

LINEAR AND NONLINEAR OPTICS IN CANCER RESEARCH. THE FUTURE OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSTICS

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Raman Imaging in Biochemical and Biomedical Applications. Diagnosis and Treatment of Breast Cancer

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The field of cancer diagnostics has become so huge that it is impossible to touch the whole field in a single lecture. Therefore, I have selected only a few topics, giving preference only to those which were directly related to our personal contribution: The views expressed in this lecture are highly personal, in the sense that they are based either on my own laboratory work recently, or on the work I am familiar with

WHAT?

Human normal and cancerous breast tissue, brain, neck and head , intestine tissues



Cell human Lines: breast normal (MCF-10A,) and cancerous epithelial : (MCF-7, MDA-MB-231) and brain glial cells: NHA Astrocytes CC2565), astrocytoma (CCF-STTG1 (ATCC CLR1718) and glioblastoma (U87MG) (ATCC[®] HTB-14)

In vivo animal models (brain)

Drugs (temodal,erlotinib) and photosensitizers in cancer therapy



- High spatial resolution RAMAN IMAGING
- SNOM microscopy (far below the diffraction limit, SNOM)
- Strong signal enhancement enabling monitoring the genetic and immunological responses in biological systems (SERS COMBINED WITH NANOPARTICLES)
- Specificity of interactions (BIOCONJUGATES)
- AFM topography, stiffness, adhesion, Young modulus (AFM)
- High temporal resolution (FEMTOSECOND PUMP-PROBE SPECTROSCOPY)

Patients Statistics- breast

***250** patients



Carcinoma ductale infiltrans

Carcinoma lobulare infiltrans

- Carcinoma ductale infiltrans + carcinoma lobulare infiltrans Carcinoma multifocale infiltrans
- Papillare intracysticum noninasium
- Carcinoma mucinosum sinistri
- Carcinma intraductale
- Fibroademona
- Carcinoma metaplasticum
- Dysplasia benigna
- Hyperplasia ductalo-lobularis
- Adenosis
- Leasio-fibroso-cysticum
- Proliferating breast disease

The pathology reports indicated that 70% of the cancer samples were ductal carcinomas; the remaining samples were lobular or untyped mammary carcinomas, metastases were found in 60% of patients

We will deal with epithelial cancer types. Most cancers have epithelial origin and they represent approximately 80-85% of all cancers.³⁸

PATIENTS STATISTICS-BRAIN



The epithelium cells cover the body and lines in the majority of organs, such as the milk ducts in the breast gland or the digestive tract and are involved in the absorption of food, although it is just only one of the many features of epithelia.³⁷ The cells lining the brain called ependymocytes, are a type of glial cells, covering the walls of the ventricular system of the brain: the brain ventricles and the central tube of the spinal cord. They are involved in the exchange of material between the cerebrospinal fluid and nervous tissue and, unlike epithelial cells, have no basal membrane. Despite these differences, for simplicity both groups will be called









rectal tumor

□ large intestine

PATIENTS STATISTICS-HEAD AND NECK



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LINEAR AND NONLINEAR OPTICS IN CANCER RESEARCH



- Nonlinear microscopy
- Basic principles The theoretical basis for non-linear microscopy was established in 1931 by Maria GöppertMayer, who mathematically showed the possibility for twophoton adsorption and its quadratic dependency on the intensity of light [175] (English translation: [176]). In 1977, with the development of more powerful light sources, this process could be utilized for image generation [177]. Along with the construction of pulsed lasers with high peak-powers, more nonlinear processes could be explored and employed.
- Nonlinear optics as a discipline is set apart from linear optics, the class of light-matter interactions behind everyday effects like rainbows, cameras, or telescopes that is also the basis of epifluorescence microscopy and CLSM. These interactions occur with natural, low
- light intensities and physical parameters describing them depend linearly on the incident light electric field amplitude (and therefore intensity). A much higher light
 intensity is needed to trigger light-matter interactions classified as nonlinear. In such processes, the induced polarization in a material with caused by the incident
 electric field (light) is no longer linearly dependent on the field amplitude.
- The theory behind nonlinear optics in general, and specifically coherent Raman scattering has been described in detail in textbooks [178], [179]. Briefly, the induced macroscopic polarization *P* of the electric dipoles in a material depends on the strength of the applied optical field *E*. For weak electric fields (compared to the fields binding electrons to the nucleus), this relation can be formulated in a linear dependence as:
- $P = \varepsilon \chi E$
- eq. 1 where ε is the electric permittivity in vacuum and χ the linear susceptibility of the material. For stronger fields, P can be expanded as a power series:
- $P = \varepsilon [\chi(1) E + \chi (2)EE + \chi (3)EEE + \dots] = P1 + P2 + P3 + \dots$
- where χ is the nth order susceptibility. P is the nth order polarization. The physical processes occurring as result of the second-order polarization differ from the thirdorder polarization. There is a multitude of processes that can occur in the nonlinear regime. The following sections focus on processes originating due to P or P as they commonly occur in biological samples. Due to the applied nature of this thesis the mathematics behind solutions for the prediction of P or P are omitted. Coherent

| Technique | Spatial resolution ^a | Penetratio n depth ^b | Sensitivity to detect molecular markers ^c | Data density per pixel ^d | Data acquisition speed ^e | Primary contrast | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|-----------------|----------------|-------|
| CLSM/RLS M | $\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$ | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark | $\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$ | scattering, fluorescence | | | |
| ОСТ | $\sqrt{}$ | $\sqrt{}$ | \checkmark | \checkmark | $\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}}$ | scattering, polarization | | | |
| PAI | $\sqrt{}$ | $\sqrt{\sqrt{}}$ | \checkmark | \checkmark | $\sqrt{}$ | absorption | | | |
| TPEF ^f | $\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$ | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | $\sqrt{}$ | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | fluorescence | | | |
| SHGf | \ \\ | $\sqrt{}$ | $\sqrt{}$ | $\sqrt{}$ | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | noncentrosymmetry of molecular assemblies | Ĭ | | |
| FLIM ^f | $\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$ | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | $\sqrt{}$ | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | fluorescence lifetimes | AC08CH16-Popp A | RI 25 May 2015 | 14:47 |
| Raman | $\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$ | √ (| VVV | 111 | √ | molecular vibrations | | | |
| SRS | $\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$ | Chei | mical Fir √√ | ıgerprin | t" √√ | molecular vibrations | | | |
| CARS | $\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$ | $\sqrt{}$ | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | $\sqrt{}$ | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | molecular vibrations | | | |

LINEAR AND NONLINEAR PHENOMENA

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CONFOCAL RAMAN MICROSCOPY

SECOND HARMONIC GENERATION (SHG) STIMULATED RAMAN SCATTERING

Pump-probe transient absorption Femtosecond spectroscopy Introduction to Laser Spectroscopy

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HOW DOES RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY AND IMAGING BENEFIT CANCER RESEARCH?

