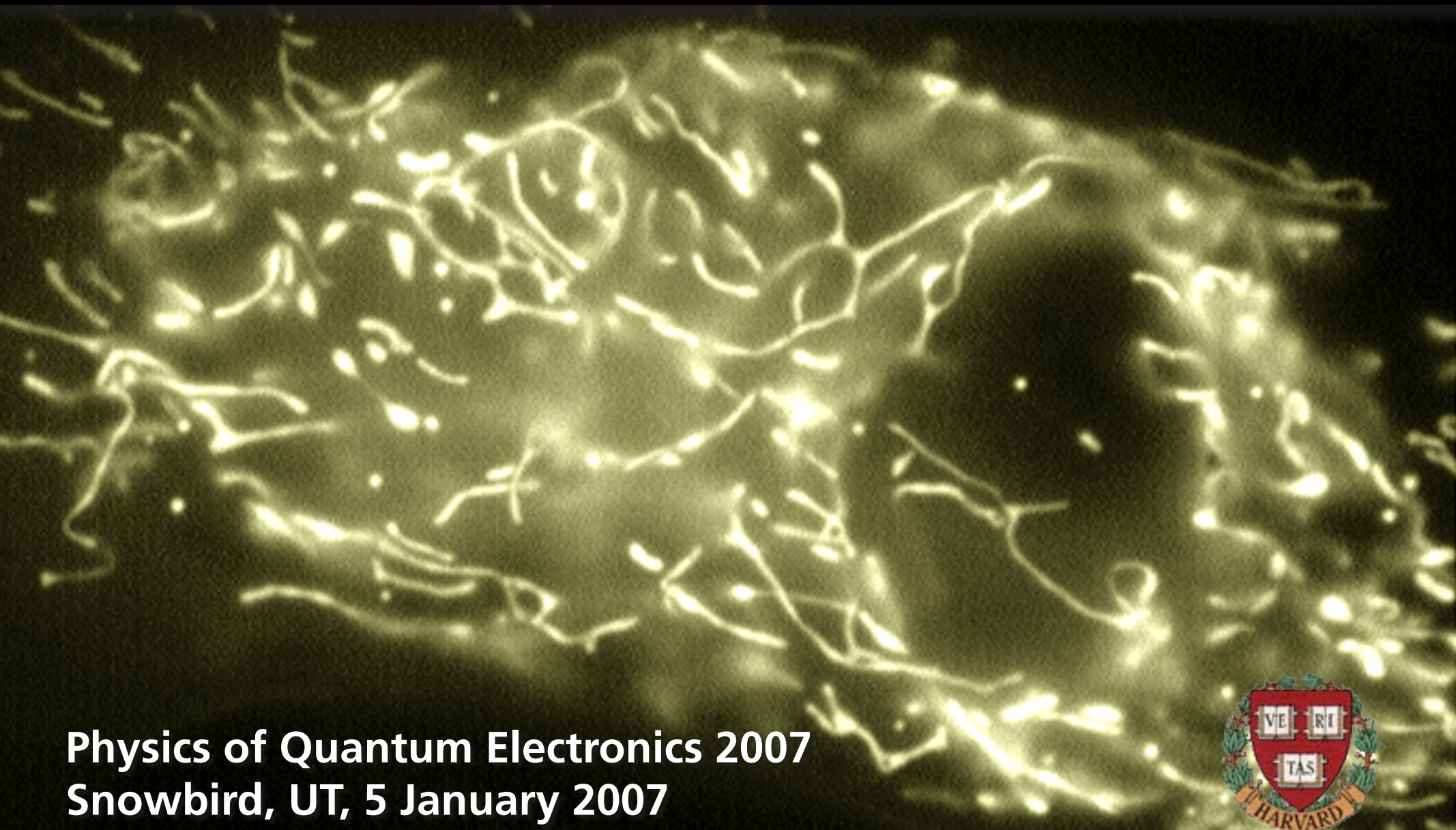


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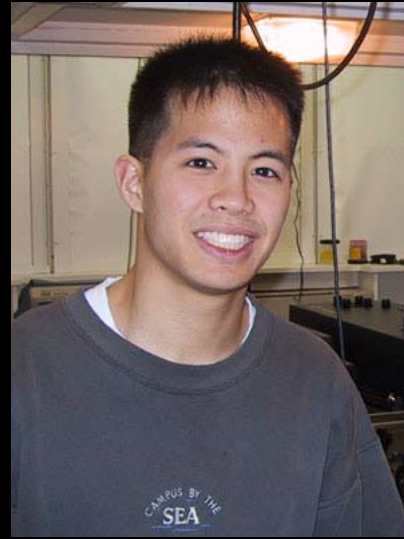


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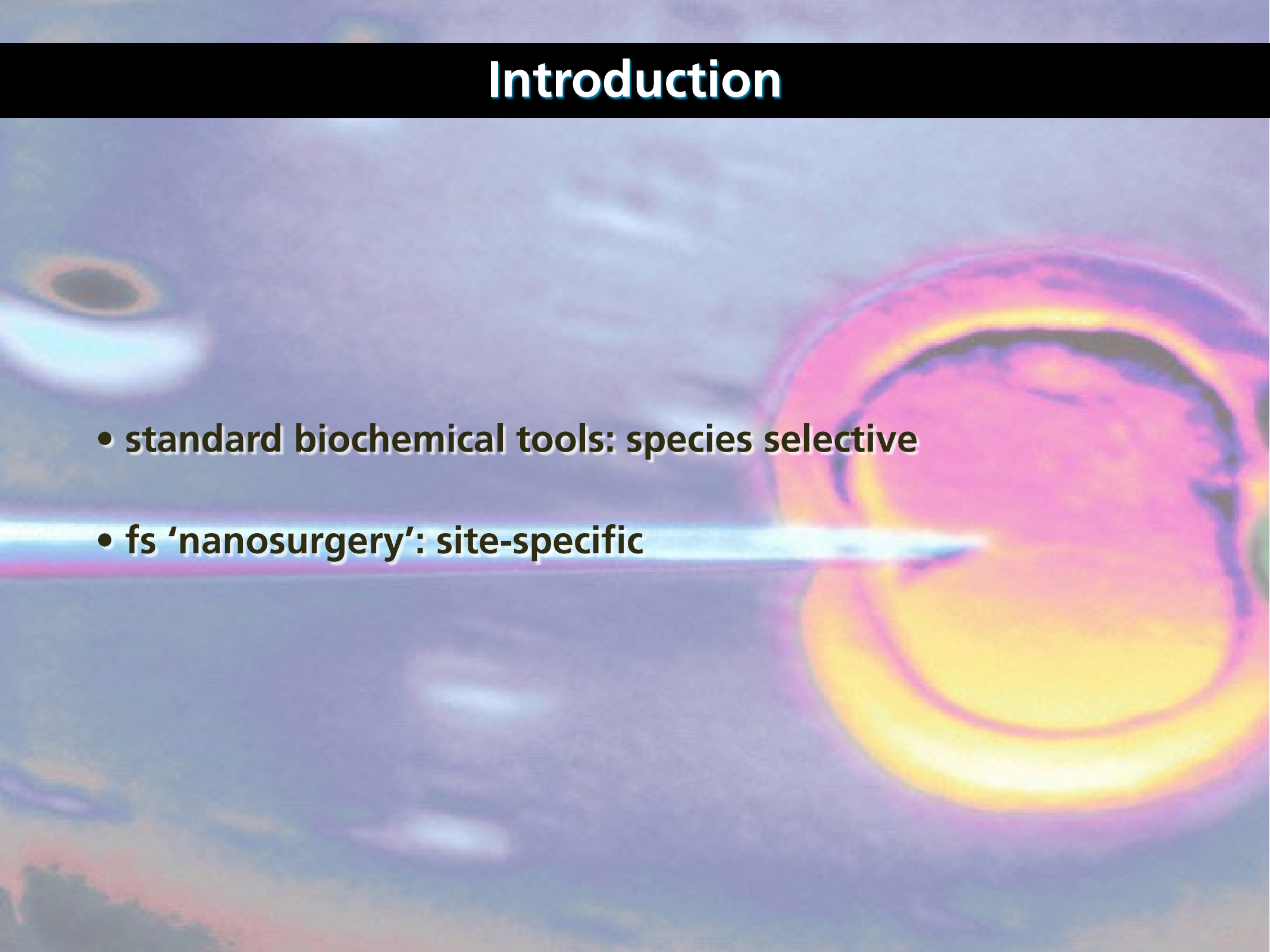
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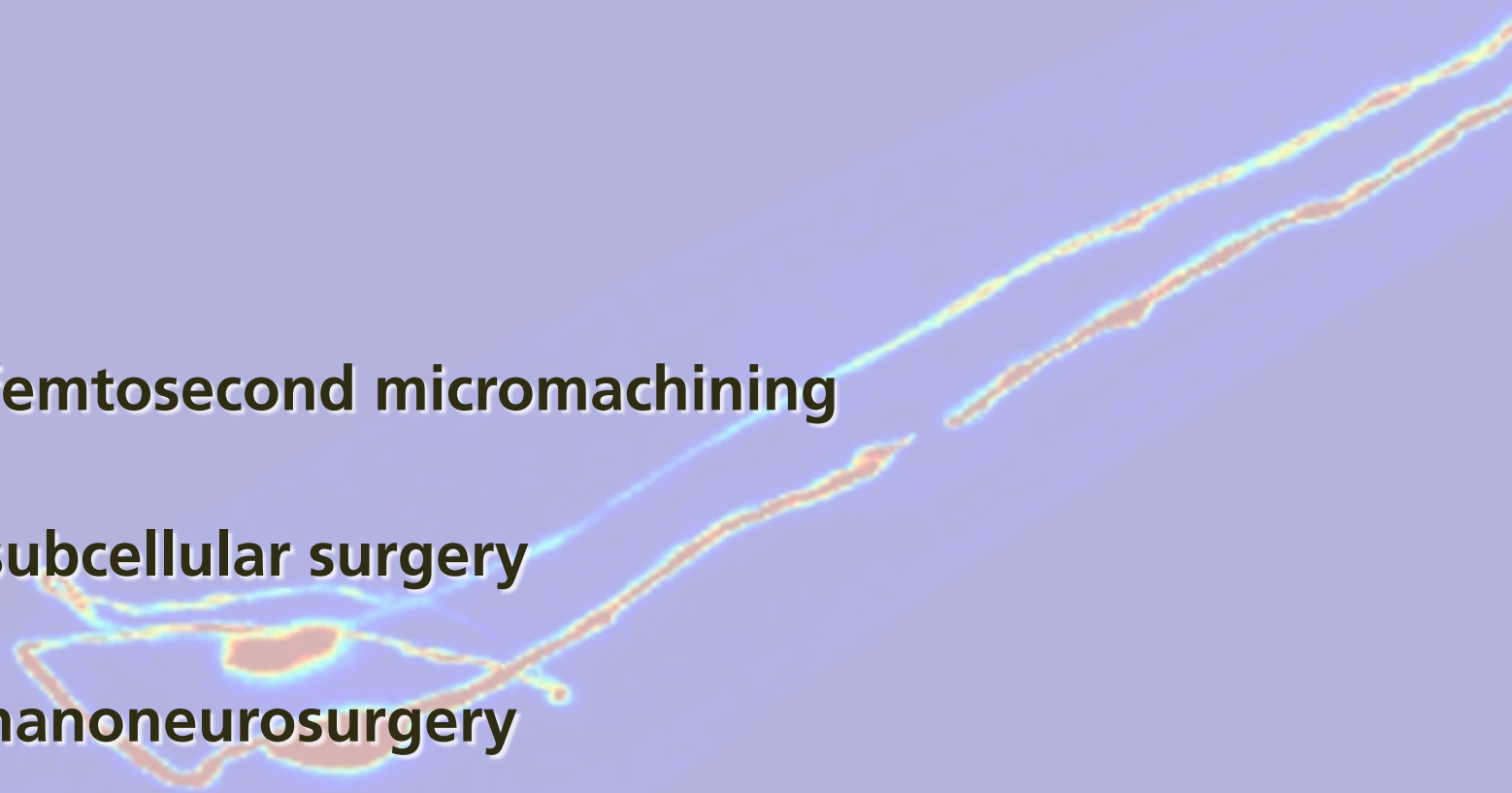
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Introduction

- **standard biochemical tools: species selective**
- **fs 'nanosurgery': site-specific**

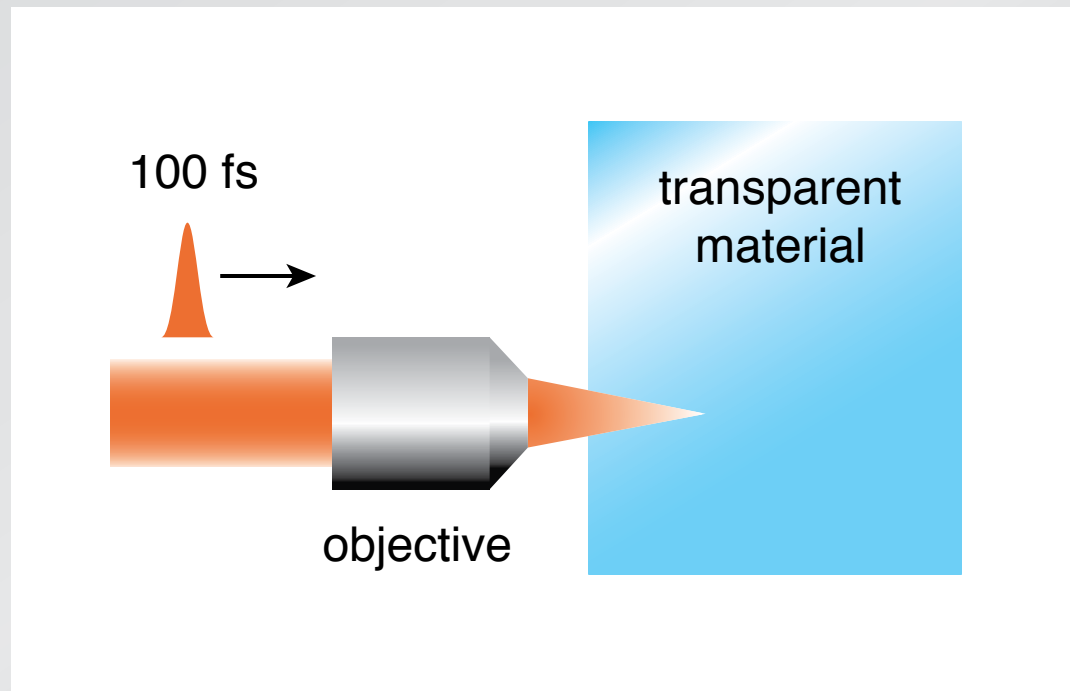


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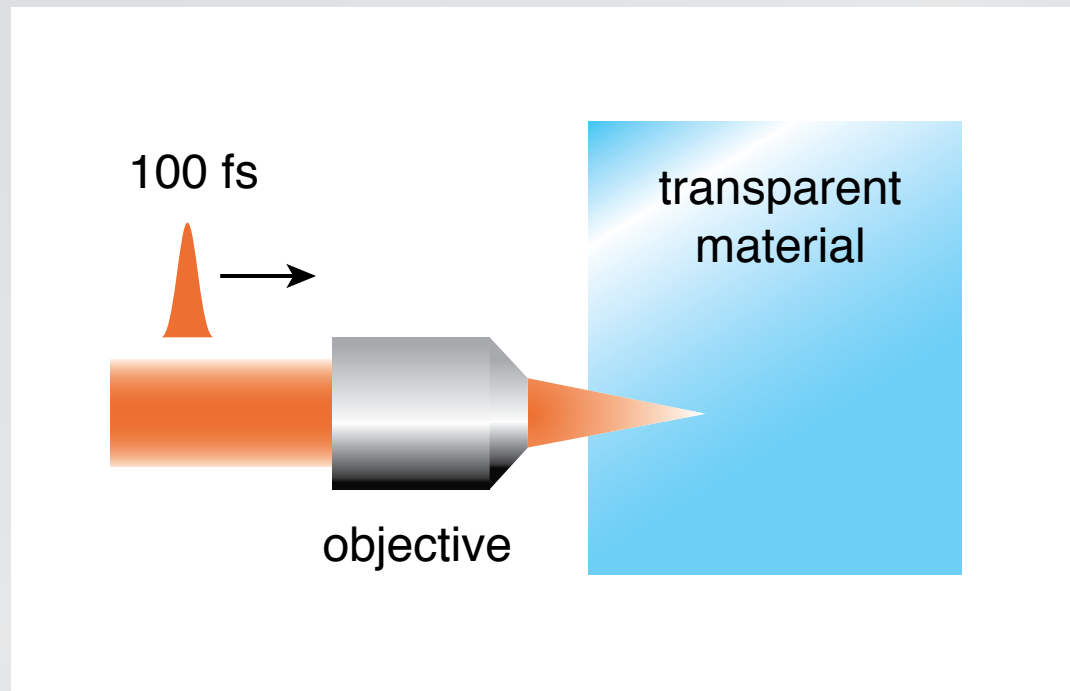
Femtosecond micromachining

focus laser beam inside material



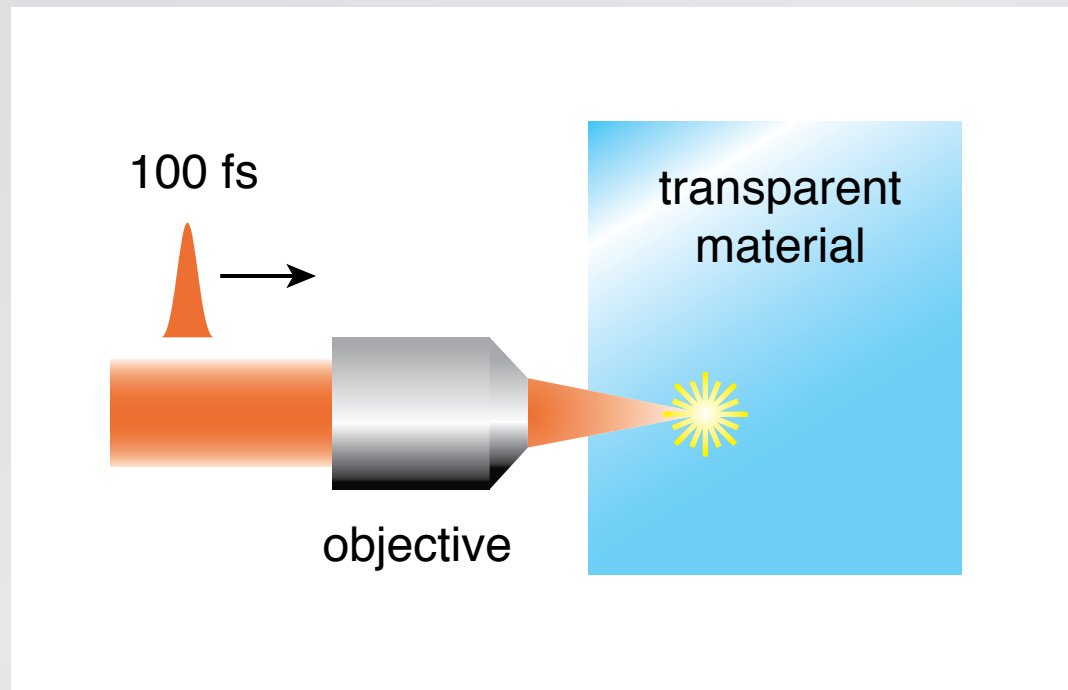
Femtosecond micromachining

high intensity at focus...



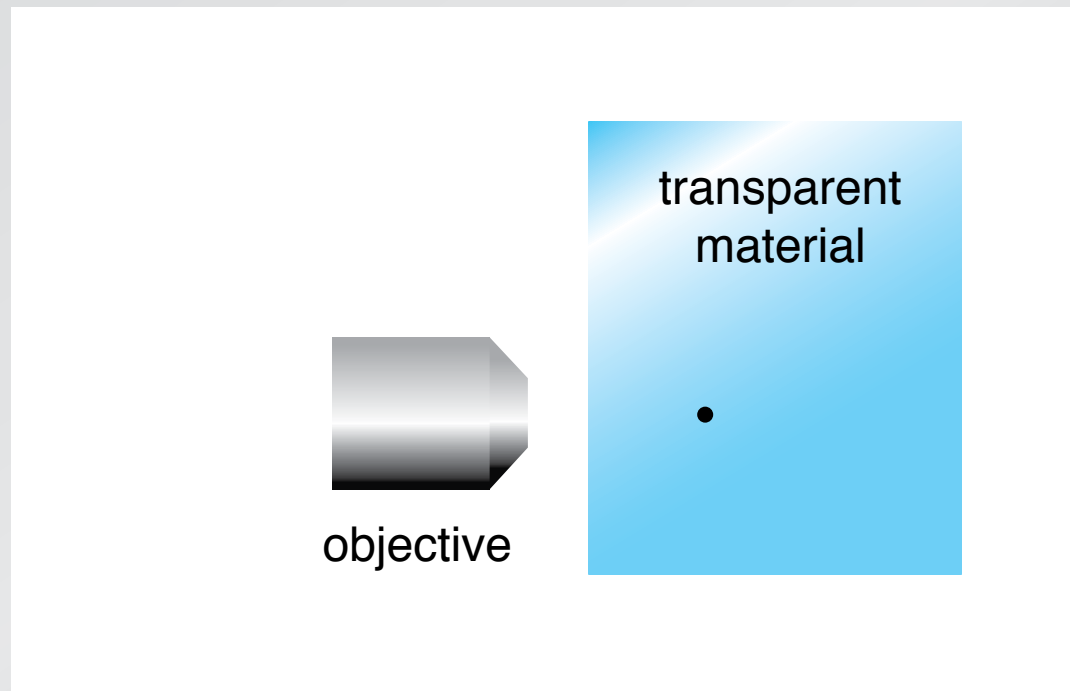
Femtosecond micromachining

...causes nonlinear ionization...

