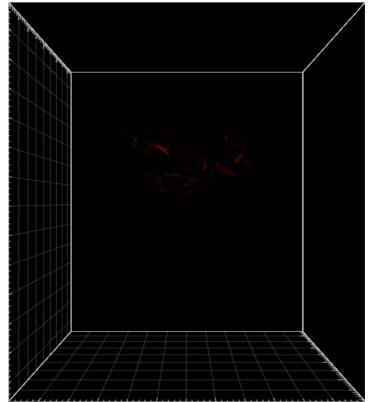
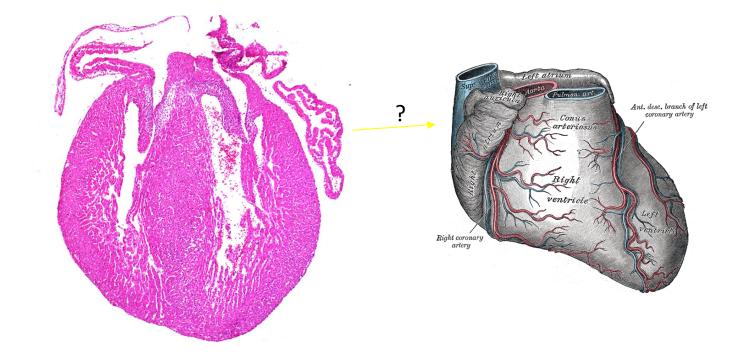
Enhancing your research with new imaging technologies



Coronary arteries Adult mouse heart Rendered in Imaris

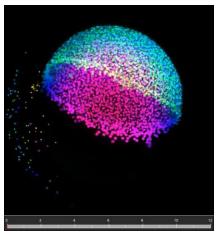
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Tissue sectioning: a powerful technique for studying tissue biology that can miss details of three dimensional structures

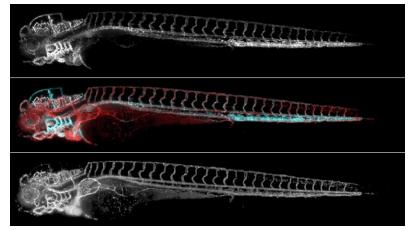


Amazing biological insights have been discovered from organisms amenable to extensive whole organ imaging

Zebrafish gastrulation

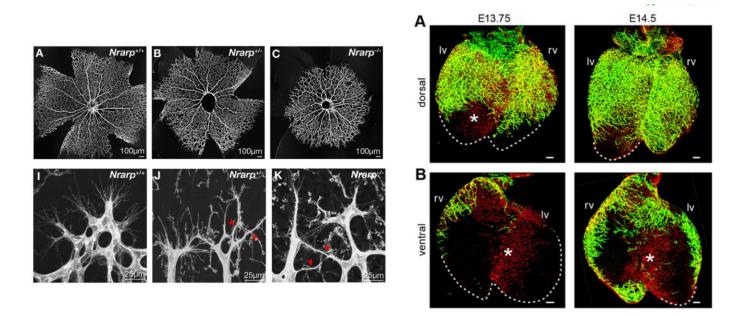


Zebrafish cardiovascular system



Huisken laboratory, https://vimeo.com/131417081

These techniques were brought to developmental biology in other organisms where tissues were relatively small

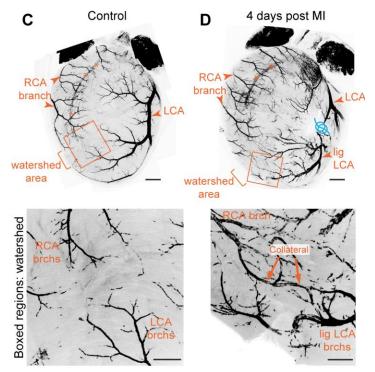


Phng et al., 2009, Dev Cell; Chen, Sharma et al., 2014, Develop

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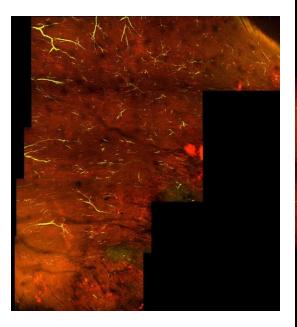
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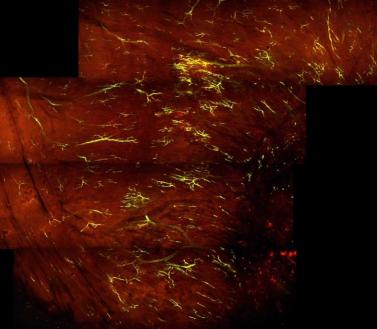
Use smaller versions such as the neonatal organs



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For adults, cut out tissue chunks and get crazy with the confocal and stitching time intensive!



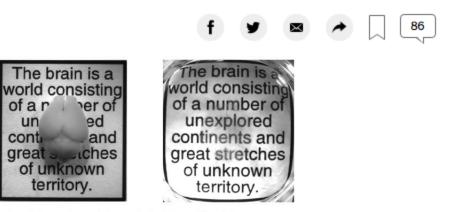


Attempting to visualize large organs by chemically clearing tissues has been around, but recently refined for the brain

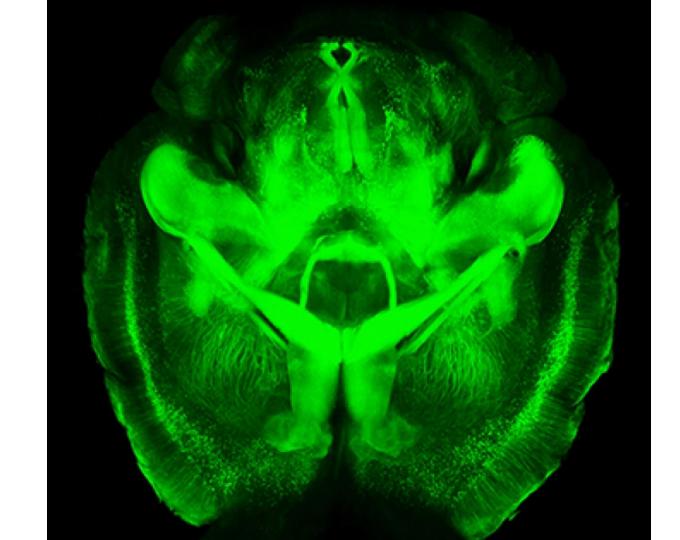
Brains as Clear as Jell-O ^{The New Hork Times} for Scientists to Explore

By James Gorman

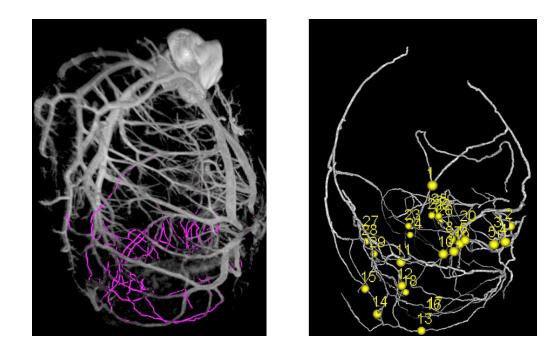
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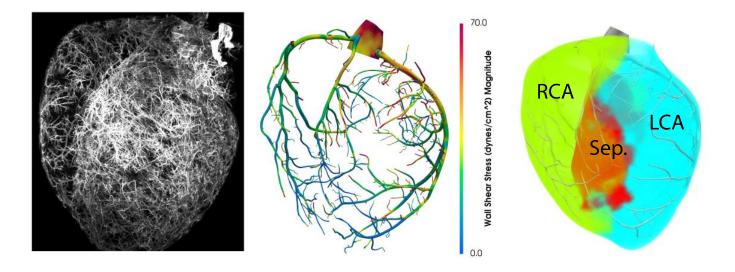
Two views of the same intact adult mouse brain, before, at left, and after a new technique developed by researchers at Stanford University was applied to it to make its tissue transparent. Deisseroth Lab



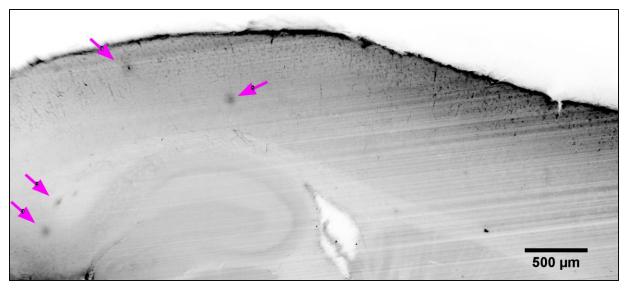
Quickly identify and quantify collateral arteries



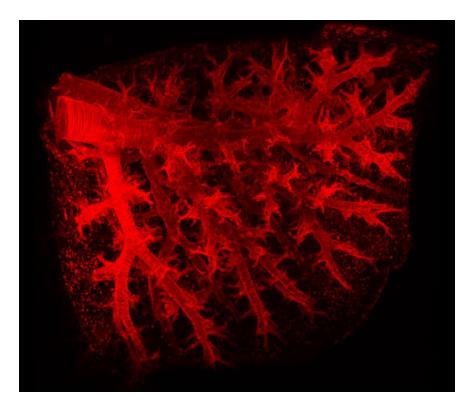
Intact vasculature for computational flow modeling



