

Tutorial 7: Generating *in-silico* microscopy image with depth-variant PSF

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This is a resource extensive Tutorial as many PSFs need to be generated. We will focus on the depth-variant Gibson and Lanni[1], (To be published soon).

The Gibson and Lanni[1] PSF models several aspects of a microscopy, and thereby has several parameters that can be controlled. The parameters include thickness of coverslip (**tg**) and immersion oil in non-design condition, and design conditions (**tg0**, **t0**); refractive index of coverslip (**meug**) and immersion oil (**meu**) in non-design and design conditions (**meug0**, **meu0**); refractive index of the specimen (**meus**), distance of object focal plane from the coverslip (**ts0**). All thickness and distances are in nanometers, while the refractive index are dimensionless. Other than these parameters, all standard parameters similar to previous **Tutorials** are used: $NA = 1.3$, $d_{lmn} = 0.1, 0.1, 0.2$, $P_{lmn} = 15, 15, 25$, $f_s = 530$, and $\lambda_{m1}, \lambda_{m2} = 670, 518$ are used. The design condition is fixed: **tg0** = 320, **t0** 300, **meug0** = 1.522, and **meu0** = 1.51. The tutorial explores how the images change when the following non-design parameters are changed:

1. **ts0**: 10, 20.
2. **meu**: 1.6, 1.8.
3. **meug**: 1.6, 1.8.
4. **meus**: 1.35, 1.4.
5. **tg**: 300, 340.

Note: All refractive indices should be greater than the numerical aperture NA .

1 Generate PSF

All the required PSF can be generated using the bash script `gen_psf.sh` using the command,

```
Tut2$ bash gen_psf.sh
```

The PSF for design condition is calculated using the code block reproduced below,

```
3 gen_psf (){
4     echo "#####"
5     siliscopy gen_psf --method GL1991 --paramfile foo.dat --calc all\
6         --output PSF_GL$1 --multiprocess
7 }
8
9 #Design condition
10 cp parameters.dat foo.dat
11 gen_psf
```

First, the parameters file (contains parameters for design condition) is copied to `foo.dat` and the bash function `gen_psf` is called without any arguments (`$1` is empty). The Gibson and Lanni[1] PSF is calculated using `--method GL1991`.

To generate PSF for non-design condition, first the design parameter is changed using `sed` and then the function `gen_psf` is called. For example, to generate PSF at different `ts0` the following code block is used,

```
14 sed "s/ts0\s*=.*\/ts0 = 10\/g" parameters.dat > foo.dat
15 gen_psf
16 sed "s/ts0\s*=.*\/ts0 = 20\/g" parameters.dat > foo.dat
17 gen_psf
```

Note that the argument to `gen_psf` is still empty. This is because PSF output is always generated with the `ts0` value in its name for depth-variant PSF (`psf_type = 1`). For other non-design changes, an argument is passed to `gen_psf` (`$1`) which is appended to the PSF output name (`PSF_GL$1`). For example, to generate PSF in non-design condition with `meu=1.6`, the argument passed to `gen_psf` is `_meu1.6`. The code block is reproduced below.

```
20 sed "s/meu\s*=.*\/meu = 1.6\/g" parameters.dat > foo.dat
21 gen_psf "_meu1.6"
```

Other non-design PSF are generated in the same way.

2 Generate *in-silico* monochrome image intensities

The monochrome image intensities are generated using the bash script `gen_mono.sh` using the command,

```
Tut2$ bash gen_mono.sh
```

The script is almost identical to `gen_psf.sh`, where the function is changed from `gen_psf` to `gen_mono`.

```

3 gen_mono (){
4     echo "#####"
5     siliscopy gen_mono --file dp100.gro --paramfile foo.dat --psf PSF_GL$1\
6         --output GL$1_img100 --method slice
7 }

```

Notice the positions file is `dp100.gro`, the PSF file read is `PSF_GL$1` (identical to the generated PSF), and output header file is `img100_GL$1` (100 corresponds to the file `dp100.gro`). The script creates 22 `GL_*img100_*_fs530.dat` files.

