

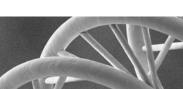
## **SNAP-Tag Technology**



## Spanning the Big, Little & Tiny...

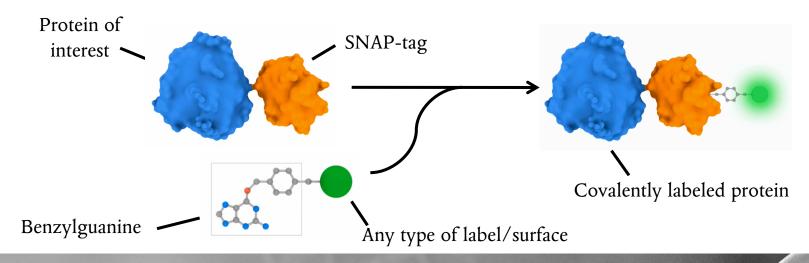
- Introduction to SNAP-tag and related technologies
- How does it differ from other approaches (ie. FPs)?
- Applications: Spanning the Big, Little & Tiny
- Conclusions and Questions





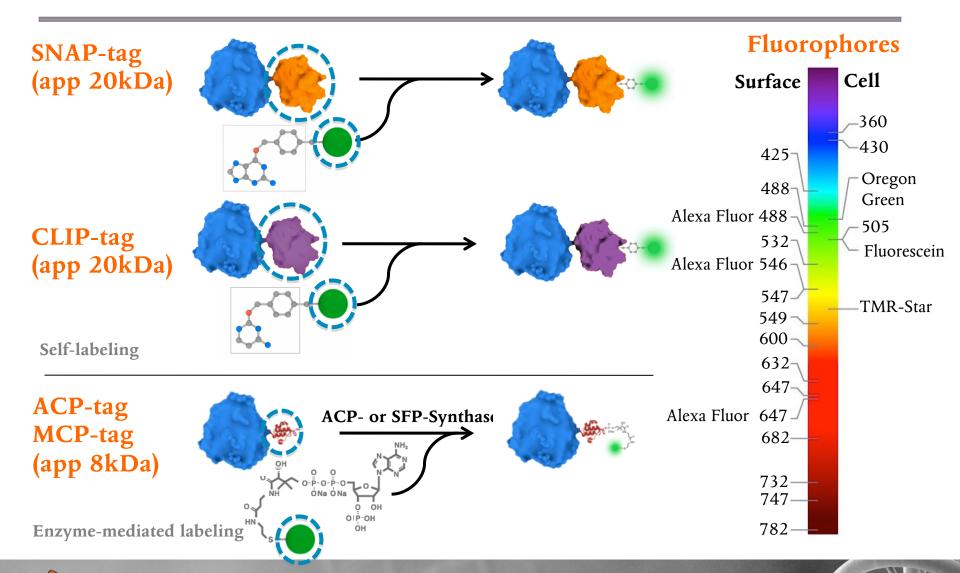
## Overview of SNAP-tag Technologies

- Overview fusion protein technology based on orthogonal protein tags that can covalently self-label in a variety of contexts including: in live cells, fixed cells and in cell lysates.
- **Applications** wide range of validated applications including: cellular imaging, biochemical assays, pull-downs, etc.





### Four Tags Available – infinite possibilities





## Functionalities "Encoded" by Each Label

"Label"		Product Name	Function/Application	
Cell-permeable fluorophores	€	SNAP-Cell CLIP-Cell	Visualizing proteins inside or on the surface of living or fixed cells	3T3 Cells SNAP-Actin SNAP-Cell 505
Non cell- permeable fluorophores	<b>-</b> (	SNAP-Surface CLIP-Surface CoA Labels	Visualizing proteins on the surface of living or fixed cells (ex. receptor internalization)	COS7 Cells  SNAP-ADRb2  SNAP-Surface Alexa Fluor® 546
Magnetic and non-magnetic beads		SNAP-Capture	Protein pull-downs	igue de la constant d