•RAMAN BIOMARKERS OF CANCER





PCA and PLSDA for invasive ductal carcinoma and invasive lobular carcinoma. Molecular tumorigenic mechanisms beyond Warburg effect

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Review

Raman 'optical biopsy' of human breast cancer

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Raman mapping Medical diagnostics Breast cancer Raman imaging (RI) is a novel method of medical diagnostics of human breast cancer and has a potential to become a routine optical biopxy. Up to date the present study is the most statistically reliable Raman analysis based on data of normal, benign, and cancerous breast tissues for 146 patients. This paper present the first Raman 'optical biopxy' images of the normal and cancerous breast tissue of the same patient. The results presented here demonstrate the ability of Raman spectroscopy to accurately characterize cancer tissue and distinguish between normal (noncancerous) and cancerous types. The results provide evidence that carotenoids and lipids composition of cancerous breast tissue differs significantly from that of the surrounding noncancerous breast tissue and may be a key factor responsible for mechanisms of carcinogenesis. We have found that fatty acid composition of the cancerous breast tissue is markedly different from that of the surrounding noncancerous breast tissue. The cancerous breast tissue is use seems to be dominated by the metabolism products of the aradidonis caid - derived cyclic eicosanoids catalyzed by cyclooxygenase, while the noncancerous breast tissue is dominated by monounstaturated objec acid and its derivatives.

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BIOPSY

The completeness of the surgical resection is a key factor in the progress of patients with cancers. The safety margin can be positive which means that not all cancer cells have been removed in the surgery. Patients with a positive margin often require more surgery to make sure that all the cancer is removed. The advantage of the 'Raman biopsy' is that it provides biochemical information (vibrational direct fingerprint) in real time, it is not prone to subjective interpretations, and it monitors biological tissue without anv external agents. in contrast to

VIRTUAL RAMAN HISTOPATHOLOGY IMAGE





Abramczyk H et al., patent application

STANDARD H&E HISTOPATHOLOGY

RAMAN HISTOPATHOLOGY IMAGE

- Fast histopathological analysis for clinical practice
- Label-free histopathological analysis (without any staining procedures)
- Real time diagnostics to access the safety margin during operation by Raman-guided surgery
- High spatial resolution (small cancer changes can be easy identified)
- Objective diagnosis (without human interpretation, Raman spectra)
- Discrimination of grades with high specificity and sensitivity (c.a. 90%)
- Monitoring of tumor tissue heterogenity

RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY GUIDES IN VIVO BRAIN OPTICAL BIOPSIES



IN VIVO RAMAN OPTICAL BIOPSY ON RAT BRAIN IN LABORATORY OF LASER MOLECULAR SPECTROSCOPY







MOLECULAR SENSITIVITIES OF VARIOUS IMAGING MODALITIES



FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF CANCER RESEARCH CANCER-OMICS



SINGLE CELL ANALYSIS: THE NEW FRONTIER IN 'OMICS

• A combination of immunohistopathology and gene profile approaches are considered as gold standards to identify many cancer subtypes. Diagnostic approaches have limitations, such as, false positives, time delays, pain and trauma of patients, encouraging researchers to explore new non-invasive, reagent-free and less painful methodologies. Raman spectroscopy (RS), a vibrational spectroscopic technique, not only provides real time biochemical profile of tissues but also understanding of the disease as it progresses.



EASE OF DETECTABILITY

POTENTIAL SPECIFICITY INCREASE

Separately, cancer biology with genomics and proteomics protocols provides only a partial picture of cancer pathologies. Protocols of isolation of DNA, proteins, lipids or organelli from cells and tissues involve cel disruption to break open the cels and release the cellular structures. In Raman and IR imaging we do not need to disrupt cells to break open the cells and release the cellular structures to learn about their biochemical composition of lipid droplets, mitochondria, cytoplasm, nucleus, or membrane in living cells. Non-linear spectroscopy (pump-probe femtosecond spectroscopy, CARS imaging). Detectable molecular features in tissue can be categorized into four physiological bins: structural, metabolic, immunologic and genentic. The key factor limiting most imaging methods is signal-to-noise related to the concentration of the feature to be imaged. Fig.1 shows detectable molecular features in tissue (specificity) vs. concentration (sensitivity)





Conventional molecular biology imaging vs Raman imaging

| Conventional techniques (e.g. SEM, IHC, H&E, and fluorescence imaging) | Raman spectroscopy-based diagnostics | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Destructive | Non-invasive and non-destructive | | |
| Requires prior knowledge in order to target molecules | Provides the full range of chemical information in the spectrum | | |
| Laborious preparation procedures | Minimal preparation required can be directly applied to living cells and animals | | |
| Protocol optimization –often time consuming | Measurement condition is easy and quick to optimize | | |
| Fixation often required, not suitable for live cells | Living ce lls –can be analyzed without causing damage to the cells | | |
| Labelling required possibility of creating artefacts | Label free | | |
| Not suitable for heterogeneous samples conventional methods often required a large number of pure samples for characterization | Ca be performed on individual samples or get information <i>in situ</i> | | |
| High sensitivity but lower specificity | Lower sensitivity but higher specificity | | |
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Conventional diagnostics methods vs Raman spectroscopy-based

| Conventional techniques in histology, cytology and molecular biology (H&E, IHC, qPCR, mass spectroscopy) | Raman spectroscopy-based | diagnostics | |
|--|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Destructive | Non-invasive and non-destru | uctive | |
| Requires prior knowledge in order to target molecules | Provides the full range of chemical information in the spectrum | | |
| Sample processing can take hours to days (e.g. DNA preparation, PCR and western blots runs) | Minimal to no sample processing is required | | |
| Protocol optimisation – often time consuming (e.g. western blots and PCR) | Measurement condition is eas Rapid measurement c enabled | sy to optimise . an be | |
| Loss of spatial information (e.g. PCR and mass spectroscopy) | Retains spatial inform High spatial resolution (sub | ation -micrometre) | |
| Labelling required (e.g. PCR and western blots) possibility of creating artefacts and costly (time, reagents and labour) | Label free | © 2019 Renishav | |

