



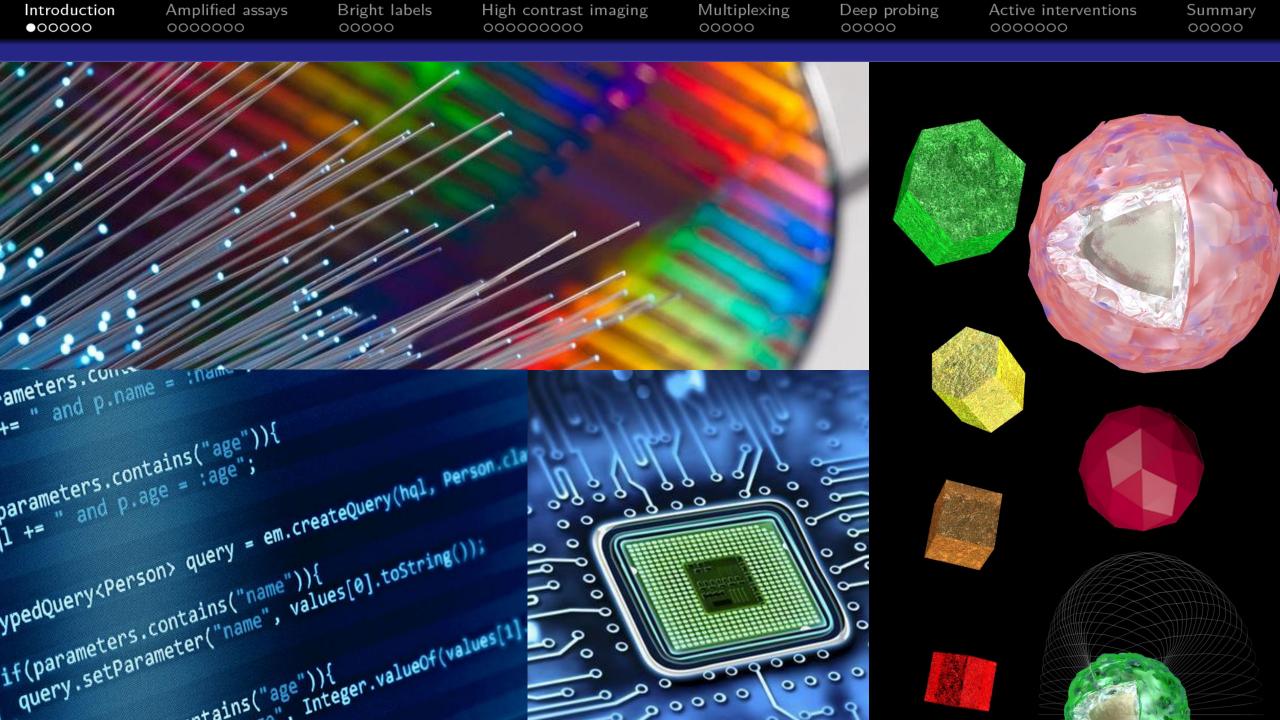
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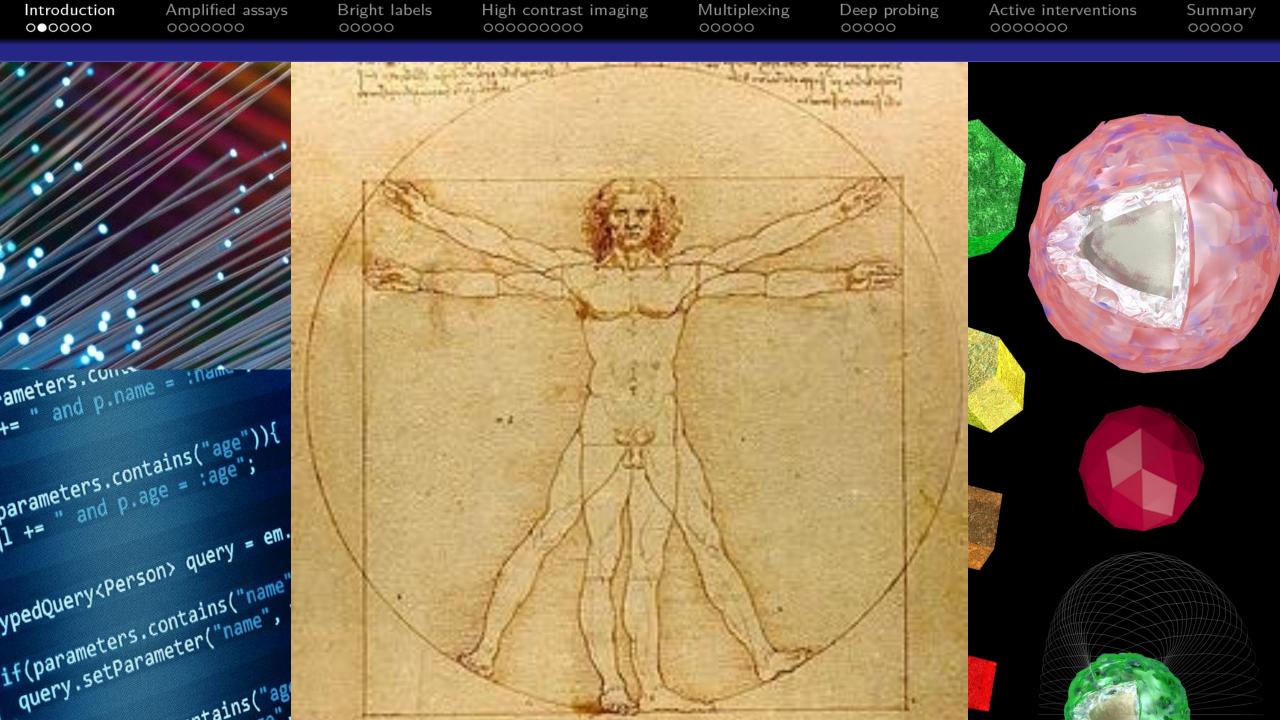
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Using light, high energy radiation and theranostic nanomaterials to engineer interactions with biological systems





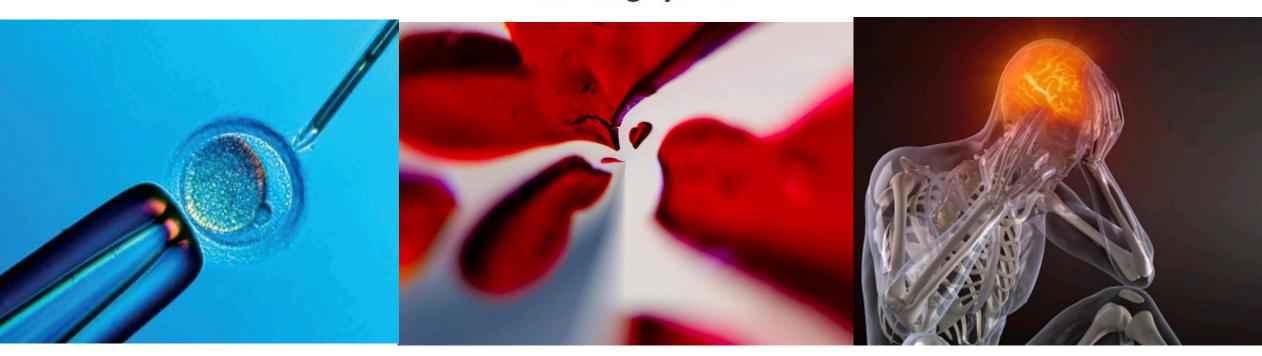




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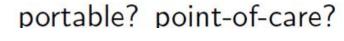
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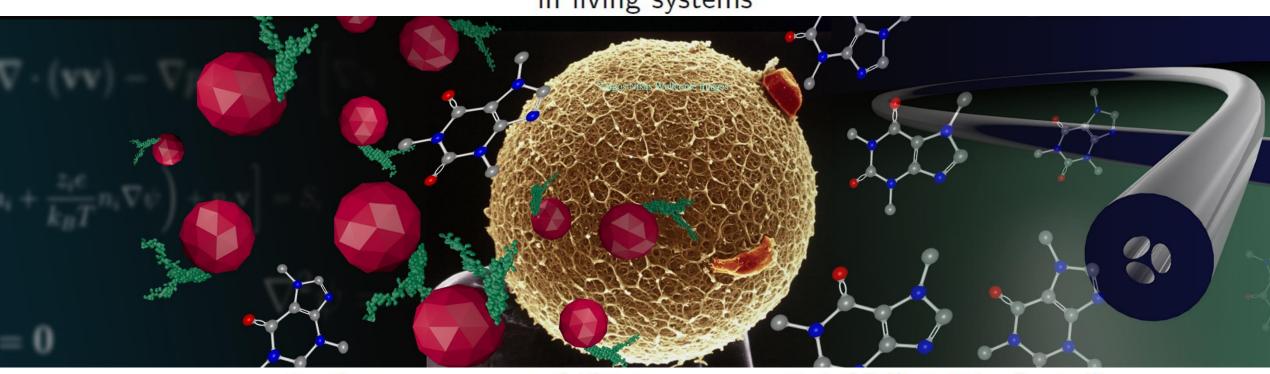




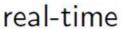
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portable? point-of-care?













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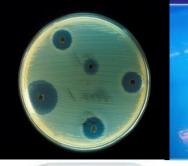




# Amplified assay technologies provide effective molecular diagnostic tools for medicine

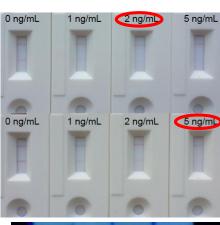
- Personalised genetic analysis for individuals
- Therapies targeted to disease type and individual drug response
- Improved infectious disease diagnostics
- Targeted therapies against antibiotic resistant pathogens
- Rapid pathogen detection in health and industry

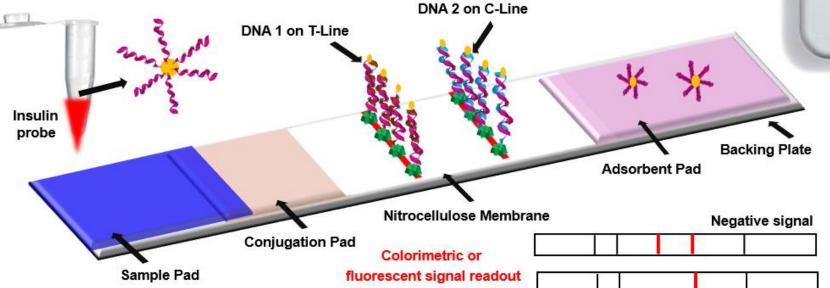
- Complex body fluidsSimple rapid
- Simple rapid detection at low concentration (single 1 μm microbe in 100 μl of blood









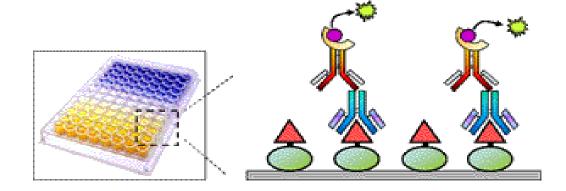






# Molecular recognition enables molecularly specific assays

- Immunoassays extremely specific bio-chemical reactions between antibody and antigen proteins
- Complementary nucleic acid sequences strong binding between corresponding







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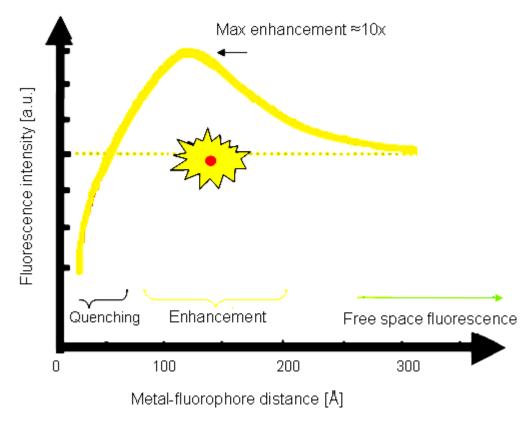






Target Capture

#### Plasmonics - enhanced biosensing

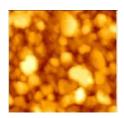


Effect of metal on fluorescence signal as a function of fluorophore-metal distance

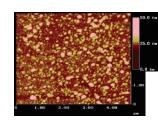
The effect of distance between metal surface and the fluorophore on MIFE:

- a) 0-5 nm, quenching;
- (b) <u>5-20 nm, enhancement;</u>
- (c) > 20 nm, free space fluorescence.

