

# 3D Structured Illumination Microscopy

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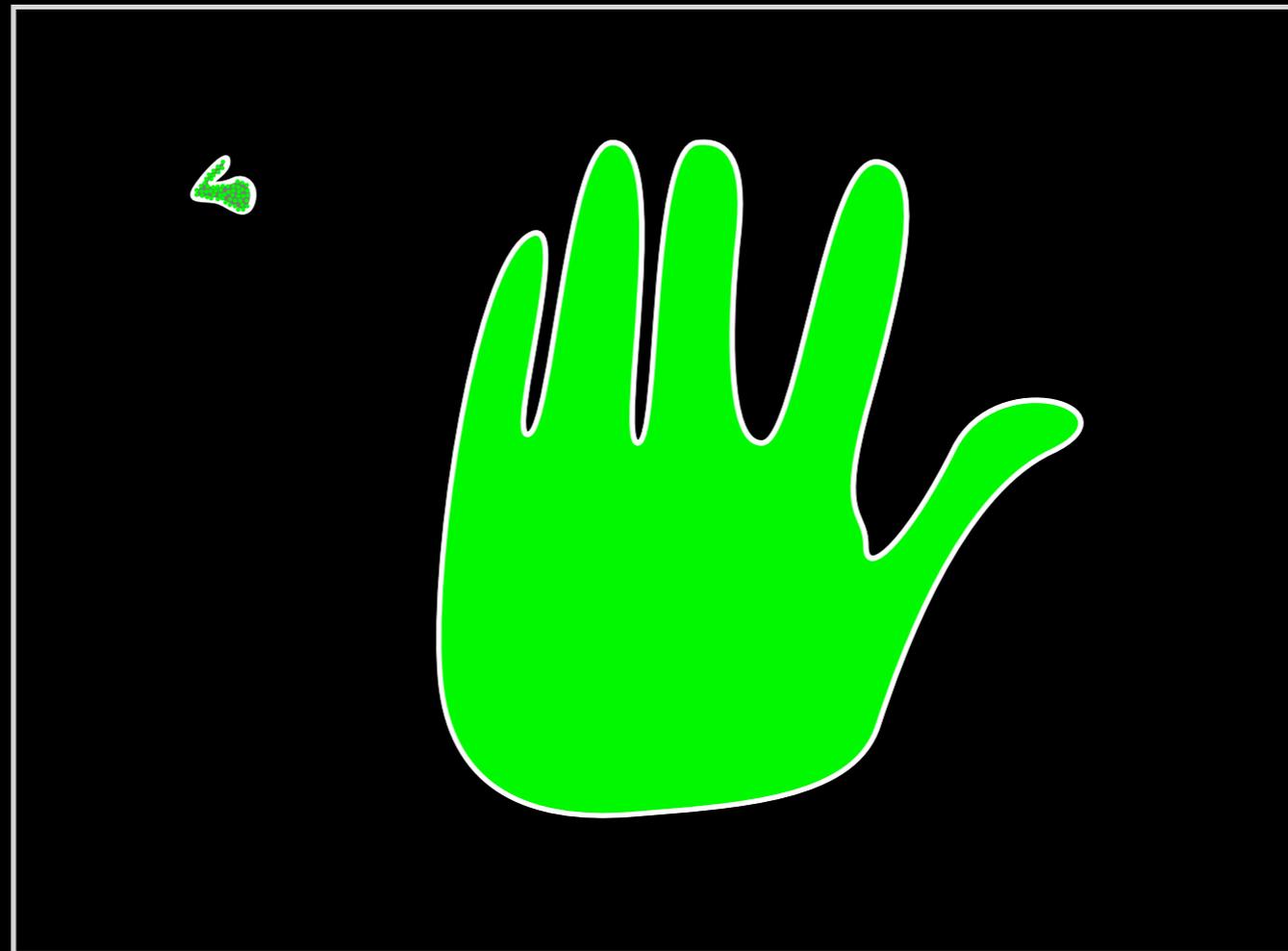
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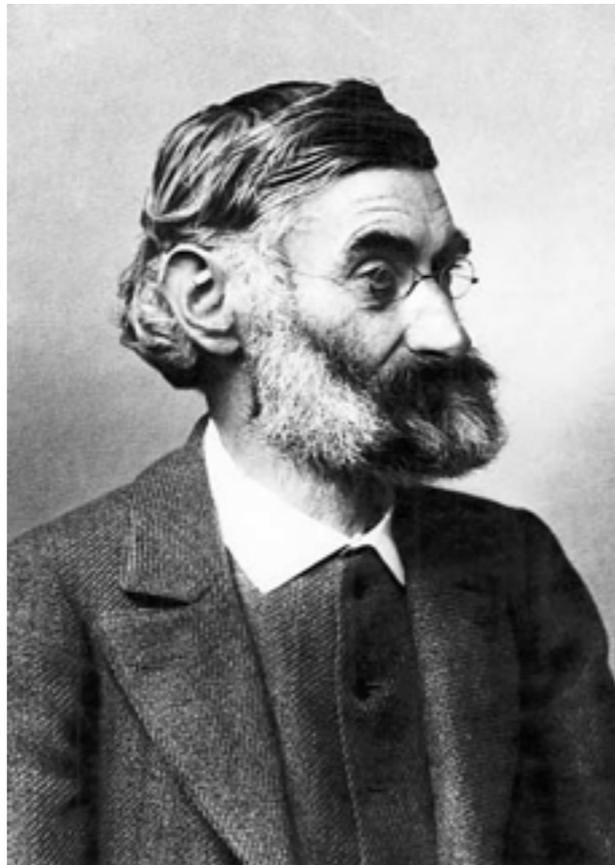
## *Causes of the “blur”*

- Optical aberrations: *Aim to use perfect optics*
- Optical properties of sample environment:  
*Careful choice of coverslip, staining quality, mounting and immersion medium*
- Signal to noise ratio: *Strong (high QE) dyes, better cameras/PMTs,...*
- Out of focus light: *Confocal microscopy, de-convolution*
- Light scattering: *Sample close to objective*
- Diffraction of light... *Is there something to do?*

# The resolution problem

## *Causes of the “blur”*

- Optical
- Optical  
*Careful*
- Signal
- Out of
- Light s
- Diffrac



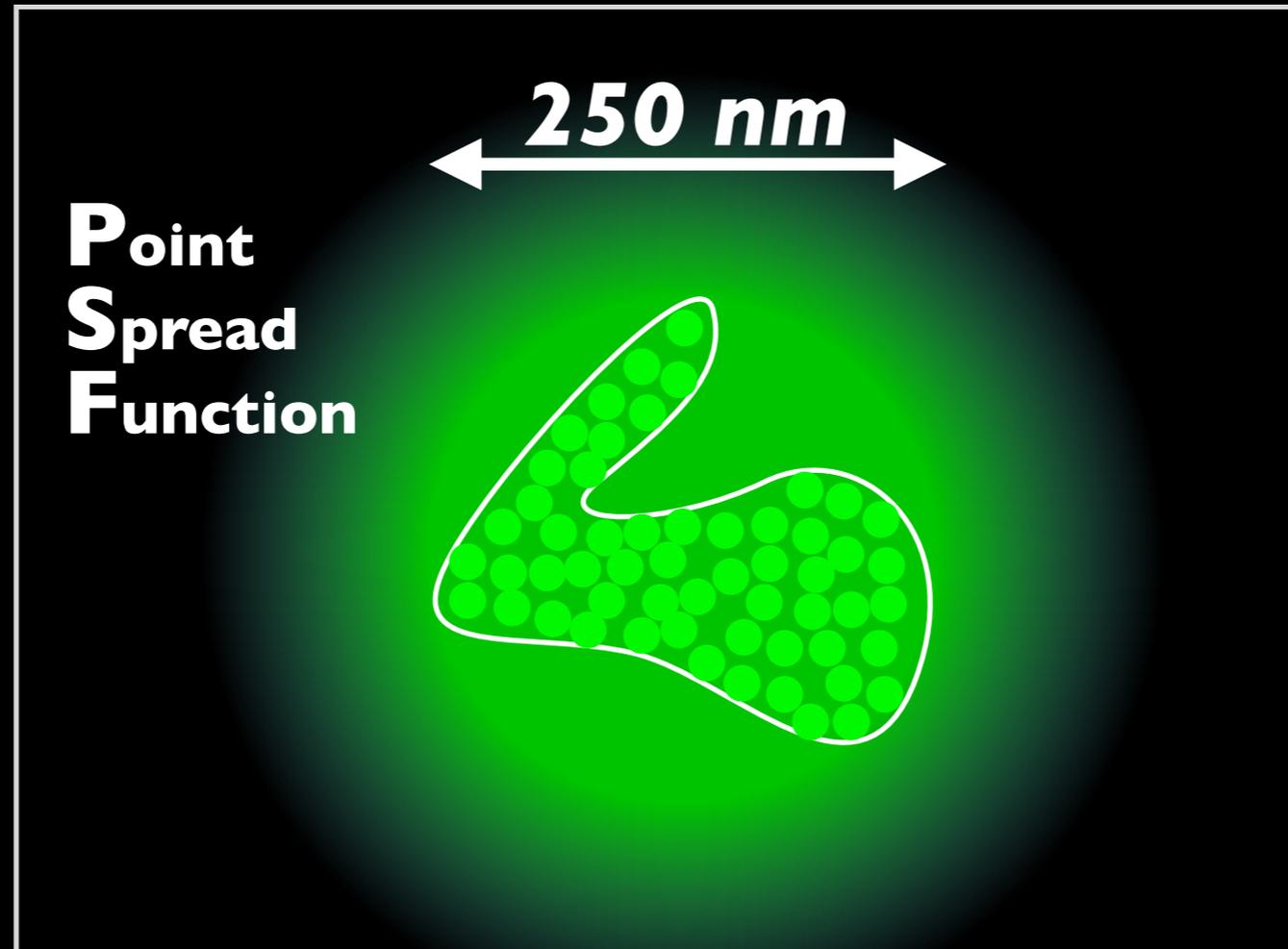
Ernst Abbe's limit

$$\text{resolution} = \frac{0.61\lambda}{NA}$$

medium

# Braking the diffraction barrier

The point spread function describes the response of an imaging system to a point source or point object



# Braking the diffraction barrier

Keep in dark state some of the fluorophores within your PSF, so you know where light comes from

***SIM / 3D-SIM***

***STED***

***PALM / STORM***

# Structured Illumination Microscopy

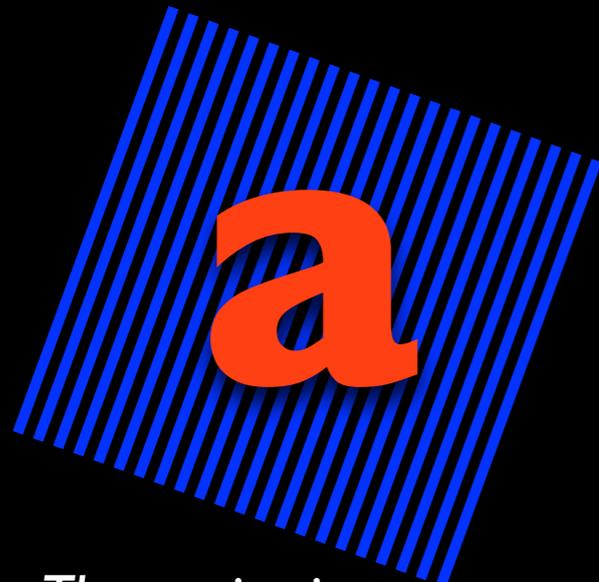
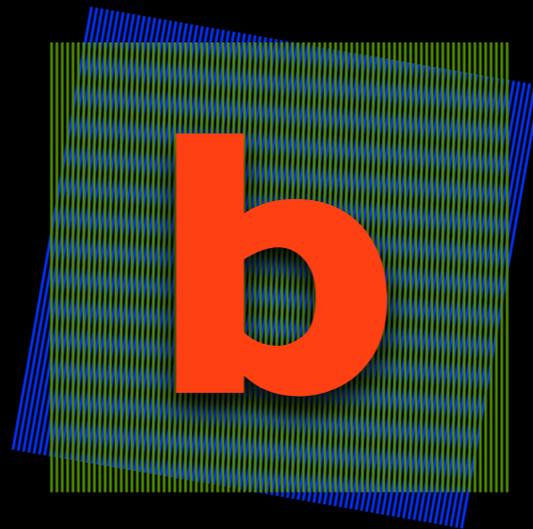
Projects a structured light pattern onto the sample that interacts with the fluorescent probes to generate interference patterns. By modulating the illumination pattern, collecting and reconstructing the subsequent images you can extract information on the sub-diffraction structures.

# The Moire effect

*Your sample*



*What you see under  
the microscope*



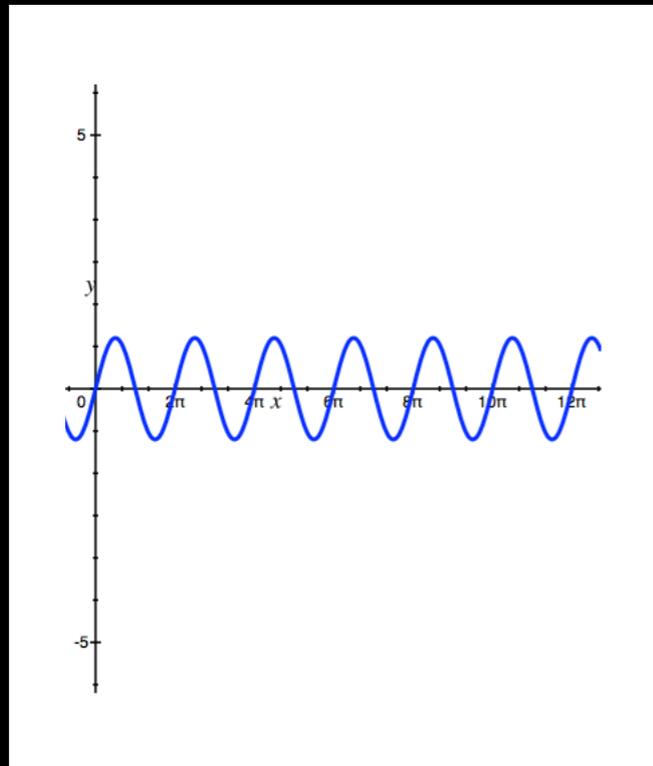
*The excitation pattern*

$$x = a * b$$

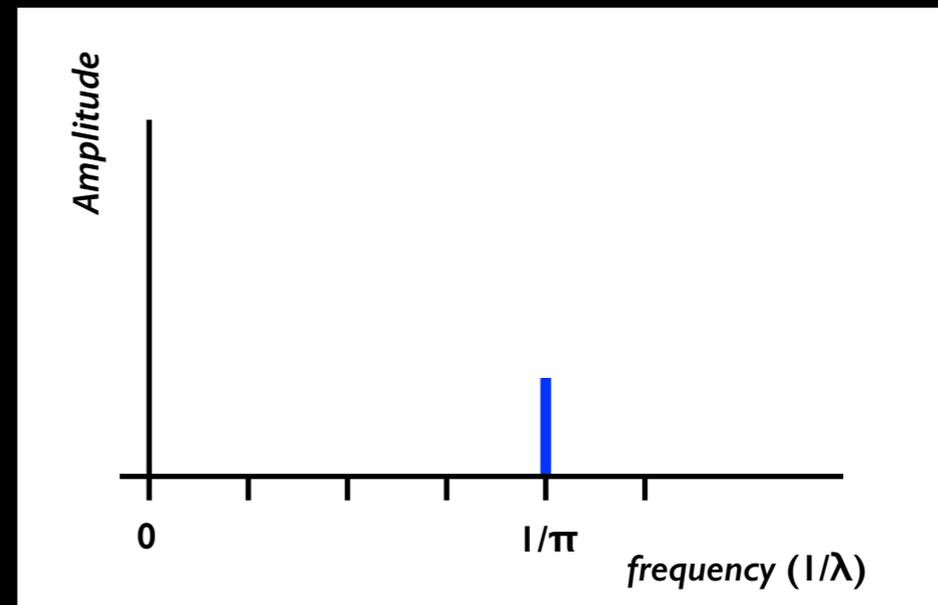
# the Fourier space in 1D

$$y = \sin x$$

*Real space*



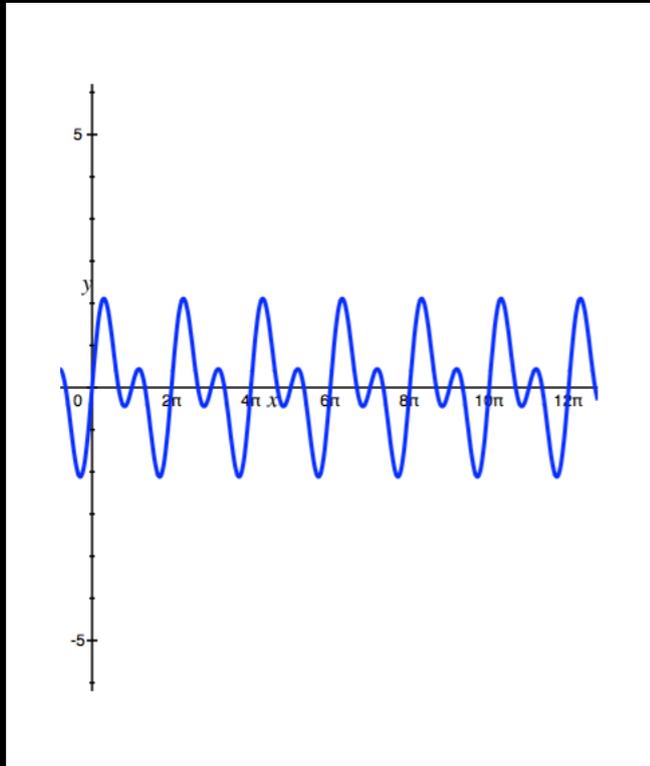
*Fourier space*



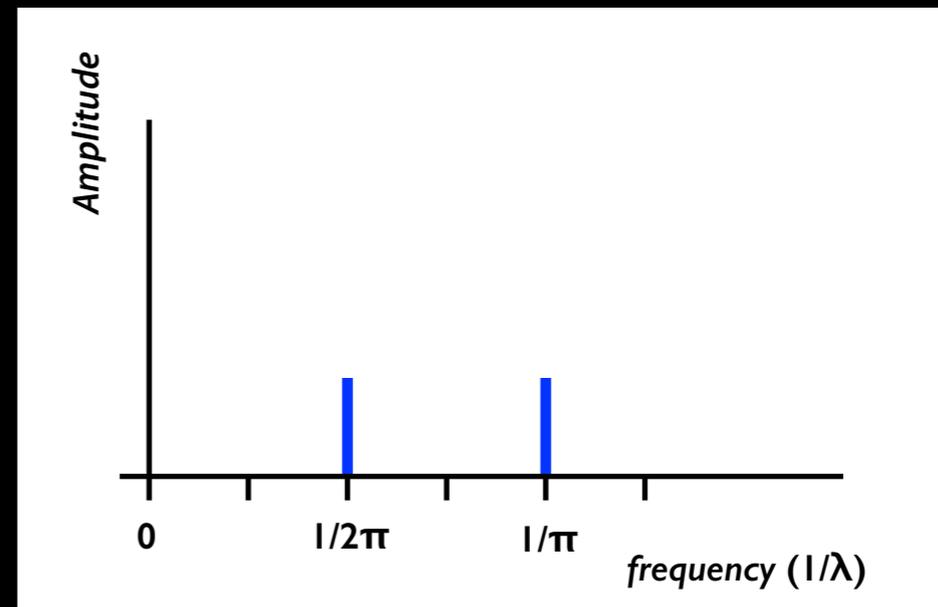
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$$y = \sin x + \sin 2x$$

*Real space*



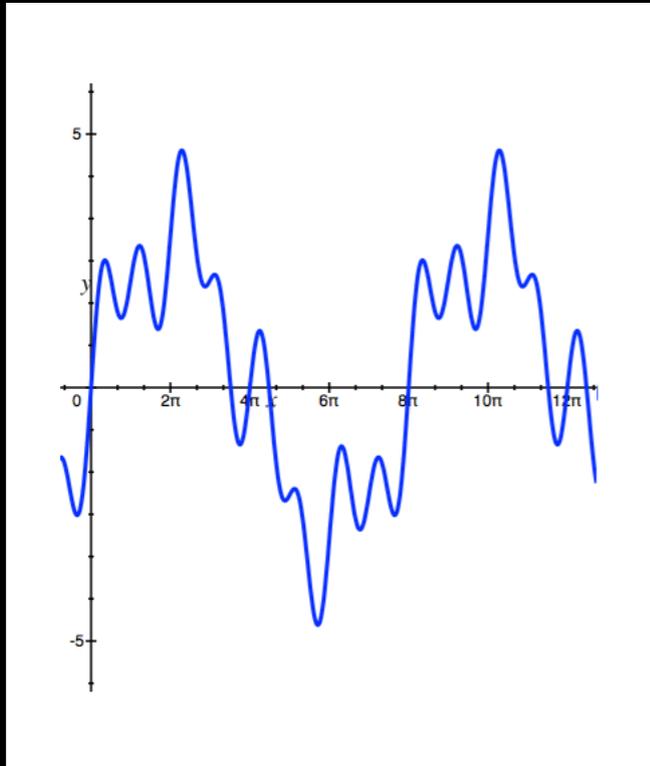
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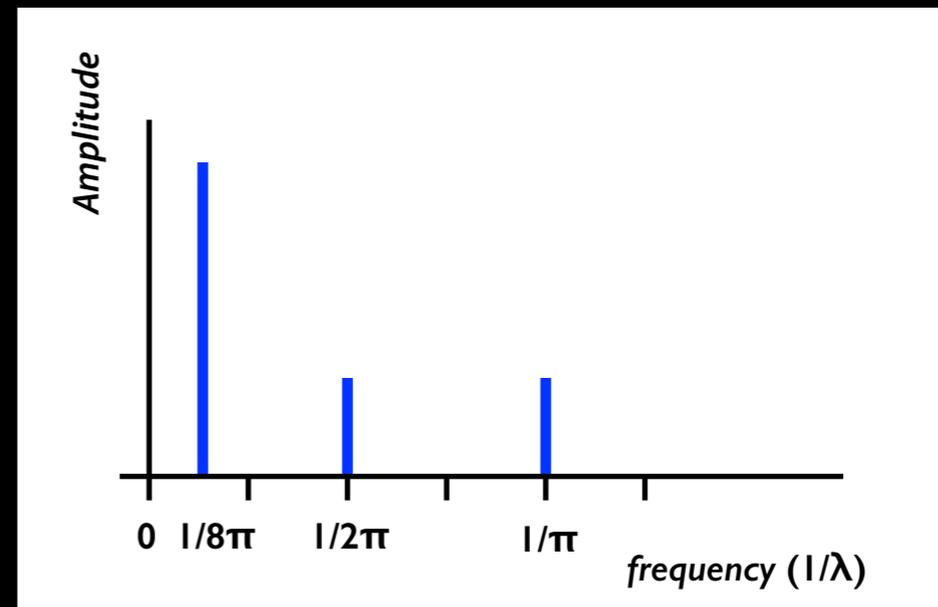
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$$y = \sin x + \sin 2x + 3 \sin x/4$$

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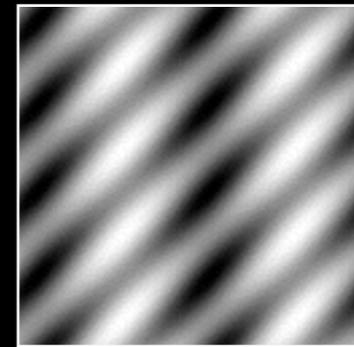
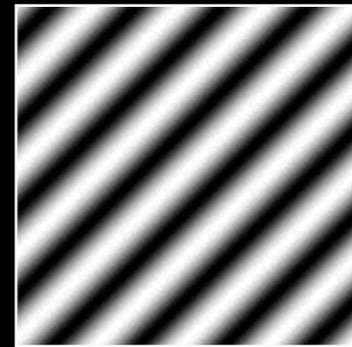
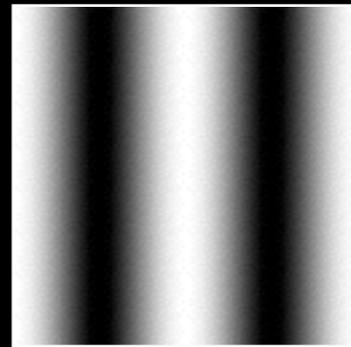
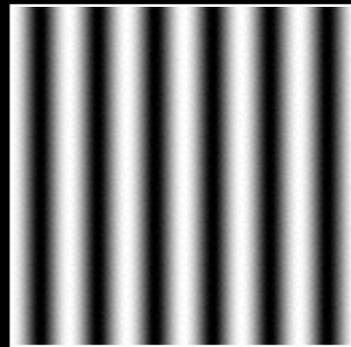


