

Interferometric Reflectance Imaging Sensor using Si-based Microfluidics

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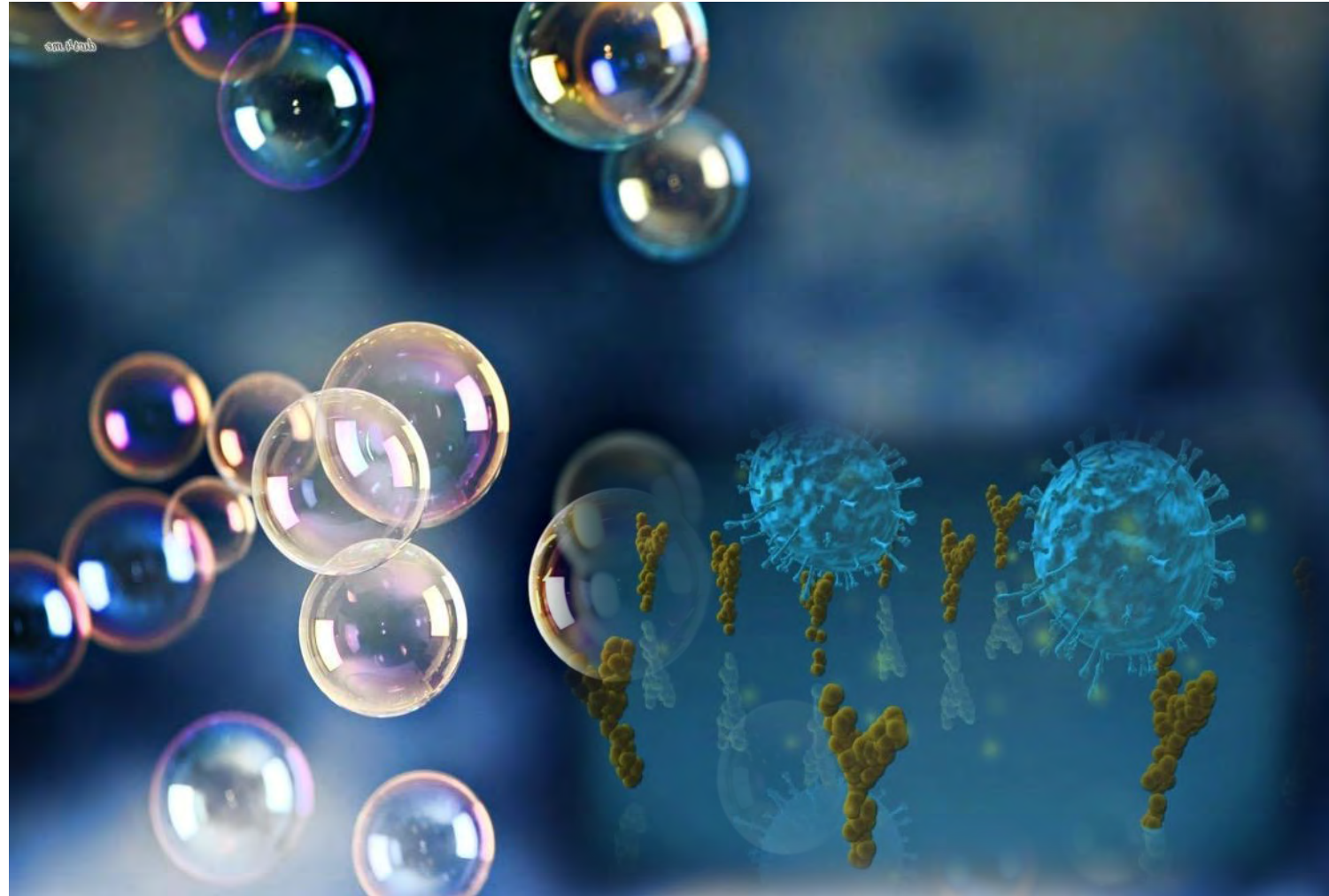
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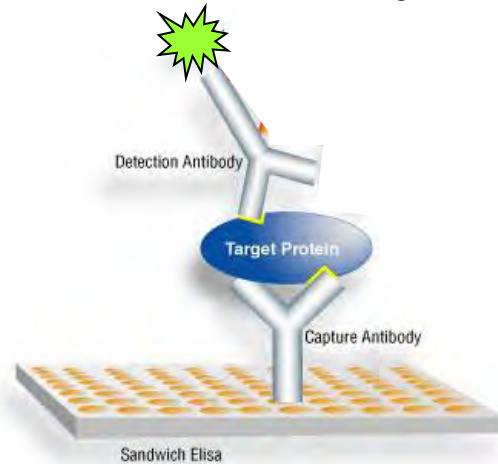
Outline

- Motivation
- Interferometric Reflectance Imaging Sensor
- **Sensor Chip and Cartridge Development**
- Versatile platform
 - Molecular kinetics
 - Biological Nanoparticle Detection and Sizing
 - Resolution improvement by oblique illumination and reconstruction
 - Digital microarrays
- Conclusions and Future

Motivation - Diagnostics/detection

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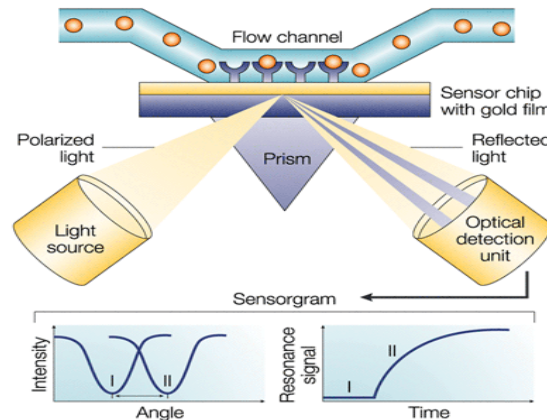
(Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay)



- Uses secondary labeling for detection
- Requires laboratory and skilled technicians
- Time-consuming process

SPR

(Surface Plasmon Resonance)

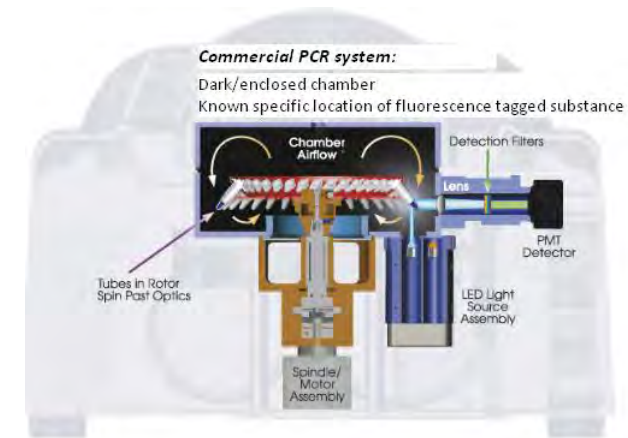


Nature Reviews | Drug Discovery

- Label-free optical detection
- expensive disposables
- Au surface

PCR

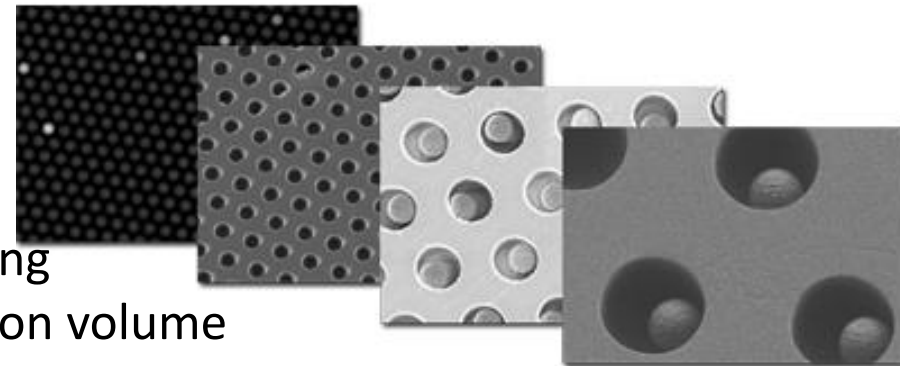
(polymerase chain reaction)



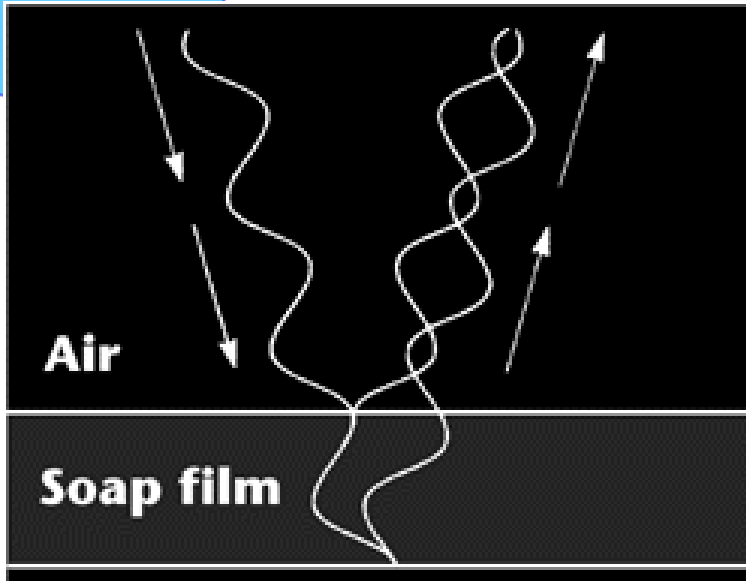
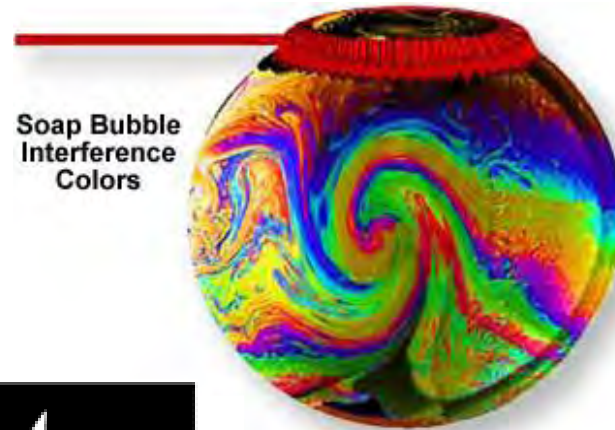
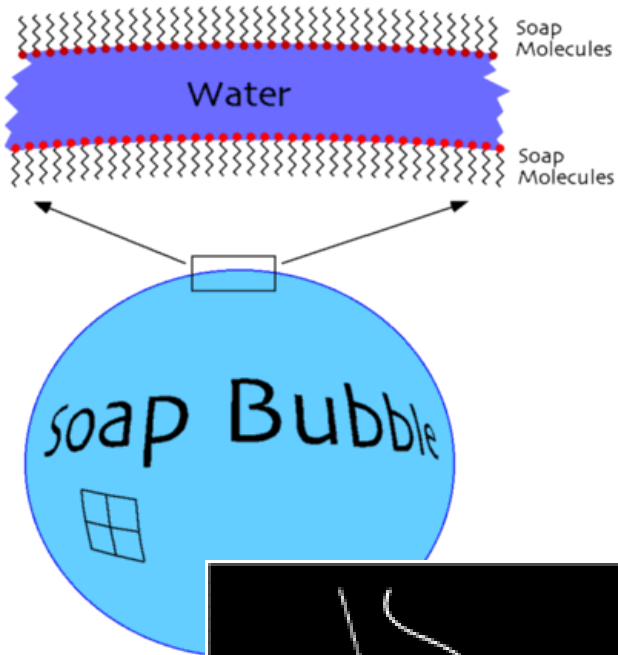
- Sample preparation,
- Dark/enclosed chamber,
- Known specific location of target

Single particle detection

- High-Q Resonators
 - difficult coupling
 - Small interaction volume
- Digital PCR, Simoa



Optical Interference: from basic to the ultimate



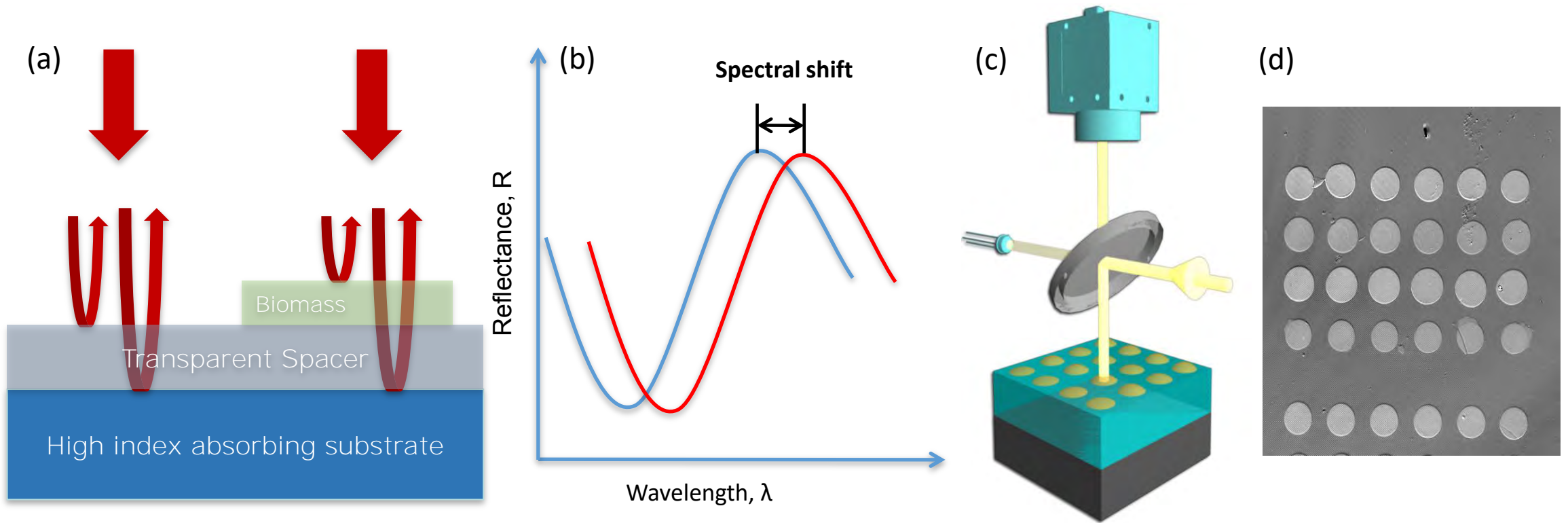
~ 10 nm
thickness
change can be
visually
observed

>10 orders of magnitude

0.1 atto-m
displacement

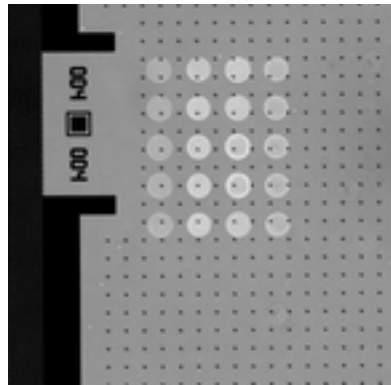
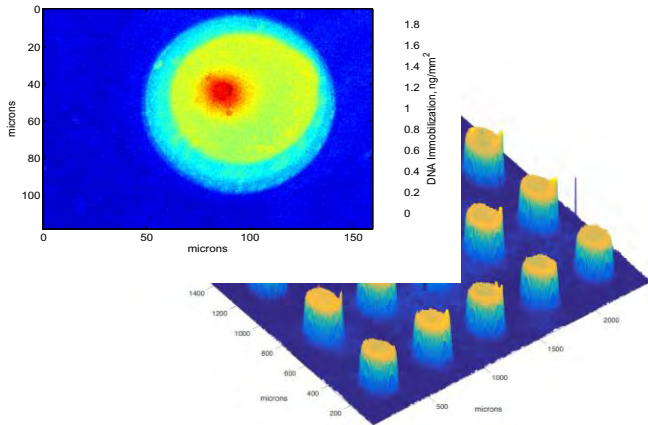


Interferometric Reflectance Imaging Sensor (IRIS)

