

Advanced functional optical microscopy for nanoscale sensing and bioenergetic imaging



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Another impacting factor is the heterogeneous set of techniques available under the same roof leading to competitive integration of different technologies and rapid prototyping thus paving the way to methods and devices with performances out of reach of a given single technology.

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Commercial Bioimaging – Advanced Optical Microscopes Access and user support





Zeiss LSM 780 – Confocal microscope



Nikon Eclipse Ti-E – Inverted fluorescence microscope

Nikon Eclipse Ni-E - Upright fluorescence microscope



Witec Alpha 300R - Confocal Raman microscope



Nanolive 3D Cell explorer





Example - Bioimaging Solutions for R&D in Precise Personalized Health Tech



Example

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SERS-Based Single-Cell Multiplex Phenotyping



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Example SERS-Based Single-Cell Multiplex Phenotyping



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Example

SERS-Based Single-Cell Multiplex Phenotyping

Cancer cells are labeled with different SERS tags that recognize membrane proteins and encapsulated individually in microdroplets. Afterward, single cells within microdroplets are imaged by SERS spectroscopy.



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SERS Characterization

Raman measurements were carried out in a 300R Confocal Raman microscope (WITec) using a 785 nm laser line grating (600 gr cm⁻¹) as the excitation source and $10 \times$ and $20 \times$ objectives. Acquisition of liquid samples, normalized to obtain a final concentration of Au of 1 mm, were performed for 1 s and five different scans (using objective $10 \times$). The Raman power was set at 70 mW.

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Customized Bioimaging – Advanced Optical Microscopes



Dedicated development for specific needs, resolution, multifunctionality

Multiphoton, Second Harmonic Generation and Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging Microscopy (FLIM)

- Inverted microscope platform -



Andor Revolution DSD combined with JPK Nanowizard 3 Combined fluorescence and atomic force microscopy



Spectral imaging ellipsometer AccurionNanofilm_ep4



Nano-/ Microfabrication & Bioimaging

Combination of Nano-/Microfabrication and advanced Bioimaging tools





Example 3D scaffolds fabricated by two photon polymerization

Microfabrication work station and ultrafast femtosecond laser



Figure 1: Top left: Schematic of the two-photon absorption process for Two-Photon Polymerization (TPP). Bottom left: Schematic representation of the TPP process tracing a log pile cell scaffold. Right: Confocal fluorescence images of bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells interacting with SZ2080 structures functionalized with fibronectin taken with a 20× microscope objective, reproduced from [1].

Costa B.N.L., Adão R.M.R., Maibohm C., Accardo A., Cardoso V.F., Nieder J.B. Cellular Interaction of Bone Marrow Mesenchymal Stem Cells with Polymer and Hydrogel 3D Microscaffold Templates. *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces.* 2022;14:13013–13024.



Example – label free mapping of a drug delivery system's efficacy to deliver anti cancer drugs

Label free cellular bioenergetics via Multi-Photon Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging Microscopy (MP-FLIM)

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Faria, A.R.⁺; Silvestre, O.F.⁺ et al., (2019) Nano Research, Vol 12; 5.





Label free cellular bioenergetics via Multi-Photon Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging Microscopy (MP-FLIM)

SyncRGB-FLIM Method based on ultrabroadband few cycle fs laser and FLIM detection



Maibohm et al. Biomed. Opt. Express, 2019

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140x140 μm x112μm Spheroid of A469 cells exposed to anticancer drug

SyncRGB-FLIM a bioimaging technique for a label free 3D in vitro biomedical imaging

Consortium:



Project: ExtreMed





Current and emerging research lines



Quantum photonic

Advanced Bioimaging and sensing

- Near-field superresolution
- □ Nanothermometry
- Applications in nanomedicine
- Nonlinear few cycle lasers



Nucleus

□ 3D scaffolding for 3D disease models



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Quantum Photonics

- Single Quantum emitters in 2D materials
- NV center in diamond based nanomagnetometry



Proof of Principle Device Fabrication

Photonic Integrated Devices

Photonic Integrated Circuits



NanoLEDs, Photonic Sensors based e.g. on Mach Zehnder Interferometers, 3D microfabricated optical interconnects Neuromorphic photonic computing







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