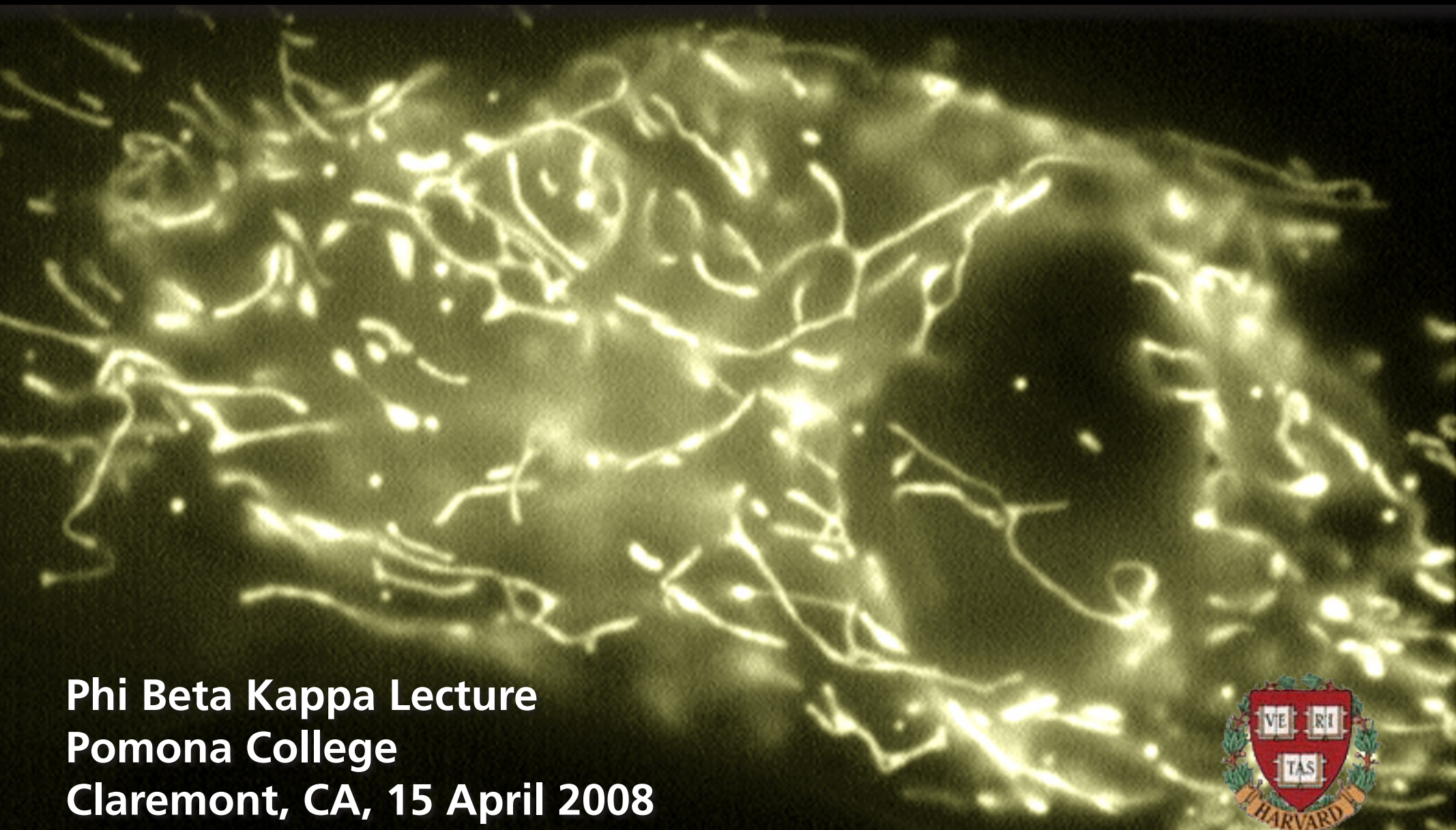


Subcellular surgery and nanoneurosurgery

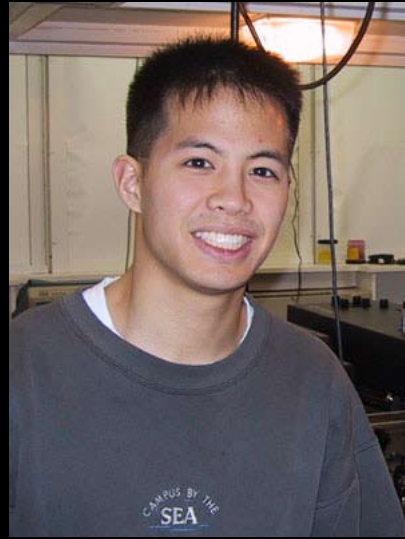


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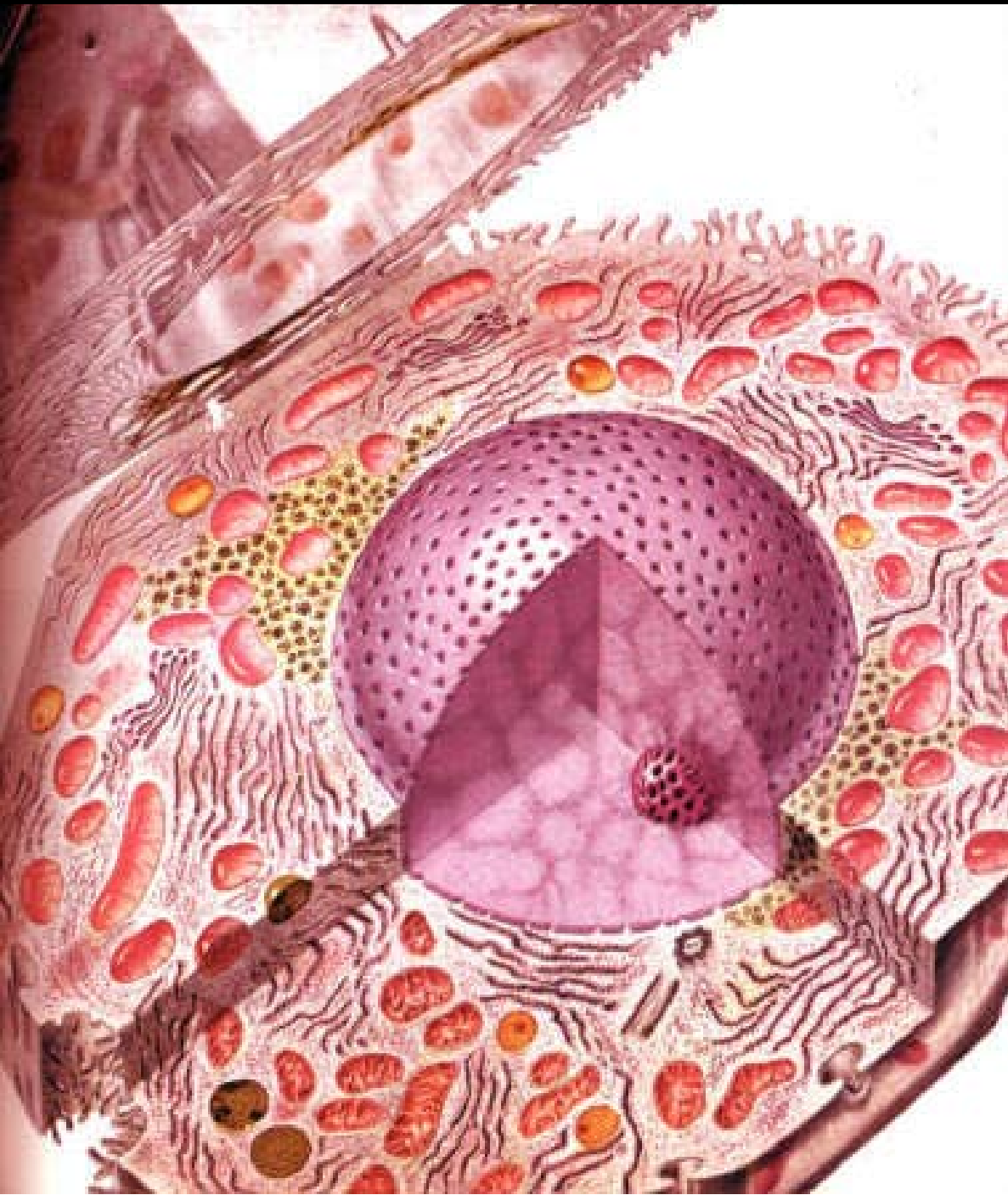
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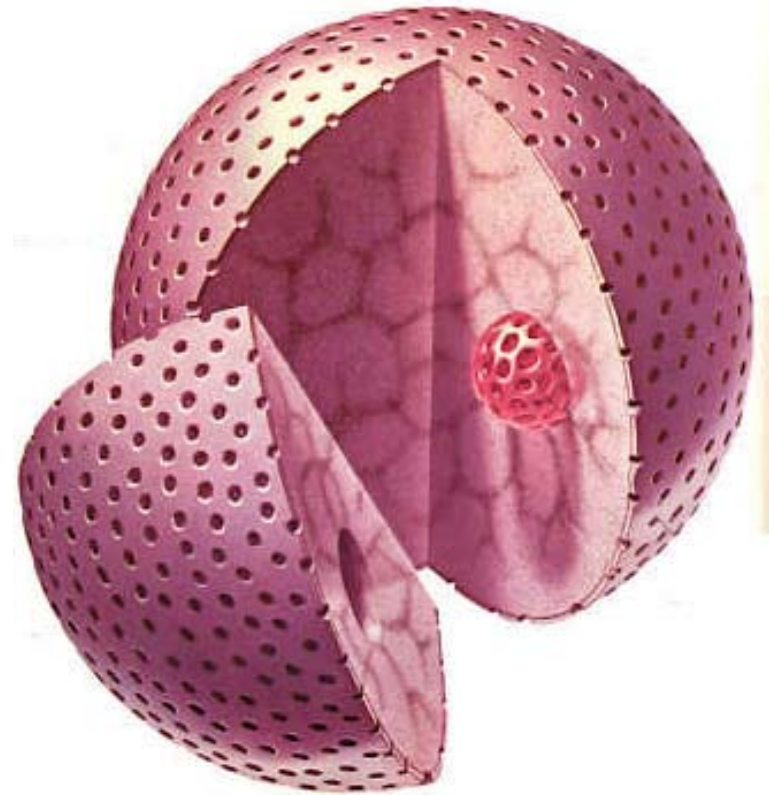
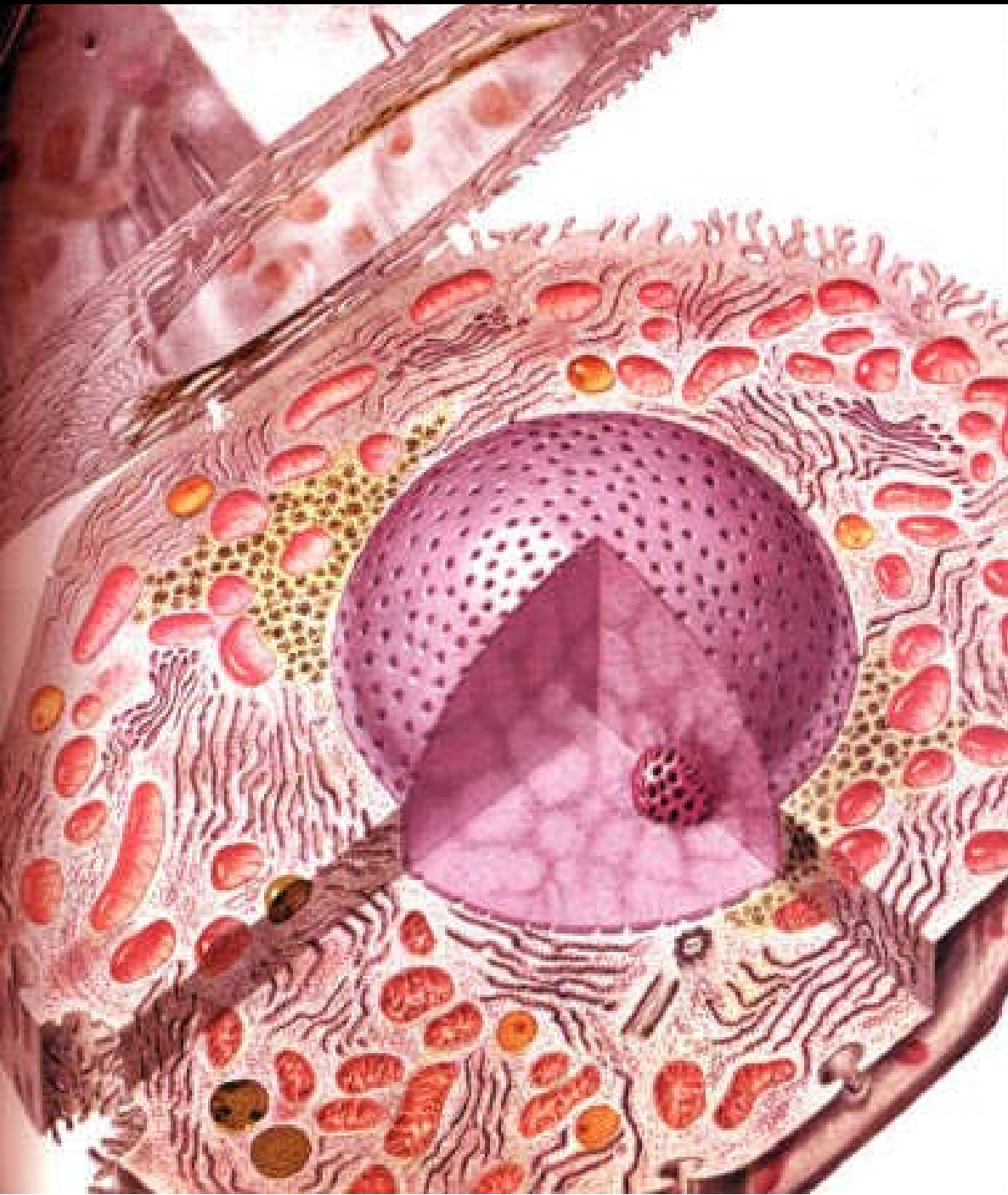
living systems require interdisciplinary tools

A scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing several large, spherical, red-colored cells. The cells have a textured, granular surface and contain numerous small, light-colored, spherical inclusions. The cells are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping. The background is black.

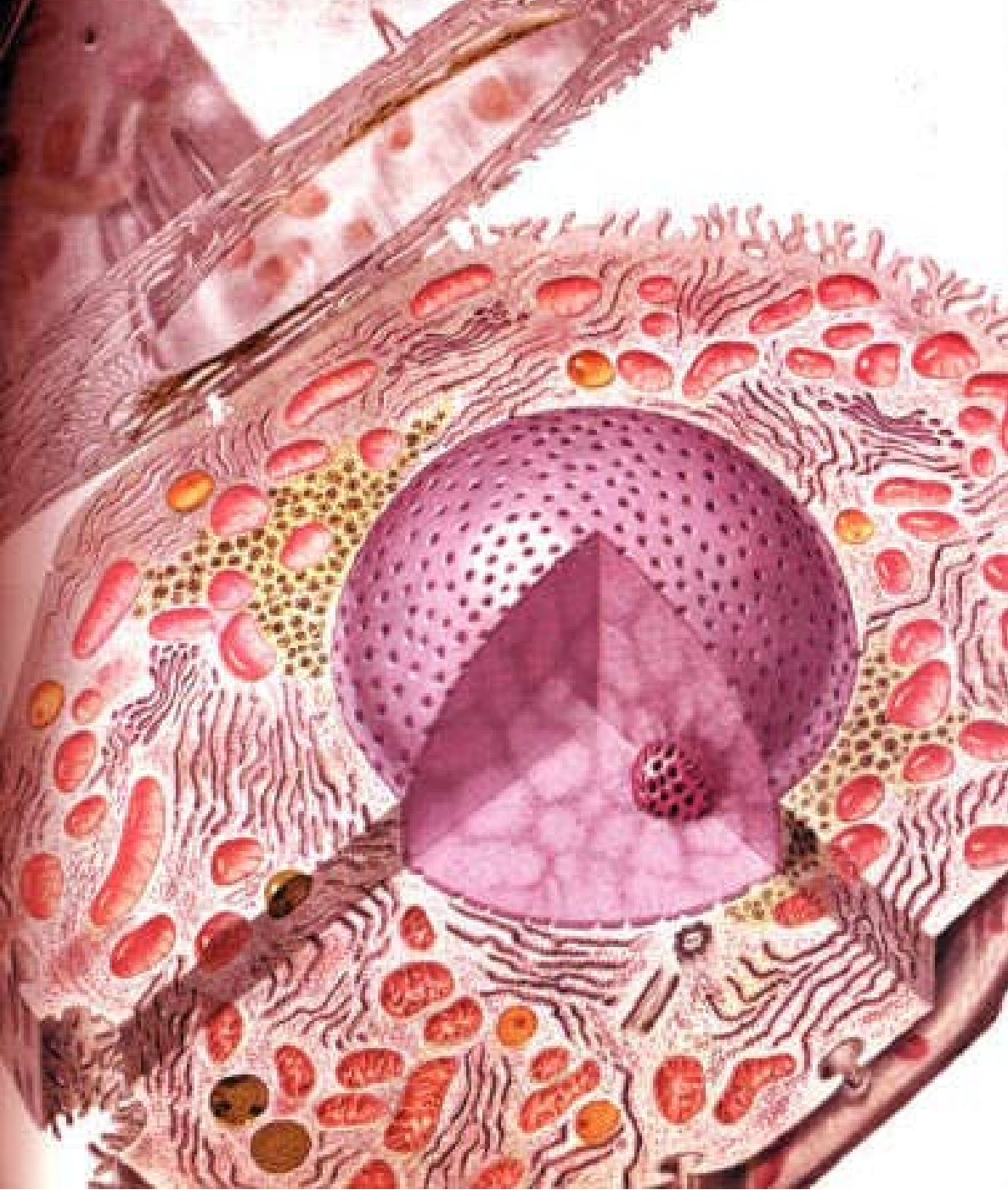
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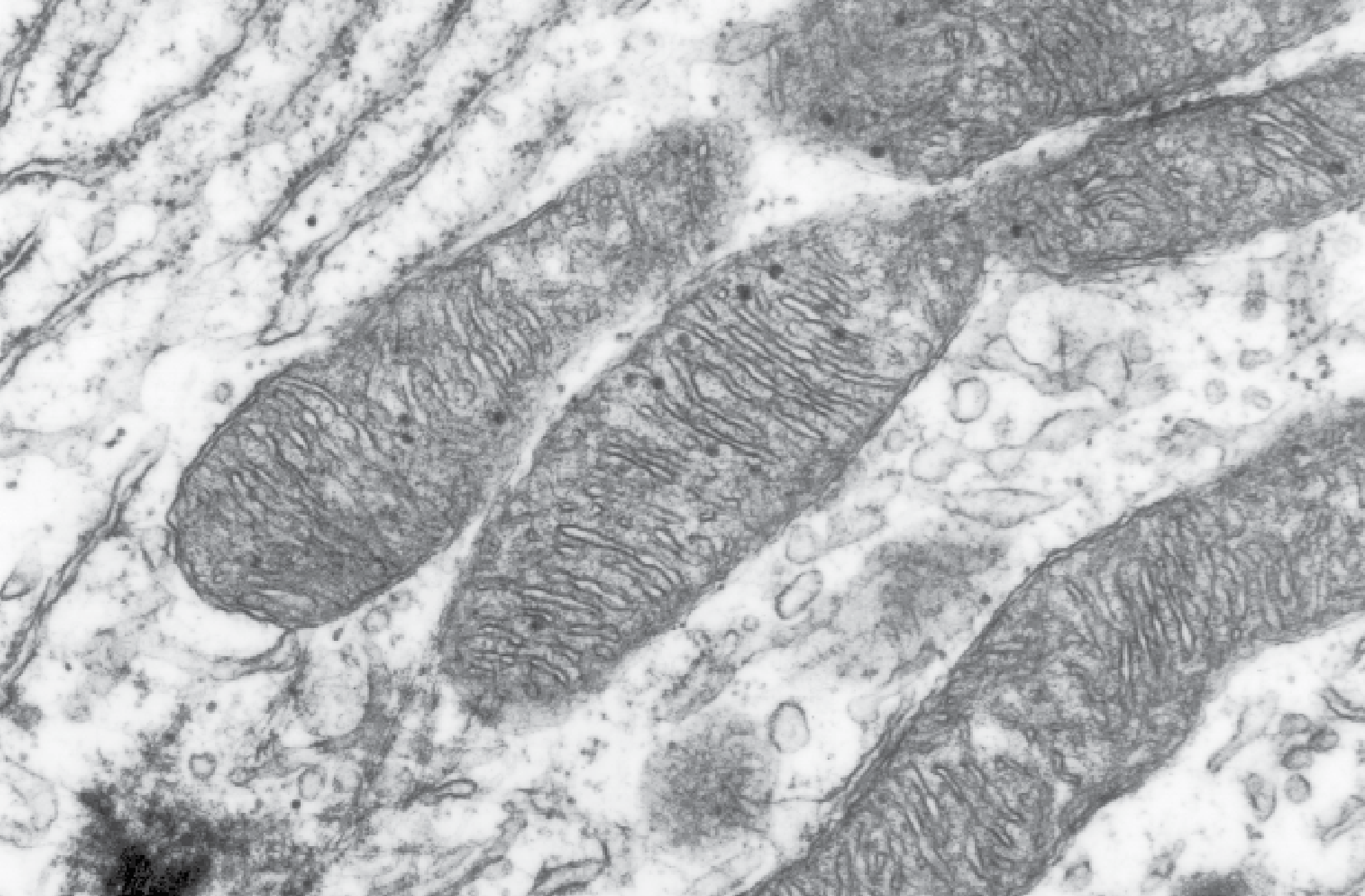
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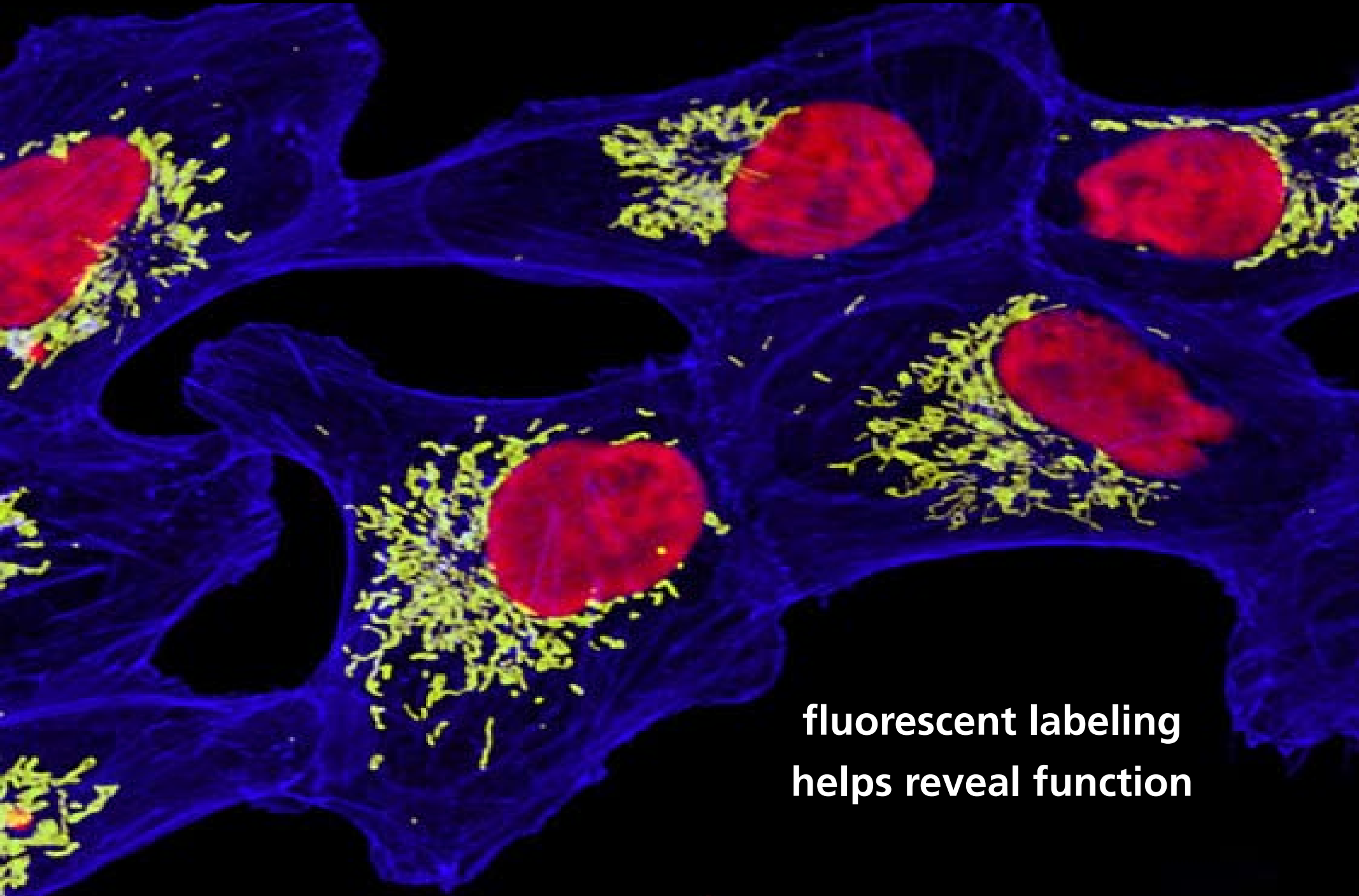
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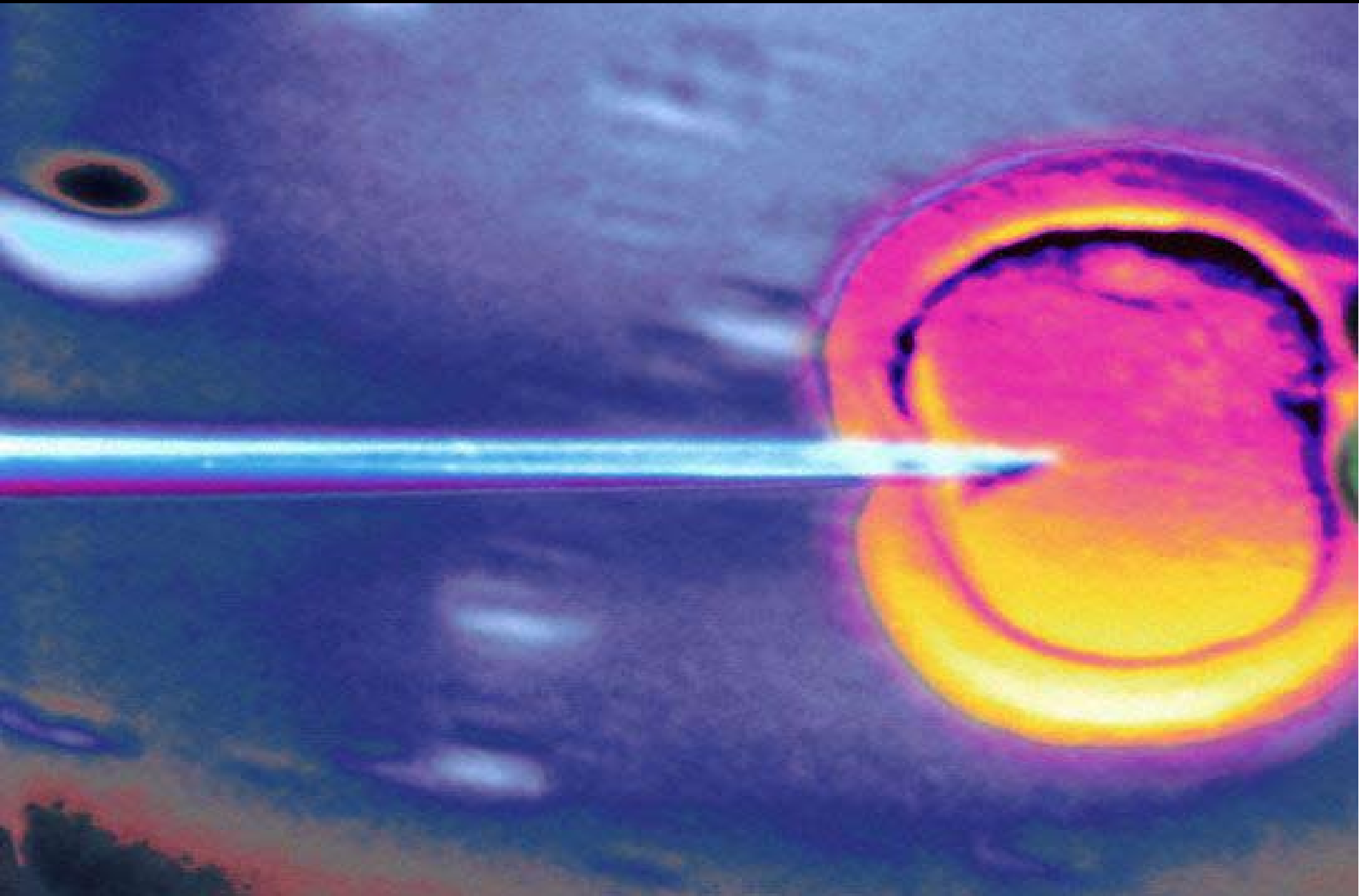


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fluorescent labeling
helps reveal function

