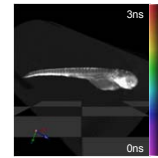
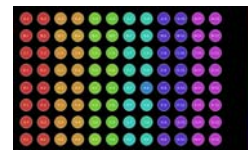
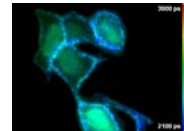
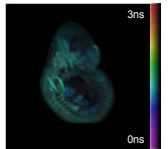
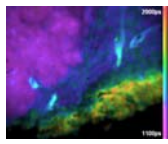


## Fitting FLIM data in OMERO and sharing it

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## Fitting FLIM data in OMERO and sharing it

- **Introduction to our data**

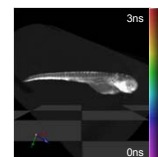
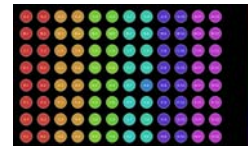
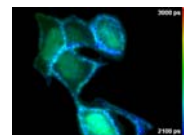
- FLIM & FRET
- Time-lapse, multiwell plate, OPT, DFT, clinical ..

- **FLIMfit**

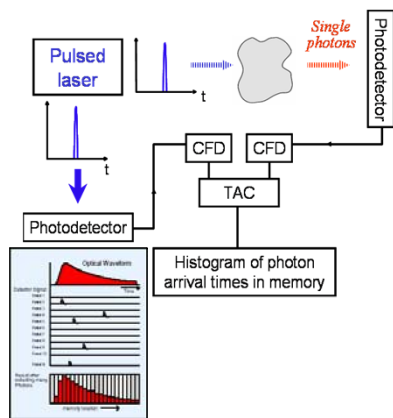
- Fit TCSPC & time-gated FLIM data (Sean Warren)
- Integrated with OMERO
- ICimporter for time-gated multiwell plate FLIM

- **Public sharing of OMERO (FLIM) data**

- How?
- Imperial proposal ...

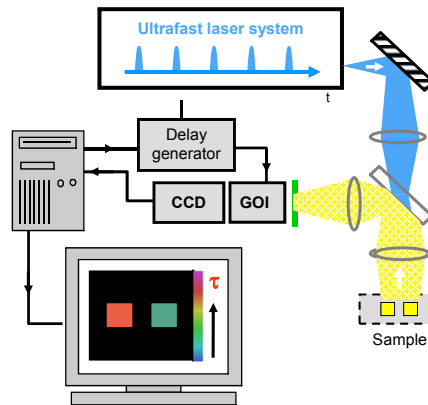


## (Time domain) FLIM technology



**Confocal/MP TCSPC**

*Highest accuracy/photon*



**Wide-field time-gated imaging**

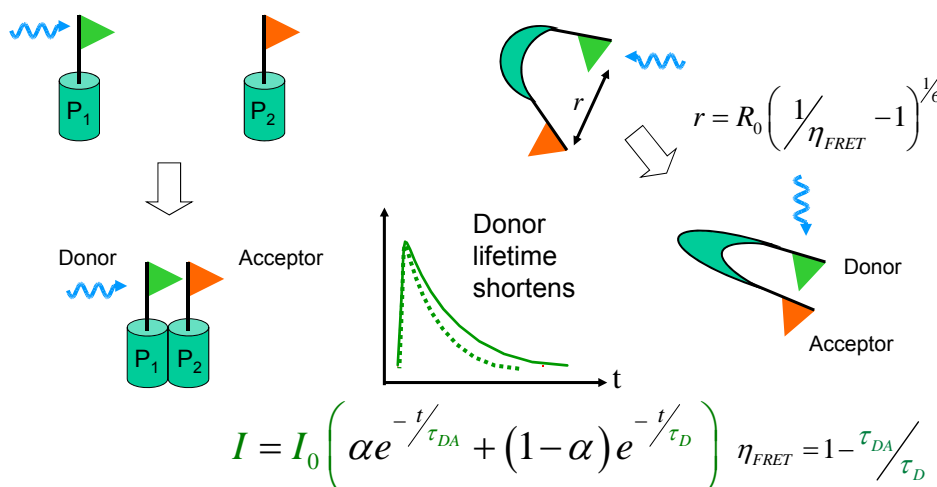
*Highest accuracy/second*

## FLIM FRET to read out interactions & dynamics

**Förster Resonant Energy Transfer** between fluorescent molecules over short (< 20 nm) distances : *dipole-dipole interaction (NO PHOTONS)*

