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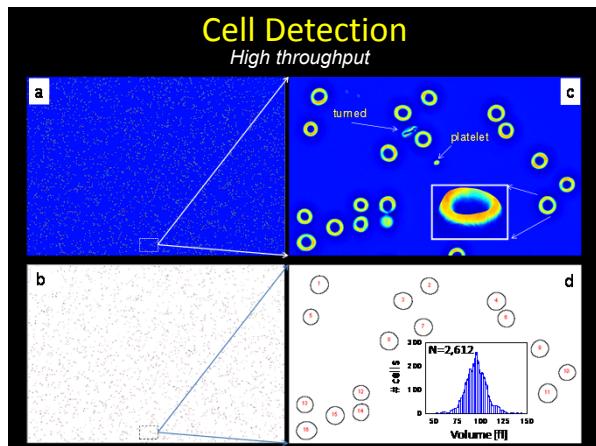
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Current Technology

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- ~ 50 years old
- Population level statistics
- Expensive
- Bulky
- Costly
- No Morphology

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Blood Cytometry

Refractive Index $n_c = n_s + \beta * C_{Hb}$

Height $h(x, y) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\Delta n} \phi(x, y)$

Volume $V = \iint h(x, y) dx dy$

Surface Area $dA = dx dy \sqrt{1 + \partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2}$

Sphericity $\psi = 4.84 \frac{V^{2/3}}{SA}$

Minimum Cylindrical Diameter

$V = SA * MCD - \frac{\pi MCD^3}{12}$

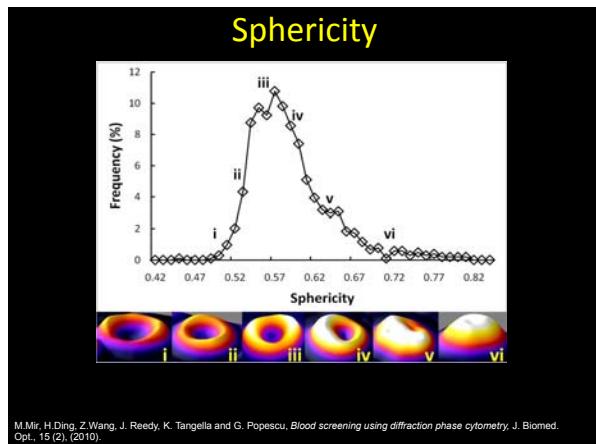
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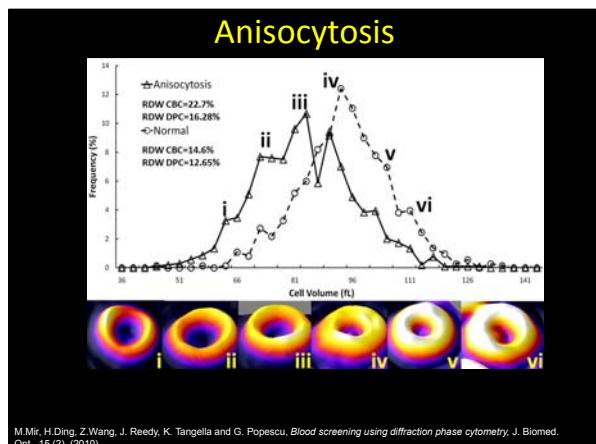
- 32 patients
- Compared measurements with hematology analyzer (Beckman Coulter).
- Determine capabilities in a clinical setting.
- Agreement with current instruments.
- Explore translational pathways.
- *Reduced need for an expert?*

