

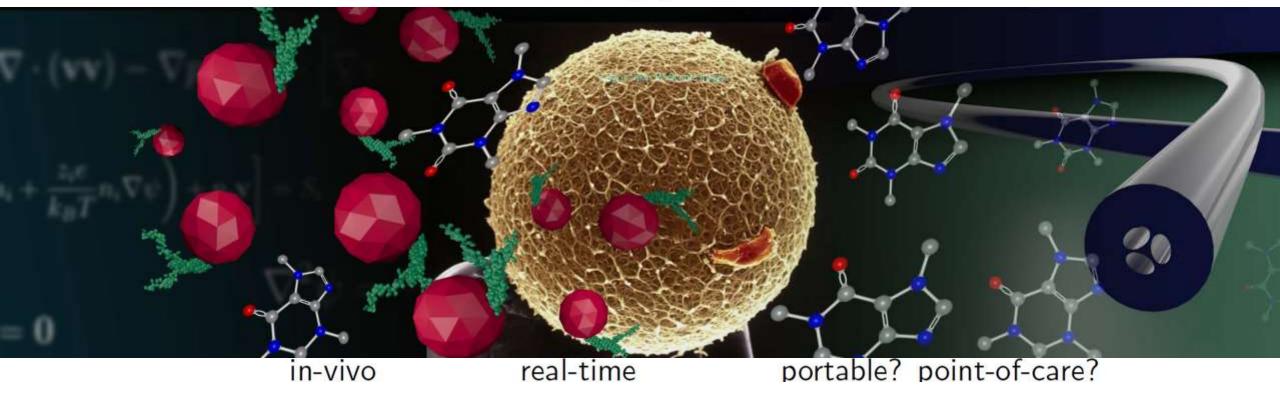
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Core aim of ARC Centre for Nanoscale Biophotonics

New approaches to measuring nano-scale dynamic phenomena

in living systems



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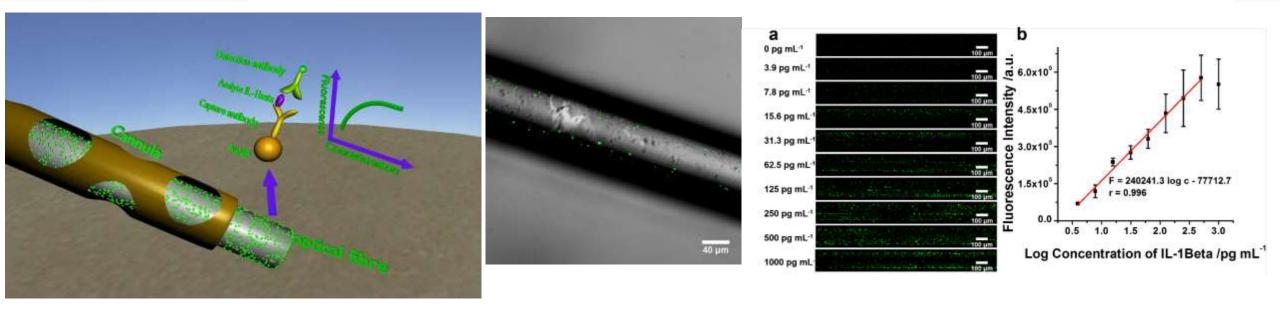
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How to detect cytokines in specific locations



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"sandwich immunoassay",



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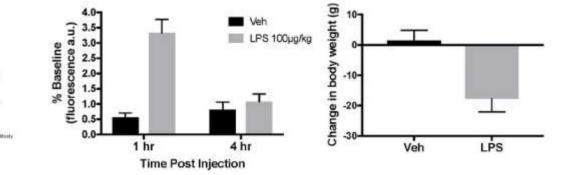


Research Clean

Living brain (hippocampus)

