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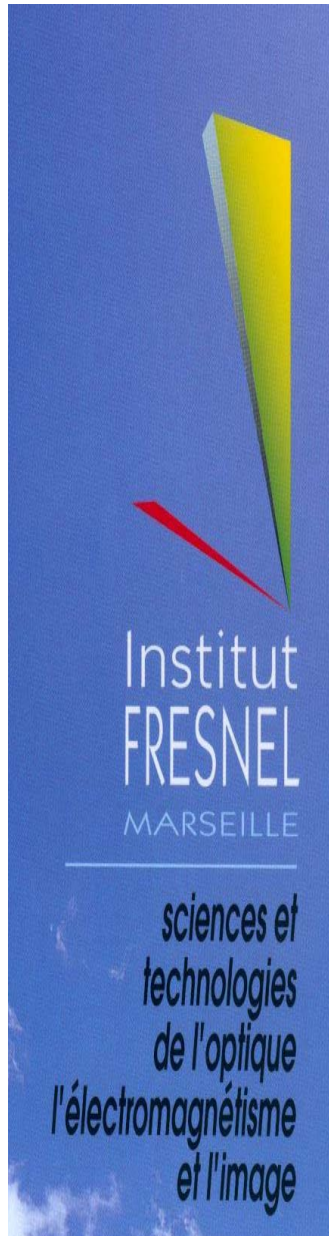


Coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CARS) microscopy: from principles to applications

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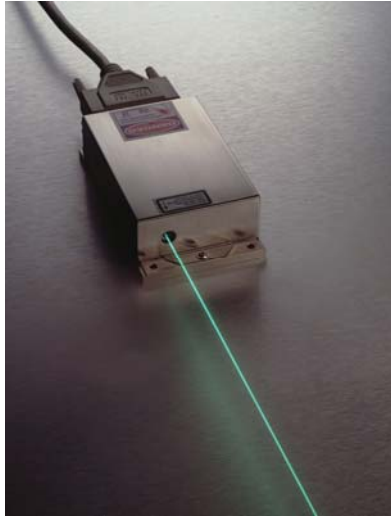
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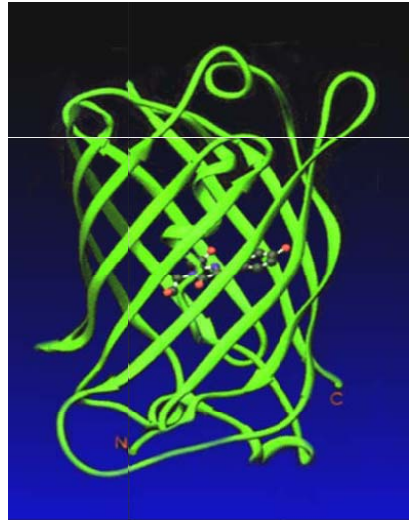




Light



molecule



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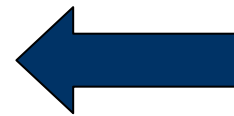
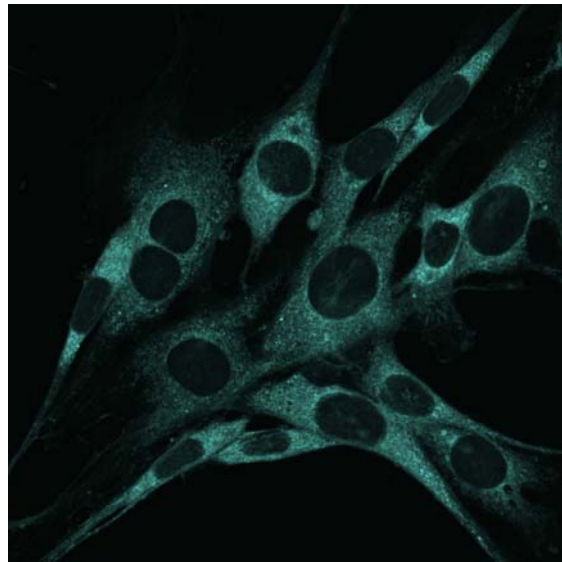
Contrast mechanism

- Refraction
- Scattering
- Raman
- Fluorescence
- Nonlinear



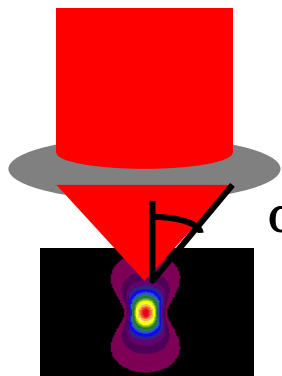
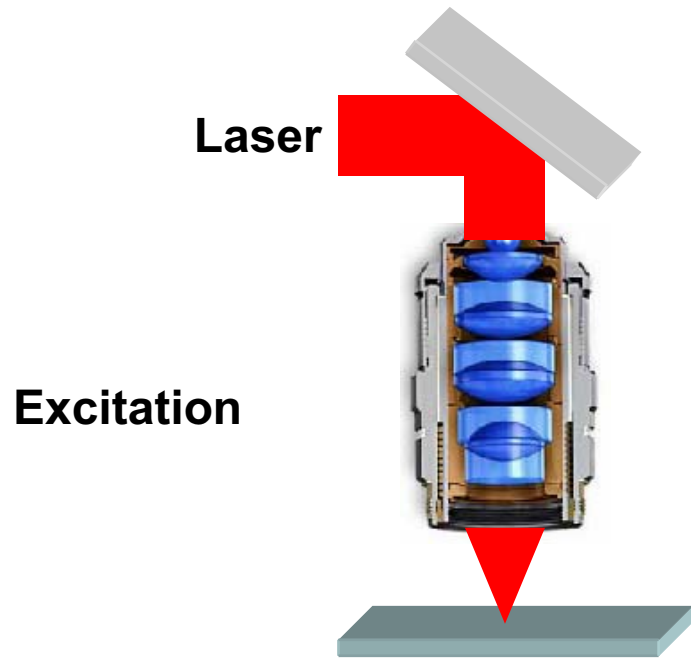
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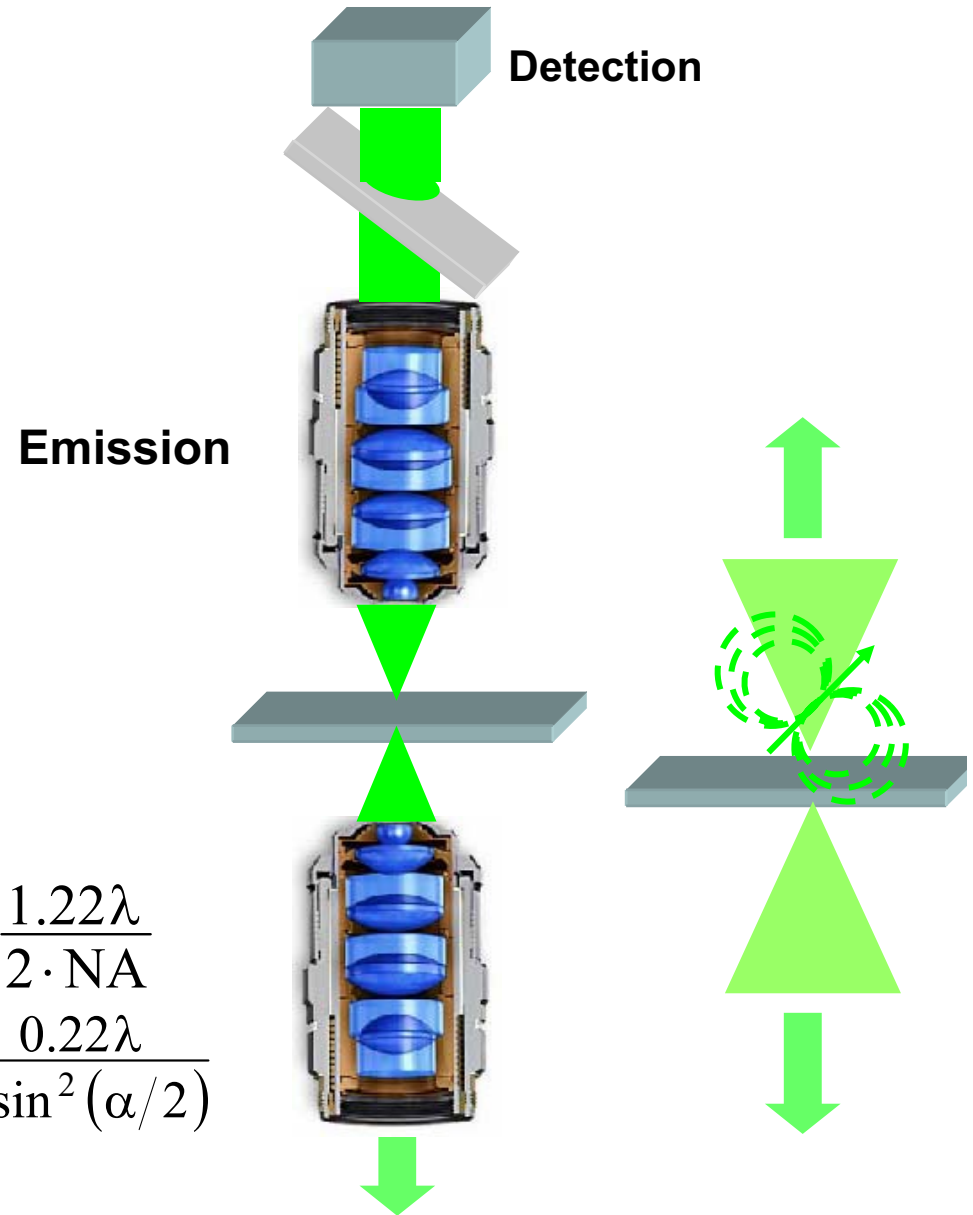
Light Microscopy



Numerical aperture

$$NA = n \sin \alpha$$

Typical NA ~ 0.5 – 1.4
(immersion objective)

