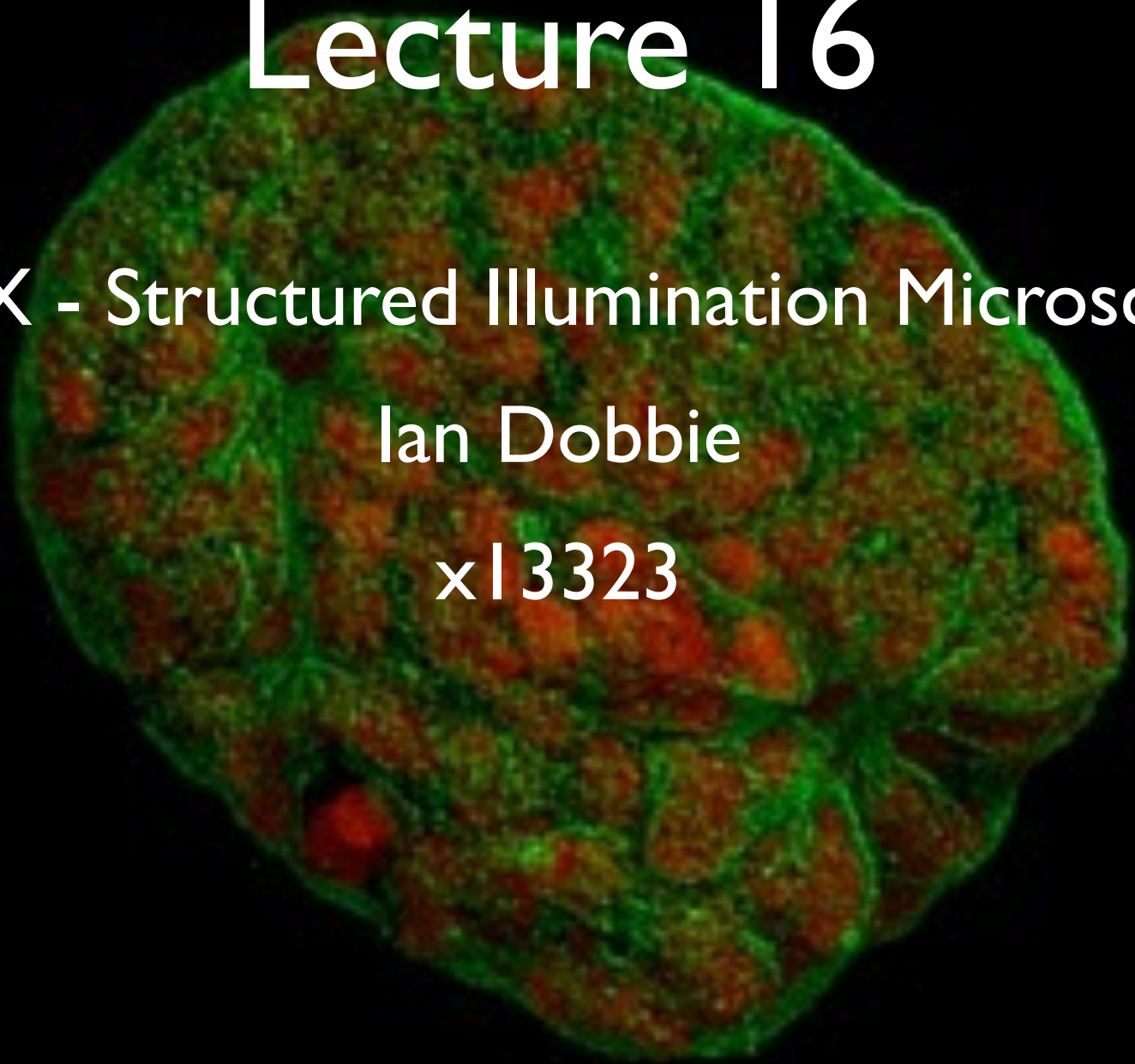


# Lecture 16

OMX - Structured Illumination Microscopy

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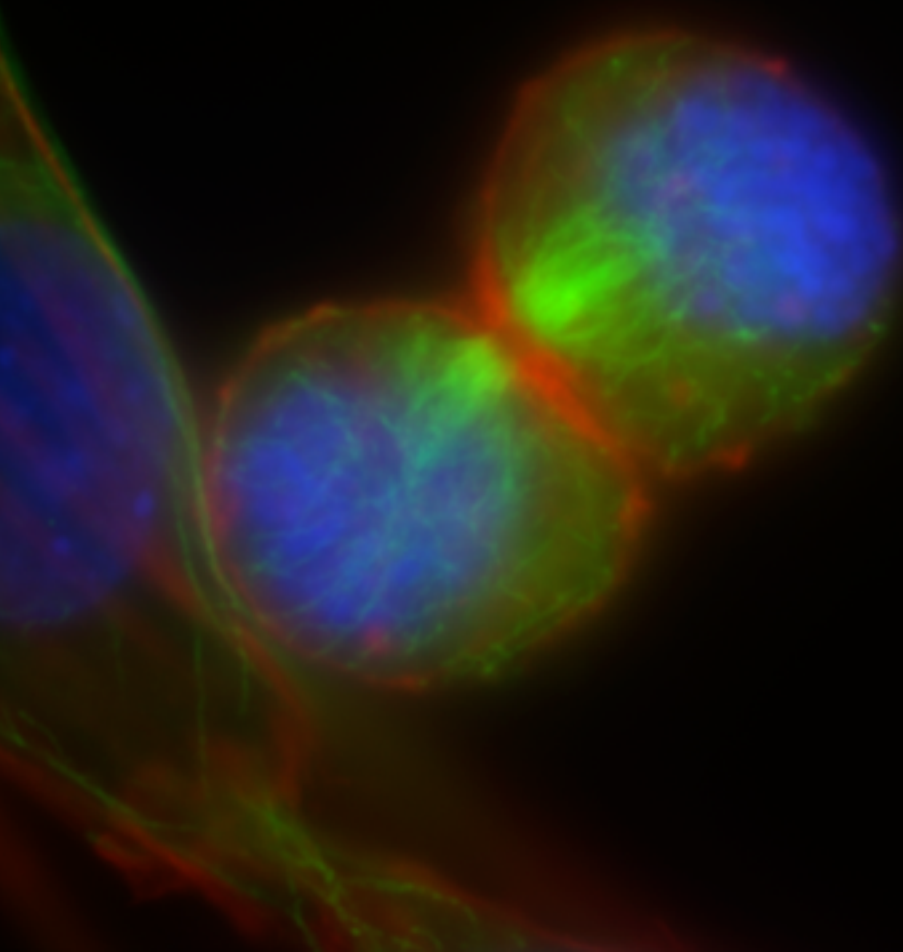


# Super-resolution fluorescence microscopy

- ▶ Specificity
- ▶ Sensitivity
- ▶ Non-invasive (*in situ* & *in vivo*)
- ▶ Multi-dimension ( $x, y, z, \lambda, t, \dots$ )
- ▶ Relative localisation & dynamics
- ▶ “Single cell” to “high throughput”

Spatial resolution is  
diffraction limited!

Magnification alone does not  
give more details!



Typical widefield image...

...warmup:

“What determines the resolution of an optical microscope ?”

1



63x/1.25

£ 3 618.00

2



100x/1.25

£ 550.00

3



63x/1.4

£ 5 055.00

„... what objective would you take...”

„... a bit more difficult...?“

1



25x/1.05

£ 12,800

2



40x/1.0

£ 3,004

3



40x/1.1

£ 8,816

What's the difference in brightness ?

„... what objective would you take...“

# Numerical aperture determines ...

Brightness	$F_{\text{epi}} = 10^4 \text{ NA}^4 / \text{Mag}^2$	(epifluorescence)
Lateral Resolution	$d_{x,y} = 0.61 \lambda / \text{NA}$	(200-300 nm)
Axial Resolution	$d_z = 2 \lambda / \text{NA}^2$	(500-700 nm)

Only applies under optimal conditions! BUT ...

spherical aberrations (refractive index mismatch, sample)

chromatic aberrations

stray light

out-of-focus blur

detector noise

...

Effective resolution is worse!

(max. 250 nm lateral and  $\leq 1 \mu\text{m}$  axial)

...improved to some extent by confocal imaging or deconvolution

# Super-resolution fluorescence microscopy

A 3D structured illumination microscopy (SIM) image of a cell. The image shows a cell with a complex internal structure, including a nucleus and various organelles. The cell is stained with three different fluorescent dyes: blue, green, and red. The blue channel highlights the nucleus, the green channel highlights the cytoplasm and some organelles, and the red channel highlights the cell membrane and other structures. The image is presented in a 3D perspective, showing the cell's volume and internal details.

How Structured Illumination (SI)  
improves not only resolution ...

& how it is realized in  
OMX system

Comparison of super-resolution  
methods (Pros & Cons)

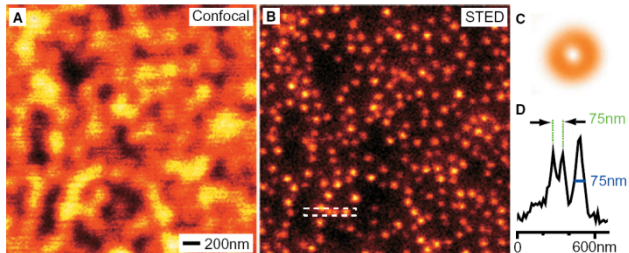
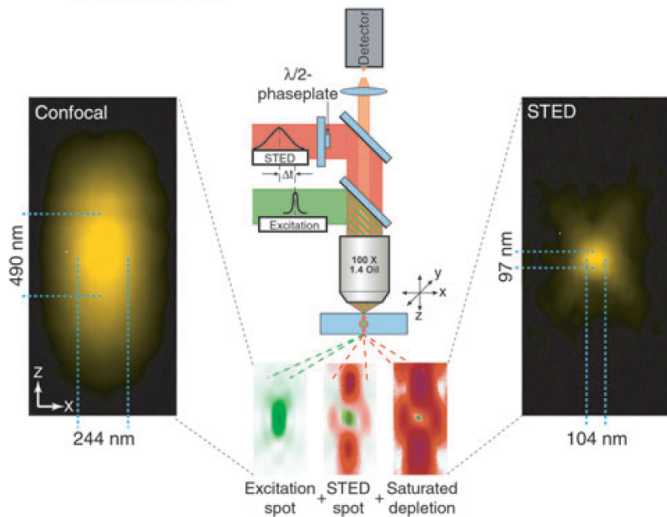
# Superresolution microscopy - three major concepts

Super-resolution light microscopy:  
Imaging beyond Abbe's diffraction limit

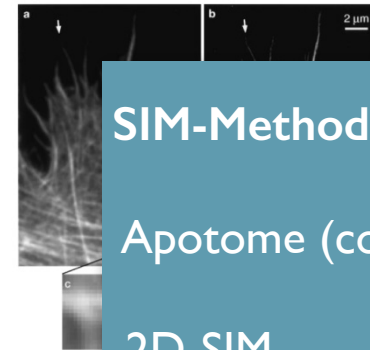
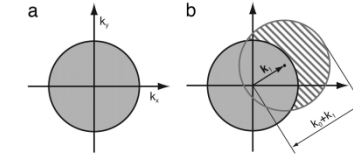
$$\Delta x, \Delta y = \frac{\lambda}{2n \sin \alpha}$$

## Stimulated emission depletion (STED)

C STED microscope



## Structured illumination



## SIM-Methods:

Apotome (conventional SIM)

2D-SIM

3D-SIM (linear SIM)

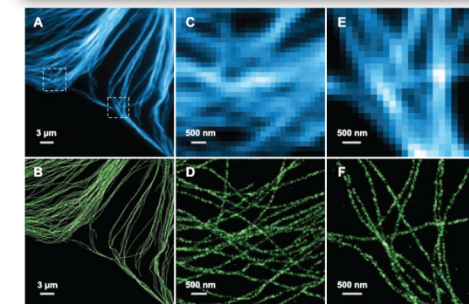
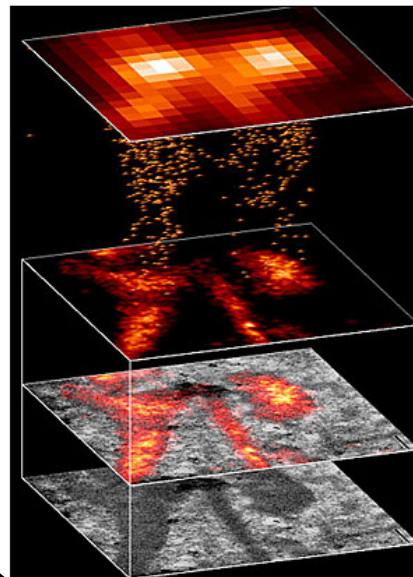
TIRF-SIM

SSIM (non-linear SIM)

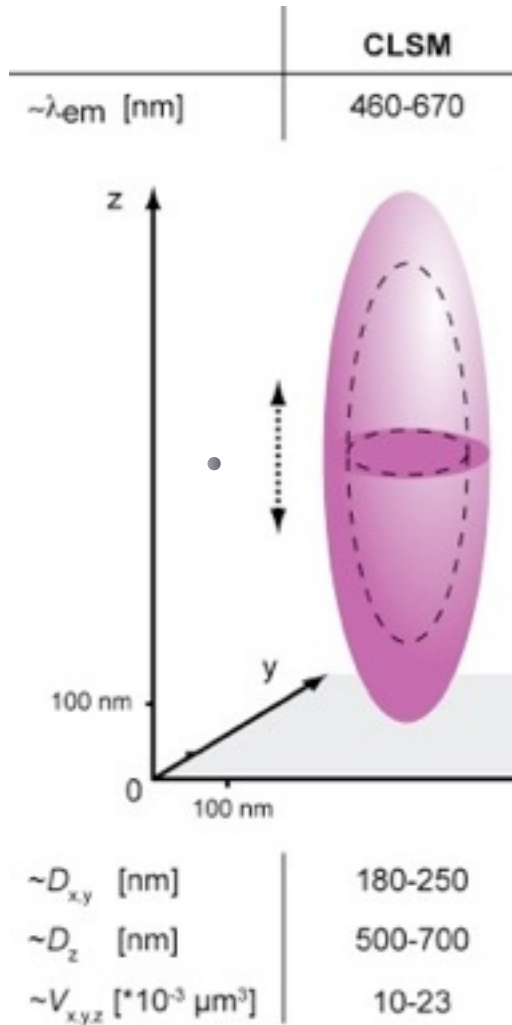
NL-SIM

## Localization

Photoactivation localization  
microscopy (PALM)



# Resolving power of commercial super-resolution systems

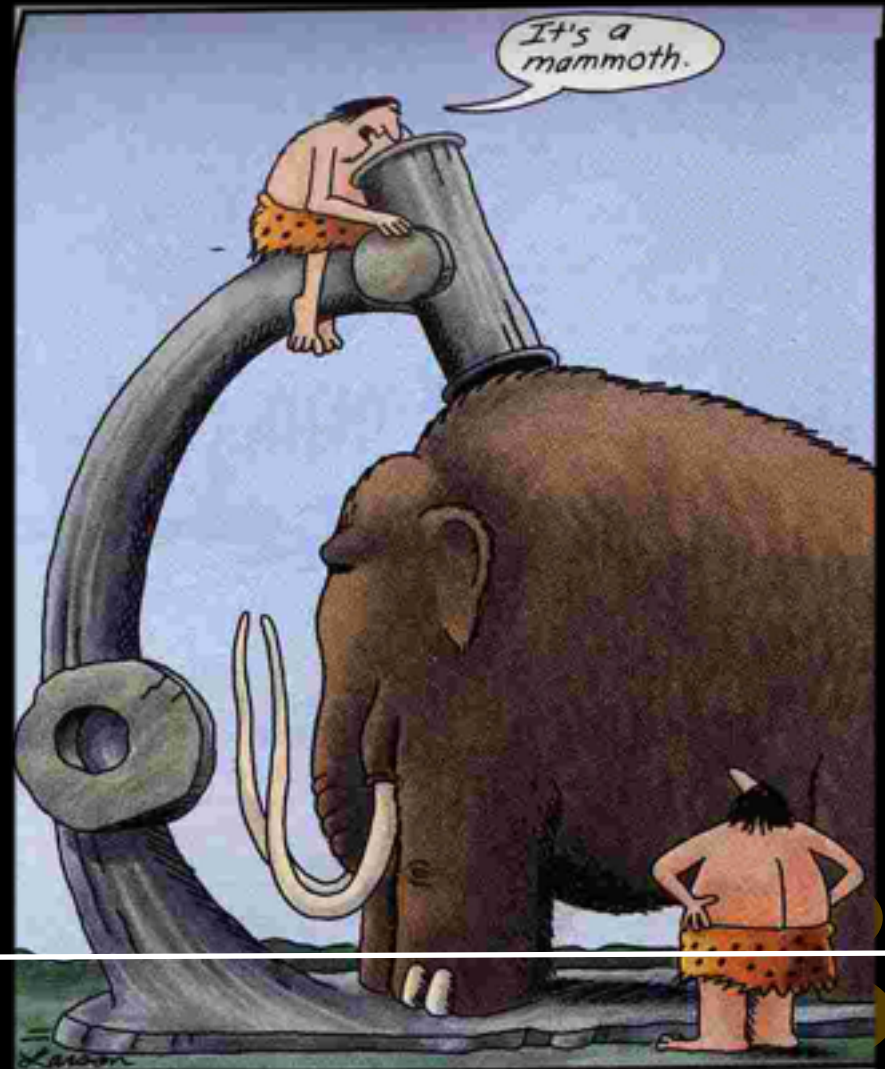


3D-SIM resolves  $\sim 8$ -fold smaller volumes than conventional (confocal) microscopes



Not only resolution matters, ...

What could this be?

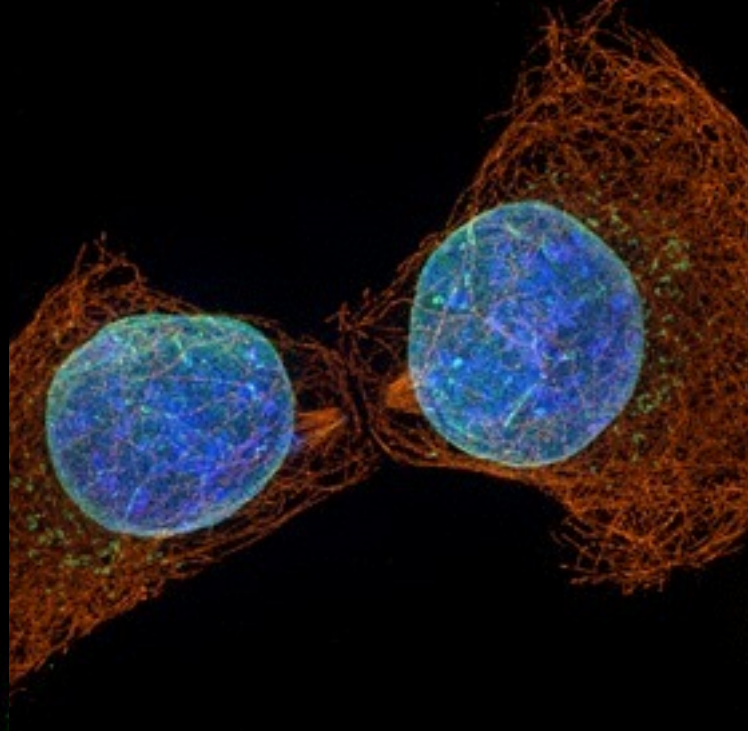
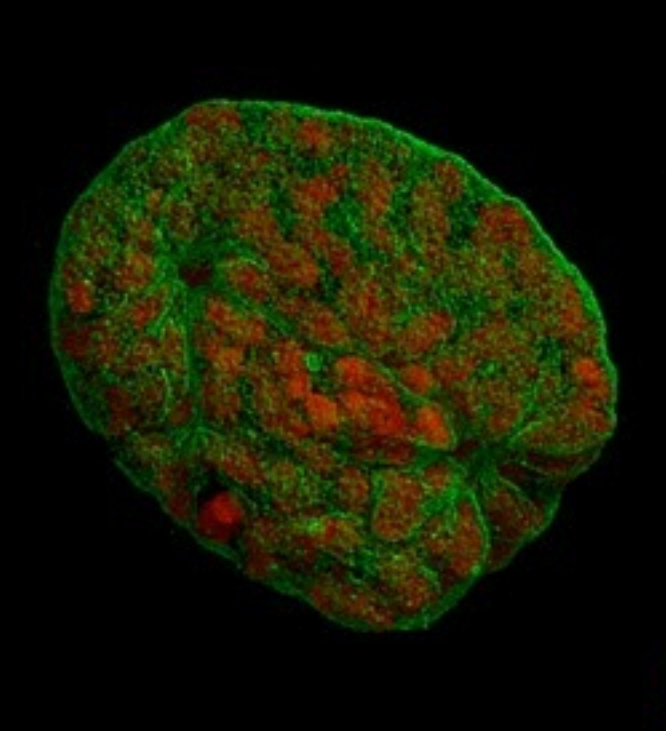
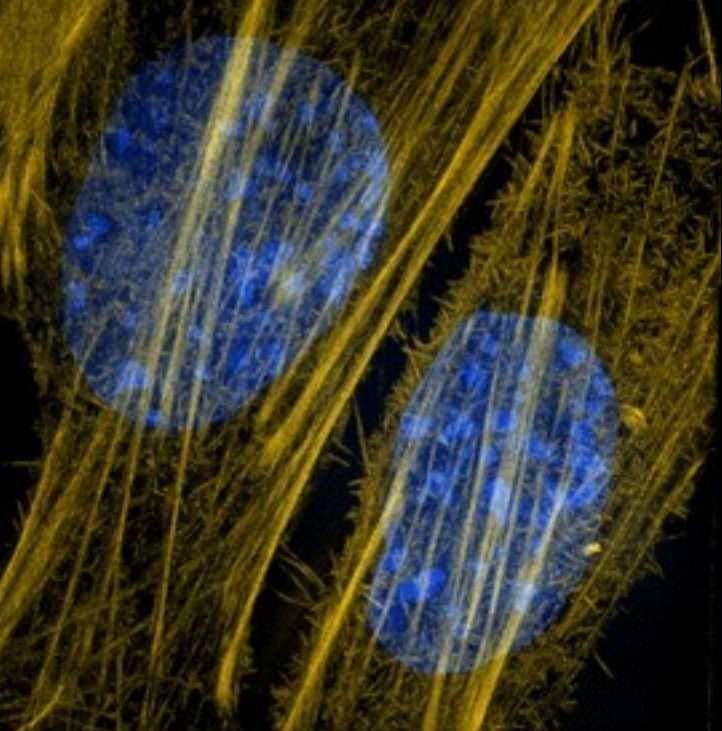


3D information (z-res., optical sectioning, z-depth) !