Can quickly scan through large tissues for rare events



Merlini et al. Neuron. 2019



Smooth muscle actin Adult mouse lung Ke Yuan De Jesus Perez Lab

Outline of workshop (slides will be linked on our website)

- 1. Overview of clearing methods Andrew Chang Ghosting tissues, not people
- 2. Successful use of iDISCO clearing **Pam Rios** Trick or Treat
- 3. Microscopy for large cleared tissues **Suhaas Anbazhakan** Fright Sheet microscopy
- 4. Image processing **Suhaas Anbazhakan** Terror bytes of data!!
- 5. Miltenyi presentation of LaVision Light Sheet Microscope David Castaneda
- 6. Breakout DEMONstrations:
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 - 3. Computational Fluid Modeling- SimVascular
 - 4. Q&A for sample preparation and image analysis









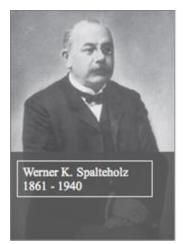
Overview of clearing methods (Andrew)

Tissue clearing to visualize bone structure

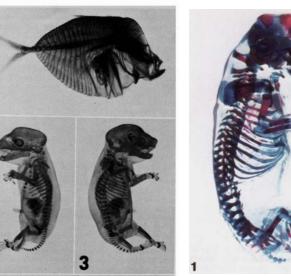
CLEARING SPECIMENS FOR THE DEMONSTRATION OF BONE

R. W. CUMLEY, J. F. CROW, and A. B. GRIFFEN, Department of Zoology, University of Texas, Austin, Texas

DEMONSTRATION OF BONE



Spalteholz, 1914



Cumley, Crow, Griffen, 1939

McLeod, 1980



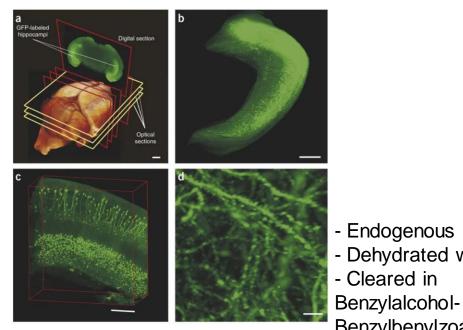
Fernandez et al., 2011

Fixation in 95% ethanol, treated with 1% KOH
Stained with Alizarin Red and Alcian Blue

- Cleared in glycerin (weeks)

Revisiting clearing methods

Renewed interest in volume imaging with the incorporation of fluorescent labeling



Dodt et al, 2007

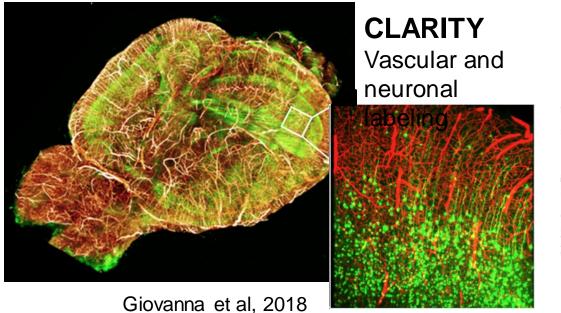
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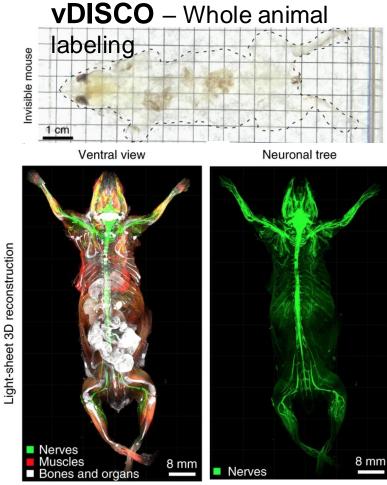
2 mm Vascular labeling by PBS fluorescent gel perfusate 15% Cleared in sucrose gradient sucrose 30% sucrose 45% sucrose - Endogenous GFP - Dehydrated with ethanol sucrose Benzylbenylzoate (1:2 sucrose

Tsai et al, 2009

As of 2019...

Improvements in clearing techniques and computational power pushed recent advances





Cai et al, 2019

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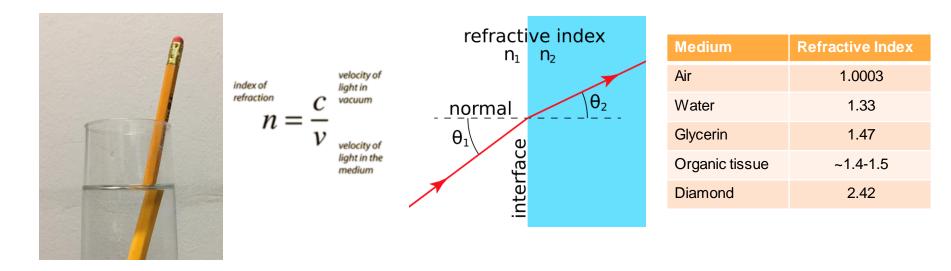
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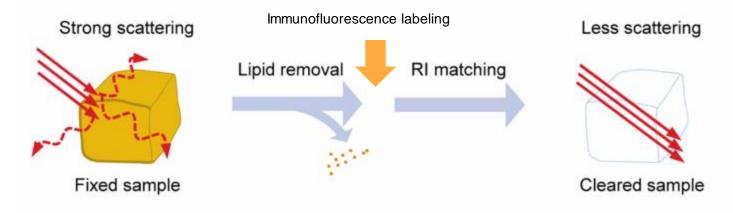
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Why is tissue clearing needed?

• Refractive index: Descriptor of how much light bends while passing through a medium

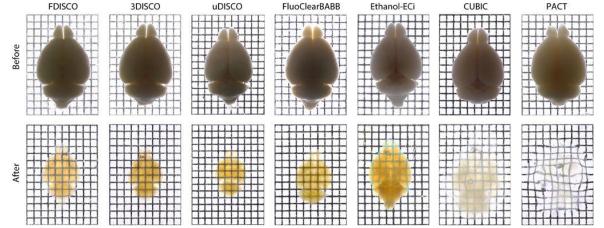


Why is tissue clearing needed?



- Lipids have a high RI (~1.44) and form granular structures, leading to strong light scattering
- Immersion of specimen in medium with the same RI as protein (~1.43)
 - Note: Dehydrated proteins RI is ~1.5

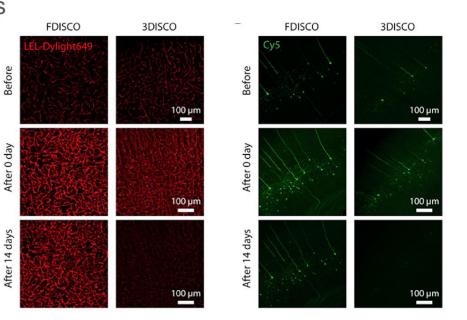
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- Changes to tissue size (expansion/shrinkage)
- Compatibility with fluorescence proteins and immunolabeling
- Ease of tissue and chemical handling
- Time of clearing process



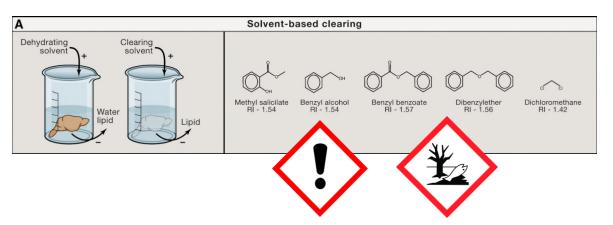
Qi et al, 2019

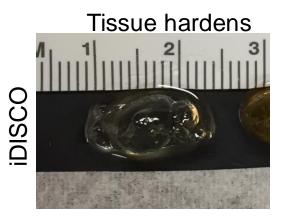
After 0 day

- Clearing capacity
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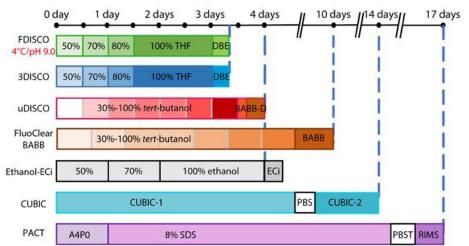


Tissue softens

CUBIC

Richardson & Litchman, 2015

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Seo et al, 2016 Qi et al, 2019

