

# INTRODUCTION TO BIOPHOTONICS

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Interaction of light with biological material

Natural photonic materials

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Bioimaging: functional and spectroscopic microscopy

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Light for biosensing

Towards hybrid photonic devices

# Biophotonics – definition

## Photonics for Life Science and Health → Biophotonics

« the study of the interaction of light with biological material »

“light” includes all forms of radiant energy whose quantum unit is the photon

Biophotonics utilizes light-based technologies to solve problems in medicine and the life sciences

- **Light measures contact-free**
  - **Light measures fast**
  - **Light measures precisely**

photon energies « matches » molecular energy levels  
wavelengths “measure” cell, tissue micro-structures

→ Photonic tools are capable to manipulate molecules and living cells



## Biophotonics investigates, gathers and enables (1):

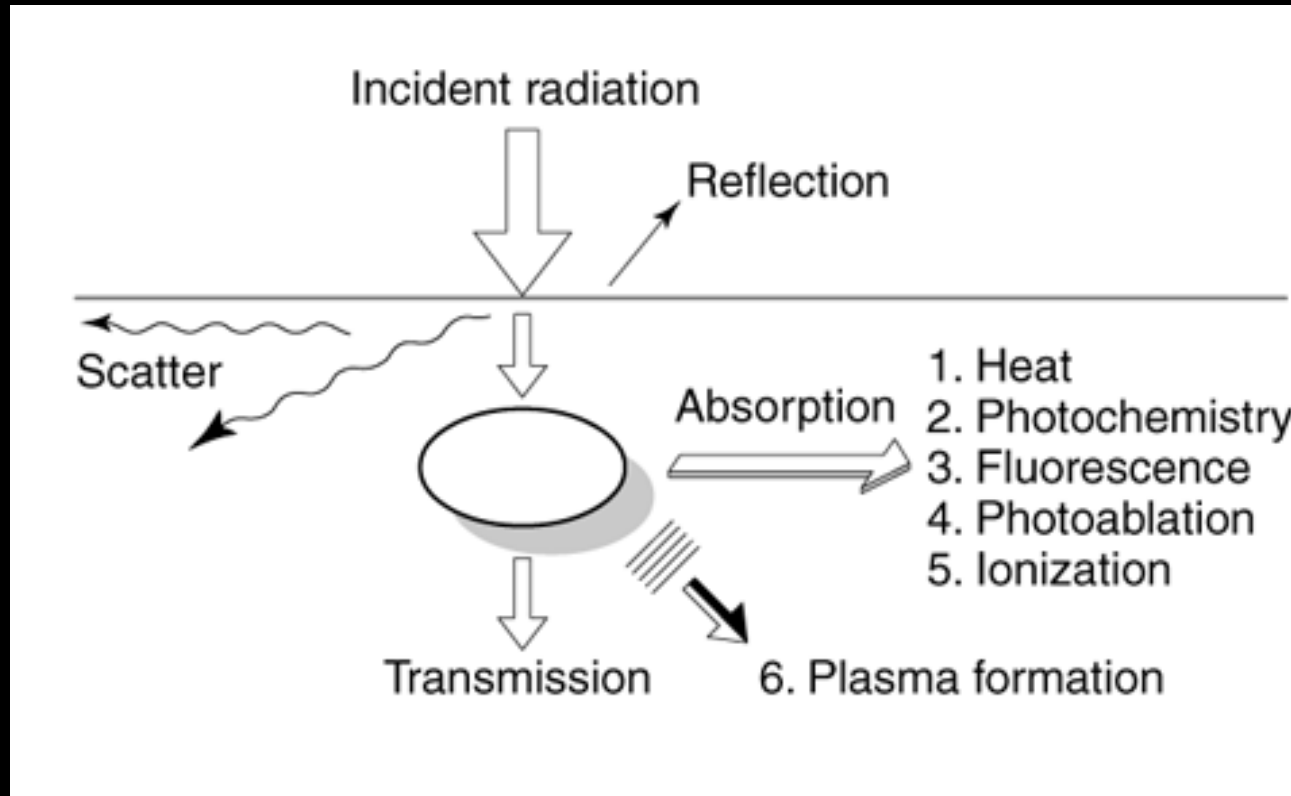
- Photo-physics; Photochemistry; Photo-biology
- Photosynthesis in plants and bacteriae
- The vision, our eyes
- Therapy (photodynamic, photothermal, photomechanical ablation)
- Natural photonic crystals (feathers, eyes, optically active biomolecules)

## Biophotonics investigates, gathers and enables (2):

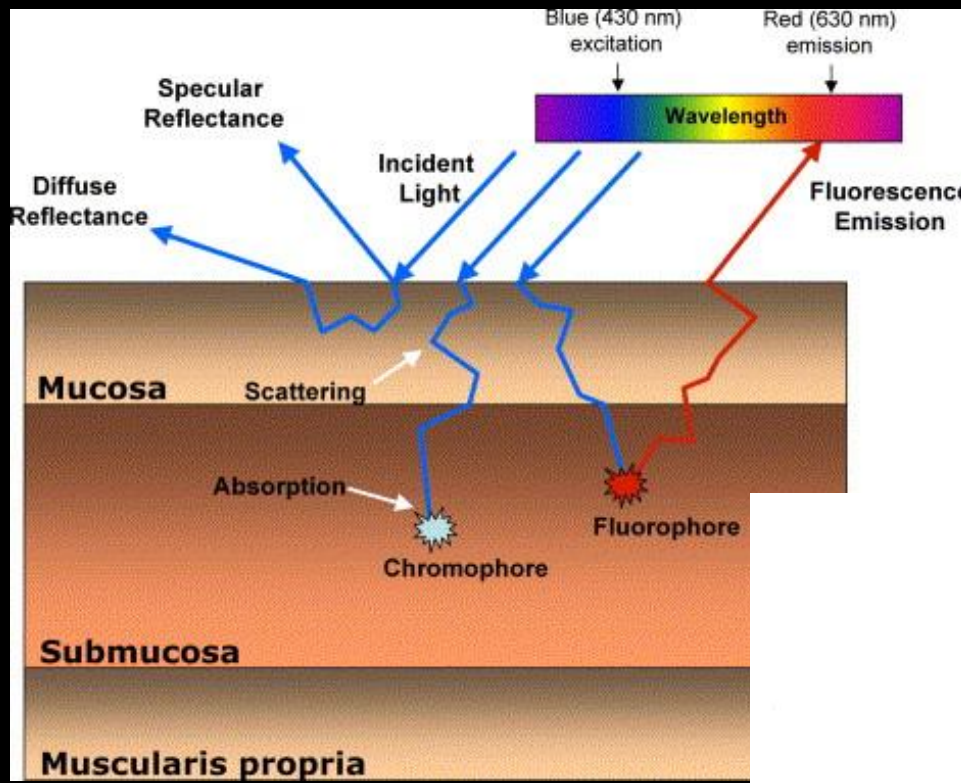
- Lasers for medicine
- Non-invasive medical imaging modalities assuring good contrasts for imaging:
  - a great variety of colors ( $\lambda$ -dependent absorption contrast)
  - other contrast mechanisms (fluorescence, Raman, polarization, phase)
  - high spatial and color resolution, wide dynamic range
  - eliminating light scattering in mammalian tissues via optical solutions  
(confocal, 2-photon, OCT, polarization)
- Biosensing via plasmonics, photonic resonance, evanescent waves, bioluminescence

# Interaction of light with biological material

# Light (laser) tissue interaction

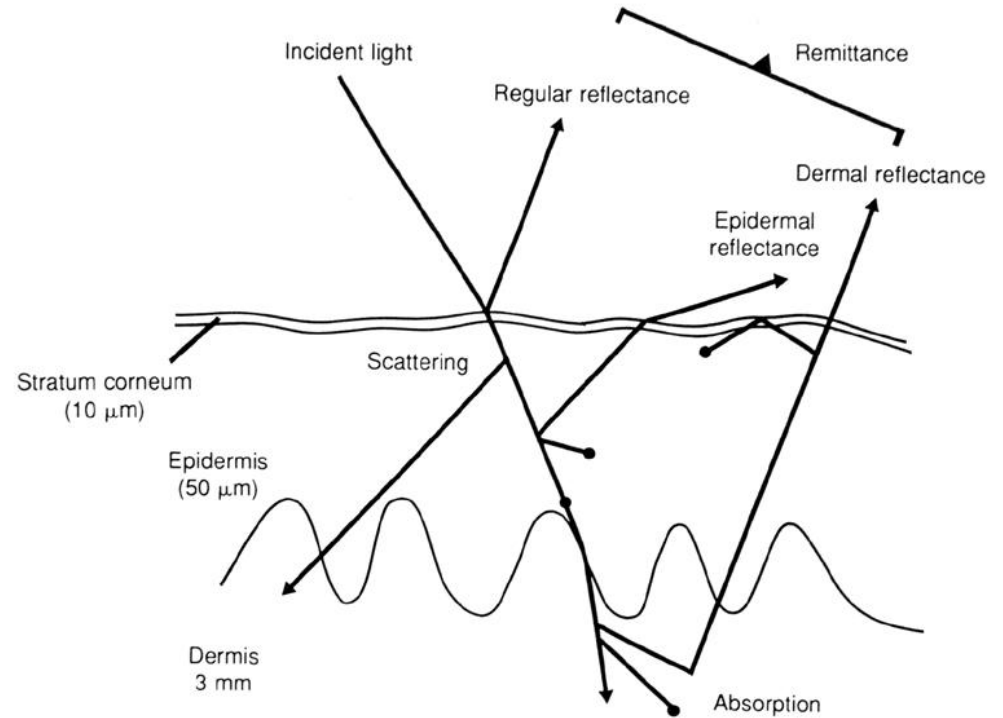


- The tissue molecules that absorb light = “ pigments” : hemoglobin , water, melanin
- Light causes molecular vibration, which in turn produces heat
- Photochemistry: the presence of these photosensitizers in certain cells makes the cells vulnerable to light of an appropriate wavelength and intensity
- Photon energy might be dissipated as the re-emission of light within  $10^{-6}$  seconds after absorption → fluorescence.
- Photoablation: the tissue absorbs the high energy ultraviolet photons that are produced by an excimer laser



Light path in tissue is very complex

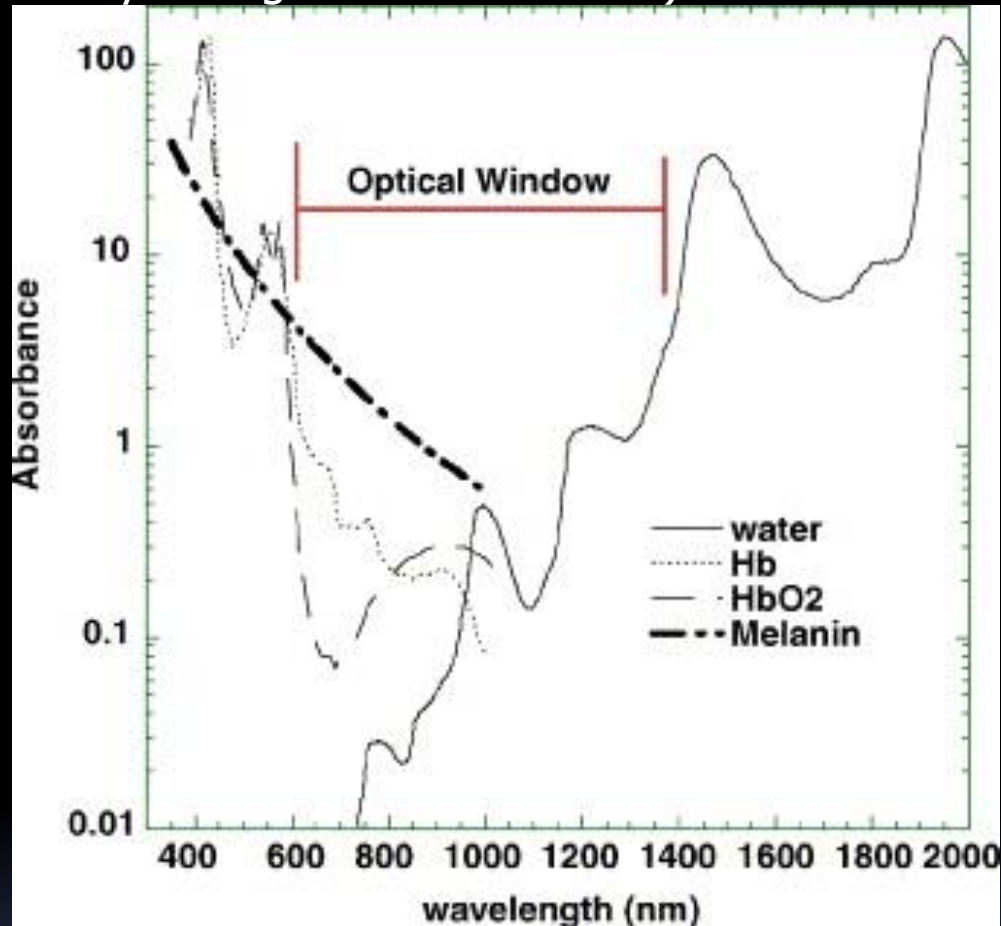
R. DaCosta et al. Best Practice & Research Clinical Gastroenterology, 2006



**FIGURE 13.1** Schematic representation of optical pathways in human skin. Adapted from Kochevar *et al.* (1993) in "Dermatology in General Medicine" (T. B. Fitzpatrick *et al.*, eds.). With permission of McGraw-Hill, New York.

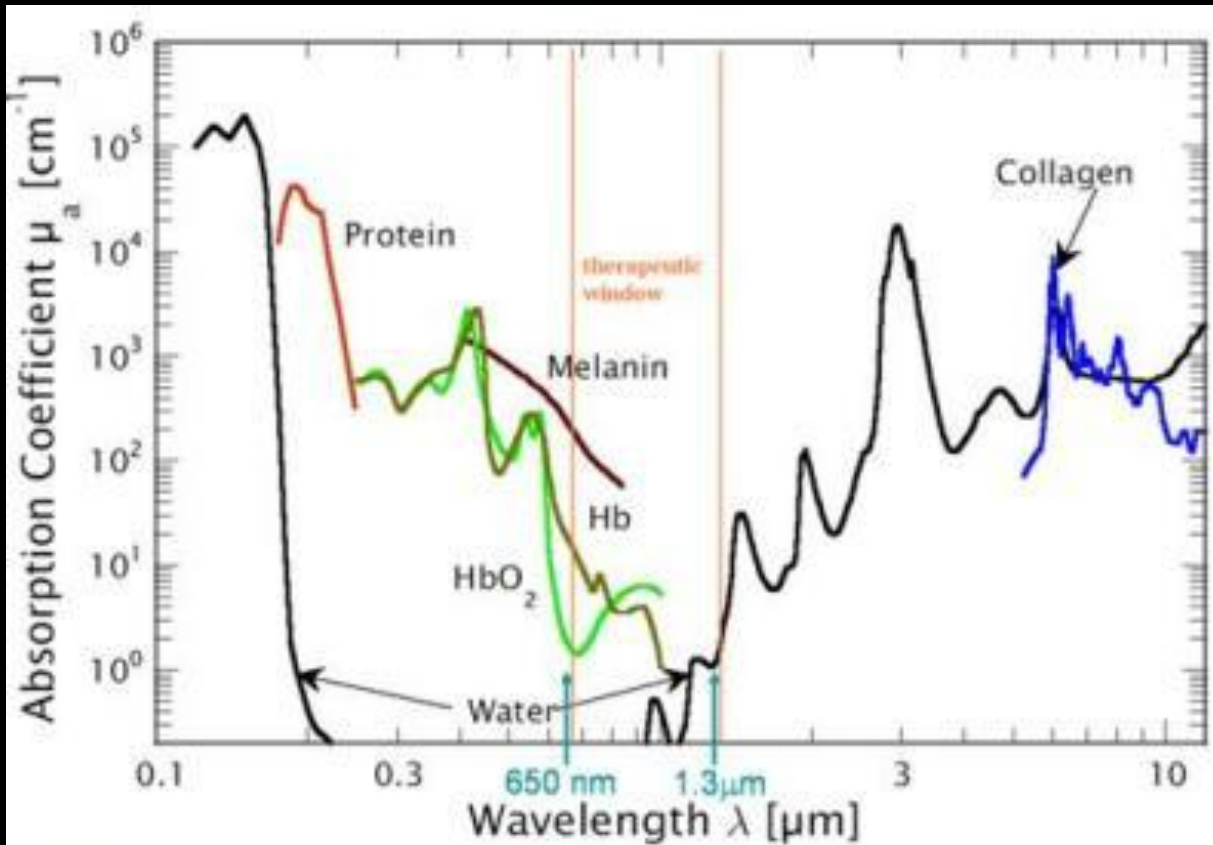
# Absorption spectra of tissue chromophores

(water, oxy- and deoxyhemoglobin and melanin)



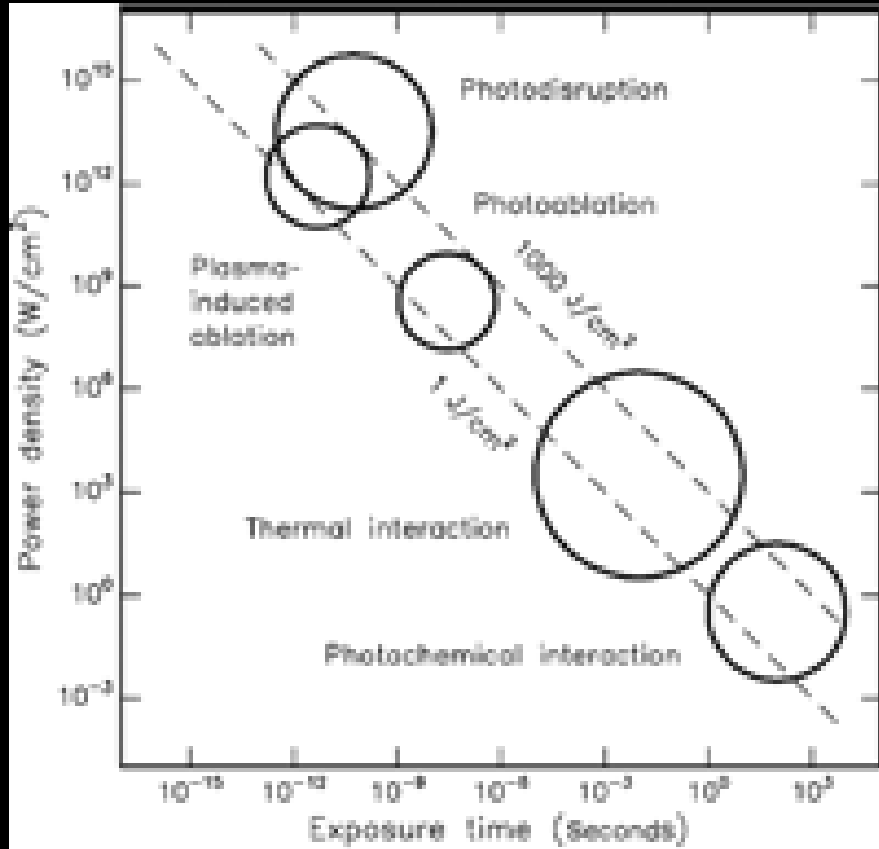
Hemoglobin has a very high absorption in the violet and blue/green  
→ use of argon laser, which emits blue/green light for treating hemoglobin containing lesions

Water is absorbed maximally in the far infrared (IR) regions of the spectrum.  
→ Use of CO<sub>2</sub> laser that removes cell layer by cell layer by volatilizing the water



**Figure 1.** Optical absorption spectra of various tissue components in the ultraviolet to infrared frequency range.

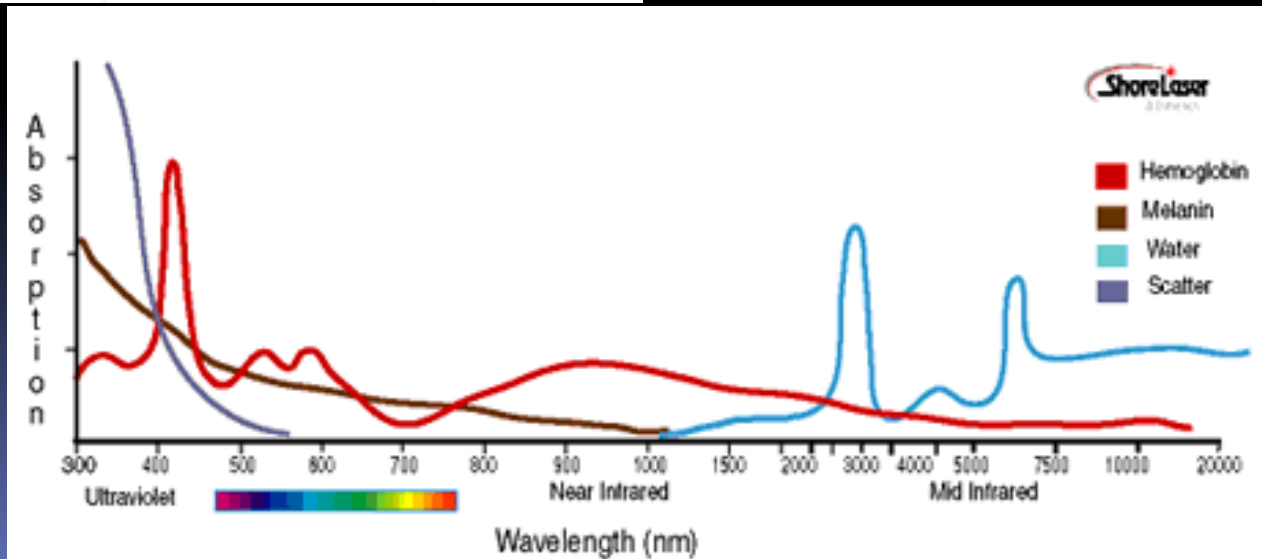
Optical absorption window: tissue has minimum absorption in the NIR range from 650nm-1300nm → most optical imaging applications are centered in this window.  
 Non-linear imaging window in IR...



Laser action: combination of color, power and exposure time

Each type of tissue has its specific absorption characteristics depending on its specific components

E. D. Felice, Phlebology, 2010

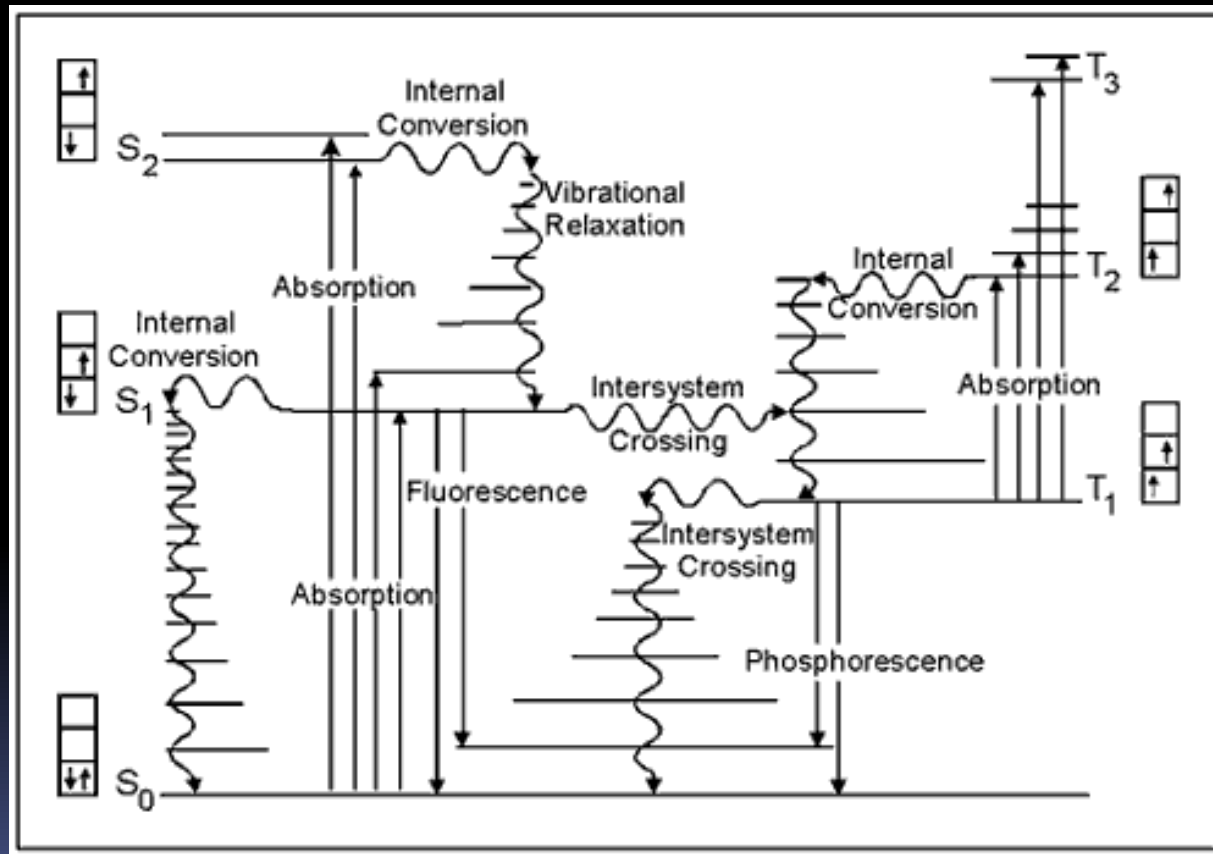




# Photochemistry

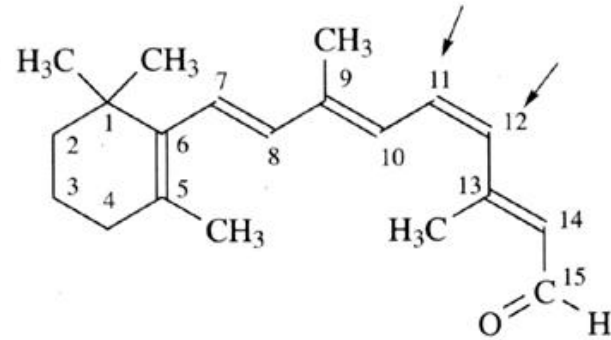
Photochemistry is the underlying mechanism for photobiology.

When a molecule absorbs a photon, its electronic structure changes, and it reacts differently with other molecules. The energy that is absorbed from light can result in photochemical changes in the absorbing molecule, or in an adjacent molecule.



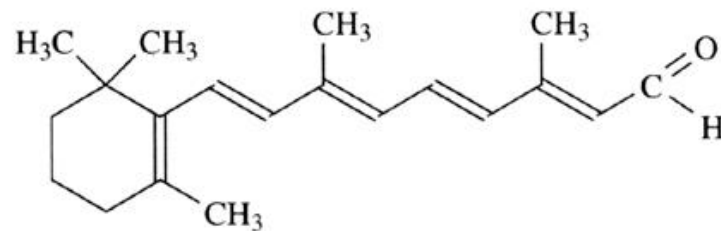
Jablonski diagram illustrating the principal photophysical radiative and non-radiative processes displayed by organic molecules in solution

# A photochemical reaction



11-*cis*-Retinal

light

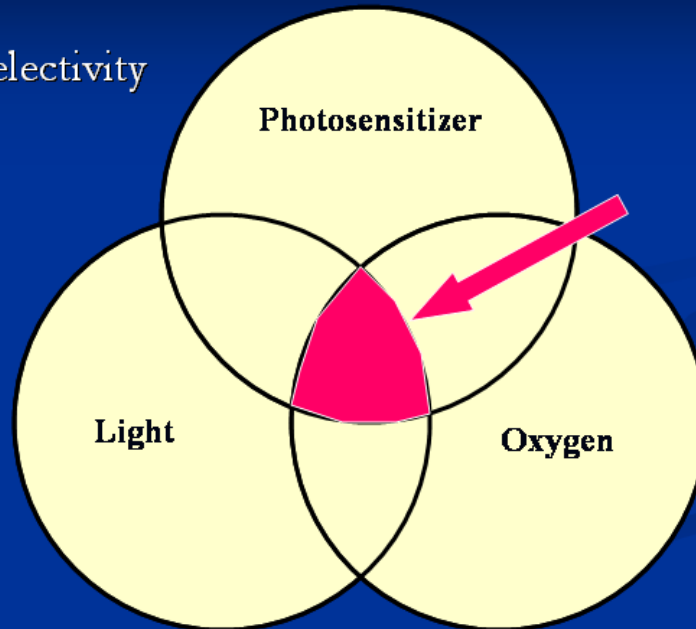


All-*trans*-Retinal

**Figure 6.7.** Retinal isomerization under light exposure.

# Photodynamic Therapy

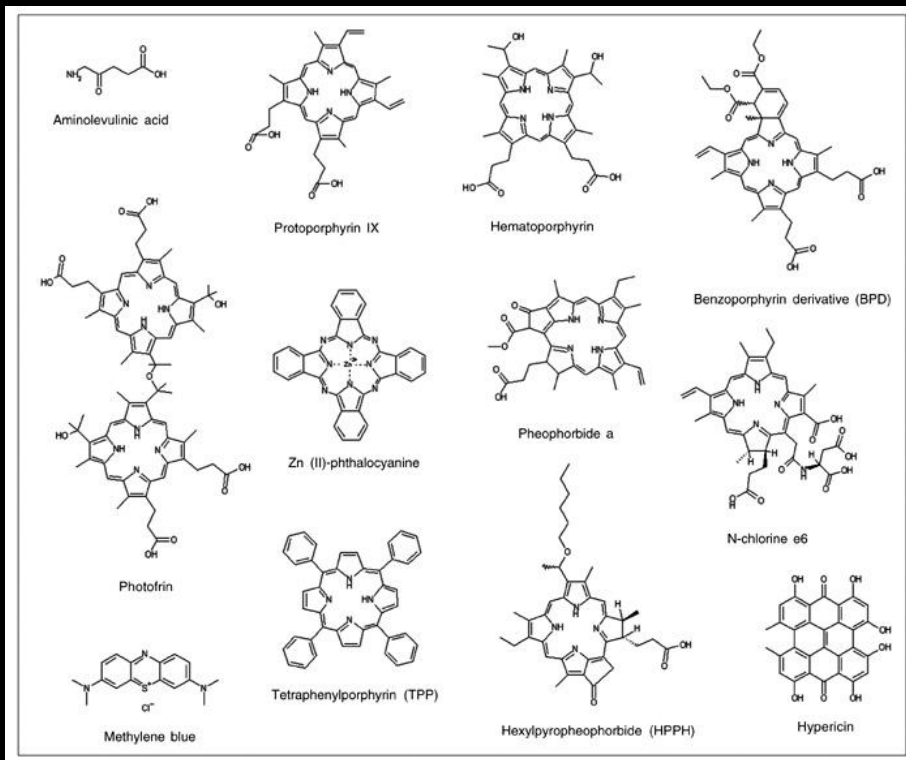
- Selectivity



Photodynamic therapy (PDT) is a treatment that uses a drug, called a photosensitizer or photosensitizing agent, and a particular type of light

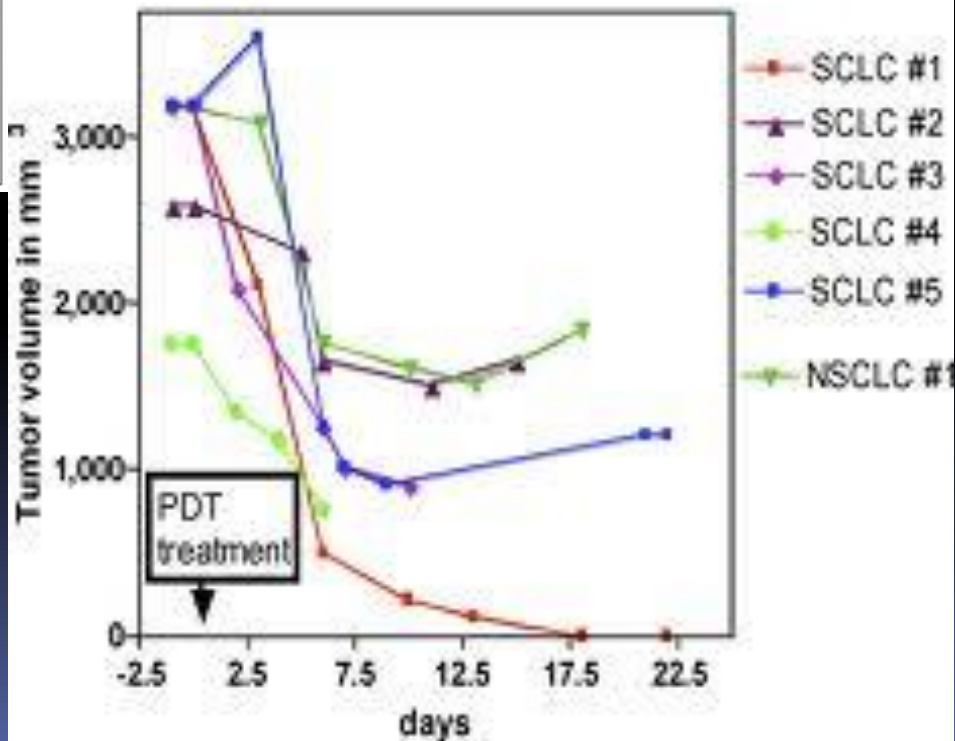
When photosensitizers are exposed to a specific wavelength of light, they produce a form of oxygen (singlet O) that kills nearby cells

Each photosensitizer is activated by light of a specific wavelength



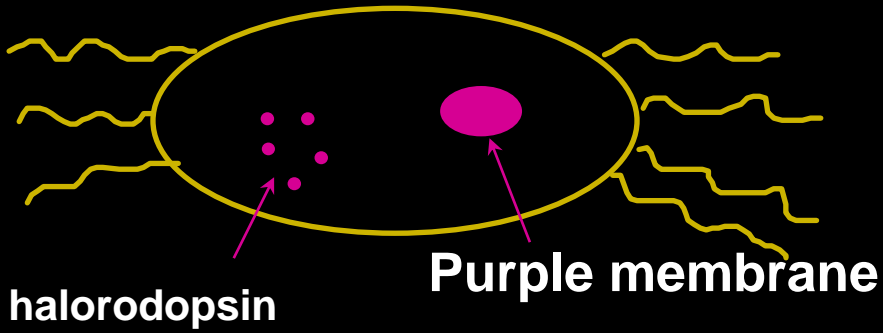
Structure of some photosensitizers used in photodynamic therapy studies

Regression of human lung tumors after PDT treatment through the body of the mouse

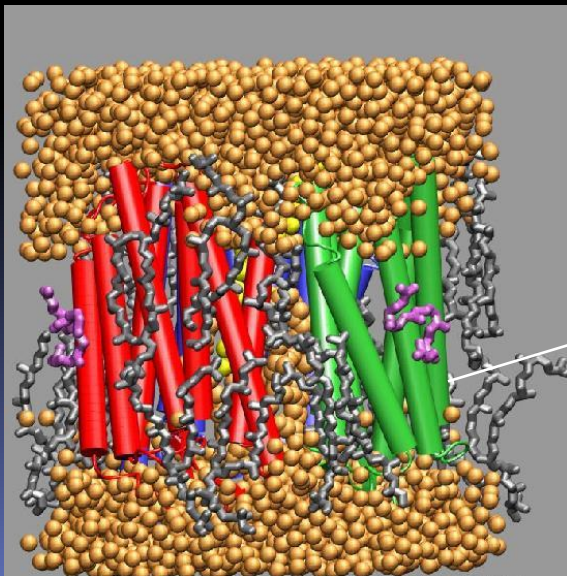


# A great example of photo-biology

Energy transduction in *Halobacterium salinarium*



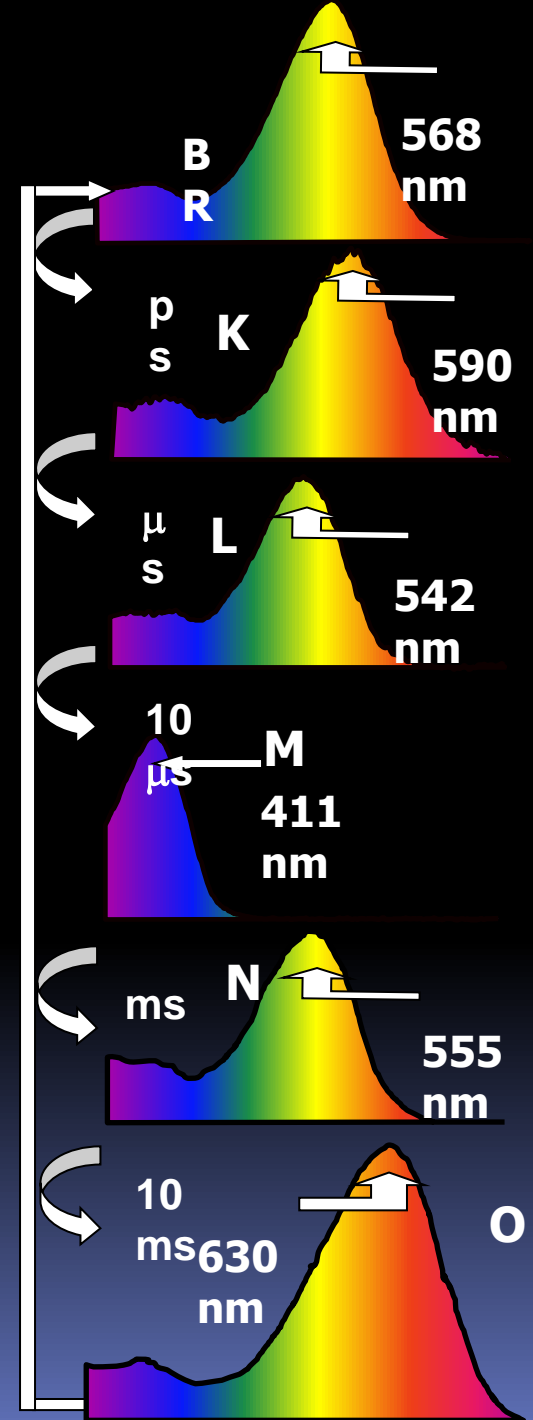
The purple membrane = (BR + lipids)



Bacteriorhodopsin  
BR

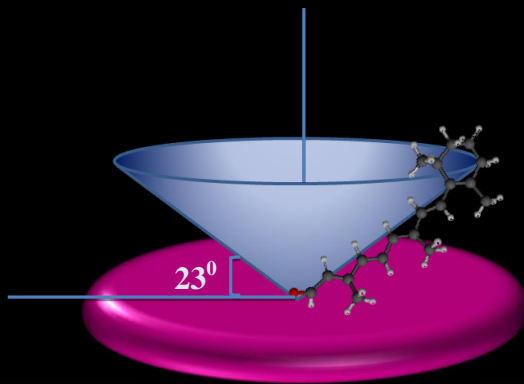
Photoactivable  
membrane protein  
and protonpump

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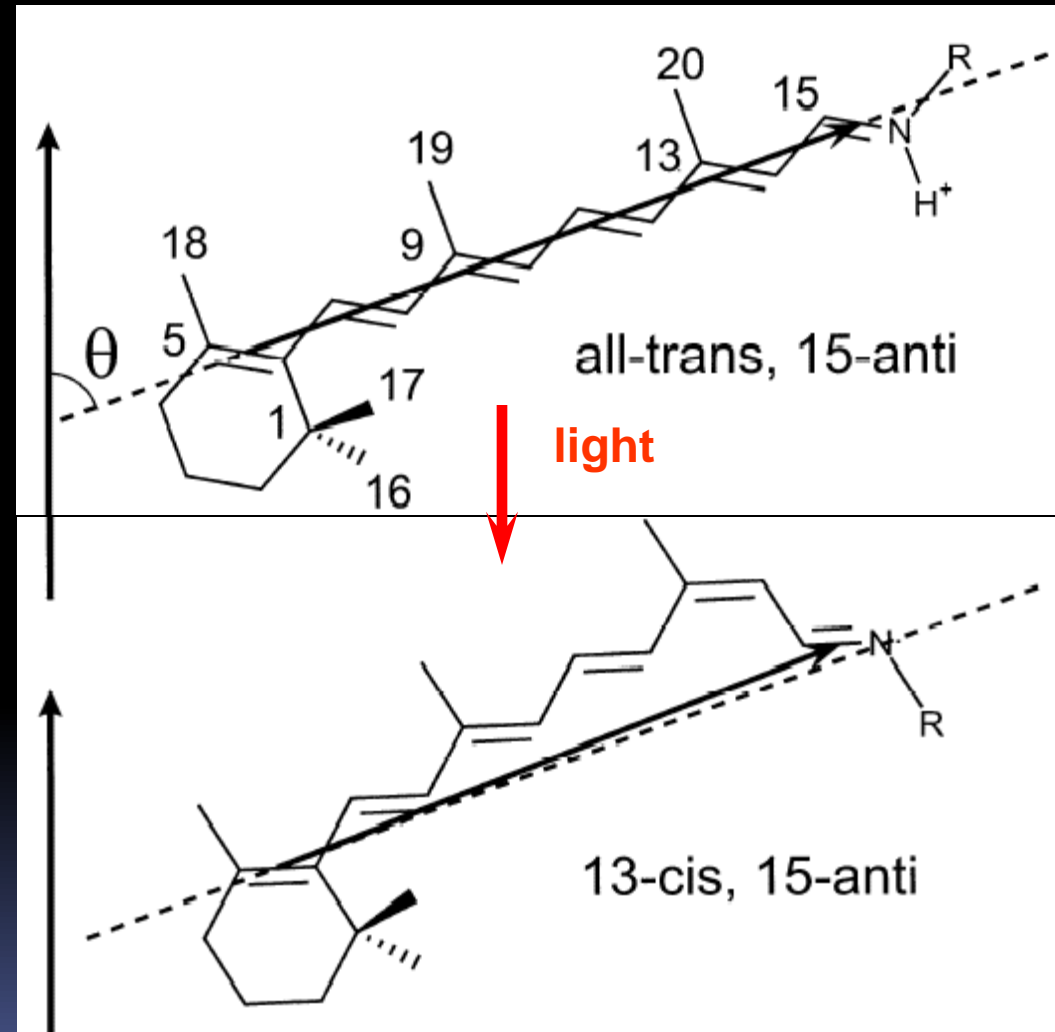


# 1<sup>st</sup> step of photoactivation: isomerization of retinal chromophore in BR

Light adapted BR contains all-trans retinal. Its transition dipole makes an angle of  $67^\circ$  with the membrane normal.

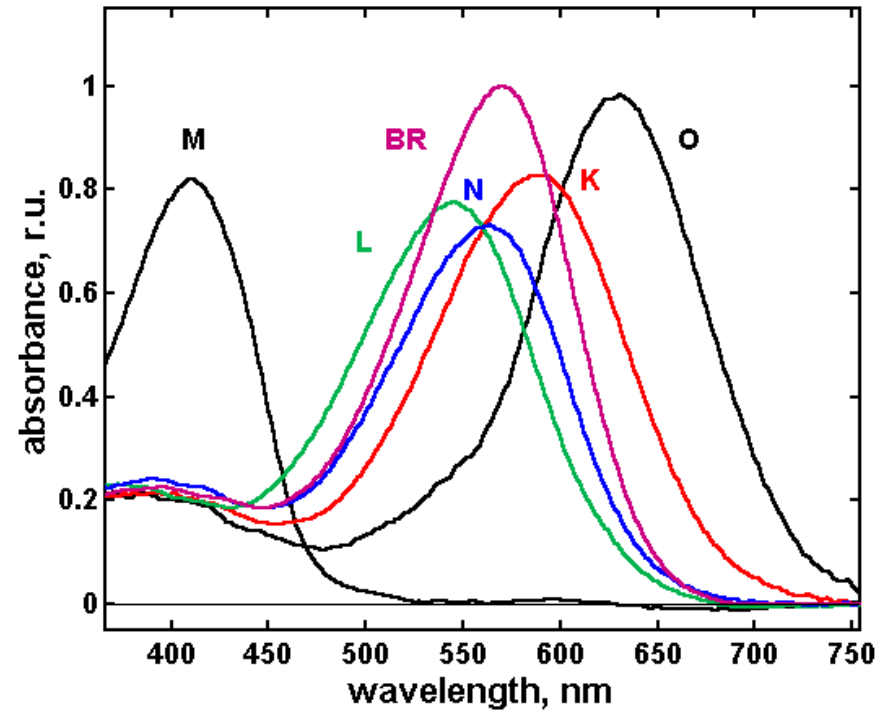
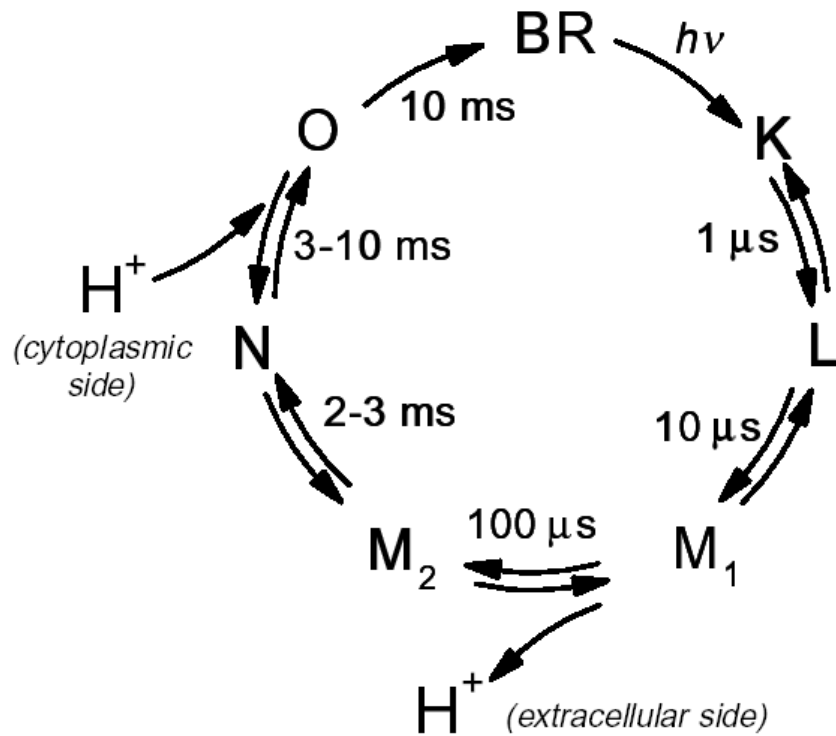


Light absorption results in isomerization to 13-cis. The direction of the transition dipole hardly changes (to  $65^\circ$ ), but the lysine residue and the middle of the retinal is displaced.