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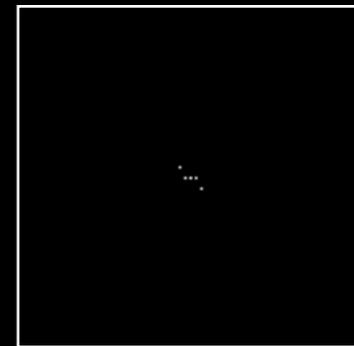
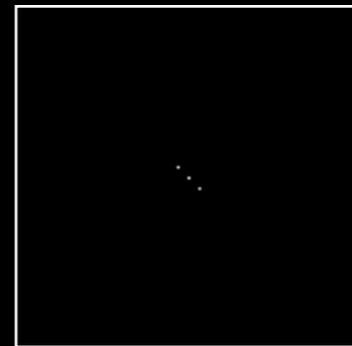
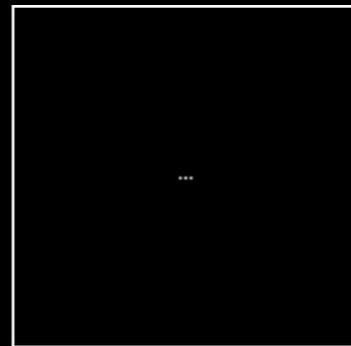
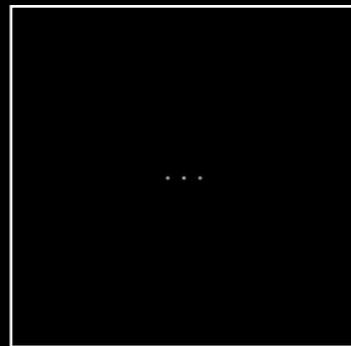


# the Fourier space in 2D

*Real space*

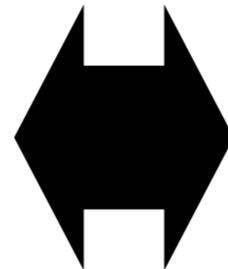


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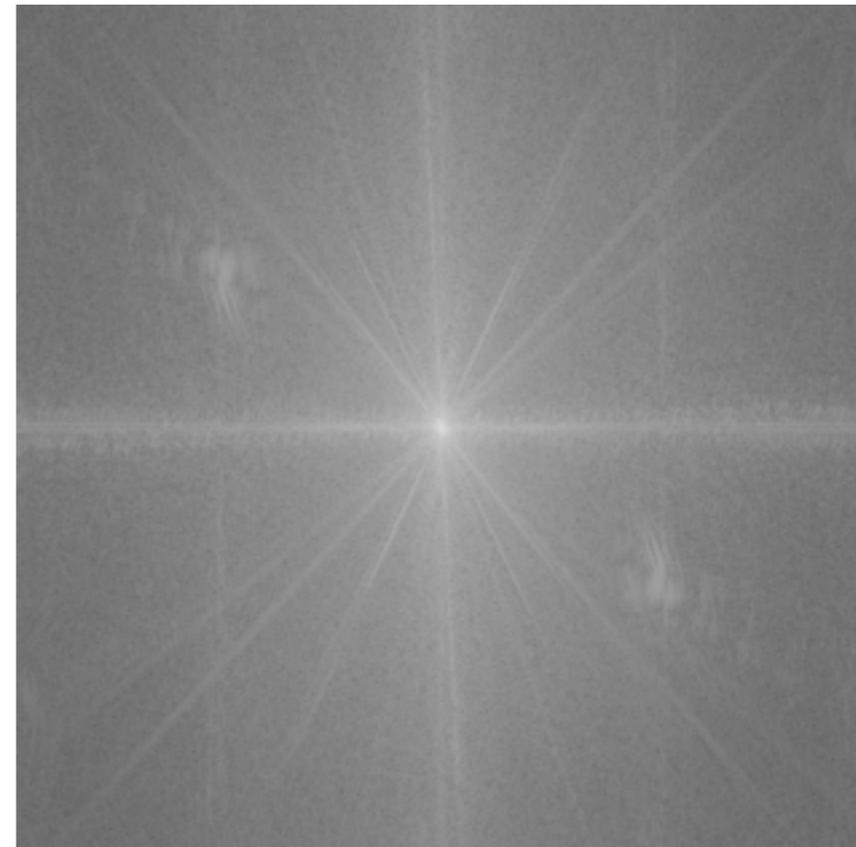


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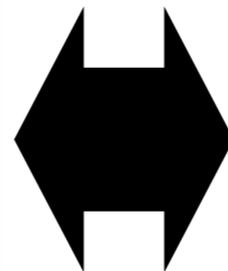
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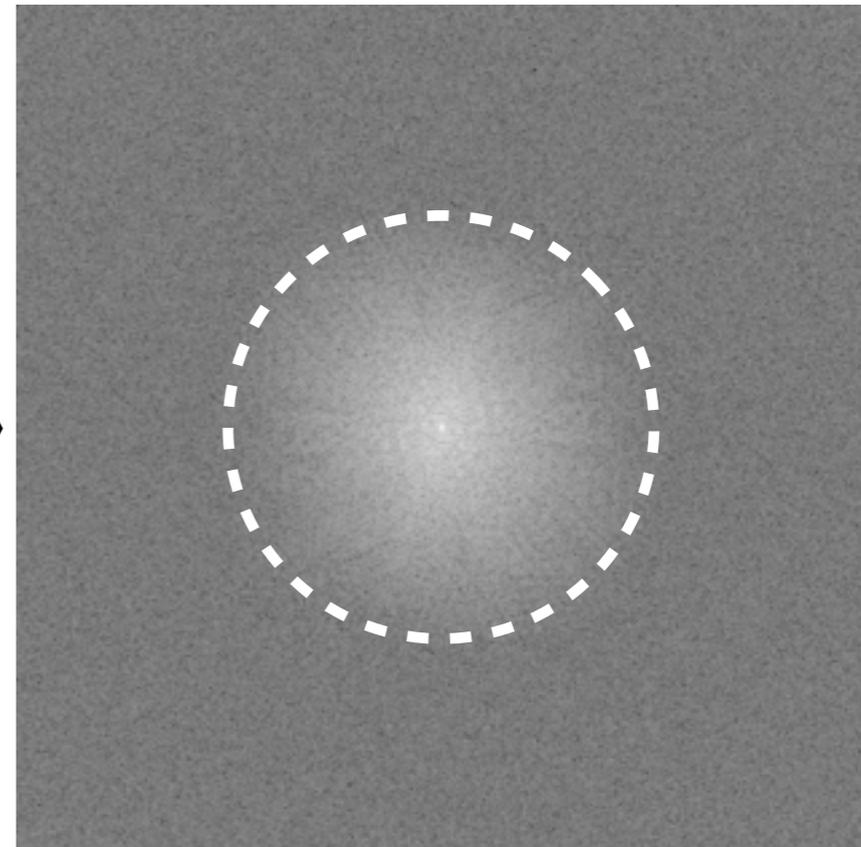
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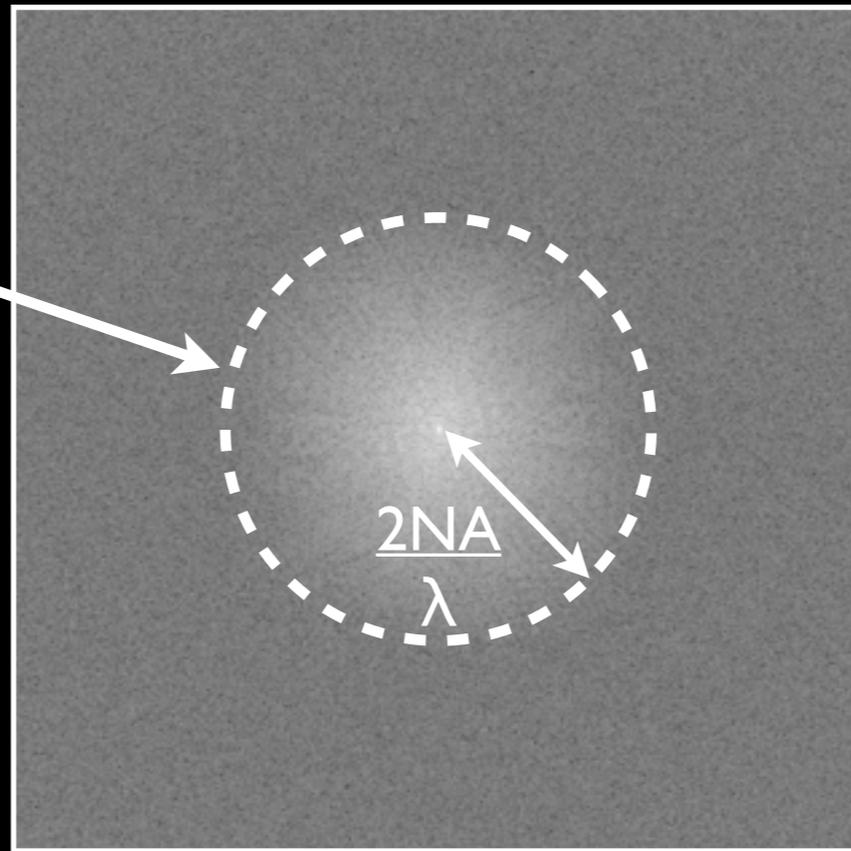
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# The resolution limit is manifest in the Fourier space

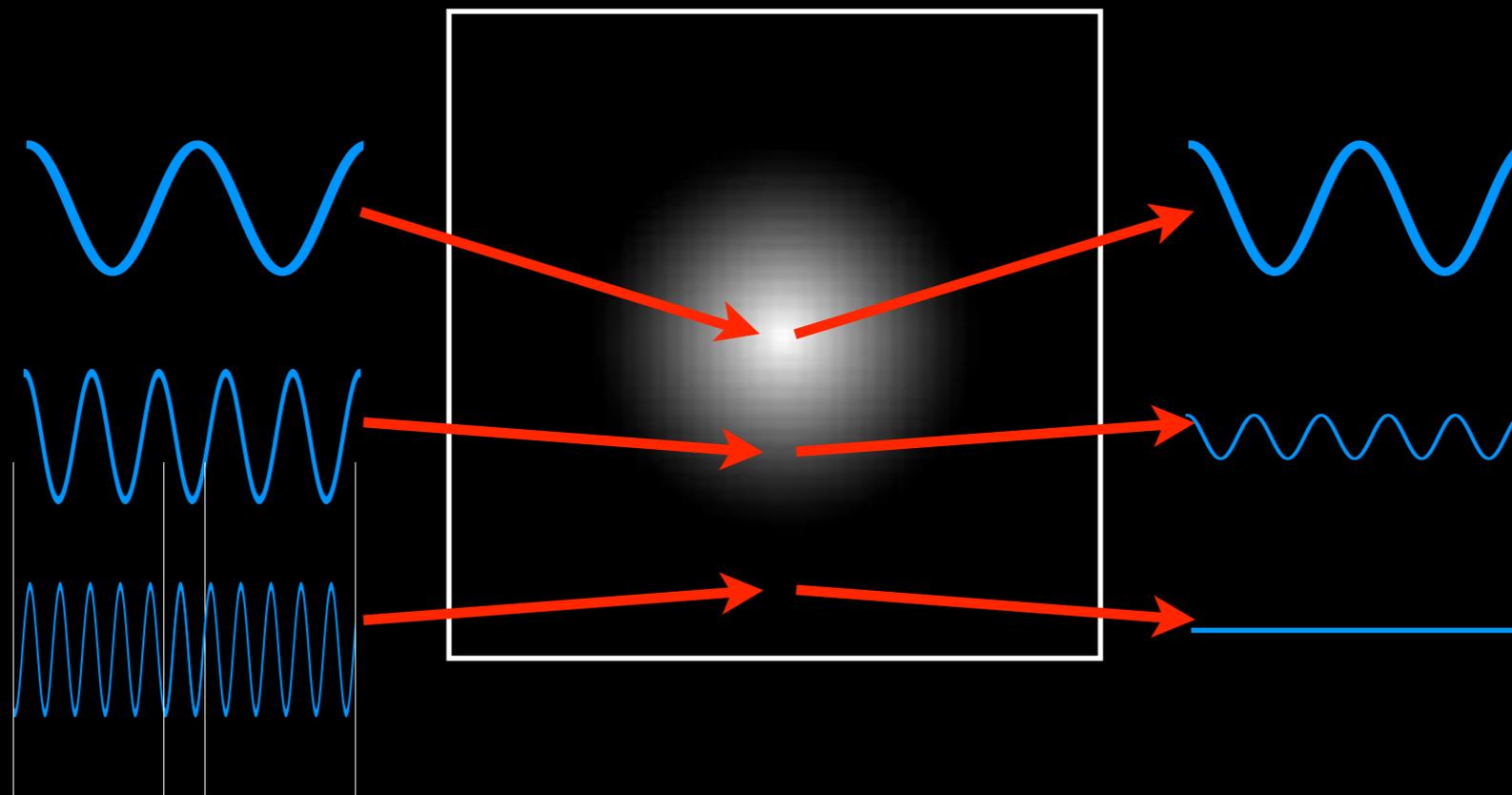
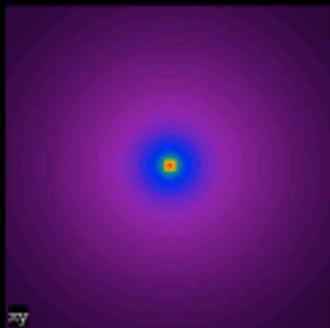
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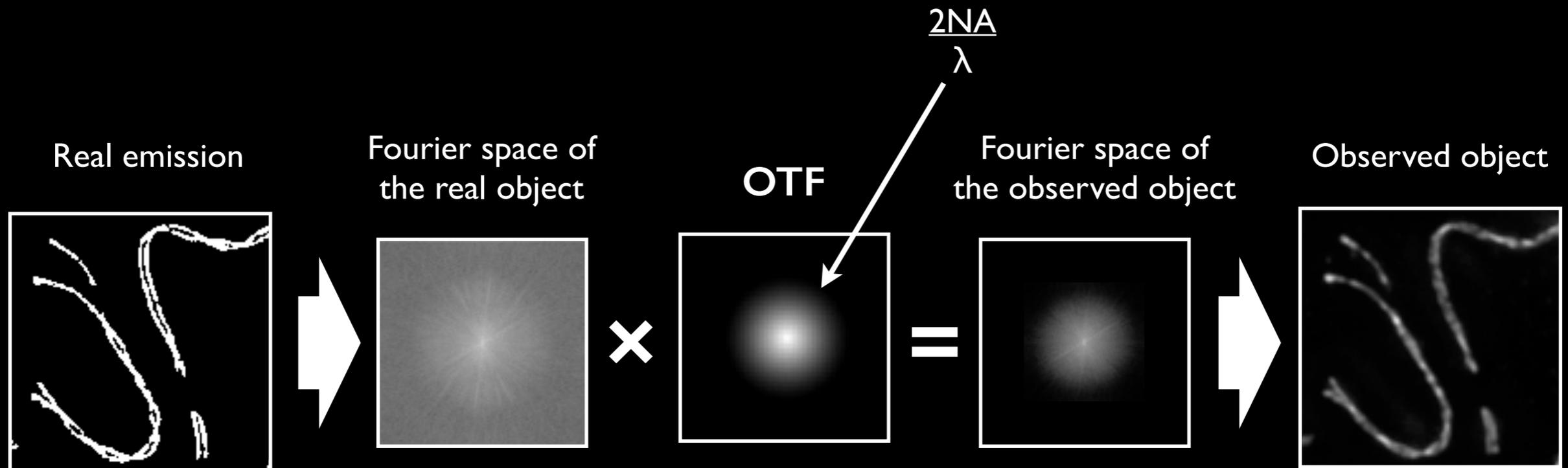
# Optical Transfer Function

**OTF**

**PSF**



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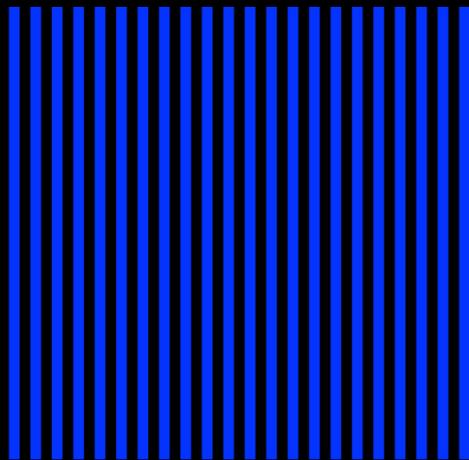
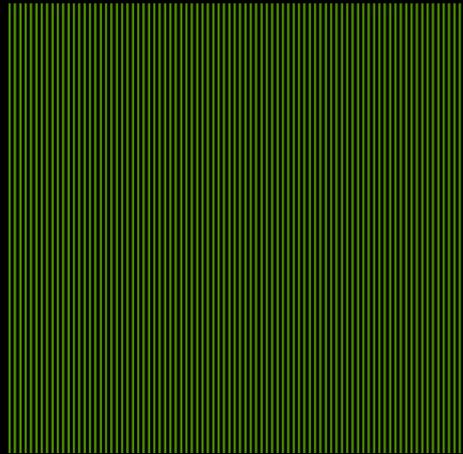


$$(\mathbf{E} \otimes \mathbf{H})(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r})$$

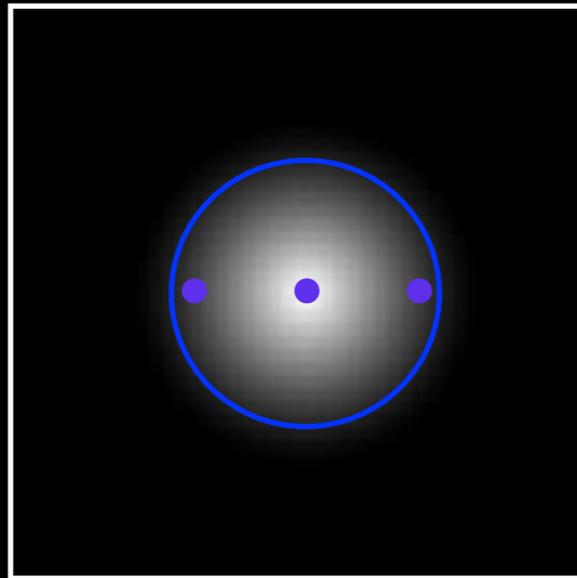
$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{k}) \tilde{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{k}) = \tilde{\mathbf{D}}(\mathbf{k})$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{k}) \mathbf{O}(\mathbf{k}) = \tilde{\mathbf{D}}(\mathbf{k})$$

# Super-resolution: extending the Optical Transfer Function



OTF



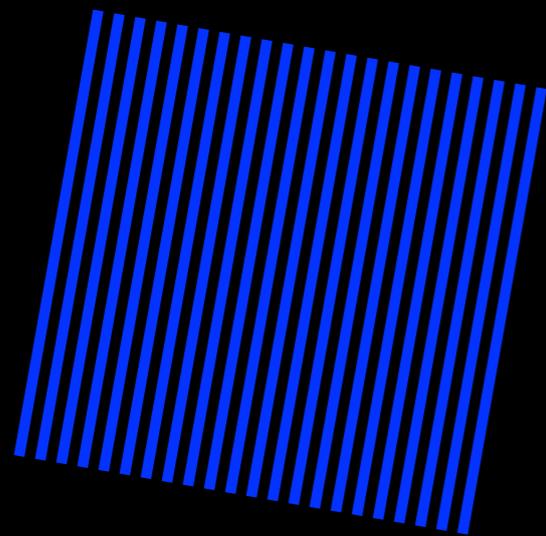
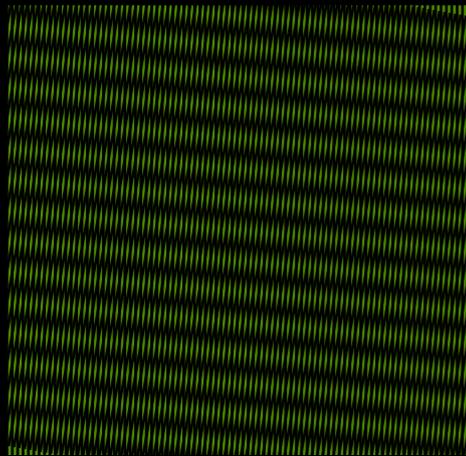
$$\tilde{E}(k) O(k) = \tilde{D}(k)$$

