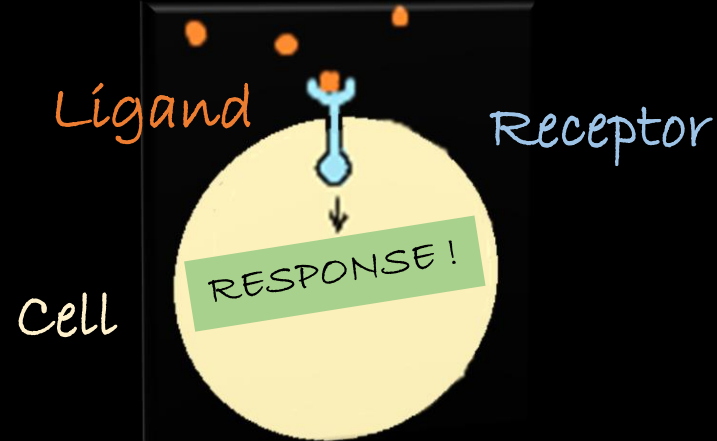


# Scribbles by single interacting biomolecules: multicolor single particle tracking

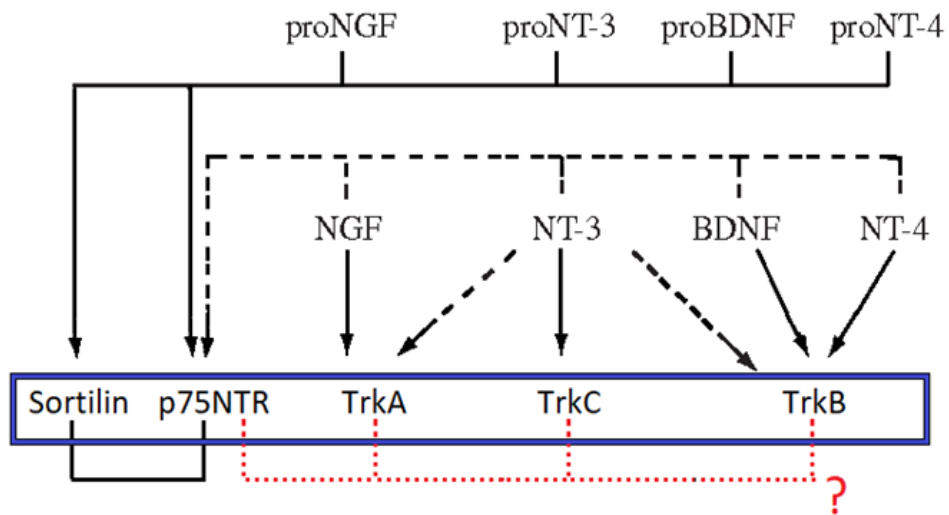
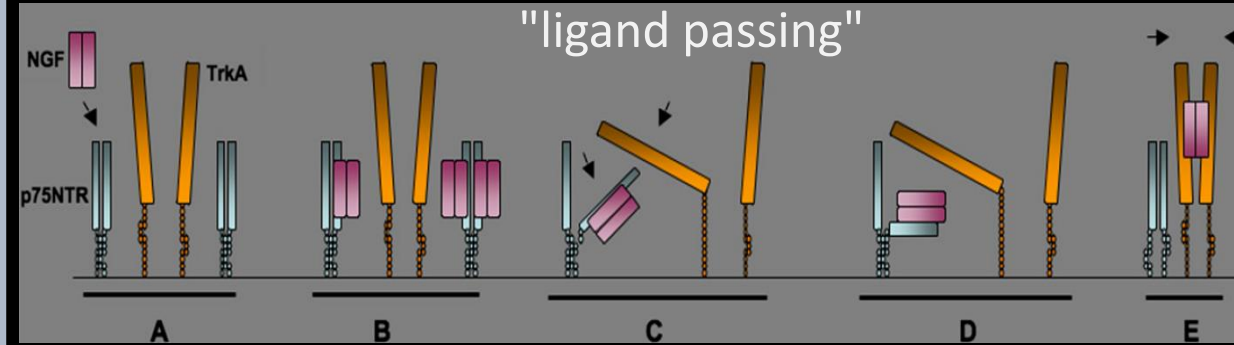
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# THE STARTING QUESTIONS

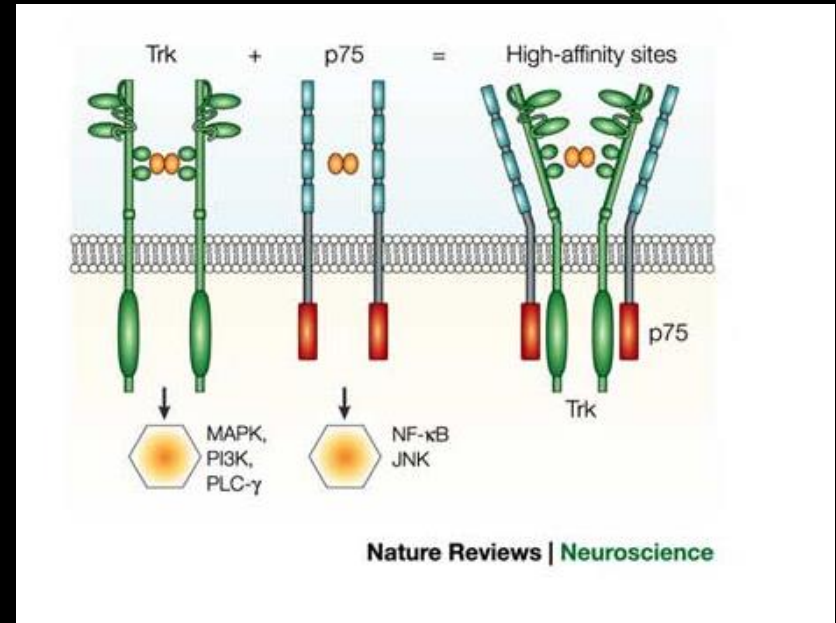
## Neurotrophic signalling



## TrkA - p75 receptors interaction



Survival / Differentiation / Proliferation / Synaptic plasticity / Apoptosis / Cell death

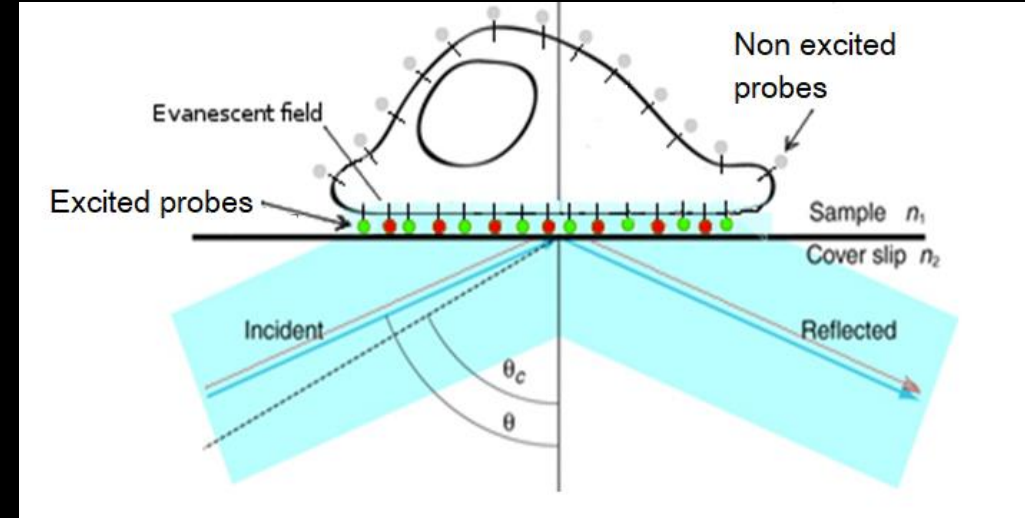


# TWO-COLOUR TIRF MICROSCOPY

Laser combiner (488 and 635 nm)

