

# Tomographic Phase Microscopy: a marker-free platform for 3D cell imaging

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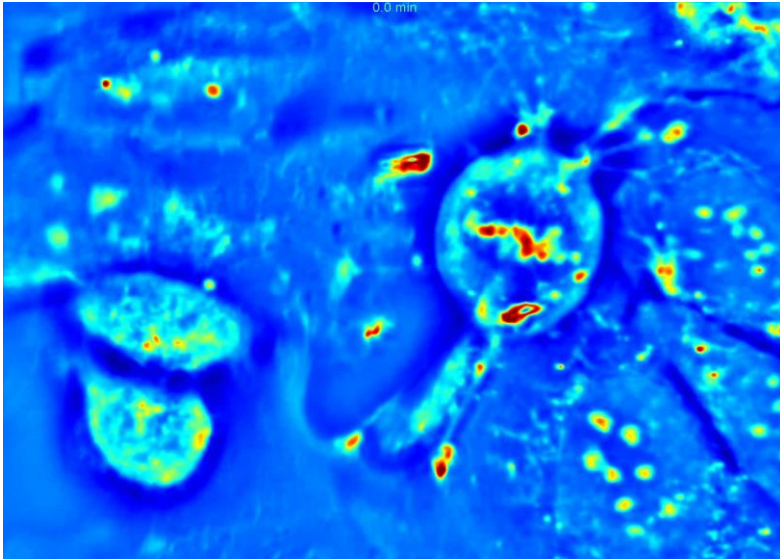
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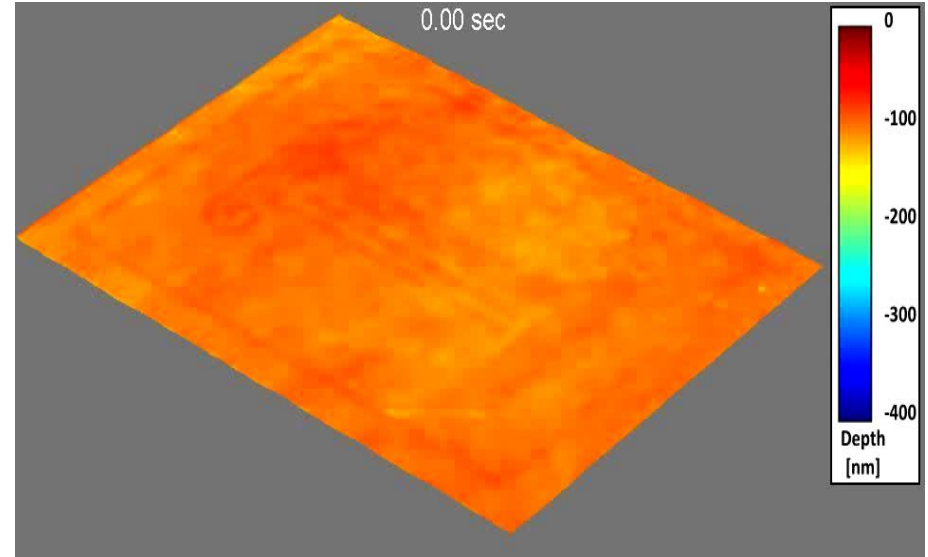
# Quantitative Phase Microscopy

## Biological imaging



- Label-free
- Noninvasive
- Endogenous contrast
- Tomographic imaging

## Material metrology

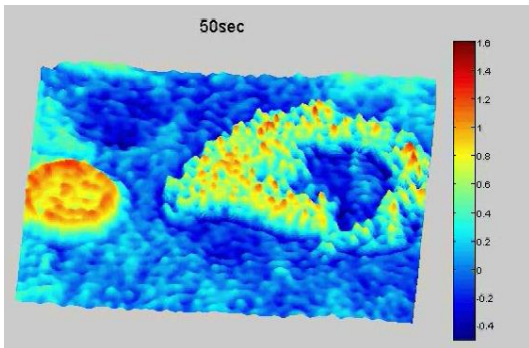
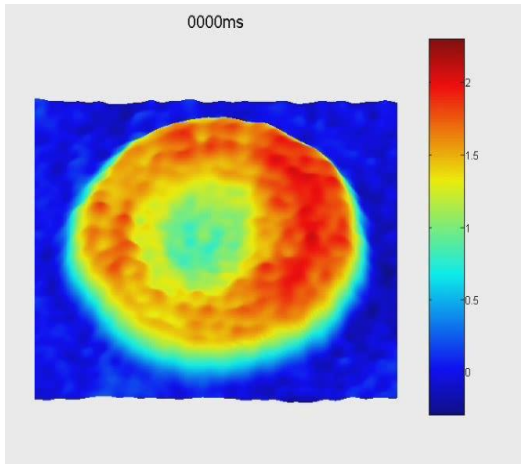


- Noncontact
- Full field technique
- High sensitivity
- Microscopic resolution

# Imaging Applications

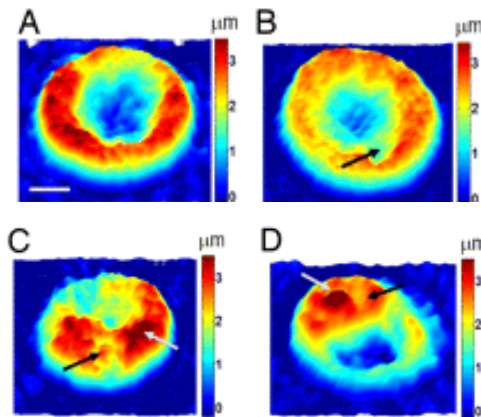
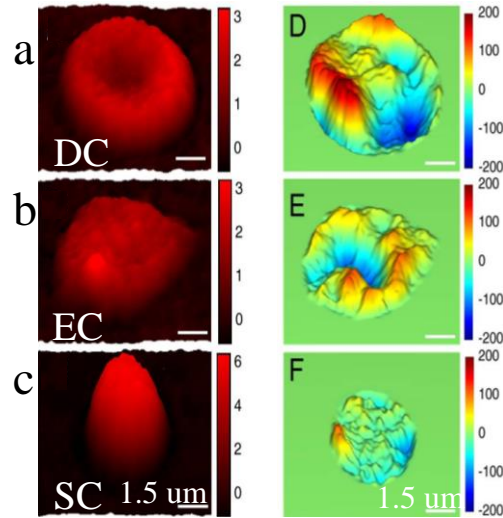
Hematology applications: red-blood cell (RBC) physiology and diseases

## RBC dynamics



Y. Park *et al.*, *Opt. Express.* **18** (2006)

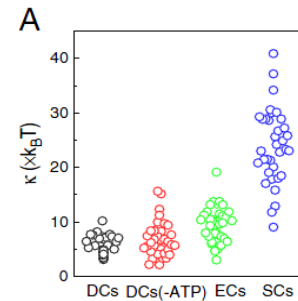
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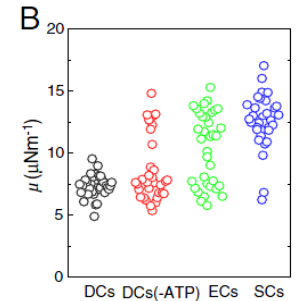
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## RBC mechanics

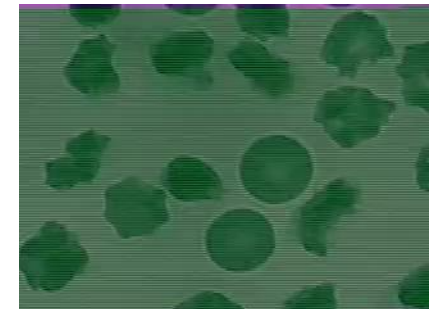
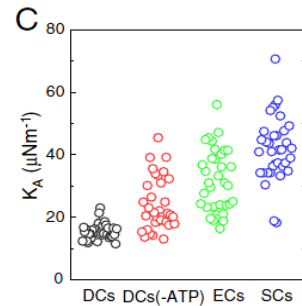
### Bending modulus



### Shear modulus



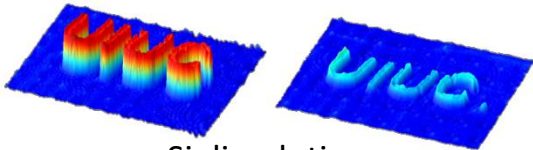
### Area compression modulus



Y. K. Park *et al.*, *PNAS* **107** (2010)  
P. Hosseini *et al.*, *PNAS* **113** (2016)

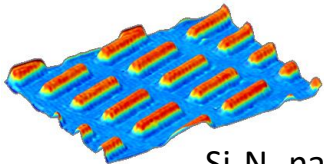
# Metrology Applications

## Dissolution of Biodegradable Electronic Materials



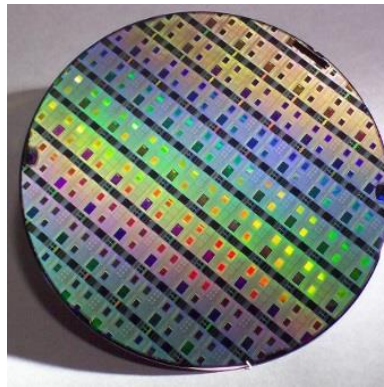
Si dissolution in Bovine serum

## Self-assembly of Nanotubes



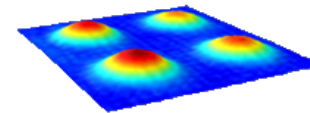
Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> nanotubes during formation

## Wafer defect metrology

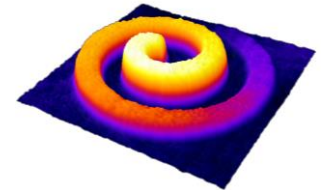


## Digital Projection Photochemical Etching

Microlens array



Archimedean spiral

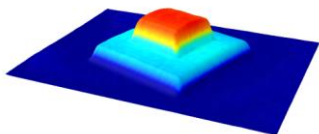


## Etching Dynamics

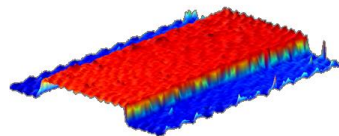


Watching semiconductors etch

## Expansion and Deformation of Materials



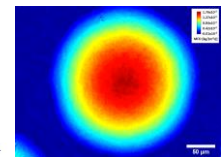
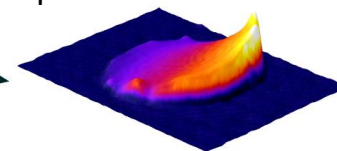
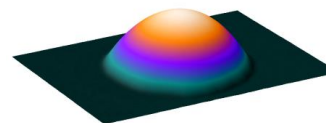
Pt stacked cubes expanding in H<sub>2</sub> gas