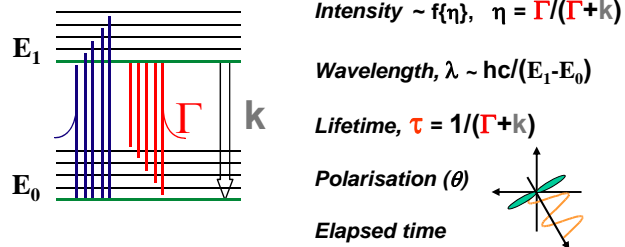
e.g. protein binding

e.g. change in conformation



# Multidimensional fluorescence imaging

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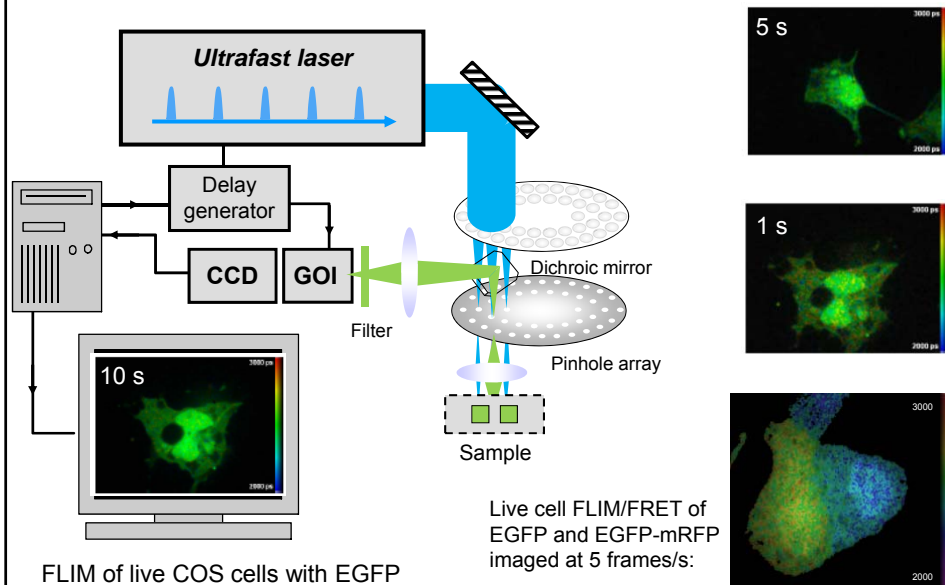
optical molecular readouts

Molecular Biology

Drug Discovery

Clinical imaging

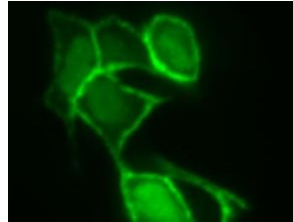
## Wide-field optically-sectioned FLIM



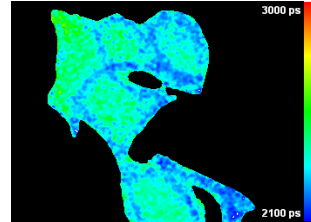
## Nipkow FLIM-FRET of Raf RBD/Ras-mRFP

Imaged after 10 minutes stimulation with EGF (5 s FLIM acquisition)

Raf-RBD-EGFP

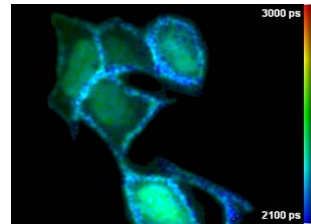
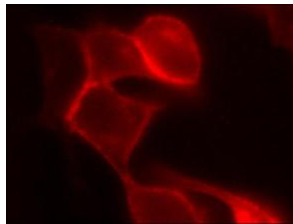


