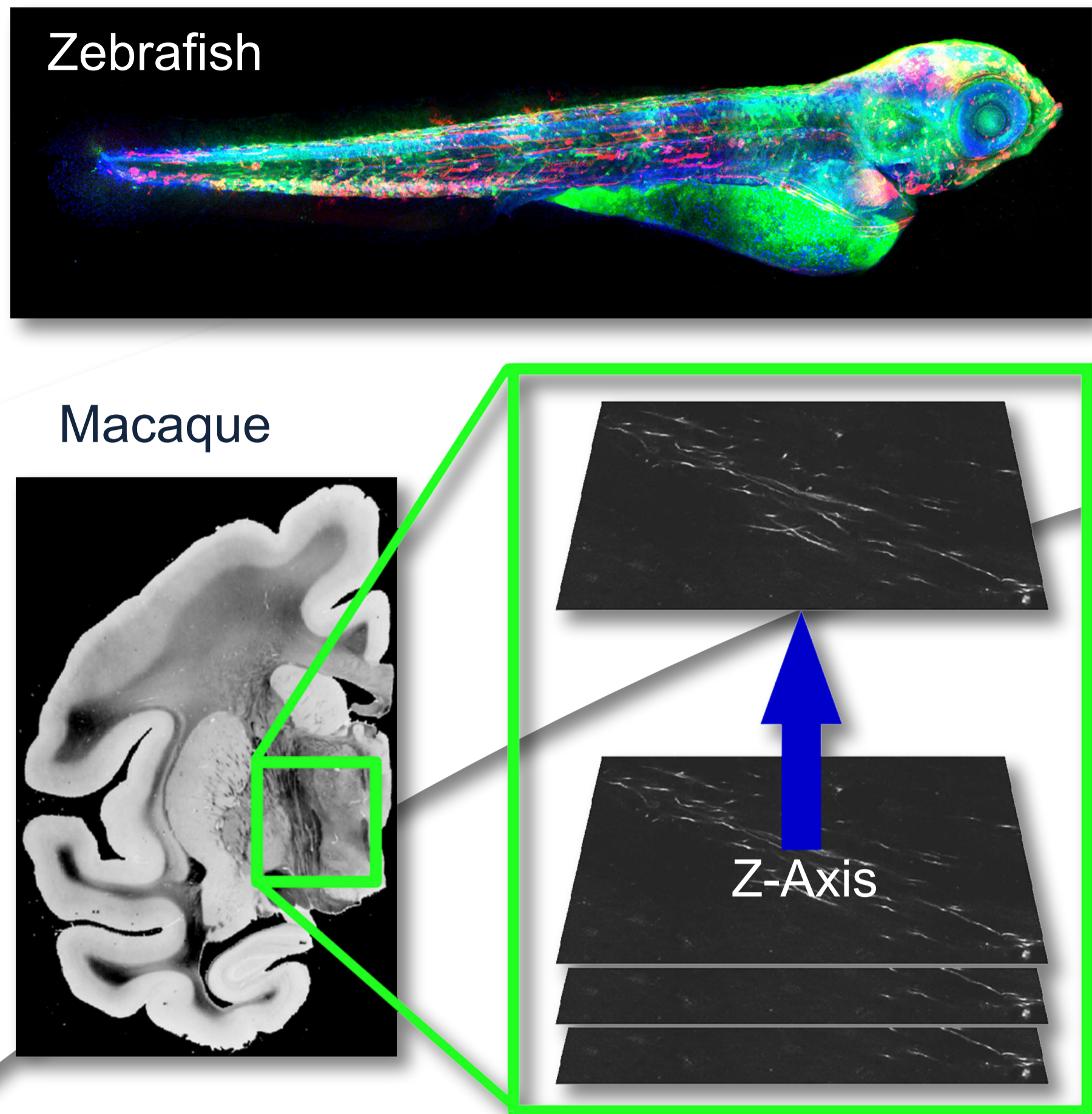


Light Microscopy Image Process

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Image Acquisition

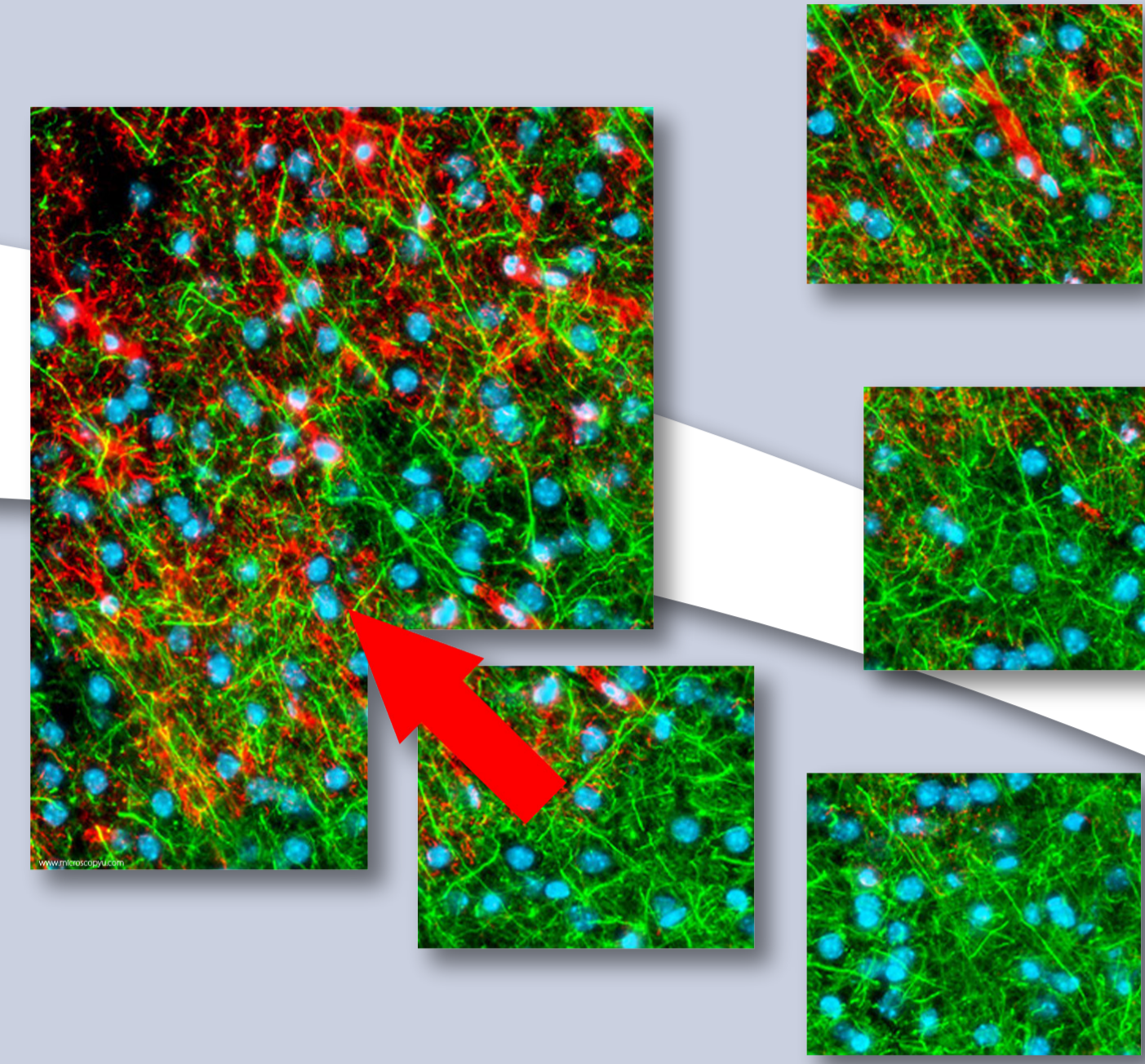


-Data sets we have explored include zebrafish volumes and macaque monkey serial sections
-Images are acquired using fluorescence confocal microscopy techniques

Preprocessing

Deconvolution
-Correct for blurring from the imperfect optical systems
Contrast Adjustment
-Make light and dark regions more distinguishable