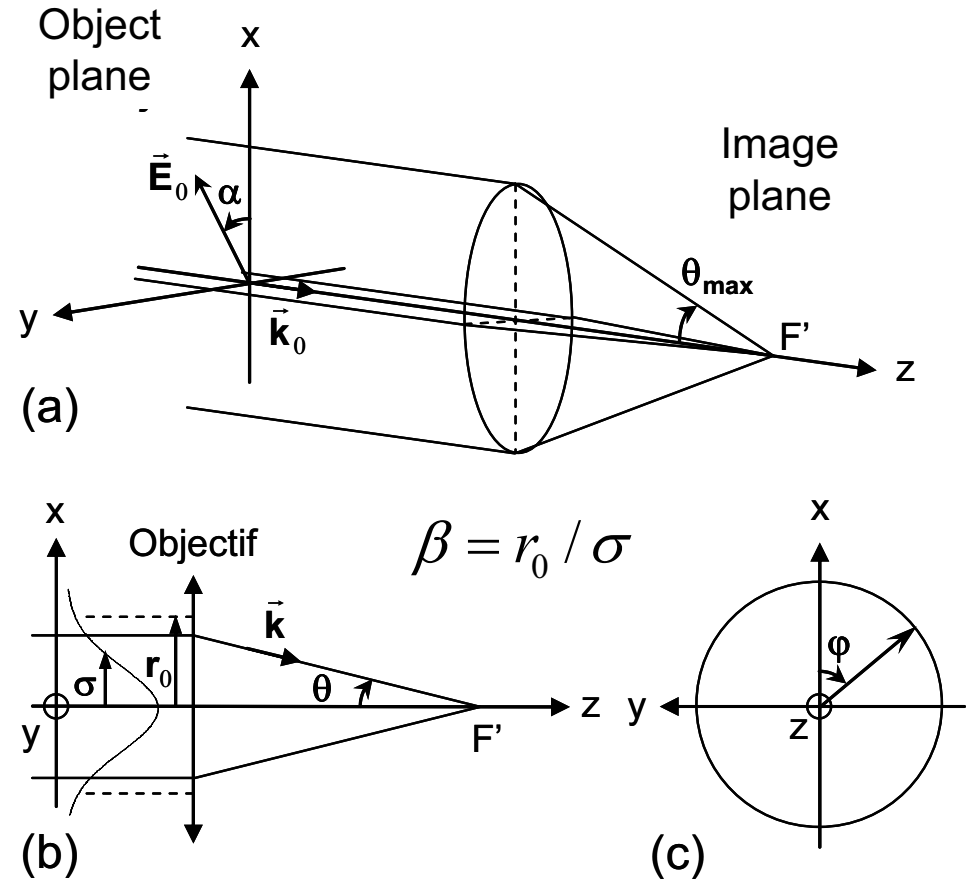
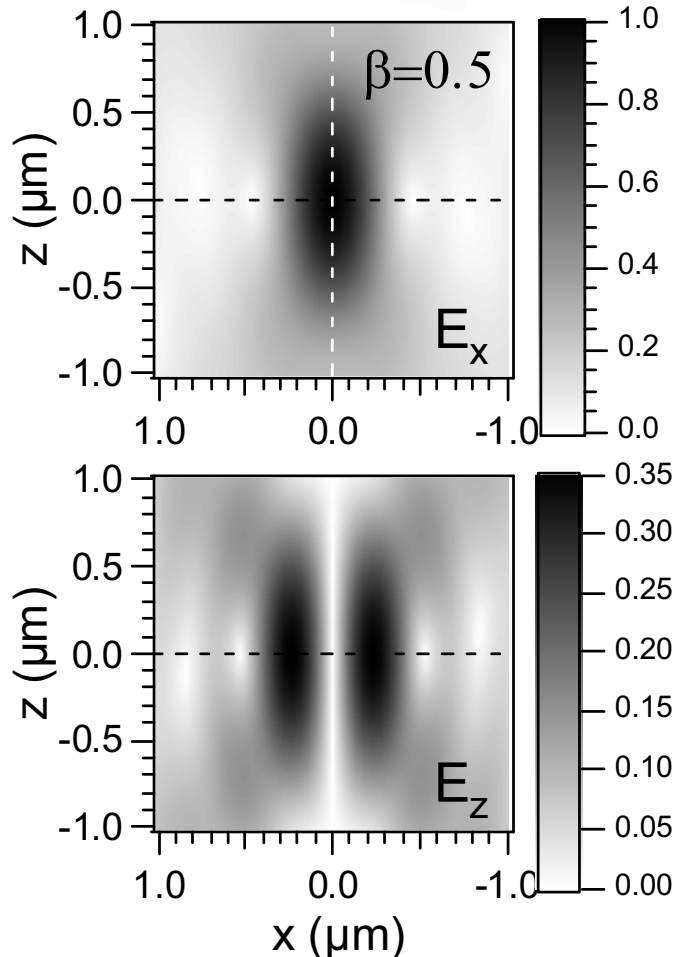
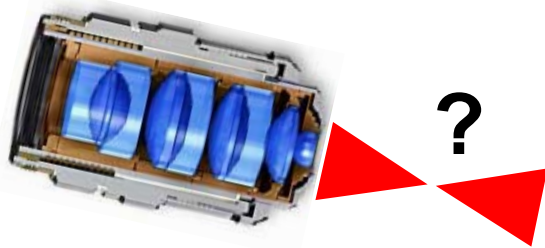


$$r = \frac{1.22\lambda}{2 \cdot NA}$$
$$d = \frac{0.22\lambda}{n \sin^2(\alpha/2)}$$



Light microscopy: excitation field

Excitation



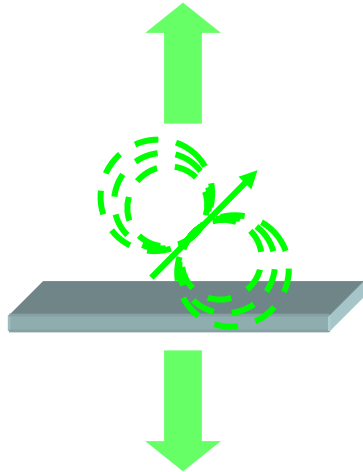
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Richards & Wolf, "Electromagnetic diffraction in optical systems. II. Structure of the image field in an aplanetic system", *Royal Society of London Proceedings Series A, Proceedings of the Royal Society of London*, **1959**, 253, 358-379

Novotny & Hecht, "Principles of Nano-Optics", Cambridge University Press, **2006**



Light microscopy: emission field

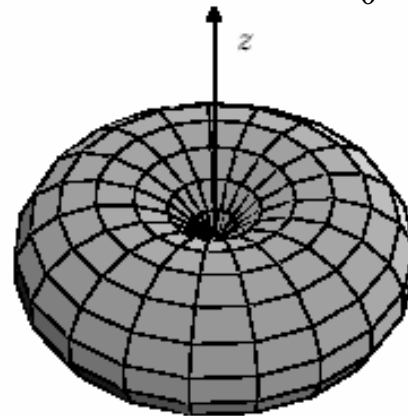
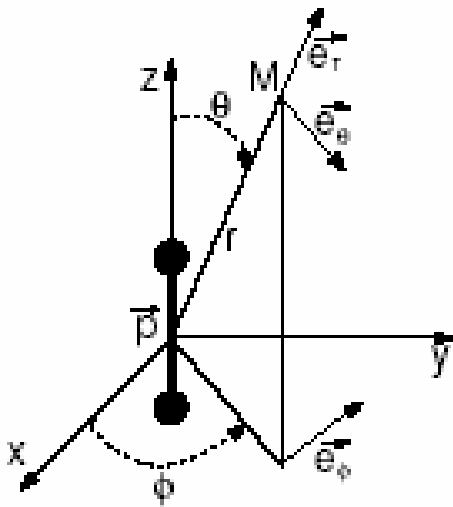


Contrast mechanism dependent

- Fluorescence 1P, 2P
- SHG (TWM), THG, CARS (FWM)

Far-field approximation ($r \gg \lambda$):

$$\vec{E} \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{-k^2 p_0 \sin \theta}{r} \right) \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{e}_\theta$$



Far-field radiation pattern of a single z-oriented Hertzian dipole

From J.M. Raimond, electromagnetism & relativity's lesson (2000)

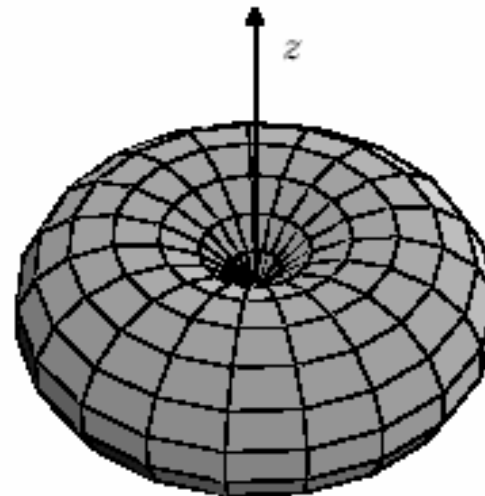
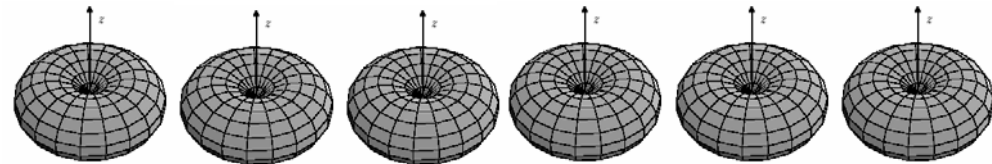


Light emission in incoherent processes

...to an assembly of dipoles.



From a single dipole...

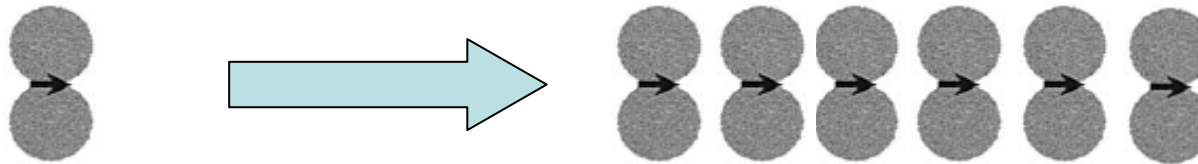


- **Incoherent emission** => each dipole emits light with a random phase.
- The **total intensity** equals the sum of individual intensities.

For an incoherent process: Fluorescence



Light emission in coherent process



Adapted from J.X. Cheng and al.,
Biophys. J. **83**, 502 (2002)

- **Coherent emission** => the phase of each dipole is fixed by a phase relation.
- Locally, the **total field** is the sum of the fields emitted by each dipole (interference).
- The intensity is the square modulus of the total field

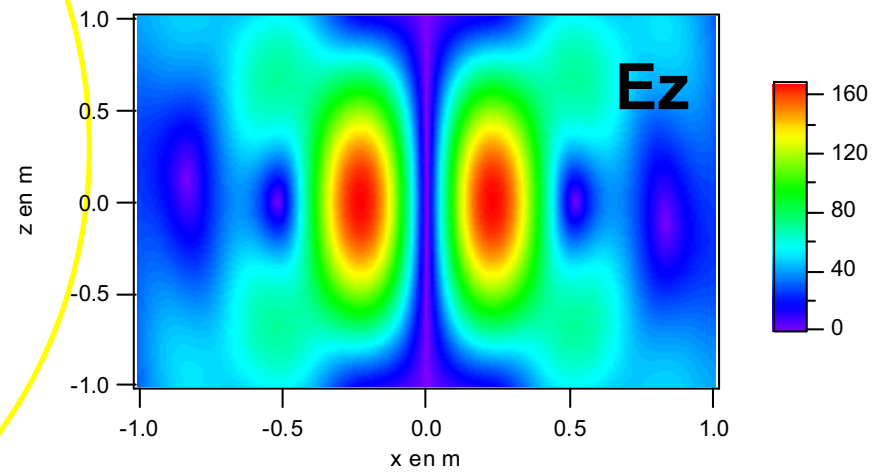
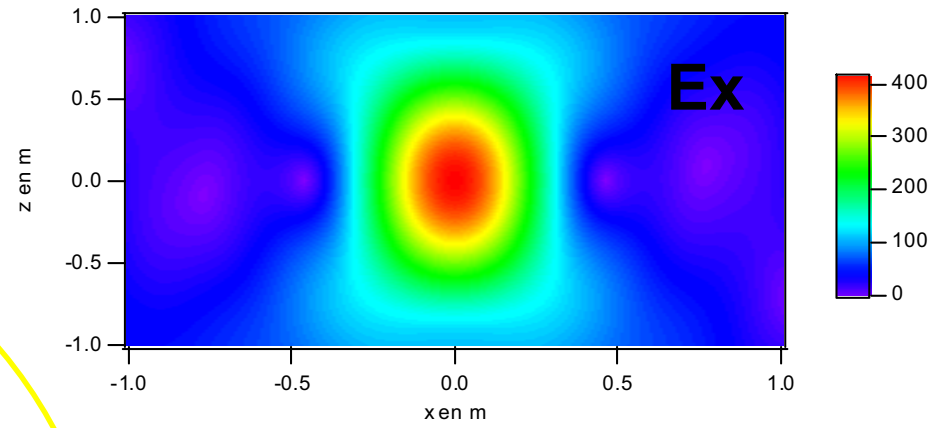
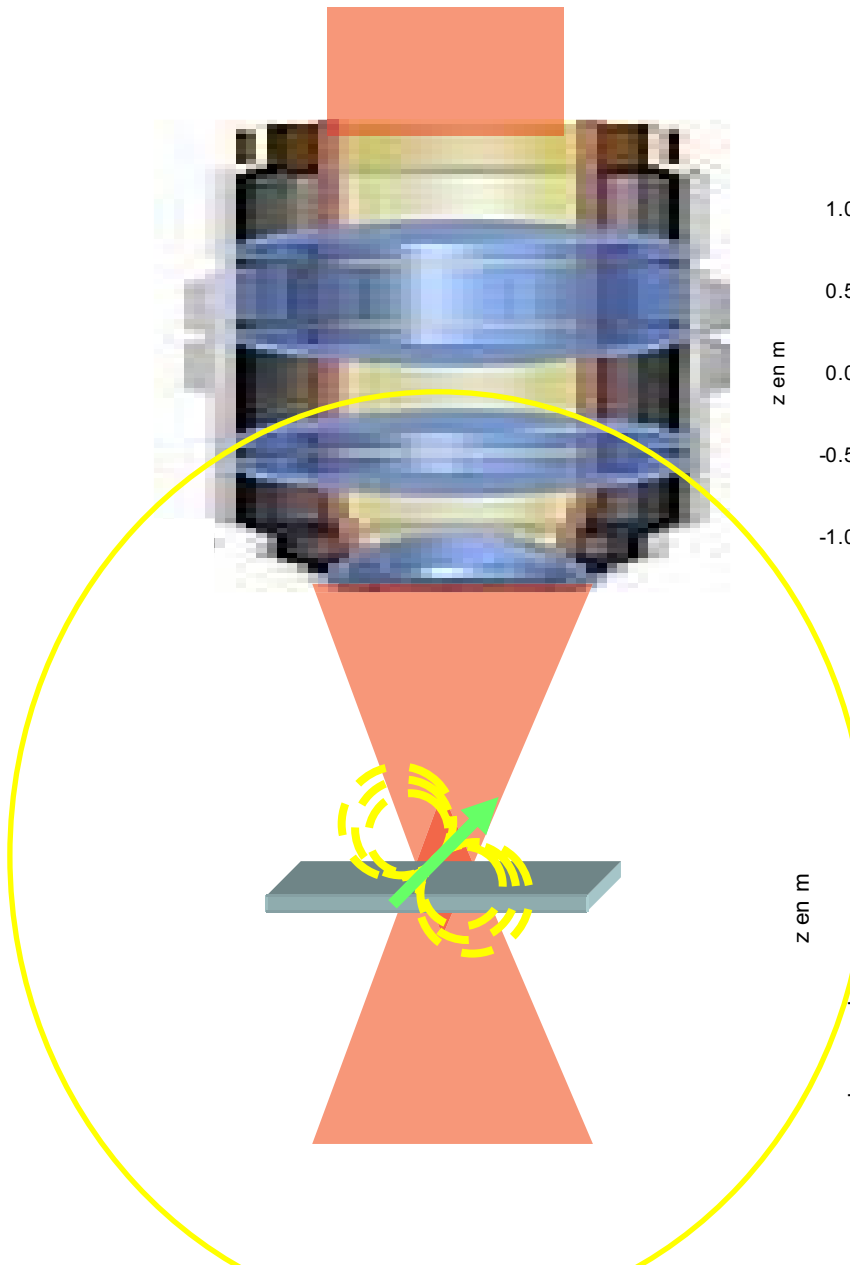


