## Untangling the cytoskeleton: a model to describe cytoskeletal architecture

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The cytoskeleton is a filamentous structure whose architecture is the blueprint of cellular behavior.

Beyond its structural role, it dynamically orchestrates **many cellular processes**: morphogenesis, movement, division, mechanotransduction, adhesion and intracellular transport.

The cytoskeleton can be imaged by **confocal microscopy**, but its complex architecture makes **segmentation** and **quantification** highly challenging.

This model aims to untangle the organization of filamentous structures into distinct architectural aspects, focusing on the cytoskeleton, enabling direct comparison between networks and uncovering patterns linked to cell function and disease.

## Preprocessing & Instance Segmentation



