

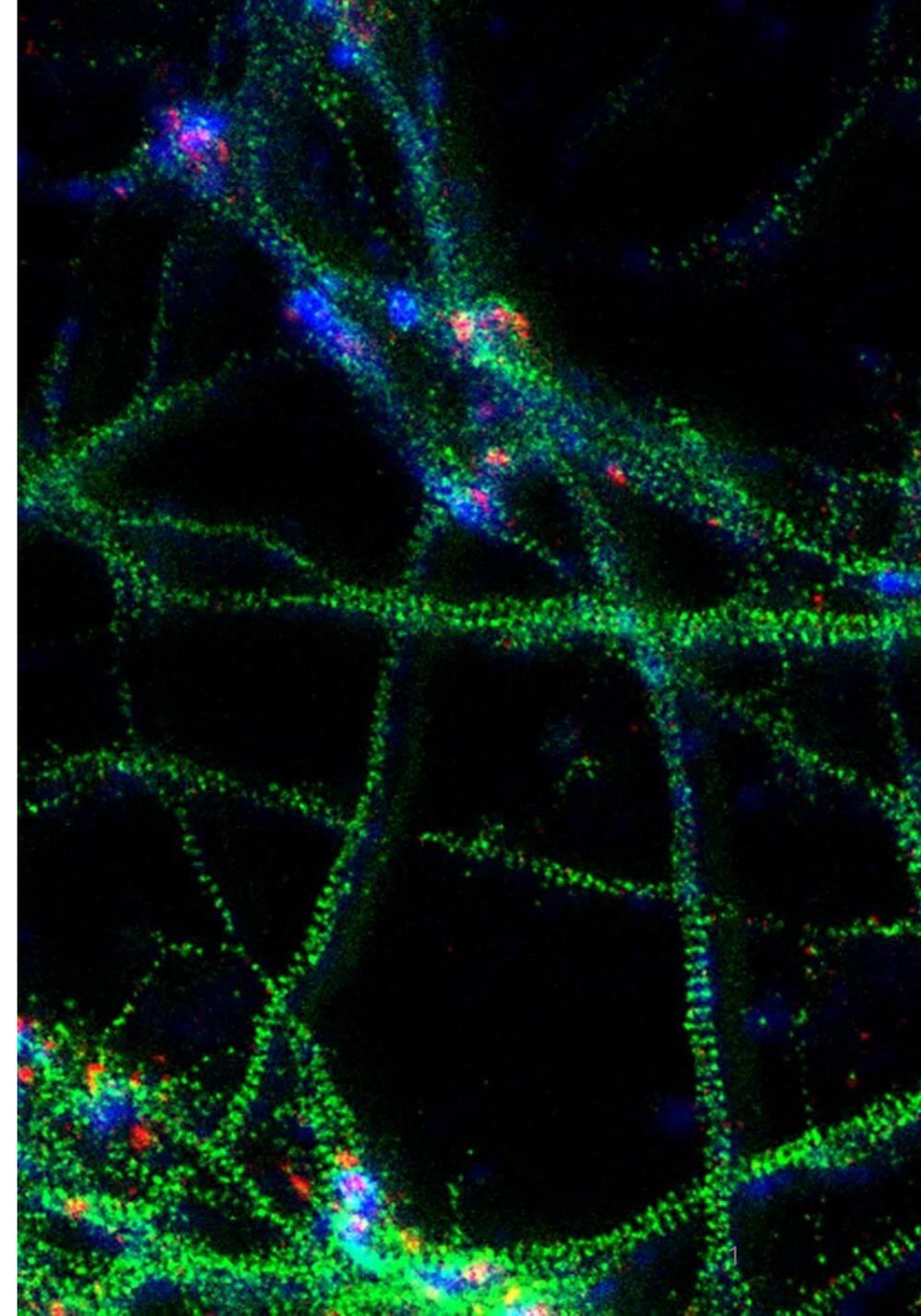
# Correlated Imaging and Analysis of Single Cells: A Biophysical Perspective on Advanced Fluorescence Microscopy

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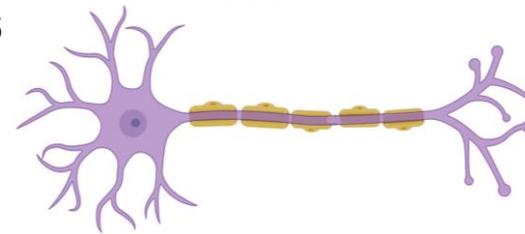
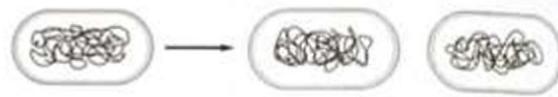
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# Dynamic cell imaging

- Biological timescales and speeds:

- Fruit fly from fertilized egg to segmented embryo – 10 hours
- E. coli division time – 30 min
- Bacterium movement – 1 s per its length
- Axonal and vesicle transport – 1  $\mu\text{m/s}$

