MICROSCOPY, IN A HEARTBEAT

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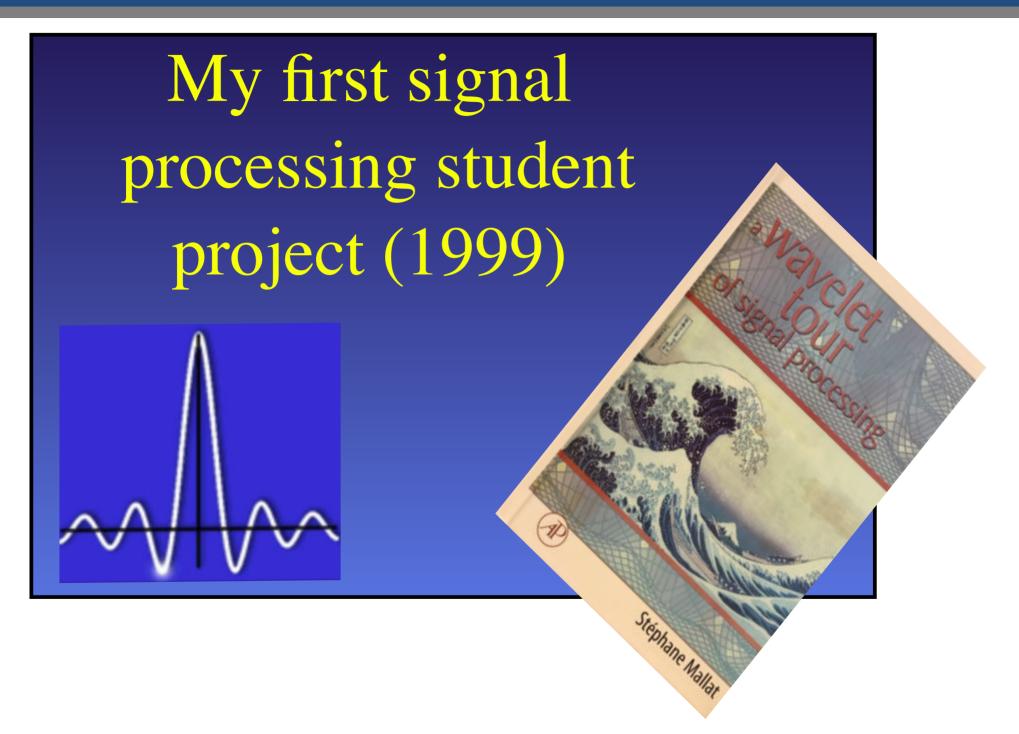
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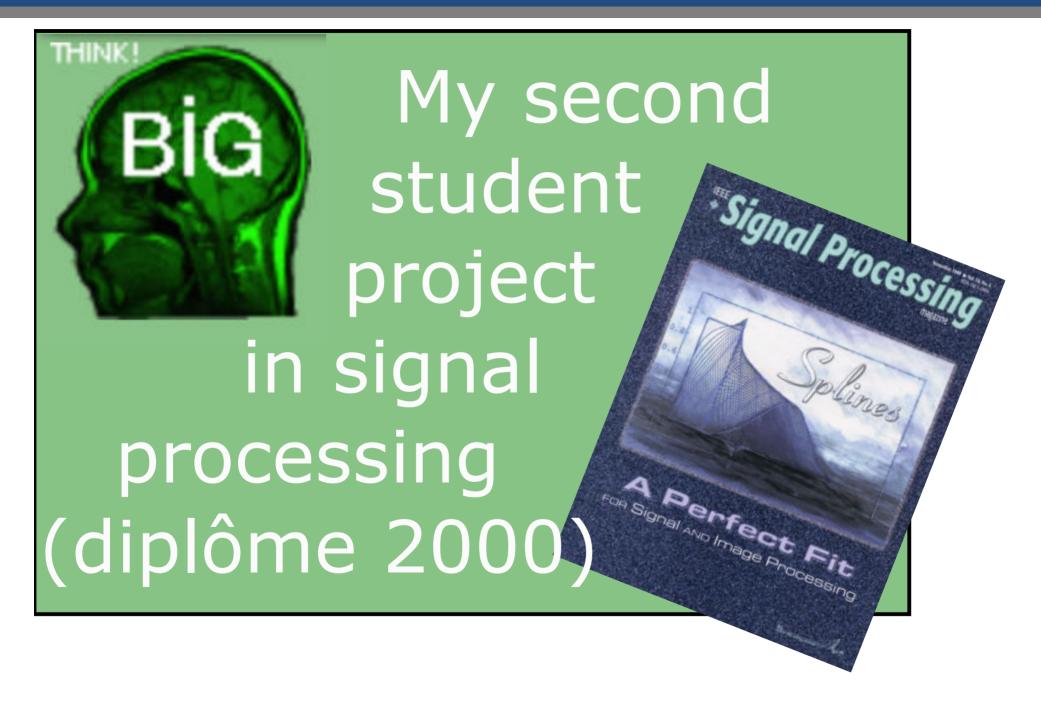




