

# Preparation and observation of cells at ID16A nanoprobe

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**MRI**

LA-ICP-MS

PIXE

Synchrotron  
X-ray spectrometry

Nano-SIMS

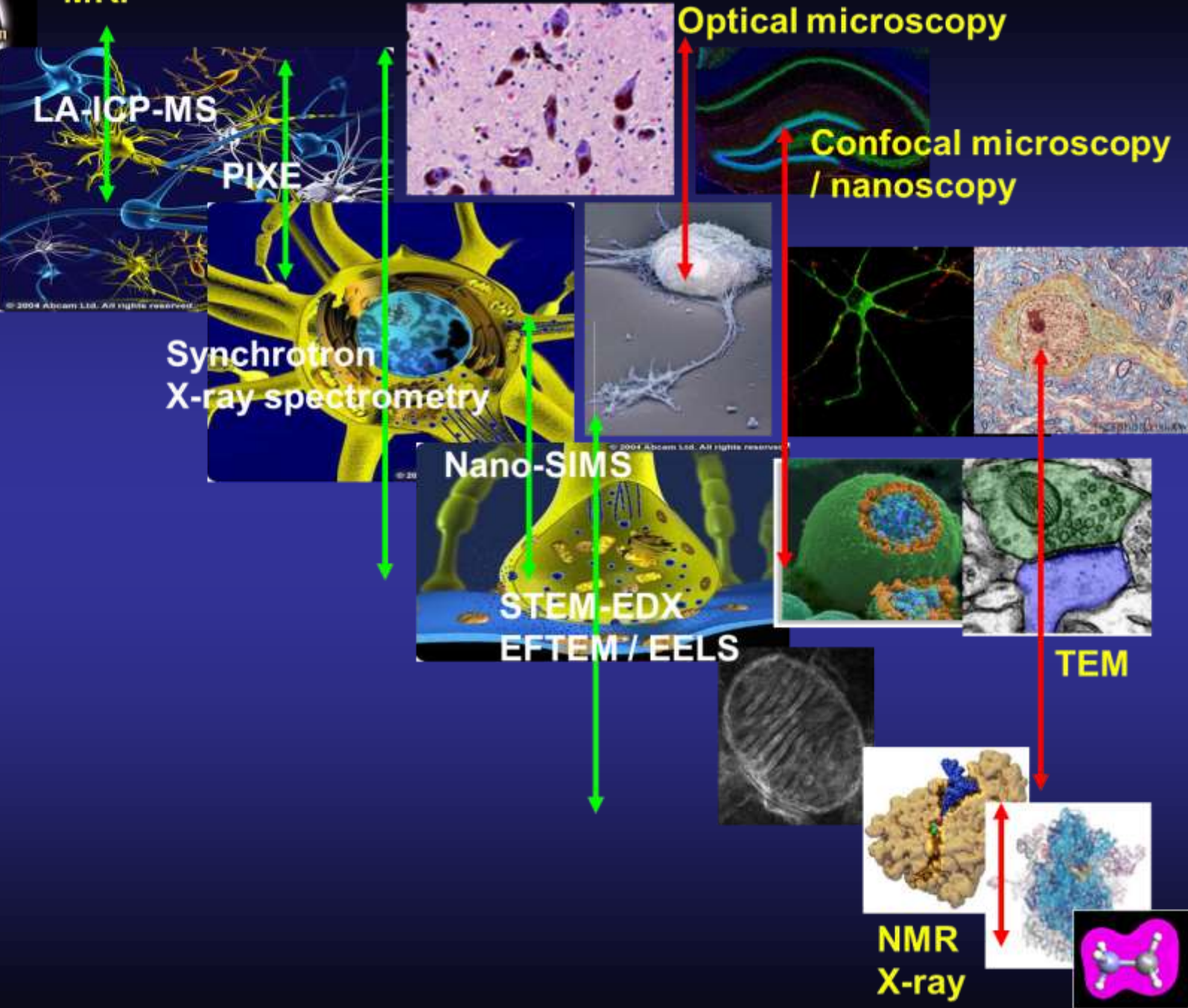
STEM-EDX  
EFTEM / EELS

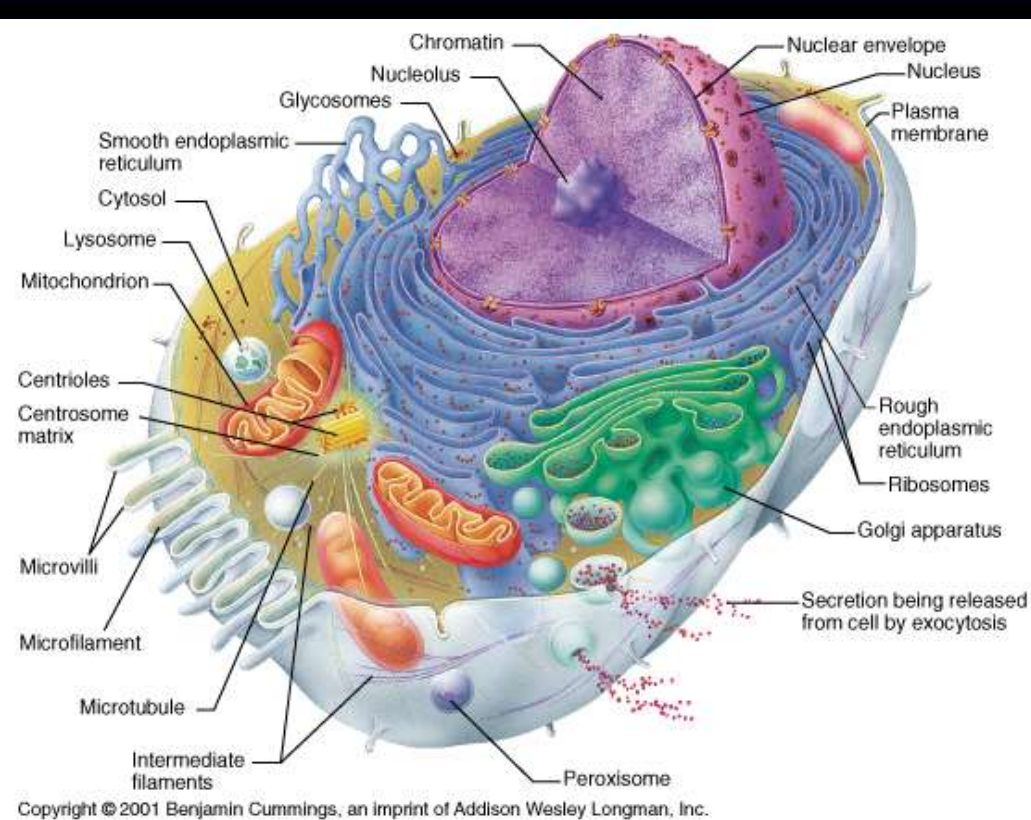
**Optical microscopy**

**Confocal microscopy  
/ nanoscopy**

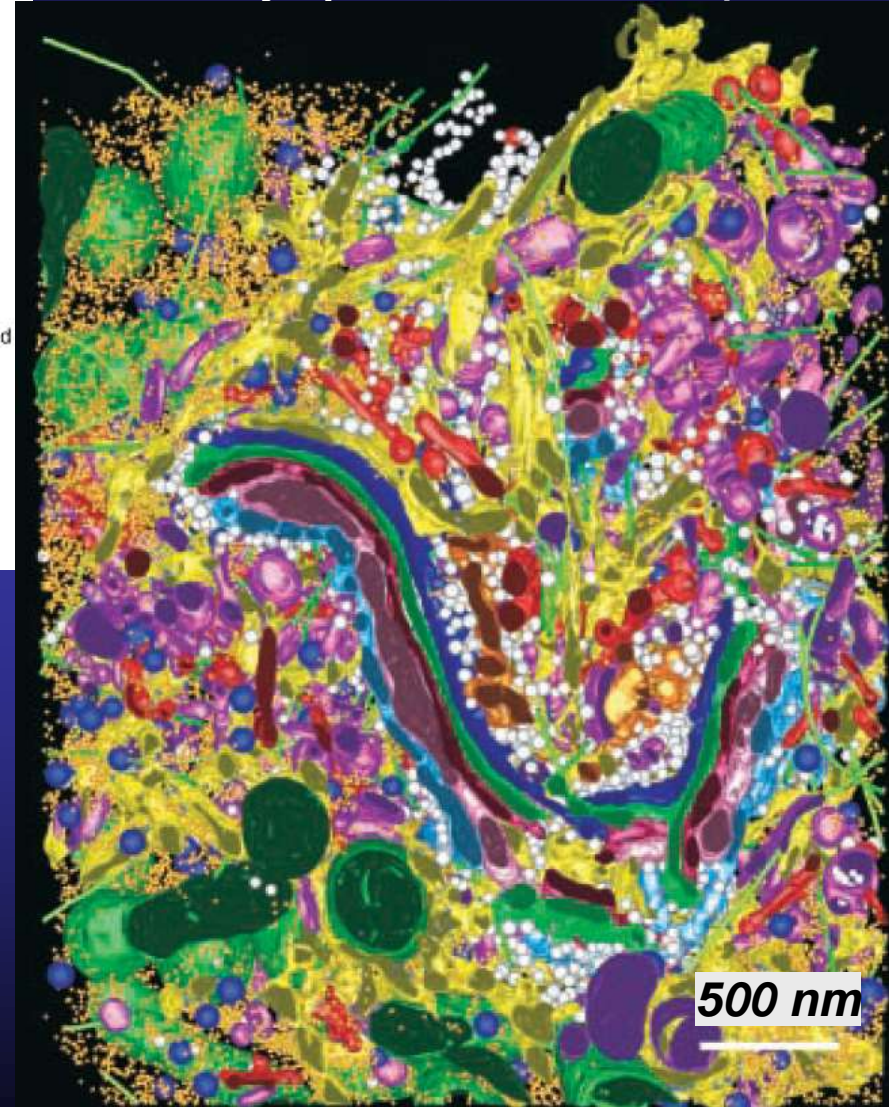
**TEM**

**NMR  
X-ray**





Slab of cytoplasm,  $3.1 \times 3.2 \times 1.2 \mu\text{m}^3$



