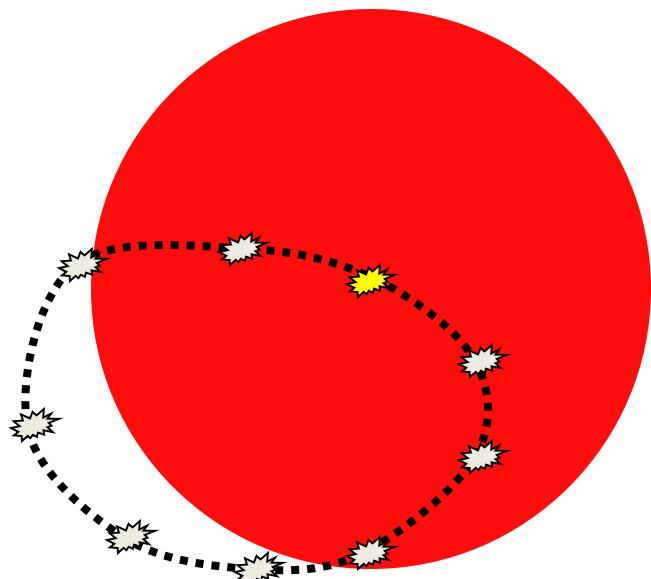
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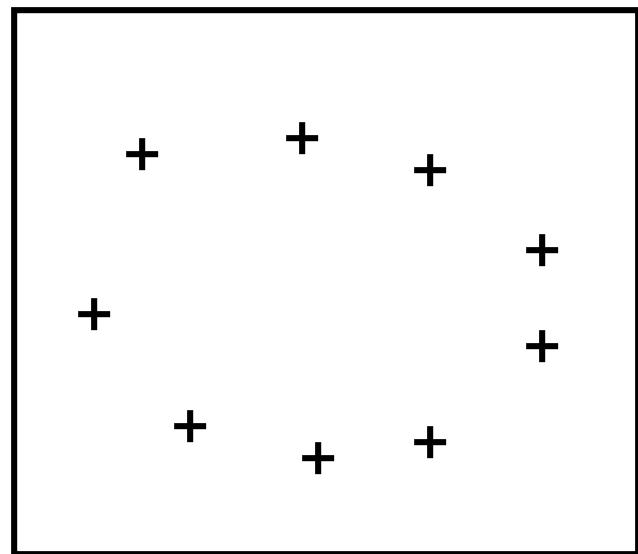
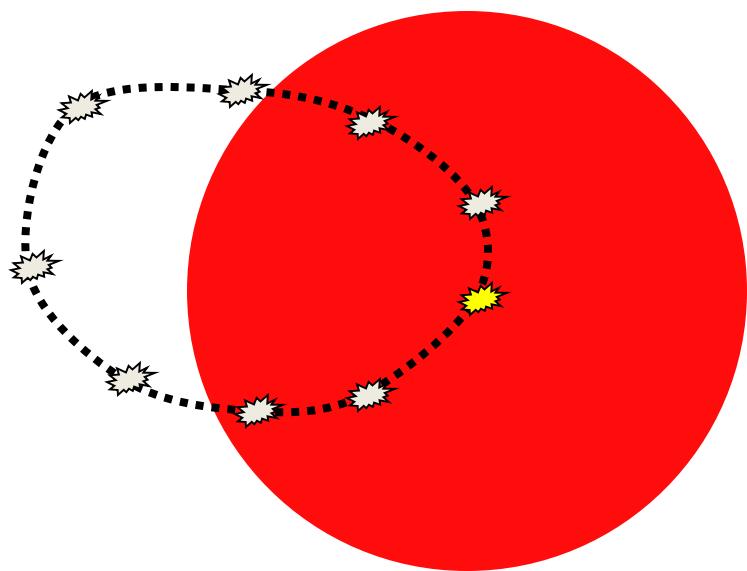
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