N-SIM layout

PC rack
N-SIM Vibration isolated table
Laser unit
1000
1500
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673
435
1603
1354
800
1001

N-STORM layout

Laser unit
N-STORM
Vibration isolated table
PC rack
1000
1500
2975
675
1450
500

Unit: mm

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Luminal surface of the organ of Corti at postnatal day 1. (Mouse)
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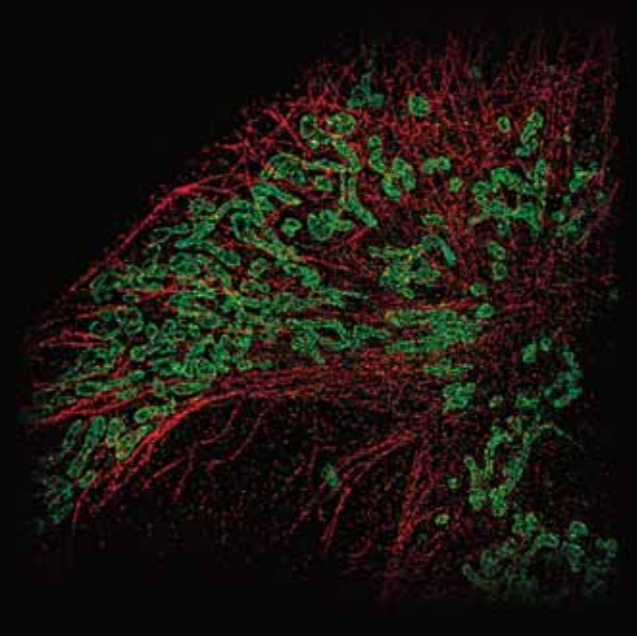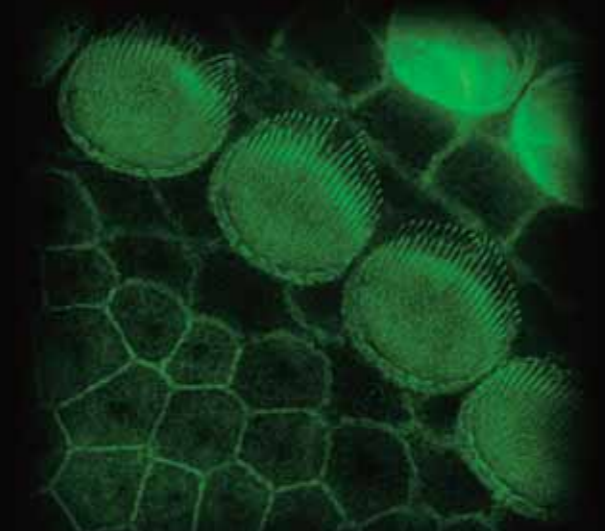
Nikon's super-resolution microscopes bring your research into the world of nanoscopy beyond the diffraction limit.

Nikon's Super Resolution Microscope N-SIM/N-STORM enables elucidation of the structures and functions of nanoscopic machinery within living cells. The resolution of conventional optical microscopes, even with the highest numerical aperture optics, is limited by diffraction to approximately 200 nm.

Using high-frequency structured illumination, the N-SIM can achieve an image resolution of 115 nm*, which was previously considered impossible with optical microscopes. Furthermore, with a temporal resolution of up to 0.6 sec/frame**, N-SIM enables super-resolution time-lapse imaging of dynamic molecular interactions in living cells. Live samples can be maintained at optimal environmental conditions using a stage top incubator that was designed for use with the N-SIM.

N-STORM trades off temporal resolution for spatial resolution, realizing an incredible image resolution of approximately 20 nm, which is 10 times or more than that of conventional optical microscopes. Utilizing STochastic Optical Reconstruction Microscopy (STORM), it is now possible to gain insight into protein-protein interactions at a molecular level.

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*Excited with 488 nm laser, in 3D-SIM mode
** With 2D-SIM/TIRF-SIM mode

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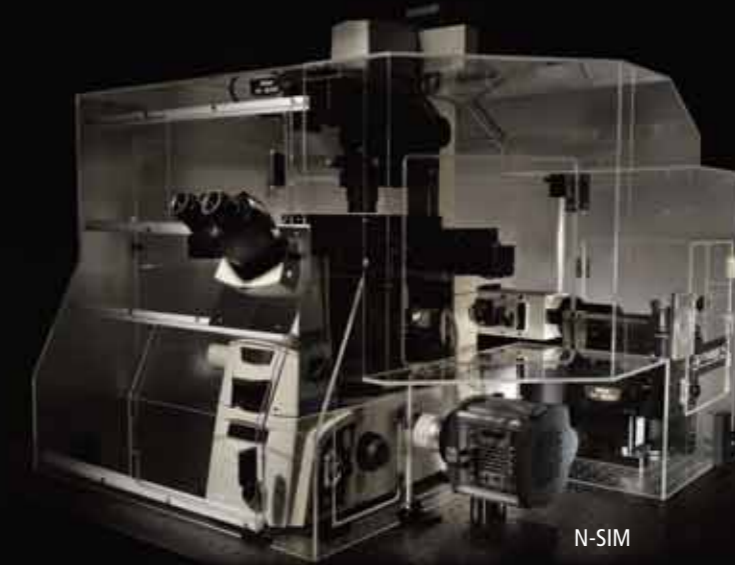
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CFI SR Plan Apochromat
IR 60x WI

CFI SR Apochromat
TIRF 100x oil

N-STORM

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The Japanese calligraphy on the above reads as "kiwami,"
which means to master or pursue excellence.

N-SIM

Temporal resolution of 0.6 sec/frame enables super-resolution time-lapse imaging of dynamic live cell events

In structured illumination microscopy (SIM), the unknown cellular ultra-structure is elucidated by analyzing the moiré pattern produced when illuminating the specimen with a known high-frequency patterned illumination. Nikon's Structured Illumination Microscope (N-SIM) realizes super resolution of up to 115 nm in multiple colors. In addition, it can continuously capture super-resolution images at a temporal resolution of 0.6 sec/frame, enabling the study of dynamic interactions in living cells.

Live-cell imaging at double the resolution of conventional optical microscopes

N-SIM utilizes Nikon's innovative new approach to "structured illumination microscopy" technology.
By pairing this powerful technology with Nikon's renowned CFI Apochromat TIRF 100x oil objective (NA 1.49), N-SIM nearly doubles (to approximately 115 nm*) the spatial resolution of conventional optical microscopes, and enables detailed visualization of the minute intracellular structures and their interactive functions.
* Excited with 488 nm laser, in 3D-SIM mode

Temporal resolution of 0.6 sec/frame—amazingly fast super-resolution microscope

N-SIM provides ultra fast imaging capability for Structured Illumination techniques, with a time resolution of up to 0.6 sec/frame, which is effective for live-cell imaging (with TIRF-SIM/2D-SIM mode; imaging of up to approximately 1 sec/frame is possible with Slice 3D-SIM mode).

Various observation modes

TIRF-SIM/2D-SIM mode
This mode captures super-resolution 2D images at high speed with incredible contrast. TIRF-SIM mode takes advantage of Total Internal Reflection Fluorescence observation at double the resolution as compared to conventional TIRF microscopes, facilitating a greater understanding of molecular interactions at the cell surface.

3D-SIM mode
Two modes are available. Slice 3D-SIM mode allows axial super-resolution imaging with optical sectioning at 300 nm resolution in live-cell specimens; Stack 3D-SIM mode can image thicker specimens with higher contrast than Slice 3D-SIM mode.

### 5 laser multi-color super-resolution capability

LU5 N-SIM 5 Laser Module is a modular system with up to five lasers enabling true multi-color super resolution. Multi-color capability is essential to the study of dynamic interactions of multiple proteins of interest at the molecular level.