$$E(r) = S(r) I(r)$$

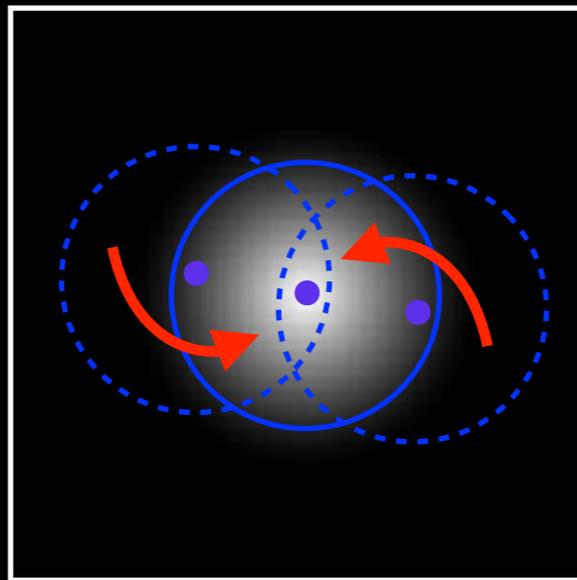
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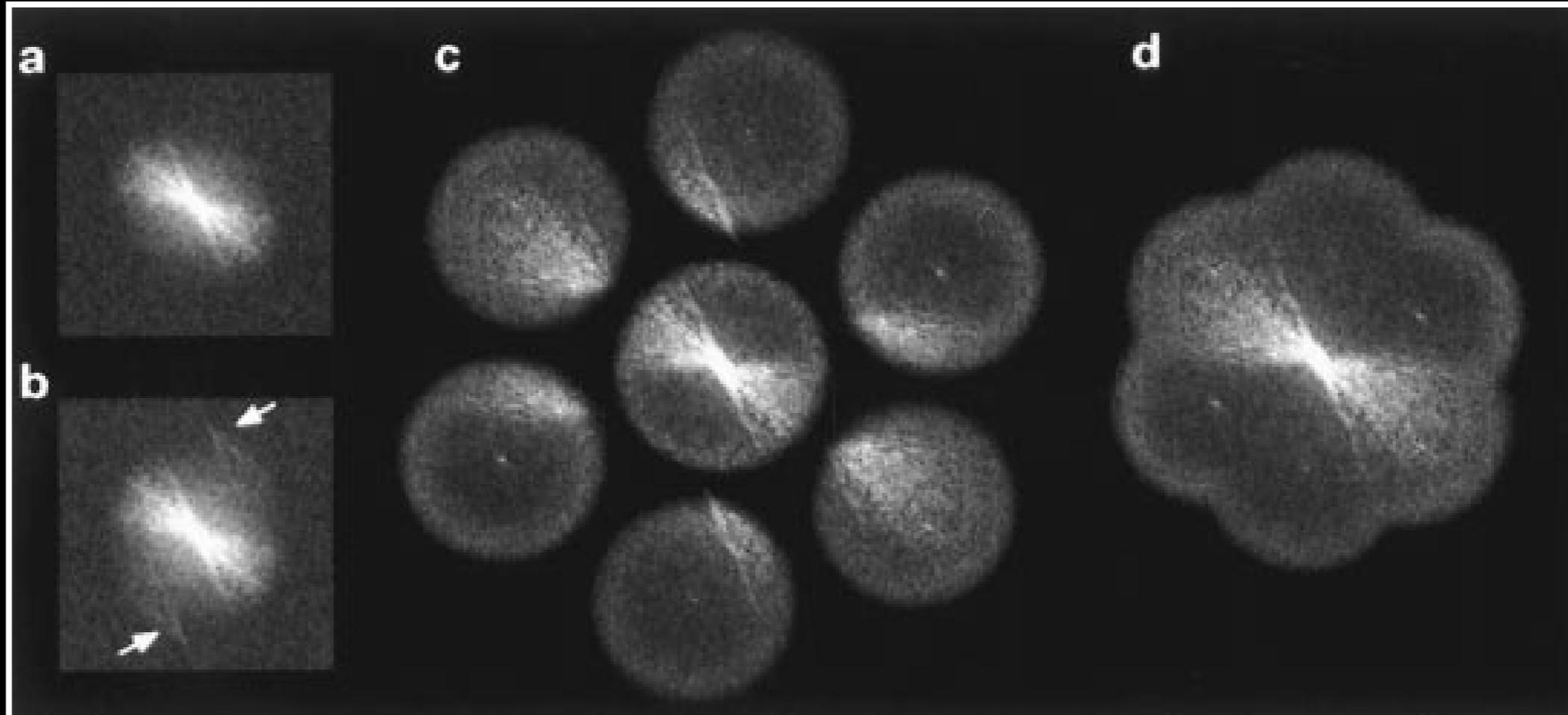
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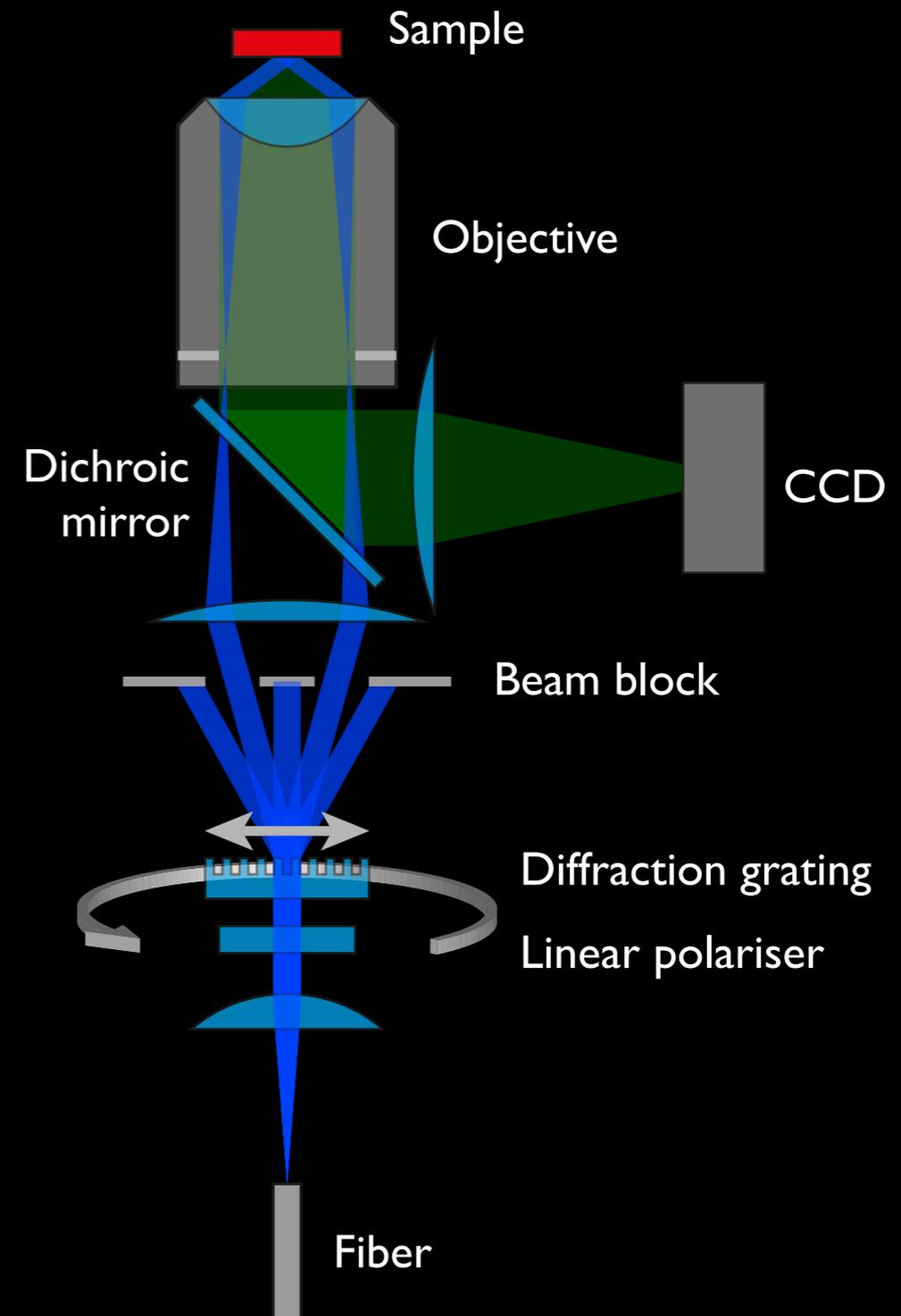
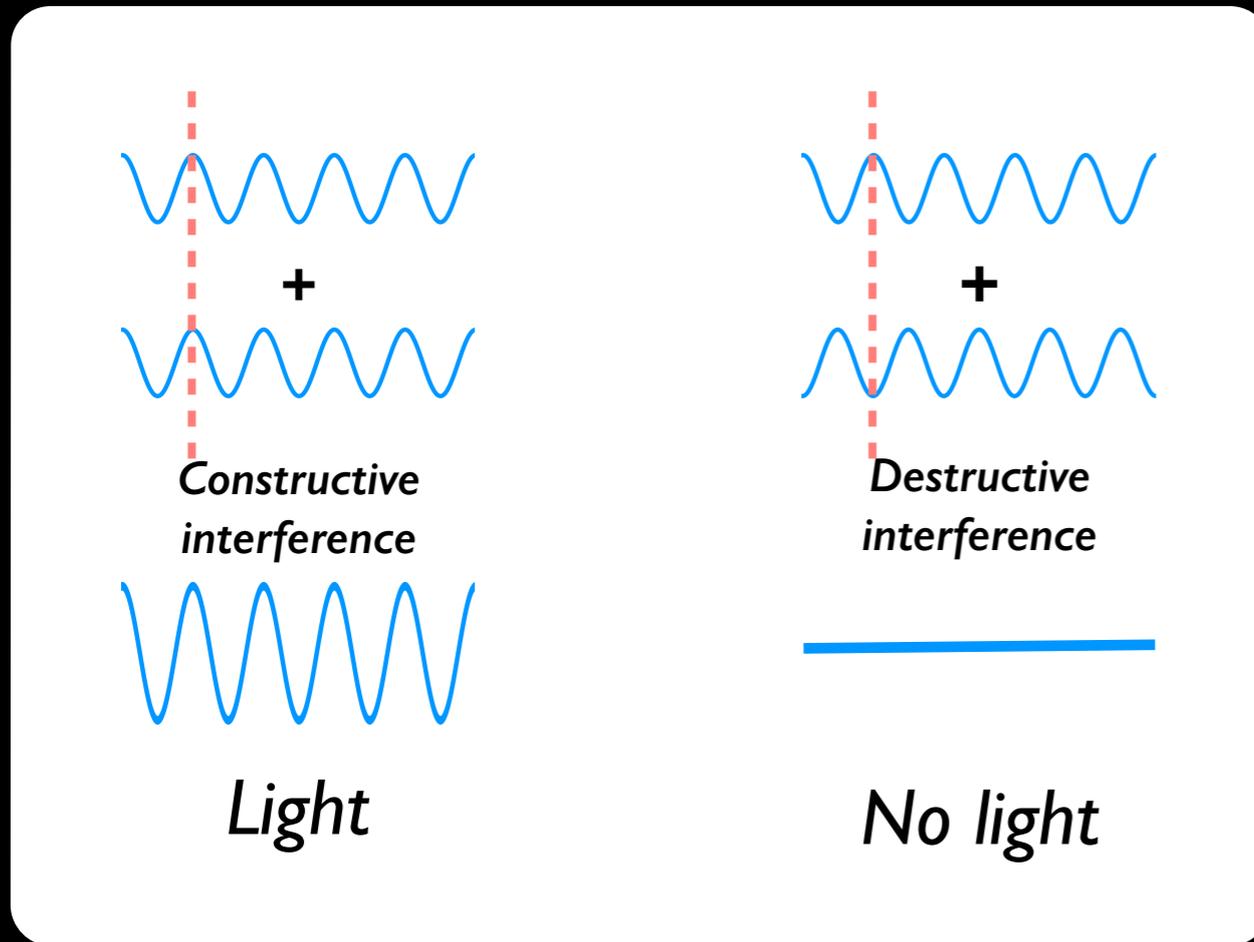
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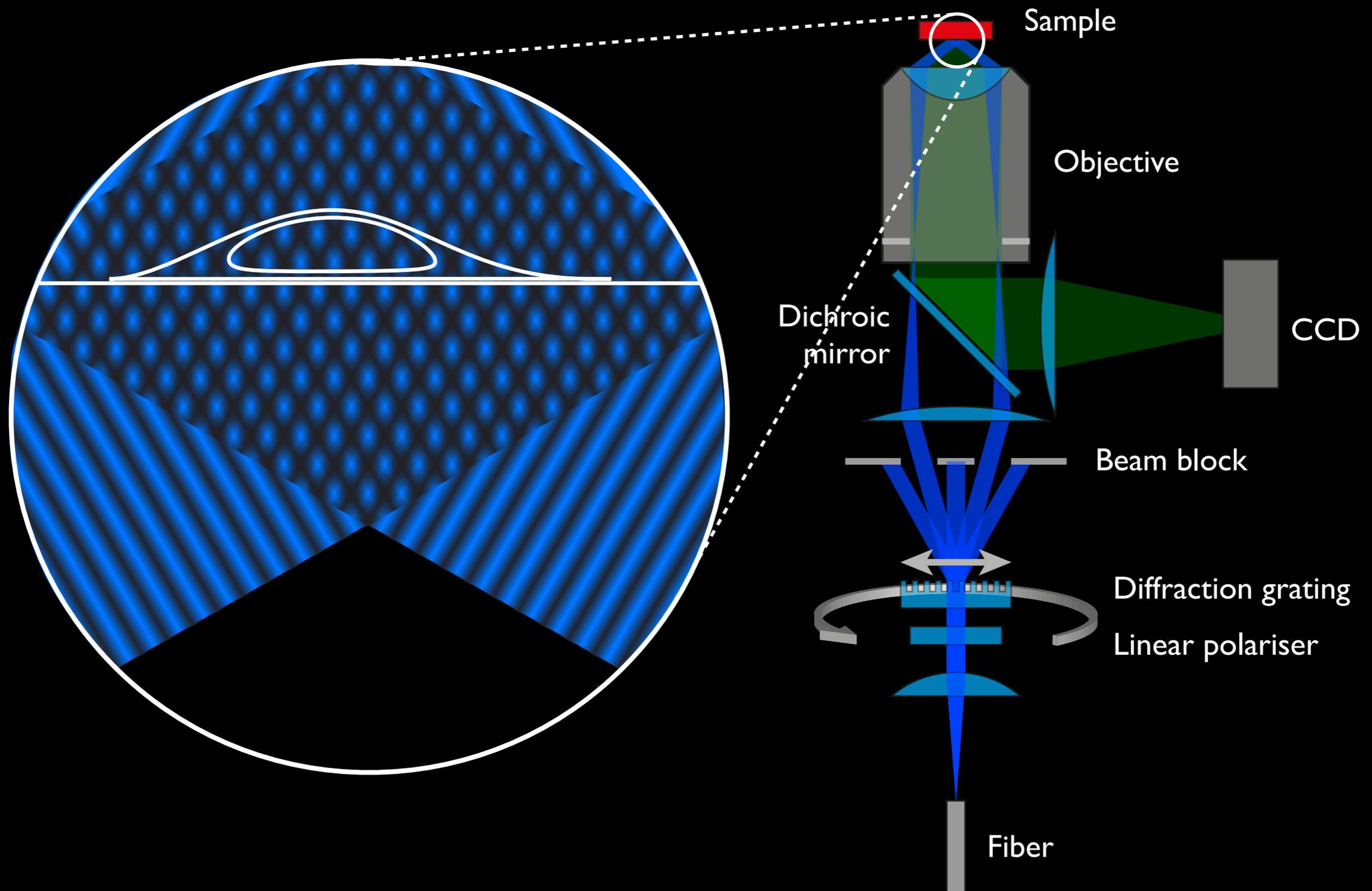
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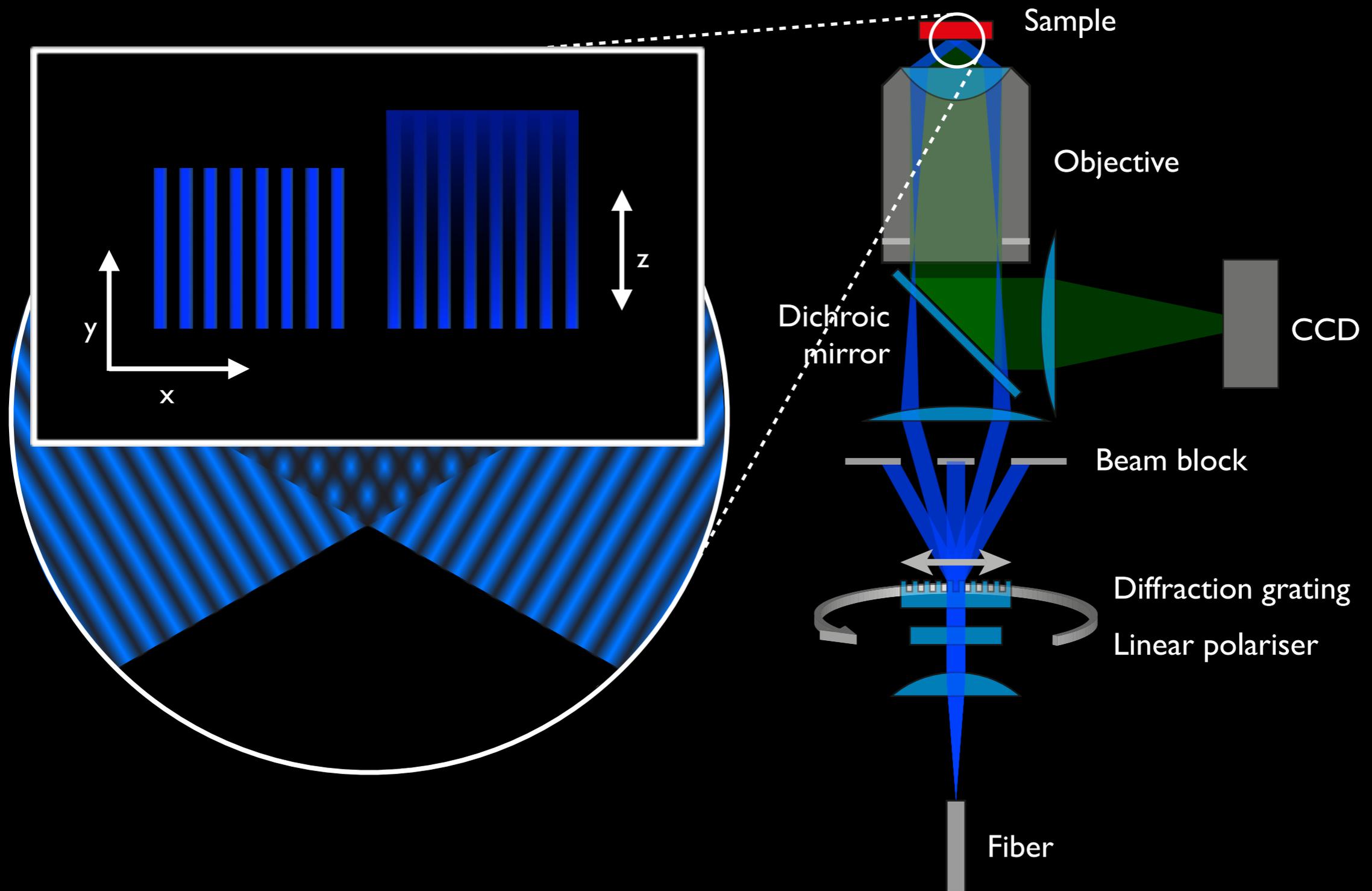
# Microscope design



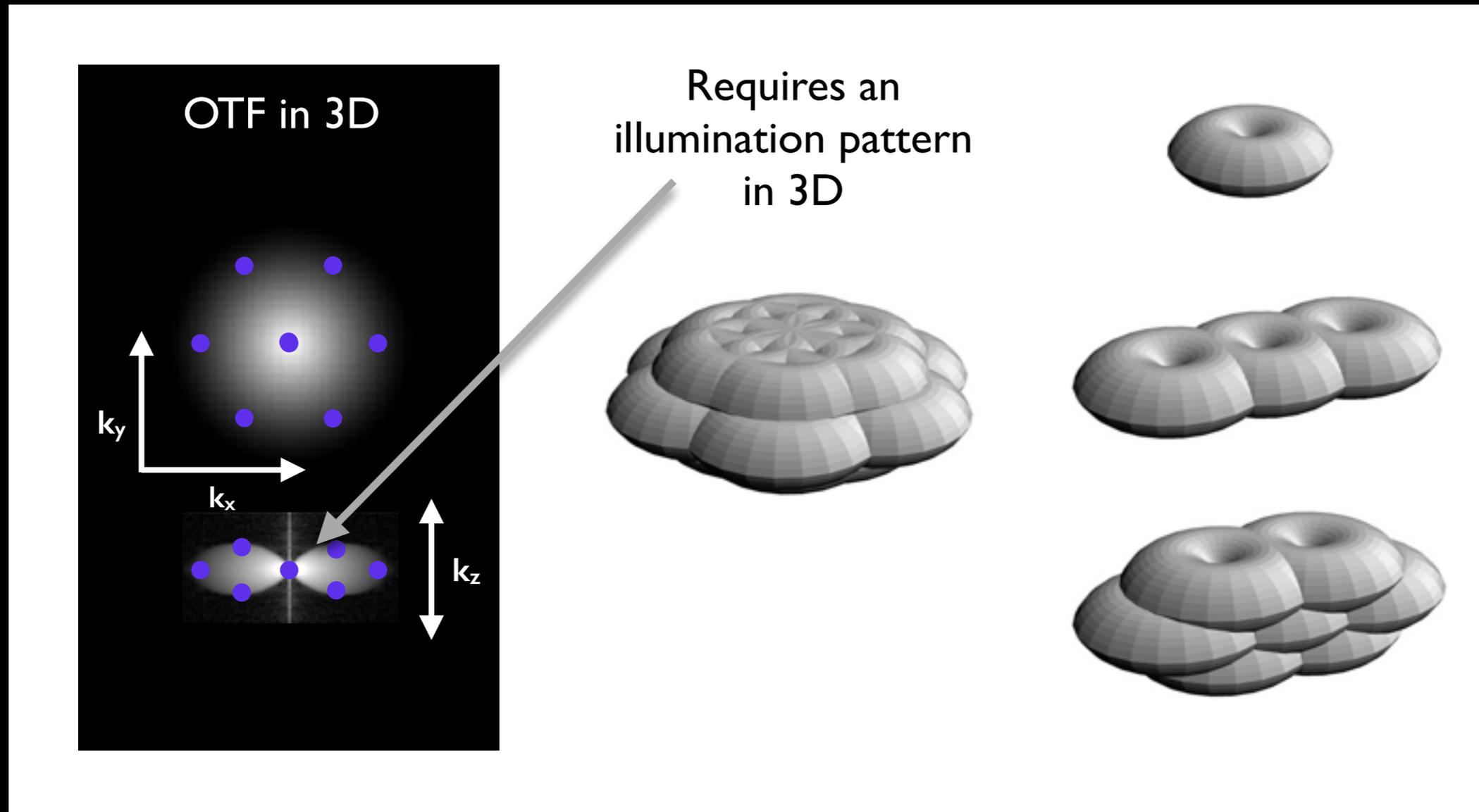
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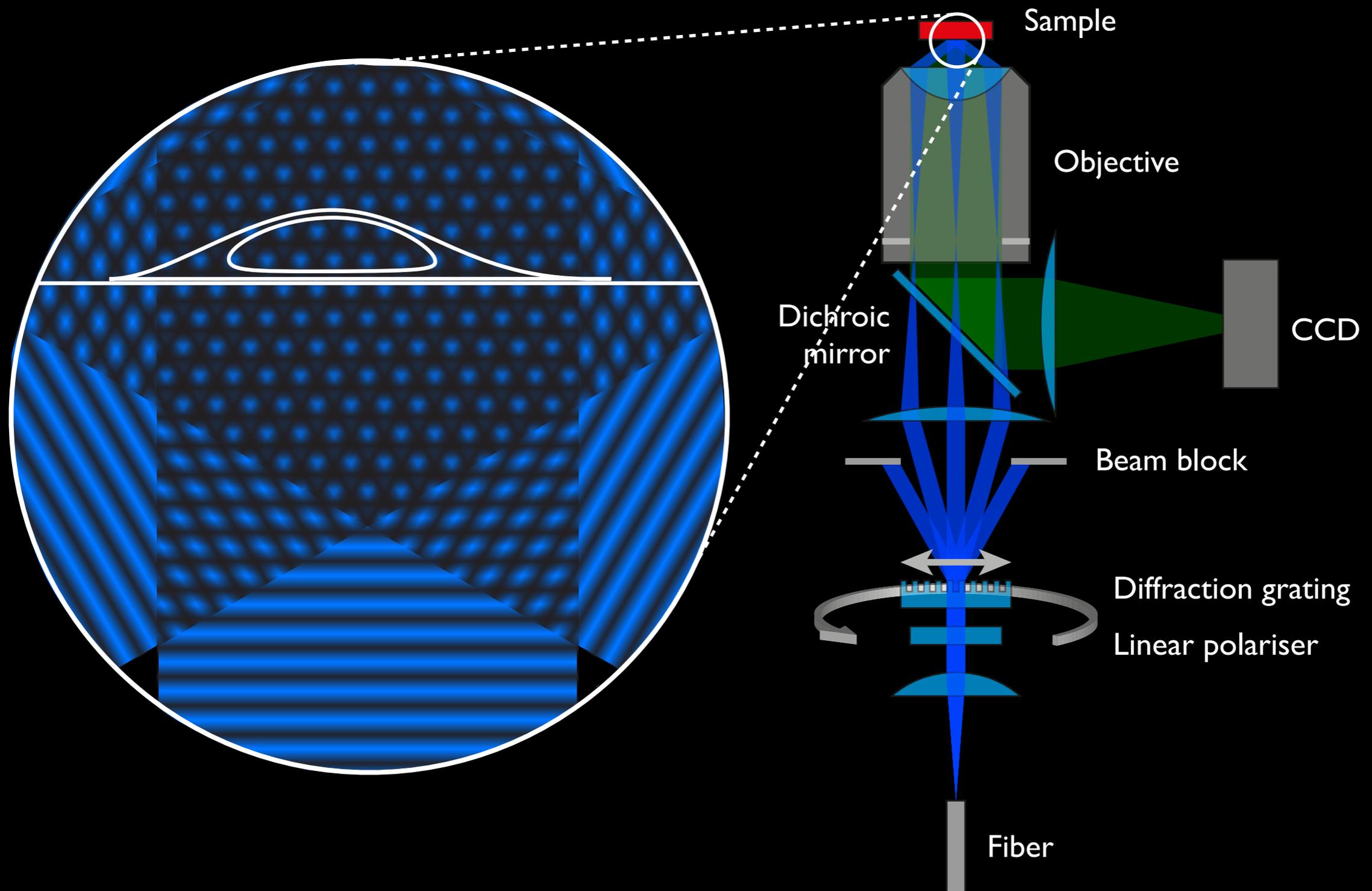
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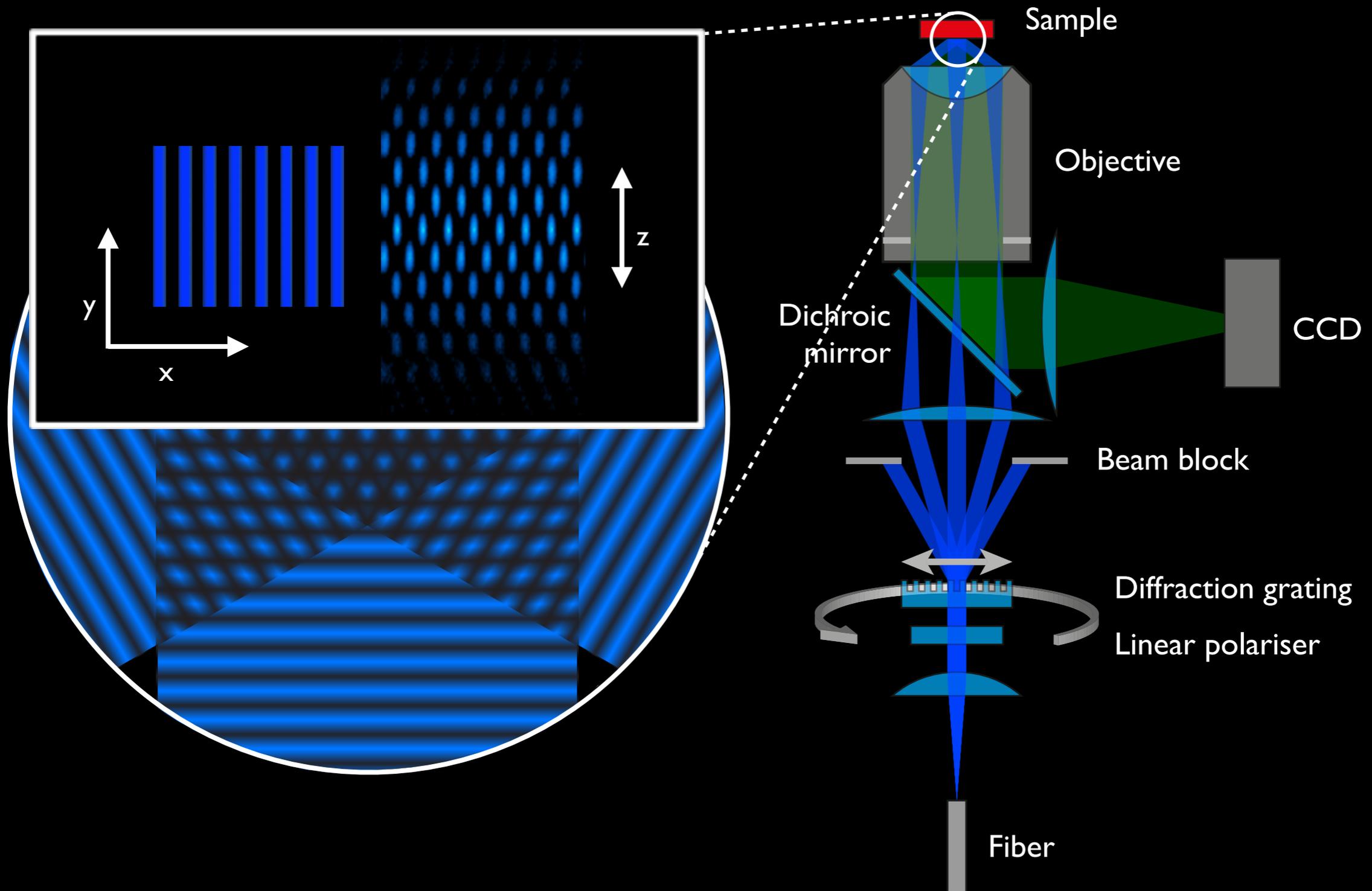
# 3D-SIM Structured Illumination in 3D