*ER, yellow; membrane-bound ribosomes, blue; free ribosomes, orange; MTs, bright green; dense core vesicles, bright blue; clathrin-negative vesicles, white; clathrin-positive compartments and vesicles, bright red; clathrin-negative compartments and vesicles, purple; mitochondria, dark green.*

# Nanochemical analysis : How to preserve of cellular morphology and chemical element distribution integrity ?

Air dried



Freeze-dried



Native



Chemically fixed



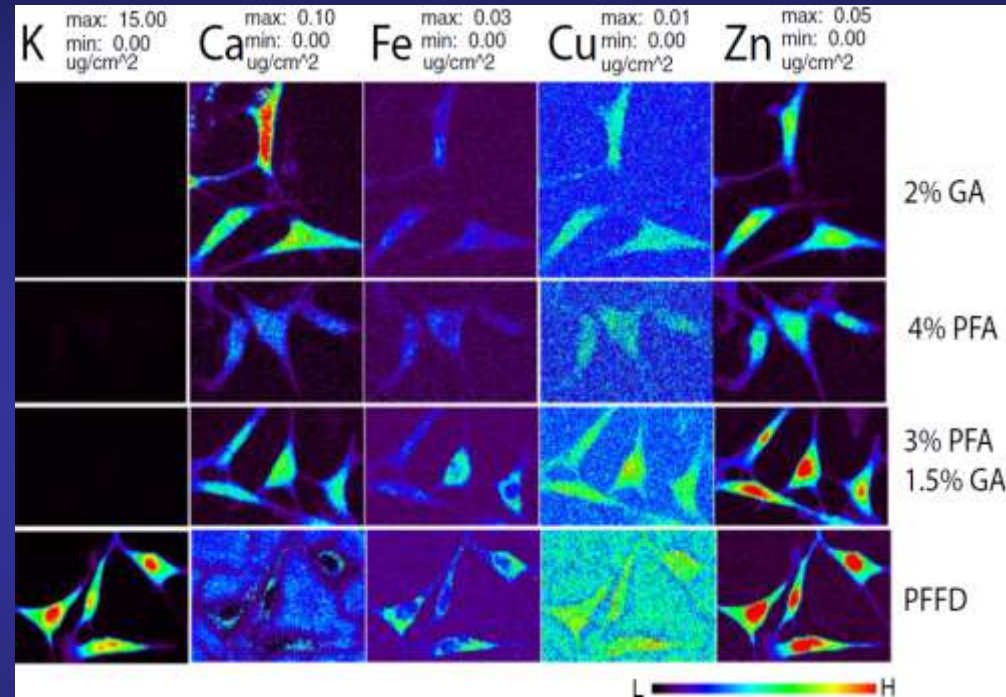
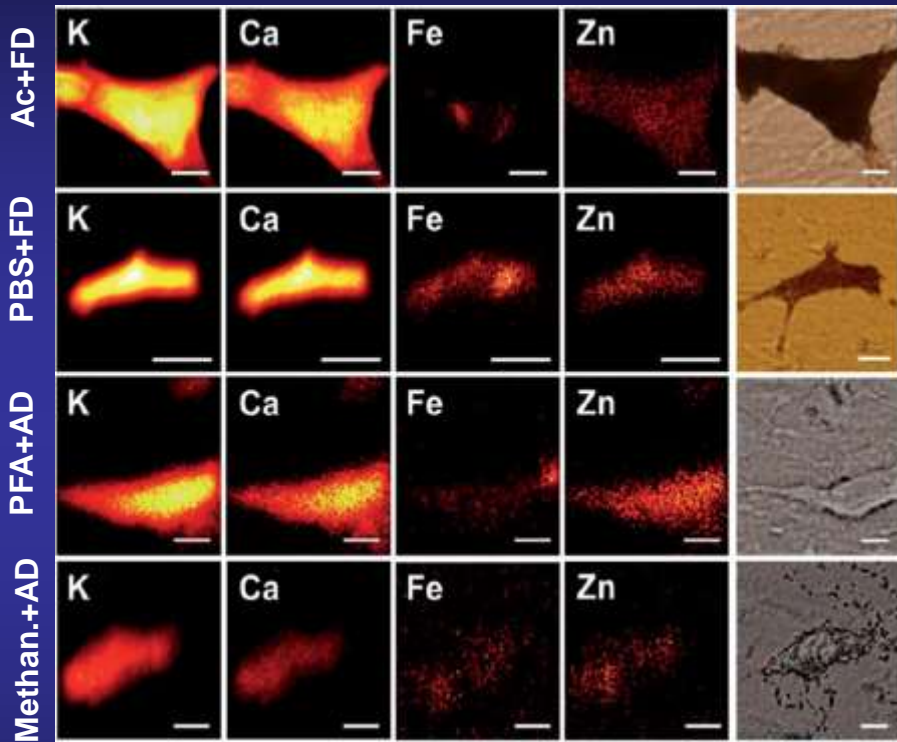
Frozen hydrated



