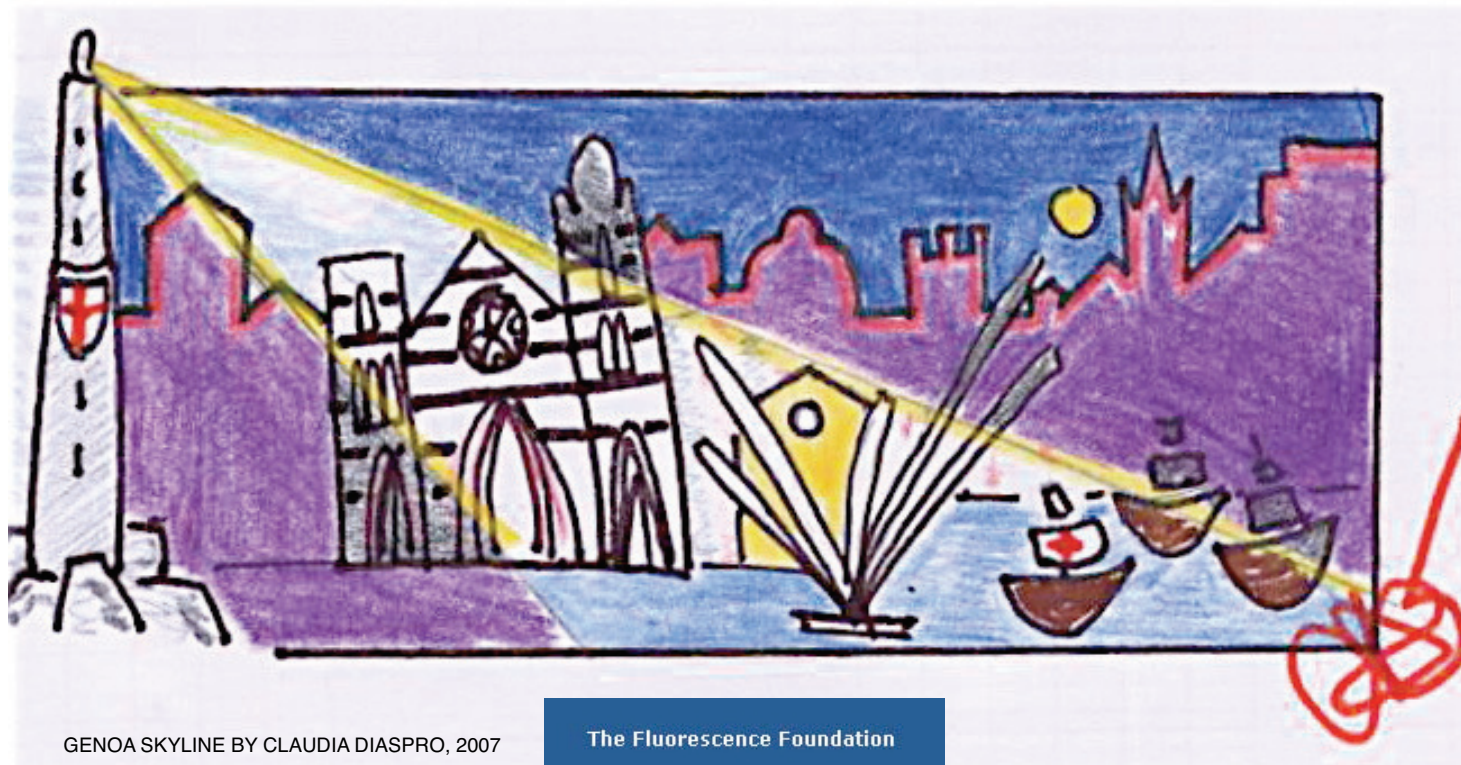




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## FROM MICROSCOPY TO NANOSCOPY



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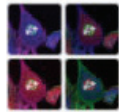
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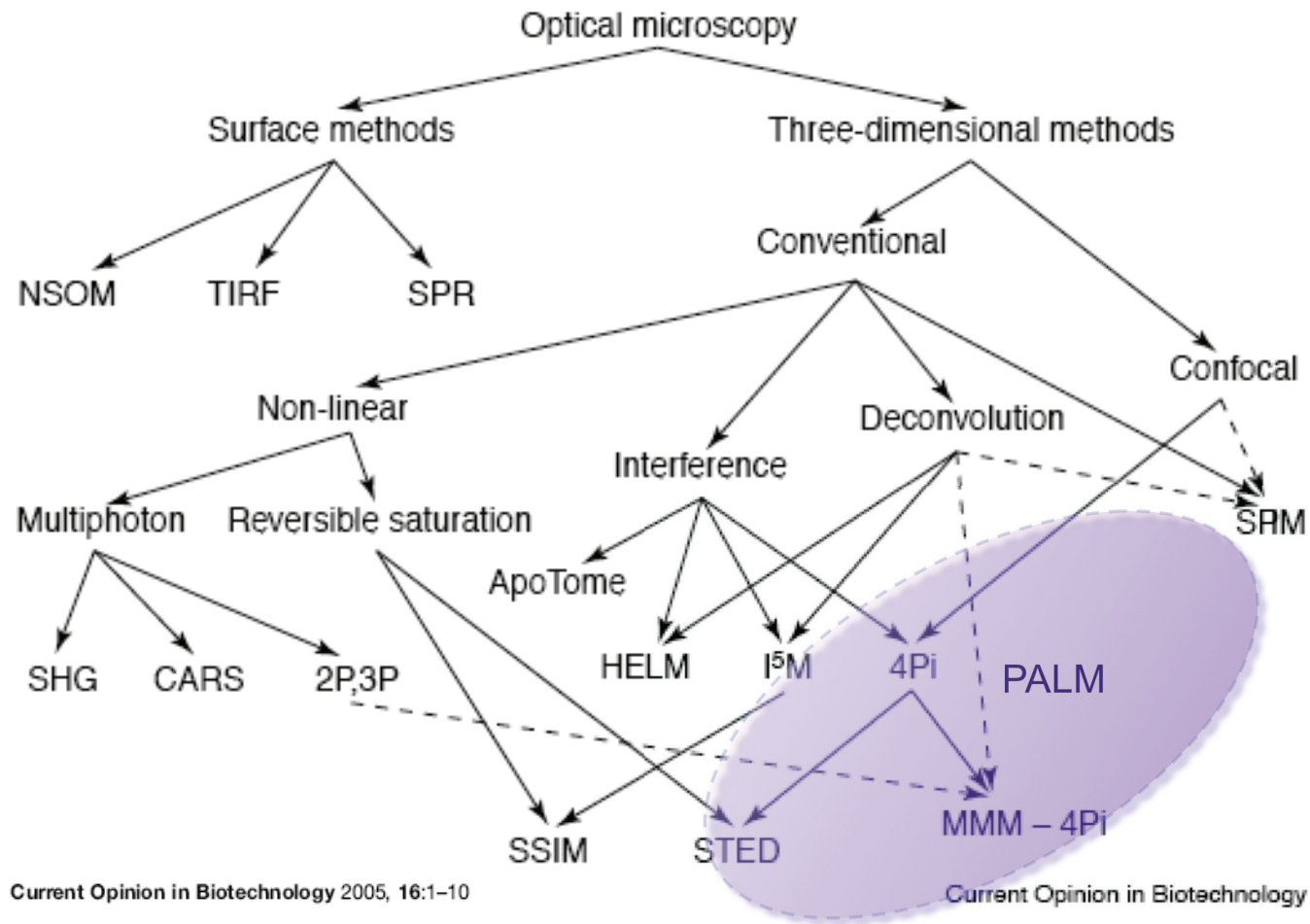
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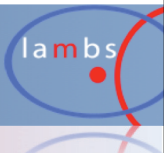
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# THE OPTICAL MICROSCOPY SCENARIO





HUMAN EYE

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OPTICAL MICROSCOPE

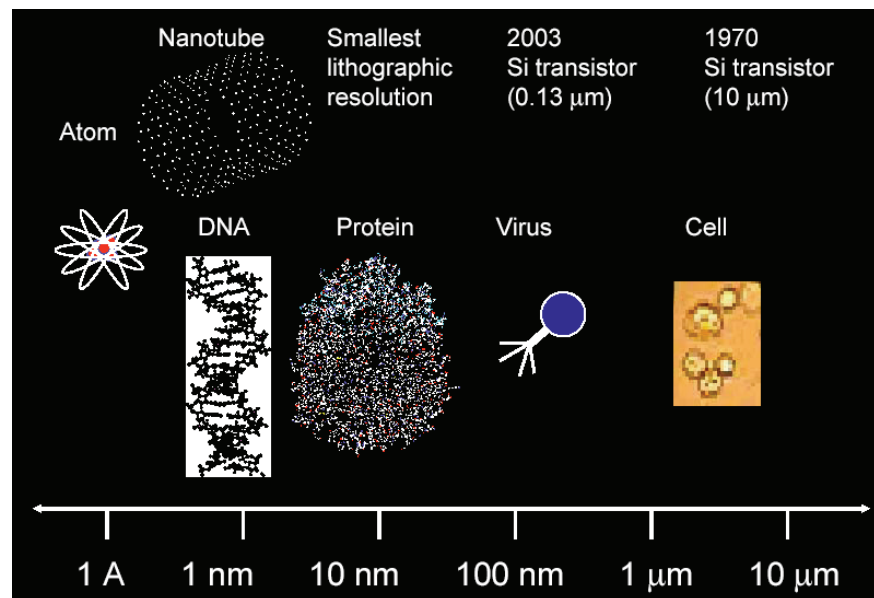
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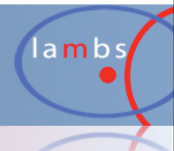
0.4 nm  
3 nm

SCANNING PROBE MICROSCOPE

0.1-10 nm



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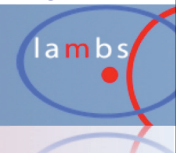
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## Optical Systems with Resolving Powers Exceeding the Classical Limit\*

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A new theorem on the ultimate limit of performance of optical systems is established: Not the bandwidth of the transferred spatial frequencies but only the number of degrees of freedom of the optical message transmitted by a given optical system is invariant. It is therefore possible (a) to extend the bandwidth by reducing the object area, (b) to extend the bandwidth in the  $x$  direction while proportionally reducing it in the  $y$  direction, so that the two-dimensional bandwidth is constant, and (c) to double the bandwidth when transmitting information about one state of polarization only.

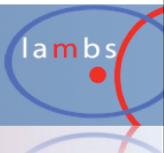
To achieve this, the optical systems are modified by inserting two suitable masks (generally gratings) into optically conjugate planes of object and image space. The transfer and spread function of the modified systems are calculated for the case of coherent illumination.

INDEX HEADINGS: Optical systems; Diffraction; Polarization; Resolving power; Coherence.

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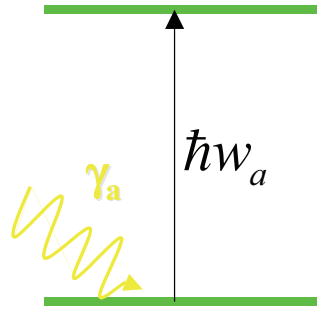
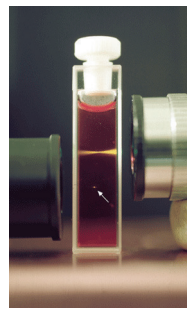






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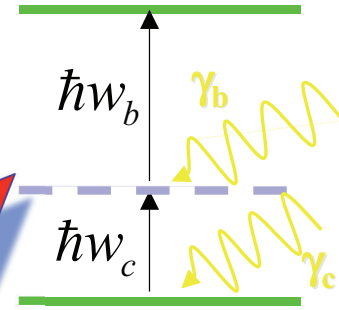
Maria Göppert-Mayer predicted that an atom or a molecule could interact with two photons simultaneously by absorbing them in the very same quantum event.