# Microscope design



# Microscope design



# Structured Illumination Microscopy.

## *What do you need?*

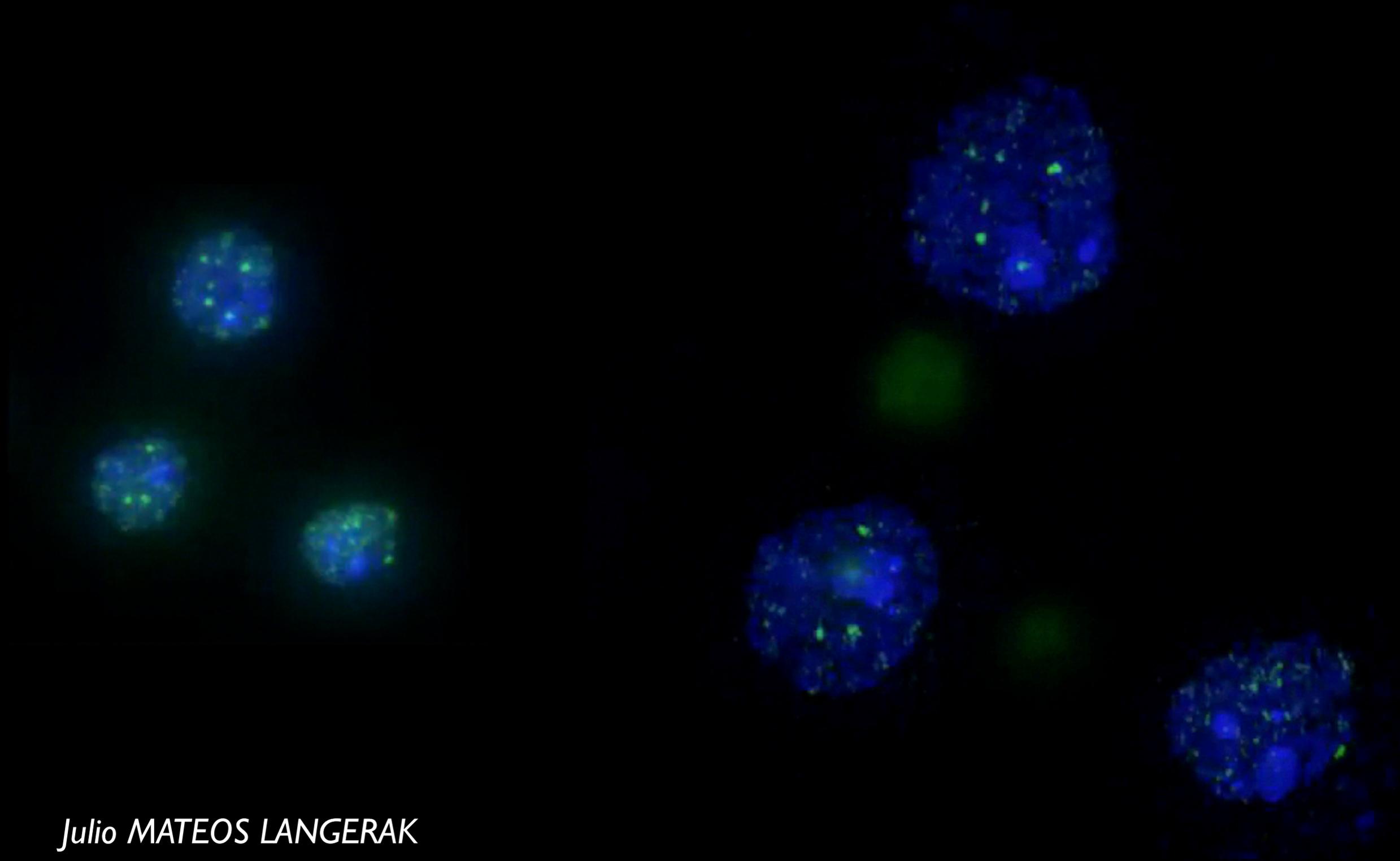
- Neat staining: Strong and well contrasted. Good signal/noise
- Bleaching resistant fluorophores: Intensities between all 15 images per optical slice must be comparable. Recommended Alexas and ATTOs
- Near perfect optical properties of sample:
  - High quality coverslips
  - Good embedding medium
  - Sample close to the objective. Ideally less than 10  $\mu\text{m}$

# Structured Illumination Microscopy.

## *What do you get?*

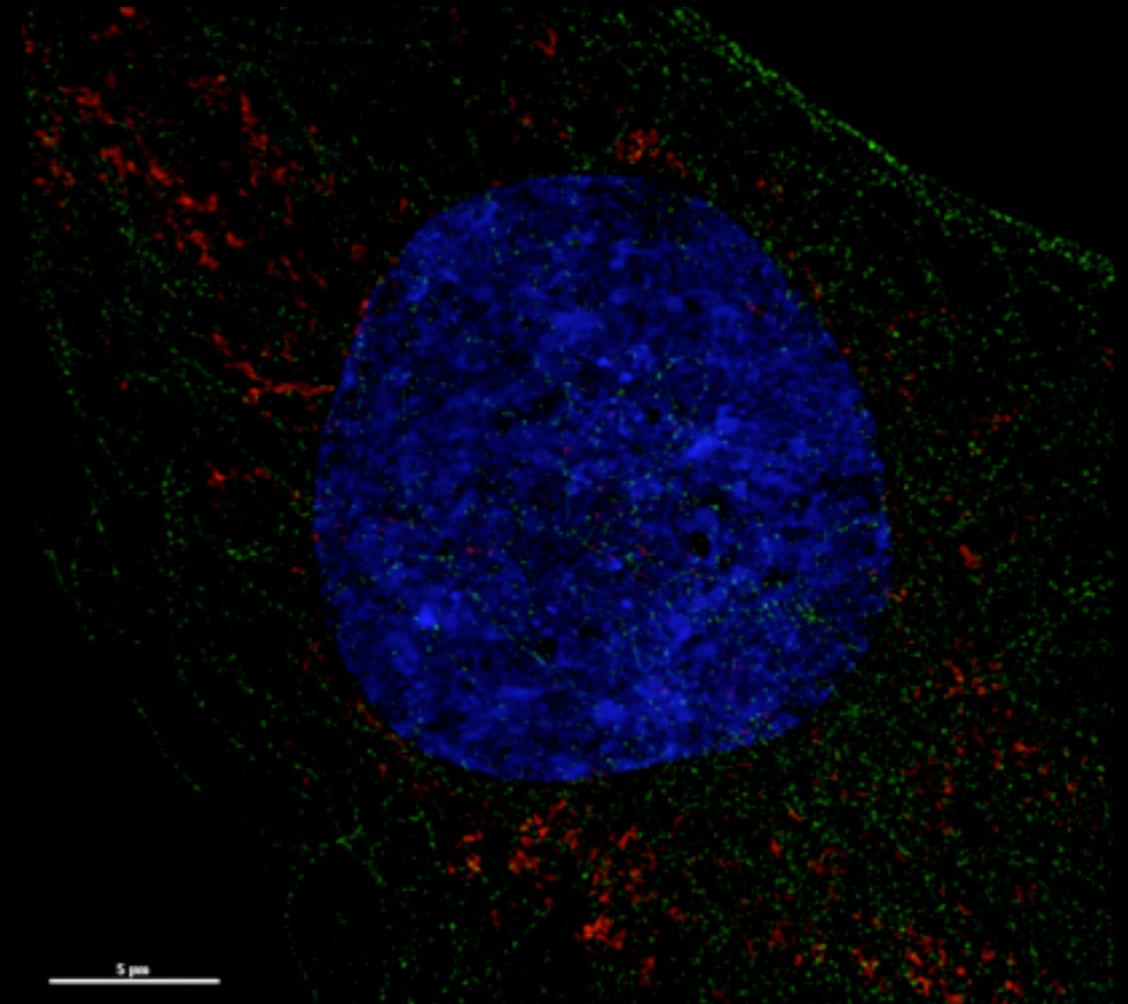
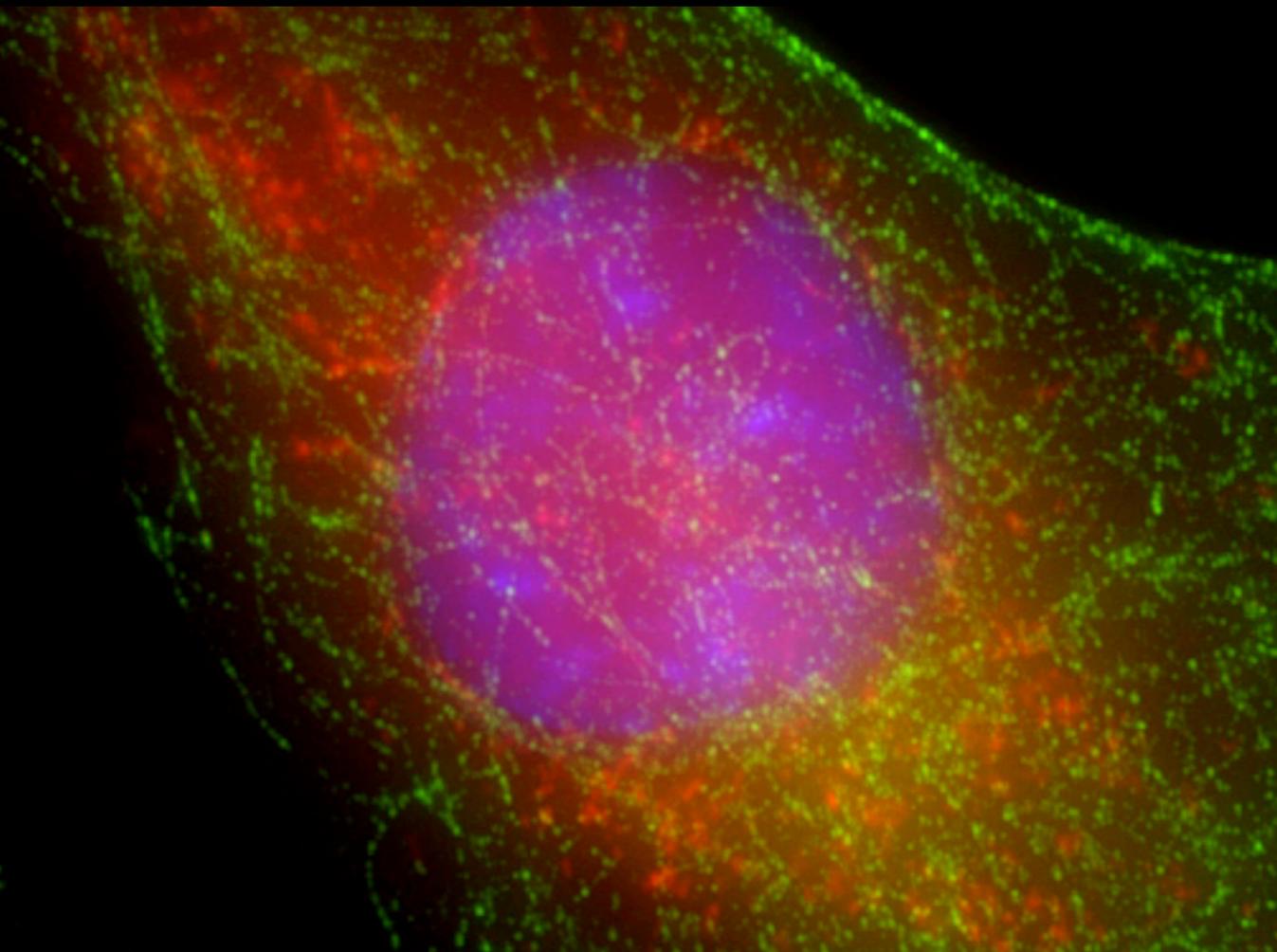
- High resolution: 100-130 nm X-Y and ~300 nm Z
- Relatively fast: one to several seconds per stack
- Up to three simultaneous colours without loss of time
- Relatively easy to implement
- Possible to do life imaging under certain conditions

# 3D-SIM Examples



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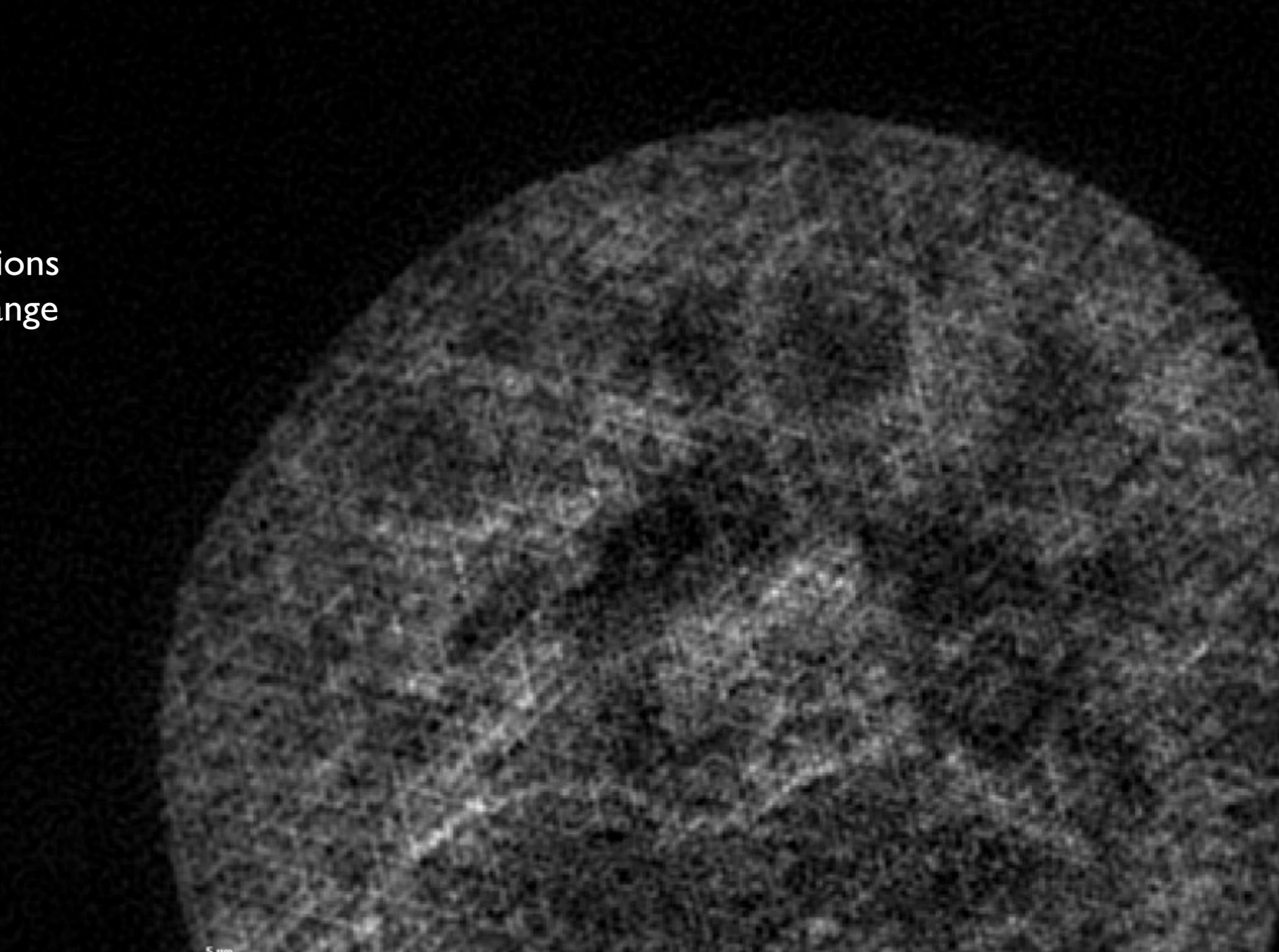
*Krzysztof ROGOWSKI*

# Acquisition and Troubleshooting

## Mesh artefacts

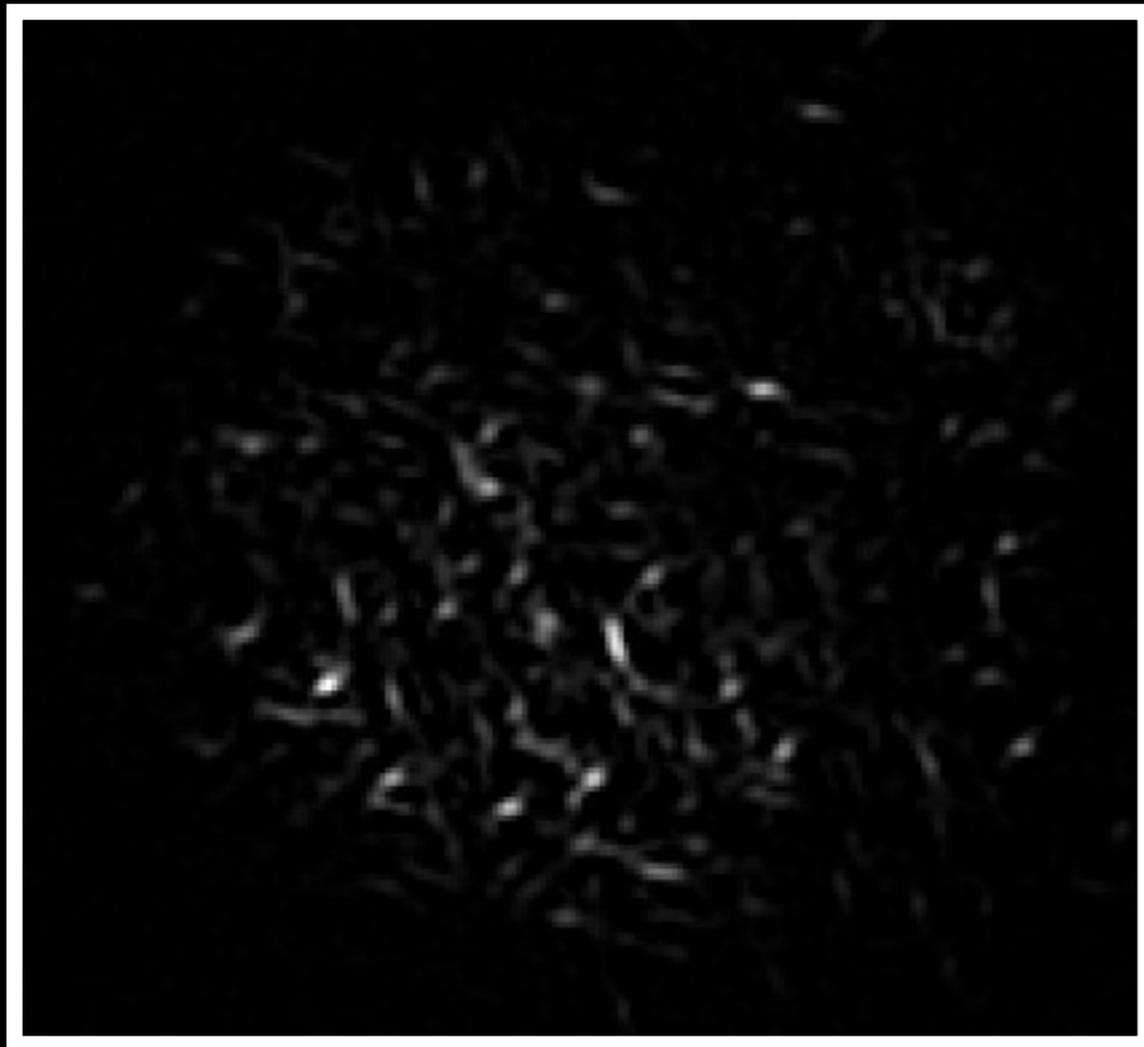
- Bleaching
- Poor S/N
- Spheric aberrations
- Low dynamic range