Heyn et al., BBA 1460, 60-74, 2000

## 2<sup>nd</sup> step: the photocycle of bacteriorhodopsin

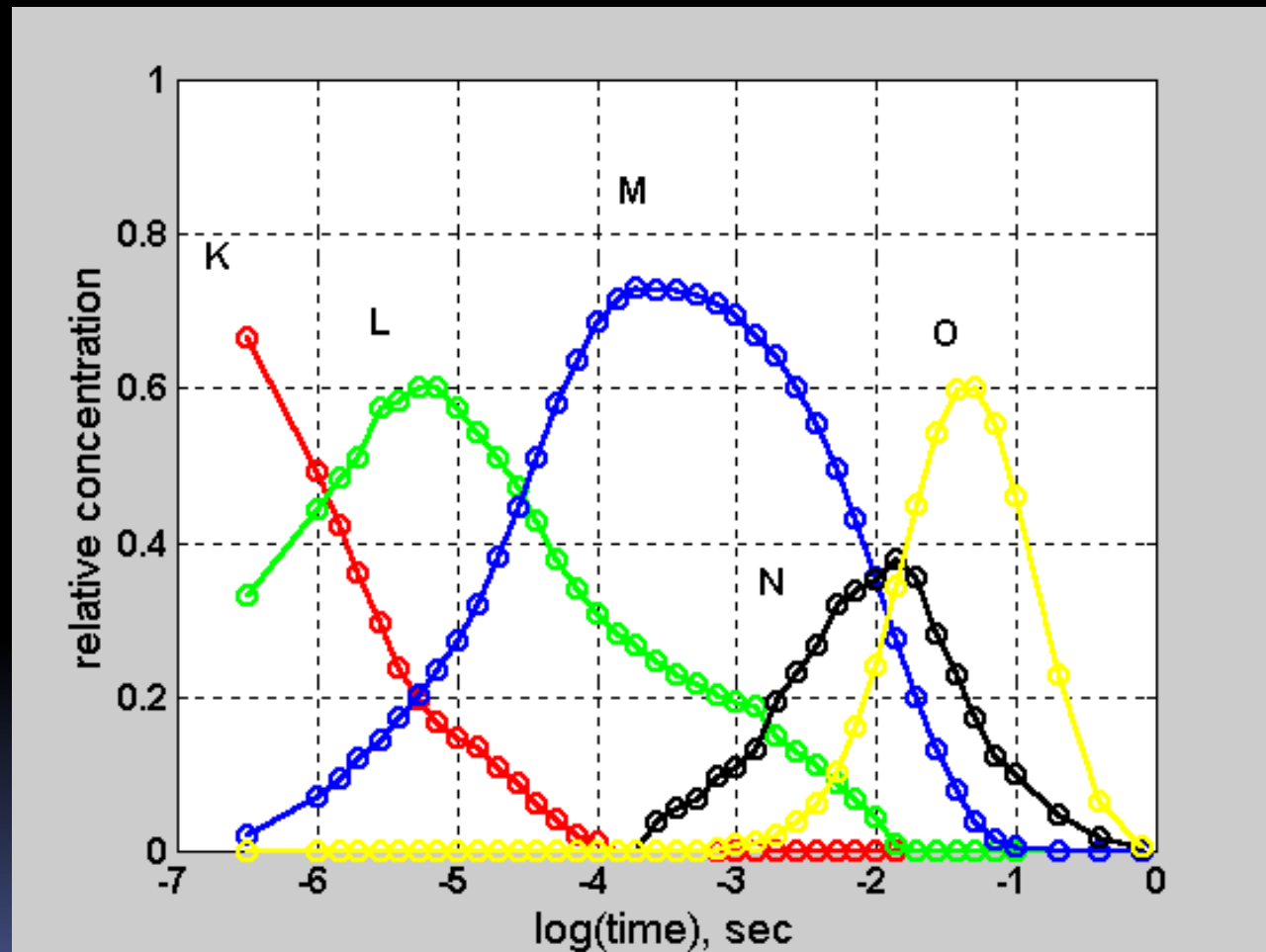


The spectrally distinct intermediates (K, L, M, N, O) and their characteristic lifetimes were identified decades ago by kinetic absorption spectroscopy.

Substates (M<sub>1</sub>, M<sub>2</sub>) were introduced for kinetic reasons.

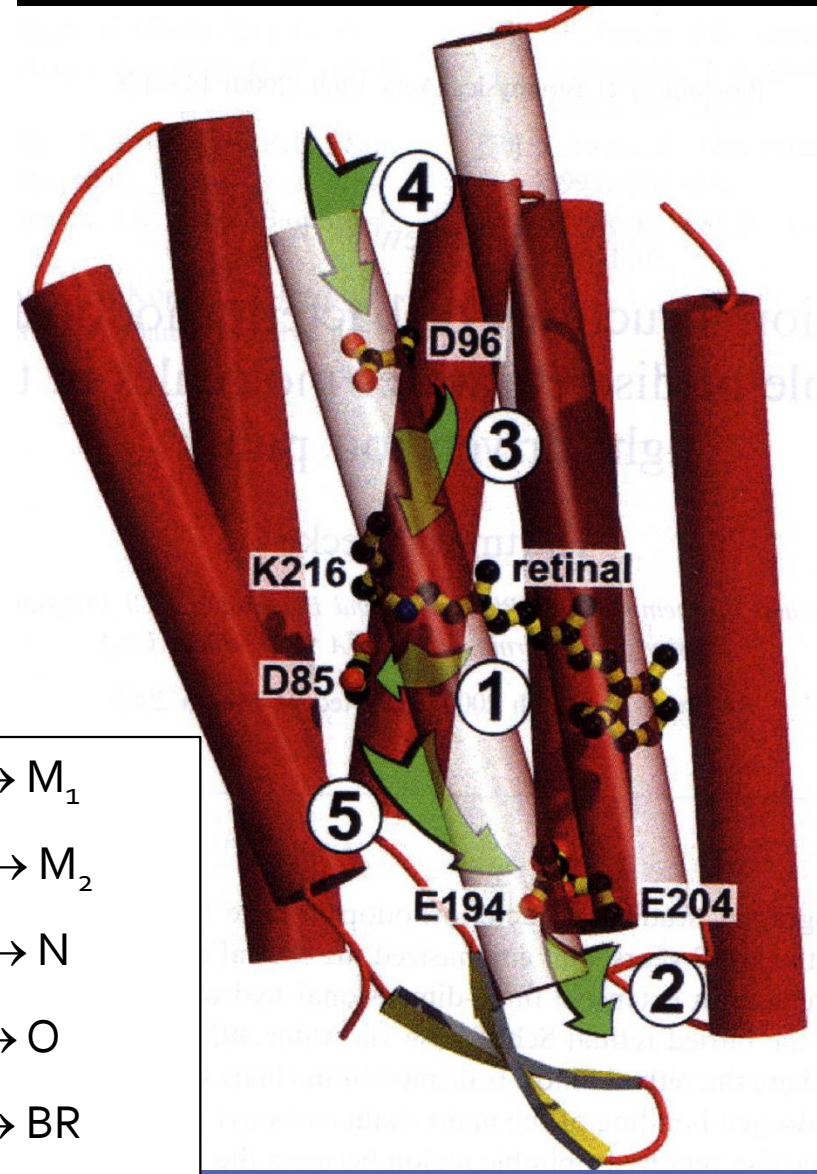
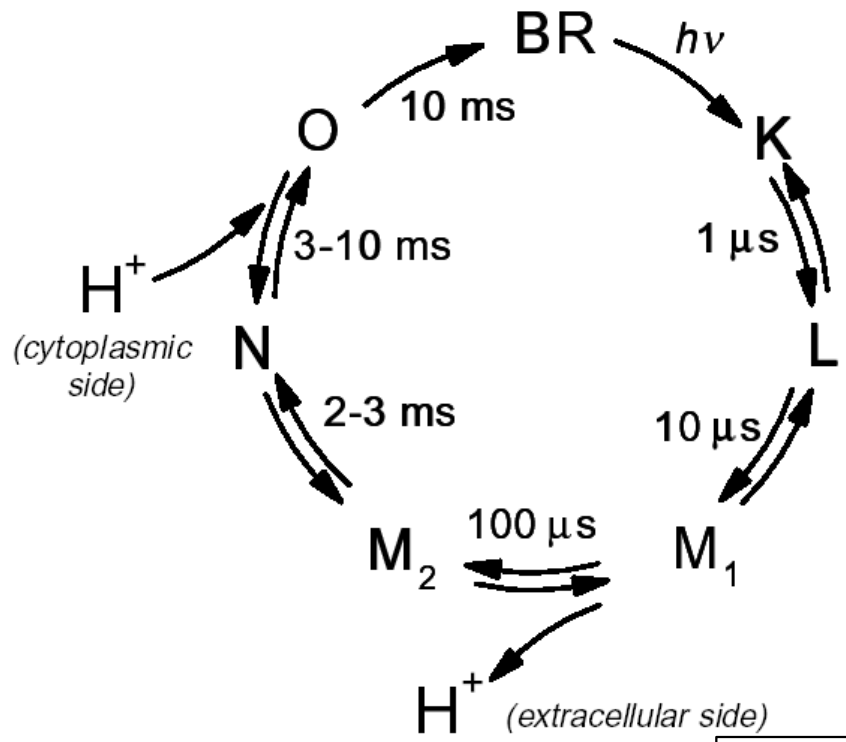
The proton release (M<sub>1</sub>→M<sub>2</sub>) and uptake (N→O) were measured with pH sensitive dyes.

# The time evolution (kinetics) of the photocycle intermediates





# The proton pumping cycle

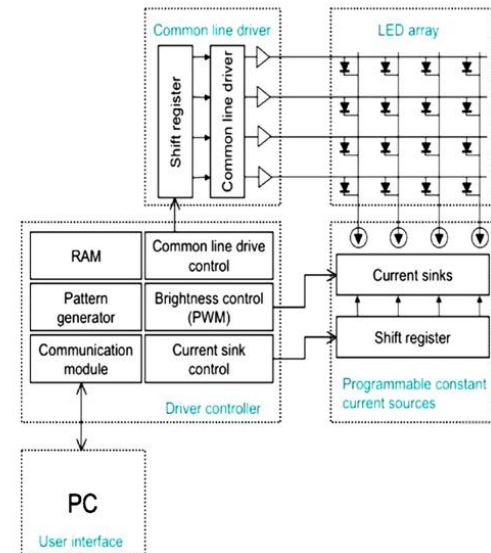
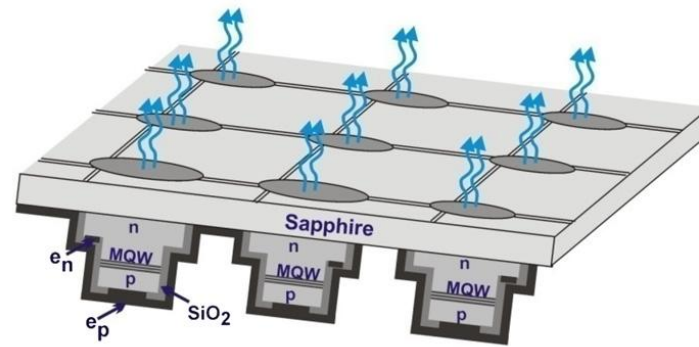
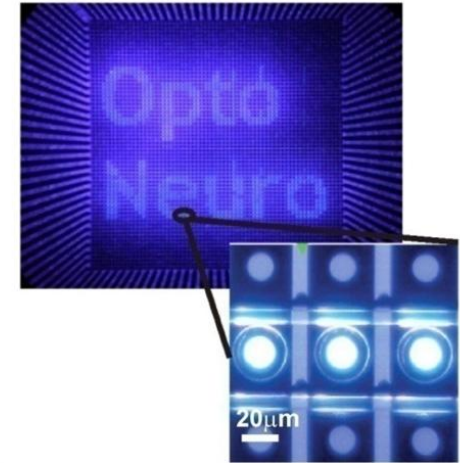
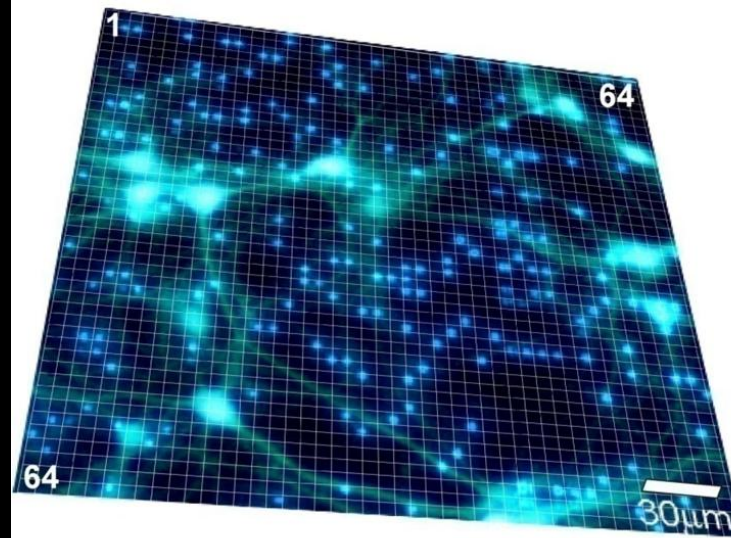


- 1: L → M<sub>1</sub>
- 2: M<sub>1</sub> → M<sub>2</sub>
- 3: M<sub>2</sub> → N
- 4: N → O
- 5: O → BR

Groups involved in sequential protonation/reprotonation steps were identified by kinetic FTIR spectroscopy and site directed mutagenesis.

# Use of light activated rhodopsins

Matrix photostimulation,  
multi-site optical excitation  
of neurons



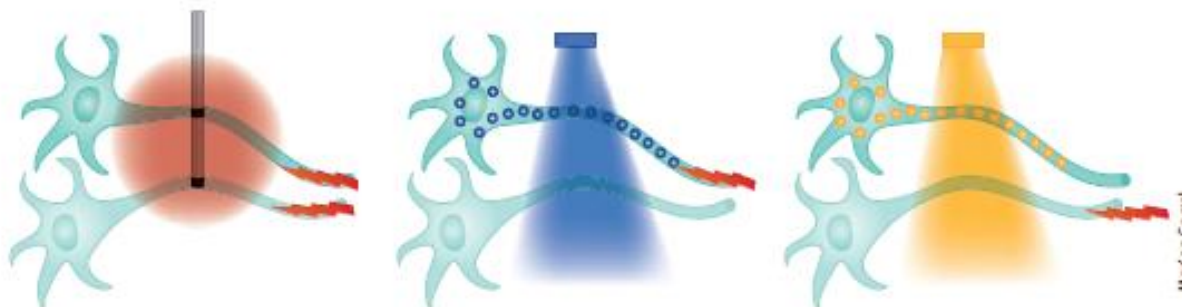
Neural cells expressing channelrhodopsin are covered by the 64 × 64 matrix of bright small light spots, with individual control of their intensity and timing via a micro-LED array (Grossman, J. Neur. Eng. 2010)

# Optogenetics

Karl Deisseroth



Optogenetics is a technology that allows targeted, fast control of precisely defined events in biological systems as complex as freely moving mammals. By delivering optical control at the speed (millisecond-scale) and with the precision (cell type-specific) required for biological processing, optogenetic approaches have opened new landscapes for the study of biology, both in health and disease.

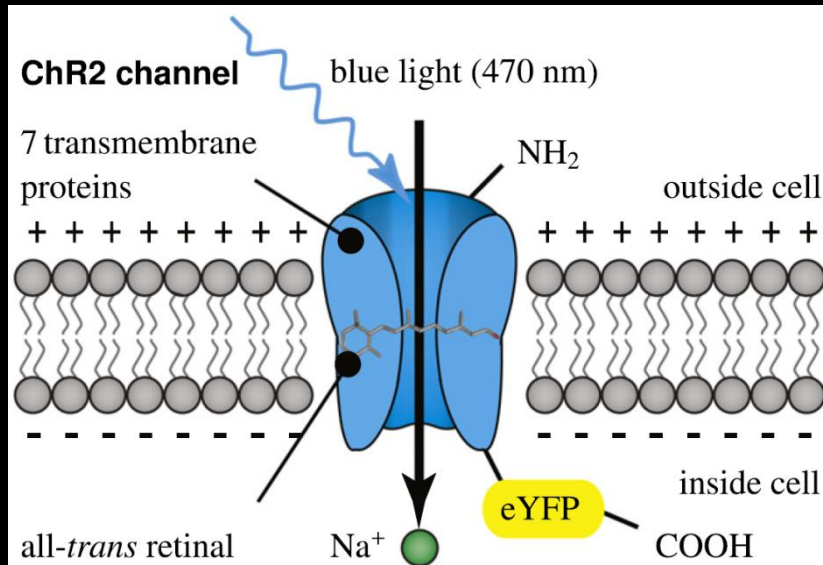


**Figure 2** | Principle of optogenetics in neuroscience. Targeted excitation (as with a blue light-activated channelrhodopsin) or inhibition (as with a yellow light-activated halorhodopsin), conferring cellular specificity and even projection specificity not feasible with electrodes while maintaining high temporal (action-potential scale) precision.

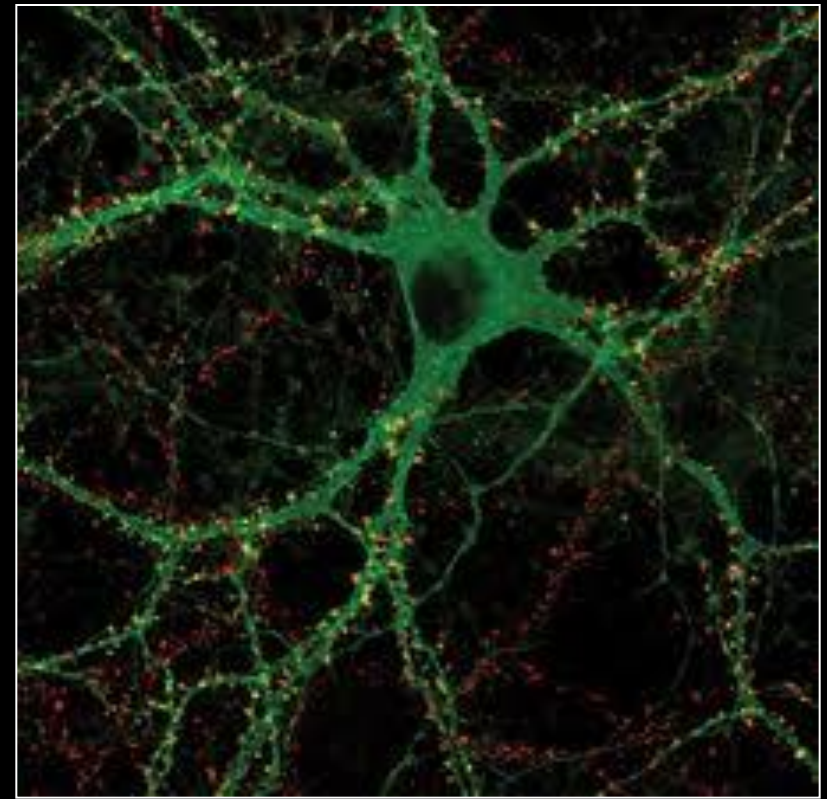
light-sensitive brain  
activated with light







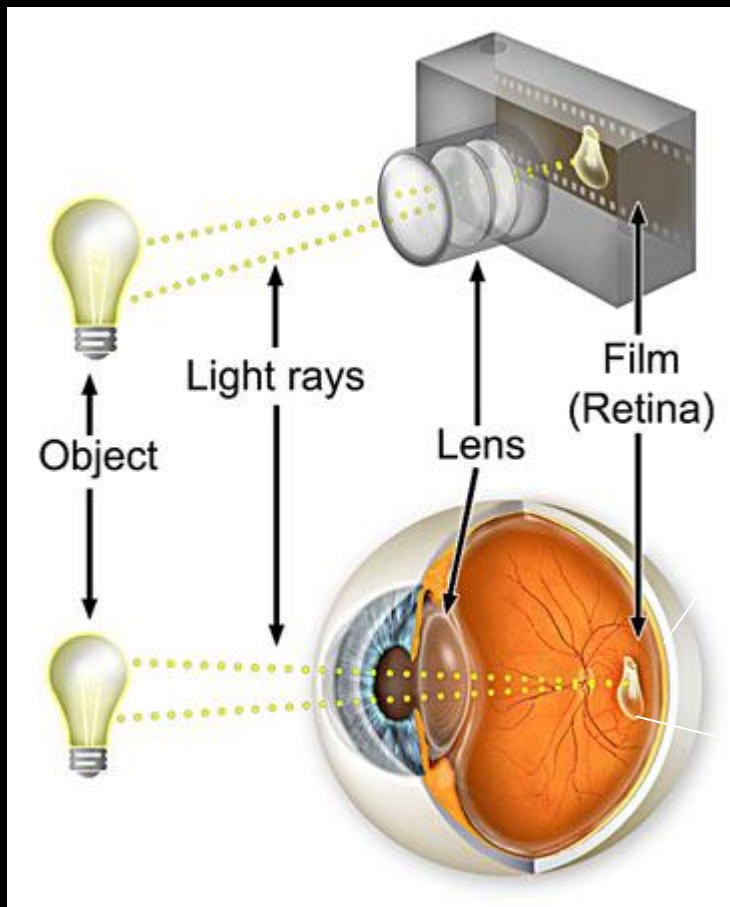
Channelrhodopsin-2 is a gated light-sensitive cation channel that uses a molecule of *all-trans* retinal to absorb photons.



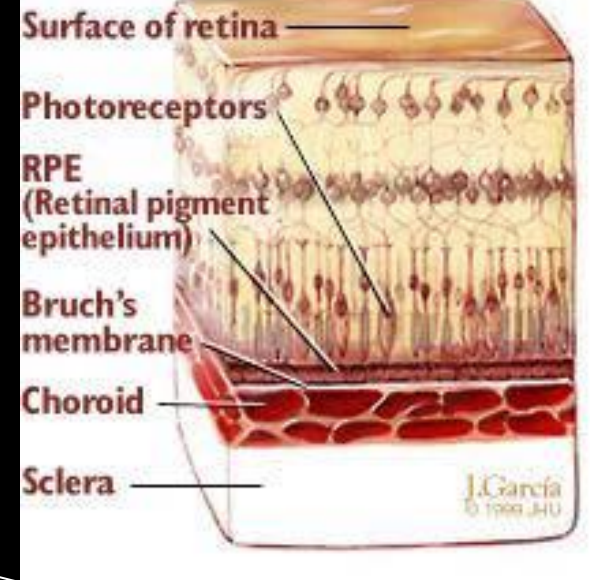
Neurons labeled with ChR2 (in green) and synapses (in red)

Channelrhodopsin-2 was expressed in hippocampal neurons in the mouse brain then shone blue light on the region  
 → the cells with ChR2 responded to the light stimulation, opening the channel and initiating the flow of ions, which resulted in an action potential in those neurons

# Vision



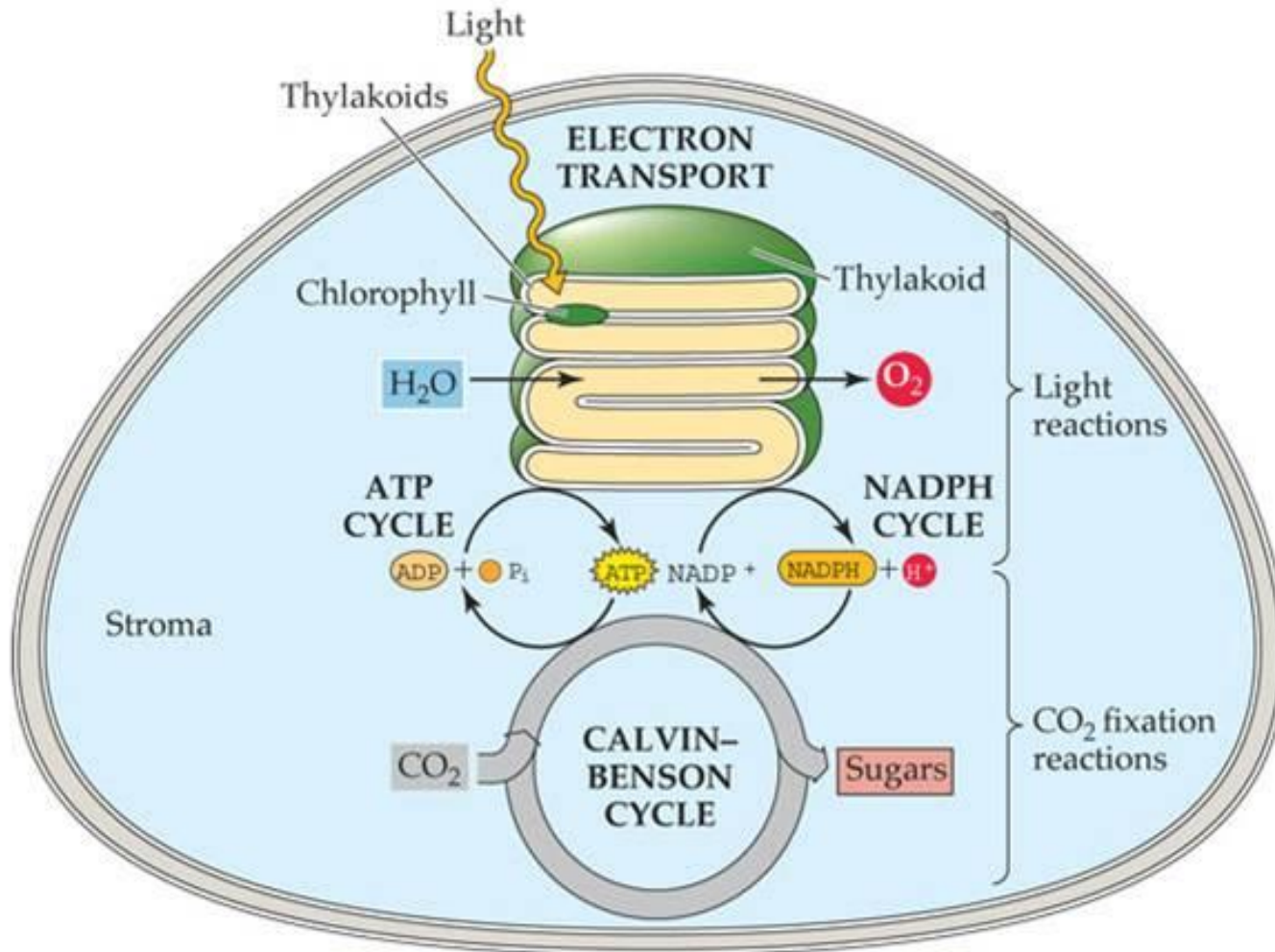
## Anatomy of retina and posterior eye



The light rays from the object pass through the conjunctiva, cornea, aqueous humour, lens and vitreous humour. All these structures refract the light such that it falls on the retina = focussing. Maximum focussing is done by the cornea and the lens. The light then falls on the retina.

When light strikes the retina, a photon interacts with 1-cis-retinal, rearranging within picoseconds to trans-retinal which forces a change in the shape of rhodopsin to which retinal is bound.

Light → Photosynthesis → produce energy (ATP)



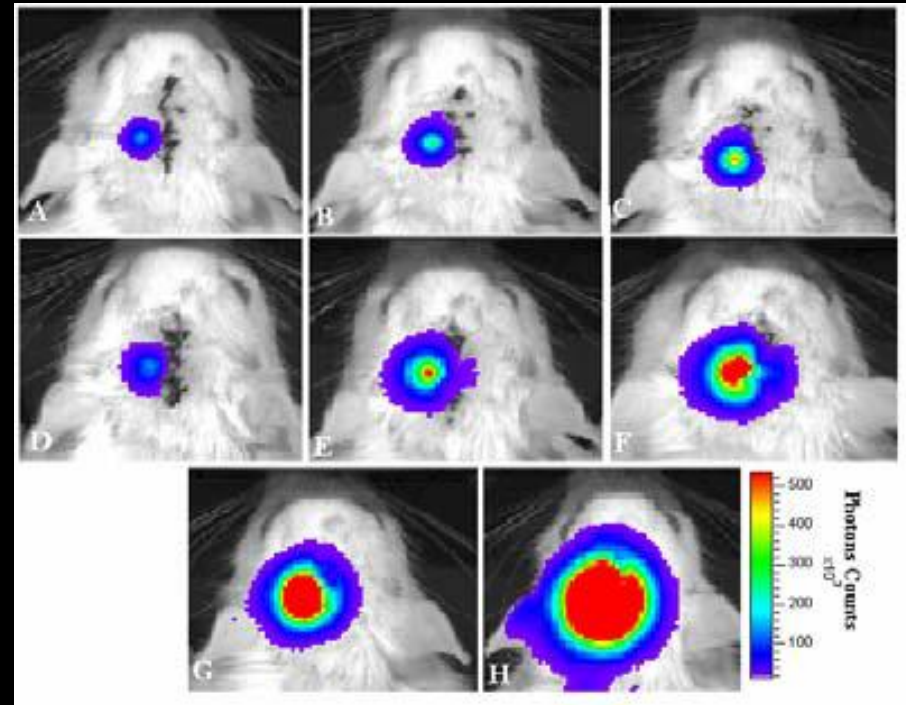
LIFE: THE SCIENCE OF BIOLOGY, Seventh Edition, Figure 8.3 An Overview of Photosynthesis (Part 1)  
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## Use of exogenous labels for in vivo imaging

Luciferin is a chemical substance found in the cells of various bioluminescent organisms.

When luciferin is oxidized under the catalytic effects of luciferase and ATP, a bluish-green light is produced.

As the reaction is dependent on ATP, it allows to determine the presence of energy or life.



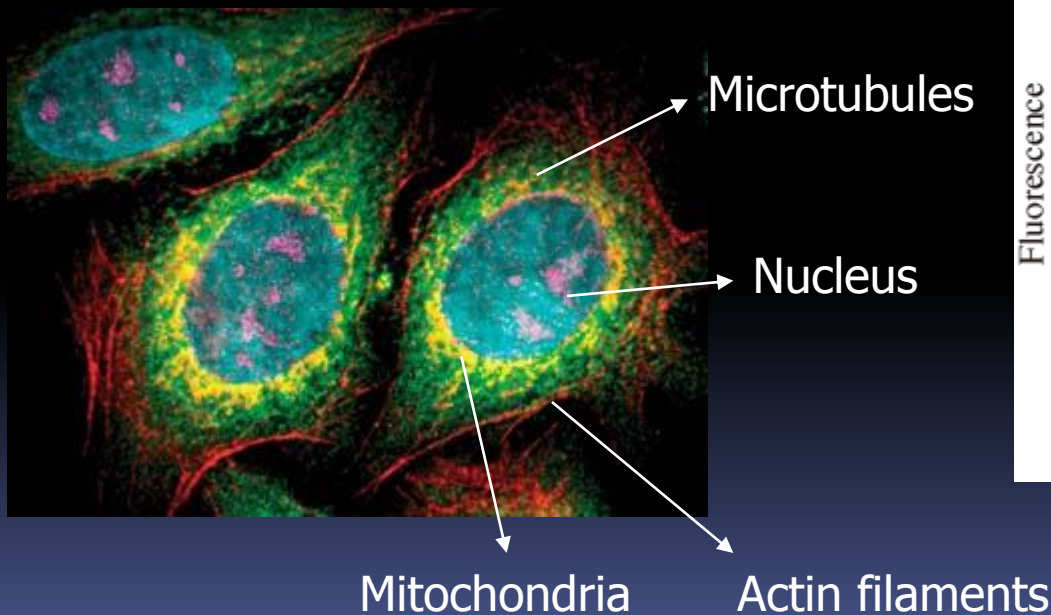
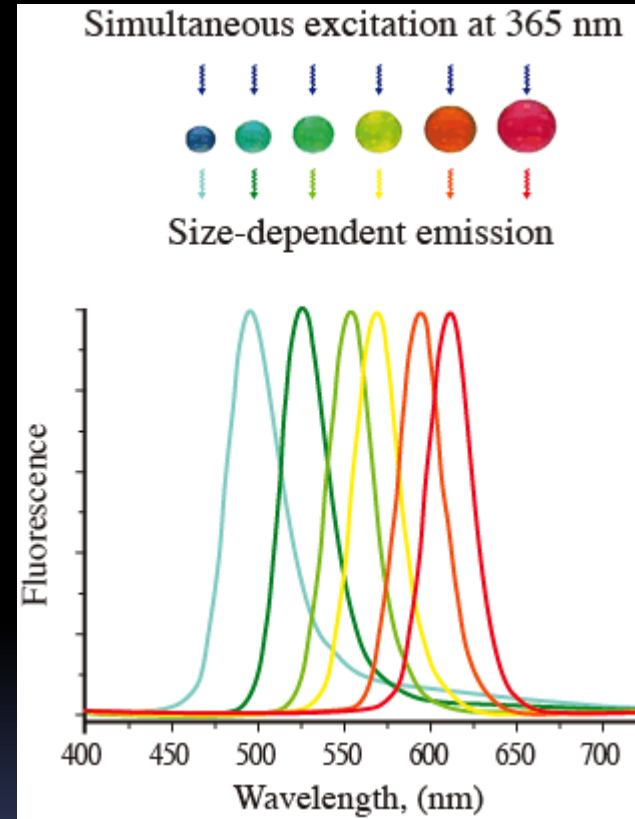
Monitoring of

- nr. of transfected cell
- O<sub>2</sub>
- ATP
- Depth of cells
- Metabolizing cells



# Quantum dots : semiconductor nanoparticles:as biolabels

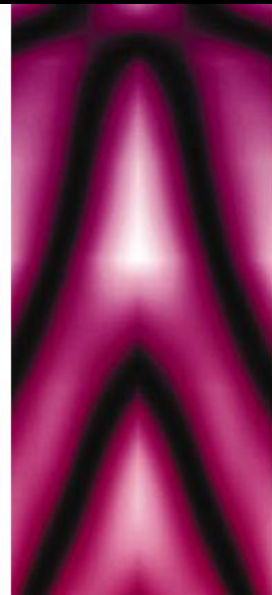
- they can simultaneously reveal the fine details of many cell structures



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# Natural photonic crystals



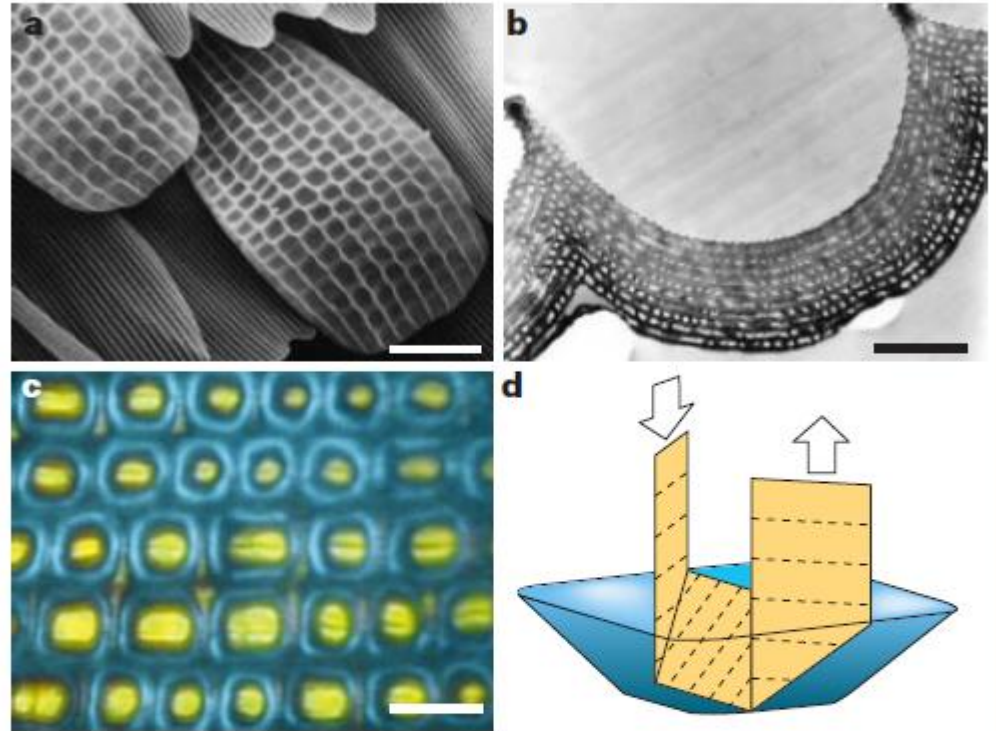
## insight review articles

# Photonic structures in biology

Pete Vukusic and J. Roy Sambles

*Thin Film Photonics, School of Physics, Exeter U*

Millions of years before we began to use systems were using nanometre-scale of natural photonic structures exist collect light, *Morpho* butterflies use some insects use arrays of elements. Natural photonic structures are pro



**Figure 4** Iridescence in *Papilio palinurus*. **a**, SEM of an iridescent scale showing its array of concavities, each with a section that exhibits the curved multilayering shown by transmission electron microscopy in **b**. This structure produces two simultaneous structural colours **c**, yellow and blue. **d**, The blue annulus is created by a double reflection from opposite and perpendicular concavity sides. **d** also schematically illustrates the way in which incident linearly polarized blue light has its e-vector (dotted lines) rotated by this double reflection. Bars, **a**, 15  $\mu\text{m}$ ; **b**, 1  $\mu\text{m}$ ; **c**, 6  $\mu\text{m}$ .

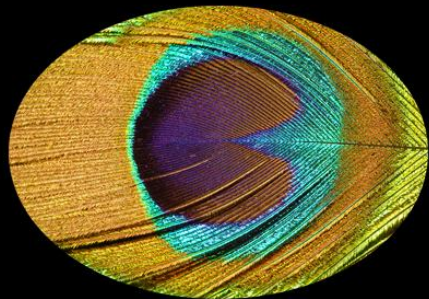
## Natural Photonic Crystals



*Chrysochroa vittata*



*Morpho didius*

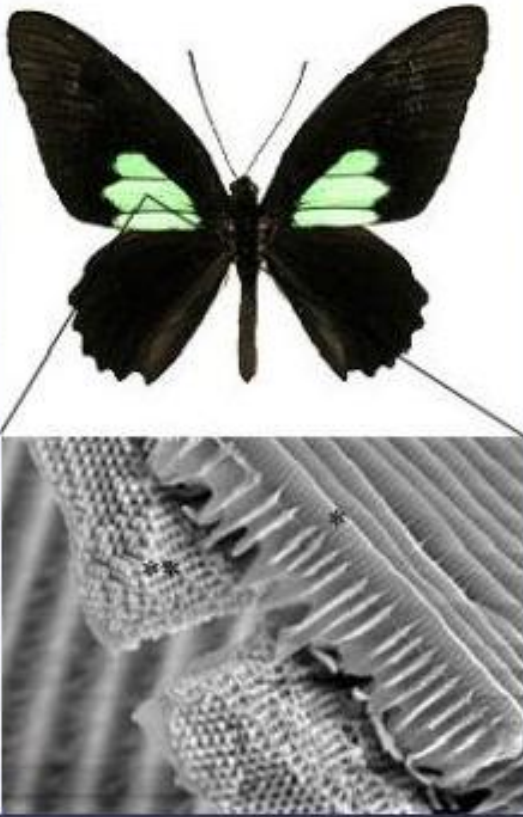


*Pavo cristatus (feather)*

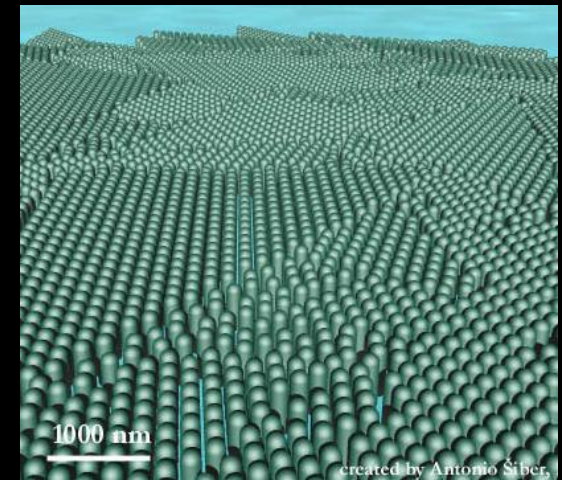


*Chrysina resplendens*

*Parides sesostris*



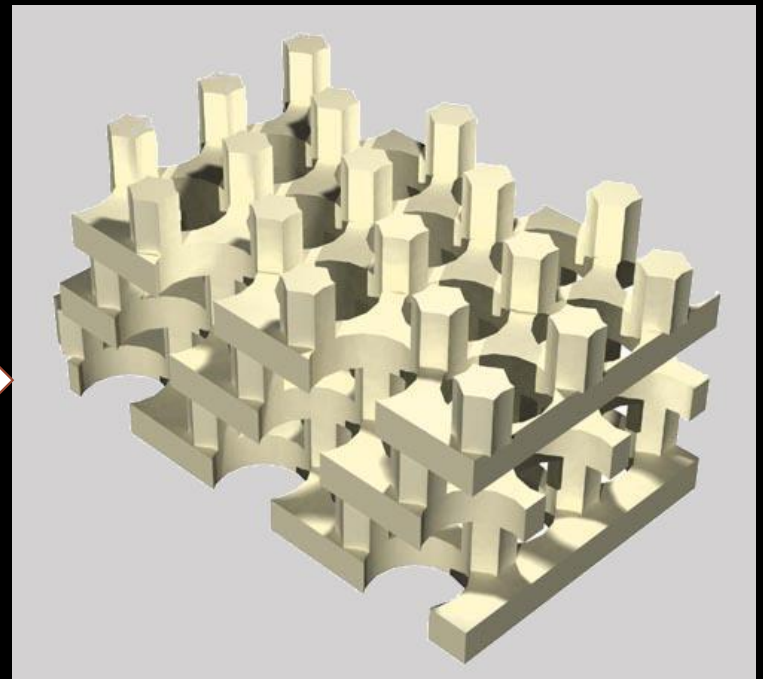
Nanometric two-dimensional structures found in eyes of some insects



The brown in the feathers of male peacocks arise from natural photonic crystals.

The microstructure in the wings of some butterflies causes their remarkable iridescent colours. They reflect electromagnetic radiation as propagation through them is prohibited. The periodicity of the crystal plays a very important role in the formation of a useful band gap. The width of this band gap depends on the geometry, feature size, spacing and the materials which make up the crystal.



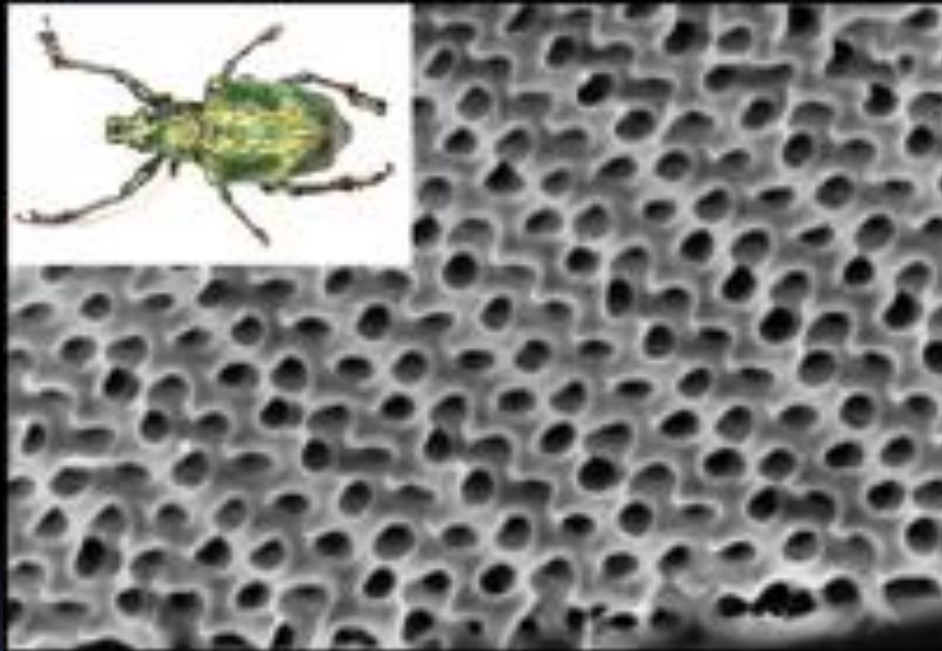


An example of natural band gap: butterfly wings

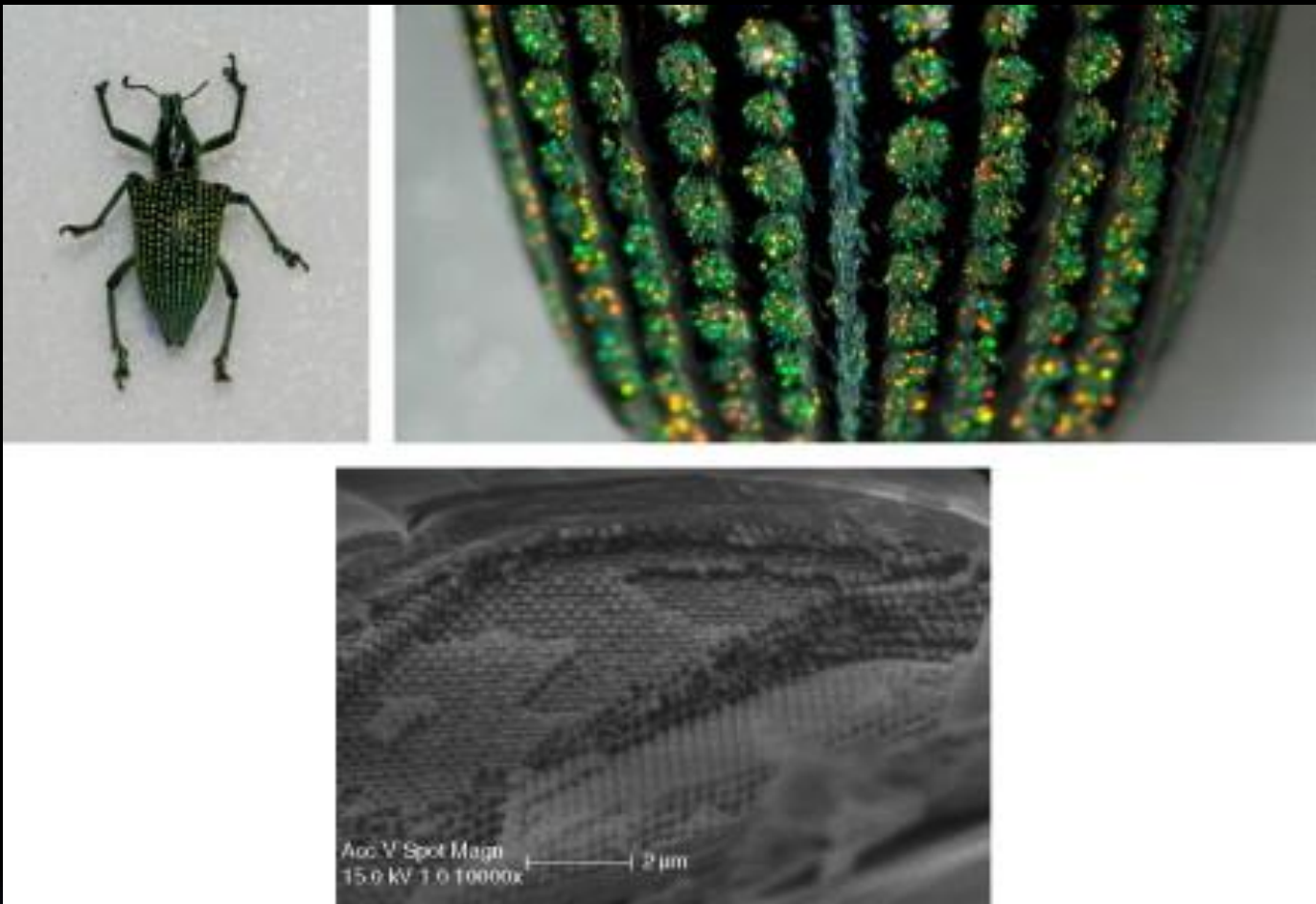
-> proposed a new structure for achieving a full three-dimensional band gap

## Butterflies and beetles have developed various cuticular exoskeleton photonic crystal structures

→ a variety of optical effects throughout the visible range of the electromagnetic spectrum.



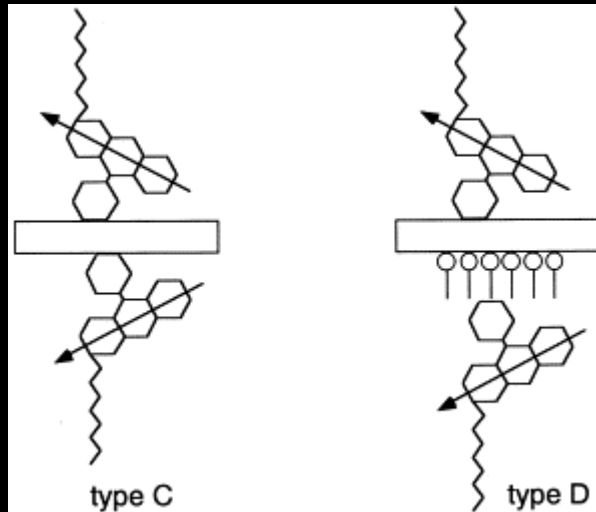
*Cuticular exoskeleton photonic crystal structure of the weevil  
Lamprocyphus augustus.*



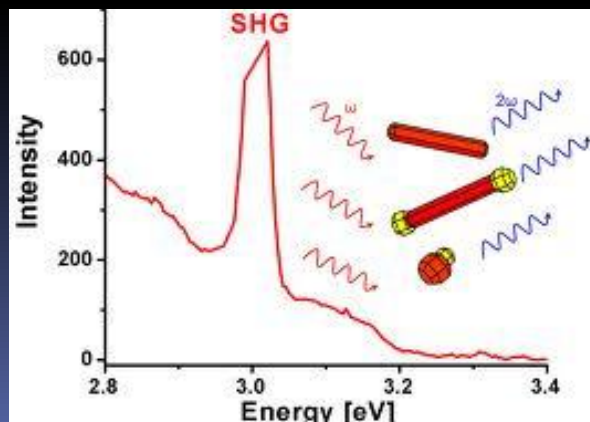
*Entimus imperialis* shows one of the most perfect three-dimensional photonic crystals in nature. The insect bears transparent scales that scatter white light as many different colours, ranging from deep blue to red. The origin of this coloration is the diffraction by the structure shown in the lower panel, occurring inside each scale. The scale itself is about 100  $\mu\text{m}$  long, and contains one or two large grains of photonic crystal.