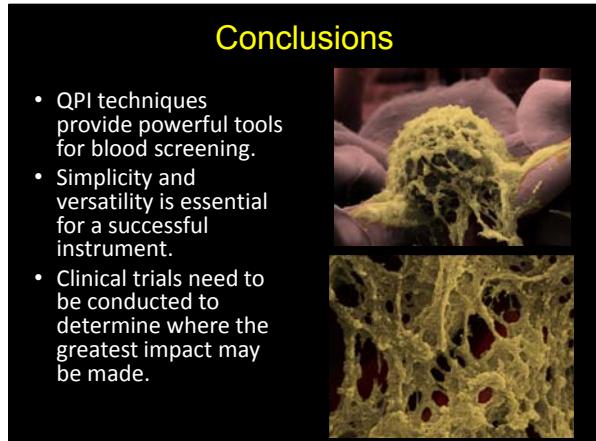
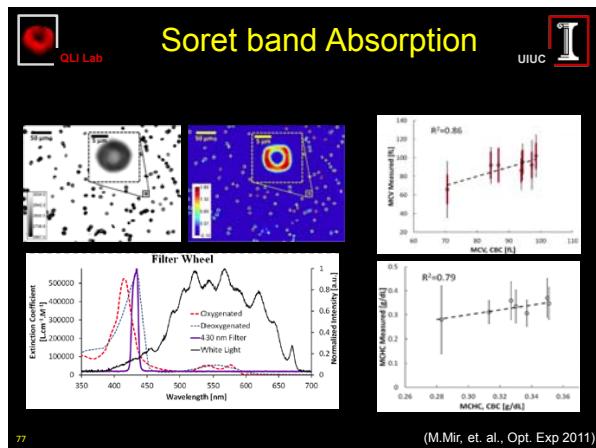
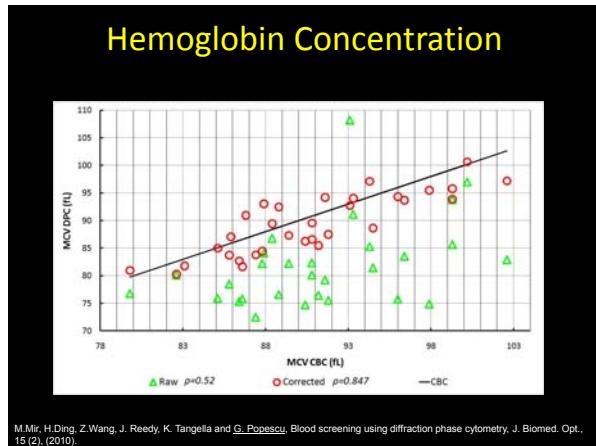
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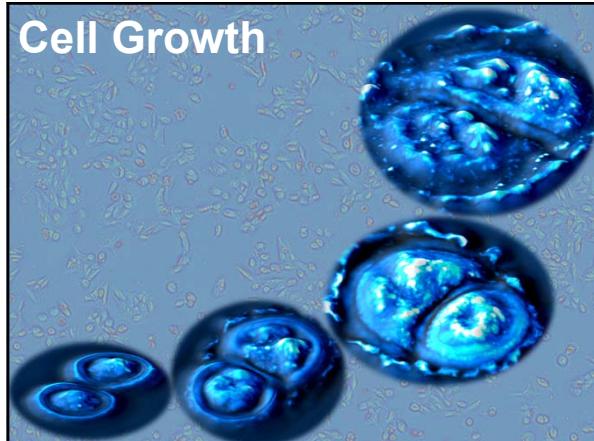
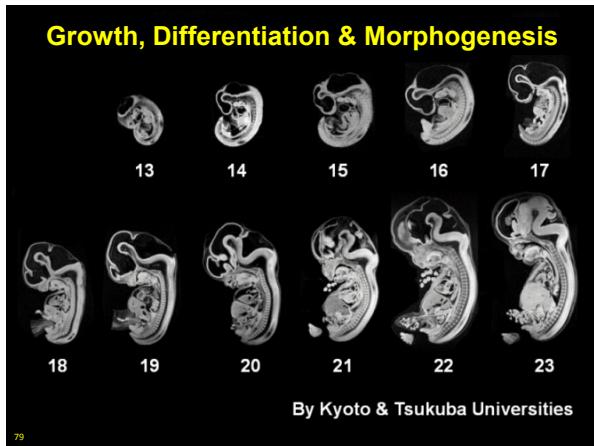


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Measuring Cell growth

"One of the last big unsolved problems in cell biology"

- How is homeostasis maintained?
 - Exponential vs. linear
- Difficult because cells are **small** ($\sim 10^{-12}$ g)
- Only double their mass (~need 10^{-15} g accuracy)
 - Morphology varies greatly

Tzur et. al, Science 325, 167-171 (2009)
Weitzman, Journal of Biology, 2,(2002)

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Current Methods

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- Traditional instrument:** Beckman Coulter Counter. Recently by Tzur et al., Science 2008.
- Phase Contrast and fluorescence:** e.g. from Reshes et al., Biophys. J., 2008.
- Suspended microchannel Resonator (SMR):** Godin et al Nat. Meth. 2010.
- MEMS sensors:** Park et al, PNAS 2010.