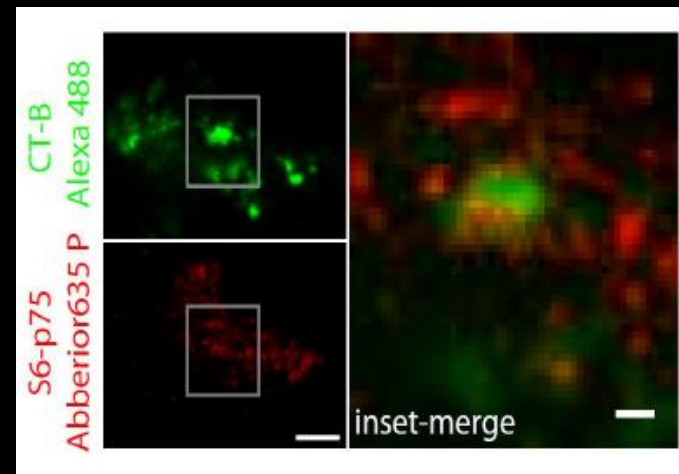
Wide field epifluorescence microscope equipped with TIRF module

Optomask Dual View EMCCD Camera

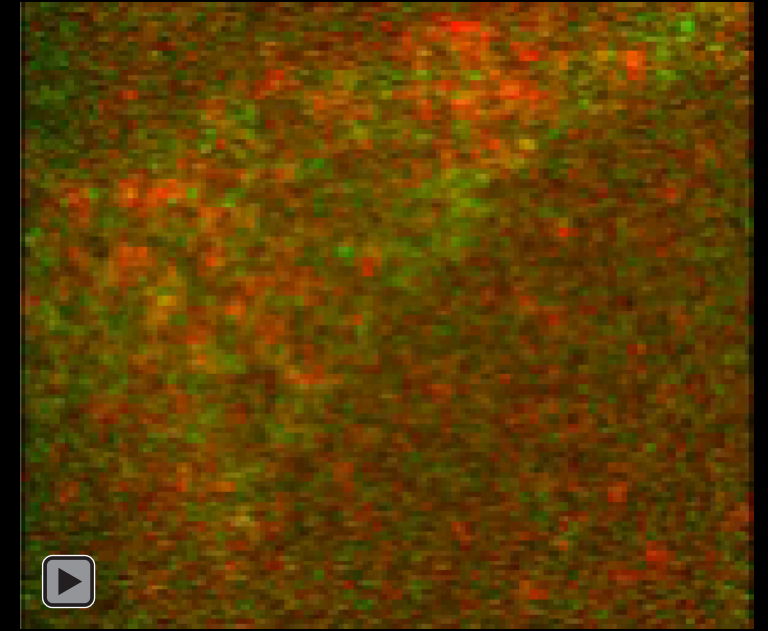
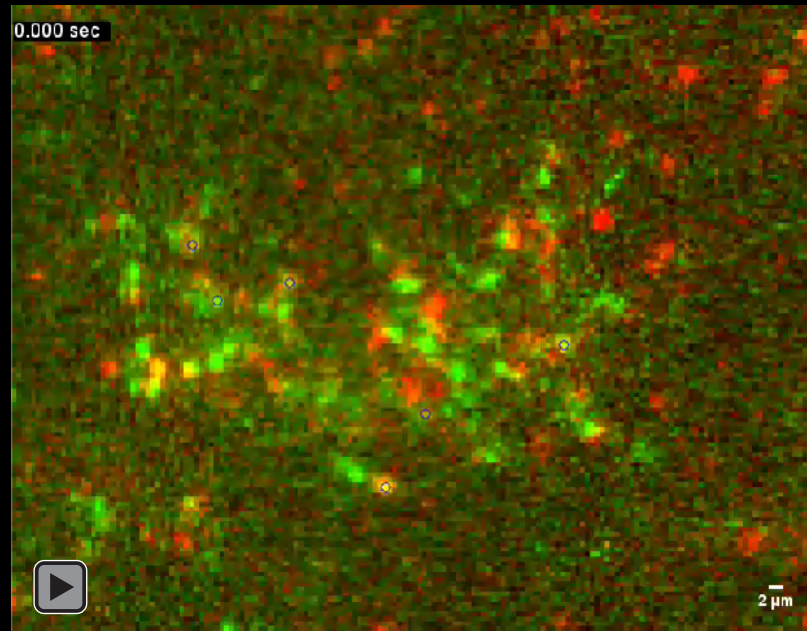


TrkA

p75<sup>NTR</sup>

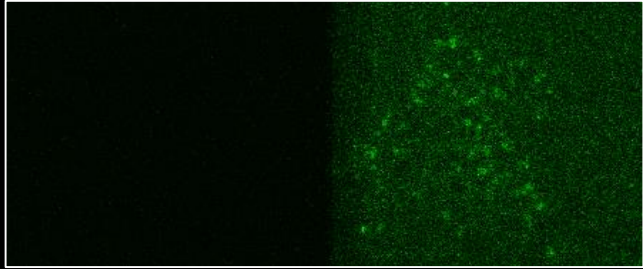


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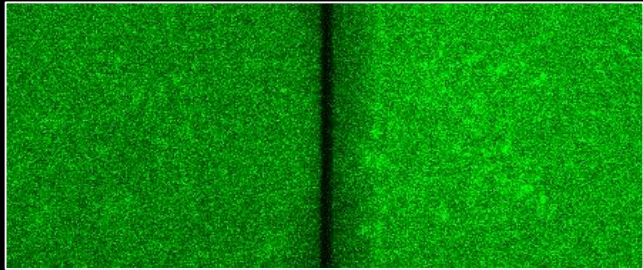


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The struggle against the "WillCo-dish"

