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Integrating OMERO into a correlative microscopy workflow: successes/struggles

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OMERO use: Research context

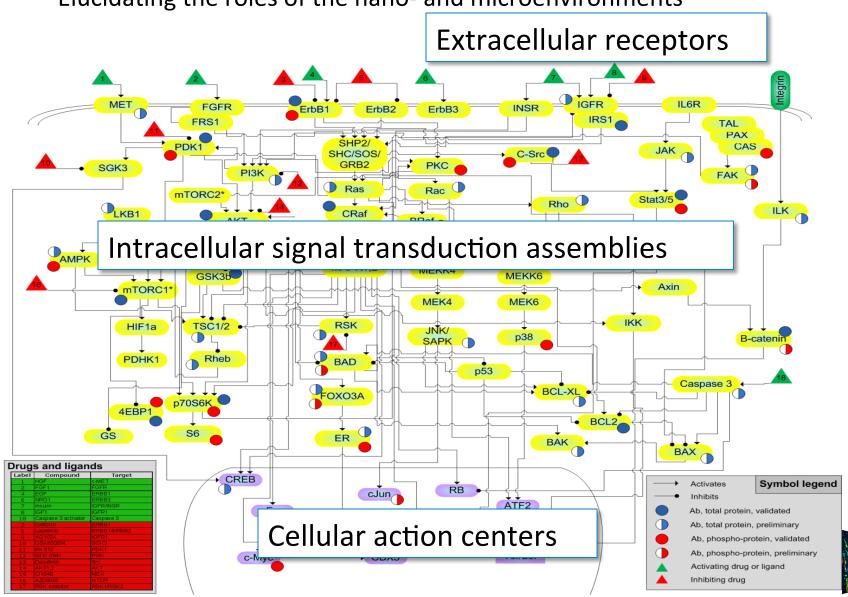
- OHSU: iLEM for Multiscale Structural Epigenomics
- LBNL: Integrated Bioimaging Initiative
 - Drosophila Gene Localization Atlas
 - Next Generation BioImaging project
 - Integrated Imaging of Microbial Community Response to External Threats
- OHSU: Various drug screens, RNAi aberration screens, and microenvironment screens





iLEM motivation: Understanding regulatory signal transduction

Elucidating the roles of the nano- and microenvironments

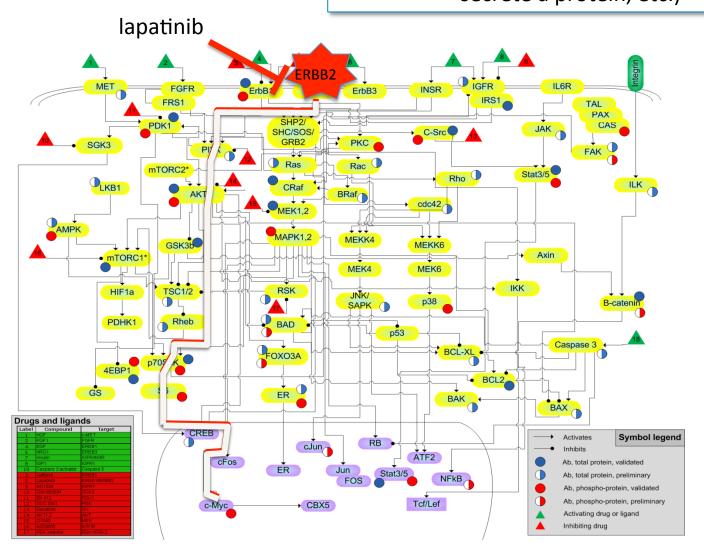




Prototype problem

RTK signaling in breast cancer

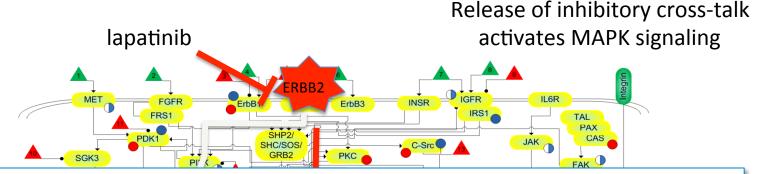
Our goal in cancer treatment is to develop therapies to correct the defect





