

On seeing and manipulating molecules

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Dynamic range of physical addressability

x, y, z \approx nanometers

X, Y, Z \approx centimeters

c $\sim 4^{20} \gg 23000$

image vs. construct

Summary

Image:

- Using expansion microscopy and in-situ optical sequencing of DNA, we are on path to “*arbitrary resolution, infinite color microscopy*” for bio
- Sequencing neuron-indexing RNA barcodes this way should allow *full mammalian brain connectomes for ~\$30M*

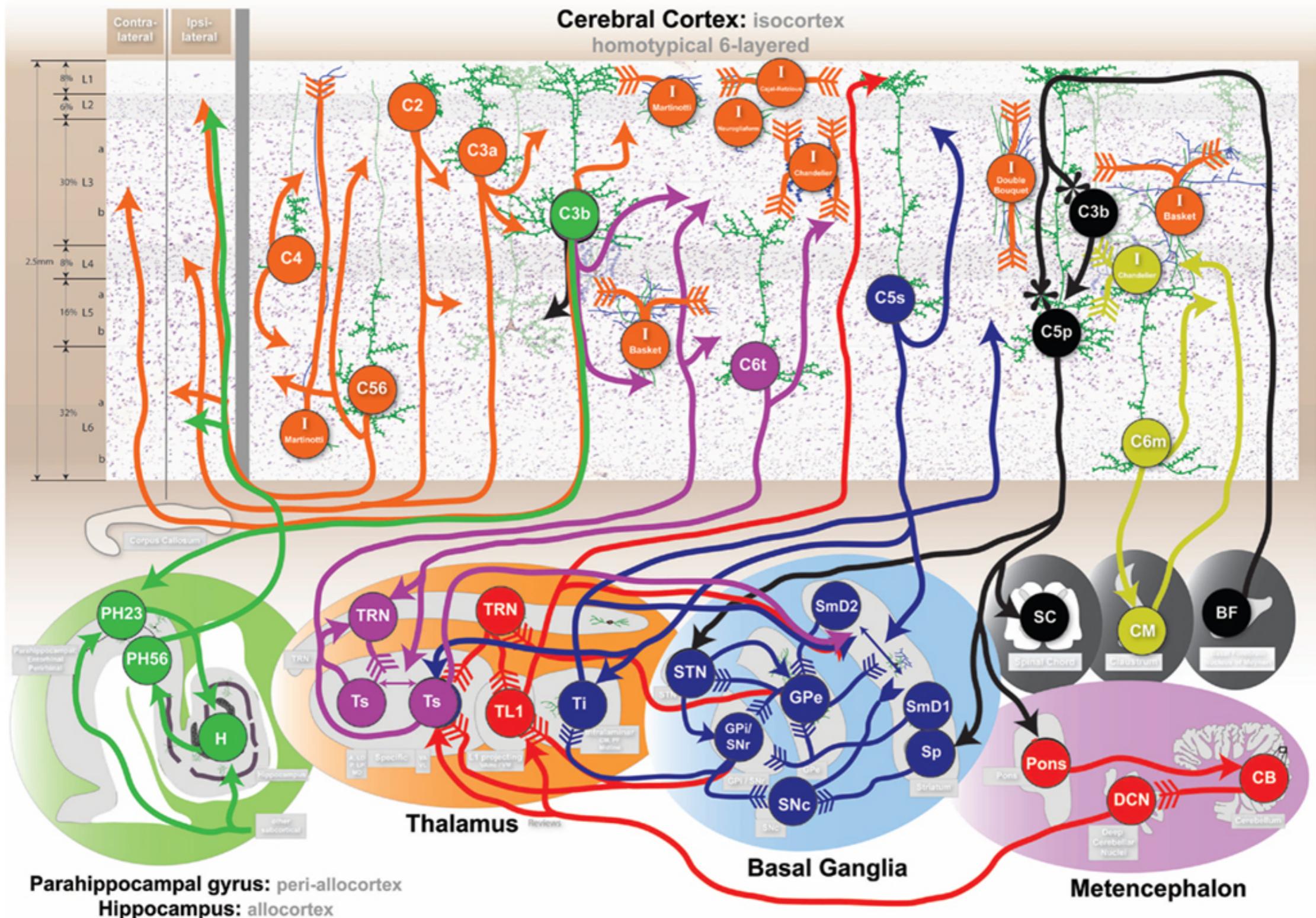
Construct:

- DNA origami allows ~5 nm patterning of diverse materials over ~100 nm length scales by self-assembly, with trivial/facile design
- We should be able to organize DNA origami into larger systems by patterning them on shrunken DNA microarrays
- A “*molecular 3D printer*”, made through various steps involving DNA origami, DNA templating of proteins / peptides, and modular protein engineering with fixed backbones and *programmable interfaces*, could be an interesting first step to explore and demo “APM” principles

Part I: image

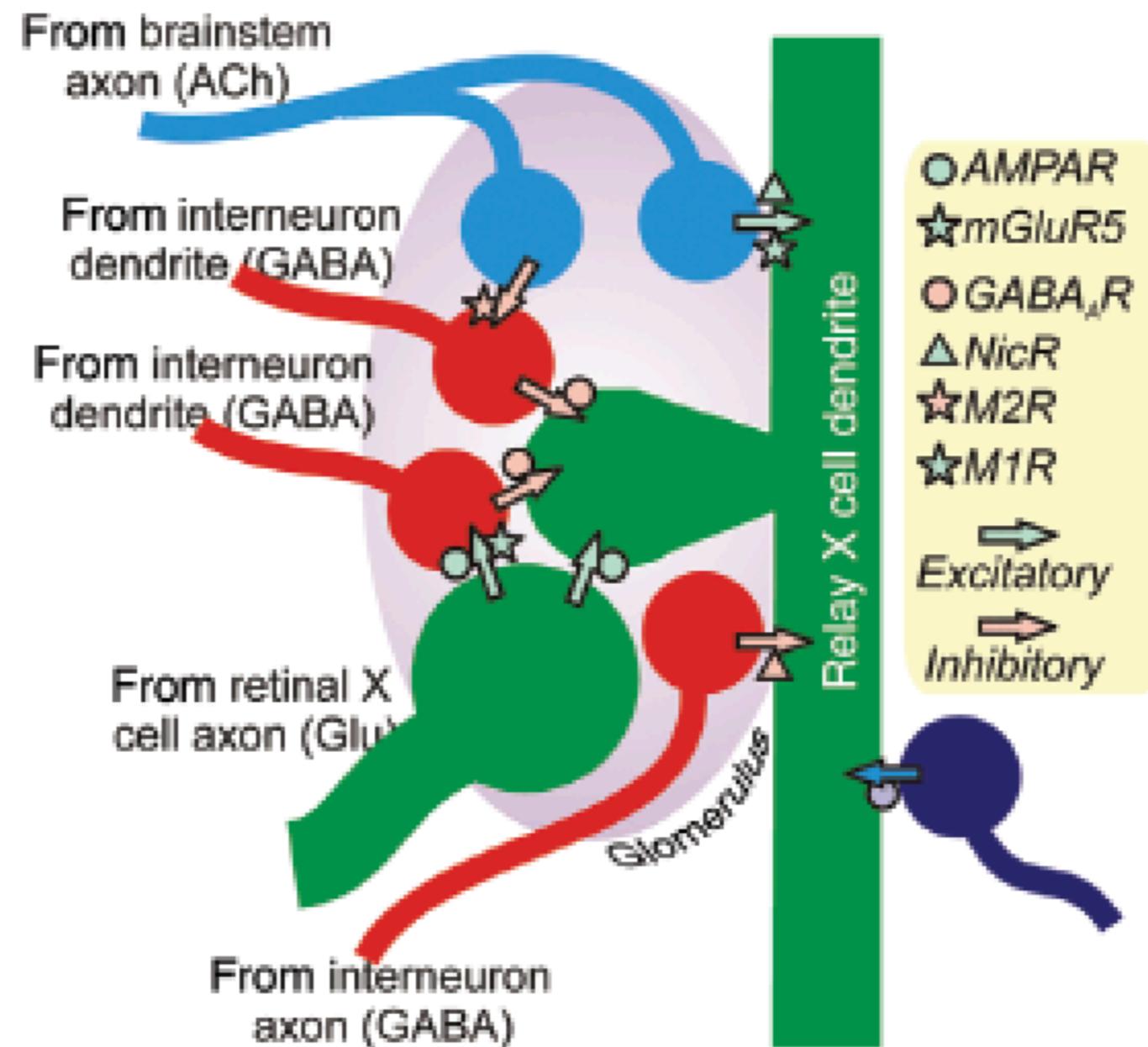
How to scalably map the brain's architecture

Key circuits span the entire brain (cm)



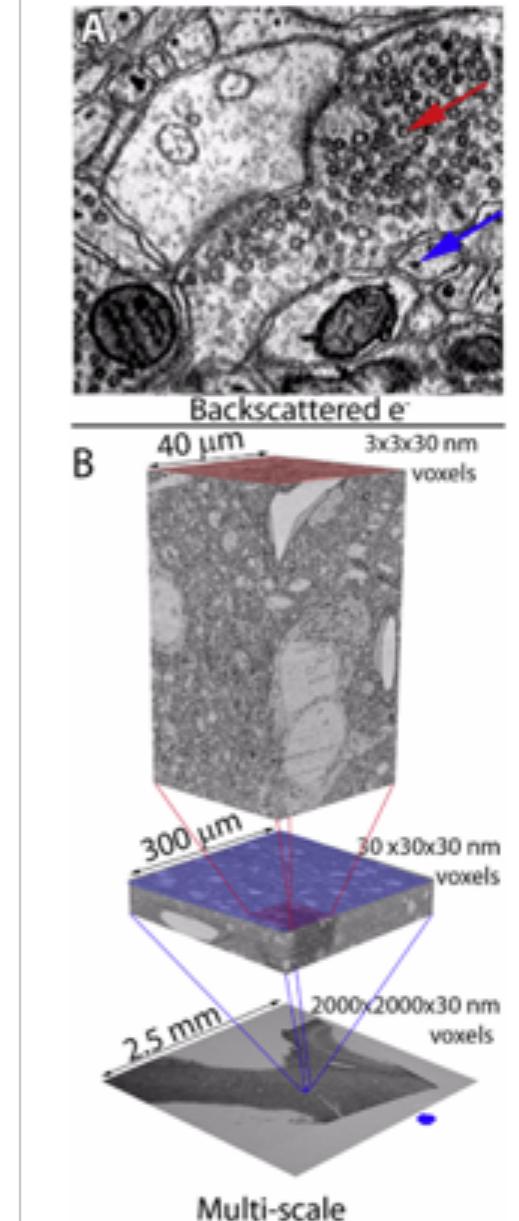
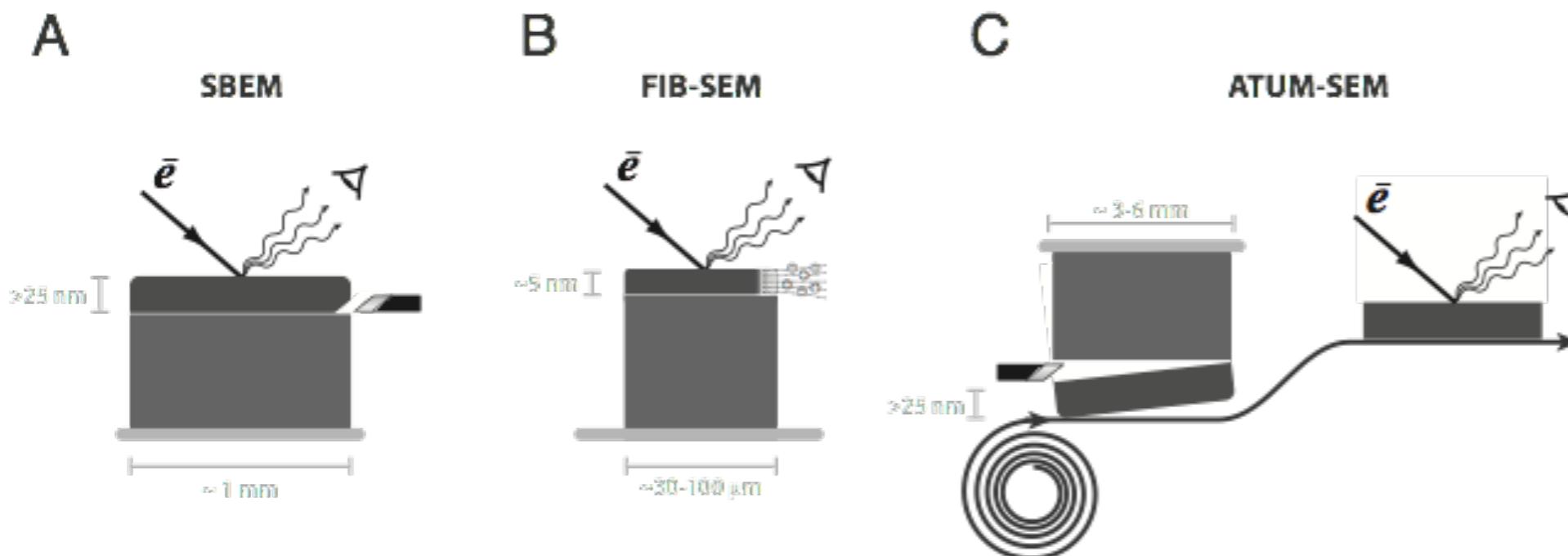
Cognitive consilience: primate non-primary neuroanatomical circuits underlying cognition

...yet are also organized at micron and nm scale



Murray Sherman

Structural brain mapping today

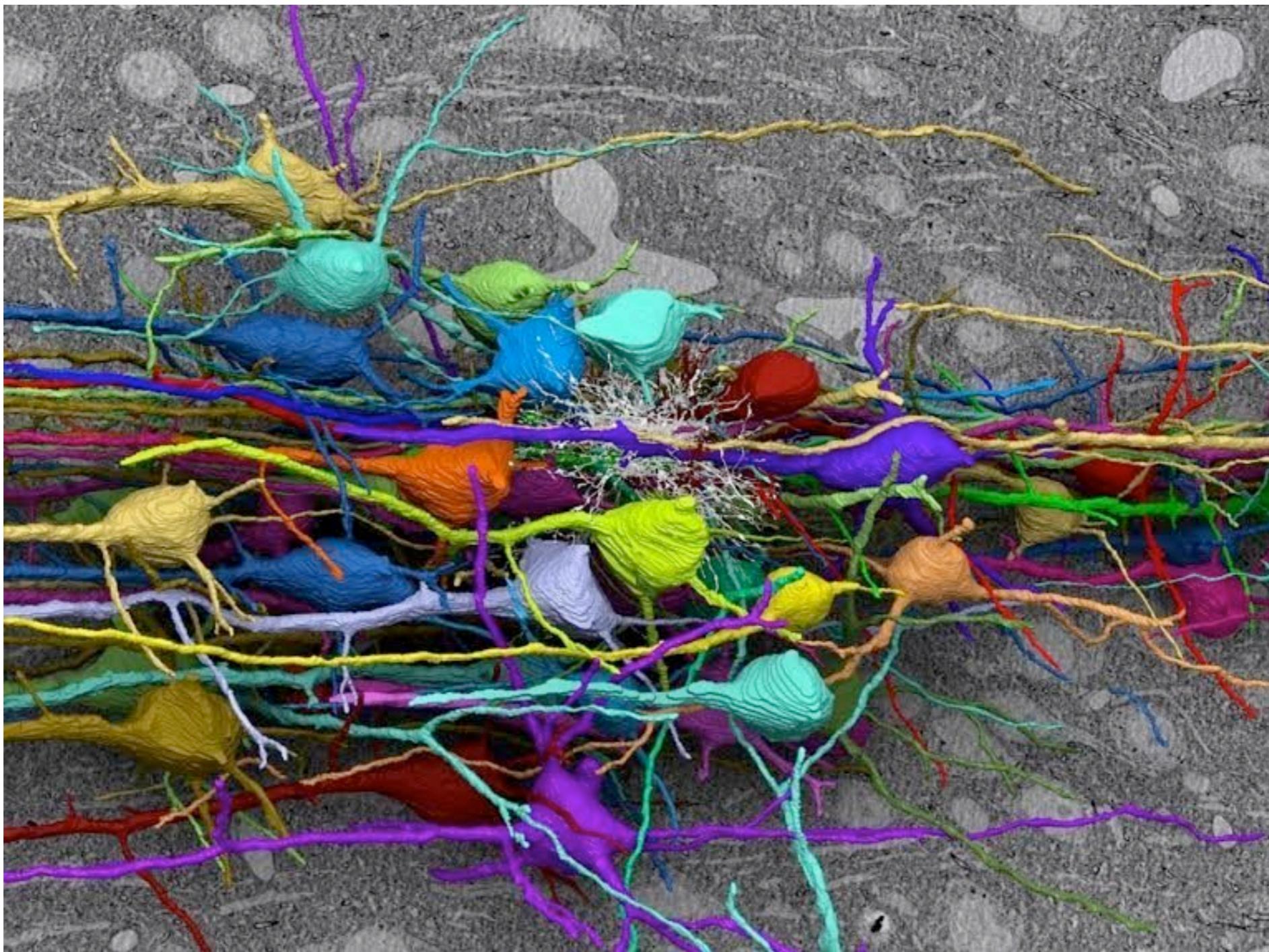


Current practice: widely believed that electron microscopy (EM) is the **only** viable method for cellular-resolution connectomics

Problems:

- Manual human segmentation, taking minutes per cubic micron (Kasthuri, 2015)
- Does not provide molecular information

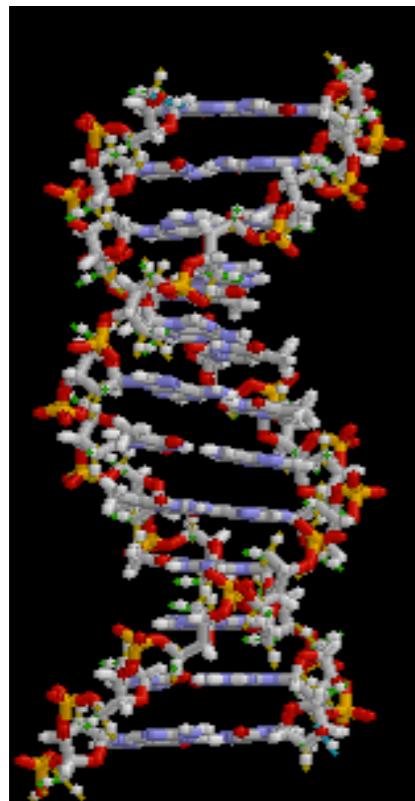
$x,y,z < 10 \text{ nm}$
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 $c \sim 1$



Jeff Lichtman

Scalable brain mapping: unique ID's for structure

4^N possible DNA sequences of length N “letters”



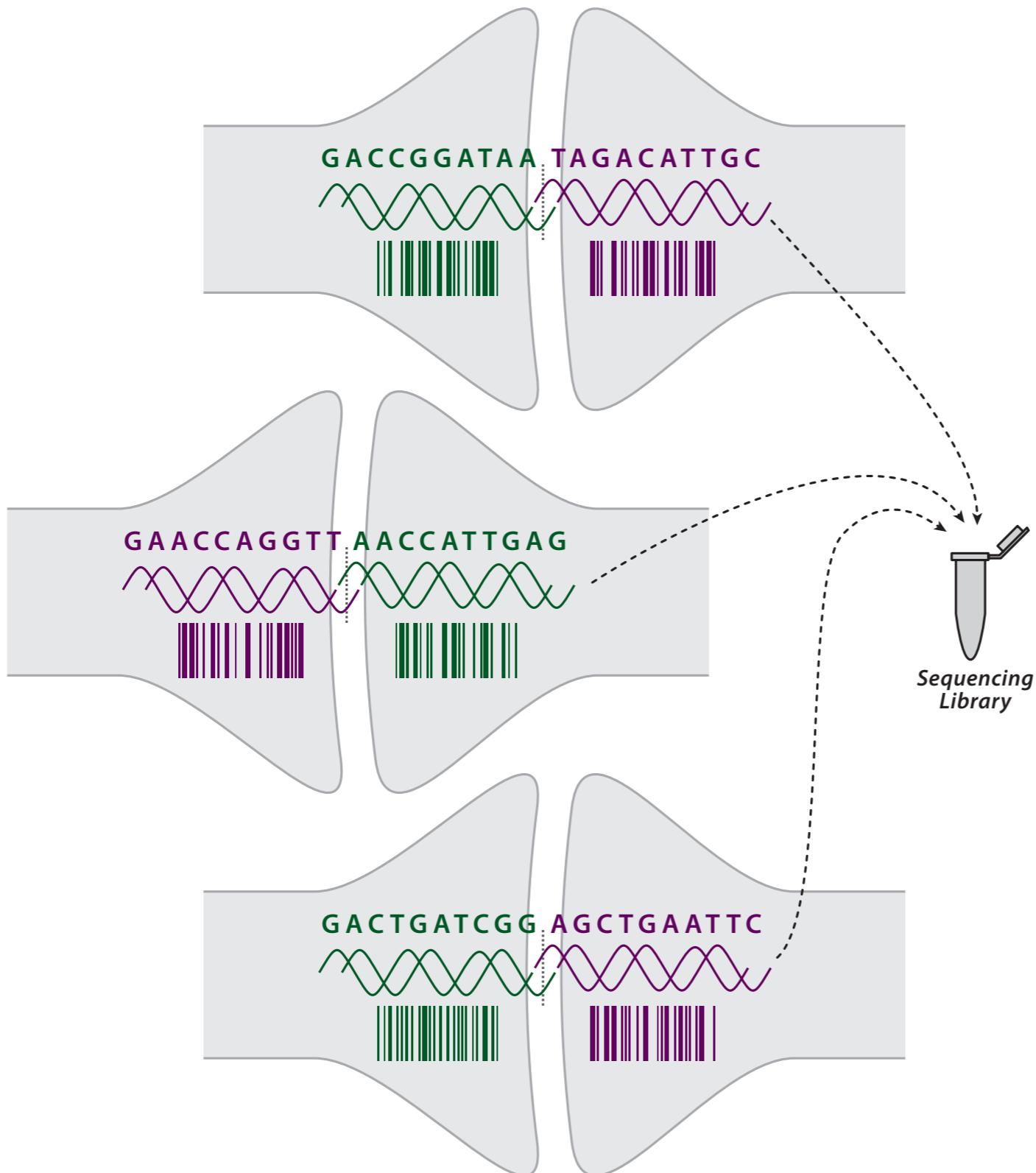
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Zador, Cepko, Tabin, Walsh, Church et al:

can give every neuron a uniquely-identifiable DNA “barcode”

DNA Barcodes via Bulk Sequencing



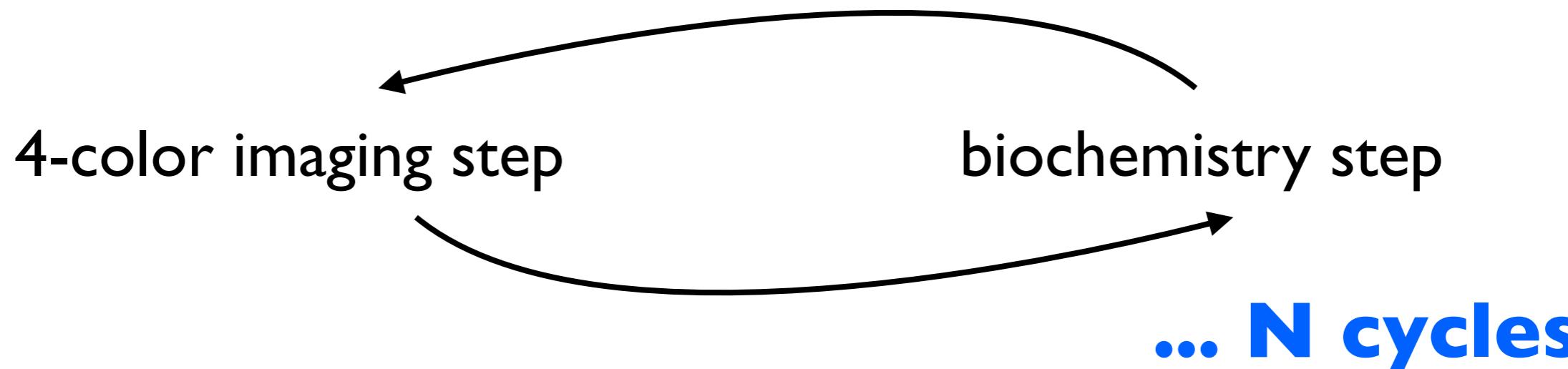
Zador lab
BOINC

Connectivity
Matrix

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digital **4^Ncolor microscopy**

| <i># of cycles</i> | <i># of molecules discriminated</i> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 4 |
| 10 | 4^{10} , about 10^6 |
| 30 | 4^{30} , about 10^{18} |