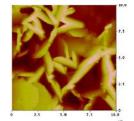
Metal structure design can optimise radiative scattering of fluorescence



**Ag Island Films:** *Malicka J. et al,* Anal. Biochem. 315 (2003)



Ag Colloids: Geddes C. et al, J. Phys. Chem. A 2003, 107



Ag Nanorods: Kadir A. et al, J. Phys. Chem. B 2005, 109







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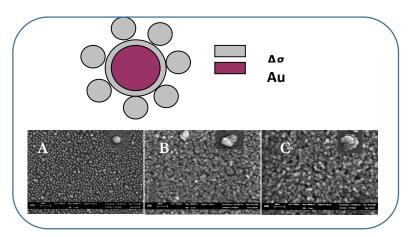


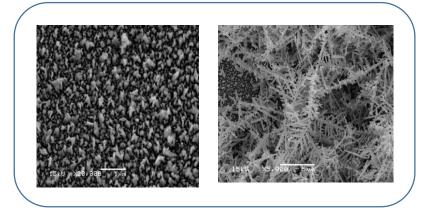


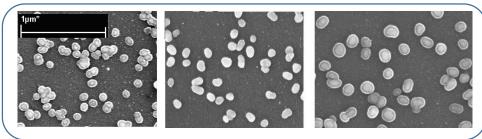
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#### Fluorescence Amplifying Substrates



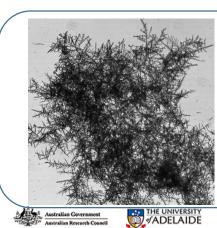


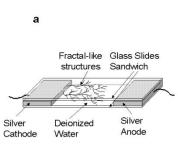


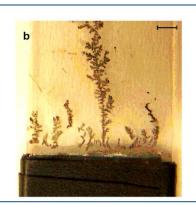
Metals: silver, gold, or both; Wet chemistry Achieved amplification factor x70 Journal of the American Chemical Society (2007), 129(40), 12117-12122.

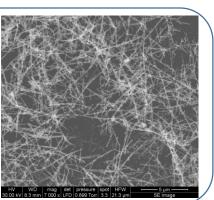


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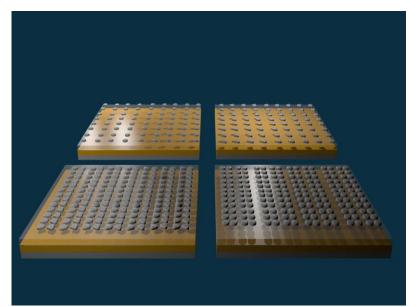




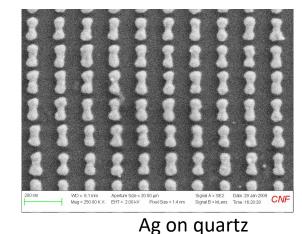


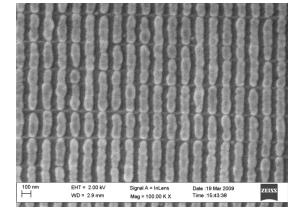


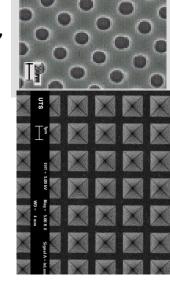
### Fluorescence amplifying substrates



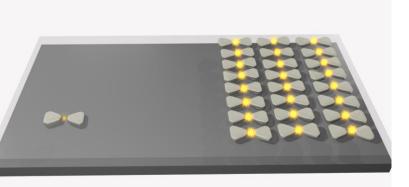
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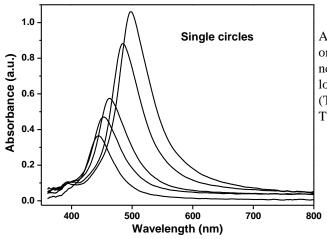


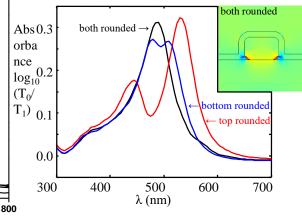


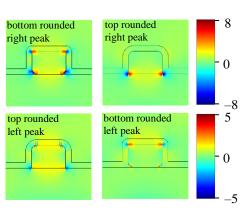


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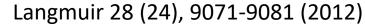
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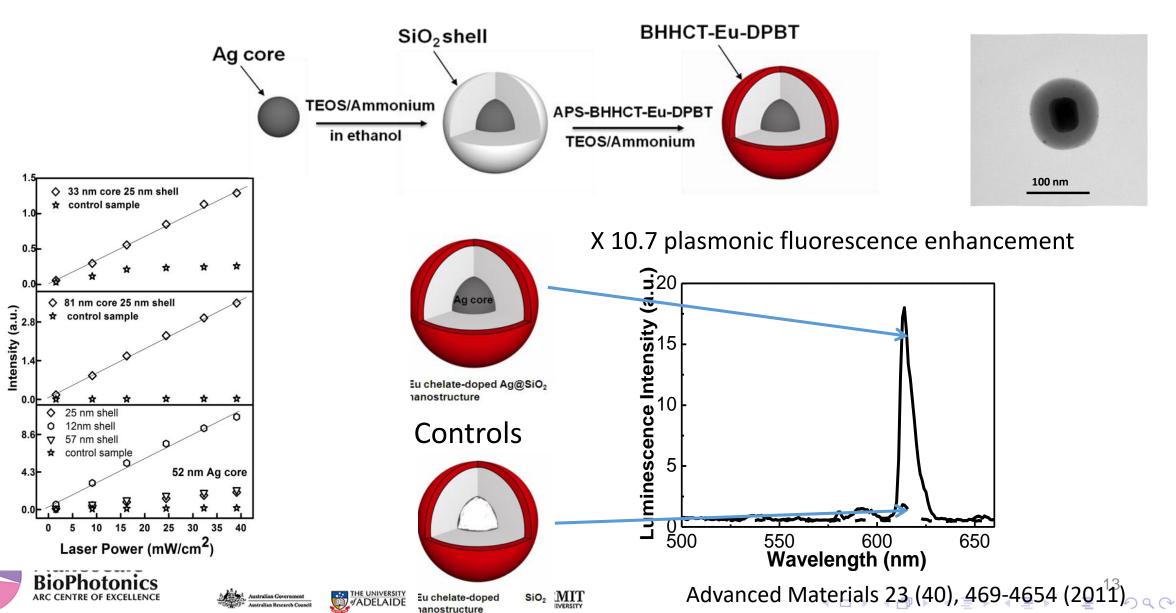








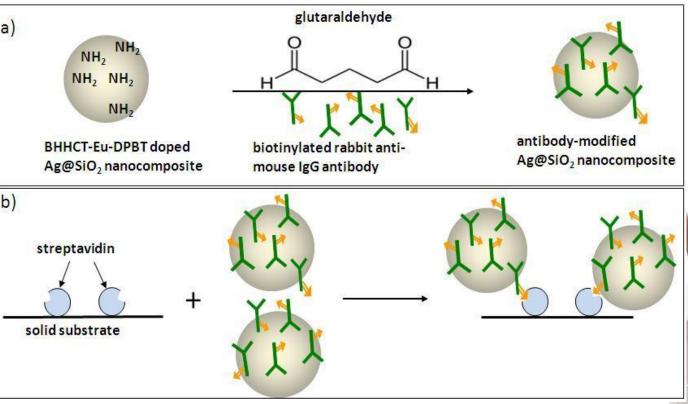
#### Ultrabright Eu-doped plasmonic labels

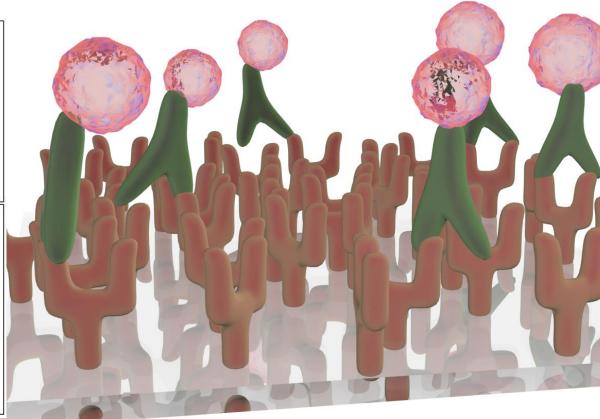


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Eu chelate-doped nanostructure

# Amplified model assay











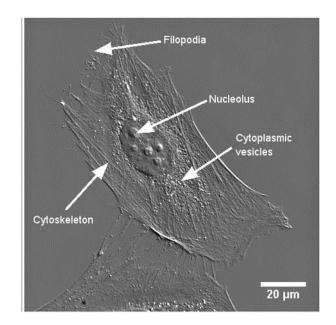






# Fluorescent labeling

#### Motivation: visualise molecular events



Antibody molecules enable very specific attachment of fluorescent labels to their target

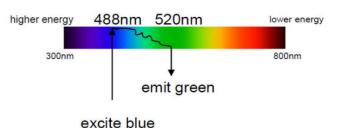






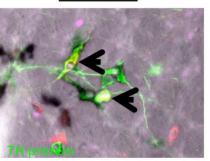




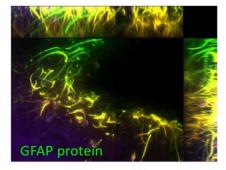


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Blue	DyLight 405	400/420	M	30K	Alexa Fluor 405, Cascade Blue*
Green	DyLight 488	493/518		70K	Alexa Fluor 488, fluorescein, FITO
Yellow	DyLight 550	562/576		150K	Alexa Fluor 546, Alexa Fluor 555 Cy3*,TRITC
Red	DyLight 594	593/618		80K	Alexa Fluor 594, Texas Red*
Red	DyLight 633	638/658		170K	Alexa Fluor 633
Red	DyLight 650	652/672		250K	Alexa Fluor 647, Cy5*
Near IR	DyLight 680	692/712		140K	Alexa Fluor 680, Cy5.5*
Near IR	DyLight 750	752/778		210K	Alexa Fluor 750
Infrared	DyLight 800	777/794		270K	IRDye* 800

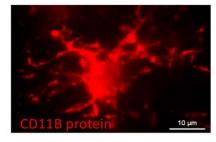
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<u>astrocytes</u>



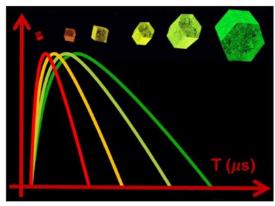
<u>microglia</u>







# Nanoparticles



UCNP: J. Zhao et al. Nanoscale, 5, 944, (2013) "Super-Dots": J. Zhao et al. Nature Nanotechnology 8, 729, (2013)



Nanoruby: A. Kelf et al., Particle and P. Char. 30, 6, 483, (2013)

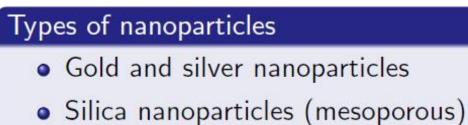












- Quantum dots
- Carbon dots, nanotubes and graphene
- Nanodiamonds, upconverting and other luminescent nanoparticles
- Dendrimers and other polymer nanoparticles
- Liposomes and micelles
- Most do not photobleach
- Nanoparticles can target molecules





