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——2014年诺贝尔化学奖解读

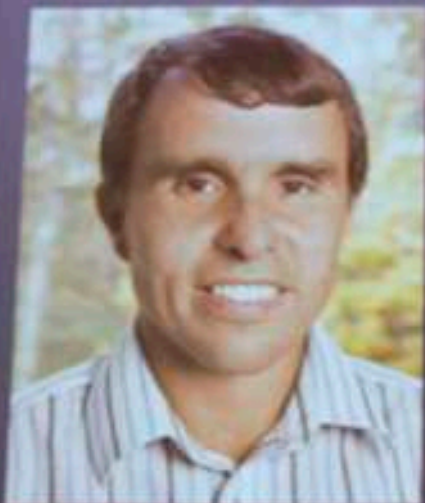
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# Nobelpriset i kemi 2014



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*"för utveckling av superupplöst fluorescensmikroskopi"*  
*"for the development of super-resolved fluorescence microscopy"*

Seeing is believing.  
Definitely so in biology!

# Feynman告诉你怎么做生物物理

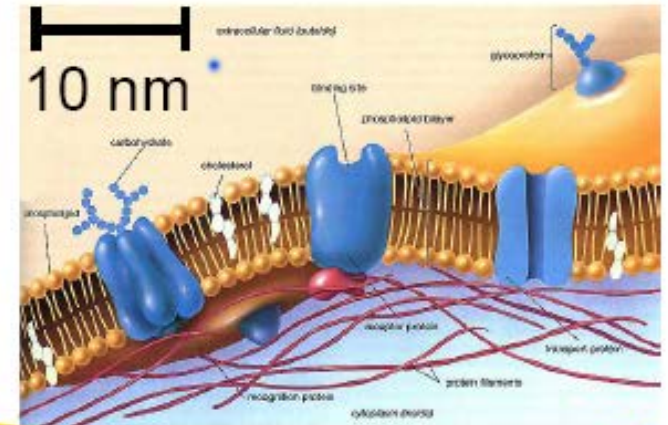
“It is very easy to answer many of these fundamental **biological** questions; you just look at the thing!”



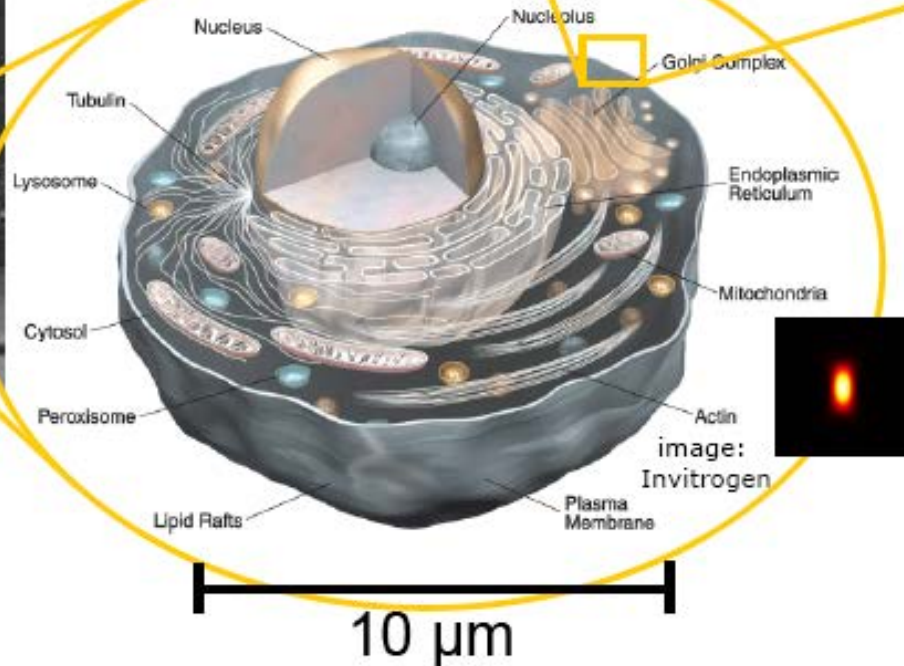
from R. P. Feynman's talk

There's plenty of room at the bottom. Dec. 29th, 1959

# 光学显微镜的任何改进都会让生物学家如获至宝!



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**1590** – Dutch lens grinders **Hans and Zacharias Janssen** make the first microscope by placing two lenses in a tube.

**1667** – **Robert Hooke** studies various object with his microscope and publishes his results in Micrographia. Among his work were a description of cork and its ability to float in water.

**1675** – **Anton van Leeuwenhoek** uses a simple microscope with only one lens to look at blood, insects and many other objects. He was first to describe cells and bacteria, seen through his very small microscopes with, for his time, extremely good lenses.

**1903** – **Richard Zsigmondy** develops the ultramicroscope and is able to study objects below the wavelength of light.

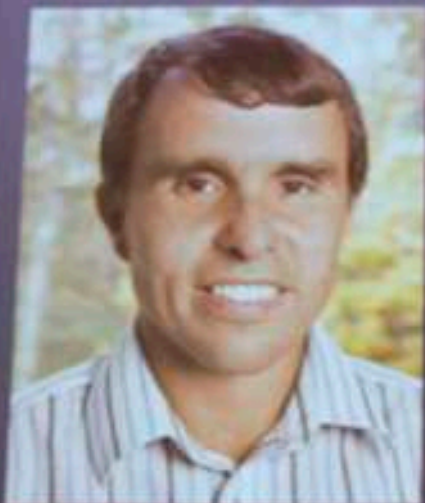
**[The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1925 »](#)**

**1932** – **Frits Zernike** invents the phase-contrast microscope that allows the study of colorless and transparent biological materials.

**[The Nobel Prize in Physics 1953 »](#)**



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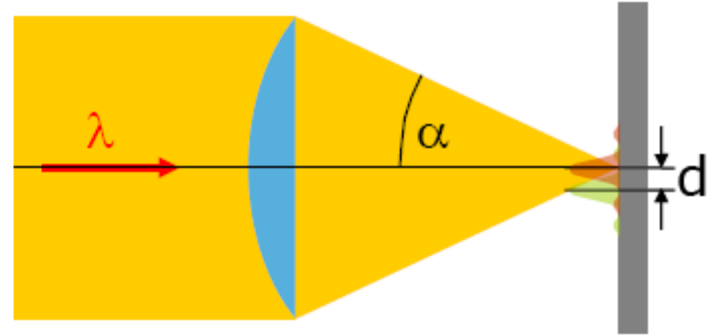
# Resolution



Ernst Abbe  
(1872)

diffraction limit

*structures smaller than half a wavelength cannot be resolved.*



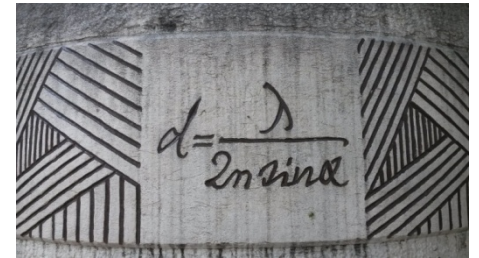
$$d_{\min} \approx 0.61 \frac{\lambda}{n \sin \alpha}$$

$\lambda$ : wavelength  
 $n$ : refractive index  
 $\alpha$ : aperture angle  
 $n \sin \alpha$ : numerical aperture (NA)

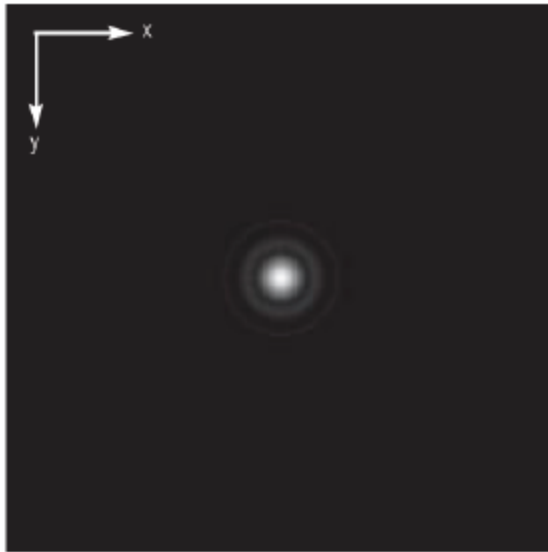
source	$\lambda$	$d_{\min}$
light	$\sim 500 \text{ nm}$	$\sim 250 \text{ nm}$
X-ray	$\sim 2 \text{ nm}$	$\sim 25 \text{ nm}$
electron	$\sim 0.001 \text{ nm}$	$\sim 0.1 \text{ nm} (>2 \text{ nm})$

*(size of a cell  $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$ )*



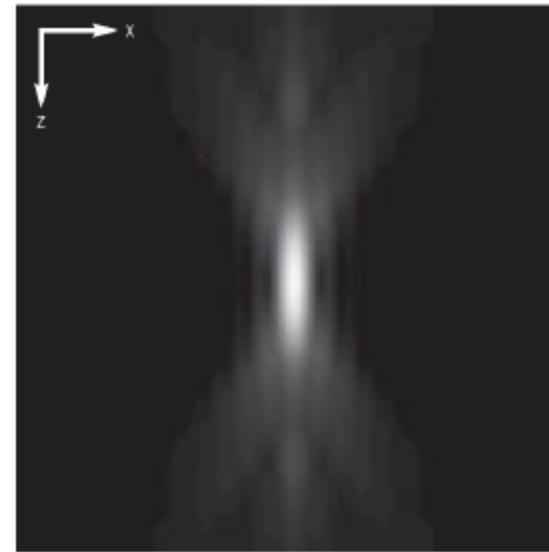


## Three-dimensional point-spread function



Lateral:

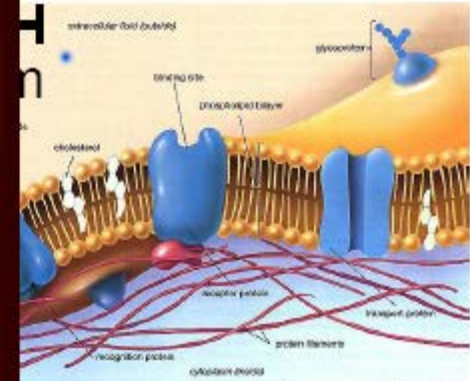
$$FWHM_{ill,lateral} = .61 \frac{\lambda_{exc}}{NA}$$



Axial:

$$FWHM_{ill,axial} = \frac{0.88 \cdot \lambda_{exc}}{(n - \sqrt{n^2 - NA^2})}$$

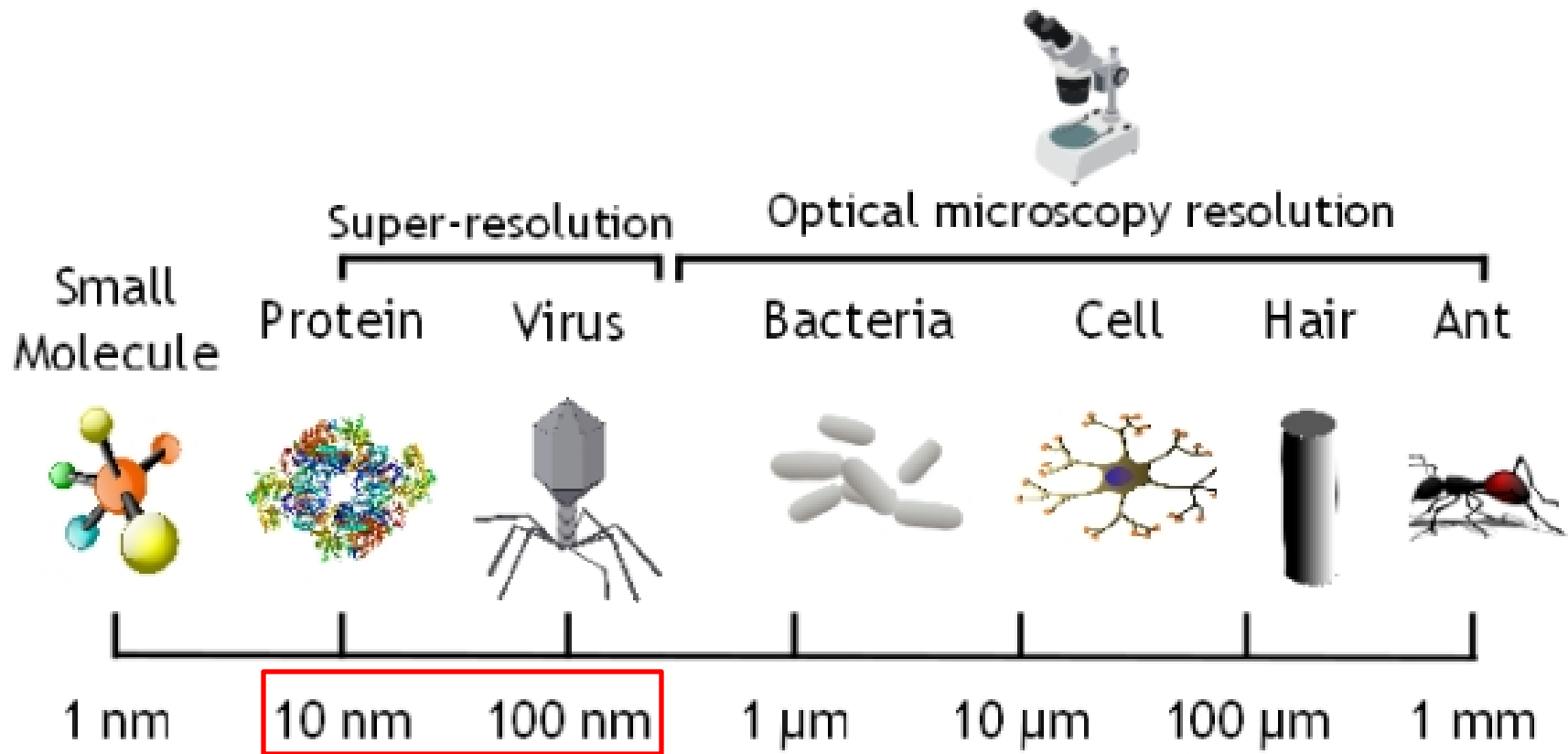
$n$  = refractive index of immersion liquid,  
 $NA$  = numerical aperture of the microscope objective,  
 $\lambda_{exc}$  = wavelength of the excitation light



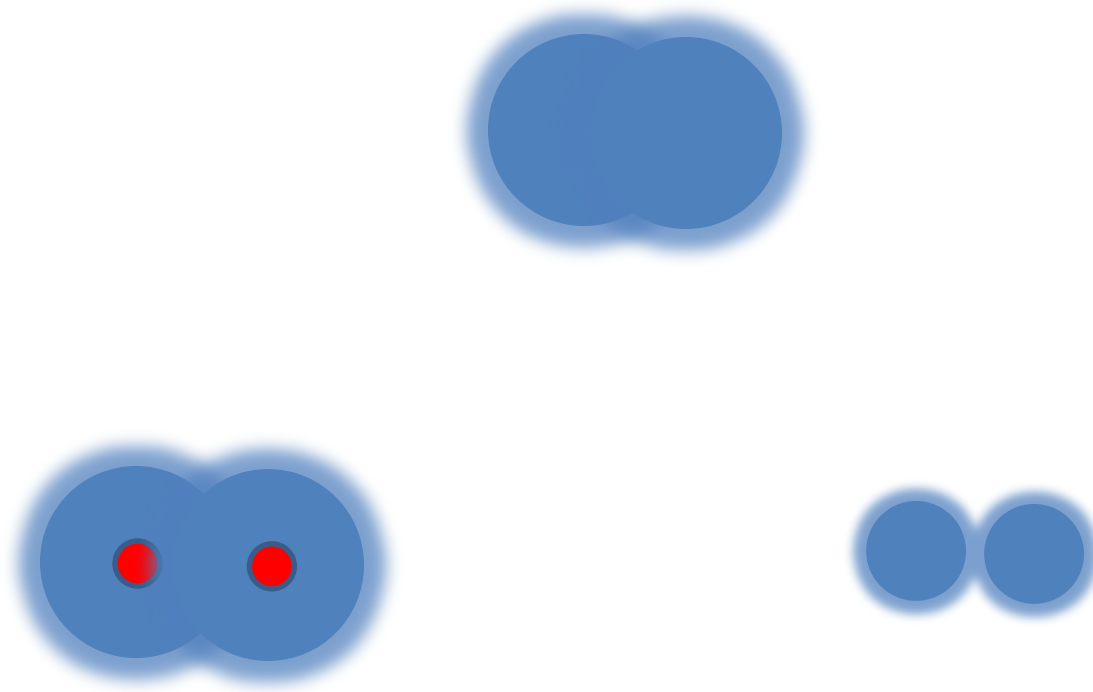
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Just too large !

