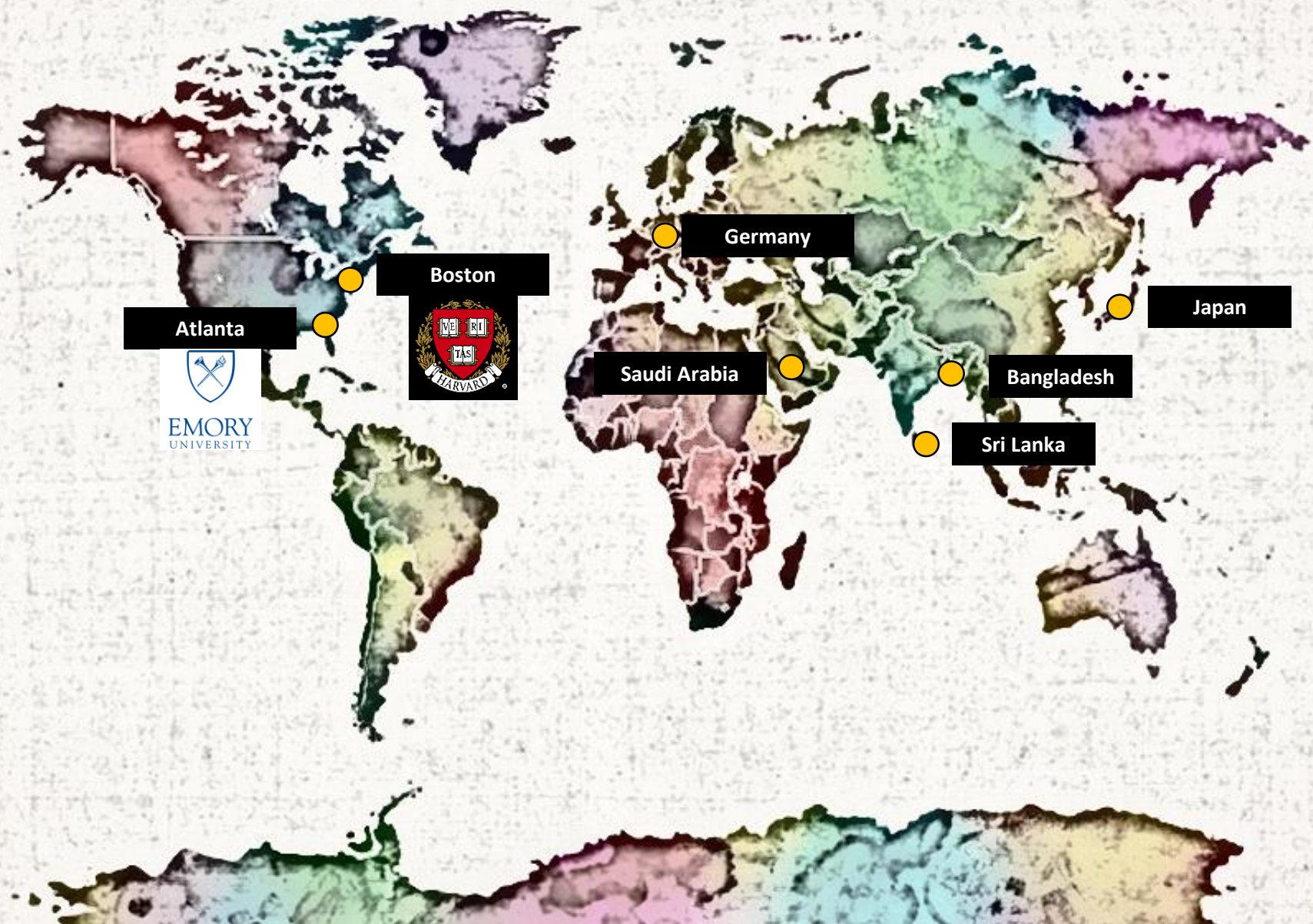


High Throughput Poration of Mammalian Cells using Femtosecond Laser-activated Plasmonic Substrates

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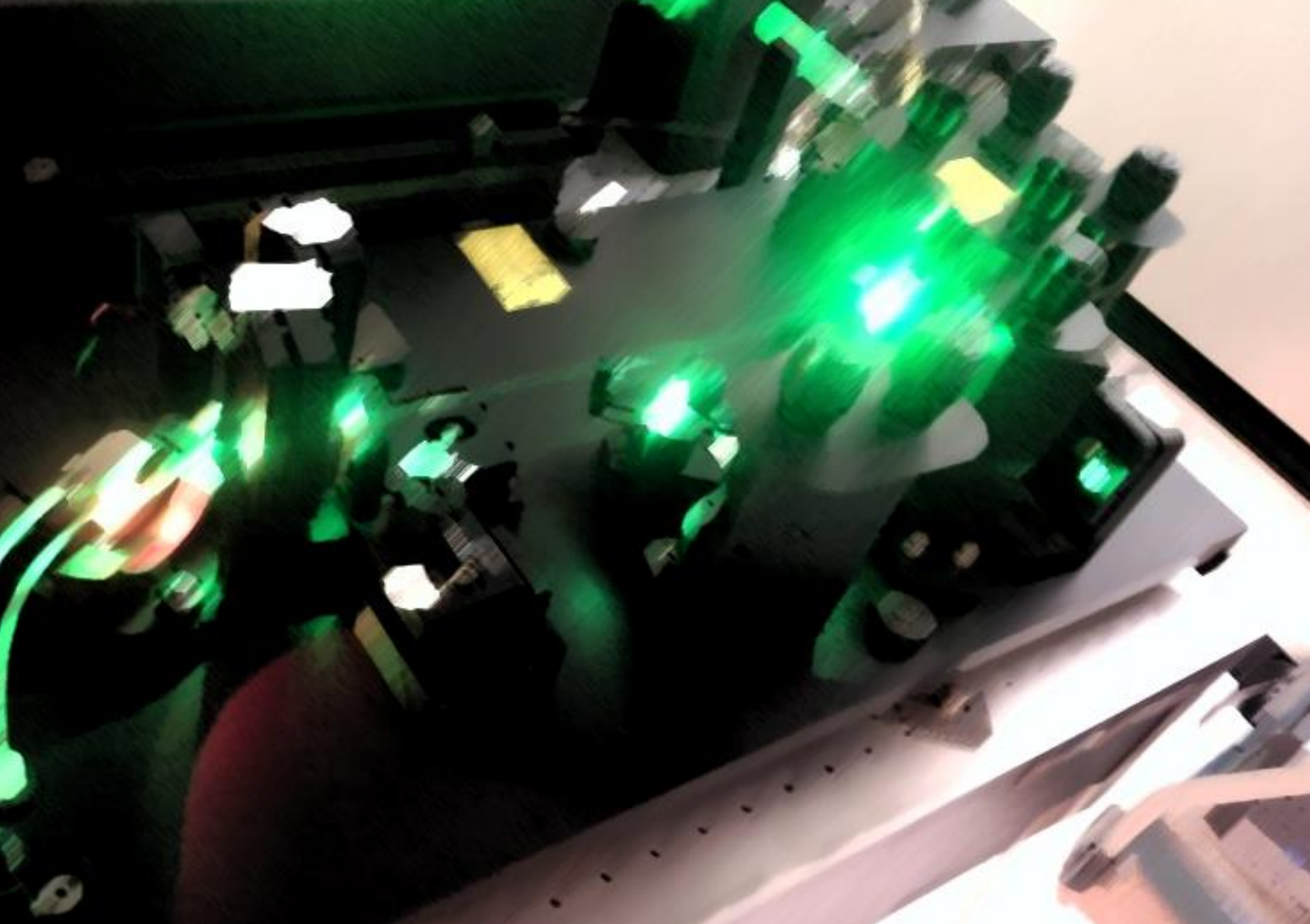
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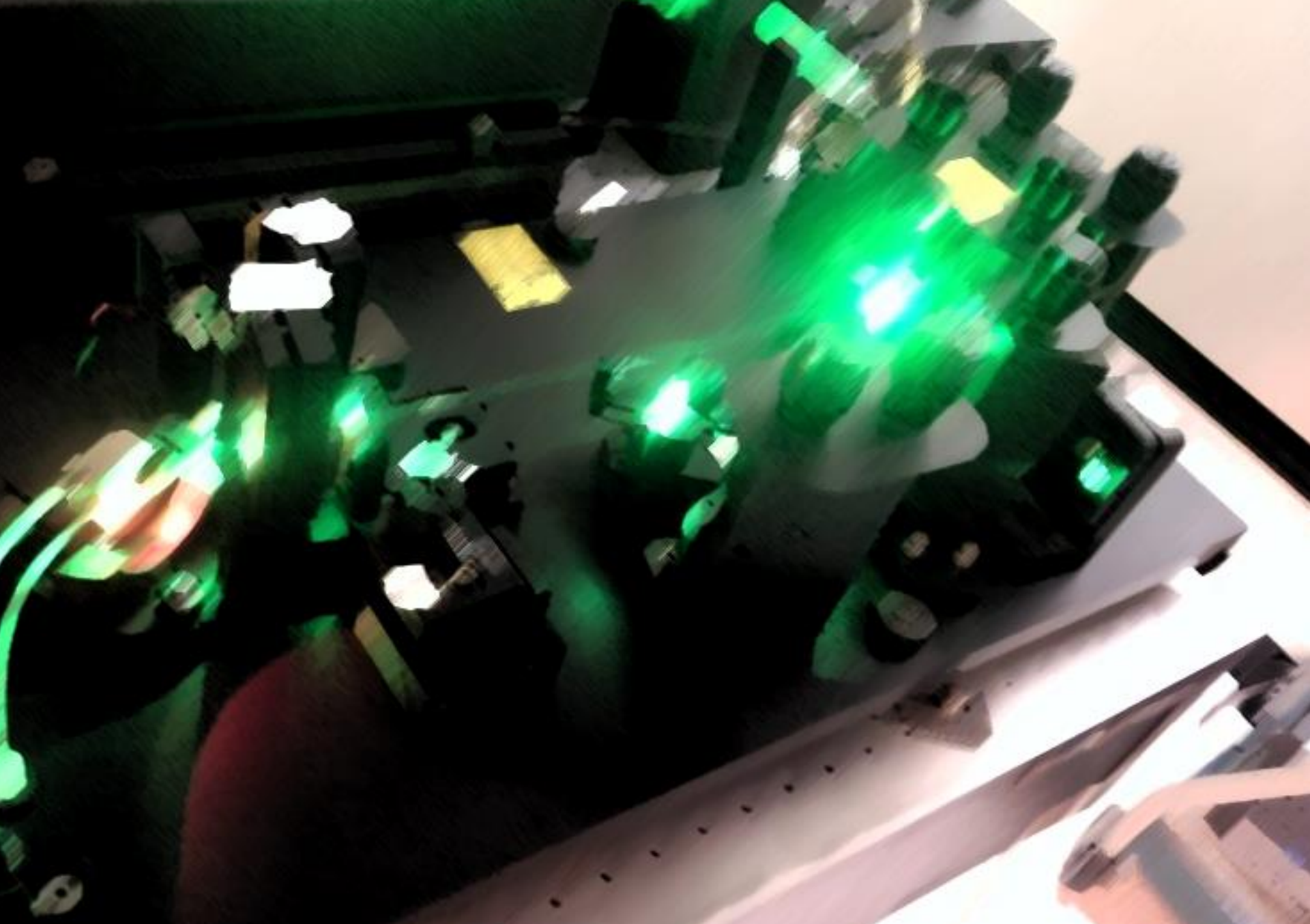
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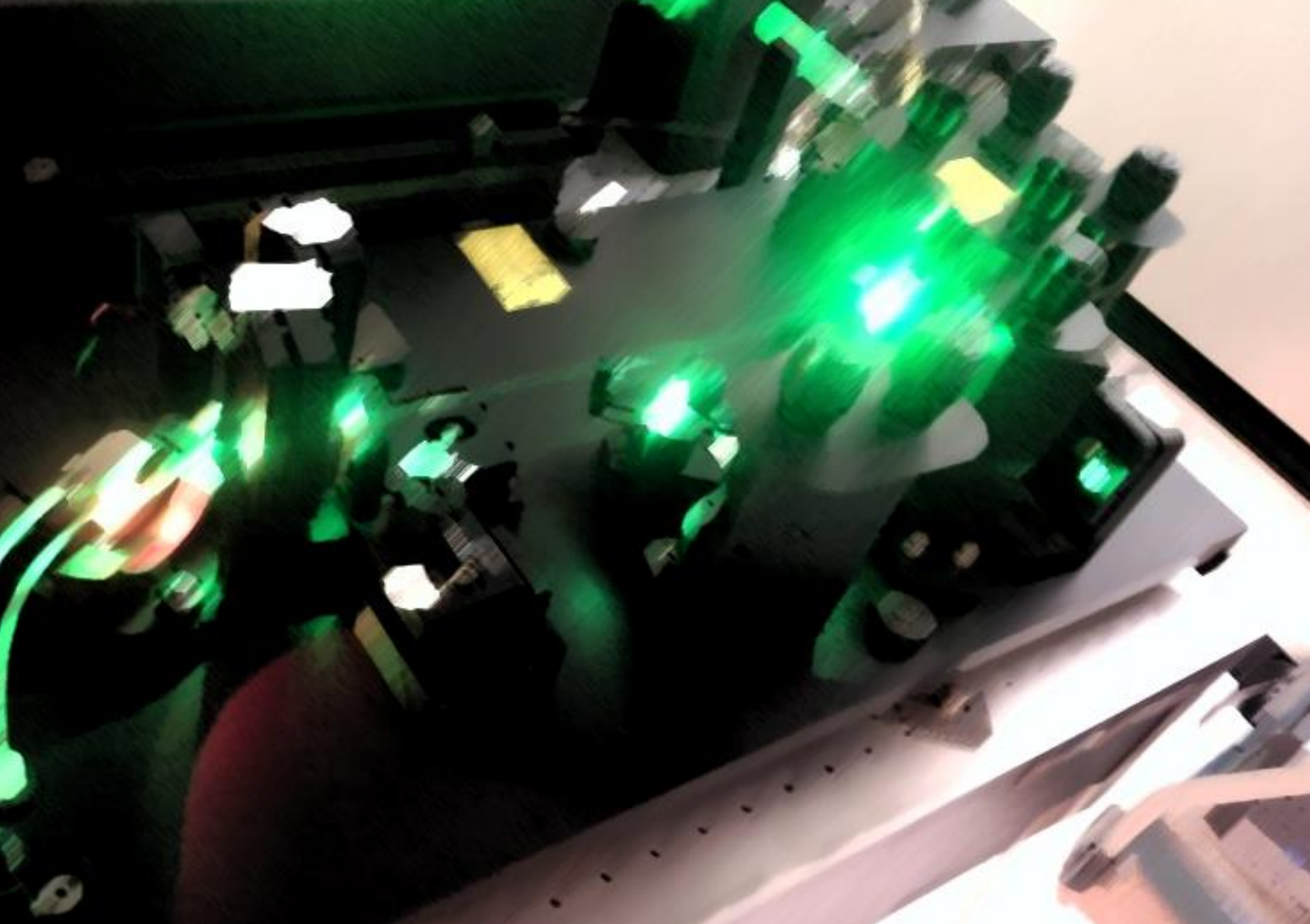
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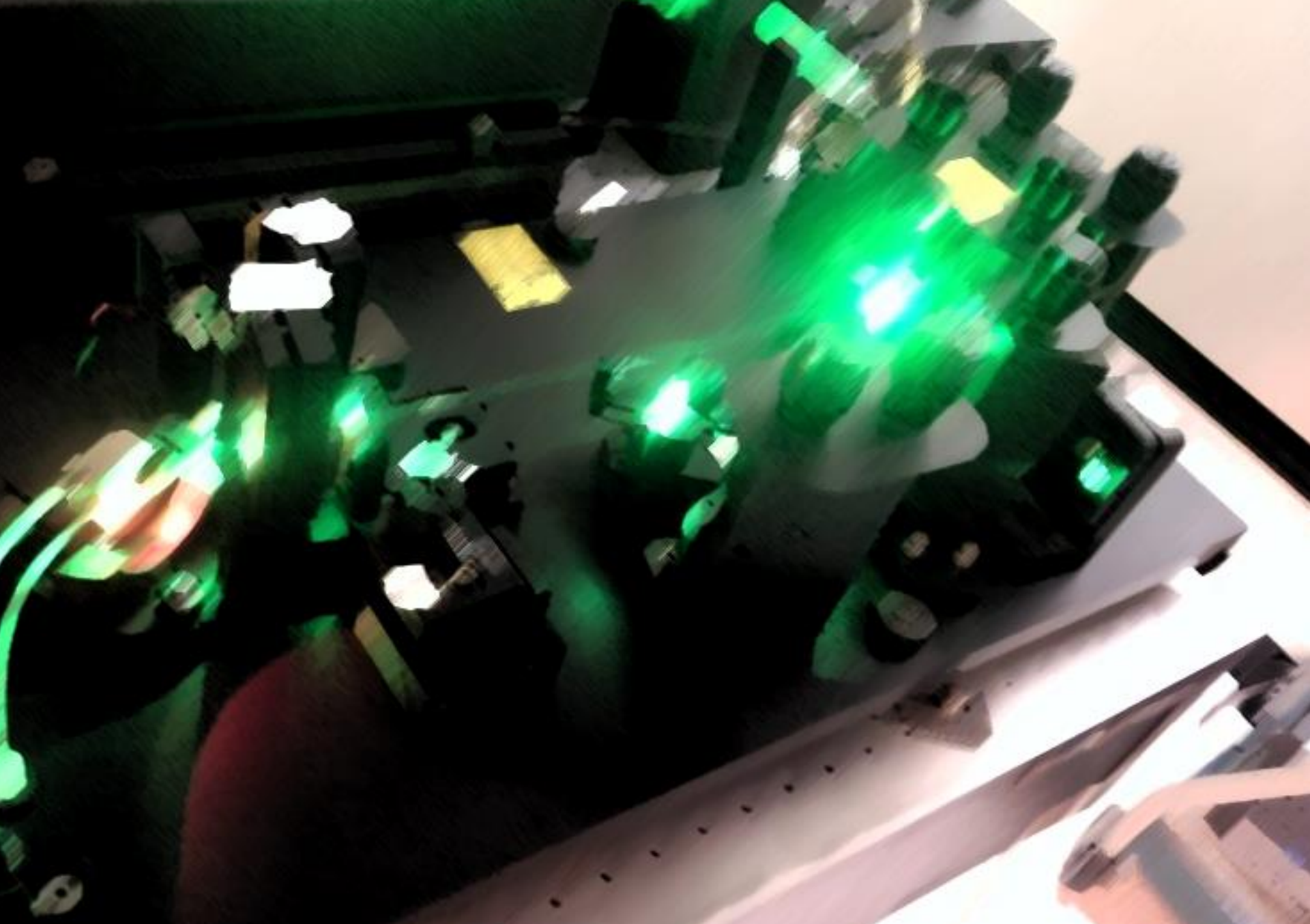




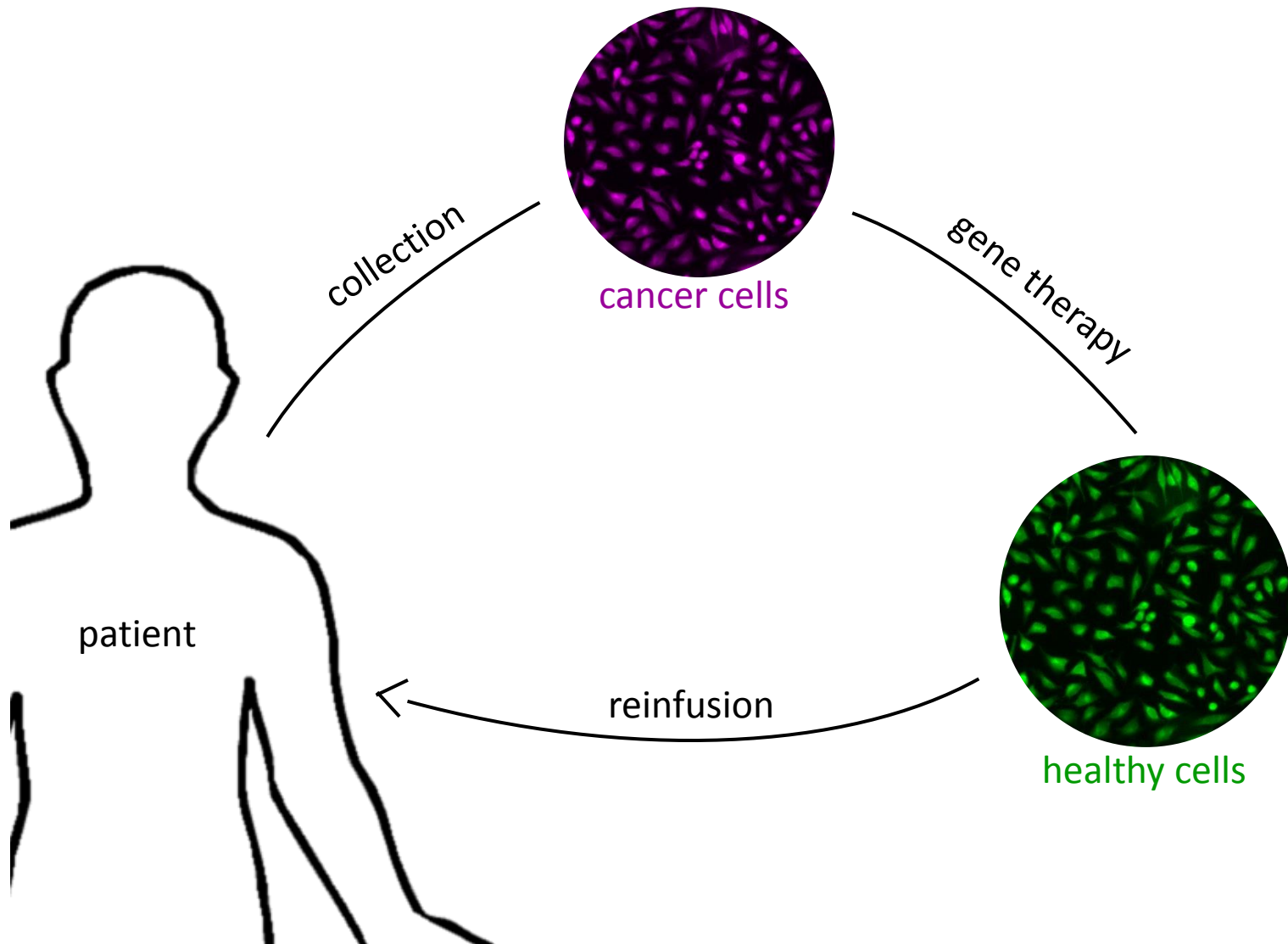
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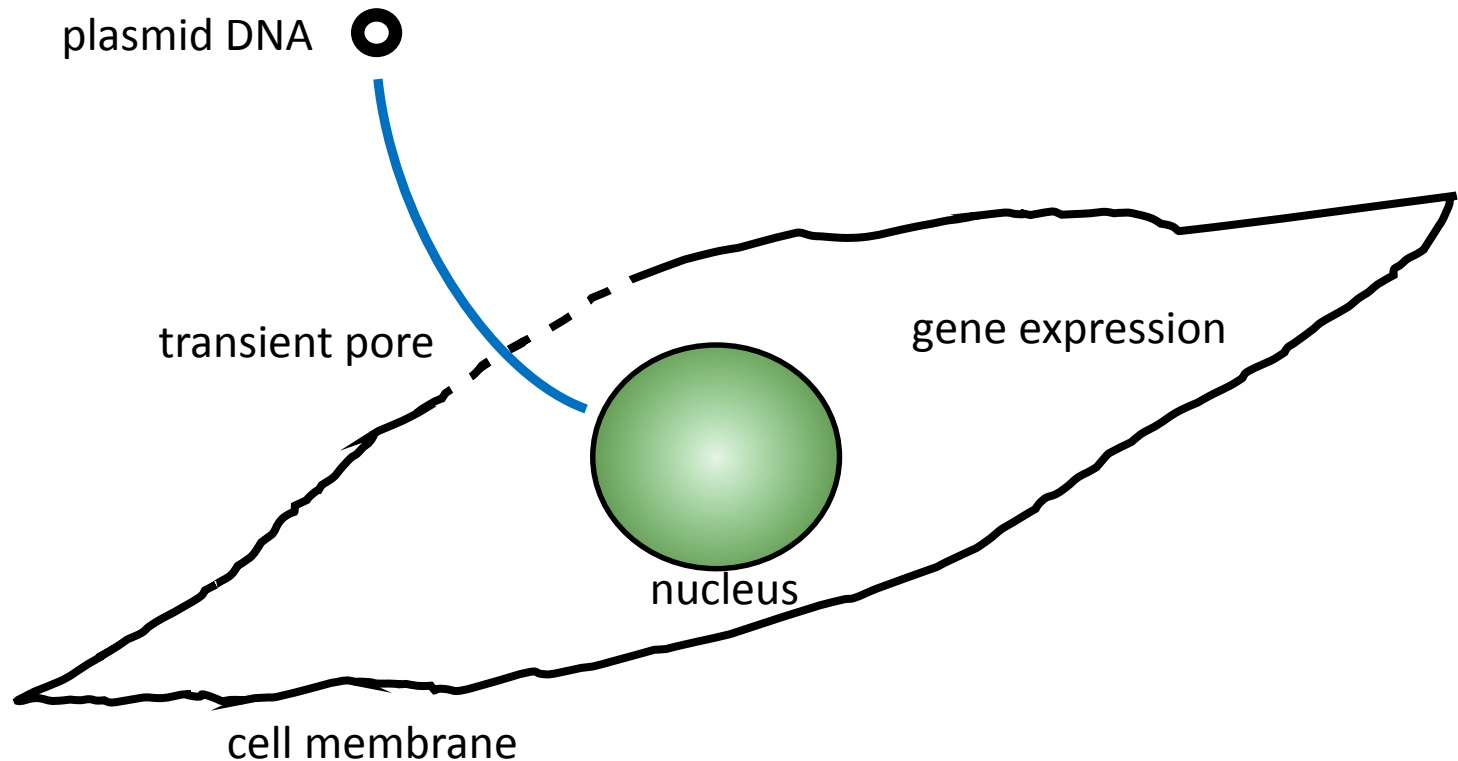
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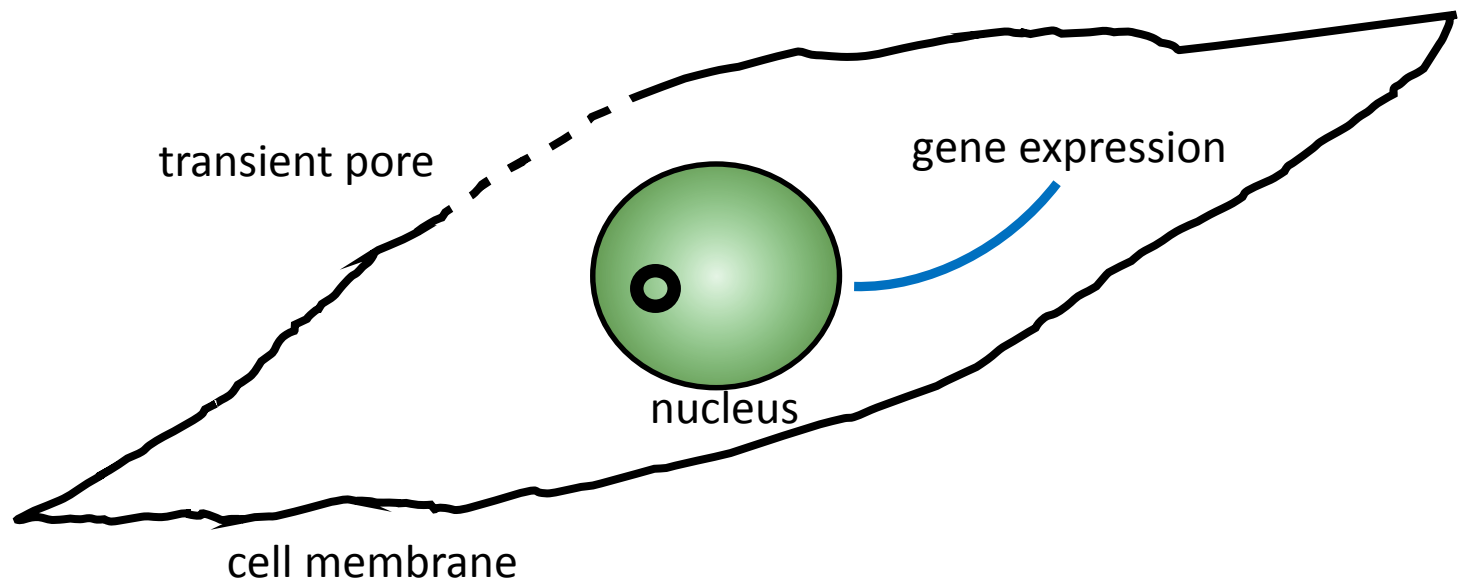
The future: medicine based on our genes