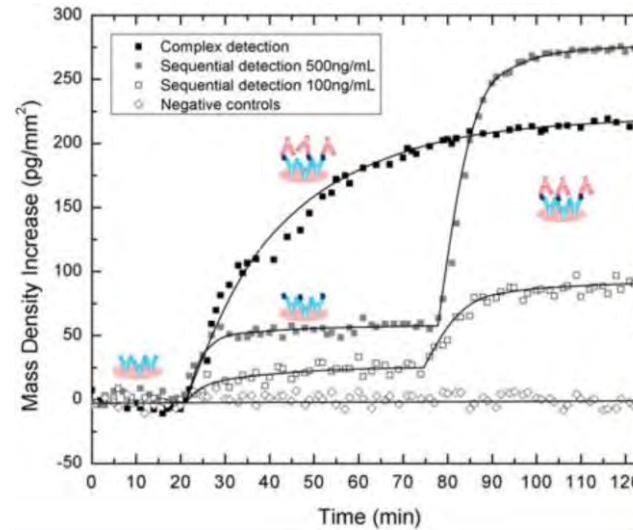


IRIS – a versatile biosensing technology platform for microarrays

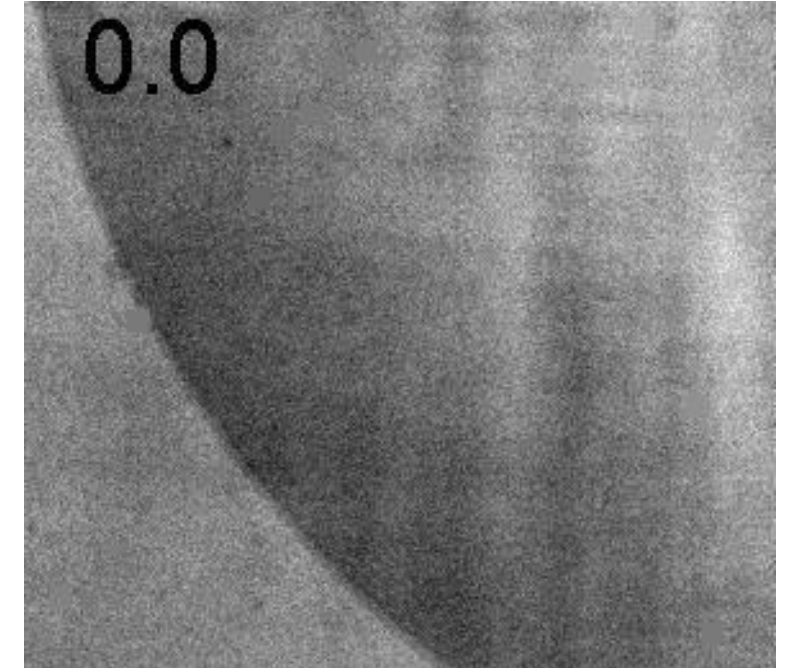
Quantitative / QC



Dynamic Measurements



Single virus/exosome



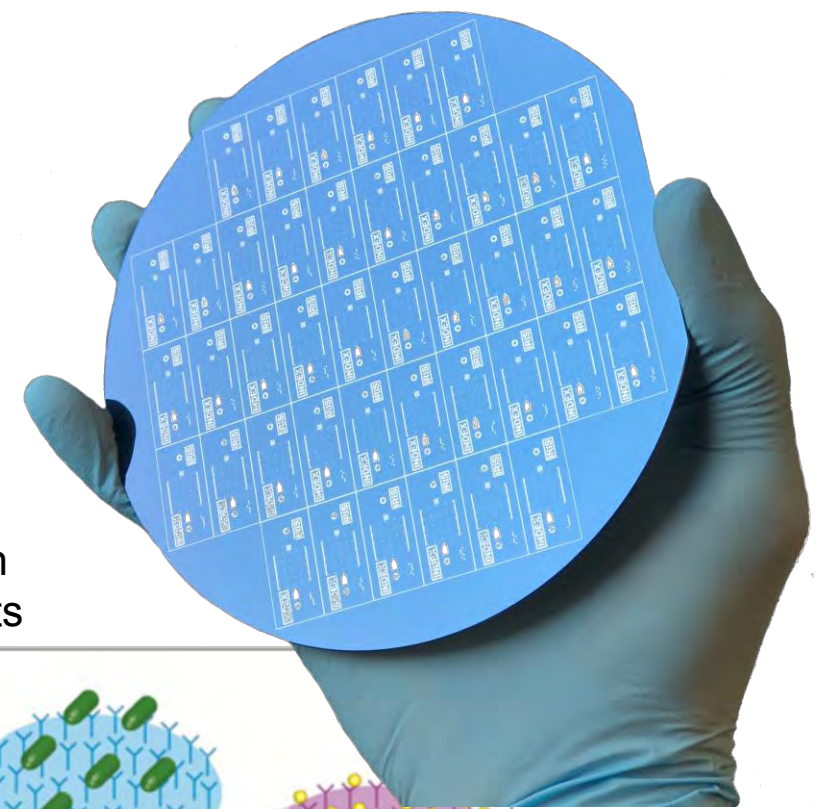
- decade long R&D
- various applications demonstrated.
 - From QC to single exosome/virus detection
 - pg/mm^2 sensitivity
 - Single biological nanoparticle detection and characterization
 - attoM sensitivity for protein and nucleic acid detection

Sensor Chip Requirements

- Multilayer reflector with no stray light
- Flat and smooth surface
- Chemical functionalization / glass
- Manufacturable and scalable

Transparent Spacer

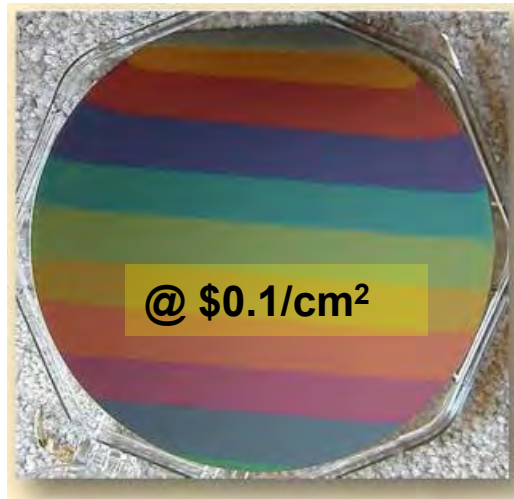
High index absorbing substrate



soap film

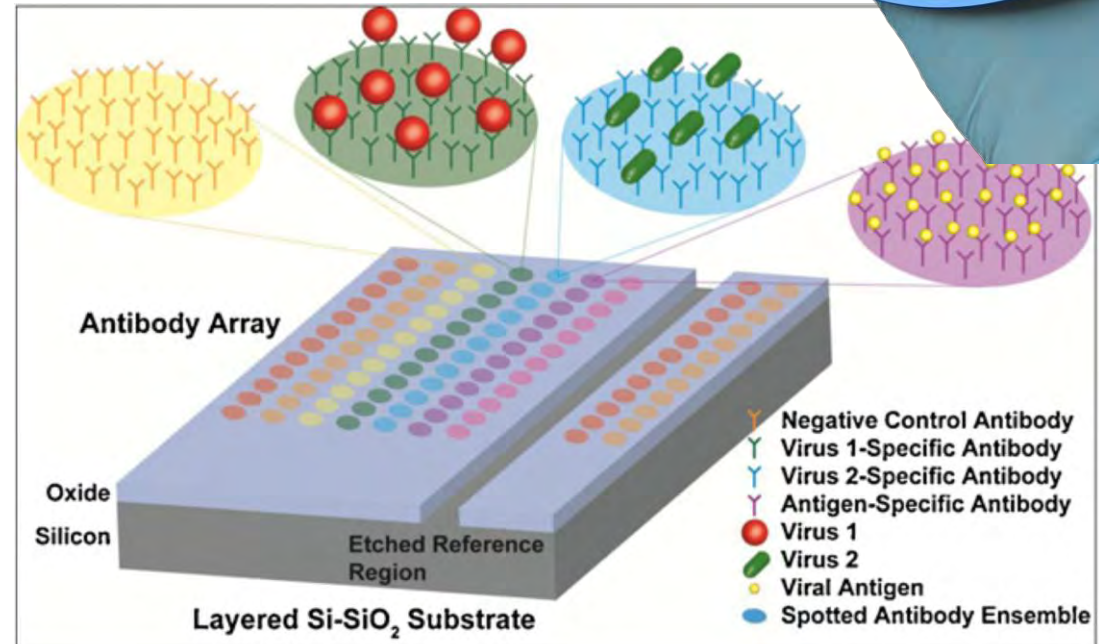


Oxide coated Si



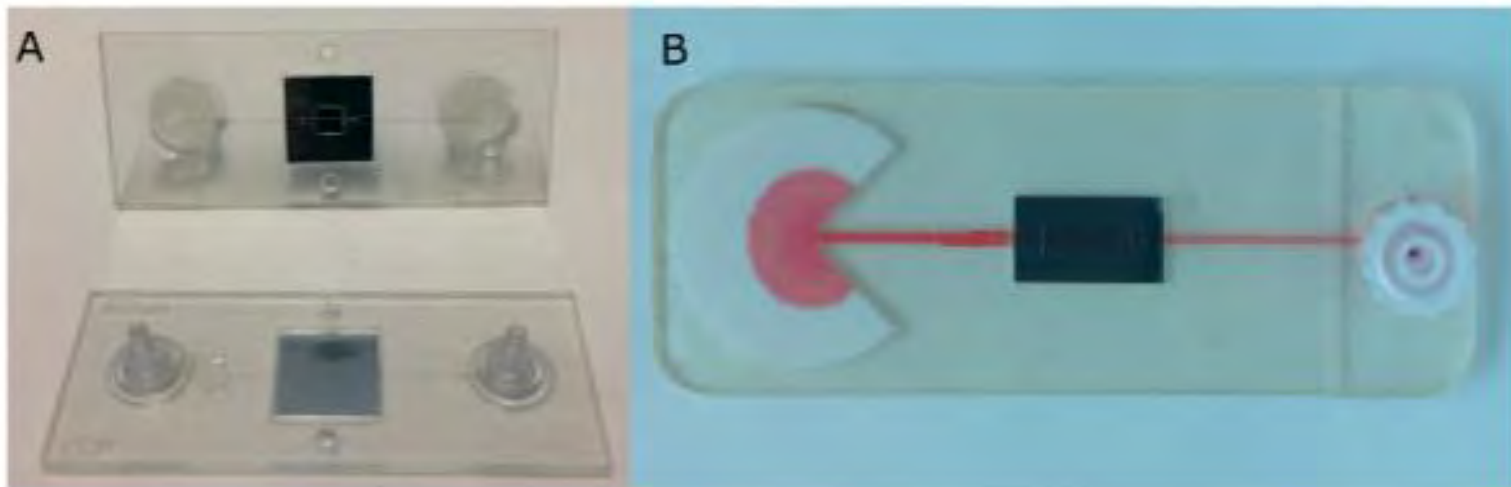
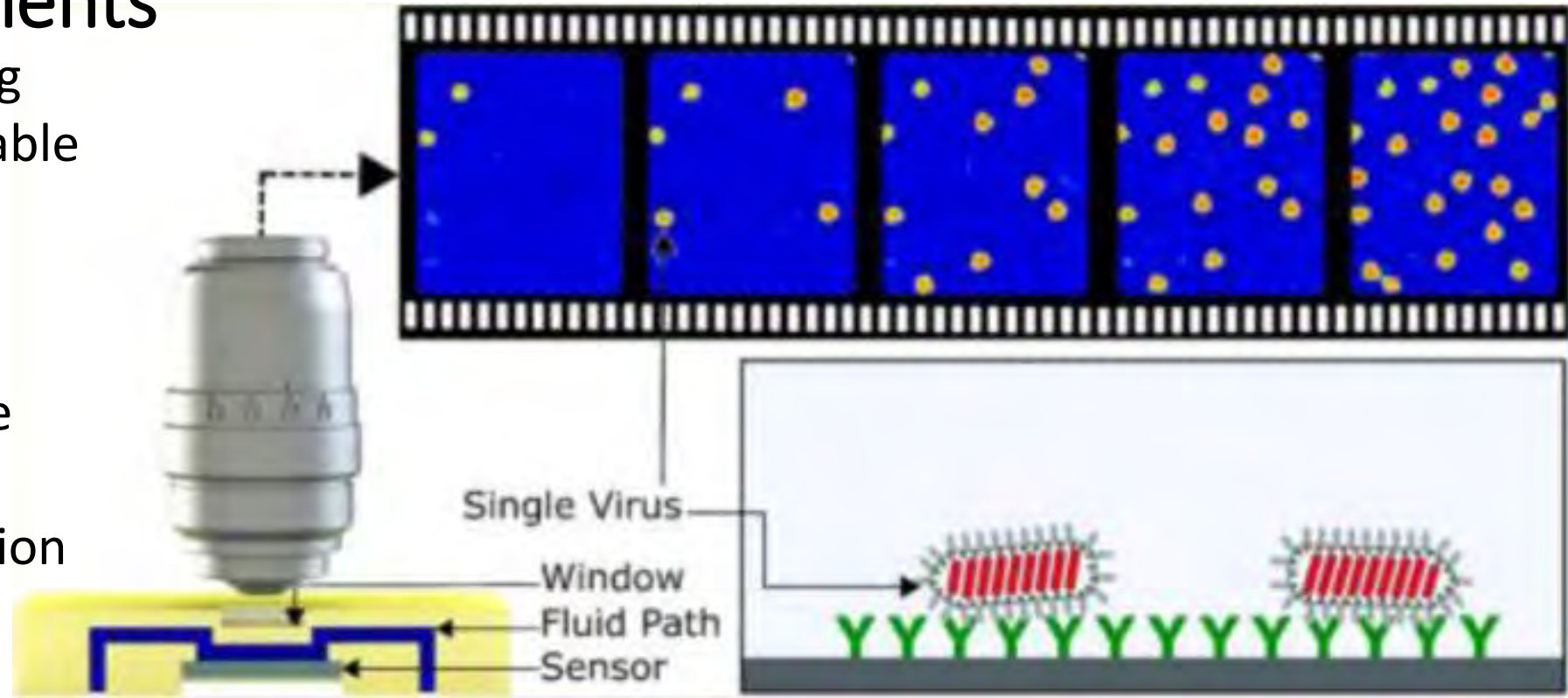
Ünlü et al, "STRUCTURED SUBSTRATES FOR OPTICAL SURFACE PROFILING," US Patent No: 9599611, 2017
pg/mm² sensitivity 1,000s of spots

Protein microarray chips with 100s to 1,000s of probe spots



Cartridge Requirements

- Optical quality for imaging
 - Manufacturable and scalable
 - Easy assembly with chip
 - Cost
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- Multi-layer polycarbonate laminates (7 layers)
 - Good prototype solution
 - Cost remains high for medium volume

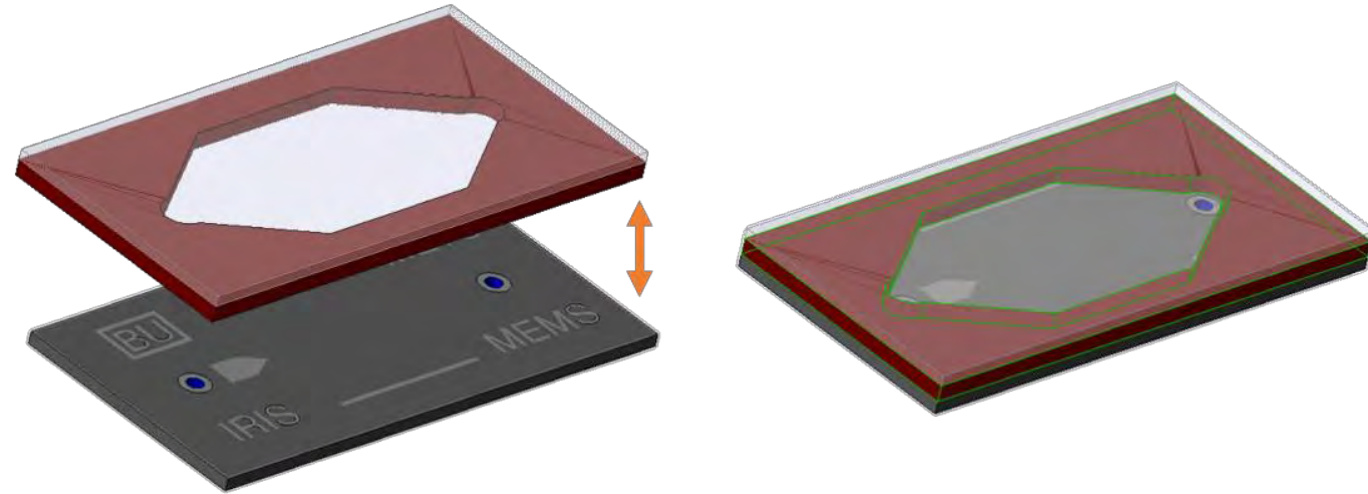
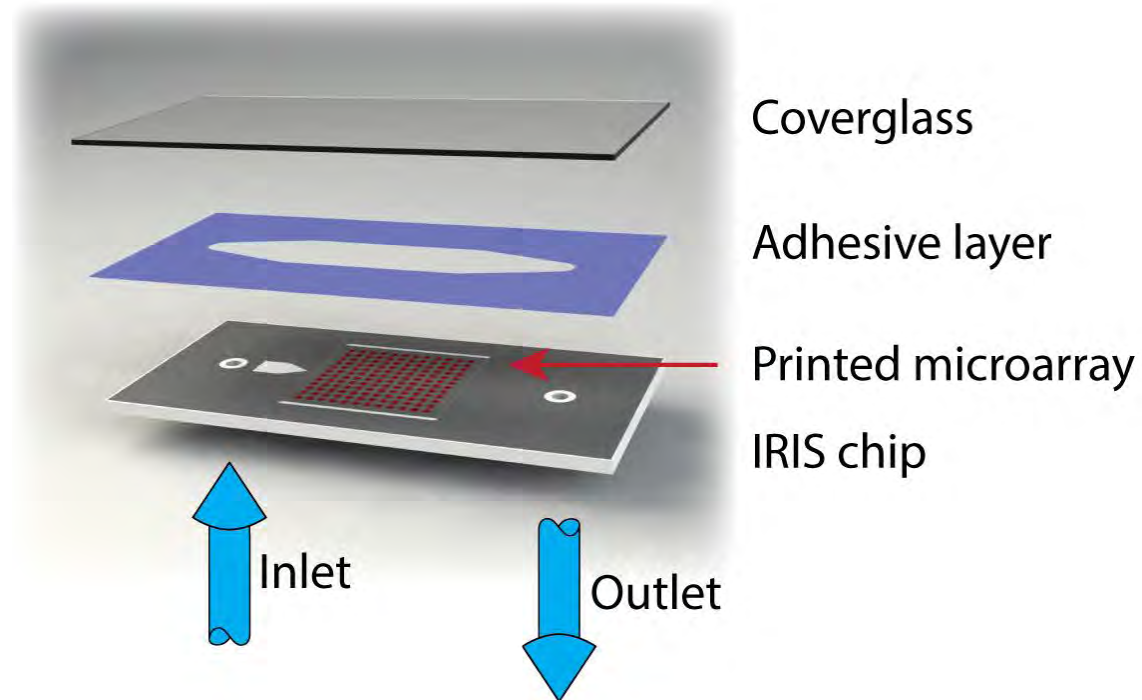