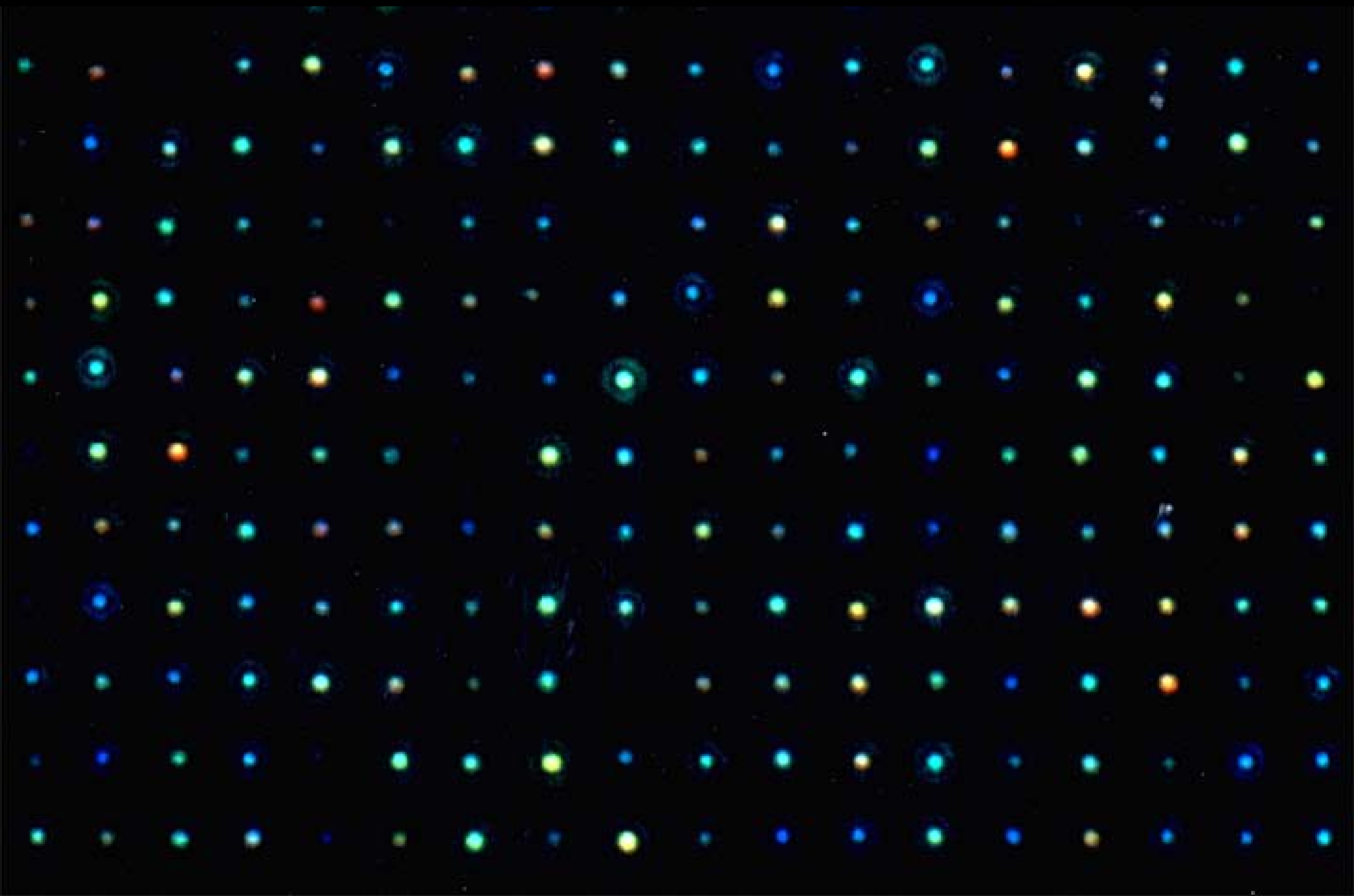


Femtosecond micromachining

and 'microexplosion' causes microscopic damage...



Femtosecond micromachining

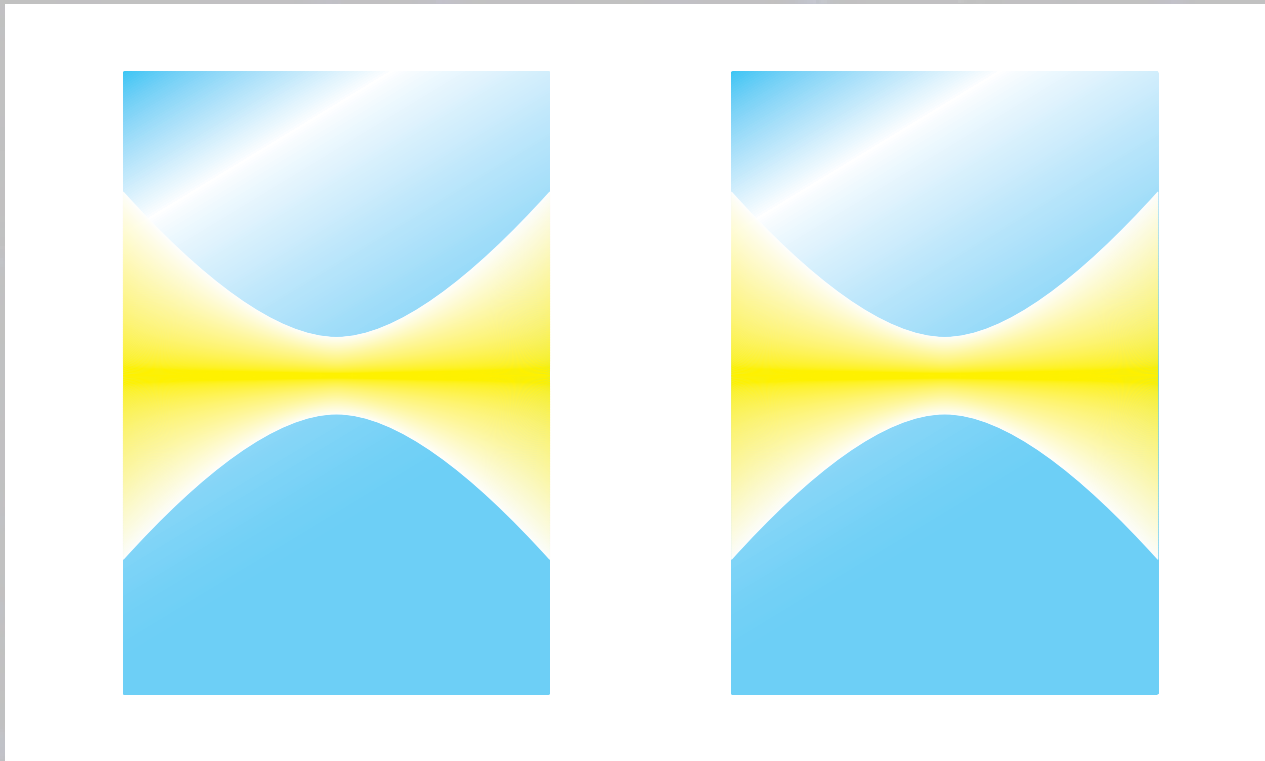


Femtosecond micromachining

photon energy $<$ bandgap \longrightarrow nonlinear interaction

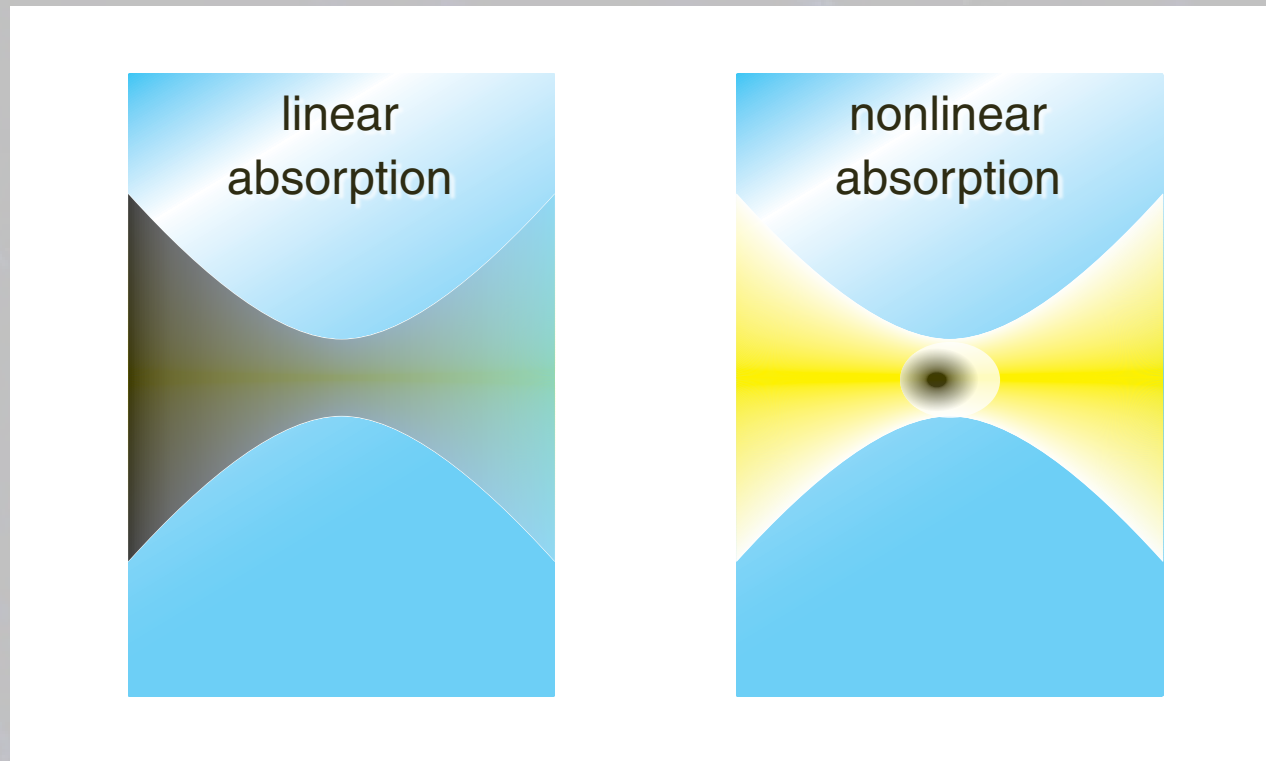
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nonlinear interaction provides bulk confinement

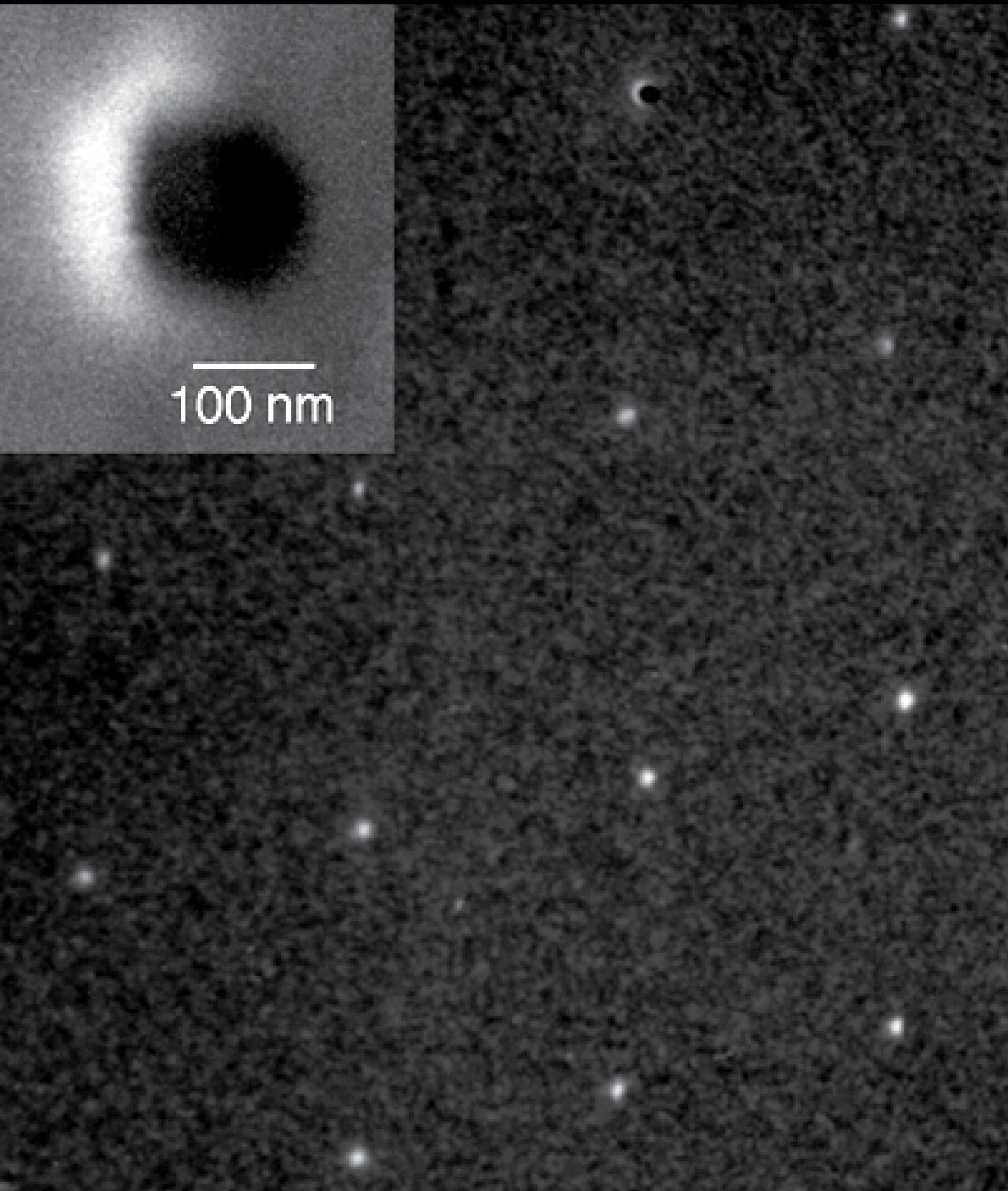


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nonlinear interaction provides bulk confinement



Femtosecond micromachining



SEM & AFM:

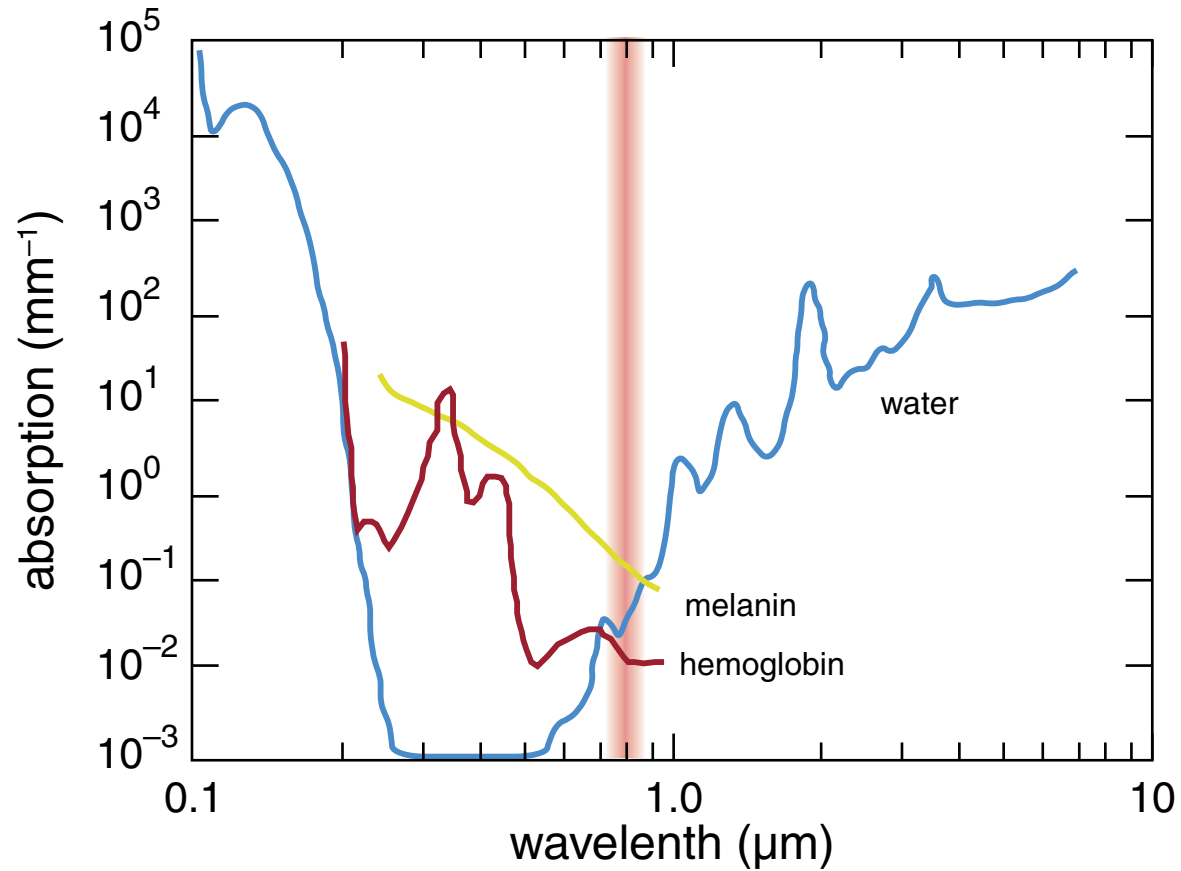
- 100-nm cavities
- little colateral damage

Femtosecond micromachining

- **nonlinear interaction**
- **disrupt matter inside bulk**
- **ablation at very low energy**

Femtosecond micromachining

tissue is nearly transparent at 800 nm



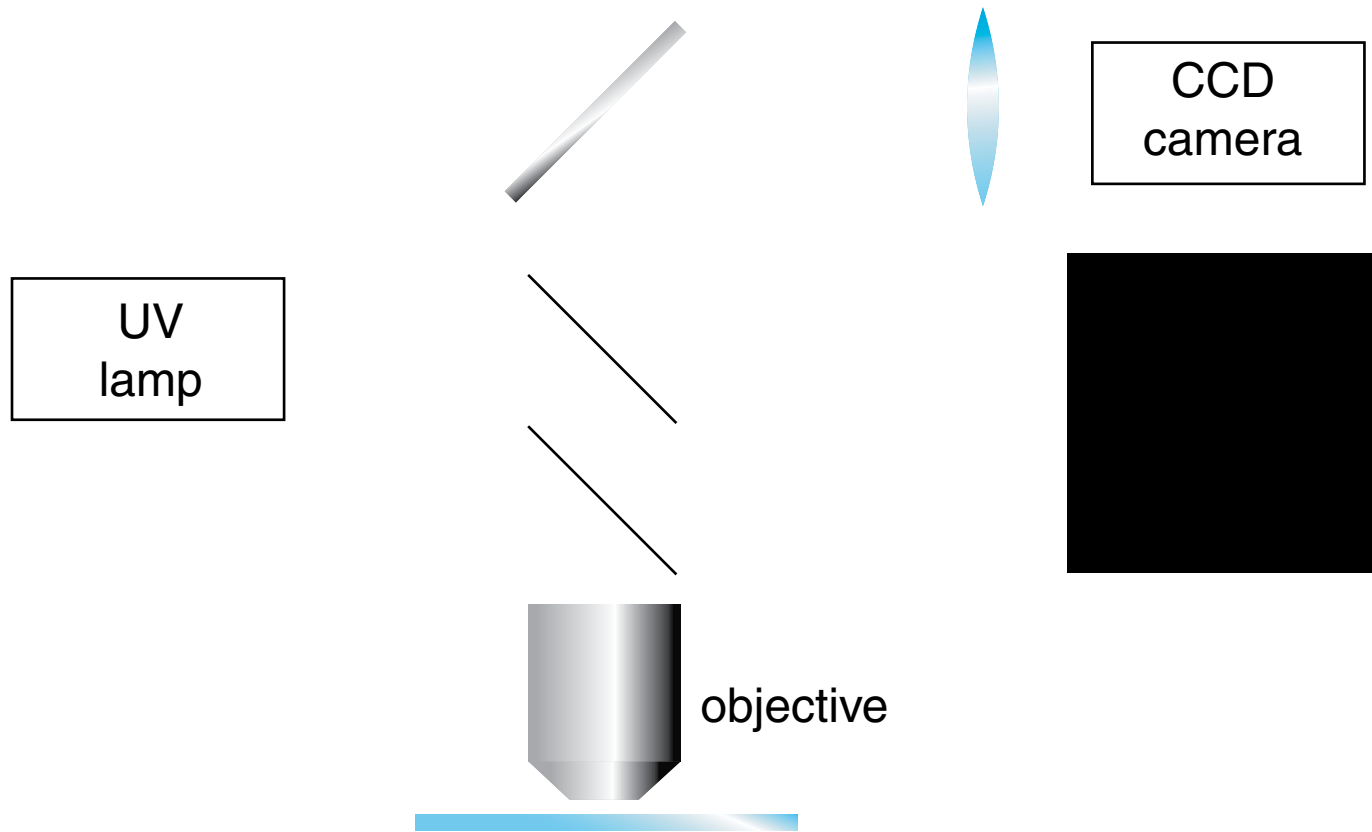
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Subcellular surgery

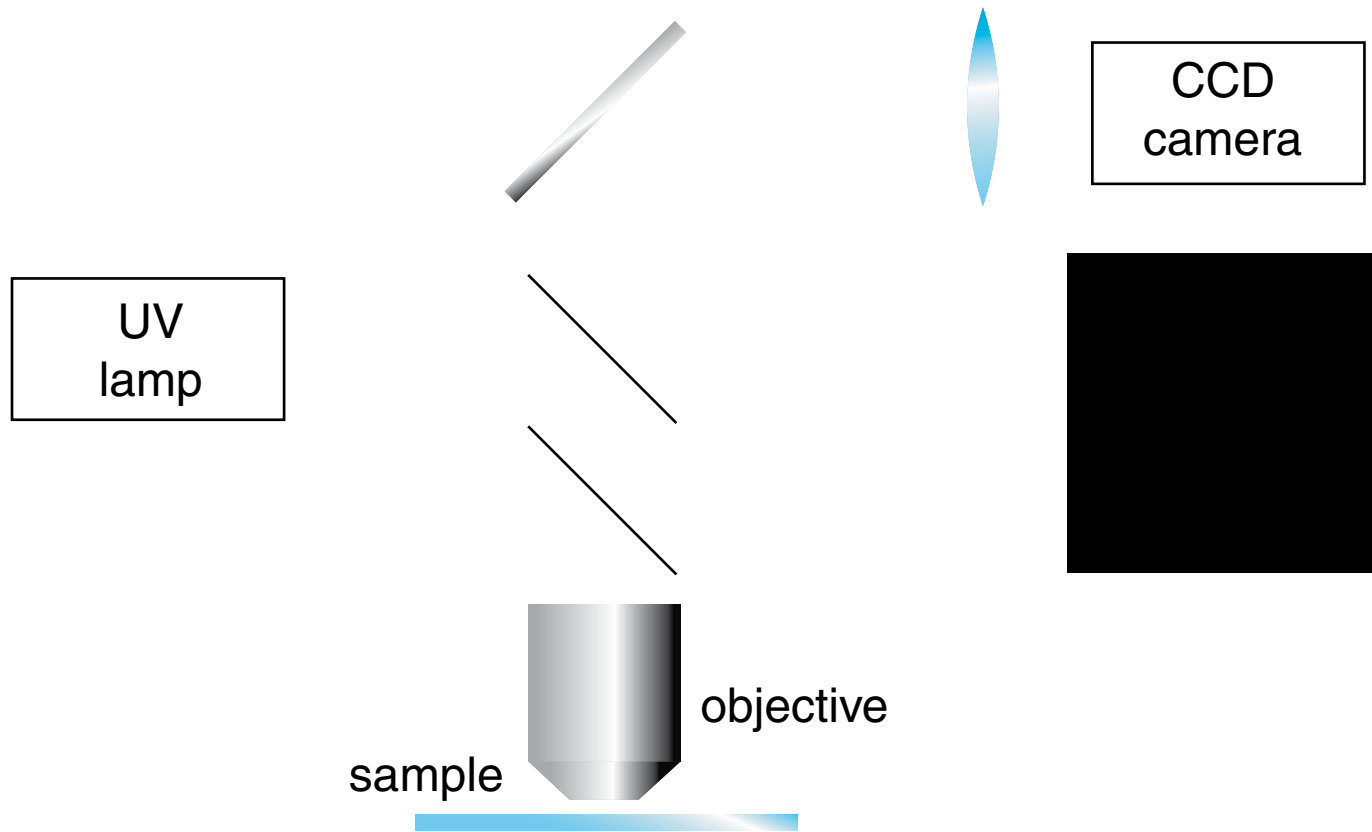
Q: can we ablate material on the subcellular scale?