Test	F		Clearing properties							Labeling properties				
Tech- nique	Main clearing reagent	Detergent	Gel	Final RI	Clearing capability	Tissue scale ^a	Clearing time ^b	FP signal ^o	Lipid preserved	Tissue integrity ^d	IHC⁰	RNA	# Ab tested	Referenc
RI match	ning by simple i	mmersion:	aqueous-b	ased cl	earing									
Clear ^T	95% formamide	-	-	1.44	Medium	Young adult mouse brain	2-3 days	-	+	- No change -	Yes (small)	-	-	Kuwajima et al., 201
Clear ^{T2}	50% formamide, 20% PEG			1.44	Medium	Young adult mouse brain	2-3 days	++	+		Yes (small)		2	Kuwajima et al., 201
SeeDB	80.2% fructose, 0.5% thio- glycerol	-		1.48	Weak	Young adult mouse brain	Several days	++	++		Yes (small)	-	1	Ke et al. 2013
Dehydrat	tion, delipidatio	n and RI m	atching: so	lvent-ba	ased clearir	ng								
BABB	BABB			1.55	Strong	Adult mouse brain	2-3 days	+ (half day)	-	Shrinkage; hard and brittle	Yes (small)			Dodt et al 2007
3DISCO	DBE, DCM			1.56	Very strong	Young adult mouse brain	1-3 days	+ (1-2 days)			Yes (limited)	-	-	Ertürk el al., 2012a 2012b
iDISCO	DBE, DCM	-	-	1.56	Very strong	Adult mouse brain	1-3 days	+ (2-4 days)	-		Yes (large)	-	28	Renier e al., 2014
Hyperhy	dration, delipida	ation and R	I matching:	aqueo	us-based c	learing								
Sca/eA2	4M urea, 10% glycerol	0.1% TX- 100	-	1.38	Medium	Adult mouse brain	2 weeks	++	-	Expansion; soft and fragile	No	-	-	Hama e al., 2011
ScaleS	4M urea, sorbitol	0.2% TX- 100	-	1.44	Strong	Old mouse brain	Several days	++	+	No change; firm and sectionable	Yes (limited®)	-	5	Hama e al., 2015
CUBIC	4M urea, aminoalco- hols	15% or 0.1% TX-100		1.38 or 1.48	Very strong	Neonatal marmoset brain	1-2 weeks	. ++	- E -	Expansion _	Yes (small)	-	3	Susaki e al., 2014
CUBIC- Perfusion	4M urea, aminoalco- hols	15% or 0.1% TX-100	-	1.38	Very strong	Adult mouse	2 weeks (whole body)	. ++			Yes (small)	-	2	Tainaka e al., 2014
Tissue-g	el hybridization	followed b	y delipidatio	on and I	RI matching	3								
Electroph	noresis-assiste	d delipidati	on											
CLARITY	, SDS, FocusClear	4% SDS	A4P4 B0.05 or A0.5P4 B0.0125	1.45	Very strong	Adult mouse brain; 500-µm- thick post- mortern human brain	2-4 weeks	. ++		Minimal expansion -	Yes (large); multi-round (≤ 3)	ISH (small [*])	11	Chung e al., 2013 Tomer e al., 2014
SE- CLARITY	SDS, custom RI matching solution	200 mM SDS	A4P4	1.46	Very strong	Adult mouse brain	1-3 days	++	-		Yes (large)	Not tested	3	Kim et al 2015
ACT- PRESTO	SDS, RIMS*	4% SDS	A4P0	1.43- 1.48	Very strong	Adult rabbit brain (modest transparency)	2-3 days	++	-		Yes (large)	ISH	75	Lee et al 2016
Passive	delipidation													
PACT	SDS, RIMS	8% SDS	A4P0	1.38- 1.48	Very strong	brain and -	\geq 1 month	++	-	Minimal expansion -	Yes (large)	smFISH (small [*])	8	Yang, el al., 2014
PARS	SDS, RIMS	8% SDS	A4P0	1.38- 1.48	Very strong		1-2 weeks		-		Yes (large)	Not tested	6	Yang, e al., 2014
EDC- CLARITY	SDS, Focus- Clear	4% SDS	A4P4B0.0 5 or A4P0; 0.1 M EDC	1.45	Very strong	Adult mouse brain	2-4 weeks	; ++		Shrinkage (during hybridization and stringency wash)	Not tested	Multiplexed ISH using DNA- based amplifica- tion (large)		Sylwestra et al., 201
GA fixatio	on followed by	thermal de	lipidation											
SWITCH	SDS, custom RI matching solution	200 mM SDS	G1P4; pH 3 4% GA, pH 7 1% GA	1.47	Very strong (mild browning)	Adult rat and young marmo- set brains	4 days-2 weeks	-	+	Minimal expansion; hardened	Yes (large); multi-round (> 20)	-	86	Murray e al., 2015

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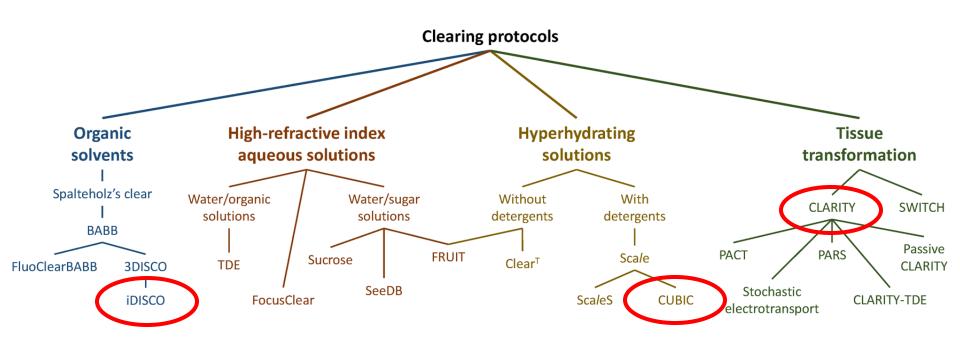
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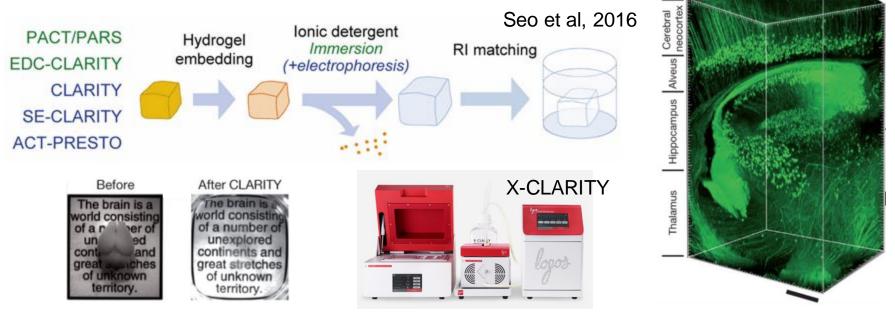
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Different methods of clearing



Silvestri et al, 2016

Tissue-gel hybrid formation followed by delipidation and RI matching



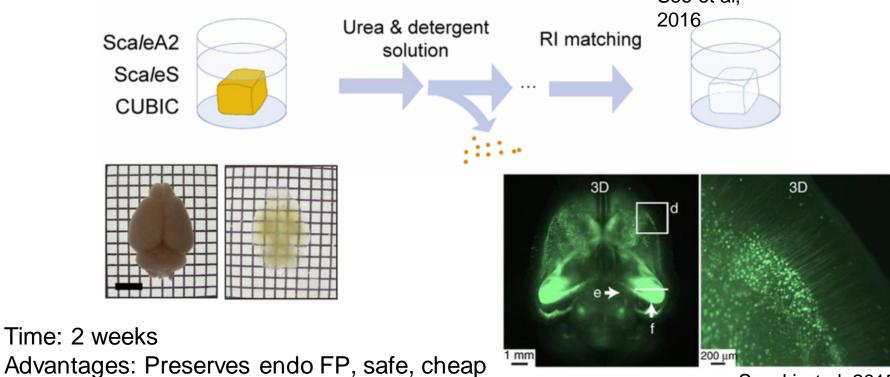
Time: Active: ~2 days-4 weeks; Passive: > month

Chung et al, 2013

Advantages: Min size change, preserves endo FP, min protein loss, allows for IHC

Disadvantages: Requires special equipment or very long immersion time

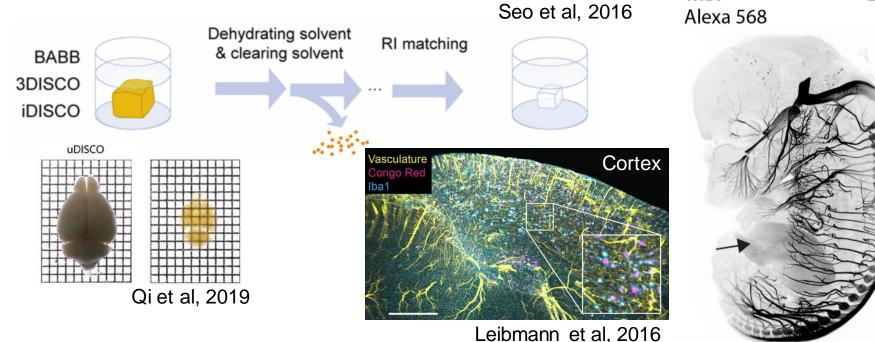
Delipidation and hyperhydration followed by RI matching (Aqueous)