# Nonlinearity in materials

Strong enhancement of second-harmonic generation (SHG) response through multi-chiral centers and metal-coordination (Ye et al. Dalt Trans 2005)



SHG interferometry allows the characterization of Rhodamine B derivative (dipoles) in Langmuir Blodgett films (Ishibashi, J. Elec.anal. Chem, 1999)

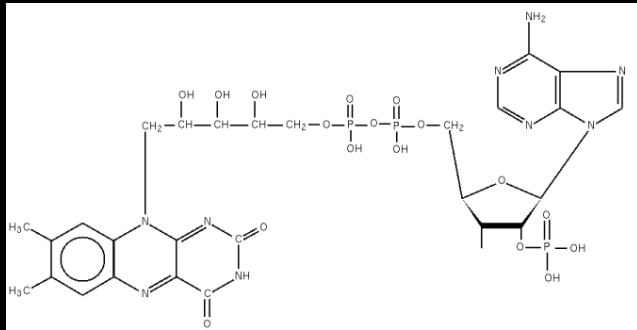


Second order non-linear optical properties and SHG in semiconductor nanocrystals and nanorods depends of their size, shape and composition.

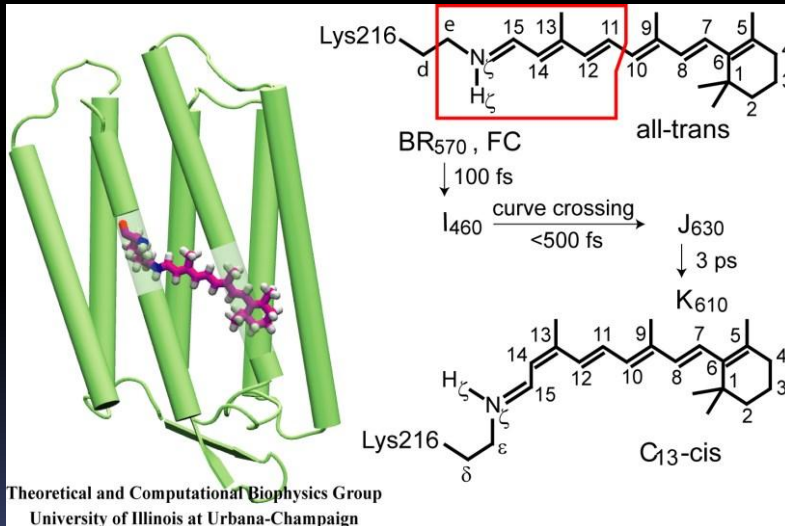
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# Second Harmonic generation in biological systems with non-centrosymmetry, with polarisable electrons

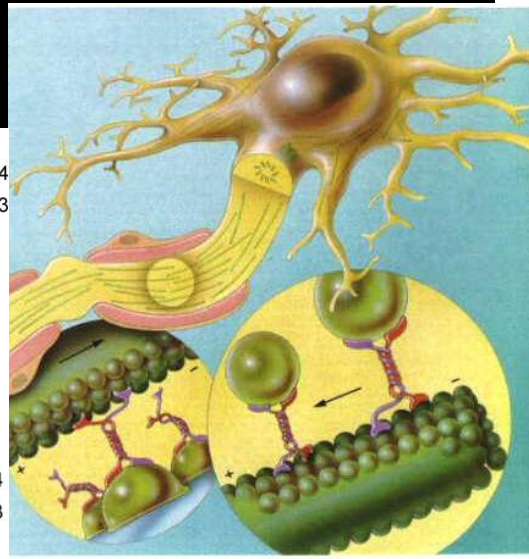
Ex: chromophores, FAD, NADH, collagen, microtubules, sarcomeres



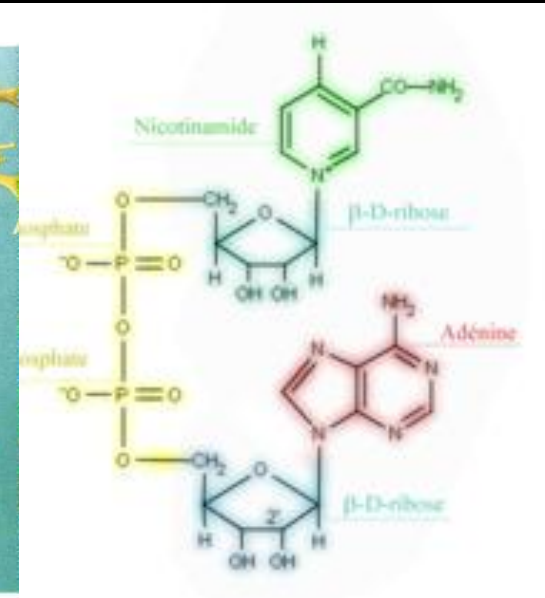
**Flavin adenine dinucleotid**  
(in oxido-reductive enzymes)



**Chromophores**  
(in chromo/retinal proteins)



**Microtubules**  
= target of chimo-  
therapeutic  
treatment in cancer



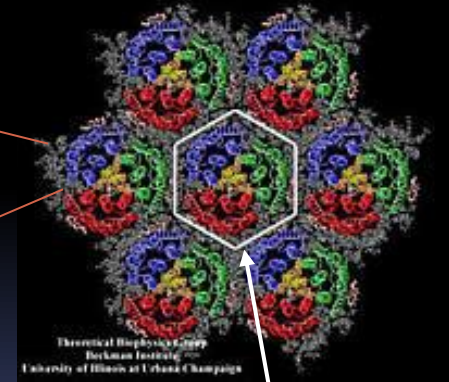
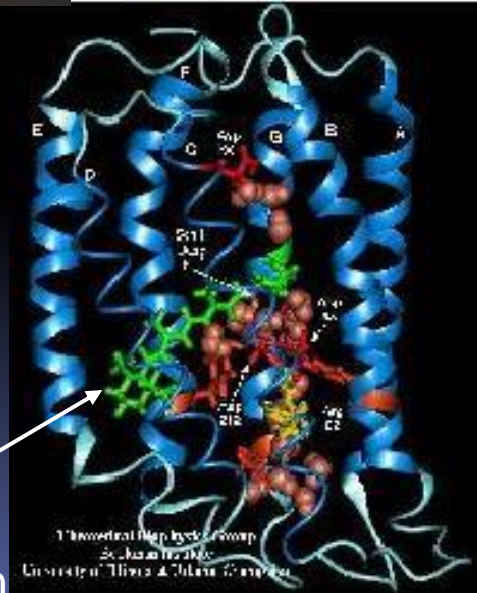
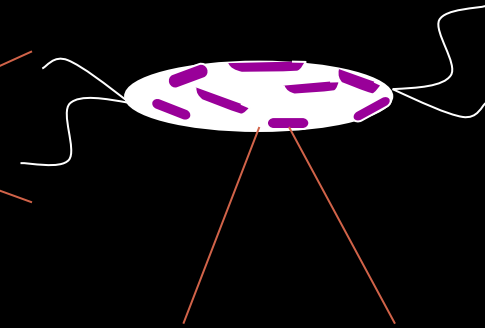
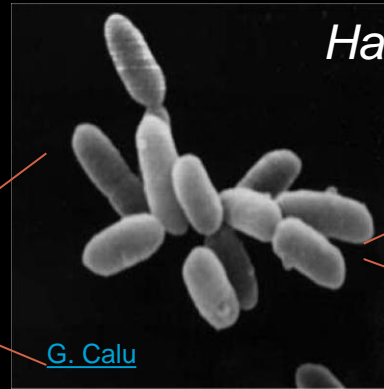
**NAD, NADH**  
in mitochondries



# Bacteriorhodopsin (BR): natural photonic crystal



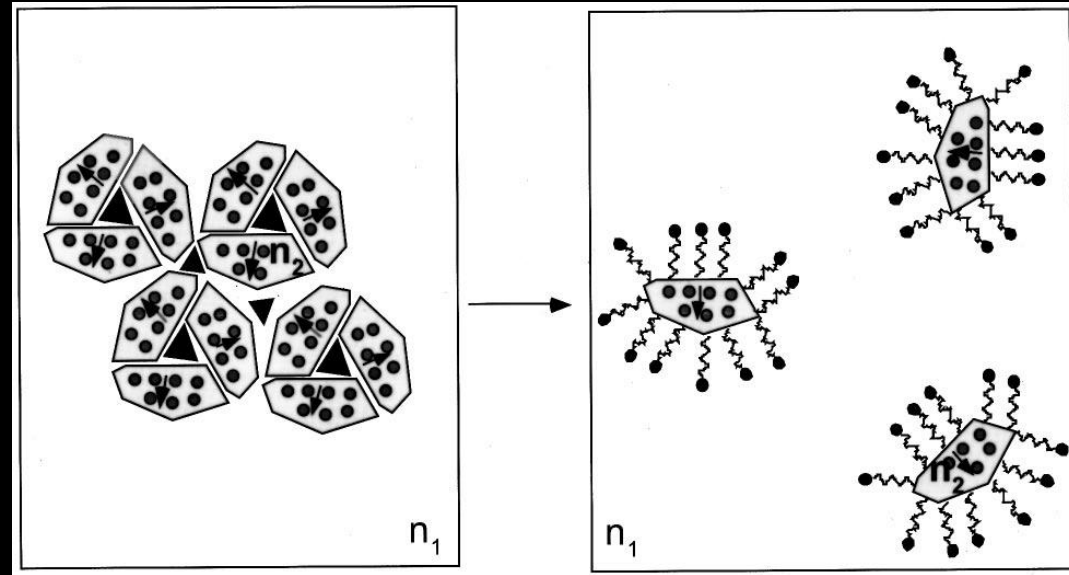
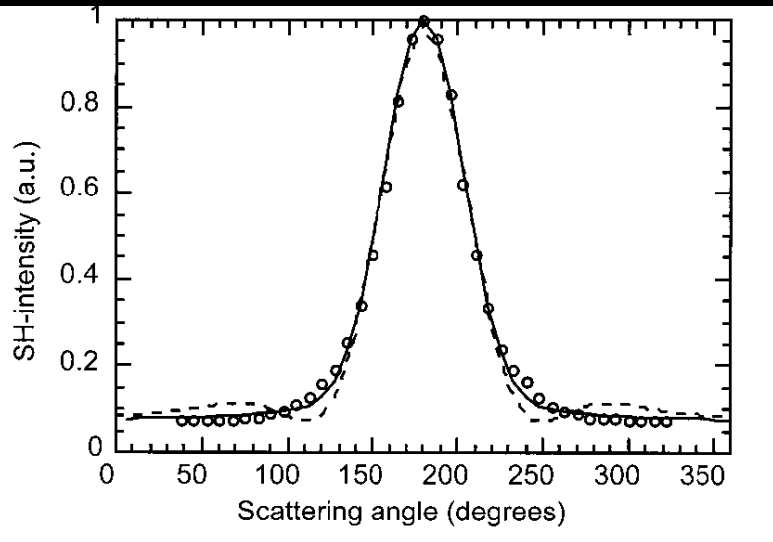
Salt lake



Hexagonal arrangement of BR trimers within the purple membrane

Cromophore retinal within the 7 helices of the protein

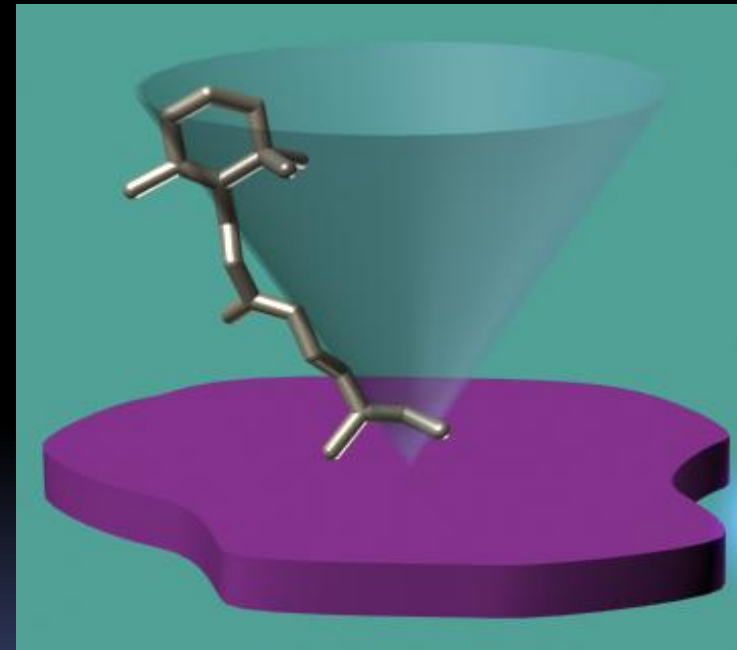
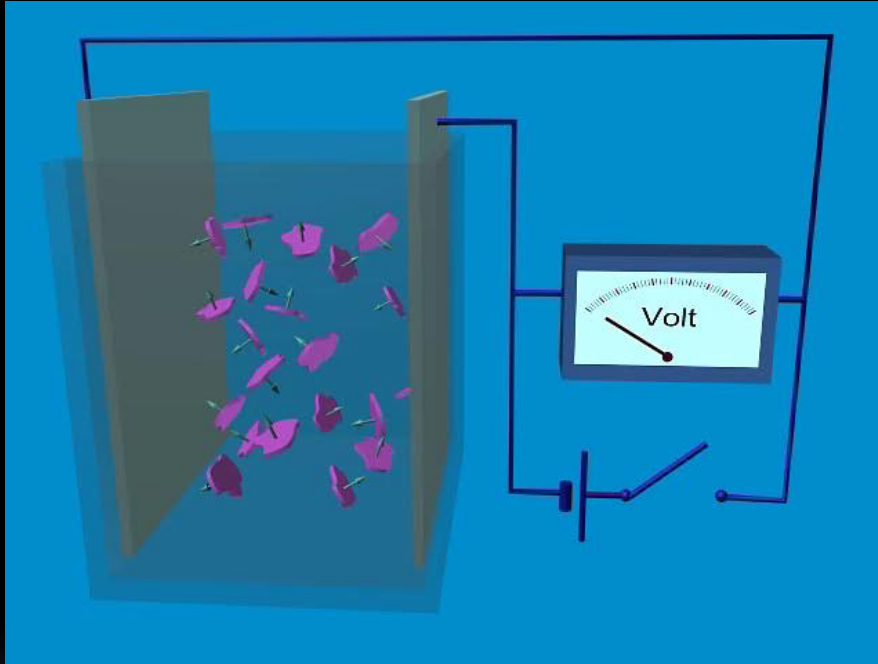
# Bacteriorhodopsin $\rightarrow$ SHG



Solubilization of purple membrane patches (left) to individual bacteriorhodopsin protein molecules (right) with the embedded dipolar nonlinear chromophore, i.e., retinal (dipoles indicated by arrows) and solubilized by the surfactant (indicated by amphiphilic icons). Solubilization makes disappearing SHG

The protein matrix has a linear refractive index  $n_1$  .  
Only the retinal has a second-order optical nonlinearity  $\beta$   
and a higher linear refractive index  $n_2$  .

## Orientation of BR containing purple membranes in electric field



Electrophoretic deposition of BR  
→ 4  $\mu\text{m}$  thick oriented BR film onto a ITO substrate -> BR film composed by ~800 purple membrane layers ( 5 nm each).

# Structure and composition of the BR containing purple membrane = crystal

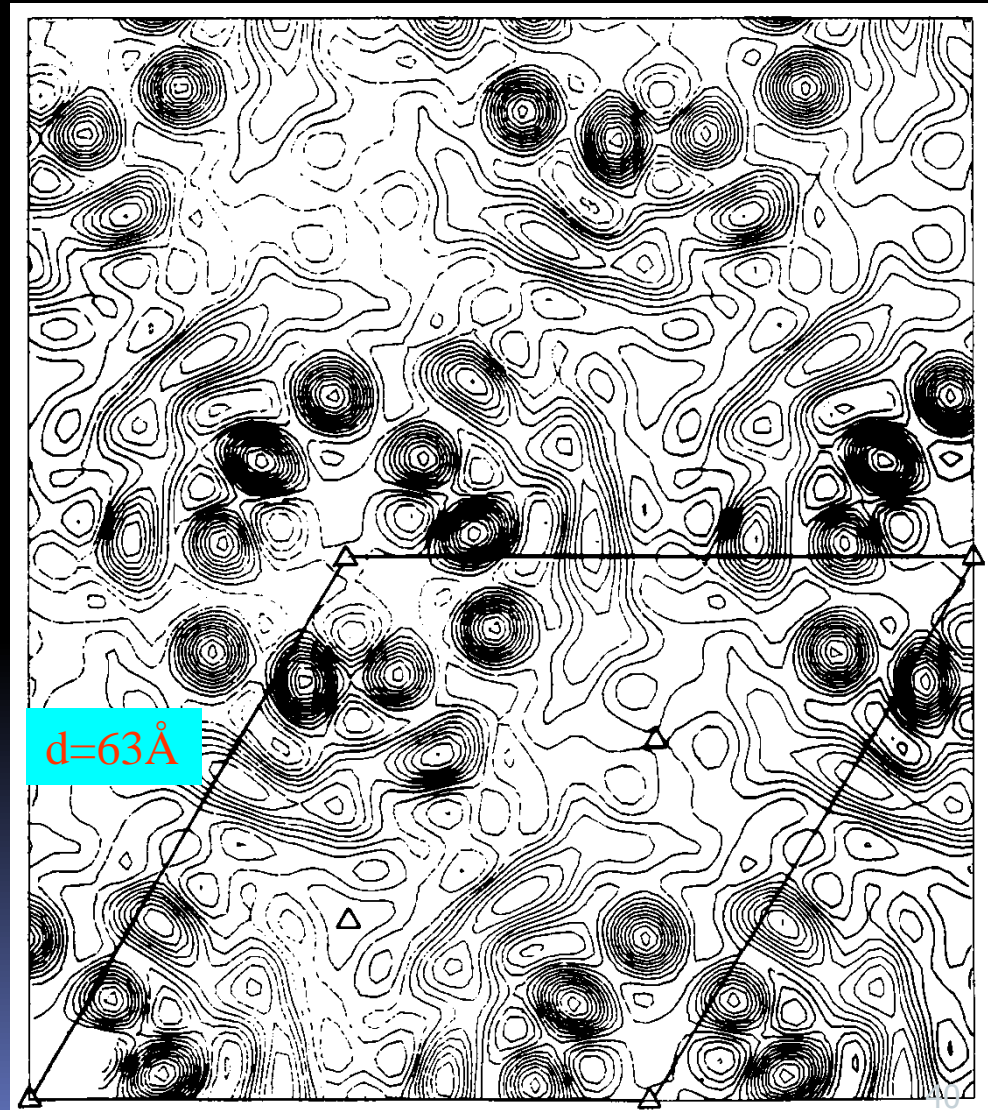
Purple membrane = a crystal

trimers of BR form hexagonal 2D crystalline lattice

- Unit cell size  $d = 63 \text{ \AA}$
- The unit cell contains 3 BR molecules + 12-14 lipid molecules

The symmetry structure of BR arises by consecutive stacking of the naturally hexagonal lattice represented by the membrane sheets showing P3 symmetry.

The resulting point group symmetry  $6mm$  is noncentrosymmetric and its second order susceptibility tensor has three nonvanishing components.





## Optical chirality of bacteriorhodopsin films via second harmonic Maker's fringes measurements

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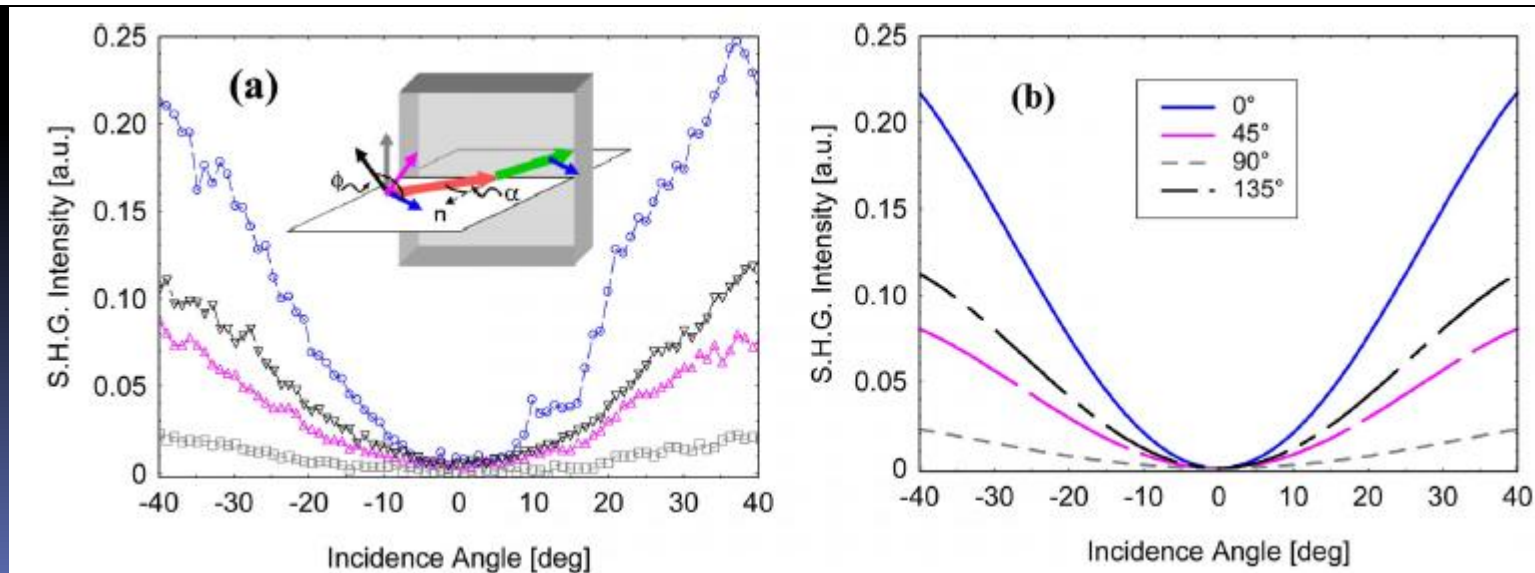
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We experimentally investigated second harmonic generation from an oriented multilayer film of bacteriorhodopsin protein, deposited onto a charged surface. The generated signal is obtained as a function of incidence angle, at different polarization state of both fundamental and generated beams. We show that the measurements, together with the analytical curves, allow to retrieve the nonvanishing elements of the nonlinear optical tensor, including the ones introduced by optical chirality. © 2010 American Institute of Physics. [doi:10.1063/1.3442503]





# Evidence of multipolar response of Bacteriorhodopsin by noncollinear second harmonic generation

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**Abstract:** Noncollinear second harmonic generation from a Bacteriorhodopsin (BR) oriented multilayer film was systematically investigated by varying the polarization state of both fundamental beams. Both experimental results and theoretical simulations, show that the resulting polarization mapping is an useful tool to put in evidence the optical chirality of the investigated film as well as the corresponding multipolar contributions to the nonlinear.

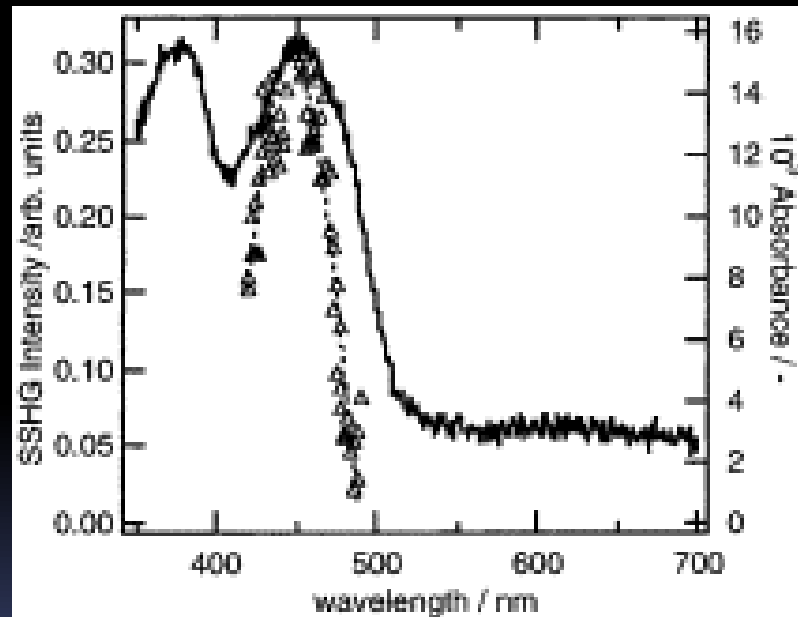
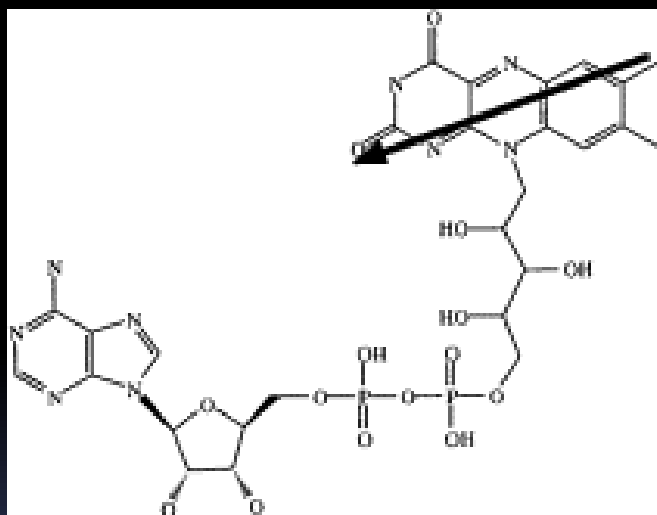
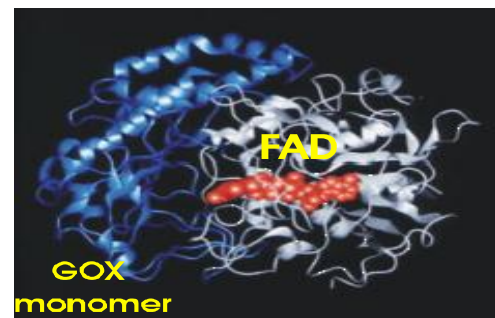
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→ magnetic-dipole contributions  
to the quadratic nonlinear response in BR

## Second Harmonic Generation of Glucose Oxidase at the Air/Water Interface

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Structure of the FAD chromophore. The  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  transition moment probed by SHG has an angle of orientation of  $\sim 35^\circ$  with respect to the axis of the three cycles of the isoalloxazine ring

# Lasers in health care

## **Surgery**

use of lasers  
combined with in-situ  
imaging

**Ophthalmology**

## **Functional and multimodal imaging**

novel microscopic and  
spectroscopic techniques



## **Photonics for Nanomedicine**

## **Point-of-care diagnosis**

novel biosensors for  
preventive medicine

## **Therapy**

targeted drug delivery  
with follow-up monitoring  
**Oncology**  
photodynamic therapy

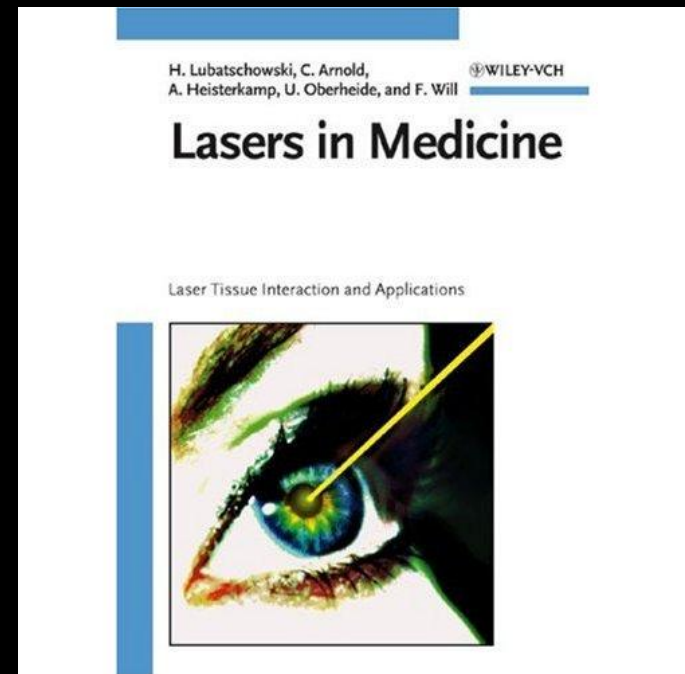
# Lasers in medicine

**CO<sub>2</sub> laser** → Photoablation removing cell layer by cell layer by volatilizing the water (abs. in IR)

**Argon laser** → emits blue/green light for treating hemoglobin and hemosiderin-containing lesions (Hb. abs in violet and blue/green)

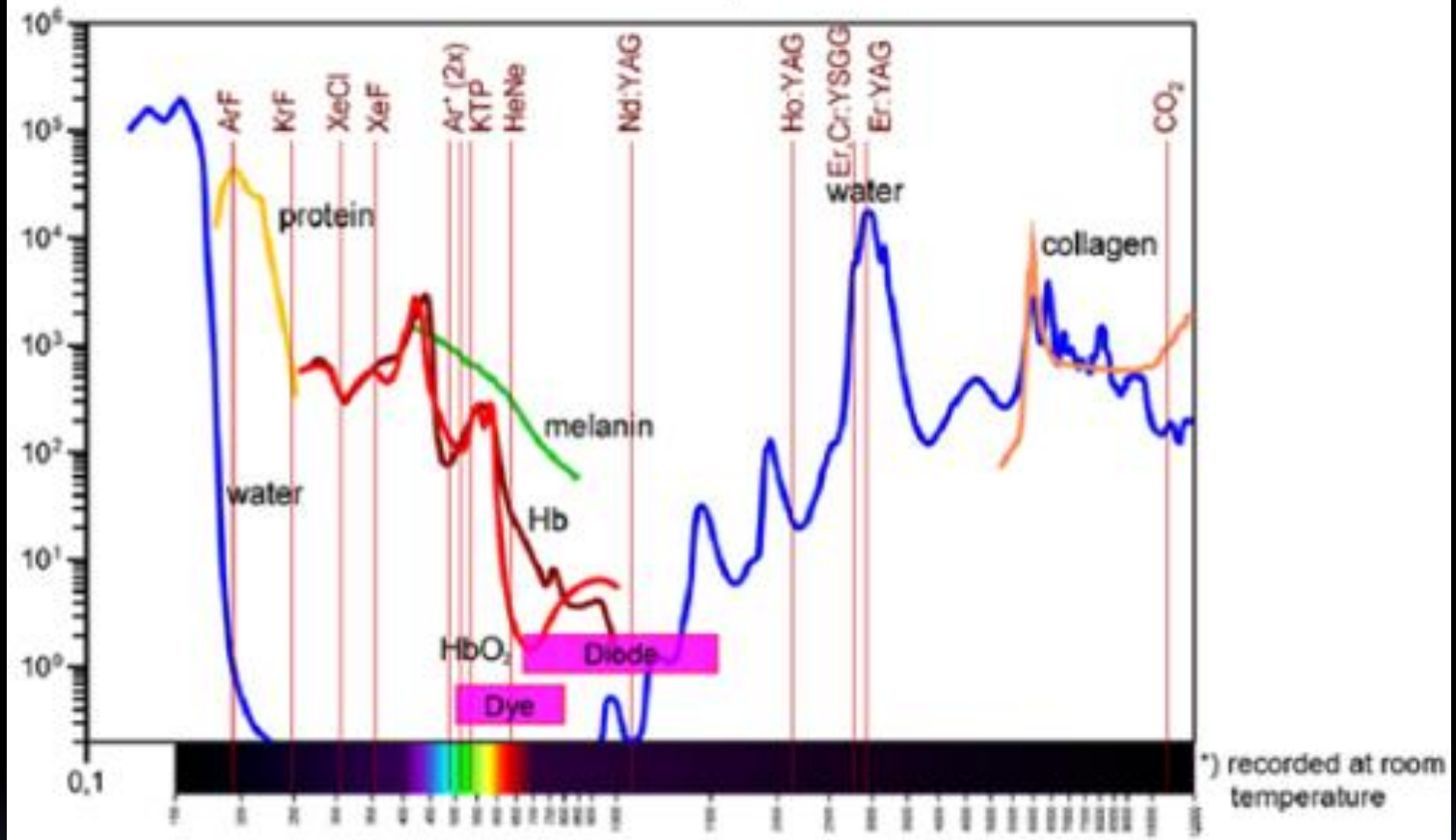
**Excimer laser** → Photoablation: the tissue absorbs the high energy ultraviolet photons that are produced

**Q-switched (nanosecond) and short-pulsed (picosecond) lasers** generate very high power densities ( $\text{GW cm}^{-2}$ ) in focal spots of 25-50mm → creation of a plasma and intense acoustical shock wave in the medium due to the sudden production of an electrical field in  $10^{-9}$  to  $10^{-12}$  seconds



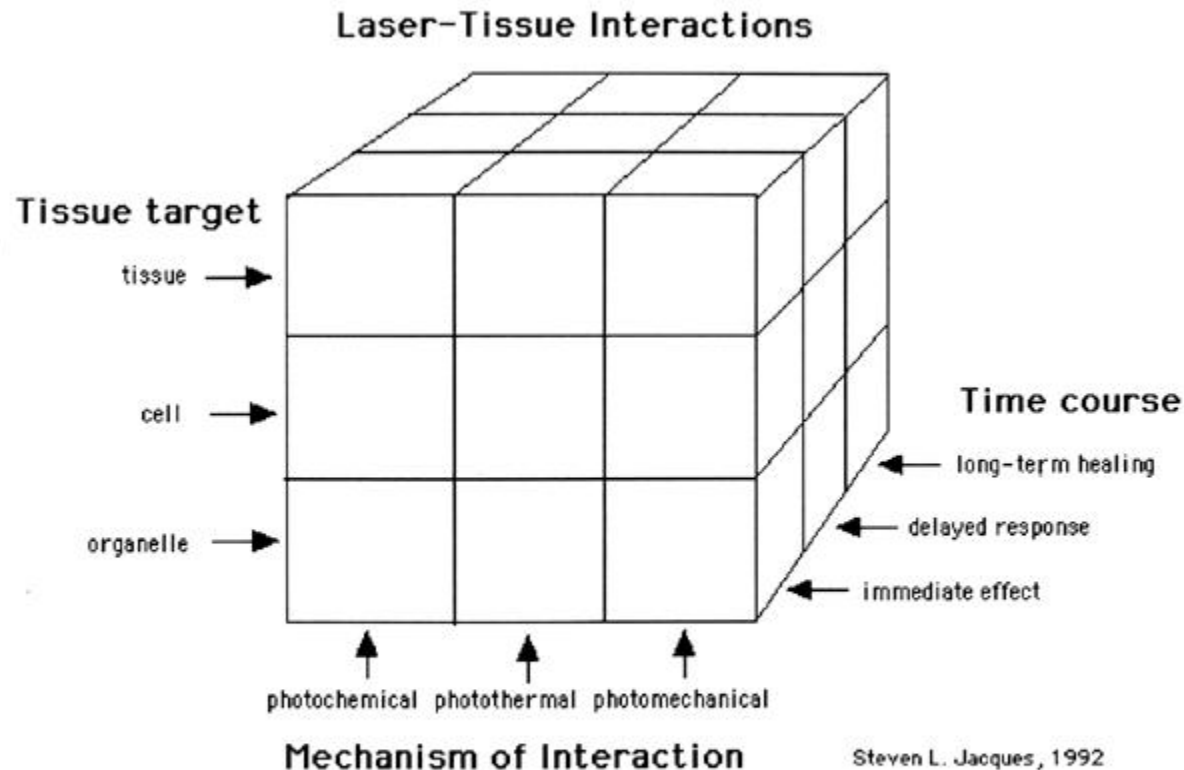


## Tissue Absorption



Each wavelength has its own specific absorption rate on different types of tissues containing hemoglobin, water, melanin, hydroxyapatite (if dental tissue).

For each tissue part there are absorption curves that can be used to determine the ideal wavelength to be used.



**Figure D3.1.17.** Cube of laser-tissue interactions. A laser-tissue interaction can involve various mechanisms of interaction, time courses and tissue targets. (Adapted from Jacques 1992 *Surgical Clinics* 72:531-558.)

Controlling tissue heating is an important consideration for the laser surgeon

- At 37-60°C, tissue retracts
- Above 60°C, there is protein denaturation and coagulation
- At 90-100°C, carbonization and tissue burning occur
- Above 100°C, the tissue is vaporized and ablated

# Typical tissue optical penetration depths

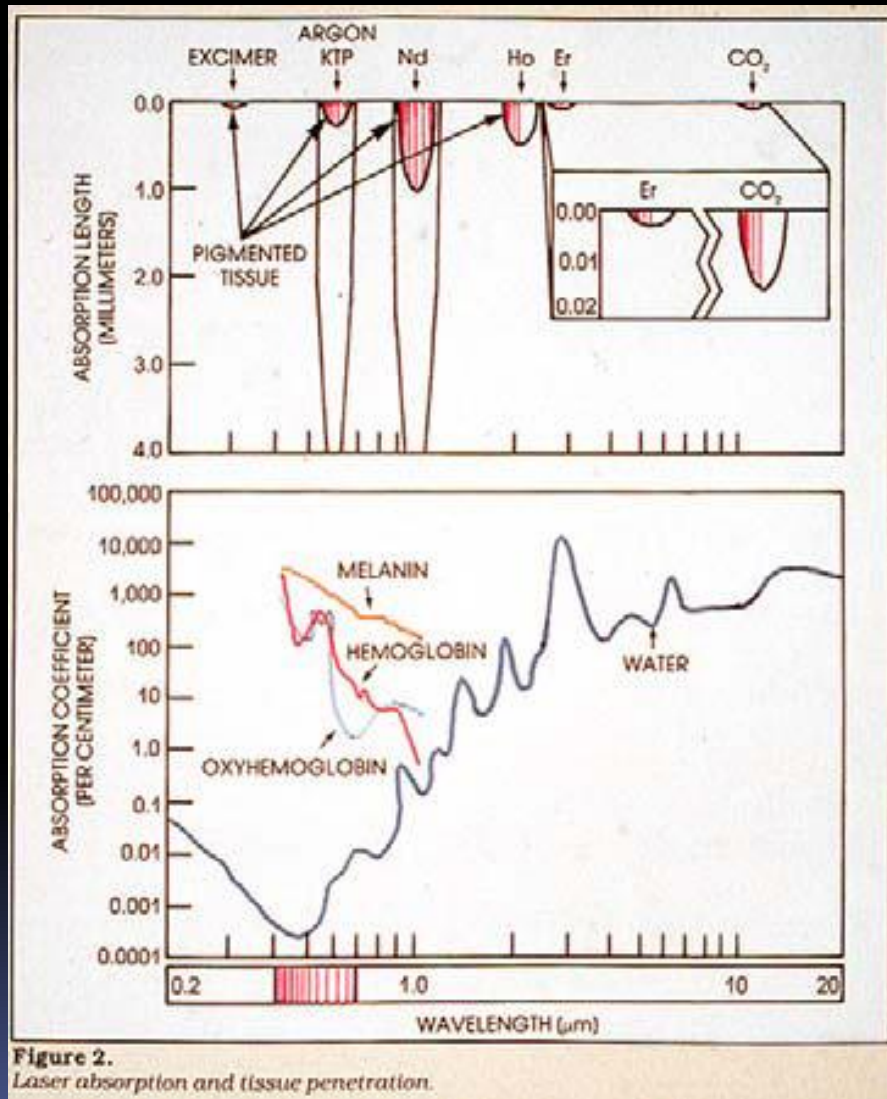


Figure 2.  
Laser absorption and tissue penetration.

The main absorbing components, or chromophores, of tissue are:

- Hemoglobin in blood
- Melanin in skin, hair, moles, etc.
- Water (present in all biologic tissue)
- Protein or "Scatter" (covalent bonds present in tissue)

Tissue interaction terms:

**Electromechanical** : dielectric breakdown in tissue caused by shock wave plasma expansion resulting in localized mechanical rupture

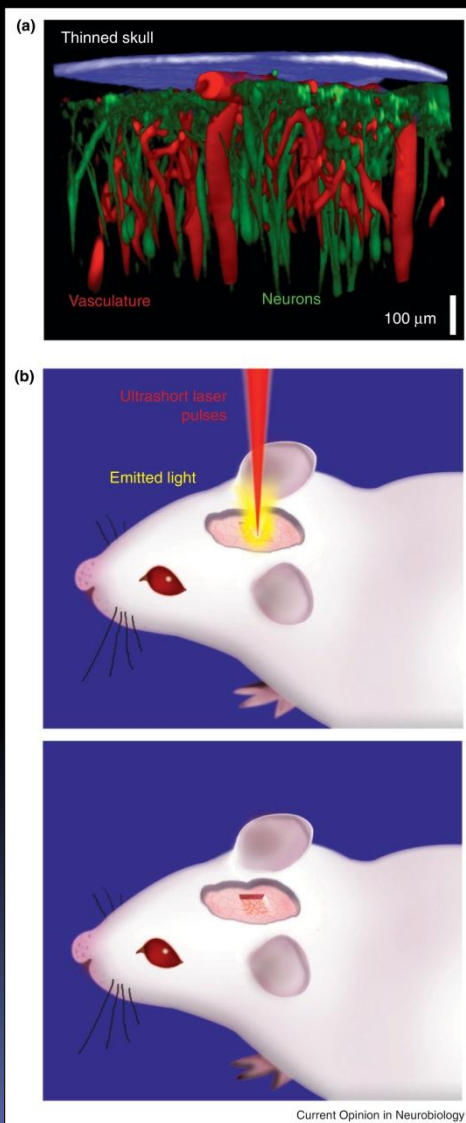
**Photoablative** : photodissociation or breaking of the molecular bonds in tissue

**Photothermal** converts light energy into heat energy; tissue heat up and vaporize

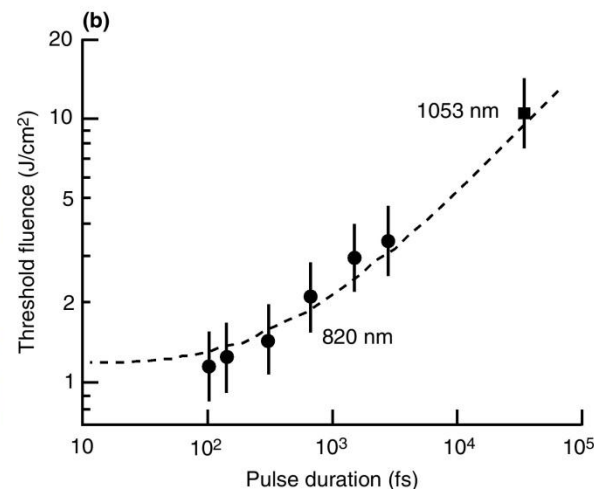
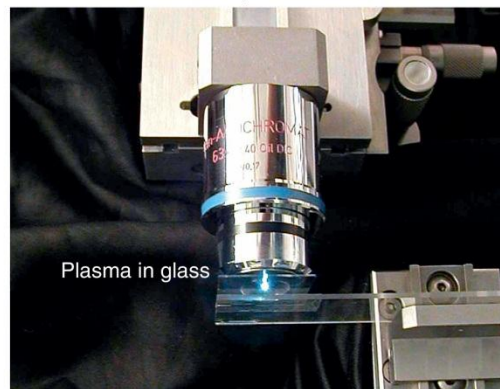
**Photochemical**: target cells start light-induced chemical reactions

# Guided surgery with ultra-short pulsed laser light

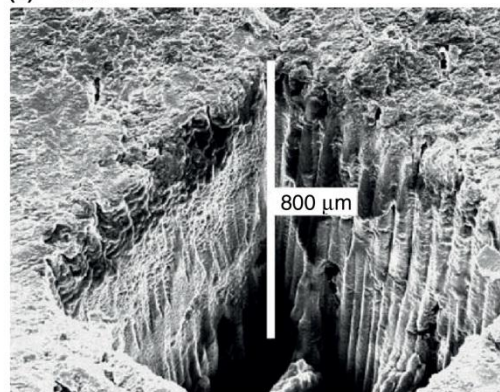
Plasma-mediated ablation of biological tissue with ultra-short laser pulses



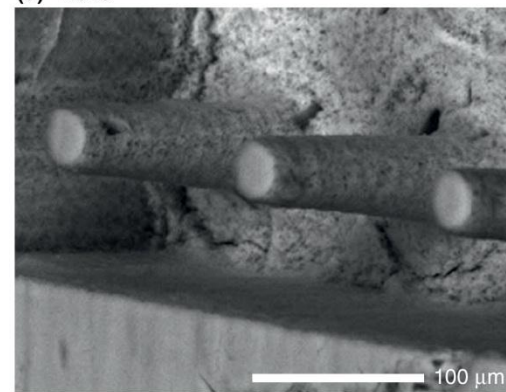
(a) Ablation with  $10^2$  fs pulses



(c) Bone

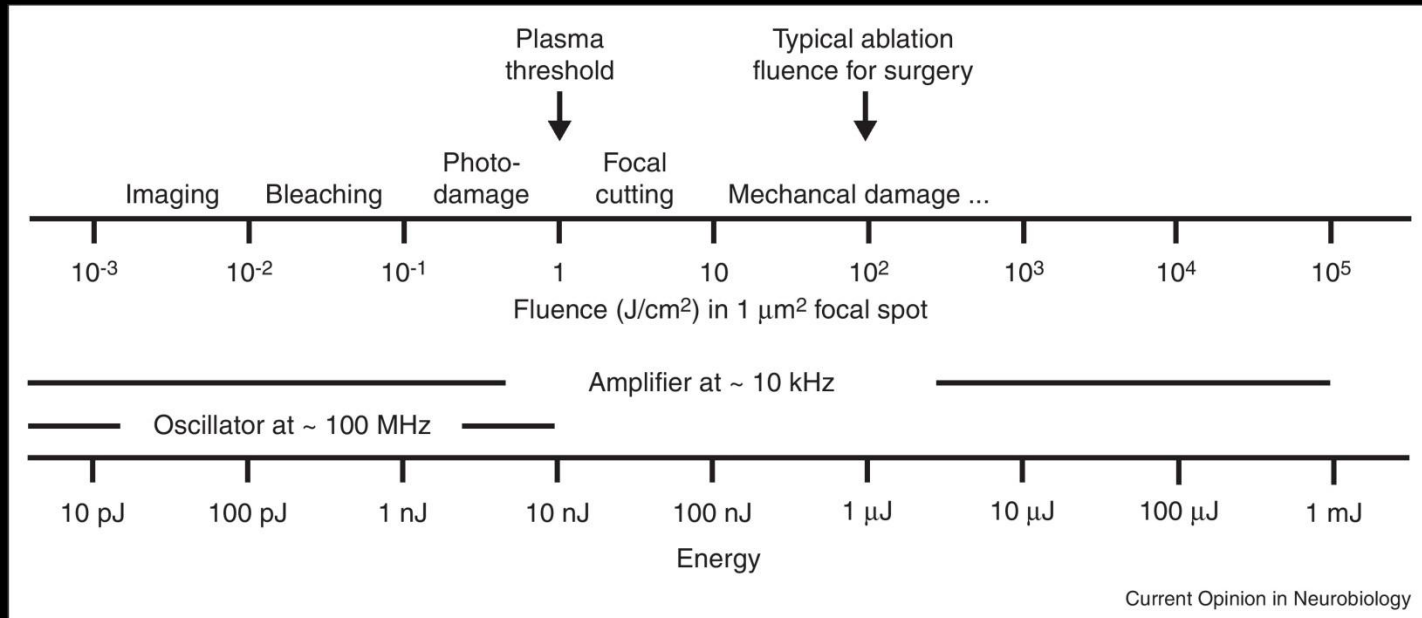


(d) Bone



Scanning electron micrograph of a porcine long bone and a patterned bone cut in air.