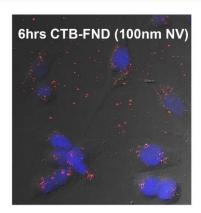


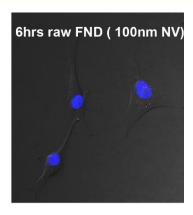




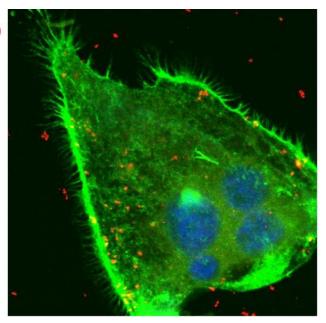
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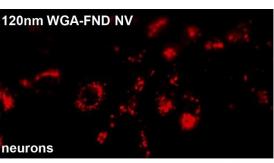
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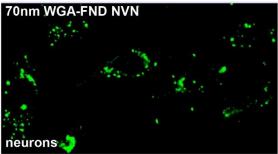






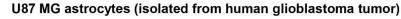


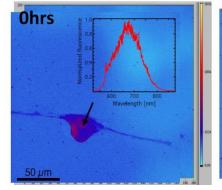


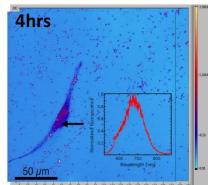


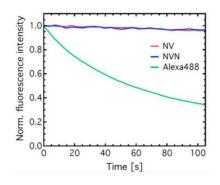
48hrs CTB-FND (100nm NV)

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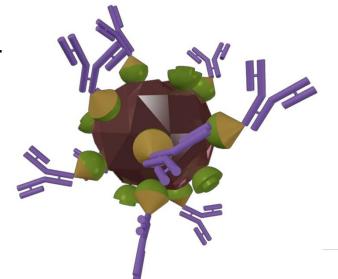


# Nanoprobes can be targeted to molecules of interest

Biotinstreptavidin pairs



Antibodyantigen pairs



Various nanoparticle-molecule conjugates (e.g. with specific peptides, nucleic acids etc)







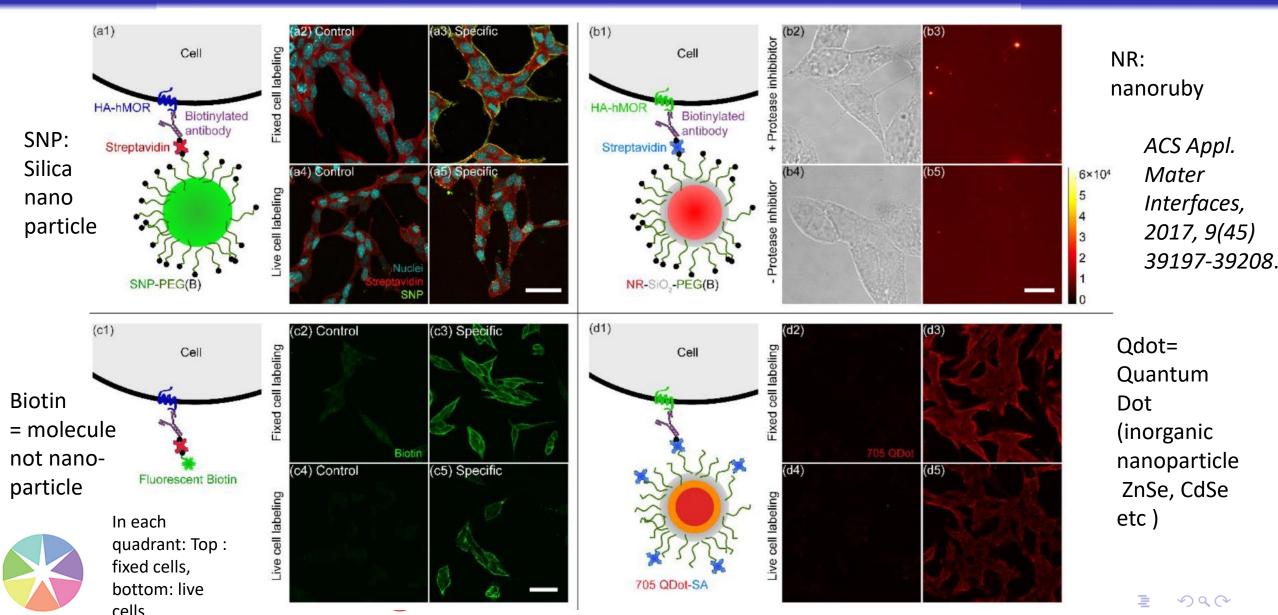




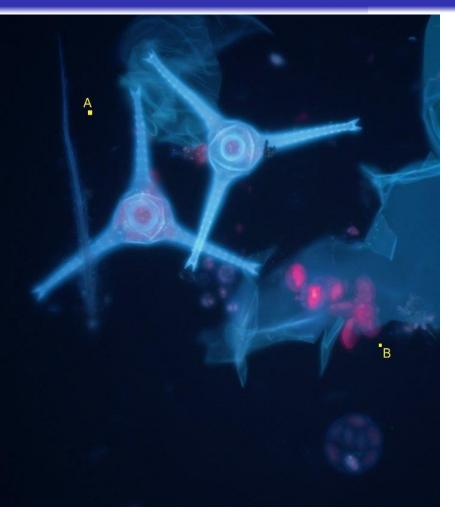


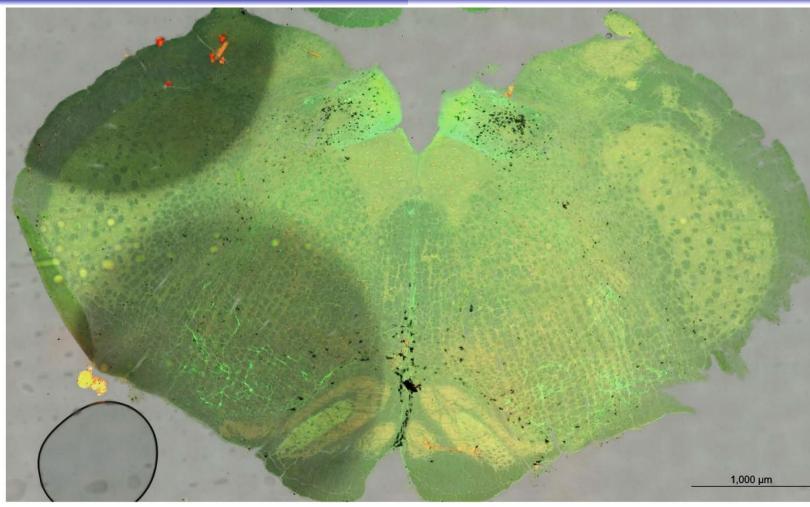


# Specific labeling of opioid receptors with nanoparticles



### Autofluorescence







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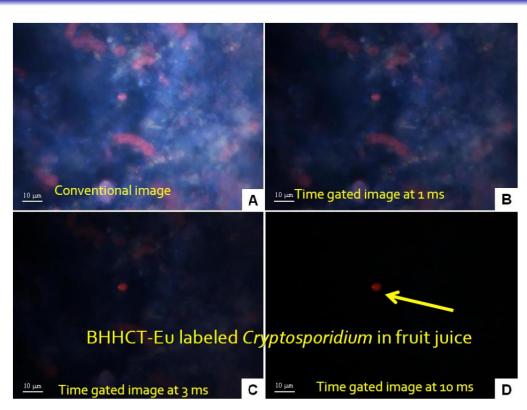


# Time-gated imaging

- Label targets with long-lived label (here:Eu)
- 2. Excite sample with a light pulse
- 3. Wait until shortlived autofluorecence decays
- 4. Collect signal from the label
- 5. Keep repeating steps 2-4

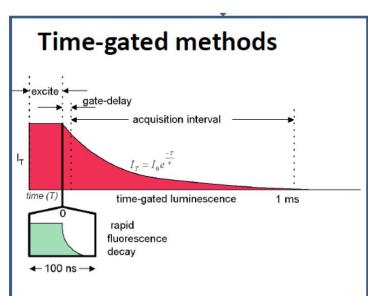
Data: Russell Connally





Excellent isolation of targets from background

Applicable to microscopy imaging, environmental and medical sensing, pathogen detection, etc