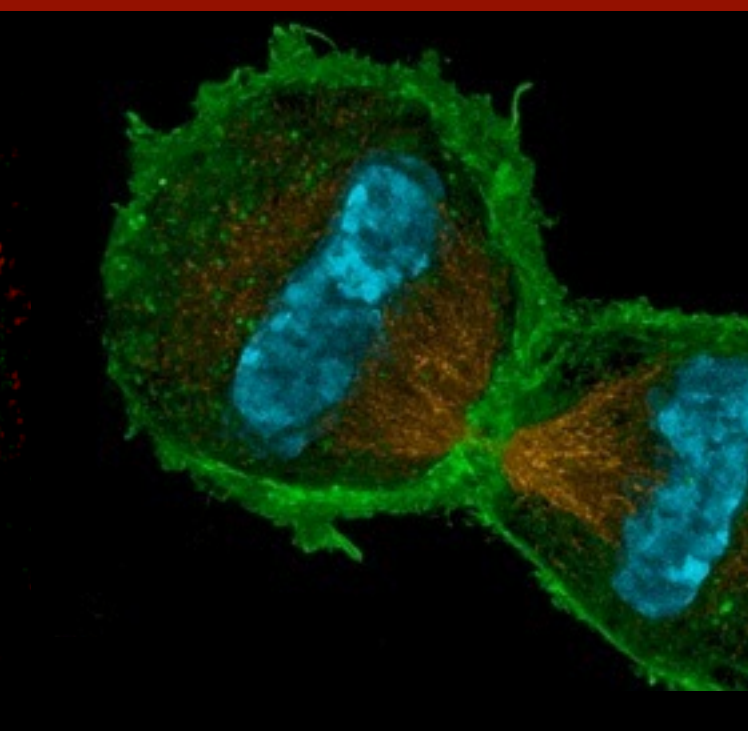
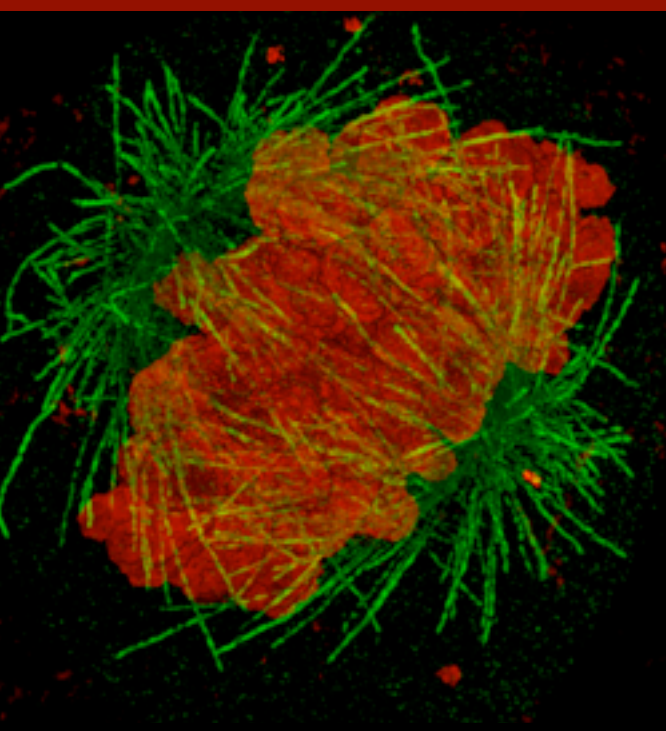
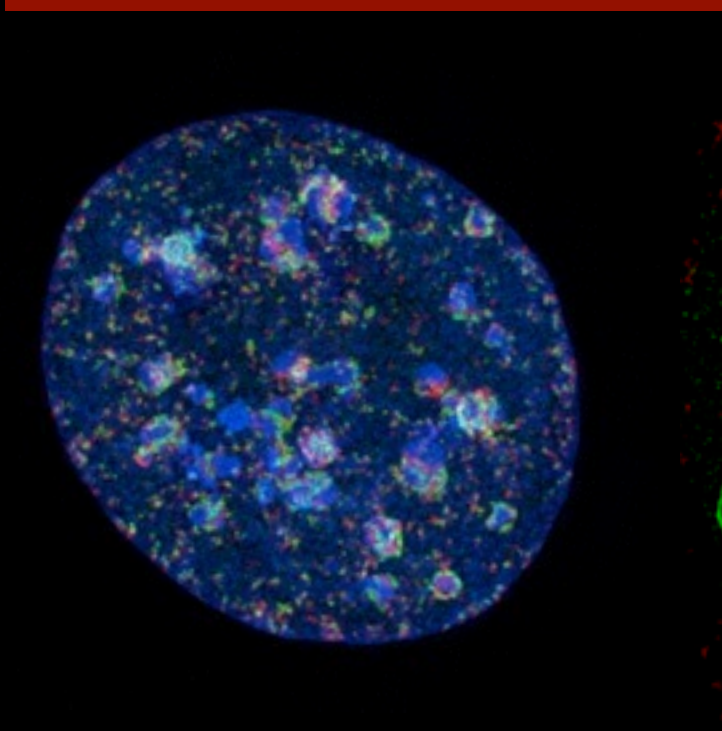
# Not only resolution matters, but also context (II)



Prague National Museum



3D-SIM: 3-color • 3D optical sectioning • 8x enhanced volumetric resolution • 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$  depth

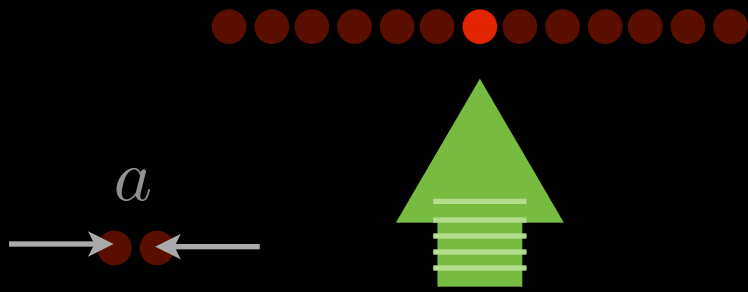


How does it work?

# The basic principle: Abbe's view

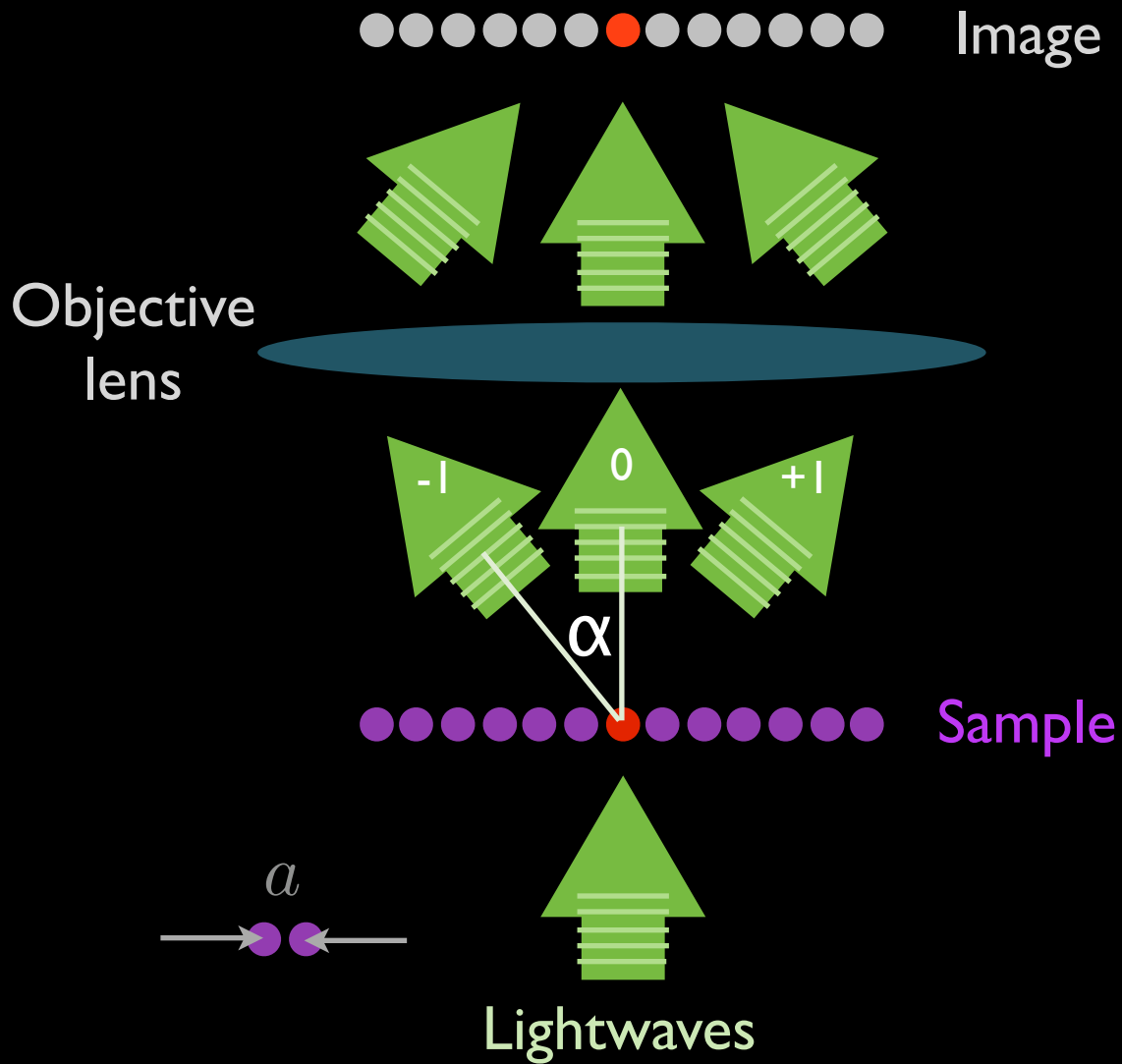
Sample = Structure

→ Periodicity

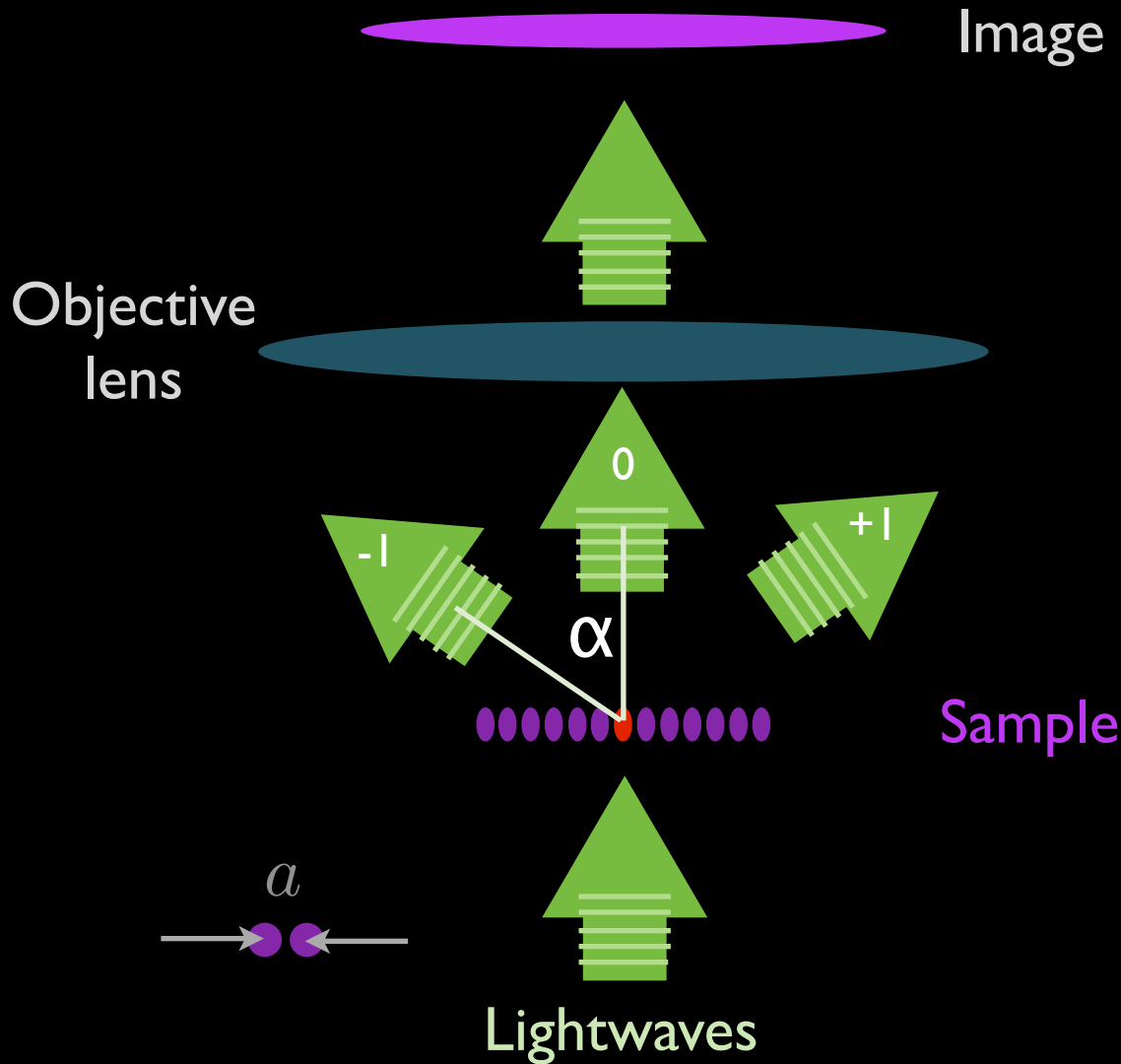


[http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernst\\_Abbe](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernst_Abbe)

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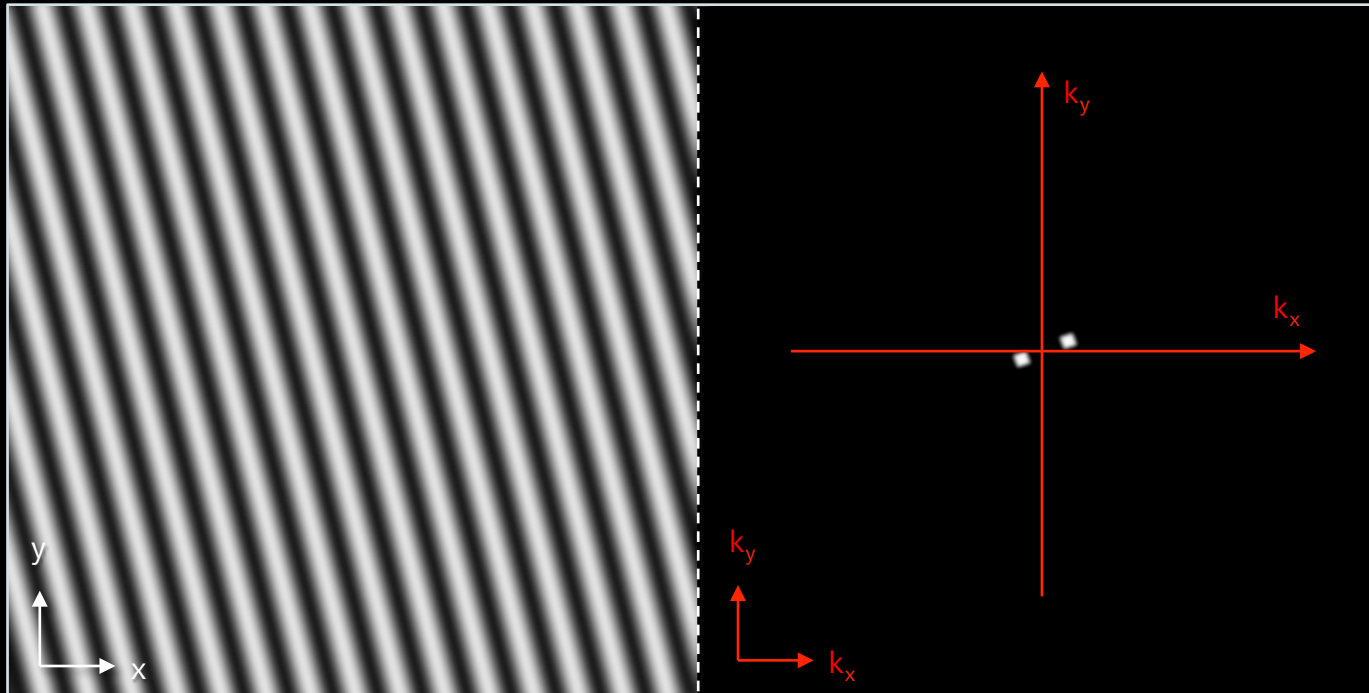
highest frequencies  
(biggest  $\alpha$ )



smallest structures

# Image = superposed periodicities

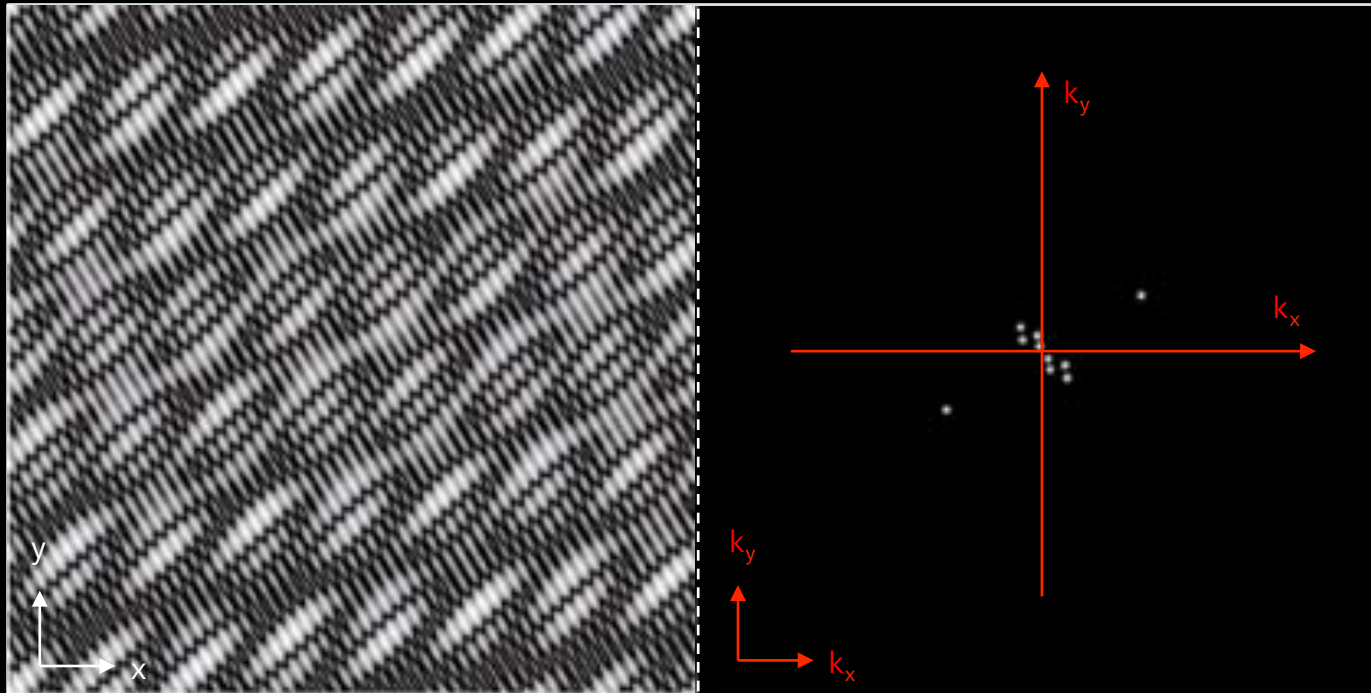
Real space  $(xy)$   $\xrightarrow{\text{FFT}}$  Frequency space  $(k_x, k_y)$