5  $\mu$ m

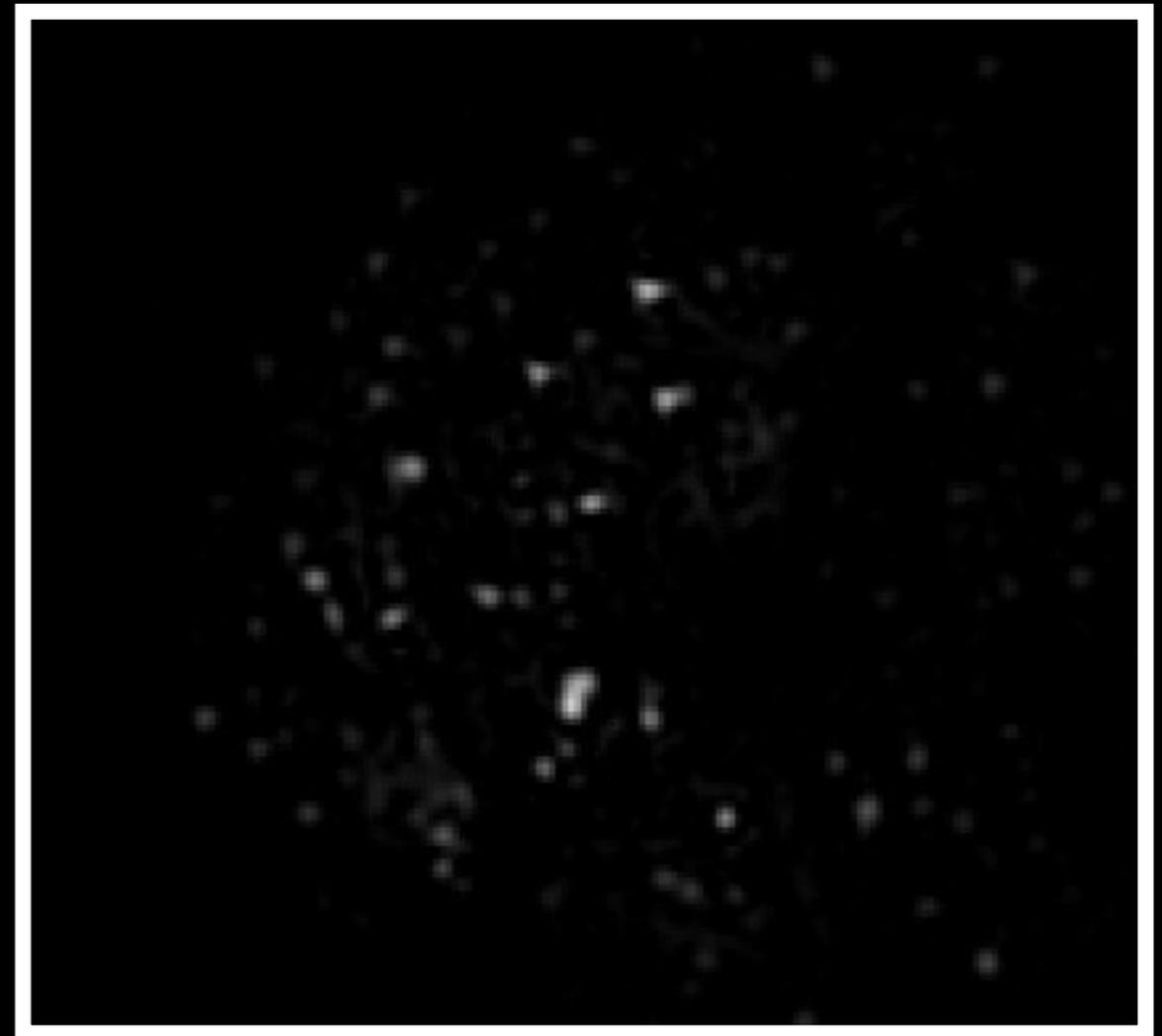


# *Acquisition and Troubleshooting*

With DRIFT



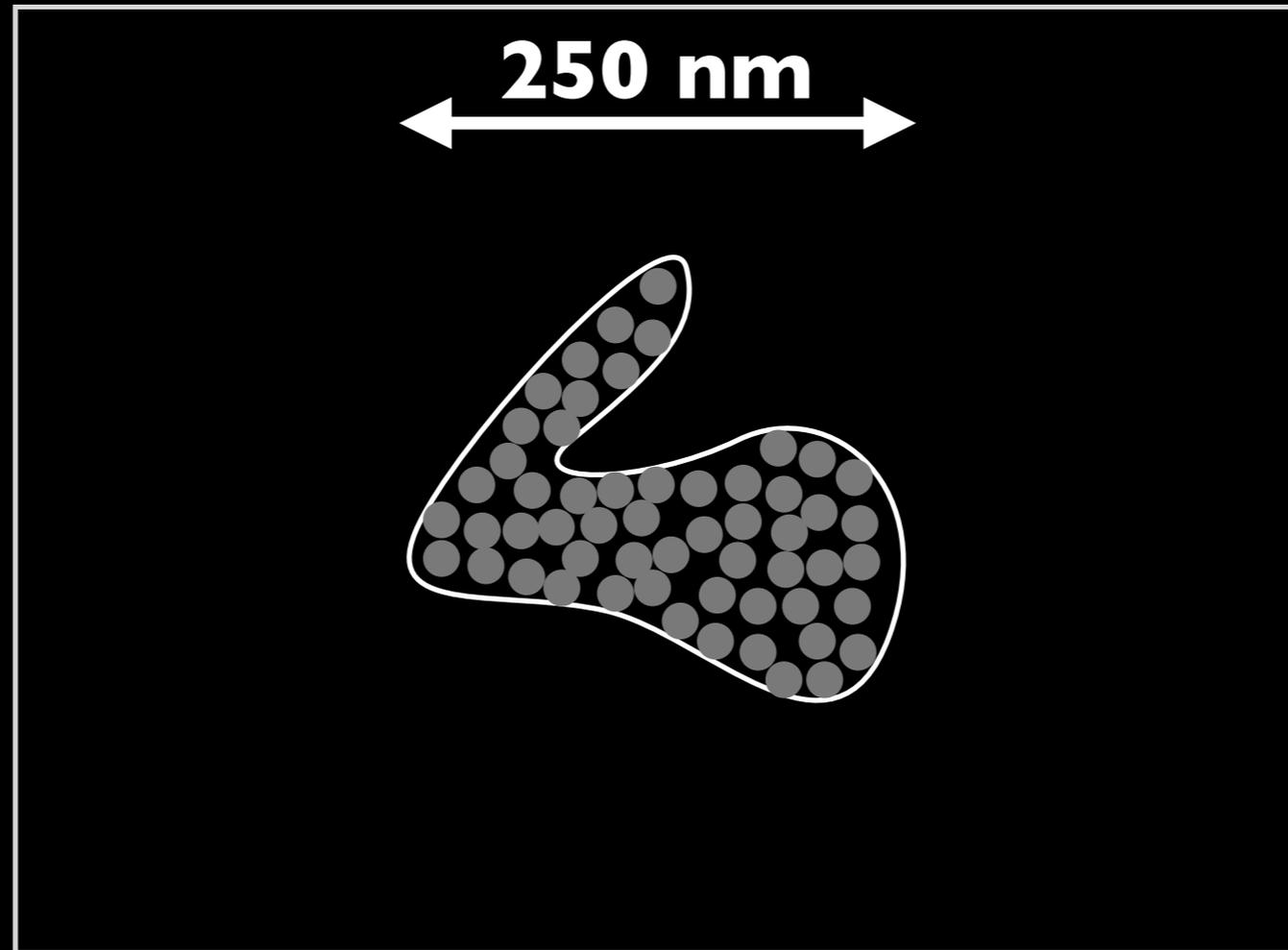
No DRIFT



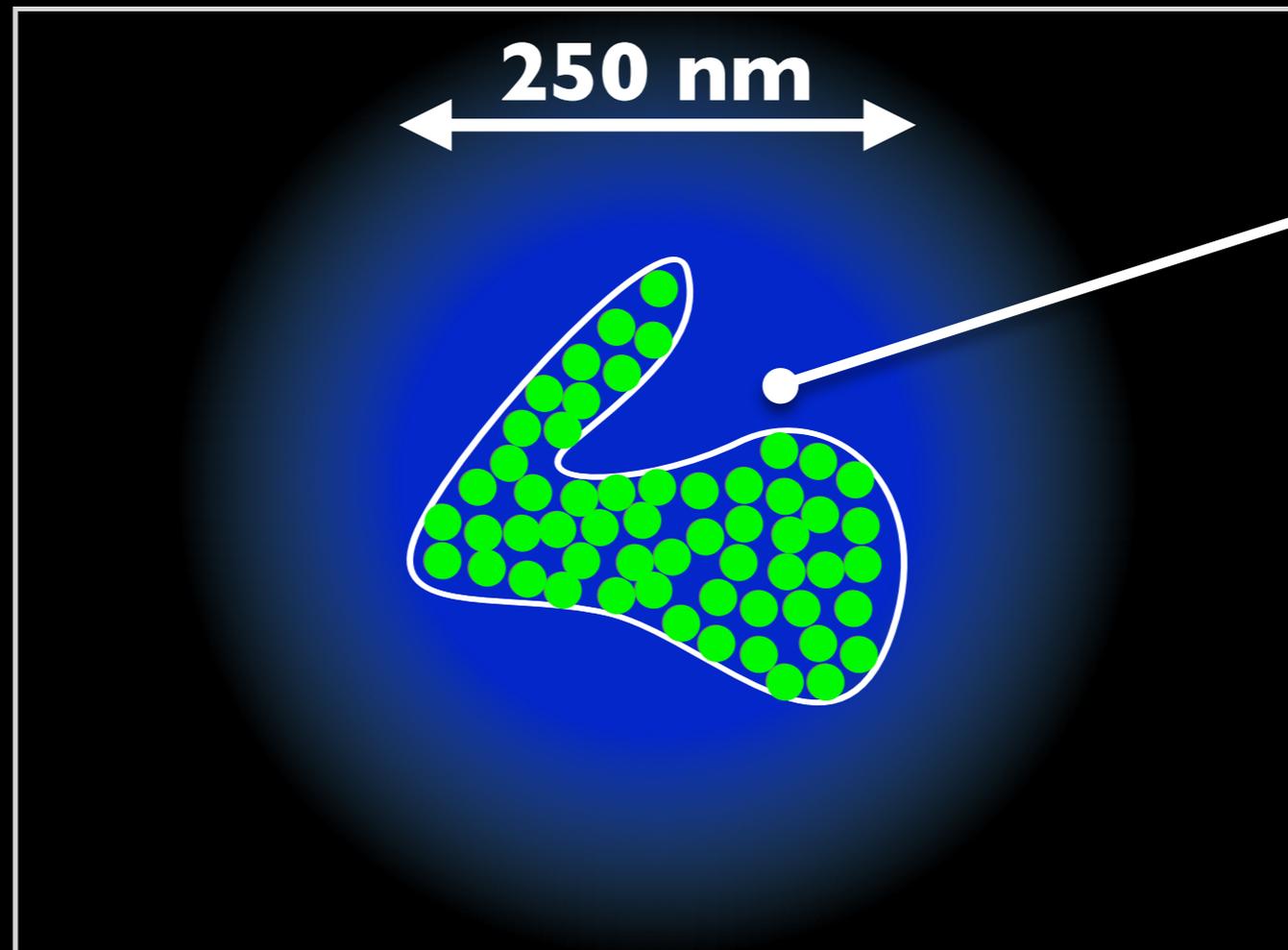
# STimulated Emission Depletion Microscopy (STED)

Fluorophores are excited by a focused light beam. An additional depletion beam around the PSF is used to bring molecules back to the ground state by a process called stimulated emission. Thereby the effective PSF is reduced.

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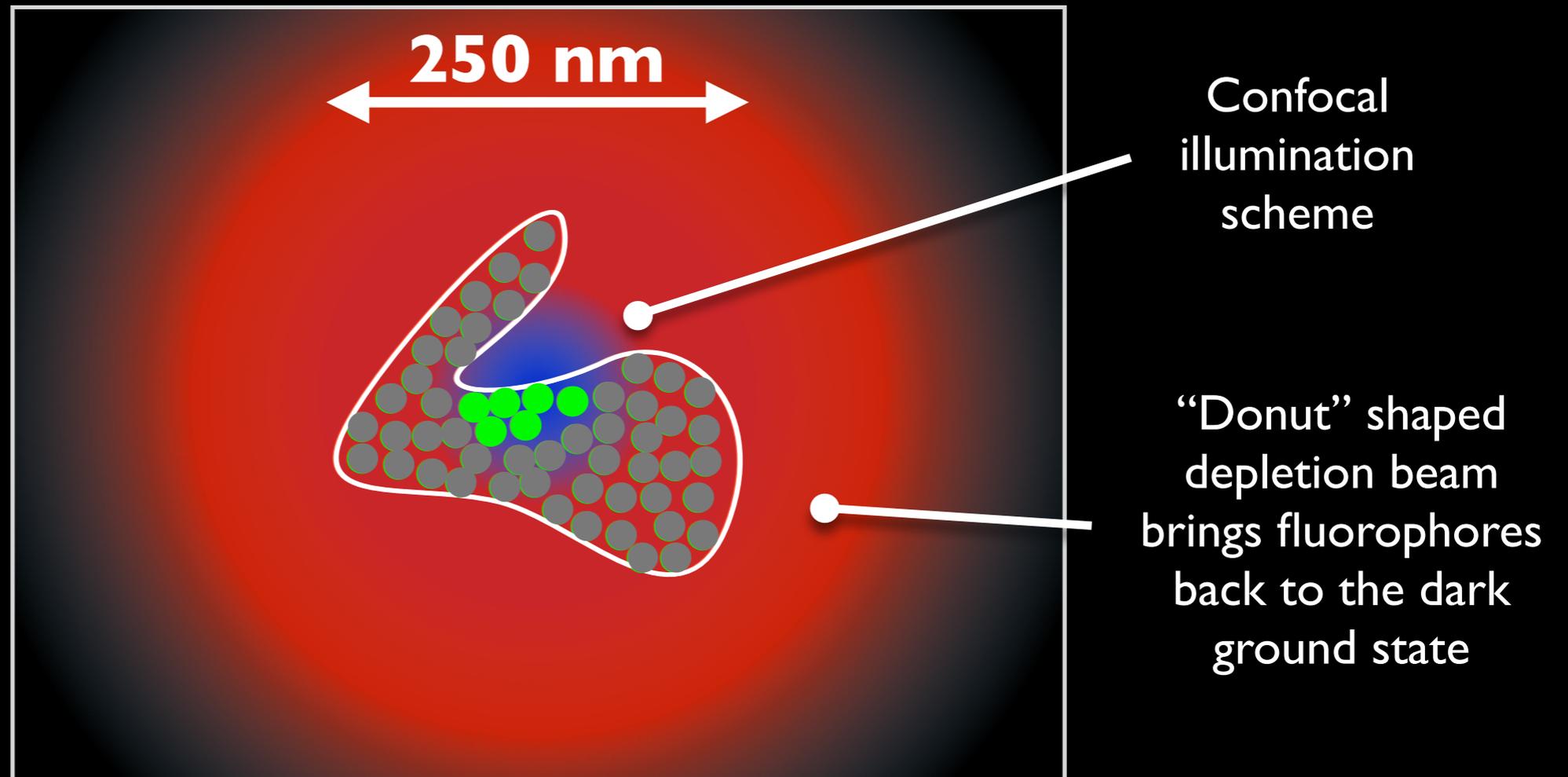


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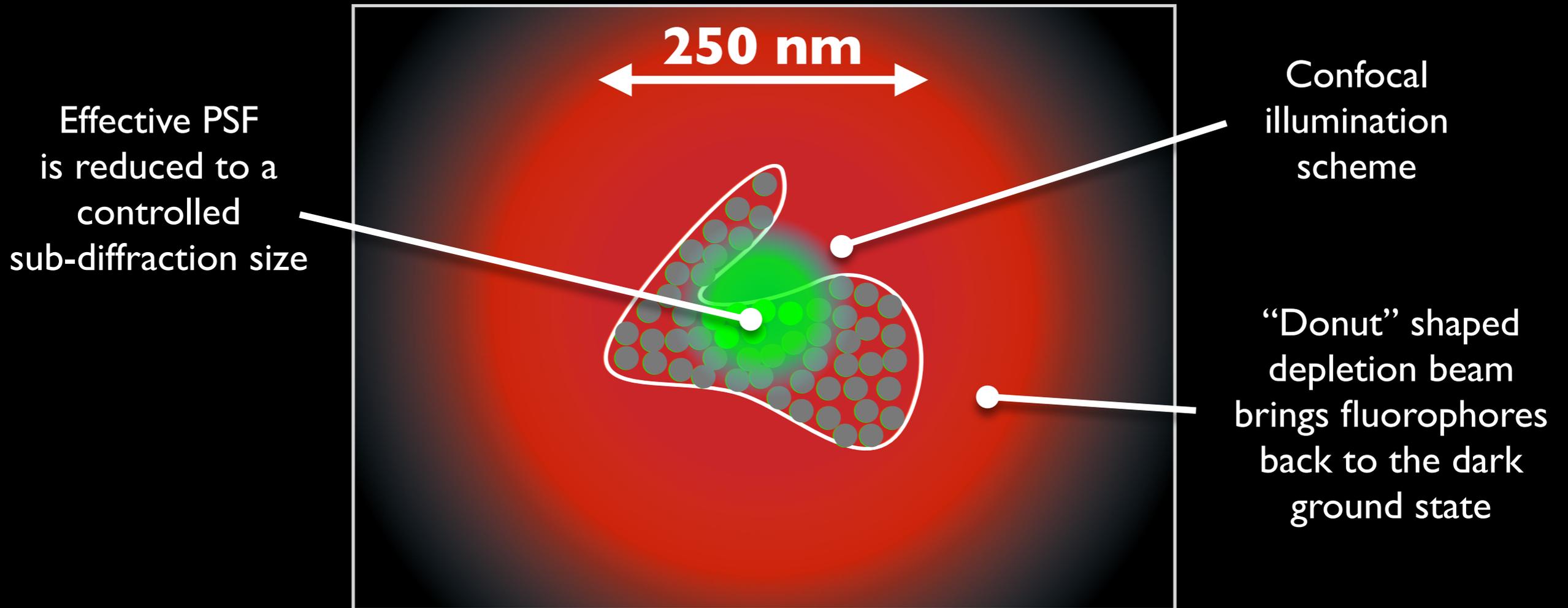


Confocal  
illumination  
scheme

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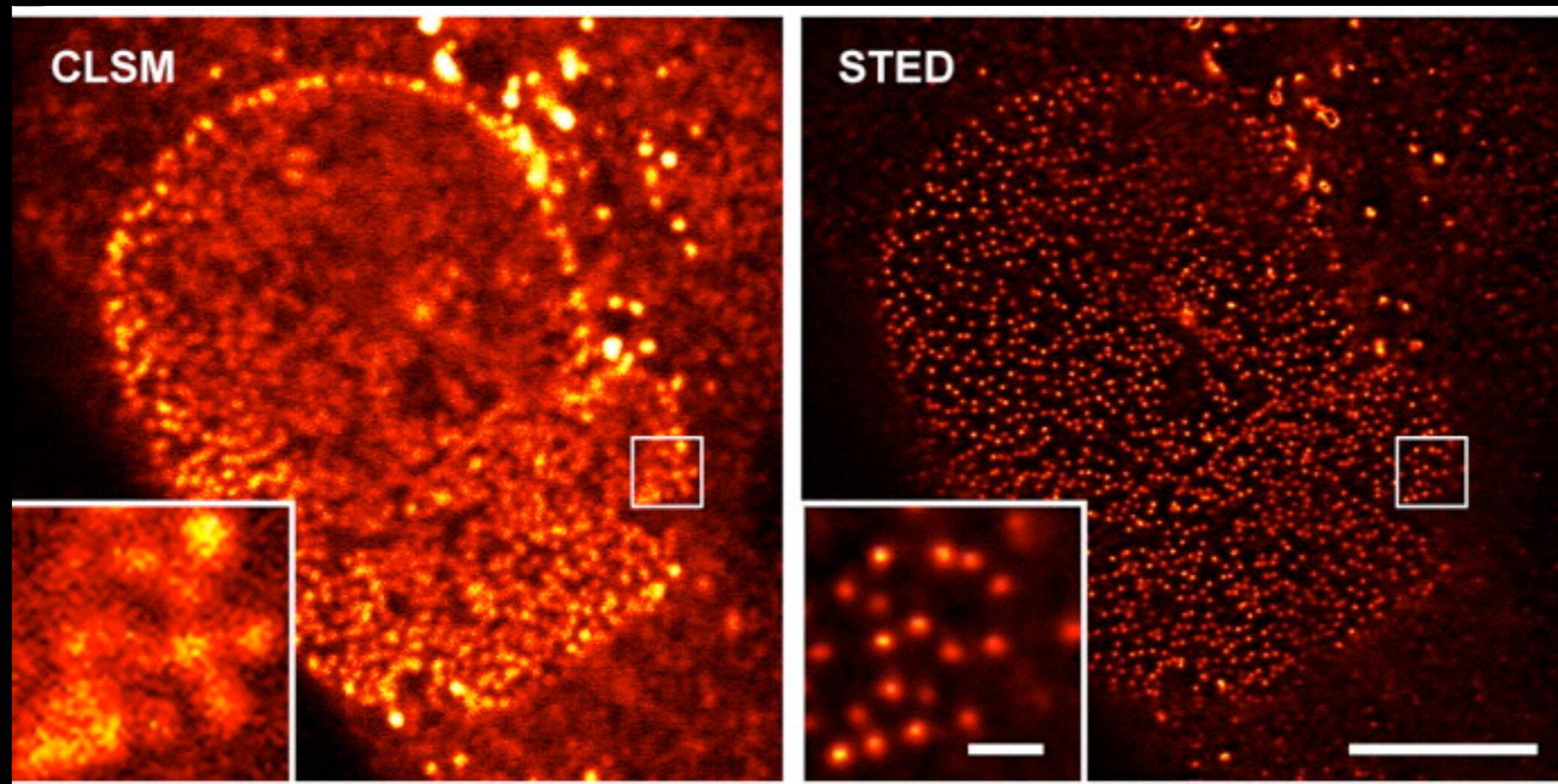
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# STimulated Emission Depletion Microscopy (STED). What do you get?

- Higher and tunable X-Y resolution: ~40 nm
- Confocal Z resolution: ~500 nm
- STED 3x: improved Z resolution at the cost of X-Y resolution
- Up to two colors
- Confocal setup: less out of focus emission
- Need highly efficient dyes and with the right spectra
- Not suited for life experiments

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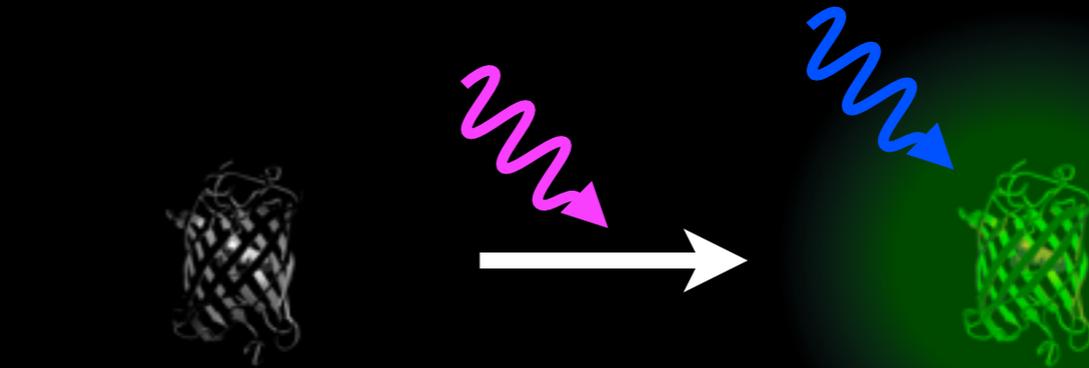


# Microscopy based on Single Molecule Localization

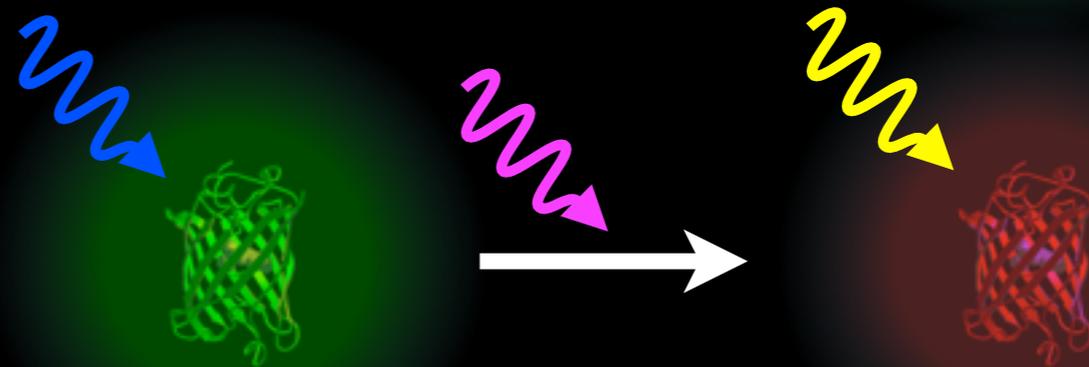
Photo-switching of fluorophores allows temporal separation of molecules that overlap in space. After multiple iterations of the photo-switching, a super-resolution image is constructed from the localizations of many fluorophores.