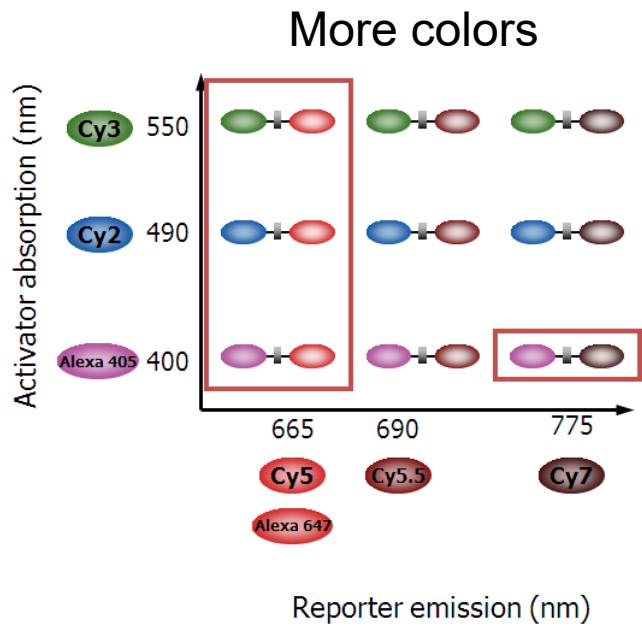
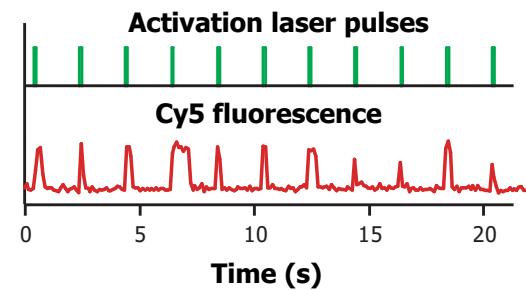
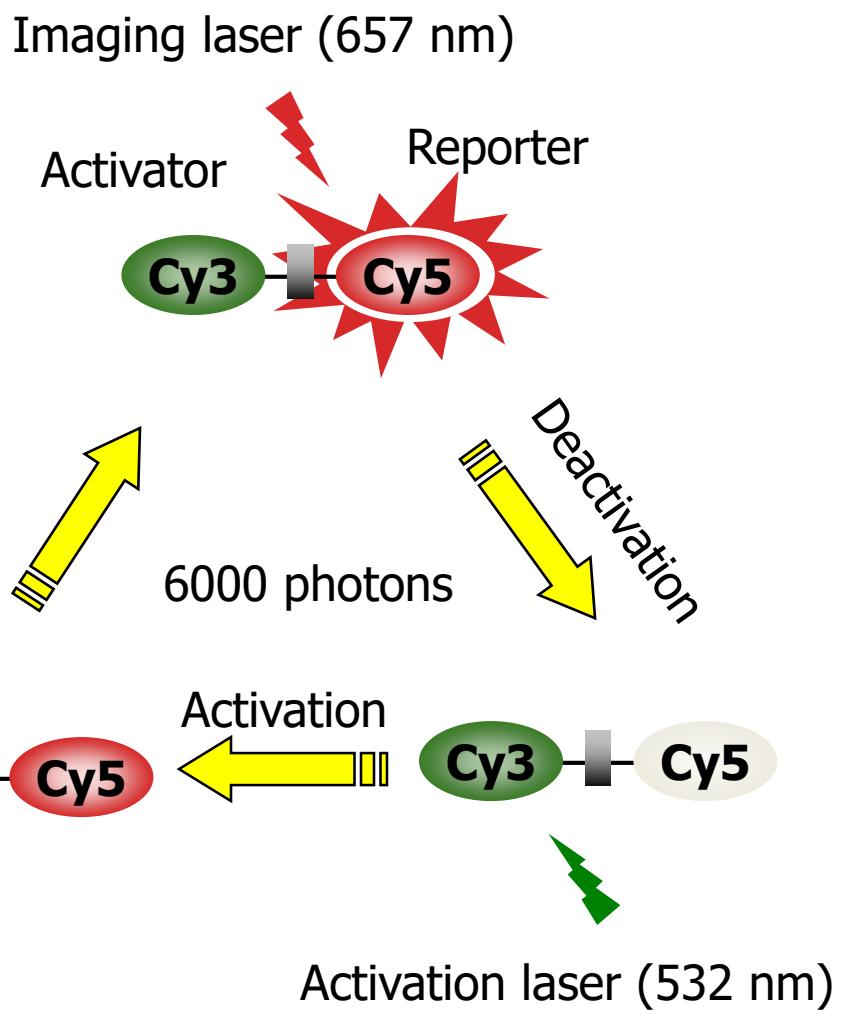
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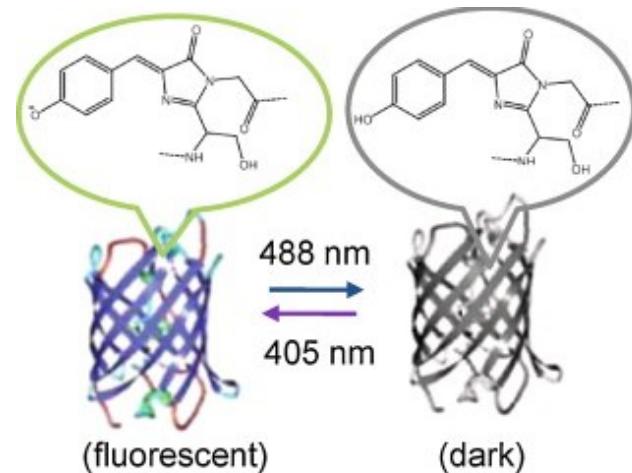