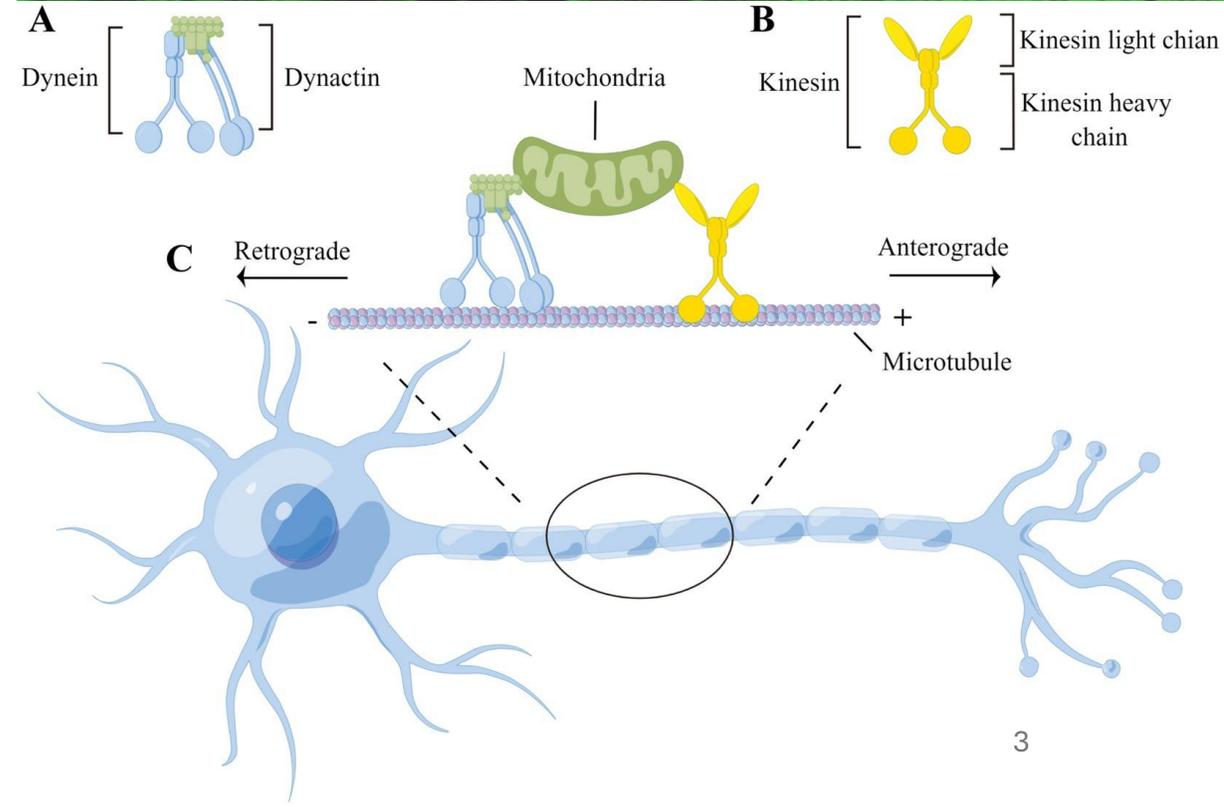
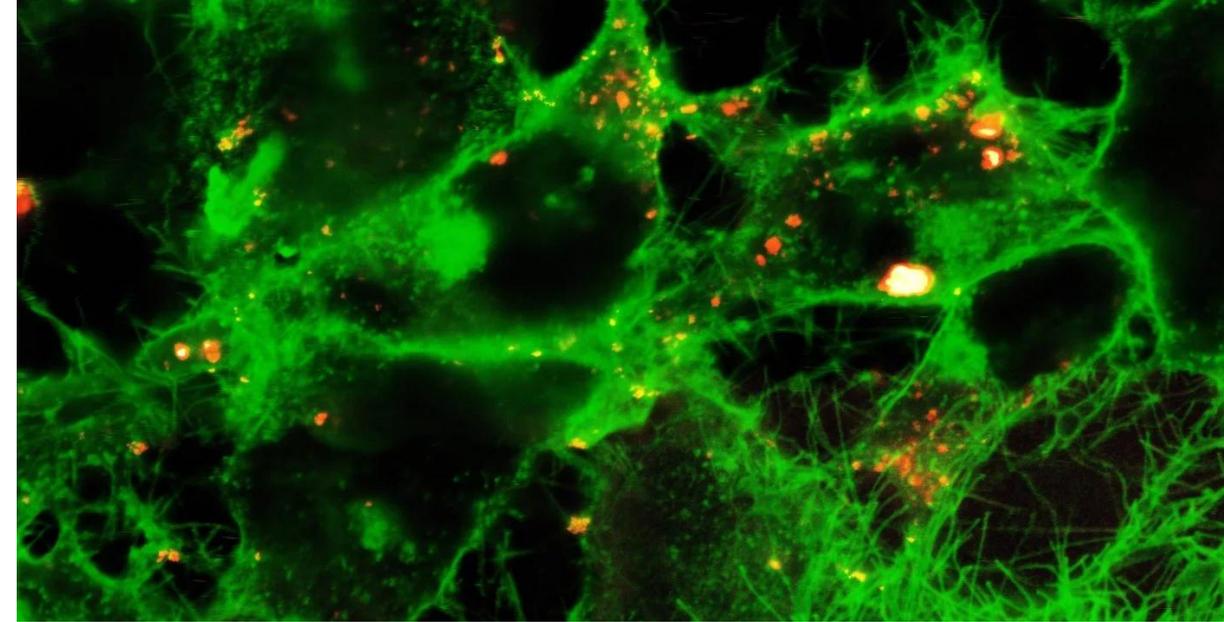
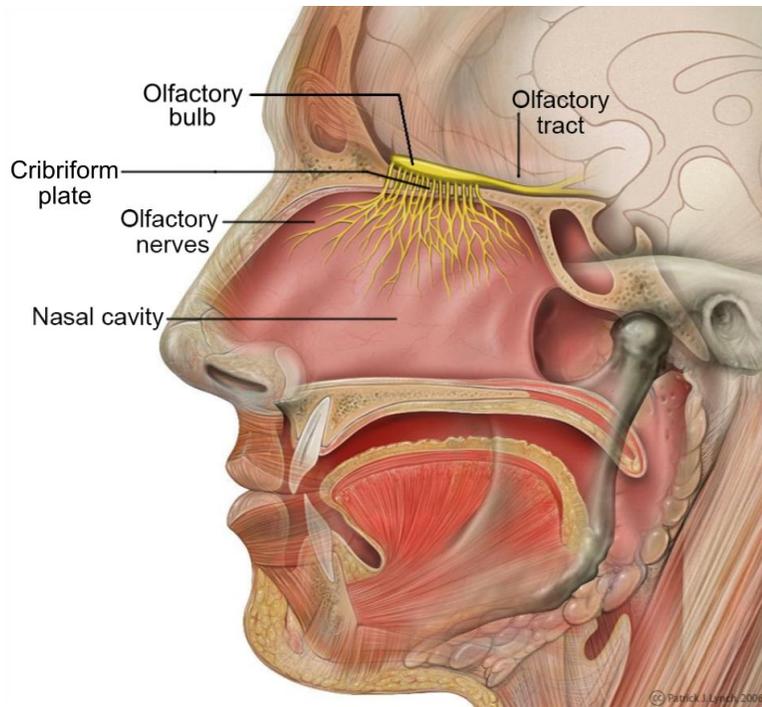


- Imaging speed:

- 1 pixel – 10 ns
- 2D: 1000 x 1000 pixels – 10 ms
- 3D: 10 optical slices – 100 ms or 10 frames per second

# Future work

- Axonal transport
- Nanotoxicology – olfactory nerve
- 2-photon 3D-STED microscope





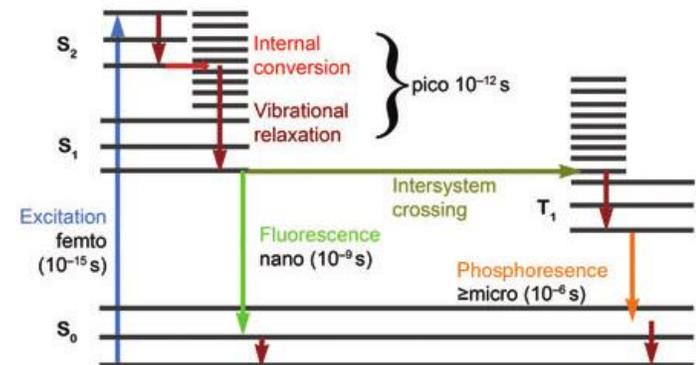
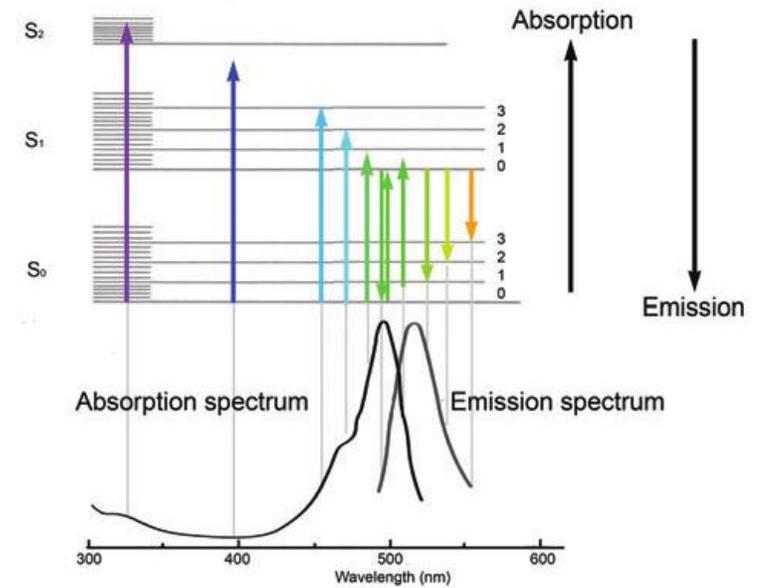
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next slides are for answering questions

