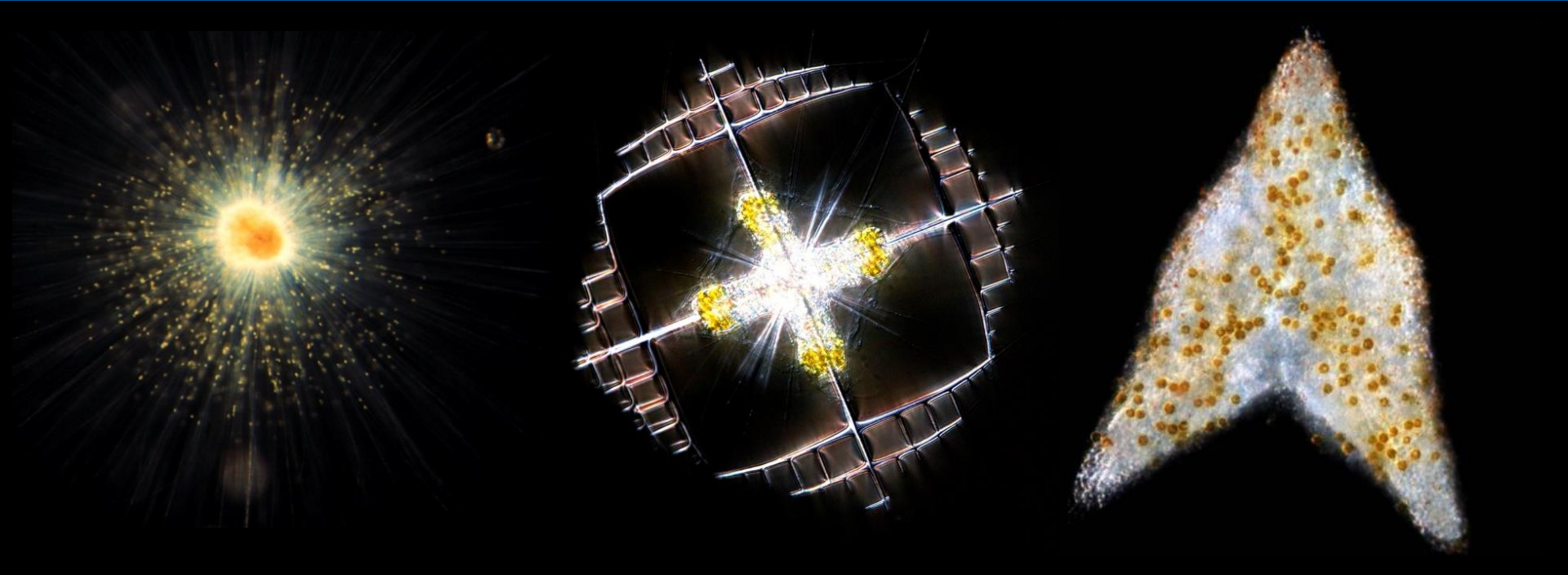


Visualizing the chemical landscape of planktonic photosymbioses using single-cell chemical imaging



Post-doctoral project
2016-2017

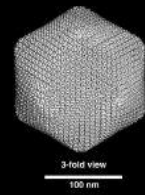
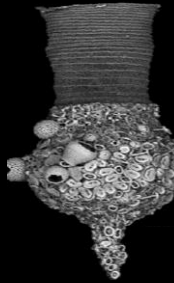
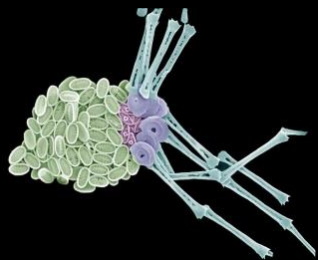
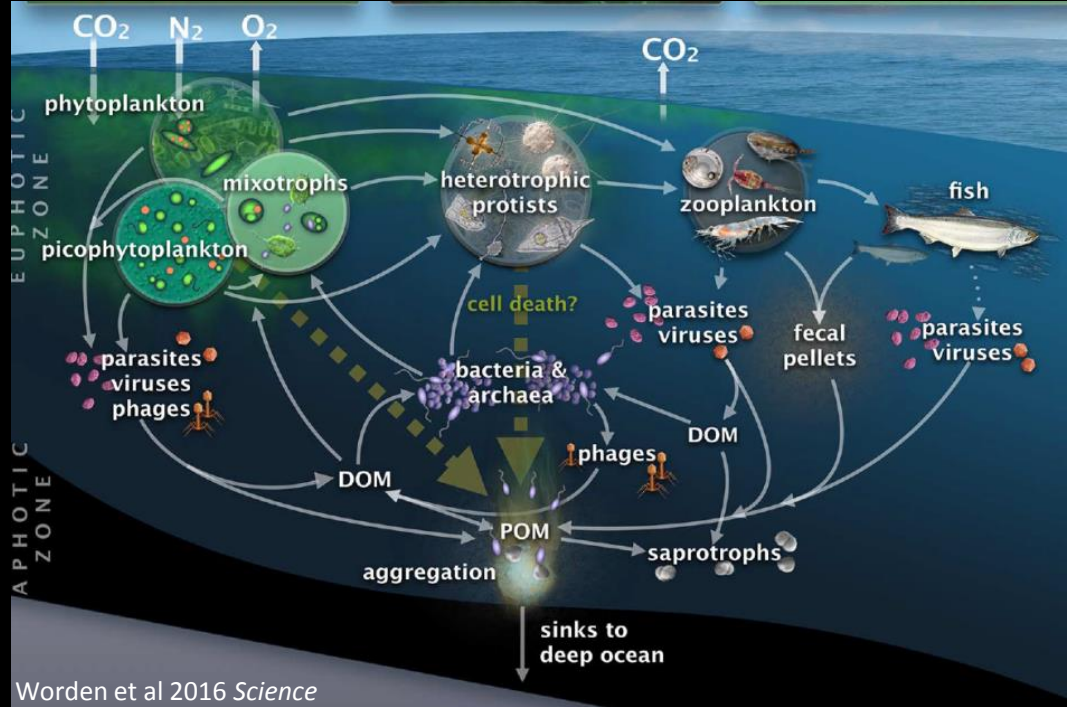
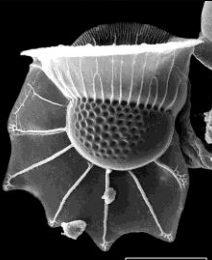
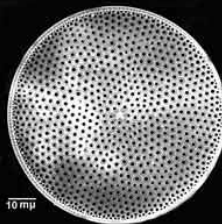
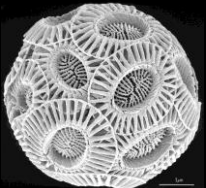
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Marine plankton is highly diverse and has complex trophic modes and life cycles



The ocean is mainly oligotrophic (N, P, and trace metals)



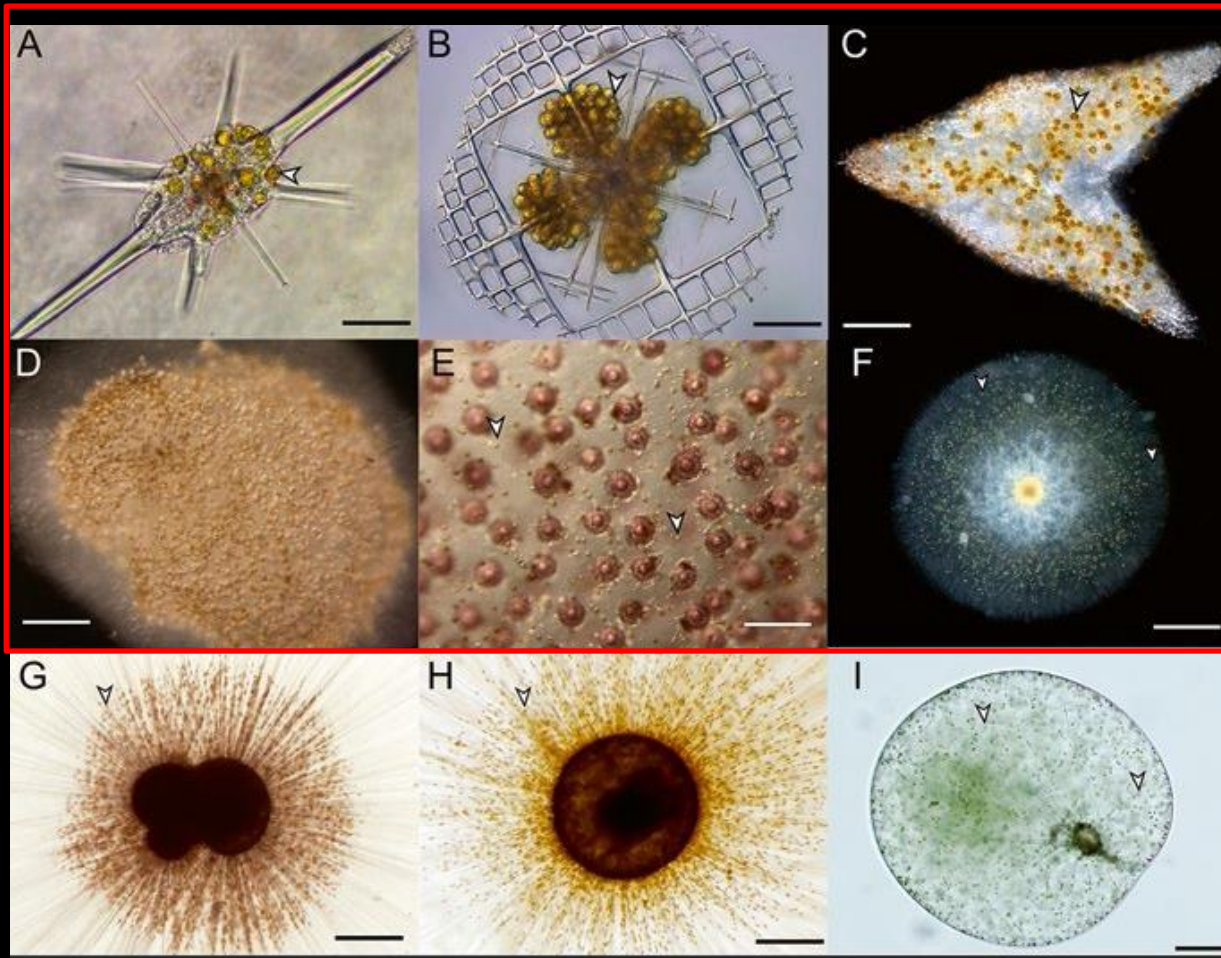
Small cells dominates the plankton community

Metabolic strategies of large cells in the open ocean

mixotrophy, nutrient storage, and metabolic symbiosis

Photosymbiosis between unicellular organisms in the oceanic plankton

Heterotrophic hosts + intracellular microalgae



A wide diversity of hosts:

(100-400 μm in size)