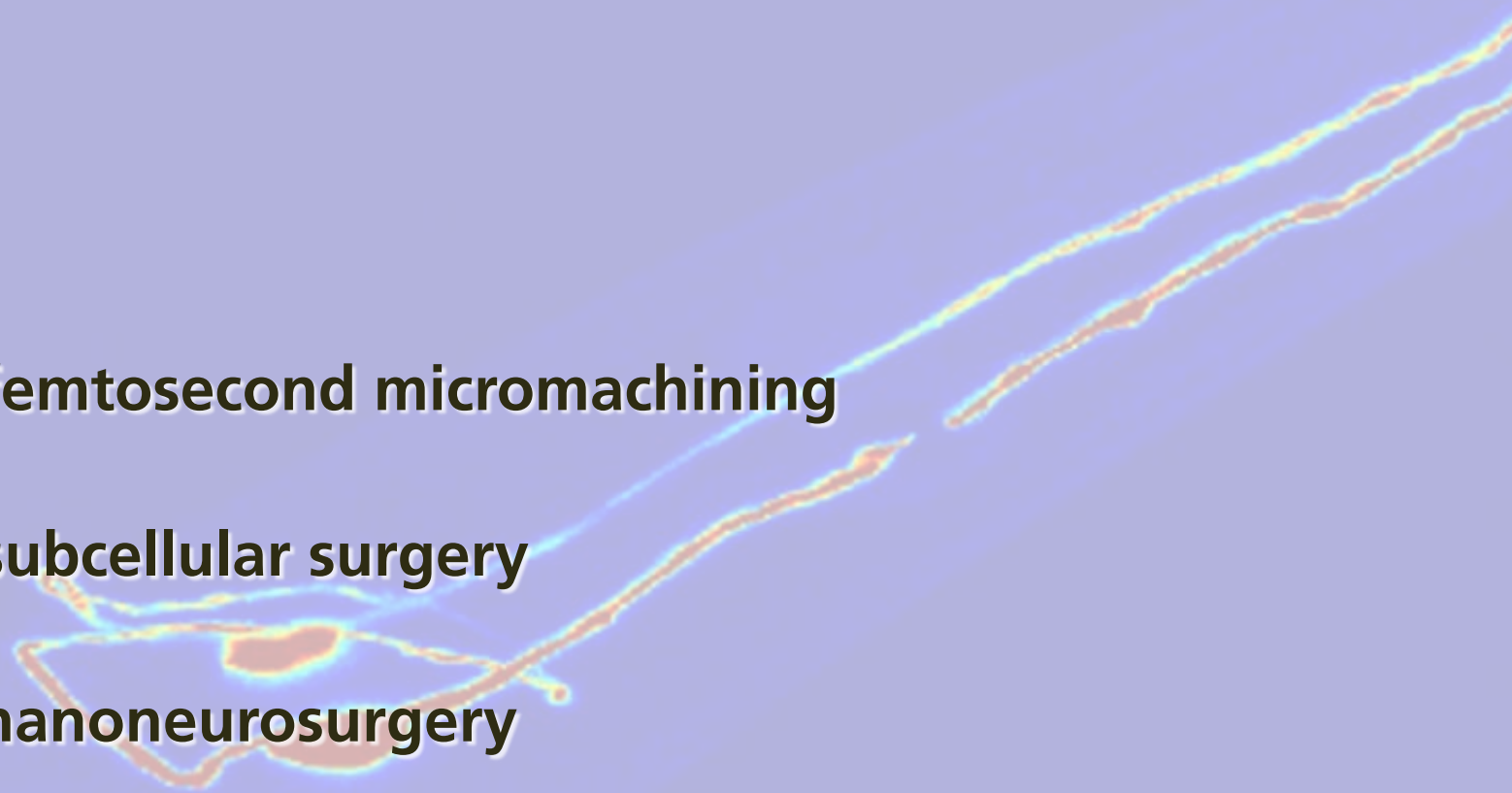
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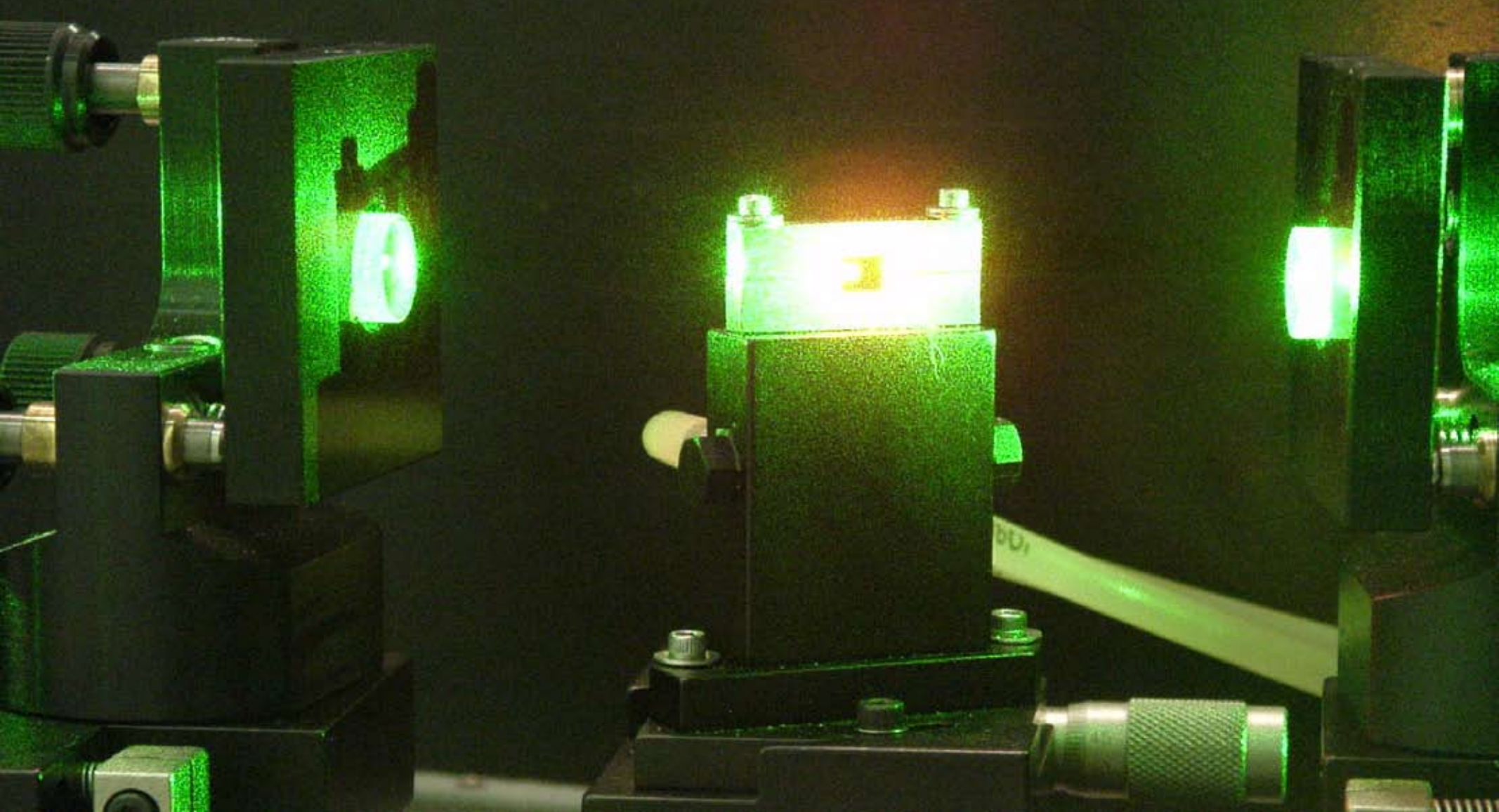
Introduction

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

Outline

- femtosecond micromachining
 - subcellular surgery
 - nanoneurosurgery
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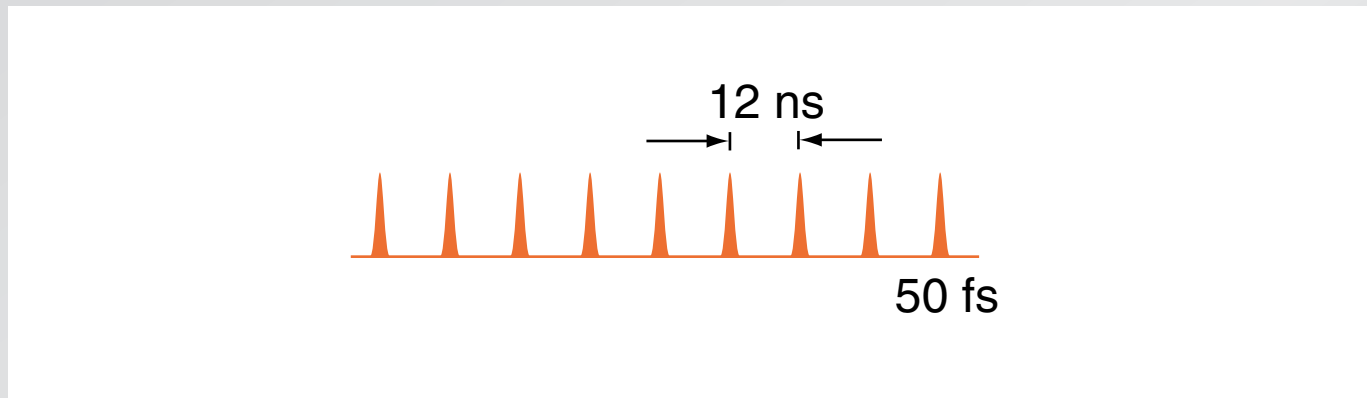
Femtosecond micromachining



Ti: sapphire laser

Femtosecond micromachining

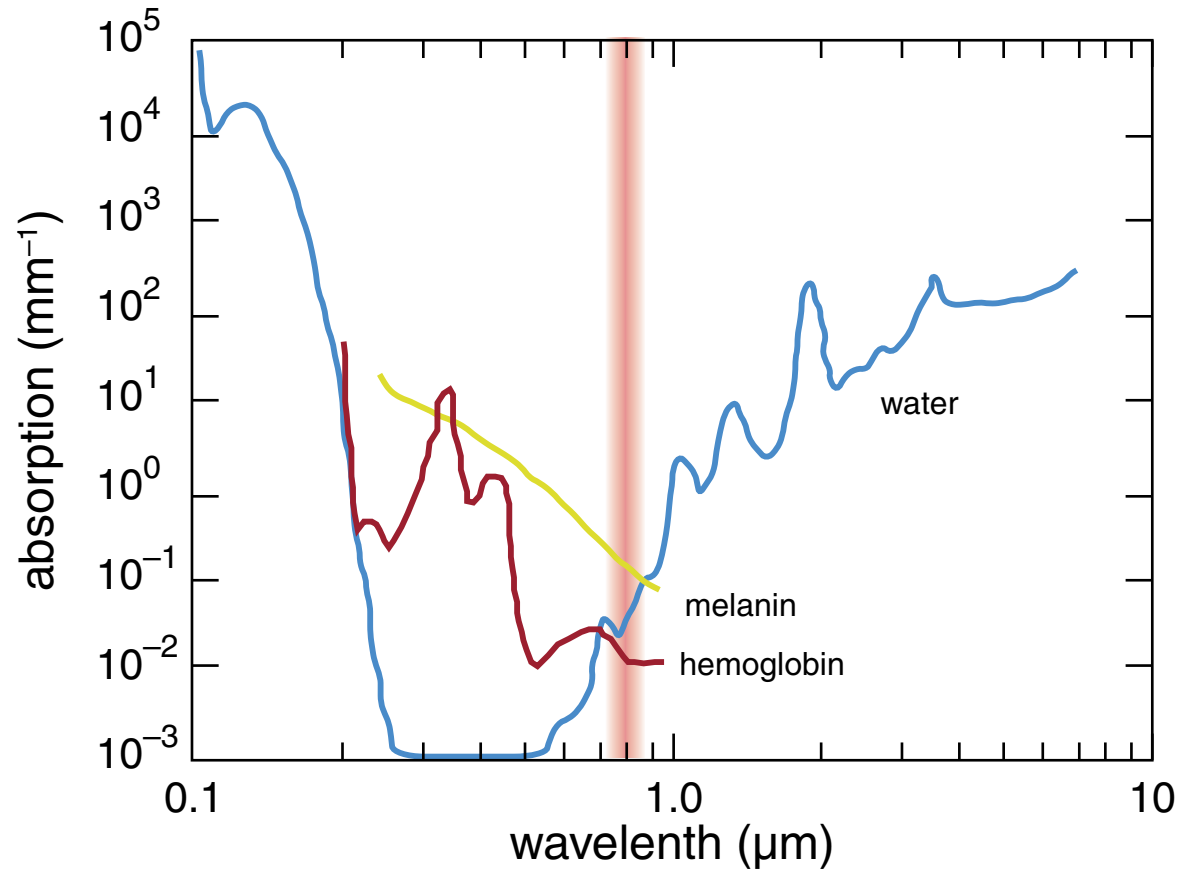
Ti:sapphire lasers



pulse duration:	50 fs	repetition rate:	80 MHz
average power:	1 W	peak power:	10^{10} W
energy per pulse:	1 mJ	wavelength:	800 nm

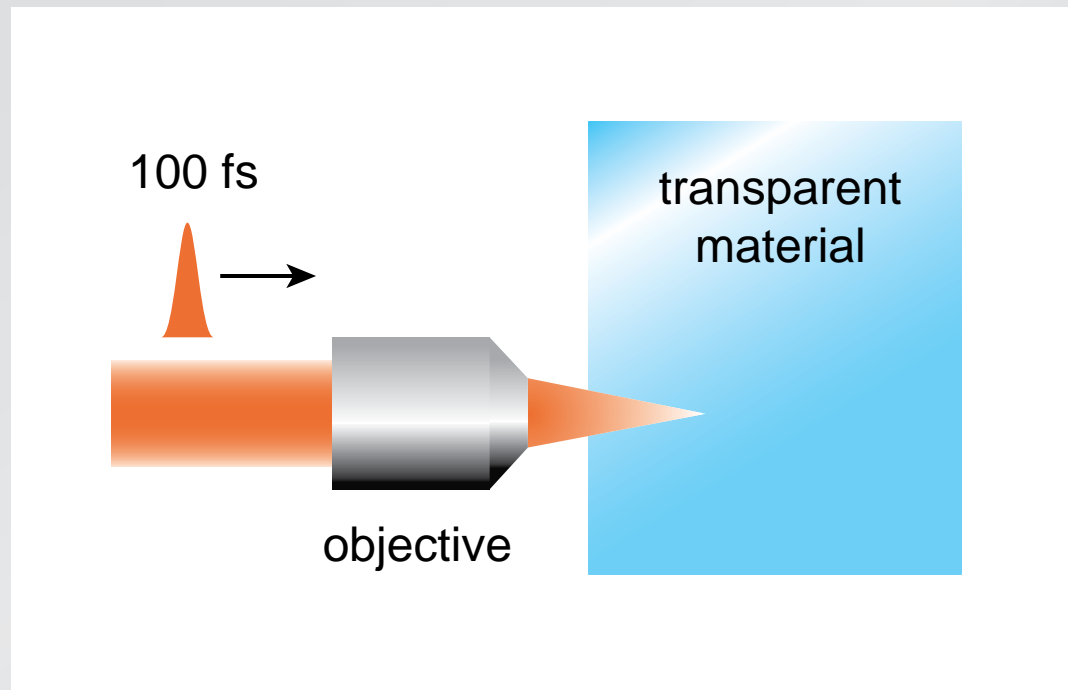
Femtosecond micromachining

tissue is nearly transparent at 800 nm



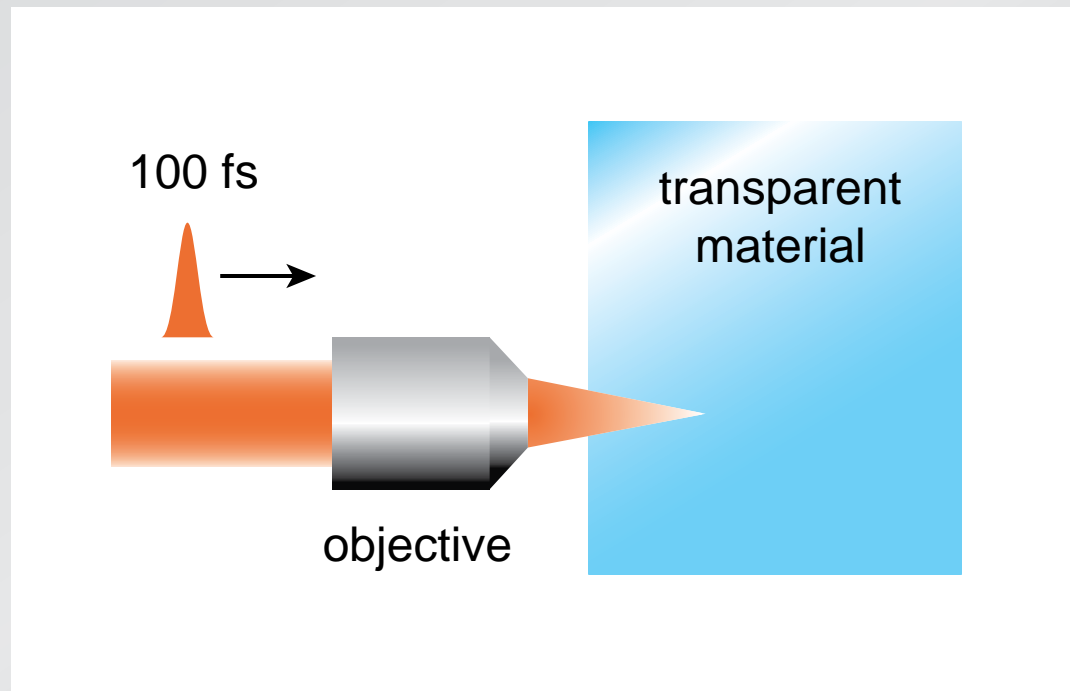
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focus laser beam inside material



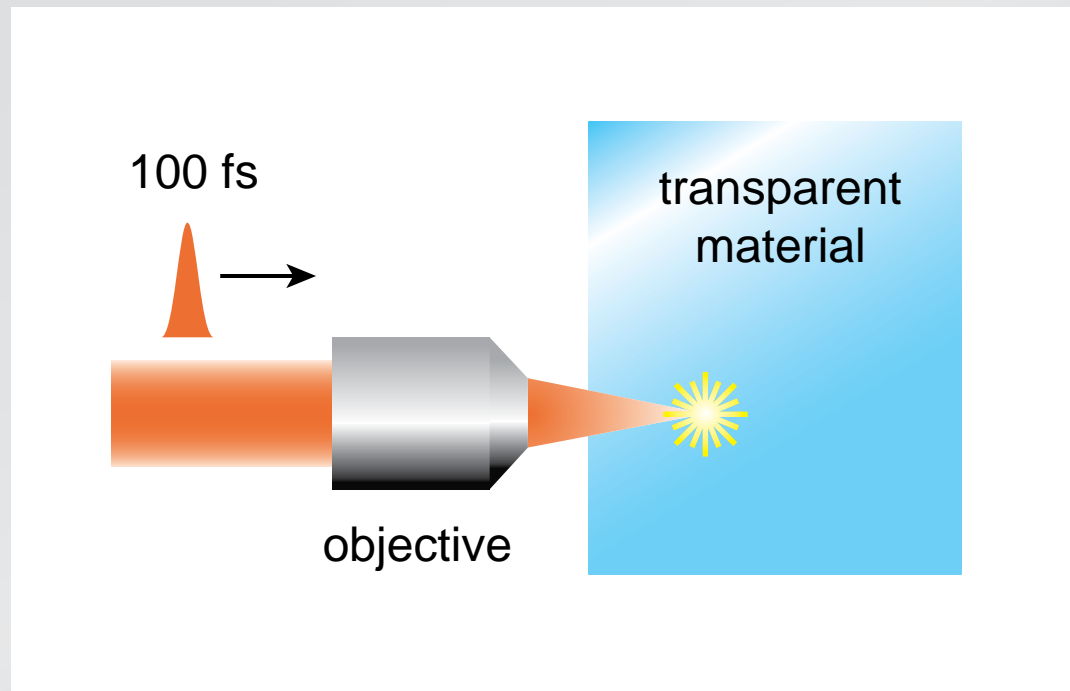
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high intensity at focus...



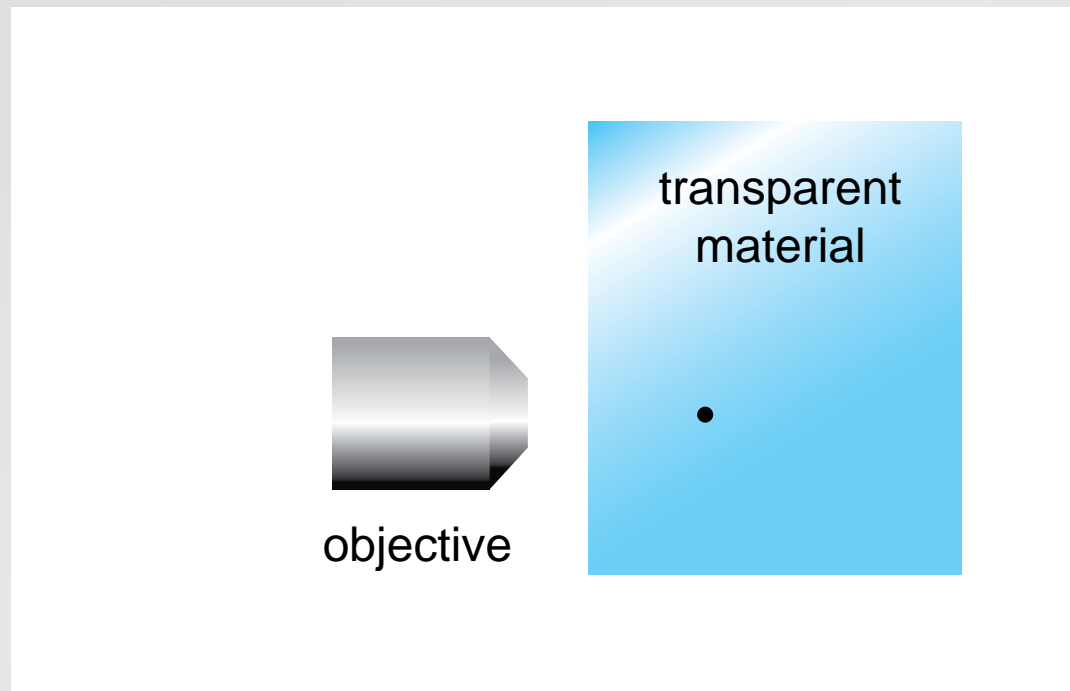
Femtosecond micromachining

...causes nonlinear ionization...

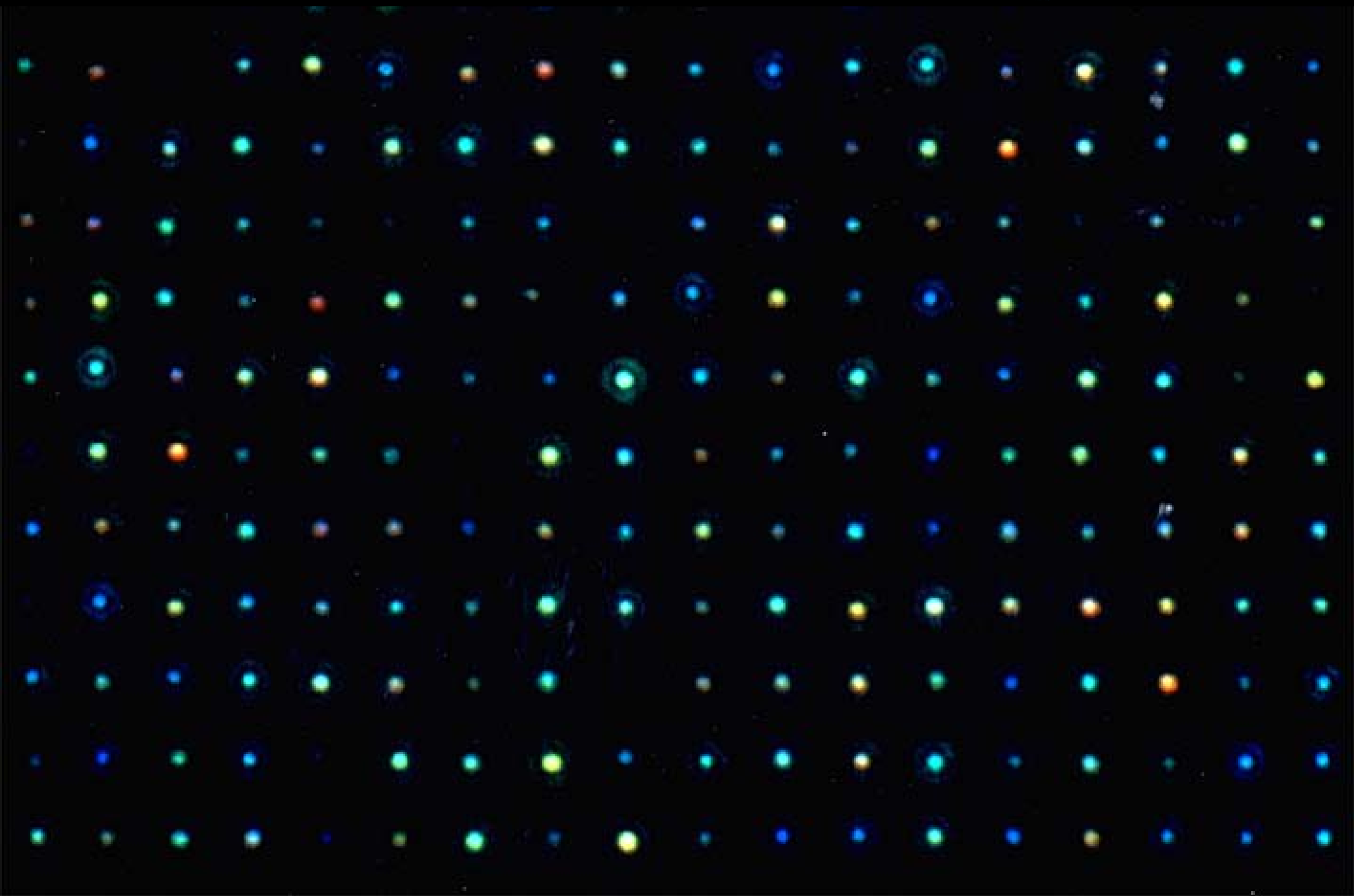


Femtosecond micromachining

and 'microexplosion' causes microscopic damage...



Femtosecond micromachining

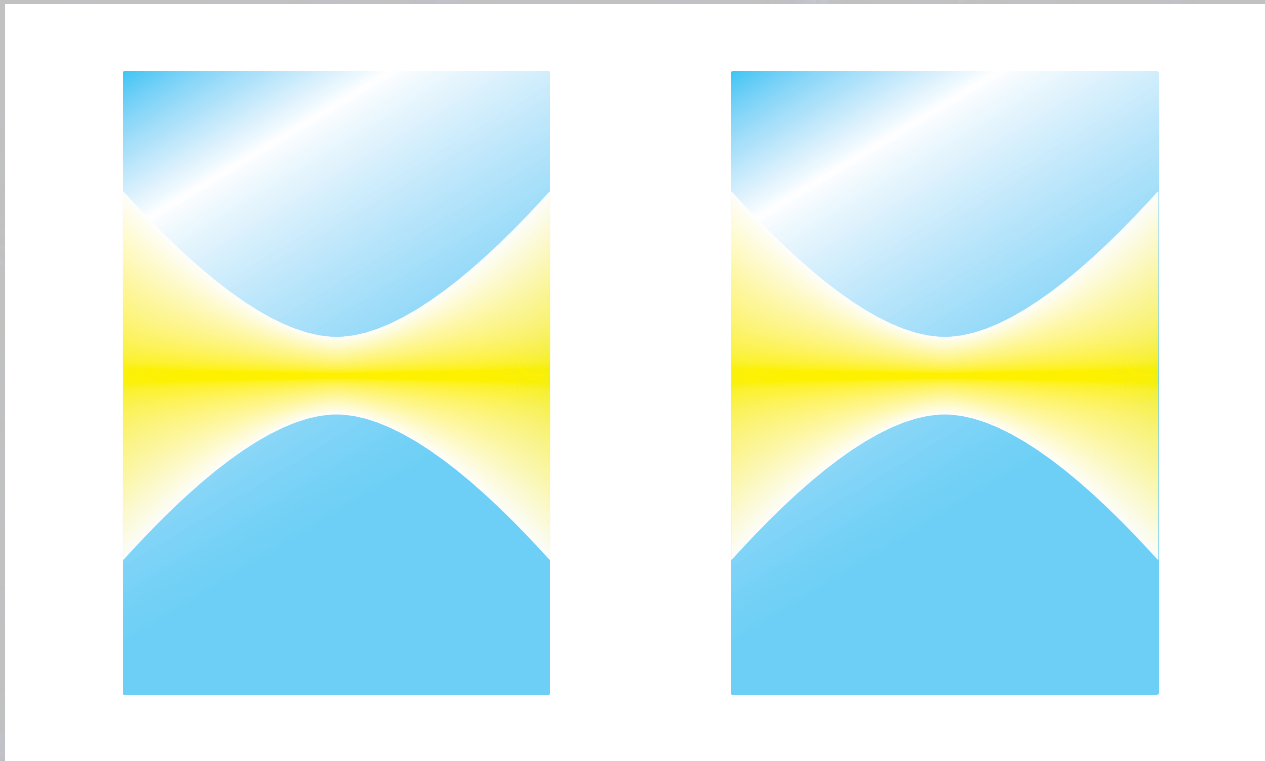


Femtosecond micromachining

photon energy $<$ bandgap \longrightarrow nonlinear interaction

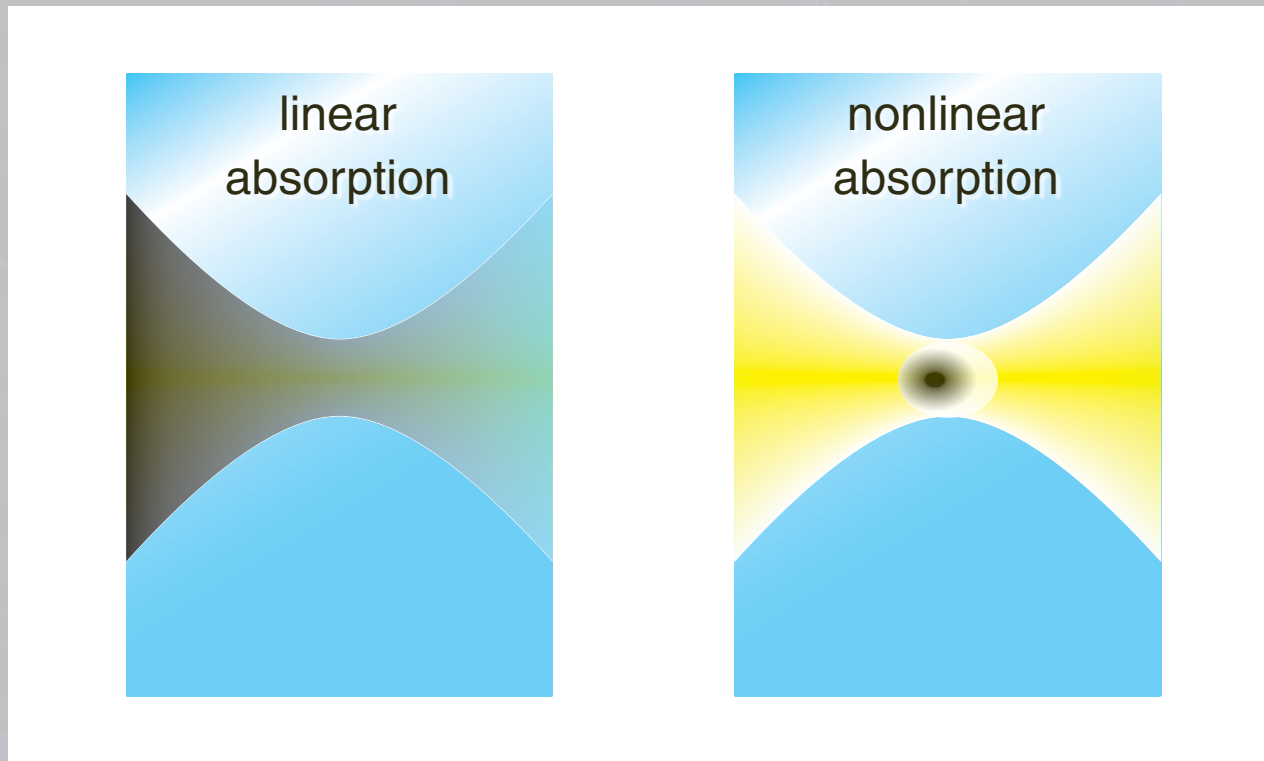
Femtosecond micromachining

nonlinear interaction provides bulk confinement

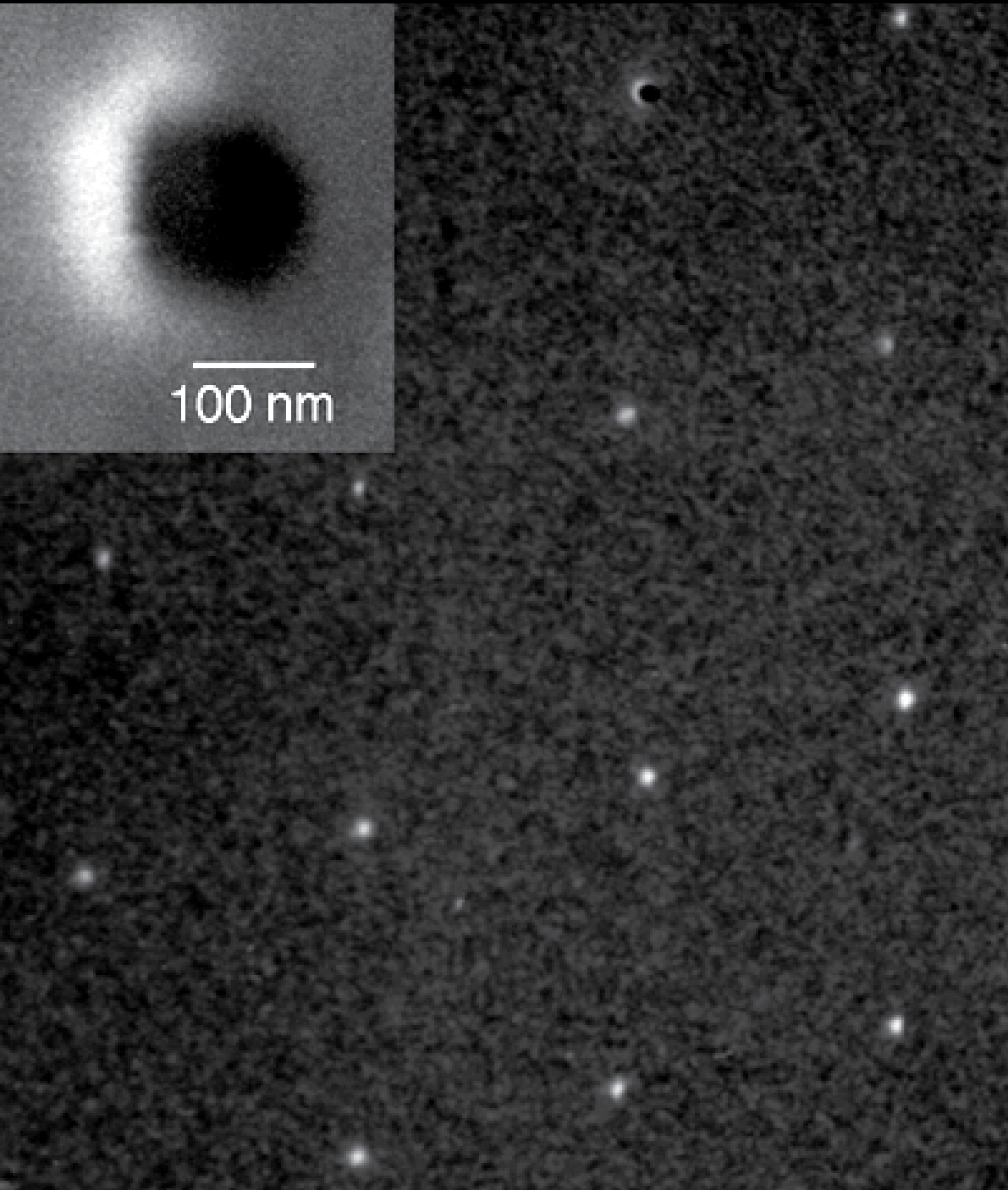


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nonlinear interaction provides bulk confinement