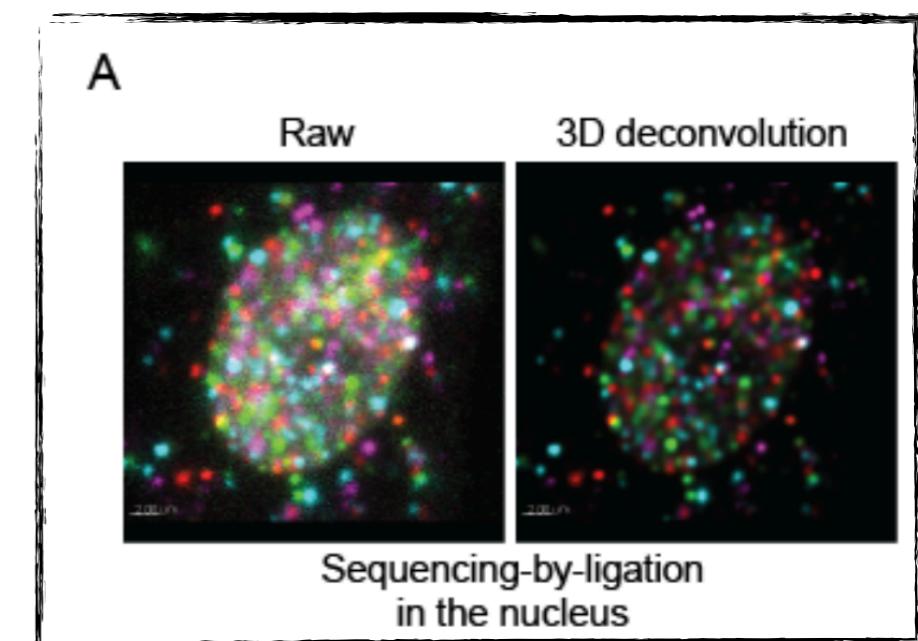
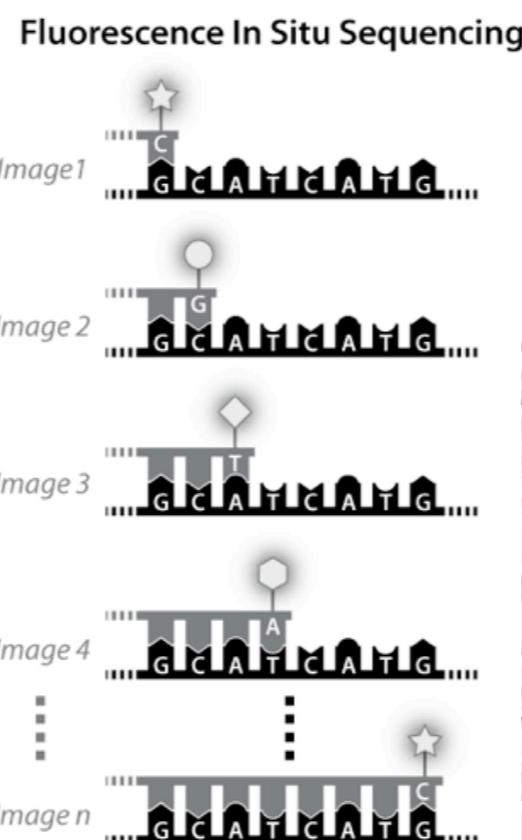
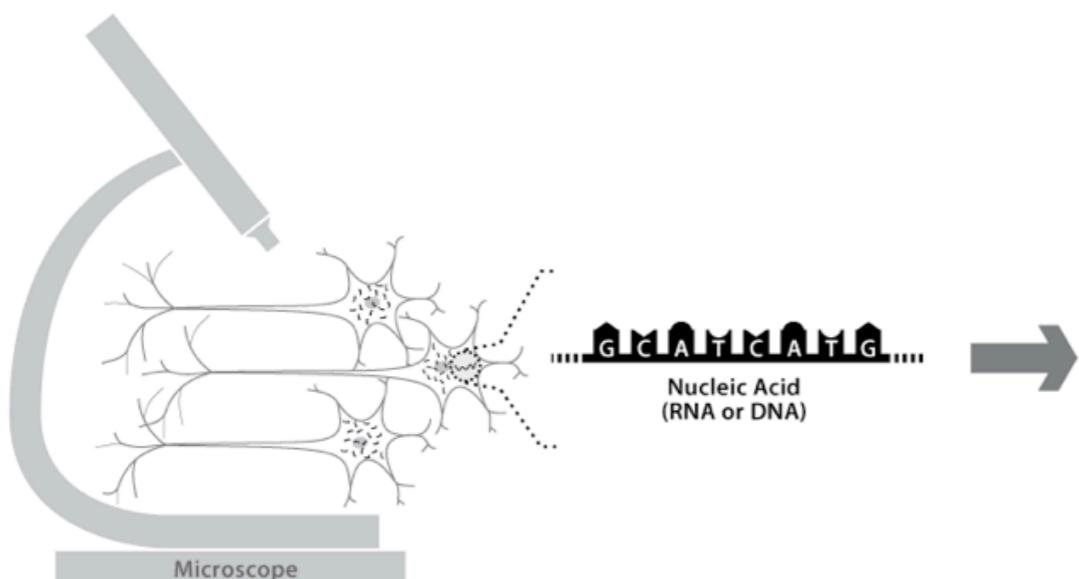
Read one letter of RNA
at a time, *sequentially*

digital 4^Ncolor microscopy

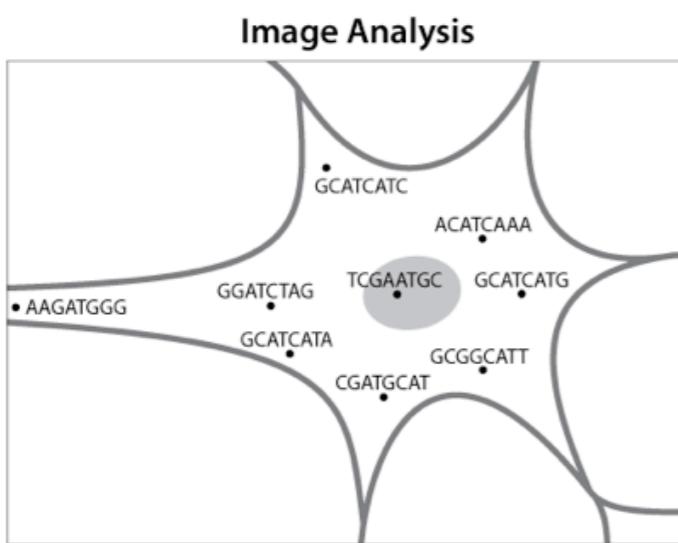
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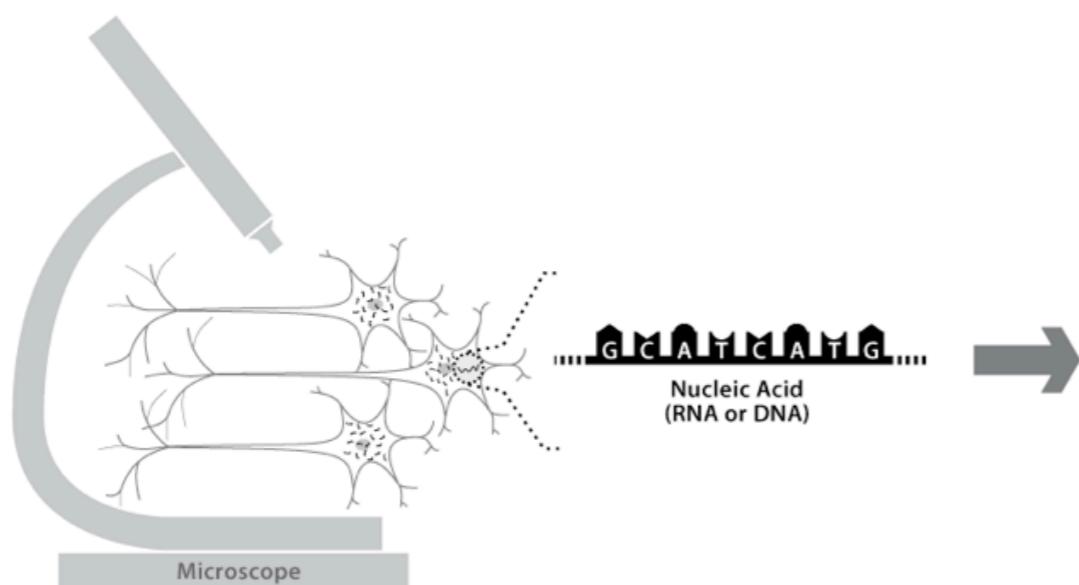
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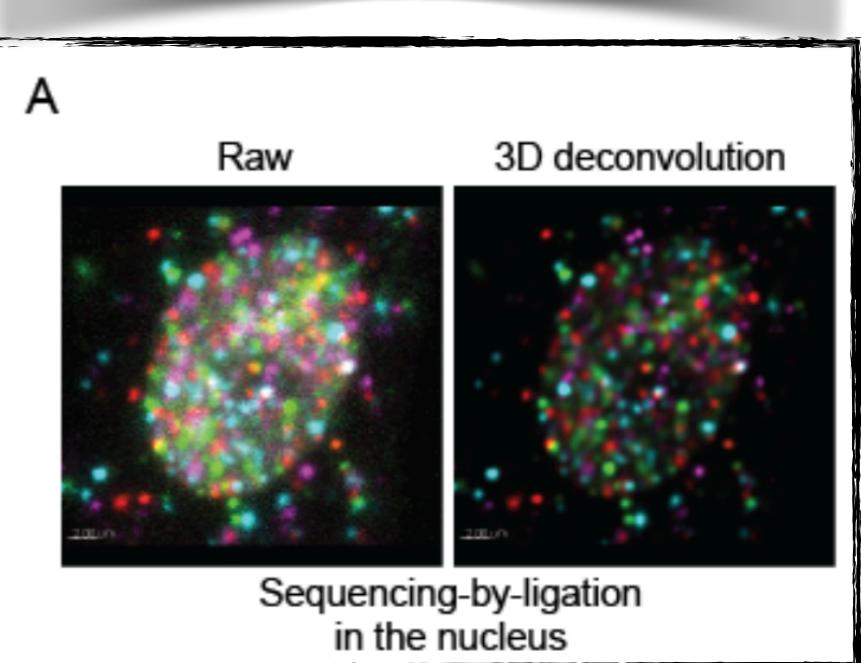
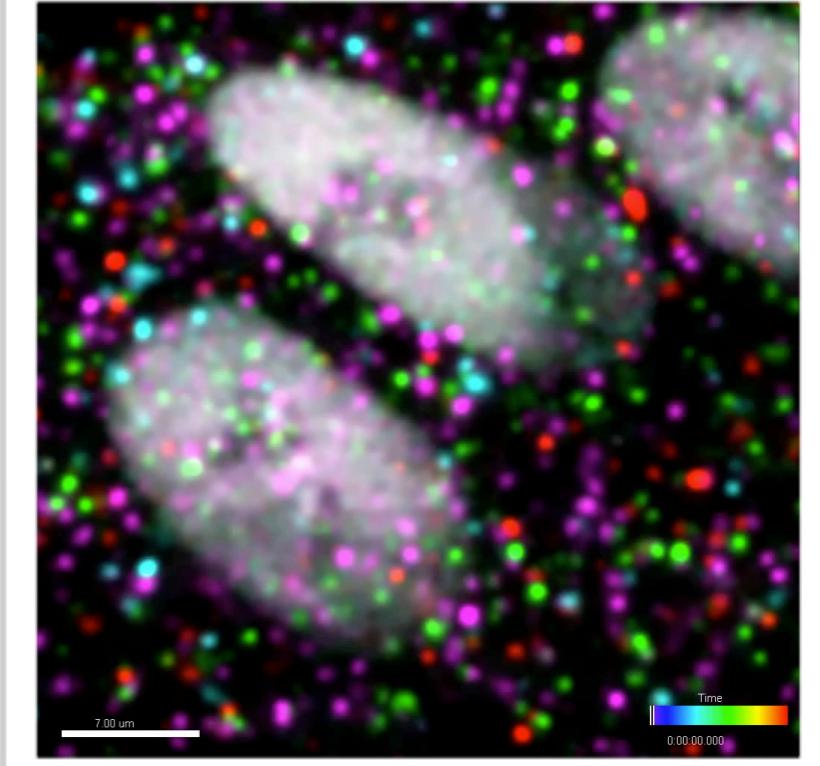
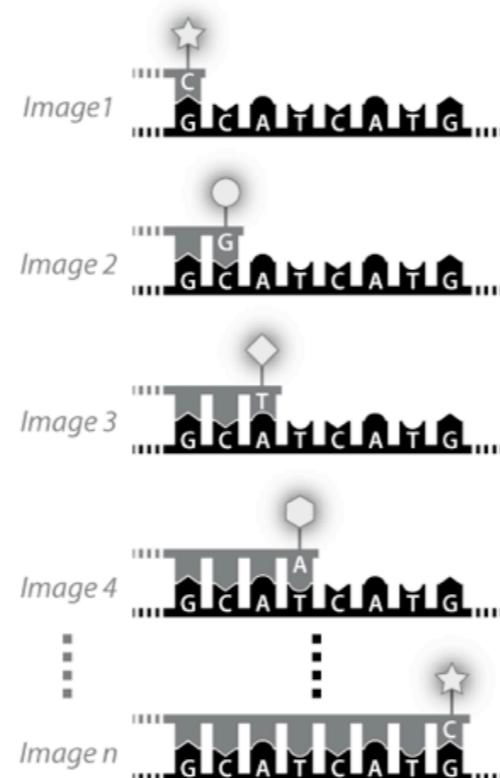
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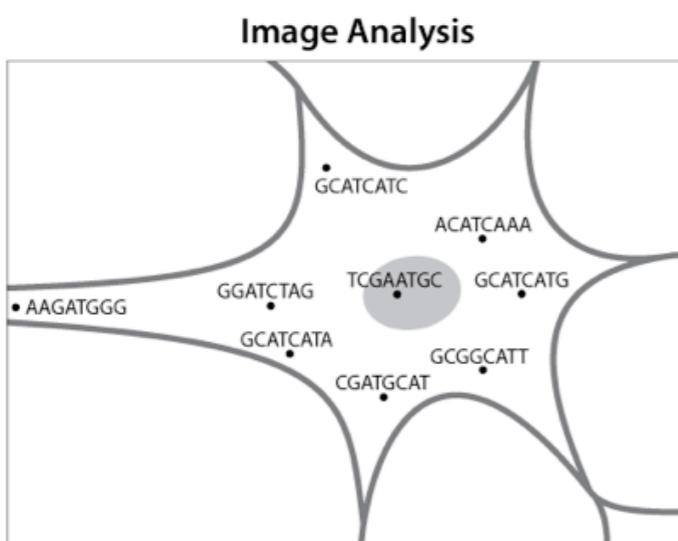
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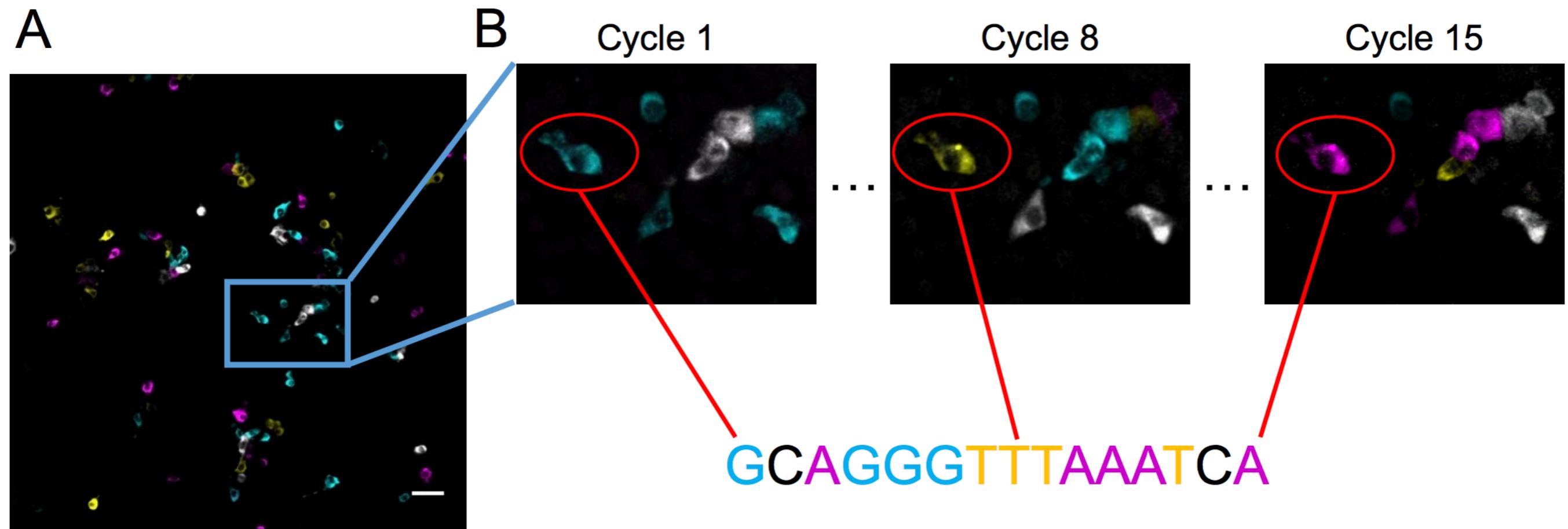
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In-situ readout of Zador barcodes



Efficient *in situ* barcode sequencing using padlock probe-based BaristaSeq

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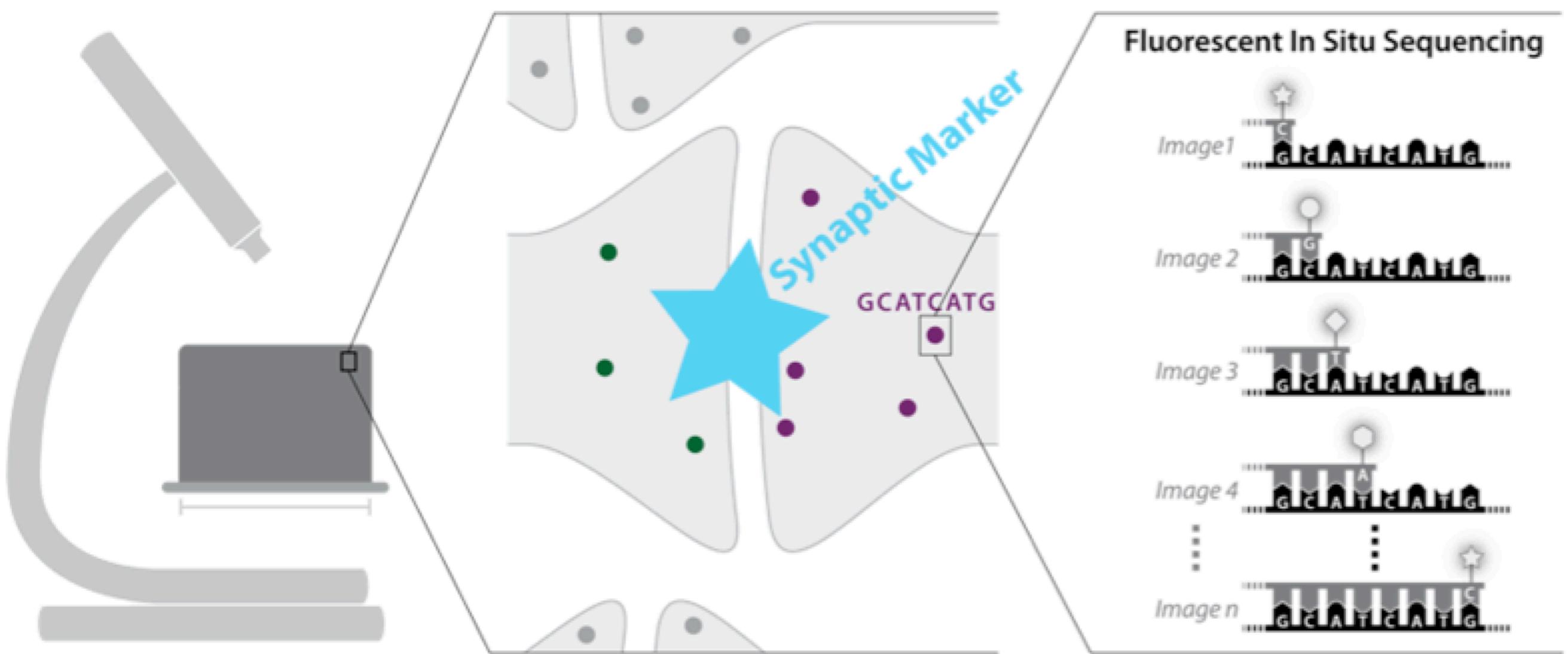
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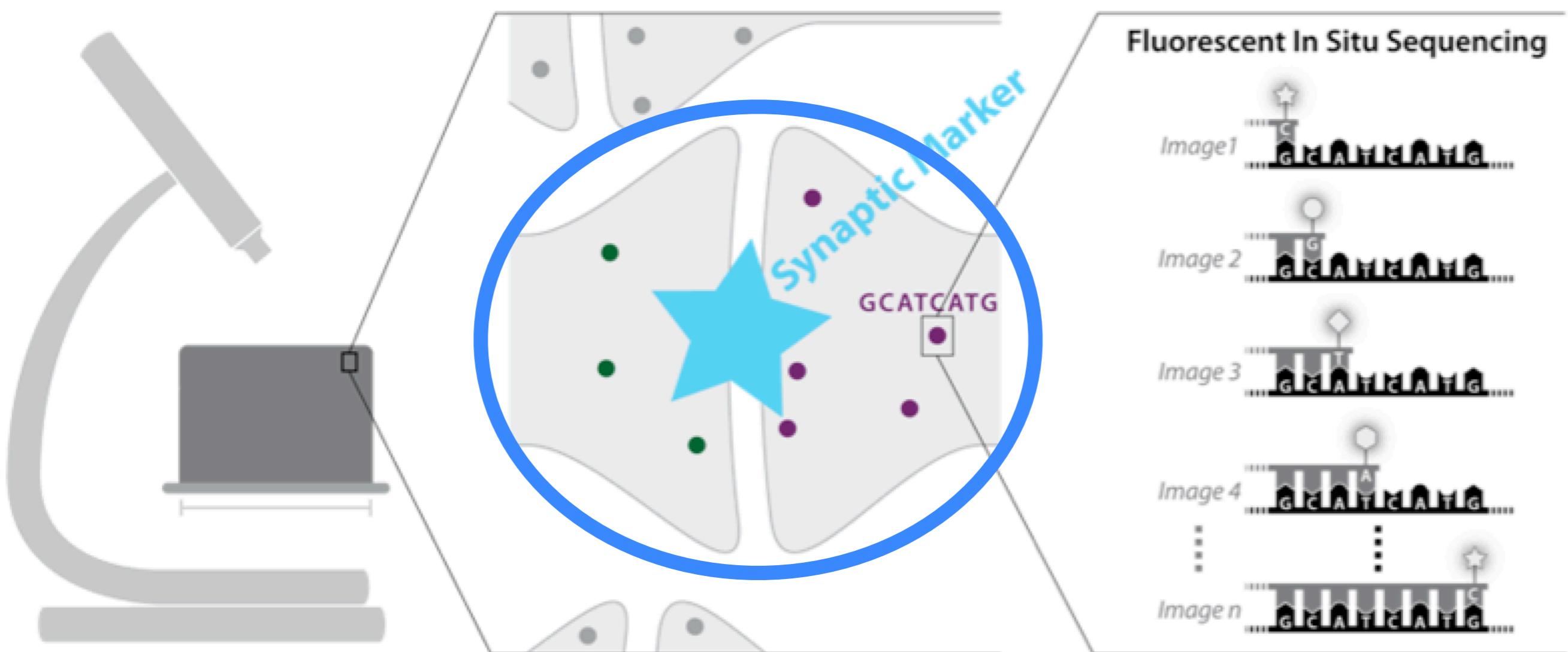
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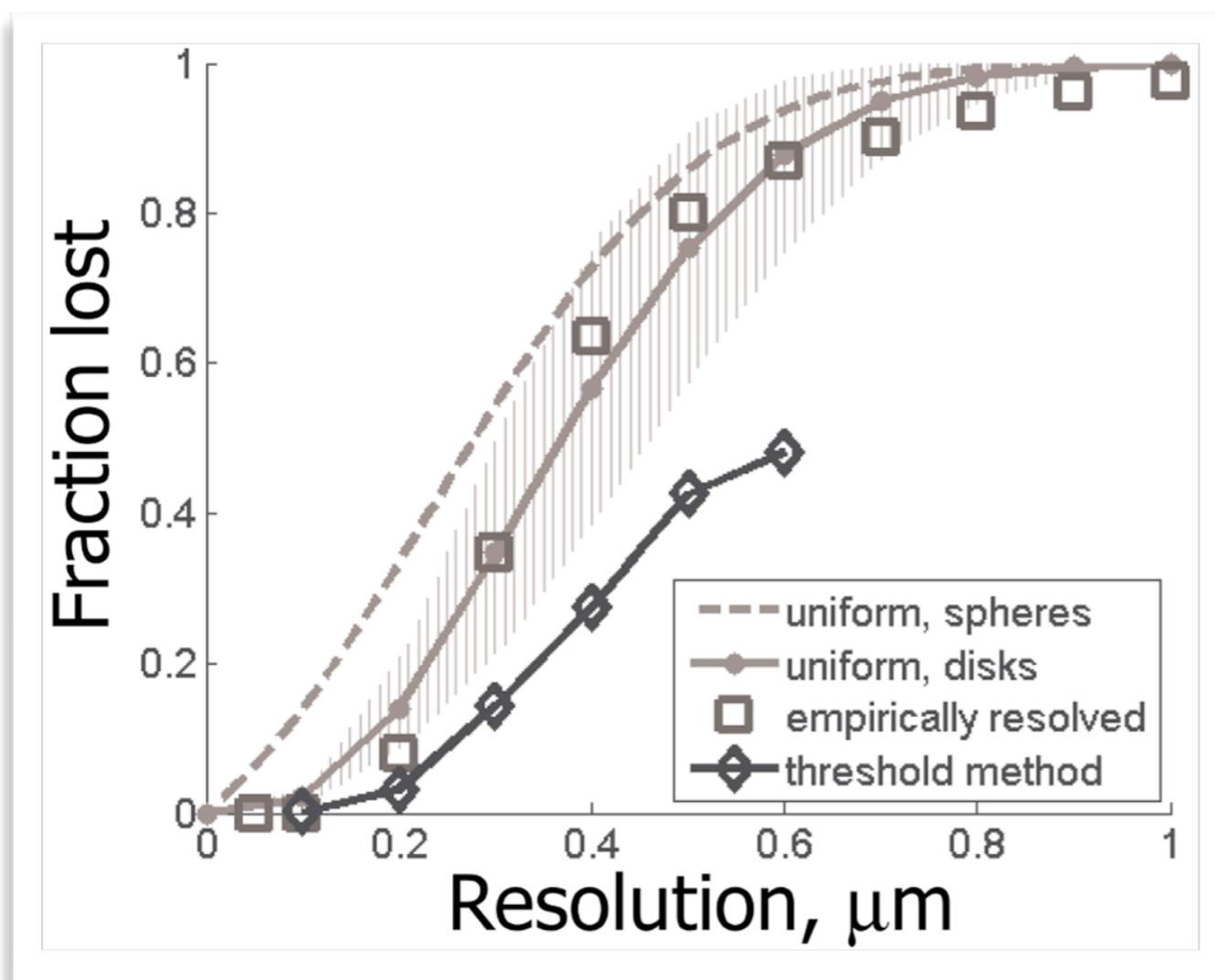
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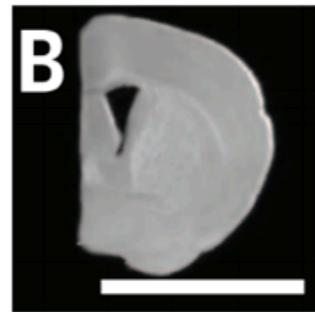
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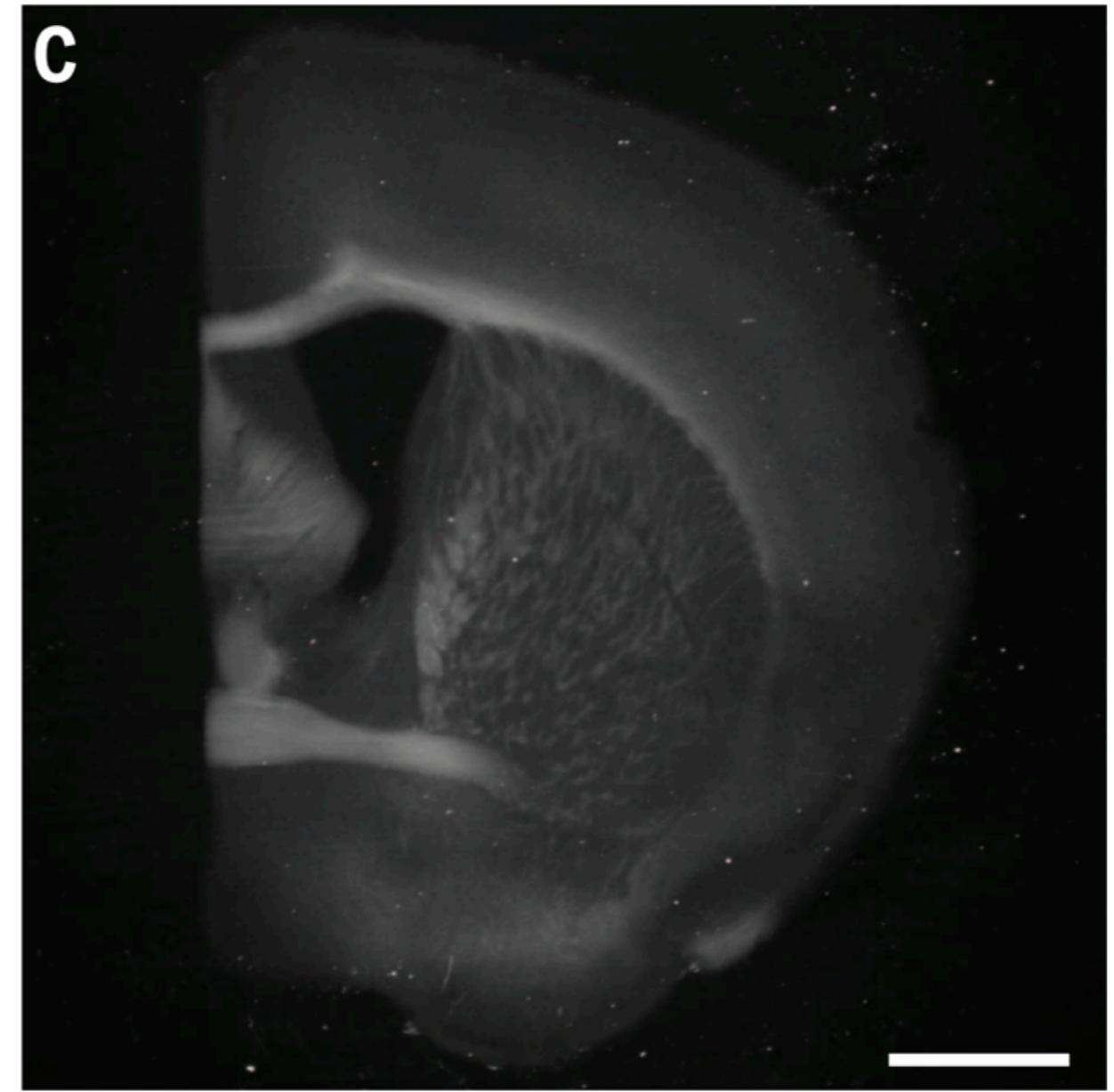
Synapse resolvability vs.
spatial resolution:
Yuriy Mishchenko, 2011