3 Generate colored *in-silico* microscopy images

The monochrome image intensities are generated using the bash script `gen_img.sh` using the command,

```
Tut2$ bash gen_img.sh
```

The script is almost identical to `gen_psf.sh`, where the function is changed from `gen_psf` to `gen_mono`.

```

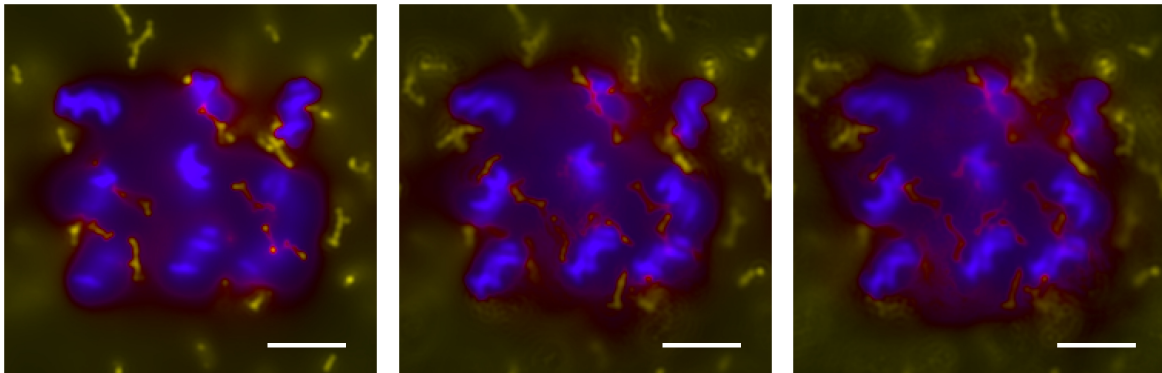
3 gen_img (){
4     echo "#####"
5     siliscopy plot --file GL$1_img --paramfile foo.dat --method color \
6         --timestep 100 --calc specific --output GL$1_img --type jpeg
7 }

```

A timestep of 100 is used to read image intensity files (`--file GL$1_img`) and output colored JPEG images (`--output GL$1_img100, --method color, --type jpeg`).

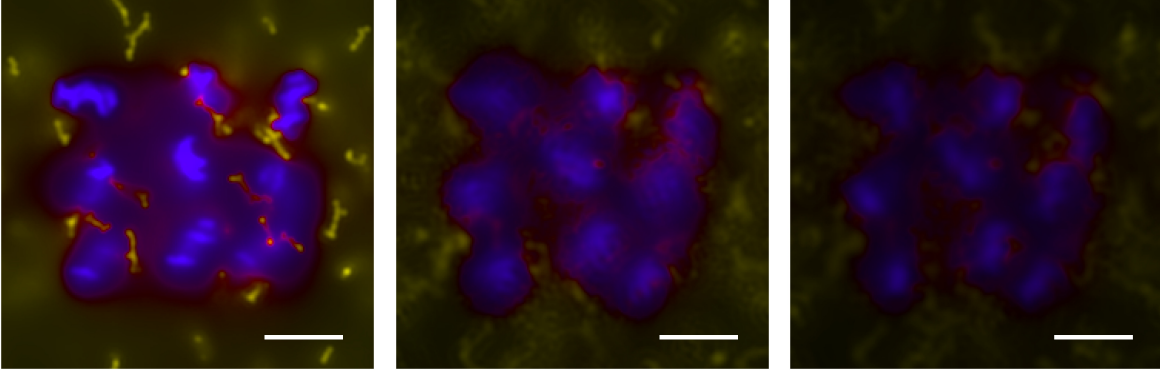
3.1 Effect of ts_0

Design condition $ts_0 = 0$ (left), $ts_0 = 10$ (middle), $ts_0 = 20$ (right).



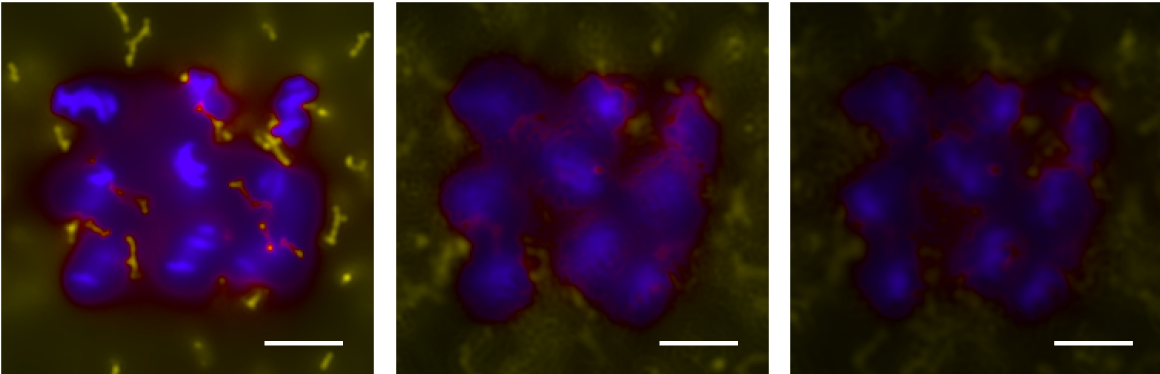
3.2 Effect of meu

Design condition $\text{meu} = 1.51$ (left), $\text{meu} = 1.6$ (middle), $\text{meu} = 1.8$ (right).