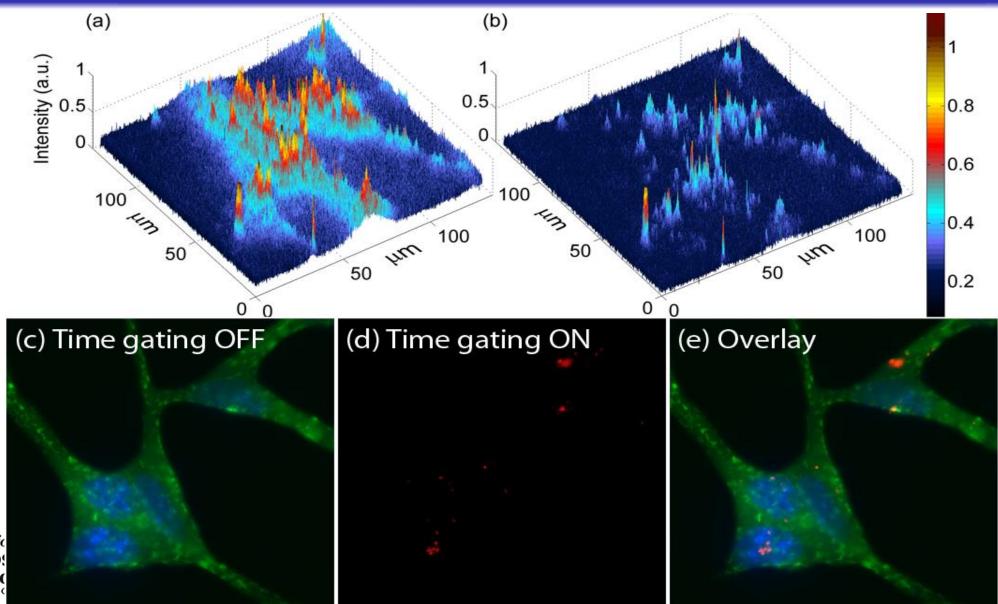
S/N ratio of up to  $10^5$ 





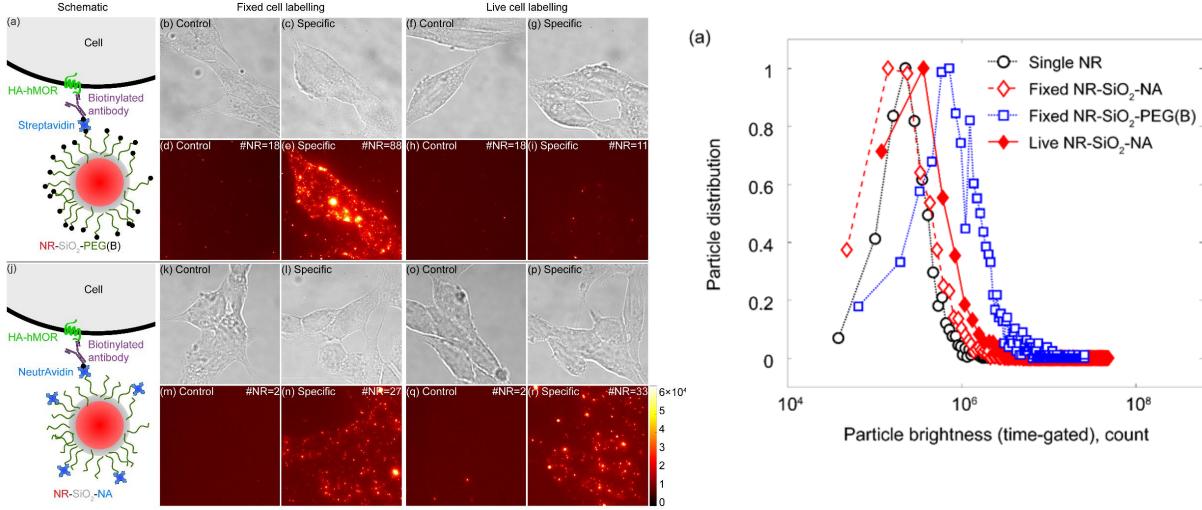


# Time-gated imaging with nanorubies





# Imaging of single opioid receptors with targeted nanorubies









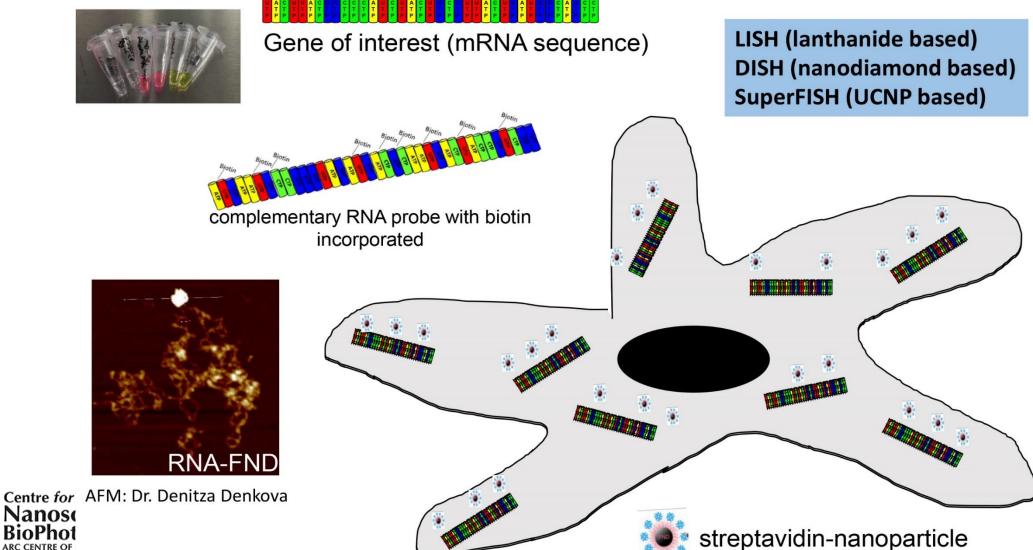




Sreenivasan et al. ACS Appl. Mater Interfaces, 2017, 9(45):39197-39208. doi: 10.1021/acsami.7b12665.



# Background-free imaging of mRNA expression

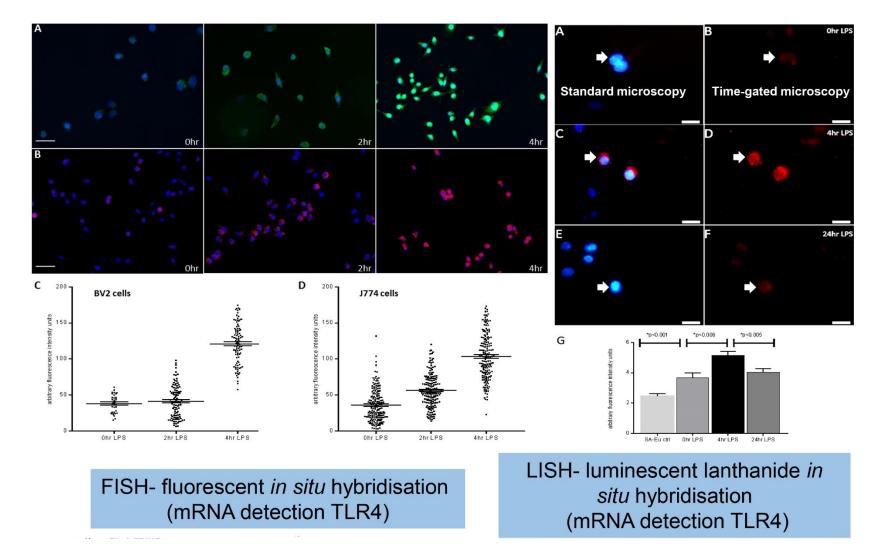




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# Measuring inflammation in microglia and macrophage cells

















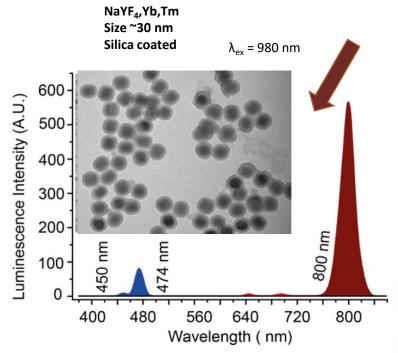
# Upconverting nanoparticles are excited in the IR

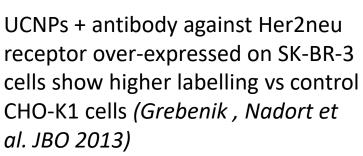


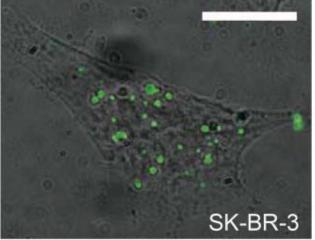


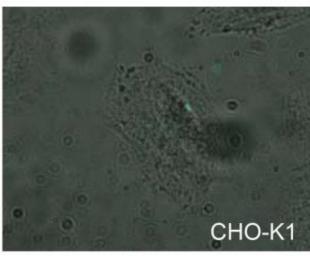


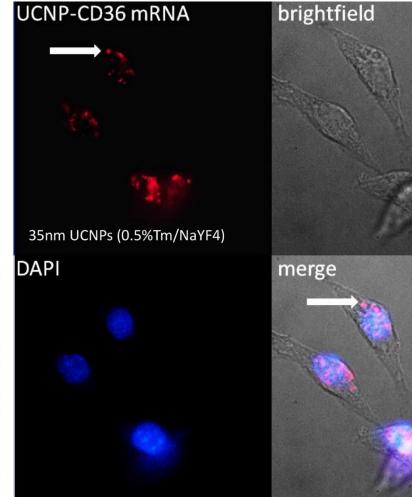
# Background-free imaging with IR-excitable nanomaterials











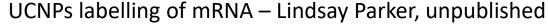






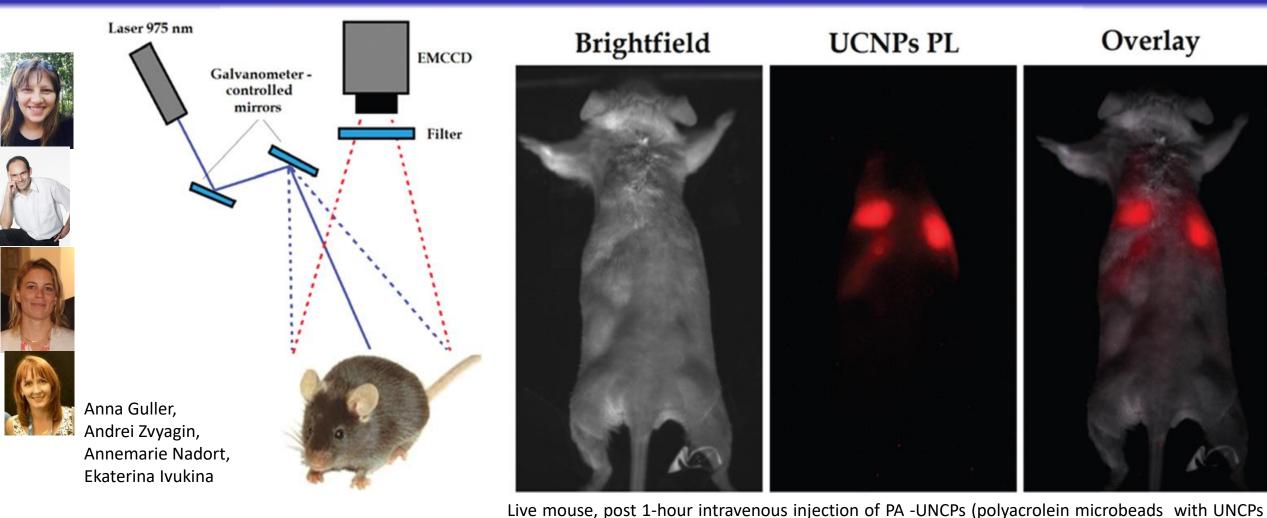








# Tissue imaging with upconverting nanoparticles











(EPR).



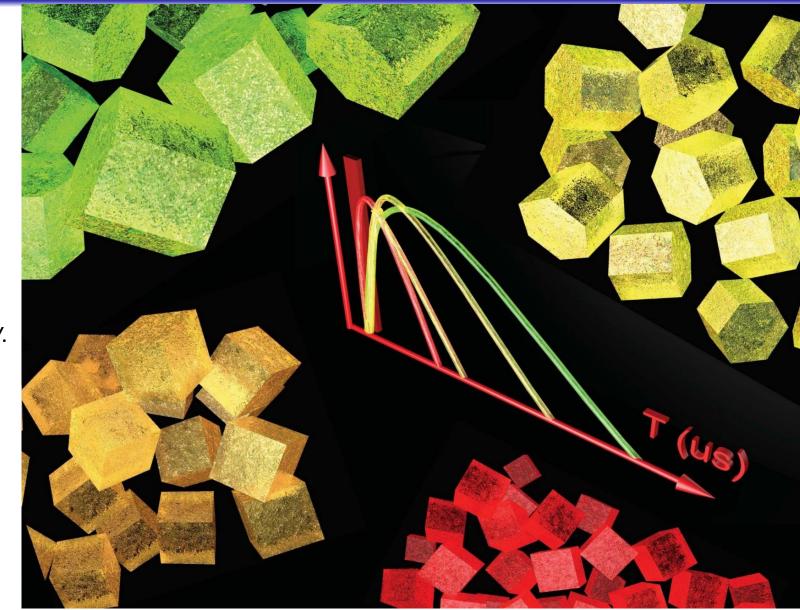


inside). Beads accumulate in cancer regions due to enhanced permeability and retention effect

# Tuneability of lifetimes in upconverting nanoparticles

Upconversion luminescence with tunable lifetime in NaYF4:Yb,Er nanocrystals: role of nanocrystal size, J. Zhao et al. Nanoscale, 5, 3, 944-952, (2013)

Amplified stimulated emission in upconversion nanoparticles for super-resolution nanoscopy, Y. Liu et al. Nature 543, 229–233 (2017)

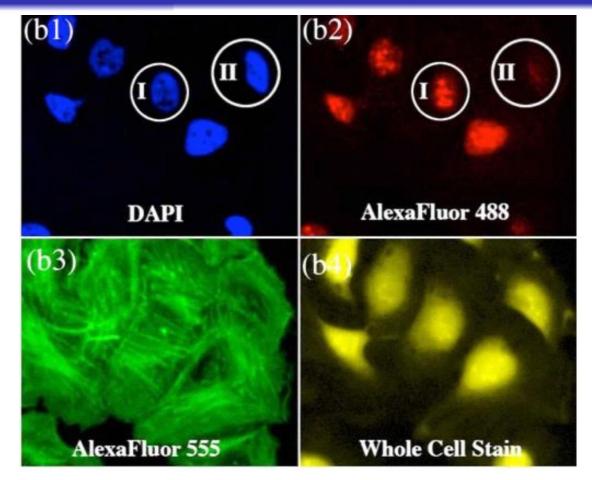








# Limitations of spectral multiplexing



Orth et al., Optica 2 (7) 2015]

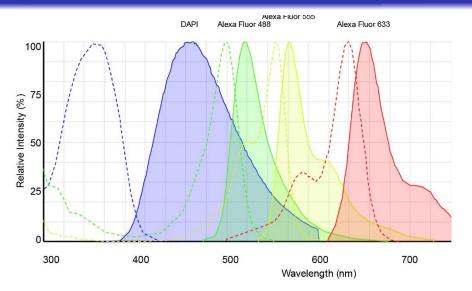
Multiplexing: distinguishable labeling for multiple types of molecules

