

3D deep tissue imaging technologies for in-vivo diagnostics and digital pathology

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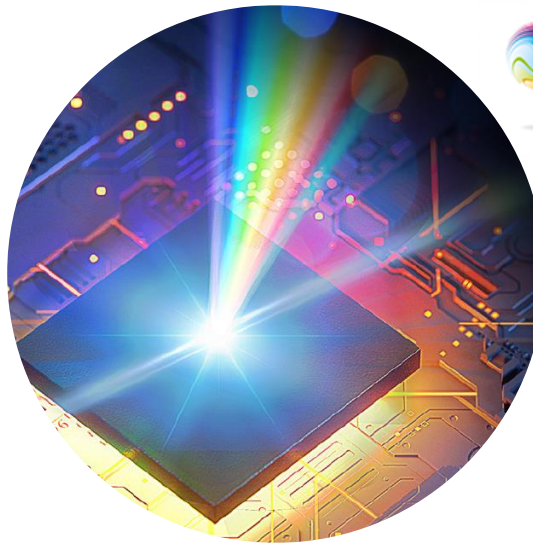
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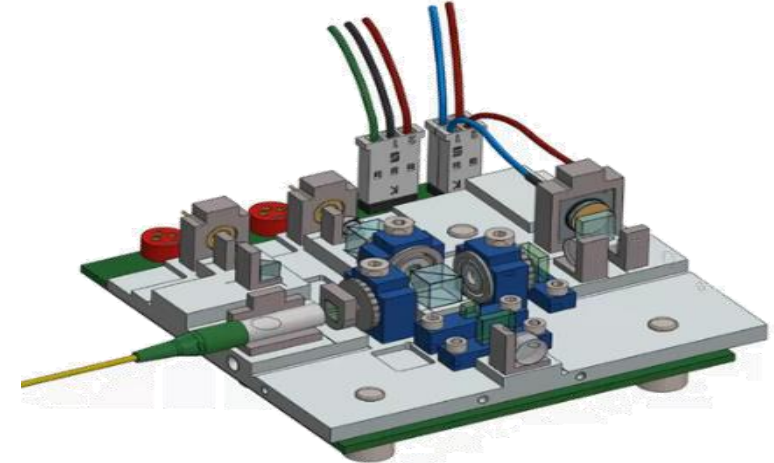
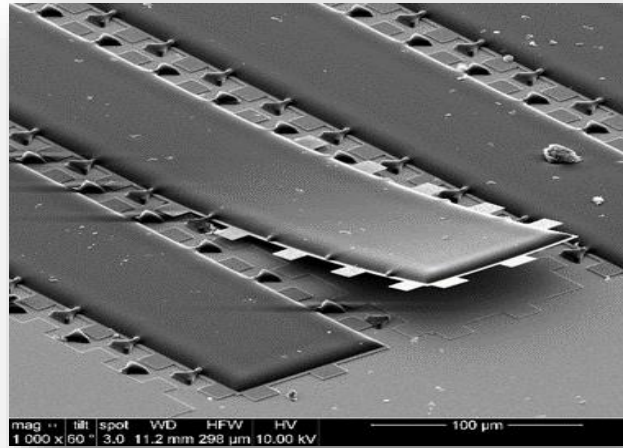
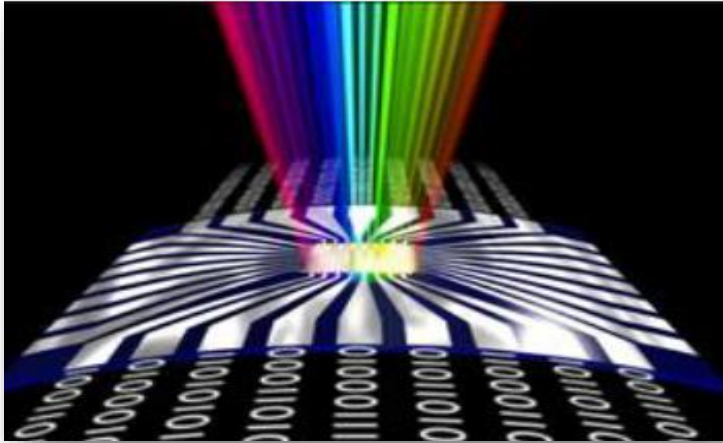


Where am I working?



Irish Photonic Integration Centre

- IPIC is Ireland's national photonics research centre
- Focus - Integrated photonic systems (hybrid and heterogeneous integration) for ICT and Medtech



New Centre Research Programme

‘World’s smallest integrated imaging system for guided surgery’

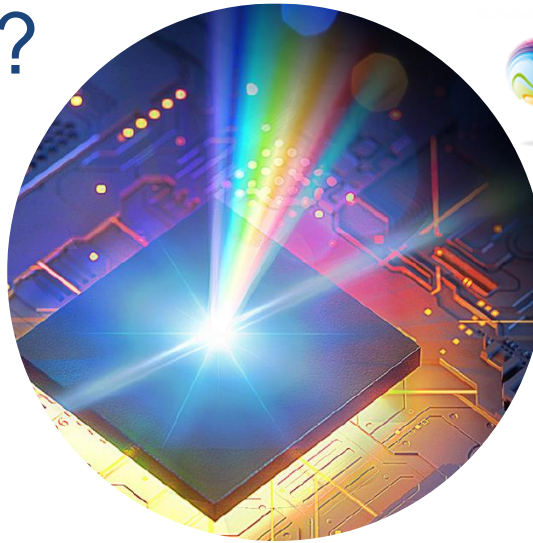
‘Coherent everywhere’ – migration of coherent communications to the network edge



‘Breaking the packaging cost barrier’

‘Printed photonics on anything’

Where am I working?



KEY FACTS about MedTech in Ireland

15 of the **top 20** MedTech companies are in Ireland



250

The number of MedTech companies in Ireland



€7.2bn

The value of annual Irish MedTech exports



25,000

The number of people employed in the industry – the highest number of people working in the industry in any country in Europe, per head of population



33%

The percentage of the world's contact lenses manufactured in Ireland



30m

The number of people with diabetes that rely on an injectable device manufactured in Ireland



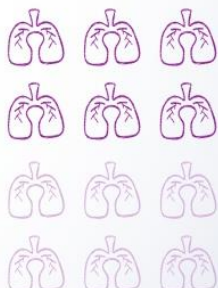
The world's

market-leading drug-eluting stent was developed and commercialised in Ireland



8%

Exports of medical devices and diagnostics products now represent 8% of Ireland's total merchandise exports



50%

The percentage of ventilators worldwide in acute hospitals that are Irish made



>50%

of MedTech companies have a dedicated R&D function

2nd largest

Ireland is the 2nd largest exporter of MedTech products in Europe

Just some of the MedTech companies with operations in Ireland

Boston
Scientific

BAUSCH + LOMB



VISTAKON
DIVISION OF Johnson & Johnson VISION CARE, INC.

GE Healthcare

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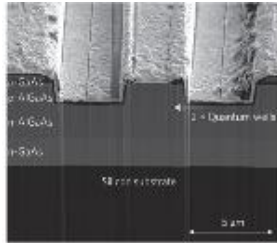
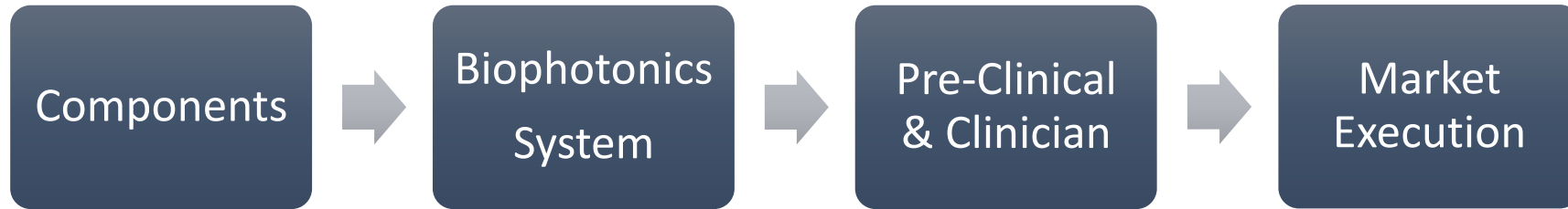
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Biophotonics Innovation Chain