## Double the resolution of conventional optical microscopes

Volume view

Width: 28.89 μm, Height: 27.83 μm, Depth: 17.20 μm
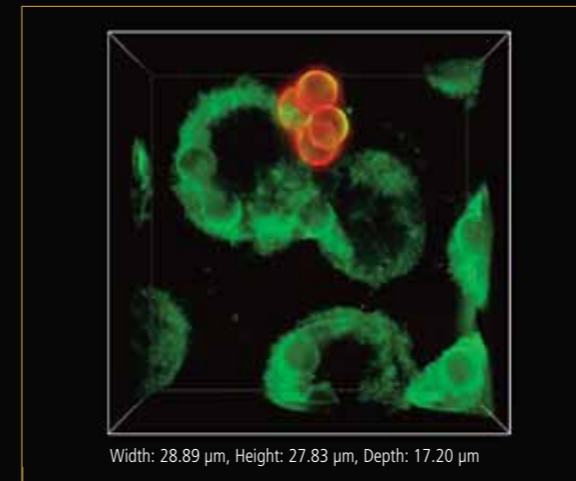
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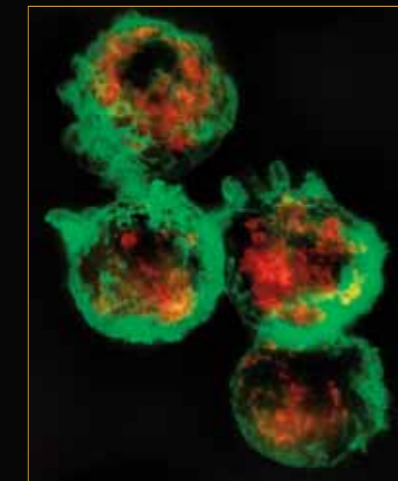
Macrophages (J774 cells expressing mVenus-SNAP23) phagocytosing opsonized beads that were incubated with Alexa555 labeled secondary antibodies after fixation. The beads without red signals are in phagosomes containing mVenus-SNAP23.
Photographed with the cooperation of: Drs. Chie Sakurai, Kiyotaka Hatsuzawa and Ikuo Wada, Fukushima Medical University School of Medicine.
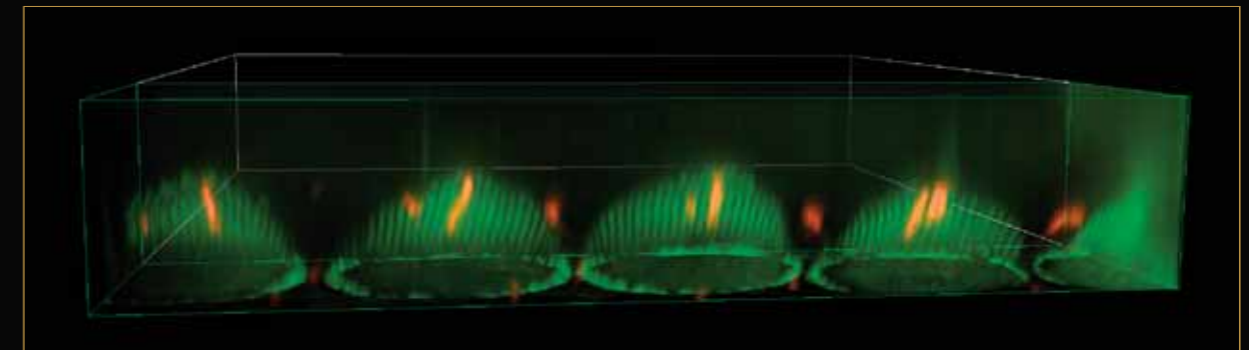

Luminal surface of the organ of Corti at postnatal day 1. （Mouse）
Green: F-actin, red: acetylated-tubulin
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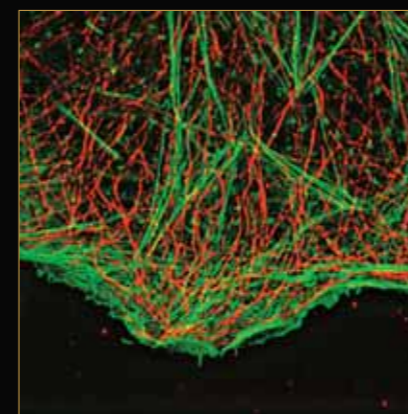

Leading edge of an epithelial cell
F-actin is highlighted by phalloidin (green) micro-tubules are immunostained with anti-tubulin antibody (red).
Photos courtesy of: Dr. Ulrike Engel, Nikon Imaging Center at the University of Heidelberg
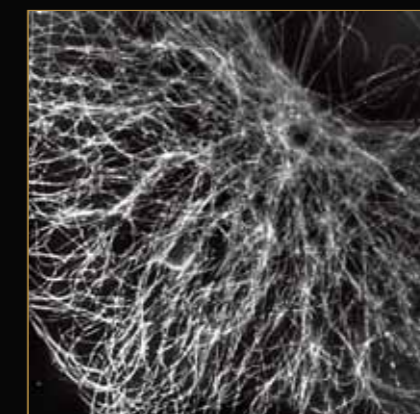
Microtubule architecture of epithelial cell
Microtubules are immunostained with anti-tubulin antibody.
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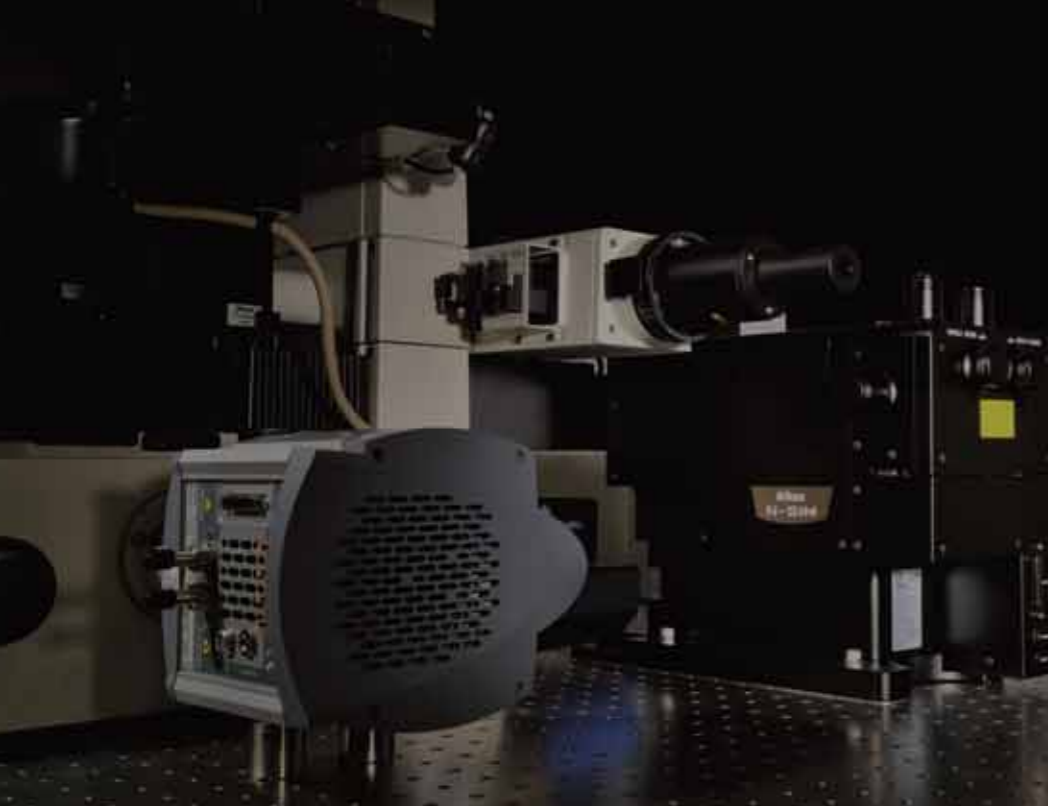
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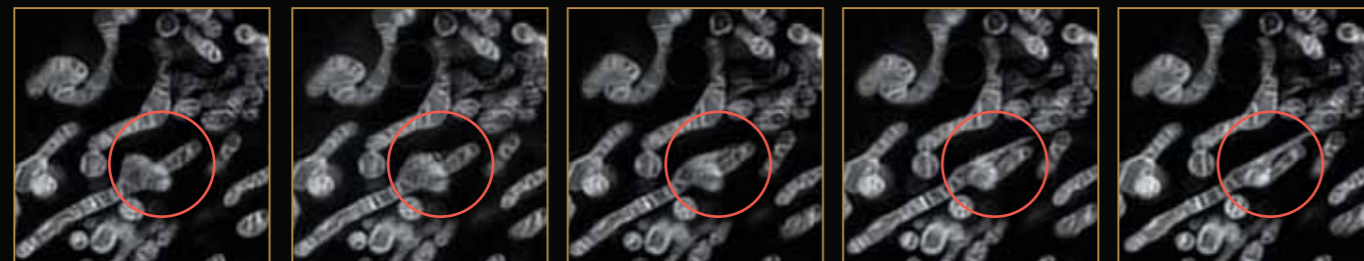
Live-cell N-SIM imaging of mitochondria labeled with Mito-Tracker red.
Live-cell imaging with N-SIM reveals dynamics of mitochondria at twice the spatial resolution. Cristae in mitochondria are also clearly observed.
Mode: Slice 3D-SIM mode
Objective: CFI Apochromat TIRF 100x oil (NA 1.49)
Image capturing interval: approximately 1 sec. (movie)

N-SIM images (TIRF-SIM)

Conventional TIRF images
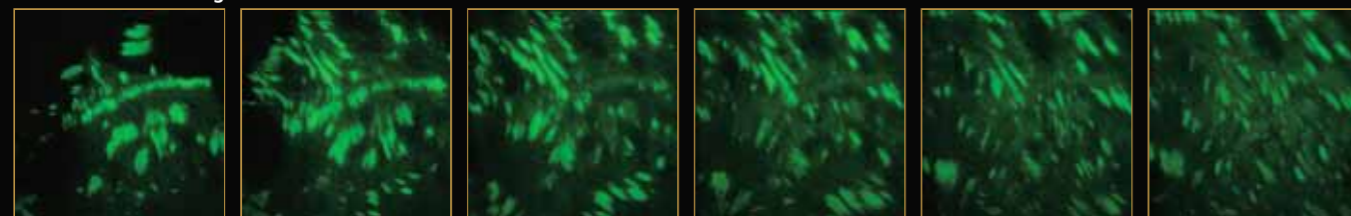
| 0 min. | 48 min. | 96 min. | 144 min. | 192 min. | 240 min. |

FoLu cells (fox lung) expressing eGFP-vinculin
Mode: TIRF-SIM mode
Photos courtesy of: Dr. Michael W. Davidson, National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Florida State University

Slice 3D-SIM mode images

Slice 3D-SIM mode is suitable for capturing time-lapse activities of living cells at specific depths.