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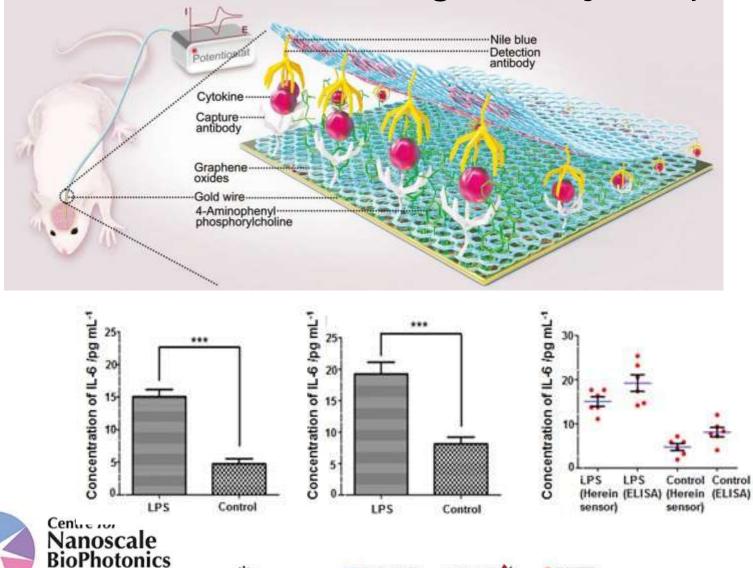
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How to detect cytokines in specific locations

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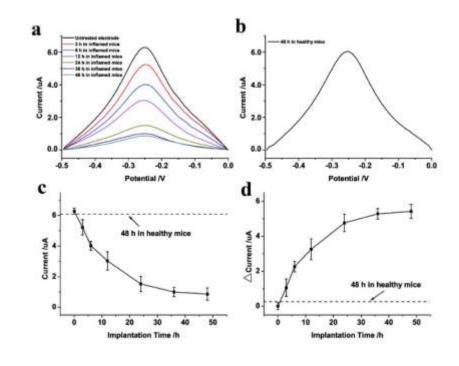
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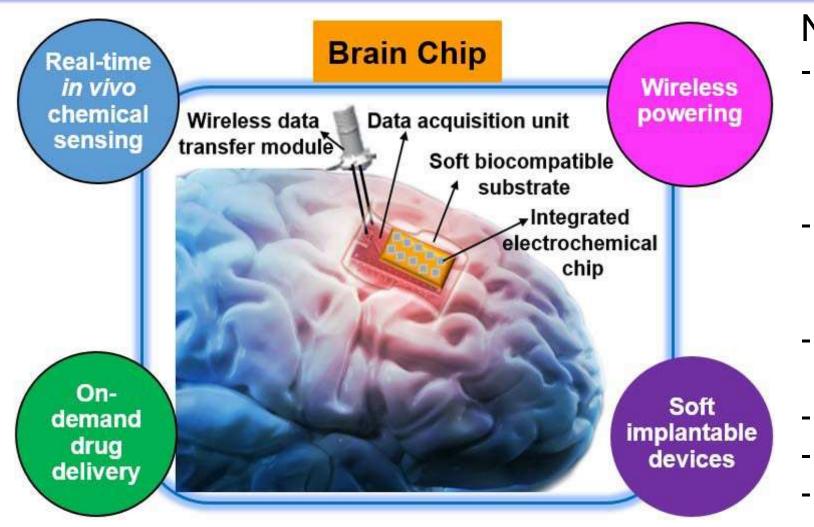
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Real-time sensing of cytokines on a relevant time scale has been demonstrated

VISION: WRELESS IMPLANTABLE REAL-TIME SENSORS



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TARGETS: "Neuro" analytes – cytokines,

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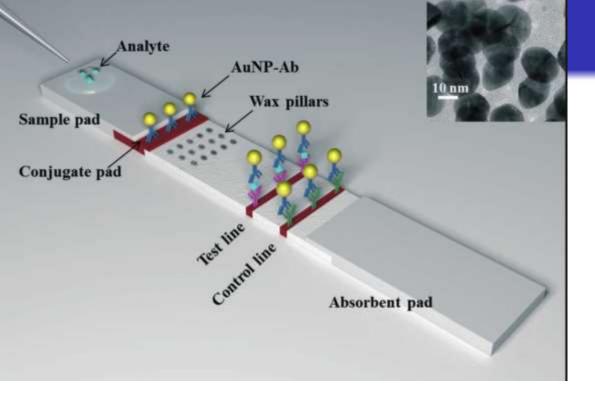
neurotransmitters, metabolites