Radiation pattern
depends on
the phase relationship
between emitters !

For a coherent process: SHG (TWM), THG, CARS (FWM)

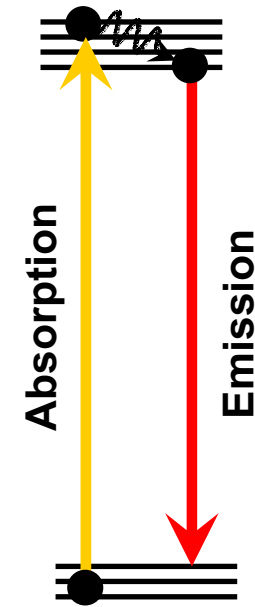
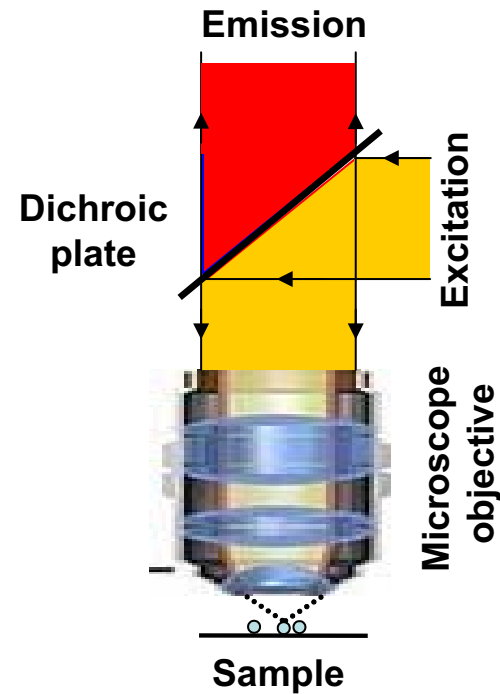
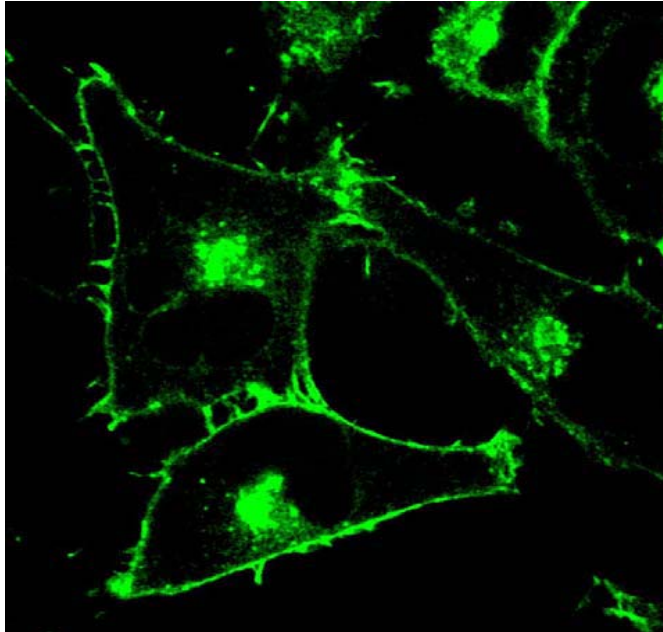


CARS microscopy: from principles to applications





Fluorescence contrast



Fluorescence microscopy:

Advantages:

- Chemical specificity
- Very good SNR ratio

Drawbacks:

- Staining step before observation
- Staining induced cell's potential malfunctioning
- Photobleaching

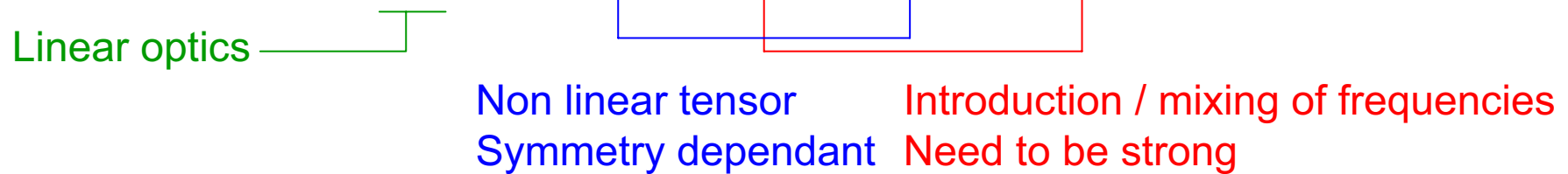


Nonlinear contrast

(cf Mario Bertolotti tutorial on nonlinear optics)

$$\mathbf{P}(\omega) = \varepsilon_0 (\chi^{(1)} \mathbf{E} + \chi^{(2)} \mathbf{E} : \mathbf{E} + \chi^{(3)} \mathbf{E} : \mathbf{E} : \mathbf{E} + \dots)$$

$$P_i = \varepsilon_0 (\chi_{ij}^{(1)} E_j + \chi_{ijk}^{(2)} E_j E_k + \chi_{ijkl}^{(3)} E_j E_k E_l + \dots)$$
 Einstein notation



Non linear optics requires strong optical field

-Hydrogen atom, $E_{at} = \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a^2} \approx 5.10^{11} \text{ V.m}^{-1}$; Bohr radius a=5.10⁻¹¹m

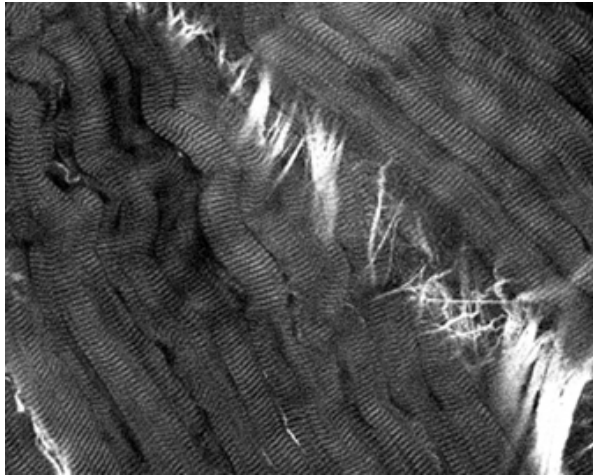
- Sun on earth: 10³ V.m⁻¹ , *linear optics regime*

- 10kW laser focused on a 10µm spot: 10⁸ V.m⁻¹ , *non linear optics regime*

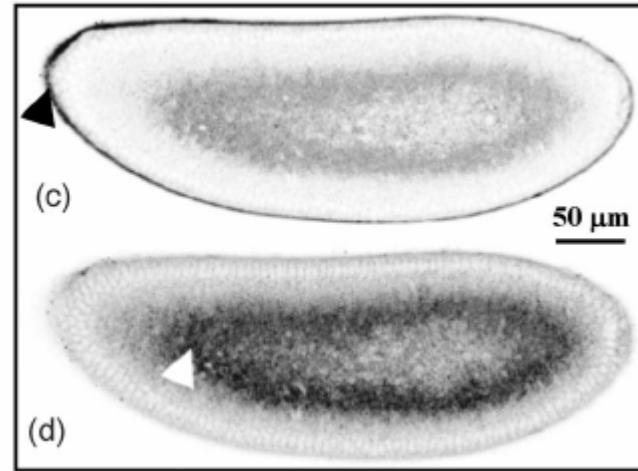
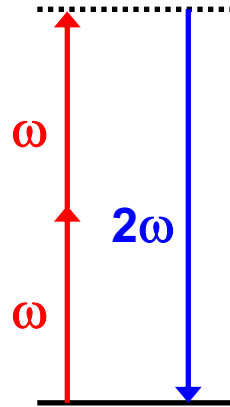
- Non linear microscopy needs to focus the incident fields!!



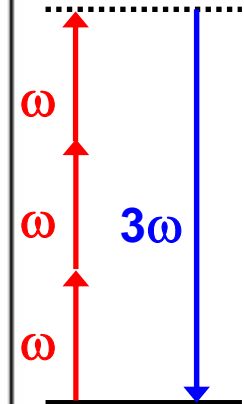
NLO contrasts in microscopy



Muscle tissue (SHG)
(Webb lab)



Débarre et al., *Opt. Lett.* **30**, 2134 (2005)



SHG microscopy

THG microscopy

$$\mathbf{P}(\omega) = \epsilon_0 (\chi^{(1)} \mathbf{E} + \chi^{(2)} \mathbf{E} : \mathbf{E} + \chi^{(3)} \mathbf{E} : \mathbf{E} : \mathbf{E} + \dots)$$

SHG and THG microscopy

Advantages:

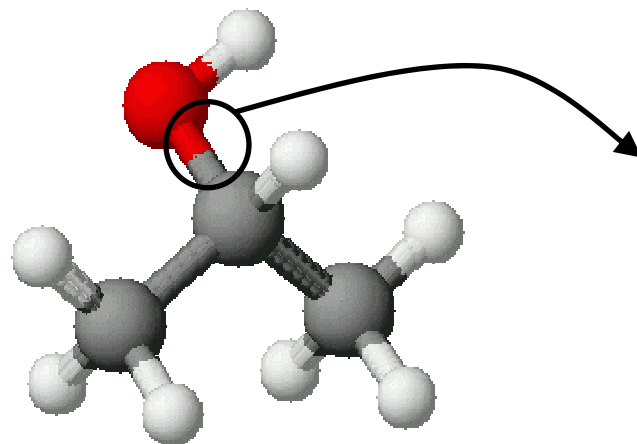
- Useless staining
- No photobleaching

Drawbacks:

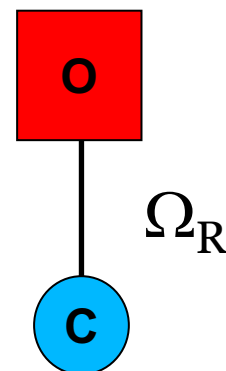
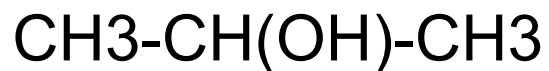
- Non-Centrosymmetric media required (SHG)
- No chemical specificity



The challenge: a chemical selectivity without staining



2-propanol molecule



Modeling:

Assembly of oscillators with mode frequency Ω_R and mode energy $h\Omega_R$.