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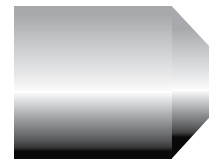


SEM & AFM:

- 100-nm cavities
- little colateral damage

Femtosecond micromachining

Dark-field scattering



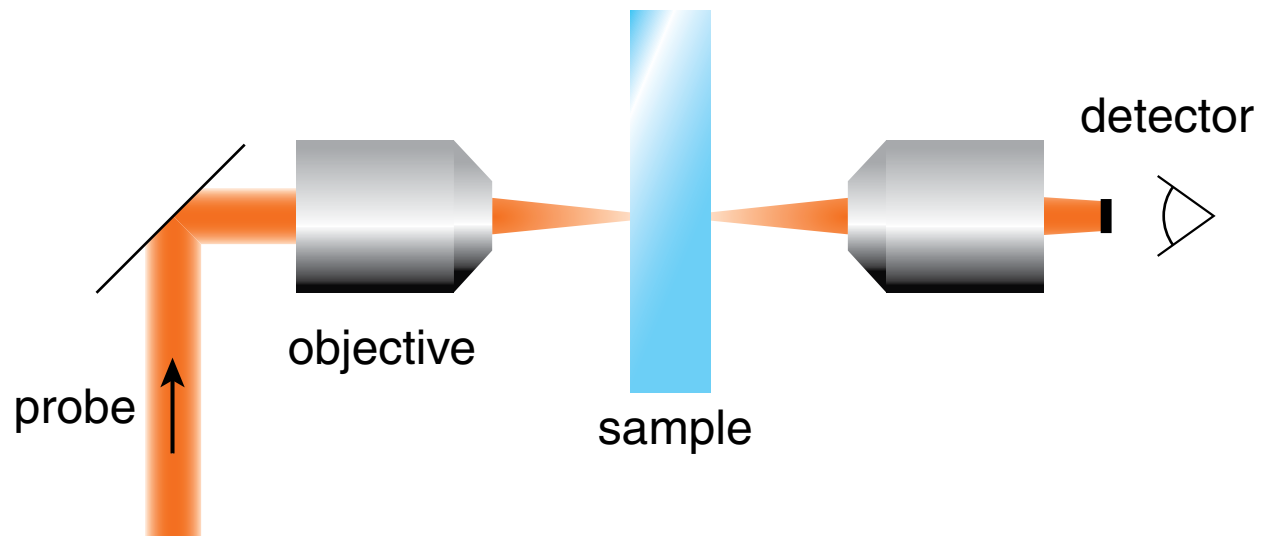
objective



sample

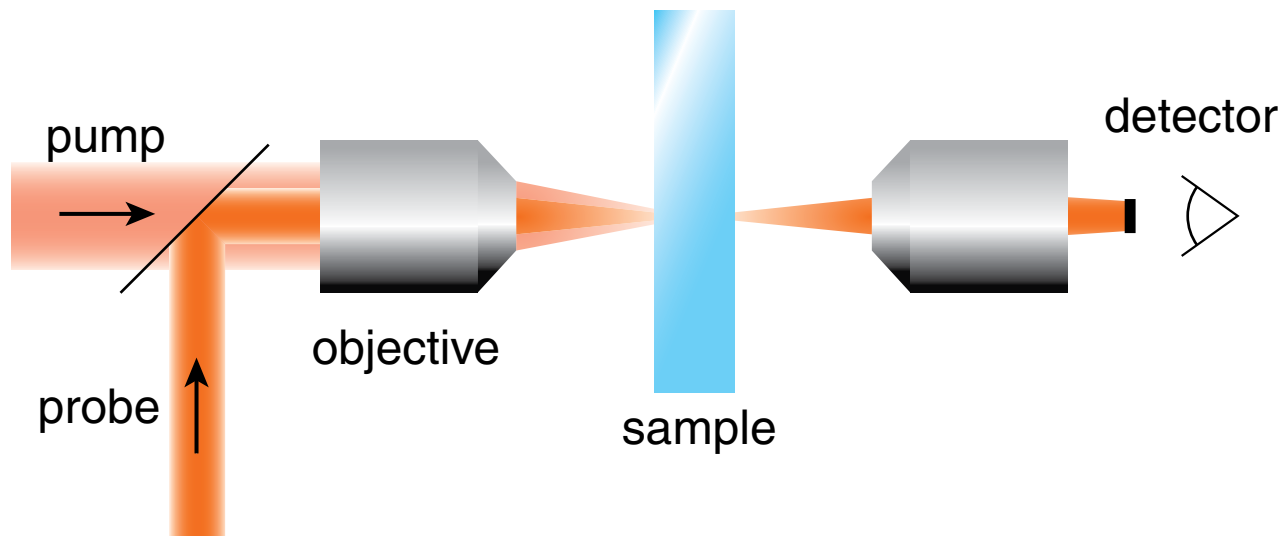
Femtosecond micromachining

block probe beam...



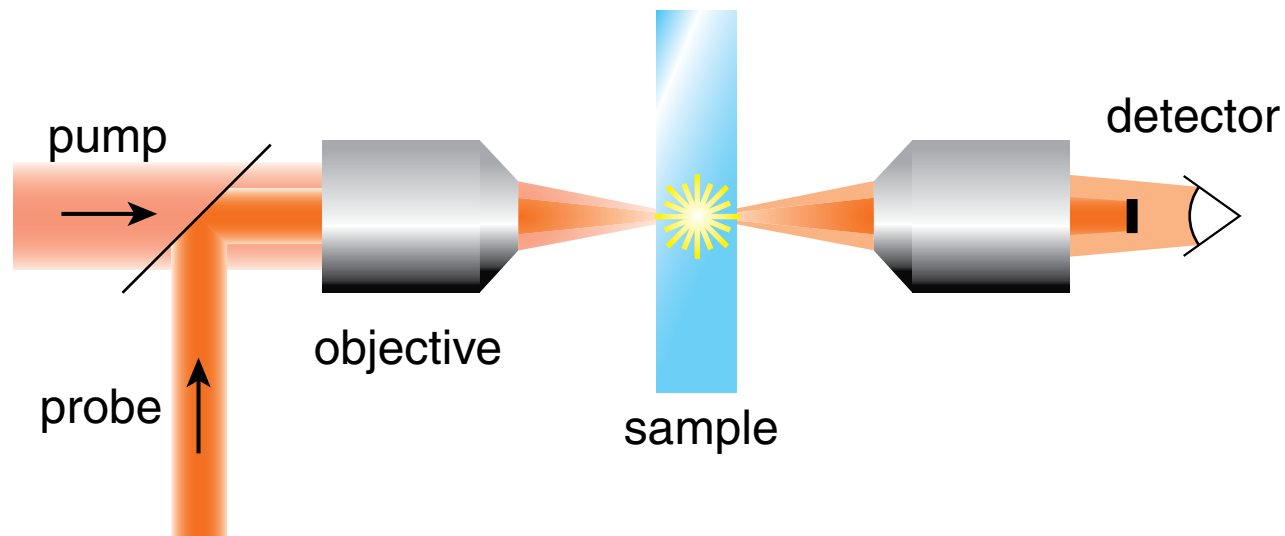
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... bring in pump beam...



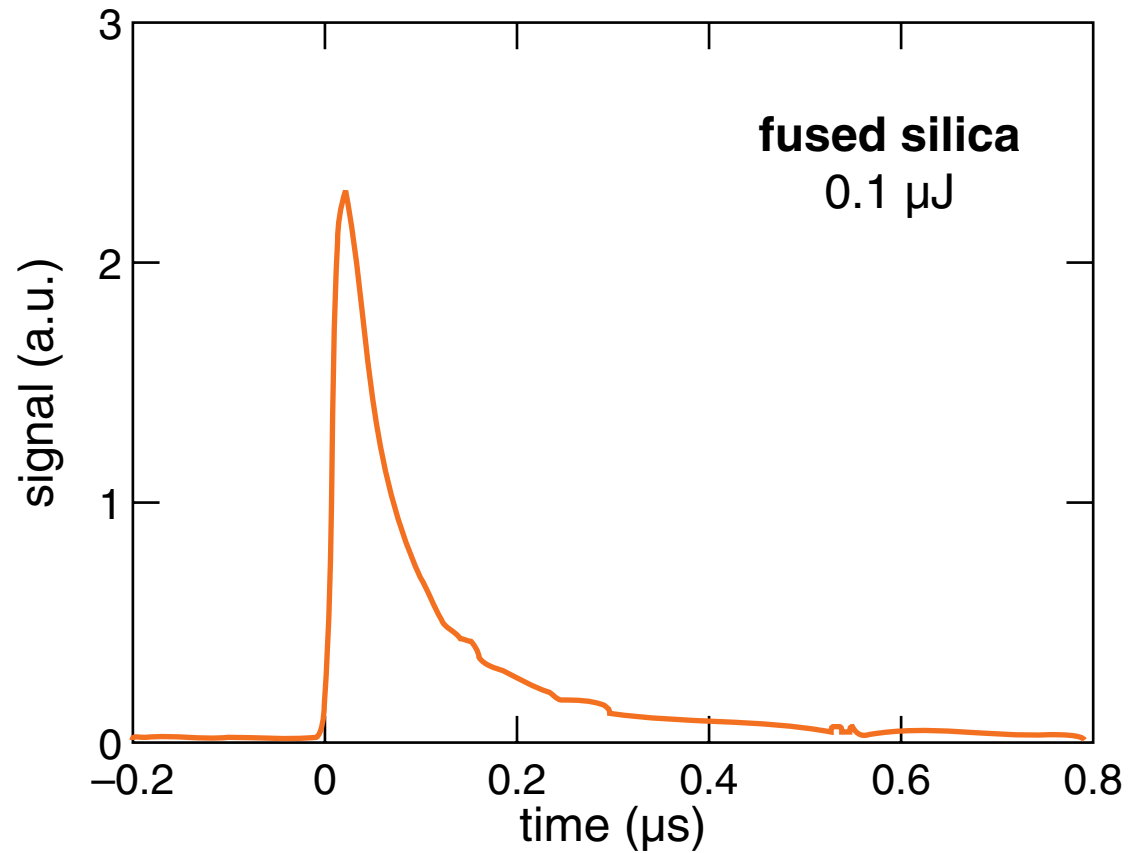
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... damage scatters probe beam



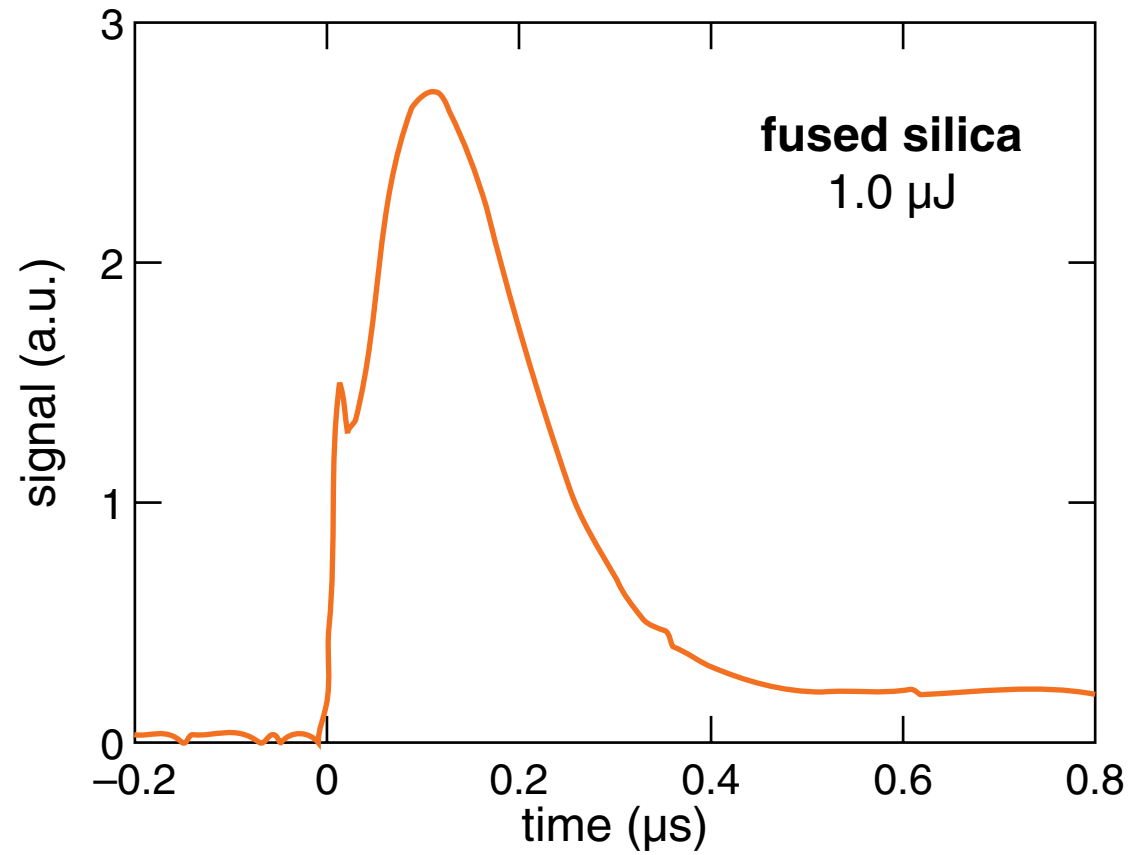
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scattered signal



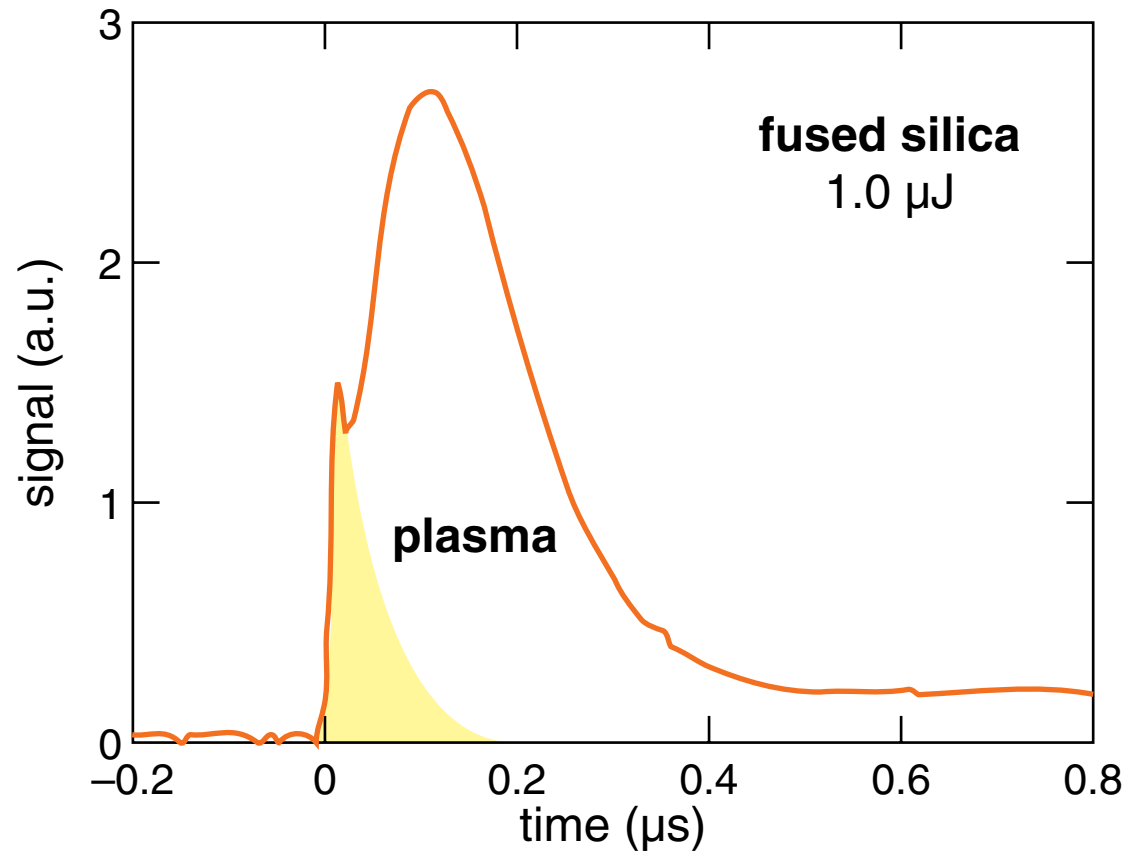
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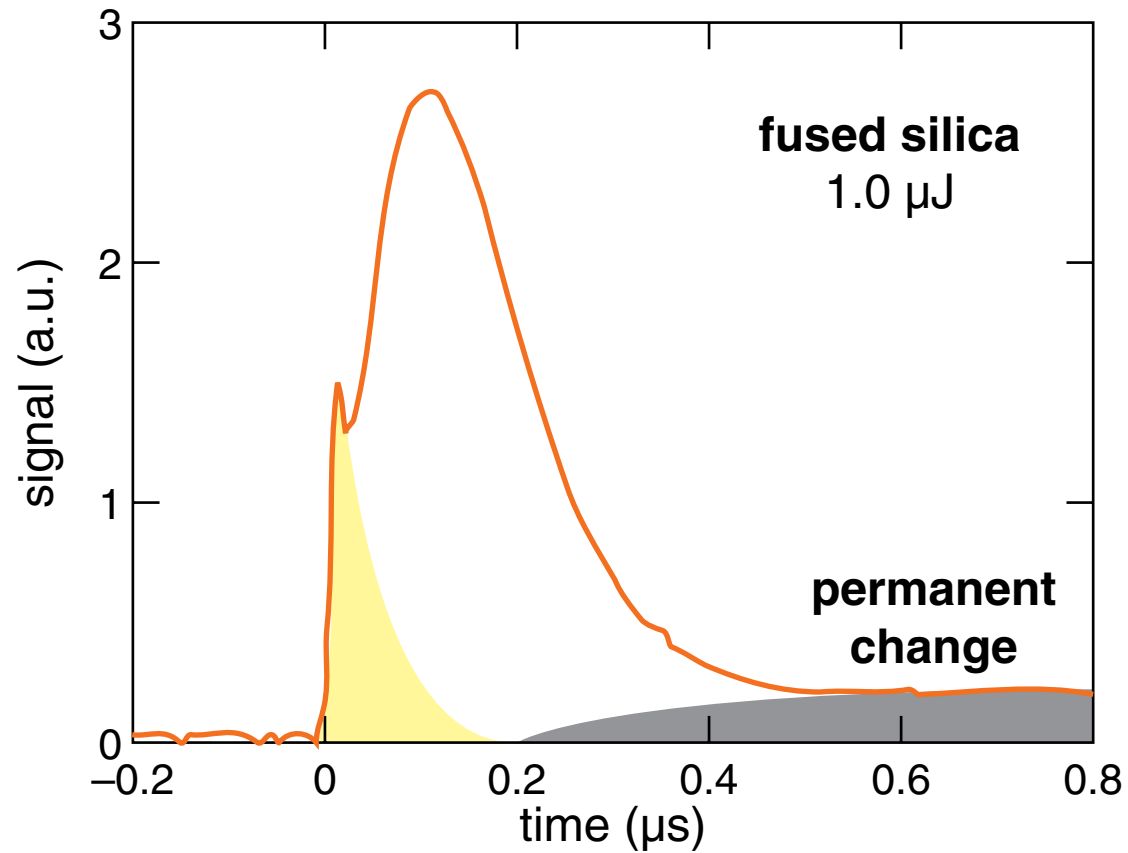
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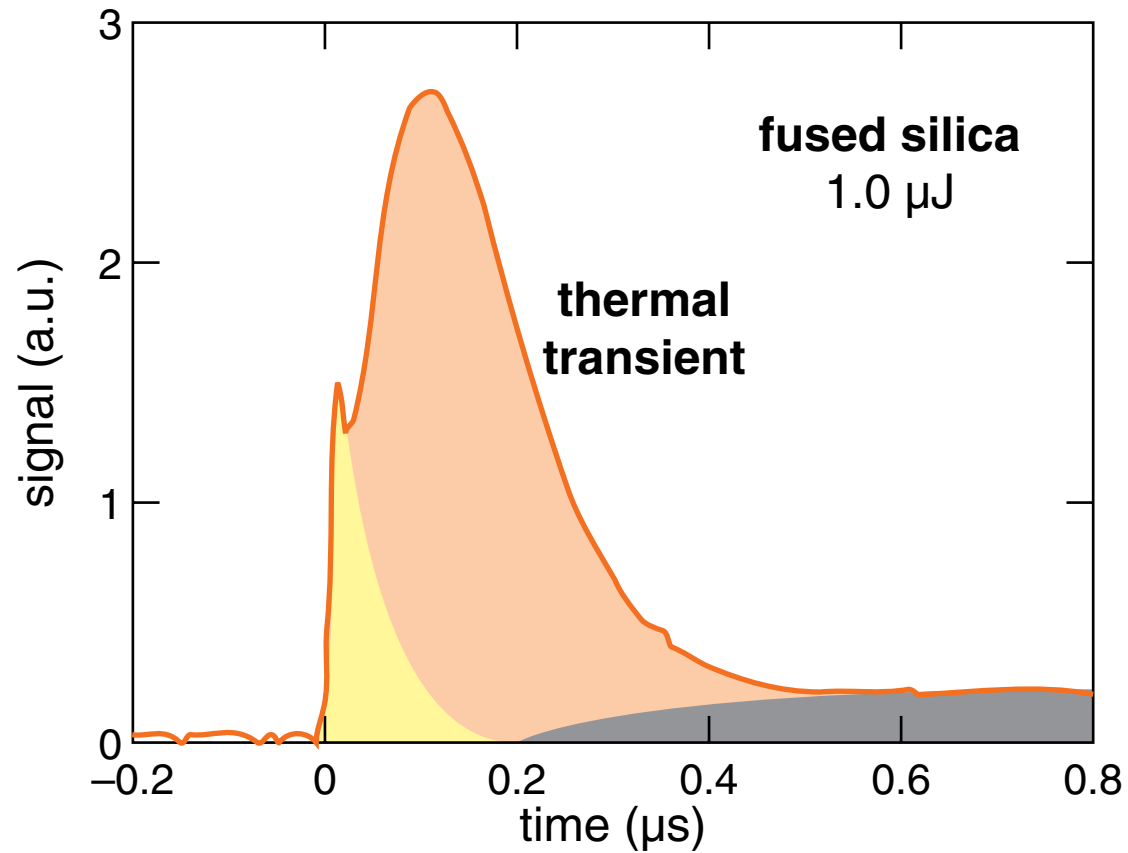
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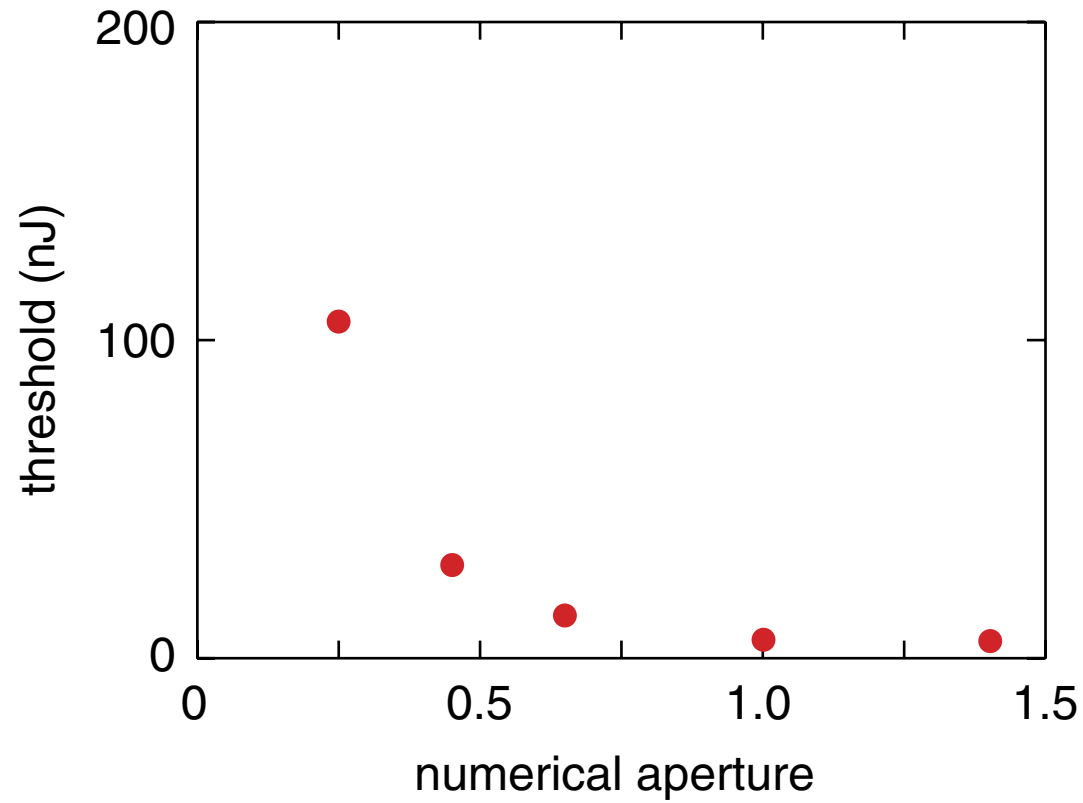
Femtosecond micromachining

scattered signal



Femtosecond micromachining

vary numerical aperture



Femtosecond micromachining

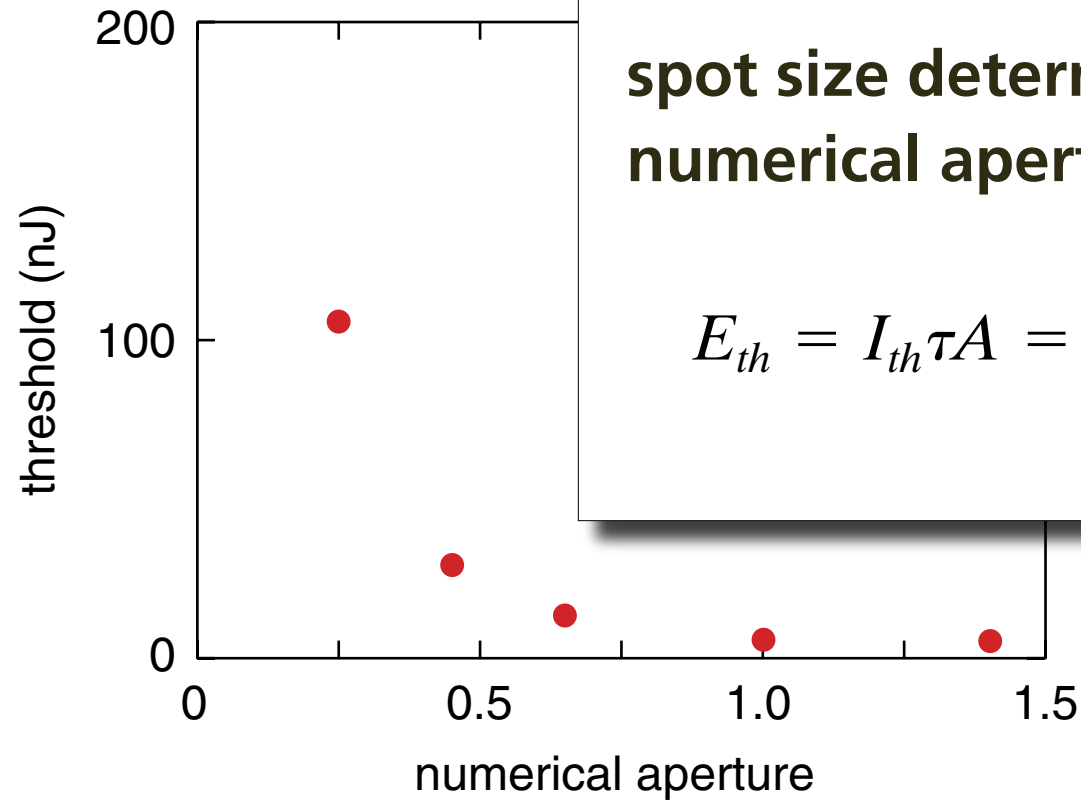
vary numerical

intensity threshold:

$$E_{th} = I_{th} \tau A$$

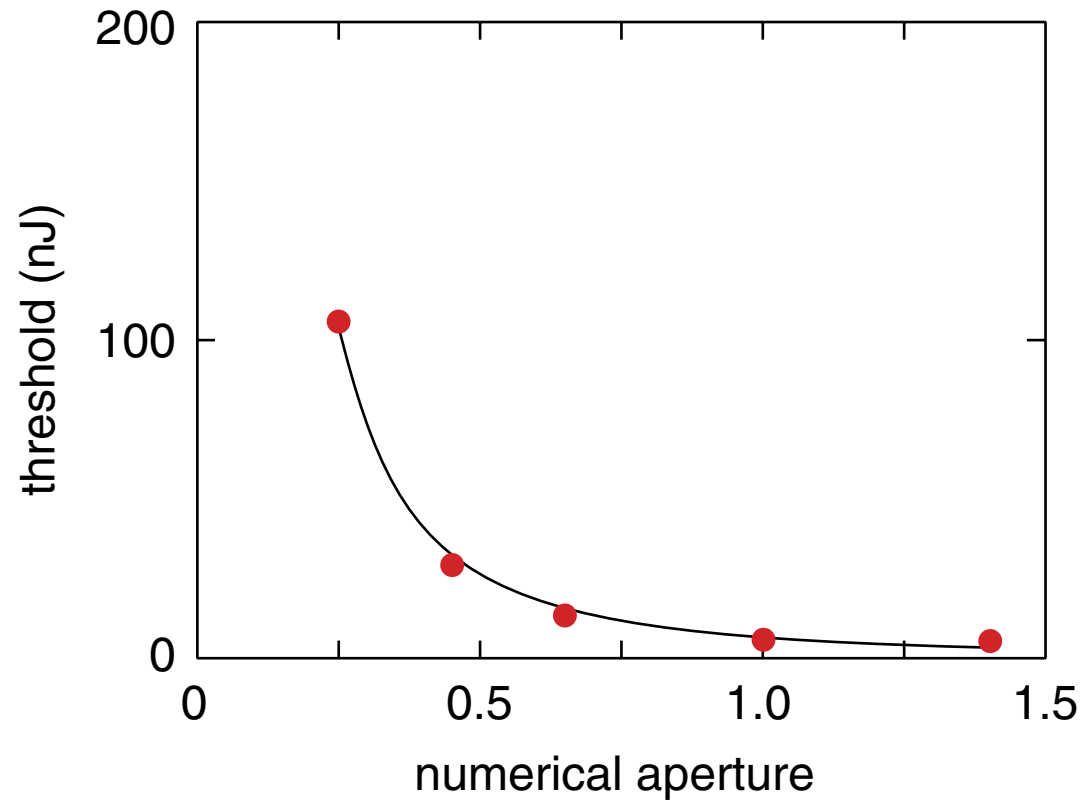
spot size determined by
numerical aperture:

$$E_{th} = I_{th} \tau A = \frac{I_{th} \tau \lambda^2}{\pi (\text{NA})^2}$$



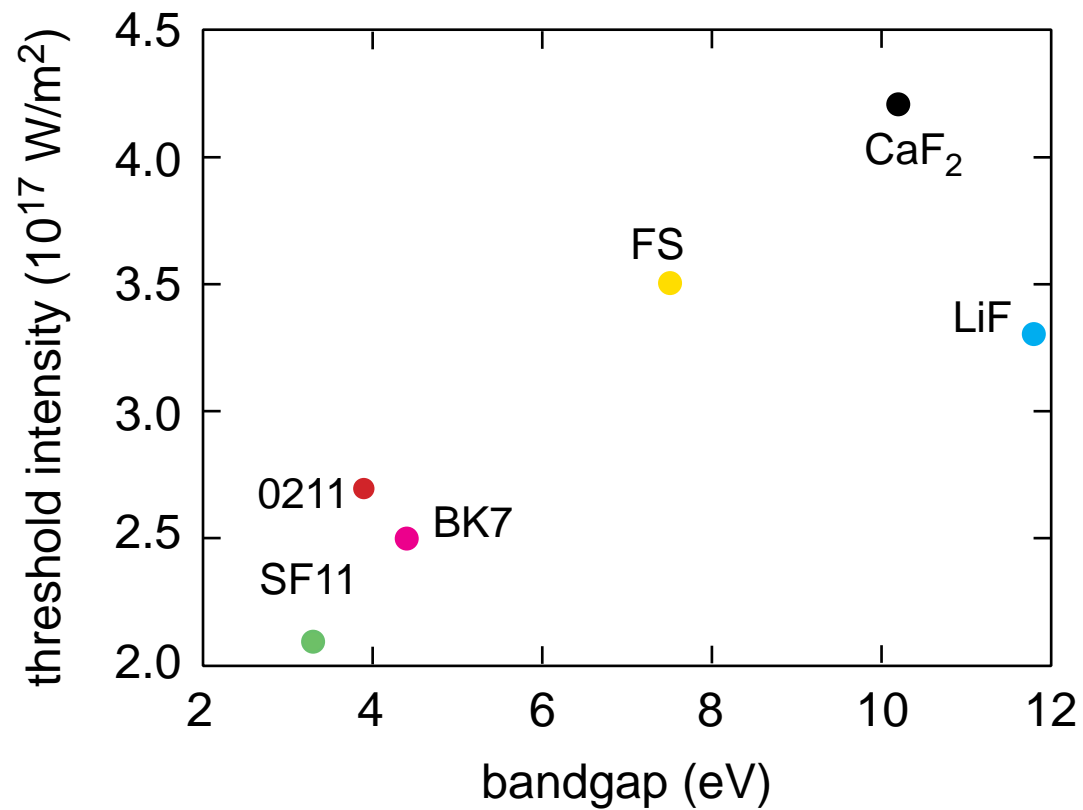
Femtosecond micromachining

fit gives threshold intensity: $I_{th} = 2.5 \times 10^{17} \text{ W/m}^2$



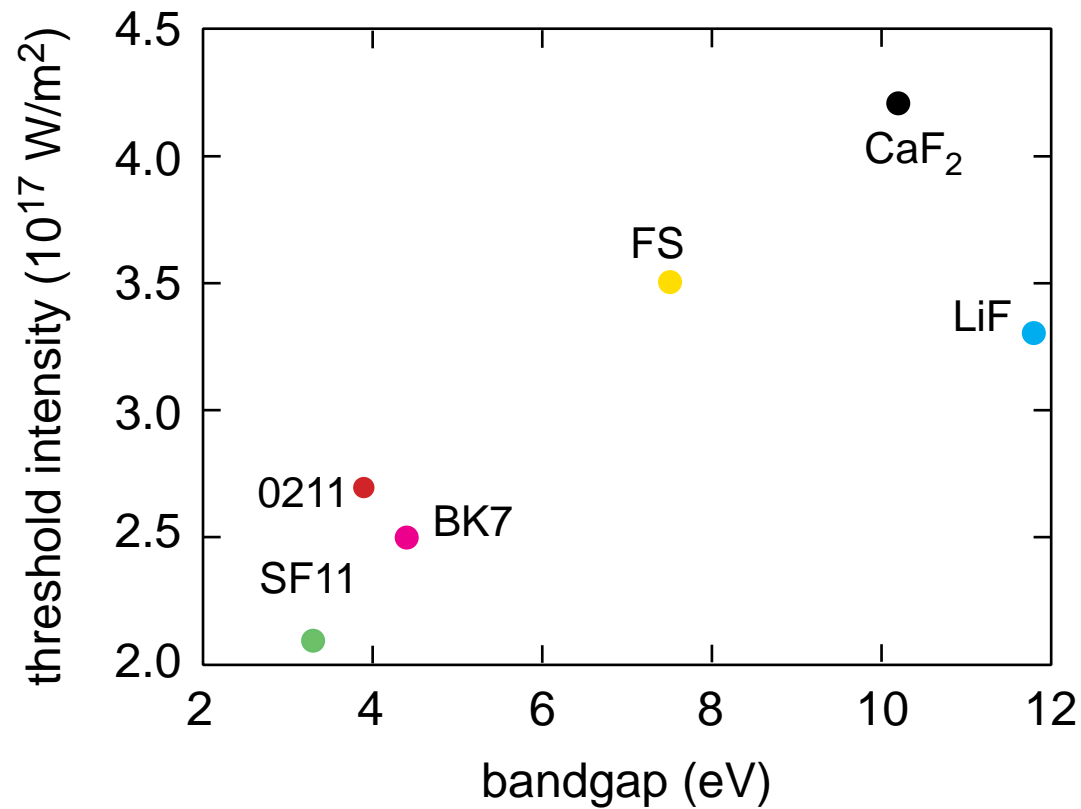
Femtosecond micromachining

vary material...



Femtosecond micromachining

...threshold varies with band gap (but not much!)



Femtosecond micromachining

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

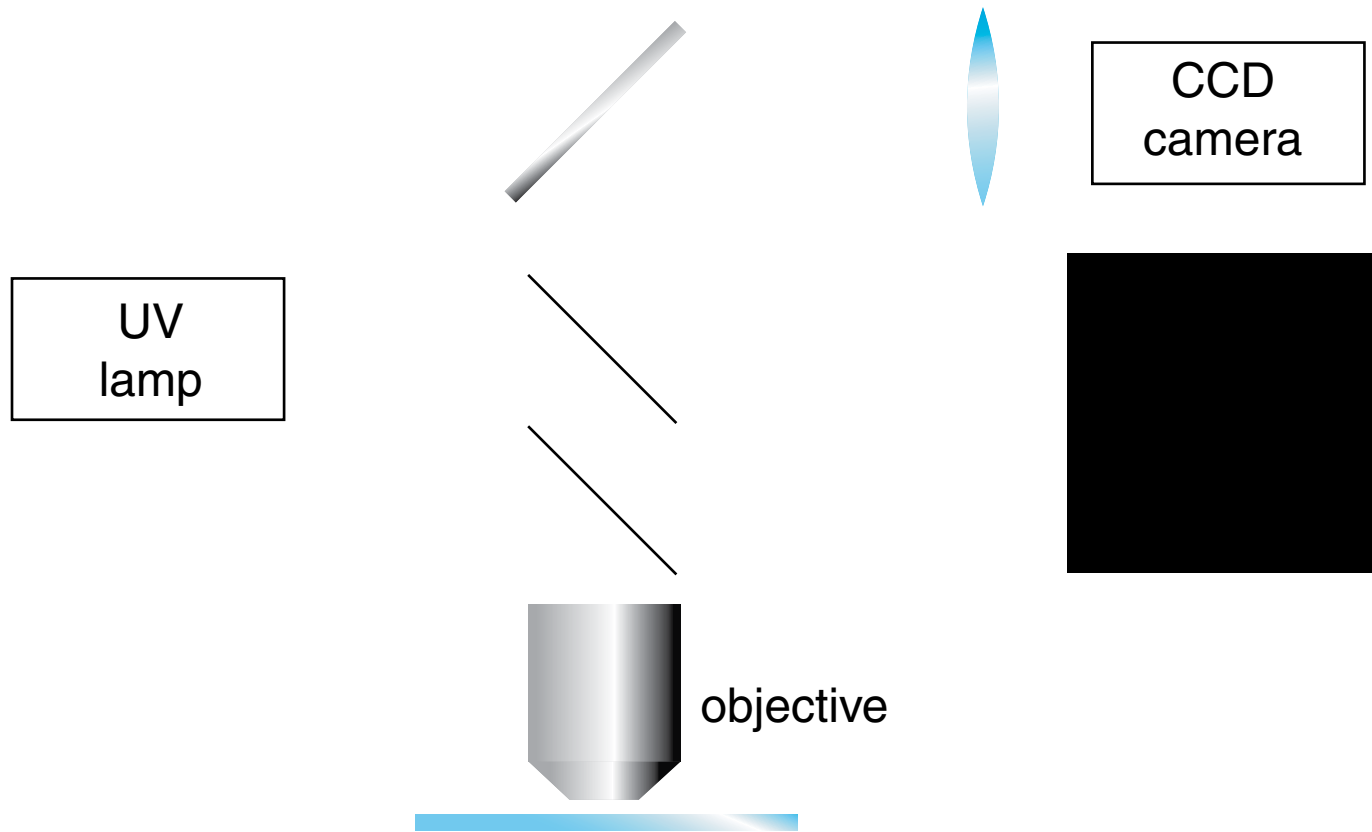
Outline

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 - **subcellular surgery**
 - nanoneurosurgery
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Subcellular surgery

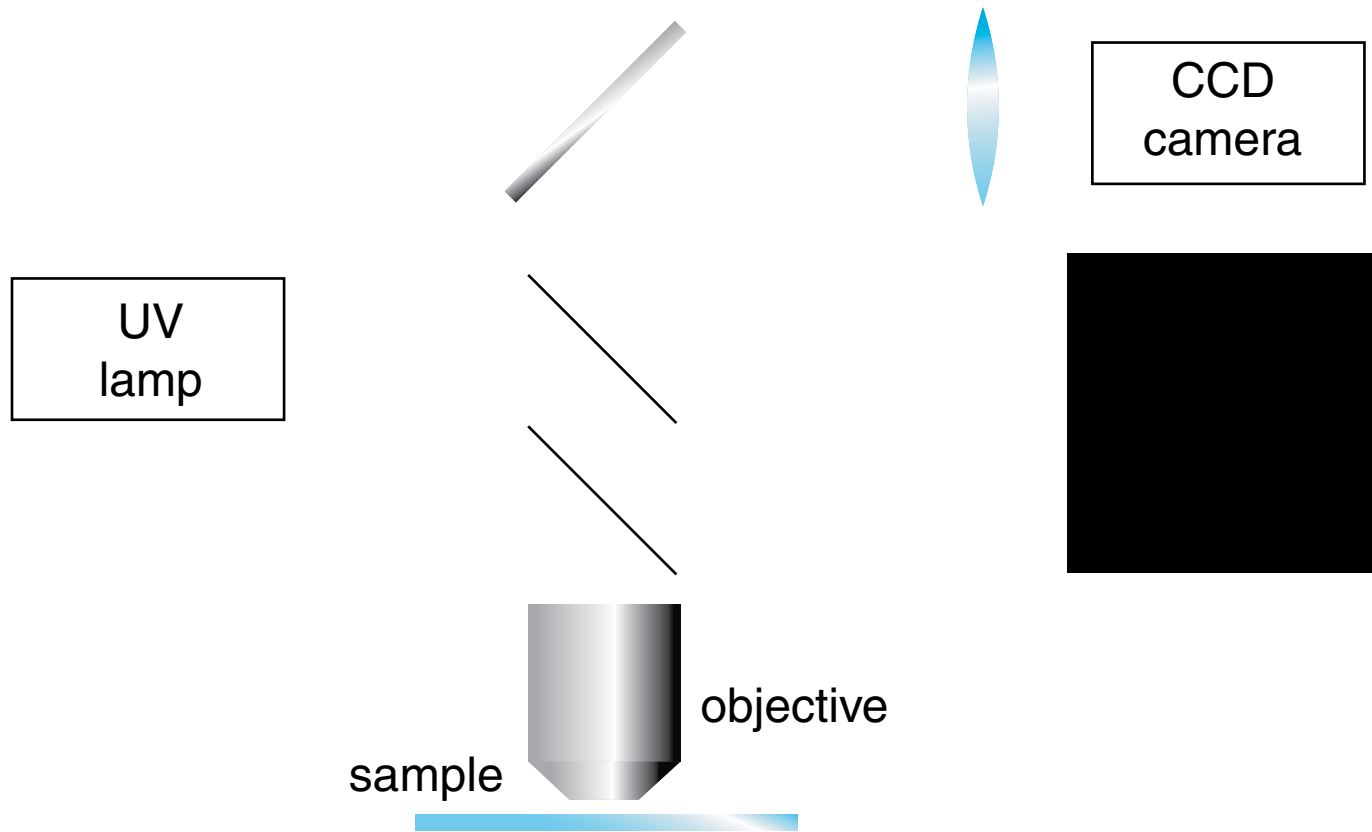
Q: can we ablate material on the subcellular scale?

Subcellular surgery



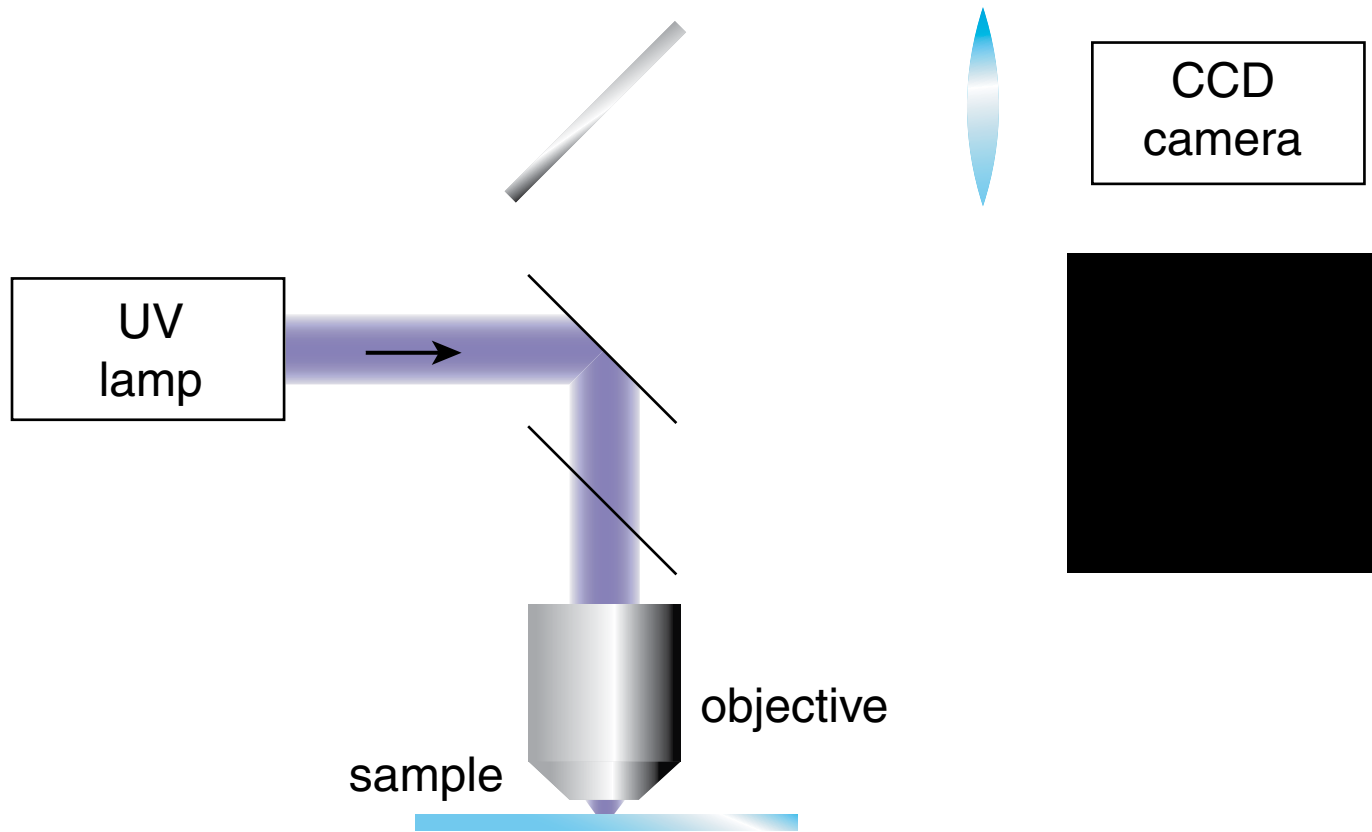
epi-fluorescence microscope

Subcellular surgery



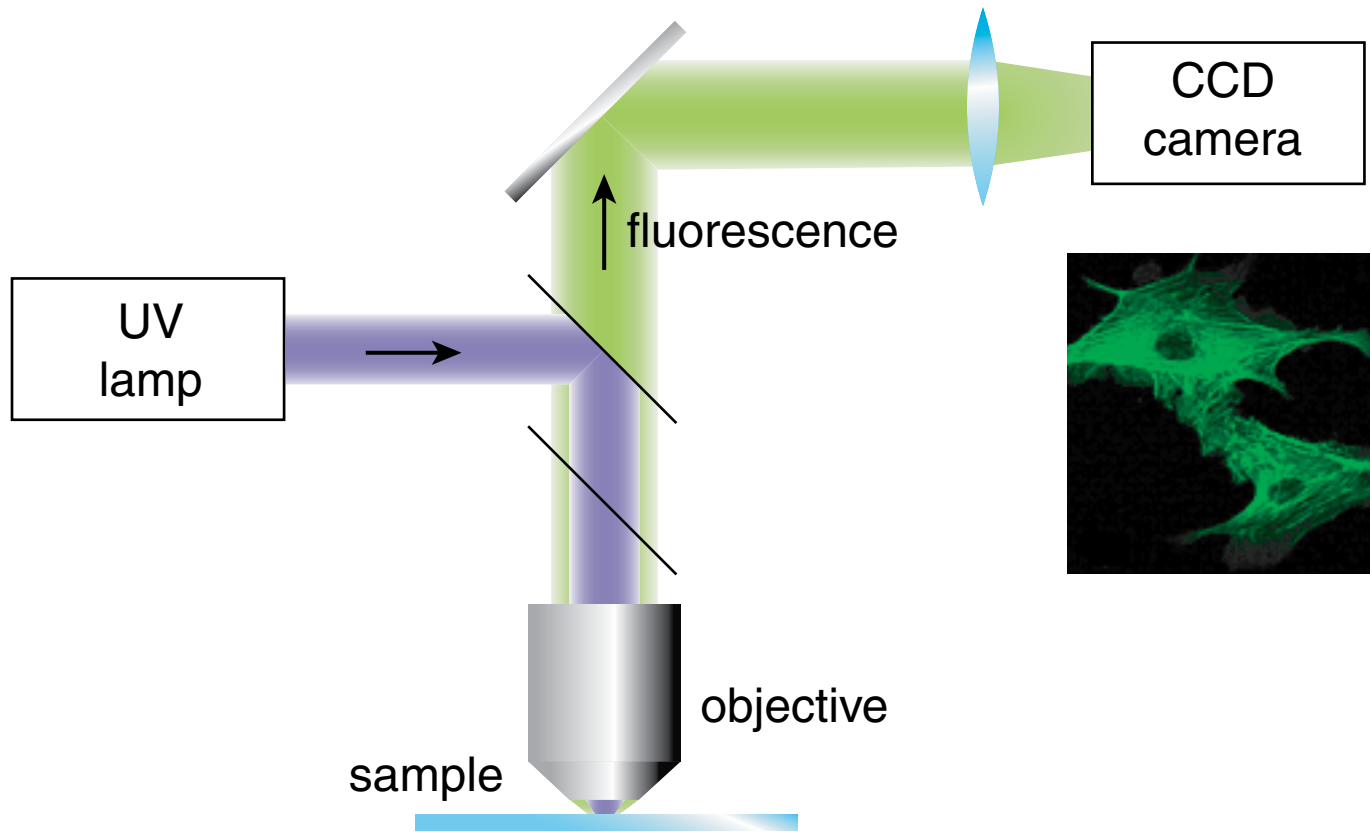
fluorescently label sample

Subcellular surgery



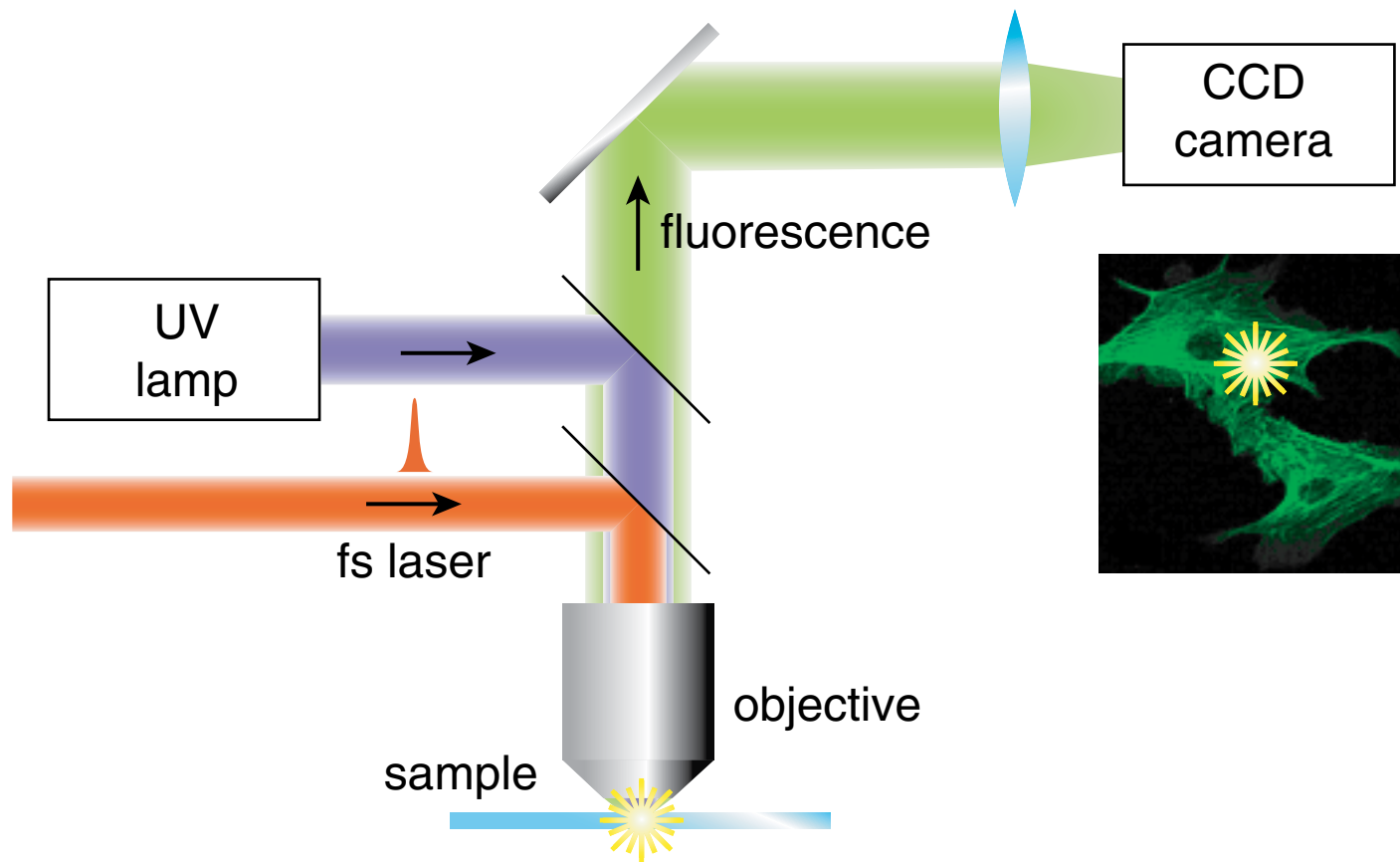
UV illumination...

Subcellular surgery



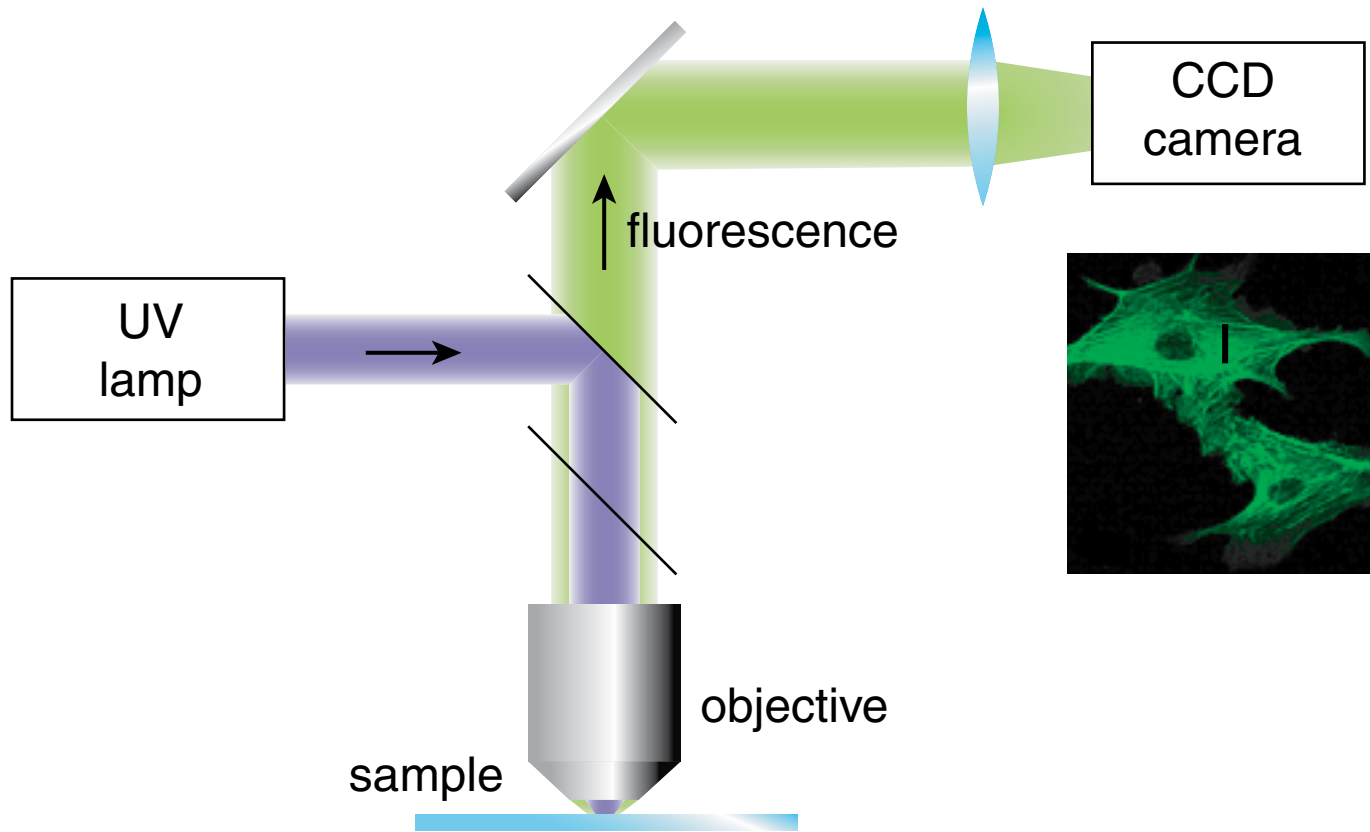
...causes fluorescence

Subcellular surgery



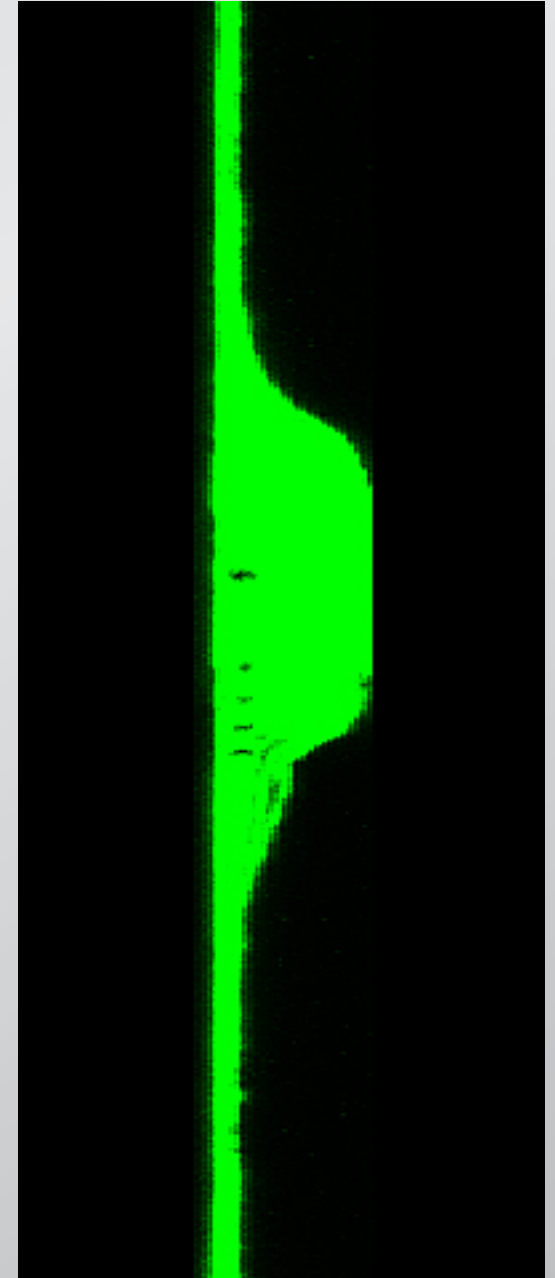
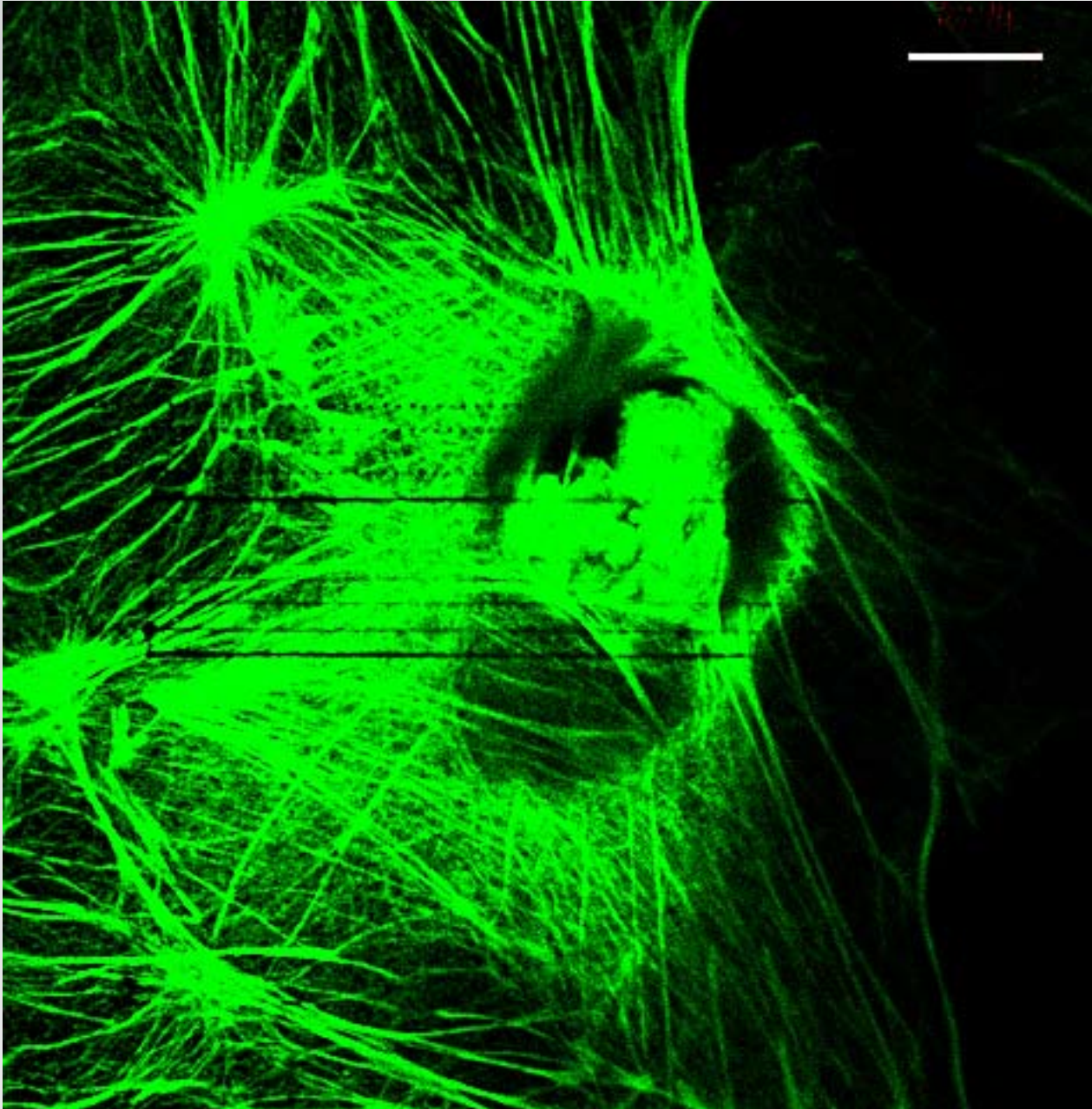
irradiate with fs laser beam