Scherr et al, *ACS Nano* 10 (2016)

Scherr et al, *Lab on a Chip* (2017)

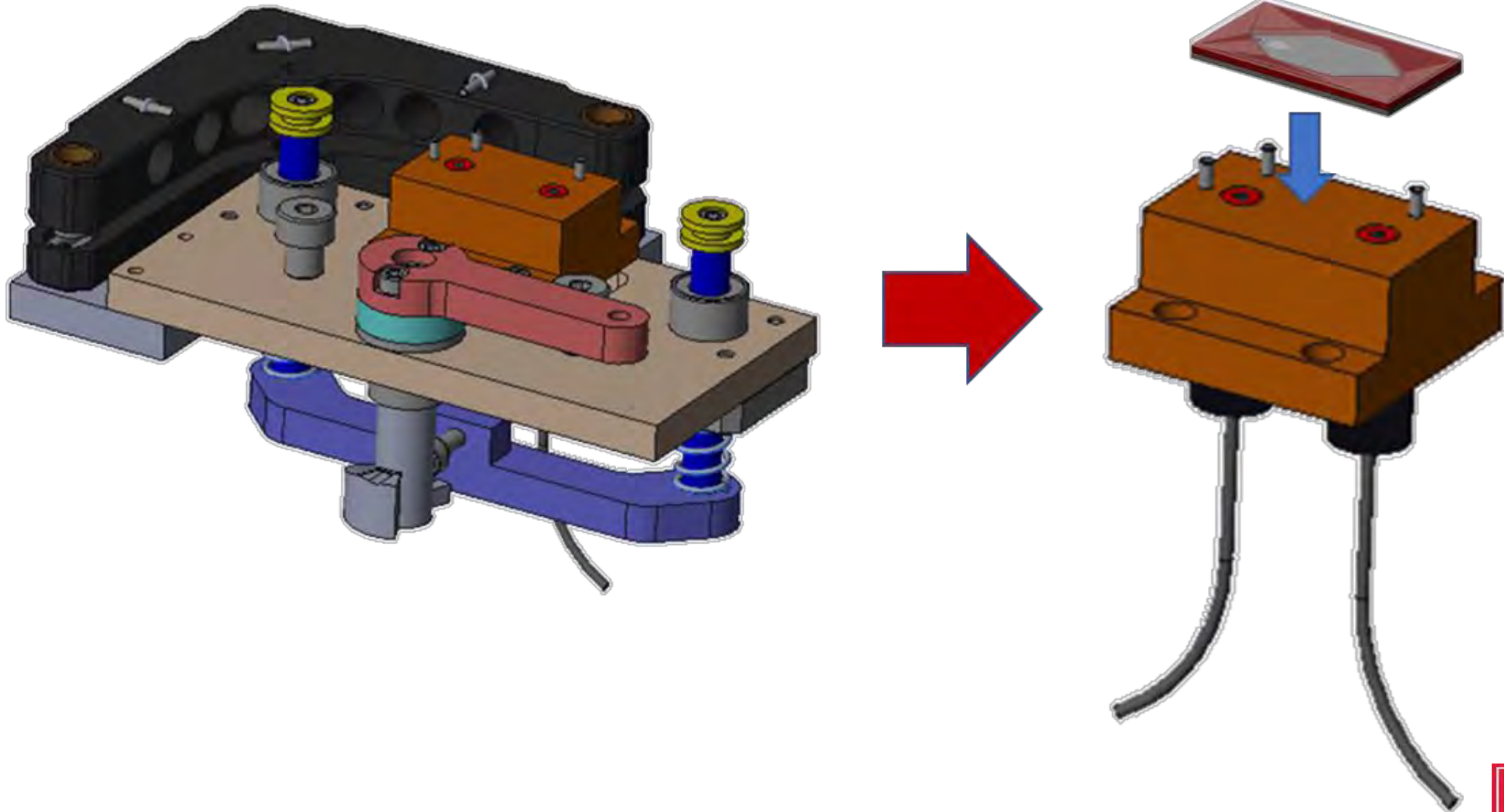
Si-based Microfluidics solution

- Fluidics through Si
- Manufacturable / scalable – established infrastructure
- Top window can be separately optimized
 - AR coating
 - Polarization preserving



Yalcin-Ozkumur, JSTQE (2018)

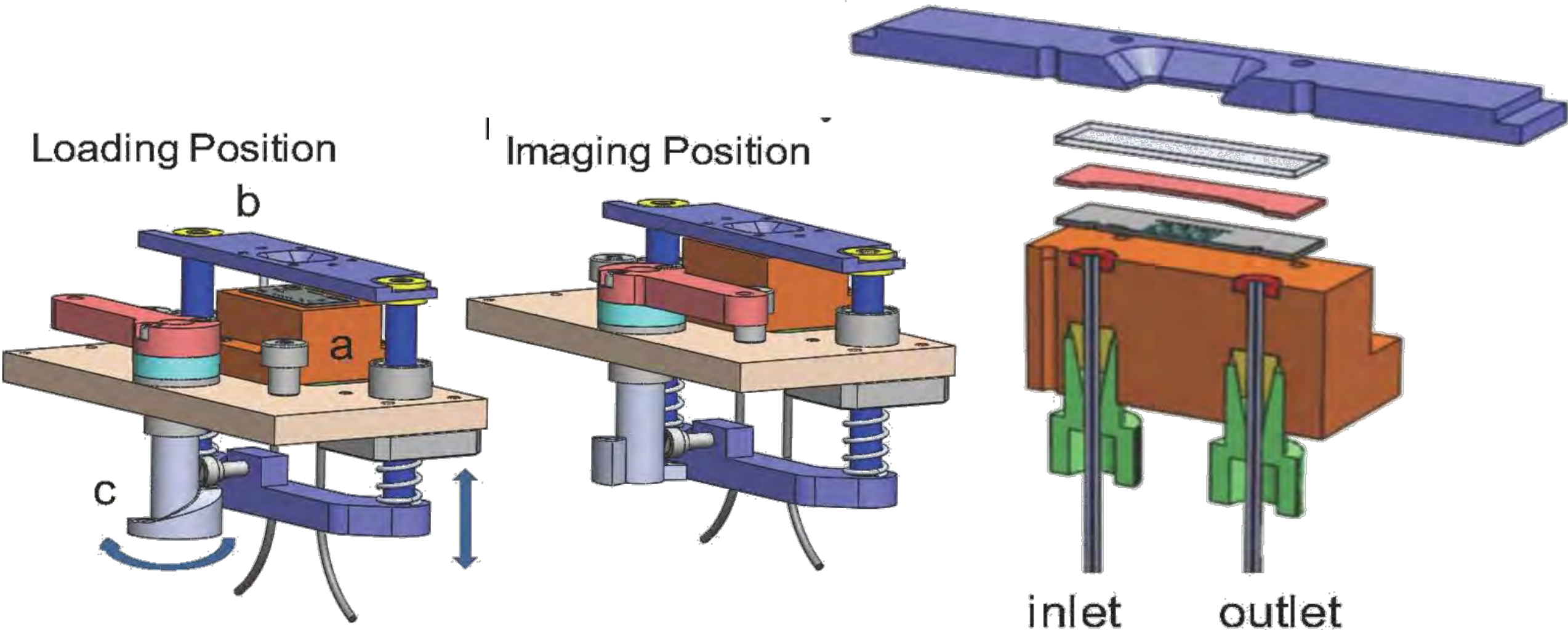
Mechanical Fixture



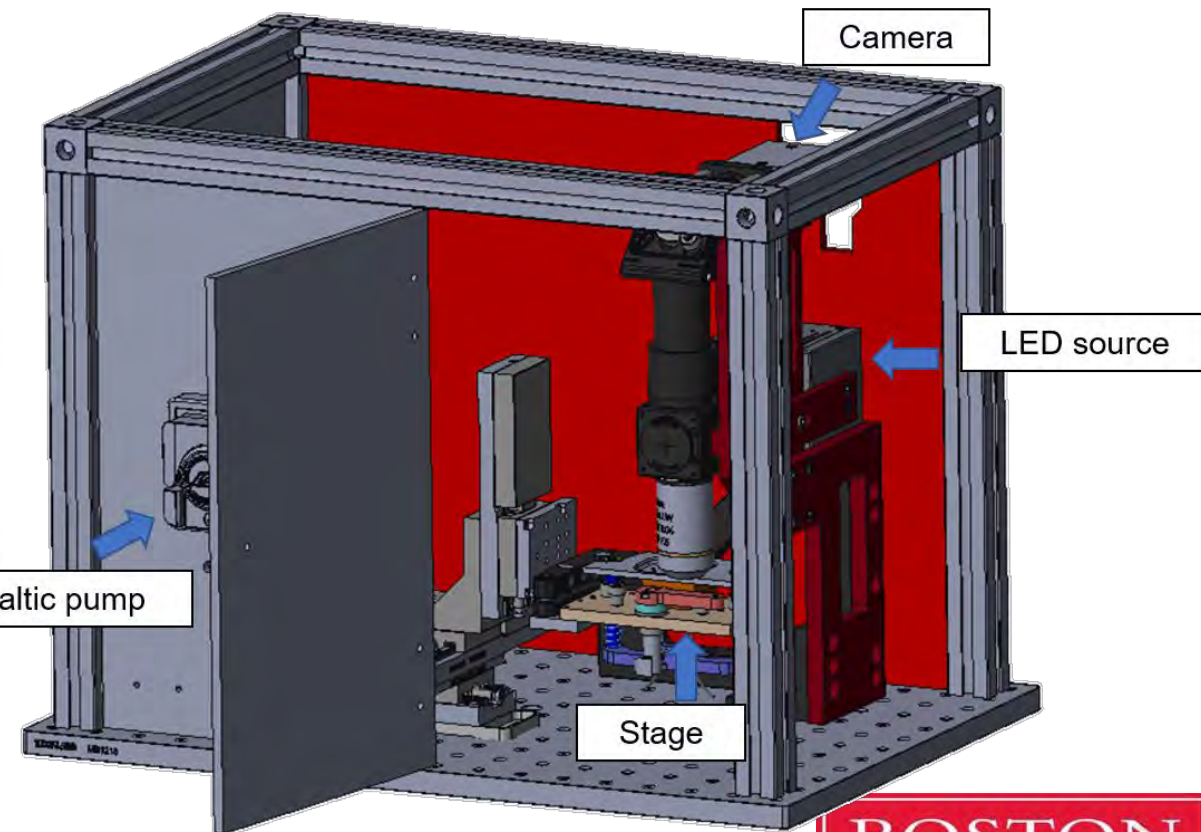
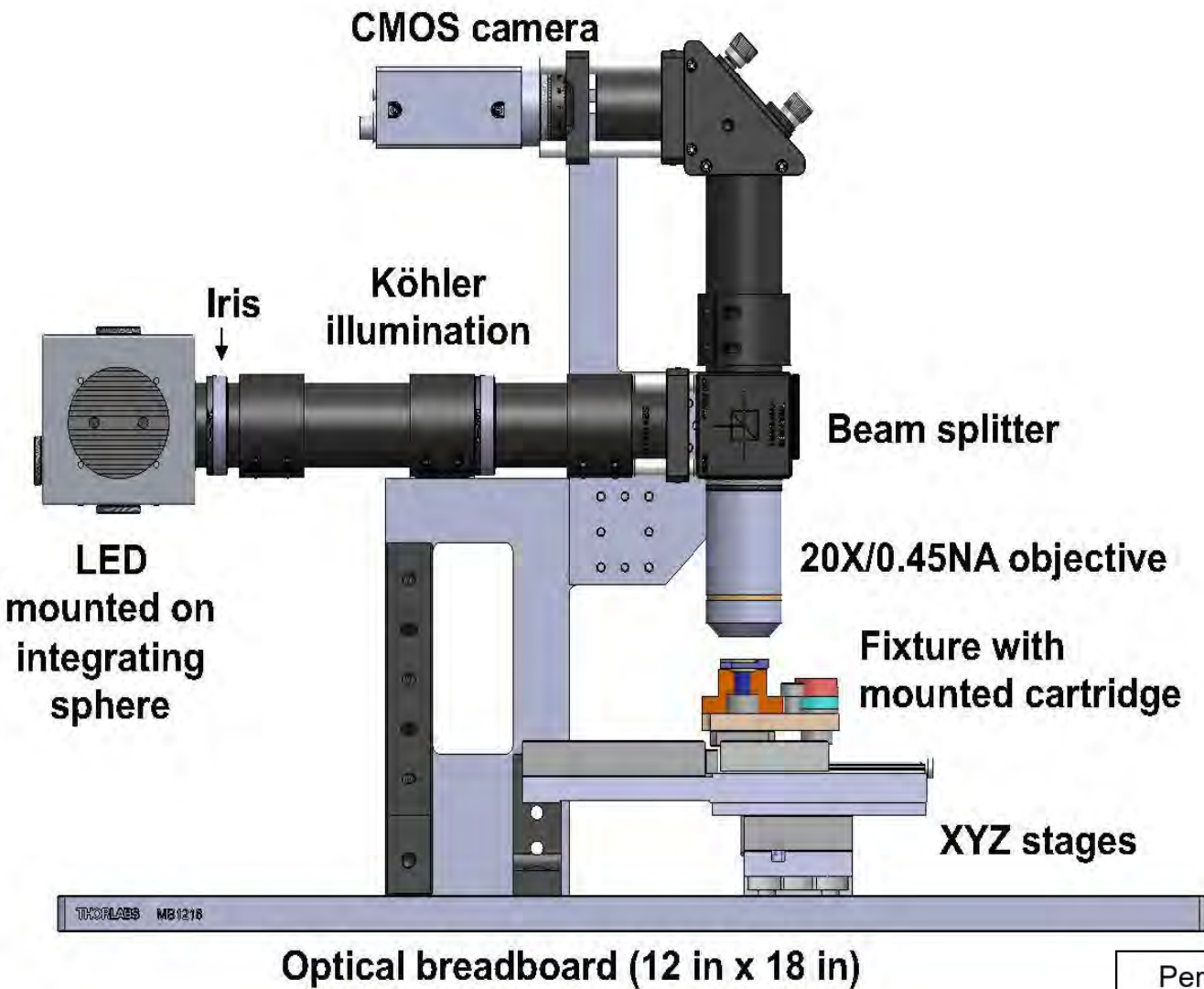
Interferometric Detection and Enumeration of Viral Particles using Si-based Microfluidics