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Requirements for a successful transfection platform

	Toxicity	Efficiency	Throughput
Goal	VL	H	H

Viral transfection is most popular, but comes with immunological risks

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Viral transfection	M	H	H

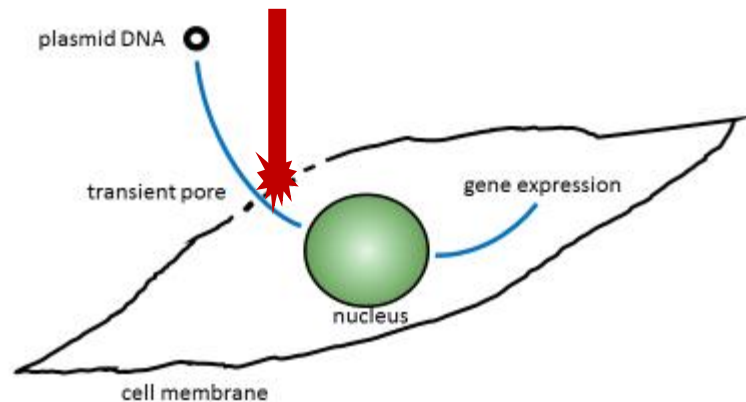
None of the available transfection methods meet all requirements

	Toxicity	Efficiency	Throughput
Goal	VL	H	H
Polymer/Lipid	M	M	H
Electroporation	H	H	H
Naked DNA	VL	L	H
Viral transfection	M	H	H
Optotransfection	L	H	L
Plasmonic NPs	M	H	H

Synthetic DNA delivery systems *D. Luo et al. Nature Biotechnology (2000)*

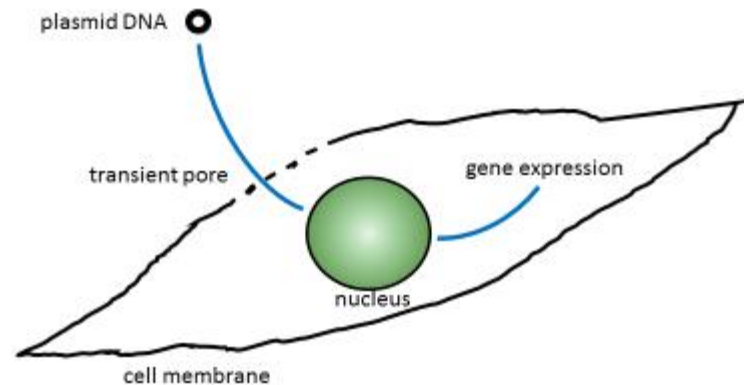
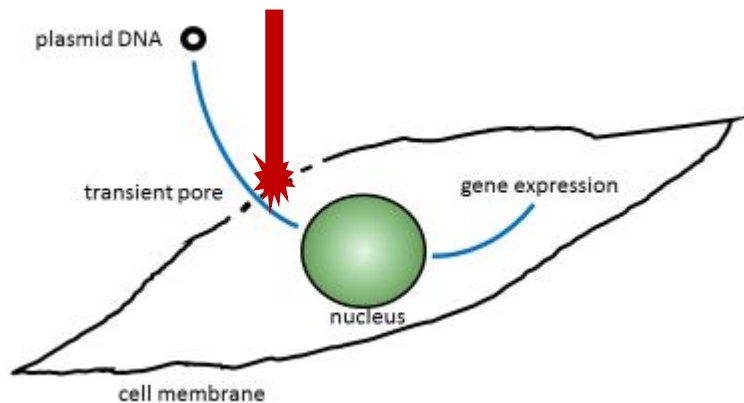
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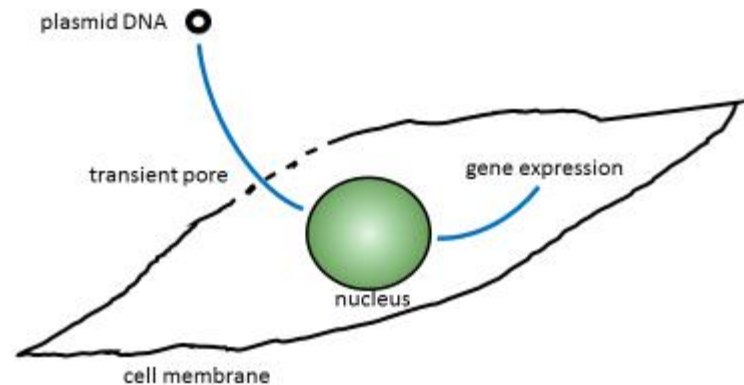
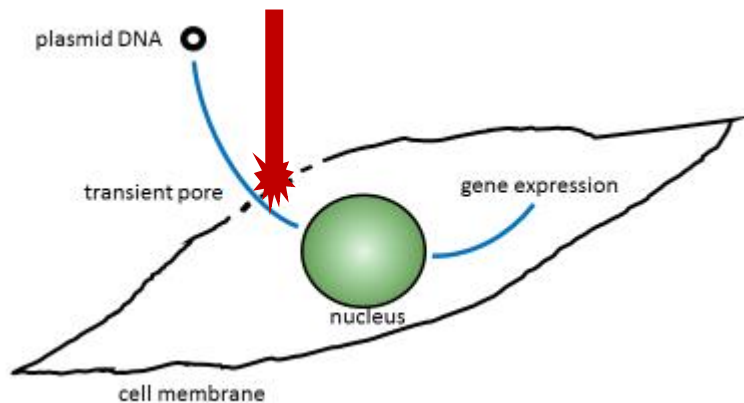
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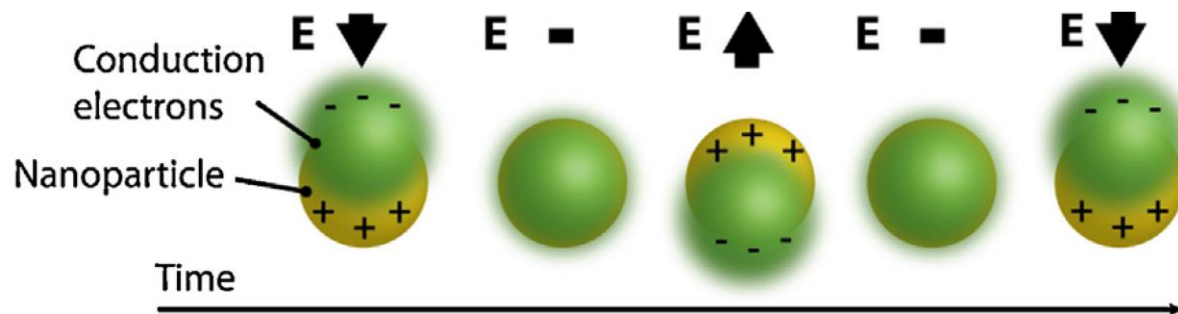
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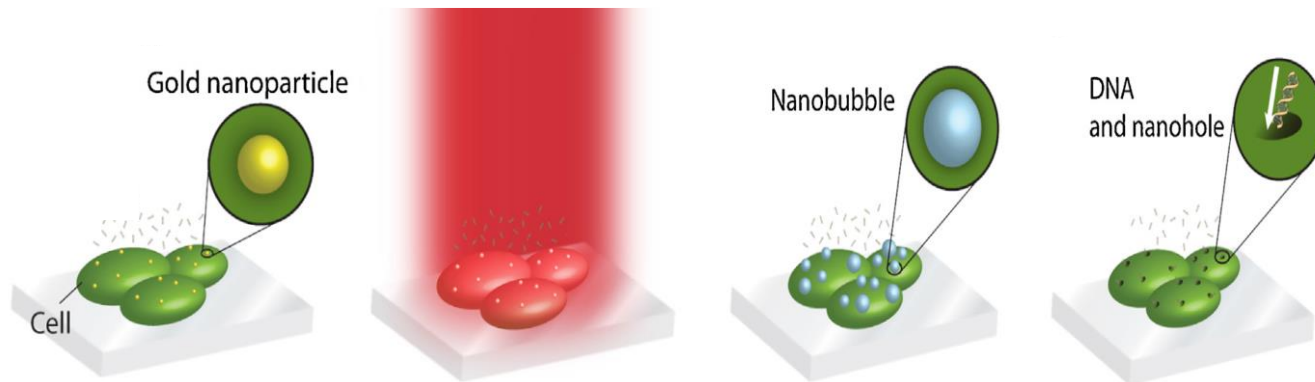
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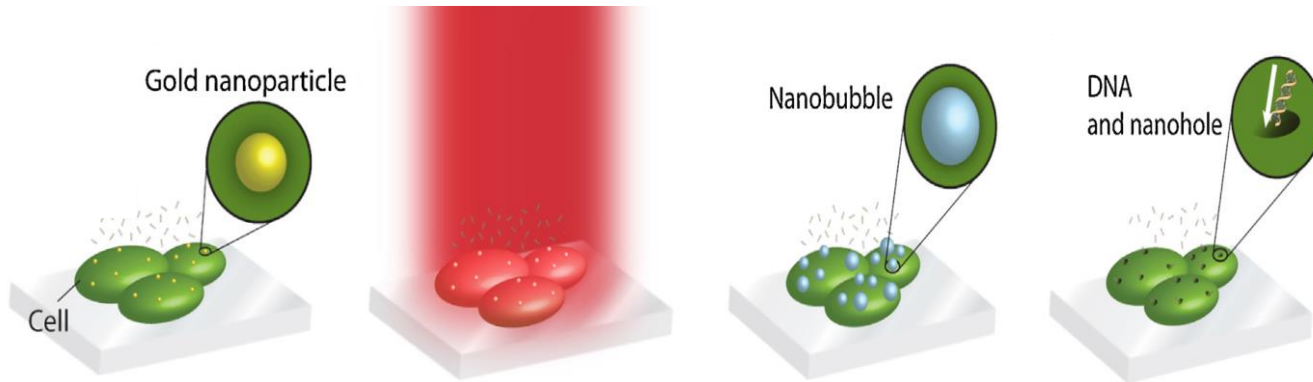
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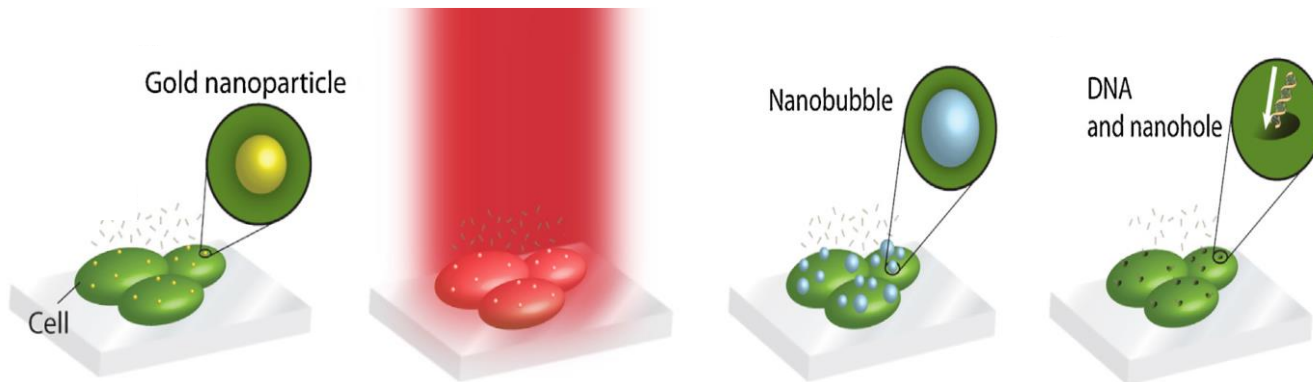
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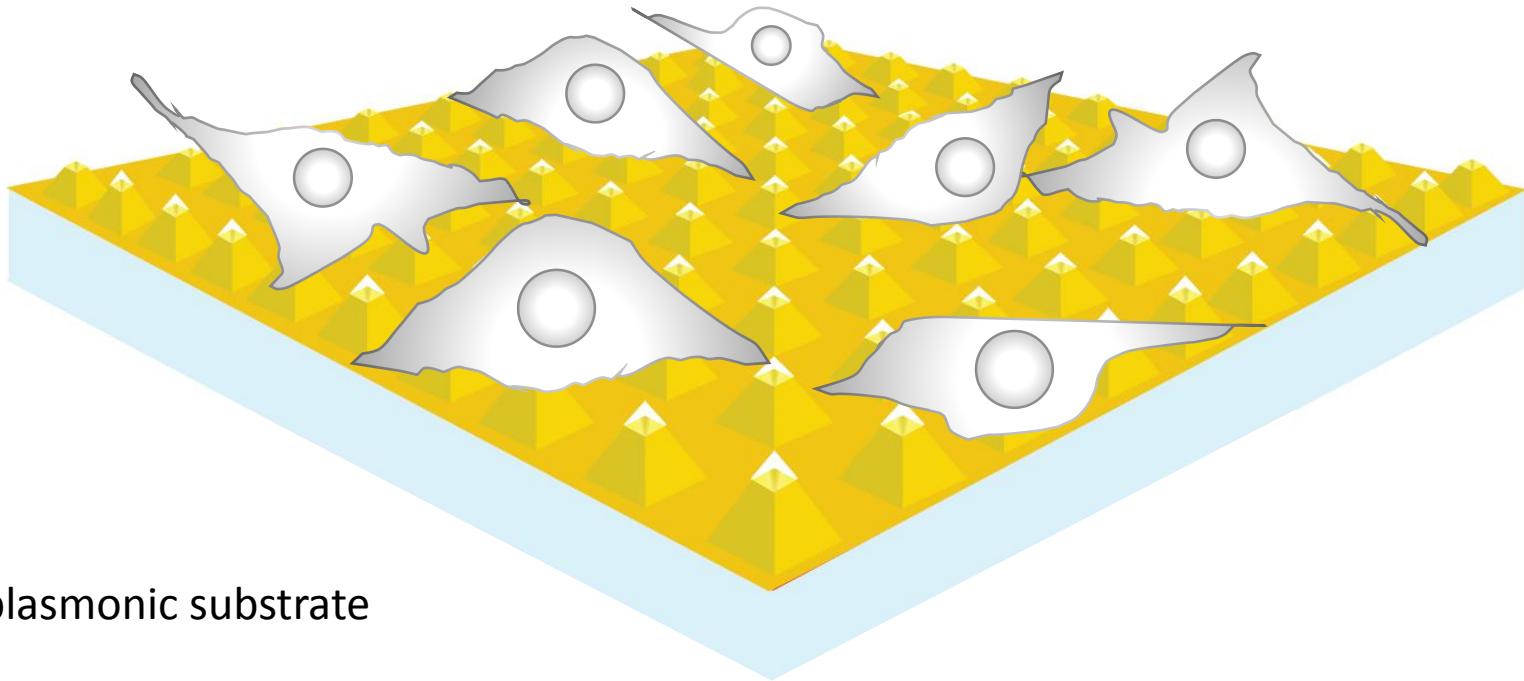
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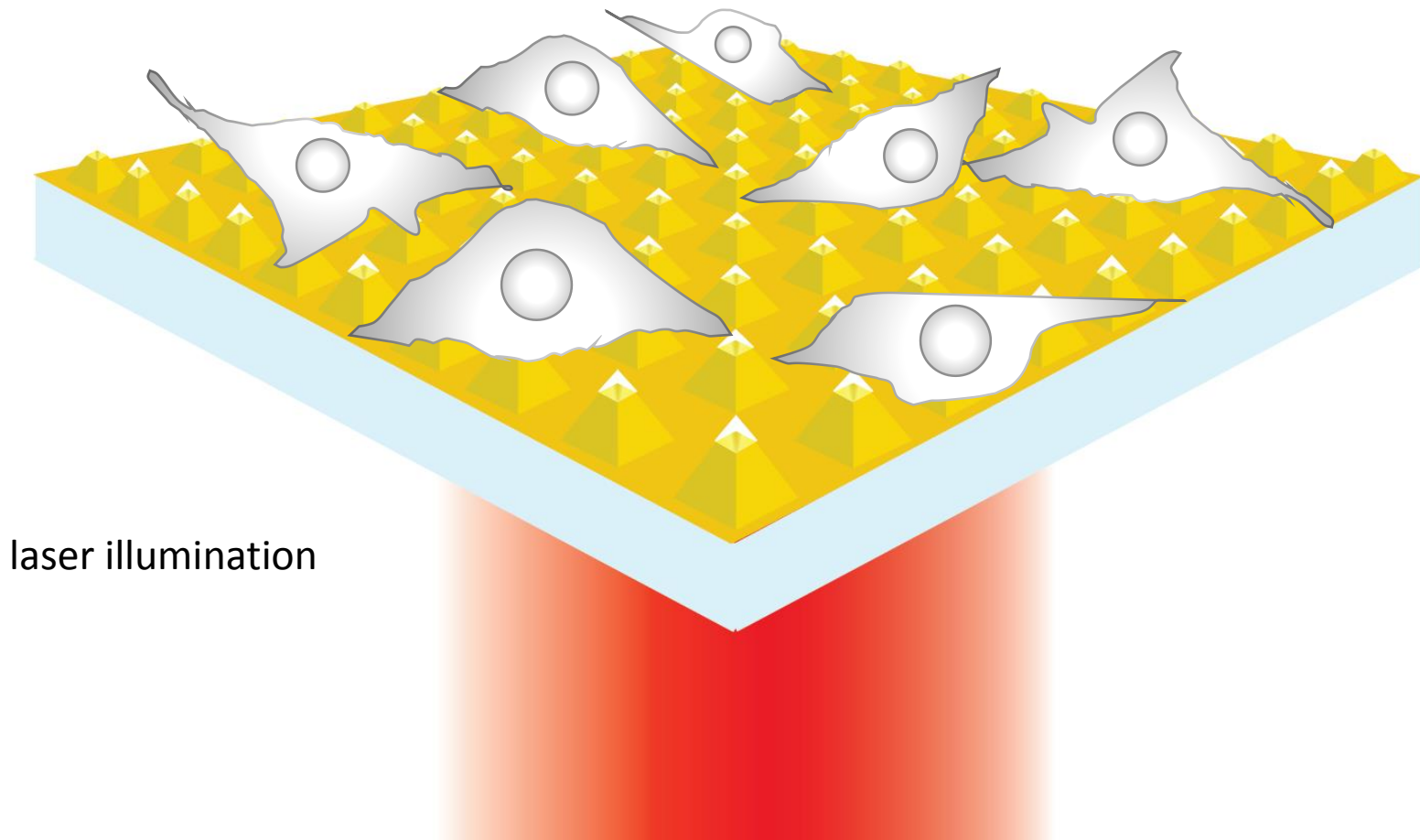


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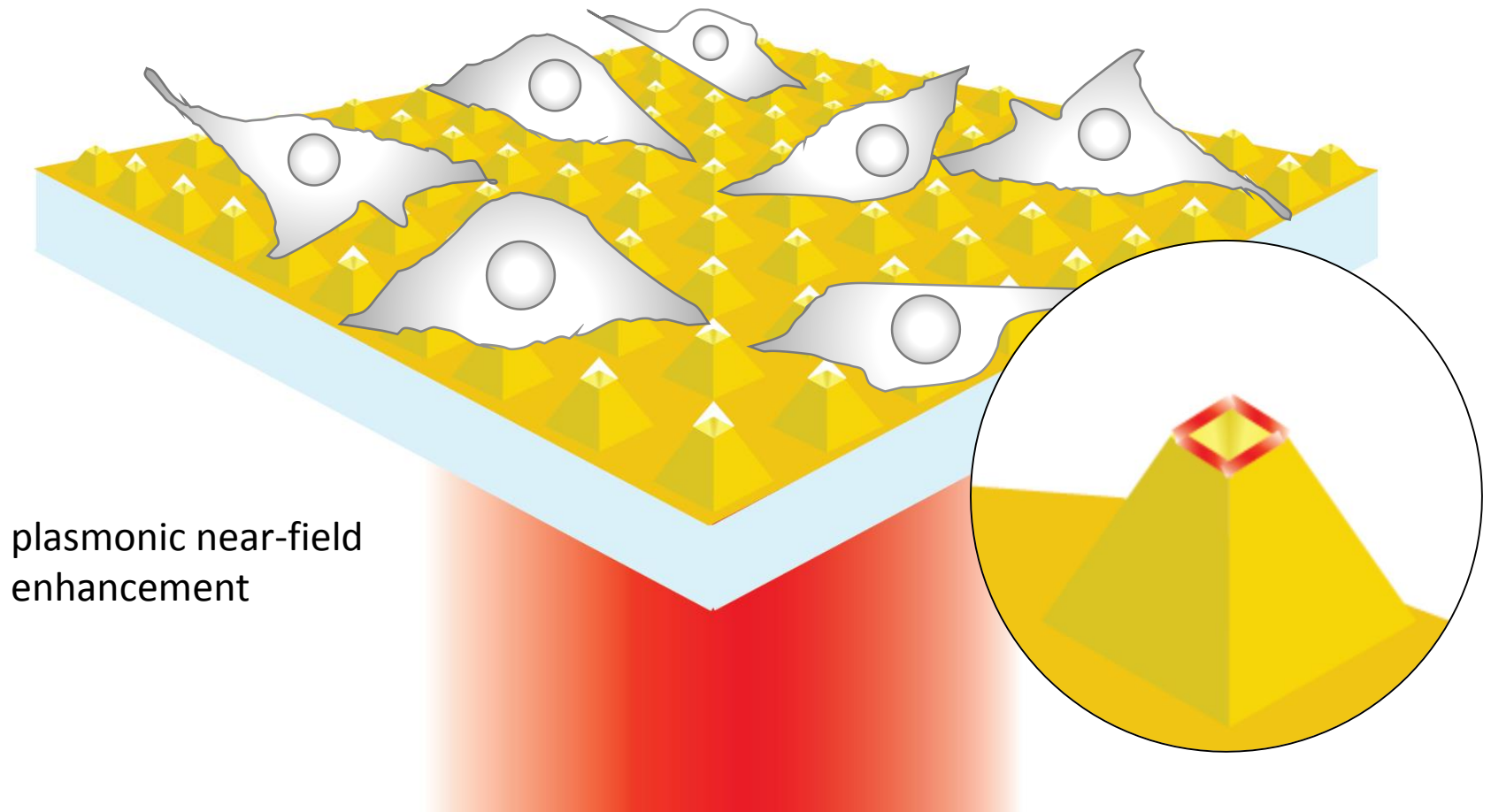


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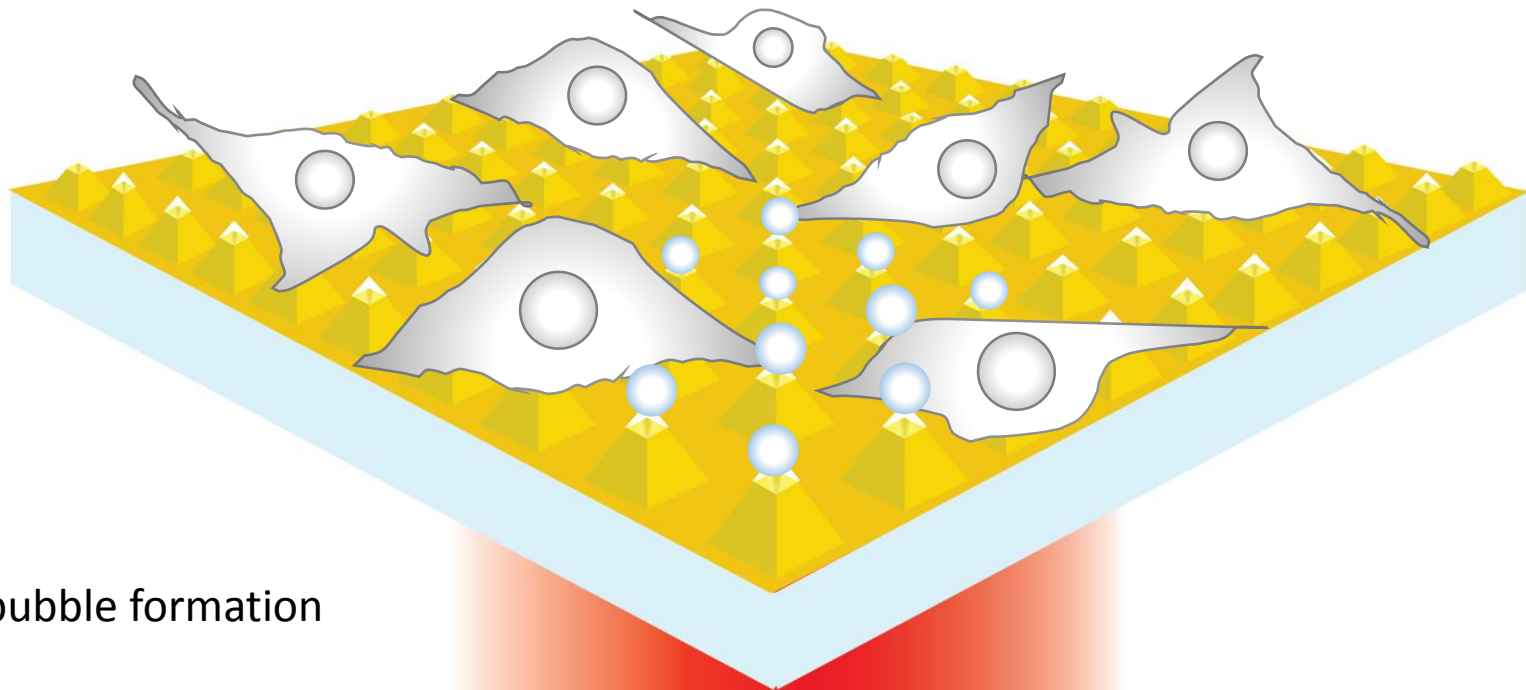
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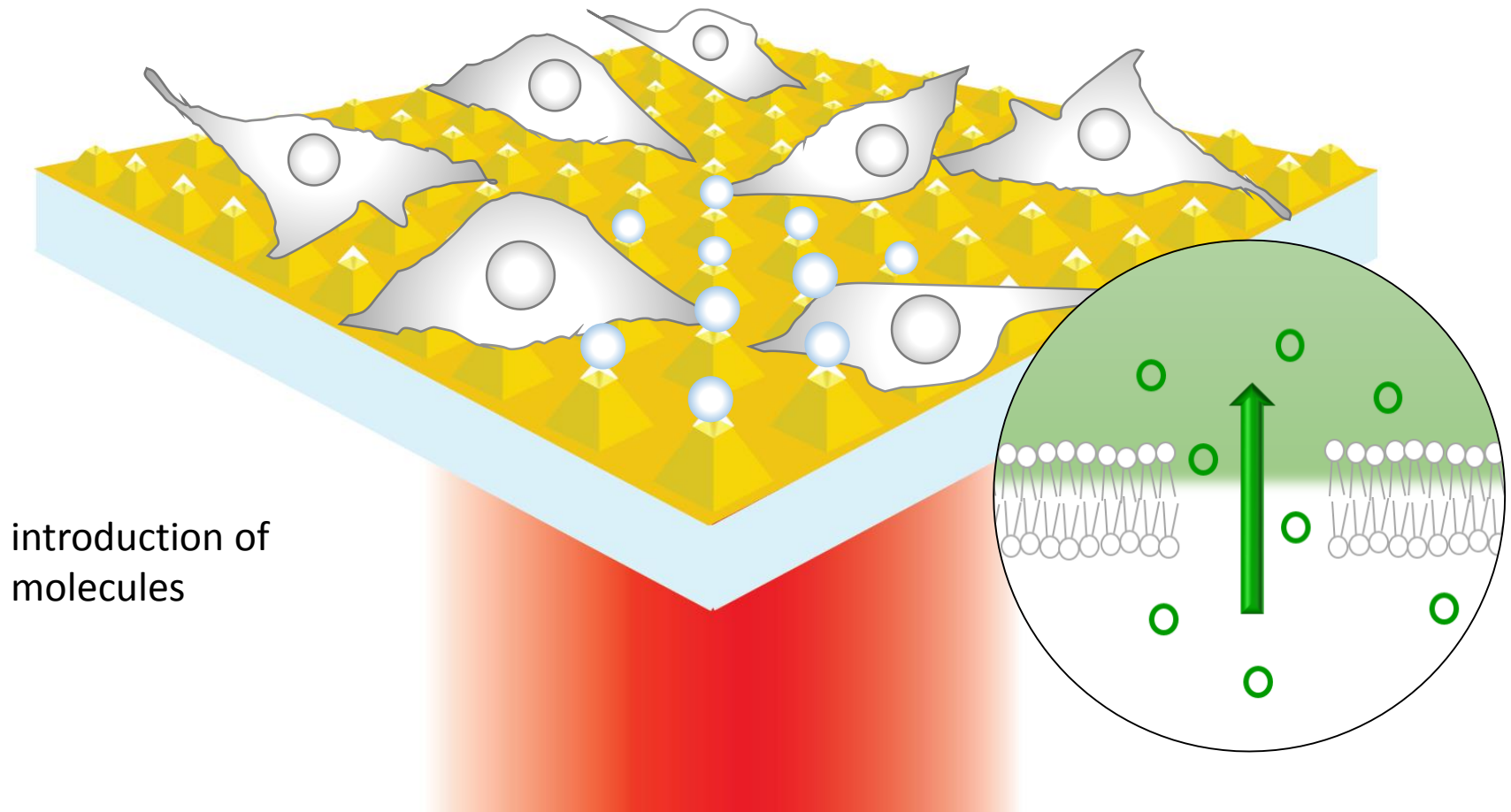