# The physics of plasma-mediated ablation for cutting tissue



Energy fluence = the energy per unit area in the pulse

EX:

A 10-nJ, 100-fs pulse focused to an 1 μm<sup>2</sup> area yields a fluence of 1 J/cm<sup>2</sup> or an intensity of 10 TW/cm<sup>2</sup>.

This is equivalent to an electric field of  $\sim 10^8$  V/cm or  $\sim 1$  V/Å, which approaches the  $\sim 10$  V/Å Coulomb field seen by valence electrons in atoms and molecules and leads to significant electron tunneling that frees bound electrons from their molecular orbitals **to form a plasma.**



# Laser Surgery: conventional and novel



A minimal invasive corneal ablation inside the cornea using a femto-second laser system

**New: frequency tripled solid state lasers**

- Microplasma in the focal spot (  $1\mu\text{m}$  )
- All material is fragmented in the focal point
- Duration 3 ns, thus no heat effect



Laser Microsurgery



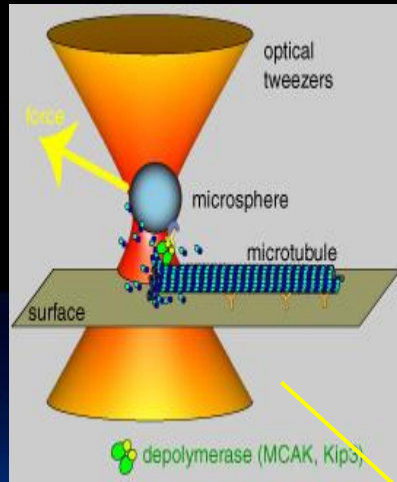
Microinjection



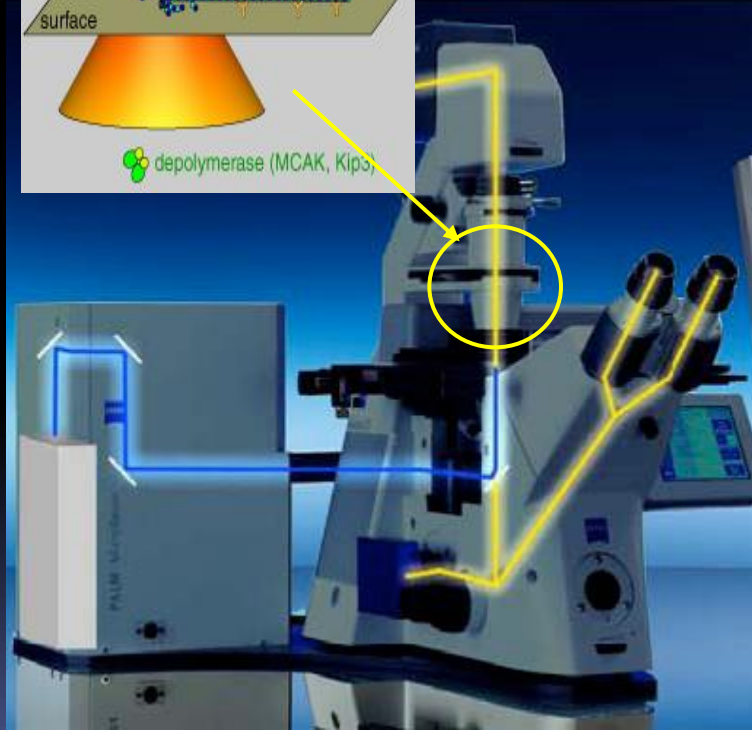
Laser fusion



## The force of focused light – Optical Tweezers

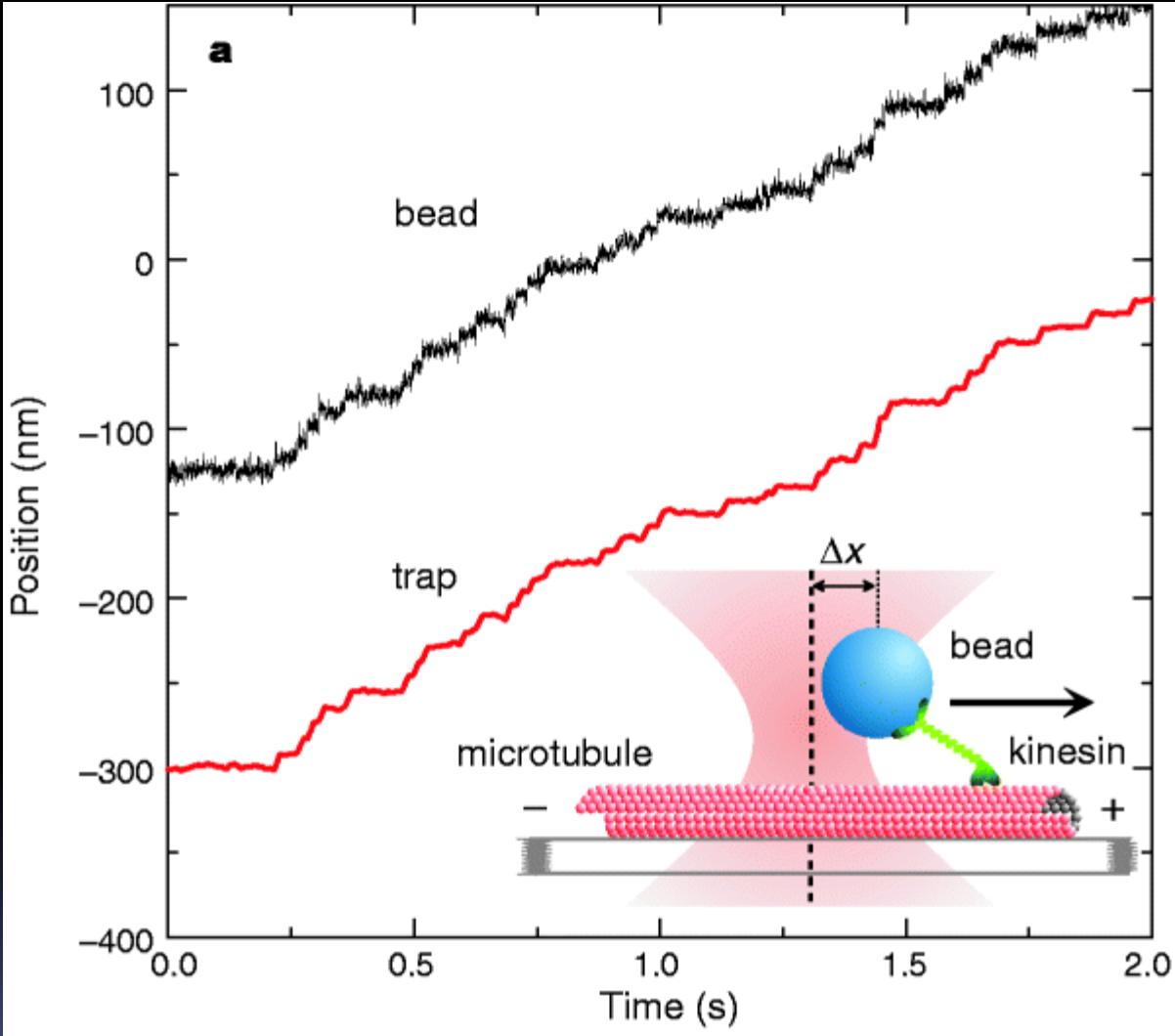


Lasers coupled into microscopes  
→ precise micromanipulation tools



- Catch, move viruses, bacteria or cells
- Force measurements: binding forces between molecules, organelles
- Cell fusion
- Laser microdissection of cells

Single kinesin molecules studied with a molecular force clamp



Koen Visscher, et al. *Nature* 400, 1999

# Bioimaging:

## Functional and spectroscopic microscopies

# Photonics → novel functional and spectroscopic microscopies

Fluorescence 3D imaging combined with FRET

Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging Microscopy (FLIM)

Multiphoton Microscopy (MPM)

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)

Combined coherent anti-Stokes Raman spectroscopy (CARS)  
and two-photon confocal microscope

Scanning near-field microscopy combined  
with Raman micro-imaging

Near field microscopy

# Linear optical (and functional) imaging

Phase contrast microscopy

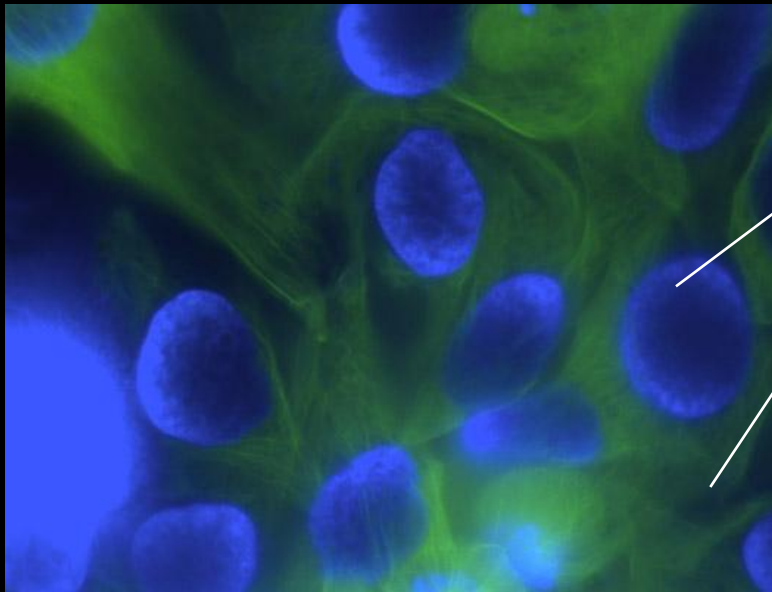
**Differential interference (Nomarski) contrast microscopy**

**Fluorescence or Förster resonance energy transfer (FRET) microscopy:** an adaptation of the resonance energy transfer phenomenon to fluorescence microscopy. Used to obtain quantitative temporal and spatial information about the binding and interaction of proteins, lipids, enzymes, and nucleic acids in living cells.

**Fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy (FLIM)** enables simultaneous recording of both the fluorescence lifetime and the spatial location of fluorophores throughout every location in the image.

**Combining FLIM with FRET** by monitoring the change in lifetime of the fluorescent donor before and after being involved in resonance energy transfer is considered to be one of the best approaches

## Fluorescence imaging combined with FRET, FLIM



Adenocarcinoma breast cancer cells (MCF7)

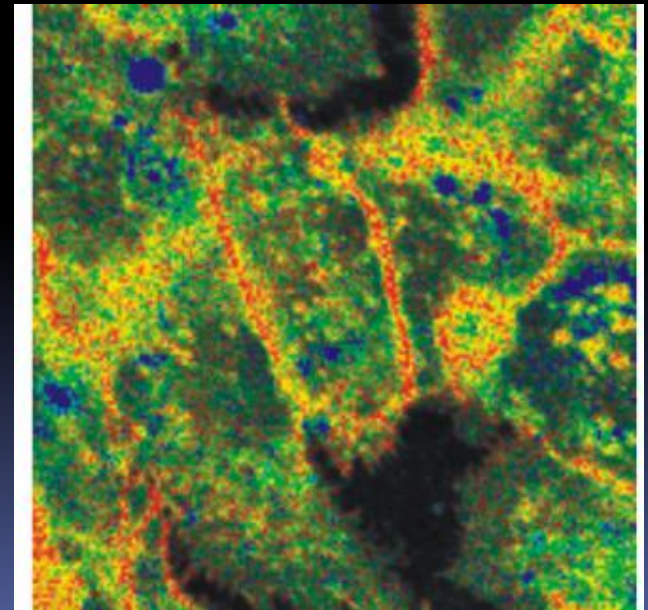
nuclei stained with Hoescht 33342

actin filaments stained with Alexa Fluor 488

Cancer cell line of liver

- stained with phospholipids labeled with NBD
- the lifetime is depending on the hydrophobicity

→ lifetime allows to gain information about the molecular structure of cellular compartments





Translational mobility (lateral diffusion coefficients) of fluorescently labeled macromolecules and small fluorophores can be determined by **fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (FRAP)** techniques.

### Fluorescence Recovery After Photobleaching (FRAP) with Green Fluorescent Protein

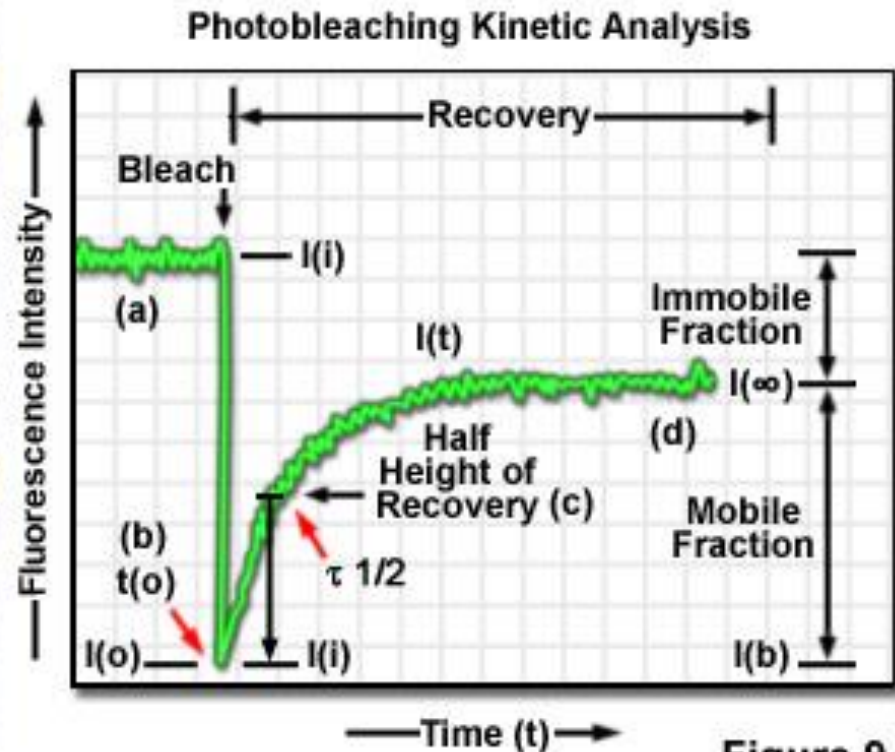
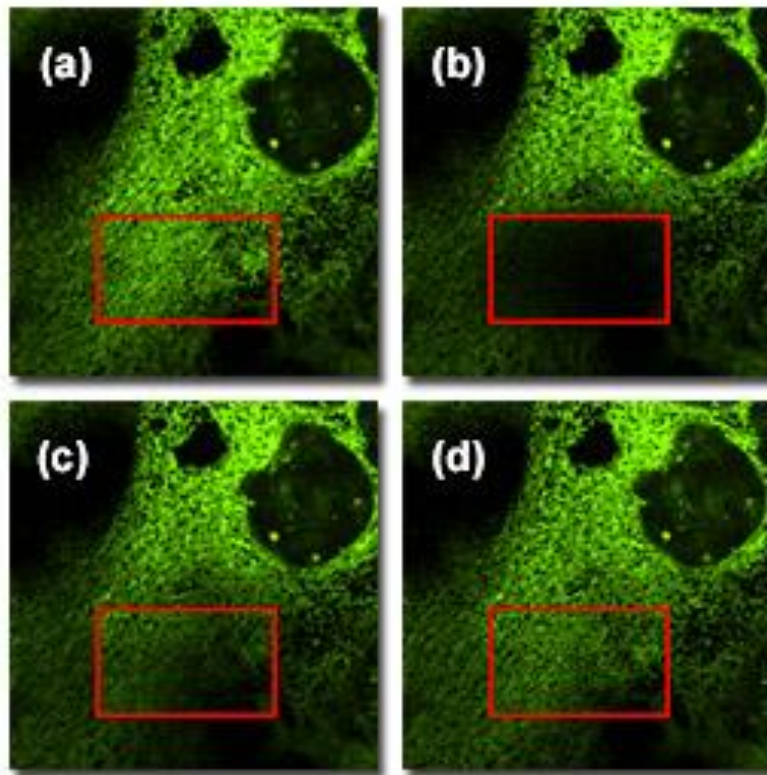
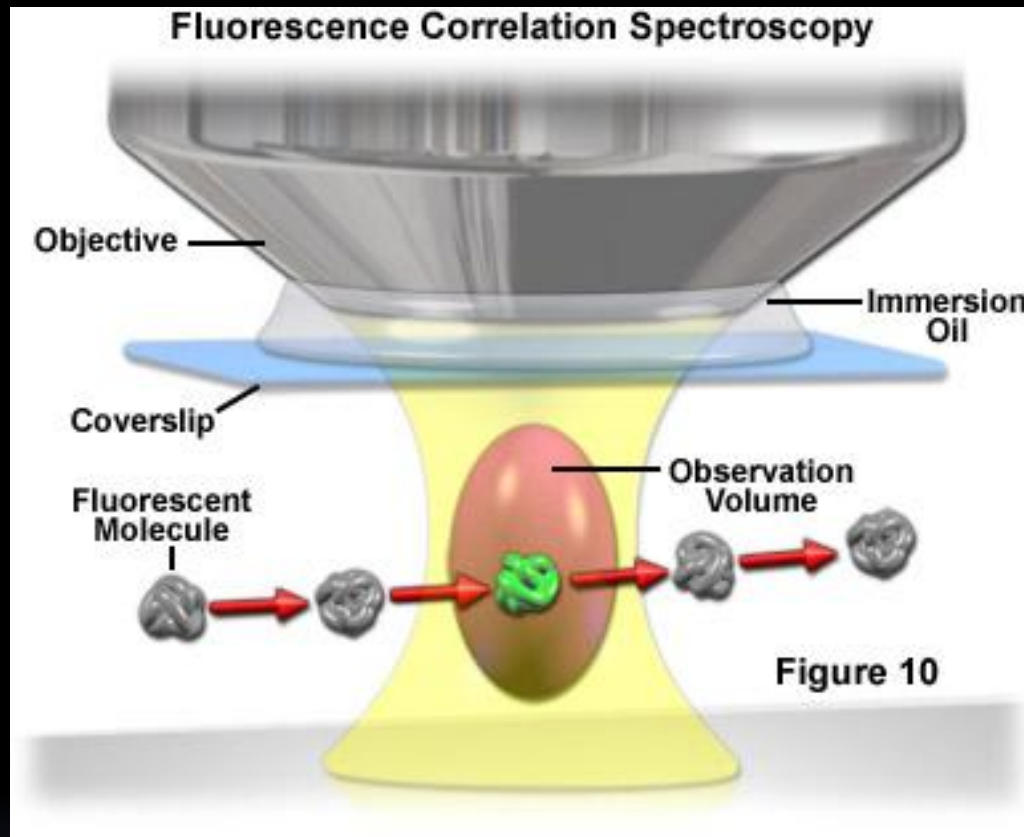


Figure 9



A technique designed to determine molecular dynamics in volumes containing only one or a few molecules, yielding information about chemical reaction rates, diffusion coefficients, molecular weights, flow rates, and aggregation

## Non Linear Optical Phenomena

$\chi(2)$

- **SHG: Second Harmonic Generation**
- **SFG: Sum Frequency Generation**
- **EO: Electrooptic (Pockels) effect**

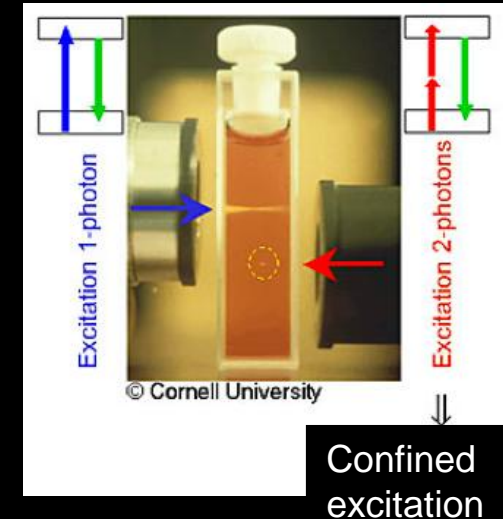
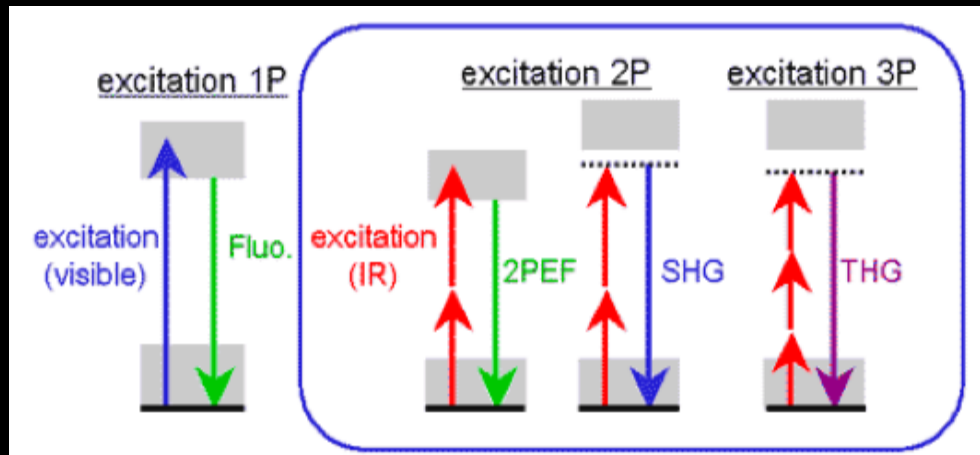
$\chi(3)$

- **CARS: Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering**
- **TPF: Two Photon Fluorescence**
- **THG: Third Harmonic Generation**

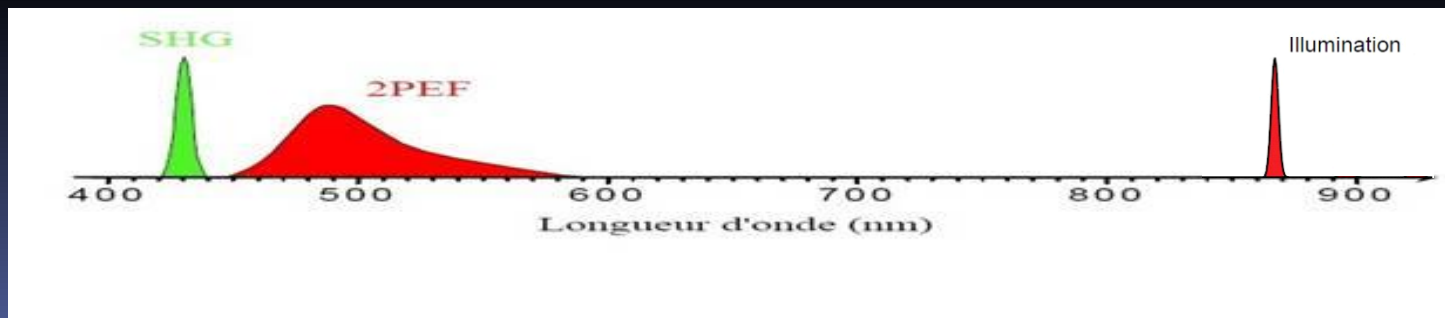
## → NLO Microscopies

- **Confocal**
- **SNOM (Scanning Near Field Optical Micros.)**
- **Tip enhanced (plasmon, local field)**
- **STED** depletion of stimulated emission
- **MPM (multiphoton microscopy)**
- **CARS** microscopy

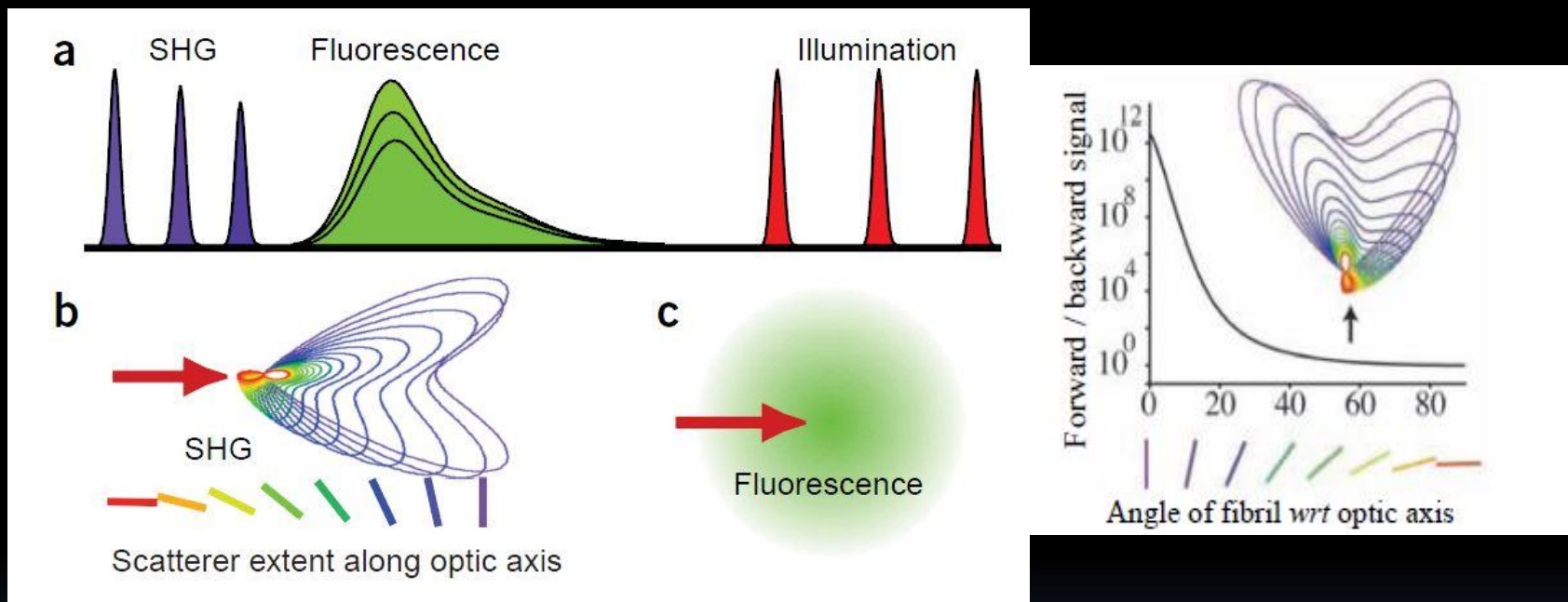
# Multiphoton Microscopy (MPM)



- The excitation using near-infrared wavelengths allows excellent depth penetration  $\rightarrow 400 \mu\text{m}$
- Good light confinement in the focal point of the laser
- Laser excitation  $\rightarrow$  non-linear phenomena (2PEF, SHG, THG)
- SH, TH coherent  $\rightarrow$  information on the structure and optical properties of a specimen



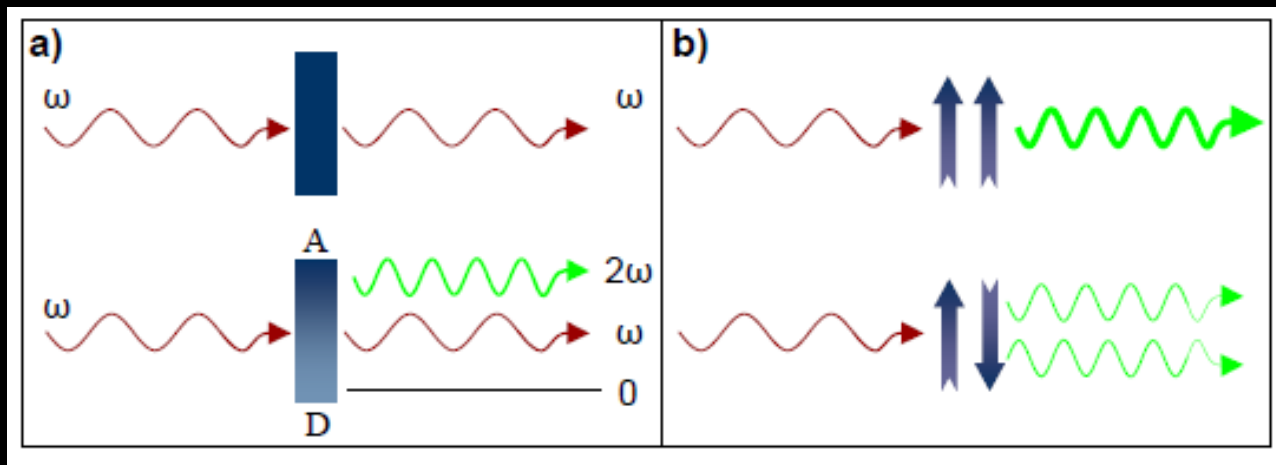
## Second harmonic generation (SHG) and two photon fluorescence



a: SHG emission at half of the excitation wavelength and 2 photon excited fluorescence (2PF)

b, c: SHG is directional depending of dipole orientation whereas 2PF is isotropically emitted

## SHG in non-centrosymmetric molecules

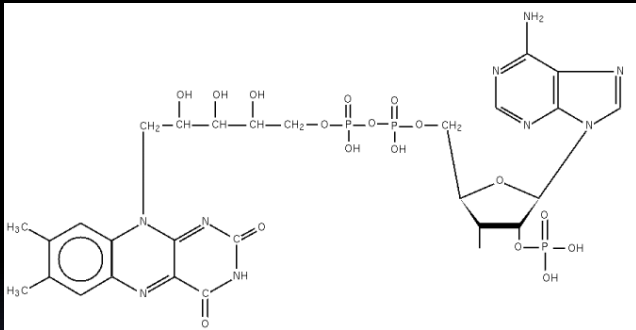


- a) *Top:* Excitation of a symmetrical molecule produces a diffuse radiation at the same frequency, called Rayleigh diffusion.  
*Bottom:* A non-centrosymmetric molecule creates additionally a radiation with a double frequency (harmonic diffusion).
- b) *Top:* Harmonic diffusion of two molecules located at a distance smaller than wavelength; constructive interference signals for parallel molecules.  
*Bottom:* destructive interference of antiparallel molecules leading to a null signal.

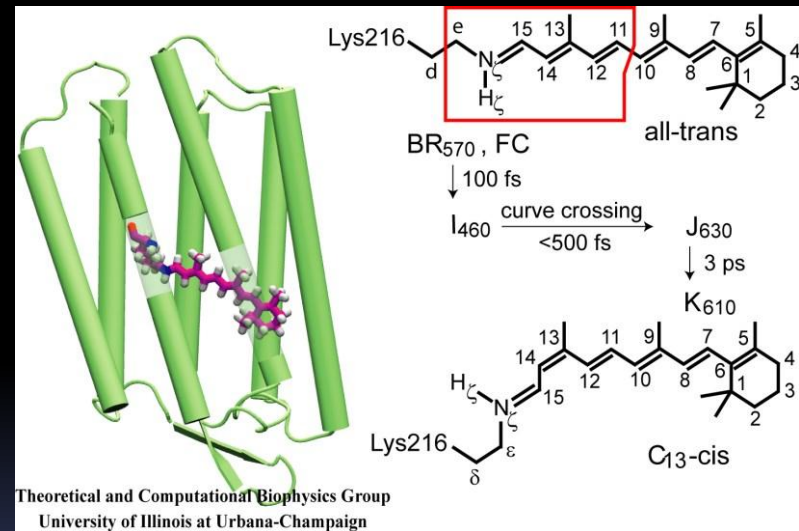


# Second Harmonic generation in biological systems with with polarisable electrons

Ex: chromophores, FAD, NADH



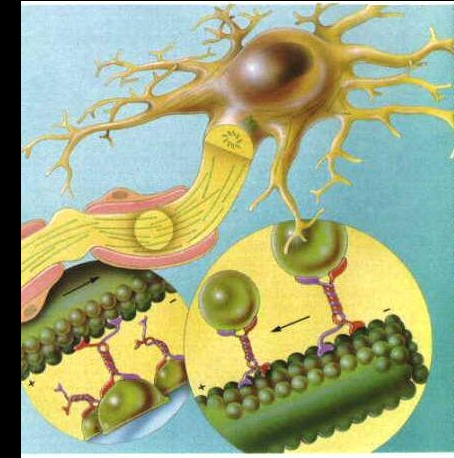
**Flavin adenine dinucleotid**  
(in oxido-reductive enzymes)



**Chromophores**  
(in chromo/retinal proteins)

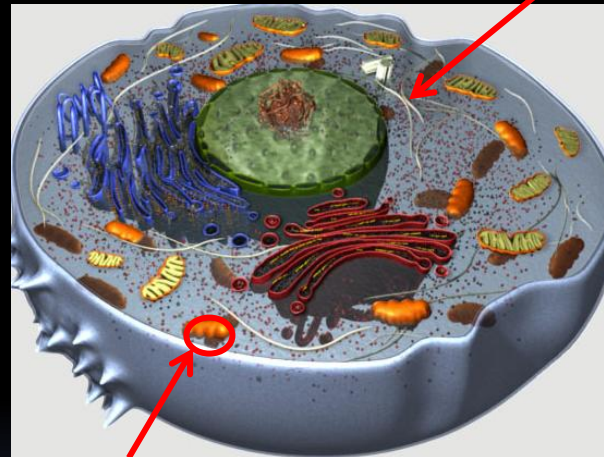
# Second Harmonic generation in biological systems with non-centrosymmetry

Ex: collagen, microtubules, sarcomères



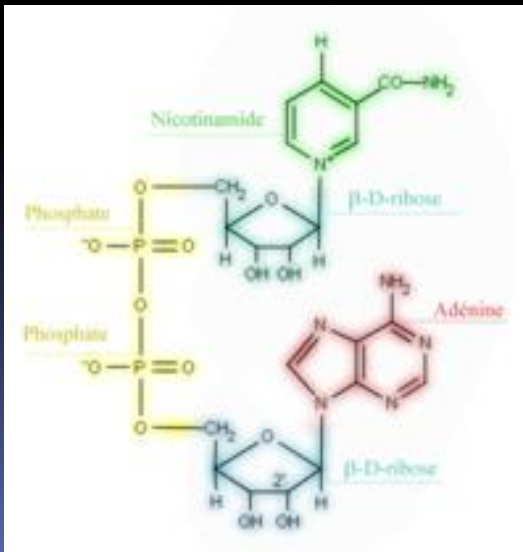
**Microtubules**  
= target of chemotherapy treatment in cancer

**Microtubules**



**Mitochondries**

Monitoring SHG intensity  $f(\text{polariz})$ :  
→ orientation of microtubules

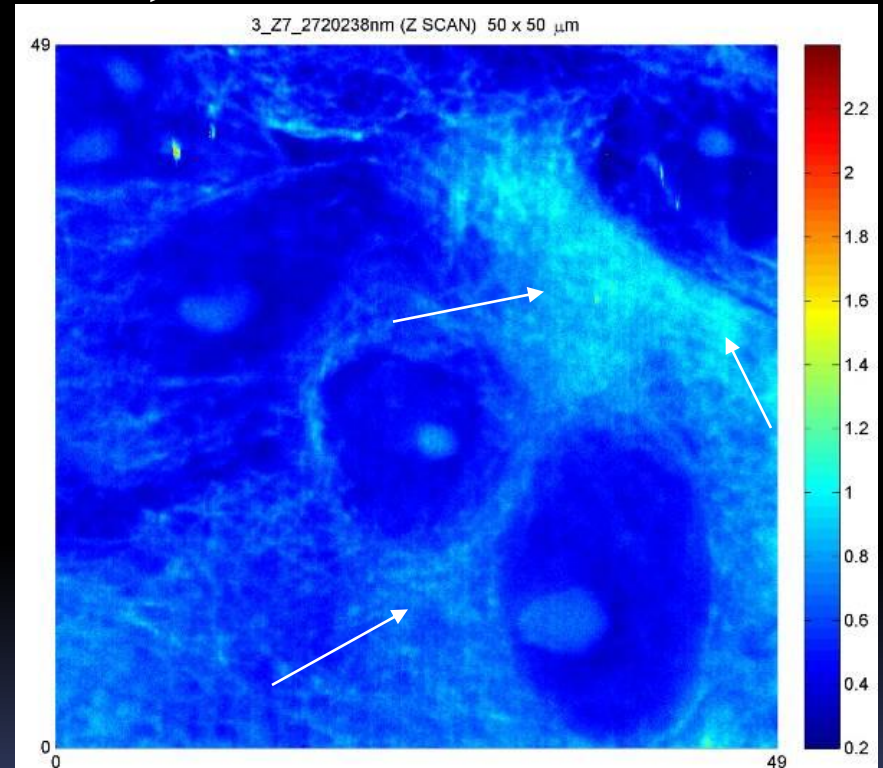
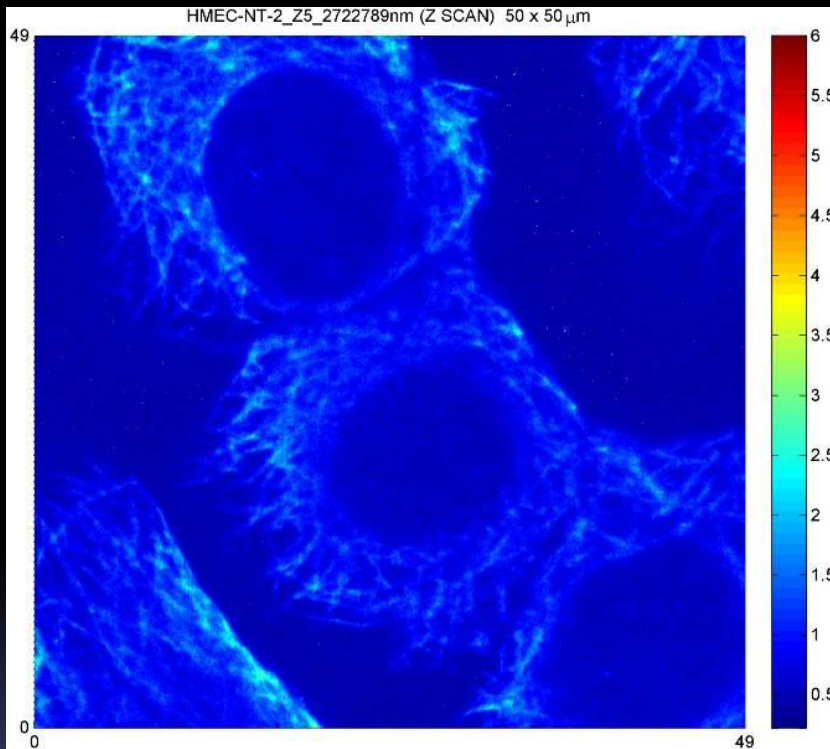


**NAD, NADH**  
in mitochondries

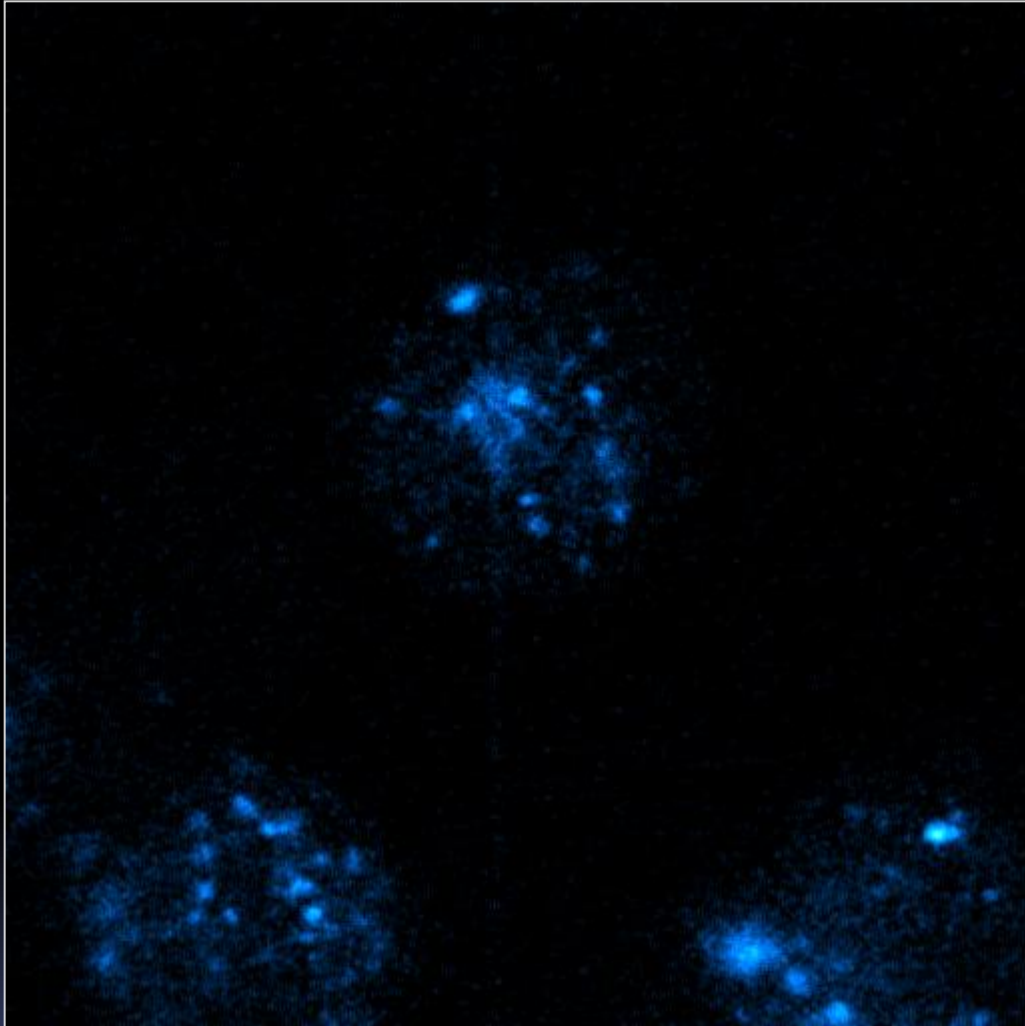
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# Microtubules in mammalian cancerous MCF7 cells

treatment



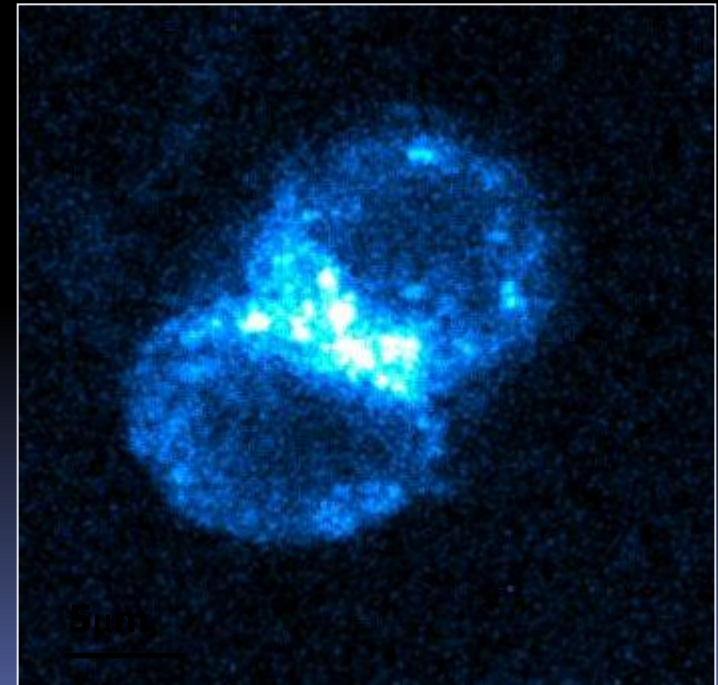
Modification in microtubules organisation  
after an oncologic treatment



The mitotic spindle (young microtubules)  
and the mitochondries have a contrast in SHG

## Cancerous live cells in division

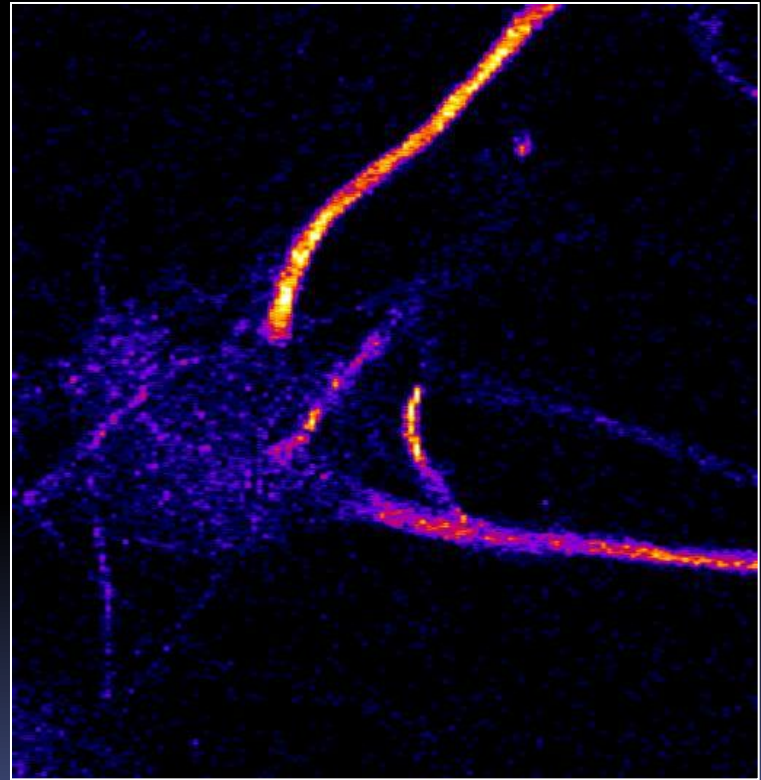
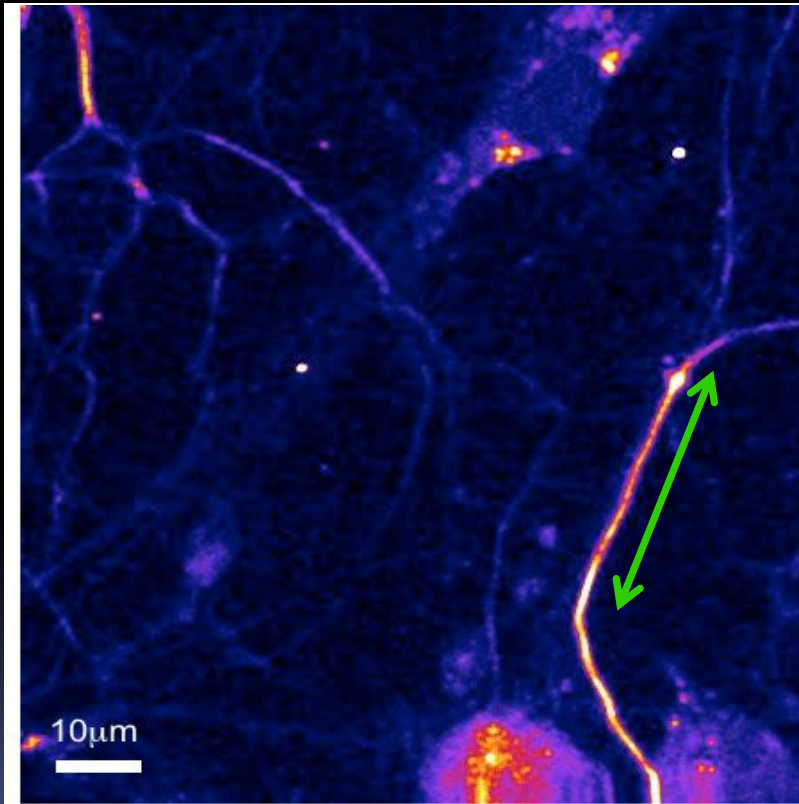
as seen in MPM- SHG  
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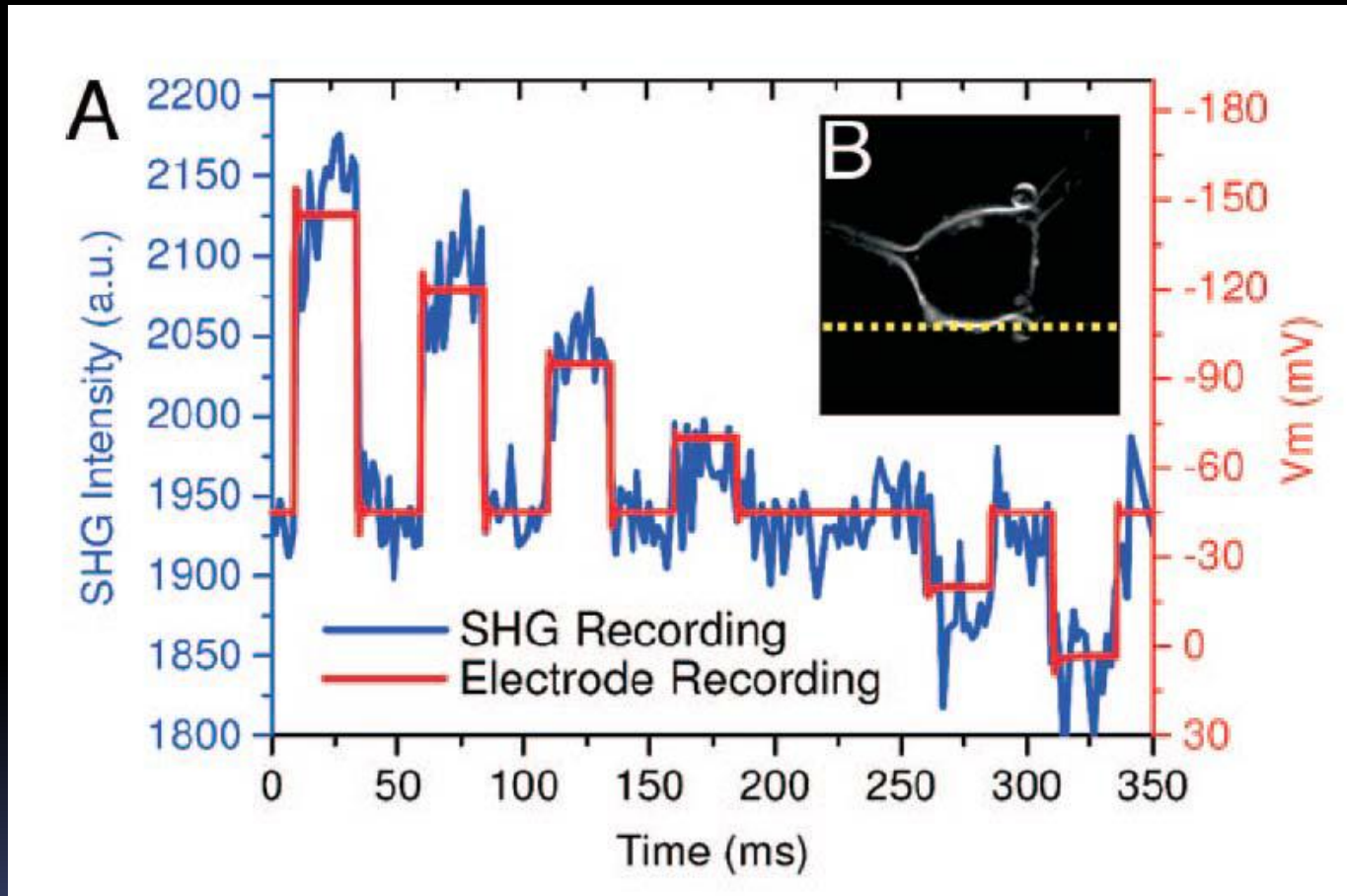
Regenerative growth mode of neurons after injury