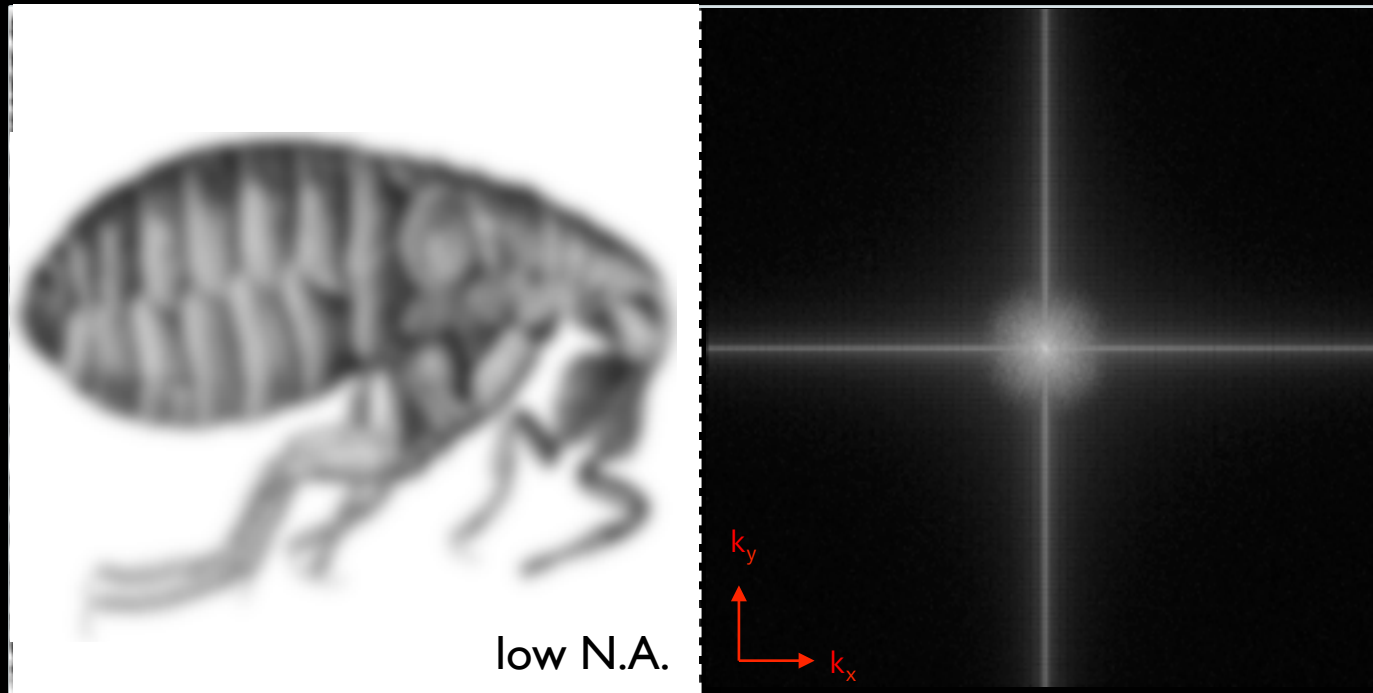
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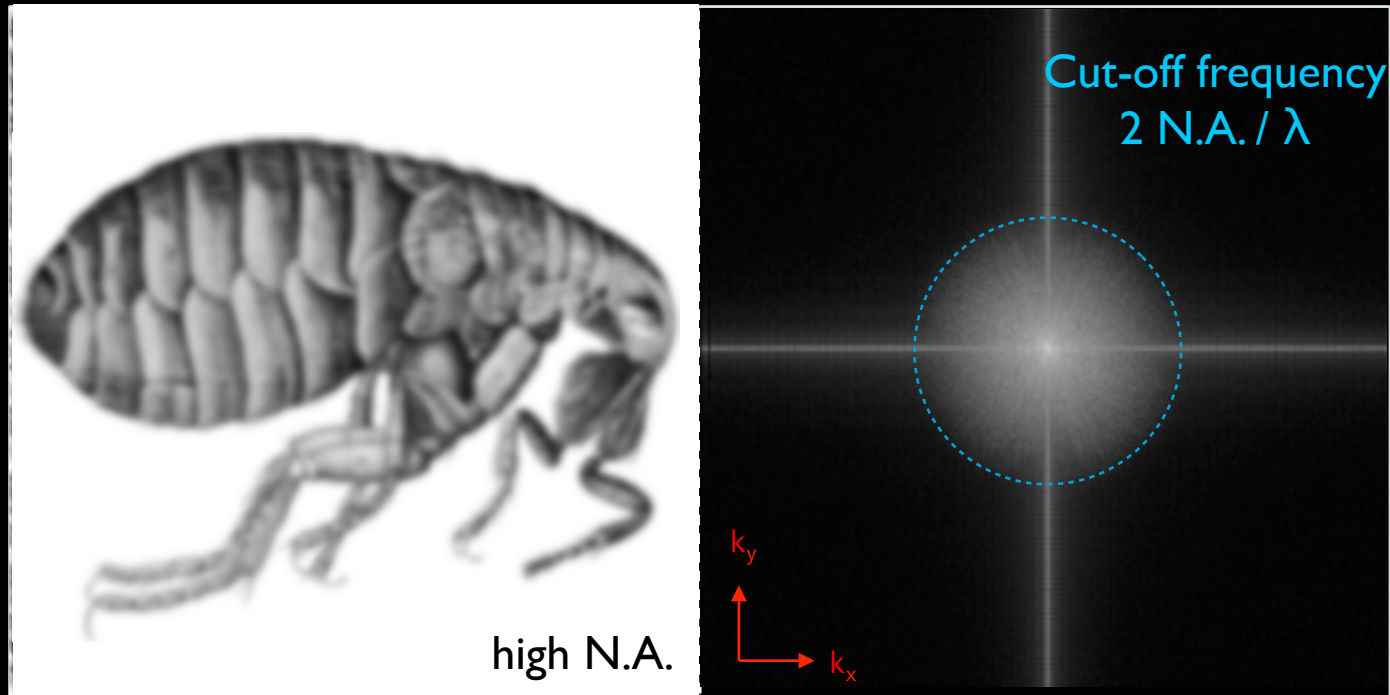
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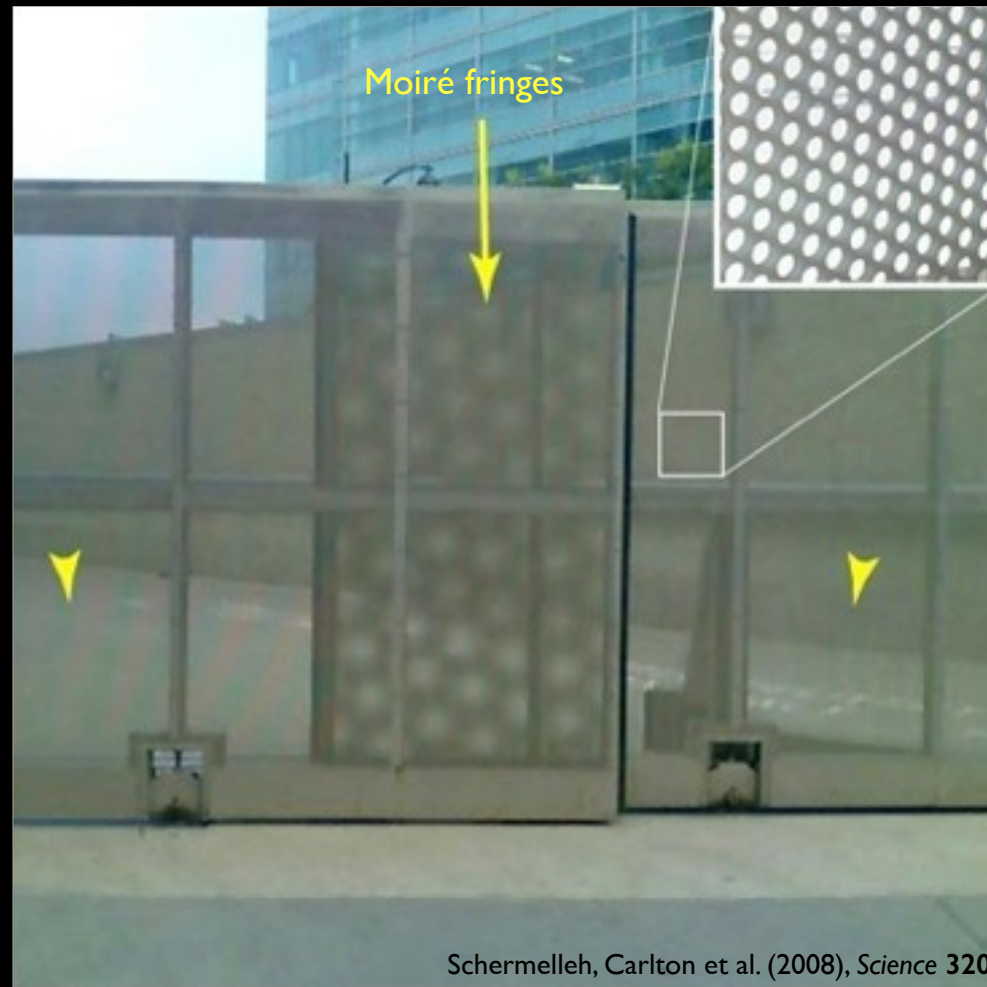


# Image = superposed periodicities

Real space  $(xy)$   $\xrightarrow{\text{FFT}}$  Frequency space  $(k_x, k_y)$



# SIM principle - super-resolution by Moiré interference



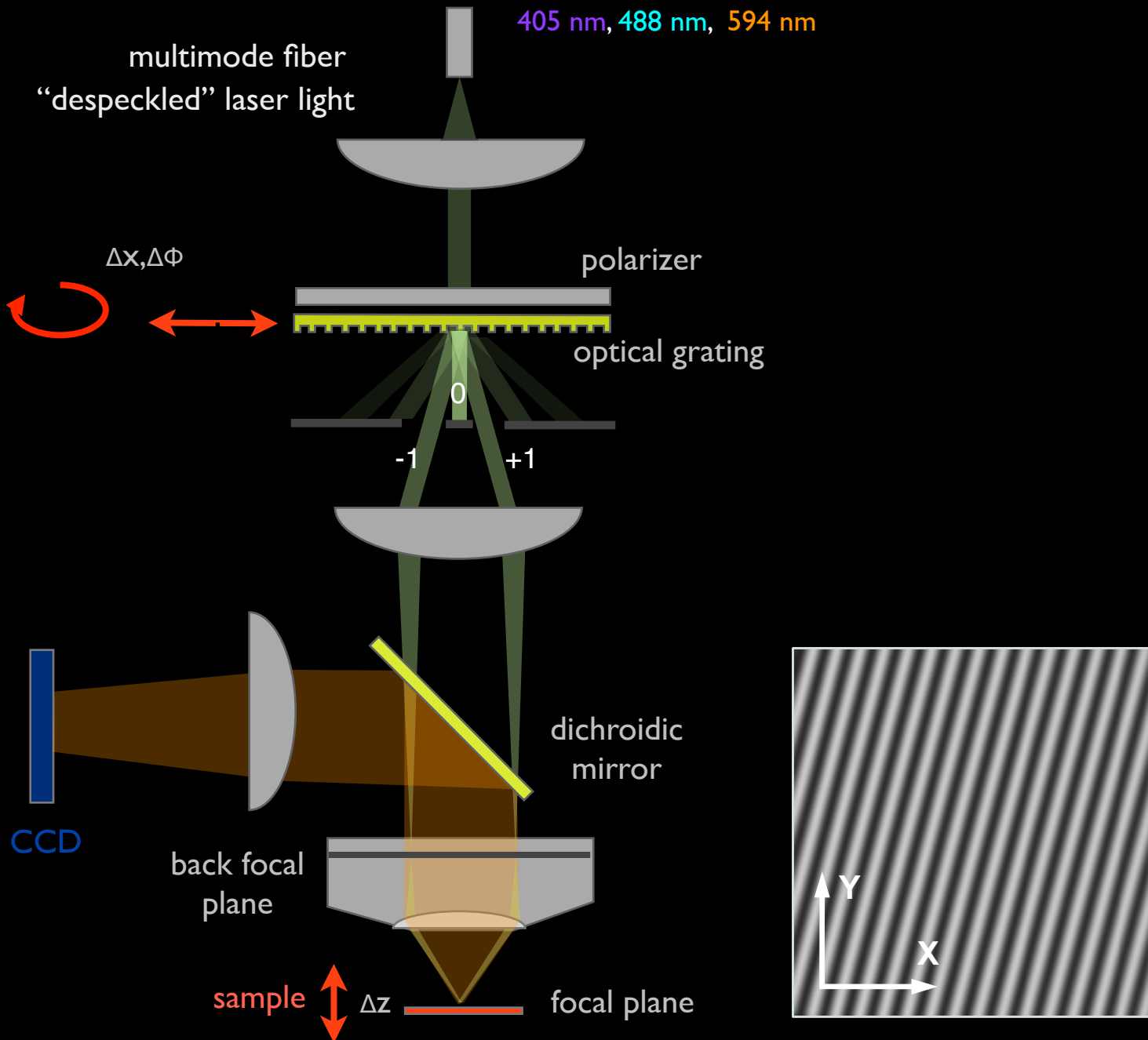
unknown structure

Fourier transform of  
the measured image

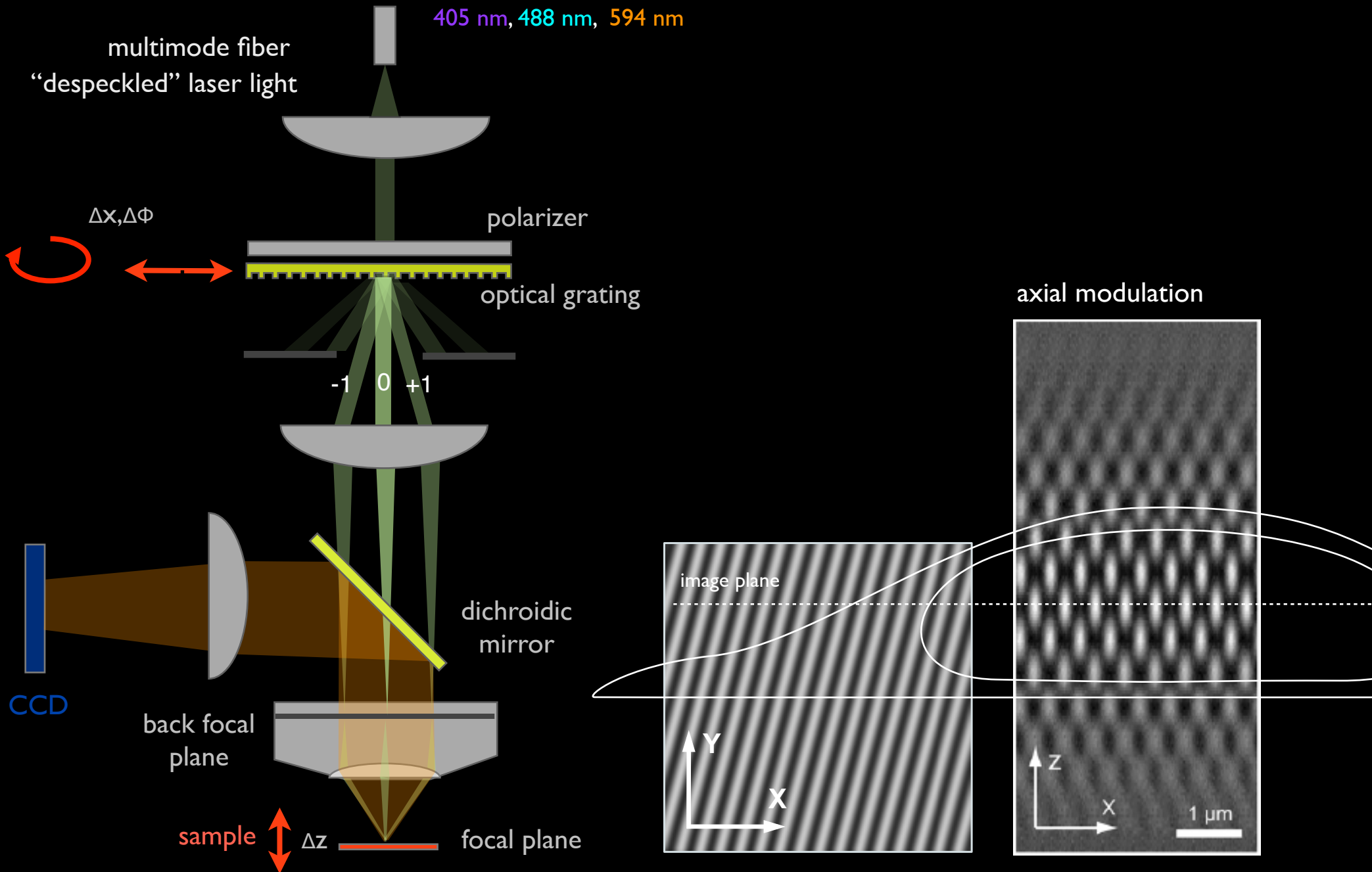
$$F\{f \times g\} = F\{f\} \otimes F\{g\} \longrightarrow F\{f\} = F\{f \times g\} \otimes^{-1} F\{g\}$$

