

# STELLARIS Leica New Confocal Platform



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#### **Confocal Image -- Fluorescence**











Confocal Microscopes can optically remove all information that is from outside the depth of focus.

The consequence is a sharp optical section.



### Conventional Microscope → Confocal ?





#### The Second Key Innovation: The next-generation White Light Lasers



- > Experience complete spectral freedom with excitation perfectly matched to the fluorochrome
- Less complexity, more flexibility: a single laser to do the work of many. Up to 8 single excitation lines from 440 nm to 790 nm can be used simultaneously
- > New optics design: detection range from 410nm to 850nm





#### **Excitation wavelength**

458nm, 476nm, 488nm, 496nm, 514nm, 543nm, 561nm, 594nm, 633nm



#### LEICA STELLARIS Confocal Microscope

#### **Excitation wavelength**

440nm - 790nm, 351 ex. Lines, no limitation









#### Enhanced Spectral Freedom: STELLARIS

#### The Power HyD S Is The New All-rounder Detector For Confocal Applications



- No more PMT or GaAsP detectors
- Detection range: 410nm-----850nm (normal confocal: 400nm-750nm)



#### Gentle Live-Cell Imaging



- Perform imaging for longer periods, since both excitation as well as detection are optimally tuned
- Preserve sample integrity with efficient signal acquisition, at the lowest needed power

Zebrafish posterior lateral line primordium migration. Cyan: Membranes, GFP, Magenta: Nuclei, tdTomato Sample Courtesy: Jonas Hartmann, Gilmour Group, EMBL Heidelberg.



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#### Traditional Confocal





COS7 cells. Actin (magenta, SiR-Actin 657-740 nm), Mitochondria (cyan, AF750 760-790 nm), Microtubules (yellow, AF790 810-850 nm) Sample Courtesy: Jana Döhner, Urs Ziegler, University of Zurich



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#### The Red Extended Benefits Of Our Next Generation WLLs

- Excite each fluorophore optimally at its excitation peak
- > Enhance multiplexing capabilities by adding up to 3 more fluorophores in the NIR range

Some >685 nm excitable dyes:

ATTO 740	<b>ATTO 700</b>
CF680	CellBrite NIR750
	Alexa 750
CellBrite NIR680	CF700
CF750	MitoView720
0. 730	CellBrite NIR770
BioTracker NIR750	Alexa 680
Alexa 700	<b>ATTO 680</b>
	ATTO 725
CellBrite NIR700	



#### New Objectives



40X/1.25 Glyc

#### 20X/0.75 IMM Water, Glyc,Oil

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#### - Reflective Index Match -







Moscle tissue embedded in glycerol/water (80%/20%), recorded stack: 100um

#### HCX PL APO 63x/1.40 oil CS

#### HCX PL APO 63x/1.30 Glyc CS





\* Sample prepared by Dr. Ya-Hui Cuou

# POIENIAL DISCOVER MORE

Explore new dimensions of

information Improve image quality

Multiplex beyond the spectral options



#### Fluorescence imaging focus on spectral contrast....



Confetti Mouse Small Intestine. CFP, GFP, YFP and RFP. Acquired with SP8 DIVE Sample courtesy of Jacco van Rheenen, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands

#### ... fluorescence contains much more information



時脈頻譜(TauSense)技術的應用概念來自螢光生命週期影像技術

# Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging Microscopy (FLIM) Fluorescence lifetime

生命週期 (時脈頻譜, ns)

Average time that molecules stay in their excited state





Fluorophore	Ex. Max.	X) Em. Max.
AF 488	494nm	519nm
GFP	498nm	516nm

Fluorophore	Ex. Max.	Em. Max.
Fluo3 w. Ca2+	490nm	520nm
Fluo3 w/o Ca2+	490nm	520nm

#### The Technology Behind STELLARIS Potential







# How to Measure the Time?

In principle with a stop watch:

- **1**. Start the clock with a laser pulse.
- 2. Stop the clock with the first photon that arrives at the detector.
- 3. Reset the clock and wait for next start signal.It is a statistical process!