Pd ridge in H<sub>2</sub> gas

## Surface Wetting and Evaporation

Evaporating Microdroplet



Mass Flux Density

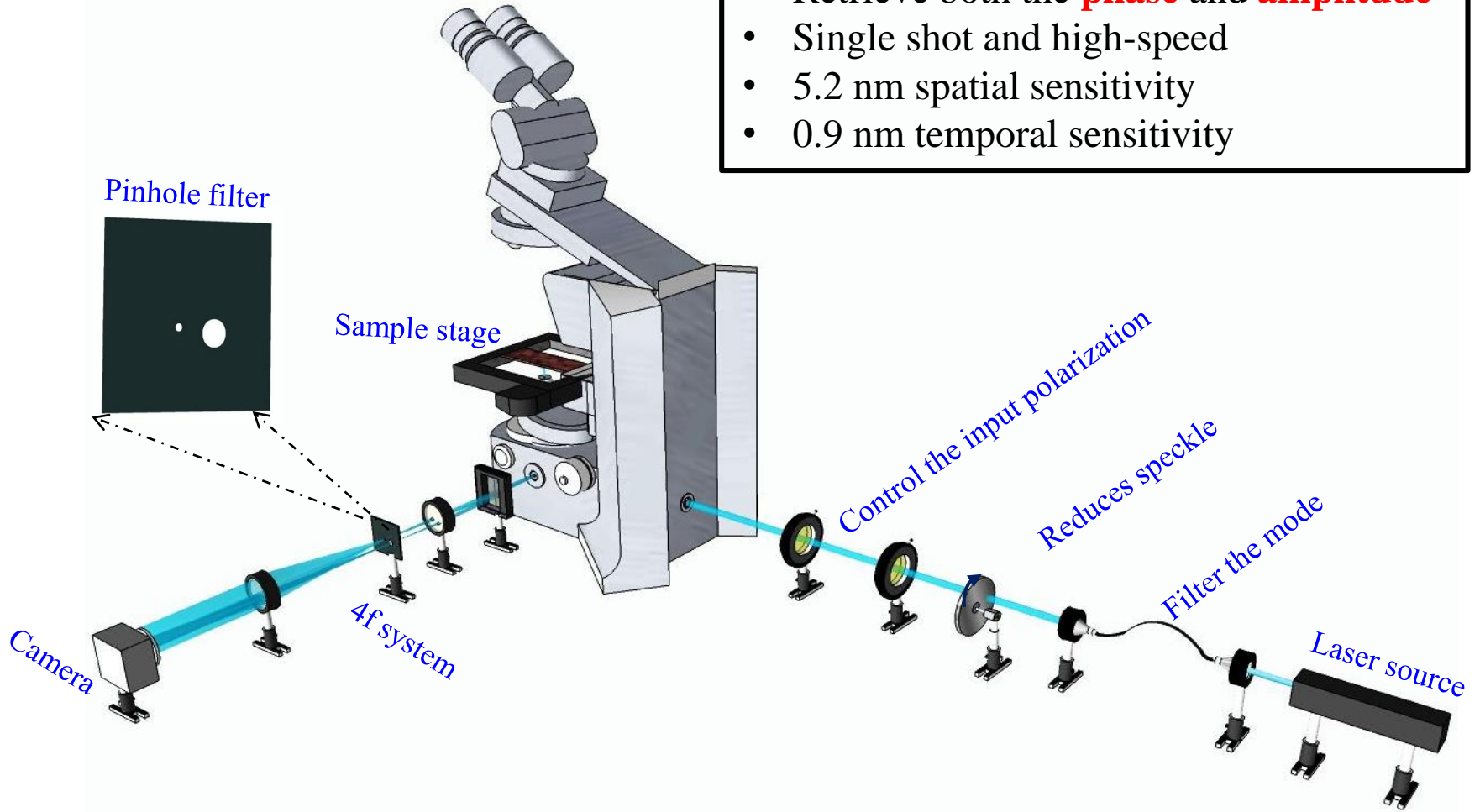
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R. Zhou *et al.*, *Proc. SPIE.* **8681** (2013); R. Zhou *et al.*, *Proc. SPIE.* **9050** (2014); R. Zhou *et al.*, *Proc. SPIE.* **9336** (2015)

# Common-path Quantitative Phase Microscopy

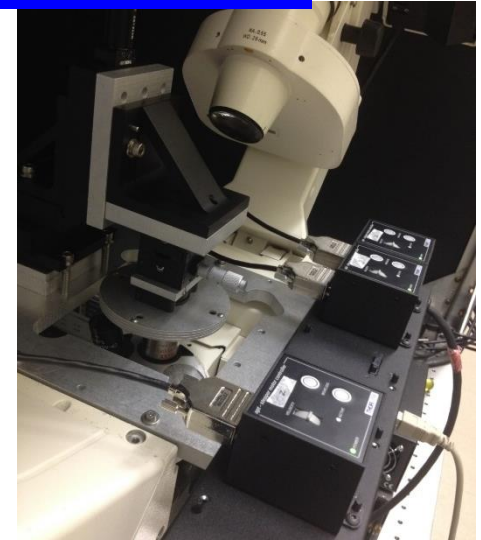
Epi-illumination diffraction phase microscopy (epi-DPM)

- Retrieve both the **phase** and **amplitude**
- Single shot and high-speed
- 5.2 nm spatial sensitivity
- 0.9 nm temporal sensitivity

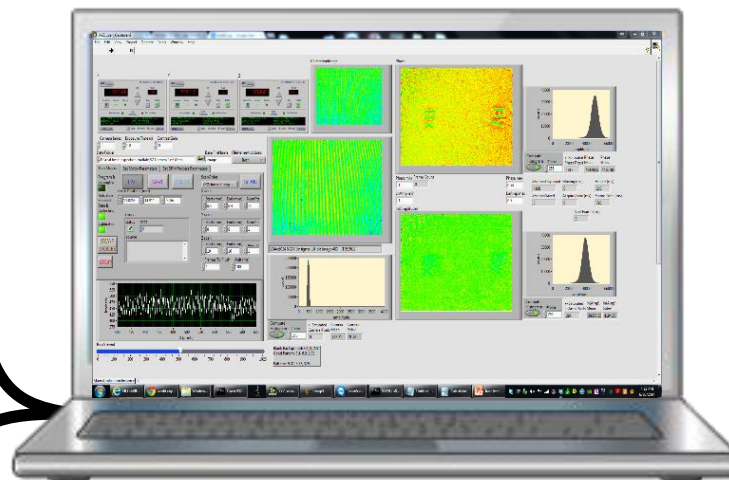
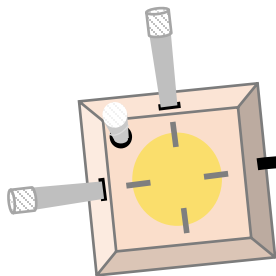


# System Deployment

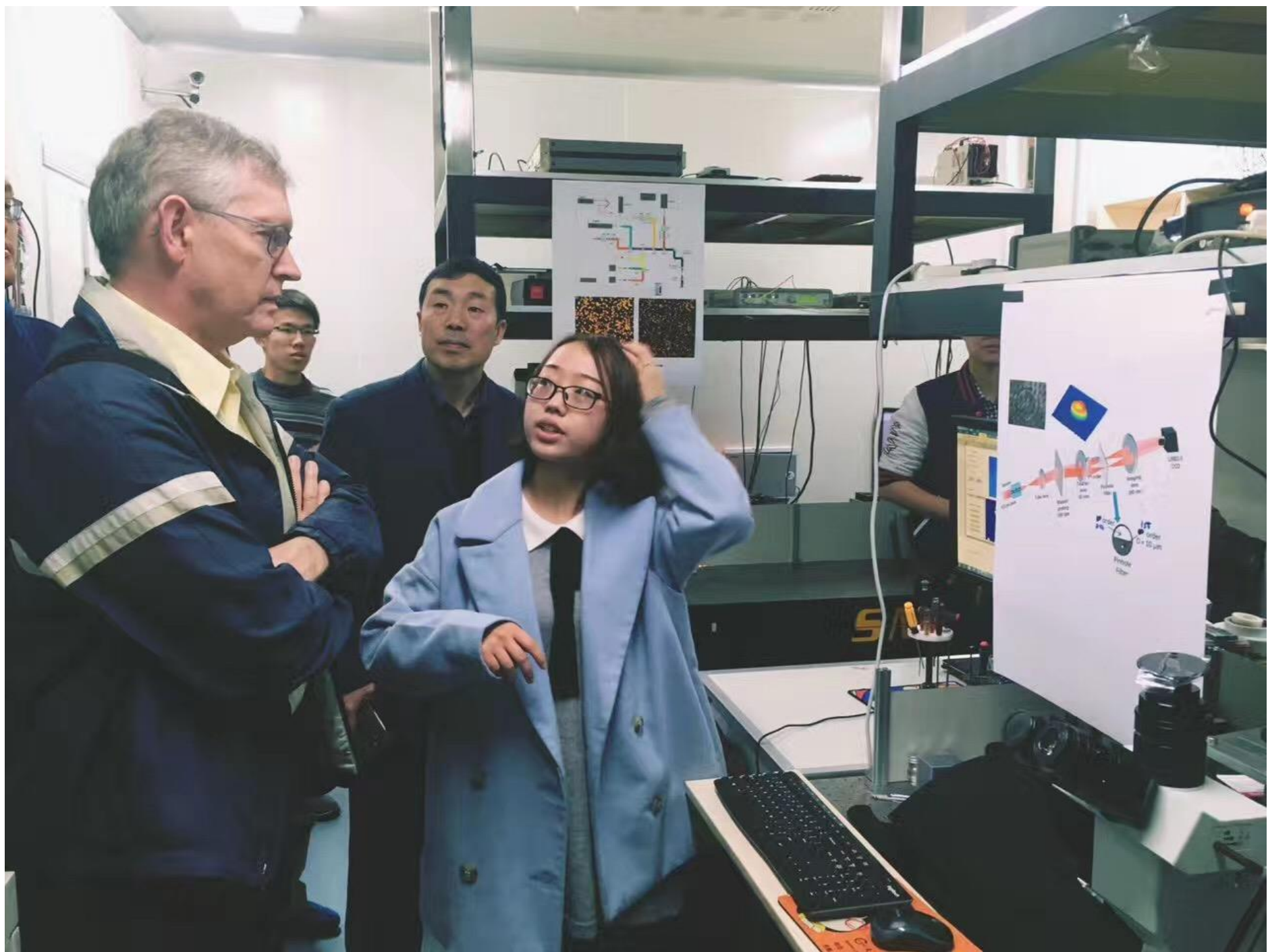
Construction: DPM + Tabletop cleanroom + Sample stage