# Nanochemical analysis : How to preserve of cellular morphology and chemical element distribution integrity ?

• Perrin, L., et al. (2014) JAAS 30, 2525.  
PC-12 rat cells

• Jin, Q., et al. (2017). J. Microsc., 265, 81.  
NIH/3T3 mouse embryonic fibro.



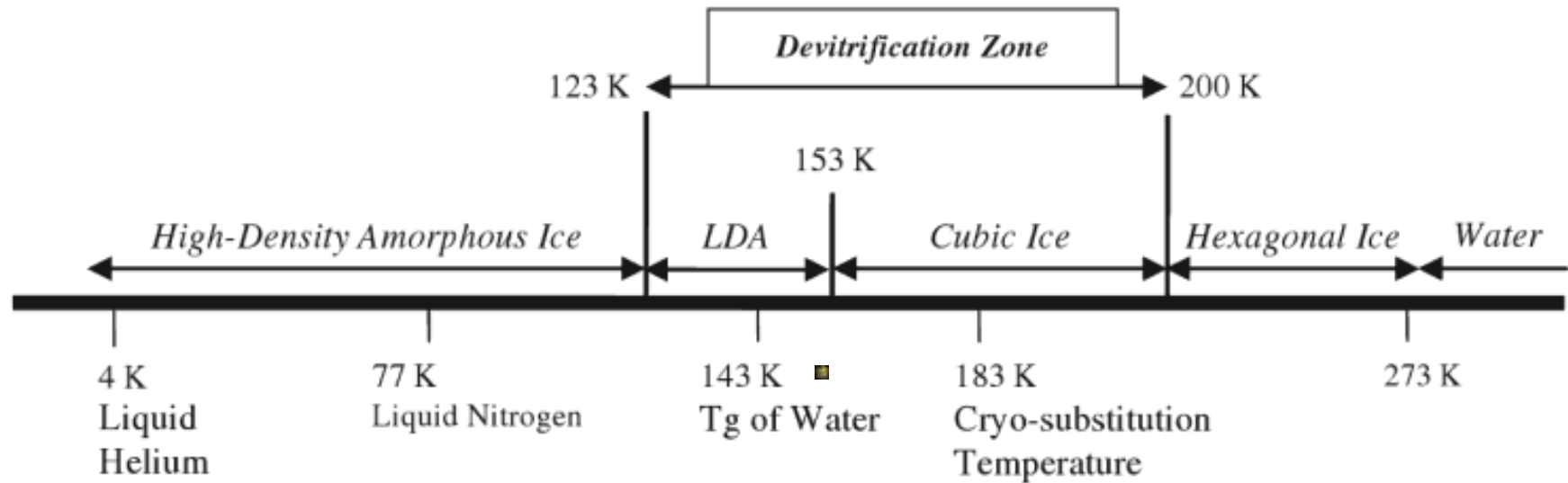
**Cryopreparation : complexity and sometimes cost, limit its use.**

**Still, it is the best way to be as close as possible to cell native state and preserve morphology + chemical integrity**

*I will not talk about the possibility of combined High-pressure freezing and freeze substitution techniques : see Veronesi G., talk; neither chemical fixation.*

# Freezing diagram for organic solution in water

(biologic sample osmolarity ~ 270 - 300 mOsm/kg e.g. D-PBS -Ca<sup>2+</sup>/-Mg<sup>2+</sup>)

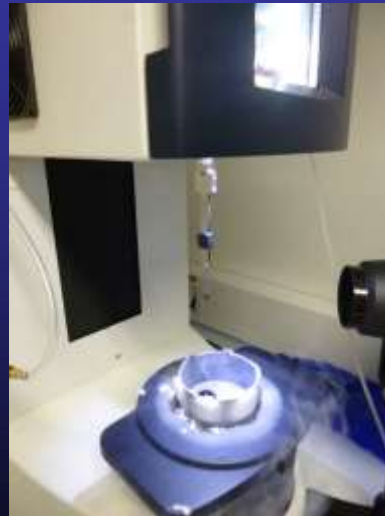
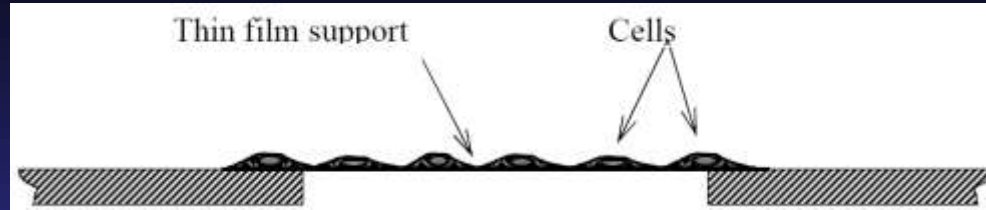


*LDA = Low-Density Amorphous Ice*

In a biological-type heterogeneous sample – devitrification occurs ~ 153K  
~ -120 °C

**Ideally: safest to keep sample < 130-120 K ~ -130/-150 °C**

# Cryopreparation





# Plunge freezing

- Rinsing: good start 120-150 mM ammonium acetate, pH 7.4
- Blotting filter paper



5 sec.



