

Biophysics 210: Biological Light Microscopy  
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Syllabus

Discussion section meets Tuesdays from 1-2:30pm in MH2100

Labs meet Thursday or Friday from 2-5pm (location varies)

### Week 9: Super-resolution Microscopy

**Goals:** Understand the three most common super-resolution methods: Structured Illumination (SIM), Localization Microscopy (STORM, PALM, etc.), and Stimulated Emission Depletion Microscopy (STED).

**Discussion Section:** May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Labs:** May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

**Lectures** (watch before discussion section):

- [Super-Resolution: Overview and Stimulated Emission Depletion \(STED\) Microscopy](#)
- [Super-Resolution: Localization Microscopy](#)
- [Super-Resolution: Structured Illumination Microscopy \(SIM\)](#)

**Additional Reading** (optional):

- [Cell Size and Scale](#)
- [E.F. Fornasiero, and F. Opazo, "Super-resolution imaging for cell biologists", \*BioEssays\*, pp. 436-451, 2015.](#)
- [Donna R. Whelan and Toby D. M. Bell, "Super-resolution single-molecule localization microscopy: Tricks of the trade", \*J. Phys. Chem. Lett.\* 2015 \*\*6\*\*:374-382](#)
- [Whelan, D. R. & Bell, T. D. Image artifacts in Single Molecule Localization Microscopy: why optimization of sample preparation protocols matters. \*Sci Rep\* \*\*5\*\*, 7924 \(2015\).](#)
- [Dempsey, G. T., Vaughan, J. C., Chen, K. H., Bates, M. & Zhuang, X. Evaluation of fluorophores for optimal performance in localization-based super-resolution imaging. \*Nat. Methods\* \*\*8\*\*, 1027–36 \(2011\).](#)
- [Huang, B., Babcock, H. & Zhuang, X. Breaking the diffraction barrier: super-resolution imaging of cells. \*Cell\* \*\*143\*\*, 1047–58 \(2010\).](#)

Microscopy Matters Blog Posts on Super-Resolution Imaging:

- [Overview of techniques at Janelia Farms](#)
- [Probes for Single Molecule Localization Microscopy](#)
- [Structured-Illumination Microscopy: What types of samples are not suitable and why](#)

**Discussion Section Topic:** We will discuss the mechanisms by which the various super-resolution techniques provide resolution beyond the diffraction limit, the sample requirements for each technique, and their strengths and weaknesses.

**Lab:** Demos of Structured Illumination Microscopy and localization microscopy (Nikon Imaging Center)