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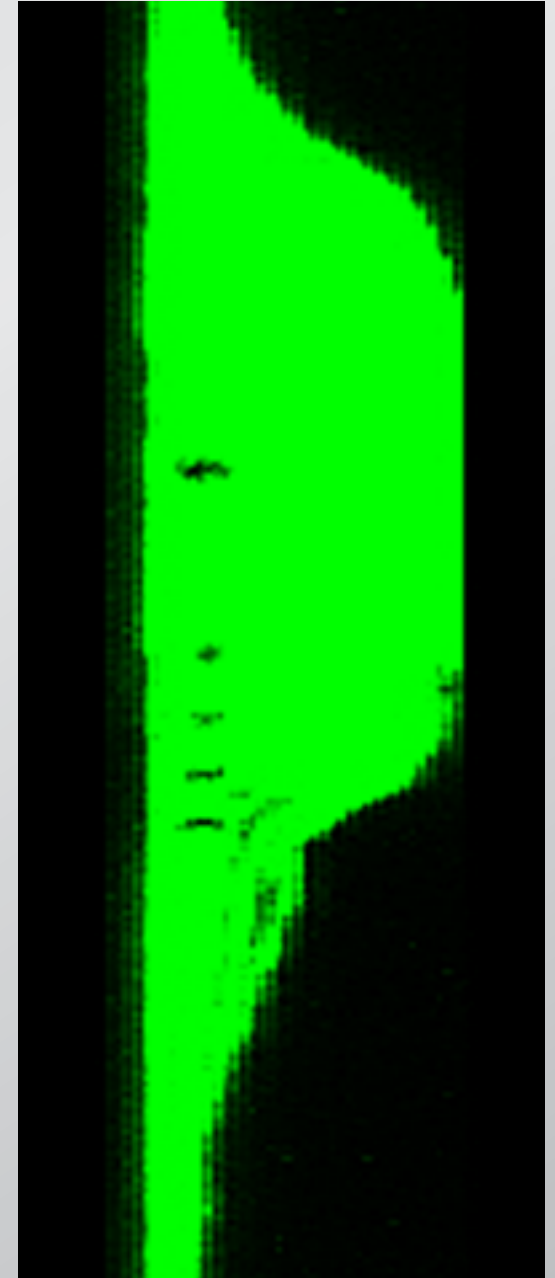
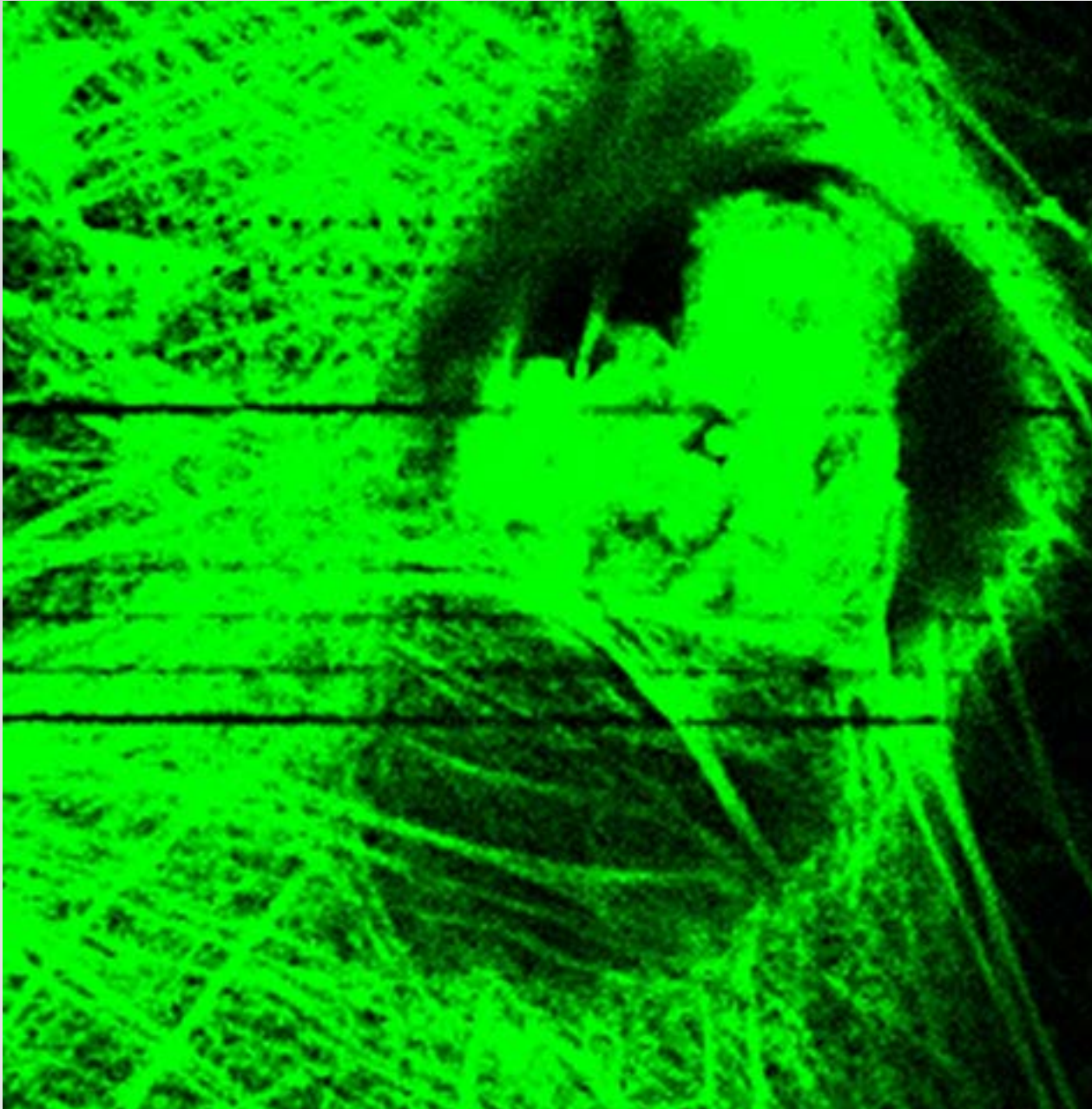


examine resulting ablation

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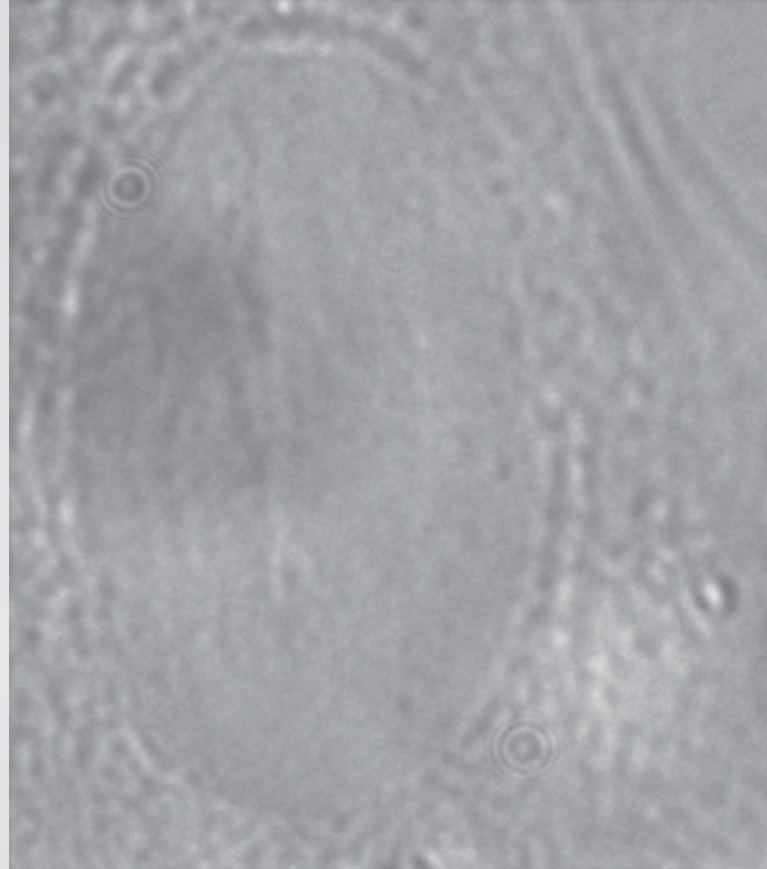


Subcellular surgery



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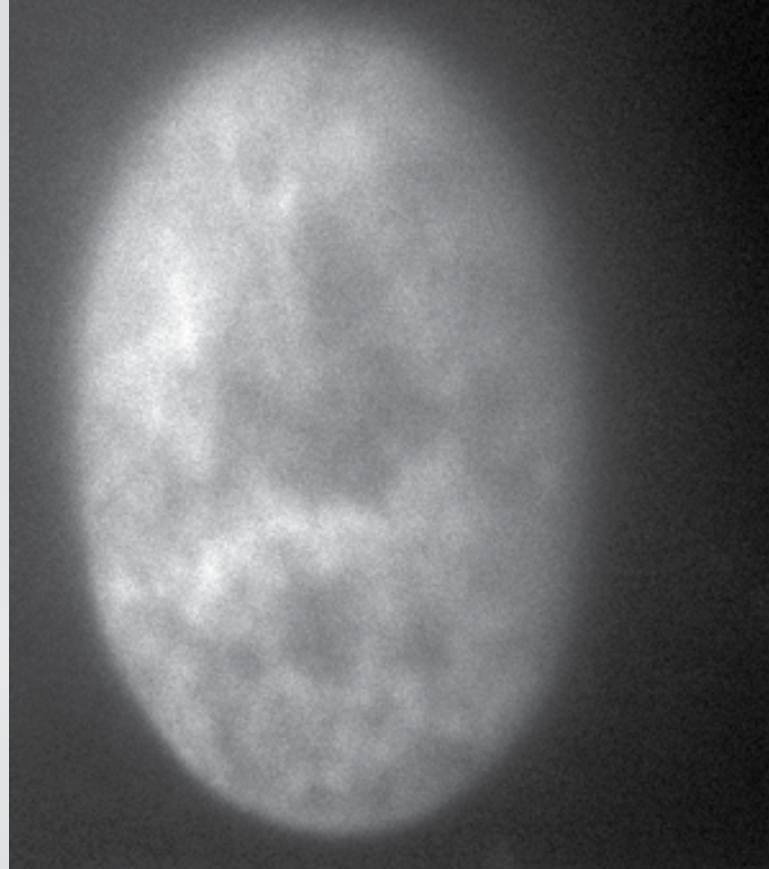
nucleus of fixed endothelial cell



white light microscopy

Subcellular surgery

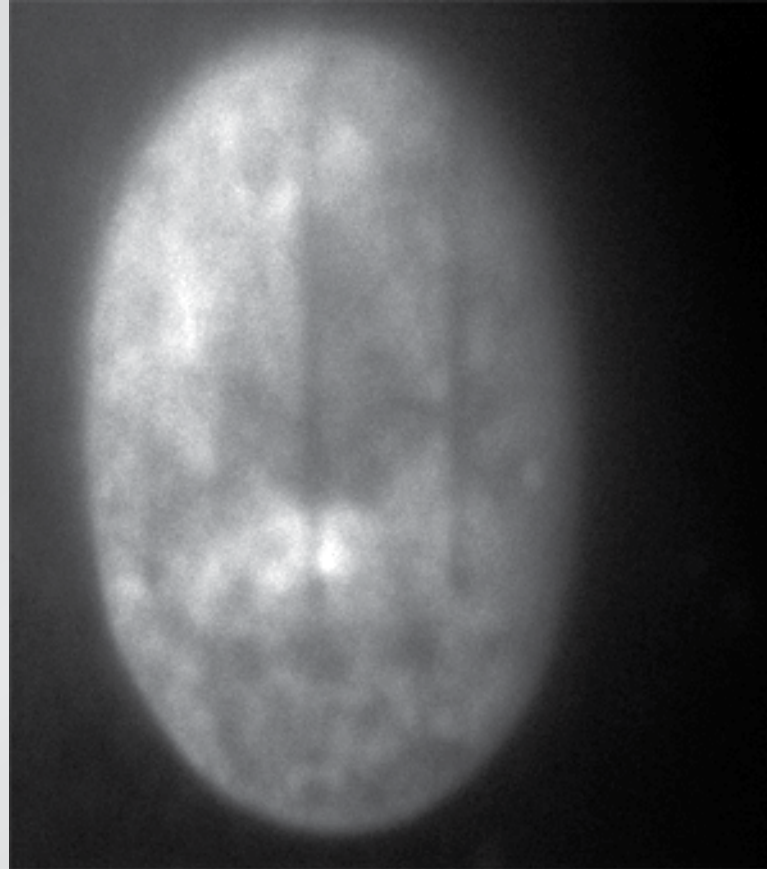
nucleus of fixed endothelial cell



fluorescence microscopy

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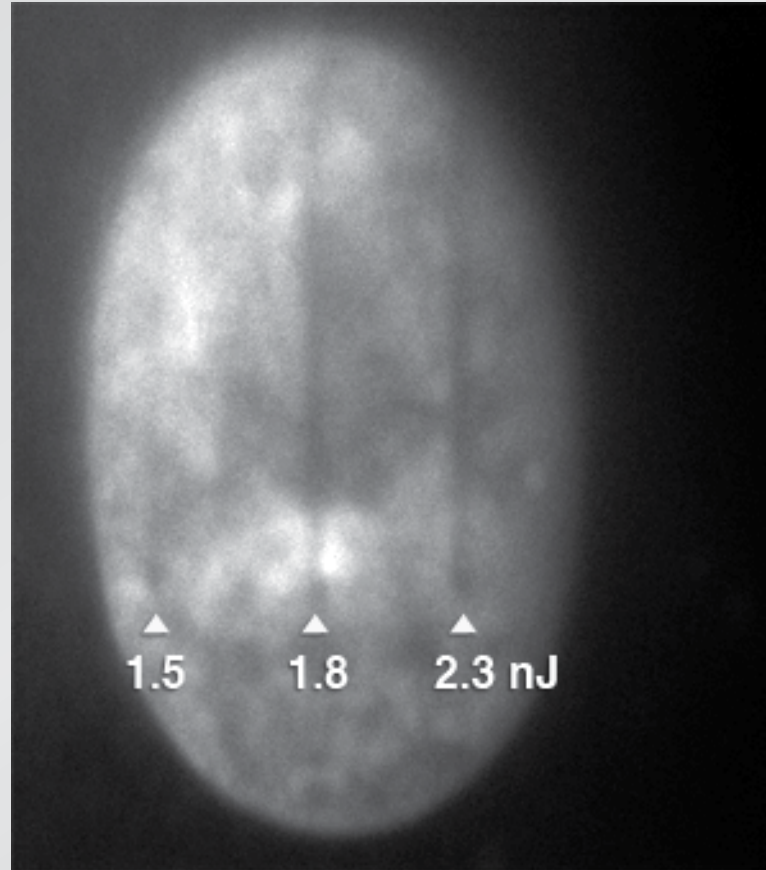
irradiate with fs laser



fluorescence microscopy

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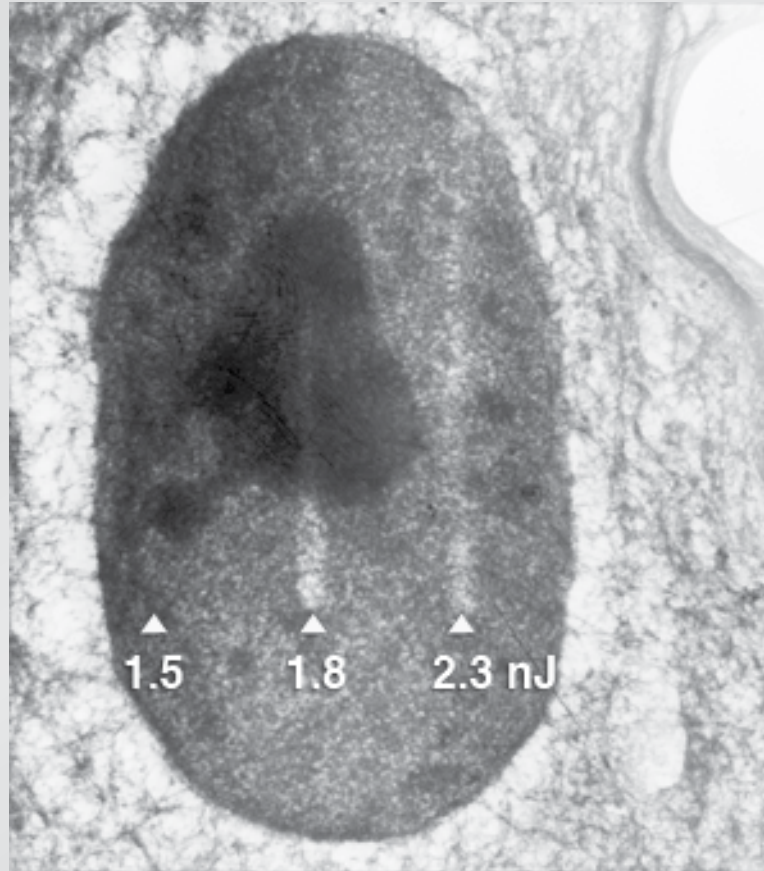
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fluorescence microscopy

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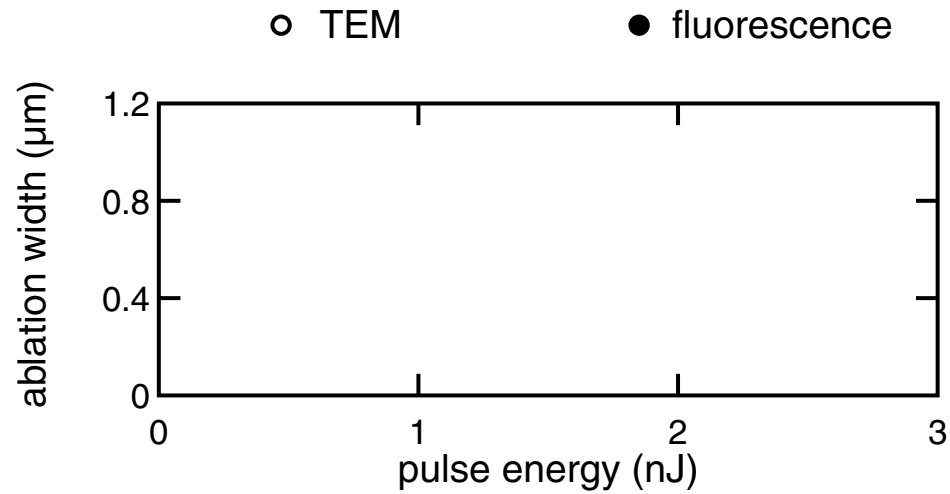
bleaching or ablation?



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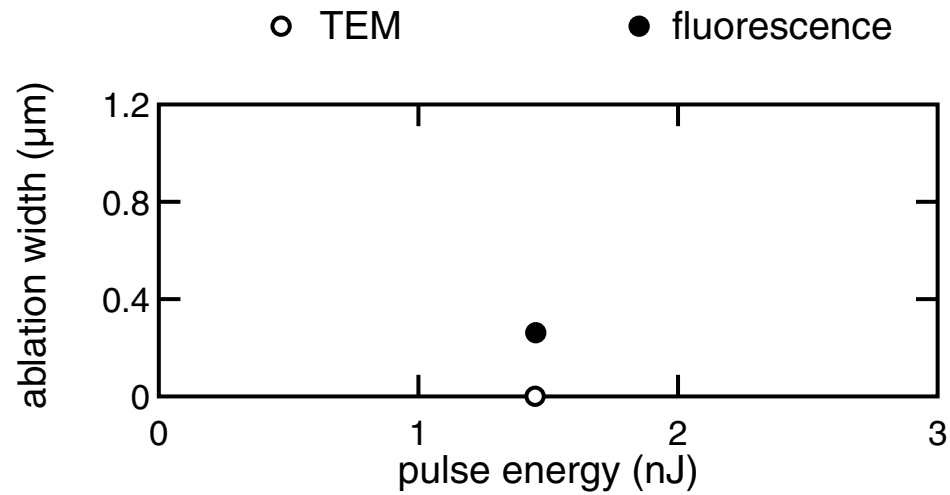
Subcellular surgery

three regions of interaction



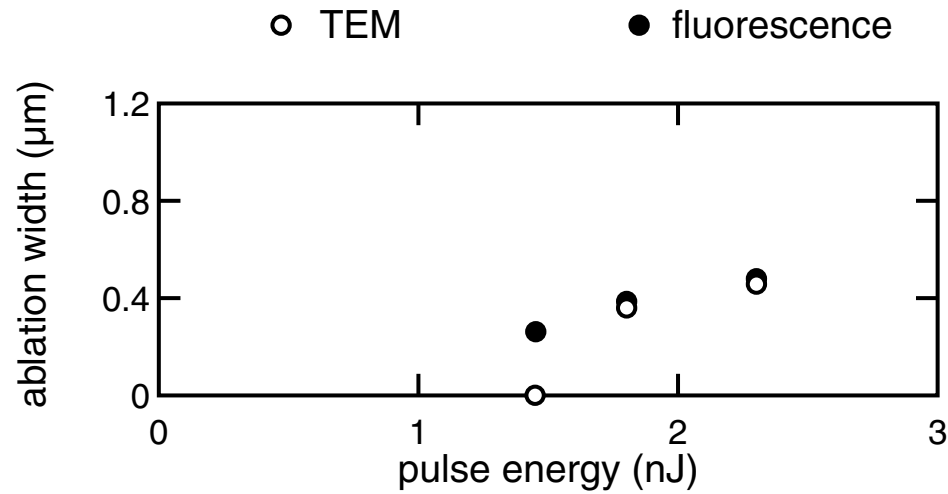
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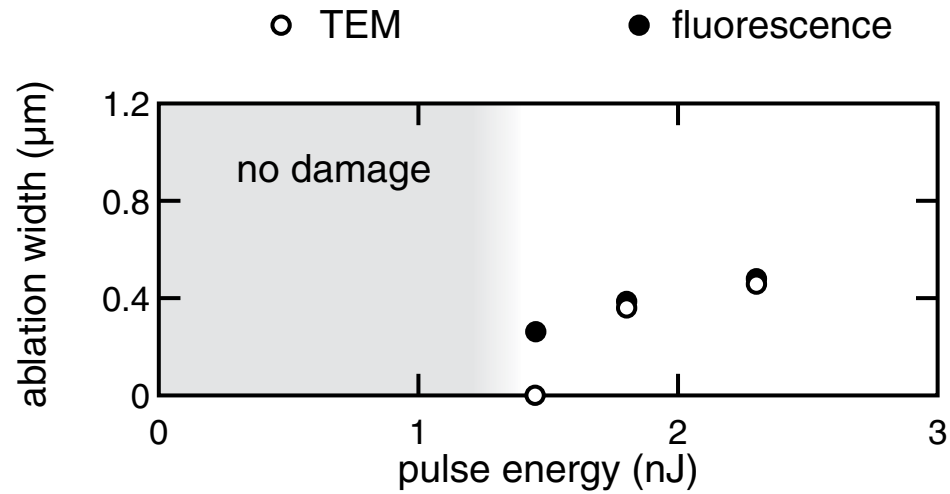
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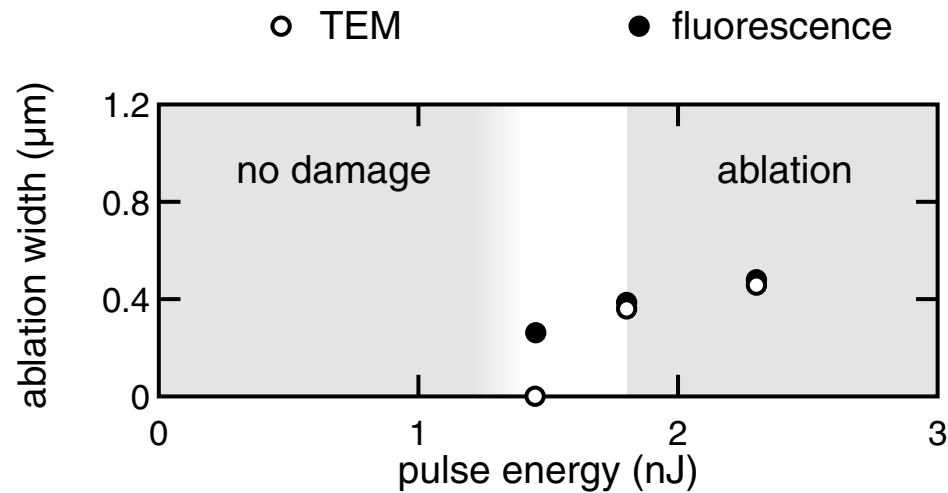
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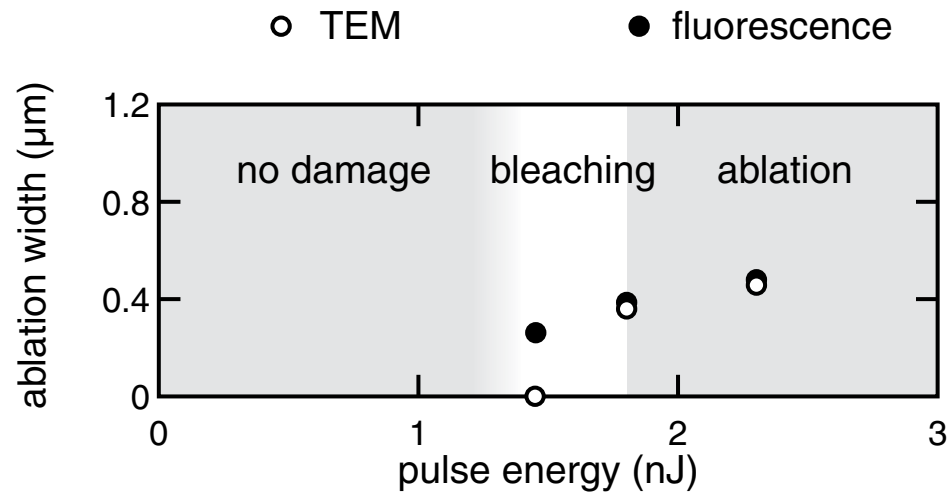
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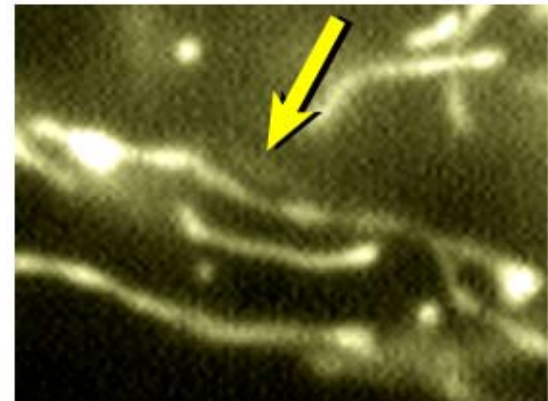
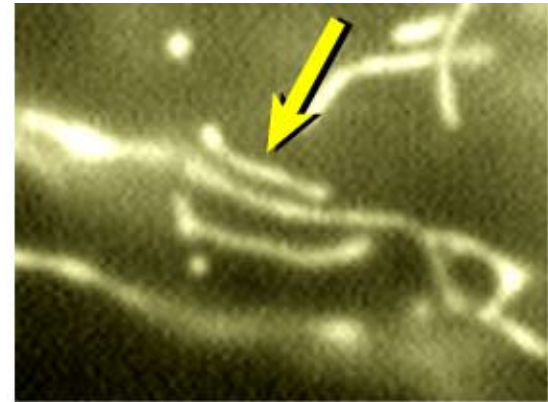
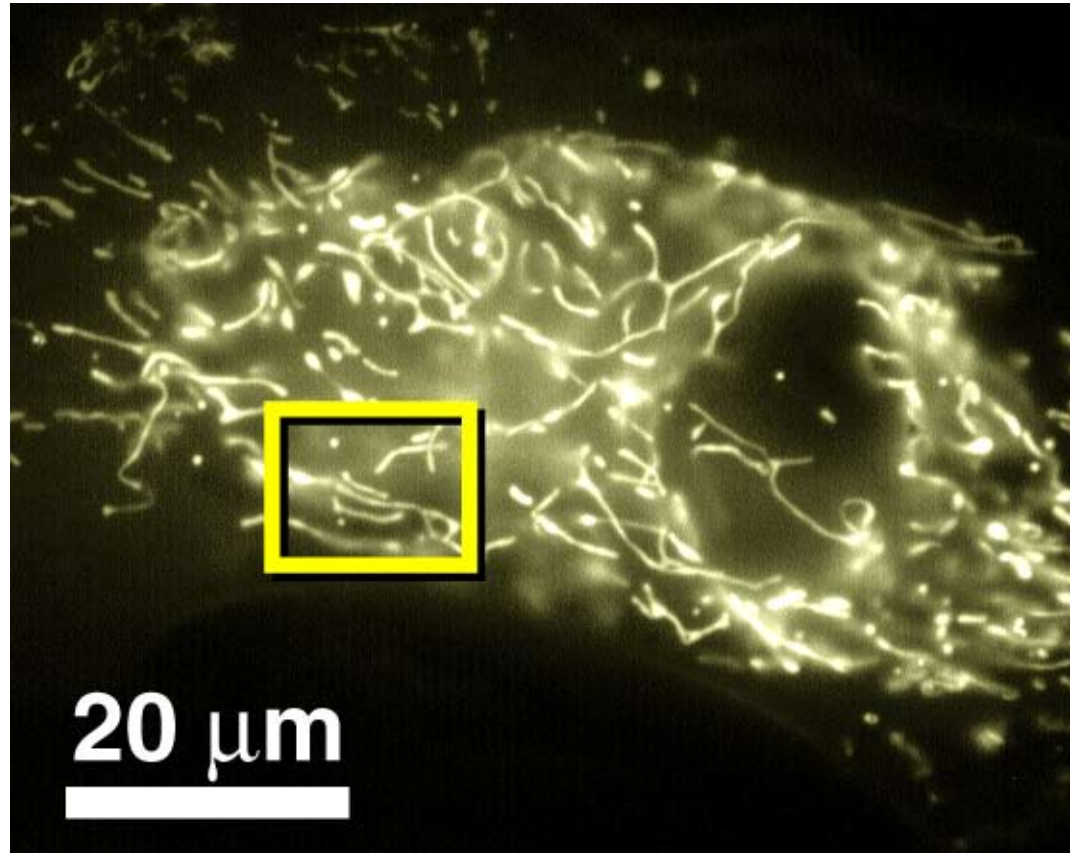


Subcellular surgery

Q: subcellular surgery on live cells?