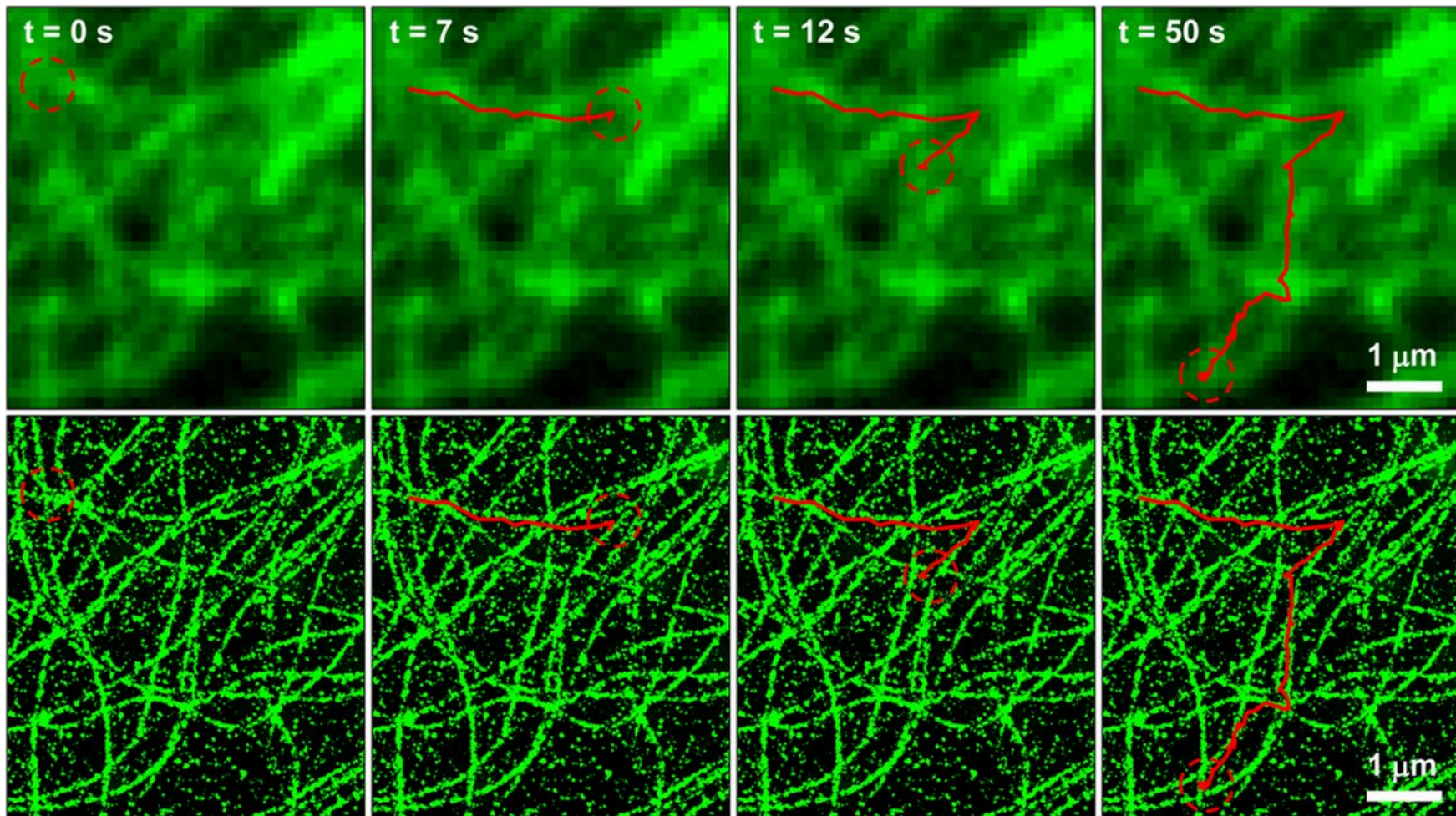
Point Spread Function



# Super-resolution, beyond the Abbe limitation

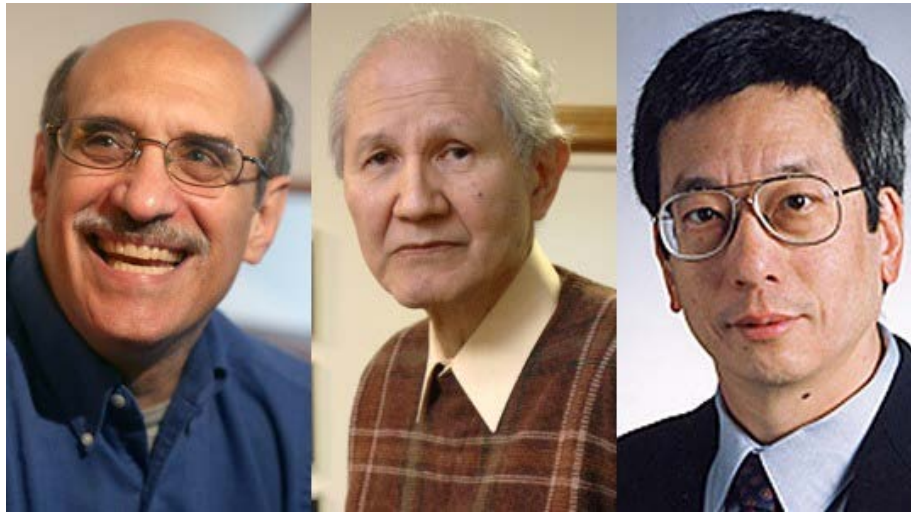




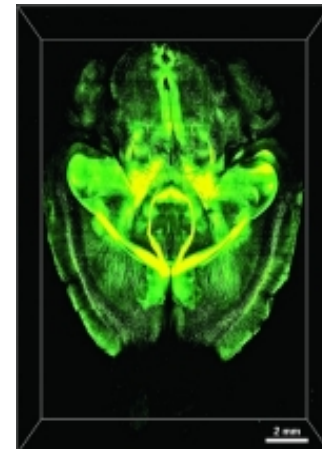
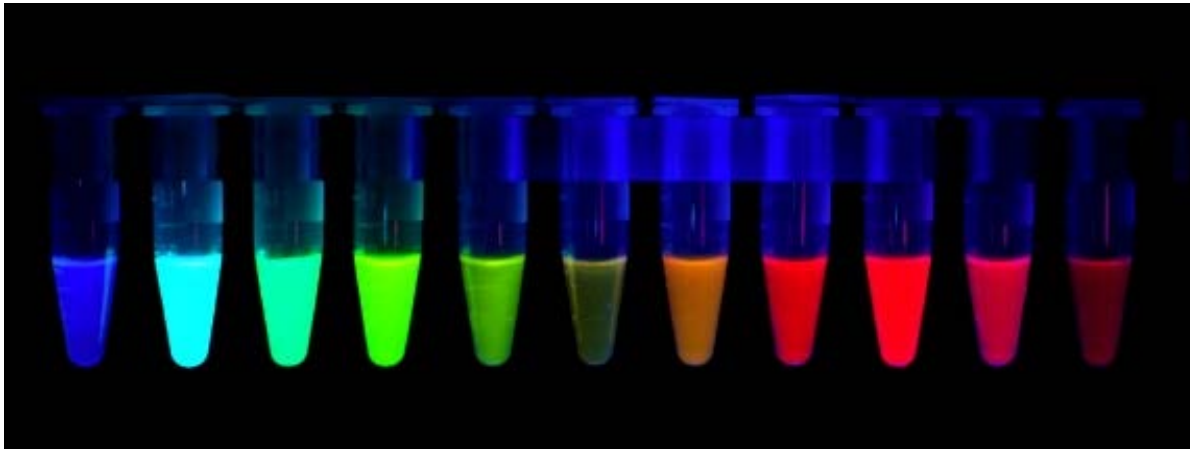
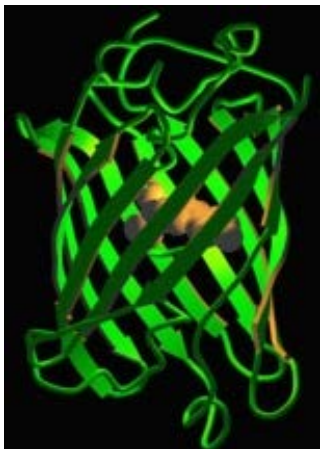




# 2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry



Martin Chalfie, Osamu Shimomura, and Roger Tsien,  
**“for the discovery and development of the green fluorescent protein, GFP”**



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What have you done, W.E. ?!



*WILLIAM E. MOERNER*

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First single molecule detection in solid

**Moerner WE and Kador L (1989) Optical detection and spectroscopy of single molecules in a solid. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 62:2535-2538.**



### 1. Photoelectric Effect (March 1905)

On a Heuristic Point of View Concerning the Production and Transformation of Light  
(Übereinen die Erzeugung und Verwandlung des LichtesbetreffendenheuristischenGesichtspunkt)

AnnalenderPhysik 17:132-148

### 2. Doctoral Dissertation (completed April 30, 1905)

The Determination of Molecular Dimensions  
(EineneueBestimmungderMoleküldimensionen).

Submitted to the University of Zurich on July 20, 1905.

AnnalenderPhysik 19:289-305

### 3. Brownian Motion (May 1905)



On the Movement of Small Particles Suspended in Stationary Liquids Required by the Molecular-Kinetic Theory of Heat

(Über die von dermolekularkinetischenTheoriederWärmegeforderteBewegung von in ruhendenFlüssigkeitensuspendiertenTeilchen)

AnnalenderPhysik 17:549-560

### 4. Special Relativity (June 1905)

On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies  
(ZurElektrodynamik begetter Körper)

AnnalenderPhysik 17:891-921



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Orrit M and Bernard J (1990) Single pentacene molecules detected by fluorescence excitation in a p-terphenyl crystal. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 65:2716-2719.

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Shera EB, Seitzinger NK, Davis LM, Keller RA and Soper SA (1990). Detection of single fluorescent molecules. *Chem. Phys. Lett.* 174:553-557.

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Ambrose WP, Goodwin PM, Keller RA and Martin JC (1994) Alterations of single molecule fluorescence lifetimes in near-field optical microscopy. *Science* 265:364-7.

dynamics

Xie XS and Dunn RC (1994) Probing single molecule dynamics. *Science* 265:361-364,

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Nie S, Chiu DT and Zare RN (1994) Probing individual molecules with confocal fluorescence microscopy. *Science.* 266:1018-1021.

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diffusion

Funatsu T, Harada Y, Tokunaga M, Saito K, Yanagida T (1995) Imaging of single fluorescent molecules and individual ATP turnovers by single myosin molecules in aqueous solution. *Nature* 374:555-559.

Bio-motor

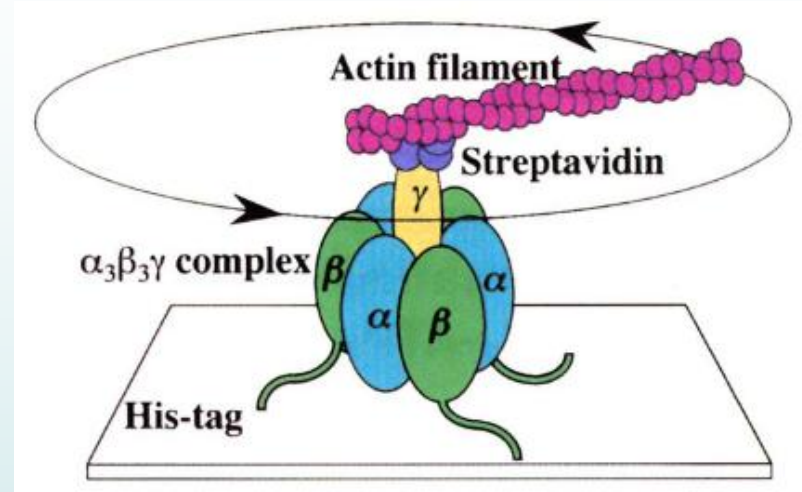


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# F<sub>1</sub>-ATPase: 120° step



K. Kinosita, Jr

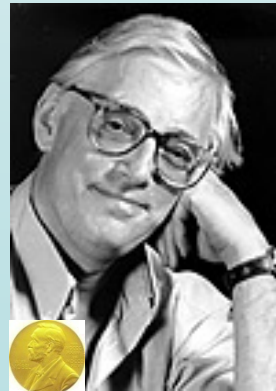


## 1997 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine



**Paul D. Boyer** proposed binding change mechanism in 1973 and won Nobel Prize in 1997.

*PNAS*, **70**(1973)2837



**John E. Walker** analyzed the structure of bovine F<sub>1</sub>-ATPase in 1994 and won Nobel Prize in 1997.

*Nature*, **370**(1994)621

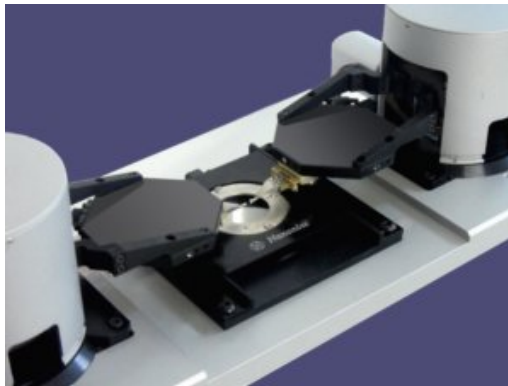
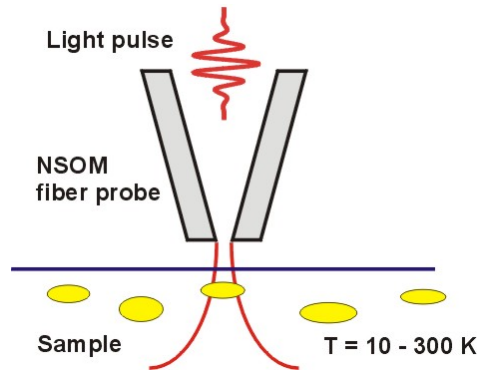
I did not feel at home in academia....But now!



*ERIC BETZIG*

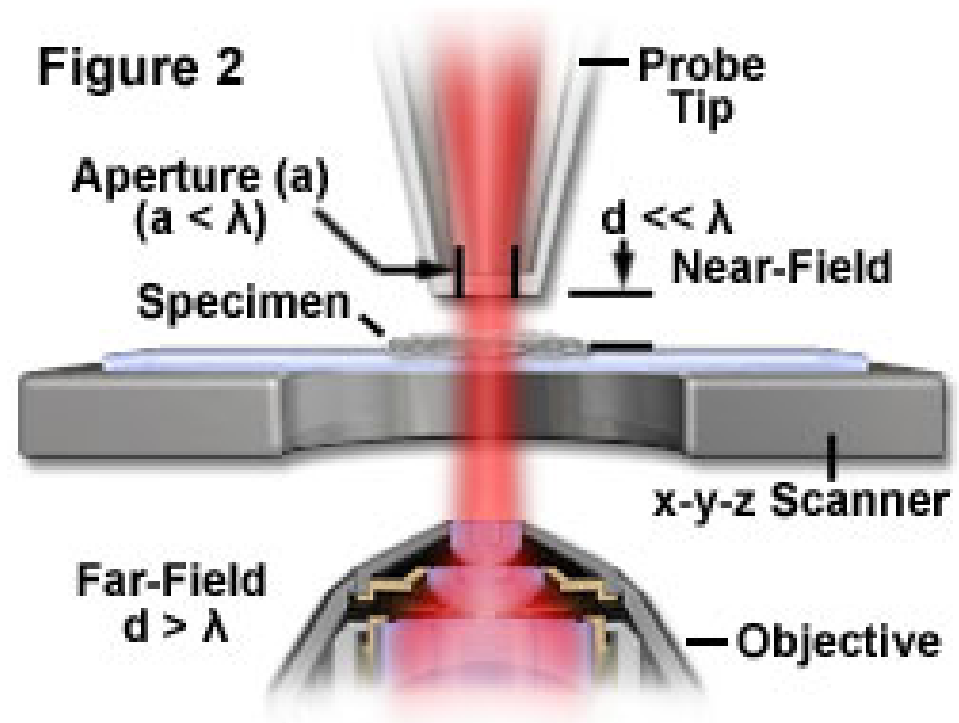
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Group Leader at Janelia Research Campus, Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

# Scanning Near-Field Optical Microscopy (SNOM), hopeless?



## Near-Field Imaging Scheme

Figure 2



Betzig E and Trautman JK (1992) Near-field optics: microscopy, spectroscopy and surface modification beyond the diffraction limit. *Science* 257: 189-195.

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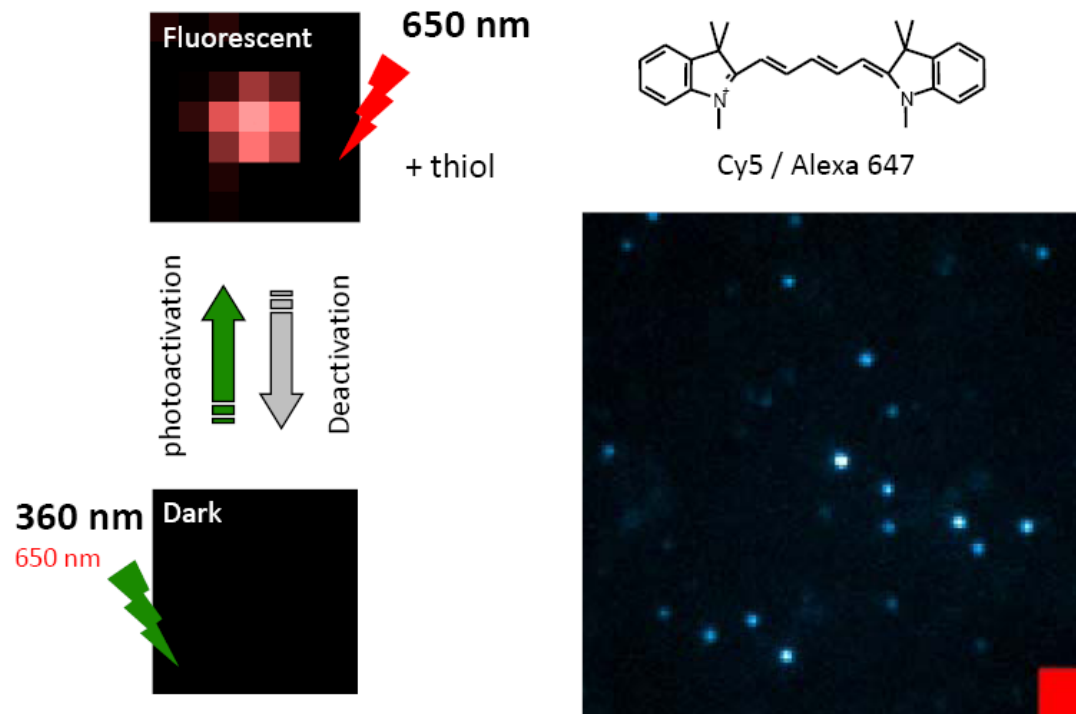
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# Switching Effect of Fluorophores