Conventional-omics molecular techniques vs Raman spectroscopy-

based-omics

| Conventional techniques (DNA microarray, sequencing, mass-spectroscopy, PCR, immunoprecipitation, western blotting) | Raman spectroscopy and imaging | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Destructive (e.g. qPCR and mass spectroscopy) | Non-invasive and non-destructive | | |
| Requires prior knowledge in order to target molecules (e.g. IHC and qPCR) | Provides the full range of chemical information in the spectrum | | |
| Sample processing can take days to weeks (e.g. tissue sectioning and staining, microbiology cultures) | Minimal to no sample processing is required and therefore is faster and cheaper to perform -> quicker patient diagnosis and less cost to hospital | | |
| Protocol optimisation –often time consuming(e.g. IHC and qPCR) | Measurement condition is easy and quick to optimise | | |
| Loss of spatial information (e.g. qPCR and mass spectroscopy) | Retains spatial information High spatial resolution (sub-micrometre) | | |
| Fixation often required not suitable for live cells | Living ce lls –can be analysed without causing damage to the cells | | |
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CONFOCAL RAMAN MICROSCOPY

1.5 Confocal Raman Microscopy

Confocal microscopy requires a point source (usually a laser), which is focused onto the sample. The reflected light (Raman, fluorescence) is collected with the same objective and focused through a pinhole at the front of the detector (Fig. 3). This ensures that only light from the image focal plane can reach the detector, which greatly increases image contrast and with the proper selection of pinhole size, slightly increases resolution (max. gain in resolution: factor $\sqrt{2}$).

For Raman microscopy, the enhancement of image contrast and depth resolution is very important. An enhancement of the lateral resolution in confocal microscopy requires extremely small pinhole diameters and will therefore decrease the detection efficiency to a level usually unacceptable in most experiments (Fig. 4).





Fig. 8: Schematic illustration of the beam path for confocal Raman microscopy.





Near field microscopy is far below the diffraction limit

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Rys. 3 Ilustracja ideel pomiarow SNOM (a) i zasada działania na podstawie instrukcji Wite near-field-Raman imaging, Ulm, Germany (b).

SNOM IN AC MODE

AFM (ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPY)

AFM is not based on spatial resolution limited by diffraction . The spatial resolution depends on the tip size , and is far below the diffraction limit .

AFM is a very-high-resolution type of scanning probe microscopy (SPM), with demonstrated resolution on the order of fractions of a nanometer, more than 1000 times better than the optical diffraction limit.





Light-lever detection based on laser and photodiode

RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENT IMAGING METHODS

To optimize AFM for the investigation of dynamical biological systems, each component of AFM can be modified to improve the speed of AFM scanning. As a result, high-speed AFM (HS-AFM) achieved scanning speeds several orders of magnitude faster than that of conventional AFM, thus enabling monitoring of conformational dynamics of single proteins on substrates with a subsecond temporal resolution.



increasing difficulty

Thus, the successful observations of nanostructural dynamics in live neurons may open the possibility to vizualize the morphology of synapse plasticity at nanometer resolution in real time in the near future.



The AFM is useful for obtaining 3D topographic information of samples with lateral resolution (in the x/y plane) down to 0.3 nm and vertical resolution (in the z-axis) down to 0.1 nm [26]. These samples include clusters of atoms and molecules [27], individual macromolecules [28], and biological species (cells, DNA, proteins) [29, 30].

PHOTOACTIVATION OF BACTERIORHODOPSINE



- Fast imaging AFM na BR Mutant D96N
- w 10 mM TRIS, 150 mM KCl, pH 7.6
- AM AFM z A=1.0 nm
- 1 kl / s (64 px2)
- Eksperyment trwał 200 fps
- To samo miejsce (te same molekuły)





x,y-range=18x18nm², z=325pm


STIFFNESS

- Using these force curves (sometime called *indentation curves*), one can easily calculate the *stiffness*, which is defined as a derivative of force *F* with respect to penetration *z*
- (indentation), *dF/dz*.



adhesion image (E), stiffness image (F) and topography image (G) of air-dried cell.

ADHESION

• One more interesting feature of the retracting curve is the non-zero force required to disconnect the tip from the surface. This is the socalled *adhesion force*. It appears due to weak forces (such as van der

Waals forces) acting between

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Figure 1. Schematic representation of activated integrin and formation of ECM-integrin-cytoskeleton linkages in the focal adhesion site upon application of an external tensile load. Reproduced "in part" from [24] with permission of The Royal Society of Chemistry.



Figure 2. A typical force-distance curve recorded by AFM in force mode. Both the approaching and retracting curves are shown.



Figure 4. Range of Young's modulus values of various biological samples. Young's modulus is an indicator of a cell's response to stress (force). Depending on their type, eukaryotic cells can exhibit very different mechanical properties. Neurons are extremely soft (down to 1 kPa), whereas bone cells are as robust as bacteria.