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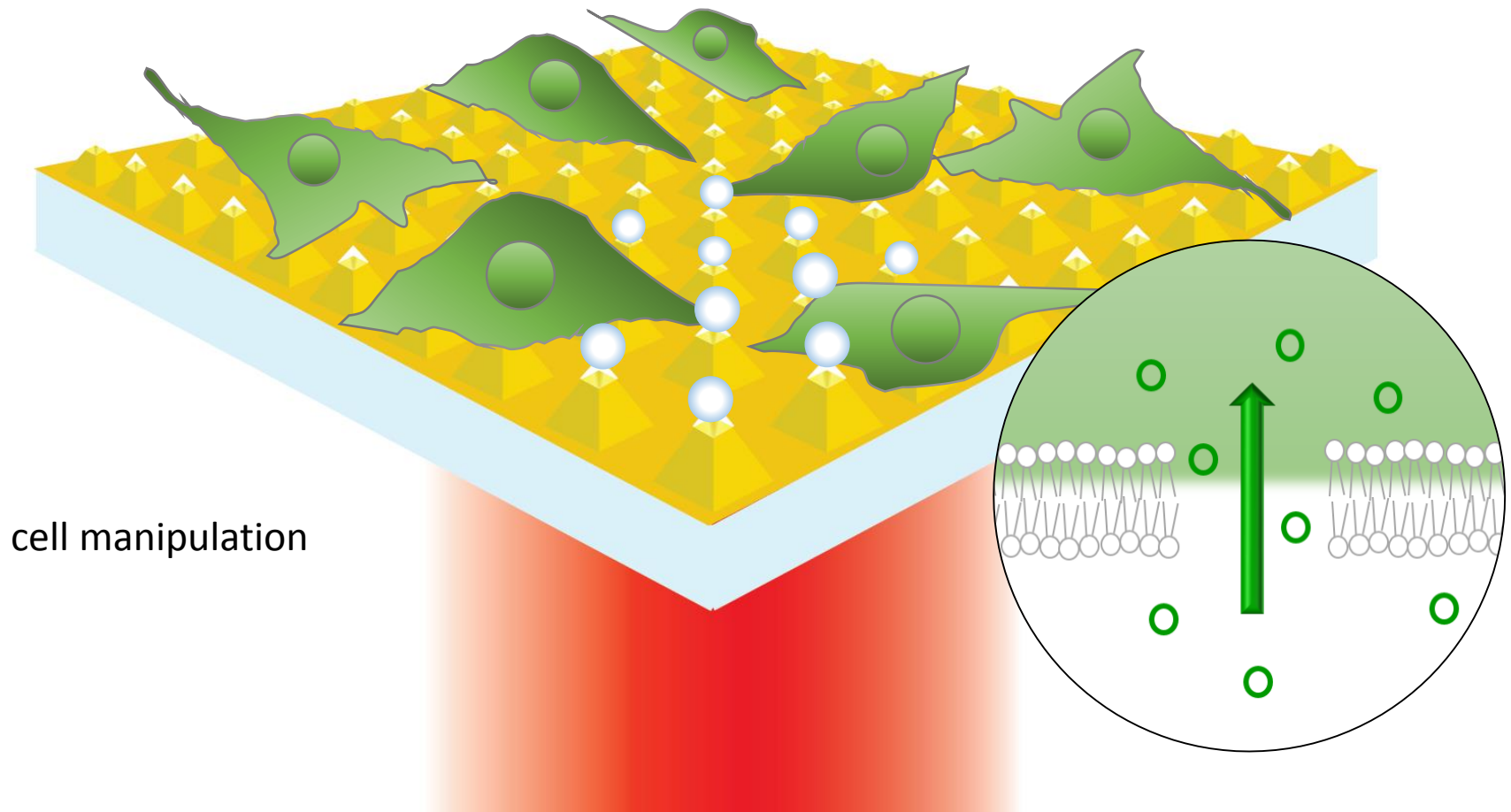


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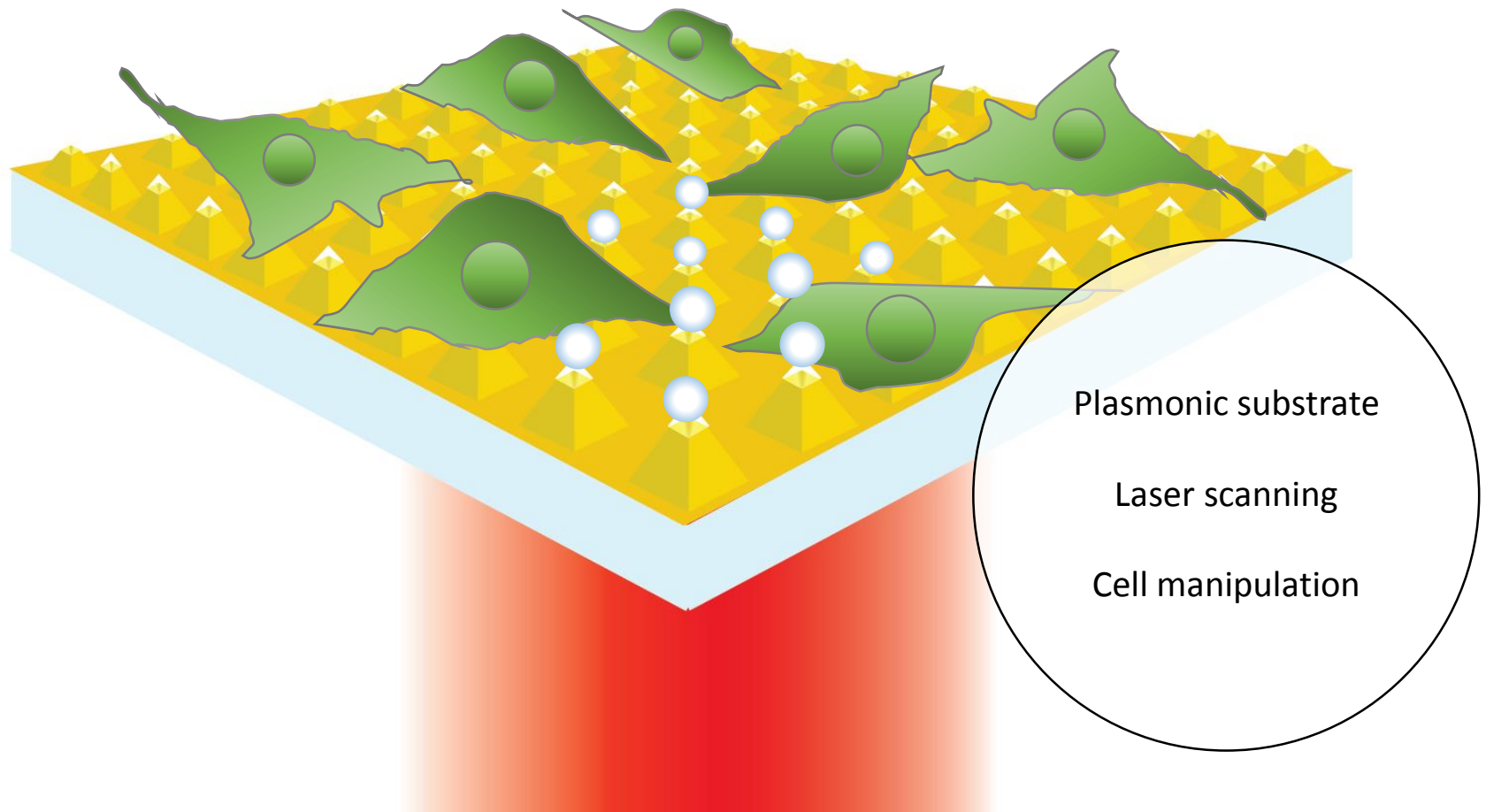
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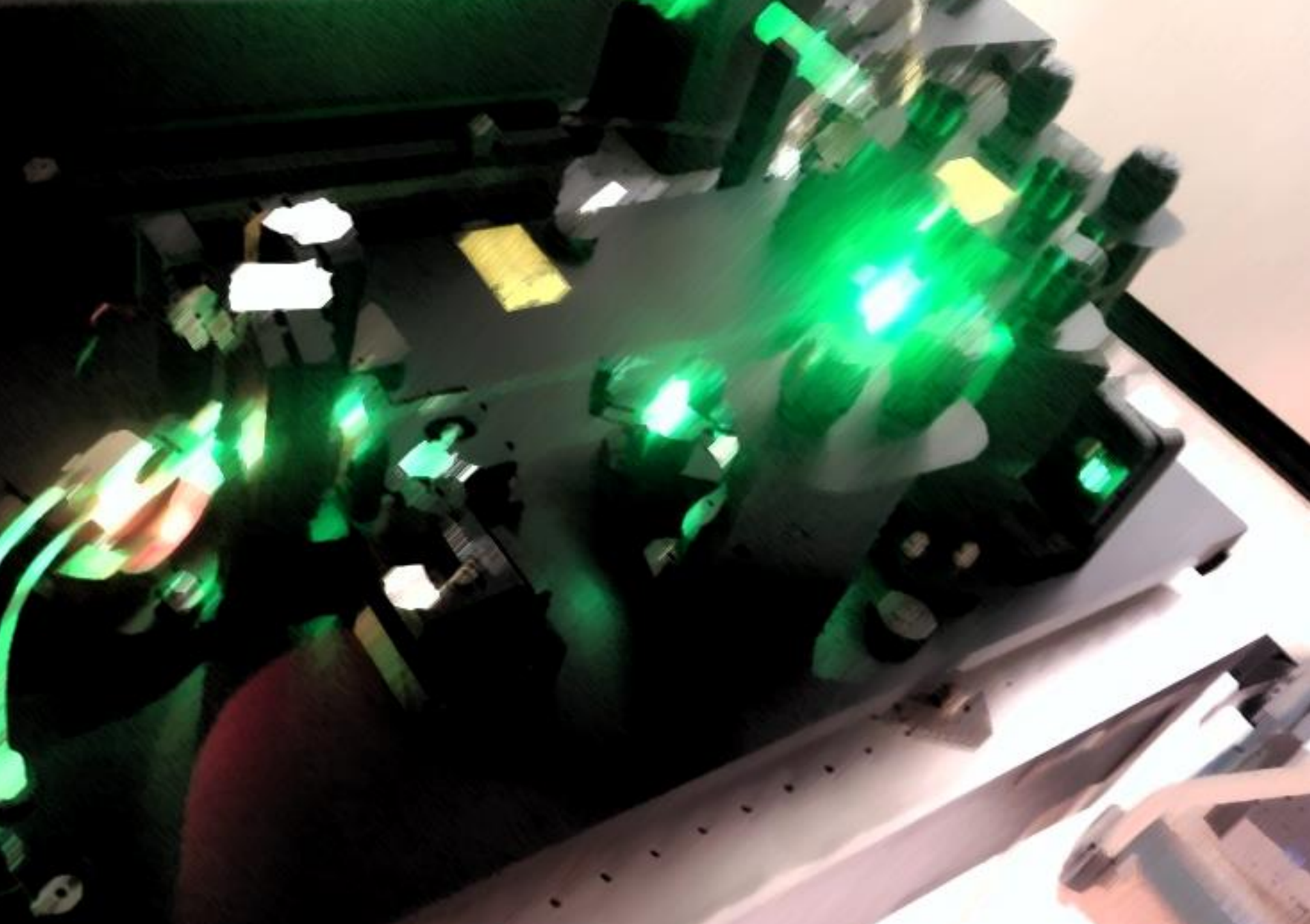


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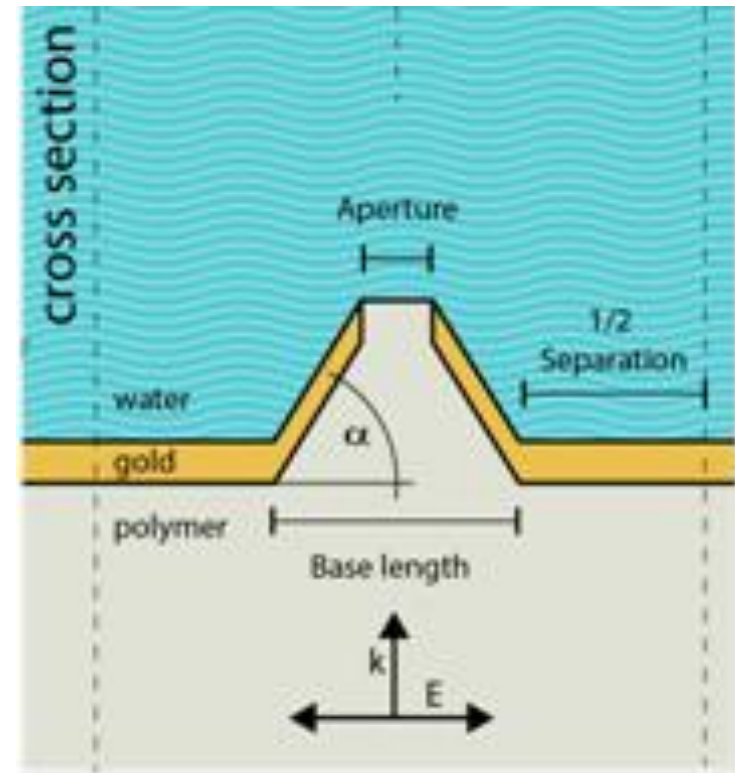
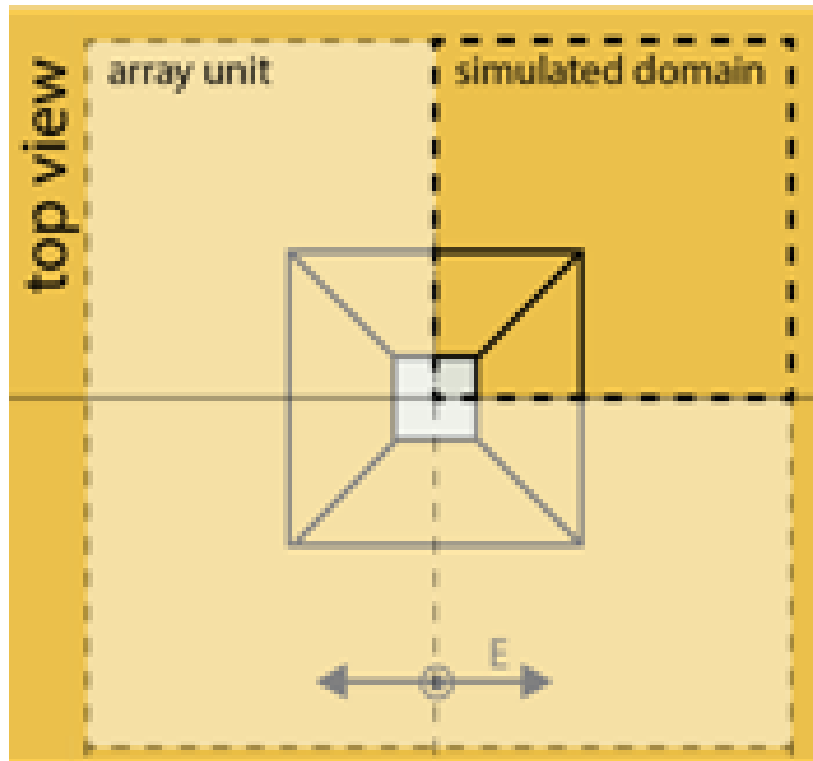


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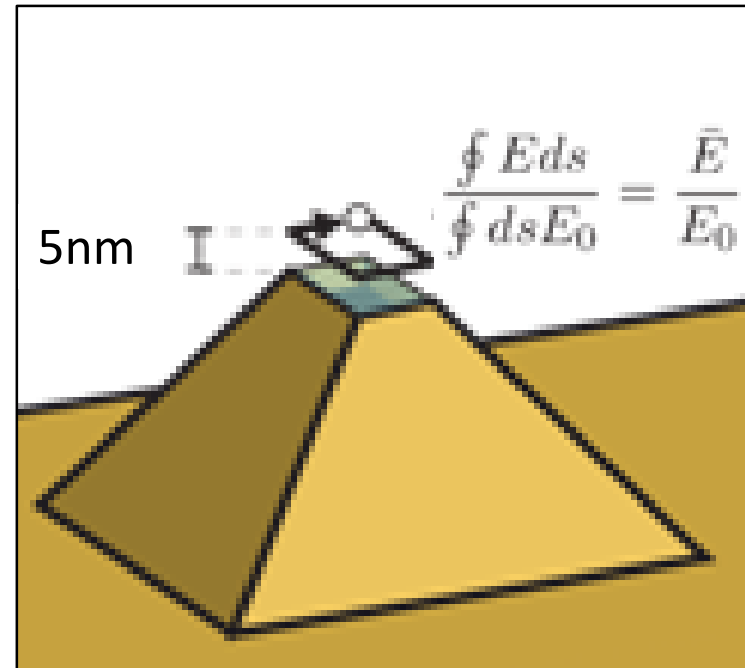
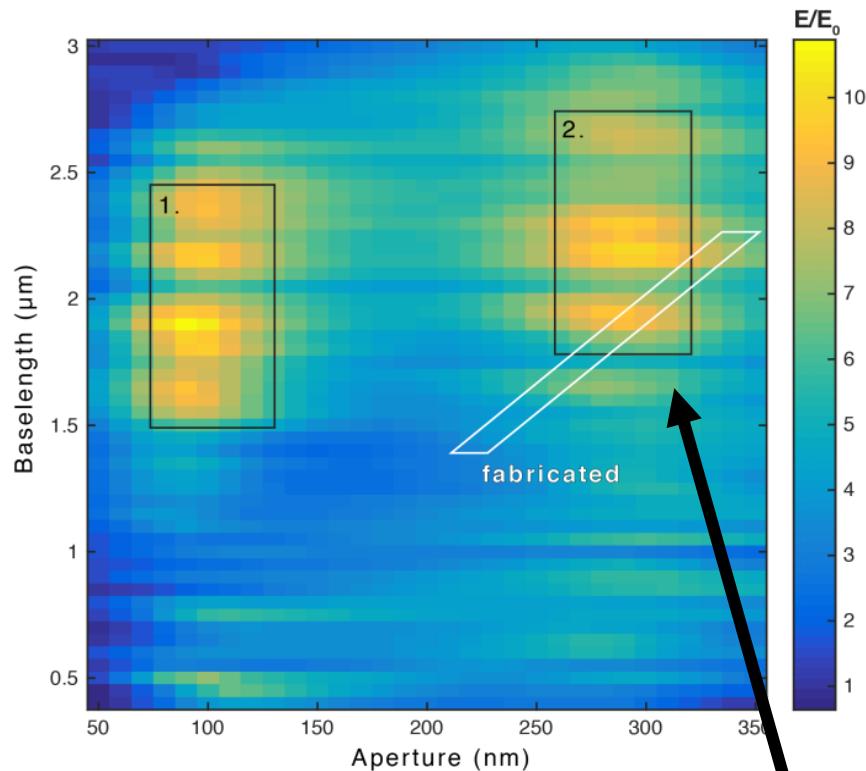




Our micropylramids have nano-apertures on top



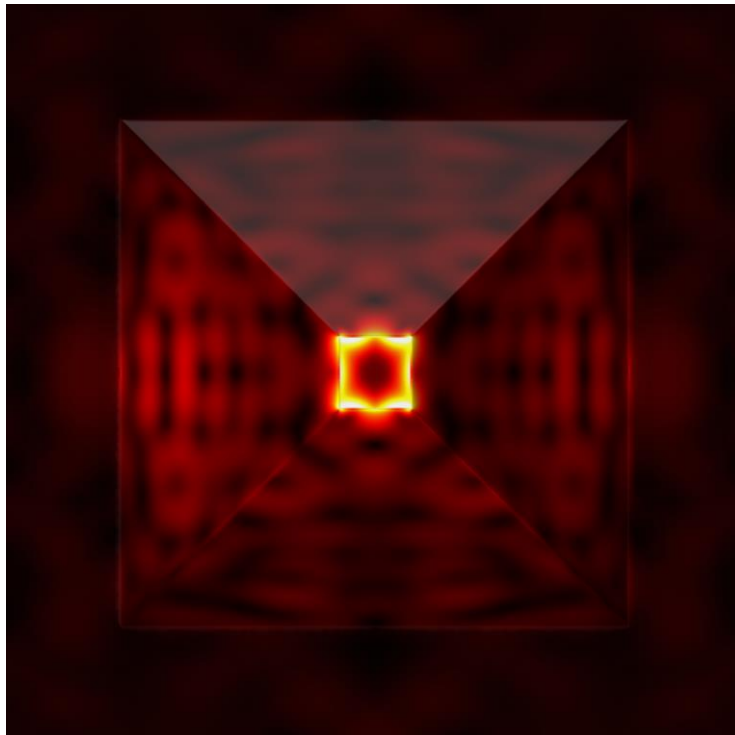
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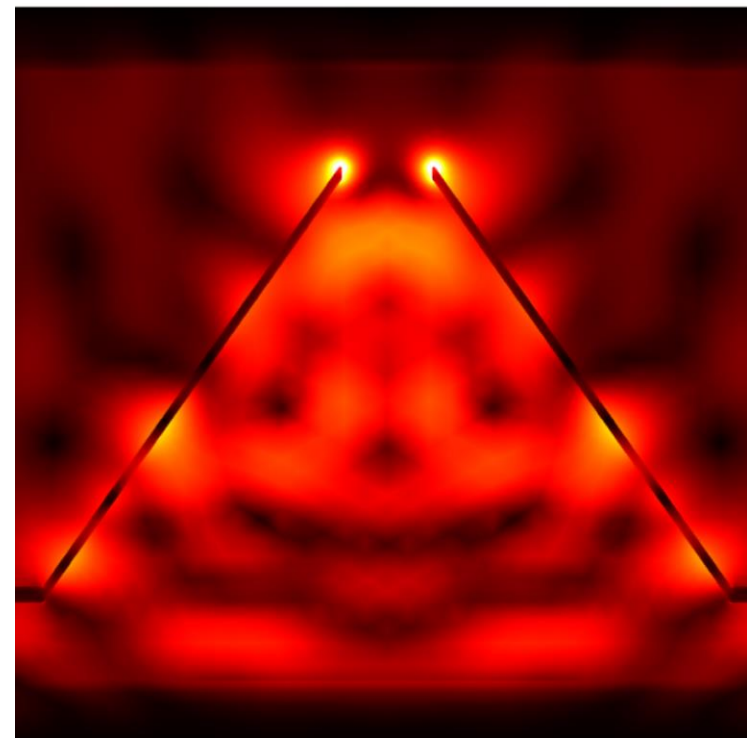
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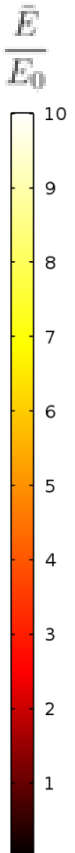


