

## Tips and Tricks

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## Outline

- Inkscape
  - The grid is your friend
  - Latex equations
- Matlab
  - Making pretty figures
  - Constants()
  - Exporting figures (PNG vs EPS)
  - Optimization == Swiss army knife
- Questions?

## Key points

- Recommended Matlab packages
  - export\_fig (export pretty figures)
  - Boundedline (shaded area plots)
  - Ploterr (better error bar plots)
  - Lots more online if you have a specific problem
- Matlab tips
  - Functions >> scripts (reusability)
  - Vectors >> loops (speed)
  - Generate your figures programmatically
  - EPS > PNG > JPG for line art
  - JPG > PNG/EPS/TIFF for bitmaps/micrographs