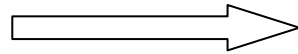
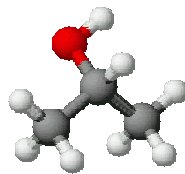
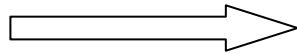
Specificity:

Ω_R specific to each vibrational mode.



Detecting vibrational levels: IR absorption microscopy

IR excitation

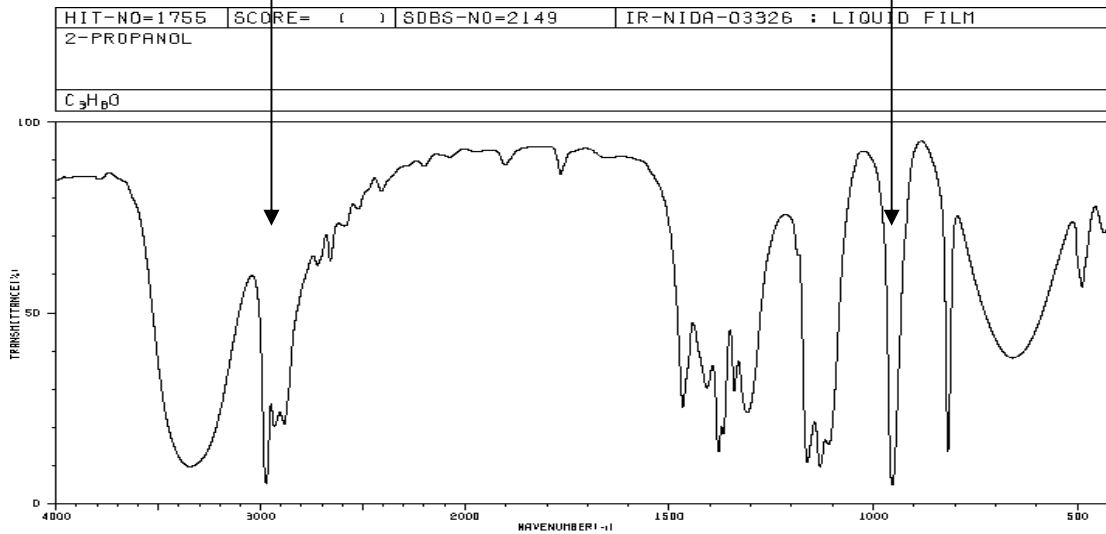


IR absorption spectrum

$1/\lambda=3300\text{ cm}^{-1}$
 $\nu=100\text{ THz}$
 $\lambda=3\mu\text{m}$

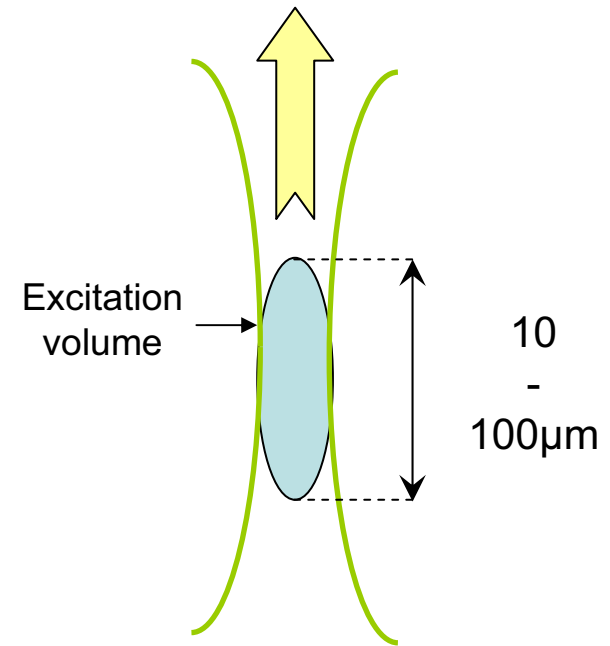
$1/\lambda=1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$
 $\nu=30\text{ THz}$
 $\lambda=10\mu\text{m}$

Ω_R



3346	9	2869	60	1467	24	1130	8	436	66
3334	9	2821	74	1409	29	1110	15		
2972	5	2408	79	1379	13	954	4		
2939	19	2387	81	1368	17	818	19		
2907	23	2198	84	1341	28	660	37		
2864	20	1903	86	1309	23	654	37		
2722	60	1766	84	1162	10	490	66		

CC(O)C



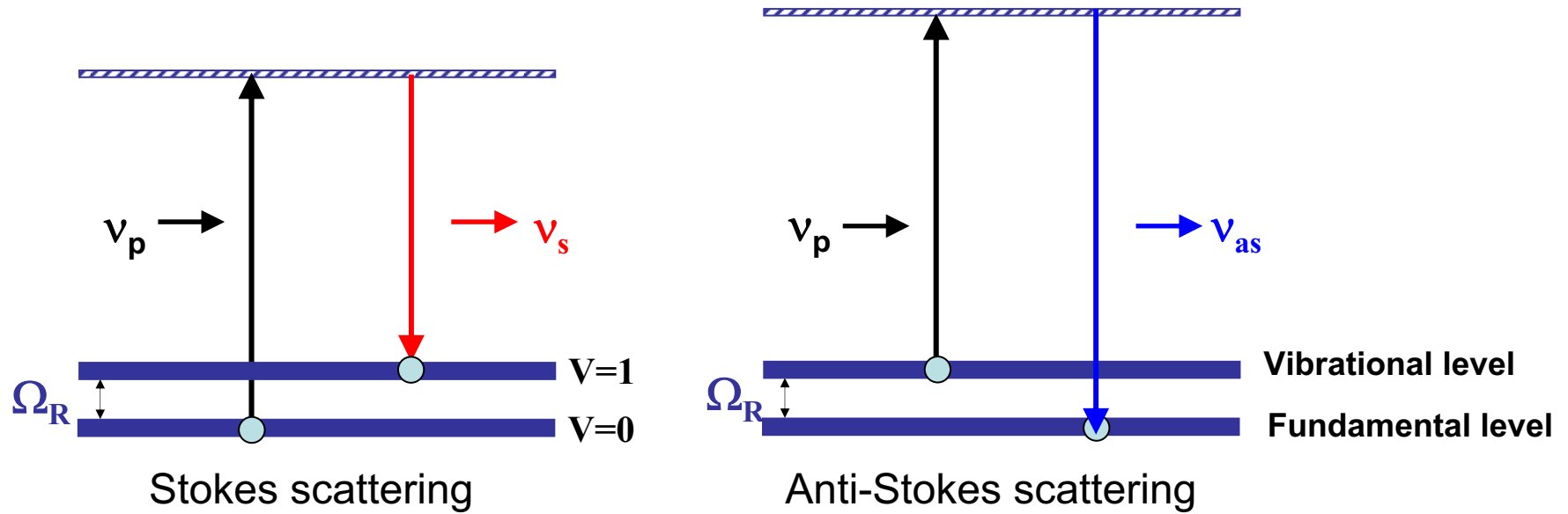
Excitation volume

10
-
100μm

Main drawback:
bad spatial resolution



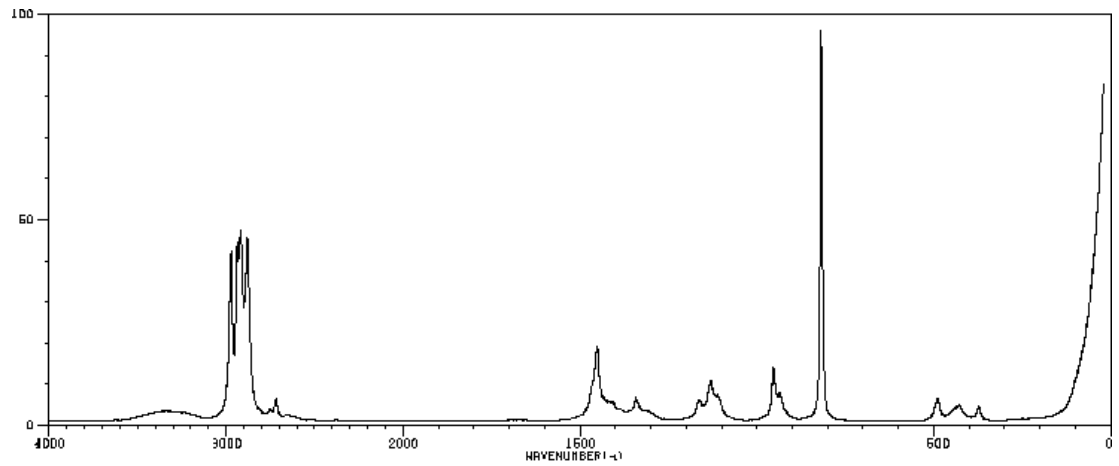
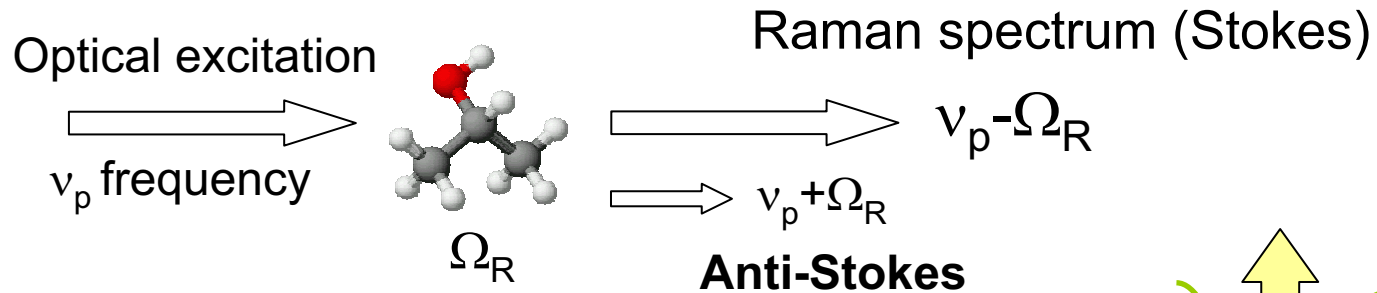
Detecting vibrational levels: Raman scattering basics (1)



Spontaneous Raman scattering



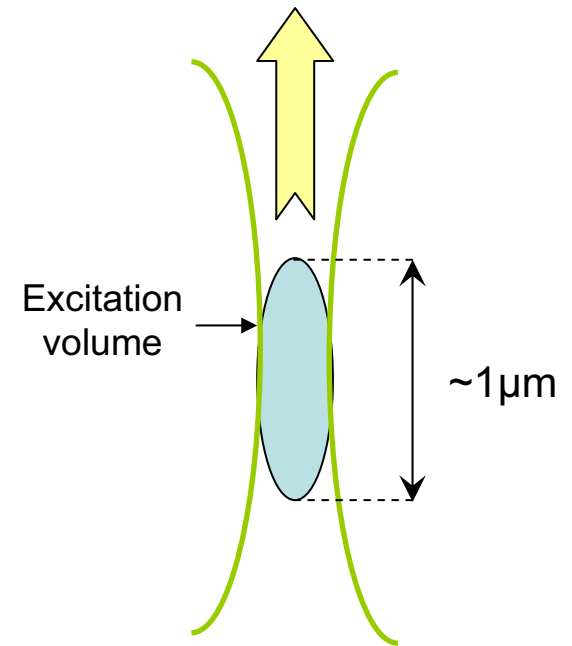
Raman scattering basics (2)



2-PROPANOL
 SDBSNO = 2149 C₃H₈O RM-01-00029 : 4880A.150M.LIQUID

2972	41
2938	44
2919	46
2881	45
1464	18
1132	10
955	13
820	95

Source: <http://www.aist.go.jp>



Main drawback:

Long acquiring time

$$\sigma_R = 10^{-14} \sigma_F$$

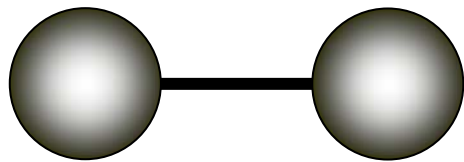


Coherent anti-Stokes Raman Scattering

- Can we excite a specific molecular bond efficiently?
- Can we make an image at a sub-cellular level?

Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering Microscopy

CARS

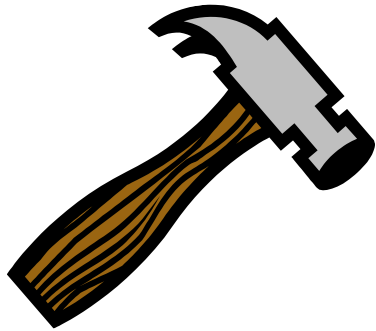


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Bouncing the springs



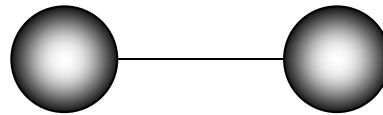
$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$





The CARS Hammer

Pump wave ν_P



Ω_R



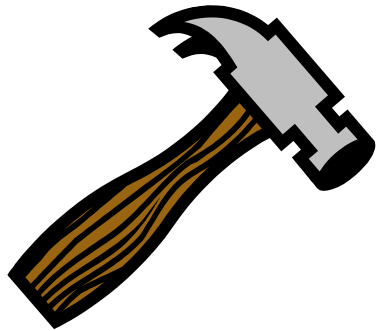
Anti-Stokes

$$\nu_{AS} = \nu_P + \Omega_R$$



Stokes

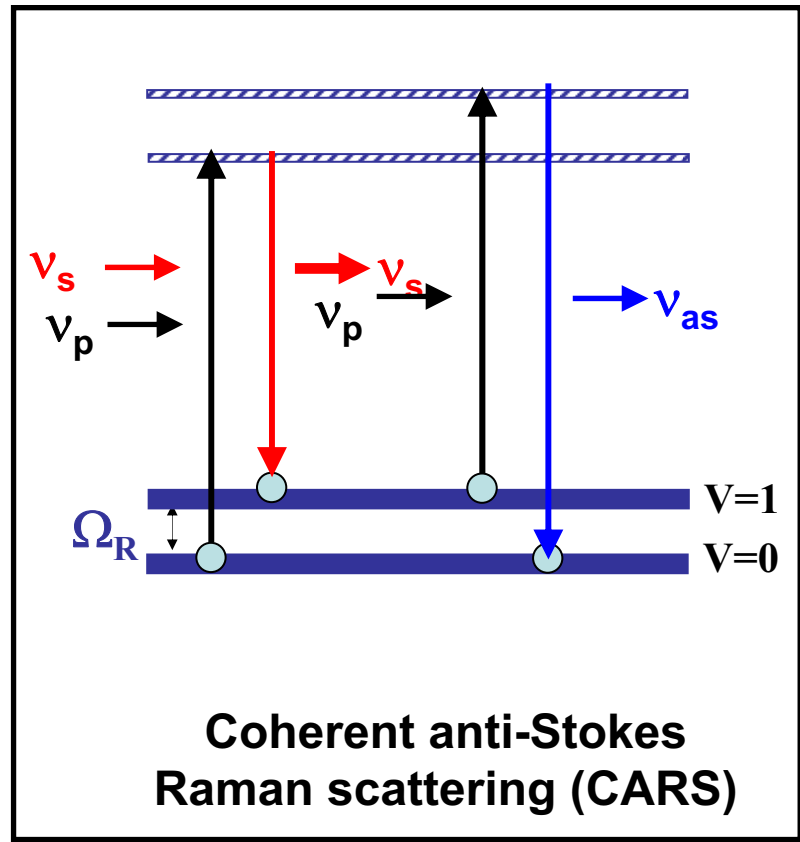
$$\nu_S = \nu_P - \Omega_R$$



$$\omega_P - \omega_S = \omega_P - (\omega_P - \Omega_R) = \Omega_R$$



Coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering: Energy view



$$\sigma_{CARS} = 10^6 \sigma_R = 10^{-8} \sigma_F$$

(in microscopy)



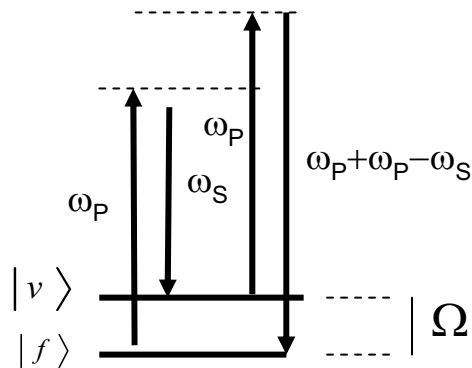
Coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering: $\chi^{(3)}$ view

$$\mathbf{P}(\omega) = \varepsilon_0 (\chi^{(1)} \mathbf{E} + \chi^{(2)} \mathbf{E} : \mathbf{E} + \chi^{(3)} \mathbf{E} : \mathbf{E} : \mathbf{E} + \dots)$$

Four waves mixing

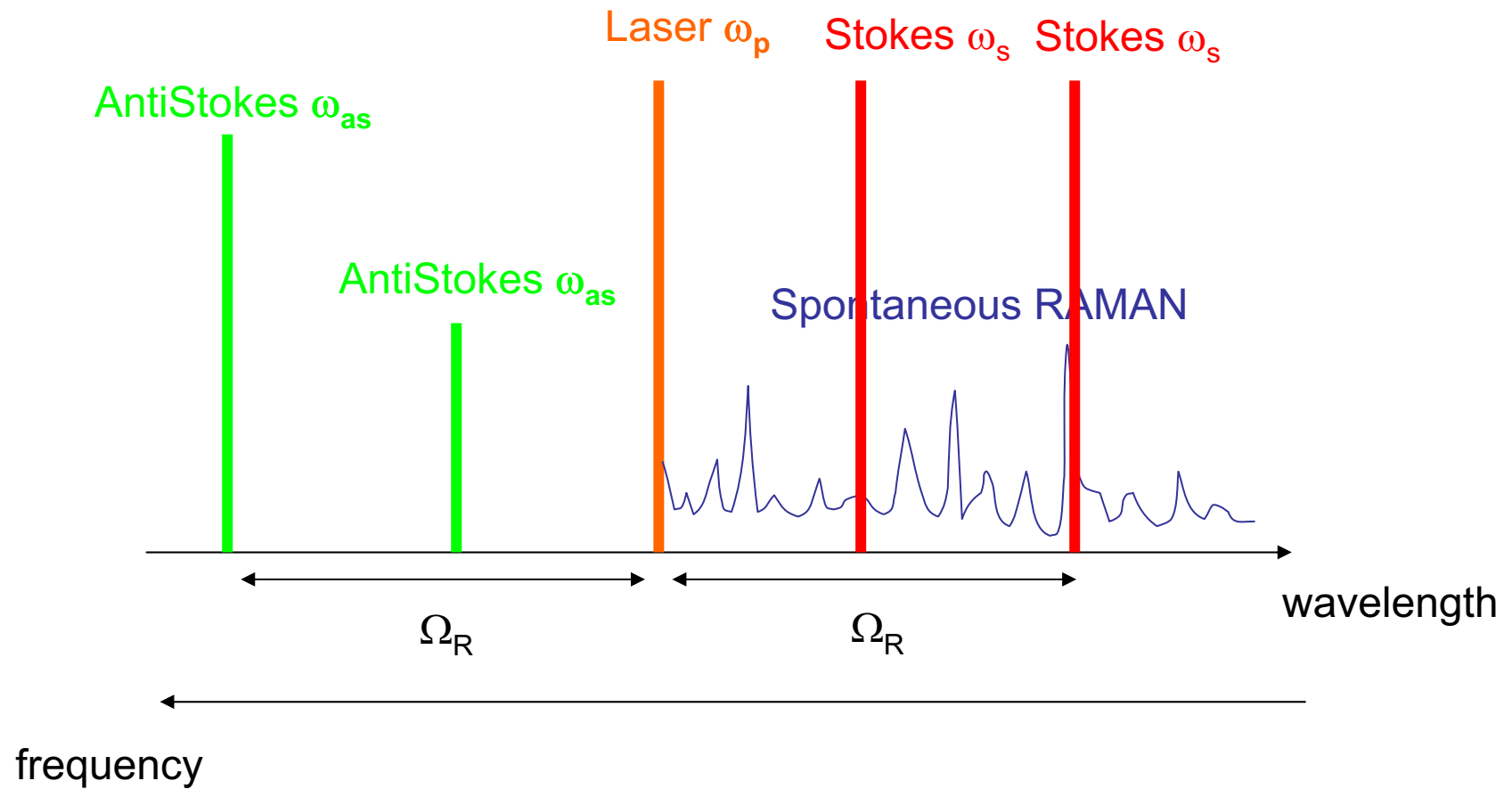
$$\chi^{(3)} (\omega_1 + \omega_1 - \omega_3; \omega_1, \omega_1, -\omega_3,)$$

$$= \chi^{(3)} (2\omega_P - \omega_S; \omega_P, \omega_P, -\omega_S,)$$





CARS / Raman Scattering





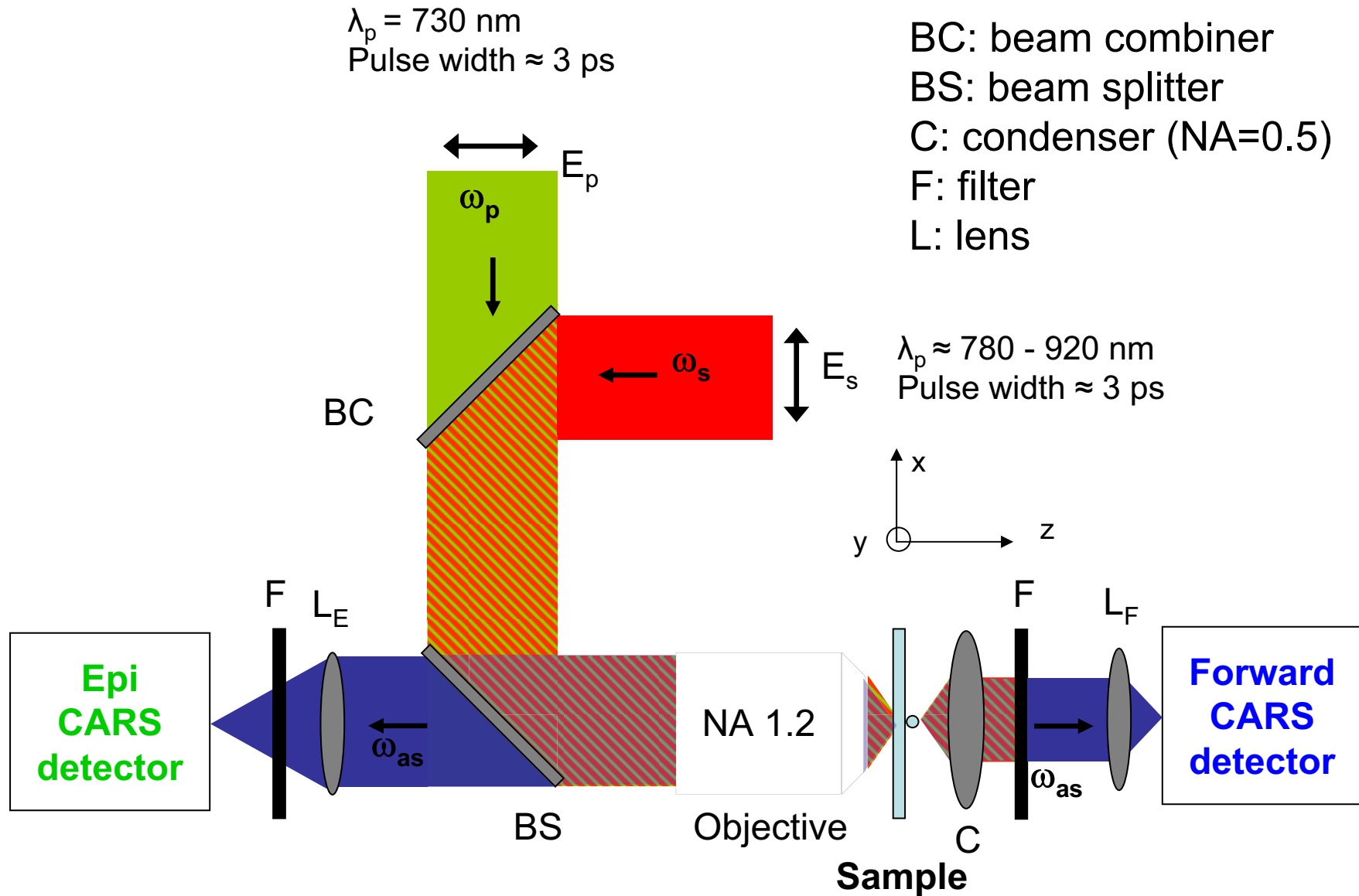
CARS microscopy: What do you need?