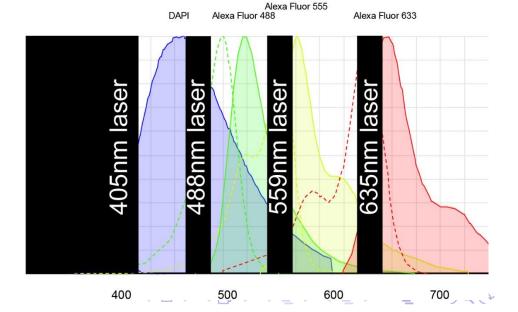




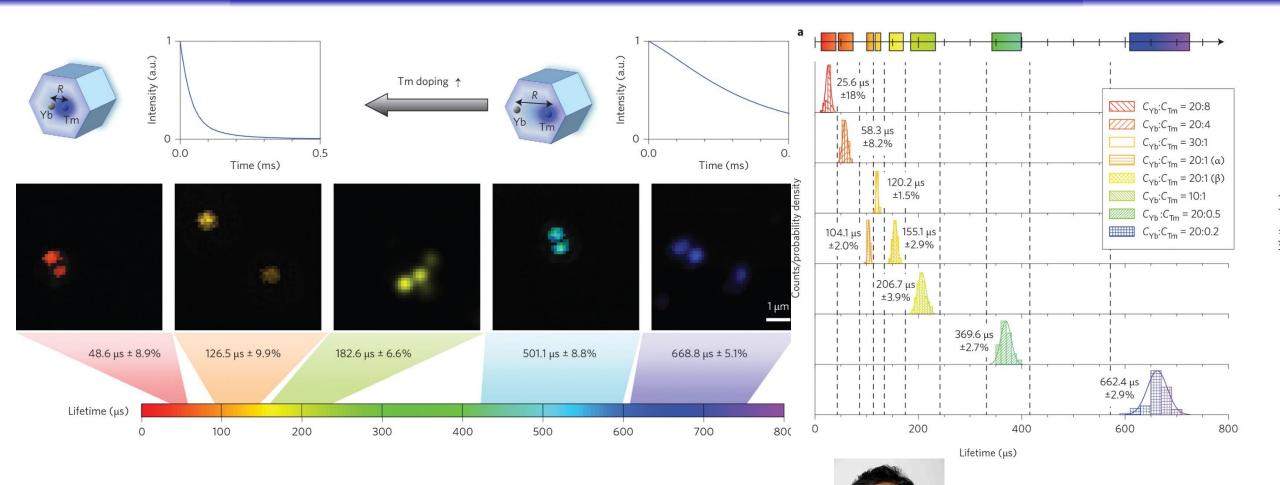








#### Lifetime control in UCNPs with Yb-Tm distance



#### Lifetime variations are independent of spectral properties













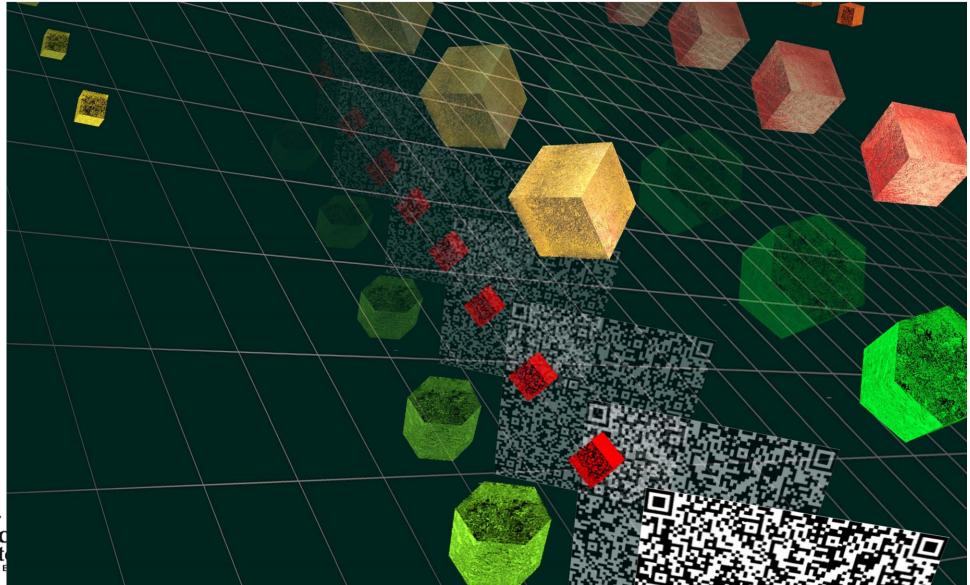
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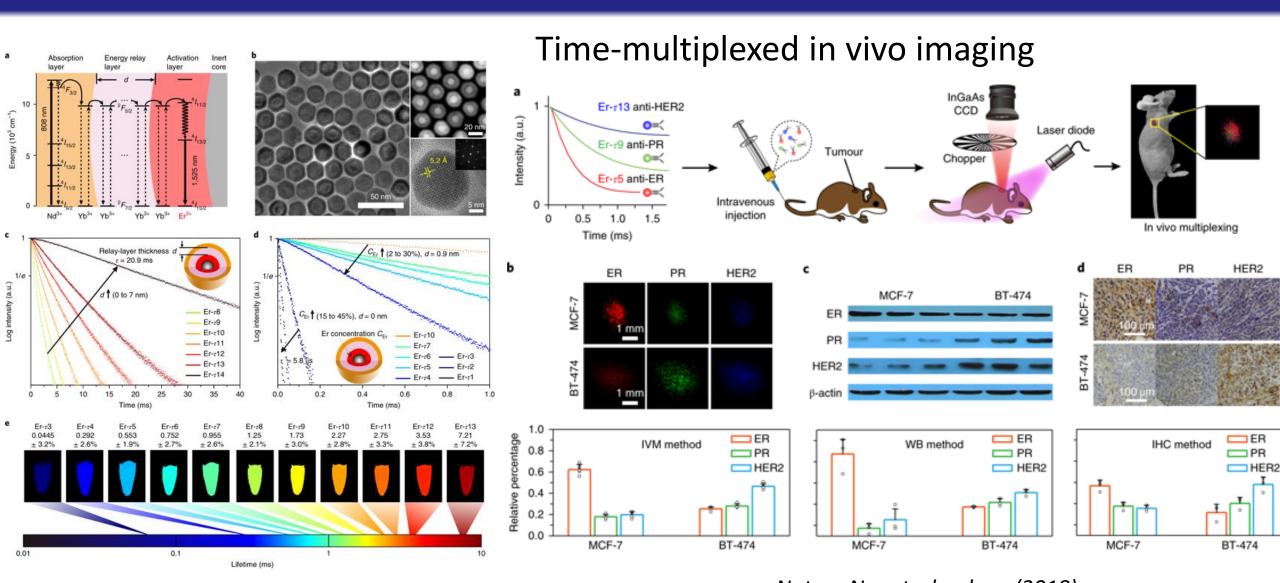
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# Time - new dimension for optical barcoding









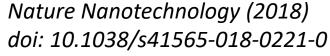




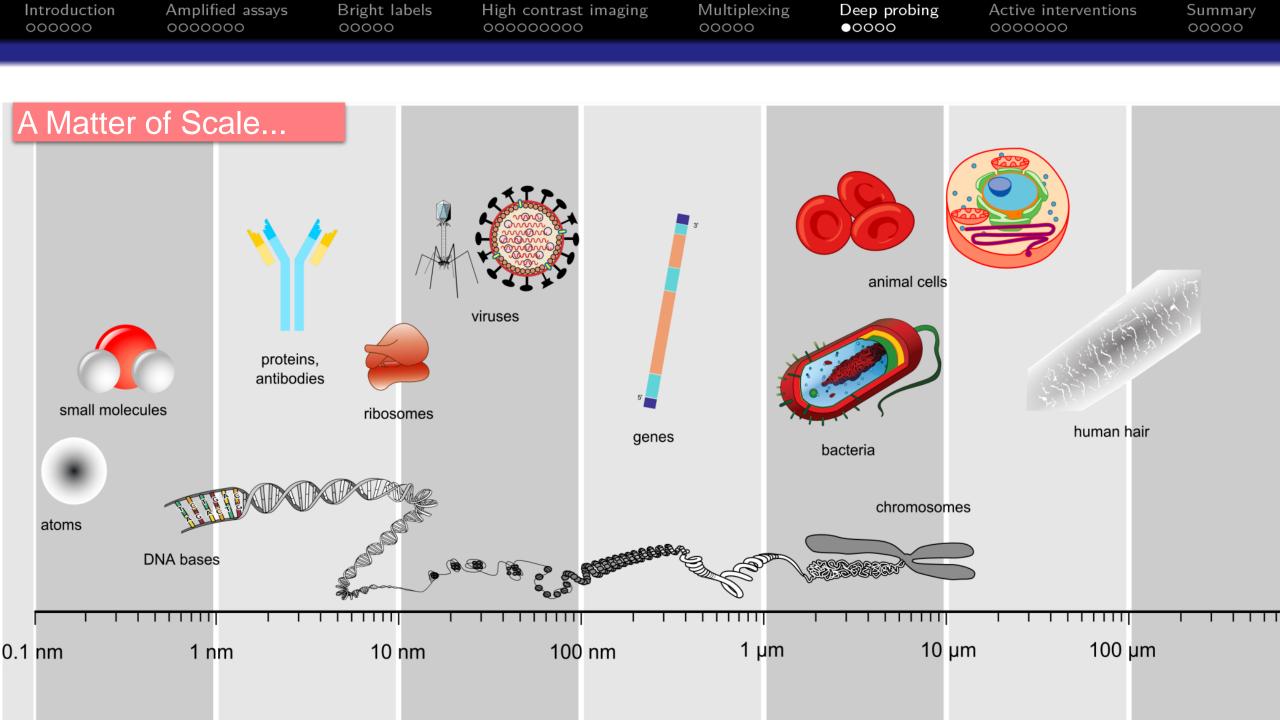






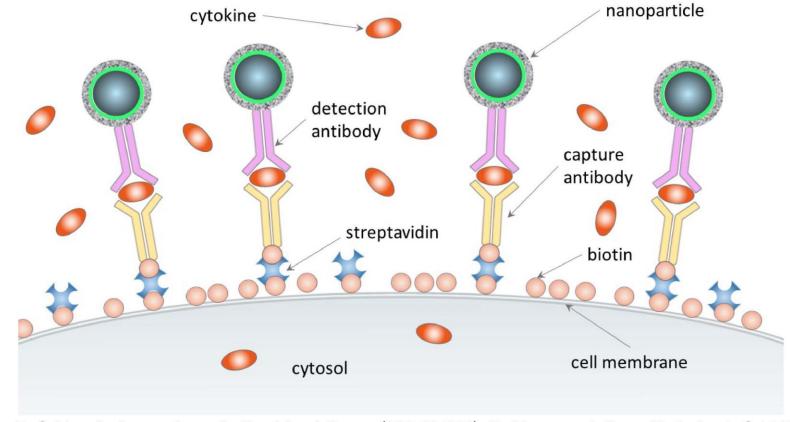






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# How to detect molecules secreted by cells



G.Z. Liu, E. Goldys, A. Anwer, Australia Provisional Patent (2015904826), R. Manz, et al, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.1995, 92, 1921-1925: P. Holmes. M. Al-Rubeai. J. Immunolog. Methods. 1999. 230. 141-147