known illumination function

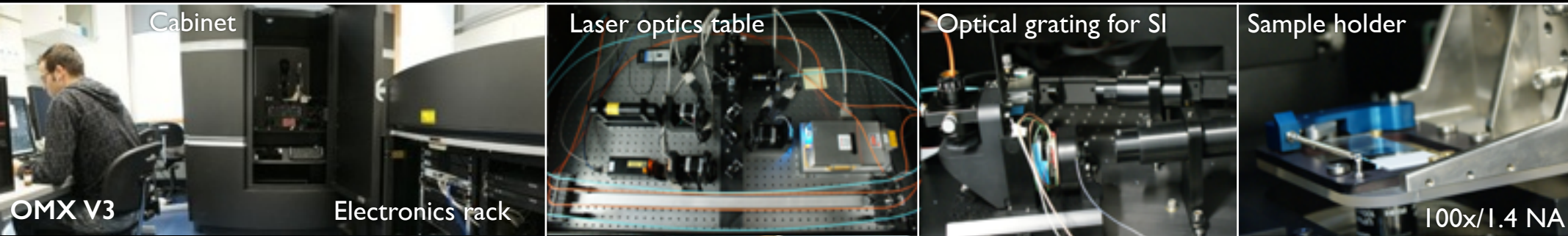
# Generating 2D-structured illumination



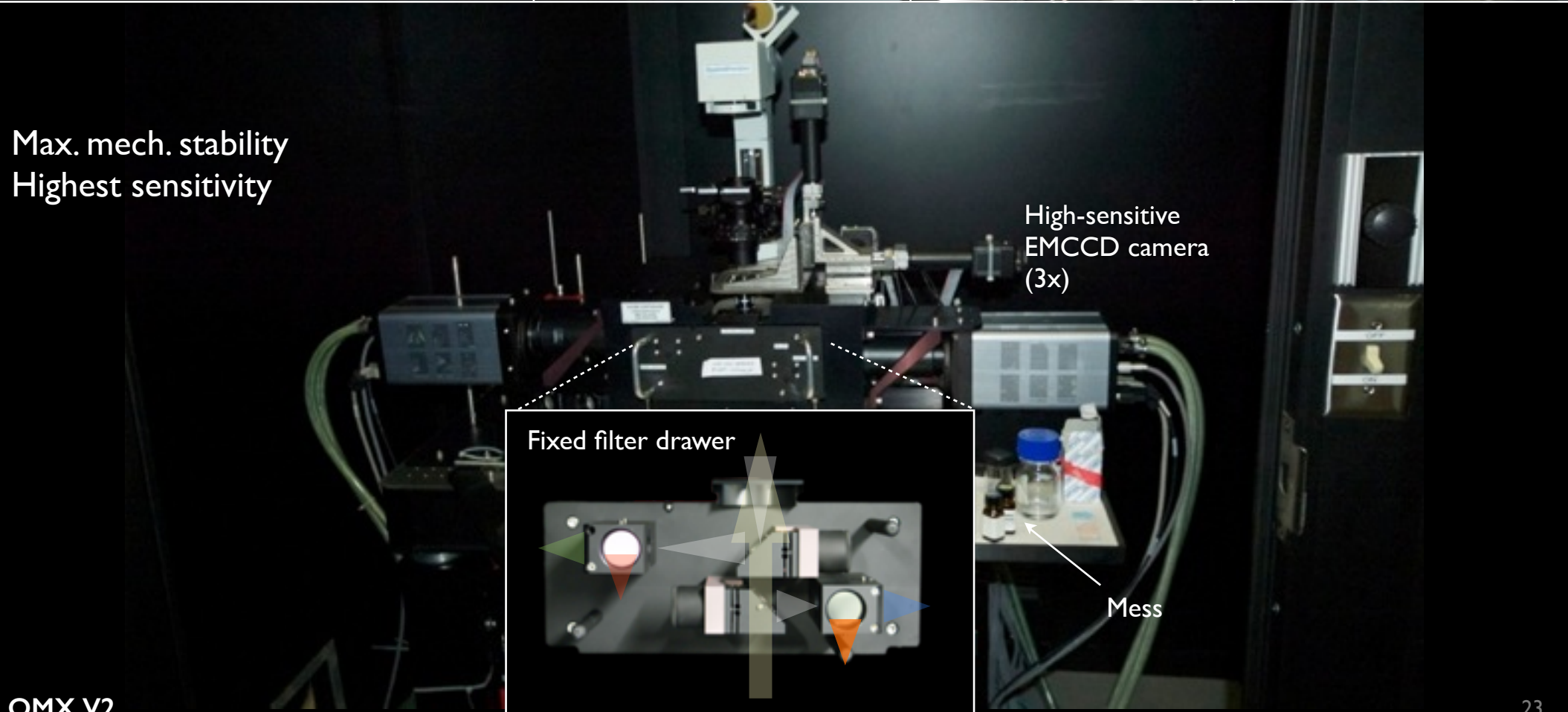
# Generating 3D-structured illumination



# OMX 3D-SIM microscope system



Max. mech. stability  
Highest sensitivity



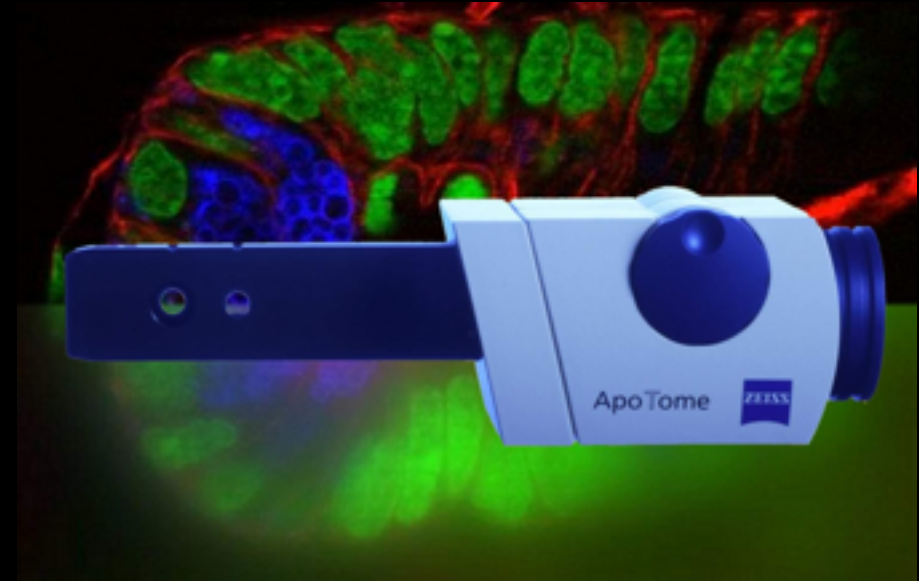
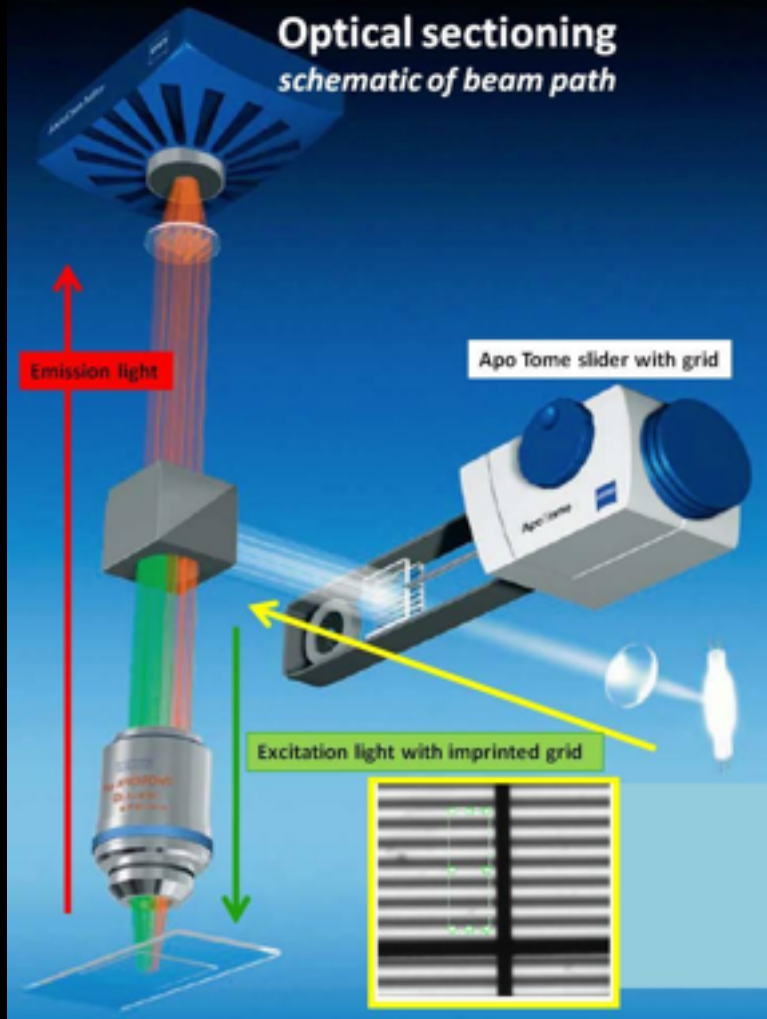
# 3D-SIM in practice

Raw SI data





# Conventional SIM: ApoTome uses coarse SI to remove out-of-focus blur



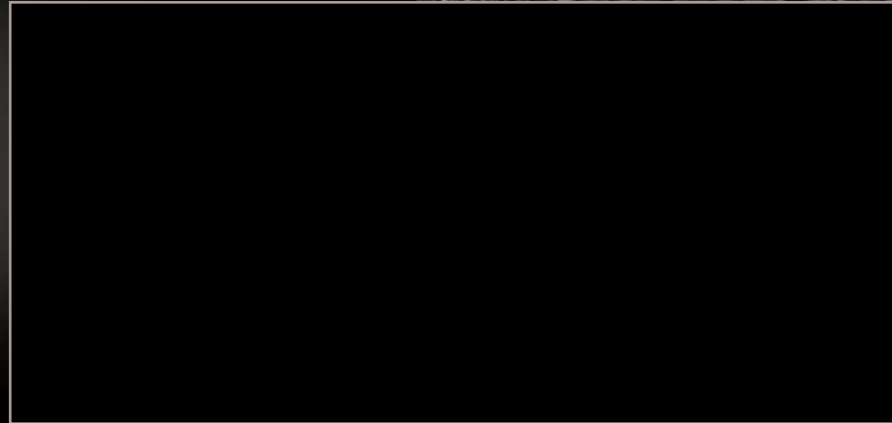
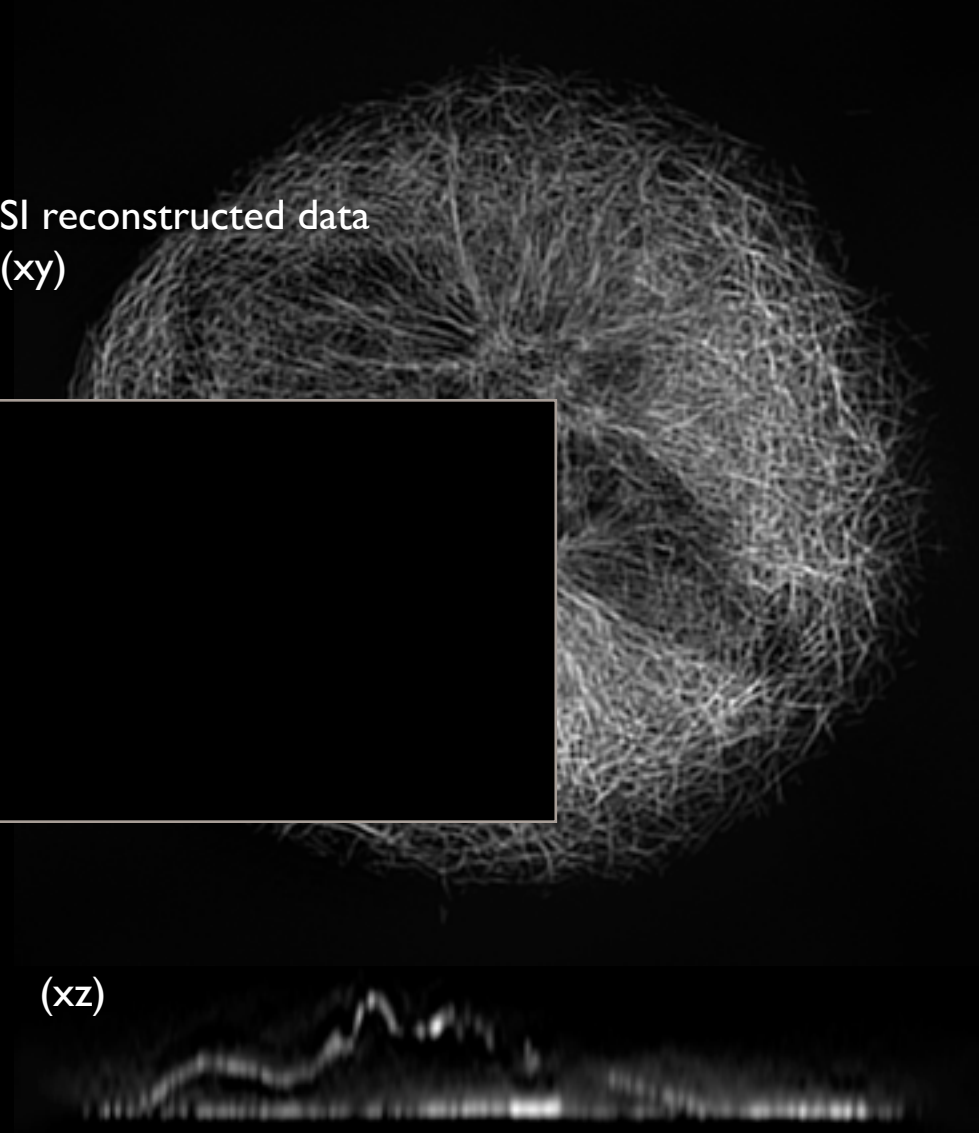
„Poor man's confocal“  
No super-resolution!

# 3D-SIM in practice

Raw SI data

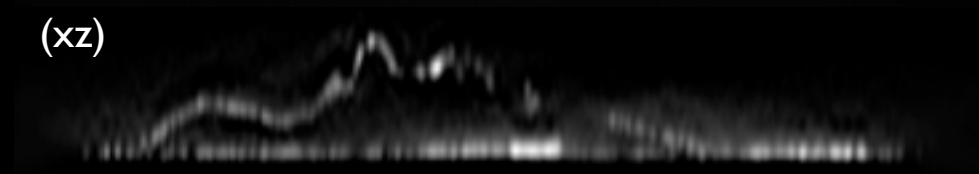


SI reconstructed data  
(xy)

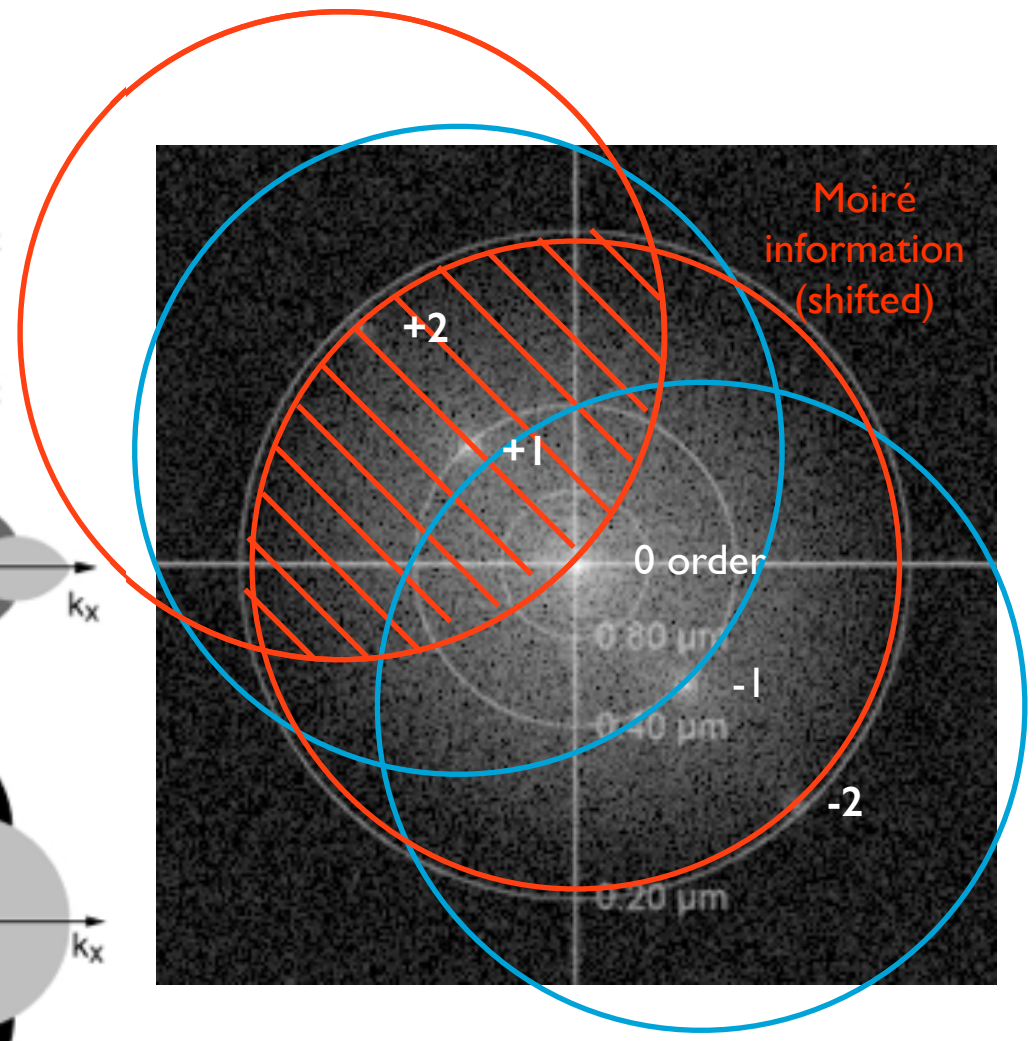
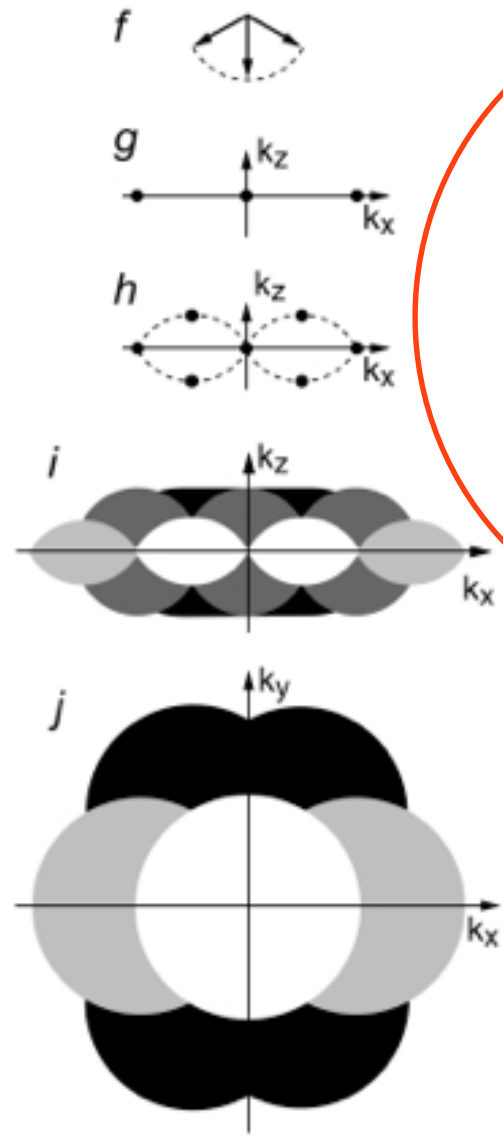
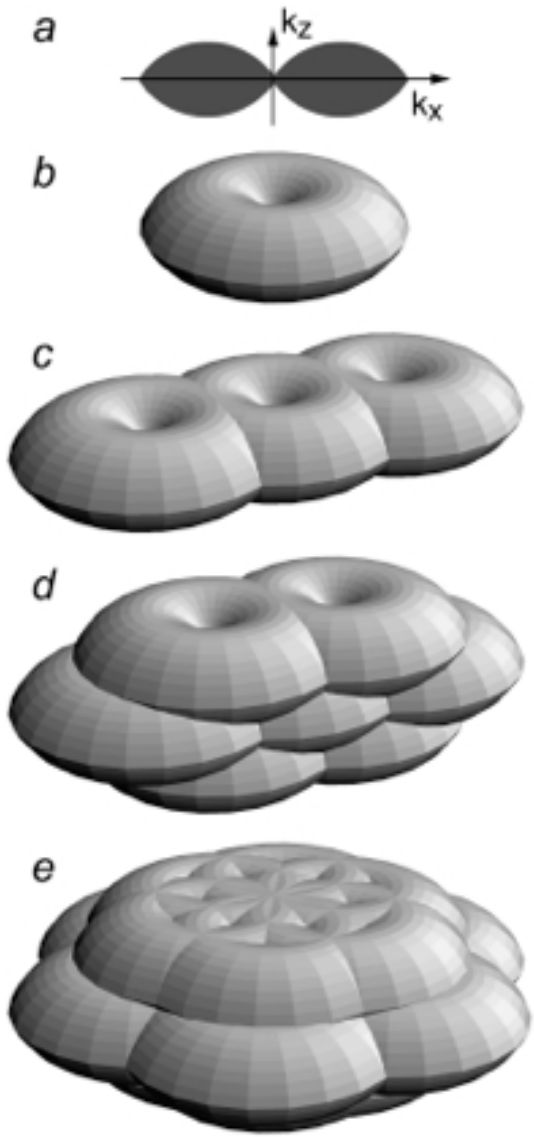


- ▶ 15 images / plane (5 phases + 3 angles)
- ▶ 135 images / 1  $\mu\text{m}$  z-stack /  $\lambda$
- ▶ Exposure time 1-100 ms

(xz)



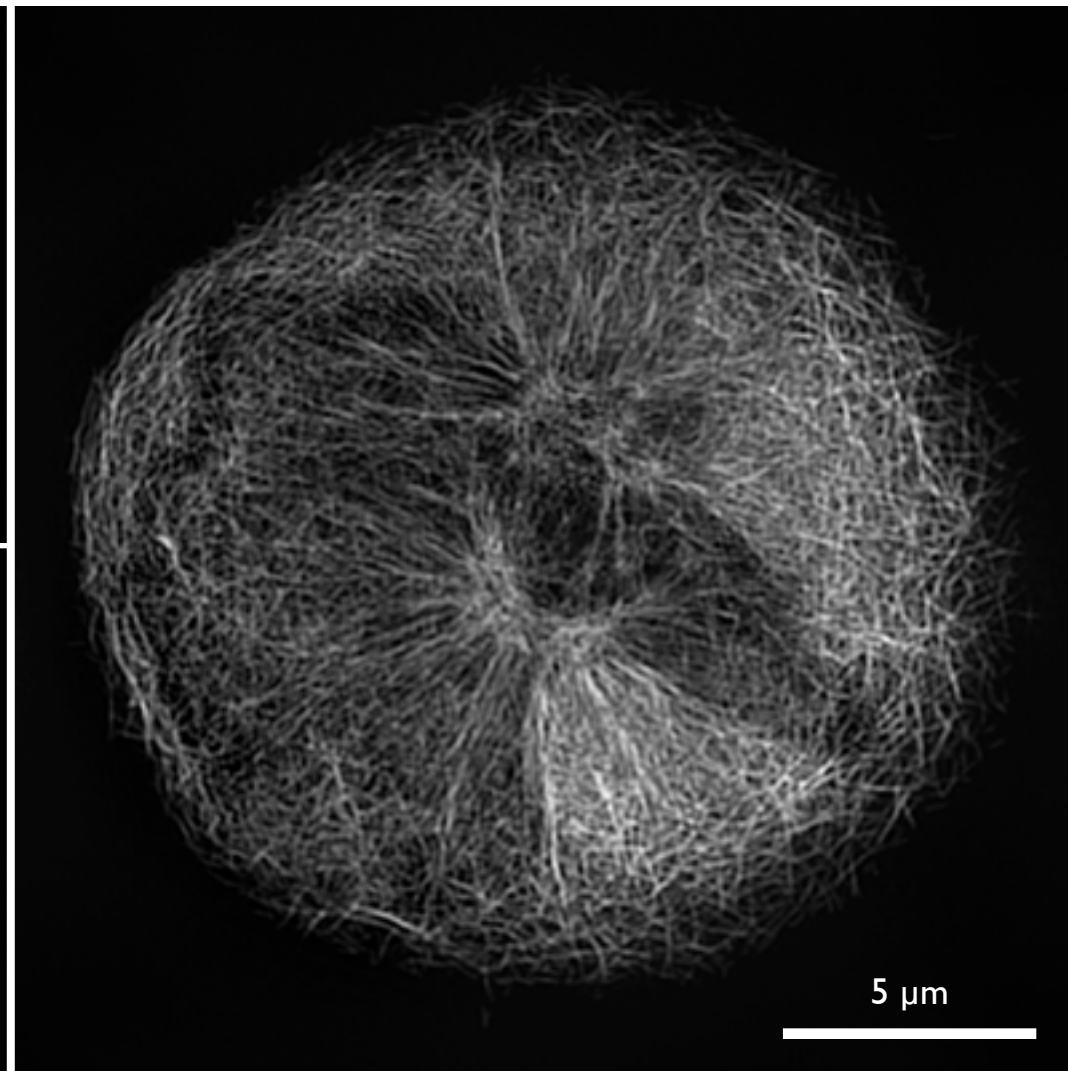
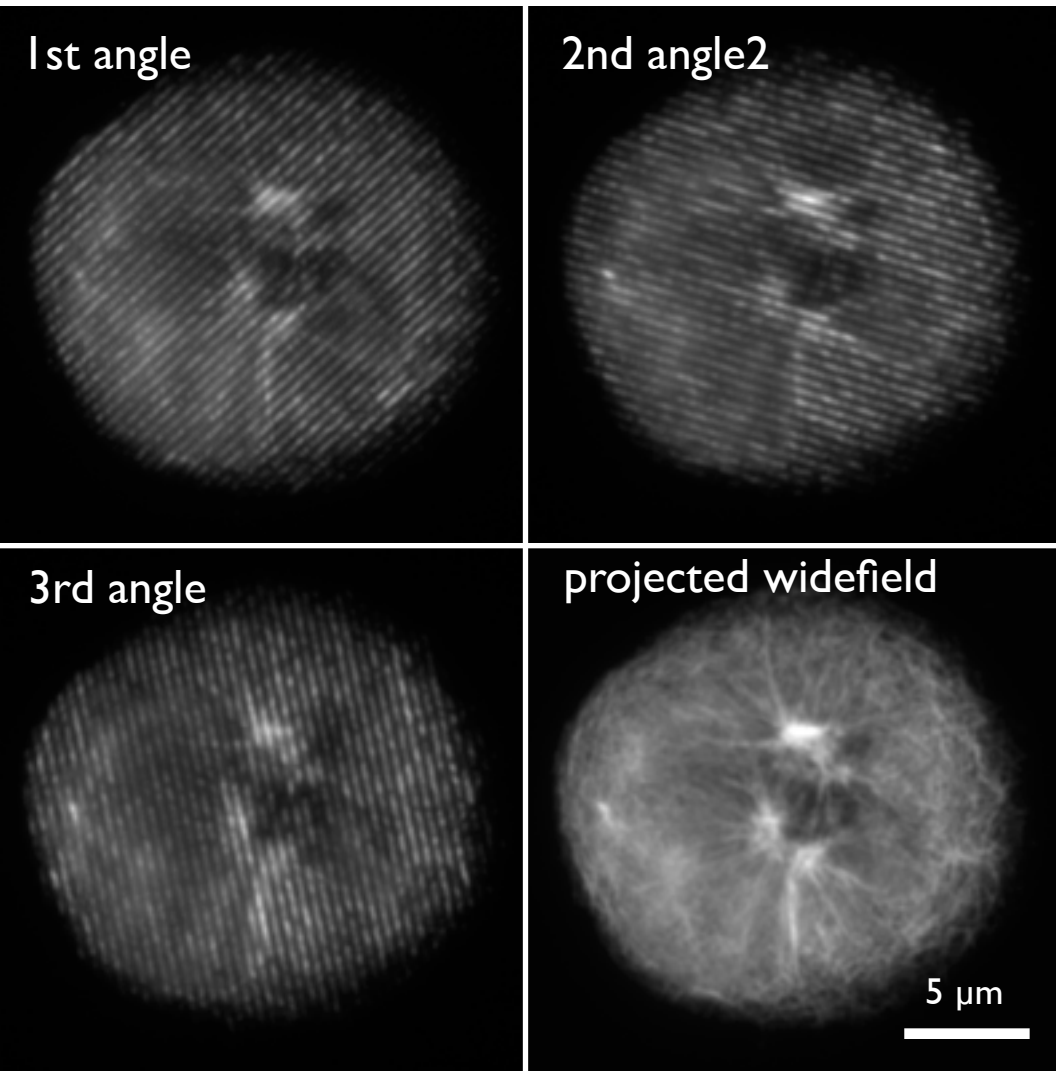
# Doubling frequency support by SI



