Confocal microscopy course

7 HEC!

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Results of the quiz for the lecture 3 (CARS)

1. Comments about the lecture

900d too difficult/more about applications 57% 43%

2. would you like more/less information in the lecture?

the same 100%

3. Average level of boredom (scale 0-10)

2.3 varying form 5 to 0

4. Will the information from the lecture be useful for you

no	maybe	yes		
14%	29%	57%		

5. Should CARS be included into the course?

no	maybe	yes		
21%	8%	71%		

Results of the quiz for the lecture 4 (High resolution microscopy)

1. Comments about the lecture

	good	a bit to	oo diffici	ilt a bit slow	wheeds a break
	70%	10%		20%	
2. would you like more/l	ess inform	nation in	the lectu	ire?	
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		10	%	90%	
3. Average level of bore	dom (scale	0-10)			
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4. Will the information	from the Le	ecture be	useful f	or you	
		no 10%	maybe 20%	yes 70%	

5. Should high resolution microscopy be included into the course? no yes 20% 80% Results of the quiz for the seminar 1 (basics in confocal microscopy)

1. Comments about the lecture

great/very good/good a bit slow 92% 8%

2. would you like more/less information in the lecture?

the same

100%

3. Average level of boredom (scale 0-10)

0.7!

4. Will the information from the lecture be useful for you

yes

maybe/some of it 92% 8%

Results of the quiz for the seminar 1 (basics in confocal microscopy)

5. what would you teach differently

too much time for the last discussion

will do during the next seminar

not enough time for the last discussion

summarise the homework for all the groups

6. would you like to be your student

no! yes 85% 15%

there was not enough time for homework

Monday morning

most of you realised, that you can't draw a proper bicycle

never ever consider yourself stupid

a handful of facts + common sense

Wednesday morning

you could draw a proper confocal laser scanning microscope



it says "LSM T-PMT"

what is LSM?

what is PMT?

what is "T"?

why is it on the top of the microscope?

where is the pinhole?

will it give you a confocal image?

will it be a colour image?



Simultaneous/sequential scanning

Insides of our confocal









Sequential scanning for GFP/YFP

TRACK1: Channel 1(GFP): excitation 488 nm->on detection 510-540 nm->on ->excitation/detection off

> switching between tracks after each frame switching between tracks after each line

TRACK2: Channel 1(YFP): excitation 514 nm->on detection 520-550 nm->on ->excitation/detection off

please discuss:

what parts of the hardware will be switched
 which switching method is preferential in what case
 is it possible to have more than one channel in
 each track?

Simultaneous scanning for GFP/YFP

TRACK1:

Channel 1(GFP): excitation 488 nm->on detection 510-540 nm->on

Channel 2 (YFP): excitation 514 nm->on detection 520-550 nm->on

please discuss:

- 1. what parts of the hardware will be on during the scanning
- 2. what is the advantage of such set up?
- 3. what is the disadvantage of such set up
- 4. in what case is simultaneous scanning applicable?

Experimental part

For those of you who have some experience -> make connection between what you've learned and reality, try a bit of new stuff

software and report seminar

For those of you who have no experience -> make connection between what you've learned and reality



To book the Graphics computer

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Book the Graphics computer here 4 (free of charge)

your samples are on the 4th floor, room C-416C



confocal is in the basement. <u>1st</u> floor, room D-<u>1</u>28



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Your schedule

		November Tue	2014 11	Wed 12		Thu 13 Fri 14		Tue 18		Thu 20
18 participants		9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
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before performing the experiment

- 1. please discuss with your pair what you are going to do
- 2. make sure you have each other's contacts
- 3. agree where you meet
- 4. pick a Petri dish with your names from the room C-416c
- 5. go to the confocal room D-128 (D-corridor, basement)
- 6. use your 4 hours to perform as many tasks as you can

while performing the experiment

- 1. DO NOT PANIC!!
- 2. Don't make any sudden movements, please be kind and patient with the hardware and software
- 3. make sure you saved all your data on the Graphics computer
- 4. If something goes wrong Alyona's phone can be found: in all e-mail she sent on the door of the confocal room on the walls of the confocal room alena.minina@slu.se

after performing the experiment

- 1. You can analyse your data individually (follow the tasks from the course site)
- 2. Book time on the Graphics computer (only one person at a time can use the computer)
- 3. Use Remote Desktop Connection to edit your images
- 4. Follow the instructions to analyse your data