NEEDED:

- Switchable, shape changing capture molecules to dynamically respond to analyte variations
- Capture molecules for specific targets, and they must be working well on surfaces
- Non-degradable capture molecules
- Amplification strategies (FETs?)
- Technology integration
- Protect against fibrosis over the long term

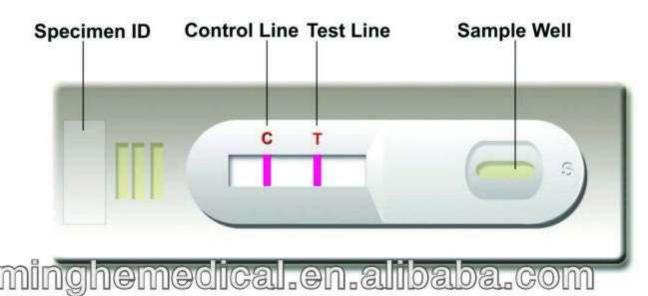
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 Usual biocompatibility, degradability,











VISION: LATERAL FLOW ASSAYS

NEEDED:

- Switchable, shape changing capture molecules to dynamically respond to analyte variations – may enable repetitive use of the same device
- Capture molecules for specific targets, and they must be working well on surfaces
- Non-degradable capture molecules
- Amplification strategies maybe based on nanomaterials
- Mobile phone readout (almost there)

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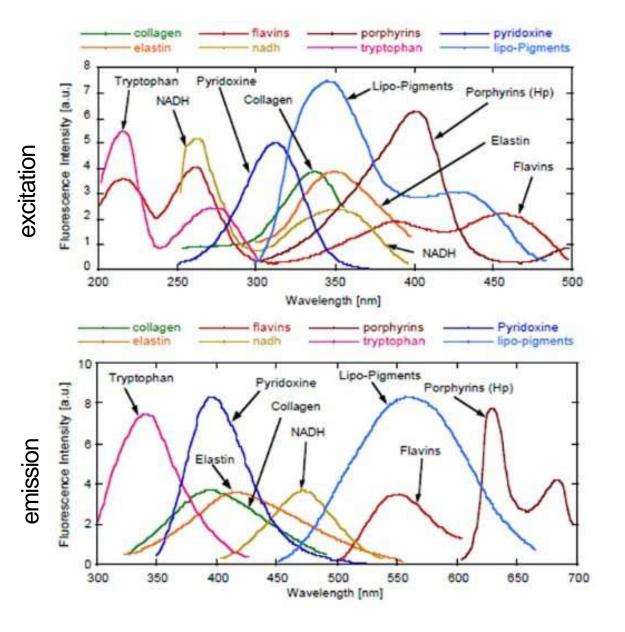
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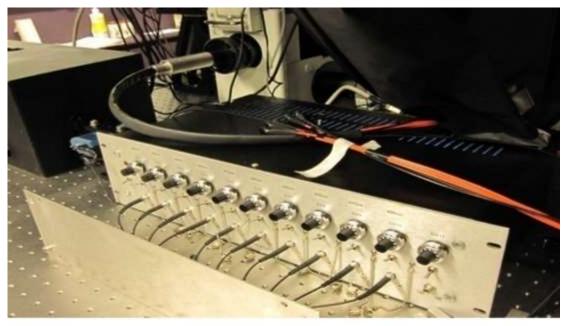
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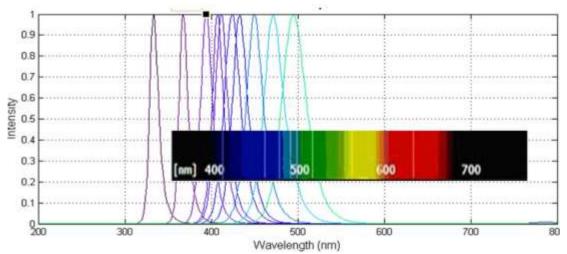
- "Neuro" analytes cytokines, neurotransmitters, metabolites
- Bacteria and viruses
- DNA sequences
- Hormones
- Standard medical analytes, also those relevant to injury and acute conditions
- Warfare agents
- Toxins and contaminants
- Etc etc.