Excited state

Virtual state

Ground



**SIMULTANEOUSLY!**

$10^{-17}$  s



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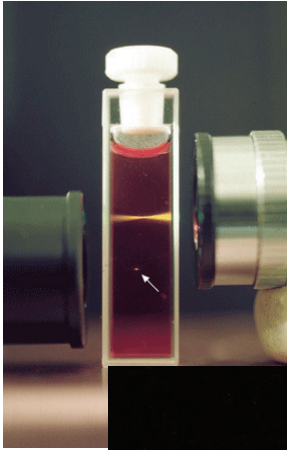
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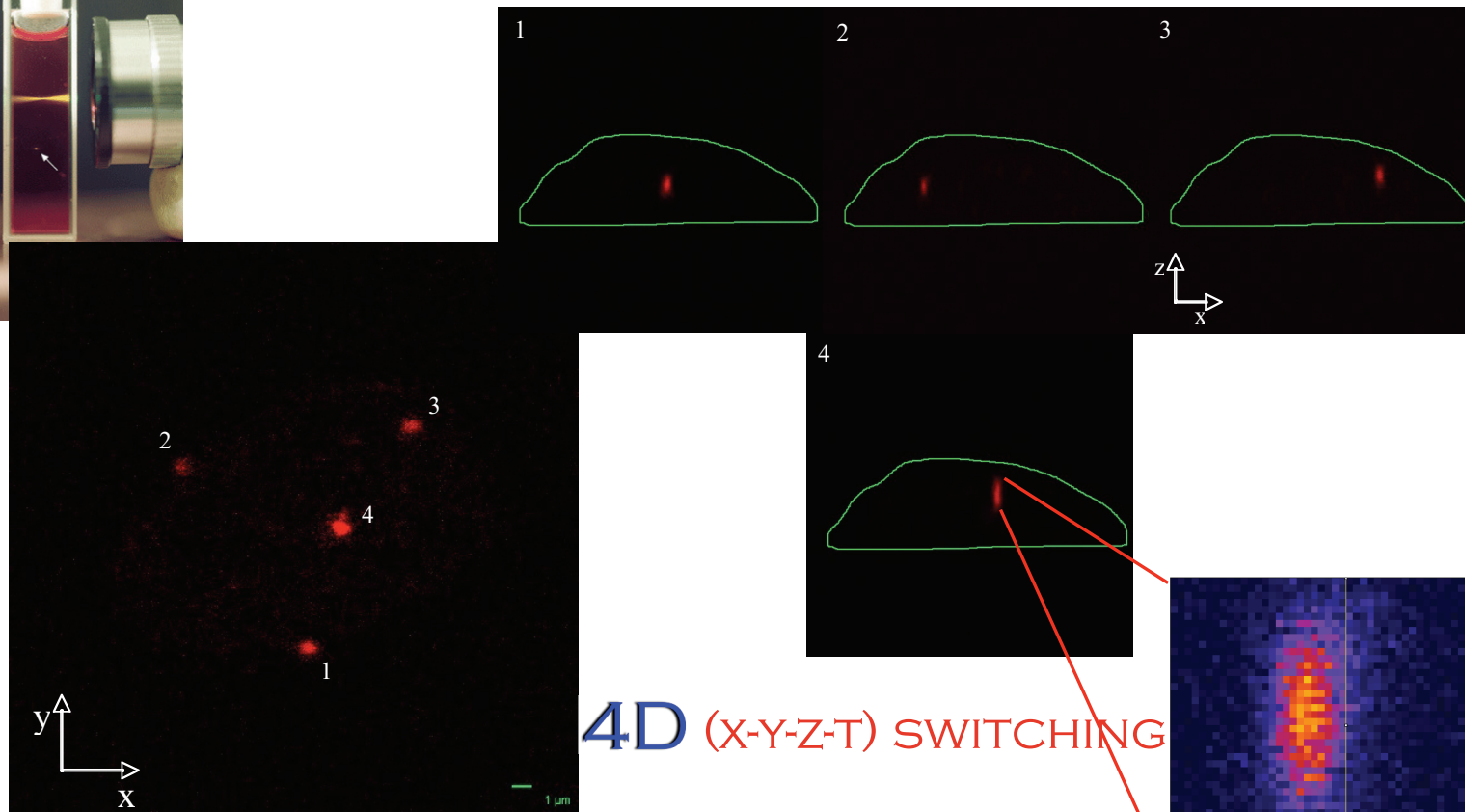
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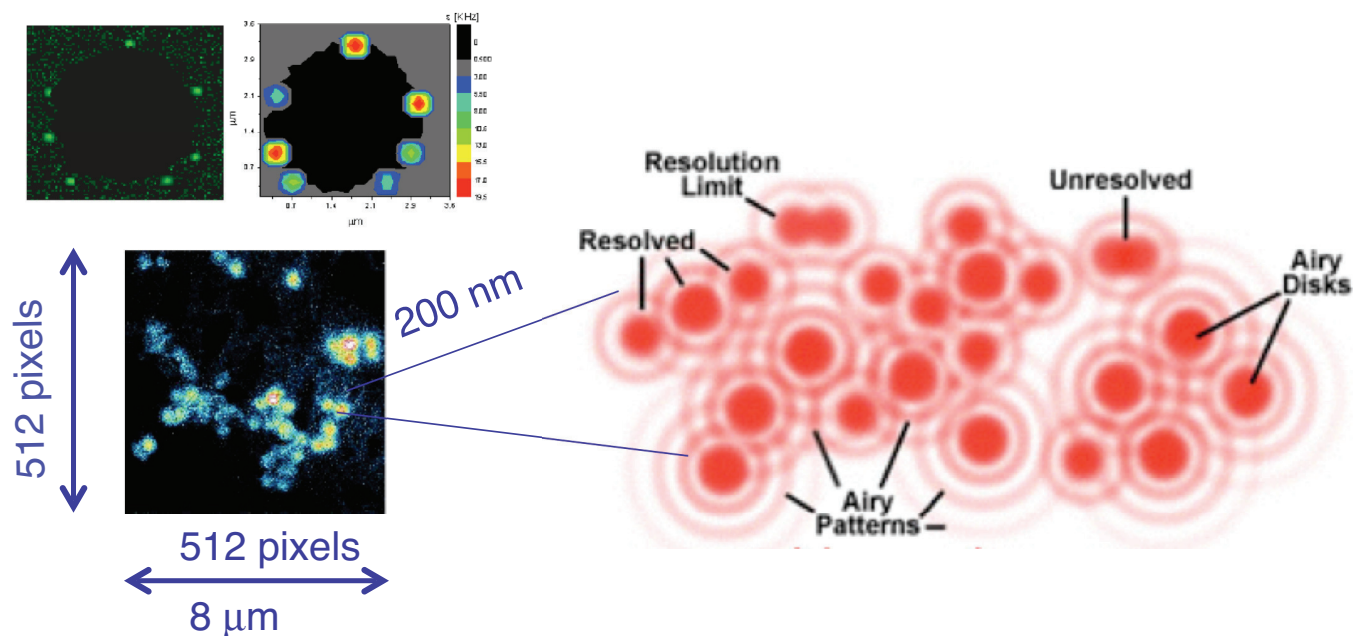
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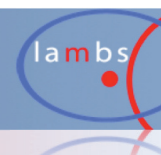
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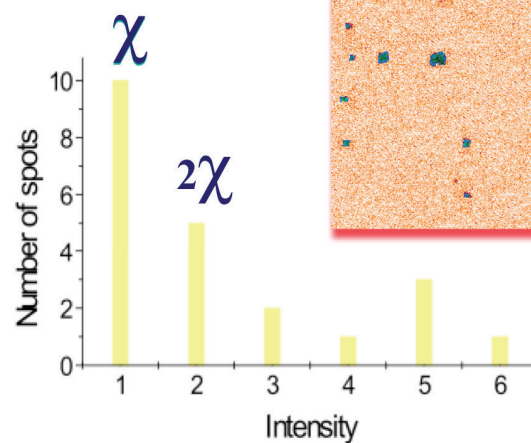
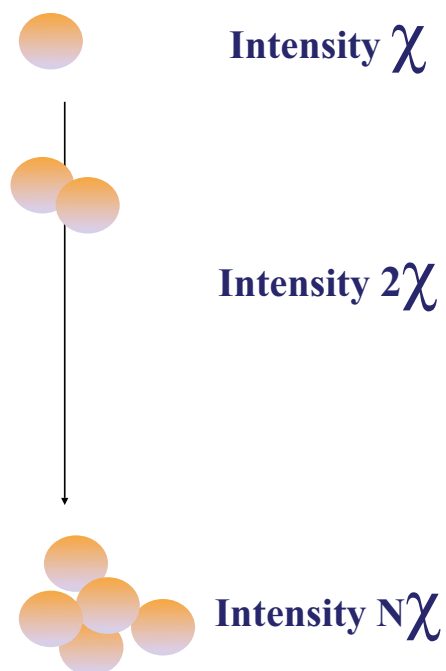
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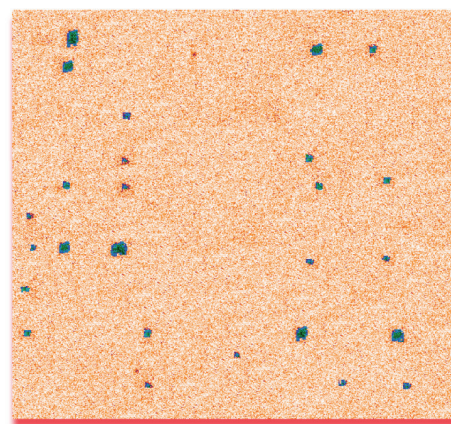
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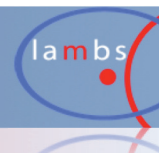


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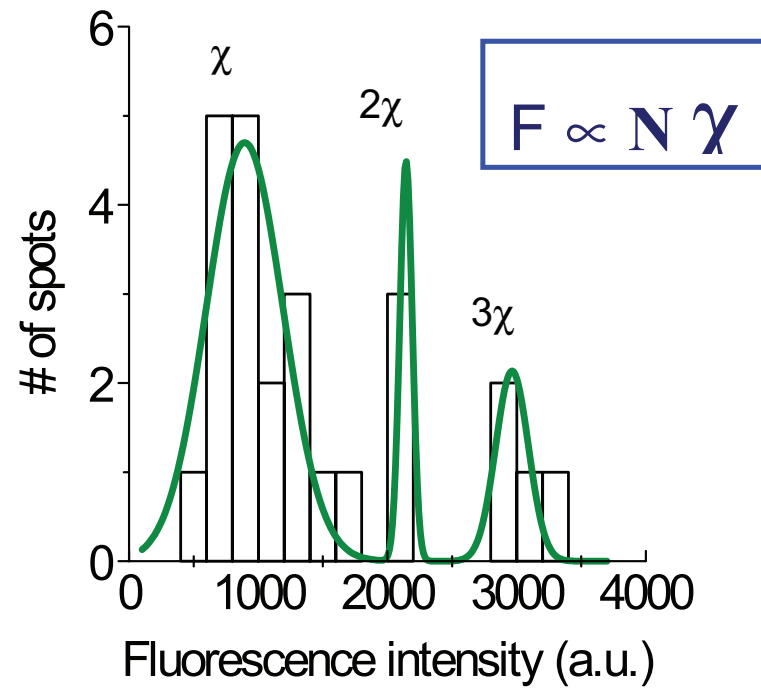
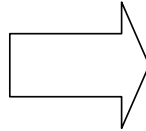
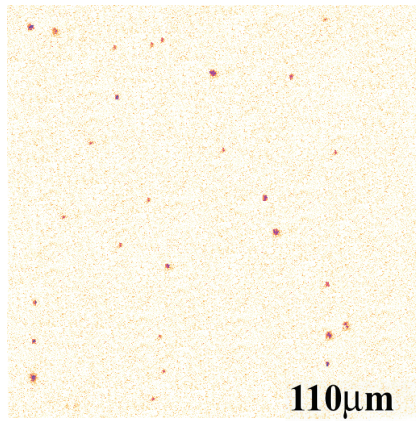


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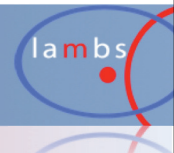


Fluorescein  $c=1\mu\text{M}$  @ 8mW

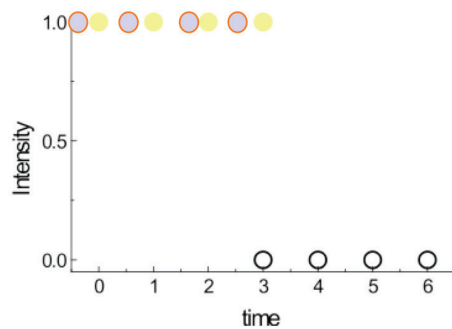
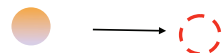


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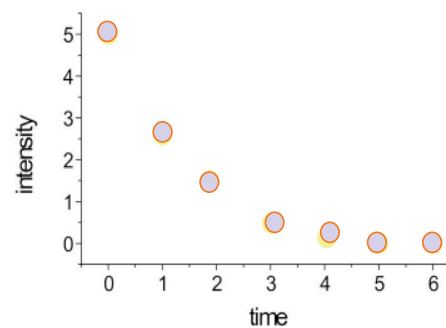
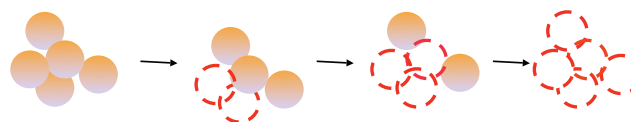
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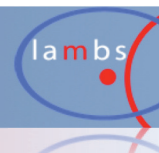


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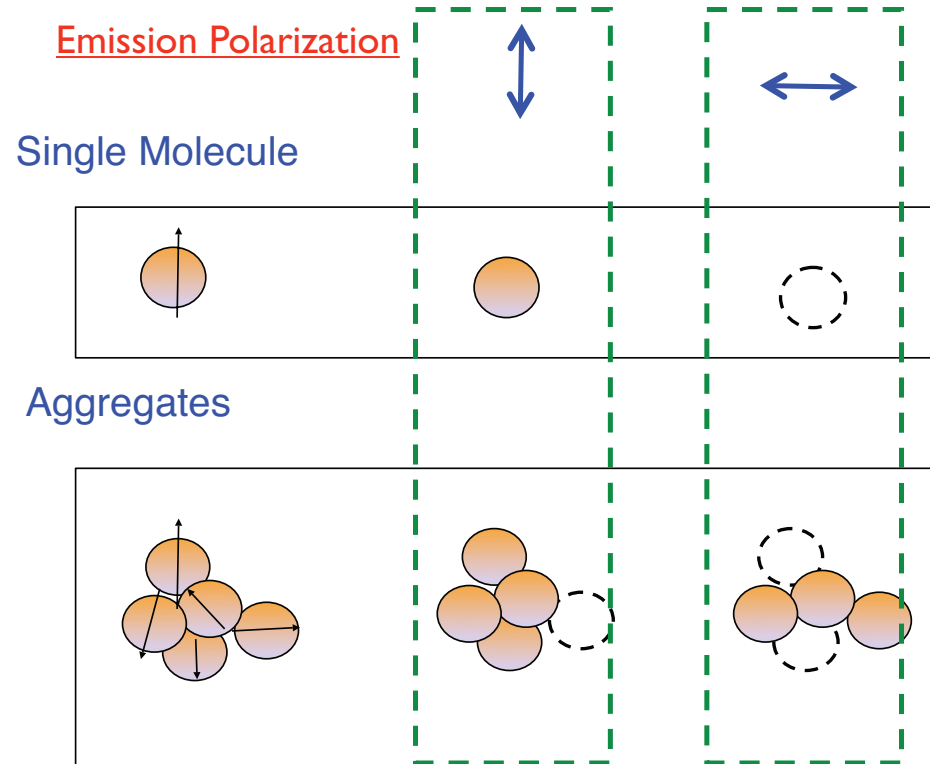
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## Fluorescence Polarization



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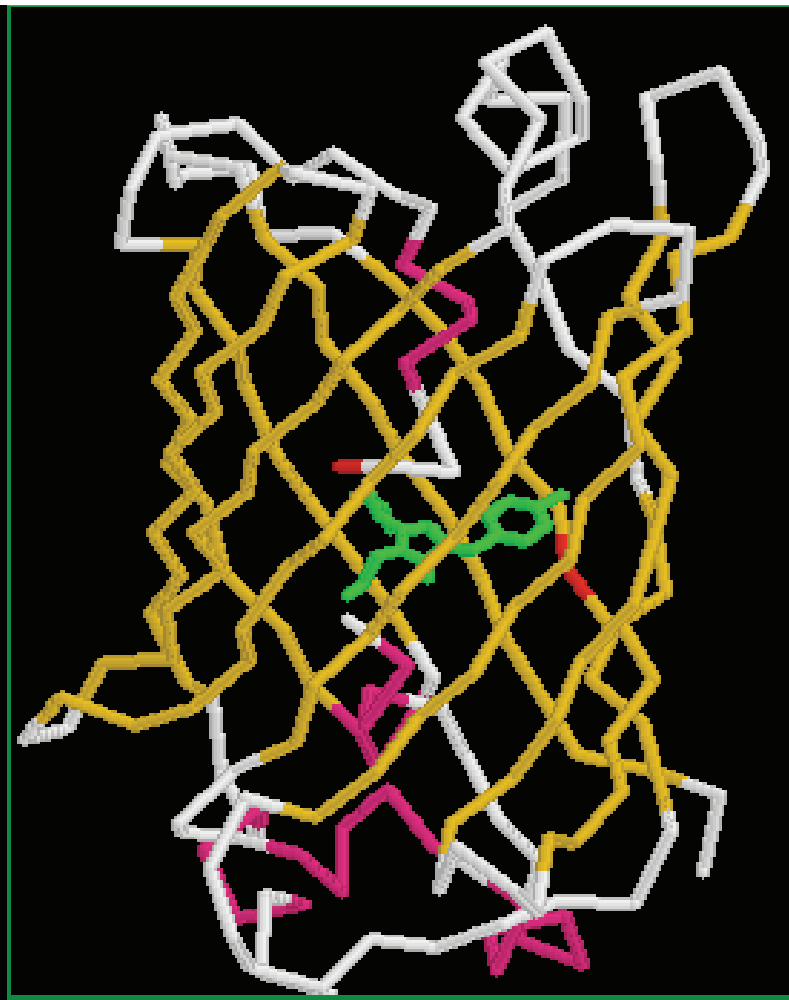
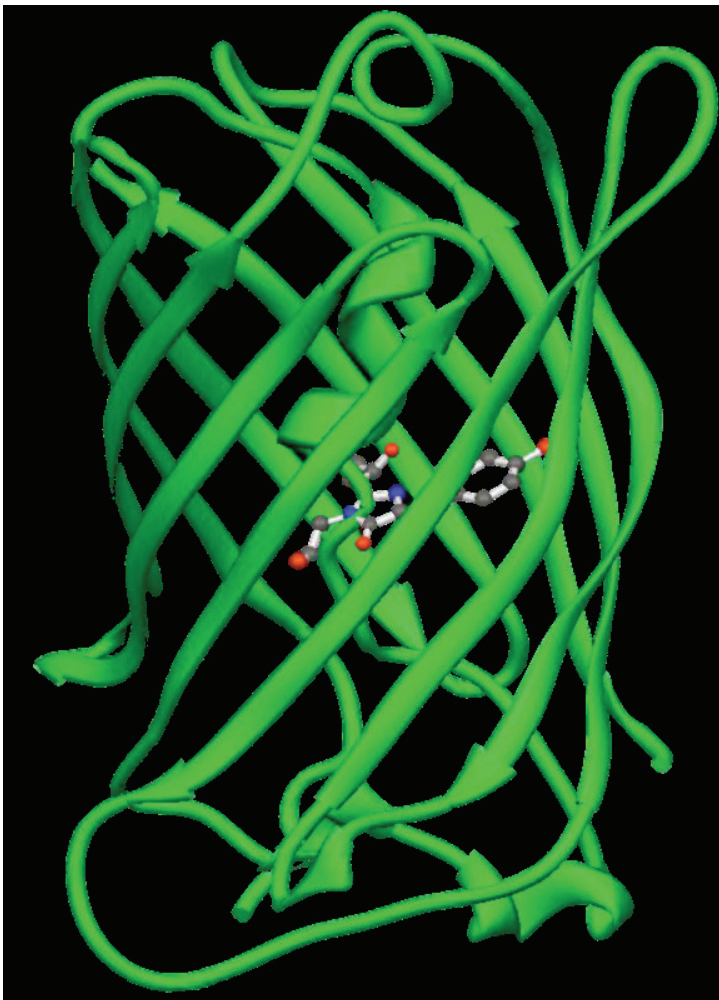
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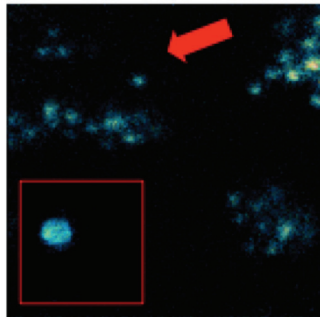
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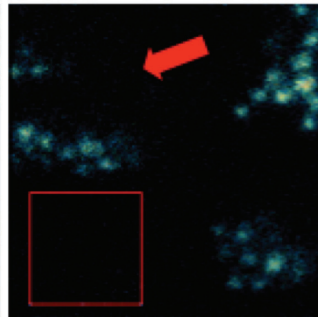
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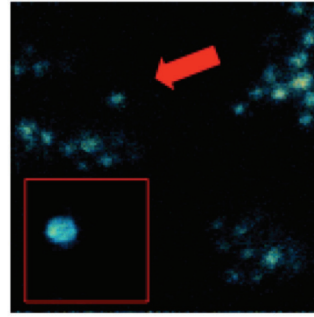
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TPE @ 785 nm