A-F: Radiolarians

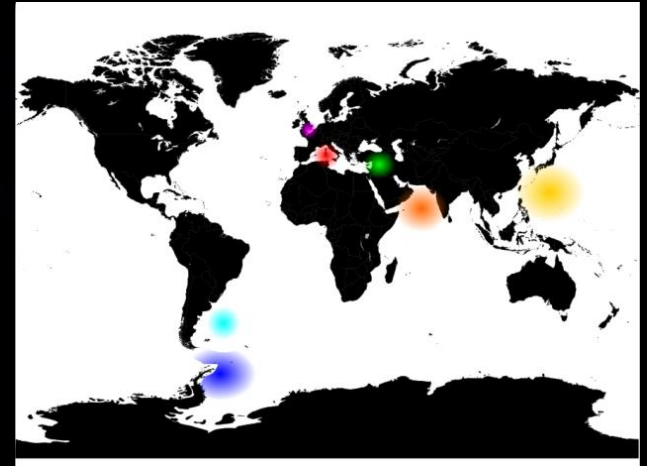
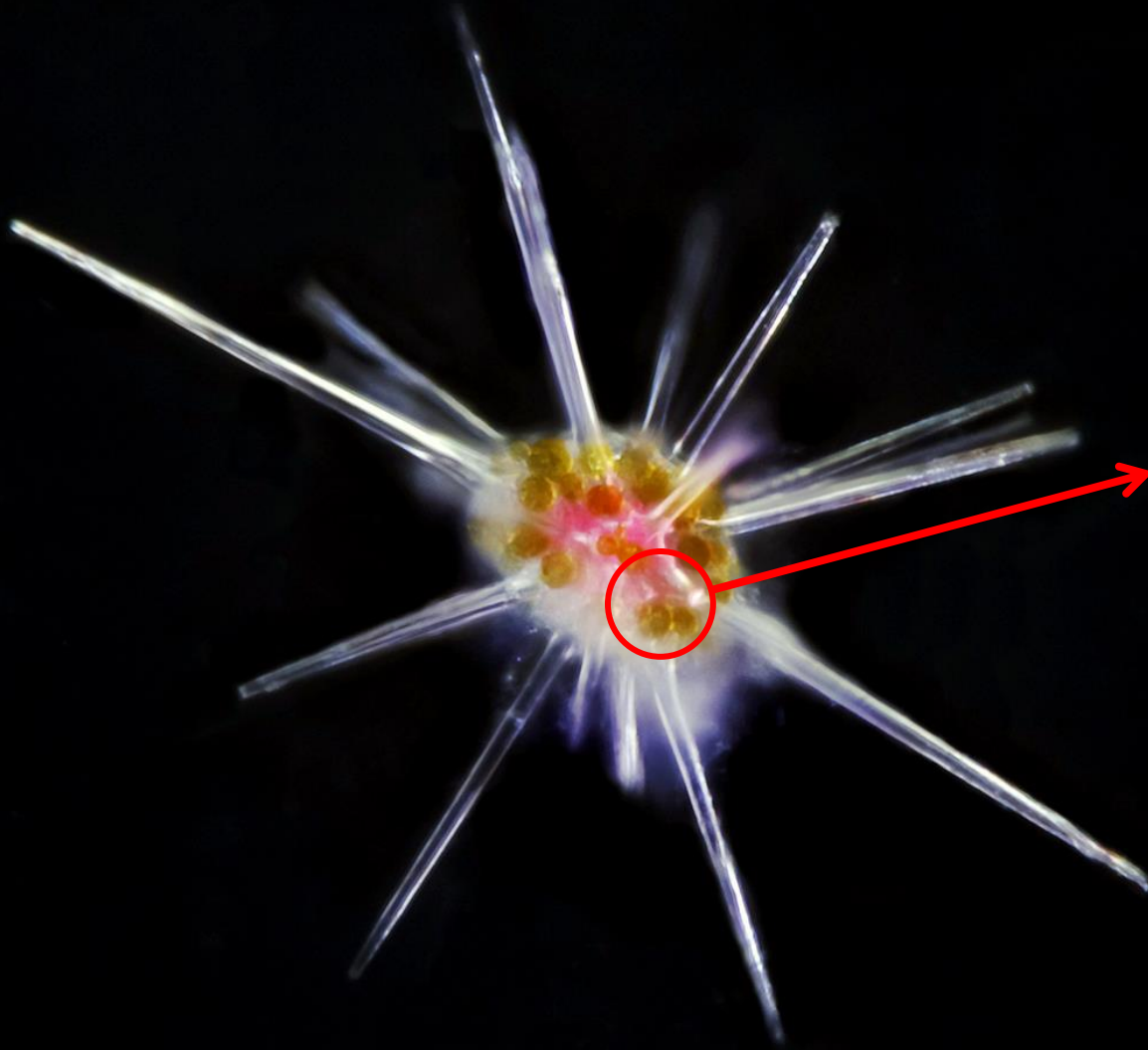
(G-H) Foraminiferans

(I) Dinoflagellates

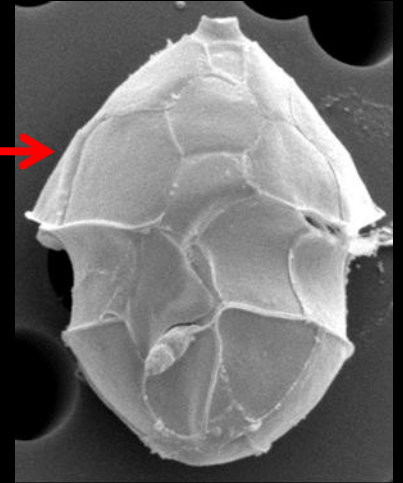
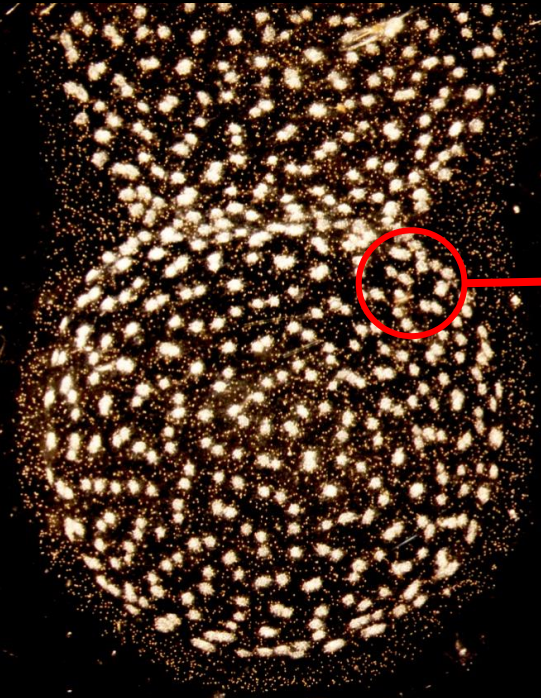
**Symbiosis is obligatory
for the host**

**Benefits for
the symbiont?**

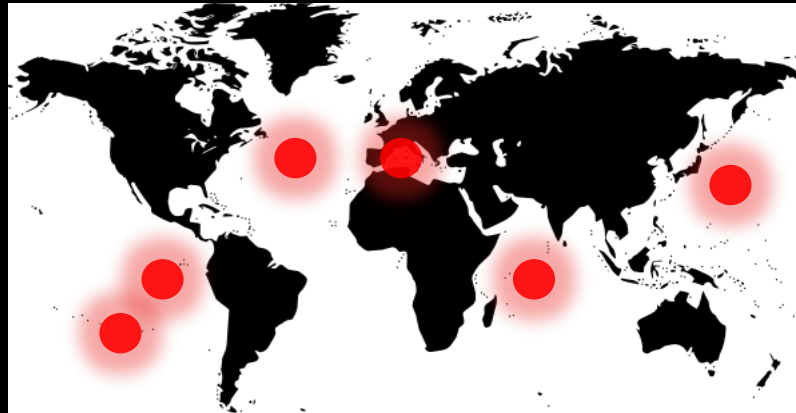
Acantharia host the microalga *Phaeocystis*



Collodaria host the microalga *Brandtodinium*



Free-living form of the dinoflagellate *Brandtodinium*



Ecological importance of Radiolaria



Eukaryotic plankton diversity in the sunlit ocean

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Radiolaria represent a high biomass in the plankton community

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Plankton networks driving carbon export in the oligotrophic ocean

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Radiolaria are strongly involved in carbon export in oligotrophic waters

The physiology and functioning of photosymbiosis in plankton remains unknown



Their ecological success must rely on their efficiency to acquire, transfer and recycle nutrients



Questions

What are the metabolic strategies of the host ?

What is the metabolic role and needs of each partner ?

What is the metabolism of the microalga between the symbiotic and free-living stage (outside the host) ?

Studying physiology of uncultured microbial cells is highly challenging



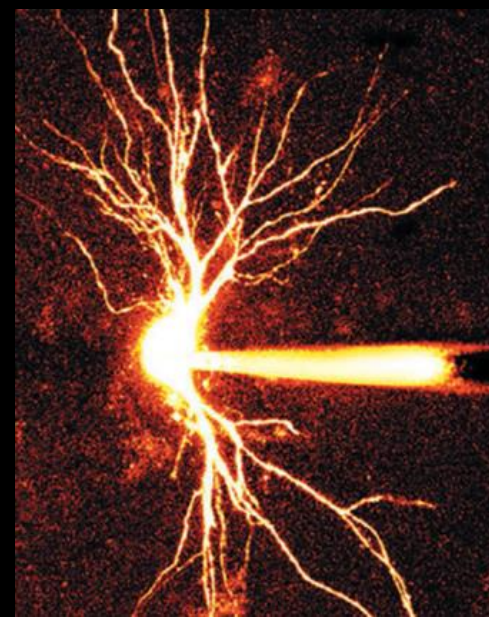
Bulk analyses

(transcriptomics, metabolomics, lipidomics)



High cell biomass

No spatial information



Fessenden M, *Nature* 2016

→ **single-cell chemical imaging**

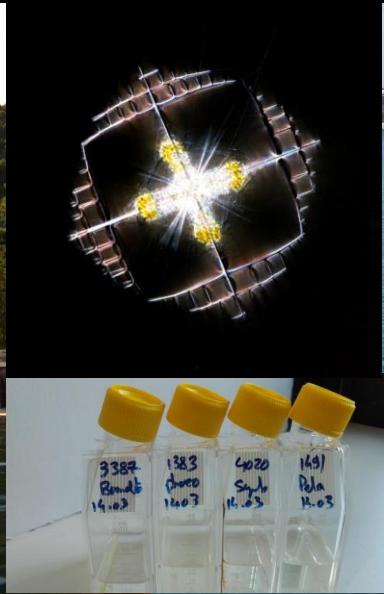
Single-cell approach: no need to have cultures

Maintain physical integrity (relevant for symbioses)

Spatial information: Localization of a metabolite or element

Sampling in the Mediterranean Sea

(Bay of Villefranche sur Mer, France)



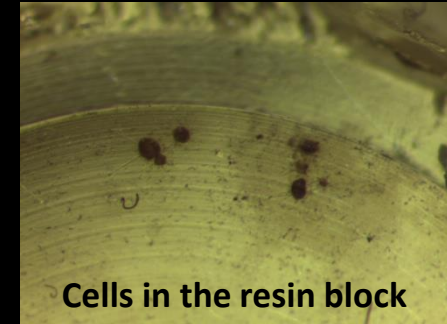
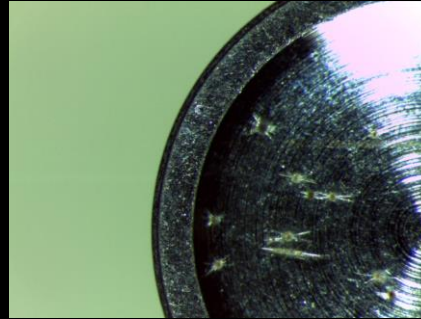
- Sampling in surface waters with a plankton net
- Rapid isolation of individual host cells in natural seawater
- Cultures of *Phaeocystis* and *Brandtodinium* (free-living symbionts)

Collaboration with Sophie Marro and John Dolan (LOV: CNRS/UPMC)

Sample preparation for chemical imaging

1- Cryo-fixation with High-Pressure Freezing (Leica HPM100)

The best method for preserving the ultrastructure and native chemistry of cells



2- Freeze substitution -90°C to -30°C for 5 days with Acetone + osmium tetroxide (Leica AFS2)

3- Resin Embedding (Room temperature)

