



# COLOCALISATION

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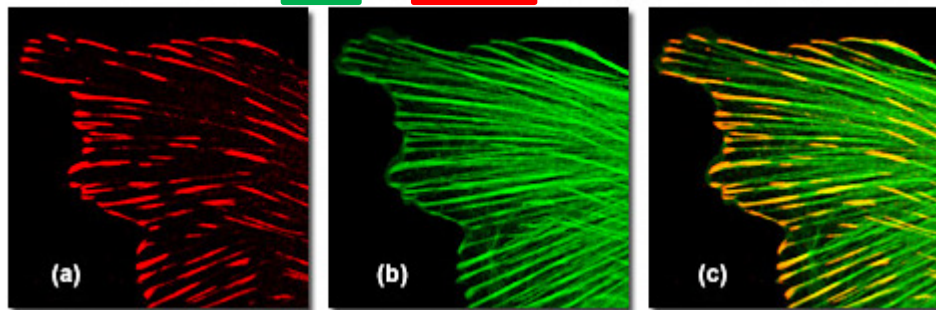
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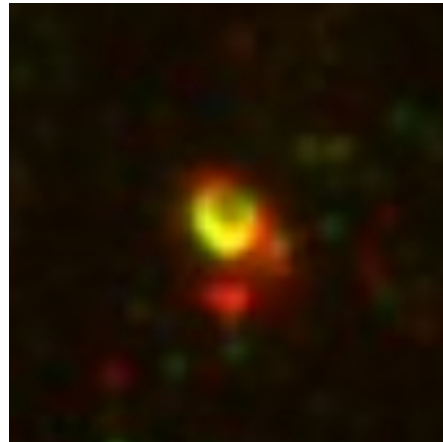
Colocalization of Actin and Vinculin in Normal Tahr Ovary Cells



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

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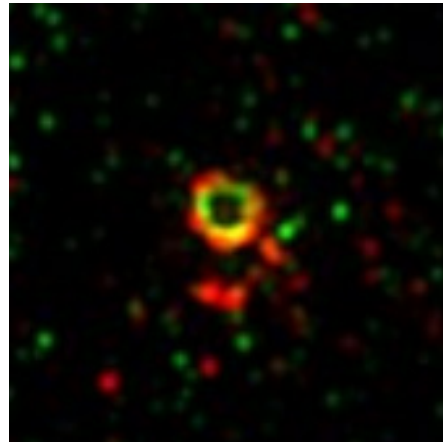


Deltavision Widefield+Deconvolution

- Limitation (best case scenario): optical resolution of the microscope → XYZ 200 x 200 x 400 nm

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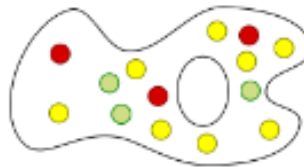
OMX Blaze Super-resolution

- Limitation (**3D SIM method**): optical resolution of the microscope  
→ XYZ **120 x 120 x 250 nm**
- Colocalisation never measures interaction, it states that 2 dyes are in a close proximity in a defined volume.

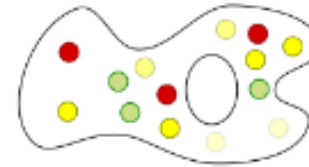
# WHAT IS YOUR BIOLOGICAL QUESTION?



**Co-expression**



**Co-occurrence**

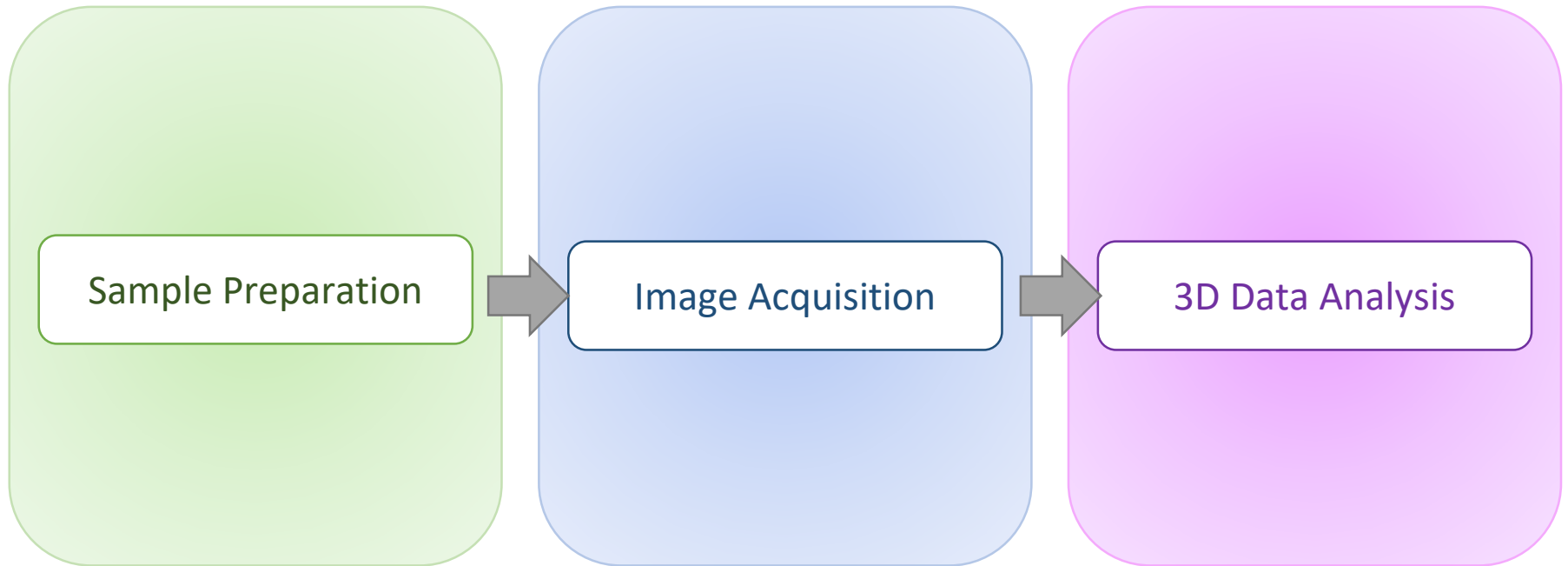


**Correlation**

- Are you looking for Co-Compartmentalisation?
- Are you looking for exclusion / anti-correlation?
- Are you looking for interacting molecules?
  - Then you also need some biochemistry experiments (co-IP, FCS...)
  - FRET / FLIM might be very informative!

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webcast  
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# Colocalisation: Strategic Planning



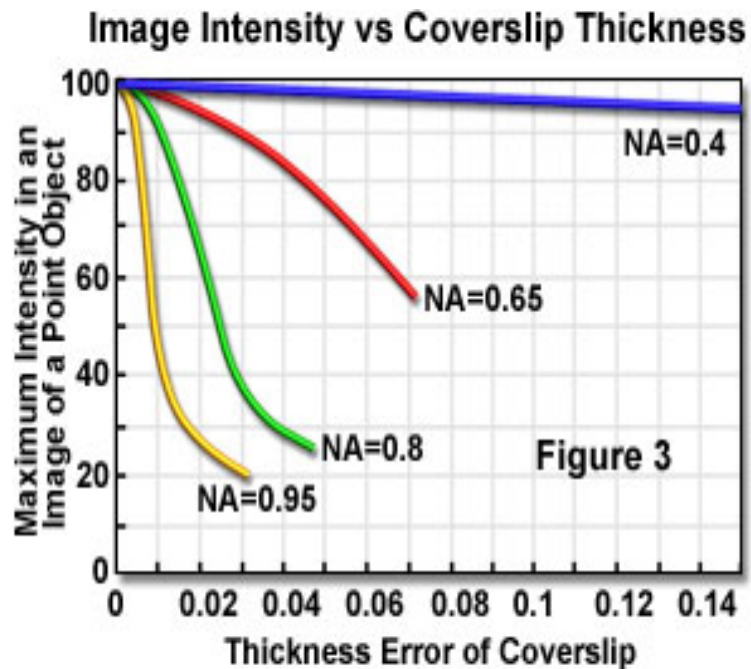
# HOW TO BEST PREPARE YOUR SAMPLES FOR COLOCALISATION

- It all starts with your experimental design!
- Select stable fluorescent dyes
  - Alexa dyes (Invitrogen/Molecular Probes)
  - Atto dyes
  - Avoid Cyanine dyes, especially Cy2



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Performance Reduction with Coverslip Thickness Variation

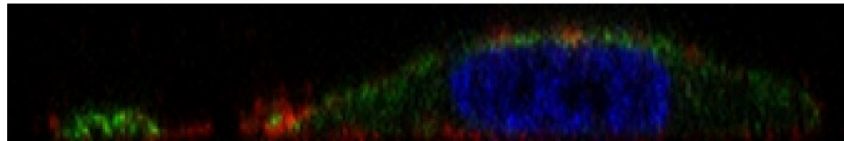
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0.95	55 percent	71 percent

<http://www.olympusmicro.com>

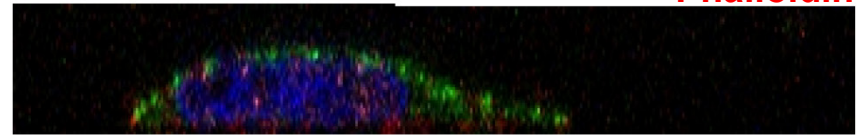
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50% PBS-Glycerol

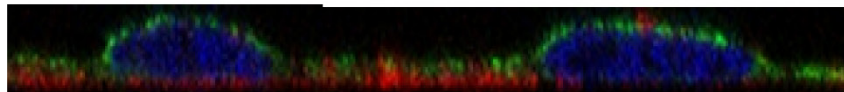


Vectashield

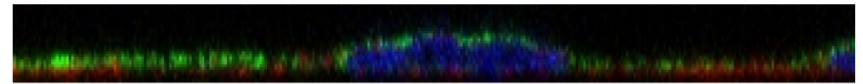


DAPI  
aTubulin  
Phalloidin

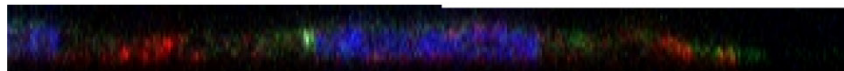
Prolong Diamond



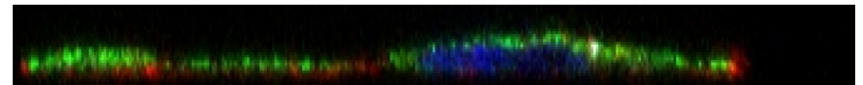
Prolong Gold



Euparal



Fluoromount G



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  - Mounting media (avoid bubbles)
  - Match in the refractive indexes (spherical aberrations)



A refractive index mismatch gives rise to geometrical aberrations.

# TAKE HOME MESSAGE PART 1

## Sample Preparation

Use stable  
fluorescent dyes

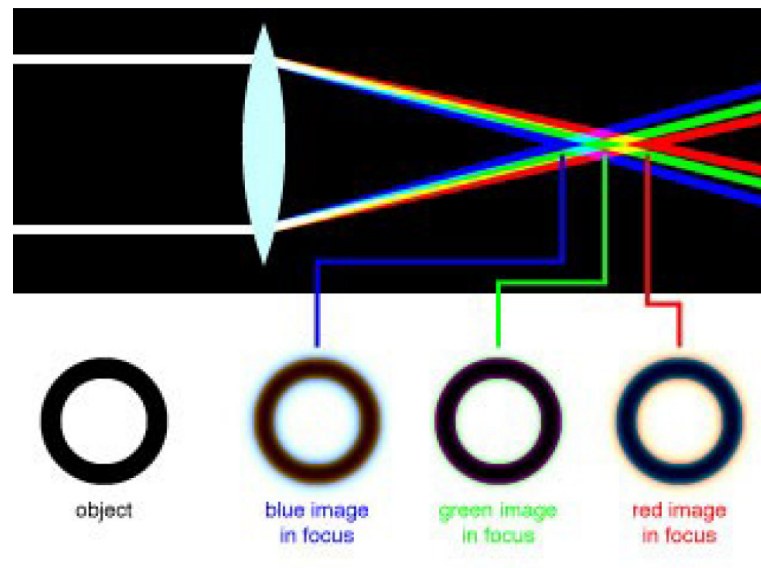
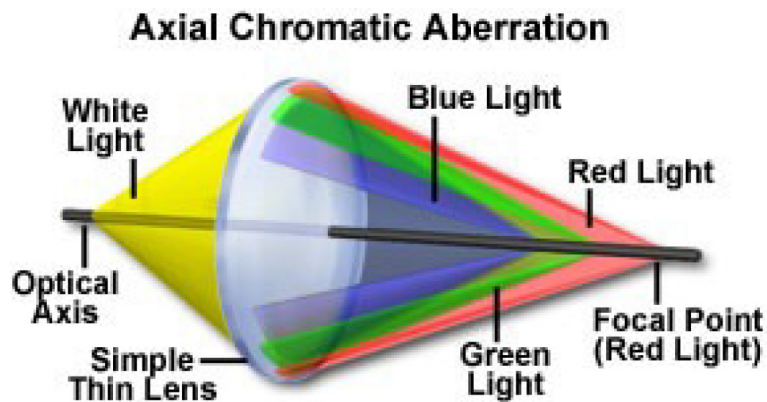
Use the correct  
coverslip thickness

Use the correct  
mounting medium

- **Carefully select stable dyes**
- **Make sure that your last “500  $\mu\text{m}$ ” are optimal**
- **Don’t forget to prepare positive and negative controls**

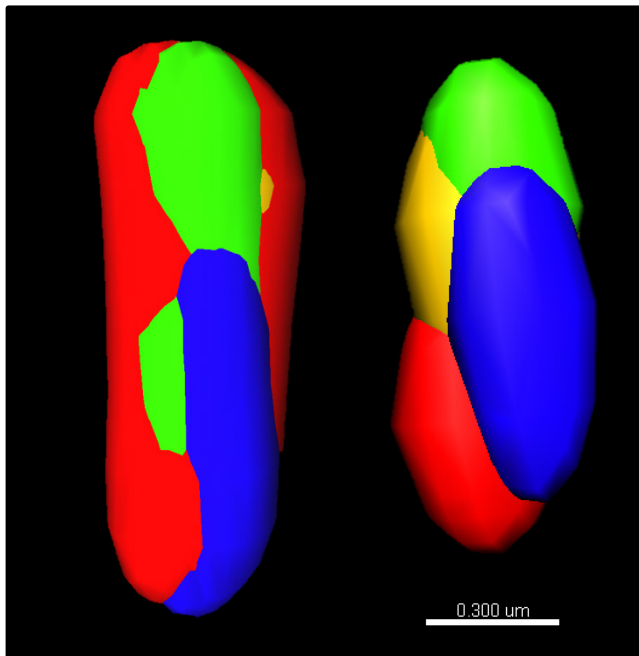
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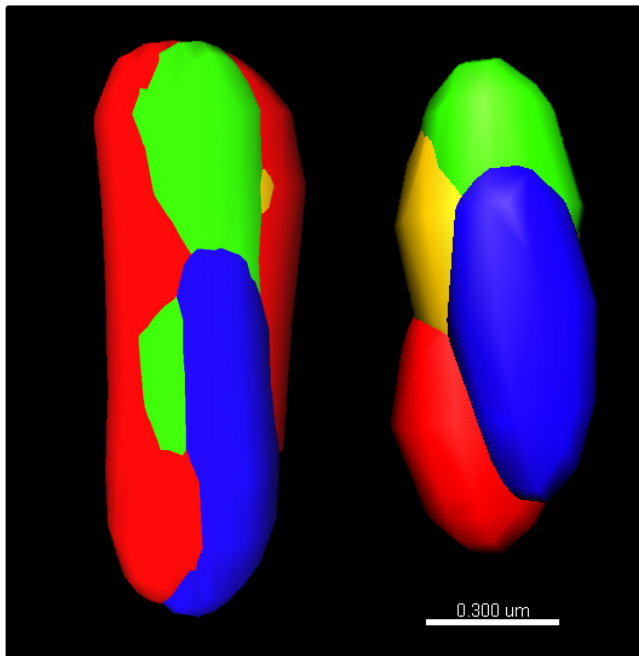


Even the best lenses are not perfect!