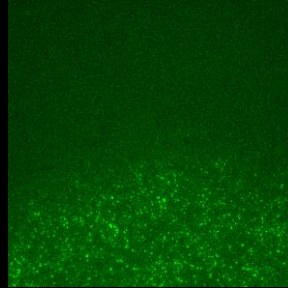


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excitation



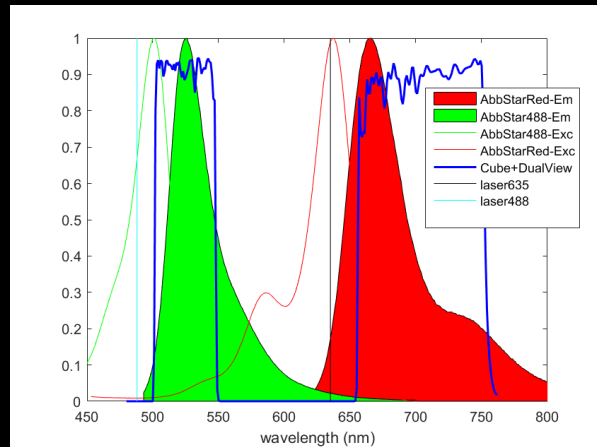
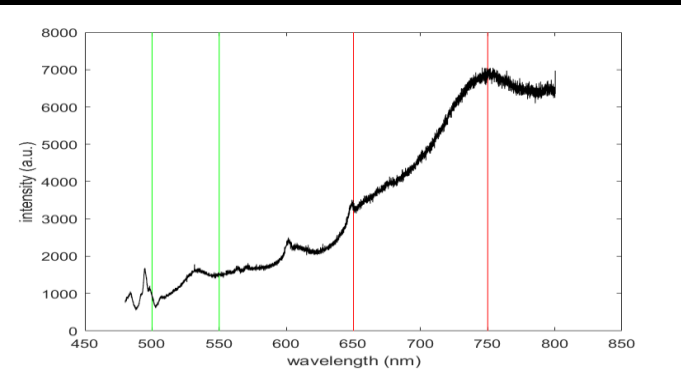
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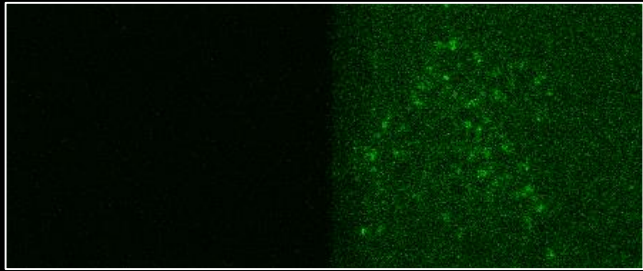
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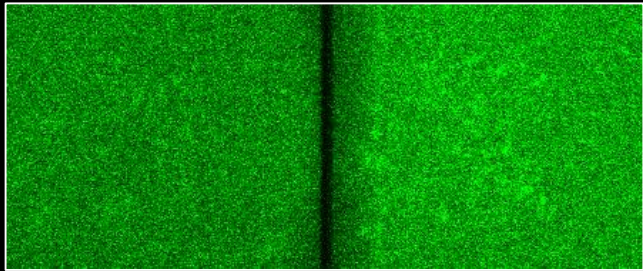


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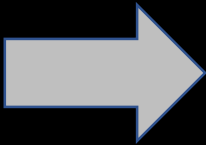
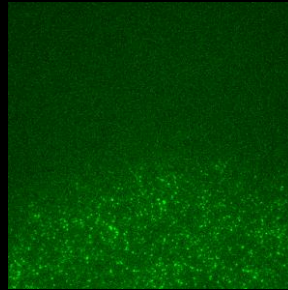


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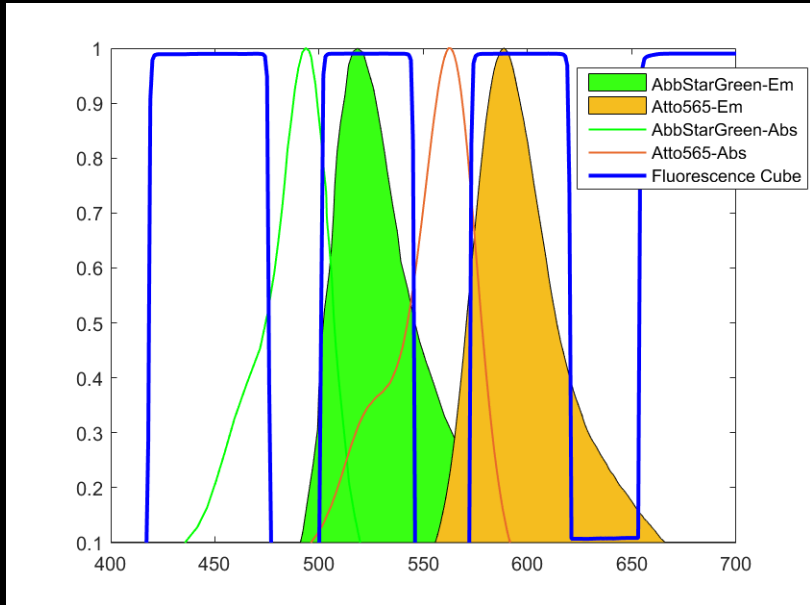
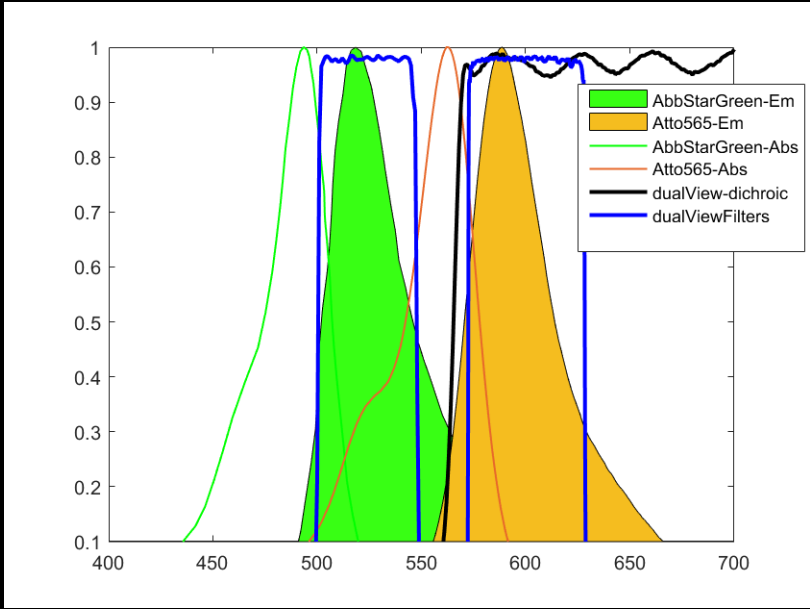
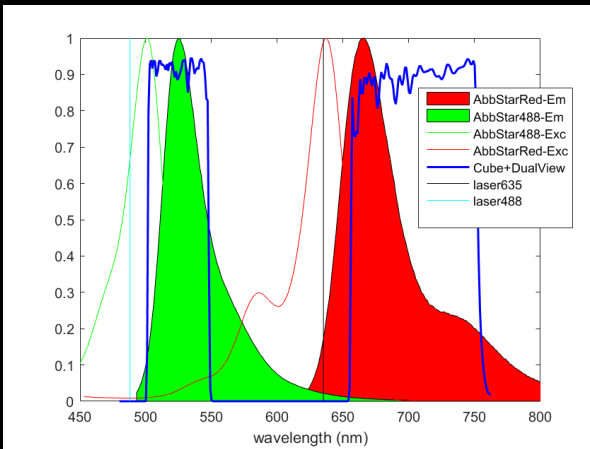
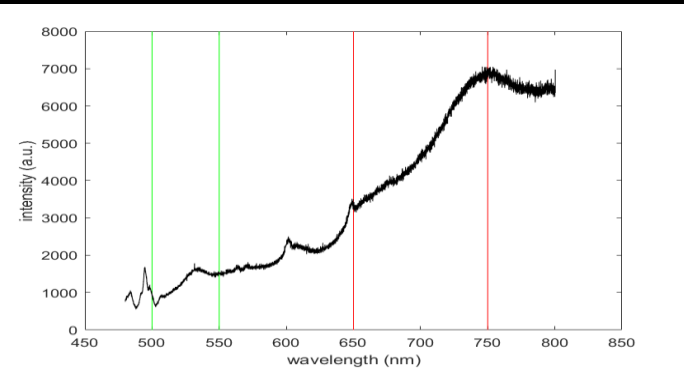
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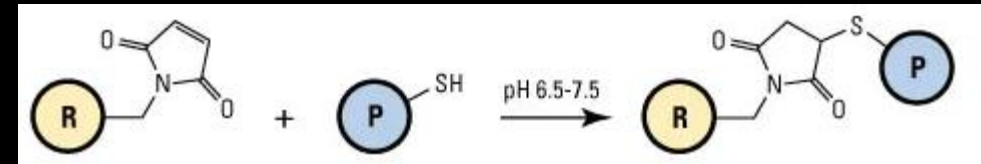
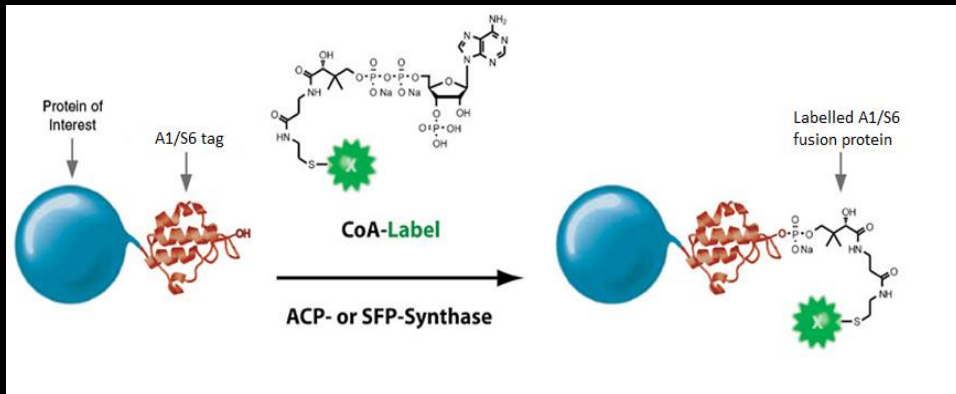


