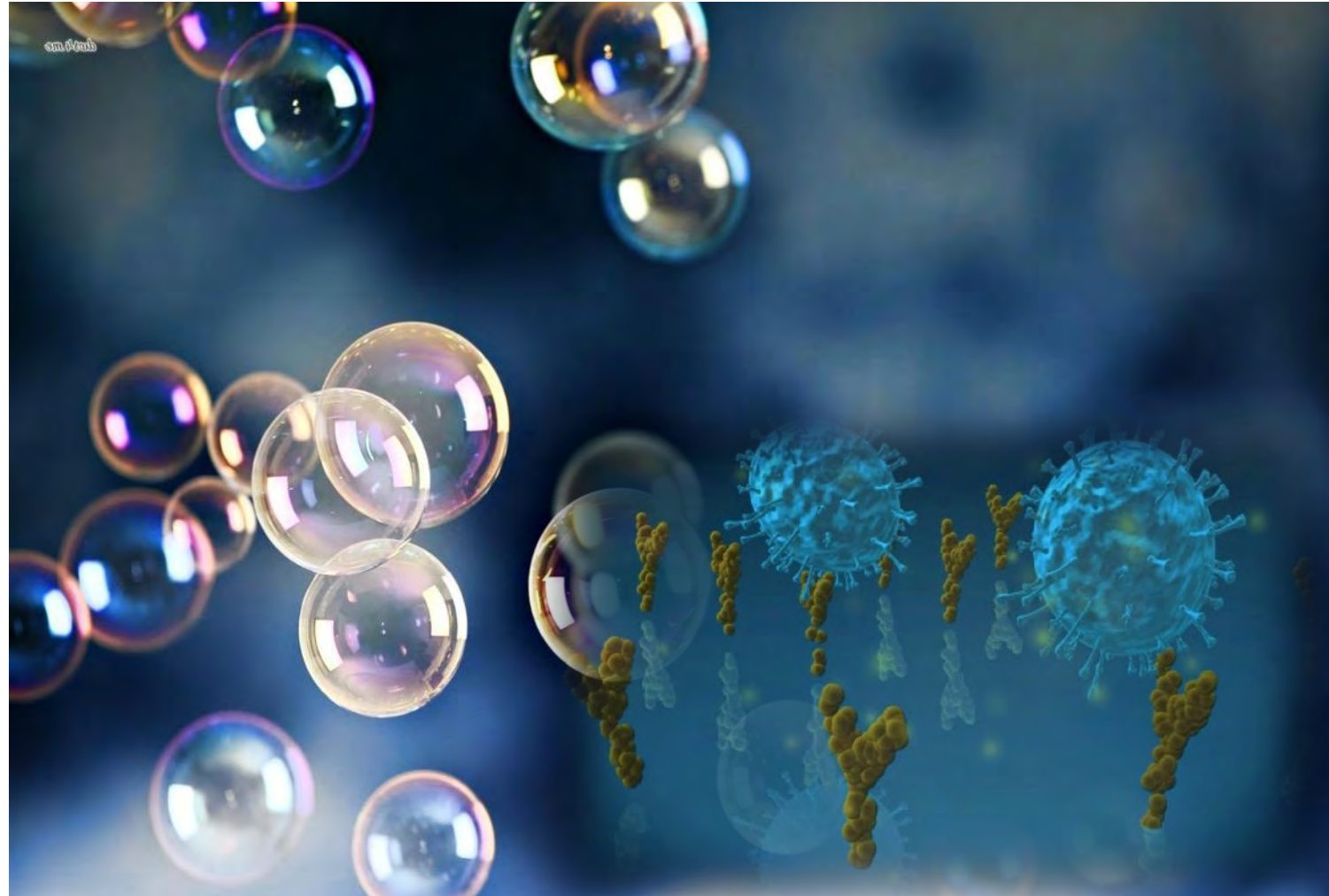


# Interferometric microscopy for detection and visualization of biological nanoparticles

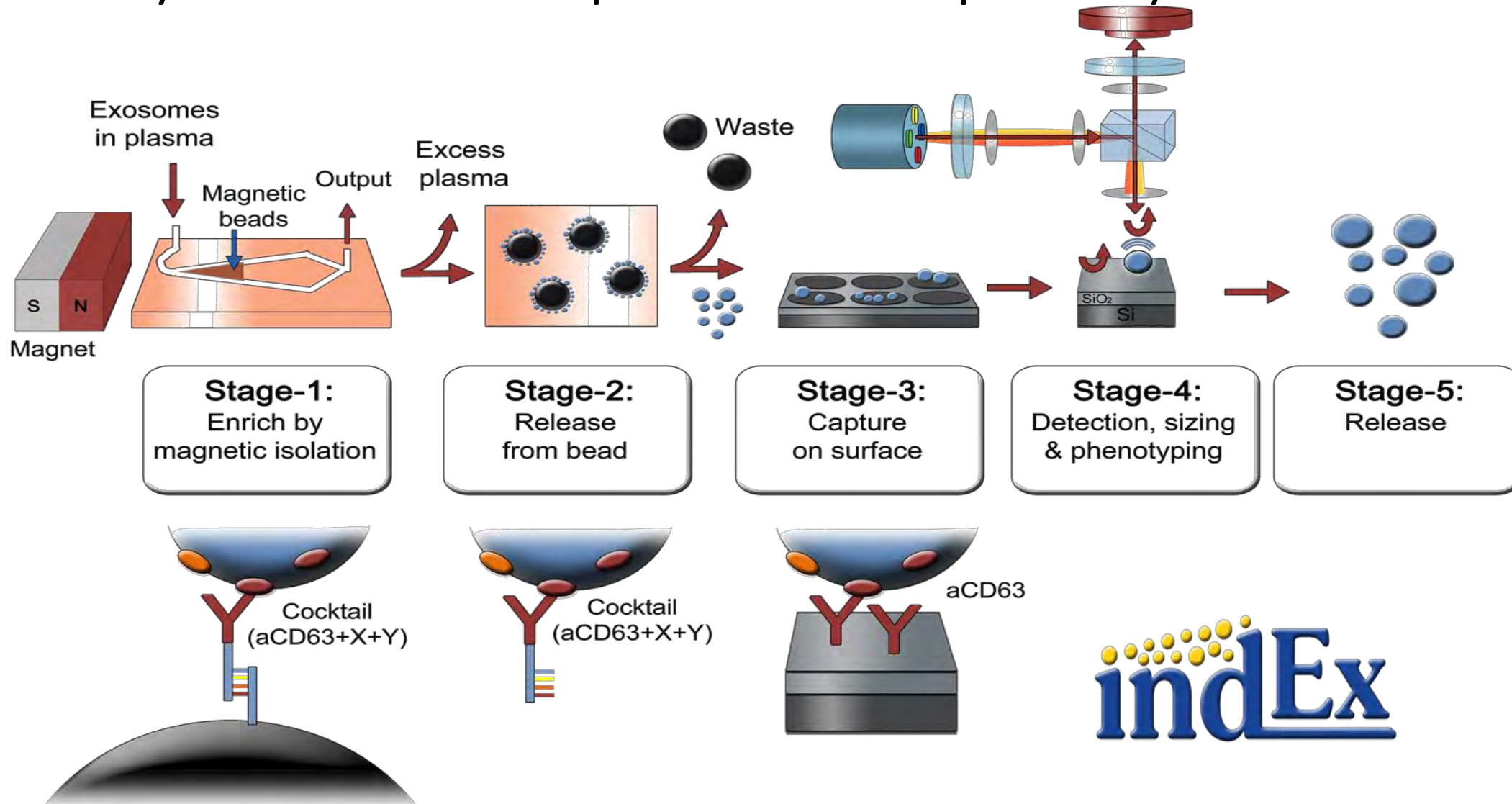
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Graduate Medical Sciences

- Detection vs. visualization/characterization
- Interferometric Reflectance **Imaging** Sensor
- Biological Nanoparticle Detection and Sizing
- Si-based microfluidics
- Pupil function engineering
- Resolution improvement by oblique illumination and reconstruction
- Towards 100nm in label-free visible light microscopy
- miRNA detection



# Integrated nanoparticle isolation and detection system for complete on-chip analysis of exosomes



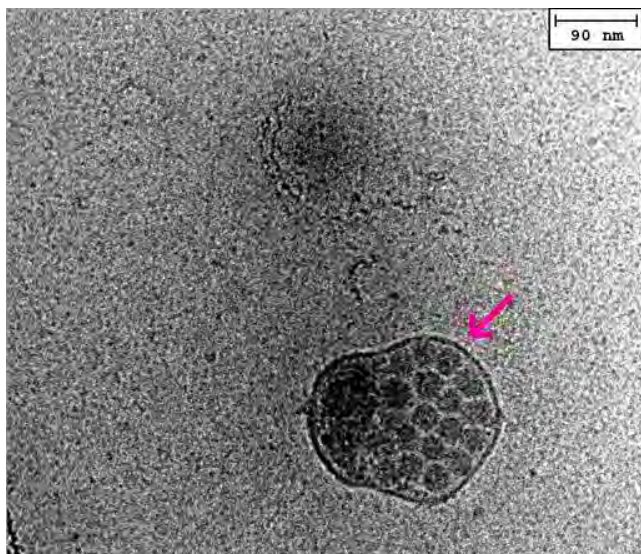
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# Technologies for bio-nanoparticle characterization

## Cryo-TEM

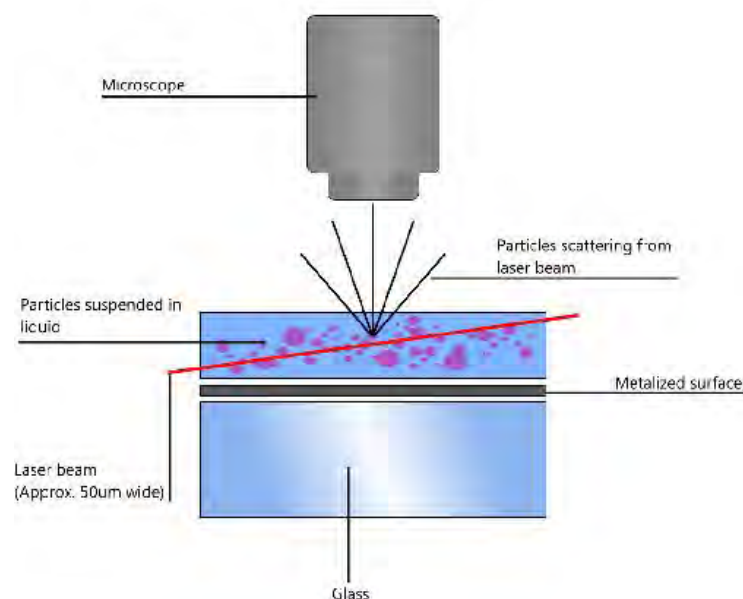
- Fantastic resolution
- Low throughput and difficult