My journey @EPFL towards splines (1)



My journey @EPFL towards splines (2)



How BIG affected my hobbies...



Playing with cool Danish building blocks



Enjoying Fine Art



Taking pictures of rare wildflowers

... and how life became 100% splines

Before BIG



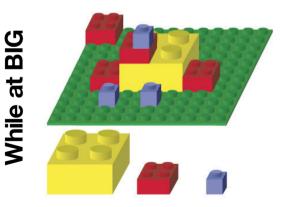
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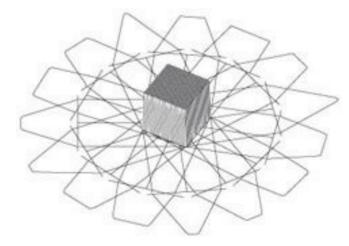
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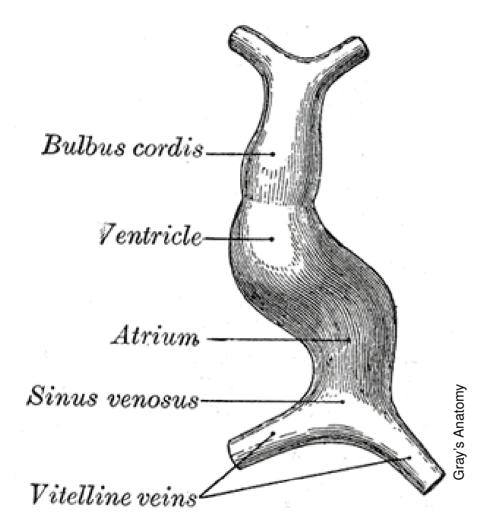
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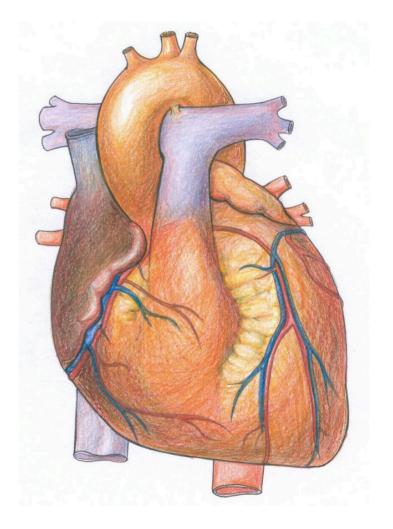
To get hired as a PhD student @ BIG, is wearing a tie required?



Hint: even if it is not necessary, you can always recycle the tie to illustrate sampling in your image processing class.

Lifer after BIG: image processing to study heart development





Day 22 (Human) Adult (Human)

Why it matters:

Congenital heart defects occur in 0.8% of newborn infants and are the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths

Imaging the developing heart: challenging requirements...