Only population level statistics

Limited to simple cell types, assumes constant density

Limited to non-adherent cell lines

Adherent but less sensitive & limited to single cells at a time

Ideal Method (Optical)

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- Quantitative and highly sensitive
- Non-invasive
- Stable for several cell cycles
- Follow single cells
- Compatible with many cell types
- Differentiate between cells in close proximity
- Fully biocompatible
- Multimodal

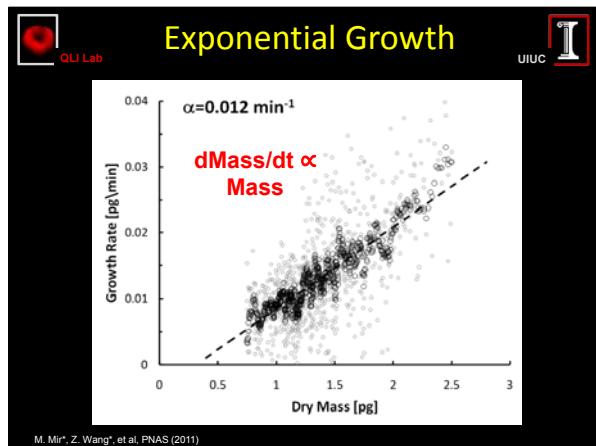
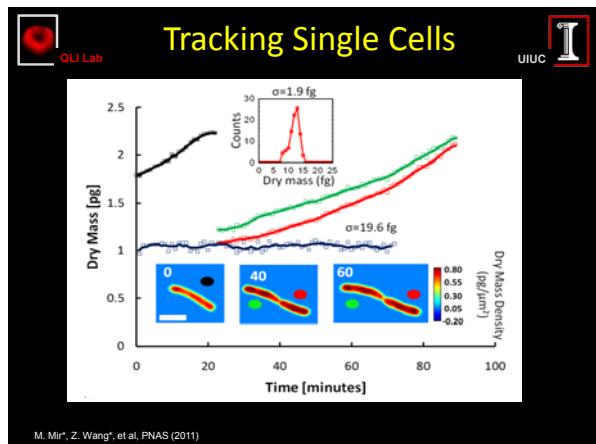
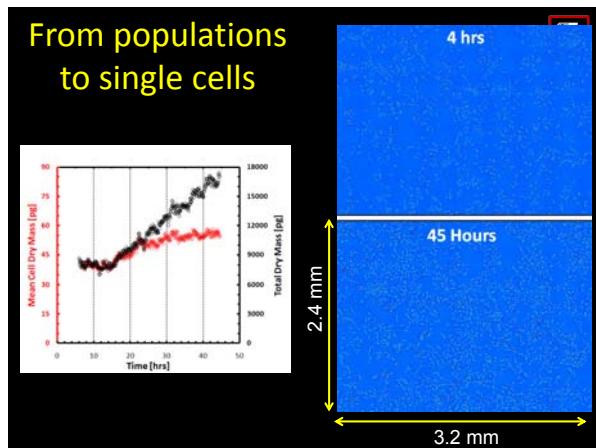
SLIM Sensitivity to Dry Mass