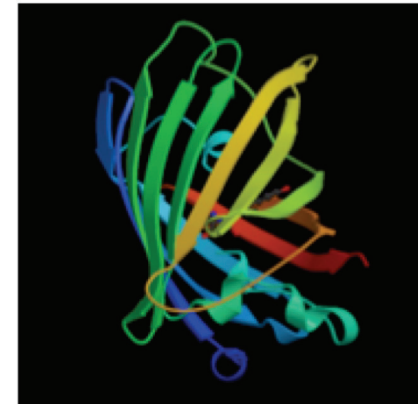


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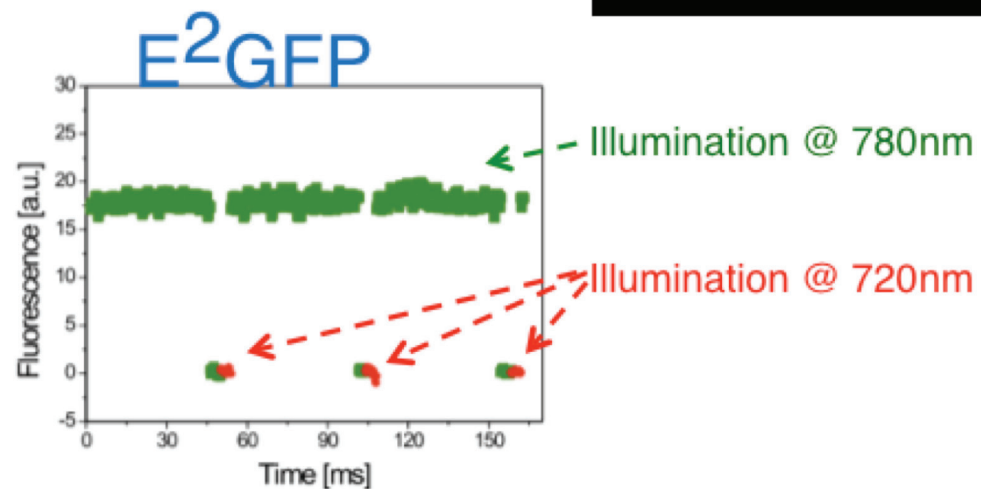


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E<sup>2</sup>GFP in silica GEL,  
maximum excitation  
within 700-800 nm range  
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photocycling @ 720 nm -  
no photorecovery @  
710/730 -; final imaging  
@ 785.



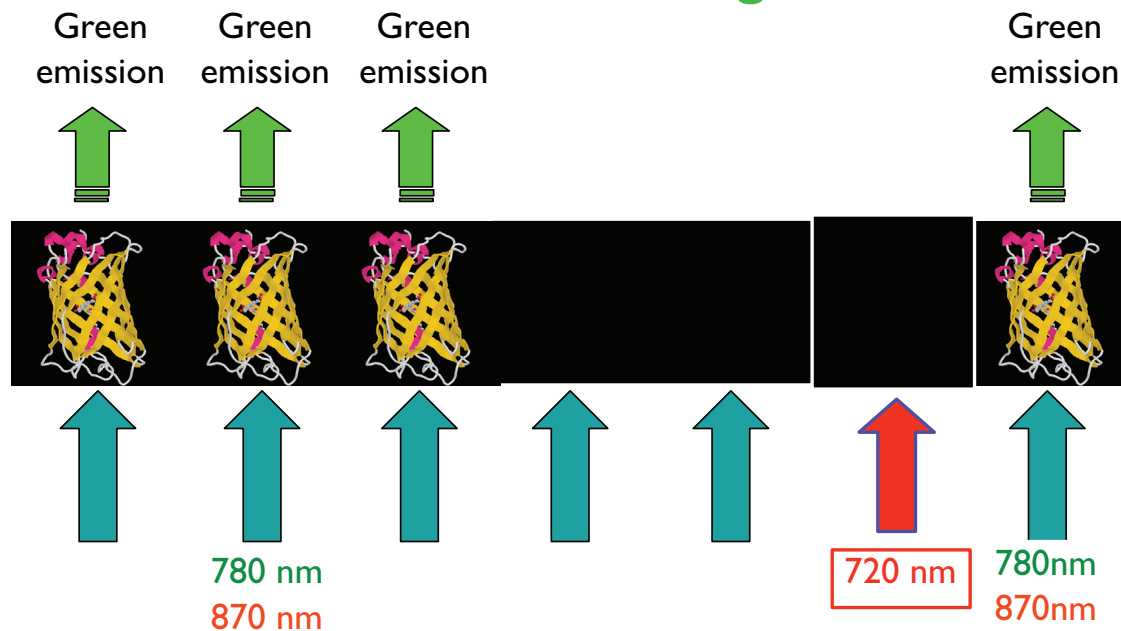
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## GFP PHOTOPHYSICS



$E^2$ GFP

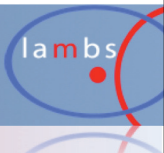
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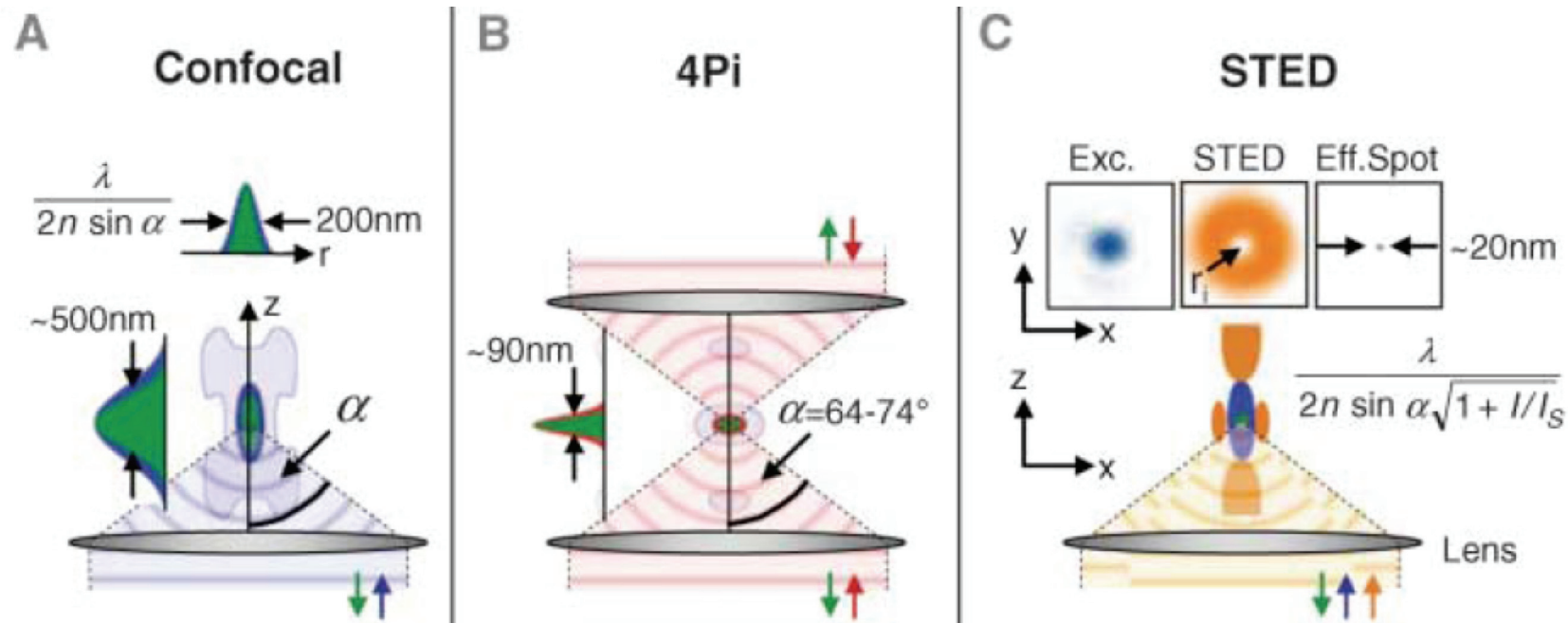


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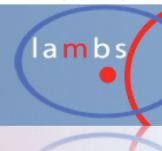
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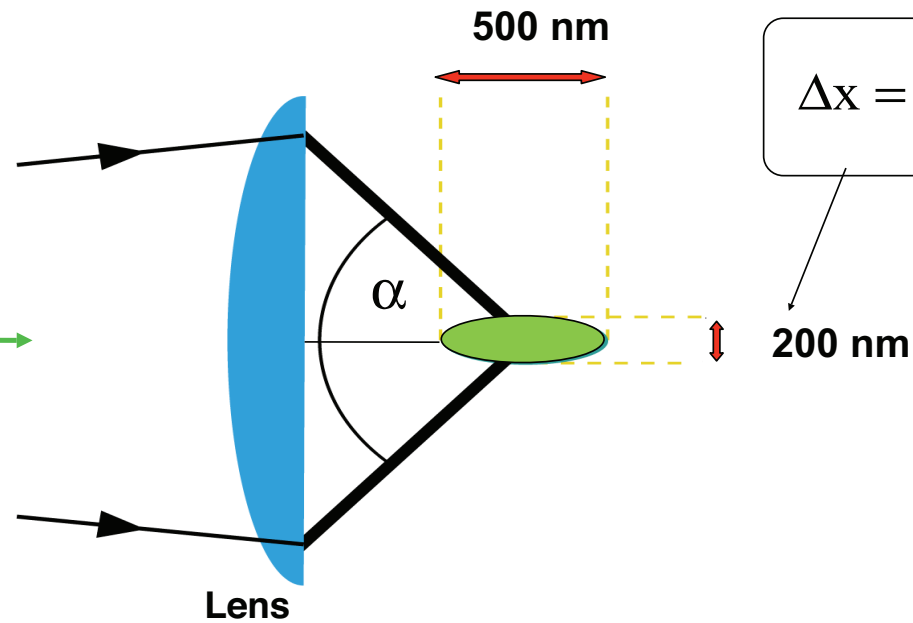
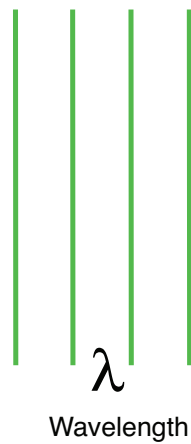
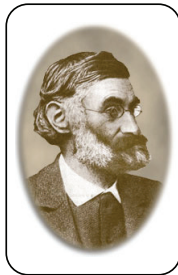




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## OPTICAL RESOLUTION



## 4Pi- Microscopy: Coherent illumination and/or fluorescence detection

70 - 140 nm

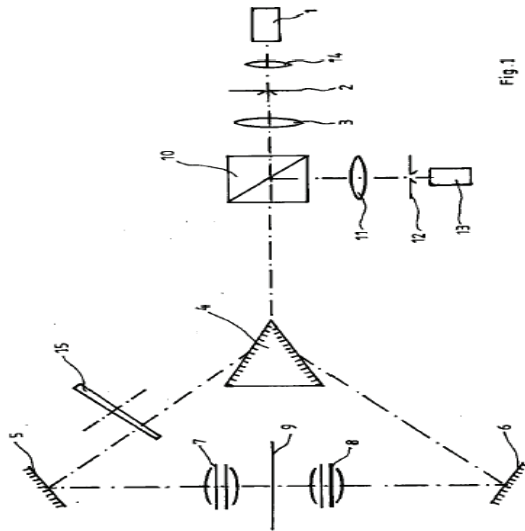
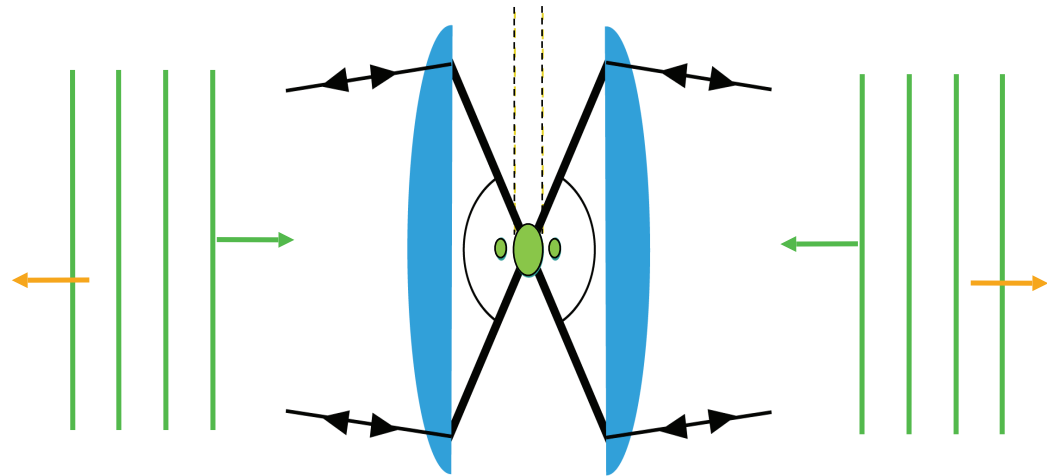


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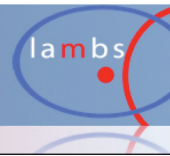


$$\vec{E}^{4Pi}(r, z, \varphi) = \vec{E}_1(r, z, \varphi) + \vec{E}_2(r, -z, \varphi)$$

4Pi microscopy coherently illuminates the sample through two opposing lenses. Constructive interference of the counterpropagating spherical wavefronts narrows the main focal maximum of the excitation light in the z-direction, and this forms the basis for a 3- to 7-fold improved axial resolution.