# Introduction

- Fluorescence
- Diffraction limit

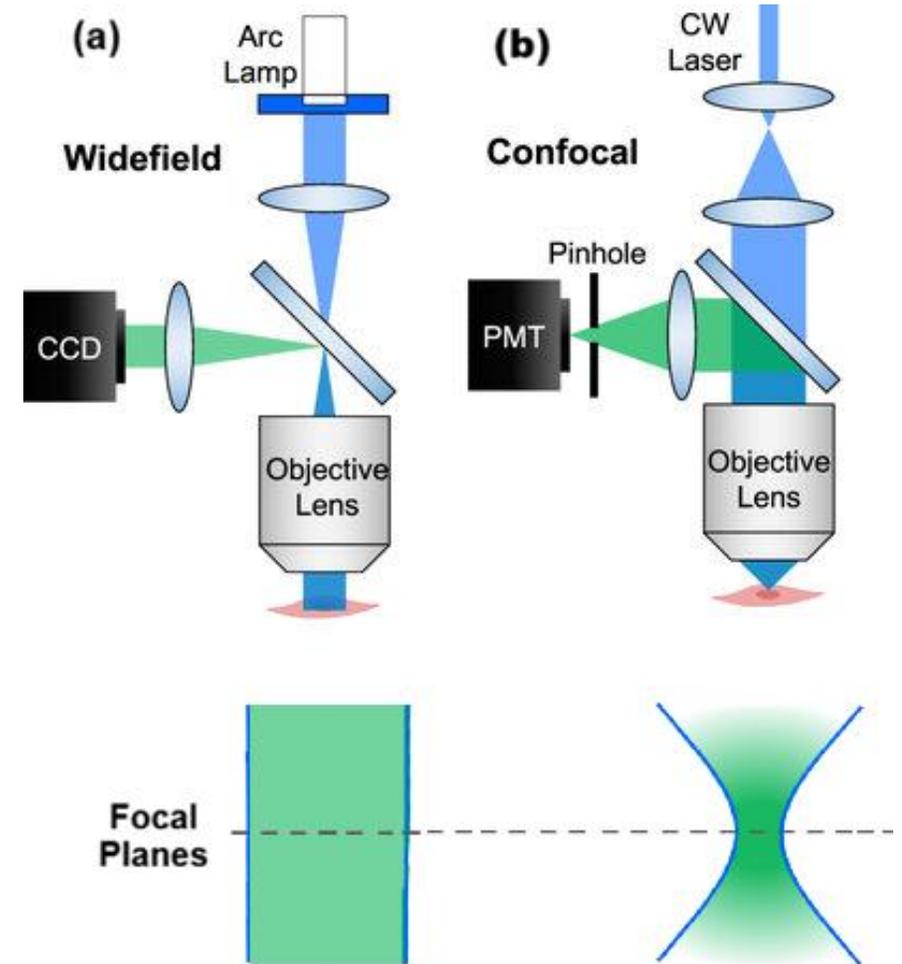
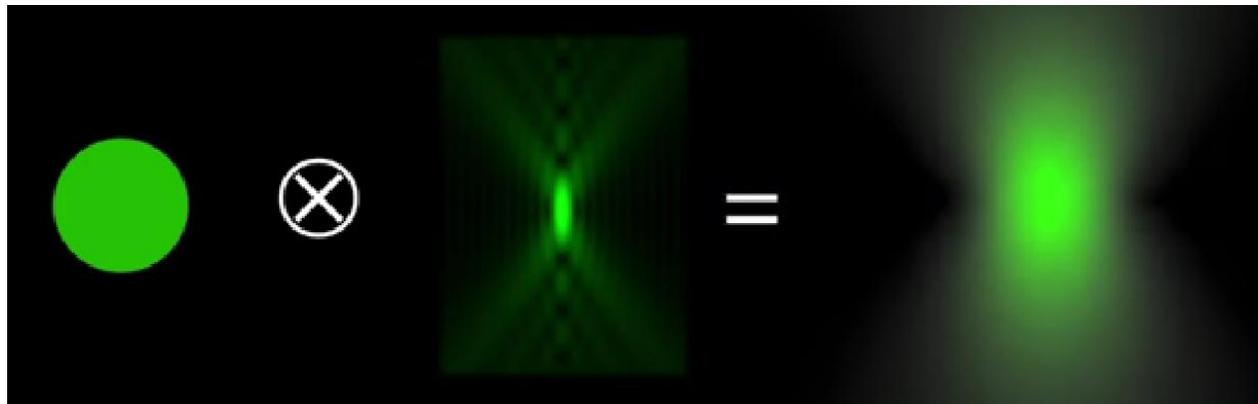
$$d = \frac{\lambda}{2n \sin \theta} = \frac{\lambda}{2NA}$$



Lichtman, 2005

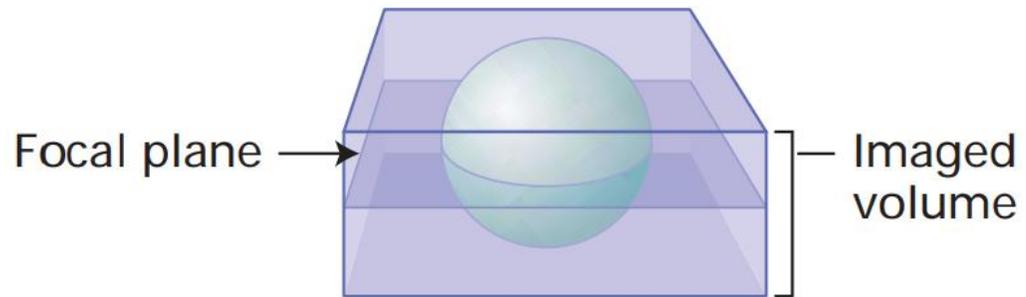
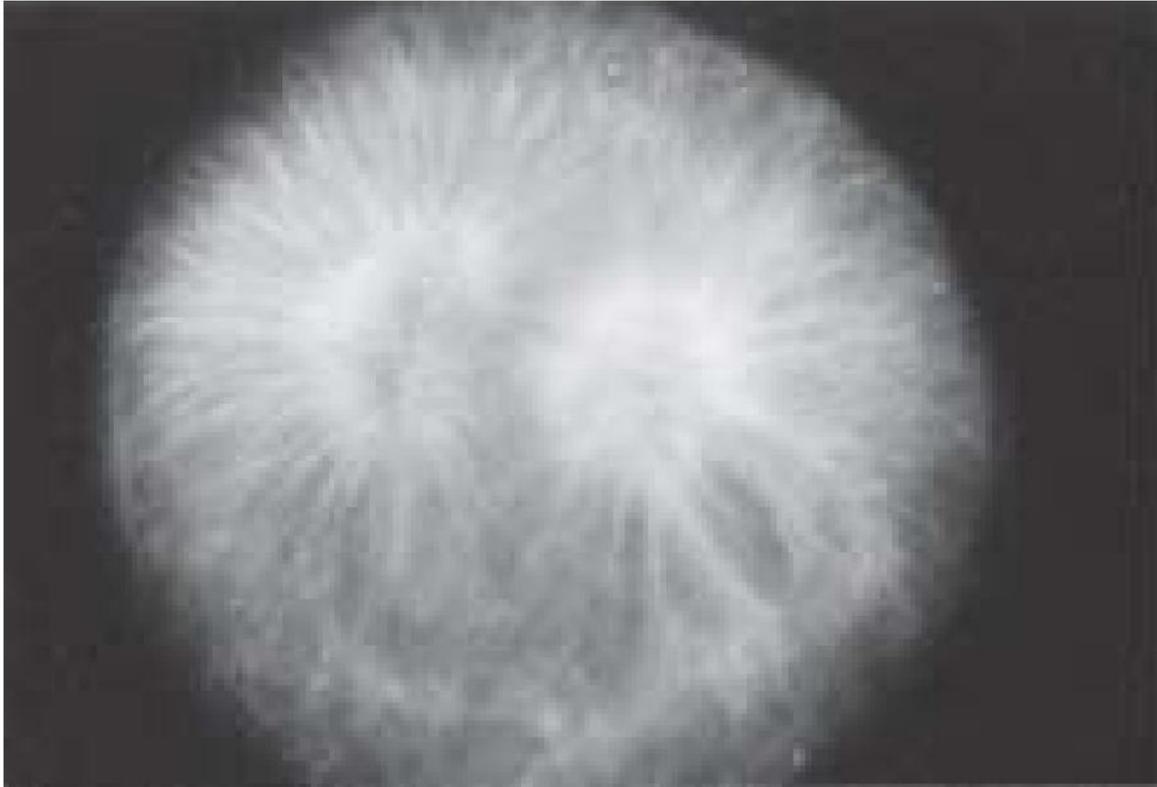
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- Laser + pinhole
- Less out-of-focus fluorescence
- Point Spread Function (PSF)