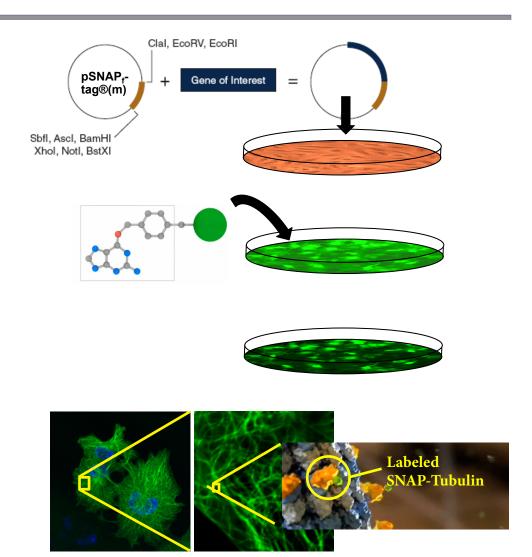
## **Live Cell Imaging Protocol Overview**

Clone gene of interest into NEB expression vector, transfect fusion into cells

Re-suspend label in DMSO and dilute in media; add to cells, incubate

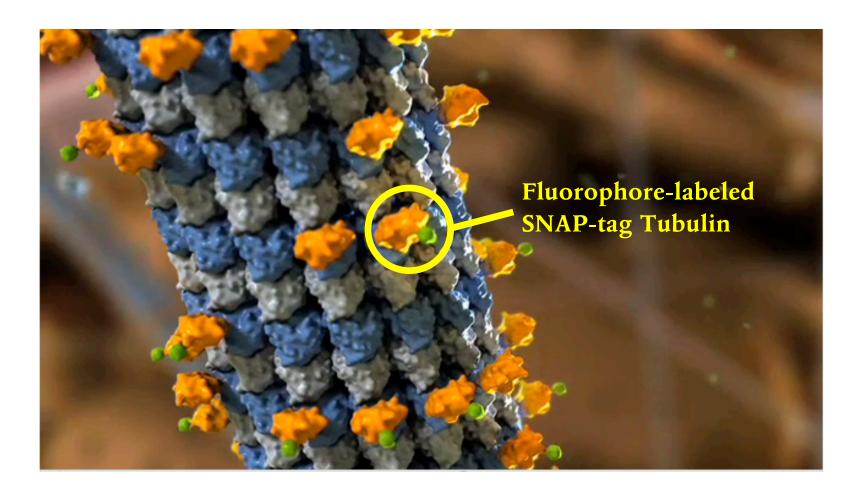
Covalent modification occurs, labeling protein; un-bound label is removed, cells rinsed

Visualize & Study

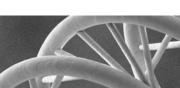




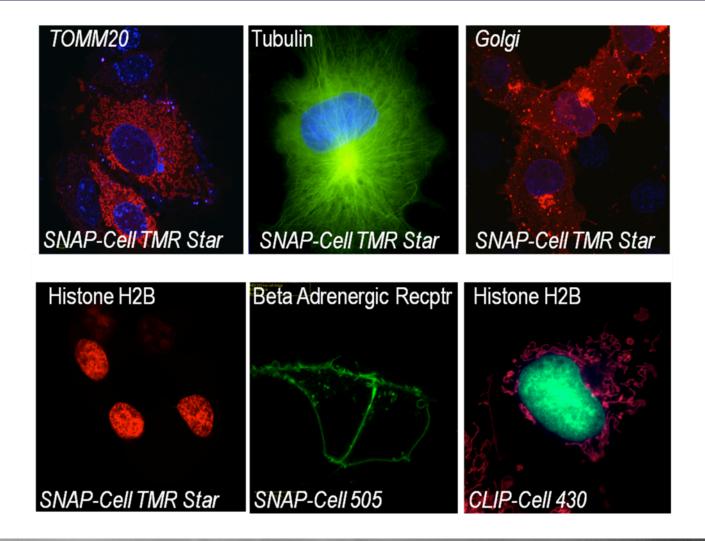
## Labeling of SNAP-Tubulin in Living Cells