High sensitivity detectors



A first experimental set-up

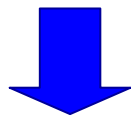
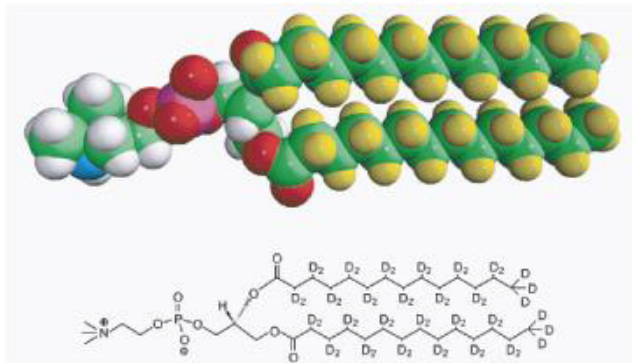




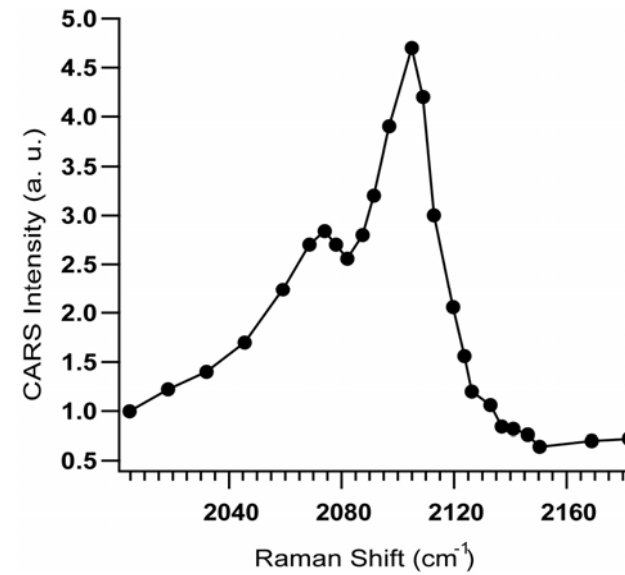
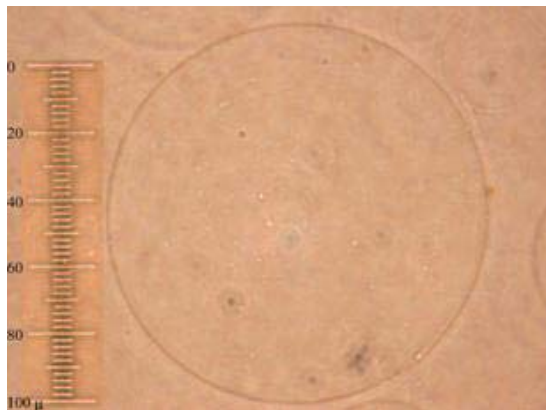
CARS microscopy: let's do a first experiment on GUV

Deuterated lipids

DMPC(D54)



Electroformation

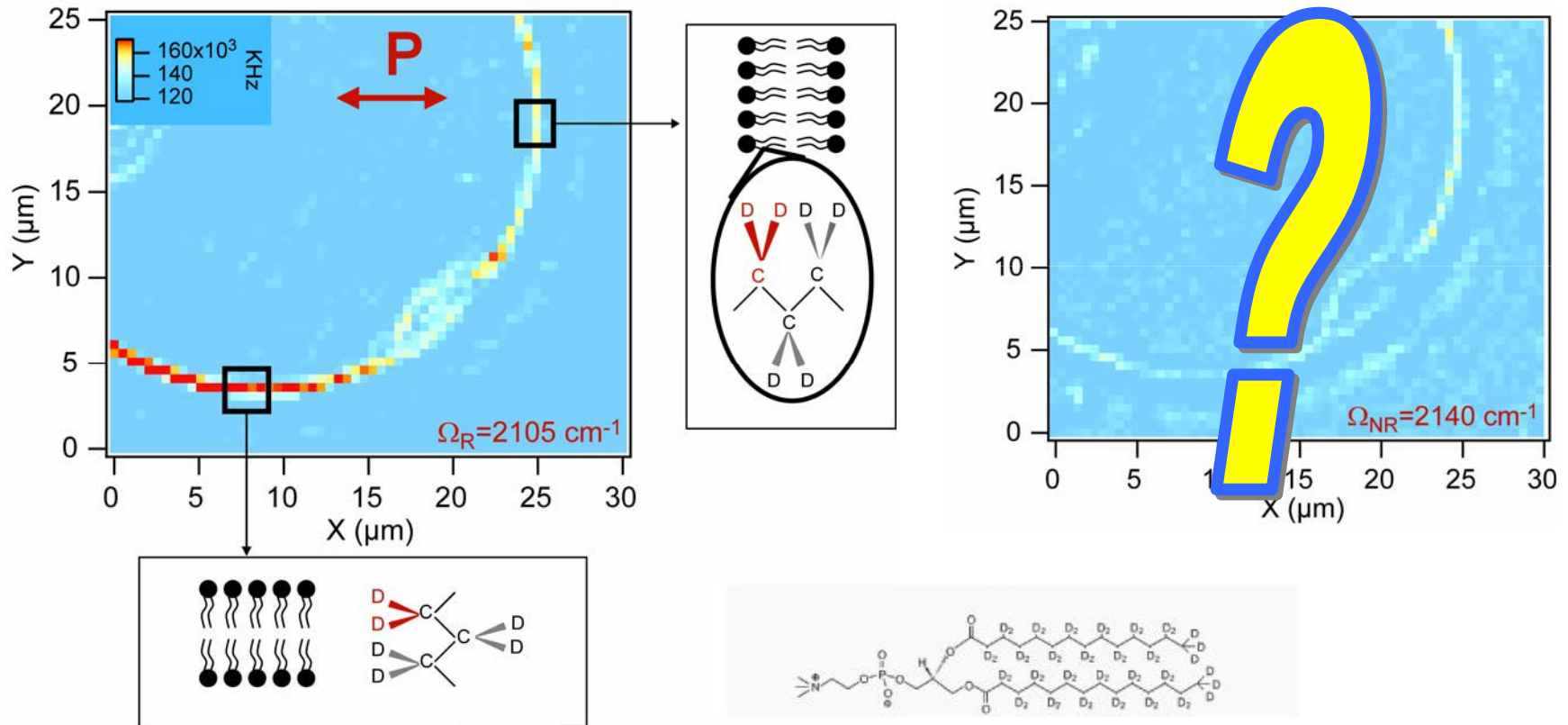


C-D bond Raman spectrum

Giant unilamellar vesicles (GUV):
diameter: 5 -100 μm



CARS microscopy: a first experiment on GUV



F-CARS images of GUV (Giant Unilamellar vesicle) DMPC[D54]

F-CARS GUV (DMPC-D54):

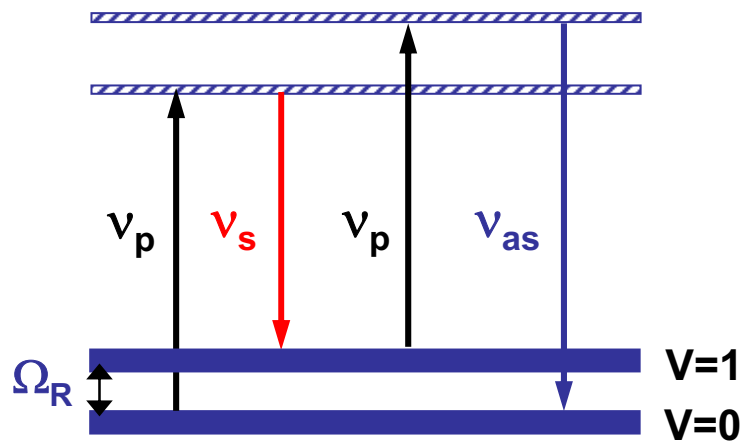
(60×60) pixels, 1ms/pixel.

Pump 730nm, Stokes 862nm: Power 800μW : rep rate: 4MHz

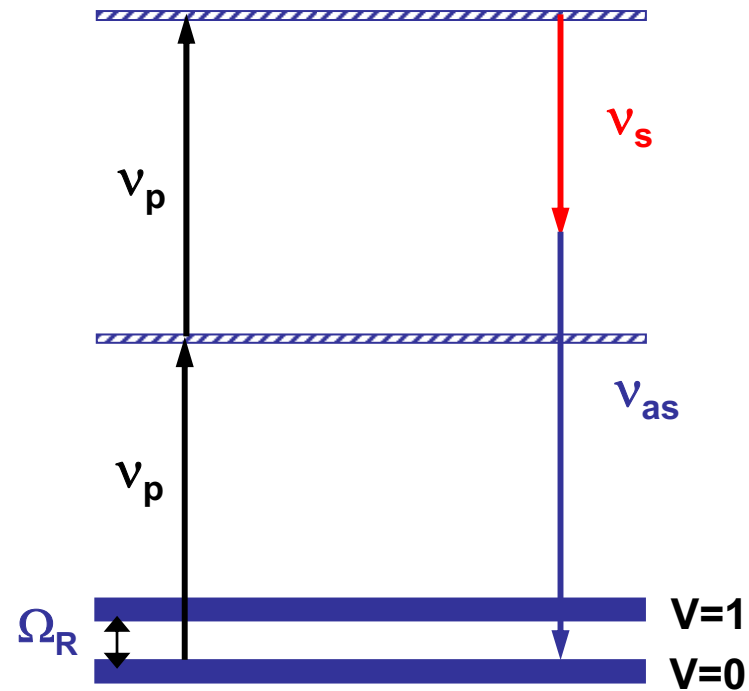


CARS: Resonant and non Resonant contribution

Two contributions to CARS generation



Resonant contribution ($\chi_R^{(3)}$)
(vibrational origin)

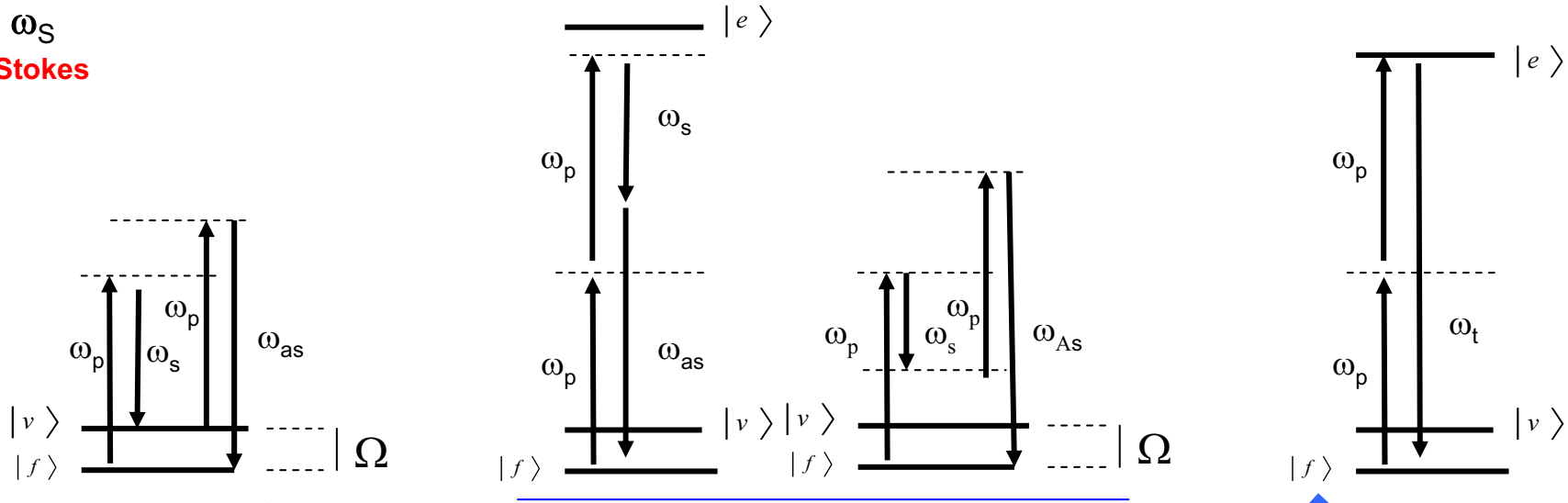
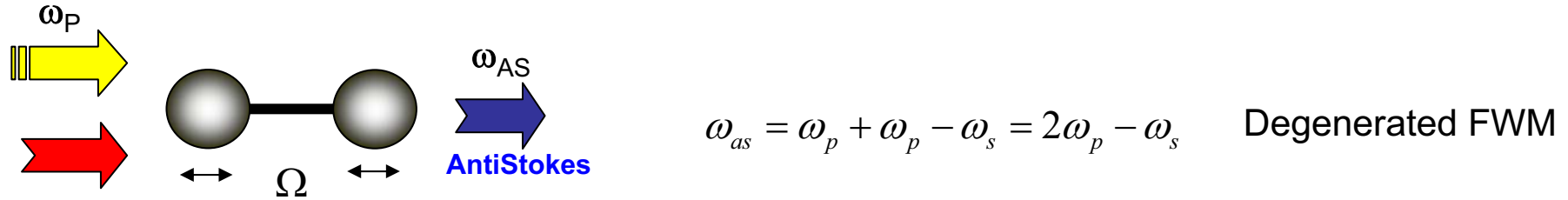


