A fluorescence micrograph of plant tissue, likely a cross-section of a root or stem. The cell walls are outlined in bright white, forming a honeycomb-like pattern. Several cells contain bright green fluorescent signals, which appear to be concentrated in the nuclei or specific organelles. Some cells also show smaller, distinct white fluorescent spots. The overall background is dark, making the fluorescent signals stand out.

# Technics in cytology and microscopy : for plant application and maybe fungi?

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# Overview of my experiences

Adaptation  
to plant domain

Adaptation  
to microfluidics/microfabrication

Initial background

2012

INRA (IJPB)

2017

IPGG/ENS

BIOGER

2019

Animal physiology

\*Modelling *Arabidopsis*  
embryo/leaf development  
\*Brachypodium (monocot.)  
vascular development

Plant protoplasts on chip

## Biological model

Animal  
Plant  
Bacteria

## microfabrication

## Microscopy

Confocal  
Fluorescence microscopy  
Home made microscopy

## Laser Capture Microdissection

## Biological sample preparation

Histology  
Cell culture  
Molecular biology

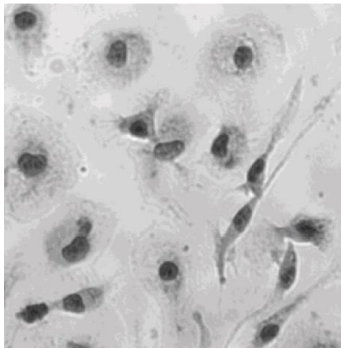
## Image analysis

ImageJ / Metamorph  
C language/ImageJ macro

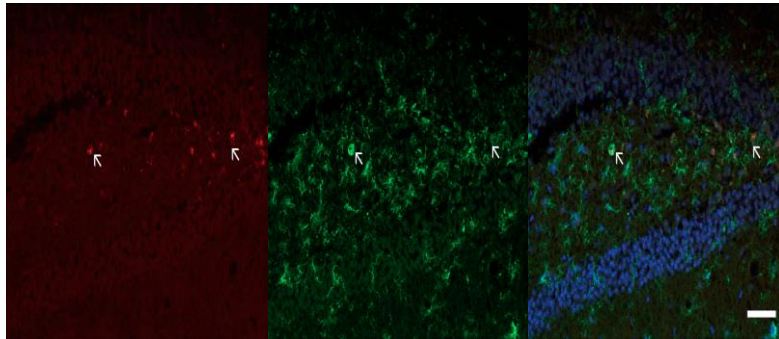
## Internship during Master (Vyas S., Katz R., Mallat M.)

**Master in Science and Technology- Integrative Biology and Physiology – Speciality Aging biology and longevity, Pierre et Marie Curie University (UPMC, Paris VI, Sorbonne University)**

### Primary cell culture

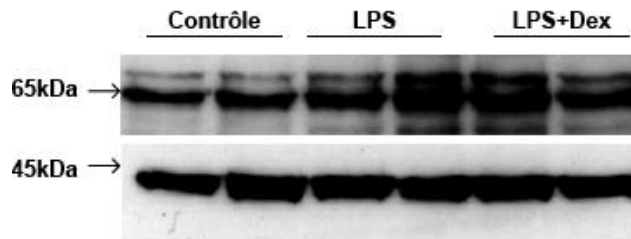


### Fluorescence microscopy

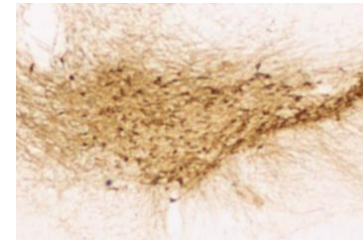


(Apotome: 1D-SIM)

### Molecular biology



### Immunohistochemistry



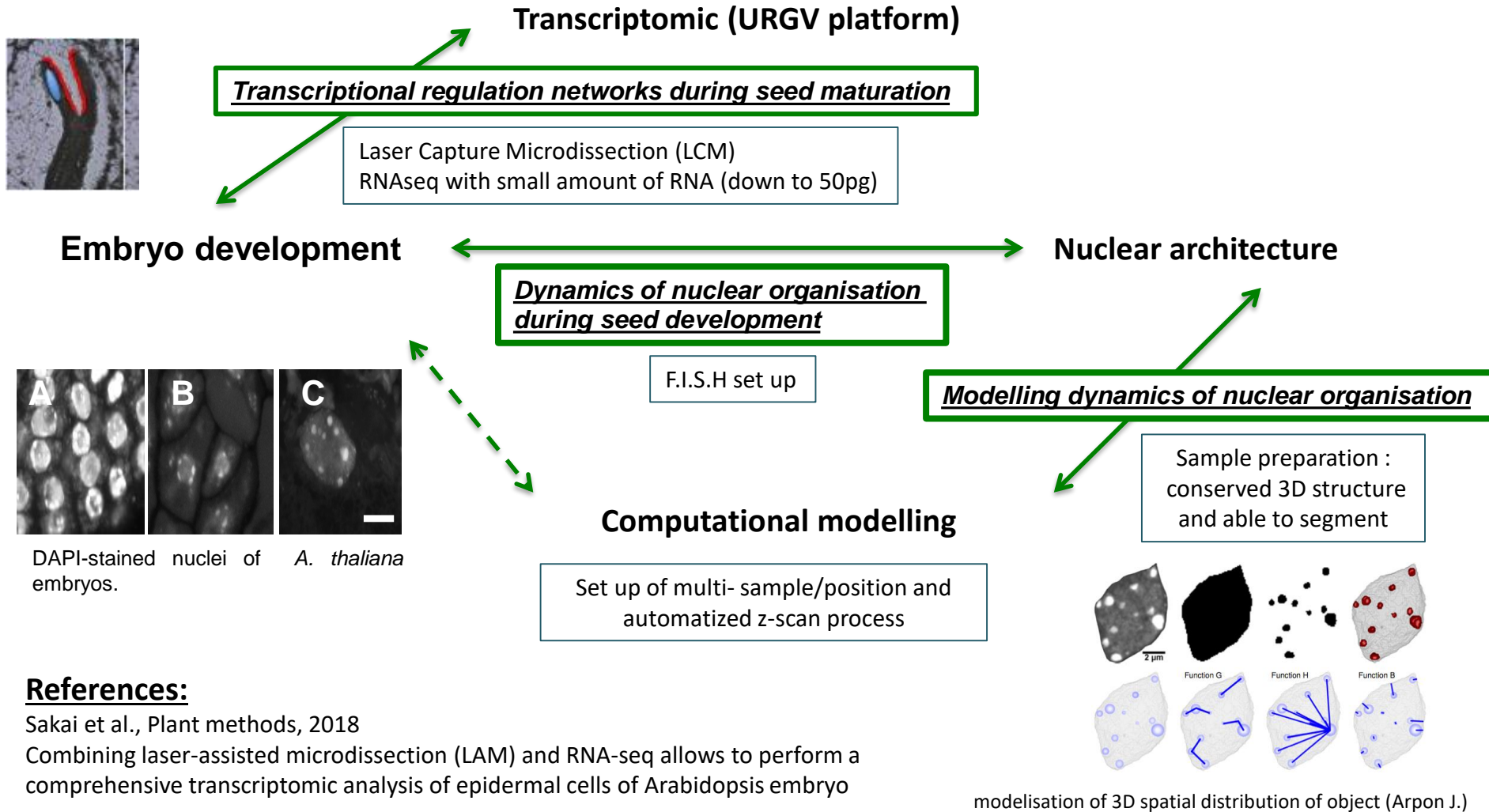
### Research subject:

Amyloid- $\beta$  1-42 peptide effect on microglia –role of NADPH oxidase

Effect of aging on neuromuscular network

Role of Glucocorticoid receptor in immune response regulation during neurodegeneration

# SPS Project : Modelling Developmental Mechanisms



## References:

Sakai et al., Plant methods, 2018

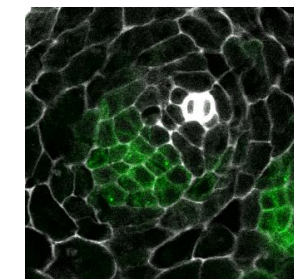
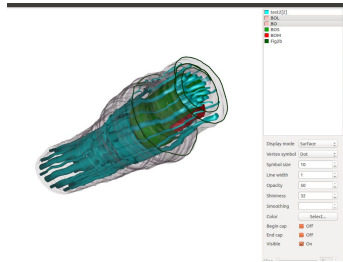
Combining laser-assisted microdissection (LAM) and RNA-seq allows to perform a comprehensive transcriptomic analysis of epidermal cells of Arabidopsis embryo

Del Prete et al., Cytogenet Genome Res., 2014

Nuclear architecture and chromatin dynamics in interphase nuclei of Arabidopsis thaliana

# BRAVO Project : Deciphering vascular development mechanism (ANR)

## Computational modeling of vascular network



Vascular gene related transgenic lines

**Detailed description of vascular:**  
- development  
- patterning  
- cell differentiation

Image analysis (segmentation)  
**Cytology / Histology**  
(microtome, vibratome, cryotome)  
**Microscopy**  
(confocal)

**Transcriptomic data from vascular bundles at different development stage**

Laser Capture Microdissection (LCM) RNAseq with small amount of RNA  
RNA chip

**Screening mutants with aberrant vasculature**

**Transcriptomic (URGV-IPS2)**

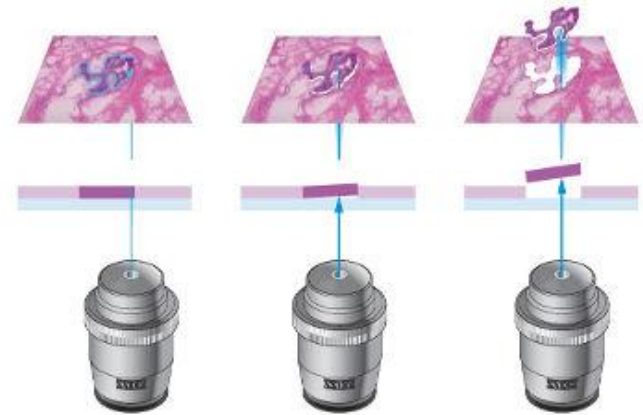
# **Laser Capture Microdissection**



# Laser Capture Microdissection

**Aim:** to concentrate sample content by cutting and isolating the region of interest

Each sample type has its own optimum cutting parameters



Questions you should ask:

**1-How to recognize the region of interest? :**

- determine if isolation is possible OR not
- important step to avoid any “tissue contamination”
- critical step to be efficient against sample degradation (RNA, chemicals)

**2-Fixed or fresh tissue / thickness?**

- possible RNA modification by fixation process (Acetic acid/Ethanol for RNA is better)
- too thick: could lead to tissue contamination, efficiency of sample harvest by laser microdissection (laser power, laser focus/diameter)

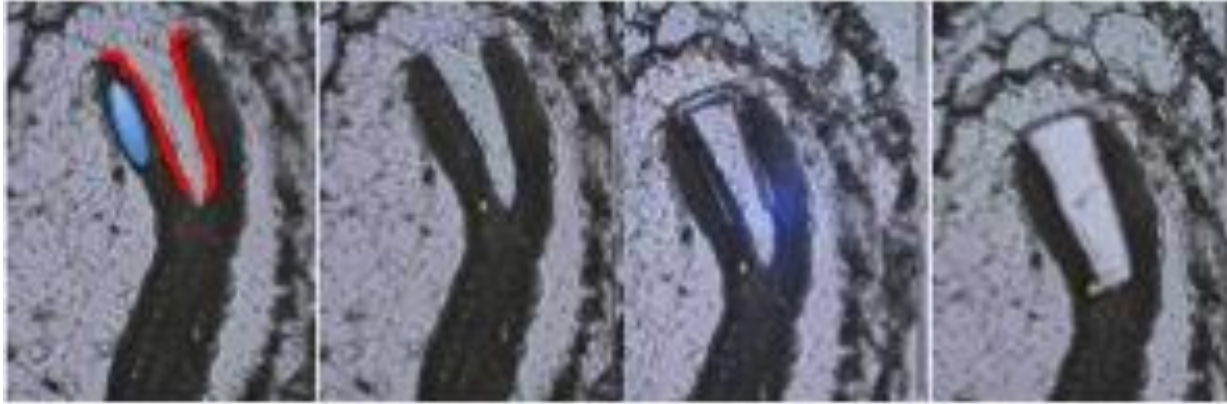
**3-Enough quantity possible for analysis:**