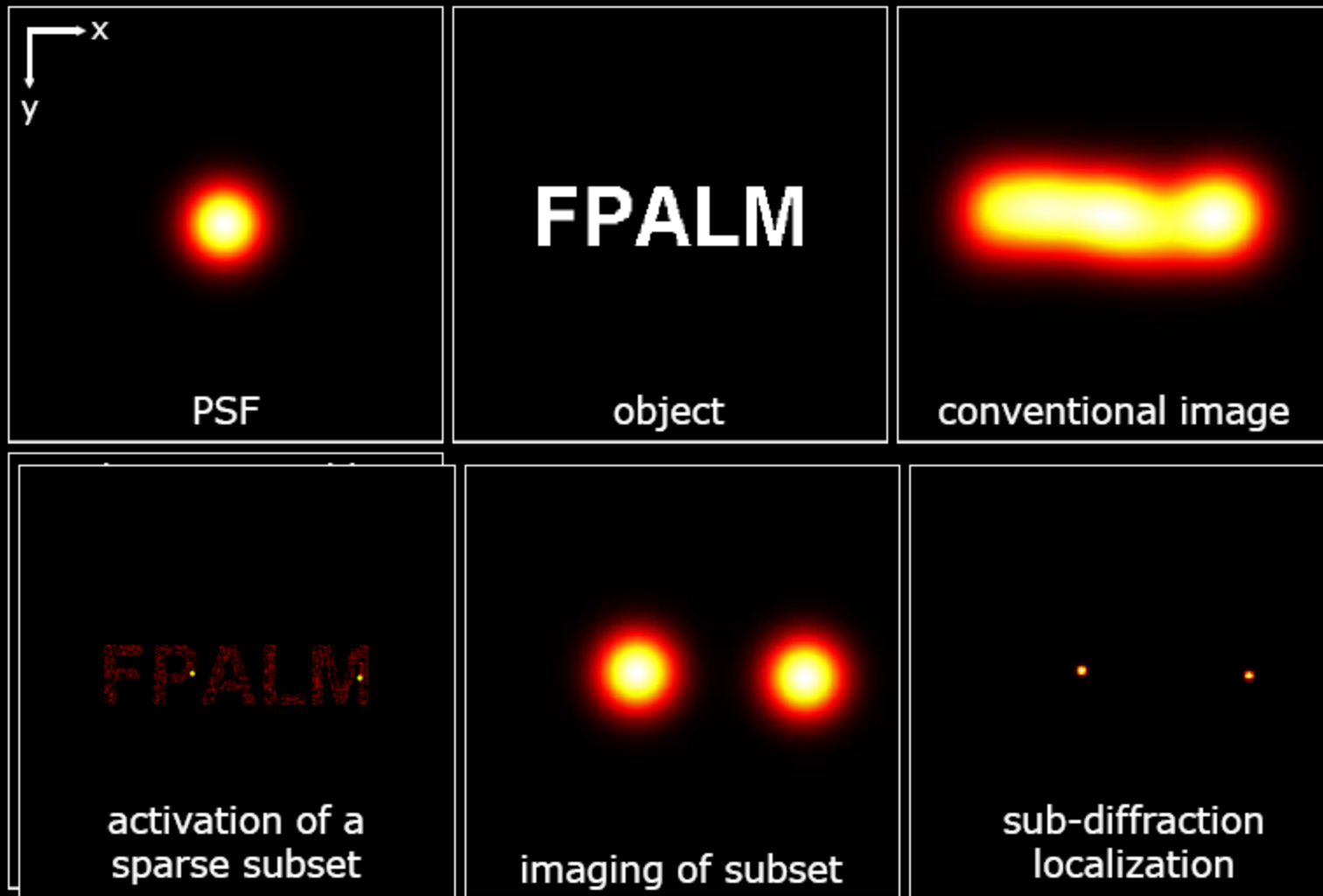
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## Photoswitching of red cyanine dyes



# Fluorescence Photoactivation Localization Microscopy

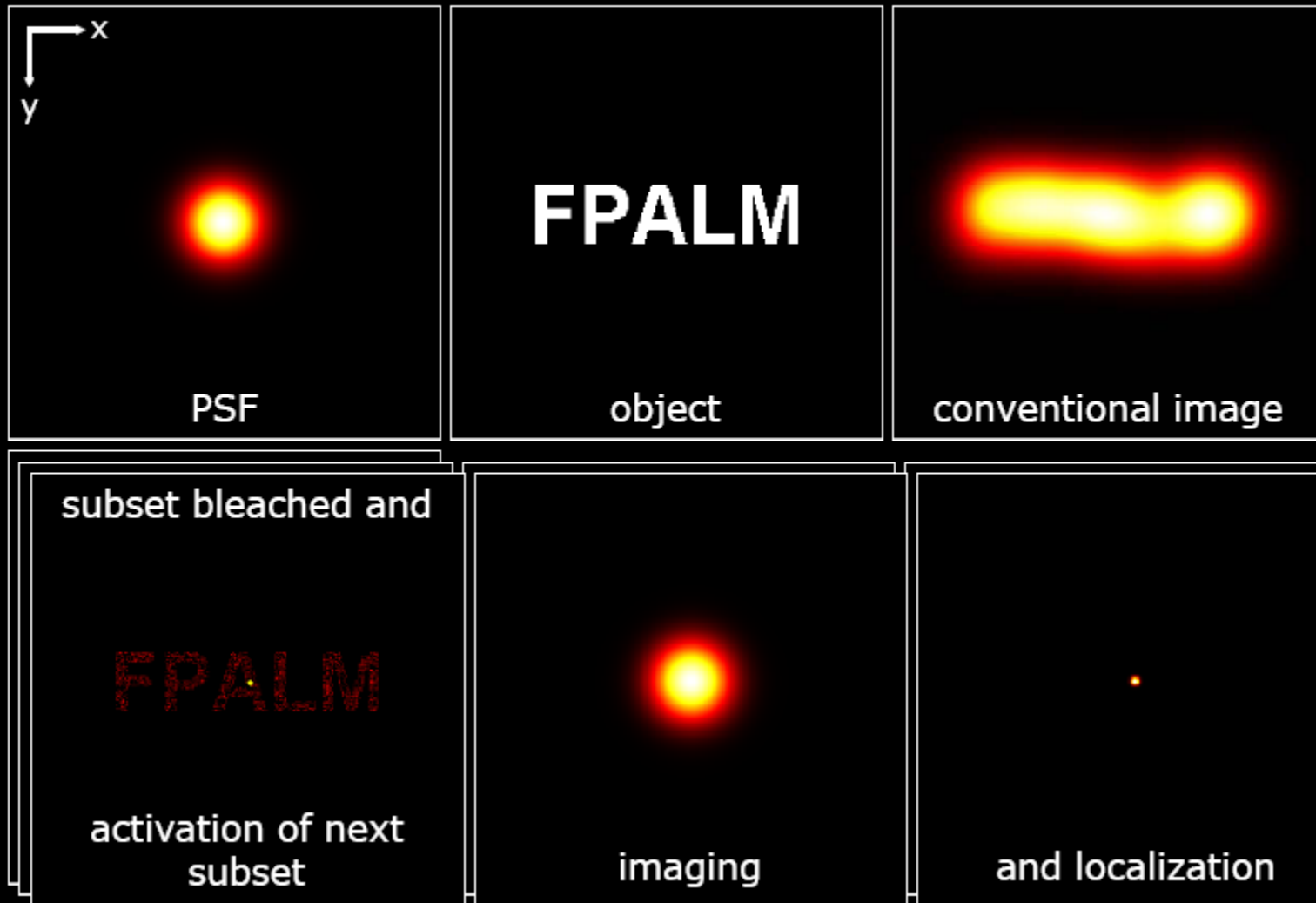
## FPALM





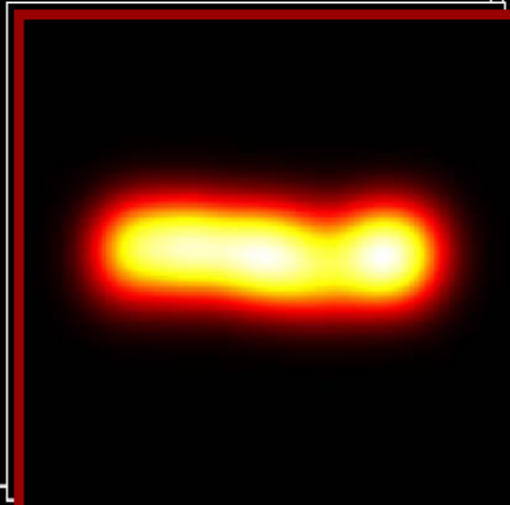
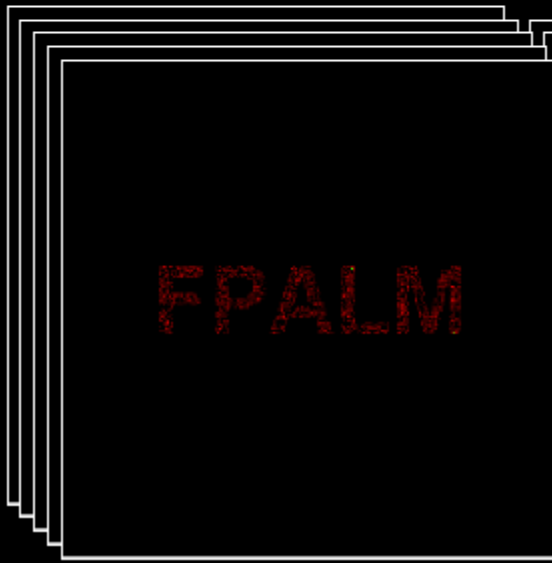
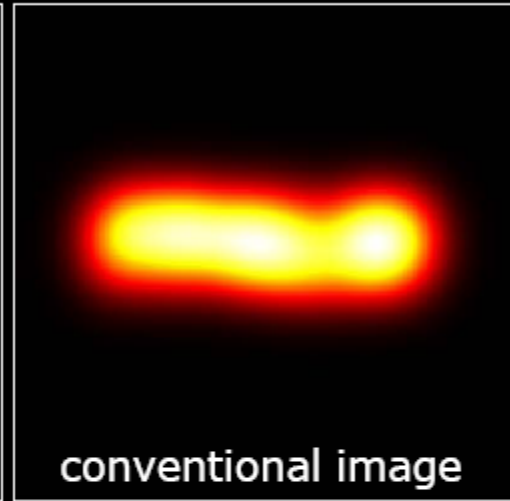
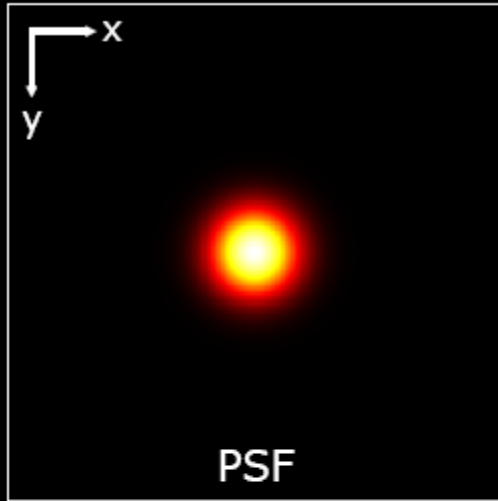
# Fluorescence Photoactivation Localization Microscopy

## FPALM



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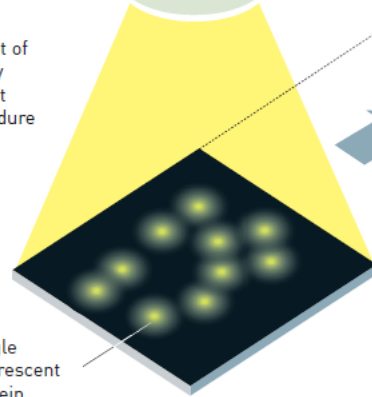
# The principle of single-molecule microscopy

1 A weak light pulse activates a fraction of all the fluorescent proteins. The distance between them is greater than Abbe's diffraction limit of 0.2 micrometres. They glow until bleached, at which point the procedure is repeated on a new subgroup of proteins.

Single fluorescent protein

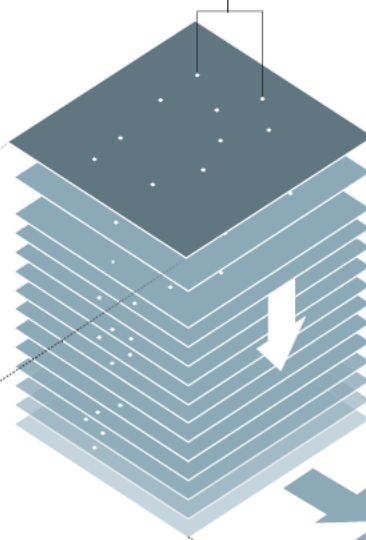


Microscope



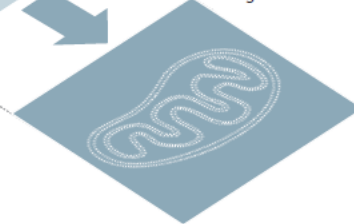
2 The blurred images are processed using probability theory in order to render them much sharper.

The distance between each protein > 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$



3 When all images are superimposed a high resolution totality appears, wherein individual proteins can be discerned.

High-resolution image

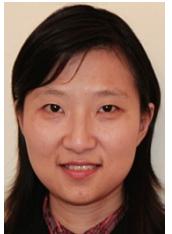


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Received 13 March 2006; accepted 2 August 2006

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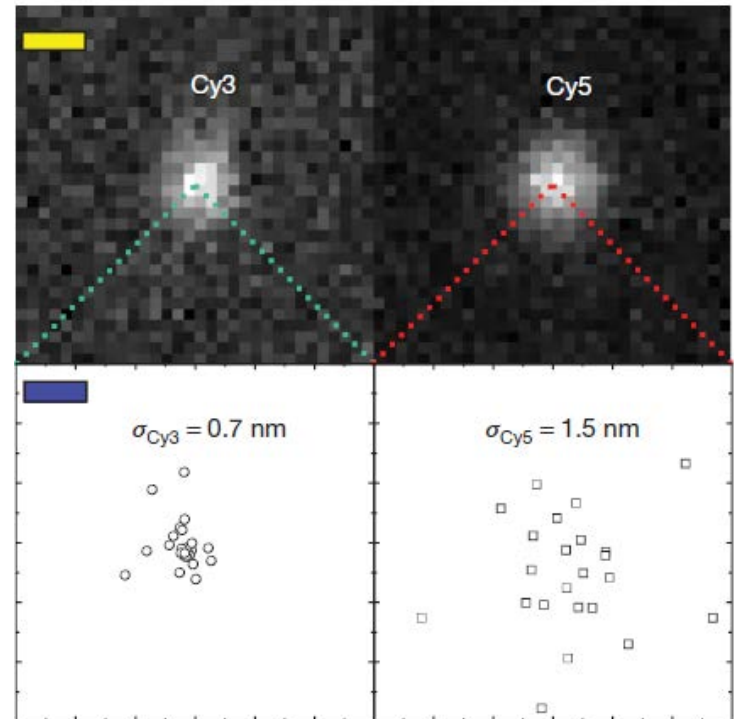
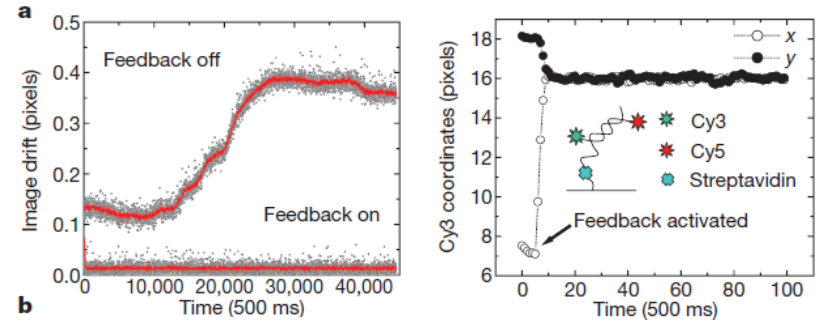
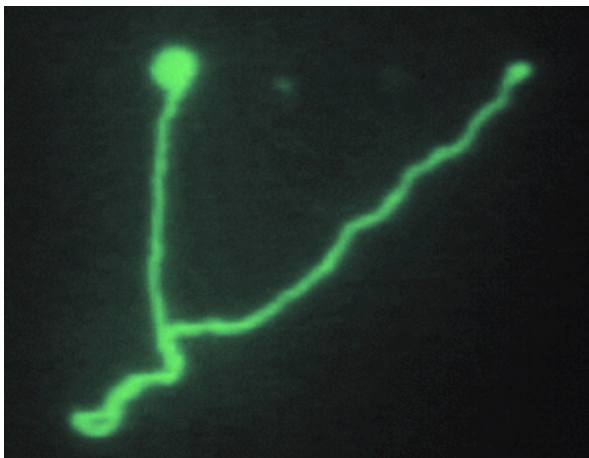
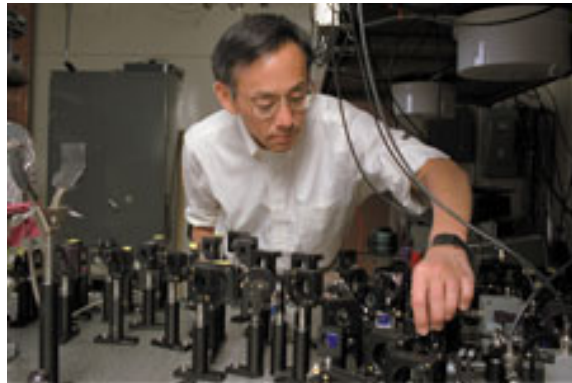
At the time of publication, a related work by E. Betzig et al. had recently appeared online in the journal *Science* (56).