AFM TOPOGRAPHY FOR OBTAINING SURFACE PROFILES





Fig. 6 Distribution of the glycans (green), lipids (blue) and protein (red) in the human breast tumor tissue, the white light microscopy image (A), Raman image (150 μ m x 230 μ m) obtained from the basis analysis (B) and Raman spectra (C) in the high frequency spectral region. AFM image (D), Raman image obtained from the basis analysis (E) and Raman spectra (F) in the fingerprint region of the tumor breast tissue (Patient P155, Infiltrating adenocarcinoma grade WHO according to Elston and Ellis modification G2), integration time for Raman images 0.5 s in the high frequency region and 1 s in the low frequency region, resolution step 0.5 μ m, laser excitation power 10 mW. The line colors of the spectra correspond to the colors of the Raman maps.

ADVANTAGES OF NON-LINEAR OPTICS IN CANCER RESEARCH

NONLINEAR OPTICAL PUMP-PROBE MICROSCOPY IS A NEW AREA FOR HIGH RESOLUTION 3D IMAGING IN MODERN MICROSCOPY. THE IMAGING CONTRAST RELIES UPON THE CHARACTERISTIC SPECTROSCOPIC PROPERTIES OF SPECIFIC MOLECULES, FOR EXAMPLE THEIR SPECIFIC INTERNAL ENERGY LEVEL STRUCTURE.

| NON-LINEAR OPTICS | LINEAR OPTICS |
|---|--------------------------|
| Stimulation and readout of the nonlinear interactions are achieved by at least two pulses of well-defined properties: a pimp and a probe pulse. This different to other nonlinear optical imaging methods like fluorescence and incoherent Raman microscopy | |
| Stimulated readout suppress incoherent processes such as spontaneous emission | Spontaneous emission |
| The combination of high excitation laser power and sensitive detection results in an efficient overall yield of the nonlinear interaction | |
| This enables images to be acquired quickly | Long time of acquisition |
| The short laser exposure time reduces the photo damage on the sample caused by the high powered laser | |
| Particular marker moleculs are not needed for sample preparation as they are in fluorescence imaging | |
| One of the key goals of current research is reducing the time it takes to acquire an image. This is often directly related to detection sensitivity. With a modern scanning microscope, acquisition times of up to 30 fps are possible for 512 by 512 pixel image | |

NON-LINEAR OPTICS

LINEAR OPTICS

The application of femtosecond laser pulses instead of the widely used picosecond pulses in another innovative feature of the microscope. Due to the increased excitation bandwidth of shorter pulses, the femtosecond laser pulses are able to better excite isolated vibrational resonances

Due to the higher peak power of the femtosecond laser pulses, photodamage on biological samples is an important issue. This was addressed by balancing the excitation power to the near-infrared Stokes pulses (40mW). At this level, possible photodamage is relatively smaller than that of visible pump pulses (10mW). Images are also collected with high-sensitivity and high-speed. The exposure time to the laser of one sample pixel, the pixel dwell time, is still below 4 ms.



$$P_{i} = \chi_{ij}^{(1)}E + \chi_{ijk}^{(2)}E_{j}E_{k} + \chi_{ijkl}^{(3)}E_{j}E_{k}E_{l}$$





METHODS OF GENERATION OF ULTRASHORT PULSES-MODELOCKING



METHODS OF MODELOCKING



a) Acusto-optical devices
b) electro-optical devices
c) Saturable absorbers
d) Kerr-lens modelocking
e) Saturable Bragg reflectors

METHODS OF GENERATION OF ULTRASHORT PULSES-Q-SWITCHING



Mechanism of generation of a Q-switched pulse,a) pumping, b) Q-switching, c) Energy storage,d) pulse generation

CHIRPED PULSE AMPLIFICATION (CPA)



CPA for lasers was introduced by Donna Strickland and Gérard Mourou at the University of Rochester in the mid-1980s, work for which they received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2018



Apart from these state-of-the-art research systems, a number of commercial manufacturers sell Ti: sapphire based CPAs with peak powers of 10 to 100 gigawatts.



CPA is the current state-of-the-art technique used by all of the highest-power lasers (greater than about 100 TW

SECOND-ORDER NONLINEAR PHENOMENA



SECOND HARMONIC GENERATION (SHG)



THIRD-ORDER NONLINEAR PHENOMENA

$$P_{i} = \chi_{ij}^{(1)}E + \chi_{ijk}^{(2)}E_{j}E_{k} + \chi_{ijkl}^{(3)}E_{j}E_{k}E_{l}$$

STIMULATED RAMAN SCATTERING

PUMP - PROBE TRANSIENT ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY

STIMULATED RAMAN SCATTERING





THIRD-ORDER NONLINEAR PHENOMENA



Rys. 6.19. Schematyczny diagram najczęściej stosowanych technik nieliniowego wymuszonego rozpraszania Ramana



DIRECTION OF PROPAGATION OF THE STIMULATED ANTI-STOKES RAMAN SCATTERING



COHERENT RAMAN MICROSCOPY



Nonlinear optical pump-probe microscopy is a new field for 3D high resolution imaging in modern microscopy

TRANSIENT ABSORPTION MICROSCOPY



Examples for nonlinear absorption processes





Pump-probe measurements

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PUMP - PROBE TRANSIENT ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY



The pump-probe or transient absorption experiment is perhaps the most widely used third-order nonlinear experiment. It can be used to follow many types of time-dependent relaxation processes and chemical dynamics, and is most commonly used to follow population relaxation, chemical kinetics, or wavepacket dynamics and quantum beats.





THE ROLE OF RETINOIDS IN CELLULAR SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION

 To understand the role of retinoids in cellular signal transduction in many vital processes in living organisms we must find proper tools for sensing retinoids in vivo to monitor retinoid distribution in cells and tissues, and temporal dynamics.

My presentation is not intended to be fully comprehensive or to upstage original discoveries, but rather to provide an overview of the recent progress from the perspective of my own laboratory's research.