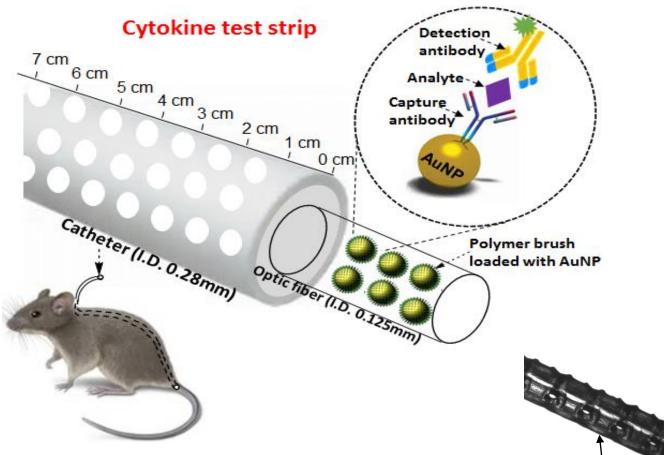


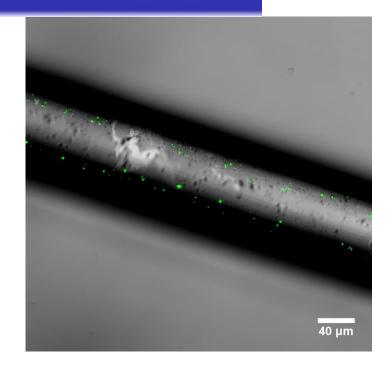


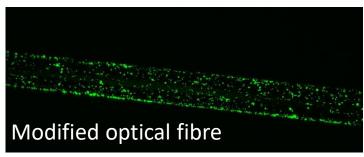


# Cytokine detection devices

#### **Spatial ELISA sensor**







Zoom 1x (FOV 1500 x 1500 micrometer), 10 stacks









G. Liu, E. Goldys, et al., ACS Sens., 2017, 2(2), 218-226, catheter with holes





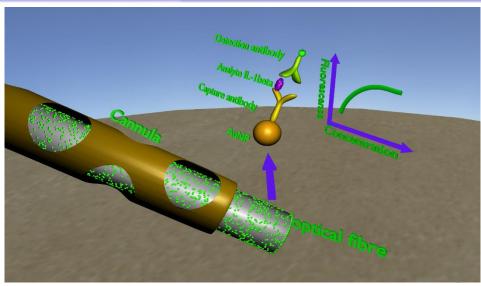
Optical fibre





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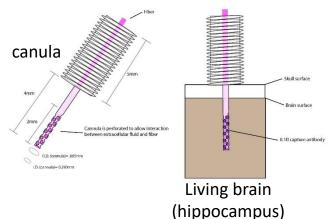


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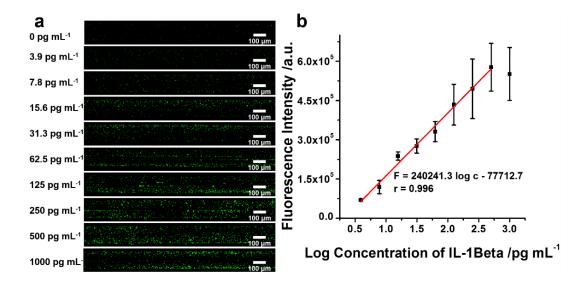


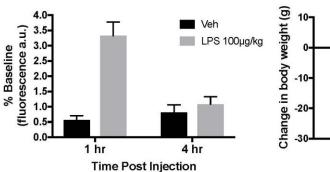


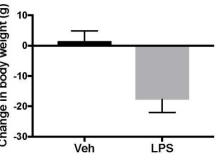






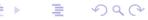


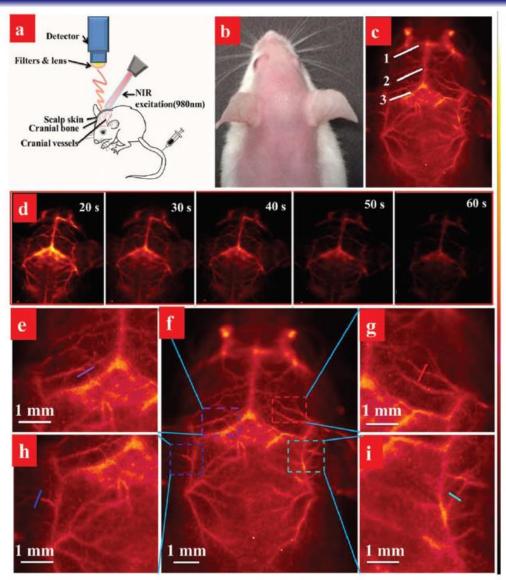




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Pre-injection 2 h 5 h 12 h 24 h 48 h 72 h NIR II 1550 nm § 1700 nm 🖣 24 h 5 min 2 h 6 h



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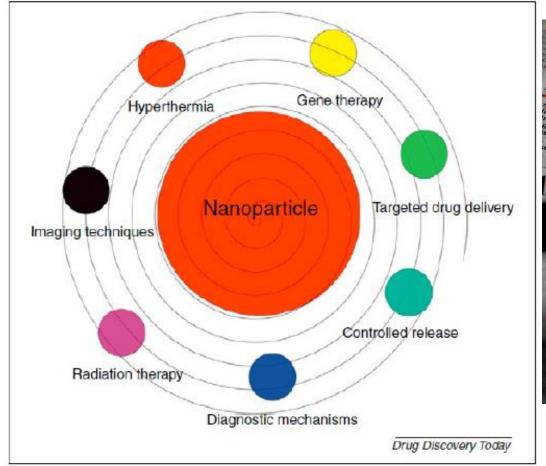




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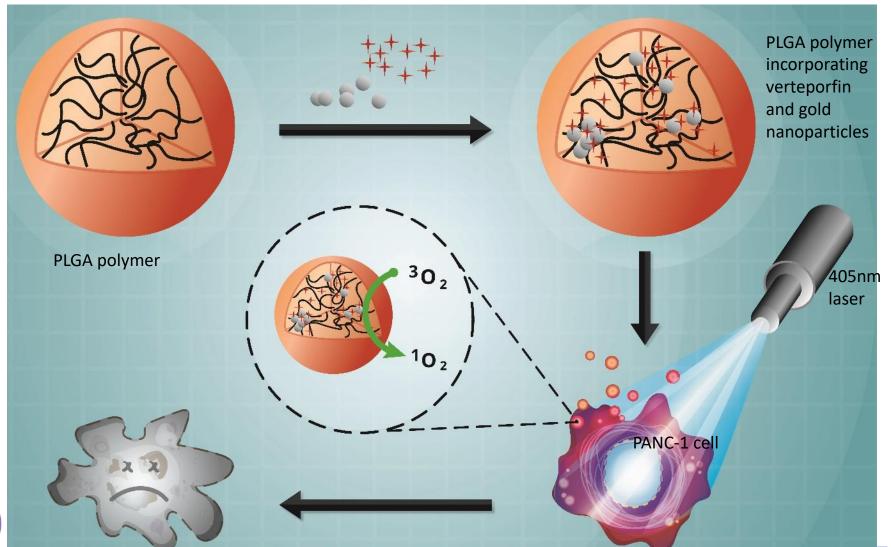
## Multifunctional nanoparticles

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# Photodynamic therapy with light and PLGA polymers incorporating verterporfin and gold nanoparticles





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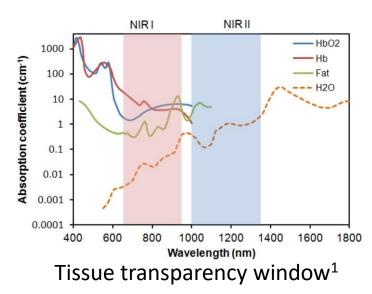
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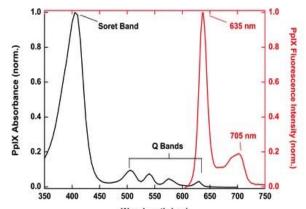


#### X-ray activated PDT with Nanoparticle-Photosensitizer combinations



#### Why use X-rays in Photodynamic Therapy?

Limited penetration depth of UV and visible light



Absorption band of protoporphyrin IX(PpIX)<sup>2</sup>



Sandhya Clement

#### Why use Nanoparticles in X-ray Photodynamic Therapy?

Disadvantages of photosensitiser drugs: poor selectivity, hydrophobic nature, aggregation property in physiological environment and limited therapeutic effect.

- Scintillating Nanoparticles (CeF<sub>3</sub>) as energy transducers
- $\triangleright$  Metal nanoparticles (Au) as singlet oxygen ( ${}^{1}O_{2}$ ) amplifiers
- Polymer nanoparticles (PLGA) as Drug carrier for X-ray PDT

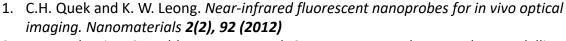












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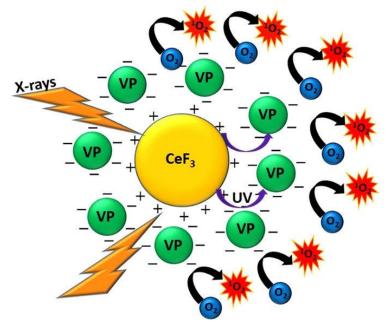
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Scintillating Nanoparticles (CeF<sub>3</sub>) as energy transducers

#### PDT Mechanism in CeF3 nanoparticles

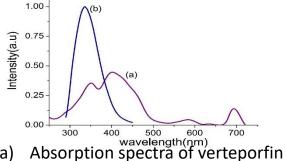


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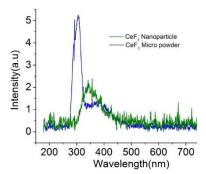
Energy	30 keV	6 MeV
CeF <sub>3</sub>	89%	28%
Tissue	11%	72%





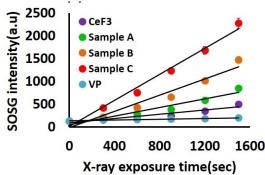


- Emission of CeF<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles



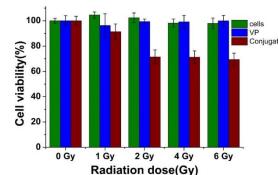
X-ray luminescence

#### Singlet oxygen generation



	CeF3	Conjugate	Conjugat	Conjugate
		sample A	e	sample C
			sample B	
<sup>1</sup> O <sub>2</sub> molecules	1000 ±	$2100 \pm 280$	3900 ±	$6300 \pm 380$
per absorbed 8	170		470	
keV X-ray				
X-ray singlet	0.13±.02	$0.26 \pm 0.04$	0.49 ±	$0.79 \pm 0.05$
oxygen			0.06	
quantum yield				
(η)				

Based on experimental and theoretical calculations, the number of singlet oxygen generated per cell for 6MeV Xray energy is  $(2\pm0.7)\times10^8$ . This is comparable with Neidre dose (5)×10<sup>7</sup>



#### Cell level PDT Demonstration:

Cancer cell: Panc 1 Radiation source: Elekta XiO planning system (Elekta AB, Sweden) (6 MV photons) Cell viability: MTS assay





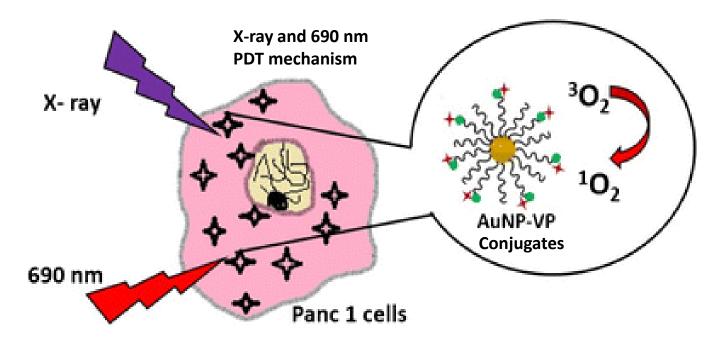


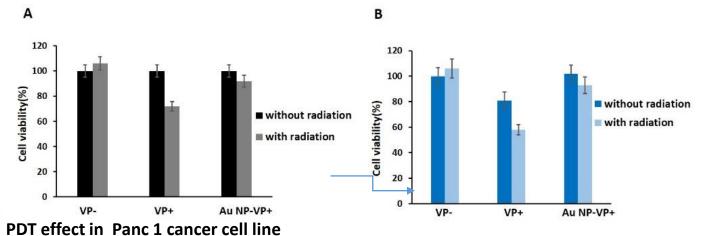






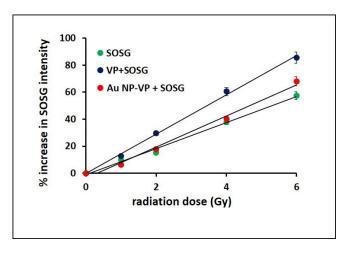
## Metal nanoparticles (Gold-Au) as singlet oxygen (<sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>) amplifiers