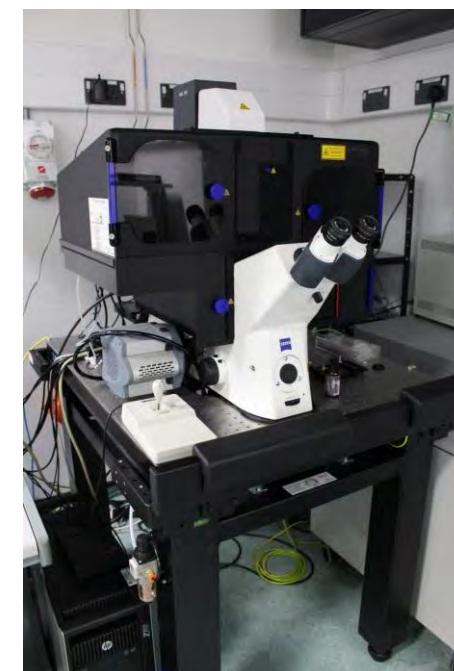
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## Nanoparticle Tracking Analysis

- Estimate size of particles based on Brownian motion
- Little/no molecular information



## Fluorescence microscopy (STED/PALM)

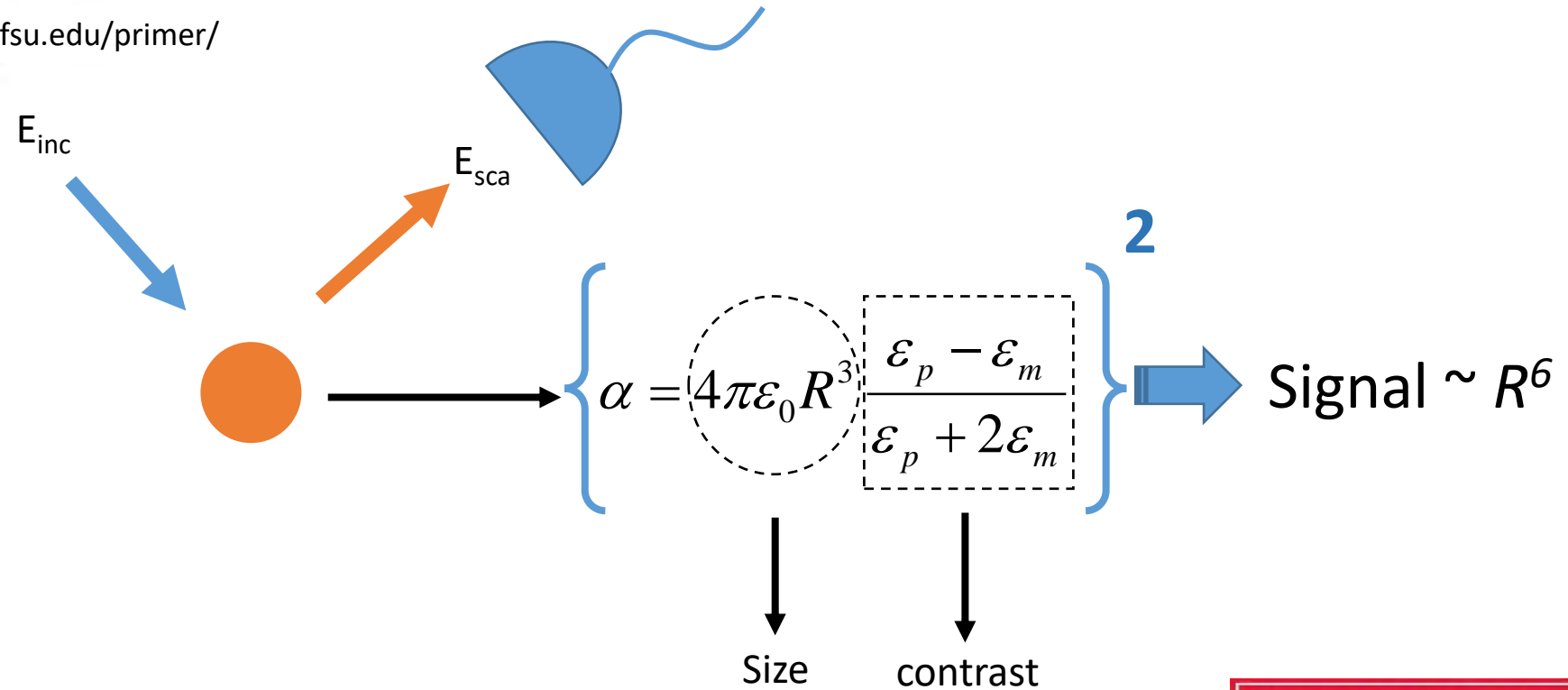
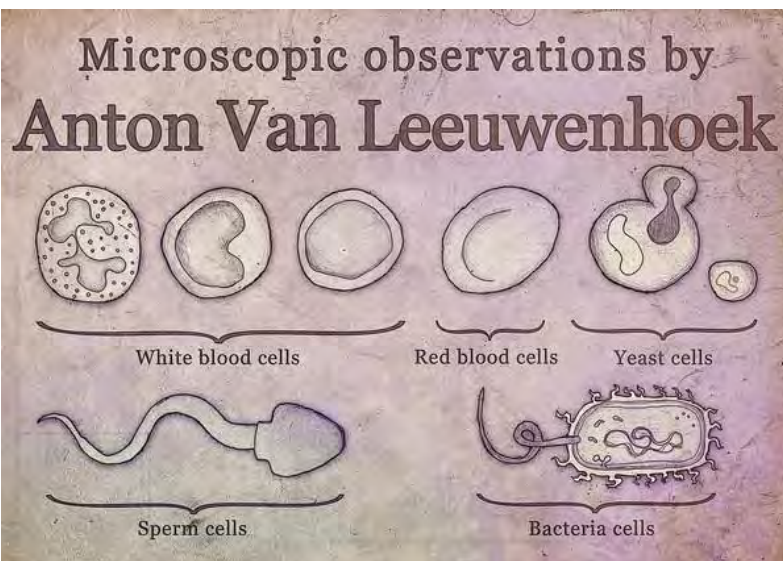


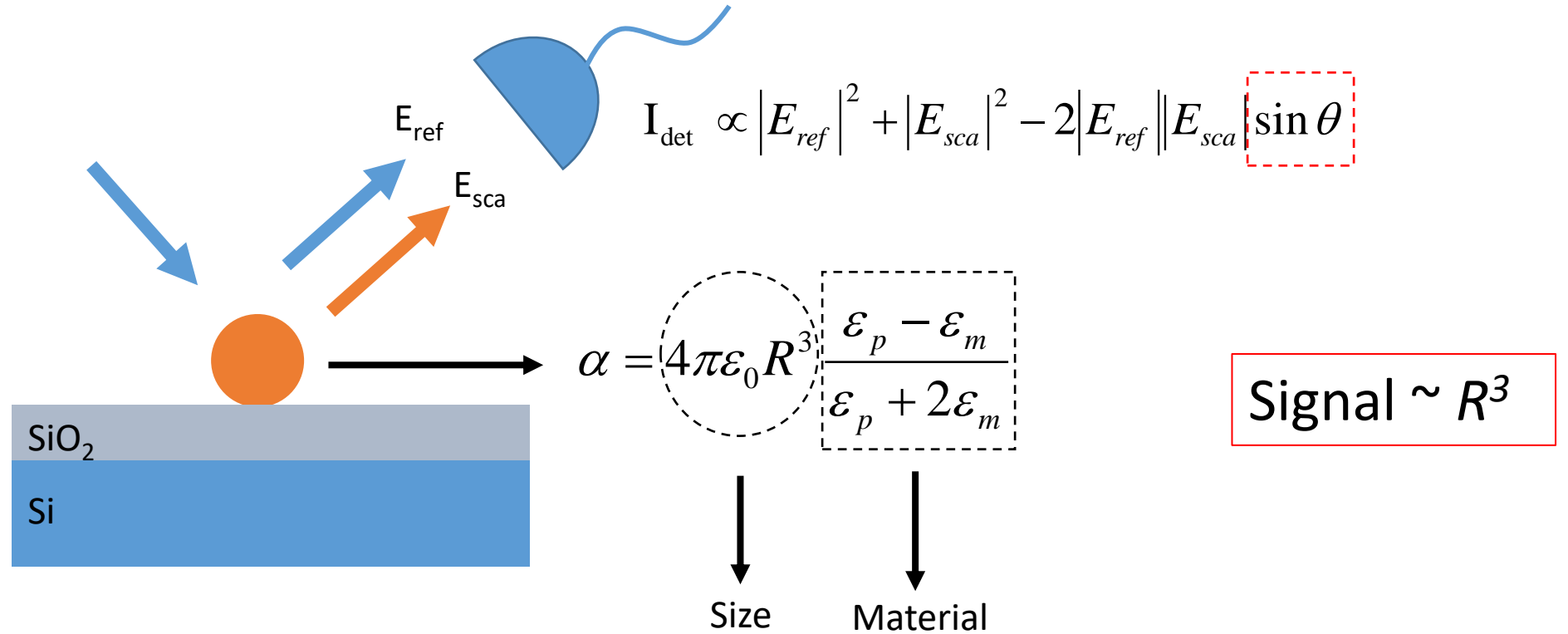
**Needed:** High-throughput methods to measure the **size, shape** and **molecular profile** of biological nanoparticles

# Optical microscopy can see small – but ...

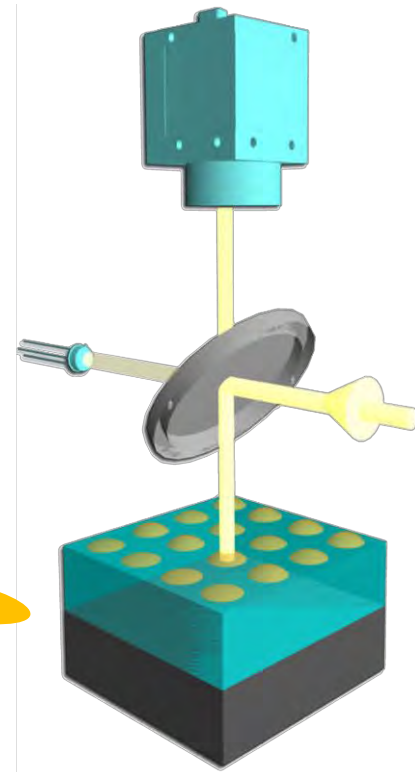


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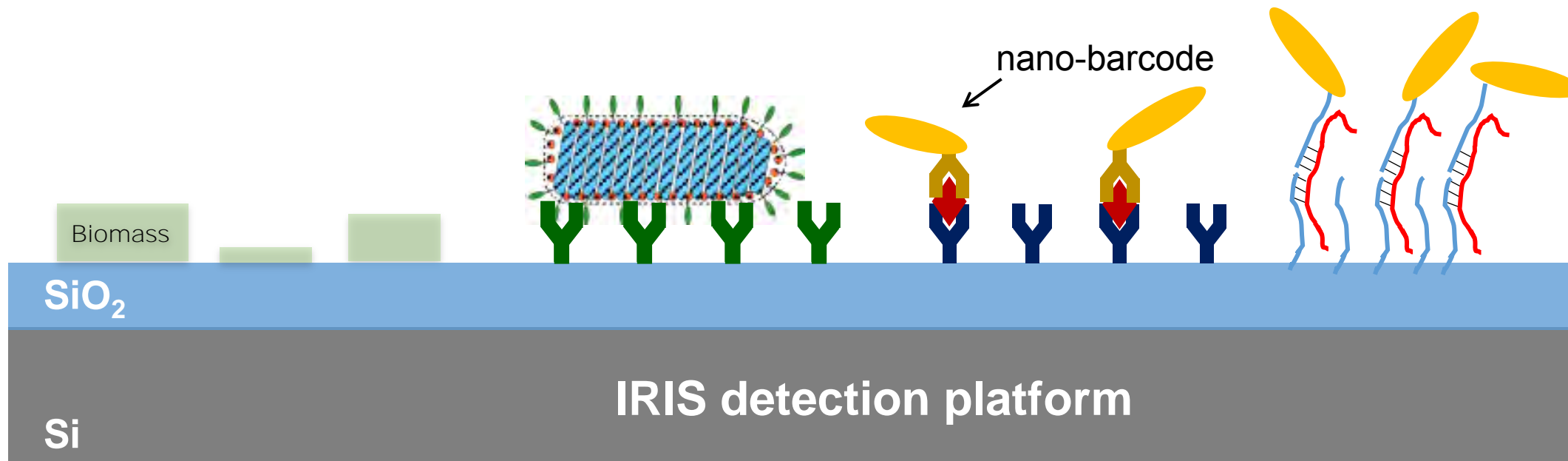
# A versatile biosensing technology platform for microarrays