3-5 sec.



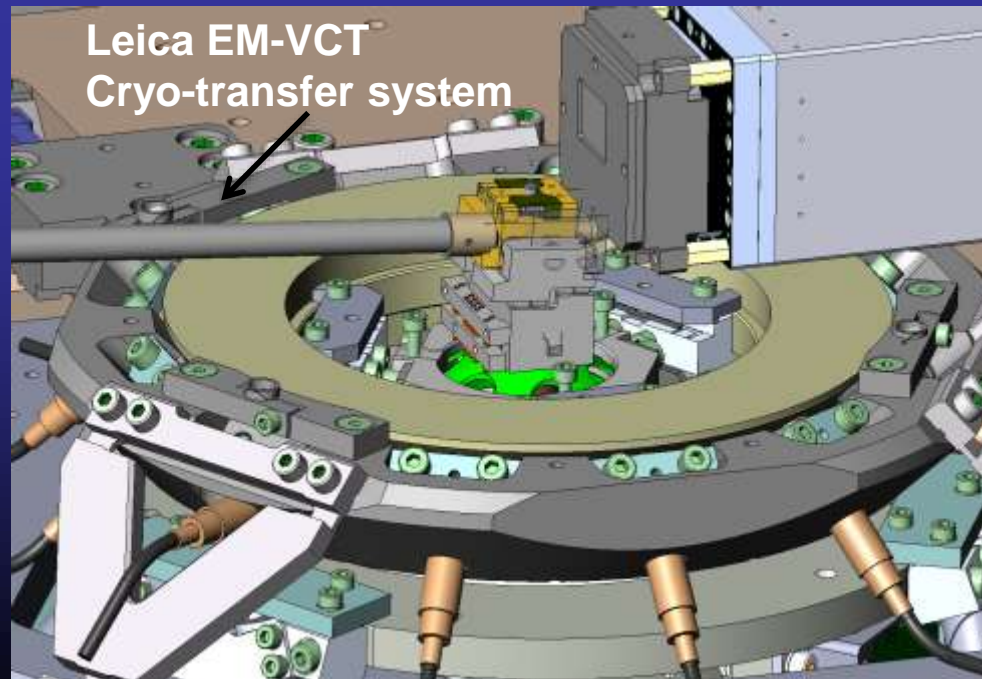
> ~ 5 sec.

