





Timing of meiotic resumption



Early mouse embryos - Bright-field imaging



Mouse fibroblasts- Bright-field imaging

### **Advantages**

### study of cellular events, timing

□ germinal vesicle (A), meiotic resumption (B), extruding the first polar body (C)



embryo developmental stages



□ involvement of **signaling pathways**, proteins,... in these processes

### **Limitations**

- optical resolution, low contrast
- □ culture conditions, pH, CO<sub>2</sub> level, O<sub>2</sub> level, oocyte and early embryo handling
- subcellular events fluorescence live-cell imaging



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- phototoxicity, photobleaching,...

## IMMUNOFLUORESCENCE VS FLUORESCENCE LIVE CELL IMAGING



### **FLUORESCENCE MICROSCOPY**



Philip Ronan, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visible\_light\_communication

Radio waves Kilometres (km) Red Nanometres (nm) Violet Nanometres (nm) Gamma ray Picometres (pm)

https://lightcolourvision.org/resourc e-library/comparing-wavelengthsradio-gamma/

# As you move from violet to red, the wavelength increases and energy decreases

### **FLUORESCENCE MICROSCOPY**



https://www.scientifica.uk.com/learning-zone/widefield-fluorescence-microscopy

The range of wavelengths that a fluorophore can absorb and emit are known as excitation and emission spectra

### **FLUORESCENCE PROTEINS**





Aequorea victoria

Discosoma sp.







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### **Recombinant protein expression:**

- transfection
- electroporation (DNA, mRNA, protein)
- microinjection (DNA, mRNA, protein)
  - Ientiviruses
  - □ CRISPR/Cas9
- Transgenic models CAG::H2B-EGFP mice

### **FLUORESCENCE PROTEINS**



 design of DNA plasmids, and possible modifications (fluorescence markers, targeting, mutations, polyA tailing...)

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### **FLUORESCENCE PROTEIN PLAZMIDS**

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## VITAL FLUORESCENCE PROBES – SILICON RHODAMINE (SIR) PROBES





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- SiR-tubulin microtubule binding drug Docetaxel
- □ SiR-actin F-actin binding natural product jasplakinolide
- □ SiR-lysosome cathepsin D binding natural product pepstatin A

### **VITAL FLUORESCENCE PROBES – SIR PROBES**



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## DUAL COLOUR IMAGING WITH SIR- AND SIR700-PROBES

Fluorophore	λ <sub>abs (max)</sub> (nm)	ε <sub>max</sub> (M⁻¹⋅cm⁻¹)	λ <sub>em (max)</sub> (nm)	lifetime (ns)	QY
SiR	652	100,000	667	2.7	0.4
SiR700	689	100,000	716	1.4	0.13



Example of bleed through removal by image subtraction one cells stained with SIR-tysosome and SIR700-tubulin. Scale bar 10 um.

#### Dual colour imaging examples



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## **MULTICOLOUR IMAGING**

### **Advantages**

### two and more subcelullar structures, cell types (up to ten?)

### Limitations

spectral overlap



https://bitesizebio.com/33529/fluorescence-microscopy-the-magic-of-fluorophores-and-filters/

### selection of fluorescence proteins

- EGFP, mCherry, far-red SiR
- EGFP, EYFP, mCherry, SiR ?

### phototoxicity

### **FPBASE :: THE FLUORESCENT PROTEIN DATABASE**

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#### ▲ EGFP :: Fluorescent Protein Datab × +

Oligomerization	Organism	Molecular Weight	Cofactor
Weak dimer	Aequorea victoria	26.9 kDa	-

Attributes							FPbase ID: R9NL8
Εχ λ	Em λ	<b>EC</b> (M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	QY	Brightness	рКа	Maturation (min)	Lifetime (ns)
488	507	55,900	0.6	33.54	6.0	25.0	2.6
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#### EGFP OSER Measurements 0

% Normal Cells	OSER/NE ratio	Cell Type	Reference
76.5 ± 6.9 (10000 cells)		HeLa	Cranfill et al. (2016) 🗹
76.5 ± 6.9 (10000 cells)		HeLa	Shaner et al. (2013) 🛃
76.5 ± 6.9 (10000 cells)		HeLa	Hoi et al. (2013) 🗹
-	3.89 ± 0.25 (50 cells)	U-2 OS	Costantini et al. (2012) 🔀