### Tags Localize Appropriately with Fusion Partner

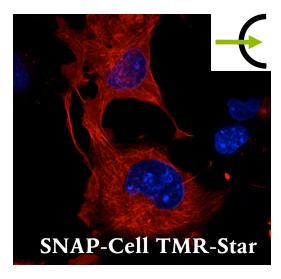


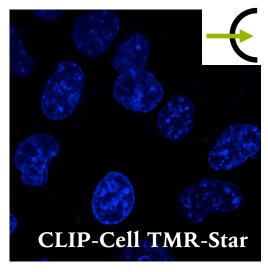


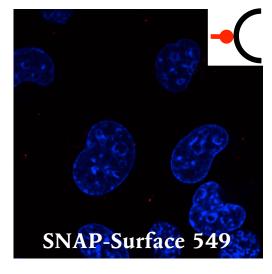
### No Background Labeling in Live Cells

- No Background Staining Exclusively labels fusion tag
- No Crosstalk Highly Specific

### Live COS7 Cells Transiently Expressing SNAP-Tubulin





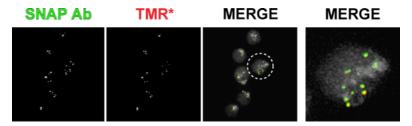




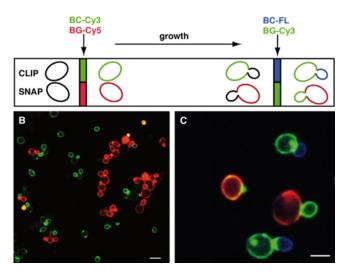
## Live Cell Labeling of Different Organisms

#### Drosophila melanogaster Kc cells

SNAP-Cell TMR Star labeling at centromeres



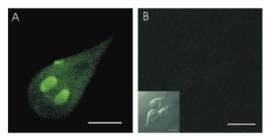
Erhardt, J Cell Biol, 2008, 183, 805



Gautier, Chem. Biol. 2008, 15, 128

### Flagellated protozoan parasite Giardia lamblia

SNAP-Cell Fluorescein staining of two nuclei of Giardia



Regoes, Biotechniques 2005, 39, 809

### **Gram-positive bacterium Bacillus subtilis** SNAP-Cell 430 labeling of flotillin-like protein YuaG



Donovan, Microbiology 2009, 155, 1786

#### Saccharomyces cerevisiae

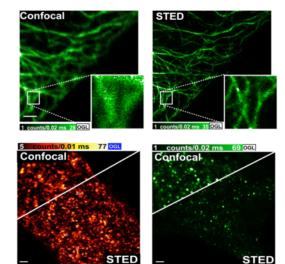
Double pulse-chase experiments of SNAP and CLIP fusion proteins



### Super-resolution microscopy

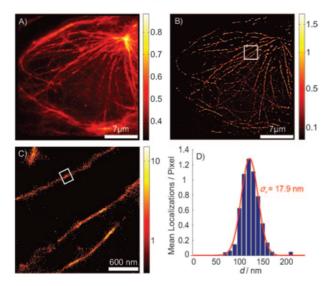
 SNAP-tag targeted probes for nanoscopy of biological structures

### **STED**

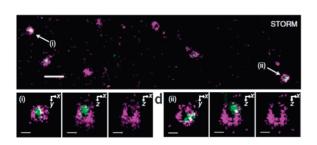


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### **STORM**

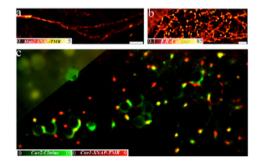


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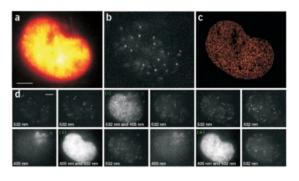
Jones, Nat. Methods 2011, 8, 499