# Plunge freezing

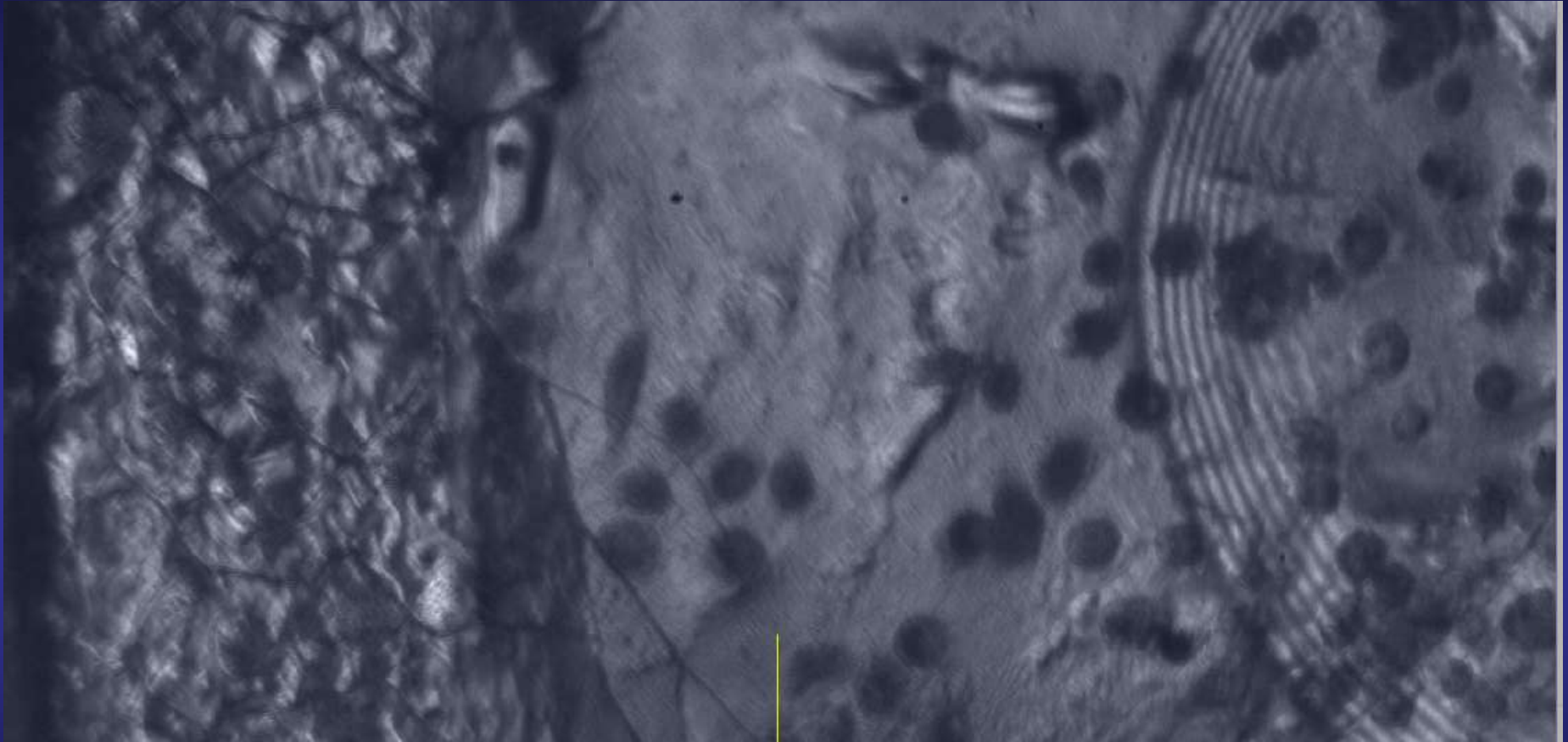


Movie

# CRYOGENIC WORKFLOW at ID16A



# Vitrified sample – VLM online view on ID16A

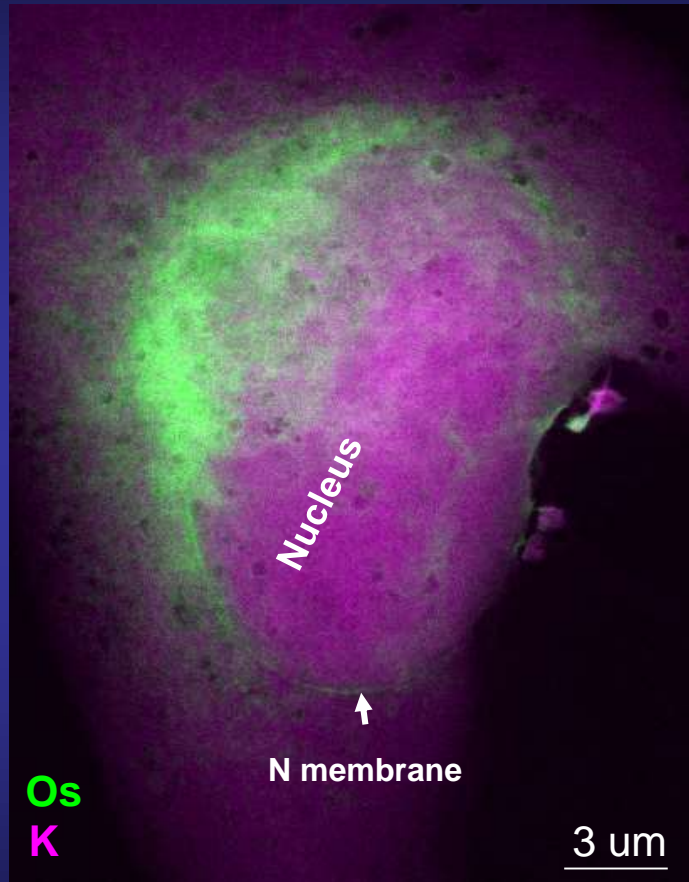


15-20  $\mu\text{m}$  ice

Importance of having as far as possible vitrified rather than frozen specimens:  
EM beam radiation damages more severe at interfaces organic material/crystalline ice  
than with vitreous ice: Talmont Y, Adrian M, Dubochet J (1986) J, Microscopy 14:375,

# XRF on chemically fixed cells v.s. Cryo-XRF

Room Temperature – light chemical fixation

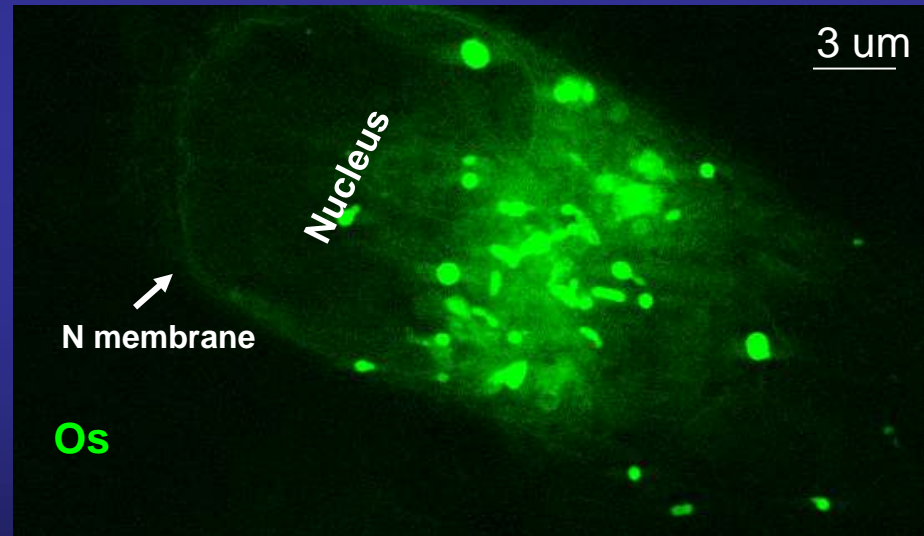


MDA-MB-231 human breast cancer cell line  
1h. incubation Osmocifen compound, 2 μM