RETINOIDS



Retinyl palmitate

aldehyde

ester

alcohol

The basic structure of the hydrophobic *retinoid* molecule consists of a cyclic end group, a *polyene* side chain and a polar end group







All-trans retinal

Retinol

Retinoic acid

RETINOIDS METABOLISM IN VERTEBRATES



Figure 5. Retinoid metabolism in vertebrates. Dietary *all-trans-\beta_{a}\beta*-carotene (i), obtained primarily from plants, is oxidatively cleaved in a symmetric manner by β -carotene monooxygenase I (BCMO I), yielding two molecules of *all-trans*-retinal (ii). Retinal can reversibly combine with an amino group to form a retinyl imine (Schiff base) (iv). Retinal is also subject to oxidation and reduction to form retinoic acid (iii) and retinol (vitamin A) v, respectively, the latter in a physiologically reversible manner. Retinoic acid can be converted into several conjugated and/or oxidized derivatives, some of which exert biological effects. Retinol also can be converted into several derivatives including retro-retinoids, saturated retinols, and phosphate conjugates. Retinol is also reversibly esterified to produce retinyl esters (vi), the main storage form of vitamin A in the body.

VITAMIN A ABSORPTION, METABOLISM, AND DELIVERY TO THE EYE

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FIGURE 30.1. Vitamin A absorption, matabolism, and delivery to the eye. This figure shows the mode of absorption of vitamin A and β carotene, the role of the liver, and transport of the vitamin A complex to the retina, ARAT: acyl coepzyme A retinol acyl transferase; AREH: acid retinvelester hydrolase; CEL: carboxyl ester lipase; HL: hepatic lipase; LPL: lipoprotein lipase; LRAT: locithin retinol acyl transferase; NREH: neutral retinvelester hydrolase; RBP: retinol-binding protein.

The liver accumulates vitamin A as retinyl ester when vitamin A intake exceeds the body's Under vitamin A-adequate requirements. conditions, most of the released retinol is transferred from hepatocytes to hepatic stellate cells, where retinol is bound to CRBP2 and reesterified by LRAT and then stored as retinyl esters within cytoplasmic lipid droplets.³³ Storage also serves as a detoxification mechanism. removing excess "free" retinol. When peripheral tissues require retinol, these stored esters are hydrolyzed and retinol is mobilized back to hepatocytes. Hepatocytes are also the major site of synthesis of RBP. The newly released retinol combines with apo-RBP to form the holo-RBP complex, which is released from the liver into the circulation.

Cellular retinoid-binding proteins (CRBP)

Chylomicrons transport dietary lipids and esters from the intestines to other locations in the body.

Hepatic stellate cells

Hepatic stellate cells reside between the hepatocytes and small blood vessels in the liver. They are characterised by the presence of lipid droplets and thin protrusions extending around the blood vessels. Their activation in damaged liver leads to secretion of collagen and formation of scar tissue, leading to chronic fibrosis or cirrhosis.

LRAT LECITHIN RETINOL ACYLTRANSFERASE







a 1,2-diacyl-sn-

phosphocholine

glycero-3-

a 2-acyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphocholine

an all-transretinyl ester

all-trans-retinol--[retinol-binding protein RBP]

LRAT transfers the acyl group from the sn-1 position of phosphatidylcholine to all-trans retinol, producing all-trans retinyl esters. Retinyl esters are storage forms of vitamin A.

EPIGENETIC MODIFICATIONS IN BRAIN TUMOR PATHOGENESIS

- There is an increasing evidence that retinoic acid and retinoic acid receptors (RAR) play important role in inducing epigenetic changes, and regulate epigenetic changes in carcinogenesis.
- <u>Subcell Biochem. 2014; 70: 129–149.</u>

Is Glioblastoma an Epigenetic Malignancy?

Cancers 2013, 5, 1120-1139; doi:10.3390/cancers5031120



HISTONE -MODIFYING GENES AND EPIGENETIC ALTERATIONS IN MEDULLOBLASTOMA



CELLULAR SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION

- Vitamin A plays an important role in cellular signal transduction in many vital processes. Proton gradient triggers the synthesis ATP. There are two types of generation of proton gradient.
- the light-activated mechanism in vision processes (rhodopsin family)

 the electron transport chain forms a proton gradient across the inner mitochondrial membrane, which drives the synthesis of ATP via chemiosmosis.

The light-activated mechanism of proton gradient



It acts as a proton pump; that is, it captures light energy and uses it to move protons across the membrane out of the cell. The resulting proton gradient across the membrane triggers ATP synthesis used for metabolism and phosphorylation by *ATP* synthase

THE ELECTRON TRANSPORT CHAIN FORMS A PROTON GRADIENT ACROSS THE INNER MITOCHONDRIAL MEMBRANE, WHICH DRIVES THE SYNTHESIS OF ATP VIA CHEMIOSMOSIS.



Image modified from "Oxidative phosphorylation: Figure 1", by OpenStax College, Biology (CC BY 3.0).

Overview: oxidative phosphorylation

cytoplasm



The **electron transport chain** is a series of proteins and organic molecules found in the inner membrane of the mitochondria. Electrons are passed from one member of the transport chain to another in a series of redox reactions. Energy released in these reactions is captured as a proton gradient, which is then used to make ATP in a process called **chemiosmosis**. Together, the electron transport chain and chemiosmosis make up **oxidative phosphorylation**. The key steps of this process, shown in simplified form in the

RETINOIDS BOUND TO PROTEINS

"FREE" RETINOIDS



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Retinyl imine (Schiff base)



BR contains a polyene chromophore, retinal, which is covalently bound to the Lys²¹⁶ residue of the protein by a protonated Schiff base linkage
RETINOIDS BOUND TO PROTEINS



The absorption of a photon from the visible range (568 nm) initiates in bacteriorhodopsin a cyclic sequence of reactions that is completed on the milisecond time scale (Scheme 1) leading to the proton moving from the cytoplasmic side to the extracellular surface and generation of an electrochemical potential that is used by a bacterium to maintain its metabolism. As one can see from the Scheme 1 the observed time constants of BR photocycle span about 11 decades. The photocycle can be divided into two distinct parts. The first one comprises very fast molecular processes occurring on femto- and picosecond time scale upon BR-568 (all-trans) excitation up to the formation of the K intermediate that has the 13-cis configuration. The second part of the photocycle is much slower.