Ensemble Molecular Binding  
(label-free)

Single BNP Detection  
(label-free)

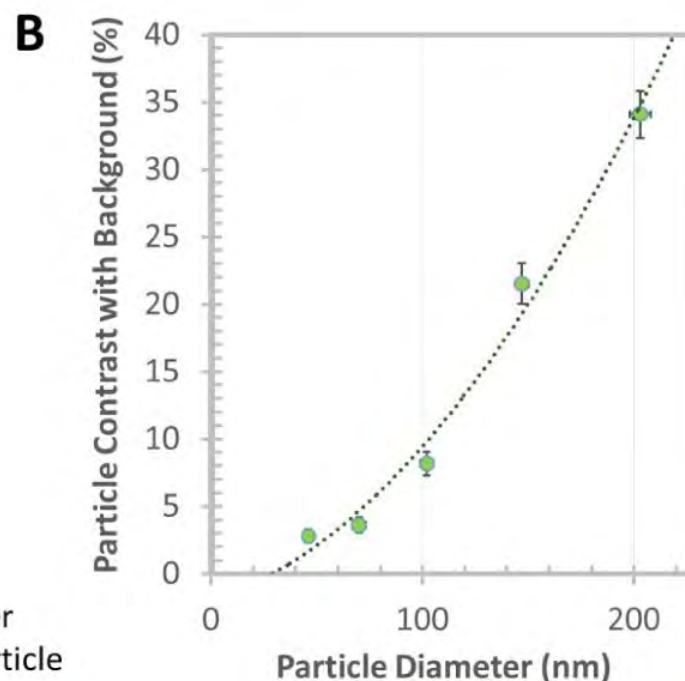
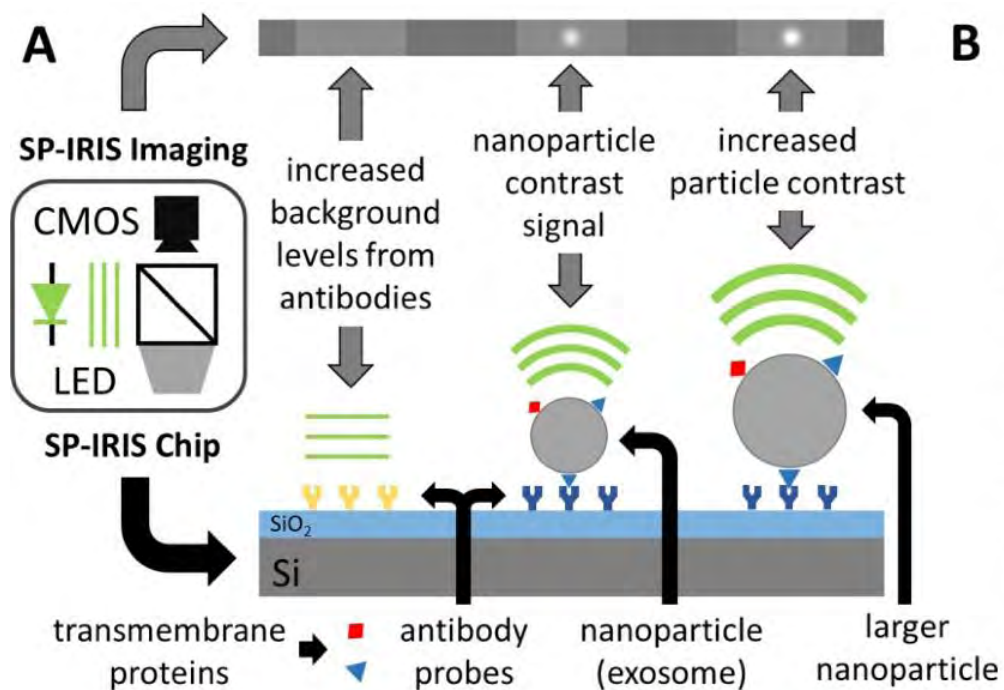
Single Molecule Detection of Antigen  
proteins and DNA/RNA



- Label-free molecular binding
- Label-free direct sensing of individual viruses
- Digital Detection: Single molecule level detection of Nucleic Acids and Proteins



# Single Nanoparticle Detection

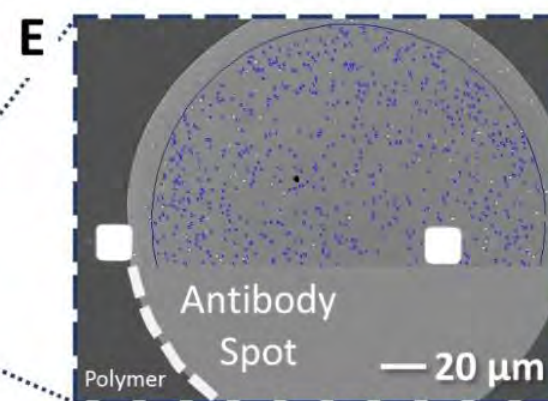
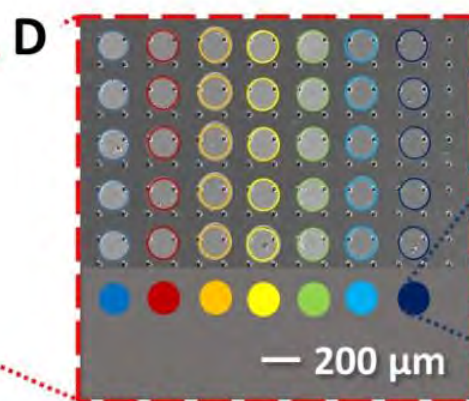
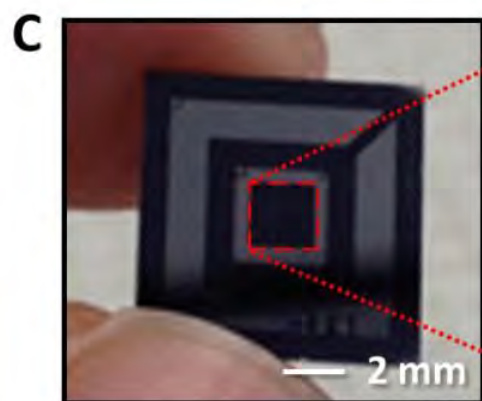
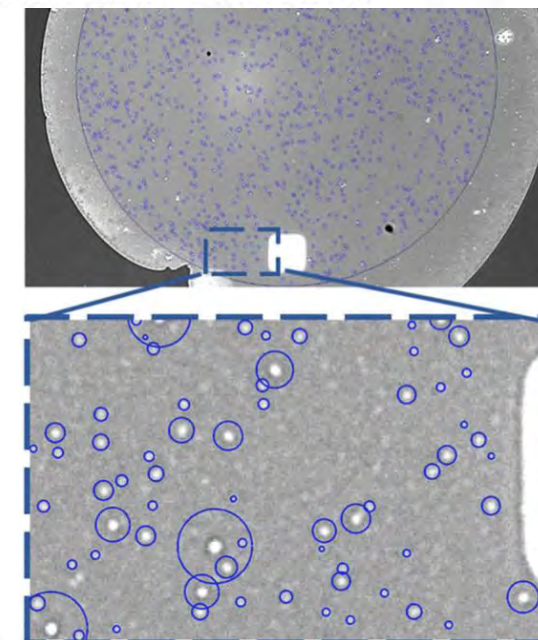


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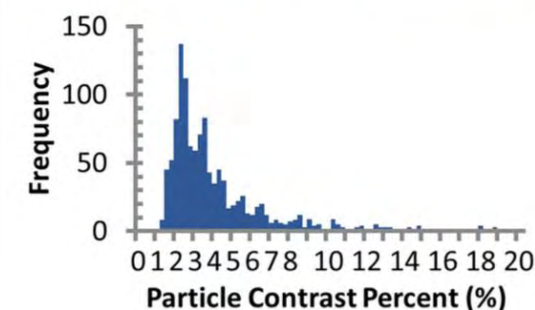
## Digital Detection of Exosomes by Interferometric Imaging