RTK – Receptor tyrosine kinase

Activation of bypass mechanisms can attenuate response



There are many bypass pathways

Combinatorial Rx becomes increasingly toxic unless targeting is very precise

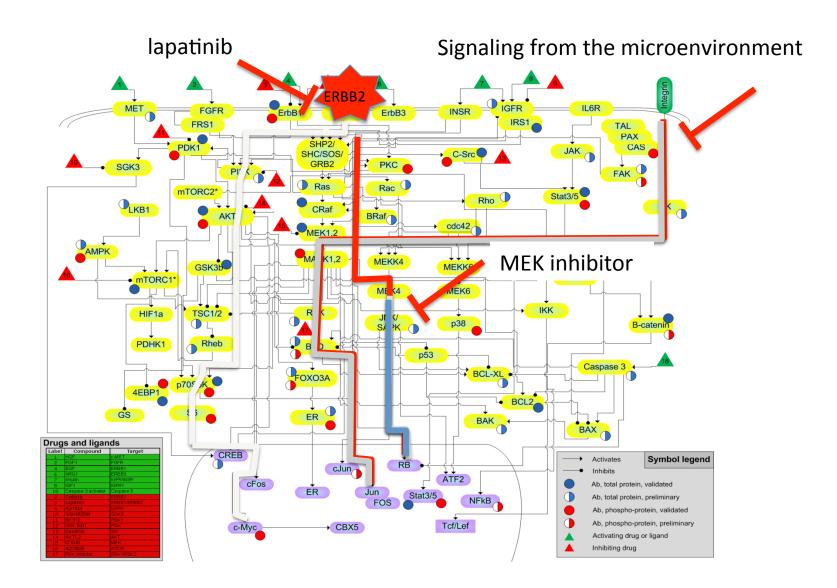
How does all of this information get integrated?

We don't know where or how it gets translated into action (proliferation, death, etc)





Signaling from the microenvironment also can bypass the inhibitor





We need to know how the parts are assembled in order to fully understand function (and response to therapy)

Moving from the parts list to the assembly manual





You can't understand something from looking at the parts

You need to know how they work together





These studies motivate the development of strategies to visualize pathways in situ

Defining the microenvironment

Pathway nanostructure

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OMX



Olympus Scan^R

Tecnai iLEM TM

micro-environmental context

iLEM will define sub-cellular and

Tecnai iLEM™

The Integrated Light and Electron Microscope; a fast, accurate, and automated solution for correlative light and electron microscopy.





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Correlative Microscopy

- Find specific cells in a large field of view
- Find specific areas in a cell and zoom in to study these at the ultrastructural level

How?

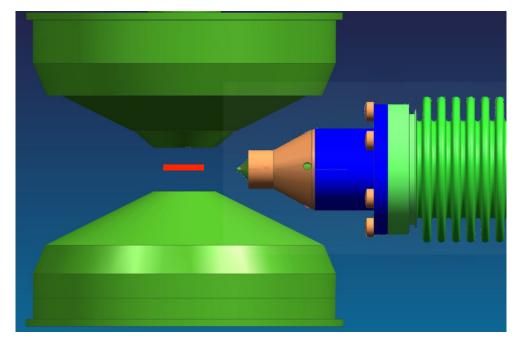
- Use two different microscopes and correlate the information (two machines or combine in one)
- Use a machine that has a very large magnification/ resolution range and multimodal imaging

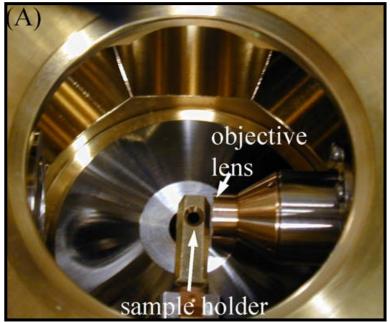




Truly Integrated Light and Electron Microscopy (iLEM)

Agronskaia AV et al., J Struct Biol. 2008



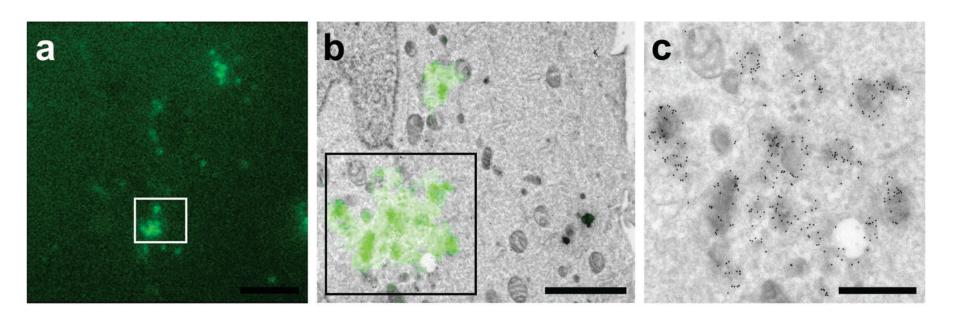


Optimal Navigation Tool for correlative microscopy

- Faster correlation between FM and EM
- Less potential contamination (cryo)
- No compromise on EM performance, decline in FM resolution