# Subnanometre single-molecule localization, registration and distance measurements

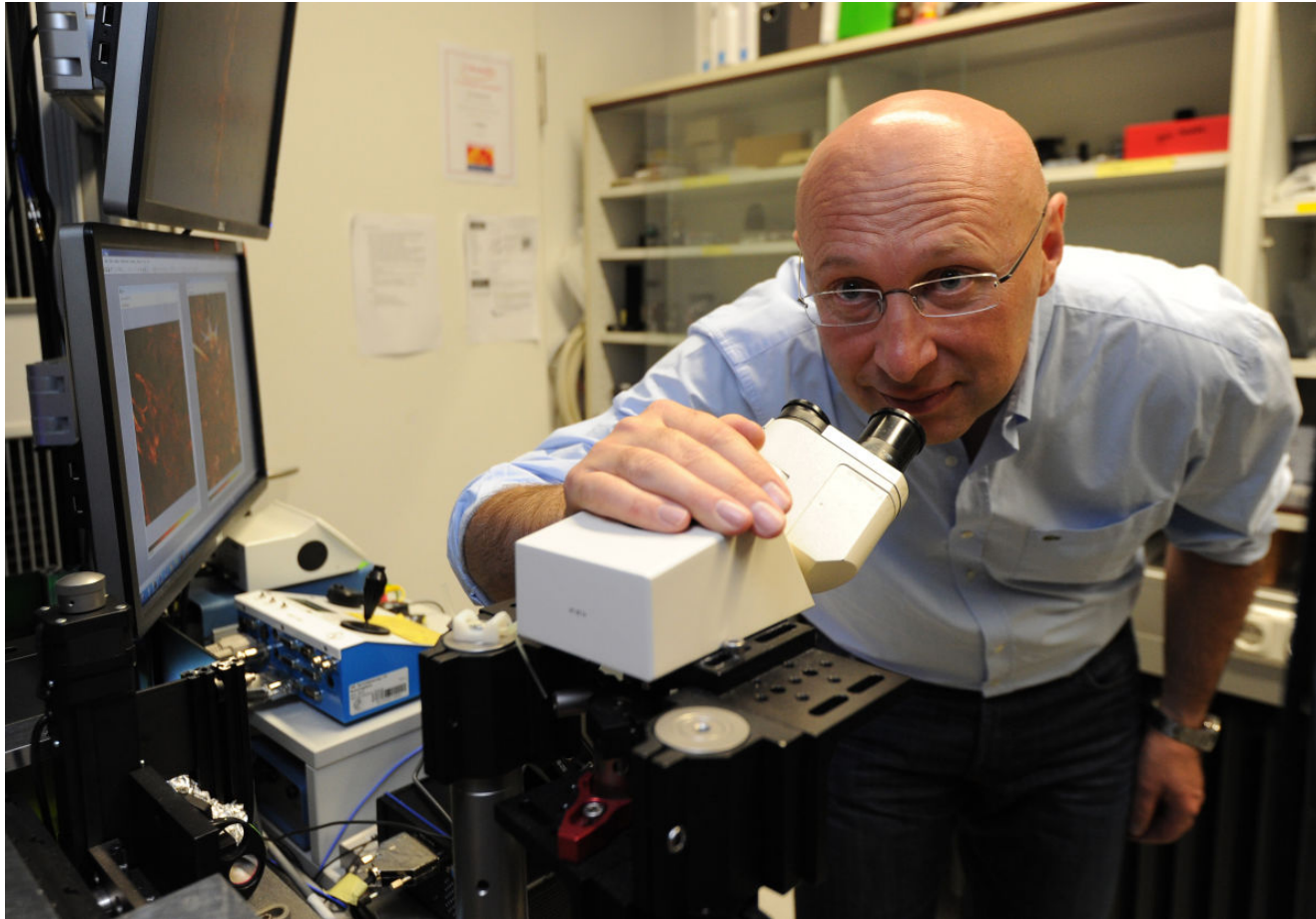
Alexandros Pertsinidis<sup>1,2</sup>, Yunxiang Zhang<sup>1,2</sup> & Steven Chu<sup>1,2,3,4,†</sup>

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world record



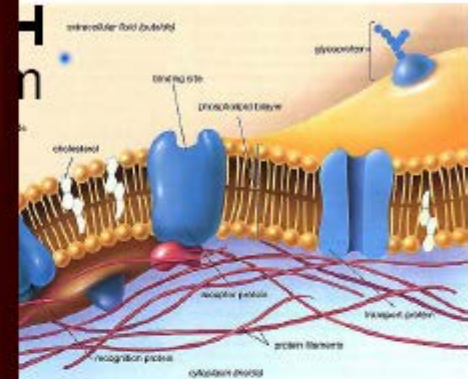
## What the HELL is STED?



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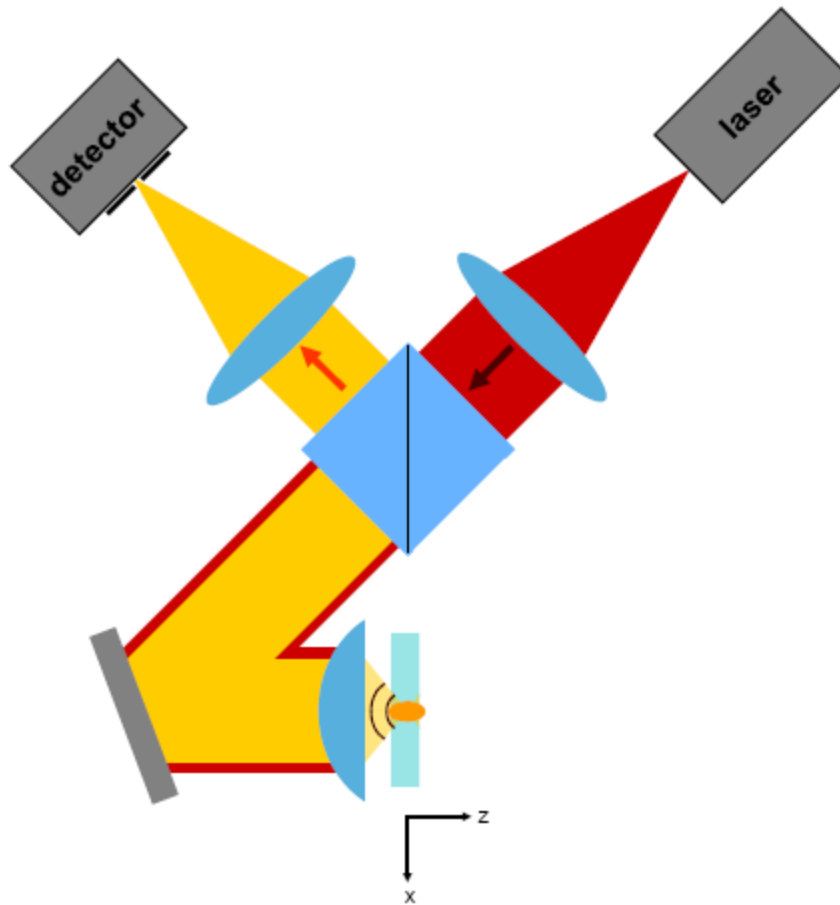


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$$\delta z_{\min} \approx \frac{\lambda}{2n(\sin \alpha)^2}$$

Point Spread Function

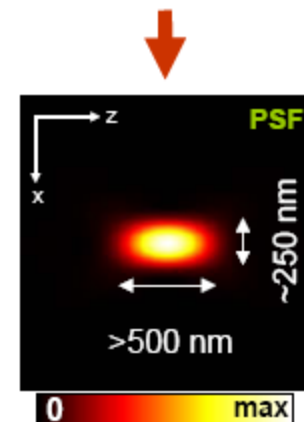
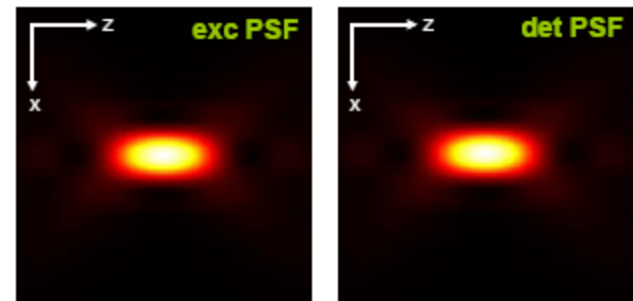
# Confocal Microscopy



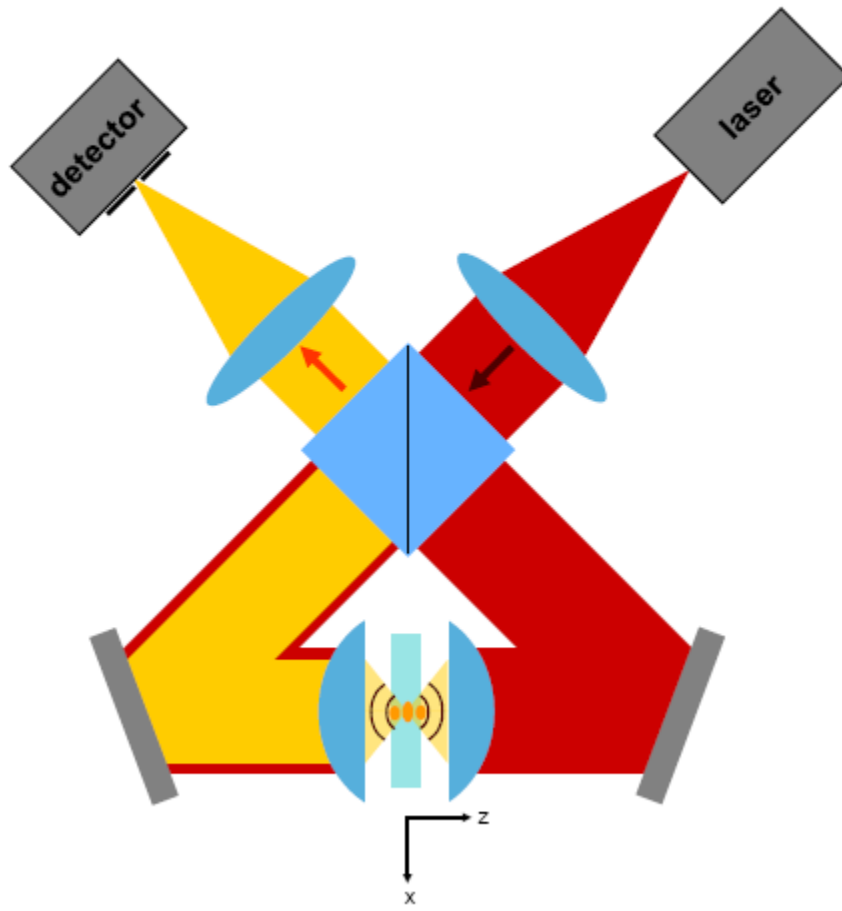
diffraction limit:

$$d_{\min} \approx 0.61 \frac{\lambda}{n \sin \alpha}$$

$\lambda$  wavelength  
numerical aperture  $n \sin \alpha$   
 $\alpha$  aperture angle

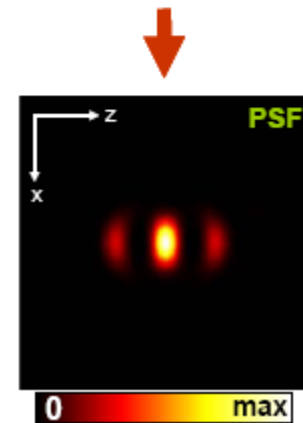
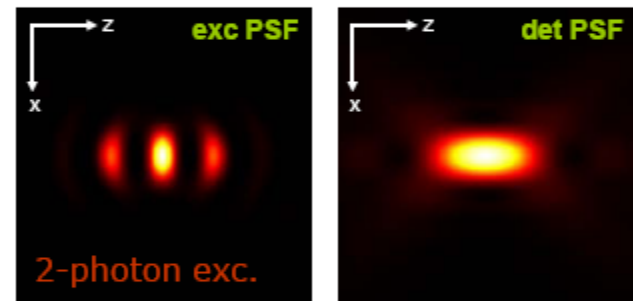


# 4Pi Microscopy



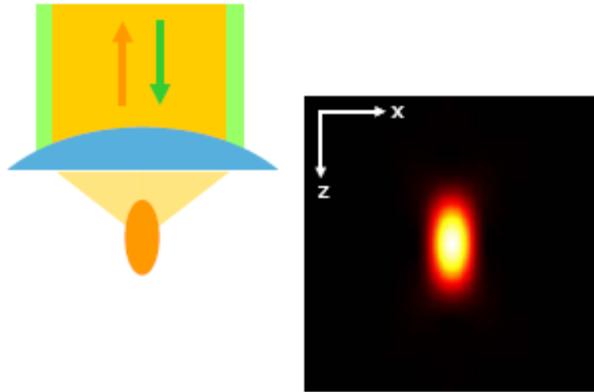
Stefan Hell 1990, 1992

Coherent excitation with two opposing objectives

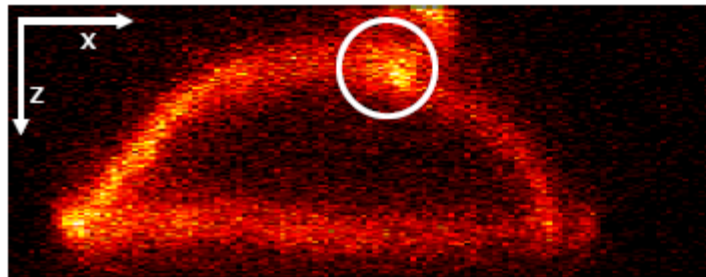


# 4Pi Microscopy Enhances the Depth Resolution

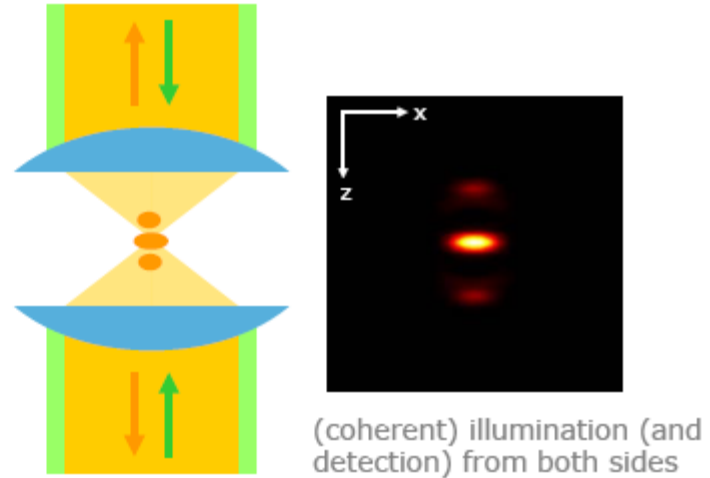
(confocal) Laser Scanning Microscope



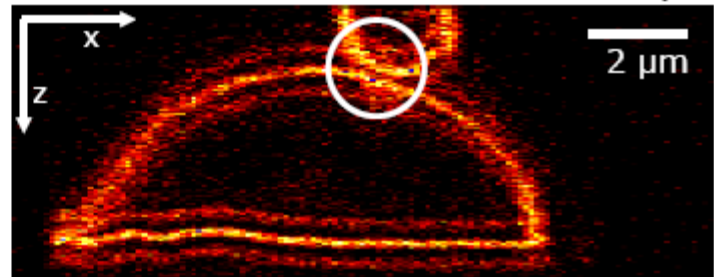
Depth resolution ca. 600 nm  
Lateral resolution ca. 250 nm



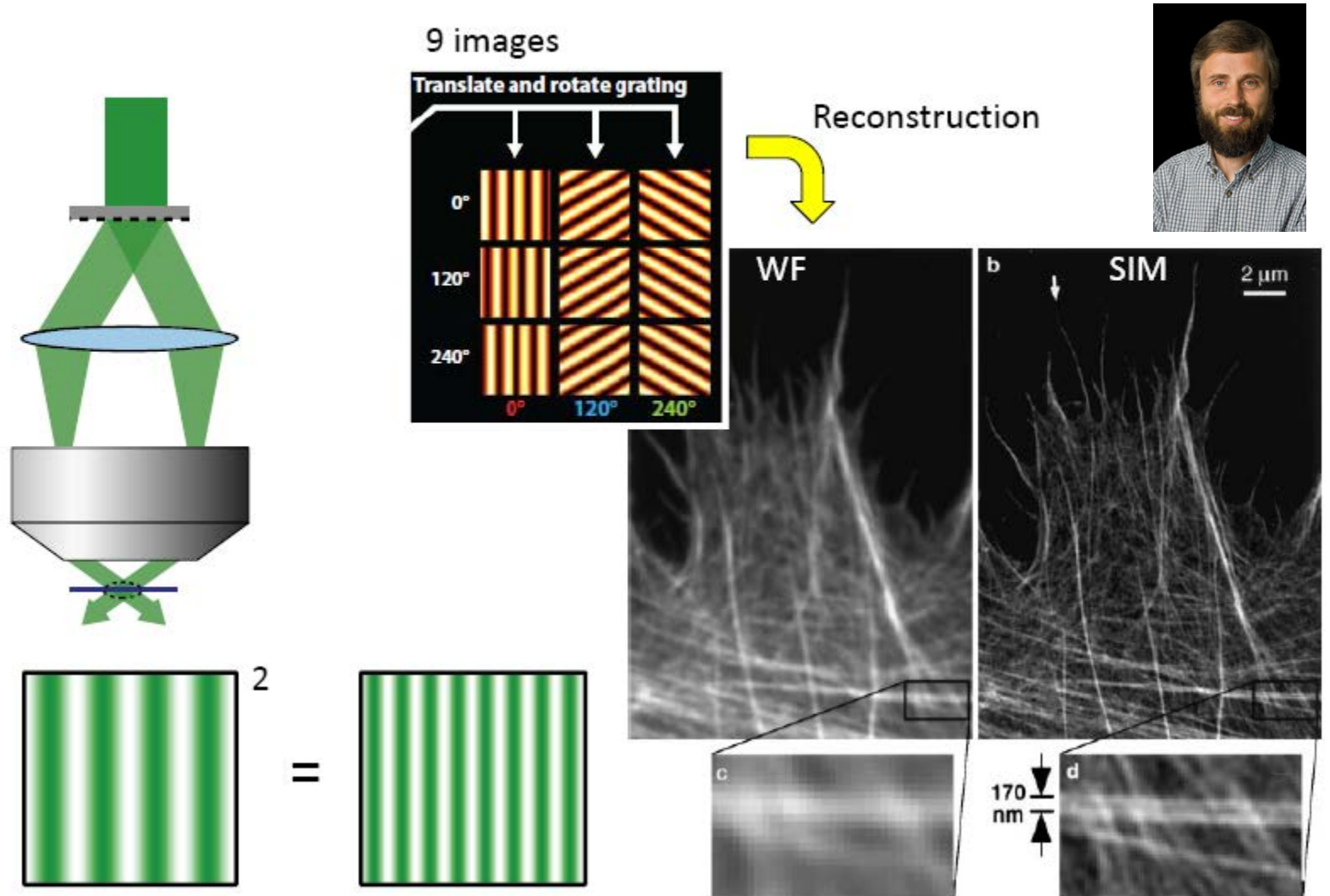
4Pi Microscope



Depth resolution ca. 100 nm - **6x better**  
Lateral resolution ca. 250 nm - equal