50 nm pixel size

$E_0 = 17$  keV, 50 ms dwell-time

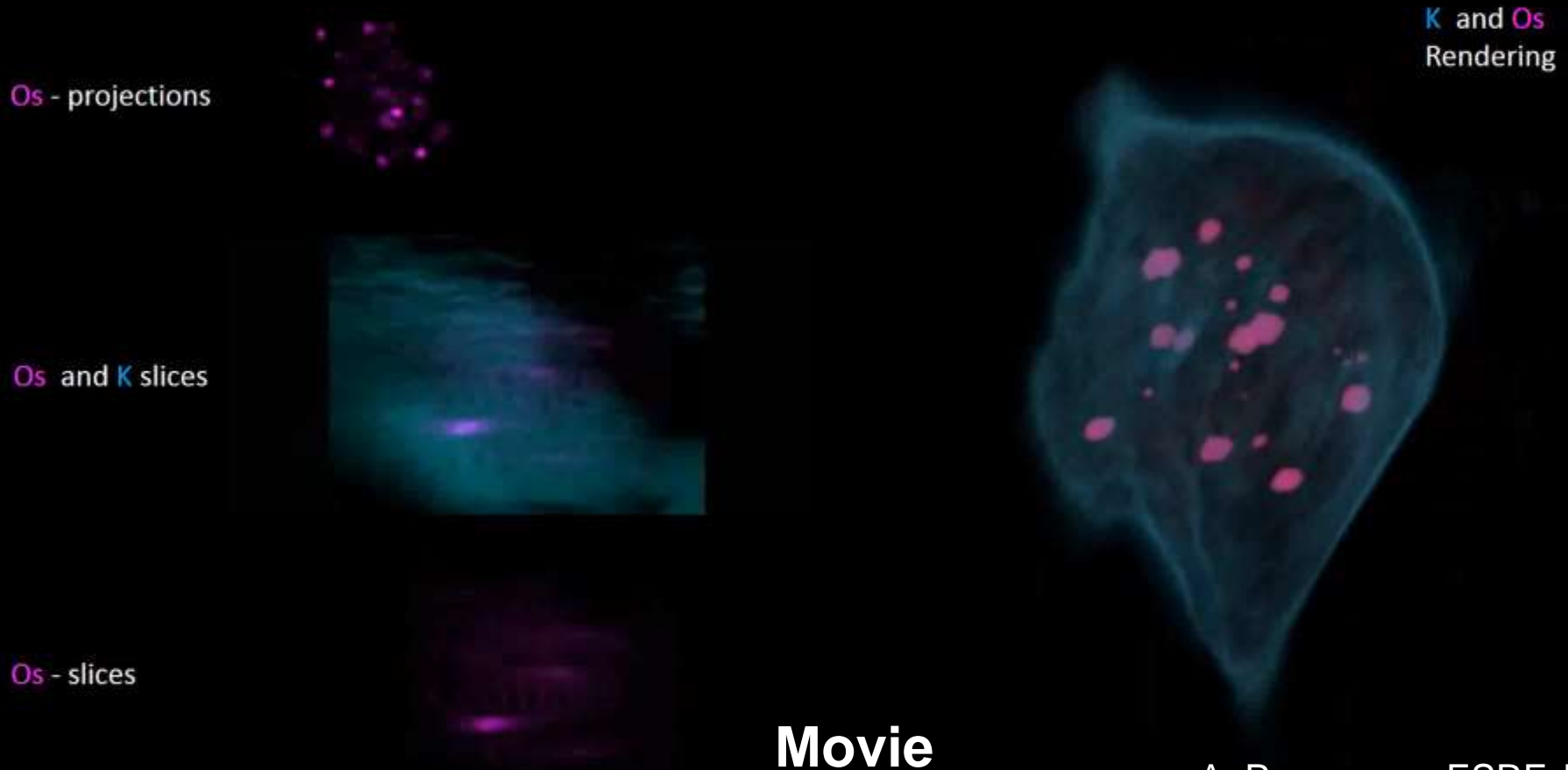
**Cryo**



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# Subcellular imaging of organelles targeted by cancer drugs

MDA-MB-231 cell, Oc-OH-Tam, 1h incubation  
Cryo X-ray Fluorescence nanotomography

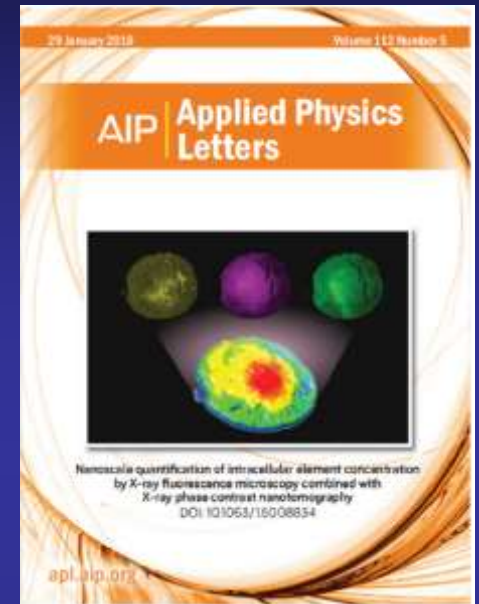
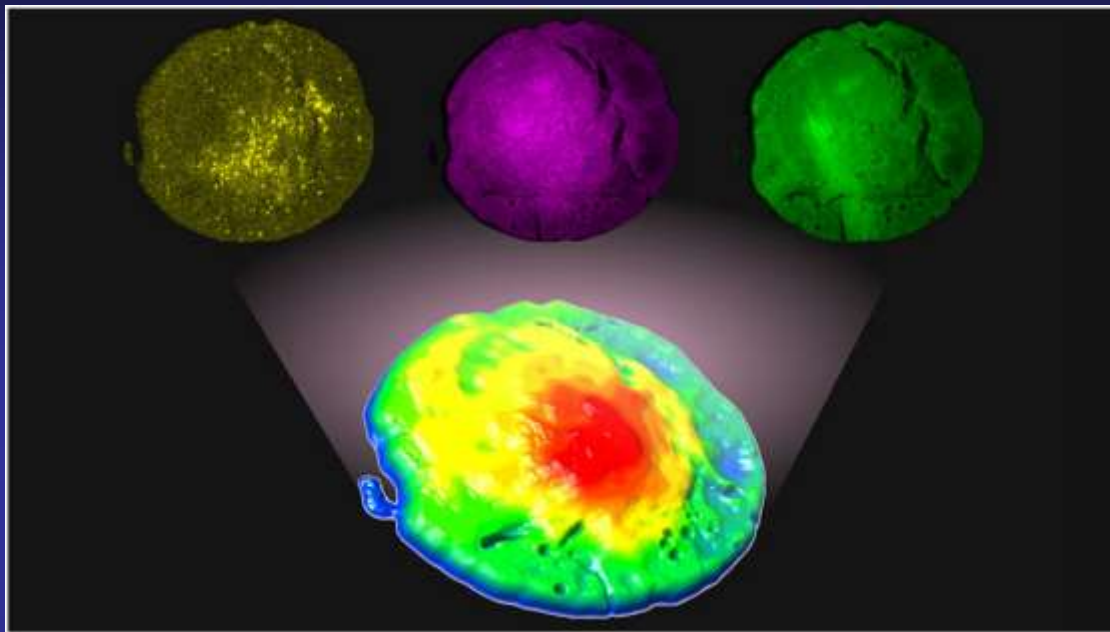


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**Confirm a distribution endomembrane system that encompass : nuclear membrane, perinuclear space (endoplasmic reticulum; vacuolar regions)**