Intensity images



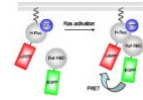
FLIM of Raf-RBD-EGFP

HRas-mRFP



Grant et al. Opt. Exp. (2007)

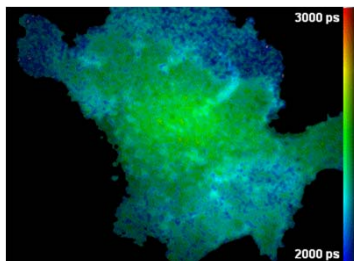
(RBD = Ras Binding Domain)



## Nipkow FLIM-FRET of Raf RBD/Ras FRET

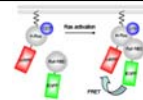
**High-speed**  $\Rightarrow$  3-D imaging and/or time lapse imaging

COS 7 cell expressing H-Ras-mRFP and Raf-RBD-EGFP imaged in 100 s after EGF stimulation

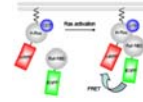


Z stack

Grant et al. Opt. Exp. (2007)

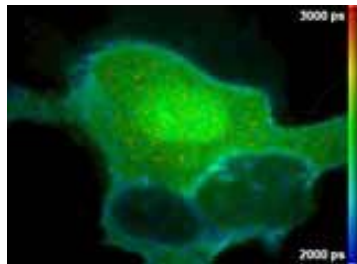


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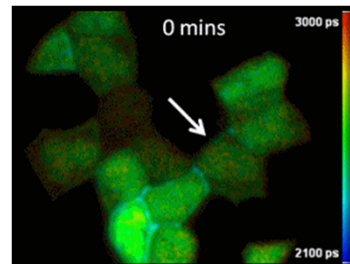
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Z stack

HRas-mRFP with Raf-RBD-EGFP in MDCK cells following EGF stimulation



Time lapse

6 s per FLIM image

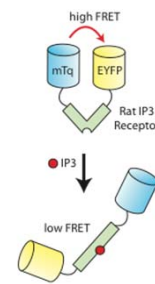
Grant et al. *Opt. Exp.* (2007)

## Time-lapse FLIM-FRET of $[IP_3]$ in MEFs experiencing a PDGF gradient

**MEF expressing mTqFP-YFP "LIBRA" biosensor**

- $\Rightarrow IP_3$  oscillations observed
- $\Rightarrow$  higher  $IP_3$  concentration in direction of stimulation

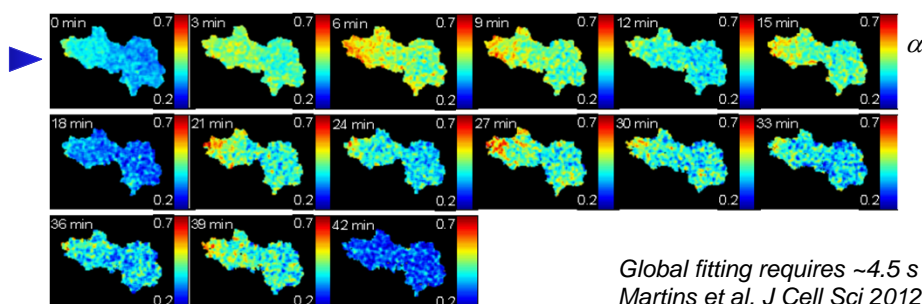
Use global fitting across series to biexponential decay model



$$I_{GFP} = I_0 \left( \alpha e^{-t/\tau_1} + (1-\alpha) e^{-t/\tau_2} \right)$$

$$\tau_1 (\text{low FRET}) = 3.2 \text{ ns}$$

$$\tau_2 (\text{high FRET}) = 0.78 \text{ ns}$$



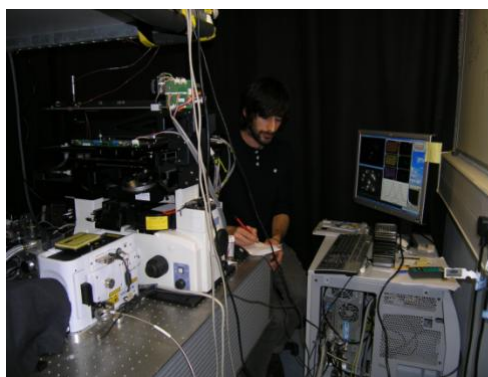
Global fitting requires  $\sim 4.5$  s  
Martins et al, *J Cell Sci* 2012