Control software: CUDA + Labview

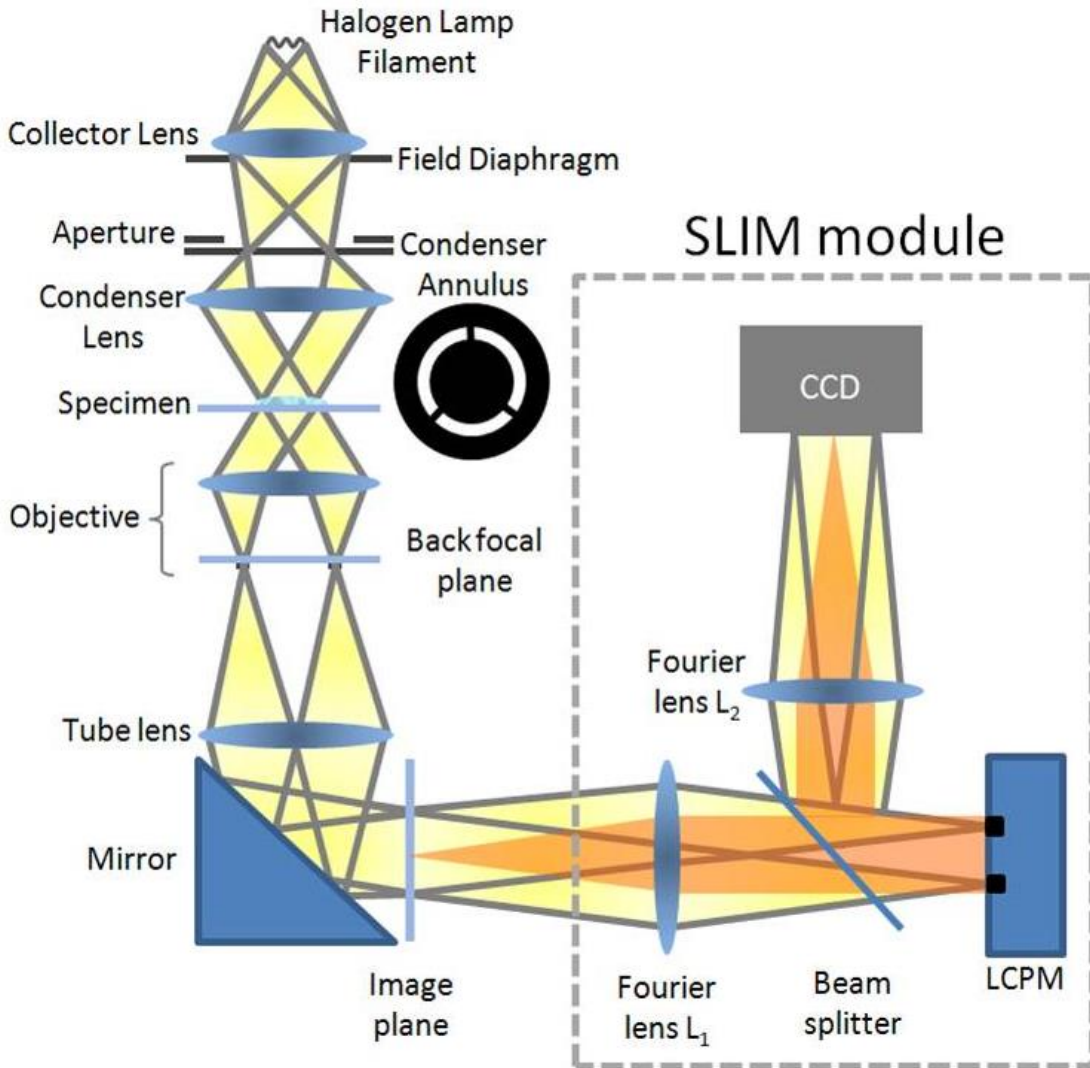


R. Zhou et al., SRC Techcon (2014)



# Spatial Light Interference Microscopy

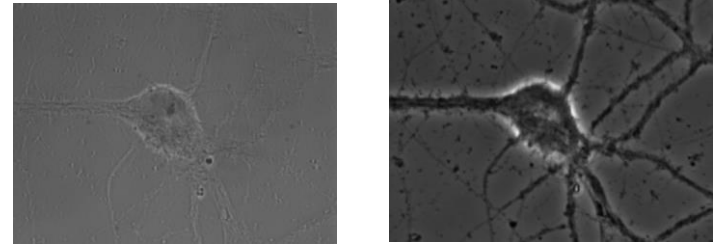
Add a phase-shifting module to phase-contrast microscopy



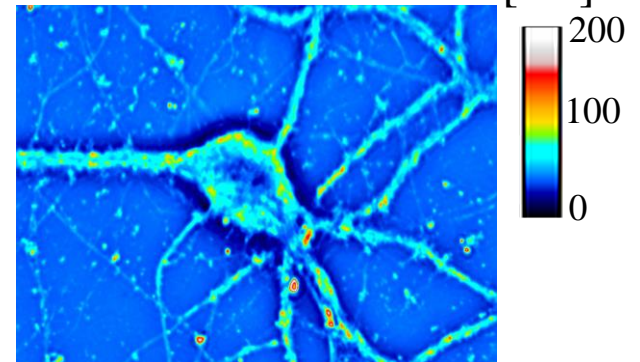
SLIM is a white-light QPI

- 0.3 nm spatial sensitivity
- 0.03 ns temporal sensitivity

**Bright-field image**      **Phase contrast image**

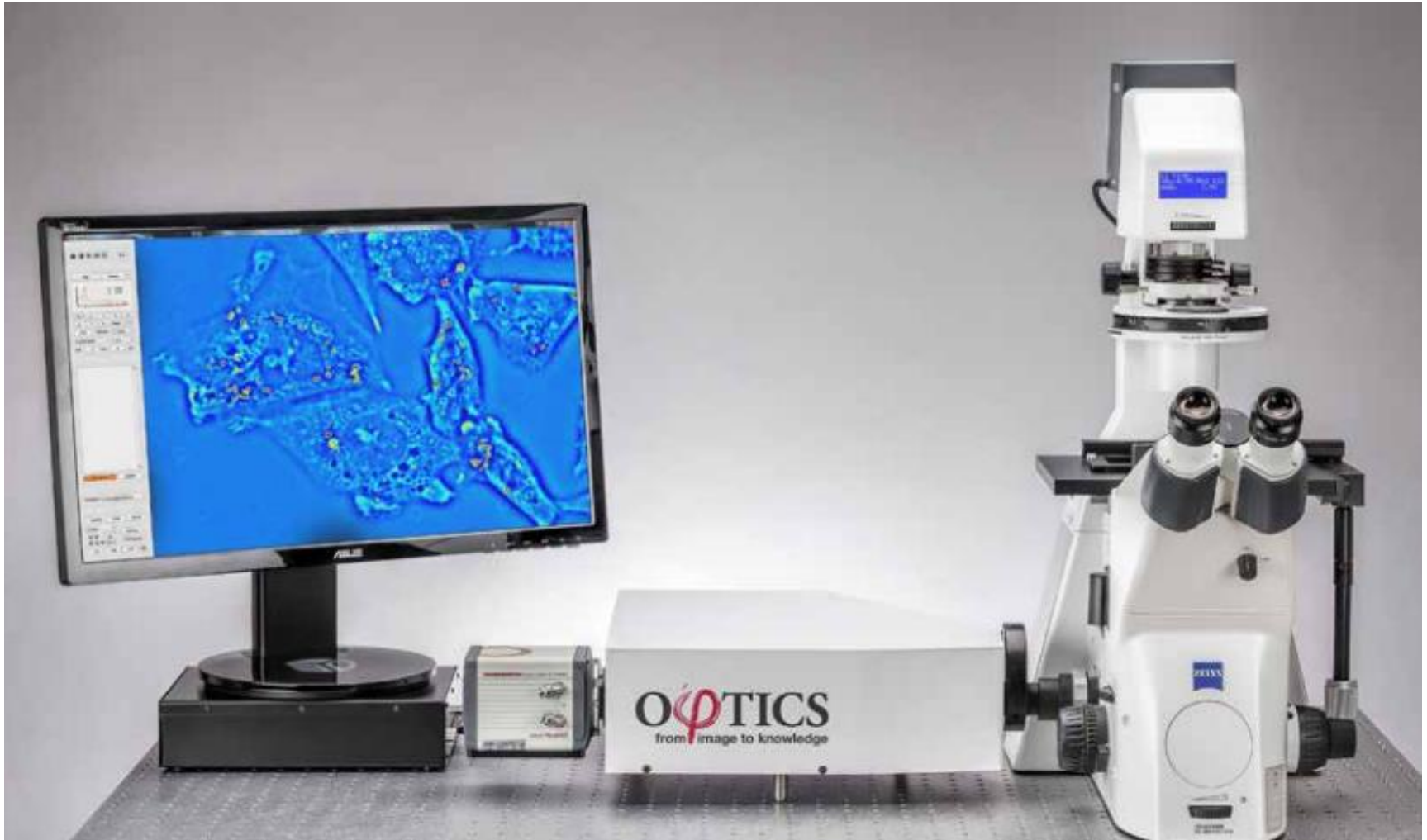


**SLIM image of a neuron** [nm]





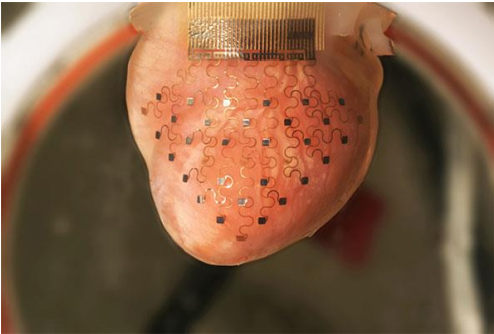
# SLIM Module for Phase-Contrast Microscopes



# Motivation

Bridging the gap in 3D surface testing

**Flexible Electronics Testing**



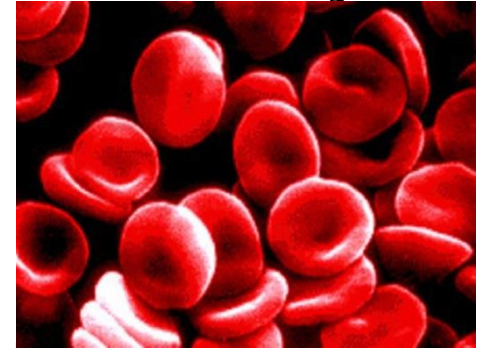
Dynamic, Precision, Low cost

**Mechanical Surface Testing**



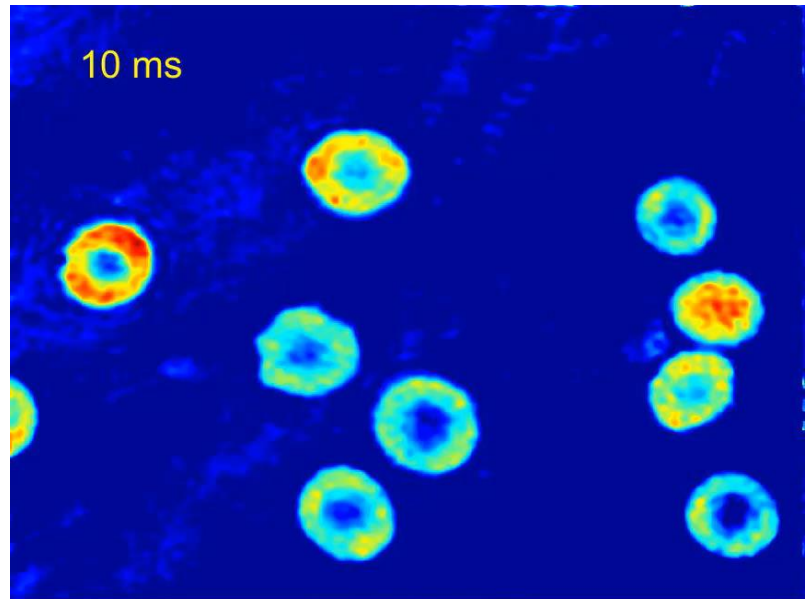
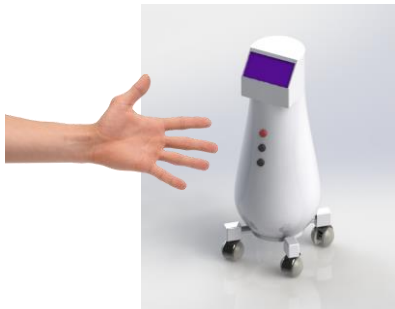
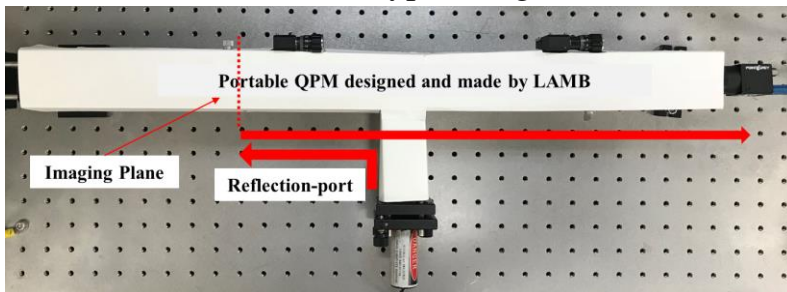
Portable, Precision