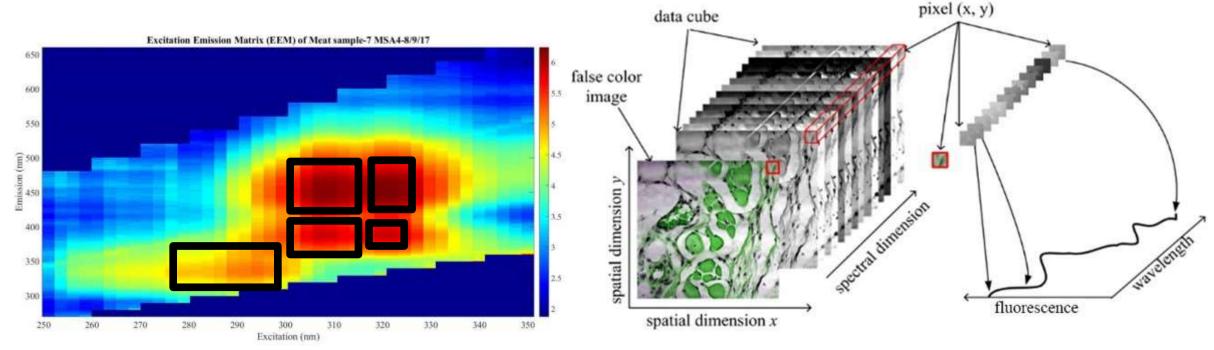
Autofluorescence analysis







Hyperspectral image data set



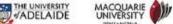
Cellular feature:

anything that can be calculated for a given cell

- average reading in that cell in a given spectral channel
- ratios of such readings for various channel pairs (channel ratios)
- Haralick textural features etc etc.

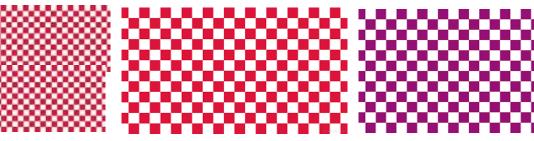






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Example features: "squareness" – similarity to asquare, length scale, colour

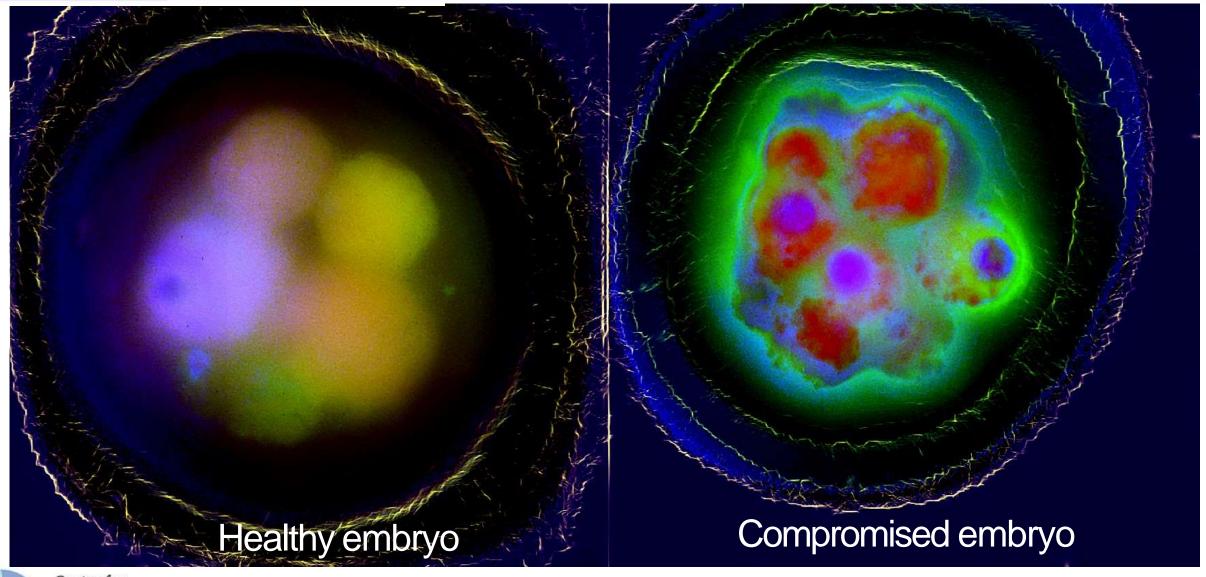


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Healthy and compromised early bovine embryos