- minimum amount tested : RNA- (RNAseq, NGS-Illumina-IPS2, 2-3ng total\_200-300pg/uL)

*Sakai et. al*

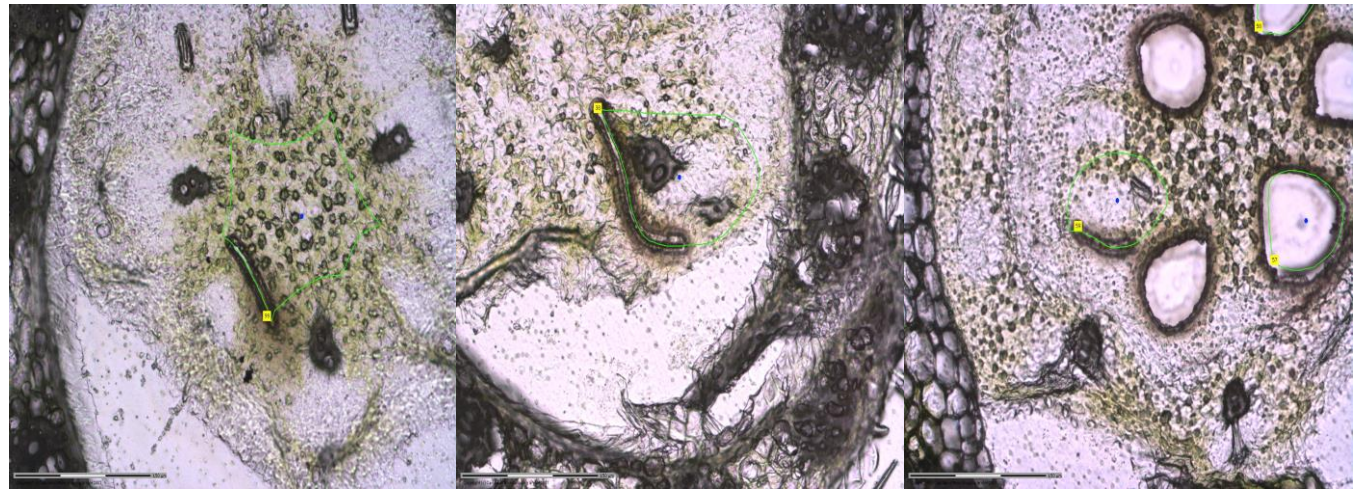
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## Some examples



Arabidopsis embryo  
Acetic Ac./Ethanol fixation  
Paraffine embedding  
Microtome cutting (8um)

Brachypodium vascular bundle  
Liquid N2 fixed  
Cryoprotected embedding  
Ethanol deshydrated  
Cryocrotome cutting (20um)





# Overview of Laser Capture Microdissection experiment

Adapt biological material preparation suitable for RNAseq/chemical analysis

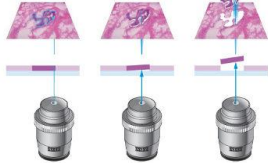
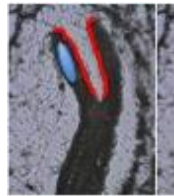
Fixed tissue (ex. Embryo project)

Adapt sample preparation

Fresh tissue (vascular project)

Set up sample preparation

LCM : optimum surface, thickness, time to preserve RNA quality

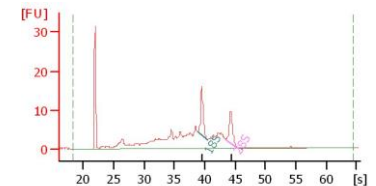


RNA extraction :  
Rneasy FFPE kit,  
picopure kit

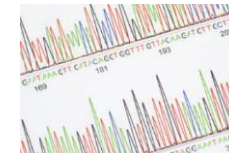


Chemical  
extraction/analysis

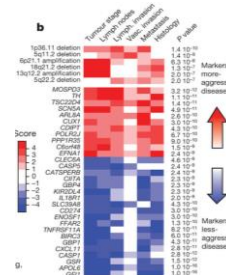
Check RNA quality: Agilent



NGS sequencing: Illumina



Transcriptomic platform



Transcriptomic data of the whole microdissected  
tissue :