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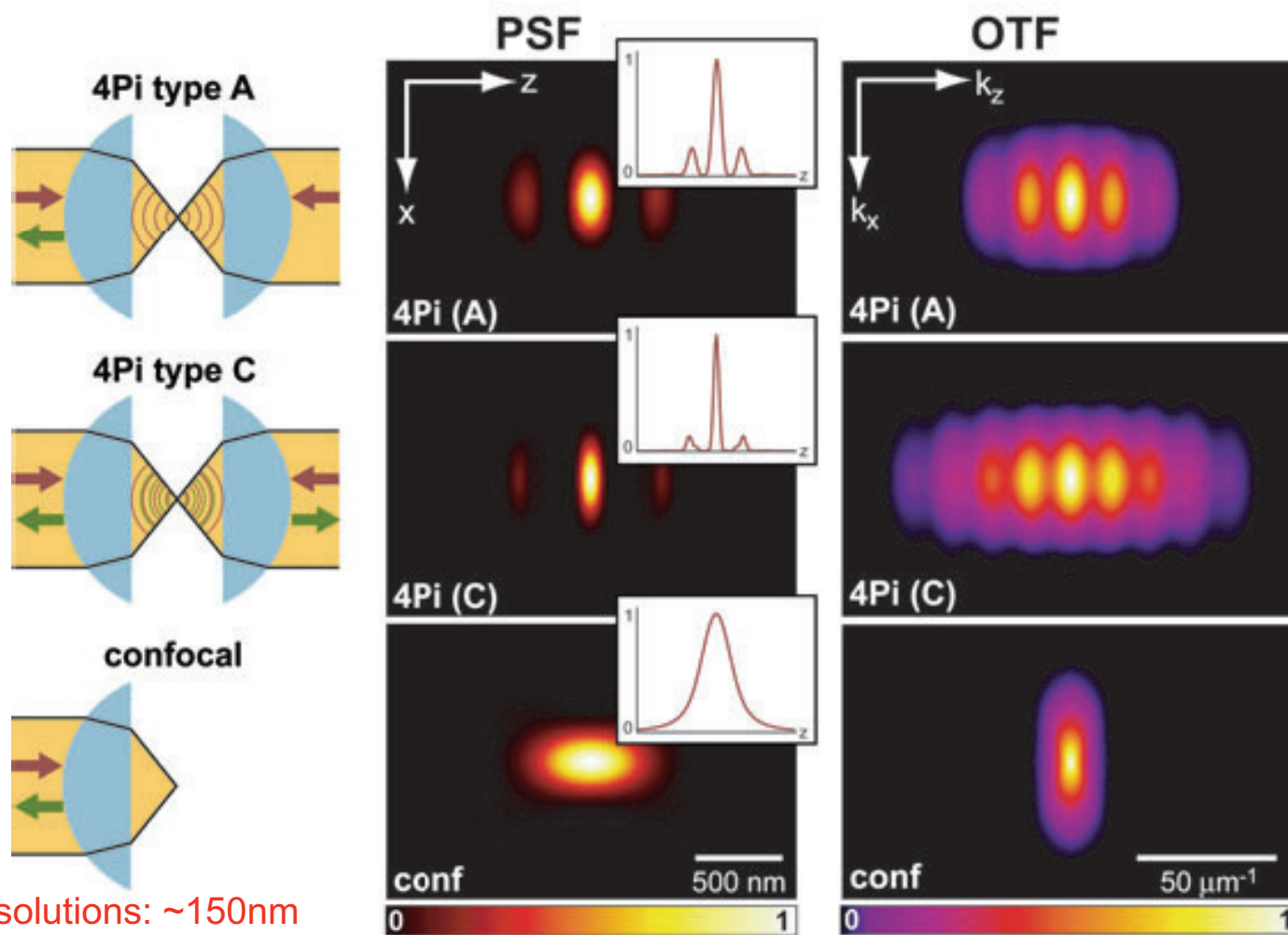
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Axial resolutions:  $\sim 150\text{nm}$   
(Type A),  $\sim 105\text{nm}$  (Type C)

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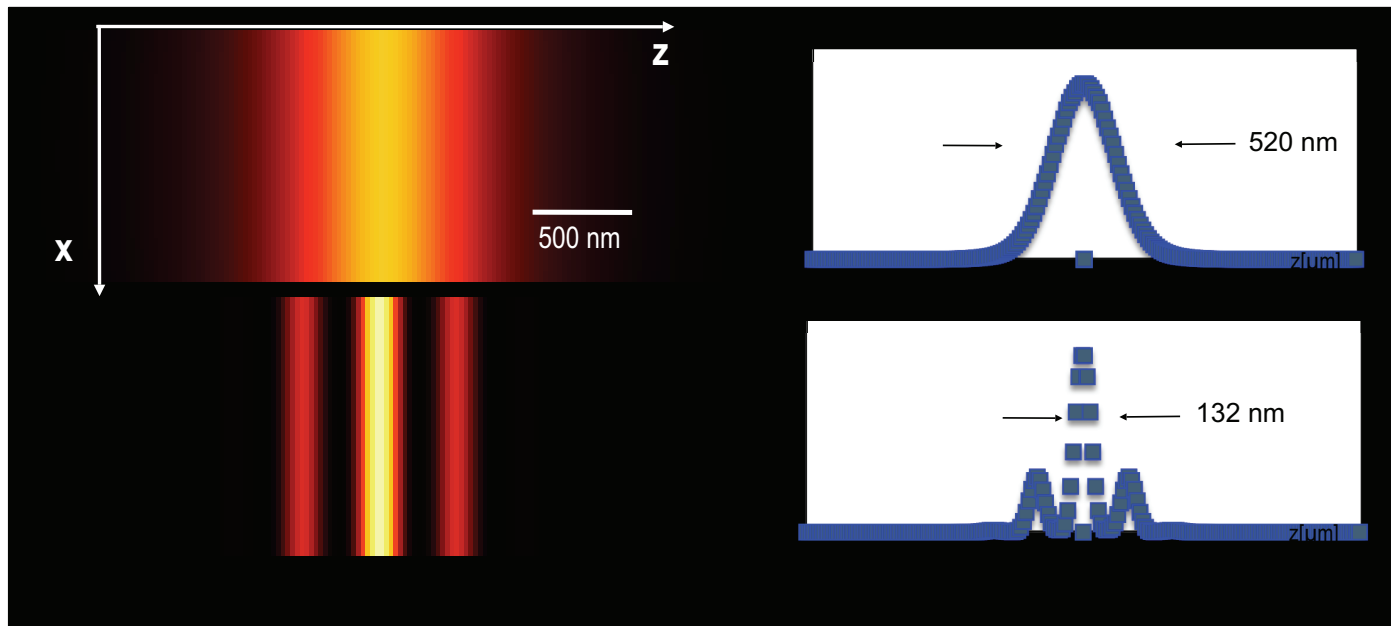
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# theoretical z-response of a thin film



2-photon / 840 nm  
1.35NA oil immersion

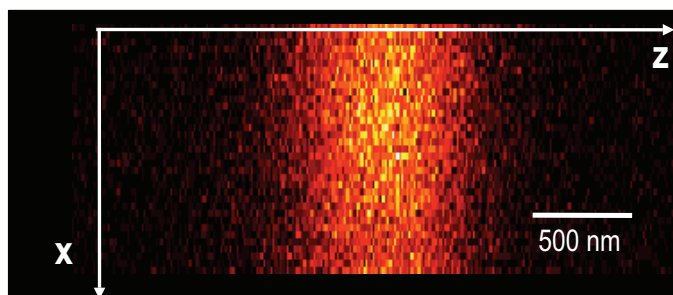
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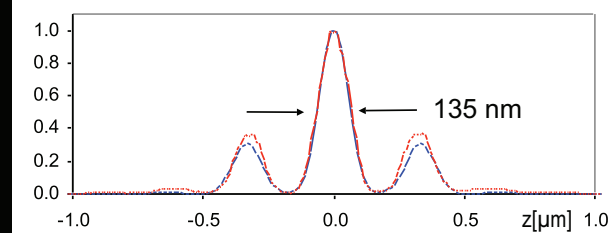
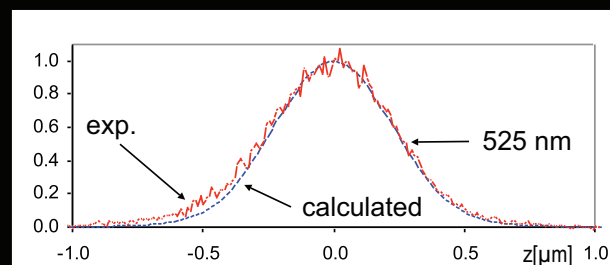
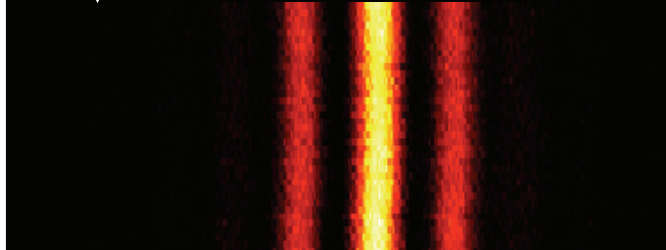
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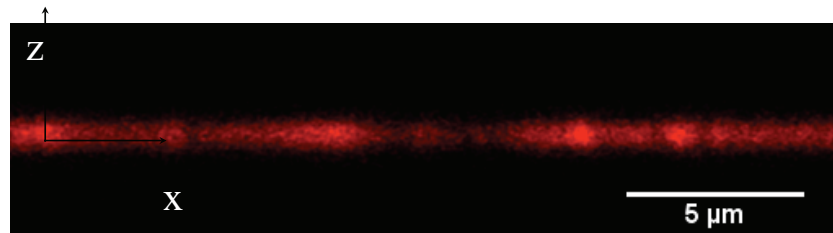
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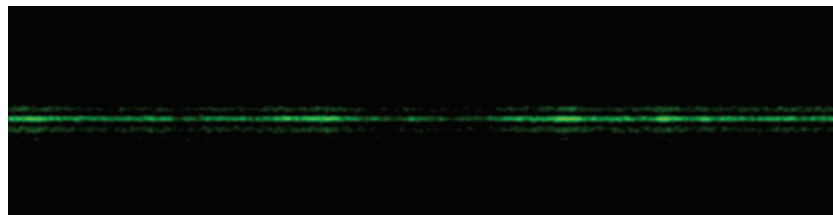
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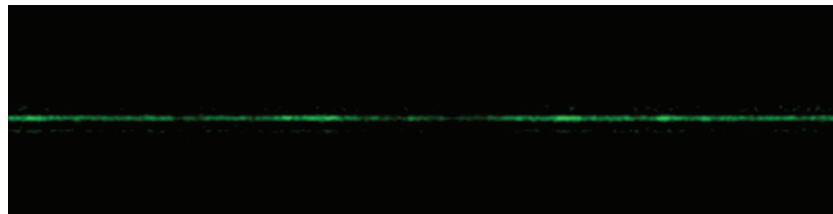
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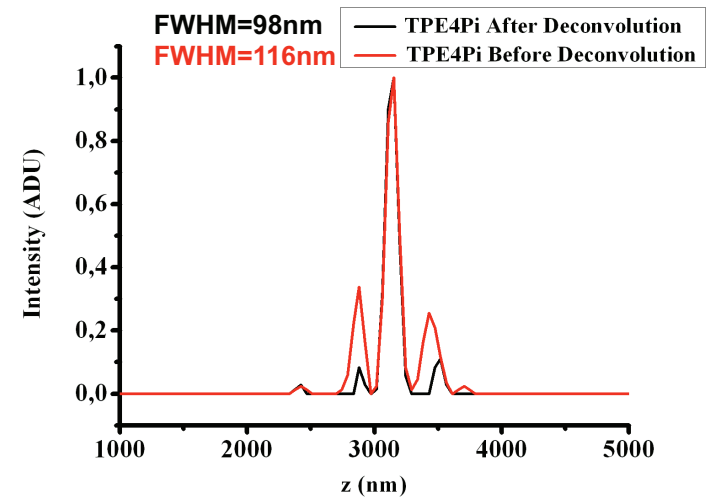
**Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy (CLSM)**