Left: LSM700 – Confocal, non-deconvolved  
Right: DeltaVision – Widefield, deconvolved

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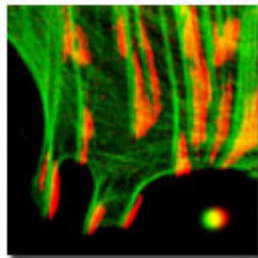
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→ Better results in colocalisation if you compare green and red fluorophores...

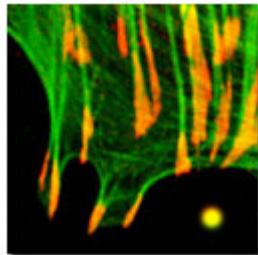
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(c)



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

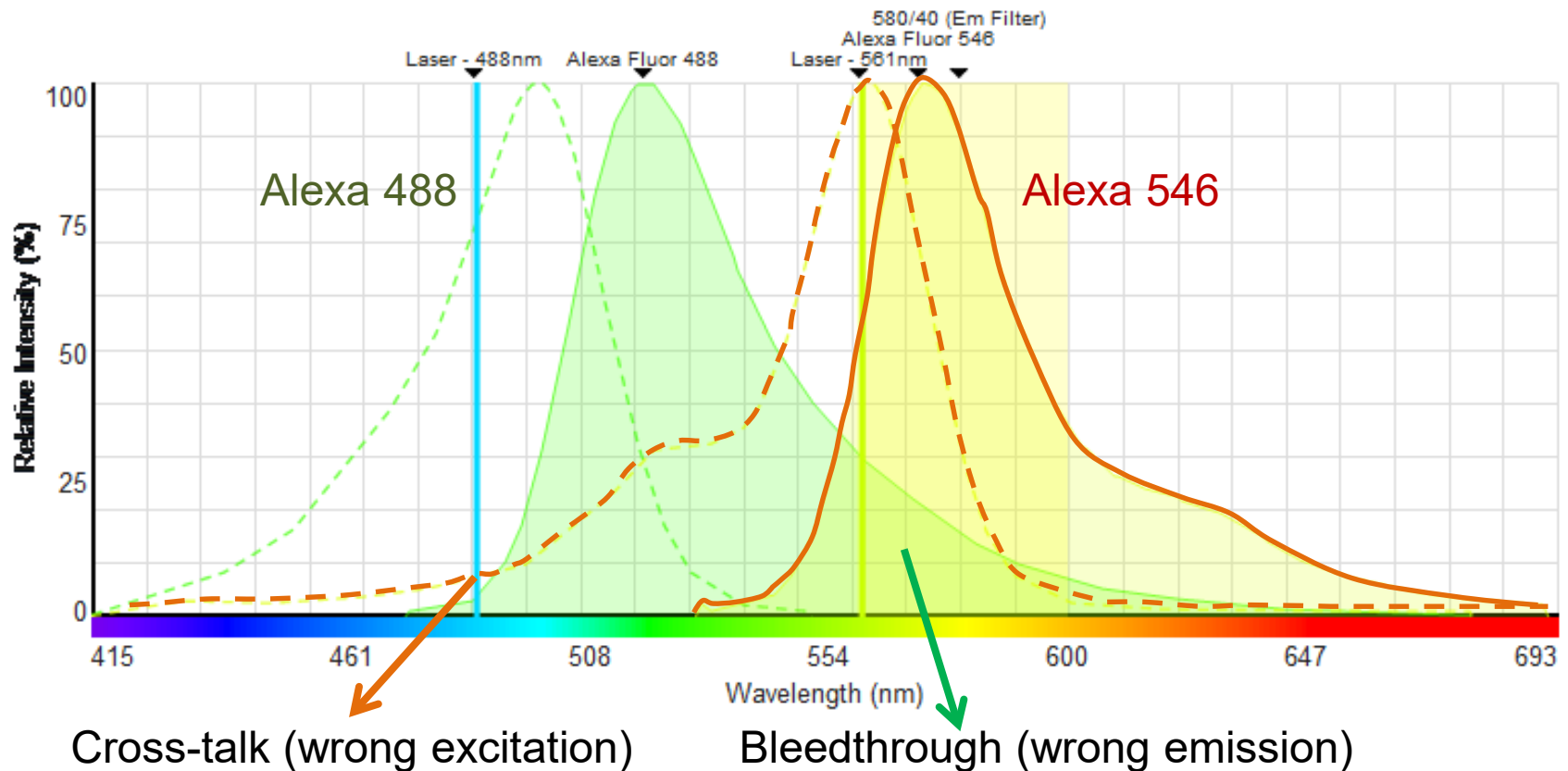
→ needs a reference

→ Mix beads with your samples

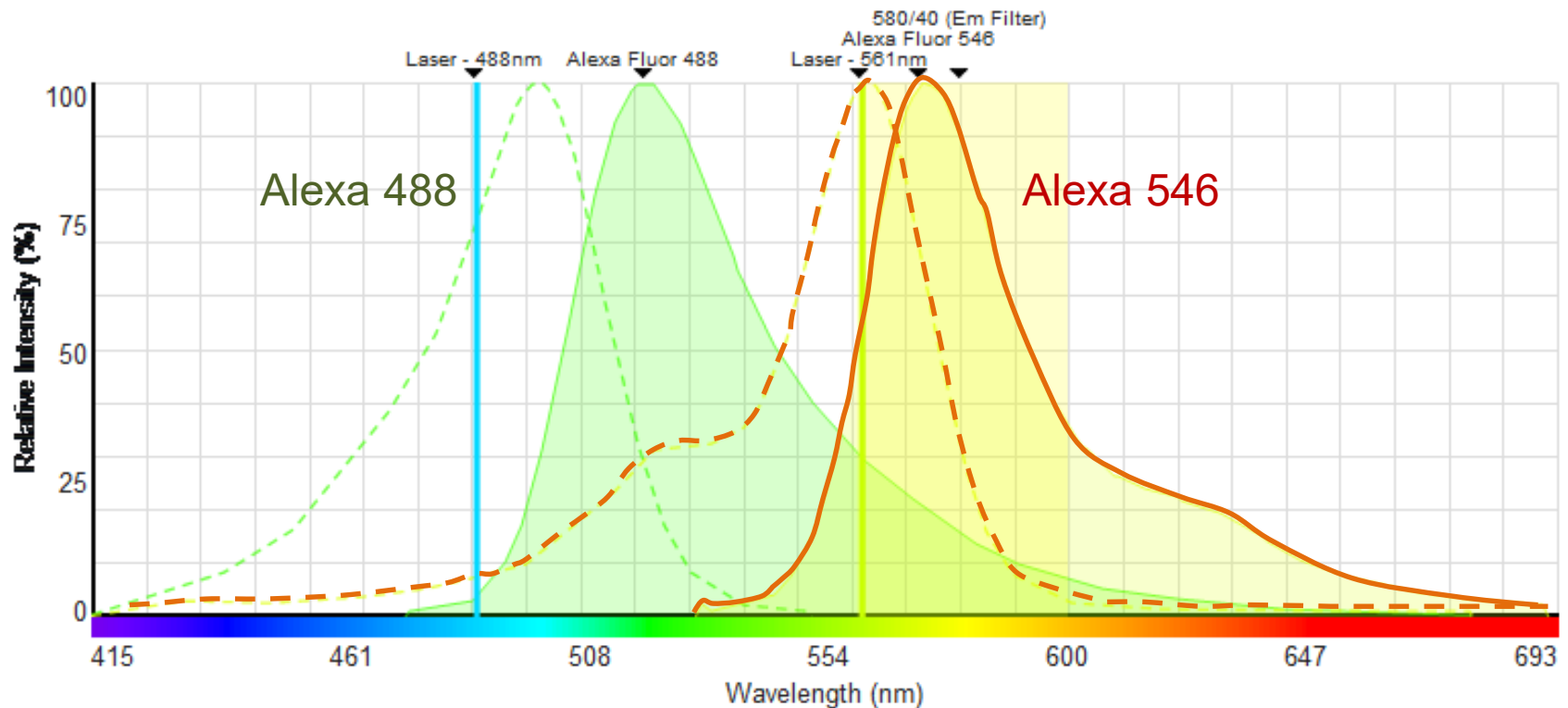


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- Avoid Cross-talk and Bleedthrough



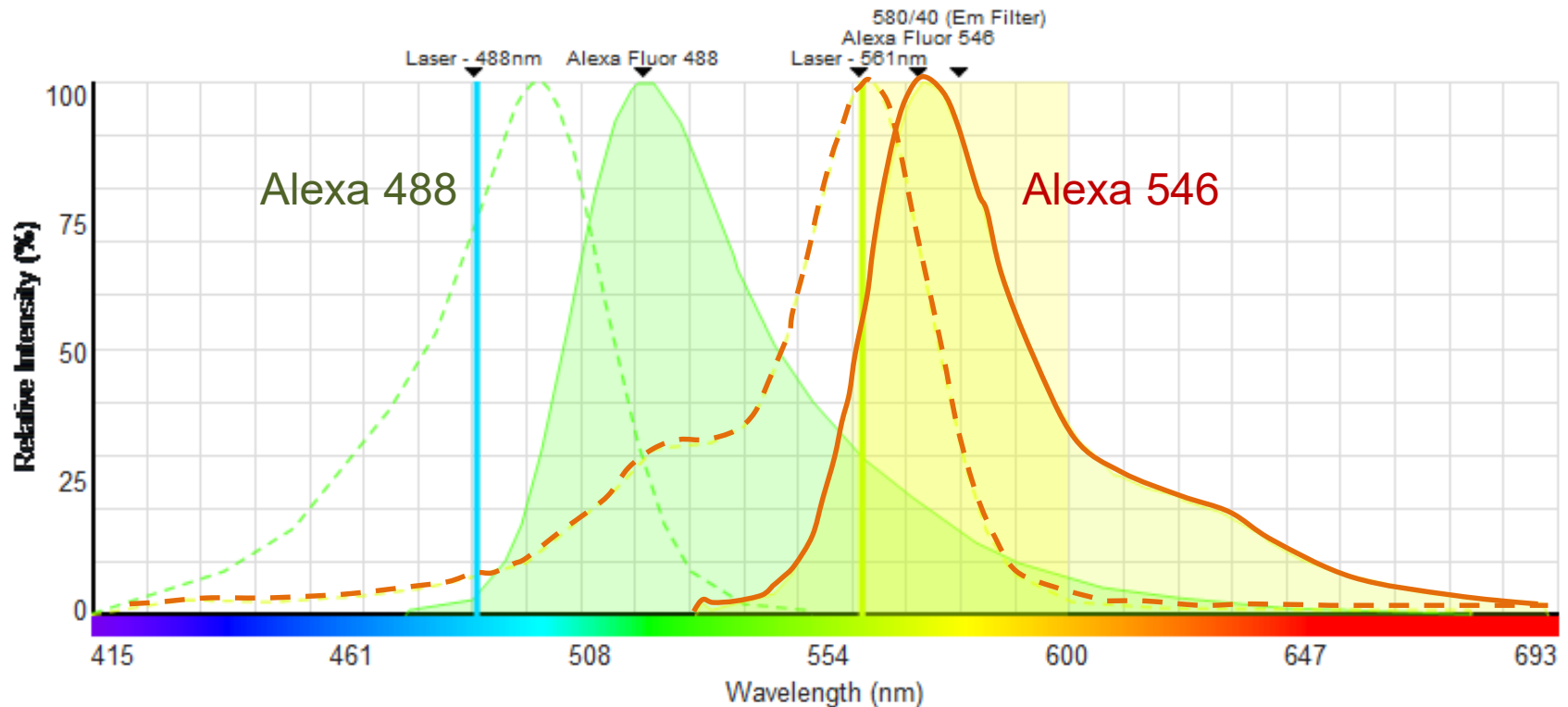
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Fluorophore/Filter	580/40
Alexa Fluor 488	13.2%
Alexa Fluor 546	65.1%

