COLOCALISATION

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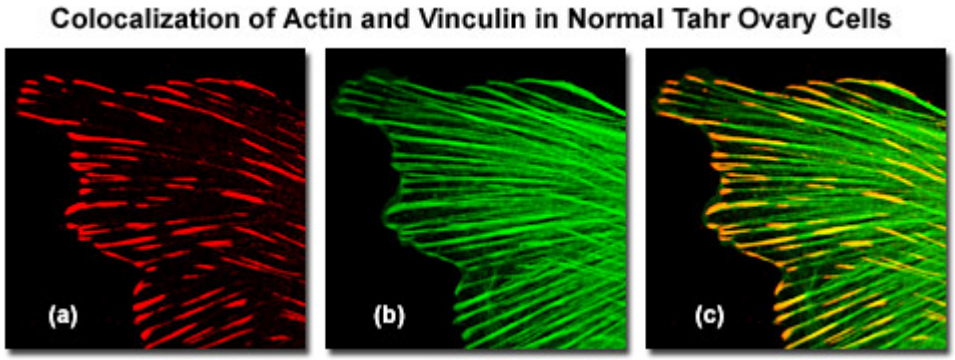
Outline

- Introduction
- How to best prepare your samples for colocalisation
- How to acquire the images for colocalisation
- How to analyse your data
- How to understand your data

Introduction

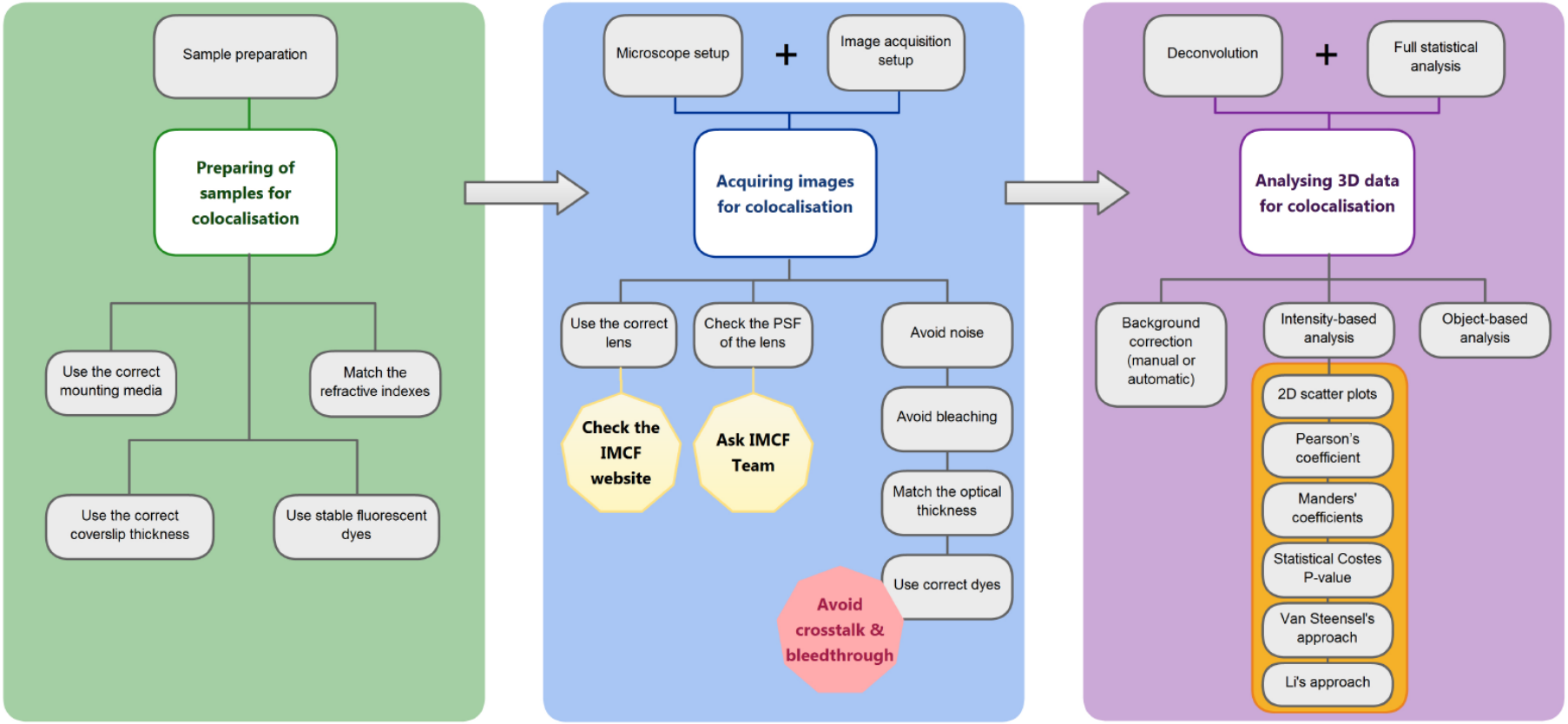
- Colocalisation = Presence of two (or more) structures on the same location
- Colocalisation in fluorescence microscopy at subcellular level = Presence of two (or more) different fluorophores at the same structure in a cell.



http://www.olympusconfocal.com/applications/colocalization.html

- Limitation (best case scenario): optical resolution of the microscope → XYZ 200 x 200 x 400 nm
- Colocalisation never measures interaction, it states that 2 dyes are in a close proximity in a defined volume.

Colocalisation: Strategic Planning



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  - Alexa dyes (Invitrogen/Molecular Probes)
  - Atto dyes
  - Avoid Cyanine dyes, especially Cy2

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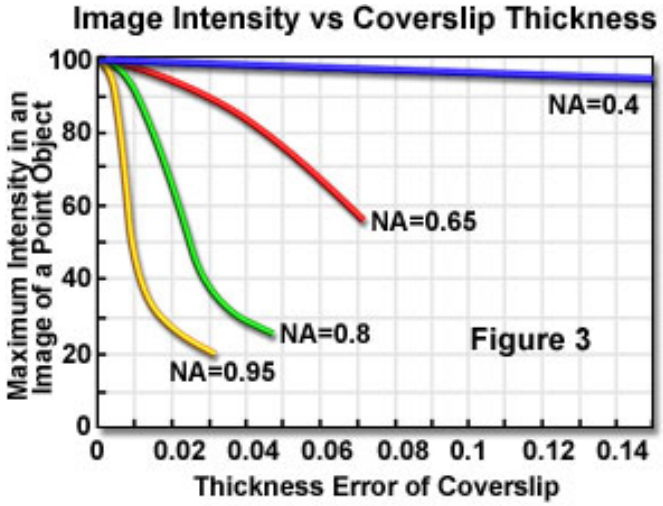

Performance Reduction with Coverslip Thickness Variation

NumericalAperture	0.01 mm Deviation	0.02 mm Deviation
0.30	none	none
0.45	none	none
0.70	2 percent	8 percent
0.85	19 percent	57 percent
0.95	55 percent	71 percent

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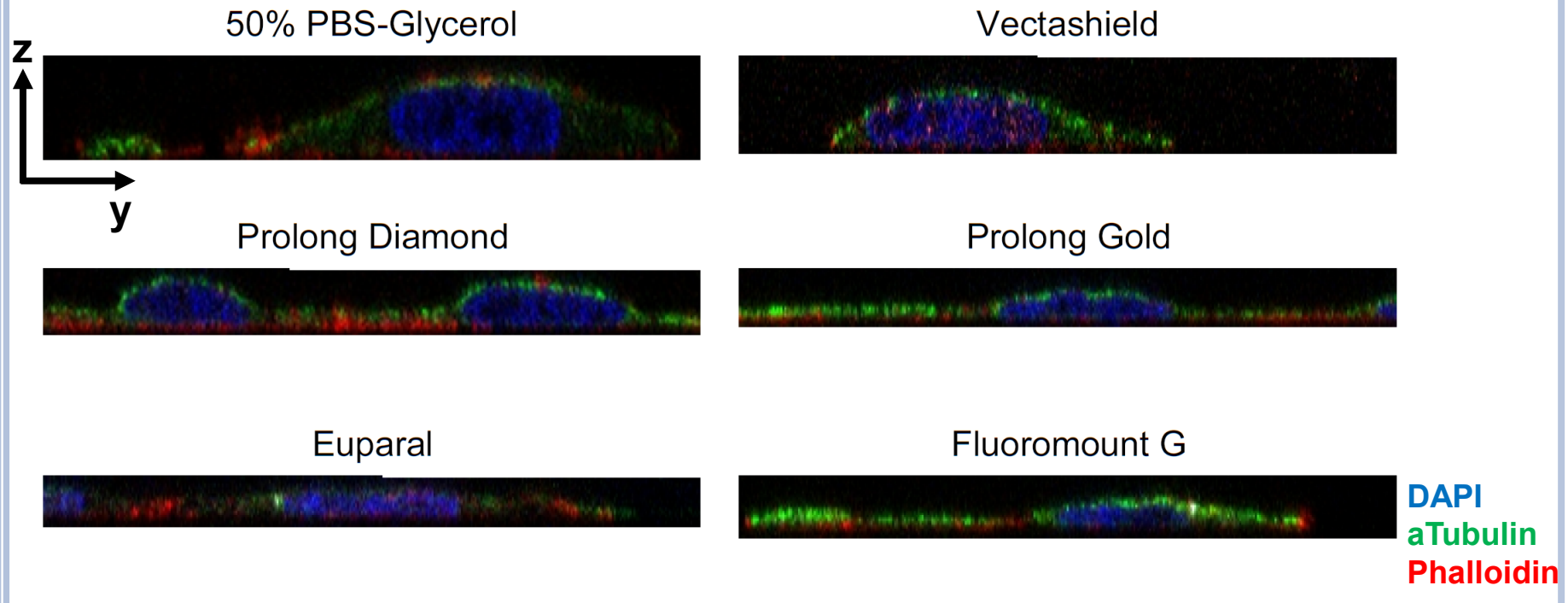

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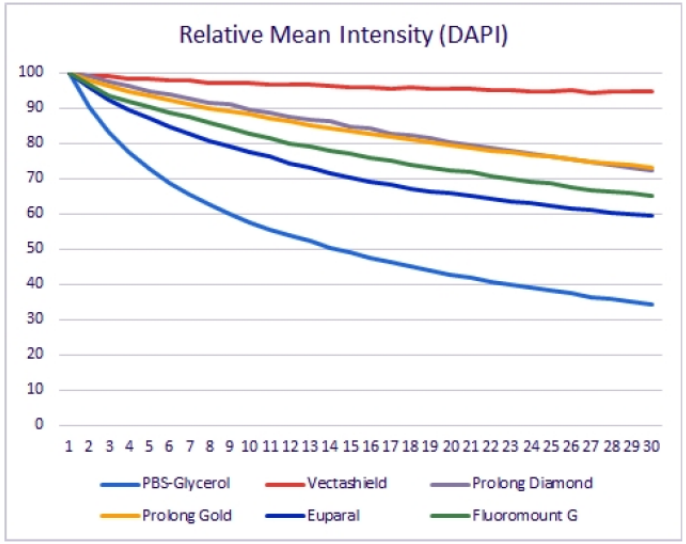