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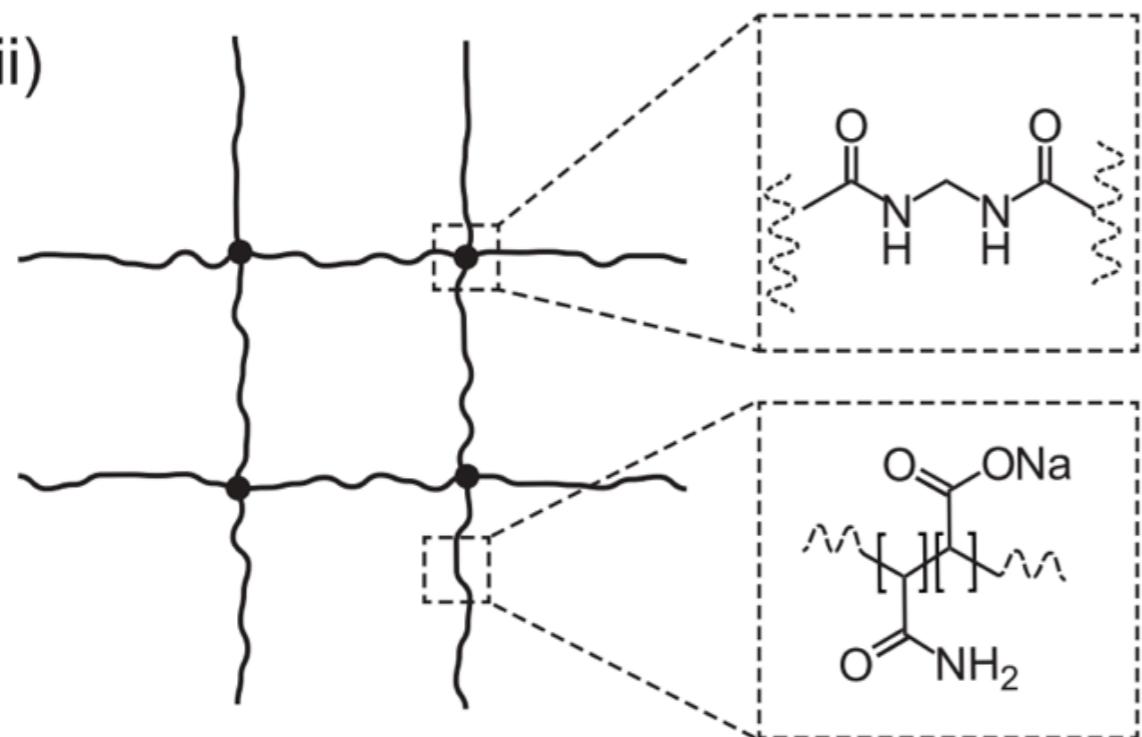
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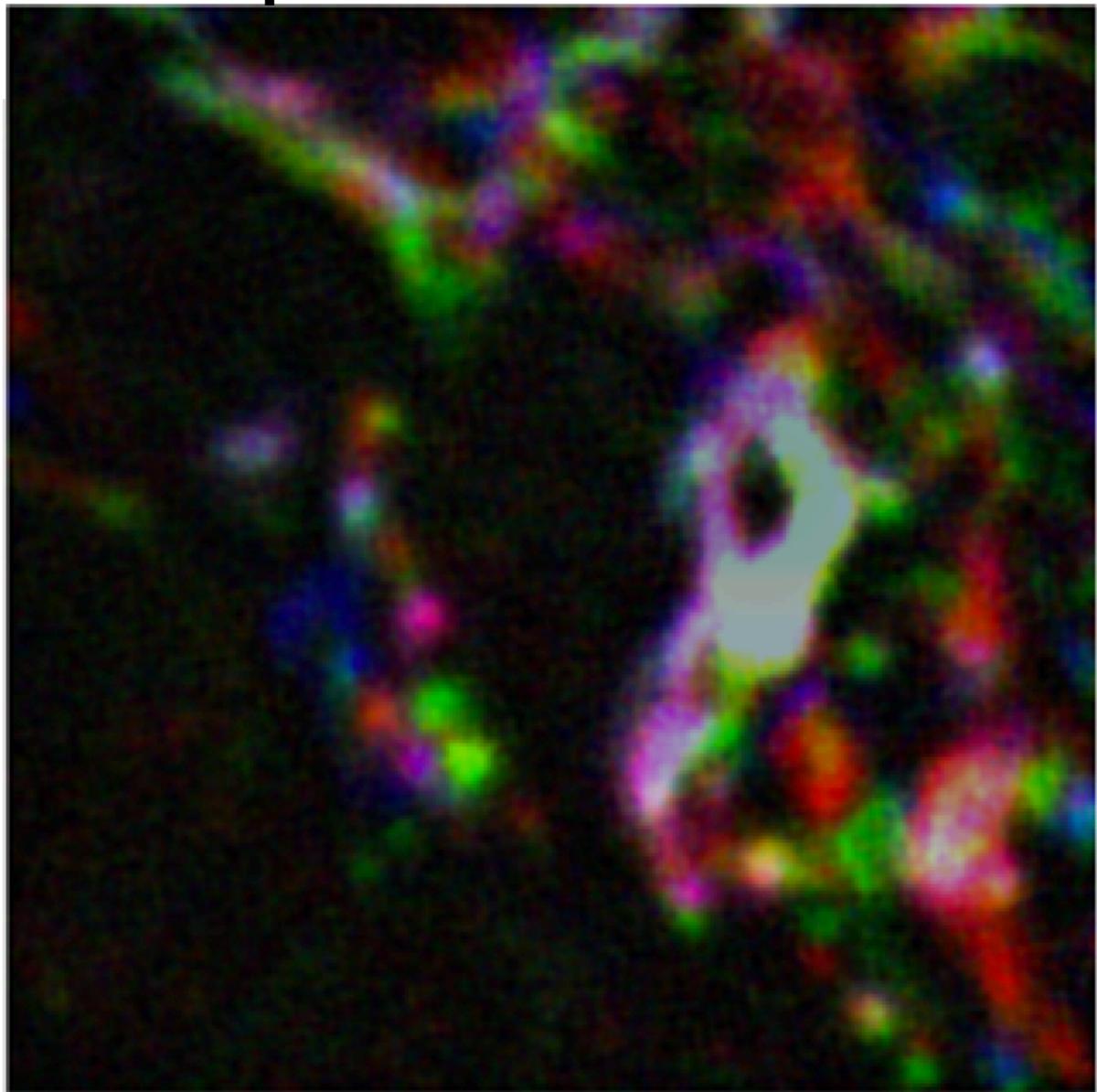


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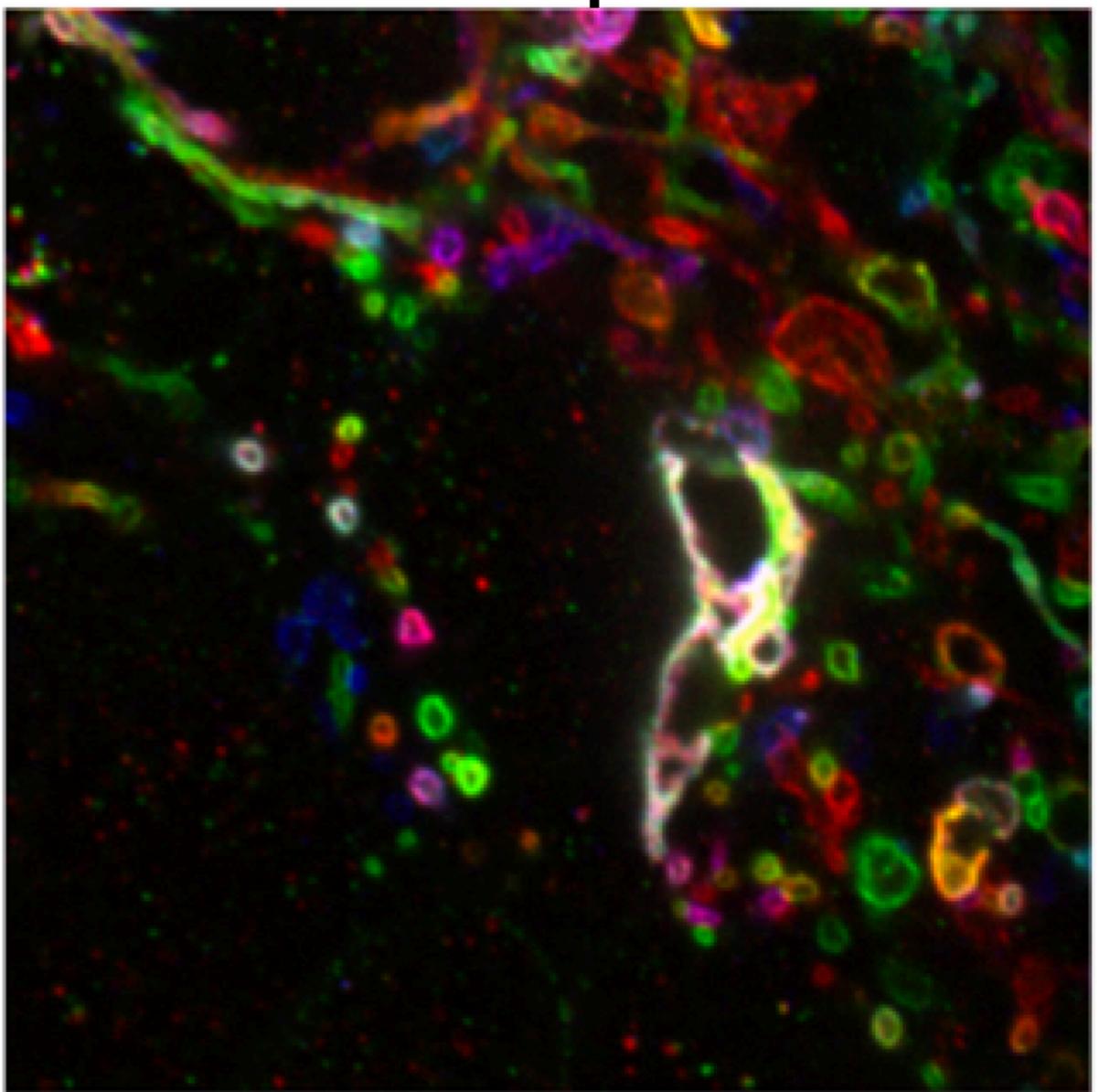


Expansion Microscopy (ExM)

no expansion



4.5x linear expansion



same microscope: a fast, diffraction-limited confocal

Expansion Microscopy (ExM)

Synapses at different levels of ExM expansion (simulated):

1x

2x

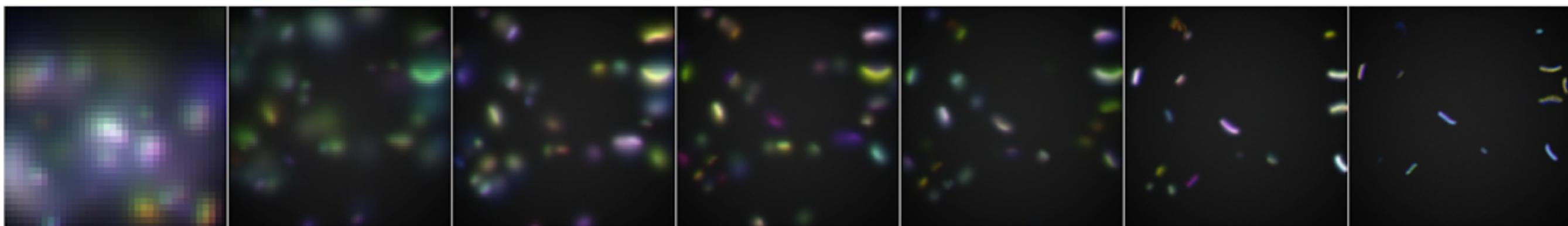
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4x

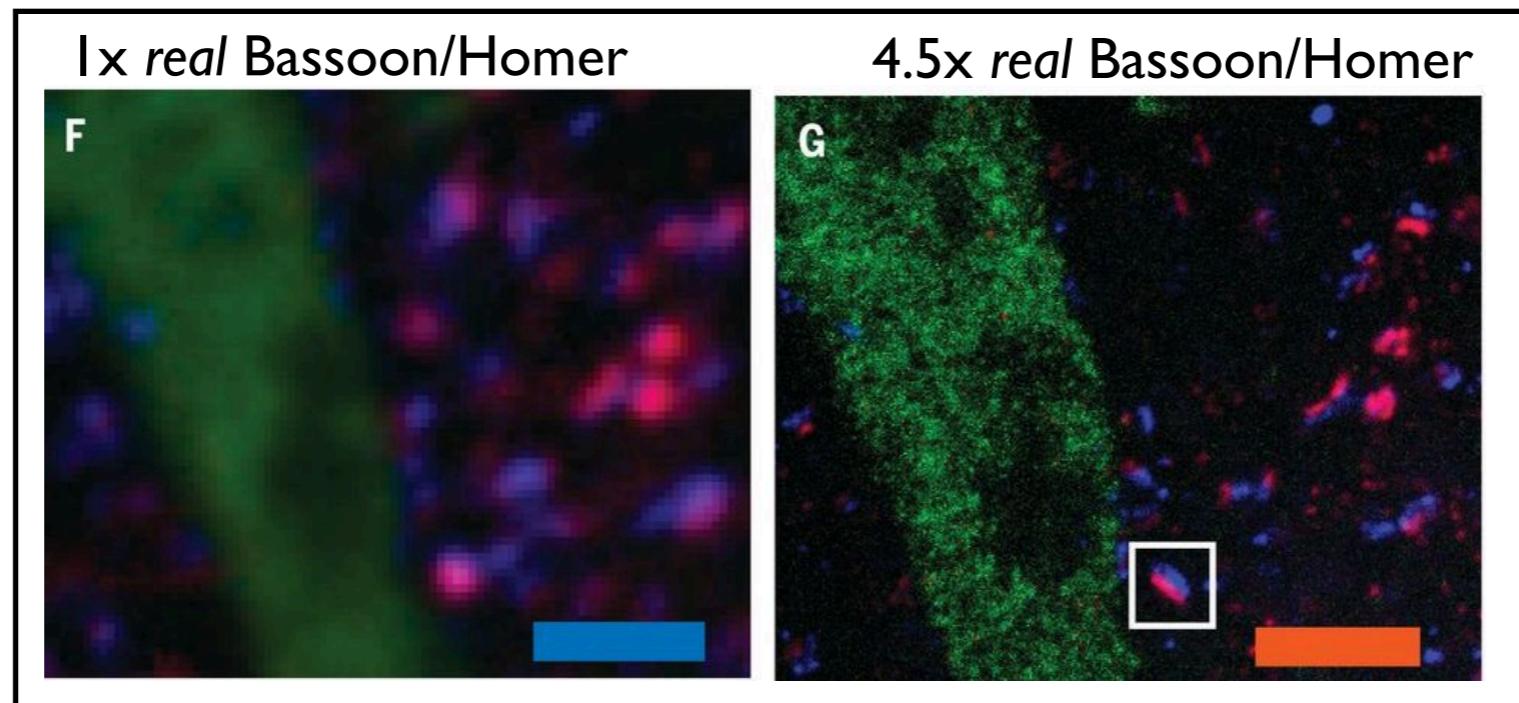
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10x

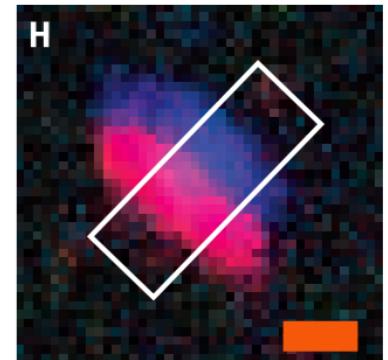
20x



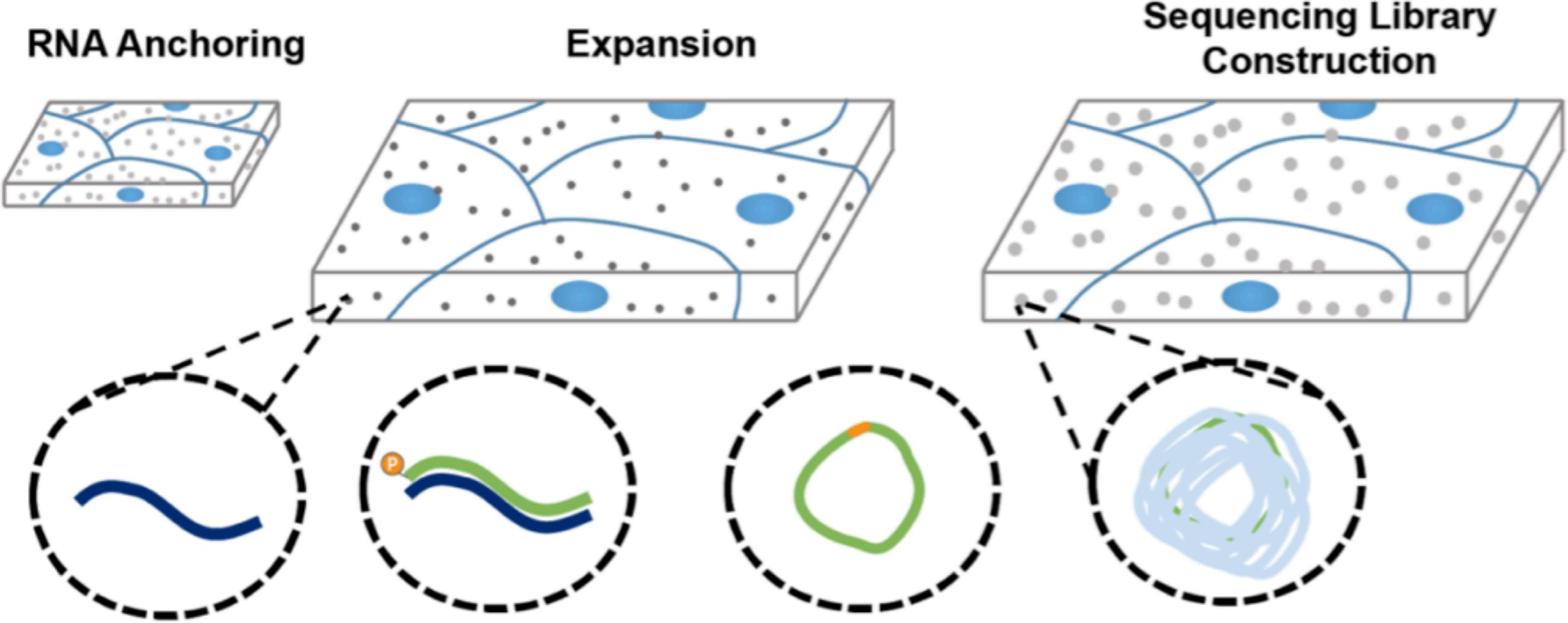
Simulation based on Kasthuri et al published dataset
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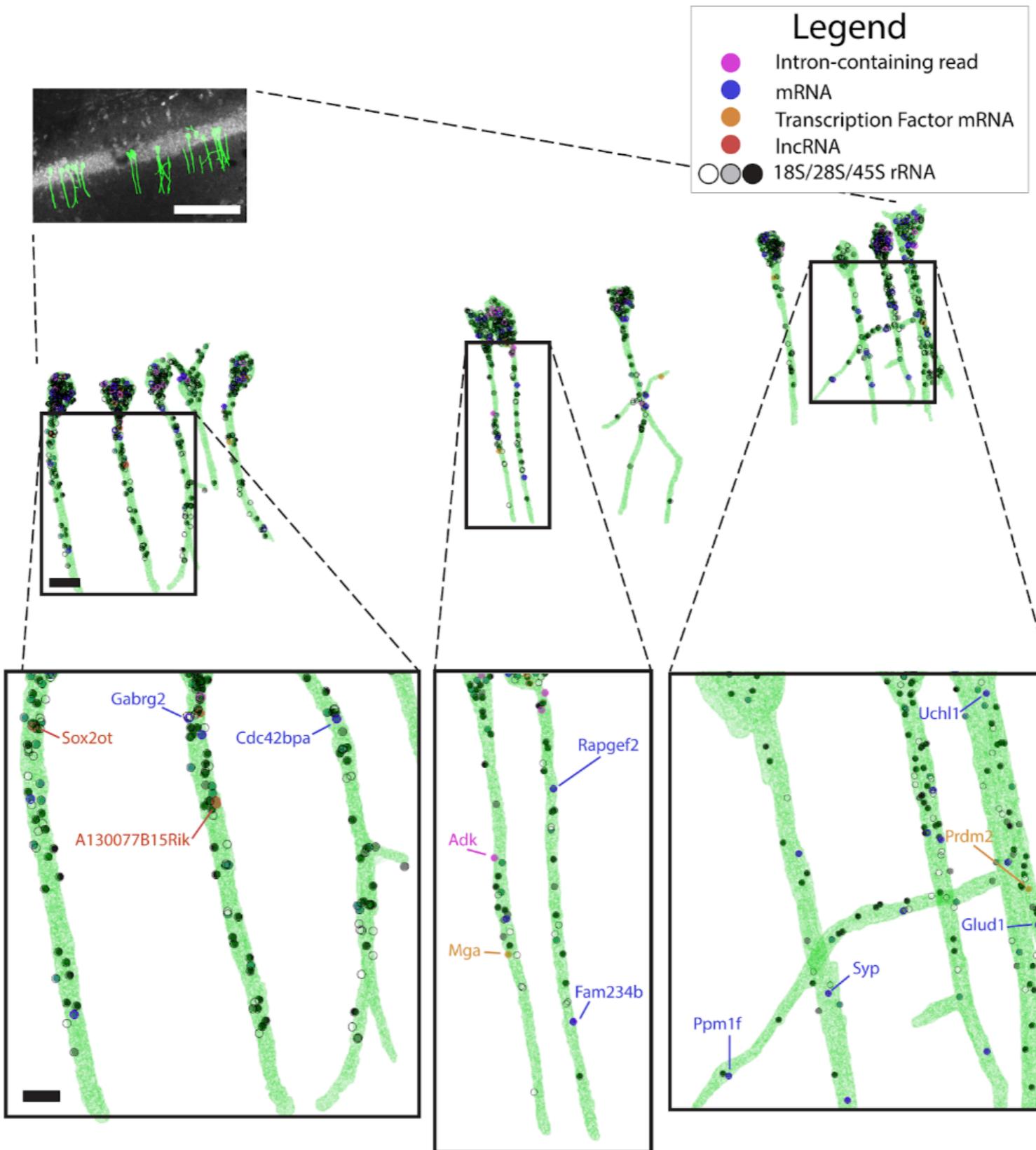
FISSEQ-ExM



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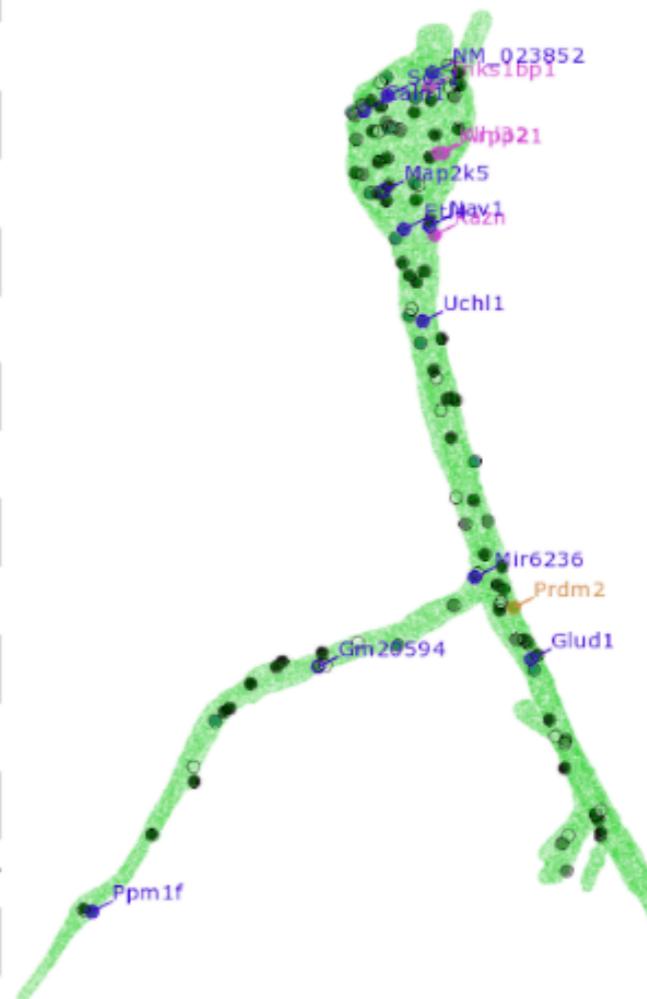