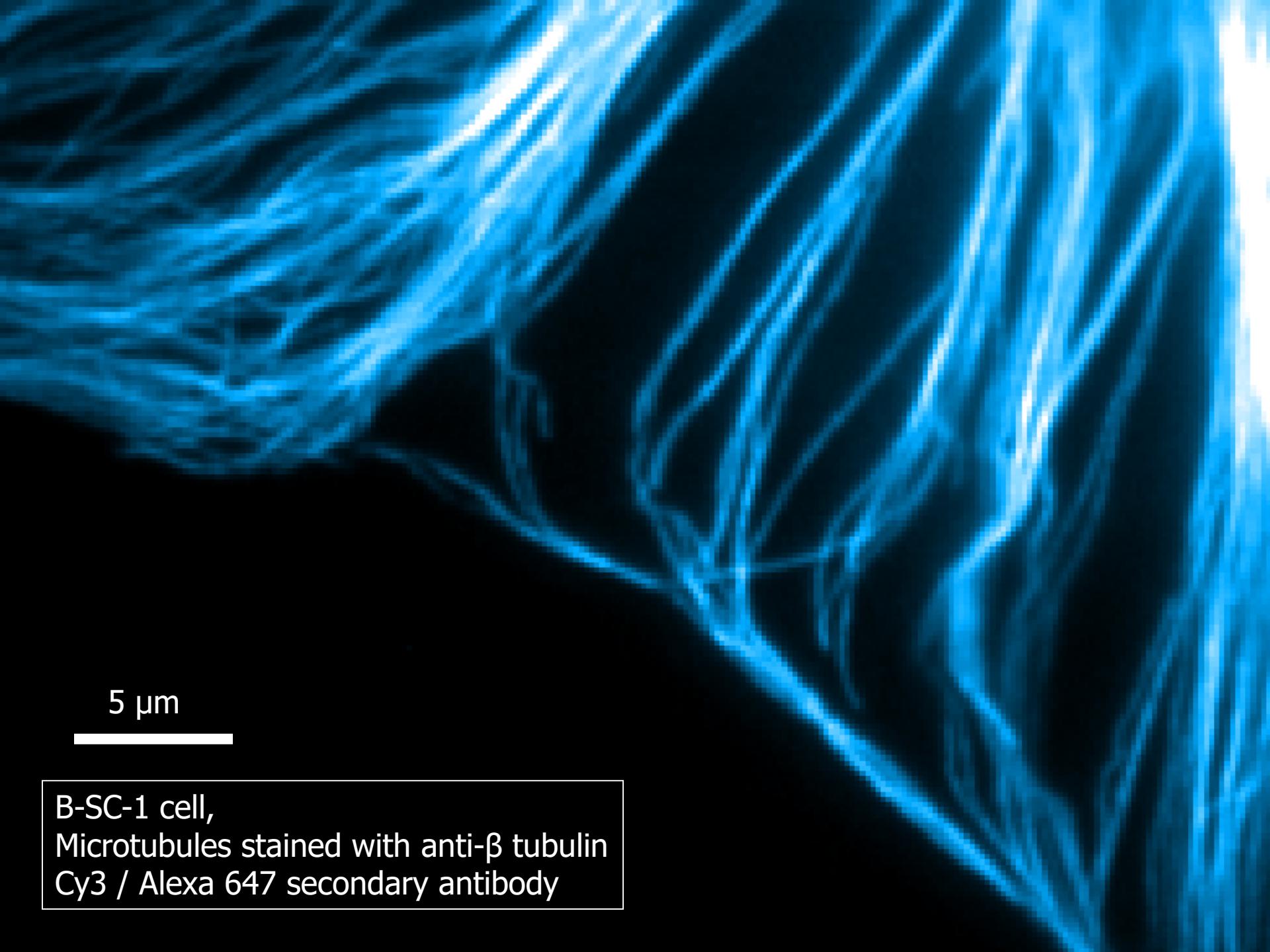
# STORM - Photo-switchable Probes



# Direct STORM

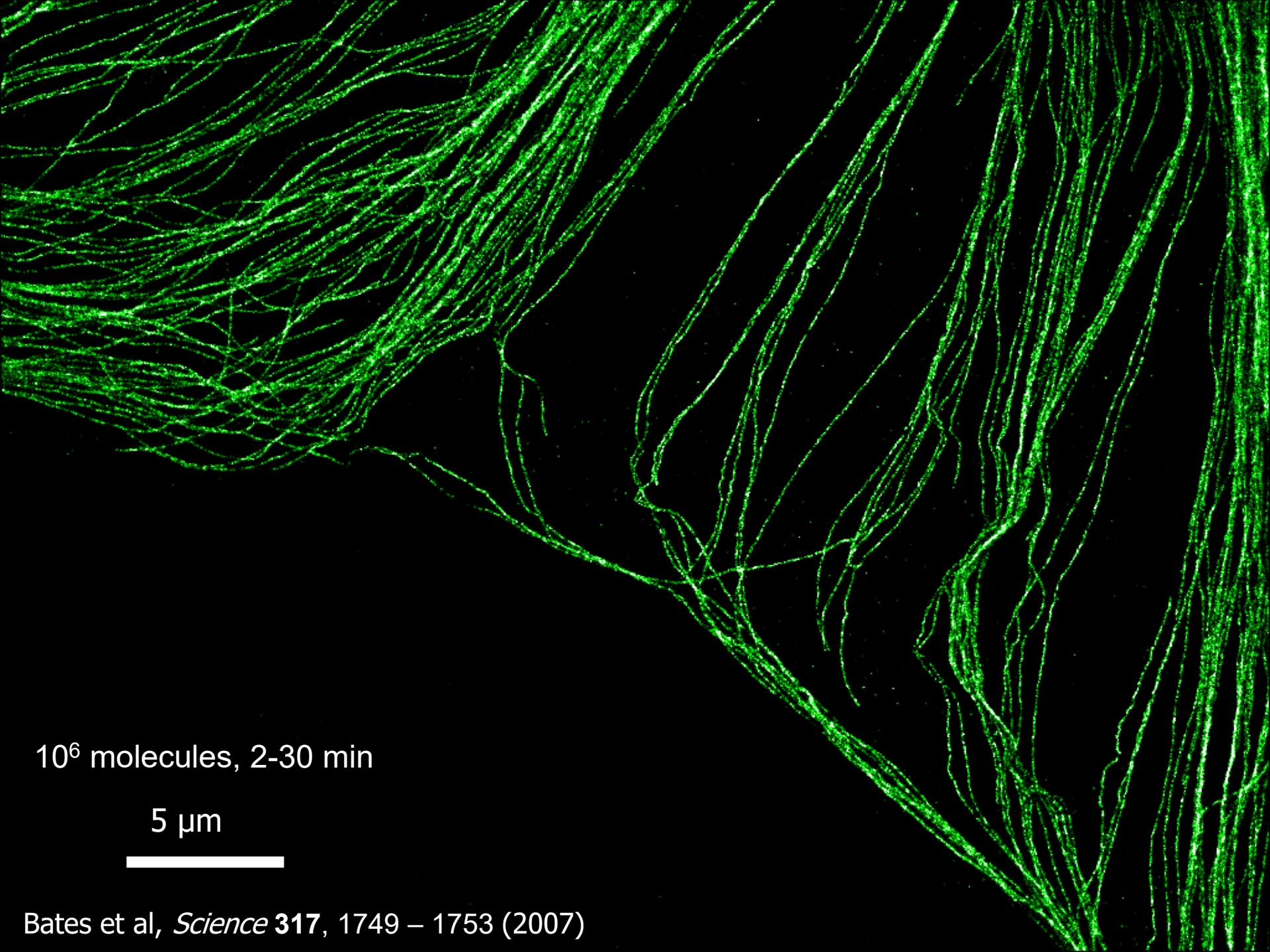
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	Atto 520	+
	Fluorescein	-
	FITC	-
	Cy2	-
Yellow-absorbing	Cy3B	+