Sample prep is critical and difficult to optimize



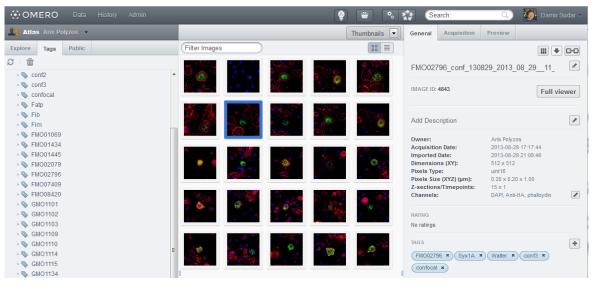
THP-1 cells fixed with VIS2FIX $_{FS}$ and IF+IG labeled for LAMP-2 (a lysosomal protein) Karreman and Donselaar et al., Traffic 2011





Managing the image data, metadata, and experimental parameters

- Image data and image metadata: OMERO
- Experimental metadata: ISA-Tab & various
 Minimum Information formats (MIARE, MIACA,)



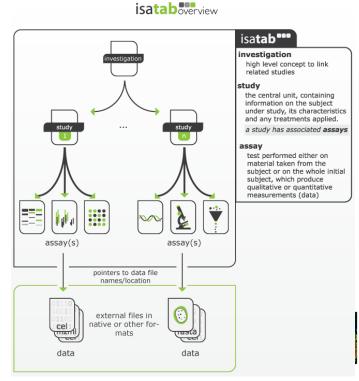
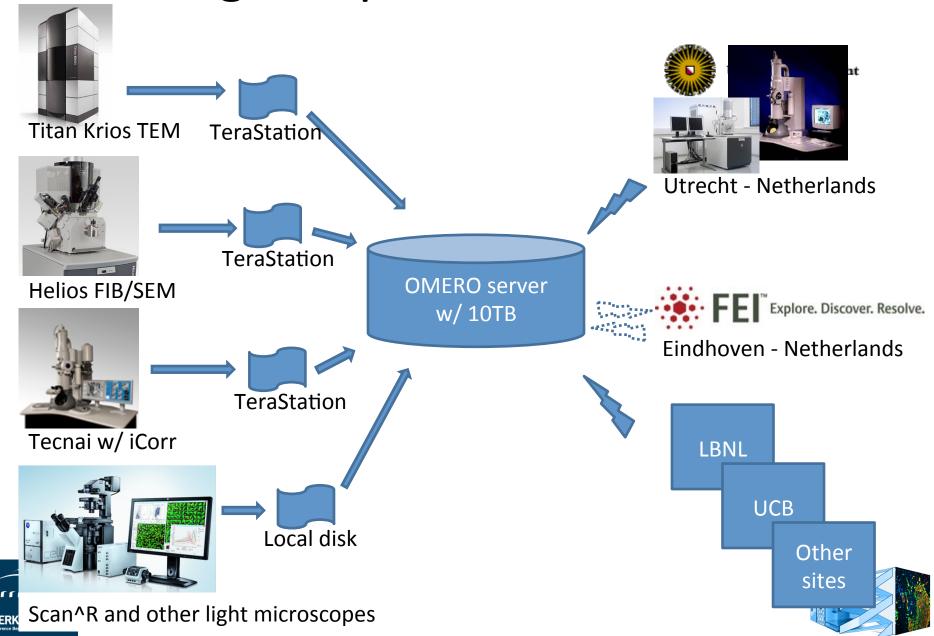




Image acquisition workflow



Our experience

Likes:

- Easy setup (after dealing with OHSU firewall issues)
- Excellent retrieval performance: inside/outside OHSU
- Fully user-initiated image uploads and image retrieval
- Good support for our image/experiment types

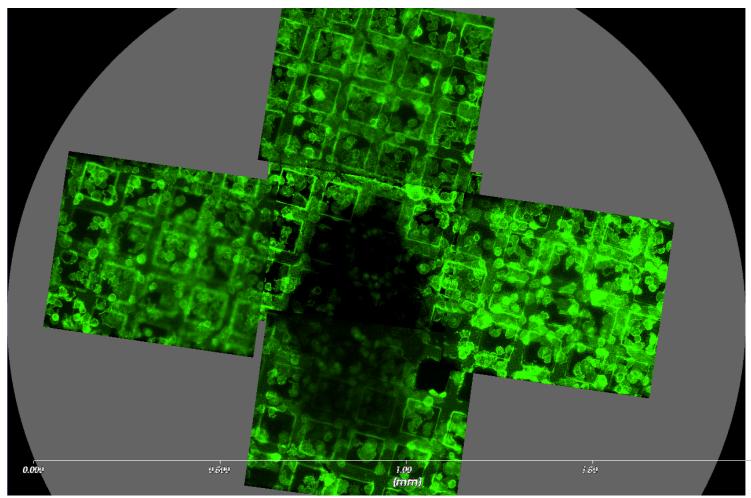
Wishes:

- Support for rich experimental metadata (e.g. ISA-Tab)
- Bulk image download
- Import using OMERO.web
- Deeper folder structure





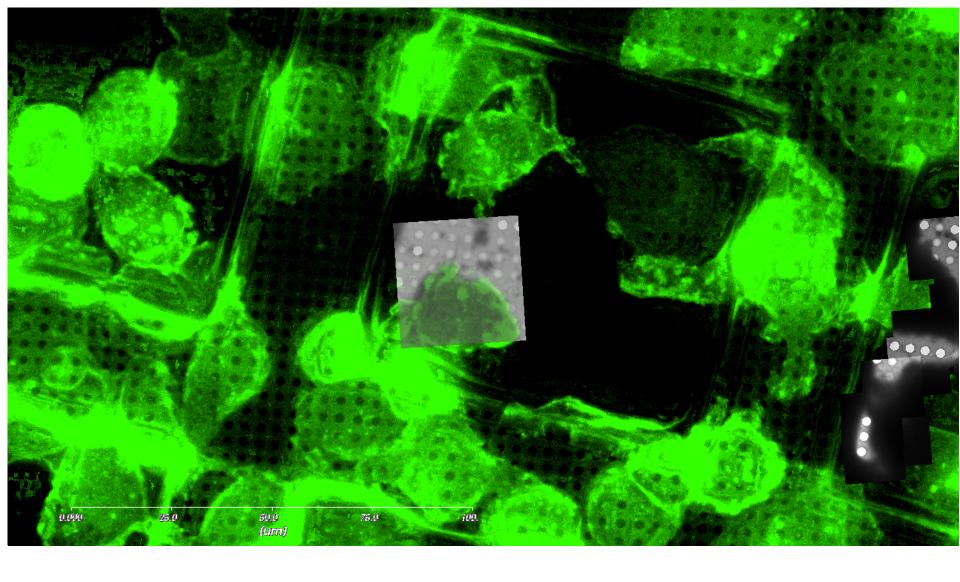
2D iLEM workflow w/ iCorr





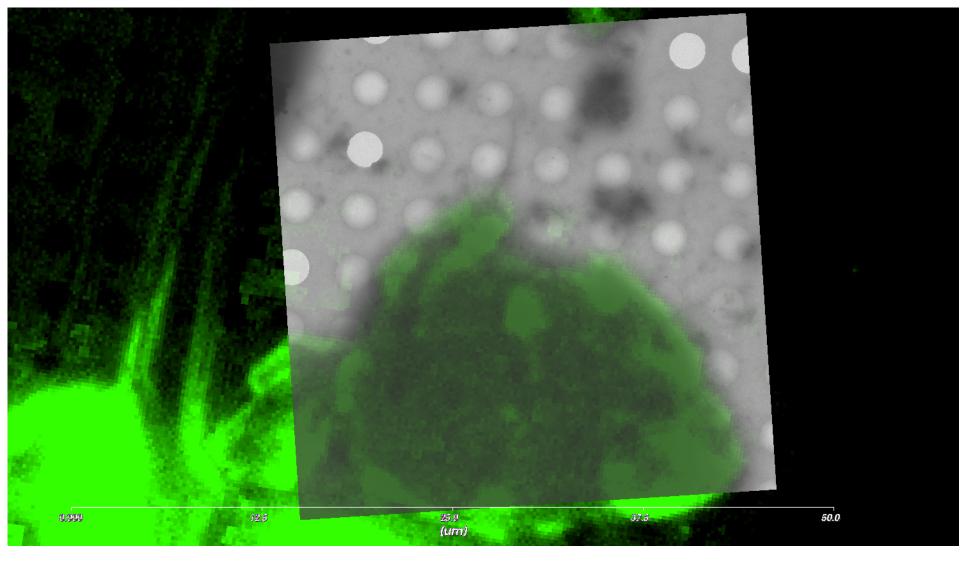


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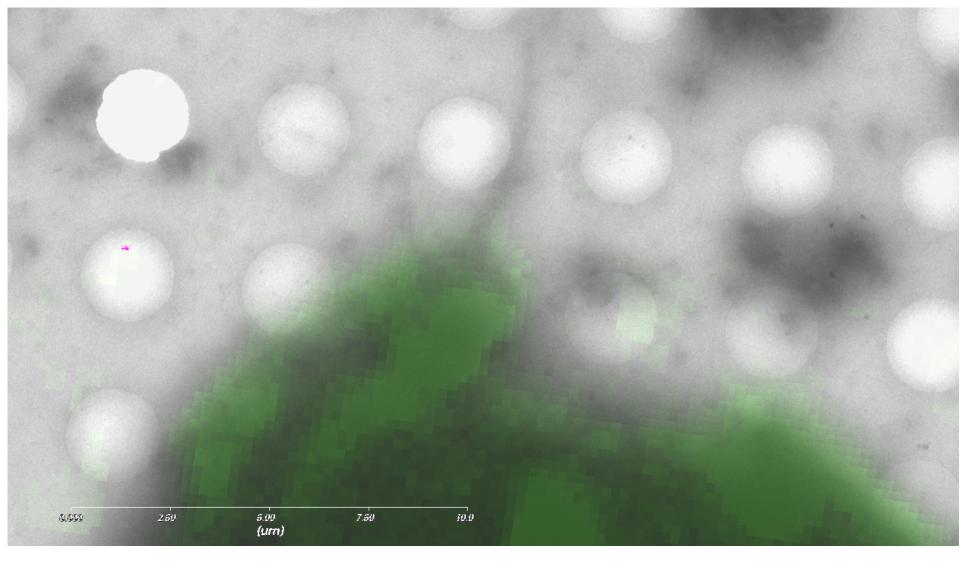






