

Why IR and Raman spectroscopy?



Raman image of human osteosarcoma (bone cancer) cells, showing the nuclei (green), nucleoli (red), membrane-bound organelles (cyan) and the cell body (yellow thick region, blue membranous area).





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Raman and FTIR spectrometers in Cluj

- UBB
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FT-Raman, FTIR (Bruker), multilaser (UV-VIS-NIR 6 lines) Raman -AFM microscope (Renishaw), DeltaNu Raman (532, 633 nm)

- ICEI
- Multilaser Raman-AFM (Witec), Ocean Optics Raman (785 nm) USAMV
- - FT-Raman, FTIR (Bruker, Shimadzu), Dispersive Raman microscope (633, 785 nm)
- UAD
 - FTIR, Dispersive Raman microscope (Bruker)
- ITIM
 - Multilaser Raman-AFM microscope (Solaris)

Raman and FTIR spectrometers











Better understanding of the fundamental mechanisms behind **metabolic** diseases requires methods to monitor lipid stores on single-cell level *in vivo*. We have used Caenorhabditis elegans (worm at, about 1 mm in length) as a model organism to demonstrate the limitations of fluorescence microscopy for imaging of lipids compared with coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CARS) microscopy, the latter allowing chemically specific and label-free imaging in living organisms.



Comparison of CARS and fluorescence microscopy (Nile red-stained)



Interactions of pathogenic organisms with cellular membrane

viruses and bacteria necessarily involve interactions at cellular membranes for, at the minimum, the entry of the pathogen into its host cell to begin infection. Indeed, nearly all viruses of concern to human health have some specific

interactions with lipids, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis C virus (HCV) and the influenza virus.

there is great potential for applying CARS microscopy to study host-virus interactions in HCV and other viral infections.

HCV induces the accumulation of lipid droplets (LDs) on which the HCV core protein is known to reside









Malignant/non-malignant breast cancer cells

Figure 12: CARS images of a) live nonmalignant (MCF-12A); b) mildly malignant (MCF-7) and c), malignant (MBA-MB-231) breast cancer cells. The bright spots are the lipid droplets. Note that the droplet concentration in malignant cells is lower than in normal cells.

CARS Microscopy Leica Microsystems

Staining standard fluorescence samples is often time-consuming and expensive and may influence typical properties of living cells as they act in a chemical way. Furthermore, dyes lose intensity and alter the sample. They often cause phototoxicity, harm the specimen and consequently may influence the result of the experiment.

CARS overcomes these drawbacks by the intrinsic characteristics of the method. CARS does not require labeling because it is highly specific to molecular compounds which are based on vibrational contrast and chemical selectivity. The crucial advantage of this method is that the sample remains almost unaffected







In vivo imaging of yeast cells. Yeast cells in one week old medium. The lipid droplets are small due to the lack of sugar. The bright blue parts are lipid droplets inside the yeast cells (at 2,850 cm⁻¹).

Yeast cell cultured over three hours in fresh medium. The result are bigger lipid droplets which indicate that there is enough sugar available for the cells. The dark blue parts are generated by water at a wave number of 3,250 cm⁻¹



This is a CARS image of an atherosclerotic lesion in a mouse aorta. The left panel shows a regular CARS image of the lesion at 2,845 cm⁻¹, highlighting the lipophilic components. The right panel shows a spectral decomposition (principal component analysis) of the CARS signal in the 2,750–3,050 cm⁻¹ range, showing that different areas in the image correspond to different lipophilic compounds. Each color in the image corresponds to a different CARS spectrum. Scale bar is 50 microns



















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Homework

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