	Alexa Fluor 568	+
	TAMRA	-
	Cy3	-
	Cy3.5	+
	Atto 565	+
	Alexa Fluor 647	++
	Cy5	++
Red-absorbing	Atto 647	+
	Atto 647N	+
	Dyomics 654	++
	Atto 655	+
	Atto 680	+
	Cy5.5	++
	Dylight 750	++
	Cy7	++
	Alexa Fluor 750	++
	Atto 740	+
NIR-absorbing	Alexa Fluor 790	++
	IRDye 800CW	++



A fluorescence micrograph showing a dense network of microtubules within a B-SC-1 cell. The microtubules are stained with anti-β tubulin antibodies conjugated to Cy3 and Alexa 647, appearing as bright blue filaments against a dark background.

5  $\mu$ m

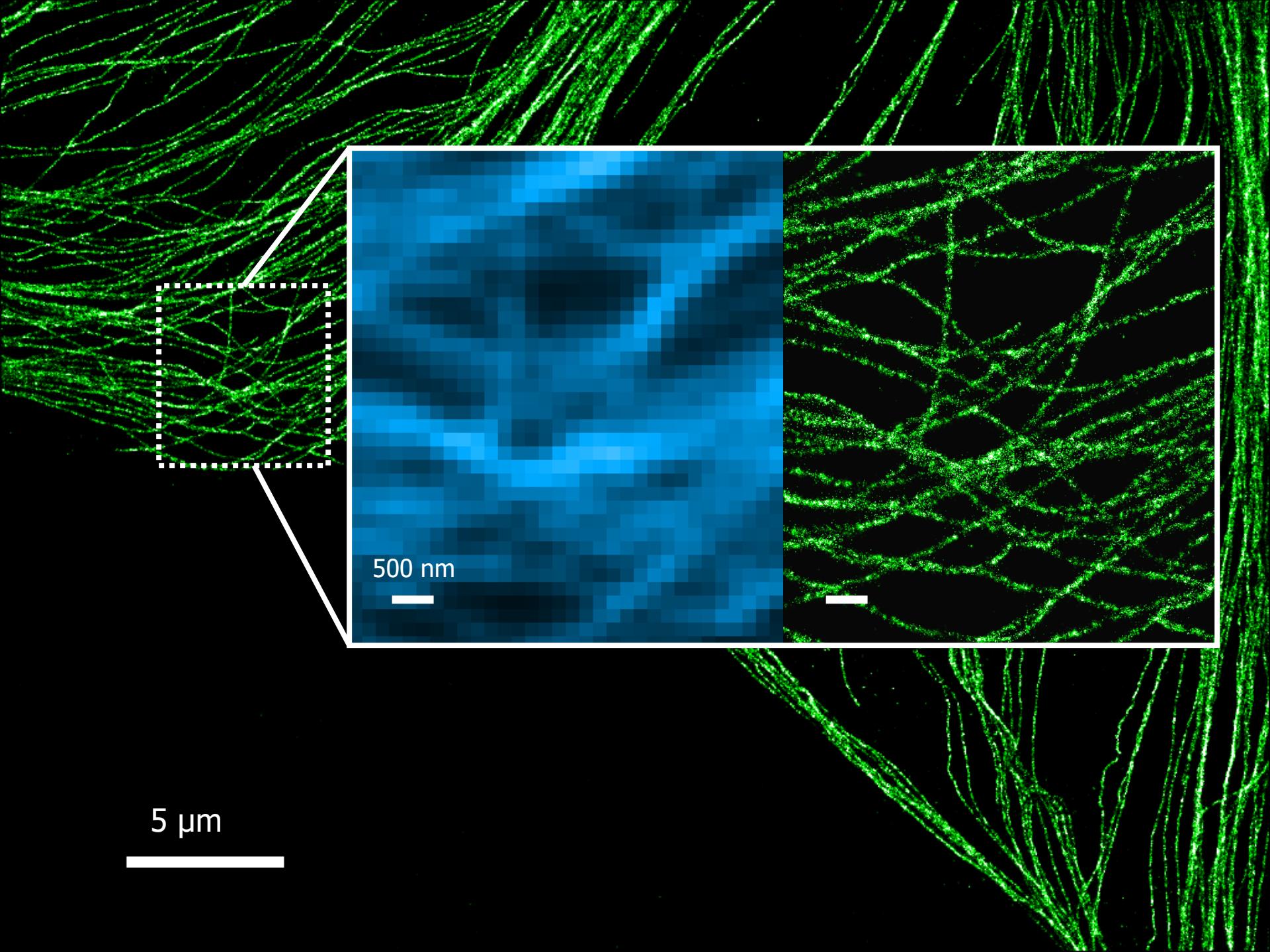
B-SC-1 cell,  
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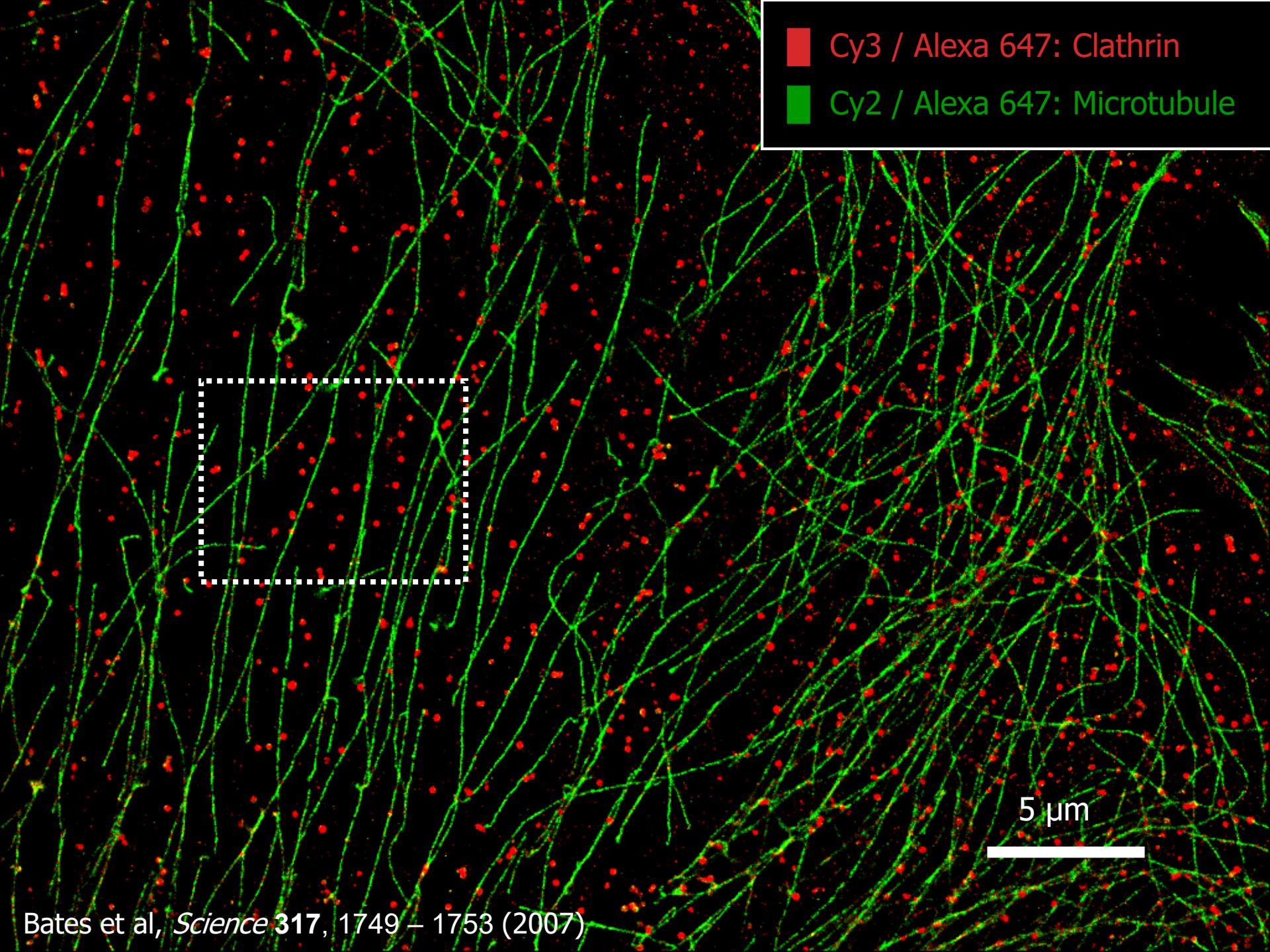