For qualitative, semi quantitative analysis

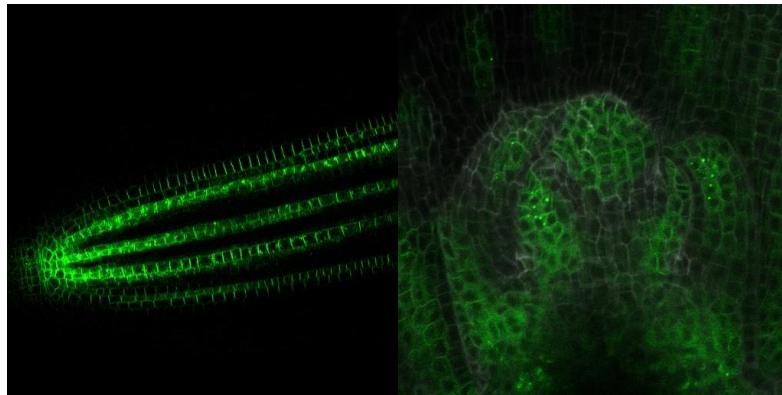
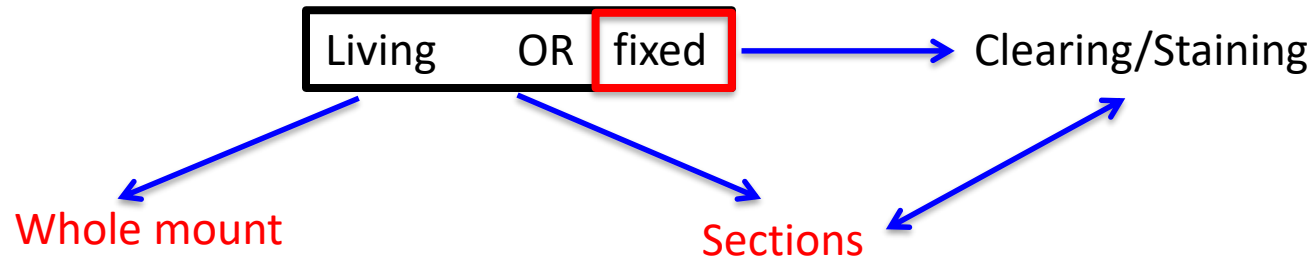
Samples fixation : 4% PFA, Ethanol/Acetic Acid, etc...

Sample conservation : Paraffine, cryoblocs, solution (ethanol)

Platform with LCM : IJPB (plant), I2BC (animals)  
LCM working group (in French, Luc Legres)

# **Cutting technics –sample preparation in histology**

## Sample for microscope observation, but before...



In vivo root

Fixed meristem

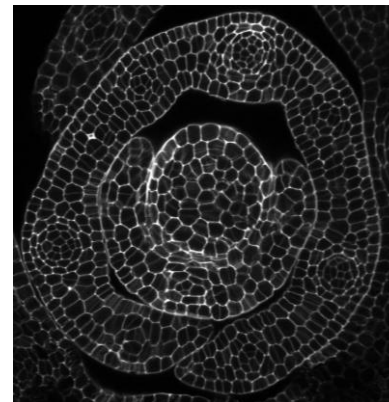
Frozen: cryostat

Vibration: vibratome

RT solid embedding: microtome, ultramicrotome



Mounting media (vectashield, citufluor, etc...)  
Choice could be crucial for optimum observation



Cryostat cut, monocot leaf, autofluorescence, only in cityfluor

## Comparison of cutting method

ROC

Did in the past (IJPB)

	ultramicrotome	microtome	cryotome	vibratome
Thickness range	0,05-10um	1-20um	10-200/500um	20-500um
cutting	Glass/diamond knife	Disposable microtome blade		Disposable blade
Sample fixation	fixed	fixed	Fresh/fixed	Fresh/fixed
Embedding method	resine	Parrafine, wax	sucrose	agarose
Cutting condition	RT	15°C	-20°C	RT
Conservation method	RT, decades	4°C, years	-80°C	4°C, humid
Some critical points	Ethanol used during sample preparation degrade/inactivate functional fluorescent protein as GFP, but some technics to conserve GFP (ROC)		Set up of cutting temperature is crucial for structure conservation	Tissue floating  Cutting could be hard depending on tissue softness
Possible application			Fluorescent Transgenic lines GUS transgenic lines	

## Ultramicrotome/microtome

### fixed samples

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For very thin sections

Dehydration/heating step included in sample preparation could affect protein conformation

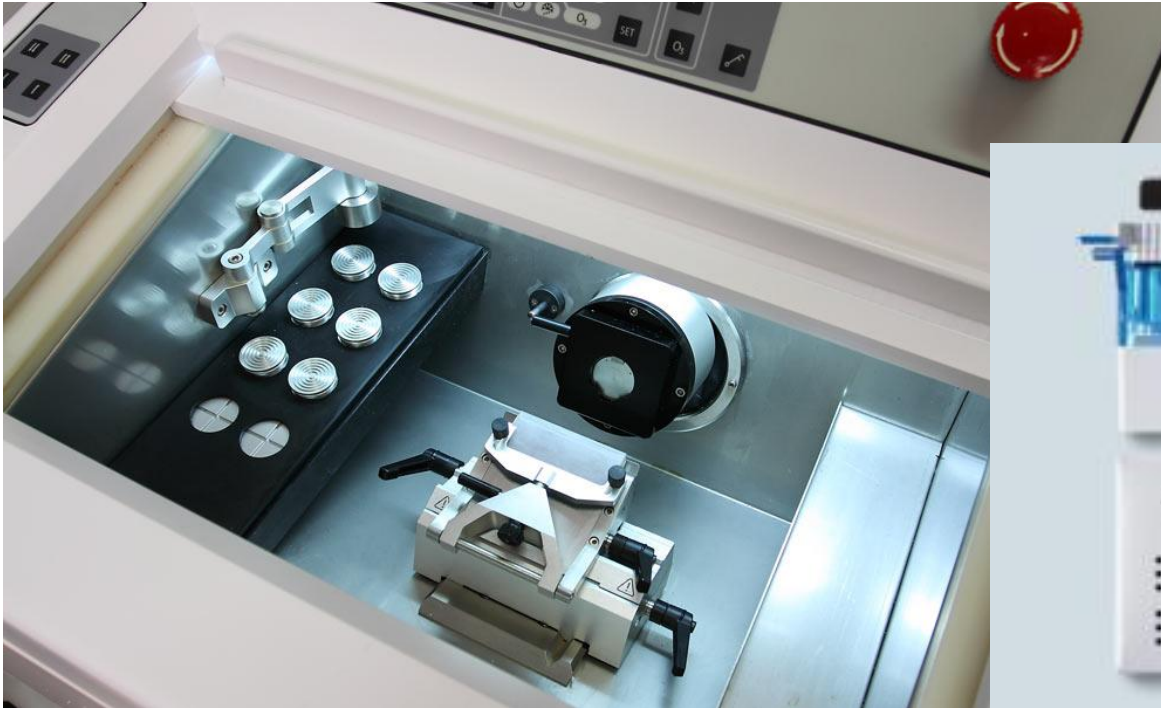
Sample preparation process is long (5 days)