# Doubling frequency support by SI

SI raw

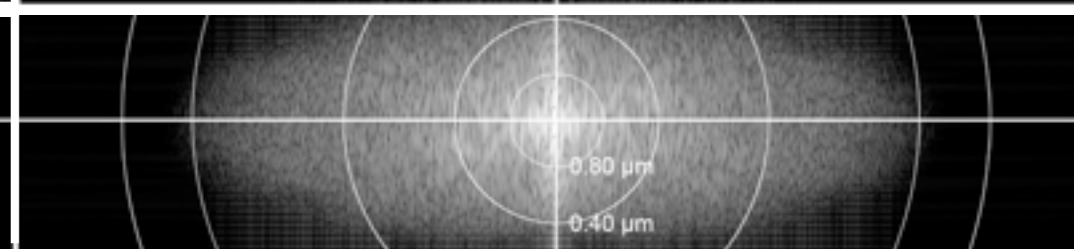
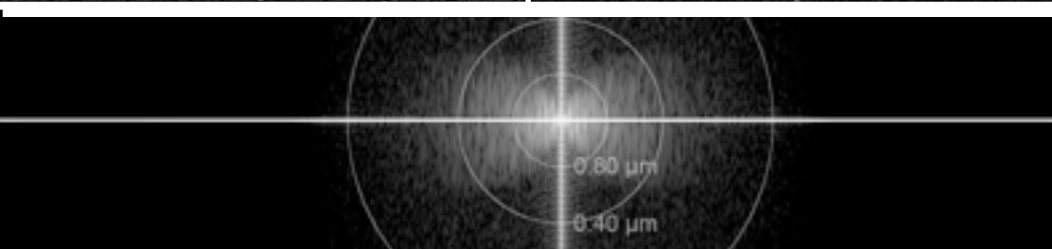
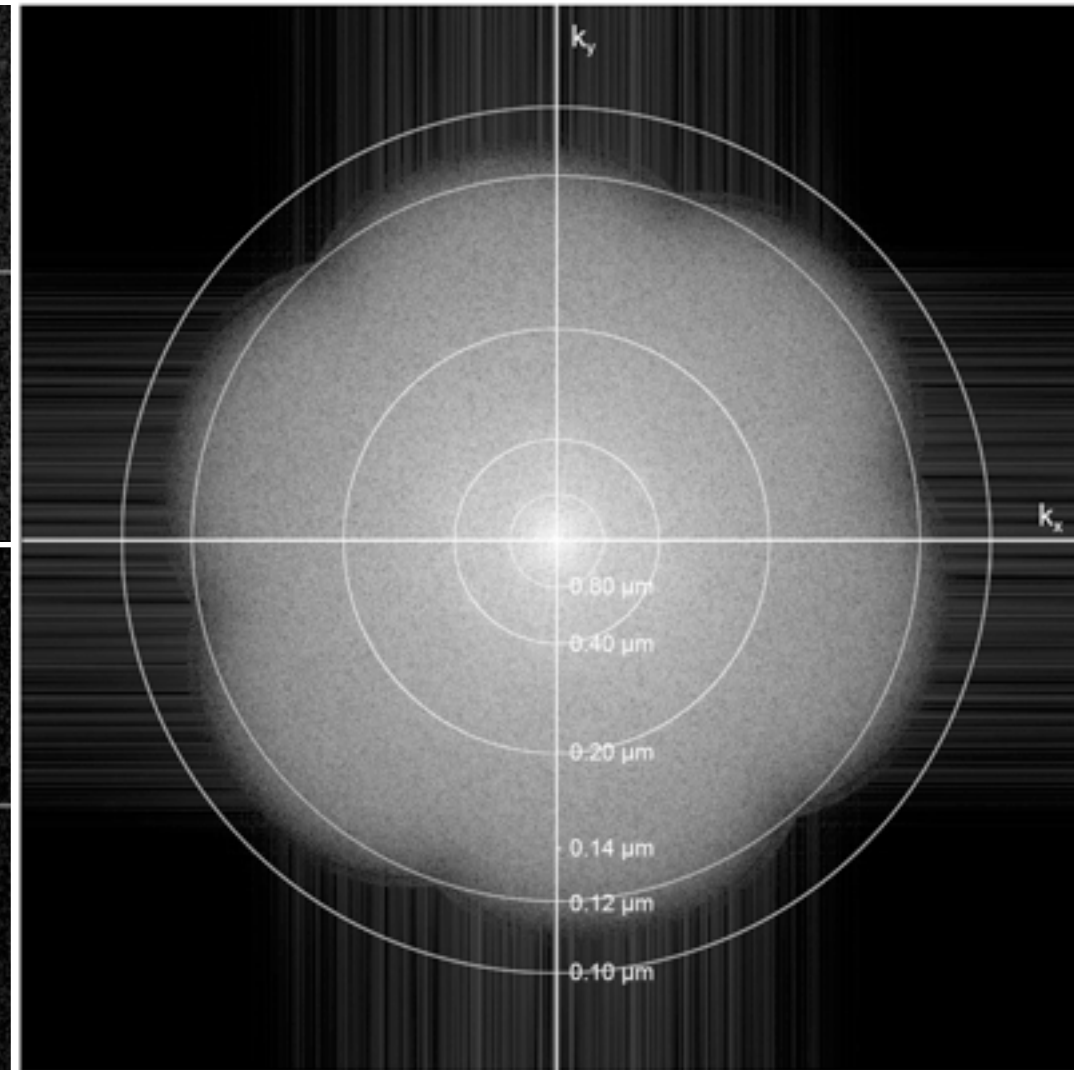
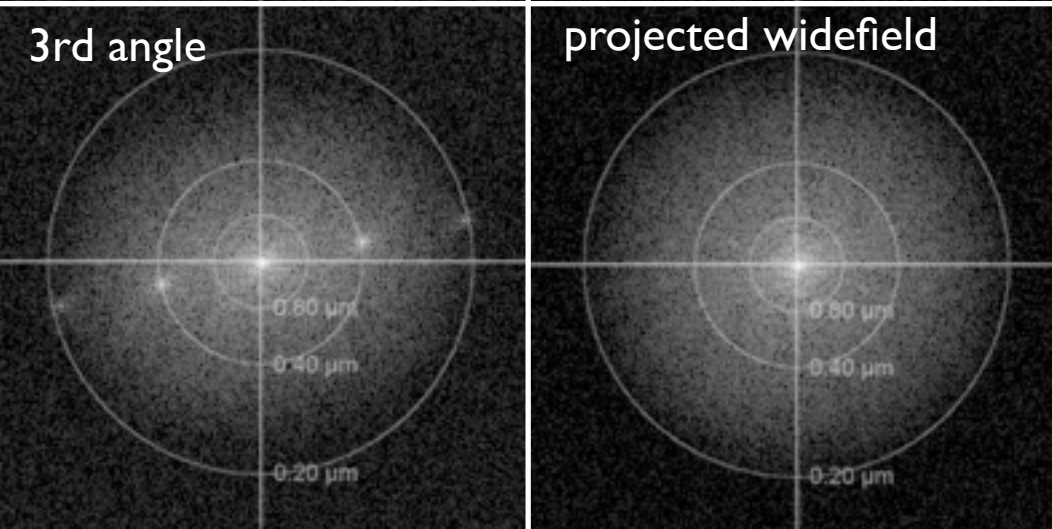
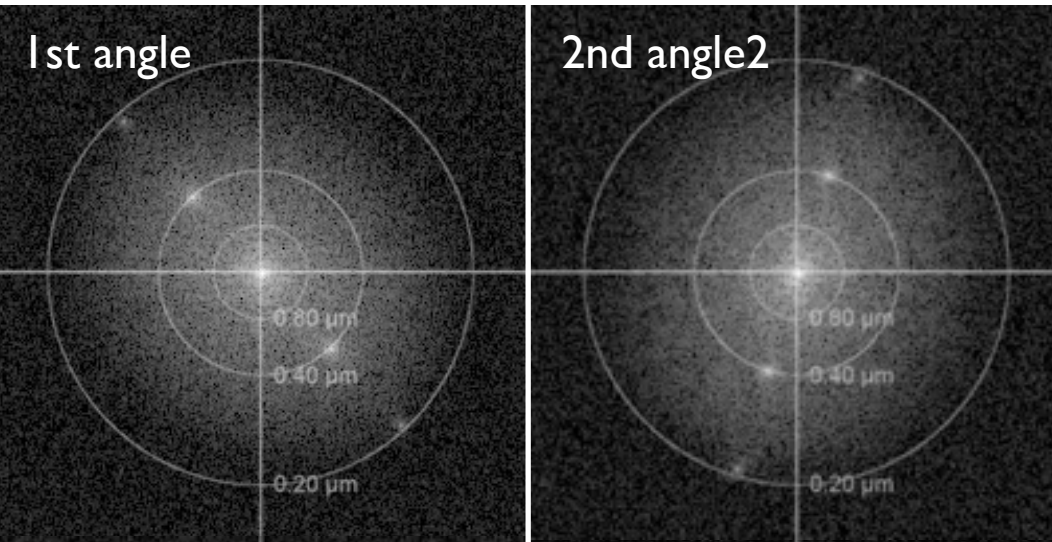
SI reconstructed



# Doubled frequency support = 2-fold resolution in $xy$ and $z$

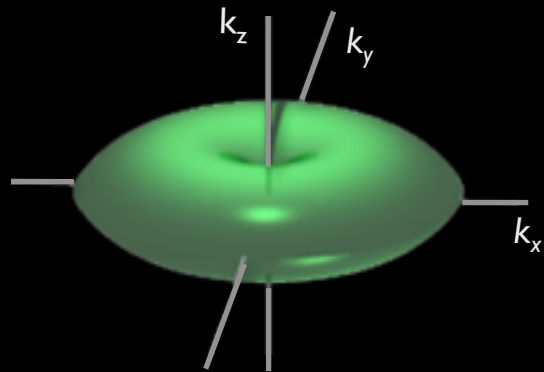
SI raw

SI reconstructed



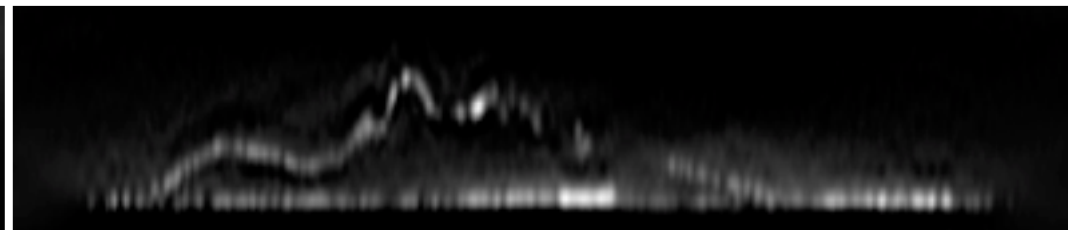
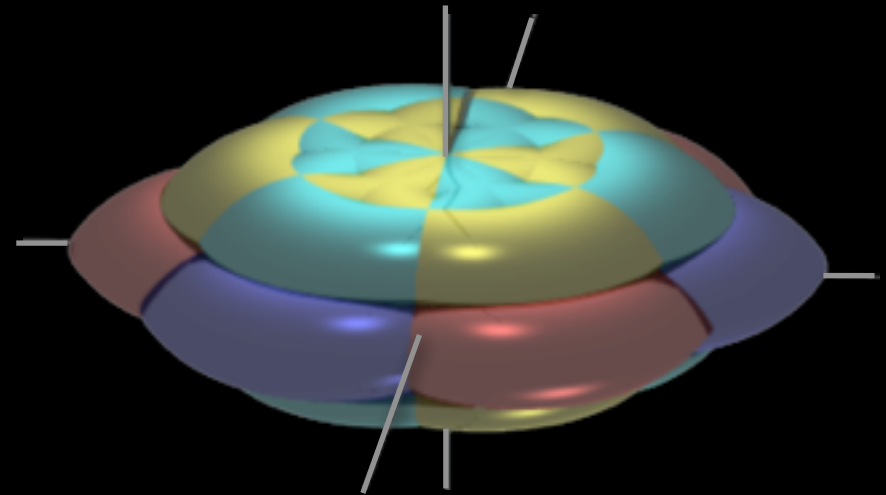
# Doubled frequency support = 2-fold resolution in $xy$ and $z$

Widefield



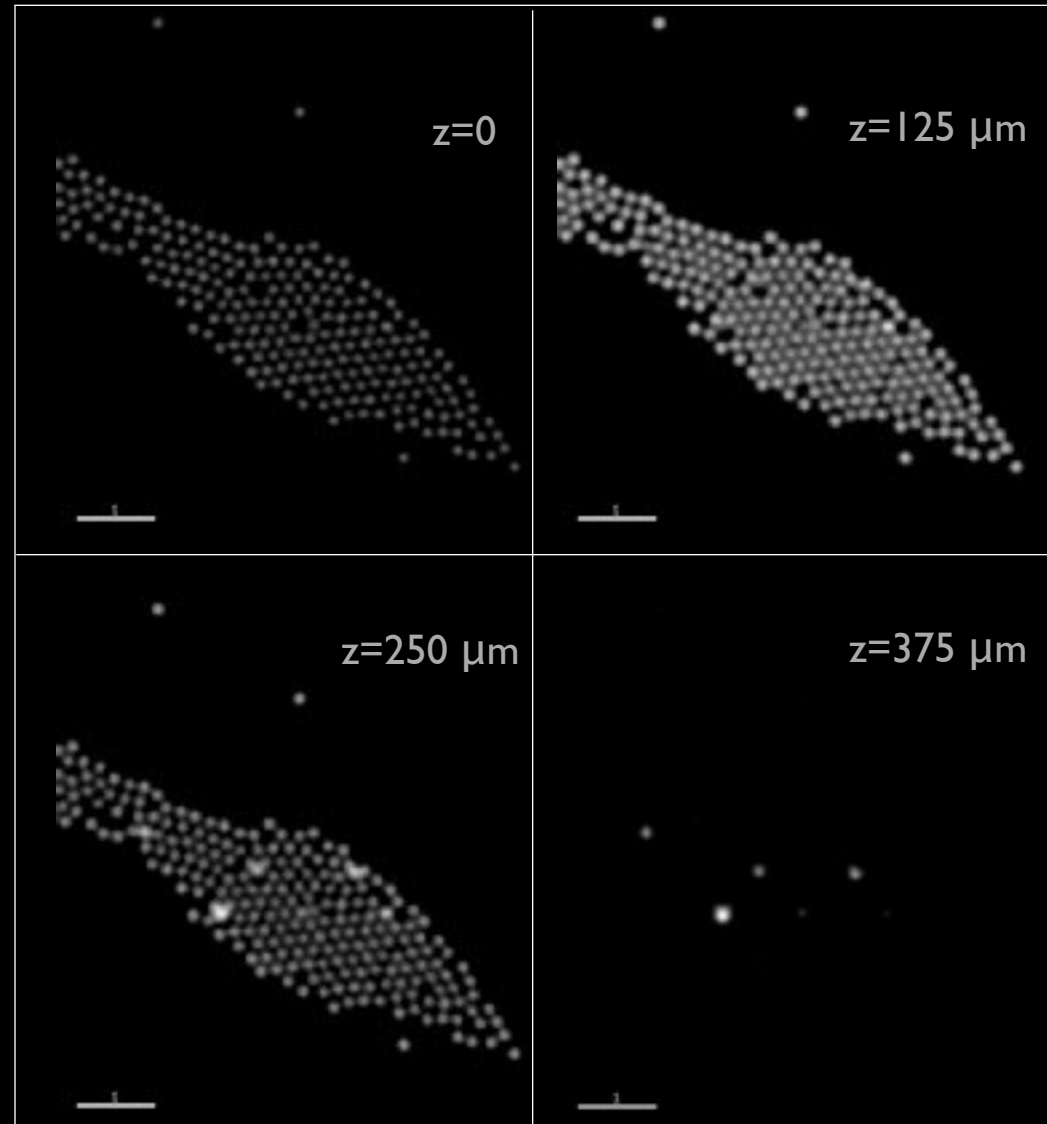
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5 phases, 3 angles  $\rightarrow$  optical sectioning with 2x2x2-fold frequency support