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# COENZYME A CONJUGATION OF THE NEW FLUOROPHORES



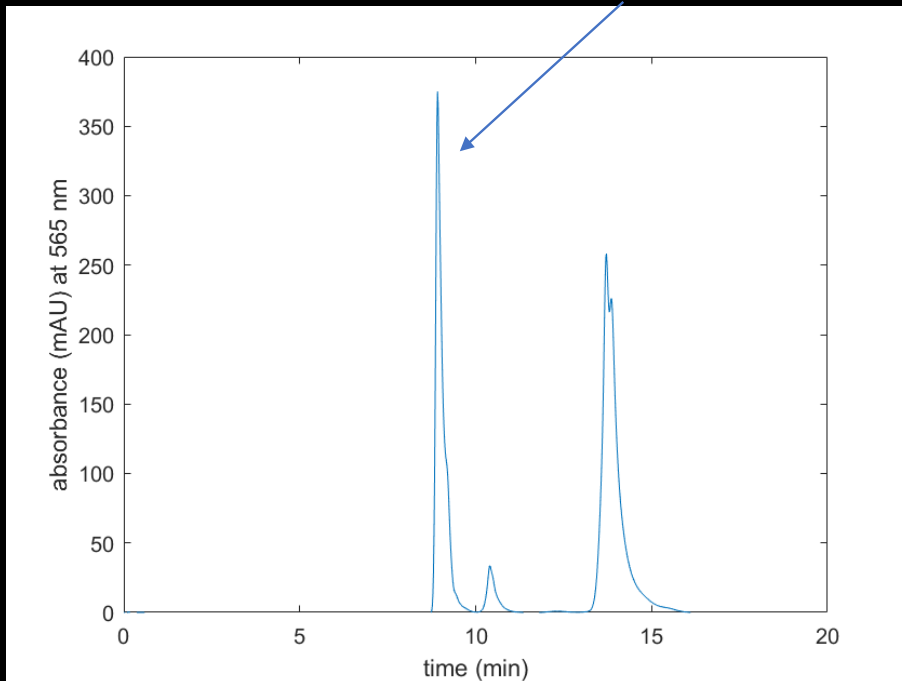
Maleimide  
fluorophore

Coenzyme-  
A (thiol)