Sample conservation: years



## Cryo-microtome - Cryostat

### Cryo microtome : on fresh or fixed samples



Faster sample preparation than paraffine or wax

Better conservation of RNA integrity than fixed samples (no crosstalk)

**No lost of GFP signal or other ethanol sensitive construction**

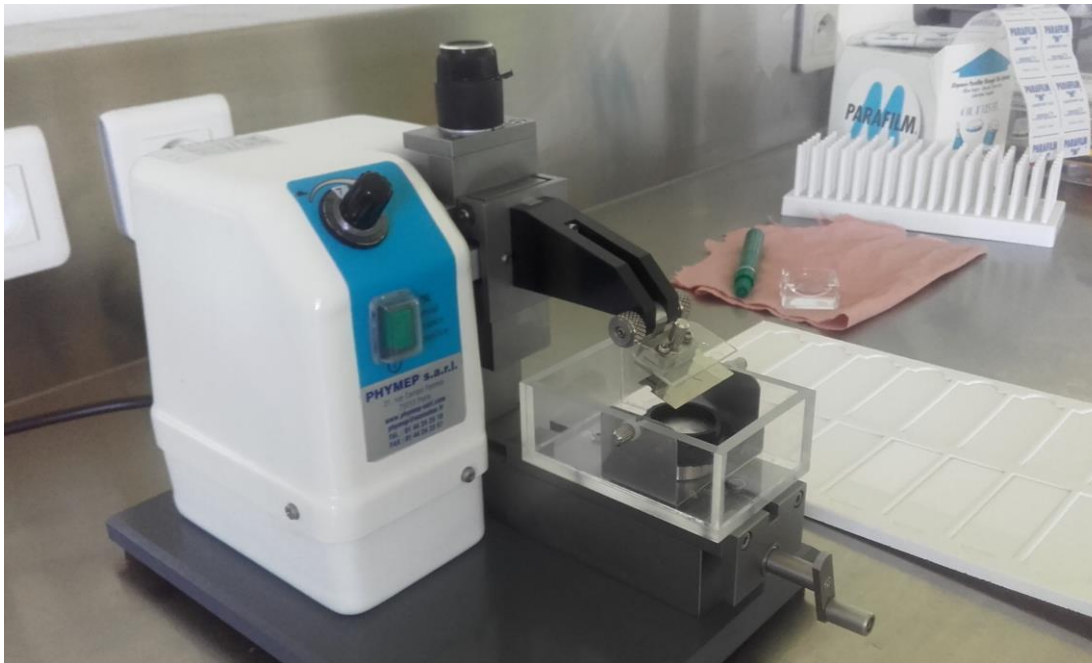
**Thickness between vibratome and microtome (10 to 200um)**

Sample conservation : at -80°C for long term storage

## Vibratome : microtome with vibrating blade

on fresh or fixed samples

BIOGER



Fastest sample preparation

**No lost of GFP signal or other ethanol sensitive construction**

Without any freezing or embedding process (is possible)

Adapted more for thicker slicing

# Staining

## Labeling method

Did in the past (IJPB-ENS)

	Autofluorescence Chemicals dyes	Immuno localization	In situ hybridization		Transgenic lines
target	Chemical substrate	protein	DNA	RNA	Proteins/promoter activity
detection	Chemicals: CMAC: vacuole Lignin: auto ex405 Syto62: nucleic acid-red	Antibodies, Direct Indirect	Probe, signal amplification		GFP, GUS construction Direct Indirect

### PLANNED TO DO:

Make a list of staining chemicals available and share it  
(google sheet, share point,  
a system which doesn't need a file upload- and could be updated online)

# **Microscopy/Fluorescence microscopy**



## Microscope slide scanner : BF/epi-fluorescence

Trial but not used (IJPB)



Hight throughput image acquisitions

### Conditions needed for the use of slide scanner:

- same size/region of slide to scan
- sample preparation well established

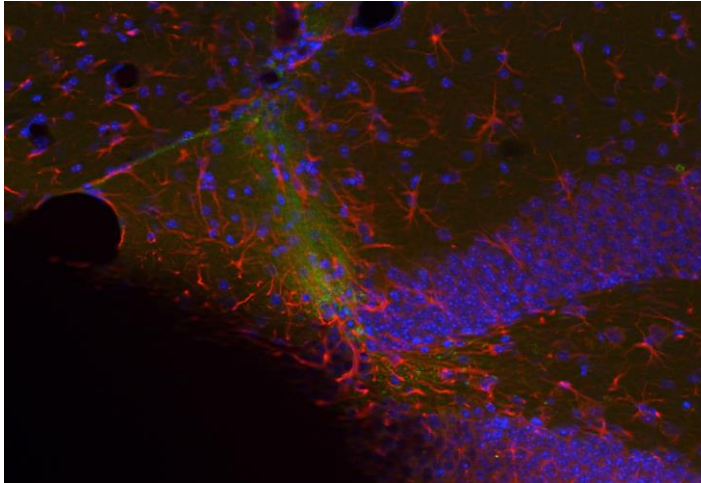
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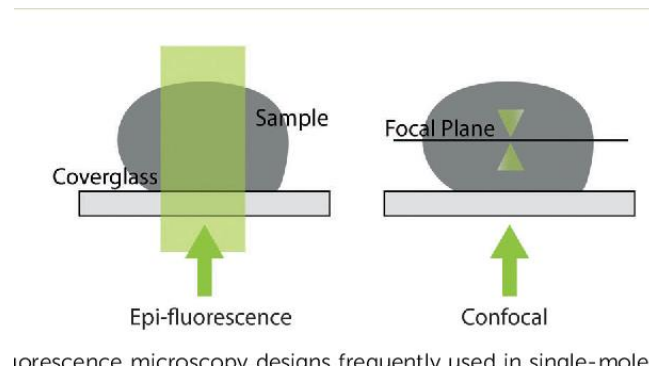
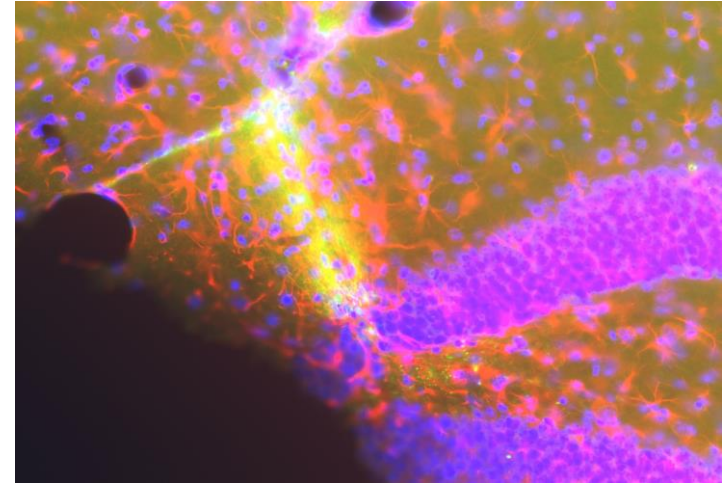
## Apotome (ZEISS, « 1D-SIM »)