Subcellular surgery



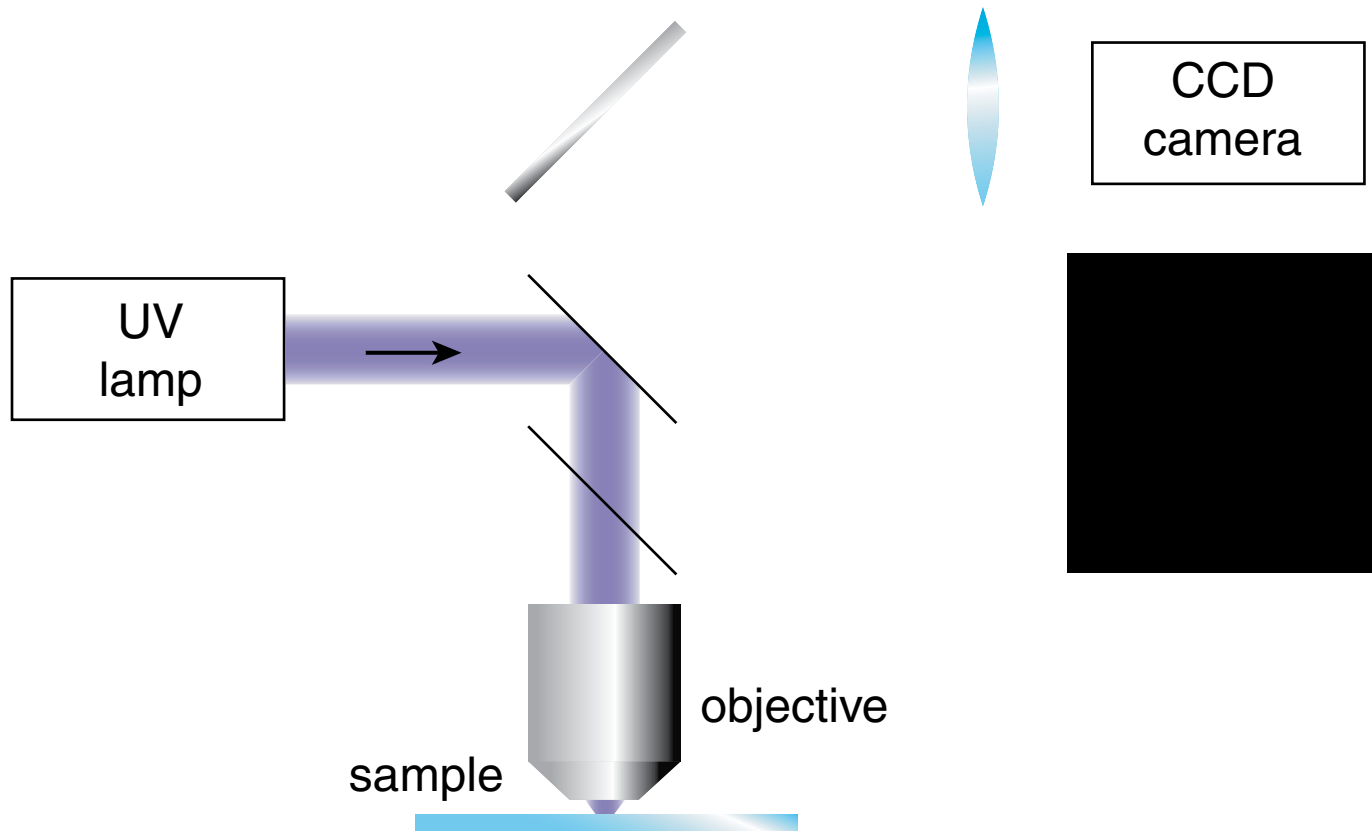
epi-fluorescence microscope

Subcellular surgery



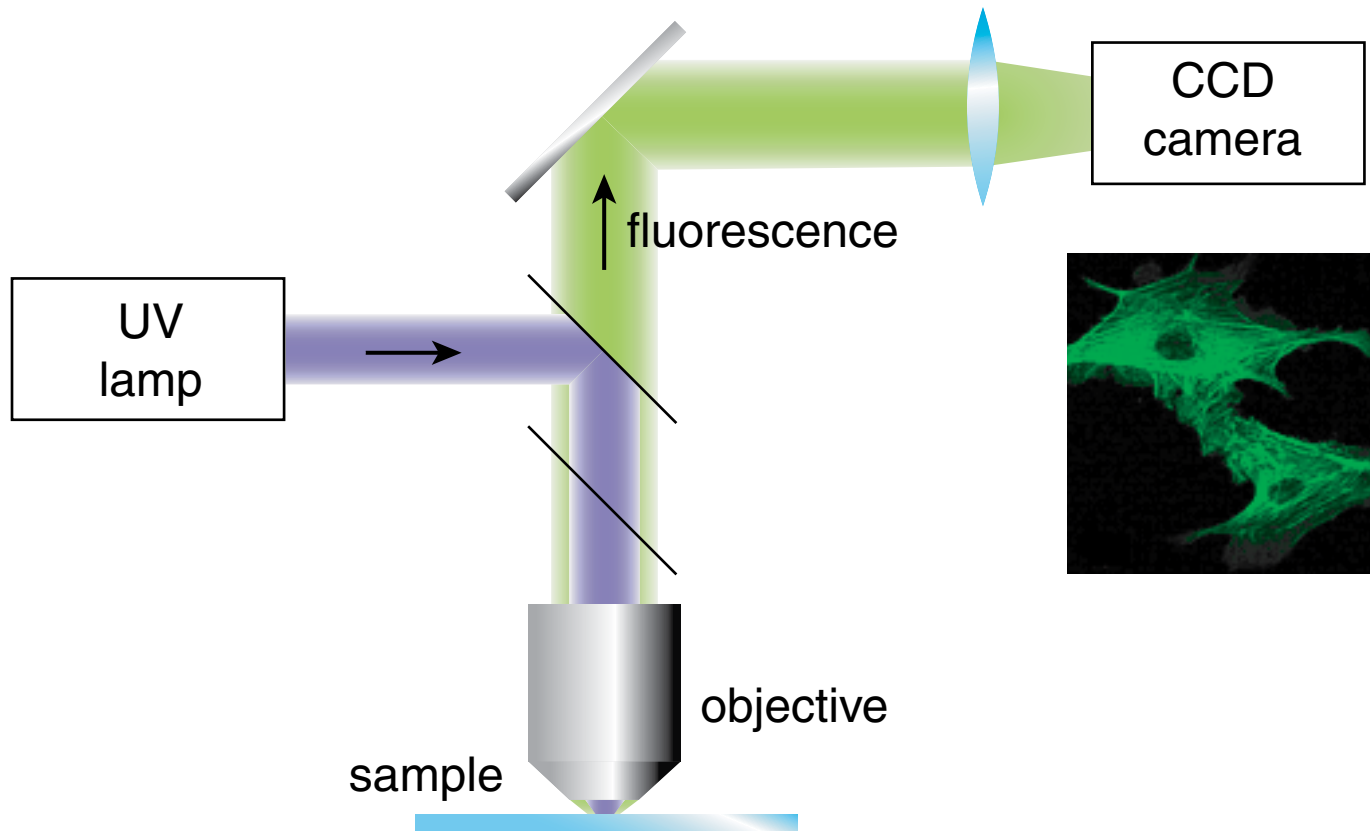
fluorescently label sample

Subcellular surgery



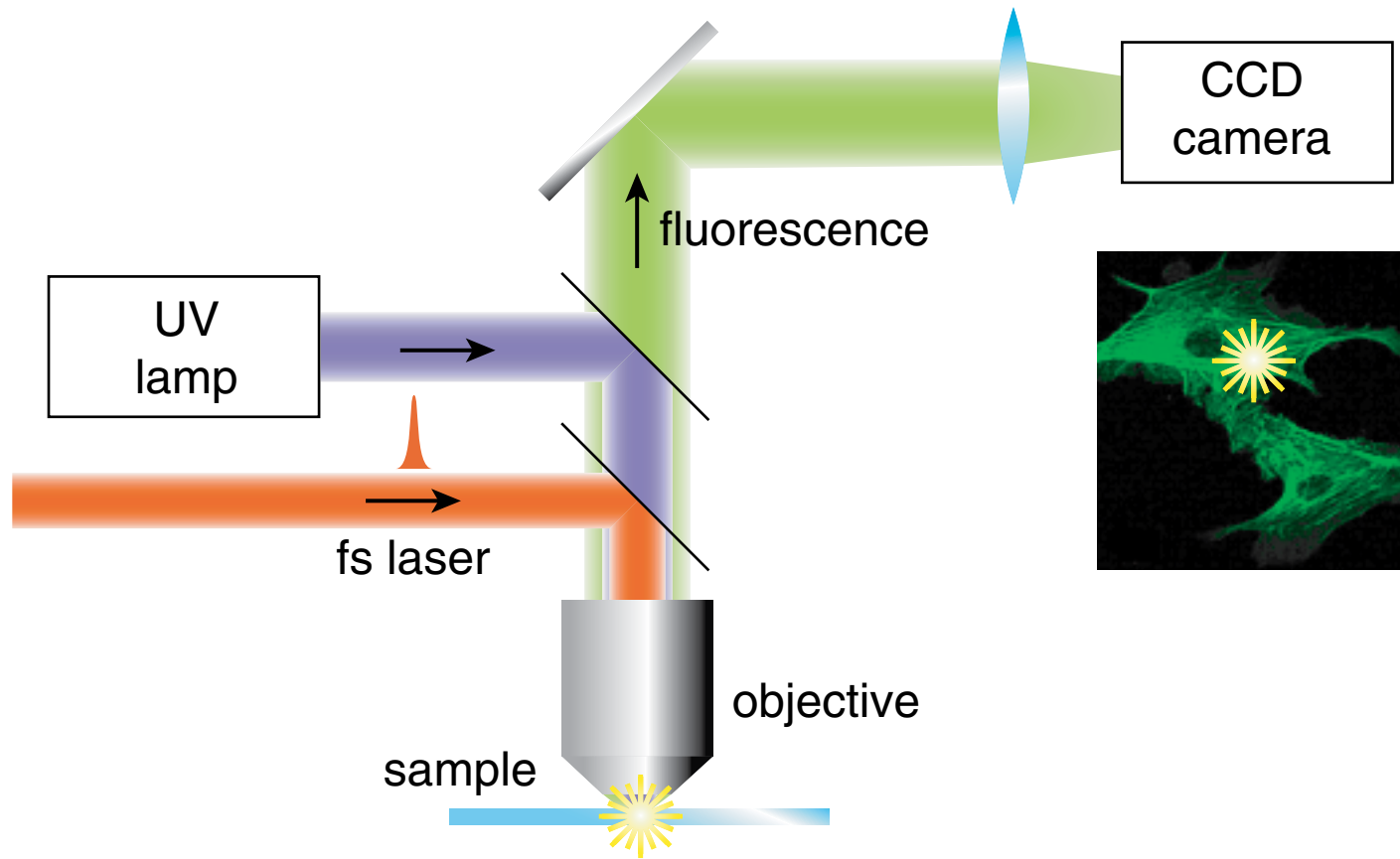
UV illumination...

Subcellular surgery



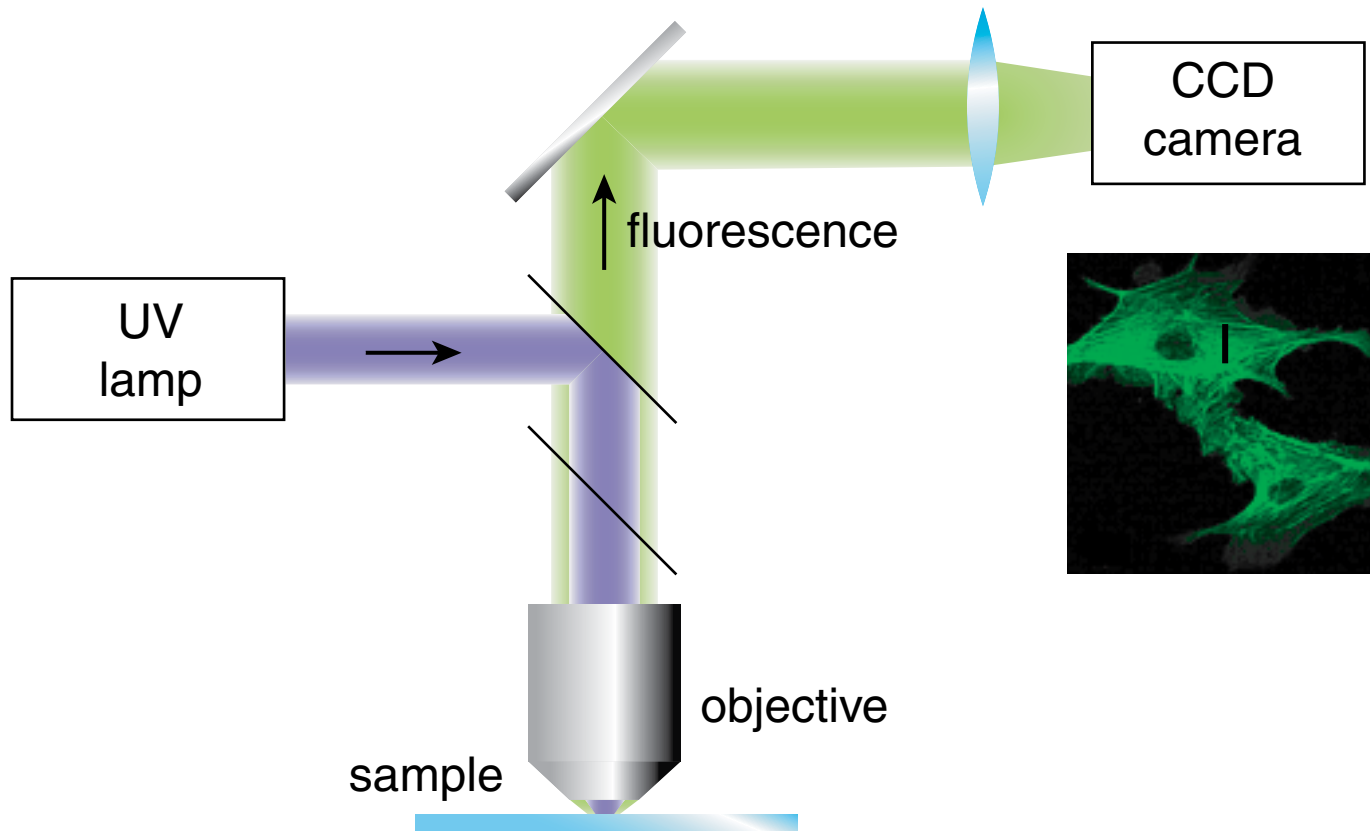
...causes fluorescence

Subcellular surgery



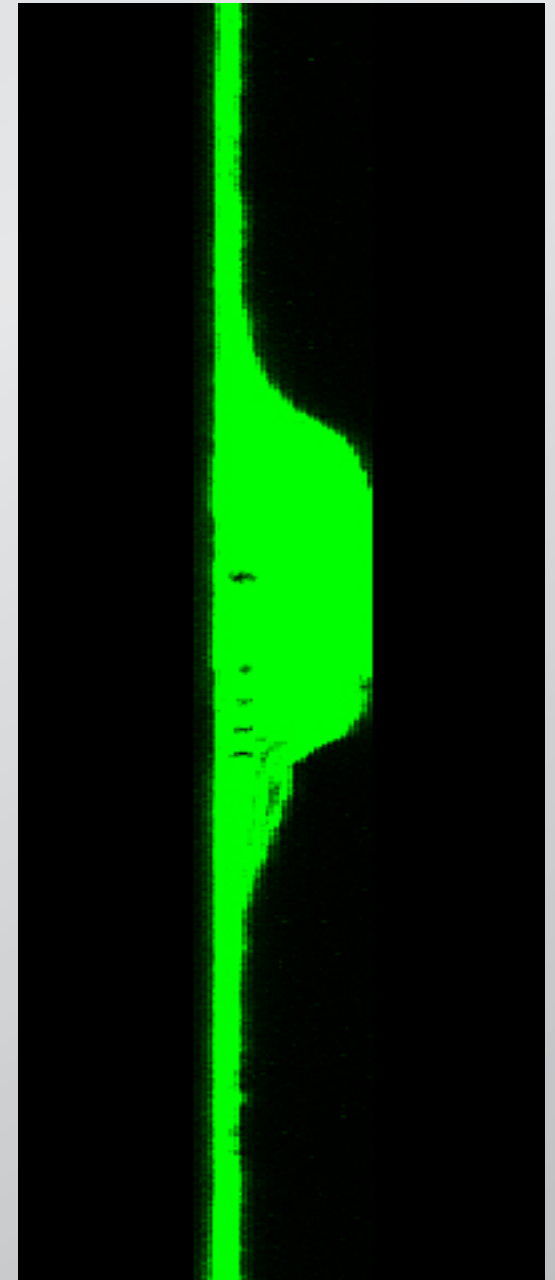
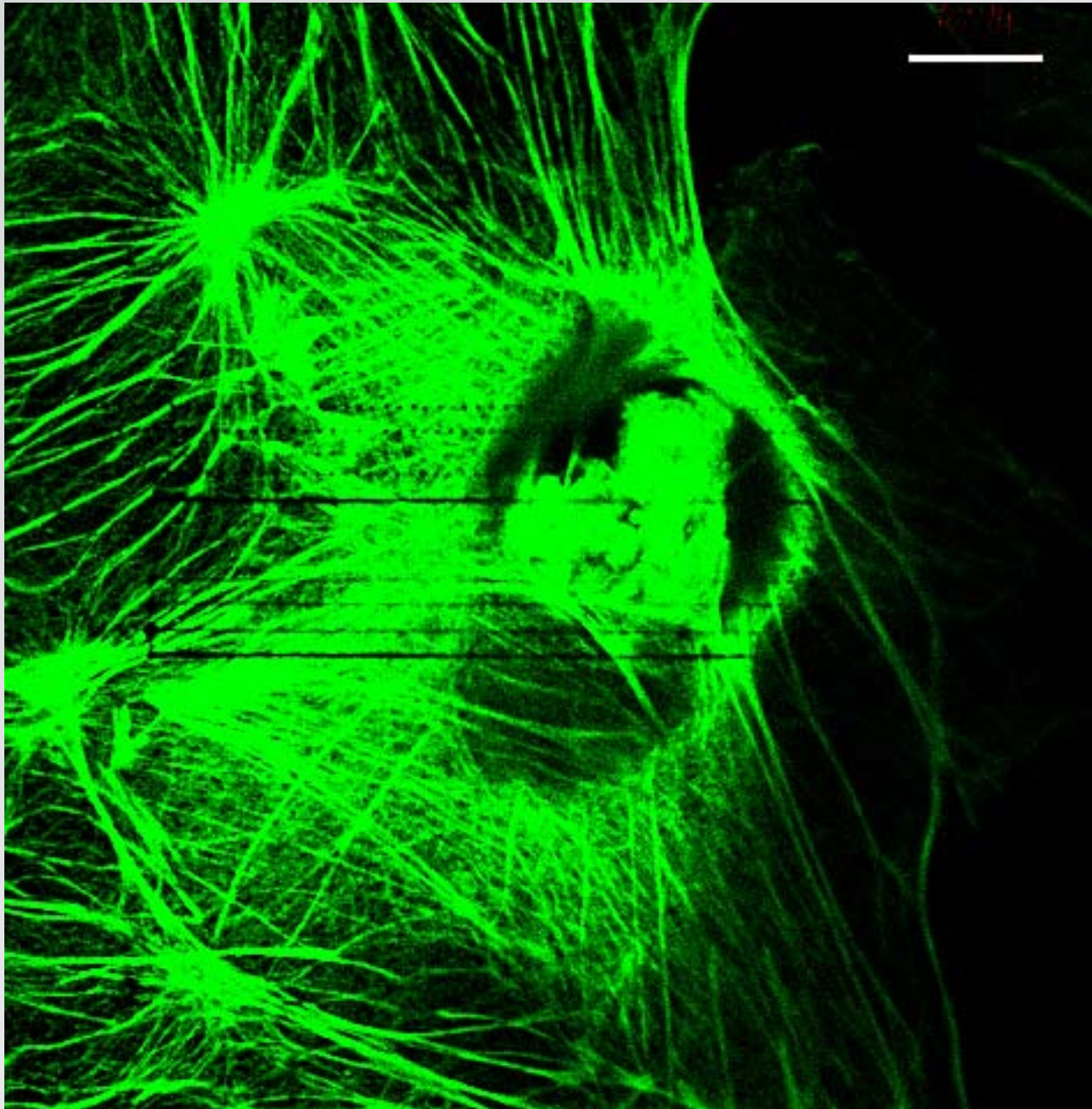
irradiate with fs laser beam