Baselength: 2200nm
Seperation: 1000nm

Cross section



Aperture: 290nm
Gold Thickness: 50nm



Pyramids fabricated at Harvard Center for Nanoscale Science

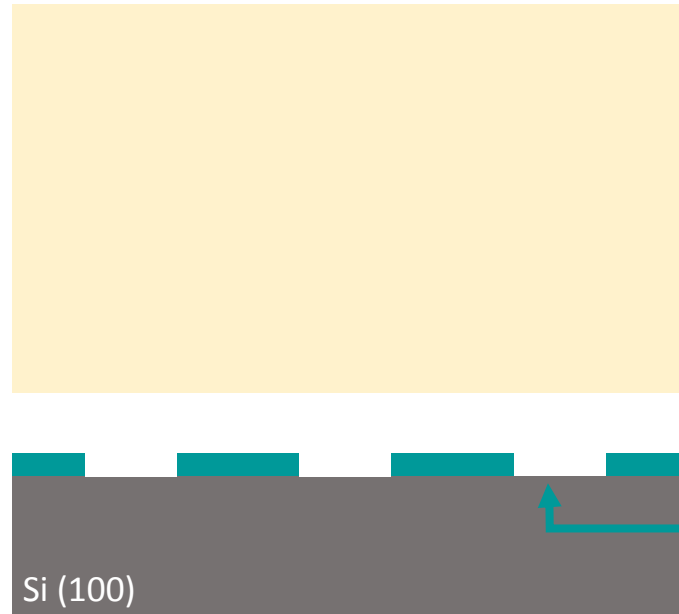


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Photolithography



Negative squares of
Cr thin films

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KOH
Anisotropic etching



Inverted
pyramids

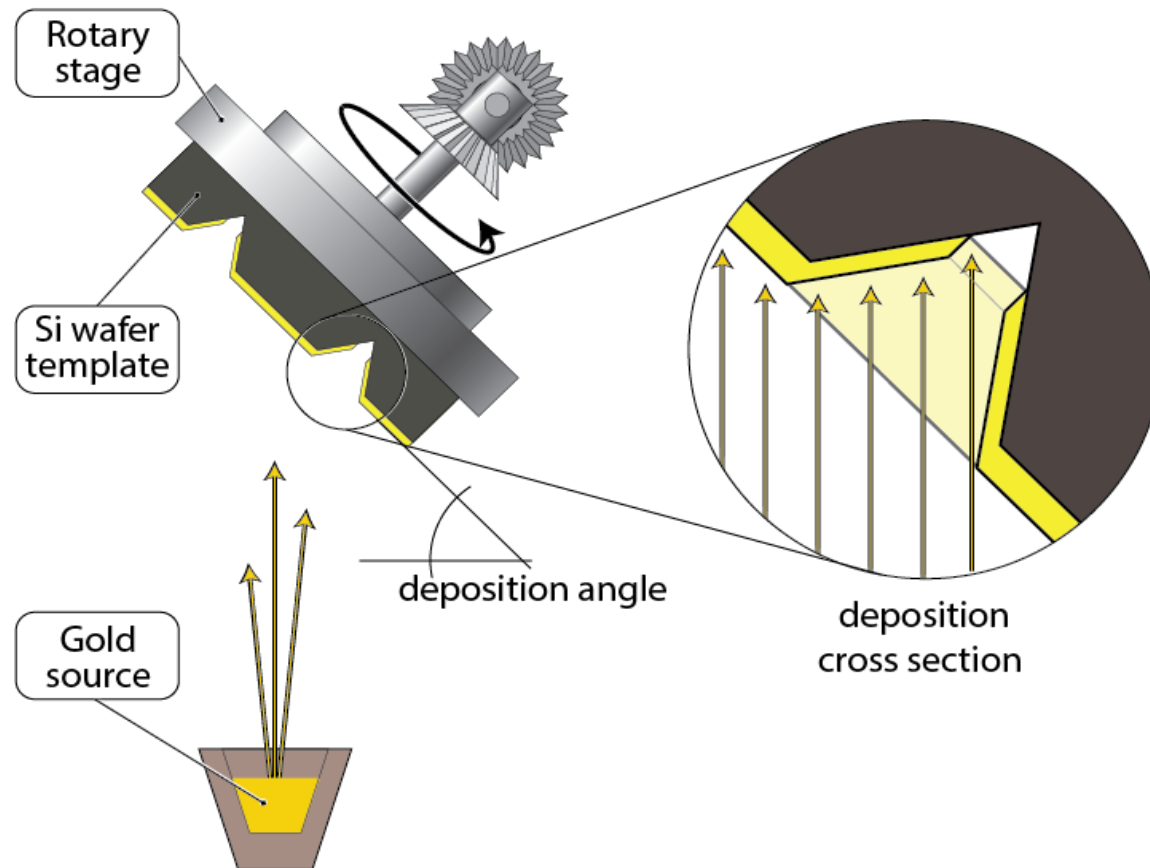
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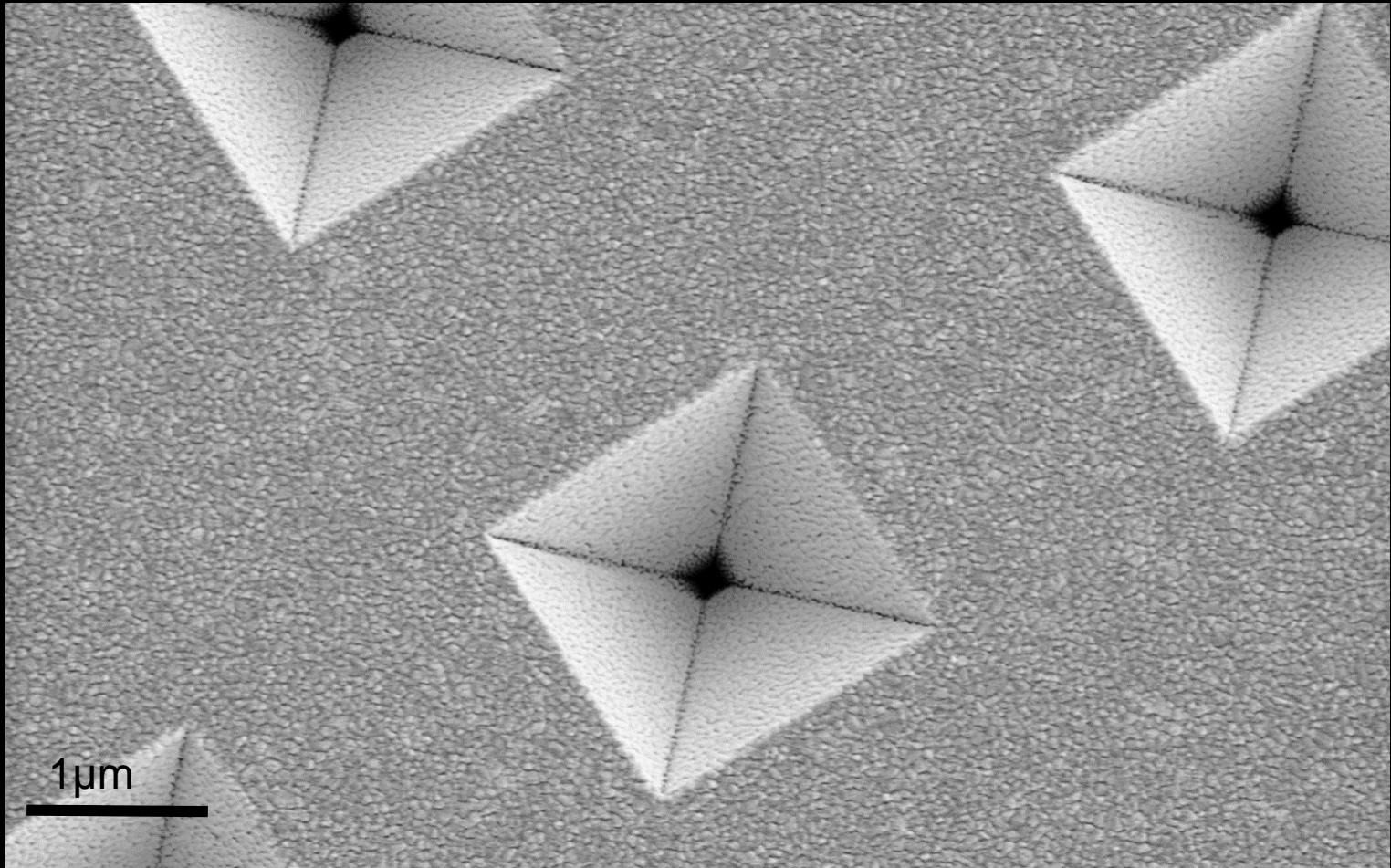


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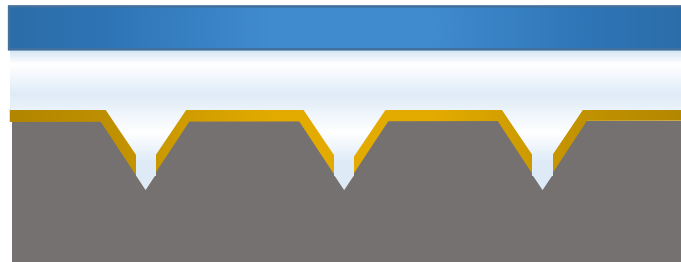


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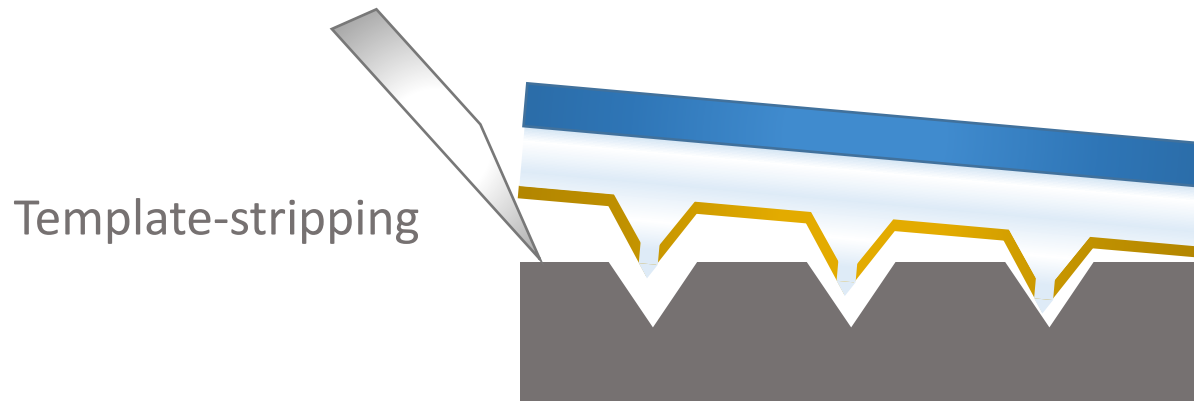


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Glass coverslip
UV-cured glue

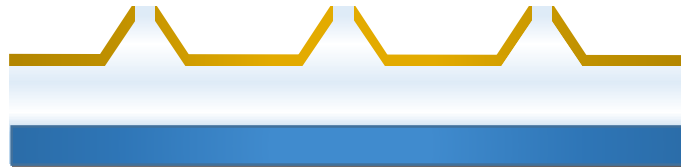


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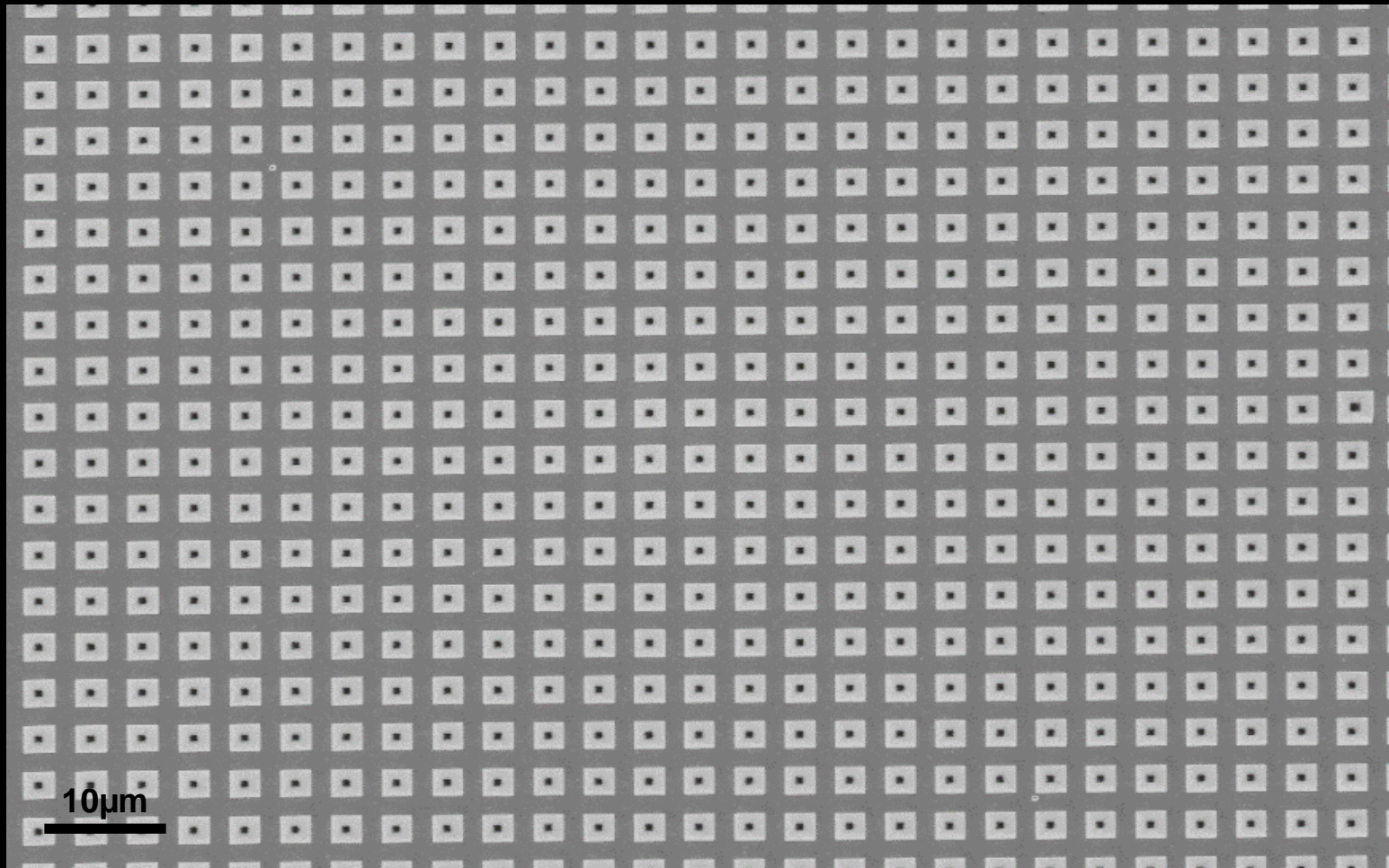


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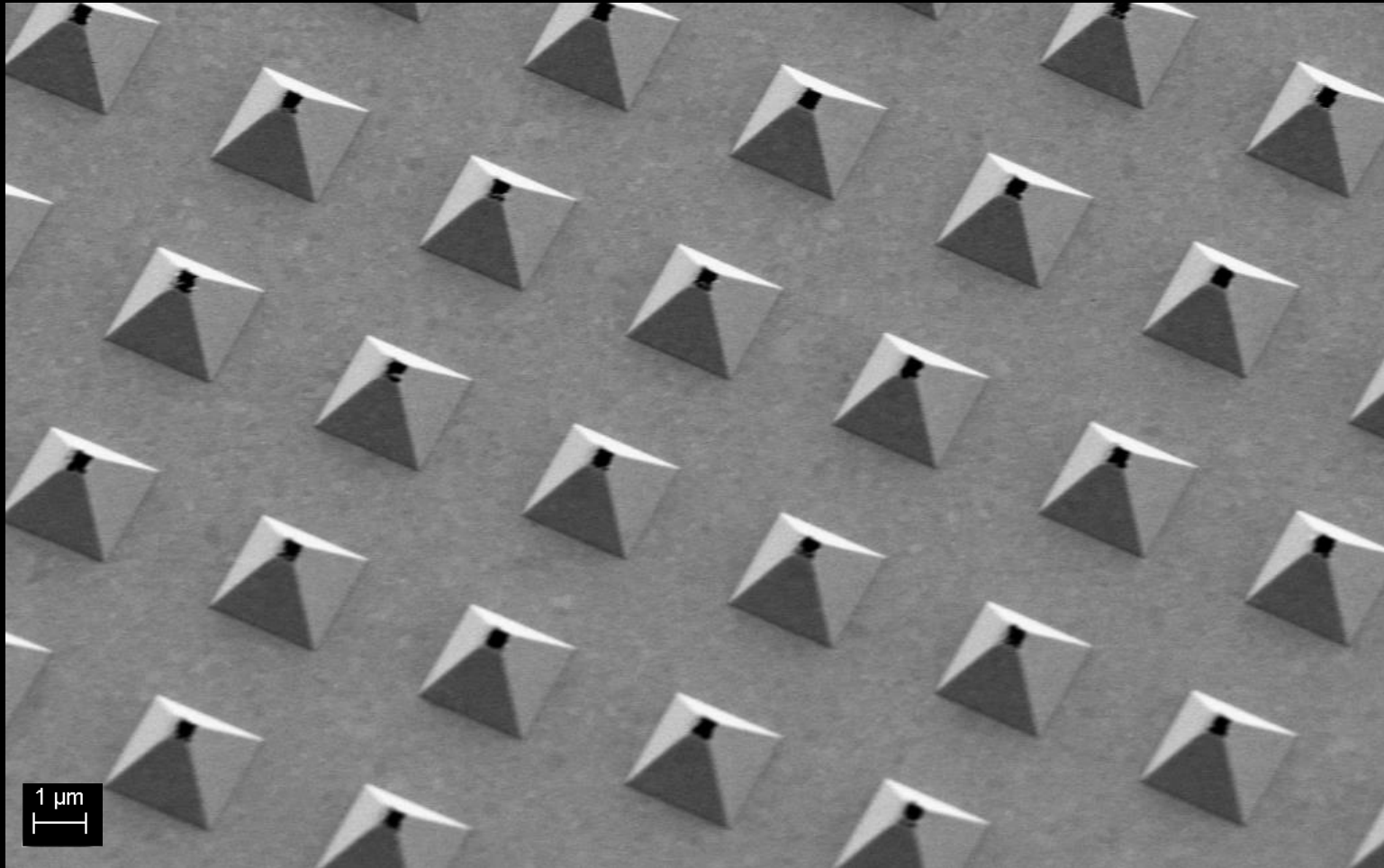
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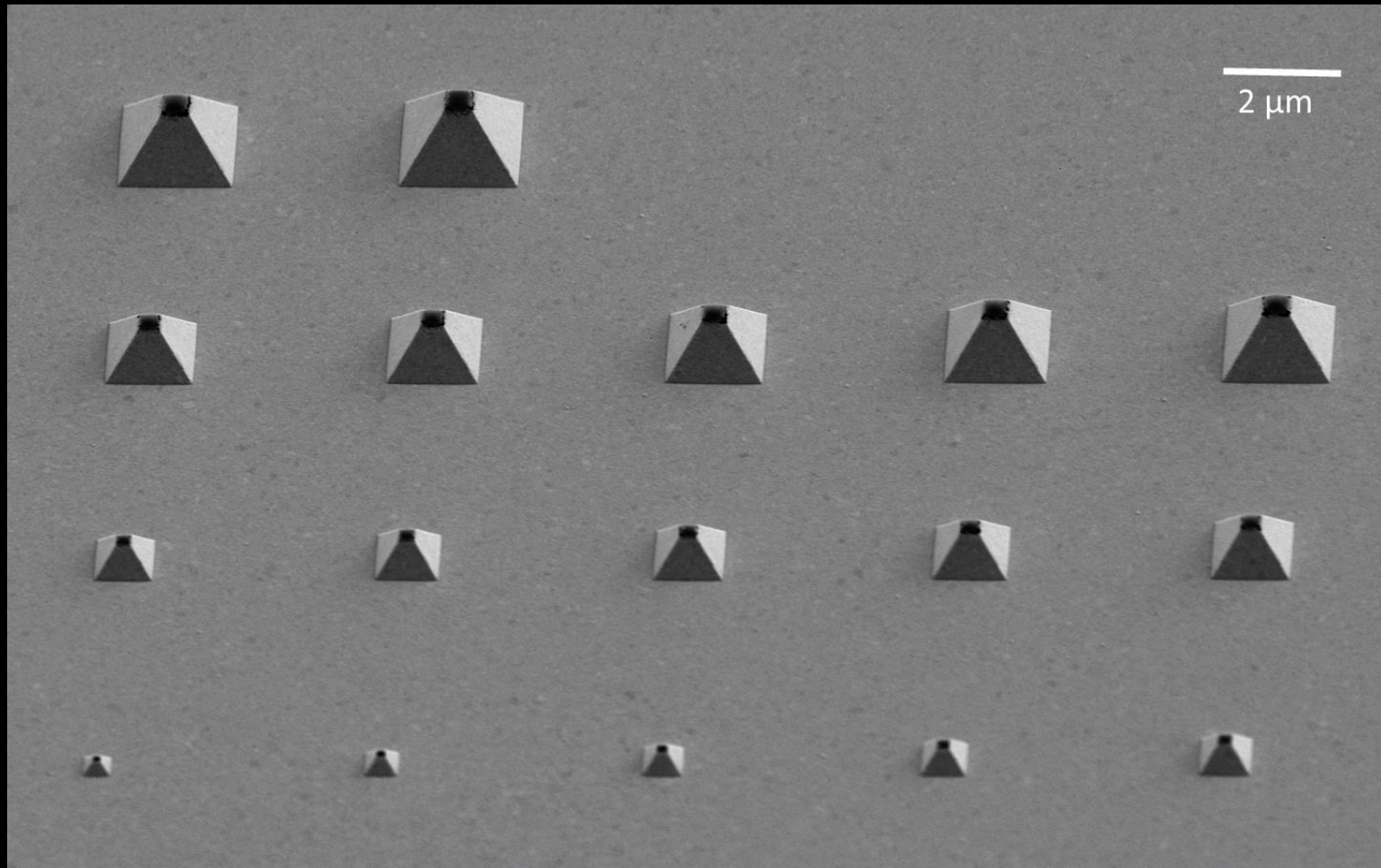
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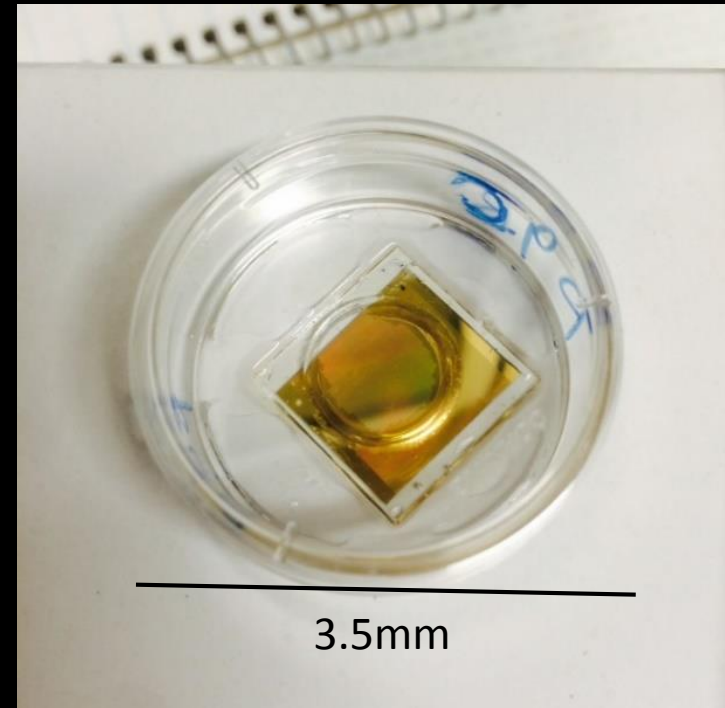
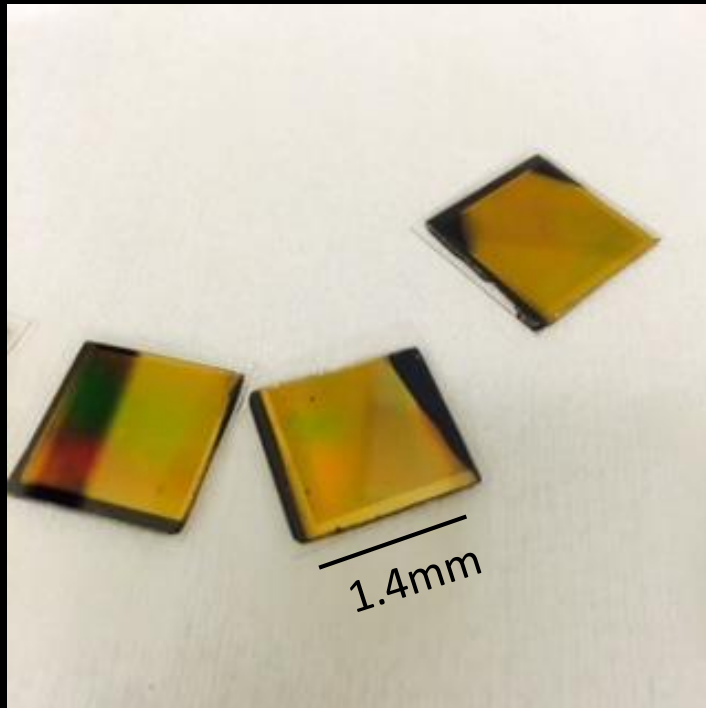
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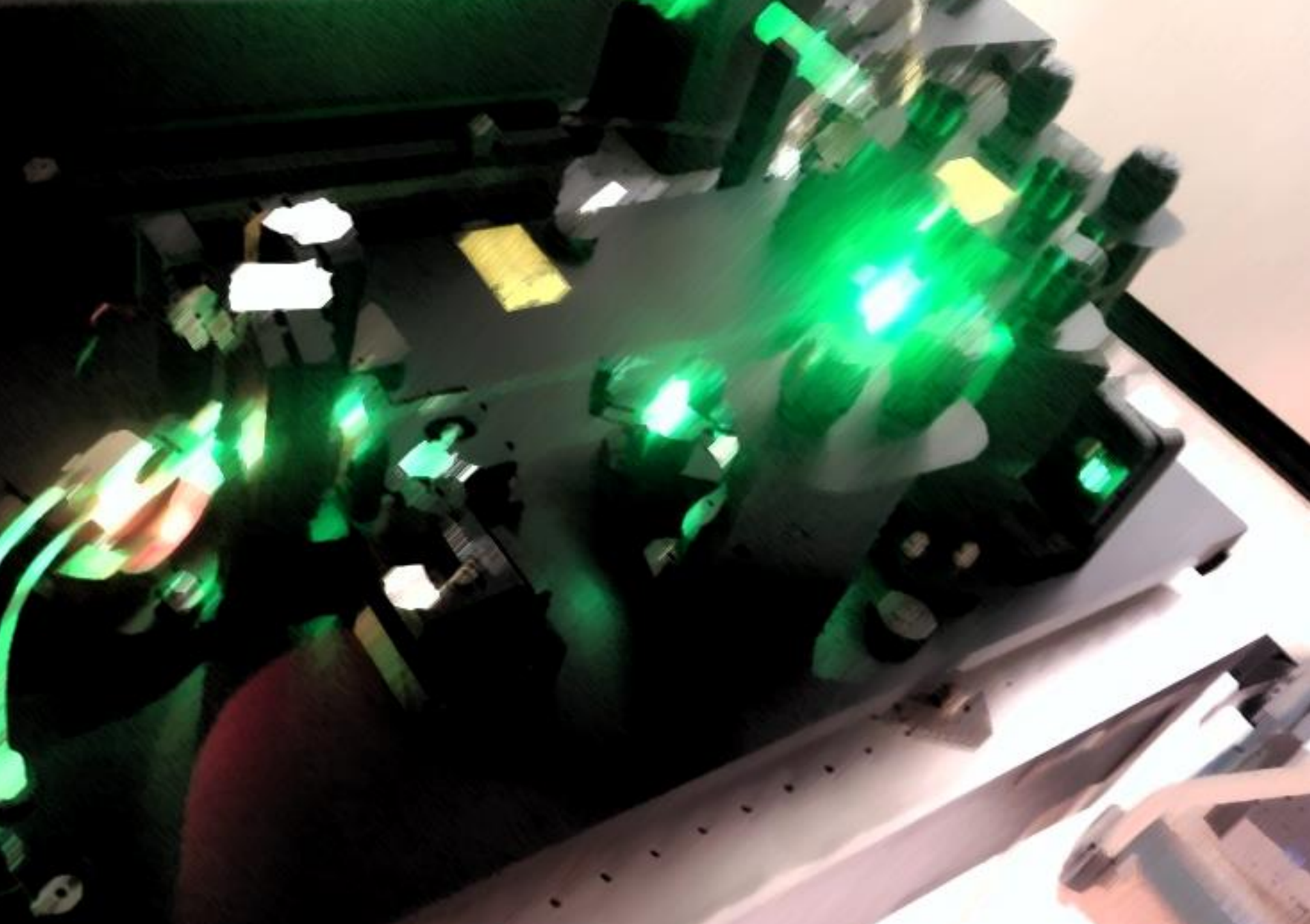


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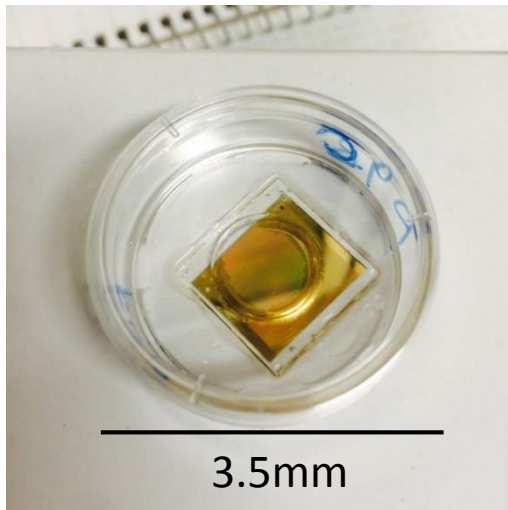