Bleedthrough

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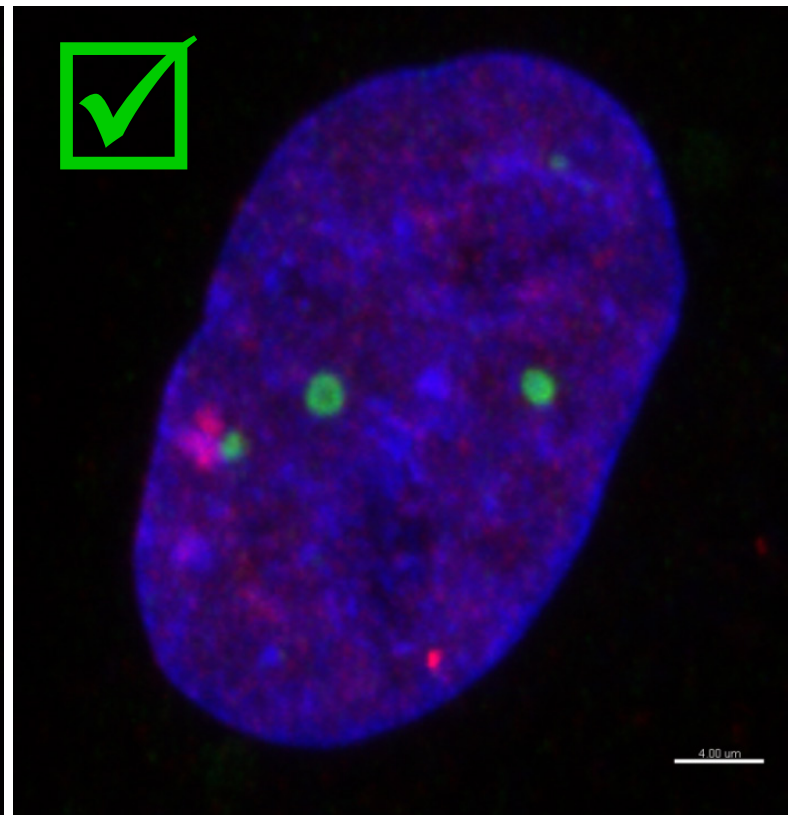
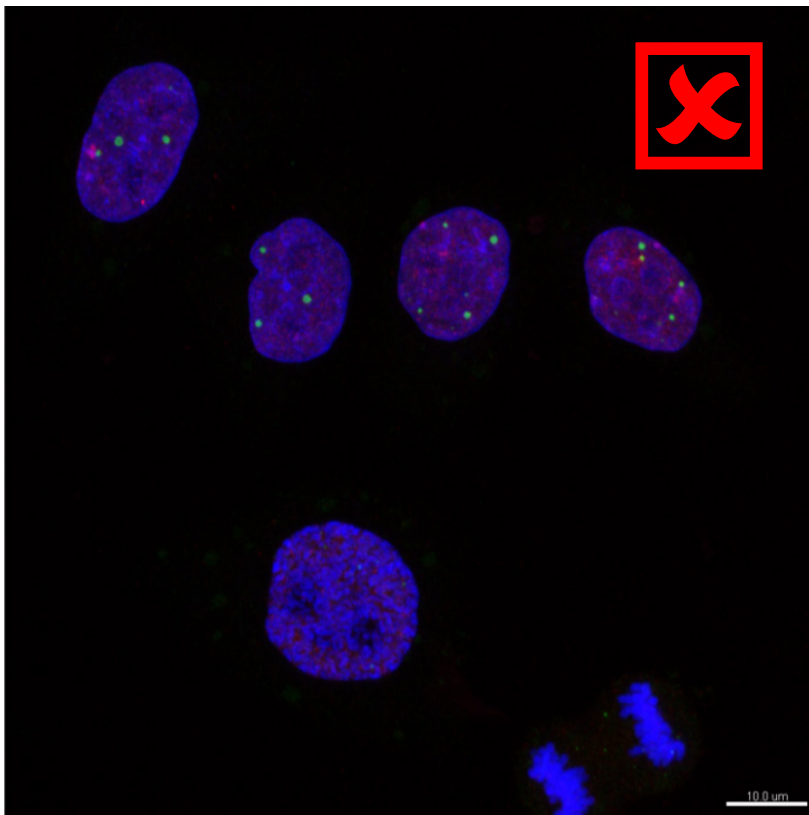
→ Scan with the sequential mode

# HOW TO ACQUIRE THE IMAGES FOR COLOCALISATION

- Avoid bleaching
  - Don't bleach the area before imaging it!  
When possible, use brightfield to find you cells
- Avoid Noise
  - Bleached samples → lower signal/higher noise
- Avoid saturation (use the whole dynamic range)

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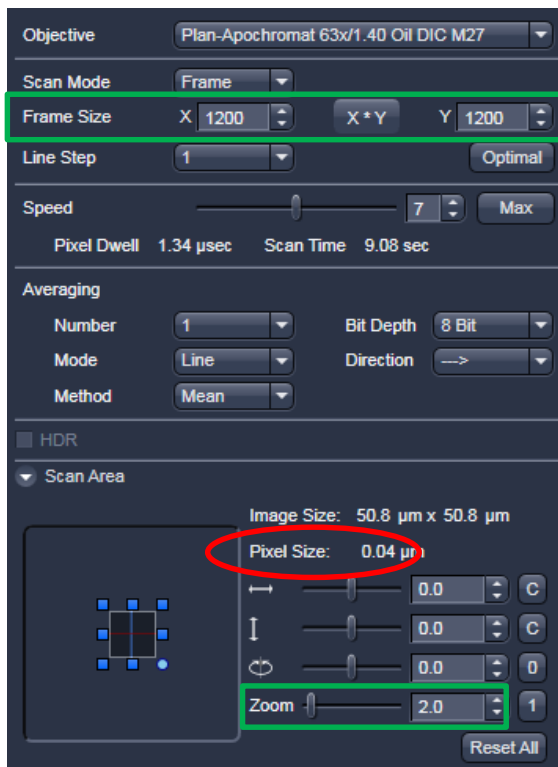
- One cell per field of view (pre or post acquisition)



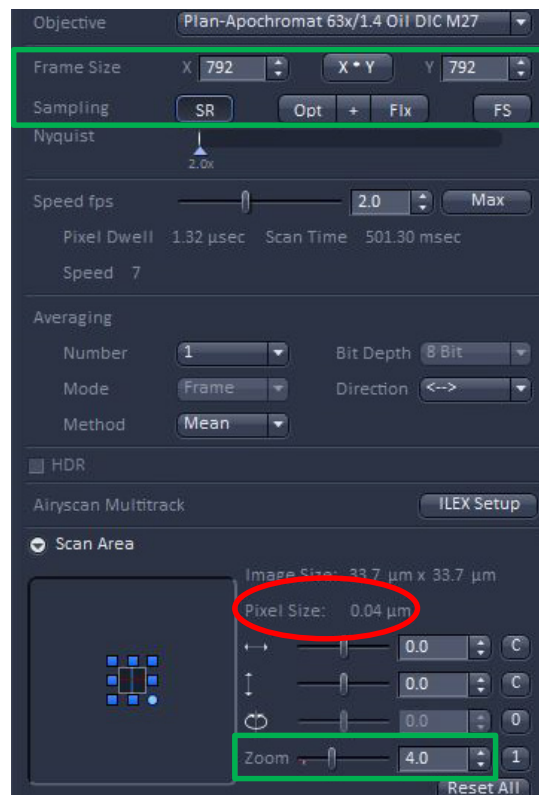
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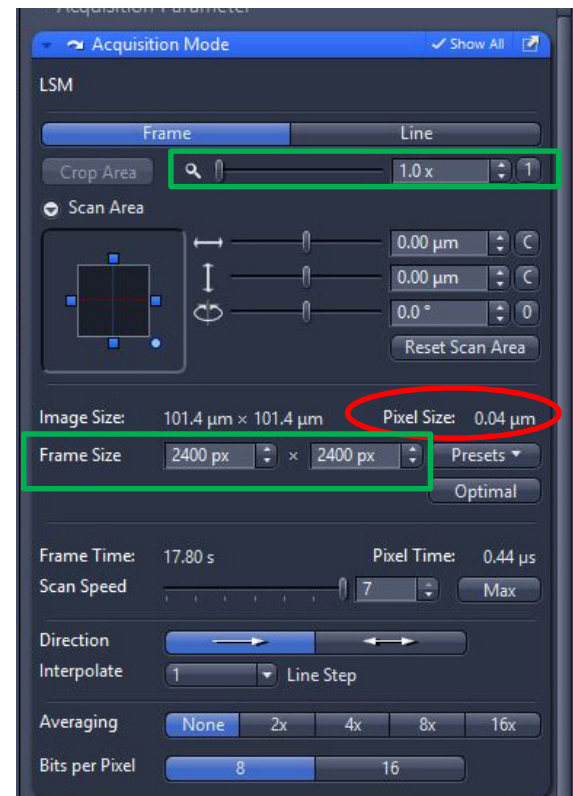
- Match the pixel size – Oversampling XY



LSM700/LSM880



LSM880 (FAST mode)

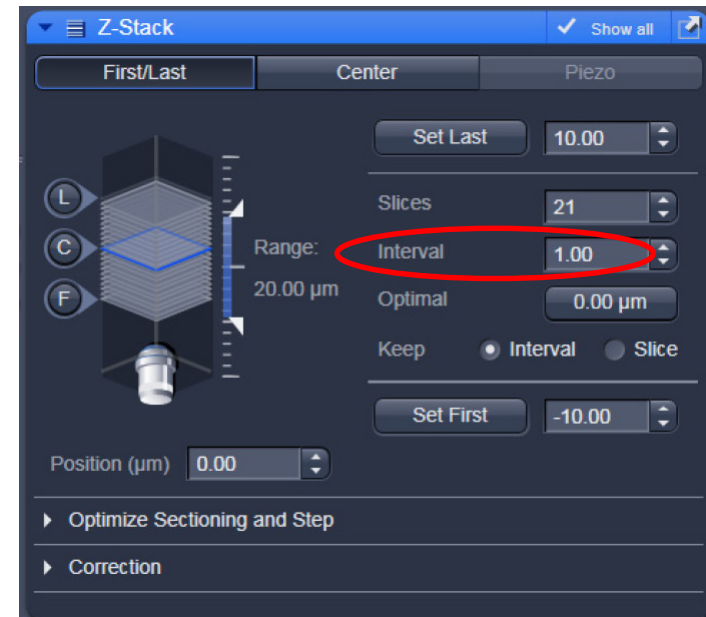
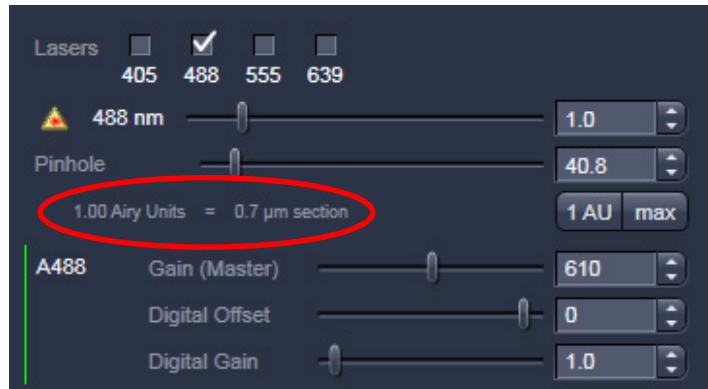


LSM800 II

# HOW TO ACQUIRE THE IMAGES FOR COLOCALISATION

**ZEISS**

- Match the pixel size – Oversampling Z



LSM700/800/880

# HOW TO ACQUIRE THE IMAGES FOR COLOCALISATION

**ZEISS**

- Match the optical thickness - pinholes



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

- Example with the LSM700 Zeiss



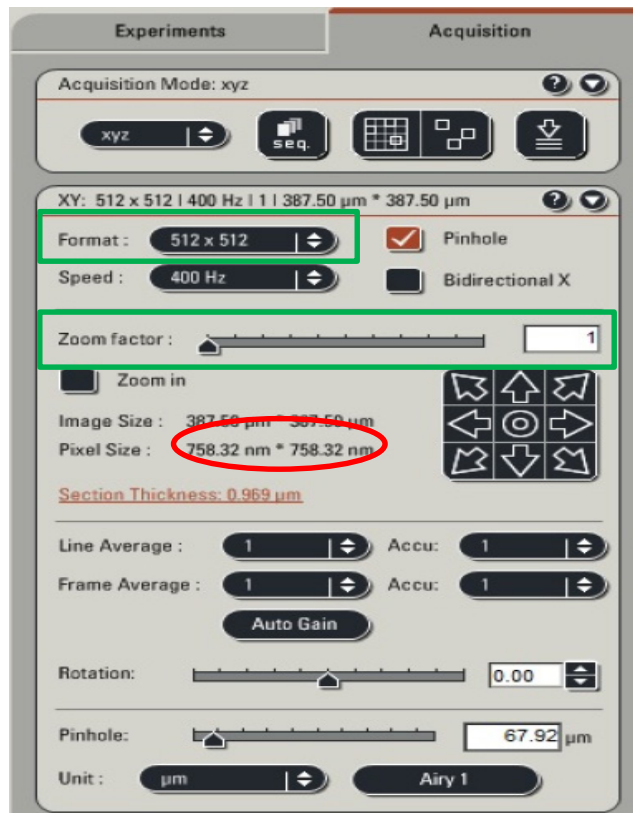
Fig. 78 Optimize Sectioning and Step:  
Match Pinhole to Step resulting in  
equal optical sections for all  
channels



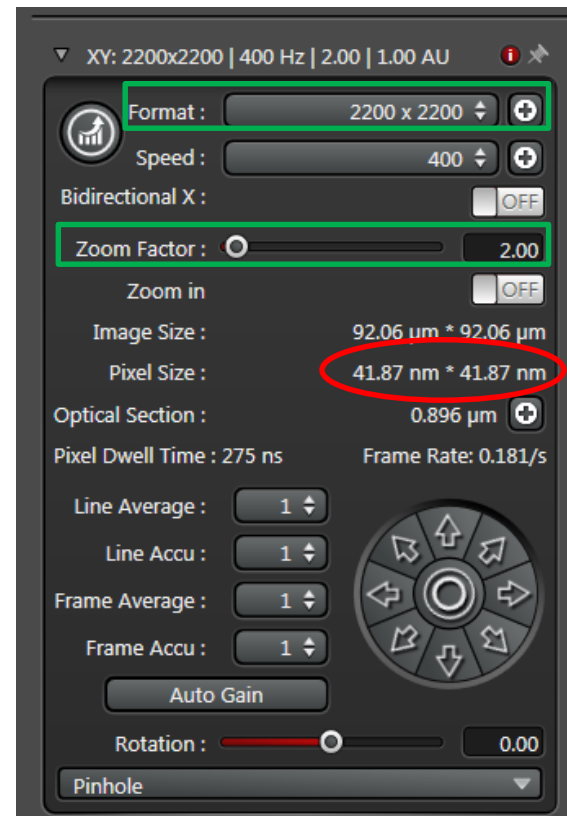
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SP5 Matrix

