# Fluorescence based super resolution microscopy and single particle tracking: an introduction

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## Outline

- Fluorescence based imaging and the problem of limited resolution
- Super resolution microscopy (20-250 nm)
- Single particle tracking in live bacteria (CRISPR-Cas): temporal information
- Also available @HohlbeinLab:
  - Single-molecule Foerster Resonance Energy Transfer for DNA-protein interactions (2-10, nm)
  - Nanofluidic devices (non-equilibrium)









## Length scales in Life Sciences...

#### Spatial Resolution of Biological Imaging Techniques





http://zeiss-campus.magnet.fsu.edu/print/superresolution/introduction-print.html



# Fluorescence imaging: Widefield microscopy



## Brightfield



#### Fluorescence







## miCube: modular fluorescence microscopy

- Concept published under a Creative Common licence (<u>www.jhohlbein/miCube</u>)
- 405, 488, 561 and 638 nm laser excitation
- Single-molecule sensitivity
- Scanning in x,y,z
- Easy to operate!







## Problem: Diffraction limit and spot size

Limited resolution in optical microscopy

Numerical aperture (NA)



## Localisation of single emitters

Localise a single emitter with high precision





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# Super resolution microscopy

• How do resolve features  $\lambda/2$  (~250nm)?



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## 3D SMLM (astigmatism)



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Huang et al, Science, 2008

## Example: dSTORM microscopy

 Use of antibodies and blinking fluorophores to label target in cells







Data courtesy of Christophe Letterier, CNRS/Aix-Marseille University



## pSMLM-3D

## Ultrafast localisation algorithm:

New Results



Phasor based single-molecule localization microscopy in 3D (pSMLM-3D): an algorithm for MHz localization rates using standard CPUs

Koen Martens, Arjen N. Bader, Sander Baas, Bernd Rieger, Johannes Hohlbein **doi:** https://doi.org/10.1101/191957

This article is a preprint and has not been peer-reviewed [what does this mean?].

https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/09/21/191957

## Implementation in ThunderSTORM (imageJ)



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## Insights into cellular target search of Cascade

#### CRISPR-Cas in vivo

- Jochem Vink (TUD)
- Stan Brouns (TUD)
- Koen Martens (BIP @ WUR)
- Stan van de Wall (BIP @ WUR)



E. coli cell segmentation







## The CRISPR model...



#### Target finding is a number game...



- Life cycle virus: ~20 minutes
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Jackson et al., Science, 2017



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McGuffee & Elcock, PLOS com.biol., 2010



## The biological setup: type I-E, *E. coli* K12



## Photoactivated localization microscopy (PALM)

Photo-activation turns a non-fluorescent protein into a fluorescent one



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# Photoactivated localization microscopy (PALM)

From many active emitters per cell to a single one



Manley et al., Nat. Met., 2008; English et al., PNAS, 2011

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# Tracking in the cell...







## **Diffusional states**

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Fitting model: Stracy et al., PNAS, 2015

## Summary

- Advanced fluorescence imaging techniques available @ WUR allow resolutions down to 10 nm
- Broad spectrum of potential applications (DNA paint, dSTORM, PALM, SPT,..)
- In vivo studies reveal target search mechanisms of Cascade complexes









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