## TSB project: prototype FLIM multiwell plate reader

(based on GE Healthcare IN Cell 1000)

- Established wide-field multiwell plate reader
- + Yokogawa CSU-X (more efficient)
- + wide-field time-gating
- + supercontinuum excitation source
- + FLIM/segmentation analysis
- + **prescan mode**

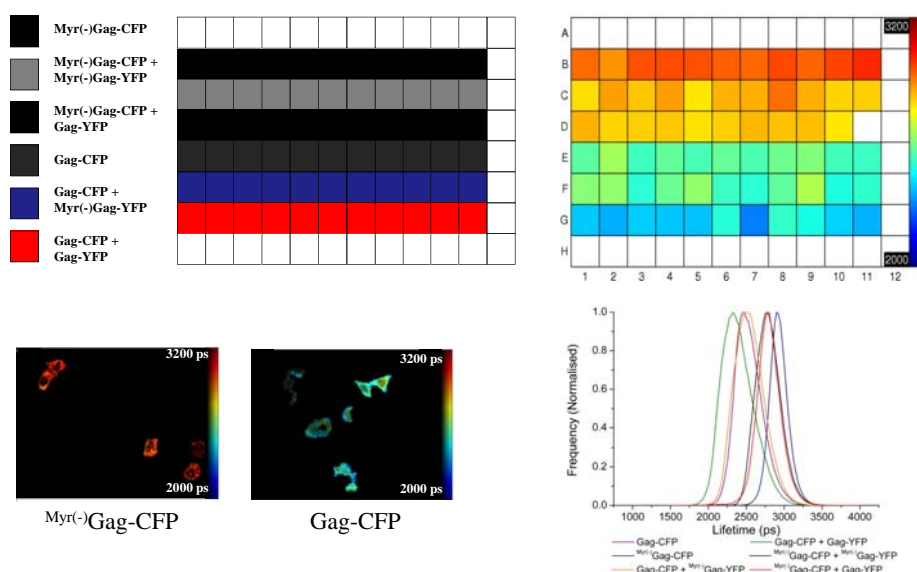
⇒ <~15 min/96 well plate for  
FLIM of FP-labelled live cells



Kumar et al. ChemPhysChem (2011)

## Automated FLIM-FRET of Gag oligomerisation

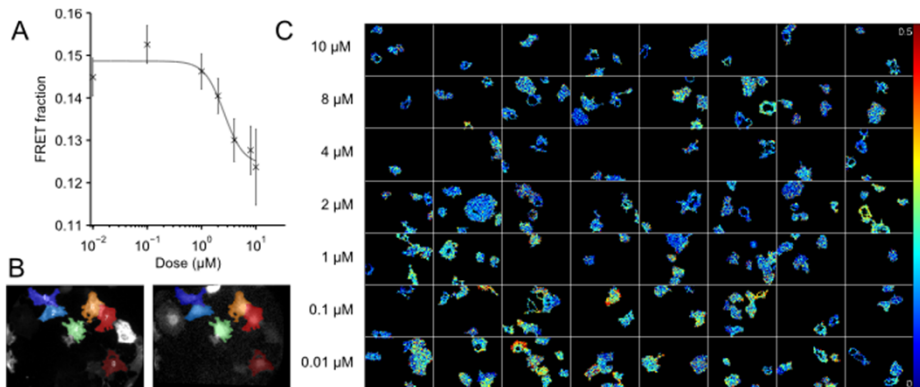
HIV-1 Gag-CFP and Gag-YFP in VLPs in fixed HeLa cells



## Global analysis of FLIM data

Global fitting enables complex decay models (e.g. for FRET) with modest (100's) photon numbers/pixel