Cam Operation

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Prototype Instrument



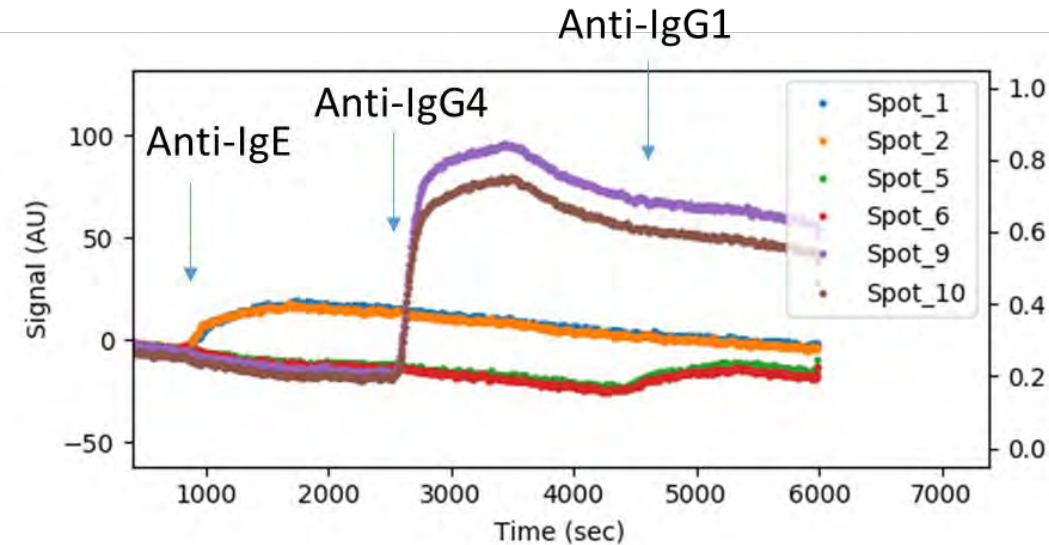
Off-the-shelf components
Parts cost (BOM) under \$10K

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- Basic principles
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 2. Biological Nanoparticle Detection and Sizing
 3. Resolution improvement by oblique illumination and reconstruction
 4. Digital Microarrays (protein, DNA, RNA, miRNA)
- Conclusions and Future

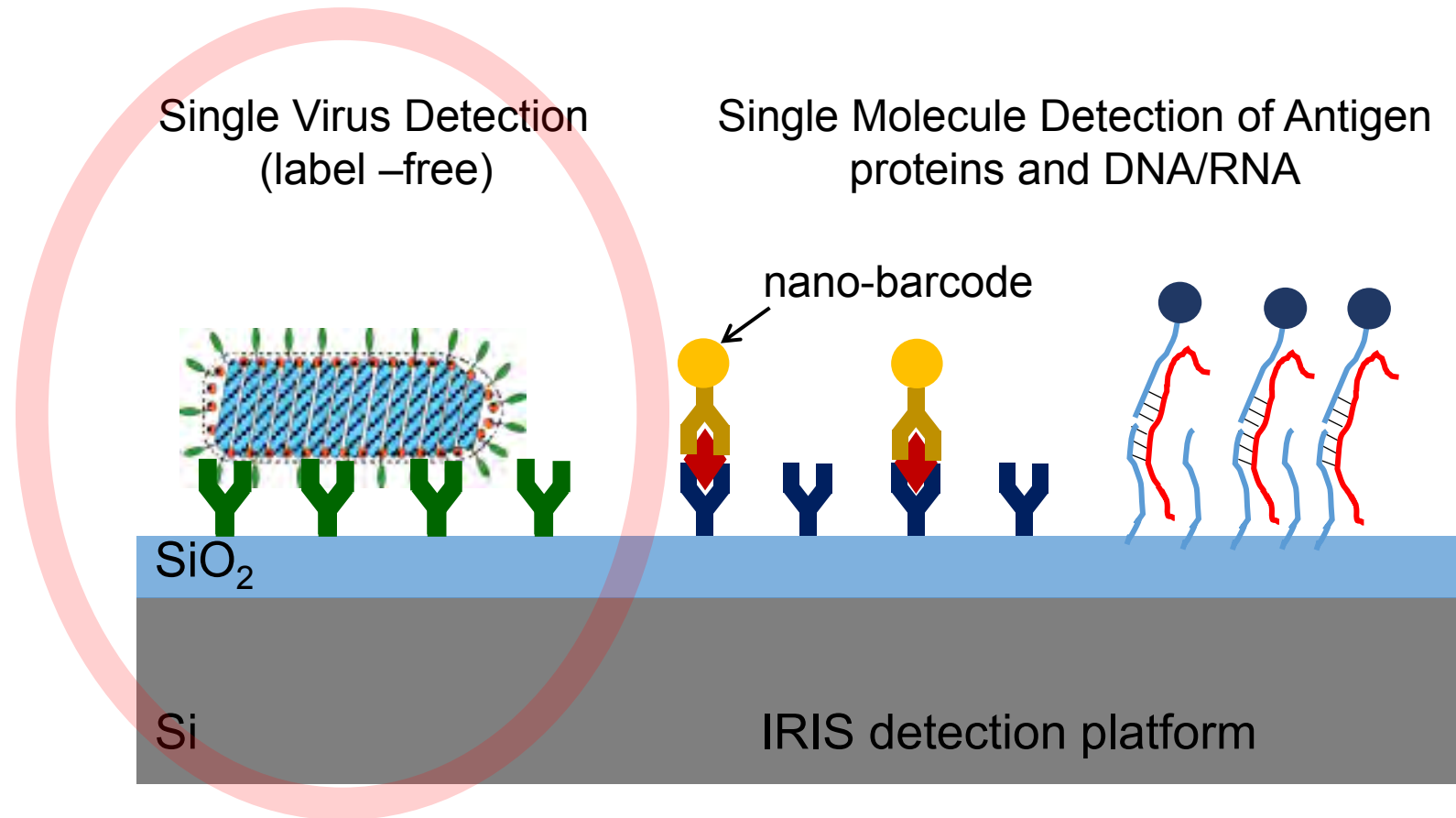
1. Molecular binding

Kinetic Measurements



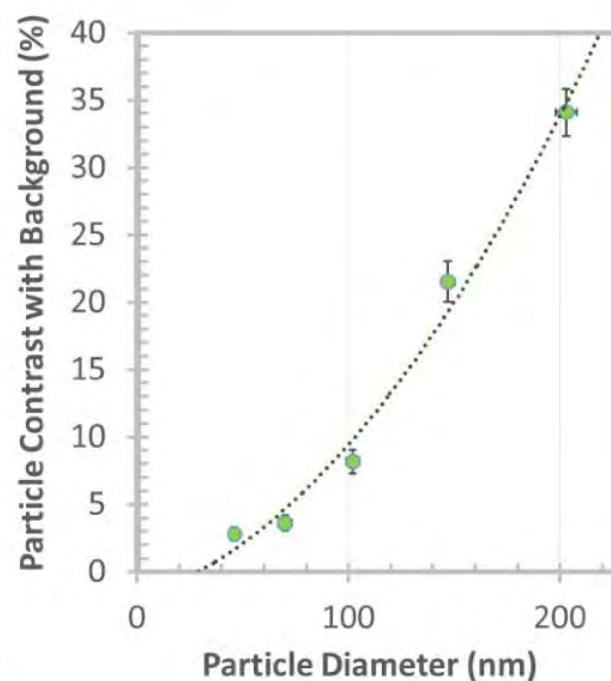
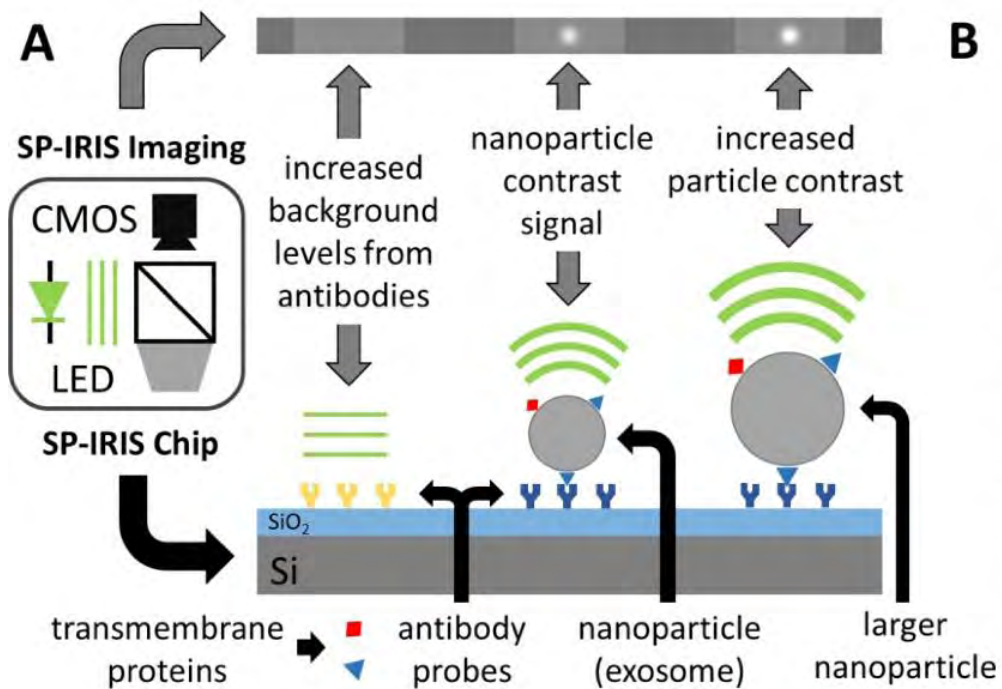
- Multiplexed (100s to 1000s of probes)
- Quantitative
- Glass surface
- Inexpensive instrumentation and disposables
- ng/ml target sensitivity
- ~kDa molecular weight

2. Single Particle (Digital) Detection



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

Simple Particle Detection

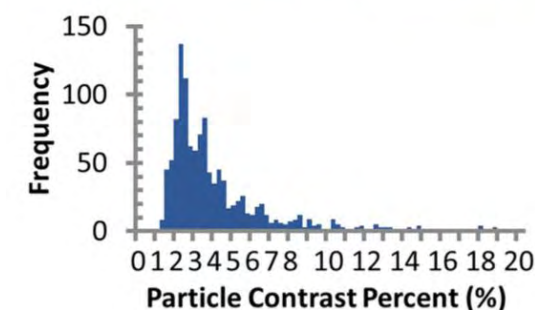
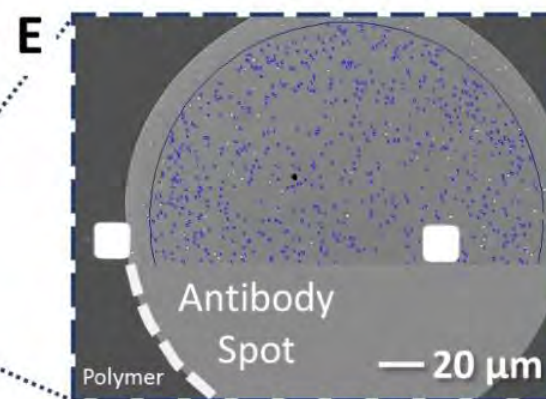
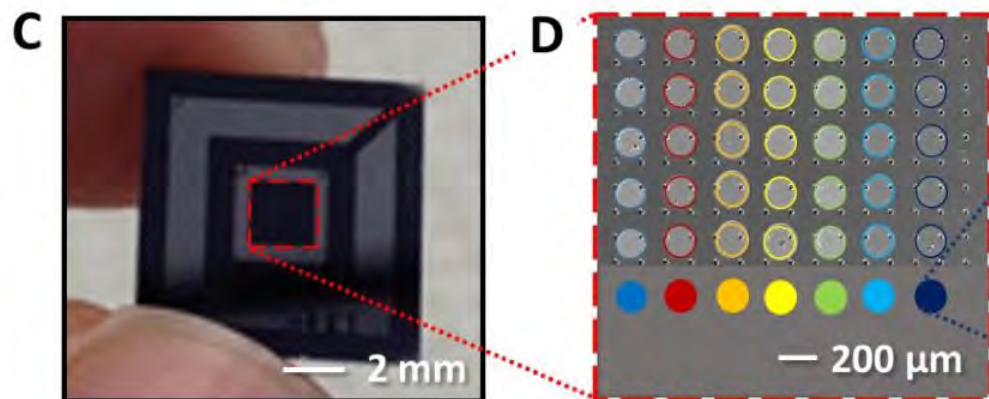
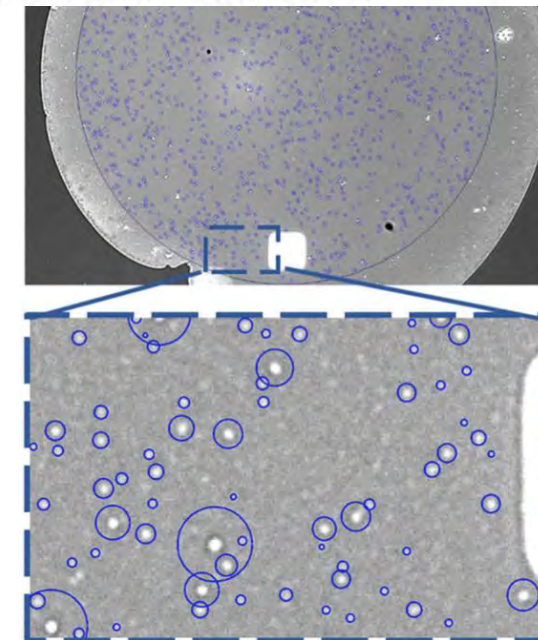


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Digital Detection of Exosomes by Interferometric Imaging

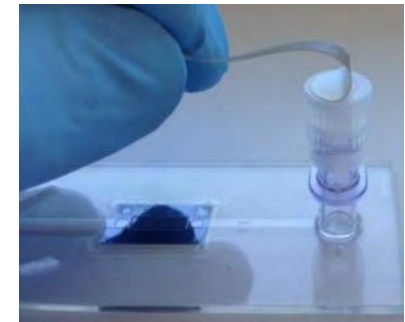
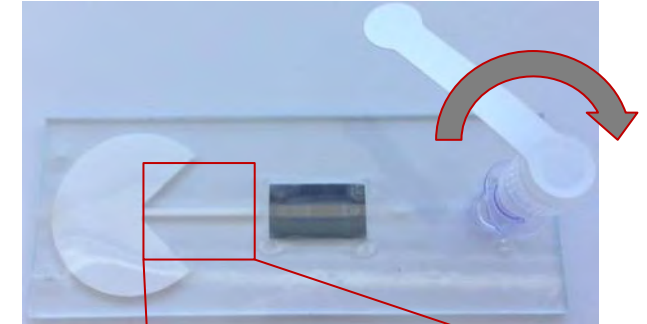
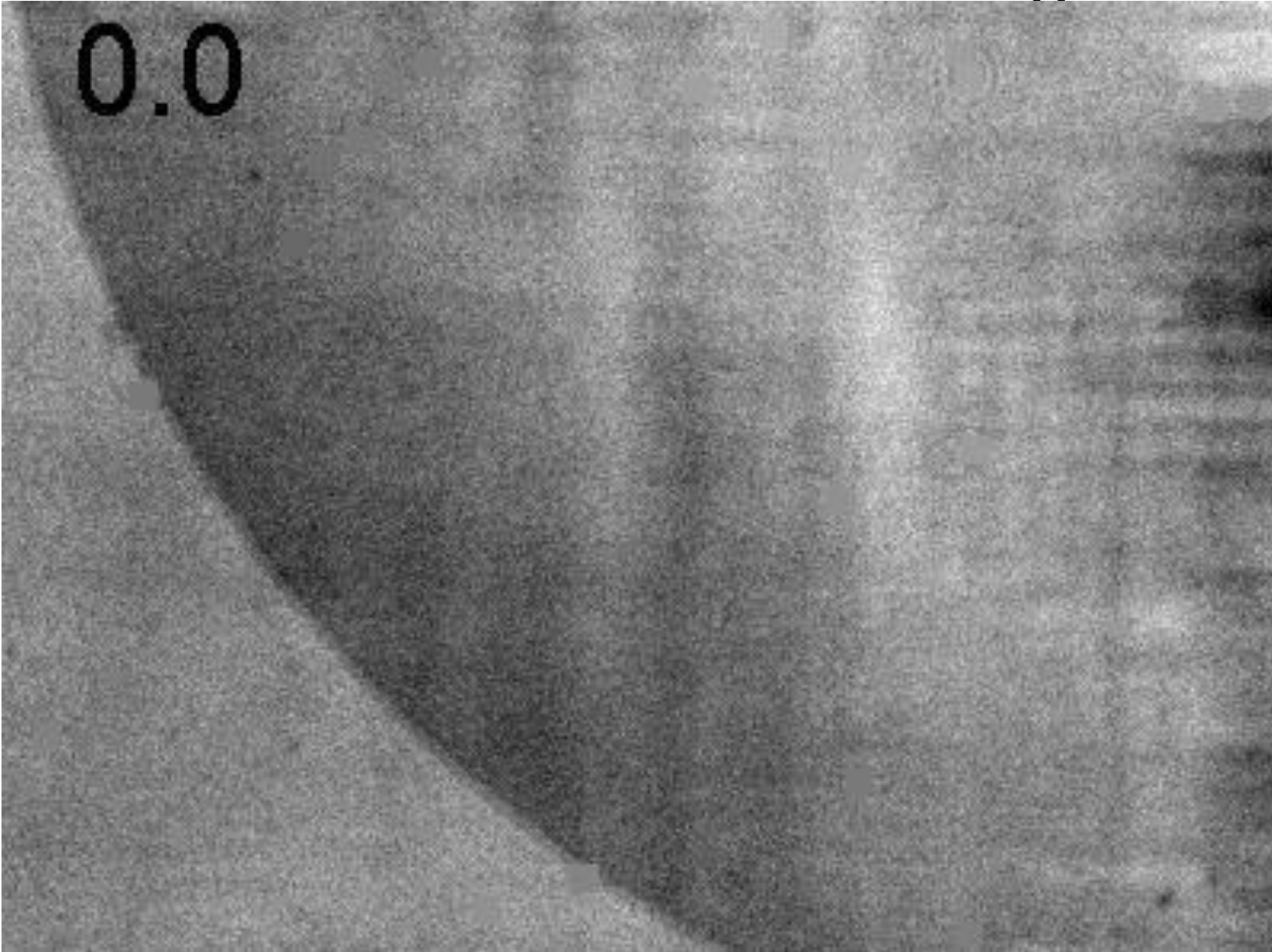
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2016