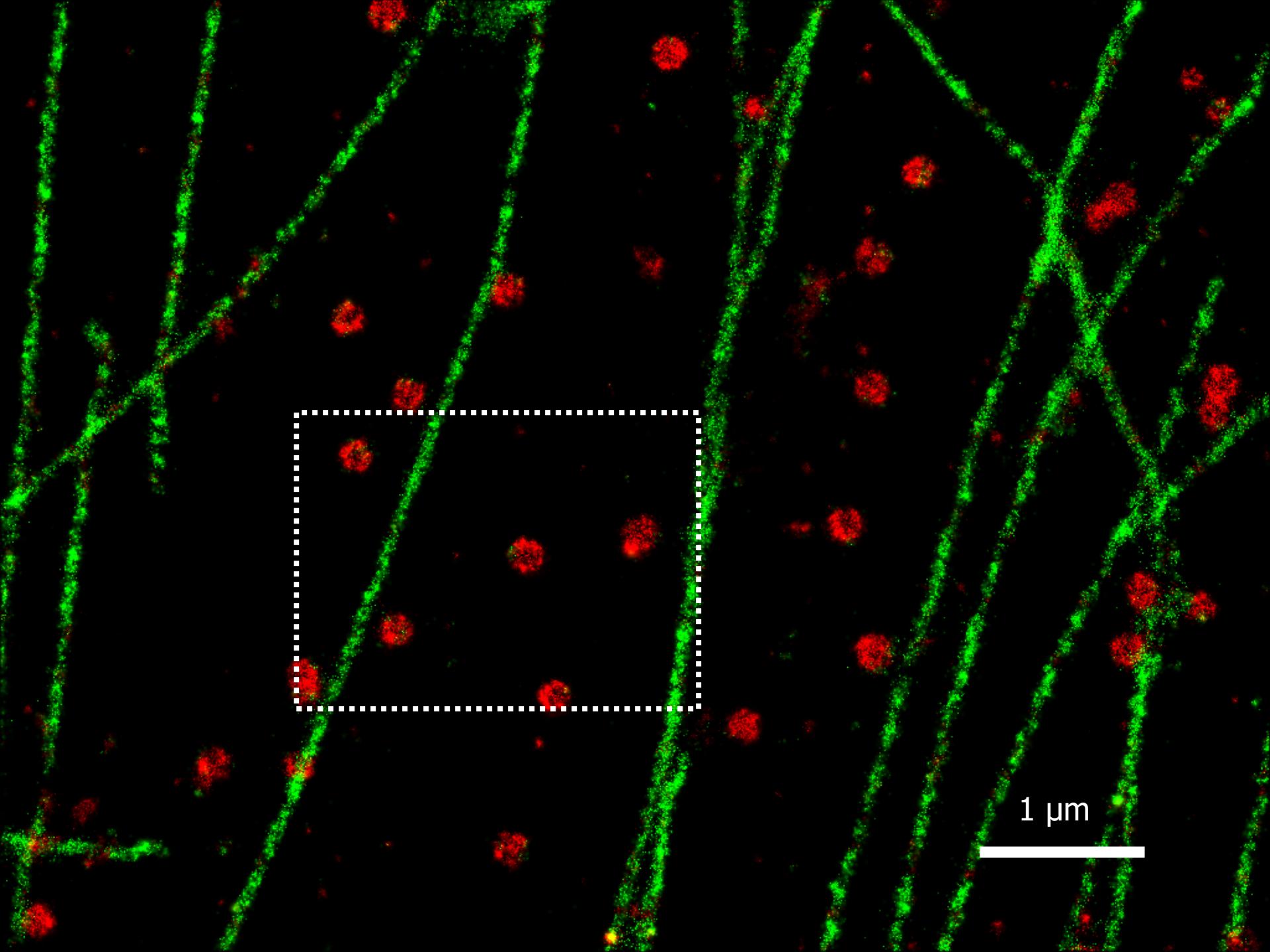
$10^6$  molecules, 2-30 min

5  $\mu$ m

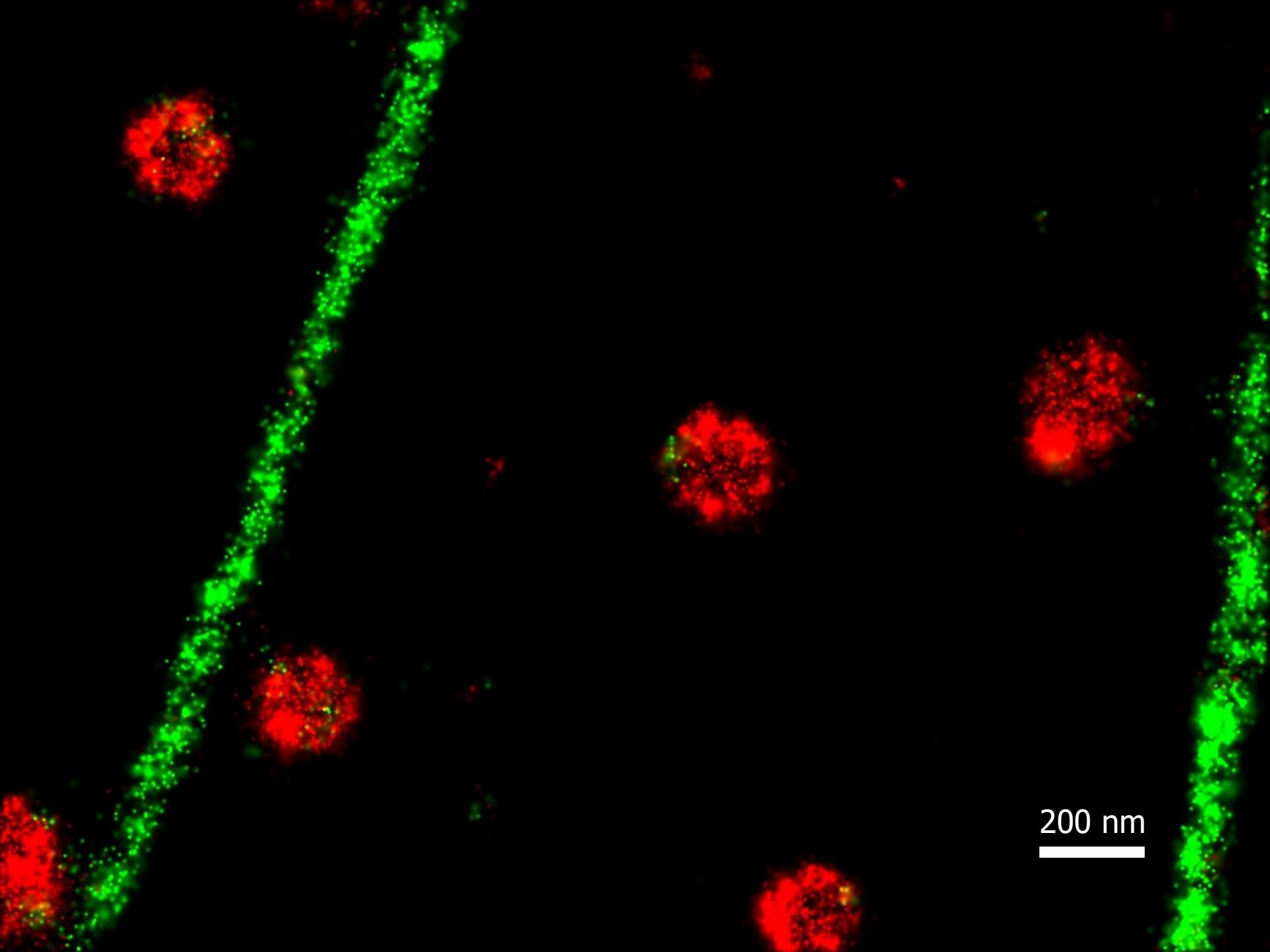








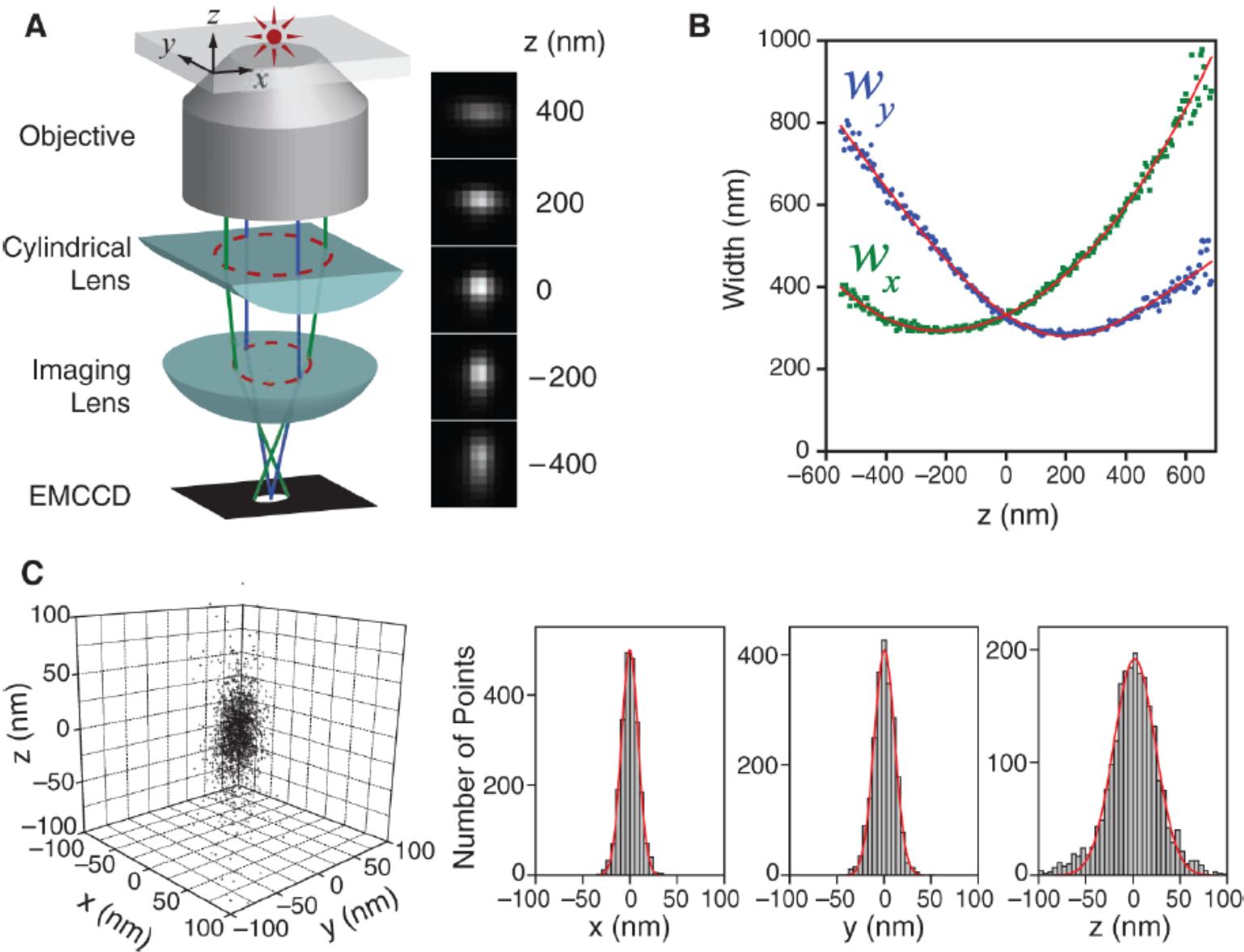
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200 nm