**Two-Photon Excitation 4Pi Microscope (TPE4Pi)**

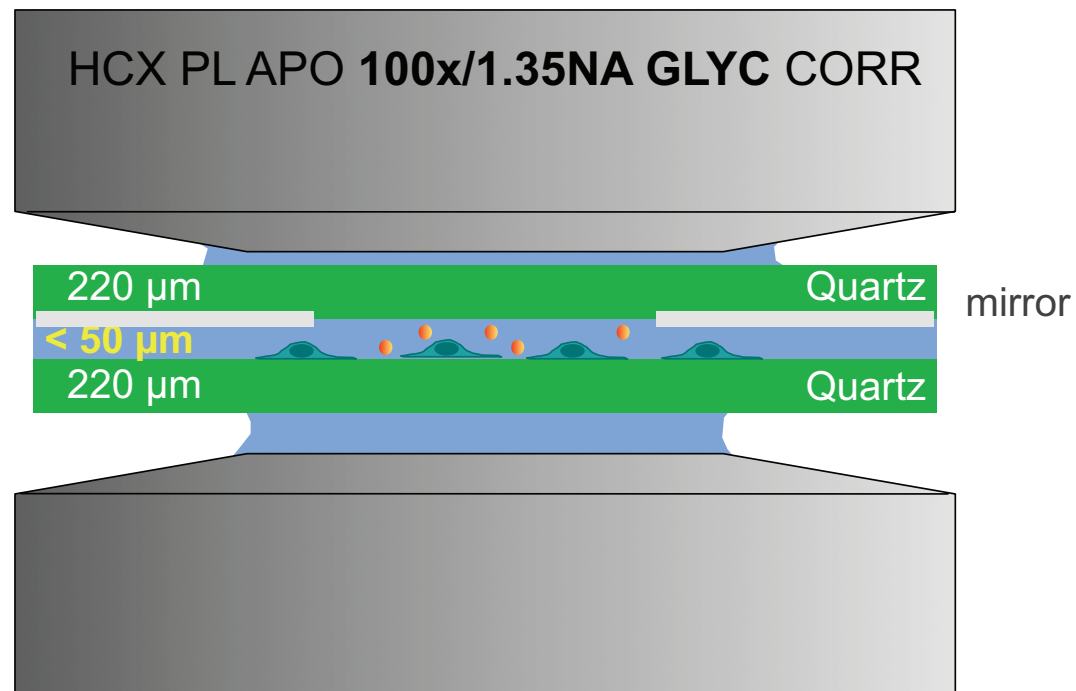


**TPE4Pi after deconvolution**

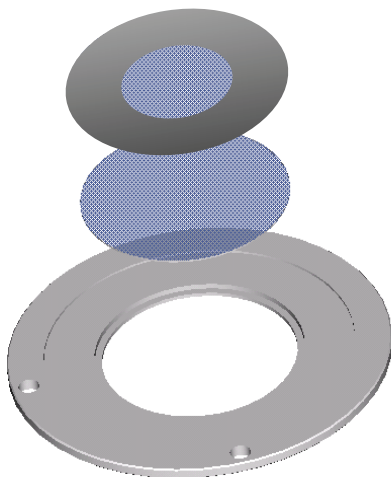




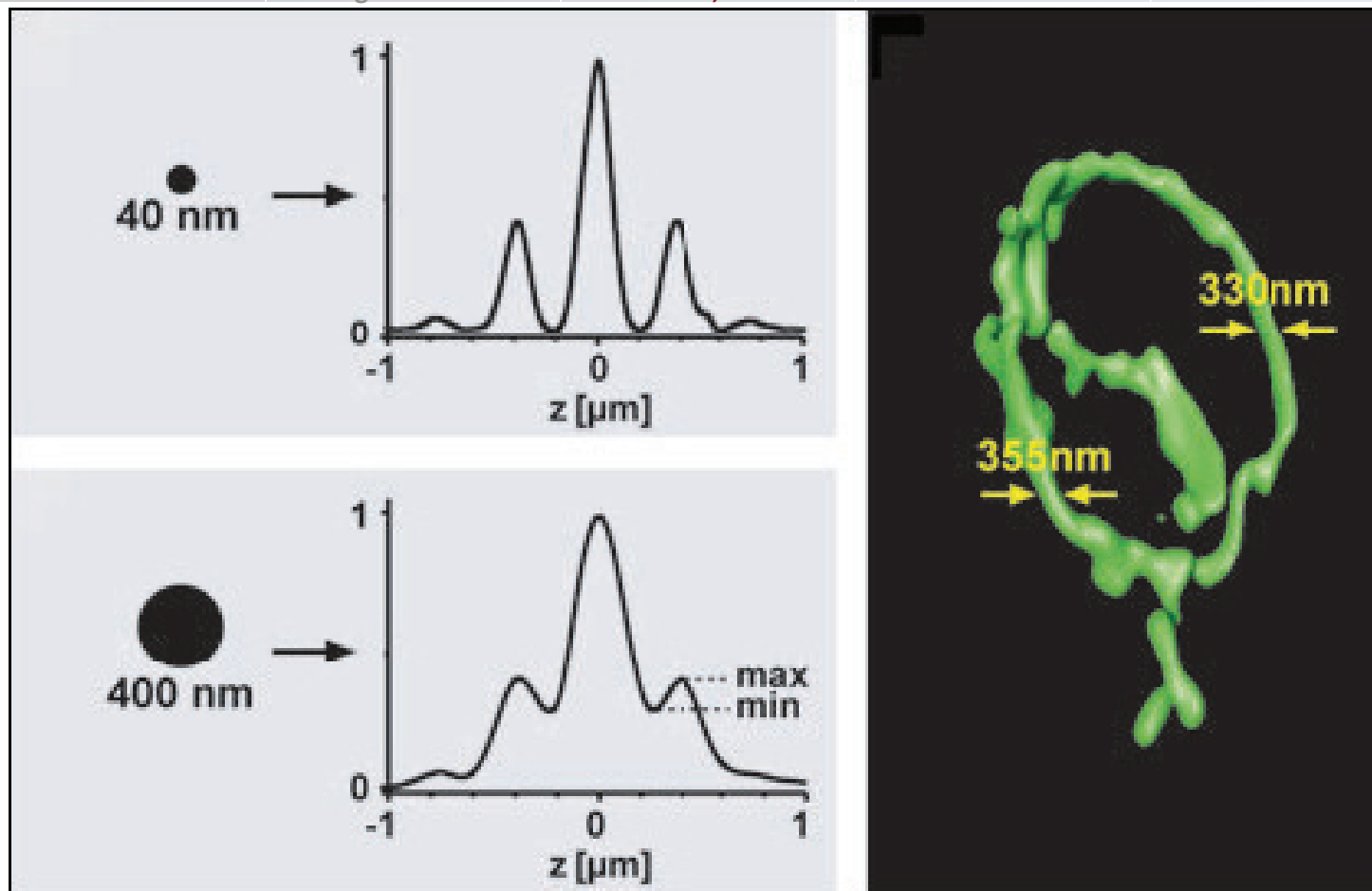
## 4Pi Microscopy: geometry of sample



## 4Pi Microscopy: sample preparation

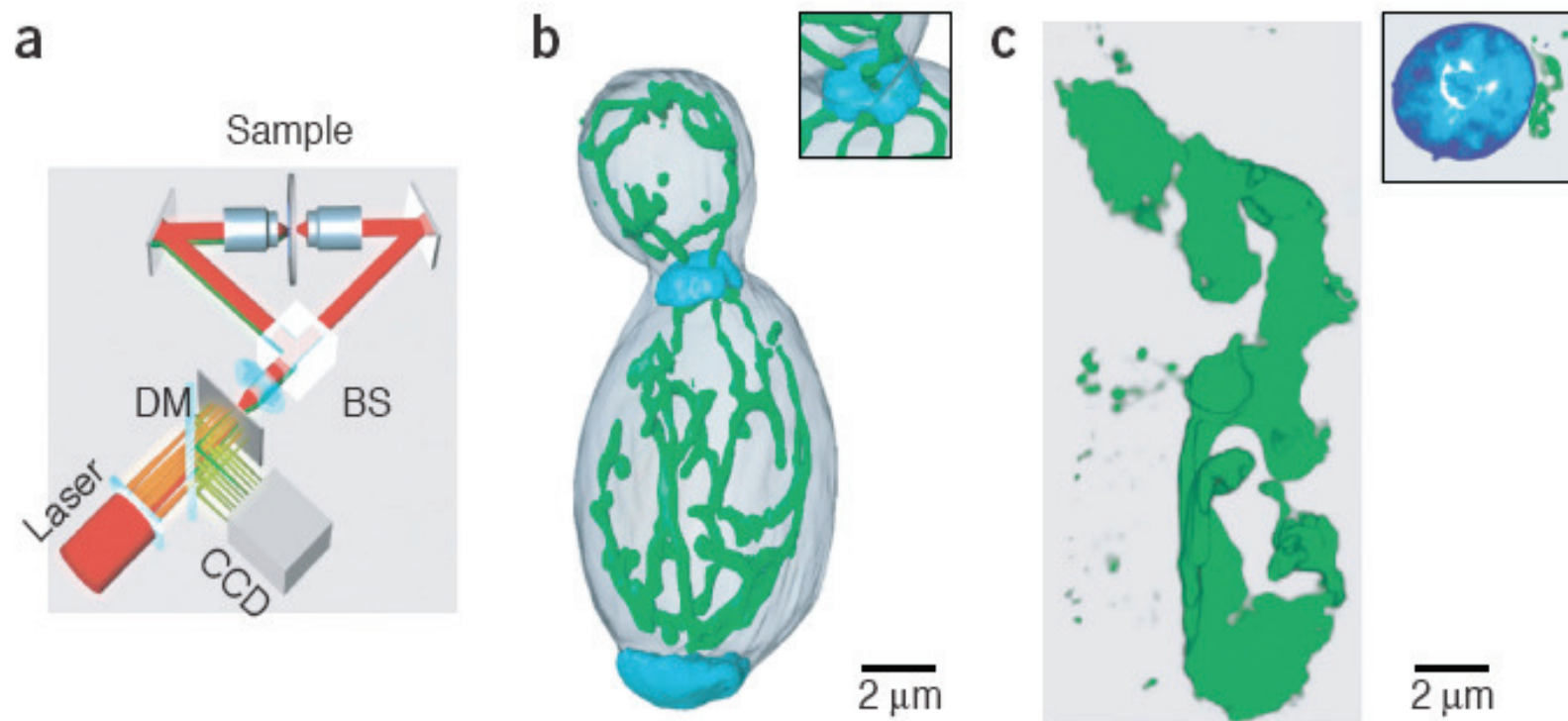


- Thickness of the sample  $< 50\mu\text{m}$  (distance between the 2 coverslips  $< 100\mu\text{m}$ )
- Coverslips on both sides (Quartz coverslips for best optical performance in combination with glycerol objectives)
- Embedding medium with same refractive index as immersion medium (75% - 85% Glycerol)
- 1 mirrored coverglas for 4Pi adjustment
- 100nm beads added to the sample for quality check



This figure illustrates the determination of the diameter of mitochondria in a yeast cell, following calibration.

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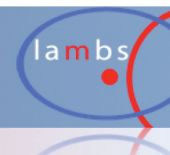


GFP labeled Mithocondria (b) and Golgi (c)

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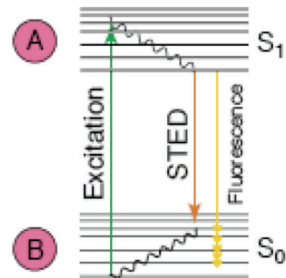
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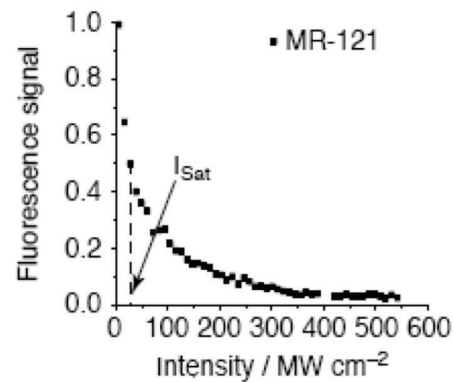


## Stimulated Emission Depletion (STED) Fluorescence Microscopy

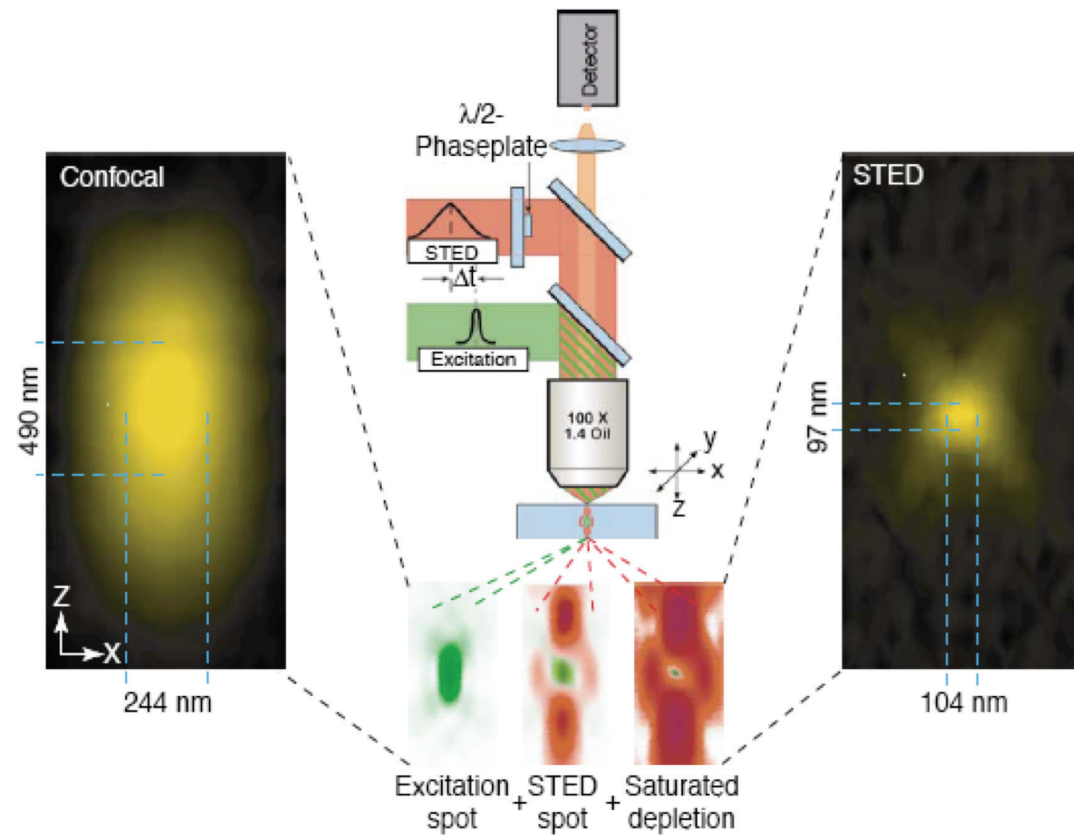
(a) STED principle



(b) Saturated depletion of state A



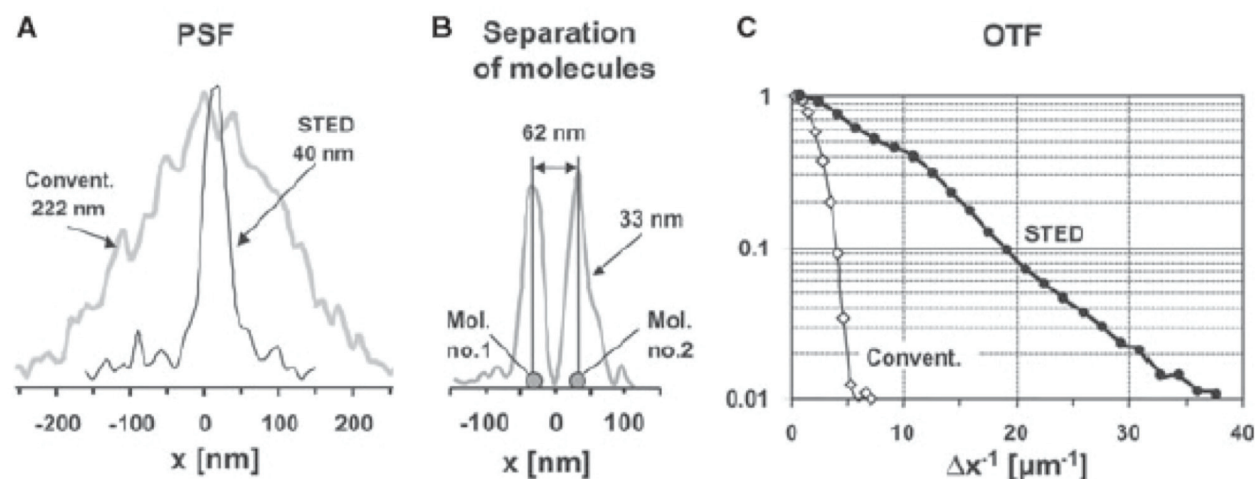
(c) STED microscope



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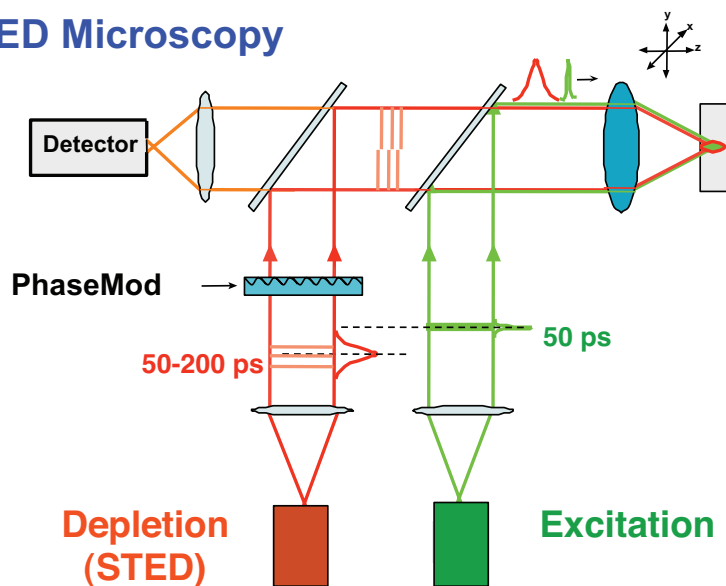
Quantifying lateral resolution in STED microscopy through imaging of point-like objects. (A) The effective point spread function (PSF) of a conventional microscope and a (laser-diode) STED microscope, determined on single dye molecules (JA 26). (B) Molecules spaced apart far below the diffraction limit could be clearly separated in STED microscopy (slightly augmented by deconvolution). (C) For STED microscopy the gain in transmitted bandwidth of the optical transfer function (OTF) is more than 5-fold, compared with conventional microscopy. Objective lens, NA = 1.4 (oil); wavelengths  $\lambda$ , 635 nm (excitation), 650 to 720 nm (fluorescence detection), 781 nm (STED).

Category	Name	Emission nm	STED nm	Manufacturer	Notes
Green dye*	Atto532	540–570	615	Atto-tec GmbH, Siegen, DE	Used for single-molecule studies
Yellow dye*	DY-510XL	560–630	625	Dyomics GmbH, Jena, DE	Immunofluorescence label
Red dye*	Atto647N	650–720	760	Atto-tec GmbH, Siegen, DE	Used for single-molecule studies
Far red dye	Pyridine 2	680–750	750–780	SigmaAldrich, St. Louis, MO	Membrane label
Infrared dye	Pyridine 4	710–800	780–800	SigmaAldrich, St. Louis, MO	Membrane label

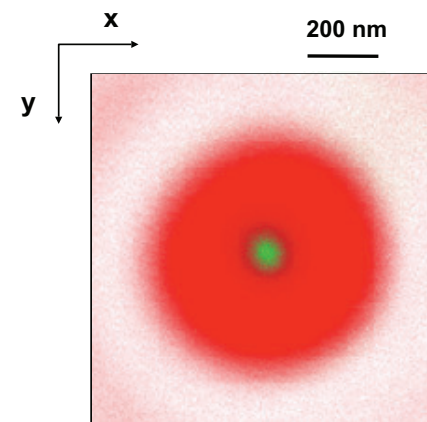
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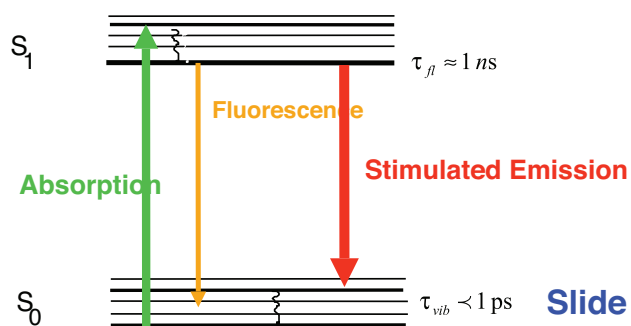
## STED Microscopy



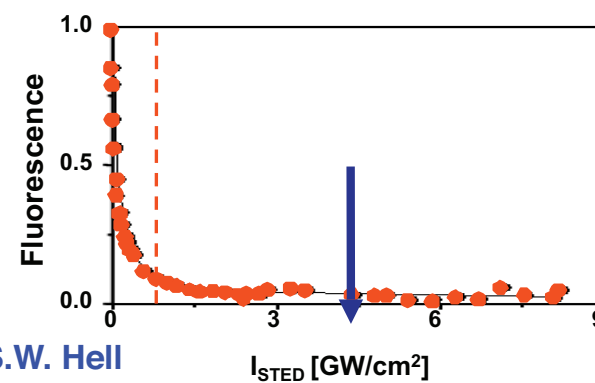
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*The stronger the STED beam the narrower the fluorescent spot!*