Disadvantages: Tissue expansion, IHC only in small samples, protein denaturation

Susaki et al, 2015

Delipidation and dehydration followed by RI matching (organic solvent)



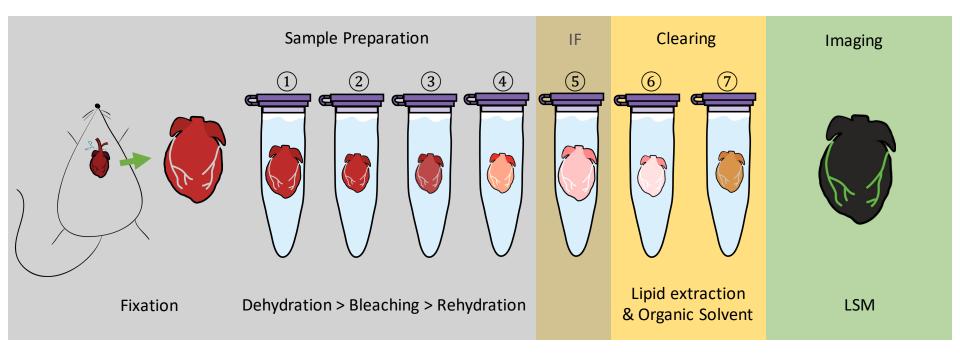
Time: 4 days, up to 3 weeks with IHC Advantages: Easy, cheap, allows for robust IHC Disadvantages: Tissue shrinkage, endo FP quenching, toxic solvent

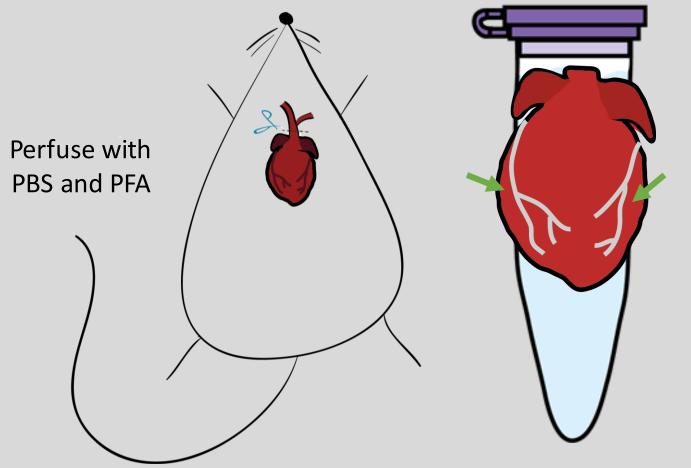
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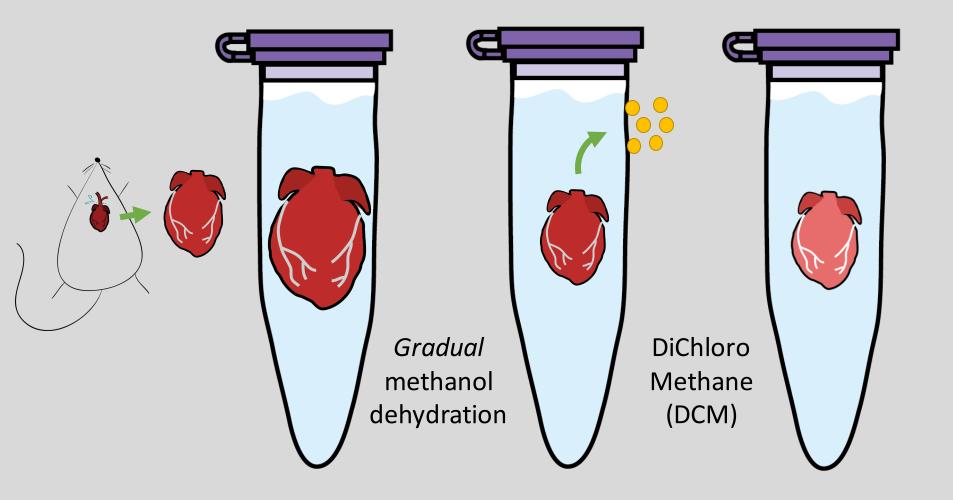
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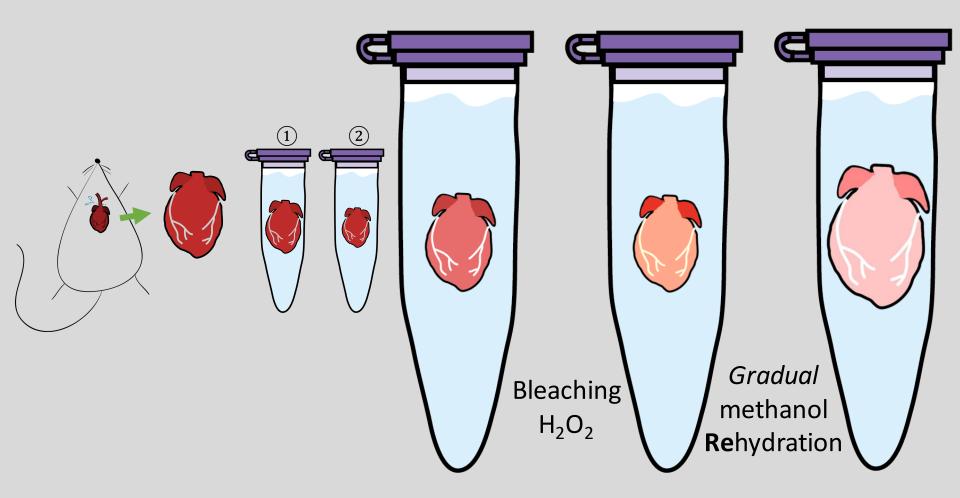
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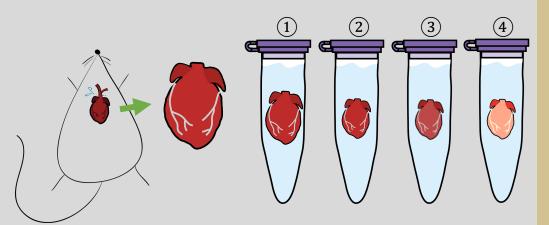


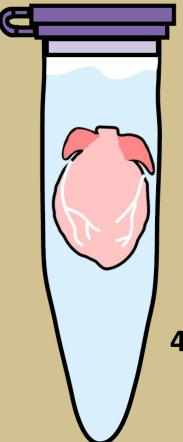


Incubate in PFA for 1 to 48 hours Rinse tissue with PBS









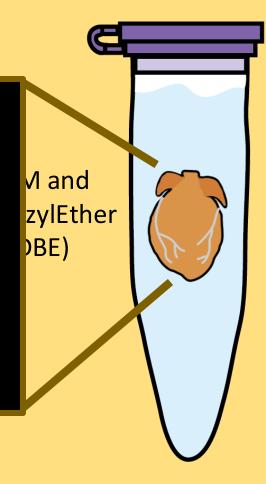
Immunolabeling:

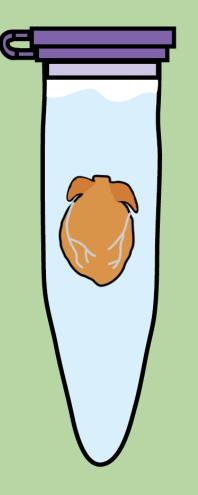
- Permeabilization
- Blocking
- Primary antibody
- Secondary antibody

4 day to 3 weeks

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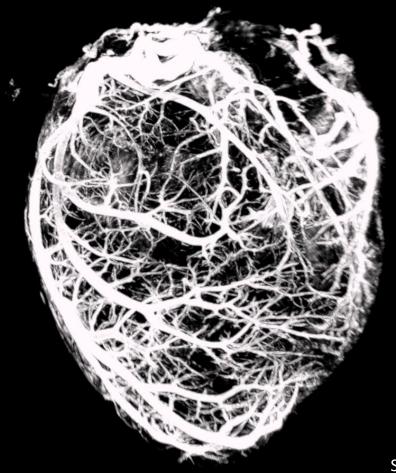
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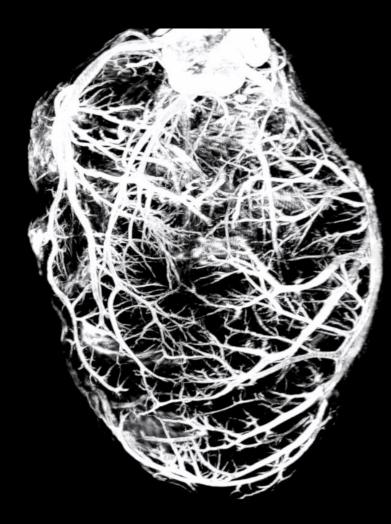