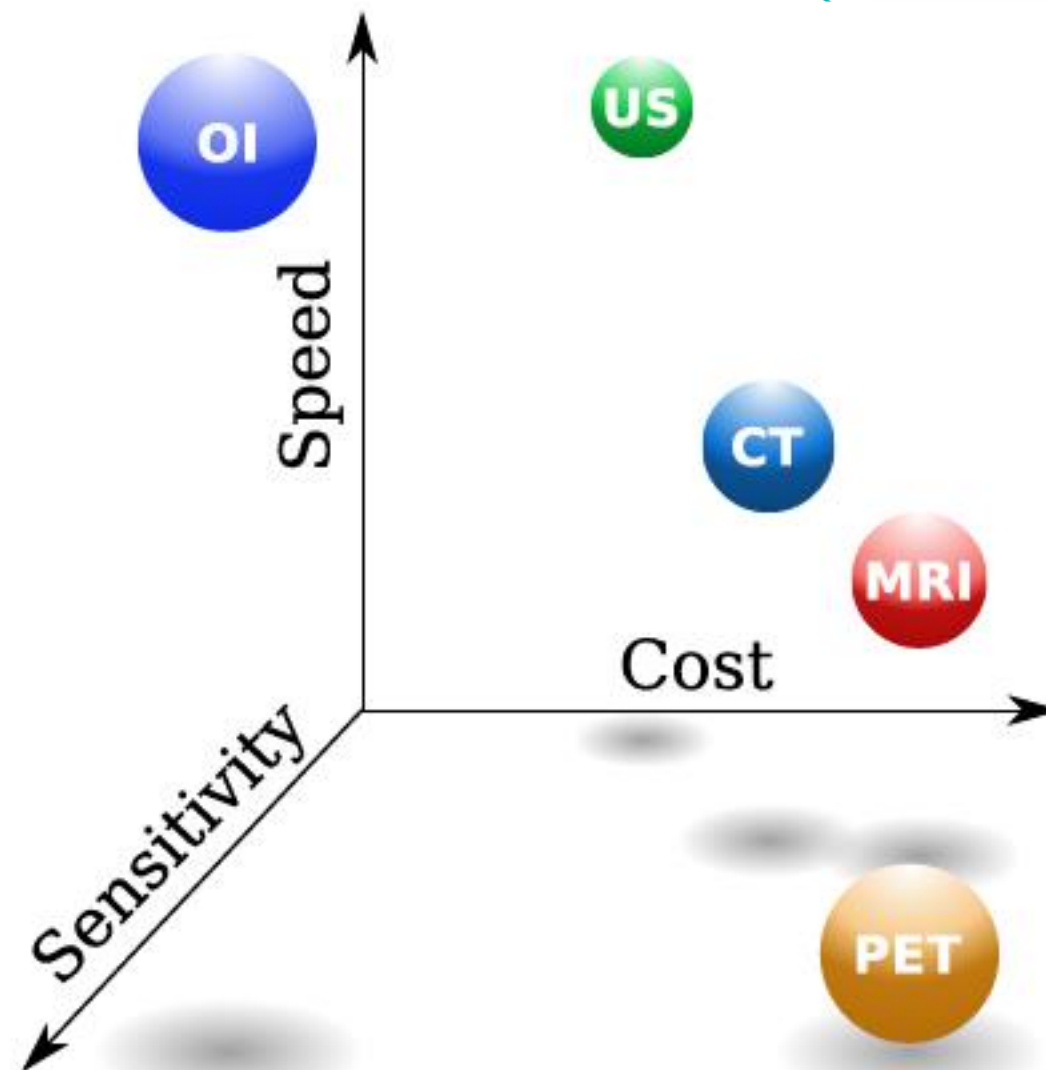
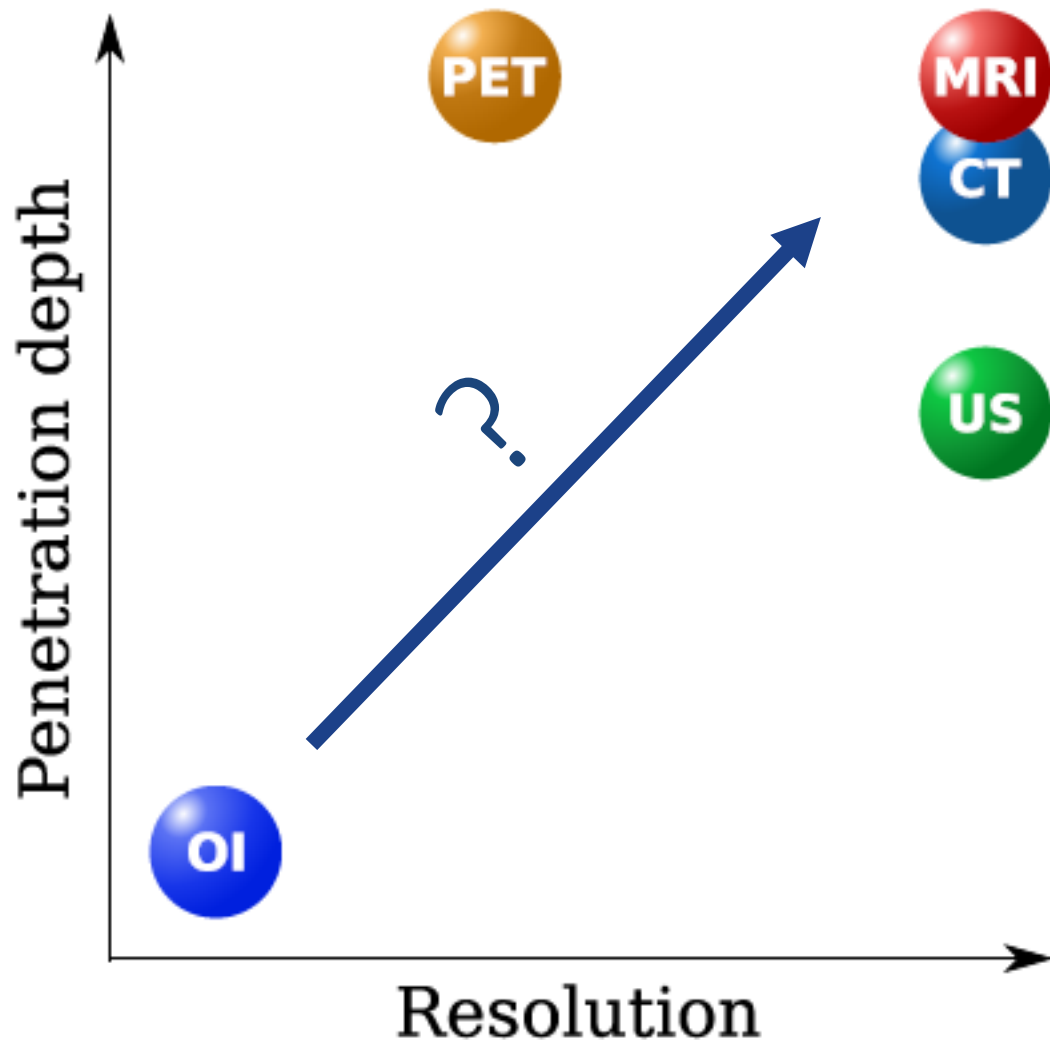
There is a clear need for deep tissue imaging

- Diagnostics
- Treatment guidance



*Illustrations
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Diffuse Optical Imaging



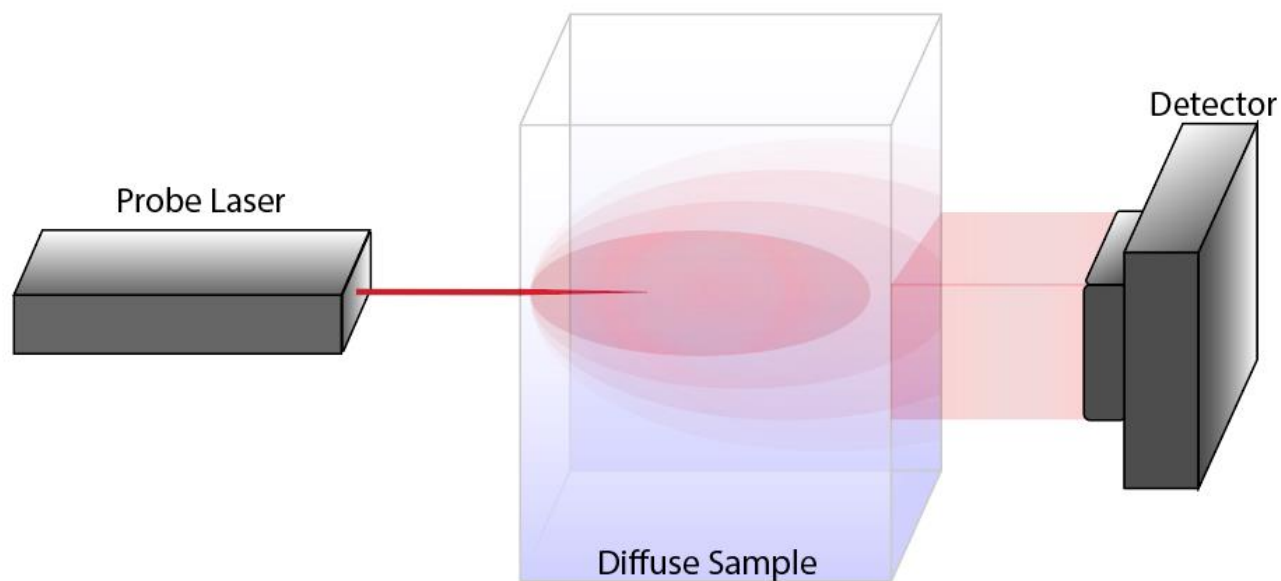


Acoustic Optical Tomography (AOT)

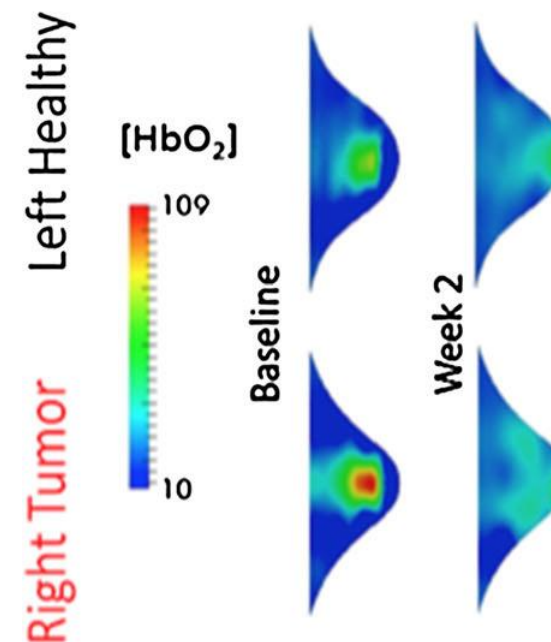


Upconverting Nanoparticles (UCNPs)

Combined Optical and Ultrasound

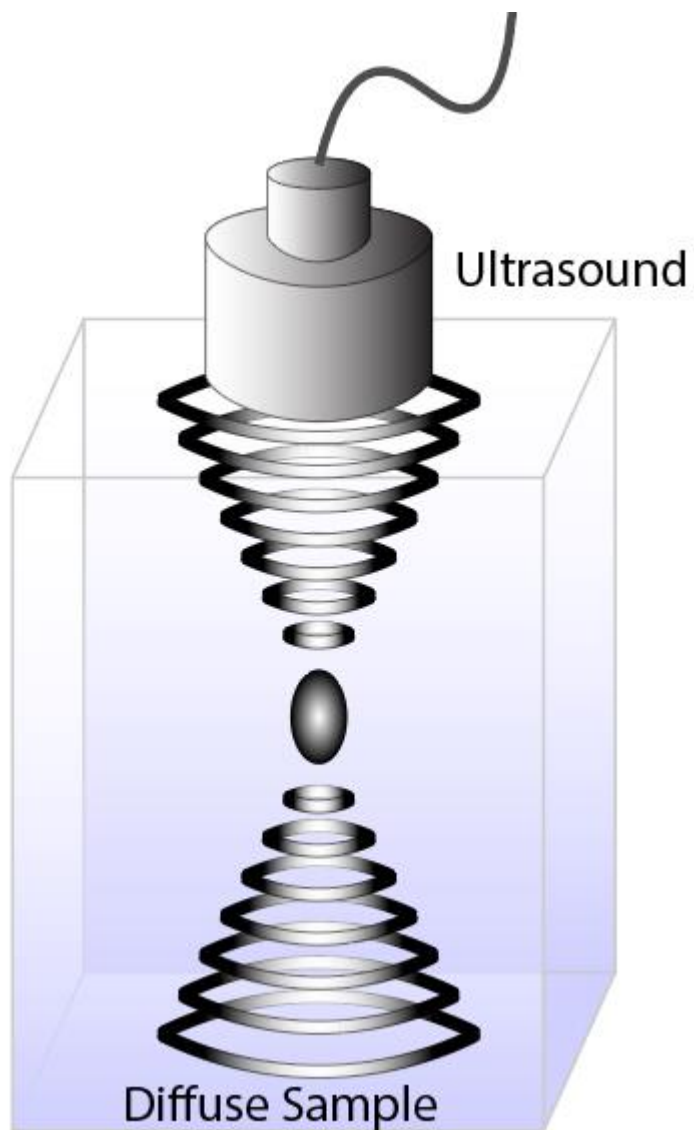



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|-------|----------|------------|
| Light | 😊 | 😞 |