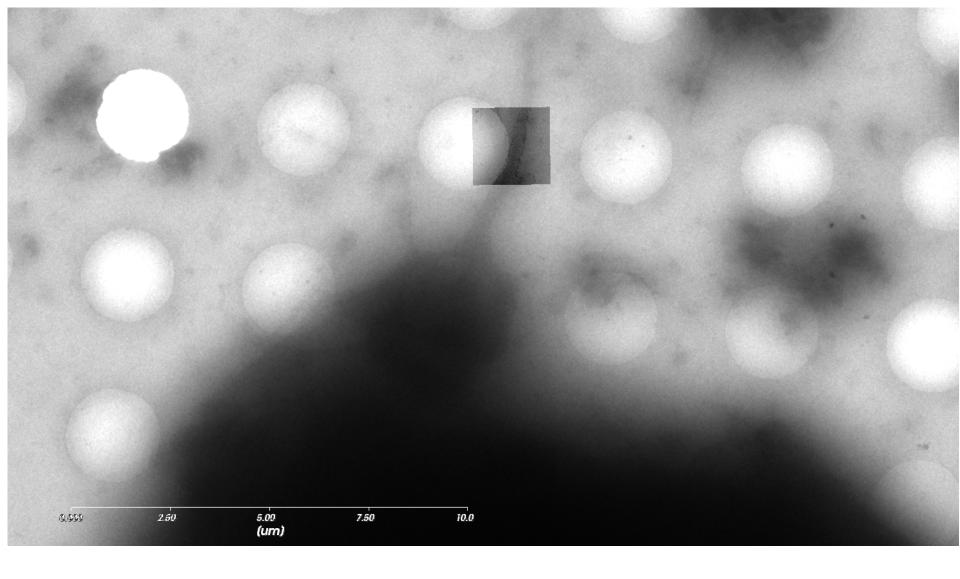






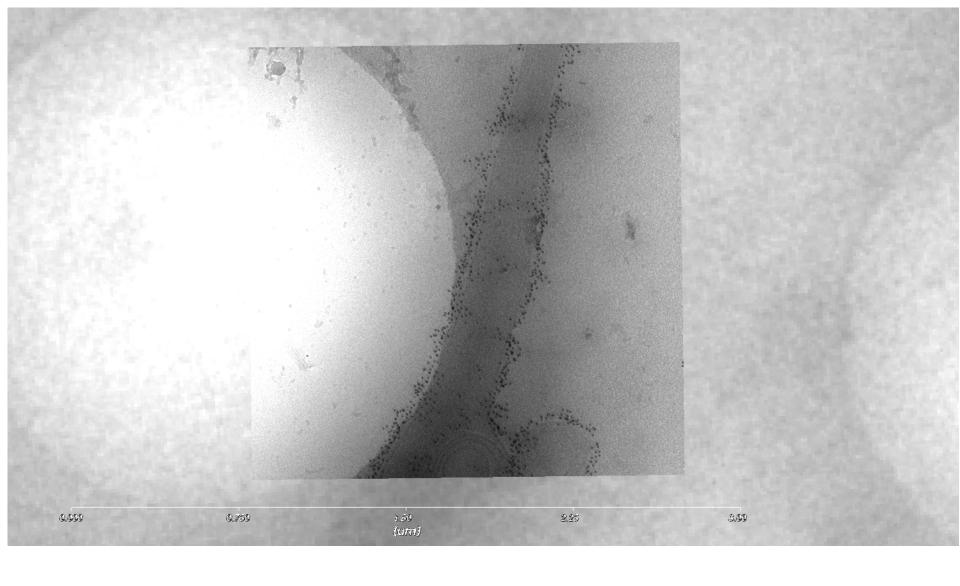
















3D iLEM workflow w/ FIB/SEM

Integrating molecular information and structural detail with nanometer precision

- Multicellular growth (Organovo)
- Printing wide spectrum of tissues
- Disease oriented research
- ✓ Live cell imaging

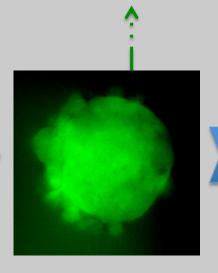
- ✓ Cryo-immobilization (HPF & plunge)
- ✓ Preservation of probes in EM prep
- ✓ Multiple EMs (Krios, Helios, iCorr)
- ✓ MAPS correlation of SEM data

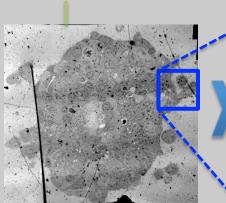