You will be all by yourself 11th-25th of November

Homework

- 1. Draw a VERY thorough scheme of a Zeiss-like confocal <u>connected</u> to an upright microscope. Including a T-PMT. Make it as 3D as you can.
- 2. Use your scheme to modify it into a Two-Photon microscope
- 3. Please bring both of your schemes on the 25th of November

Homework

- Analyse your data the best you can
 Dtry Zen Black (RDC to the Graphics computer)
 DZEN Blue (RDC to the Graphics computer)
 ImageJ (download from the <u>http://fiji.sc/Fiji</u>)
- 2. Write down ALL your questions about the softwares
- 3. Bring all your questions on the 27th, 28th of November and the 1st of December

Samples

Each group will have a Petri dish with 3 types of plants: 1. wild type

- 2. plants expressing GFP or YFP-tagged protein (depending on the group)
- 3. plants expressing protein(s) tagged with unknown fluorophore(s)



- 2. make a very nice representative image of localisation
- 3. figure out what fluorophore(s) you have in the plant type 3
- 4. where are these fluorophores localised

must

should

5. make a very nice representative image of localisation

sample preparation

GFP/YFP

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1. cover slip should be 0.17 mm (#1.5) why?

2. cover slip should ALWAYS face the lens! why?

3. cover slip and sample should not fall off or move during scanning why?

4. sample should be as flat as you can persuade it to be why?







Sample preparation

- 1. What sample are you going to use for your research:
 - Living
 - fixed

- 2. For how long are you going to store your sample:
 - only for scanning
 - forever

- 3. What immersion/objective will you need for your sample
 - no immersion
 - oil
 - · glycerol
 - water

Zeiss 780



start up

- 1. Turn on the power switch (the key must always be in the position "on"):
 - main switch
 - computer switch
 - components switch
- 2. Press the power button on the software computer
- 3. Turn on the Mercury Lamp if you need it
- 4. If you need the Argon laser (458nm (CFP), 448nm (GFP), 514nm (YFP)) a.turn the key on the Power supply of the Ar laser b. flip the tiny metal run/idle switch to the run mode c.wait until the green LED goes on d.Do NOT change the light control currency reel!! if you did find Alyona!
- 5. Find a user account vbsg2 use the password: Sh6a6eZw
- 6. Switch on the ZEN 2011 and click on START SYSTEM
- 7. if it doesn't boot:
 - close the ZEN 2011, make sure it is not "hanging" in the Task Manger
 - open the door on the Hardware computer and press the RTC-reset button
 - wait for 30sec before starting the software again

Zeiss 780

argon laser "run/ idle switch"



30 minutes rule for the UV lamp

Mercury "UV" Lamp

the same day rule for the Ar laser

argon laser power supply




if booting is stuck for longer than a minute, follow the instruction for RTC reset

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this is what you will see when the software is ready to use 1. Mount your sample and locate the place you want to image

Use epifluorescent microscope to locate a pretty place on your sample



you can use transmitted light (HAL lamp) and excitation light from a UV (mercury) lamp





Locating your sample

1. to see anything oculars should be in the Online mode

2a. <u>to use transmitted light</u> open the shutter and adjust the brightness of the HAL lamp by clicking on the light bulb

3. select the objective you want to use.make sure you have the correct immersion

2b. to use fluorescent light click to open the shutter and select the filter you need (violet=DAPI, Green=GFP, Red=RFP) Make sure the shutter of the HAL lamp is closed Use the joystick to move the stage the button on its top switches from fast to slow movement

Use the focusing knobs to adjust the focus



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after you located your sample click on the acquisition tab

click on "show all tools", do the same in each tab you are going to use 1. Mount your sample and locate the place you want to image