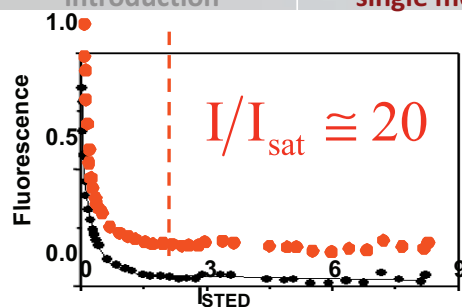


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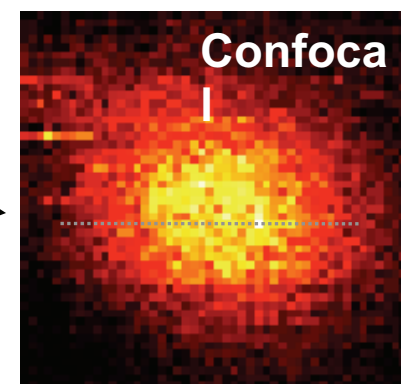
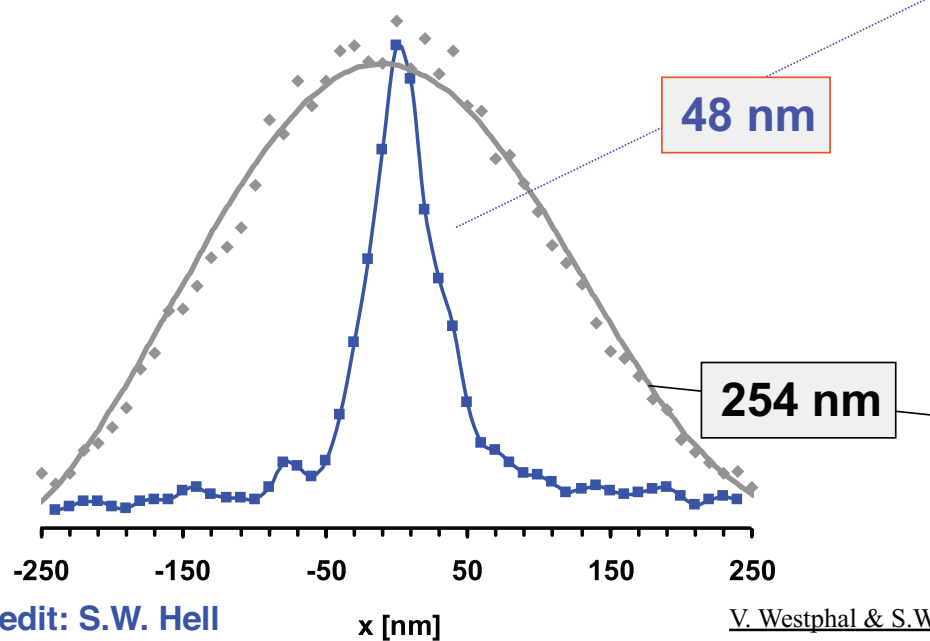
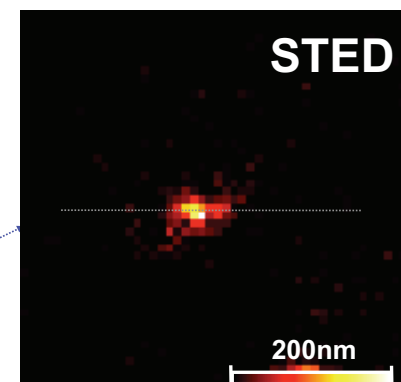
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## Focal spot ... probed with 1 molecule

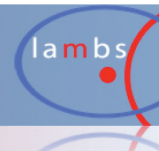
$\lambda_{STED} = 770 \text{ nm}$



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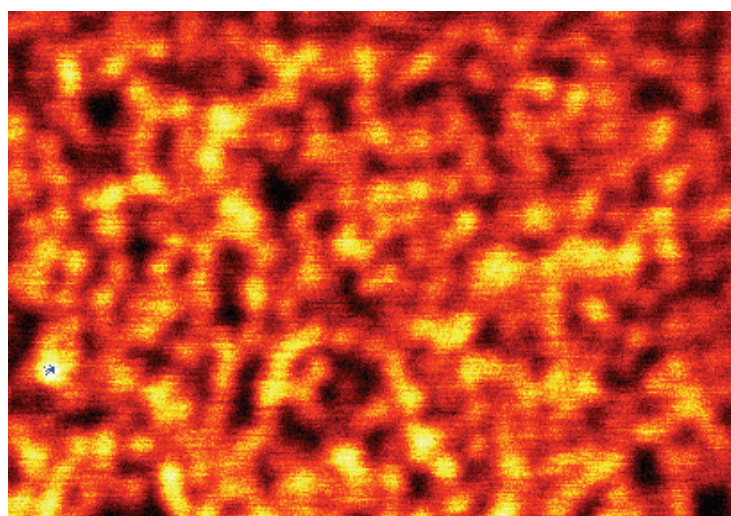
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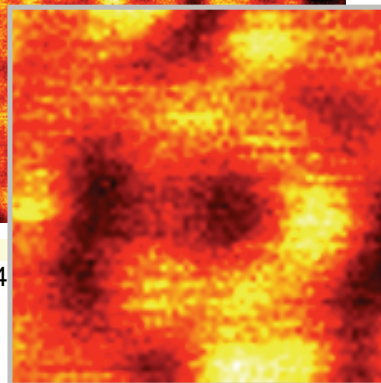




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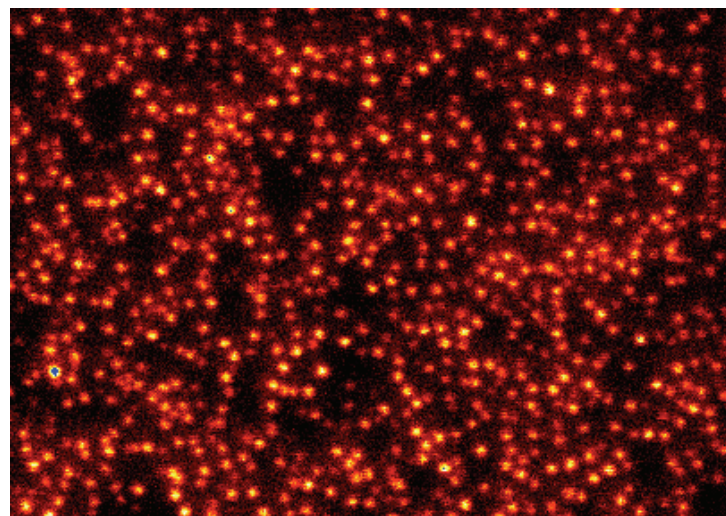
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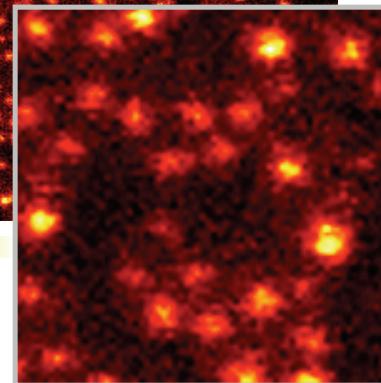
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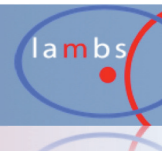
40 nm beads (Molecular Probes)



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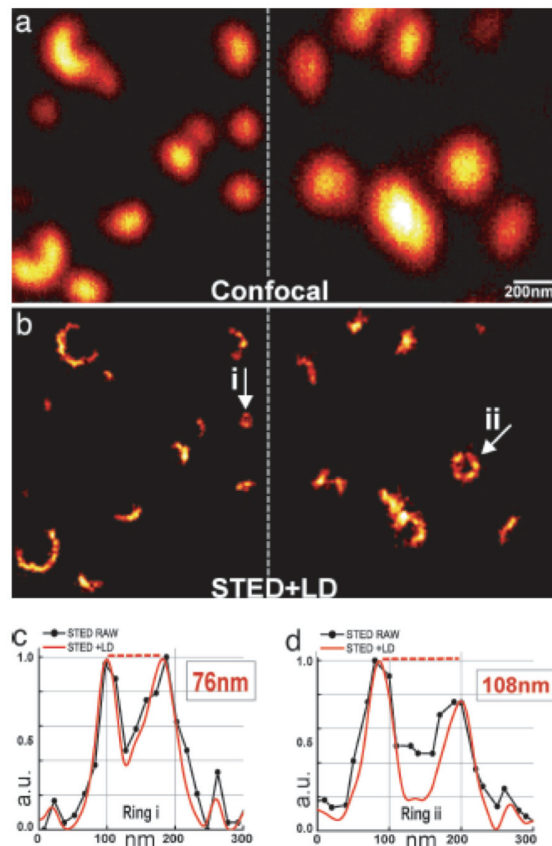


Fig. 4. Synaptophysin forms elaborate nanopatterns on endosomes. (a) Confocal reference. (b) STED microscopy plus a LD (see *Material and Methods*) revealing ring-like and C-shaped nanoarrangements. (c and d) Line profiles through rings, both of the LD (red line) and of the raw STED data (black, with pixels).

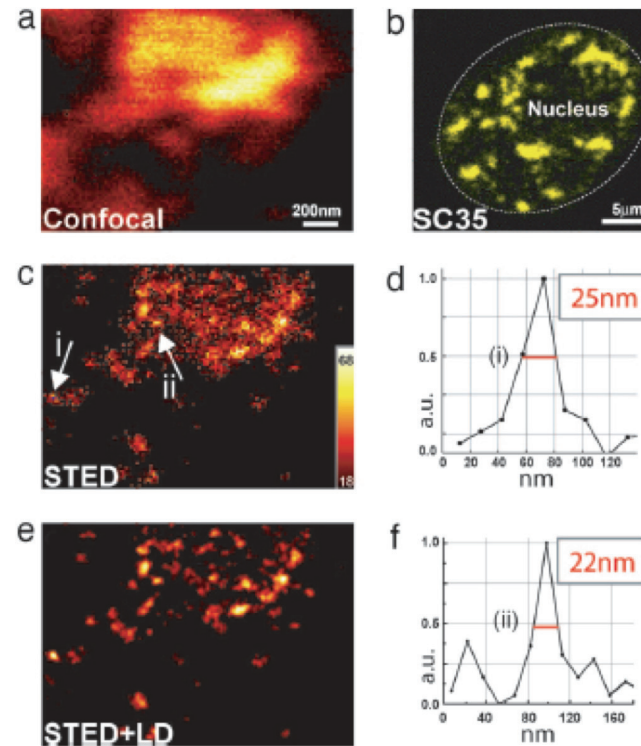
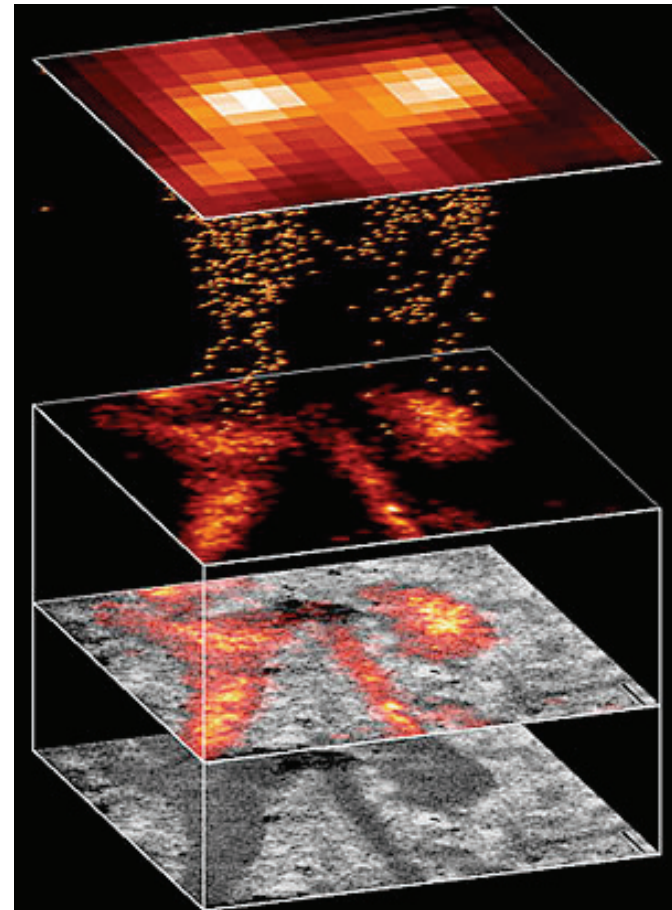
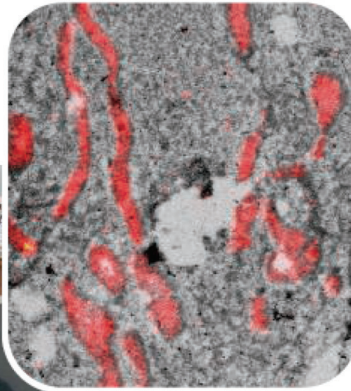
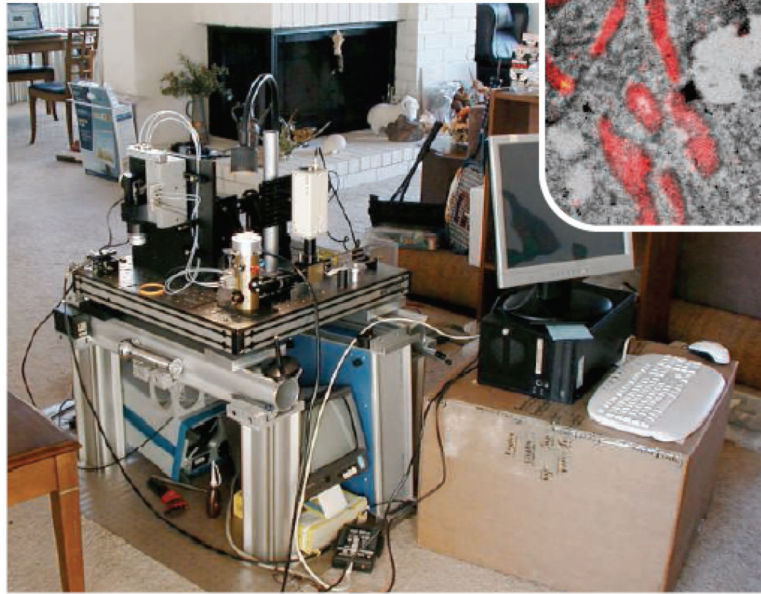


Fig. 5. Resolving the nanostructure of speckles of protein SC35 in intact mammalian cell nuclei. (a, c, and e) Confocal image of a speckle domain (a) with STED counterpart data, raw (c) and after LD (e). (b) Conventional overview image of speckles in nucleus. (d and f) Raw data profiles through speckle nanofeatures indicate a STED microscopy lateral resolution of  $\sim 20$  nm in the nucleus.

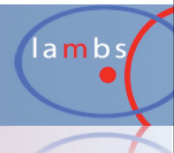


**PALM** (photoactivated localization microscopy) is an optical method for imaging intracellular proteins at nanometer spatial resolution.

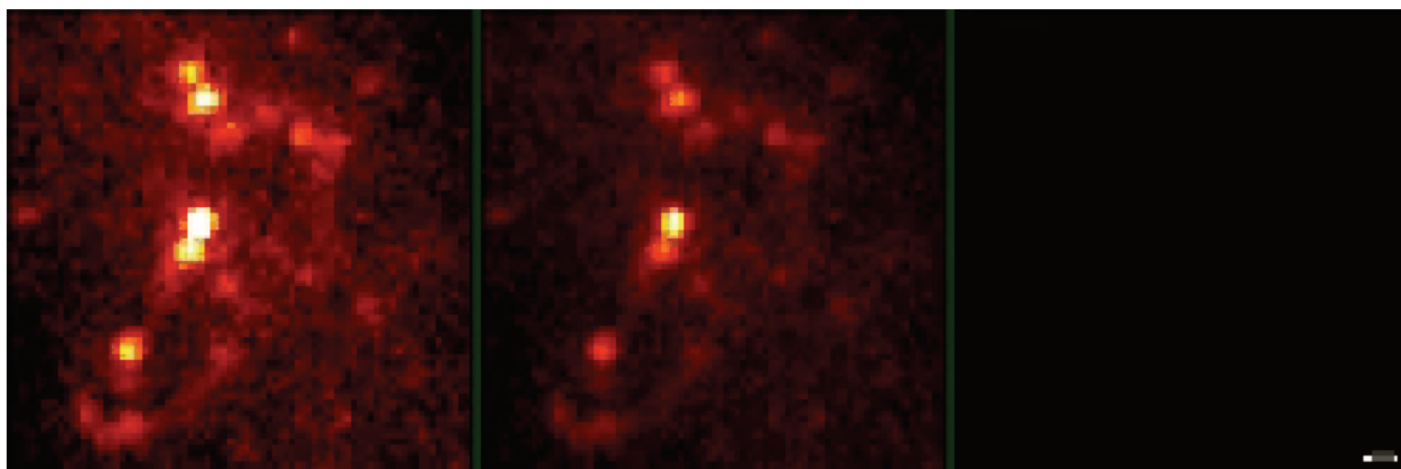


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PALM



Numerous sparse subsets of photoactivatable fluorescent protein molecules are activated, localized (to approx. 2 to 25 nanometers), and then bleached. The aggregate position information from all subsets is then assembled into a superresolution image.