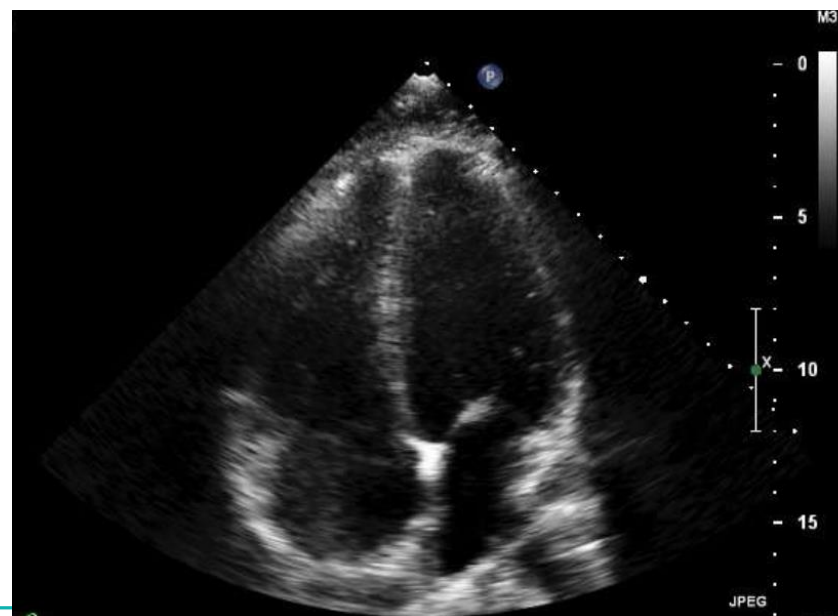


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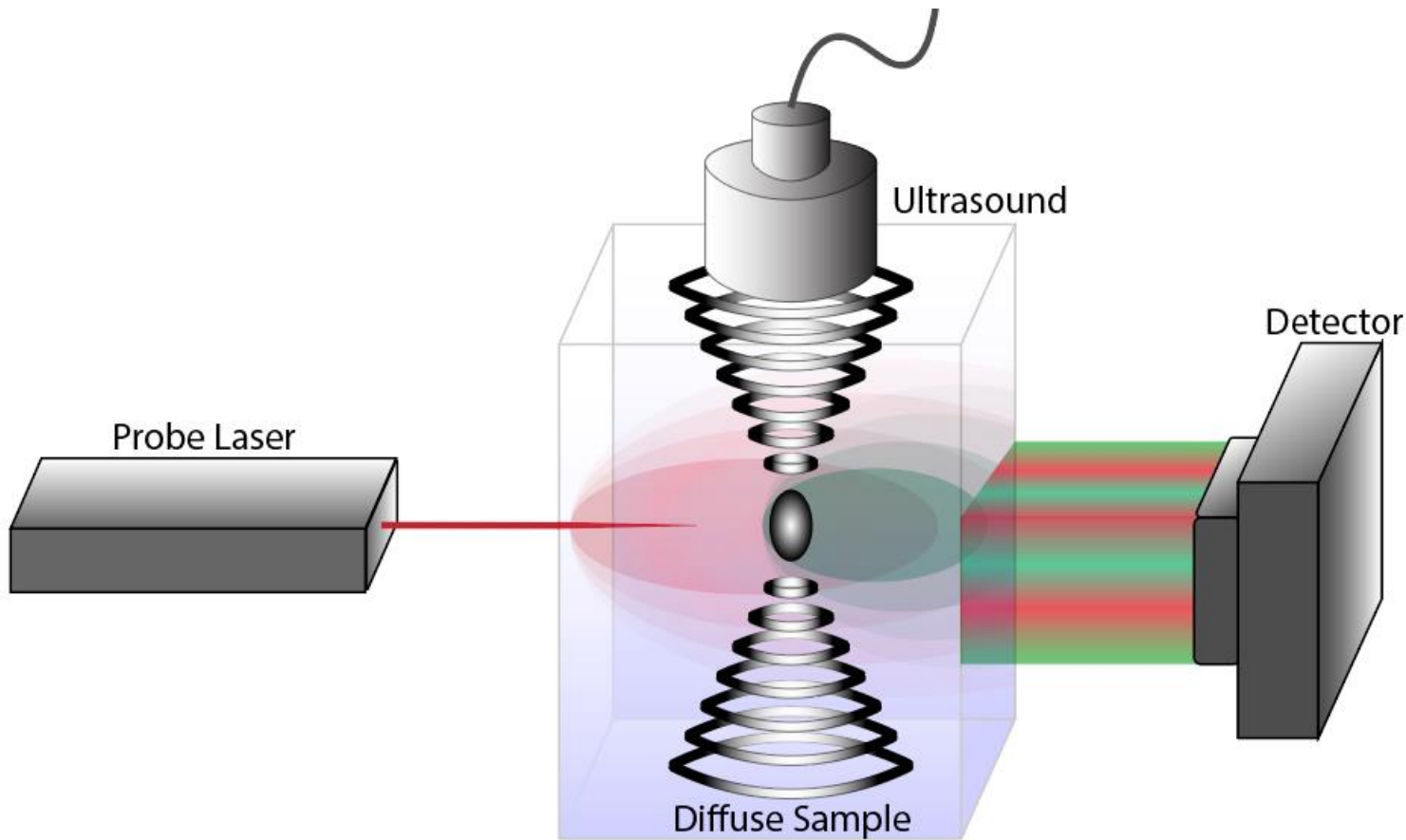
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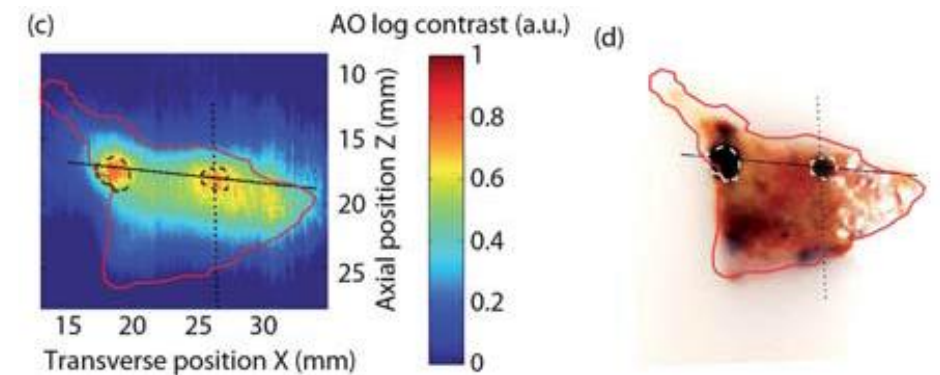


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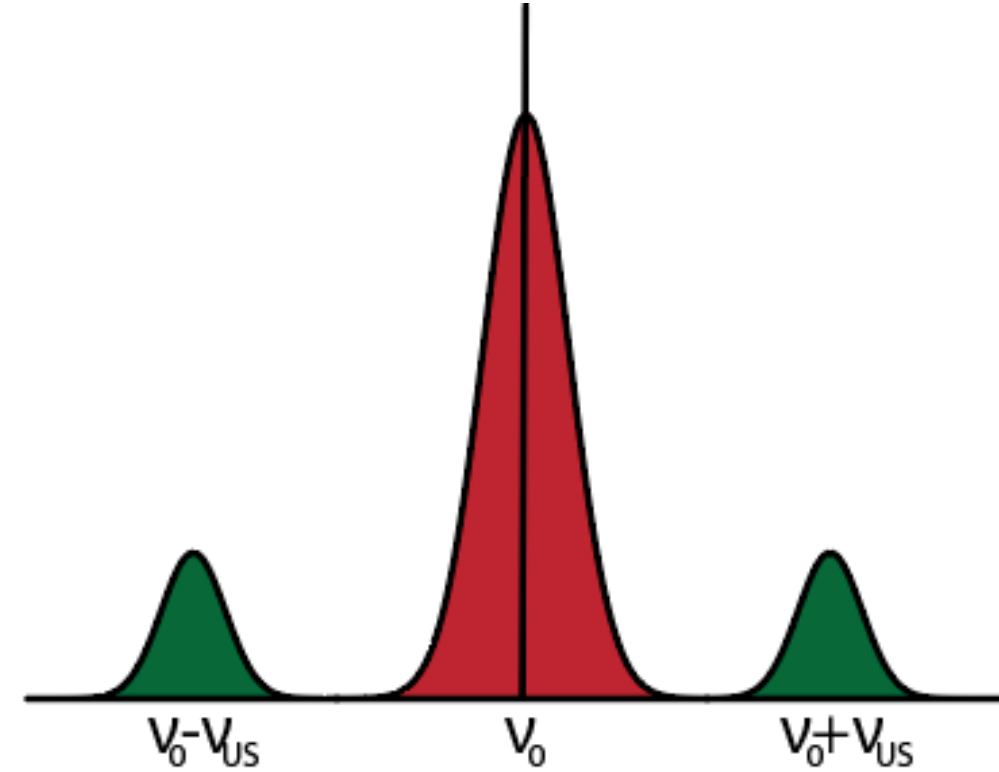
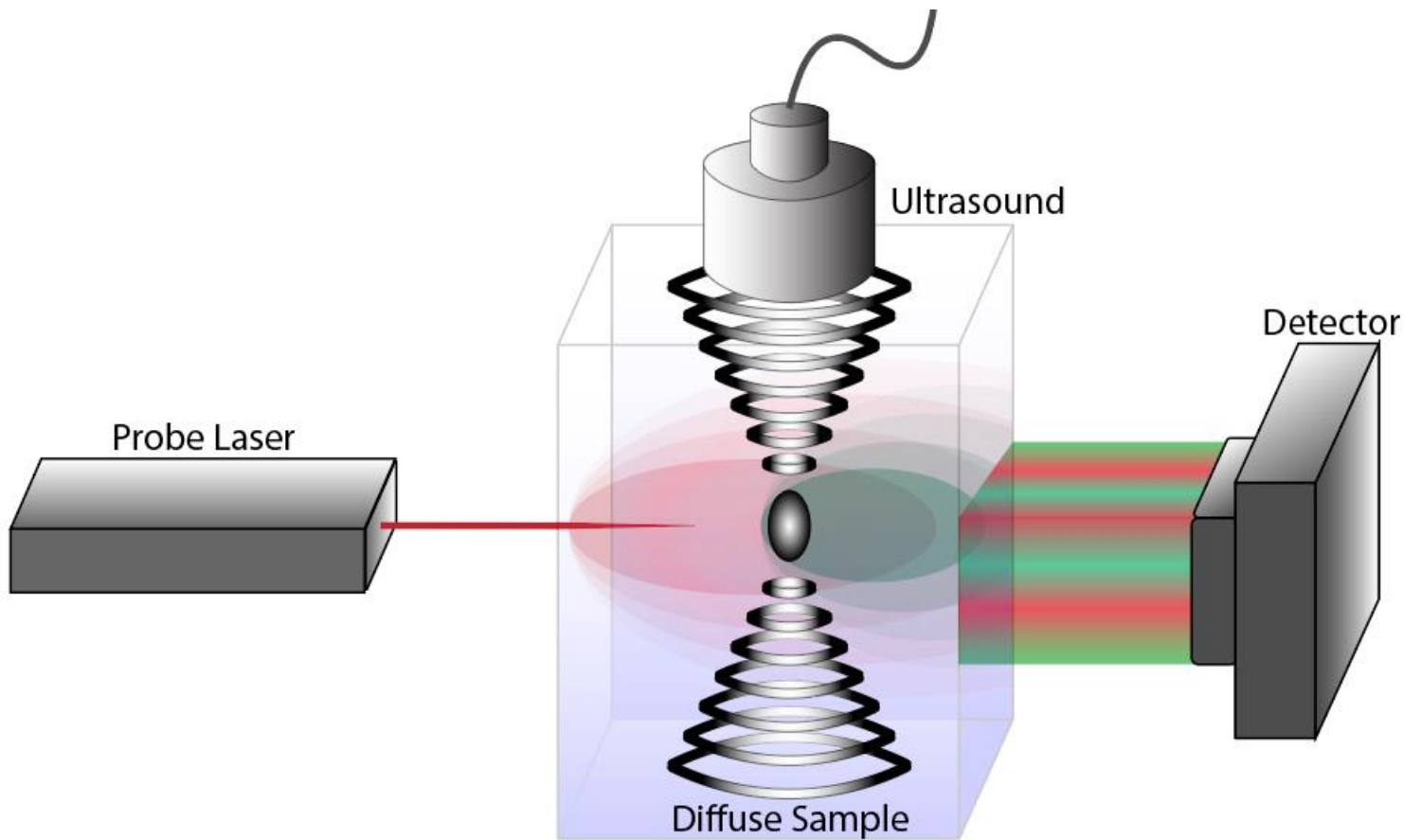