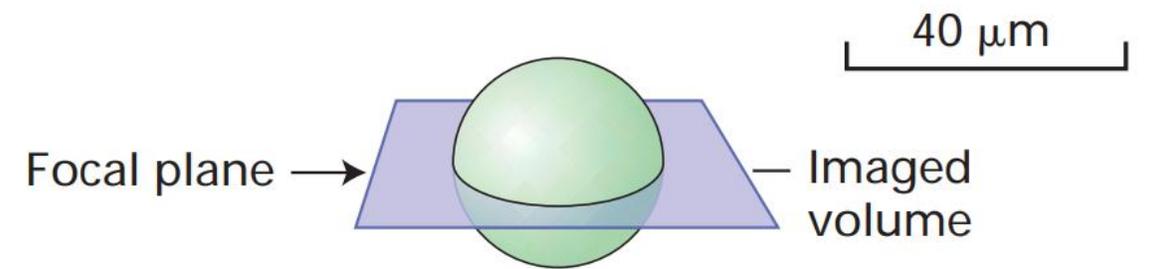
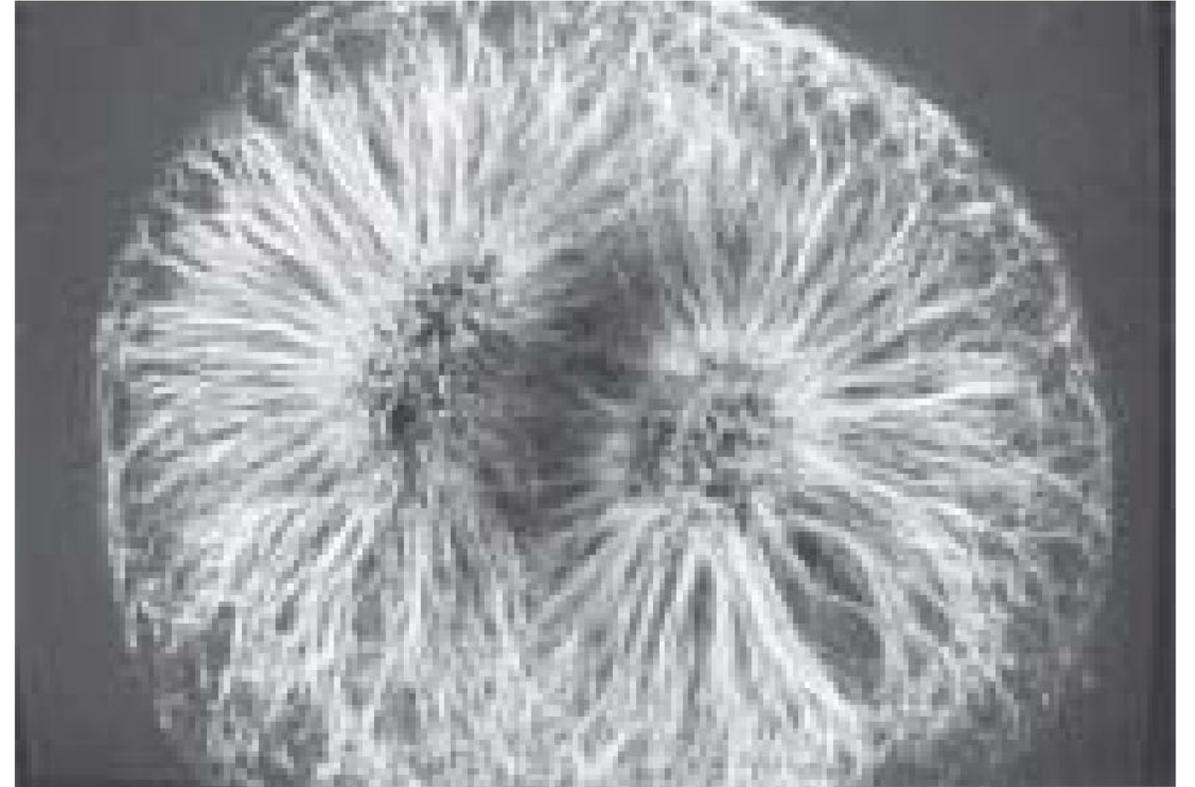