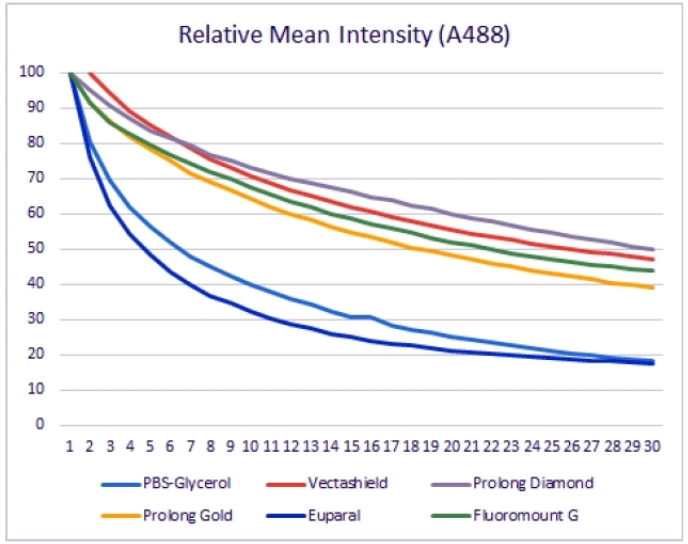

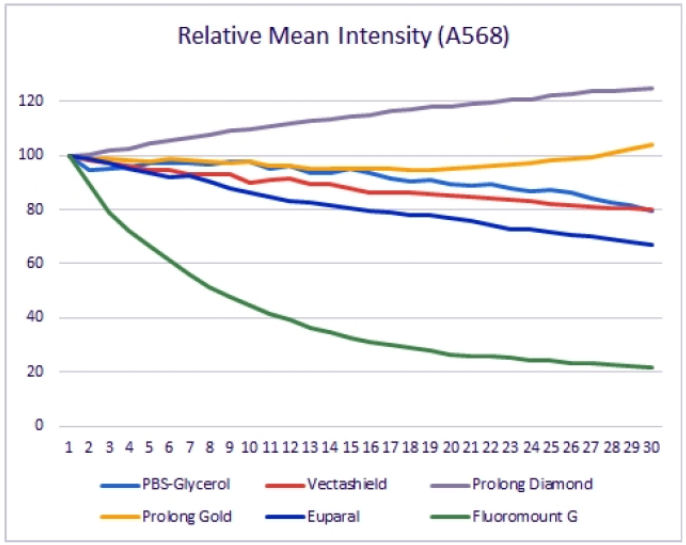

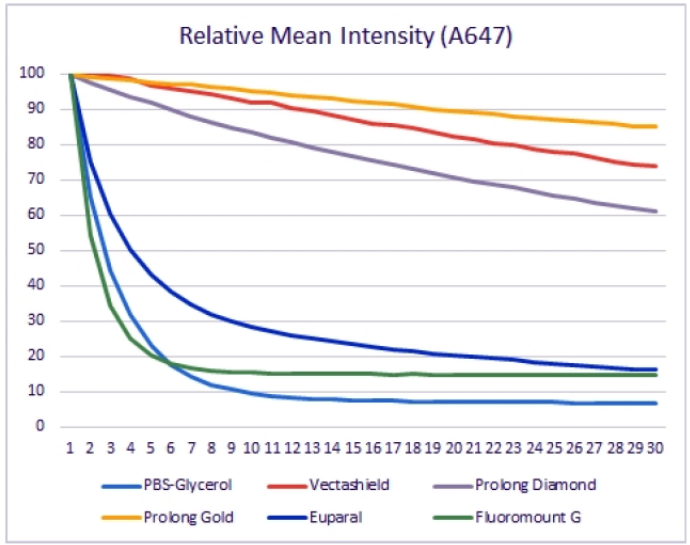

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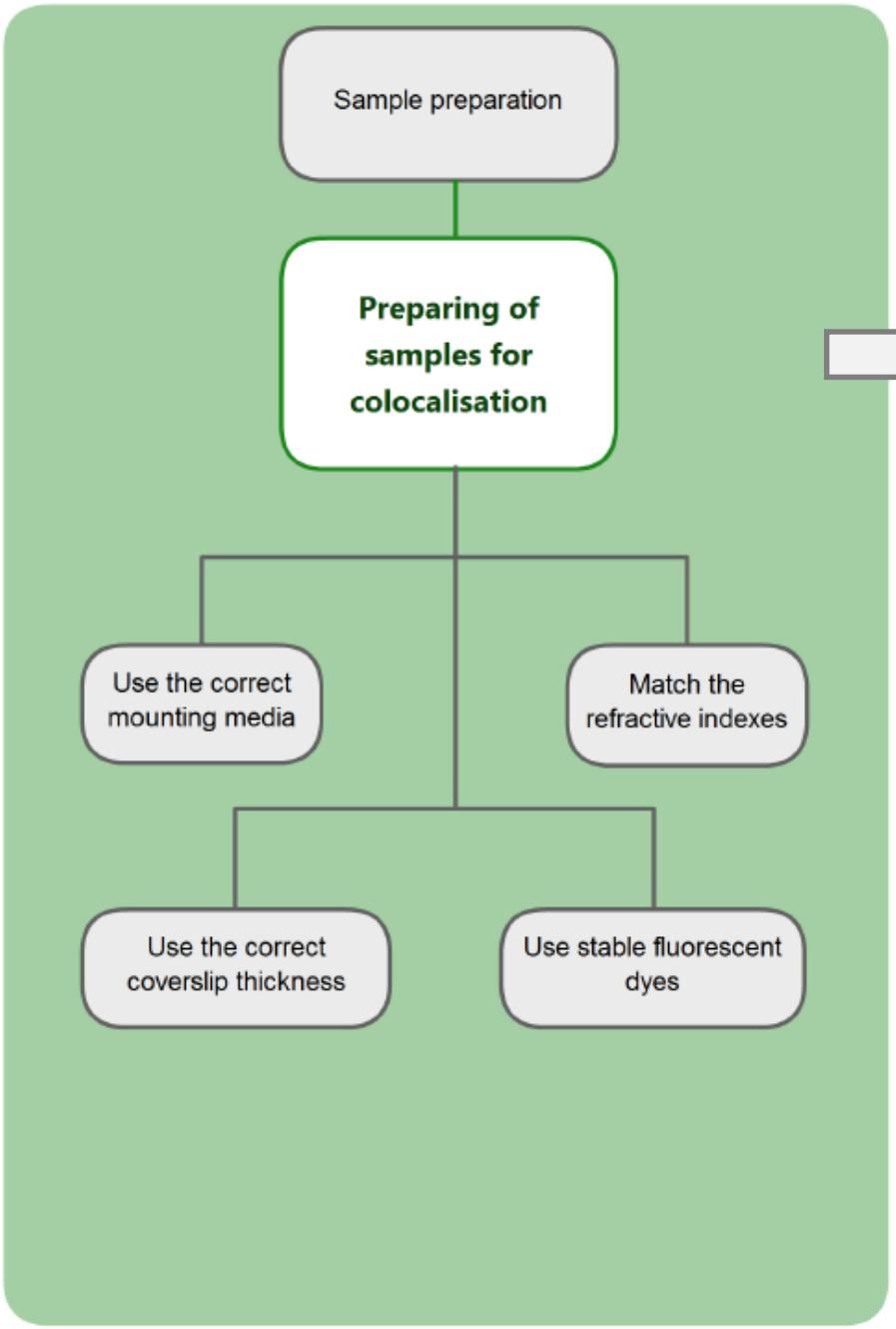
A refractive index mismatch gives rise to geometrical aberrations.



TAKE HOME MESSAGE PART 1

- Select carefully stable dyes
- Make sure that your “500 µm” are optimal
- Don’t forget to prepare positive and negative controls

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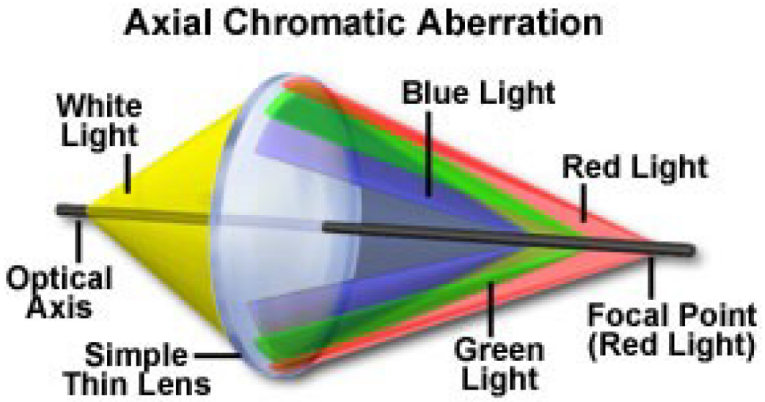

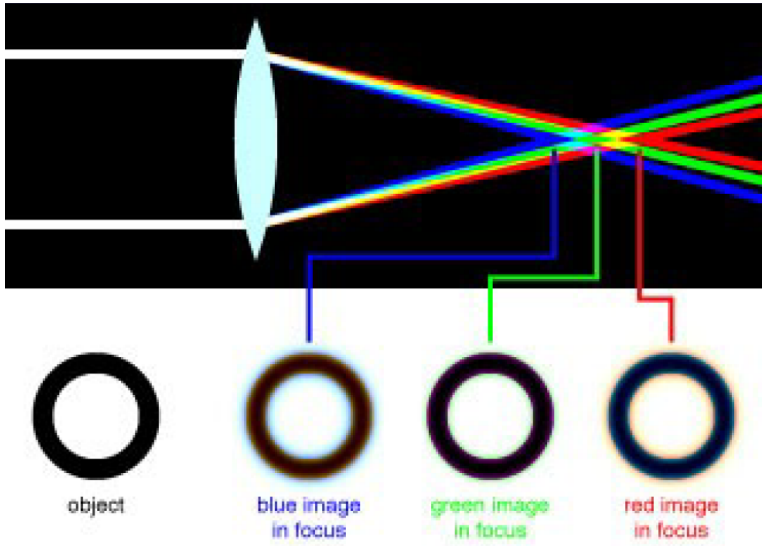

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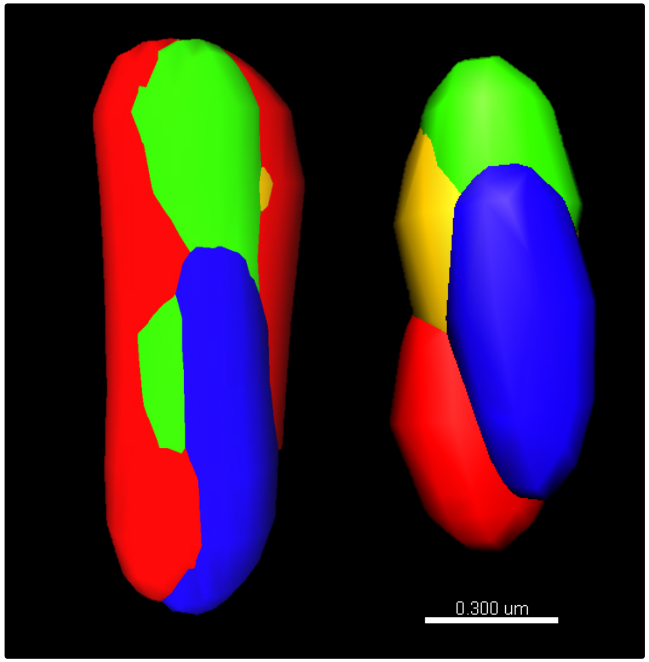

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Left: LSM700 – non-deconvolved
Right: DeltaVision – deconvolved

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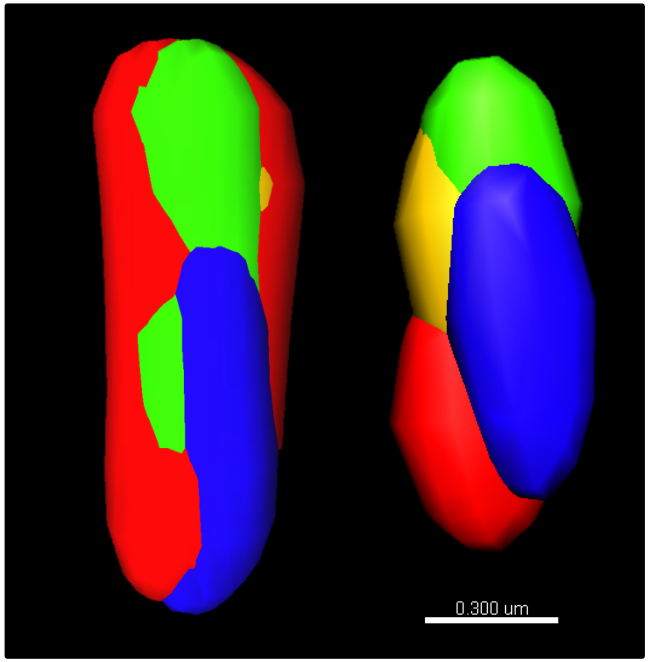

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→ Better results in colocalisation if you compare green and red fluorophores…

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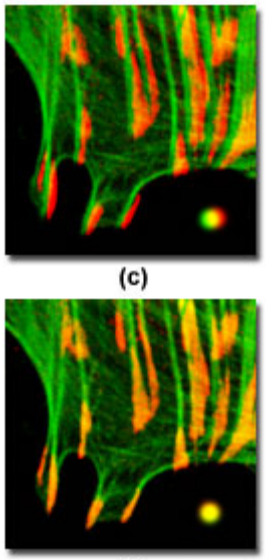

Mis-registration can be corrected afterwards (Post acquisition image processing to restore the image registration)

→ needs a reference

→ Mix beads with your samples

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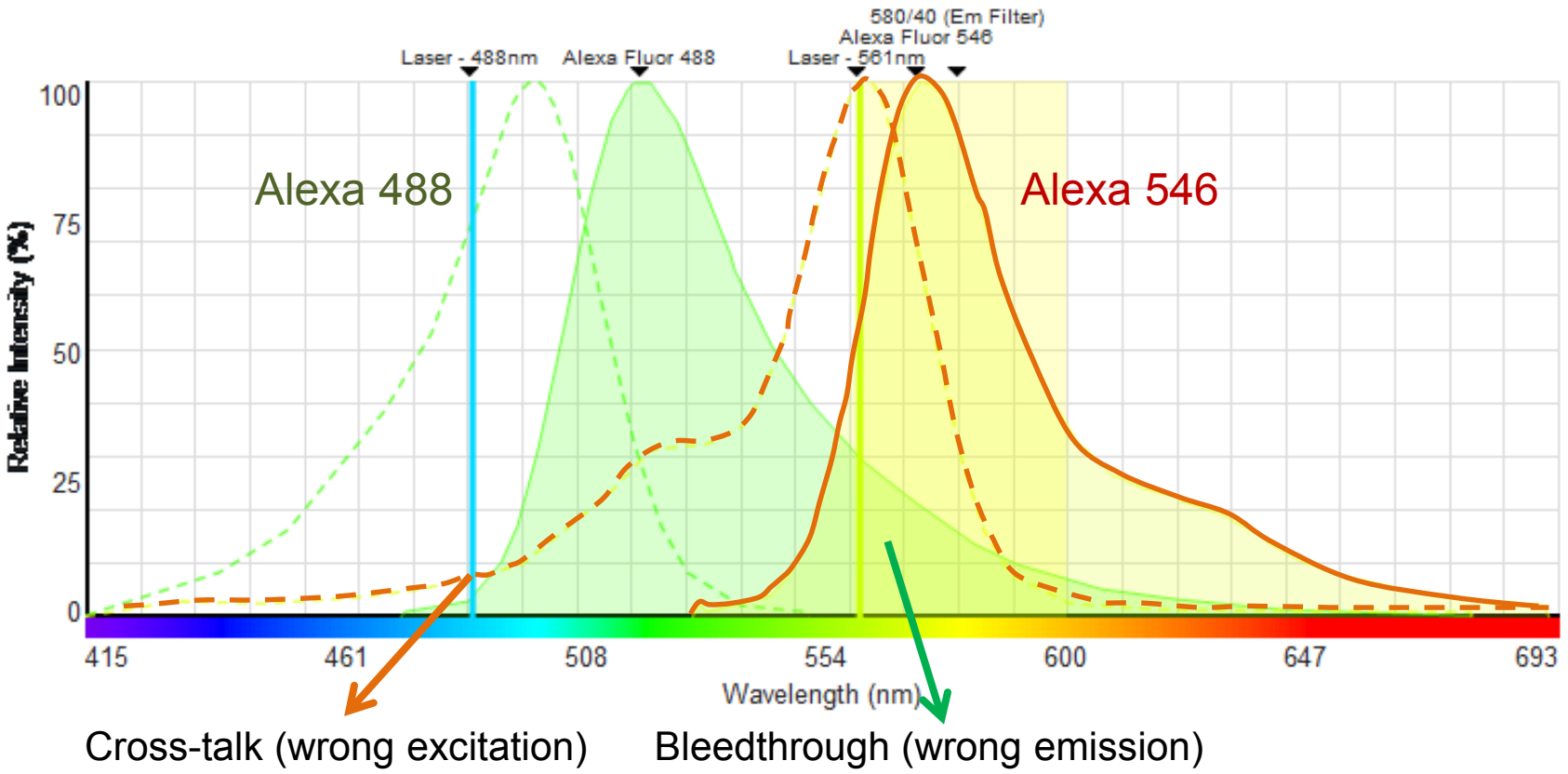
- Avoid Cross-talk and Bleedthrough