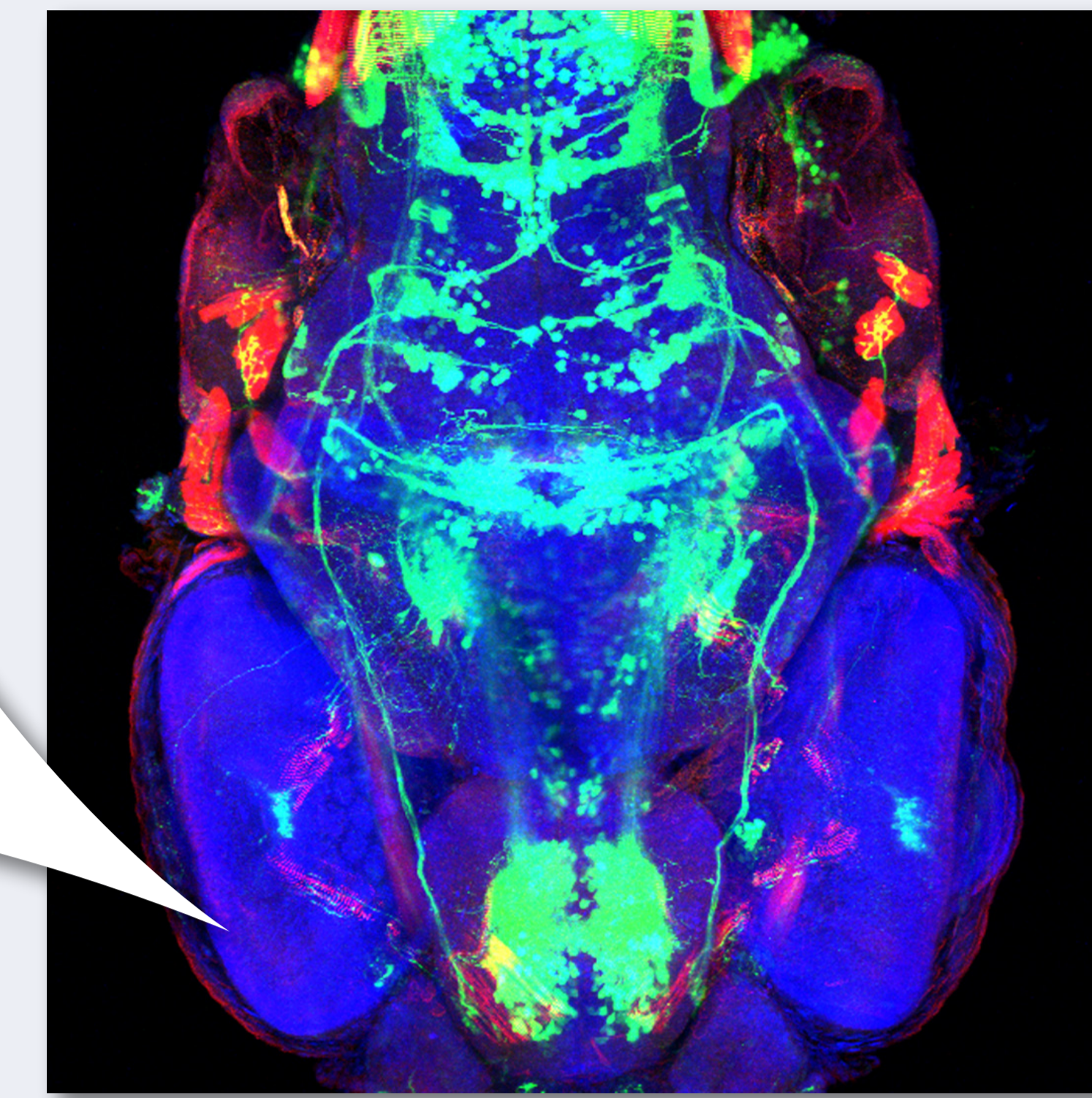
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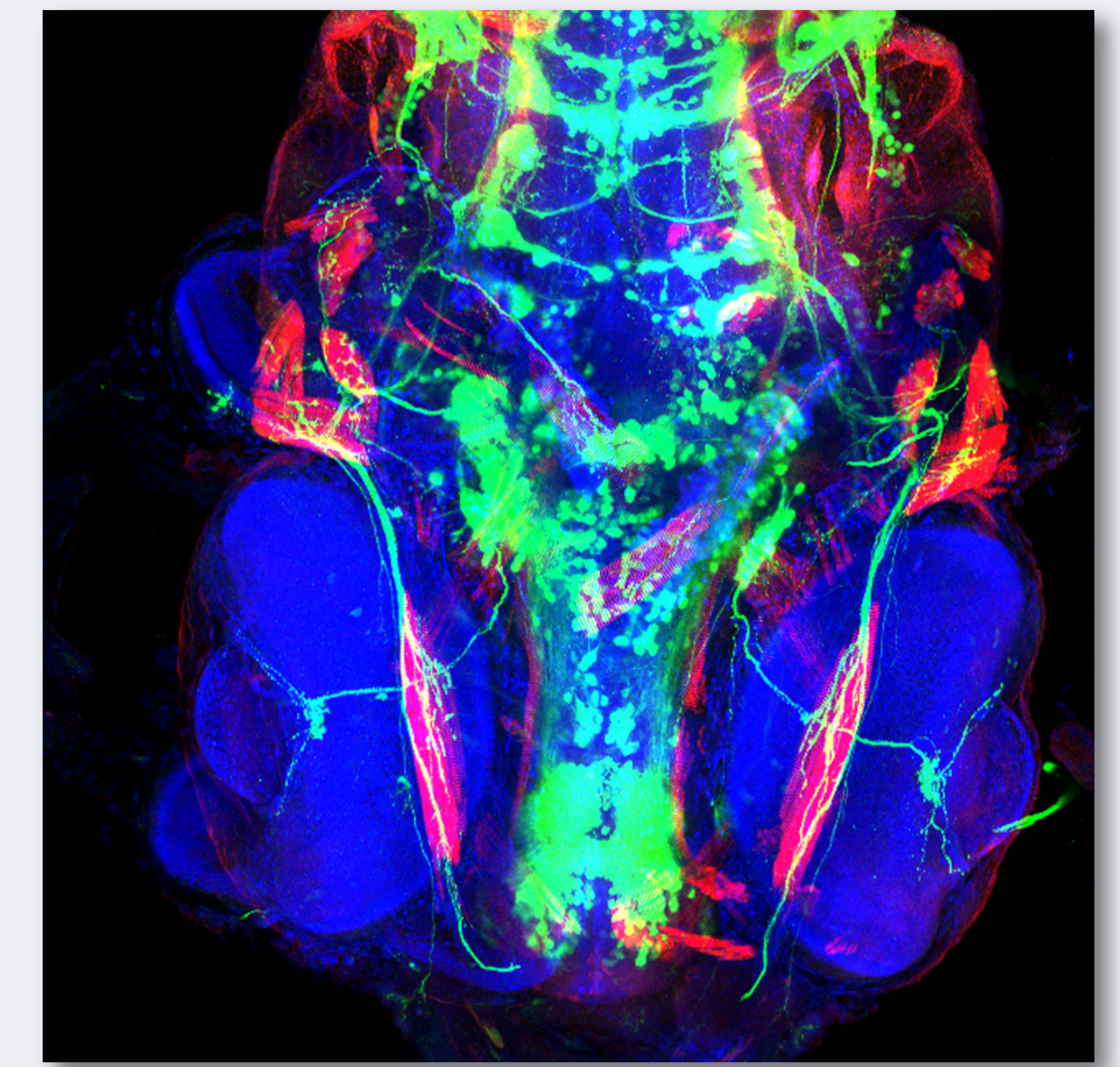
-The overlapping fields are reassembled into a complete mosaic
-Correction for optical distortion is also applied so the tiles align correctly