Mannam, 2020

(a) Conventional fluorescence microscopy

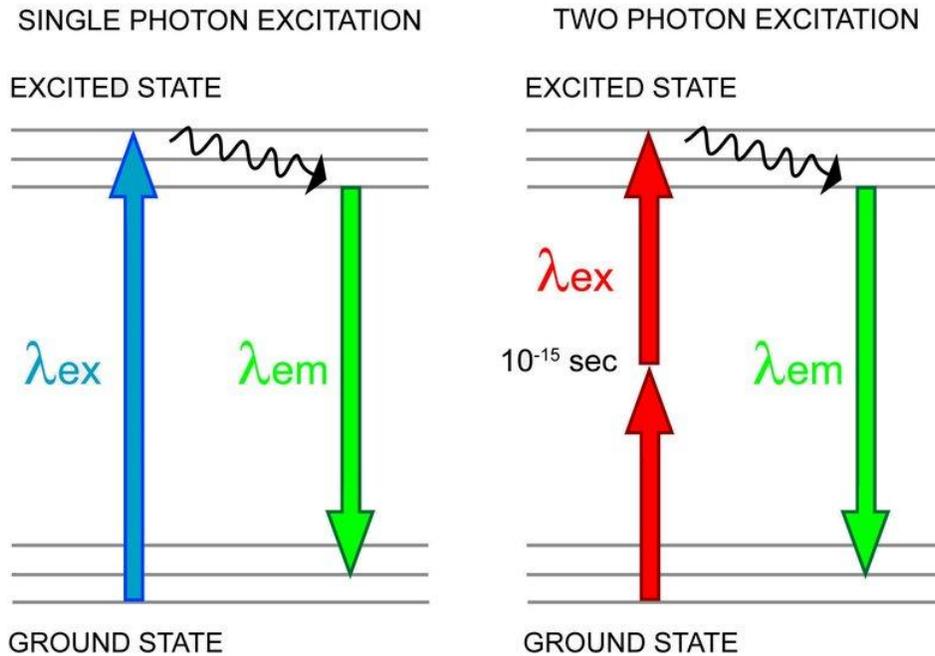


(b) Confocal fluorescence microscopy

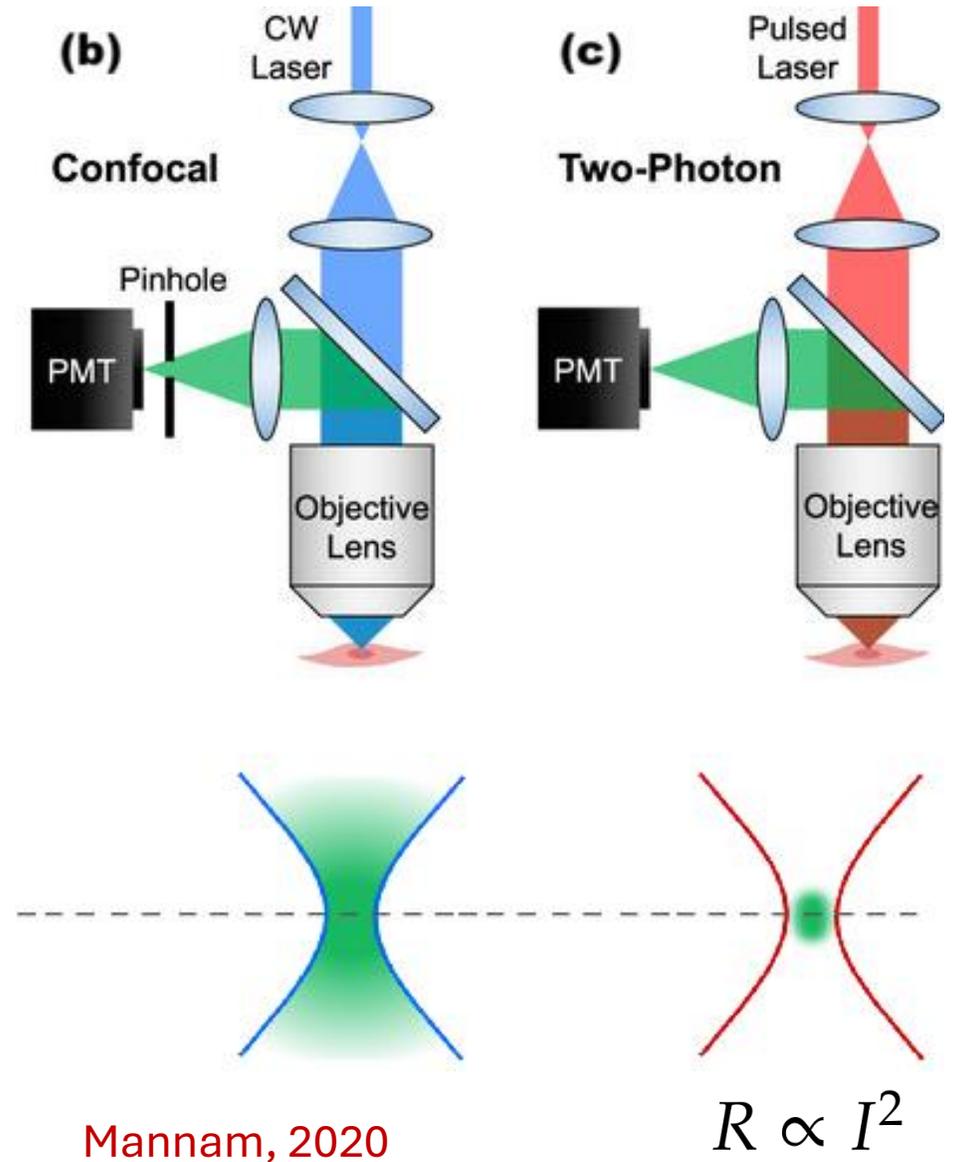


Lodish, 2003

# 2-photon Microscopy



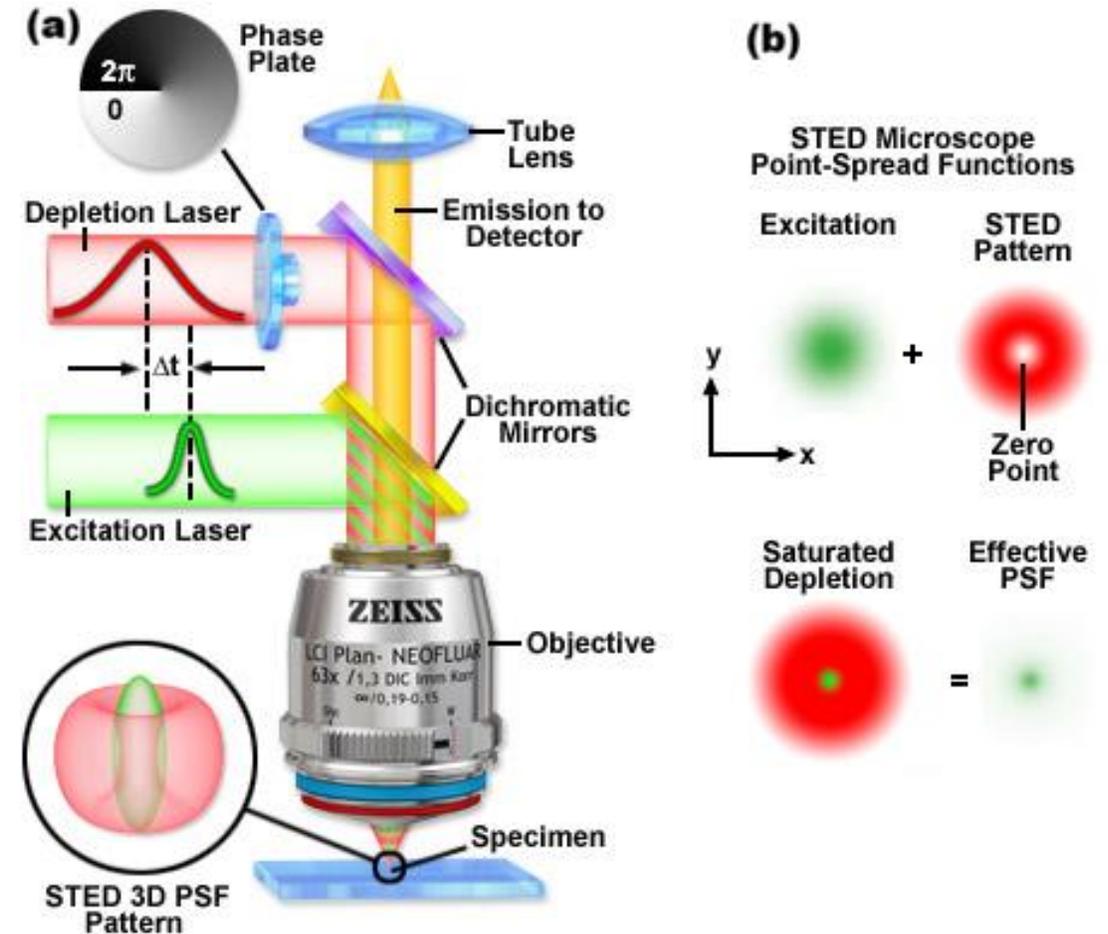
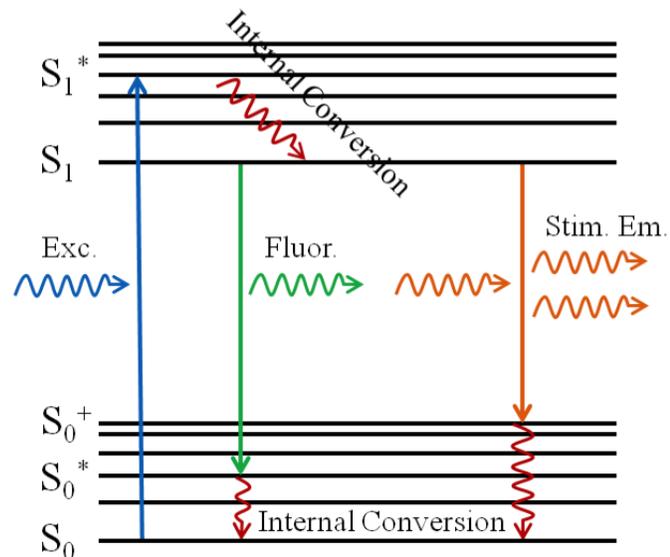
Castelli, 2019