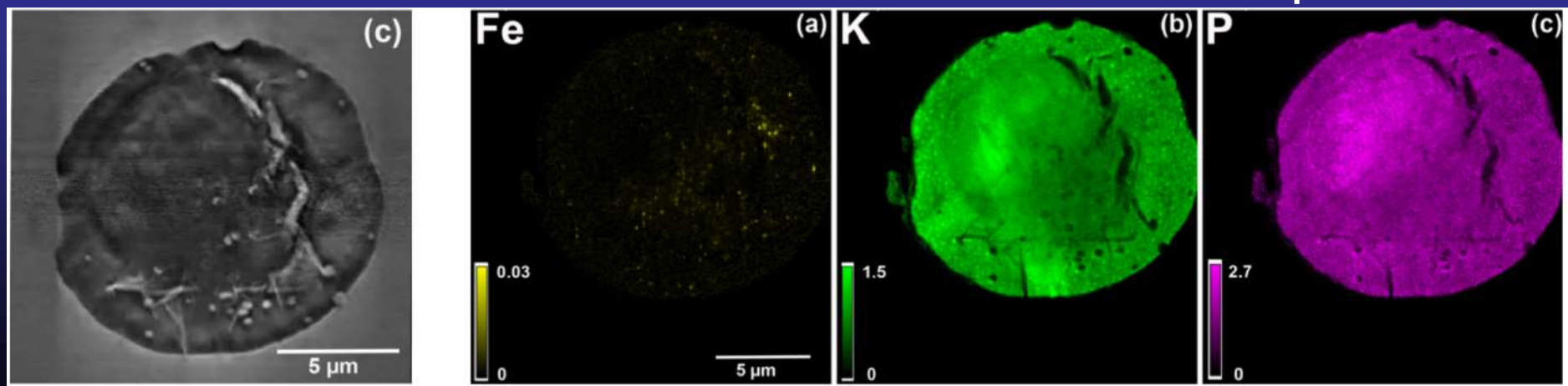
See also poster @ USM – 05/02/19

# Gramaccioni et al.: Cryo-nanoimaging of single human macrophage cells: 3D structural and chemical quantification

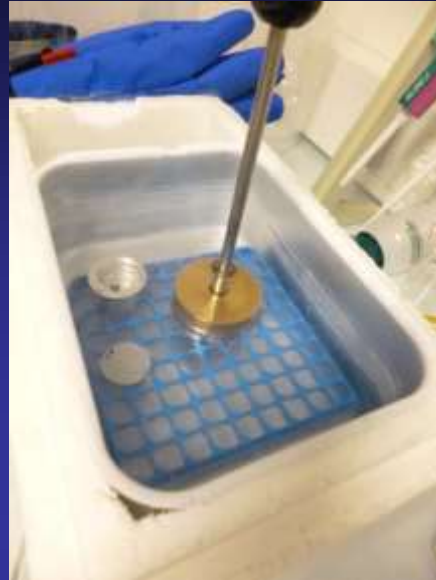
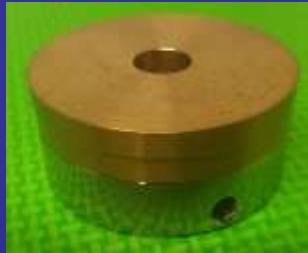
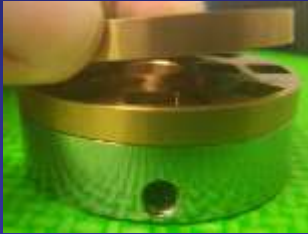


Holo-tomo, transverse slice

XRF molar concentration maps



# Freeze drying protocol @ ID16



Protocol we recommend for smooth freeze-drying of cells. (manual LN2 refilling)

- 2h @ 153 K
- 1h: increase 153 K to 193 K
- 2h @ 193 K
- 1h : increase 193 K to 223K
- 2h @ 223 K
- 6h: increase 223 K to 303 K

Turbo pump

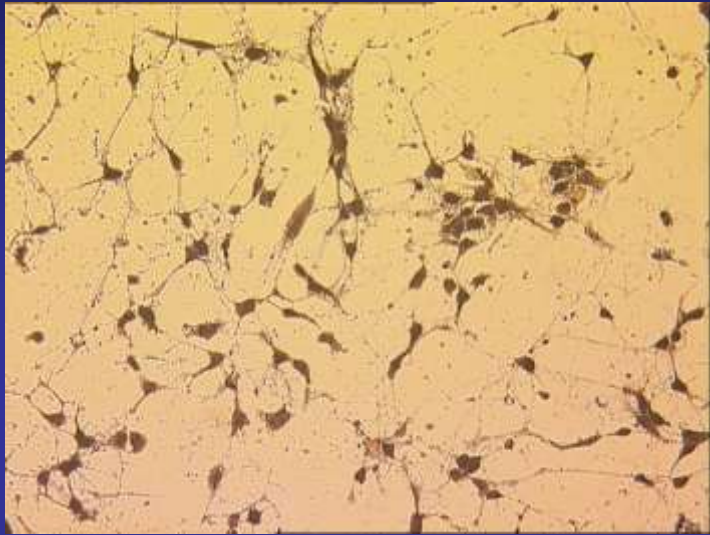
$7 \cdot 10^{-5}$  mbar



# Cryopreparation – freeze-drying

## Freeze-dried neurons cultured on $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$ membranes

[Poly-L-lysine (0.0025% in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 90 min @ 37 °C), followed by poly-L-ornithine(0.0033%in $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,90min. @ 37 °C)]



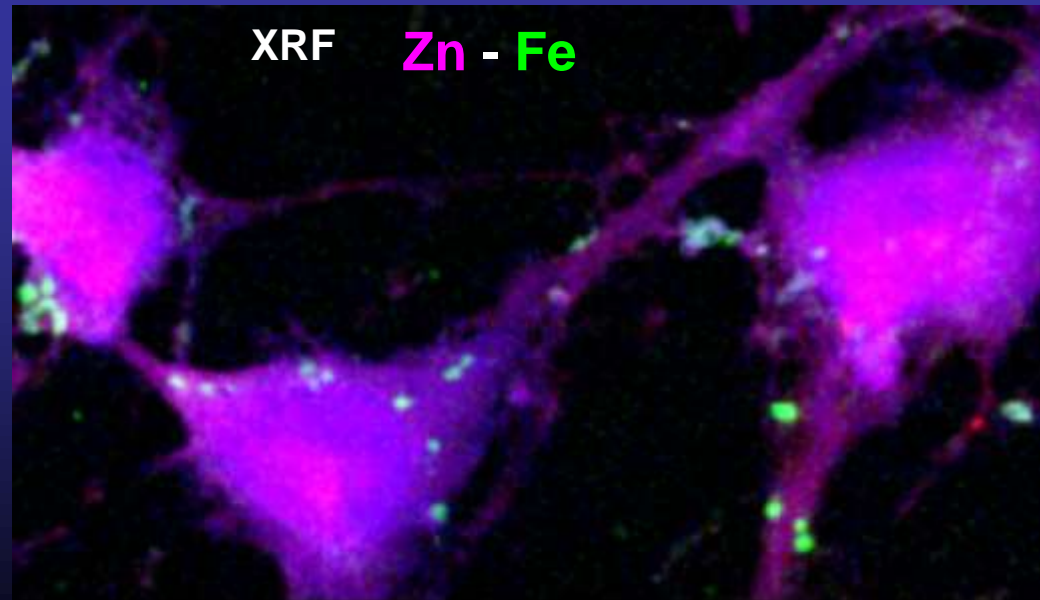
Room temperature, in-air analysis  
optical microscopy view in transmission