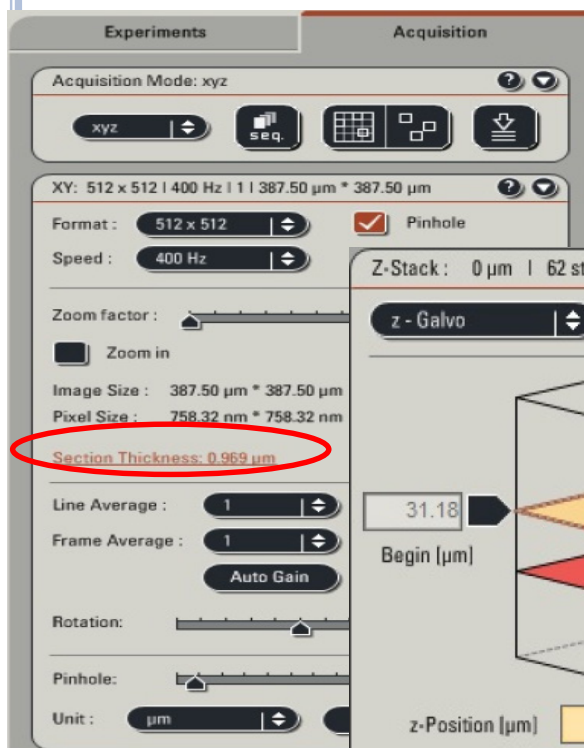


SP8

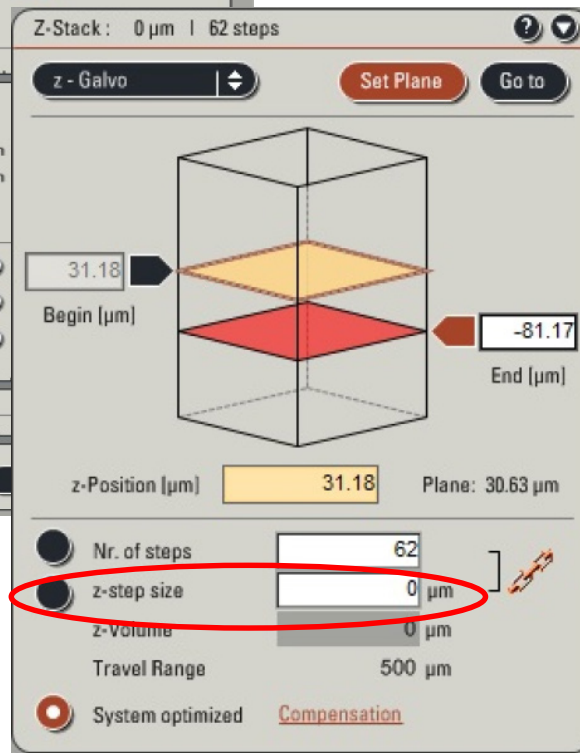
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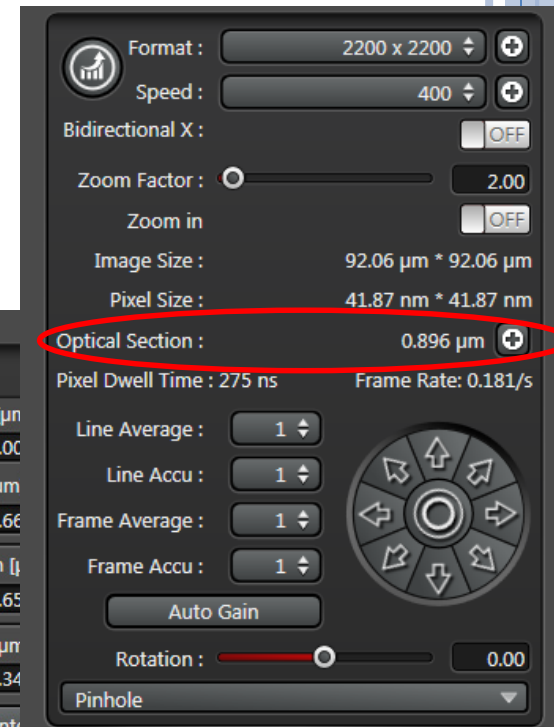
- Match the pixel size – Oversampling Z



SP5 Matrix



SP8



# SETTINGS FOR DECONVOLUTION: CONFOCAL

Microscope and Objective	Required XY	Required Z	Example: Settings to use		
SP5 II Matrix; 63x 1.4 Oil	43 nm	131 nm	<b>ZOOM 2</b>	XY: 2800*2800	Z: 0.13 nm
			<b>ZOOM 4</b>	XY: 1500*1500	Z: 0.13 nm
SP8; 63x 1.4 Oil	43 nm	131 nm	<b>ZOOM 2</b>	XY: 2200*2200	Z: 0.13 nm
			<b>ZOOM 4</b>	XY: 1080*1080	Z: 0.13 nm
LSM700 Up; 63x 1.4 Oil	43 nm	131 nm	<b>ZOOM 1</b>	XY: 2048*2048	Z: 0.13 nm
			<b>ZOOM 2</b>	XY: 1200*1200	Z: 0.13 nm
LSM800; 63x 1.4 Oil	43 nm	131 nm	<b>ZOOM 1</b>	XY: 2400*2400	Z: 0.13 nm
			<b>ZOOM 2</b>	XY: 1200*1200	Z: 0.13 nm
LSM880; 63x 1.4 Oil	43 nm	131 nm	CONFOCAL - <b>ZOOM 1.5</b> XY: 2048*2048 Z: 0.13 nm		
			CONFOCAL - <b>ZOOM 2.6</b> XY: 1200*1200 Z: 0.13 nm		
			FAST: Use the SR sampling (2x Nyquist)		

- Required values are calculated for a 488-568 nm colocalisation
- Any Zoom/XY frame size is possible, as long as you match the XYZ pixel requirements
- For more information, check <https://svi.nl/NyquistCalculator>

# SETTINGS FOR DECONVOLUTION: SPINNING DISK

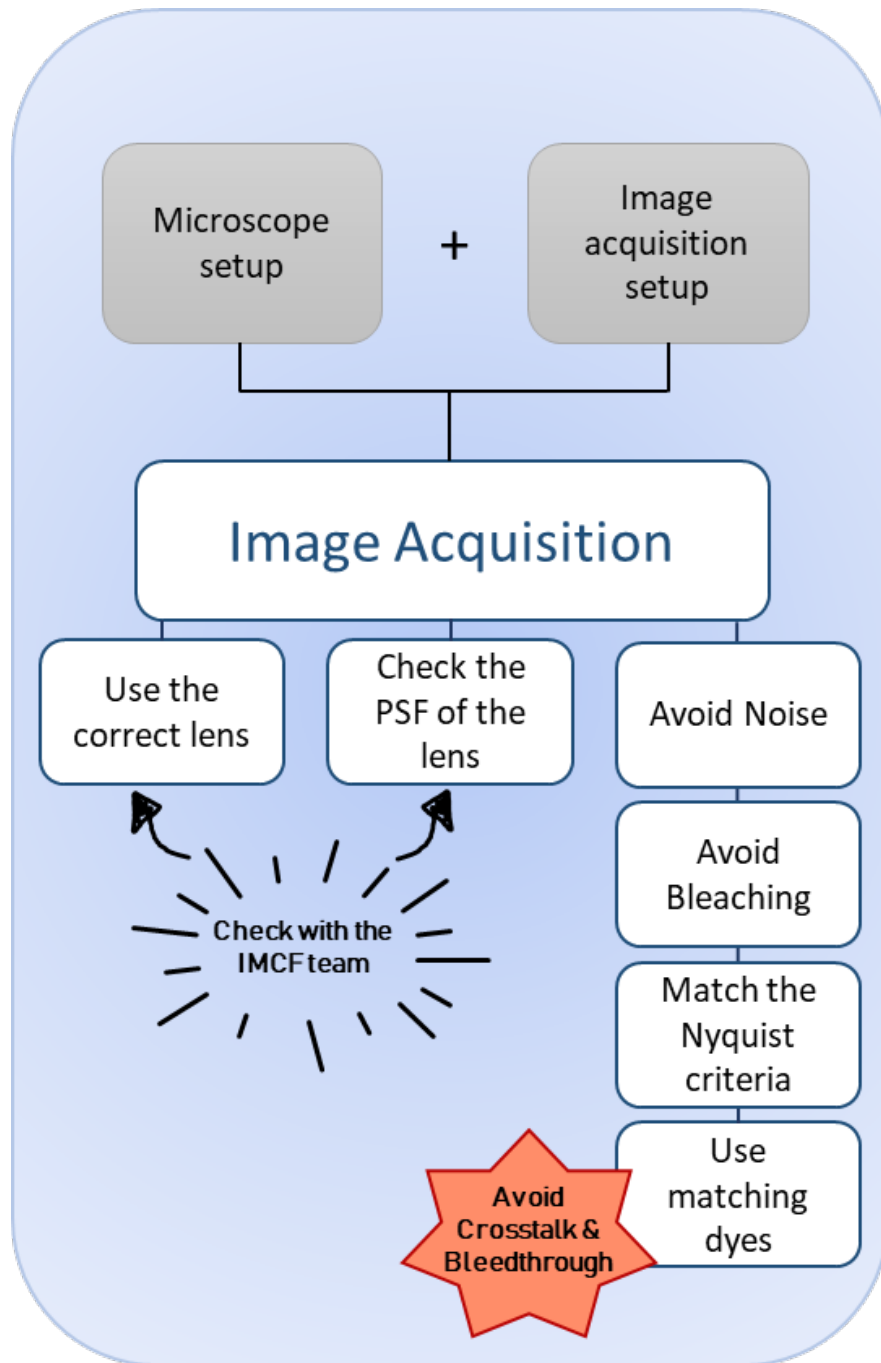
Microscope and Objective	Required XY	Required Z	Example: Settings to use
SpinSR; 60x 1.5 Oil	40 nm	93 nm	<b>Check the camera installed on the system*</b>
SpinSR; 100x 1.5 Oil	40 nm	93 nm	<b>Check the camera installed on the system*</b>

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- XY pixel size is determined by the camera and the use or not of an extra auxiliary lens
- \* the final camera choice is under testing at the IMCF
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# SETTINGS FOR DECONVOLUTION: WIDEFIELDS

Microscope and Objective	Required XY	Required Z	Example: Settings to use
Deltavision; 100x 1.40 Oil CCD camera	92 nm	279 nm	<b>XY – no Aux Mag: 65 nm Z: 0.2nm</b>
Deltavision; 60x 1.42 Oil CCD camera	91 nm	264 nm	XY – no Aux Mag: 107 nm Z: 0.2nm <b>XY – with Aux Mag: 65 nm Z: 0.2nm</b>
Nikon Ti2; 100x 1.45 Oil sCMOS camera	89 nm	243 nm	XY - no Aux Mag: 110 nm Z: 0.2 nm <b>XY - with Aux Mag: 73 nm Z: 0.2 nm</b>
Nikon Ti2; 60x 1.40 Oil sCMOS camera	92 nm	279 nm	XY - no Aux Mag: 180 nm Z: 0.2 nm <b>XY - with Aux Mag: 120 nm Z: 0.2 nm</b>
MORE; 100x 1.4 Oil sCMOS camera	92 nm	279 nm	XY: 65 nm Z: 0.2nm
MORE; 60x 1.49 Oil sCMOS camera	87 nm	211 nm	XY 109 nm Z: 0.2nm

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- XY pixel size is determined by the camera and the use or not of the extra auxiliary lens (1.5x for Nikon Ti2, 1.6x for Deltavision)
- Changing the XY px size with the extra lens does NOT change the acquisition time
- Changing the frame size can speed up the acquisition (MORE and Nikon Ti2)

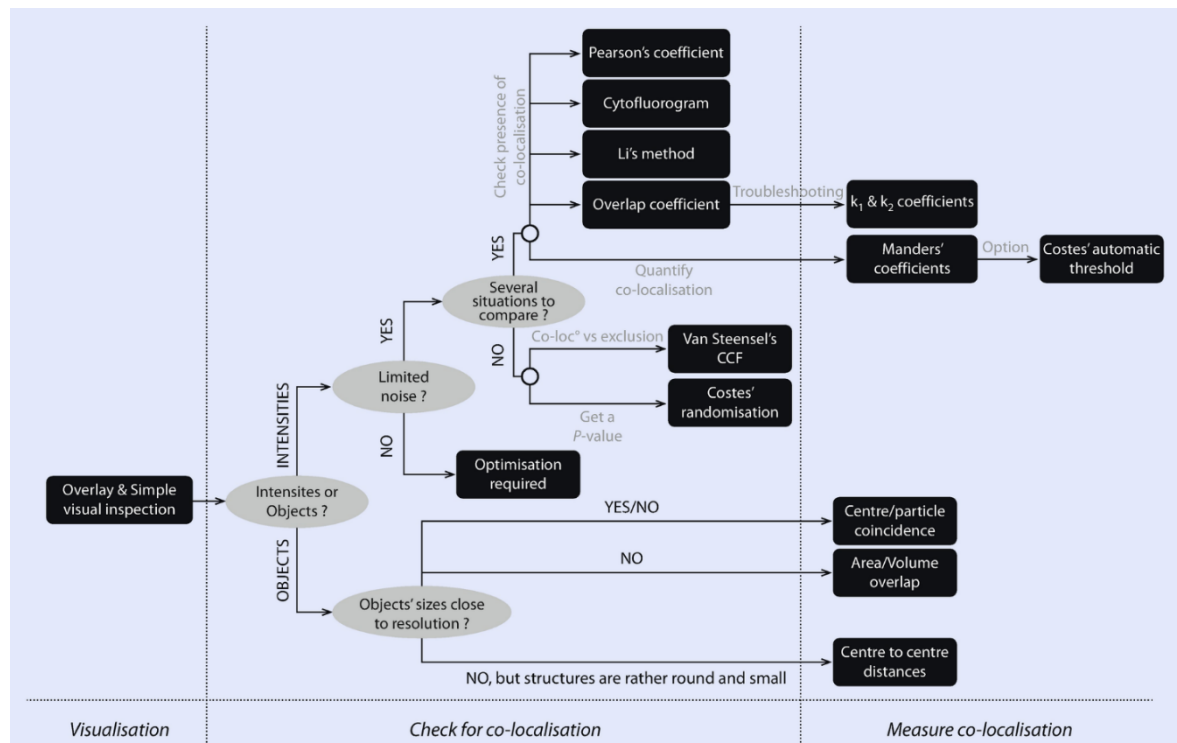


## TAKE HOME MESSAGE PART 2

- 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 you match pinholes and the oversampling (Nyquist)
- Make sure that you use sequential acquisition if you suspect crosstalk and/or bleedthrough