### **GSDIM**



Testa, Biophys J 2010, 99, 2686

### **dSTORM**



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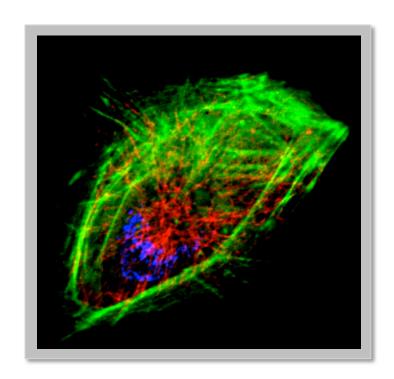


### Simultaneous Two-Color Live Cell Labeling

- No Background Staining Exclusively labels fusion tag
- No Crosstalk Highly Specific

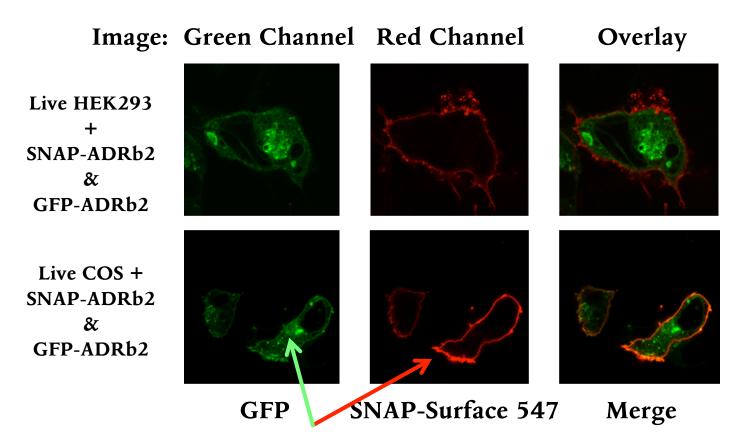
Live U20S Cells Expressing SNAP-Actin and CLIP-Tubulin

SNAP-Cell Oregon Green & CLIP-Cell TMR-Star





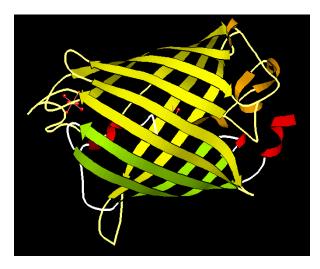
## Visualize Proteins Only on the Surface of Live Cells



SNAP-ADRb2 can be visualized **exclusively** on the surface of cells while GFP-ADRb2 is found near the surface and inside cells

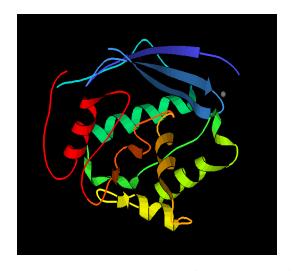


### How do SNAP-tag and GFP Differ?



### GFP (27kDa)

- Major use is live cell imaging
- Color is genetically encoded
- "Always" fluorescent
- Must re-clone to change color
- Not fluorescent after fixation
- "No" blocking agents available



### SNAP-tag (20kDa)

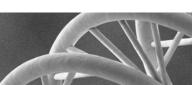
- Multifunctional tagging tool
- Color from added substrate/label
- Fluorescent upon addition of label
- Different substrate = Different color
- Fixation does not affect fluorescence
- Blocking agents available