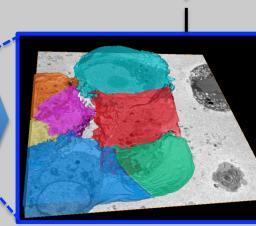
- ✓ Modular fluorescent probes
- ✓ Tracking during growth
- ✓ Super resolution capable
- ✓ EM sample prep compatible

- ✓ Development of Integrative Software
- ✓ 3D rendering & reconstruction
- ✓ Precision analysis of 3D data
- ✓ Mapping molecular information into 3D



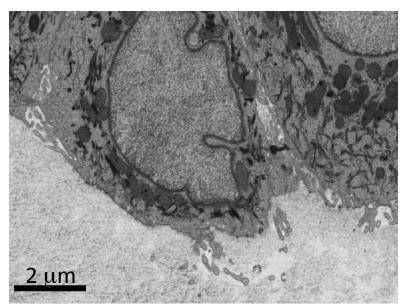


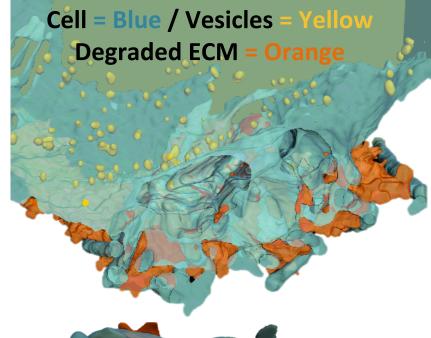


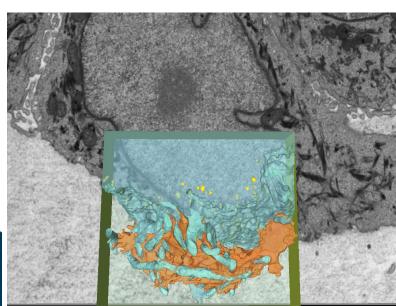


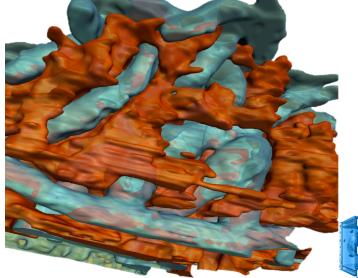
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Helios Nanolab 650 FIB-SEM