**Blood Testing**



Simple, Precision, Low cost

**2nd Prototype Design**



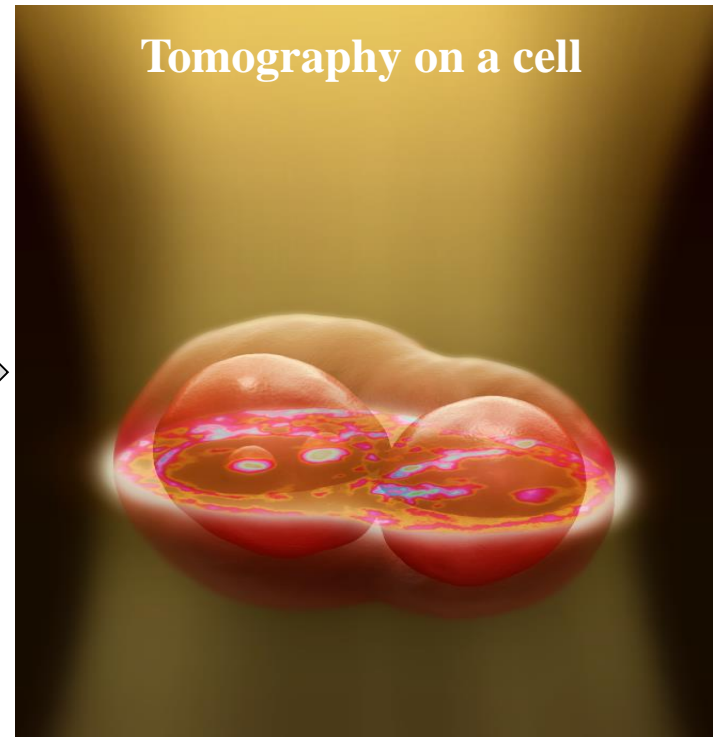
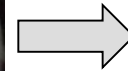
# Tomography Phase Microscopy (TPM)

Mapping cell refractive index in 3D

$$\phi(x, y) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \int \Delta n(x, y, z) dz \neq \frac{2\pi \Delta n h(x, y)}{\lambda}$$



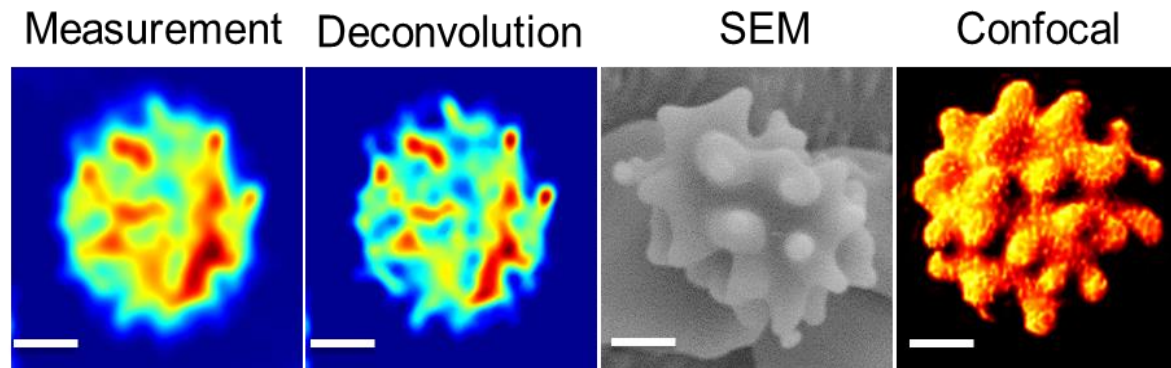
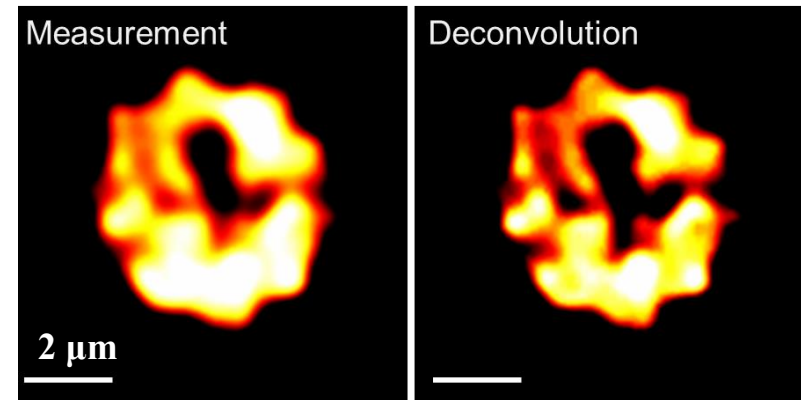
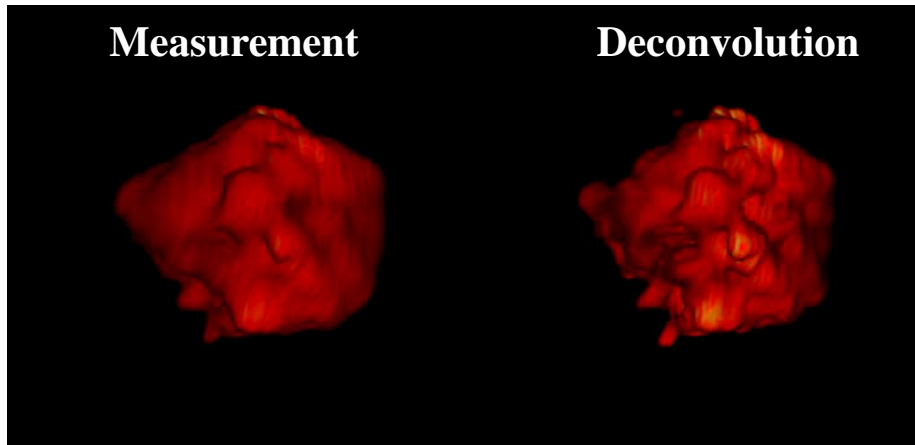
X-ray computed tomography (CT)



T. Kim<sup>+</sup>, R. Zhou<sup>+</sup> *et al*, *Nat. Photon.* **8** (2014)

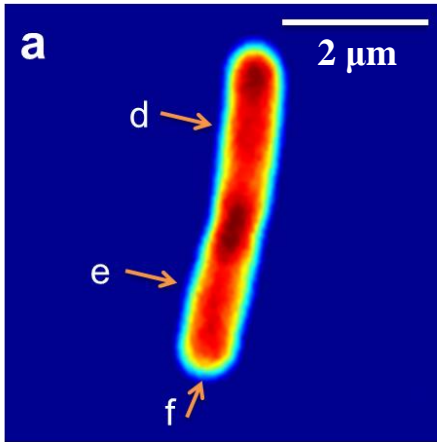
# White-light Diffraction Tomography

Red blood cell with Echinocyte

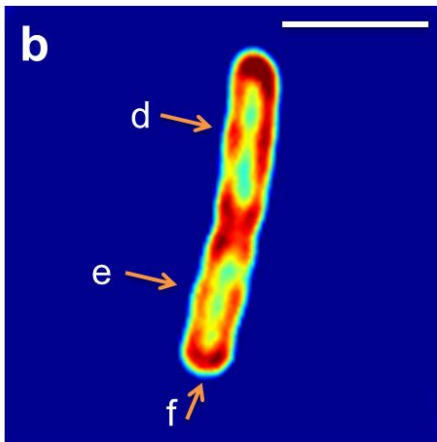


# E. Coli Cell in 3D

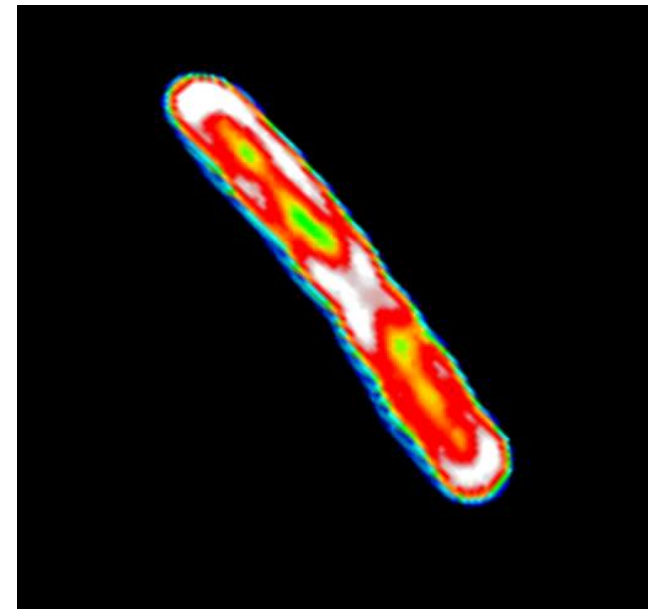
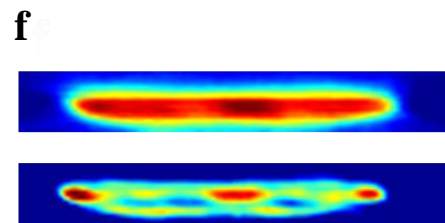
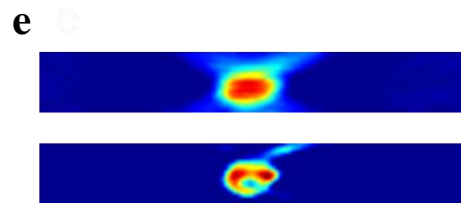
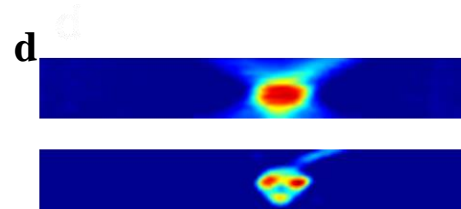
Revealing the helical structure