Samples are ready for cell experiments





Experiments have three components



Cell culture



Laser scanning

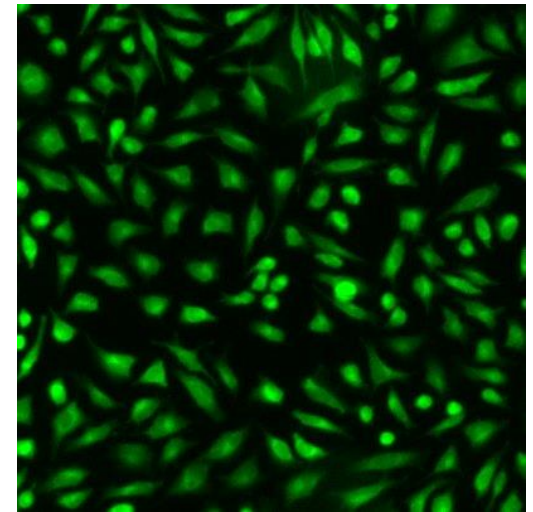
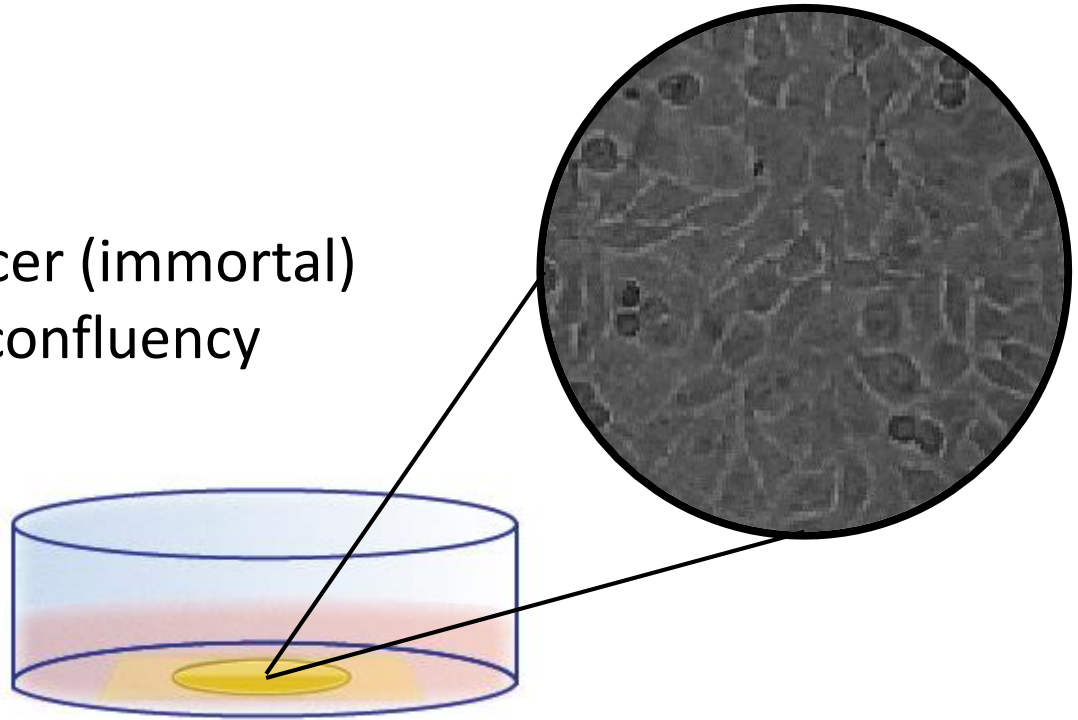


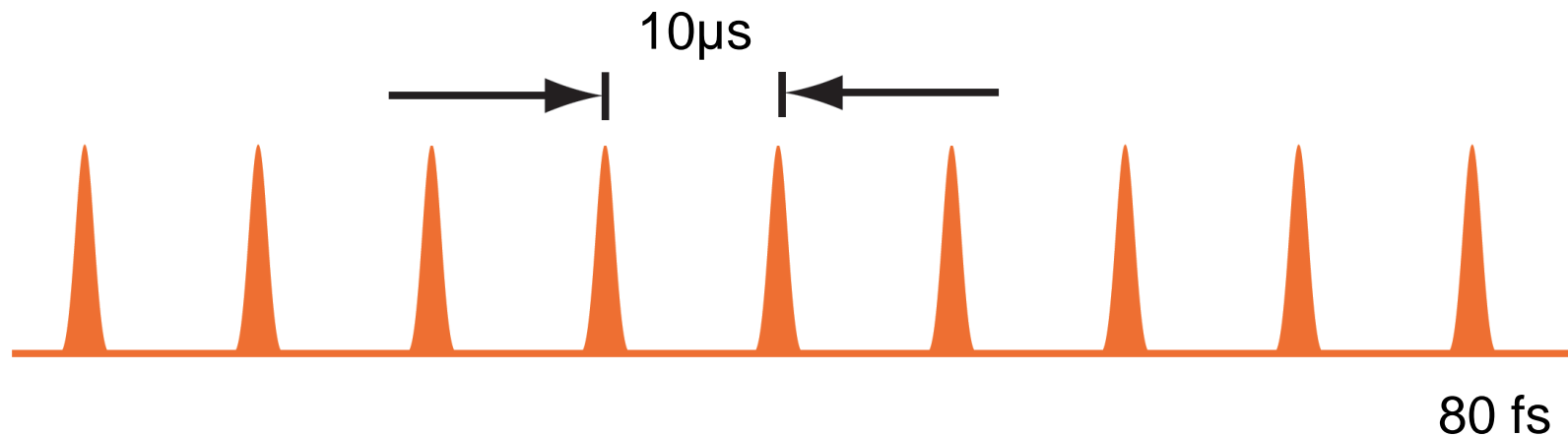
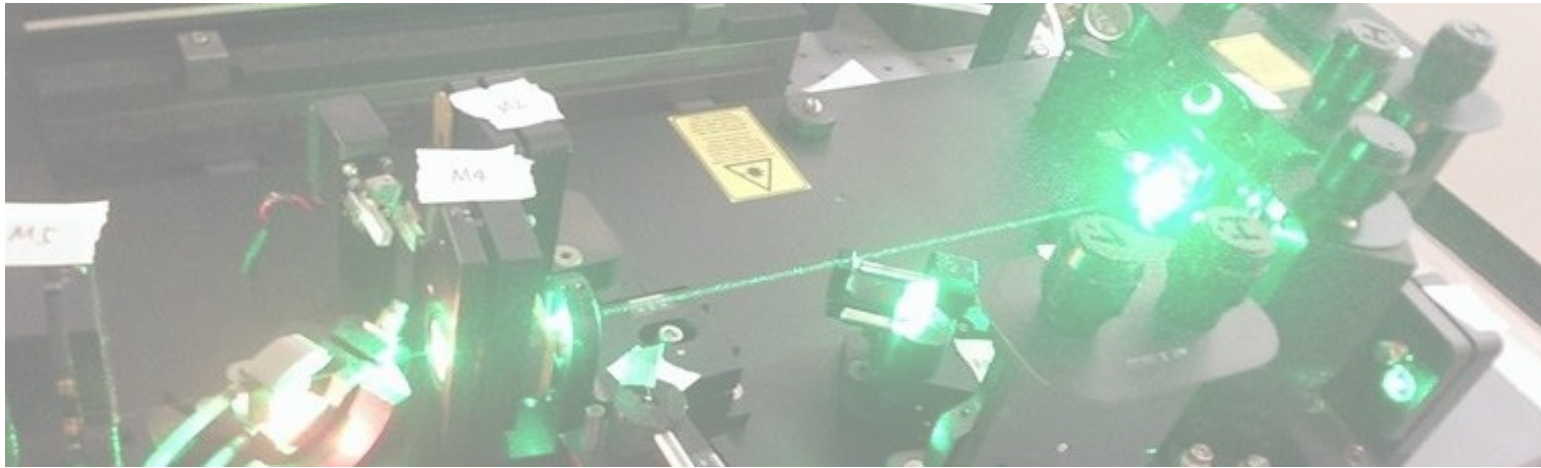
Image analysis

Cell culture on plasmonic substrates

cell line: HeLa
type: cervical cancer (immortal)
passaged at 80% confluency



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pulse duration: 80 fs

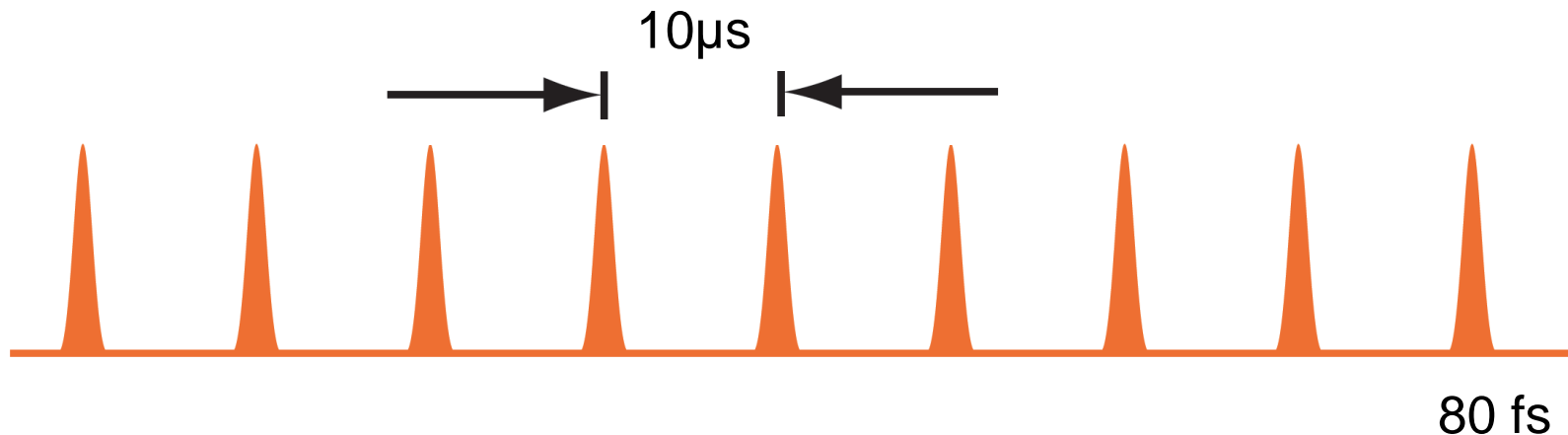
repetition rate: 100 kHz

average power: 300 mW

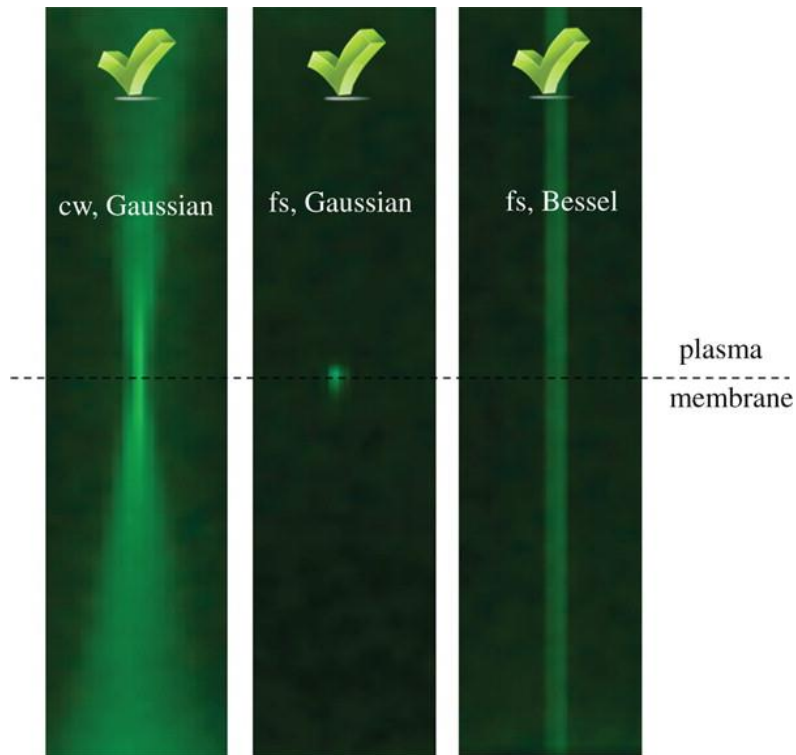
peak power: 10^6 W

energy per pulse: $3\mu\text{J}$

wavelength: 800 nm

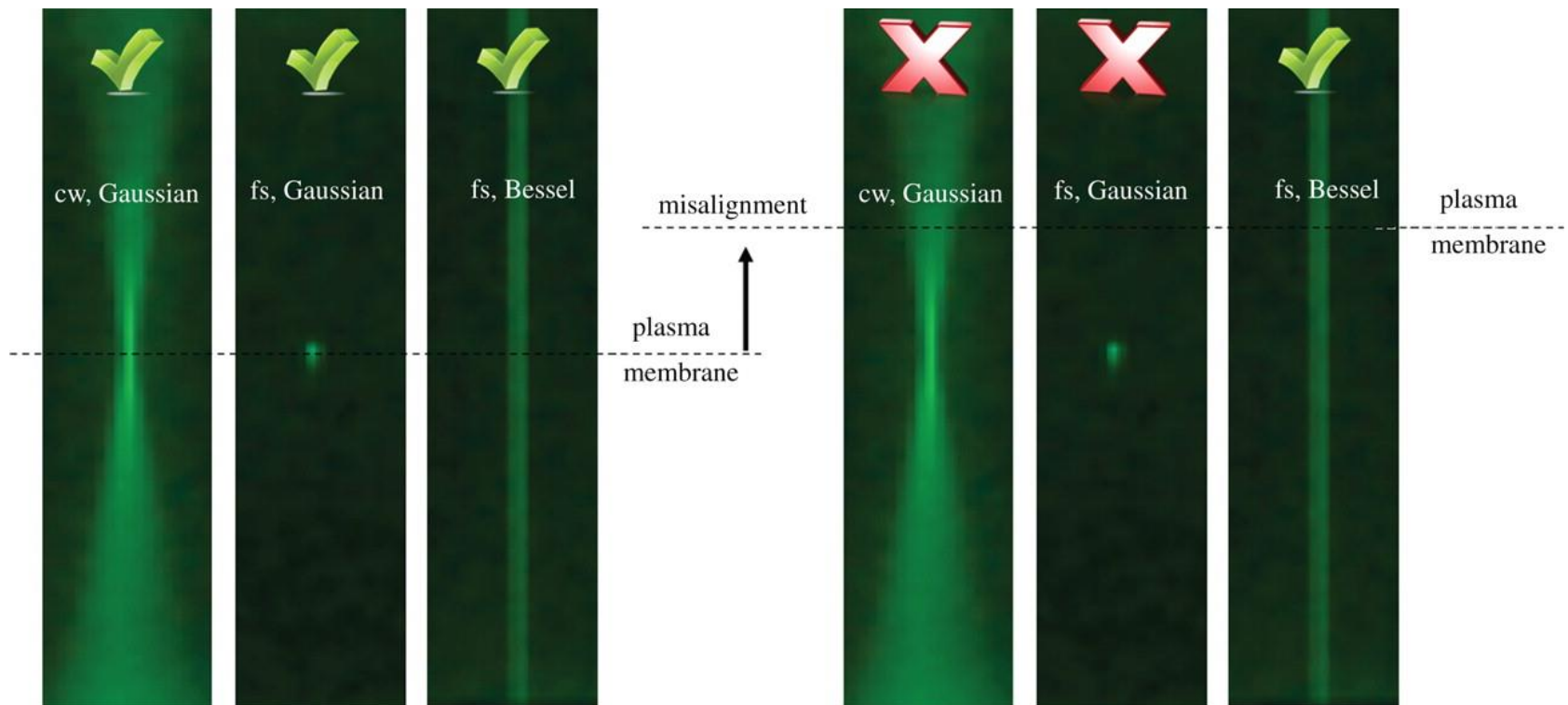


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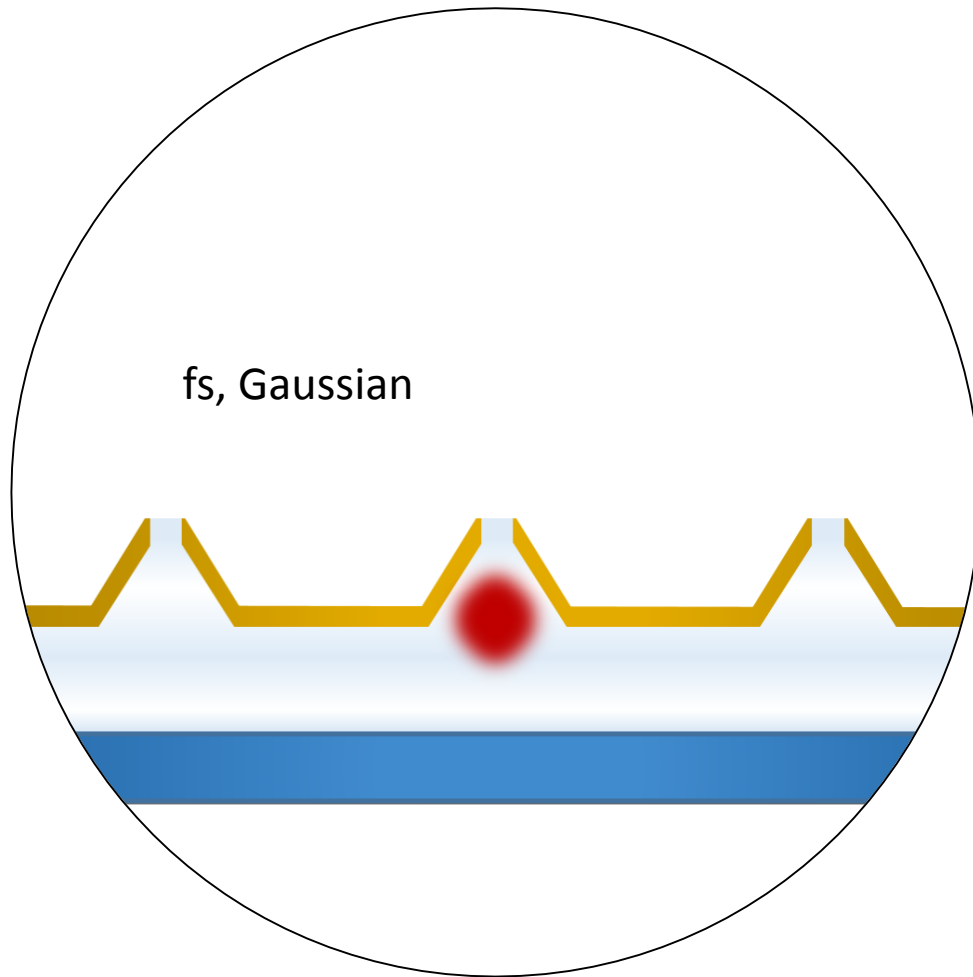
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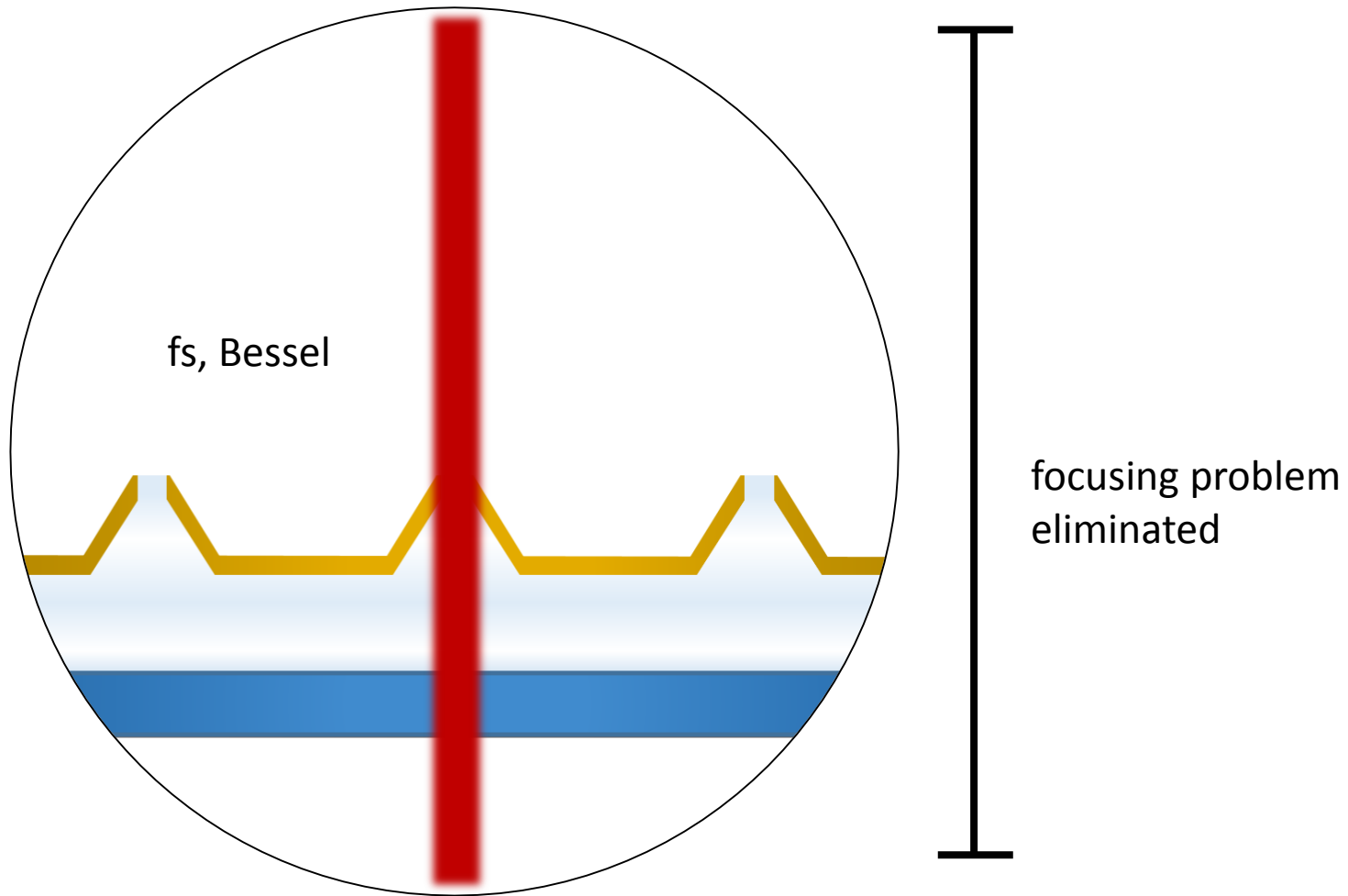
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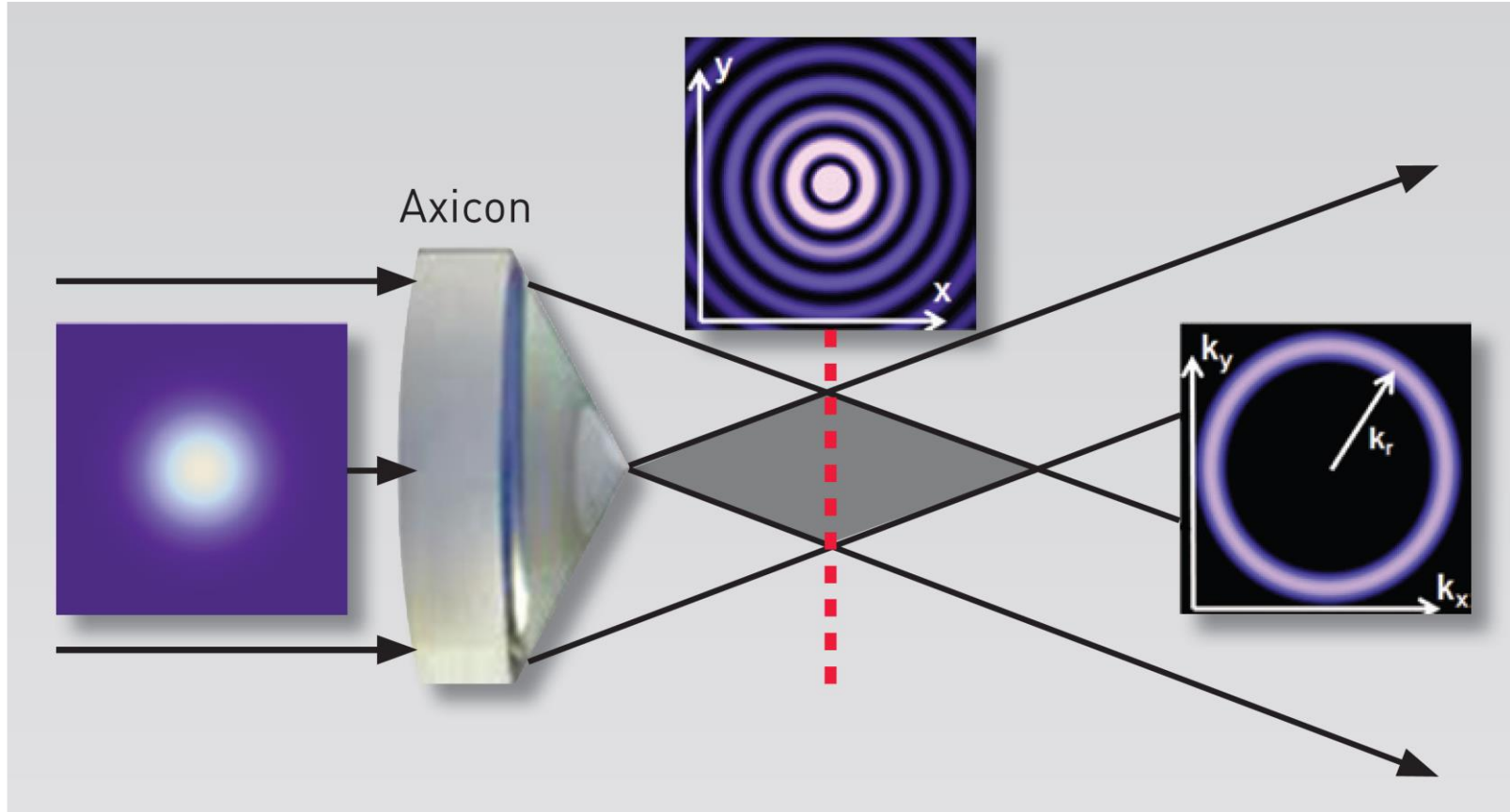


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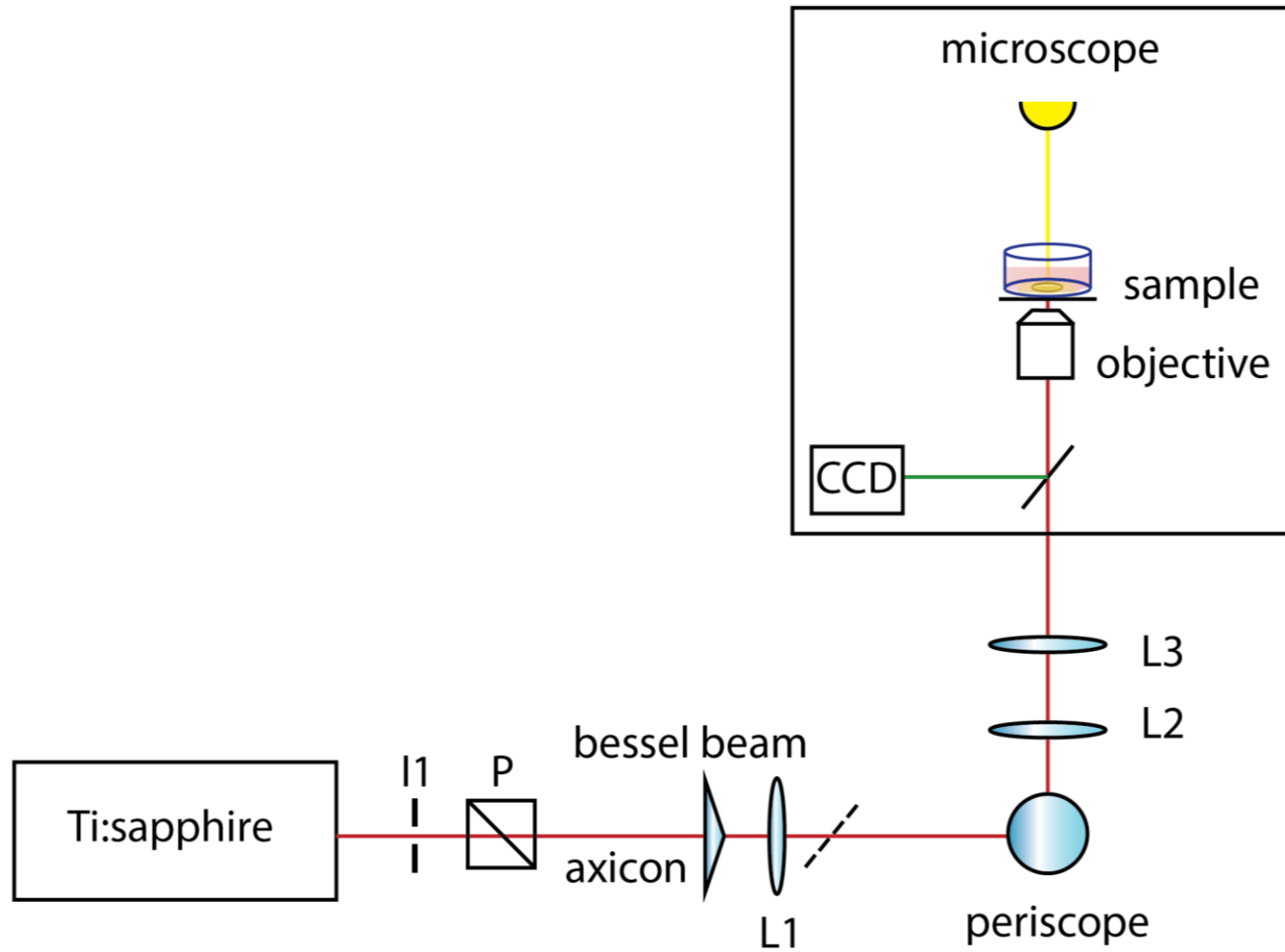