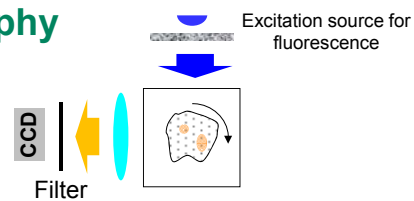
*e.g. assay of inhibitor IPA-3 on interaction between Rac1 and p21-activated kinase read out with mTurquoise FLAIR biosensor in COS-7 cells stimulated with EGF*



Analysis of 394 FOV took 93 seconds and required 2 GB of memory

## Optical Projection Tomography

Sharpe *et al*, *Science* (2002)  
Optical analogue of X-ray CT  
- transparent samples  
(chemically cleared)  
- size <1cm diameter

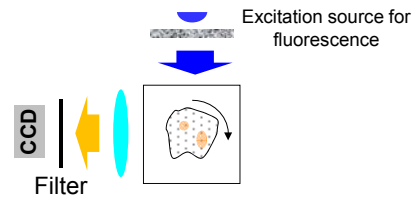


## Fluorescence Lifetime OPT

### Mouse embryo

neurofilament labelled with  
Alexa-488 conjugated antibody

*fixed and cleared in BABB*

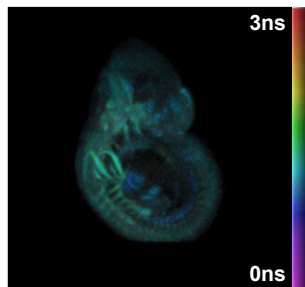


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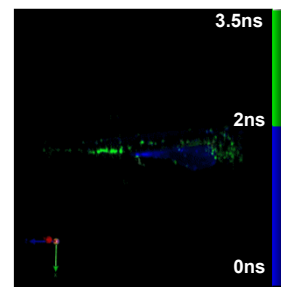
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### Live Fli-GFP zebrafish

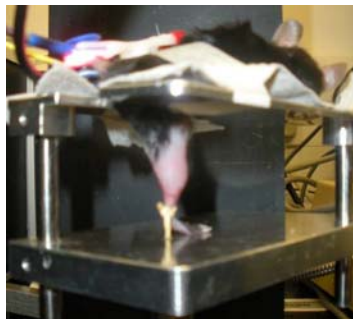


McGinty et al., J. Biophotonics (2008)

McGinty et al. Biomed Opt Exp (2011)

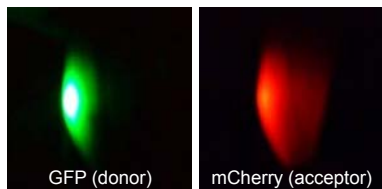
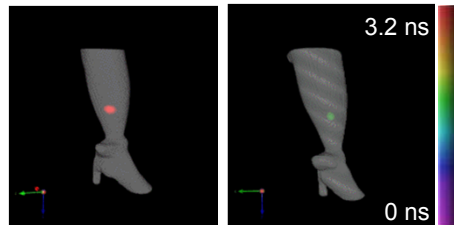


## In vivo FLIM FRET tomography

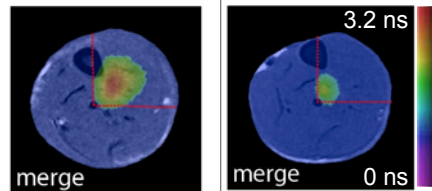


**Control**  
(EGFP, mCherry  
unlinked)

**FRET**  
(EGFP-mCherry  
linked)



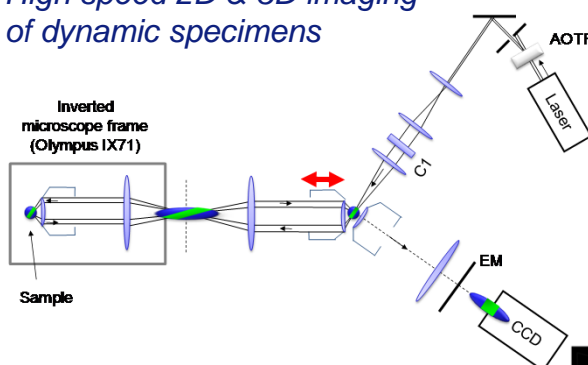
Combined with MRI image



McGinty et al., *Biomed Opt Express* (2011)