Subcellular surgery

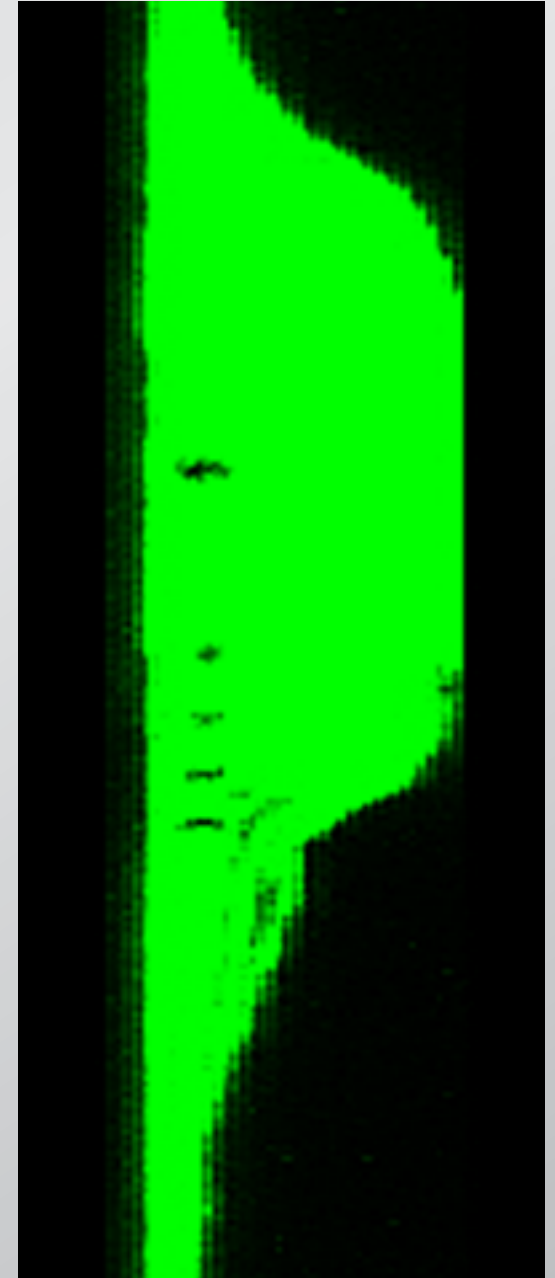
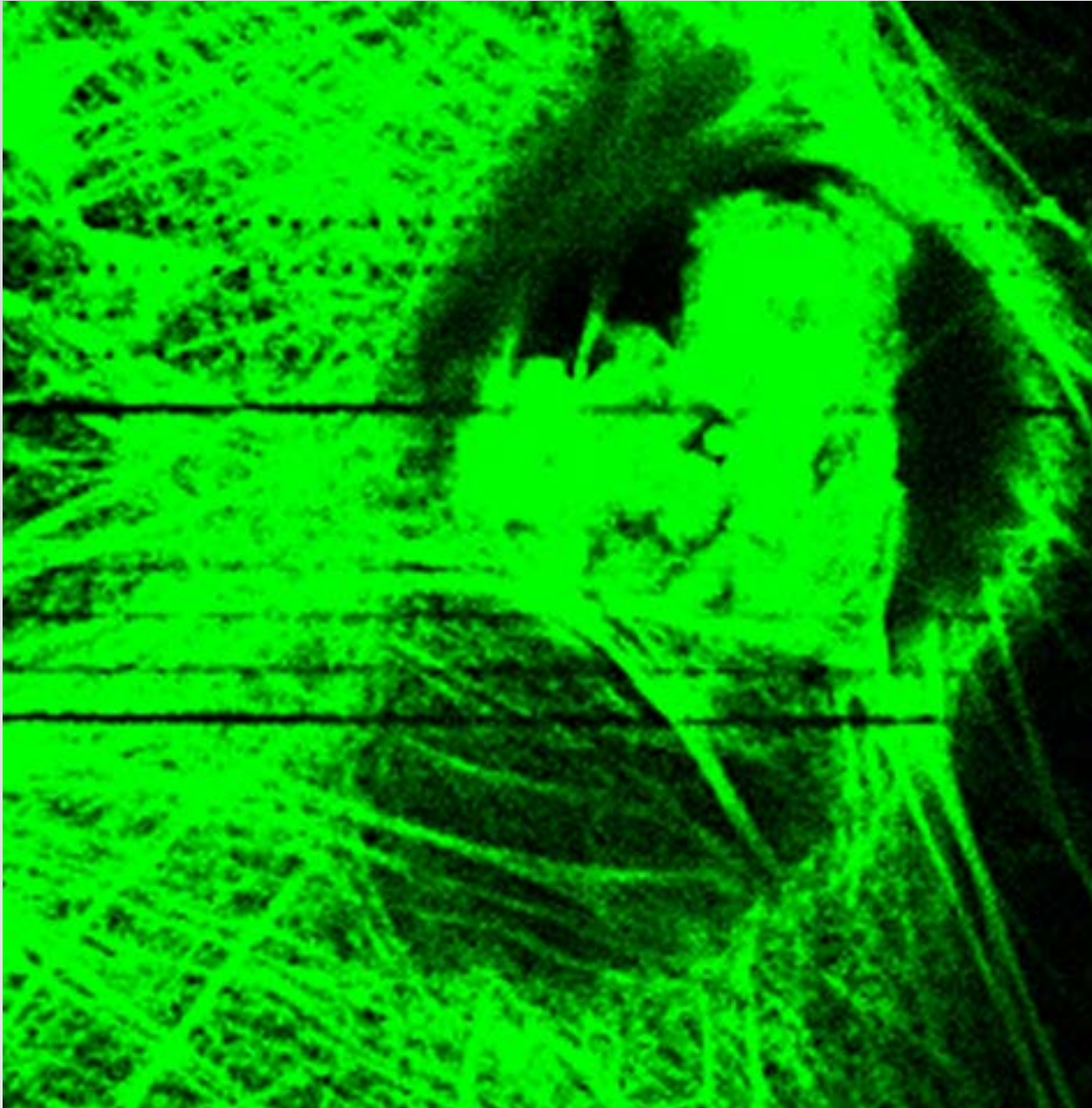


examine resulting ablation

Subcellular surgery

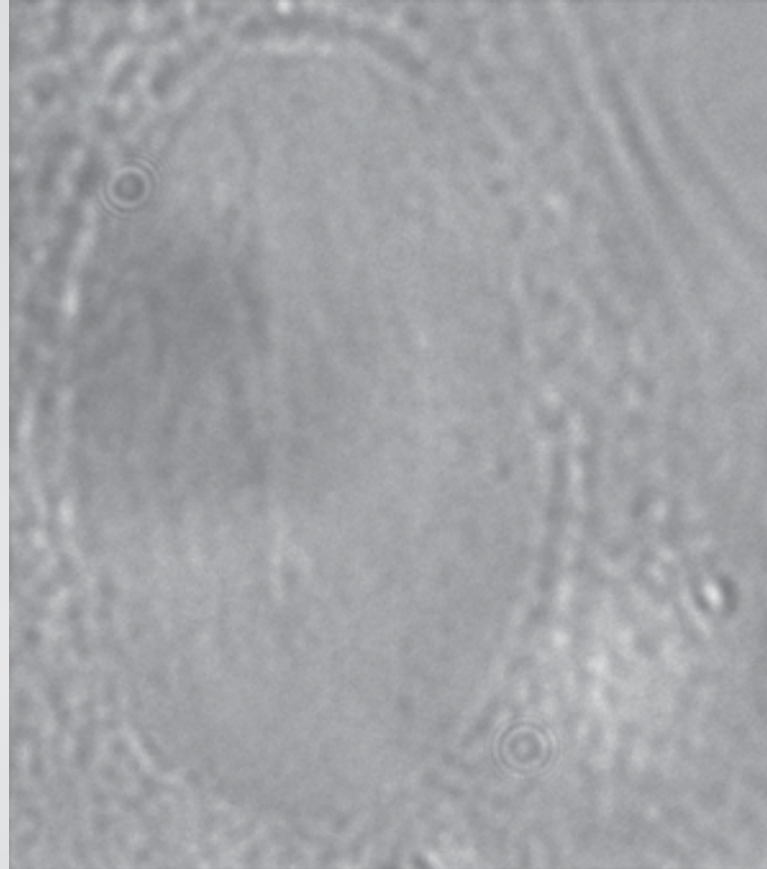


Subcellular surgery



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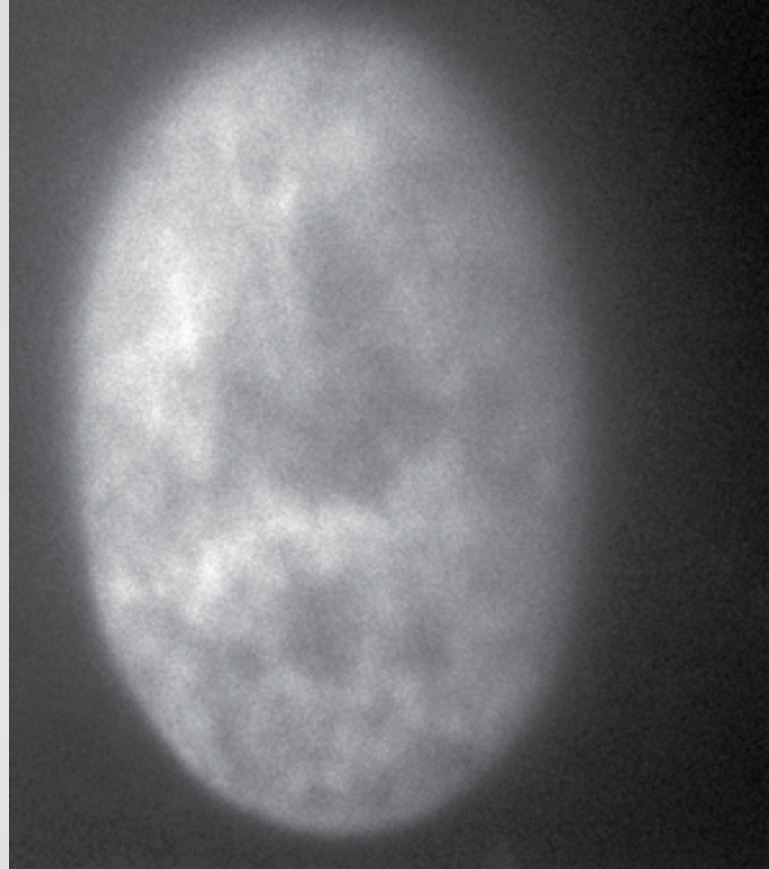
nucleus of fixed endothelial cell



white light microscopy

Subcellular surgery

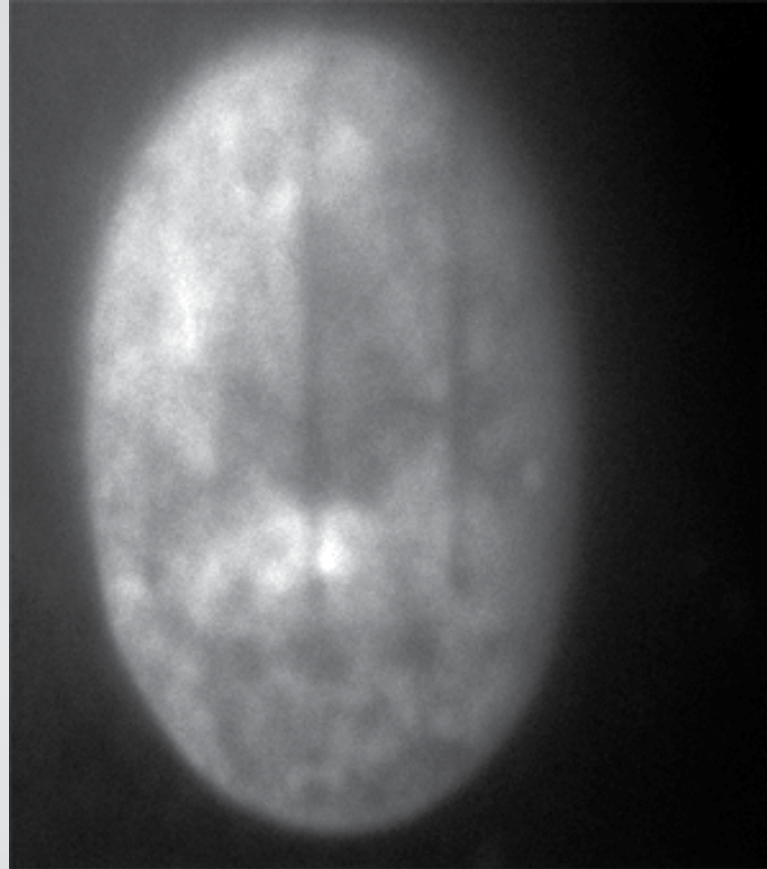
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fluorescence microscopy

Subcellular surgery

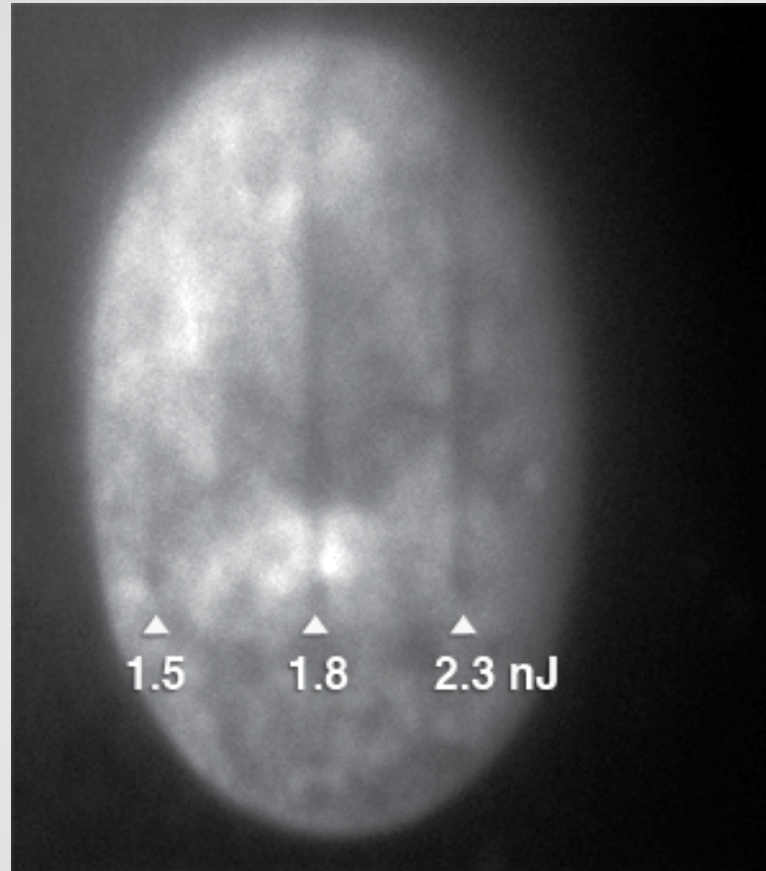
irradiate with fs laser



fluorescence microscopy

Subcellular surgery

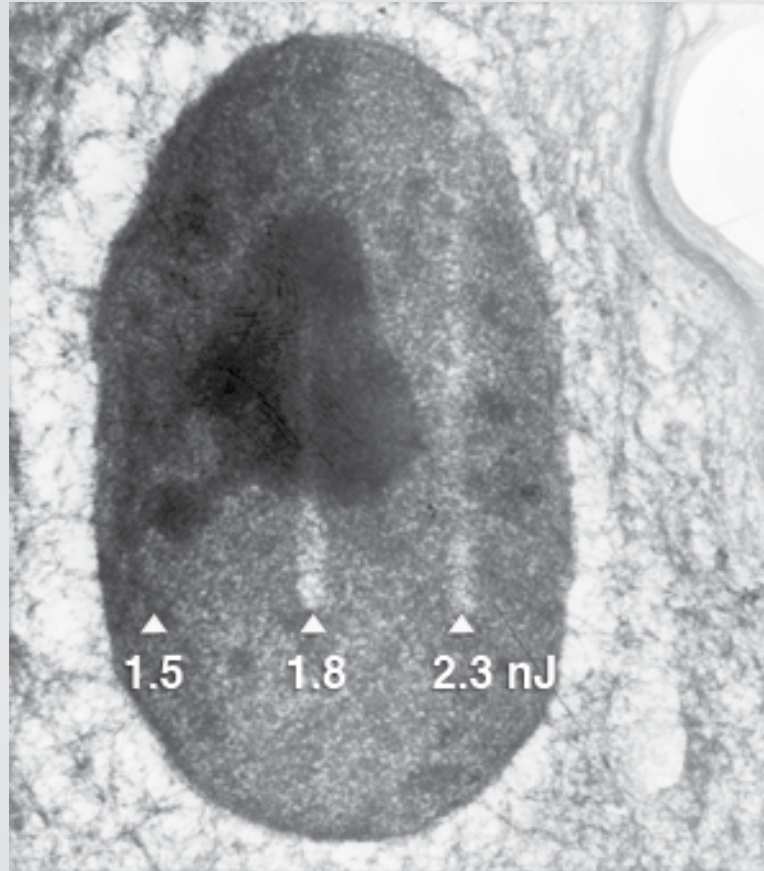
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fluorescence microscopy

Subcellular surgery

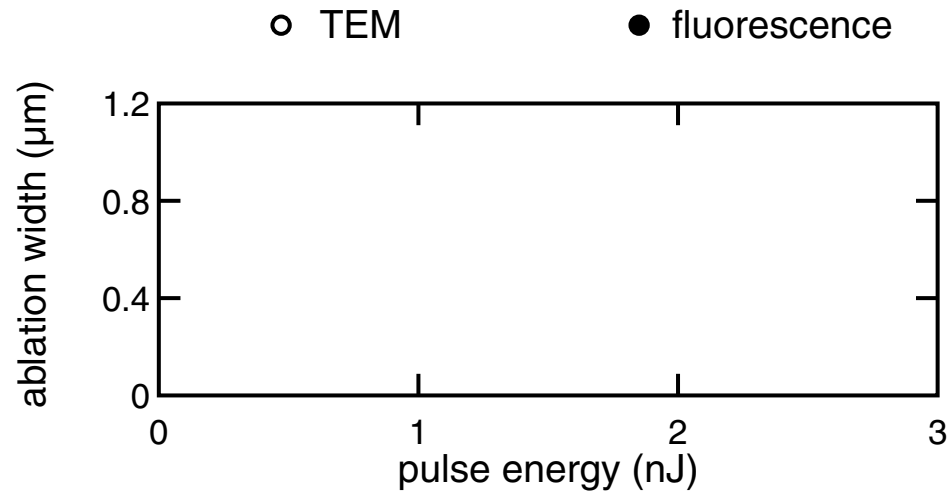
bleaching or ablation?