Virus Detection in Passive Cartridge

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



Lab on a Chip

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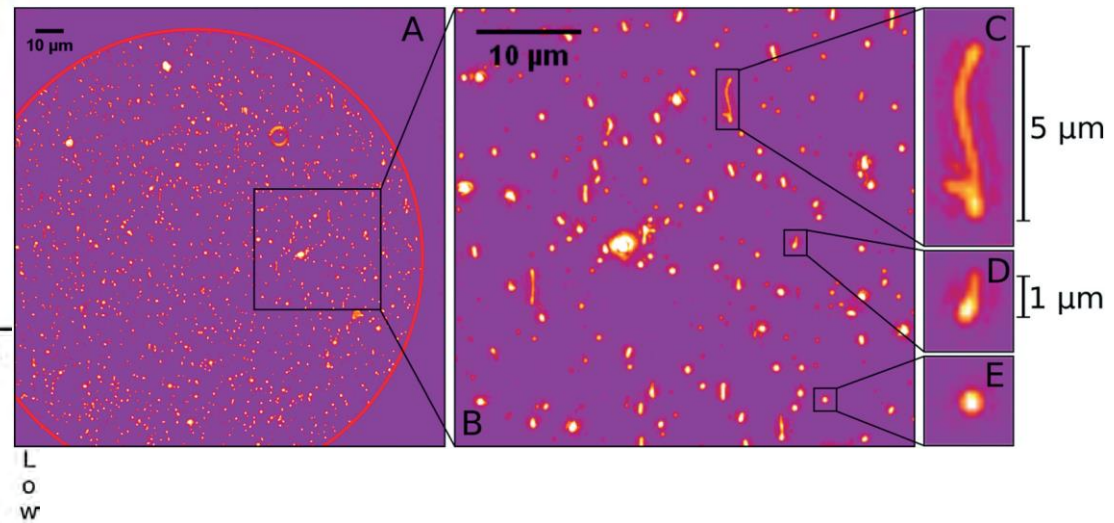
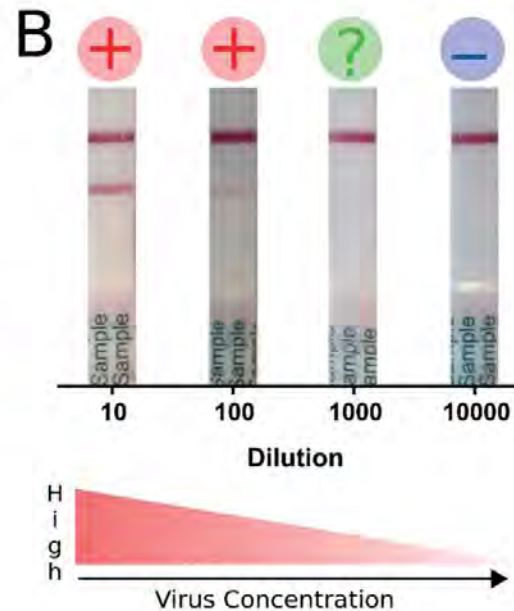
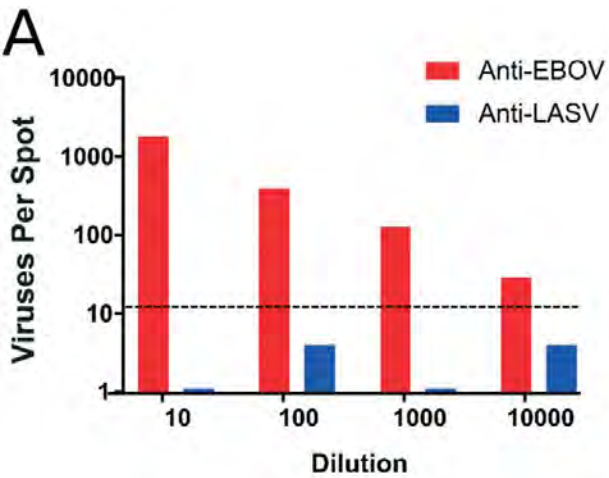
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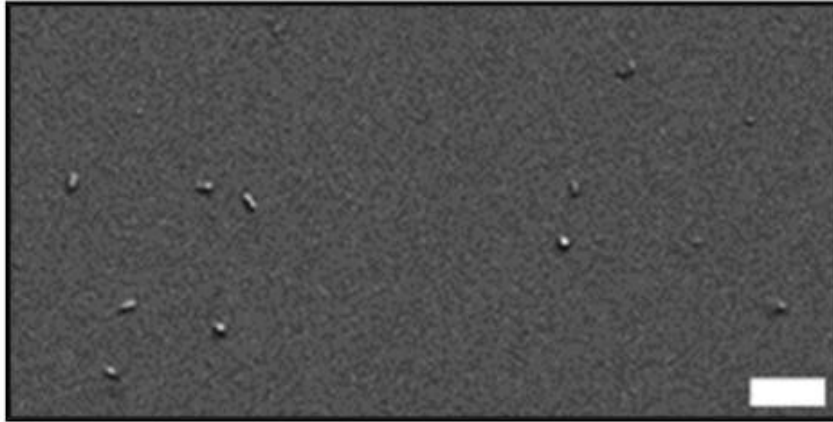
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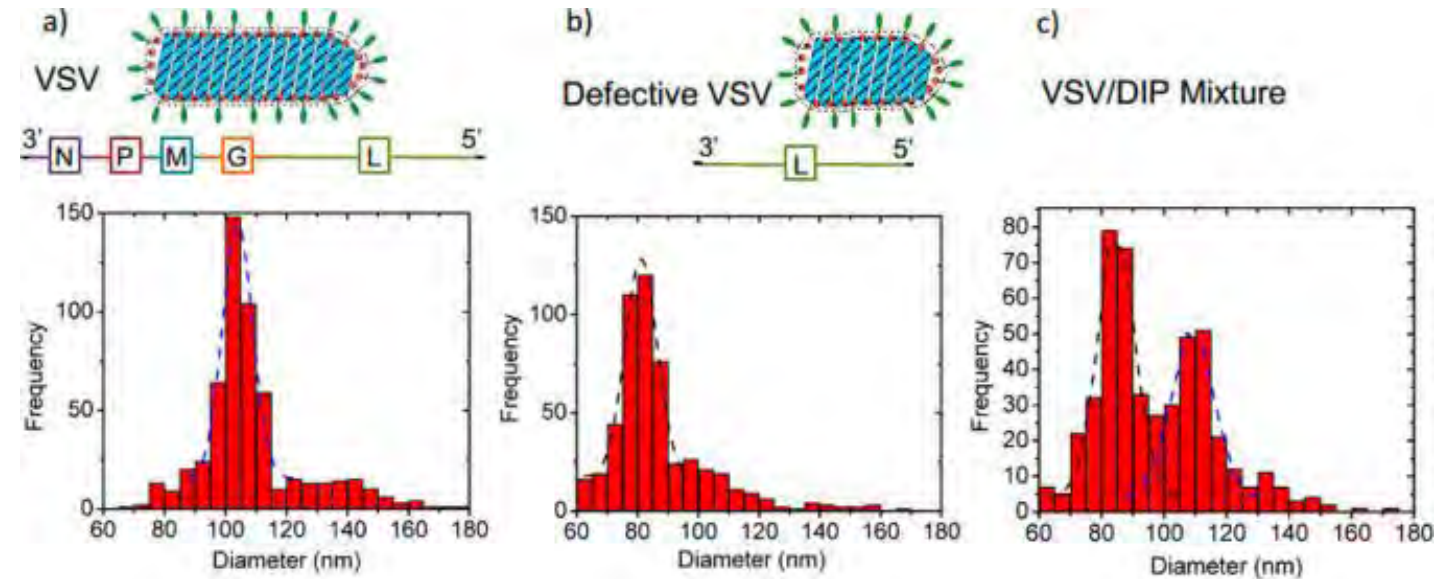
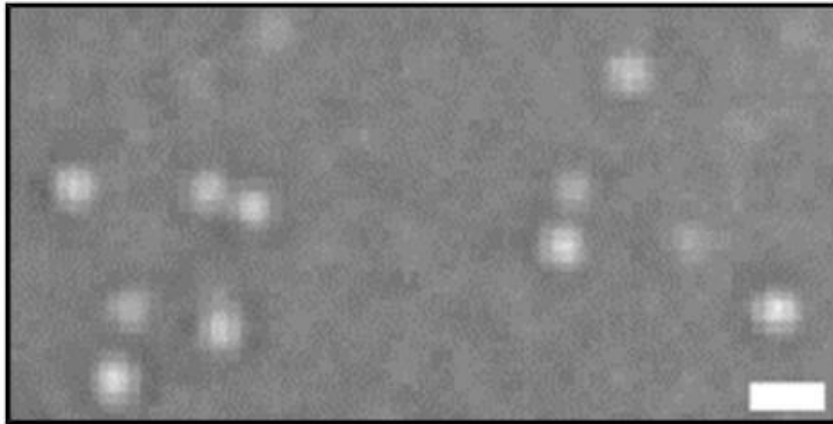
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1:1000	126	4	?
1:10000	29	4	-

2b. Virus characterization: size determination

SEM



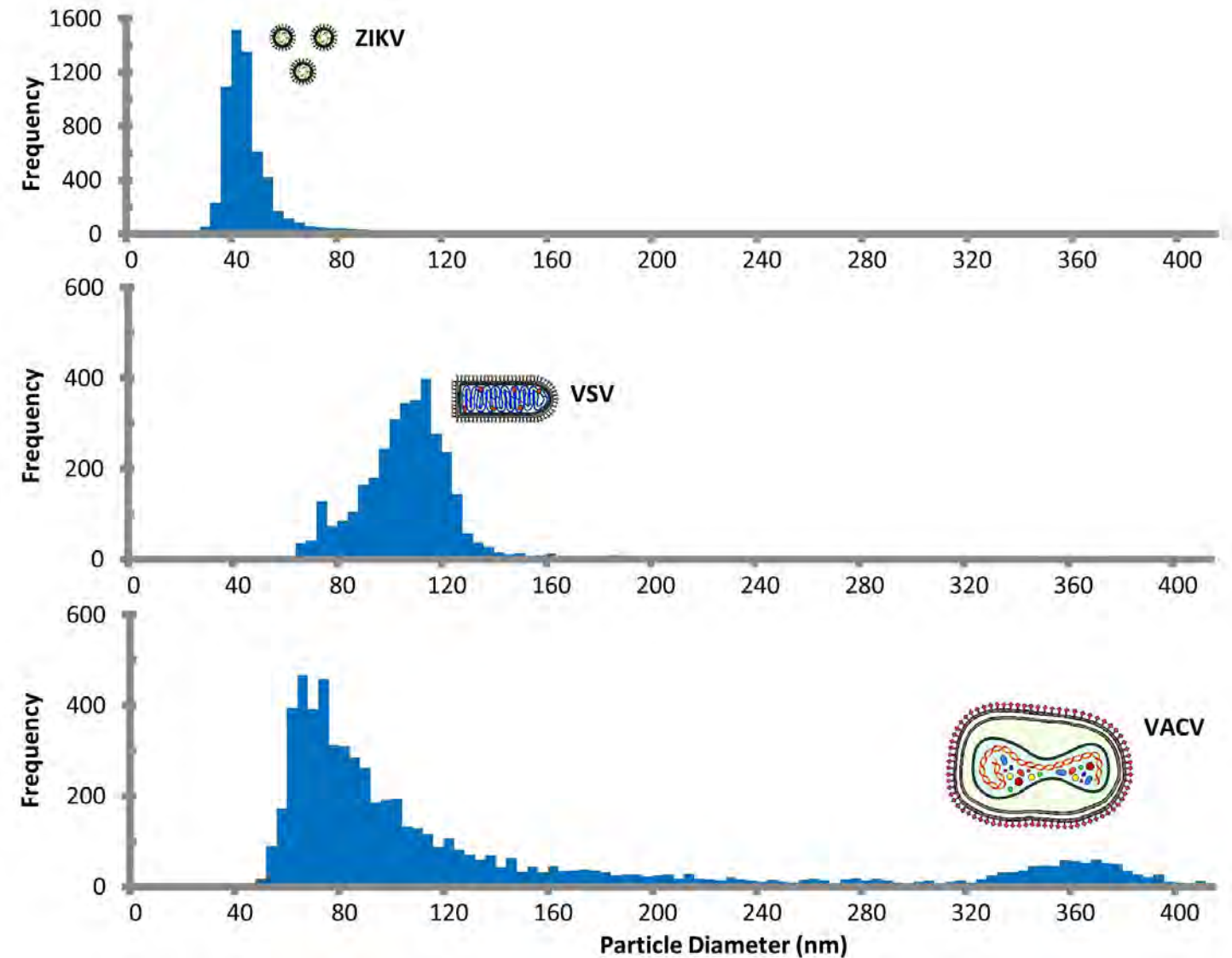
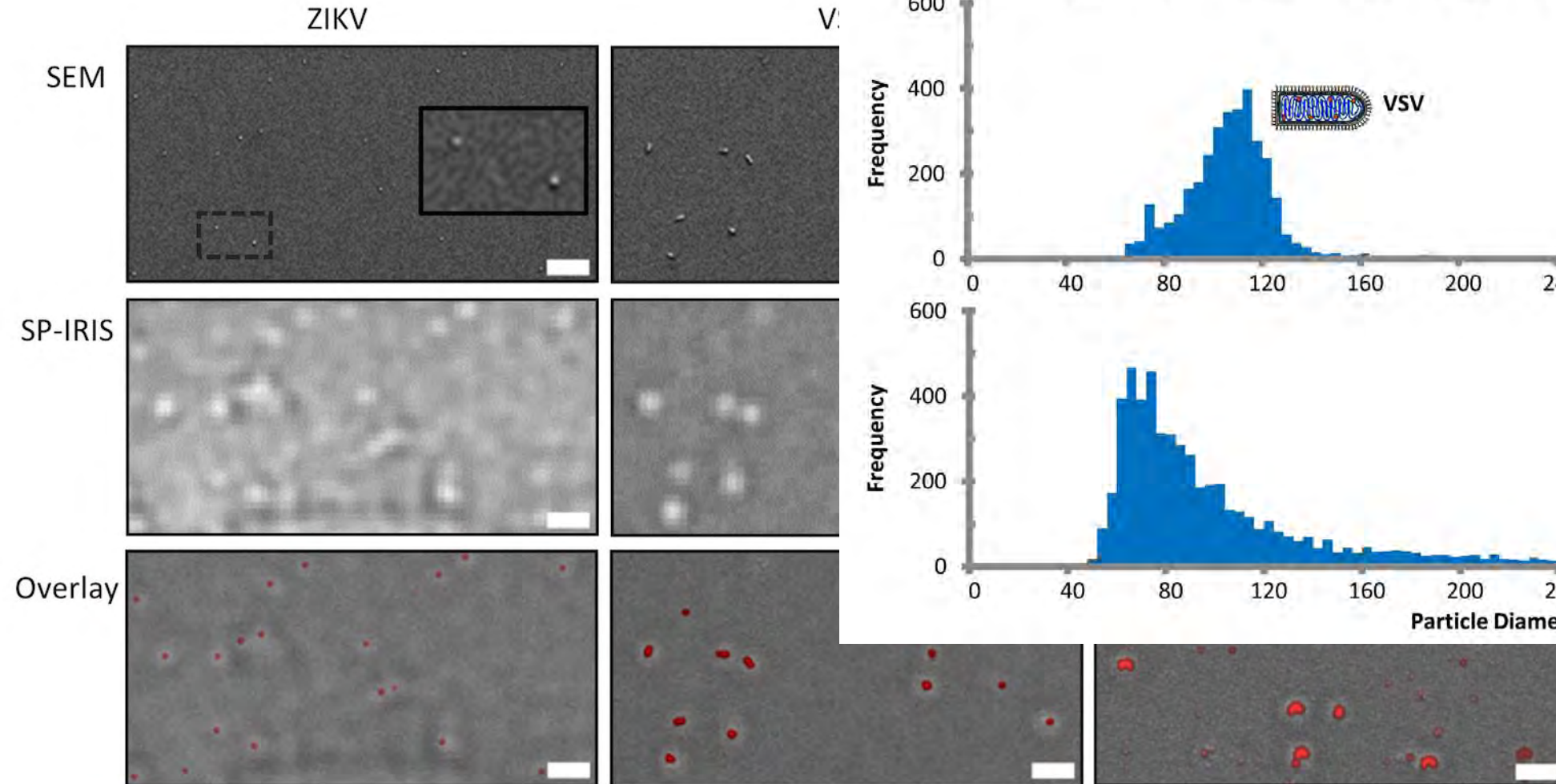
IRIS