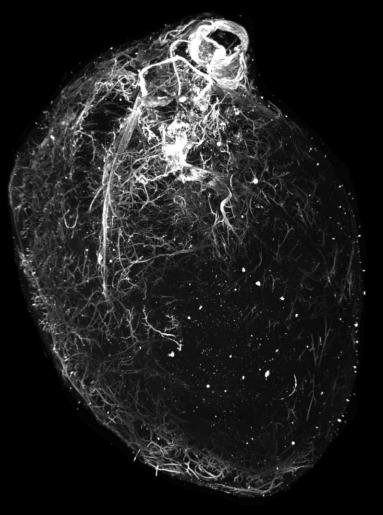
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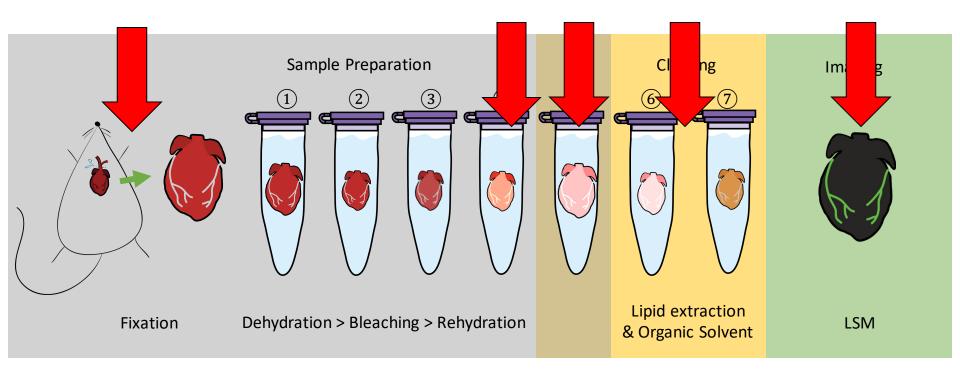




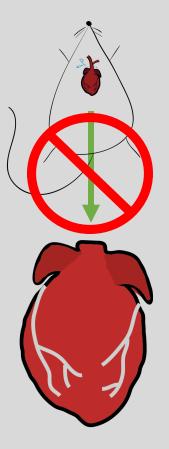
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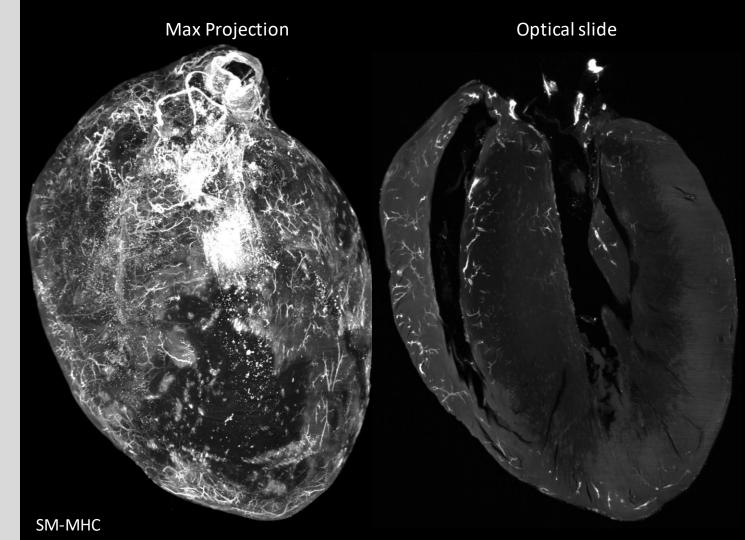


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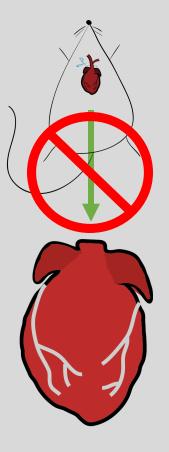


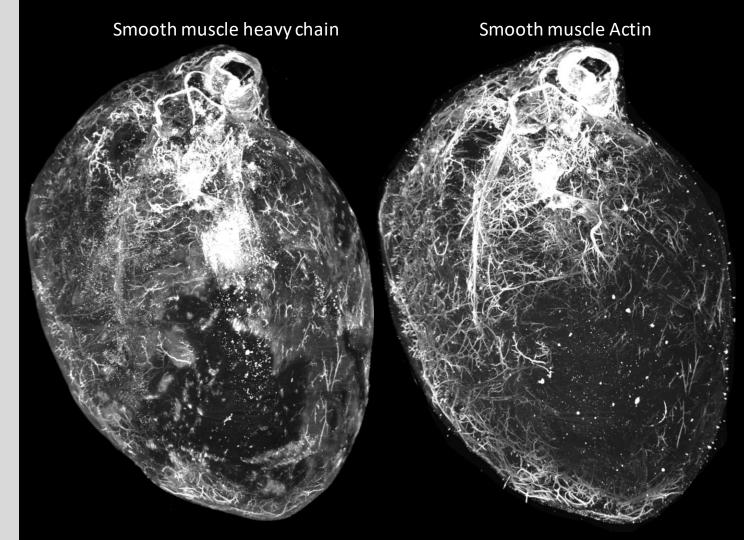
Perfusion is key

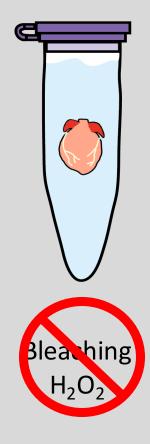


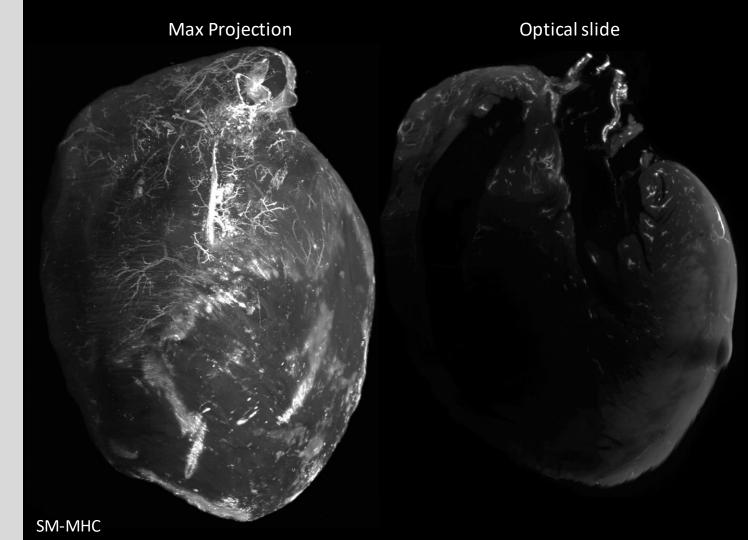


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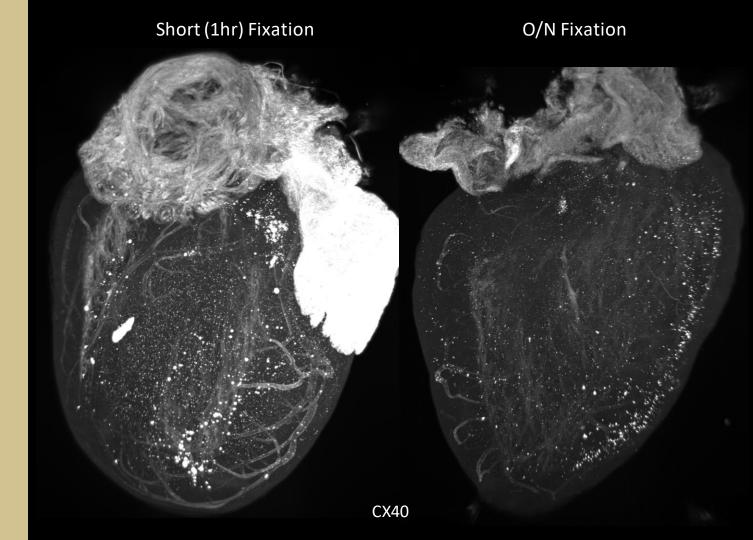