N-SIM image (Slice 3D-SIM mode)   **Conventional widefield image**

Bacillus subtilis bacterium stained with membrane dye Nile Red (red), and expressing the cell division protein DivIVA fused to GFP (green).
N-SIM enables accurate localization of the protein during division.
Photos courtesy of: Drs Henrik Strahl and Leendert Hamoen, Centre for Bacterial Cell Biology, Newcastle University
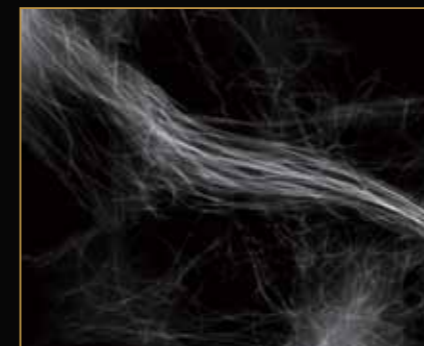
**N-SIM image (Slice 3D-SIM mode)**   **Conventional widefield image**

Microtubules in B16 melanoma cell labeled with YFP
Objective: CFI Apochromat TIRF 100x oil (NA 1.49) Image capturing speed: approximately 1.8 sec/frame (movie)
Photographed with the cooperation of: Dr. Yasushi Okada, Laboratory for Cell Polarity Regulation, Quantitative Biology Center, RIKEN

Stack 3D-SIM mode images

Stack 3D-SIM mode constructs 3D images based on Gustafsson's theory, and is suitable for acquisition of volume data.

Volume view
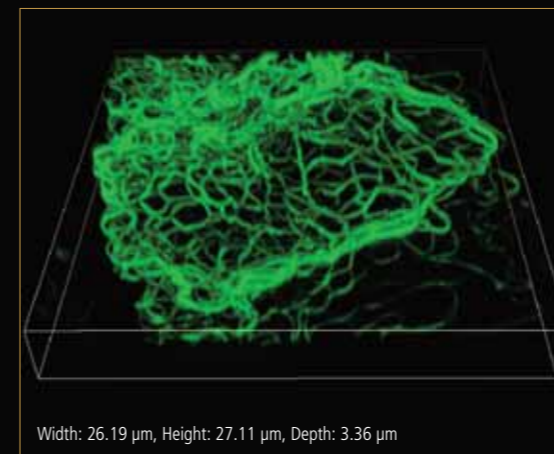
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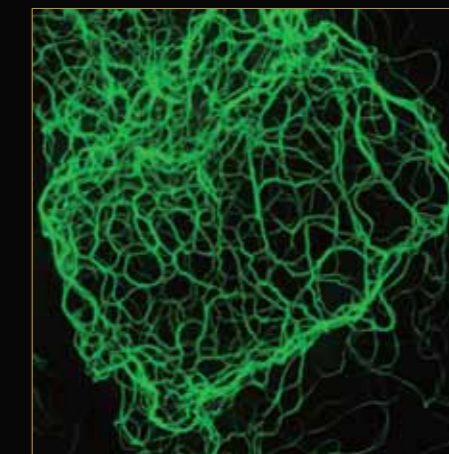
Mouse keratinocyte labeled with an antibody against keratin intermediate filaments and stained with an Alexa 488 conjugated second antibody.
Photos courtesy of: Dr. Reinhard Windoffer, RWTH Aachen University
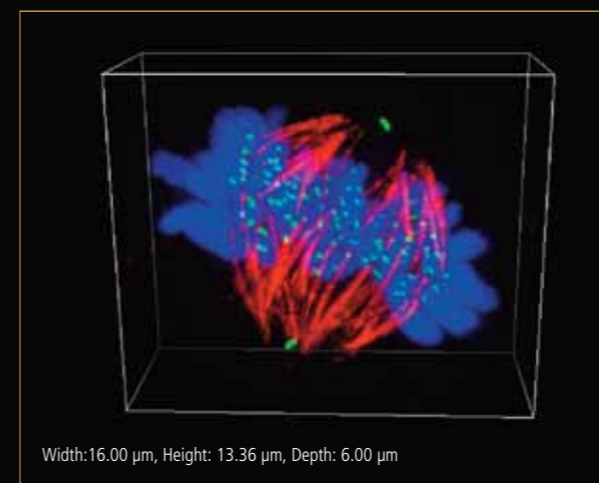
Width:16.00 µm, Height: 13.36 µm, Depth: 6.00 µm

Human U2OS cell during mitosis metaphase
The cell is labeled green (kinetochore protein CENP-B), red (alpha-tubulin) and blue (DNA).
Photo courtesy of: Dr. Alexey Khodjakov, Wadsworth Center, Albany NY

▌ The principle of the Structured Illumination Microscopy

Analytical processing of recorded moiré patterns, produced by overlaying a known high spatial frequency pattern, mathematically restores the sub-resolution structure of a specimen.

Utilization of high spatial frequency laser interference to illuminate sub-resolution structures within a specimen produces moiré fringes, which are captured. These moiré fringes include modulated information of the sub-resolution structure of the specimen. Through image processing, the unknown specimen information can be recovered to achieve resolution beyond the limit of conventional optical microscopes.
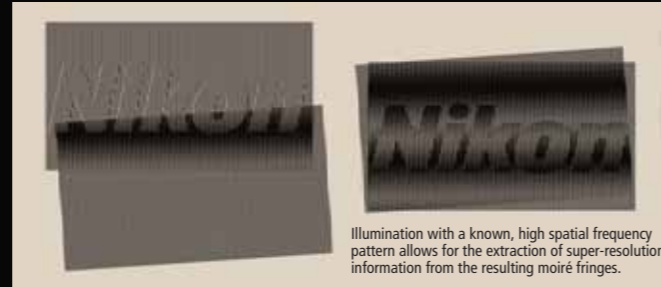
Illumination with a known, high spatial frequency pattern allows for the extraction of super-resolution information from the resulting moiré fringes.

Create super-resolution images by processing multiple moiré pattern images

An image of moiré patterns captured in this process includes information of the minute structures within a specimen. Multiple phases and orientations of structured illumination are captured, and the displaced "super-resolution" information is extracted from moiré fringe information. This information is combined mathematically in "Fourier" or aperture space and then transformed back into image space, creating an image at double the conventional resolution limit.
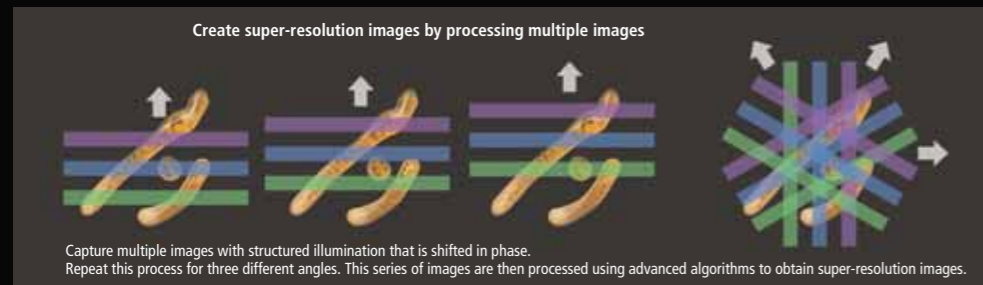
Create super-resolution images by processing multiple images

Capture multiple images with structured illumination that is shifted in phase.
Repeat this process for three different angles. This series of images are then processed using advanced algorithms to obtain super-resolution images.

Utilizing high-frequency striped illumination to double the resolution

The capture of high resolution, high spatial frequency information is limited by the Numerical Aperture (NA) of the objectives, and spatial frequencies of structure beyond the optical system aperture are excluded (Fig. A).
Illuminating the specimen with high frequency structured illumination, which is multiplied by the unknown structure in the specimen beyond the classical resolution limit, brings the displaced "super-resolution" information within the optical system aperture (Fig. B).