# 3D optical sectioning capacity

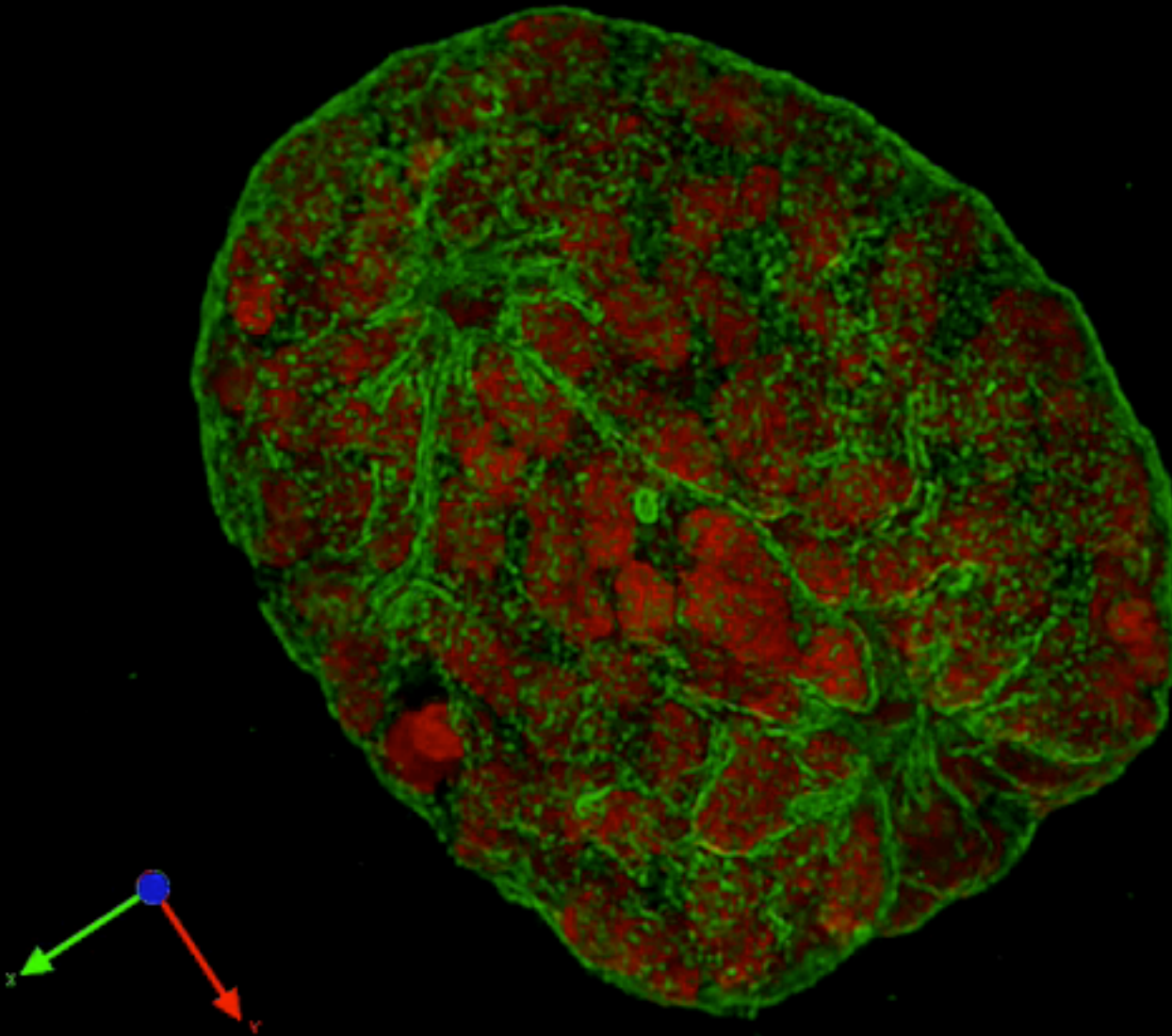
Example: 170 nm Fluospheres



# 3D SIM example: Prophase

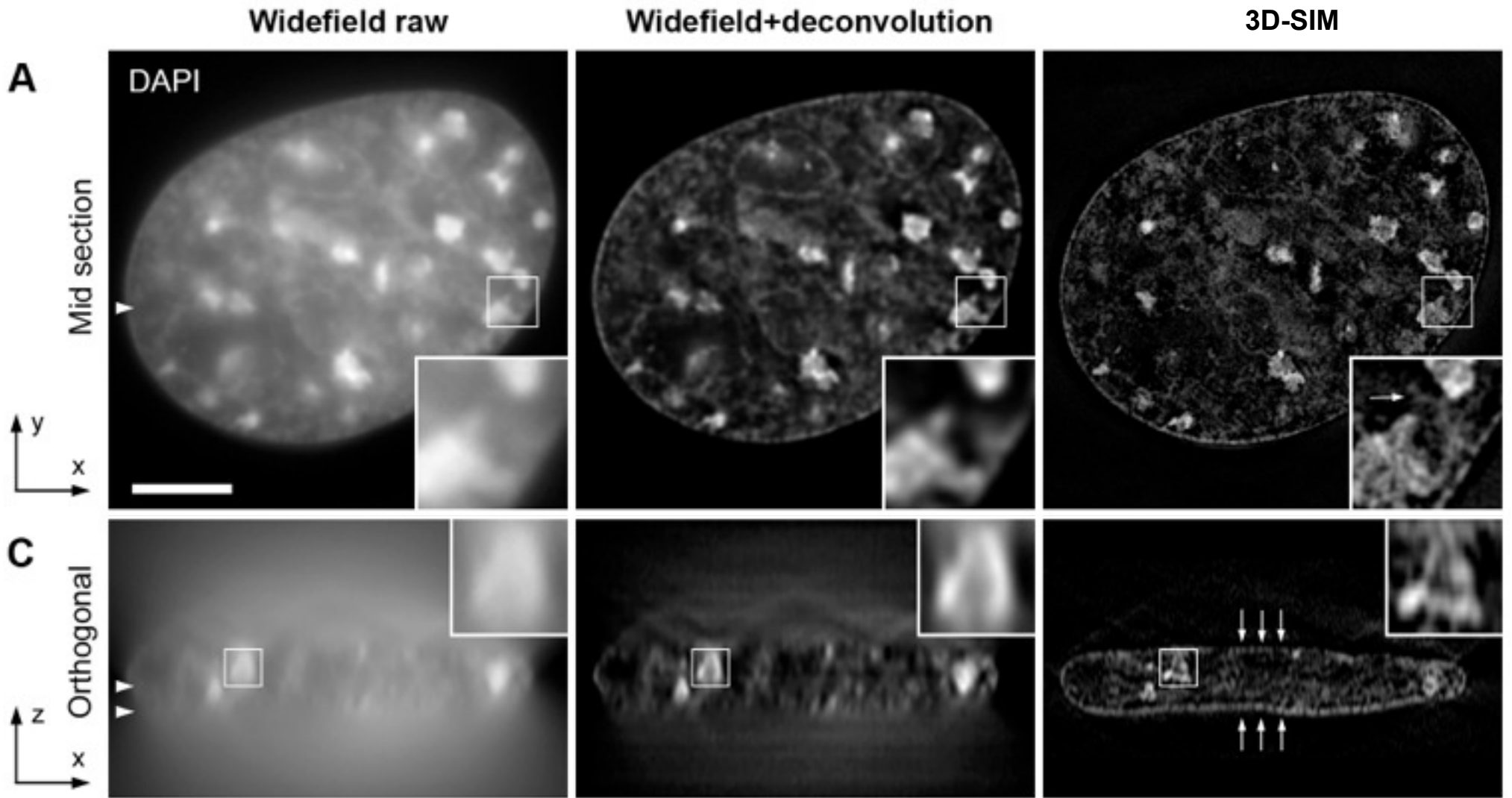
Lamin B  
DAPI

3D volume  
rendering

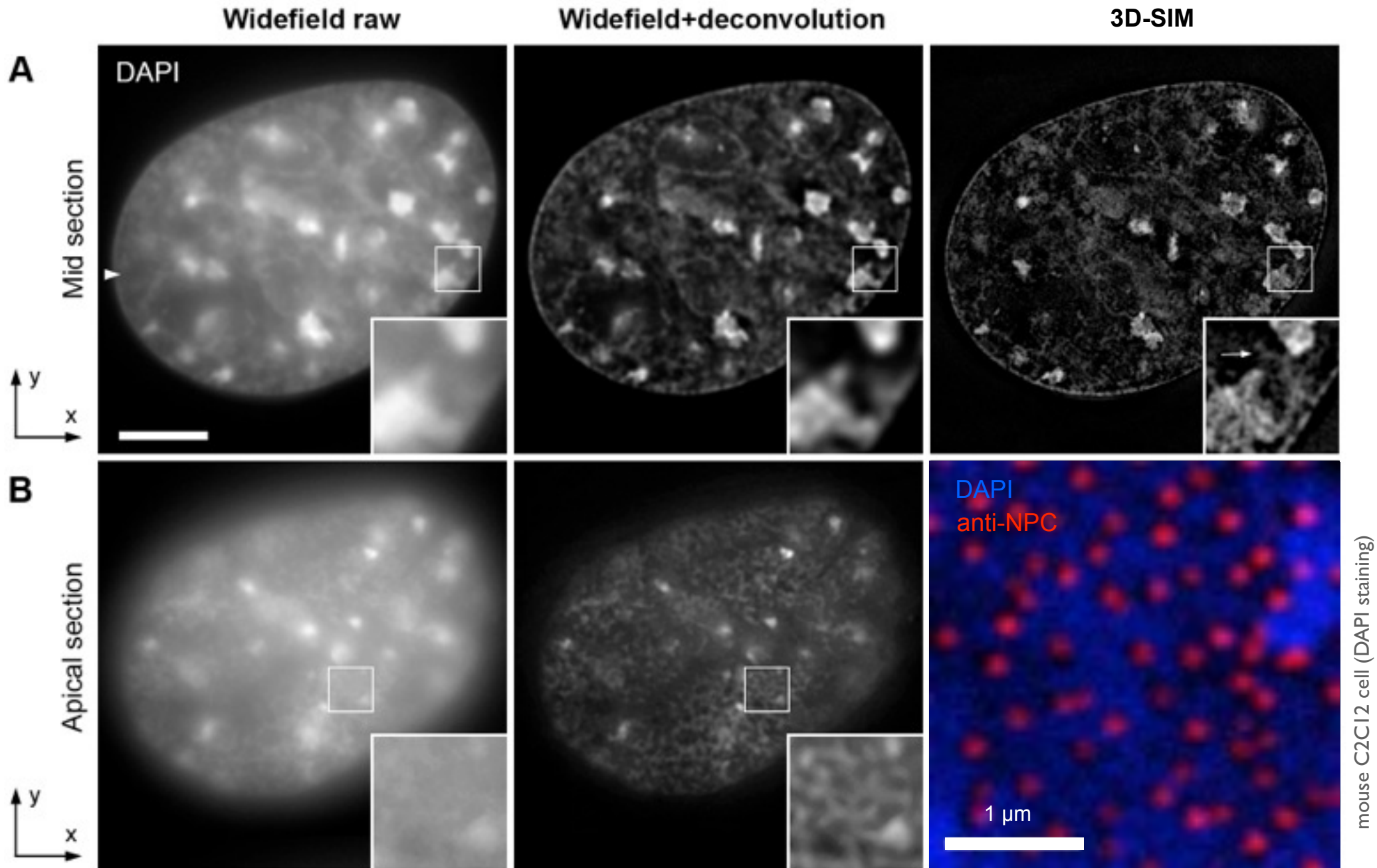




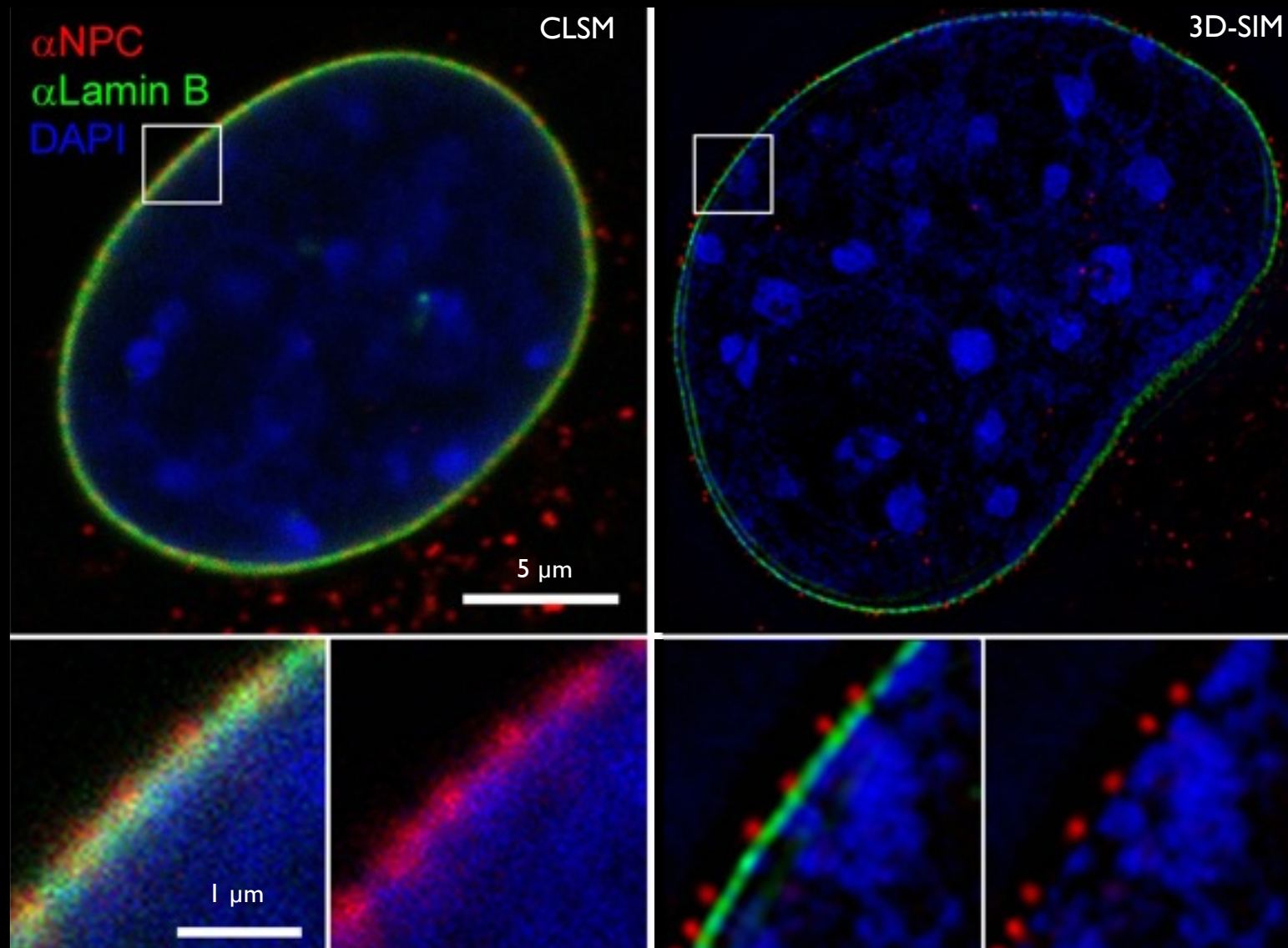
# 3D SIM example: chromatin



# 3D SIM example: chromatin



# 3D-SIM resolves chromatin domains and interchromatin channels, leading towards nuclear pores



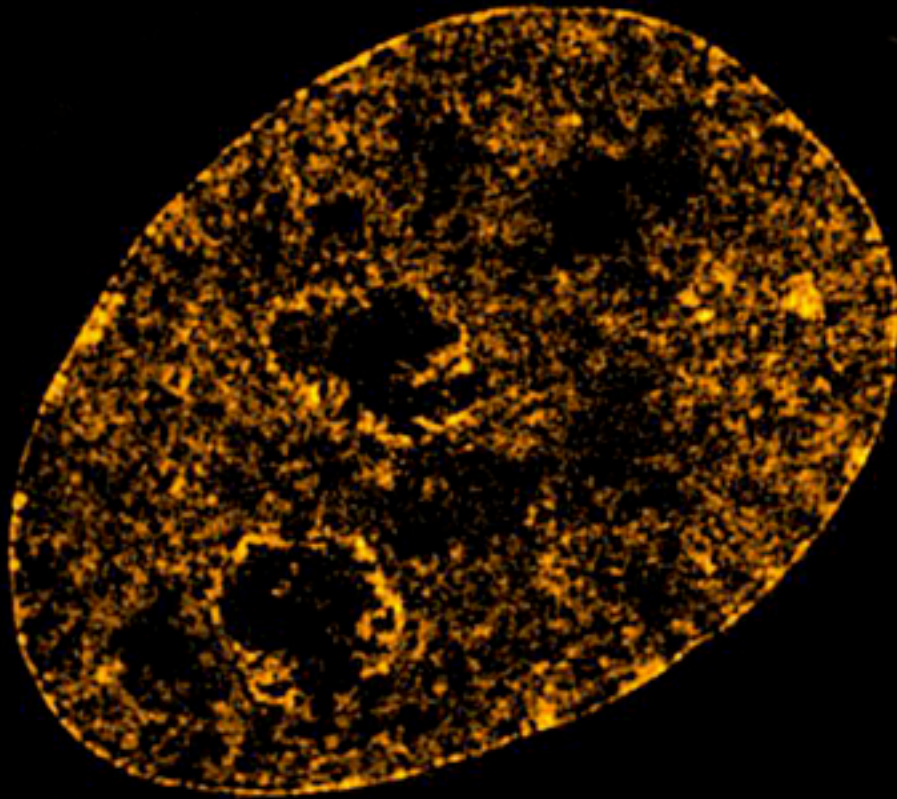
Mouse C2C12 cell

Can we go live?

# Live cell 3D-SIM with OMX Blaze

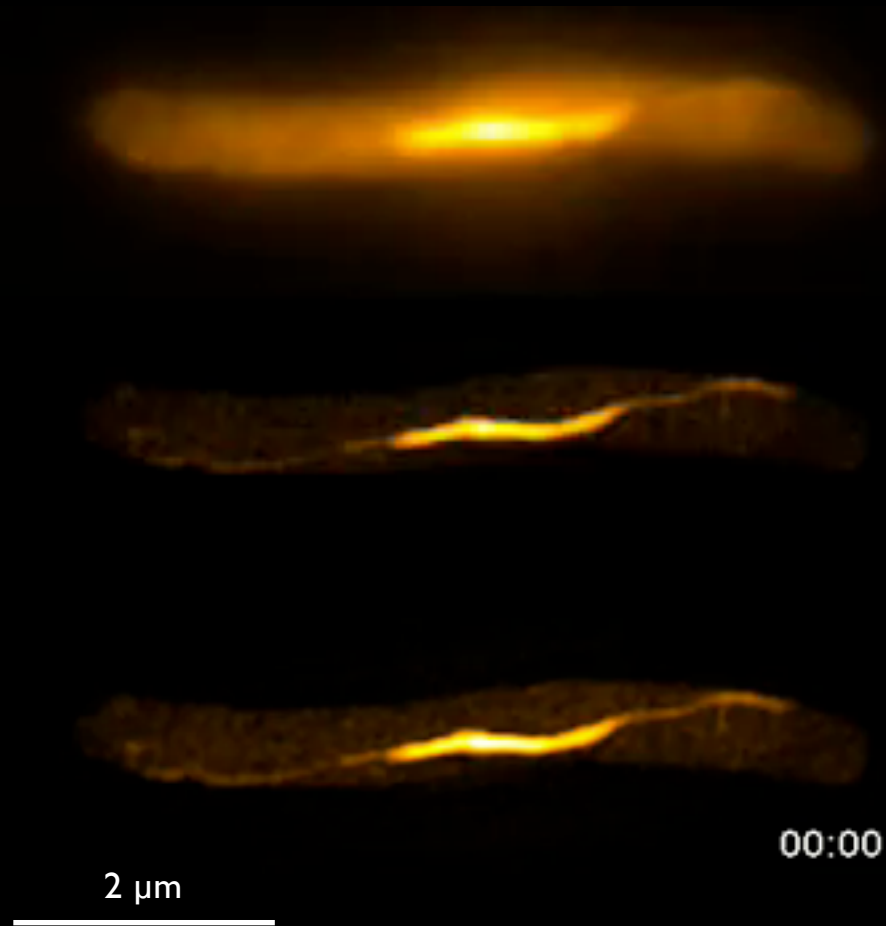
Inferometric pattern generation + sCMOS cameras → 10 x faster imaging

H2B-GFP (unfixed)



7  $\mu\text{m}$  z-stack (56 sections, 5 ms exposure)

RecA-GFP (*E.coli*)



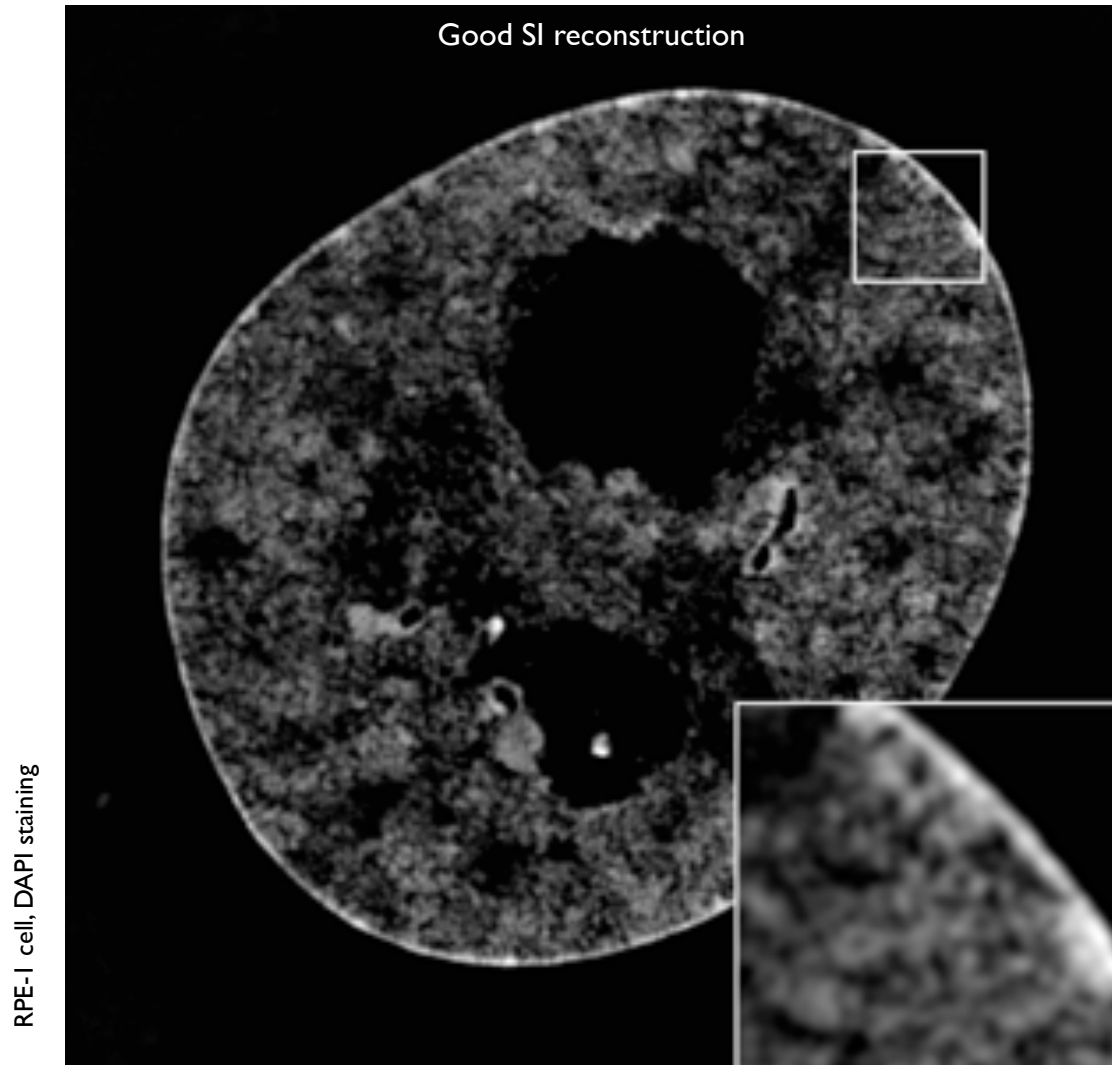
2 s / 3D-frame (1  $\mu\text{m}$  z-stack = 120 images ; 100 time points)

3D-SIM,  
just another tool in the repertoire ?

It's not that simple!