ZEISS

Apotome (confocal “like” images)



without apotome



### Confocal:


Limit the illuminated region and acquisition of signal to the focal plane

Fluorescence microscopy designs frequently used in single-molec

# Confocal microscopy

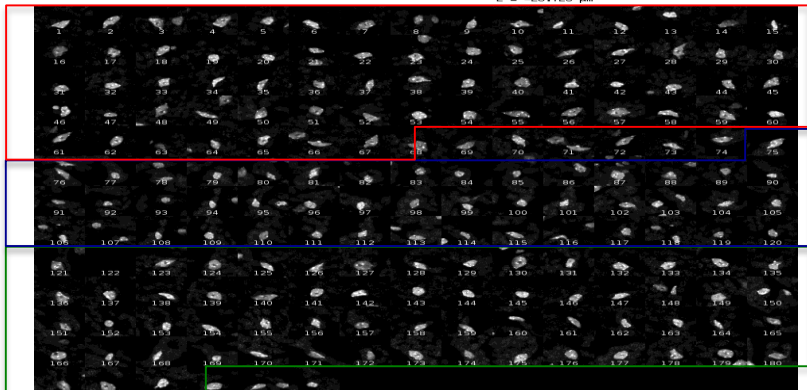
## Multi- sample/position and automatized z-scan process made available for confocal microscope users

1      2      3



Carl Zeiss LSM 510 - Position list file - Version = 1.000  
 BEGIN PositionList Version = 10000  
 NumberPositions = 166  
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 X = -1156.750 µm  
 Y = 2750.750 µm  
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1-Select position



Sample 1  
n=73

2-O/N Scan  
(12h, 186 samples)

Sample 2  
n=48

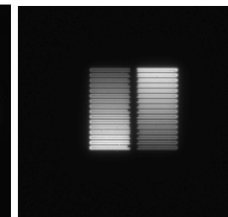
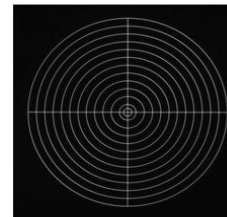
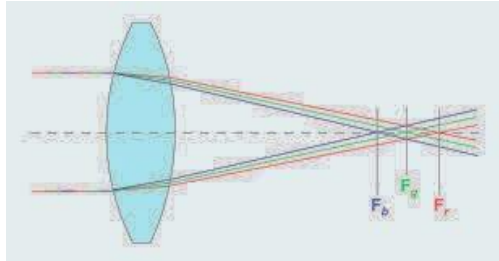
Sample 3  
n=64