TEM image

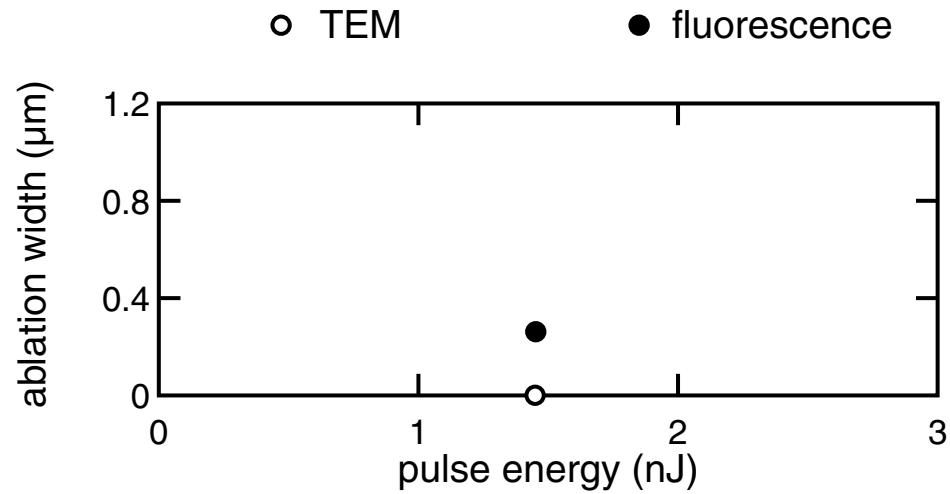
Subcellular surgery

three regions of interaction



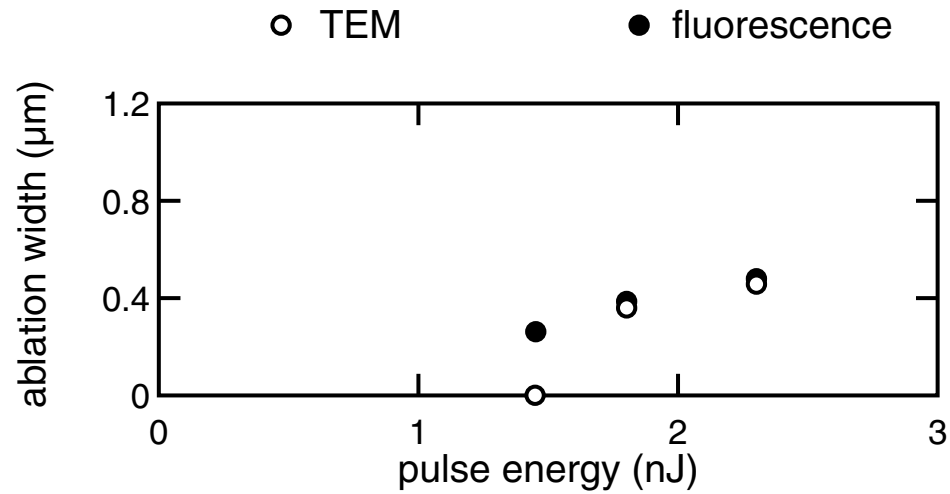
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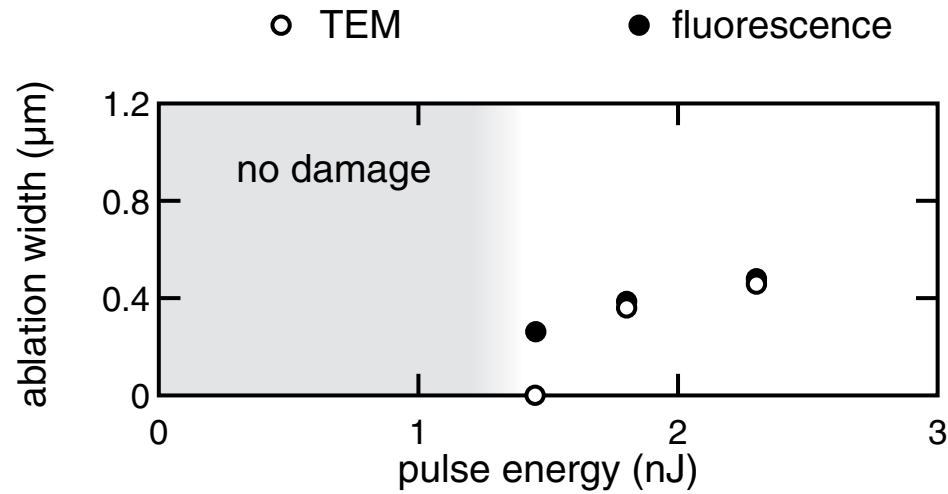
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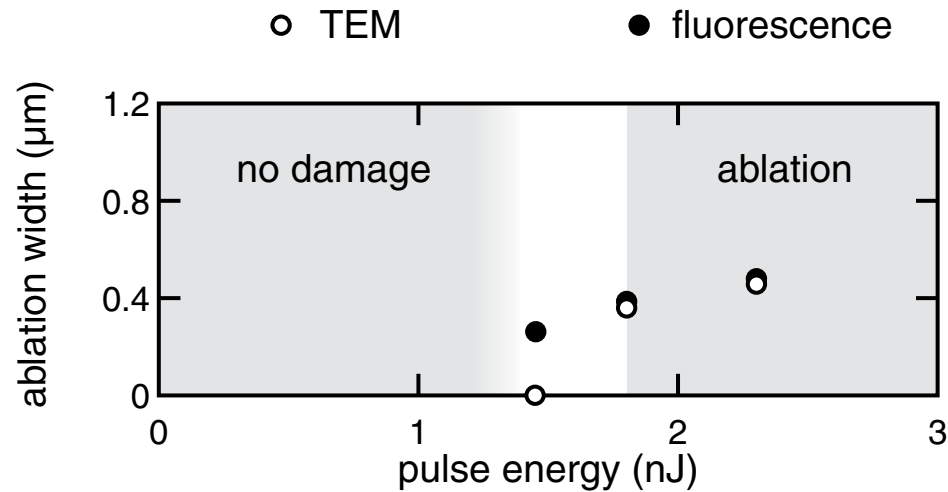
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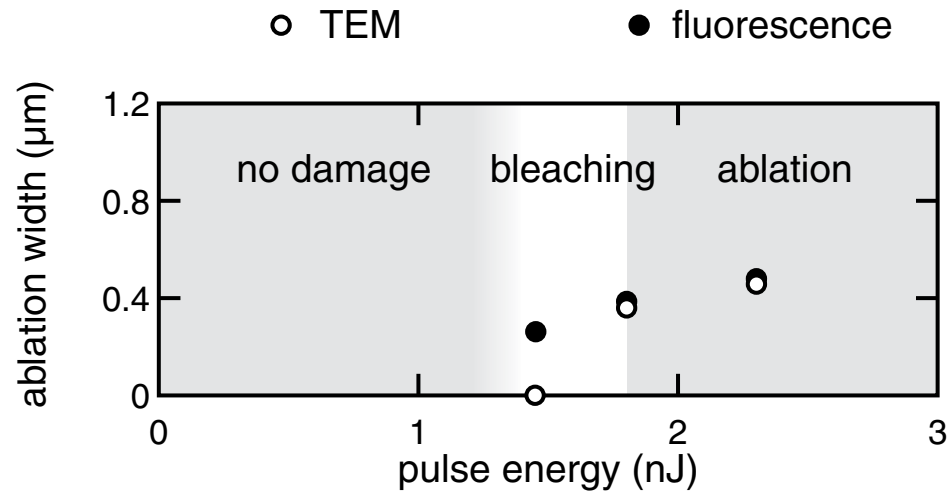
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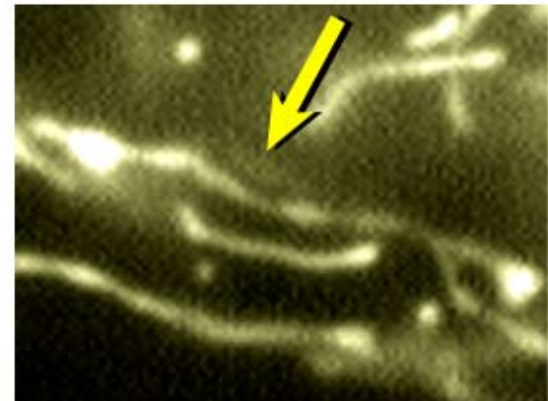
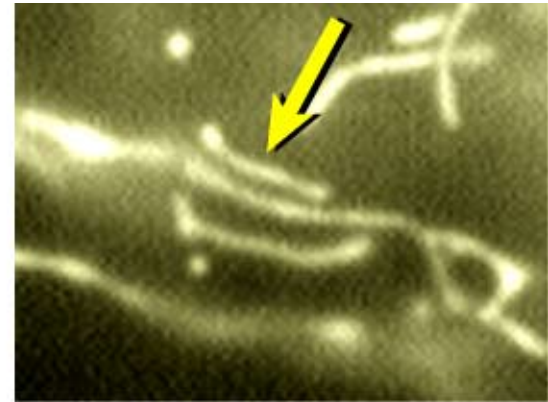
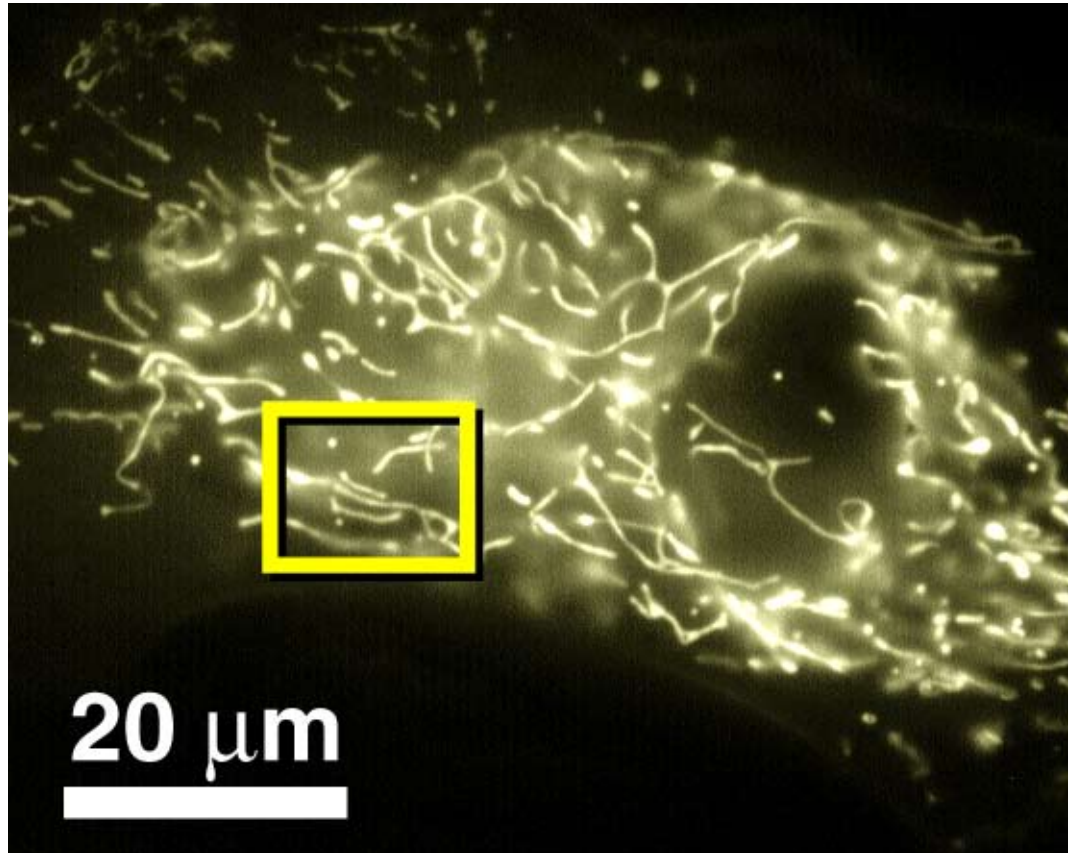


Subcellular surgery

Q: subcellular surgery on live cells?

A fluorescence microscopy image of a cell. The cytoskeleton is brightly stained with a yellow-green fluorescent marker, showing a complex network of filaments and microtubules. The cell's nucleus is visible as a darker, less fluorescent region on the right side. The overall image has a grainy, high-magnification appearance typical of live-cell imaging.

Subcellular surgery

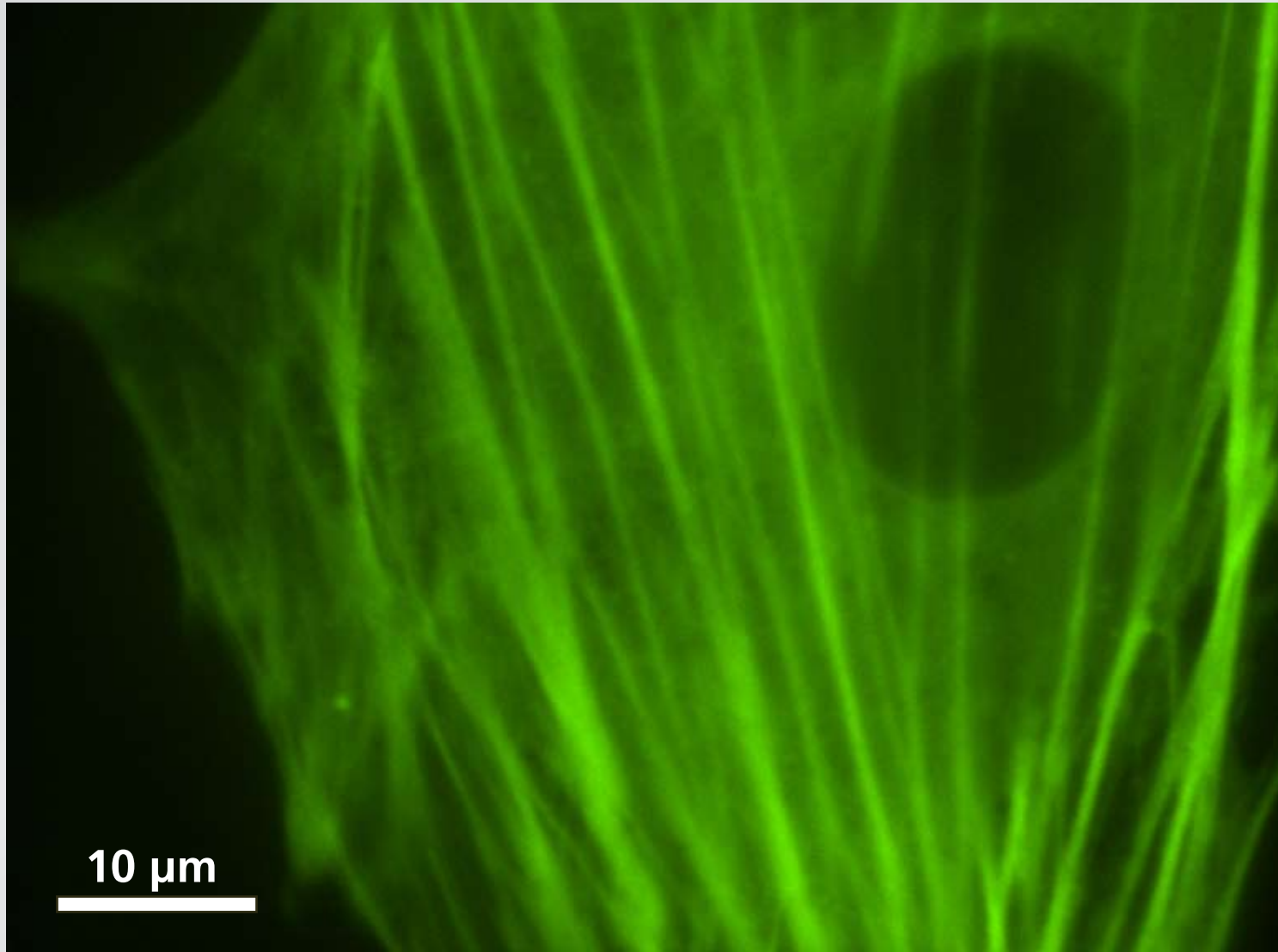


Subcellular surgery

Q: can we probe the dynamics of the cytoskeleton?