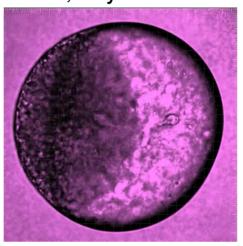
It's small:

heart is a few hundred μ m, cells few μ m; \Rightarrow requires magnification



It's slow:

Development over hours, days

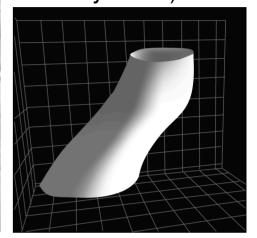


It's fast:

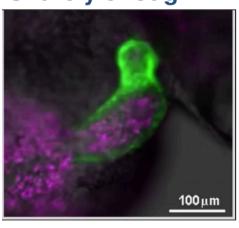
2-3 Heart beats per second



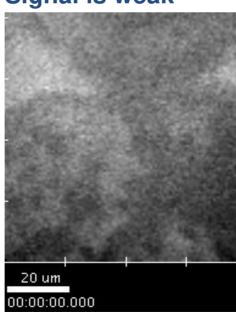
It's 3D (when most microscopes are fast only in 2D)



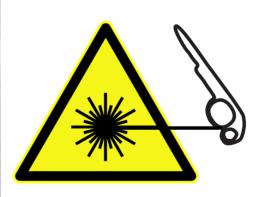
One channel is rarely enough



Signal is weak