# Structured Illumination Microscopy (SIM)





## A brief history of STED

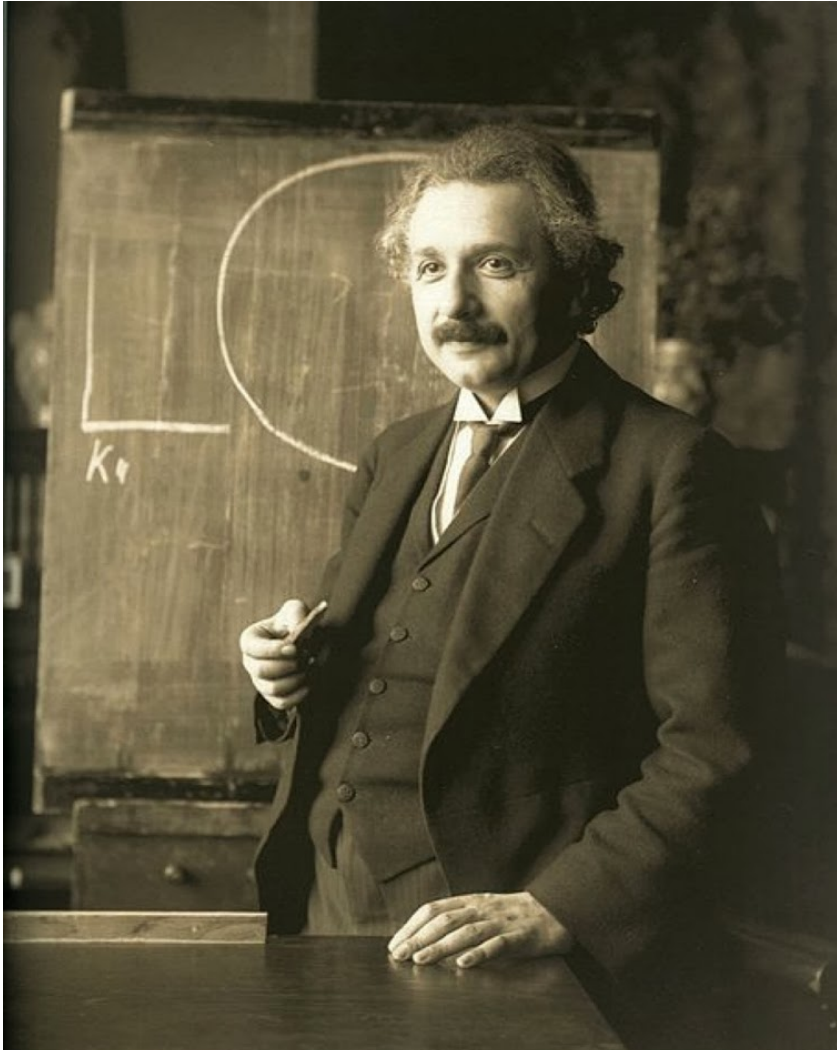
# Stimulated Emission Depletion (STED)

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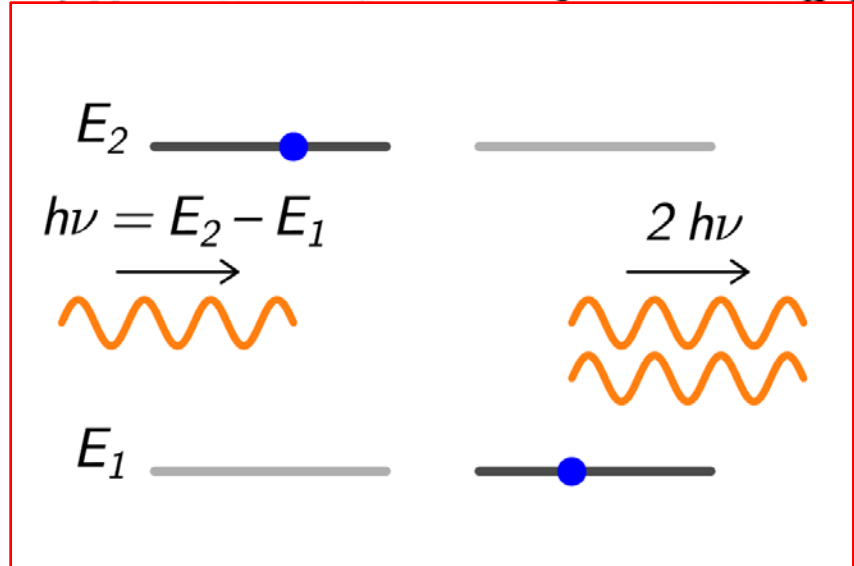
# Stimulated Emission



Zur Quantentheorie der Strahlung.

Von A. Einstein<sup>1)</sup>

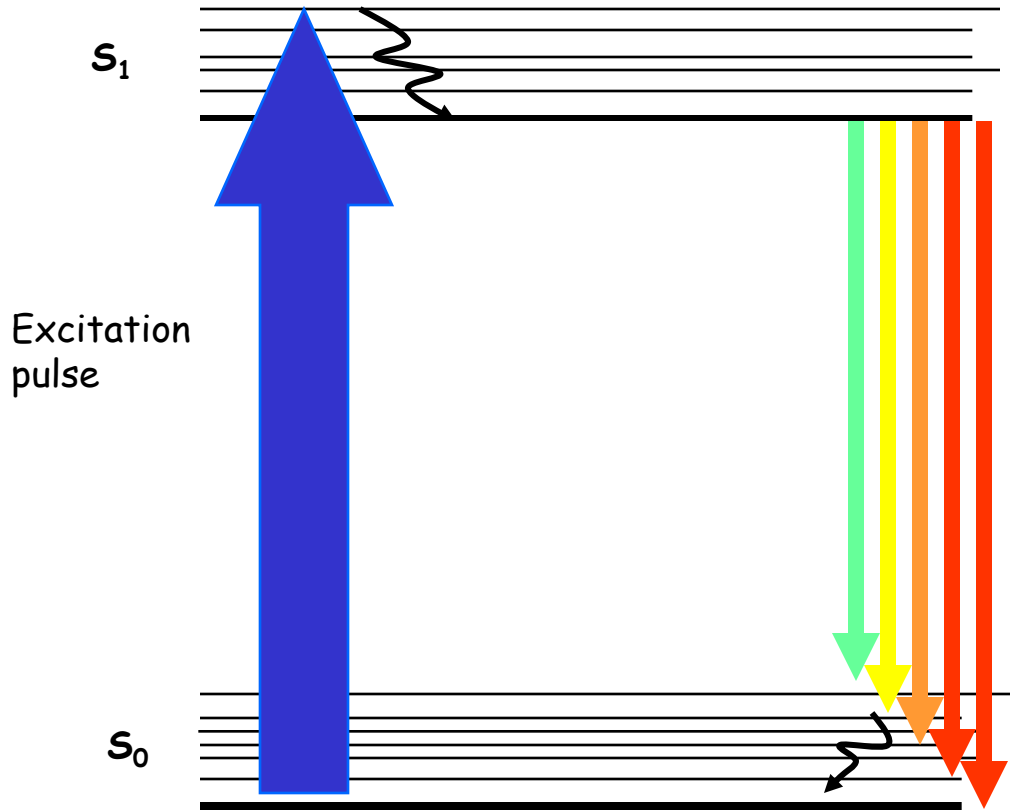
Die formale Ähnlichkeit der Kurve der chromatischen Verteilung der Temperaturstrahlung



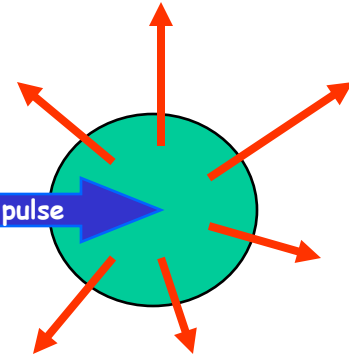
... welches als Strahlungsgesetz für große Werte von  $\frac{\nu}{T}$  auch heute als richtig anerkannt wird (Wien-

1) Zuerst abgedruckt in den Mitteilungen der Physikalischen Gesellschaft Zürich, Nr. 18, 1916.

Excited state depletion

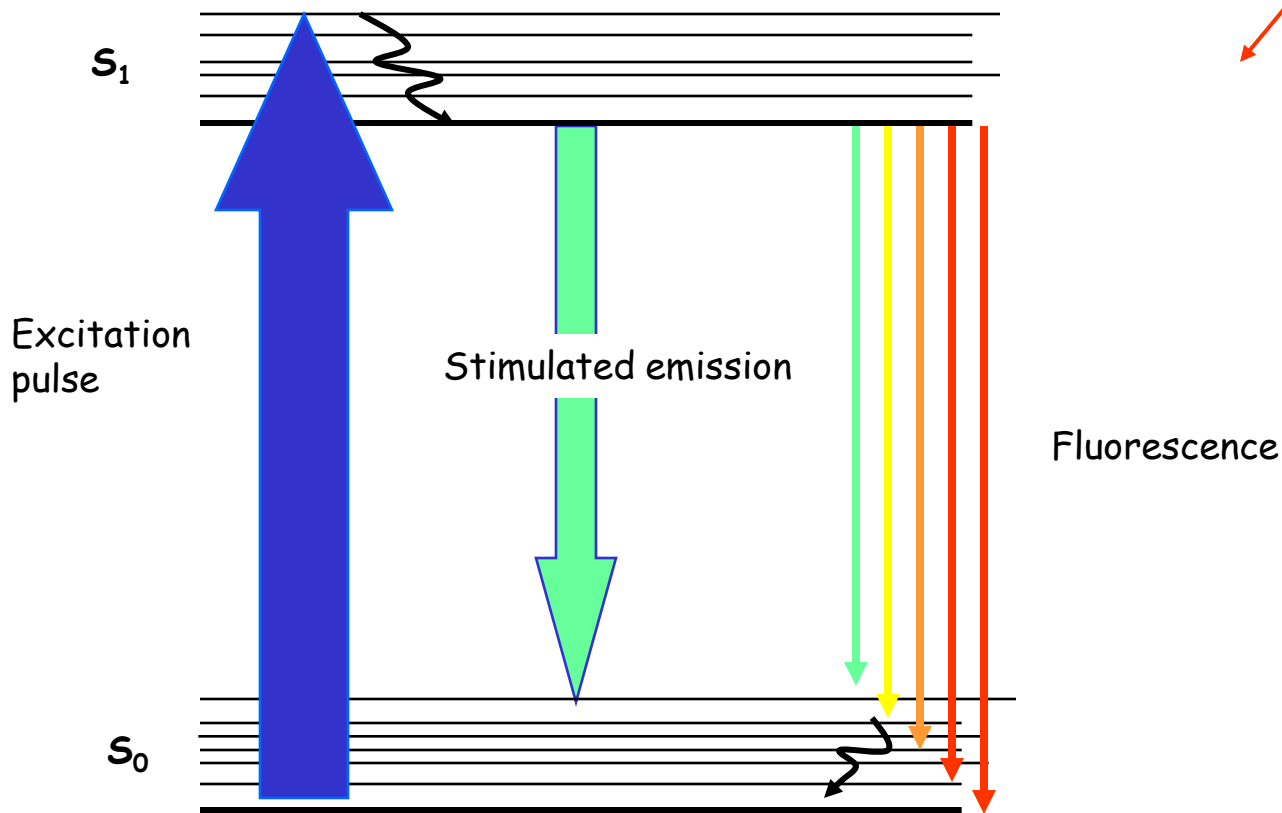


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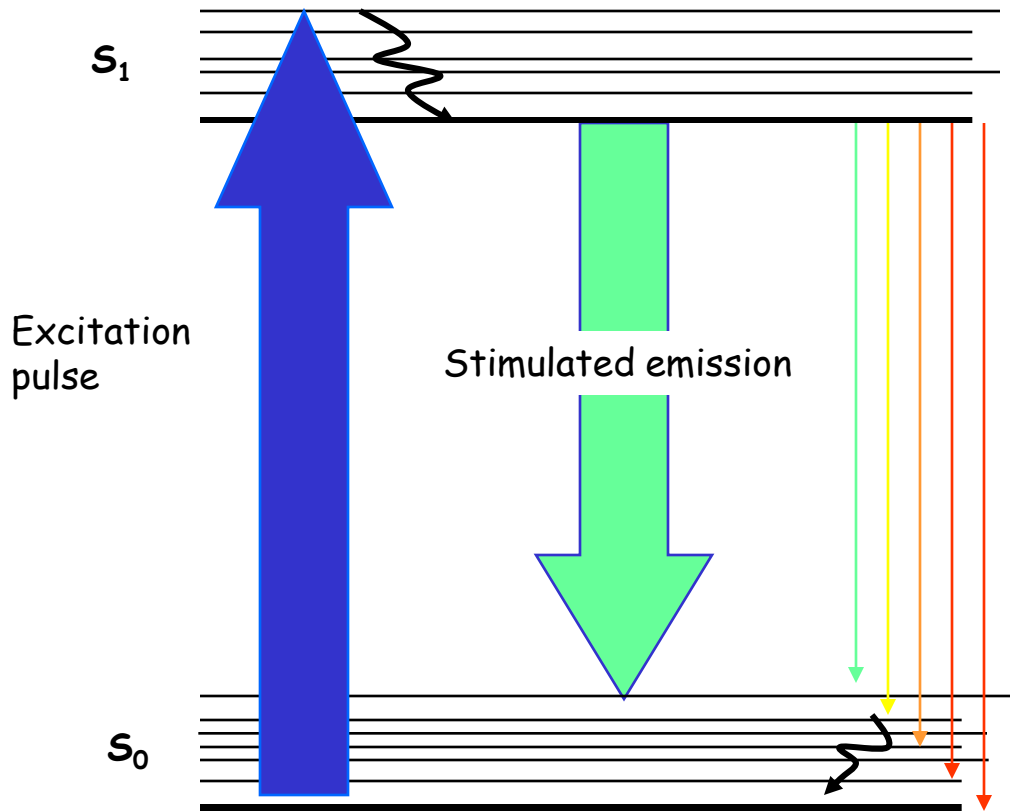
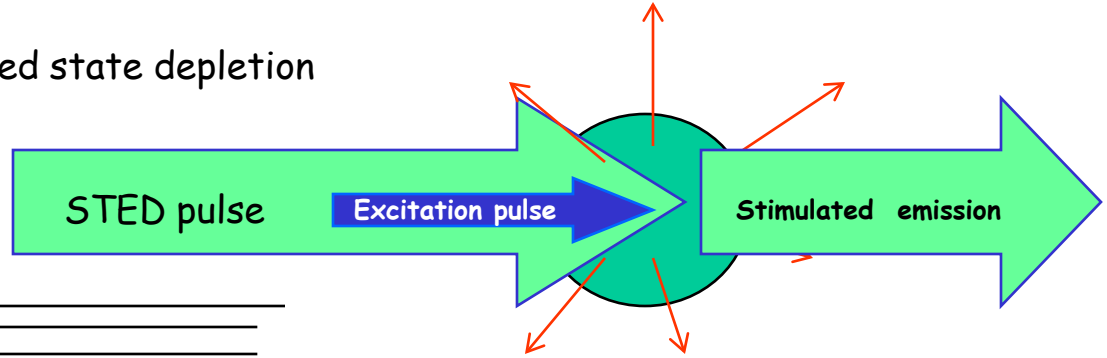


Fluorescence

Excited state depletion



Excited state depletion



Photons in STED pulse has lower energy to avoid excitation.

Pulse duration should much shorter then  $S_1$  lifetime =  $1/K_{fluores}$

$$K_{\text{internal relaxation}} \gg K_{SM} \gg K_{\text{fluorescence}}$$

Fluorescence is completely suppressed by stimulated emission process.

Saturation condition for STED pulse:  $K_{SM} = K_{\text{fluorescence}}$ ;  $I_{\text{saturation}} \sigma_{\text{absorption}} \sim 1 \text{ ns}^{-1}$



# Stimulated Emission Depletion (STED)



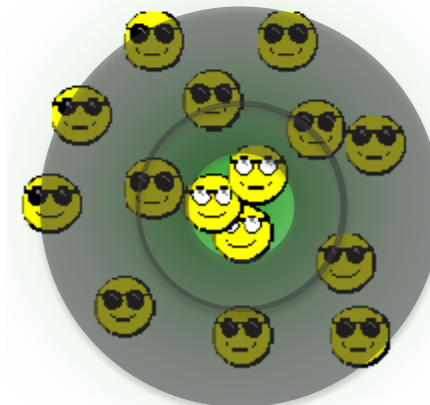
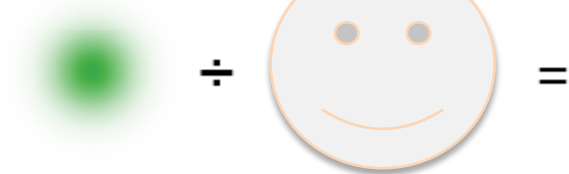
Excitation

Multiple cycles



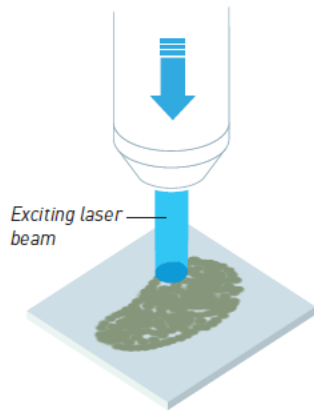
- Ground state
- Triplet state
- Isomerization etc.