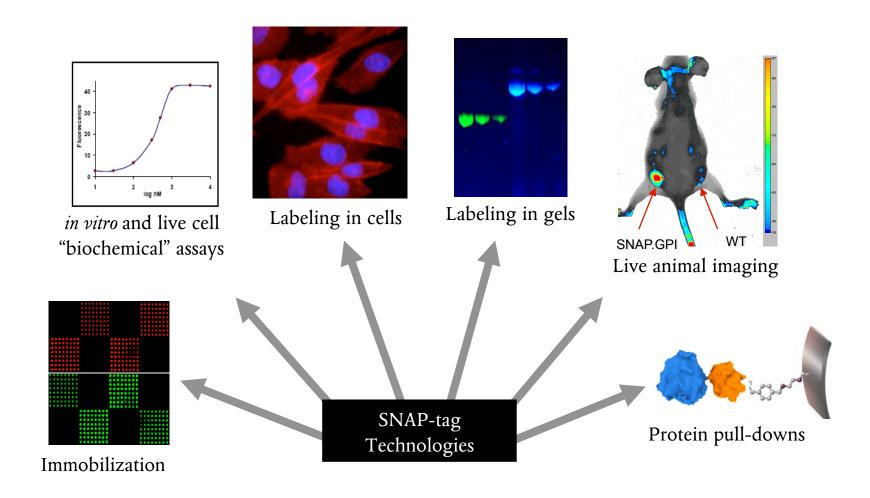
## How Does SNAP-tag Differ from GFP?

	SNAP-tag Advantages	GFP Characteristics
Mode of Fluorescence	Takes full advantage of a panoply of <b>chemical fluorophores</b> , allowing access to distinct spectra, photostabilities and other enabling characteristics	New "colors" rely on protein engineering; fluorescence generally "biologically" defined
"Time-resolved" labeling	Fluorescence initiated upon addition of label	Color is genetically encoded, protein is "always" expressed and "on"
Ability to change colors	A single construct can be used with different dye substrates to label with multiple colors, including in the near-IR	Requires separate cloning and expression for each color
Surface specific labeling	Can specifically label subpopulation of target protein expressed on <b>cell surface</b> using non-cell permeable substrates	Surface subpopulation cannot be specifically visualized
Visualizing fixed cells	Resistant to fixation; strong labeling	Labile to fixation; weak labeling
Pulse-chase analysis	<b>Labeling of newly synthesized proteins</b> can be turned off using available blocking reagents (e.g., SNAP-Cell™ Block)	Fluorescence of newly synthesized proteins difficult to quench
Customizable	Readily customizable with "building blocks"	Not readily tunable/customizable