3-Save and analyse

## Indroduction of Argolight, calibration slide to the microscopy platform

### Metrology for microscopy

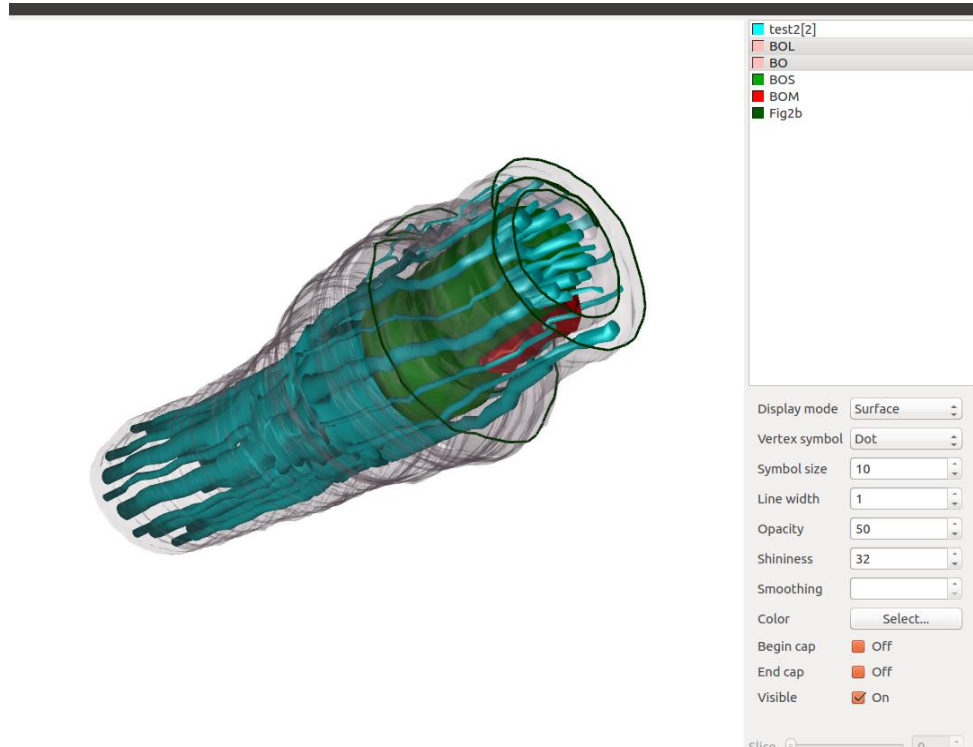
Chromatic aberration



Geometric aberration

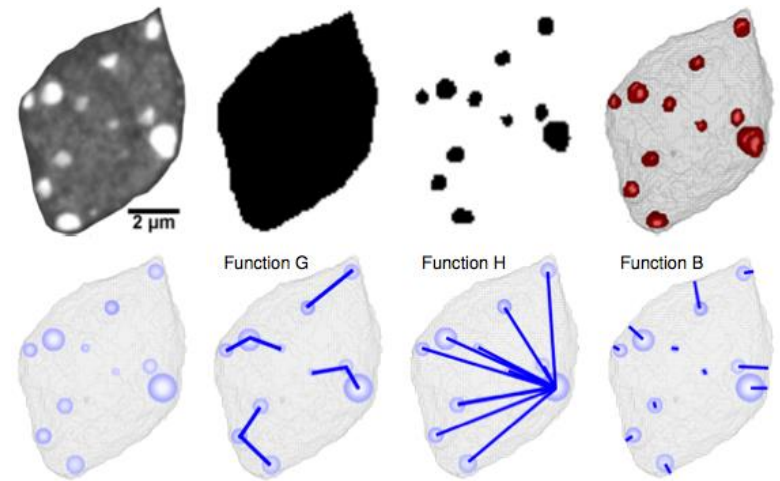
## Image analysis - modeling

Image acquisition/3D reconstruction



ImageJ, FreeD

Modeling



Collaboration, IJPB  
P. Andrey's team

## Image analysis – modeling : process

### 1-Image acquisition:

- acquisition parameters
- data storage (file name)

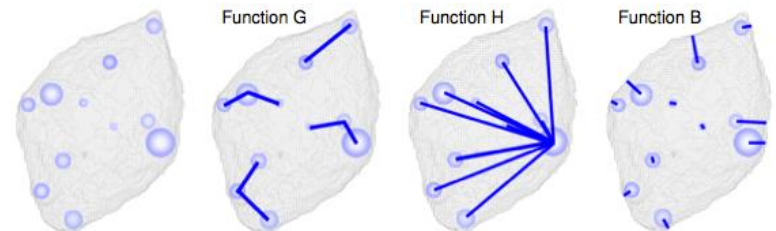
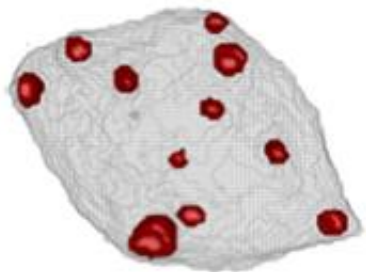
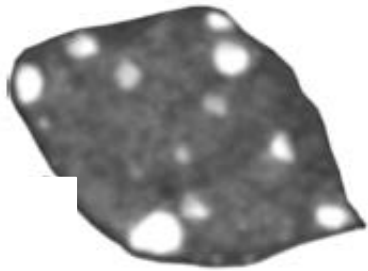
Critical step need to set up by biologist  
**NEVER** USE jpeg!!  
Always **keep raw data**

### 2-Image segmentation:

- isolate the object of interest
- threshold parameters depending on objects

### 3-Image reconstruction

### 4-Modeling





## Microscope, let's take care!

### Excitation sources



Vapor lamp (sometime toxic as mercure)  
2 000hours of use  
~6 000 euros



Diode  
10 000 to 100 000 hours of use  
~10 000 euros



Laser  
> 1000 hours of use  
~20 000 to 150 000euros

Figure 1 - Objective Working and Parfocal Distance



### Objectives

100 to 12 000 euros  
(long working distance)

### Cover slip

1,5# is for precise fluorescence acquisition  
~5times more expensive than classical cover slip

**Thank you  
for your attention**

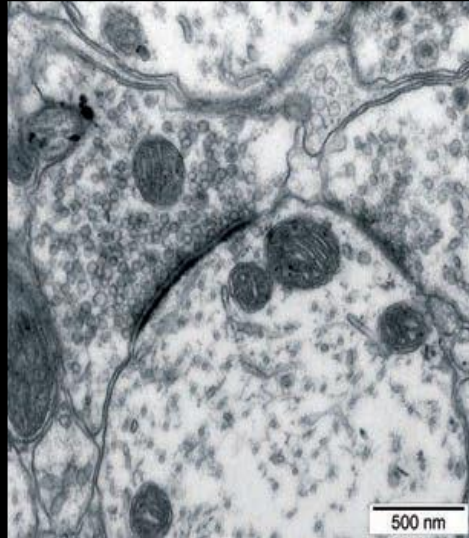




## Electron Microscopy

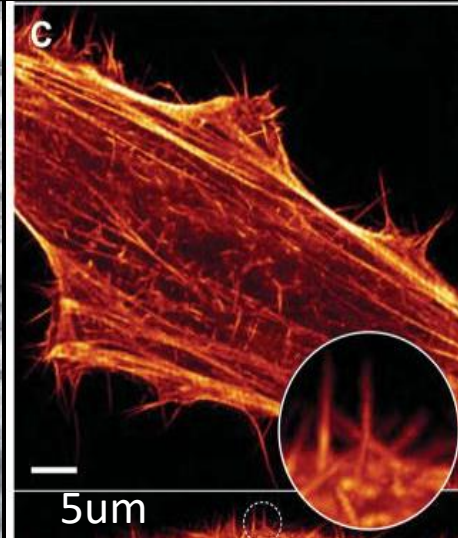
## Optical Microscopy

### Transmission Electron Microscopy Ultrastructure



Resolution: electron size  
but :  
No fluorescence  
No dynamic  
Limit of staining tools  
(no fusion protein)

