

Intravital multiphoton microscopy – Principles and challenges

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In vivo imaging of the kidney





Bioluminescence Que, Kajizel and Löwik, LUMC, Netherlands



PET Ceccarini et al., 2009 Cell Metab.



MRI Bruker Biospin

Intravital microscopy of the kidney





Wide-field microscopy Steinhausen et al., 1963.



Wide field microscopy Edwards and Marshall, 1924



Fluorescence microscopy Tanner et al., 1997, JASN

Optical access to tissues in vivo



Oslo University Hospital





Holtmaat et al. Nature Protocols, 2009



Dunn, Sutton and Sandoval. 2007. Curr. Protocols Cytometry. 12.9.1-12.9.18

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Wide-field microscopy Steinhausen et al., 1963.



Fig. 1. A combination camera lucids and free-hand outline drawing of a part of a microscopic field of the kidney of a living rat. a_i capillary; b_i area occupied by the cells of a convoluted tubuic; c_i the lumen of a convoluted tubuic. \times 740.

> Wide field microscopy Edwards and Marshall, 1924



Dunn, Sandoval and Molitoris. 2003. Intravital imaging of the kidney using multiparameter multiphoton microscopy Nephron. 94:e7-11

Multiphoton fluorescence excitation



Biophotonics Imaging Lab, Univ. Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Fluorescence can be stimulated by the absorption of one photon of a particular energy level.

Maria Goppert-Mayer, 1931 – Fluorescence can also be stimulated by the simultaneous absorption of multiple, low-energy photons

Two-photon action cross sections





Developmental Resource for Biophysical Imaging Opto-electronics, Cornell (Watt Webb and Warren Zipfel)



10 kD Rhodamine Dextran, 500 kD Fluorescein Dextrn Hoechst 33342

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"Simultaneous absorption of two photons" – within ~ 10 attoseconds (10^{-17} seconds)

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DiracDelta Science

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Two-photon absorption occurs ONLY in the sub-femtoliter volume at the focus

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Göbel and Helmchen 2007

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Zipfel et al., 2003

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- Image is formed by collecting, rather than imaging photons

But 300,000 times brighter than the surface of the sun????



Dave Piston

Denk, Strickler and Webb, 1990 - Use a pulsed laser ~100 femtosecond pulses at a rate of 80 MHz

Peak power sufficient for multiphoton excitation, but average power low enough to minimize damage. - e.g. 28 mW average provides 200 GW/cm² peak with 0.8 NA objective

Note that pulses do not REALLY limit the volume of excitation - Actually ~ 45 microns long and ~ 4 meters apart

Multiphoton microscope designs



Gregor Lab, Princeton

Leica SP8 MP

Roberto Weigert, Editor of "Intravital" Building your own 2P microscope system Thursday, 9:20 am Ken Dunn Writing a Shared Instrumentation Grant Wednesday, 5pm

Fun facts about multiphoton microscopy

How frequently does multiphoton fluorescence excitation occur outside of a microscope?



Calculations made by Winfried Denk indicate that a molecule of rhodamine B exposed to direct sunlight will experience:

- A one-photon absorption around once per second.
- A two photon absorption once every 10,000 years.
- A three-photon absorption . . . never in the history of the universe.

Fun facts about multiphoton microscopy

Ridiculous time scales



100 fs is to 10 minutes as 10 minutes is to the age of the universe.

Rick Trebino, University of Georgia

Fun facts about multiphoton microscopy Relative time scales



- Fluorescence lifetimes are \sim 1 billion times the length of the virtual intermediate state
- At 80 MHz, the laser pulses are spaced ~ 3 fluorescence lifetimes apart (serendipitous)
- A fluorophore will be illuminated ~320 times during a 4 microsecond pixel dwell time

Fun facts about multiphoton microscopy



When the laser is on, it's mostly off

- The sample is illuminated with 100 femtosecond pulses at a rate of 80 million times per second 0.001% of the time
 - This duty cycle is equivalent to a one second pulse occurring once a day.

Complex Expensive Poorer resolution





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Centonze and White, 1998

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Why multi-photon microscopy? Deep-tissue imaging at high resolution





120 micron thick volume of mouse embryonic kidney - Carrie Phillips, Nephrology

Why multi-photon microscopy? Intravital microscopy



• Intravital microscopy provides submicron resolution and nanomolar sensitivity in under a second.

• Multiphoton microscopy has extended the reach of intravital microscopy to the scale of tissues and the functional components of organs.