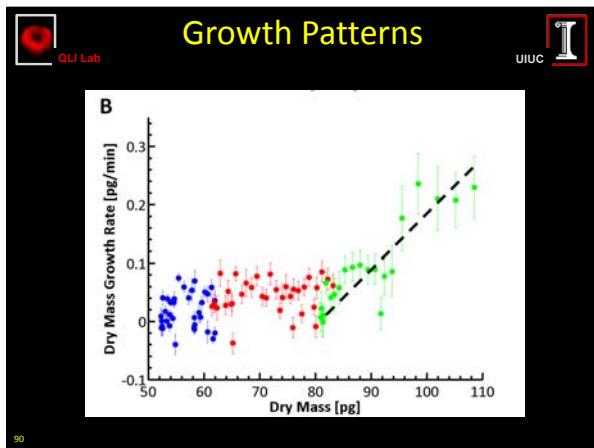
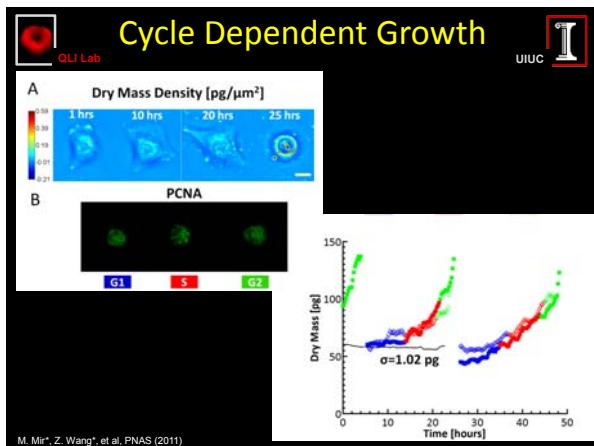
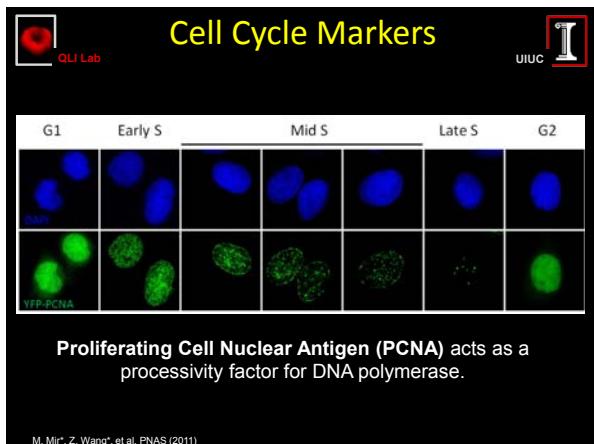
Spatial: $1.5 \text{ fg}/\mu\text{m}^2$

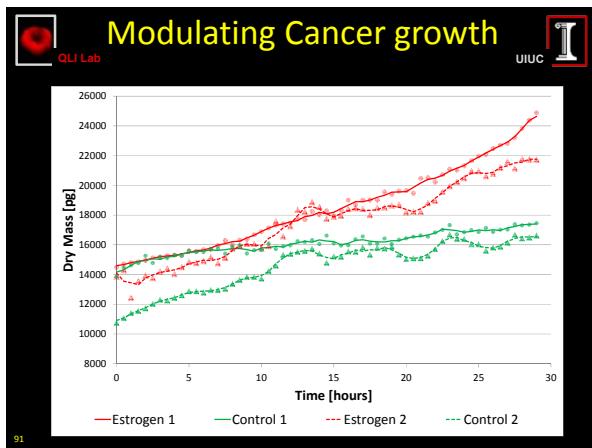
Temporal: $0.15 \text{ fg}/\mu\text{m}^2$

Environmental Control

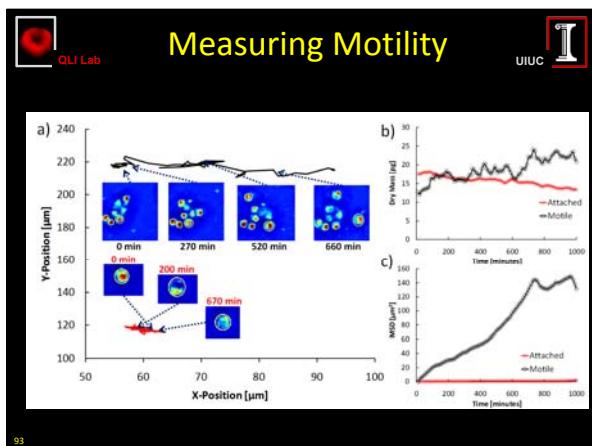
• Perfusion Chamber
• Temperature Control
• Humidity
• CO₂