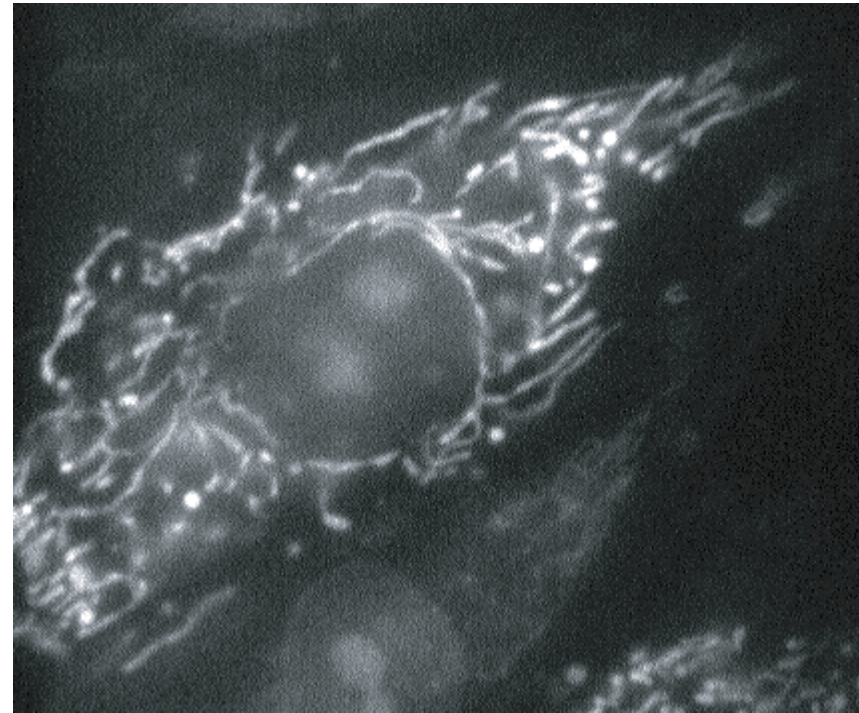
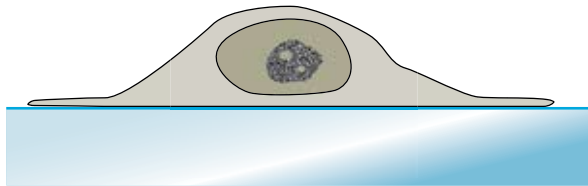
A fluorescence microscopy image of a cell. The cytoskeleton is highlighted in bright yellow/green, showing a complex network of filaments and microtubules. The nucleus is visible as a darker, more rounded structure on the right side of the cell. The overall image has a dark background with the glowing structures of the cell.

Subcellular surgery



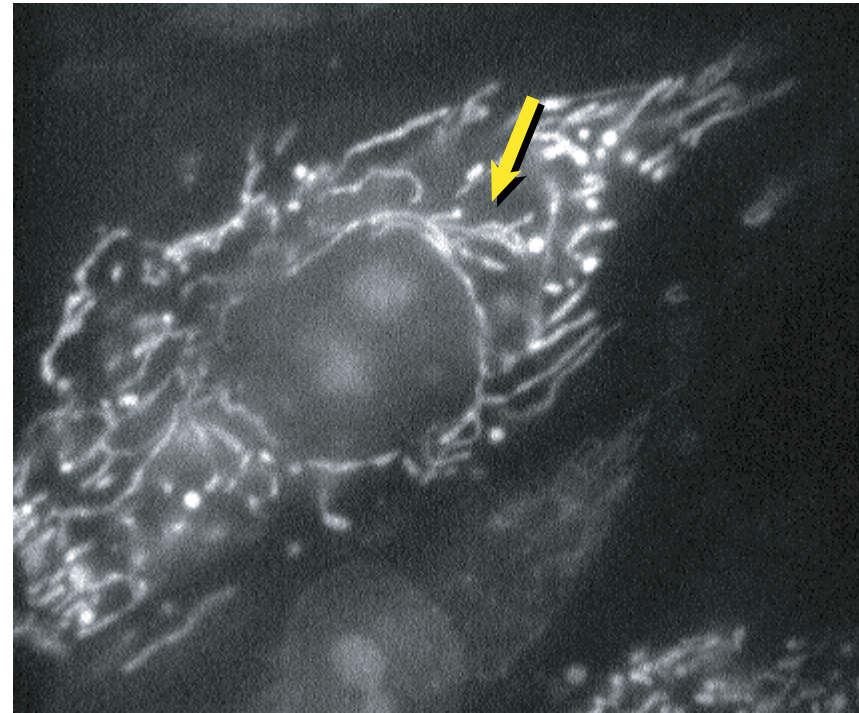
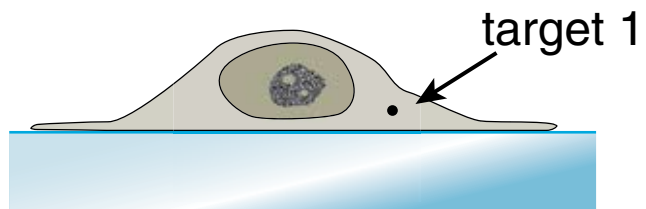
Subcellular surgery

ethyidium bromide test



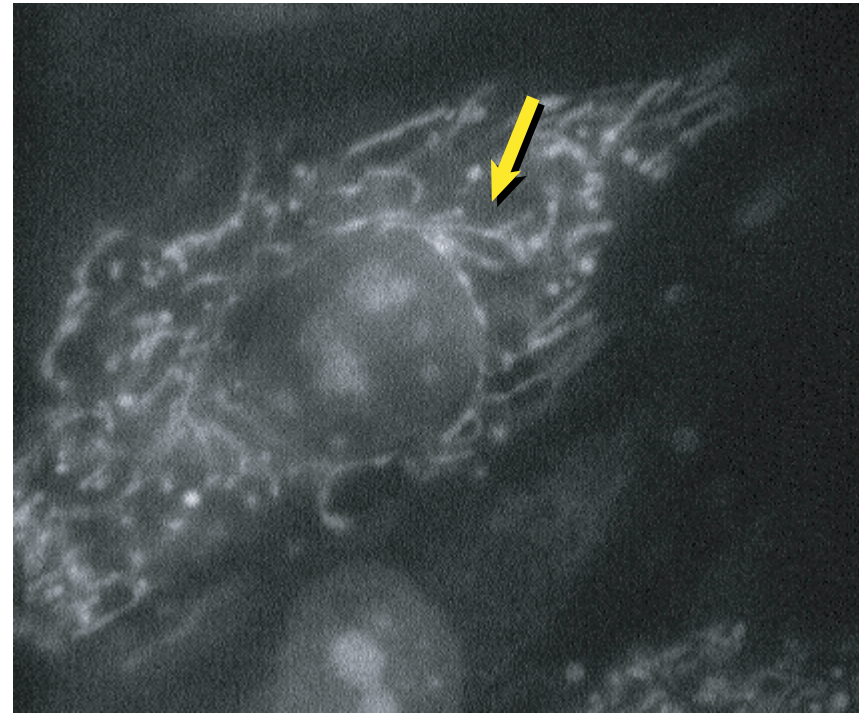
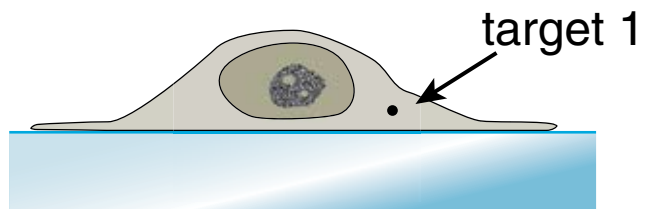
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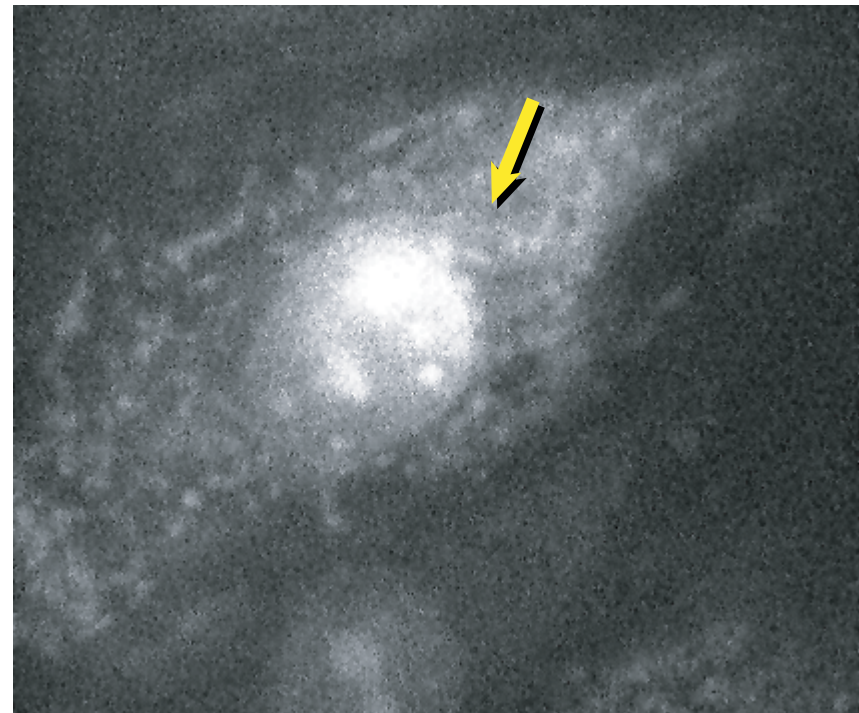
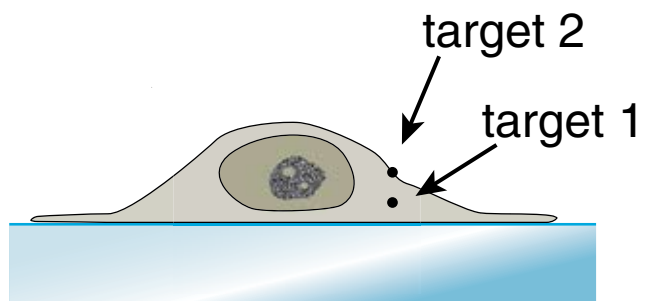
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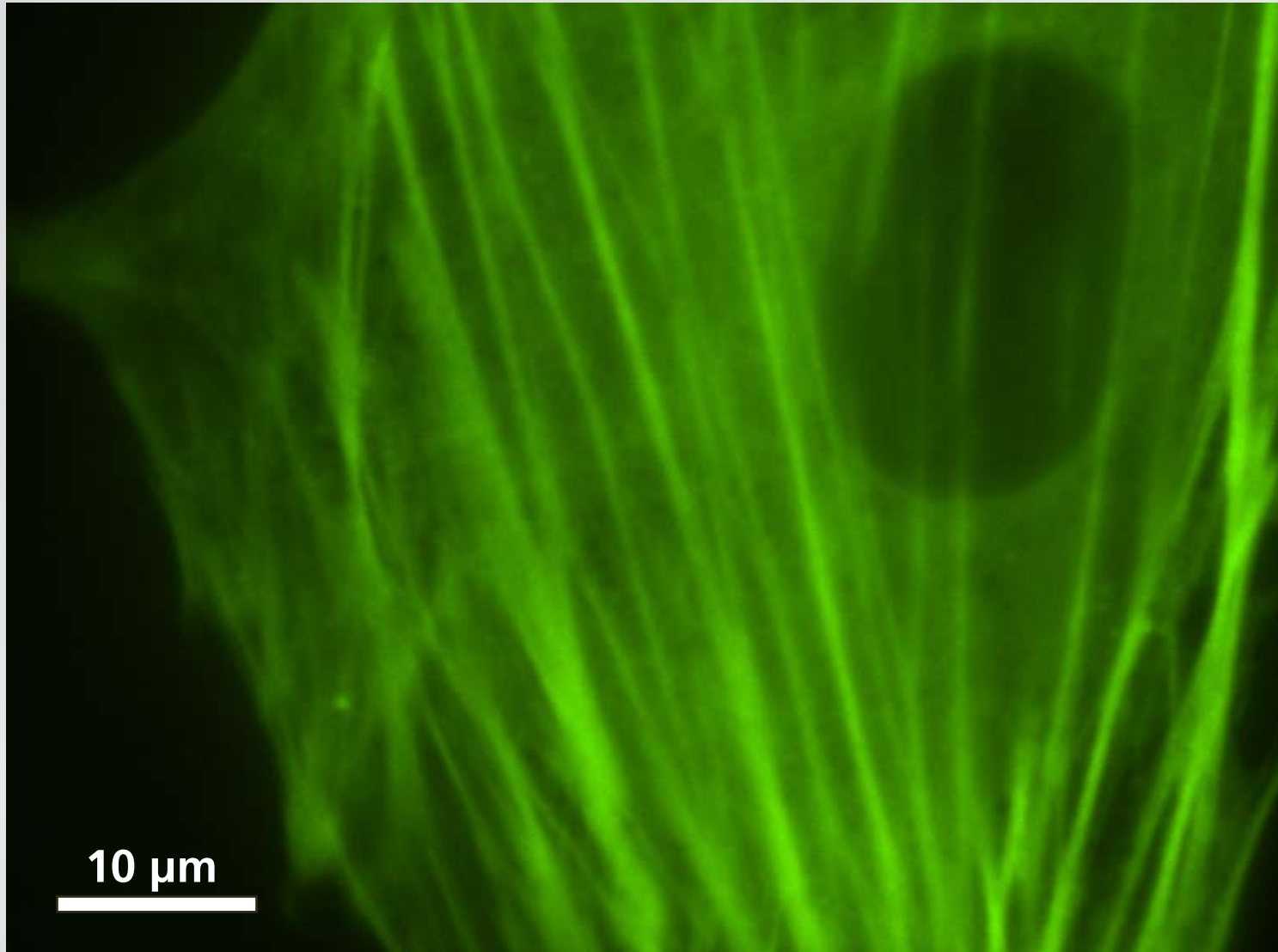


Subcellular surgery

Q: can we probe the dynamics of the cytoskeleton?

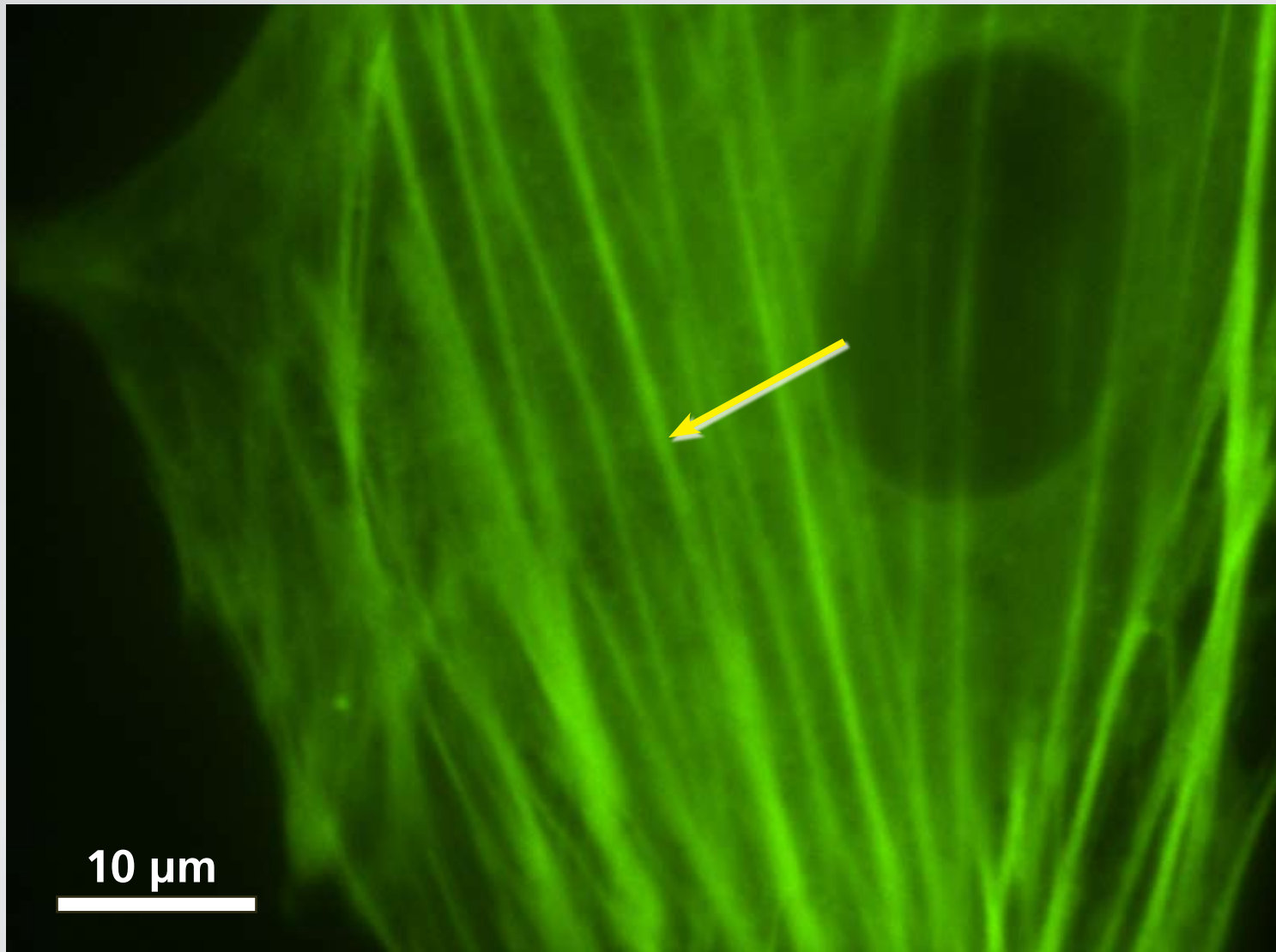
Subcellular surgery

YFP-labeled actin fiber network of a live cell



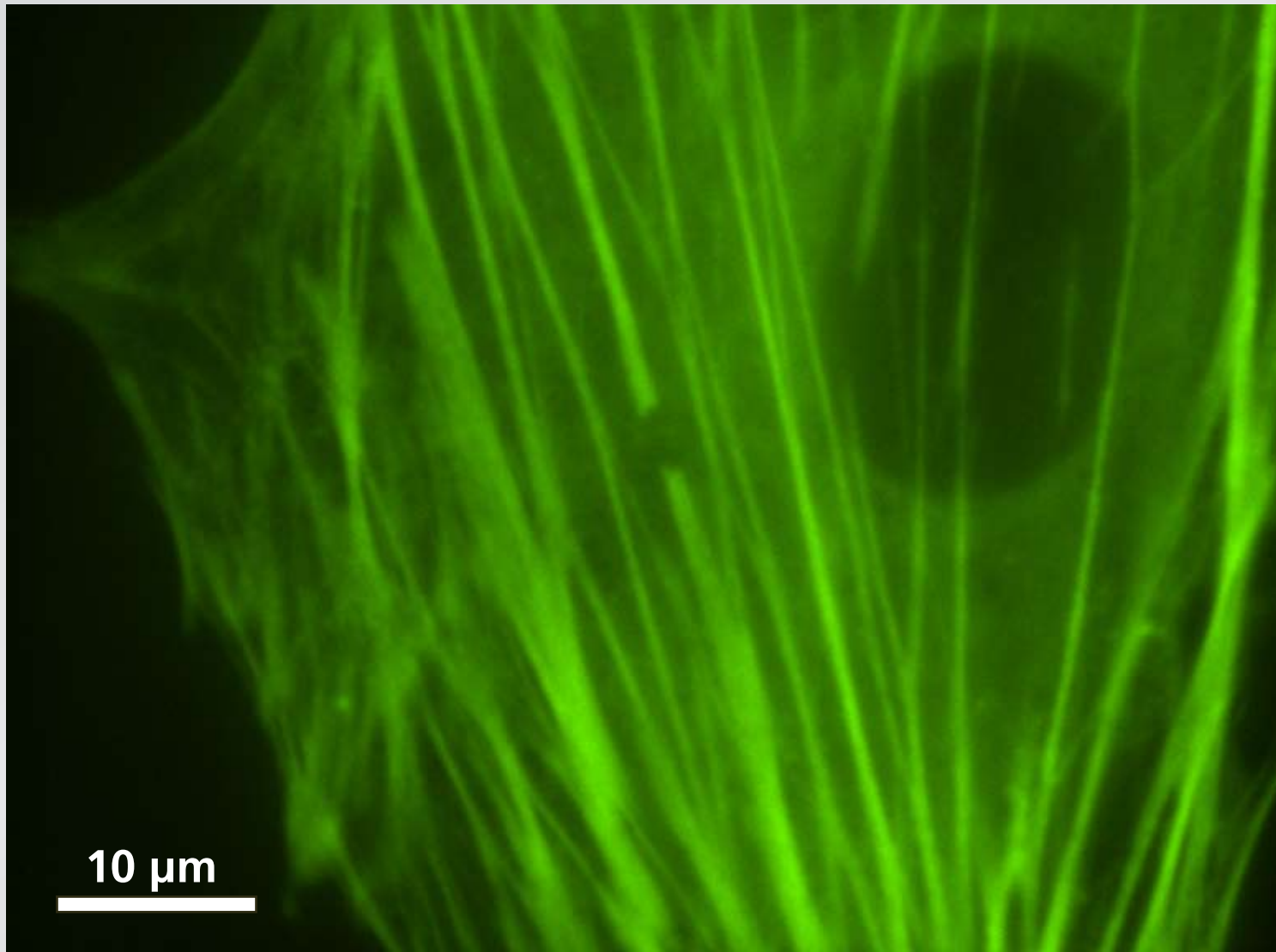
Subcellular surgery

cut a single fiber bundle



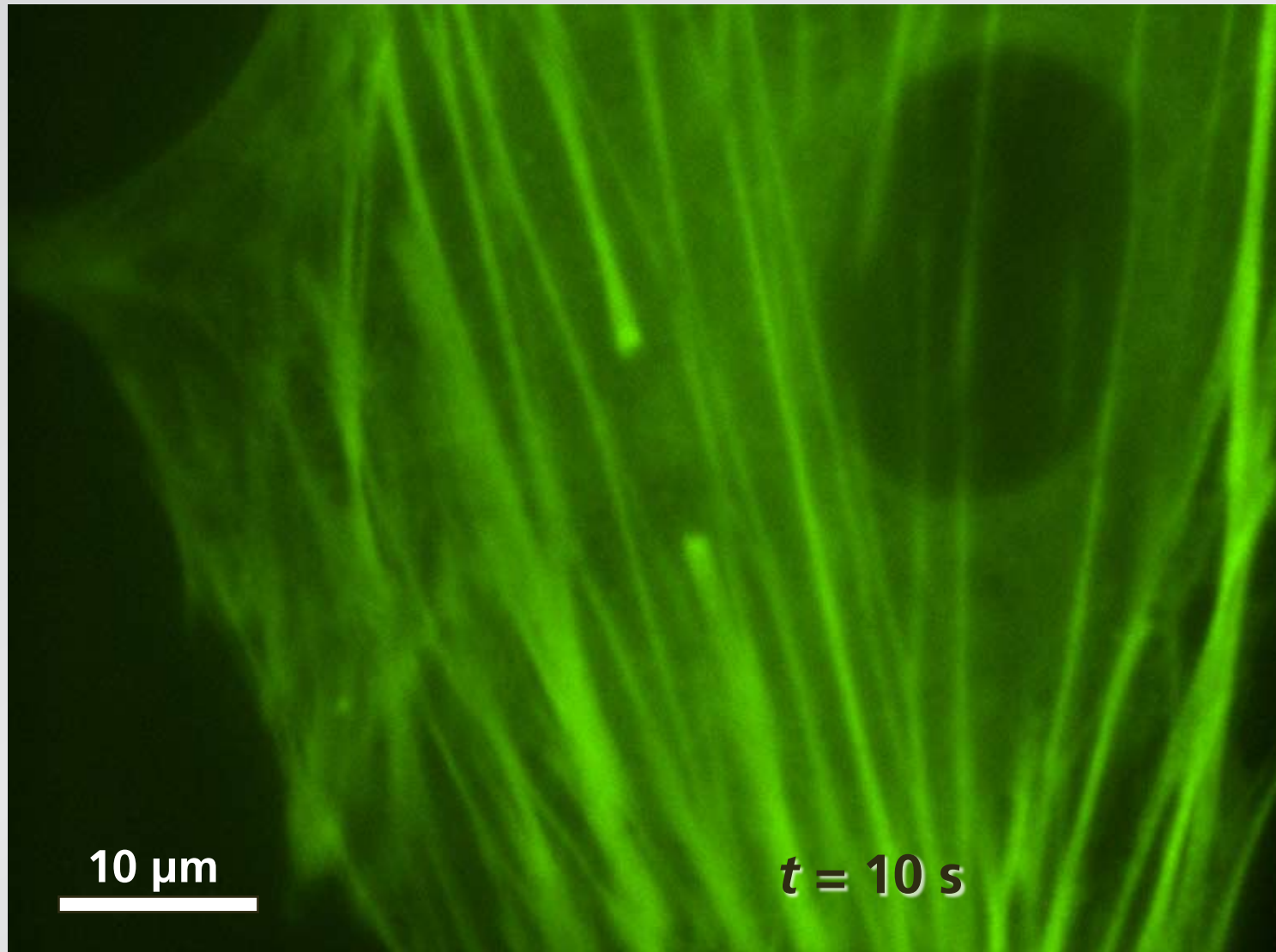
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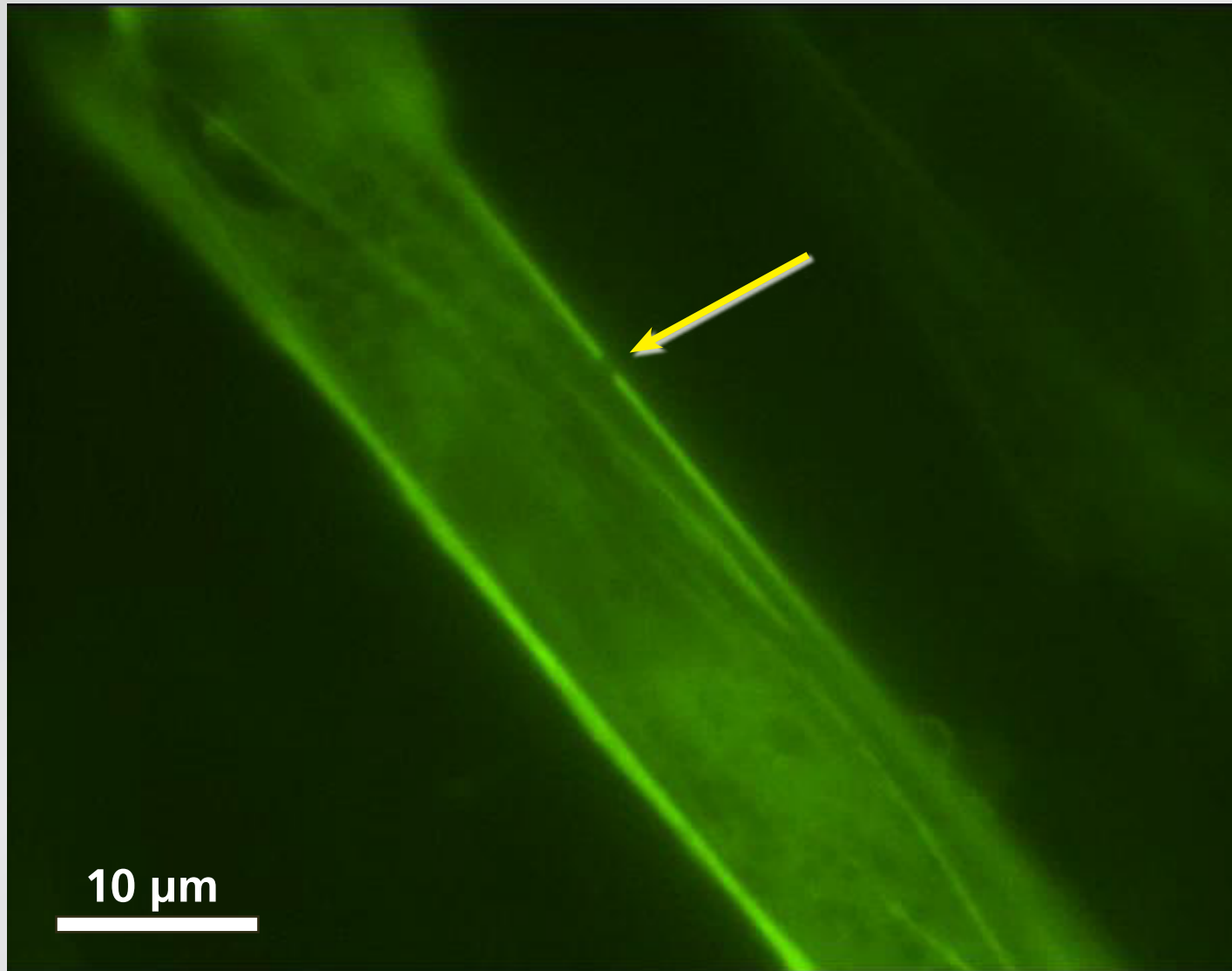
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gap widens with time



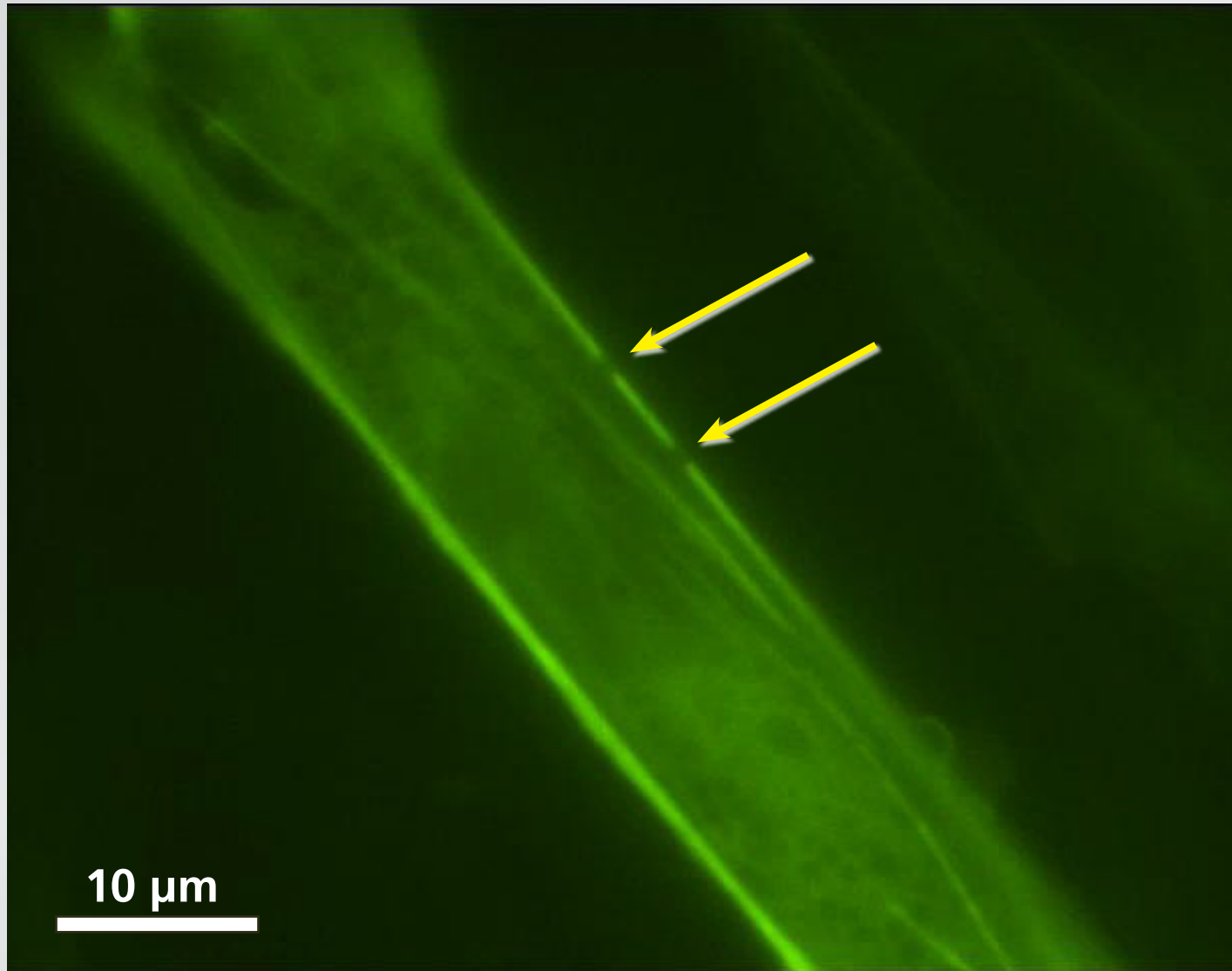
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retraction or depolymerization?