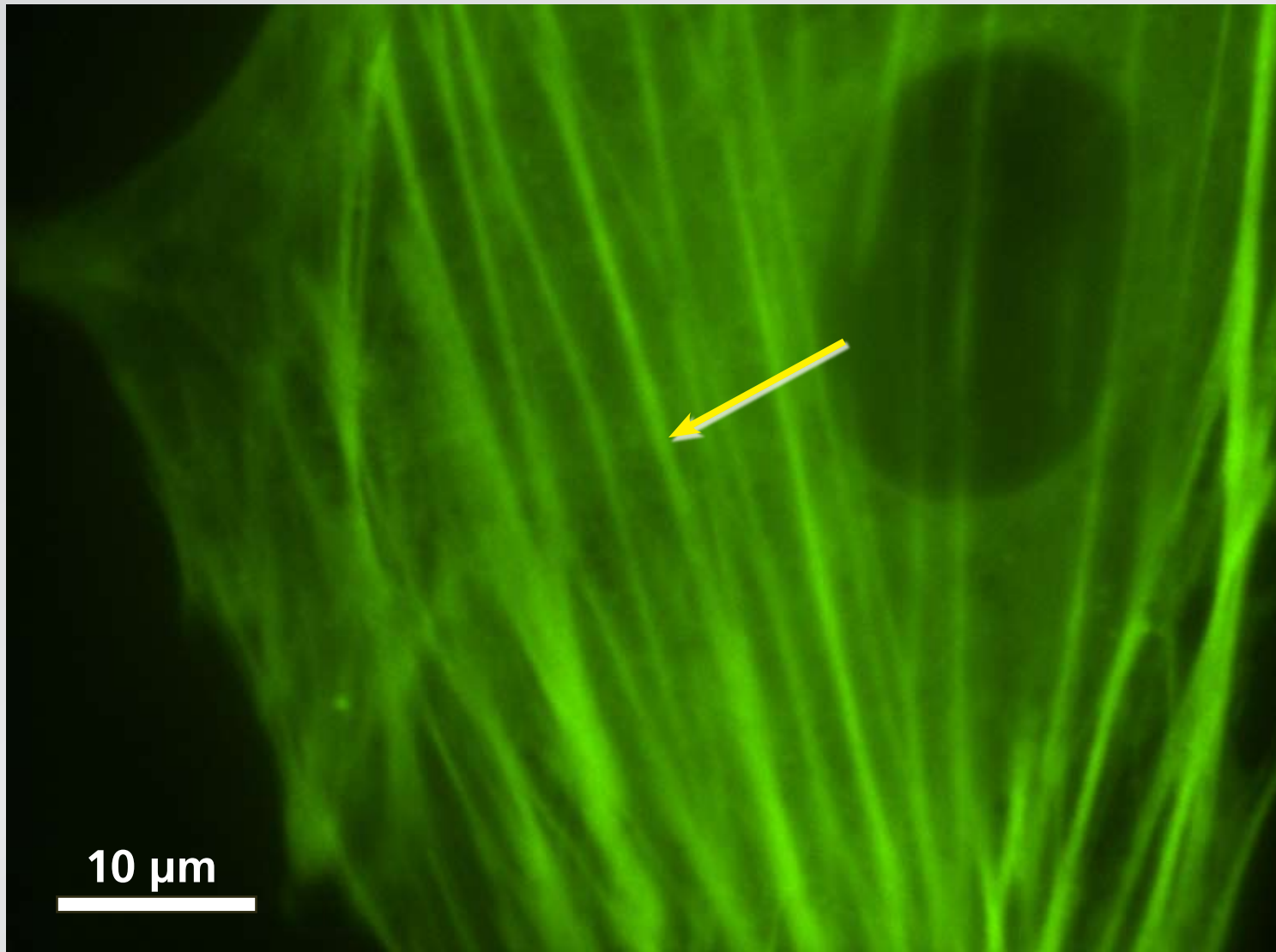
Subcellular surgery

YFP-labeled actin fiber network of a live cell



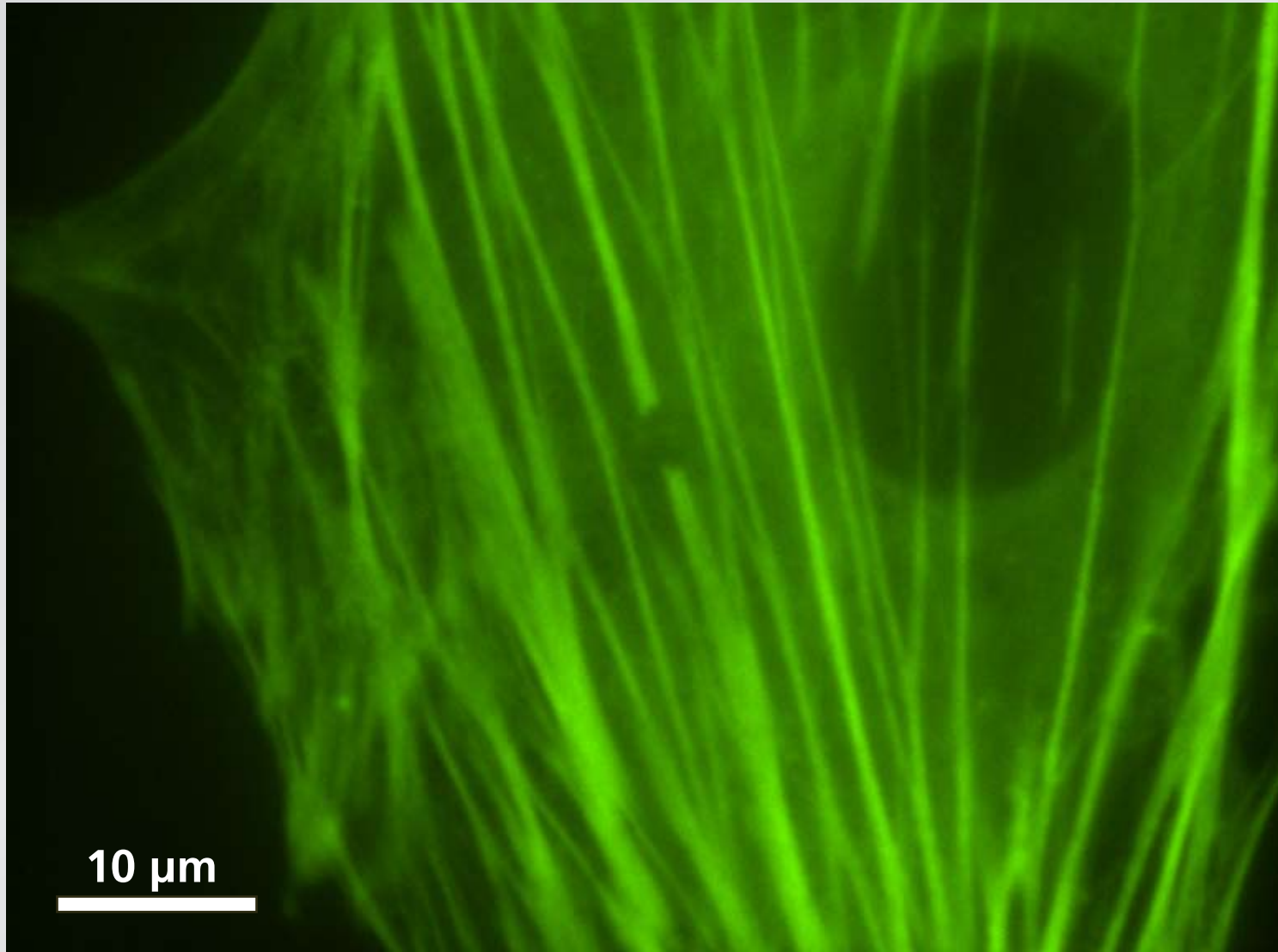
Subcellular surgery

cut a single fiber bundle



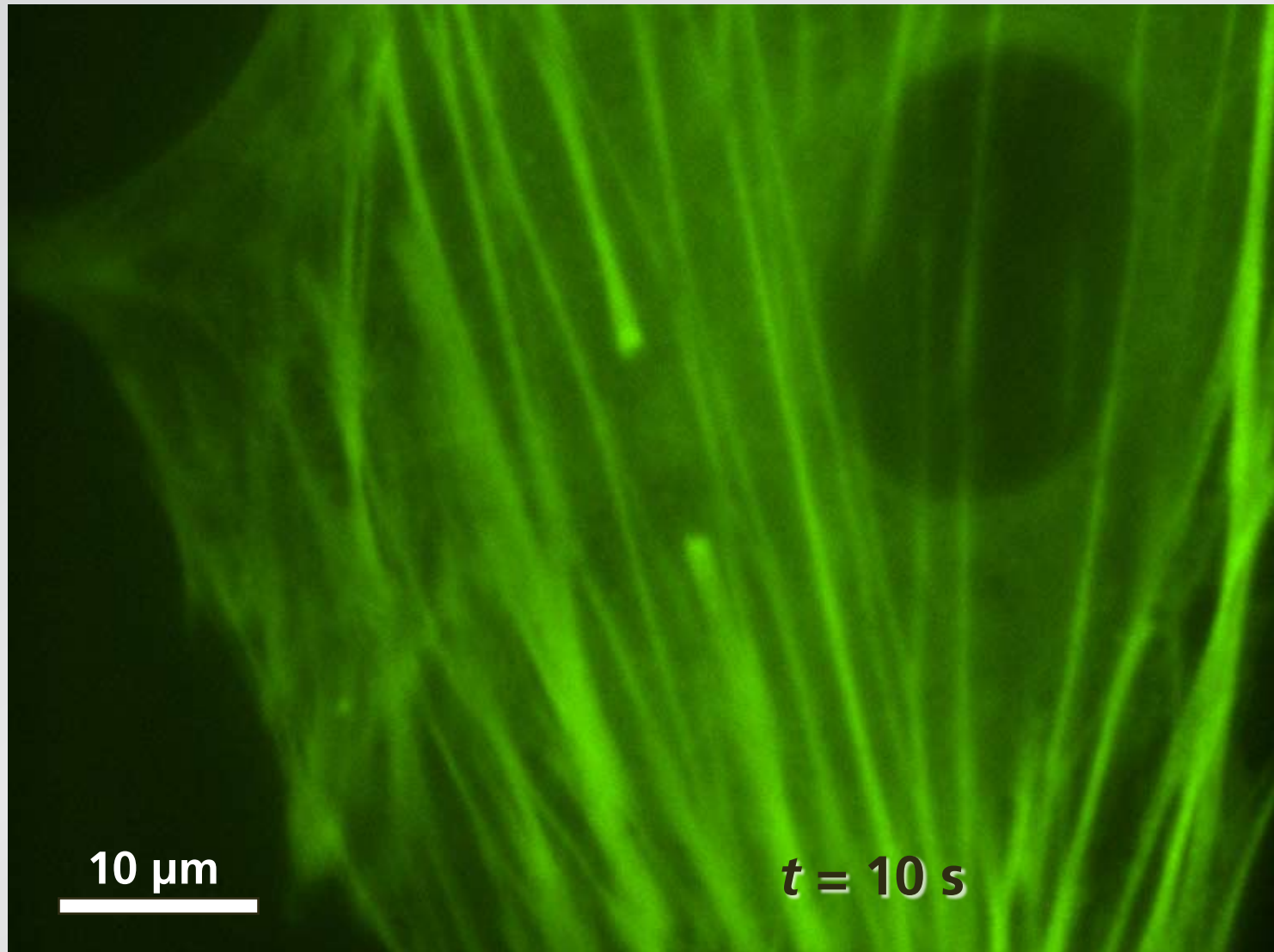
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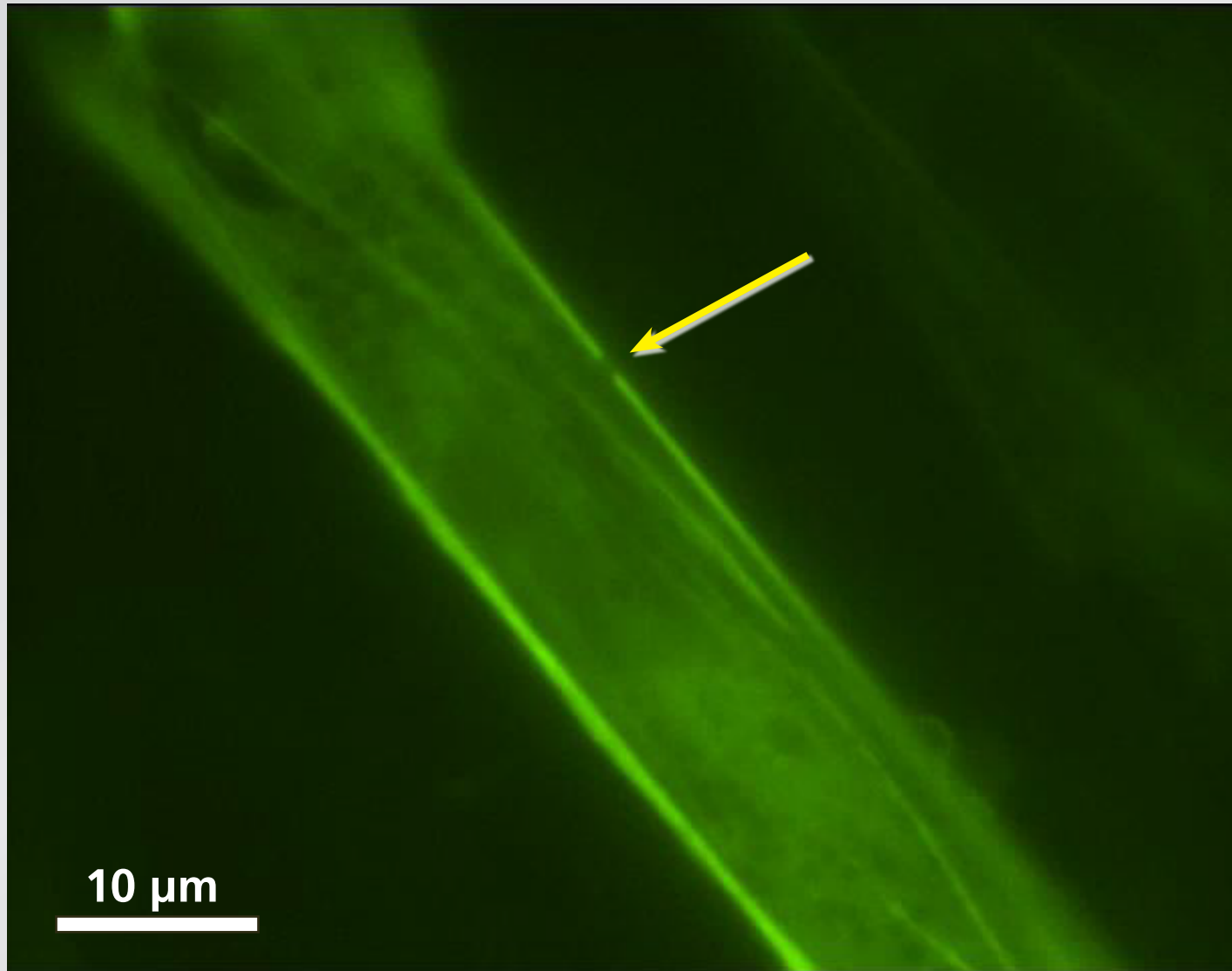
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gap widens with time



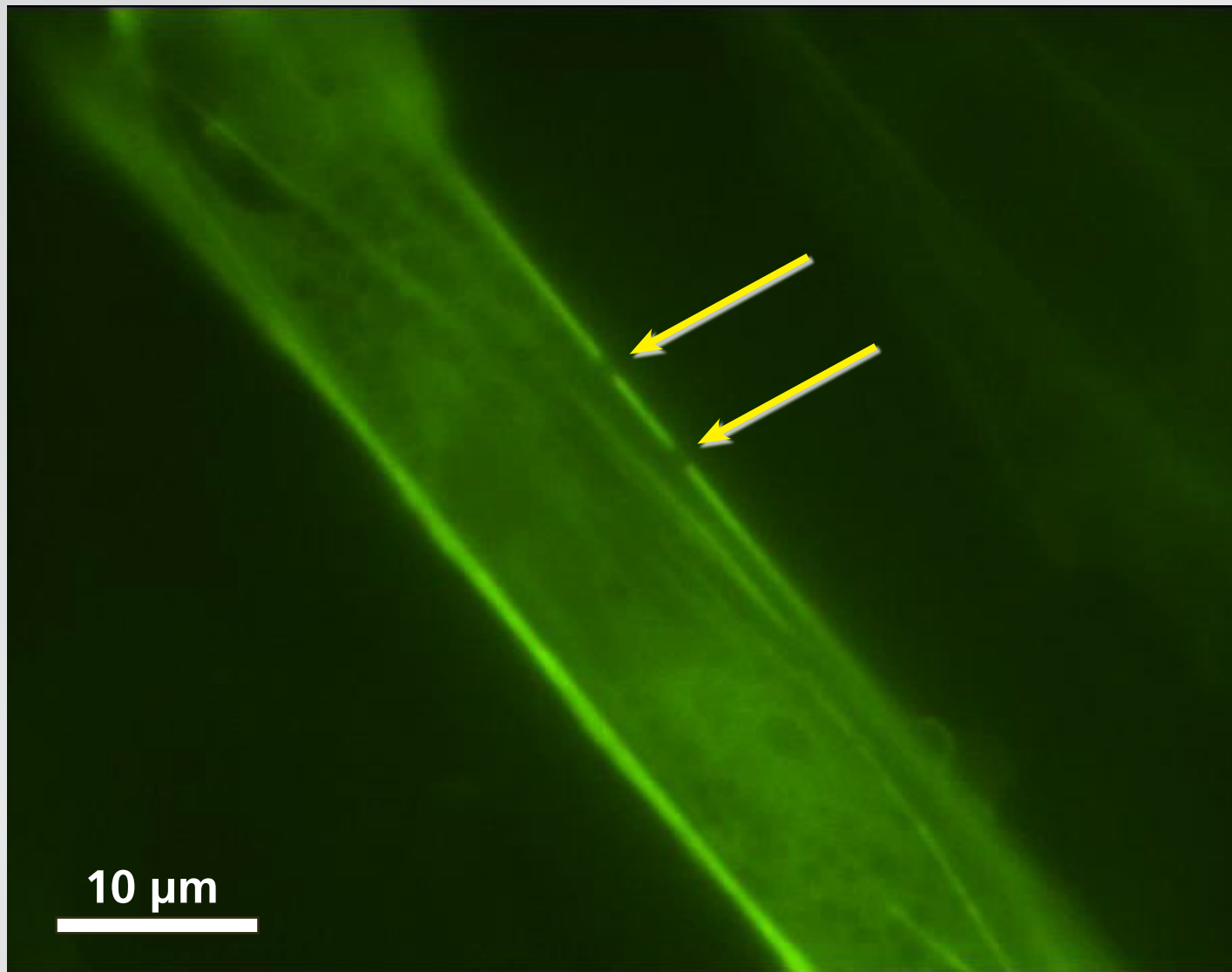
Subcellular surgery

retraction or depolymerization?



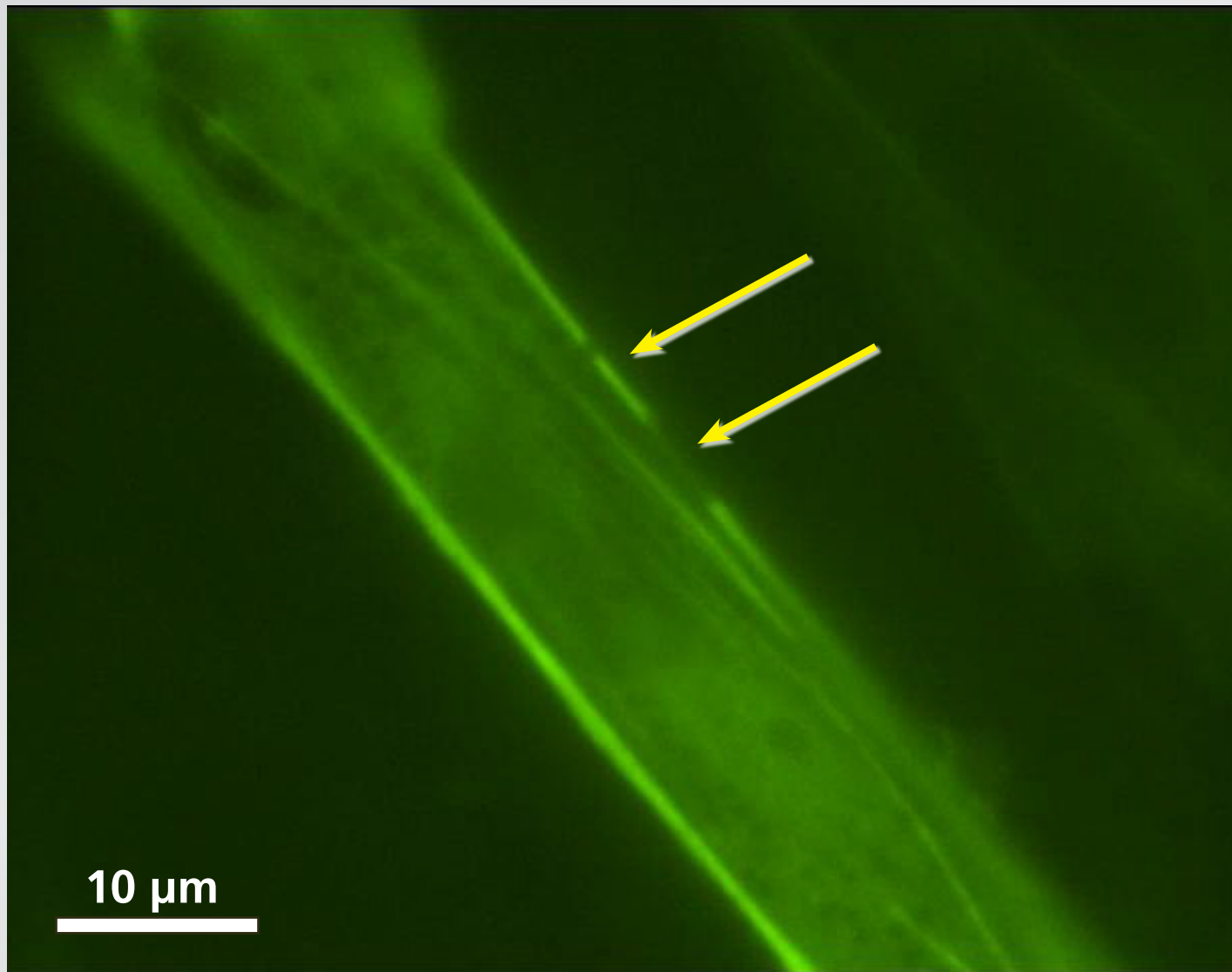
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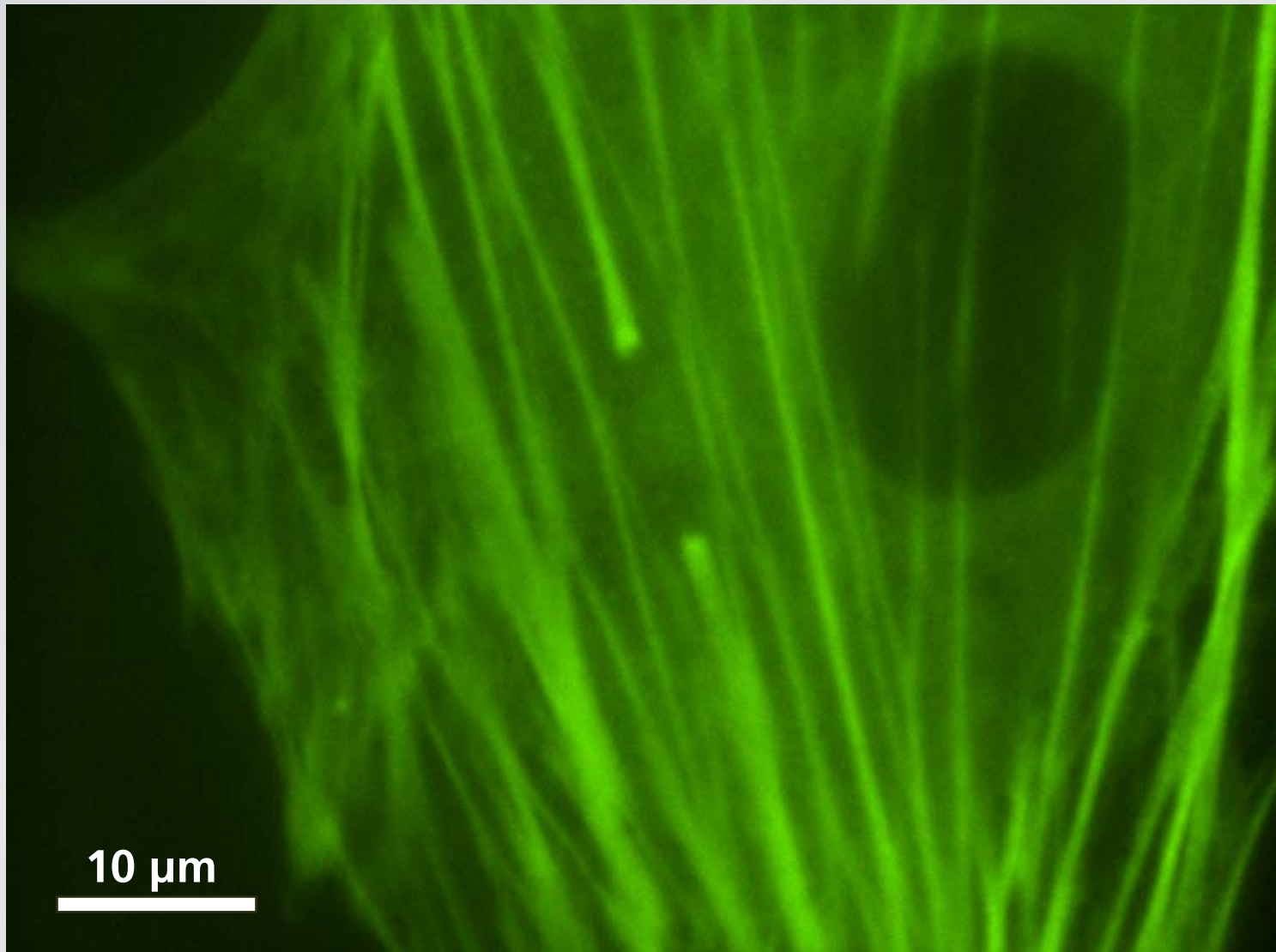
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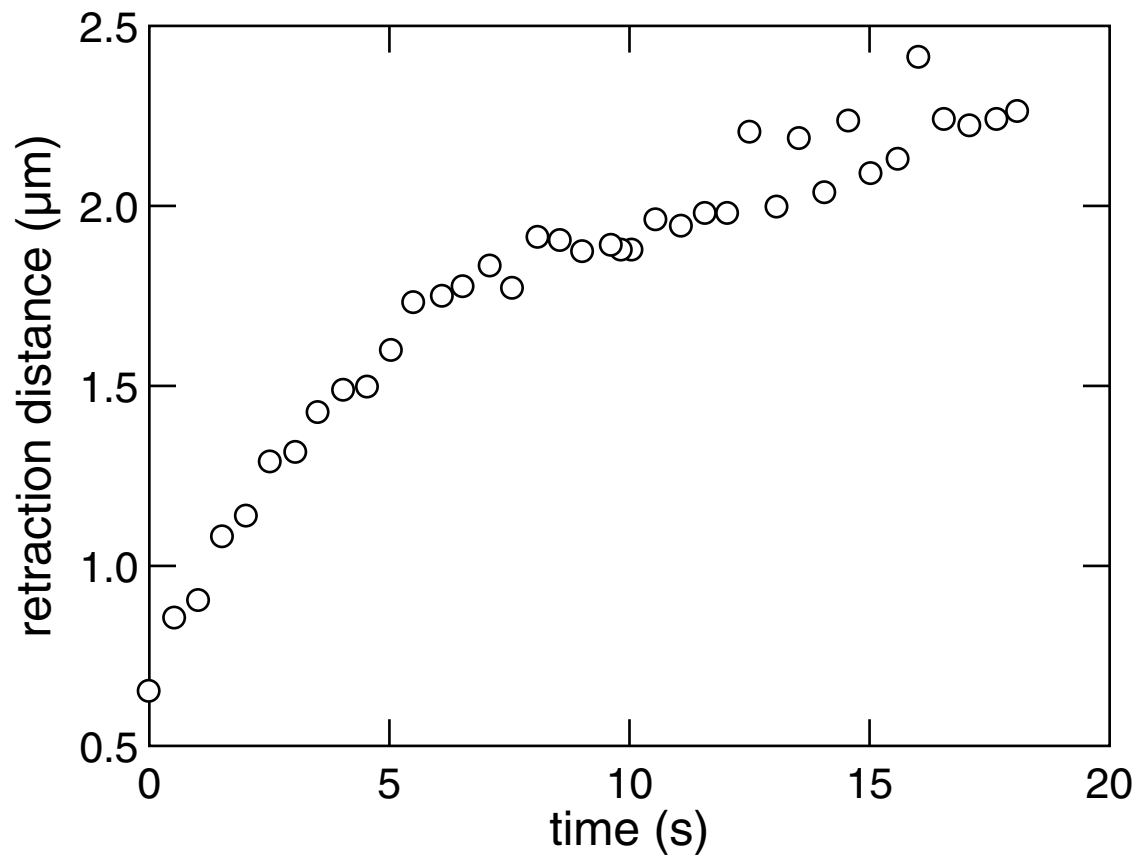
Subcellular surgery

dynamics provides information on *in vivo* mechanics



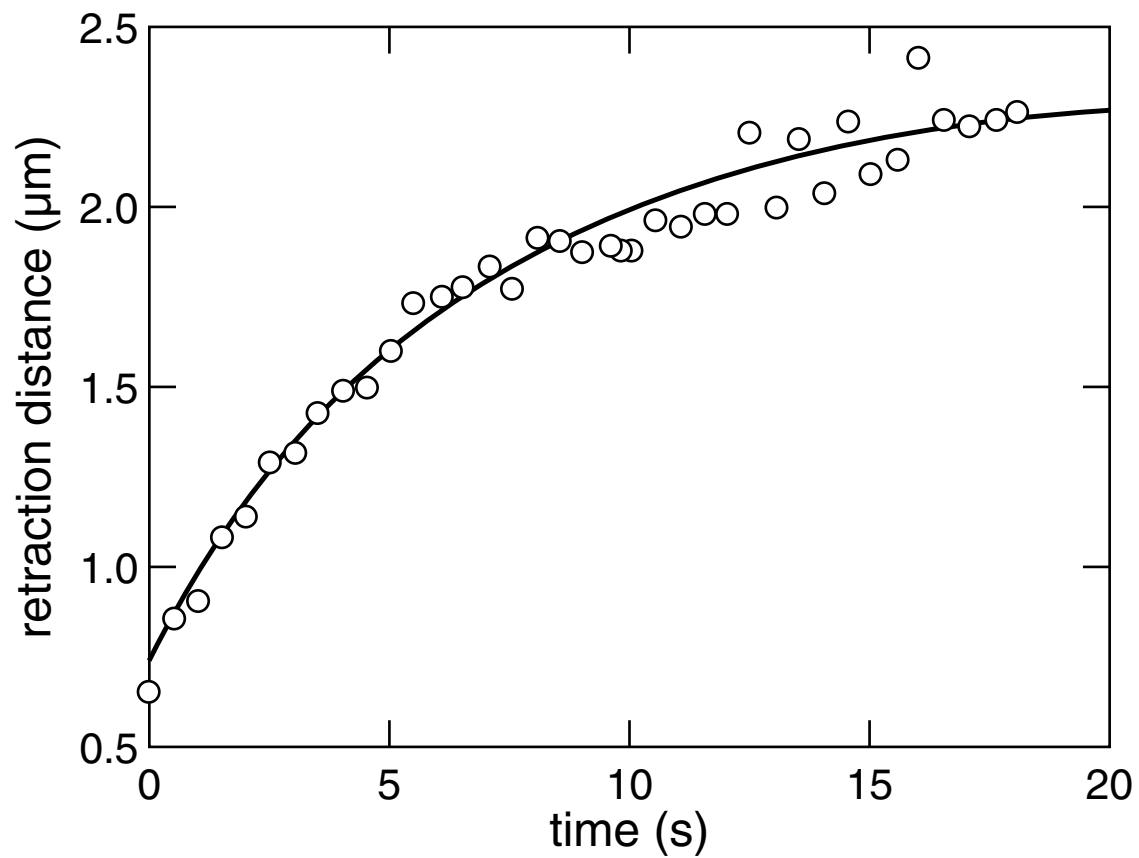
Subcellular surgery

overdamped spring: $\Delta L = L_{\infty}(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) + L_0$



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Nanoneurosurgery

Q: can we probe the neurological origins of behavior?