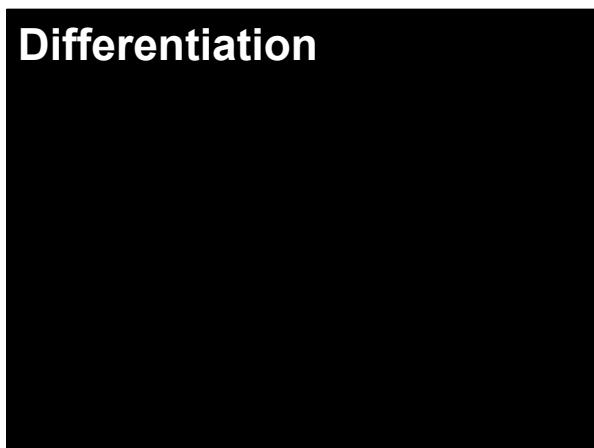
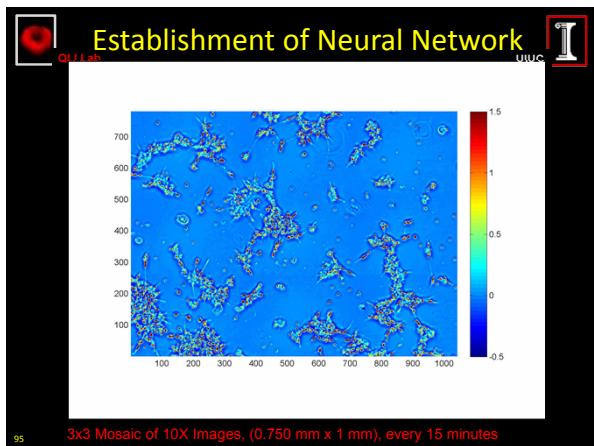
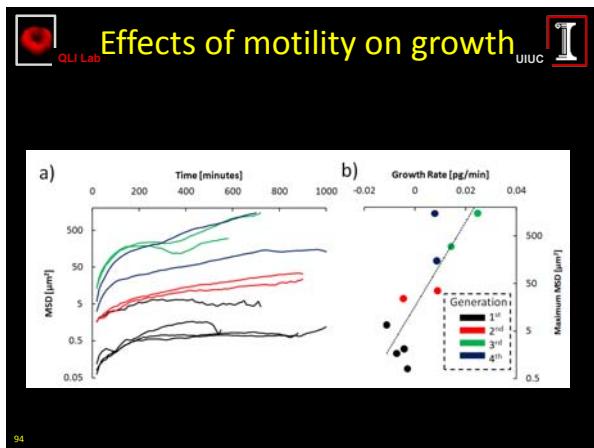


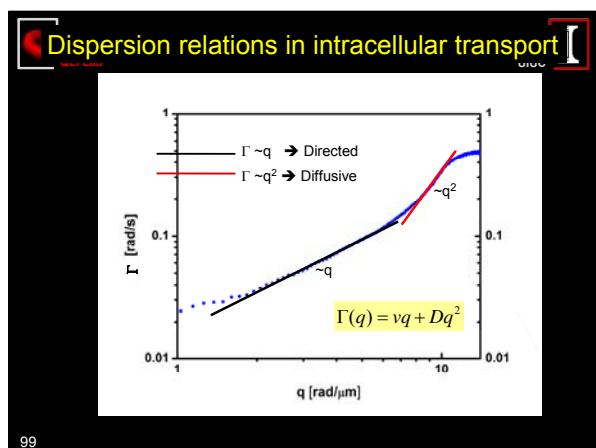
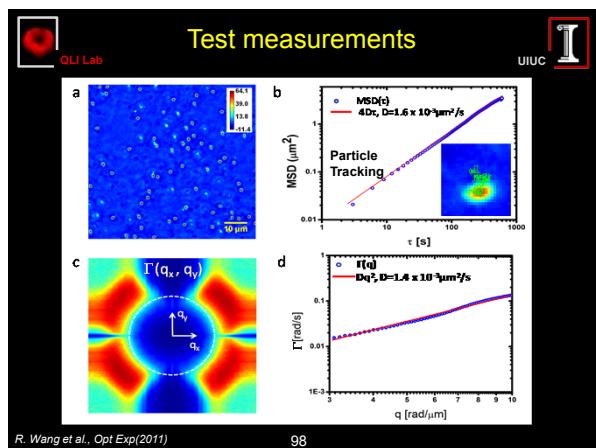
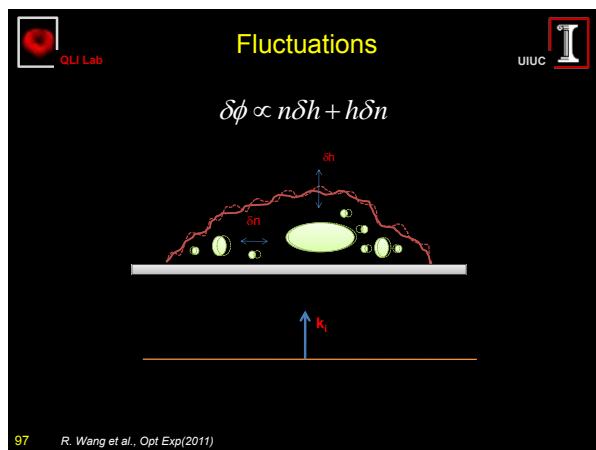