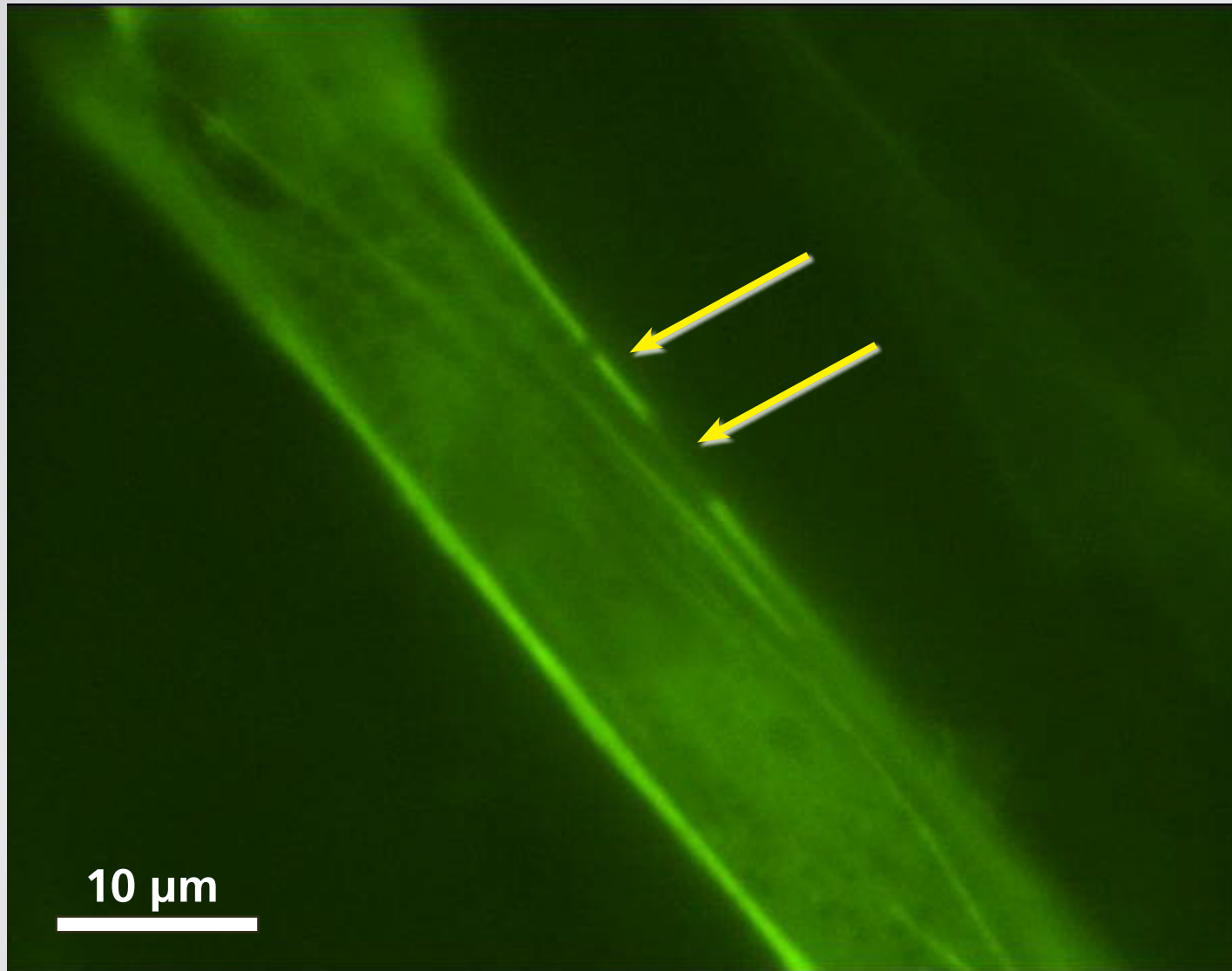
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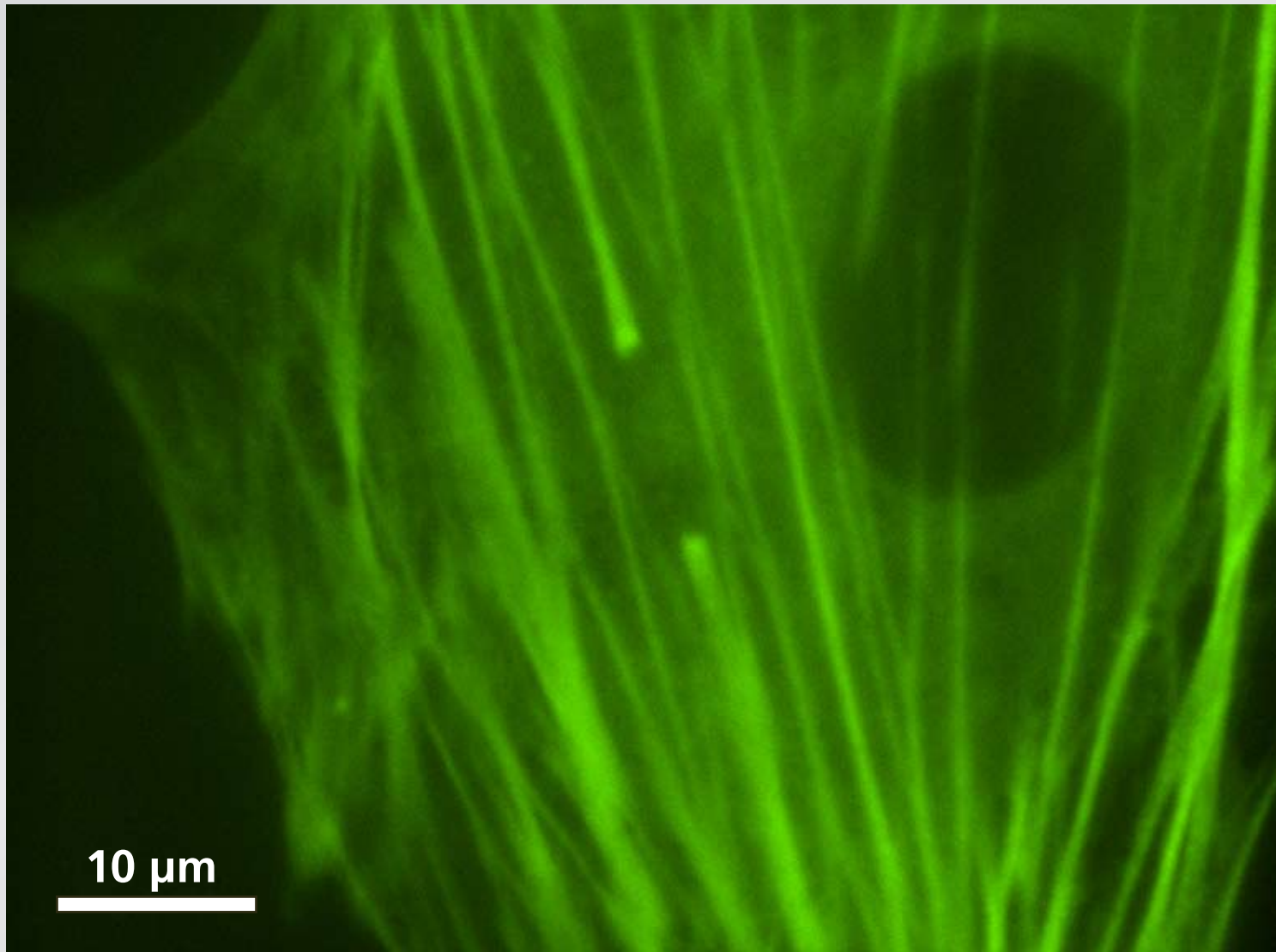
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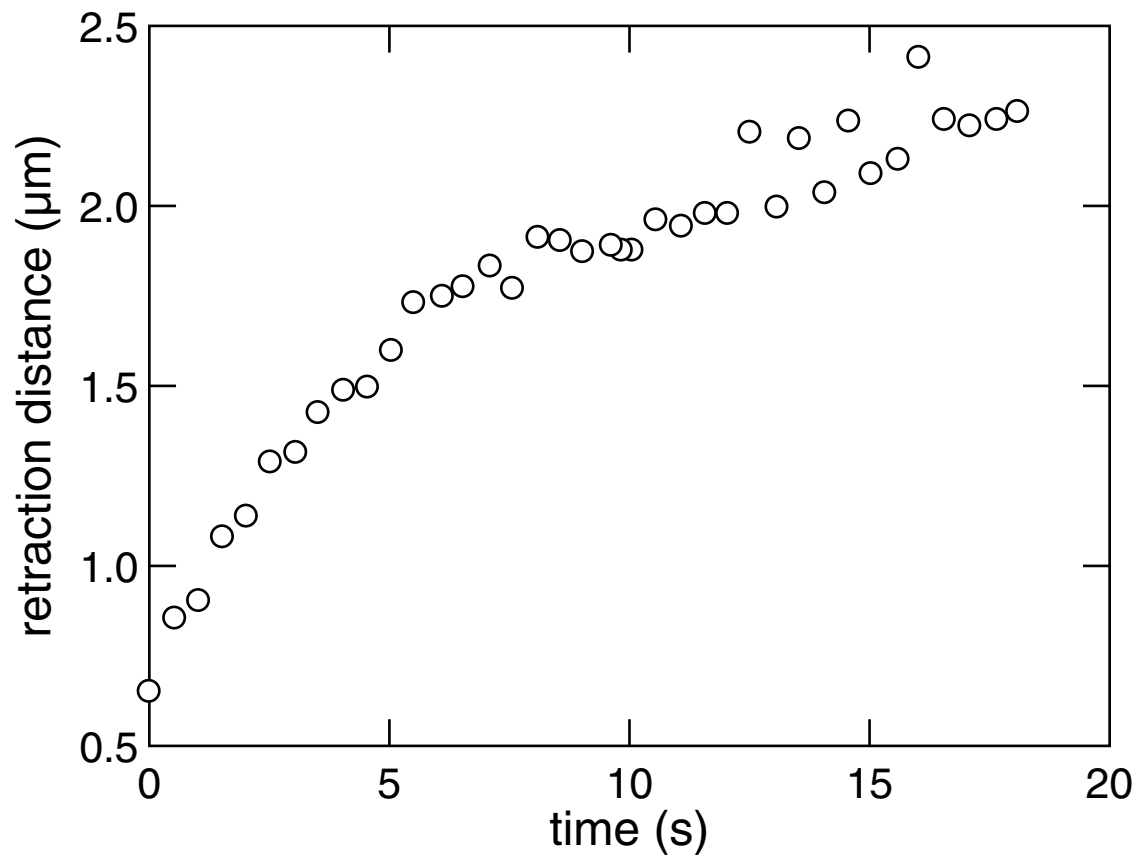
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dynamics provides information on *in vivo* mechanics



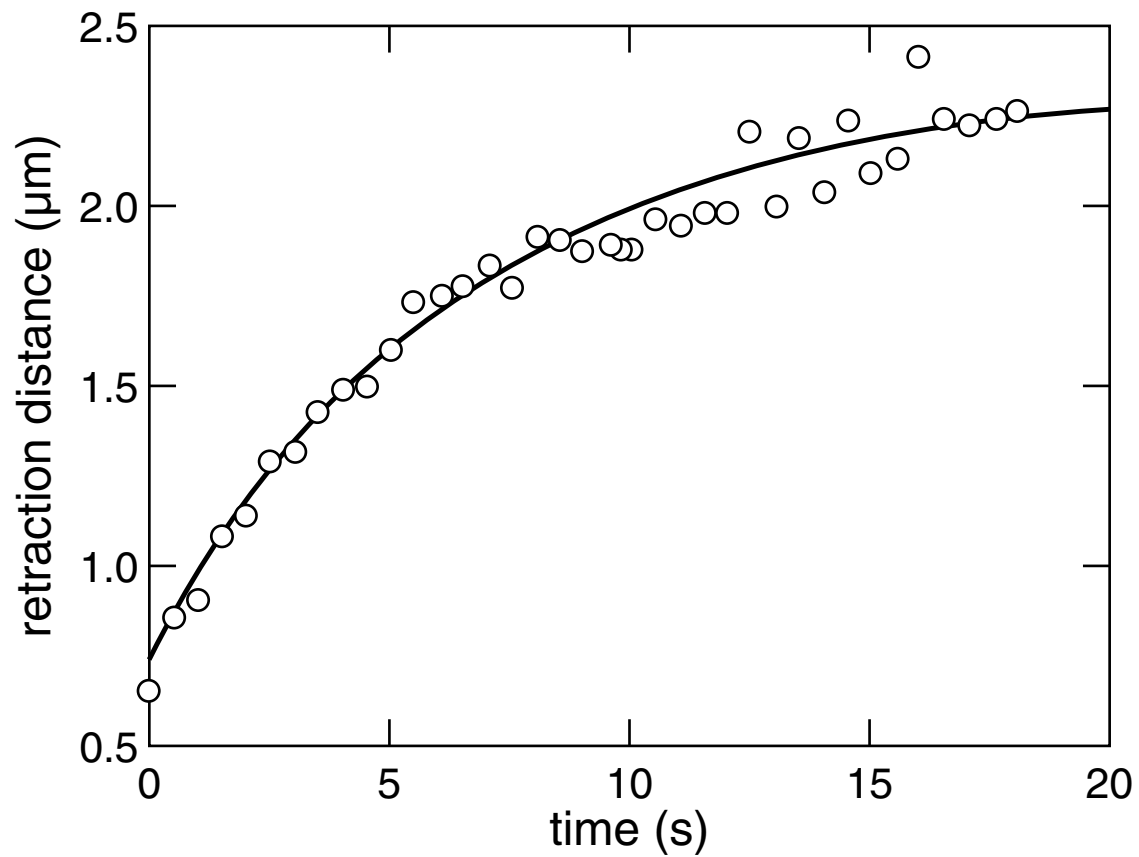
Subcellular surgery

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



Subcellular surgery

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



Outline

- femtosecond micromachining
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Nanoneurosurgery

Q: can we probe the neurological origins of behavior?



Nanoneurosurgery

Caenorhabditis elegans



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Caenorhabditis elegans

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

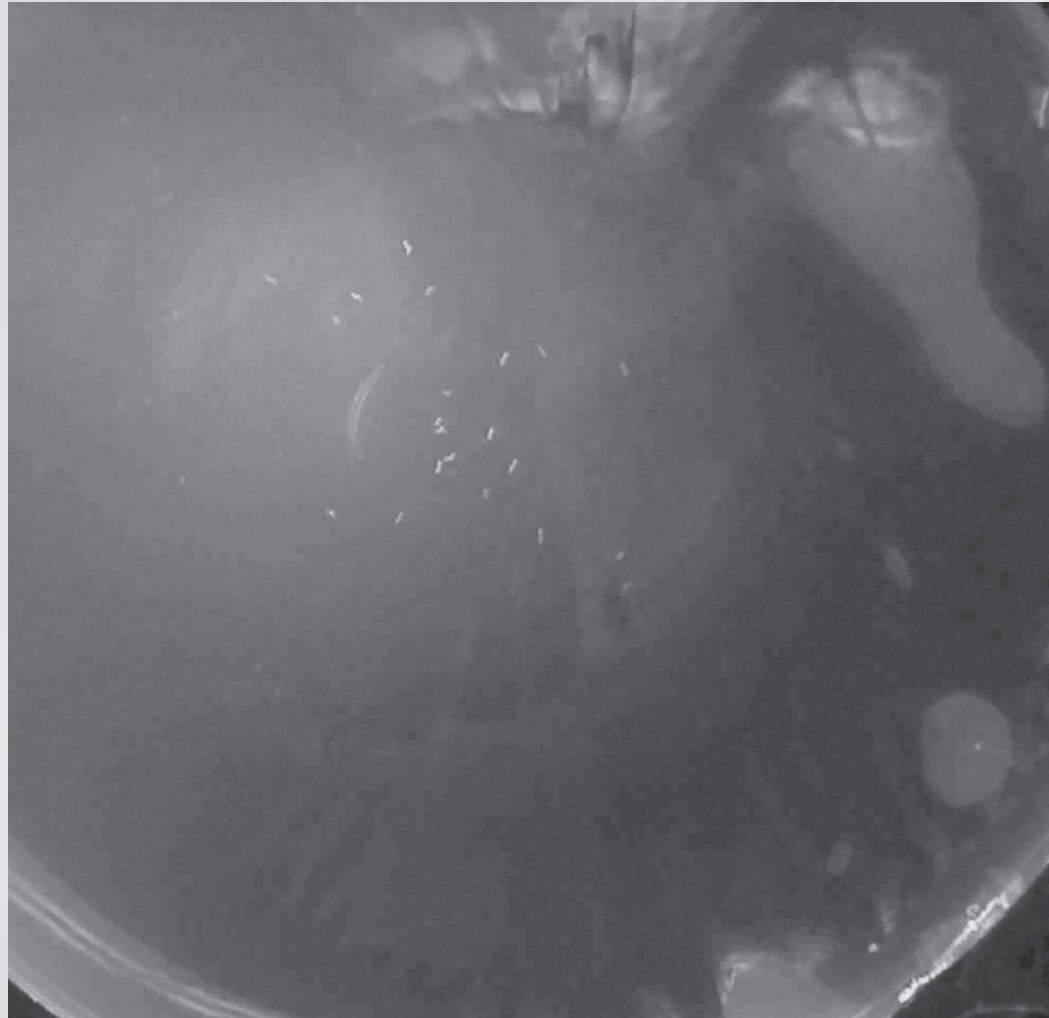
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Caenorhabditis elegans

- 80 μm x 1 mm
- about 1000 cells
- 302 neurons
- invariant wiring diagram
- neuronal system completely encodes behavior

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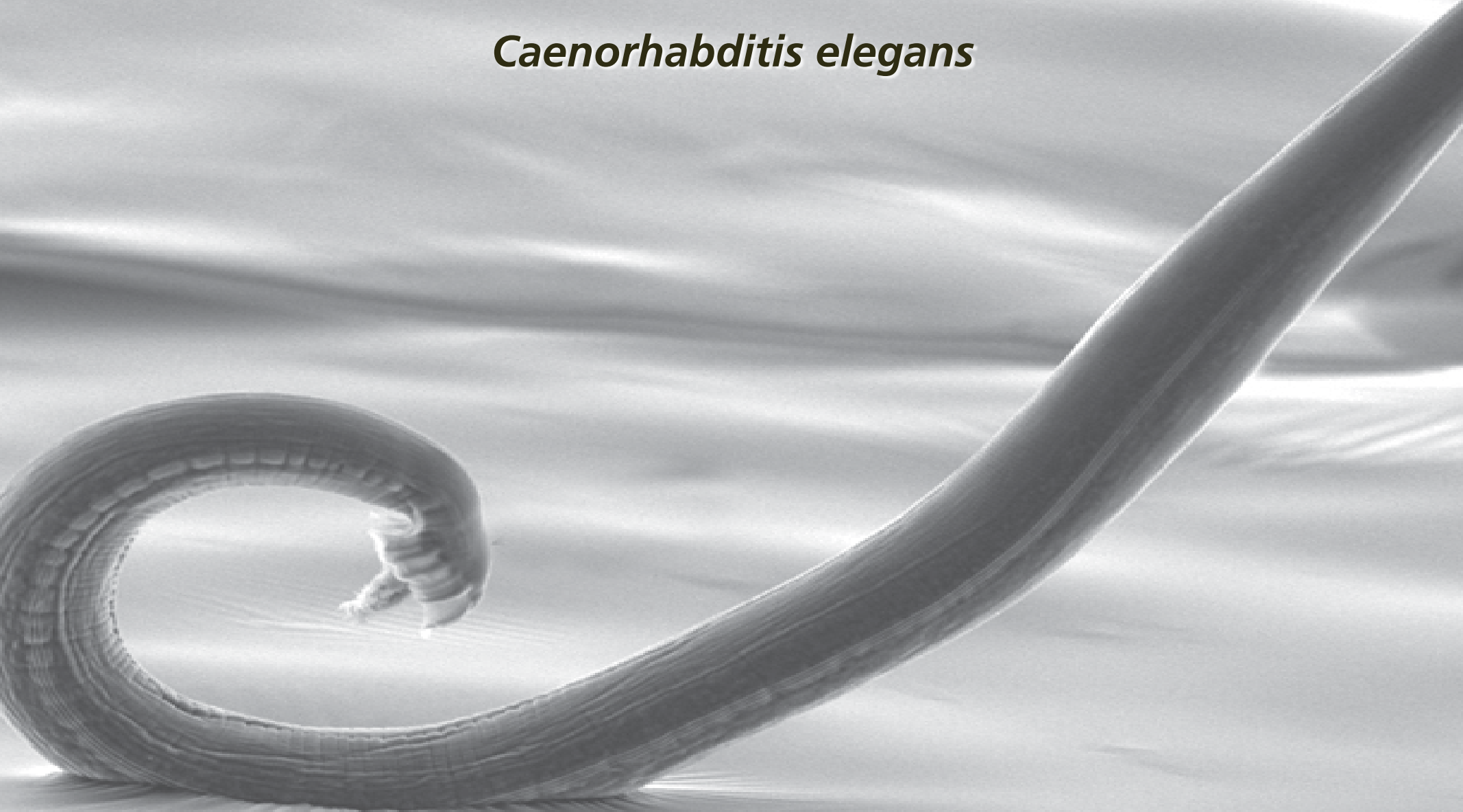
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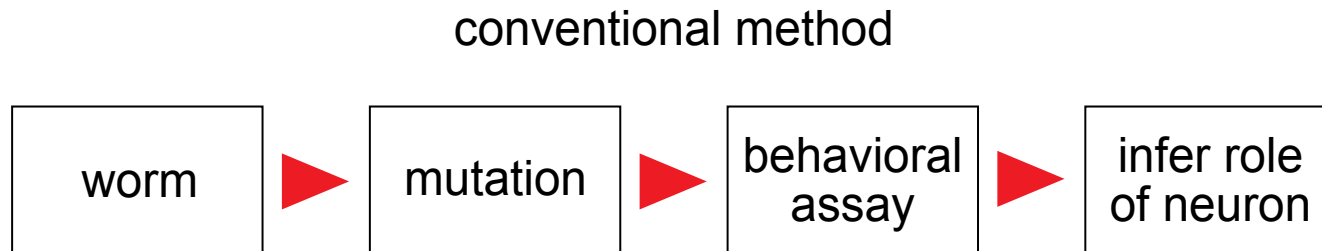
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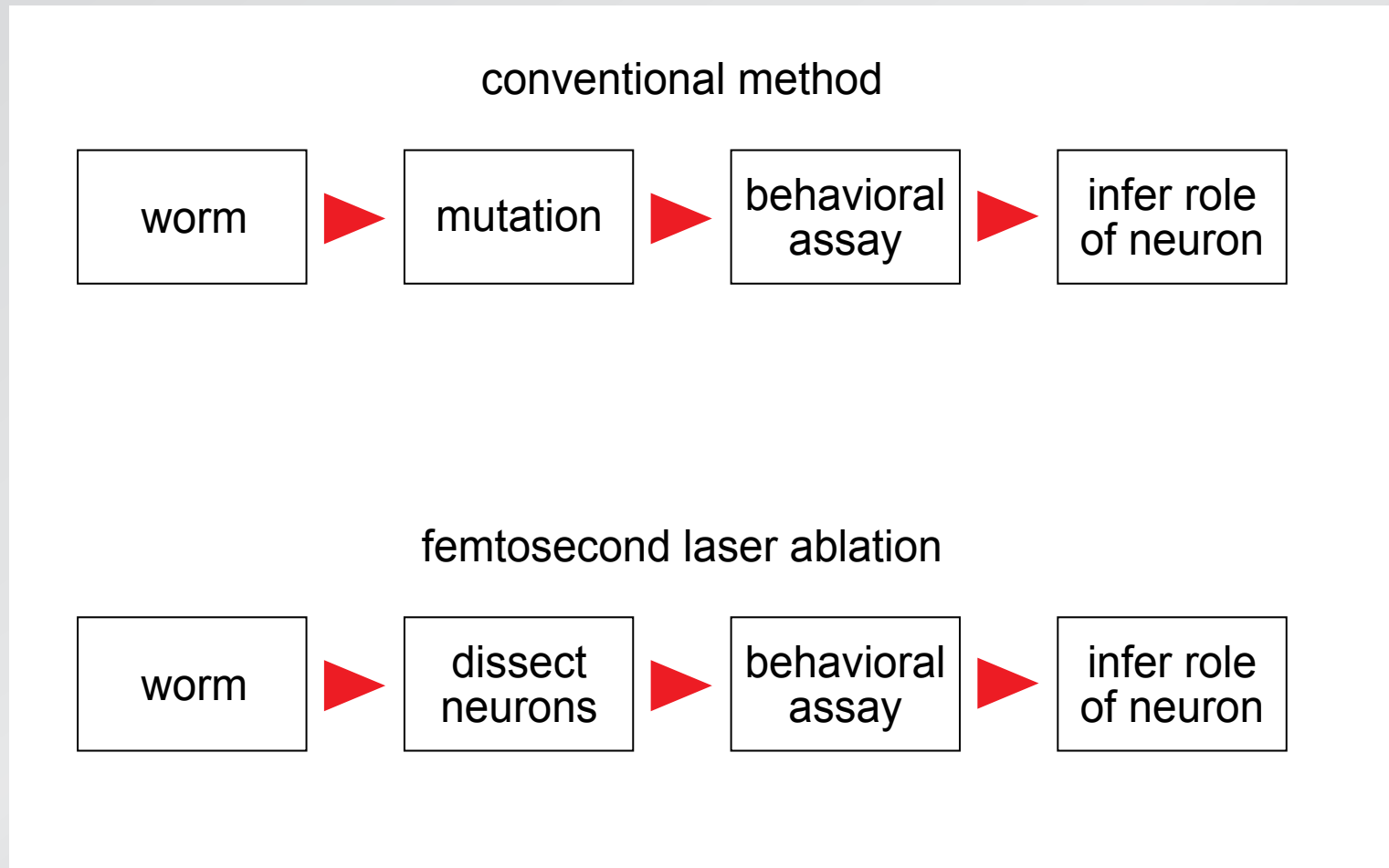
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Mapping behavior to neurons



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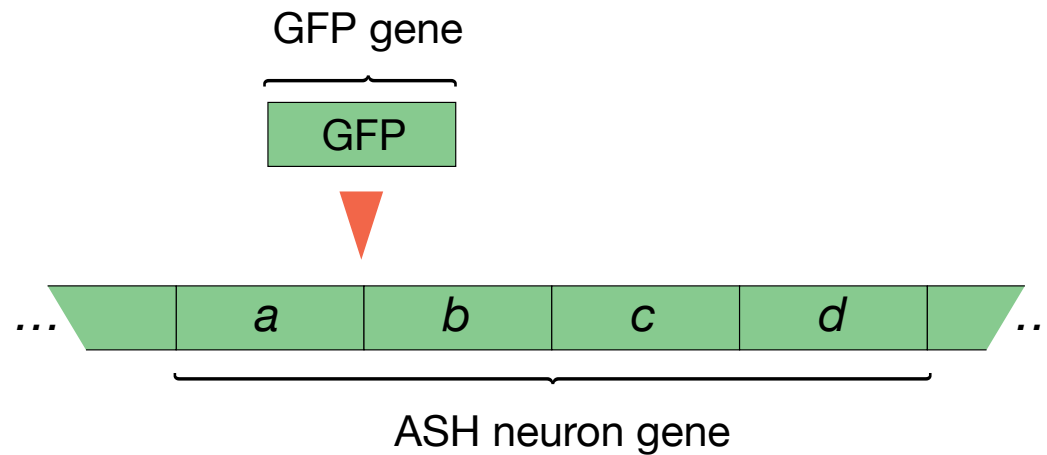
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ASH neurons

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

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Make ASH neurons express GFP



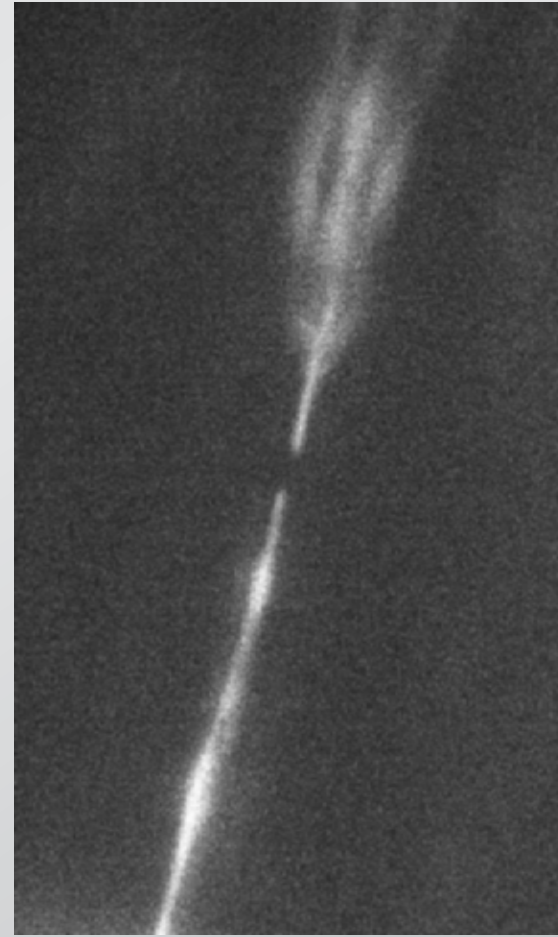
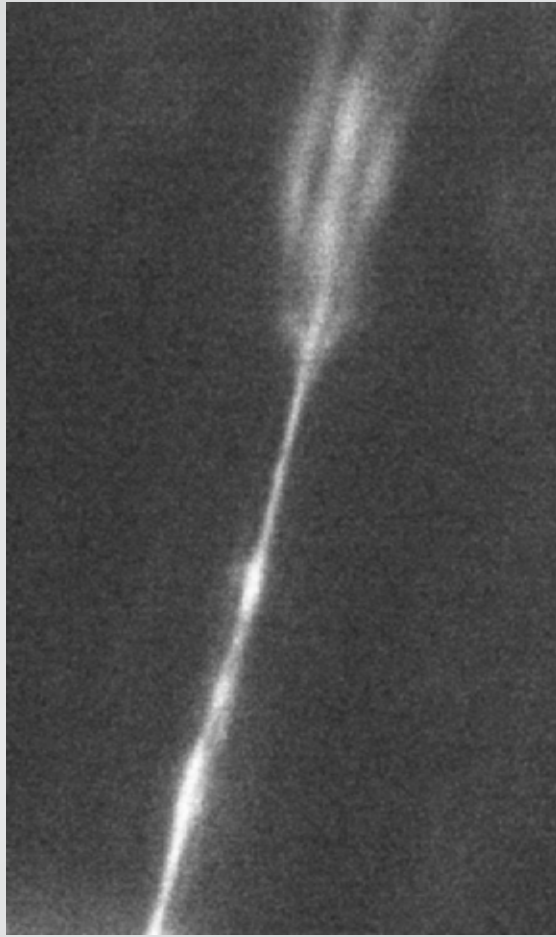
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GFP: absorbs UV, emits green



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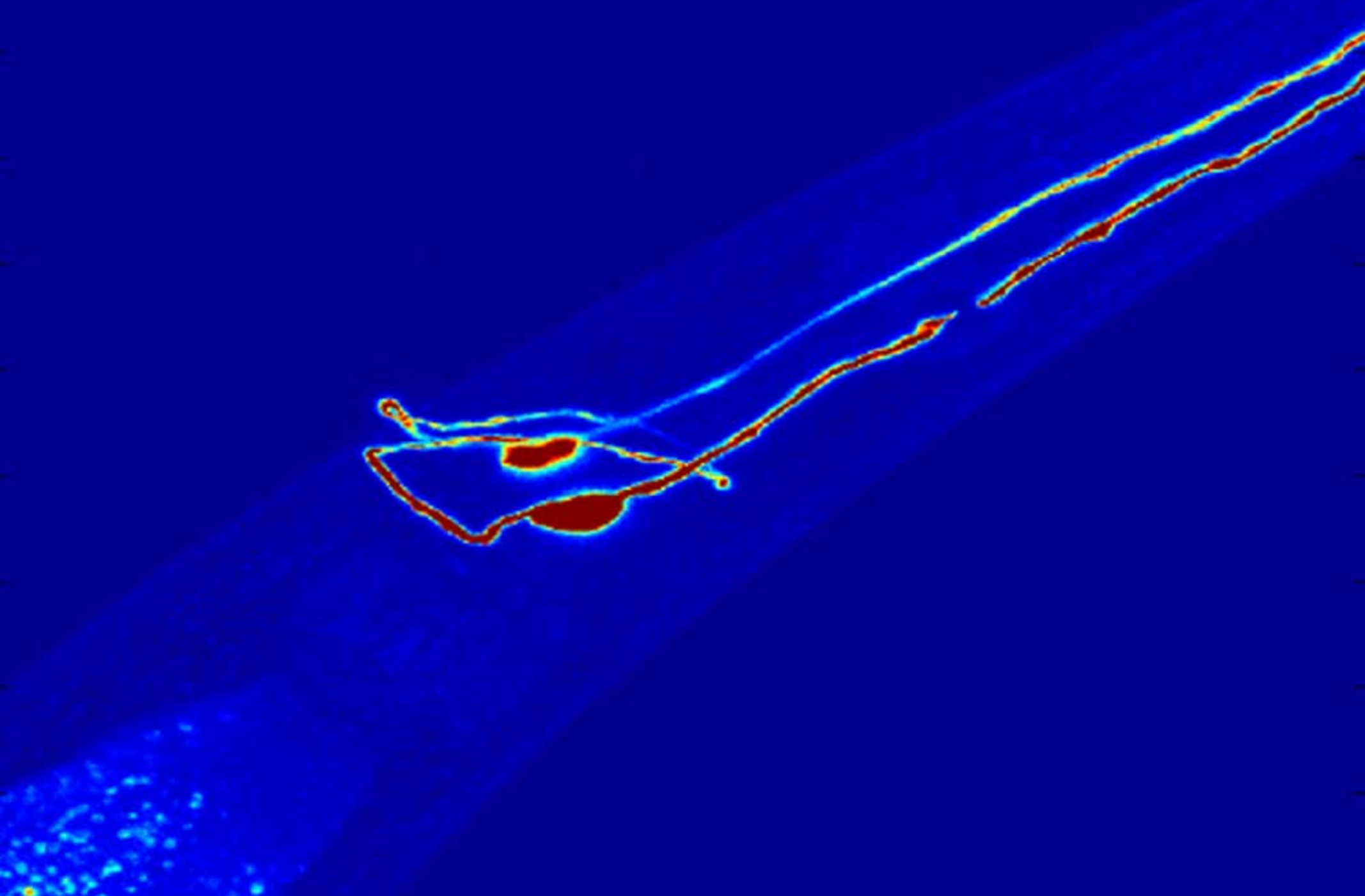
minutes after surgery with 14 nJ pulses