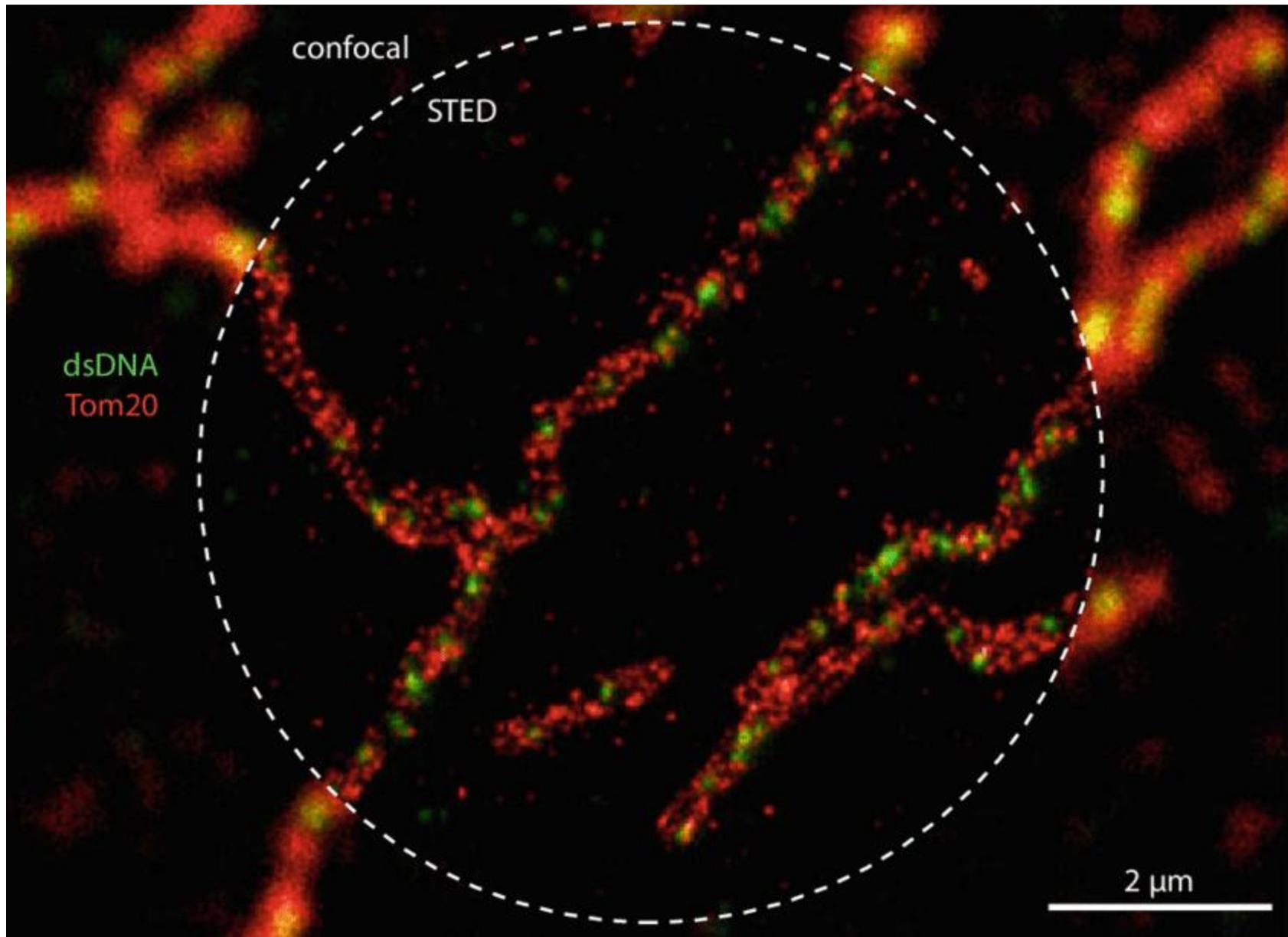


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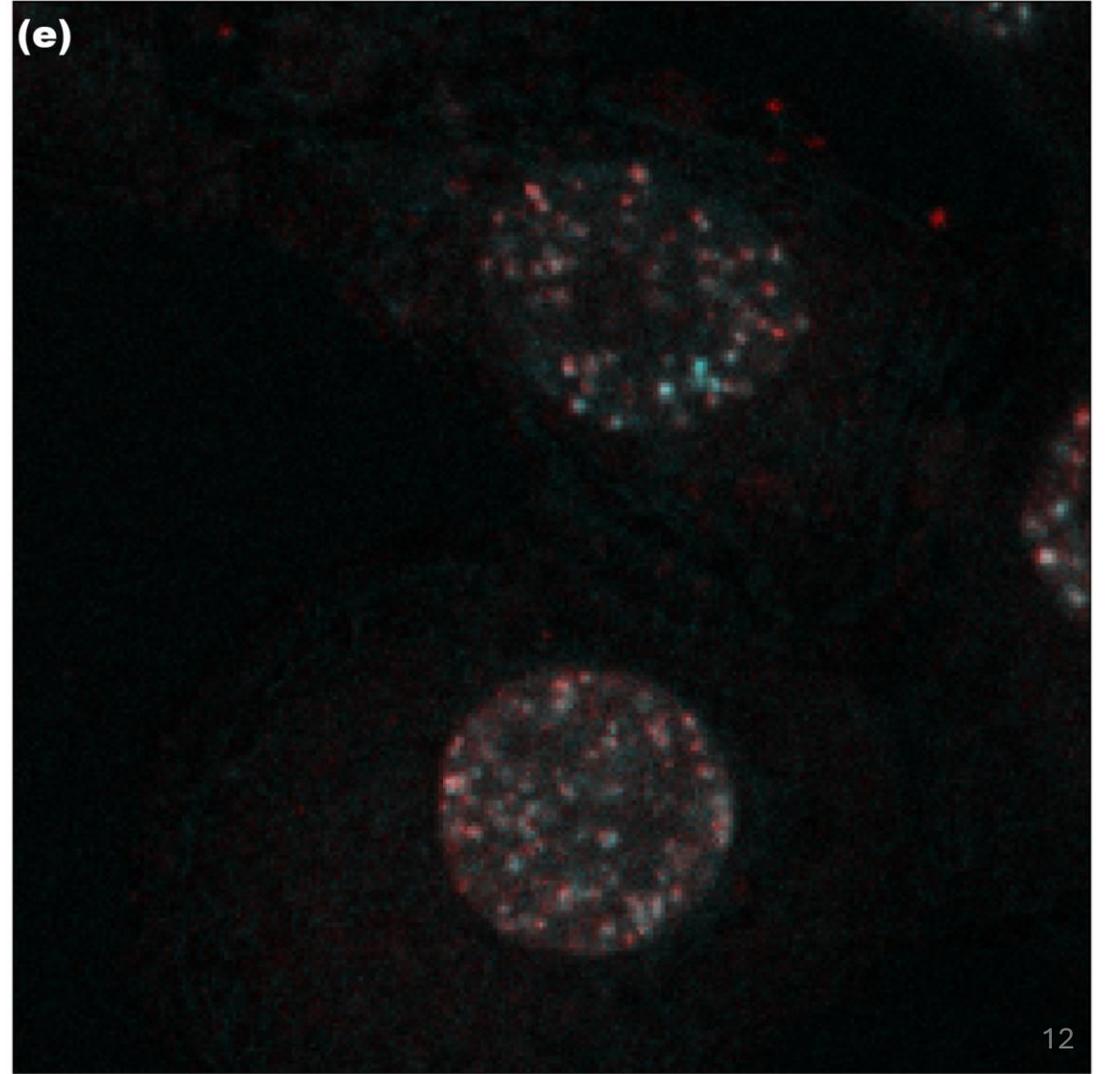
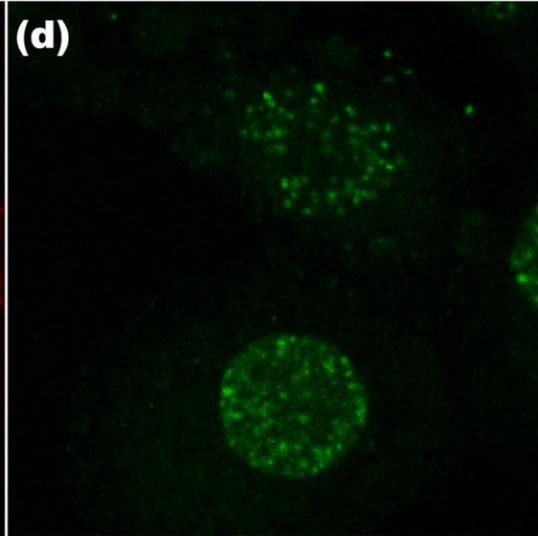