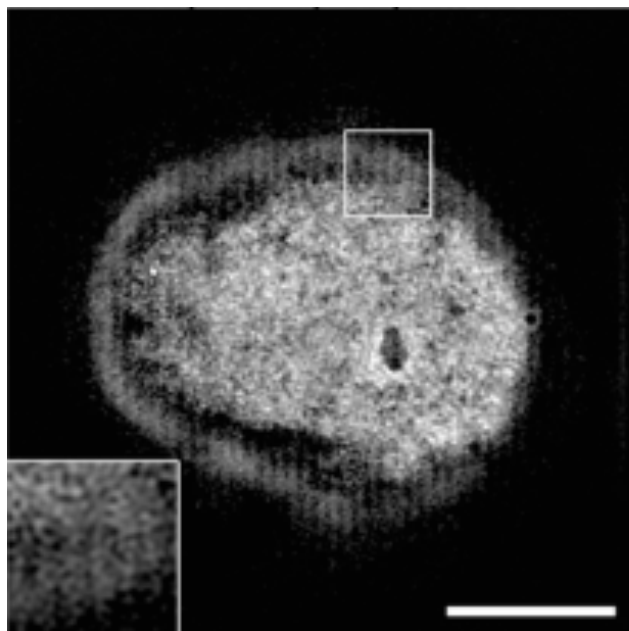
The untold story

# SI reconstruction artifacts



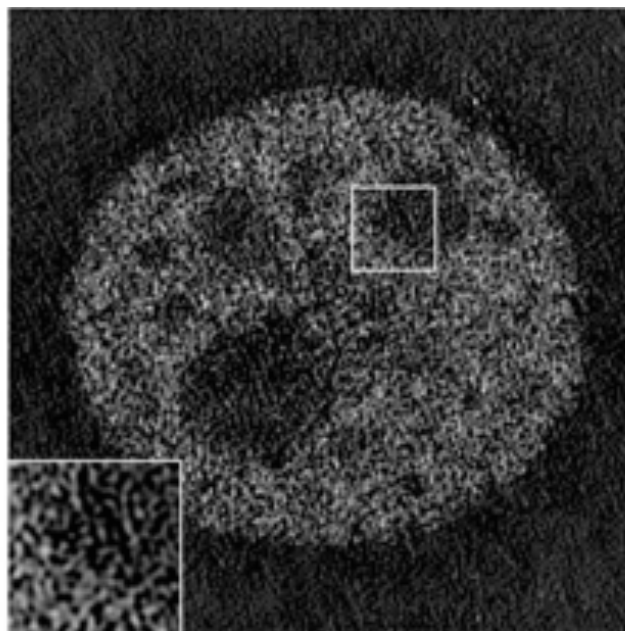
# SI reconstruction artifacts

Stripes

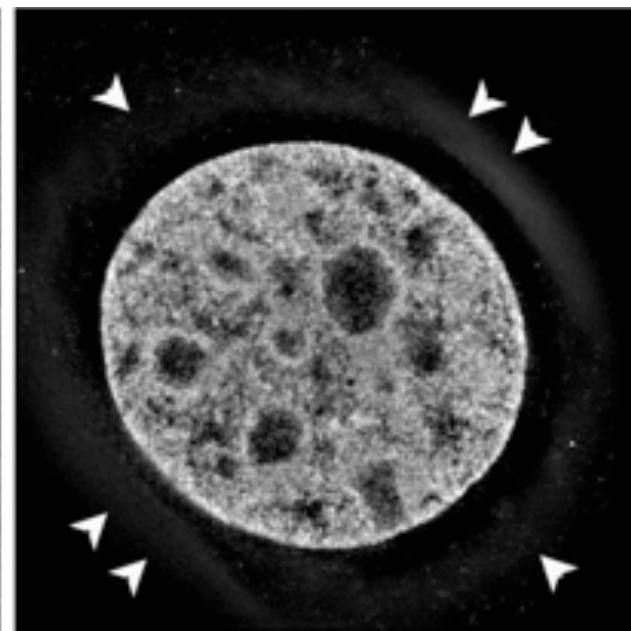


C127 cell nuclei, chromatin staining

High frequency noise



Halo / Doubling



Bleaching,  
Drift or vibrations  
Moving particles  
(locally constrained)

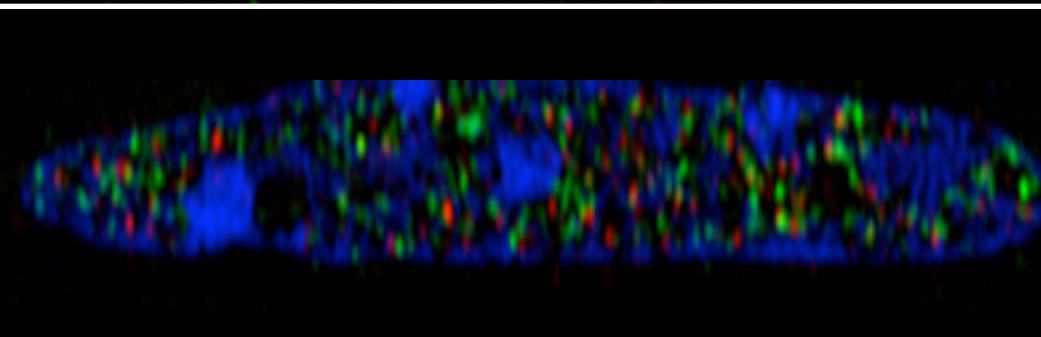
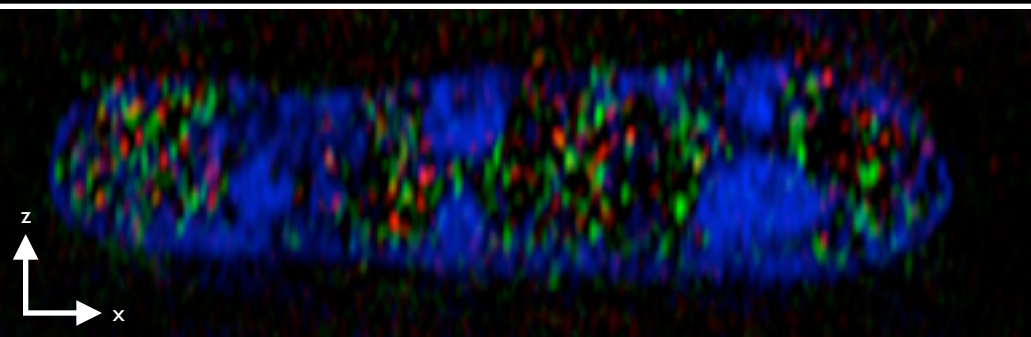
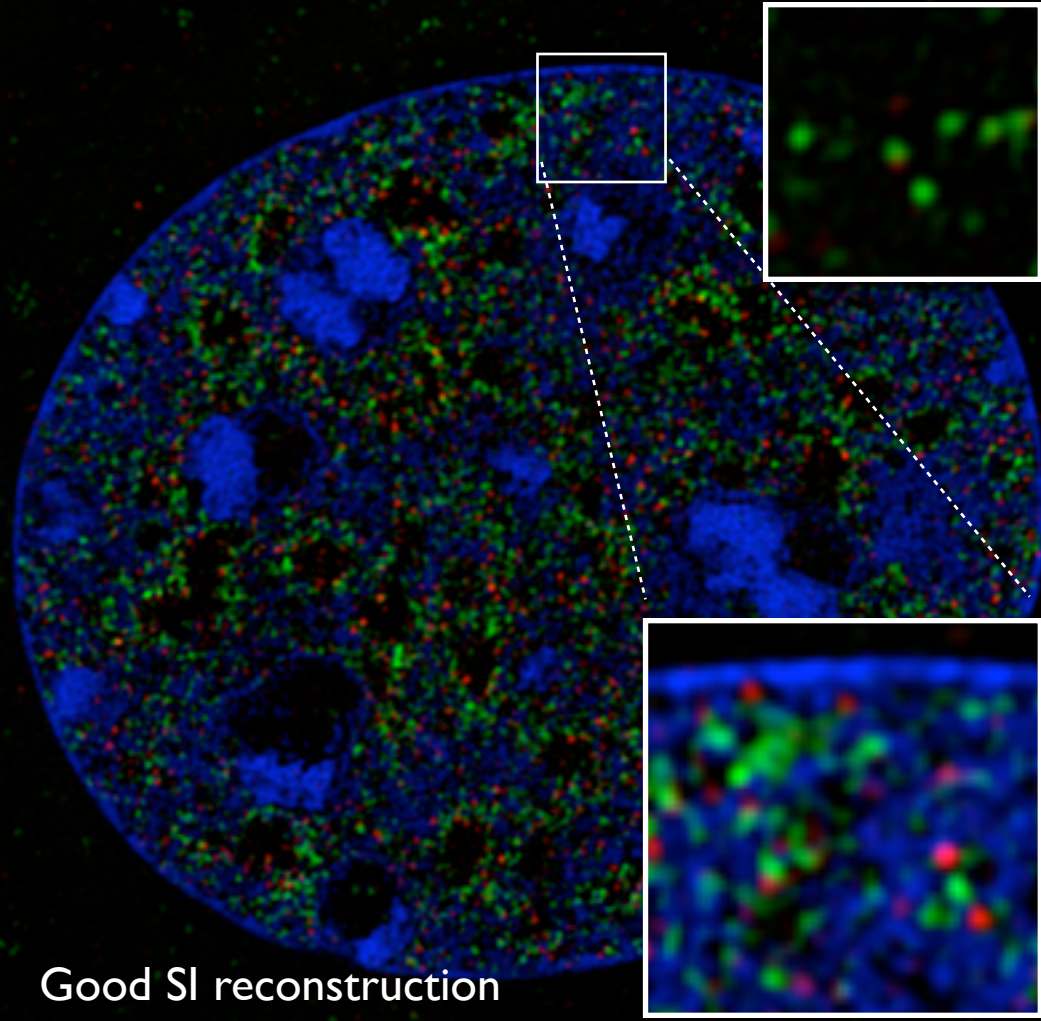
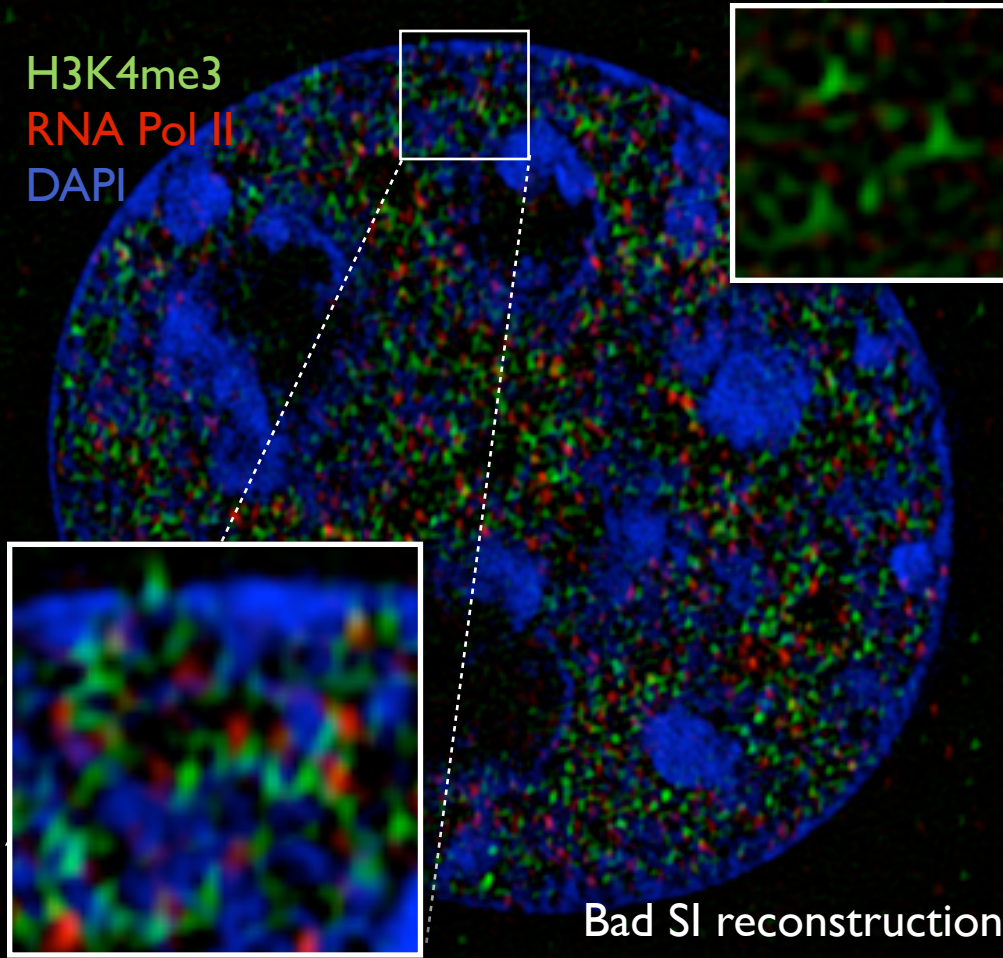
Low contrast-to-noise,  
Low modulation contrast

Spherical aberration,  
Refractive index mismatch

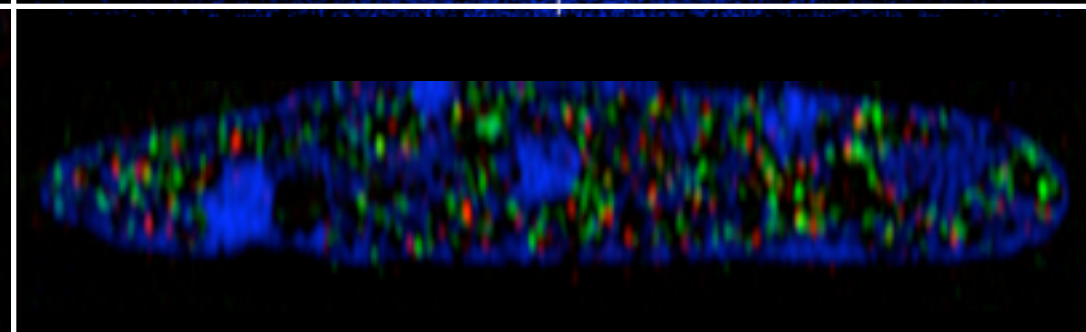
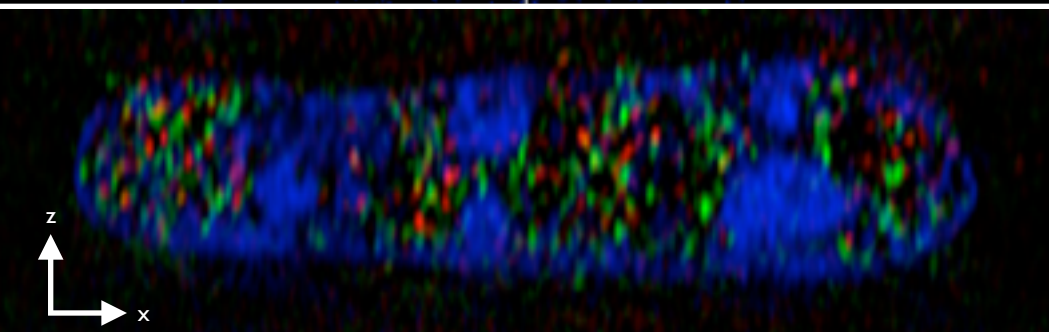
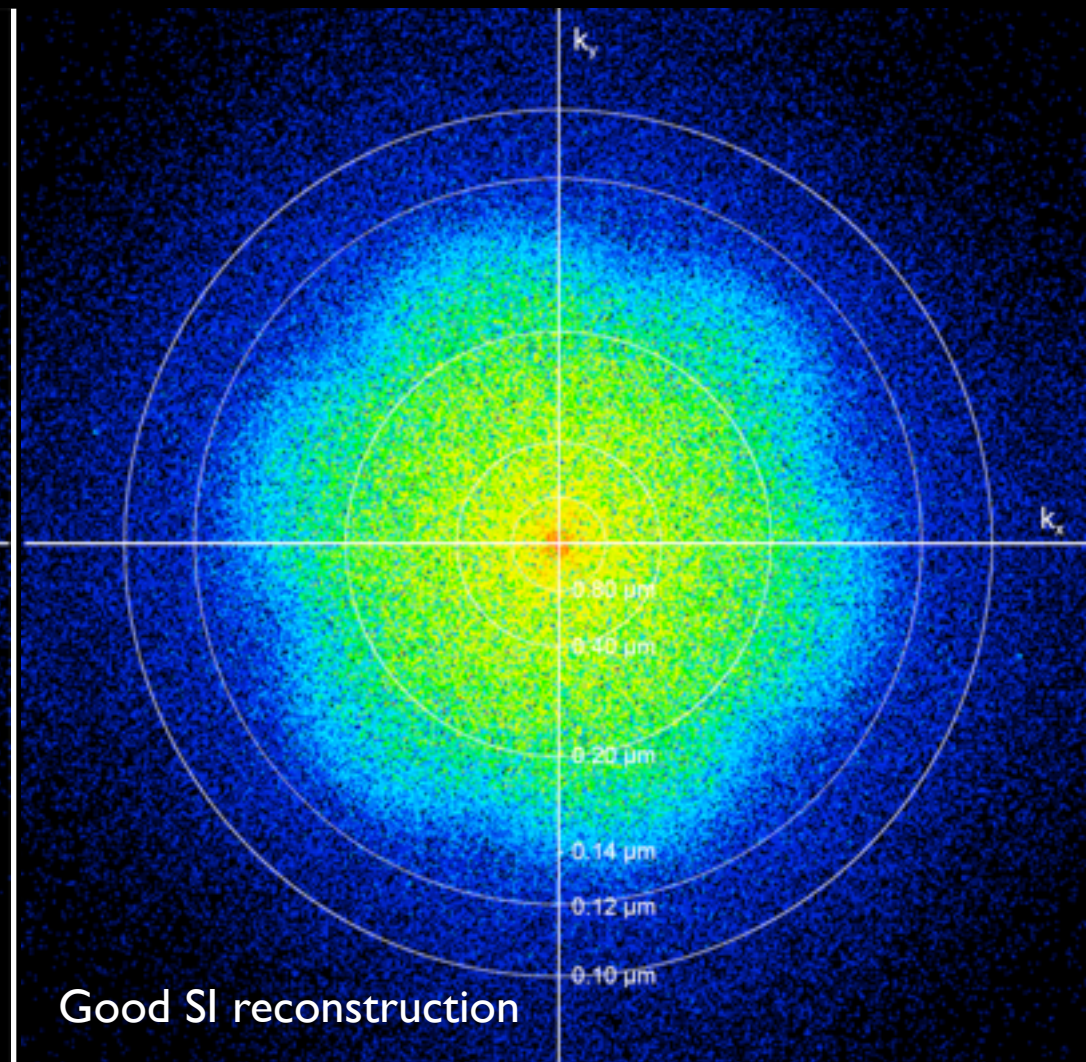
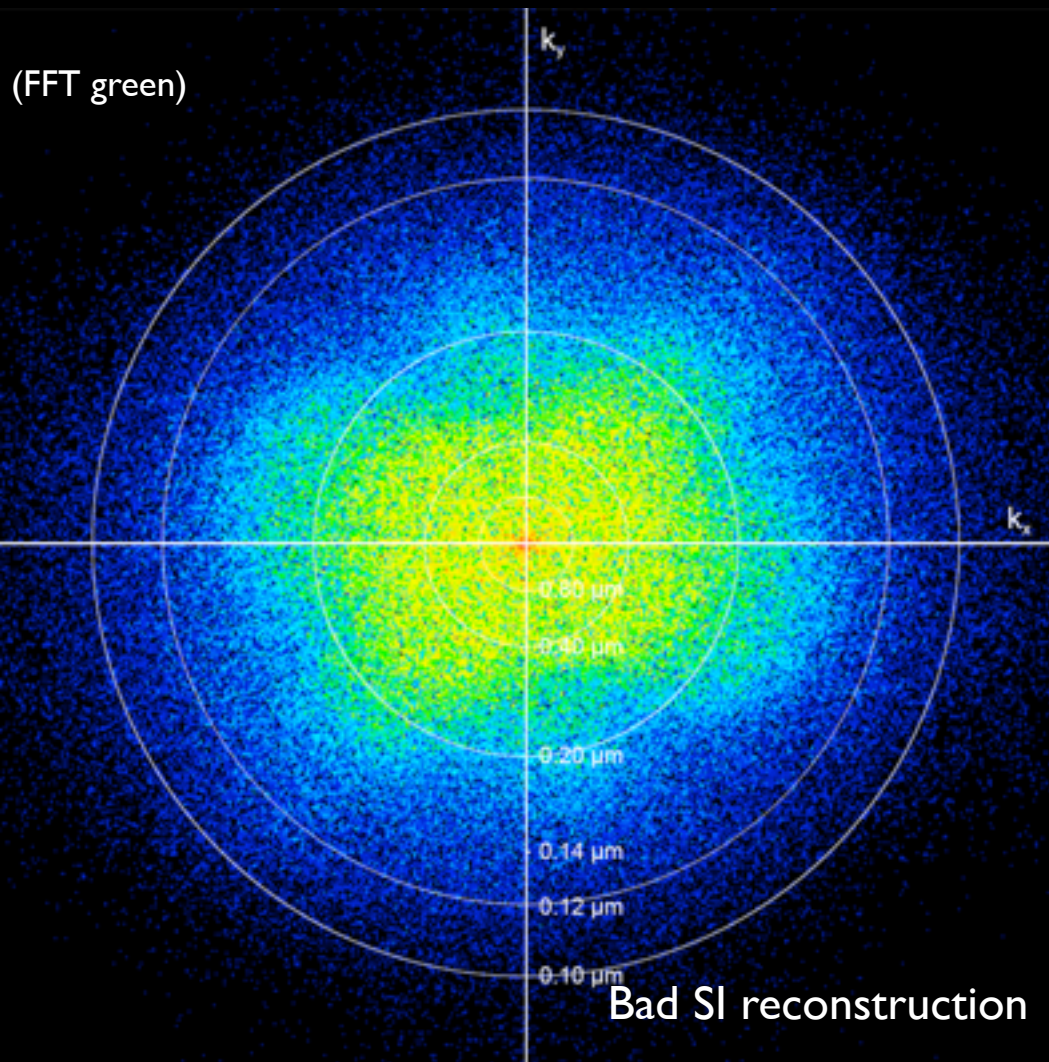