When this "super-resolution" information is then mathematically combined with the standard information captured by the objective lens, it results in resolutions equivalent to those captured with objective lenses with approximately double the NA (Fig. C).
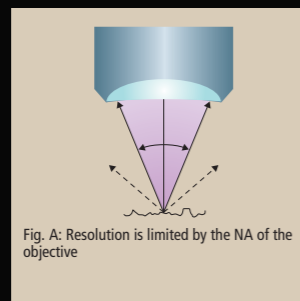
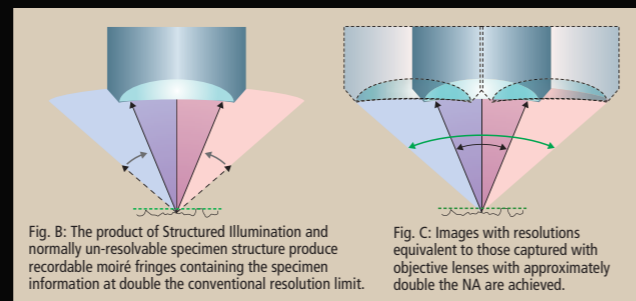Fig. A: Resolution is limited by the NA of the objective

Fig. B: The product of Structured Illumination and normally un-resolvable specimen structure produce recordable moiré fringes containing the specimen information at double the conventional resolution limit.
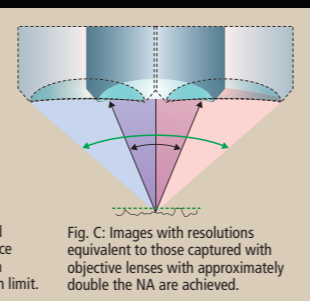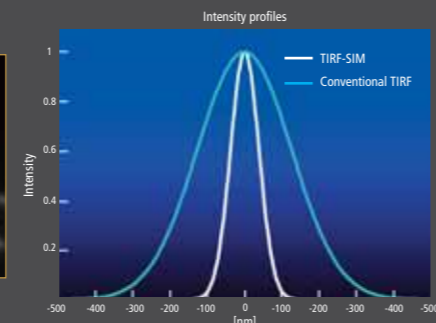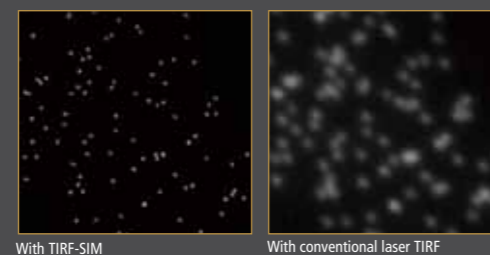
Fig. C: Images with resolutions equivalent to those captured with objective lenses with approximately double the NA are achieved.

## ▌ Comparison of TIRF-SIM versus conventional laser TIRF images

Images of diameter 100 nm fluorescent beads captured with a conventional optical microscope and Super Resolution Microscope N-SIM.
The intensity profiles of single point images indicate that the resolving power of the super-resolution microscope is about double that of the conventional epi-fluorescence microscope.

With TIRF-SIM

With conventional laser TIRF

Intensity profiles

— TIRF-SIM
— Conventional TIRF

Intensity

-500 -400 -300 -200 -100 0 -100 -200 -300 -400 -500
[nm]

N-SIM analysis software

Imaging Software

NIS-Elements
Advanced Solutions for your Imaging World

N-SIM image processing, reconstruction and analysis are carried out using the N-SIM module that resides within Nikon's universal, cross-platform imaging software NIS-Elements. The NIS-Elements platform allows for the same level of intuitive operation of N-SIM that exists for other Nikon imaging systems such as confocal microscopes.
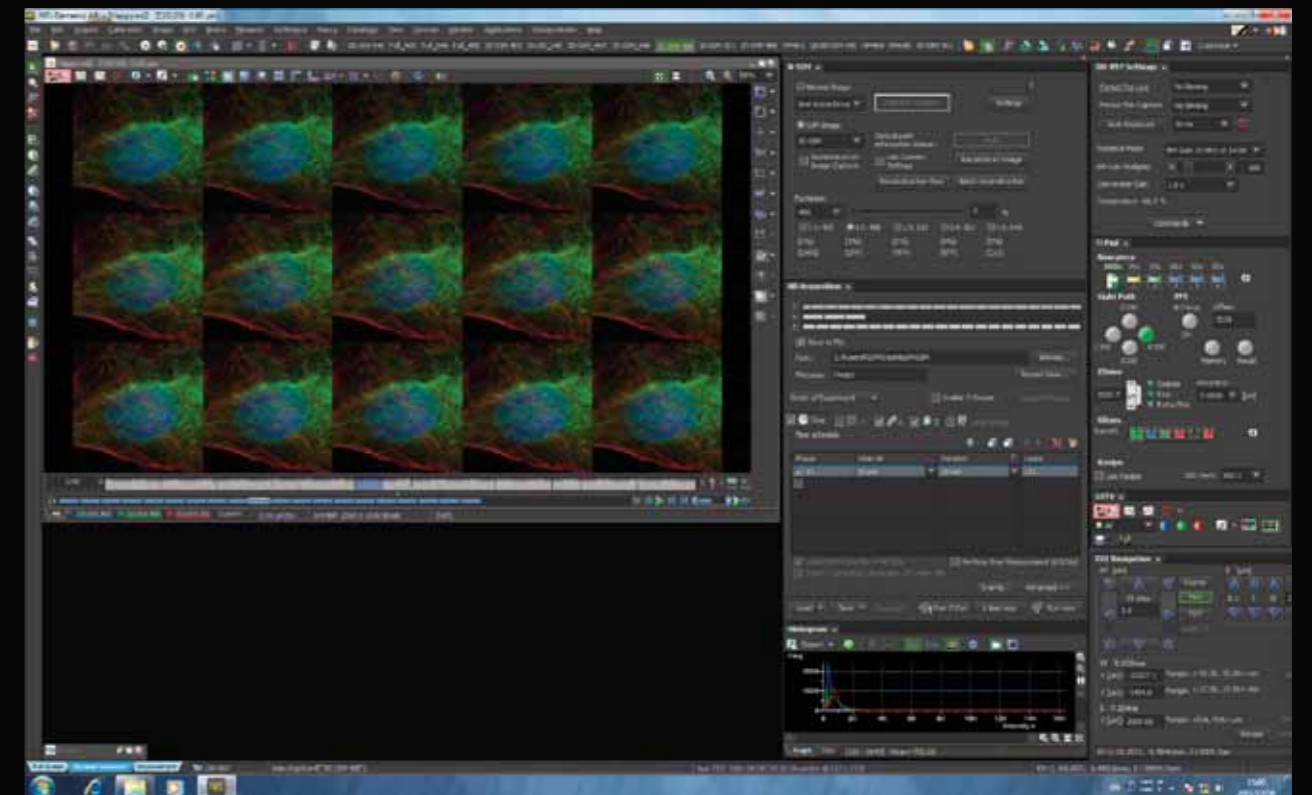
N-SIM image acquisition (3D-SIM)

Image acquisition   ●N-SIM mode selection   ●Laser power control   ●Setting imaging options

Setting image acquisition
Up to five different laser wavelengths are available. User-customized spectral, z-stack, and time-lapse acquisition settings are automatically managed to allow for a simple workflow from acquisition to N-SIM image reconstruction. N-SIM image reconstruction can be further optimized by modifying reconstruction parameters post-acquisition/offline.

Image processing

● Manual setting of N-SIM image reconstruction parameters
● Optimization of N-SIM image reconstruction parameters
● Reconstruction view
● Batch reconstruction

Setting image reconstruction
Auto settings allow the software to automatically select the most appropriate reconstruction parameters for the acquired images to reconstruct N-SIM images. Users can further optimize reconstruction by manually adjusting these parameters.

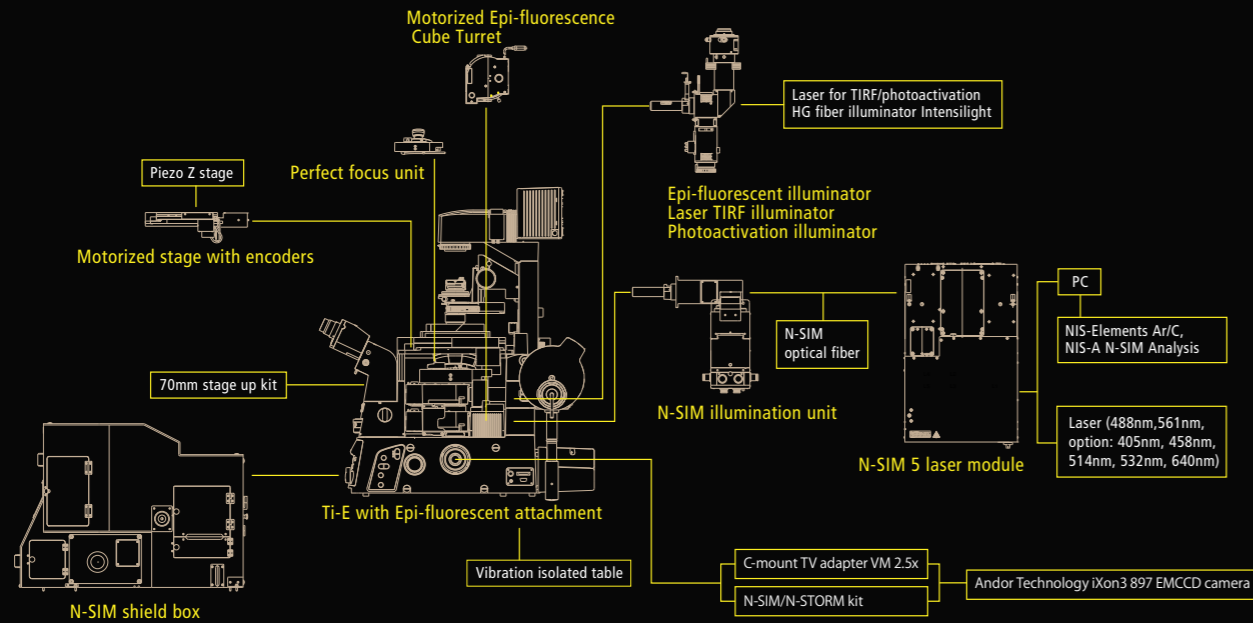**Reconstruction view**
Reconstruction view allows users to preview the results of the selected reconstructed parameters on the current/selected frame, allowing for efficient reconstruction parameter determination.