- Repeat this time measurement very often and count "how many photons have arrived after what time"
- Sort the photons within a histogram into time bins according to their arrival times



# What we need for TauSense or FLIM?



#### • A pulsed laser

**Continuous laser** 



**Pulsed** laser



#### Leica STELLARIS white light laser is pulsed laser 440nm-790nm

• Photon counting detector

Normal PMT or GaAsP is not suitable for photon counting Leica STELLARIS power HyD detectors are photon counting detectors The Technology Behind TauSense

- > Fluorescence Intensity (Nphotons)
- > Photon Arrival Time (ns)



1) FPGA 2) Pixel-by-pixel 3) On the fly

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The Technology Behind TauSense

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#### **Alexa Dyes**

Alexa Fluor Dye *	Ex (nm)	Em (nm)	τ (ns) ‡
Alexa Fluor 488	496	519	4.1 §
Alexa Fluor 532	532	553	2.5
Alexa Fluor 546	556	573	4.1
Alexa Fluor 555	555	565	0.3
Alexa Fluor 568	578	603	3.6 §
Alexa Fluor 594	590	617	3.9 §
Alexa Fluor 647	650	665	1.0
Alexa Fluor 660	663	690	1.2 **
Alexa Fluor 680	679	702	1.2
Alexa Fluor 700	702	723	1.0
Alexa Fluor 750	749	775	0.7

Measurements were made on free succinimidyl ester derivatives in aqueous solutions. <sup>+</sup> For Alexa Fluor 488, Alexa Fluor 532, Alexa Fluor 546, Alexa Fluor 555, Alexa Fluor 568, Alexa Fluor 594 and Alexa Fluor 647 dyes, QY measurements were made in PBS (50 mM potassium phosphate, 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.2) at 22°C relative to fluorescein in 0.01 M NaOH (QY = 0.92). For Alexa Fluor 660, Alexa Fluor 680, Alexa Fluor 700 and Alexa Fluor 750 dyes, QY measurements were made in PBS (50 mM potassium phosphate, 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.2) at 22°C relative to Alexa Fluor 647 succinimidyl ester in PBS (QY = 0.33). <sup>‡</sup> Except for the footnoted values, lifetime measurements were made in water at 22°C, data provided by ISS Inc. (Champaign, IL). § Lifetime measurements were provided by the SPEX Fluorescence Group, Horiba Jobin Yvon Inc. \*\* Lifetime measurement was made in pH 7.5 buffer at 20°C by Pierre-Alain Muller, Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen.



#### Atto Dyes

Dyes	Ex (nm)	Em (nm)	τ (ns)
Atto 465	453	508	2.2
Atto 488	501	523	3.2
Atto 495	495	527	2.4
Atto 514	511	533	3.0
Atto 520	516	538	3.8
Atto 532	532	553	3.8
Atto Rho6G	535	560	4.1
Atto 550	554	576	3.2
Atto 565	563	592	3.4
Atto Rho3B	565	592	1.5
Atto Rho11	571	595	4.0
Atto Rho12	576	601	4.0
Atto Thio12	579	609	2.0
Atto Rho101	586	610	4.2

Dyes	Ex(nm)	Em(nm)	τ (ns)
Atto 590	594	624	3.7
Atto 594	601	627	3.5
Atto Rho13	600	625	3.9
Atto 610	615	634	3.3
Atto 620	619	643	2.9
Atto Rho14	625	646	3.7
Atto 633	629	657	3.2
Atto 647	645	669	2.3
Atto 647N	644	669	3.4
Atto 655	663	684	1.9
Atto Oxa12	663	684	1.8
Atto 665	663	684	2.9
Atto 680	680	700	1.8
Atto 700	700	719	1.5
Atto 725	729	752	0.5
Atto 740	740	764	0.6



Dye	Ex (nm)	Em (nm)	τ (ns)
СуЗ	548	562	0.3
Суз.5	581	507	2.6
Су5	646	664	1.0
Су5.5	675	695	1.0

FITC	494	518	4.1
Oregon Green 488	493	520	4.1
Oregon Green 500	402	522	2.18
Rhodamine 6G	525	555	4.08
Rhodamin B	562	583	1.68
Texas Red	589	615	4.2
TOTO-1	514	533	2.2



#### **Fluorescent Protein**

Fluorescent Protein	Ex (nm)	Em (nm)	τ (ns)
ECFP	434	477	3.0
EGFP	488	507	2.6
EYFP	513	527	3.1
mRuby	558	605	2.6
mScarlet	569	594	3.9
mCherry	587	610	1.4
mKate2	588	633	2.5



#### STELLARIS: Ready to Discover with TauSense(時脈頻譜技術)



ALL Leica STELLARIS series confocal with WLL offer TauSense technology (lifetime-based information) to discover more



#### Explore A New Dimension Of Information





#### **Explore New Dimensions Of Information**



... acquire more accurate and reliable data to prove your hypothesis



#### Explore New Dimensions Of Information - TauContrast

Root-hypocotyl-junction of Arabidopsis thaliana (Era et al. Plant Cell Physiol., 2009). Chlorophyll, Life-Act Venus, IProp. Sample courtesy: Dr. Krebs, COS, University of Heidelberg.