BROADBAND CARS (BCARS) MICROSCOPY VS SINGLE FREQUENCY CARS MICROSCOPY

• In order to probe a full BCARS spectrum, typically a broadband Stokes beam is employed . The broadband supercontinuum can be generated inside a photonic crystal fiber . Often a charge-coupled device (CCD) detector is used, where vertical binning generates a linear array of non-negative integers, i.e., signal intensities per wavenumber. A single spectrum is collected in each image point and sample scanning can be performed to acquire a spectral map. • Although the collection of BCARS images is faster than spontaneous Raman spectral images, the read out is more challenging due to the contribution of the non-resonant background. This non-resonant component is non-frequency dependent and entirely real, while the resonant component that contains the chemical information can be divided into a real and imaginary part. The imaginary part is directly comparable to spontaneous Raman signals . Both display a linear dependence on molecular concentration : $I\{\chi\} = A \Gamma \Omega - (\omega - \omega) + \Gamma \text{ eq. } 6I \propto A \Gamma \Omega - \omega + \Gamma \text{ N}$ is here the number of scatterers, A, Ω , Γ amplitude, frequency, and line width of the vibrational mode. In order to obtain the imaginary part of χ from raw BCARS spectra, the convolution of the resonant and non-resonant components has to be overcome. $I\{\chi\}$ can be extracted if the spectral phase is known, which can be achieved with a modified Kramers-Kronig relation. However, this analysis is technically only applicable to data covering an infinite frequency range. In order to extrapolate the data, one method can be the use of a Fourier transformation, replacing the negative time domain with a frequency dependent non-resonant response, and transforming back to the frequency domain

TIME RESOLVED CARS

FREQUENCY DOMAIN

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PICOSECOND CARS





Fig. 4.5. Directions of propagation of the stimulated anti-Stokes scattering

Why the phase matching condition, $\Delta \mathbf{k} = 0$, that is always met for the stimulated Stokes scattering, it is not automatically complied with the stimulated anti-Stokes scattering? It results from the fact that the phase of vibrating molecules is defined by the more intense Stokes scattering.

To sum up, intense light of the frequency ω_L can cause intense stimulated Raman scattering: Stokes $\omega_S = \omega_L - \omega_{wib}$ and anti-Stokes $\omega_{AS} = \omega_L + \omega_{wib}$. As a result of photon interaction with matter, the energy exchange via optical phonons (or vibrations) takes place leading to the formation in a medium the third-order polarisation, $P^{(3)} \propto \chi_{ijkl}^{(3)} E_j E_k E_l$, that consists of the components changing with the frequency $\omega_{wib} = \omega_L - \omega_S$, $\omega_S = \omega_L - \omega_{wib}$ and $\omega_{AS} = \omega_L + \omega_{wib}$. The polarisation components generate new waves of the frequencies ω_S and ω_{AS} known as the stimulated Stokes and anti-Stokes Raman scattering. The phase matching condition is met in all directions for the Stokes radiation ($\Delta \mathbf{k} = 0$), so the scattered light is emitted in all directions. The anti-Stokes stimulated scattering is observed in directions, \mathbf{k}_{AS} , for which the phase matching condition $2\mathbf{k}_L - \mathbf{k}_S = \mathbf{k}_{AS}$ is met.

Briefly, lightpulses from a narrowband (<4 cm1, FWHM) dye laser operated at 663 nm (11) and a broadband (700 cm1)dye laser operated in the 700–750 nm region (ls) are phasematched in a flowing BR (native or modified-retinal pigment) sample, generating CARS signals spanning an approximately 700 cm1 spectral region (λ as). In order to cover the entire 750–1750 cm1spectral range of interest, either λ 1 is tuned a few nanometers or λ s is adjusted by using a different laser-dye solution.

CARS: theory

Intensity of the CARS signal:

 $I_{as}(\omega_{as}) \mu |\chi^{(3)}(\omega_{as}, \omega_1, \omega_s)|^2 \cdot I_1^2 \cdot I_s(\omega_s) \cdot G^2$

Normalized CARS spectrum fitting function (2-species mixture):

$$\frac{I_{as}^{Sample}}{I_{as}^{Reference}} = \mu^{2} \left[1 + (1 - \eta) \sum_{j=1}^{N_{A}} \frac{A_{j} e^{i\Theta_{j}}}{\Delta_{j} - i} + \eta \sum_{k=1}^{N_{B}} \frac{A_{k} e^{i\Theta_{k}}}{\Delta_{k} - i} \right]$$

$$A_{i} = (Q_{i} - (\omega_{i} - \omega_{i})) / \Gamma_{i}$$

Background-free (Lorentzian lineshapes) spectral intensity:

$$I_{raman} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{A_j^2}{(\Omega_j - (\omega_1 - \omega_s))^2 + \Gamma_j^2}$$

 $\begin{aligned} \Omega &= Band \ Origin \\ A &= Amplitude \\ \Gamma &= Bandwidth \\ \Theta &= Vibrational \ phase \\ \eta &= relative \ conc. (0 \pounds \ \eta \ \pounds 1) \\ \mu &= Scaling \ factor \\ N &= Number \ of \ vibrations \\ \chi^{(3)} &= third-order \\ susceptibility \end{aligned}$

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WHAT INFORMATION ABOUT VIBRATIONAL DYNAMICS IS CONTAINED IN THE CARS BAND SHAPE ?

1 Maxwell equation

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$$\nabla^{2}E + \frac{1}{c^{2}}\frac{\partial^{2}(E(\vec{r},t))}{\partial t^{2}} = -\frac{4\pi}{c^{2}}\frac{\partial^{2}P}{\partial t^{2}}$$

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$$\langle \vec{P}(\vec{r},t) \rangle = T_r(\vec{P}(\vec{r},t)) \rho(t)$$
 density operator

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [H(t), \rho] \xrightarrow{} \rho(t) = \rho_0 \exp(-iHt) \\ H(t) = H_0$$

$$\rho = \rho^0 + \rho^{(1)} + \rho^{(2)} + \rho^{(3)} + \dots$$

$$P^3; S^{(3)}(t); \chi^{(3)}(\omega)$$

4 Time domain response

 $S_{CARS} \sim \left| S^{(3)}(t_3, t_2, t_1) \right|^2$



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ELECTRONIC DYNAMICS OF BACTERIORHODOPSINE AND ITS MODIFIED ANALOGS

Excited state absorption





J. Phys. Chem. B, Vol. 103, No. 24, 1999 Transient spectral changes following excitation of native, all-trans, bR (bR570). Time values represent the delay between zero time, determined as described in the text and the probe pulse. Top: fast time scale; bottom: slower time scale. Insets enlarge the vertical scale of the intermediate region, where the DOD values are relatively small. Data points are missing around the interfering 620nm excitation

wavelength.