# Single Molecule Localization fluorophores

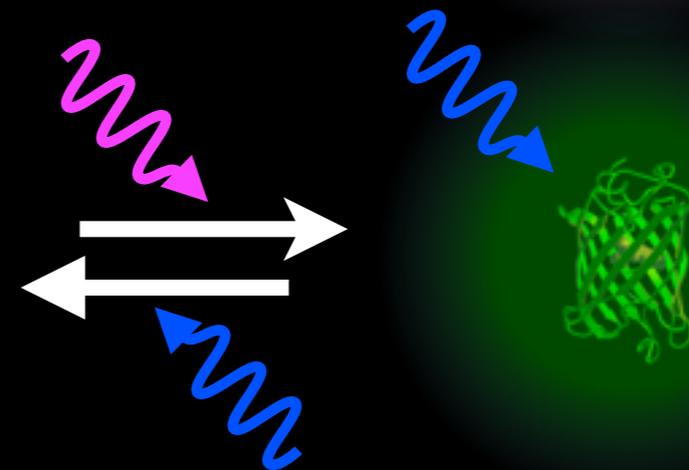
- Photoactivable



- Photoconvertible

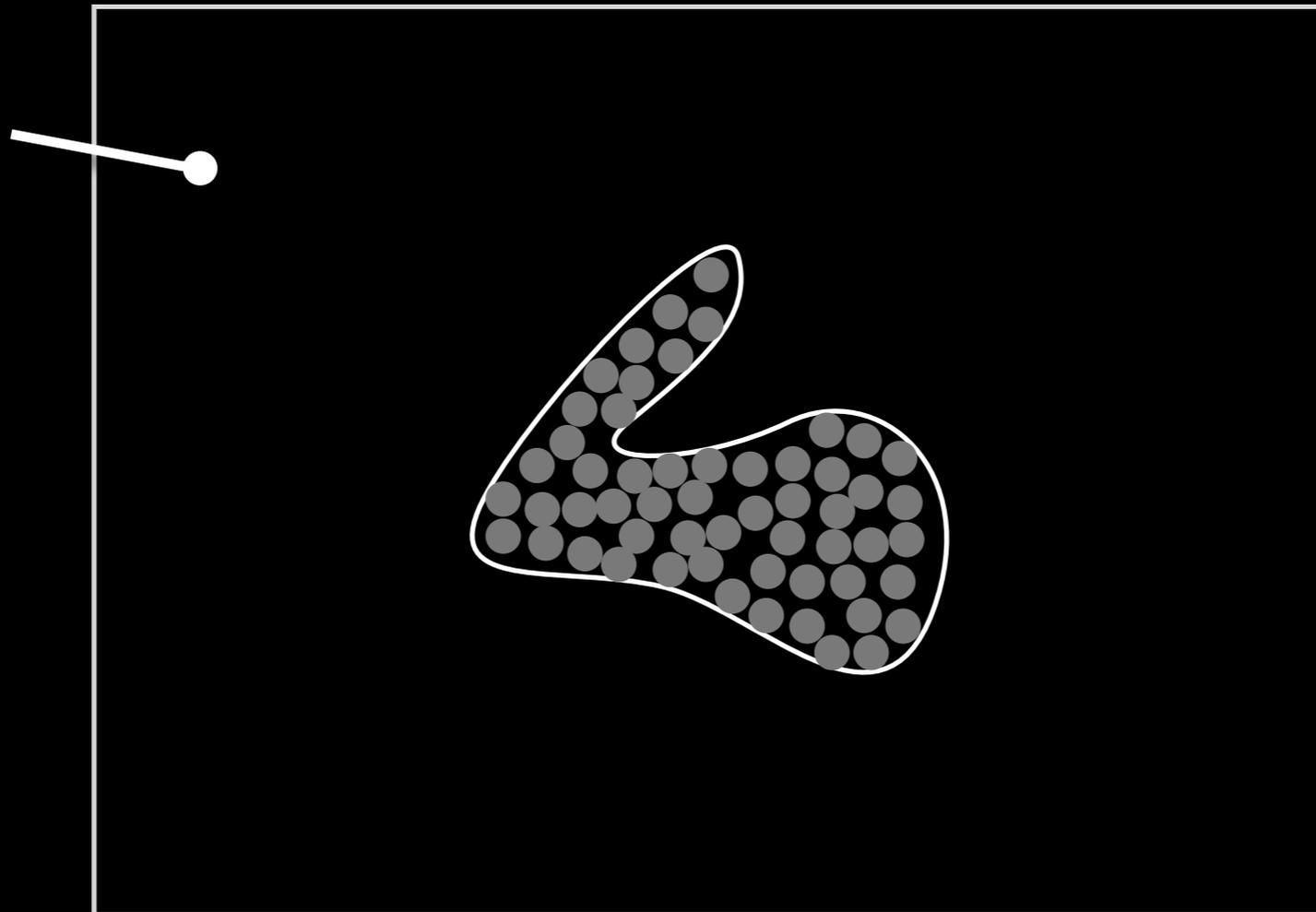


- Photoswitchable



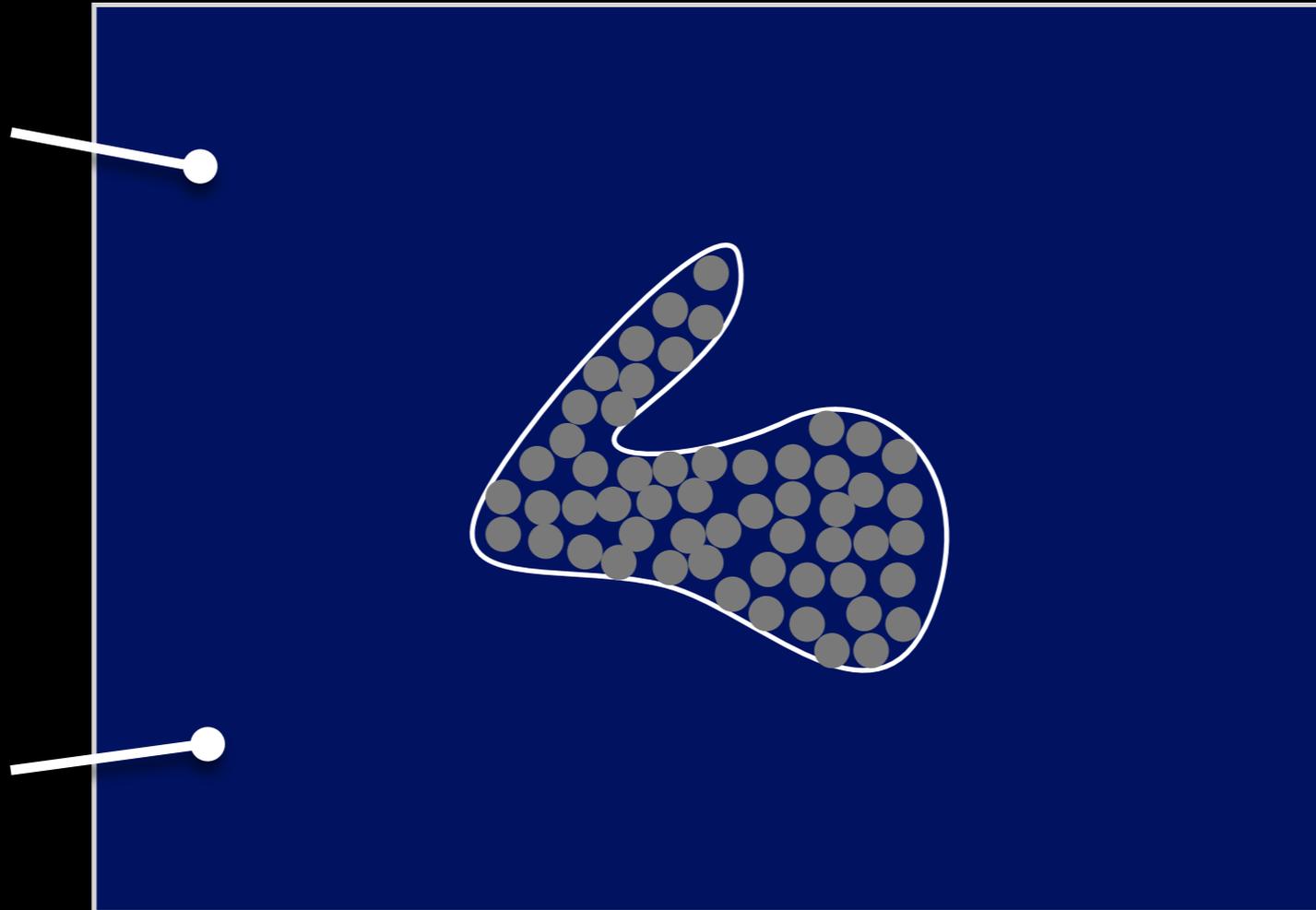
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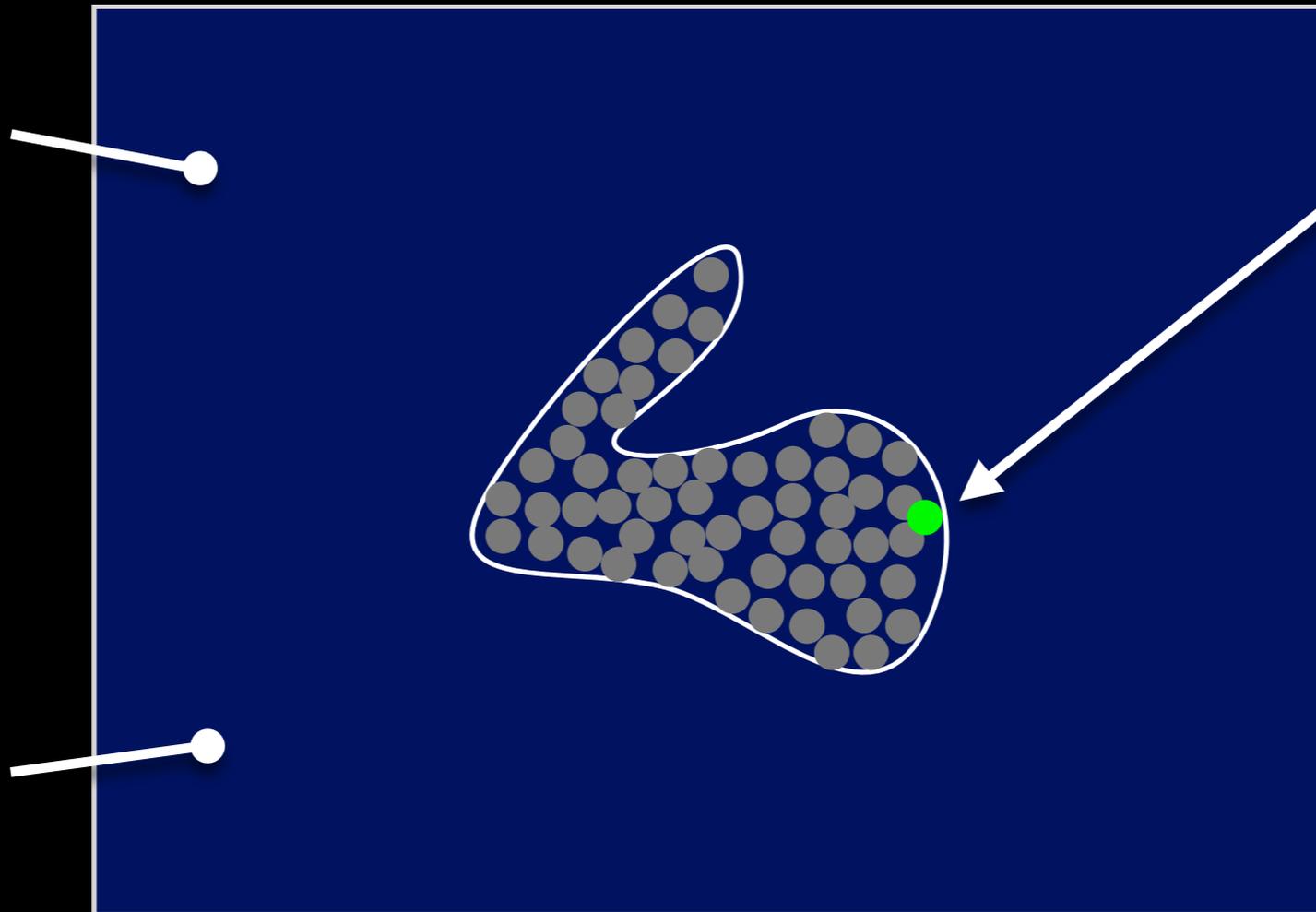
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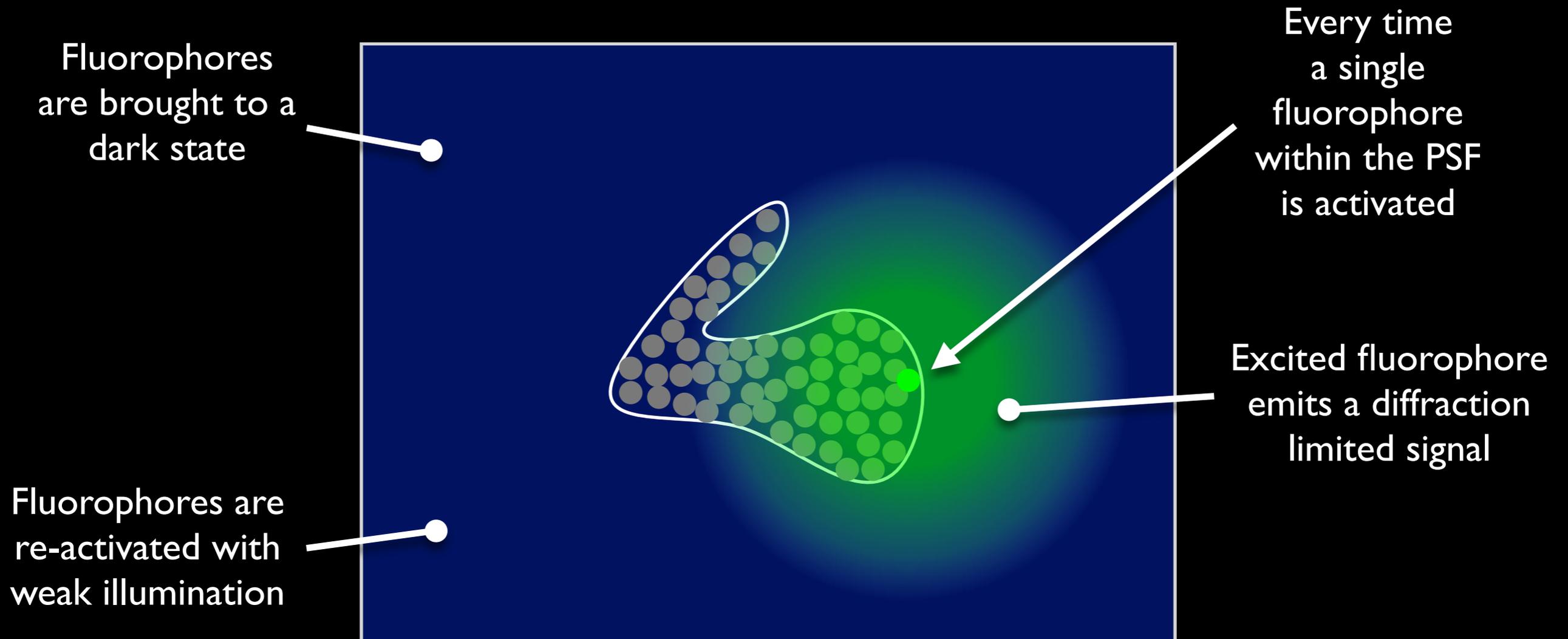
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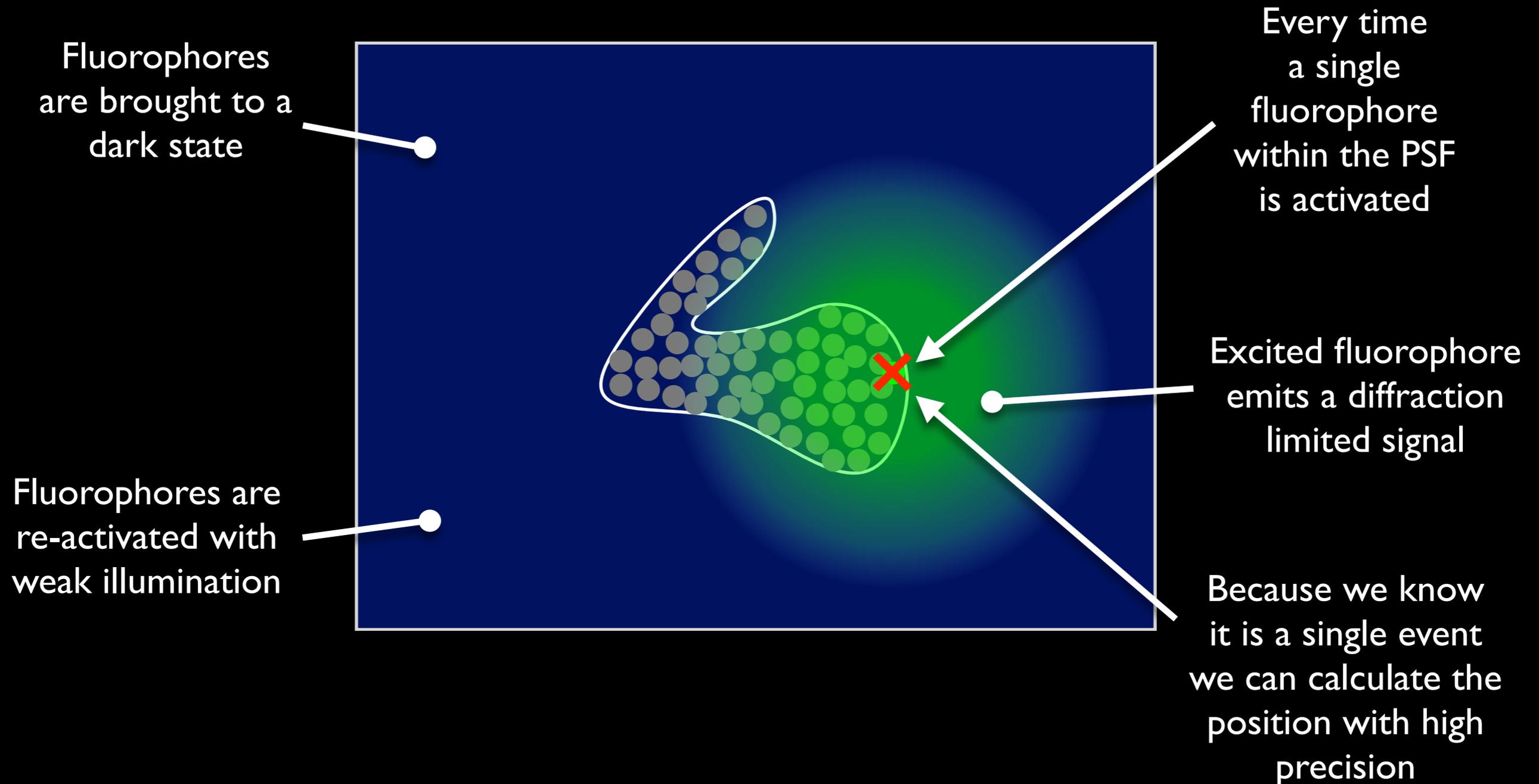
Every time  
a single  
fluorophore  
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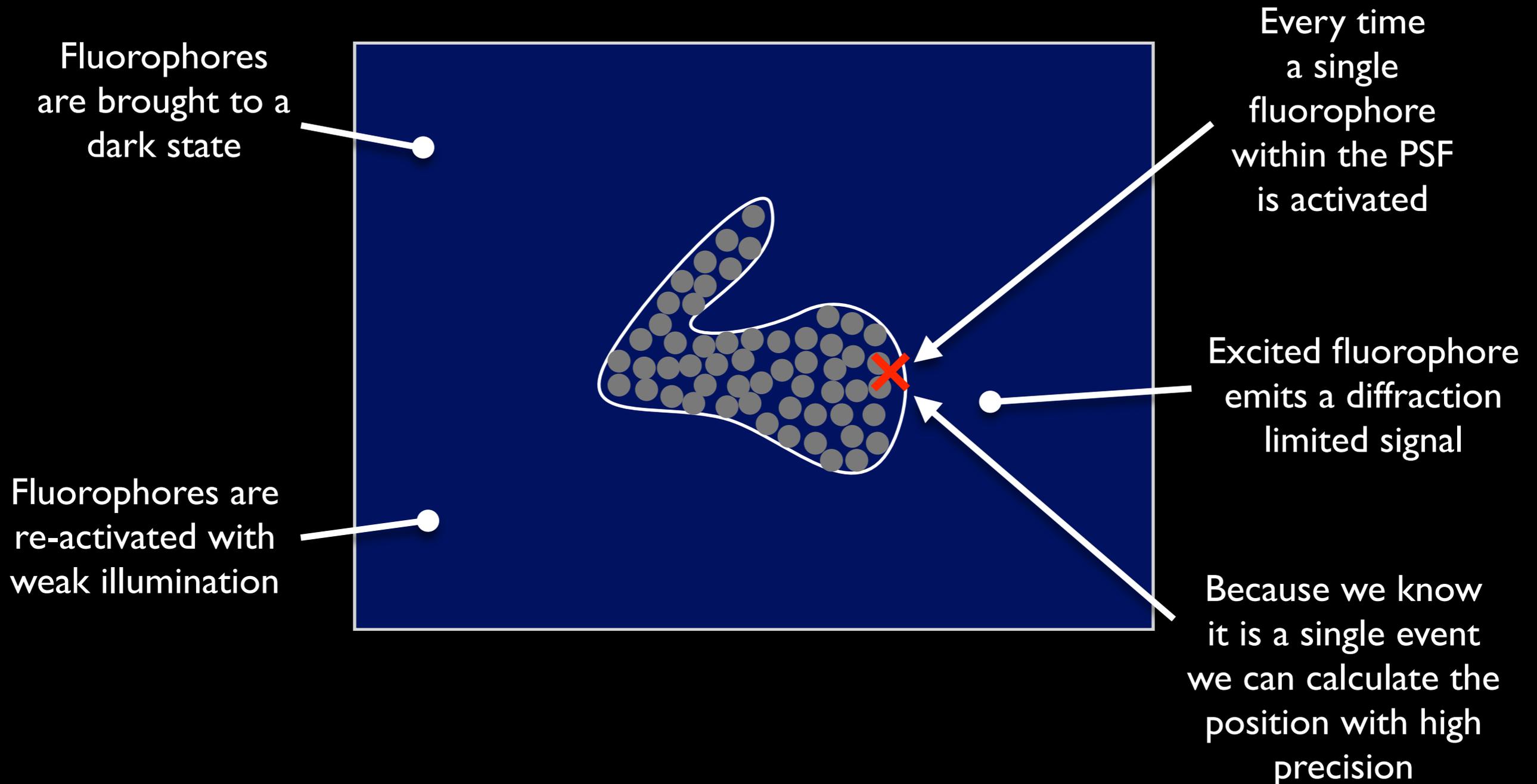
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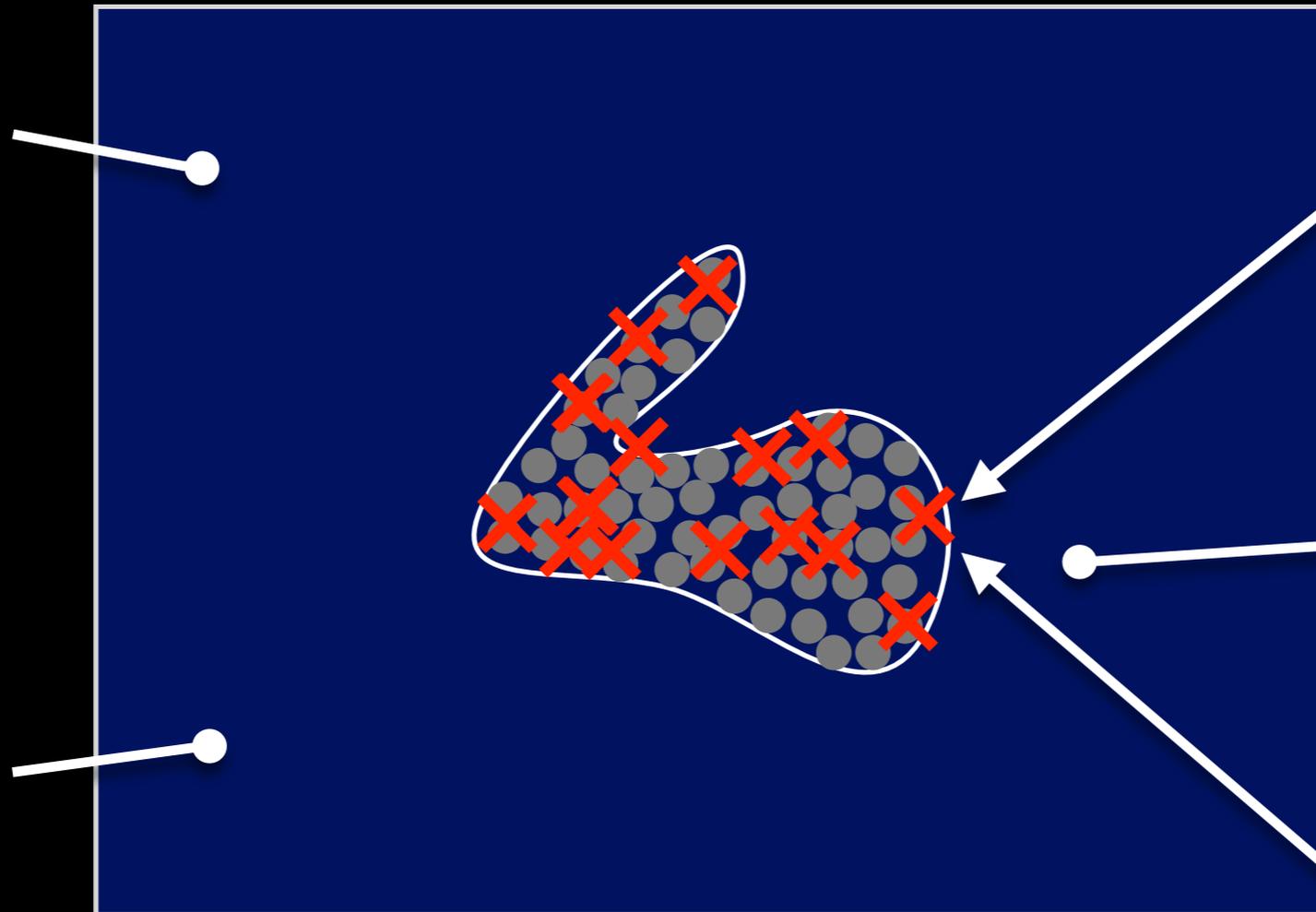
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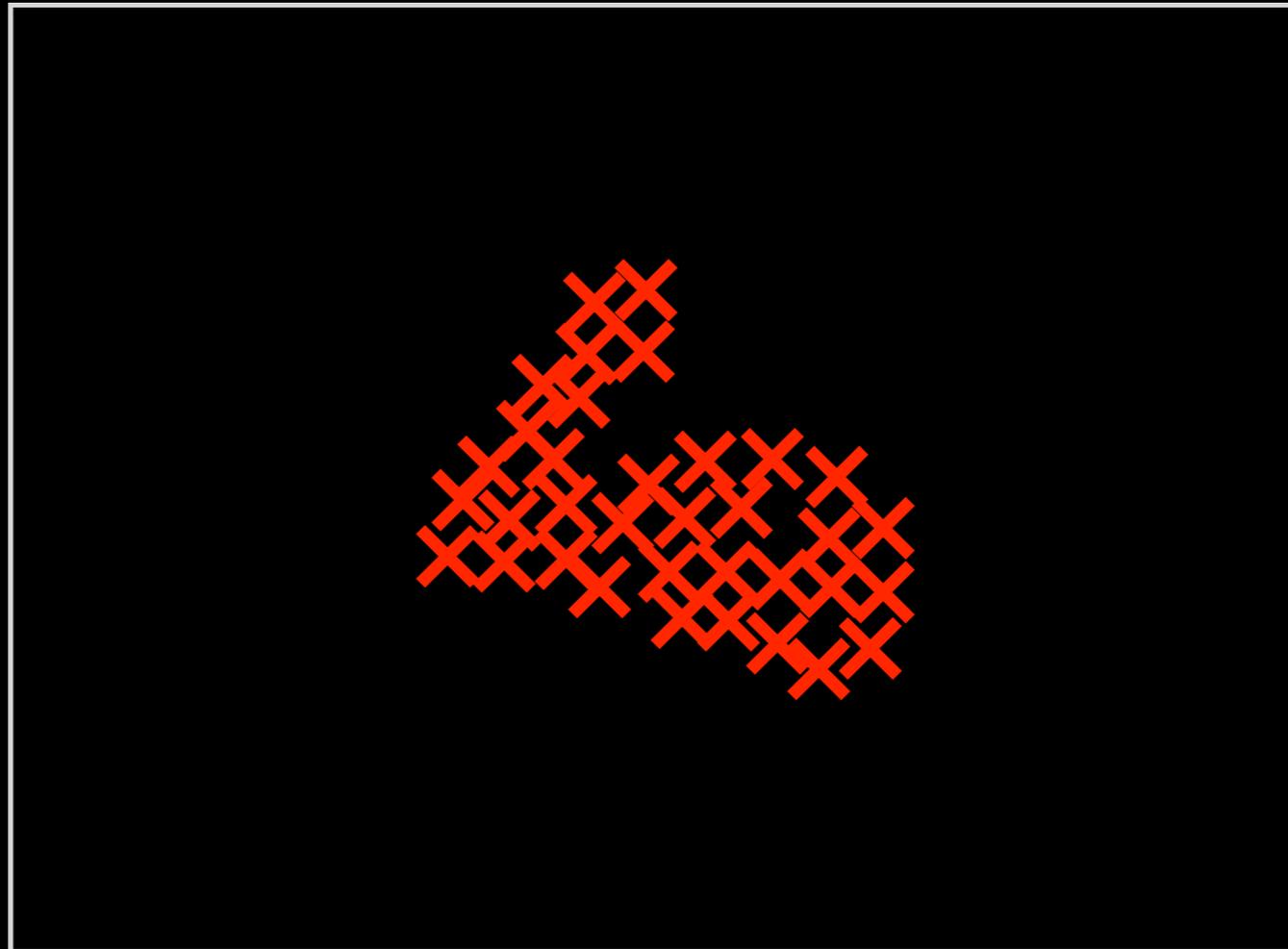
Every time  
a single  
fluorophore  
within the PSF  
is activated