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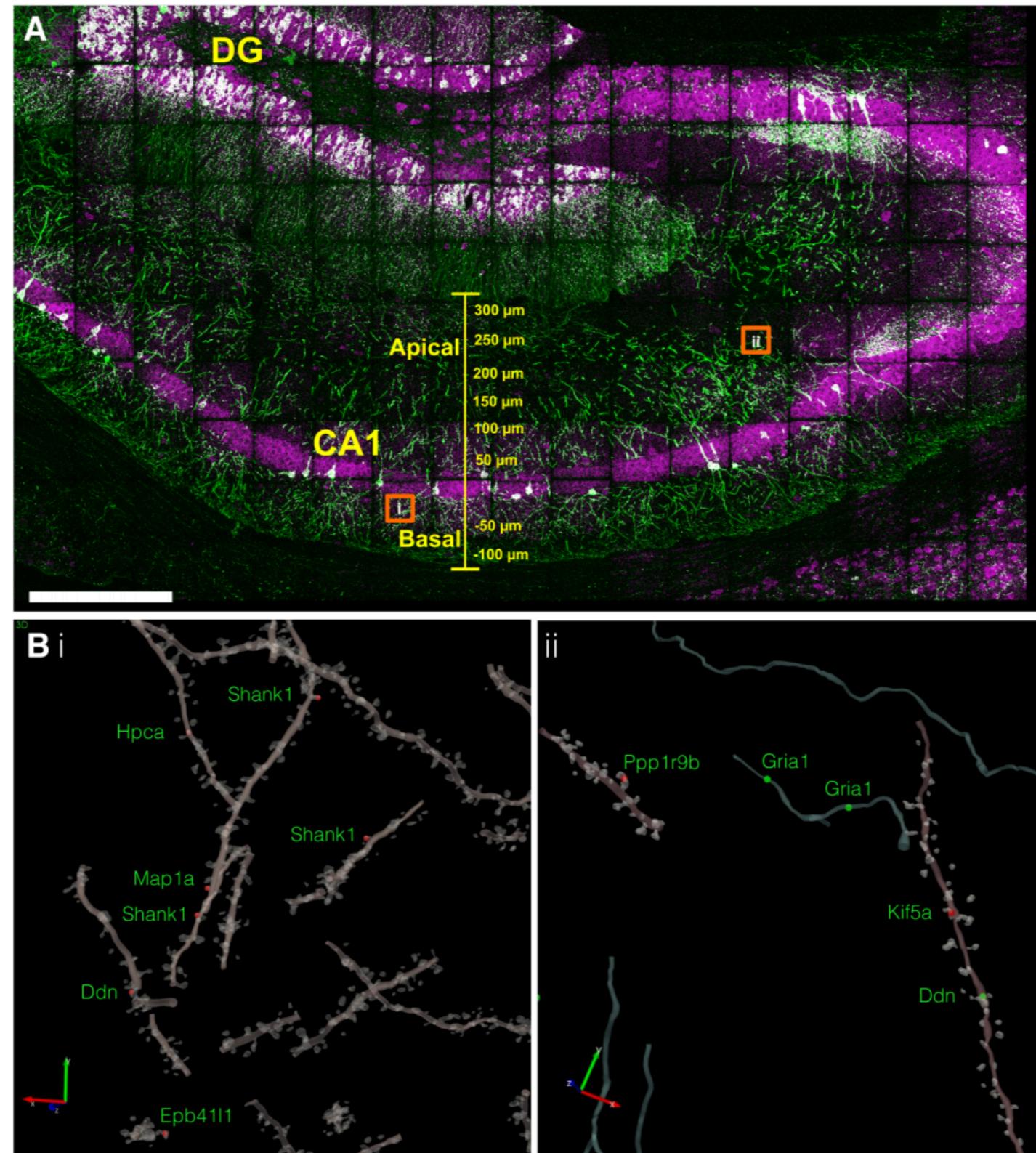
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Neuron 13:

| Gene Symbol | Gene name | Notes |
|-------------|--|----------------------|
| Tnks1bp1 | Tankyrase 1 Binding Protein 1 | Intron |
| NM_023852 | RAB3C, Member RAS Oncogene Family | |
| Kazn | Kazrin, Periplakin Interacting Protein | Intron |
| Etl4 | Epilepsy, Occipitotemporal Lobe, And Migraine With Aura | |
| Caln1 | Calneuron 1 | |
| Nav1 | Neuron Navigator 1 | |
| Sos1 | SOS Ras/Rac Guanine Nucleotide Exchange Factor 1 | |
| Klh132 | Kelch Like Family Member 32 | Intron |
| Arpp21 | CAMP Regulated Phosphoprotein 21 | Intron |
| Map2k5 | Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase Kinase 5 | |
| Uchl1 | Ubiquitin C-Terminal Hydrolase L1 | |
| Mir6236 | | Probably rRNA |
| Prdm2 | PR/SET Domain 2 | Transcription Factor |
| Gm20594 | | Predicted gene |
| Glud1 | Glutamate Dehydrogenase 1 | |
| Ppm1f | Protein Phosphatase, Mg ²⁺ /Mn ²⁺ Dependent 1F | |



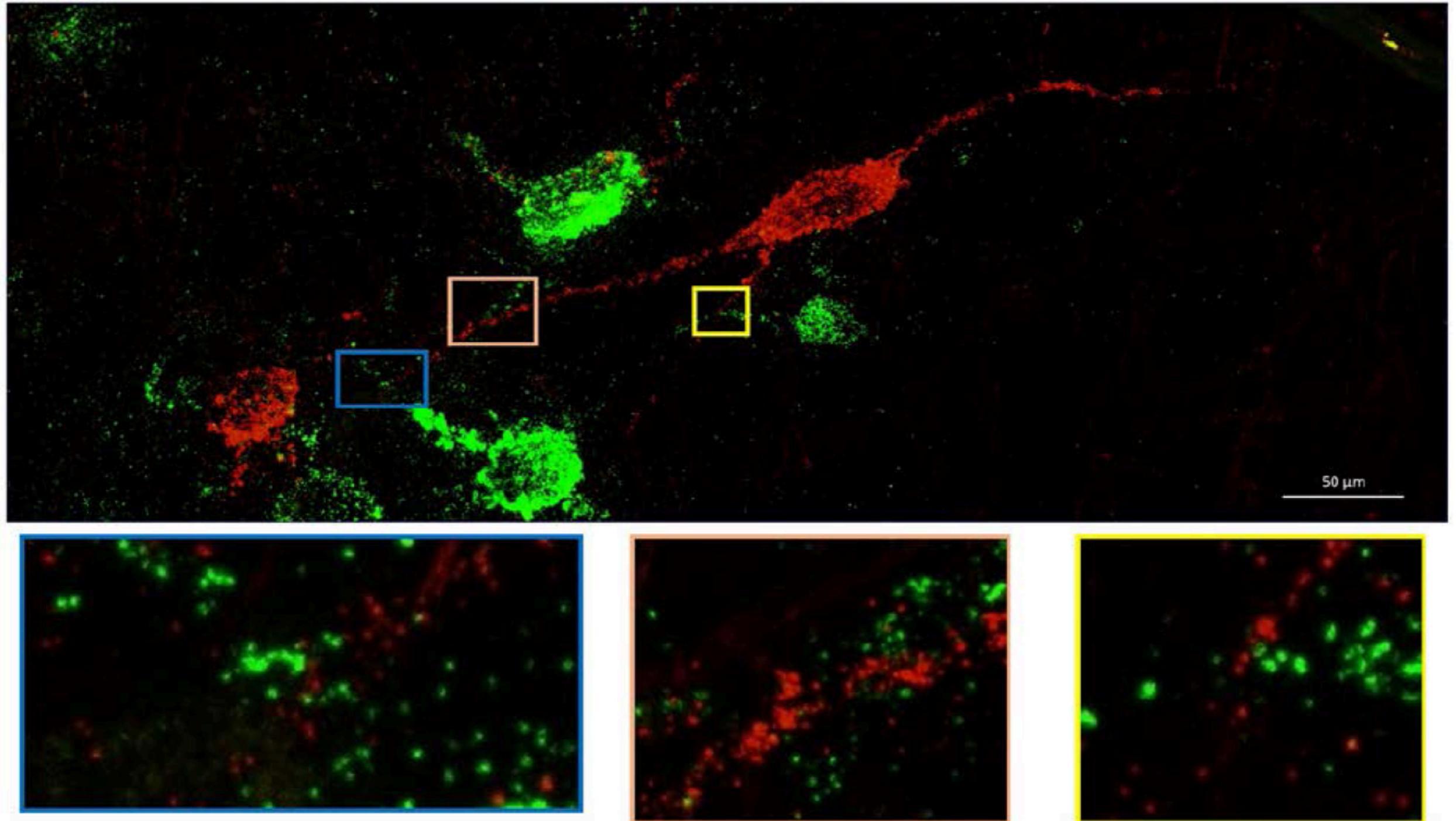
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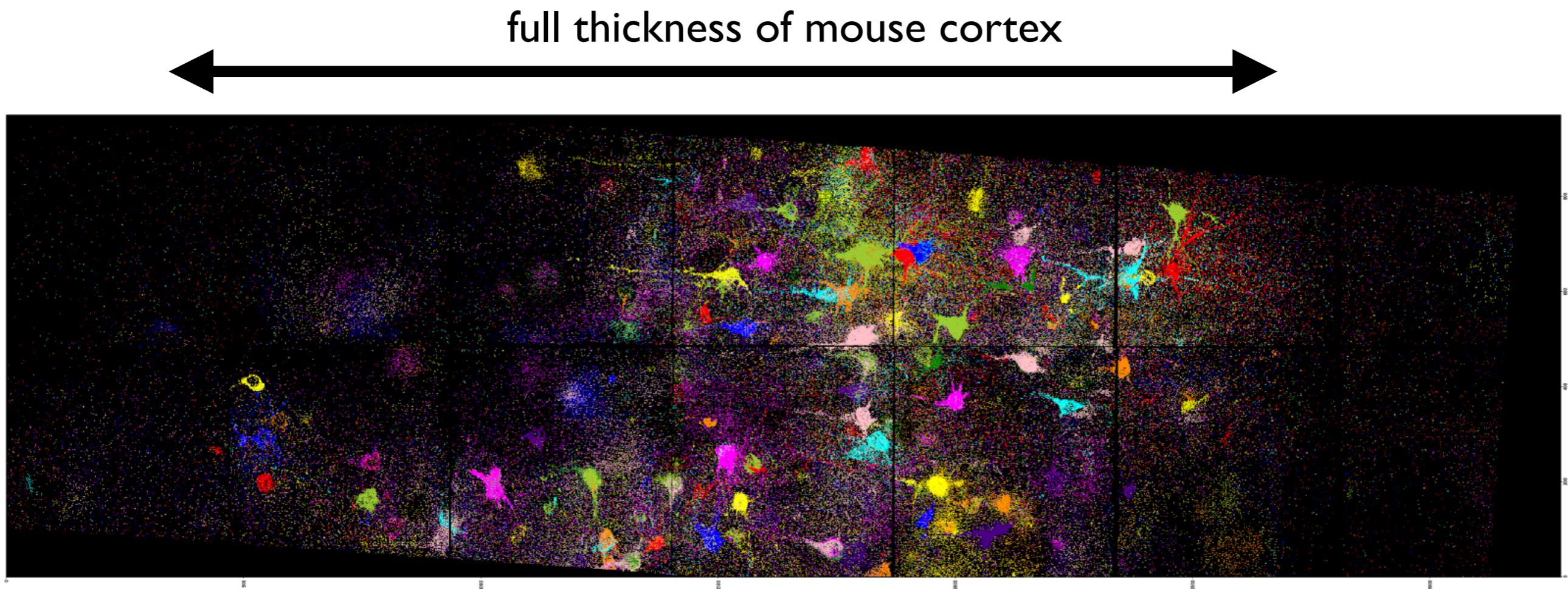
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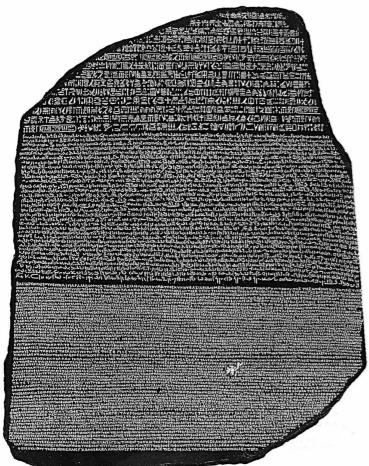


Data by Richie Kohman, analysis by Andrew Xue, Dan Goodwin, Ruihan Zhang

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“Rosetta Brain”

Activity → ? Molecular Tickertapes

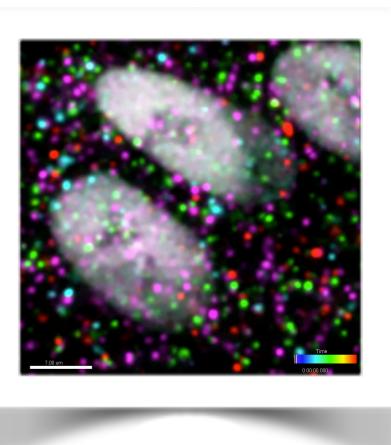
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Connectivity →

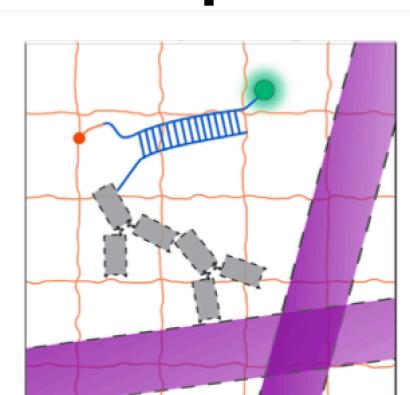
Development →

Expression →

RNA Traces →



FISSEQ (Lee et al 2014)



ExM

(Chen et al 2014)

Rapidly evolving homing CRISPR barcodes

Reza Kalhor, Prashant Mali & George M Church

Large-scale simultaneous measurement of epitopes and transcriptomes in single cells.

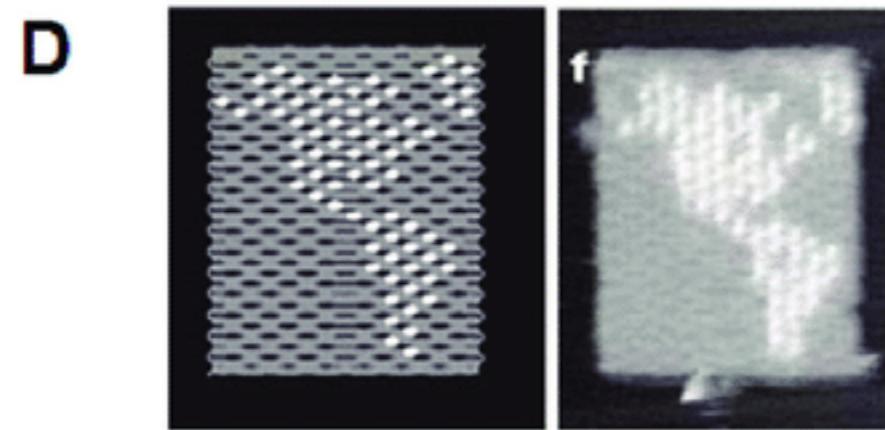
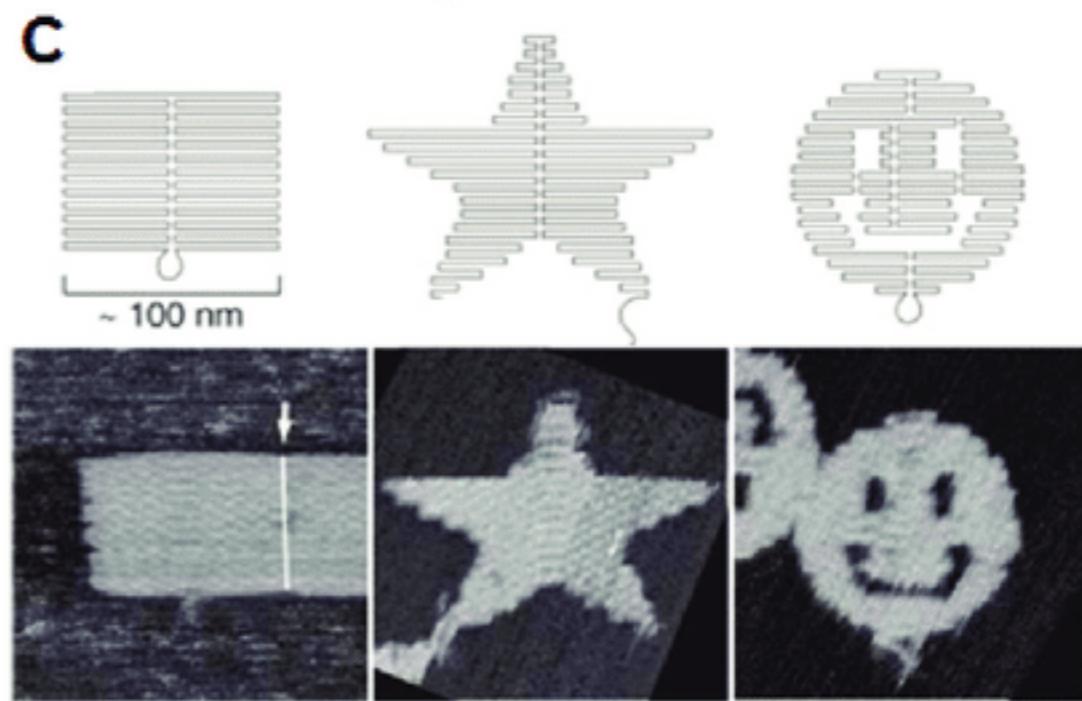
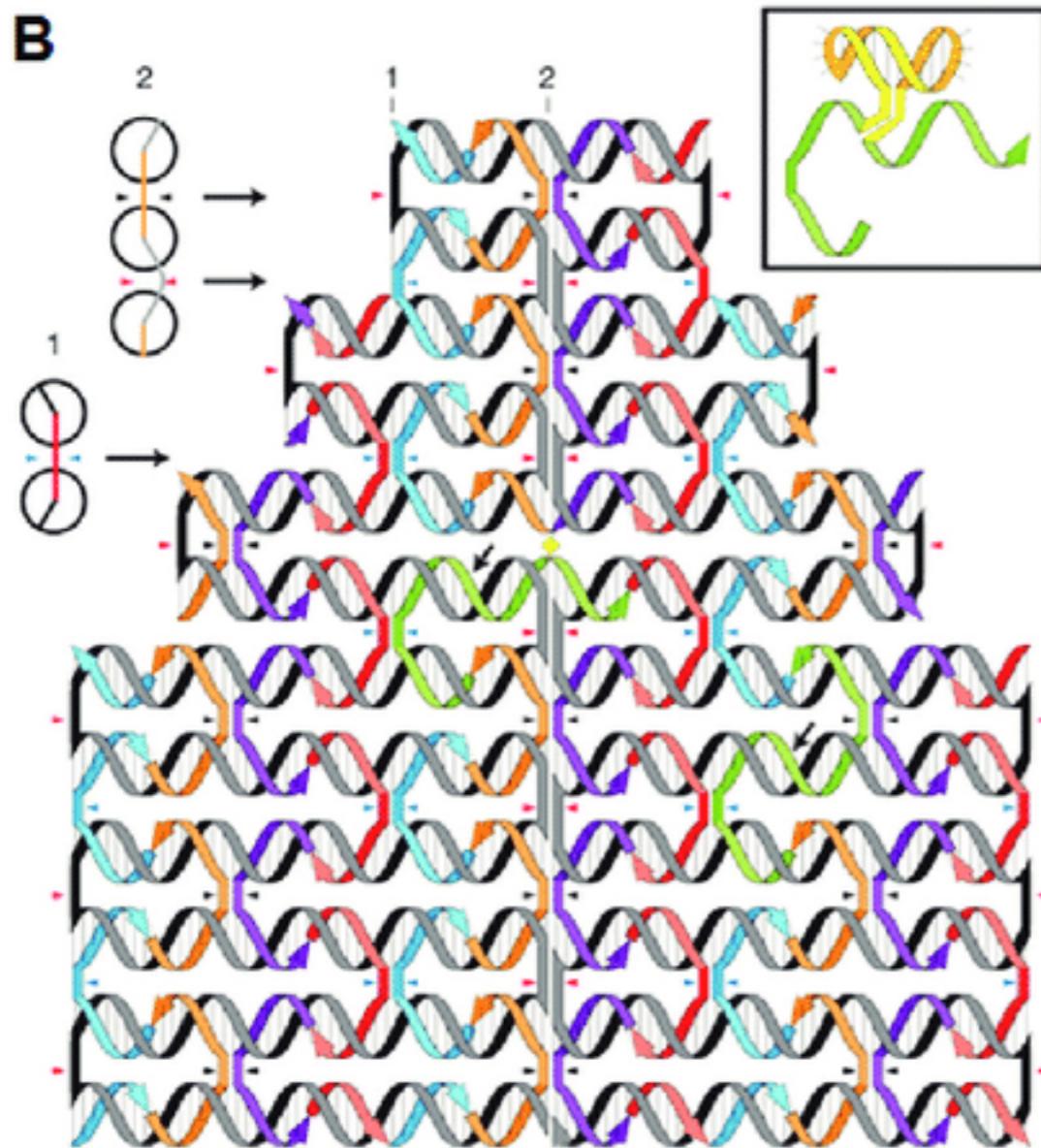
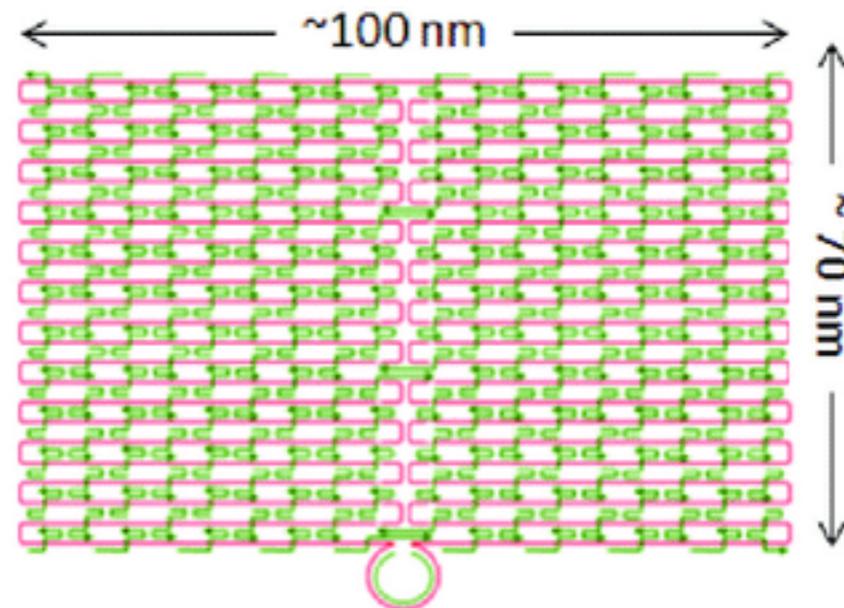
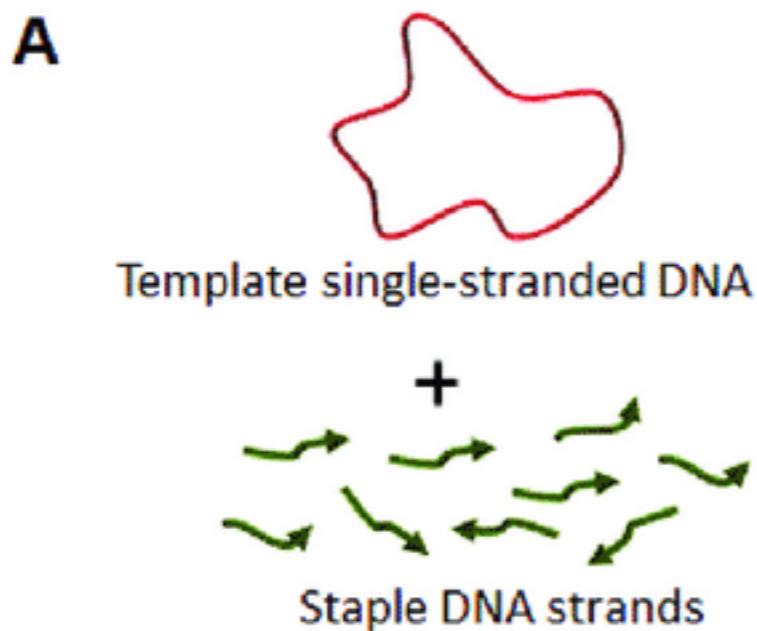
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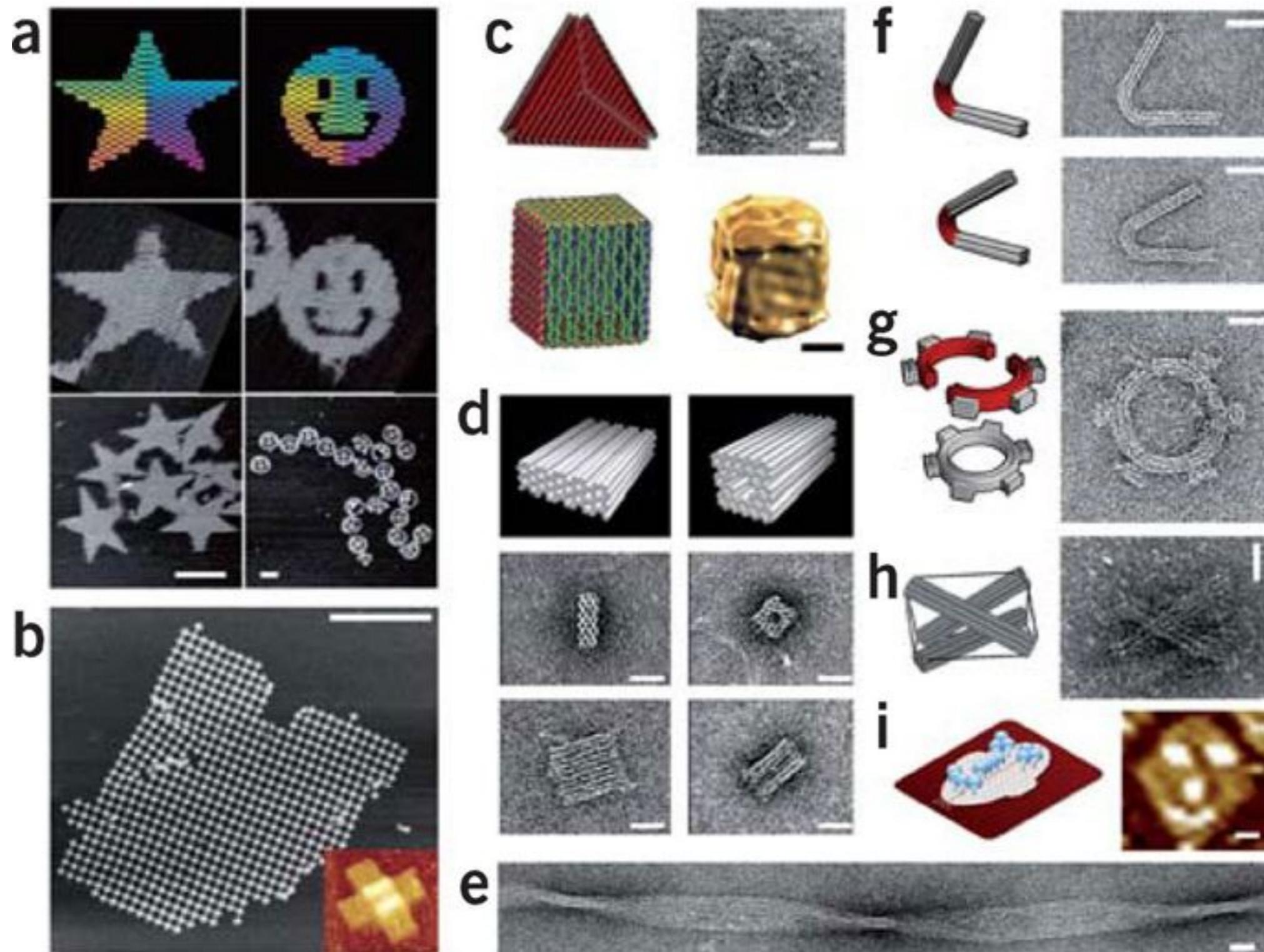
Part 2: construct