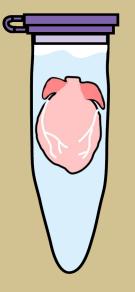


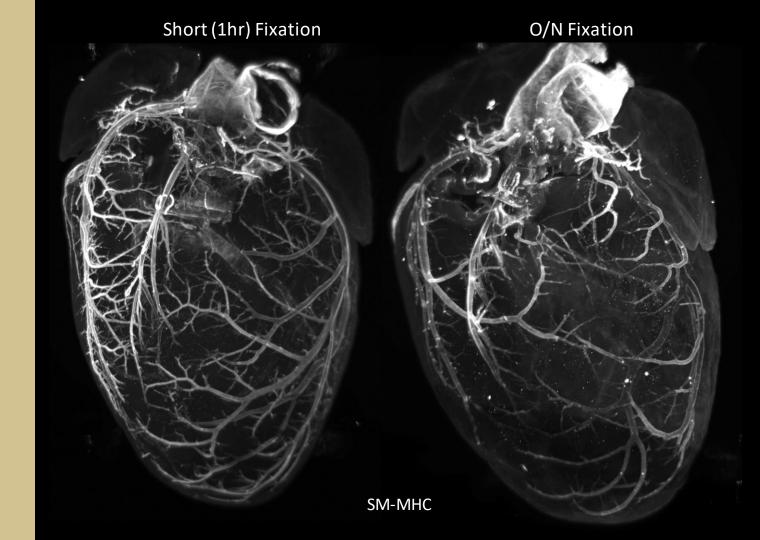


Know your antibodies: Fixation times



Know your antibodies: Fixation times

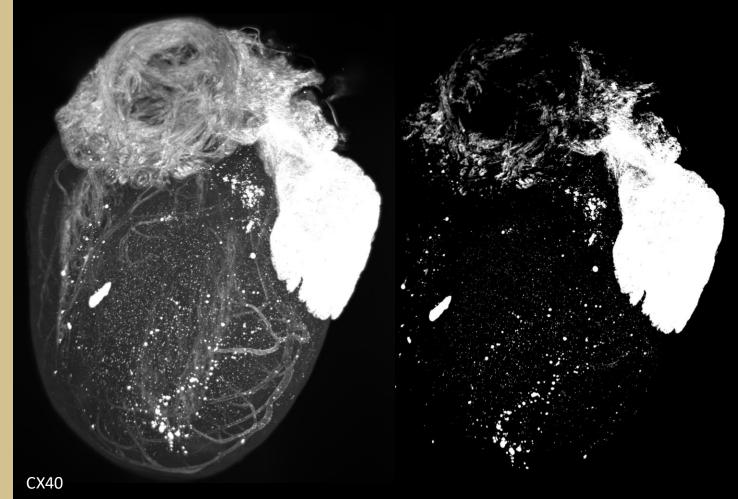




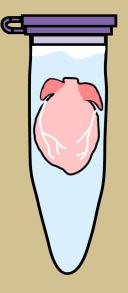
Know your antibodies: Concentrations

Max Projection

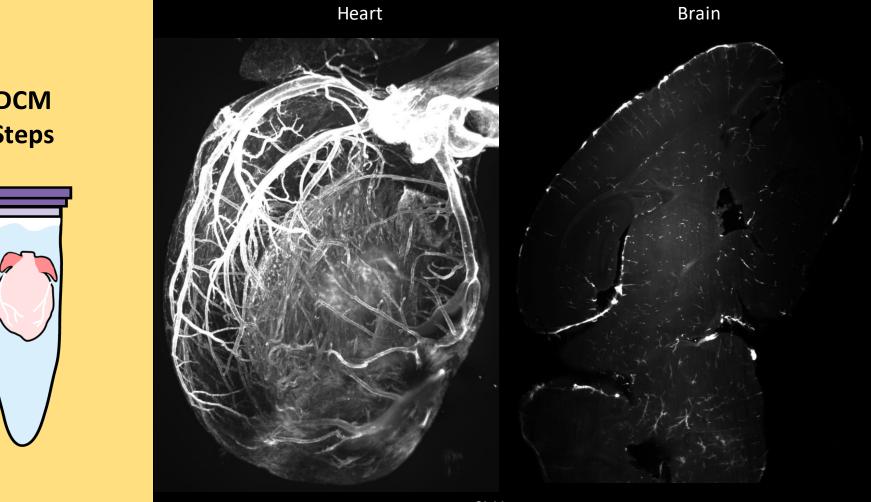
Precipitate Max Projection



Know your antibodies: Secondaries





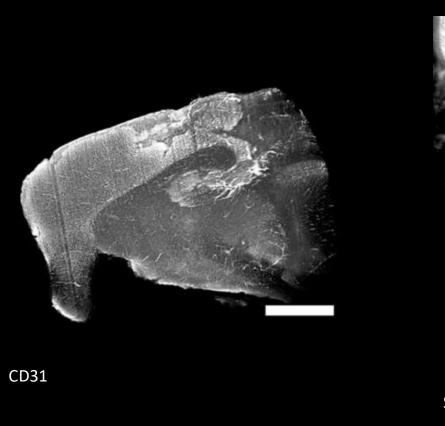


DCM Steps

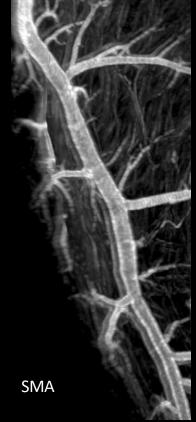
Equipment matters



Single laser LSM



Miss-aligned dual laser LSM



Merlini et al. Neuron. 2019

Post-processing can mend a broken heart

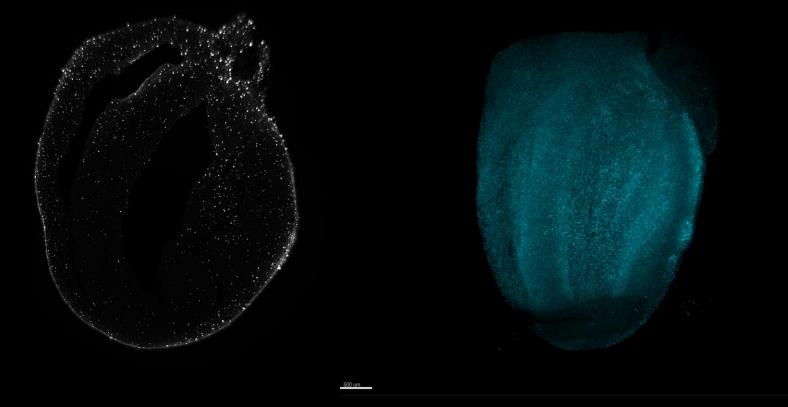


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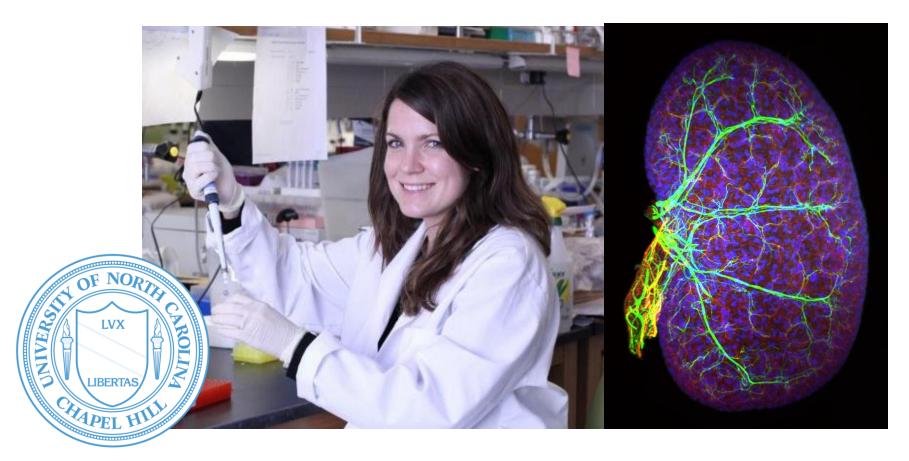


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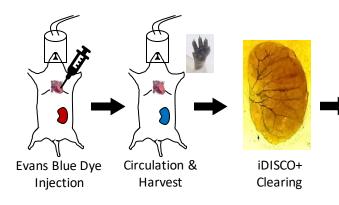


PH3 (masked channel)

Lori O'Brien Lab and Evans blue-vasculature labeling



Evans blue for labeling vasculature

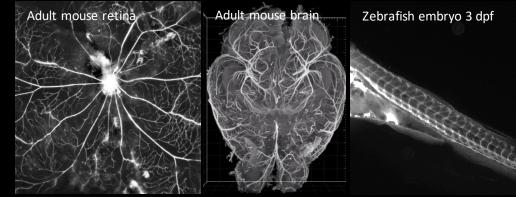


1mg Labeled tomato lectin: \$145 (10 injections)

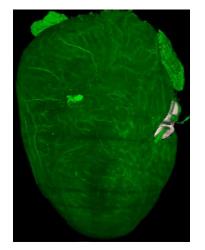
50g Evans blue=\$202.00 (13,888 injections) Kidney vasculatule

P6 mouse lung





Non-toxic alternative to organic solvents: Ethiethyl cinnamate (ECi)

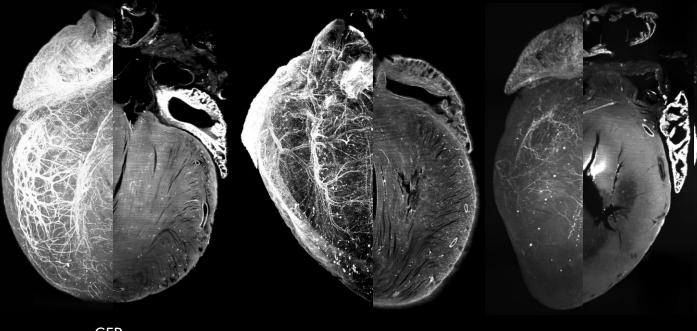


ECi: Merz et al. 2019. Nat Comm.