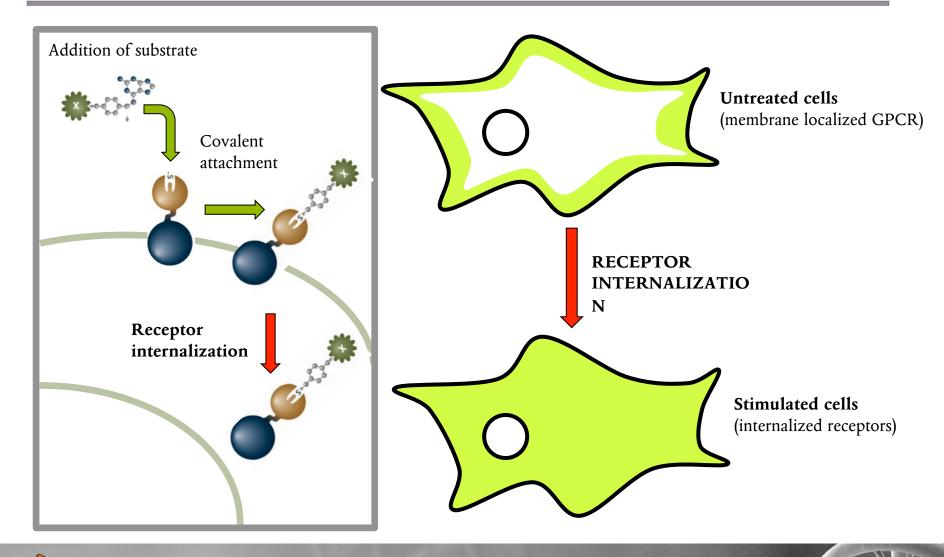


### Many Applications, One Construct



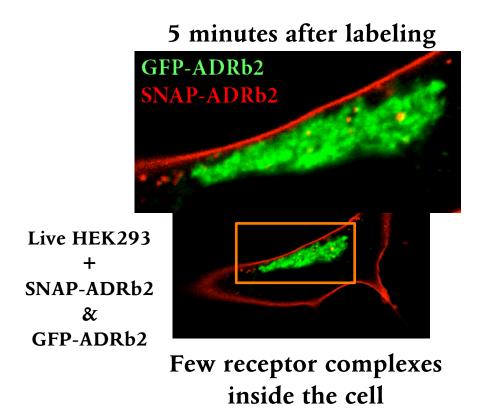


# Labeling on the Surface of Cells – Receptor Internalization

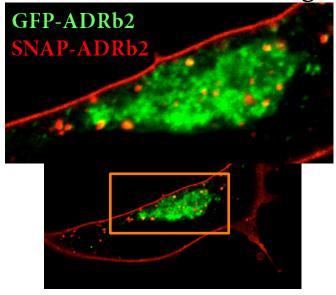




## Label Proteins Exclusively on the Surface of Cells



25 minutes after labeling



Increase in internalized receptor complexes



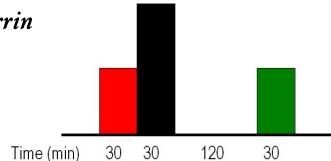
HEK293 cells expressing SNAP-ADRb2 and GFP-ADRb2 treated with SNAP-Surface 549. SNAP-ADRb2 labeled with SNAP-Surface 549 becomes readily internalized.

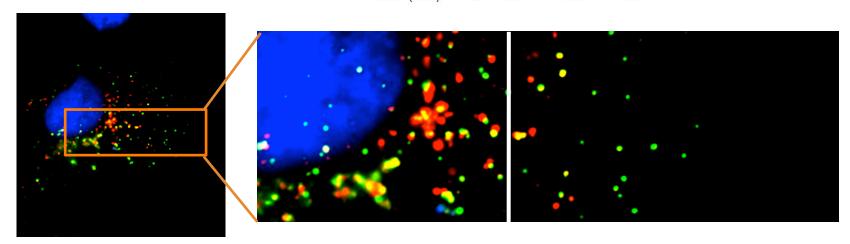


# Pulse-Chase Receptor Internalization Application

### Pulse-chase using SNAP-Transferrin

- 1. SNAP-Surface 547
- 2. SNAP-Surface Block
- 3. SNAP-Surface 488



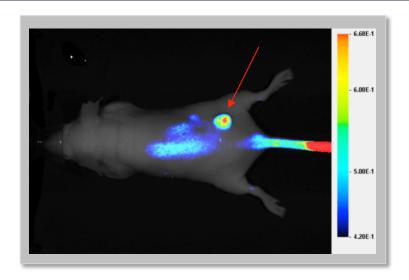




Live-cell labeling and imaging of COS-7 cells transiently expressing SNAP-Transferrin receptor (TfR). Differences in the localization of internalized SNAP-TfR can be monitored in **real time**.

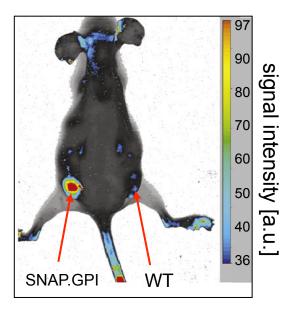


### **Imaging in Small Animal Models**



24h mouse image of SNAP-EGF-800CW: A431 tumor cells were implanted subcutaneously on the right flank of a nu/nu mouse and grown to 0.5 cm. Imaging was performed with a Pearl Imager at LI-COR Biosciences at 24 hours post injection of IRDye800CW-SNAP-EGF.