How to position molecules where we want

DNA origami

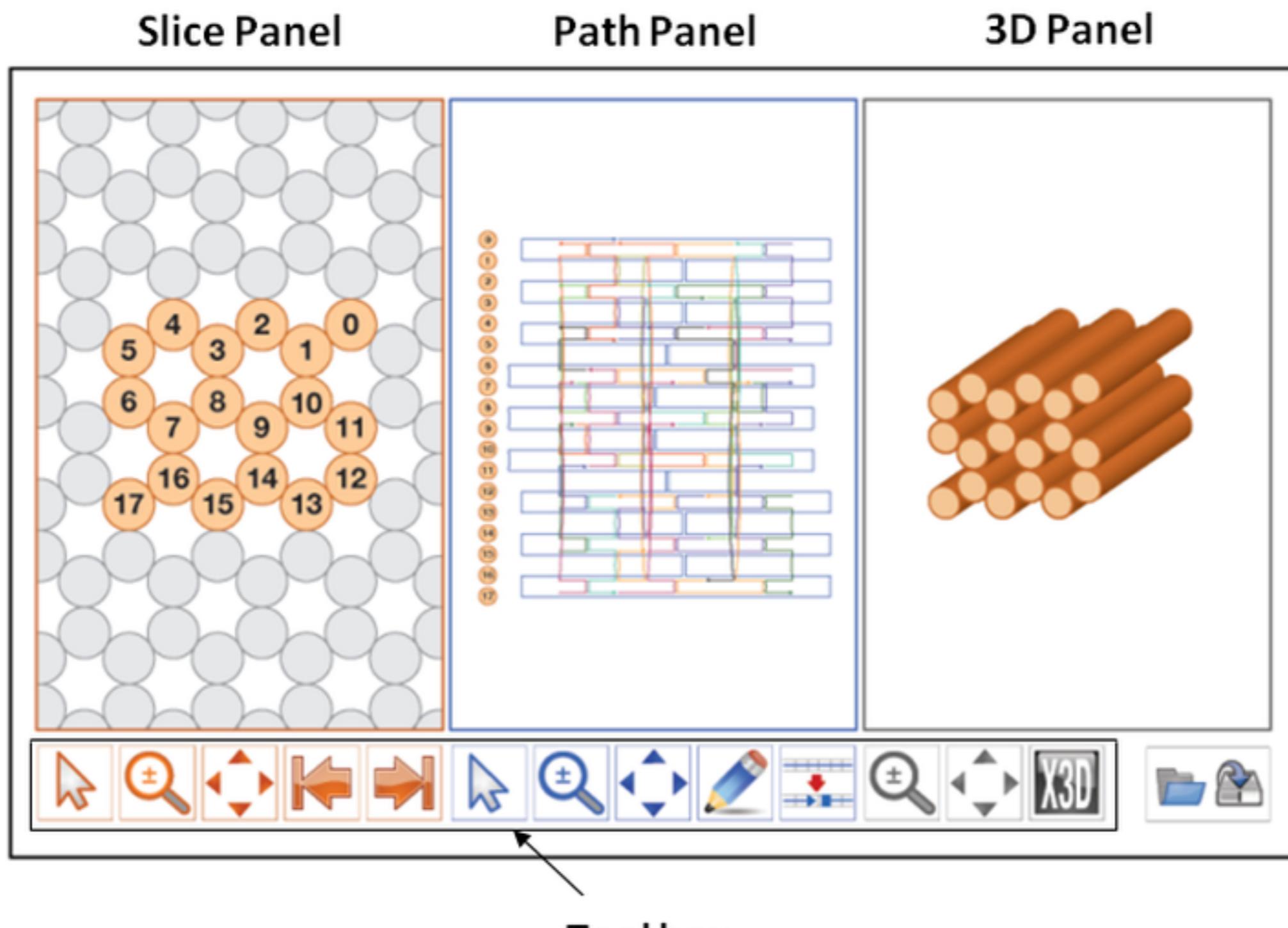


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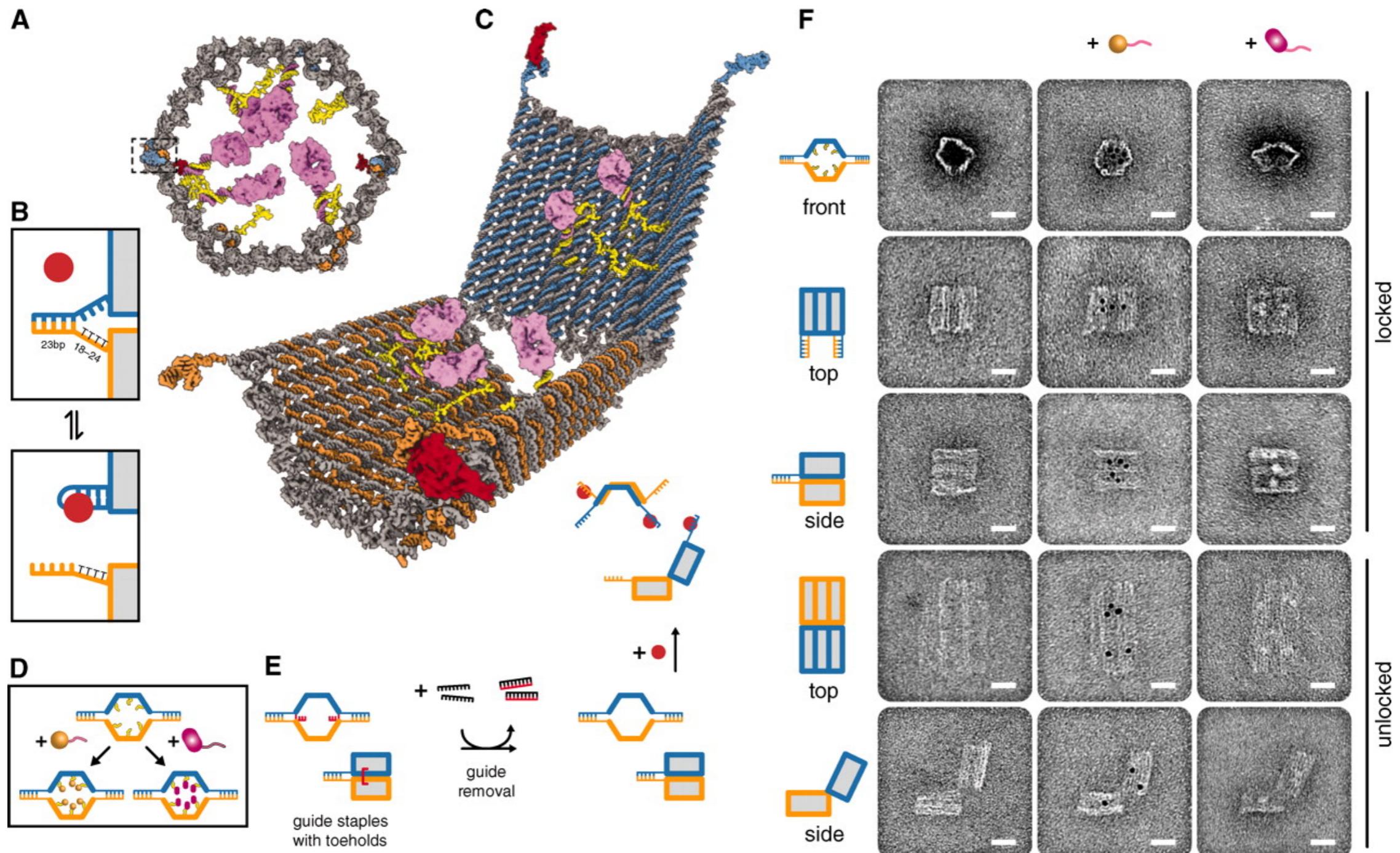
DNA origami

caDNAno: www.cadnano.org



Douglas, Marblestone et al, 2009

DNA origami



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x,y,z ~ 5-10 nm

DNA base spacing = 0.3 nm
helical diameter = 2 nm

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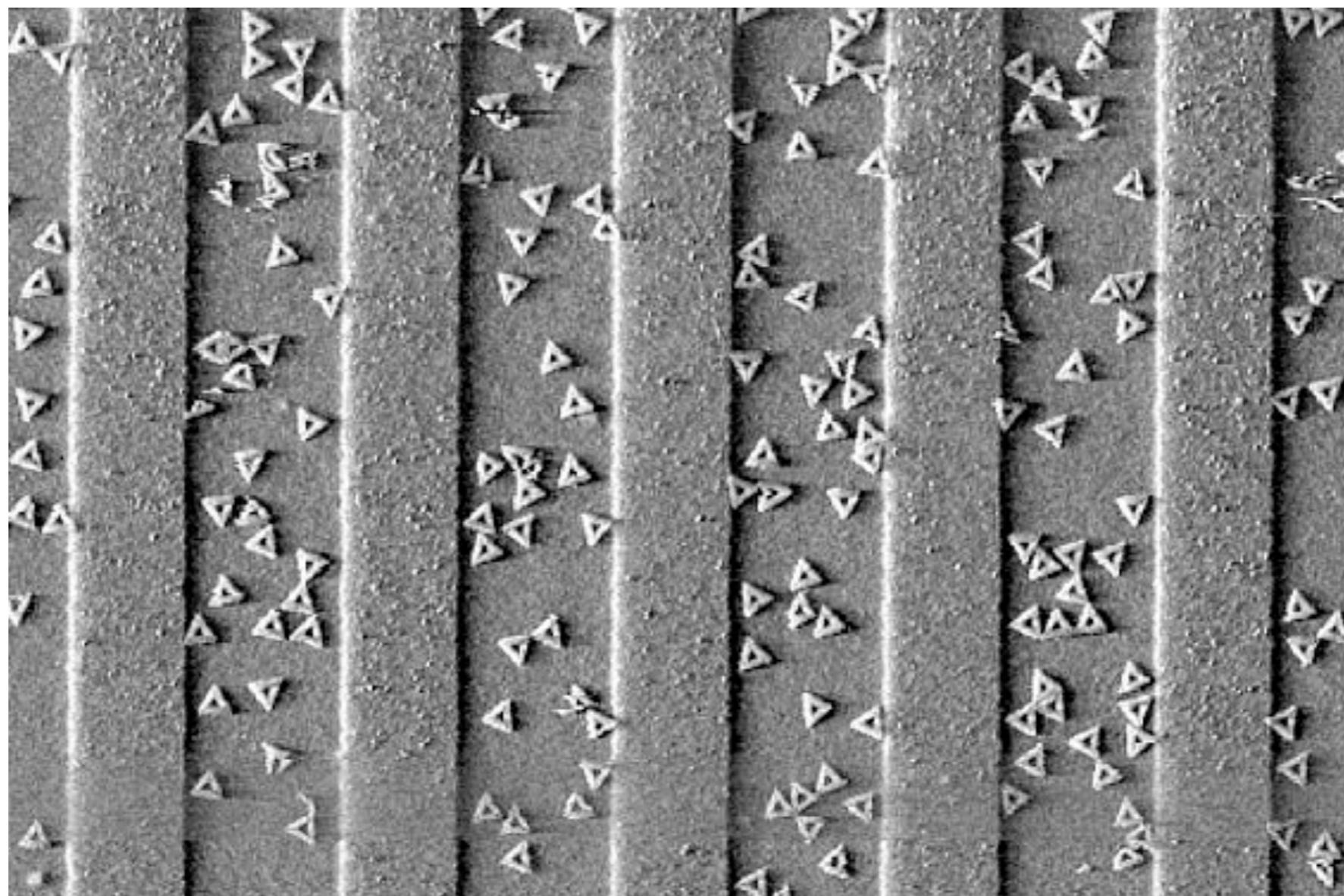
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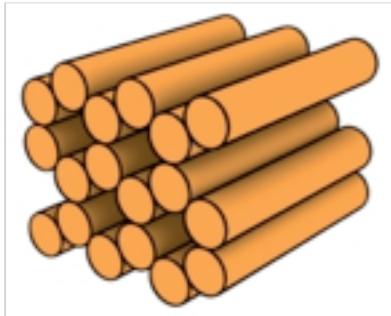
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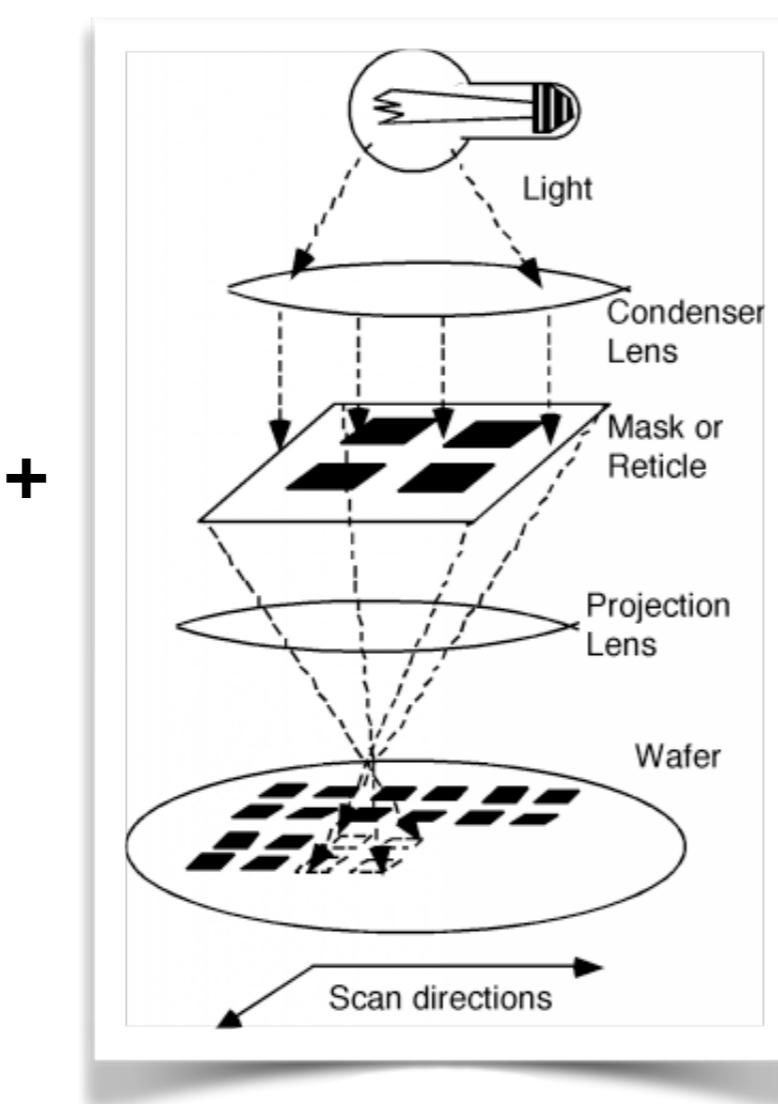


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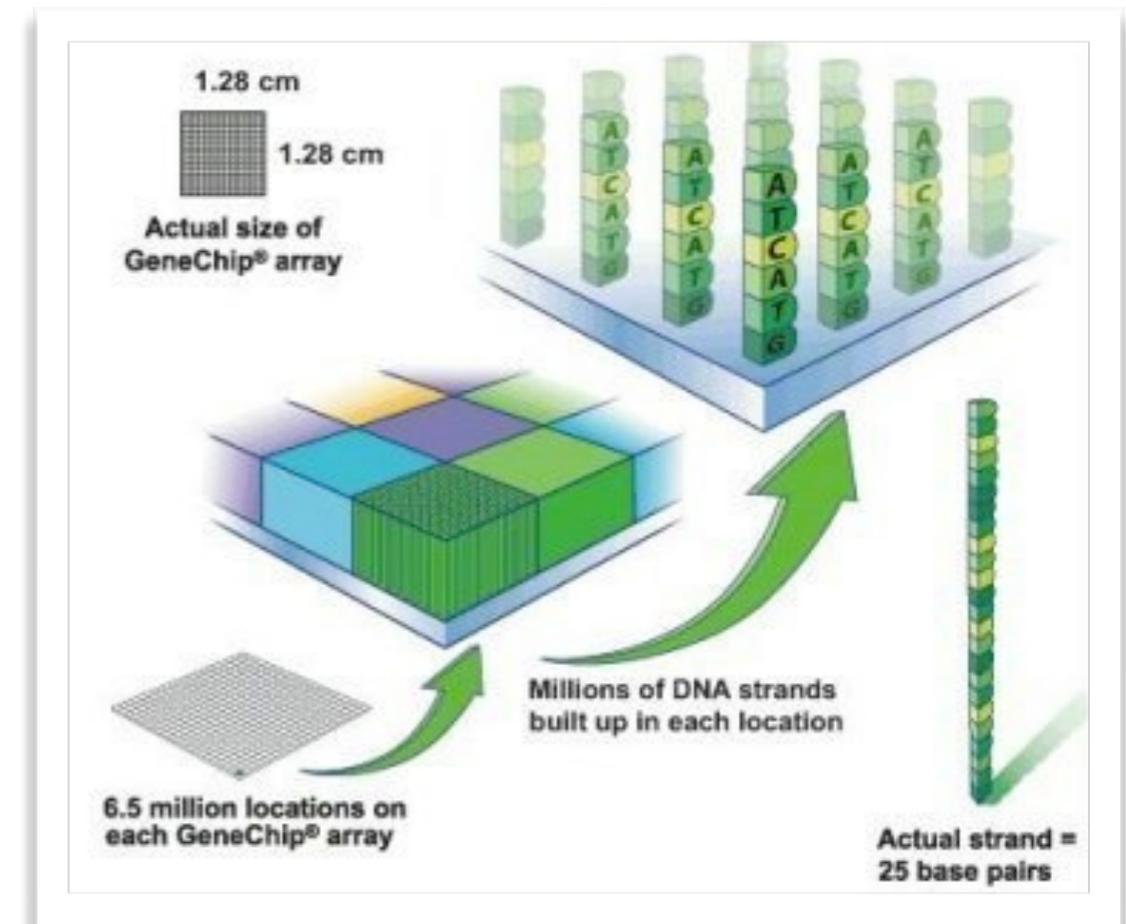
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photolithography



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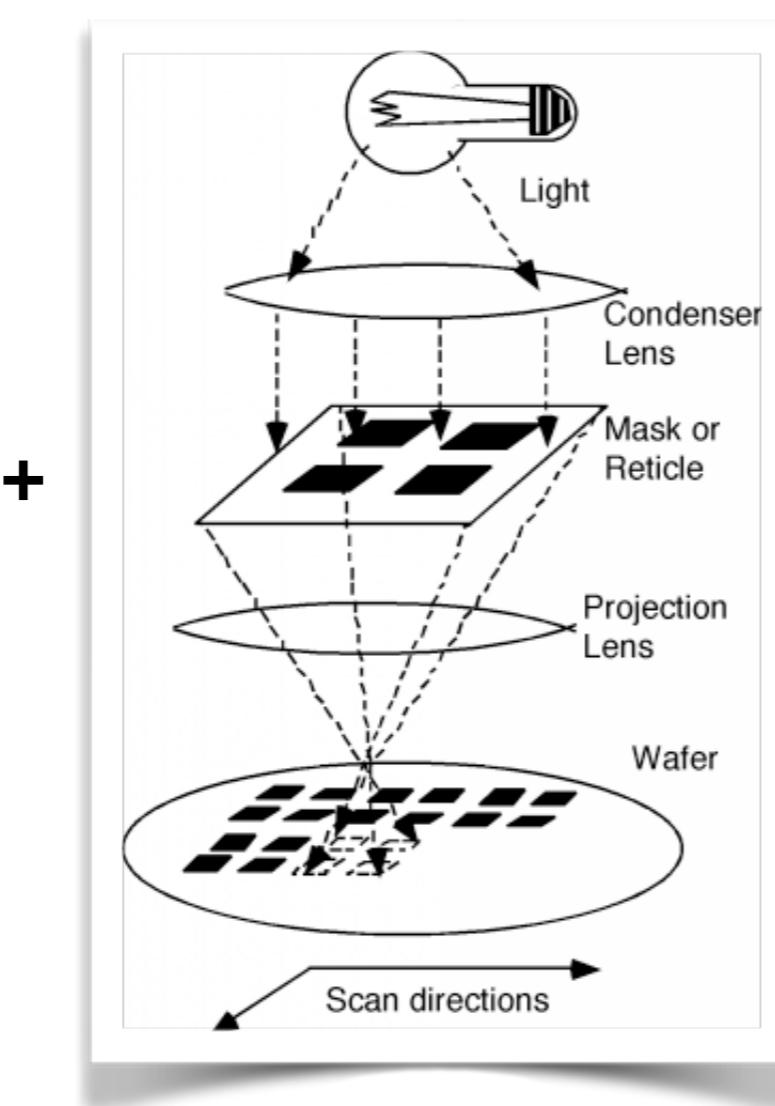


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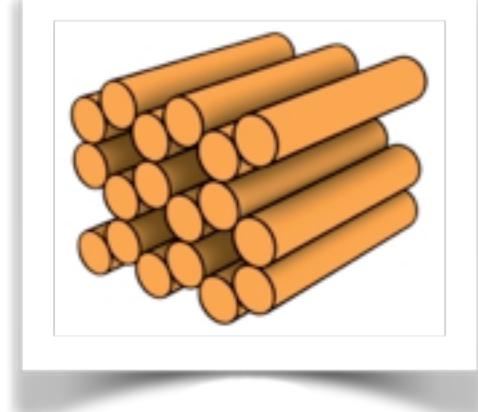
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e.g., light-directed DNA synthesis on chip

photolithography



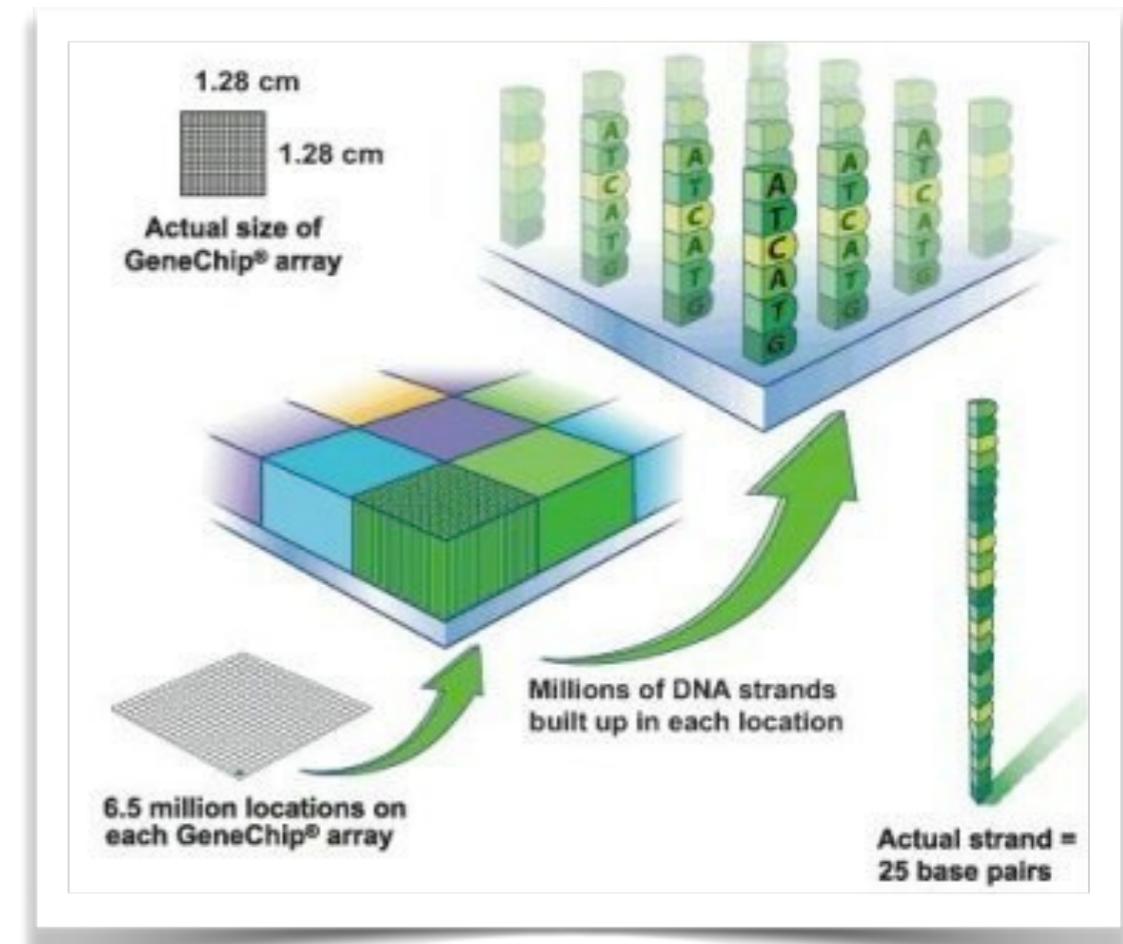
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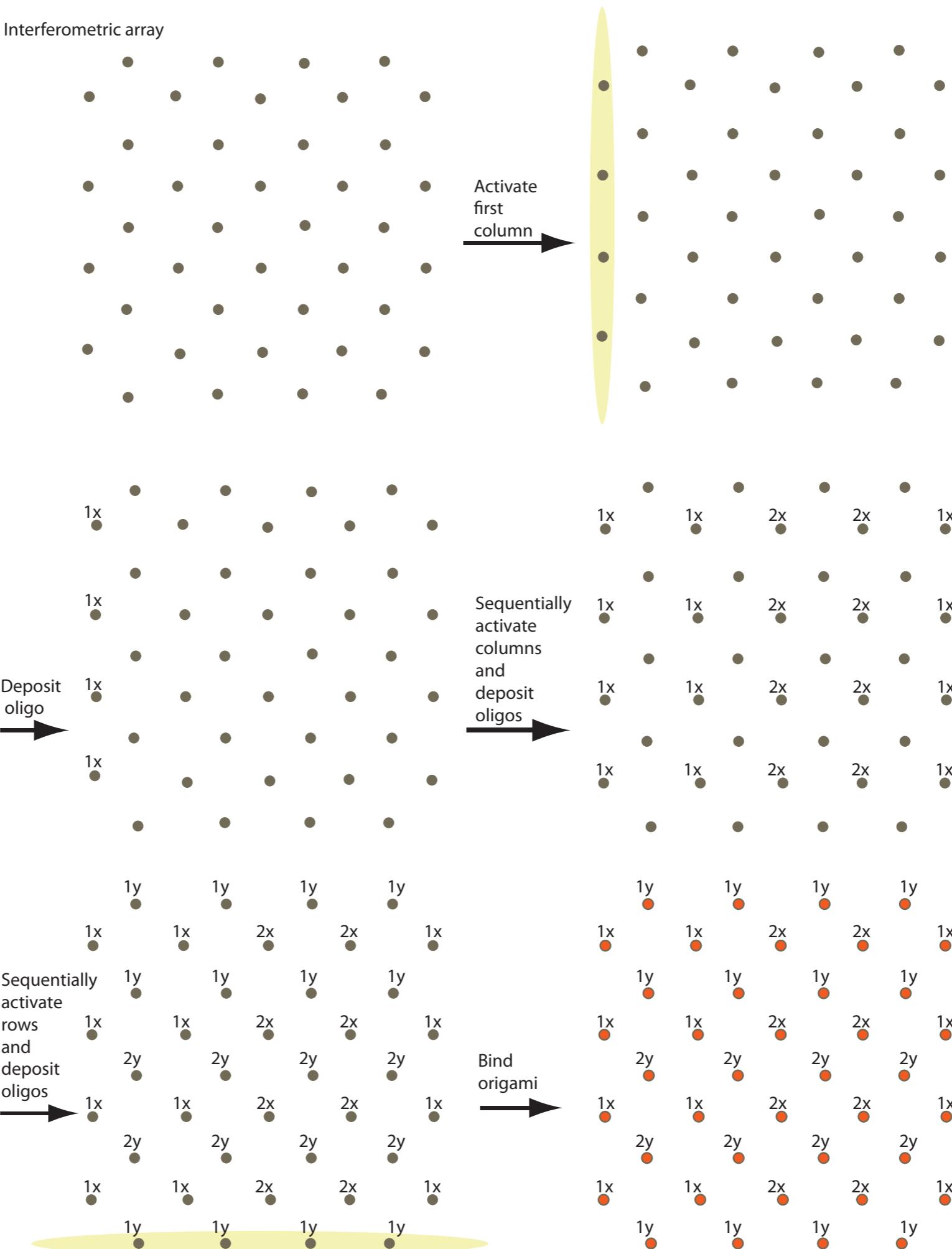
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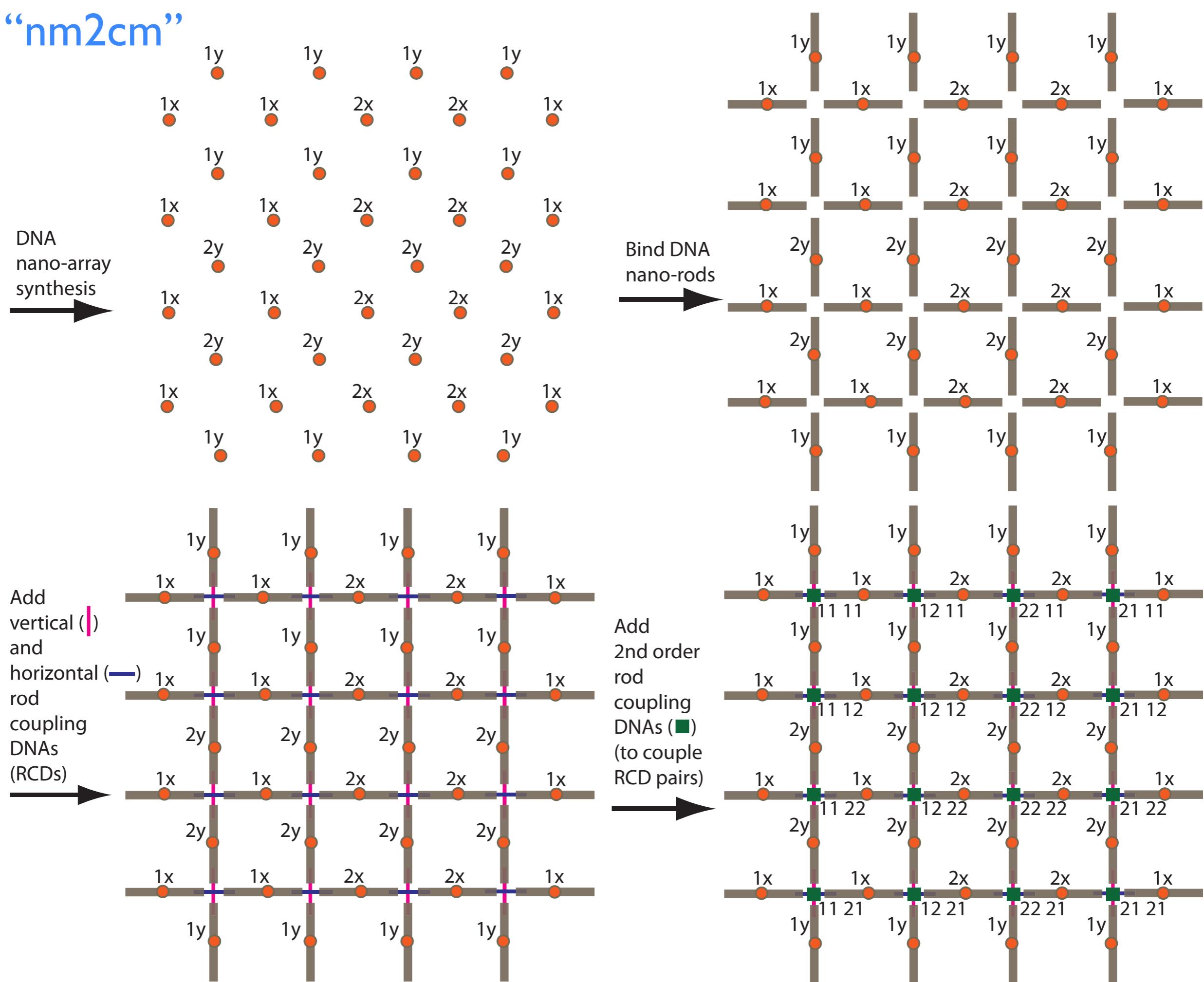