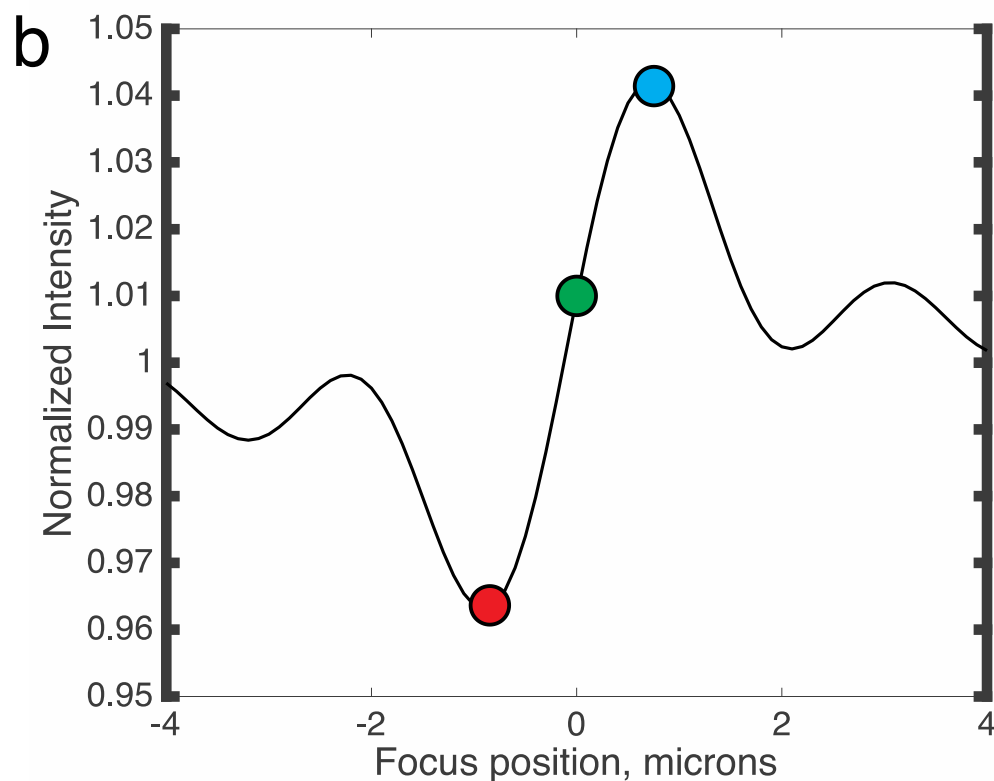
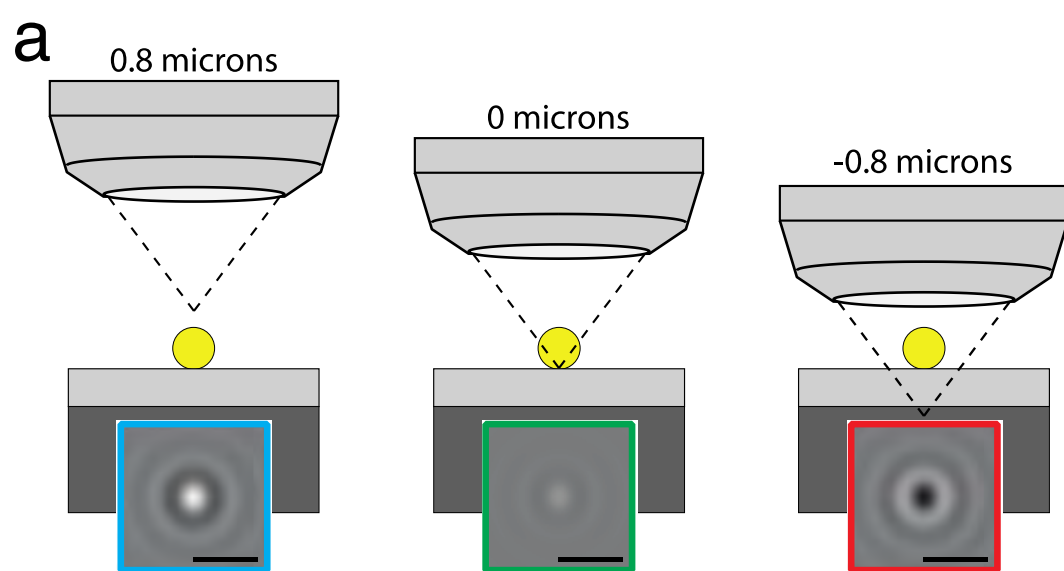
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2016



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# Accurate Sizing – defocus profile

$$I_{\text{det}} \propto |E_{\text{ref}}|^2 + |E_{\text{sca}}|^2 - 2|E_{\text{ref}}||E_{\text{sca}}|\sin \theta$$

Changing the focus position changes the path length to the detector differently for reference reflection and scattered light

D. D. Sevenler, O. Avci, and M. S. Ünlü, "**Quantitative interferometric reflectance imaging for the detection and measurement of biological nanoparticles,**" *Biomedical Optics Express*, 2017

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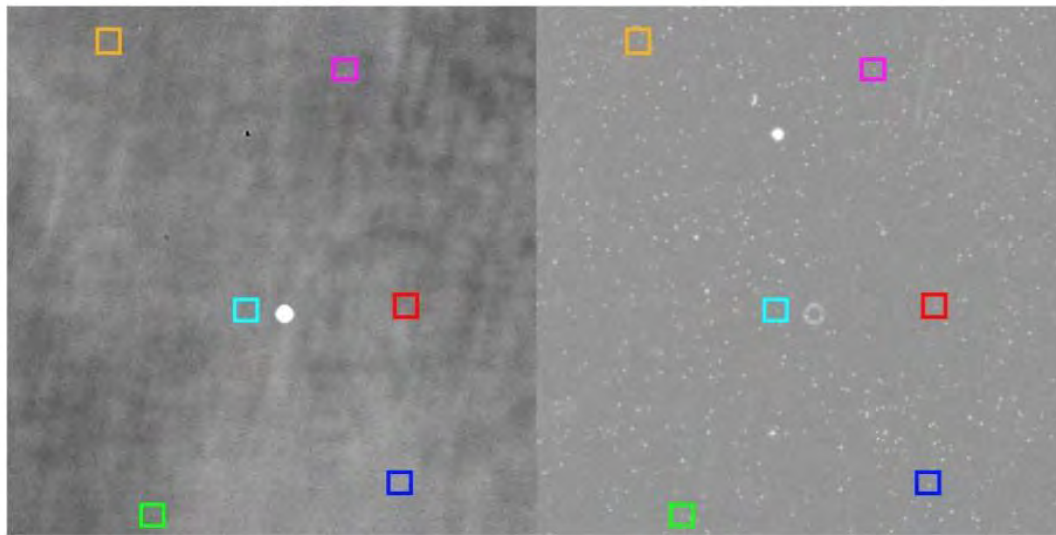


# Robust Visualization and Discrimination of Nanoparticles by Interferometric Imaging

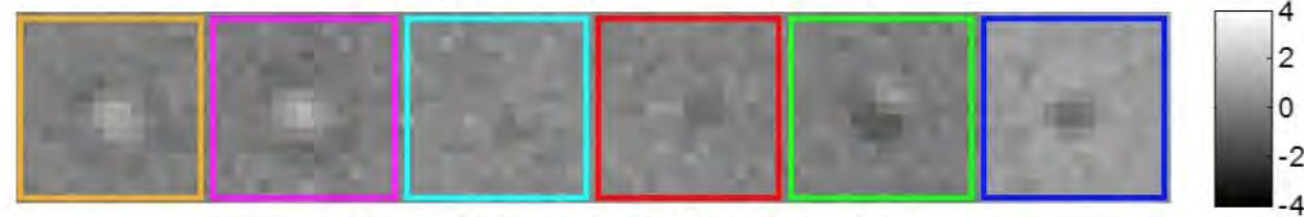
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A) Nominally Focused Single Plane Image

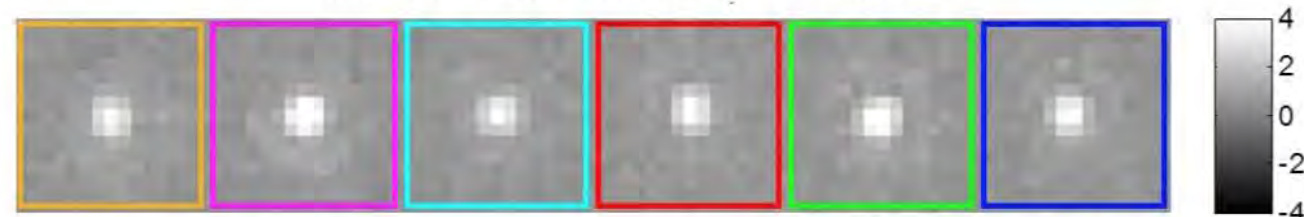
B) Differential Intensity Image



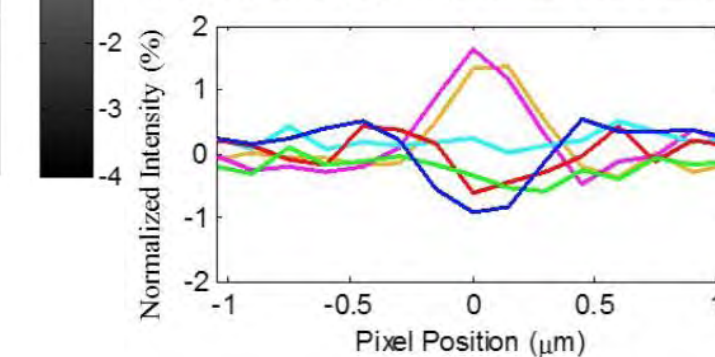
C) Nanoparticle Crops from Single Plane Image