Depletion pattern



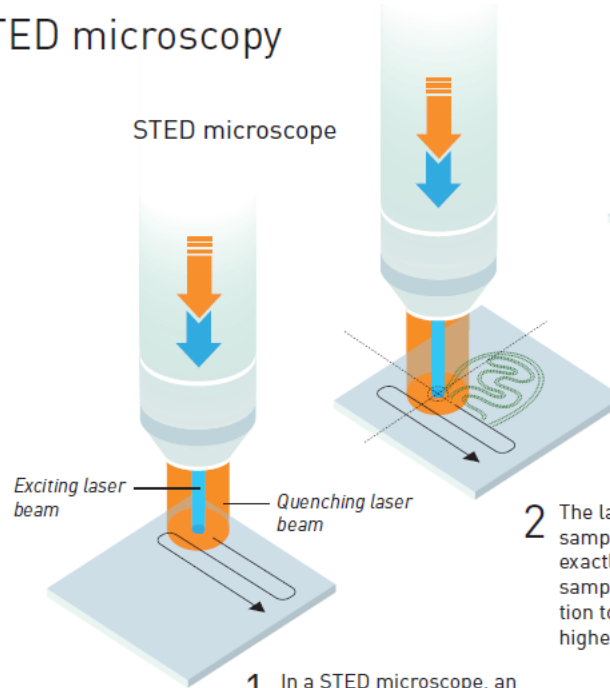
## The principle of STED microscopy

Regular optical microscope



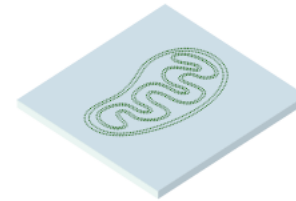
In a regular optical microscope, the contours of a mitochondrion can be distinguished, but the resolution can never get better than 0.2 micrometres.

STED microscope



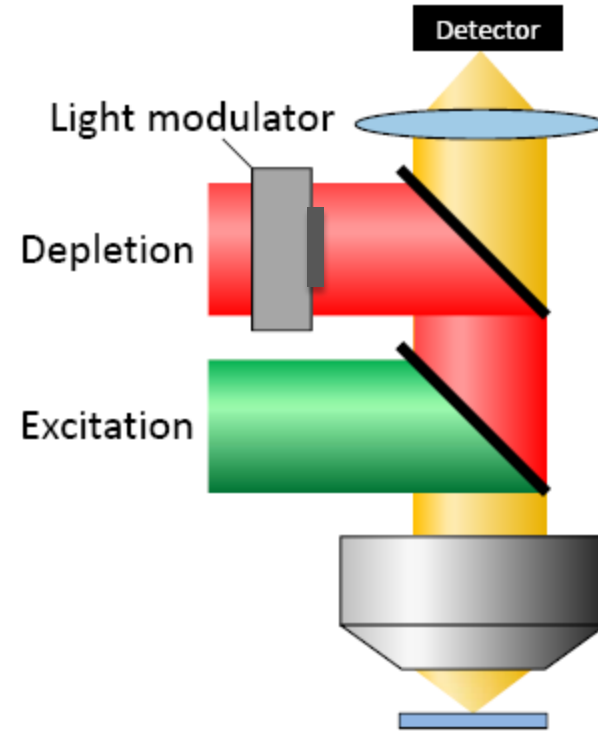
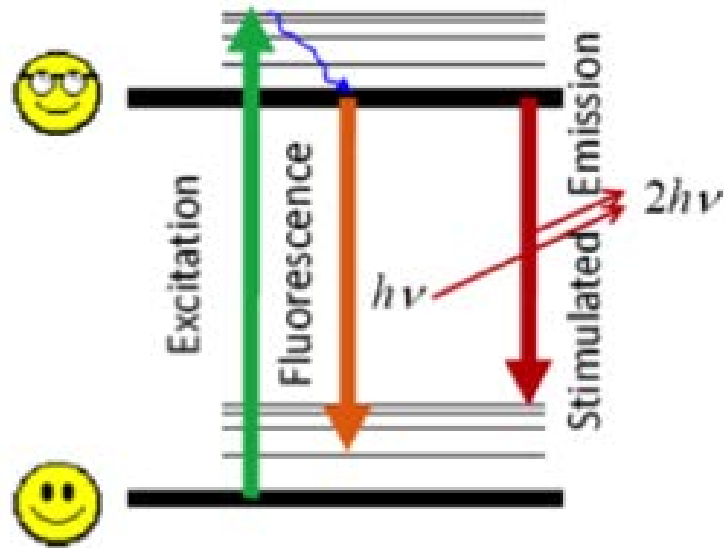
1 In a STED microscope, an annular laser beam quenches all fluorescence except that in a nanometre-sized volume.

2 The laser beams scan over the sample. Since scientists know exactly where the beam hits the sample, they can use that information to render the image at a much higher resolution.



3 The final image gets a resolution that is much better than 0.2 micrometre.

# STED microscopy



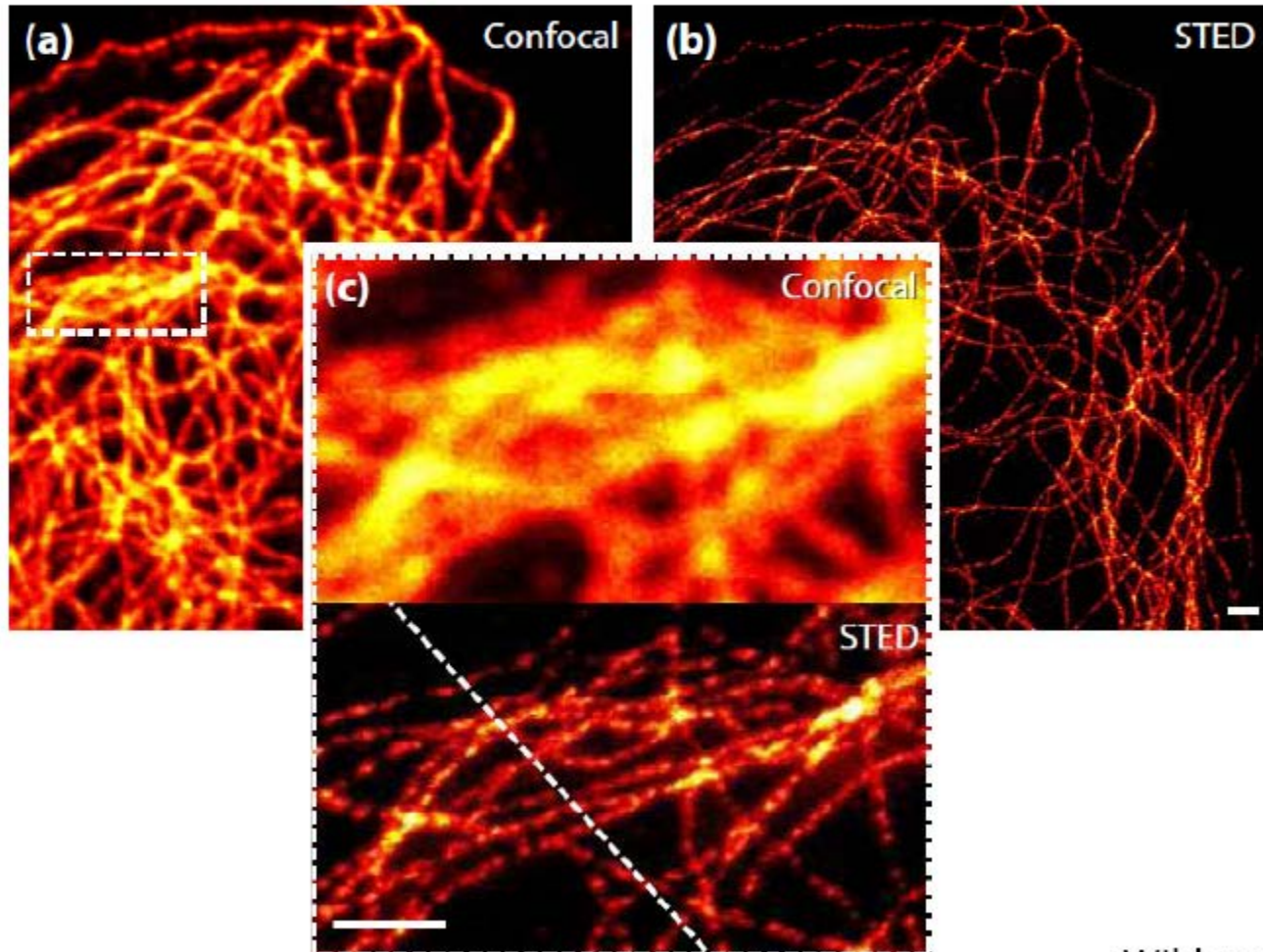
Excitation

STED  
pattern

Effective  
PSF



# STED images of microtubules

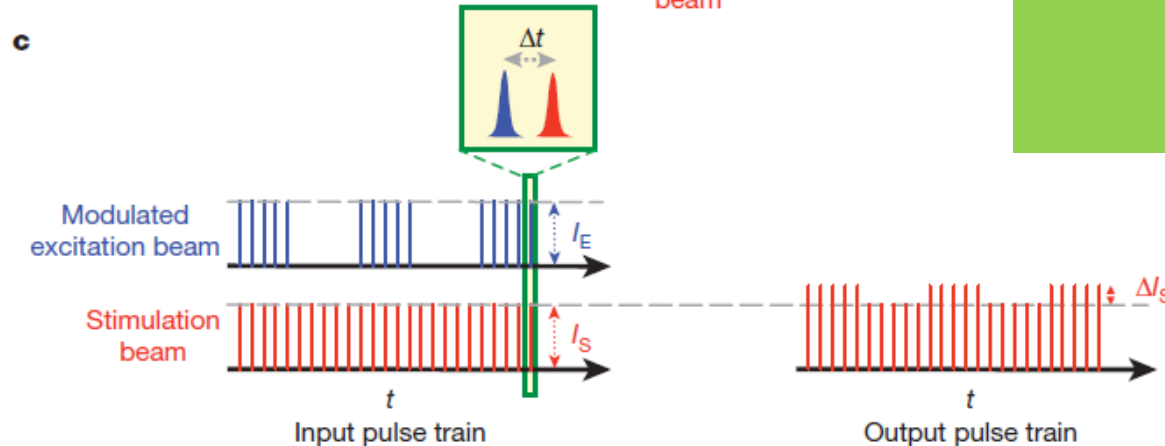
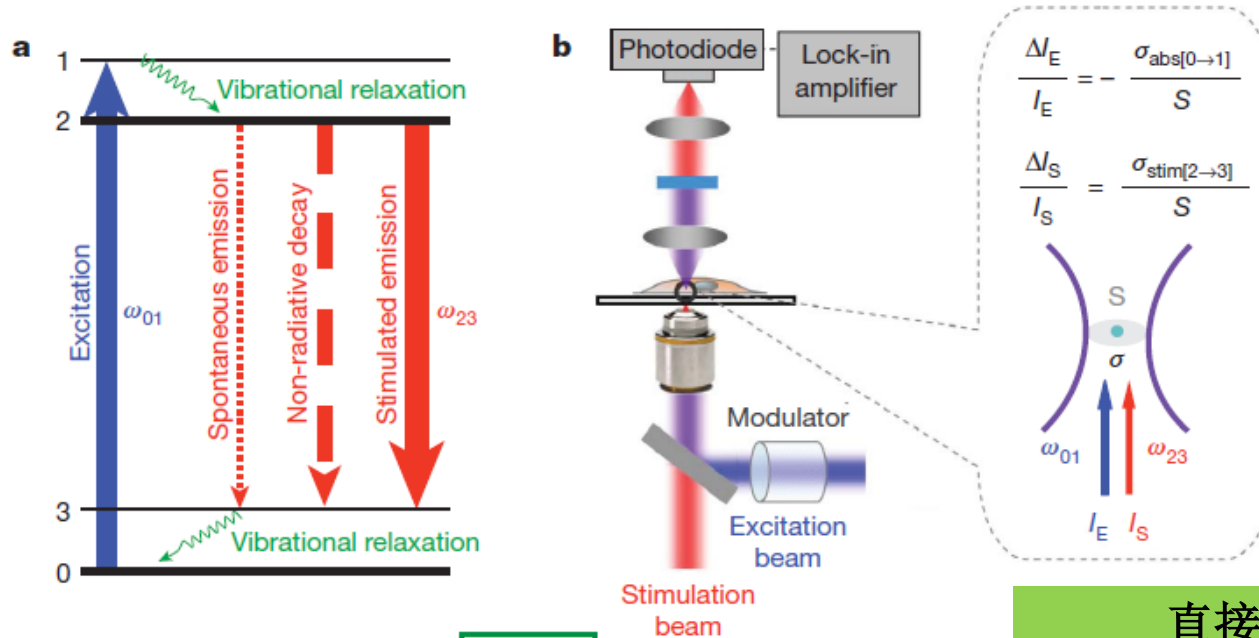


Wildanger et al., 2009

# Imaging chromophores with undetectable fluorescence by stimulated emission microscopy

Wei Min<sup>1\*</sup>, Sijia Lu<sup>1\*</sup>, Shasha Chong<sup>1</sup>, Rahul Roy<sup>1</sup>, Gary R. Holtom<sup>1</sup> & X. Sunney Xie<sup>1</sup>

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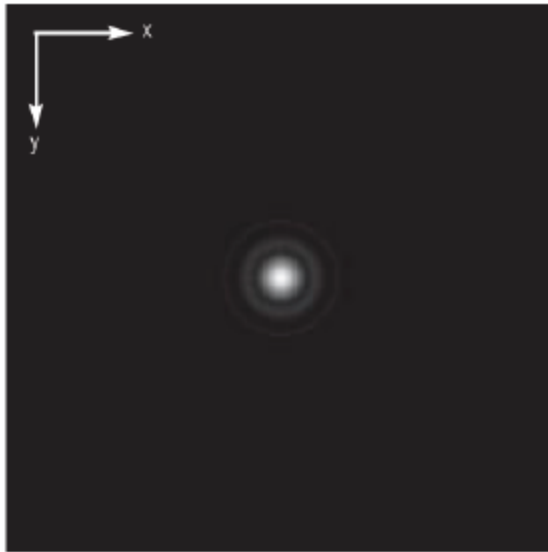
直接测量单个分子的受激辐射  
 $10^{-7}$ 的强度调制幅度测量  
 免标记；受激拉曼散射等

Shot-noise limited.  
 Any means to break it?  
 Squeezed light?



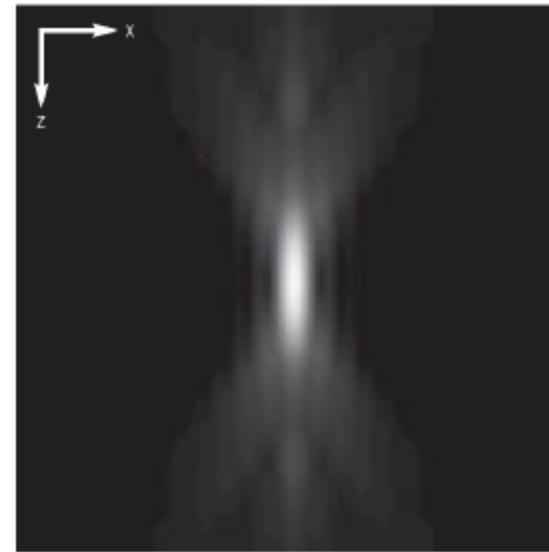
Let's go to 3D!

## Three-dimensional point-spread function



Lateral:

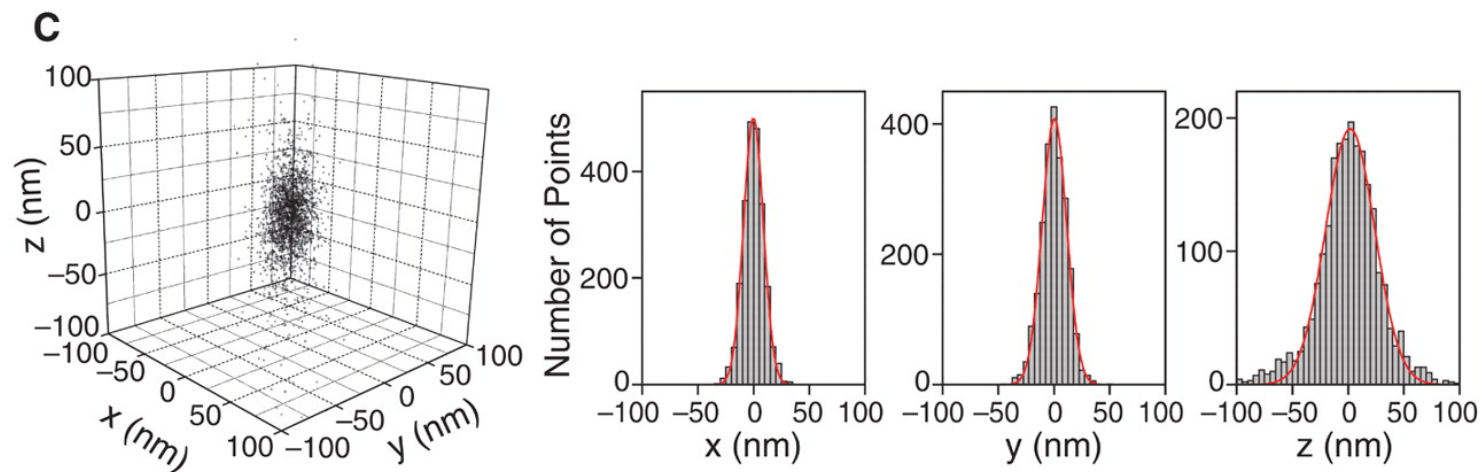
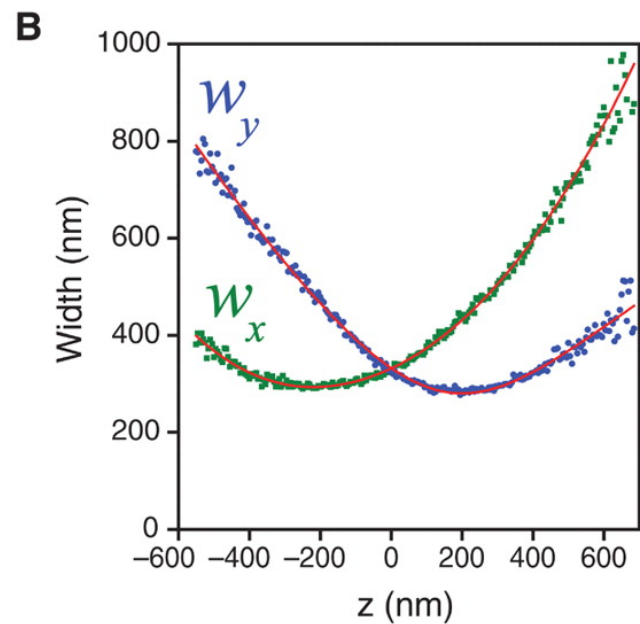
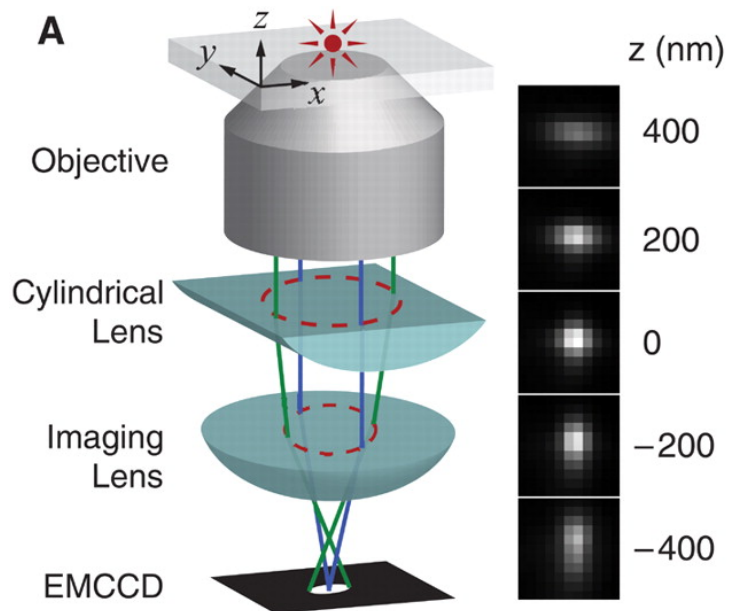
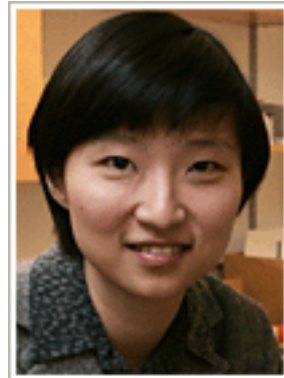
$$FWHM_{ill,lateral} = 0.51 \frac{\lambda_{exc}}{NA}$$