## Sensory neurons



SHG emission in the axons and mitochondria

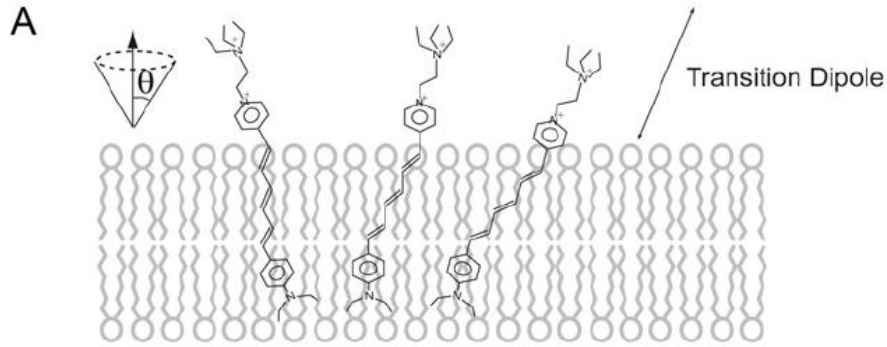
# Monitoring neuronal activity by measuring membrane potential variations of a light-excitable chromophore FM4-64



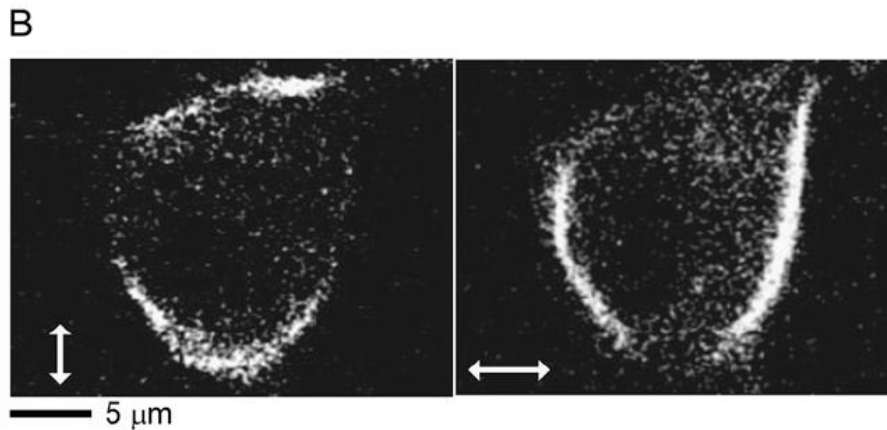
SHG line scan recording  $V_m$  during voltage steps in a patch-clamped neuron filled with FM4-64



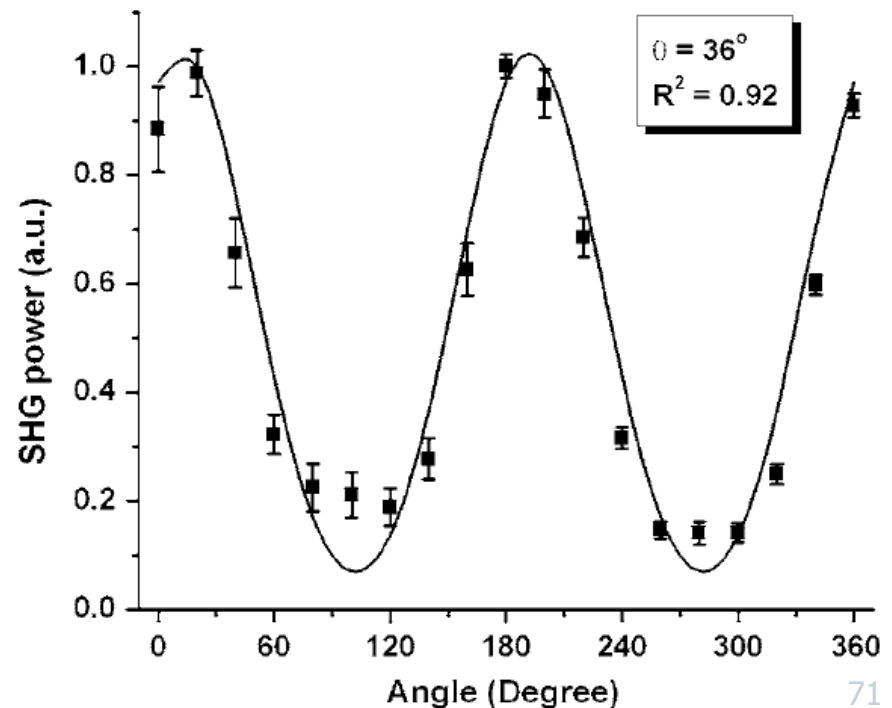
# Polarization anisotropy of SHG on neurons → The molecular orientation is deduced



(A) Simplified representation of FM 4-64 geometry in membrane. Arrow = average orientation of the uniaxial hyperpolarizability, with  $\theta$  = tilt-angle to membrane normal

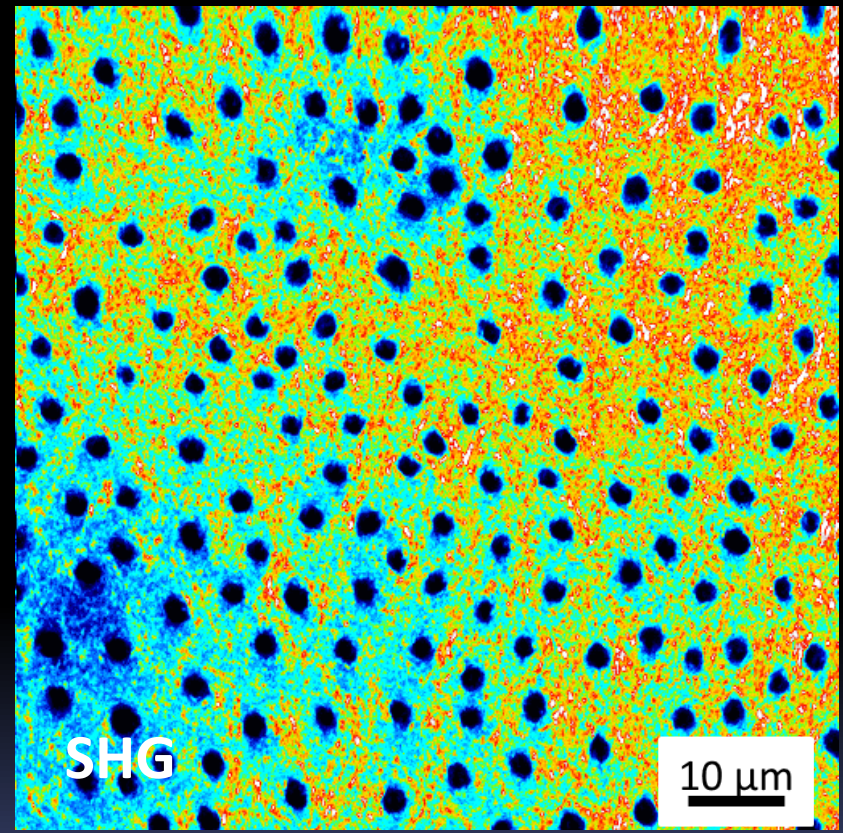
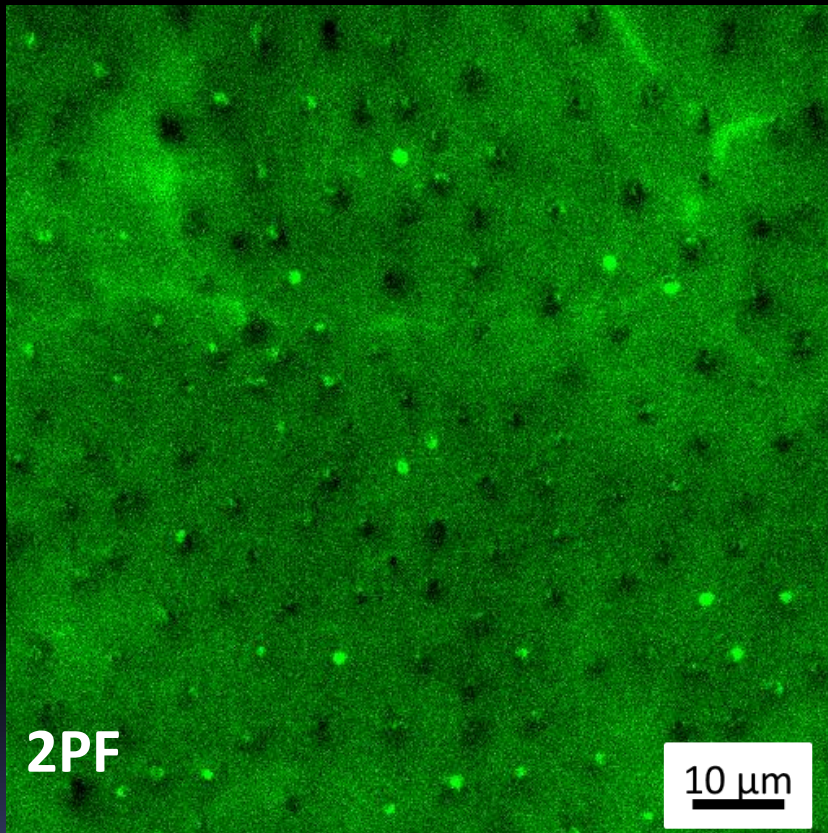


(B) Membrane SHG signals polarization dependence; arrow indicates laser polarization.



# Dental Tissue

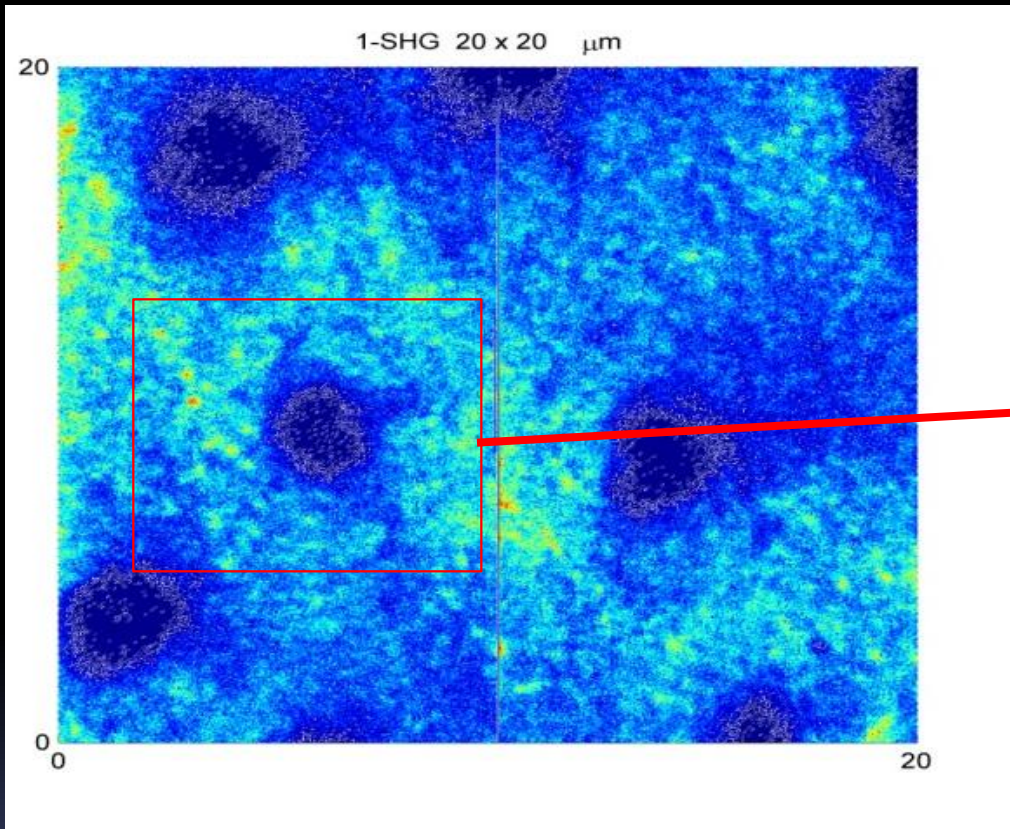
Healthy Dentin: perpendicular to canalicules



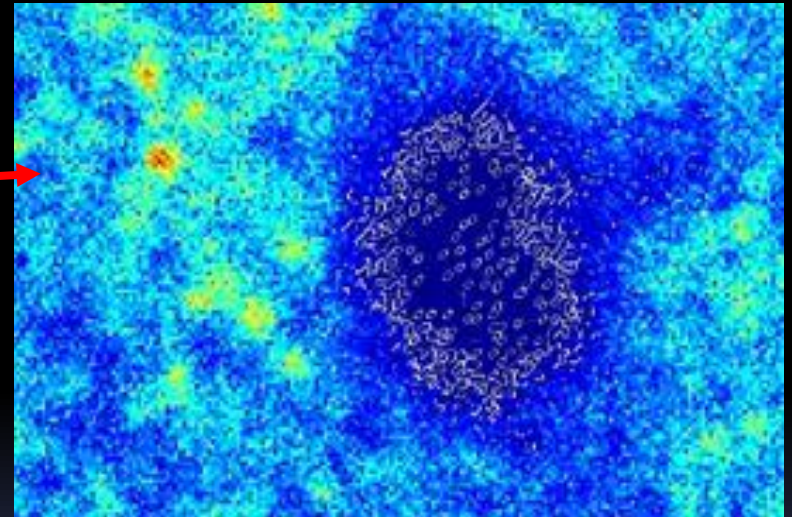
MPM images recorded after a Ti-Sa (120 fs) laser excitation (840nm)



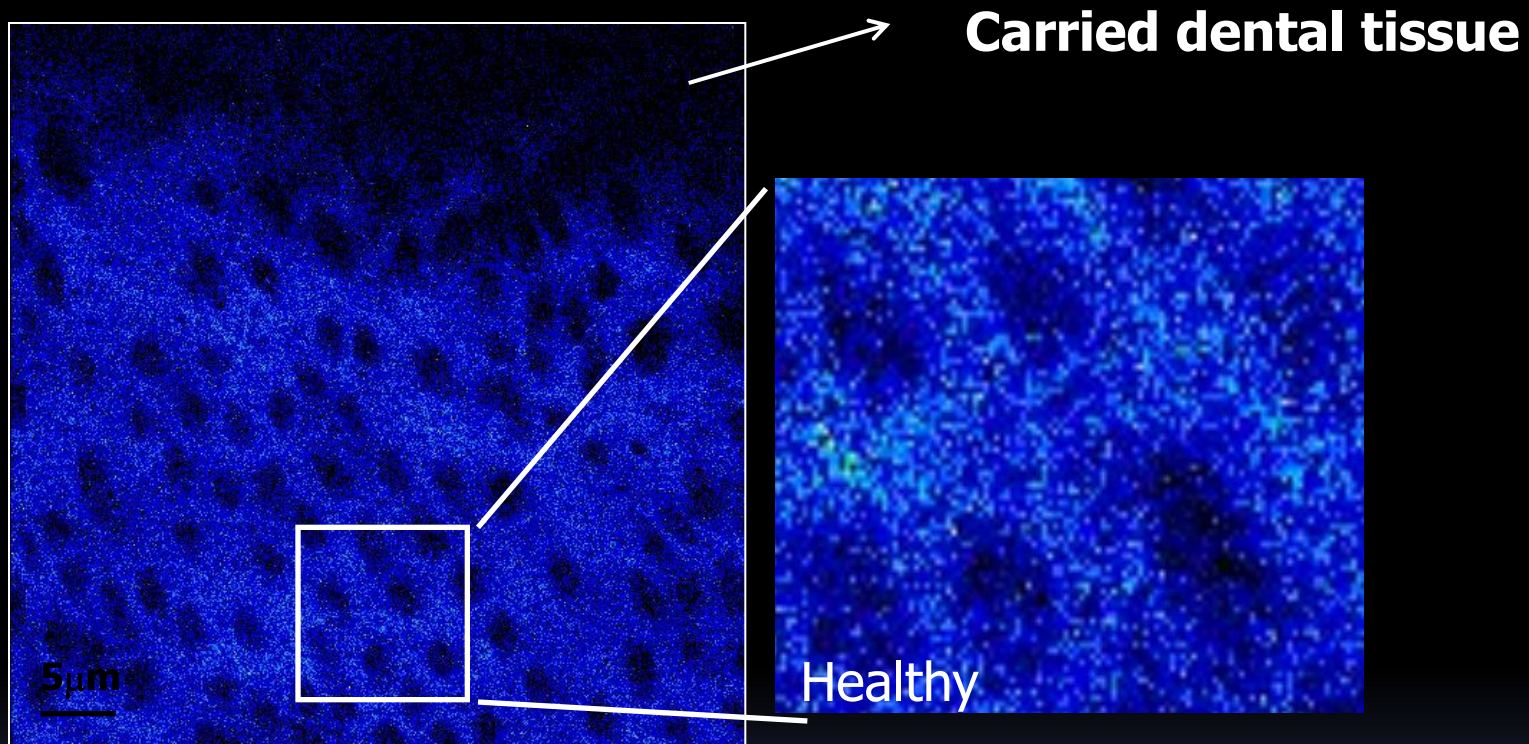
## Zoom on a healthy dentin



300nm globular structures.



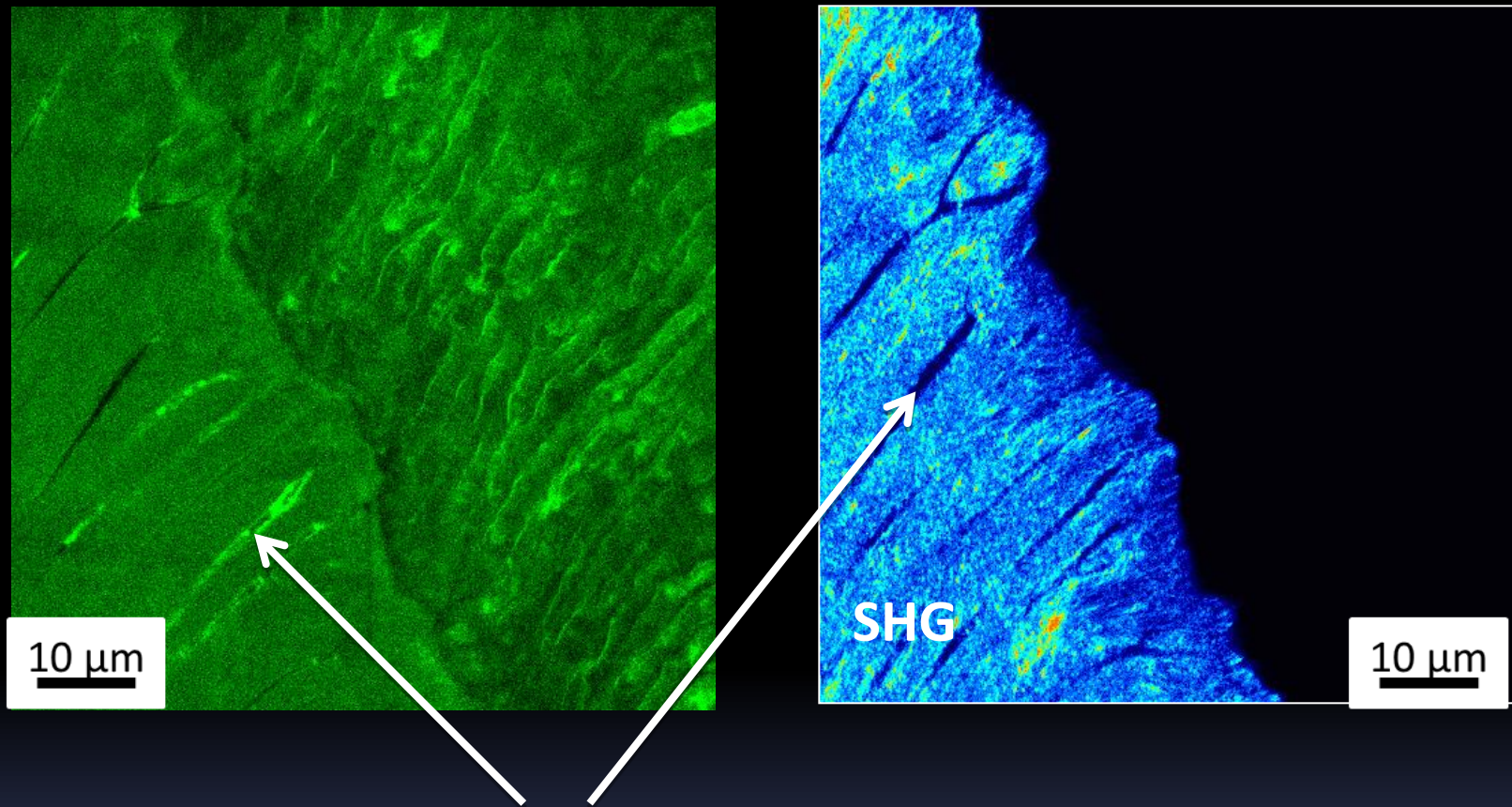
SHG,  $h\nu_{\text{laser}} = 797\text{nm}$ , PM: 800V, laser filter: 4+20% ot-filter: 398nm



SHG image in MPM → The collagen structure is disappearing in the sick tissue



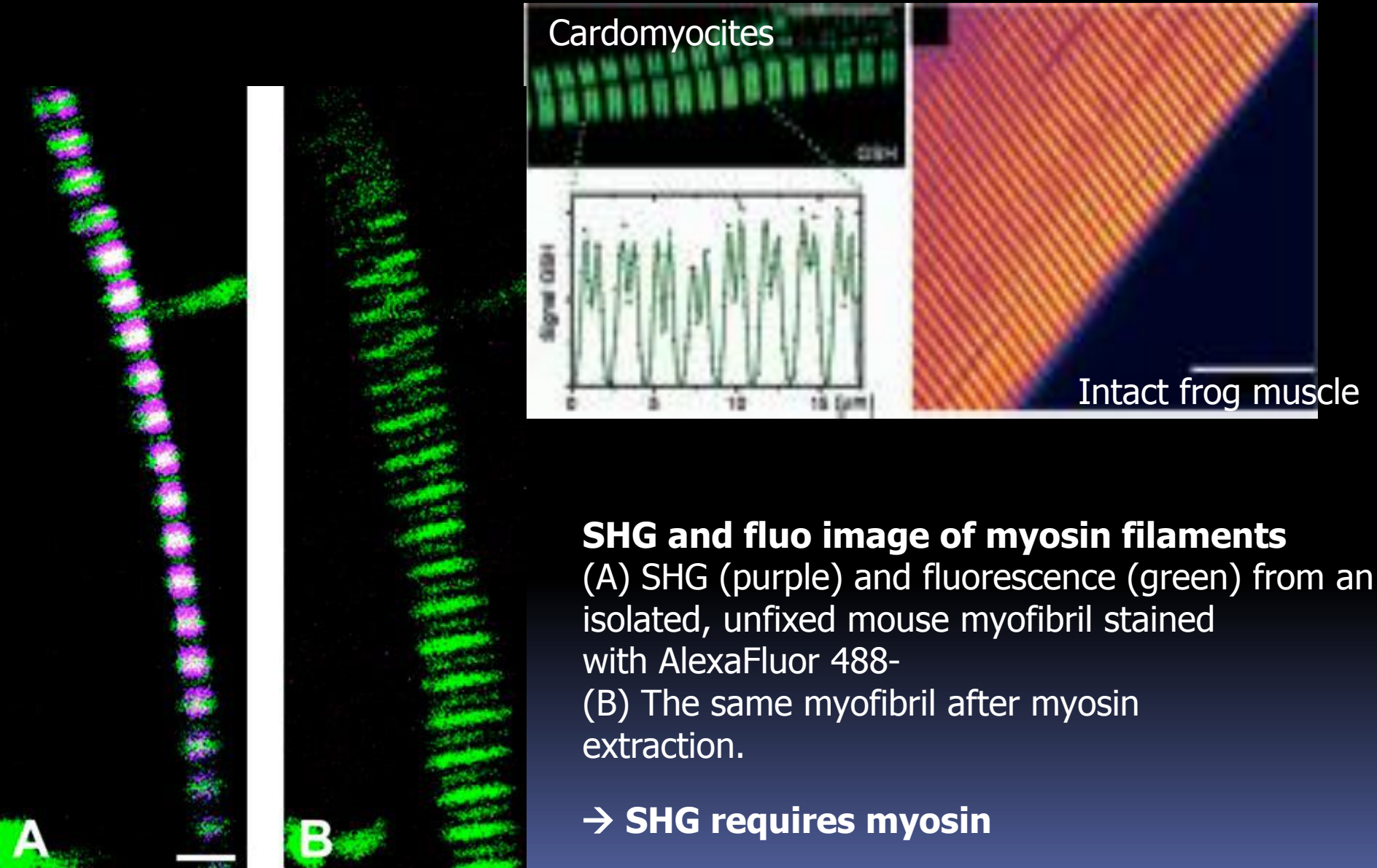
## Healthy tooth: Dentin enamel junction (DEJ)



Proteins inside tubules are fluorescent without SHG signal

Enamel is fluorescent but has no SHG ; Dentine has SHG due to collagen fibers

# SHG imaging of muscular structures



## SHG and fluo image of myosin filaments

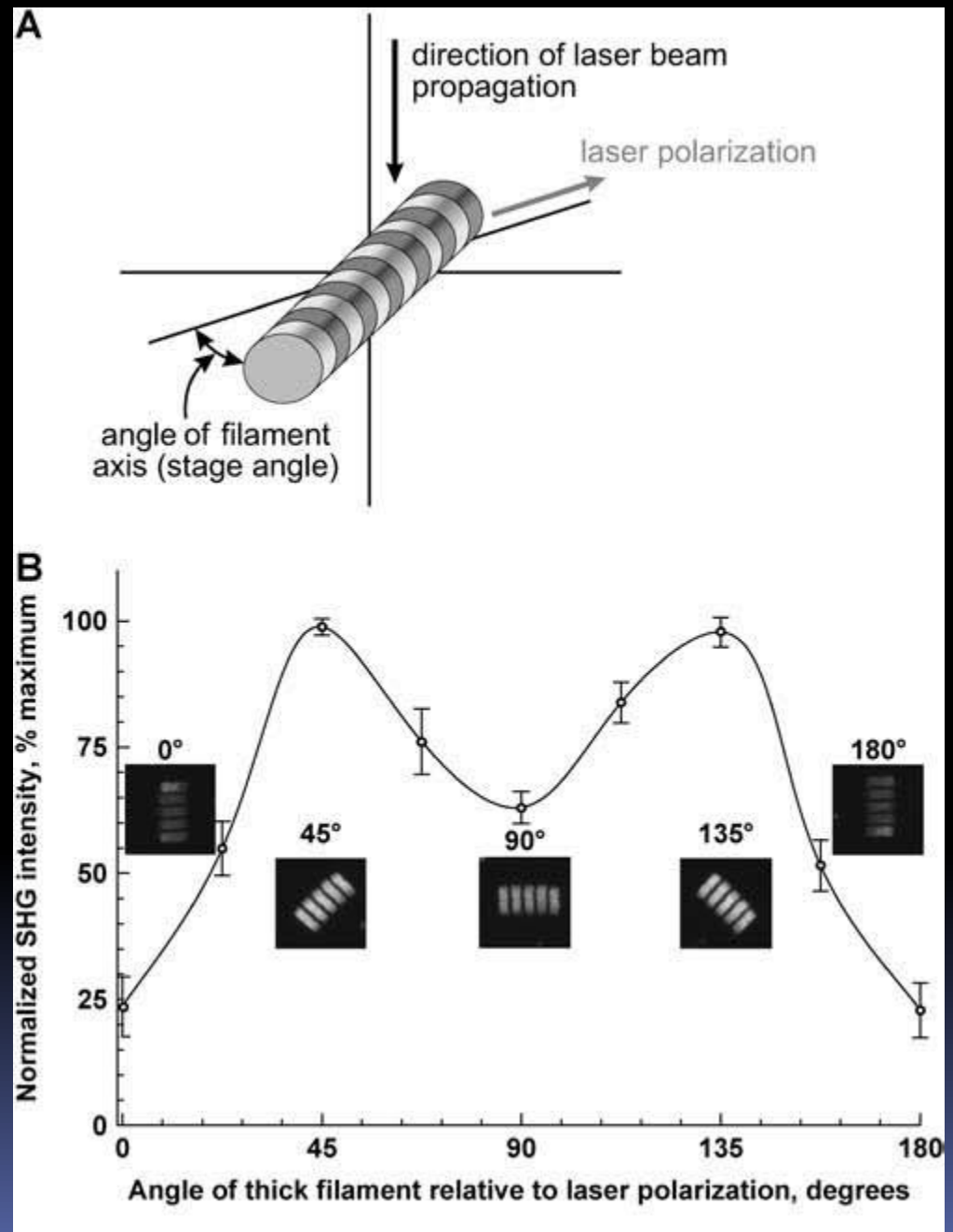
(A) SHG (purple) and fluorescence (green) from an isolated, unfixed mouse myofibril stained with AlexaFluor 488-

(B) The same myofibril after myosin extraction.

→ SHG requires myosin



# Polarization anisotropy of sarcomeric SHG

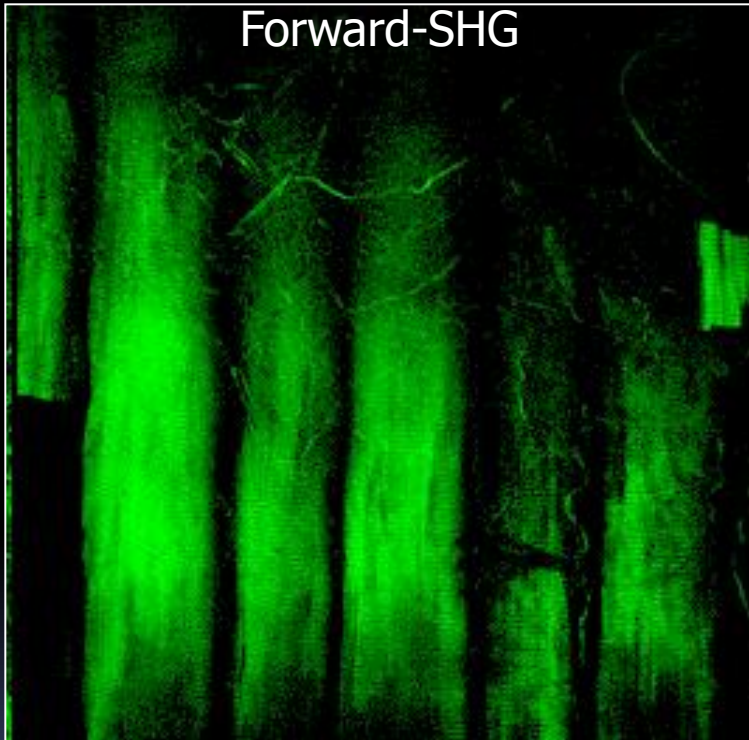


Profile of SHG intensity versus the relative angle of scallop myofibrils to laser polarization axis.

Inserts show changes of SHG intensity with rotation relative to a fixed laser polarization.

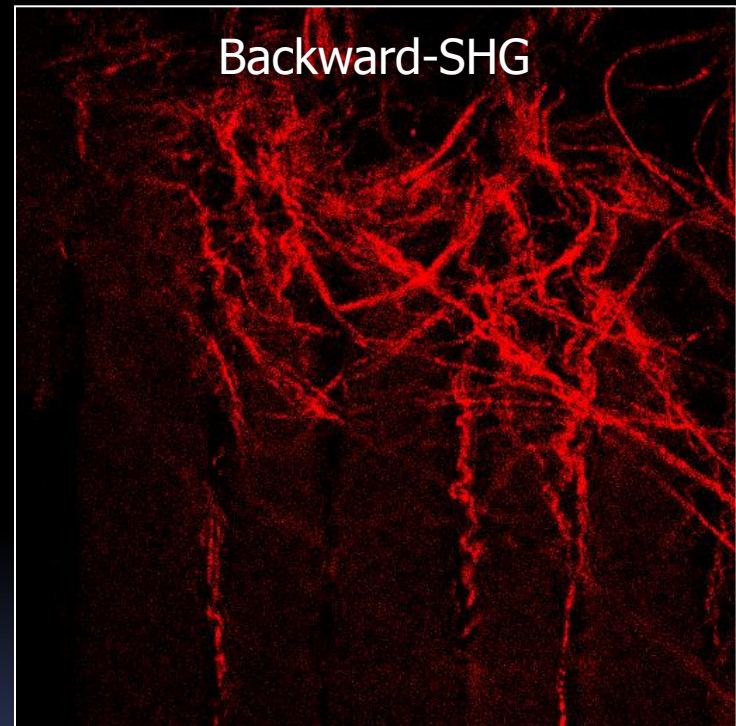
# Emission dipole based selective imaging

Laser polarization  $\perp$  polarizer



Muscle fibers: FSHG dominated

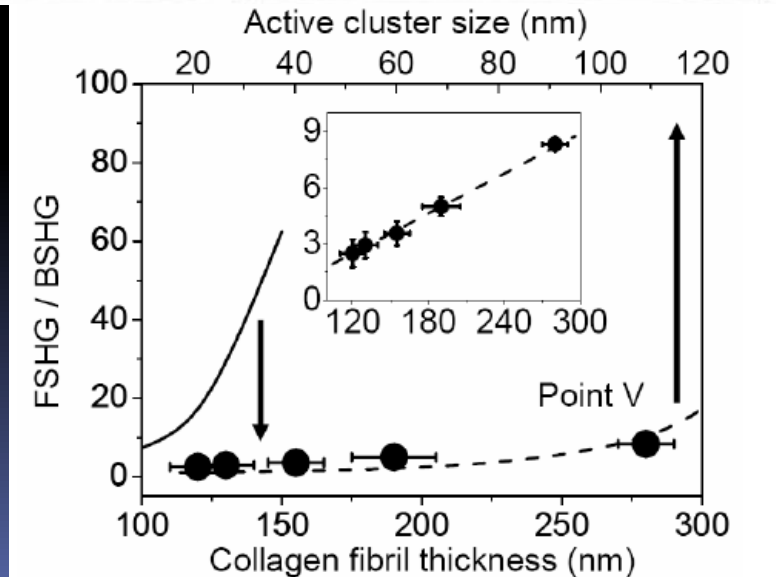
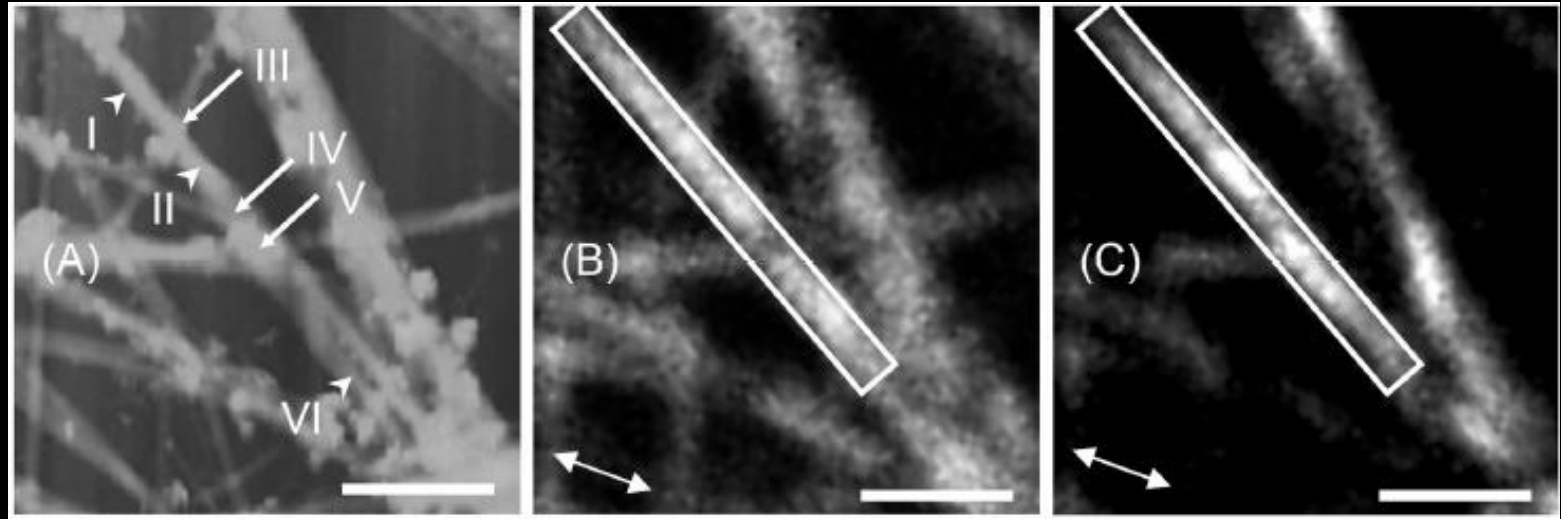
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Collagen: both FSHG and BSHG

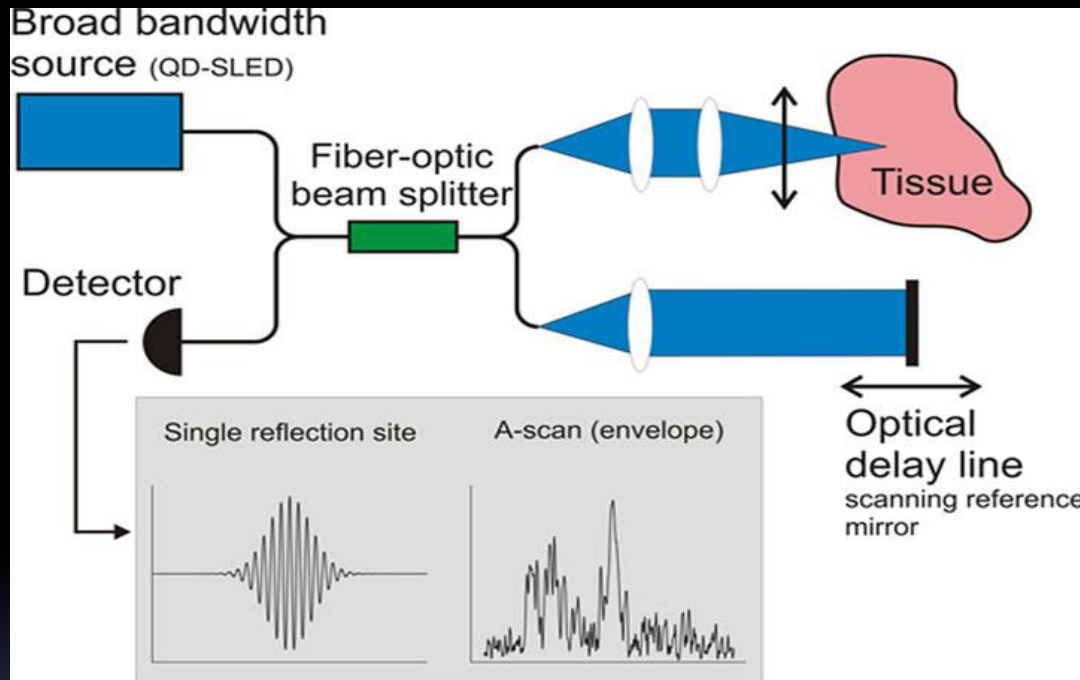
# Thickness of a collagen fibril

determined by FSHG/BSHG ratio  $\rightarrow$   $\sim 10$  nm precision



# Optical coherence tomography

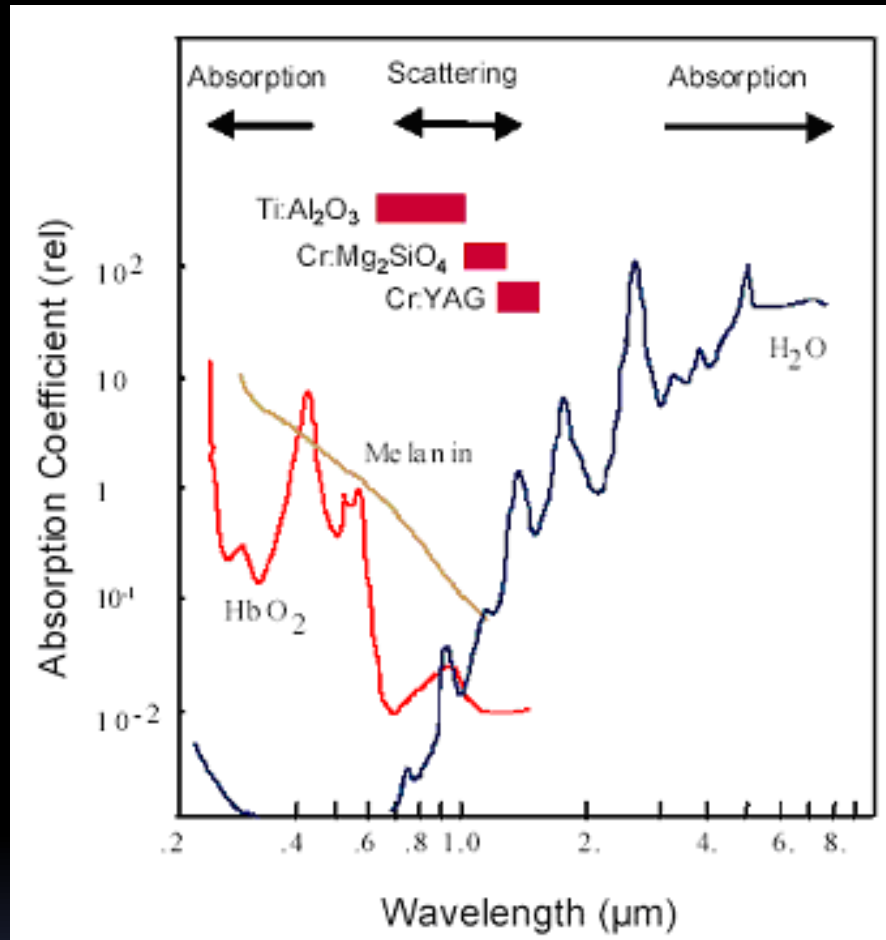
OCT is analogous to ultrasound, but instead of using sound waves, it uses low-coherence (broadband) light.



R. Hogg, Univ. Sheffield, UK

- A broadband source illuminates a fiber-optic **Michelson interferometer**
- **An interference pattern is detected** when the sample and reference path lengths match within the coherence length of the source
- **Images of tissue (2D, 3D, cross-sectional)** may be obtained non-invasively and in situ with appropriate scanning

# Biological window for tissue imaging

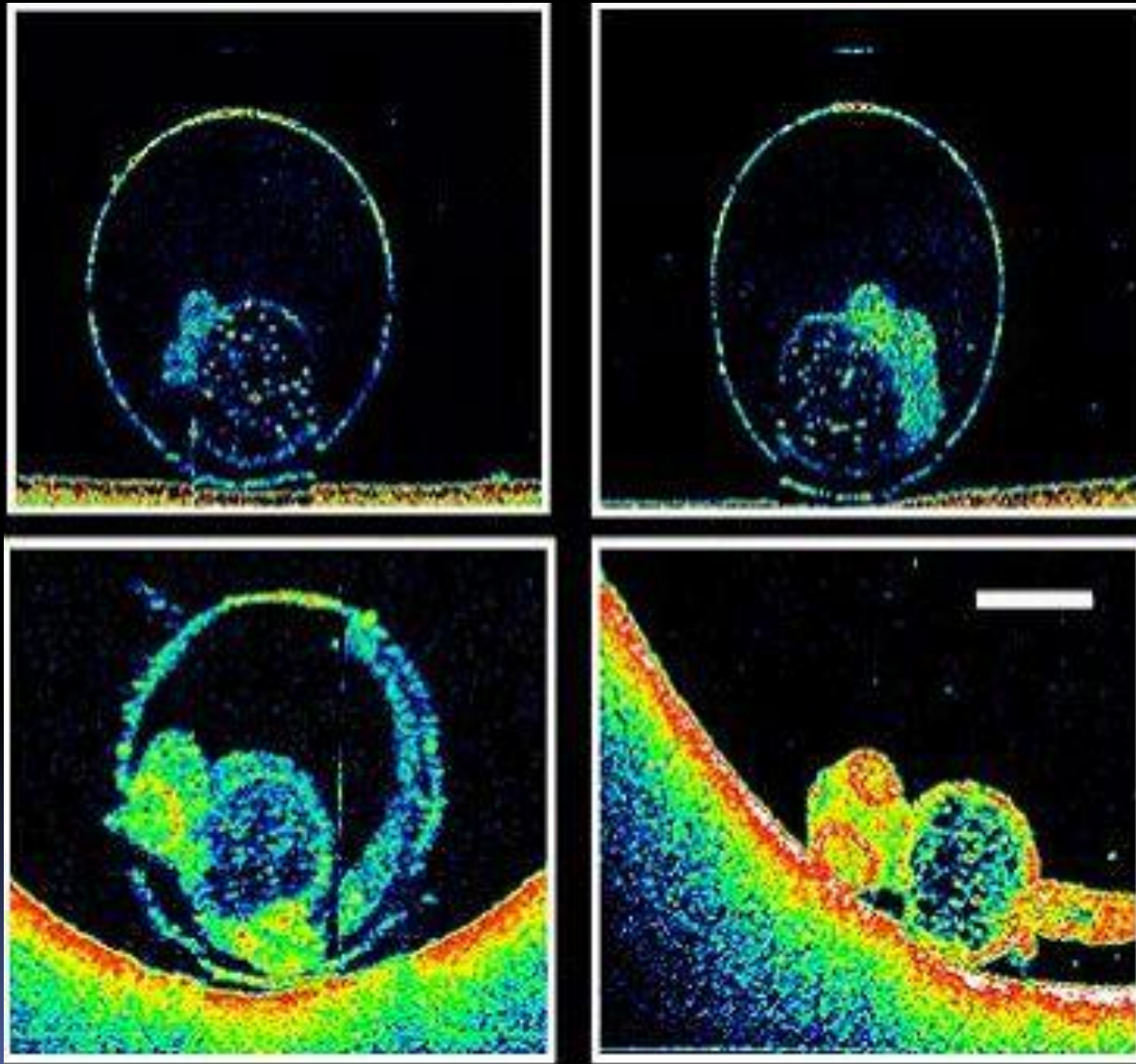


In the "biological window" ranging from 800 to 1300 nm attenuation of light is due largely to scattering, rather than absorption.