Measuring pain

Wong-Baker FACES[™] Pain Rating Scale Instructions For Usage

Explain to the person that each face is for a person who has no pain (hurt) or some, or a lot of pain.

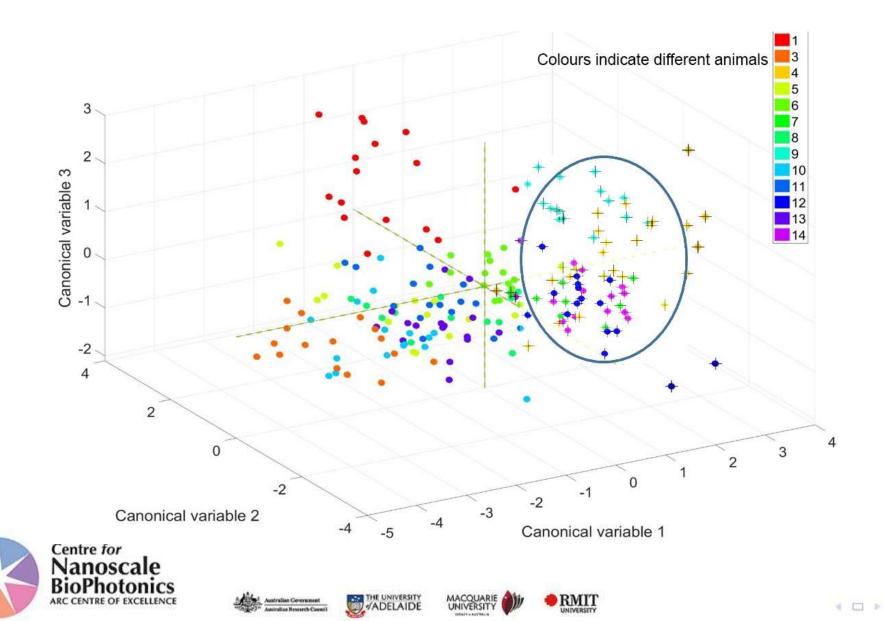
Face 0 doesn't hurt at all. Face 2 hurts just a little bit. Face 4 hurts a little bit more. Face 6 hurts even more. Face 8 hurts a whole lot. Face 10 hurts as much as you can imagine, although you don't have to be crying to have this worst pain.

<5 = Panadol >5 = Opiates

Ask the person to choose the face that best describes how much pain he has.



Molecular signatures of pain





Vicky Staikopoulos, Mark Hutchinson, U Adelaide, Martin Gosnell, AyadAnwer, Macquarie U

"Hyperspectral imaging of endogenous fluorescent metabolic molecules to identify pain states in central nervous system tissue",

Staikopoulos, V., et al., Proceedings Volume 10013, SPIE BioPhotonics Australasia; 1001306 (2016); doi: 10.1117/12.2243158

VISION: HIGH CONTENT AUTOFLUORESCENCE IMAGING

NEEDED:

- Rapid multispectral imaging systems
- LEDor laser based
- Improved ultrasensitive low noise cameras
- Mobile phone technologies
- Bespoke software (may need to be specific for each problem)
- Validation of methods

TARGETS:

-Characterisation of cells, tissues and underlying conditions (Cancer? Toxic exposure? Infection? Subtle immune effects? Sepsis? Microbial infection of wounds? Response to surgery? Transplantation? Pain?

"See right through" – autofluorescence in deep tissue (currently unexplored)

-Preparation-free histology

-Portable phone based devices for some of the above medical conditions





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