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OUTLINE

Intro: overview and significance of advanced microscopic techniques

Nonlienar Laser Scanning Microscopy (NLSM)

how does it work – underlying physics what it can be used for – information obtained:

- Photon Excitation Fluorescence TPEF
- Second and Third harmonic generation SHG & THG
- Scanning principle and image formation

Motivation, state of the art:

- TPEF properties of hemoglobin
- applied for relevant biomed probl.

<u>Results:</u>

- label and fixation free imaging
- hemoglobin features imaging & erythrocytes morphology
- mapping of residual hemoglobin in erythrocyte's empty membranes (ghosts)



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> CW vs. fs lasers CW He Ne (@ 543nm) = 1mW fs Ti Sa (@800nm & 150fs) = 30nJ per pulse $P=E/\Delta t =>$ **P=0.2MW** (200,000,000 x 1mW) High power, but low energy!!!



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information about the sample – detection the light-matter interaction effects

-(Epi)Fluorescence/Confocal/TPEF microscopy– labeled molecules and/or endogenous fluorescent molecules

-bright-field microscopy – absorption of the light

-phase contrast microscopy – light (e.m. wave) phase shift

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0,017	0,020	0,021	0,020	0,020	0,018	0,018	0,018	0,019	0,020	0,027
0,024	0,016	0,022	0,023	0,021	0,021	0,021	0,022	0,018	0,018	0,017
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0,012	0,013	0,017	0,019	0,026	0,025	0,030	0,030	0,030	0,028	0,028
0,010	0,011	0,013	0,016	0,019	0,021	0,021	0,016	0,021	0,019	0,019
0,010	0,011	0,012	0,013	0,014	0,013	0,014	0,013	0,013	0,010	0,012
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0,018	0,019	0,021	0,020	0,020	0,015	0,018	0,016	0,017	0,016	0,015
0,100	0,124	0,151	0,168	0,143	0,096	0,048	0,018	0,016	0,016	0,018
0,152	0,245	0,352	0,431	0,458	0,440	0,361	0,265	0,178	0,115	0,080
0,287	0,360	0,439	0,471	0,439	0,360	0,248	0,146	0,063	0,035	0,040
0,298	0,368	0,446	0,500	0,532	0,530	0,476	0,381	0,276	0,184	0,122
0,107	0,169	0,255	0,351	0,432	0,462	0,418	0,319	0,188	0,094	0,067
0,048	0,051	0,078	0,120	0,158	0,175	0,168	0,127	0,097	0,068	0,046
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0,014	0,030	0,078	0,155	0,205	0,203	0,160	0,120	0,083	0,061	0,045
0,226	0,305	0,370	0,401	0,366	0,274	0,153	0,062	0,028	0,025	0,026
0,192	0,258	0,348	0,410	0,442	0,421	0,357	0,273	0,187	0,123	0,079
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MIRA 900, Coherent Inc. Ti:Sa Kerr lens mode locked Pump 10W CW @532nm 160fs pulse duration 2W average power 75MHz repetition rate 30 nJ per pulse (0.2MW peak power) 700-1000 nm



















5x beam expander home made Zemax projected Thorlabs doublets



Short-pass dichroic mirror 700nm cut-off Thorlabs' hot mirror






















Yb KGW laser @ 1040nm UV filter @ 347nm single photon PMT (Hamamatsu)









Human erythrocytes imaging

bright field microscopy image

corresponding TPEF image



Digitalized TPEF signal intensity Human erythrocytes imaging



3D model of human erythrocytes

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Mapping residual hemoglobin in erythrocytes ghosts

(porcine)

fluorescence intensity (arb. units)



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TPEF of chitinous structures

Aedeagus - Pheggomisetes ninae (cave dwelling insect)



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THG imaging of microlenses in soft media



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Micro surgery of fungi's cell wall

Prior to the surgery



After the surgery



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NLSM EXPERIMENTAL SETUP



IMAGING AT TISSUE LEVEL – TPEF in entomolgy

Why insects:

- -NLM is barely used in entomology (taxonomy)
- -Photonics structures at butterfly wings
- -Compound eyes of butterflies (in vivo imaging)
- **Chitin** polysaccharide, a derivative of glucose $(C_8H_{13}O_5N)_n$
- the exoskeleton of arthropods (insects)
- Exhibits strong (single photon) absorption in blue-UV region => auto fluorescence
- Opaque obstacle for confocal microscopy

Pheggomisetes ninae

Endemic species habitat: caves of south-east Serbia

(Srećko Ćurčić, Faculty of biology, University of Belgrade)





Pheggomisetes ninae - mouthparts

2D slices

3D reconstruction



40x, NA 0.65 840nm excitation











VolView 3.4
Take out outer slices – inner structucture Deep penetration depth of TPEF microscopy (chitin – opaque obstacle for confocal microscopy)





olView 3.4















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In vivo IMAGING (TPEF)



Lepidopterae (Butterflies and moths) Omatidiae (Compund eyes)

Satyrus ferula

Habitat: South Europe, Morocco, Asia Minor, Iran, Kazakhstan, Central Asia, Transbaikal, West China and the Himalayasuth















In vivo IMAGING (TPEF)

Lepidopterae (Butterflies and moths)

Deep penetration depth

-In vivo imaging of neuronal acitivity (voltage sensitive dyes) -High-Resolution Imaging of Intravascular Atherogenic Inflammation in Live Mice (New Methods in Cardiovascular Biology, 2016). Tracking blood flow in carotide arthery using TPEF











NATURAL PHOTONICS STRUCTURES

Lepidopterae (Butterflies and moths) Wing's scales Diachrisia chrysitis Habitat: Europe, Caucasus, Russian far east, Siberia













Apoptosis of HL 60 cancer cell

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THG In vivo IMAGING



Caenorhadbitis Elegans model organism



- micron dimensions, transparent
- well known

• Embryo stadiums: a) bean b) comma c) 1.5-fold d) 2-fold e) 3-fold

THG In vivo IMAGING



Different stadiums of C.Elegans embriogensis obtained by THG detection



G. Tserevlakis et al, Micron, 2010

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IMAGING OF NONBIOLOGICAL STRUCTURES



- THG imaging and characterization of microlenses
- -Soft biomaterial development for micro lenses arrays fabrication (Tot'Hema Eosin Sensitized Gelatin – TESG)
- NLM for micro lenses characterization



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