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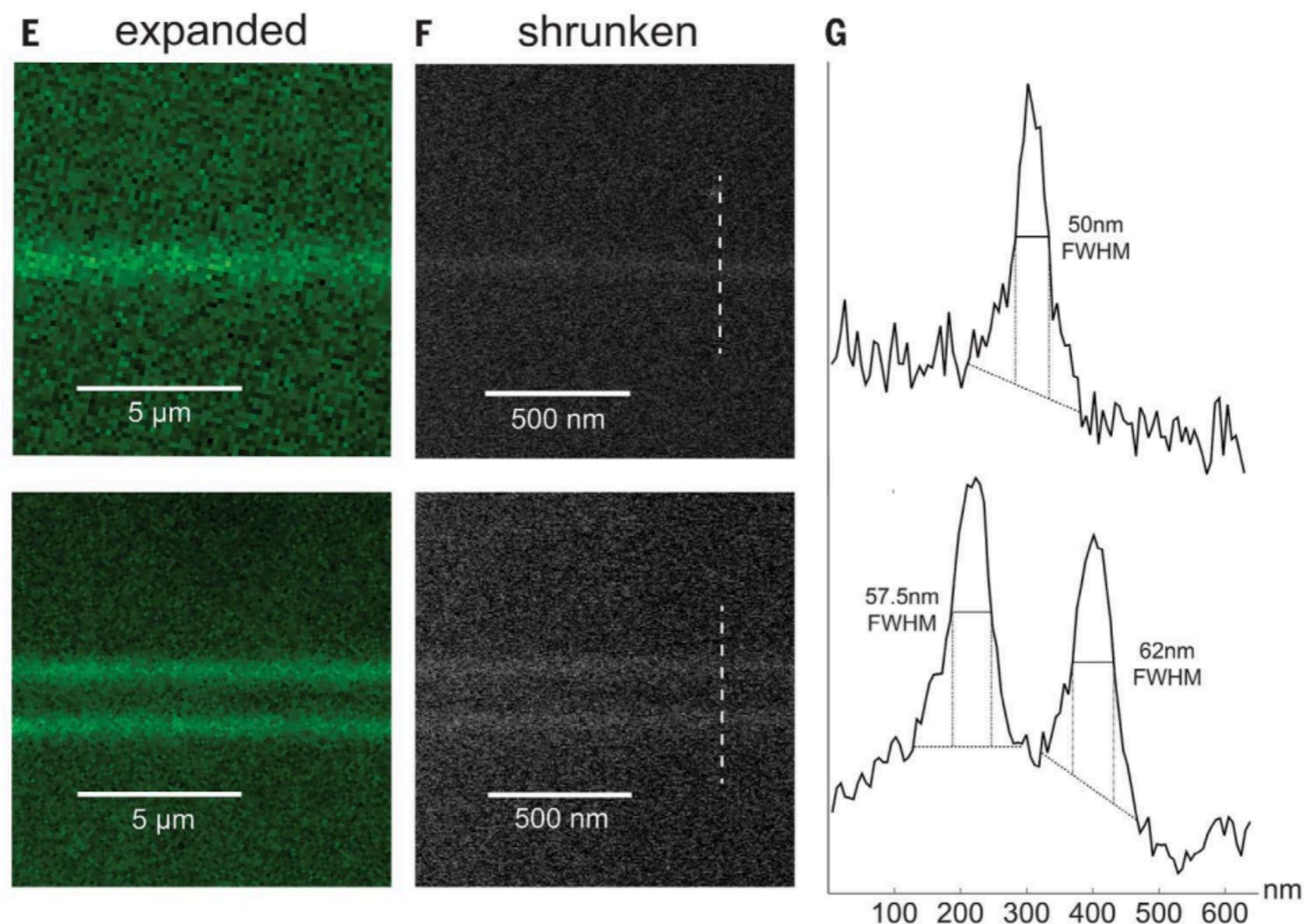


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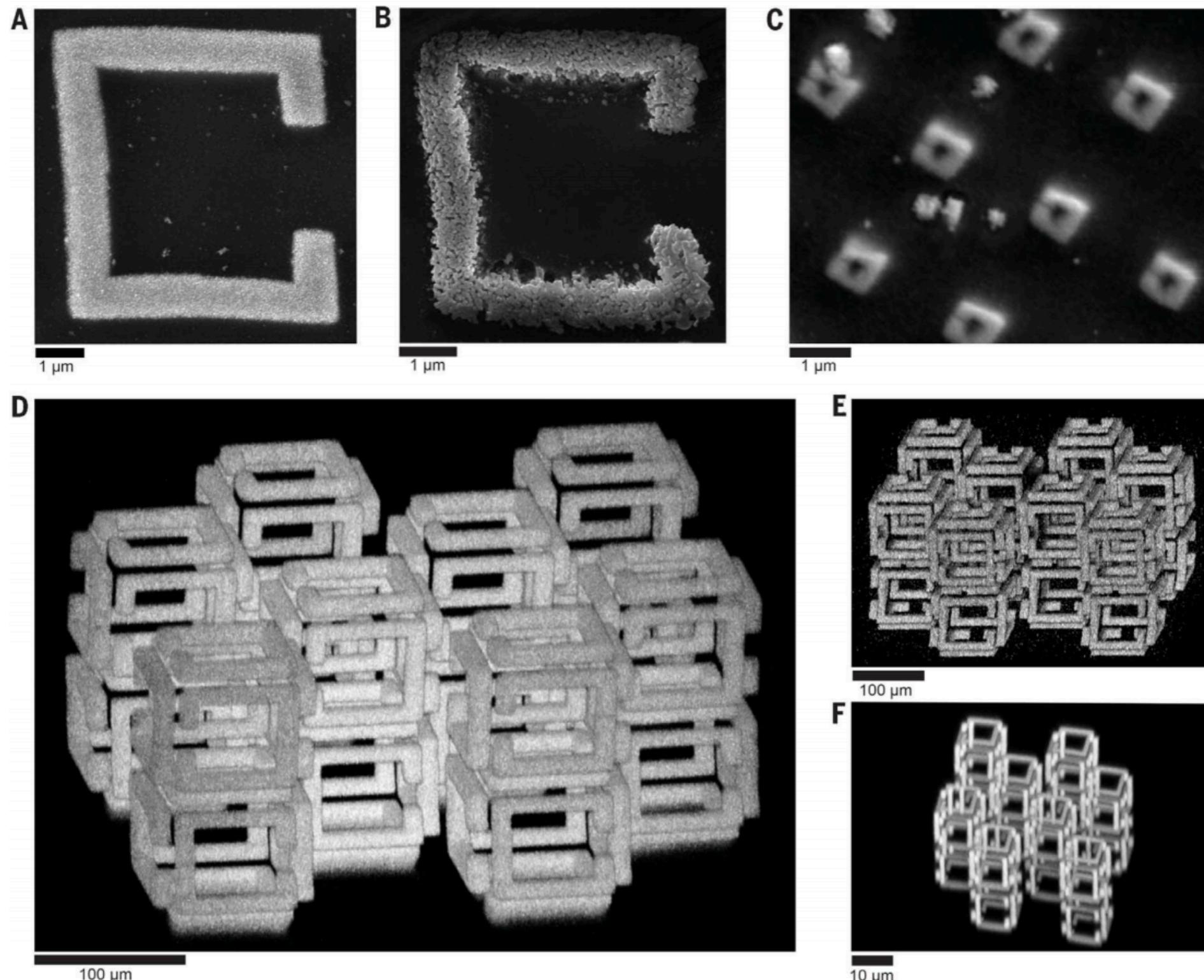
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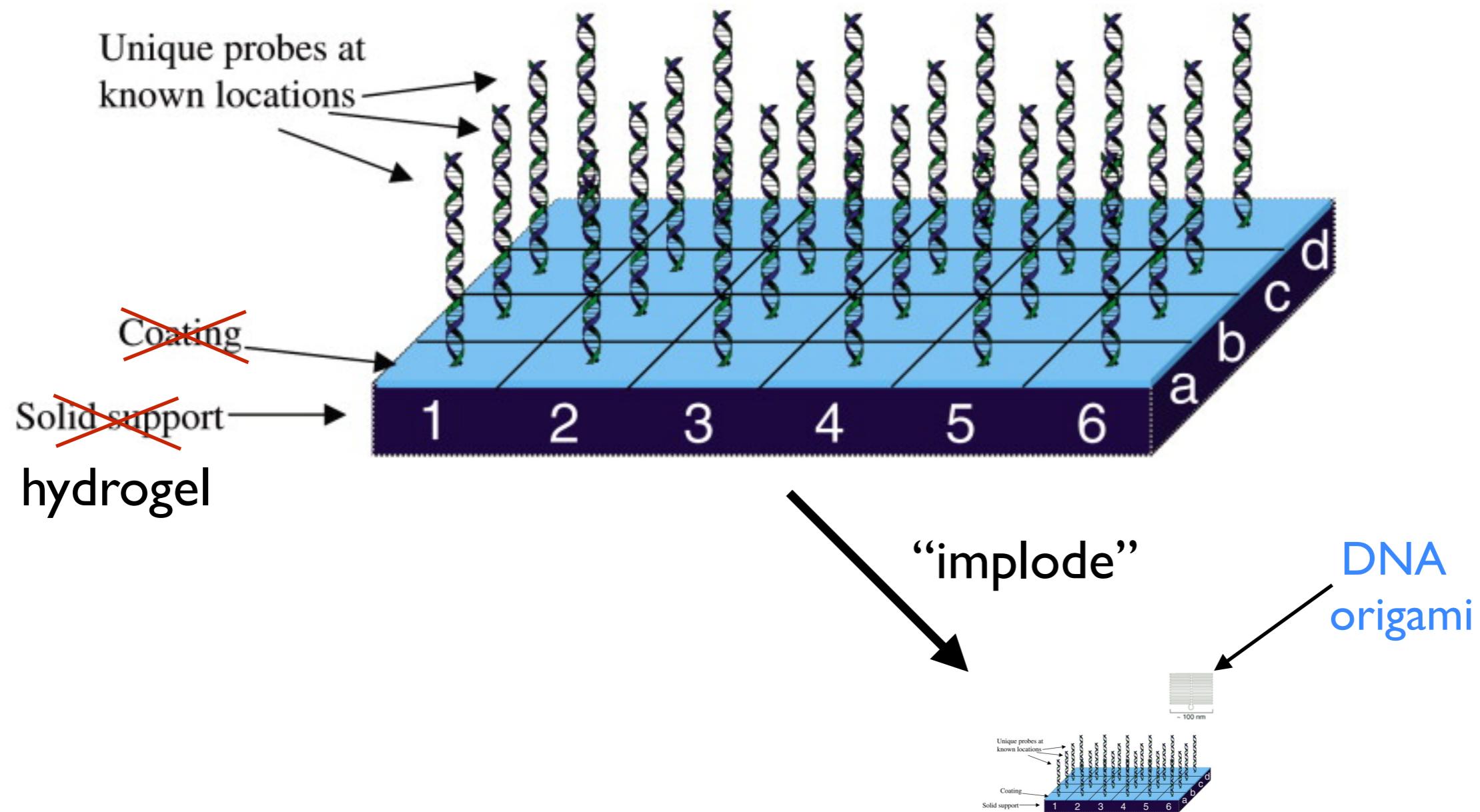
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3D nanofabrication by volumetric deposition and controlled shrinkage of patterned scaffolds

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DNA origami

x,y,z ~ 5-10 nm

DNA base spacing = 0.3 nm
helical diameter = 2 nm

orderly manner on solid substrates^{11,12}. So far, few objects afford a design accuracy better than 5 nm¹³⁻¹⁶, and the sub-nanometre scale has been reached only within the unit cells of designed DNA crystals¹⁷. Here, we report a molecular position-

X,Y,Z > 100 nm

c ~ no practical limit

NOT quite *small* enough for covalent “APM”

NOT quite *big* enough for integration into devices

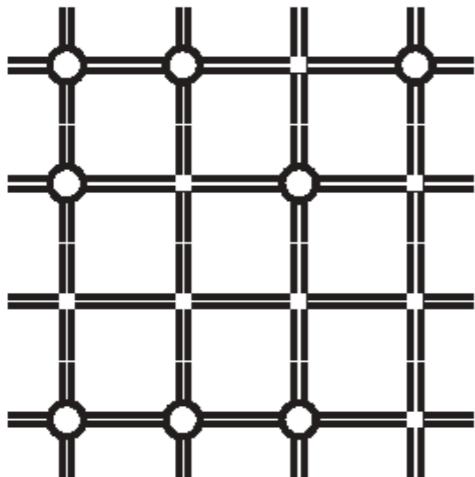
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shapes

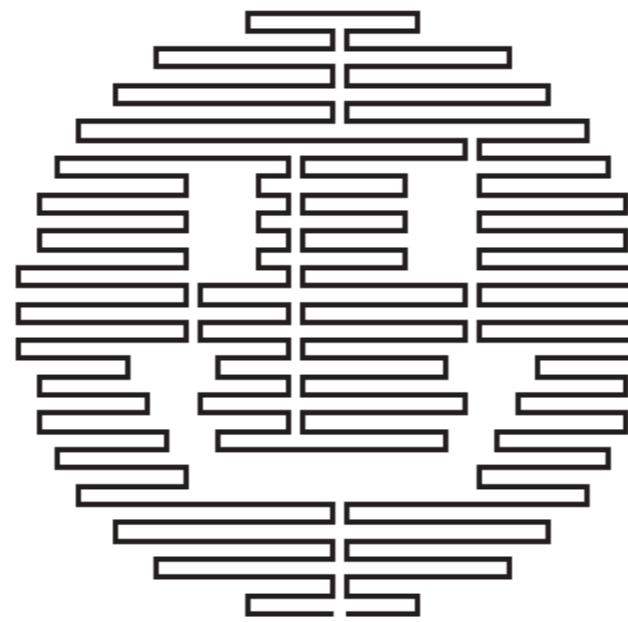
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patterns



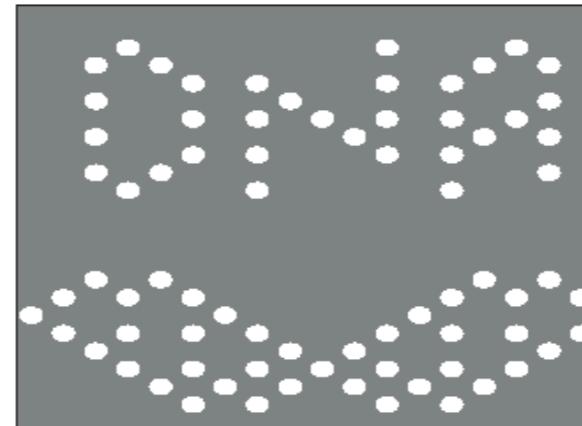
scaffolded origami



the ribosome



100 nm

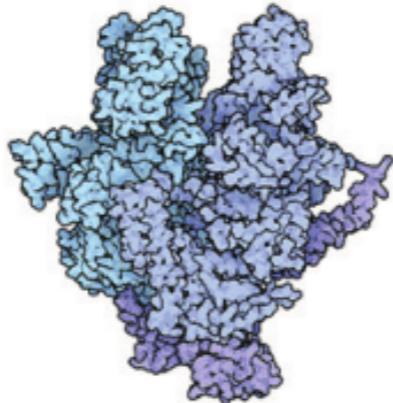


top-down patterning

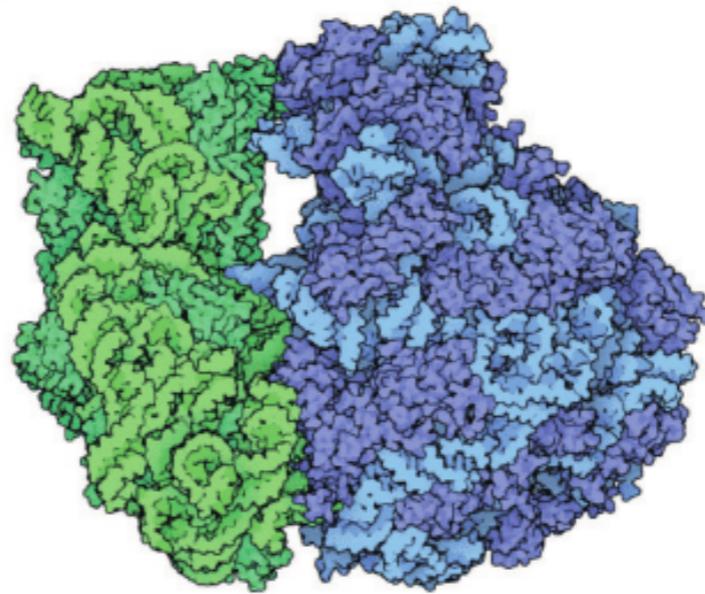
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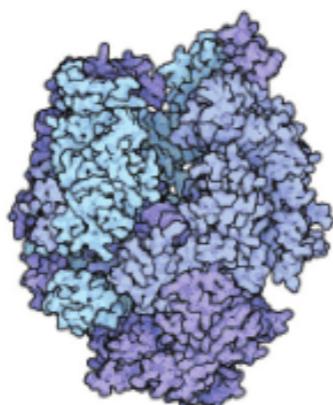
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RNA polymerase (4kmu)



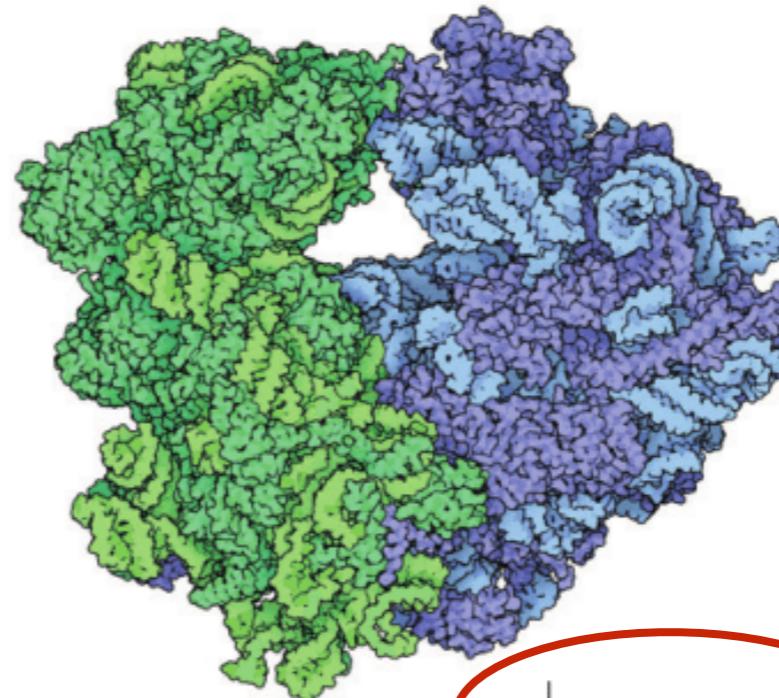
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eukaryotic
RNA polymerase (1i6h)



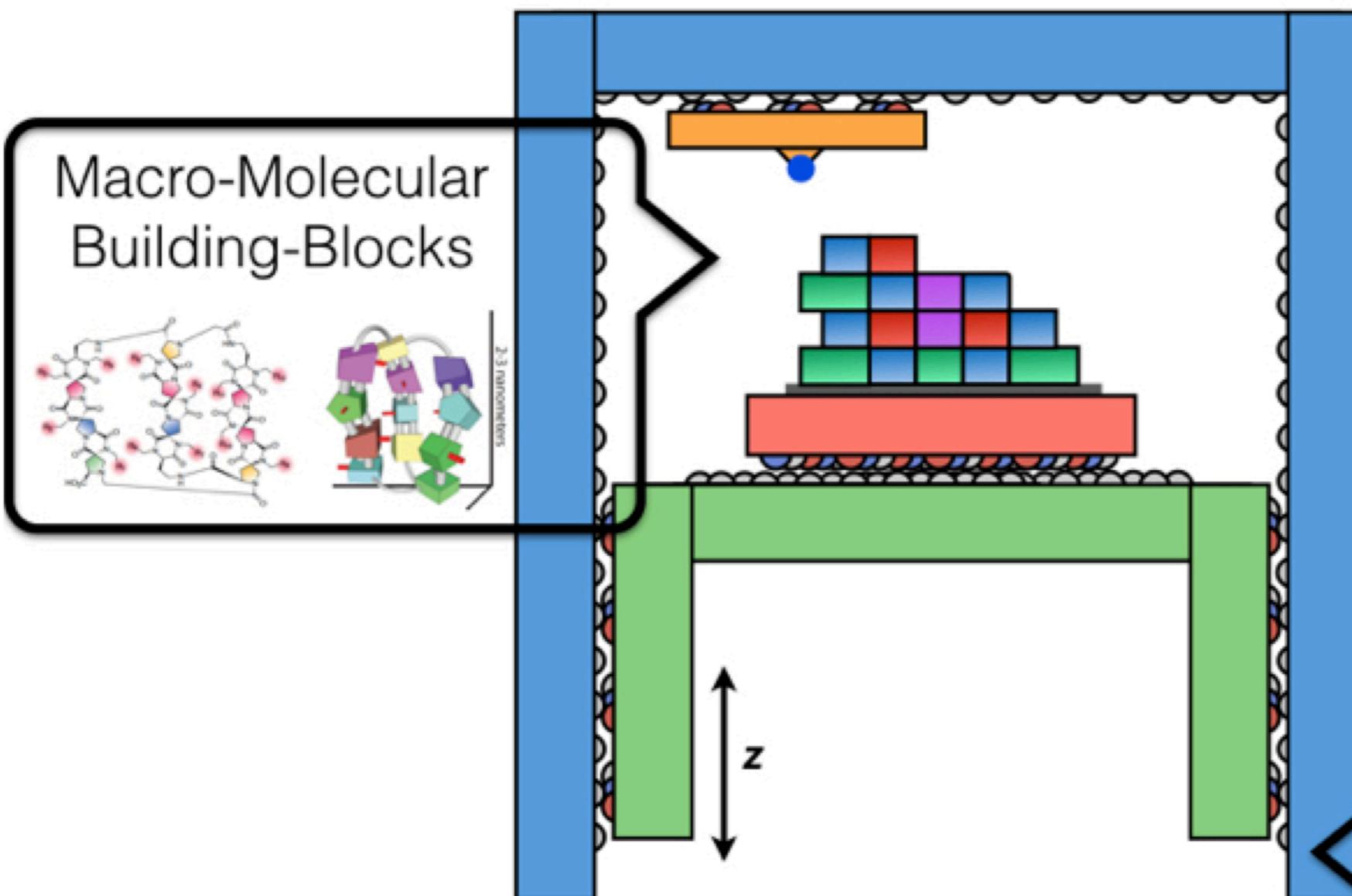
eukaryotic ribosome
(3u5b+3u5c+3u5d+3u5e)