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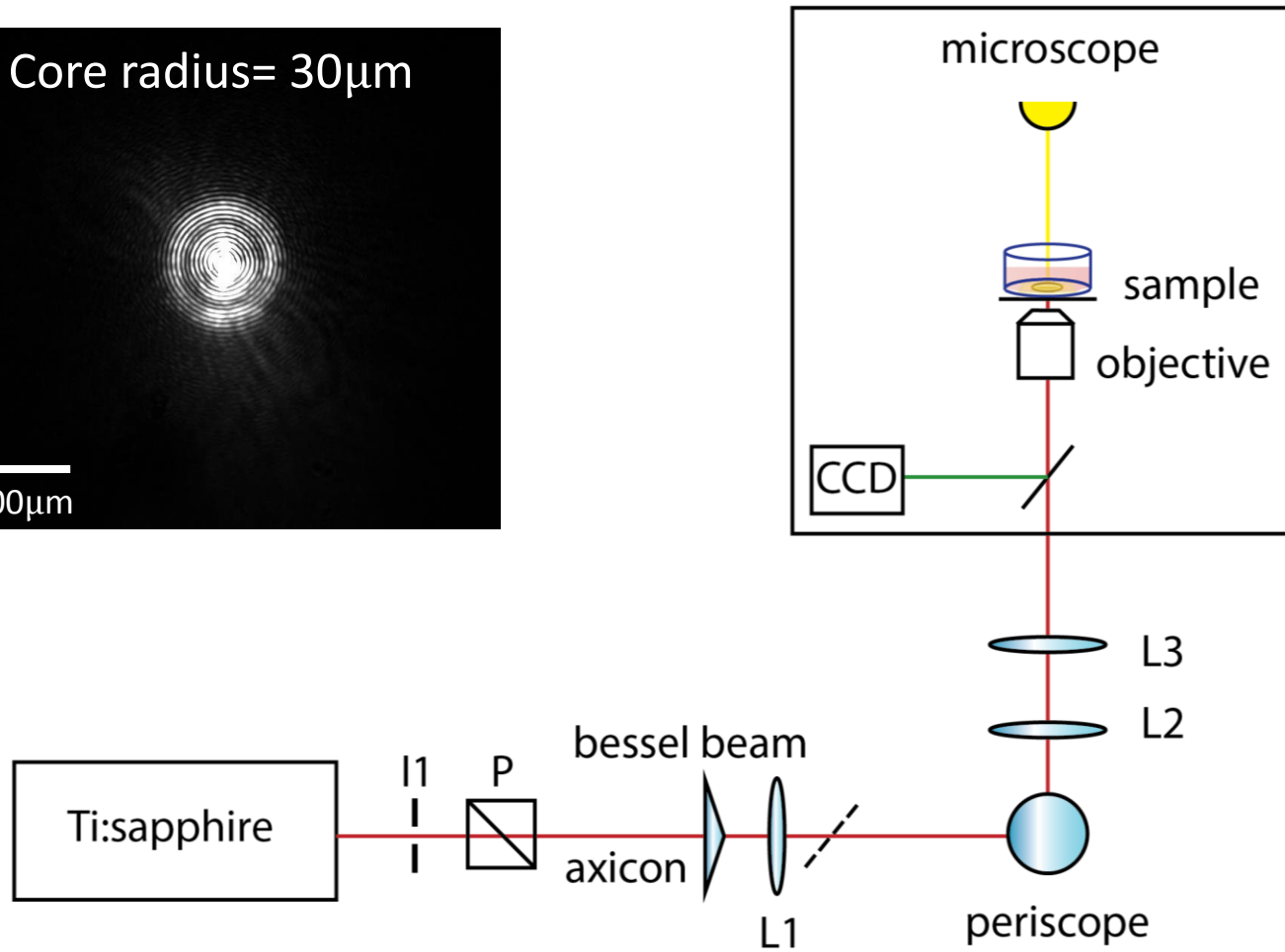
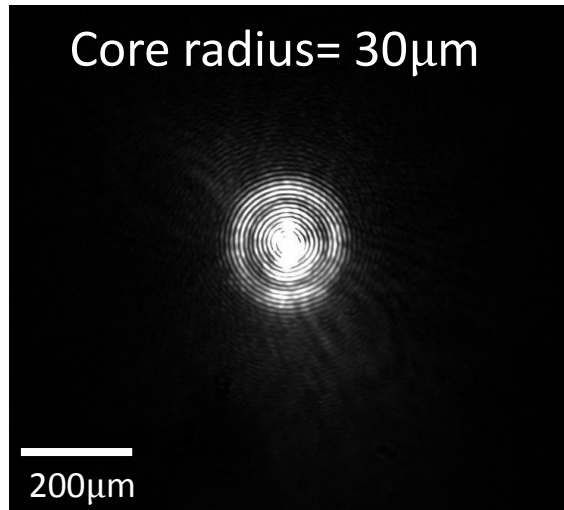


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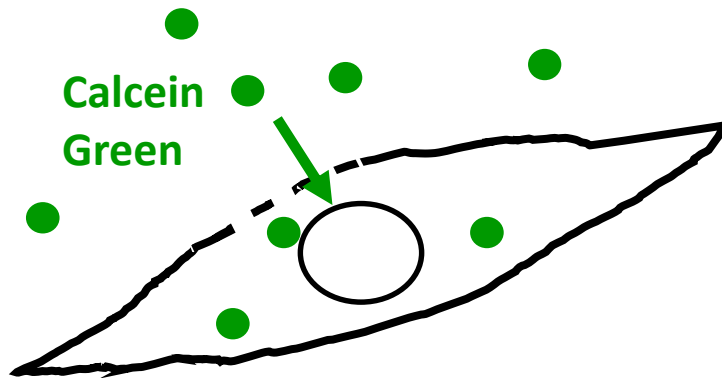
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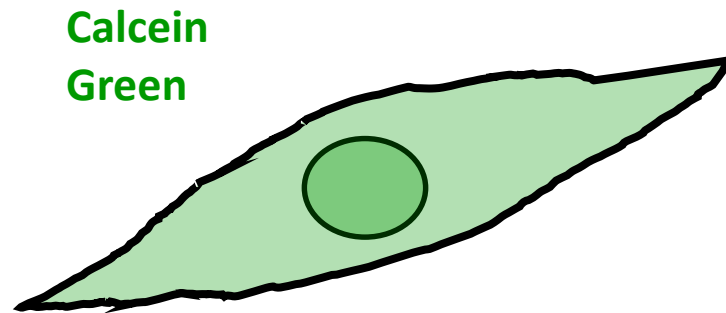
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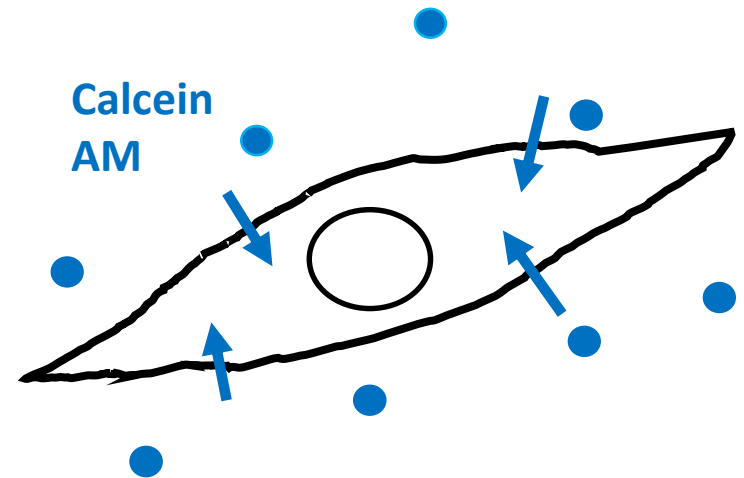
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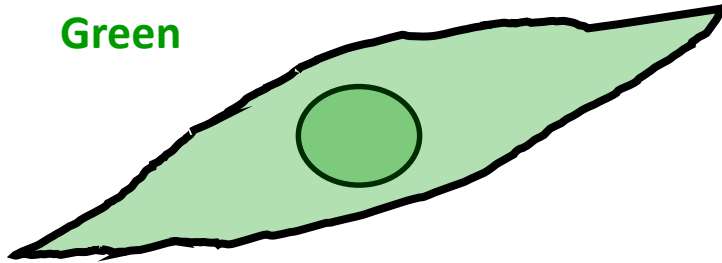


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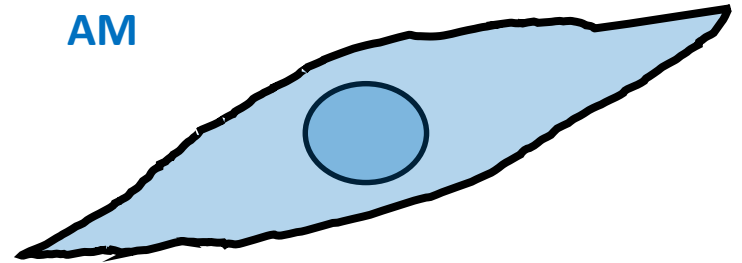
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Green



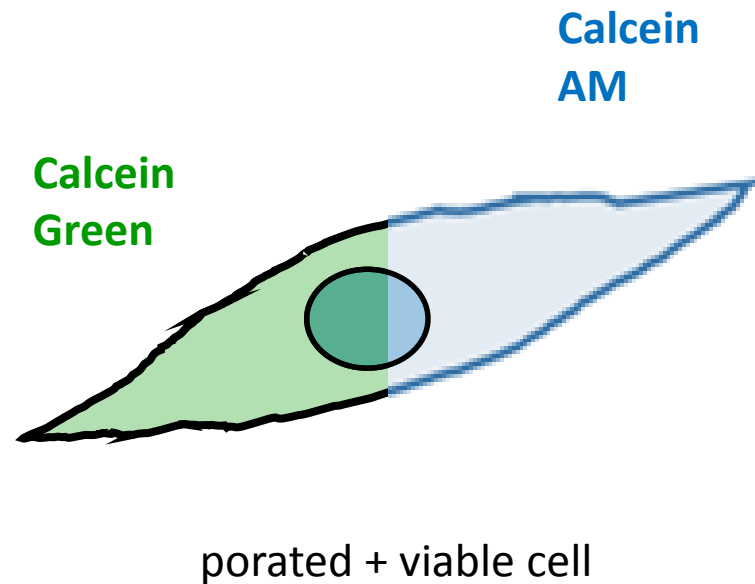
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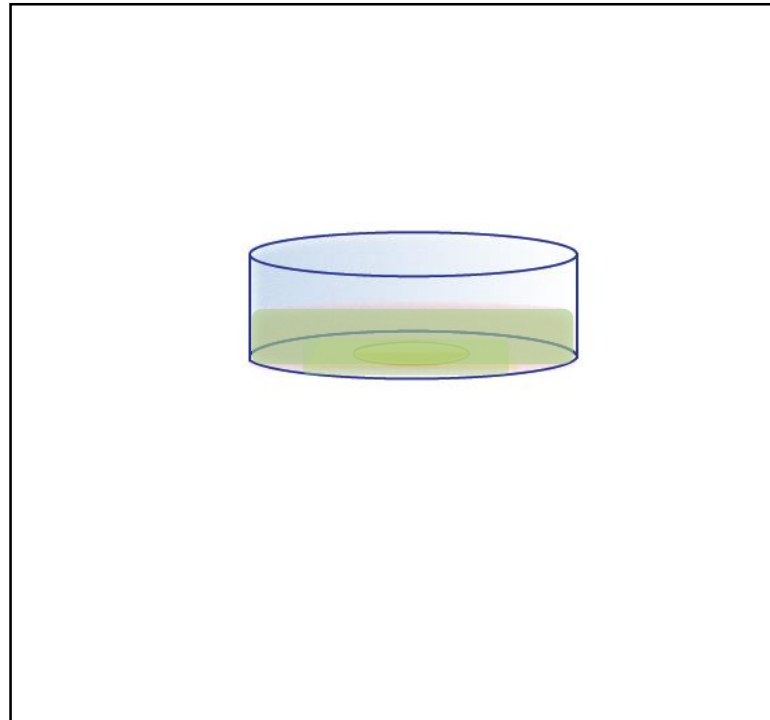
Viable cell

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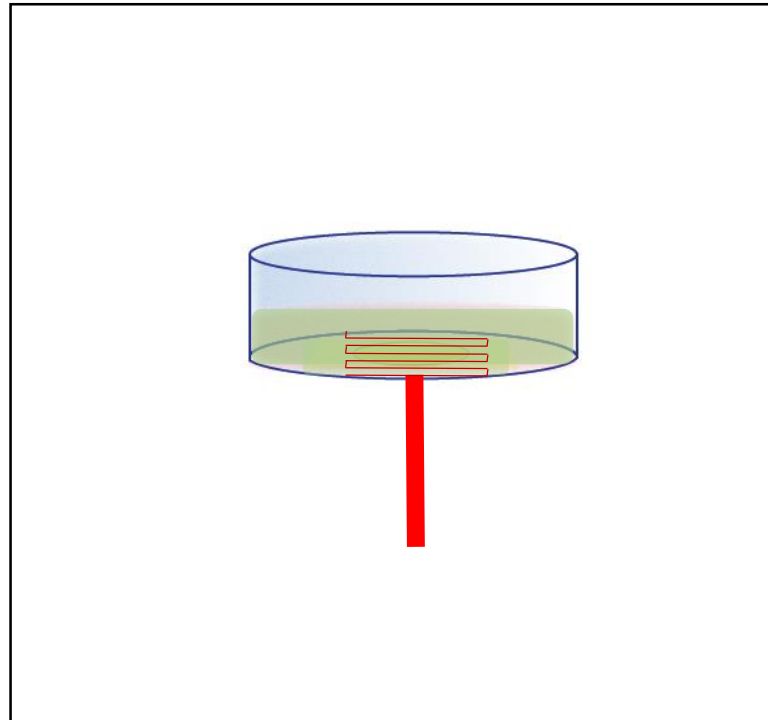
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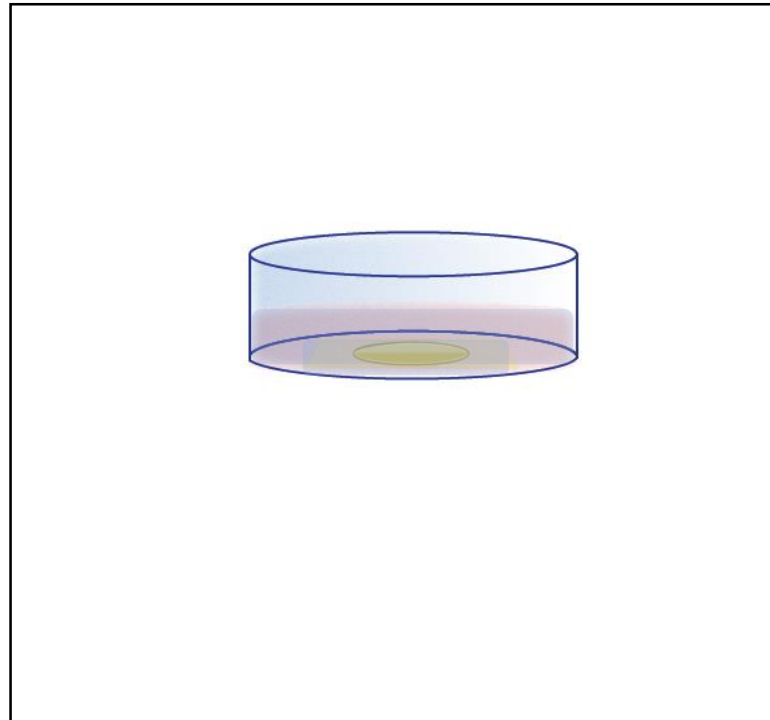
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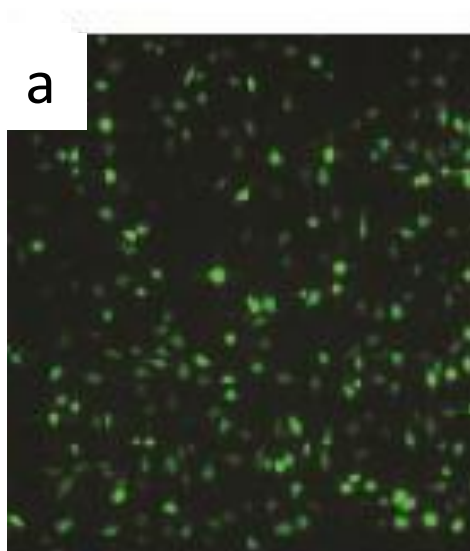


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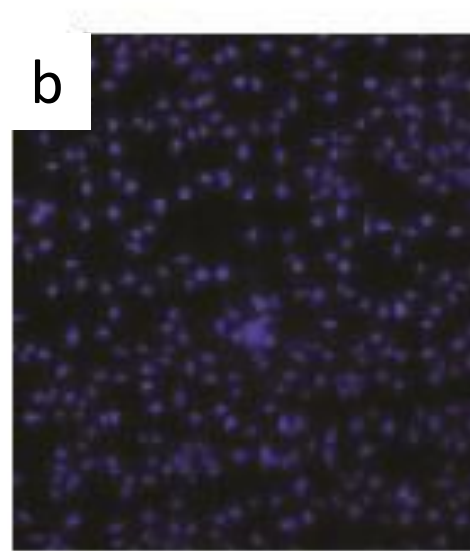
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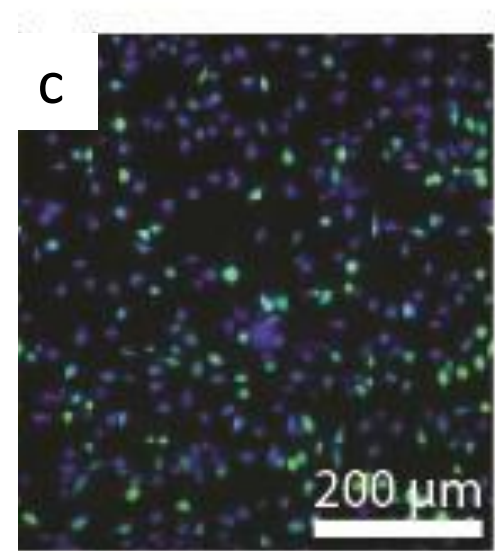
Fluorescence microscopy to image poration and viability



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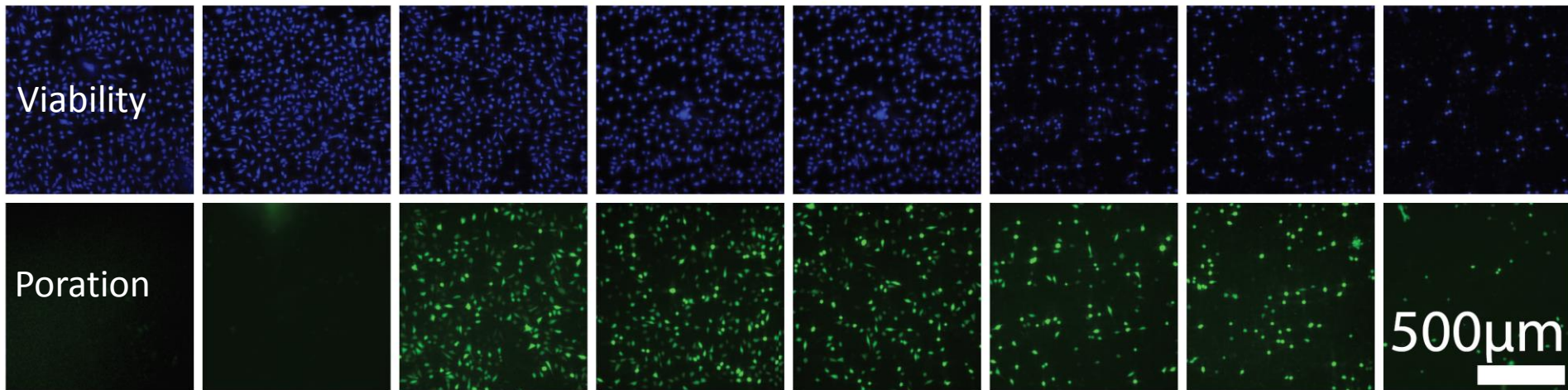
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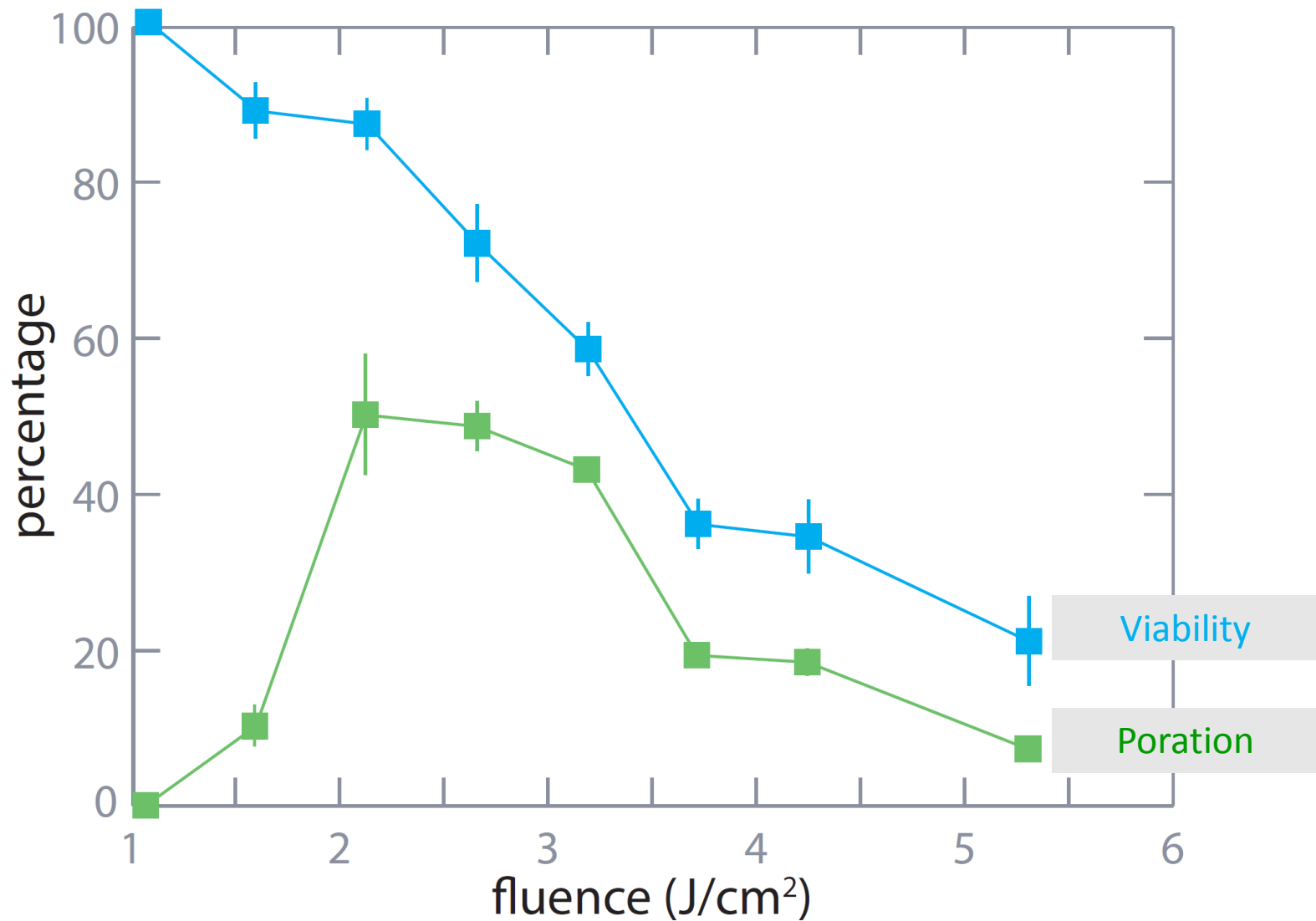
Porated + Viable