Excited fluorophore  
emits a diffraction  
limited signal

Fluorophores are  
re-activated with  
weak illumination

Because we know  
it is a single event  
we can calculate the  
position with high  
precision

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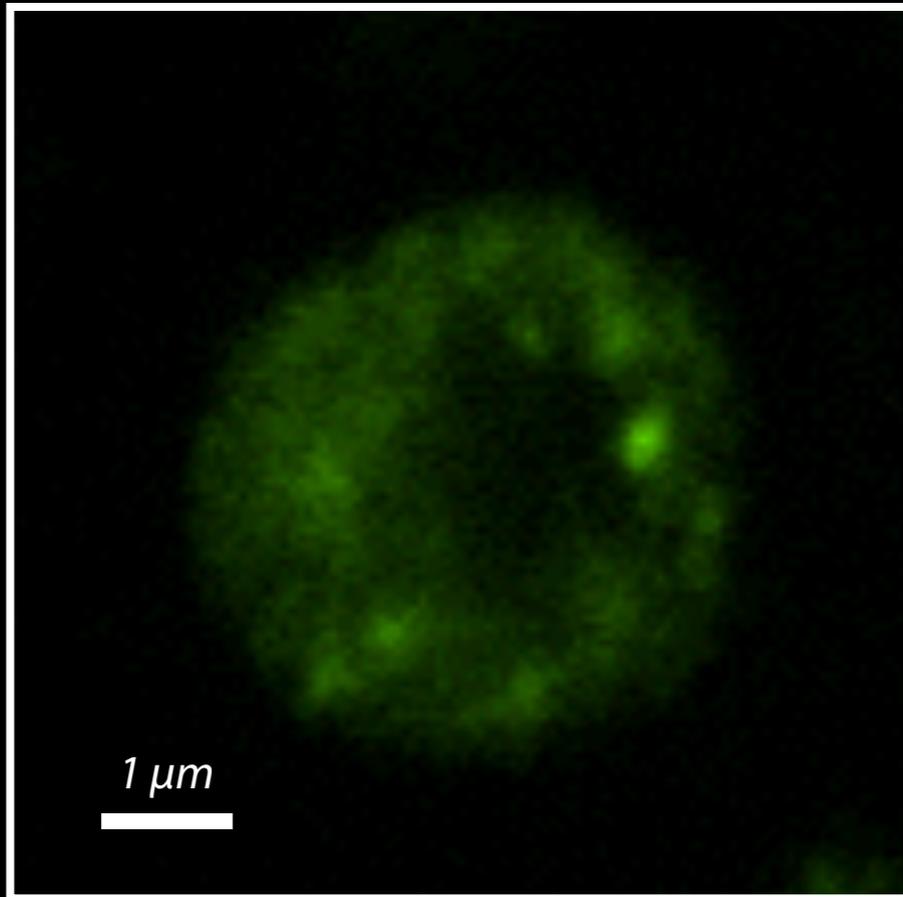


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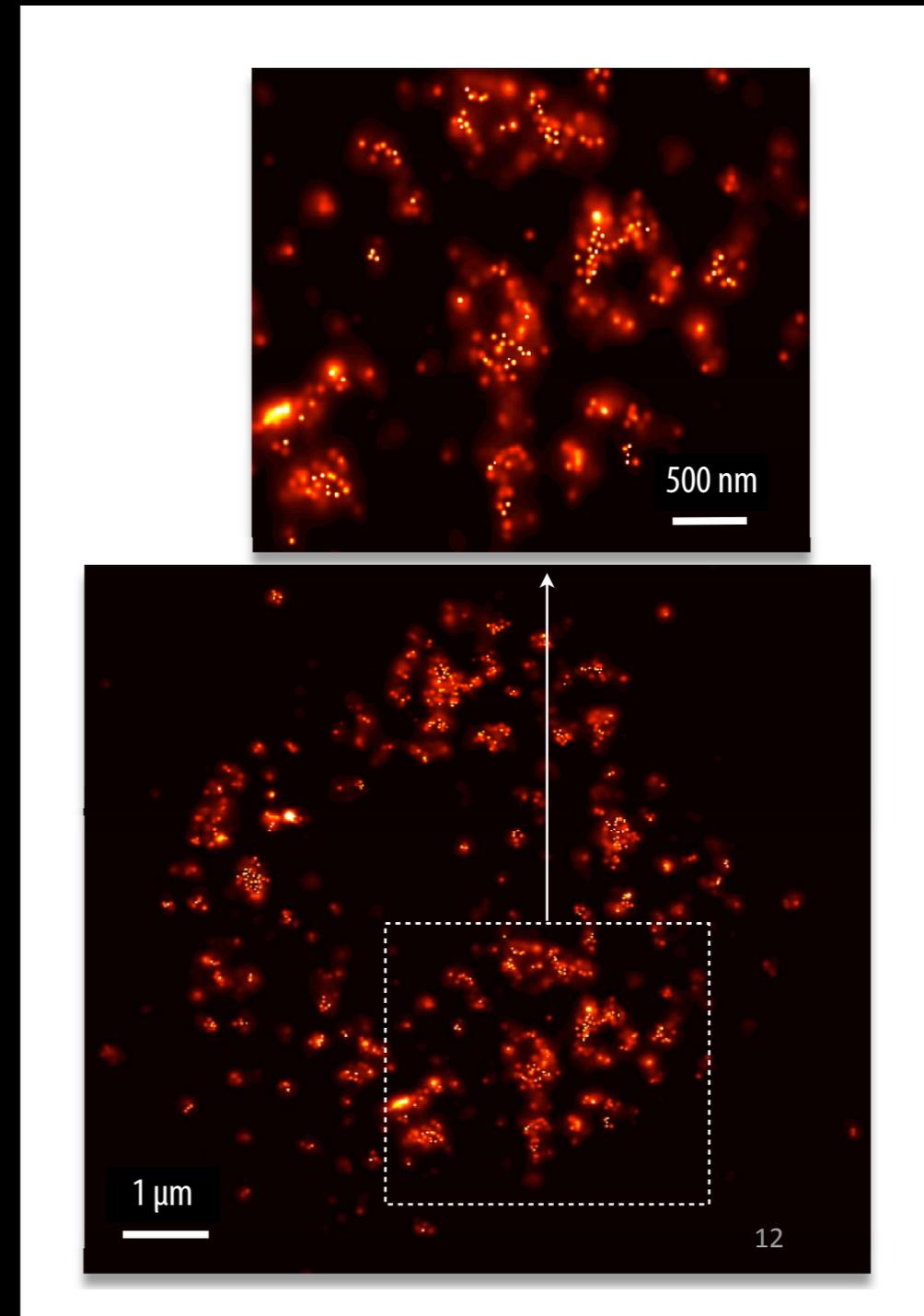
- Very high X-Y “resolution”: ~30 nm
- Limited capabilities in 3-D
- Up to two colors
- Need “special” dyes, mounting media
- With exceptions, not suited for life imaging

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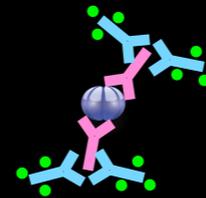
WideField