Daaboul et al, *ACS nano* 8 (2014)

Various viruses

GG Daaboul, et al. PloS one (2017)



3. Super-resolution in wide-field interferometric microscopy

- Enhancing low-index nanoparticle resolution via reconstruction schemes

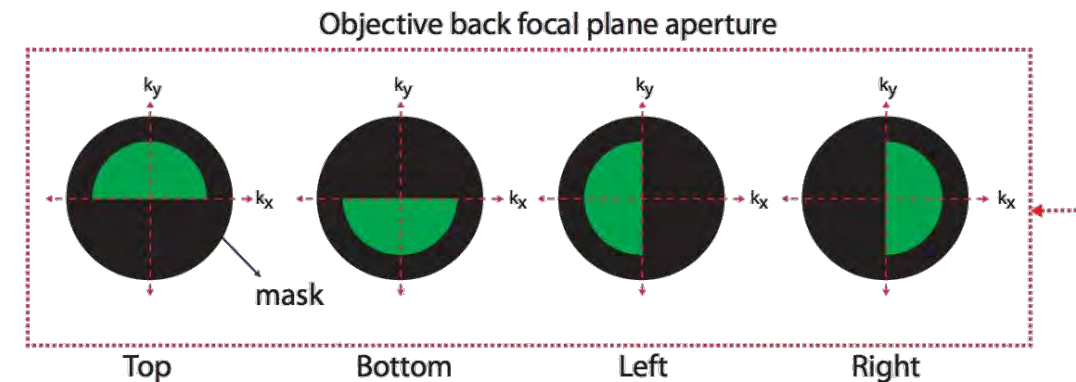
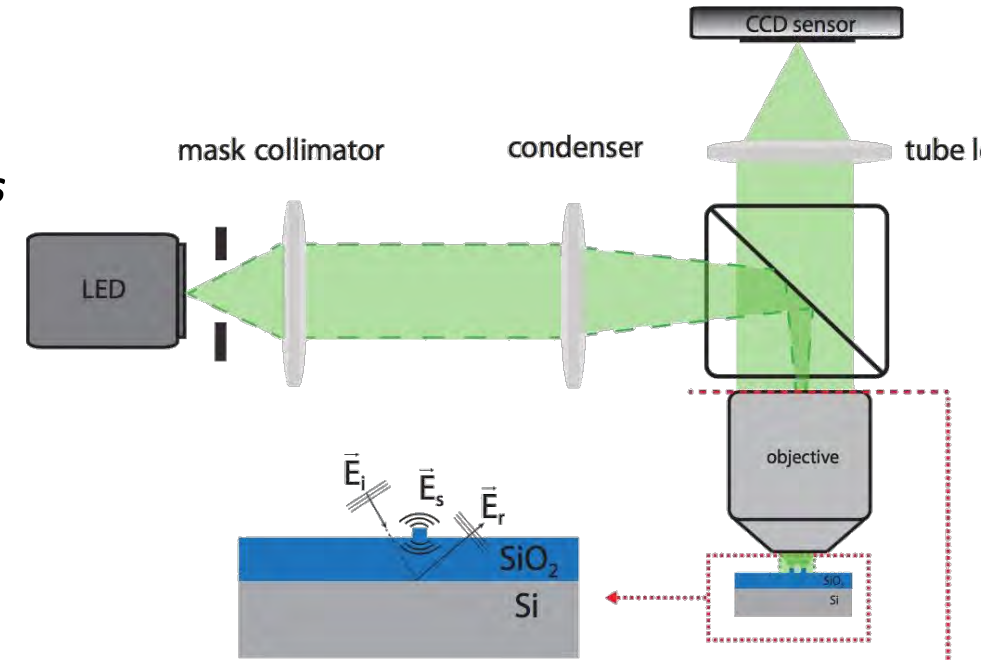
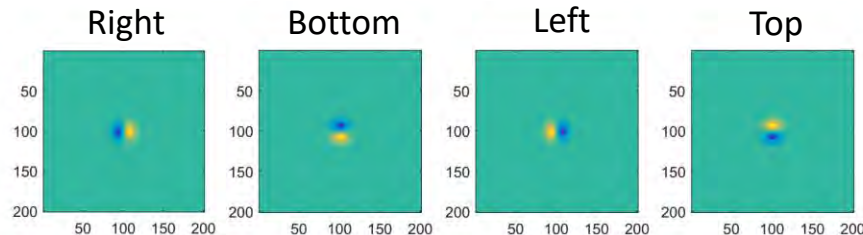
Asymmetric illumination based reconstruction for super resolution

(with Lei Tian)

$$\min_x \sum_{j=1}^N \|A_j x - y_j\|_2^2 + \alpha \|x\|_2^2$$

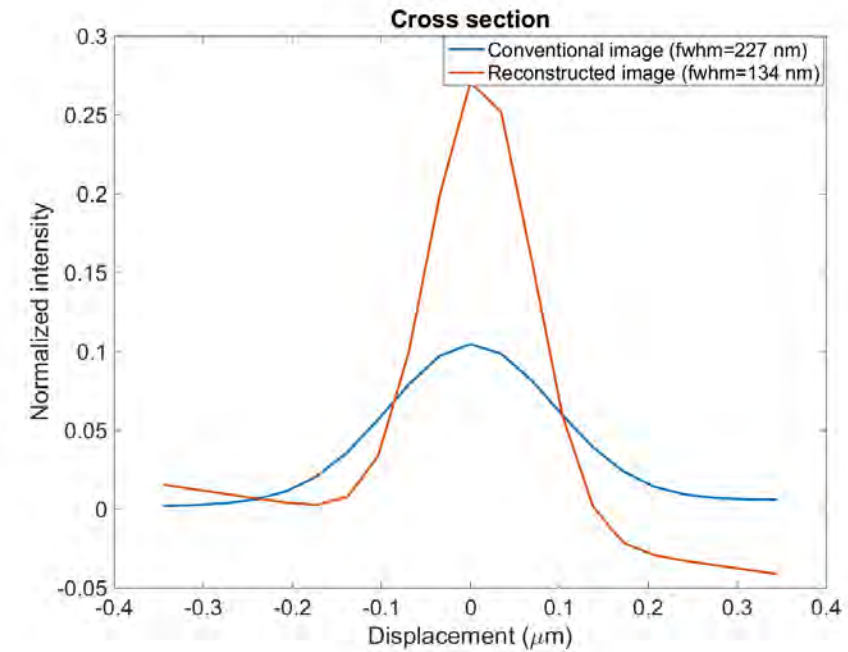
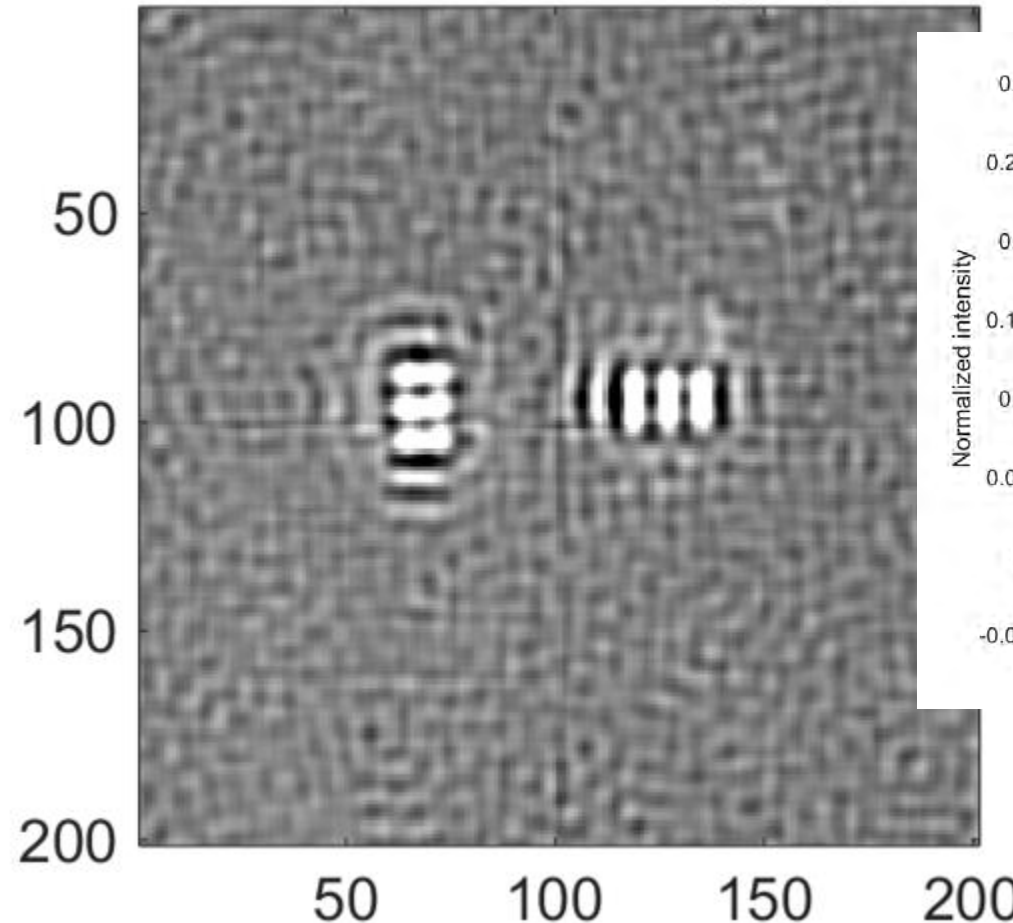
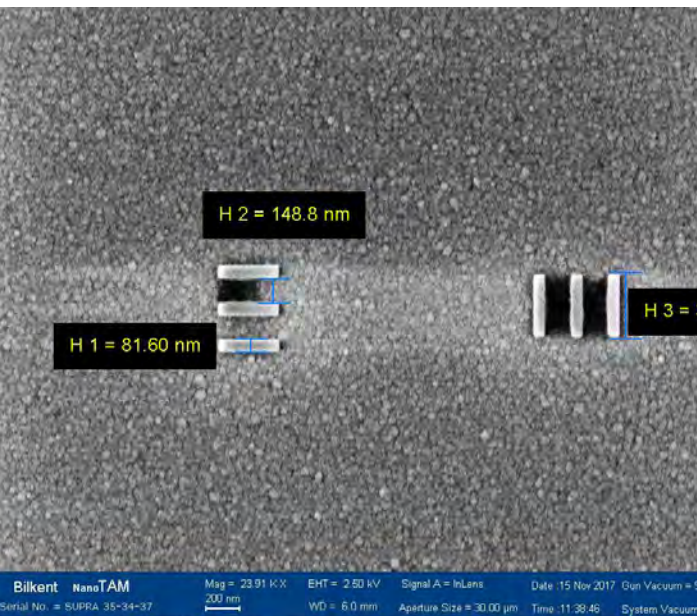
$$x = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N H_j^* y_j}{\sum_{j=1}^N |H_j|^2 + \alpha} \right\}$$

Fourier transforms of the transfer functions (H) for each asymmetric illumination configuration



150 nm separation, 0.9 NA, $\lambda=420\text{nm}$

Reconstructed DPC image (Tikhonov)



FWHM $\sim 130\text{nm} < (\lambda / 3)$

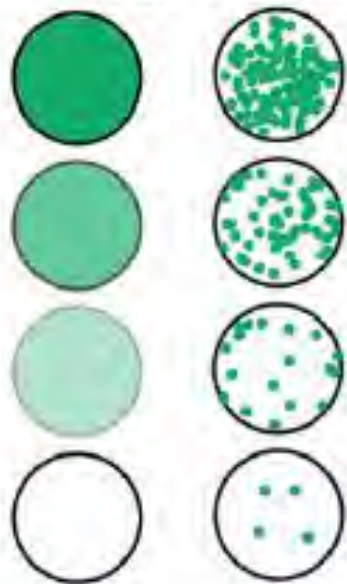
4. Digital Microarrays: Single-Molecule Readout with Interferometric Detection of Plasmonic Nanorod Labels

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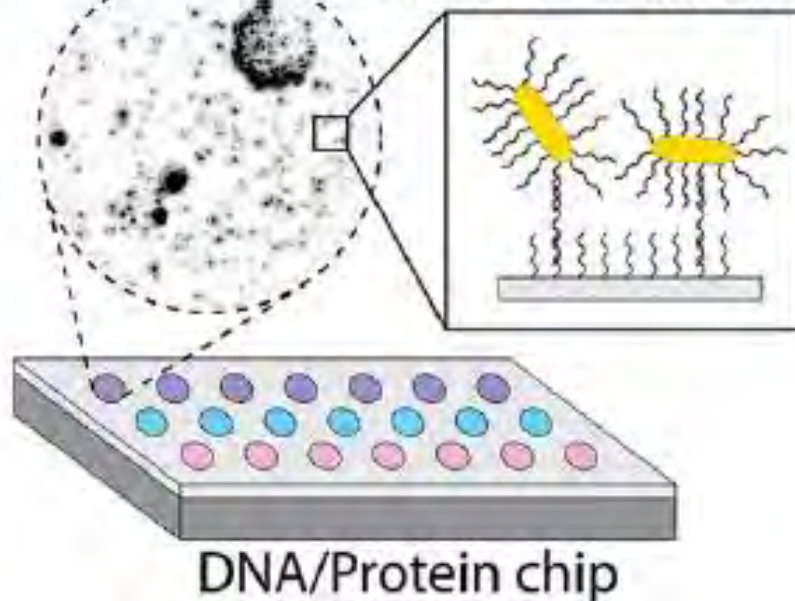
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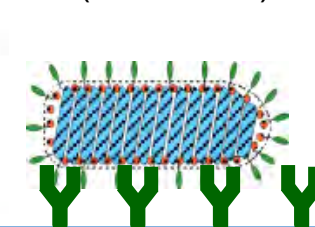
Analog Digital



Gold nanorod labels

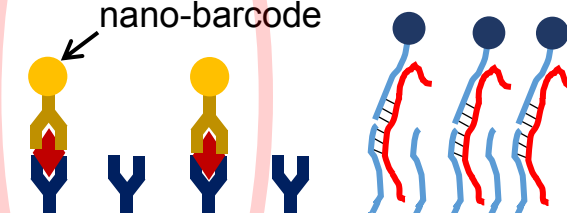


Single Virus Detection
(label-free)