Nonresonant contribution ($\chi_{NR}^{(3)}$)
(electronic response of the medium)

Presence of molecules with oscillating vibrational mode Ω_R
→ Enhancement of the signal at frequency ν_{as}



CARS: Resonant and non Resonant contribution



$$\chi^{(3)} = \underbrace{\frac{A_R}{\Omega_R - (\omega_p - \omega_s) + i\Gamma_R}}_{\chi^{(3)}_R} + \chi^{(3)}_{NR} + \frac{A_t}{\omega_t - 2\omega_p - i\Gamma_t}$$

Far from two photons absorption



Spectral behaviour of the $\chi^{(3)}$ tensor: $\chi^{(3)}_R$ and $\chi^{(3)}_{NR}$

CARS as a third-order nonlinear process:

$$\overline{P^{(3)}}(\vec{r}, -\omega_{as}) = \overline{\chi^{(3)}}(\omega_{as}) : \overline{E}_p(\vec{r}, \omega_p) : \overline{E}_p(\vec{r}, \omega_p) : \overline{E}_s^*(\vec{r}, \omega_s)$$

$$I(\omega_{as}) \propto |P^{(3)}(-\omega_{as})|^2 \propto |\chi^{(3)}|^2$$

$\chi^{(3)}$ decomposition into two parts: $\chi^{(3)} = \chi^{(3)}_R + \chi^{(3)}_{NR}$

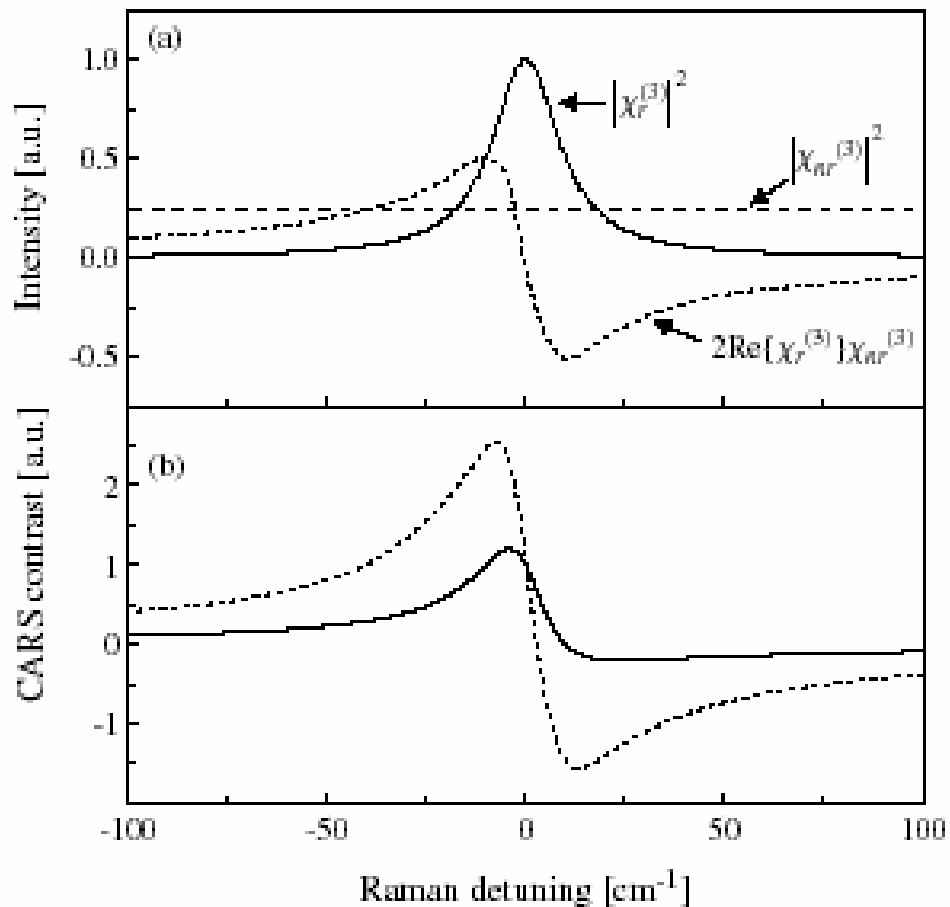
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For an isolated Raman line : } \chi^{(3)}_R = \frac{a}{(\omega_p - \omega_s - \Omega_R) + i\Gamma} \\ \text{Electronic response spectrally independent : } \chi^{(3)}_{NR} \text{ is real \& constant} \end{array} \right.$$

a → Oscillator strength
 Ω_R → Raman line half-width
 Γ → Vibrational frequency

$\chi^{(3)}$ spectral behaviour



Spectral behaviour of the $\chi^{(3)}$ tensor: Interference term



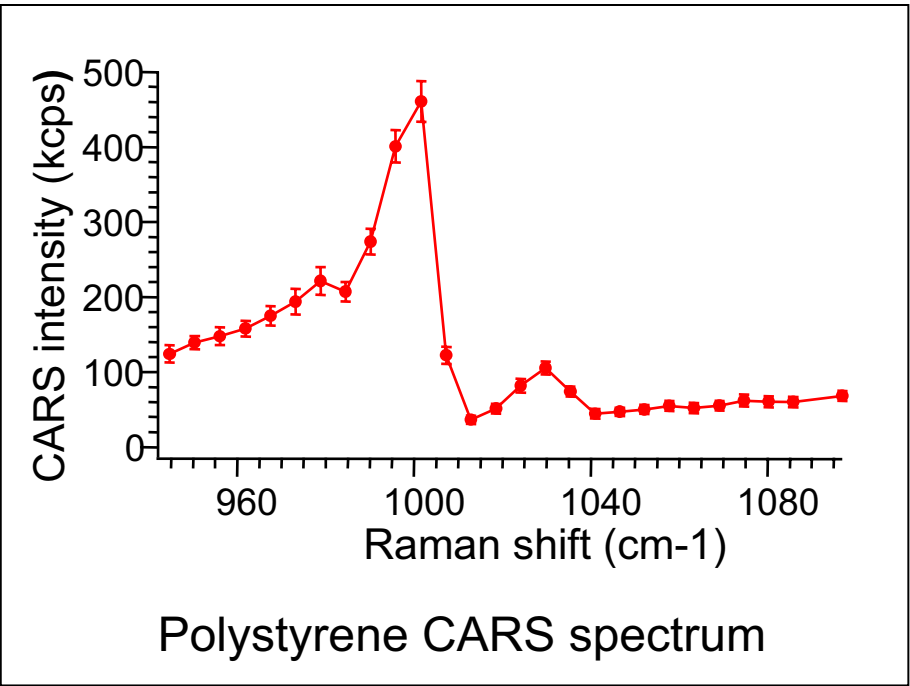
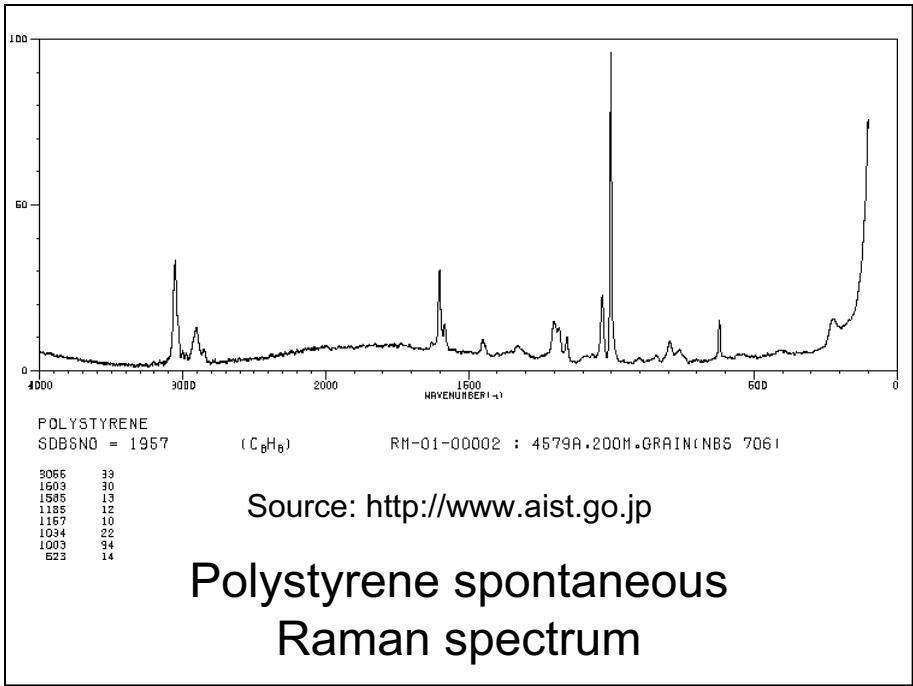
Potma et al., *J. Raman Spectr.* **34**, 642 (2003)

$$I_{CARS} \propto \underbrace{|\chi_R^{(3)} + \chi_{NR}^{(3)}|^2}_{\text{Homodyne terms}}$$
$$I_{CARS} \propto \underbrace{|\chi_R^{(3)}|^2 + |\chi_{NR}^{(3)}|^2}_{\text{Homodyne terms}}$$
$$+ \underbrace{2 \operatorname{Re}(\chi_R^{(3)} \cdot \chi_{NR}^{(3)*})}_{\text{Heterodyne terms}}$$

CARS resonance lineshape

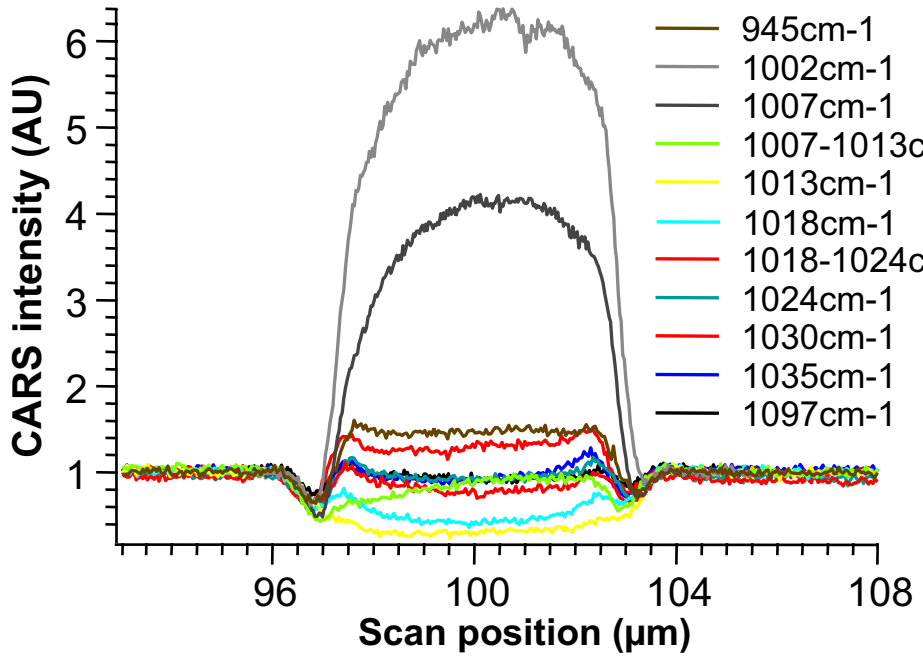
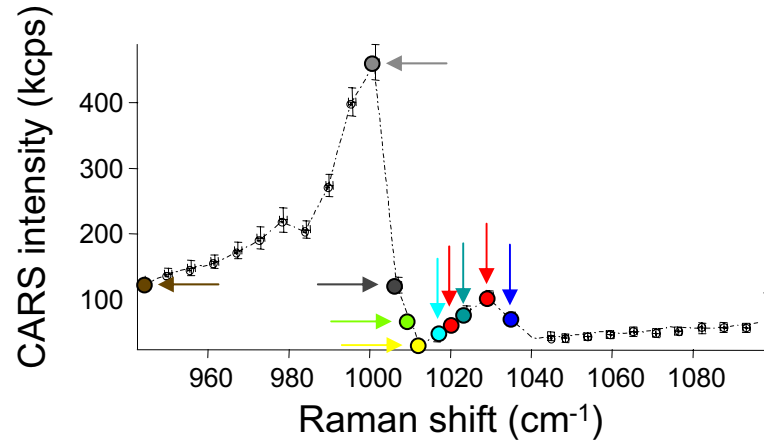