#### Photostability

t <sub>1/2</sub> (s)	Power	Light	Mode	In Cell	Fusion	°c	Reference
174.0		Arc-lamp	Widefield	×	none	23.0	Shaner et al. (2005) 🔀
50.1	1.5 (mW)	Laser	Point Scanning Confocal	int Scanning Confocal Hela		Zhong et al. (2018) 🛃	
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#### EGFP Sequence 🗸

EGFP was derived from avGFP with the following mutations: M1\_S2insV/F64L/S65T/H231L

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## SELECTION OF FLUORESCENCE PROTEINS FOR MULTICOLOUR IMAGING



### WIDE-FIELD VS CONFOCAL MICROSCOPY



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https://www.edmundoptics.eu/knowledge-center/application-notes/microscopy/confocal-microscopy/

### **CELL CYCLE ANALYSIS IN TRANFECTED SOMATIC CELLS**



**Confocal live-cell imging of HeLa cells** H2B-mCherry

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In silico synchronization

### LIVE-CELL MICROSCOPY OF MOUSE OOCYTES



### Advantages of mouse oocytes:

✓ spherical shape

✓ size

- ✓ optical transparency
  - ✓ availability
  - ✓ microinjection

### Live-cell experiment:

- 1.Isolation of mouse oocytes
  - 2.mRNA microinjection
  - □ 3. expression of marker
    - 4. imaging

## ACENTROSOMAL SPINDLE FORMATION IN MAMMALIAN OOCYTES



Light-sheet live-cell imaging

H2B-mCherry, SiR-tubulin, CDK5RAP2-eGFP

Time hh:mm after GVBD

## HOMOLOGOUS CHROMOSOME SEGREGATION IN MAMMALIAN OOCYTES



Beverley et al, 2021, Frontiers in Cell and Developmental

Biology



H2B-mCherry, CENP-C-2x mEGFP Time hh:mm after meiotic resumption

## HOMOLOGOUS CHROMOSOME SEGREGATION IN MAMMALIAN OOCYTES



Chromosome fragments



### Premature separation of homologues chromosomes



**Anaphase bridges** 

## **APC ACTIVATION IN MAMMALIAN OOCYTES**



Wassmann, 2022, Cells

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H2B-mCherry, SiR-tubulin, securin-eGFP

Time hh:mm after meiotic resumption

## **INITIAL EMBRYONIC CELL DIVISIONS IN MOUSE**



Knoblochova et al 2022, bioRxiv



Confocal live-cell imaging of chromosomes and MTOCs during 1st division in of mouse zygote - Drutovic, 2020, unpublished

## **PREIMPLANTATION DEVELOPMENT**



Knoblochova et al 2022, bioRxiv

### **"TRIANGLE OF FRUSTRATION"**



### **CONFOCAL VS SPIM MICROSCOPY**

### **SPIM - Selective Plane Illumination Microscopy**

### SPIM Light-Sheet Microscopy Reduces Phototoxicity



https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/bruker-acquires-emerging-light-sheet-microscopy-company-luxendo-300452724.html

### **Advantages of SPIM**

- selective illumination
- high acquisition speed
- reduced phototoxicity
- increased signalto-noise ratio

## SPIM (SINGLE PLANE ILLUMINATION MICROSCOPY)



www.photometrics.com/learn/light-sheetmicroscopy/introduction-to-light-sheet-microscopy4.html

### **VIVENTIS LS1 LIVE SPIM MICROSCOPY SYSTEM**









## **PREIMPLANTATION DEVELOPMENT**



Knoblochova et al 2022, bioRxiv



Light-sheet live-cell microscopy of preimplantation development Chromosomes (cyan), brightfield, time after HCG stimulation

### LENGTH OF INDIVIDUAL CELL CYCLE PHASES







Cell. 2008 Feb 8;132(3):487-98.

### **VIVENTIS LS1 LIVE SPIM MICROSCOPY SYSTEM**



Cell cycle progression during pre-implantation mouse embryos development H2B-mCherry, mCDT1-EYFP

### SIGNALING PATHWAY ACTIVITY BY FRET BIOSENZORS



The anaphase phosphorylation gradient is observed for multiple Aurora B substrates Fuller et, 2008, Nature

### **QUANTITATIVE IMAGE ANALYSIS**