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| Ultrasound | 😞 | 😊 |
| Combined | 😊 | 😊 |

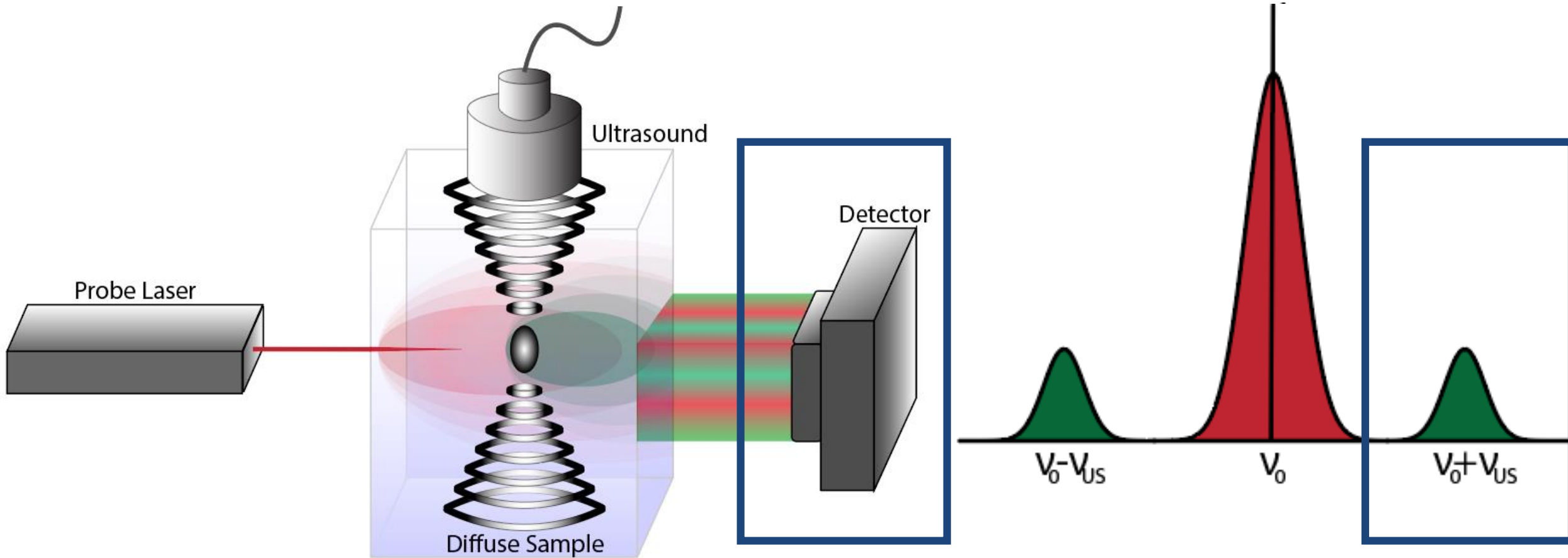
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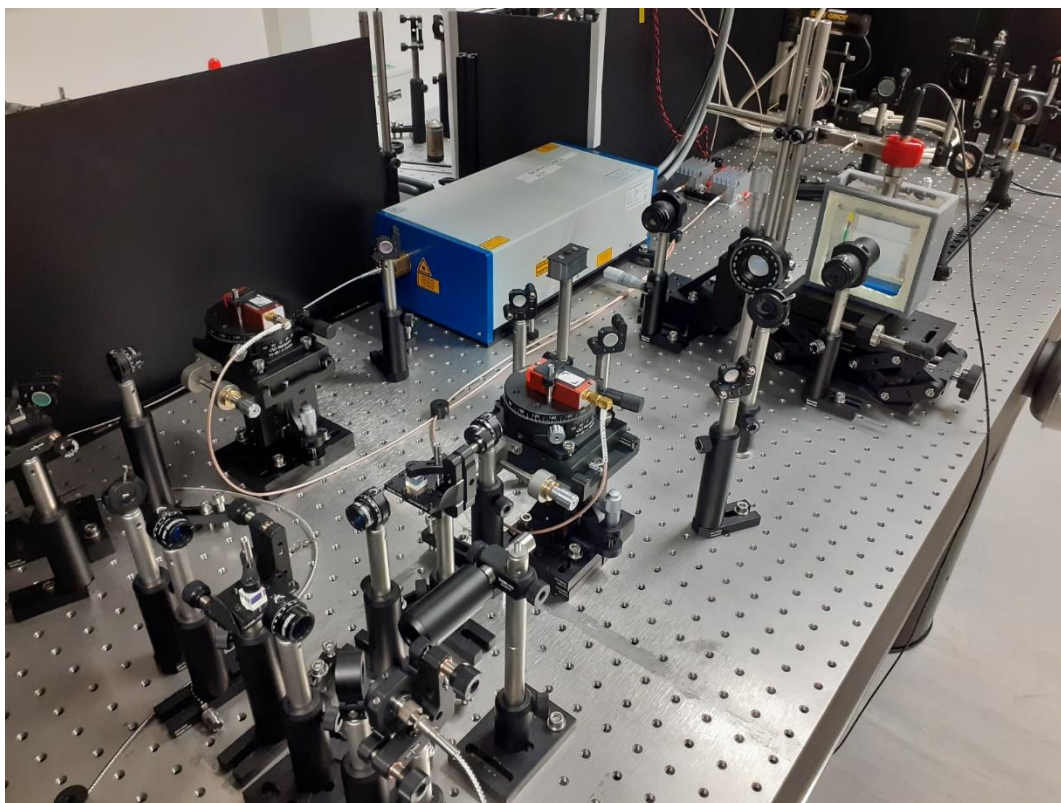
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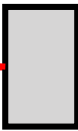


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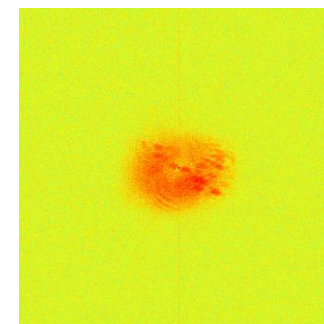