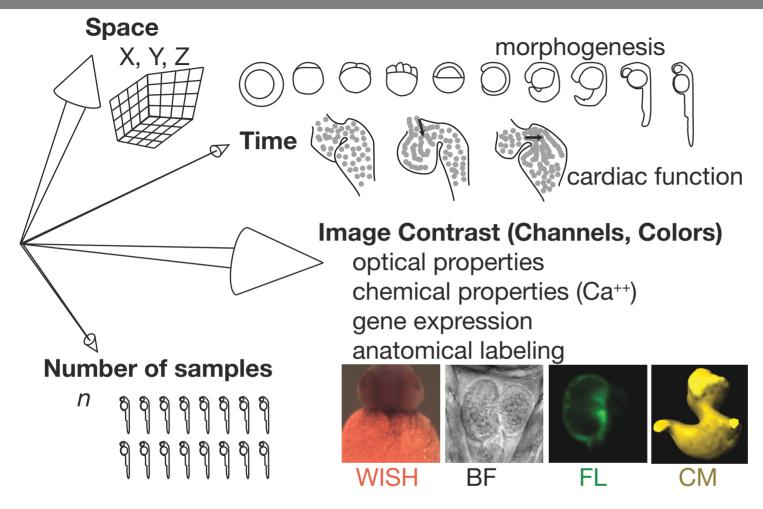
Sample is fragile



No statistics with n = 1



... dimensions are too many for naïve imaging

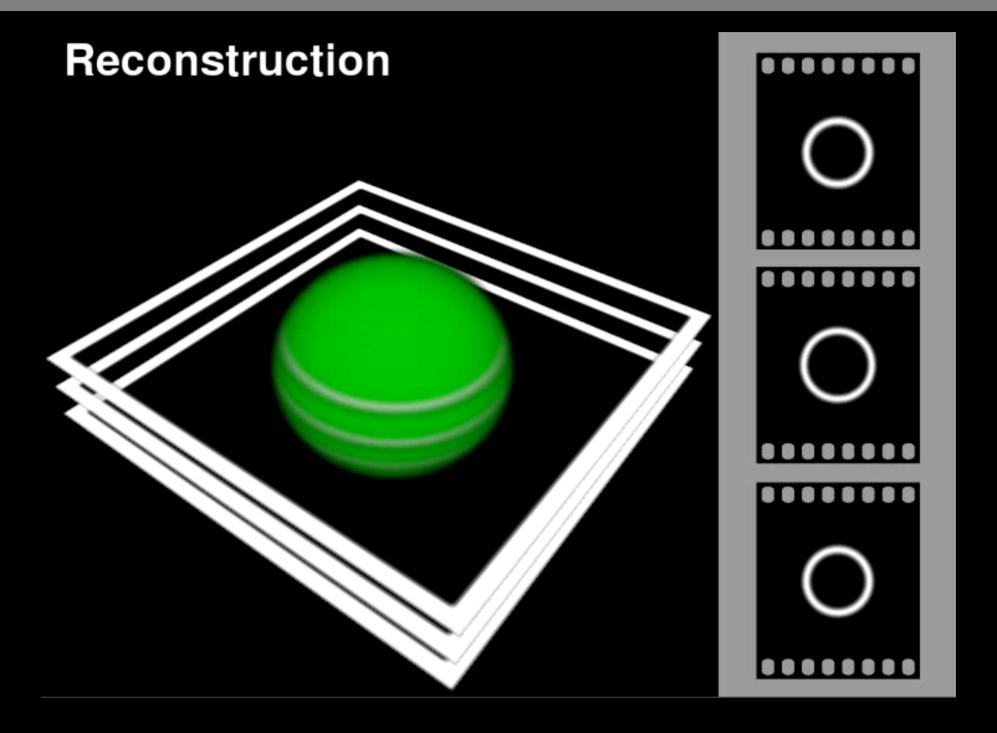


Bottlenecks that limit resolution and breadth

- optical resolving power, data bandwidth
- available time
- sample integrity

Can we perform high-dimensional imaging without sacrificing resolution or image quality?

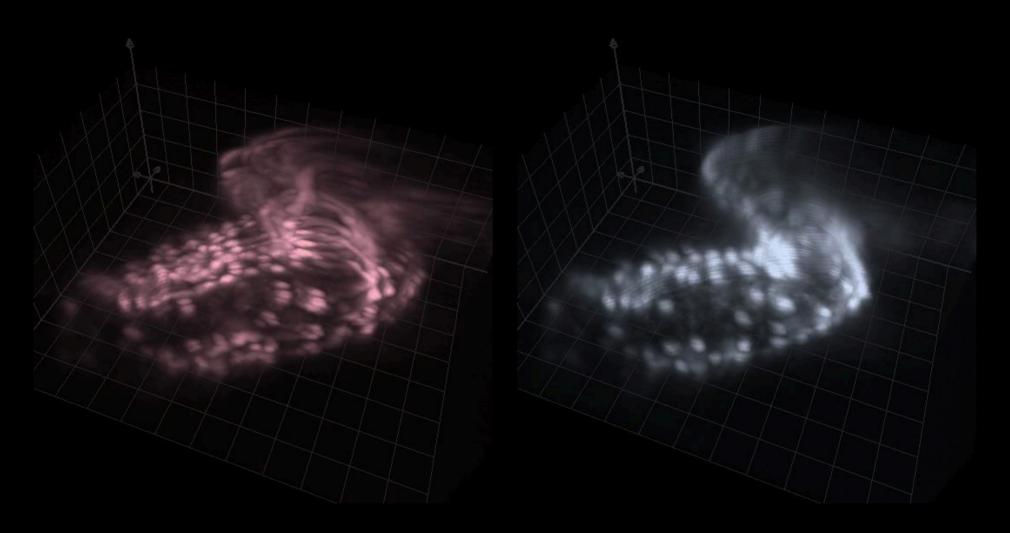
The trick: sample space sequentially over multiple heartbeats