Single Molecule Detection of
Antigen proteins and DNA/RNA

nano-barcode



SiO₂

Si

IRIS detection platform

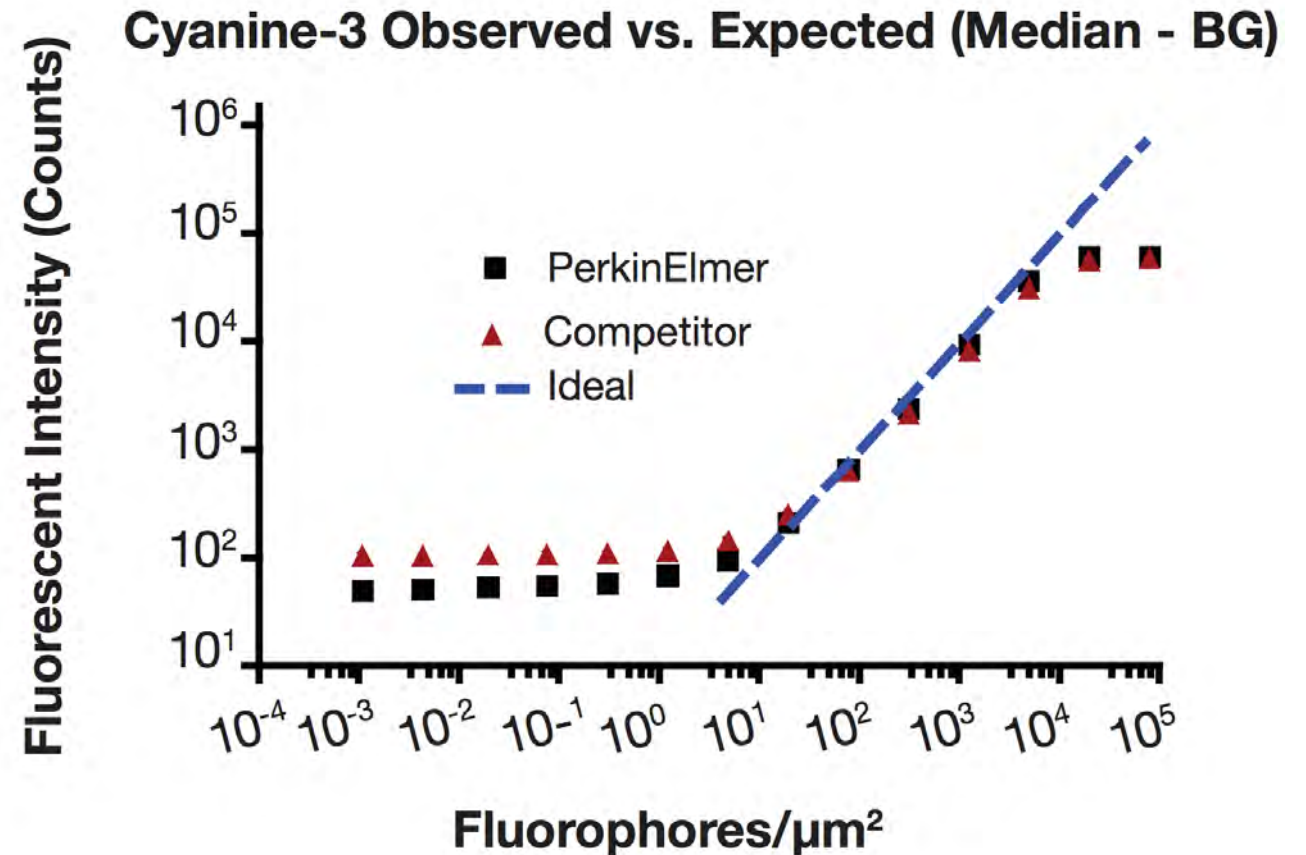
- Digital means counting
- 10,000-fold more sensitive than commercial microarrays, while maintaining all of the advantages:
 1. Highly multiplexed
 2. Low cost
 3. Fast
- Application: molecular diagnostics

Performance limits of fluorescence

- Sensitivity limit: 10 fluorophores/ μm^2
 - Dynamic range: 100-1000
- ... but microarray spots are 10,000 μm^2



~100 μm diameter

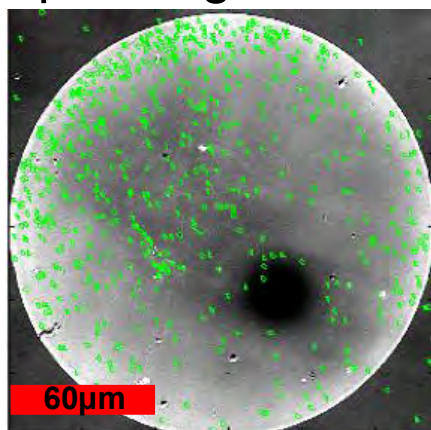


Light scattering vs. fluorescence

Light scattering is advantageous:

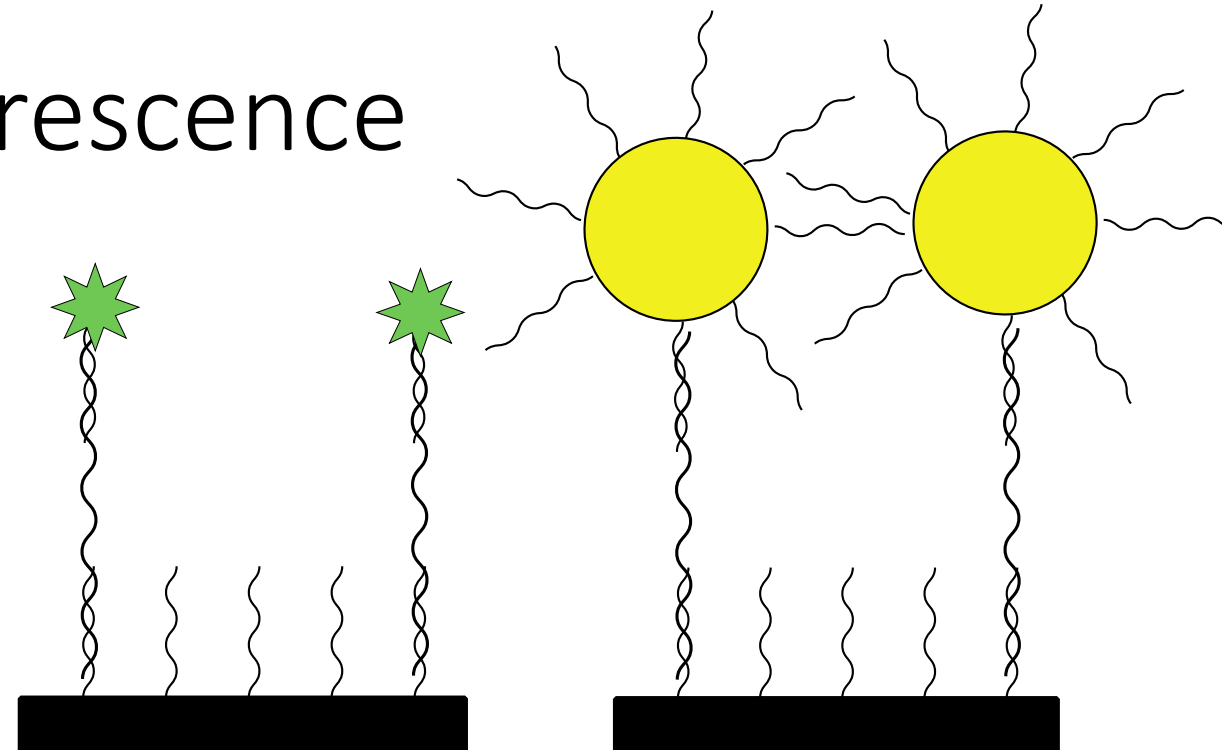
- No saturated emission rate and no photobleaching:
only limit to speed is your input light power
- Inexpensive / simple instrument
- dynamic measurement capability

M β-lactoglobulin



60μm

After detection
complex



Replace fluorescent reporters
with nanoparticle conjugates

analytical
chemistry

Article

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LOD_{serum} < 100aM

LOD_{blood} < 1fM

**Single Nanoparticle Detection for Multiplexed Protein Diagnostics
with Attomolar Sensitivity in Serum and Unprocessed Whole Blood**

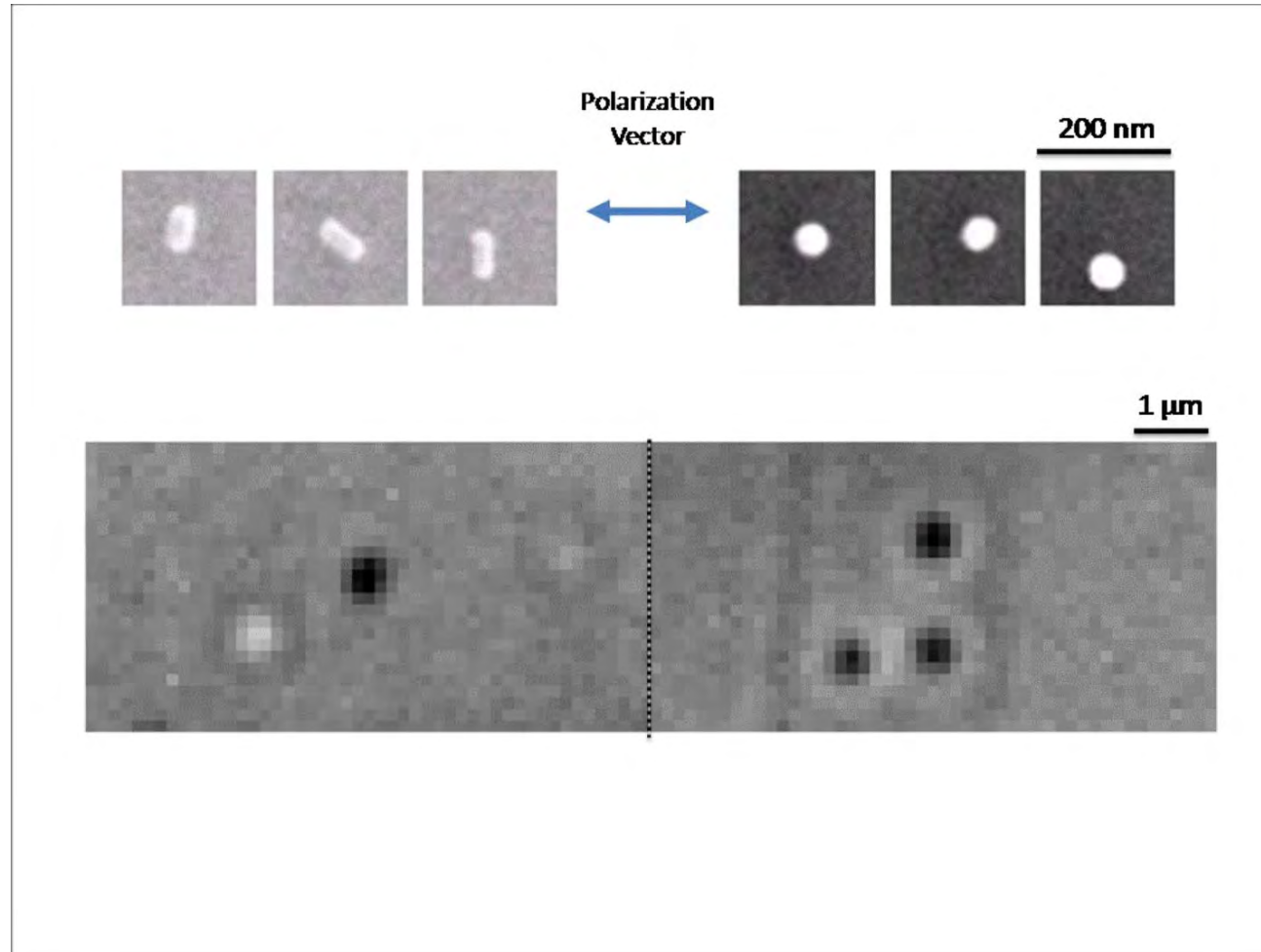
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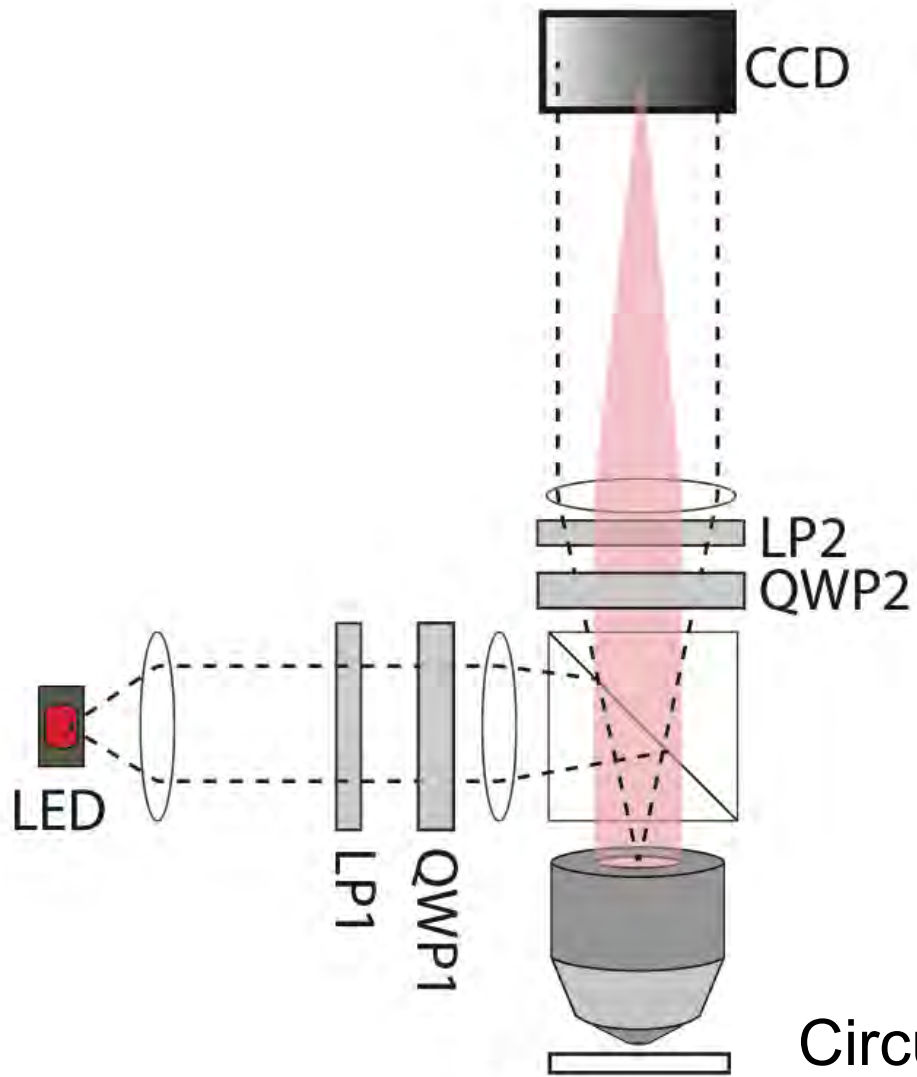
Goal: Larger field of view to scan a larger area