Change in fluence affects poration and viability

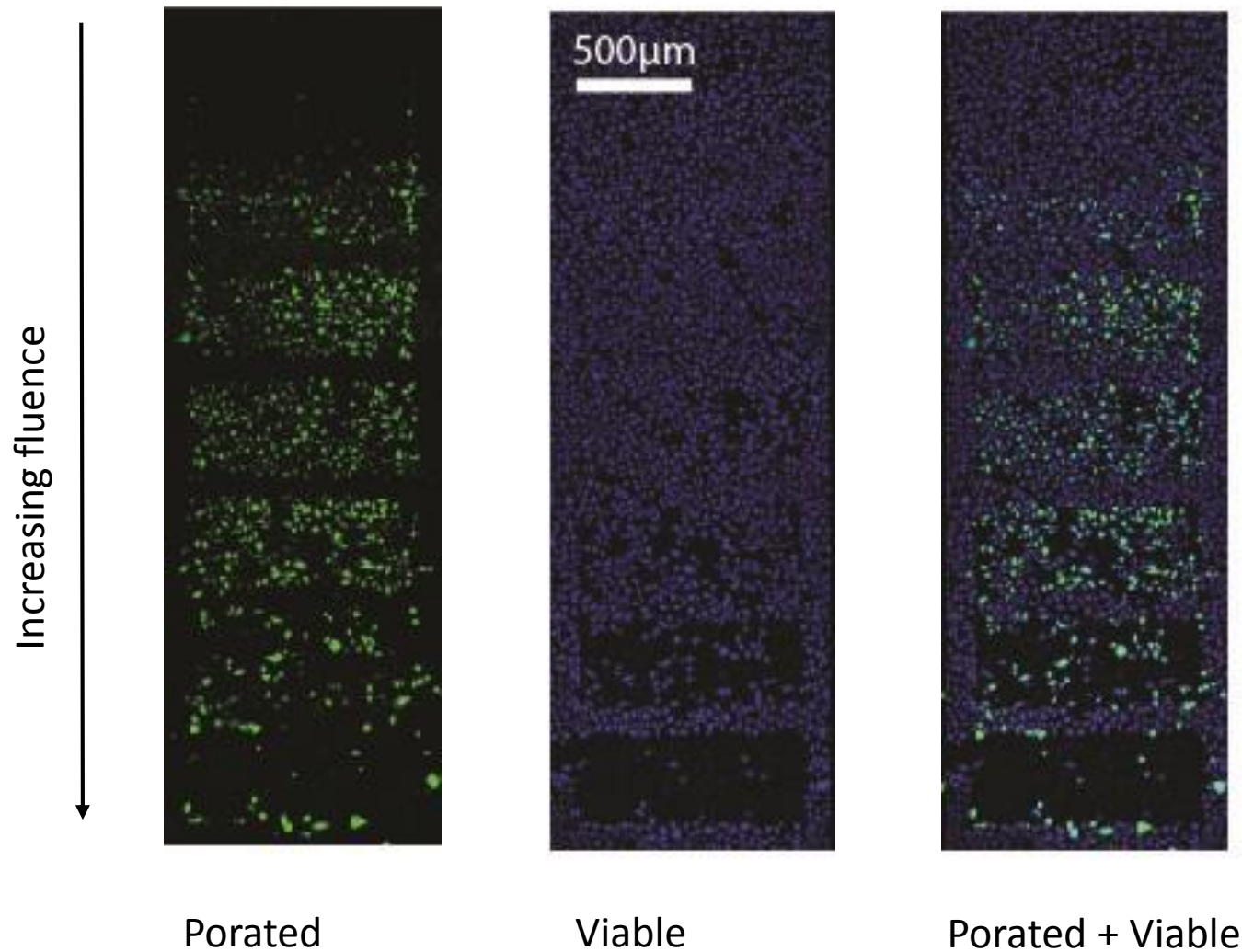
increasing fluence



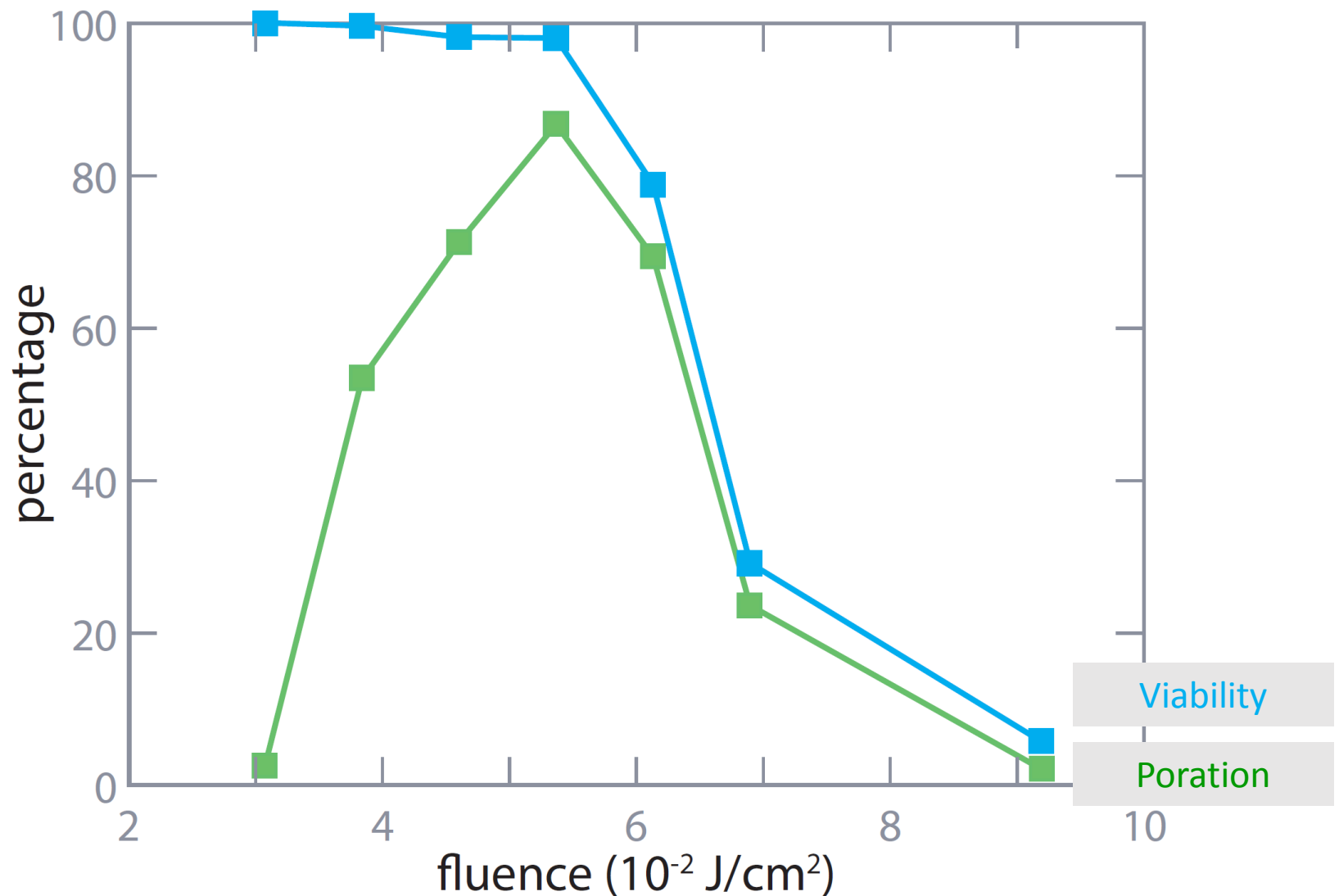
50% of HeLa cells porated with a 40x objective



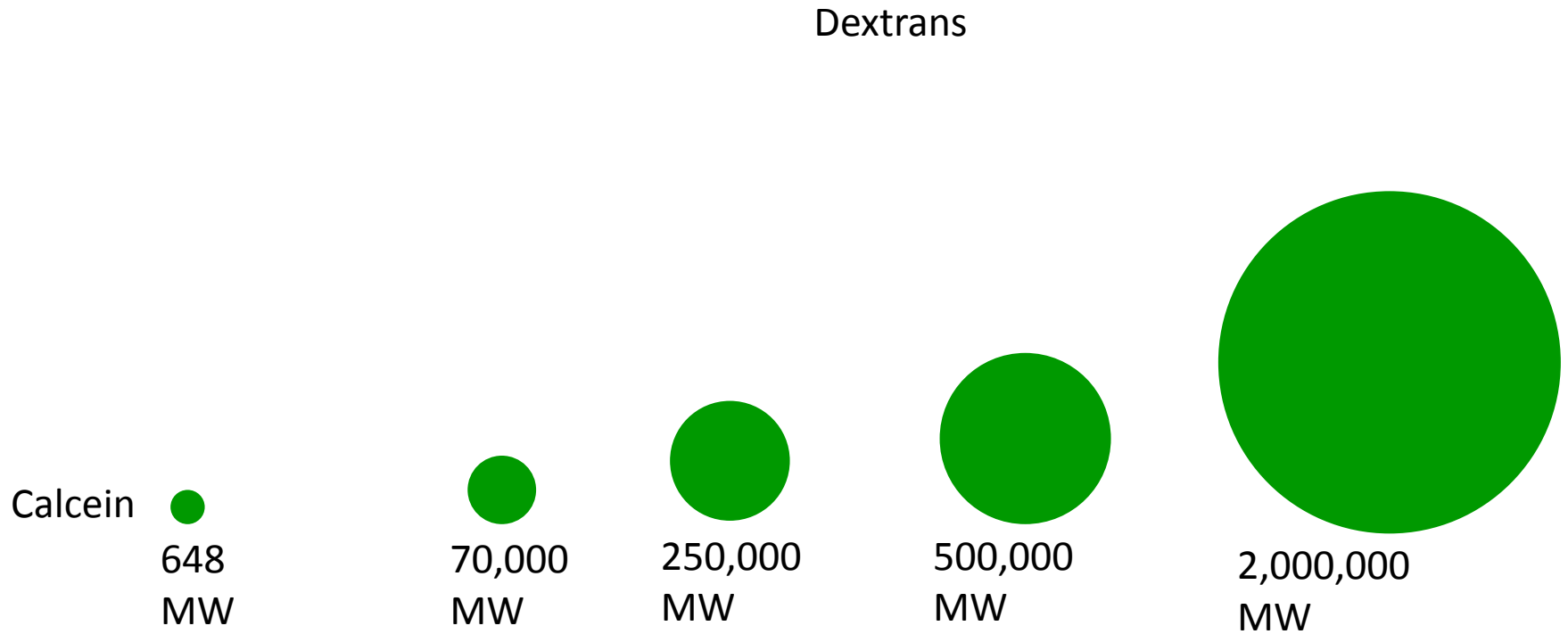
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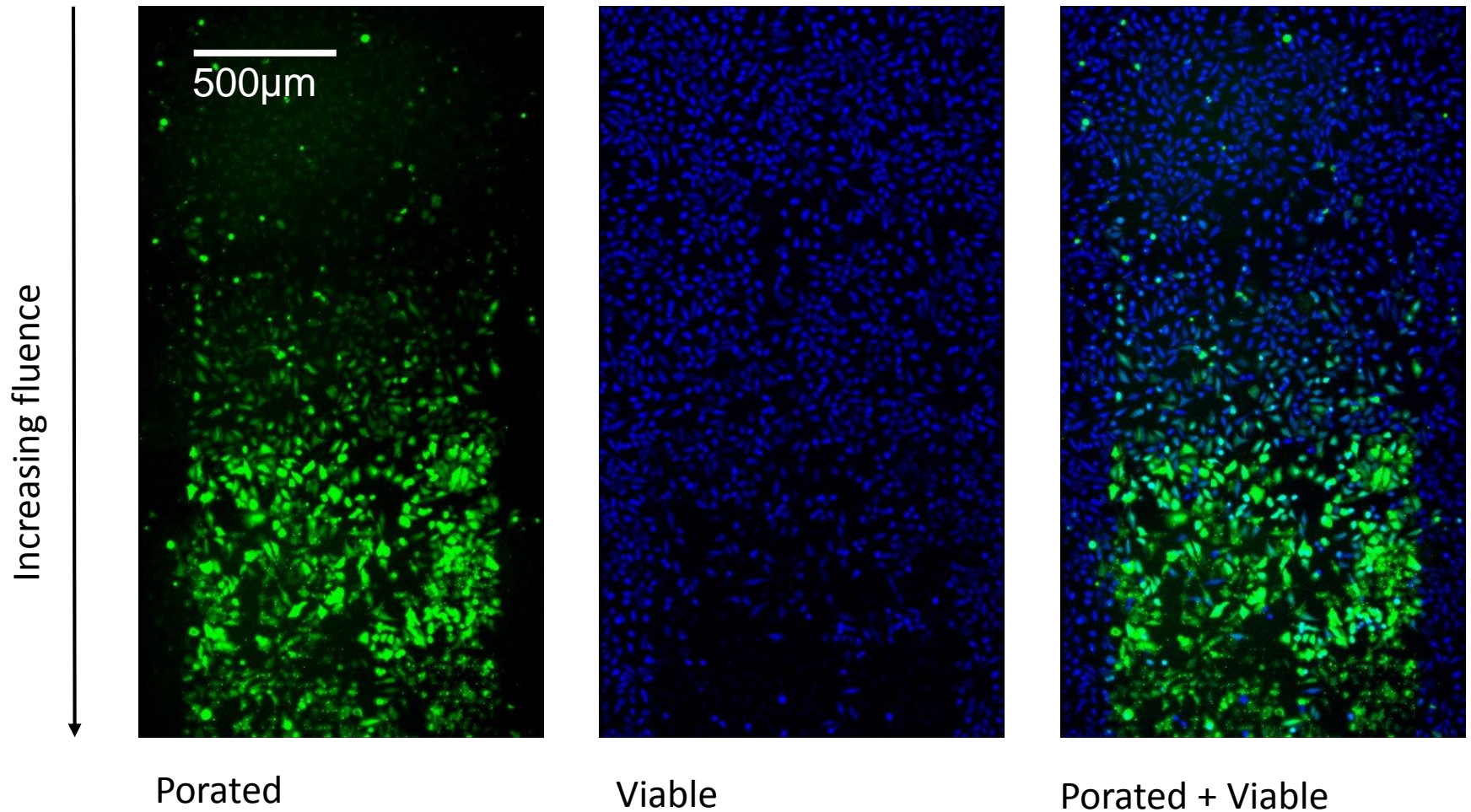
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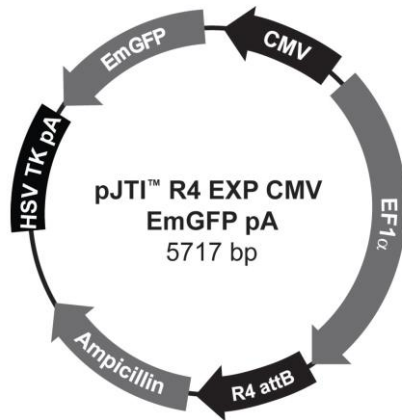
Experiments in progress: different Dextrans to determine pore size



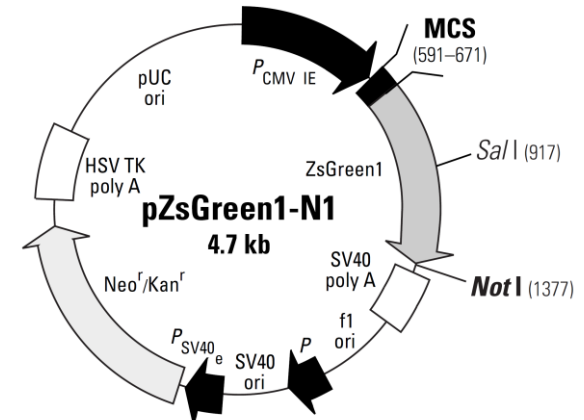
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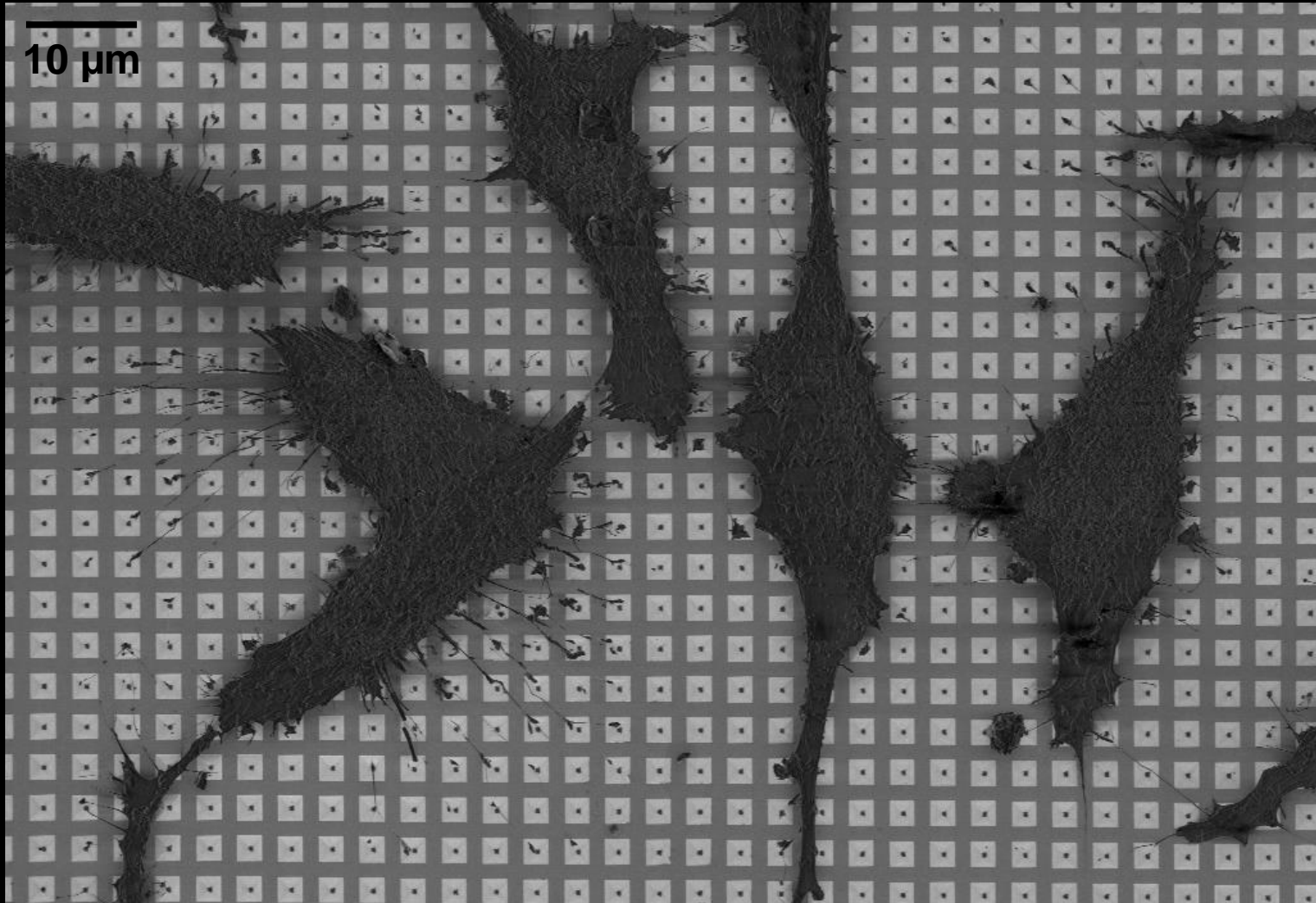


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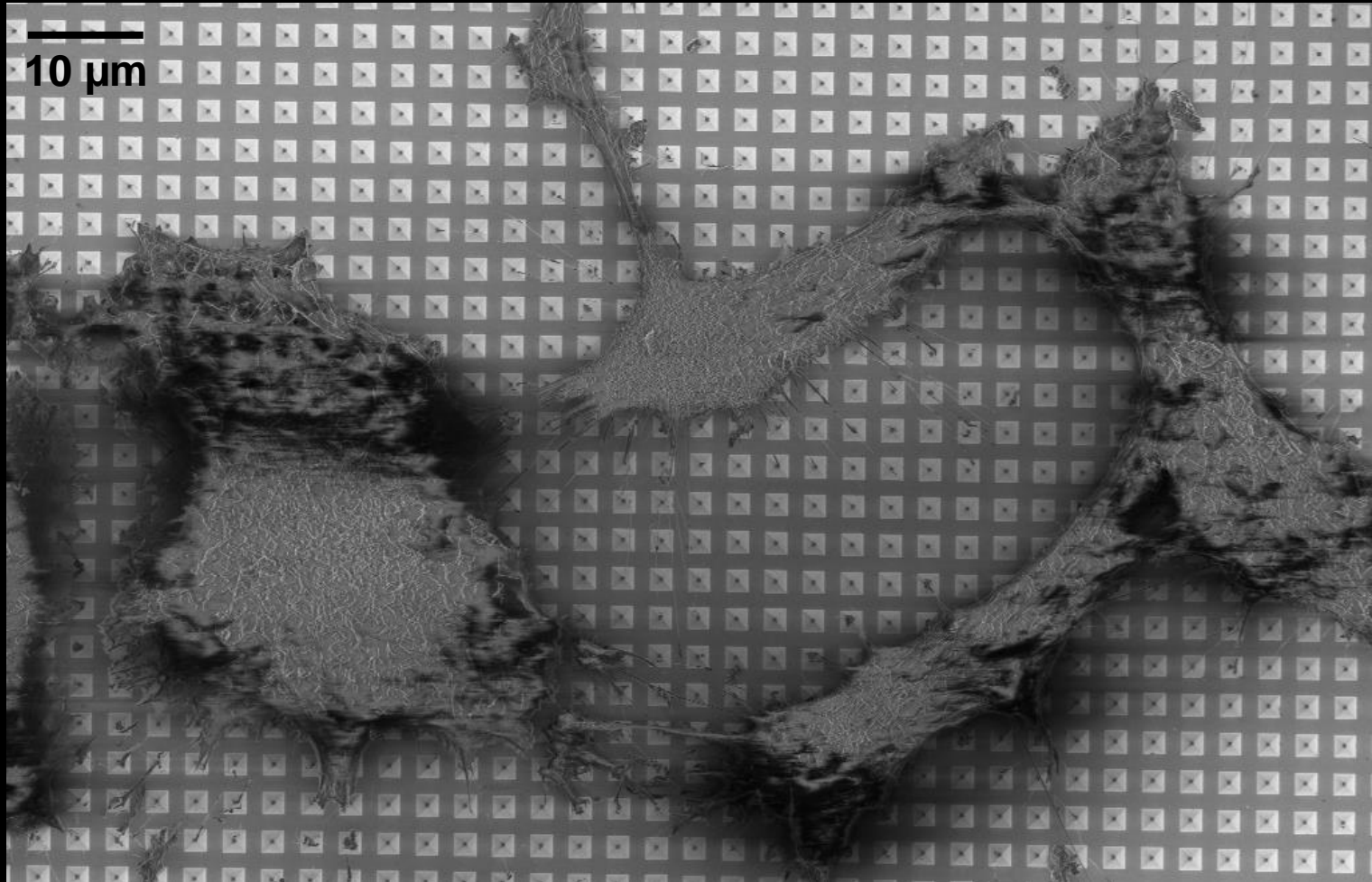


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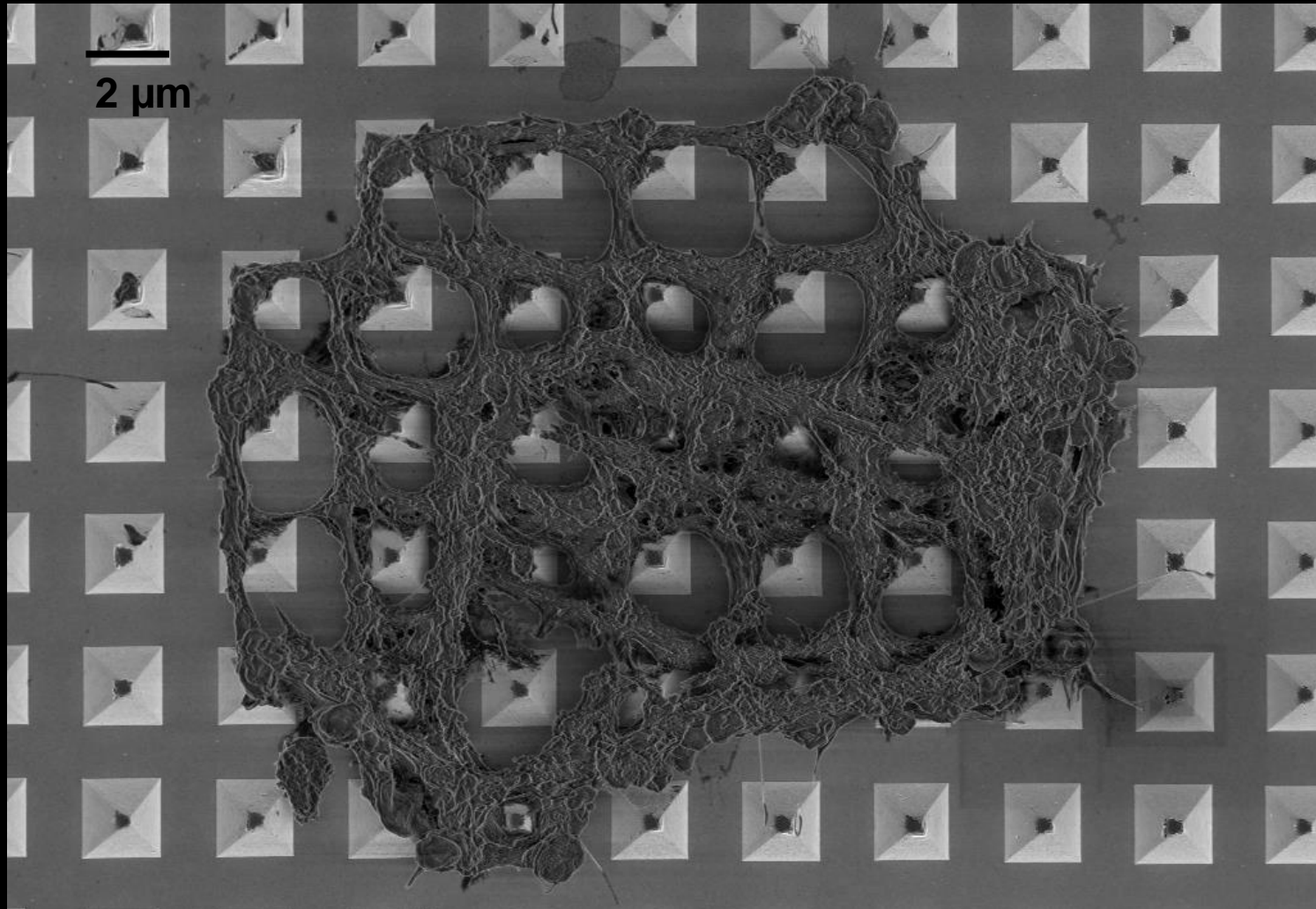
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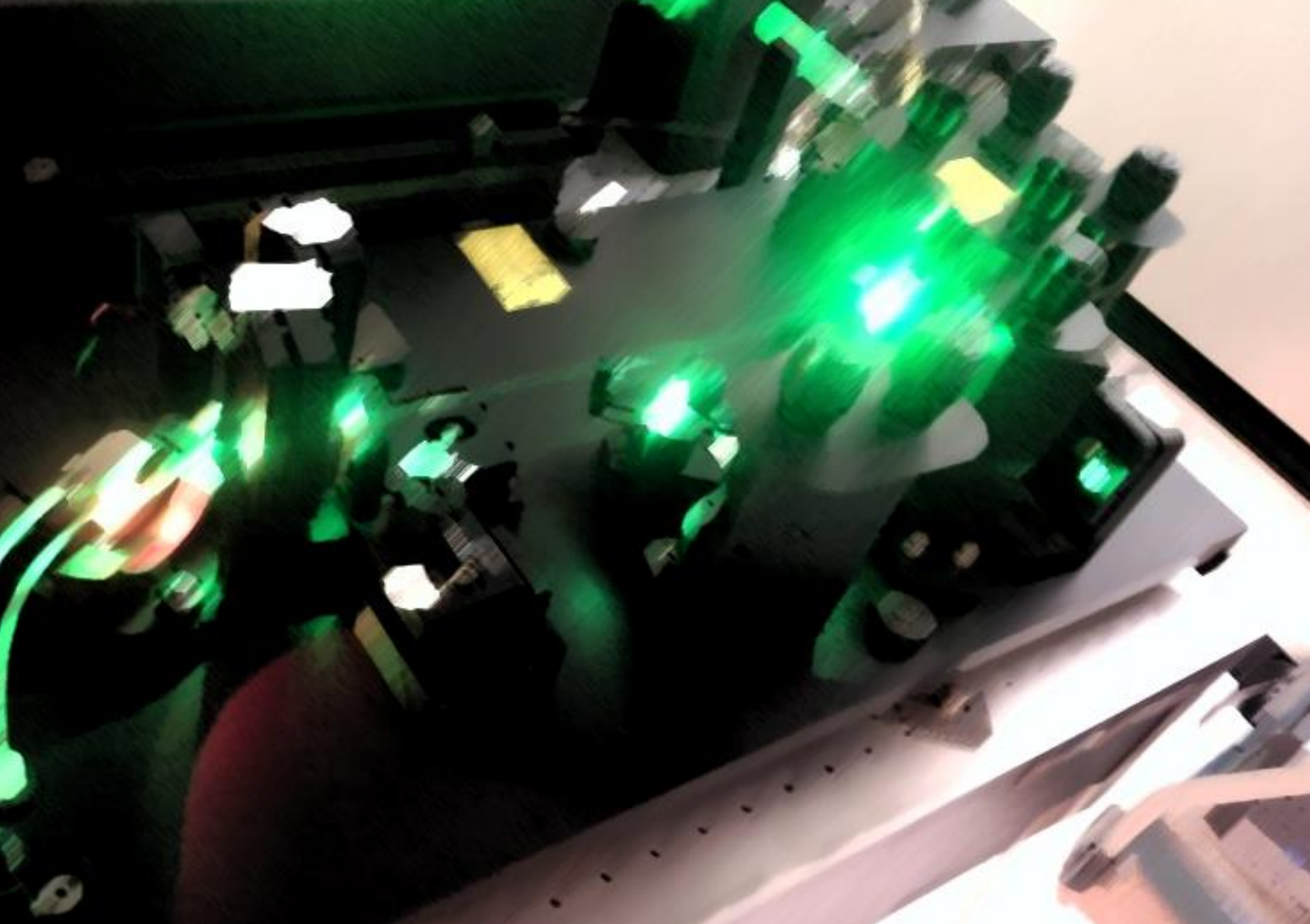