4- Ultra-Sectioning

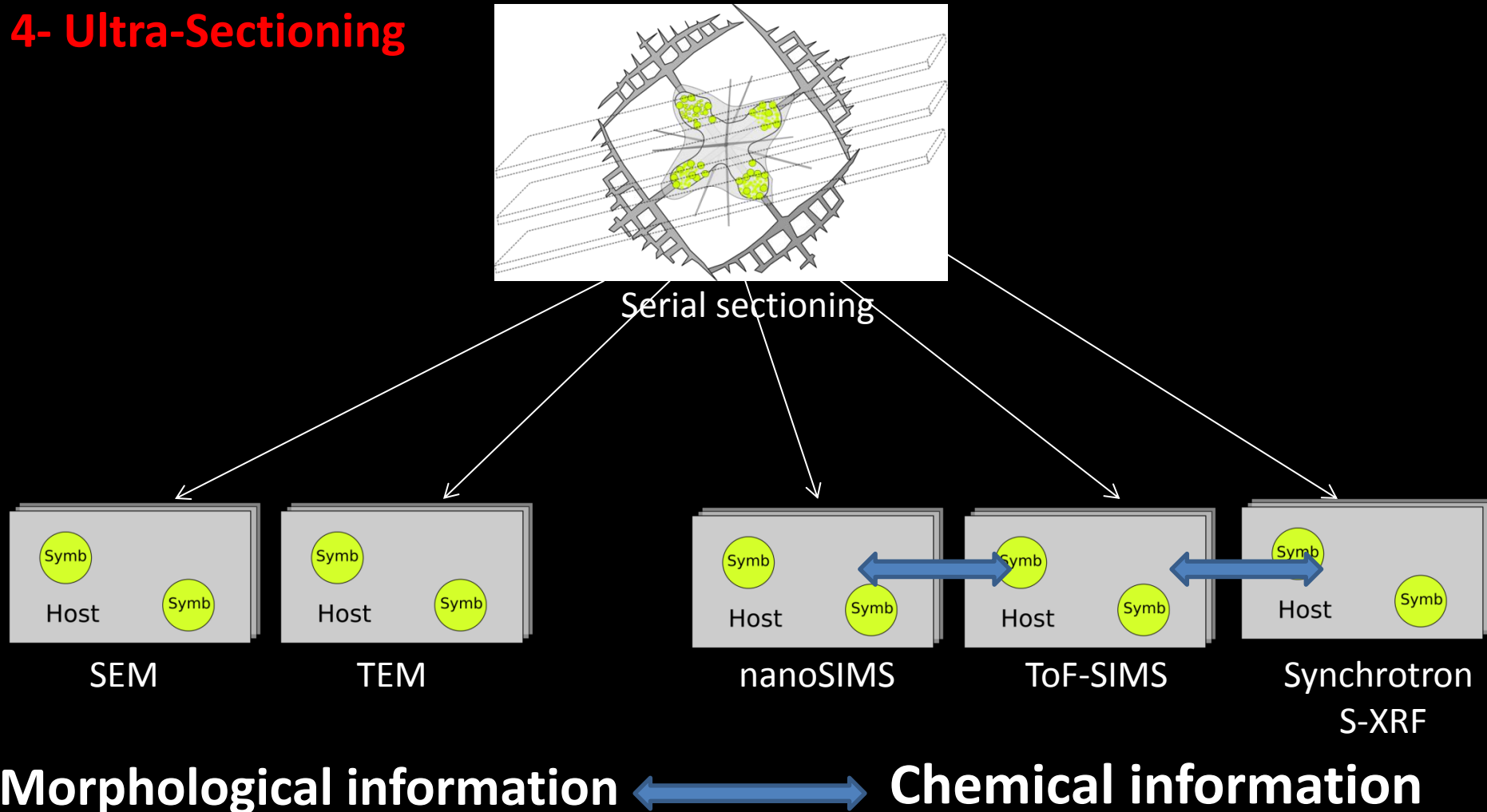


Collaboration with IBS, Grenoble (Benoit Gallet)



Correlated approach between electron microscopy and chemical imaging

4- Ultra-Sectioning



Results - I

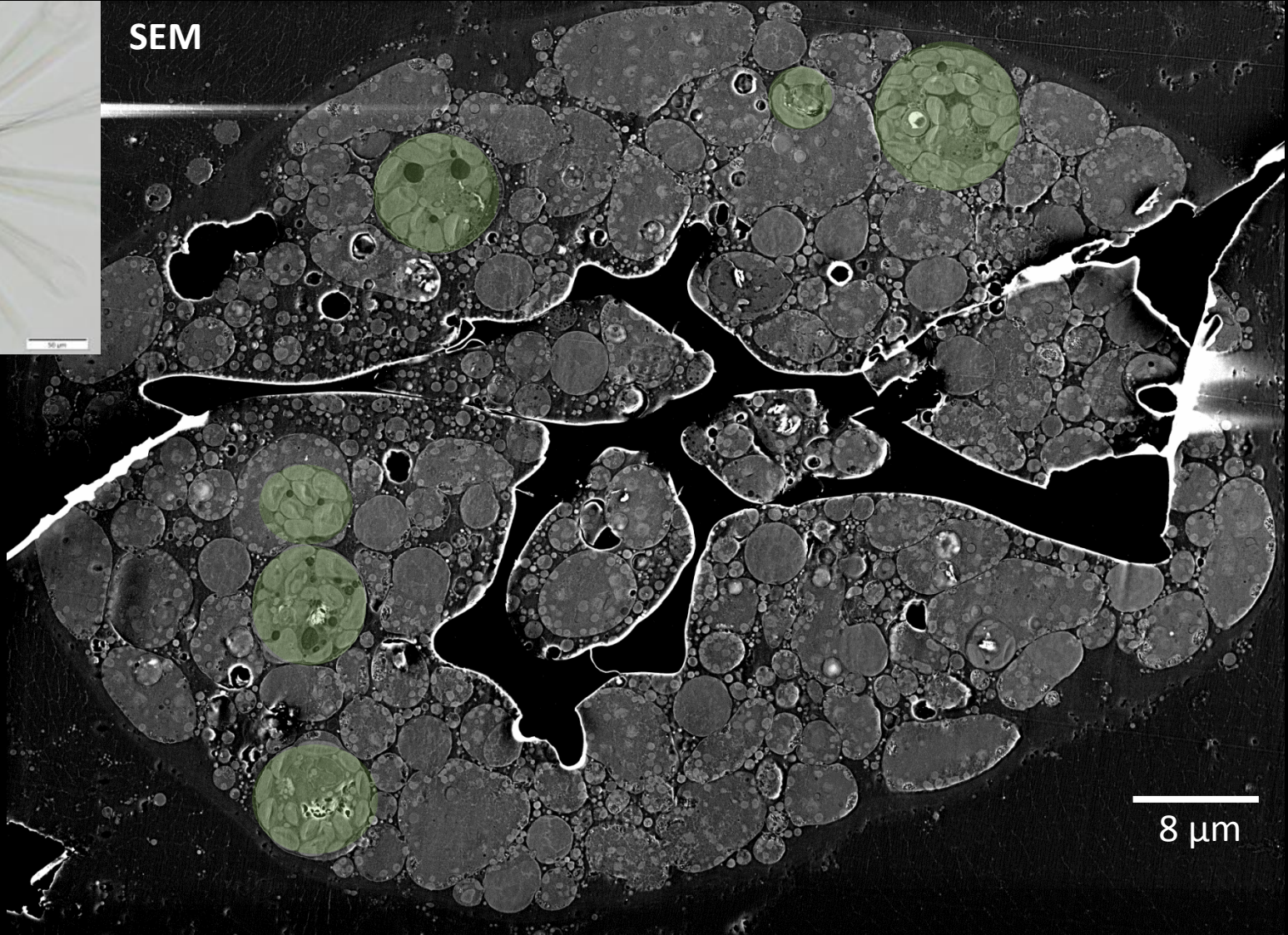
Ultrastructure organisation of the host-symbiont integration

Morphology of the symbionts in the host vs free-living

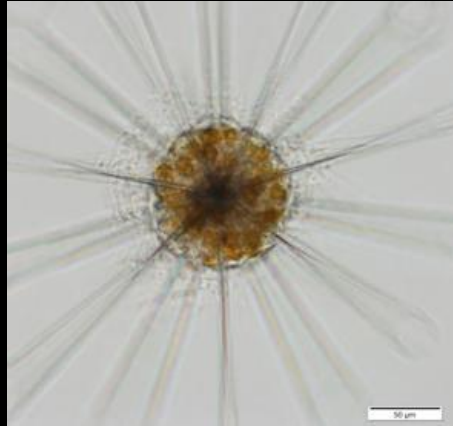
Electron microscopy (SEM/TEM)

Acantharia- *Phaeocystis* (symbiont)

SEM



8 μm

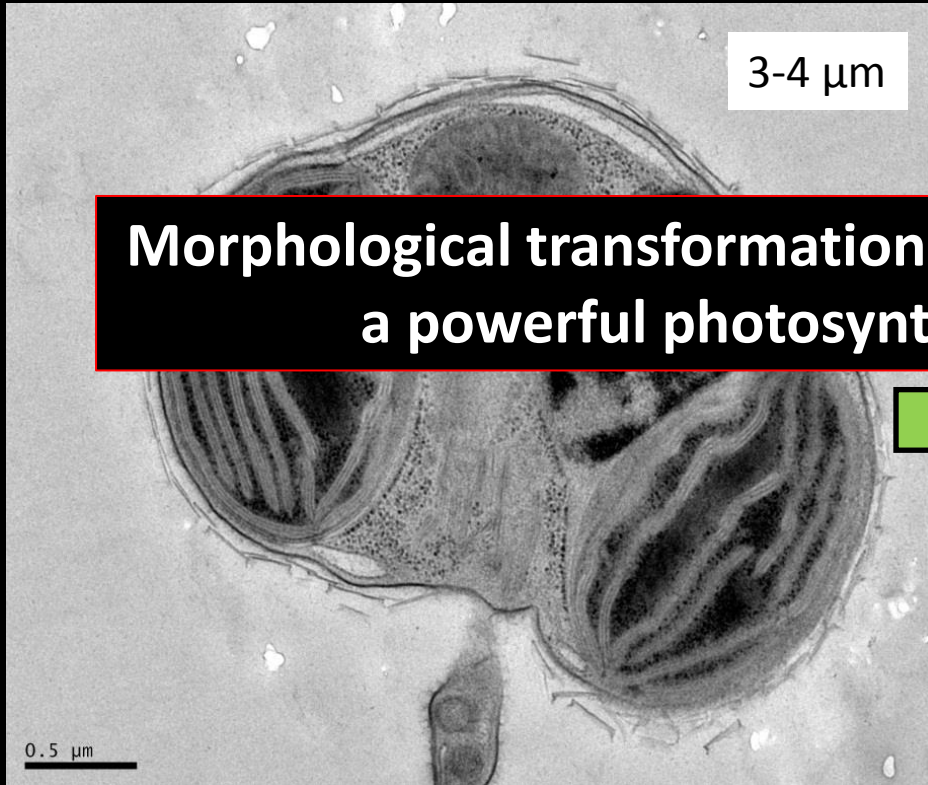


50 μm

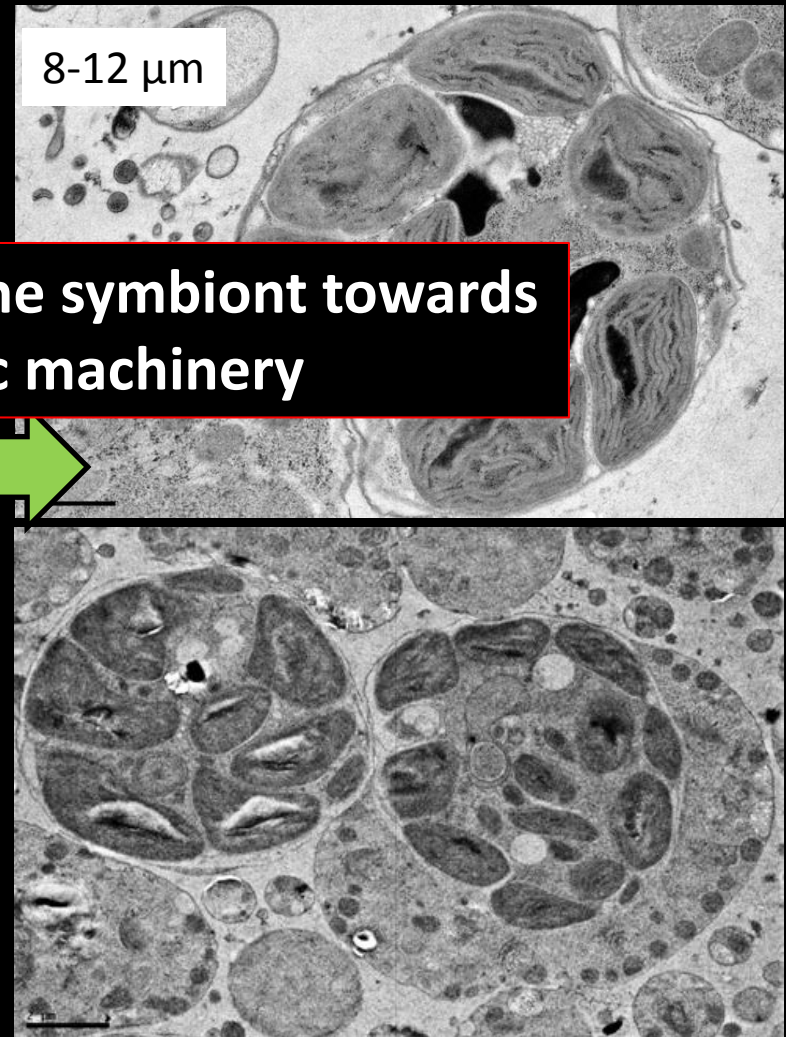
Acantharia- *Phaeocystis* (symbiont)