lower NA – lower contrast

Answer: Nanorods as labels - polarization



A digital microarray with IRIS

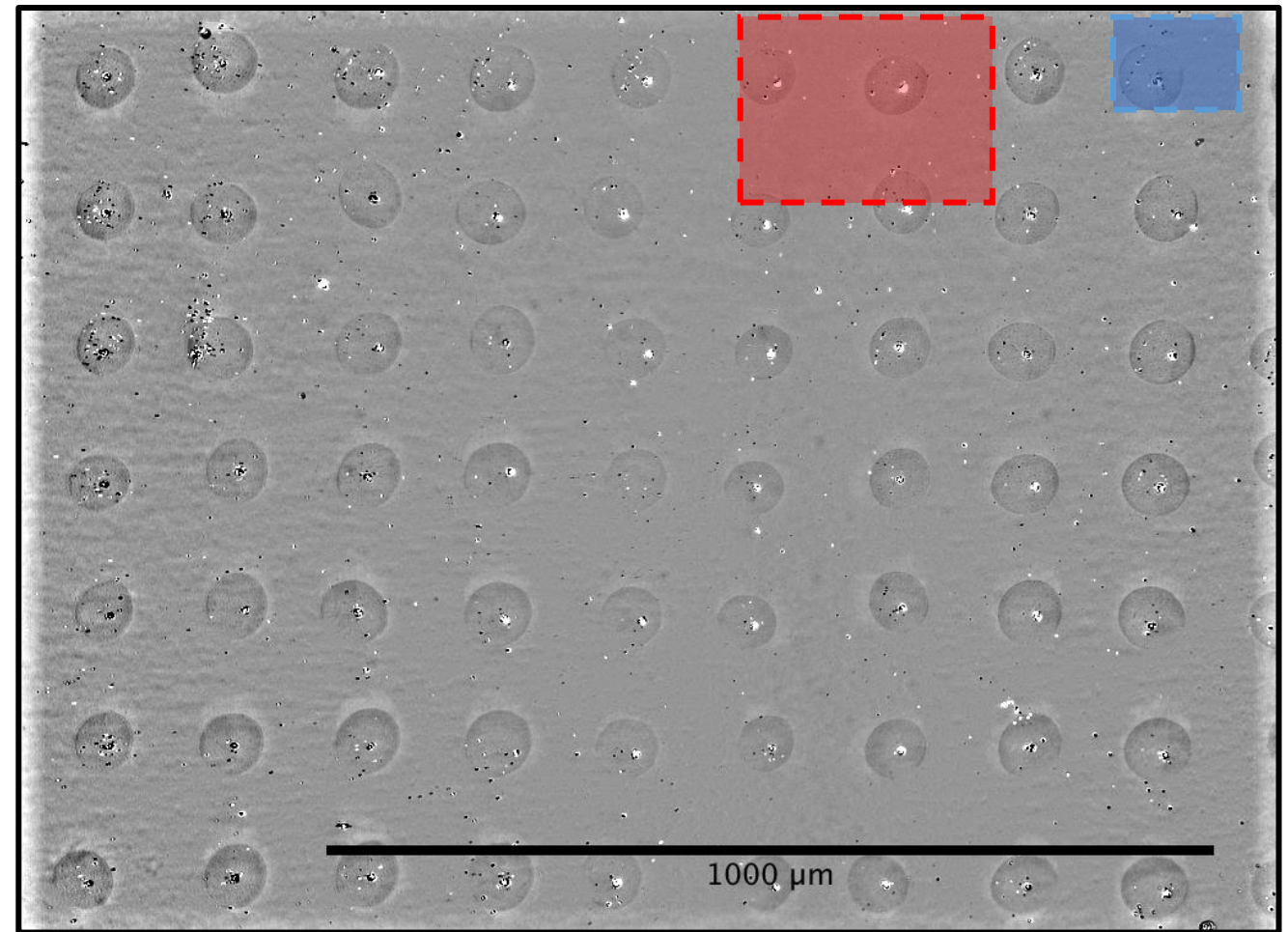


Circular polarization
enhancement

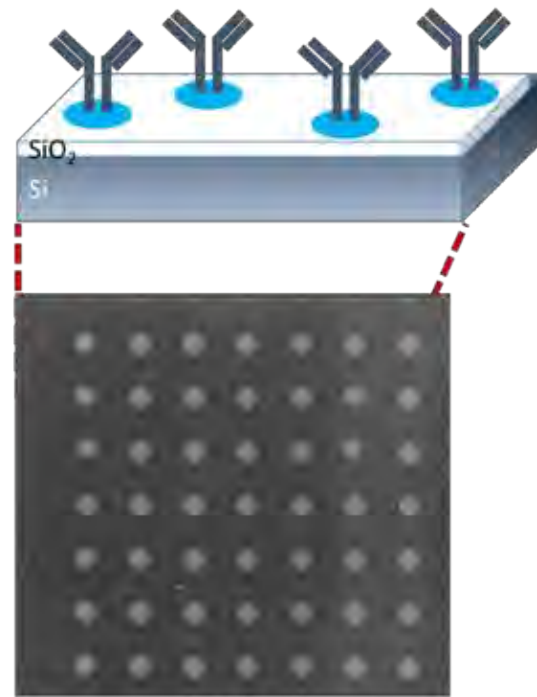
10x Objective

... 50x

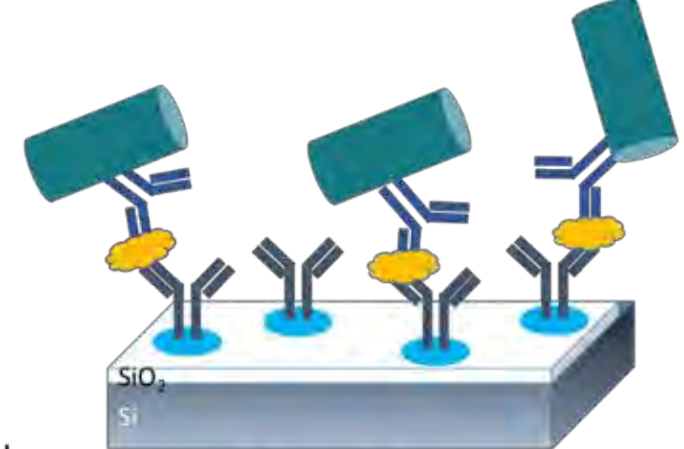
... 100x



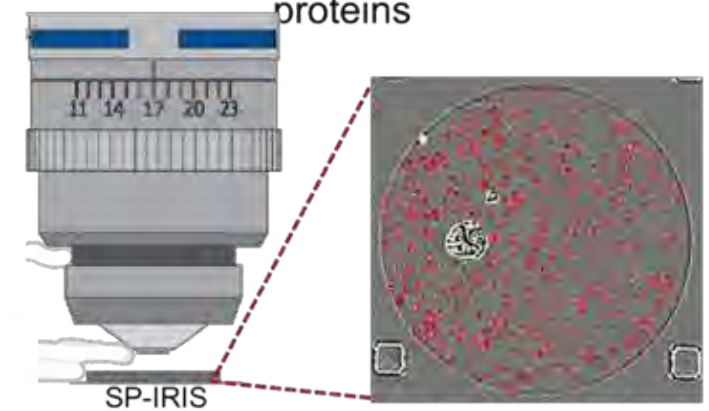
A Typical Assay



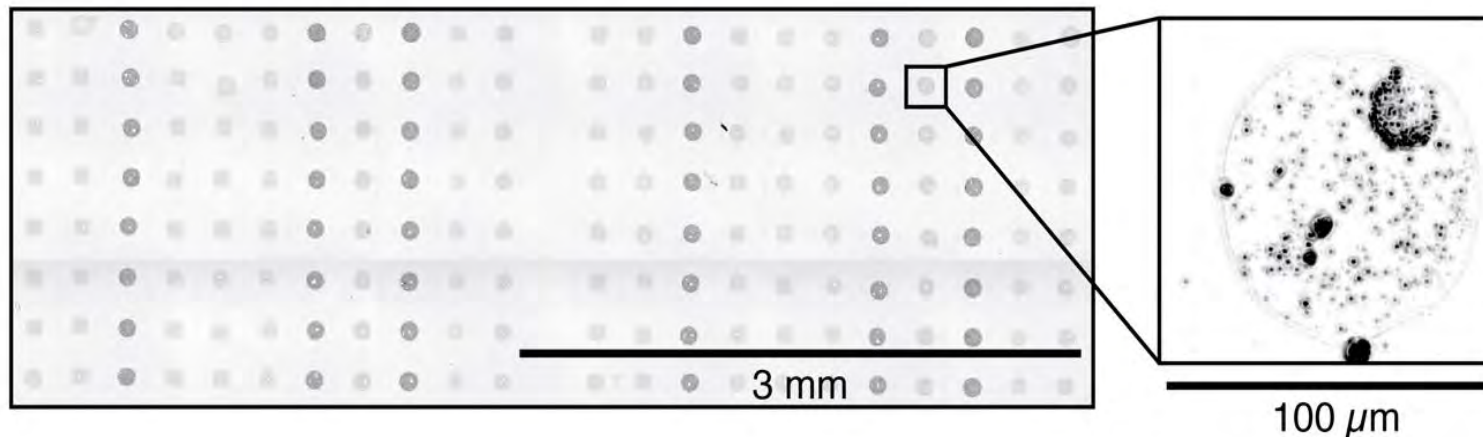
1. Antigen samples
2. Au-nanorod-tagged antibodies flow through the microfluidic array system



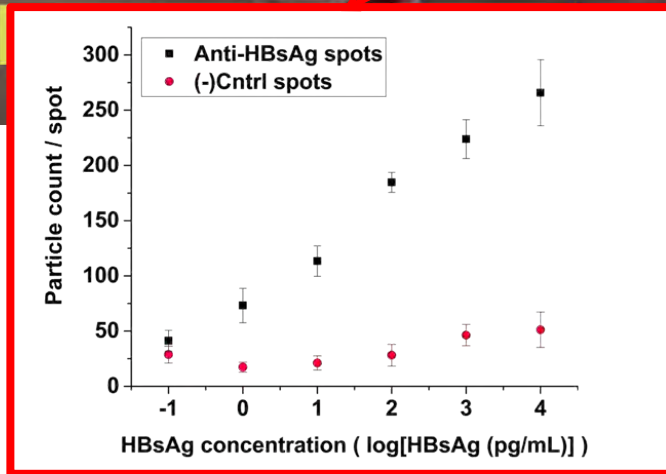
IRIS Single molecule detection and quantification of biomarker HBsAg proteins



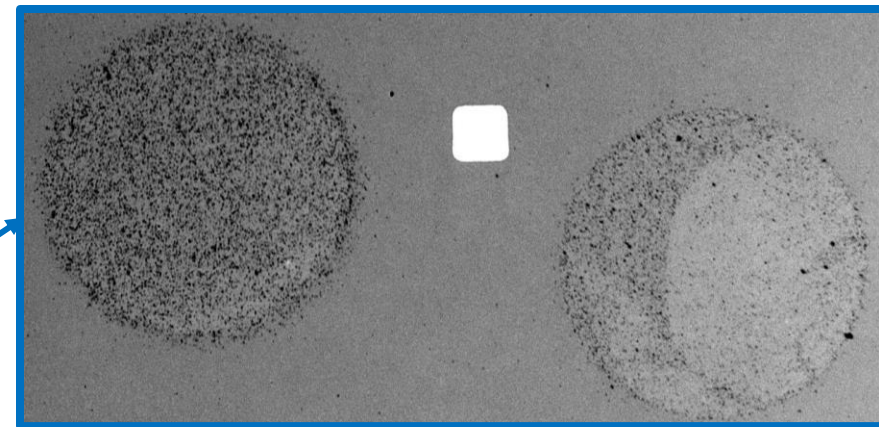
Digitally detected and counted Au-nanorods captured on the spot



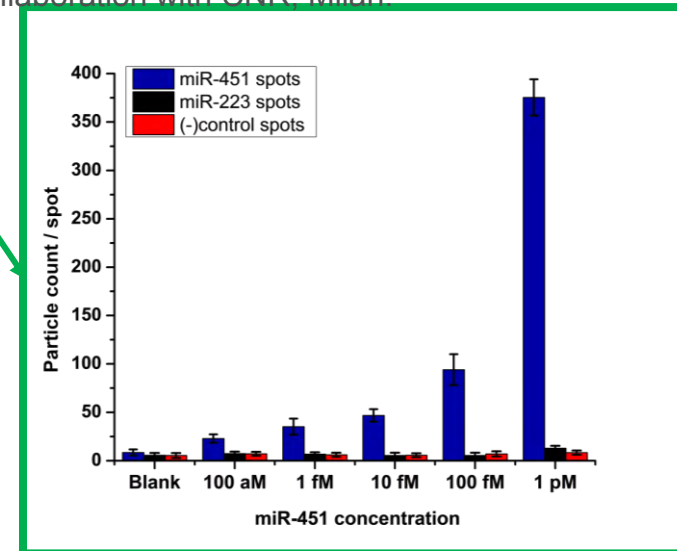
Application Areas



Detecting infectious disease biomarkers before the onset of an immune response. HBsAg detected at 1,000X better sensitivity than commercial assays. Funded by Aselsan.



Detecting cancer biomarkers at ultra-low levels and rare mutations - potential to enable new options for diagnostics and treatment in cancer research. KRAS mutation detection (colorectal cancer). Work in collaboration with CNR Milan



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.

Commercialization



**Count, Size and
Phenotype the
Invisible**

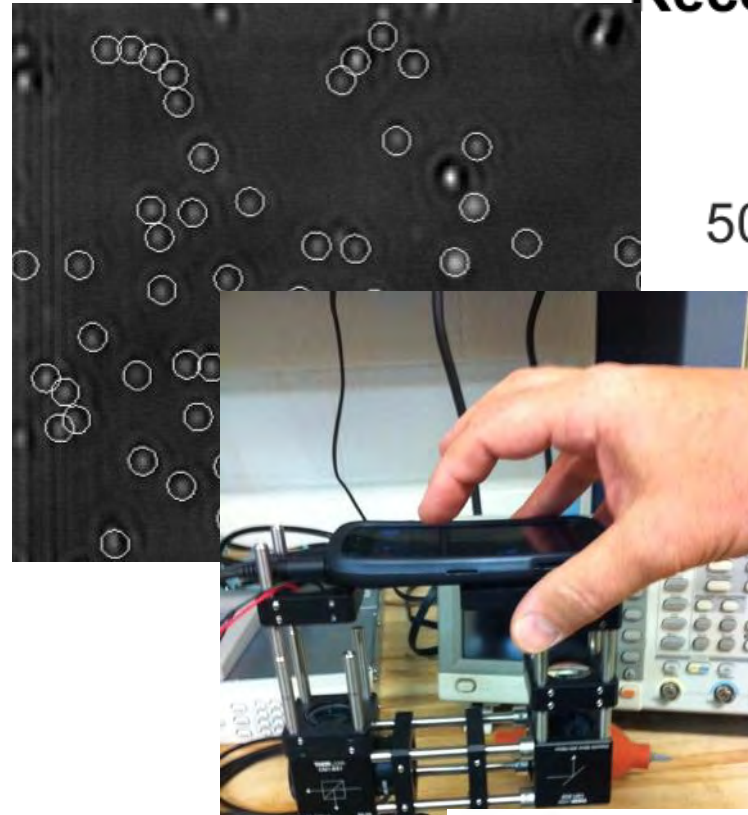
Direct from sample, label-free characterization of
Extracellular Vesicles with no purification required.

CONCLUSIONS

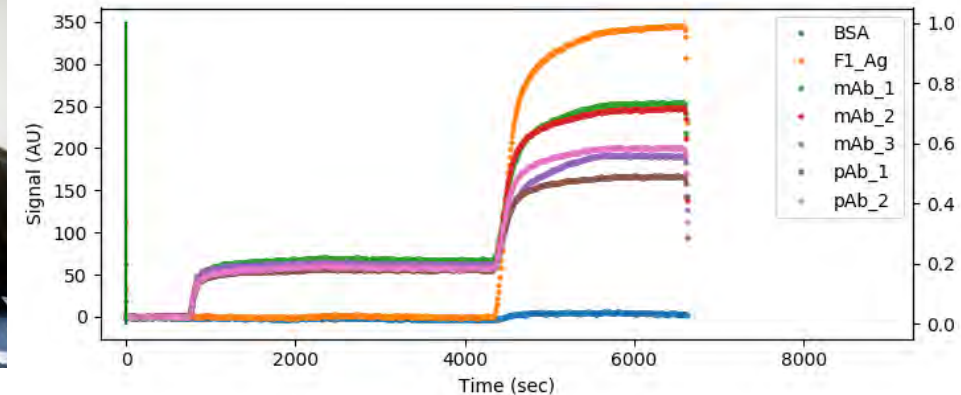
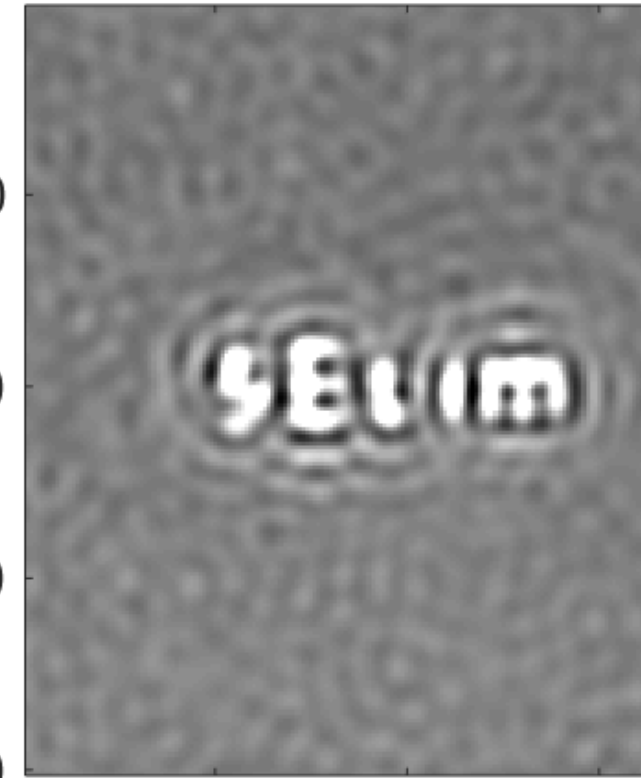
- Optical interference is a very powerful sensing technique.
- Si-chip based microfluidics for **practical** biosensing
- \$10K instrument
- \$5 disposables
- Multiplexed kinetic analysis
- Single biological nanoparticle detection / counting / size and shape discrimination / visualization



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