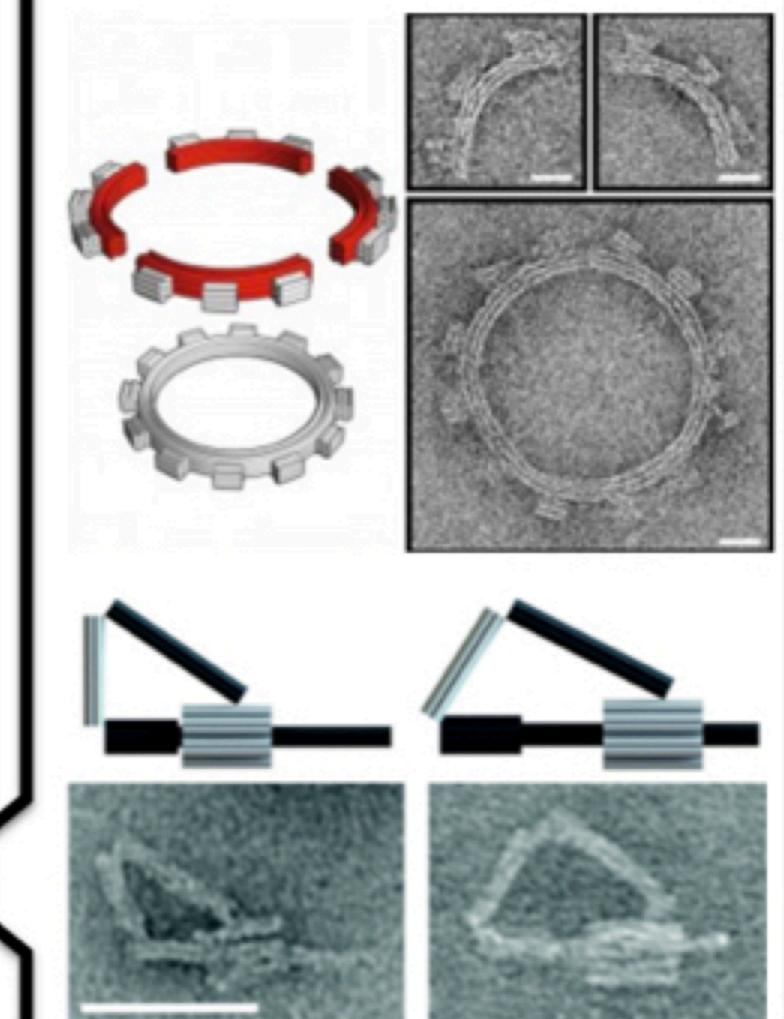
10 nm

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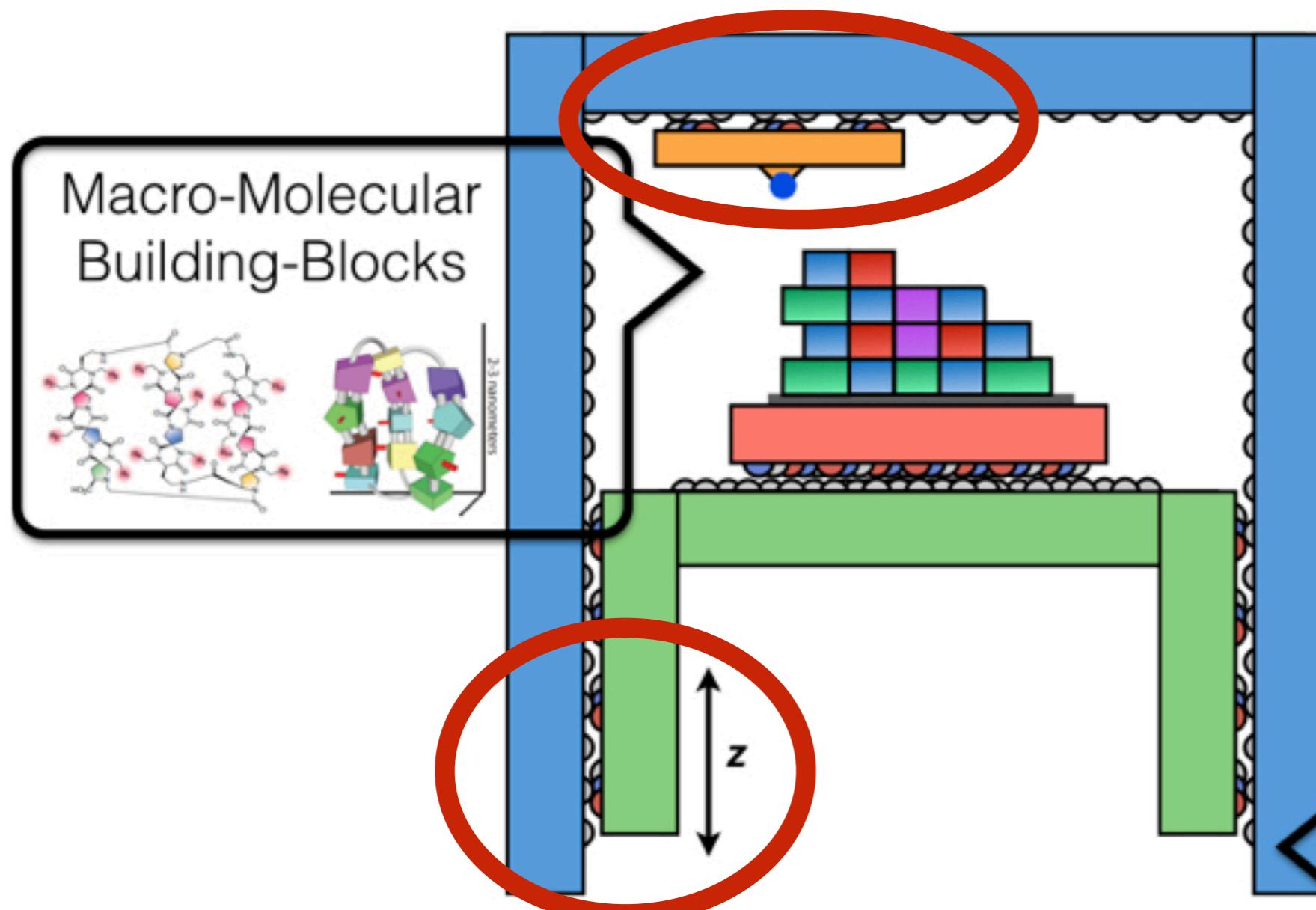


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Controllable Actuators

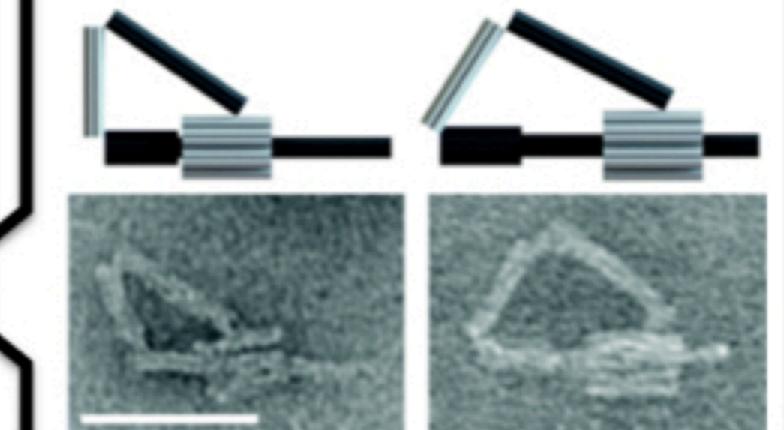
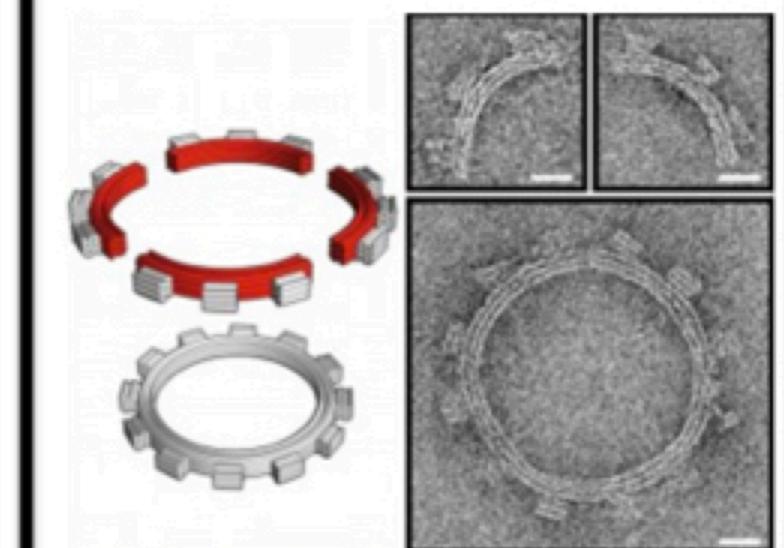


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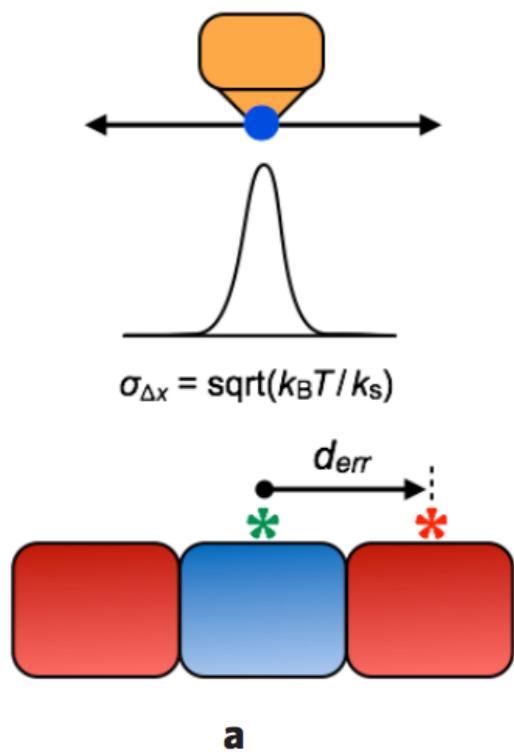
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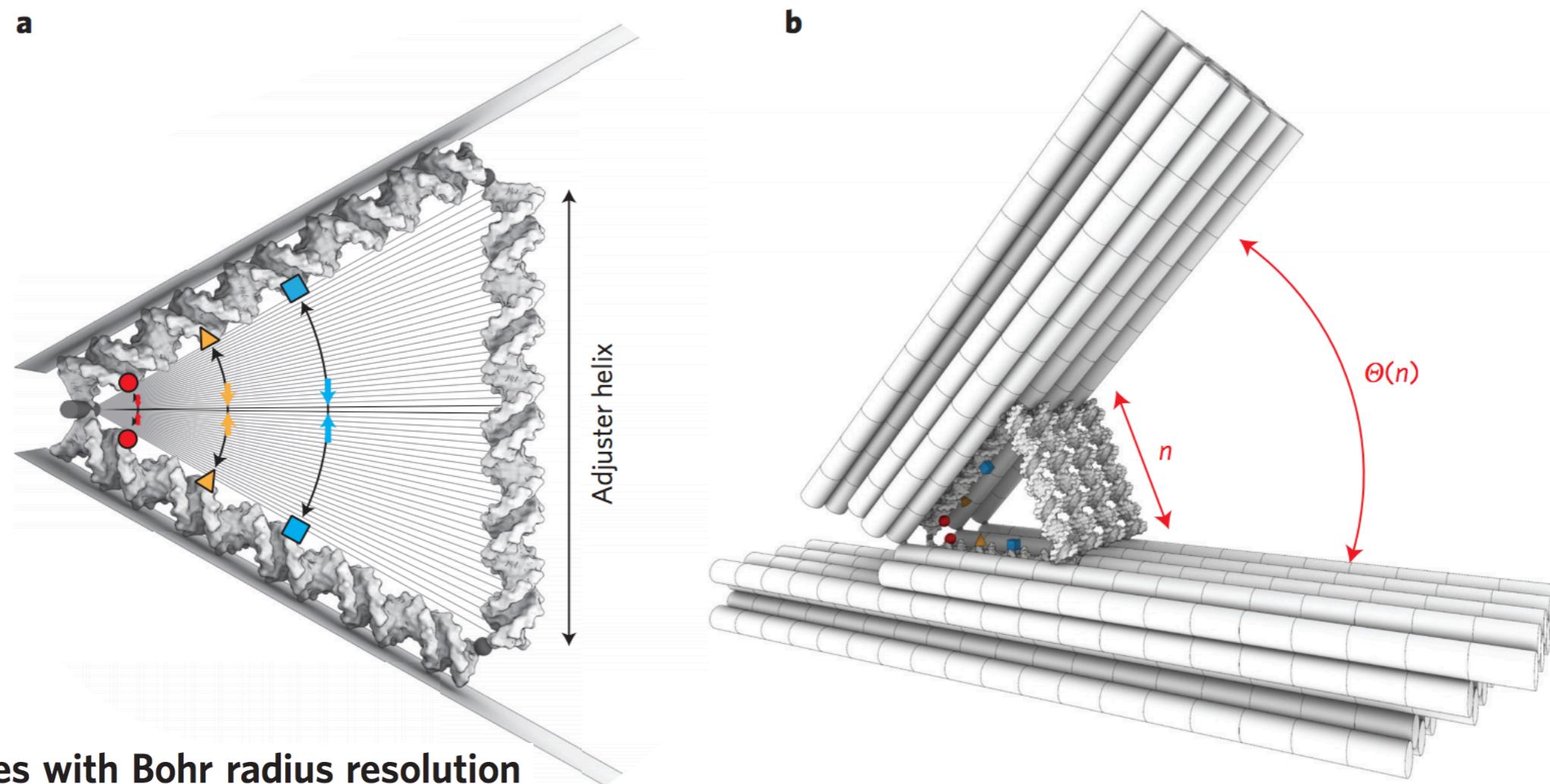
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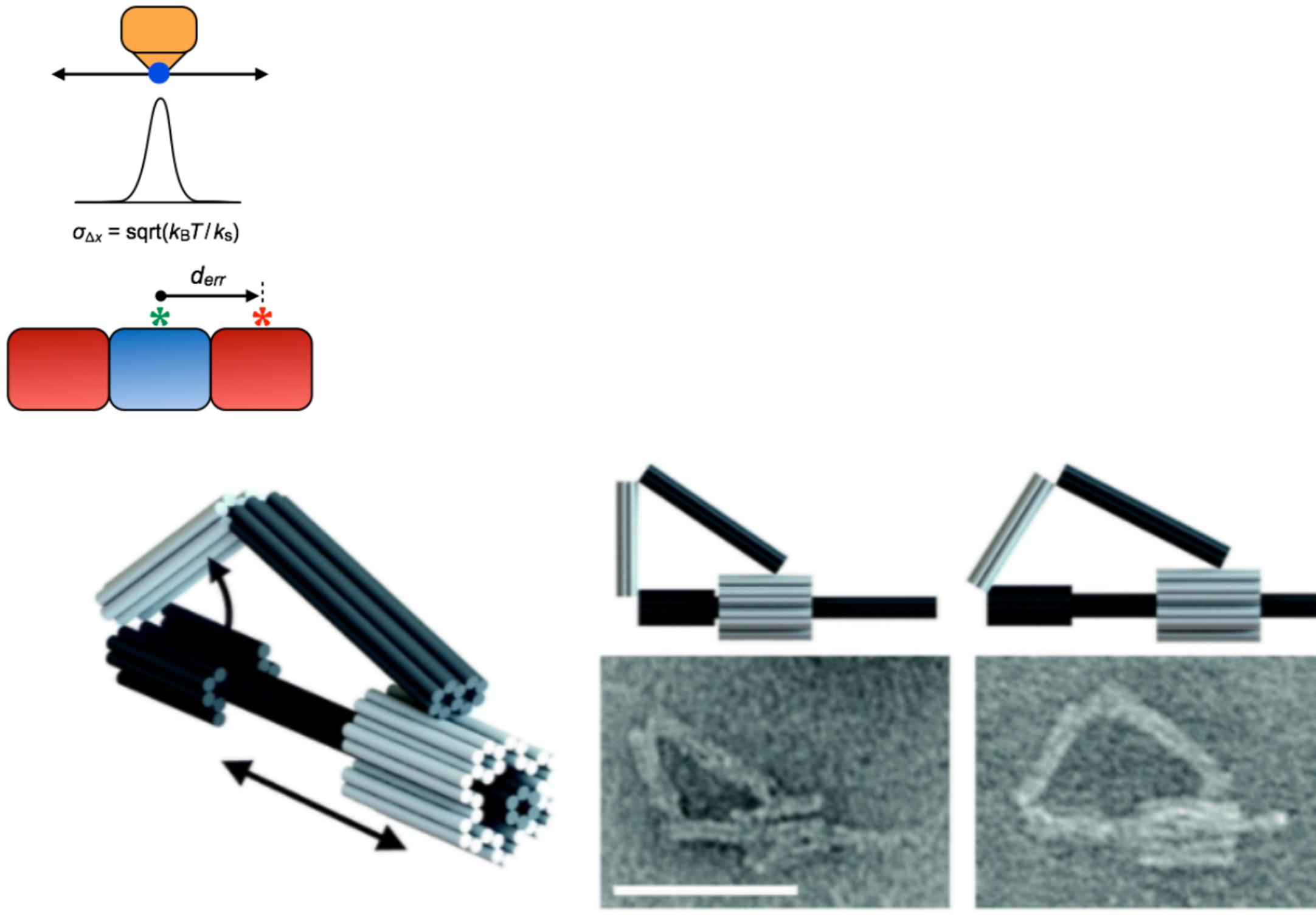


Using this combination of placement and analysis, we rationally adjusted the average distance between fluorescent molecules and reactive groups from 1.5 to 9 nm in 123 discrete displacement steps. The smallest displacement step possible was 0.04 nm, which is slightly less than the Bohr radius. The fluctuation amplitudes in the distance coordinate were also small (± 0.5 nm), and within a factor of two to three of the amplitudes found in protein structures¹⁸.



Placing molecules with Bohr radius resolution
using DNA origami

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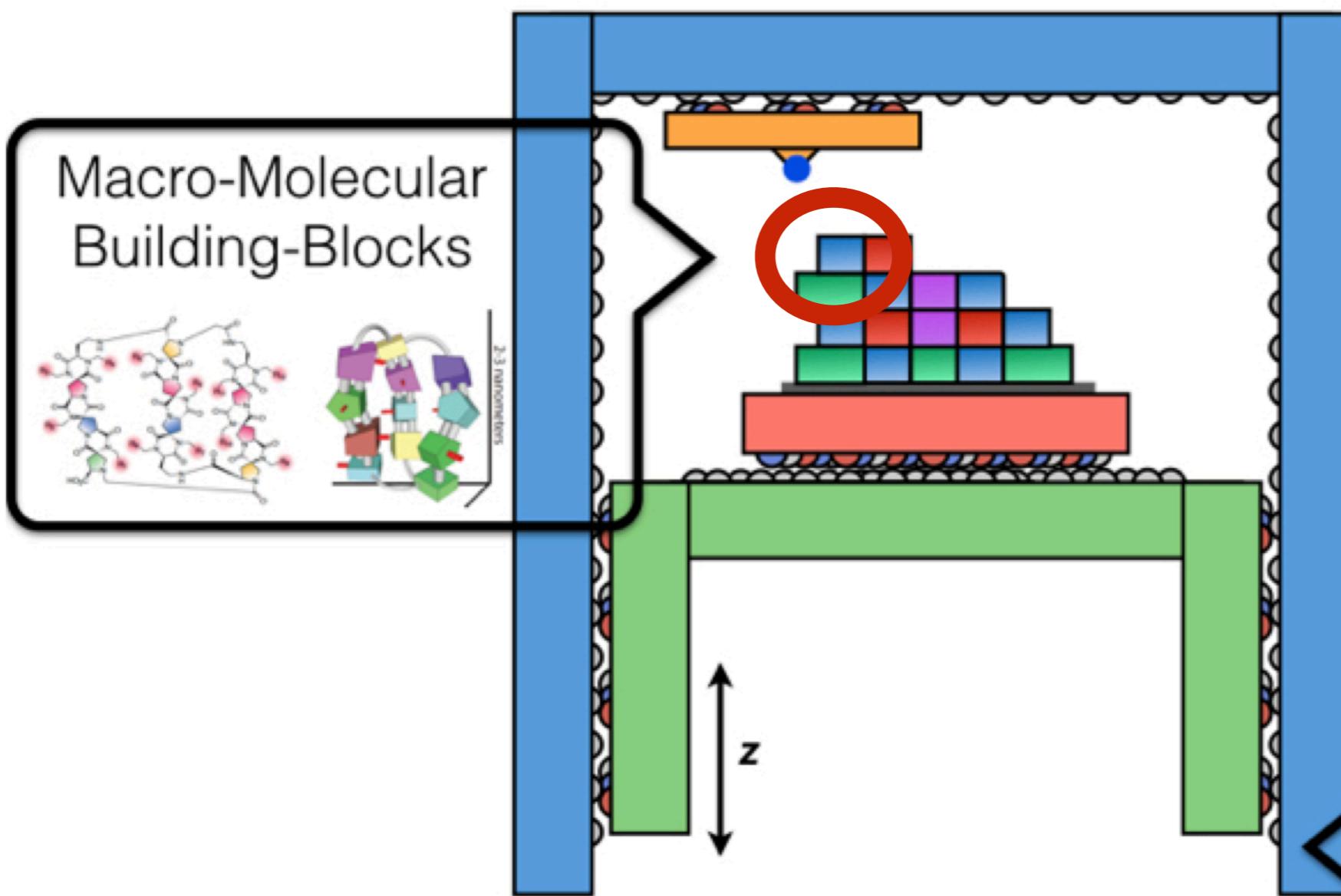


Programmable motion of DNA origami mechanisms

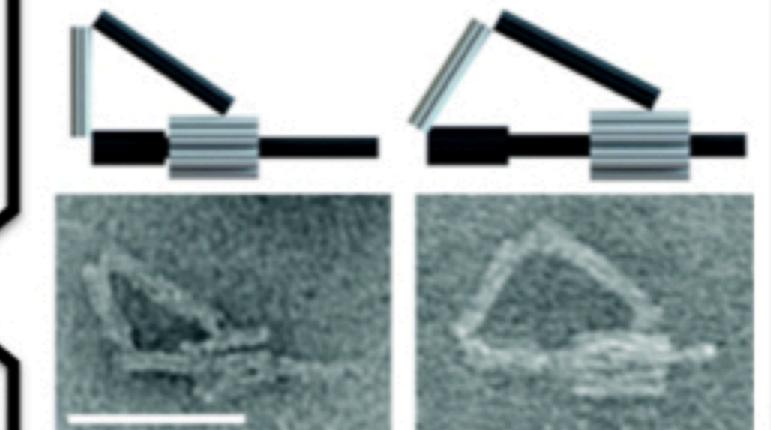
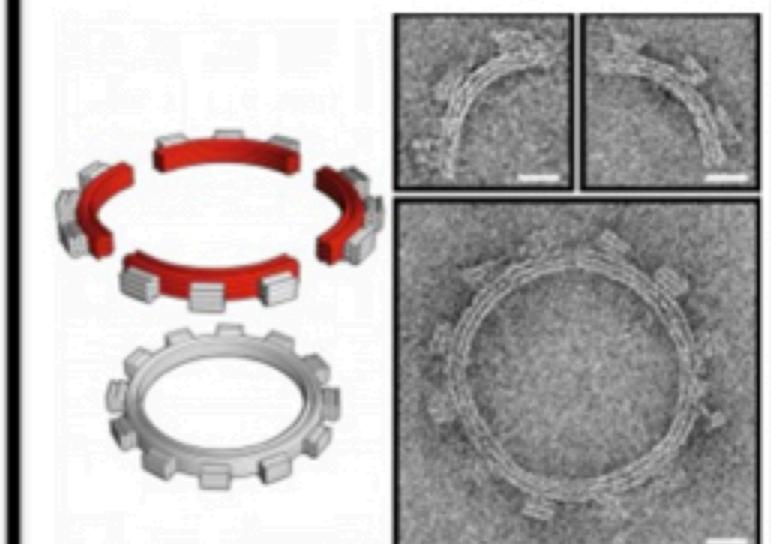
Alexander E. Marras, Lifeng Zhou, Hai-Jun Su, and Carlos E. Castro¹

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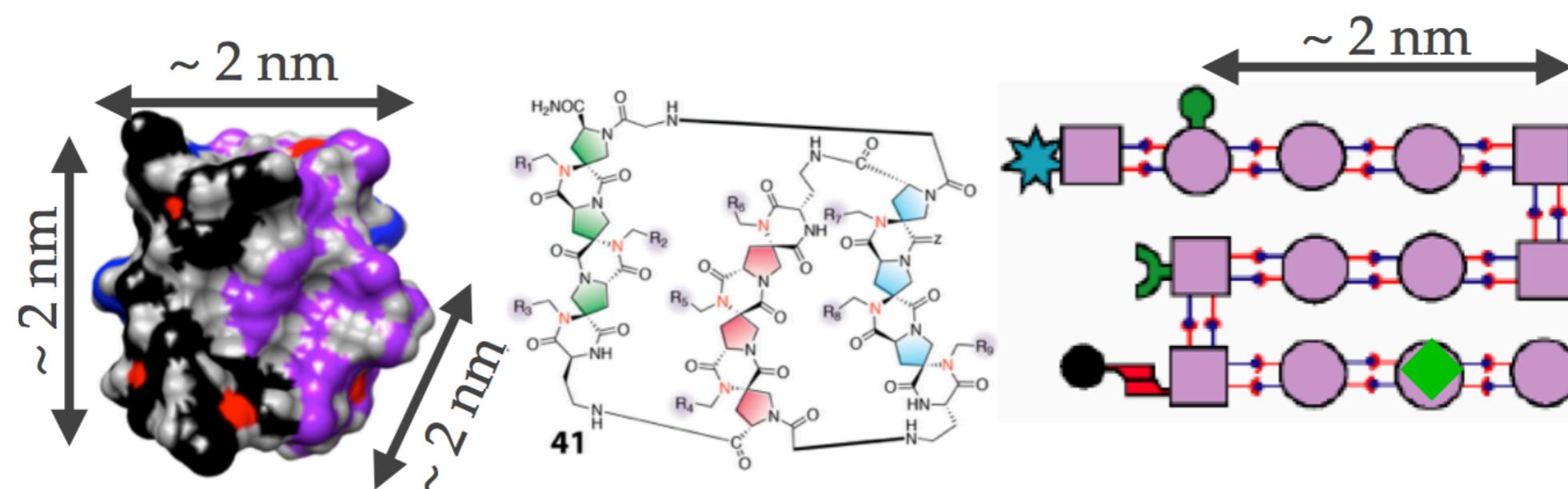
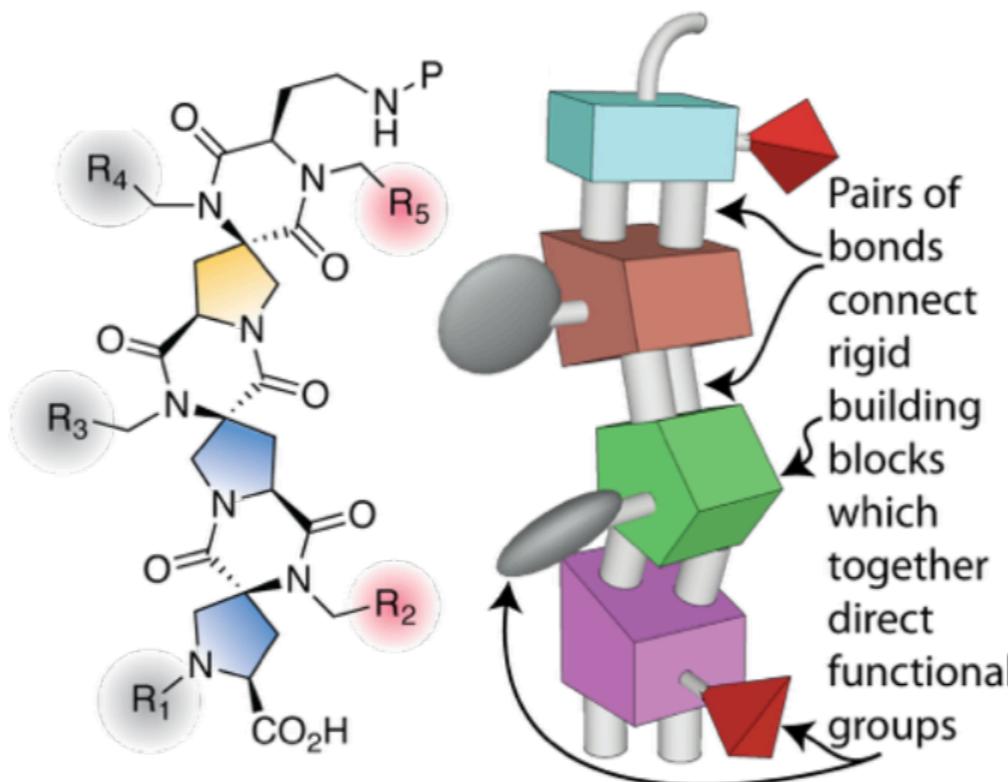