SpectraViewer on http://www.biozentrum.unibas.ch/IMCF-links

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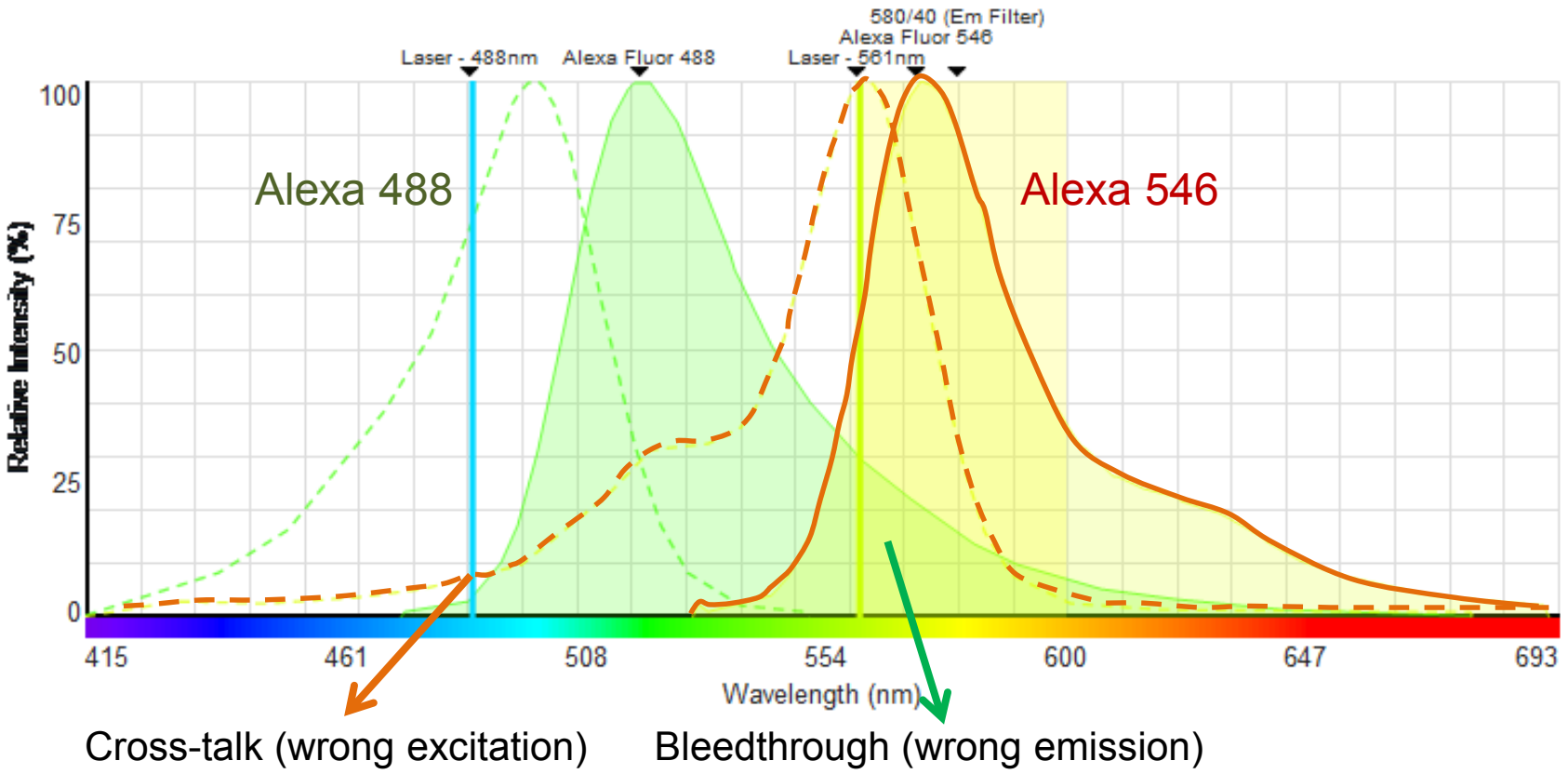

→ Scan with the sequential mode

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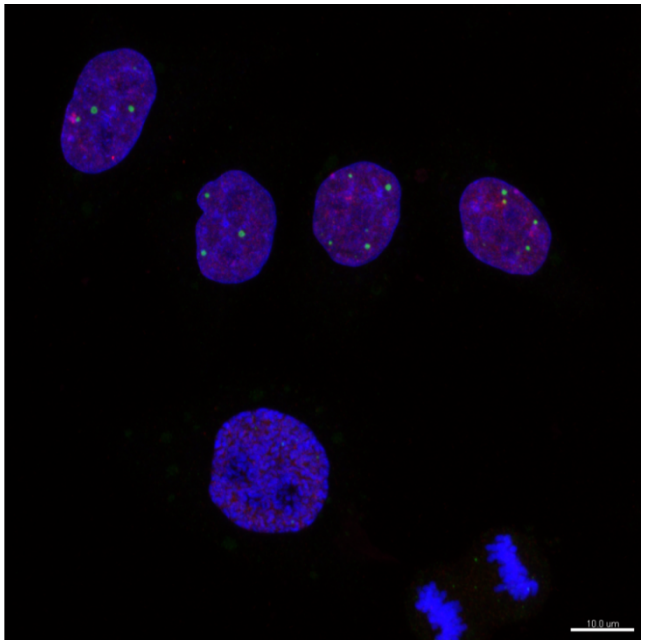

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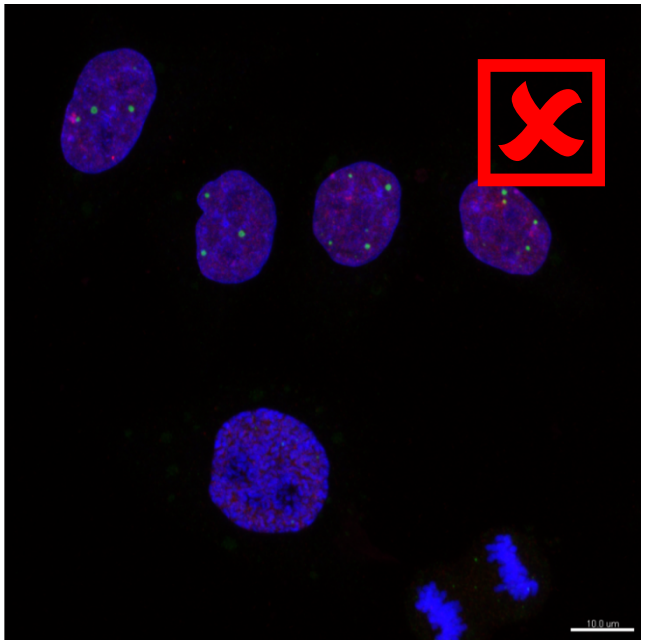

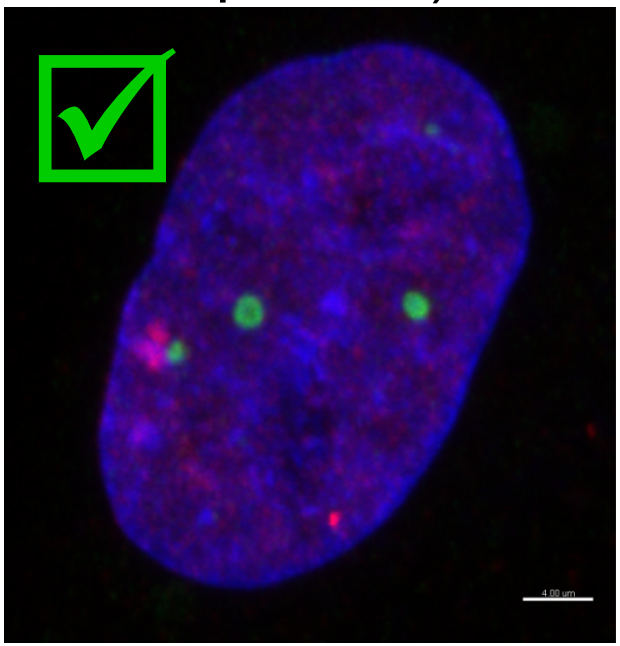

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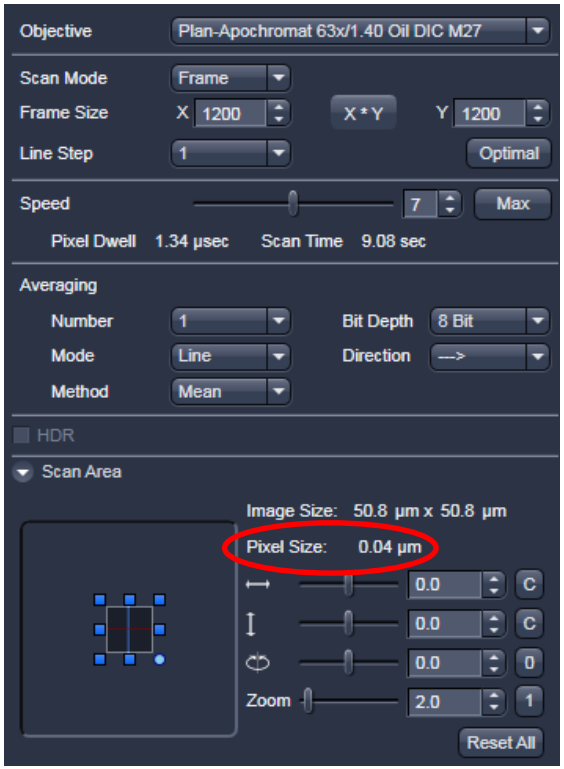

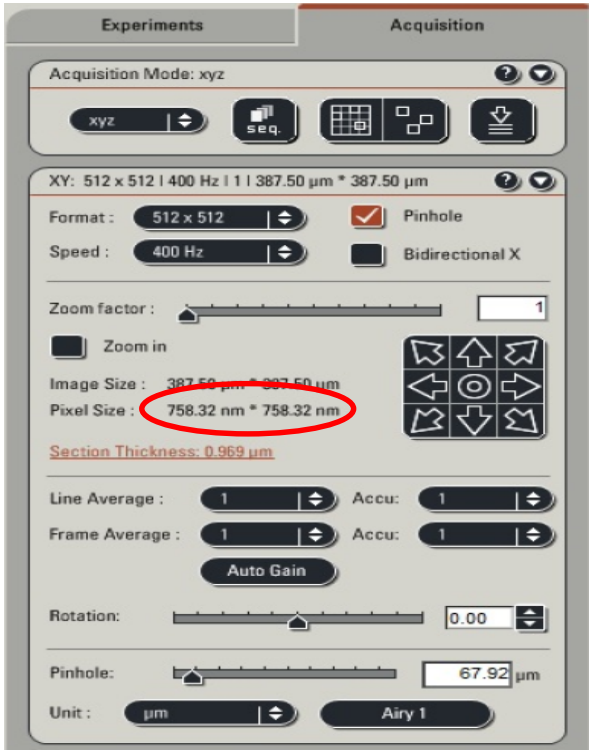

- Example with the LSM700 Zeiss

SP5 Leica

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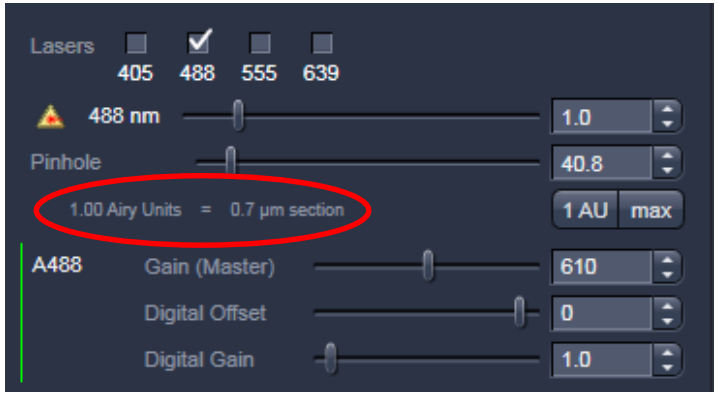