Cells uptake dye molecules through pores in membrane



Cells killed by too many large pores





Outlook

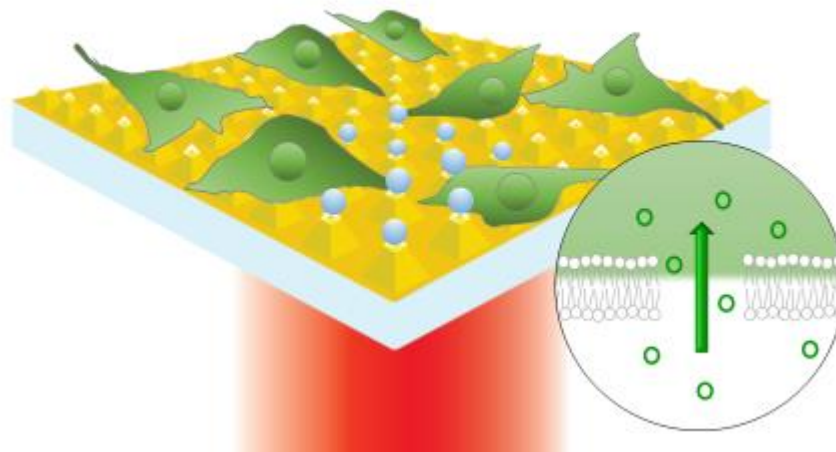
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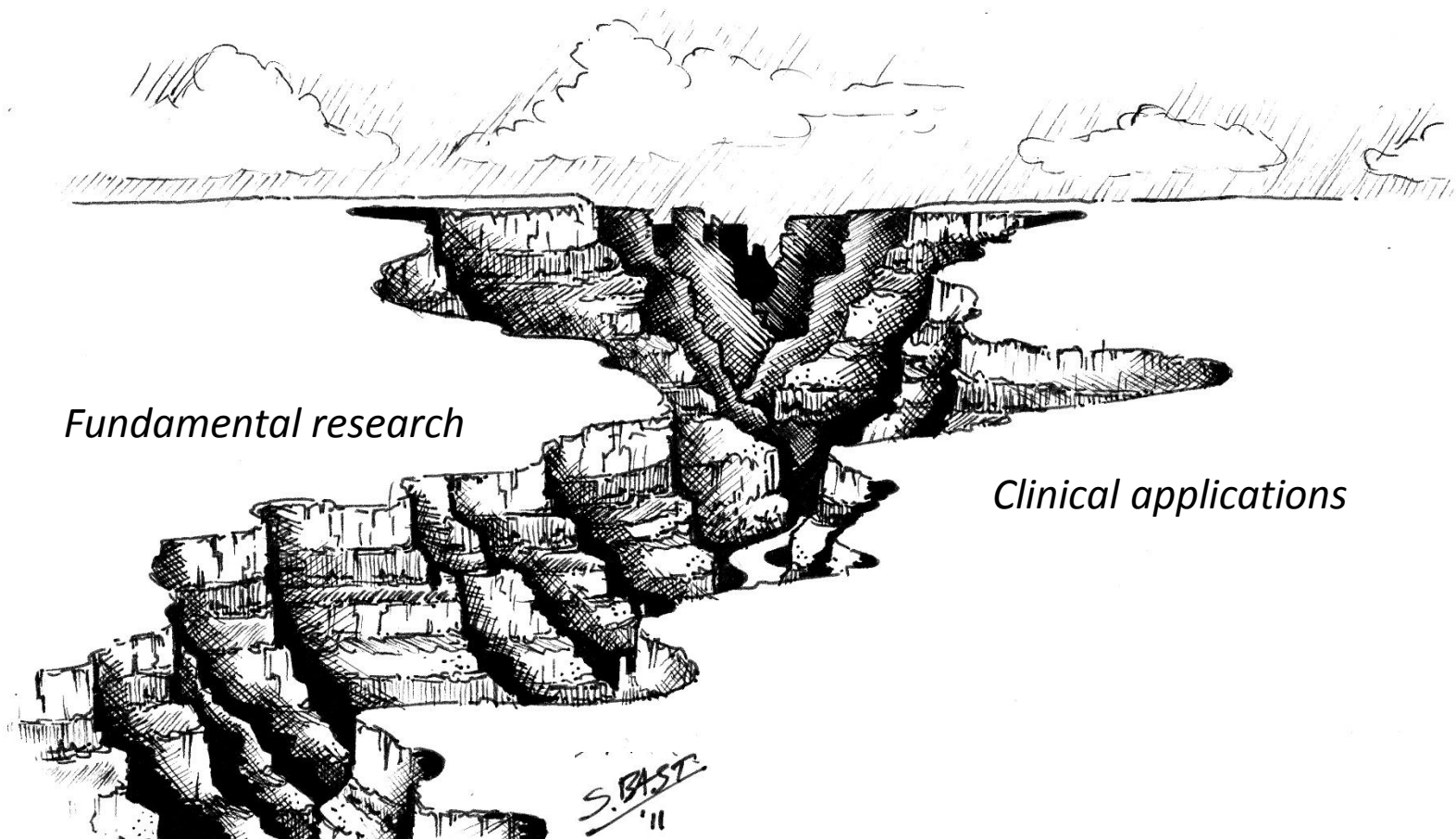


Transfection

High throughput
High efficiency
High viability



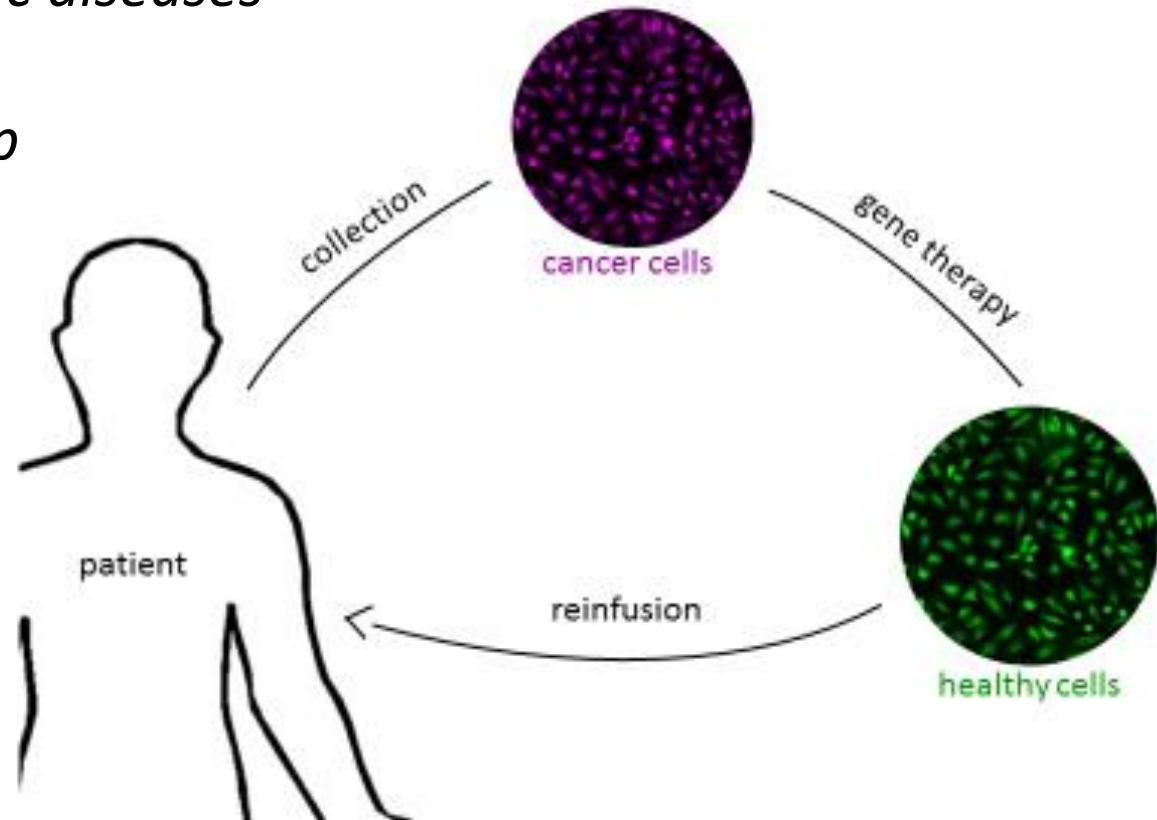
Making the leap from fundamental research to clinical applications



Going towards disease-focused applications

Target specific diseases

Lab-on-a-chip



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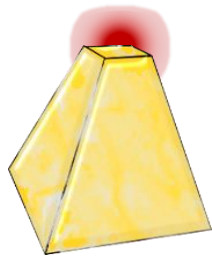
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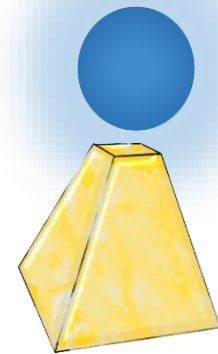
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**Plasmonic
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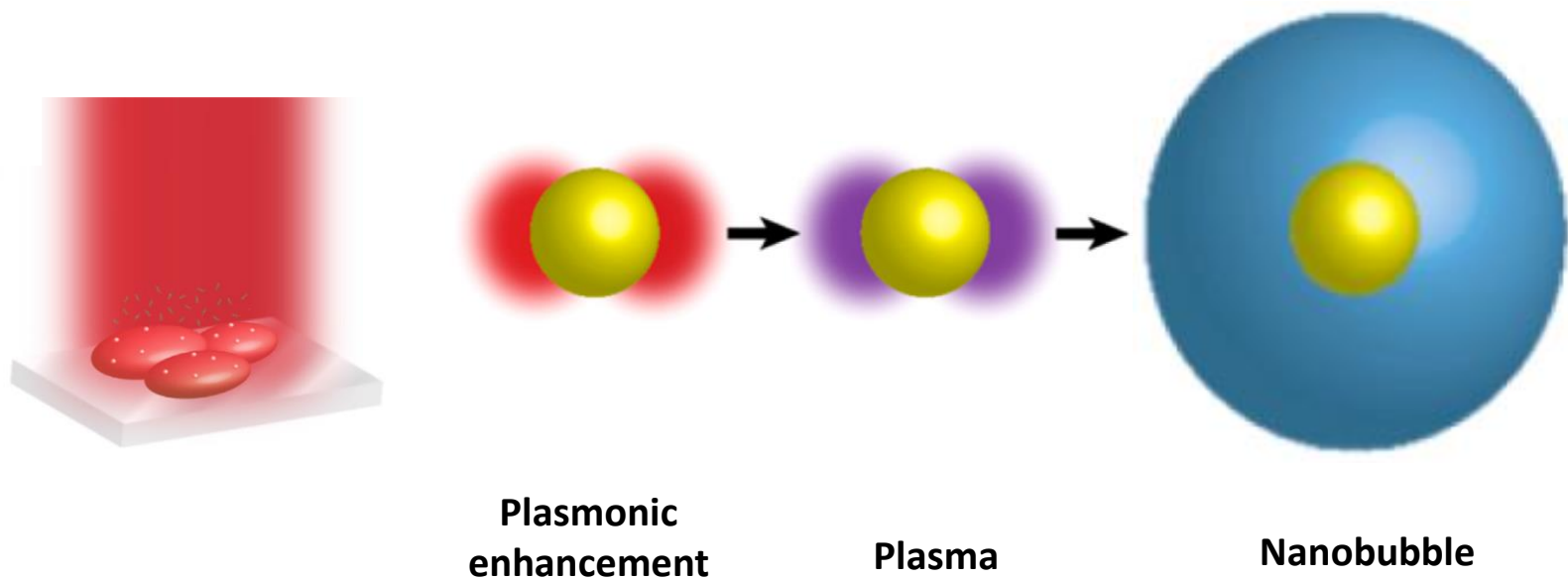
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Nanobubbles

Relate to poration and transfection

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Electric field

Temperature Model

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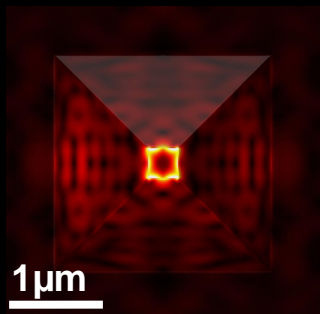
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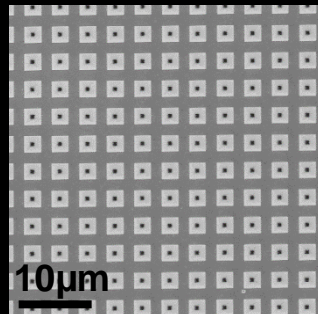
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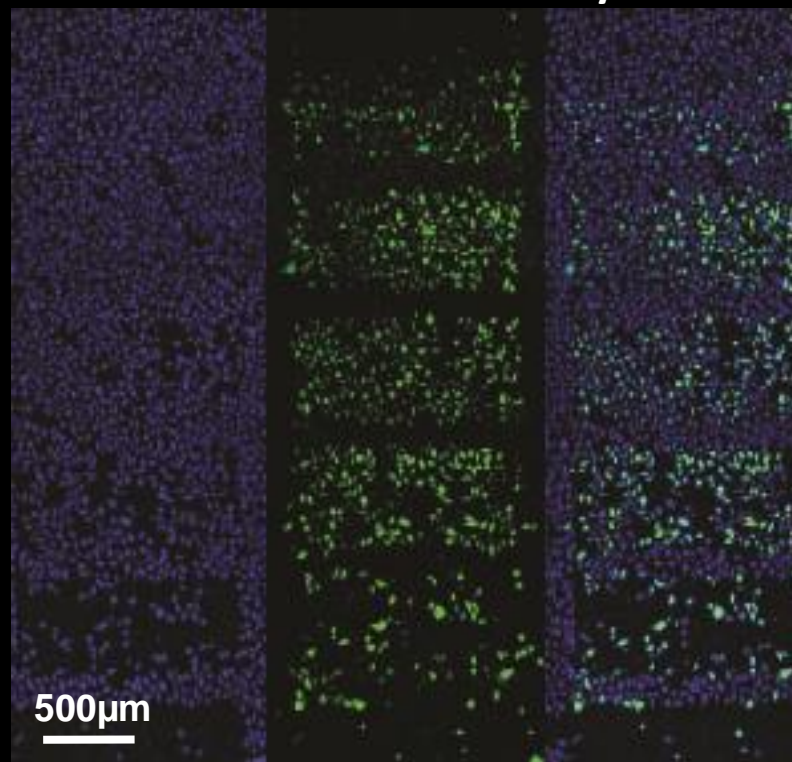
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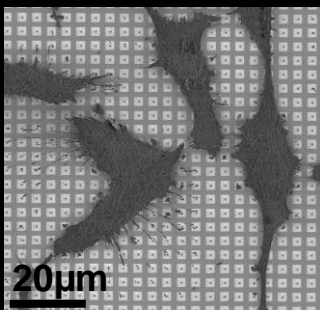
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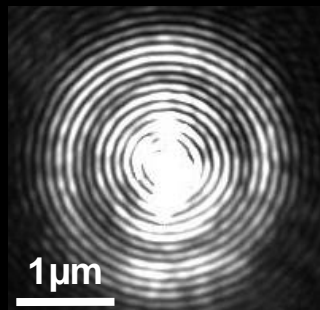
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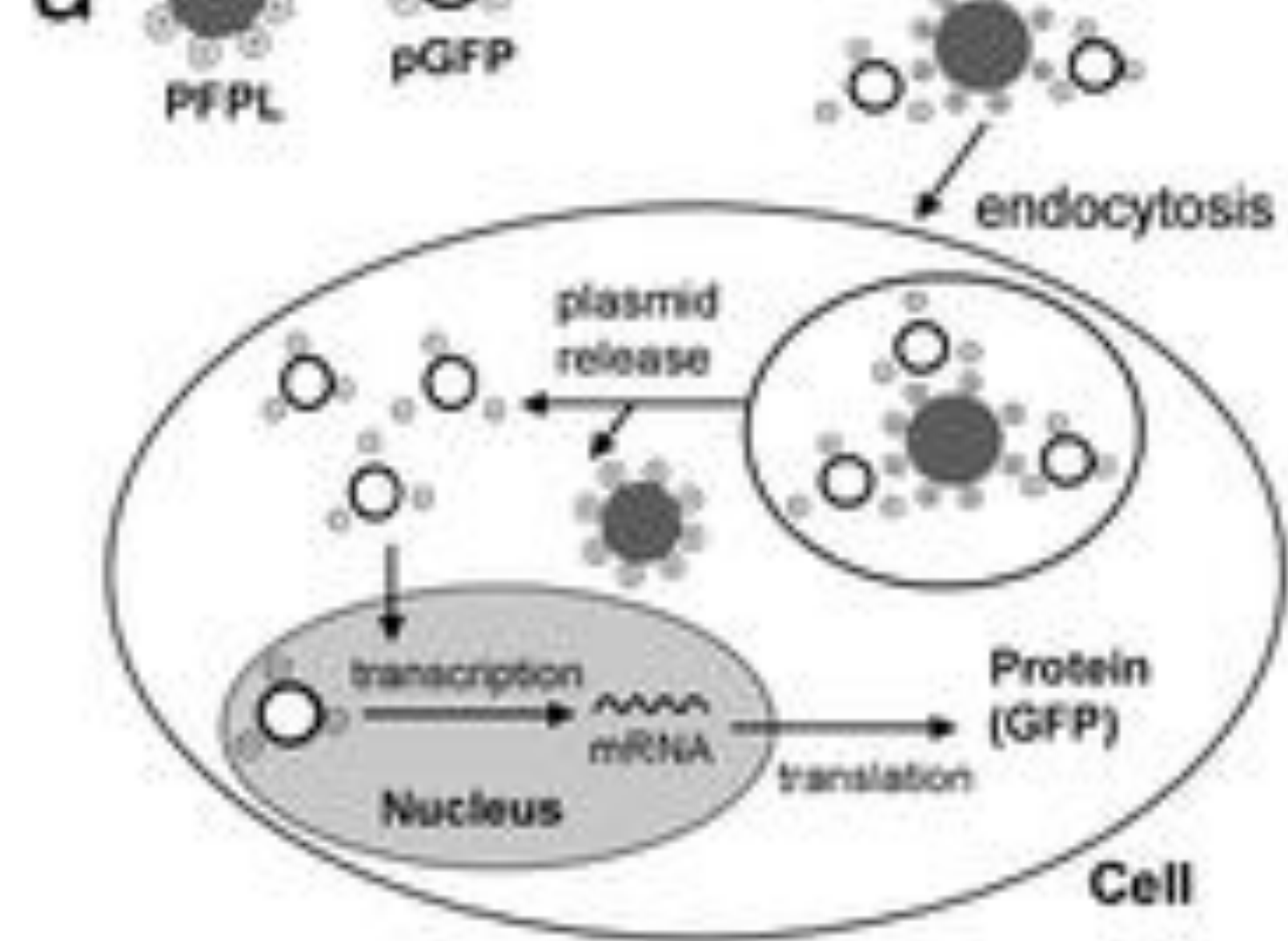


Cancer cells



Femtosecond laser





Adipocytes

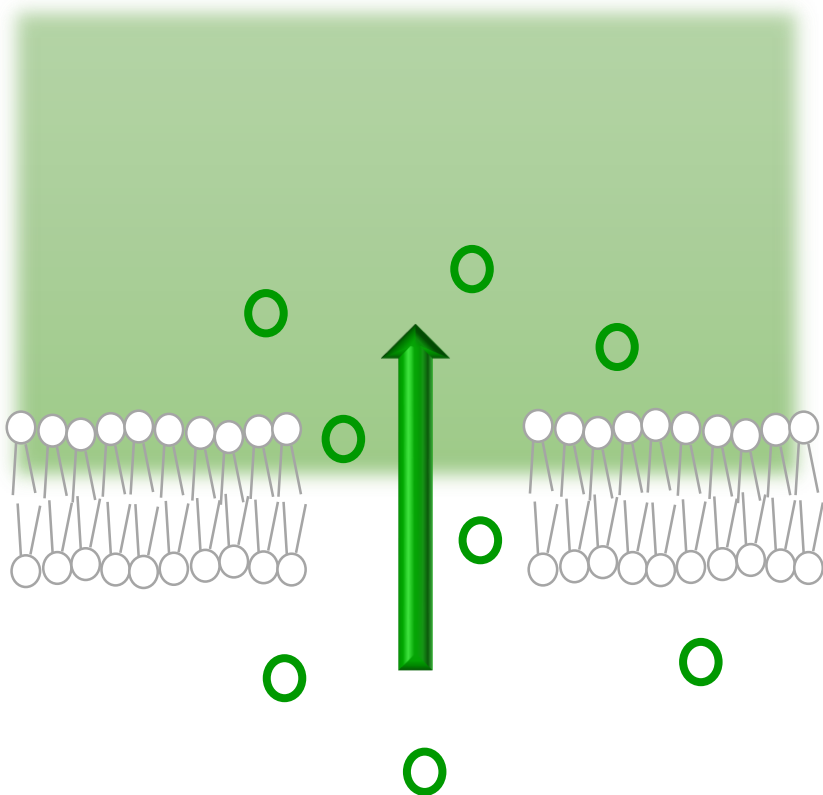


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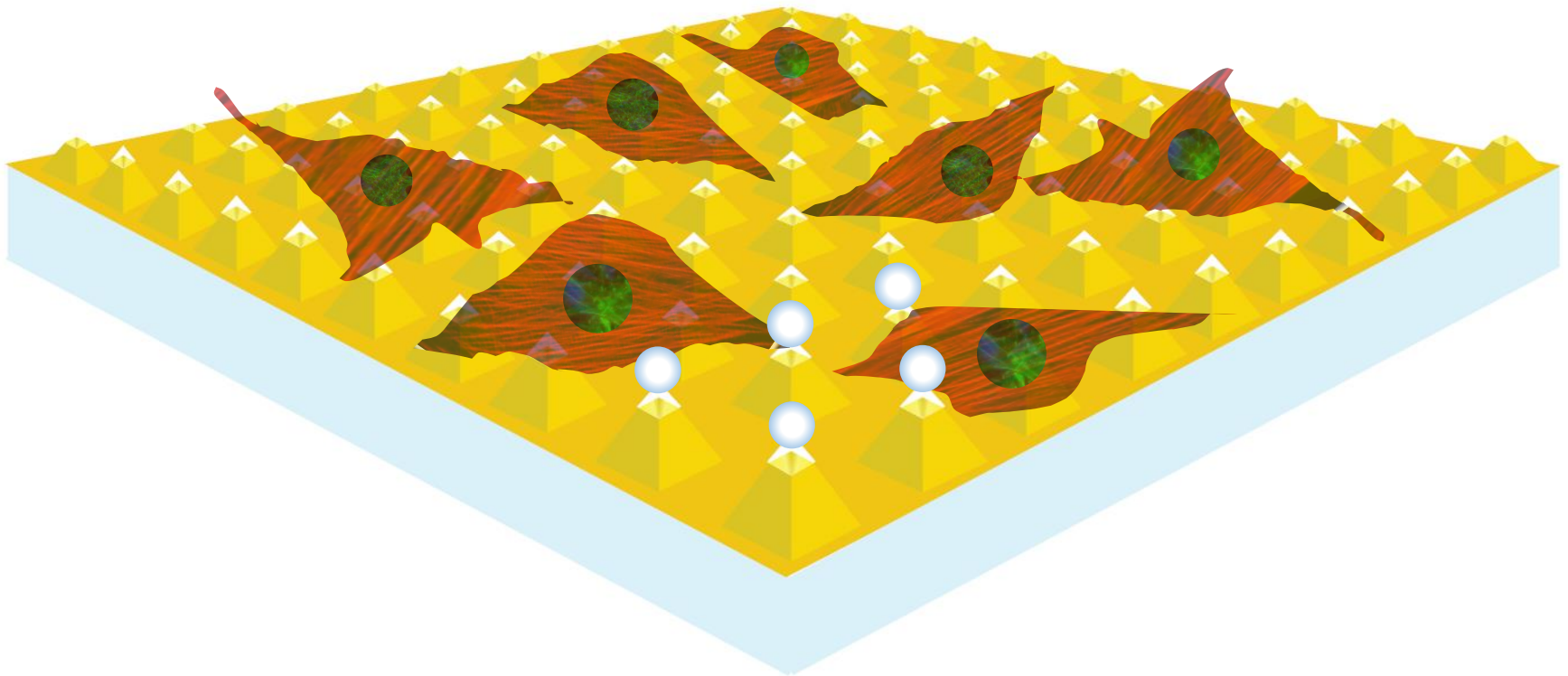


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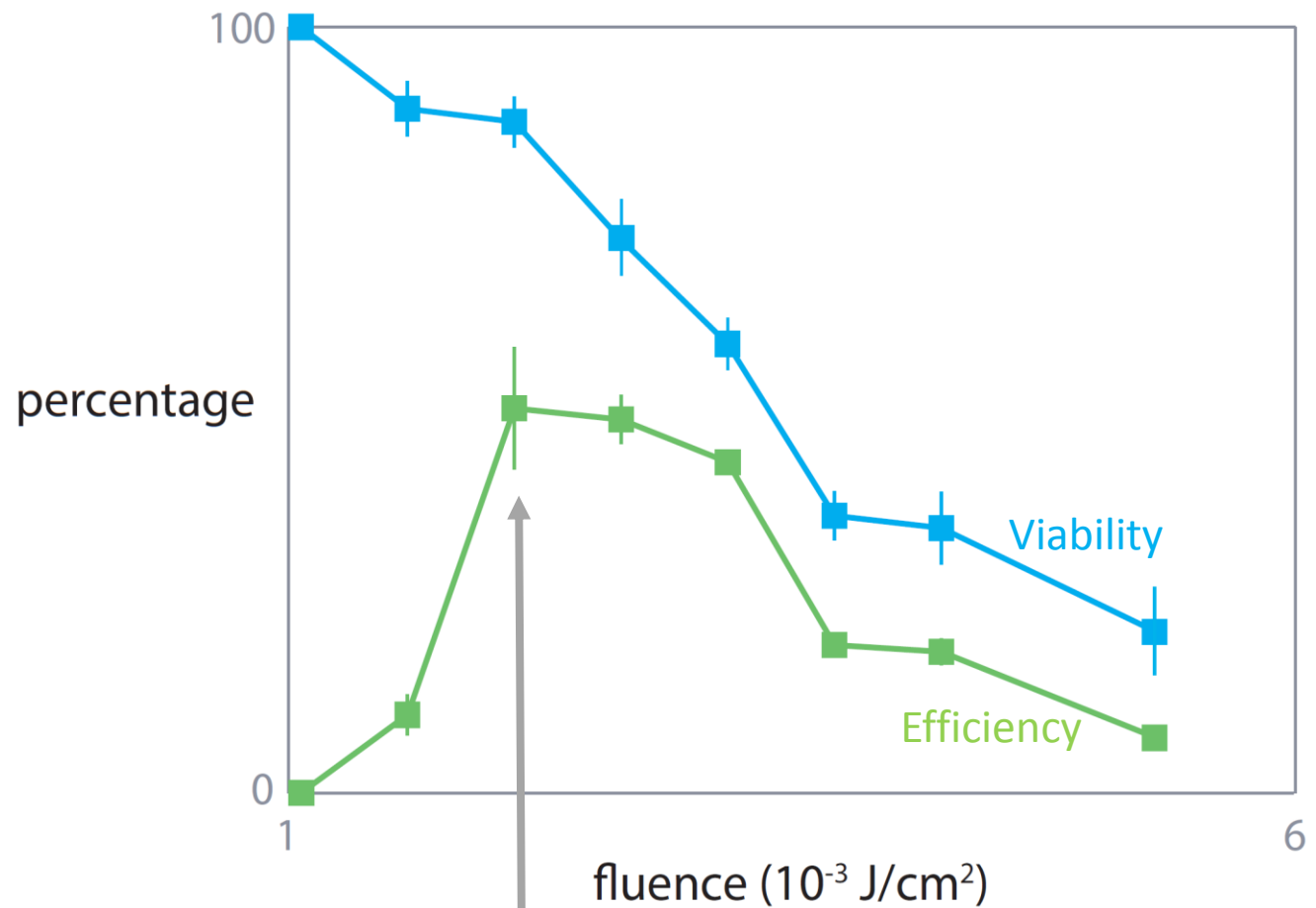




New approach: plasmonic pyramid substrates



many hotspots



Maximum efficiency of 50%