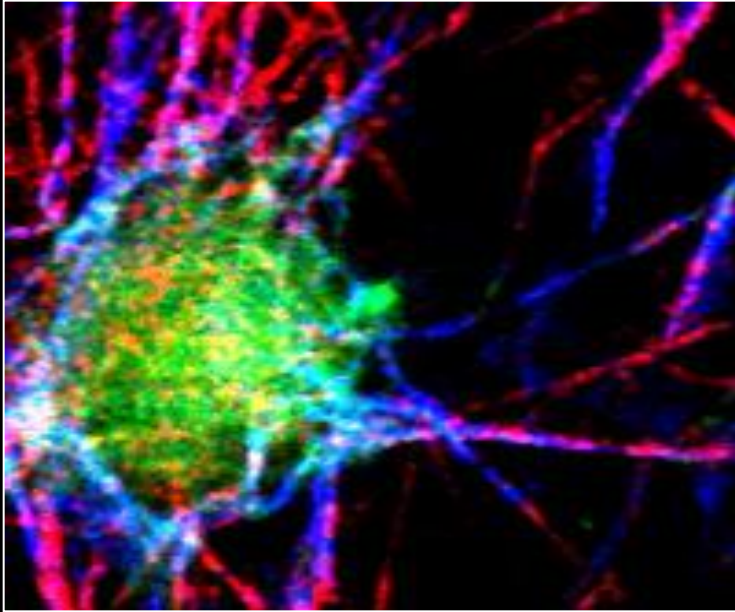
OCT utilizes a low-coherence light source within this range of wavelengths to image deep into tissue.



# Optical coherence tomography: developing zebrafish



# Integrating multiphoton microscopy (MPM) with optical coherence tomography (OCT)

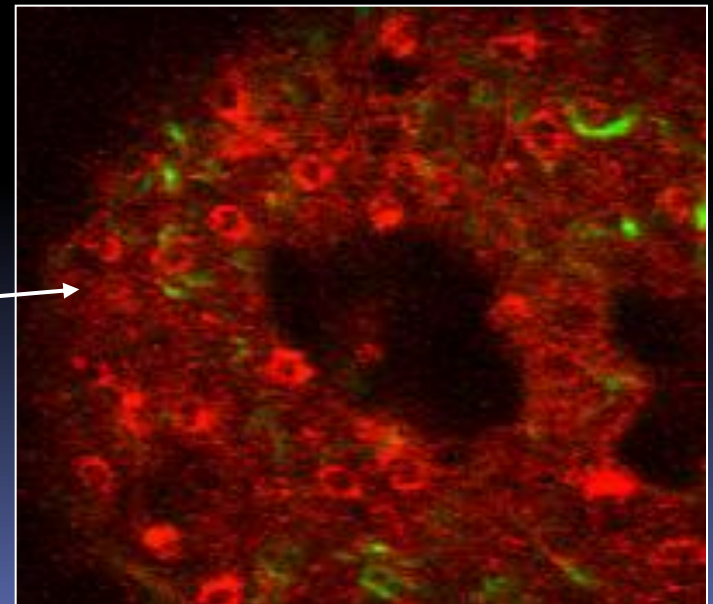


- MPM is sensitive to cells and extracellular matrix
- OCT to structural interfaces and tissue layers.

→ acquire structural and functional imaging of tissues simultaneously

Micro-endoscopes are applied to study lung and ovarian cancers

→ In vivo optical imaging to detect cancer in its early stage



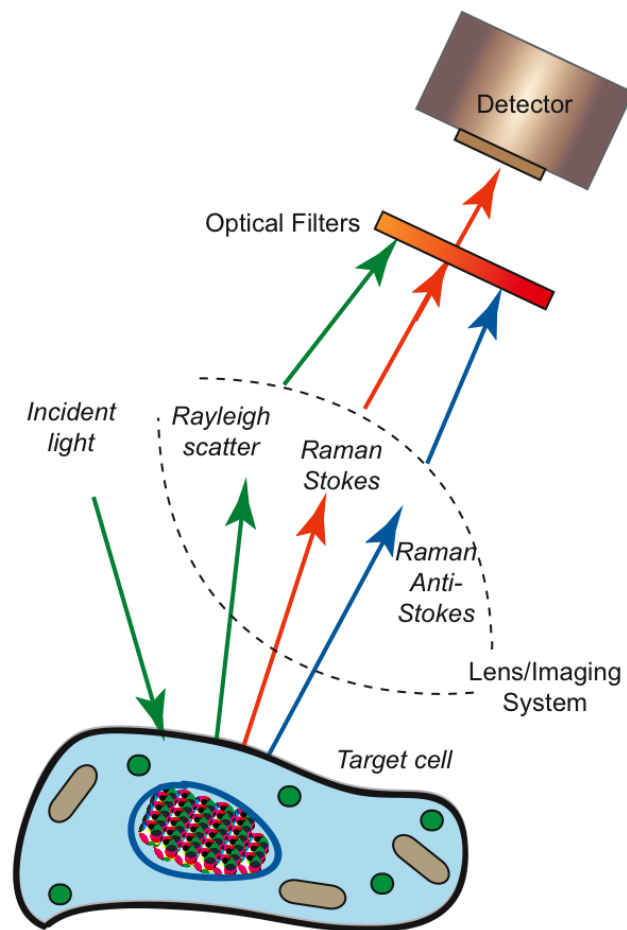
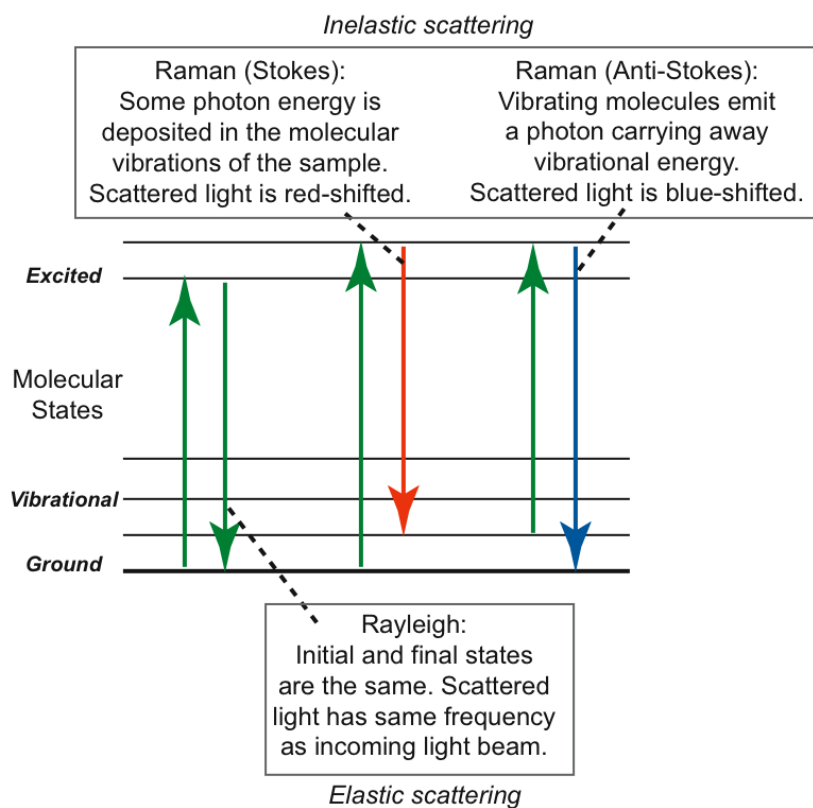
**Near-field scanning optical microscopy (NSOM)** for ultra-high optical resolution: a sub-micron optical probe is positioned a very short distance from the sample and light is transmitted through a small aperture at the tip of this probe.

**Superresolution techniques:**

- stimulated emission depletion microscopy (**STED**) uses a donut-shaped depletion beam surrounding a smaller excitation beam to achieve an axial resolution  $< 50$  nm
- photoactivated localization microscopy (**PALM**)
- structured illumination microscopy (**SIM**)

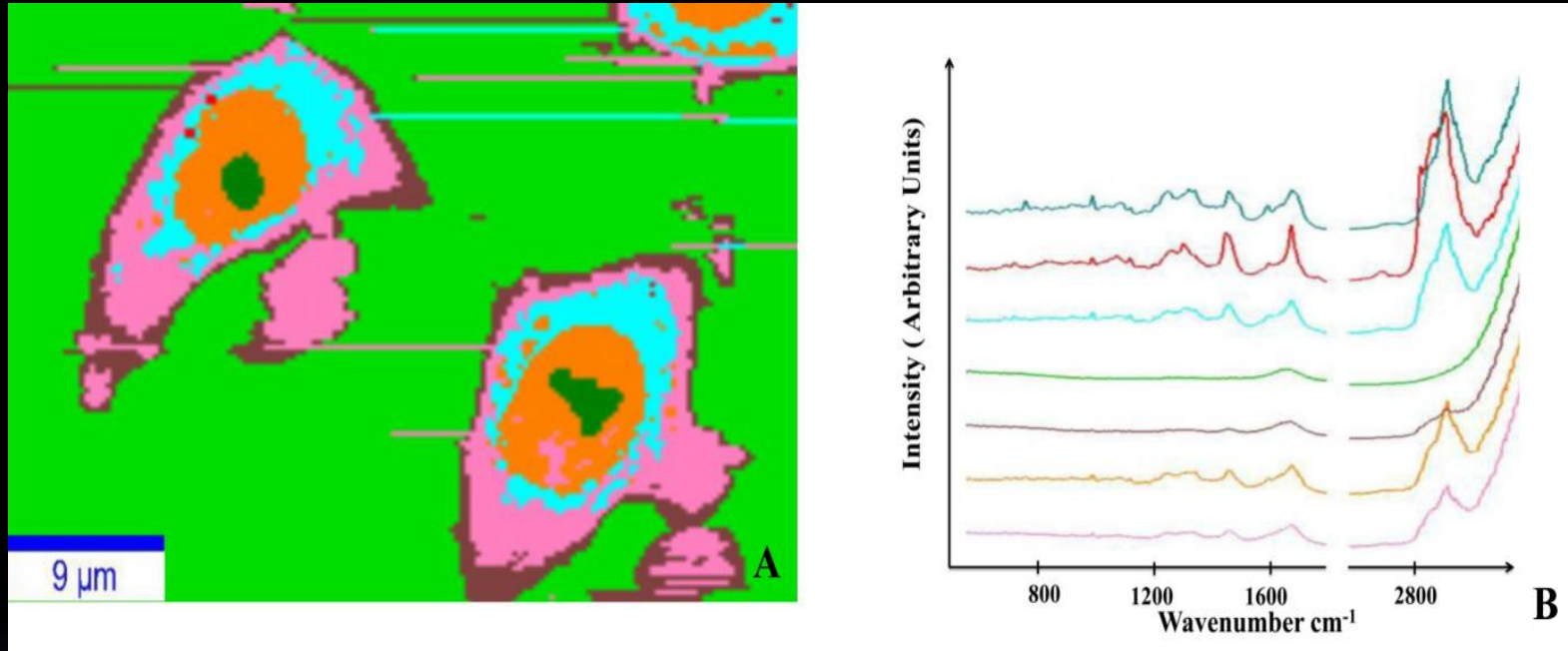
**Coherent anti-stokes Raman scattering** microscopy based on the vibrational properties of the target molecule; does not require the species to be electronically excited by ultraviolet or visible light. Fast (ps) laser pulses in the NIR region from two sources are focused onto the specimen with a microscope objective and scanned in the lateral and axial planes.

# Scanning near-field microscopy combined with Raman micro-imaging



In Raman scattering, target cell organelles produce different degrees of red-shift, forming the basis for molecular spectroscopy.

# Internalization of chemotherapeutic drugs into cancerous cells monitored by Raman confocal microscopy

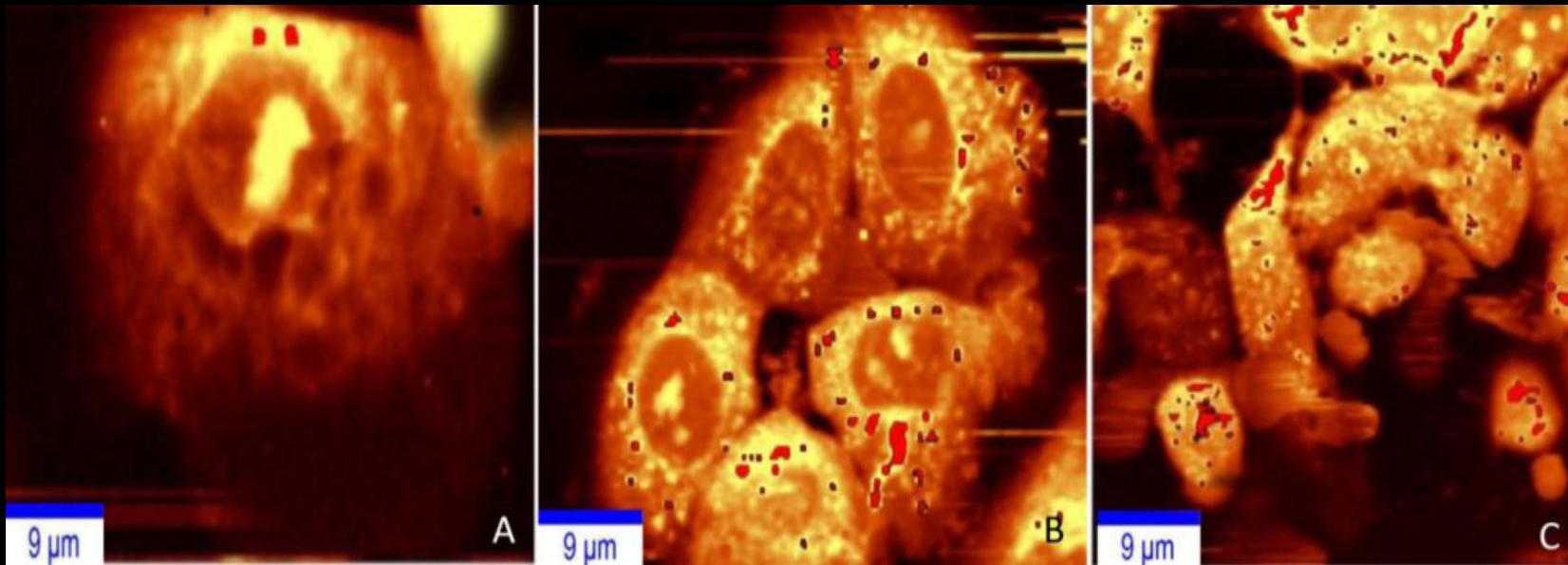


(A) Seven cluster Raman map of MCF7 cells.

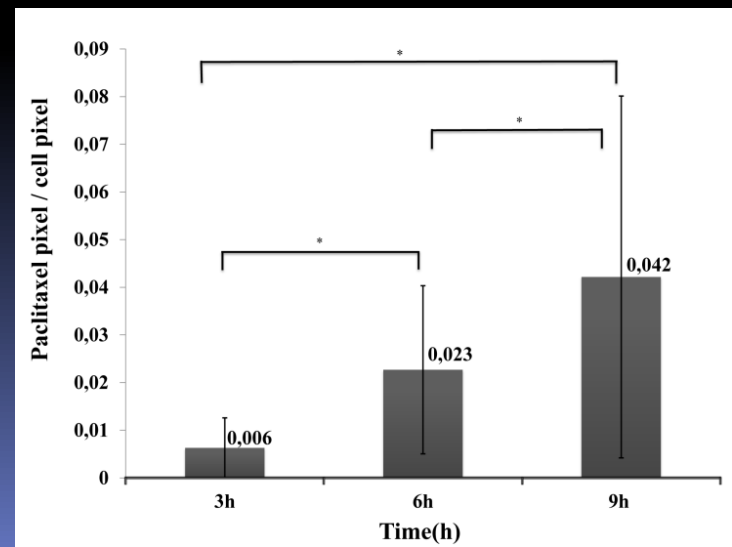
(B) Average spectra corresponding to clusters in panel A. (same colors as in A): the average spectra of nucleus (orange) nucleolus (dark green), cytoplasm (pink), membrane (brown), endoplasmic reticulum (light blue), PBS buffer (light green) and paclitaxel (red).



# Raman images of MCF7 cells incubated in paclitaxel.



Integrated Raman intensities in the  $2800-3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region of the cell, marking paclitaxel as red spot. (A) 3 hours; (B) 6 hours; (C) 9 hours incubation of cells in culture medium containing paclitaxel.

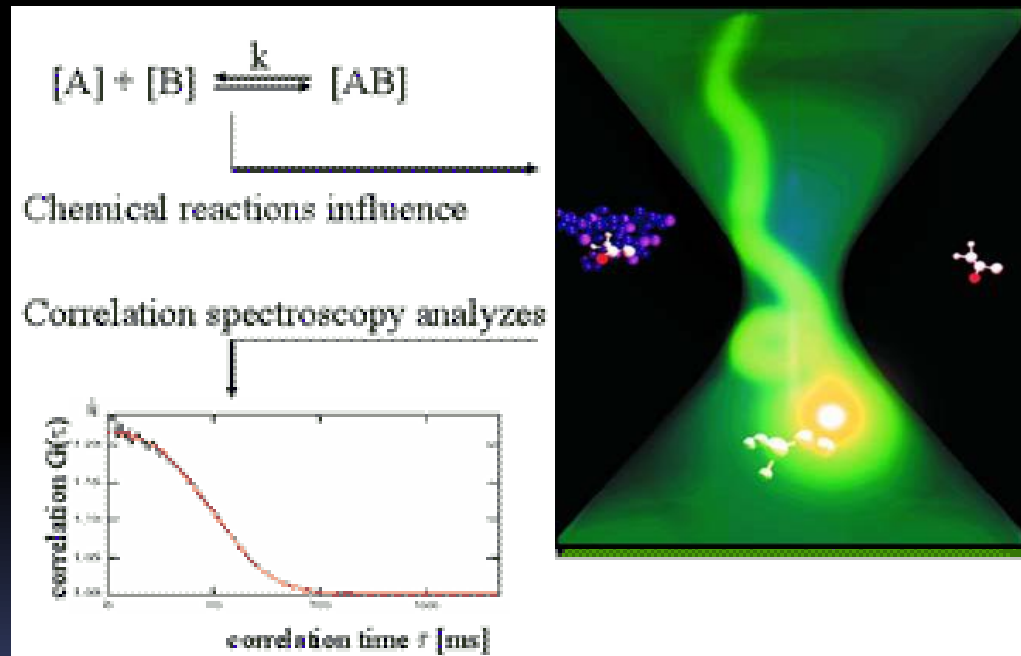


# Light for Biosensing

# Diagnosis: towards novel biosensing

## Simple molecule detection using Fluorescence Correlation Spectroscopy (FCS)

FCS is based on the fluctuation of light emitted by dye molecules crossing a small laser spot and detected with confocal optics



Stowers Institute, USA

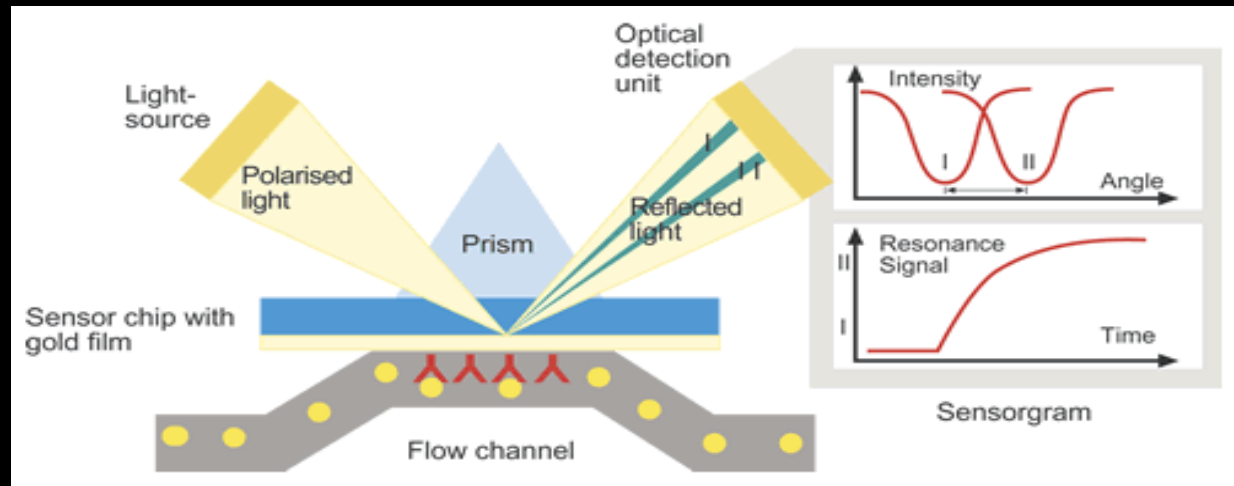


Detecting two different sizes of molecules by their different diffusion constants

# Affinity based label-free optical biosensors

to detect selective binding between target molecules and capture agents:  
ligand-receptor, antibody-antigen, nucleotides pairing, etc.

**Biacore:**  
optical biosensor that uses  
surface plasmon  
resonance for detection



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- large sensing area
- sensing limited to several nm
- substrate dependent binding of molecules driven by unspecific interactions → giving rise to serious limitations in the detection accuracy

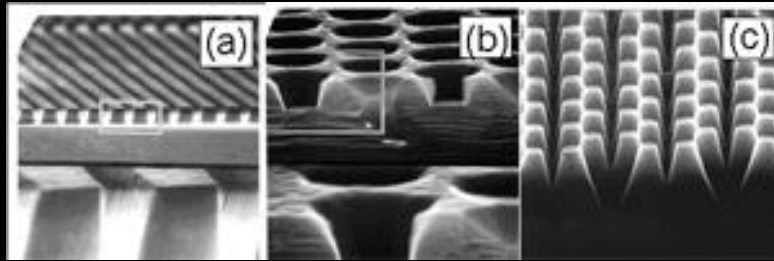


Miniaturization + large sensing area + specificity  
needed at the same time

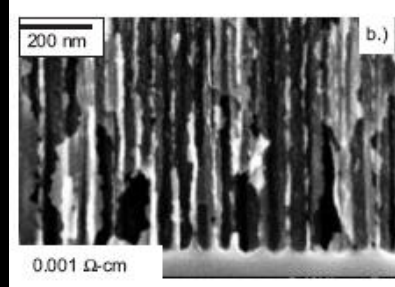
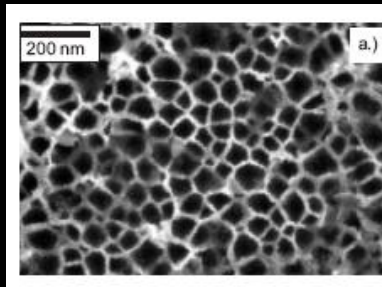
# Photonic crystals



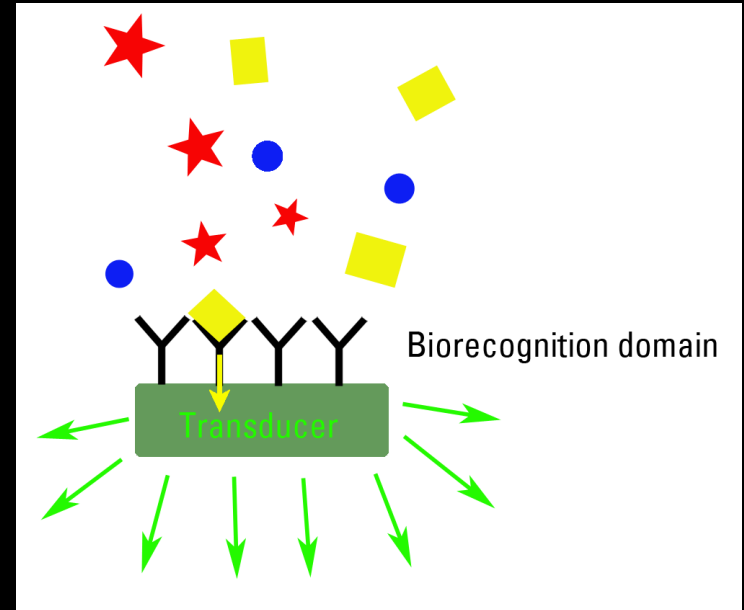
# Biosensors



(Y. Chen, LPN)



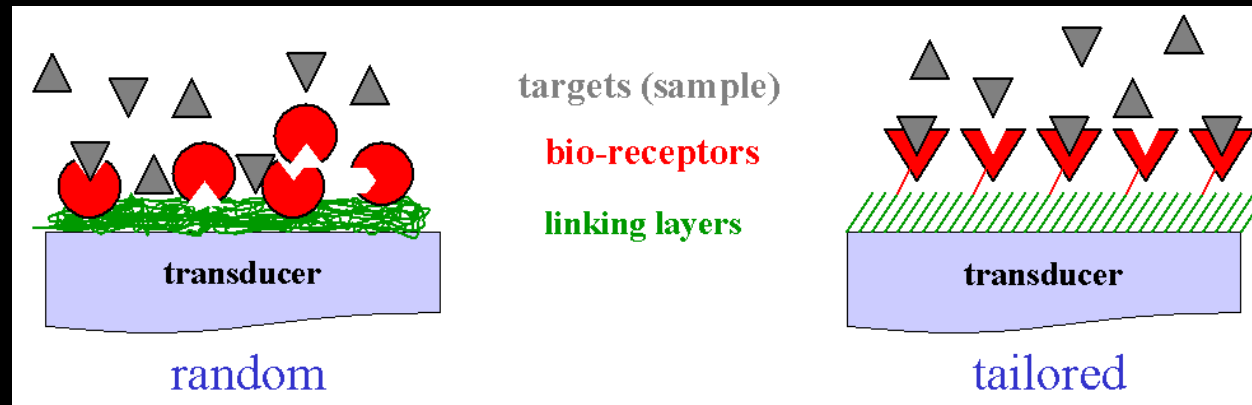
- ✓ Miniaturization
- ✓ Large sensing area



- detection based on the presence of the topological defects (biomolecules) within the photonic crystals
- specific recognition of the substrates by biological molecules

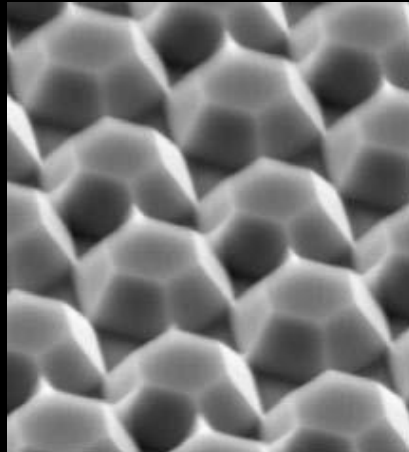


## Key aspects in the development of biosensors

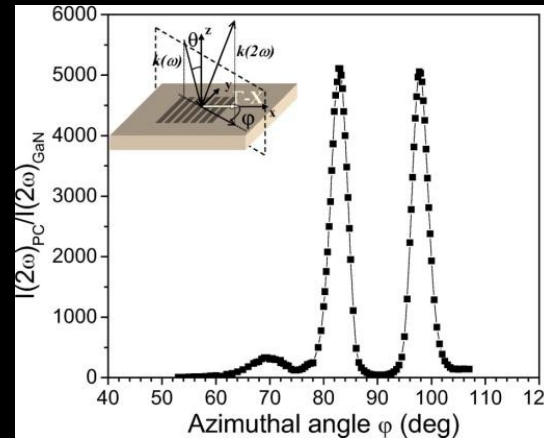


- the interaction between inorganic (the transducer) and organic material (the biological receptors)
- the increasing miniaturization of biosensor transducers (and thus of their active areas) + the demand for high sensitivity require a tailored coupling of bio-molecules to the transducer surface
- certain semiconductors (GaAs, InAs) are toxic → for biocompatibility previous surface functionalization is needed

# Photonic Crystals: Refractive Index Sensors



(I, Watson, Glasgow)



-confinement of light in very reduced zones

- exaltation of the nonlinear answer

-to reduce probed volumes  
and the quantity of fluorophores  
to reach a high sensitivity

PhC: - nanostructured substrate

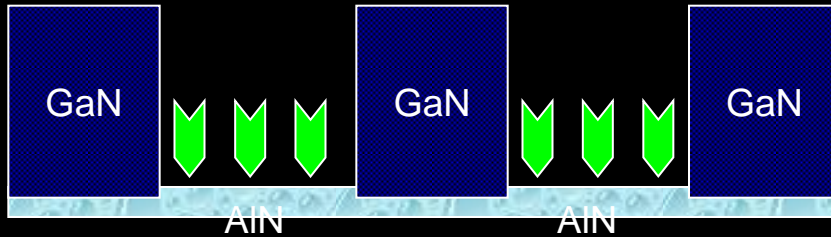
- contrast in refractive indices

-specific detection based  
on refractive index modifications  
-structures for light guiding



➤ **Selective localization of molecules to keep r.i. contrast**  
→ **ordered array of a specific molecule**

# Examples of photonic structures

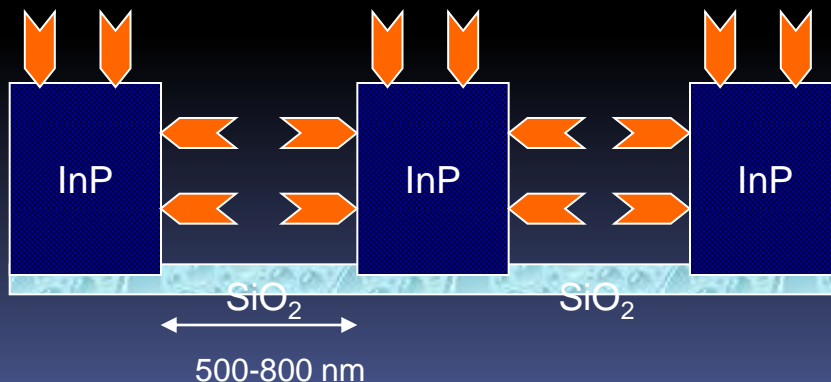


their functionalization with peptides which recognize the SC specifically



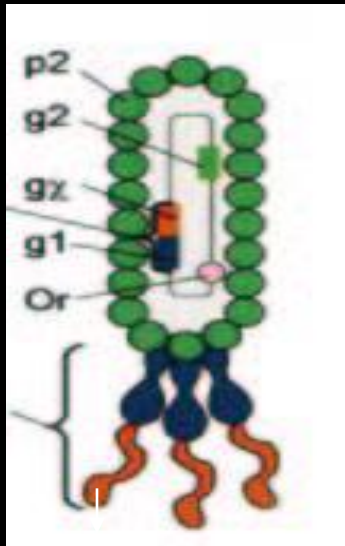
Optical detection based on refractive index changes monitored by :

- PhC resonances
- Evanescent field propagation within the waveguide structures



# Selective functionalization of semiconductor substrates

## Phage



Phage display technique

Affinity-based selection biotechnological method



$10^{10}$  combination peptides  
→ Several peptides with surface recognition properties

Adhesion peptides (12 amino-acids)

**GaAs (100)** : Ser Val Ser Val Gly Met Lys Pro Ser Pro Arg Pro

**InAs (100)** : Ser Ser Met Glu Pro Asp Pro Phe Leu Ala Leu Tyr

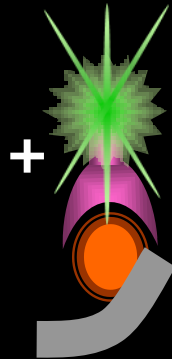
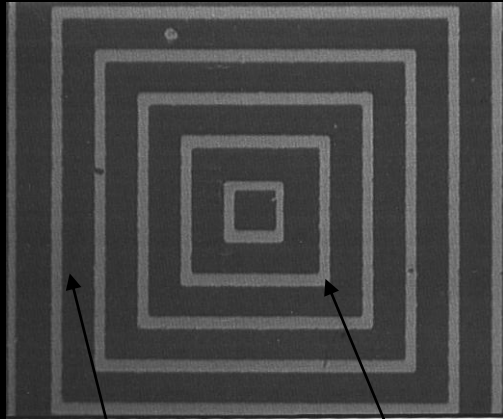
**GaN (0001)** : Ser Val Ser Val Gly Met Lys Pro Ser Pro Arg Pro

**ZnSe(100)** : Leu Leu Ala Asp Thr Thr His His Arg Pro Trp Thr

+ GaAs(111)A, GaSb(100), CdSe(100), ZnTe(100), InP, Si

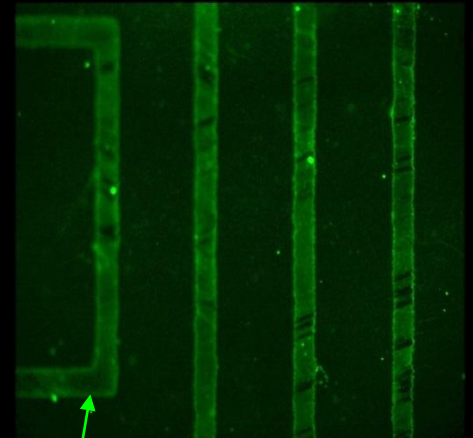
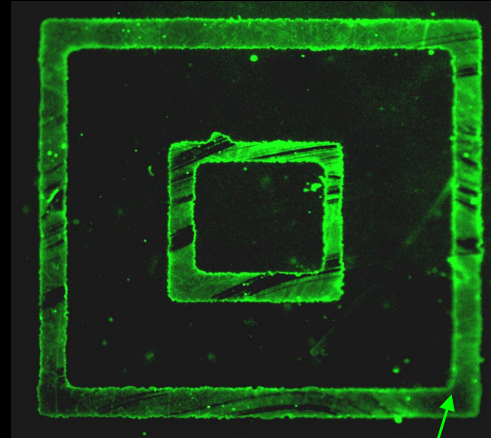
# Selective functionalization via peptides

SiO<sub>2</sub> mask: lift-off method

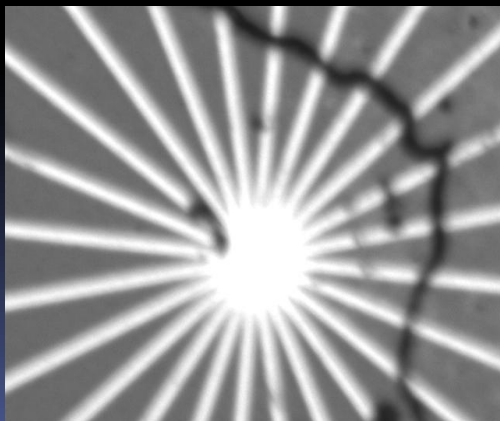
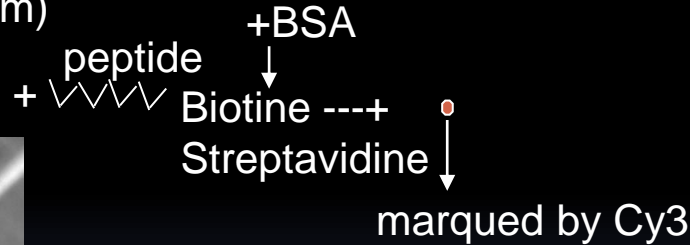


SiO<sub>2</sub>(120μm) GaN (30 μm)

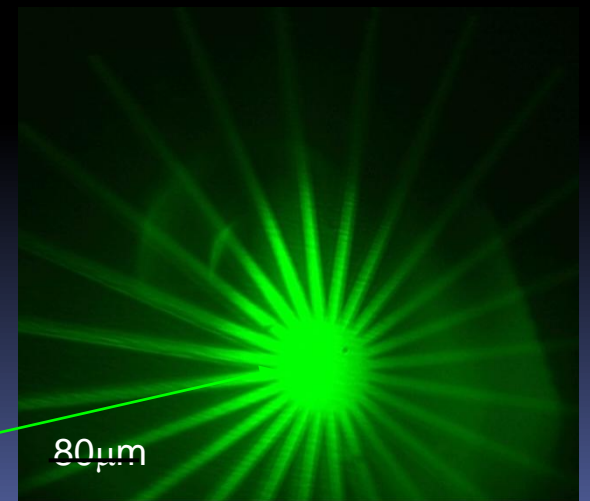
Fluorescence Microscopy



GaN



InP

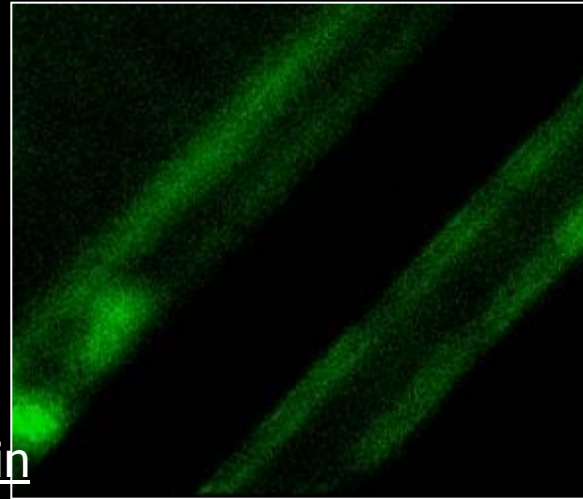
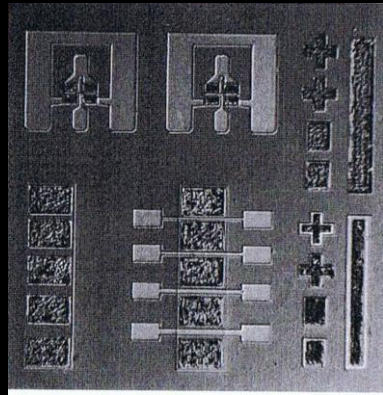


80μm

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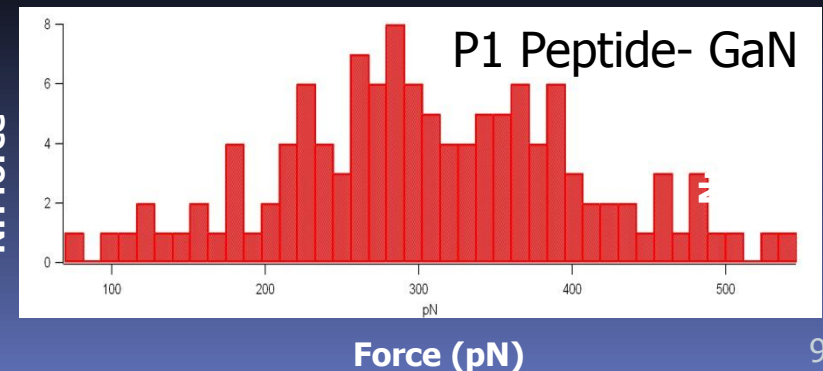
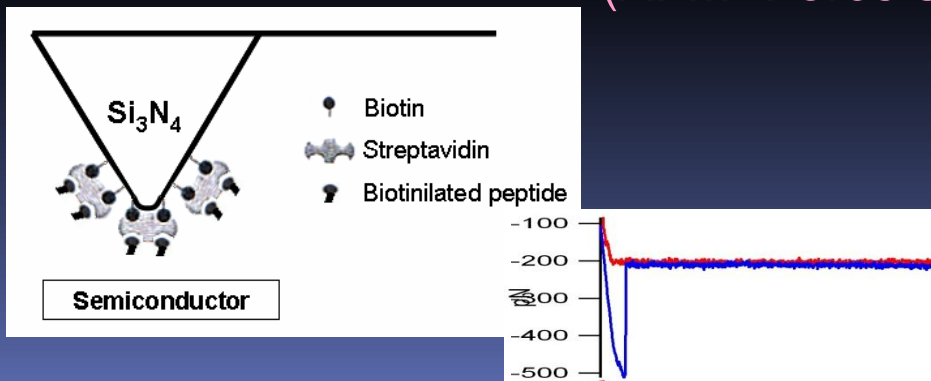
# GaAs Metal Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor



+ peptide – Biotin + FITC -streptavidin

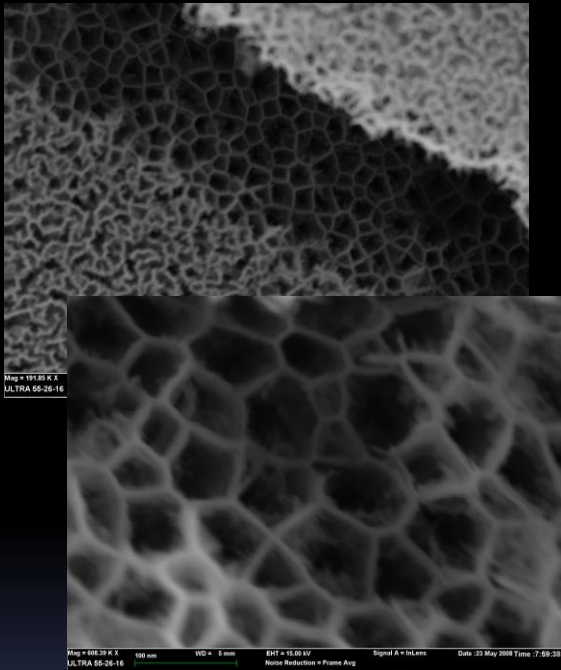
Localisation of the peptide on the GaAs region between the Drain and Gate and between the Gate and Source → controlled placement and specific localization of biomolecules can be achieved without covering the drain and the source.