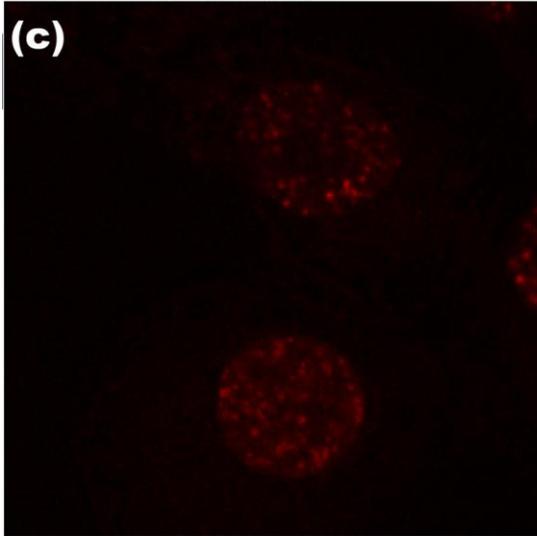
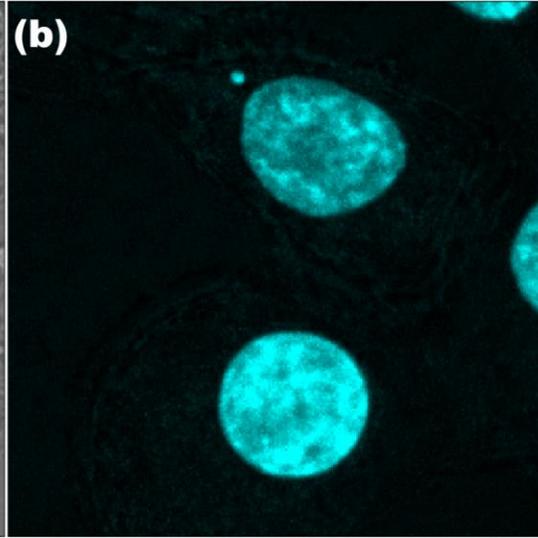
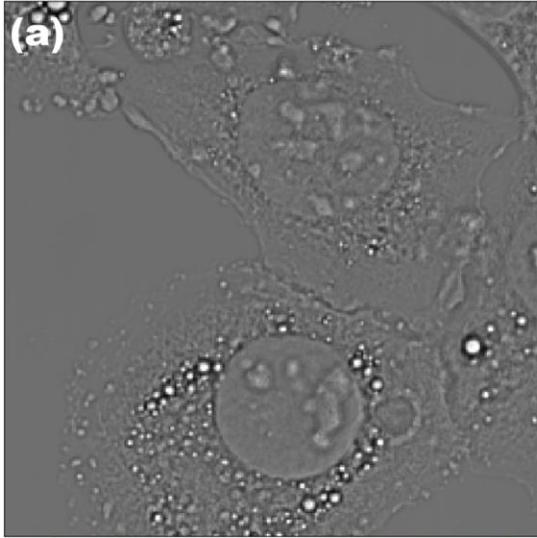
- Breaking the diffraction limit