Heterodyne System

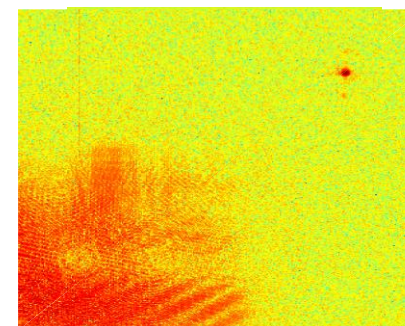



 Camera

No Ultrasound

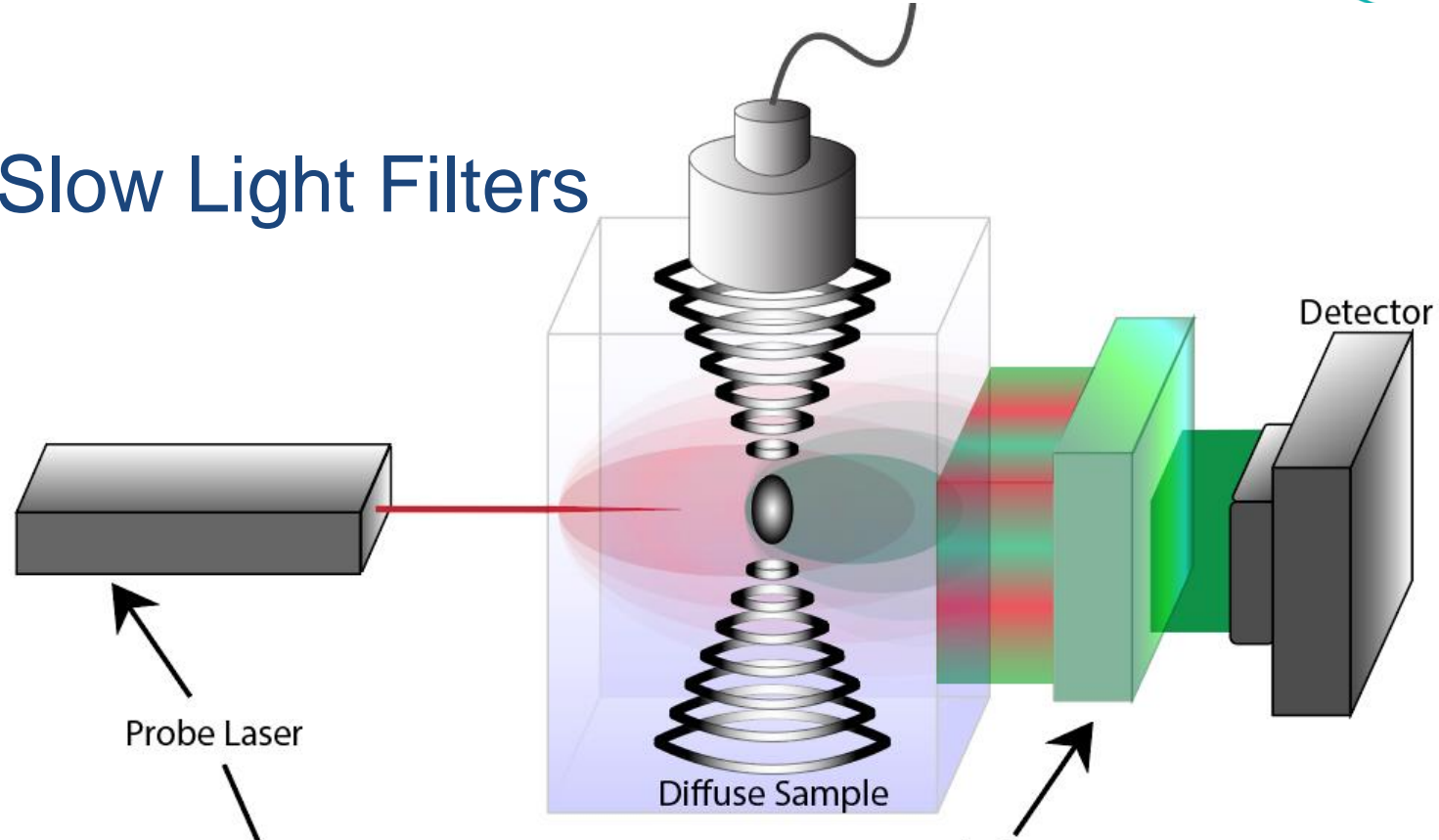


With Ultrasound



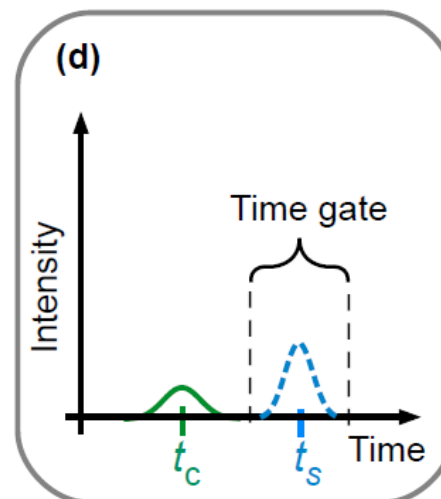
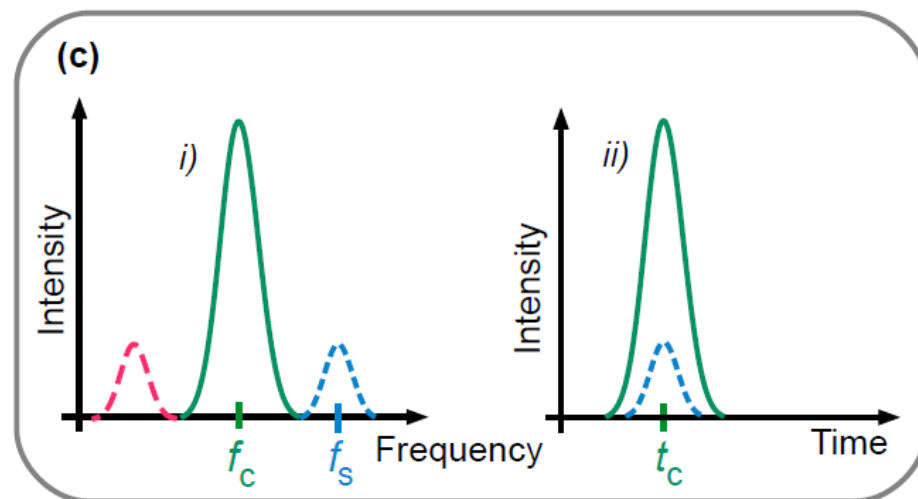
Can separate the tagged light by using a simple setup!

AOT with Slow Light Filters

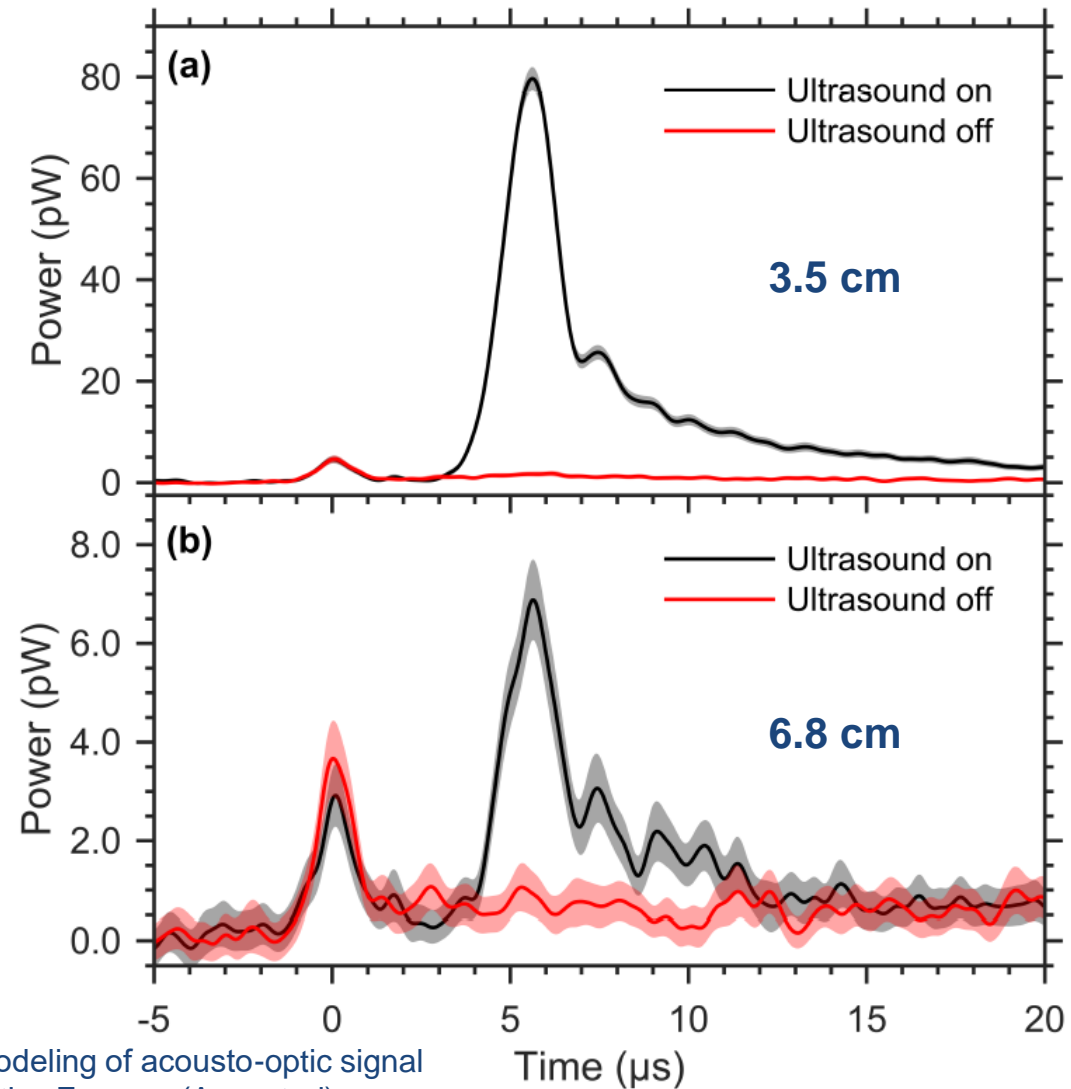
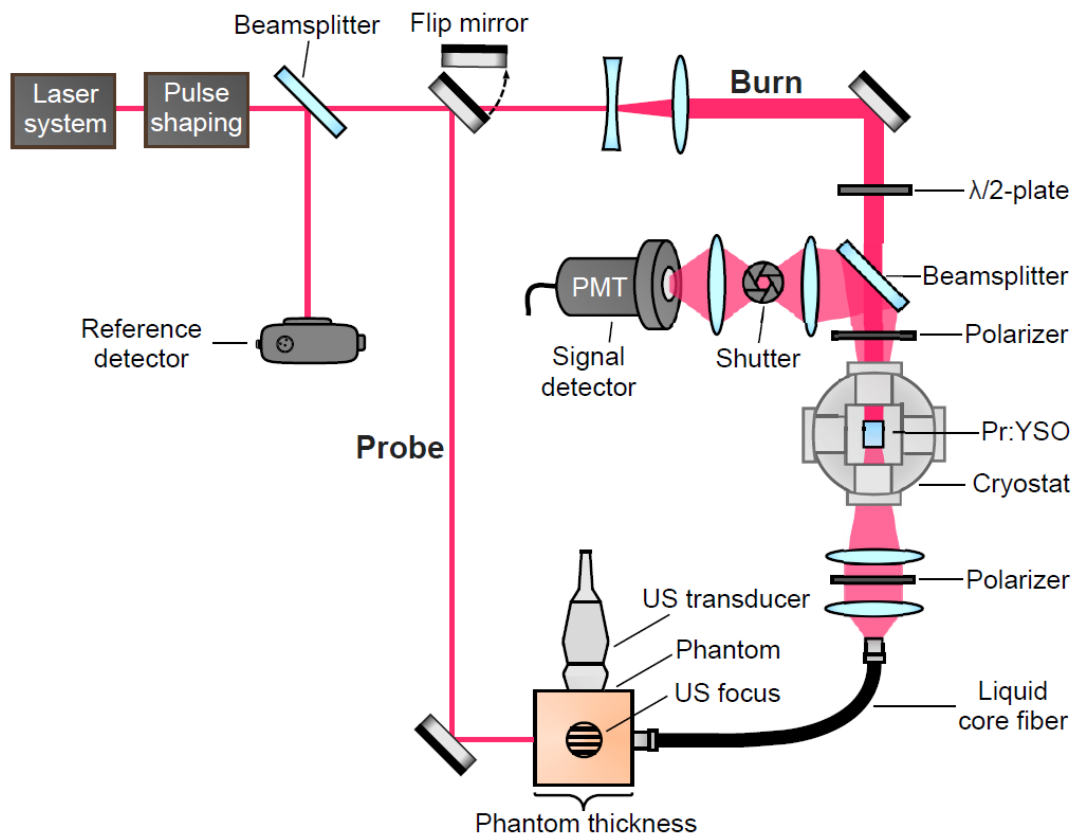