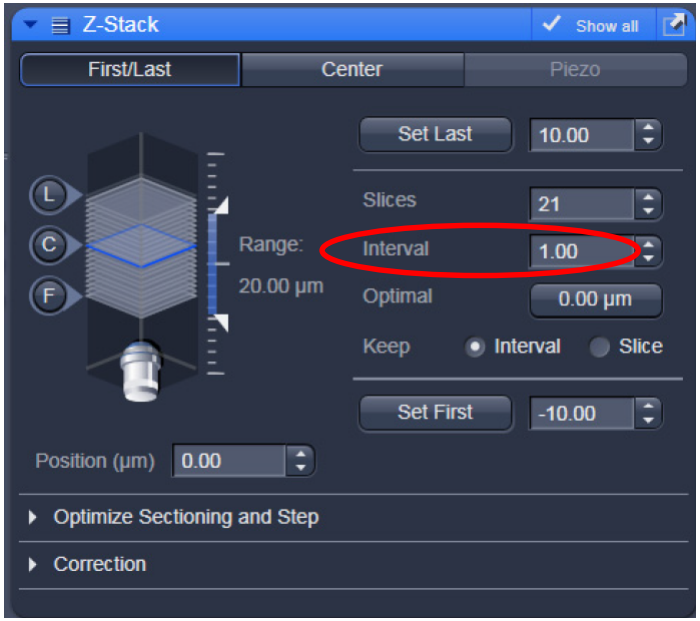

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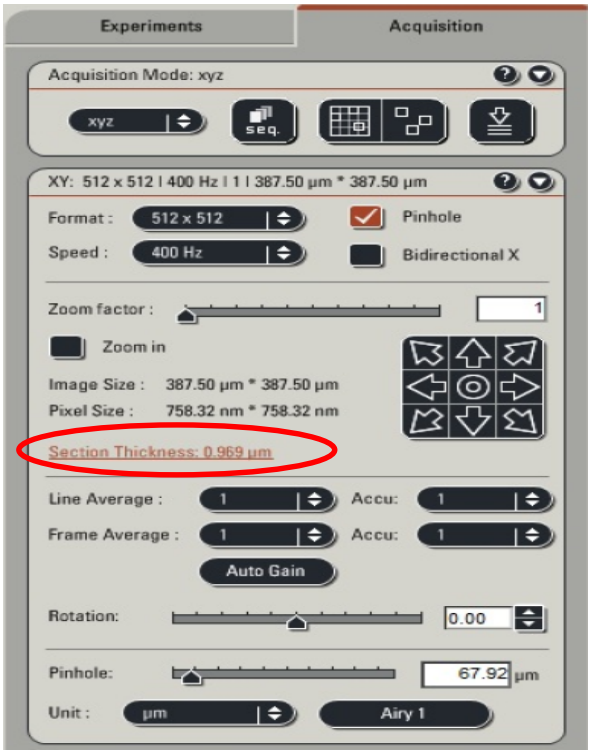

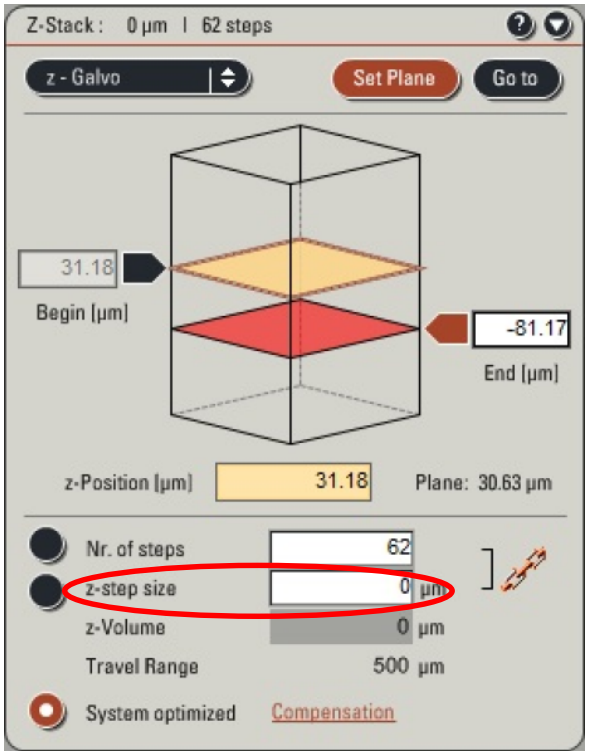

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Setting for Deconvolution

Microscope and objective	Required XY	Required Z	Settings to use
SP5 II Matrix; 63x 1.4 oil	43 nm	131 nm	**ZOOM 1 XY: 2048*2048; Z: 0.13 um** **ZOOM 2 XY: 1200*1200; Z: 0.13 um**
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LSM700 Inverted; 63x 1.4 oil	43 nm	131 nm	**ZOOM 1 XY: 2048*2048; Z: 0.13 um** **ZOOM 2 XY: 1200*1200; Z: 0.13 um**
LSM700 Upright; 63x 1.4 oil	43 nm	131 nm	**ZOOM 1 XY: 2048*2048; Z: 0.13 um** **ZOOM 2 XY: 1200*1200; Z: 0.13 um**
DeltaVision; 60x 1.42 oil	91 nm	264 nm	**XY: pixel size is determined by the camera and the use or not of the extra 1.6 lens.** **Z: 0.25 um or smaller**

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- Match the optical thickness - pinholes

Fig. 77 Optimize Sectioning and Step: Optimal Interval is set starting with one Airy unit for all channels

Fig. 78 Optimize Sectioning and Step: Match Pinhole to Step resulting in equal optical sections for all channels

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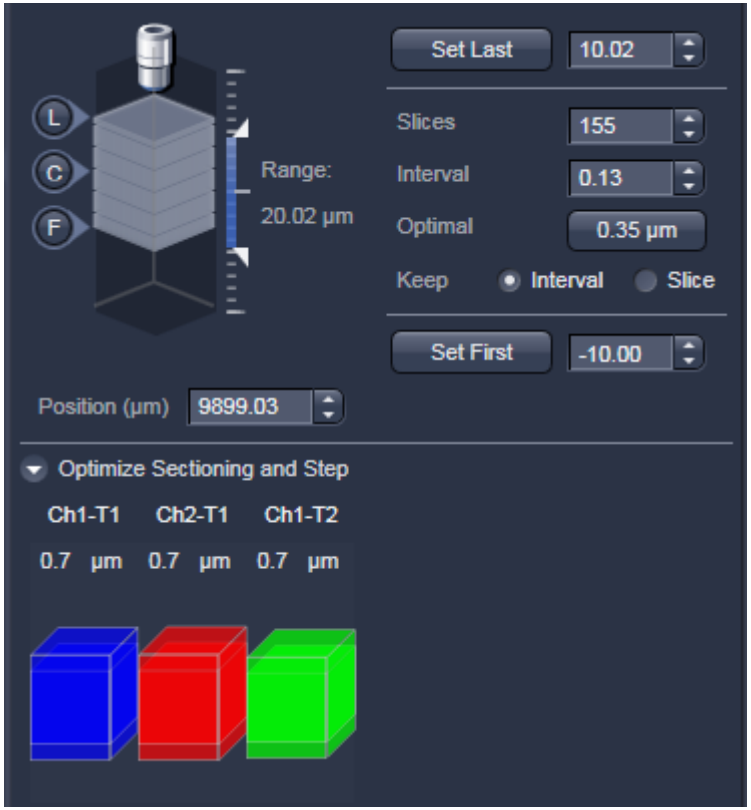
- When we combine this altogether:



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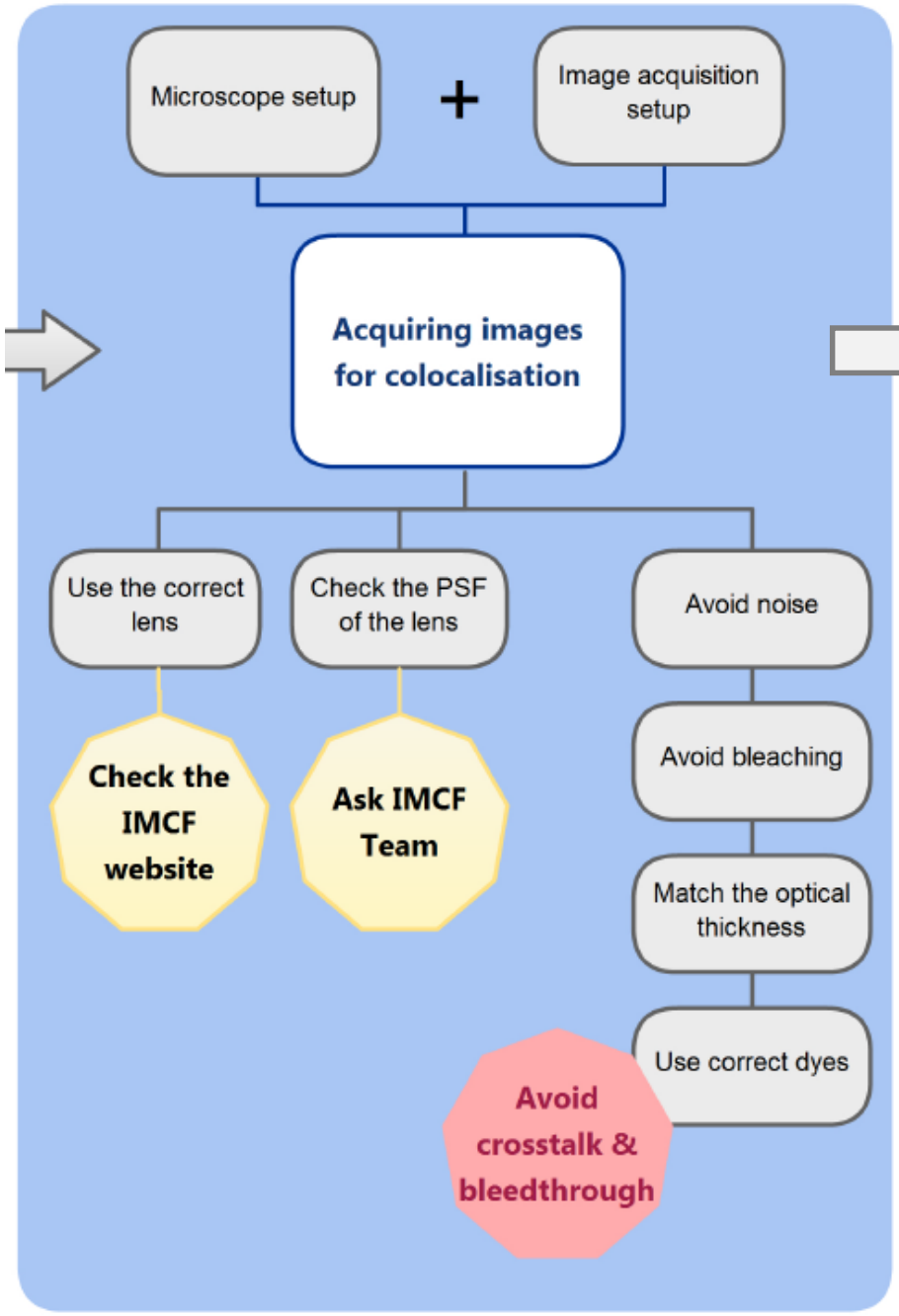

TAKE HOME MESSAGE PART 2

- Make sure that you are aware of the PSF of the lens (beads)
- Avoid noise/bleaching/saturation when you acquire your images (good SNR)
- Make sure that you use sequential acquisition if you suspect cross-talk and/or bleedthrough
- Make sure you match pinholes and the oversampling
- Make sure you deconvolve your images

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Intensity-based	**Object-based**
Correlation of the strength of linear relation between two channels (no spatial exploration of the colocalisation signal)	Structure identification and determination of overlap of objects (for discrete structures)

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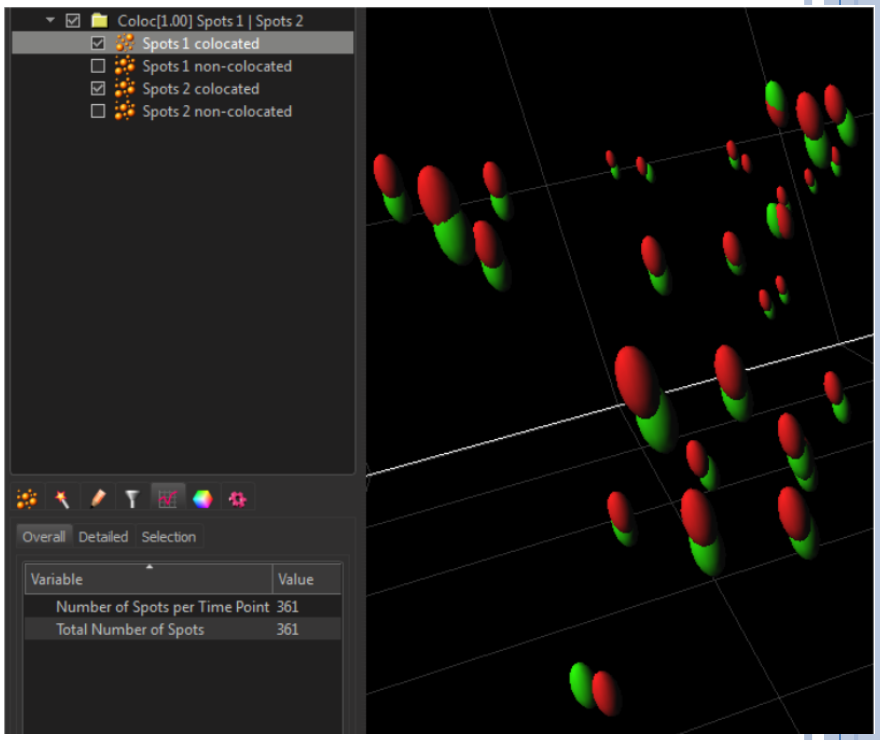