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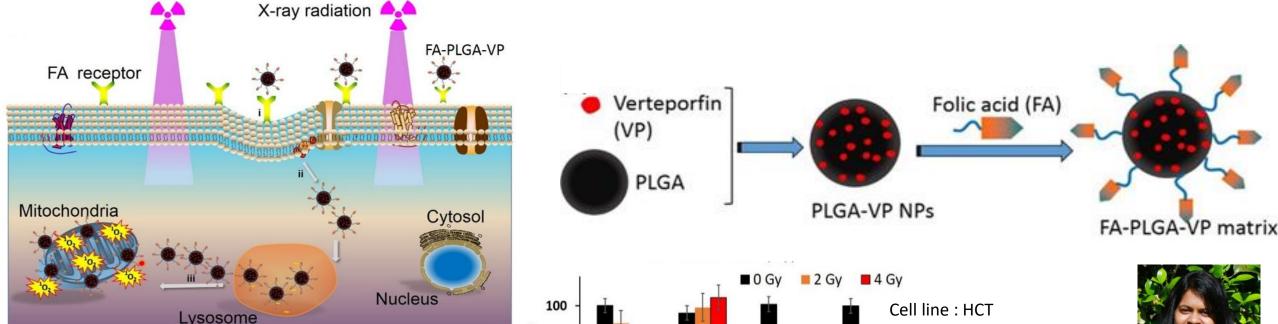
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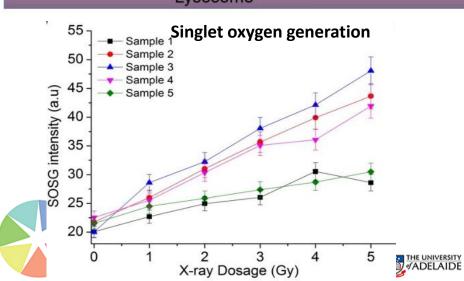
We show a proof-of-principle that PDT can be carried out with therapeutic X-rays both with molecular photosensitizer VP and with AuNP-VP conjugates. The conjugates synthesized in this work were less effective than the VP alone but they were also less cytotoxic in the absence of sensitizing radiation.

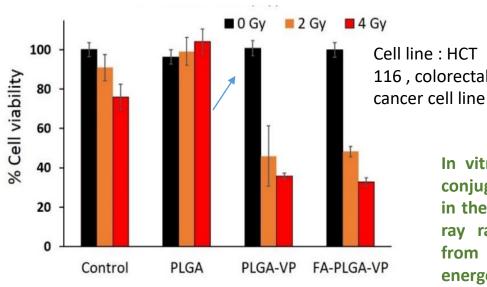
#### PDT Mechanism

## Polymer nanoparticles (PLGA) as a drug carrier for X-ray PDT



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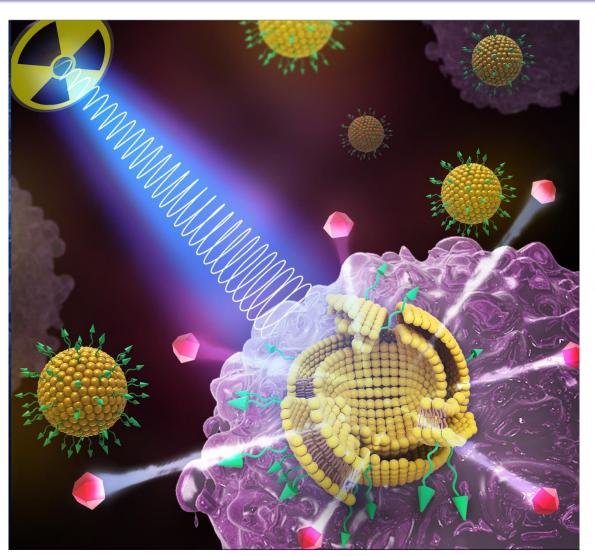




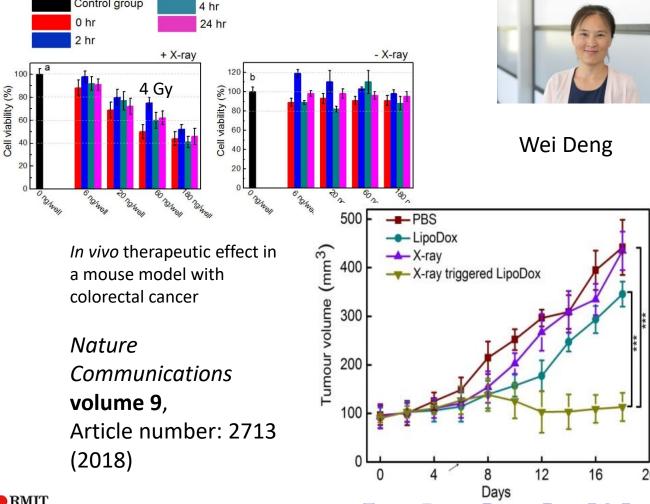
energetic secondary electrons and

Cerenkov radiation in the samples, which, in turn excite the VP molecules.

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Beyond PDT: drug/gene release from X-ray triggered liposomes incorporating verteporfin (VP) and gold nanoparticles

























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Increase sensitivity of end-user assays by several orders of magnitude (5 orders – single molecules sensitivity) Molecularly sensitive imaging in vivo

Develop simple and low cost methods of nanostructure synthesis

Design and demonstrate plasmonic and dielectric structures for optimised enhancement (fluorescence, SERS, absorption) Engineering

Chemistry

Biotechnology

Industry

Medical therapies and diagnostics

Clinical adoption of technologies

Develop simple and low costs assays and devices

Overcome the R&D gap and take the inventions to the market









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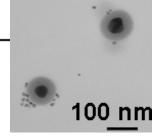


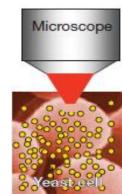


## Smart particles ... our own Ag/

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#### **Shell-isolated nanoparticle-enhanced Raman** ... SHINERS spectroscopy



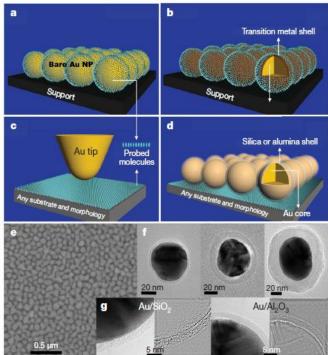


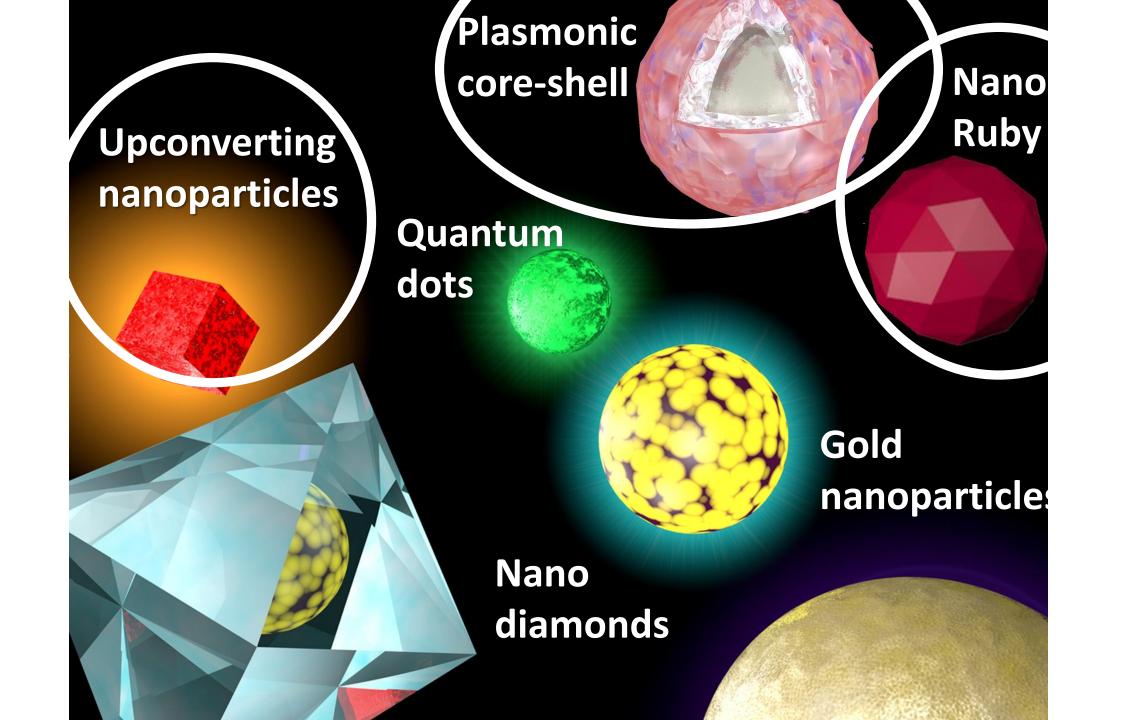
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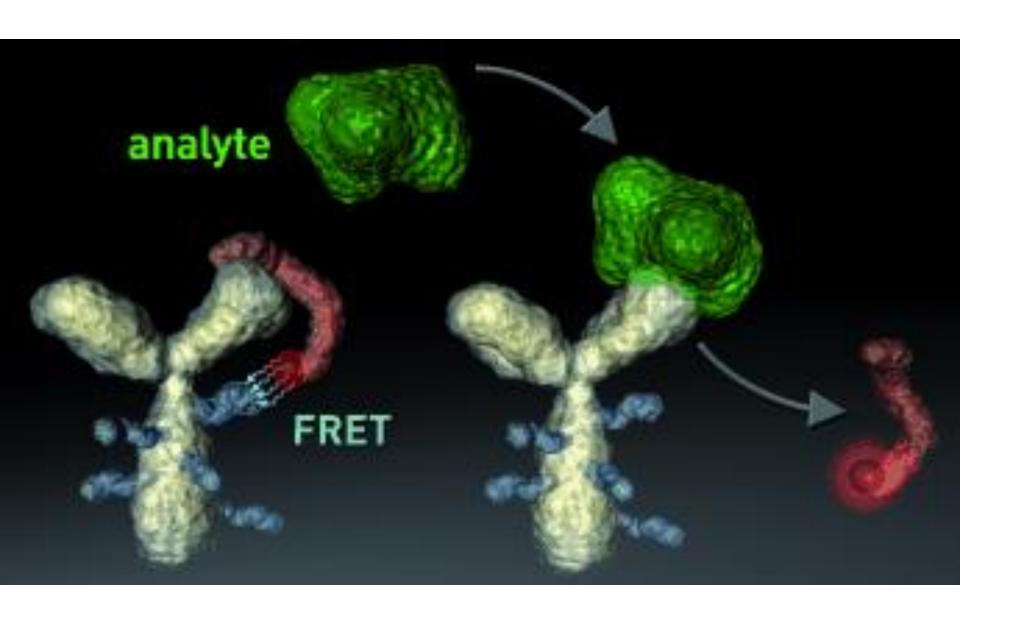
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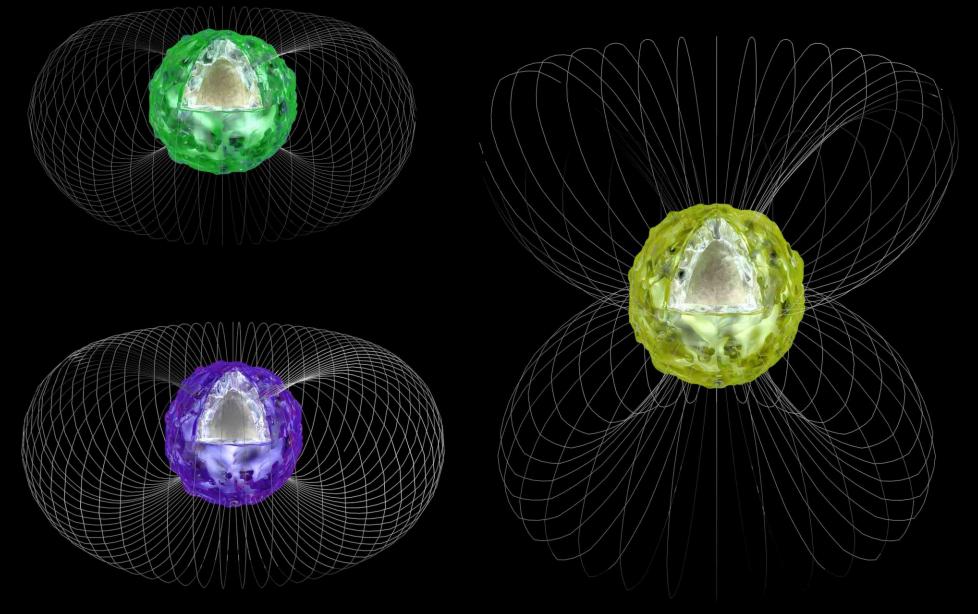
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Figure 1 | The working principles of SHINERS compared to other modes. Schematic of the contact mode, a, Bare Au nanoparticles: contact mode. b, Au core-transition metal shell nanoparticles adsorbed by probed molecules: contact mode. c, Tip-enhanced Raman spectroscopy: noncontact mode. d, SHINERS: shell-isolated mode. e, Scanning electron microscope image of a monolayer of Au/SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles on a smooth Au surface. f, HRTEM images of Au/SiO2 core-shell nanoparticles with different shell thicknesses. g, HRTEM images of Au/SiO2 nanoparticle and Au/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticle with a continuous and completely packed shell about 2 nm thick.