2. Tell software what fluorophore are you going to scan?

confocal needs to know



Green Fluorescent Protein



excitation

emission

please discuss what will be in the light path for GFP

Yellow Fluorescent Protein



excitation

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please discuss what will be in the light path for YFP



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fluorophores you are going to detect

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1. Mount your sample and locate the place you want to image

2. Tell software what fluorophore are you going to scan?

3. Ask confocal to estimate how bright your signal is



sets up exposure for each of your channels = estimates how bright is the signal in each channel







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LIVE. very fast continuos scan in all channels at resolution 512x512 (this is shifty resolution) This option is basically replaces oculars for you

while scanning in the LIVE mode you can: change the focus move the sample adjust parameters in Channels set borders for Z-stack







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Range indicator color-codes pixels which are within and out of the range of the PMT



it is difficult for a human eye to see what is the intensity of each pixel here

please discuss what colours do you want to see on the range indicator image in what case

the PMT can not detect any photons

the PMT can count how many photons it catches

the PMT gets too many photons, can't count them anymore

- 1. Mount your sample and locate the place you want to image
- 2. Tell software what fluorophore are you going to scan?
- 3. Ask confocal to estimate how bright your signal is
- 4. See the result in LIVE scanning mode. If required adjust pinhole, Master Gain etc in Channels

1. Mount your sample and locate the place you want to image

2. Tell software what fluorophore are you going to scan?

3. Ask confocal to estimate how bright your signal is

4. See the result in <u>LIVE</u> scanning mode. If required adjust pinhole, Master Gain etc in <u>Channels</u>

5. Adjust the resolution of your image in Acquisition mode

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Acquisition mode

galvanometer mirrors

bi-directional scanning is twice / faster



you can drag the blue dot to rotate area of scanning, zoom in and out



Single directional scanning



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<u>Acquisition mode</u>

scanning speed/dwelling time

amount of time a PMT can spend "looking" at each pixel

increasing number of scanning for each line makes picture much sharper

speed of scanning

at high speed PMT doesn't have time to catch a lot of catches photons => true signal will not be very strong, comparable with the background noise

at low speed PMT can catch a lot of photons from your fluorophore => true signal will not be very strong, background noise can be thresholded away


Averaging

noise pixels appear in random positions



Averaging vs. Speed of scanning

you need to detect vesicles which move very fast, which one to change?

you need to detect fluorophore which bleaches extremely fast which one to change?



Acquisition mode

objective you are using

optimal resolution for each objective/fluorophore

DO NOT use higher than Optimel (highest) resolution



Changes made in the Acqusition Mode can be seen in Continuous scanning mode

Live replacement of oculars

Continuous shows you what the scanned image will look like



SNAP. makes a snap picture in all channels at resolution/ speed you selected in the acquisition mode

CONTINUOS. continuos scan in all channels at resolution/speed you selected in the acquisition mode

LIVE. very fast continuos scan in all channels at resolution 512x512

SET EXPOSURE. estimates signal intensity in each of your channels

FIND FOCUS. makes a quick vertical scan and focuses on the brightest place 1. Mount your sample and locate the place you want to image

2. Tell software what fluorophore are you going to scan?

3. Ask confocal to estimate how bright your signal is

4. See the result in <u>LIVE</u> scanning mode. If required adjust pinhole, Master Gain etc in <u>Channels</u>

5. Adjust the resolution of your image in Acquisition mode

6. Activate z-stack and set up parameters for it. Start the Experiment



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z-stack

The software needs to know:

where should be the top optical slice where should be the bottom optical slice how many optical slice you want to make







Please discuss:

what does define optimal size of the pinhole

why to use optimal pinhole size

what would happen t your z-stack if you use pinhole larger than optimal

what would happen t your z-stack if you use pinhole smaller than optimal

would you use the same size of pinhole for GFP and RFP channels during simultaneous scanning

would you use the same size of pinhole for GFP and RFP channels during sequential scanning