## Quantifying the interactions between the peptide and the surface (AFM- Force spectroscopy)



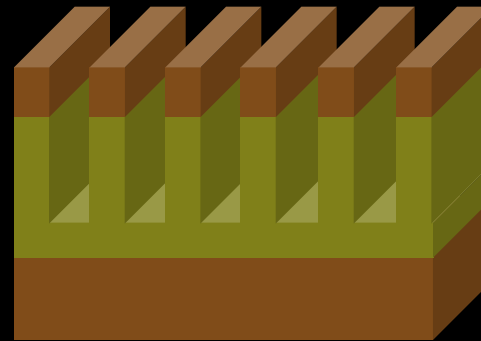
# Photonic biosensors

## 1. Porous silicon microcavities



## 2. GaAs/AlGaAs PhC

0.6  $\mu\text{m}$  GaAs patterned core



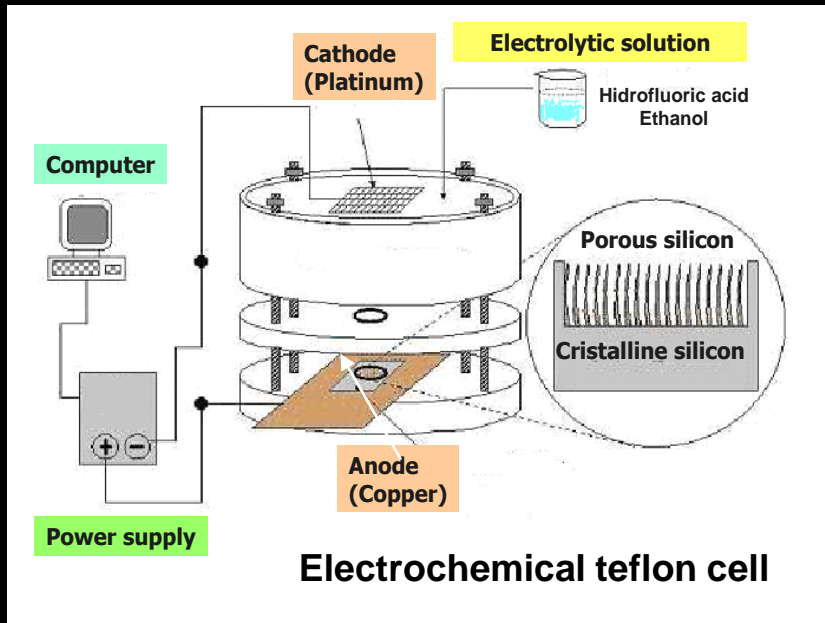
1.1  $\mu\text{m}$  AlGaAs patterned cladding

GaAs substrate

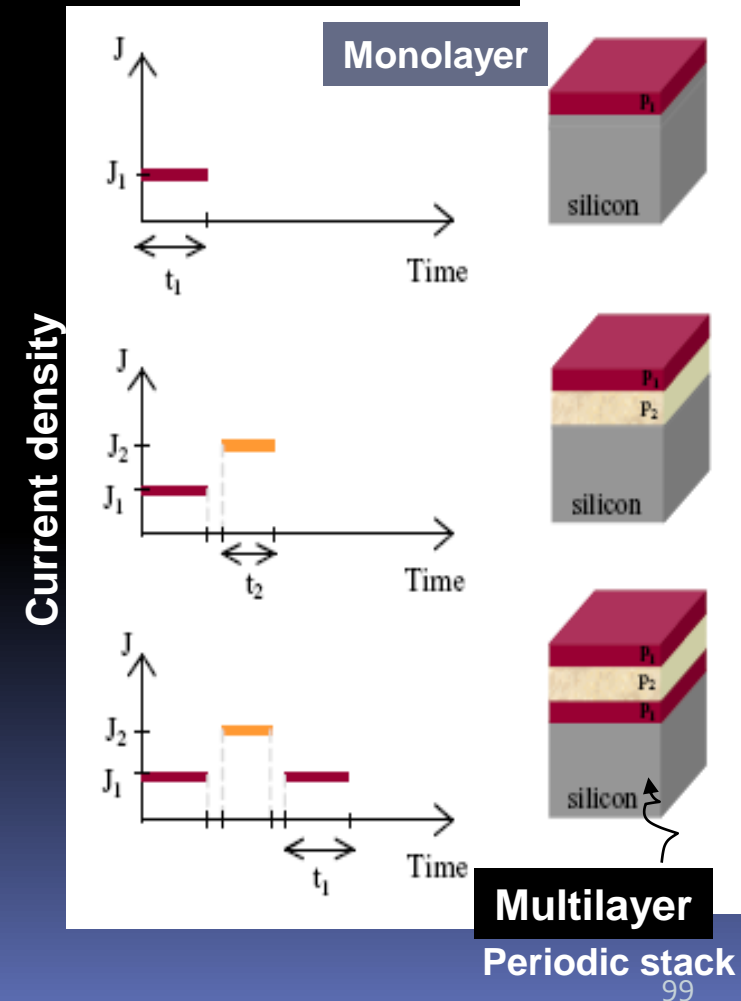
-Miniaturization + large sensing area

- Biological binding converted into optical response (refractive index change)

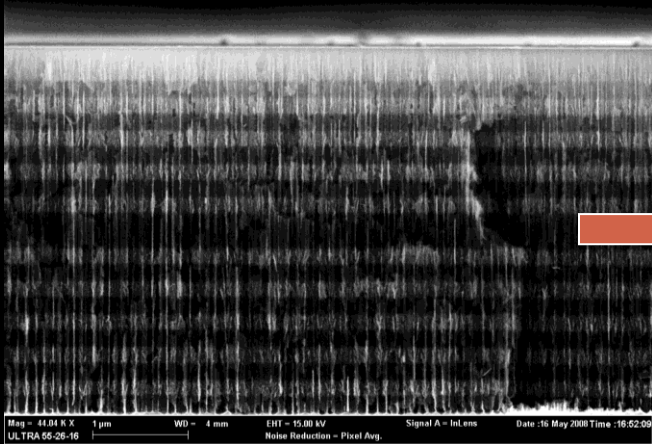
# PSi fabrication: wet etching in an electrochemical anodization system



Porosity and pore size can be easily tuned by adjusting the electrochemical conditions



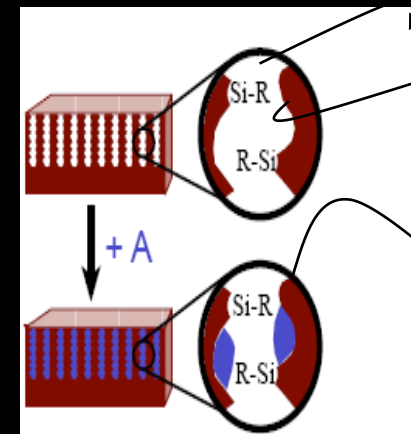
# PSi mirrors and microcavities as photonic substrates



$\lambda/4$  mirror

$\lambda/2$  Fabry-Perot  
Optical cavity

$\lambda/4$  mirror

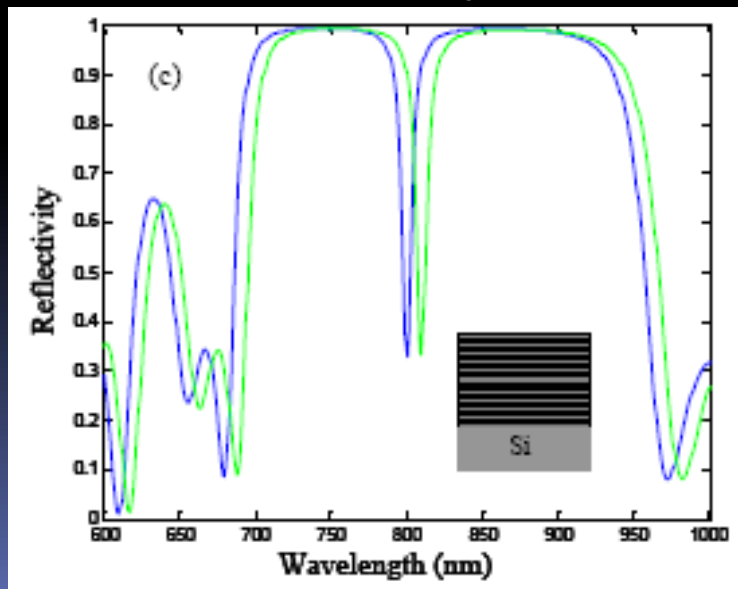


Hidride bond

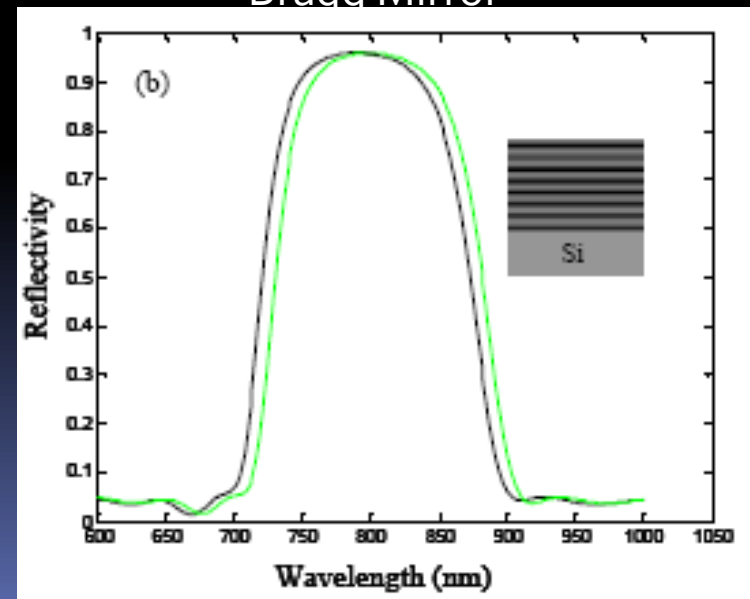
Oxide bond

Biological or  
chemical species

Microcavity

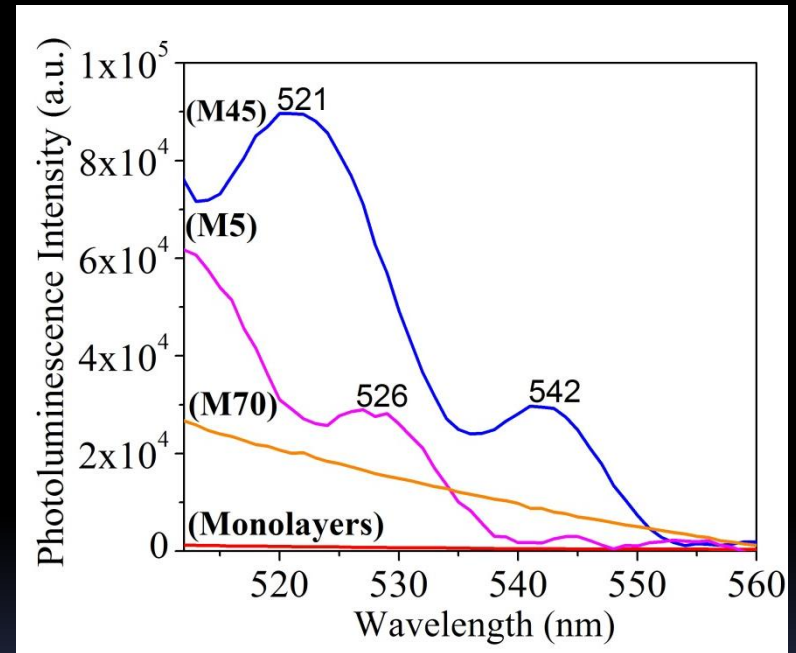
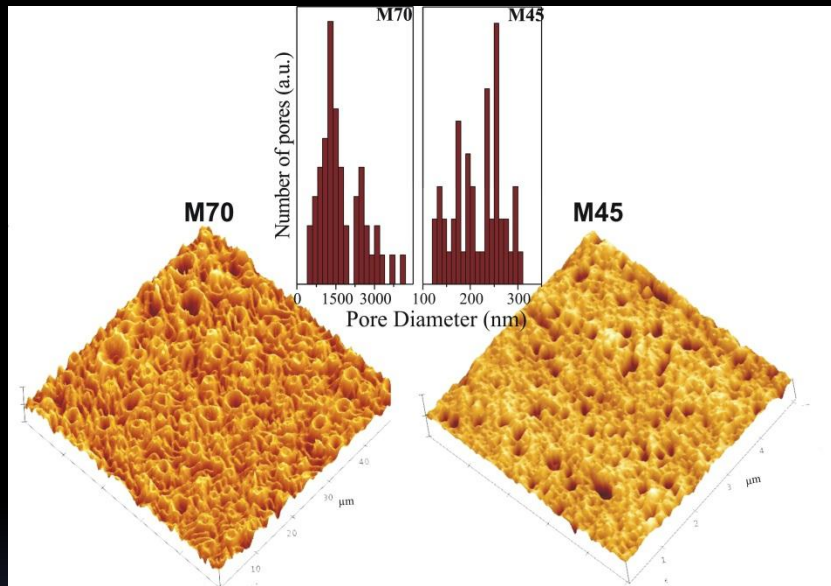


Bragg Mirror



# Fluorescence Enhancement in PSi

Functionalised PSi Bragg Mirrors + confinement of fluorescein

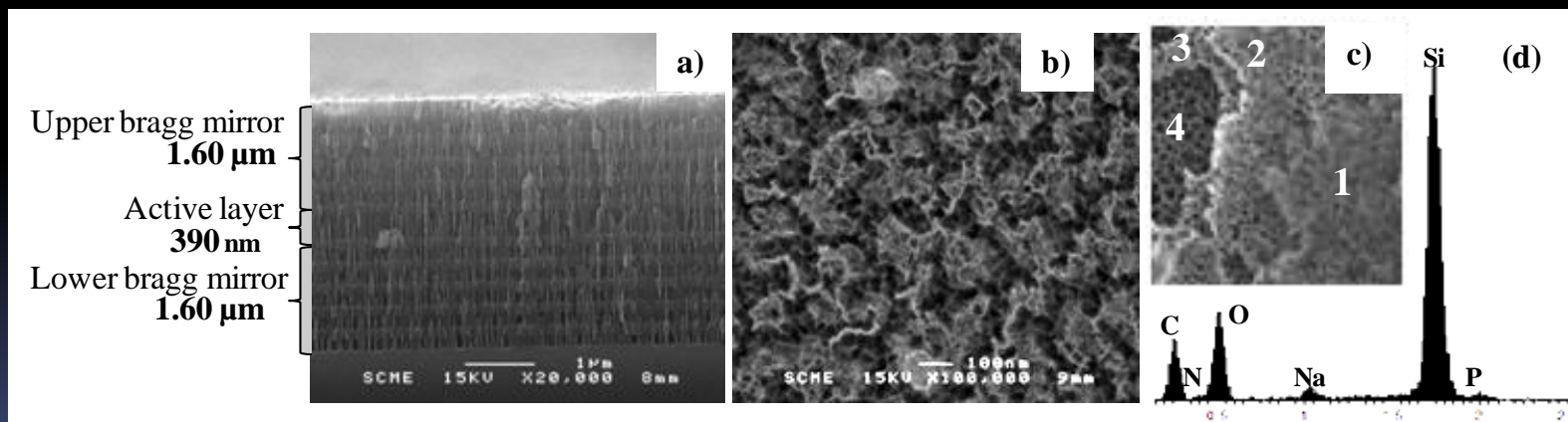
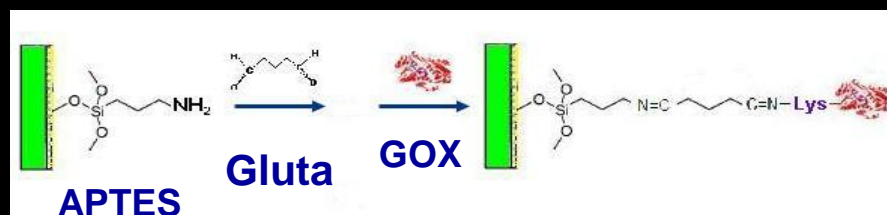
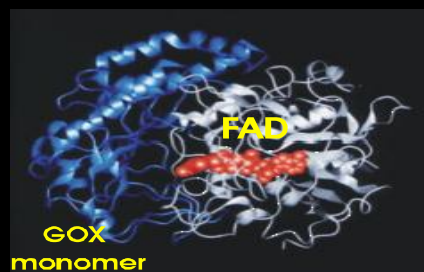


Fluorescent emission of the fluorescein molecules adsorbed on the M45 mirror  
cooperative effect of the pores dimensions + resonance conditions



# Biosensor: Glucose Oxydase (GOX) + porous silicon microcavity

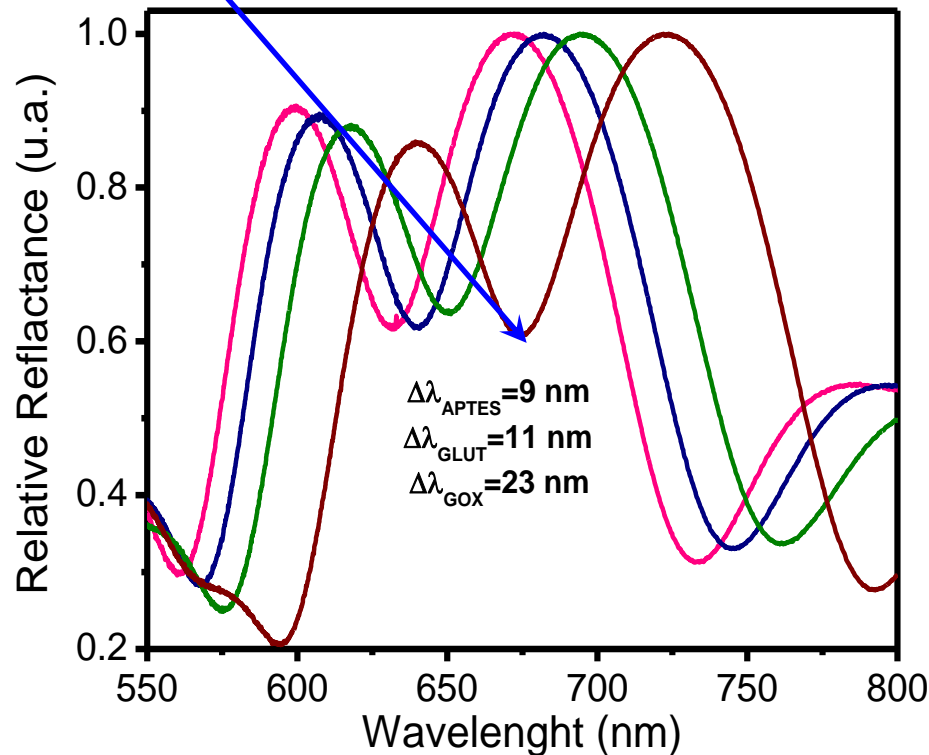
GOX adsorbed on PSi after functionalisation



Organic molecules infiltrate the whole structure

# Molecular sensing monitored by specular reflectance

GOX capture by the photonic resonance

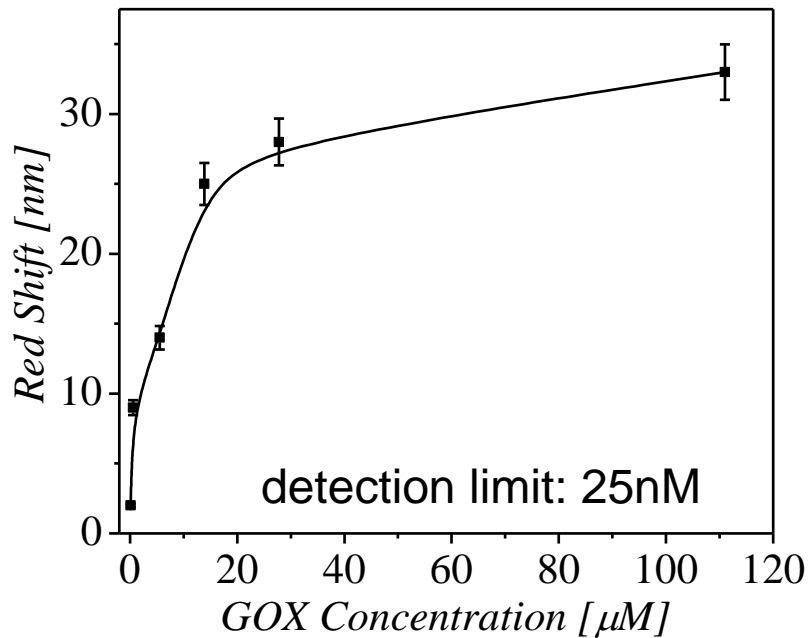


**PSi Microcavity**  
*ext pore : 400-4000nm*

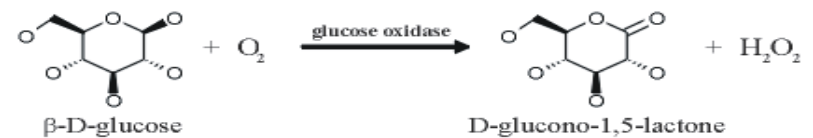
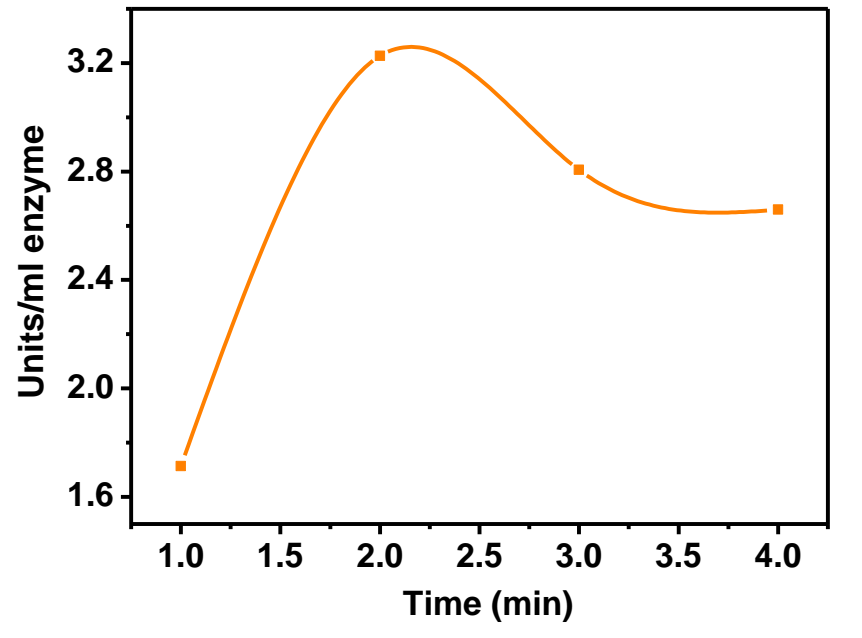
- pSi after thermal oxidation
- pSi + APTES (silanization)
- pSi + APTES + Glu
- pSi + APTES + Glu + GOX

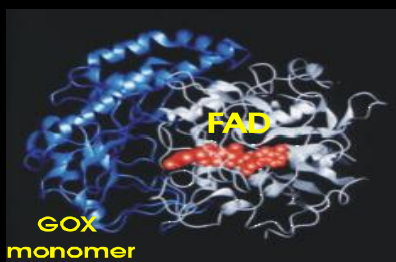
# A functional GOX-Psi sensor has been obtained

Dose response curve



Enzymatic activity of the adsorbed GOX

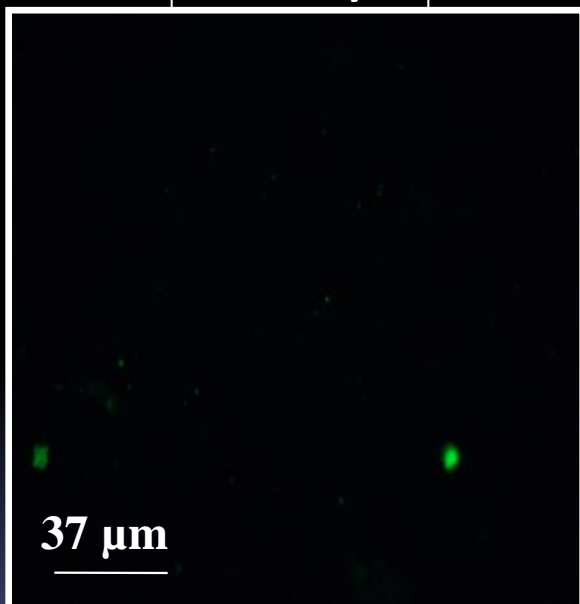




# PSi mirror and microcavity structures enhance GOX fluorescence response

Green natural fluorescence of Glucose Oxidase:  
 $\lambda_{exc} = 450\text{nm}$  – FAD (low emission intensity in solution)

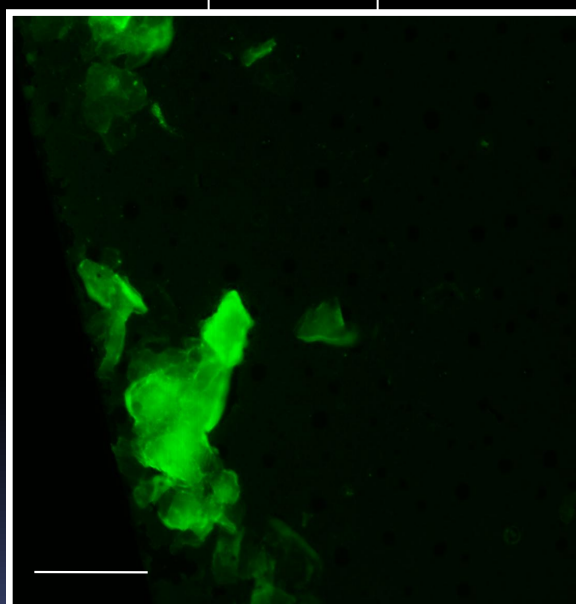
Monolayer



Integrated density

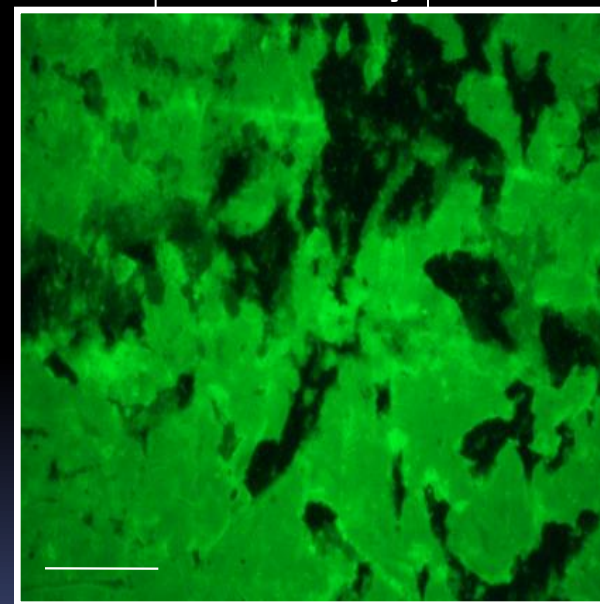
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Mirror



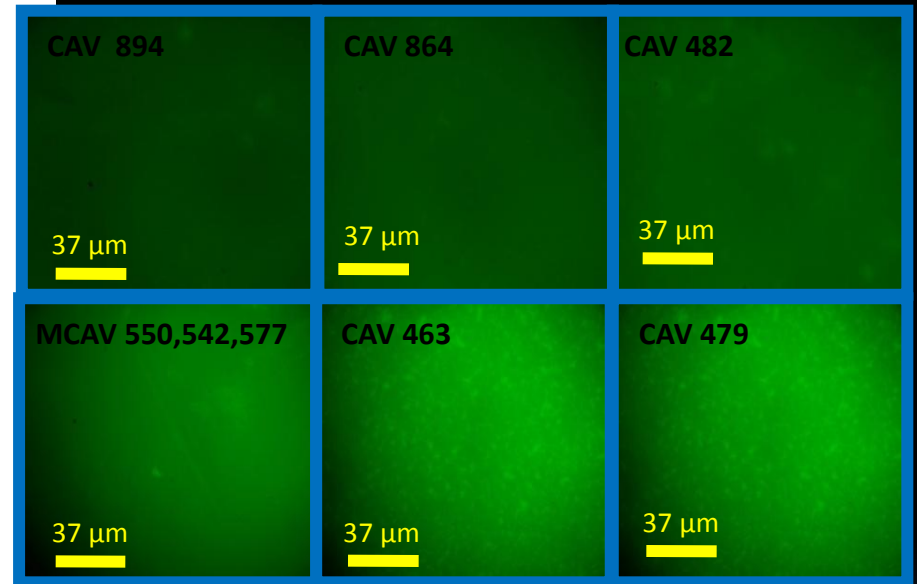
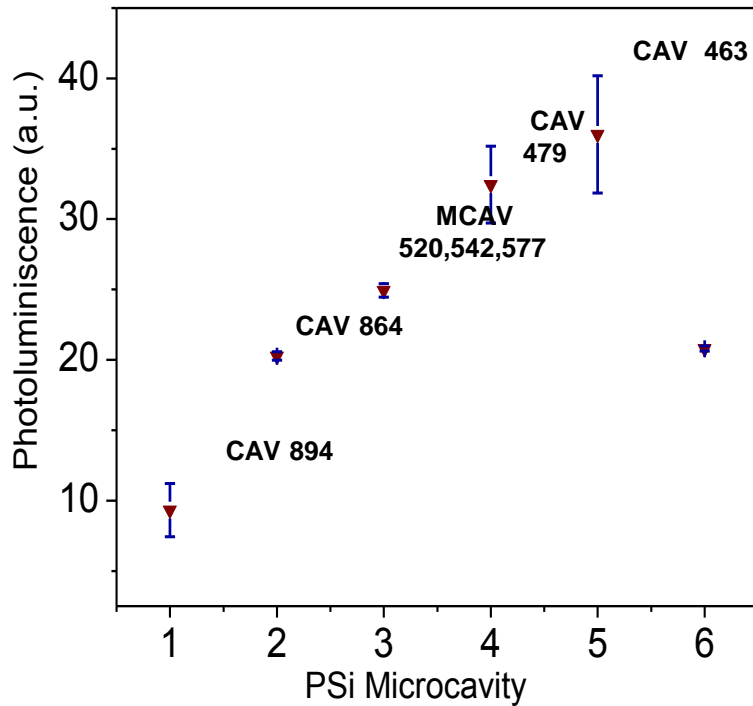
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Microcavity



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# Correlation between photoluminescence of GOX and the cavity mode

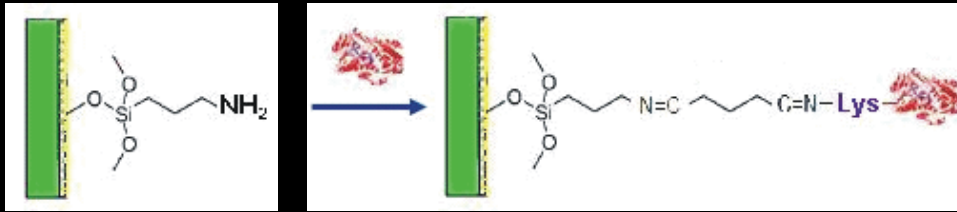


GOX ex: 452-465 nm  
em: 520-530nm

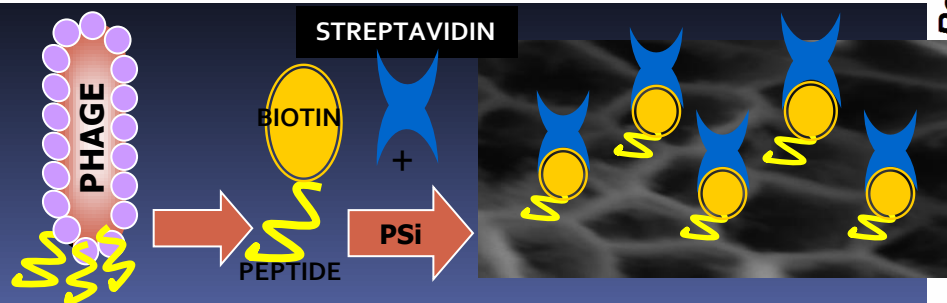
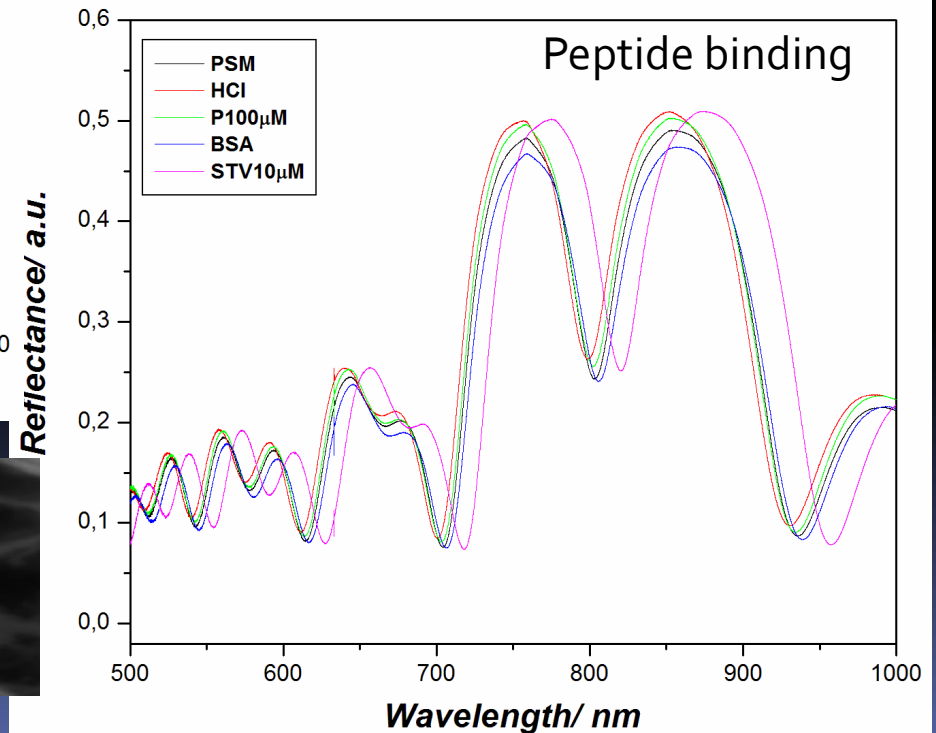
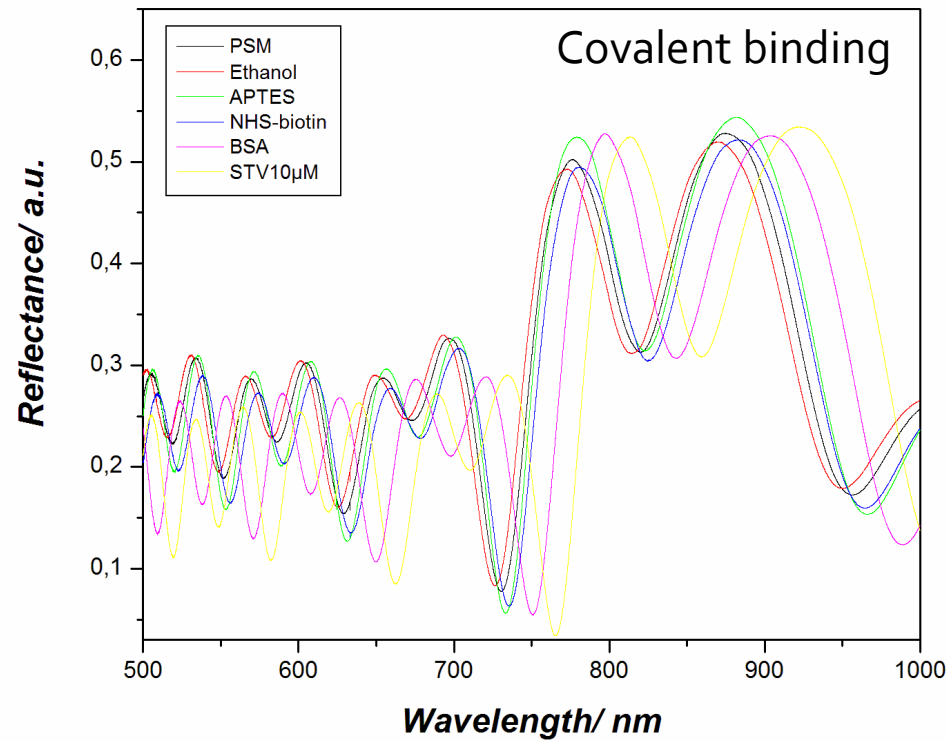
CAV no – microcavity mode  
MCAV – microcavity with multiple resonance modes



PSi

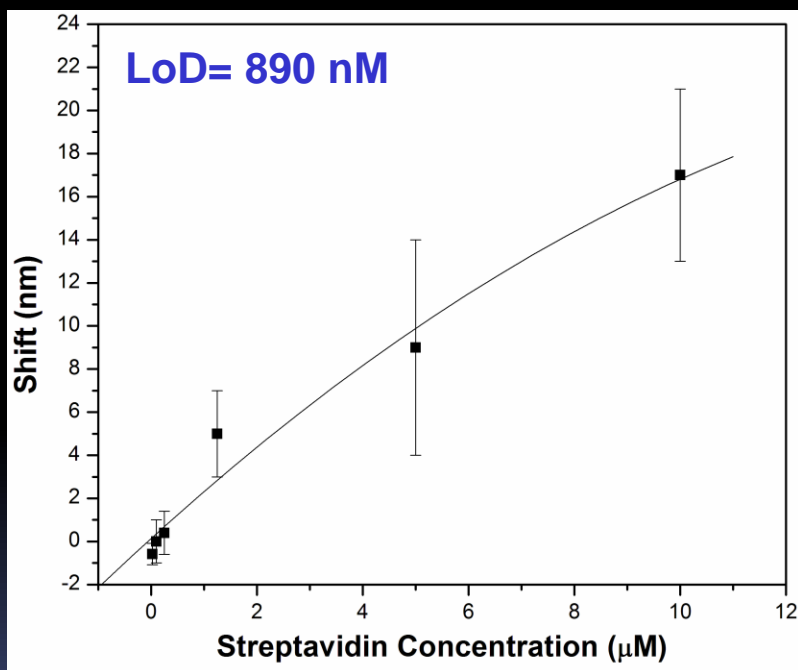


## Capture of Streptavidin via Biotin- PSi MC



# Peptides for the Biofunctionalization of Silicon for Use in Optical Sensing with Porous Silicon Microcavities

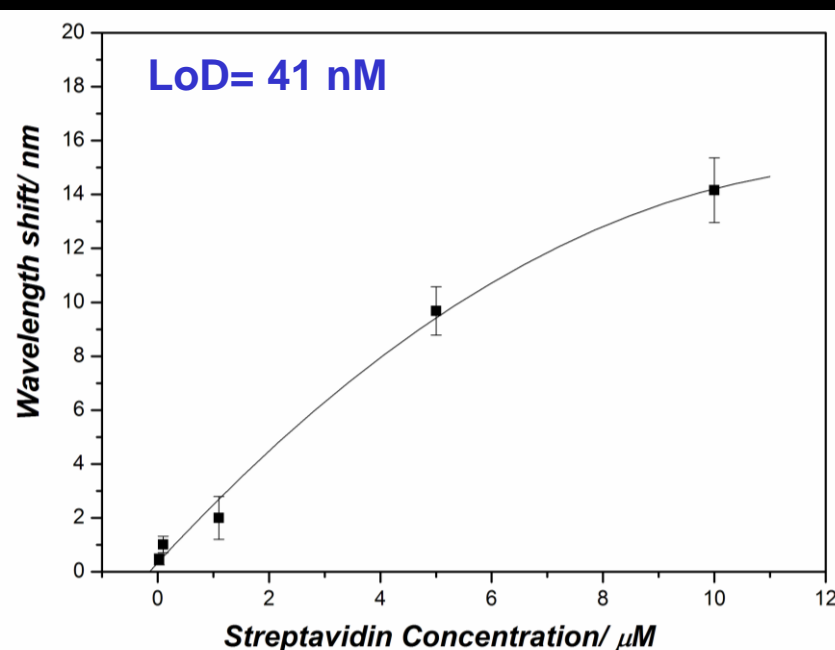
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The limit of detection via P*Si* microcavities is greatly enhanced by the peptide binding

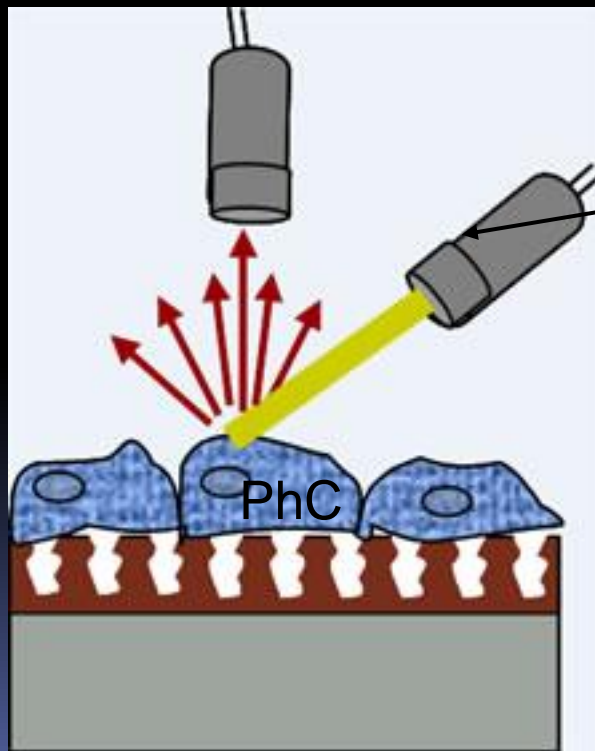
→ **Functionalization VIP !!!**

**Dose response curve:  
covalent / peptide**



## PSi photonic crystal:

capable of controlling light within the structure analogous to the way that semiconductors transmit electricity through computer chips



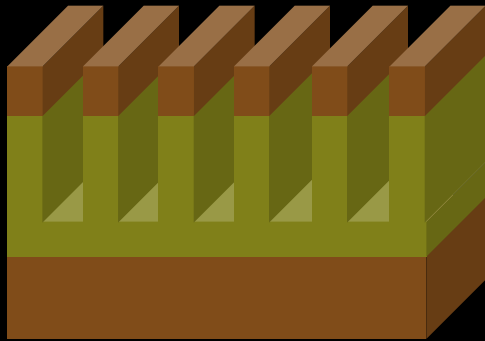
measuring the scattering of light with a sensitive spectrometer



detect small changes in the shapes of liver cells as they reacted to toxic doses of cadmium

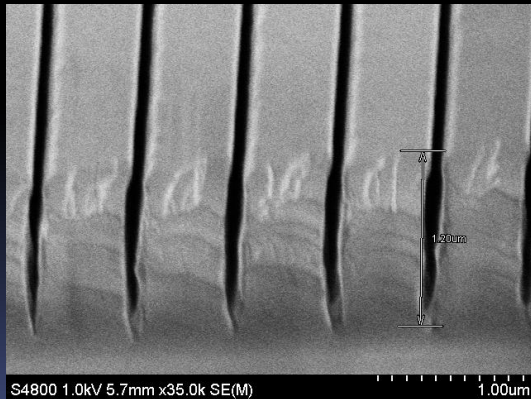
# GaAs/ AlGaAs photonic crystal

0.6  $\mu\text{m}$  GaAs patterned core



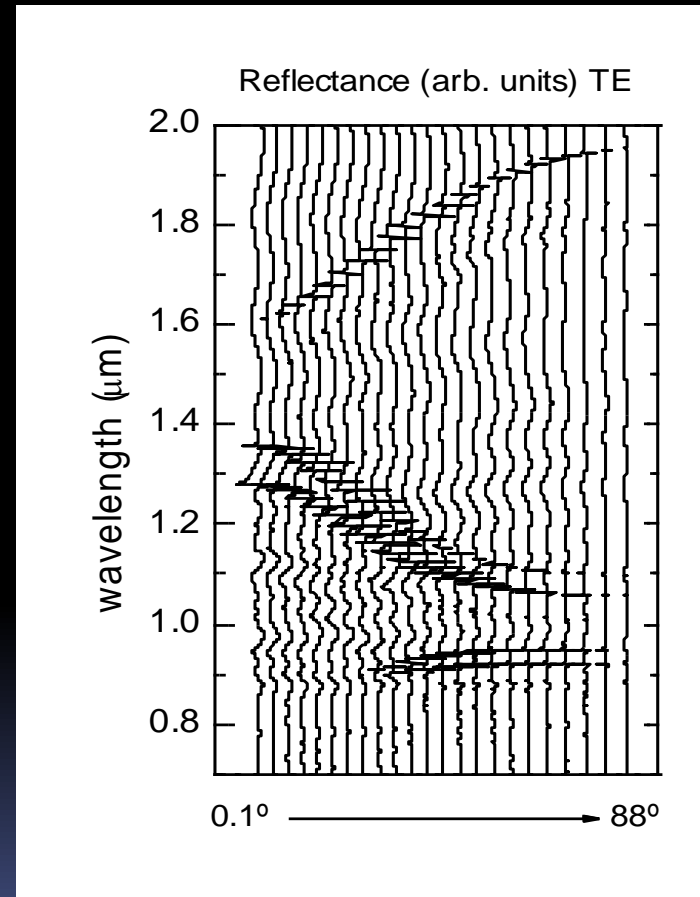
1.1  $\mu\text{m}$  AlGaAs patterned cladding

GaAs substrate



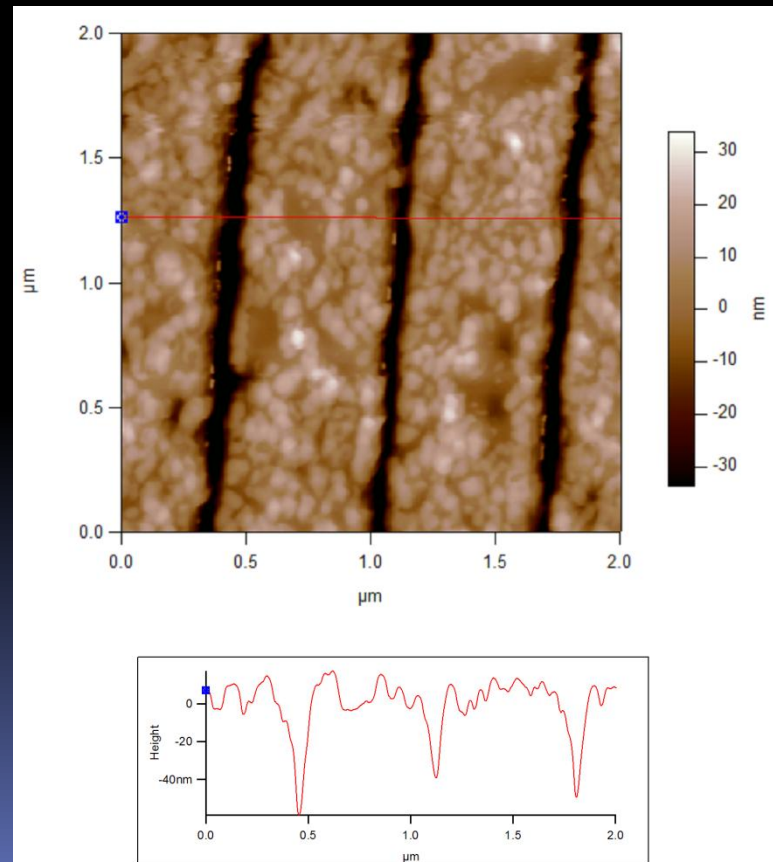
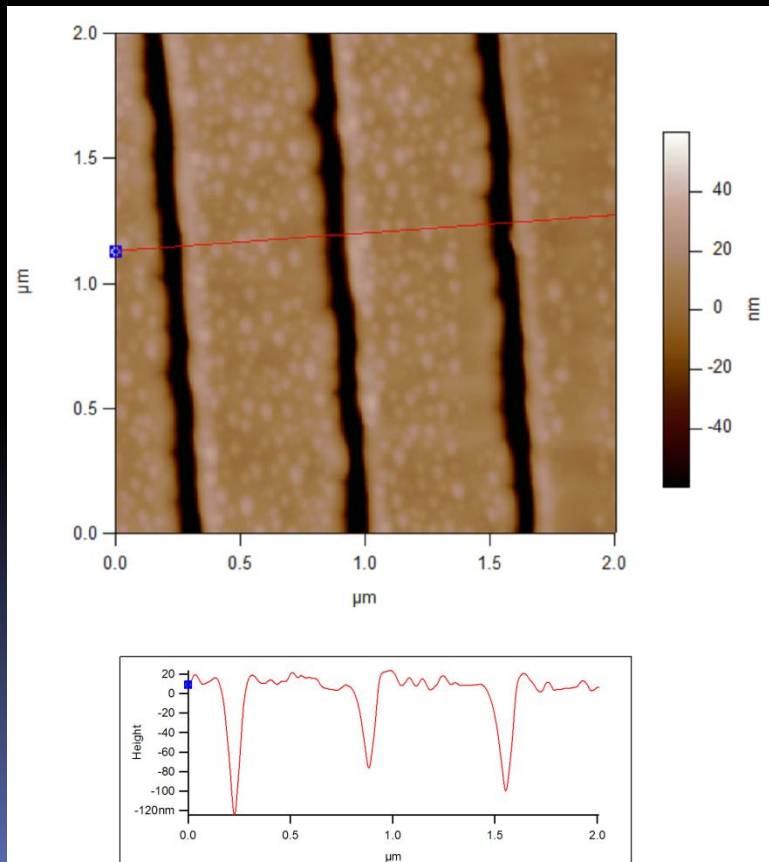
SEM image shows 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$  etch depth

Sharp photonic resonances in simulated spectra



Electron beam lithography by the technological “nanostructuring platform” within the Network of Excellence (ePIXnet)

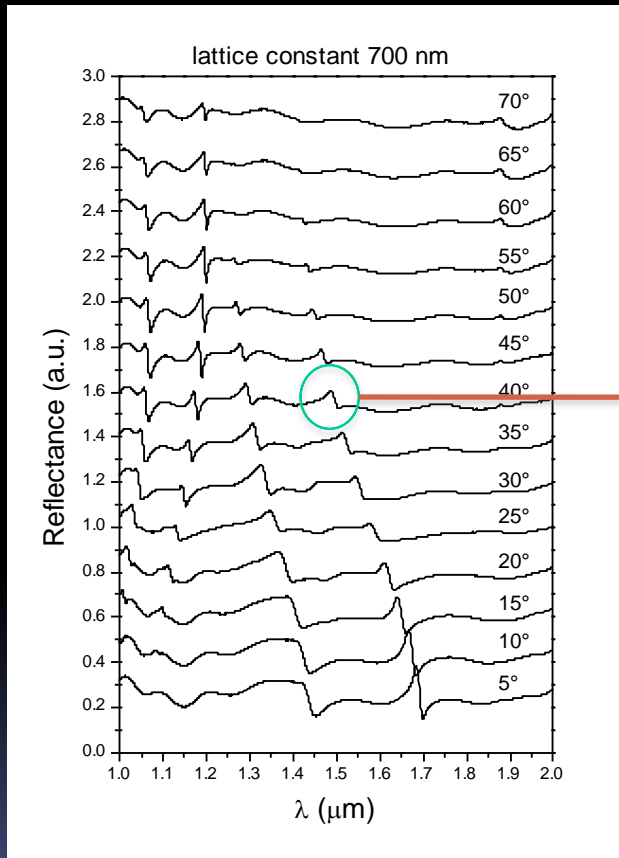
# Aim : molecular detection of the recognition event by photonic modes