Batch reconstruction
This function allows for the reconstruction of multiple N-SIM image files, including time-lapse and z-stack images, and post-image acquisition.

N-SIM system diagram

- Motorized Epi-fluorescence Cube Turret
- Laser for TIRF/photoactivation HG fiber illuminator Intensilight
- Piezo Z stage
- Perfect focus unit
- Epi-fluorescent illuminator / Laser TIRF illuminator / Photoactivation illuminator
- Motorized stage with encoders
- PC
- NIS-Elements Ar/C, NIS-A N-SIM Analysis
- N-SIM optical fiber
- 70mm stage up kit
- N-SIM illumination unit
- Laser (488nm, 561nm, option: 405nm, 458nm, 514nm, 532nm, 640nm)
- N-SIM 5 laser module
- Ti-E with Epi-fluorescent attachment
- Vibration isolated table
- C-mount TV adapter VM 2.5x
- N-SIM/N-STORM kit
- Andor Technology iXon3 897 EMCCD camera
- N-SIM shield box

N-SIM illumination unit

This unit illuminates a specimen with a high spacial frequency pattern generated by a grating block and illuminates the specimen multiple times while shifting the phases and orientations of the structured illumination.

Objectives for super-resolution microscopes

The SR (Super Resolution) objectives have been designed for new applications that break the diffraction barrier.
The most recent optical designs and the best selection of optical glasses have been applied to yield optical performances with the lowest possible remaining spherical and cylindrical aberrations.

CFI SR Plan Apochromat IR 60x WI
CFI SR Apochromat TIRF 100x oil

Optional accessories for N-SIM

Stage Top Incubator TIZSH
Feedbacks sample temperature directly to temperature control unit to provide accurate and stable sample temperature control. PC connection allows monitoring and logging of temperature and CO_2 concentration. (Tokai Hit Co., Ltd.)

Features
- Sample temperature range: 30°C to 40°C (at 20°C, ±2°C room temperature)
- Heater setting temperature:
  Top heater: room temperature to 50°C . Bath heater: room temperature to 50°C
  Stage heater: room temperature to 55°C . Feedback sensor: room temperature to 40°C
  Lens heater: room temperature to 45°C
- Accuracy: ±0.3°C (on the plate)
- Chamber humidity: RH 99% or more

Included accessories
- UNIV-D35 dish attachment for 35mm dish
- D35-200F sensor lid for 35mm dish
- Neco temperature and gas management software

Optional accessories
- TID-NA stage adapter for Ti motorized XY stage
- UNIV-SC dish attachment for slide glass and chamber slide
- UNIV-CGC dish attachment for chambered coverglass
- CS-200F sensor lid for chamber slide
- CGC-200F sensor lid for chambered coverglass

N-SIM specifications

N-SIM specifications	
Lateral resolution (FWHM of beads in xy)	115 nm* in 3D-SIM mode
Axial resolution (FWHM of beads in z)	269 nm* in 3D-SIM mode
Image acquisition time	Up to 0.6 sec/frame (TIRF-SIM/2D-SIM) Up to 1 sec/frame (Slice 3D-SIM) (needs more 1-2 sec. for calculation)
Imaging mode	TIRF-SIM (TIRF XY super resolution) 2D-SIM (XY super resolution, up to 3μm deep) Slice 3D-SIM (XYZ super resolution, up to 20μm deep) Stack 3D-SIM (XYZ super resolution, up to 50μm deep)
Multi-color imaging	Up to 5 colors
Compatible Laser	Standard: 488nm, 561nm Option: 405nm, 458nm, 514nm, 532nm, 640nm Laser combination: 405 nm/488 nm/514 nm/532 nm/561 nm, 405 nm/488 nm/514 nm/561 nm/640 nm, 458 nm/488 nm/514 nm/532 nm/561 nm, 458 nm/488 nm/514 nm/561 nm/640 nm
Compatible microscope	Motorized inverted microscope ECLIPSE Ti-E Perfect Focus System Motorized XY stage with encoders Piezo Z stage
Compatible objective	CFI SR Apochromat TIRF 100×oil (NA1.49) CFI Apochromat TIRF 100×oil (NA1.49) CFI SR Plan Apochromat IR 60×WI (NA1.27) CFI Plan Apochromat IR 60×WI (NA1.27)
Camera	Andor Technology iXon3 897 EMCCD camera
Software	NIS-Elements Ar/NIS-Elements C (for Confocal Microscope A1+/A1R+) Both require optional module software NIS-A N-SIM Analysis
Operating conditions	20 °C to 28 °C (± 0.5 °C)

* These values are measured using 100nm diameter beads excited at 488nm. Actual resolution is dependent on laser wavelength and optical configuration.

Combining super-resolution microscope with other imaging modalities

A1+ with N-SIM

By using the Confocal Microscope A1+ and Super Resolution Microscope N-SIM in tandem, multilateral observation of the dynamics of a single live cell is possible by switching between A1+ and N-SIM. A1+ enables high-speed image acquisition, low-magnification observation and photostimulation, while N-SIM enables approximately 100 nm-resolution live-cell observation.
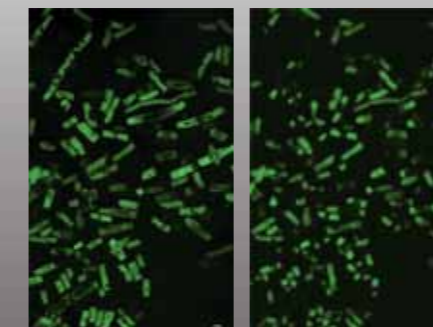
With N-SIM   With confocal microscope

E. coli (XL1-Blue) expressing SGFP2
Photos courtesy of: Drs. Takahisa Suzuki and Ikuo Wada, Fukushima Medical University School of Medicine

N-STORM

STochastic Optical Reconstruction Microscopy (STORM) reconstructs a super-resolution fluorescent image by combining precise localization information for individual fluorophores in complex fluorescent microscope specimens. N-STORM takes advantage of Nikon's powerful Ti-E inverted microscope and applies high-accuracy, multi-color localization and reconstruction in three dimensions (xyz) to enable super-resolution imaging at tenfold the resolution of conventional optical microscopes (up to 20 nm in xy). This powerful technology enables the visualization of molecular interactions at the nanoscopic level, opening up new worlds of scientific understanding.

N-STORM offers 20 nm lateral resolution, a tenfold improvement over conventional optical microscopes.

N-STORM utilizes high accuracy localization information for thousands of individual fluorophores present in a field of view to create breathtaking "super-resolution" images, exhibiting spatial resolution that is 10 times greater than conventional optical microscopes.

N-STORM also offers more than tenfold improvement in axial resolution (up to 50 nm)

In addition to lateral super-resolution, N-STORM utilizes proprietary methods to achieve a tenfold enhancement in axial resolution, effectively providing 3D information at a nanoscopic scale.

Multi-color imaging using various fluorescent probes

Multi-color super-resolution imaging can be carried out using either tandem dye pairs that combine "activator" and "reporter" probes or standard secondary antibodies that are commercially available for continuous activation imaging. This flexibility allows users to easily gain critical insights into the localization and interaction properties of multiple proteins at the molecular level.
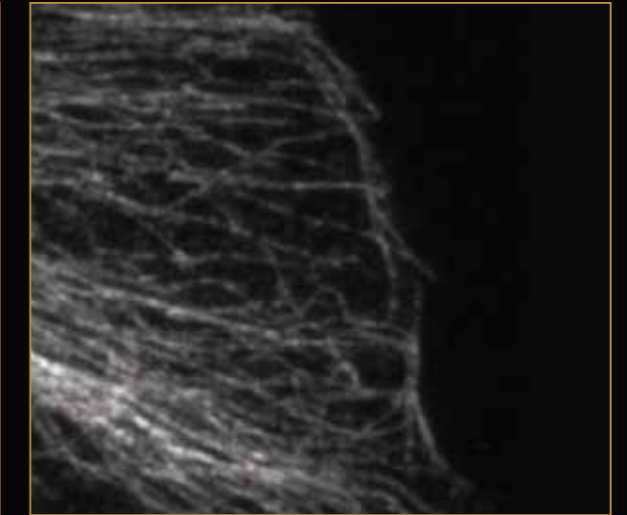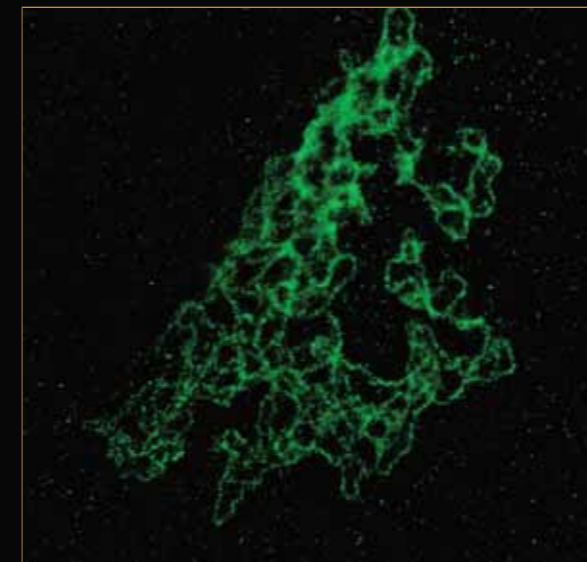
Tenfold improvement in axial resolution