TEM

Outside the host



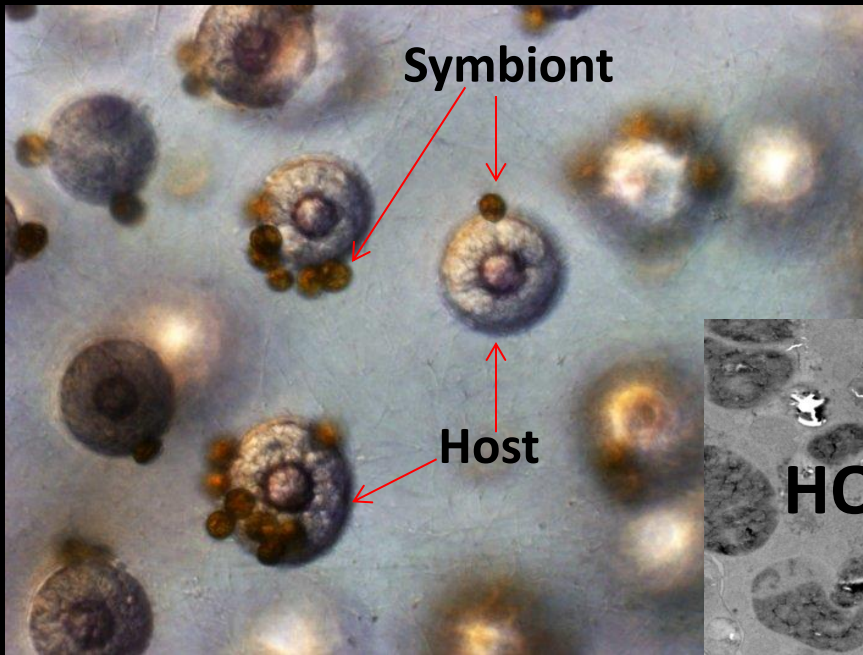
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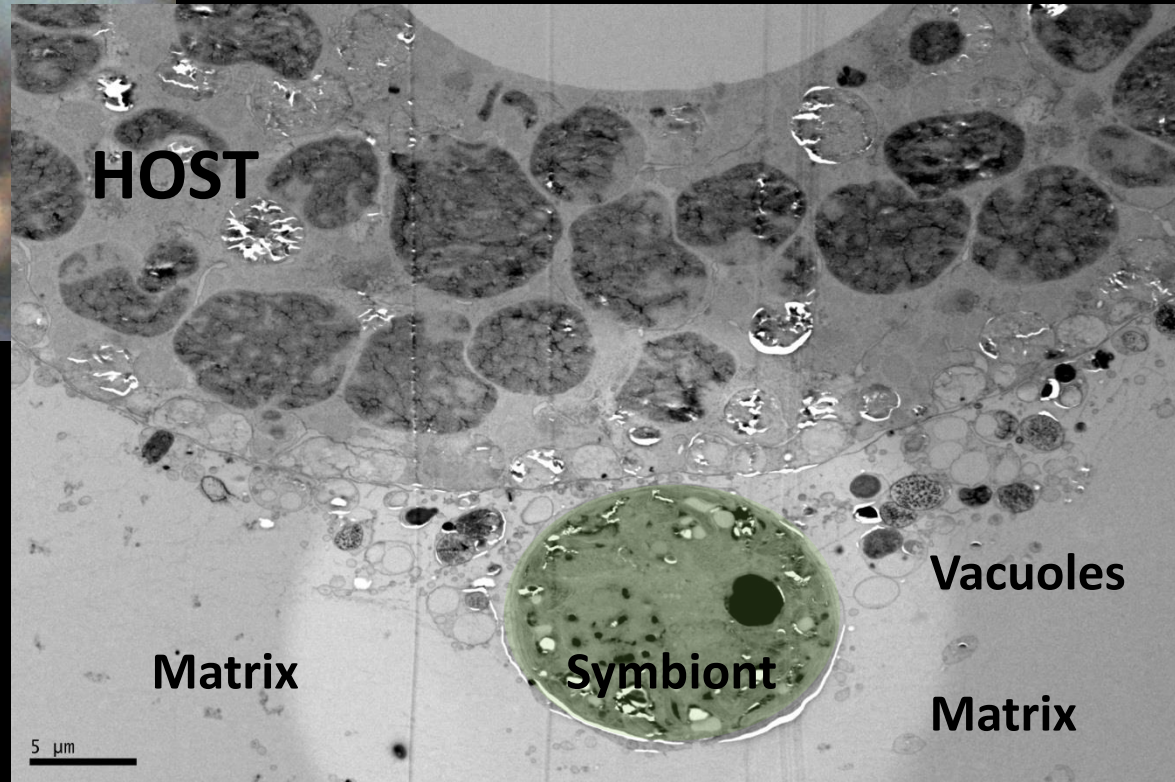
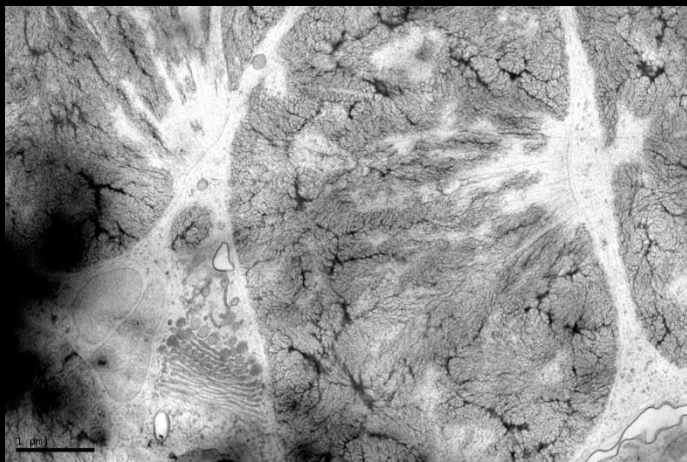
Morphological transformation of the symbiont towards a powerful photosynthetic machinery

In the host: the volume of the microalga increases with more chloroplasts and thylakoids

Collodaria – *Brandtodinium* (symbiont)



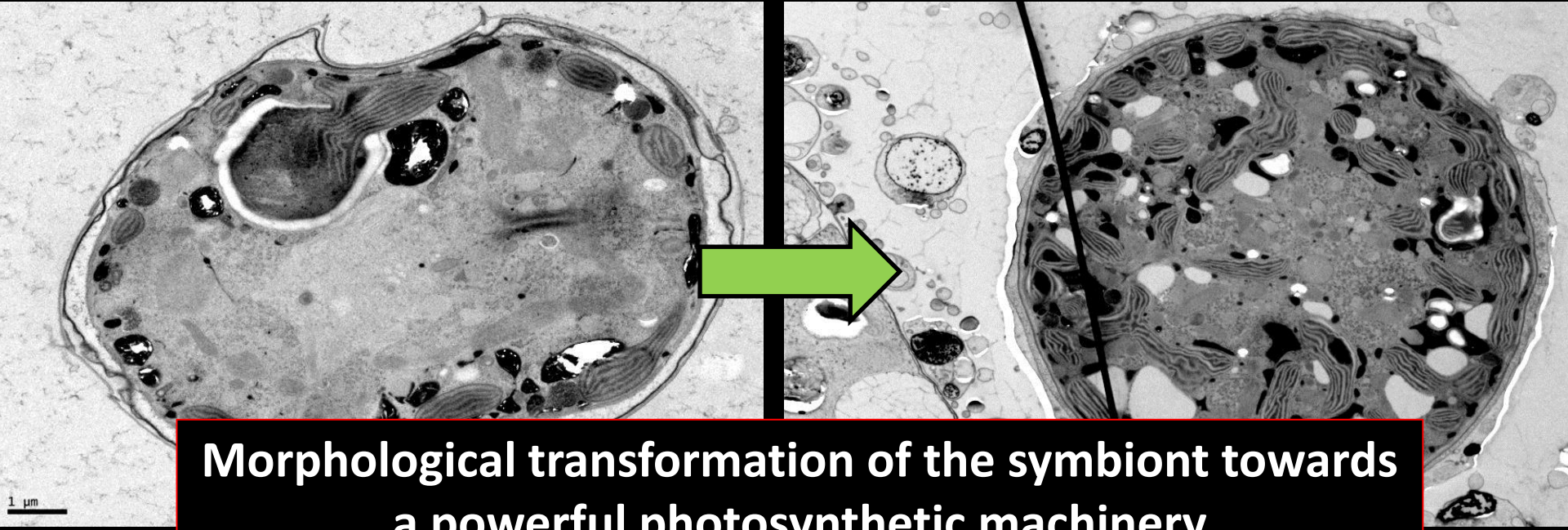
Symbionts are in the gelatinous matrix
(not in host cells)



Collodaria – *Brandtodinium* (symbiont)

Outside the host

Inside the host



Morphological transformation of the symbiont towards a powerful photosynthetic machinery

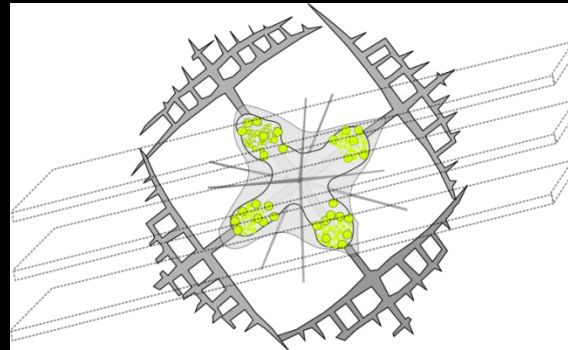
In the host: increase of the size of the symbiont and surface area of chloroplasts

Results- II

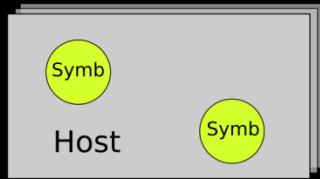
Metabolic transformation of the symbionts ?

Metabolic costs for the host ?

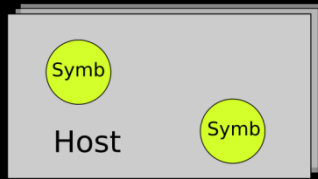
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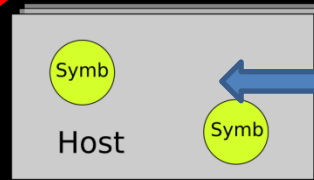
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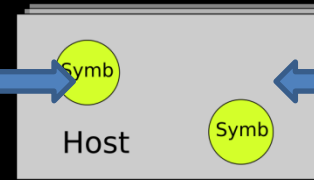
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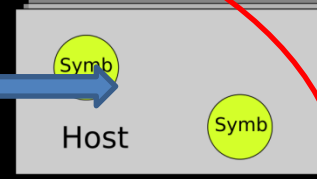
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nanoSIMS