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# Photonic and Laser Technologies and Applications

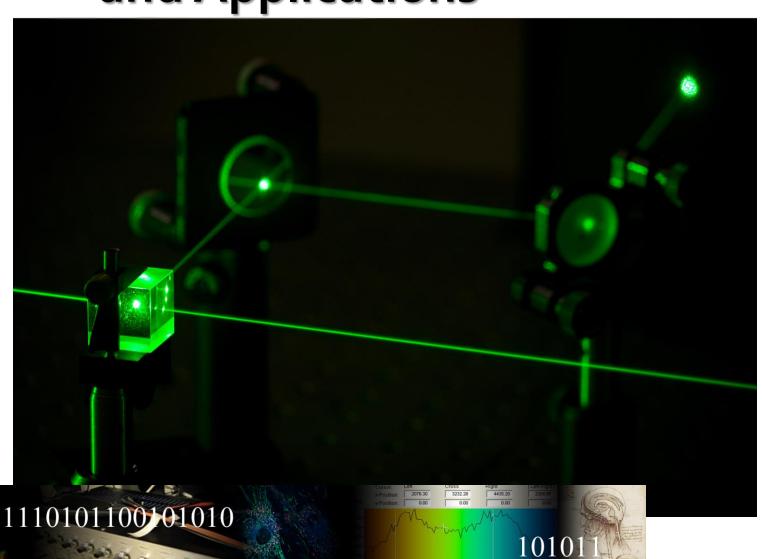
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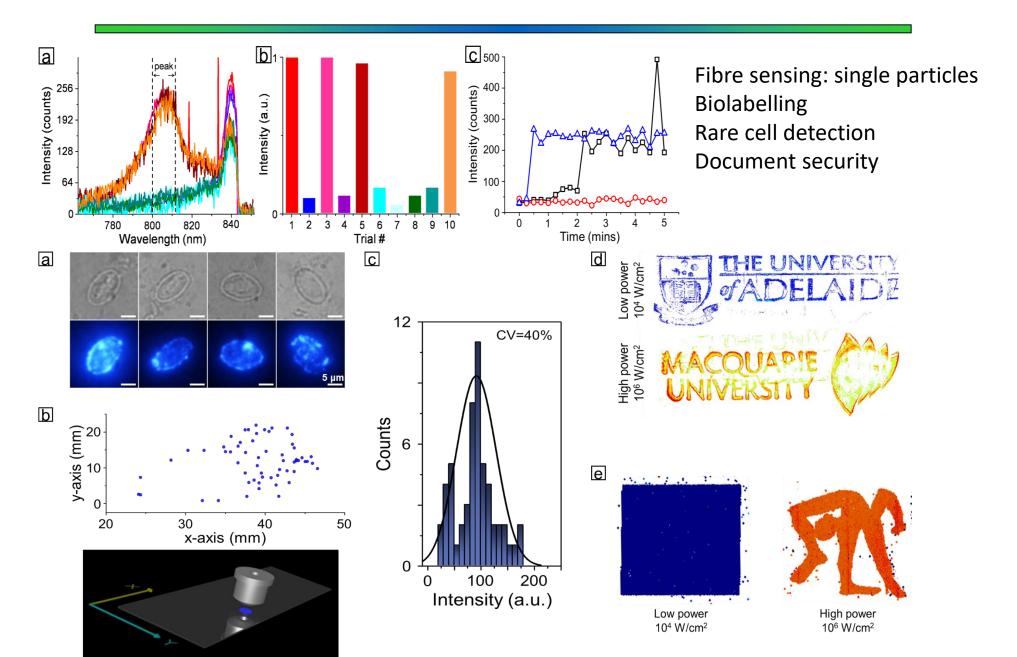
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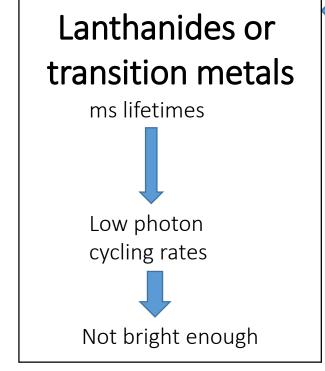
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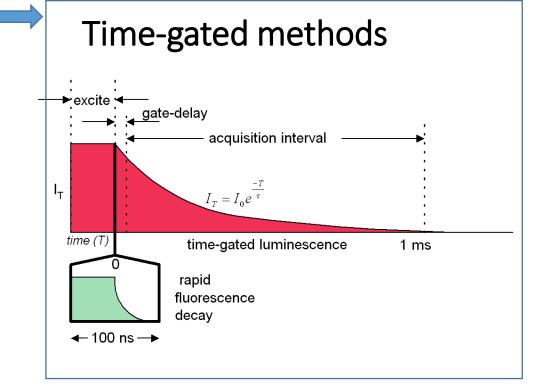


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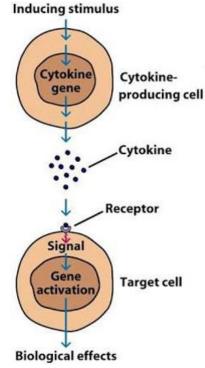
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Bright labels Reduced autofluorescence (high signal) (low background)

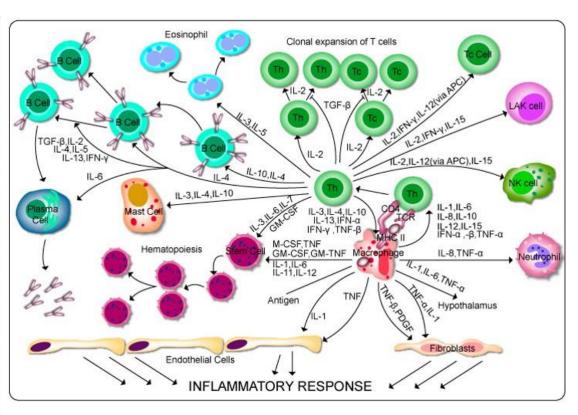




## Cytokine analysis



cytokines	Molecular weight	Physiological concentration
	(kDa)	(pg/mL)
Interleukin 1 belta (IL-1β)	17.4	10~45
Interleukin 10 (IL-10)	18	10~50
Interleukin 6 (IL-6)	21	10~75
Tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF-α)	17.5	5~100
Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)	16.9	10~50
Growth differentiating factor 9 (GDF-9)	20	10~50
Bone morphogenic protein 15 (BMP-15)	34	10~50
Granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF)	21	10~50
High-mobility group protein B1(HMGB1)	29	10~50
Macrophage migration inhibitory factor (MIF or MMIF)	12.5	10~50
Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)	42	10~50
MD2	17	5~50
Transforming growth factor beta (TGF- β)	20	5~50
Small cell derived factor 1 (SDF-1)	15	5~50
Macrophage colony-stimulating factor (MCSF or CSF1)	14	5~50
Monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 (MCP1)	4	5~50
Fractalkin (a human adipochemokine)	10	5~50









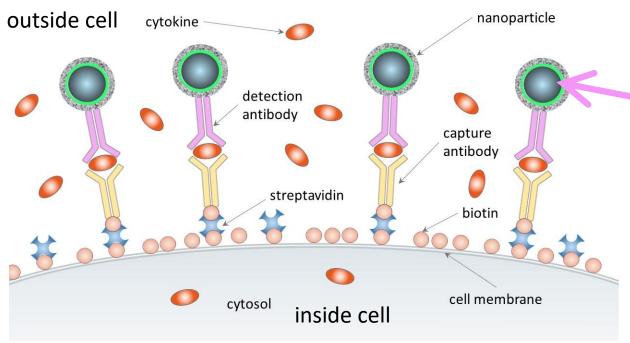






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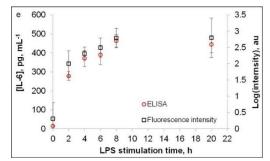


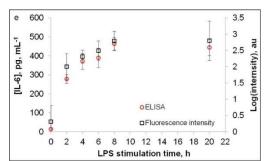
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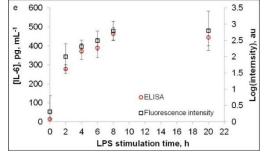


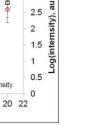
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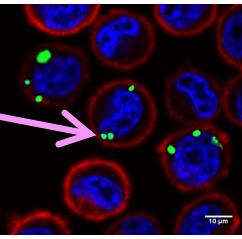


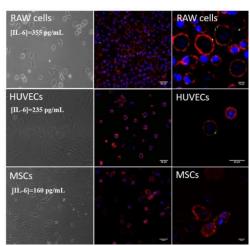


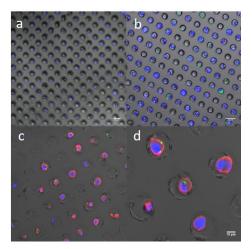


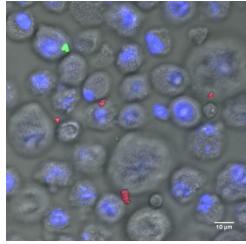












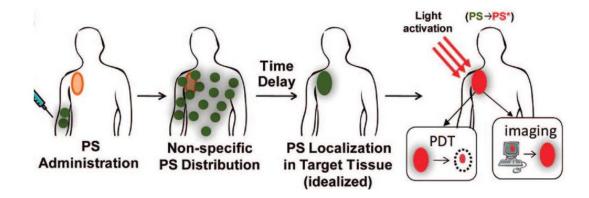








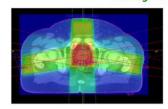
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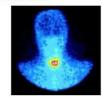




#### ➤ PDT via Ionizing Radiation

Deep tissue penetration Homogenous tumor irradiation





Existing clinical infrastructure





#### Advantages of PDT (in cancer treatment)

- Can be very effective in destroying tumor tissue
- Minimally-invasive
- Low systemic toxicity, nerve sparing
- Excellent normal tissue healing (does not destroy collagen)
- Repeatable without resistance or intolerance
- Triggers anti-tumor immune response