in vivo CD31 immunolabeling



Bonus: Antibodies that work with iDISCO



ERG VEGFR2 JAGGED-1 PROXY1 PDGFR

GFP

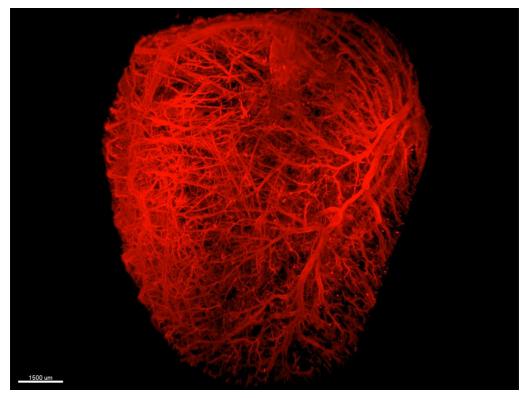
PECAM

RFP

Tips "Treats" and Tricks

- Fresh Solutions
- Troubleshoot antibodies

 ALTERNATIVE Method
- ECi non-toxic
- Plan ahead
- Be adventureous



Brian Raftrey

Microscopy for large cleared tissues (Suhaas)

Many names, same concept

LSM, light-sheet microscopy **LSFM**, light-sheet fluorescence microscopy OPFOS, orthogonal-plane fluorescence optical sectioning

TLSM, thin-light sheet microscopy

SPIM, selective or single-plane illumination microscopy

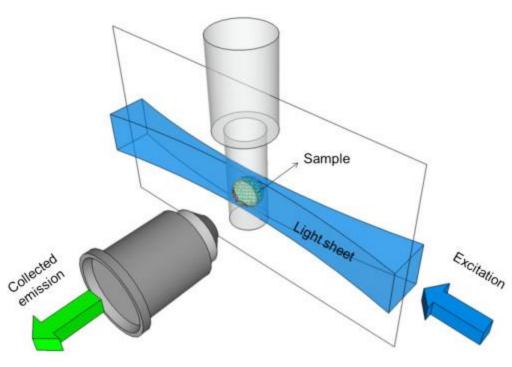
mSPIM, multidirectional selective plane illumination microscopy

HROPFOS, high-resolution orthogonal-plane fluorescence optical sectioning

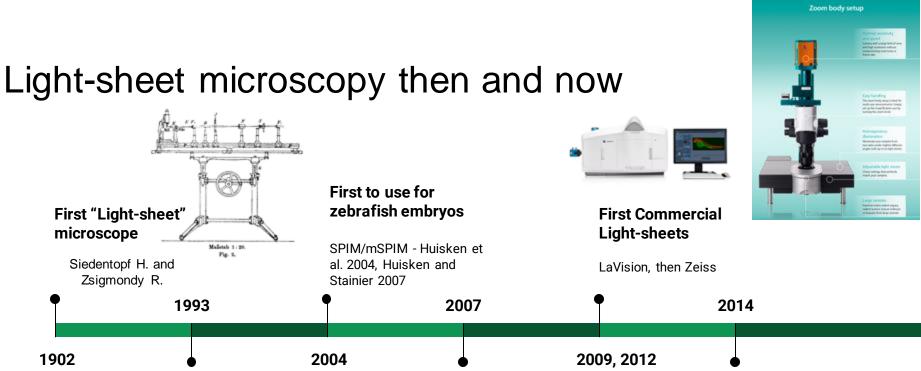
OPM, oblique plane microscopy

OCPI, objective-coupled planar illumination DSLIM, digital scanned laser light sheet microscope

TSLIM, thin-sheet laser illuminating microscopy



Olarte O et al. Adv. Opt. Photon. 10, 111-179 (2018)





1902

Modern application

Voie et al. 1993: Voie and Spelman 1995; Voie 2002

Imaging large samples (Brains)

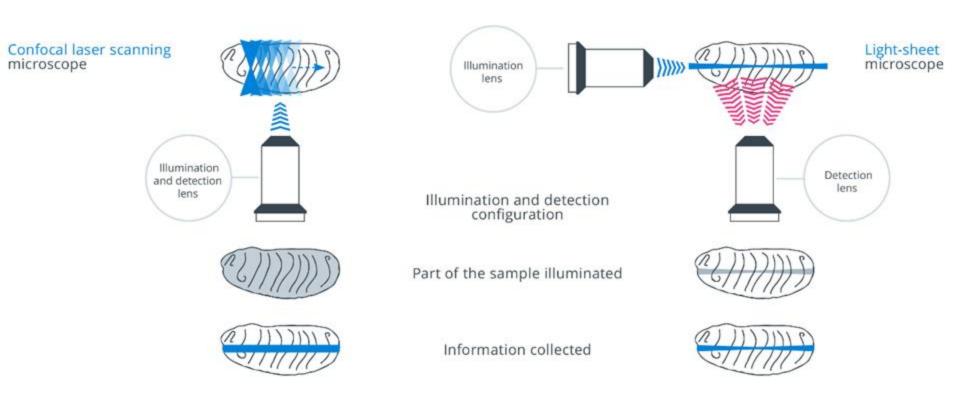
Dual-sided illumination Dodt et al. 2007

Lattice Light-sheet

Chen, B; Legant, W; Wang, K. Science 2014

Santi, P. J Histochem Cytochem. 2011

Guinea-pig cochlea. Voie et al (1993)



https://luxendo.eu/technology-details/

Pros and Cons of Light-sheet imaging

Pros:

- Volumetric imaging (up to 1-2cm thick)
- Fast acquisition
- Low phototoxicity/photobleaching

Cons:

- Requires sample-specific mounting techniques
- Relies on good clearing for larger samples
- Huge file sizes and data analysis



Olarte, O. et al. Adv. in Opt. and Phot. (2018)

Current options for Lightsheet



...and many more DIY and custom options!

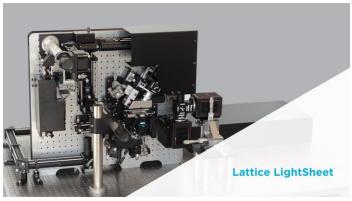




Applied Scientific Instrumentation CT-DSPIM



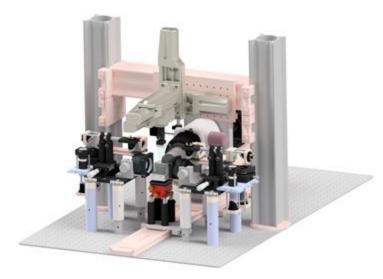
Leica TCS Digital Lightsheet



3i Lattice Lightsheet

Do-It-Yourself Light-sheet microscopes

MesoSPIM: open-source



Custom built



K. McDole, L. et al. Dev. Cell (2018)

Most Popular Commercial Options

Zeiss Z.1

- Great for live imaging of small samples
- Multiview reconstruction
- More complex mounting methods



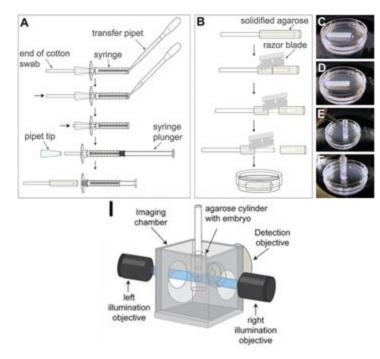
LaVision Ultramicroscope II

- Large FOV great for whole organs
- Organic solvent dipping objective available
- No motorized rotation of sample



Mounting examples

Zeiss Mounting



Udan R et al. Development (2014)

LaVision Mounting

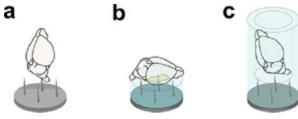






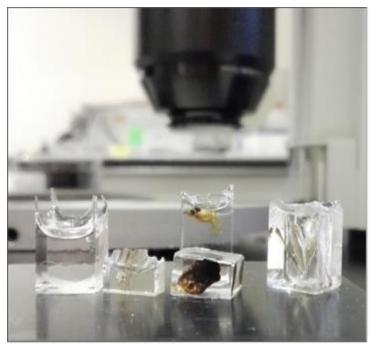


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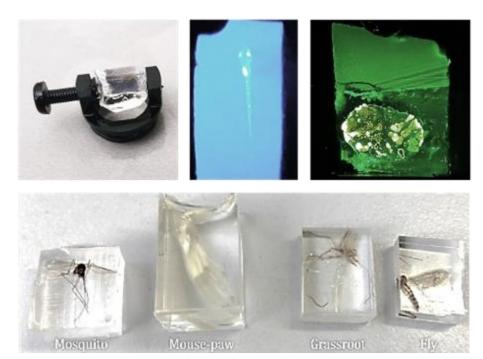
Silvestri L et al. J. Vis. Exp. (2013)