# Quality control: Reconstruction artifacts

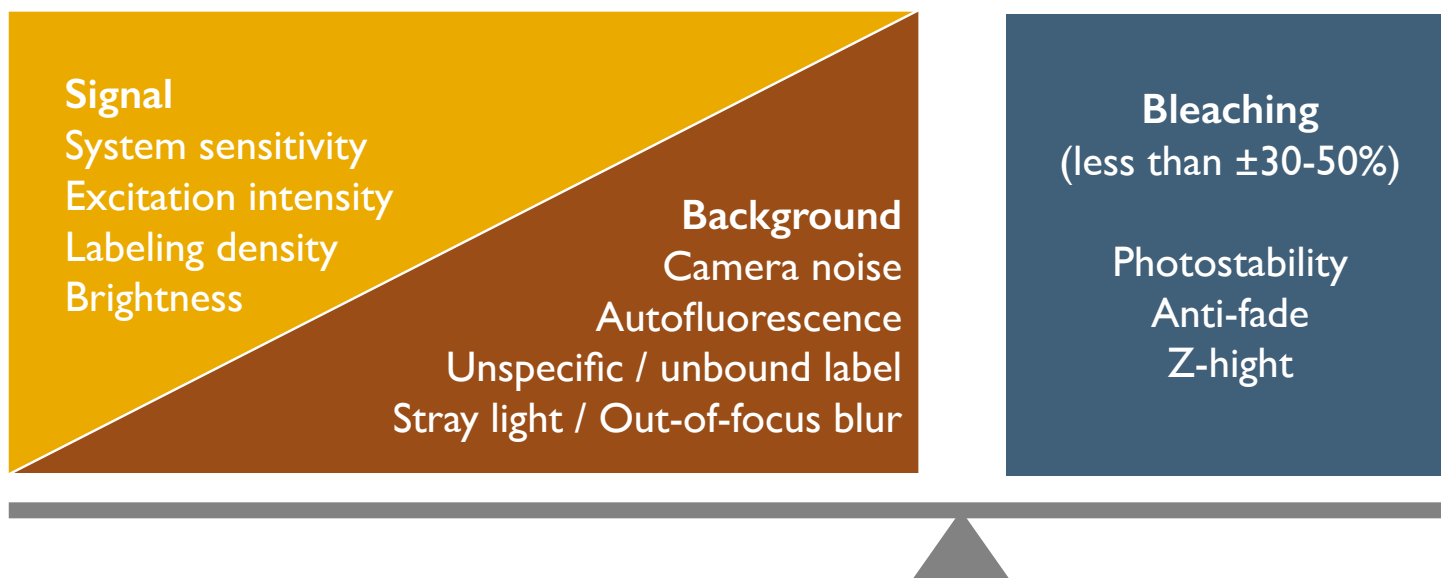
H3K4me3  
RNA Pol II  
DAPI



# Quality control by Fourier analysis

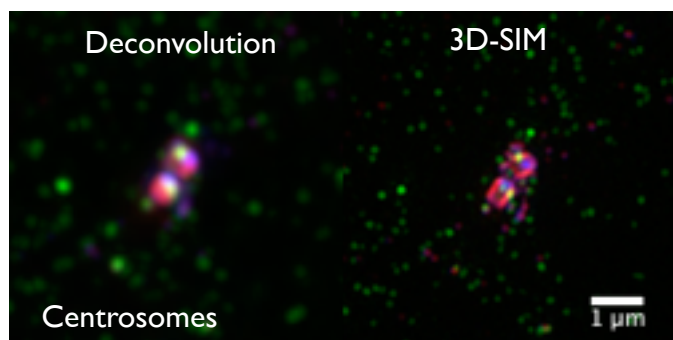


# Balance between contrast and bleaching



## Discrete, isolated structures

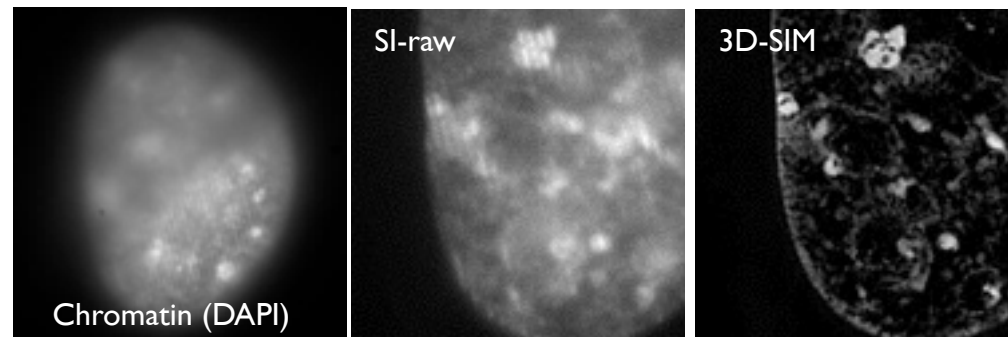
Restricted z-height, low background



Tolerant to low intensities ( $> 1.000$  gray levels)  
EM 5MHz (gain 3000)

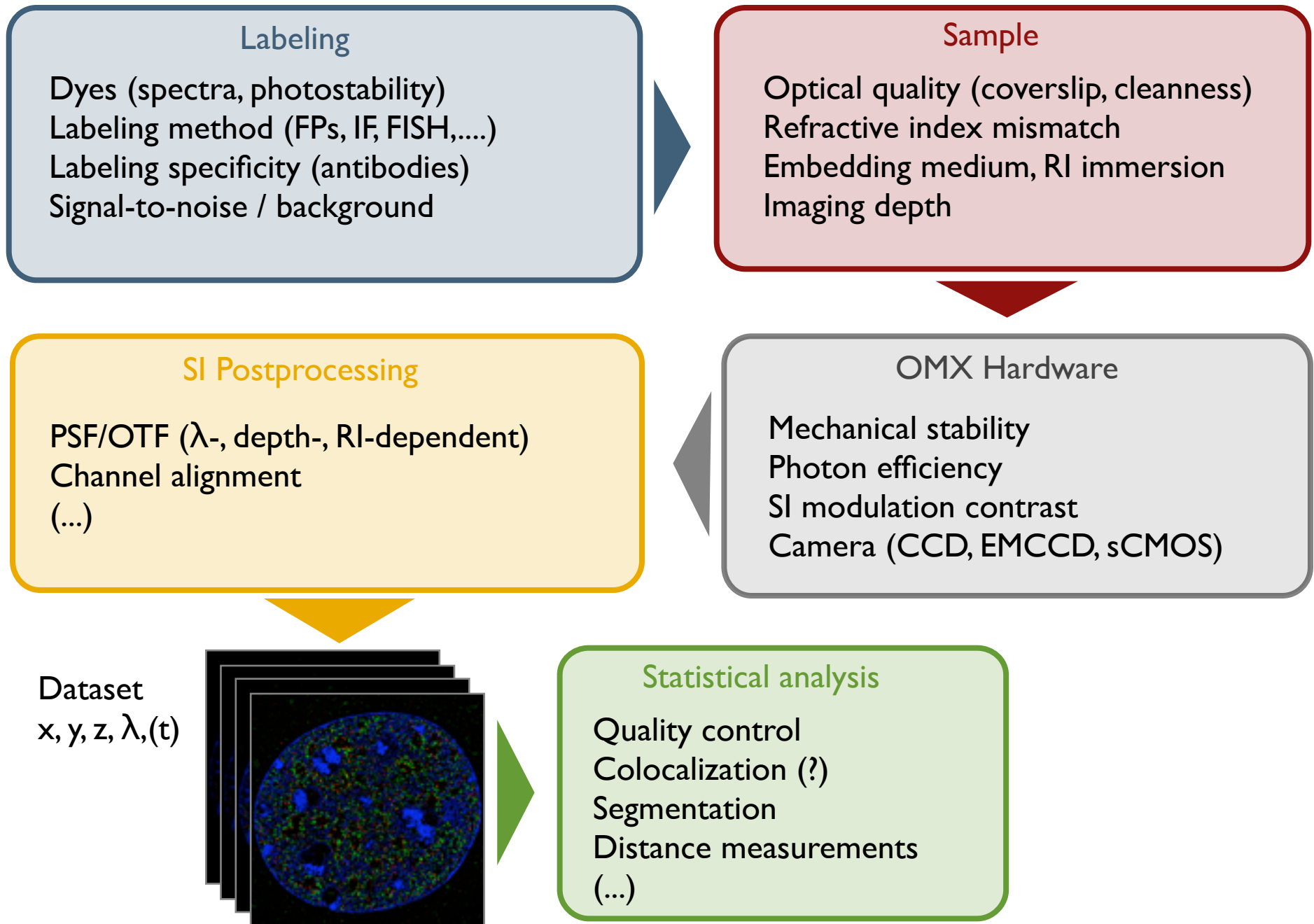
## Complex structures

Extended z-height, out-of-focus blur contribution



High intensities required ( $> 12.000$  gray levels)  
Conventional 5MHz

# How to get the best image? Quality is paramount



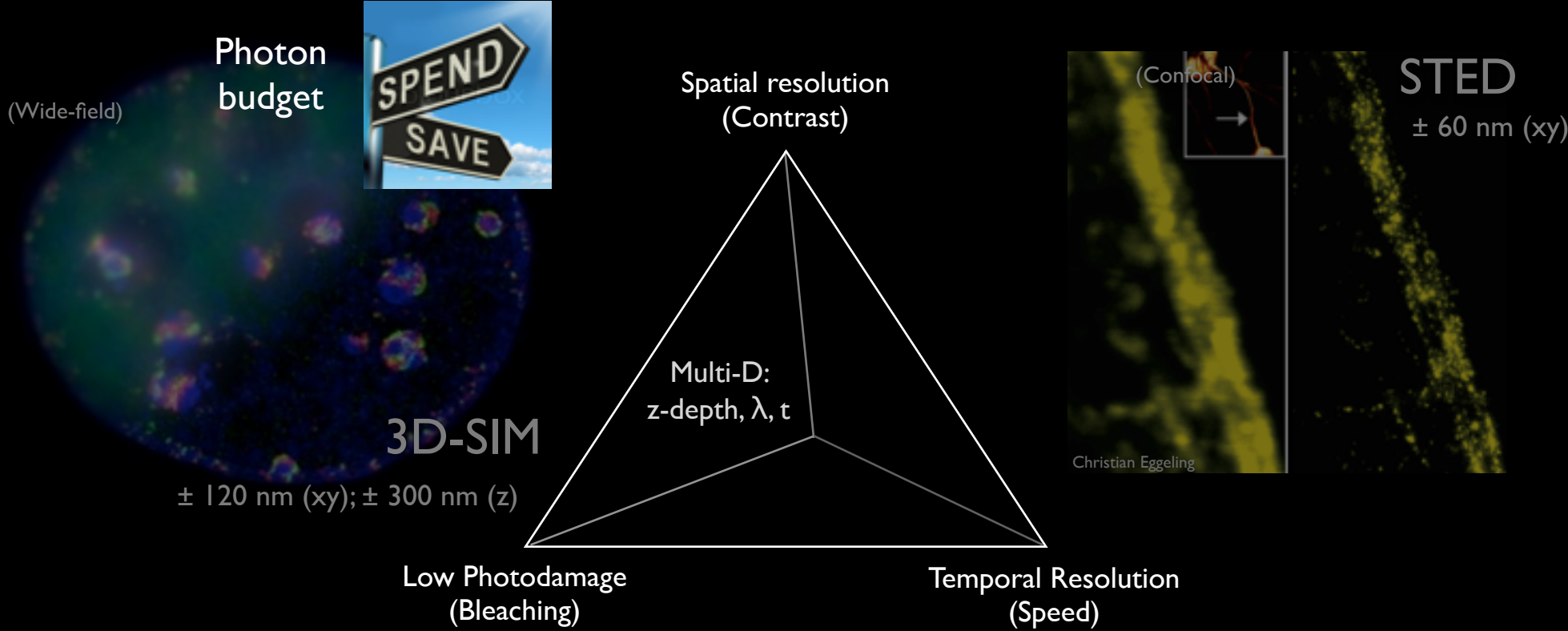
# 3D-SIM - the pros & cons

- + Multi-color, standard dyes (e.g., DAPI, Alexa, GFP...)
- + 3D with 2x resolution in XY and Z (8x volumetric)
- + Massive contrast improvement / high dynamic range
- + Z-sectioning over larger volumes (10  $\mu\text{m}$  in z)
- + Sensitive (EMCCD/sCMOS) and fast (OMX Blaze)  $\rightarrow$  live cell imaging
- + Fast imaging of a large field of view (40 x 40  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  
- o Only moderate lateral resolution improvement
- Mathematical reconstruction  $\rightarrow$  artifacts
- High requirements on sample quality and system calibration

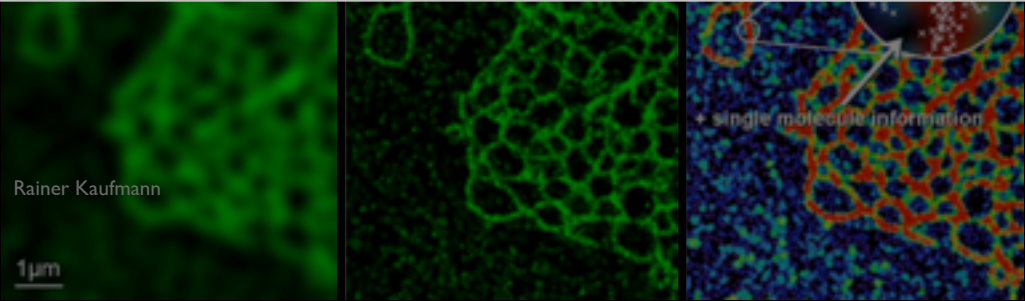
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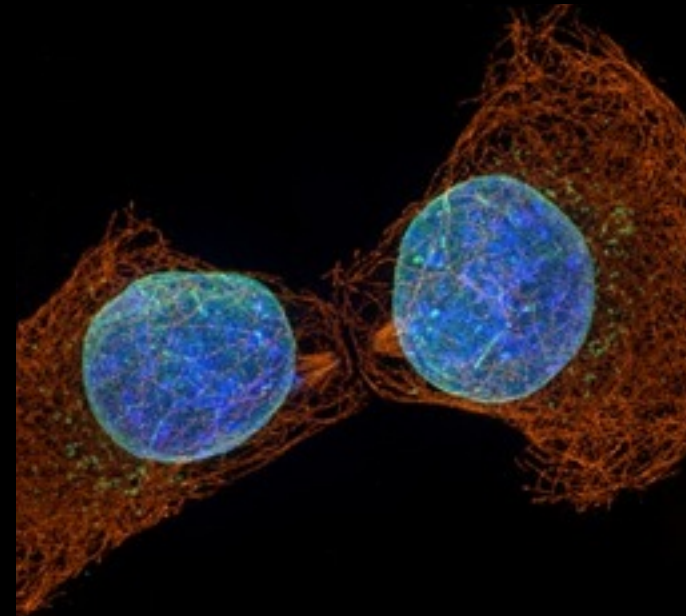
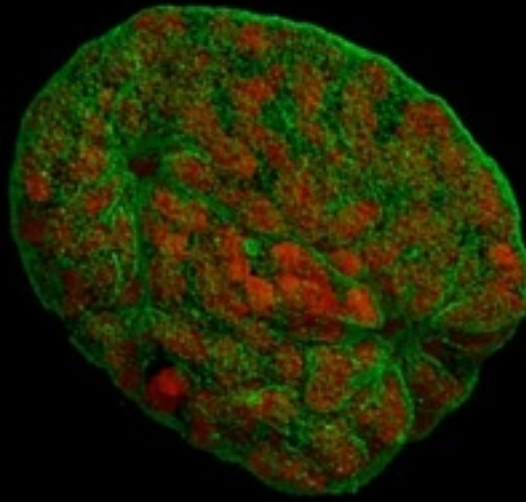
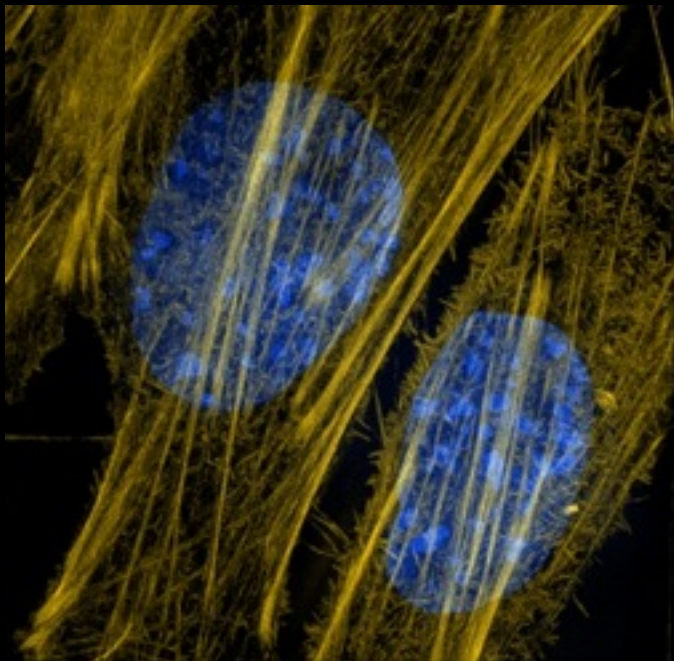
# No free lunch! - trade-offs in super-resolution microscopy



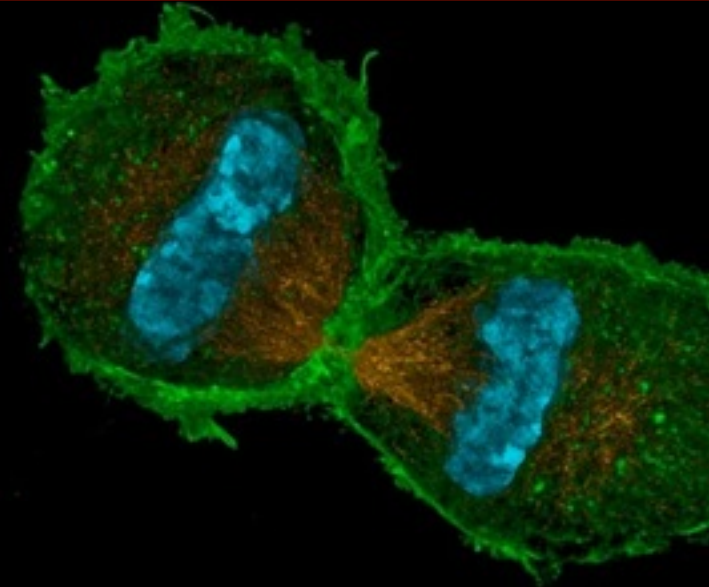
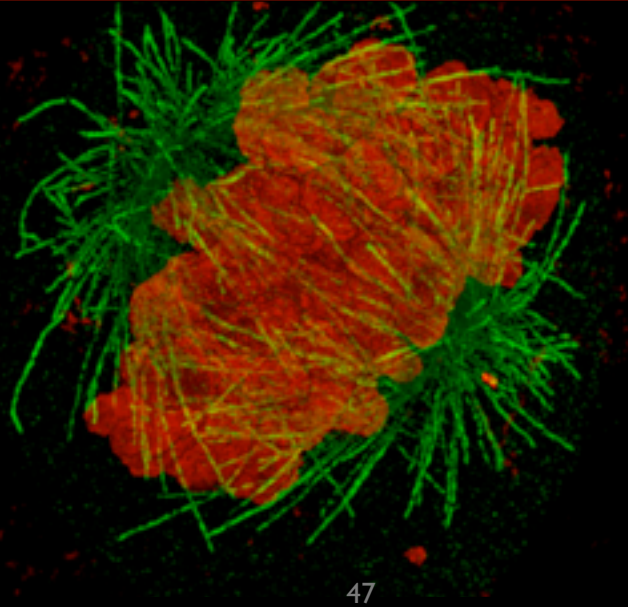
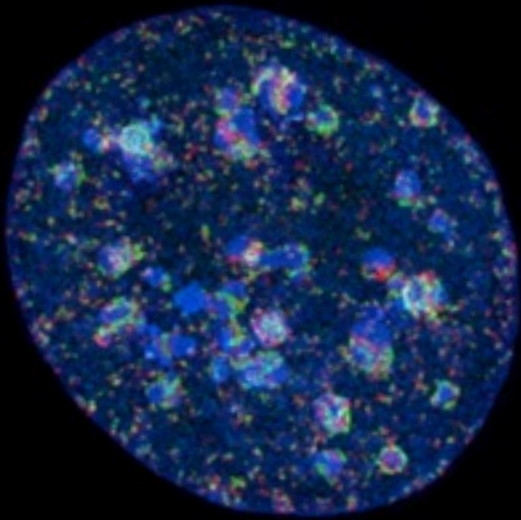
The best SR-technique is determined by demands of the biological application!  
 Spatial resolution is only part of the equation !



$\pm 20 \text{ nm (xy accuracy);}$   
 $\geq 50 \text{ nm (xy, structural res.)}$



**SIM rocks!**



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