Nanoneurosurgery

Caenorhabditis elegans



Juergen Berger & Ralph Sommer
Max-Planck Institute for Developmental Biology

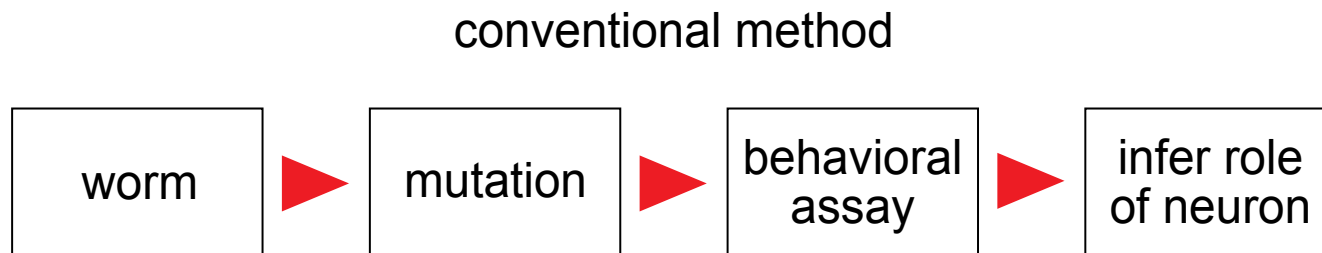
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Caenorhabditis elegans

- simple model organism
- similarities to higher organisms
- genome fully sequenced
- easy to handle

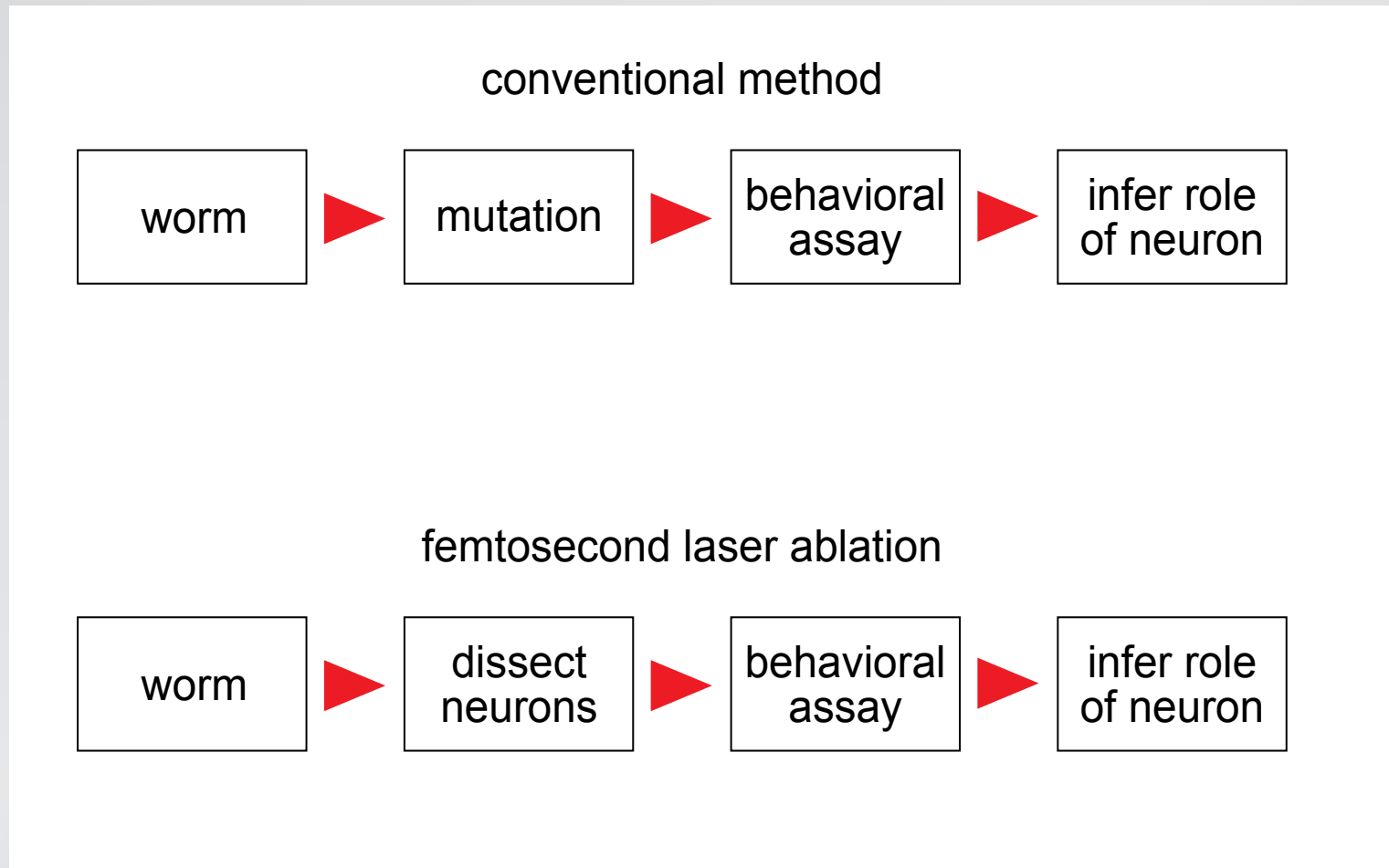
Nanoneurosurgery

Mapping behavior to neurons



Nanoneurosurgery

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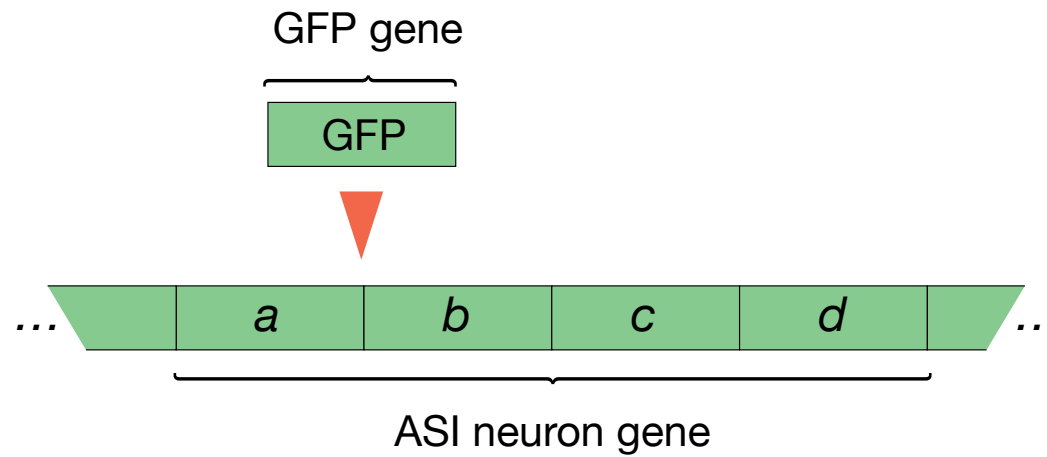
Nanoneurosurgery

ASI neurons

- responsible for chemical sensing
- ciliary projections extend through skin
- one on each side

Nanoneurosurgery

Make ASH neurons express GFP



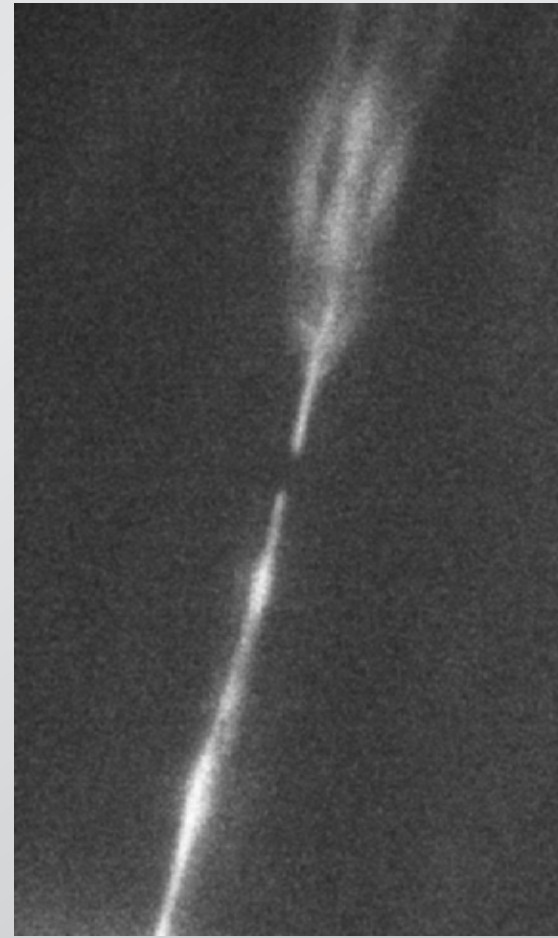
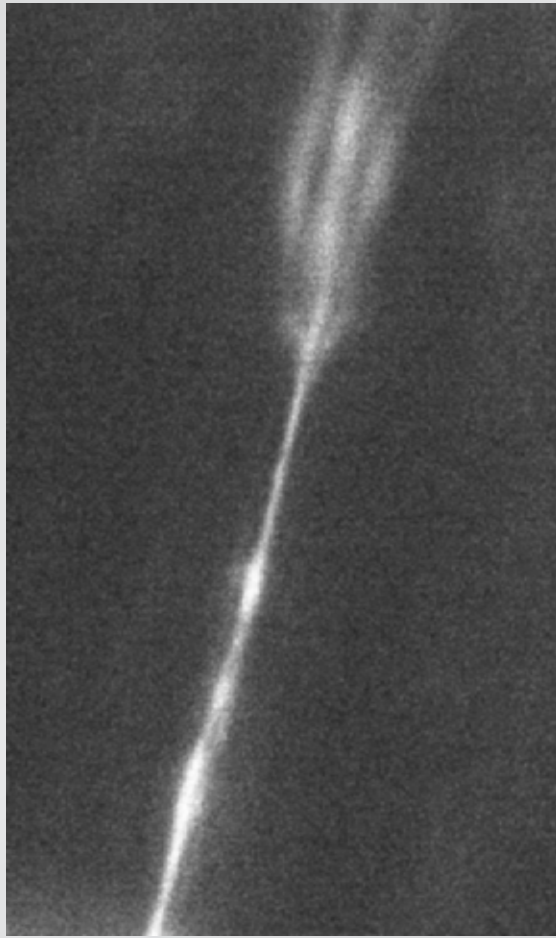
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GFP: absorbs UV, emits green



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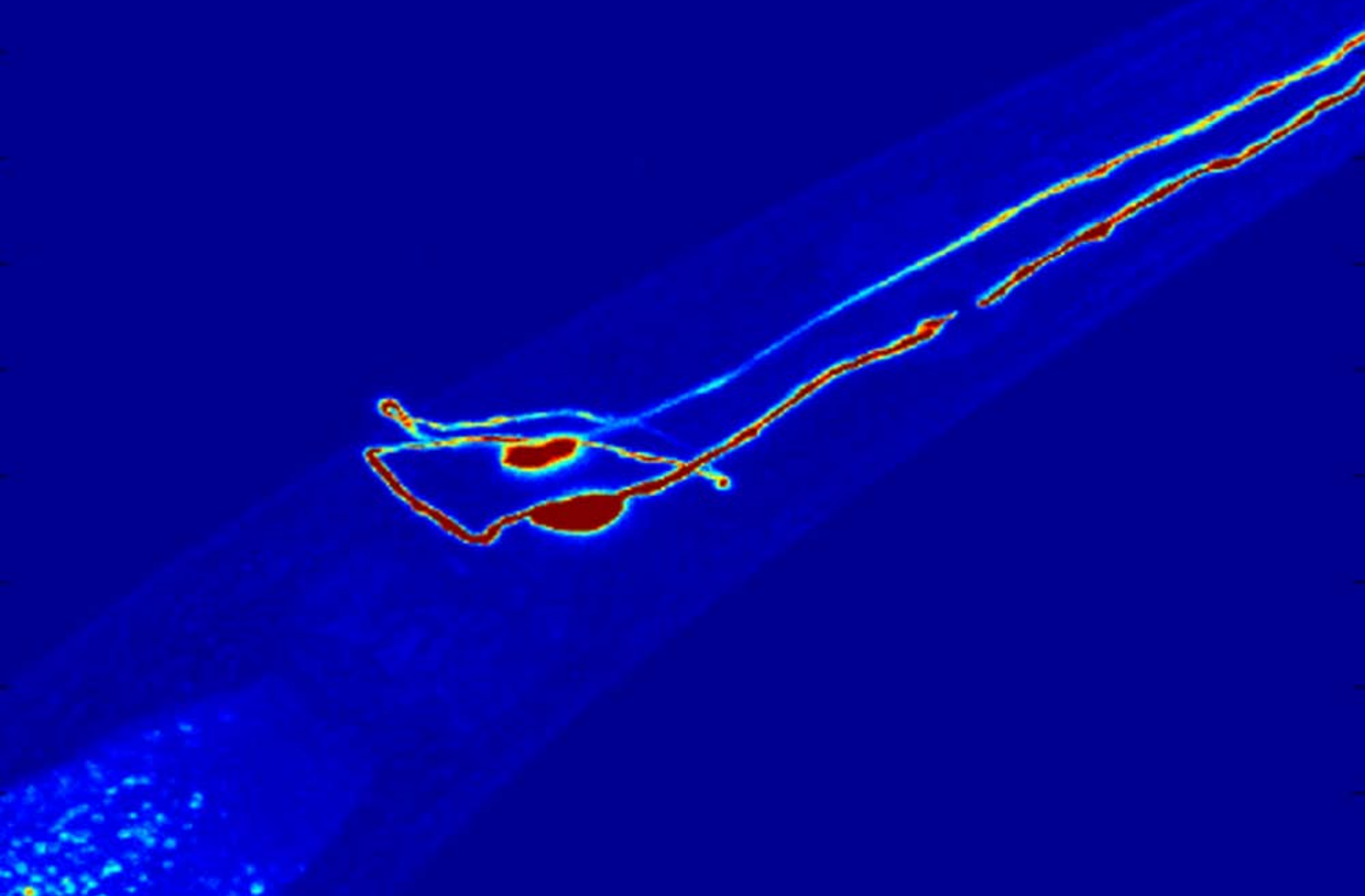
minutes after surgery with 14 nJ pulses



Nanoneurosurgery

revive worm, reimage 1 day later

Nanoneurosurgery



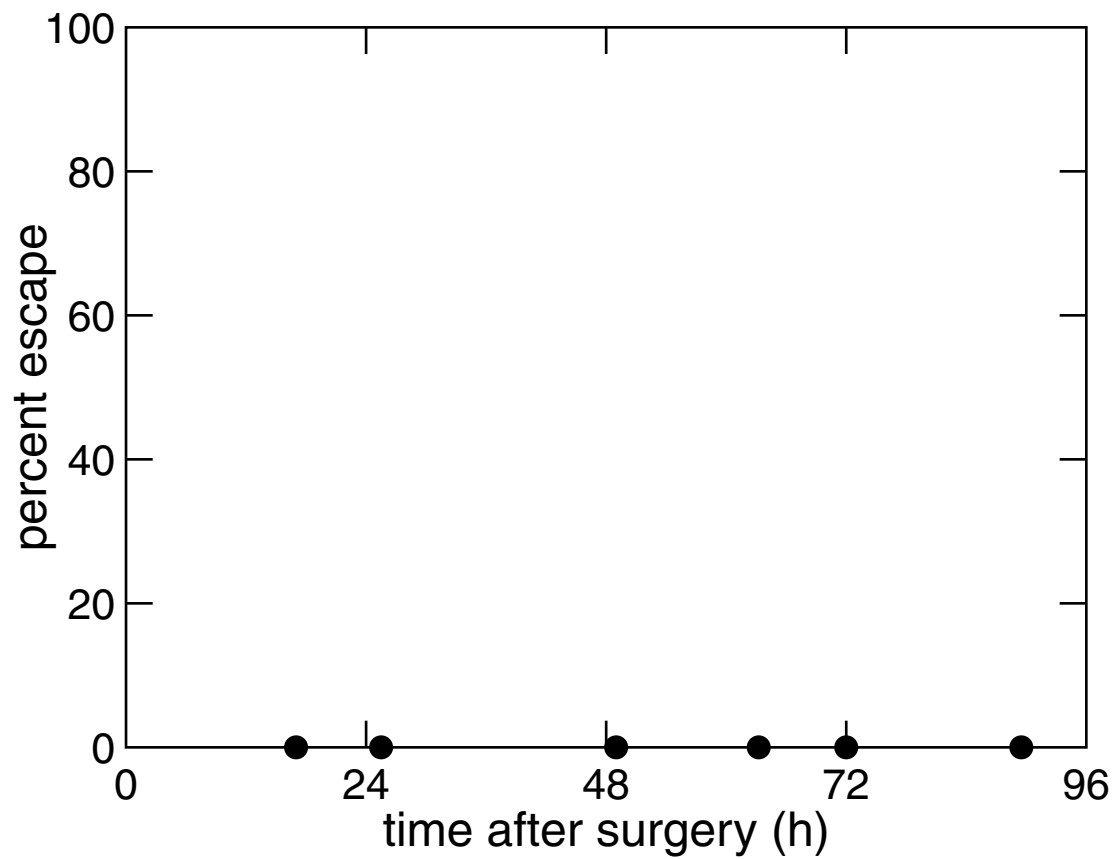
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osmolarity assay



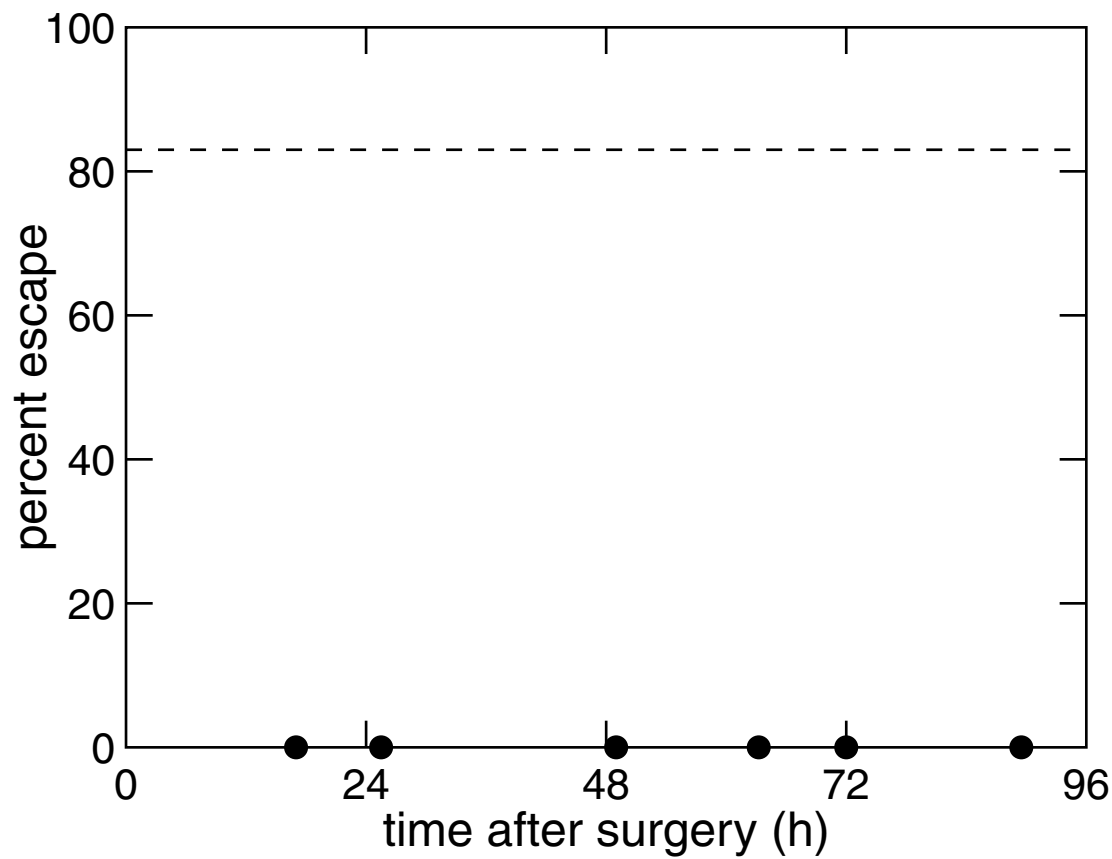
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escape rate after 'mock' surgery