Mounting with Gels



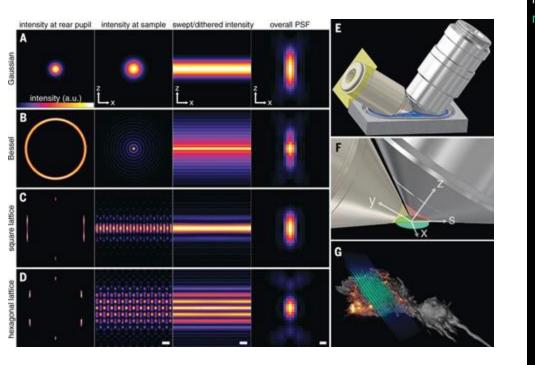
Agarose, PhytaGel, BioDur

For small samples and preservation:



Provided by Miltenyi

Lattice Lightsheet Imaging



HL-60 cell mCherry - utrophin FITC - collagen

Chen B, Legant W, Wang K et al. Science (2014)

Image Analysis (Suhaas)

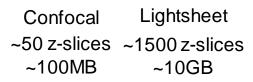


Why is it an issue? - Raw file size is large

The whole folder size can range from 10's of Gb to 1-10's Tb

First challenge is to open these images





Time-lapse Lightsheet >10000 z-slices >500GB



Handling the large image data sets

- Saving in big data formats dramatically improves loading time
- Does not decrease the file size/resolution
- Most computers may still not have the capacity to load in the entire dataset

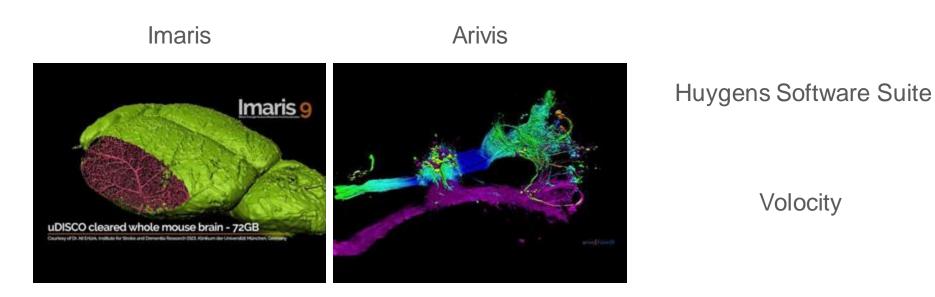


>4 minutes Hdf5 file





Want something more powerful



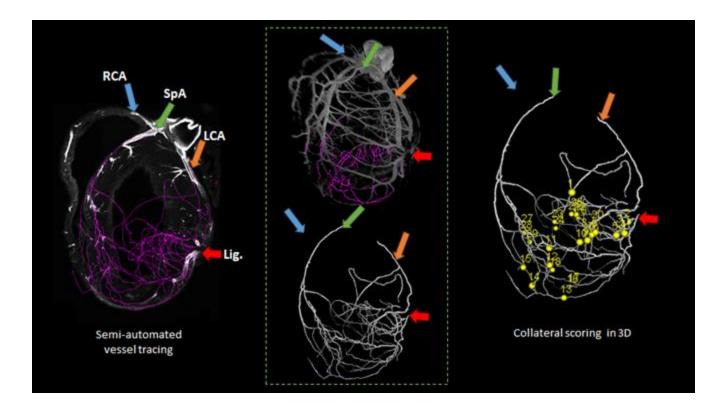
Tips to reduce data size

- After imaging:
 - Lower the resolution of the dataset
 - Convert to 8-bit (usually 16-bit is the default)
 - Only save a subset of the stack
- Archiving/compressing:
 - Can compress the image in ImageJ

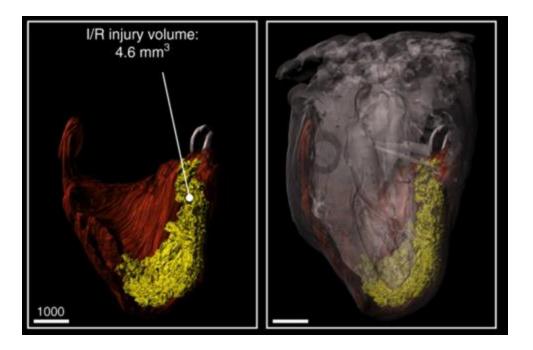


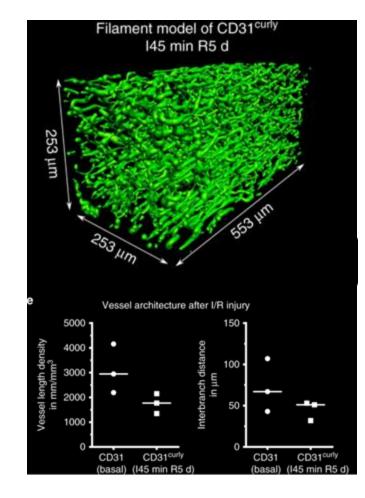
How can we get quantitative data?

Simple Neurite (Vessel) Tracer in ImageJ



Imaris features

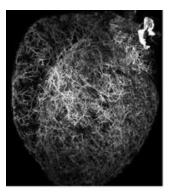




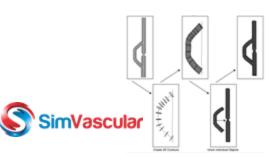
Merz S. et al. Nature Comm. (2019)

Adult mouse modeling

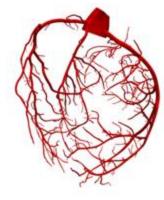
Light-sheet image

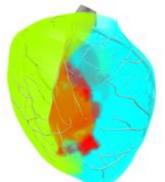


Simvascular



3D Segmentation

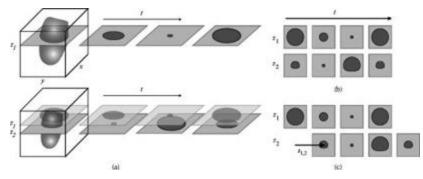




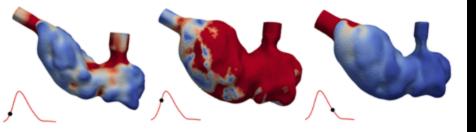
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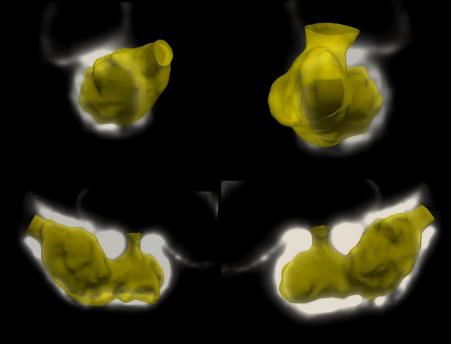


Using 4D lightsheet images for cardiac modeling



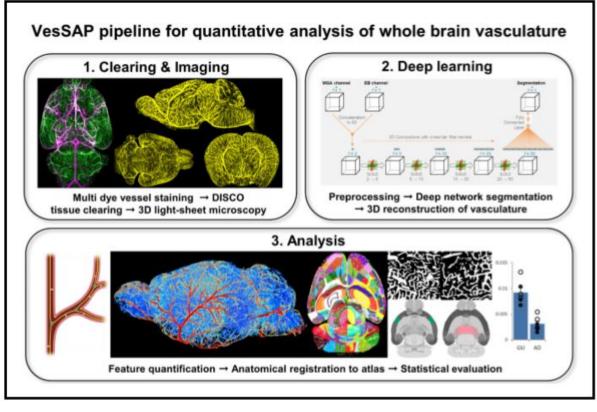
Liebling M, et al. J. of Biomedical Optics (2005)





Vedula V, et al. PLOS Com. Bio. (2017)

Deep Learning to Segment Brain Vasculature



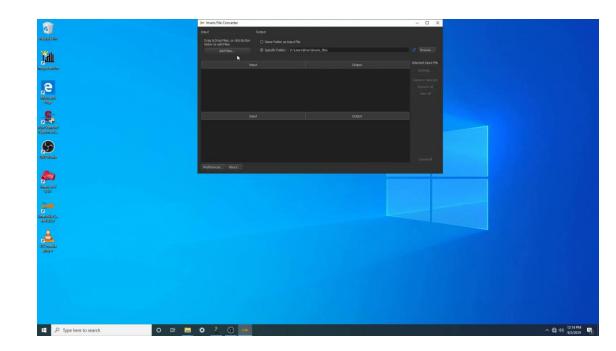
Todorov, M and Paetzold, J et al. bioRxiv 2019

Miltenyi presentation of LaVision Light Sheet Microscope (David Castaneda)

Appendix

Using Imaris converter

- Easily convert many image stacks into .ims files for imaris to read
- Once converted .ims files are much faster to load into Imaris
- Free tool good for pre-converting data before using Imaris at a core facility



Best Practices

- Secure your sample to prevent micro-vibrations that will distort your image
- Keep the microscope glove free to prevent organic solvents getting on the scope
- Make sure sample will fit within the working distance of the microscope

Saving data as Hdf5 file