(Collaboration between NEB and LI-COR)

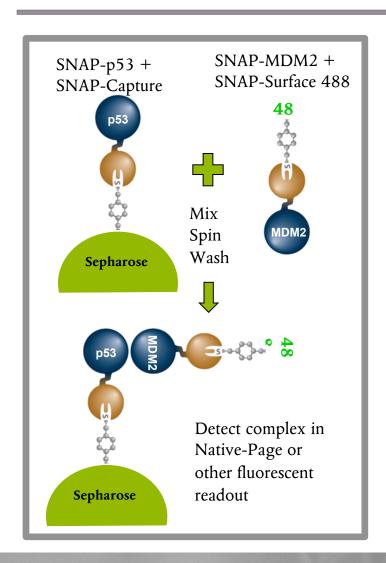


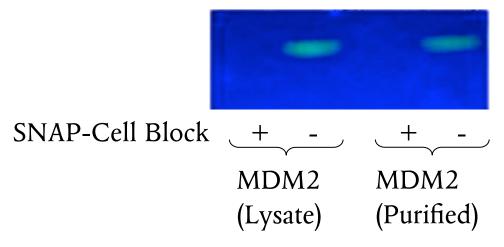
*in vivo* imaging of a nude mouse bearing TSA SNAP-GPI (left) and WT (right) tumors 24 hr after an intravenous injection of SNAP-Surface 782.

(Bojkowska et al., *Chemistry & Biology* **2011**, 18, 805–815)



## Protein Pull-downs Using SNAP-Capture Products

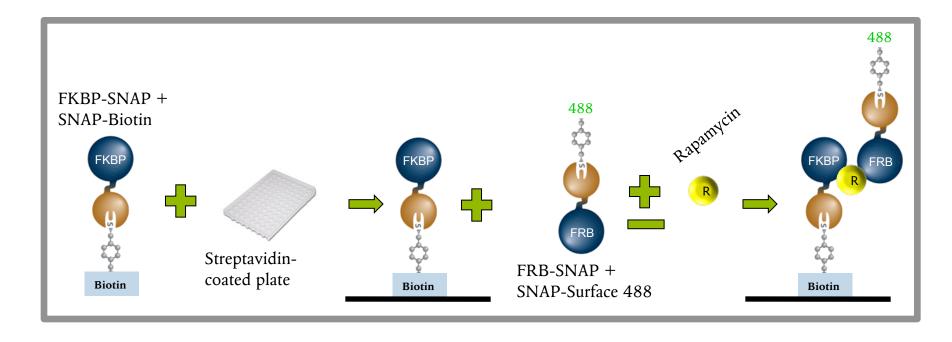




Use of SNAP-p53 conjugated to sepharose beads (SNAP-Capture Pull Down Beads) to pull down SNAP-MDM2 labeled with SNAP-Surface 488 from a lysate or cocktail of purified proteins.