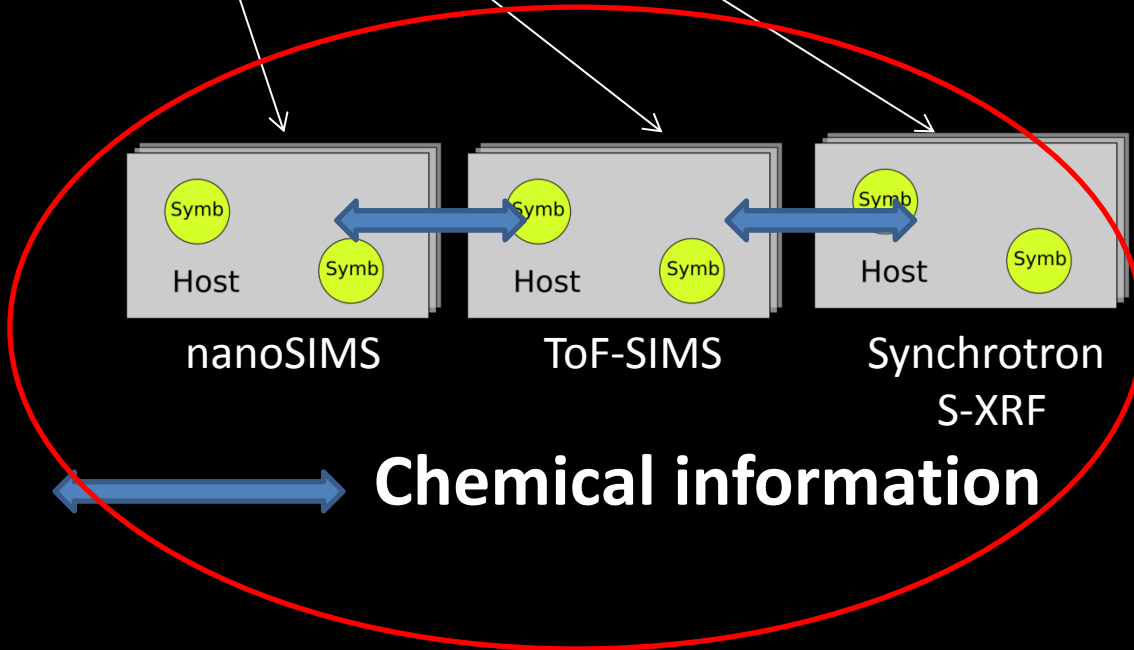
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Synchrotron
S-XRF

Morphological information

Chemical information



SIMS imaging

NanoSIMS

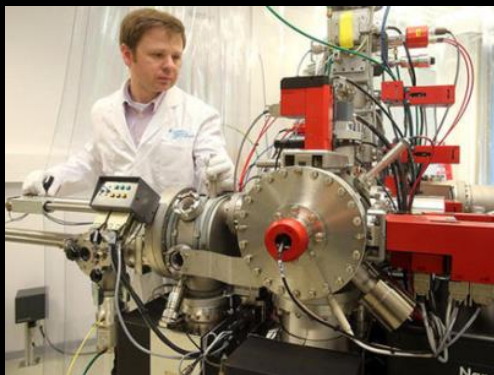
ToF-SIMS



Mass species

$^{12}\text{C}^{14}\text{N}$ $^{31}\text{P}^{16}\text{O}_2$ ^{31}P ^{16}O $^{12}\text{C}_2$ ^{32}S

Analyses with look@nanosims software (Polerecky et al., 2012)



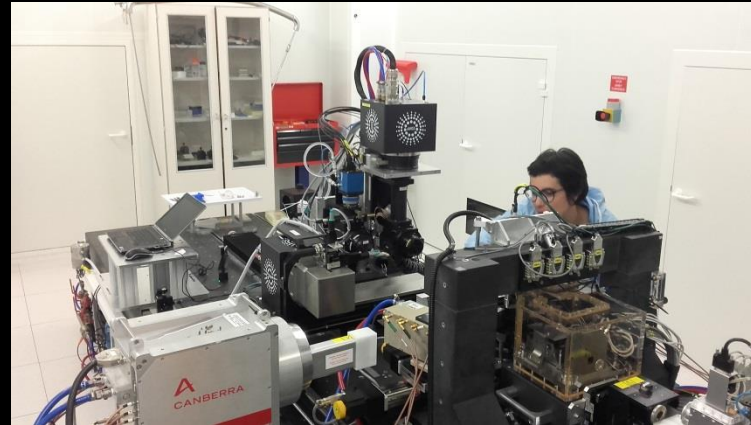
Analysis beam: Bi³⁺
Sputter beam Ar-cluster

Mass spectrum (0-800 Da)

IonToF Surface Lab 6 software +
reference database from literature

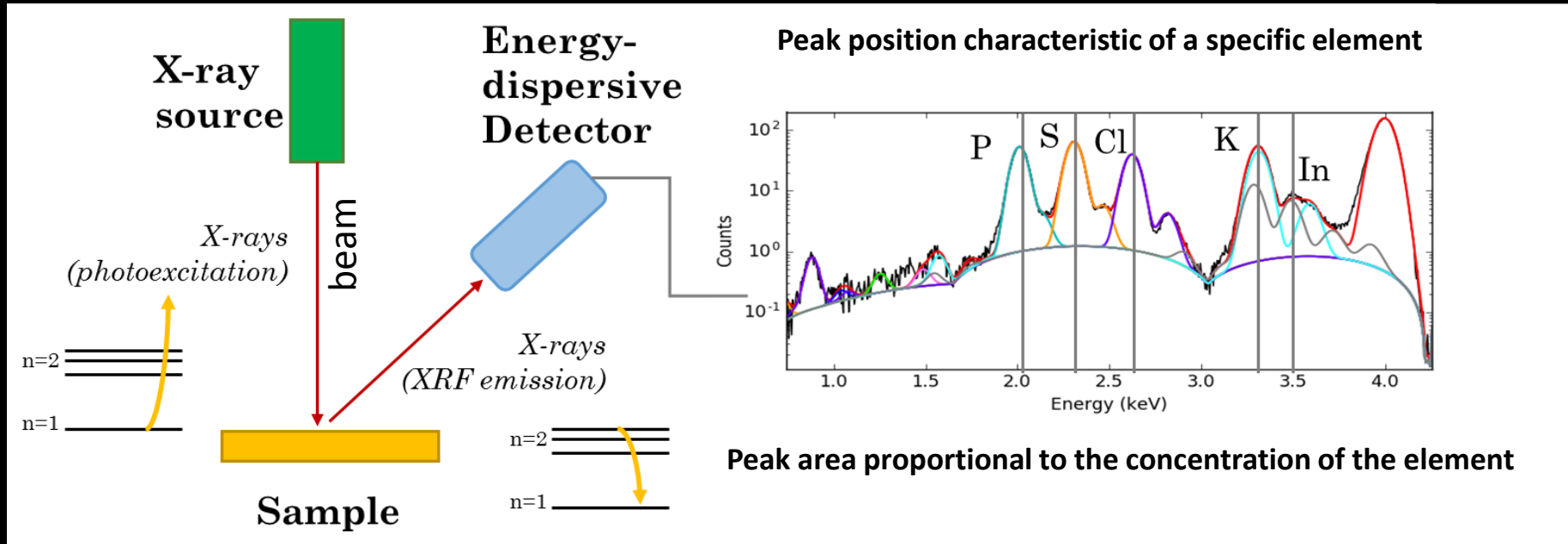
Synchrotron X-ray fluorescence to visualize and quantify elements in cells

Synchrotron ESRF, Grenoble



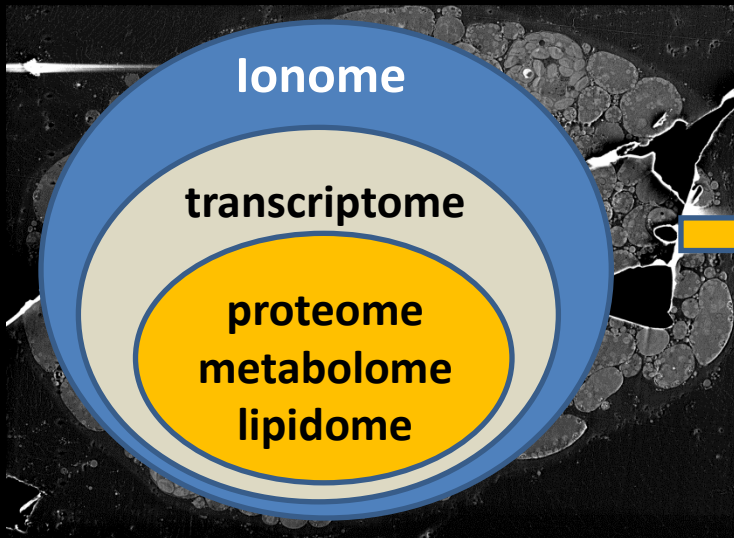
K
Ca
Cl
S
Fe
Mn
Cu

Beam lines: ID21 & ID16B



Visualization of the **ionome**

(elemental composition of a cell: macronutrients + trace metals)



Periodic Table of the Elements

Atomic Number	Symbol	Name
1	H	Hydrogen
2	He	Helium
3	Li	Lithium
4	Be	Beryllium
5	B	Boron
6	C	Carbon
7	N	Nitrogen
8	O	Oxygen
9	F	Fluorine
10	Ne	Neon
11	Na	Sodium
12	Mg	Magnesium
13	Al	Aluminum
14	Si	Silicon
15	P	Phosphorus
16	S	Sulfur
17	Cl	Chlorine
18	Ar	Argon
19	K	Potassium
20	Ca	Calcium
21	Sc	Scandium
22	Ti	Titanium
23	V	Vanadium
24	Cr	Chromium
25	Mn	Manganese
26	Fe	Iron
27	Co	Cobalt
28	Ni	Nickel
29	Cu	Copper
30	Zn	Zinc
31	Ga	Gallium
32	Ge	Germanium
33	As	Arsenic
34	Se	Selenium
35	Br	Bromine
36	Kr	Krypton
37	Rb	Rubidium
38	Sr	Strontium
39	Y	Yttrium
40	Zr	Zirconium
41	Nb	Niobium
42	Mo	Molybdenum
43	Tc	Technetium
44	Ru	Ruthenium
45	Rh	Rhodium
46	Pd	Palladium
47	Ag	Silver
48	Cd	Cadmium
49	In	Indium
50	Sn	Tin
51	Sb	Antimony
52	Te	Tellurium
53	I	Iodine
54	Xe	Xenon
55	Cs	Cesium
56	Ba	Barium
57	La	Lanthanum
58	Ce	Cerium
59	Pr	Praseodymium
60	Nd	Niobium
61	Pm	Promethium
62	Sm	Samarium
63	Eu	Europium
64	Gd	Gadolinium
65	Tb	Terbium
66	Dy	Dysprosium
67	Ho	Holmium
68	Er	Erbium
69	Tm	Thulium
70	Yb	Ytterbium
71	Lu	Lutetium
72	Hf	Hafnium
73	Ta	Tantalum
74	W	Tungsten
75	Re	Rhenium
76	Os	Osmium
77	Ir	Iridium
78	Pt	Platinum
79	Au	Gold
80	Hg	Mercury
81	Tl	Thallium
82	Pb	Lead
83	Bi	Bismuth
84	Po	Polonium
85	At	Astatine
86	Rn	Radon
87	Fr	Francium
88	Ra	Radium
89	Ac	Actinium
90	Th	Thorium
91	Pa	Protactinium
92	U	Uranium
93	Np	Neptunium
94	Pu	Plutonium
95	Am	Americium
96	Cm	Curium
97	Bk	Berkelium
98	Cf	Californium
99	Es	Einsteinium
100	Fm	Fermium
101	Mn	Mendelevium
102	Ds	Darmstadtium
103	Rg	Roggenbachium
104	Cn	Croconium
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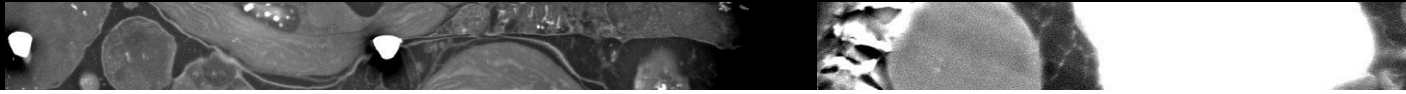
Building blocks of molecules and metabolites

The ionome provides an additional view of the **phenotypic state**

The ionome can reflect the **metabolic capacity** and needs of a cell

The ionome provides information about the **biogeochemical impact**

Nitrogen: a zoom-in into a single symbiont cell

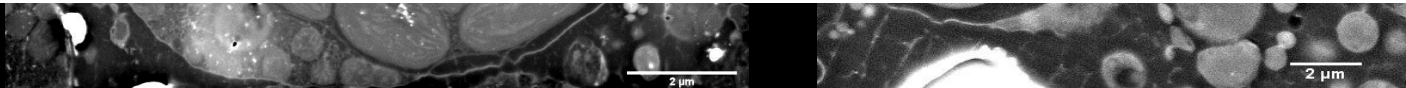


High N content in chloroplasts → light-harvesting proteins and pigments
And carbon-fixation enzymes (e.g. Rubisco) in pyrenoid (Geider and LaRoche 2002)