**In-vacuum analysis requires  
30-50 nm carbon coating on the FD sample**

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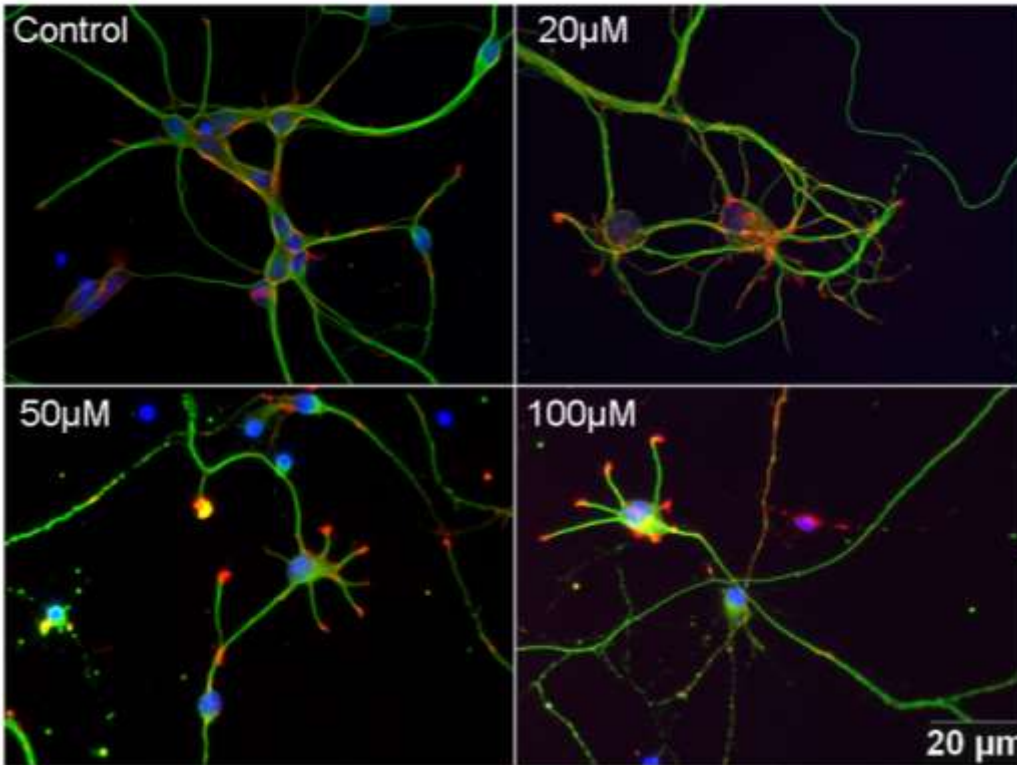
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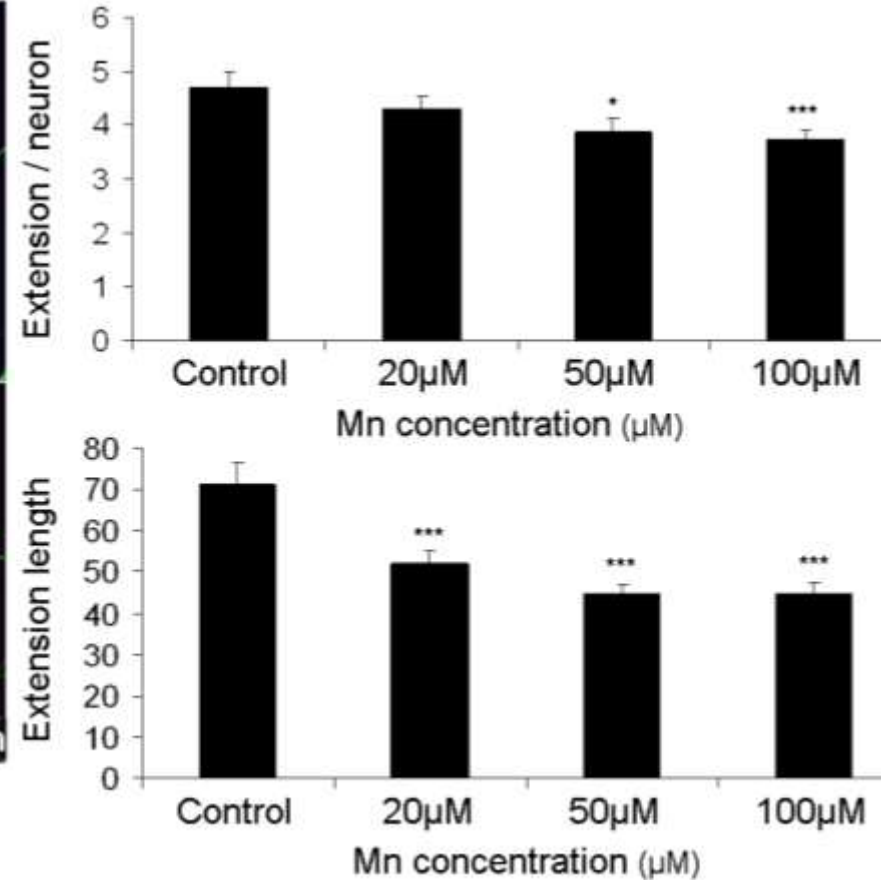


Tubulin  
Actin  
Nucleus

# Morphologic neuronal characteristics



n=60; \*p<0.05; \*\*\*p<0.001; mean ± SEM



► **Decrease of neuritic extension number and extension length upon MnCl<sub>2</sub> exposure**

# CRYOGENIC WORKFLOW at ID16A

Perspective : CRYO-LIGHT

## IBS – EM platform / onsite



High Pressure Freezing,  
Cryo-Ultramicrotomy

OR



Grid Plunging

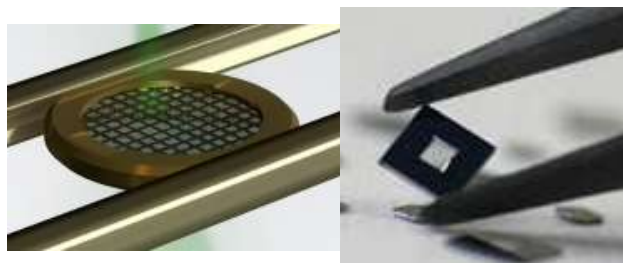


Cryo-Transfer  
System



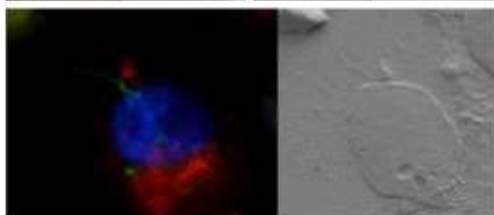
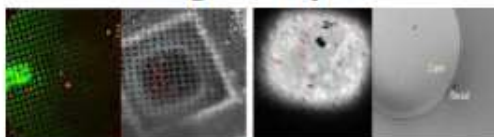
Leica Cryo Light Microscopy

**Cryo CLEM**



Leica LAS X Widefield Images used for  
correlation of LM marked structures in EM

### Image Analysis



Cryo-TEM

**X-ray nanoprobes ID16A**



Transfer to cryoTEM

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