# HOW TO ANALYSE YOUR COLOCALISATION DATA

- Colocalisation is 3D
- Colocalisation should be more thought in terms of correlation
- Colocalisation needs Quantification & Statistics



# HOW TO ANALYSE YOUR COLOCALISATION DATA

## (1) Intensity/pixel-based

Correlation of the strength of linear relation between two channels  
→ *no spatial exploration of the colocalisation signal*

## (2) Object-based

Structure identification and determination of overlap of objects (for discrete structures)  
→ *Segmentation*

- Many tools available  
See Bioimage Informatics Search Engine (BISE) – [colocalisation](#)
- Object-based analysis: Please contact our IMCF Image Analysis experts (Wednesday Workshops)

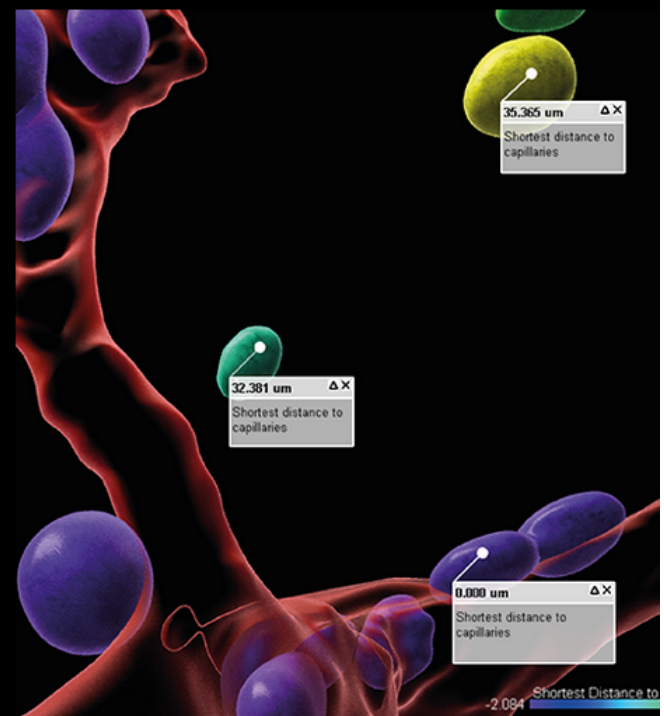


# HOW TO ANALYSE YOUR DATA: PROXIMITY – IMARIS

## Native Distance Measurements

For every Surfaces and Spots object Imaris 9.5 **natively calculates** the **shortest distance** to any other Surfaces or Spots. The edge of surfaces and the center of spots are used for these calculations. The computation is fast and capable of running on **large images**. Calculations can also be performed on multiple datasets at once in **Batch mode**

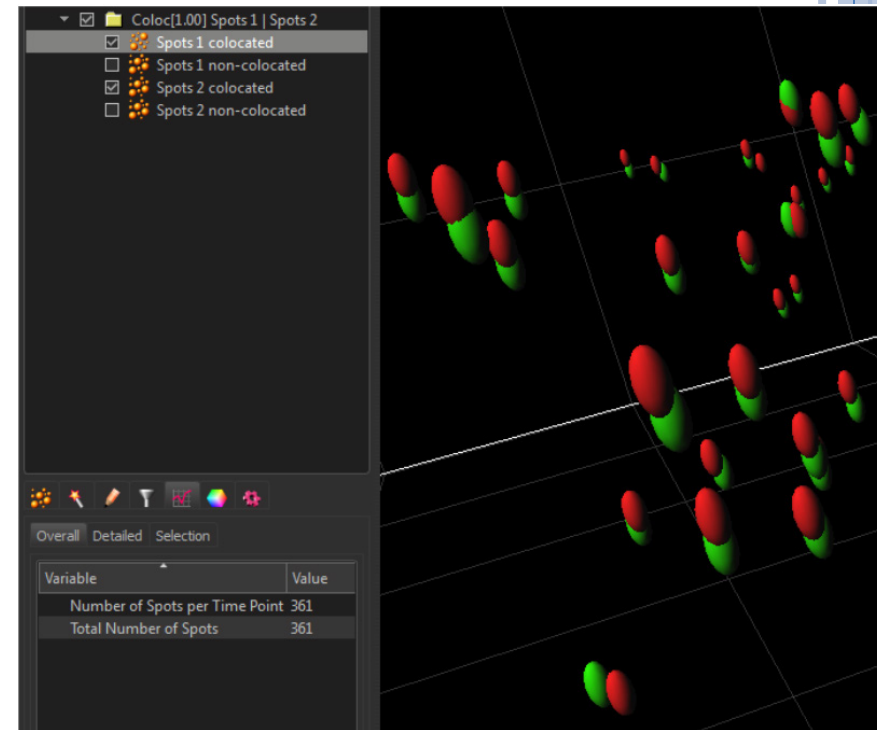
- Color code Spots or Surfaces by Distance from Surfaces (**view movie**).
- Filter Spots inside or outside of Surfaces (**view movie**)
- Count Spots inside the ROI (**view movie**)
- Filter Spots in a specific distance band outside or inside Surfaces. (**view movie**)
- Filter tracks of objects that "go inside" Surfaces (**view movie**)
- Calculate Shortest Distance for multiple datasets at once in the Batch mode **view movie**



**Caution!** No statistics, this is NOT real colocalisation!!!

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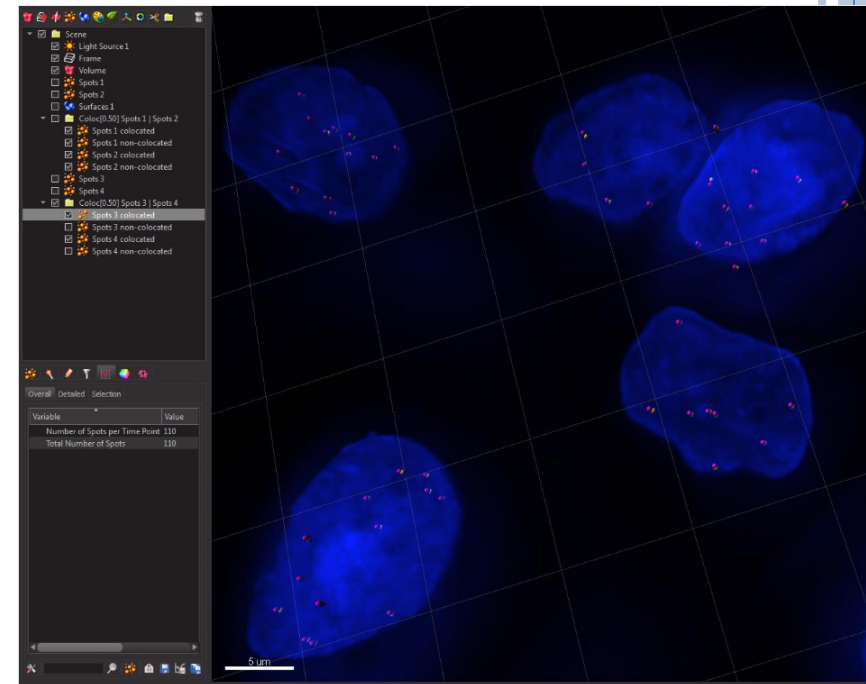
- Matlab extension for Imaris
- See dedicated wiki page :  
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- Can be limited to spots within a certain region (ie. DAPI here)



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# JACoP JUST ANOTHER COLOCALISATION PLUGIN

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## TUTORIAL REVIEW

### **A guided tour into subcellular colocalization analysis in light microscopy**

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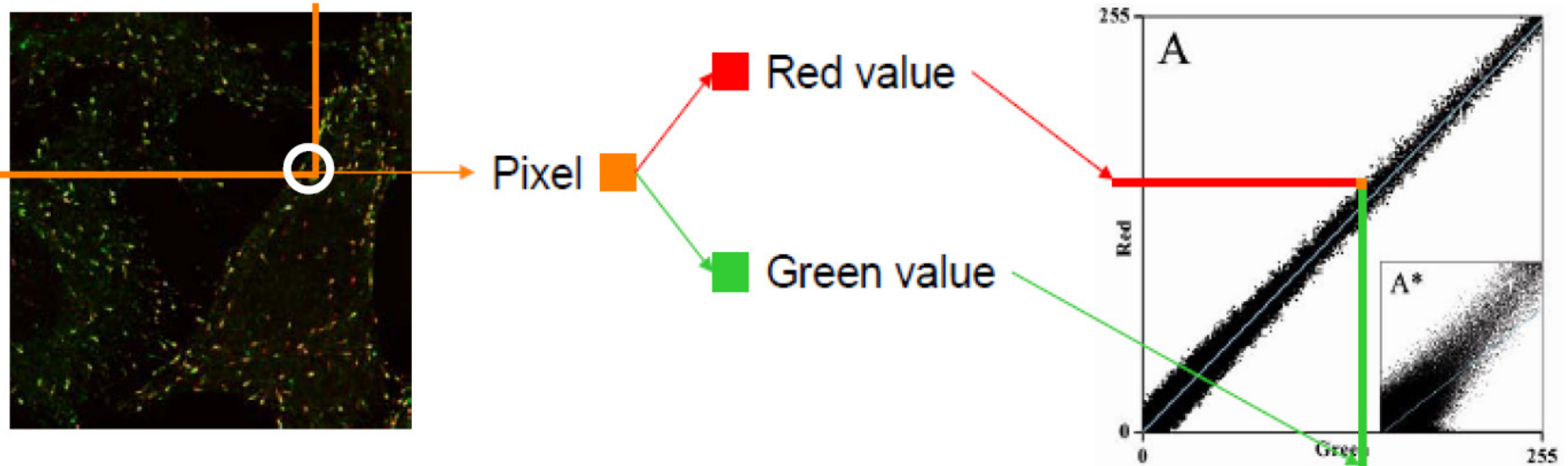
**Key words.** Colocalization, confocal microscopy, fluorescence microscopy, image analysis, wide-field microscopy.

**Must Read**

<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1365-2818.2006.01706.x>

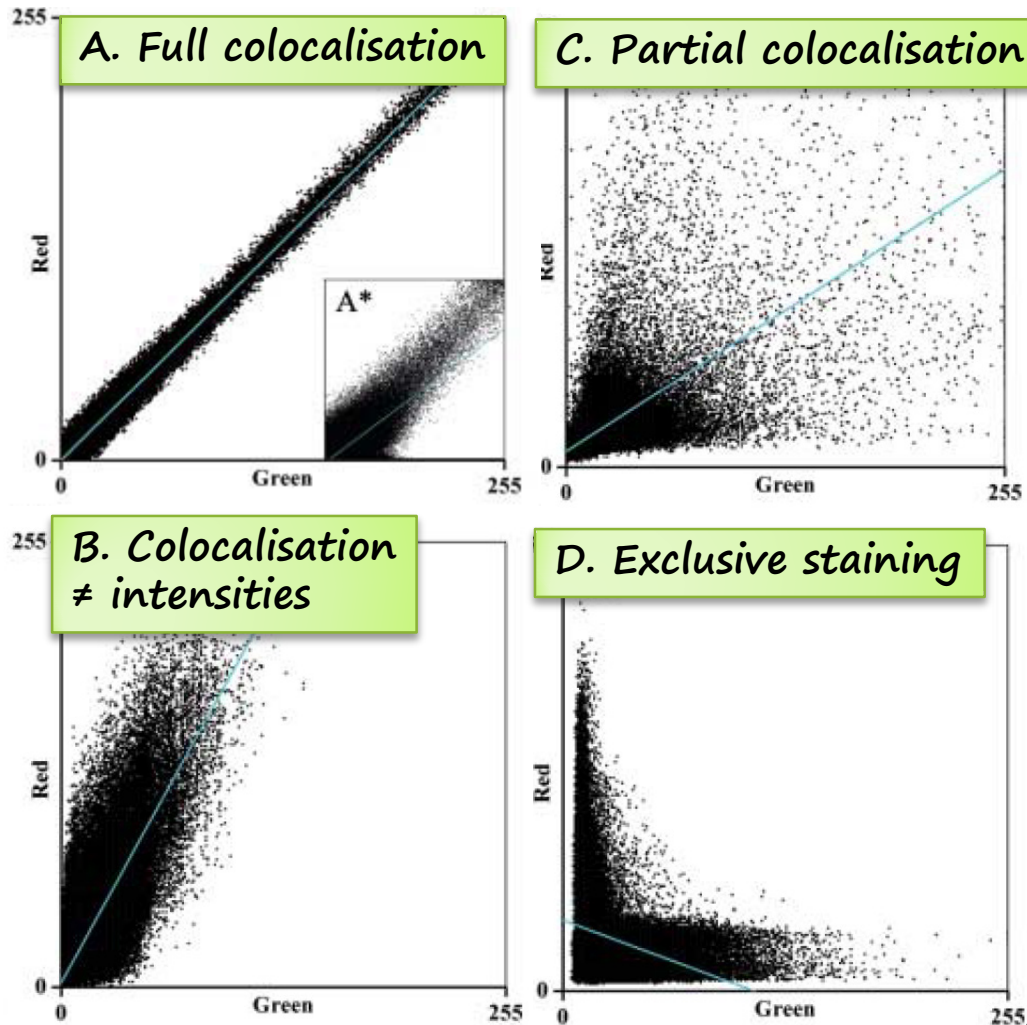
# JACoP: SCATTER PLOT/CYTOFLUOROGRAM

Overlay green/red



- 😊 Good first visual estimate of colocalisation
- 😊 Information about the image quality
- 😞 Only qualitative correlation