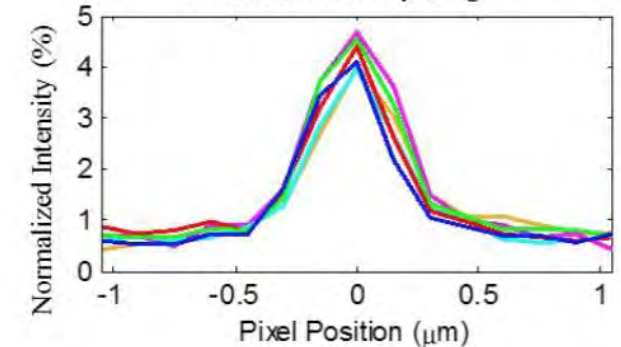
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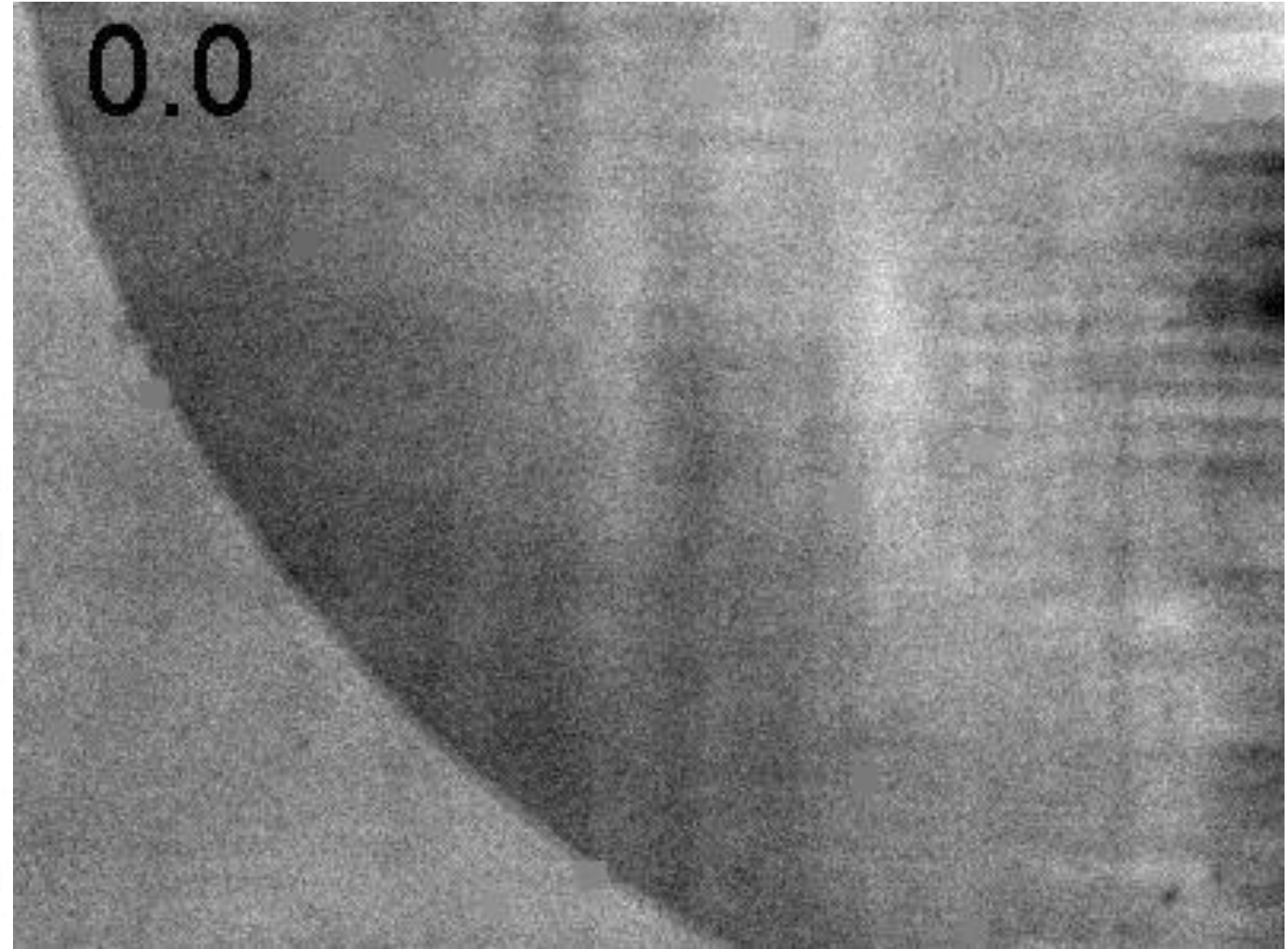
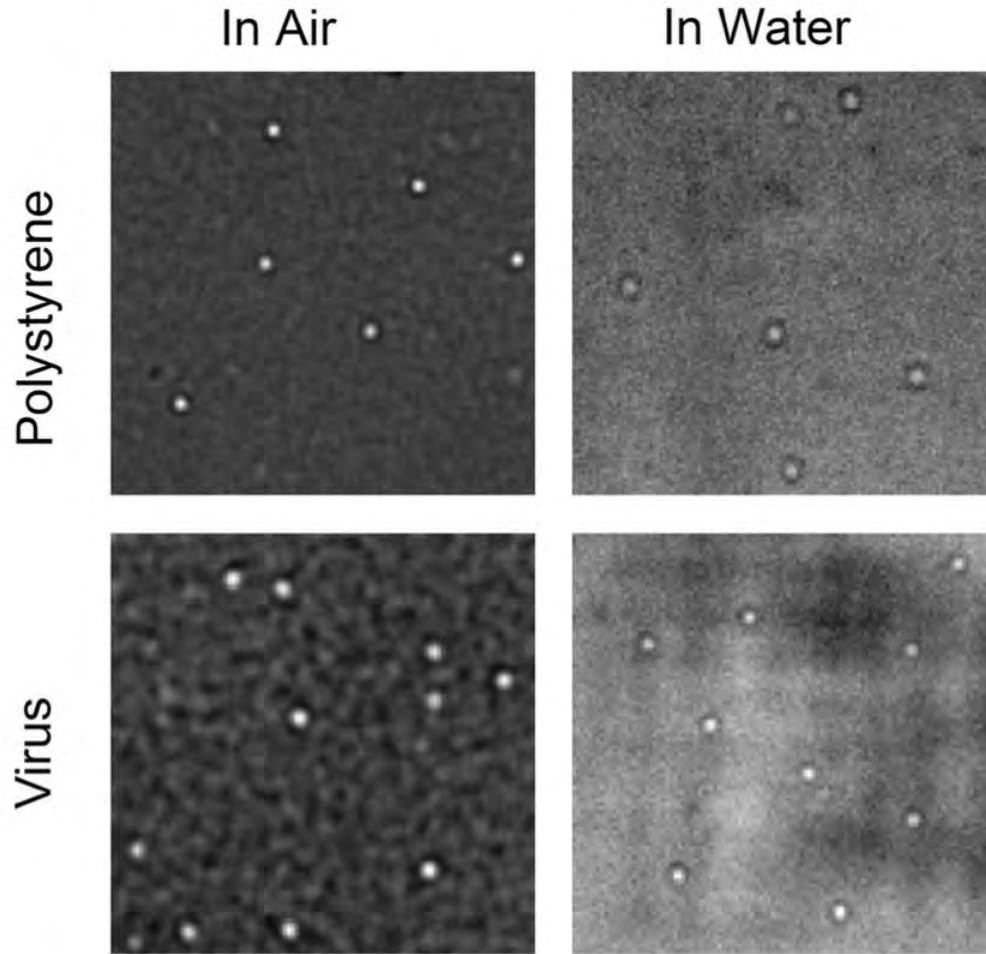
E) Centerline Profiles from Nominal Focus Plane Image



F) Centerline Profiles from Differential Intensity Image



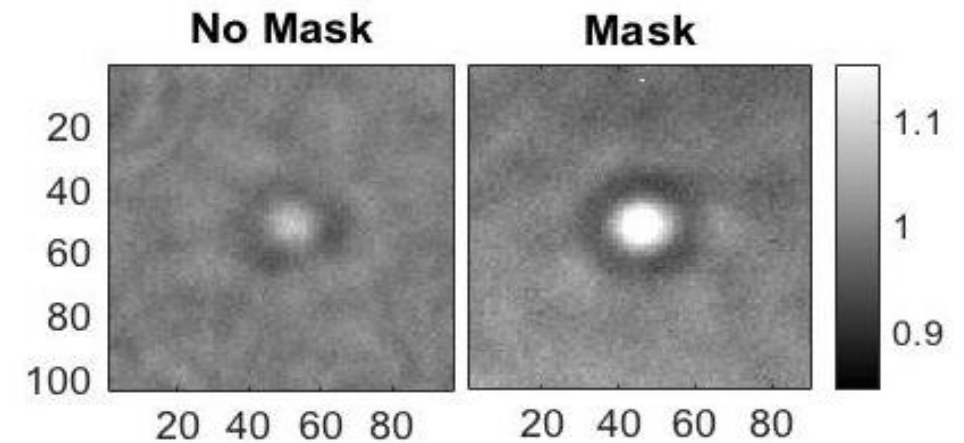
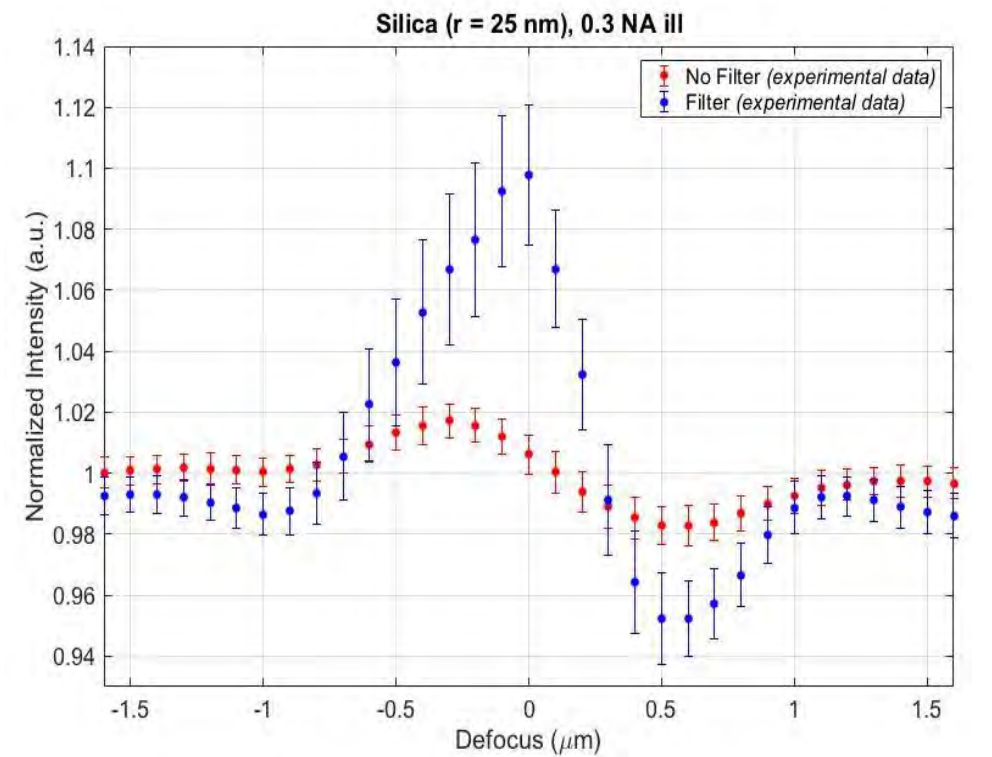
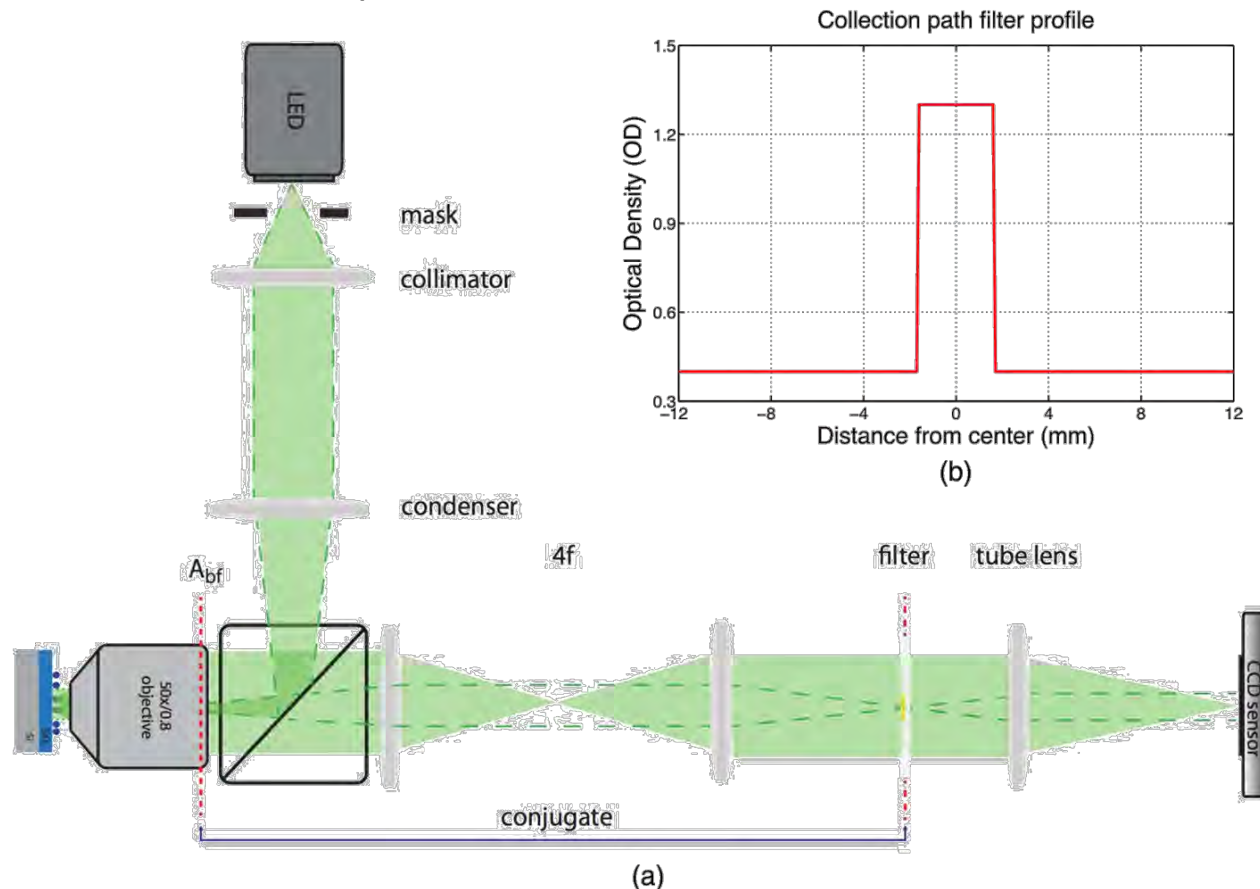
# In-liquid detection for a more versatile assay