4D, in vivo, and fast microscopy becomes possible

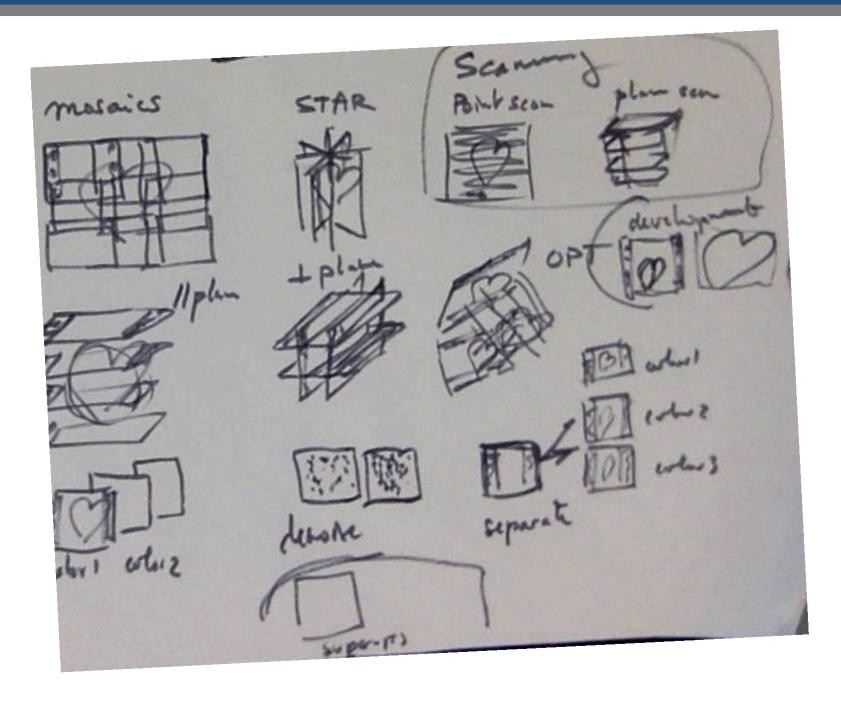
Before synchronization

After synchronization



A.S. Forouhar, **ML**[Tg(cmlc2:GFP) 38 hpf zebrafish, Huai-Jen Tsai, National Taiwan University]

Many variations on the same theme over the years...



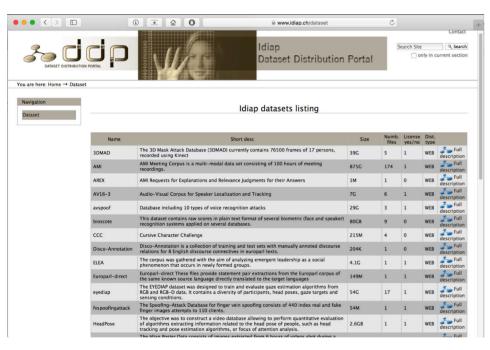
... still many configurations that remain to be cracked!

Reproducible research: different ways to share (or not to share) data

Distribute the data:

Over 30 databases are distributed by Idiap:

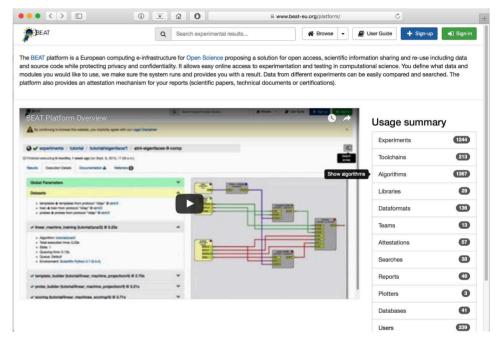
www.idiap.ch/dataset



Sequester the data:

BEAT platform (evaluation of biometry algorithms on sequestered data)

S. Marcel et al.



Still a need:

dynamic image data sets for computational imaging problems are nice to have but there are too few available

Proposal (2015):

Set up an image acquisition platform to collect and share dynamic images over a broad range of scales and applications

2018: A platform in support of dynamic computational imaging



Imaging Motion: Explore, Constrain, Reproduce

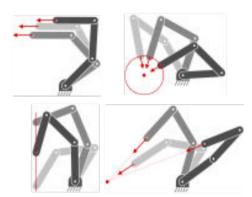
One Platform to ...



... explore motion space systematically...



... constrain motion or view...



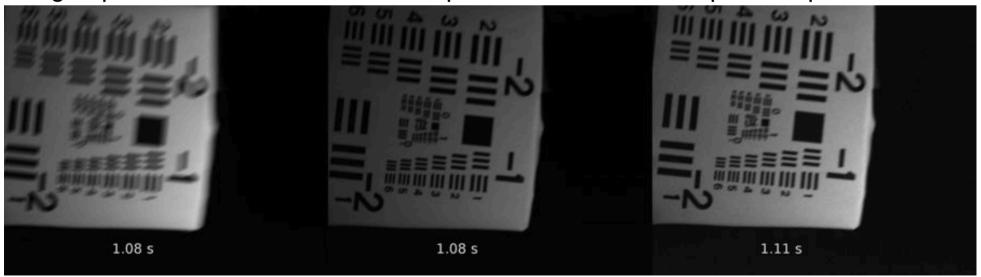
... and reproduce arbitrary motion:

Example: Comparing performance of acquisition and/or reconstruction methods

Long exposure

Strobed exposure

Temporal super-resolution



Summary

- Imaging the developing heart
 - Imaging is a key component but constraints are challenging
 - Proposed solution: sequential sampling of the data space (over multiple heart beats) with post-processing
 - Many variations, still many open problems
- Computational imaging
 - Need more quality data to work with
 - Developed an imaging platform at Idiap
 - Platform is open for collaborators!



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