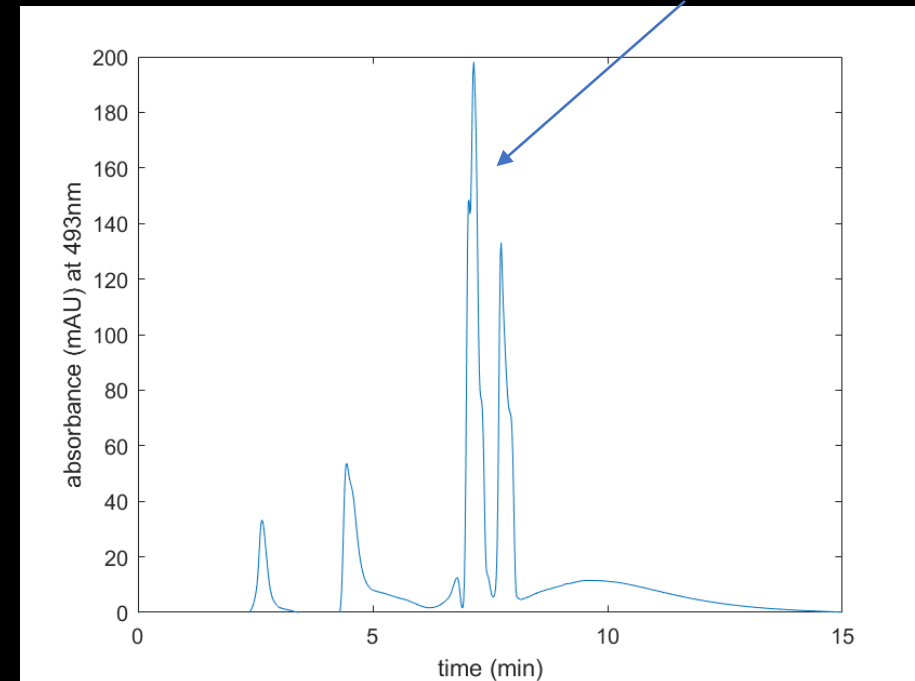
CoA-fluorophore

Purification by HPLC

CoA-atto565

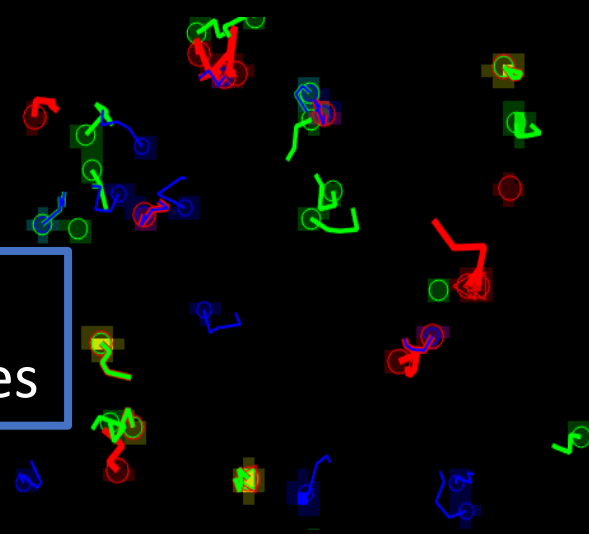


CoA-abberior star green

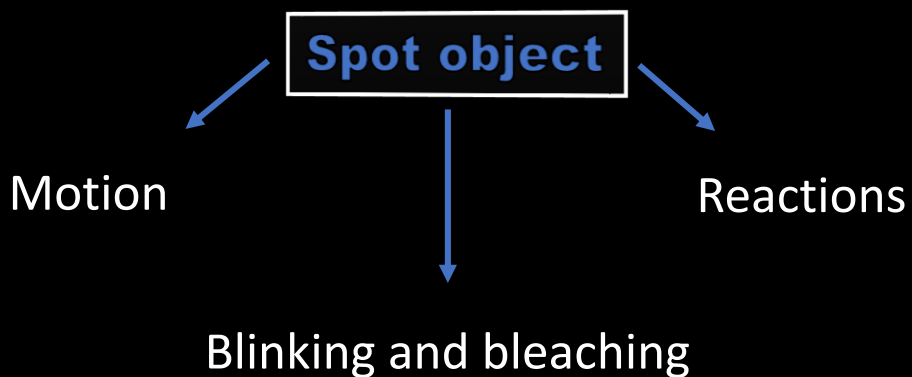


# MULTICOLOUR SPT SIMULATIONS

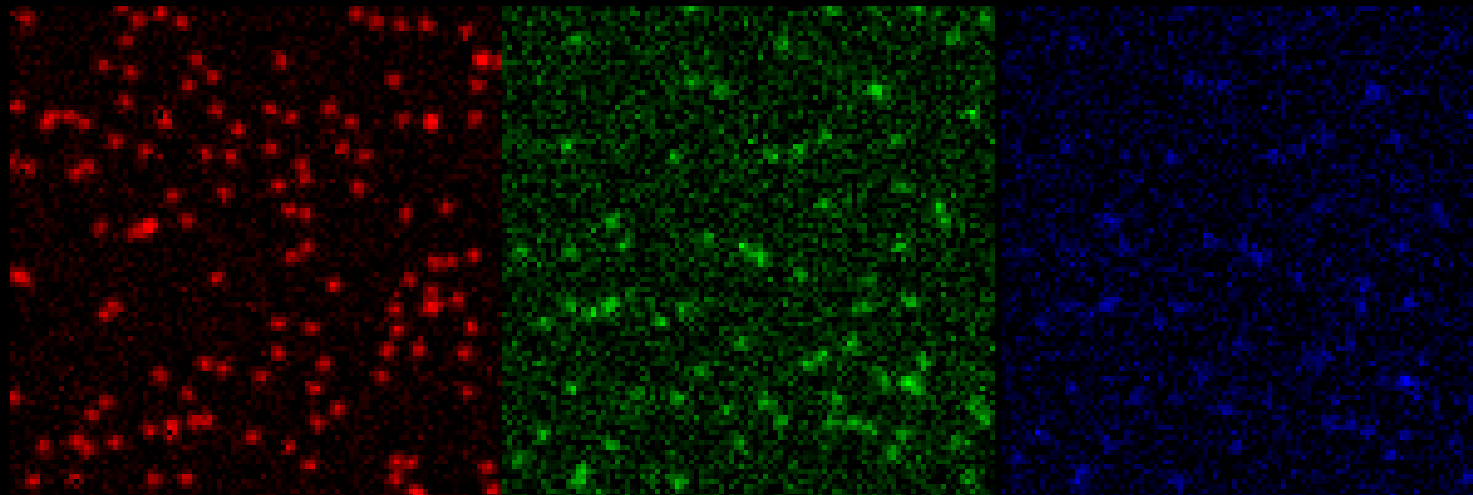
Arbitrary number of different molecule types  
Setting of stoichiometry and stability of the complexes



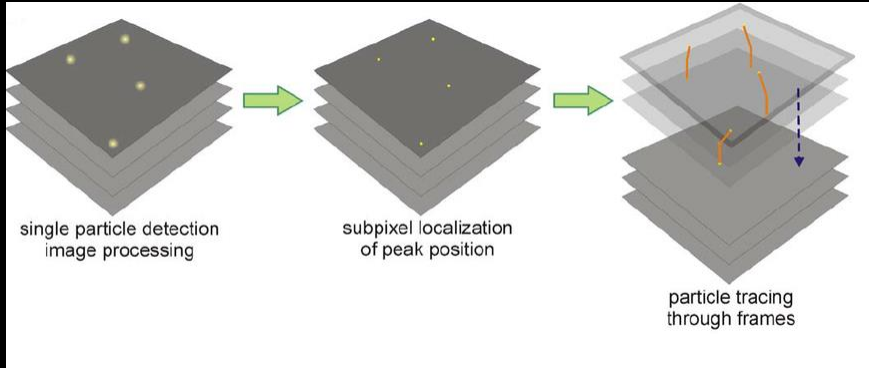
OOP in Python



Movie simulations (different S/N, PSF, ...)

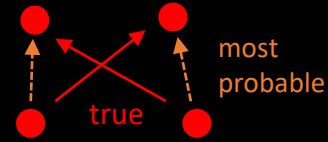


# TRACKING SOFTWARE

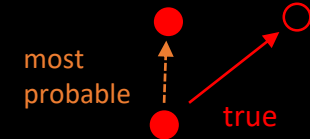


## The enemies of tracking

Crossing tracks

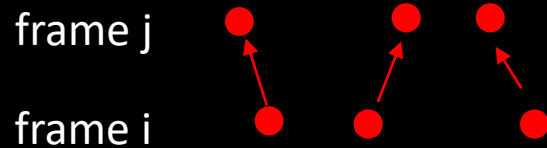


Missed detections

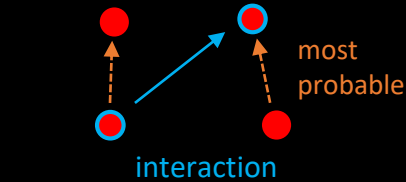
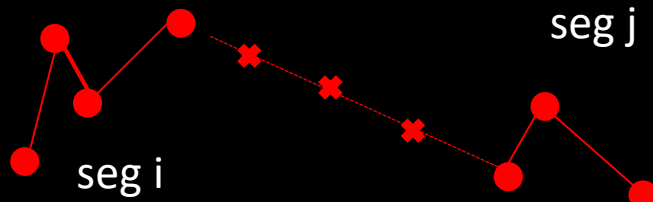