Unanswered questions

- why the femtosecond spectra of native BR-568 and locked analogs are identical?
- why the stimulated emission spectrum does not overlap with the spontaneous fluorescence?

Excited state absorption





Transient spectral changes following excitation of C13C14, all-locked bacteriorhodopsin, bR 5.12. Details as in earlier figure.

No. 24, 1999

Stimulated emission

Ground state bleaching

The results demonstrated that the initial ultrafast spectral changes observed in native BR are virtually identical to those recorded for the modified analogs including a rise of the absorption/emission bands (460/860 nm) in less than 30 fs

Ground state bleaching

Stimulated emission

LINEAR AND NONLINEAR RESPONSES VIBRATIONAL COUPLING THEORETICAL MODEL

$$I(\omega) = (2\pi)^{-1} \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}\right) \right]_{\infty}^{+\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \left\langle M_{01}^{+}(0)M_{10}(t) \right\rangle$$

 $S_{HB}(\omega_{1}\omega_{2}\tau) = \left(\frac{1}{\hbar}\right)^{3} 2\omega_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} 2\omega_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dt_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} dt_{3} \left[e^{i(\omega_{2}t_{3}+i\omega_{1}t_{1})\chi(t_{3}+t_{1})} \left[R_{1}^{H}(t_{3},\tau,t_{1}) + R_{4}^{H}(t_{3},\tau,t_{1})\right]\right] + e^{(i\omega_{2}t_{3}-i\omega_{1}t_{1})\chi(t_{3}-t_{1})} \left[R_{2}^{H}(t_{3},\tau,t_{1}) + R_{3}^{H}(t_{3},\tau,t_{1})\right]$



Shaul Mukamel Principles of Nonlinear Optical Spectroscopy

Molecular excited states have geometries that are different from the ground state configuration as a result of varying electron configuration. This parametric dependence of electronic energy on nuclear configuration results in a variation of the electronic energy gap between states as one stretches bond vibrations of the molecule. We are interested in describing how this effect influences the electronic absorption spectrum, and thereby gain insight into how one experimentally determines the coupling of between electronic and nuclear degrees of freedom. We consider electronic transitions between bound potential energy surfaces for a ground and excited state as we displace a nuclear coordinate q. The simplified model consists of two harmonic oscillators potentials whose 0-0 energy splitting is $E_e - E_g$ and which depends on q. We will calculate the absorption spectrum in the interaction picture using the time-correlation function for the dipole operator.

HOLE BURNING PROFILES



the high frequency mode (C=C stretching), not the torsional coordinate, i the primary accepting mode

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PREVIOUS MODELS



Despite the great diversity of traditional and modern approaches of experimental and theoretical methods applied to study the family of rhodopsins, which are responsible for vision processes, there is no generally accepted view on ultrafast primary events

CONCLUSIONS-1 PROPOSED MECHANISM OF PRIMARY EVENTS IN BR PHOTOCYCLE



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FREE RETINOIDS AND RETINOIDS BOUND TO PROTEINS Is femtosecond dynamics of retinoids "free" in solution different from that in

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Answering this question is very important, because femtosecond dynamics could monitor free retinol and retinol bound to proteins in cells providing information on the mechanism of retinol uptake and signalling by STRA6



Model of the mechanism of retinol uptake and signalling by STRA6

RETINOIDS FREE IN SOLUTIONS



PUMP-PROBE TRANSIENT ABSORPTION FEMTOSECOND SPECTROSCOPY



PUMP-PROBE TRANSIENT ABSORPTION FEMTOSECOND SPECTROSCOPY



the measured pumpprobe signal is proportional to the imaginary part of the polarization

$$\Delta I(\tau) = 2\omega_{sig}\ell \operatorname{Im}\left[E'_{pr}P^{(3)}(\tau)\right]$$

The pump-probe or transient absorption experiment is perhaps the most widely used third-order nonlinear experiment. It can be used to follow many types of time-dependent relaxation processes and chemical dynamics, and is most commonly used to follow population relaxation, chemical kinetics, or wavepacket dynamics and quantum beats.

PUMP-PROBE TRANSIENT ABSORPTION FEMTOSECOND SPECTROSCOPY



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The principle is quite simple: two pulses separated by a delay τ are crossed in a sample: a pump pulse and a time-delayed probe pulse. The pump pulse Epu creates a non-equilibrium state, and the time-dependent changes in the sample are characterized by the probe-pulse Epr through the pump-induced intensity change on the transmitted probe, ΔI .

GROUND STATE BLEACHING OF RETINOIDS IN SOLUTION (N-HEXANE, MAGIC ANGLE)



GROUND STATE BLEACHING OF RETINOIDS IN SOLUTION (CHLOROFORM)



retinol

60.5 ± 10.5 ps 325 ± 161.4 ps

EXCITED STATE ABSORPTION OF RETINOIDS IN SOLUTION (N-HEXANE, MAGIC ANGLE)



EXCITED STATE ABSORPTION OF RETINOIDS IN SOLUTION (CHLOROFORM)







 $(1A_{g})$

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B-CAROTENE

ĊH₃
ALL-TRANS RETINAL



ubsorption.



Fig. 7 shows the electronic structure levels for all-trans retinal. It consists of three excited singlet states in the near -UV-visible spectral region (Fig.2). The excited states $S_2 A_g(\pi\pi^*)$ and $S_3 B_u(\pi\pi^*)$ represent a polyene electronic structure, $S_1(n\pi^*)$ represents the aldehyde group of all-trans retinal.