Difference in transit time

$$v_g = \frac{c}{n_g(\omega)} = \frac{c}{n + \omega \frac{dn}{d\omega}}$$



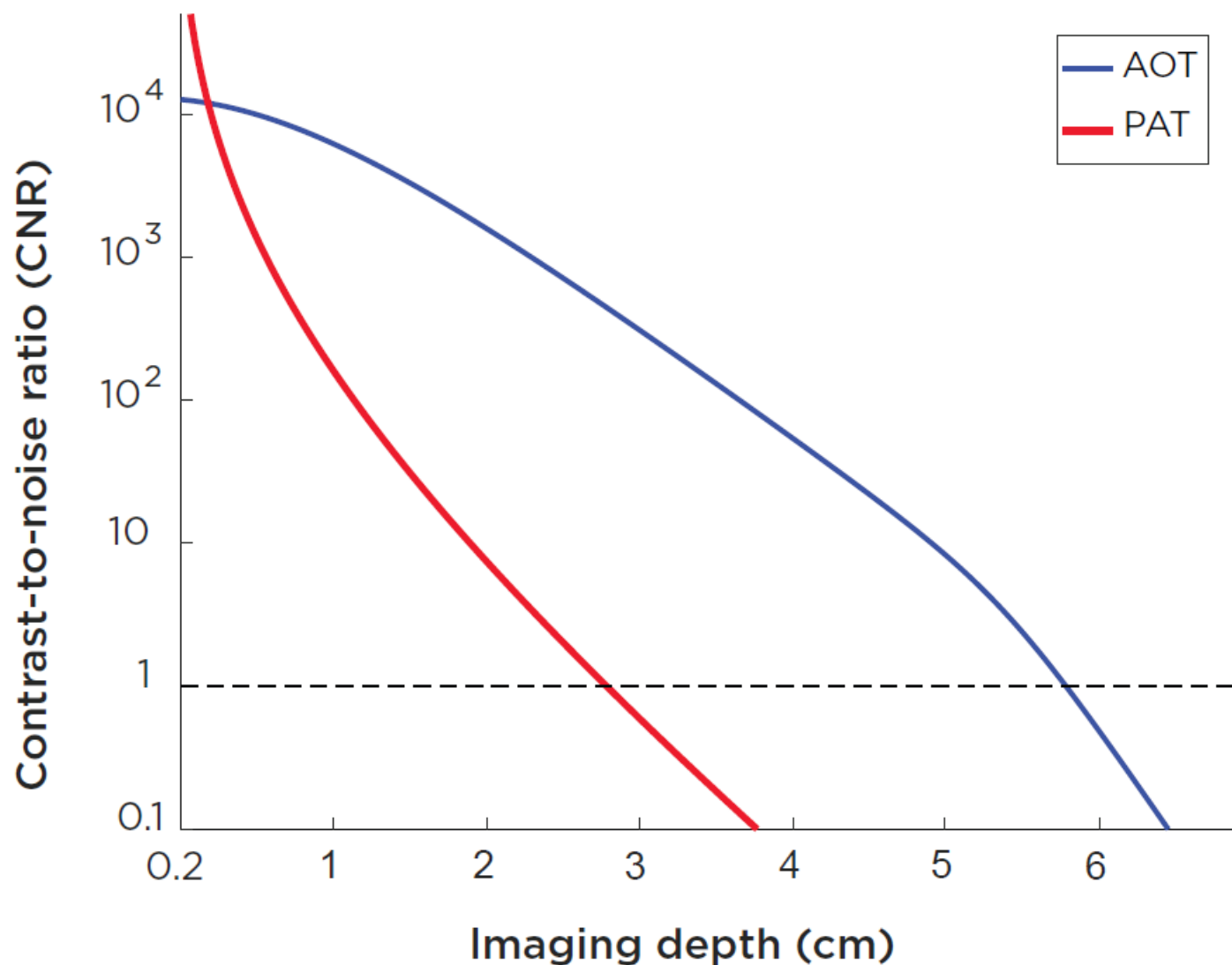
Experimental verification



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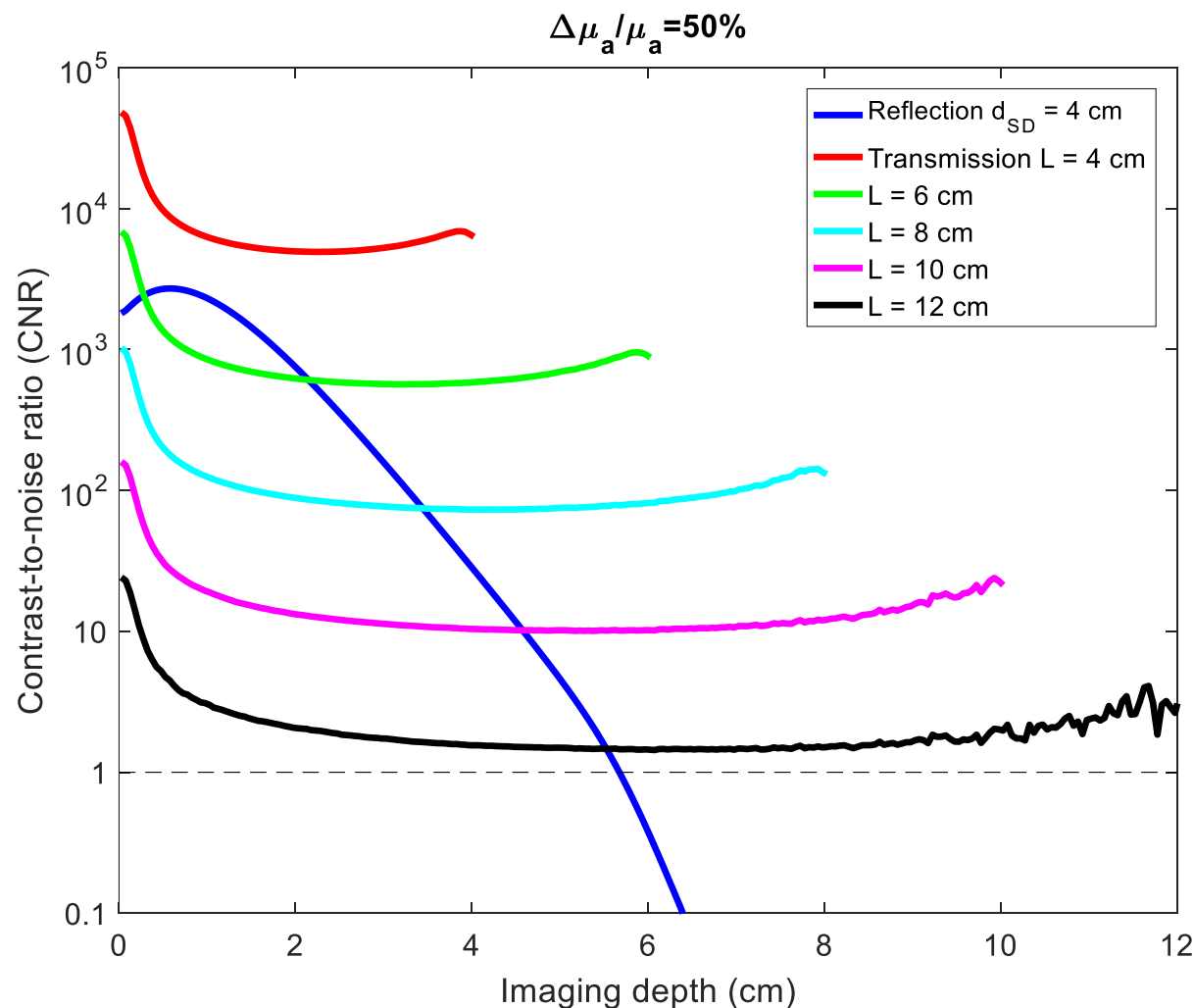
Acousto-Optical Tomography versus Photoacoustics

$$\Delta \mu_a / \mu_a = 50\%$$



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Modelling CNR versus Imaging Depth



Theoretical possibility to reach centimetres into biological tissue!