## "Utrack" implementation

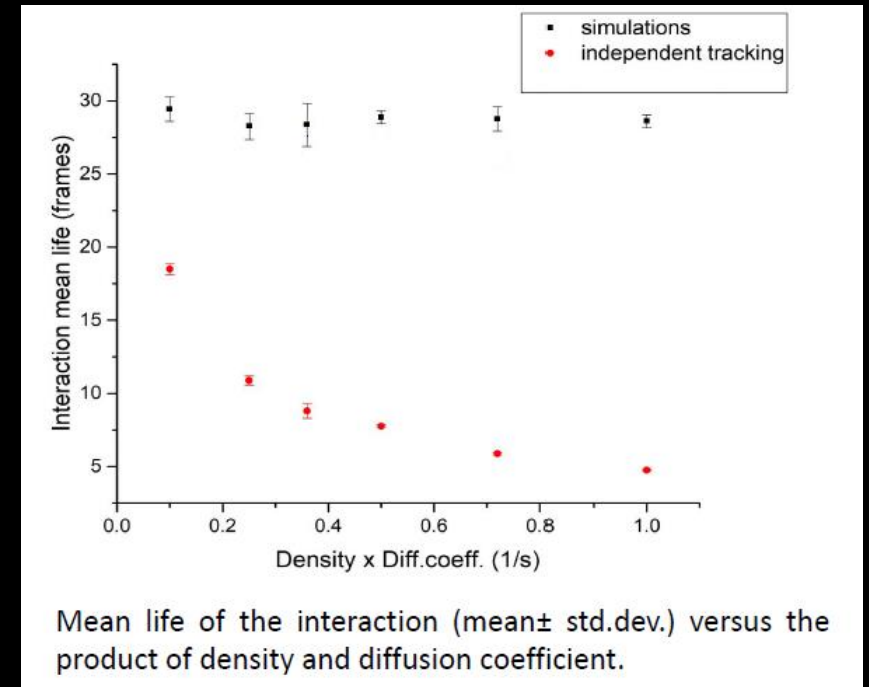
1. Linking between consecutive frames



2. Gap closure between segments and merge and split



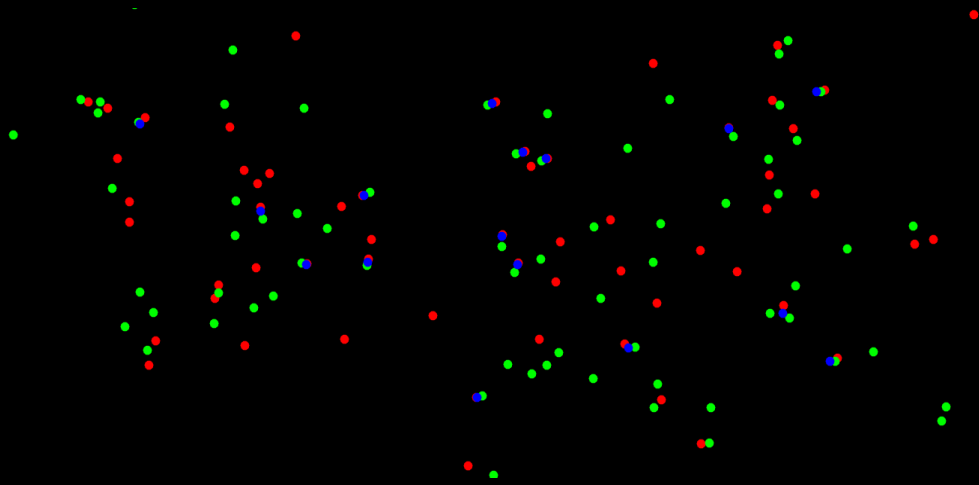
Interaction broken  
with most probable  
linkings!





# MESSAGE PASSING PARALLEL LINKING

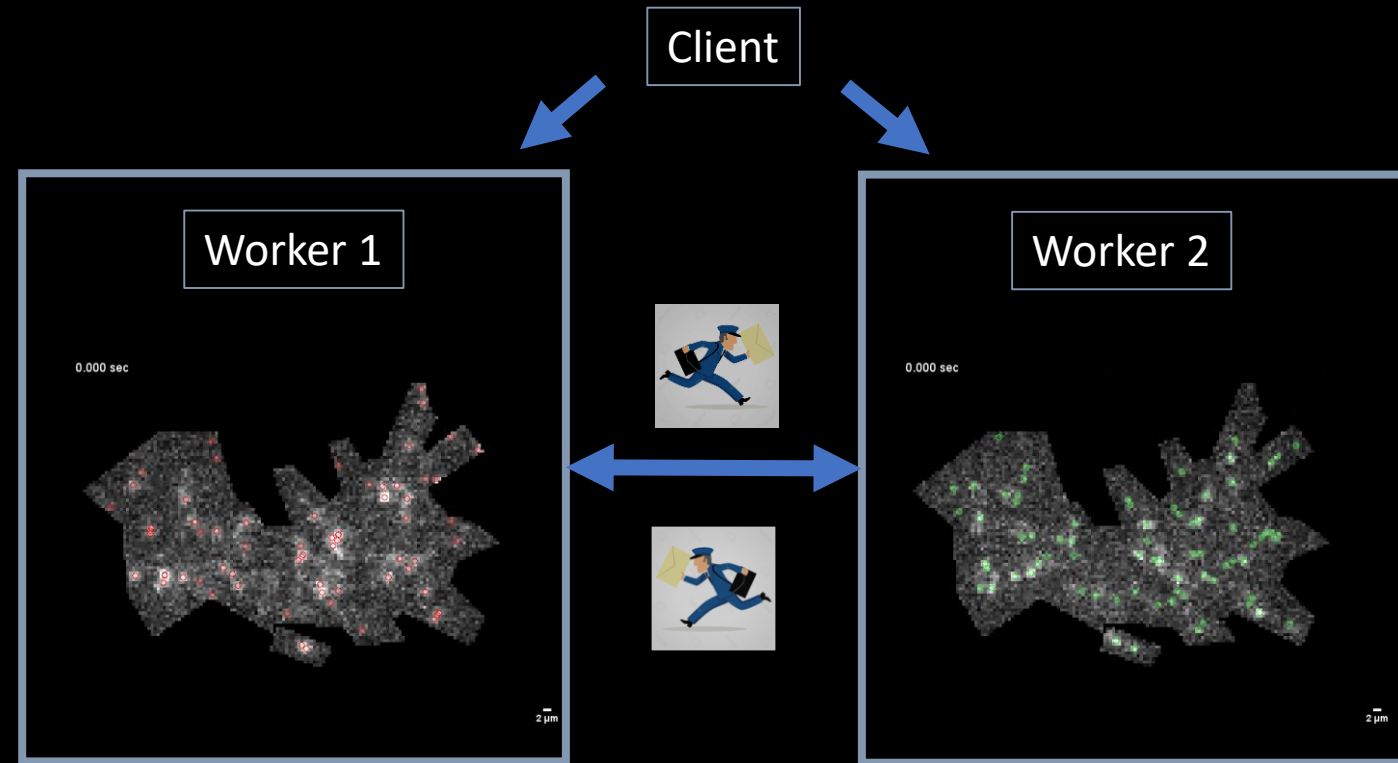
Search for colocalizations



Exhaustive Searcher with custom distance:

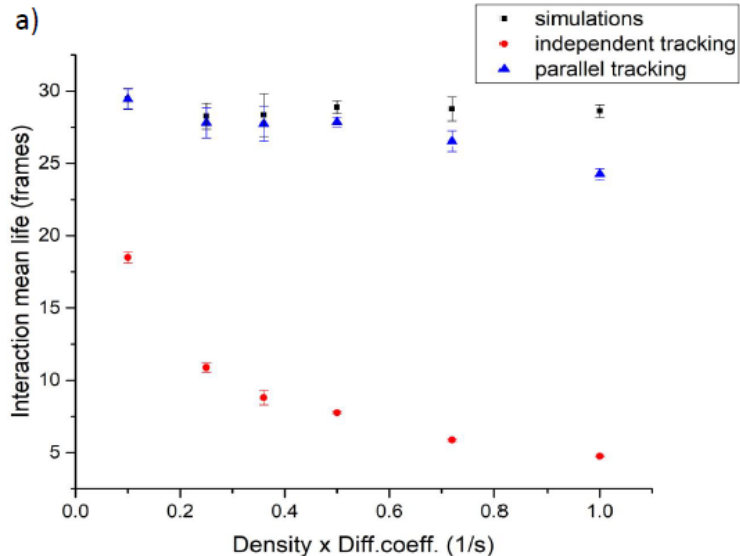
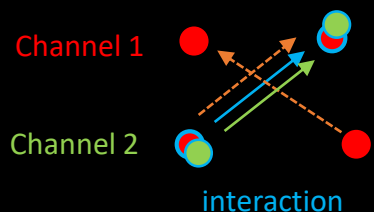
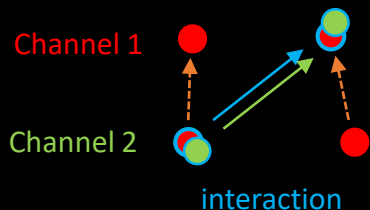
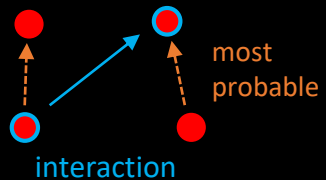
$$d = \frac{(x_G - x_R)^2 + (y_G - y_R)^2}{2.54^2(\sigma_{G_x}^2 + \sigma_{G_y}^2 + \sigma_{R_x}^2 + \sigma_{R_y}^2)} < 1$$

MatLab SPMD: single program multiple data

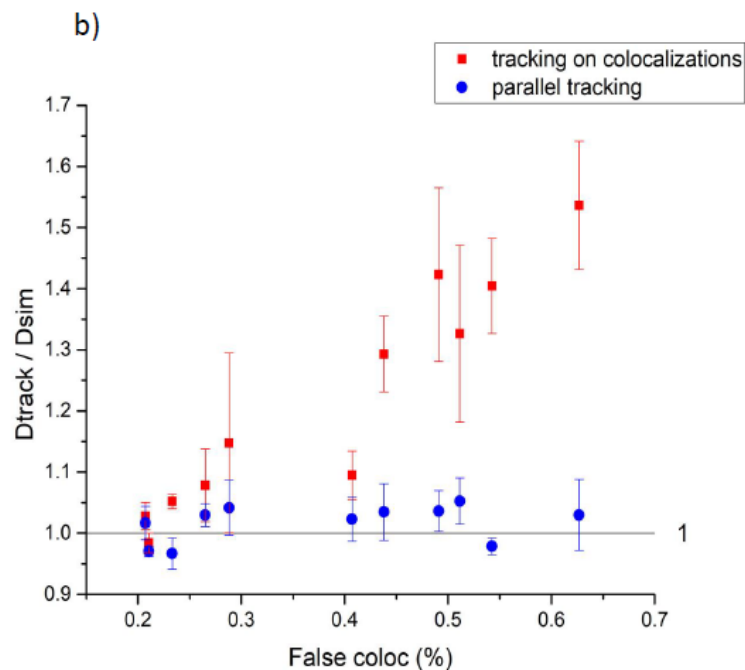


LabSendReceive:  
explicit management of communication

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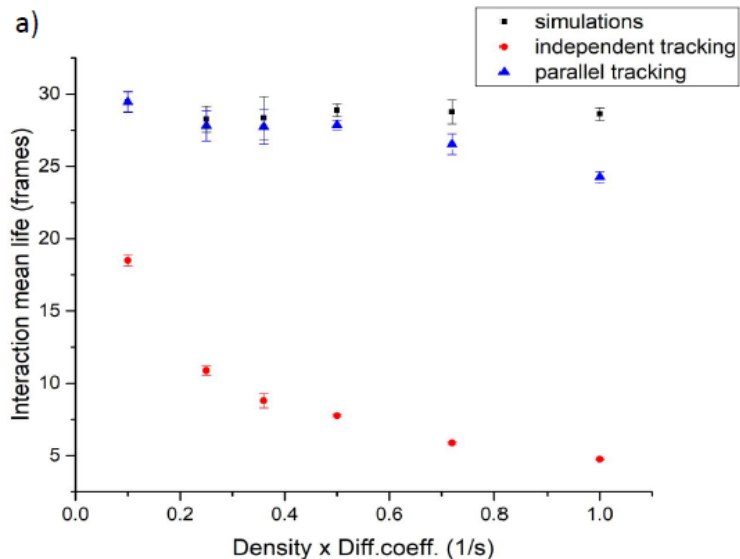
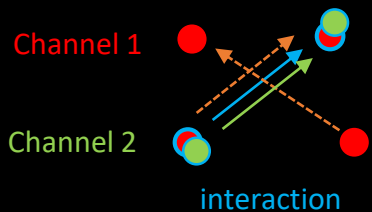
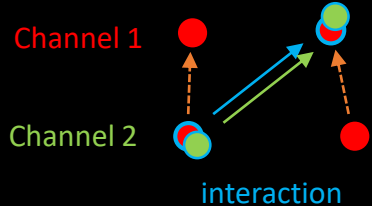
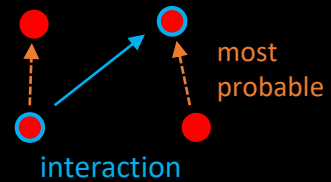
Mean life of the interaction (mean  $\pm$  std.dev.) versus the product of density and diffusion coefficient.