N-STORM image
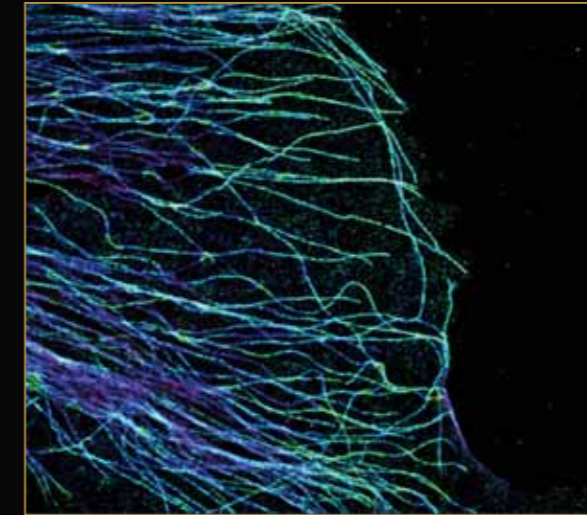
Conventional widefield image

Fluorescence labeled microtubule
3D-STORM image of antibody-labeled microtubules. Colors encode z-depth information.

Single color 2D-STORM (continuous activation mode) image of Golgi in a BSC-1 cell labeled with Alexa647
Photos courtesy of: Dr. Michael W. Davidson, National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Florida State University
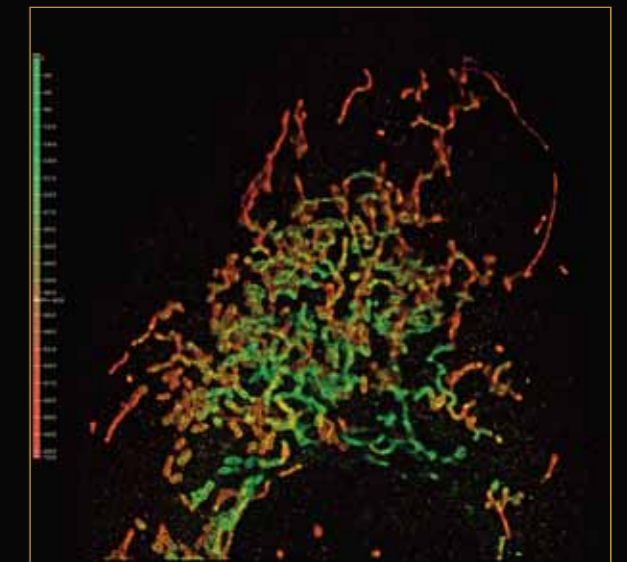
Single color 3D-STORM image of mitochondria in a BSC-1 cell labeled with Alexa405-Alexa647
Color encodes z-position information

10 times the resolution of conventional optical microscopes

Single color STORM image of a clathrin-coated pit in a mammalian cell labeled with Cy3-Alexa647
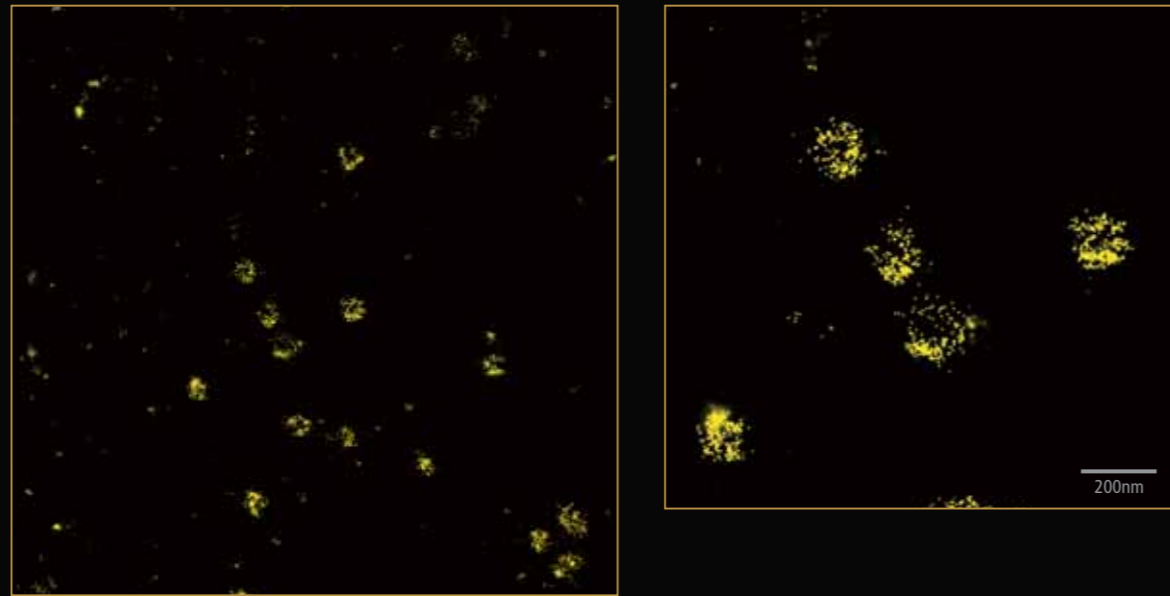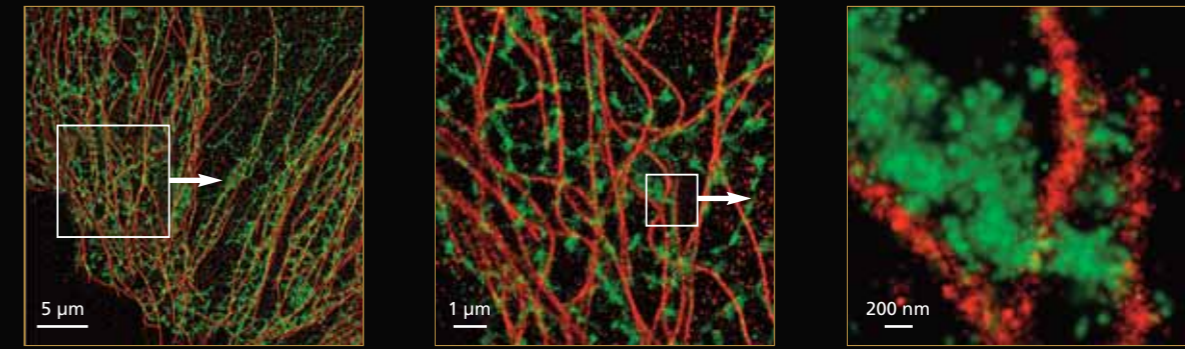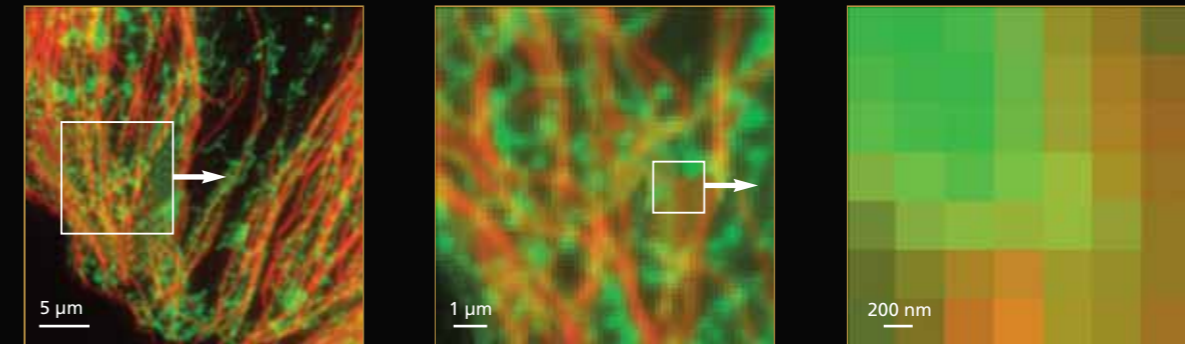Objective: CFI Apochromat TIRF 100x oil (NA 1.49)

N-STORM images

Conventional widefield images

Sites of DNA synthesis in a pig kidney epithelial cell (LLC-PK1) visualized at super resolution with continuous activation imaging using Alexa647-labeled EdU.
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N-STORM images