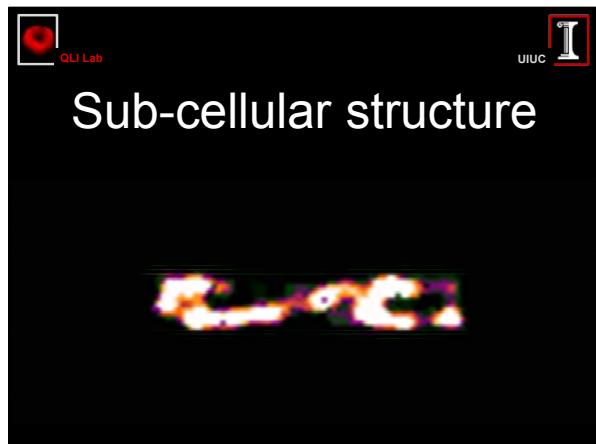
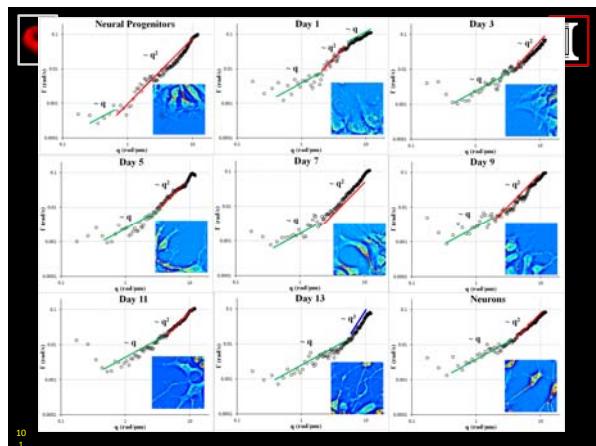
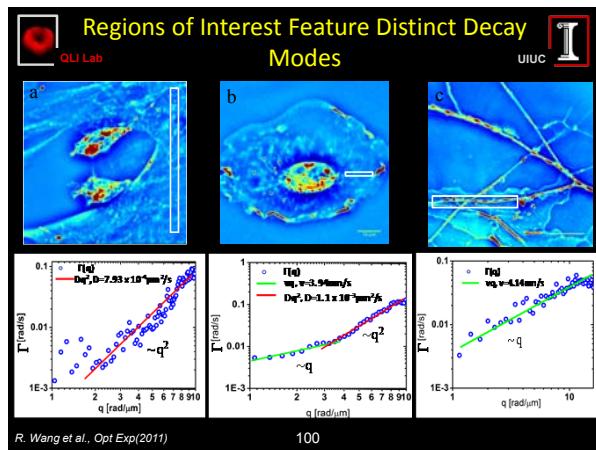


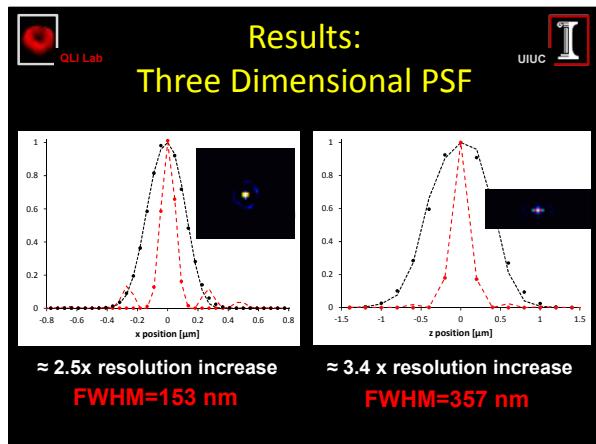
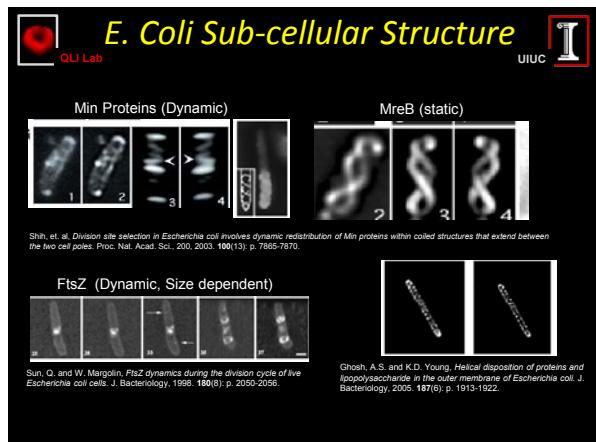
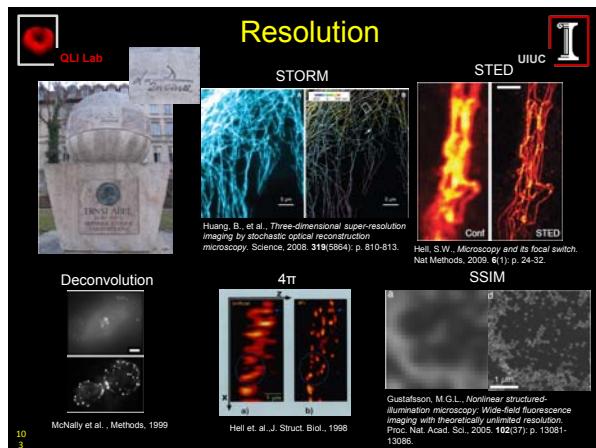
Cellular Motility