Measurement

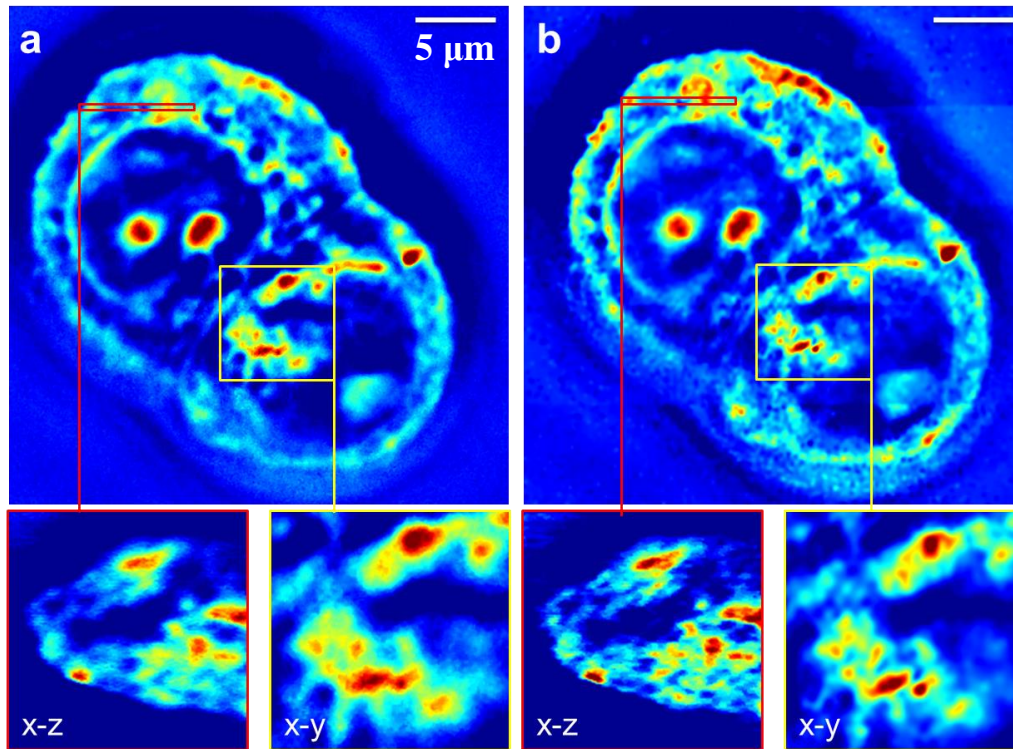


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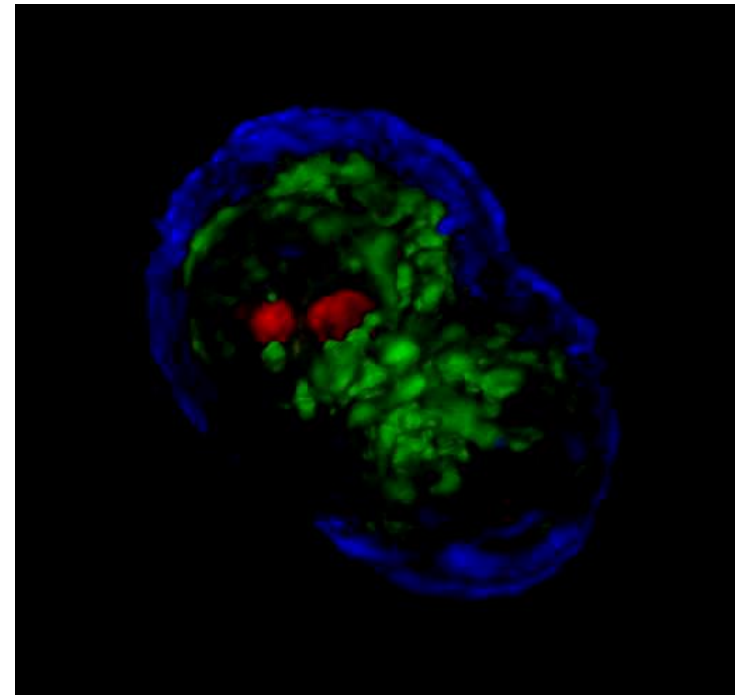
# HT-29 Cell in 3D

Image larger mammalian cells

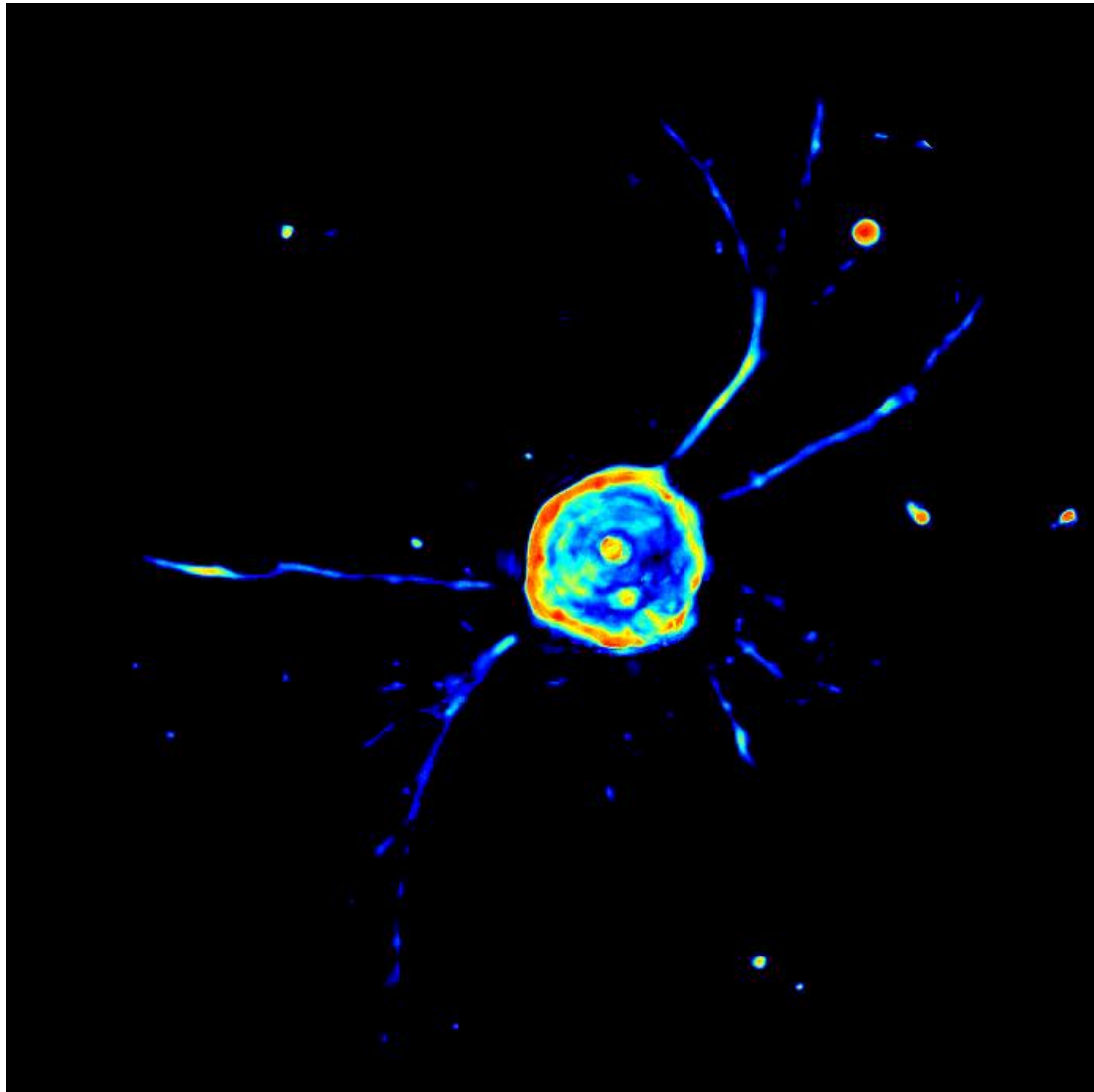


Measurement

Deconvolution



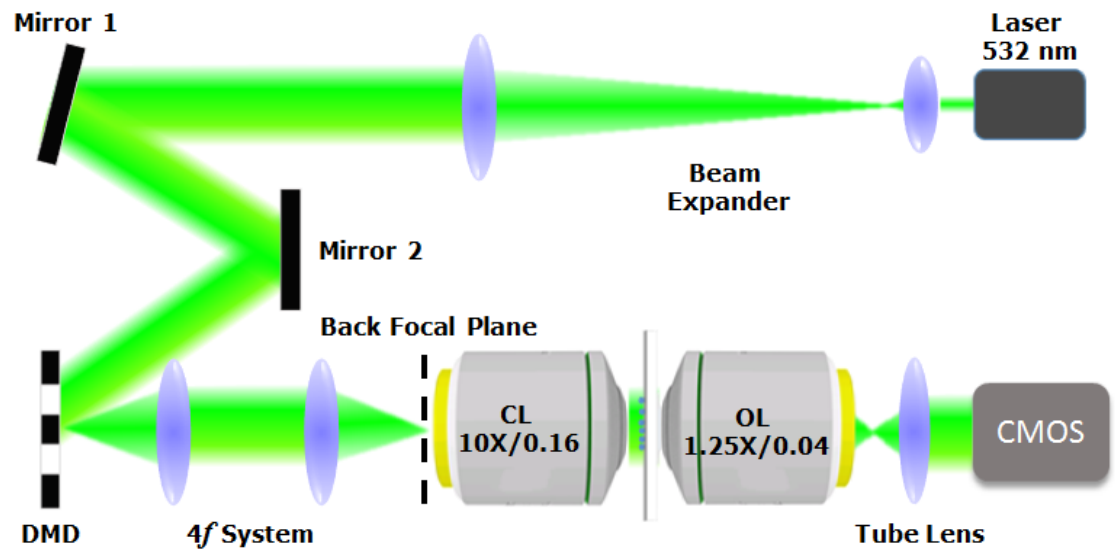
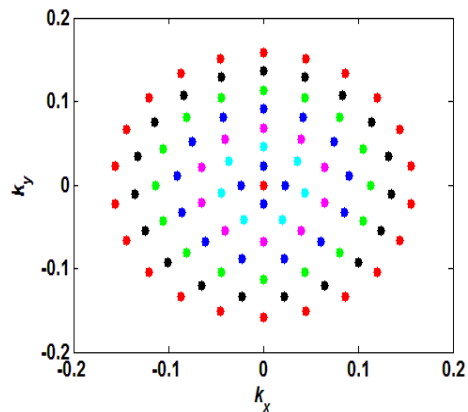
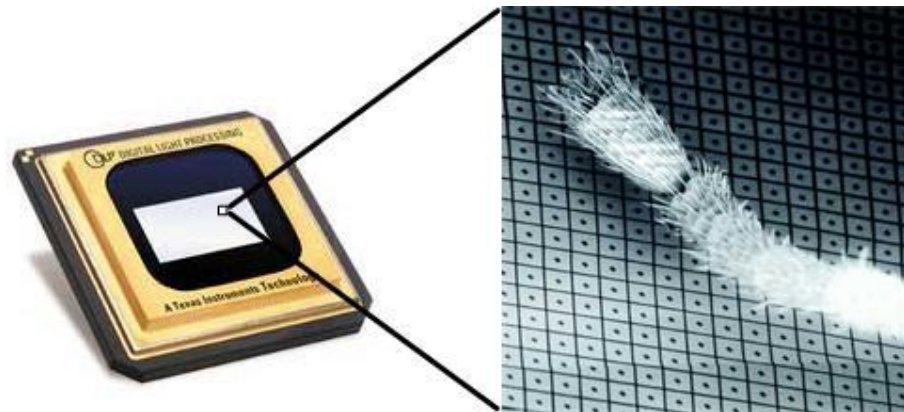
# Neuron in 3D



