

# Cell biology revealed with OMX super resolution imaging

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## Types of imaging for biological specimens

#### • Electron Microscopy

- Transmission, Scanning
- Specimen must be dead and cannot move
- Lots of preparation needed before you can image
- Great resolution!
- Great for structures but harder to specifically identify features
- Light (Optical) Microscopy
  - Transmitted Brightfield and related techniques
  - Fluorescence
  - Less resolution than EM but can use live and fully hydrated samples
  - Can stain and label specific structures, even multiple



## Resolution





## Size is important!

•Historically bacterial cell biology has been limited by small size of bacterial cells and resolution of conventional microscopy



Pseudomonas fluorescens cells

FM464 lipid stain

(3  $\mu$ m long x 1 $\mu$ m diameter)



3T3 bone cells

Actin, tubulin, DAPI (40 μm long x 30 μm wide x 15 μm high)



## **Conventional vs OMX 3D-SIM**



Confocal Wide-field deconvolved OMX 3D-SIM

Subcellular localisation of protein secretion in *P. fluorescens*Regularly spaced along cell, not at poles



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### **Conventional vs OMX 3D-SIM**



#### Mouse testes spreads showing synaptonemal complex protein 3 (SCP3) and KASH5

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## **Biology using fixed samples**



#### **Bacterial cell biology**





### Novel features in bacteria



#### Cell wall proteins in Streptococci



#### M1 cell wall protein, DAPI

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#### Surface protein interaction of pathogen and host



Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae

#### Fibronectin, P97 surface protein, DNA (DAPI)

Raymond, et al., (2014) Proteolytic processing of the cilium adhesin MHJ\_0194 (P123J) in *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae* generates a functionally diverse array of cleavage fragments that bind multiple host molecules, *Cellular Microbiology* 



# merozoitee

- Malaria GAP50-GFP-labelled protein in developing schizonts (asexual stage inside red blood cell, co-labelled for DNA)
- The inner membrane complex forms around an ellipsoid pore (~110 x 140 nm) in developing schizont (A, C)
- During division, these separate into claw-like structures with a 130 x 230 nm cavity (B, D)
- In mature schizont, GAP50 is distributed around periphery (E, F)

Yeoman *et al.*, (2011) Tracking glideosome-associated protein-50 reveals the development and organization of the inner membrane complex of *P. falciparum, Eukaryotic Cell* **10 (4):** 556-64.





# Plasmodium faiciparum gametocytes • OMX 3D-SIM has revealed novel features of malaria parasites



Malaria Glidosome Associated Protein-50 (GAP50)-GFP-labelled Inner Membrane Complex - has ~100 nm striations in late stage gametocytes (sexual stage)

Dearnley *et al.*, (2012) Origin, composition, organization and function of the inner membrane complex of *Plasmodium falciparum* gametocytes, *J. Cell Science*, 125 2053-63.



# gametocytes

 GAP50 redistribution in developing gametocyte linked to microtubule formation

STAGE IV

STAGE III



GAP50, tubulin, DNA (DAPI)



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### Malaria inside red blood cells

- Malaria KHARP protein trafficked to periphery of red blood cell
- Component of "knob" complex
- Causes deformation of red blood cell and "stickiness"
- OMX 3D-SIM has enabled observation of KHARP distribution in 3D
- Density increases during infection
- DNA labelled with DAPI (red)





## Malaria invasion of red blood cell

Invasion process revealed by OMX-3D SIM



### Parasite DNA (DAPI), rhoptry protein that becomes vacuole, tight junction between parasite & red blood cell



Riglar *et al.* (2011) Super resolution dissection of coordinated events behind malaria parasite invasion of the human erythrocyte, *Cell Host Microbe* 9(1): 9-20

# Spatial localisation of proteins in *P. falciparum*



#### Putative translocon (EXP2) Vacuole (RAP1) Nucleus (DAPI)

Riglar, *et al.* (2013) Spatial association with PTEX complexes defines regions for effector export into *Plasmodium falciparum*-infected erythrocytes, *Nature Communications*, **4**: 1415