- Gain immediate access to functional information for cell signaling, metabolic status, pH and ion concentration
- Use lifetime-based information to explore the function of molecules in the cellular context

## **TO GET CLOSER TO THE TRUTH**



#### Explore New Dimensions Of Information - TauContrast

Histological section of a rabbit tongue (Filiform Papillae)





#### TauContrast – autofluorescence- T cell



Excitation : 588nm, detection : 615-705nm



Subcutaneous BRAF600E mouse melanoma with surrounding fat tissue. Cytotoxic T cells stained with anti-CD8a Alexa Fluor 594. Tissue shows high autofluorescence which interferes with Alexa Fluor 594 signal. Fluorescence lifetime information (fast FLIM) enables to distinguish CD8a+T cells (longer lifetime, yellow) from the autofluroescence of the lipid droplets (short lifetime in blue) and of other cells (green in Fast FLIM images)



Courtesy of Dr. Jan Boettcher, Institute of Molecular Immunology, TU Munich

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# Membrane tension visualization with FlipperTR®

Excitation : 488nm, detection : 575-625nm Intensity



Tau Contrast



U2OS cells labeled with Flipper TR,





# Improve Image Quality

#### Traditional Confocal



# TauSense Tool: TauGating







# The Technology Behind TauGating





# TauGating - Improve Image Quality

#### Traditional Confocal



# STELLARIS TauGating

















Average arrival time, ns

#### mCherry + Chloroplast



Average arrival time, ns

# TauGating - Improve Image Quality





# TauGating - Improve Image Quality

#### Tissue & nano diamond

#### Traditional Confocal







Tau gating









# Multiplex Beyond The Spectral Options



# TauSense Tool: TauSeparation





#### Application Example Species Separation using TauSense





#### Application Example Species Separation using TauSense



HEK cells. Vimentin (left: gray, Alexa 647 IF), actin (left: gray, ATT0647N-phalloidin). TauSeparation separates the signals coming to the detector according to the lifetime components distribution generated online at the FPGA level (right: green, Vimentin; right: magenta, Actin). Scale bar 10µm. Sample Courtesy: Sebastian Hänsch, Stephanie Weidtkamp-Peters, CAI, Düsseldorf.



## Separate Species Beyond The Spectral Options

#### **Traditional Confocal**





NE-115 cells. LifeAct-mNeonGreen (left: yellow, right: red), MitoTracker Green (left: yellow, right: green), NUC Red (left: gray, right: blue), and SiR-tubulin (left: gray, right: magenta).

# Visualize vesicle transport in living cells



Endosome maturation pH changes (7 --> 4) early to late endosomes and lysosomes

Vesicle transport in mammalian cells labeled with a NIR membrane stain, imaged @1 volume every 1,82s.



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#### TauContrast: Average Arrival Times show effect of pH



Vesicle transport in mammalian cells labeled with a NIR membrane stain, imaged @1 volume every 1,82s.



### Visualize pH-related changes with TauSeparation

#### TauSeparation: lifetime components divided into 4 distinct channels



Fluorescence lifetime for NIR stain shortens @lower pH. Early endosomes: cyan / yellow. Late endosomes and lysosomes: magenta / red.



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# What is TauSense Good For?



#### TauContrast

- Qualitative / Semiquantitative information
- Is there a change in microenvironment? Is FRET happening?
- Changes over time (x-fold ↑↓ compared to baseline)





# TauGating

- Explore sample with gates
- Remove reflections
- Remove unwanted
   fluorescence contributions

## TauSeparation

• Separate species with different lifetimes



#### Traditional Confocal - intensity









2ns

Ons





Gating : 0.5-6 ns

Tau Seperation



#### Application Example Species Separation using TauSense



U2OS cells. nuclear counterstain (cyan, Sytox green), tubulin (magenta, AF 555).