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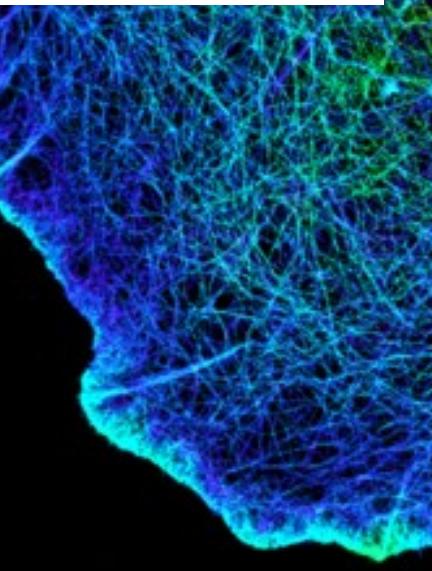
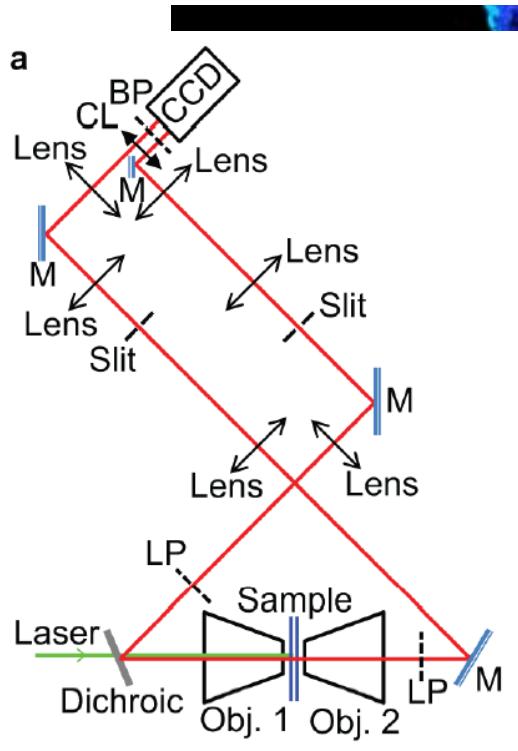


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10 nm lateral  
20 nm axial