Conventional widefield images

African green monkey kidney cells (BSC-1) labeled with Alexa Fluor 647 (Tubulin) and ATTO 488 (Calreticulin)
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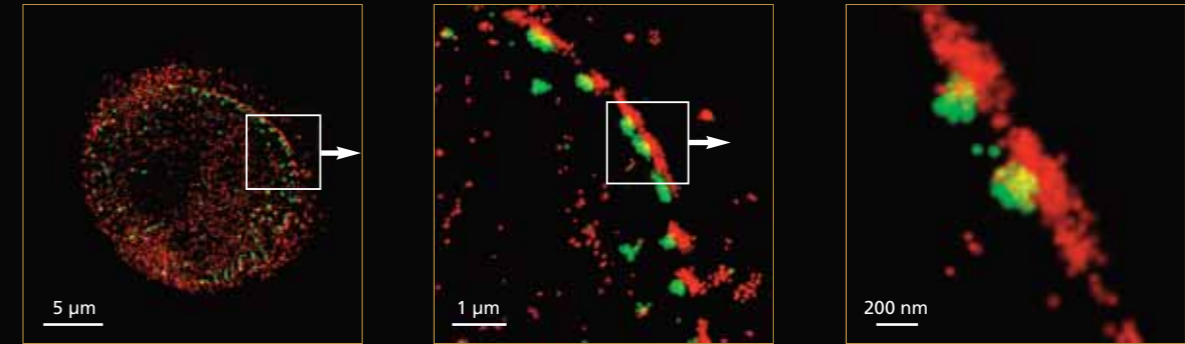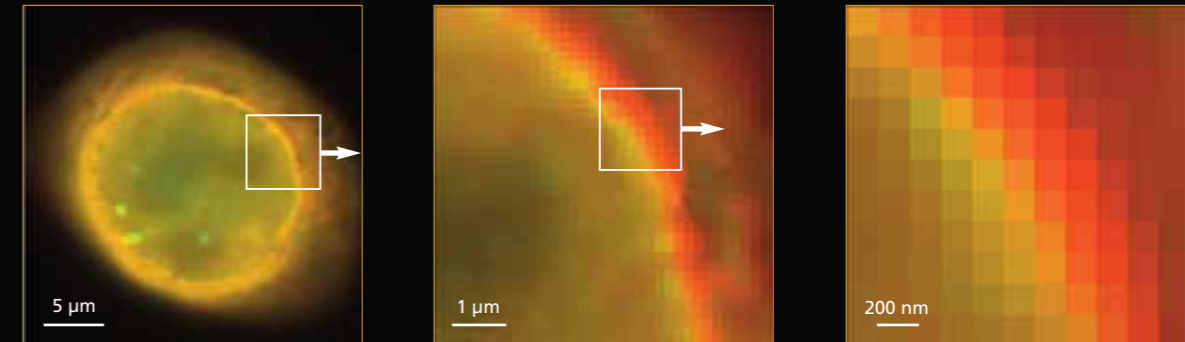

Conventional widefield images

Human cervical cancer cells (HeLa S3) labeled with Alexa Fluor 647 (NUP153) and ATTO 488 (TPR)
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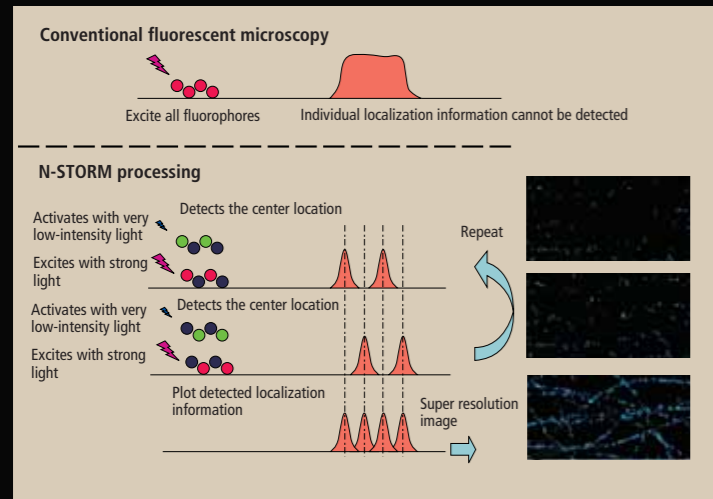
The principle of STochastic Optical Reconstruction Microscopy

STochastic Optical Reconstruction Microscopy (STORM) reconstructs a super-resolution image by combining high-accuracy localization information of individual fluorophores in three dimensions and multiple colors
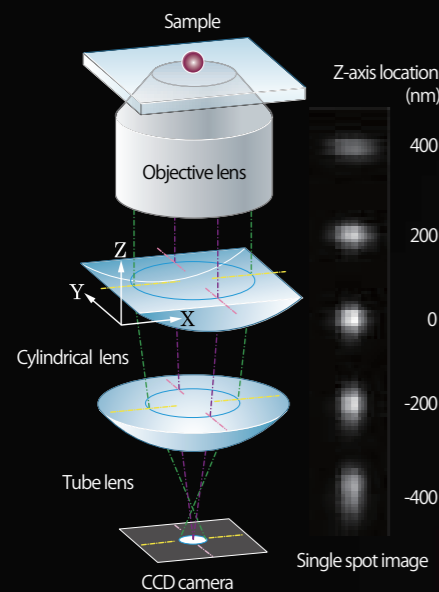
N-STORM uses stochastic activation of relatively small numbers of fluorophores using very low-intensity light. This random stochastic "activation" of fluorophores allows temporal separation of individual molecules, enabling high precision Gaussian fitting of each fluorophore image in XY. By utilizing special 3D-STORM optics, N-STORM can also localize individual molecules along the Z-axis with high precision. Computationally combining molecular coordinates in three dimensions results in super-resolution 3D images of the nanoscopic world.

Reconstruction of N-STORM images using localization information of individual fluorophores

Conventional fluorescent microscopy

Excite all fluorophores — Individual localization information cannot be detected

N-STORM processing

Activates with very low-intensity light
Detects the center location
Excites with strong light
Repeat
Activates with very low-intensity light
Detects the center location
Excites with strong light
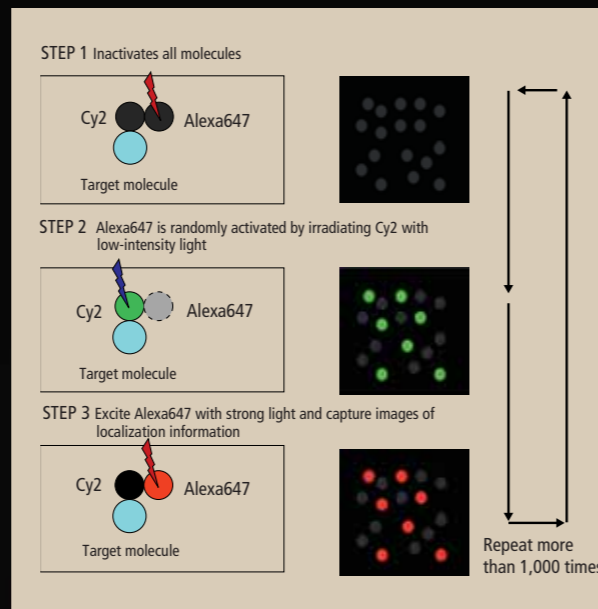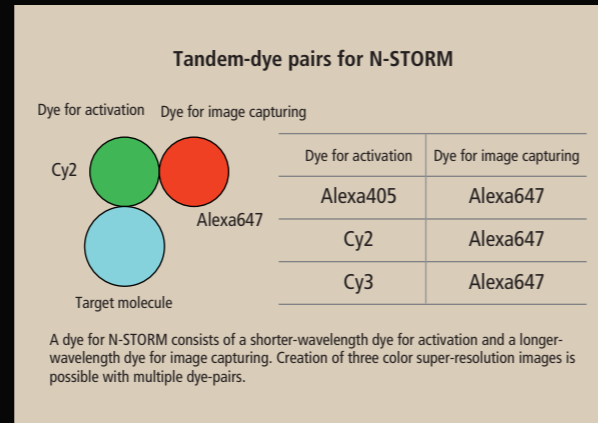Plot detected localization information
Super resolution image

High-precision Z-axis position detection

Using a cylindrical lens that asymmetrically condenses light beams in either X or Y direction, Z-axis molecule locations can be determined with an accuracy of about 50 nm. Location in Z is determined by detecting the orientation of the astigmatism-induced stretch in the X or Y direction and the size of the out-of-focus point images. 3D fluorescent images can be reconstructed by combining the determined Z-axis location information with XY-axis location information.

Sample
Z-axis location (nm)
Objective lens
400
200
Z
Y
X
0
Cylindrical lens
-200
Tube lens
-400
Single spot image
CCD camera

### Dedicated tandem-dye pairs for highest localization accuracy

N-STORM uses dedicated fluorescent dye pairs containing an "activator"(relatively short wavelength excitation) and a "reporter" (relatively long wavelength excitation), which enables various color combinations, facilitating multi-channel super resolution. N-STORM can also be carried out using conventional single-dye conjugated antibodies for continuous activation imaging.

Tandem-dye pairs for N-STORM

Dye for activation   Dye for image capturing

Cy2
Alexa647
Target molecule

Dye for activation	Dye for image capturing
Alexa405	Alexa647
Cy2	Alexa647
Cy3	Alexa647

A dye for N-STORM consists of a shorter-wavelength dye for activation and a longer-wavelength dye for image capturing. Creation of three color super-resolution images is possible with multiple dye-pairs.