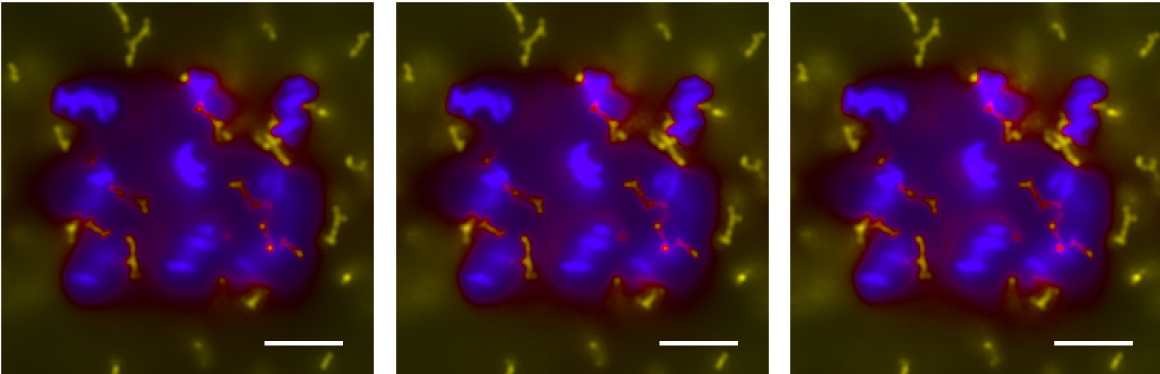
3.3 Effect of meug

Design condition $\text{meug} = 1.522$ (left), $\text{meug} = 1.6$ (middle), $\text{meug} = 1.8$ (right).



3.4 Effect of meus

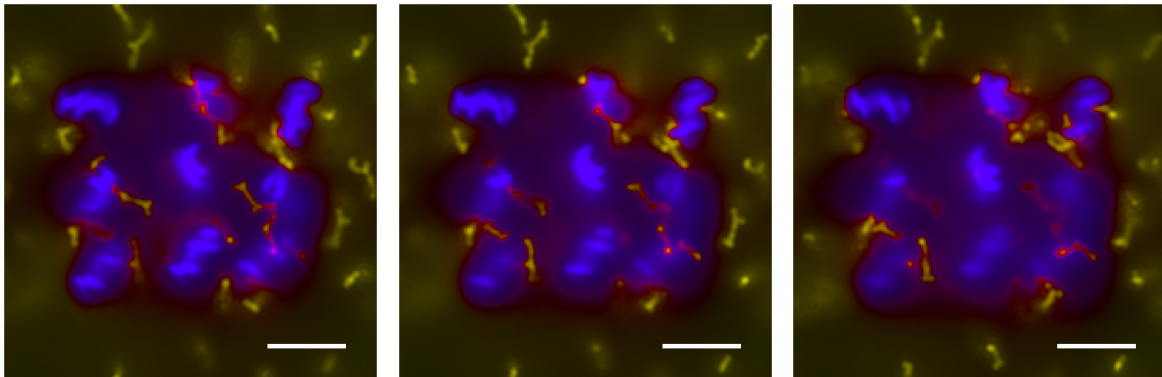
Design condition $\text{meus} = 1.33$ (left), $\text{meus} = 1.45$ (middle), $\text{meus} = 1.55$ (right).



The changes are subtle: Notice the change in top right corner, just above the DNA (in violet-magenta).

3.5 Effect of tg

$tg = 220$ (middle), design conditition $tg = 320$ (left), $meug = 420$ (right).



Reference

[1] Gibson and Lanni PSF: S. F. Gibson, and F. Lanni, Experimental test of an analytical model of aberration in an oil-immersion objective lens used in three-dimensional light microscopy, J. Opt. Soc. Am. A 1991, 8, 1601-1613.