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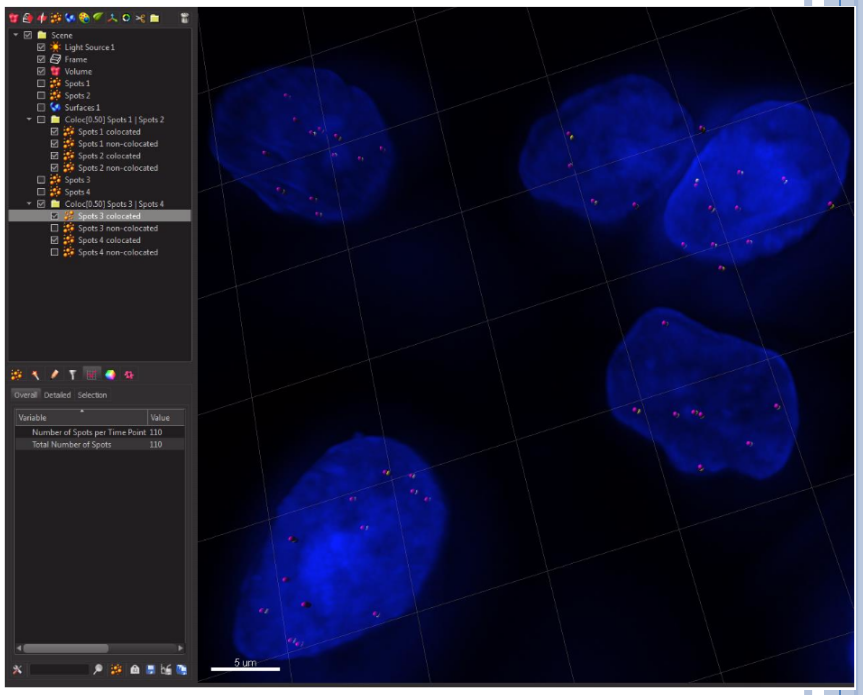

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- **Criteria to use**

- « Colocalization Analysis » should include
  - Scatter plots
  - Pearson's coefficient
  - Manders coefficients
  - Costes' approach
  - Van Steensel's approach
  - Li's approach
  - Object-based analysis when discrete structures

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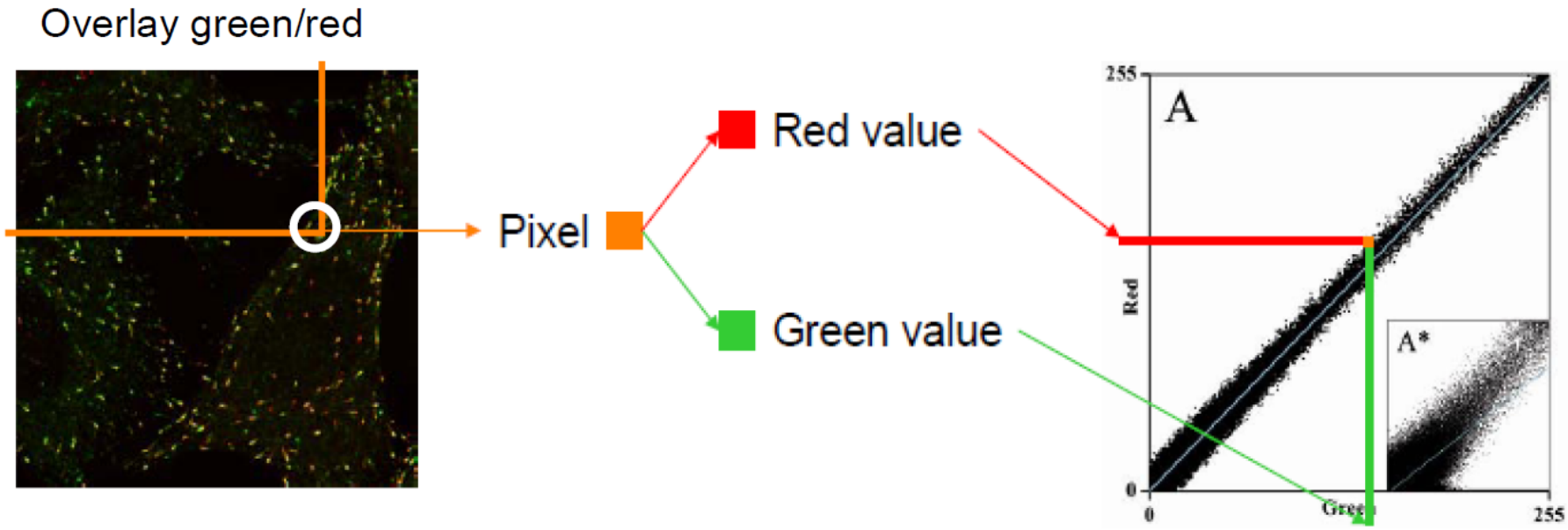

☺ Good first visual estimate of colocalisation

☺Information about the image quality

☹ Only qualitative correlation

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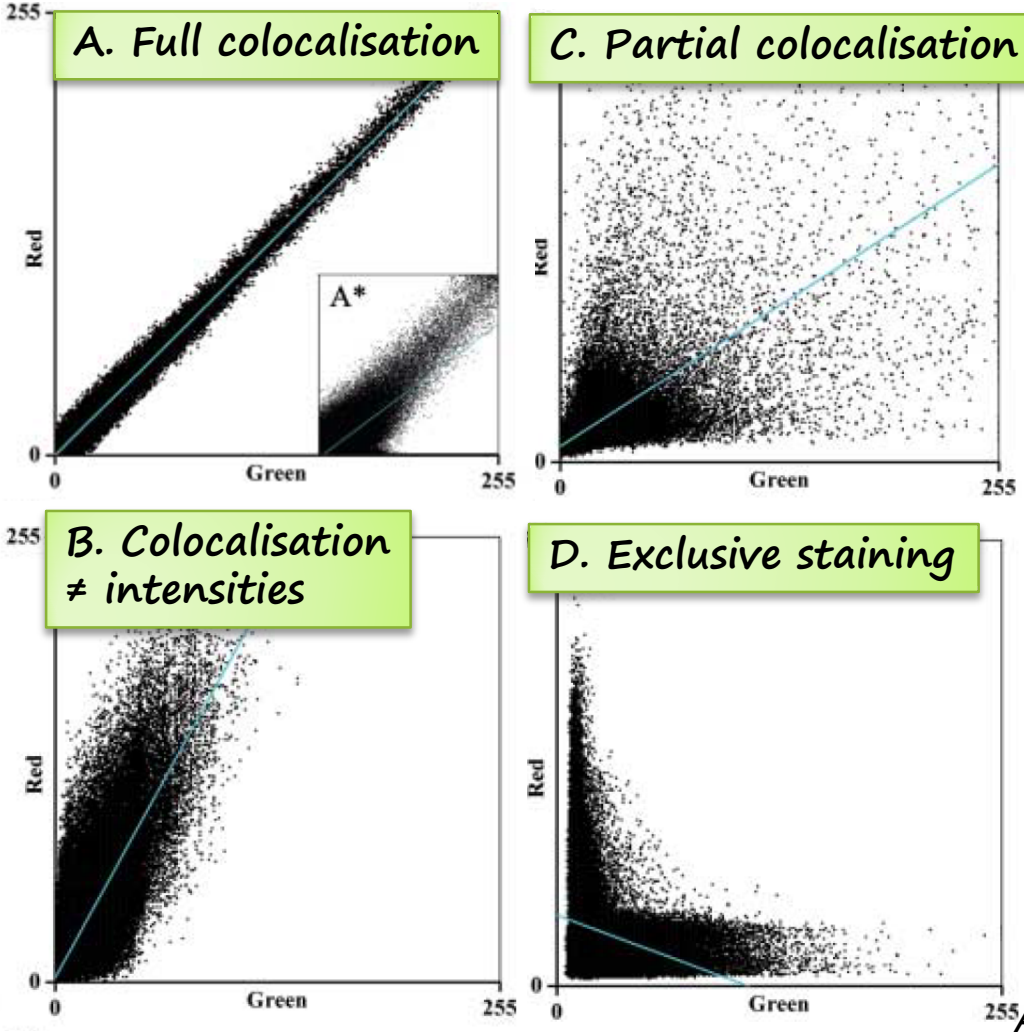

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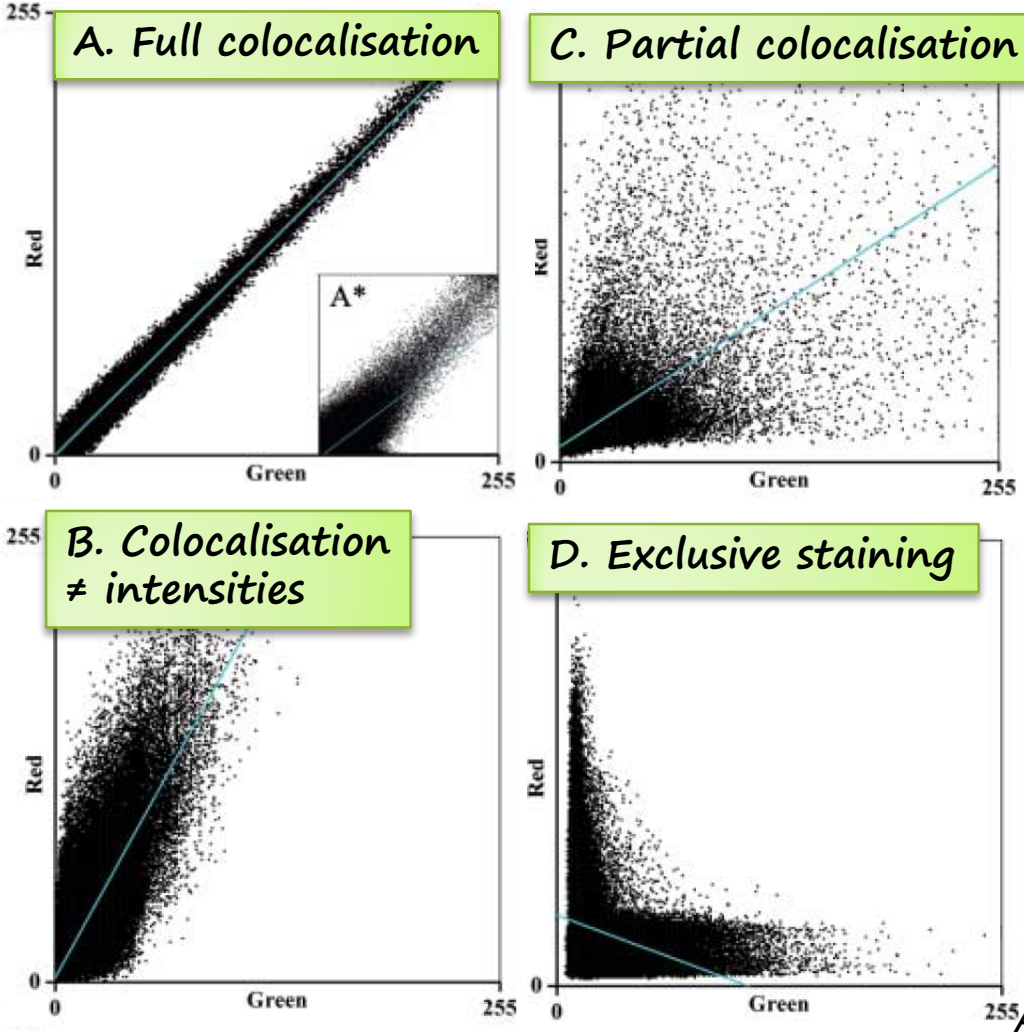

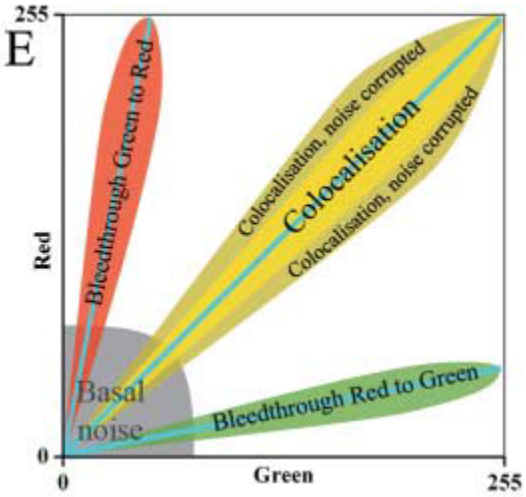

Effect of Noise and Bleedthrough

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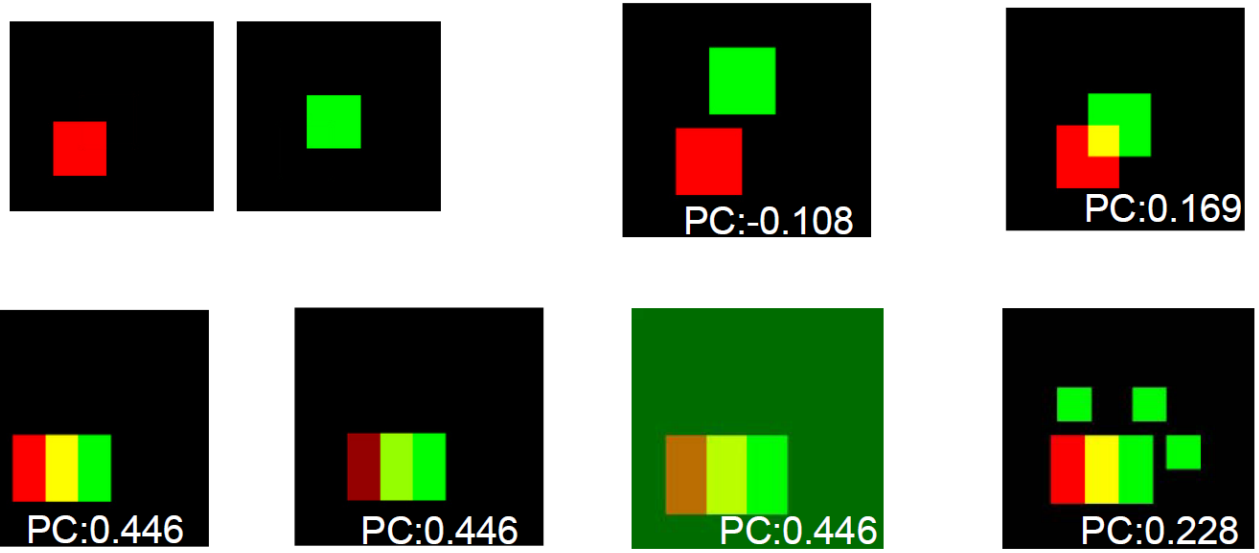
- Pearson coefficient (PCC, noted « r »)
  - Estimate of the association strengh between 2 proteins