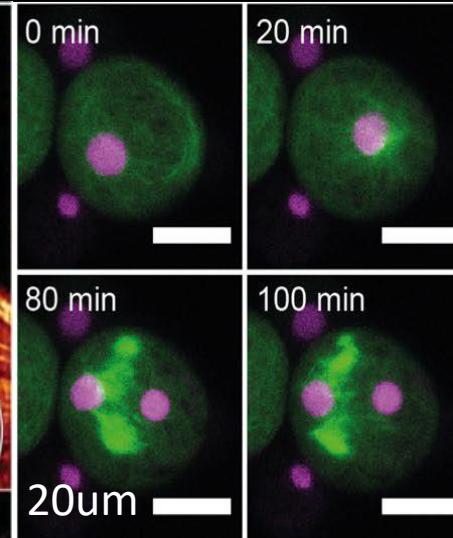
### Super Resolution Between confocal and TEM (actin, tubulin)



Resolution : 50nm in x, y, z axis  
Fluorescence, Ph, DIC  
z-stack, numerical zoom  
**But:**  
Dynamic is more difficult  
Technics for probes/sample/set up  
preparation is requaired

**Hot topic, more and more  
commercial devices**

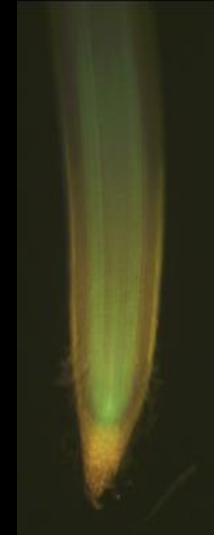
### Confocal Tiny structure in 3D



Resolution : 0,2μm in xy axis  
0,4μm in z axis, spectral  
(lambda)  
Fluorescence, Ph, DIC  
Dynamic  
z-stack, numerical zoom

**More and more « home  
made » set up : cameras  
(micromanager, metamorph)**

### Wide Field / Fluorescence (video microscope)



Resolution : xy 0,2μm but in z is  
the thickness of sample  
Fluorescence, Ph, DIC  
Dynamic  
**but :**  
No z-stack (need deconvolution)  
Single frame (no zoom)



# Free-D Homepage

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## SYNOPSIS

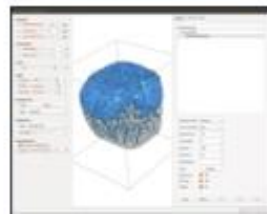
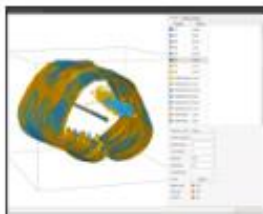
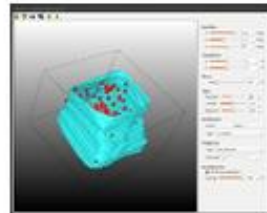
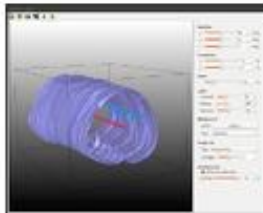
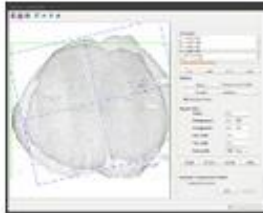
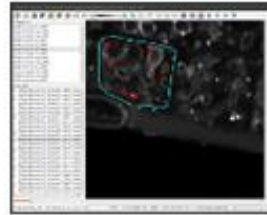
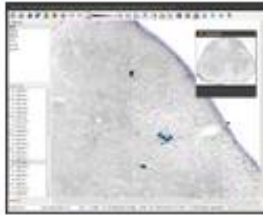
Free-D is a three-dimensional (3D) reconstruction and modeling software. It allows to generate, process and analyze 3D point and surface models from stacks of 2D images.

Free-D is an integrated software, offering in a single graphical user interface all the functionalities required for 3D modeling. It runs on Linux, Windows, and MacOS.

Free-D is developed by the **Modeling and Digital Imaging** team of the **Institut Jean-Pierre Bourgin**, INRA Versailles, France.

**LATEST RELEASE:** Free-D 1.13 (2016.07.28). See the **major changes** [here](#).





## ■ Stack browsing

- > can handle multiple stacks of several hundreds of Gb
- > can handle section images of several hundreds of Mb
- > supports variable inter-slice spacing and pixel calibration

## ■ Image segmentation

- > manual delineation and pointing on 2D images
- > automated 2D and 3D segmentation (contours, spots)
- > segmentation editing, resampling, and smoothing

## ■ Image registration

- > interactive rigid transformations (translation and rotation)
- > several display modes for registration visualization
- > registration based on images and/or segmentations

## ■ Model reconstruction

- > instant rendering of segmentation and registration actions
- > easy navigation through series of stack reconstructions
- > permanent storage of poses of interest

## ■ Quantitative analysis

- > quantitative measures (counts, lengths, areas, volumes, etc.)
- > analysis per slice, per 2D item, per 3D reconstructed model
- > export as spreadsheet for further statistical analysis

## ■ Spatial normalization and atlasing

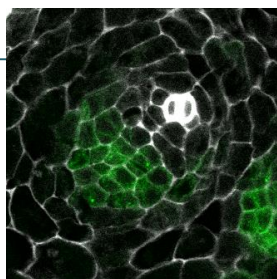
- > groupwise 3D shape registration and averaging
- > linear and non-linear spatial normalization
- > statistical density estimation and visualization



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Computational modeling of  
vascular network

Image analysis (segmentation)  
Cytology / Histology  
(microtome, vibratome, cryotome)  
Microscopy  
(confocal)



Laser Capture Microdissection (LCM)  
RNAseq with small amount of RNA  
RNA chip