Registration

Zebrafish



Dorsal Volume



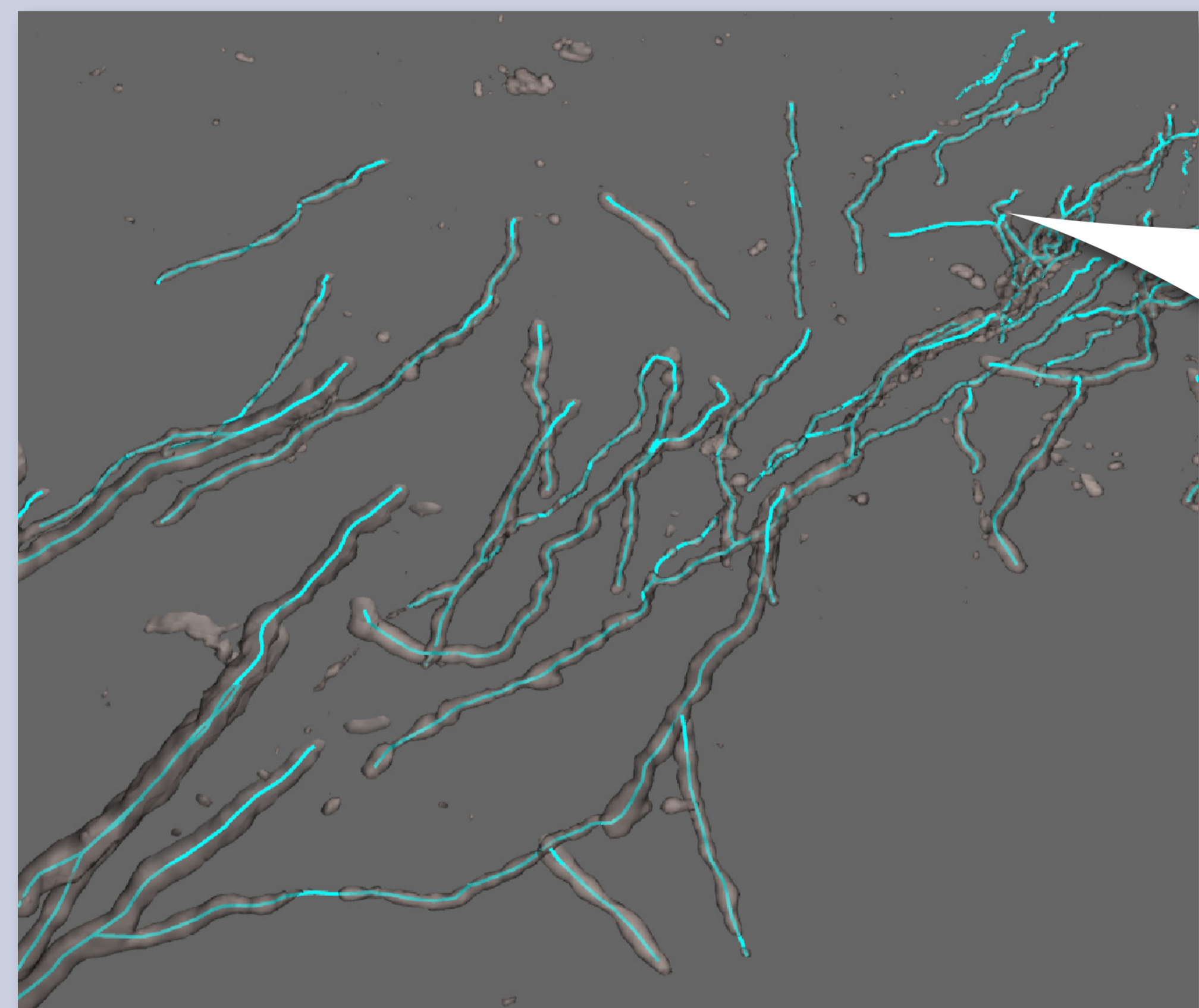
Ventral Volume

- The orientation between the dorsal and ventral images is arbitrary, where the translation and rotation parameters that align the volumes are unknown
- A combination of brute force registration and phase correlation methods are used to calculate the transform parameters of a suitable rigid transformation