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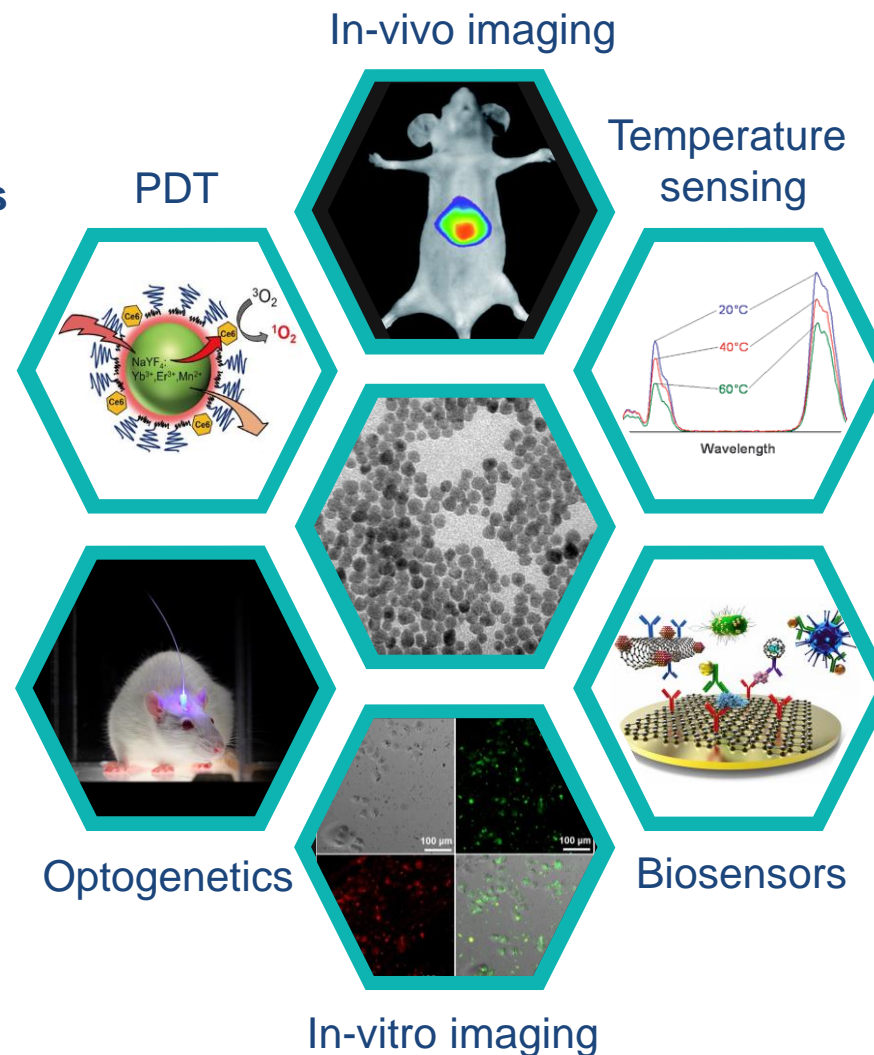
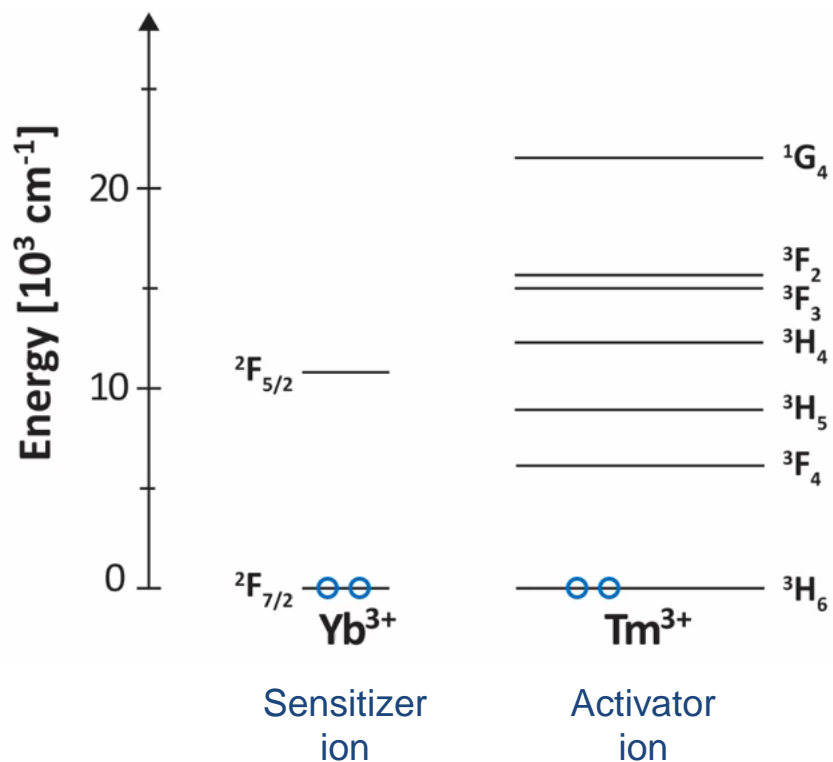
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Upconverting Nanoparticles (UCNPs)

Upconverting nanoparticles

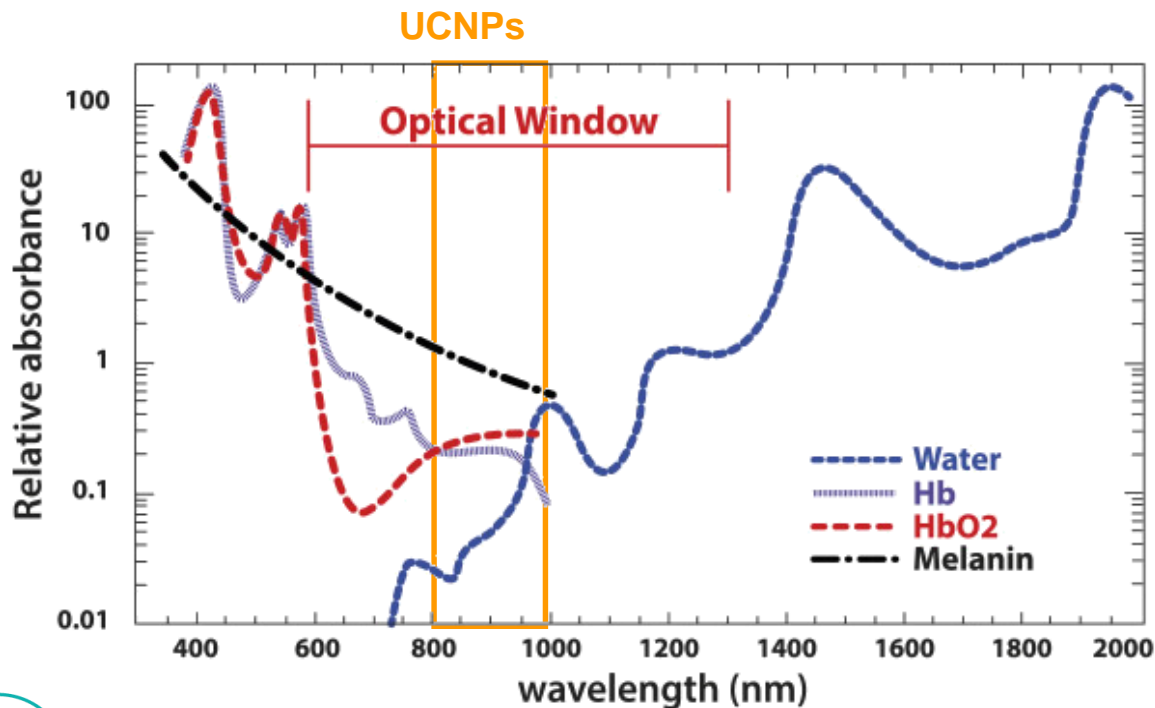
Energy transfer upconversion (ETU) process






Why UCNPs?

Fluorescence measurements of deep tissue structures are limited by:

- poor light penetration
- superimposed tissue autofluorescence

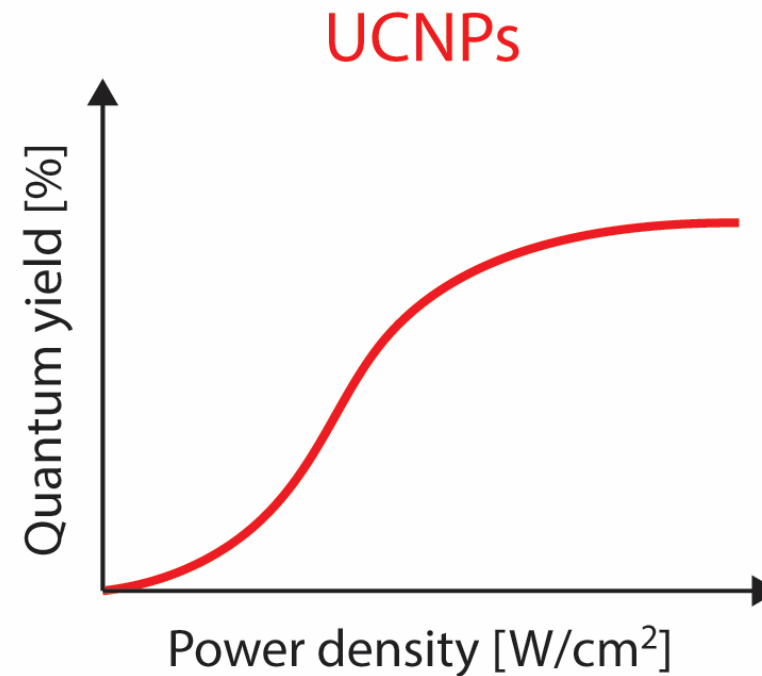
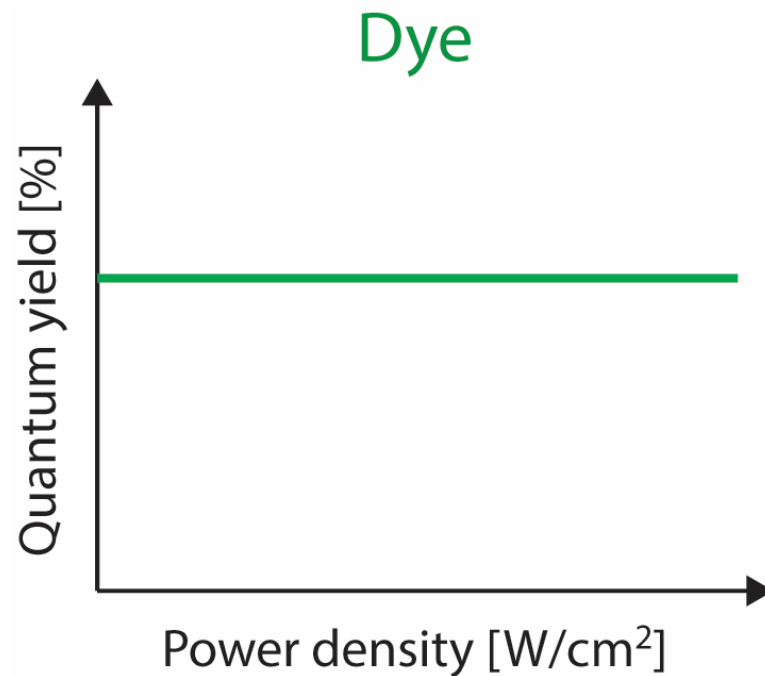