ALL-TRANS RETINOL



325 nm



ULTRAFAST DYNAMICS OF METAL COMPLEXES OF TETRASULPHONATED PHTHALOCYANINES AT BIOLOGICAL INTERFACES OF THE HUMAN TISSUE



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Femtosecond spectroscopy of human breast tissues with aluminum phthalocyanine



pump 677 nm, probe 670 nm P58

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RAMAN SPECTRA OF RETINOIDS



METHODS OF MOLECULAR AND LASER MICROSPECTROSCOPY IMAGING





3.1 SNOM AC in transmission configuration





Fig. 5: Schematic illustration of the beam path for AFM AC Mode

U1 XY positioner U2 Scan stage U3 Objective turret with objectives including the inertial drive and the SNOM tip U4 Dichroic mirror U5 Beam deflection unit U6 Binocular tube with ocular camera U9 Pushrod U14 Microscope Z stage with stepper motor

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CONVENTIONAL MOLECULAR BIOLOGY



Isolation of DNA from Cells and Tissues

 DNA can be extracted from many types of cells. The first step is to lyse or break open the cell. This can be done by grinding a piece of tissue in a blender. After the cells have broken open, a salt solution such as NaCl and a detergent solution containing the compound SDS (sodiumdodecyl sulfate) is added.

Isolation of Mitochondria from Cells and Tissues

 Mitochondrial isolation protocols involve two processes – cell disruption to break open the cells and release the cellular structures, and differential centrifugation to recover fractions that are enriched for mitochondria IN RAMAN IMAGING WE DO NOT NEED TO DISRUPT CELLS TO BREAK OPEN THE CELLS AND RELEASE THE CELLULAR STRUCTURES TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR BIOCHEMICAL COMPOSITION



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The real-time *in vivo* neurosurgical Raman system in our laboratory





IN VIVO RAMAN OPTICAL BIOPSY ON RAT BRAIN IN LABORATORY OF LASER MOLECULAR SPECTROSCOPY







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VISUALIZATION OF LIPISD DROPLETS CHEMISTRY

• While in some cases the morphology is a good indicator for metabolic changes in cells, it can be of equal importance to know cellular contents. In the case of LDs, changes in carbon saturation and chain length can be linked to diseases

TAG CHAIN LENGTH AND SATURATION MAPS IN SITU

 TAG saturation can be mapped in differentiated 3T3-L1 adipocytes from BCARS spectra using the ratio of 1650 cm-1 / 1450 cm-1 [232]. Di Napoli et al. show further that this ratio can be used both on phase-retrieved spectra and from raw CARS images along with 2930 cm-1 / 2885 cm-1 and 3010 cm-1 / 2855 cm-1 [233].

TAG CHAIN LENGTH AND SATURATION MAPS IN SITU

- The disadvantage of this ratio is that only one quantity for TAG chemistry, the number of double bonds, is determined while the chain length is not taken into consideration. In algae, it has been shown that the 1650 cm-1 / 1450
- cm-1 from spontaneous Raman spectra can be correlated with number of double bonds and Nc=c/NCH2. This allows then the calculation of the chain length [235]. However, since the data is collected with spontaneous Raman spectroscopy, the measurements are slow causing low throughput.

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The goal of our study will be to assess the impact of cancer aggressiveness on the amount of cytosolic lipid droplets and their chemical composition in non-malignant and malignant human epithelial cell lines.

malignant 122/cell

LIPID DROPLETS IN ASTROCYTES VS GLIOBLASTOMA U89



Astrocytes –normal cells Astrocytoma –malignant Glioblastoma U89cells highly malignant cells

- Cancer cells contain increased numbers of lipid droplets compared with normal cells.
- Increased amount of lipid droplets correlates with increased aggressiveness of cancer.
- The increased amount of cytoplasmic lipid droplets in the human cancer cells may be closely related to increased rate of lipid synthesis in cancerous tissues.

THE SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF RETINOIDS IN NORMAL ASTROCYTES AND GLIOBLASTOMA CELLS



NORMAL ASTROCYTES



THE SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF RETINOIDS IN GLIOBLASTOMA CELLS: RETINOIDS IN MITOCHONDRIA, LIPID DROPLETS, NUCLEUS





In Raman imaging we do not need to disrupt cells to break open the cells and release the cellular structures to learn about their biochemical composition in lipid droplets, nucleus, mitochondria



THE SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF RETINOIDS IN NORMAL ASTROCYTES AND GLIOBLASTOMA. RESONANCE RAMAN AND POLARIZATION







RAMAN IMIGINGTHE SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF RETINOIDS IN MEDULLOBLASTOMA (HUMAN BRAIN TISSUE) GRADE IV

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RAMAN AND MRI IMIGING THE SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF RETINOIDS IN ASTROCYTOMA (HUMAN BRAIN TISSUE) GRADE II/III



CONCLUSION

. Two types of lipid droplets in normal astrocytes and cancer cells of glioblastoma with distinct chemical compositions, biological functions and vibrational properties have been found.

The two types of lipid droplets are related to different functions - energy storage and signalling. Their expression and biochemical composition depend on cancer aggressiveness.

- The first group is dominantly filled with TAGs and is involved in energy storage.
- The second group is mainly filled with retinyl esters and retinol binding proteins and is involved in signalling, especially JAK2/STAT6 pathway signalling.



GENERAL CONCLUSION

Raman imaging, together with ultrafast time resolved spectroscopies are revealing functional aspects of retinoids at a new molecular level. These multidisciplinary approaches for free and protein bound retinoids combined with suitable cell cultures, ex vivo tissues, animal models can be especially helpful in translating these findings into therapeutic options for further development in animals and eventually in humans.

TIME RESOLVED SPECTROSCOPY AND STIMULATED RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY

stimulated Raman spectroscopy [158–161]. These methods should be able to help resolve the ongoing problems of understanding the pattern of carotenoid excited singlet states and their involvement in light harvesting. They should be able to resolve the key issues of which absorption changes reflect discrete electronic states and which come from different vibrational ones. Sorting this out will hopefully remove many of the current controversies.