## Oblique Plane Microscopy

*High speed 2D & 3D imaging  
of dynamic specimens*

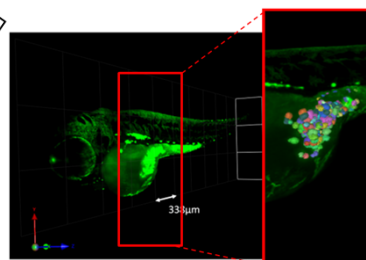
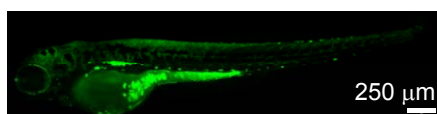


Oblique incidence SPIM  
with remote focussing

Works with "normal"  
inverted microscope

Rapid – can image  
30 volumes/second

GFP tumour cells in zebrafish embryo



with J. Castle, H. Taylor and M. Dallman

## 4 Channels – *ex vivo* images

<415nm(ch3)

collagen, **SHG**

415-515nm(ch2)

collagen, elastin, FAD, keratin, melanin  
**NAD(P)H**,

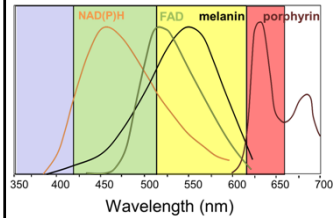
515-620nm(ch1)

elastin **FAD**, keratin, **melanin**

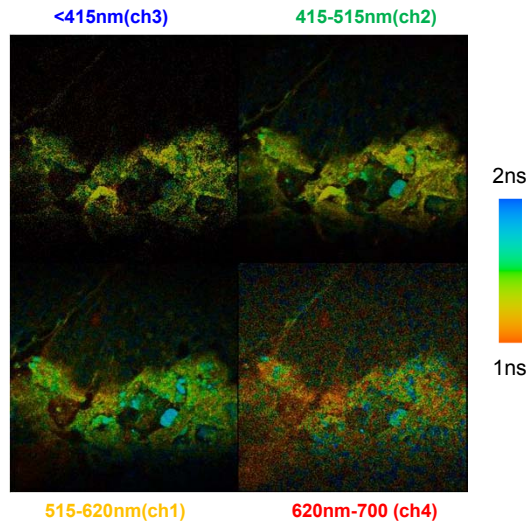
620nm-700 (ch4)

**melanin**, porphyrins

*Intracellular fluorophores*



Dysplastic naevus imaged with the multichannel FLIM detector unit



## 4 channel FLIM – *in vivo* imaging

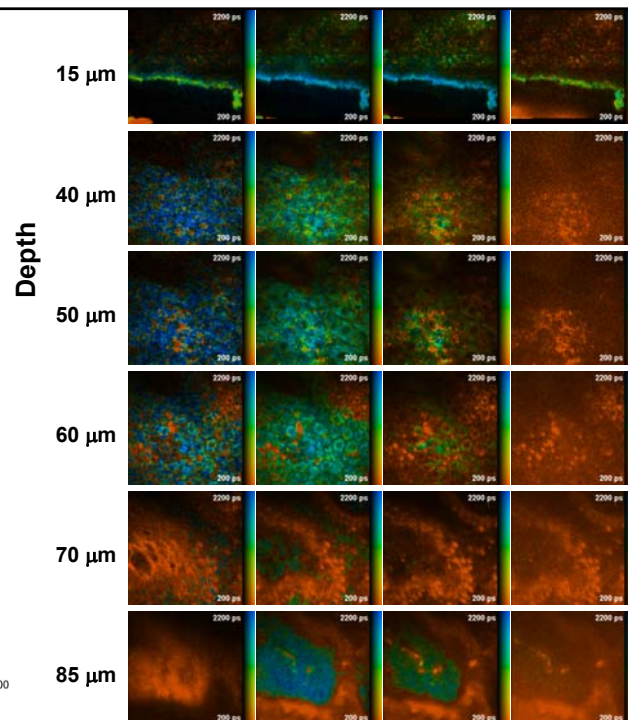
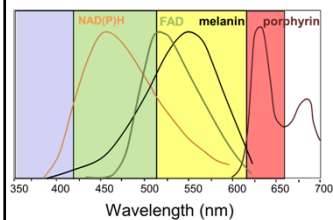