Data Analysis

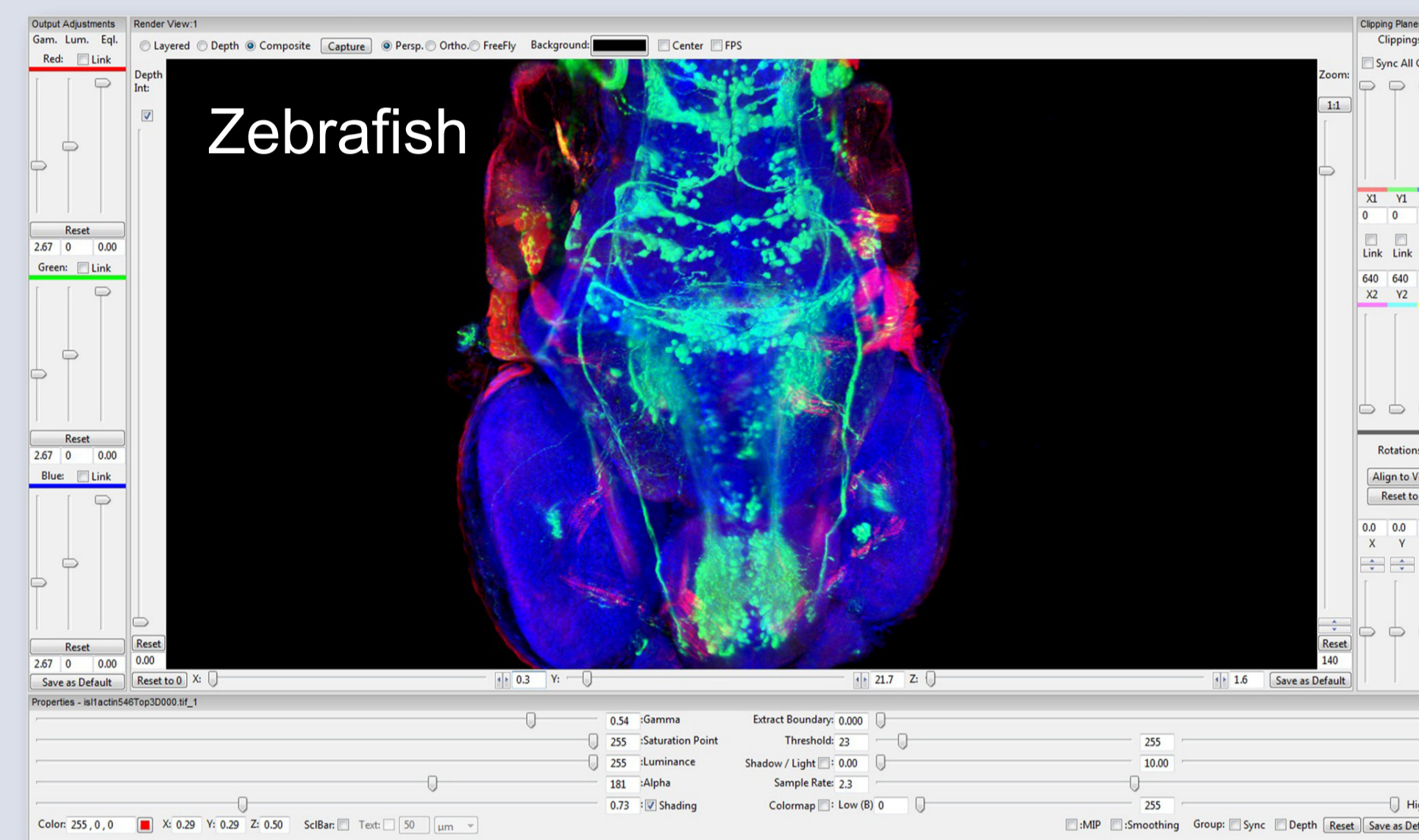
Zebrafish 3D and 4D Data Exploration
-Cell movements
-Neuronal circuitry
-Tissue development during conventional analysis of wildtype and mutant embryos and larvae