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for your sample

] Make sample using a root of a GFP/YFP expressing plant

] In "Locate" find a sample and decide which objective you want to use

- Find the place which shows you the typical localisation of the signal
- Use smart setup to detect GFP or YFP (depending on your sample)
- Activate T-PMT in the Light path
- Use SET EXPOSURE to see the sample
-] Adjust settings in Channels to have no over/underexposed pixels, and ok Master Gain and a proper pinhole
- Adjust settings in Acquisition mode to have good resolution, low noise and reasonable scanning time
- Make a nice SNAP image and save it into your folder
- activate z-stack. set up the parameters and click START EXPERIMENT
-] save your z-stack file
- uncheck z-stack and activate tile scan
- try to image a larger part of the root, select overlapping of the tiles 5%
- Save your tile scan file in your folder
-] Think about your report, will you need an image of wild type for any of these scanning, if yes what settings will you use for it? Please make a corresponding image

for your sample

- Make sample using a leaf of a GFP/YFP expressing plant
-] In "Locate" find a sample and decide which objective you want to use
- Find the place which shows you the typical localisation of the signal
-] Use smart setup to detect GFP or YFP (depending on your sample) AND Chlorophyll A, select option with <u>simultaneous</u> scanning
- Activate T-PMT in the Light path
- Use SET EXPOSURE to see the sample
- Adjust settings in Channels to have no over/underexposed pixels and a proper pinhole
- Adjust settings in Acquisition mode to have good resolution, low noise and reasonable scanning time
- Make a nice snap image
- Save it in your folder
-] What kind of control do you need for this image?

for your sample

Use the same sample

-] In smart setup select to detect GFP or YFP (depending on your sample), this time select the option with <u>sequential</u> scanning
- Activate T-PMT in the Light path and select switching between the tracks "every frame"
- Use SET EXPOSURE to see the sample
- Adjust settings in Channels to have no over/underexposed pixels and a proper pinhole
- Adjust settings in Acquisition mode to have good resolution, low noise and reasonable scanning time
- Make a nice snap image
- Save it in your folder
- Go to Light path and select switching between the tracks "every line"
- Make a nice snap image
- Save it in your folder
- What kind of control do you need for this image?

Optional experiments

-] Make a sample using the root of a plant with unknown fluorophores
- Focus on a place where you think the signal is present
-] In the Light path select "Lambda mode" tab
-] click on Invisible light-> switch on 405
-] click on MBS 405nm to put it on the light path

In Channels:

- open pinhole till 90
- set Laser intensity on 0.2
- Master Gain on 700
- Digital offset on o
- Digital Gain on 1
-] Set the step size for the Lambda scan
-] Click on SNAP
- Save the file in your folder
- Uncheck the 405 laser and repeat the experiment for all other lasers we have in the Visible light (selecting them one by one and putting the appropriate MBS on the light path, save all your files)
- Analyze the spectrum in each of your files:
 - In the Gallery tab of the image window you can see images for lambda scan. If you click on "text" you will see the nm
 - In Linear Unmixing tab of the image window use bottom tool bar to select a crosshair tool
 - The image is in the top right corner, click on the spot with the signal
 - in the top left corner a spectrum will appear
 - estimate at which nm you have the max, you know what excitation light you used. Google for fluorophores with similar excitation/emission parameters
-] Select these fluorophores in smart set up, decide which you should use simultaneous or sequential scanning] Make a nice SNAP image of the sample



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shut down

- 1. Make sure you saved all your data on the Graphics computer
- 2. Close the ZEN program
- 3. Check in the schedule if anyone is going to use confocal after you. If no, shut down the computer as usually. If yes, just log off your user account
- 4. If nobody is going to use the UV lamp within next 30 minutes, turn it off
- 5. If nobody will use the Argon laser after you within the same day

a.flip the run/idle switch to the idle mode b.turn off the key of the Power supply of the Ar laser c.when the ventilator will stop proceed with switching off the system

- 6. If nobody will use the confocal after you turn off the power switch
 - computer switch
 - components switch
 - o main switch
- 7. Make sure the anti-vibration table is off.



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