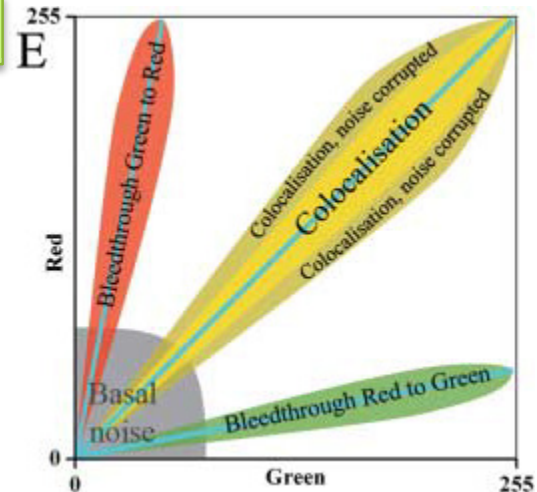
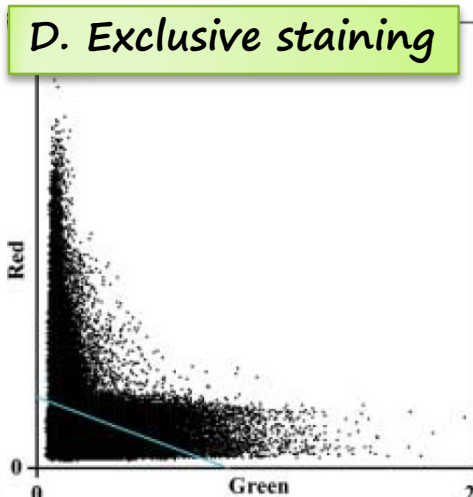
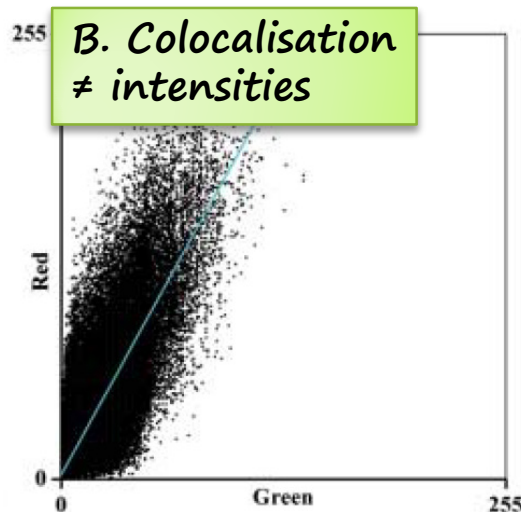
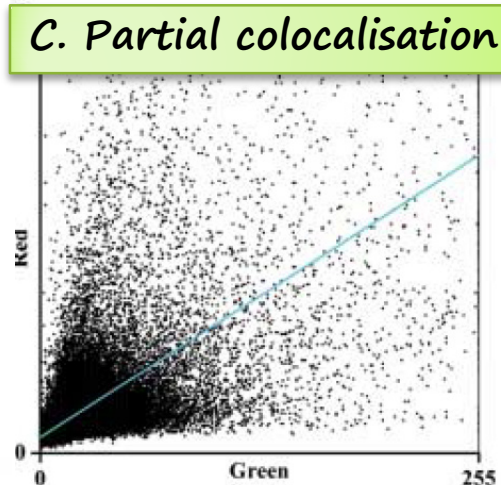
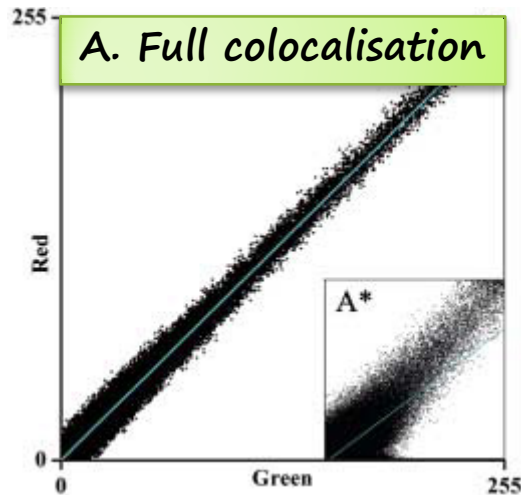
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Adapted from Bolte and Cordelière 2006

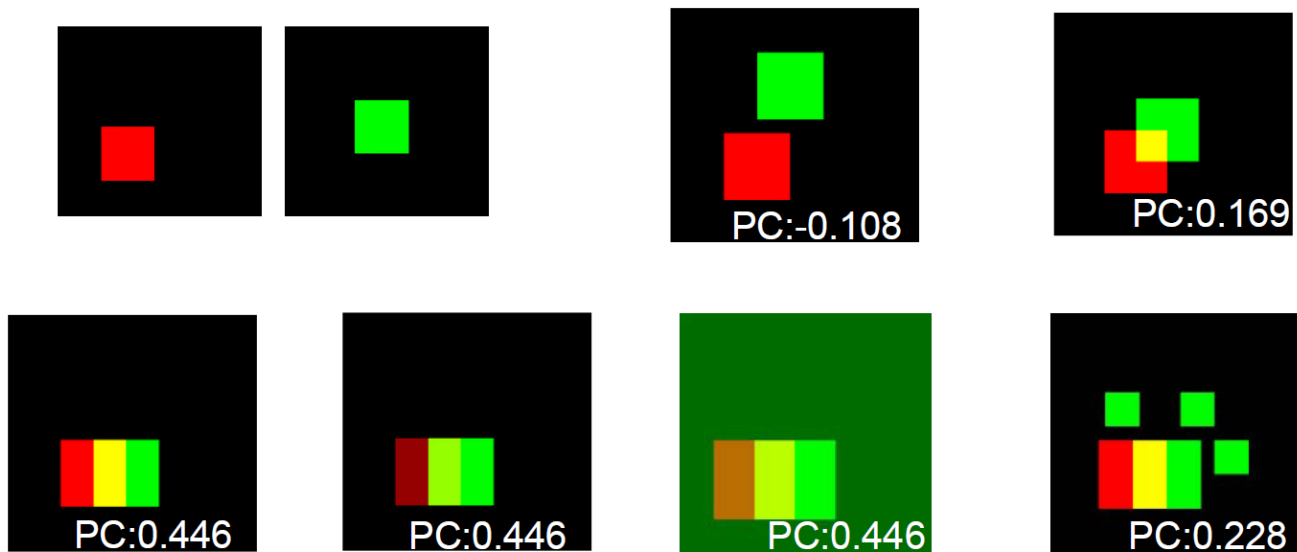


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**Effect of Noise  
and  
Bleedthrough**

# PEARSON'S COEFFICIENT

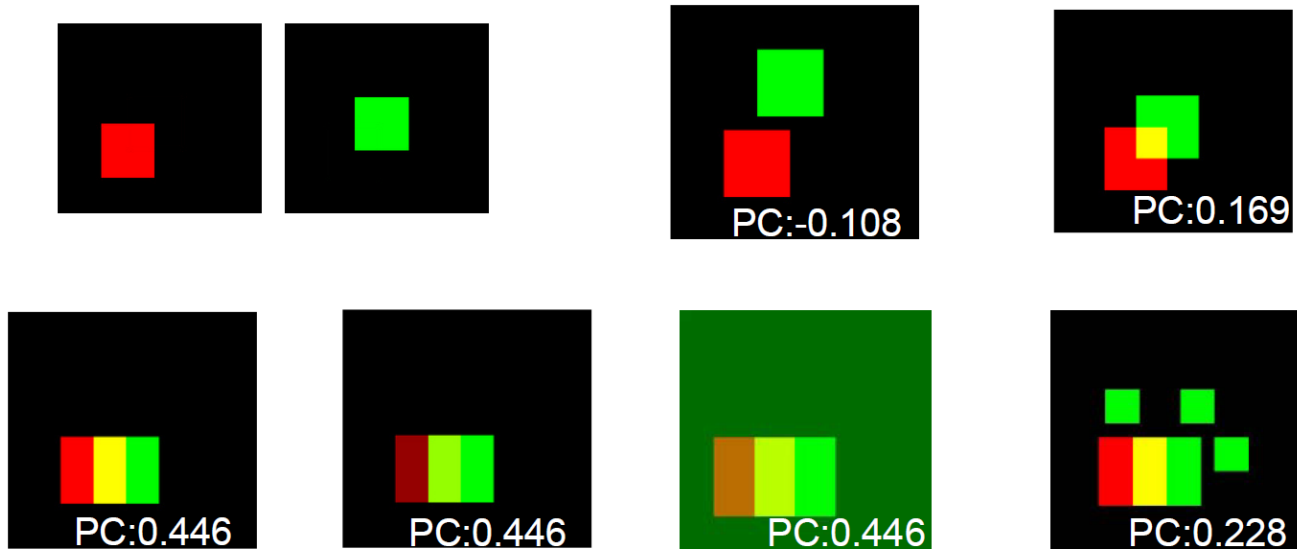


- PCC or « r »

Estimate of the association strength between 2 proteins

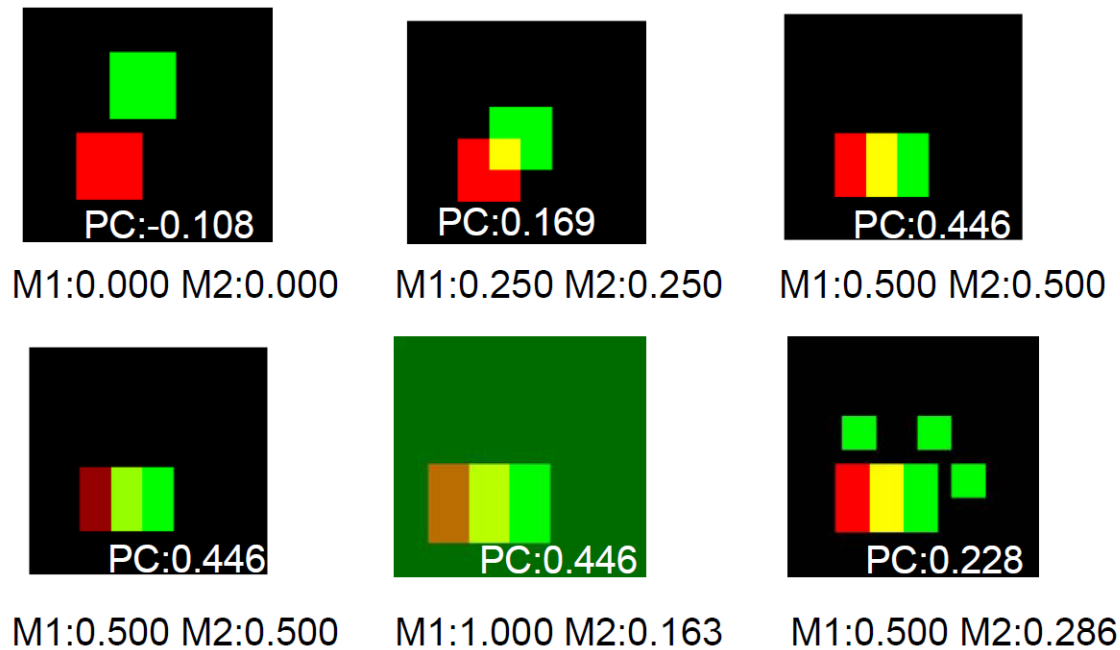


# PEARSON'S COEFFICIENT



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

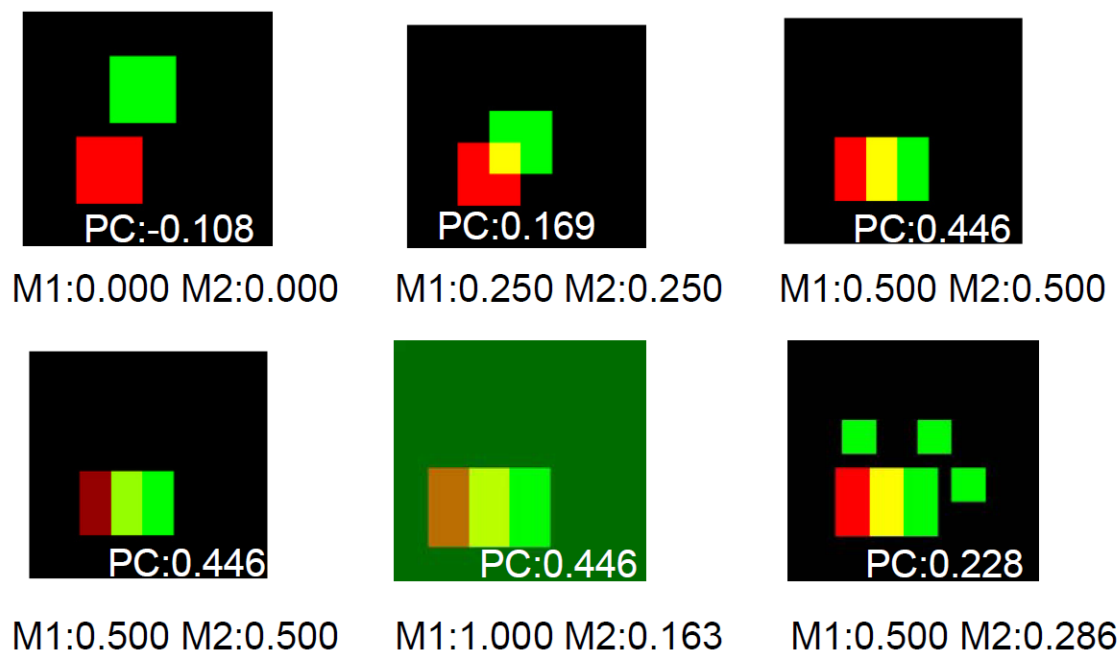
# MANDERS COEFFICIENTS



- M1 and M2

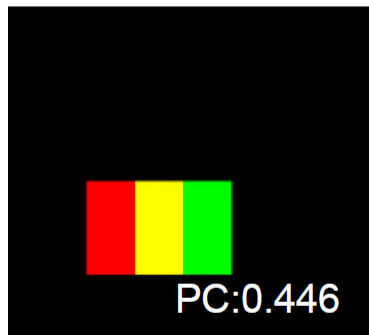
Gives the proportion of each protein colocalising with the other