Axon Traces



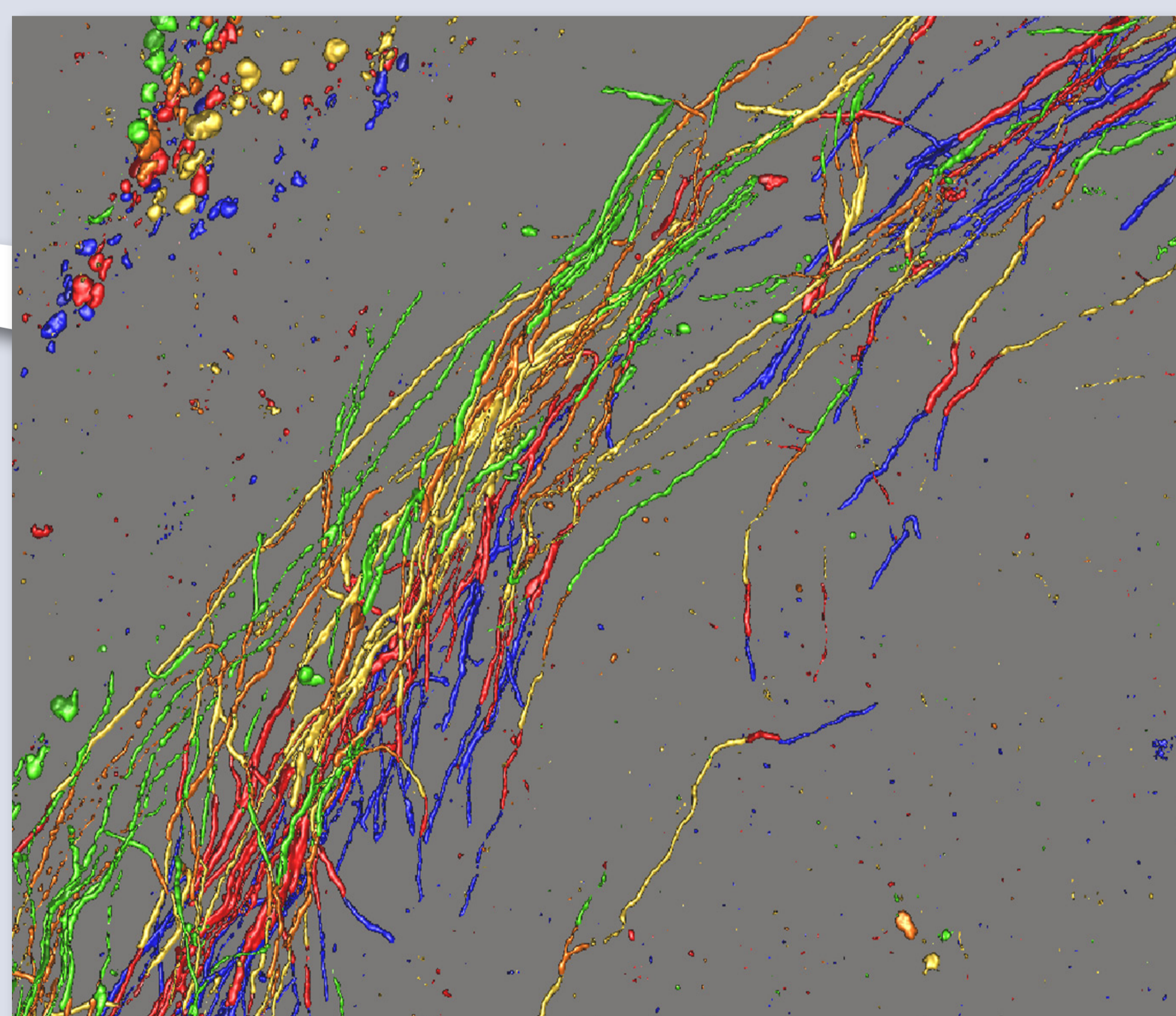
Macaque Axon Exploration
-Connectivity analysis
-Axon length and path variations
-Differences in axons imaged with different markers