# Pupil function engineering for enhanced nanoparticle visibility in wide-field interferometric microscopy

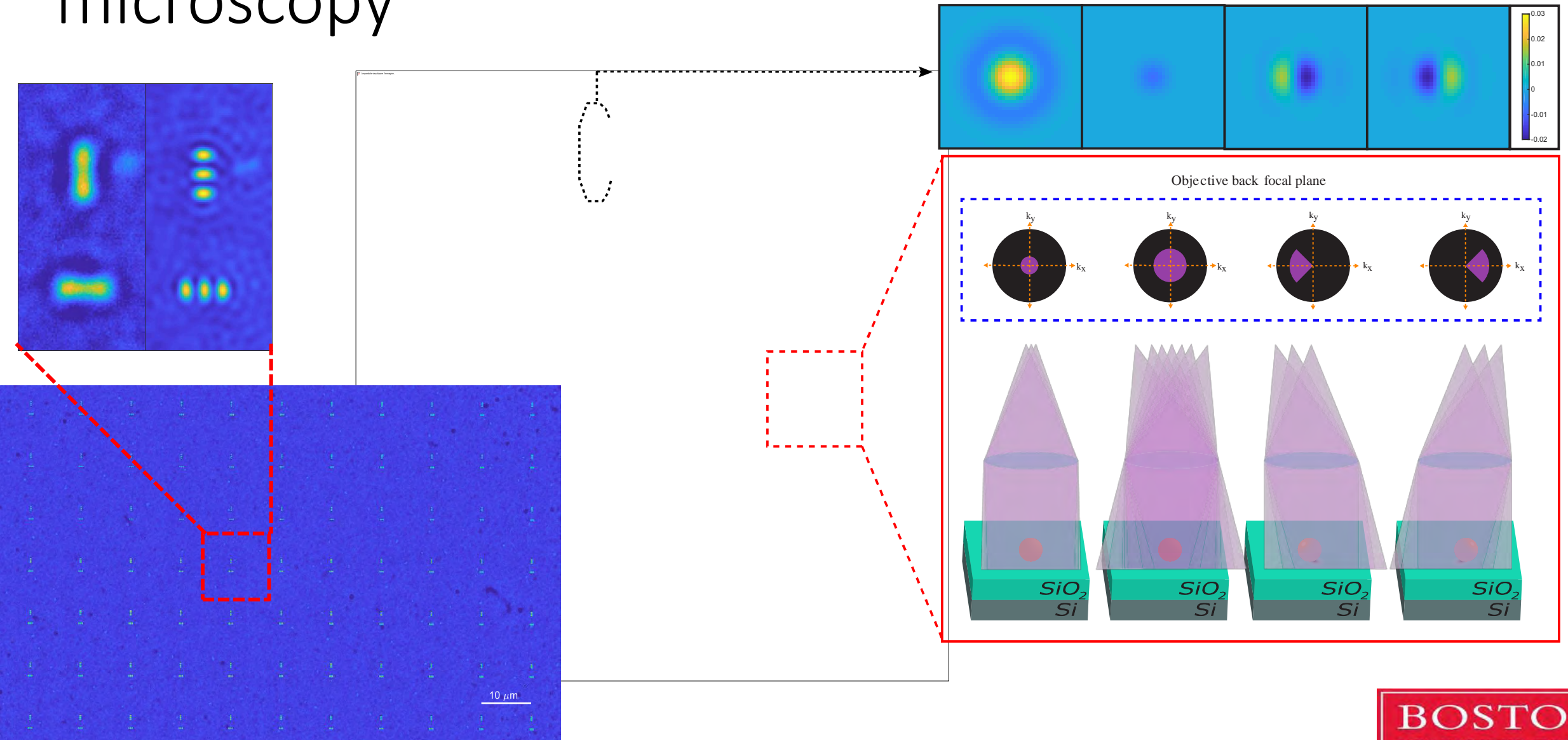
## Collection Path – Apodization and Reference Attenuation



Contrast enhancement of Silica particles with  $r=25 \text{ nm}$  using pupil function engineering.



# Super-resolution in wide-field interferometric microscopy



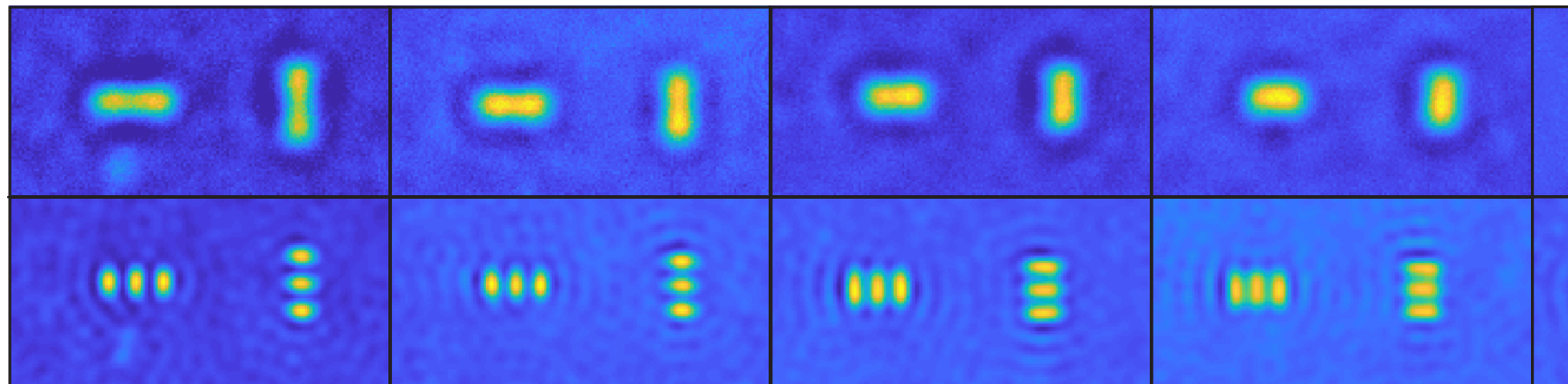
# Reconstructed resolution targets

$h = 300\text{nm}$

200nm

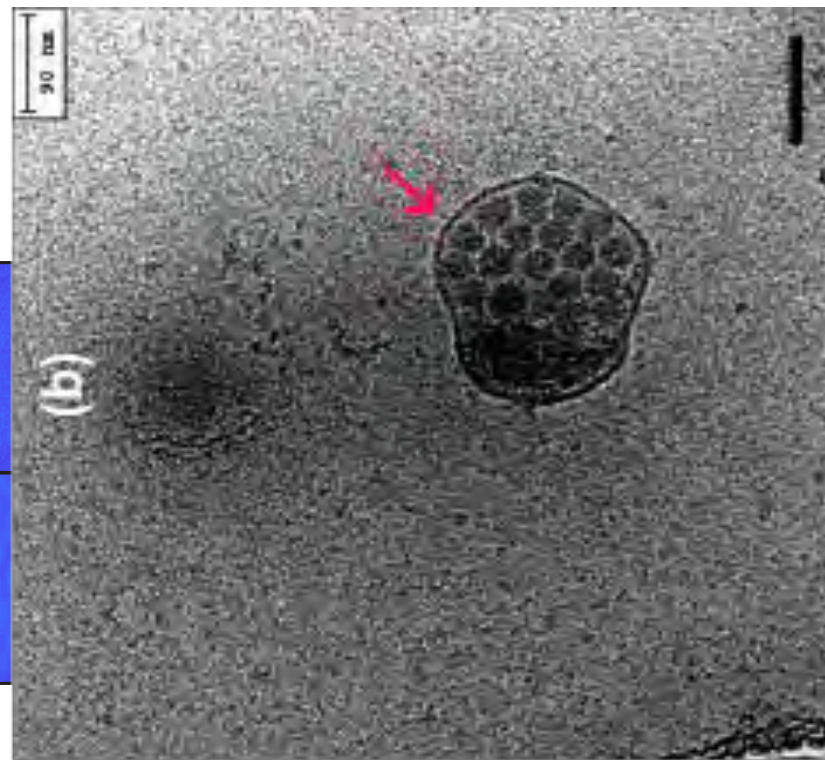
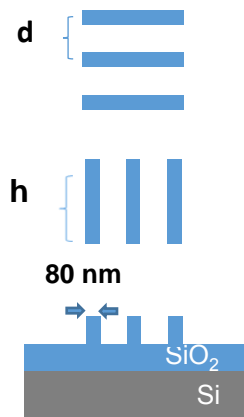
175nm