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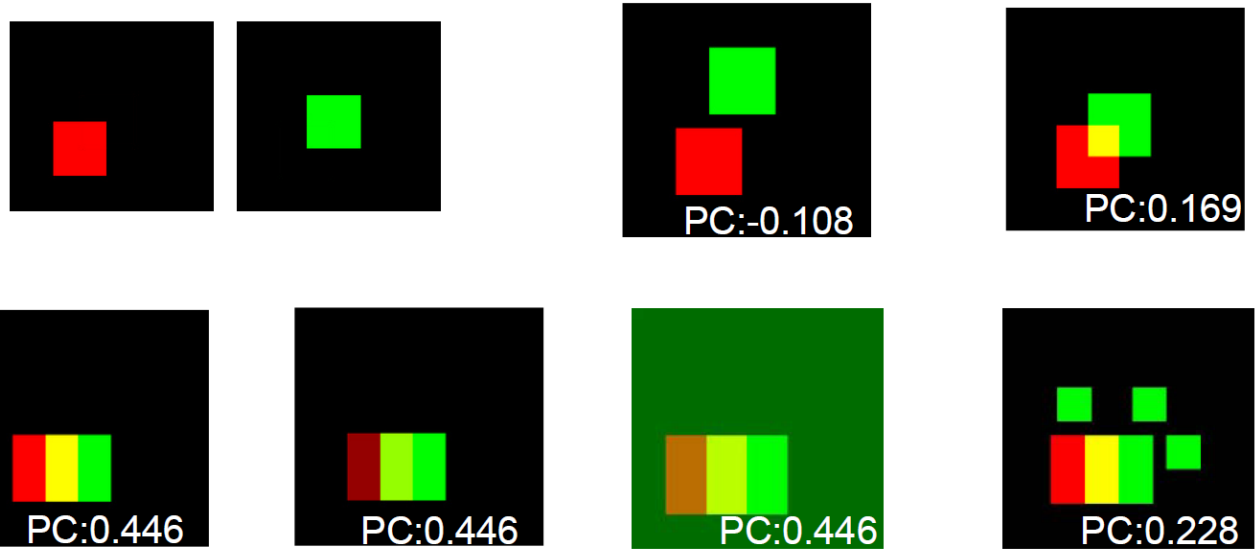

☺ Not sensitive on background intensity
☺ Not sensitive on ≠ intensity of the overlapping pixels
☹ Not easy to interpret
☹ Affected by noise
☹ No perspective of both channels

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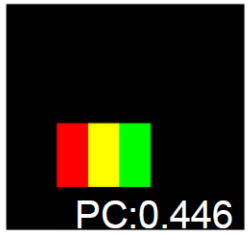
- Manders coefficients (M1 and M2)
  - Gives the proportion of each protein colocalising with the other

M1:0.000 M2:0.000

M1:0.250 M2:0.250



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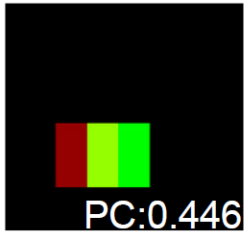

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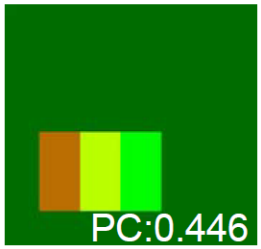

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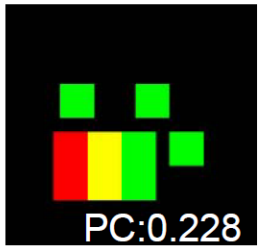

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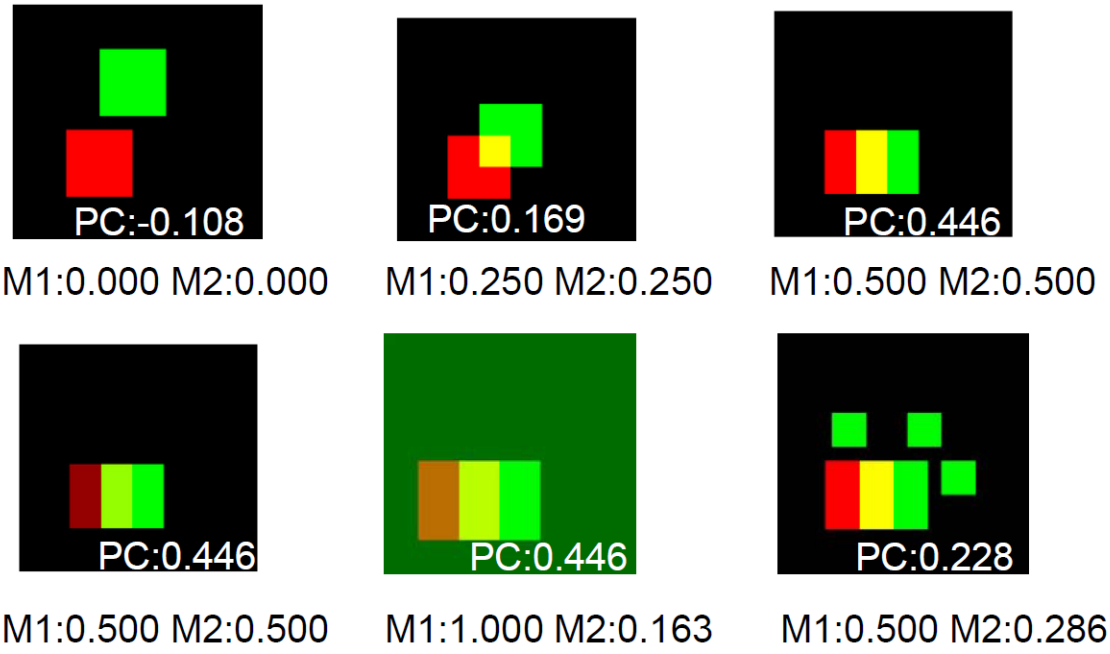
How to understand your data

- Manders coefficients (M1 and M2)



☺ Easier to interpret that PCC

☺ Not sensitive to the intensity of the overlapping pixels

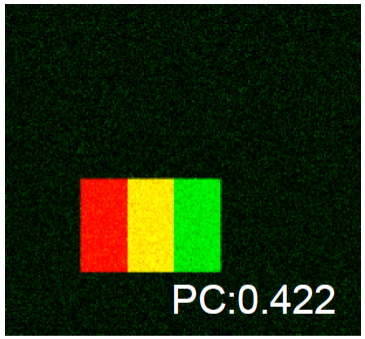
☹ Affected by noise

☹ Sensitive to background intensity – Threshold needed!

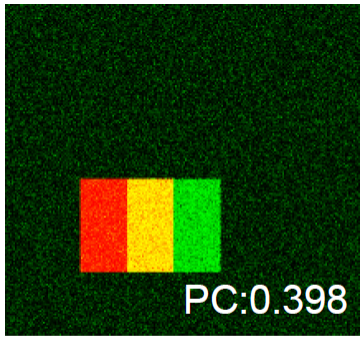
How to understand your data

- Influence of noise

M1:0.500 M2:0.500



M1:0.490 M2:0.260



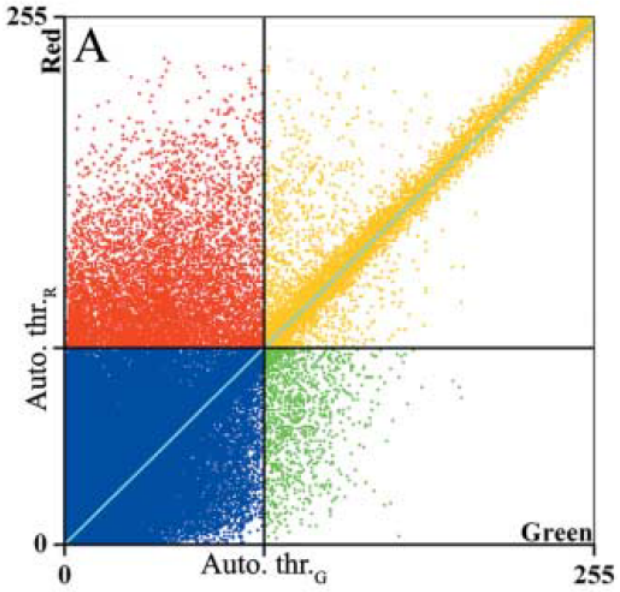
M1:0.490 M2:0.180

These coefficients are influenced by noise
Minimize noise during the acquisition, and deconvolve your datasets prior analysis

Deconvolution improves colocalization analysis of multiple fluorochromes in 3D confocal data sets more than filtering techniques. L. Landmann. Journal of Microscopy **208**:2, 134 (2002).

How to understand your data

- Costes' approach
  - Estimation of an automatic threshold



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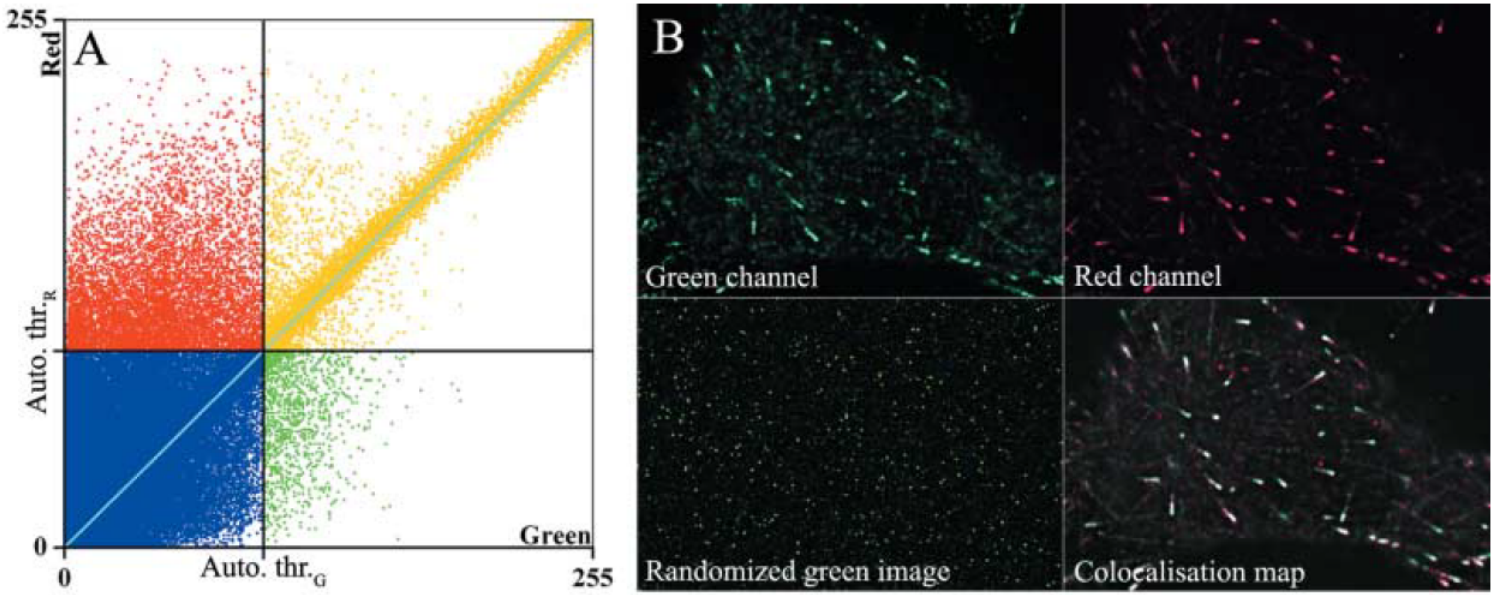
  - Test of the statistical significance (Costes' P-value)



If > 95% of the random images correlate (PCC) worse than the real image, then you can trust the correlation coefficient

How to understand your data

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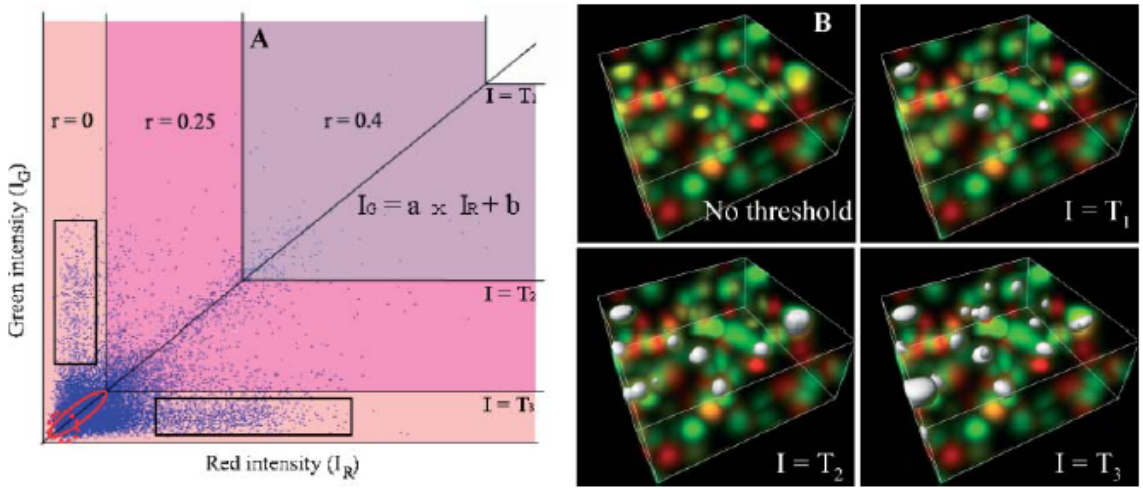