T. Kim<sup>+</sup>, R. Zhou<sup>+</sup> *et al.*, *Lasers & Photonics Rev.* **10** (2016)

# DMD-based TPM

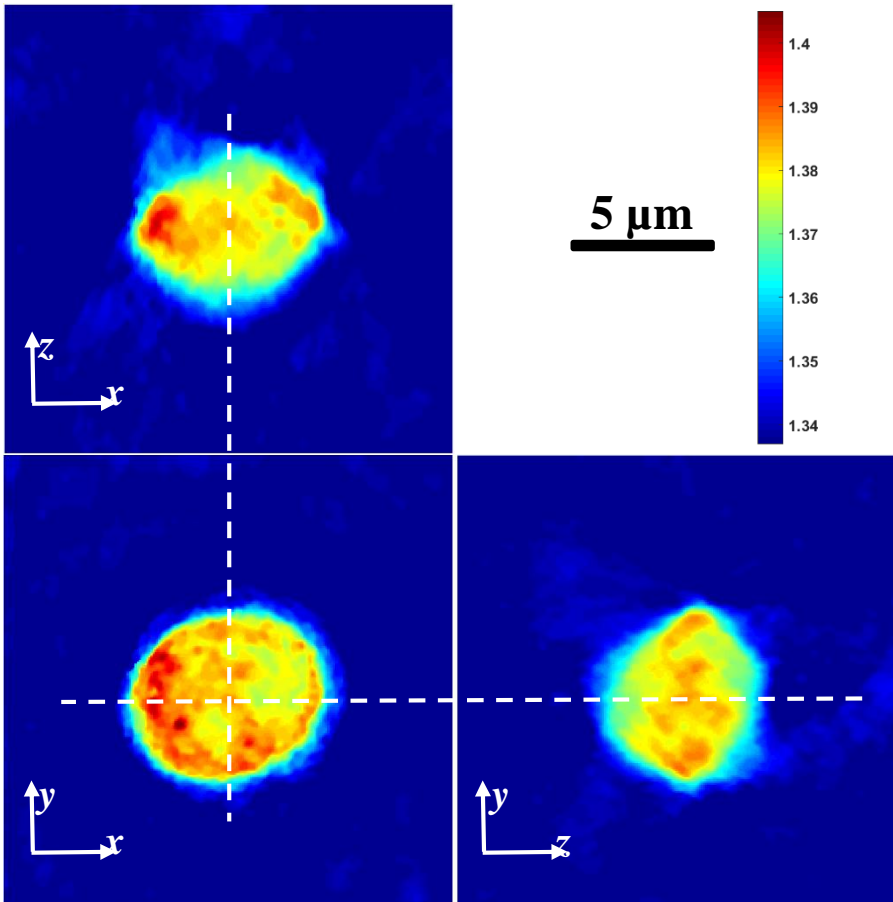
DMDs are fast and stable with  $> 10$  kHz patterning speed



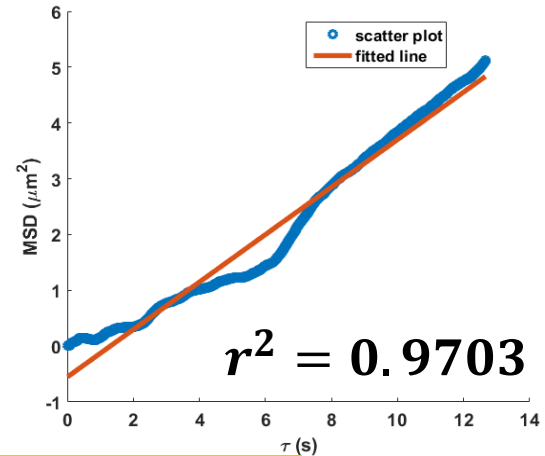
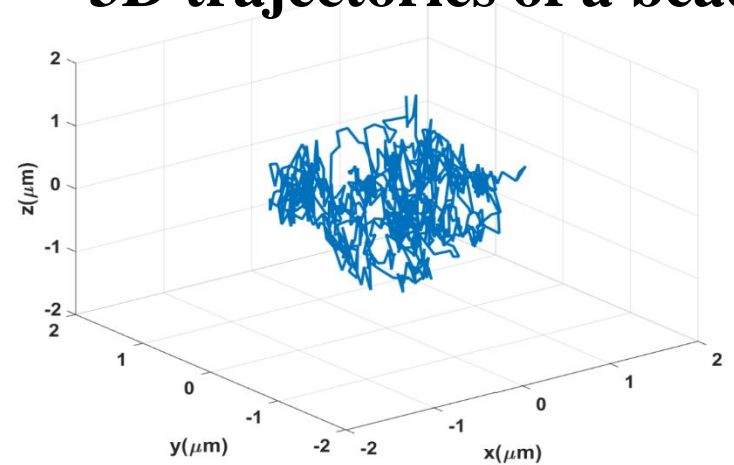


# 3D Imaging Results

## HeLa cell



## 3D trajectories of a bead

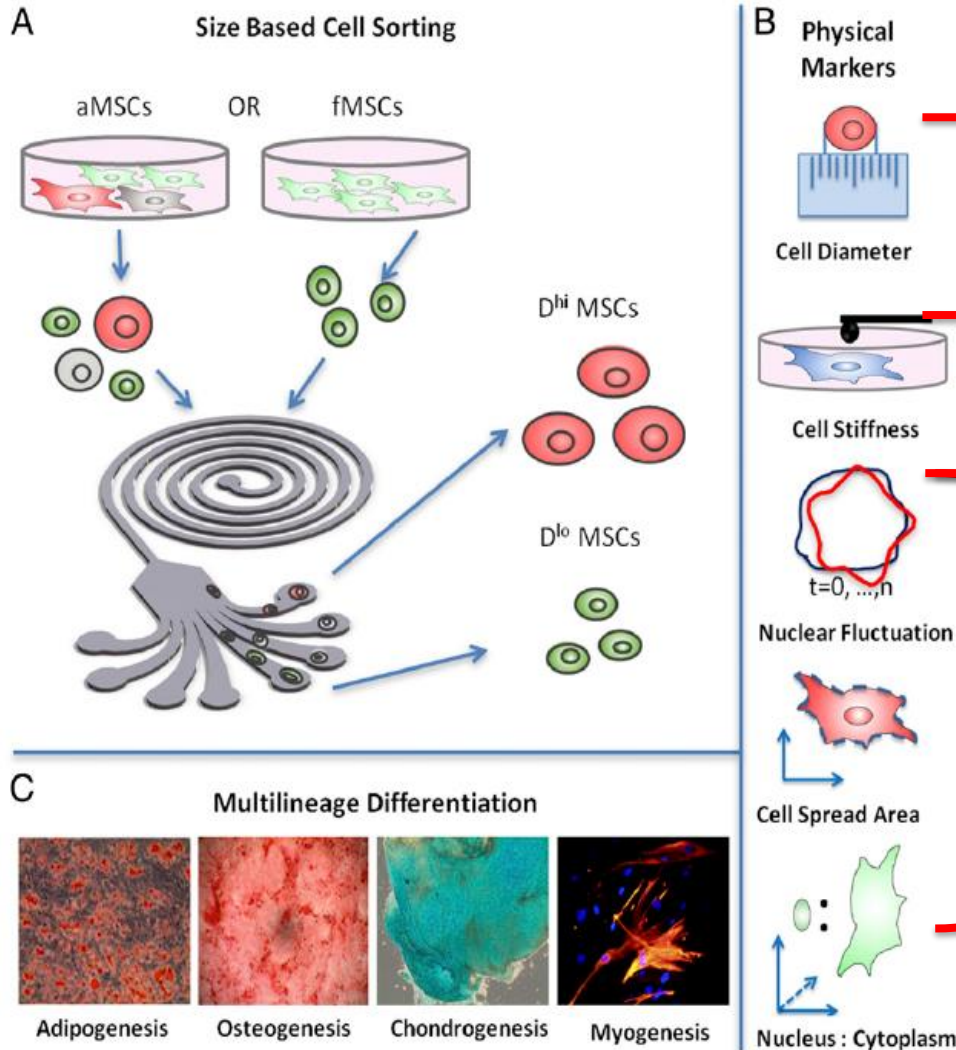


## Throughput

- Speed > 30 tomogram/sec
- > 300 cells per second

# Outlook 1: High Speed 3D Imaging Cytometry

Stem cell therapies, circulating cell detection, embryo selection, etc.



## Current methods

- Spiral microchannel devices  
Limitation: Only cell size groups
- Silicon nitride AFM cantilever  
Limitation: Low speed
- Confocal images  
Limitation: Fluorescence staining

## Our goal

- Develop a label-free method that can:
- Obtain all the possible biophysical
  - Perform multivariate identification
  - Long-term monitor cell changes
  - High throughput imaging
  - Measure mechanical properties

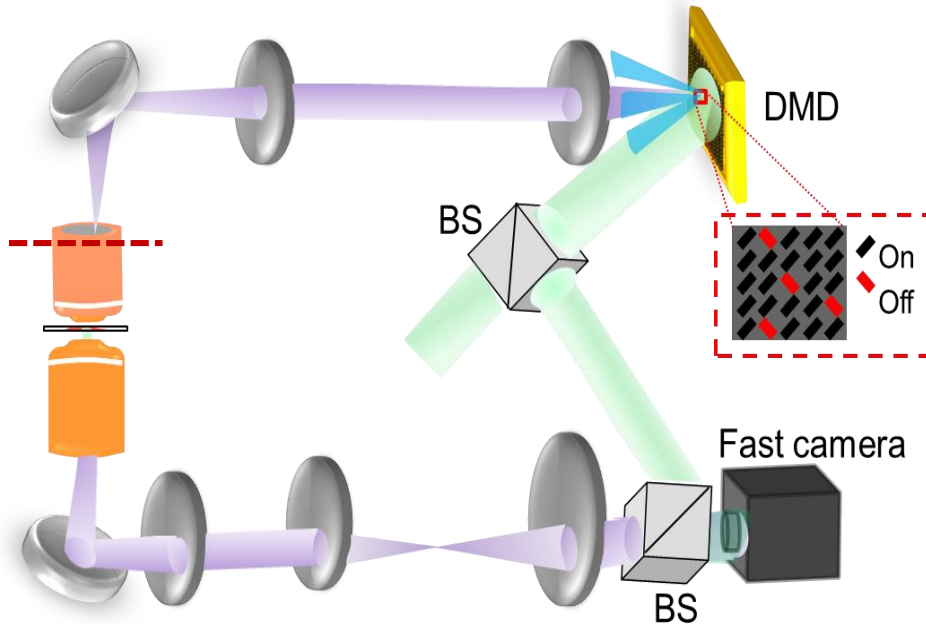
## Efficient isolation of the stems

Krystyn Van Vliet's group at MIT, *PNAS* 111 (2014)

# Proposed 3D Imaging Cytometry Design

Compressive-sensing optical diffraction tomography

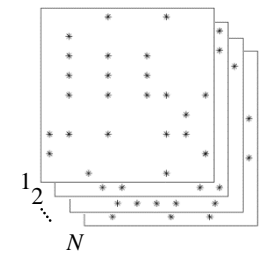
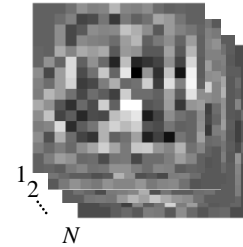
## Tomographic Phase Microscopy System