# HOW TO ANALYSE YOUR COLOCALISATION DATA

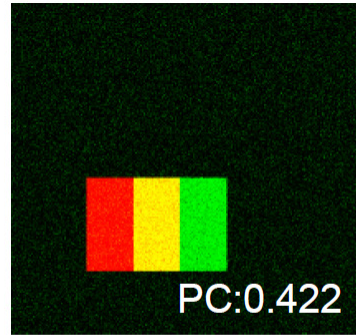


- 😊 Easier to interpret than PCC
- 😊 Not sensitive to the intensity of the overlapping pixels
- 😞 Sensitive to background intensity – Threshold needed!
- 😞 Affected by noise

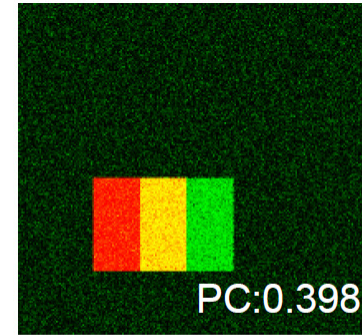
# INFLUENCE OF NOISE



M1:0.500 M2:0.500



M1:0.490 M2:0.260



M1:0.490 M2:0.180

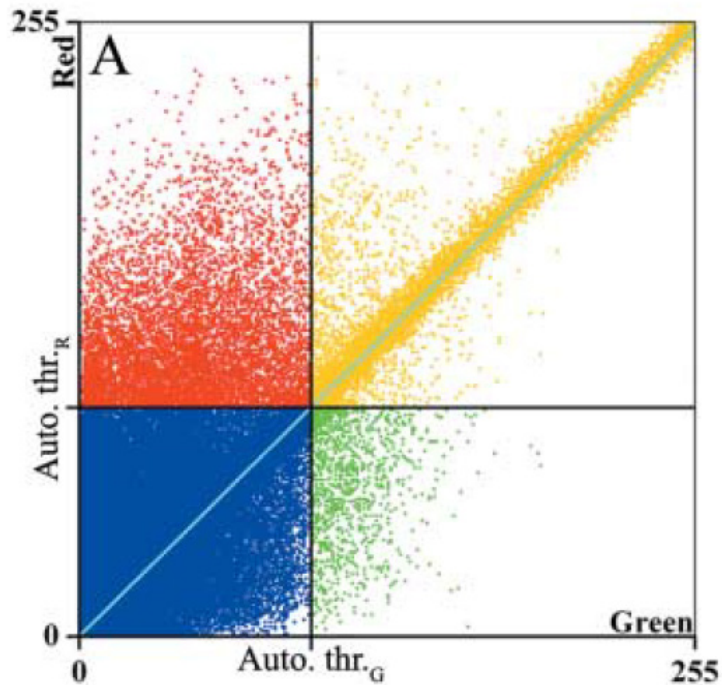


These coefficients are influenced by noise  
Minimize noise during the acquisition, and  
deconvolve your datasets prior analysis

*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).

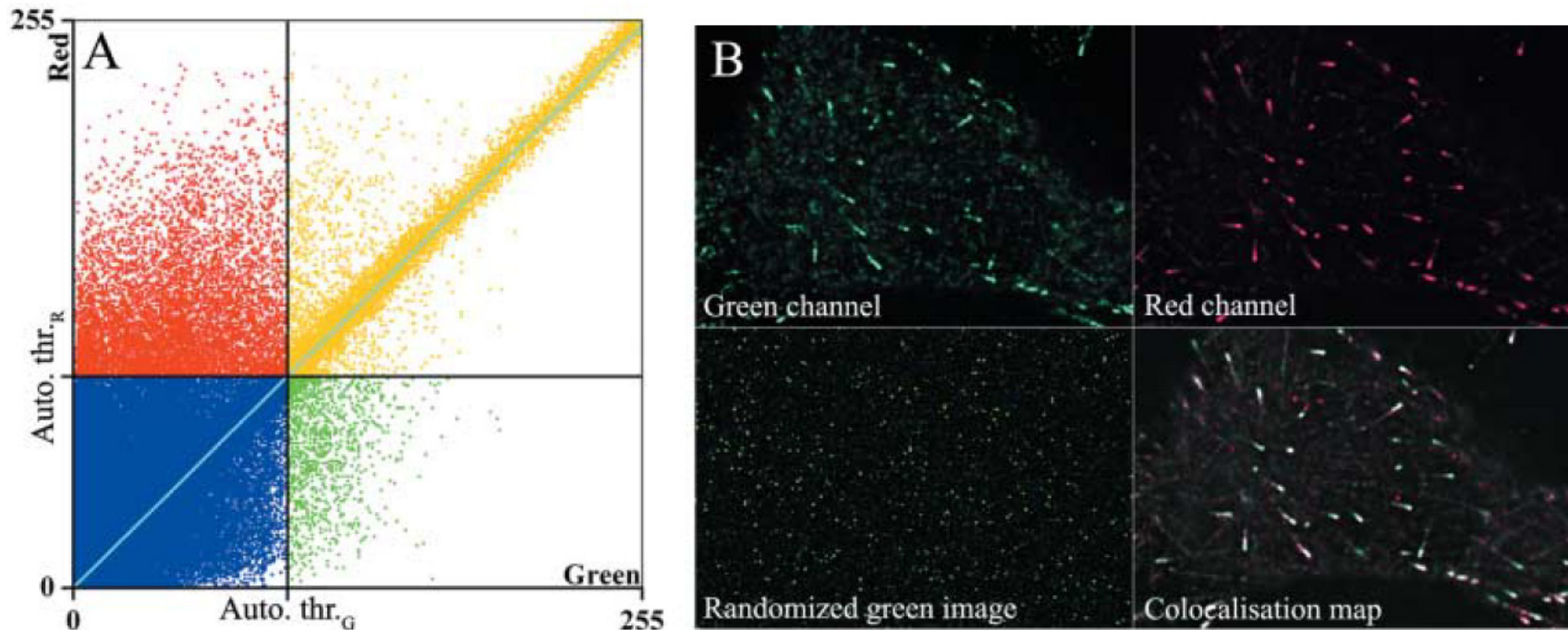
# COSTES' APPROACH

- Estimation of an automatic threshold
- Test of the statistical significance (Costes' P-value)



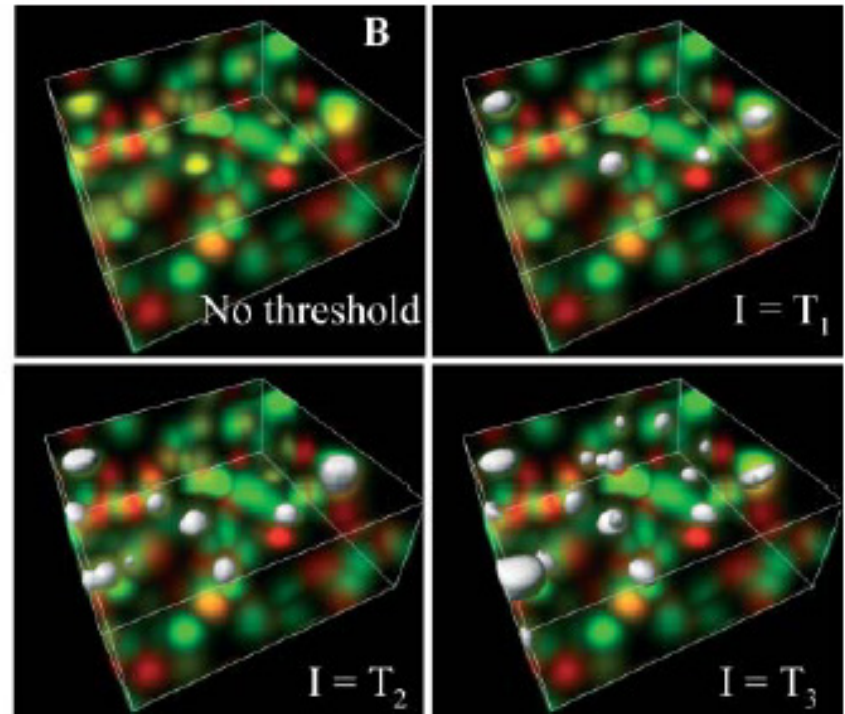
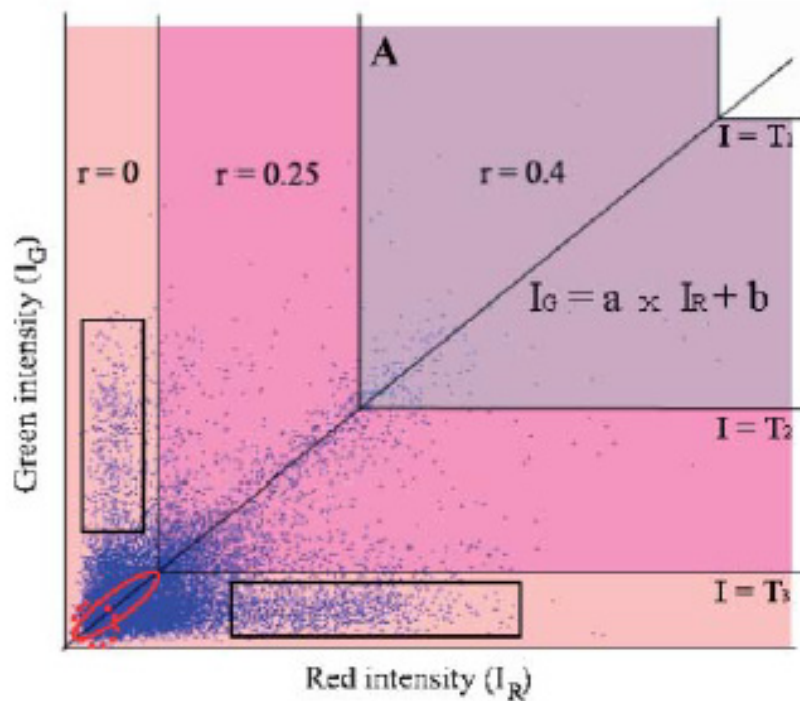
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If  $> 95\%$  of the random images correlate (PCC) worse than the real image, then you can trust the correlation coefficient

# COSTES' APPROACH



Costes et al., 2004

- 😊 Statistical approach
- 😊 Minimises the influence of noise
- ☹ Long calculations (3D)

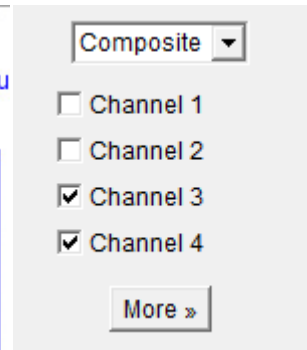
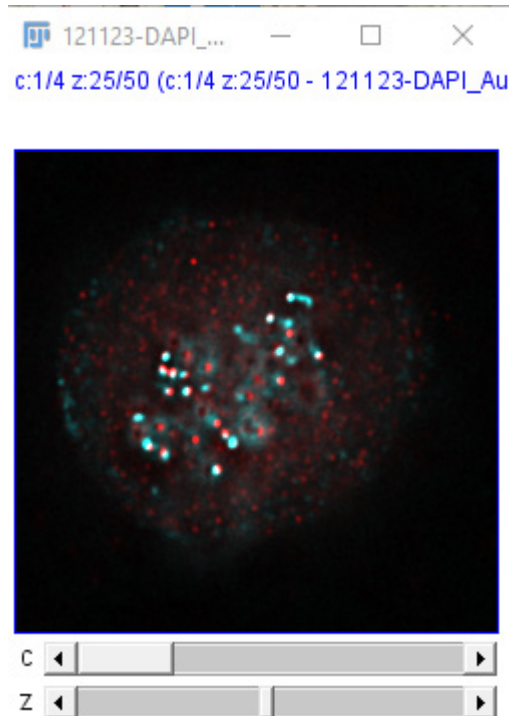
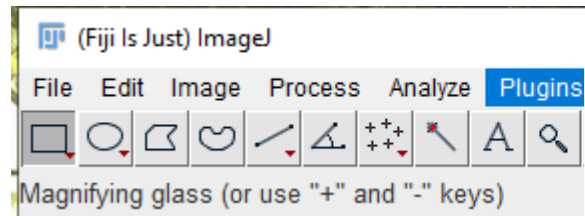
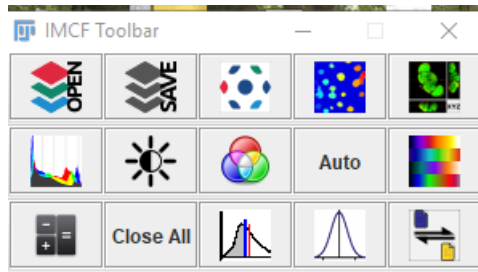