**Normal skin - medial forearm**

Acquisition Time 25.5s/depth

Excitation @ 760nm

Images 177μm x 177μm



# Multidimensional fluorescence imaging



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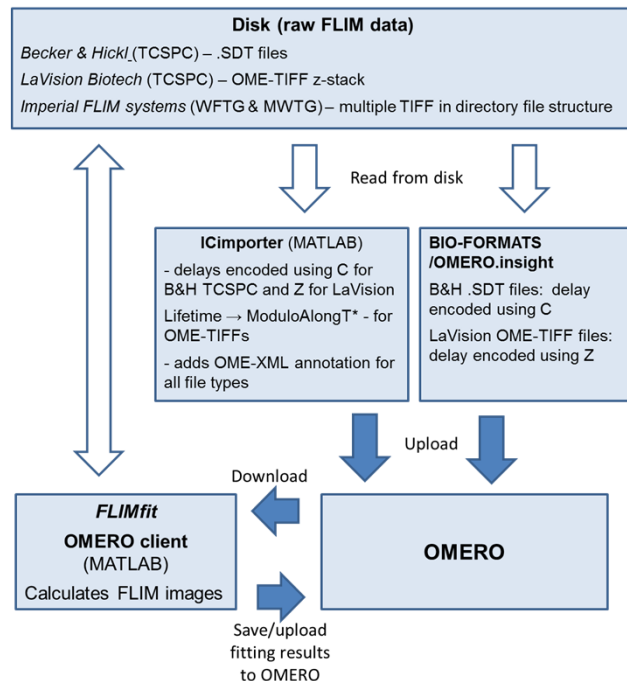
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## FLIMfit: an OMERO client in MATLAB



## ***FLIMfit: an OMERO client***

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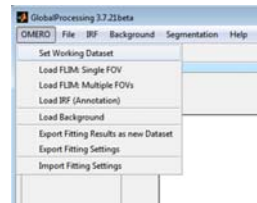
### **Two (time domain FLIM modalities**

- TCSPC
- Time-gated wide-field

### **Many potential FLIM applications:**

Multiwell plate readers (FLIM/FRET)  
Endoscopes  
SPIM  
OPT  
Skin autofluorescence studies  
....

**Large data..** need effective analysis and storage



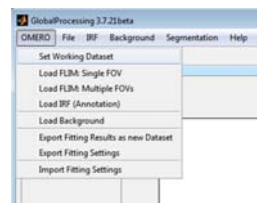
## ***FLIMfit: an OMERO client***

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### **MatLab based with calls to C++**

Fits complex decay models  
Advanced artefacts compensation solutions  
Data reduction  
Accepts different file storage formats (TCSPC & time-gated data)  
Visualization, assessment, import/export of fitting data  
Special visualizations tailored for multi-well plates  
Global analysis  
.... → feature list/user manual

*- will benefit from OMERO capabilities for data sharing,  
public access, archiving, and unification...*



## FLIMfit: an OMERO client

Sean Warren + ...

**MatLab OMERO bindings**

**Cross platform**

**Additional dimension challenge for lifetime data:**

Presently used FLIM formats: channel C for B&H, Z for LaVision OME-TIFF)

⇒ standardizing to “ModuloAlongT” for lifetime data

Images from **OMERO Datasets and SPW Plates** are loaded to *FLIMfit*

Option to **transfer fitting results to OMERO** as new Datasets or Plates

**Auxiliary data:** different options for loading IRFs, Backgrounds etc. as OMERO Images, Datasets and file Annotations

(*FLIMfit* user manuals – work in progress..)

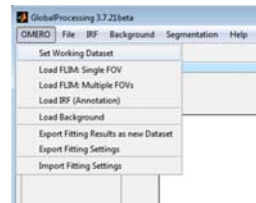
“**Importer**” utility to handle internal plate reader formats with “ModuloAlong”

- can also attach user file annotations

**For OME-TIFF** - attaches the whole xml description as metadata file

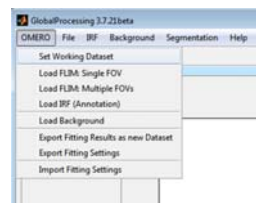
**Disk data** transfers to OMERO as Datasets or SPW Plates

now ~online ..