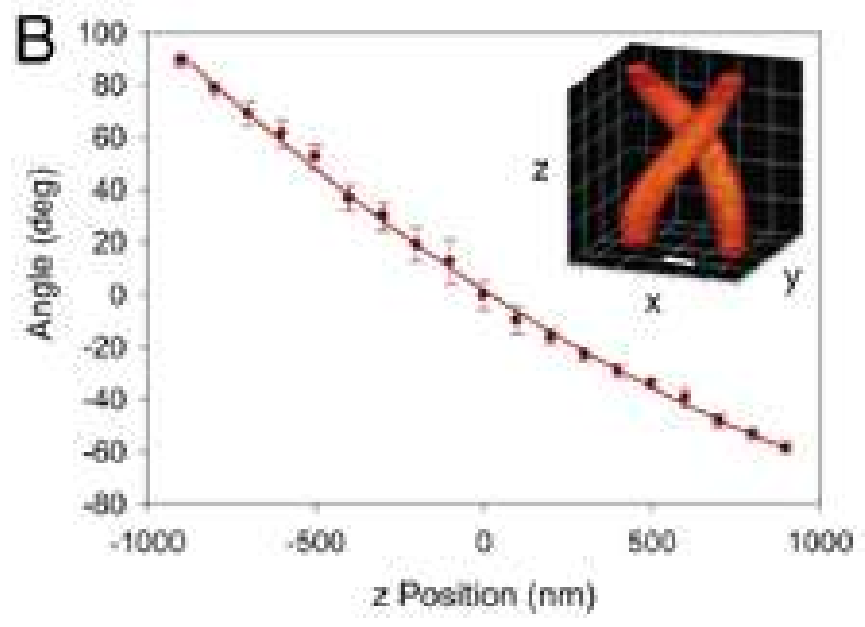
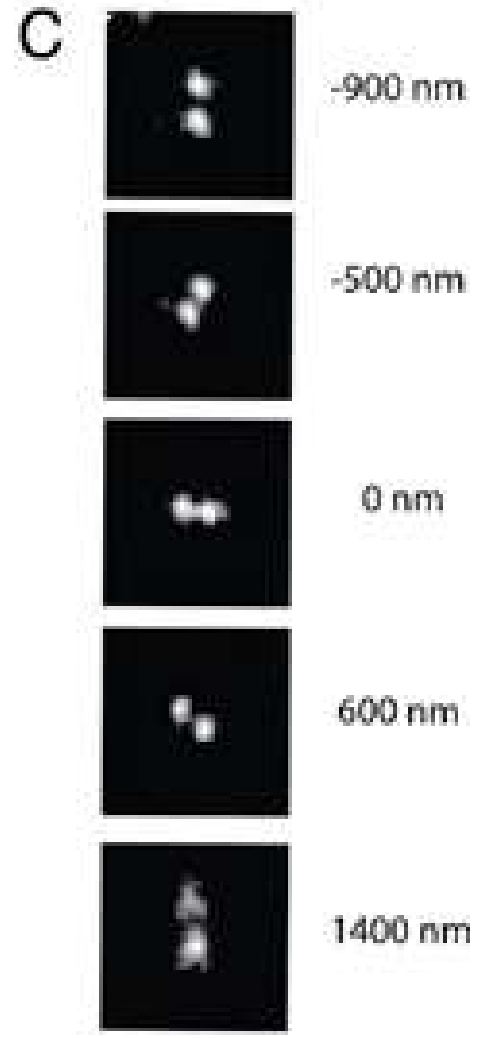
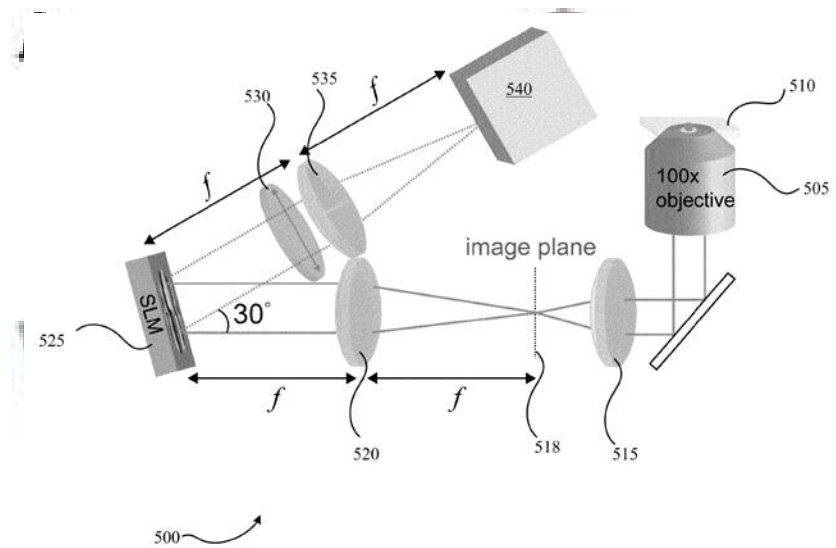


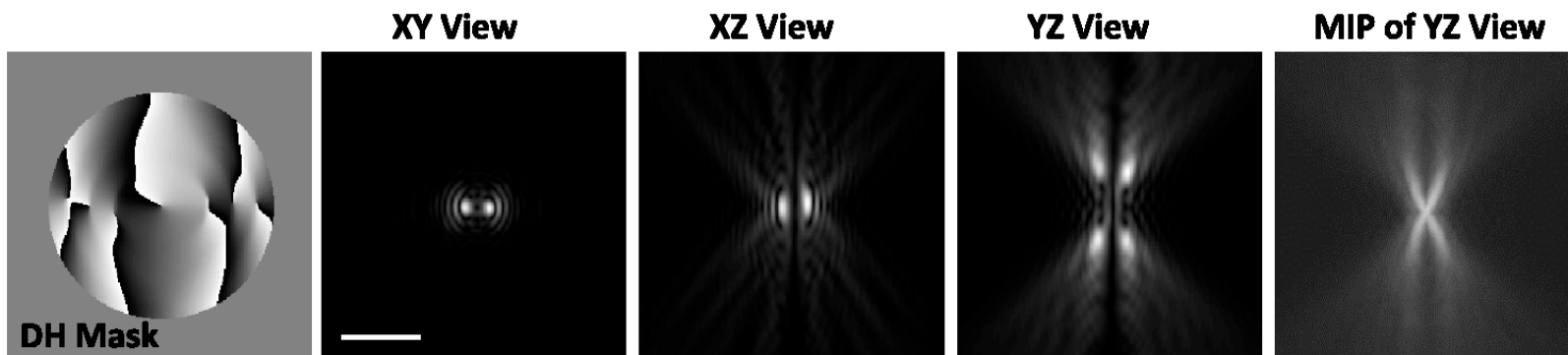
Axial:

$$FWHM_{ill,axial} = \frac{0.88 \cdot \lambda_{exc}}{(n - \sqrt{n^2 - NA^2})}$$

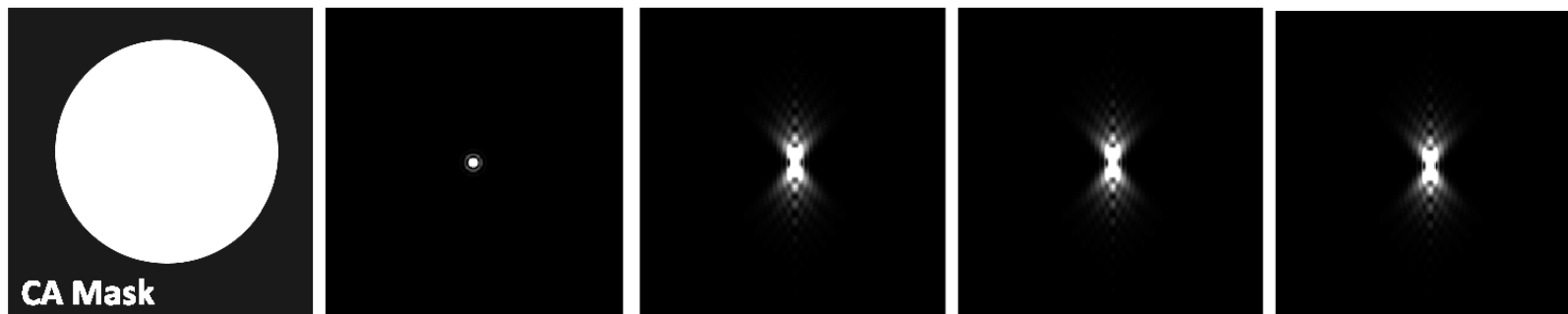
$n$  = refractive index of immersion liquid,  
 $NA$  = numerical aperture of the microscope objective,  
 $\lambda_{exc}$  = wavelength of the excitation light



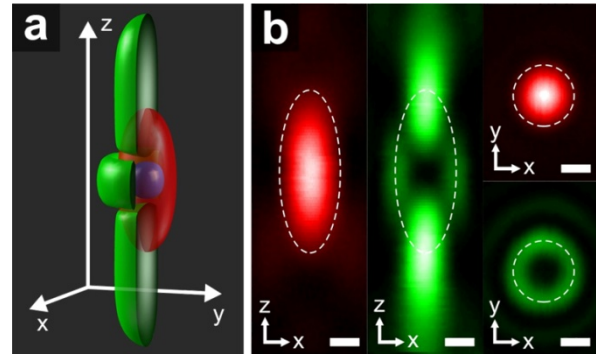
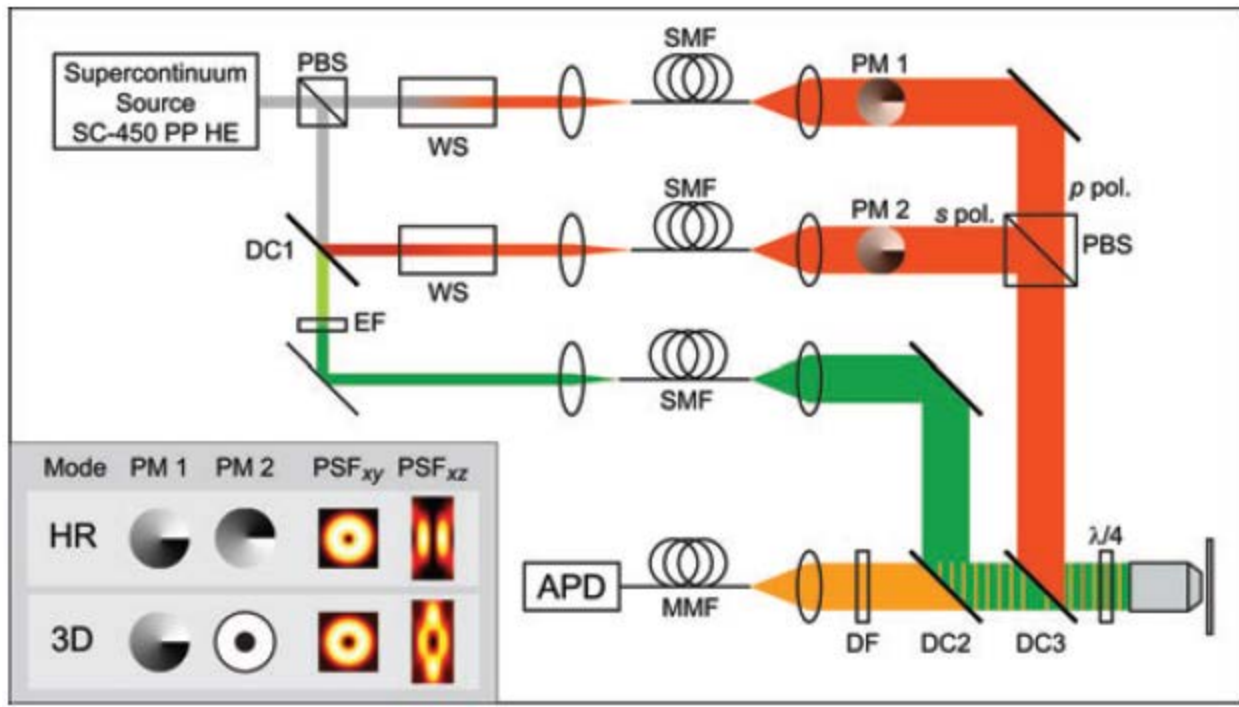