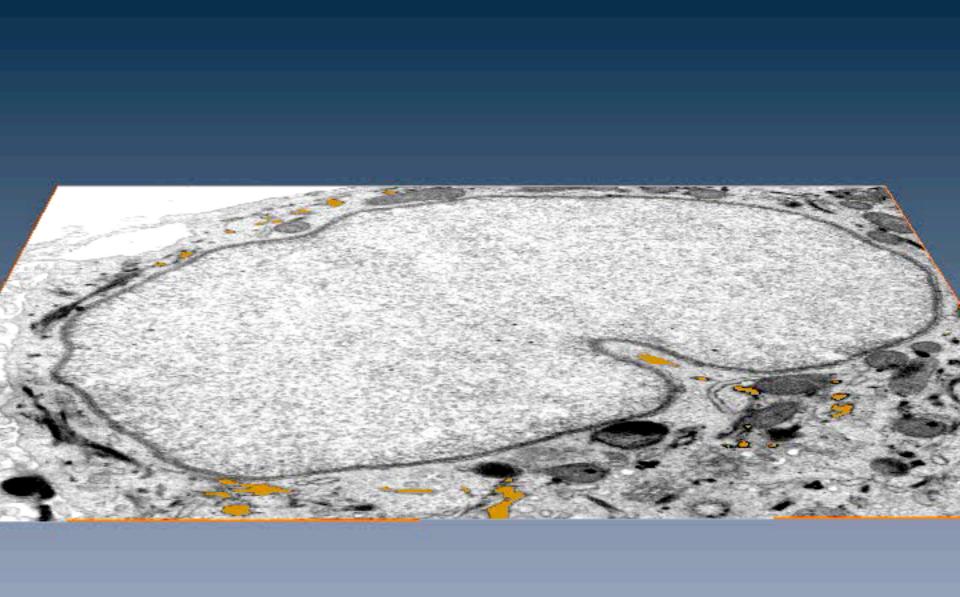












Our experience

• Likes:

- Large images are handled well
- Scripting
- Flexible data access options

Wishes:

- Registration information between imaging modalities i.e. a Real-World coordinate system
- Tiled/chunked storage of nD data in multiple scales
- Automated segmentation methods





Image analysis/visualization workflow

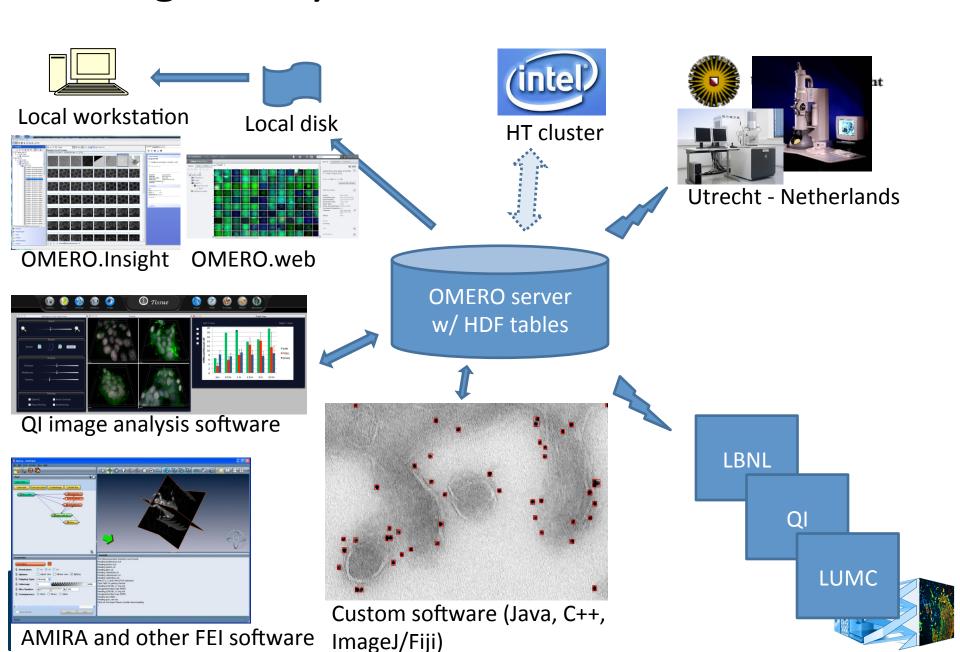
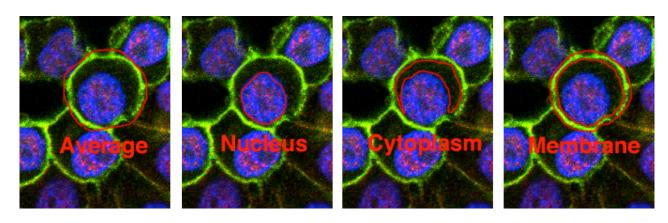
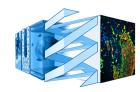