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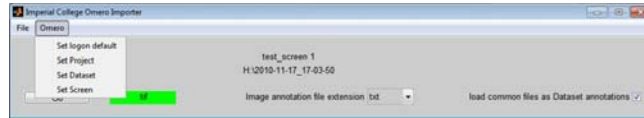
Ian Munro



1. Illustrate OMERO display limitations with time-resolved data.
2. Show the nature of time-resolved data
3. Demonstrate that our code can read & interpret 6D data with the "moduloAlong" annotation & offer a solution to 1)
4. Show FLIM workflow ( including loading IRF from OMERO) for the vast majority of the audience who are unfamiliar.
5. Demonstrate the ability to store results (parameter images ) in OMERO.

## IC Importer

Yuriy  
Alexandrov



The “IC\_importer” utility is based on the same MATLAB client functions as for “FLIMfit” client

It can transfer to OMERO the data from disk directories, as well as images in other formats (B&H, OME-tiff) - according to the OME conventions. Directories with images are transferred as new Datasets (Plates).

“IC\_importer” also can attach any auxiliary files with relevant extensions (doc, txt, xml, pdf, ppt, xls) as OMERO annotations to that new Dataset (Plate) if such files are located in the source directory.

Single auxiliary images (e.g. background images) can be imported to Datasets, tagged according to convention, and then loaded from OMERO into analysis software.

## Sharing OMERO data

Mark Woodbridge

How to enable Imperial College researchers to allow anonymous, public access to a subset of their imaging data?

### Motivation

There is currently no public repository for imaging data analogous to ArrayExpress, ENA etc.

Researchers require a facility to store supplementary information directly related to publications, and, subject to funders' requirements, to archive and share all data generated in the course of a long-term investigation.

Third-party services fulfil the first requirement (e.g. Dryad, Figshare) but are generic and do not provide visualisation or metadata browsing.

They do provide persistent identifiers (DOIs) which we are unable to do at no cost.

Some journals (e.g. JCB) do provide bespoke repositories for images but these are rare.

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### Requirements

- Security
- Anonymous access
- Imperial College branding
- Project/dataset/image hierarchy
- Provide access to images in original format
- Masking of selected metadata
- Direct web linking to individual projects/datasets

## Sharing OMERO data

### 1. OMERO.insight

Projects, Datasets or Images can be shared using OMERO.insight (desktop OMERO client). This is performed by moving them to the 'Public' group. OMERO only allows images to appear in one group at a one time, so once moved they no longer appear in your personal or lab group. They remain editable/deletable only by the owner.

#### Pros

- Preserves project/dataset/image hierarchy
- Image membership of public group makes it clear to user that they have been published
- Can deep-link (i.e. send someone a URL that points directly at share)

#### Cons

- Moving files between groups can lead to fragmented datasets (if attempting sharing selected files)

## Sharing OMERO data

### 2. OMERO.web

A 'basket' of images can be shared using OMERO.web (online OMERO client). These images remain in their original group but are visible online to anonymous users.

#### Pros

- Does not affect which groups original files are stored in

#### Cons

- No hierarchy?
- Bug means that acquisition metadata cannot be viewed? (needs confirmation)
- Not clear which files are shared - files can accidentally be deleted, breaking share.
- No deep-linking? (needs confirmation)

## Sharing OMERO data

### 3. Custom solution (based on OMERO web?)

Users just add a tag (e.g. 'public') to arbitrary images to be shared

- would only work with a bespoke version of OMERO.web.
- web application would require root access to OMERO - and would effectively involve building a parallel permissions system in OMERO, which is undesirable.

#### Public shares are intended to be long-term fixtures, with URLs

- Shared data needs to be isolated to avoid deletion, moving, changing access rights ..
- leads to data duplication

#### Shared data needs metadata (context) to be useful

- Needs standardised (local?) validation of data to be shared