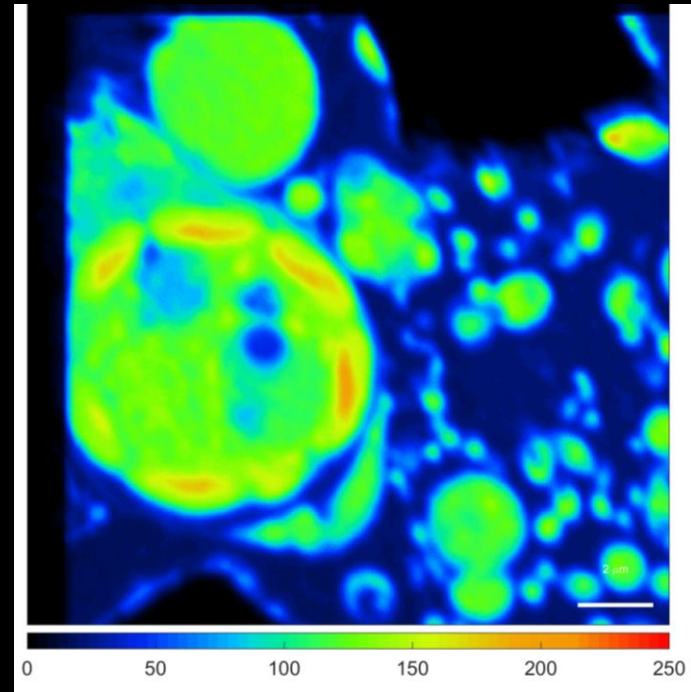
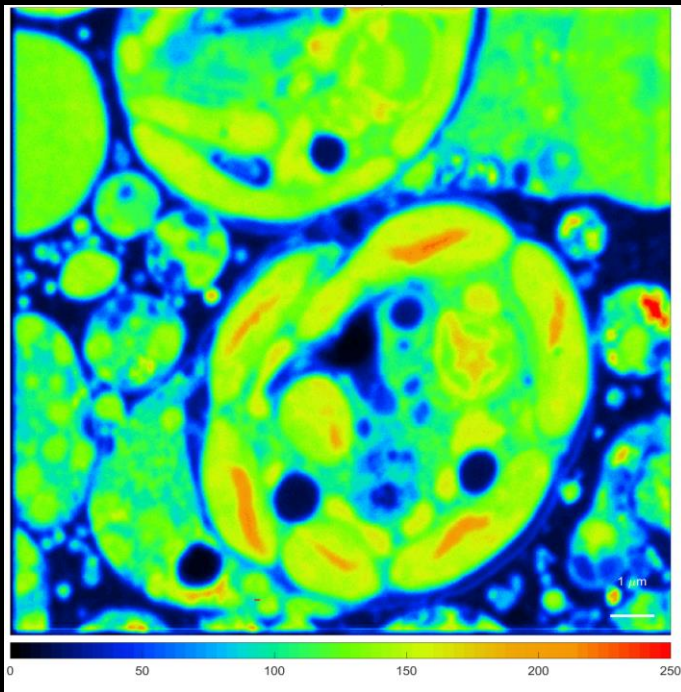
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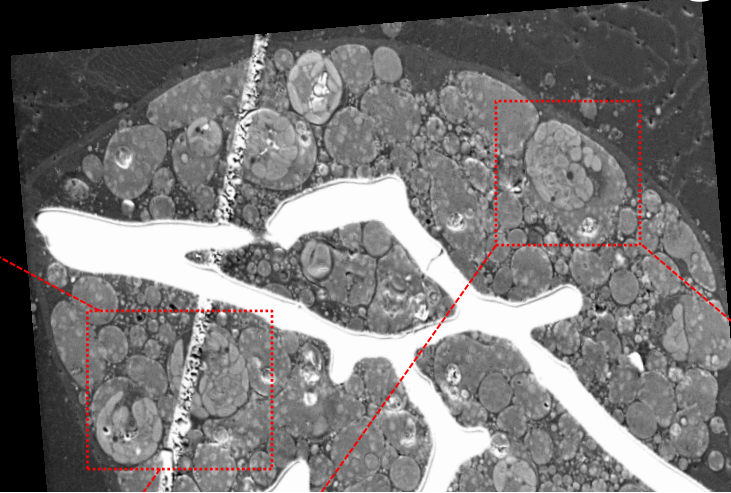
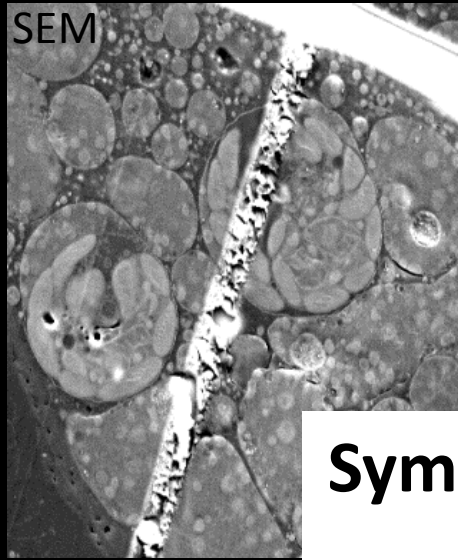
A metabolic cost for the host as N is poorly available in the ocean



NanoSIMS
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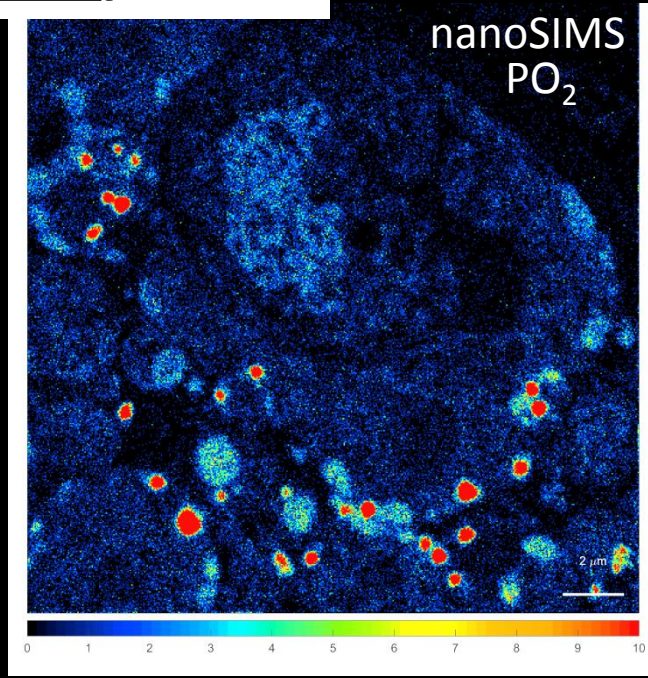
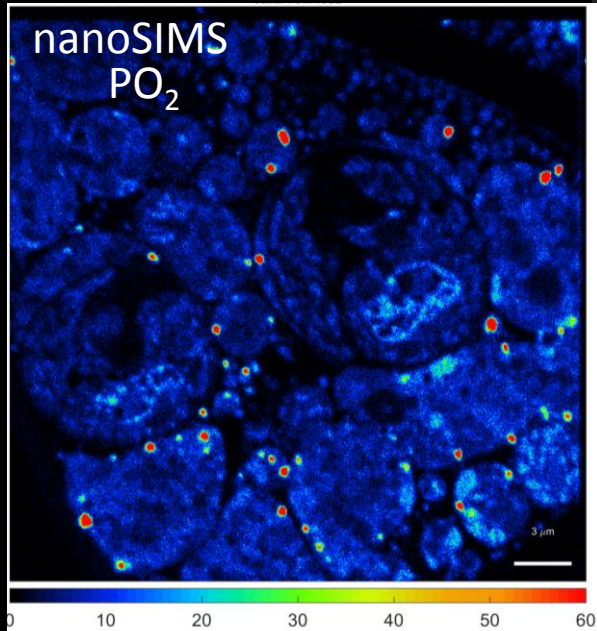


Phosphorous: a zoom-in into single symbiont cell



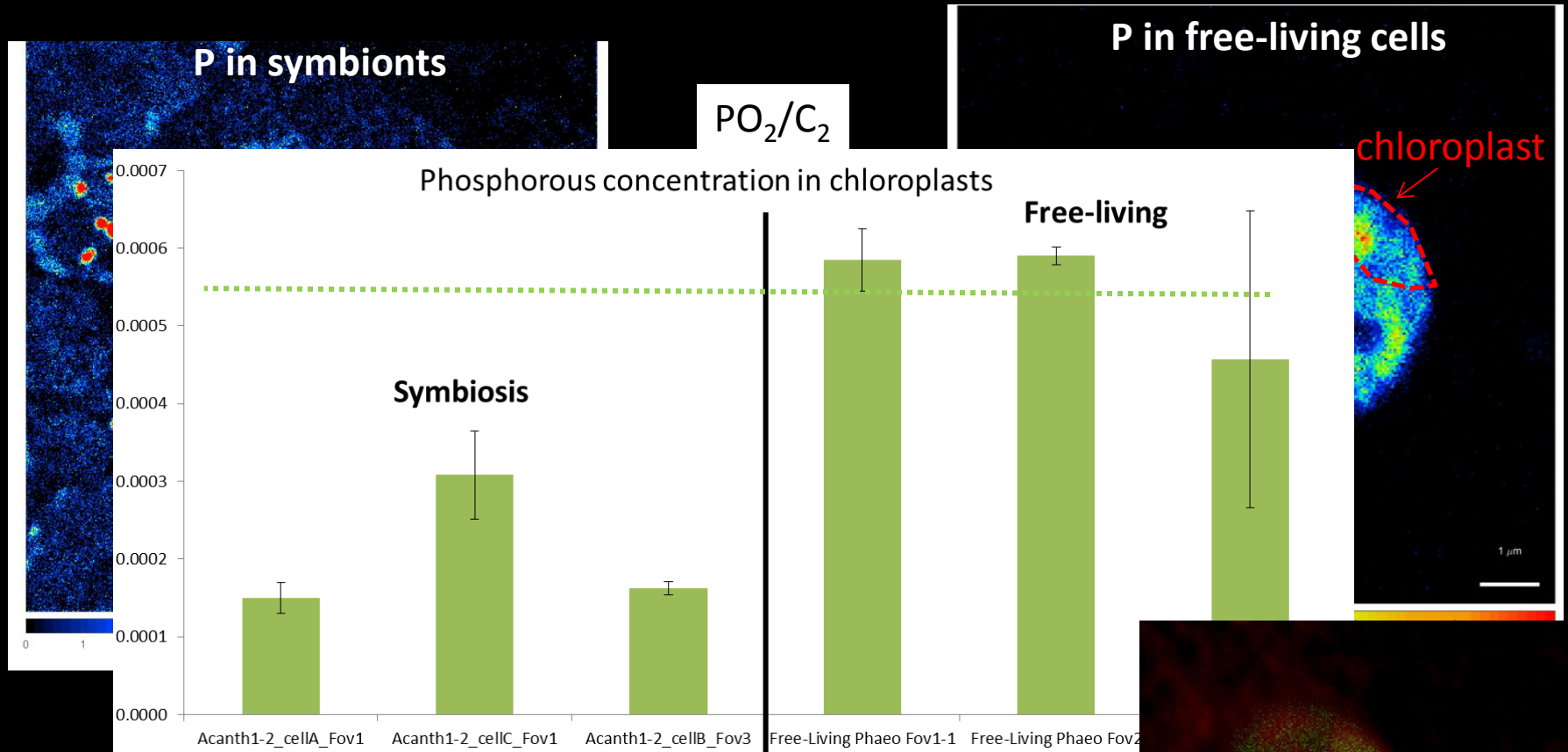
Acantharia- *Phaeocystis*

**Symbionts (chloroplasts) are poor in P
(RNA, DNA, phospholipids)**



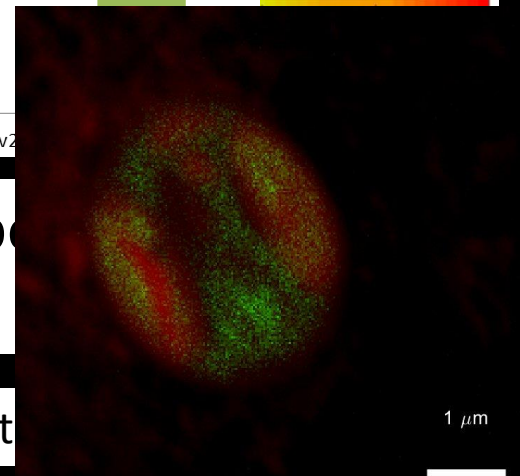
Phosphorous: a zoom-in into a single symbiont cell

Symbiotic vs free-living stage



P limitation by the host? To control symbiont population and spare the limiting P nutrient

P limitation can block cell division but does not inhibit the photosynthesis



Intracellular photosynthesis (numerous chloroplasts)

→ source of ROS

existence of antioxidant mechanisms ?