Image analysis and visualization

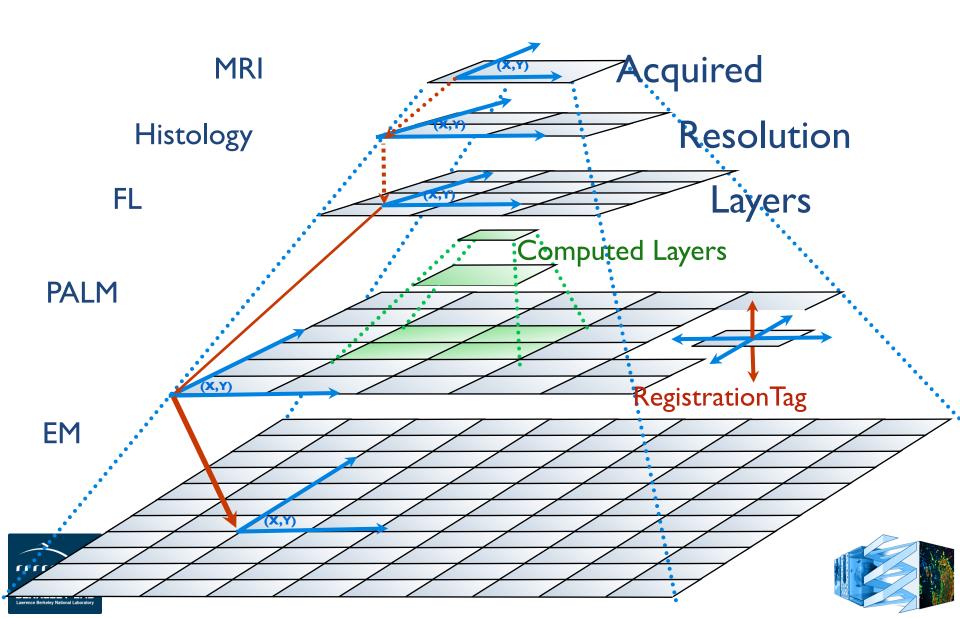
- Find individual cells
- Find sub cellular regions: Nucleus, Cytoplasm, Membrane
- Measure biomarker expressions in each region
- Relate channels: e.g. pAkt versus total Akt
- Show statistics & relate statistics to morphology of cells and tissue
- Compare over time and perturbation conditions

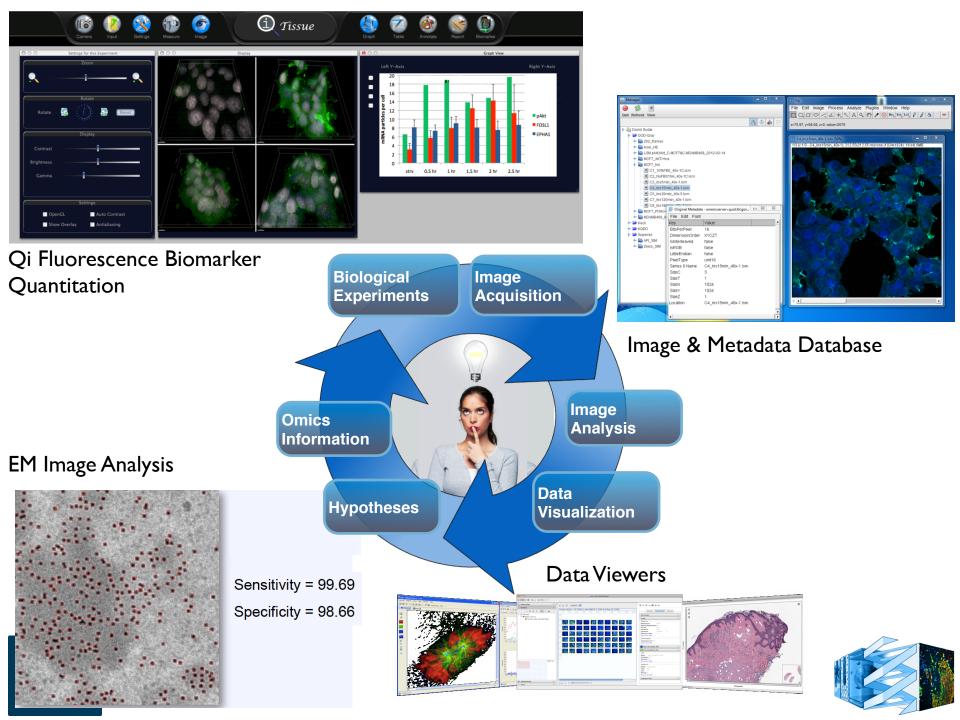






MultiScale Viewer





Our experience

• Likes:

- Good Python support
- Access to original data via "Archived" or "File paths"
- HDF support for feature data

• Wishes:

- Improved Java and C++ API support and documentation
- Well defined infrastructure to initiate server-side processing on HPC cluster
- Easy use/display/searching of the HDF data
- Abstracted shape descriptions of objects in close relationship with pixel/voxel descriptions





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