# HOW TO UNDERSTAND YOUR DATA

	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



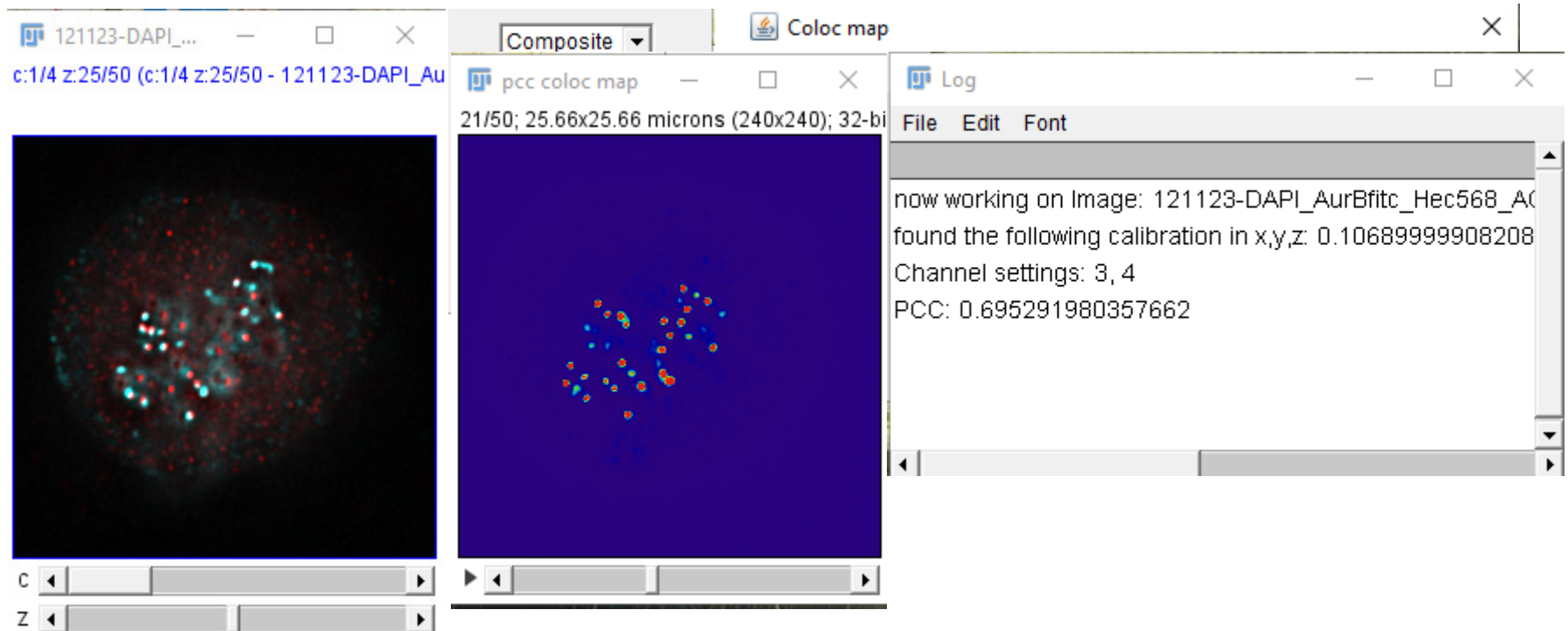
# COLOCALISATION MAP



1. Open Fiji
2. Open your image
3. Open "Coloc\_Map"

# COLOCALISATION MAP

4. Select the 2 channels of interest
5. The Pearson Correlation Coefficient Map is generated
  - *Color coded for correlated pixels*
  - *PCC value is summed*



# ANALYSIS PIPELINE

## 1- Deconvolution (better resolution, lesser noise)

- Softworx (DeltaVision widefield images)
- Huygens (Confocals + Widefield)

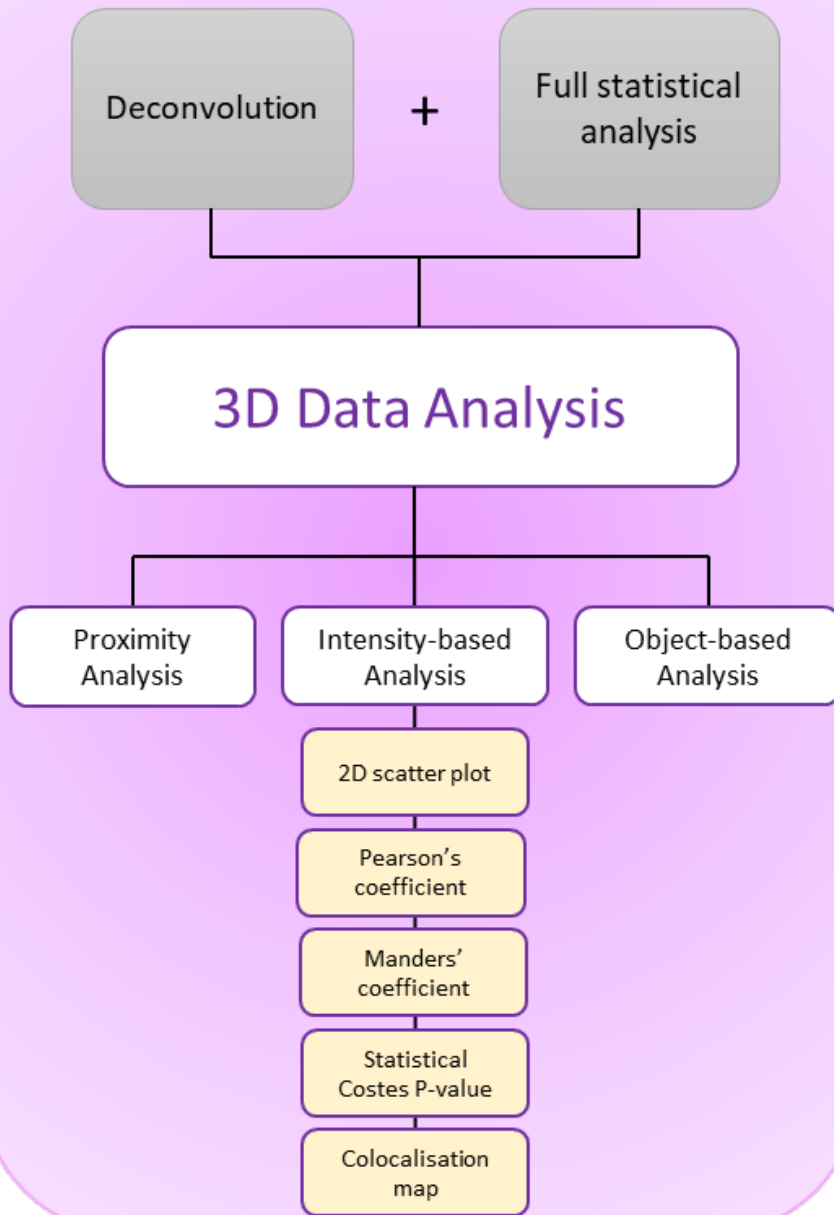
## 2a- Colocalisation analysis (method 1, intensity-based)

- JACoP
- Colocalisation map

## 2b- Colocalisation analysis (method 2, object-based)

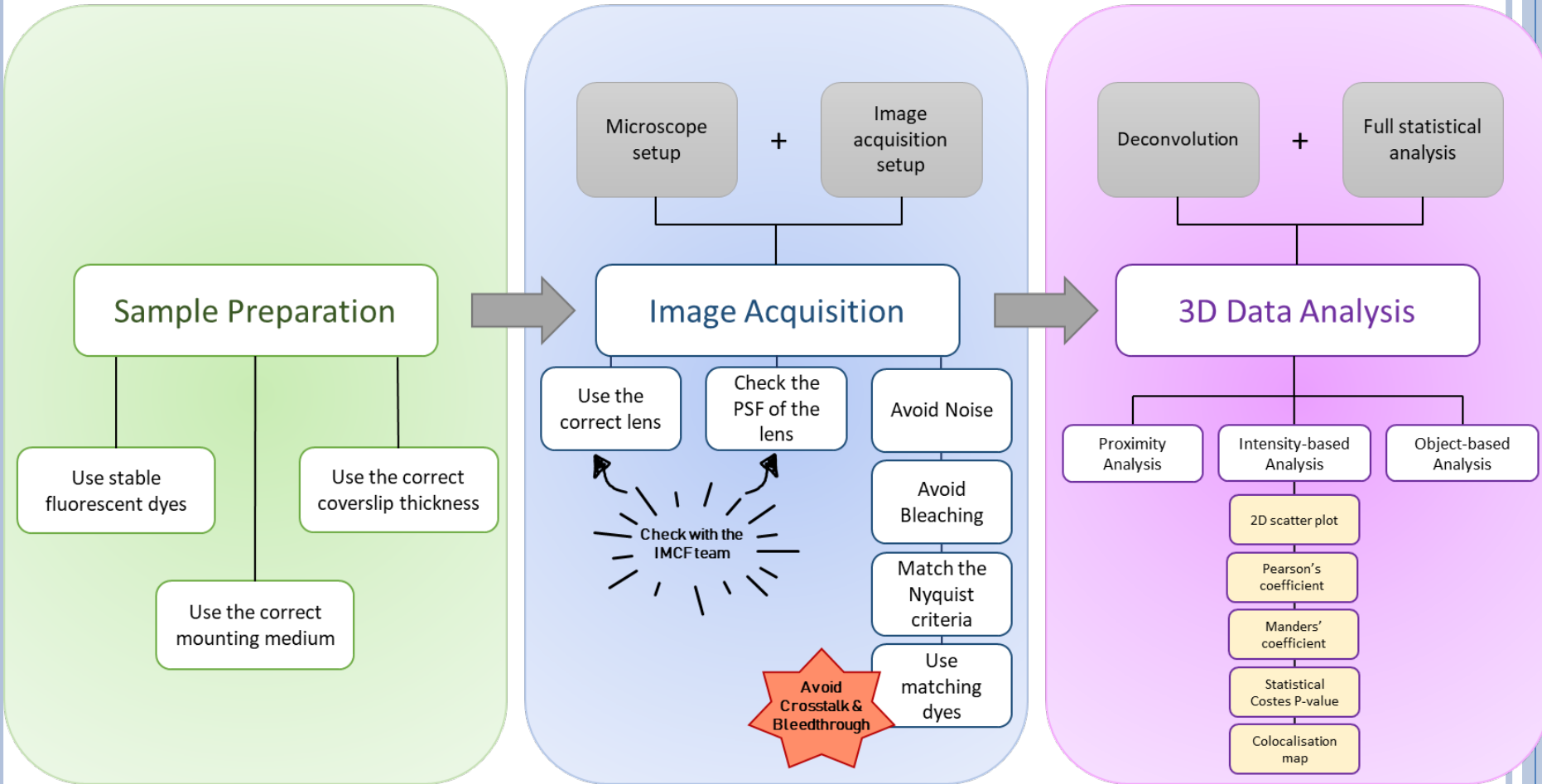
- Check the IMCF team to find the best solution

## TAKE HOME MESSAGE PART 3



- **Work on deconvolved images**
- **Perform a full colocalisation analysis**
  - **Intensity-based** (no defined structure)
  - **Object-based** (defined structure)
- **For publications, indicate:**
  - **Pearson's coefficient**
  - **thresholded Manders' coefficients**
  - **colocalisation map**

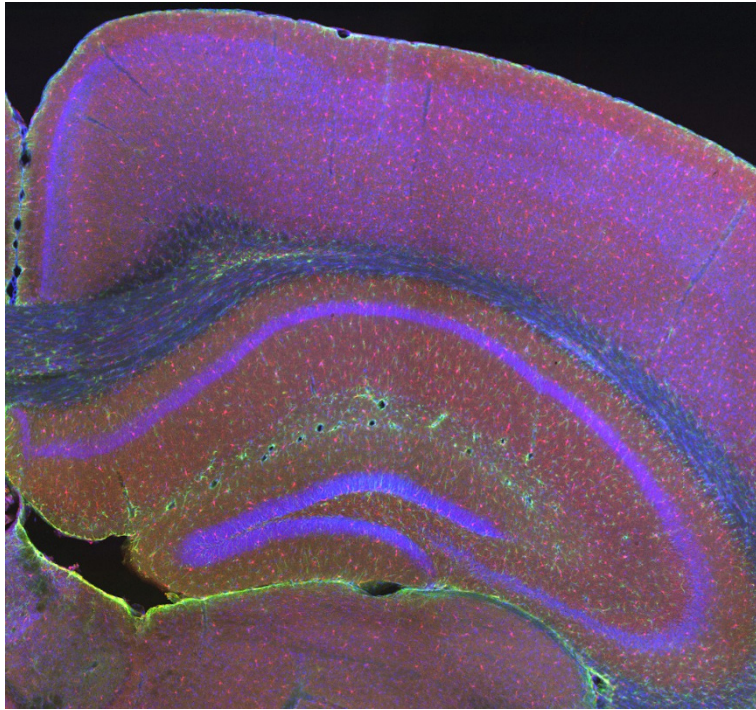
# Colocalisation: Strategic Planning



Colocalisation is always relative to the resolution!



# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

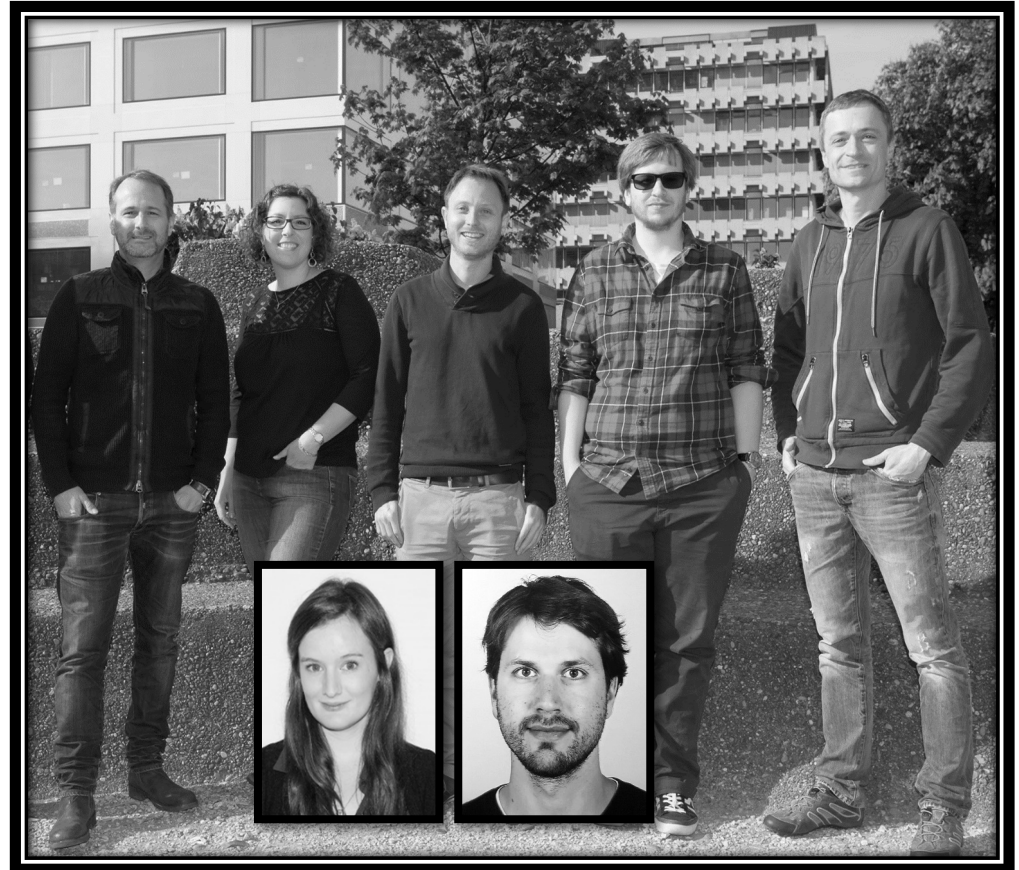


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