#### Parasite actin, MPB28 (surface marker), Nucleus (DAPI)

Angrisano, *et al.* (2012) Spatial localisation of actin filaments across developmental stages of the malaria parasite, *PLoS One*: **7(2):** e32188



#### Vaccinia virus egress from a cell



B5 Actin



Horsington, *et al.*, (2012) Sub-viral imaging of vaccinia virus using super-resolution microscopy, *J Virological Methods*, 186(1-2): 132-136.

### **Vaccinia locomotion**

Actin (Lifeact) B5 A3



Horsington, et al., (2012) Sub-viral imaging of vaccinia virus using super-resolution microscopy, J Virological Methods, 186(1-2): 132-136.



## **Virus maturation**



Horsington, J. et al., (2013) A36-dependent actin filament nucleation promotes release of vaccinia virus, PLoS Pathogens, 9 (3): e1003239



## Helminth proteins interact with lipid rafts



*Fasciola hepatica* helminth defence molecule 1 (FhHDM-1)-treated macrophages were immunostained for the presence of FhHDM-1 (green) and stained with Alexa Fluor 594-CT-B conjugate (lipid raft marker; red) and with DAPI (blue) to detect nuclei. Scale bar =  $3 \mu m$ .

Robinson *et al* (2012) A helminth Cathelicidin-like peptide prevents antigen processing and presentation in macrophages via inhibition of lysosomal vATPase, *FASEB J*, 26 (11) 4614-27.



## **Muscular Dystrophy**

- Dysferlin was discovered as a recessive cause of Limb-girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) in 1999
- Patients are typically symptom free until their late teens, after which they show rapid deterioration. Following the onset of deterioration, patients are often wheelchair bound within 10 years
- Dysferlin is a vesicle fusion protein with a role in membrane repair.
  Dysferlinopathy is due to an inability of muscle cells to effectively repair small sites of damage accrued during muscle contraction
- Dysferlin and MG53 transition from a 'diffuse halo' to concentrated rings labelling the circumference of injury sites with ≥ 200 mM extracellular calcium

Lek, *et al.* (2013) Calpains, cleaved mini-dysferlin<sub>C72</sub> and L-type channels underpin calcium-dependent muscle membrane repair, *Journal of Neuroscience*, **33 (12):** 5085-94



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## **Biology using live samples**



### **Bacterial cell division – the Z-ring**



#### FtsZ-GFP in Bacillus subtilis



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## The Z ring - FtsZ-GFP







#### Bacillus subtilis, FtsZ-GFP, FM143 lipid stain

Strauss, *et al.* (2012) 3D-SIM super resolution microscopy reveals a bead-like arrangement for FtsZ and the division machinery: implications for triggering cytokinesis *PLoS Biology* **10(9)**:



## **Bacterial cell division – the Z-ring**

- Heterogeneous distribution of FtsZ-GFP (live and fixed)
- Gaps in the Z-ring  $\rightarrow$  discontinuous structure





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### **Bacterial cell division – the Z-ring**

Fast acquisition (3D-SIM image capture every 5 – 10 sec).





## Live imaging of bacterial cells

#### Conventional

#### OMX 3D-SIM



#### ParM is a twisted loop



Par M (plasmid partitioning protein) in *E. coli* 

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### Unusual bacterial cell morphology



#### Live interactions of cells with $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics

Pseudomonas aeruginosa treatment with meropenam FM143 lipid stain



Pseudomonas aeruginosa after removal of meropenam FM143 lipid stain



Monahan *et al.*,(2014) Rapid conversion of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* to a spherical cell morphotype facilitates tolerance to carbapenems and penicillins but increases susceptibility to antimicrobial peptides, *Antimicrobial Agents Chemo*, 58(4): 1956-62



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