→ Sulfur metabolism

The chloroplast has a key role in sulfate reduction for the production of:

- The amino acids cysteine and methionine
- Glutathione and phytochelatins .
- DMSP (Dimethylsulfopropionate), DMS (Dimethylsulfide) and DMSO (Dimethylsulfoxide)

→ These molecules play a role in antioxidant protection and global sulfur cycle

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An antioxidant function for DMSP and DMS in marine algae

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Dimethylated sulfur compounds in symbiotic protists: A potentially significant source for marine DMS(P)

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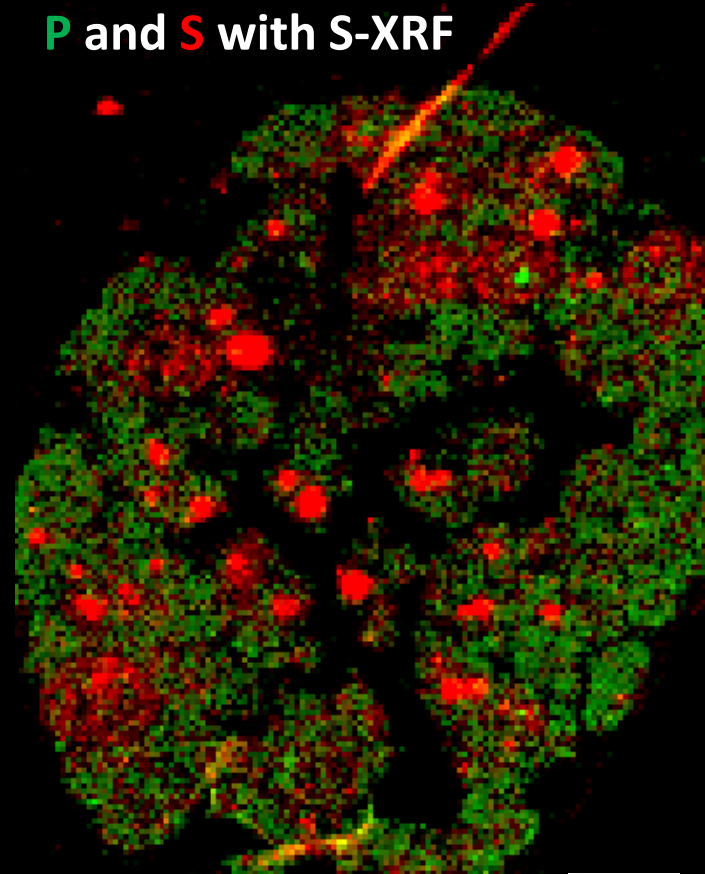
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Subcellular mapping of sulfur

Acantharia - *Phaeocystis*



P and S with S-XRF



→ High sulfur content in symbionts
(1.7 times more than in the host)

Subcellular mapping of sulfur

Collodaria - *Brandtodinium*

symbiont

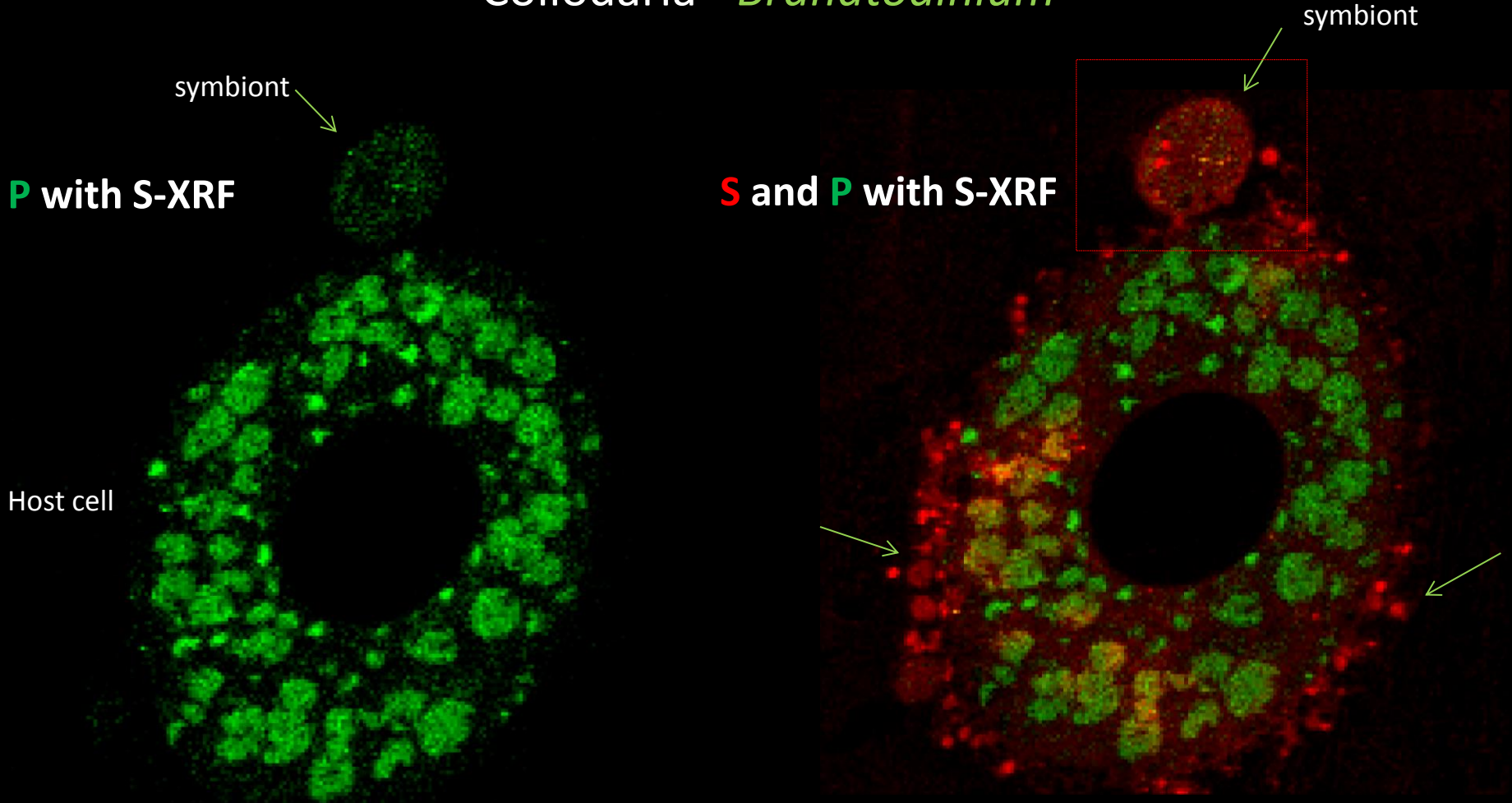
P with S-XRF

Host cell

S and P with S-XRF

symbiont

→ High sulfur content in symbionts
(2.8 times more than in the host)

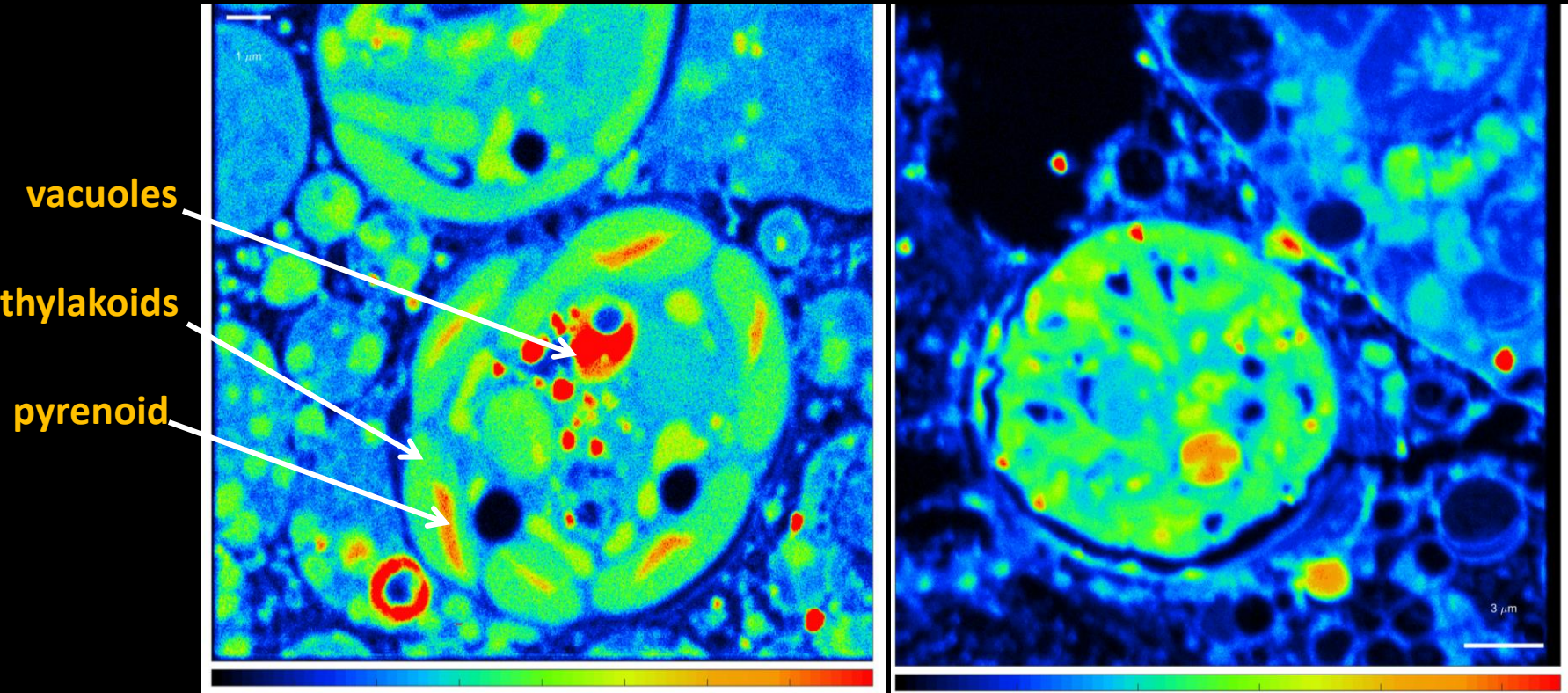


Subcellular mapping of **sulfur** in symbionts

^{32}S with nanoSIMS

Symbiont *Phaeocystis*

Symbiont *Brandtodinium*



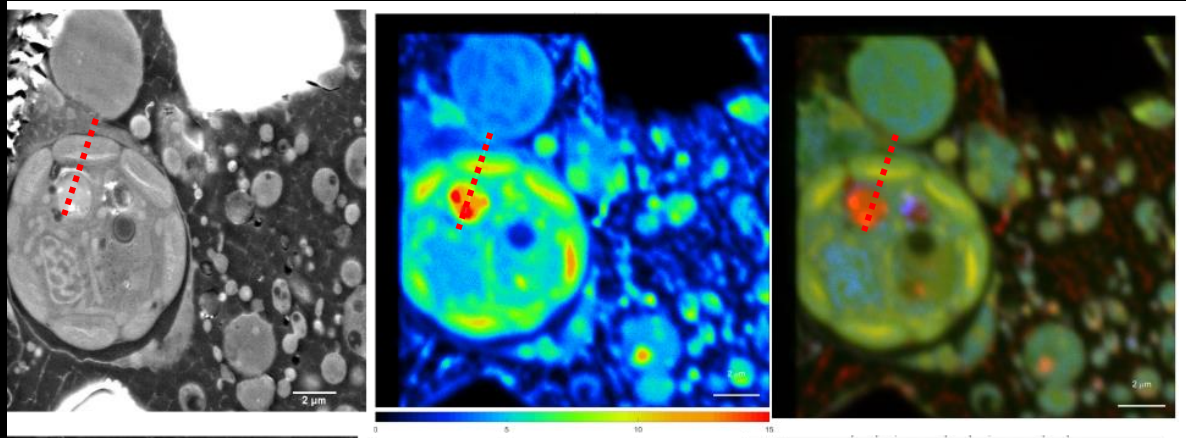
Sulfur in thylakoid membranes, pyrenoid, vacuoles