Applications of intravital multiphoton microscopy in biomedical research

Brain function and pathology

- Neural development and activity Winfried Denk, Karel Svoboda
- Alzheimer's disease Brian Bacskai, Brad Hyman
- Astrocyte-neuron signaling Jan Nedergard
- Vascular function in the brain David Kleinfeld

Tumor biology

- Tumor cell dynamics and metastasis John Condelis, John Segal
- Angiogenesis/vascular function, gene expression Rakesh Jain

Immunology

- T-cell interactions and dynamics- Michael Dustin, Ullrich Von Andrian, Michael Cahalan
- Immune surveillance in the brain Fritjof Helmchen, W.B. Gan

Liver function

- Mitochondria and liver injury John Lemasters
- In vivo analysis of hepatobiliary transport Ken Dunn

Kidney function

- Pathology and treatment of renal ischemia Bruce Molitoris
- Pathobiology of AKI Katherine Kelly
- Renal septic injury Pierre Dagher
- Microvascular function in renal injury Tim Sutton
- Glomerular function Janos Peti-Peterdi

Roberto Weigert, Editor of "Intravital" IVM studies of membrane transport in salivary gland Tuesday, 5pm



Dynamic intravital microscopy of the kidney







Ruben Sandoval and Bruce Molitoris

Challenges of subcellular imaging in living animals

• Motion artifacts from respiration and heartbeat

Motion artifacts in intravital microscopy



Kang, et al. 2006. AJP Renal

Reducing motion artifacts in intravital microscopy - Immobilize the organ



75 images collected over 30 min







Reducing motion artifacts in intravital microscopy - Digital image registration





Before

After

Presson, R., Brown, M., Sandoval, R., **Dunn, K**., Lorenz, K., Delp, E., Salama, P., Molitoris, B. and Petrache, I. 2011. Two-photon imaging within the murine thorax without respiratory and cardiac motion artifact. Am. J. Path. 179:75-82

Lorenz, K.S., Salama, P., **Dunn, K.W.** and E.J. Delp. 2011. Non-rigid registration of multiphoton microscopy images using B-splines. Progress in Biomedical Imaging SPIE proceedings. 7962.

Before

After

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Single point scanning with a galvanometer 512 lines per second



One 512x512 frame per second



Four 512x128 frames per second



512 lines per second

Single point scanning with a resonant scanner 15000 lines per second (30 fps)



Speed limits for multi-photon microscopy

30-fold higher frame rates require 30-fold shorter pixel dwell times which then requires 30 fold better signal. For most applications increasing the signal requires increasing the excitation.



Images of renal capillary of a living rat collected at 1 frame per second (A) or 28 fps (B).

 In many applications of multiphoton microscopy, power is already limiting – you may not be able to extract more signal with more power - <u>30 fold increase in signal</u> requires 5.5 fold more power

• In many applications, multiphoton imaging is done at power levels very close to fluorophore saturation – you may not get proportional increases in signal

• Photobleaching increases at greater than the cube of power – disproportionately more photobleaching than signal with more power

But, for experimental systems with sufficient fluorescence, resonant scanners are capable of capturing dynamics in vivo Try the Leica SP8 MP system
Multi-point scanning multiphoton microscopy



Andresen et al., 2001. Optics Letters 26:75

• Multi-focal systems speed image acquisition by parallel scanning

• Power is divided among multiple excitation points – laser power limits multiplexing

• Imaging onto a CCD results in scattered emissions being attributed to the wrong position in the image, increasing background and reducing resolution

• The system would thus be of limited utility for imaging deep into tissues, the conditions that justify multiphoton microscopy in the first place

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Multiphoton microscopy Attenuation of signal with depth in the kidney



Cortico-medullary boundary is around 2 mm from the surface of the kidney



With a 60X NA 1.2 water immersion objective, signal attenuation prevents imaging deeper than around 100 microns in kidney of living rats



Multiphoton microscopy Sources of signal attenuation of signal with depth



- Light absorption
- Light scattering
- Spherical aberration

Multiphoton microscopy Light absorption as a source of signal attenuation with depth