Comparison of fluorescent probes for bioimaging

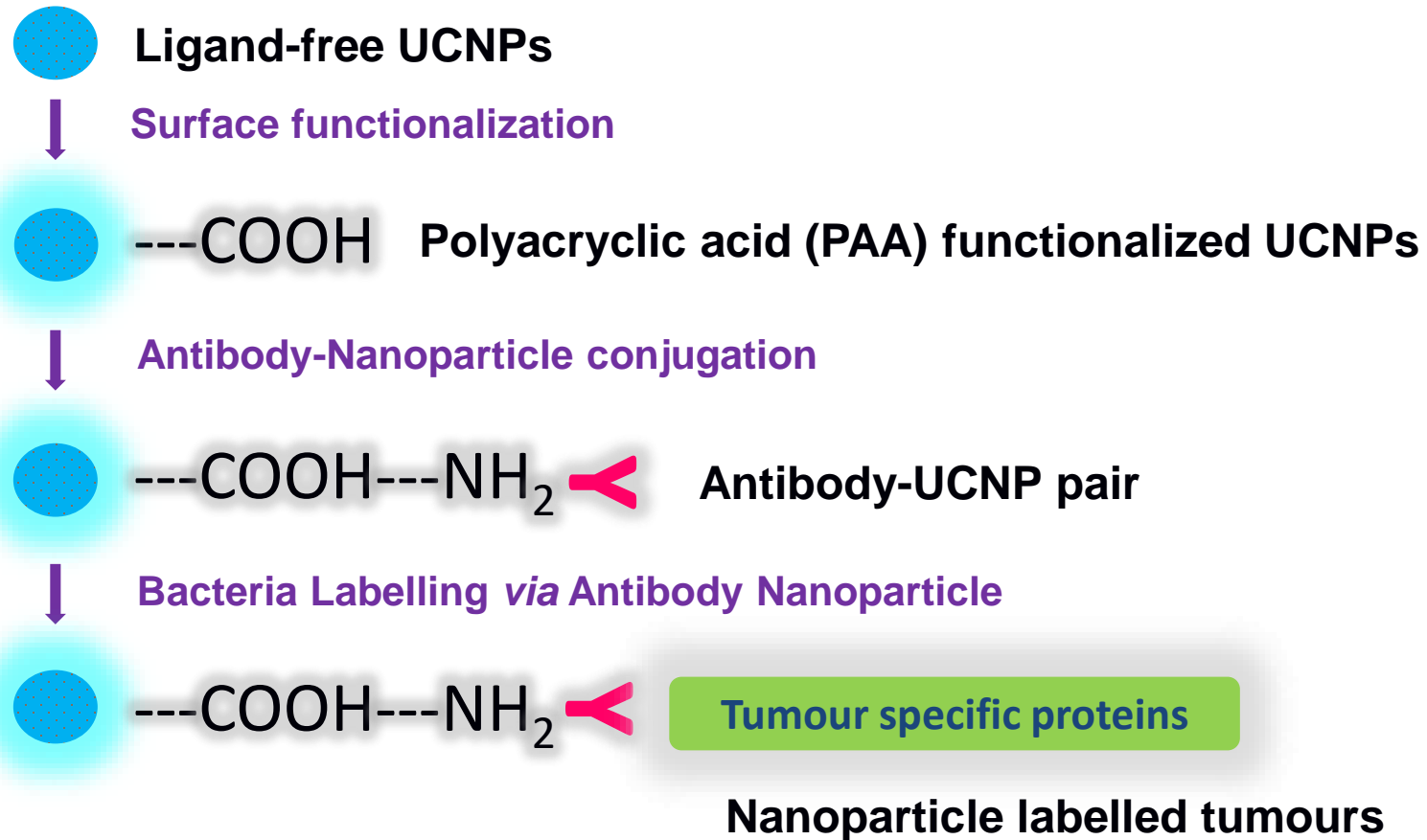
| |  UCNPs |  QDs |  Dyes |
|----------------------|---|---|--|
| Non-toxic | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ |
| No autofluorescence | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Penetration depth | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Photostability | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Chemical stability | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Narrow emission line | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Functionalisation | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ |
| Quantum yield | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |

Quantum Yield

- Need of improving upconversion **efficiency** ($\sim 2\%$)
- Multi-photon process yields **power-dependent** QY of UCNPs

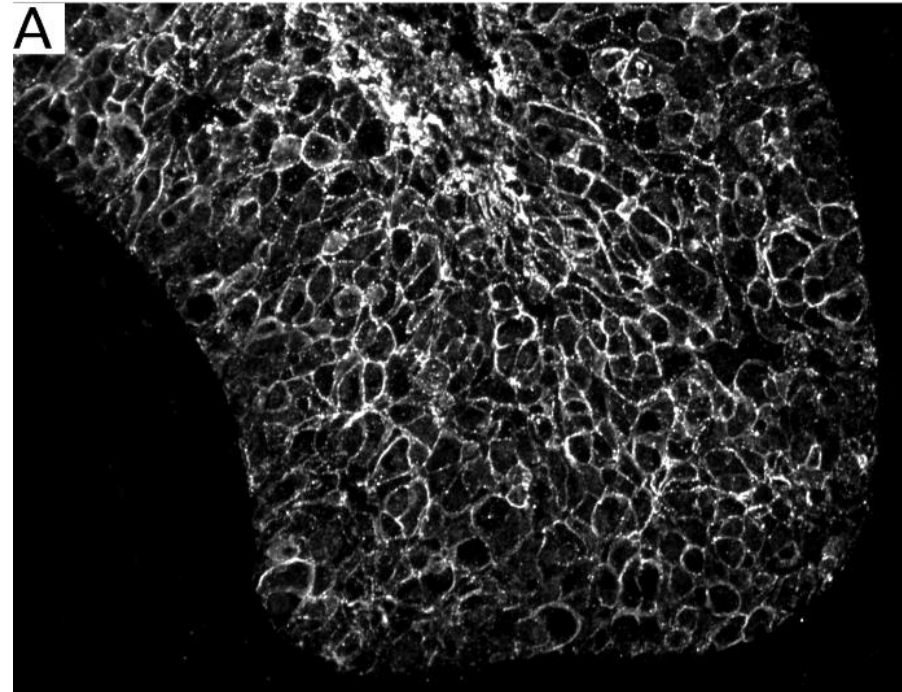
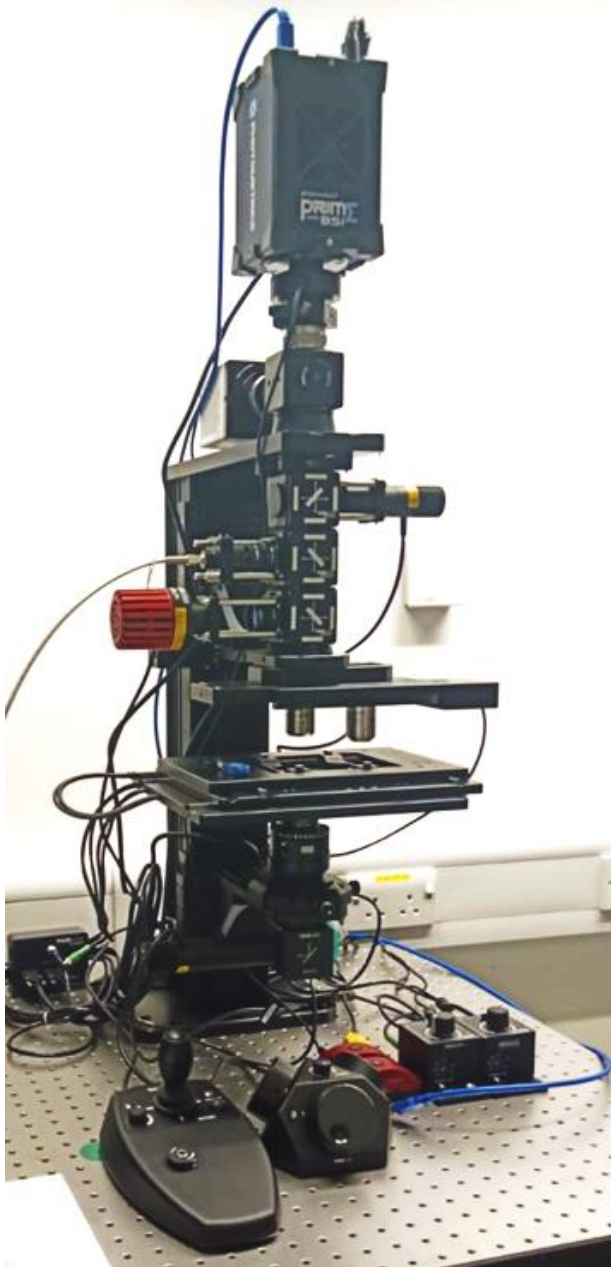


UCNP functionalisation

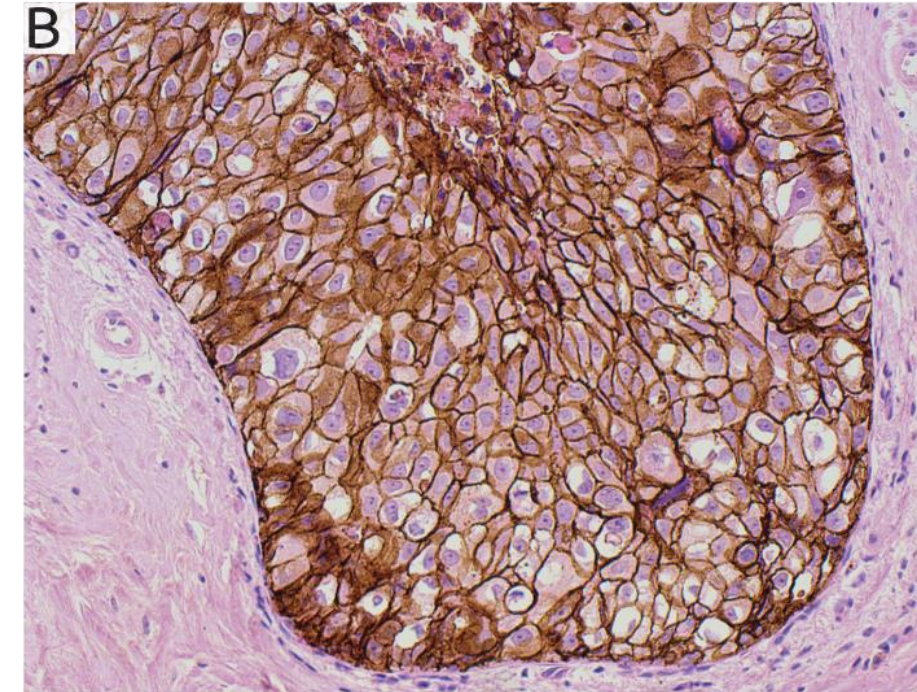


Towards digital pathology

Breast cancer



UCNP stain
with HER2
target



H&E

Summary

- IPIC is a strong centre for developing compact biophotonics systems
- Funding mechanisms and proximity of MedTech industry has lead to a strong industry collaboration
- Two novel techniques for deep tissue imaging includes
 - Acousto-Optics
 - Luminescence imaging based on UCNPs
- Also a strong effort towards micro image sensors for imaging “anywhere”



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