$$d_{STED} \approx \frac{\lambda}{2NA\sqrt{1 + I/I_{sat}}}$$



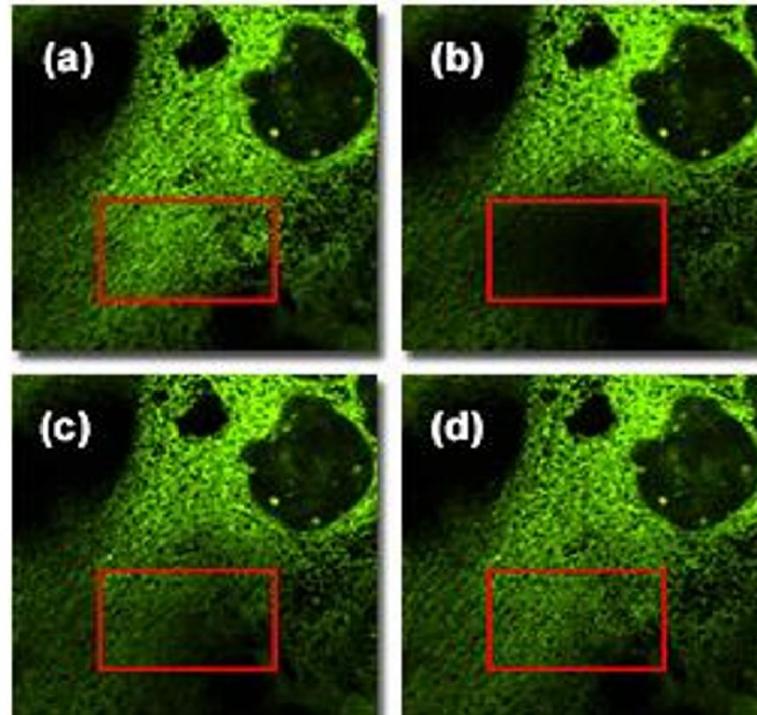
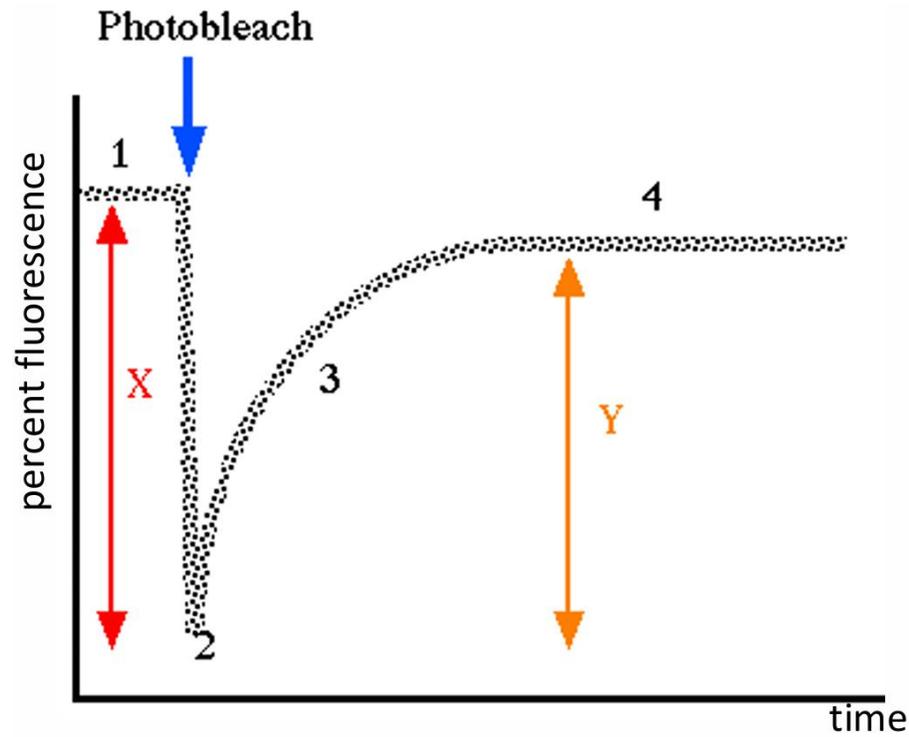
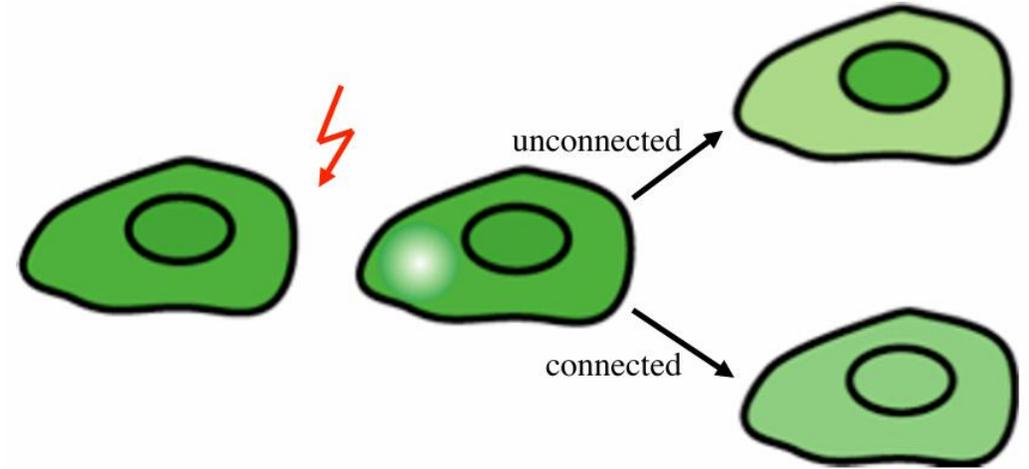


# Correlated Imaging



# Photobleaching methods

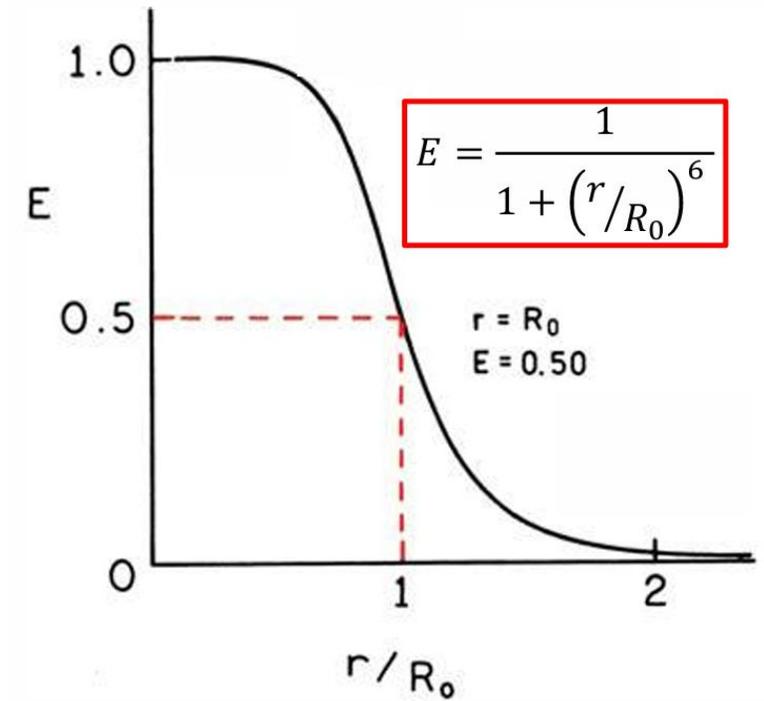
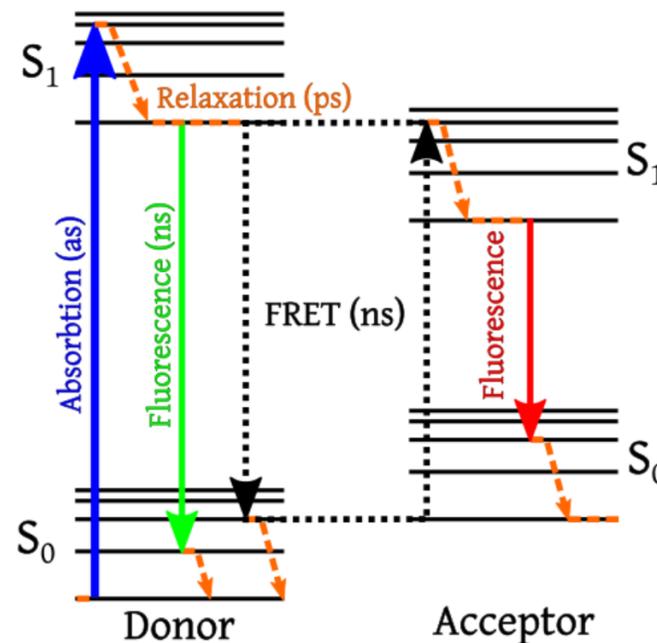
- Diffusion, active transport (FRAP)
- Connectivity of compartments (FLIP)



Göhler, 2014  
(lecture notes)

# Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer

- Two types of fluorophores
- Dipole-dipole interaction
- A molecular ruler



$R_0 = 0.5 - 10 \text{ nm}$