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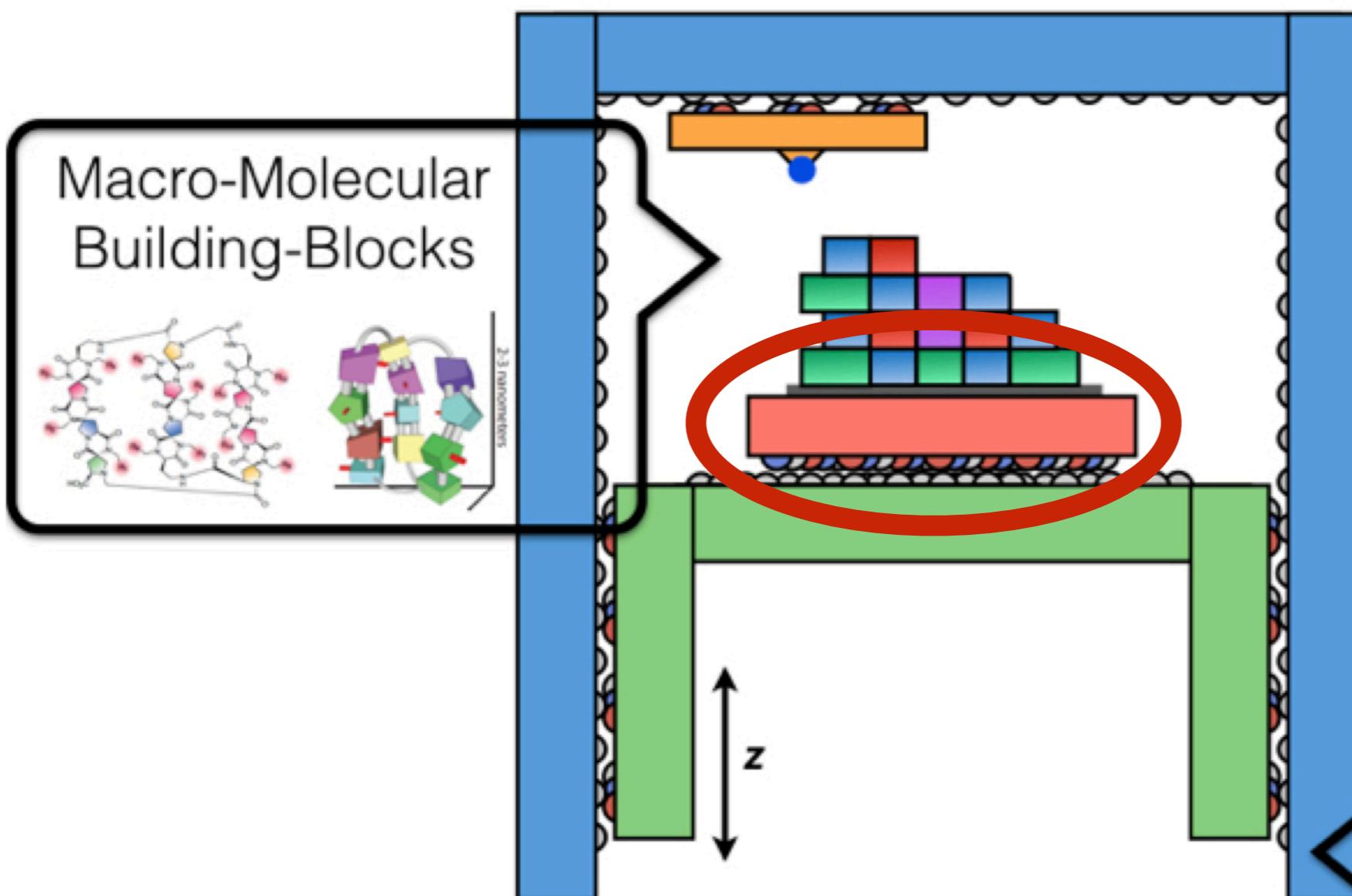
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Spiroligomer “bricks” (Schafmeister):

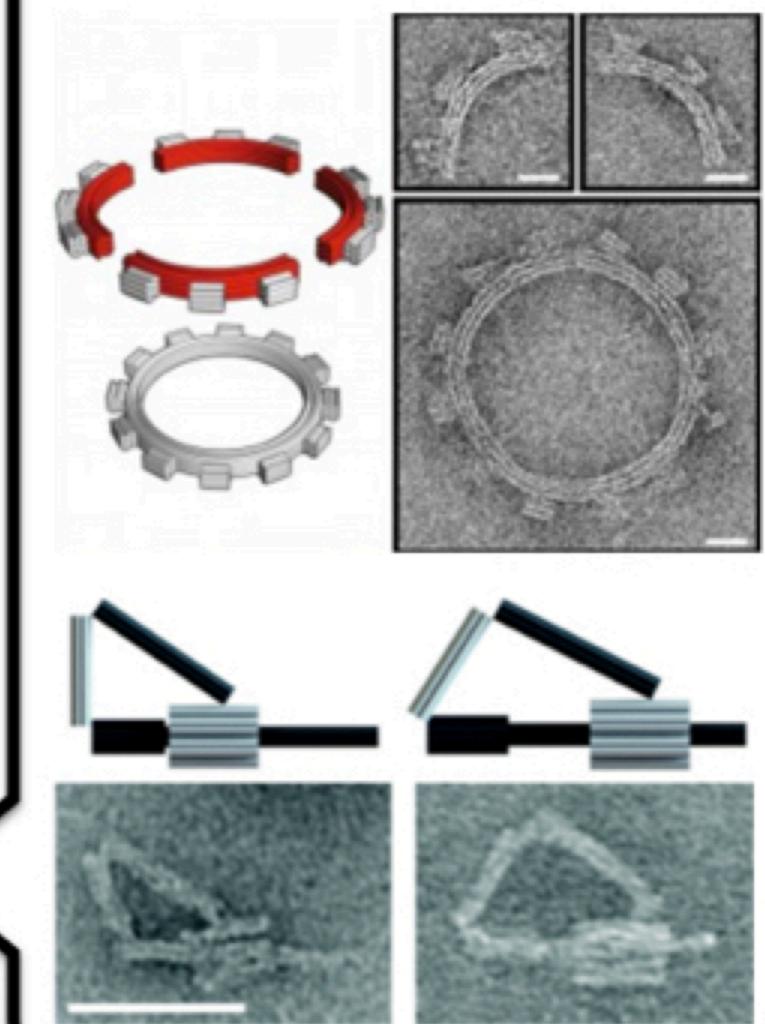


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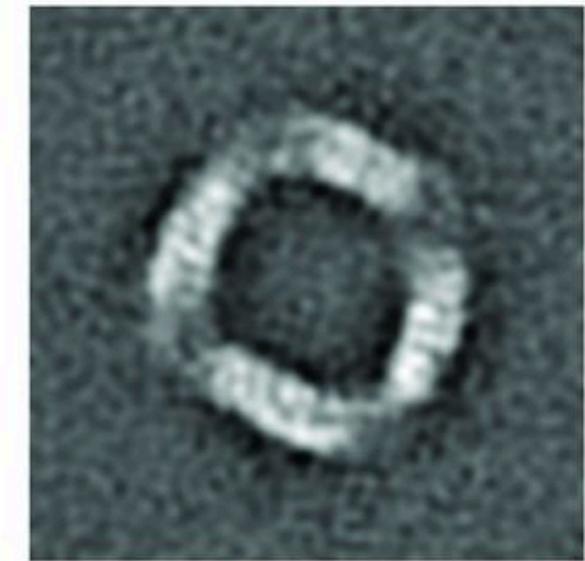
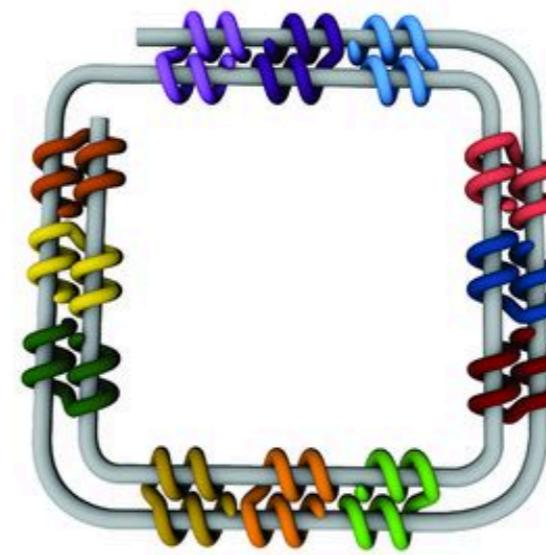


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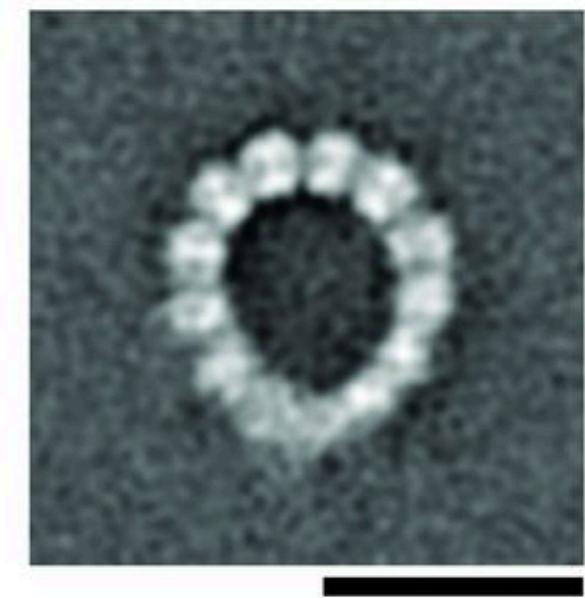


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Double-TAL staple proteins



Self-assembly
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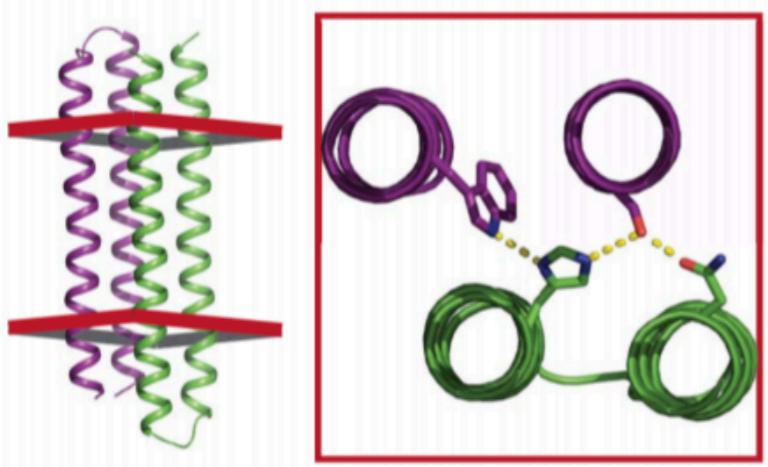
Template DNA double strand

Self-assembly of genetically encoded DNA-protein hybrid nanoscale shapes

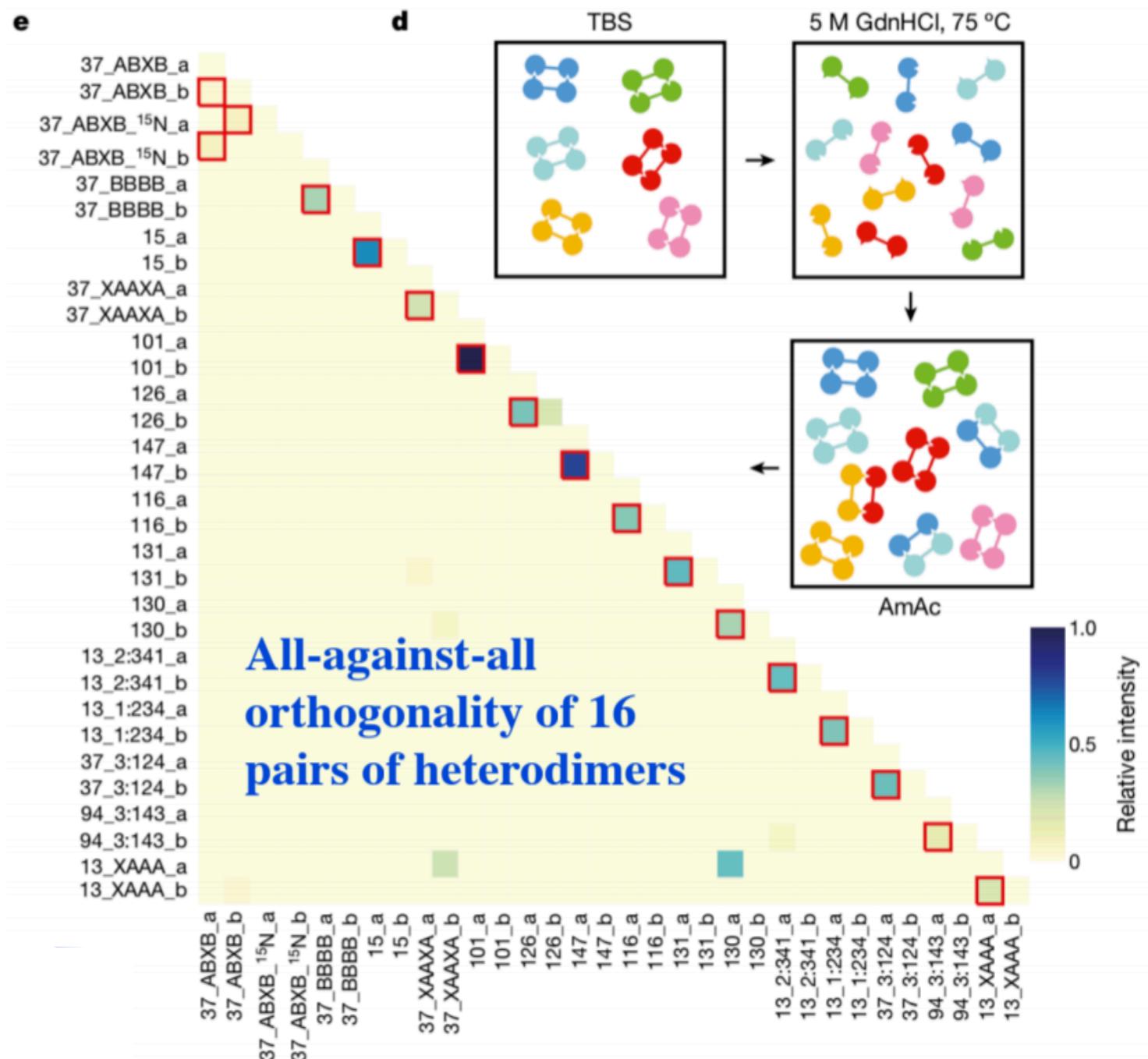
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Design of orthogonal protein heterodimers (Nature, 2018)

...we show that protein–protein **interaction specificity** can be achieved using extensive and **modular side-chain hydrogen-bond networks**.



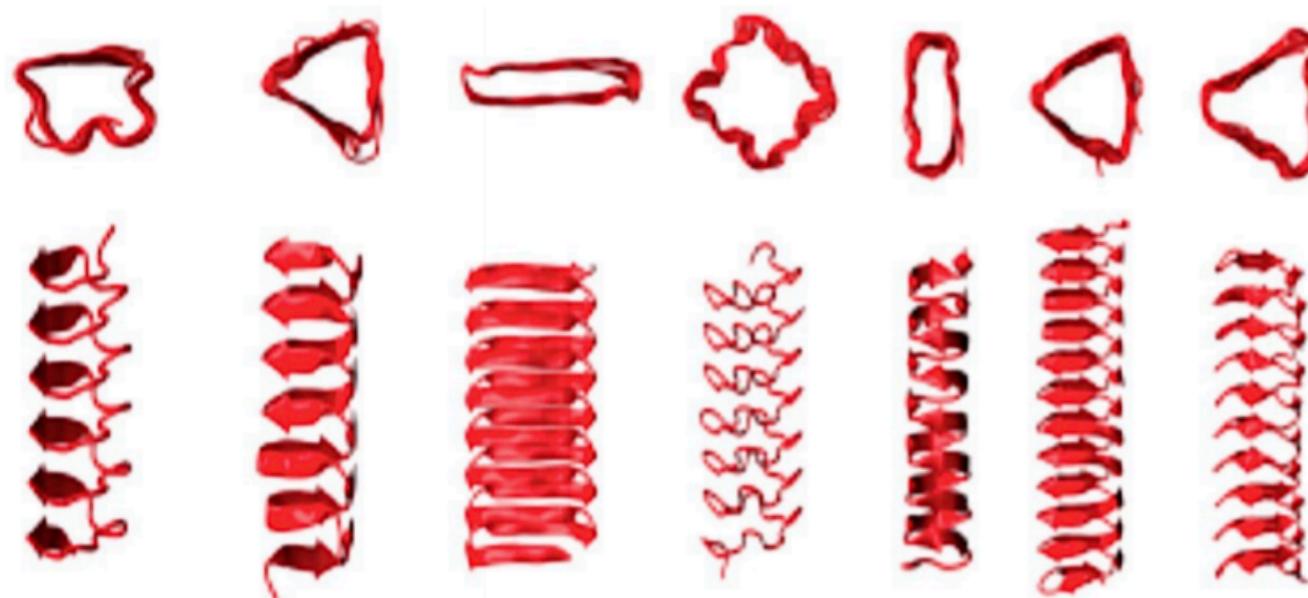
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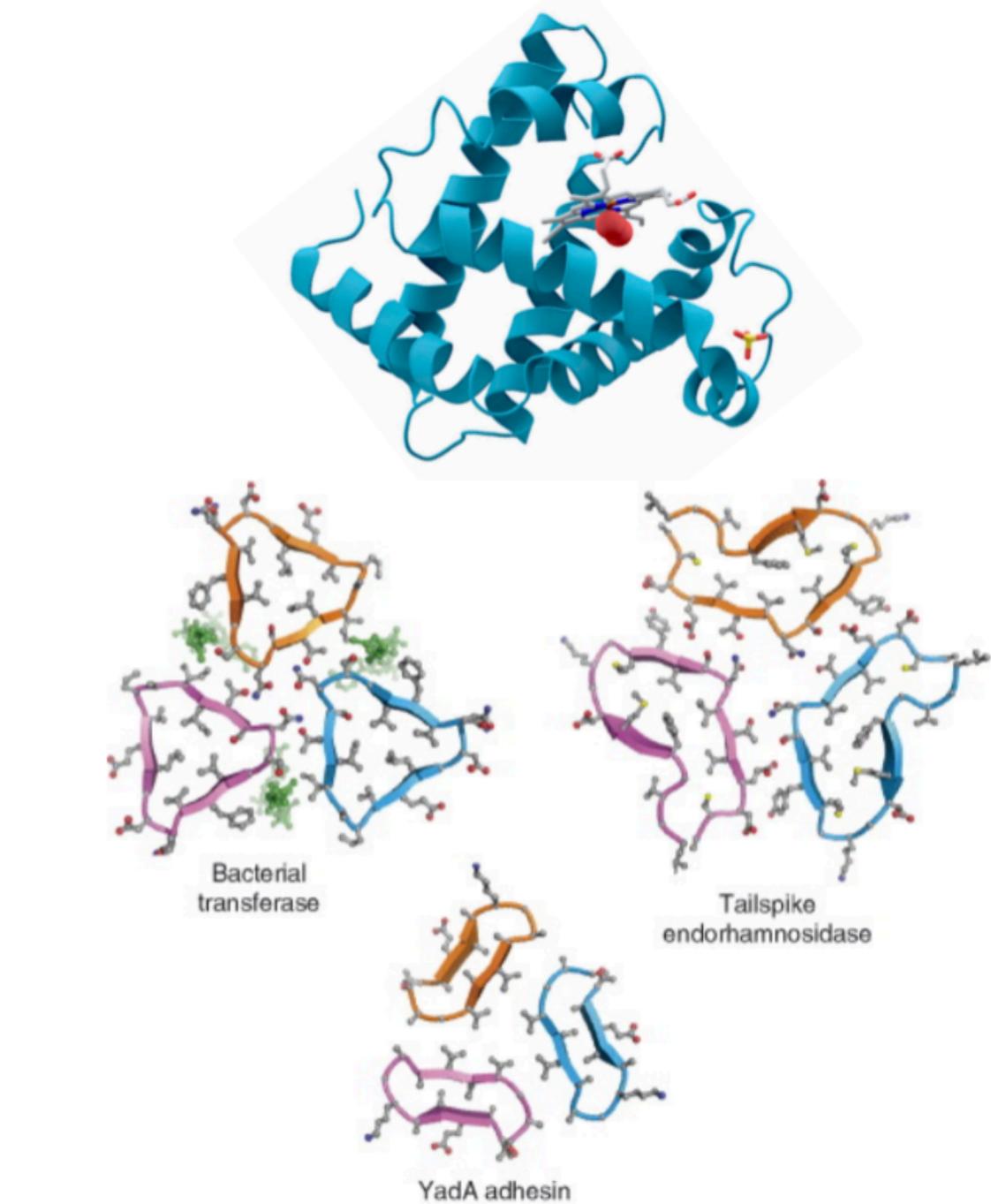
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Diverse shapes among natural proteins:

Extensive diversity
even among BSP proteins/domains:

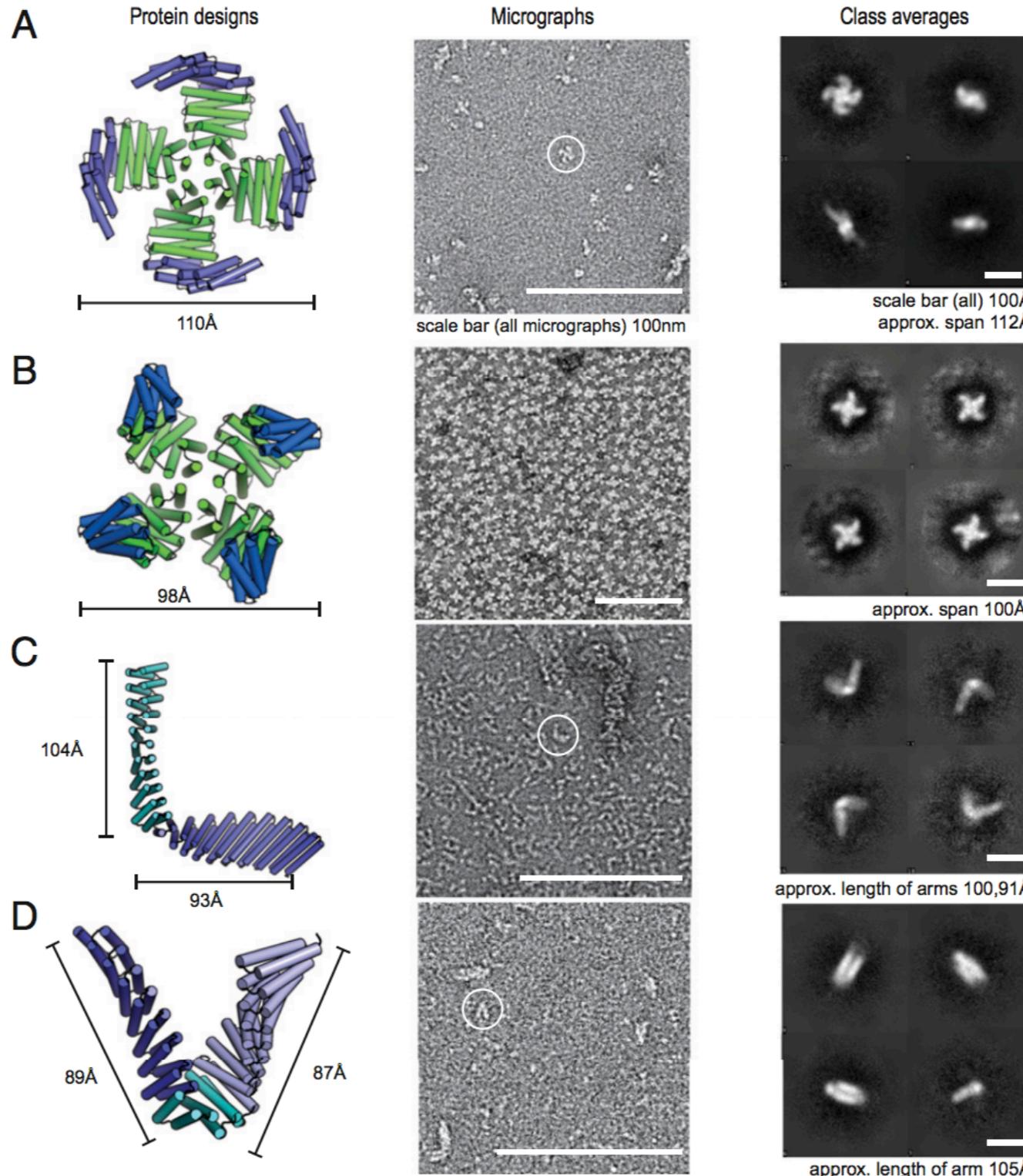


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Modular repeat protein sculpting using rigid helical junctions

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Summary

Image:

- Using expansion microscopy and in-situ optical sequencing of DNA, we are on path to “*arbitrary resolution, infinite color microscopy*” for bio
- Sequencing neuron-indexing RNA barcodes this way should allow *full mammalian brain connectomes for ~\$30M*

Construct:

- DNA origami allows ~5 nm patterning of diverse materials over ~100 nm length scales by self-assembly, with trivial/facile design
- We should be able to organize DNA origami into larger systems by patterning them on shrunken DNA microarrays
- A “*molecular 3D printer*”, made through various steps involving DNA origami, DNA templating of proteins / peptides, and modular protein engineering with fixed backbones and *programmable interfaces*, could be an interesting first step to explore and demo “APM” principles