High sulfur content in vacuoles

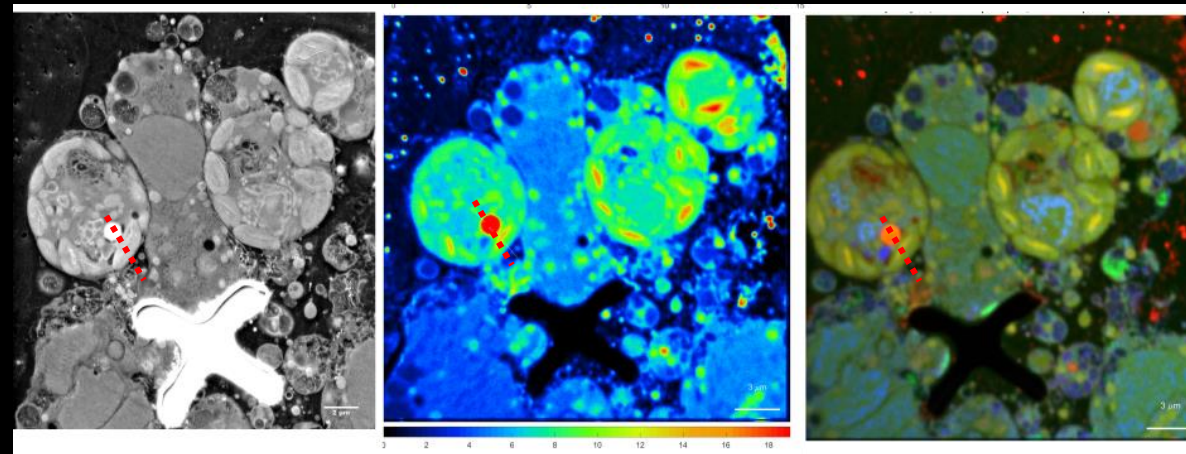
SEM image

S (nanoSIMS)

S-N-P (nanoSIMS)



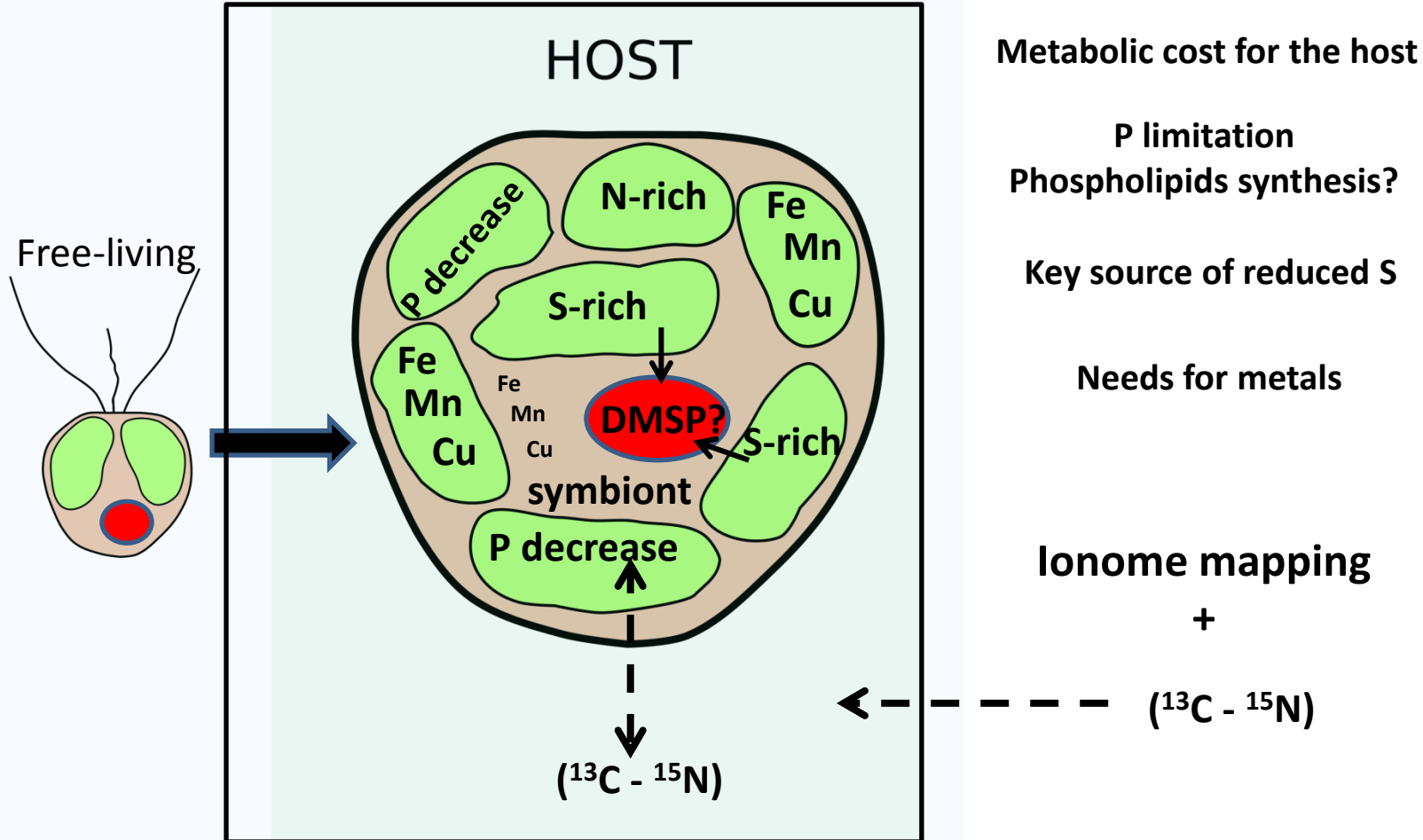
Vacuoles contain up to 6.5 times more S than in chloroplasts



S-rich vacuoles (with no P and no N) = **DIVISOR storage!**

Summary

Morphological and metabolic reconfiguration of the symbiont

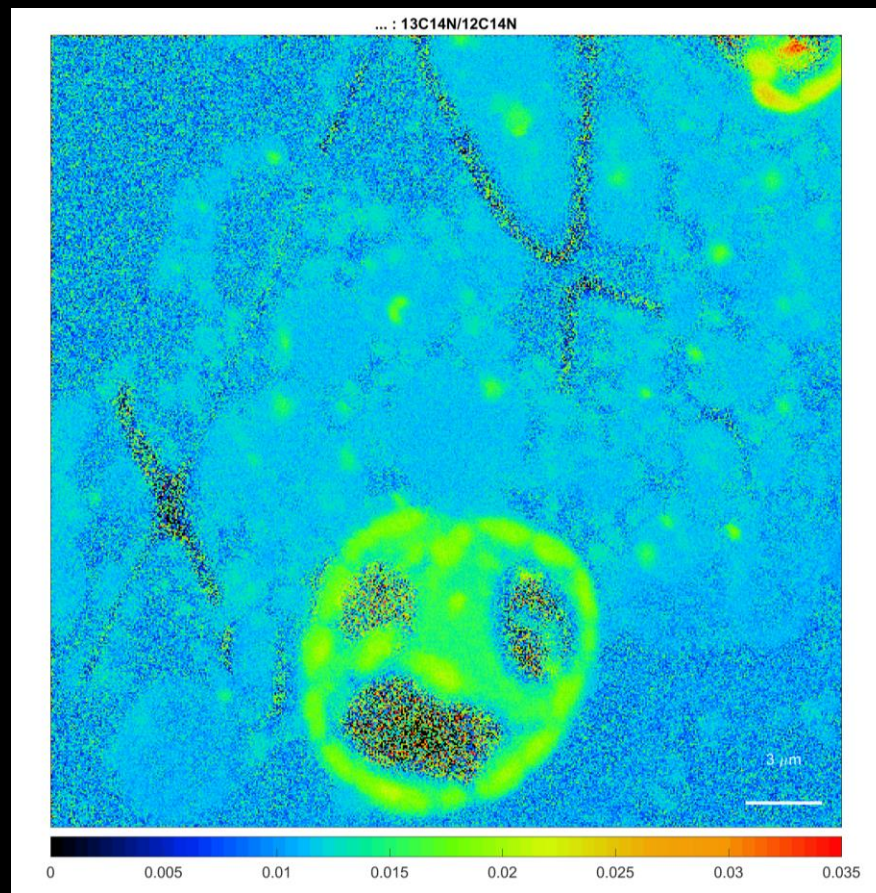


...towards a more dynamic view of the metabolism

Perspectives

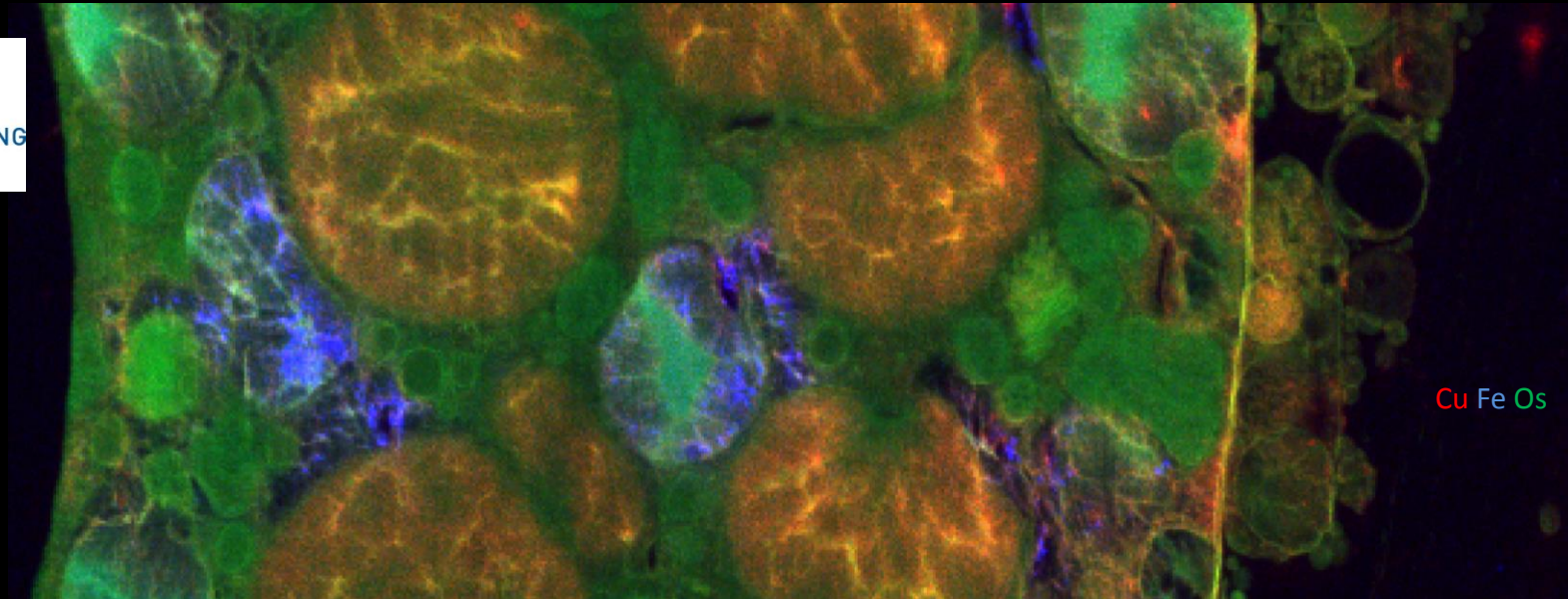
- Visualize and quantify the uptake and transfer of C, N and S with stable isotopes (SIP-nanoSIMS) in correlation with ToF-SIMS

^{13}C uptake - 5h incubation



Thank you for your attention

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