Model light extinction as - $I_z = I_0 e^{-az}$

Where

 I_z = intensity of light at depth z

a = the absorption coefficient

For fluorescence excitation

Near infrared light, a = .05 to 2 cm⁻¹ in biological tissues

So transmission attenuated by 50% in 0.35 - 14 cm

But excitation is proportional to I^2 ,

Excitation is attenuated by 75% in 0.35 - 14 cm

- Excitation reduced 75% in ~ 3500 to 140,000 microns - not a big deal

For collection of fluorescence emissions

For 550 nm light, a = 4 to 20 cm⁻¹ in biological tissues

- Transmission reduced 50% in 350-1730 microns – not a real big deal

Most investigators agree, absorption is seldom significant in biological tissues, except in skin (melanin) and under blood vessels (hemoglobin)

Multiphoton microscopy Absorption of light by blood (hemoglobin)



Multiphoton microscopy Light scattering as a source of signal attenuation with depth

Model light extinction as - $I_z = I_0 e^{-sz}$

Where

 I_z = intensity of light at depth z s = the scattering coefficient



For fluorescence excitation

Near infrared light, $s = 5 - 100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in biological tissues So transmission attenuated by 50% in 70 to 1400 microns But excitation is proportional to I^2 ,

Excitation attenuated by 75% in 70 to 1400 microns

For collection of fluorescence emissions

For 550 nm light, $s = 100 - 500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in biological tissues

So transmission attenuated by 50% in 15 - 70 microns

but even scattered emissions collected with non-descanned detectors

Multiphoton microscopy Spherical aberration as a source of signal attenuation

Two photon microscopy of fluorescent beads mounted in different media using an oil-immersion objective



Since the average refractive index of the kidney is ~1.4, we incur spherical aberration with either water immersion or oil immersion objectives

Reduce optical aberrations



Young, Clendenon, Byars, Decca and Dunn. 2011. J. Microscopy



X-Y-Z Stage Sample Infinity-Corrected Piezo Objective Lens Z-Drive Filter Scan Head Dichroic Mirrors Element Turning Mirror Galvo Galvo Scan Head λ/4 Plate Scan Lens Eyepiece Polarizing Deformable Mirror Beamsplitter

Adaptive optics



Confocal microscope images of 1 micron fluorescent spheres located below 100 microns of kidney tissue before (A) and after (B) adaptive optics correction – Joel Kubby, UCSC

Reduce optical aberrations

- Reduce optical aberrations
- Jack up the laser



Imaging depth is ultimately limited by near-surface fluorescence - Theer and Denk, 2006



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- Longer wavelengths of light





Andresen et al., 2009. Infrared multiphoton microscopy: subcellular-resolved deep tissue imaging. Curr. Opin. Biotech.

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- Invade the kidney "cut down", GRIN lens, micro-prisms



Kidney "cut-down" or "parenchymal window"

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Gradient Index (GRIN) lens Levene et al., 2004, J. Neurophysiol

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Conventional XY image in brain slice



XZ image in vivo with prism

Microprisms Chia and Levene. 2009.

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Microprisms Gosia Kamocka and George Rhodes

- Reduce optical aberrations
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- Reduce scattering give up IVM Kris Fertig, Leica

Demo – 3D imaging of cleared tissue Wednesday, Thursday afternoon

Jeff Clendenon 3D Image visualization and analysis Wedat 10:20am, Demo Wed afternoon



2003



Tissue clearing

Clendenon, Ferkowicz, Young, and Dunn. 2011. Deep Tissue Fluorescent Imaging in Scattering Specimens Using Confocal Microscopy. Microscopy and Microanalysis.

- Reduce optical aberrations
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- Optical coherence tomography

Yu Chen OCT of the kidney Wednesday at 9:20 am Demos Wed and Thurs afternoons



Combined Optical Coherence Tomography (left) and Doppler Optical Coherence Tomography (middle) of living rat glomerulus

Wierwille, Andrews, Onozato, Jiang, Cable and Chen, 2011



Amyloid plaque dynamics - Brian Bacskai, Harvard



Dendritic spine dynamics - Karel Svoboda, Janelia Farm

Quantify without intensity -Structural changes



 Quantify without intensity –Structural changes –Motion



Sharfuddin Sandoval, Berg, McDougal, Campos, Phillips, Jones, Gupta, Grinnell and Molitoris. 2009. Soluble thrombomodulin protects ischemic kidneys. J Am Soc Nephrol:524-34.