Costes et al., 2004

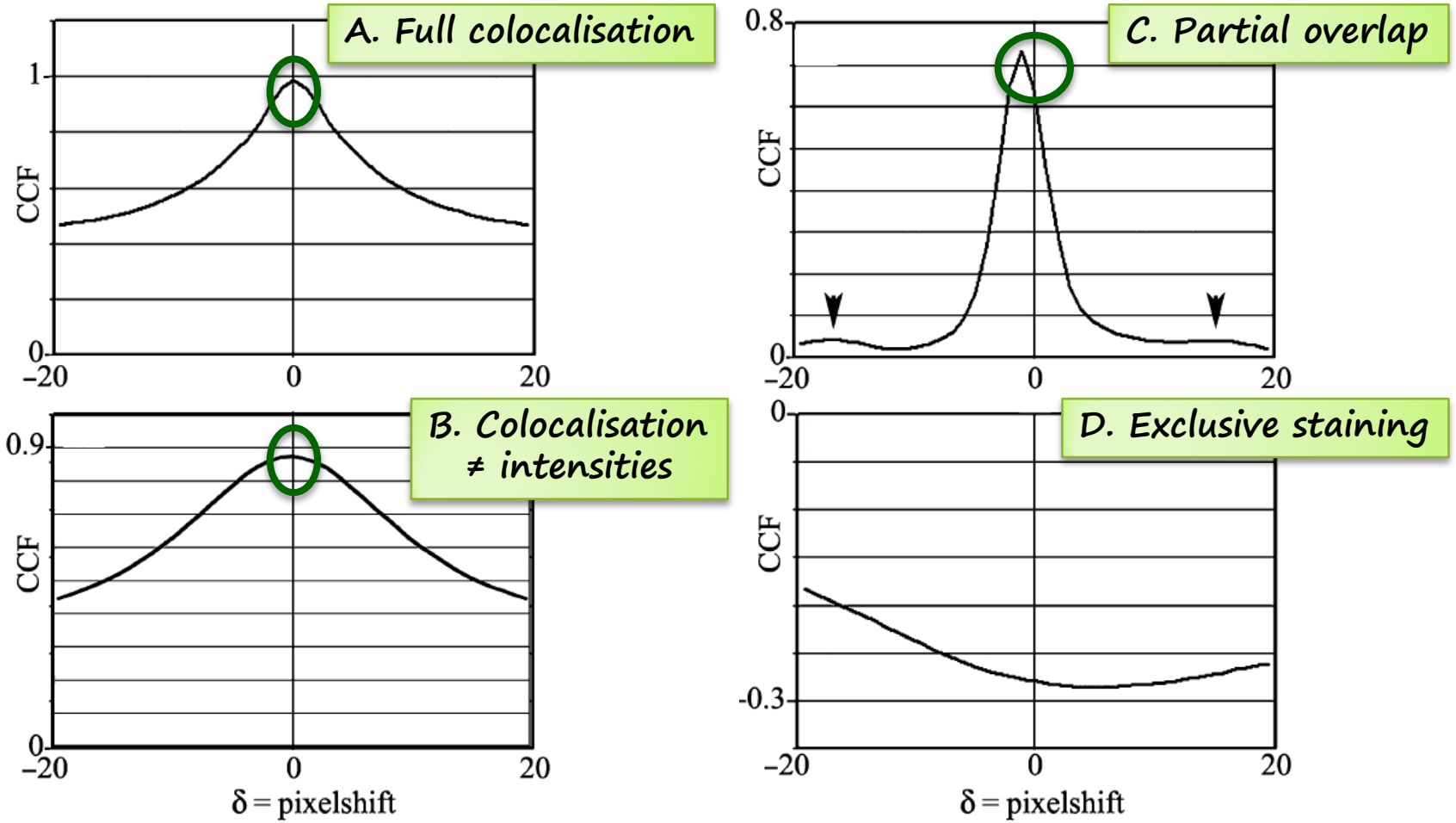
☺ Statistical approach

☺ Minimises the influence of noise

☹ Long calculations (3D)

How to understand your data

- Van Steensel's approach (Cross-Correlation Function CCF)



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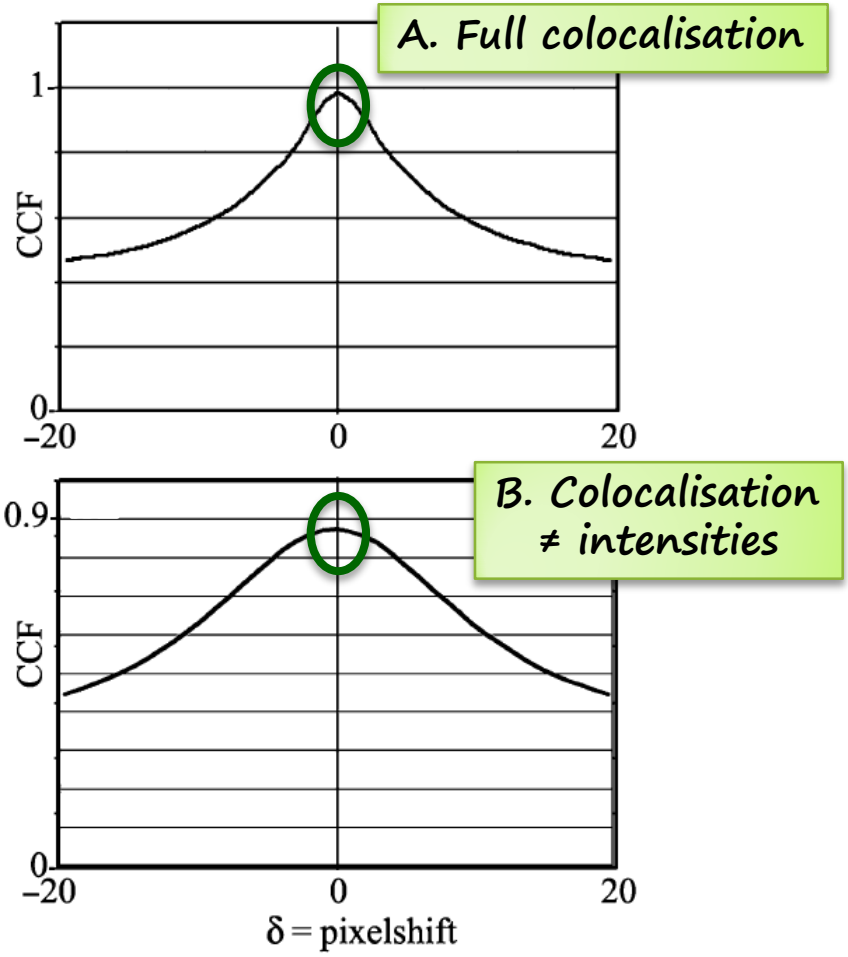
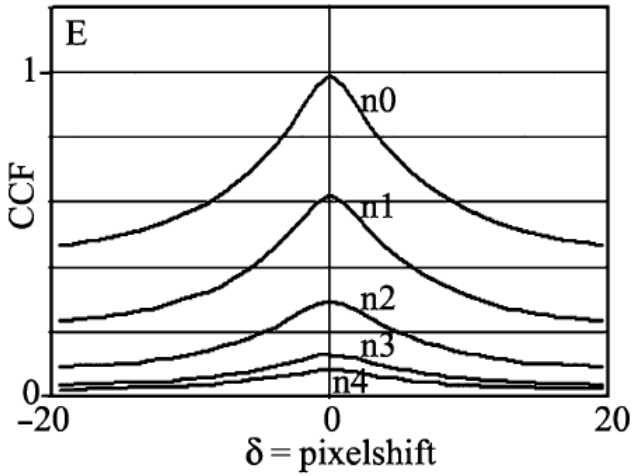


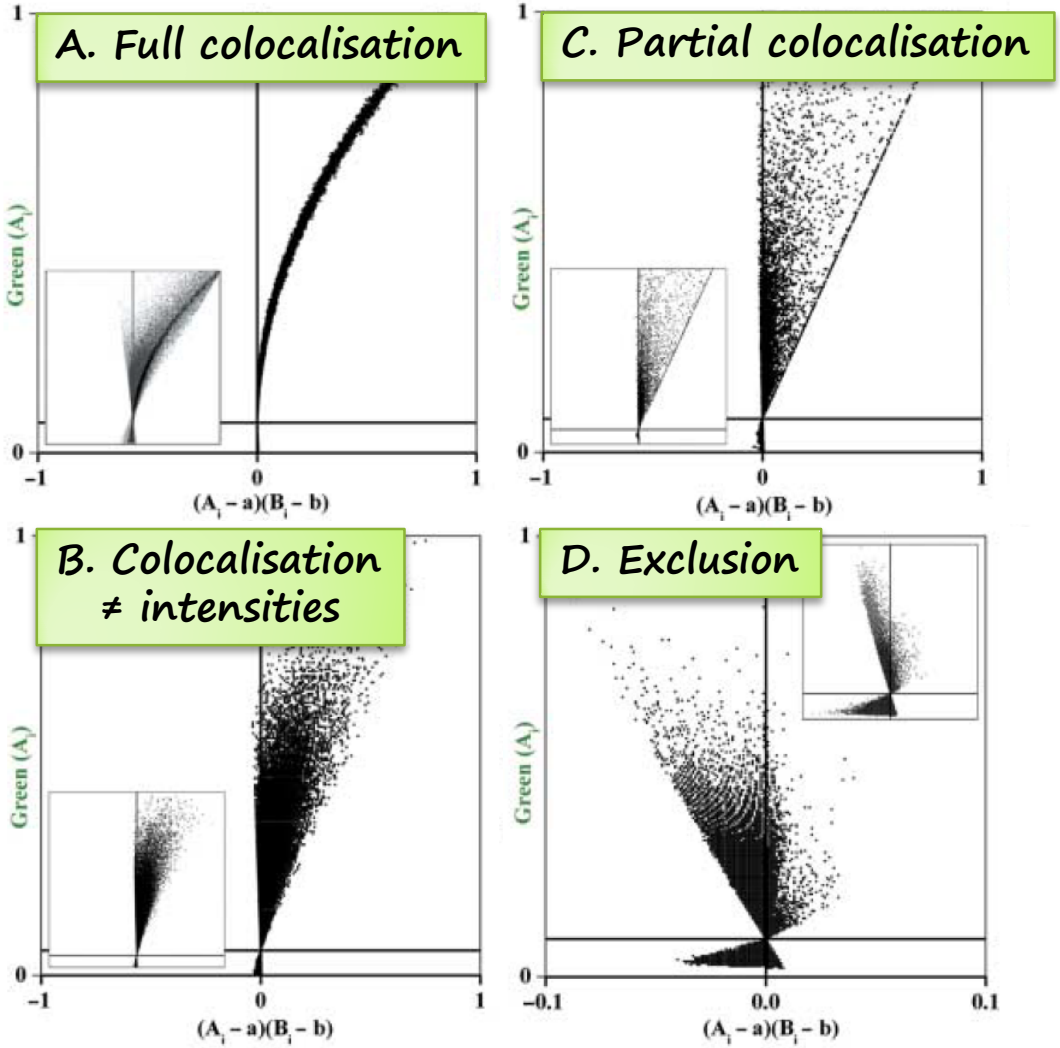


Effect of Noise

Adapted from Bolte and Cordelière 2006

How to understand your data

- Li's approach (Intensity Correlation Analysis ICA)