The performances are largely dictated by the photophysical characteristics of the PA-FPs.

This method has been used to image specific target proteins in thin sections of lysosomes and mitochondria; in fixed whole cells, we imaged vinculin at focal adhesions, actin within a lamellipodium, and the distribution of the retroviral protein Gag at the plasma membrane.

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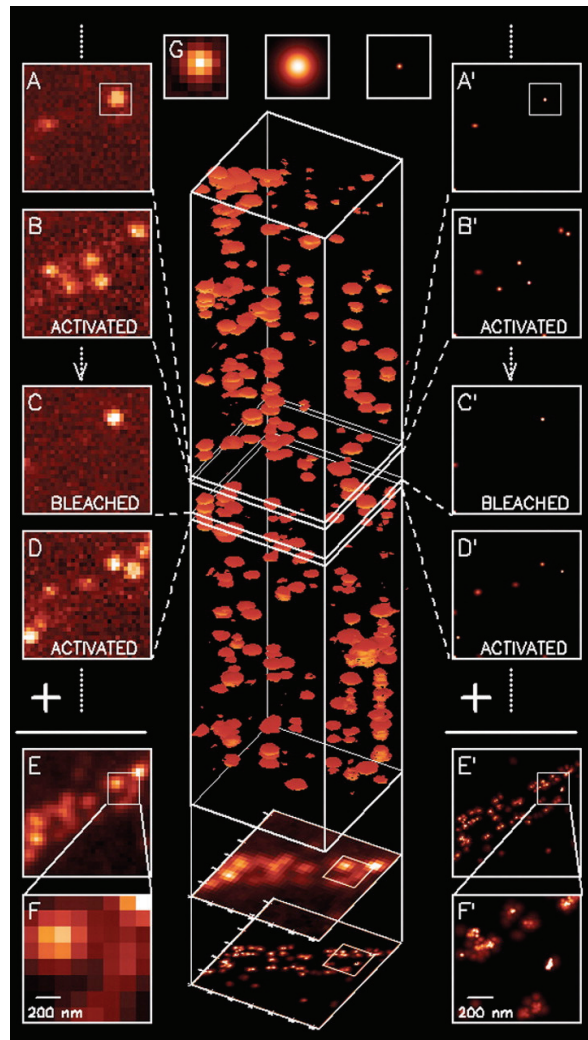
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## single molecule

## STED, 4PI

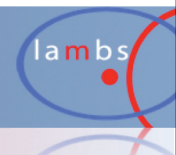
## PALM

## conclusions



**The principle behind PALM.** A sparse subset of PA-FP molecules that are attached to proteins of interest and then fixed within a cell are activated (A and B) and then imaged until most are bleached (C). This process is repeated many times (C and D) until the population of inactivated, unbleached molecules is depleted. Summing the molecular images across all frames results in a diffraction-limited image (E and F). However, if the location of each molecule is first determined by fitting the expected molecular image given by the PSF of the microscope [(G), center] to the actual molecular image [(G), left], the molecule can be plotted [(G), right] as a Gaussian that has a standard deviation equal to the uncertainty  $s(x,y)$  in the fitted position. Repeating with all molecules across all frames (A' through D') and summing the results yields a superresolution image (E' and F') in which resolution is dictated by the uncertainties  $s(x,y)$  as well as by the density of localized molecules.

PALM



### The principle behind PALM.

Central to the performance of photoactivated localization microscopy (PALM) is the precise localization of single fluorescent molecules performed by a least-squares fit of an assumed two-dimensional gaussian point spread function (PSF) to each single molecule image.

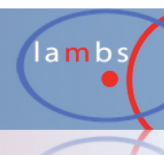
$$(\sigma_{x,y}^2)_m \approx \frac{s^2 + a^2 / 12}{N_m} + \frac{4\sqrt{\pi} s^3 b_m^2}{aN_m^2}$$

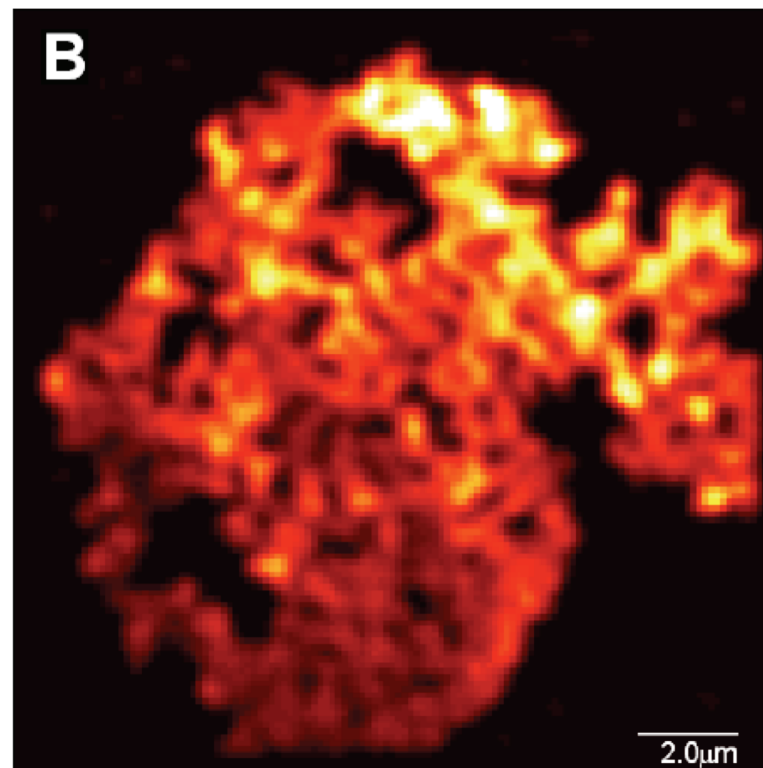
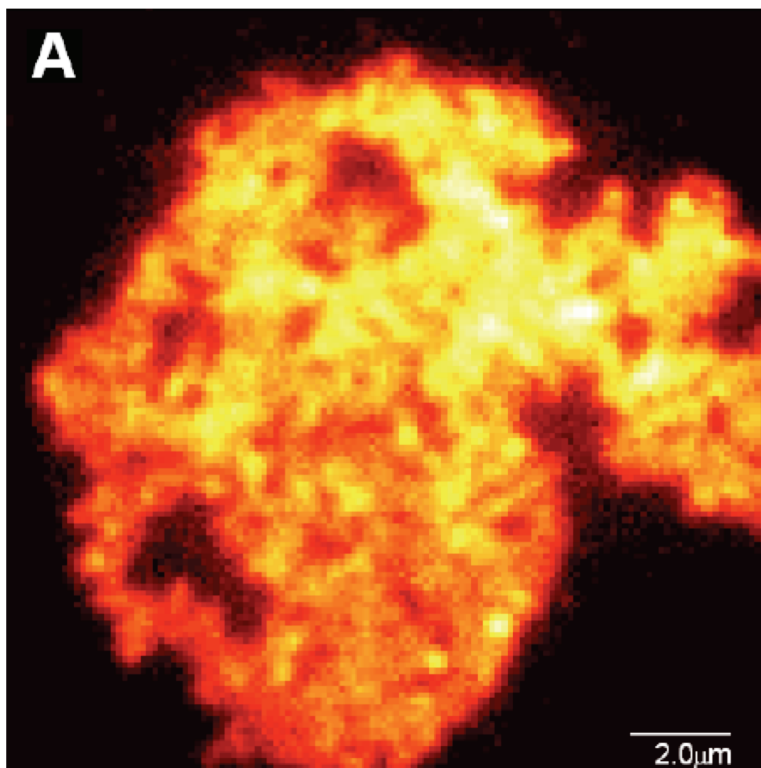
where **s** is the standard deviation of the PSF, **a** is the pixel size in the image (taking into account the system magnification), **N<sub>m</sub>** is the total number of photons measured from molecule **m**, and **b<sub>m</sub>** is the number of background photons collected in the fitting window used for molecule **m**.

Therefore, PALM design is predicated on achieving the highest possible diffraction limited resolution (i.e., **small s**) and collection efficiency (**high N<sub>m</sub>**) consistent with minimal background noise **b<sub>m</sub>**.

The superresolution image resulting from the sum of all such rendered molecules thus provides a probability density map where brightness is proportional to the likelihood that a PA-FP molecule can be found at a given location.

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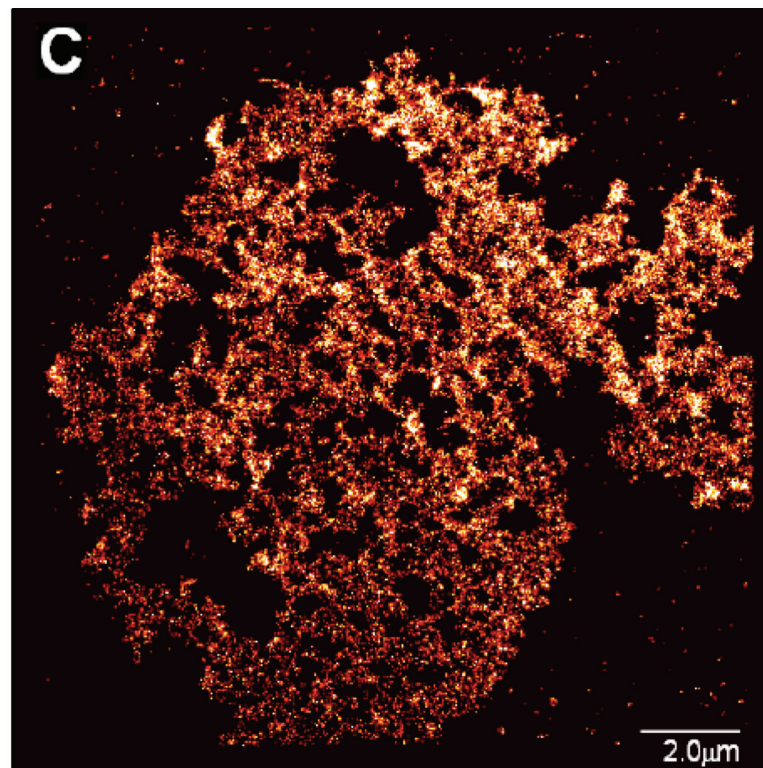
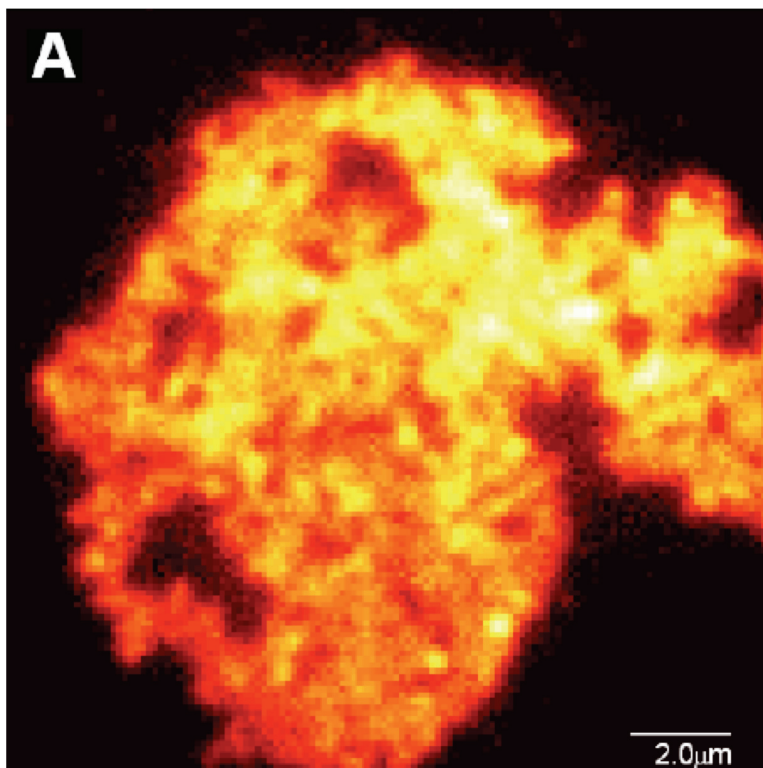




Images of an aggregation of 50 nm diameter plain polystyrene beads with the PA-FP Kaede deposited thereon. (A) Conventional TIRF image obtained prior to PALM data acquisition. (B) Summed TIRF image constructed by summing all the activated (red state), background-subtracted, diffraction-limited single molecule images in the entire PALM data stack.

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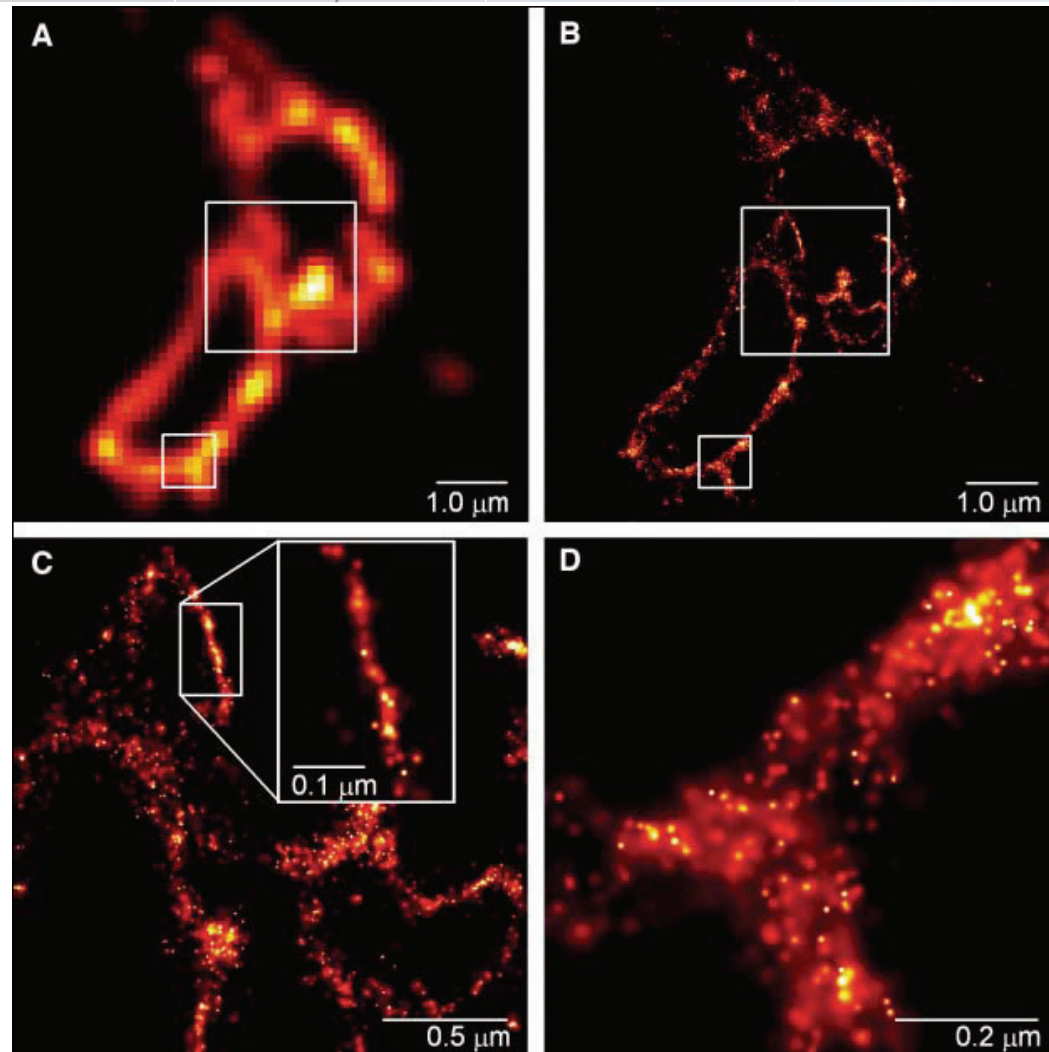
(C) PALM image constructed by summing the position probability gaussians determined for all localized molecules in the data stack.