**(a) Double-Helix PSF**

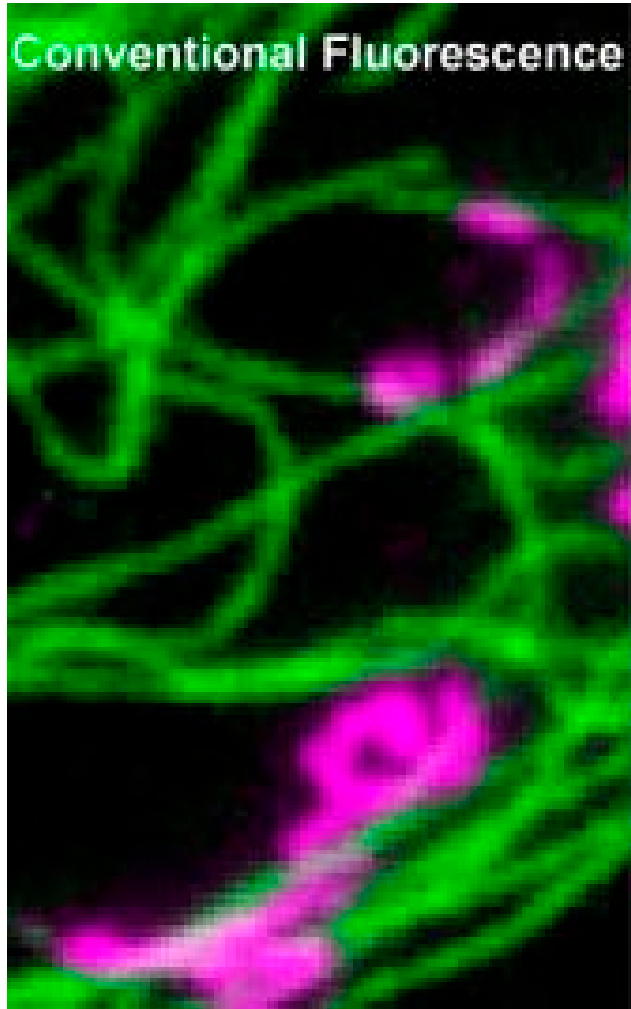


**(b) Conventional PSF**

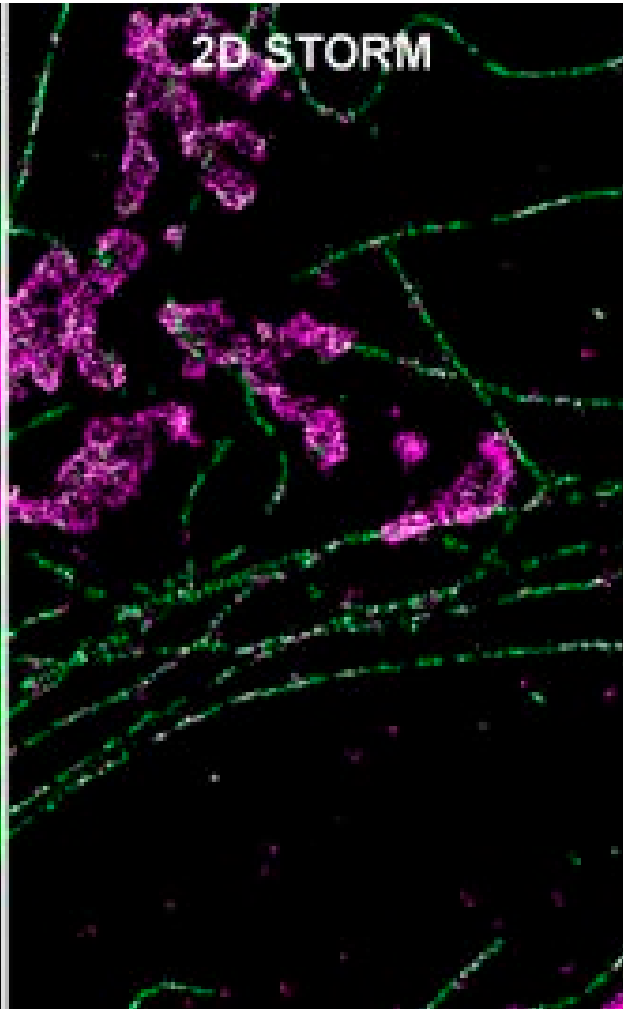




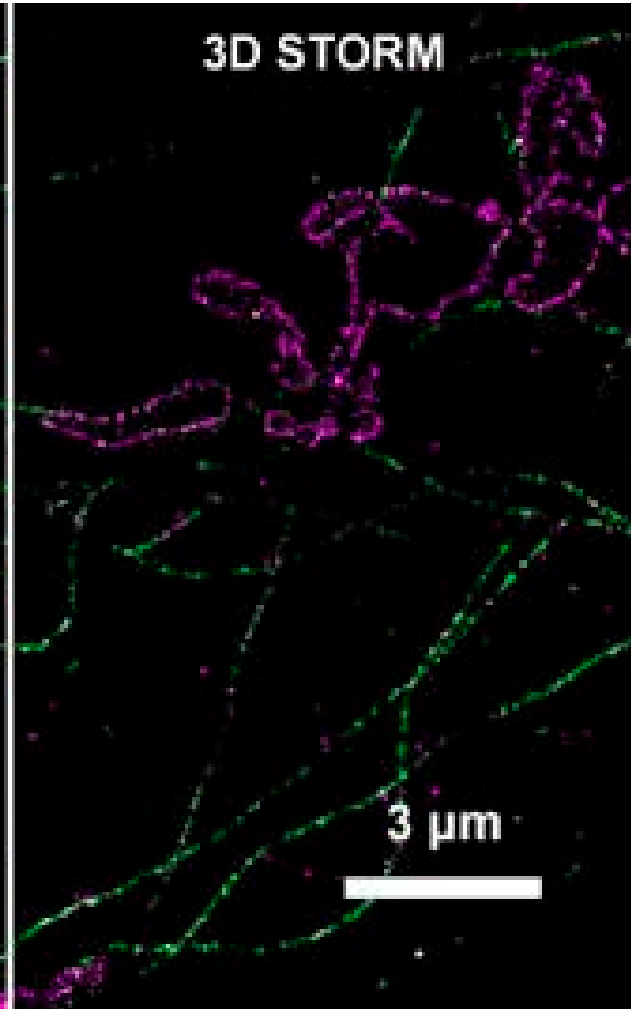
Conventional Fluorescence



2D STORM

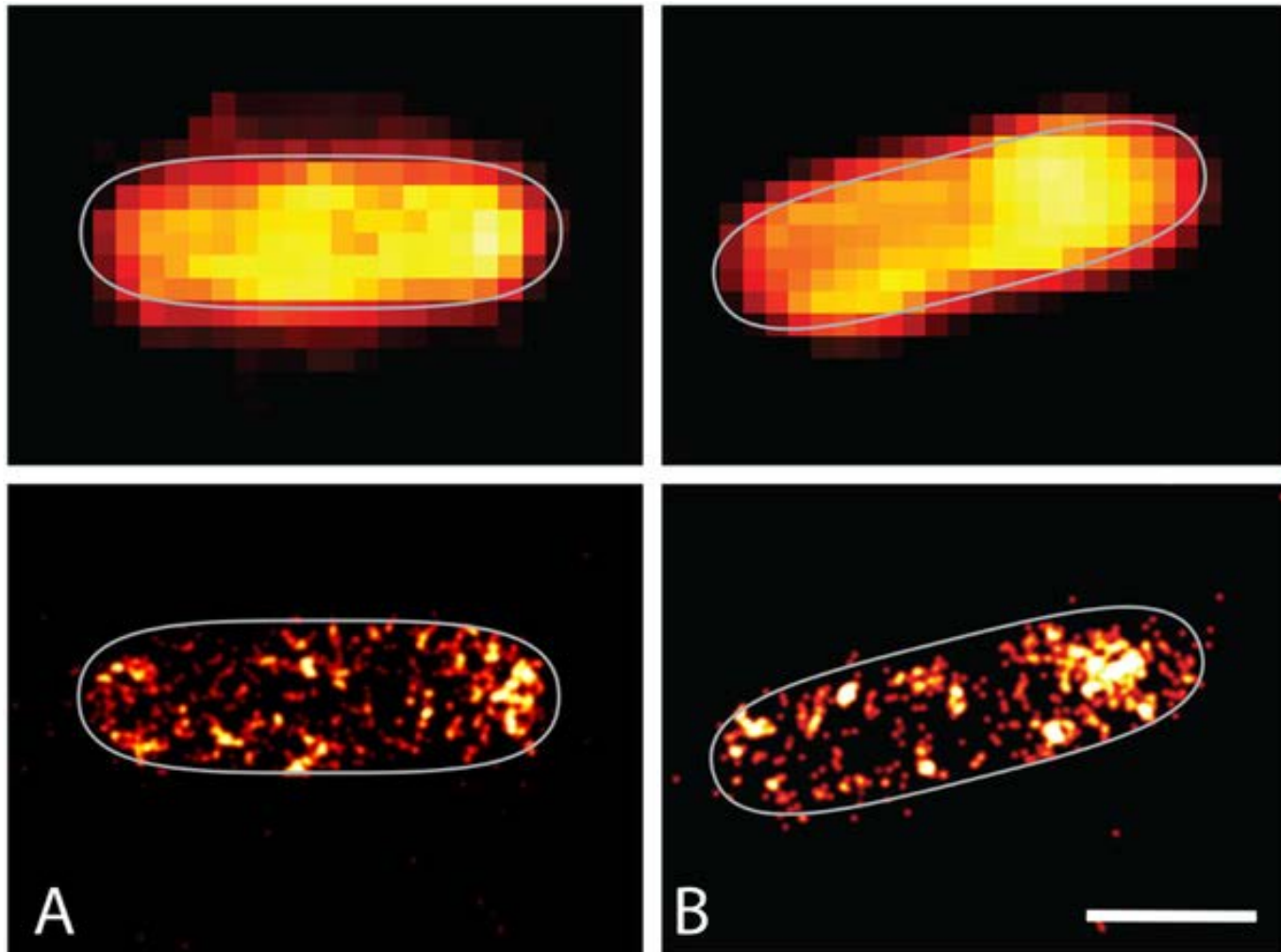


3D STORM



# The Super-Resolution Gallery

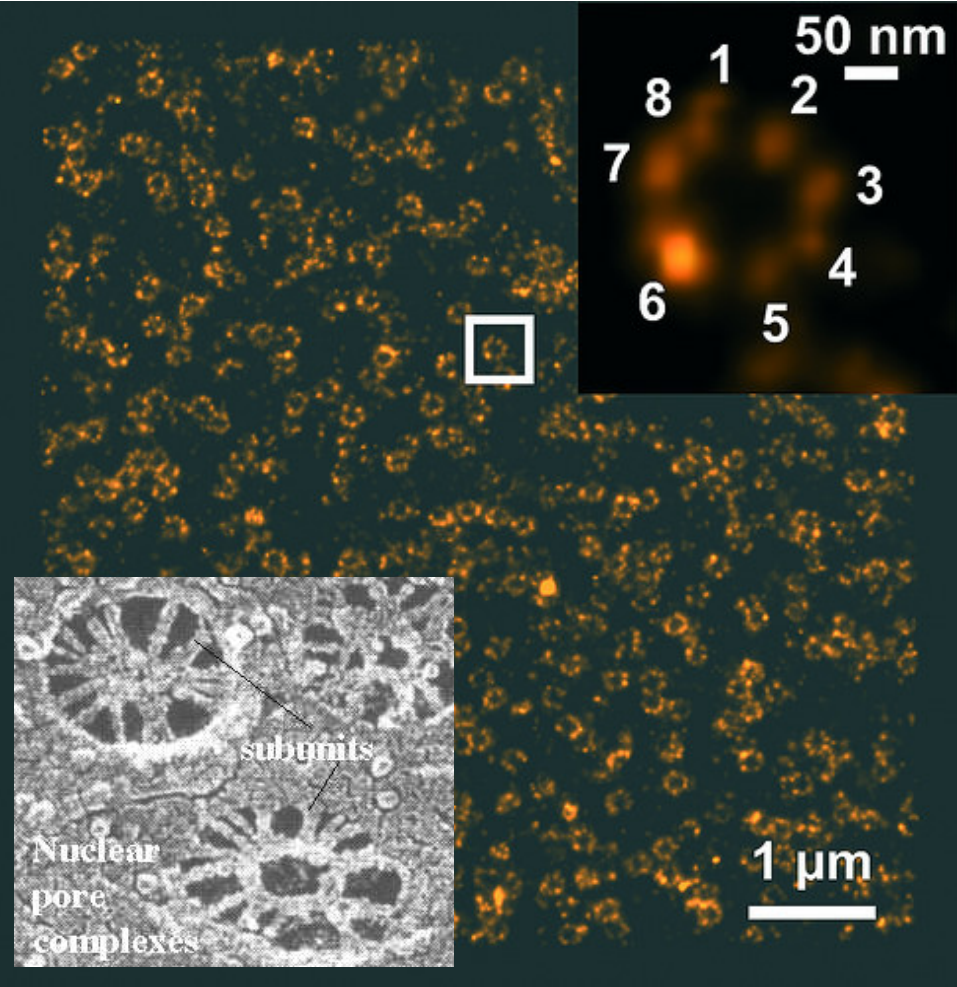
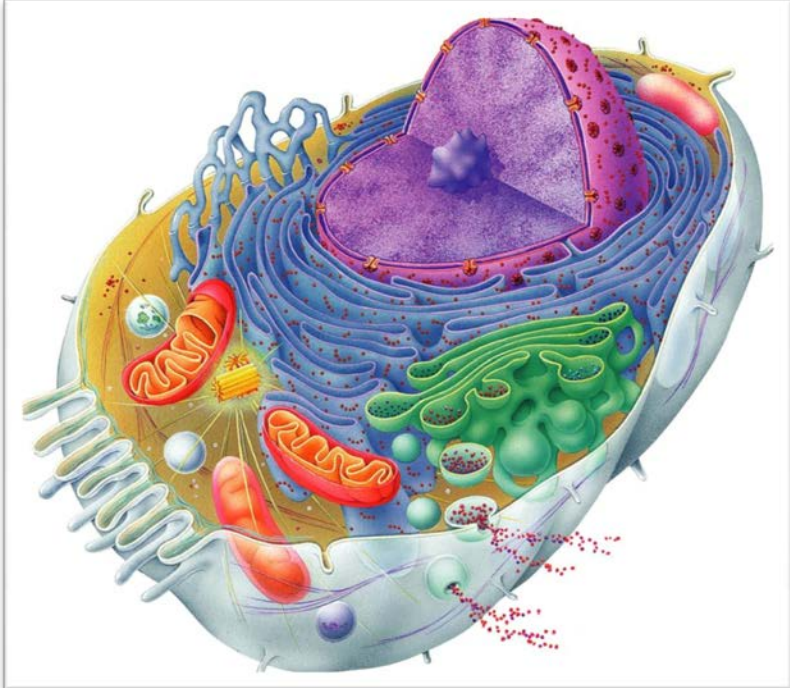
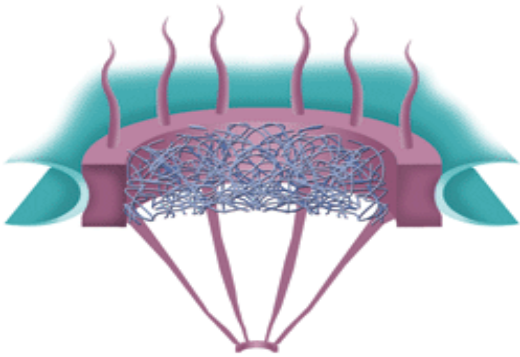
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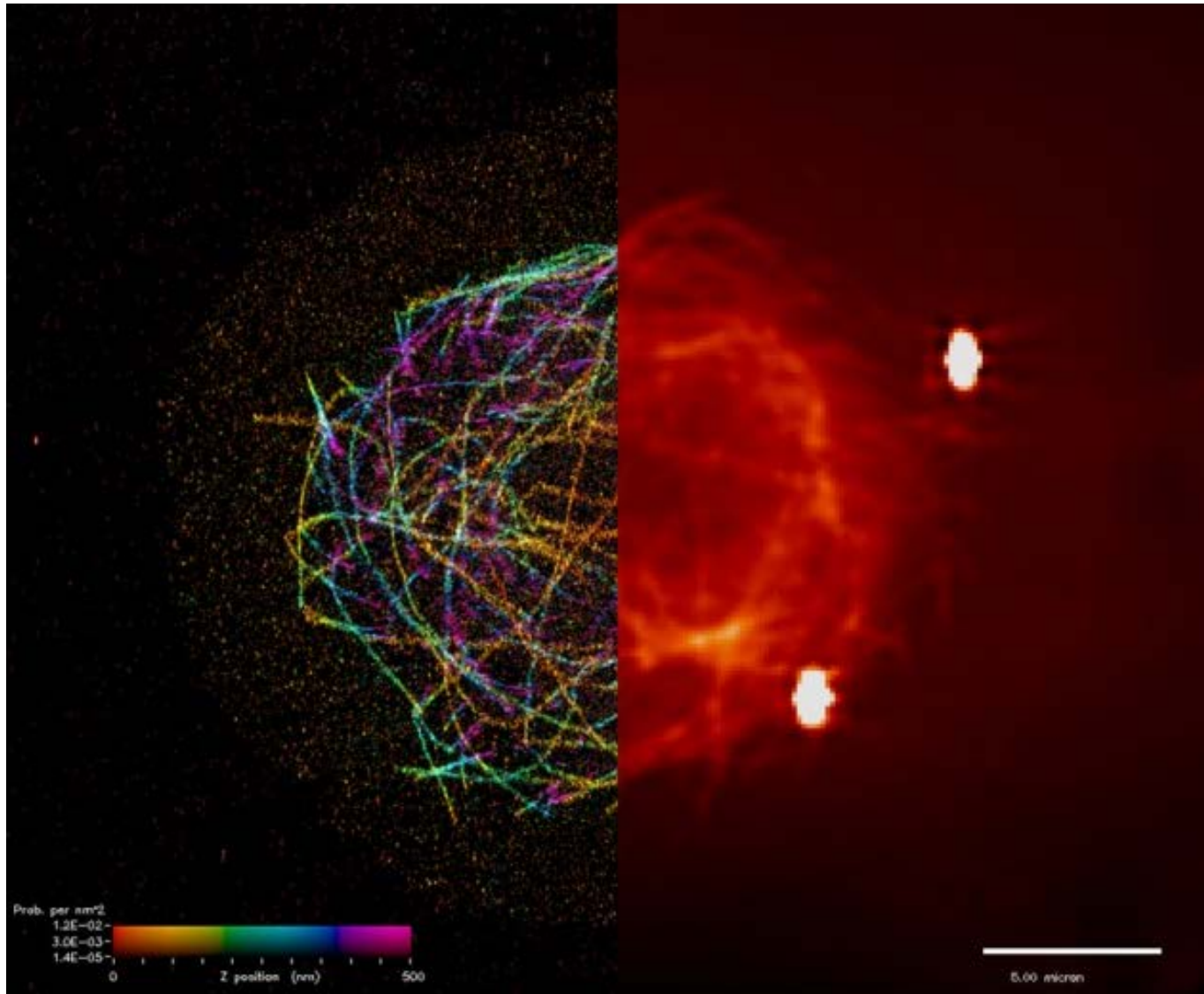
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# Nuclear pore complexes



# Microtubules in cells from fruit flies



*Jim and Cathy Galbraith, Gleb Shtengel, Harald Hess/HHMI/Janelia Research Campus*

Their approaches

visualized the invisible,  
enabled the incapable,

and is having impacts on life science.



The next challenge:

Identification, localization and manipulation of molecules with nanometer or even sub-nanometer precision in 3D in living cells, better time-resolved ( $<ms$ ), and even label-free!

**Do not say there is not a way!**

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Know how to solve every  
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Why can't I sort PC

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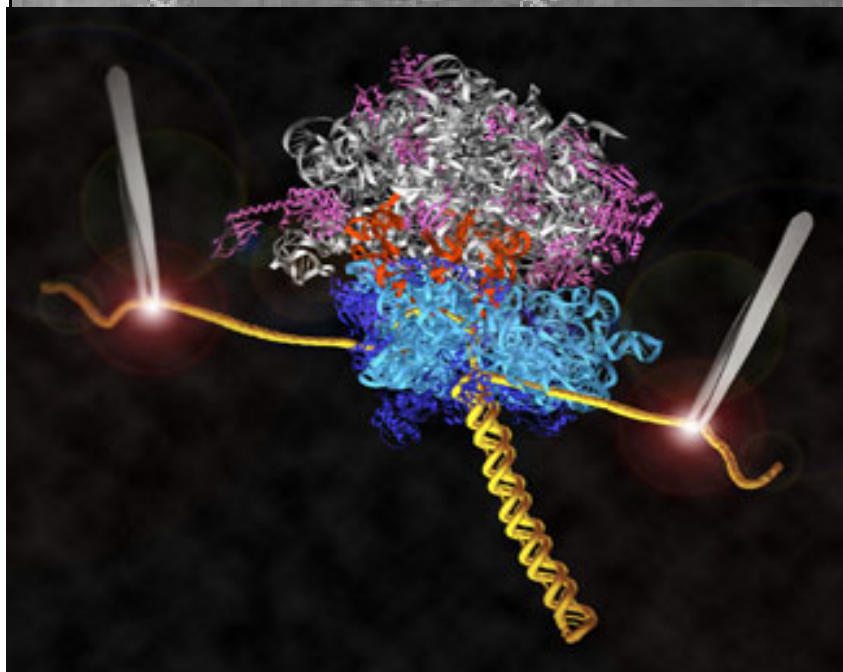
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