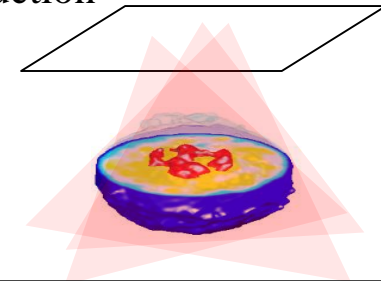
## Compressive sensing

DMD-coded aperture

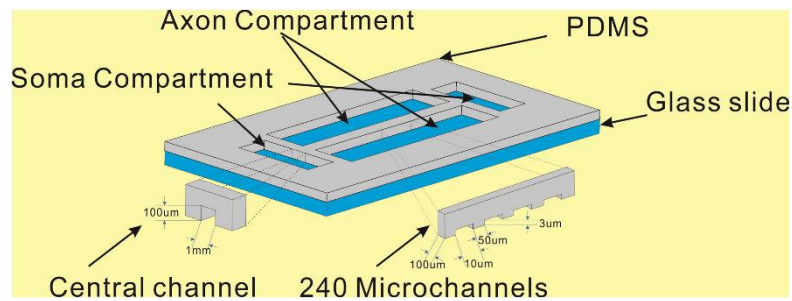
Intensity at camera



Reconstruction

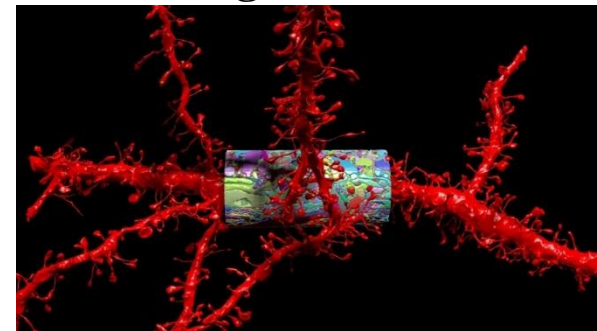


## Microfluidic channel network



Ellis Meng group at USC

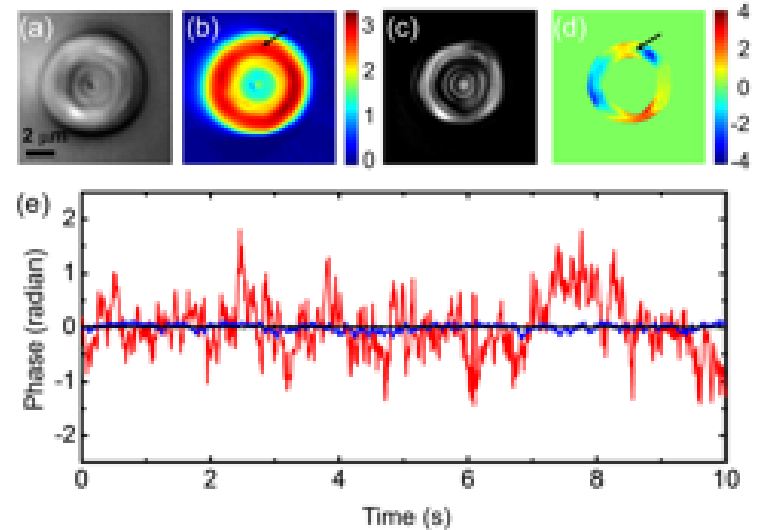
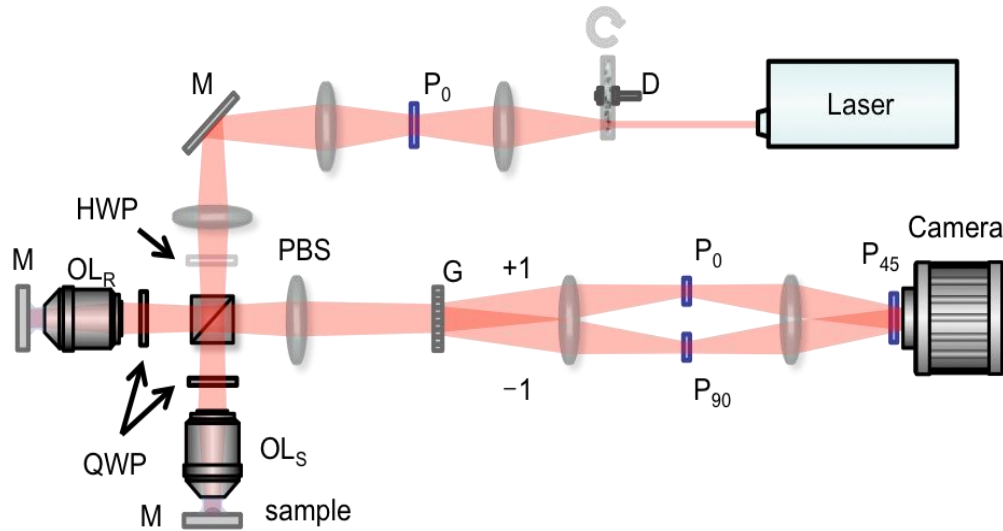
## Segmentation



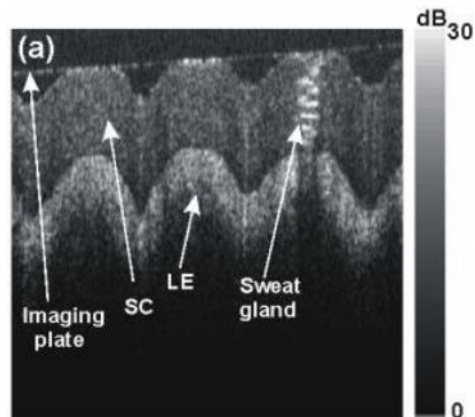
Jeff Lichtman group at Harvard

# Temporal-coherence gated TPM

Similar to full-field OCT, SDT uses the coherence-gating effect



Y. Choi *et al.*, *Opt. Lett.* **39** (2014); R. Zhou *et al.*, *Opt. Exp.* **25** (2017)

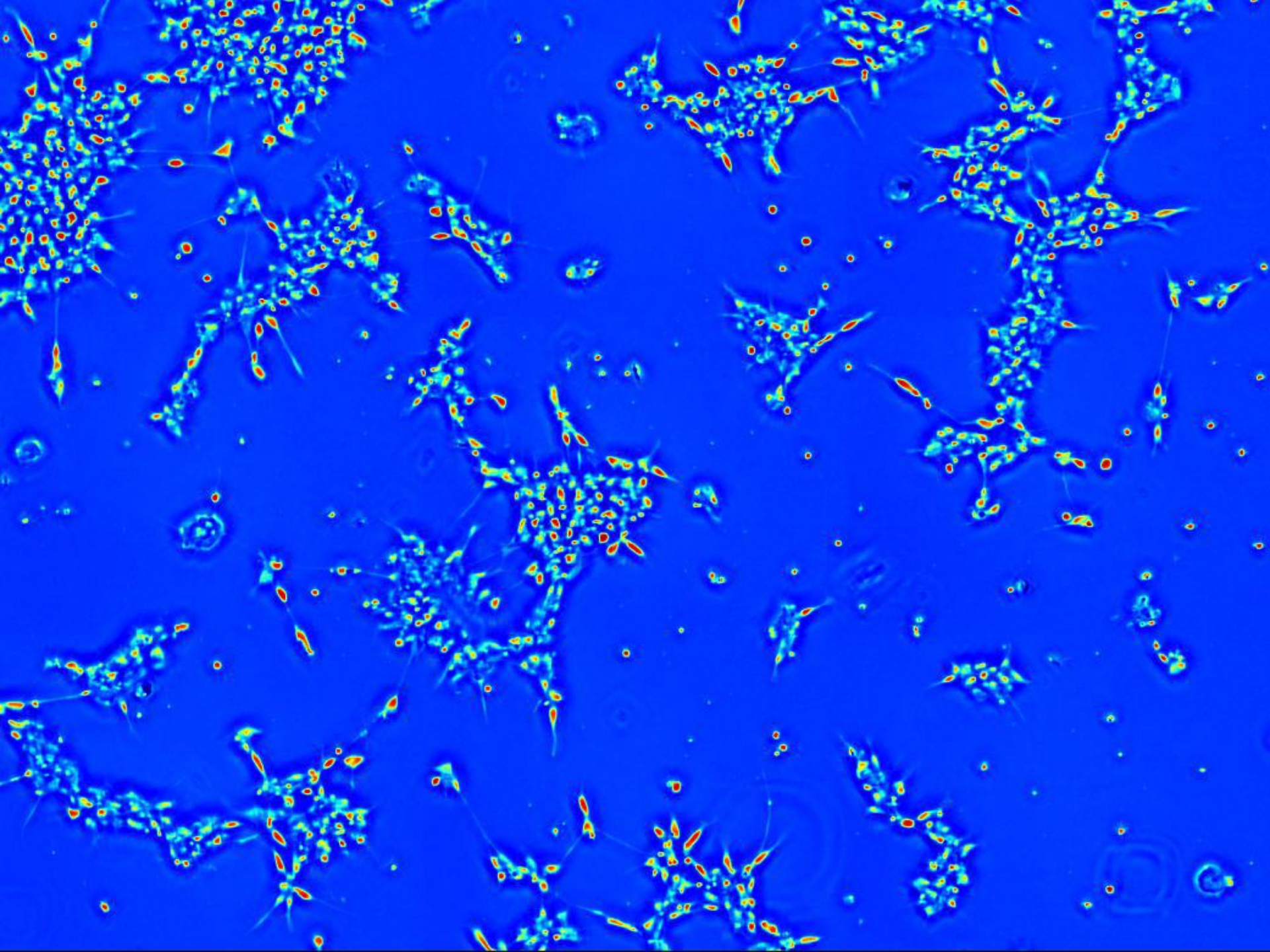


B.F. Kennedy *et al.*, *Opt. Exp.* **19** (2011)

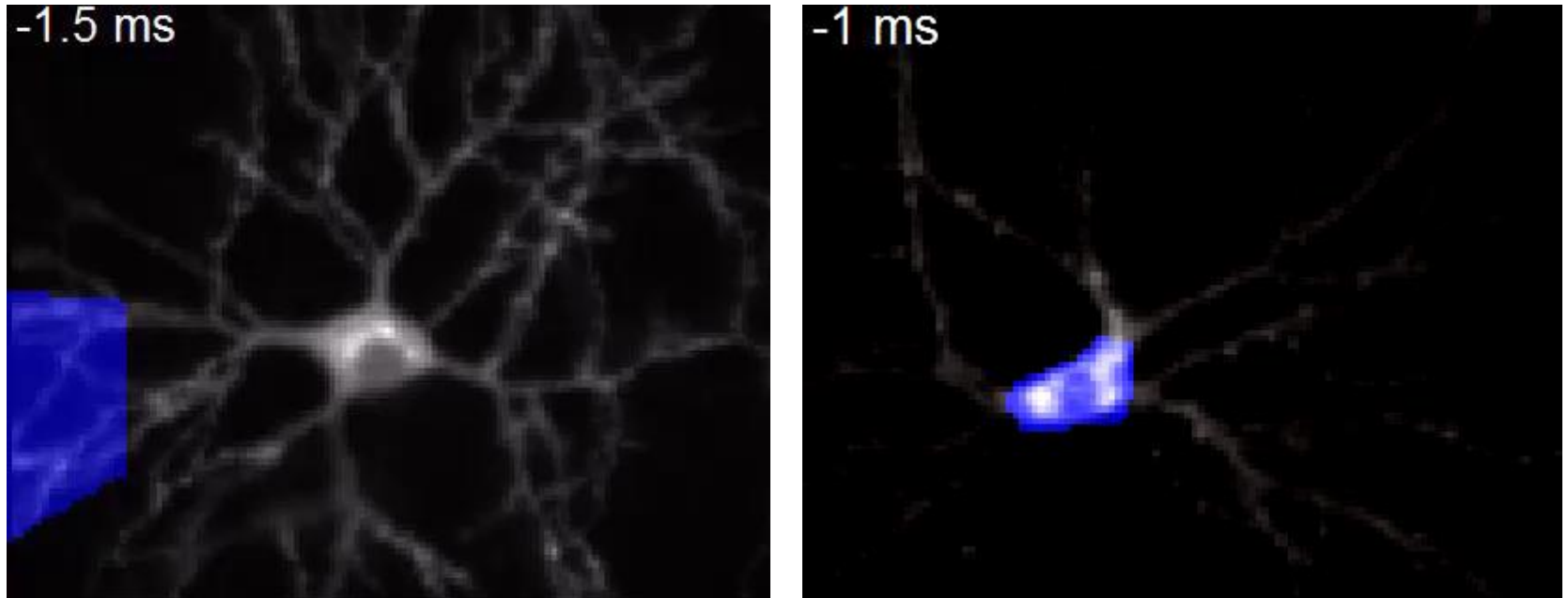
**Table 2. OCT Optical Path Length Refractive-Index Measurements for *In Vitro* Human Tissue Specimens**