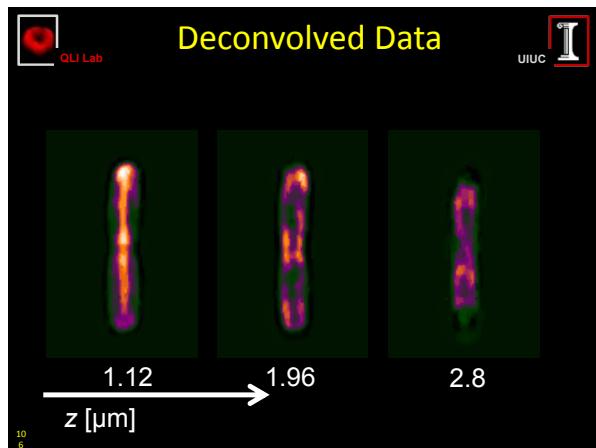


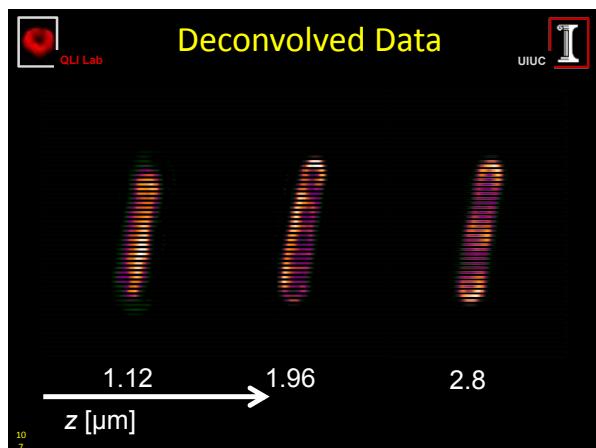


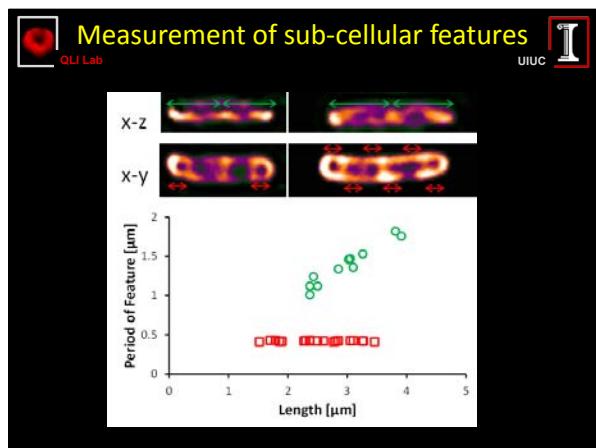














Conclusions



i. Label Free, quantitative Imaging
ii. Femtogram sensitivity for dry mass
iii. Spatial ranges from submicron to millimeters
iv. Temporal ranges from milliseconds to days
v. Ability to quantify dynamics without tracking
vi. Multimodal
vii. Fully biocompatible
viii. Suitable for most cell types.

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Outlook



- Specificity enabled applications
 - Synapse formation
 - Neuro-muscular junctions
 - Organelle dynamics
- Cellular Signatures
 - Cancerous cells
 - Differentiation stages
 - Heterotypic cultures
 - Modulation

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