Neutrophil migration – Paul Kubes, Calgary

Quantify without intensity

 Structural changes
 Motion
 Incidence











12 min



30 min

G 40 Leukocyte adherence to ung microvasculature (cpf) 2 01 51 02 05 05 10 0 Ctl Pre-Post-Pre-Post-PMA cigarette smoke ovtract

White cell recruitment

 Quantify without intensity -Structural changes -Motion -Incidence

R.G. Presson Jr., M.B. Brown, A.J. Fisher, R.M. Sandoval, K.W. Dunn, K.S. Lorenz, E.J. Delp, P. Salama, B.A. Molitoris, I. Petrache, 2011. Ameri. J. Path, 179, :75-82



PKA activation in mouse liver- AKAR4.1 FRET sensor

Practical method for monitoring FRET-base biosensor probe activities using two-photon excitation microscopy Tao et al., in prep

- Quantify without intensity

 Structural changes
 Motion
 Incidence
- Quantify relative intensities —Ratiometric measures

Richard Day Fluorescent proteins – Tomorrow at 10:20 FRET – Wednesday Lunch Fluorescence lifetime microscopy demo – Wed PM





cular Permeability of 150K dextran — Ratiometric measures

• Quantify without intensity

-Structural changes

Quantify relative intensities

-Motion

-Incidence

Microvascular leakage in the bone marrow space of the mouse calvarium

Malgorzata Kamocka, Amy Zollman and Nadia Carlesso - IUSM



Vehicle treated

Rifampin treated



Quantify without intensity

 Structural changes
 Motion
 Incidence

Quantify relative intensities

 Ratiometric measures
 Time-series measures

Seth Winfree Demonstration – Quantitative image analysis Monday, Tuesday afternoon

Babbey et al., 2012. Quantitative intravital microscopy of hepatic transport. Intravital. 1:44-53

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- In vivo labeling

- Autofluorescence
- Hoechst 33342
- Intravenous bulk probes





Ruben Sandoval Silvia Campos-Bilderback Demonstration – Glomerular filtration Monday, Tuesday afternoon





Intravital microscopy of multiple kidney functions via intravenous injection of fluorescent probes

Simultaneous imaging of a rat injected with fluorescent dextrans and Hoechst 33342 reveals multiple processes

- glomerular filtration
- proximal tubule endocytosis
- tubular solute concentration
- tubular flow
- capillary blood flow
- vascular permeability
- apoptosis
- tubular sloughing



Dunn et al., 2002. AJP Cell. 283:C905-C916

DCFDA labeling S2 cells in oxidative stress Pierre Dagher

Rhodamine 123 in liver mitochondria – John Lemasters



CMFDA delivered to cytosol by subcapsular injection Rudy Juliano, UNC

- Autofluorescence
- Hoechst 33342
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- Permeant bio-indicators

Pierre Dagher Fluorescent probes for studying AKI Tomorrow at 11:10 AM

Gosia Kamocka George Rhodes Demo – Mitochondria, Oxid. stress Monday, Tuesday afternoon



In vivo labeling of renal macrophages



Calcein loaded into macrophages by phagocytosis of pH-sensitive liposomes containing calcein Takashi Hato and Pierre Dagher (30x)

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Liver of living mouse Gosia Kamocka and Amy Zollman



Ex vivo human sweat gland Mary Beth Brown

Xinde Li Label-free optical imaging Thursday at 11:10

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- Adoptive transfer

Henry Mang Demonstration –IVM of mouse kidney Monday, Tuesday afternoon





Prostate tumor Tom Gardner

> Pancreatic islets transplanted into mouse kidney Jennifer Ryan and Natalie Stull

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- Adoptive transfer
- Transgenic animals



Fluorescent NKT cells in liver of GFP-Lys mouse Cliff Babbey, Marwan Ghabril and Ken Dunn GFP-expressing hematopoetic stem cells in mouse calvarium Gosia Kamocka, Amy Zollman, Nadia Carlesso



100 µm

- Autofluorescence
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- Adoptive transfer
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- In vivo gene transfer

Simon Atkinson Hydrodynamic gene delivery Wednesday at 8:30 AM



Micropuncture injection of Adeno-GFP-actin Ashworth et al., 2007



Hydrodynamic delivery of Adeno-GFP-actin Corridon et al., 2013

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Xiao Xiao AAV for in vivo gene transfer Wednesday at 11:10 am







GFP expressed in tubules renal following subcapsular injection of AAVH48-GFP – Xiao Xiao, UNC
Further information

Websites

<u>http://www.drbio.cornell.edu/</u> - Watt Webb's laboratory <u>http://www.microscopyu.com/</u> - a great general microscopy education website <u>http://www.loci.wisc.edu</u> - Laboratory for Optical and Computational Instrumentation

Reviews

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