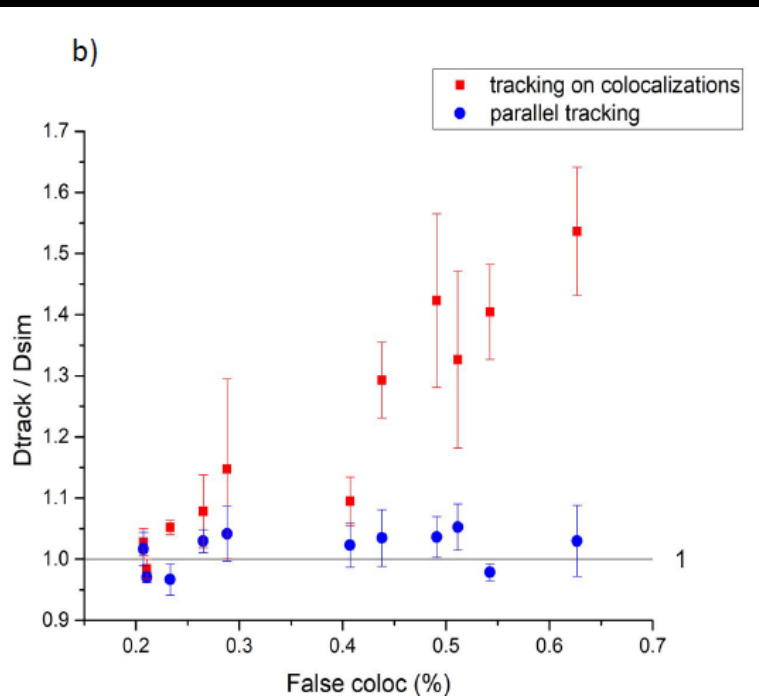
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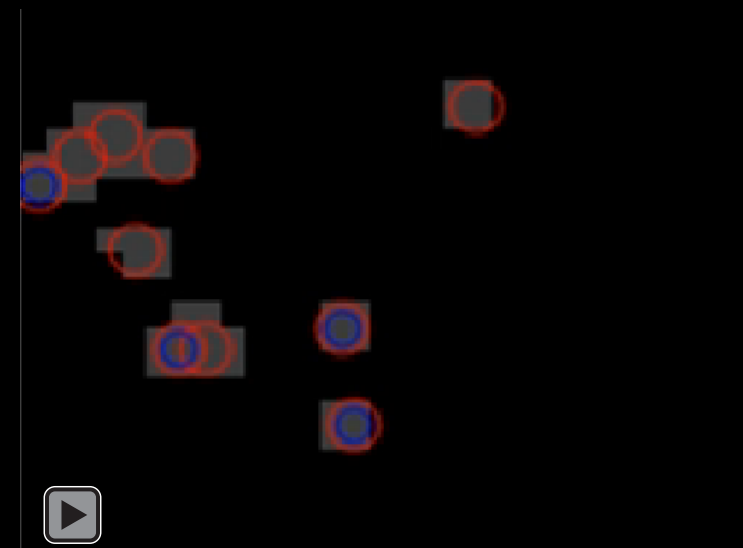
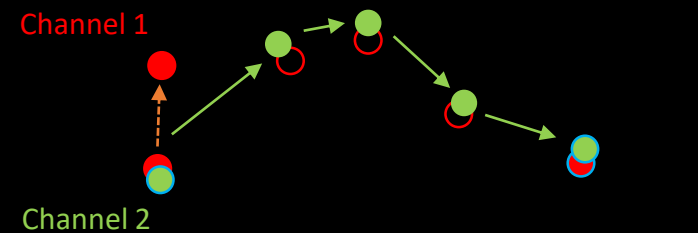
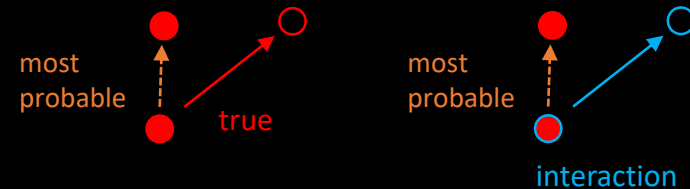
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## Correction of missed detections



## Other activities:

- NEST Meeting - Highlights in Nanoscience. 10 – 11 giugno 2019. Poster presentation: “Dynamics and interactions of neutrophin receptors investigated by single-molecule tracking”.
- Seminar cycle- Biophysical Sciences (exam on 25/10/19).
- Scuola di calcolo scientifico con MATLAB 2019. Corso avanzato. Strumenti e tecniche Matlab per il calcolo parallelo, l'apprendimento automatico e l'analisi massiva dei dati. Palermo, 29 luglio – 2 agosto 2019.
- Oral presentation at SPAOM19 - Spanish & Portuguese Advanced Optical Microscopy: "Message passing parallel algorithm for multicolour single particle tracking" (November 2019).
- Publication: Marchetti et al. "Fast-diffusing p75NTR monomers support apoptosis and growth cone collapse by neurotrophin ligands." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2019)

## Future work:

- Carry out two-colours TIRF experiments in live cells on neurotrophin receptors and other entities
- Continuation of data analysis tools development

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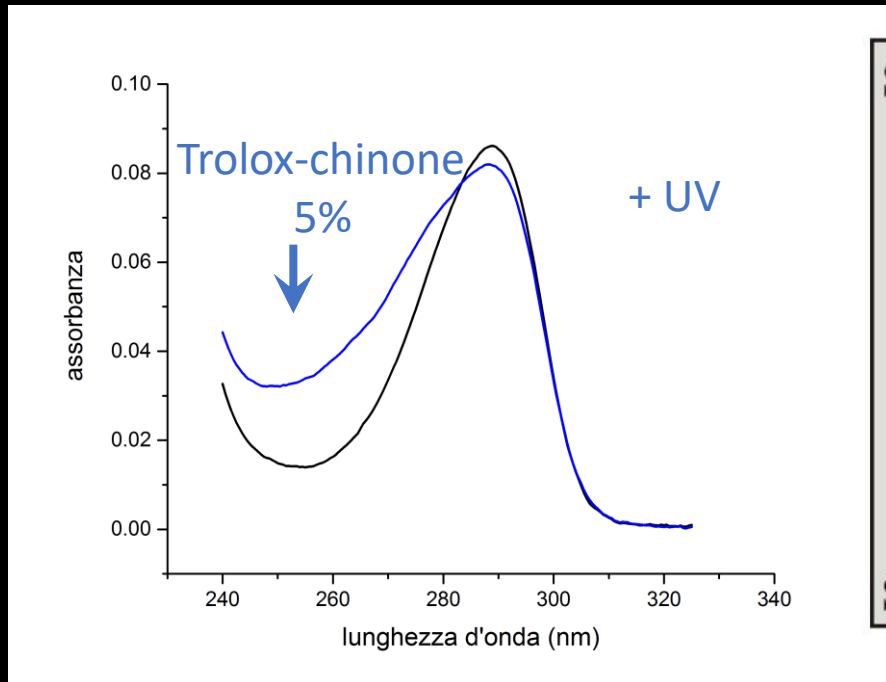
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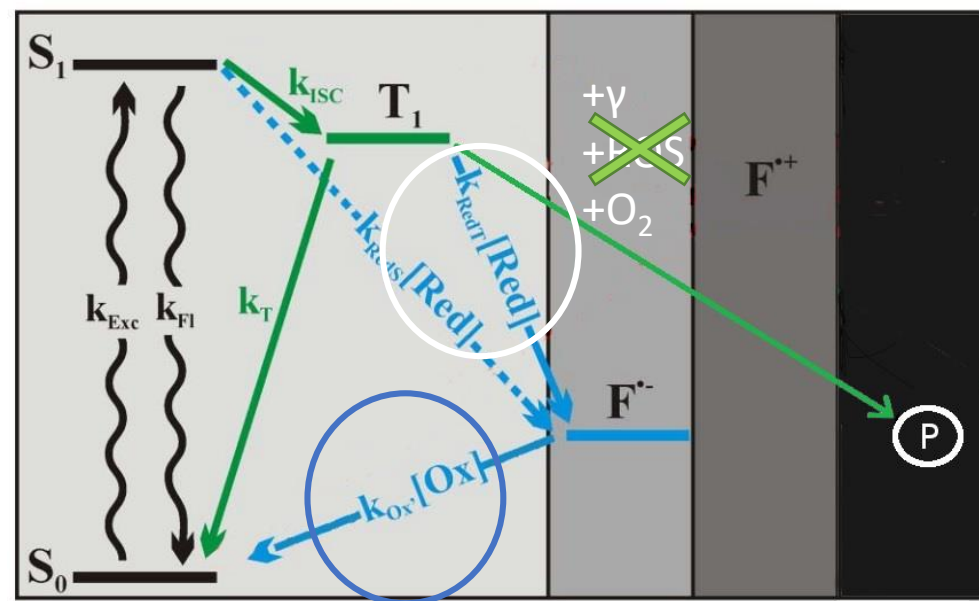


# Fenomeno di photobleaching

Trolox (1mM)



Sistema ROXS (reducing and oxidizing system)



n-propyl gallato (NPG, 5  $\mu$ M)