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#### TauContrast





#### FALCON: FAst Lifetime CONtrast



y(t) - Experimental data

- t) Theoretical curve
- IRF(t) Instrument Response Function
  - n) Amplitude of n-th component
  - n) Decay time of n-th component
    - Background

Maximum-Likelihood Estimator (Poissonian distribution)

Minimizes: 
$$\chi^2_{mle} = 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{N} f(i) - y(i) - 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{N} y(i) \cdot ln(f(i)/y(i))$$



# FALCON: Synergies and integrated workflows

**FLIM Image Fit** 

#### Component Separation

Parameters to fit	
Parameter	Fit
Decay Time 1	
Decay Time 2	
Decay Time 3	
Amplitude 1	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>
Amplitude 2	✓
Amplitude 3	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>
Tail Offset	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>
IRF Background	
IRF Shift	







# **FLIM-FRET?**

#### Donor lifetime shortens

FRET efficiency is calculated from the difference between arising fast component in donor lifetime in the presence of the acceptor and original lifetime in the absence of the acceptor





#### FLIM-FRET (CFP-YFP) in live cells



FRET pair (CFP-YFP tandem )

#### Donor lifetime images of FRET and control cells:

**Sample:** RBKB78 cells transfected with a CFP donor only or CFP-YFP fusion.

**Data Acquisition**: The detection band was set between 445-495 nm. Excitation @ 405 nm

**Data Analysis:** The coloured region has been used for analysis. Colours represent intensity modulated fluorescence lifetimes.

**Result:** In the presence of acceptor the donor lifetime is decreased.

Courtesy: G. Hams, University of Würzburg



#### FLIM-FRET (CFP-YFP) in live cells: Quantitative data analysis



#### Computation of FRET Efficiency:

$$E = 1 - \frac{\tau_{quench}}{\tau}$$

Fluorescence lifetime distribution histogram of **donor only (yellow)** and **FRET (green)** samples using average lifetimes. There is a clear shift of 0.7 ns towards shorter lifetimes in the FRET sample.

From lifetime distribution histograms one obtains: • average lifetime of the donor is: 2.1 ns.

- donor lifetime of the FRET construct is: 1.4 ns.
- FRET efficiency is: E = 30%.



# Key application: Molecular interaction cAMP signalling on-the-fly with a FLIM-FRET sensor



Caged cAMP in HeLa cells expressing EPAC mT2-dVenus FRET sensor. EPAC response to UV-mediated cAMP uncaging. Courtesy Kees Jalink, Bram van den Broek, NKI Amsterdam.



#### • FLIM-FRET









# **PRODUCTIVITY**DO MORE



# Simple, Even For Complex Experiments



# Simple, Even For Complex Experiments – Image Compass



# LAS X software - Navigator



#### Relevant Details Instantly Identified





Daisy pollen. Image acquired with TauContrast and LAS X Navigator.

## Tandem Scanner



• Tandem Scanner with 8 kHz

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- SuperZ
- Galvoflow
- Power HyD

Scan format	8 kHz [fps]
512 x 512	28
512 x 32	145
512 x 16	286
#### 50 fps, Resonant Scanner



Hrab5a\_GFP, vesicle dynamics in live cell imaging, Sample Courtesy of Dr. Sandra Ritz, Microscopy & Histology Core Facility, Institute of Molecular Biology gGmbH (IMB), Mainz, Germany. Transfection of EGFP by Marino Zerial

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## **LEICA STELLARIS**





## Microscopy Image Formation













## Accessing Super-Resolution





#### LIGHTNING: Accessing The True Nature Of Image Data



#### Confocal | MP | gated STED

Including every imaging modality





### LIGHTNING: Adaptive Multicolor Super-Resolution

### Adaptive Deconvolution



Gatta cells





#### LIGHTNING: Adaptive Multicolor Super-Resolution



#### Confocal | MP | gated STED

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# **Key Features of Lightning**

-Leica Confocal Superresolution Microscopy-

- dxy~120nm vs dxy cofocal~180nm; dz~350nm vs dz confocal~lambda(500nm) 4x contrast better
- Simultaneously multicolor confocal superresolution
- As same speed as confocal scan
- High-speed multicolor live imaging
- Std. application for STELLARIS