150nm



$d = 125\text{nm}$

100nm

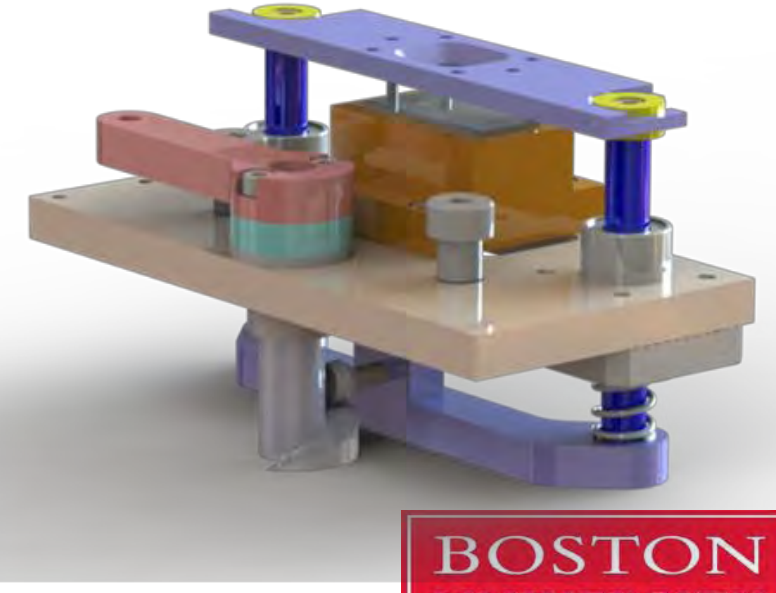
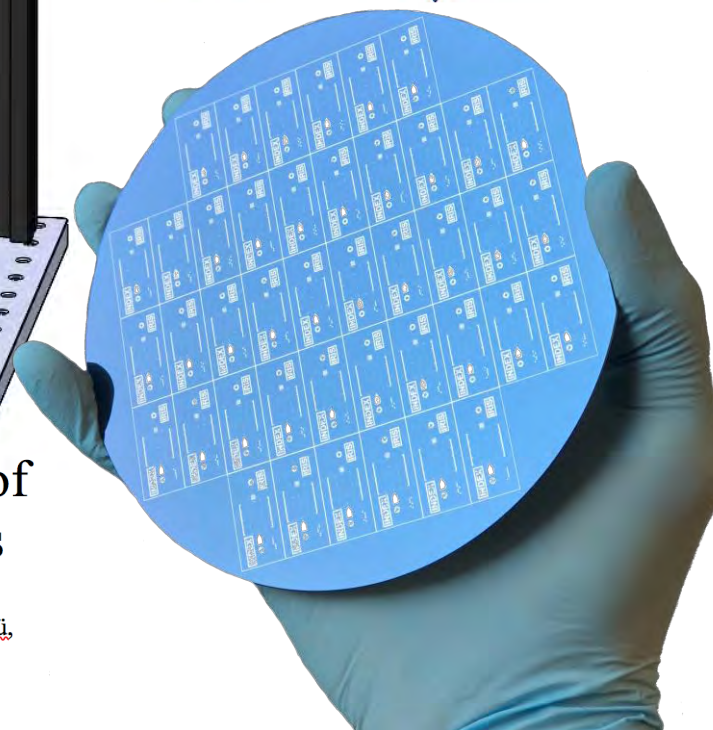
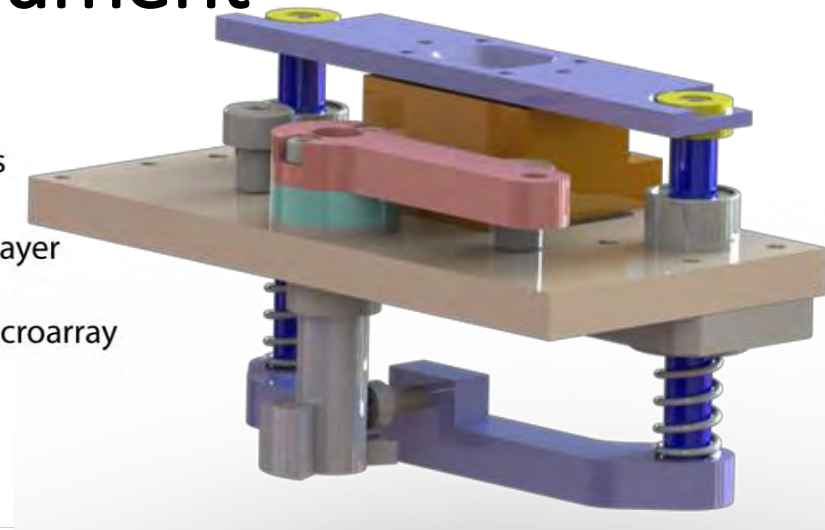
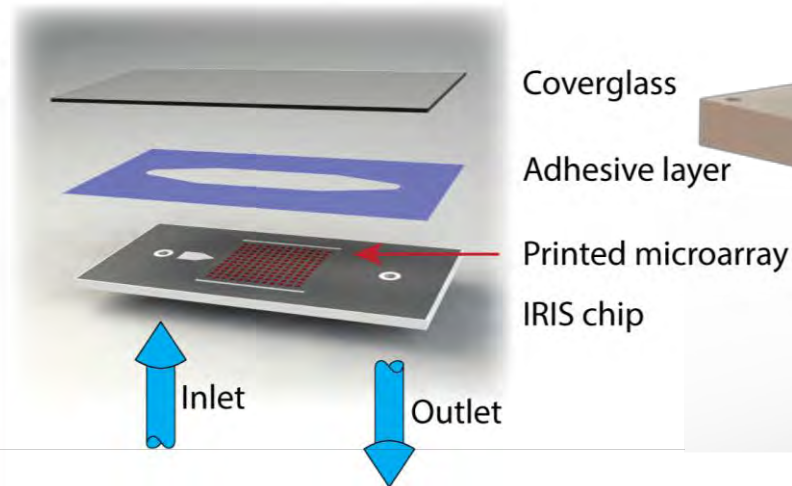
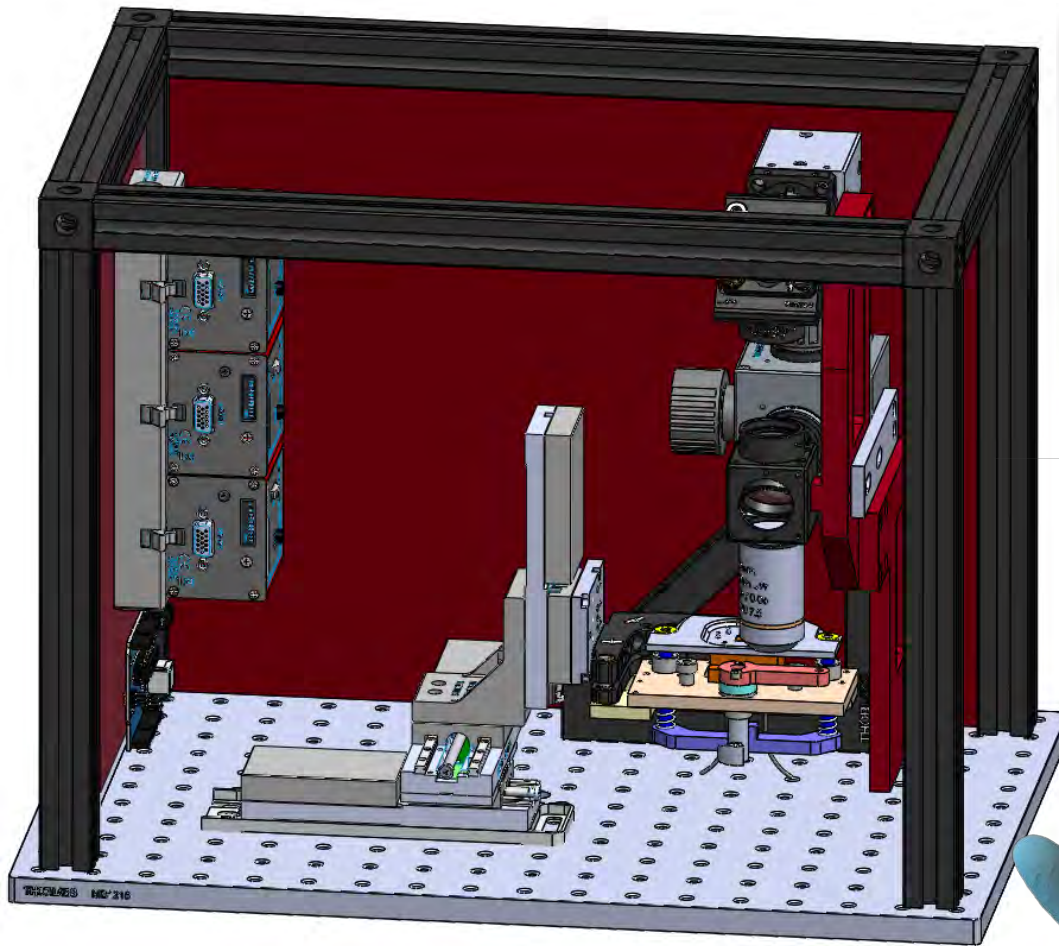




~130 nm lateral resolution with > 100 micron Field-of-view



# Chips, Si-based Microfluidics, Prototype Instrument



Interferometric Detection and Enumeration of  
Viral Particles using Si-based Microfluidics

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IEEE JSTQE 2019



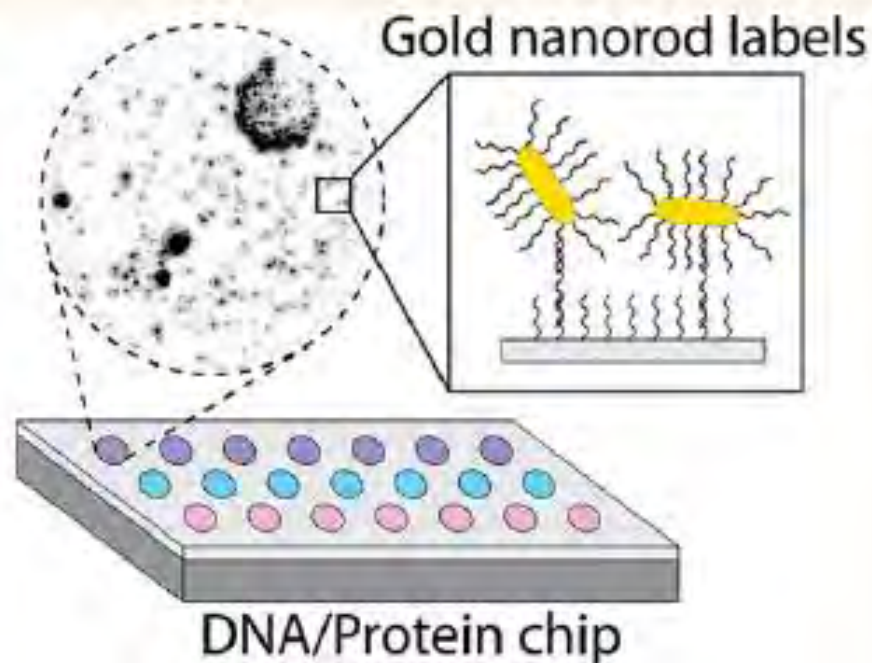
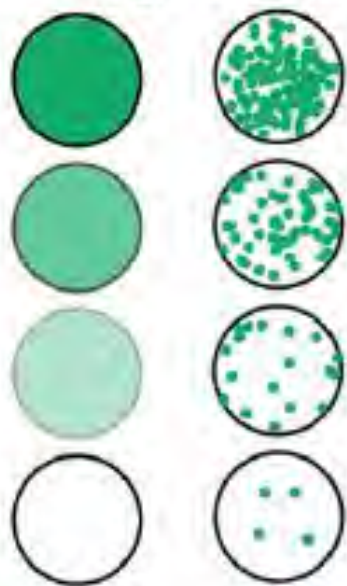
# Digital Microarrays: Single-Molecule Readout with Interferometric Detection of Plasmonic Nanorod Labels

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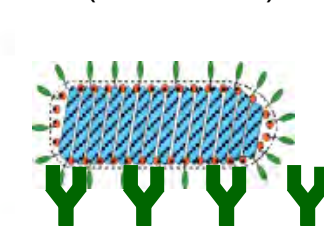
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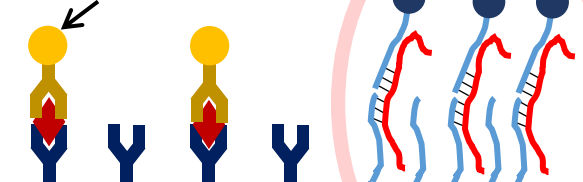


Single Virus Detection  
(label-free)