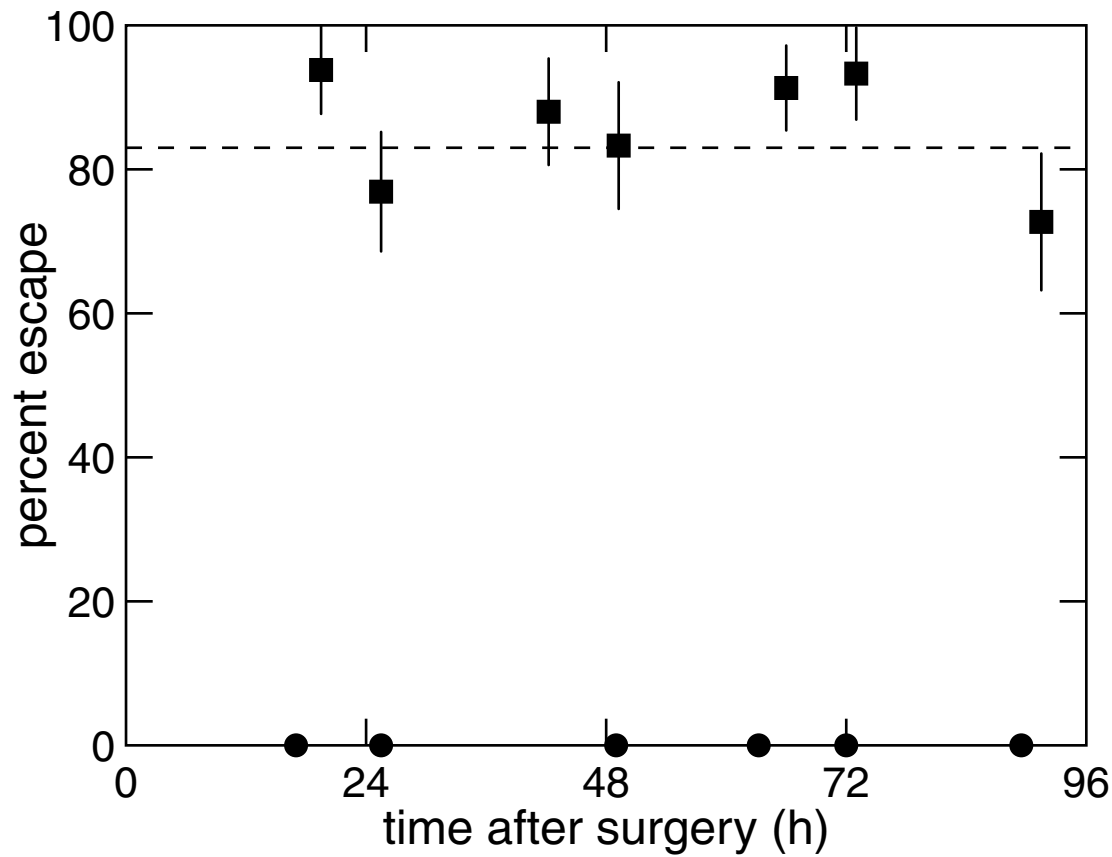
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escape rate of ASH-lacking mutant



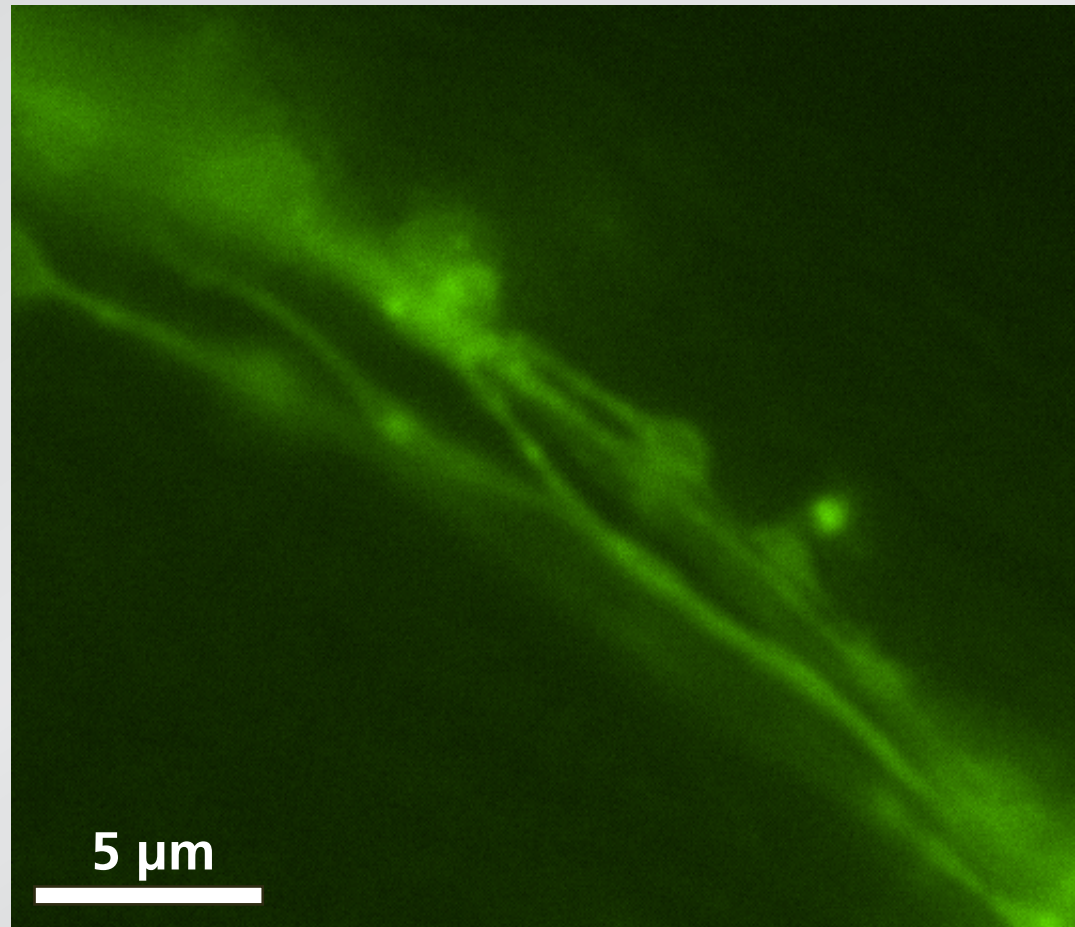
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escape rate after ASH-ablation surgery



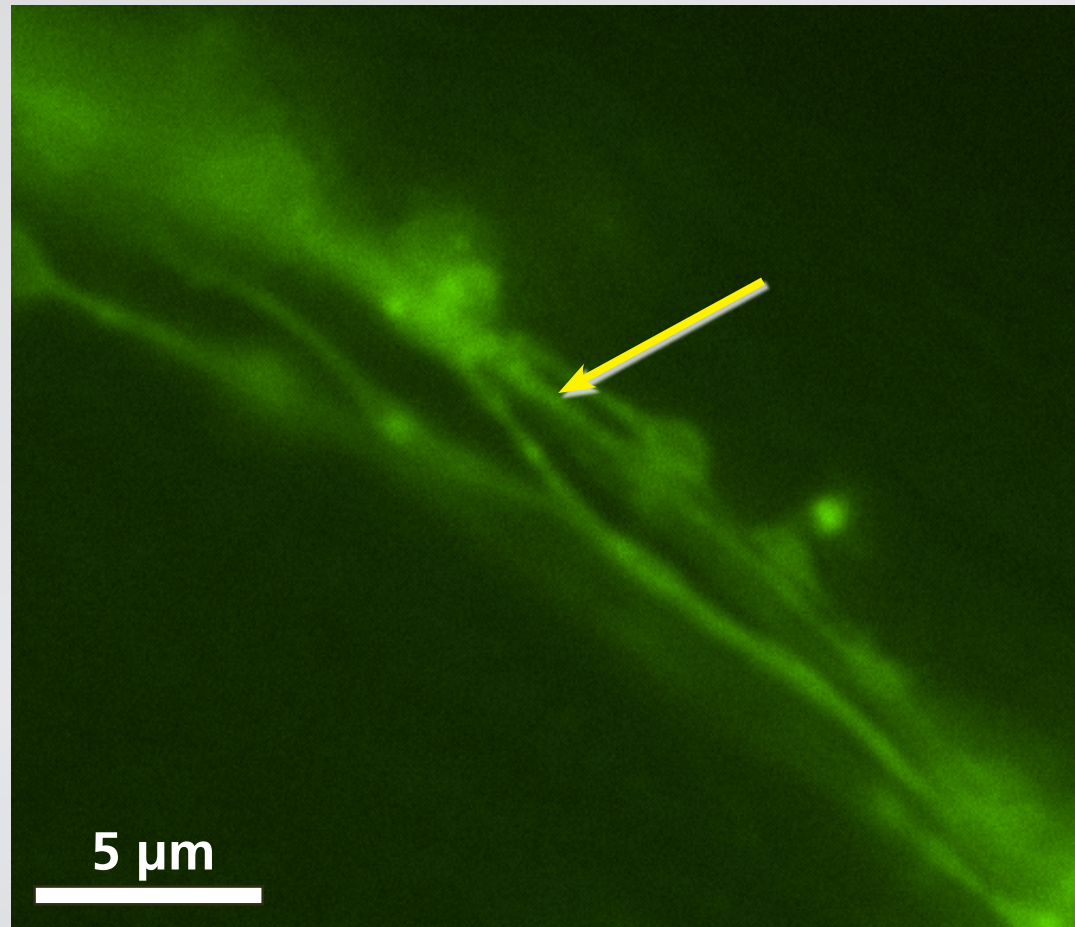
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cut single dendrite in amphid bundle



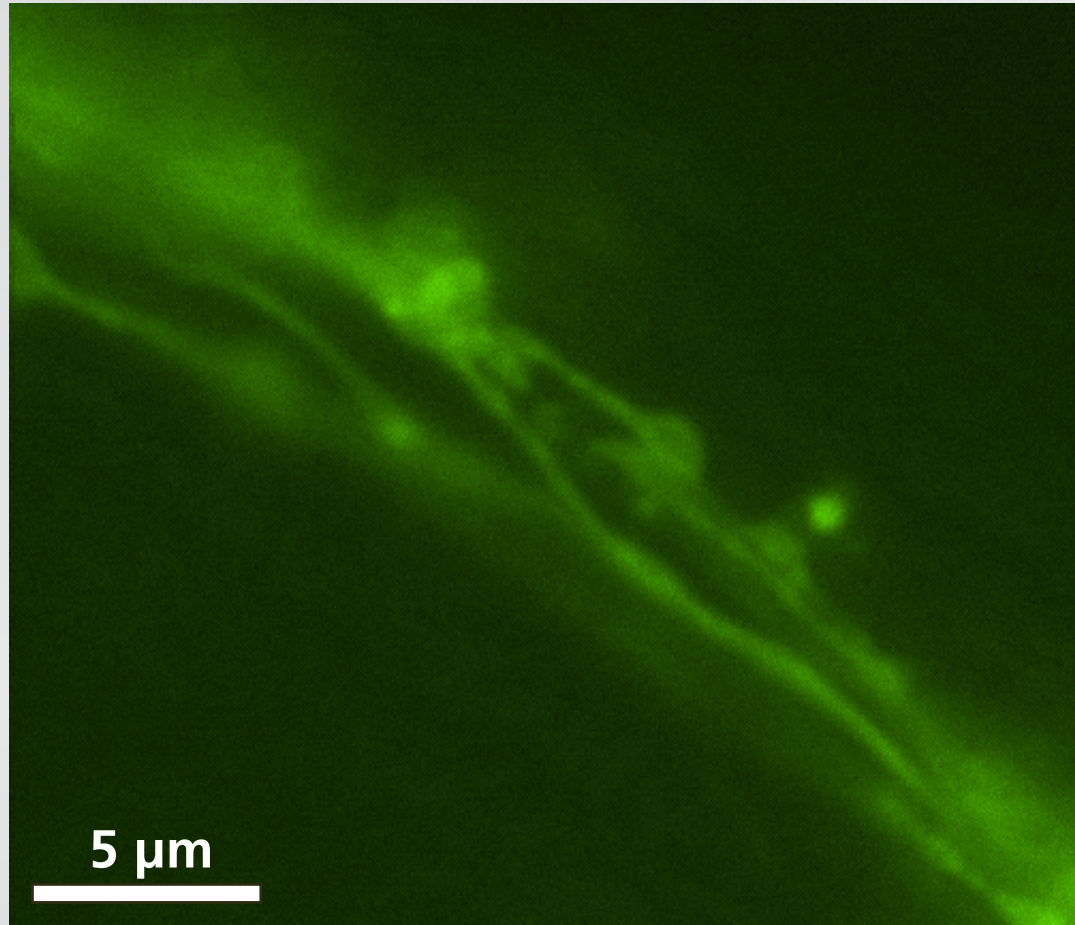
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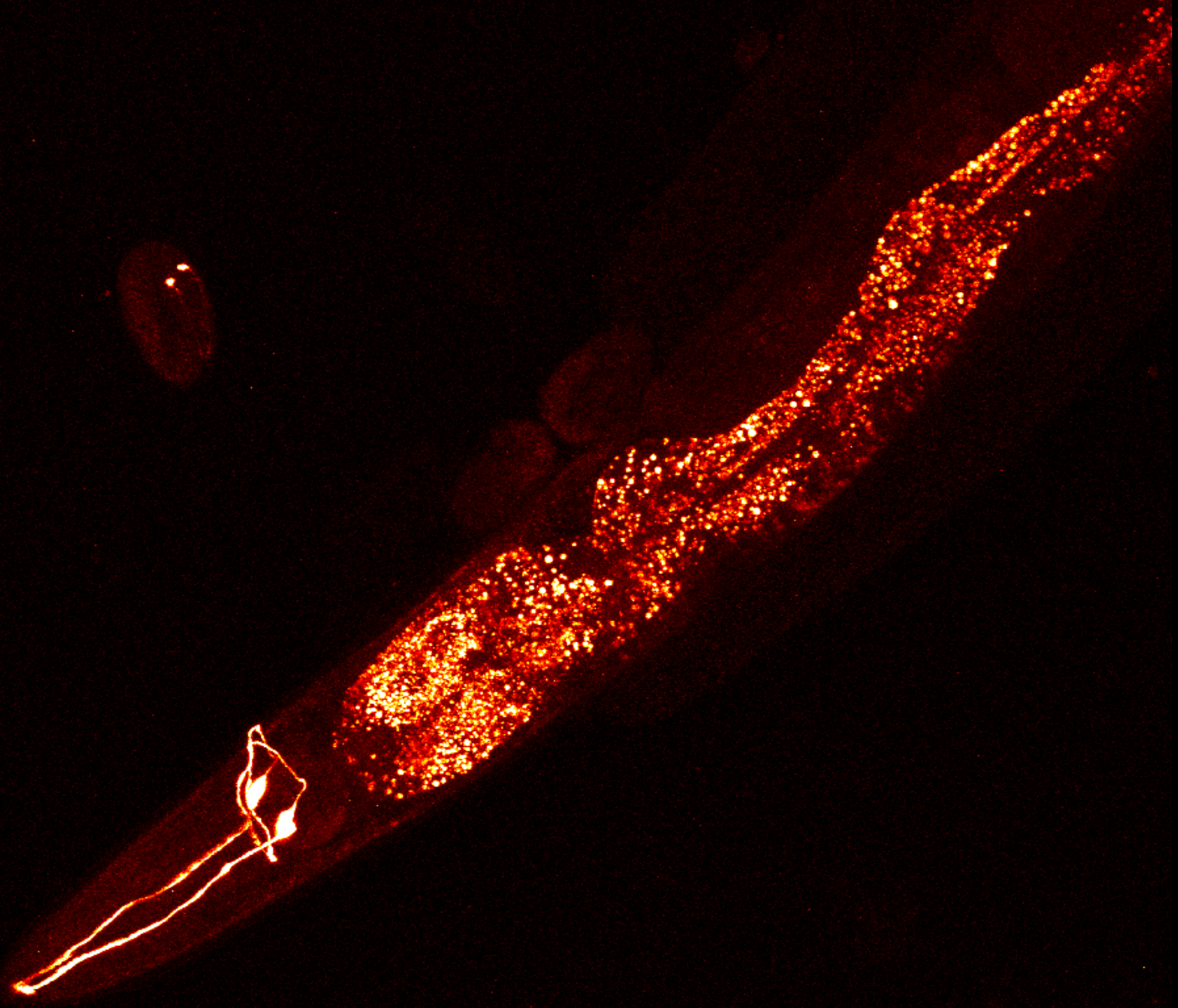


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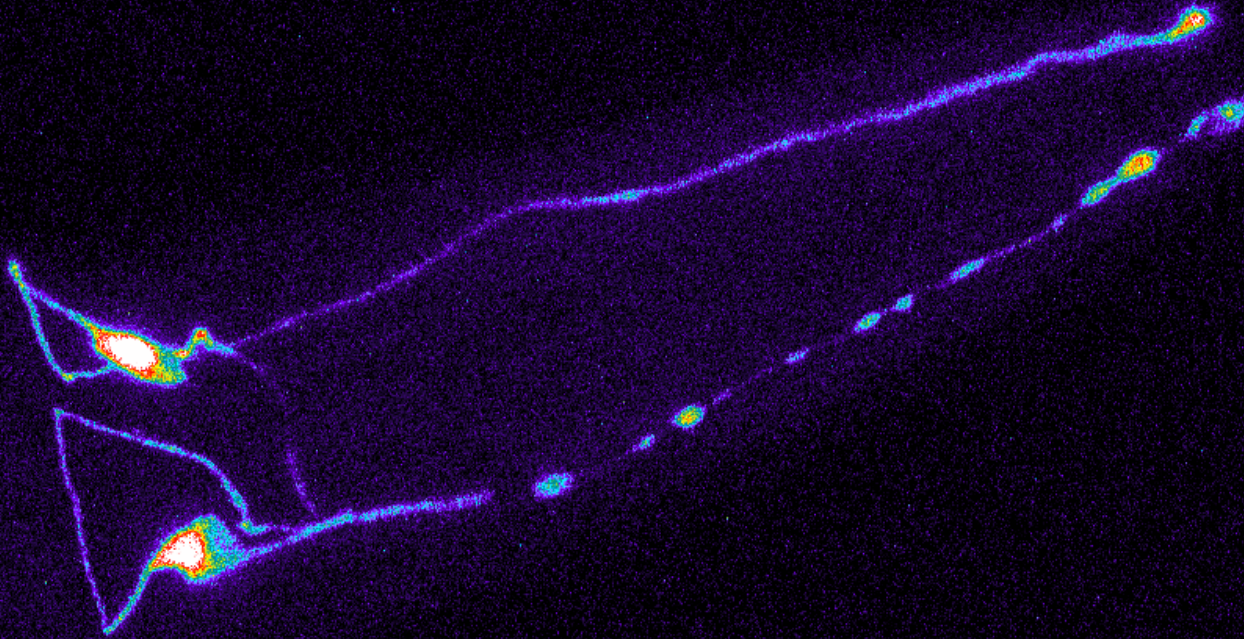
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Nanoneurosurgery



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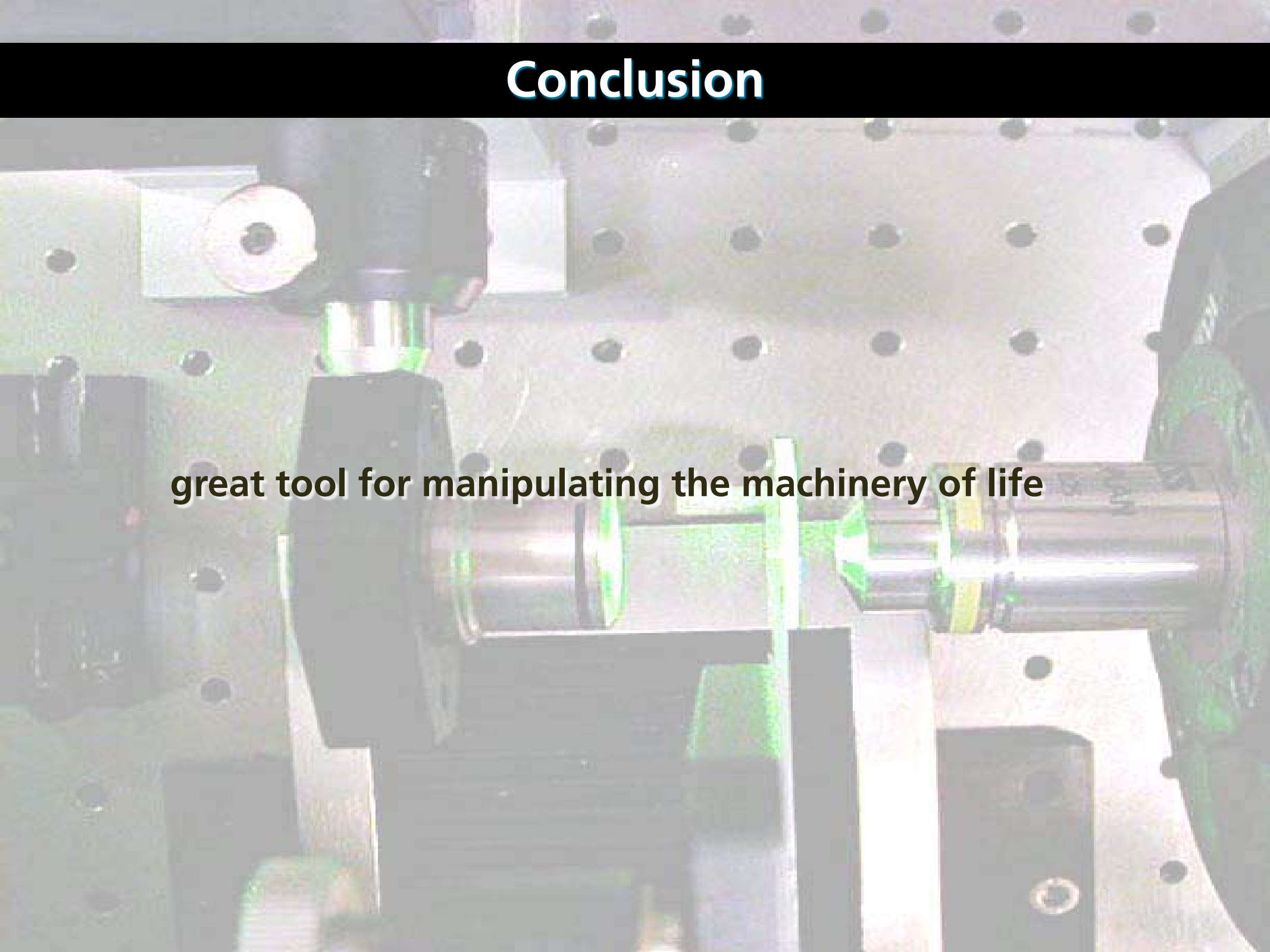
temperature sensing occurs at tip of dendrite

Summary

- **manipulate on subcellular, submicrometer scale**
- **penetrate in bulk without compromising viability**
- **study cell structure and mechanics**
- **study neurobiological basis of behavior**

Conclusion

great tool for manipulating the machinery of life



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