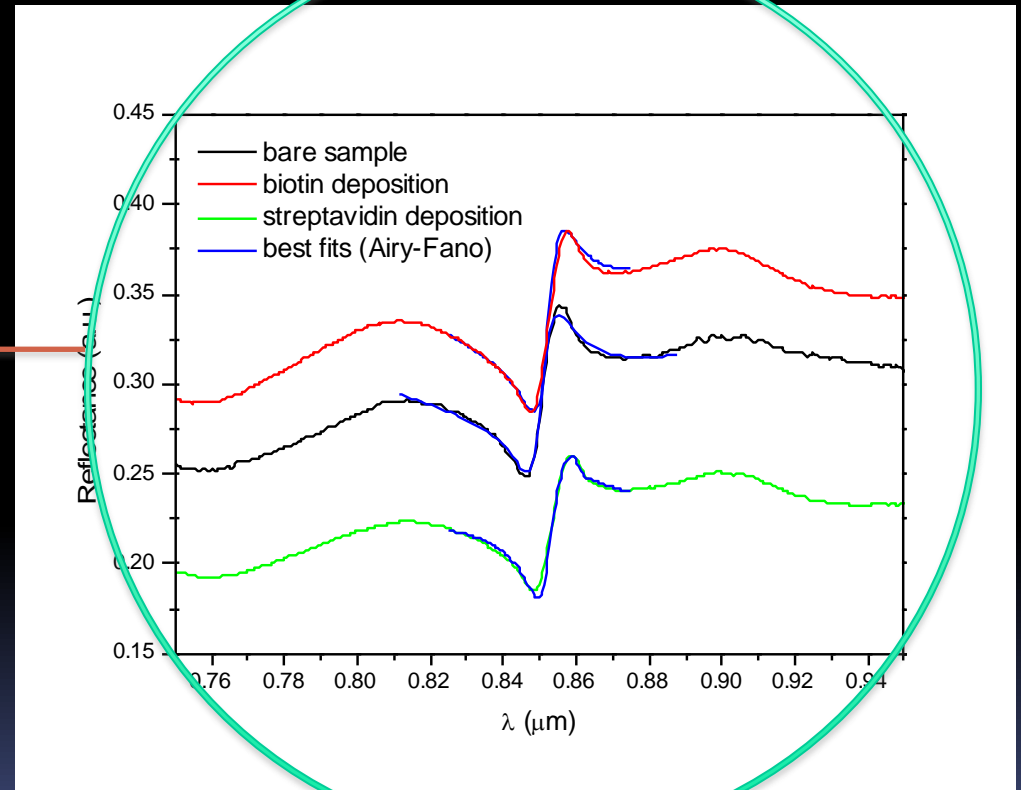


# Characterization by optical reflectance

Linear optics characterization shows well defined photonic modes,

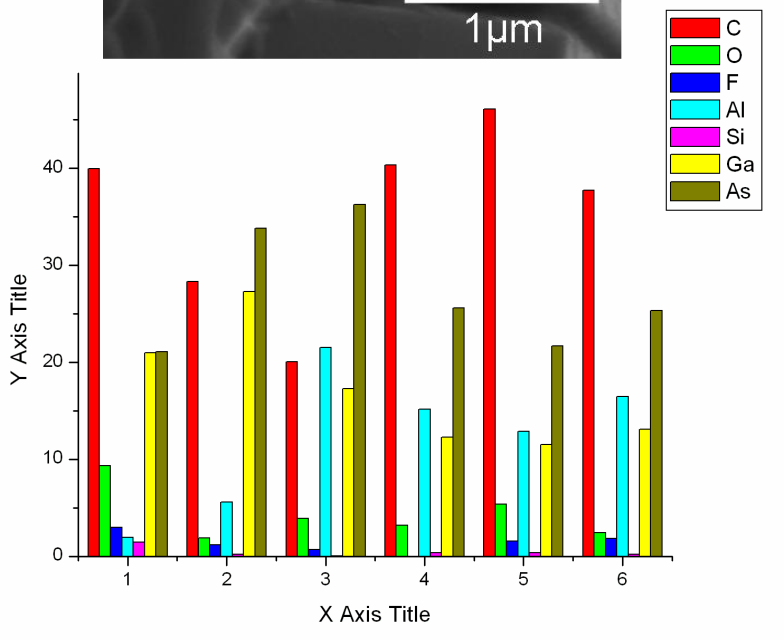
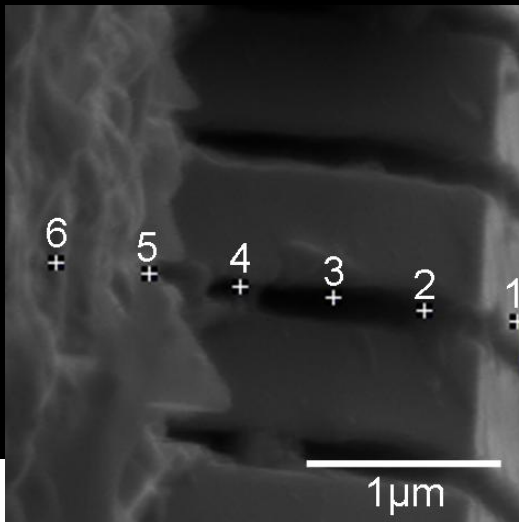


However, no changes in the linear resonances after deposition of biotin and streptavidin

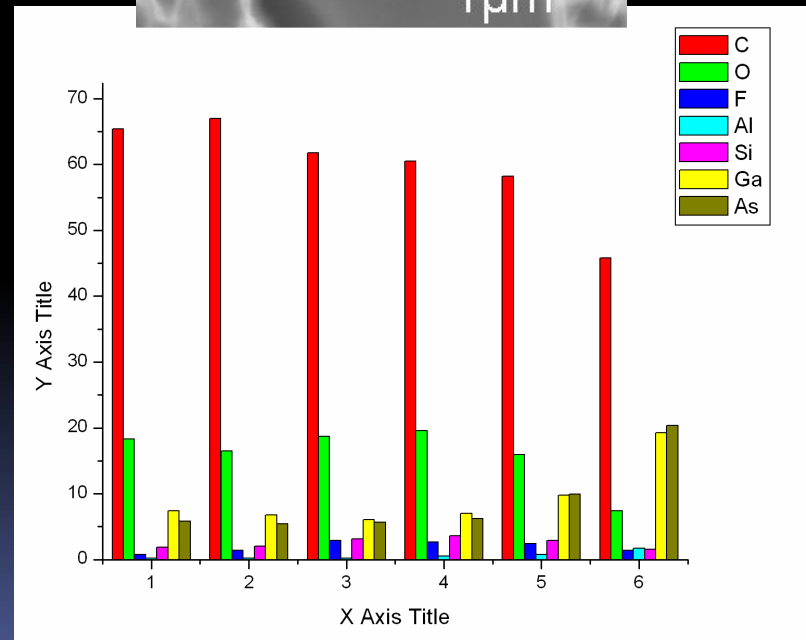
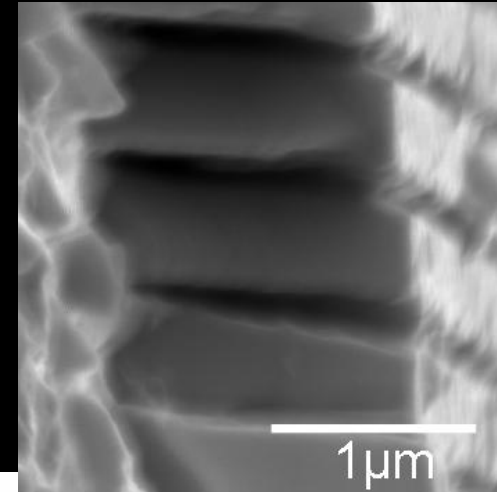


Biotin --- + Streptavidin

## GaAs/AlGaAs PhC



## GaAs/AlGaAs PhC + peptide + STV

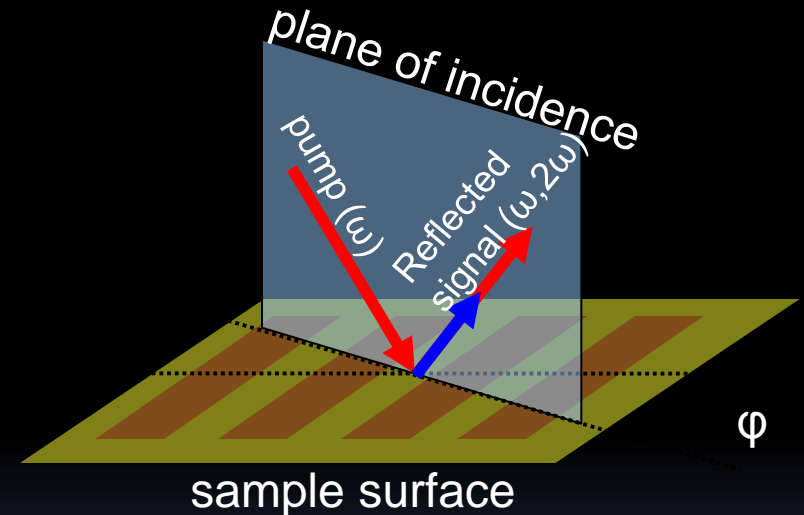
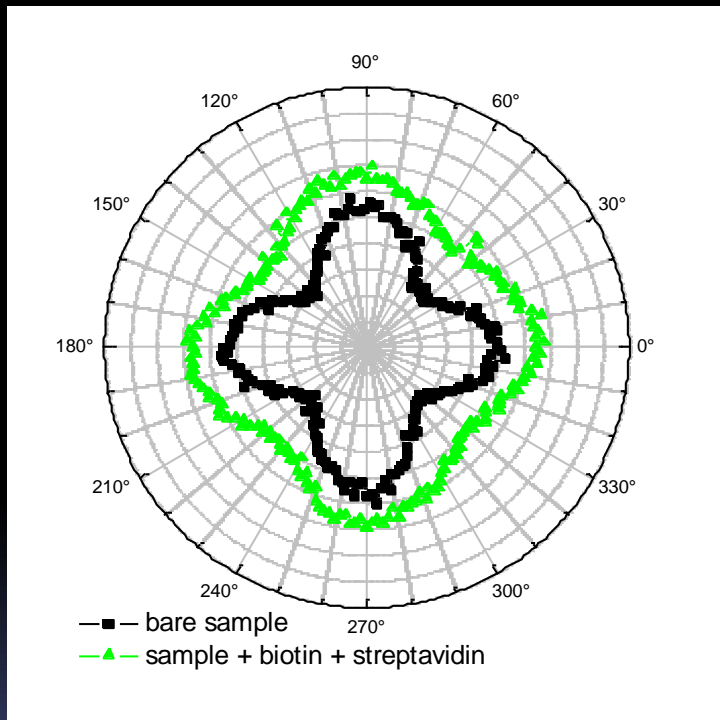


SEM images (section view) and EDX analyses

# Second harmonic characterization

Streptavidin shows SH generation in addition to GaAs (100)

angle tuning allows exploring of photonic bands via second harmonic generation



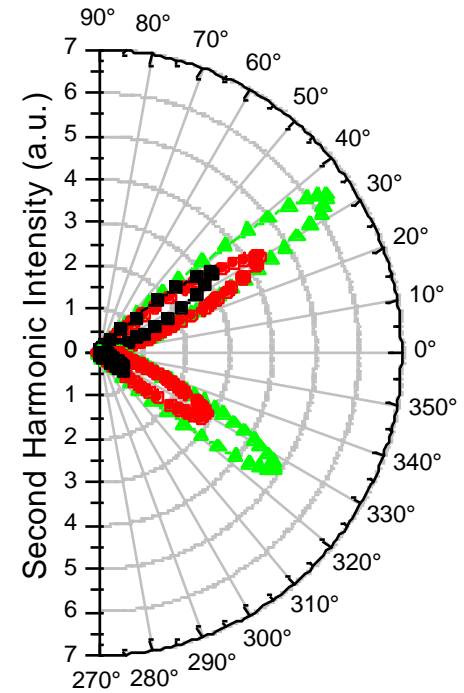
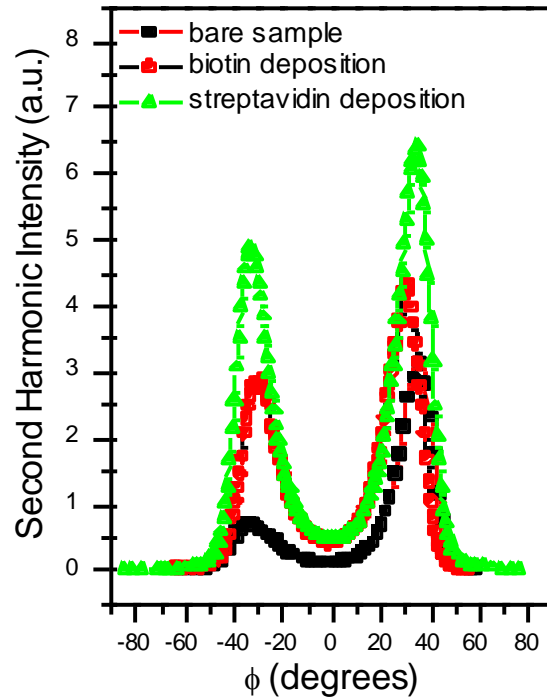
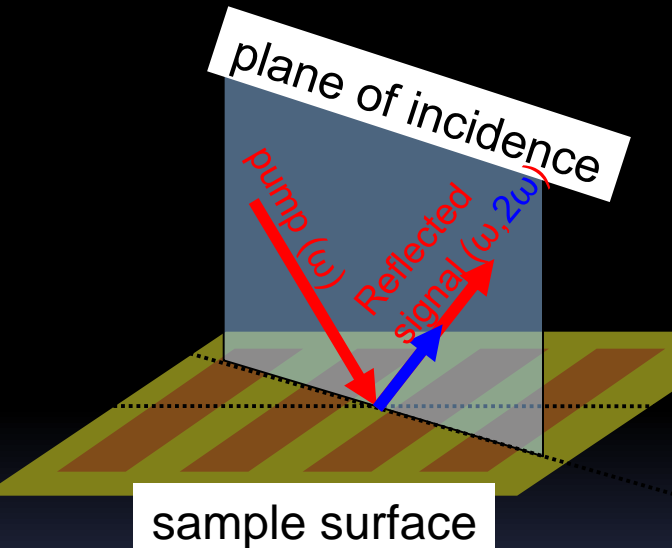
laser source:

OPO, 1.550  $\mu\text{m}$ , 120 fs, 20  $\mu\text{W}$ , 80 MHz

→ SHG – Good probe for monitoring molecules capture due to dipoles orientation when adsorption from liquid occurs

# SHG results by angle tuning

harmonic signal detected in reflection

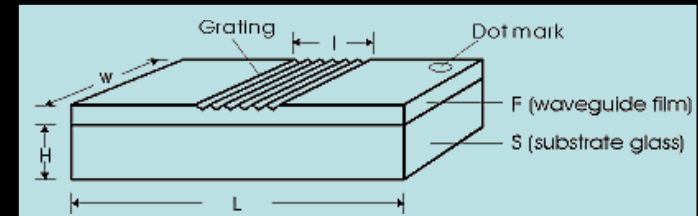
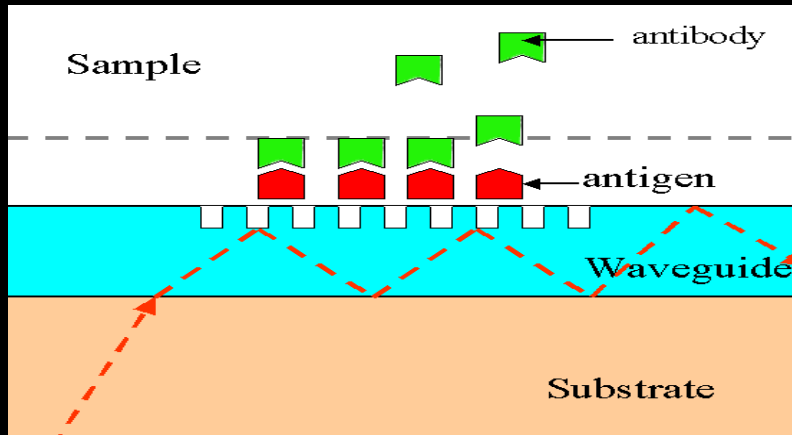


In contrast with linear spectroscopy, deposition of biotin and then streptavidin enhances considerably the intensity of the second harmonic signal. Signal is further increased by resonant geometry.

Molecular adsorption measured as non-linear signal  
→ Femtomolar detection

# Evanescent wave sensing

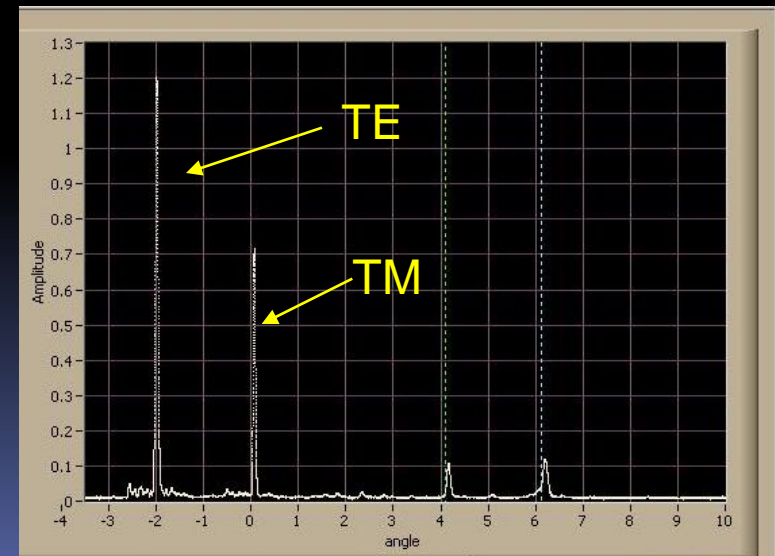
## Optical waveguide lightmode spectroscopy



Input grating sensor: **waveguide**  
(SiO<sub>2</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub>, n=1.8) Microvacuum Ltd

Coupling equation

$$N = n \sin \alpha + \frac{l\lambda}{\Lambda}$$





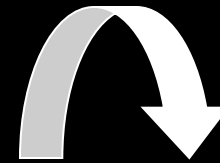
4 layer mode equation:

$$2k_{z,F} + \Phi_{S,F} + \Phi_{F,A} = 2\pi m$$

The phase shifts  
at interfaces:

$$\Phi_{F,S} = -2 \arctan \left( \frac{n_F^{2\rho} s}{n_S^{2\rho} f} \right)$$

$$\Phi_{F,A,C} = -2 \arctan \left[ \frac{n_F^{2\rho} a \frac{c}{n_C^{2\rho}} + \frac{a}{n_A^{2\rho}} \tanh(k_0 a d_A)}{n_A^{2\rho} f \frac{a}{n_A^{2\rho}} + \frac{c}{n_C^{2\rho}} \tanh(k_0 a d_A)} \right]$$

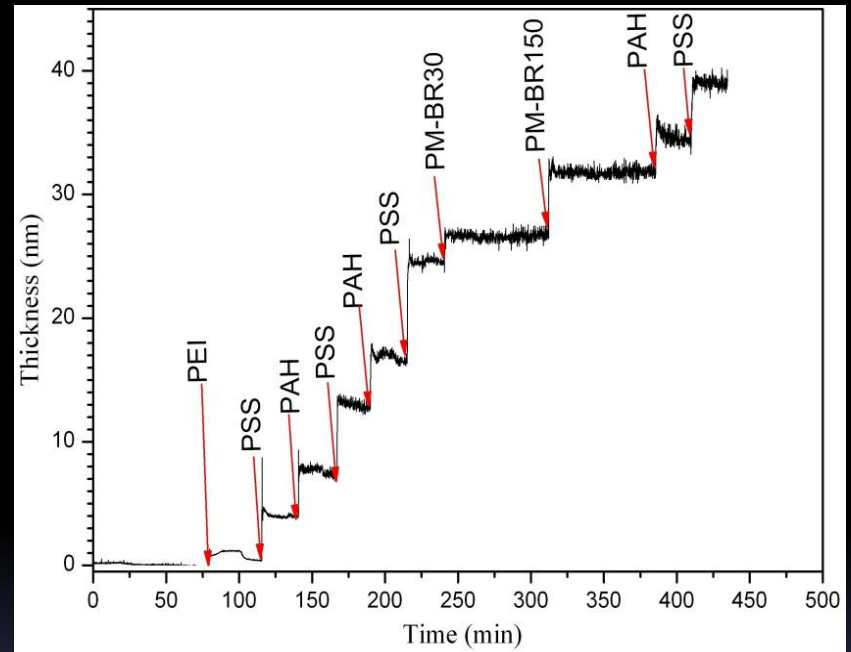
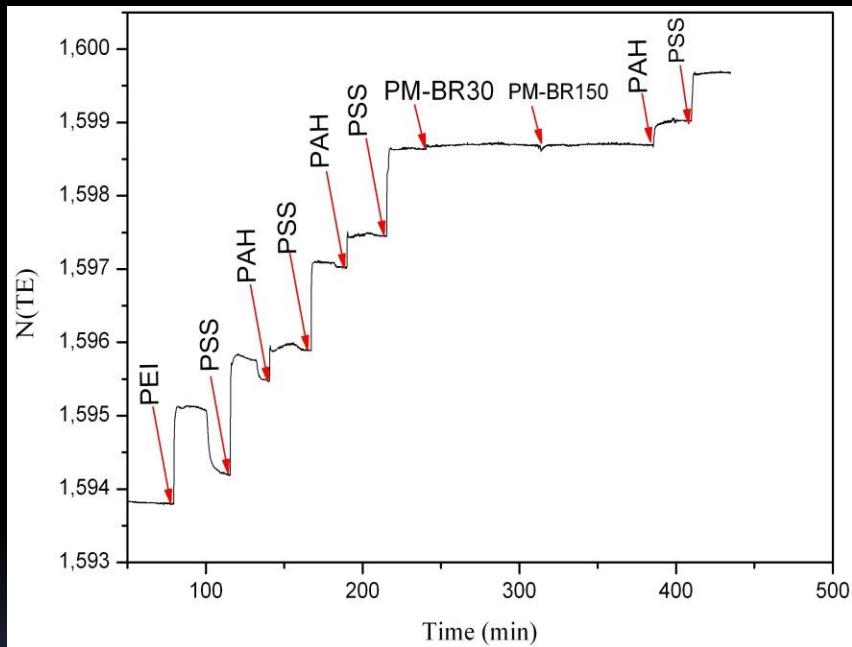
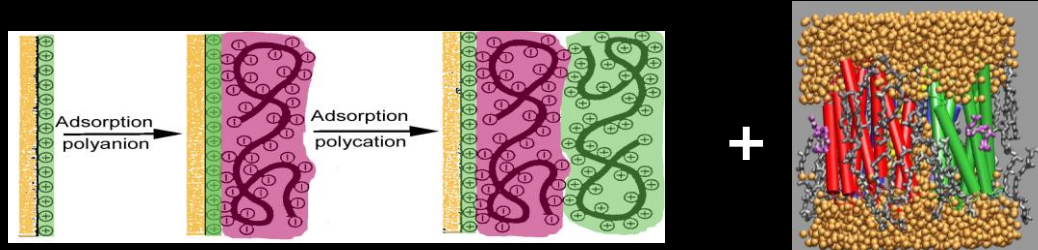


Solutions:  
(for thin and thick layers)

$n_A$  ;  $d_A$  - refractive index,  
thickness of the adlayers

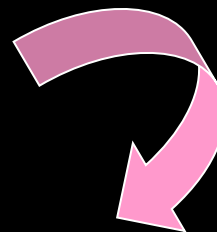
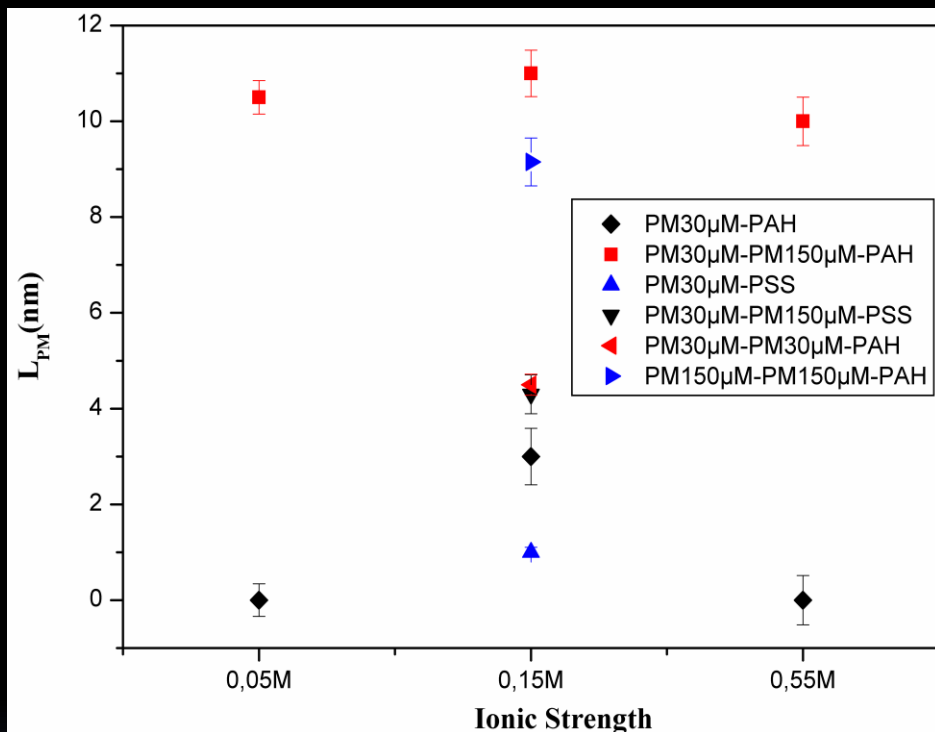
$\Gamma = (dn/dc)^{-1} (n_A - n_C) d_A$   
– adsorbed quantity in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$

# In situ monitoring adsorption of molecules on surfaces by OWLS

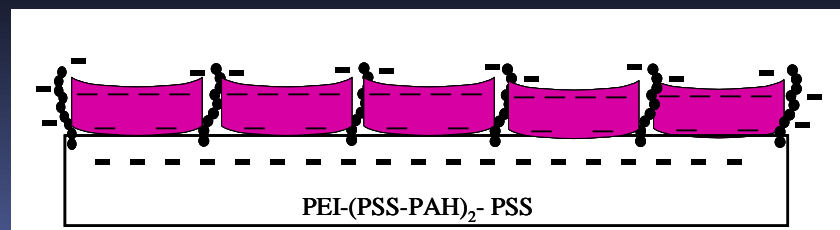
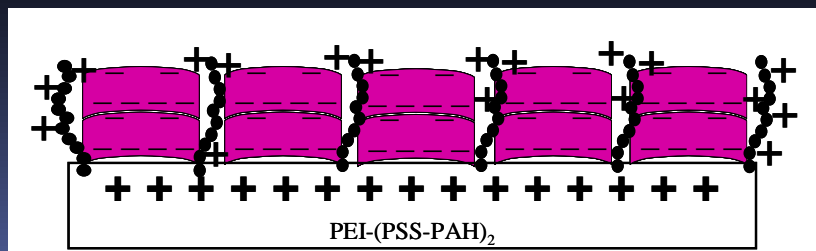


Changes of the effective refractive index of the transverse electric mode ( $N_{TE}$ ) and the corresponding layer thicknesses upon buildup of PEI-(PSS-PAH)<sub>2</sub>-PSS-PMBR<sub>30</sub>-PMBR<sub>150</sub>-PAH-PSS matrix

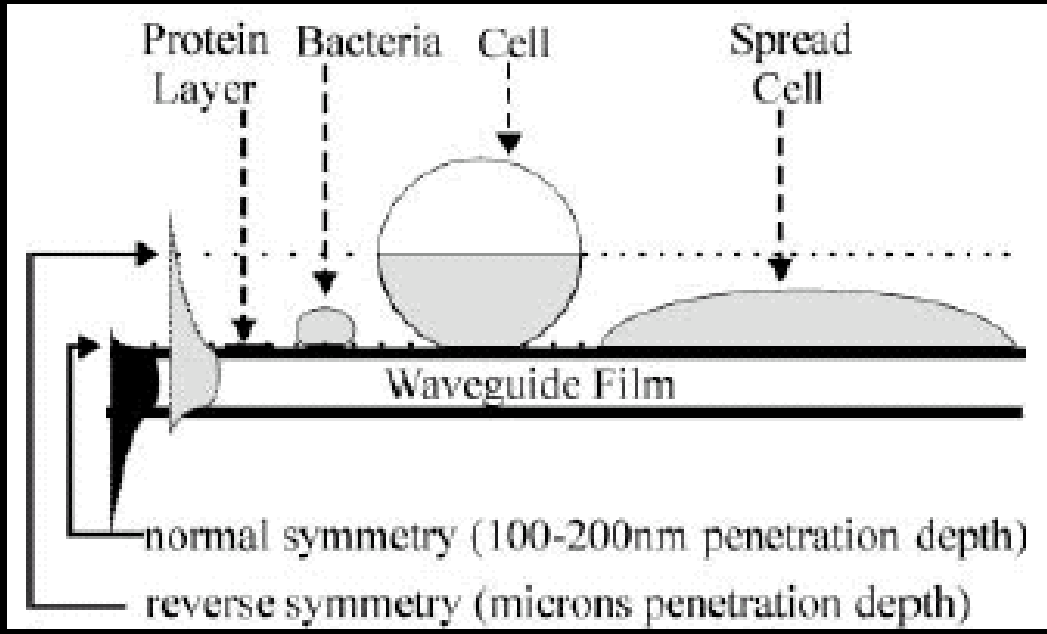
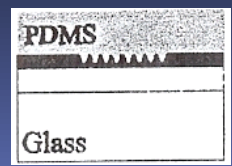
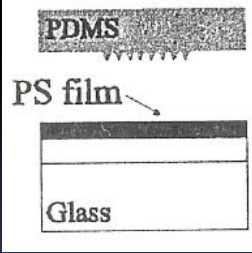
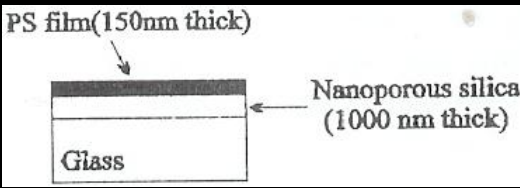
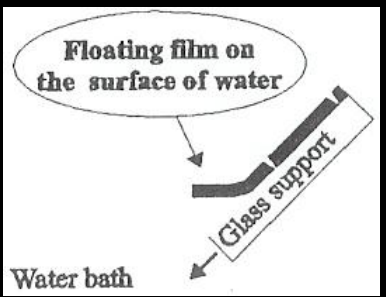
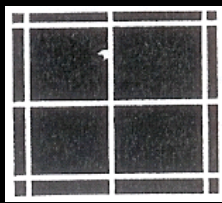
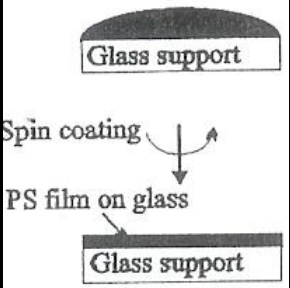
# OWLS studies in function of BR concentration and ionic strength



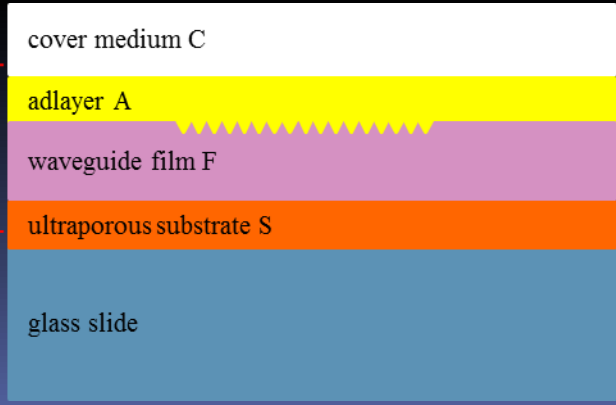
BR containing PM's adsorb in an oriented way in a double (on PAH<sup>+</sup>) or a single layer (on PSS<sup>-</sup>)



# Reversed symmetry waveguides



Guiding zone

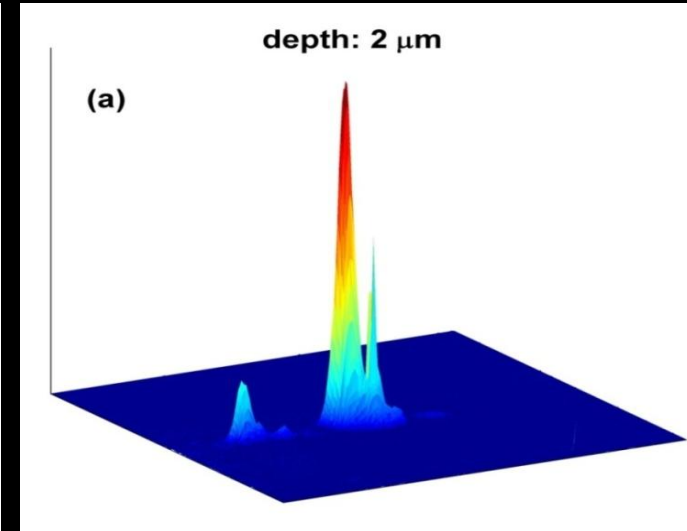
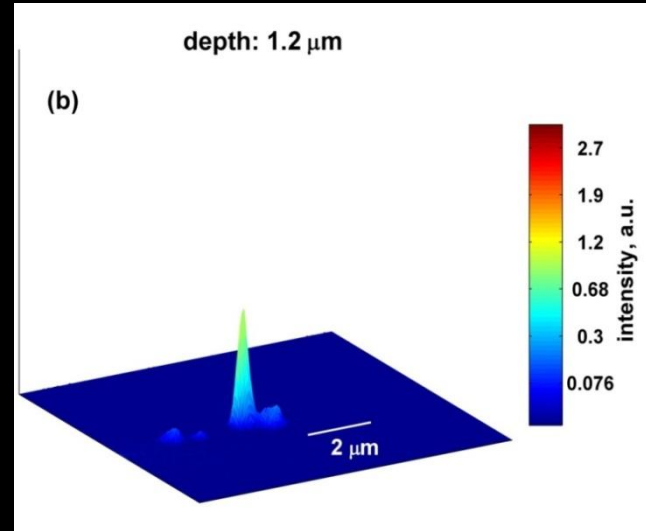
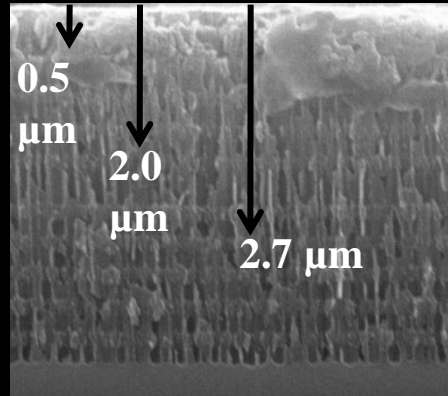


# Towards hybrid photonic devices



# SHG in bare Porous Silicon microcavity

MPM monitors at different focal depths within the PSiMc

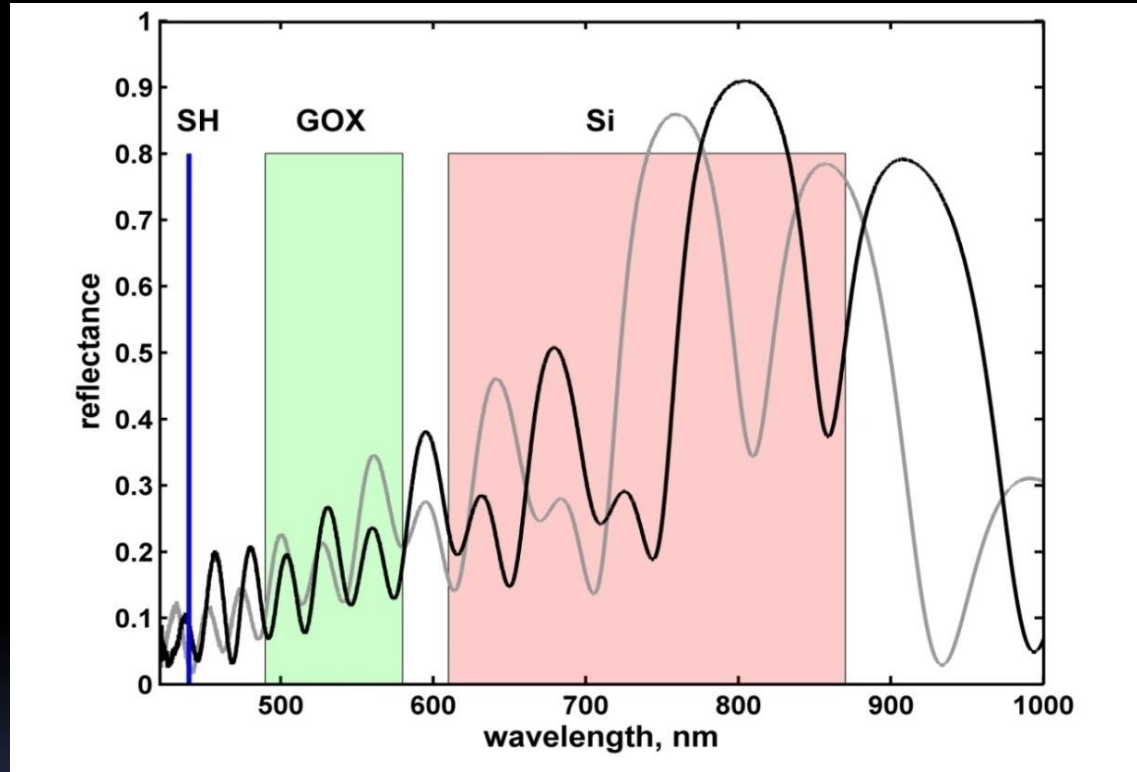


**SHG enhancement in PSi (centrosymmetric material):**

fundamental field confinement in the cavity combined with the phase matching in the periodic MC structure

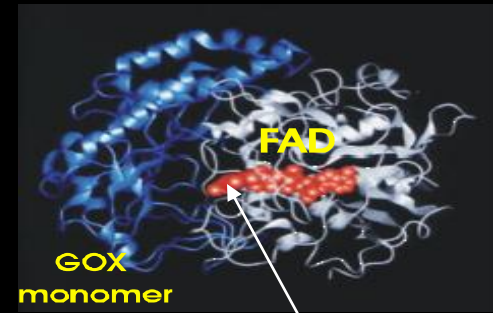
Necessary condition : **fundamental wave resonance with the cavity mode**

## Reflectance spectra of PSiMc vs. SHG and GOX fluo.



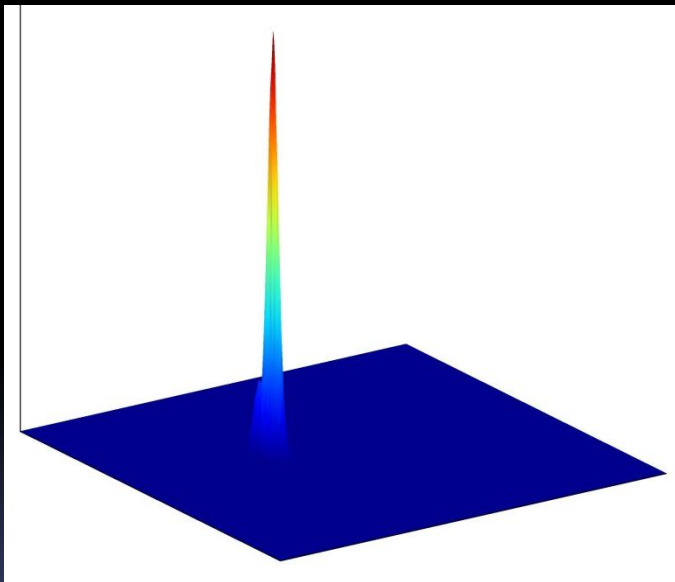
The PSiMc structure is transparent for the SHG and the GOX photoluminescence

# Hybrid organic/inorganic photonic devices

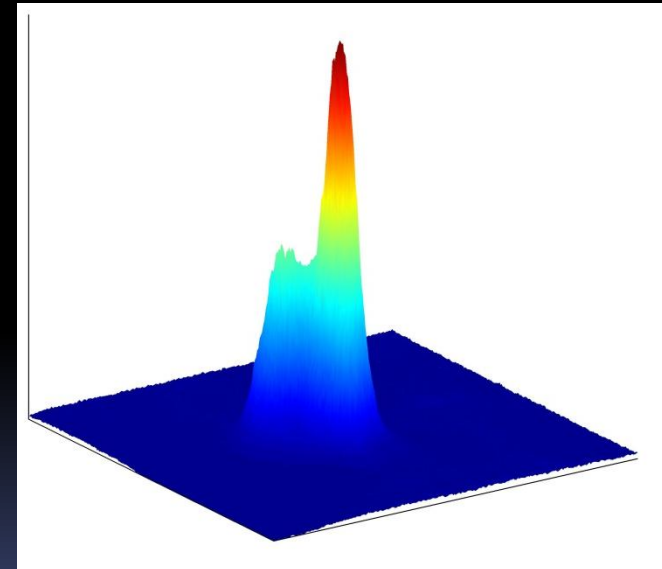


GOX → SHG

PSi microcavity

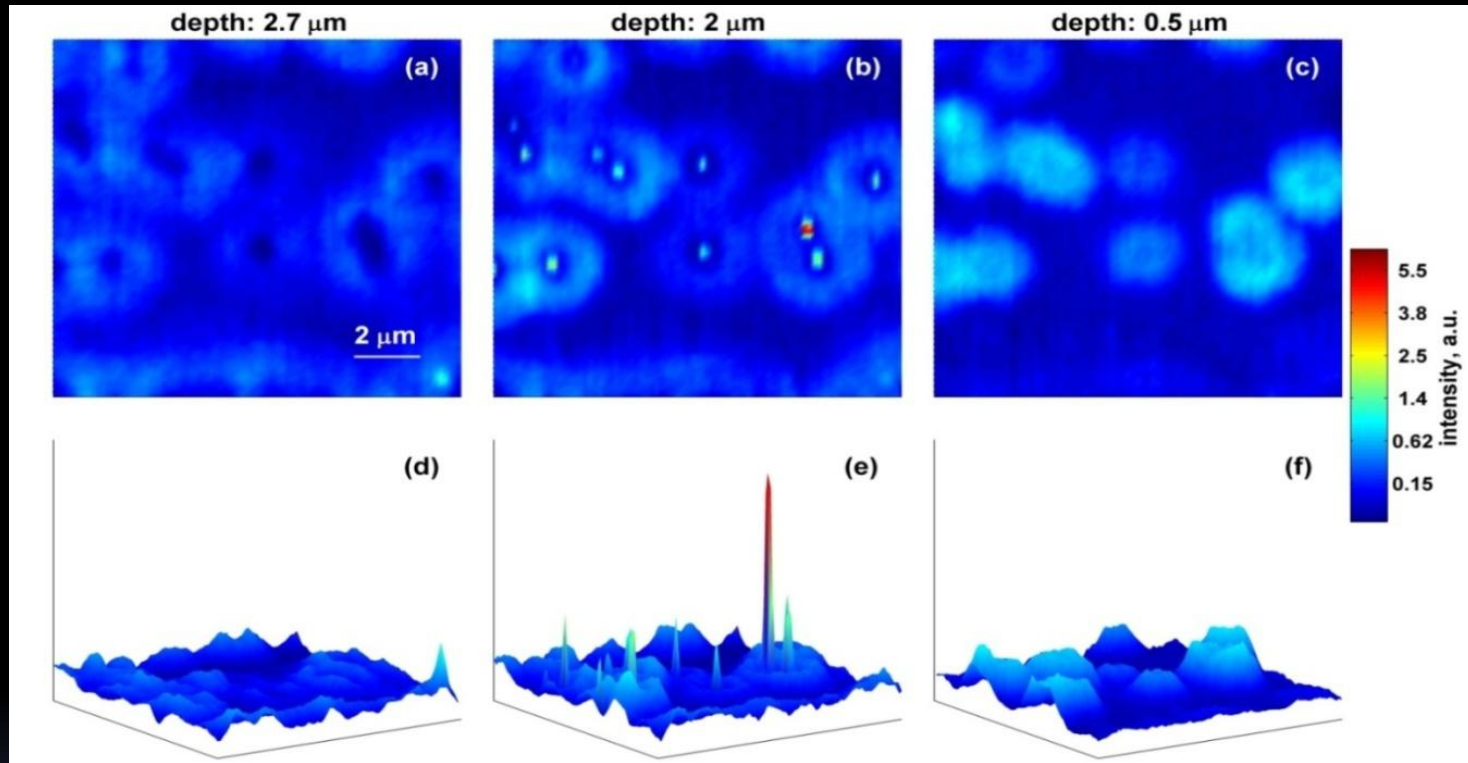


PSi microcavity + GOX

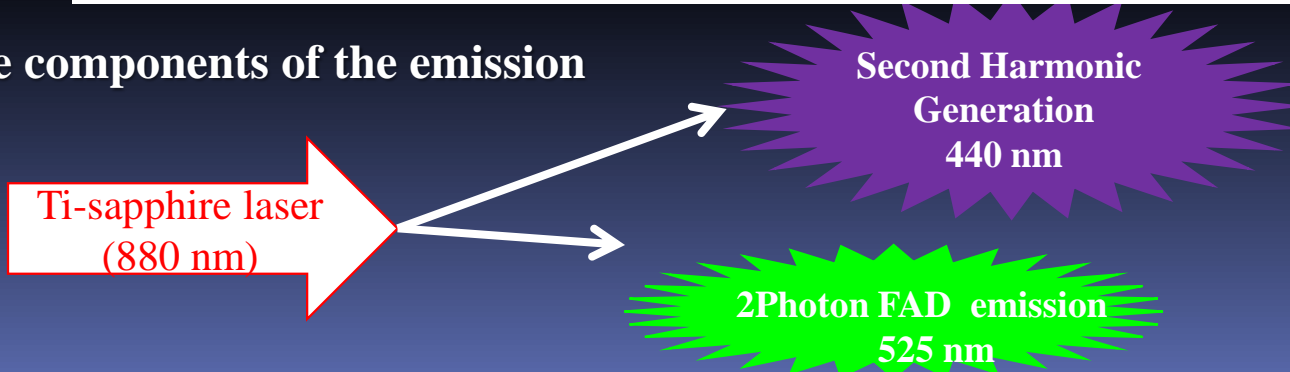


Enhanced 2PEF and SHG emission  
-individual pores, thus better detection limit

# PSiMc infiltrated with GOX at different focal depths as monitored by multiphoton microscope



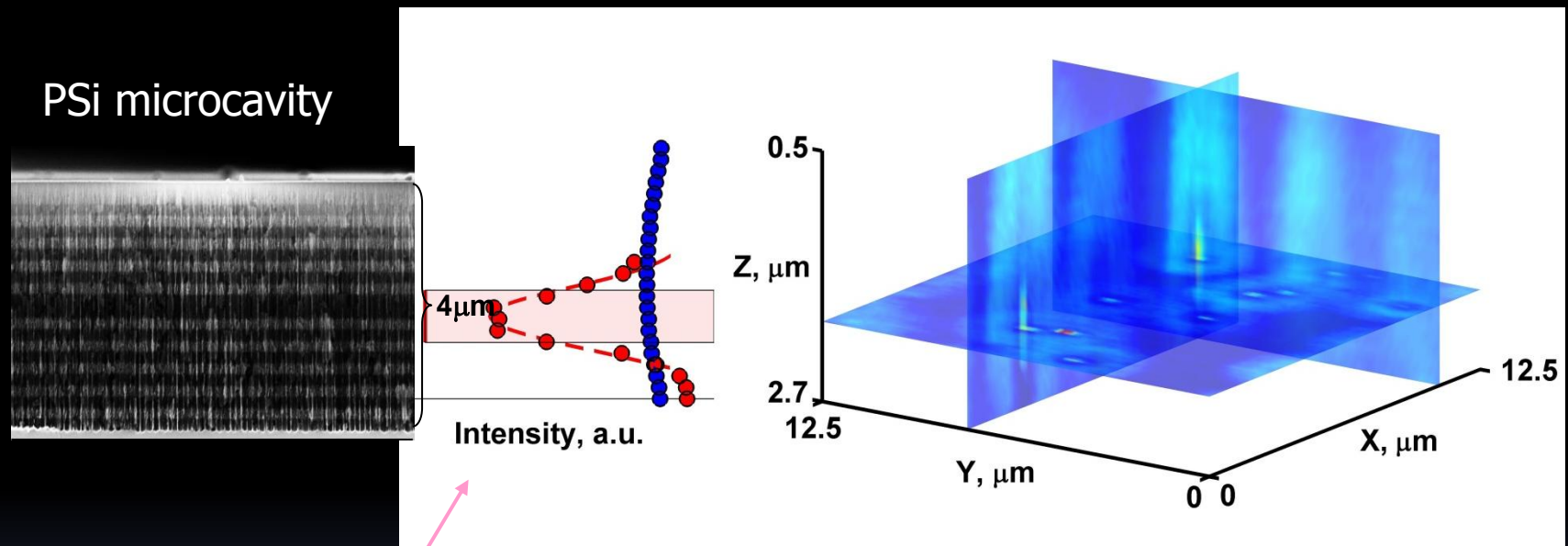
The components of the emission



## Three-dimensional spatial resolution of the nonlinear photoemission from biofunctionalized porous silicon microcavity

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emission intensity averaged over the rings and spots in the center rings



the source of the intense center emission identified within the cavity