Tissue Type	Measured $n$ (mean $\pm$ std. dev.)	Previously Estimated Value of $n^a$
Dermis	$1.40 \pm 0.007$	1.37 – 1.5
Left ventricular muscle	$1.382 \pm 0.007$	1.40 (canine tissue)
Mesenteric adipose	$1.467 \pm 0.008$	1.455 (bovine tissue)

G. J. Tearney *et al.*, *Opt. Lett.* **20** (2011)



# Action-potential Imaging



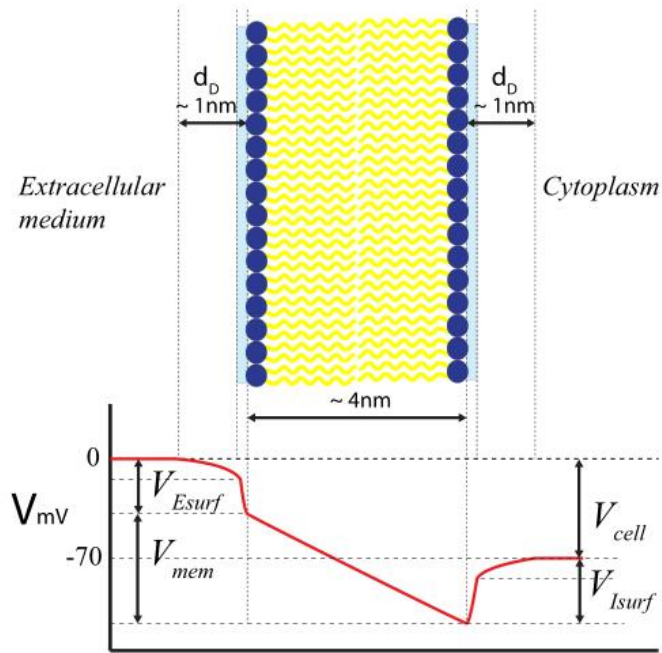
D. R. Hochbaum *et al.*, *Nat. Meth.* **11** (2014)

# Platform 2: Super-sensitive Phase Microscopy

Measure highly dynamical activities on nanometer-scale membrane structures

## Plasma membrane potential imaging in neurons

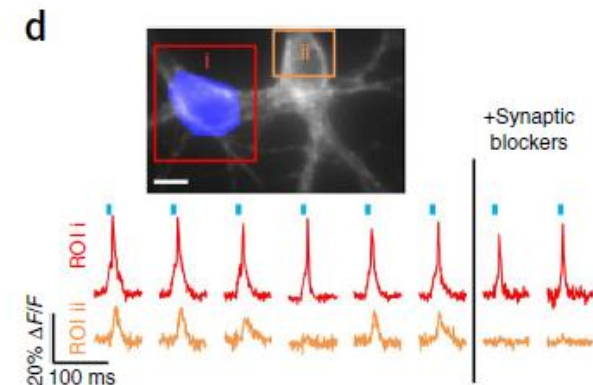
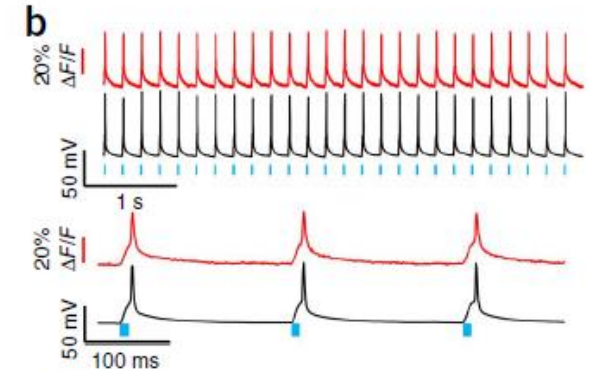
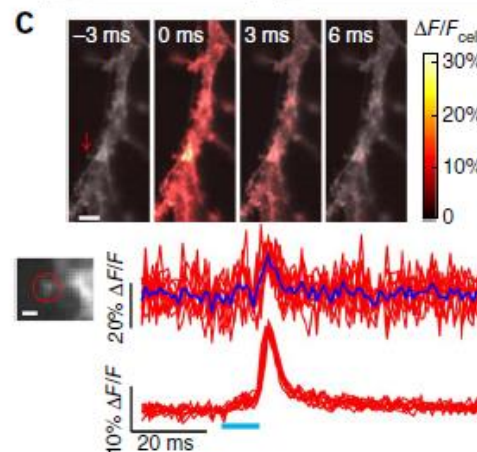
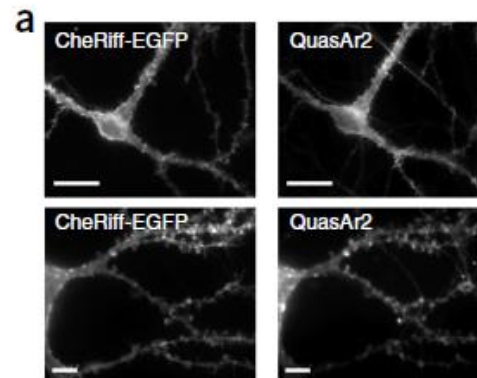
### Fluorescence-based voltage sensing



D. S. Peterka *et al.*, *Neuron* **69** (2011)

### Fluorescence limitations:

1. Photobleaching limited recording length
2. Slow kinetics limit it to resolve closely spaced spikes
3. SNR is limited by probe concentration and fluorescence lifetime
4. Cannot be directly applied in human



Arc Light

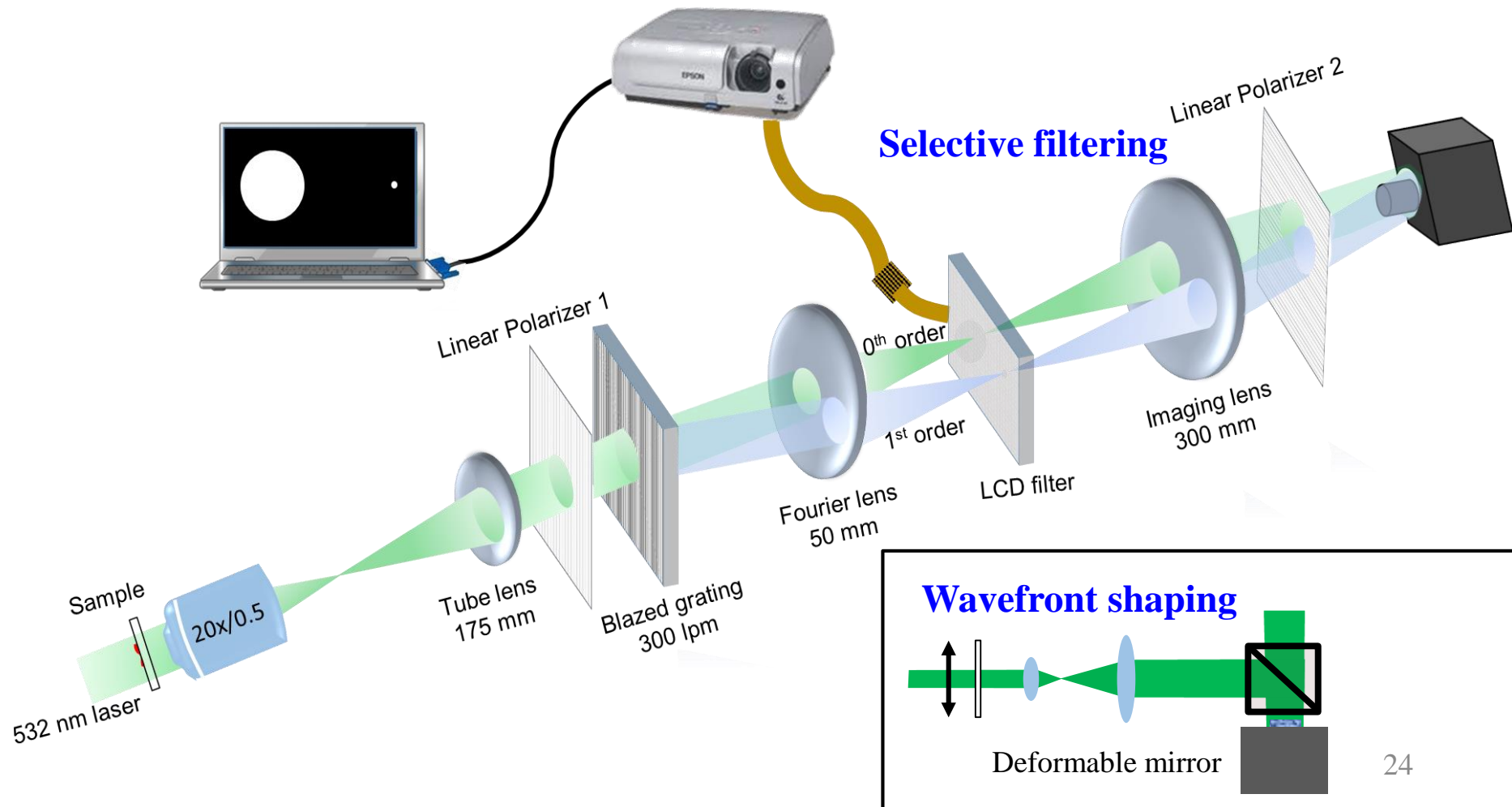
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# Theory and Proposed System Design

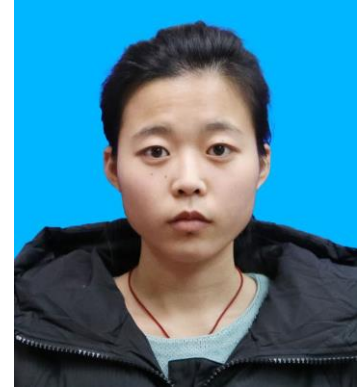
Theory and instrumentation design to achieve  $10^{-5}$  sensitivity with  $\sim 1$ ms temporal resolution

**Phase limit:**  $\delta\varphi = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{1}{N}}$  rad    **Need a super-high well capacity camera**





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