Single Molecule Detection of  
Antigen proteins and DNA/RNA

nano-barcode



SiO<sub>2</sub>

Si

IRIS detection platform

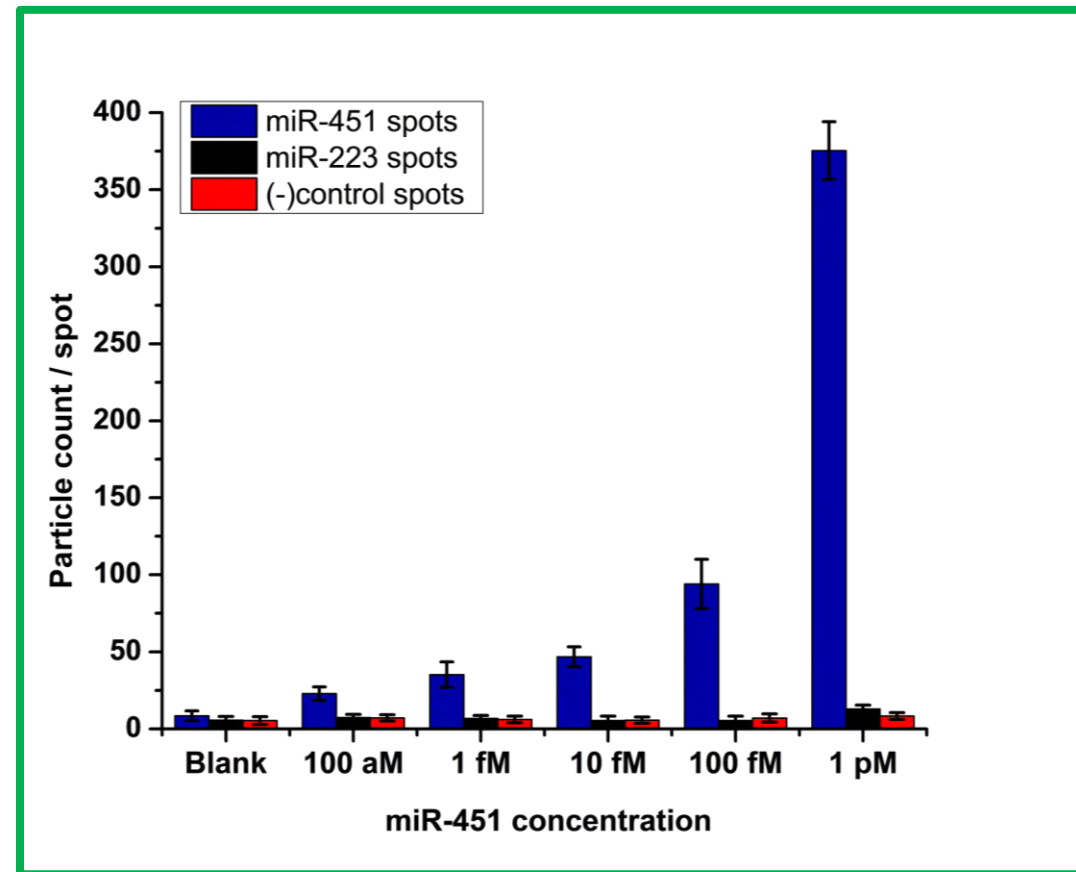
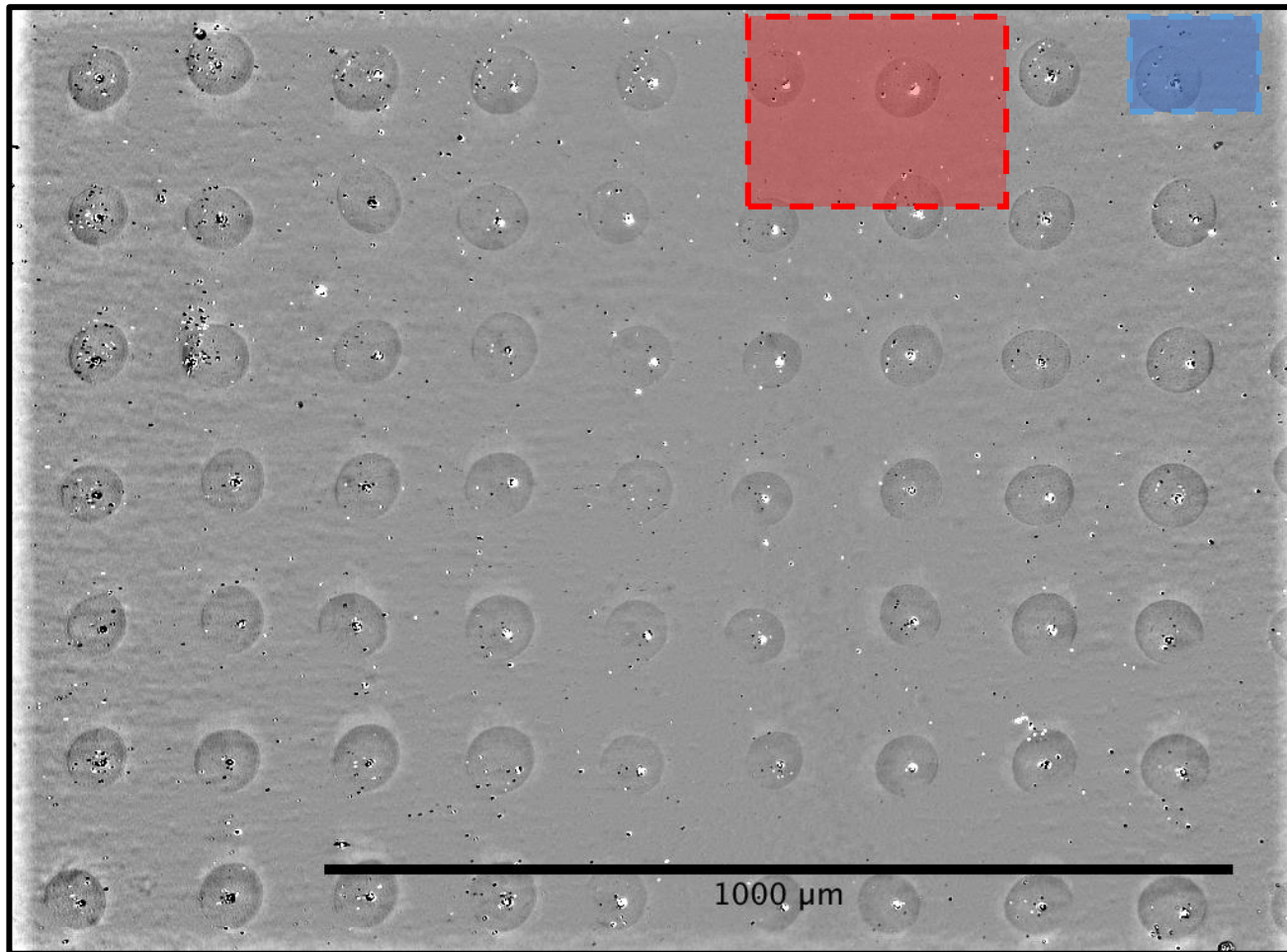
- Digital means counting
- 10,000-fold more sensitive than commercial microarrays, while maintaining all of the advantages:
  1. Highly multiplexed
  2. Low cost
  3. Fast
- Application: molecular diagnostics

# A digital microarray with IRIS

10x Objective

... 50x

... 100x



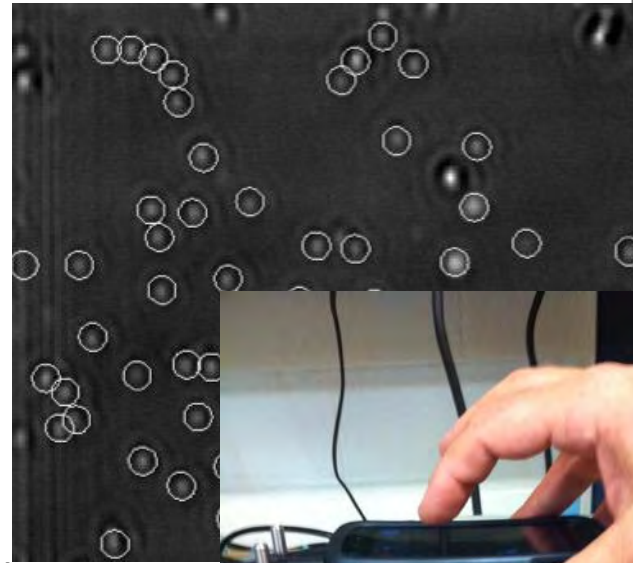
Detecting minute changes in cardiac biomarkers – at-risk patients identified earlier in their disease progression to guide more personalized care. miR-451 is a cardiac biomarker. Work in collaboration with Umass Medical.



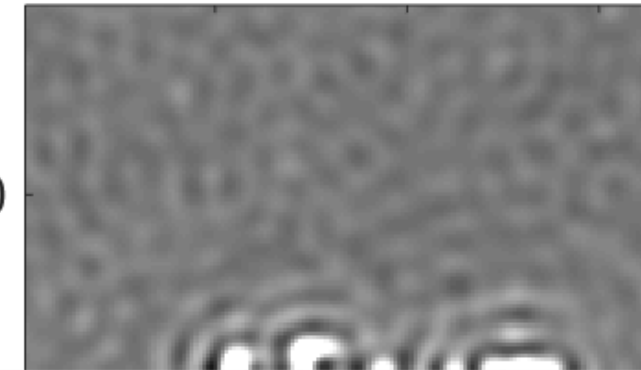
# CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE

- Optical interference is a very powerful measurement technique.
- Multi-disciplinary innovation
- Single biological nanoparticle detection / counting / size and shape discrimination / visualization
- **Goals:** Down to  $r=20\text{nm}$  Biological nanoparticle detection in liquid
- Lateral resolution of  $\sim 100\text{nm}$  without labeling

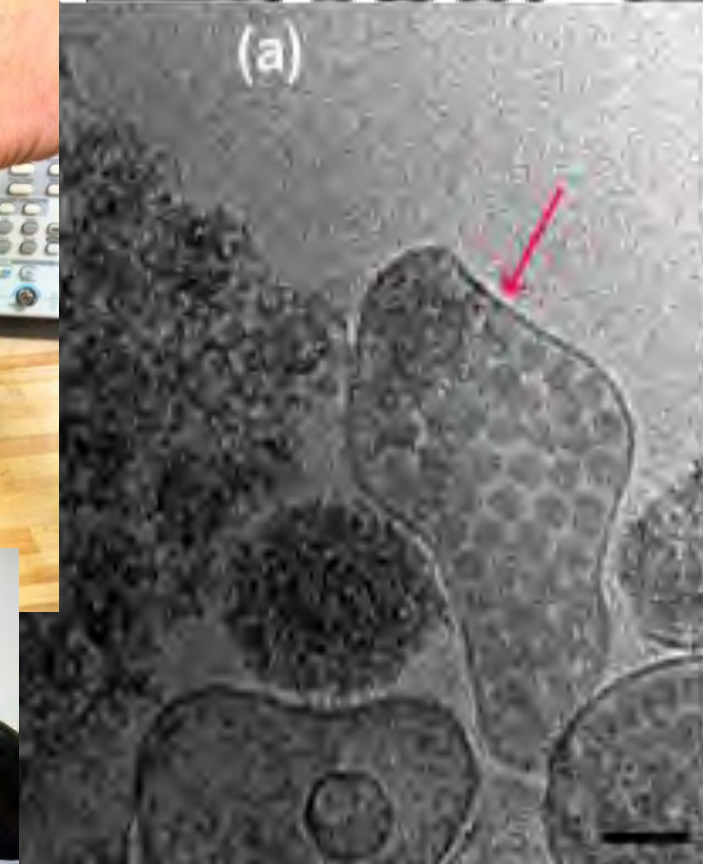
Reconstructed DPC image



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