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# Vibrational imaging approaches for cancer diagnosis: status, needs and perspectives

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### For some diseases we have clear biomarkers



- Genetic diseases (e.g. huntington disease)
- Metabolic diseases (e.g. diabetes)
- Infective diseases (e.g. COVID-19)
- ... **blood**, **nasal swab** or even **saliva** can be enough for diagnosis.





### For cancer diagnosis we need to "observe it" (most of the time)







# The tissue "as it is" (a 10 µm thick slice)



### We need to define a contrast. Today, by chemical staining



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# The tissue stained by "H&E"

### 2 mm











- High Subjectivity and Error prone
- Time-consuming (sample preparation and staining)
- Scarce molecular characterization (only morphological)
- Other biomolecular characterization is normally required







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Bera, Kaustav, et al. Nature reviews Clinical oncology 16.11 (2019): 703-715.



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Chemical staining *vs* **Vibrational imaging** 





- Highly informative
- Objective
- Label-free
- Compatible with automatic procedures





# Vibrational imaging for cancer diagnosis



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### Vibrational imaging for cancer diagnosis: how it works



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## Vibrational spectroscopies at glance





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(µm)

Typical lateral resolution

RESOLUTION

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B category	Histological classification	Patients	Total MC	MC found outside the lesion	Representative MC	960
B1 "normal tissue"	NOR	6	65	_	65	107
Total		6	65	-	65	- Martin
B2 "benign" in Total B3 "of uncertain malignancy"	FAD	4	30	_	30	
	FIB	2	8	-	8	
	FNE	1	11	-	11	00 12
	UDH	2	18	-	18	Ca ca
		9	67	-	67	10
	PAP	2	2	-	2	
	FEA (DIN1A)	2	32	-	32	
	ADH (DIN1B)	4	27	-	27	
Total		8	61	-	61	
B5a "carcinoma <i>in situ</i> "	DCIS DIN1C	3	19	11	8	
	DCIS DIN2	8	32	8	24	
	DCIS DIN3	6	46	19	27	00 1
Total B5b "invasive carcinoma"		17	97	38	59	xala
	IDC G2	12	133	92	41	
	IDC G3	1	2	2	0	10
	ILC G2	1	8	8	0	12
	ILC G3	1	33	19	14	
	IMC	1	8	0	8	
Total		16	184	121	63	-
Grand Total		56	474	159	315	





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### 2 mm

500 µm (a few hours)

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Shipp, Dustin W., et al. Breast Cancer Research 20.1 (2018): 1-14.



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# FT-IR imaging: example

#### nature biotechnology

Infrared spectroscopic imaging for histopathologic recognition

Daniel C Fernandez<sup>1,3,4</sup>, Rohit Bhargava<sup>1,4</sup>, Stephen M Hewitt<sup>2</sup> & Ira W Levin<sup>1</sup>

- 262 samples from 40 patients
- 3 million spectra
- 6.25 um spatial resolution



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Fernandez, Daniel C., et al. Nature biotechnology 23.4 (2005): 469-474.







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# **QCL IR-Imaging**



QCL source

single-element mercury cadmium telluride (MCT)







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(µm)

Typical lateral resolution

RESOLUTION

### Vibrational spectroscopies at glance





### **QCL-IR examples**

PNAS

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#### **OPEN** Quantum Cascade Laser-Based Infrared Microscopy for Label-Free and Automated Cancer **Classification in Tissue Sections** Published online: 16 May 2018

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# **Photothermal microscopy**



Raman microscopy





SPECTRAL INFORMATION



# **Photothermal microscopy**





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### **Coherent Raman Spectroscopies**

**Raman Scattering (CARS)** 

RESOLUTION



Pump, ω<sub>p</sub> Anti-Stokes -m  $\omega_{aS}$ -----------w-> Stokes, w Stokes, ws MAA -------m Pump, ω<sub>p</sub> -mr -m m Pump, ω<sub>p</sub> **Stimulated Raman Coherent Anti-Stokes** 

Scattering (SRS)







Raman microscopy



### **Stimulated Raman Spectroscopy: example**

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CH<sub>2</sub> (2845 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

### $CH_3$ (2390 cm<sup>-1</sup>)



 $CH_3 - CH_2$ 









Virtual stain (pseudo-H&E)



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Orringer, Daniel A., et al. Nature biomedical engineering 1.2 (2017): 1-13.

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### **Stimulated Raman Spectroscopy**



### Near real-time intraoperative brain tumor diagnosis using stimulated Raman histology and deep neural networks

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- 2.5 min (vs 30 min H&E) [smaller tissue regions]
- 278 patients
- 4 systems in 4 hospitals
- > 2.5 million images
- 94.6% accuracy (vs 93.9% H&E)

Hollon, Todd C., et al. Nature medicine 26.1 (2020): 52-58.





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### **Broadband SRS example**

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**INFORMATION** 

Raman microscopy

De la Cadena, Alejandro et al. (2021) in preparation Polli, Dario, et al. Laser & Photonics Reviews 12.9 (2018): 1800020..

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### What's next?

### Powerful technologies Promising data

Space for improvements ..to move technologies to clinical use

### Next steps: How to meet clinical needs ?

**0) Technology improvement** (...)

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### Next steps: How to meet clinical needs ?

0) Technology improvement

### 1) Validation, networking, validation

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Guo, Shuxia, et al. *Analytical Chemistry* 92.24 (2020): 15745-15756. Fornasaro, Stefano, et al. *Analytical chemistry* 92.5 (2020): 4053-4064.

### Next steps

- **0)** (not only) **Technology improvement**
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- 2) Early definition of clinical and final user need
  - Strong interdisciplinarity
  - Deep involvement of clinicians

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