# HTS Binding Assays Using SNAP-tag Technologies

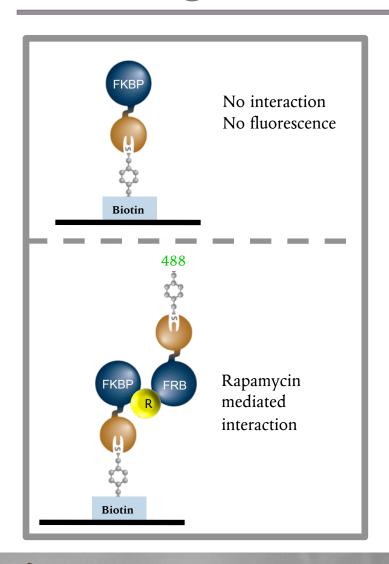


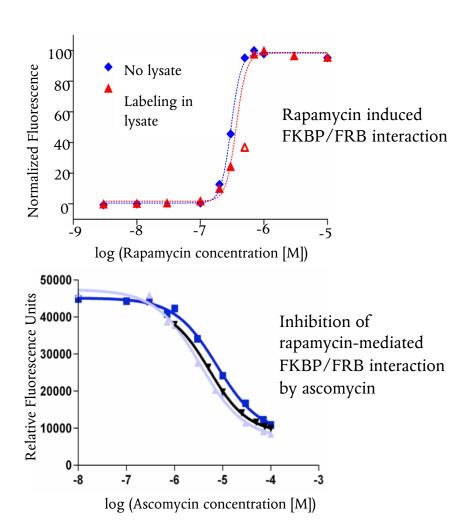
High throughput plate based biochemical assay to study the kinetics of rapamycin regulated interaction between SNAP-FKBP and SNAP-FRB

FKBP, or FK506 binding protein, is a family of proteins that have prolyl isomerase activity and are related to the cyclophilins in function, though not in amino acid sequence. FK506-rapamycin binding protein (FRB)



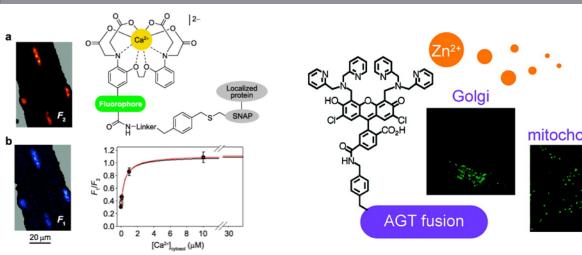
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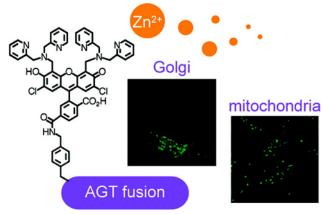




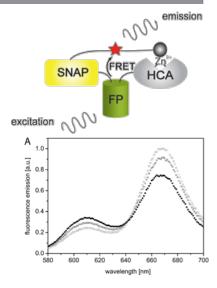
## In Vitro and Live Cell Biochemical Assays



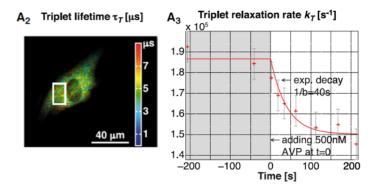
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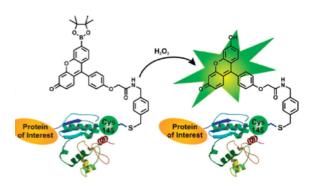
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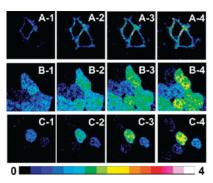
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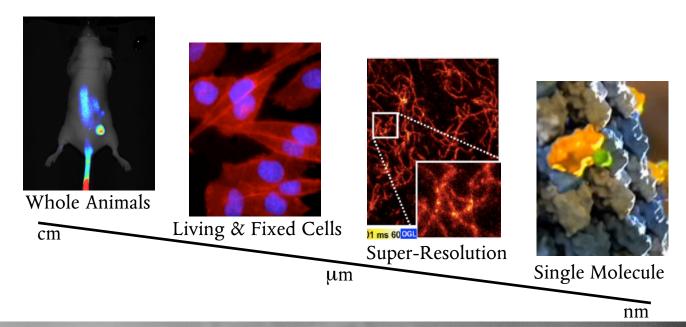
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### In Conclusion...

- Enabling unique with advantages vs. other technologies
- Multiplex 4 tags available with a wide range of labels
- Seamless Move between living and fixed cells (and cell lysates)





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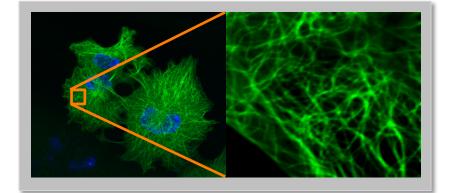
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