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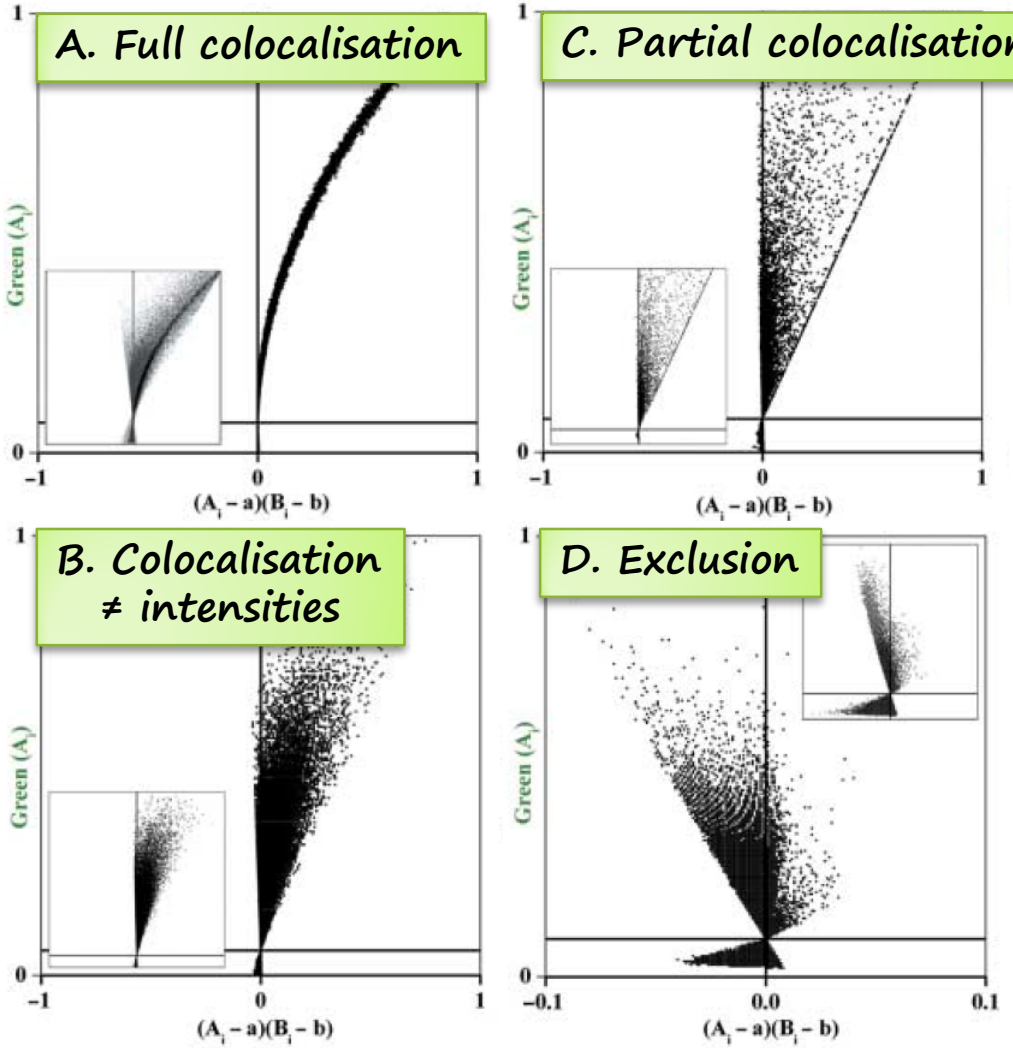

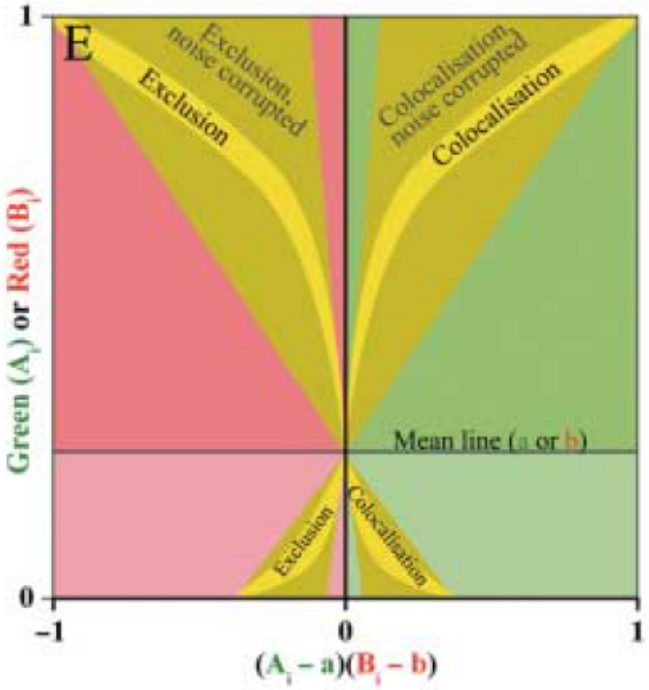

Effect of Noise

How to understand your data

	Value range	Colocalisation if…	Notes
Pearson's coef r	+1 → coloc 0 → random -1 → exclusion	tends to 1	Insensitive ≠ intensities Insensitive intensity offset Affected by noise Not robust for Bioimages
Manders' coef M1 (or M2)	0 → 0% of Ch1 colocalize with Ch2 1 → 100% of Ch1 colocalize with Ch2	tends to 1	Insensitive ≠ intensities Sensitive intensity offset Affected by noise Biologically meaningful
Costes (P-value)	P<95% → no coloc P≥95% → coloc	≥95%	Automated thresholds Statistical approach Minimises influence of noise
Van Steensel (CCF)	Min and Max Range from 0 to 1	Max tends to 1 Bell-shaped curve centered on $\delta x=0$	Affected by noise Needs regularly shaped objects as orientation can be a problem
Li (ICQ)	0.5 → coloc 0 → random -0.5 → exclusion	Tends to 0.5	Affected by noise ICA graphs: Dot cloud on the right side means coloc

How to understand your data

- Object-based analysis

1. Segmentation: Object / Background
2. Connexity analysis: definition of objects
3. Calculation of colocalised volume, area, centroids…

☺ Less dependent on intensities

☹ Objects need to be segmentable – not for diffuse labelling

☹ Long calculations (3D)

How to analyse your data

- **Software we advise you to use**

- Deconvolution
  - Softworx (DeltaVision widefield images)
  - Huygens (Confocal images + MORE widefield)

Microscope and objective	Required XY	Required Z	Settings to use
SP5 II Matrix; 63x 1.4 oil	43 nm	131 nm	ZOOM 1 XY: 2048*2048; Z: 0.13 um ZOOM 2 XY: 1200*1200; Z: 0.13 um
SP5 MP; 63x 1.4 oil	43 nm	131 nm	ZOOM 1 XY: 2048*2048; Z: 0.13 um ZOOM 2 XY: 1200*1200; Z: 0.13 um
LSM700 Inverted; 63x 1.4 oil	43 nm	131 nm	ZOOM 1 XY: 2048*2048; Z: 0.13 um ZOOM 2 XY: 1200*1200; Z: 0.13 um
LSM700 Upright; 63x 1.4 oil	43 nm	131 nm	ZOOM 1 XY: 2048*2048; Z: 0.13 um ZOOM 2 XY: 1200*1200; Z: 0.13 um
DeltaVision; 60x 1.42 oil	91 nm	264 nm	XY: pixel size is determined by the camera and the use or not of the extra 1.6 lens. Z: 0.25 um or smaller

How to analyse your data

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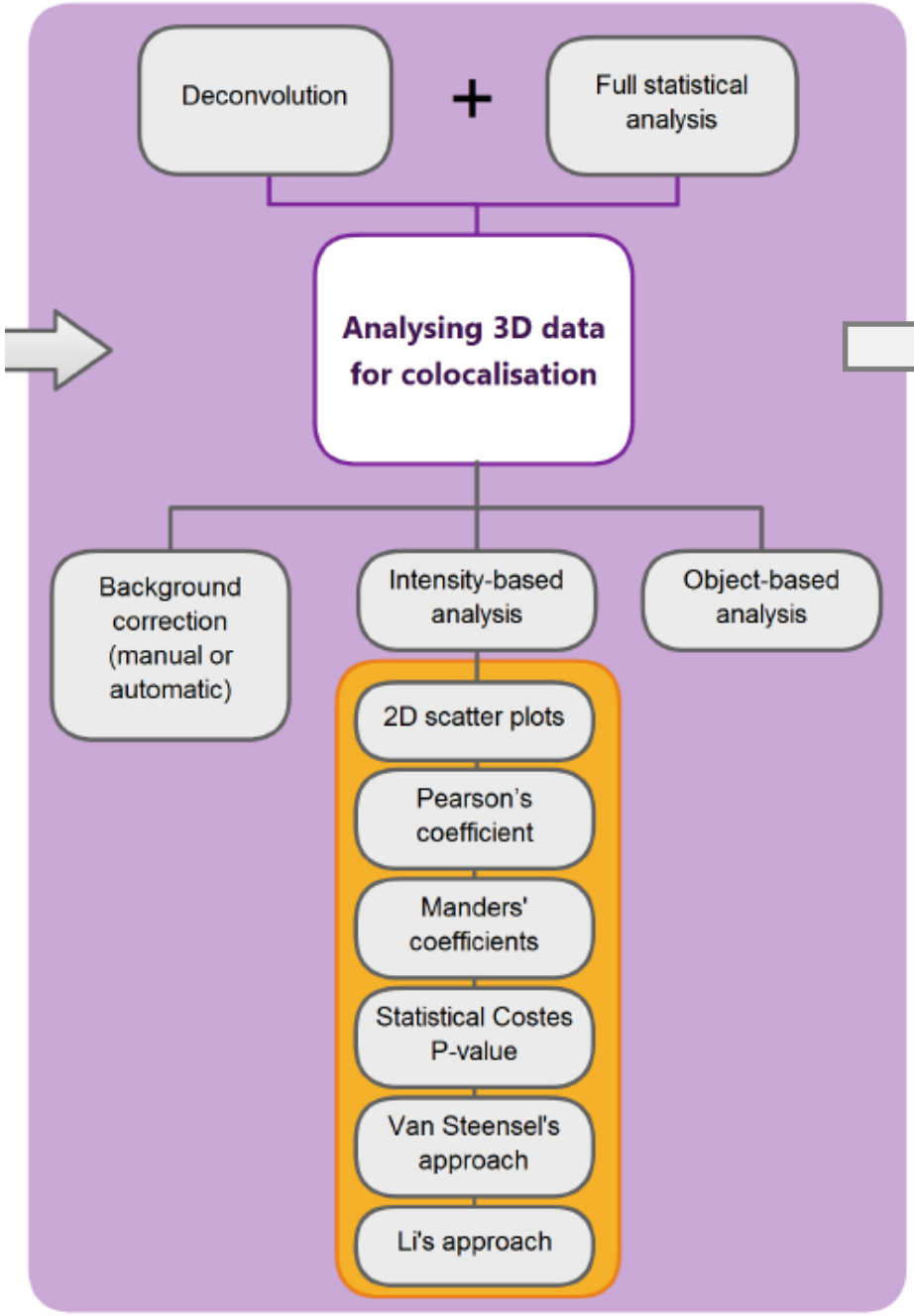
  - Huygens (Confocal images)
- Colocalisation analysis
  - JACoP
  - (Huygens)



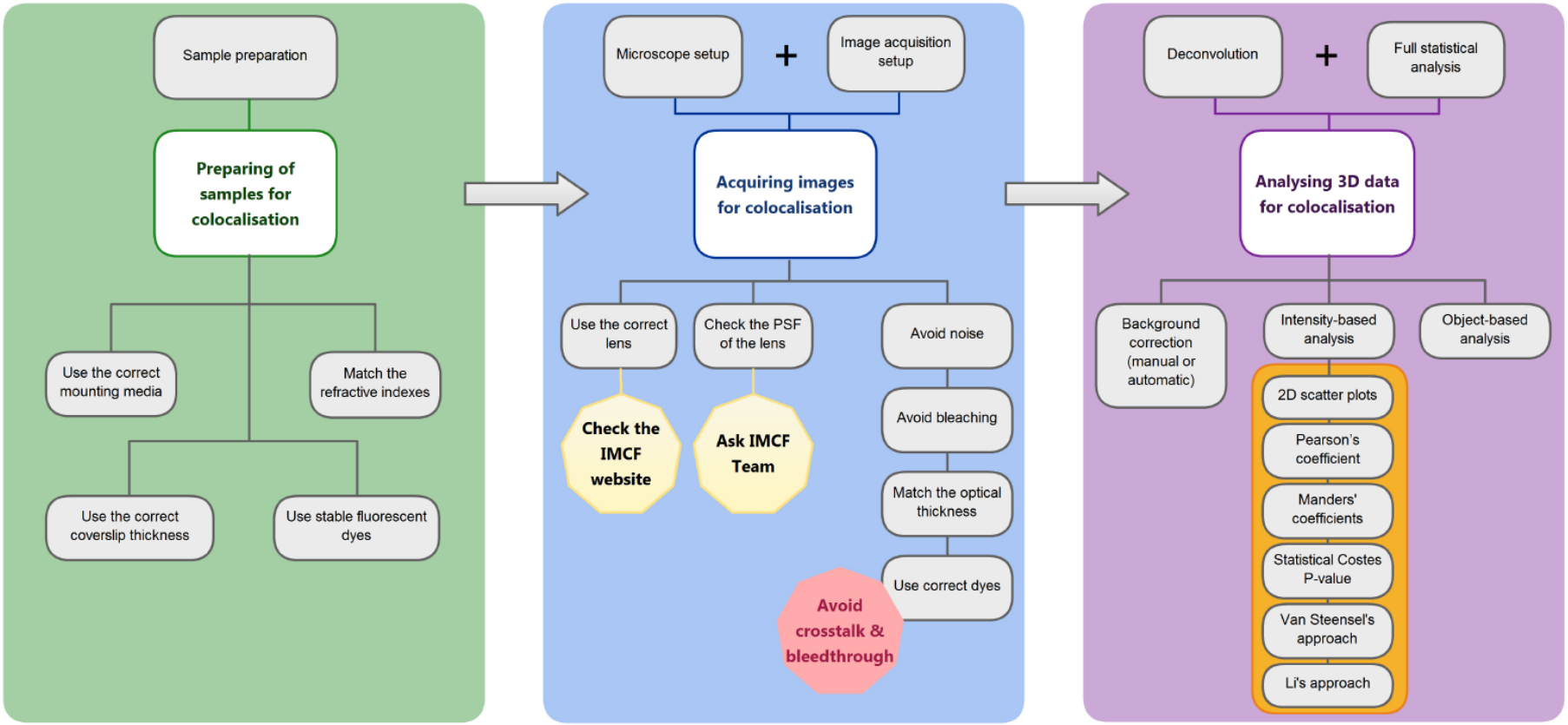
TAKE HOME MESSAGE PART 3

- Start with deconvolved images

- Perform a full coloc analysis
  Intensity-based (no defined structure)
  Object-based (defined structure)

- For publications, report Pearson's coefficient, threshold Manders' coefficients and a colocalisation image (but do not forget to look at the other indicators mentionned earlier)

Colocalisation: Strategic Planning



Note: Colocalisation is always relative to the resolution, and it has to be stated.

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You should read at least this one

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Thanks for your attention!

Questions?