STORM



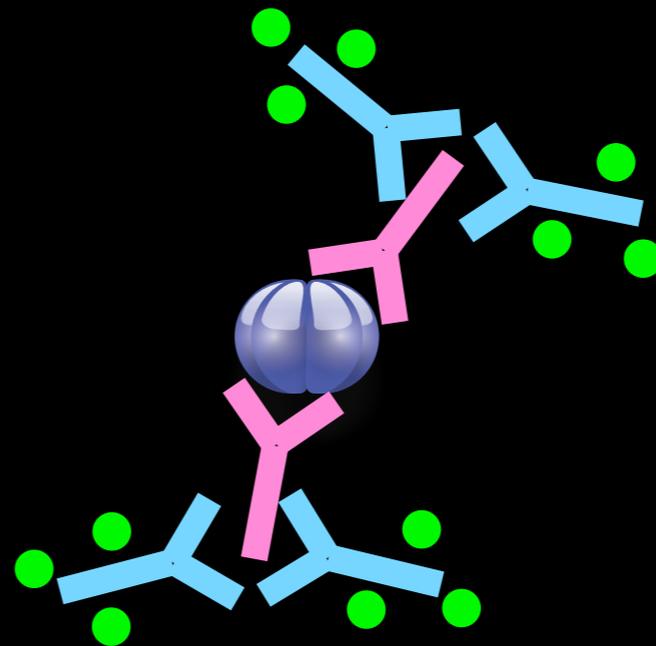
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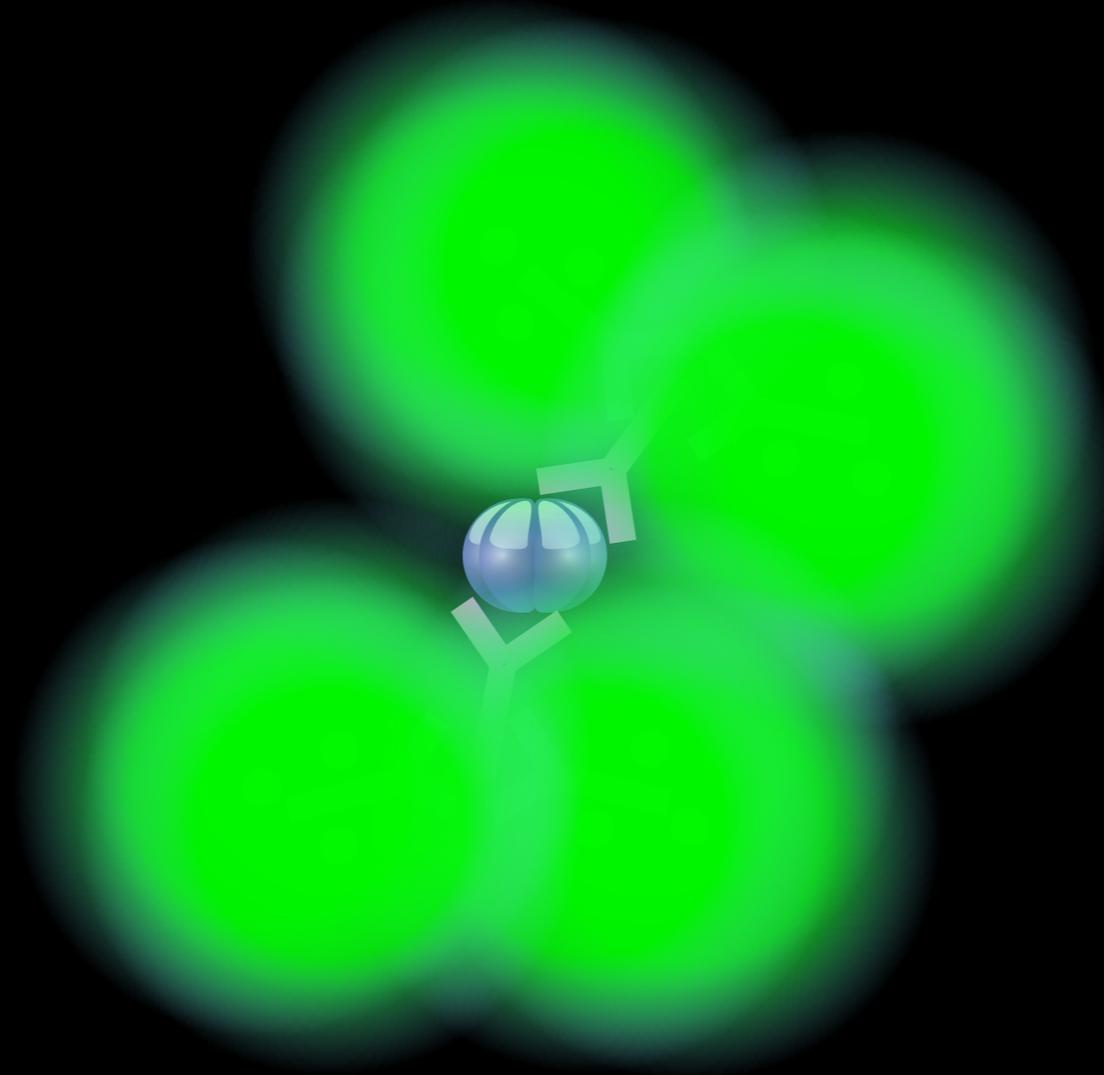
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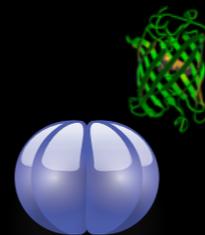
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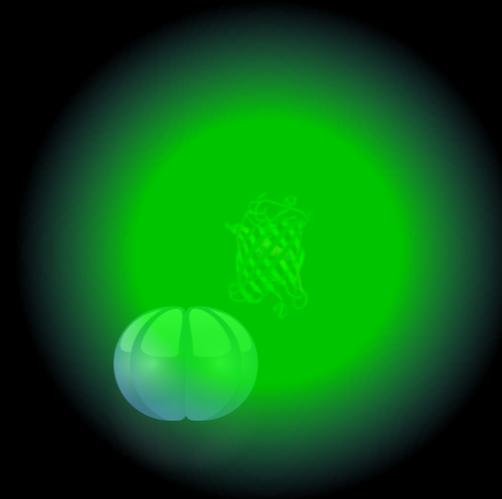
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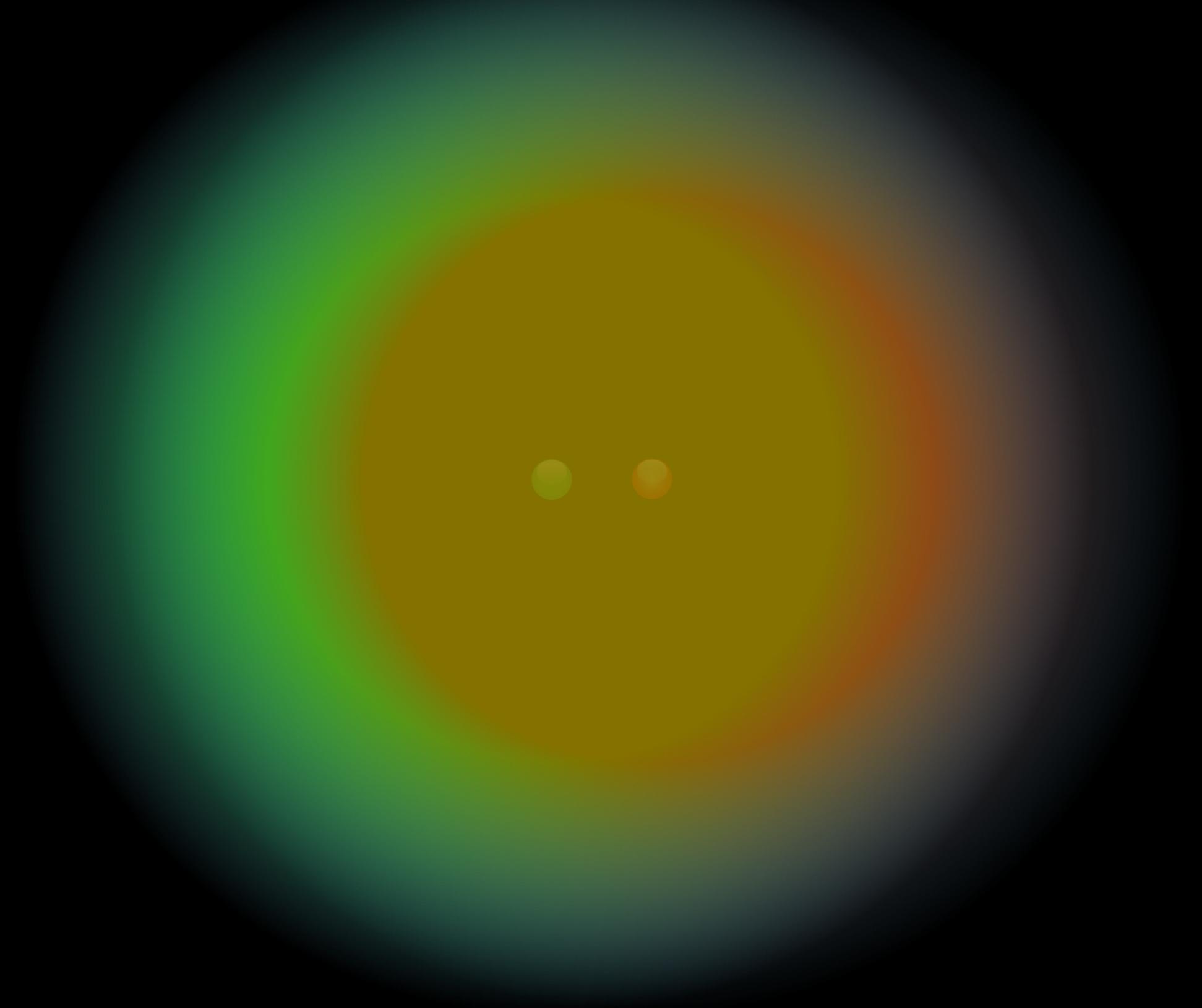
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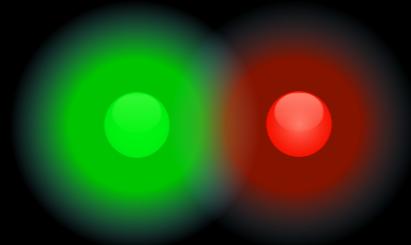
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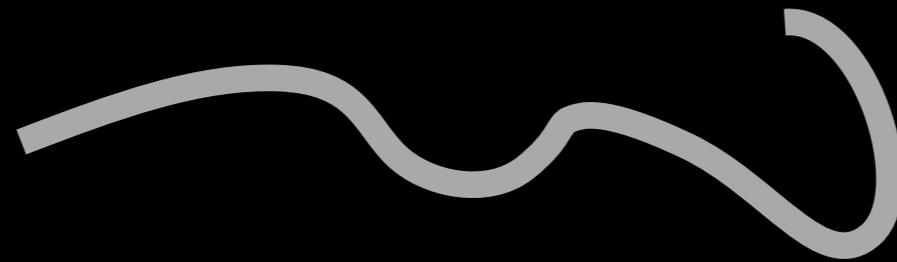
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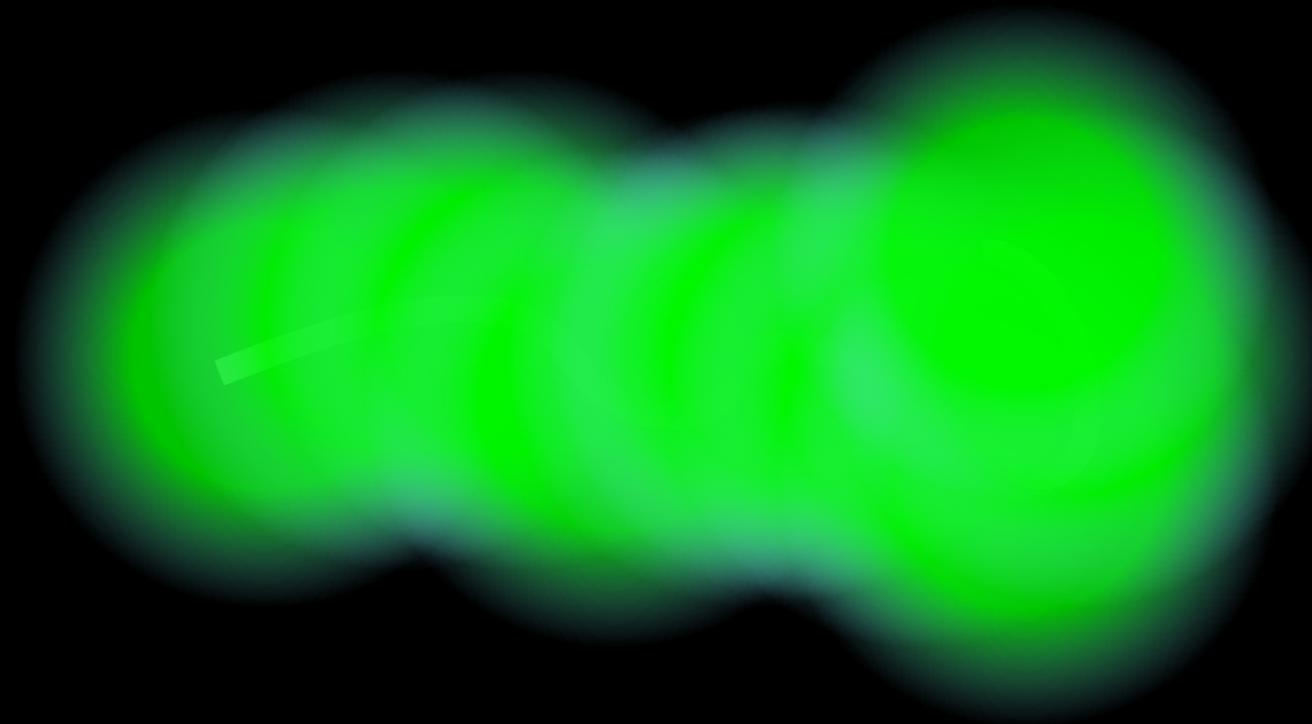
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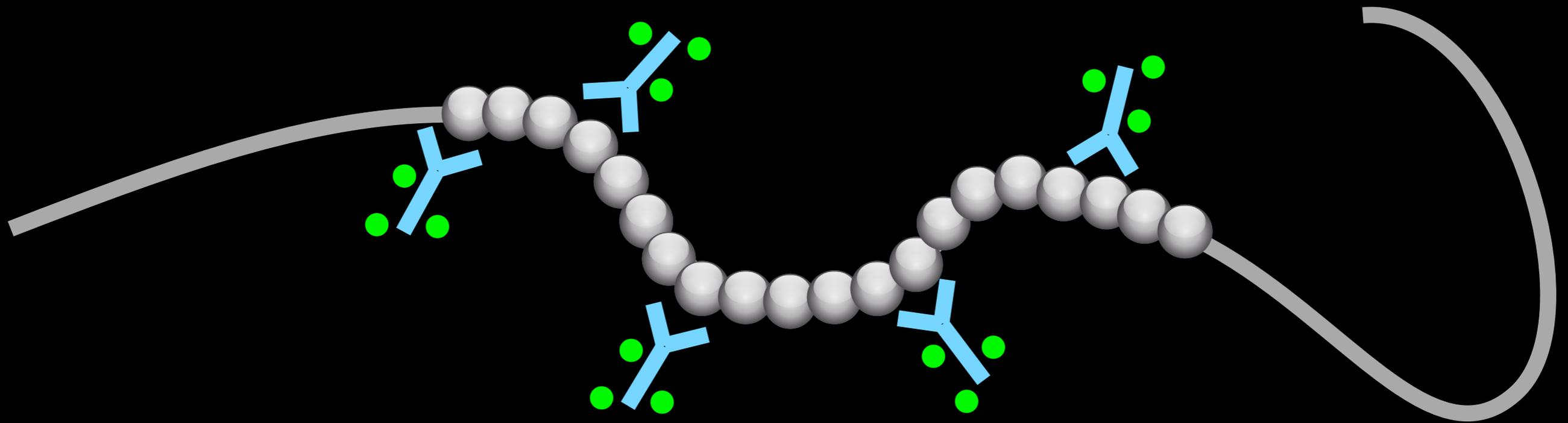
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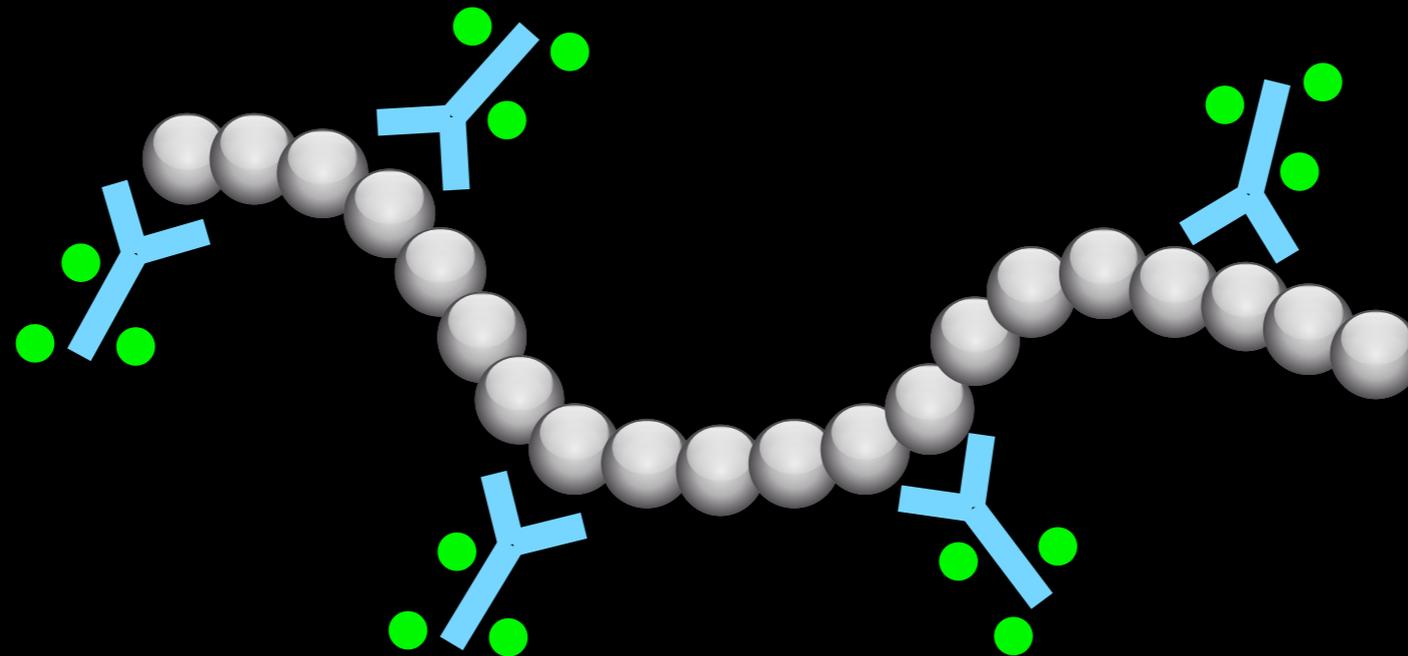
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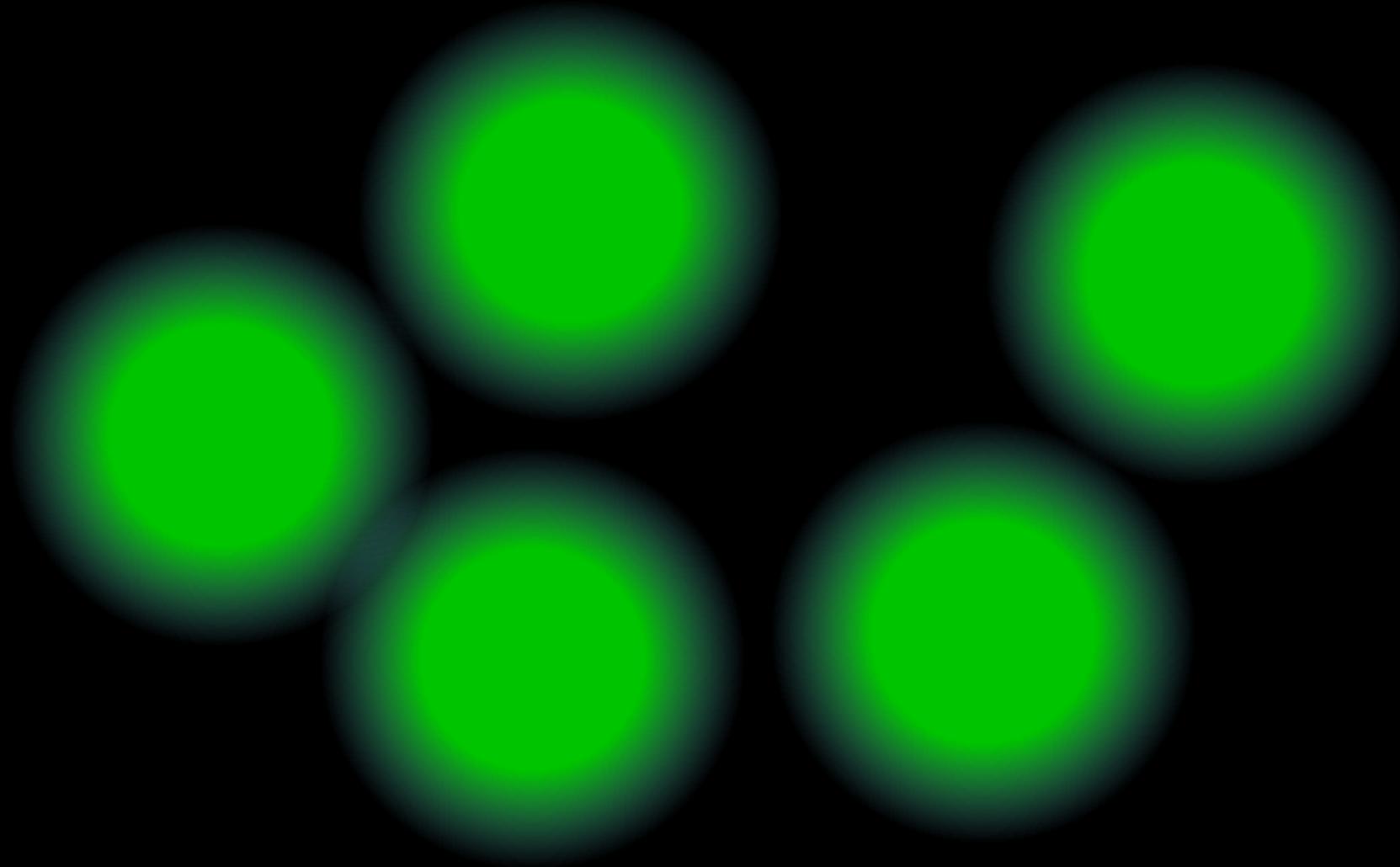
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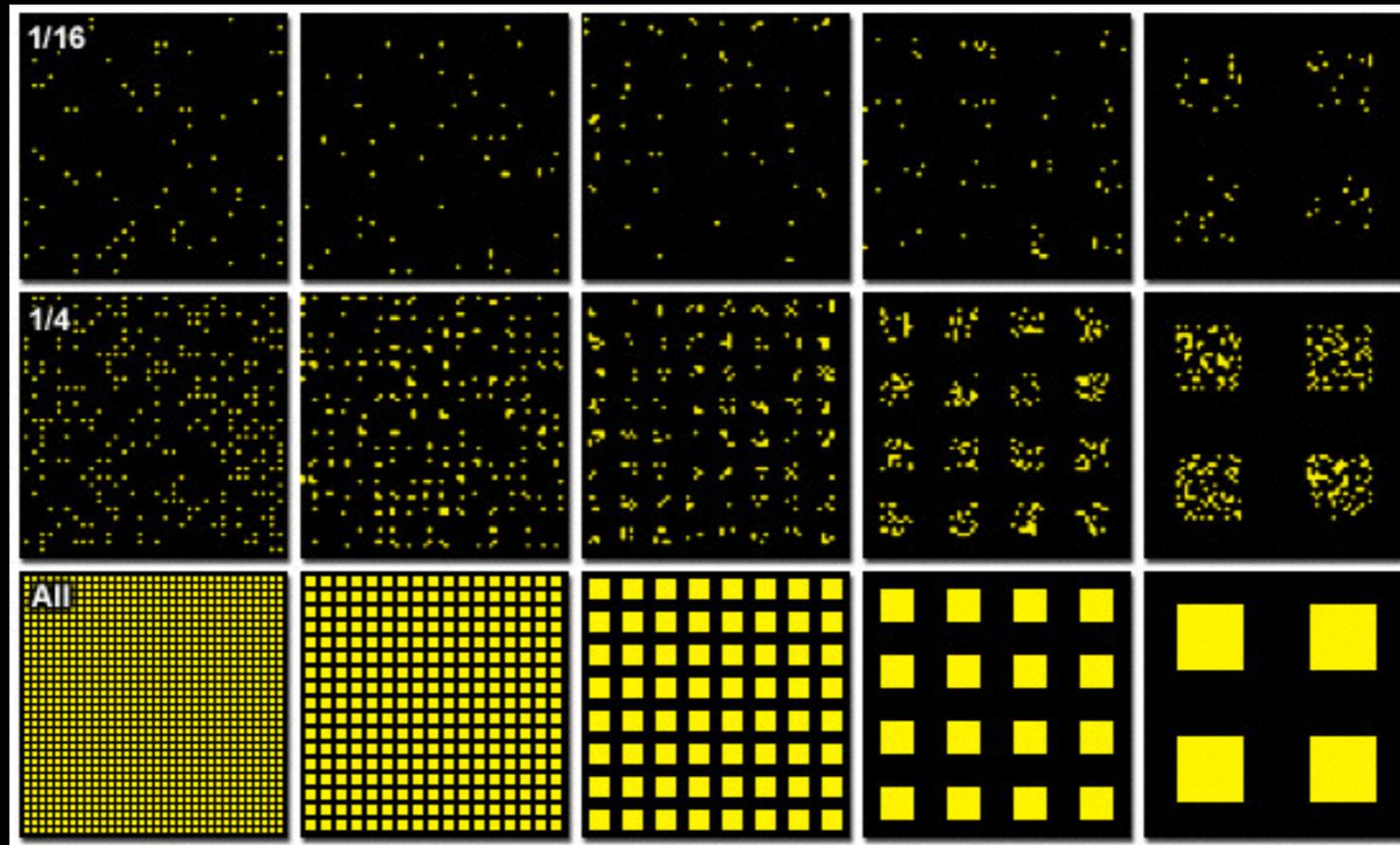
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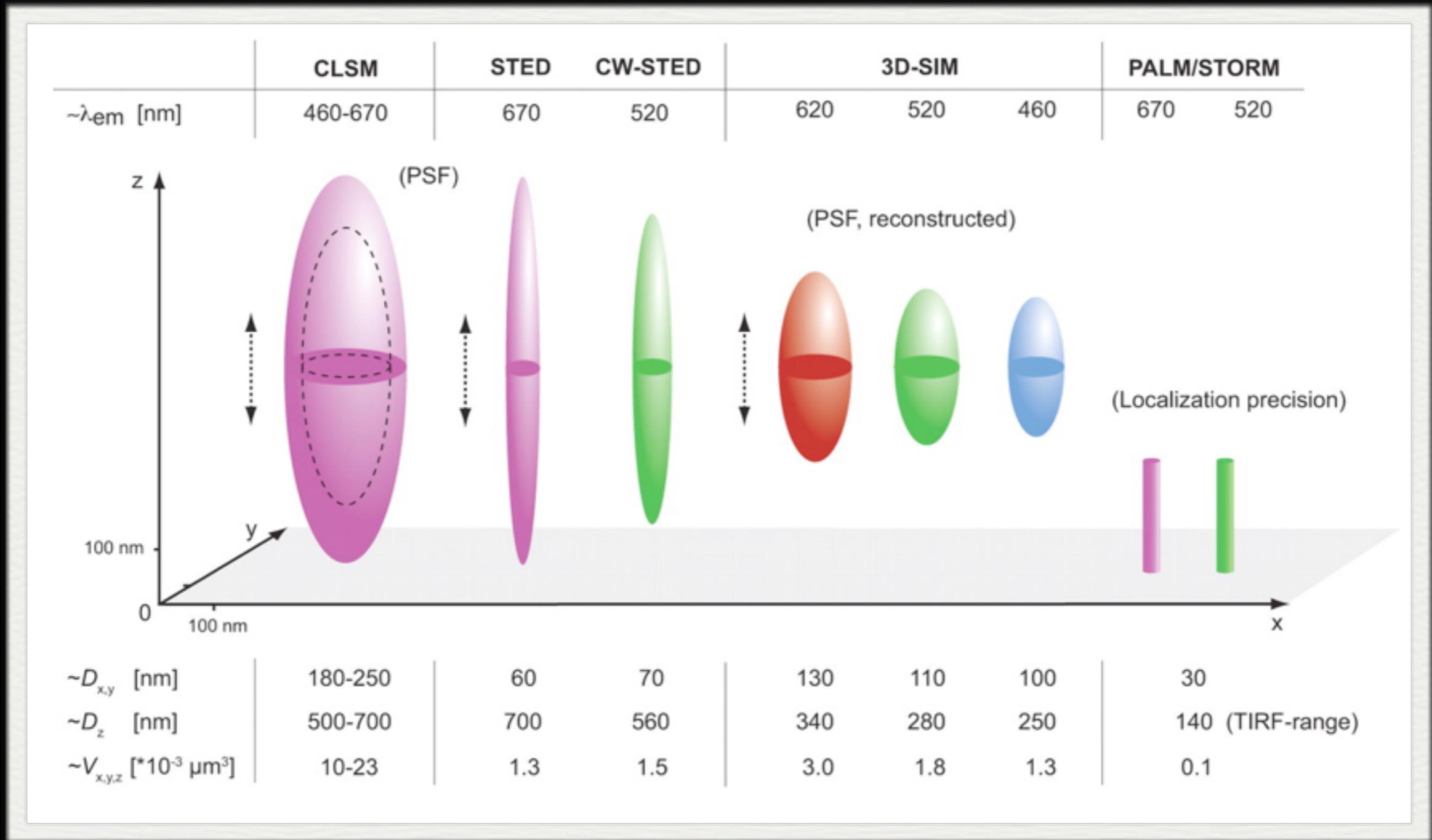


# Sample preparation

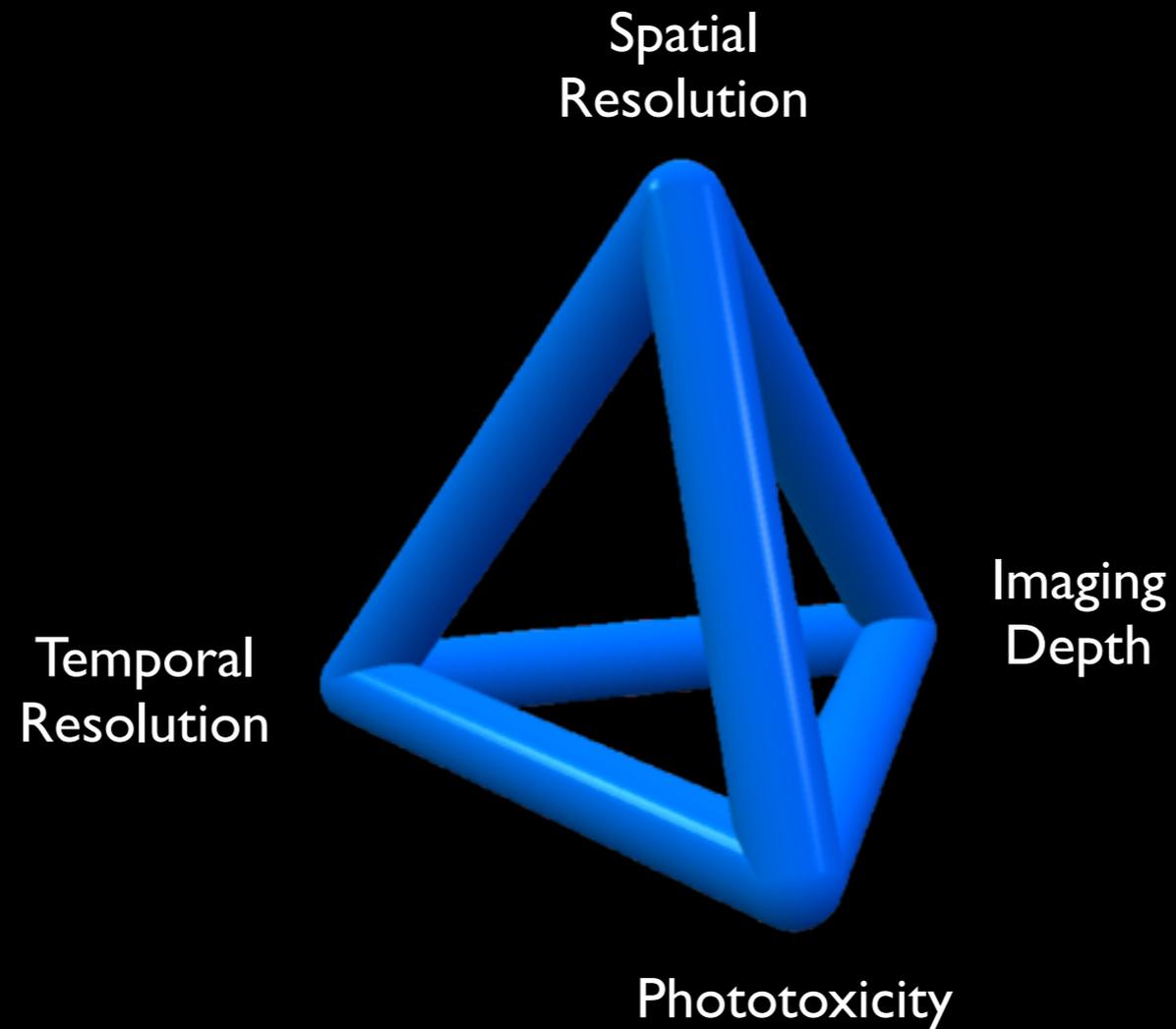
- Be clean with your sample
- Use the proper coverslips: #1.5H =  $170 \pm 5 \mu\text{m}$
- Plate your cells or other biologic material on the coverslip
- Optimise fixation and labelling protocols to get strong and contrasted stainings: play with Abs concentrations, incubation temperature and time and washes
- Be aware of the mounting medium. Let it embed
- Be aware of the fluorophores
- STORM requires special mounting media
- ...

Contact the specialist before doing the experiment

# Super Resolution: PSFs



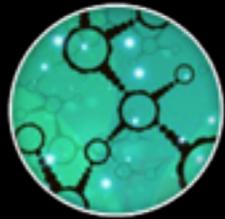
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	CLSM/WF	SIM/3D-SIM	STED/3xSTED	PALM/STORM
X-Y Resolution	180-250 nm	80-130 nm	60-80 nm	20-40 nm (Precision)
Z Resolution	500-700 nm	250-350 nm	250-500 nm	With limitations 140 nm in TIRF
Time Resolution	100 msec - 2D 5 sec - 3D	100 msec - 2D 5 sec - 3D	30 sec - 2D 10 min - 3D	20 sec - 2D 15 min - 3D
Dyes	Any	Most conventional dyes	Special dyes	Special dyes
Simultaneous wavelengths	>3	>3	?	?
Live-cell imaging	Yes	Restricted	Very Restricted	Very Restricted

# Where can I do super-resolution?



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