Visualization

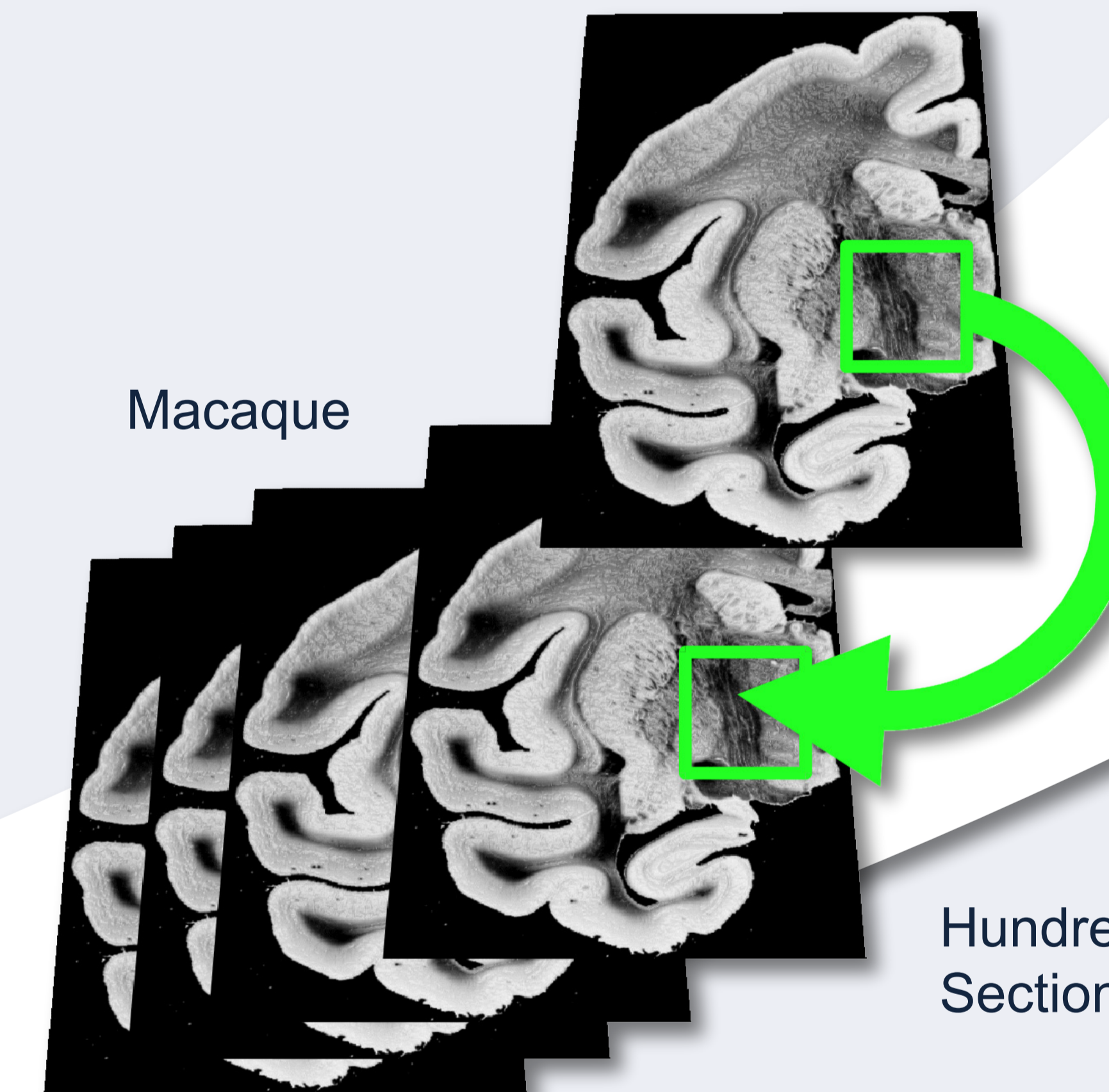


- Volume rendering shown in Fluorender.

Macaque Axons



- Isosurface rendering of axons in the region of interest over five consecutive serial sections. Colors represent different sections.



Hundreds of Deformable Sections

-Sections are easily deformed during the sectioning, staining, and mounting processes
-For axon alignment, we first trace the axons in each section independently
-The traced axons are used to derive landmarks to be used in nonrigid landmark-based registration

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