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revive worm, reimage 1 day later

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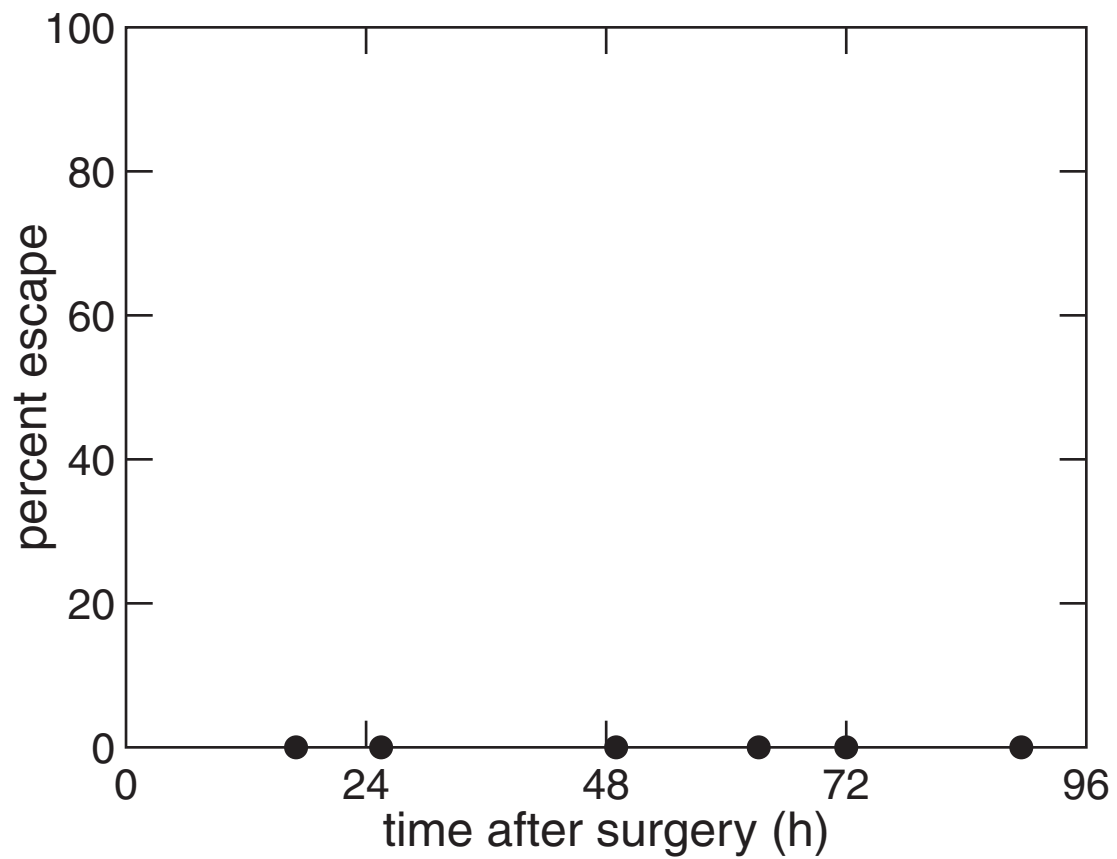
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osmolarity assay



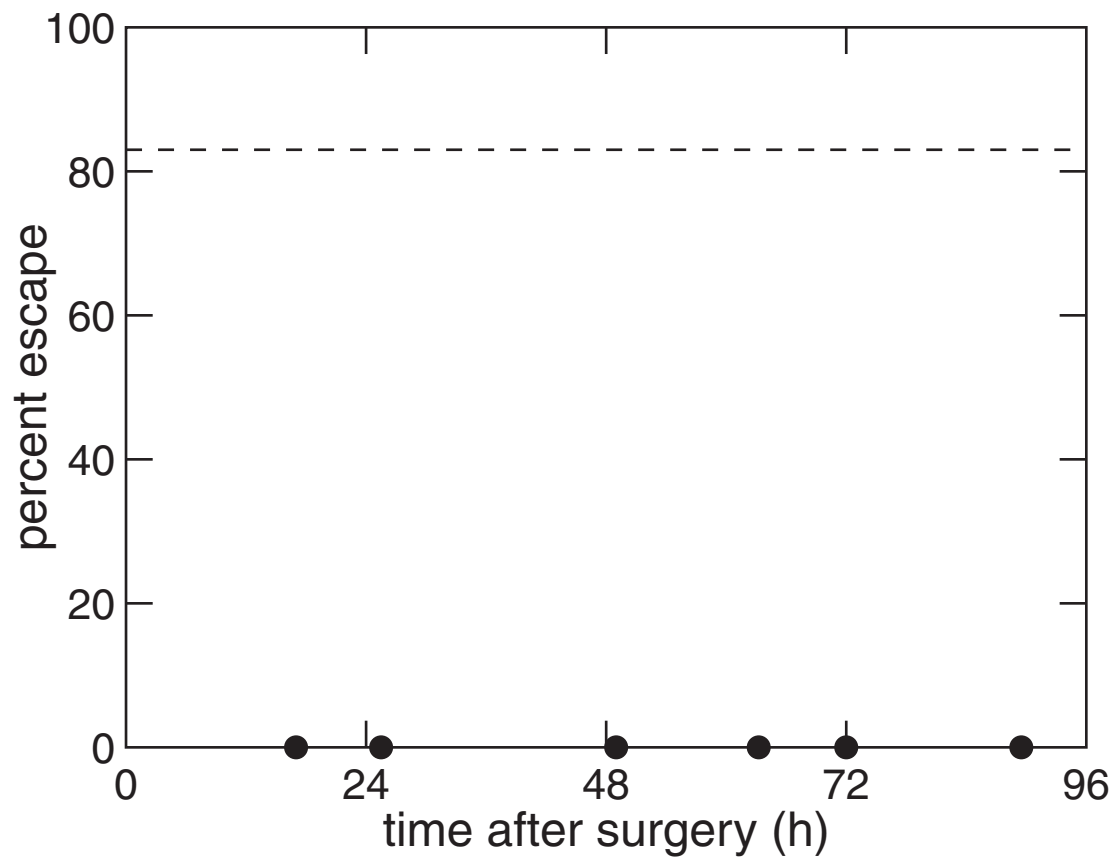
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escape rate after 'mock' surgery



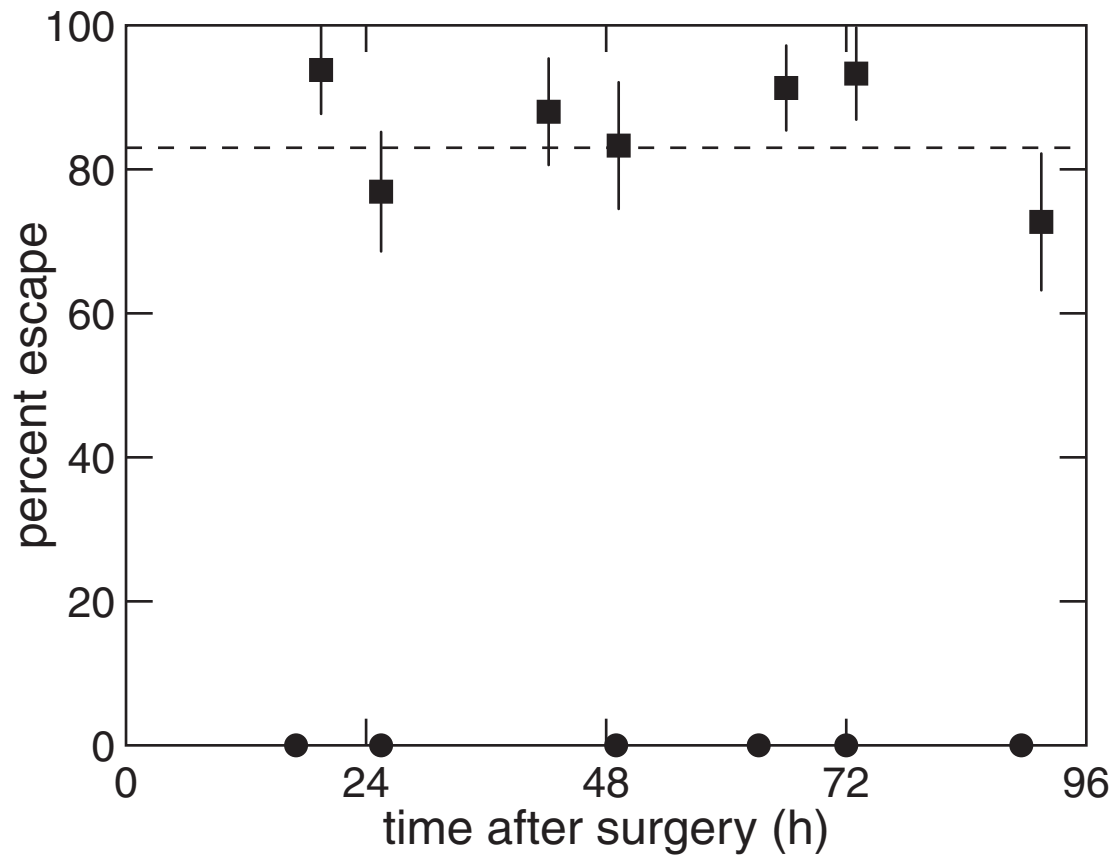
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escape rate of ASH-lacking mutant



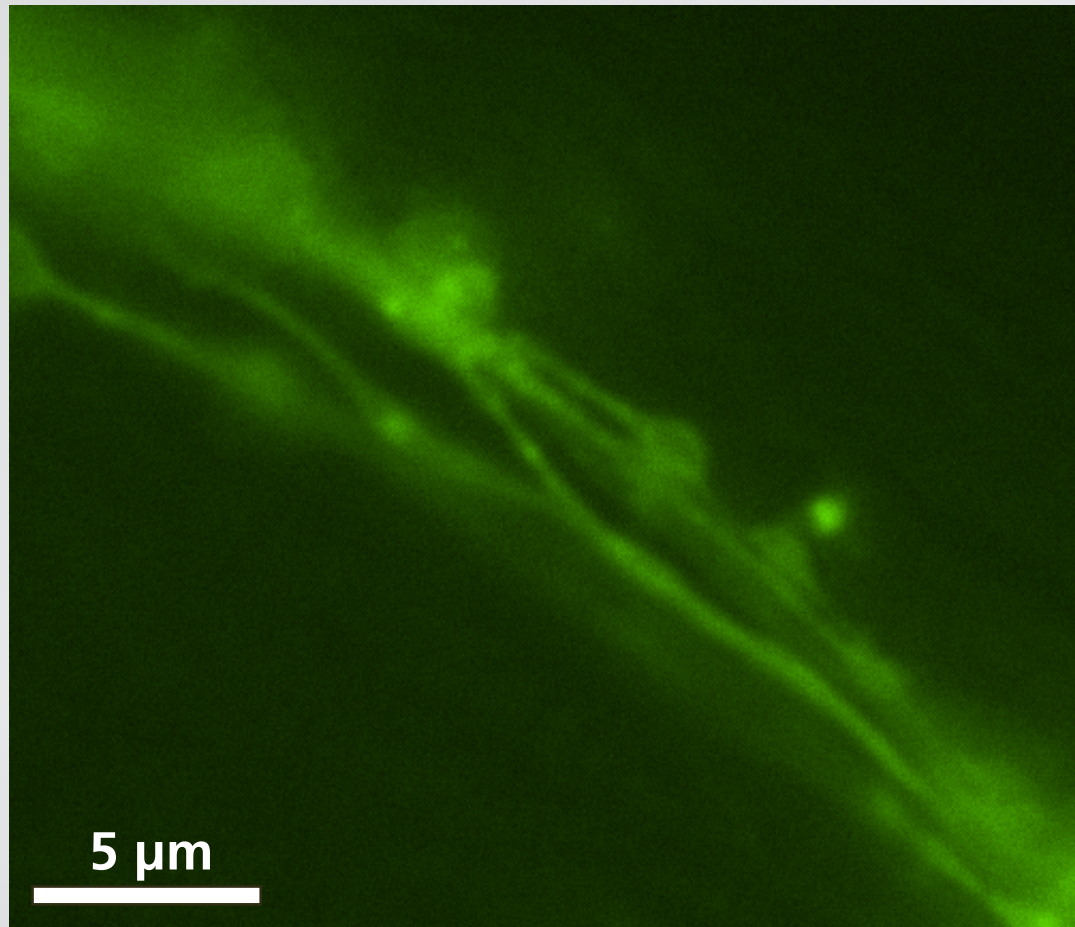
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escape rate after ASH-ablation surgery



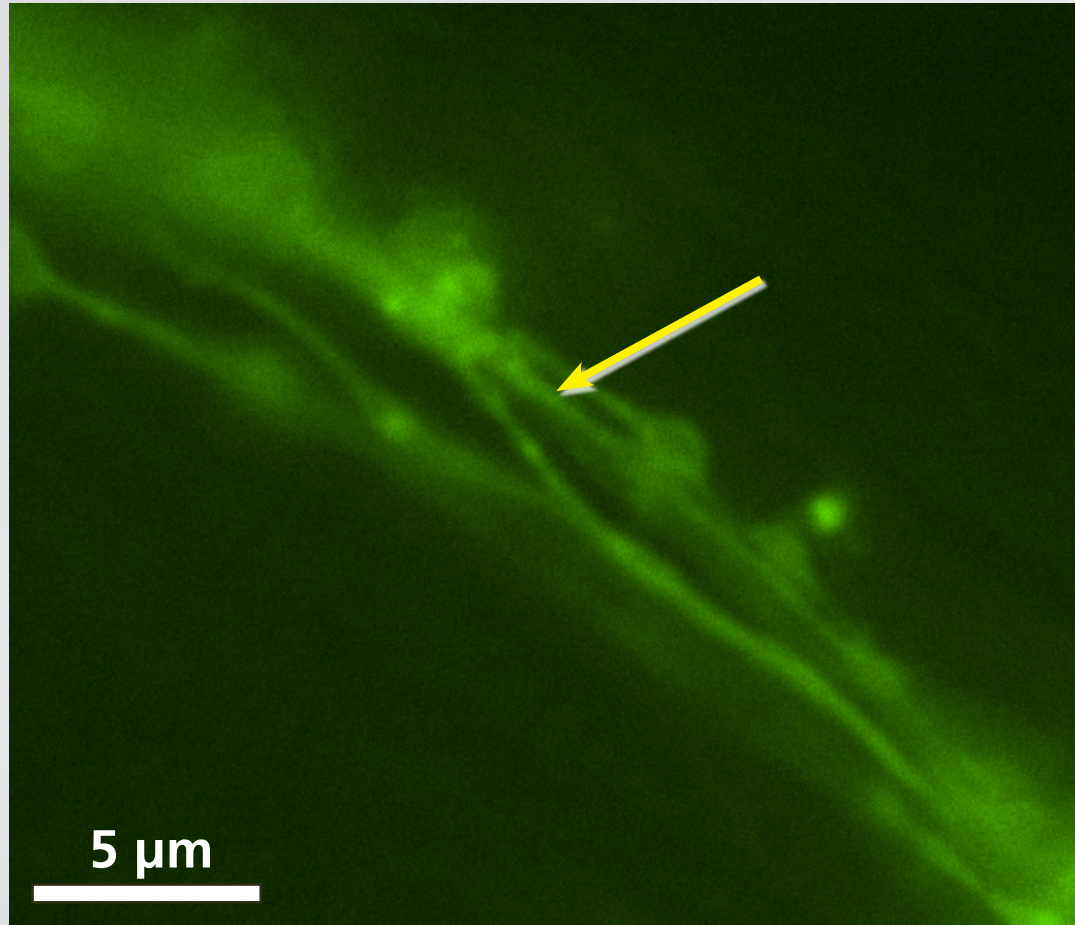
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cut single dendrite in amphid bundle



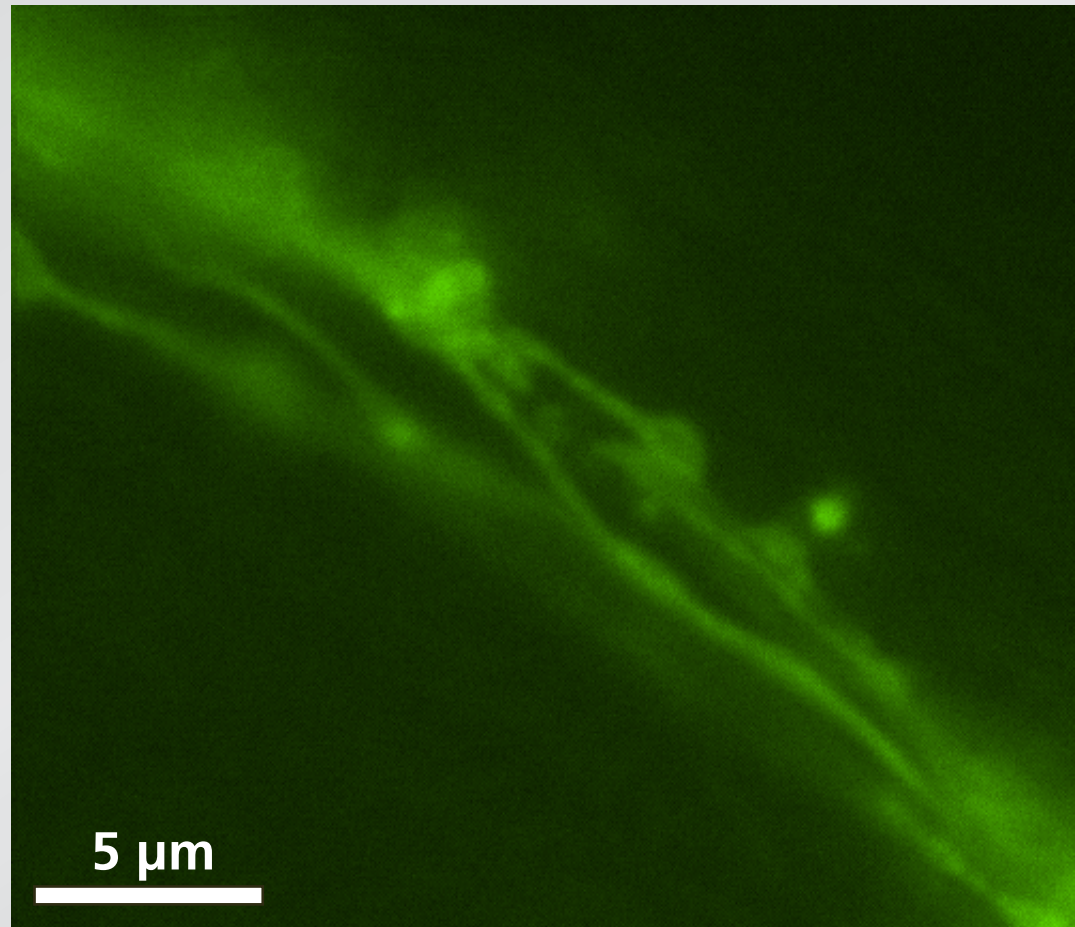
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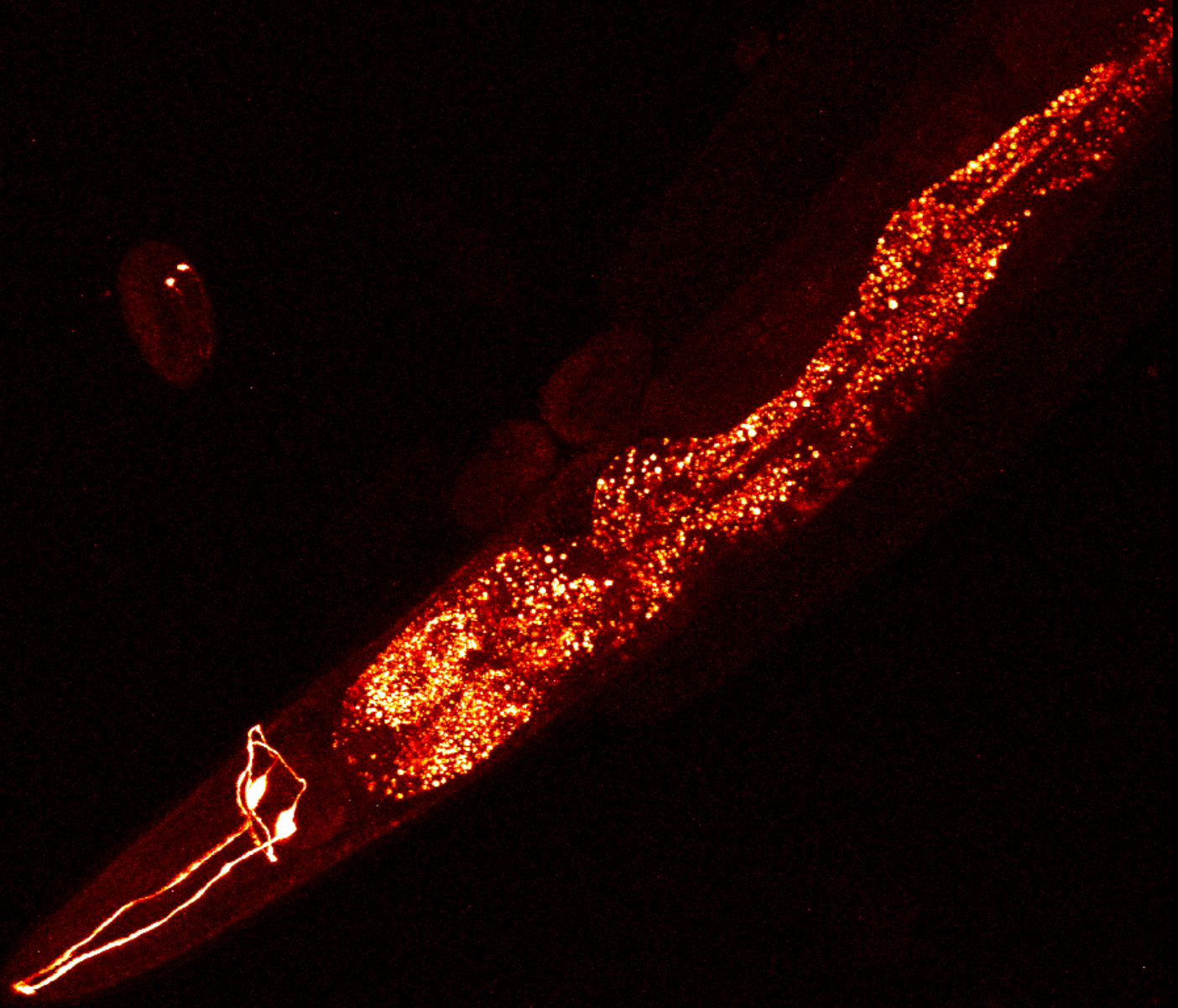


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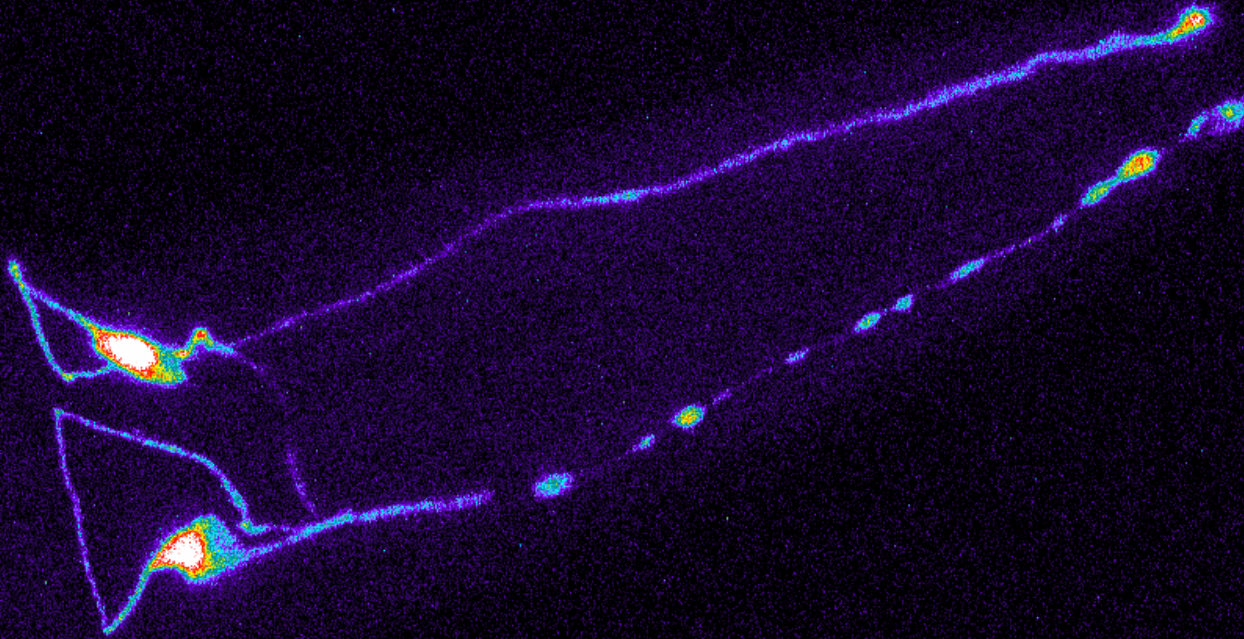
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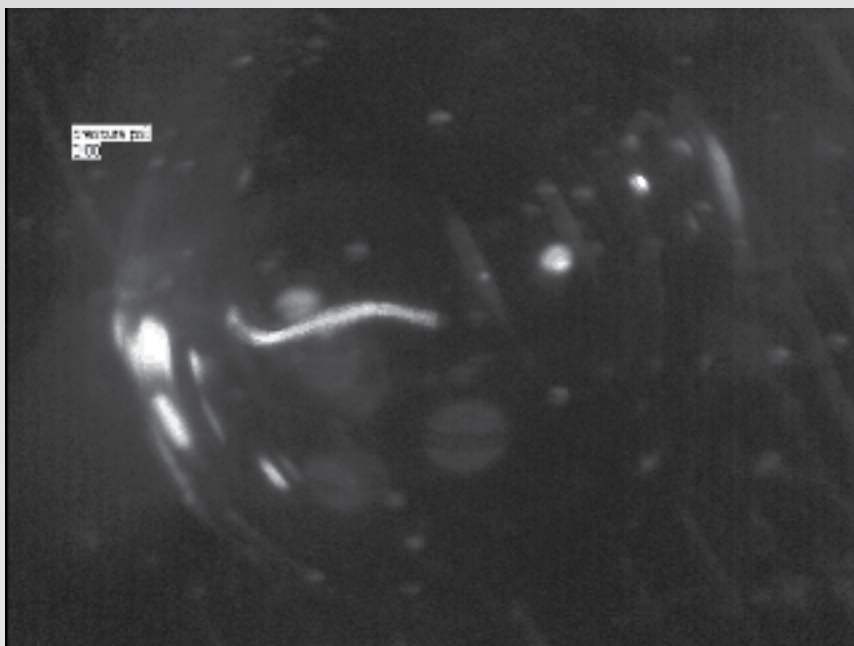


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surgery results in quantifiable behavior changes



before



after

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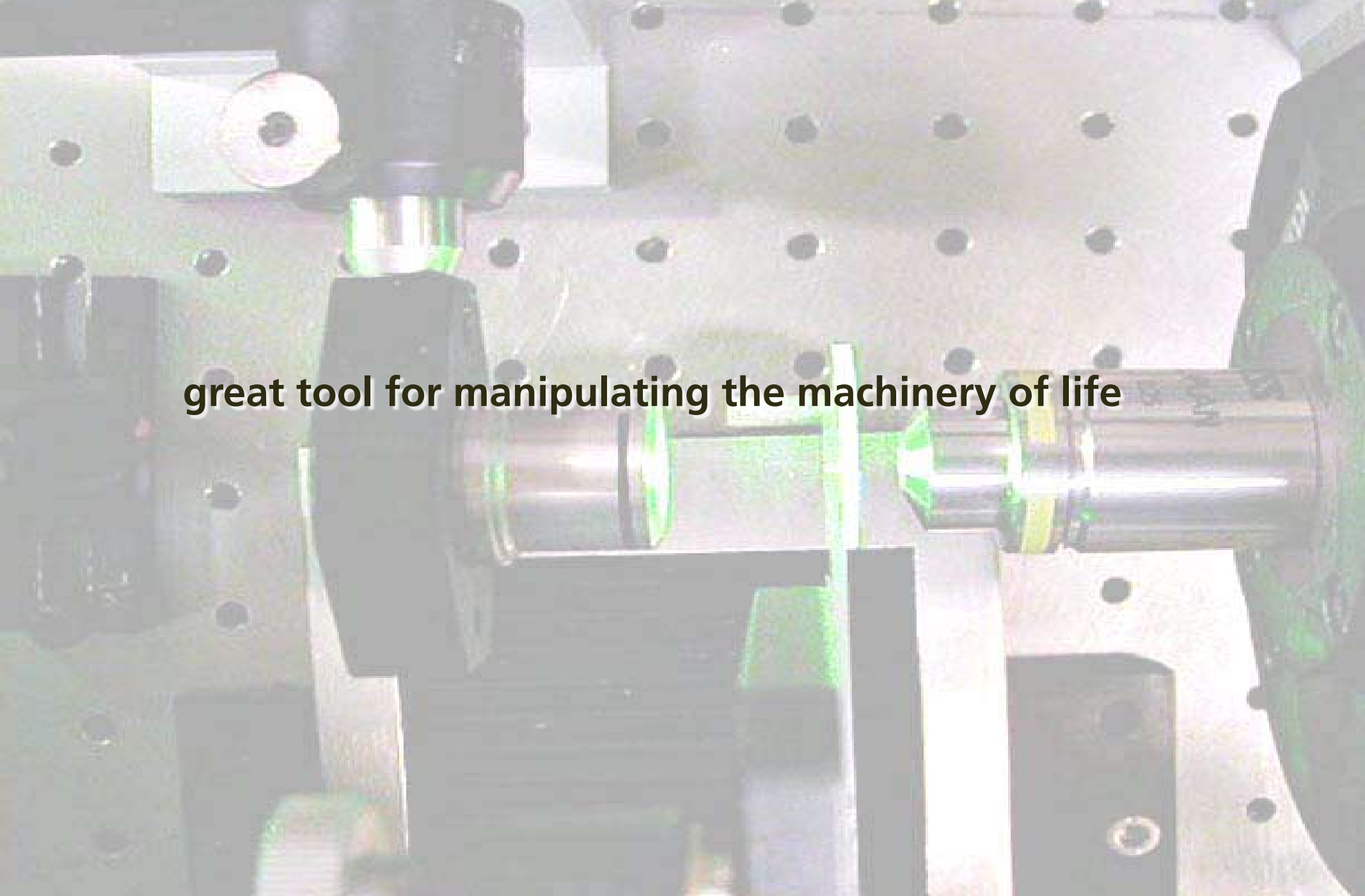
temperature sensing occurs at tip of dendrite

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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