PALM





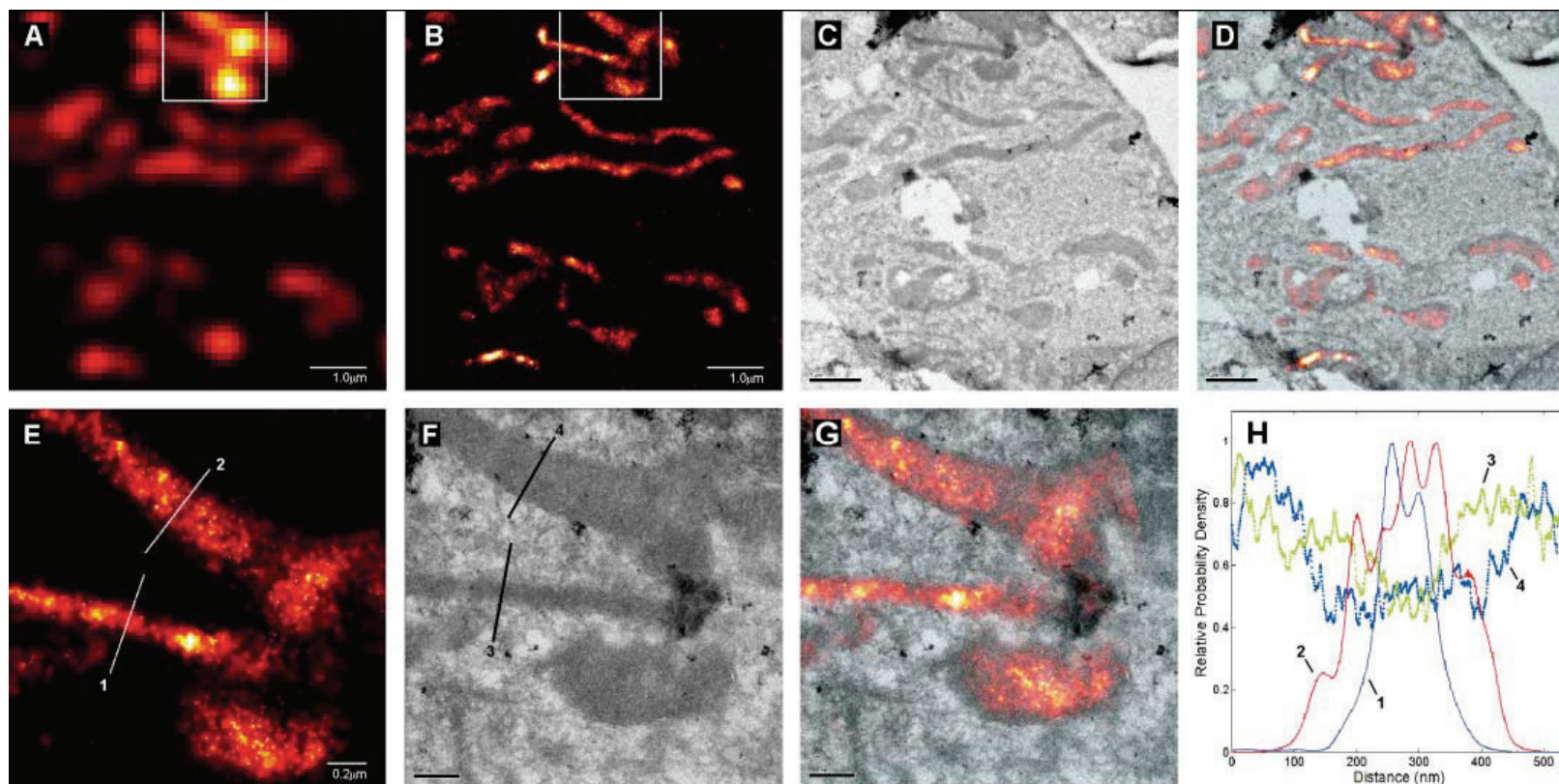
Comparative summed-molecule TIRF (A) and PALM (B) images of the same region within a cryoprepared thin section from a COS-7 cell expressing the lysosomal transmembrane protein CD63 tagged with the PA-FP Kaede.



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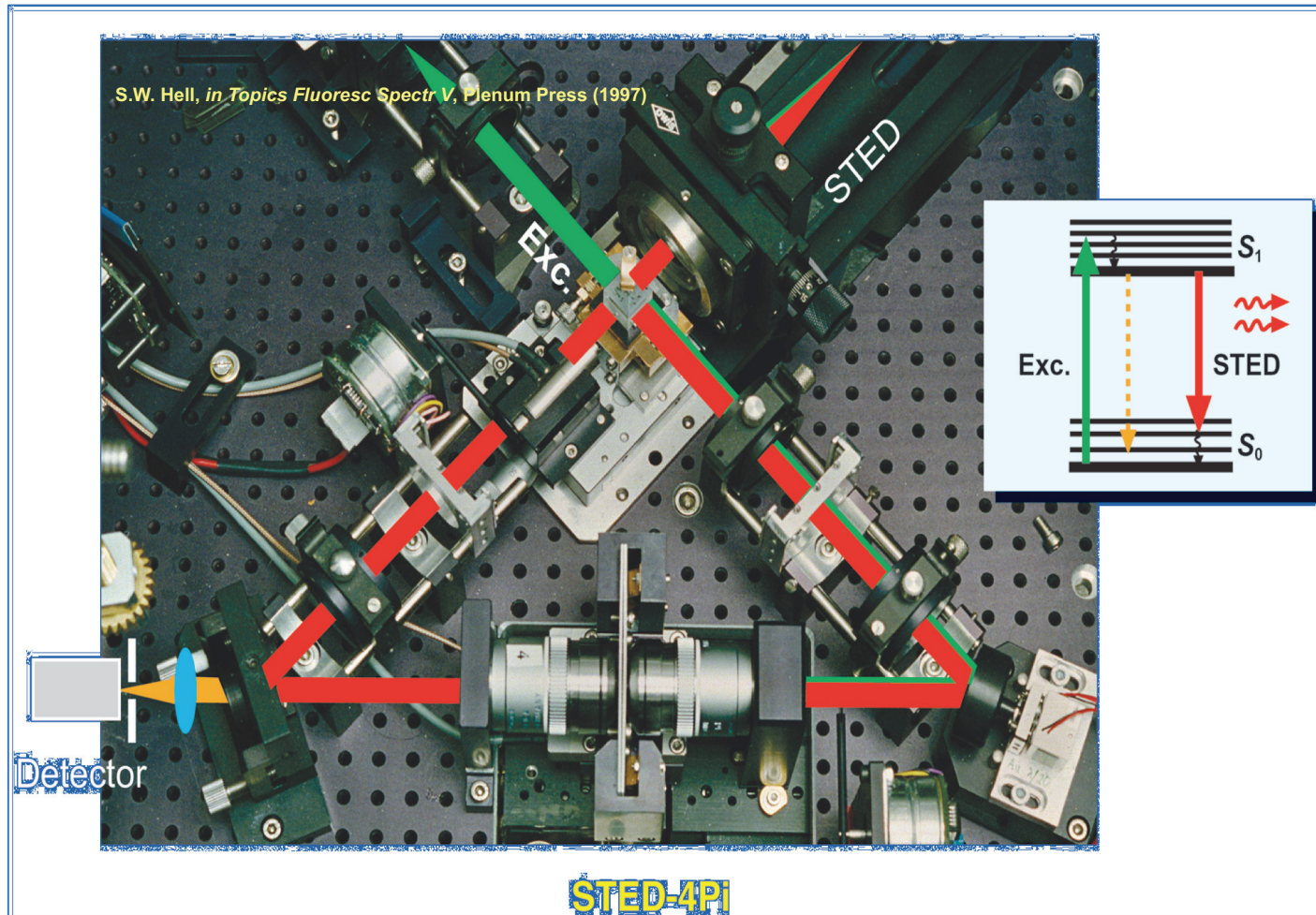


Comparative summed-molecule TIRF (A), PALM (B), TEM (C), and PALM/TEM overlay (D) images of mitochondria in a cryo-prepared thin section from a COS-7 cell expressing dEosFP-tagged cytochrome-C oxidase import sequence.

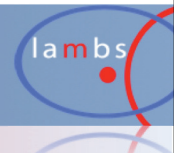
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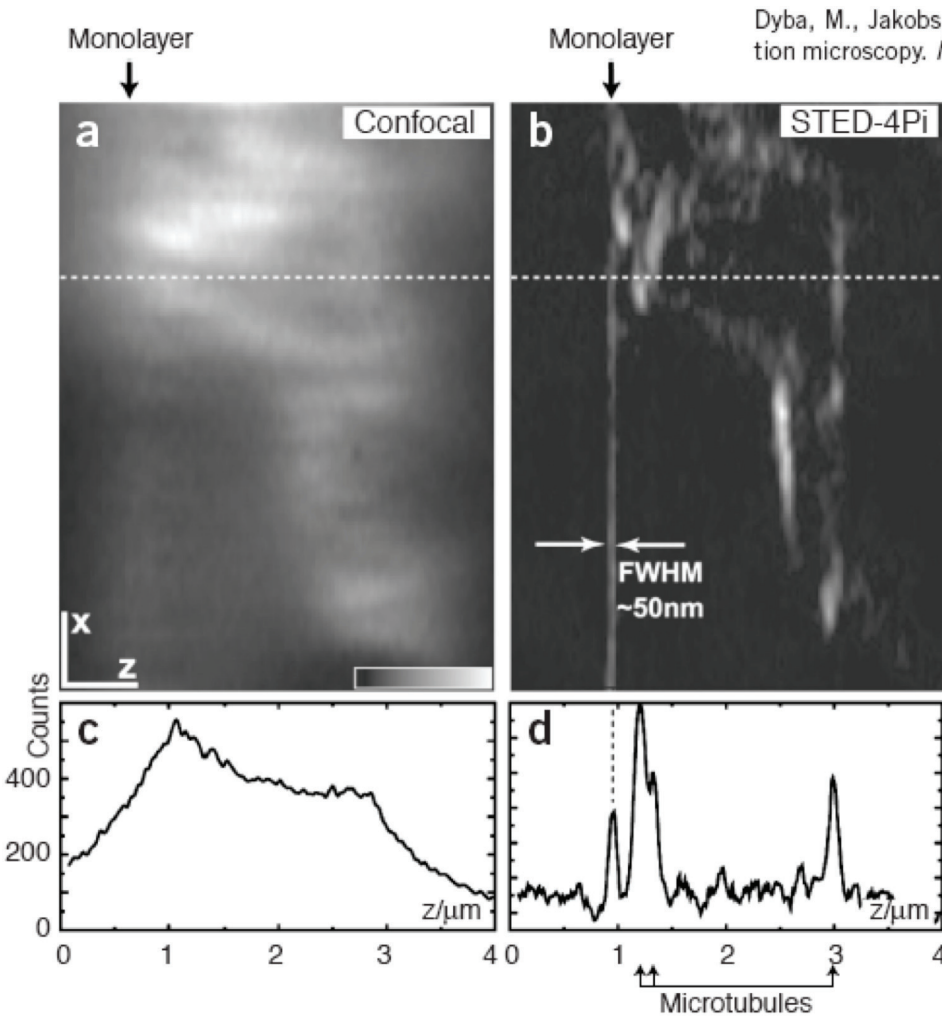
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## 4PI AND STED



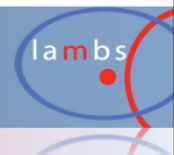


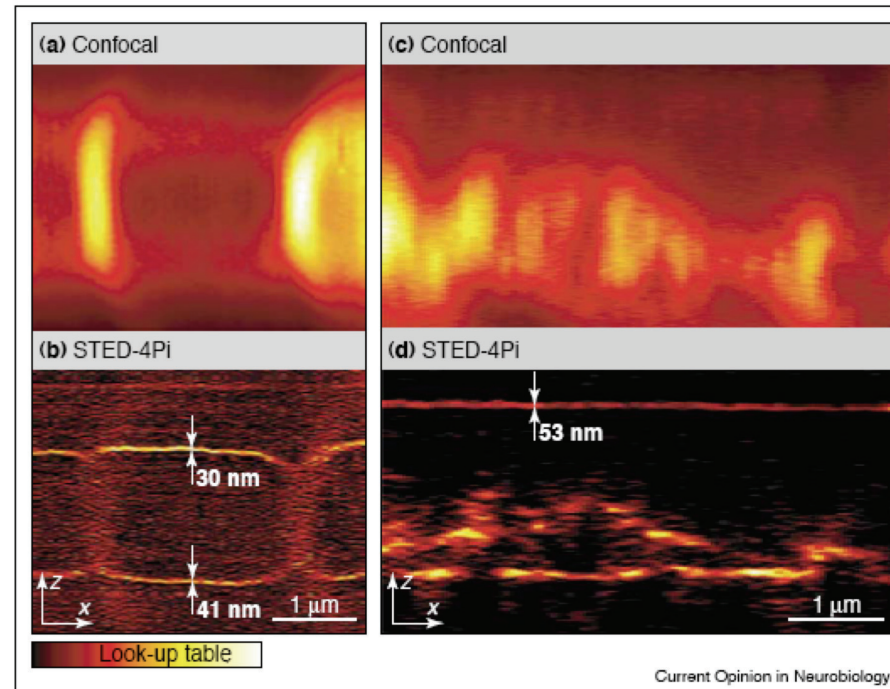


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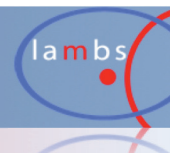
## 4Pi AND STED





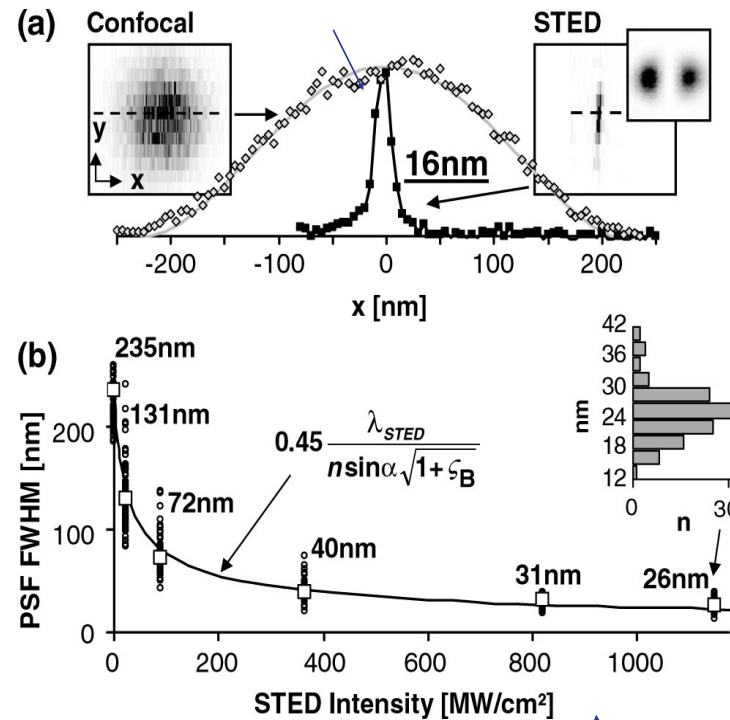
Axial resolution increase provided by STED-4Pi (b,d) over confocal microscopy (a,c). The membranes of a live bacterium (*Bacillus megaterium*) were stained with the dye RH 414 and then simultaneously imaged in the (a) confocal and in the (b) STED-4Pi microscopy mode. Note that the axial resolution of this focusing microscope is in the order of 30–40 nm. (c,d) xz-images from the immunolabeled microtubular network of a human embryonic kidney (HEK)-cell as recorded with a (c) confocal and (d) STED-4Pi-microscope. Both images have been recorded at the same site in the cell. The microtubules were labeled using a primary anti- $\beta$ -tubulin antibody and a secondary antibody coupled to MR-121. The STED-4Pi images were linearly deconvolved to remove the effect of the 4Pi-sidelobes. Note the straight horizontal line which stems from an MR-121 layer on the cover slip. At this layer, the resolution in the STED-4Pi image is determined as 53 nm. The fixed HEK cells were mounted in aqueous buffer and recorded with water immersion lenses.

## 4Pi AND STED



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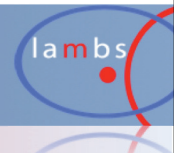
## Sharpest focal spot



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