STEP 1 Inactivates all molecules
Cy2   Alexa647
Target molecule

STEP 2 Alexa647 is randomly activated by irradiating Cy2 with low-intensity light
Cy2   Alexa647
Target molecule

STEP 3 Excite Alexa647 with strong light and capture images of localization information
Cy2   Alexa647
Target molecule
Repeat more than 1,000 times

N-STORM analysis software

Nikon's imaging software NIS-Elements and N-STORM Analysis offer various operations, from N-STORM image acquisition to image reconstruction. During image acquisition, live wide-field and reconstructed N-STORM images, as well as the number of localized molecules, can be viewed in real time.
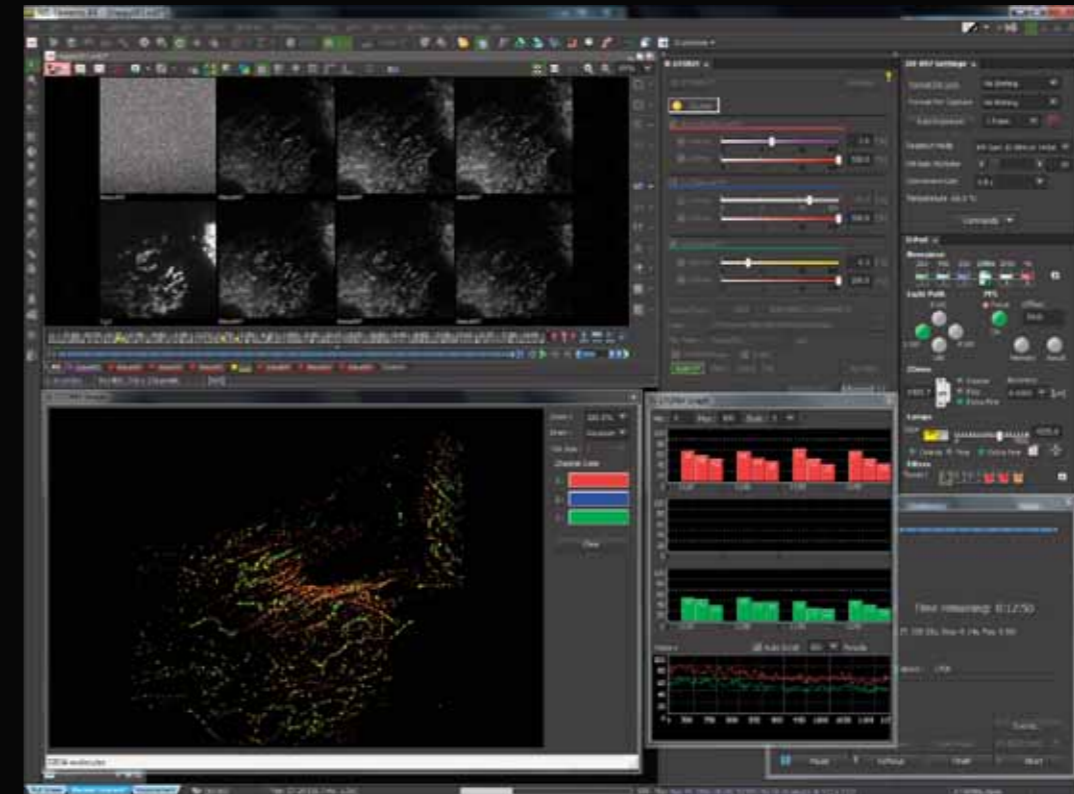
N-STORM image acquisition dialog box

Image acquisition

Image acquisition setting
Simple changeover between 2D-STORM and 3D-STORM image acquisition mode is possible.

Setting image acquisition conditions
Simultaneous acquisition of multicolor images is possible. In continuous mode, high-speed acquisition of N-STORM images using a single dye is also possible.

Real time display of localizations per frame
During N-STORM image acquisition, the number of localized fluorescent molecules is displayed in real time using images and graphs. Clicking the Auto LP (Auto Laser Power) button automatically adjusts laser power, depending on the number of localized fluorescent spots.

Image analysis

Batch processing analysis
Simultaneous analysis of multiple N-STORM images is possible.

Crosstalk subtraction
Subtracts fluorescent spots resulting from excitation crosstalk. After adjusting crosstalk subtraction settings, the resulting image appears immediately.

N-STORM image display type
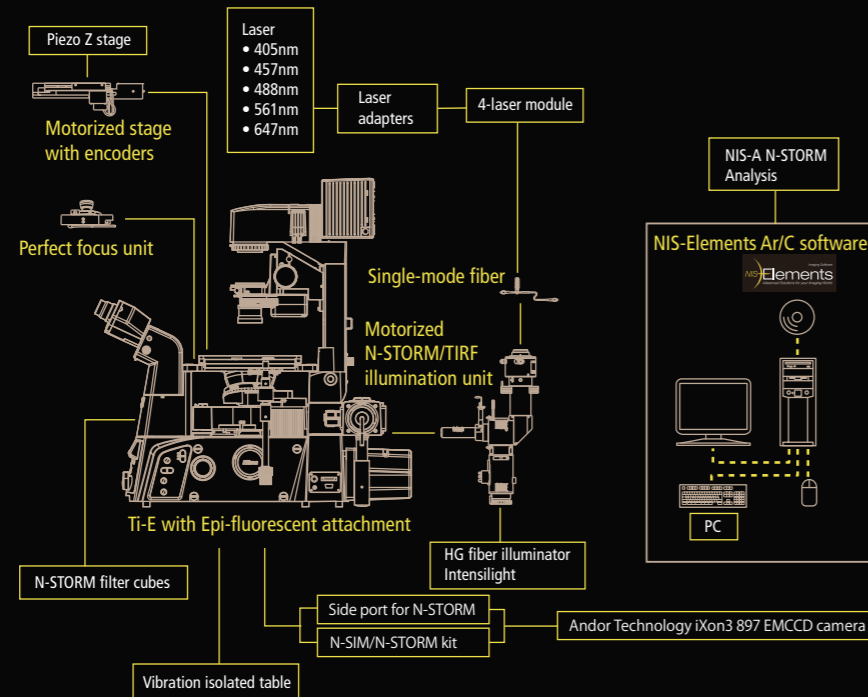Three types of display are available: Gaussian, cross or Gaussian and cross.

3D display
A major feature of N-STORM is 3D super-resolution image acquisition and analysis. Acquired images can be displayed at any angle after analysis.

Image magnification
Selected areas of images can be magnified by up to 20,000%.

N-STORM system diagram

Piezo Z stage

Laser
• 405nm
• 457nm
• 488nm
• 561nm
• 647nm

Laser adapters

4-laser module

Motorized stage with encoders

NIS-A N-STORM Analysis

Perfect focus unit

Single-mode fiber

NIS-Elements Ar/C software

Motorized N-STORM/TIRF illumination unit

Ti-E with Epi-fluorescent attachment

N-STORM filter cubes

HG fiber illuminator Intensilight

PC

Side port for N-STORM

N-SIM/N-STORM kit

Andor Technology iXon3 897 EMCCD camera

Vibration isolated table

N-STORM Specifications

N-STORM Specifications	
XY resolution	Approximately 20 nm
Z-axis resolution	Approximately 50 nm
Imaging mode	2D-STORM 3D-STORM
Multi-color imaging	3 colors simultaneously
Compatible Laser	405nm, 457nm, 488nm, 561nm, 647nm

Compatible microscope	Motorized inverted microscope ECLIPSE Ti-E
	    Perfect Focus System
	    Motorized XY stage with encoders
	    Piezo Z stage

Compatible objective	CFI SR Apochromat TIRF 100×oil (NA1.49) CFI Apochromat TIRF 100×oil (NA1.49) CFI Plan Apochromat VC 100×oil (NA1.40)
Camera	Andor Technology iXon3 897 EMCCD camera
Software	NIS-Elements Ar/ NIS-Elements C (for Confocal Microscope A1+/A1R+) Both require optional module software NIS-A N-STORM Analysis
Operating conditions	20 °C to 25 °C (± 0.5 °C)

Motorized N-STORM/TIRF illumination unit

This unit allows laser incident angle adjustment, shutter control and switchover to widefield fluorescence excitation using a Ti microscope control pad or NIS-Elements software.

Side port for N-STORM

Switching between 2D/3D-STORM imaging and conventional widefield imaging is possible with the cylindrical lens IN/OUT across the optical path.

Objective for super-resolution microscopes

The SR (Super Resolution) objective has been designed for new applications that break the diffraction barrier. The most recent optical designs and the best selection of optical glasses have been applied to yield optical performances with the lowest possible remaining spherical and cylindrical aberrations.

CFI SR Apochromat TIRF 100x oil

Combining super-resolution microscope with other imaging modalities

A1+ with N-STORM

With a confocal microscope such as the A1+ or C2+, high-speed image acquisition, low-magnification observation, photostimulation, etc., of live cells are possible. The Super Resolution Microscope N-STORM enables acquisition of minute 3D information with 20 nm-resolution observation. This system also enables TIRF imaging.

N-SIM with N-STORM

N-SIM and N-STORM can be combined on a single inverted microscope to create the ultimate super-resolution imaging system. Using the N-SIM/N-STORM kit, switching between the two super-resolution modes is possible without having to change the camera adapter.

N-SIM/N-STORM kit
Three positions can be selected for N-SIM, conventional laser TIRF/2D-STORM and 3D-STORM