Raman / CARS spectra

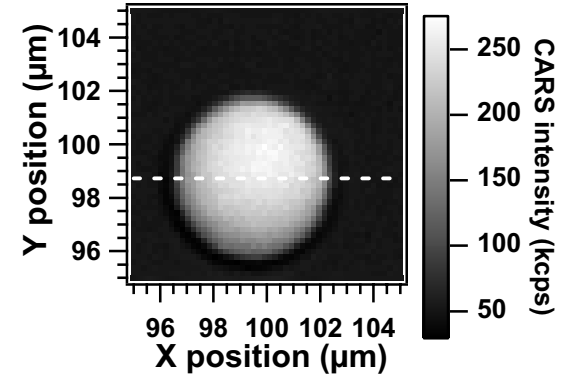




Experimental evidence



Bead experimental 1D scans



Gachet et al., Optics Express 15, 10408 (2007)



$$\chi^{(3)} = \chi_R^{(3)} + \chi_{NR}^{(3)}$$

$$\chi_R^{(3)} = \frac{a}{(\omega_p - \omega_s - \Omega_R) + i\Gamma} = \frac{a}{(\delta\omega - \Omega_R) + i\Gamma}$$

Resonant contribution

$$\zeta = \frac{\delta\omega - \Omega_R}{\Gamma},$$

$$\eta = -2\Gamma \frac{\chi_{NR}^{(3)}}{a}.$$

$$\chi^{(3)}(\zeta, \eta) = \frac{\chi_{NR}^{(3)}}{\eta(\zeta^2 + 1)} [\eta(\zeta^2 + 1) - 2\zeta + 2i]$$

$\chi^{(3)}$ can be expressed as a complex number: $\chi^{(3)}(\zeta, \eta) = \rho(\zeta, \eta) \exp [i\phi(\zeta, \eta)]$

Modulus:

$$\rho(\zeta, \eta) = \chi_{NR}^{(3)} \left[1 + 4 \frac{\frac{1}{\eta} - \zeta}{\eta(\zeta^2 + 1)} \right]^{1/2}$$

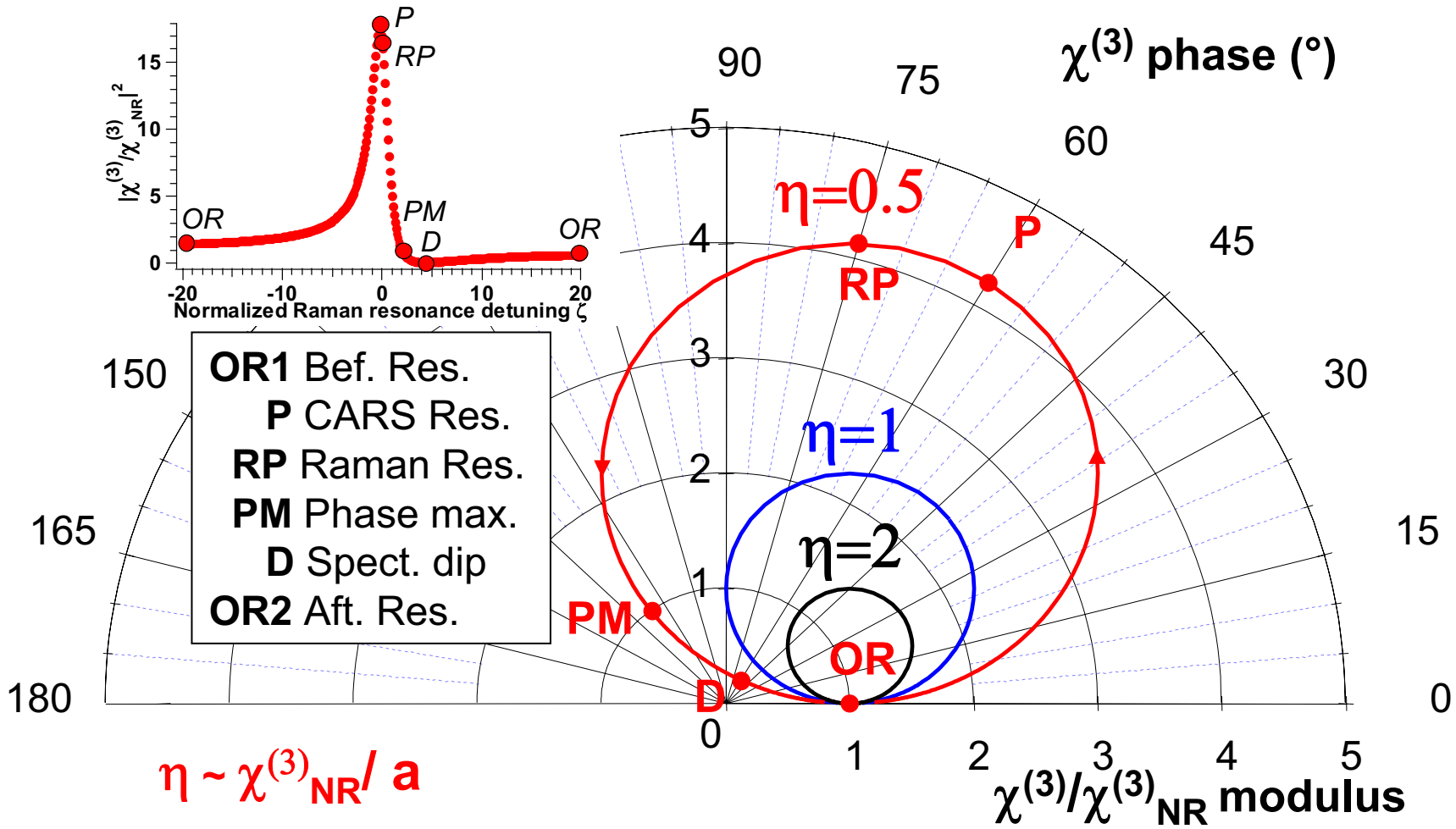
Phase:

$$\tan [\phi(\zeta, \eta)] = \frac{2}{\eta(\zeta^2 + 1) - 2\zeta}$$

Circle in the complex plane: $C = \left(\chi_{NR}^{(3)}; \frac{\chi_{NR}^{(3)}}{\eta} \right)$, $r = \frac{\chi_{NR}^{(3)}}{\eta} = -\frac{a}{2\Gamma}$



$\chi^{(3)}$ in the complex plane



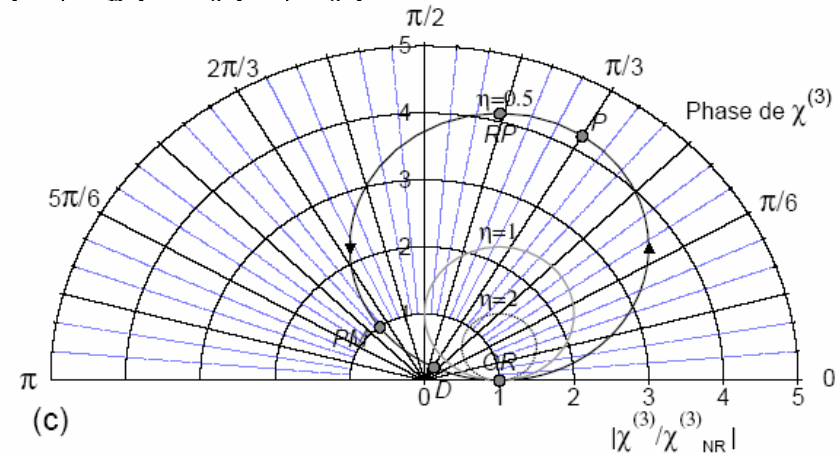
Representation of the resonance in the complex plane



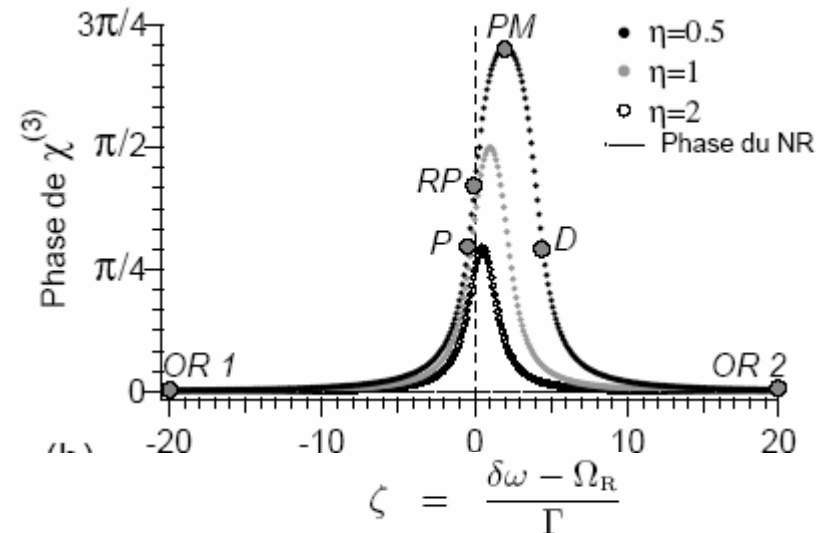
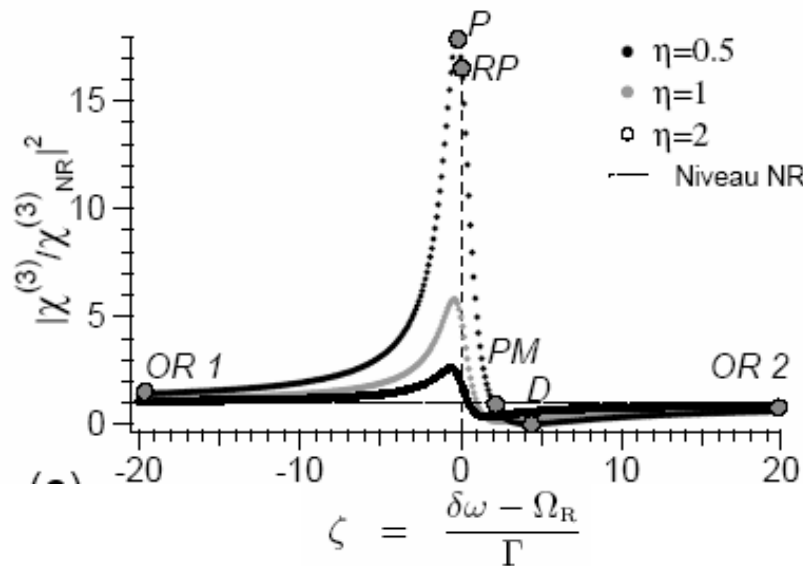
$\chi^{(3)}$ drives the CARS antiStokes field

$$\overline{P^{(3)}}(\vec{r}, -\omega_{as}) = \overline{\chi^{(3)}}(\omega_{as}) : \overline{E_p}(\vec{r}, \omega_p) : \overline{E_-}(\vec{r}, \omega_-) : \overline{E_-^*}(\vec{r}, \omega_-)$$

$$P^{(3)}(-\omega_{as}) \rightarrow \overline{E_{as}}$$



The amplitude and phase of $\chi^{(3)}$ drives the amplitude and phase of E_{AS}

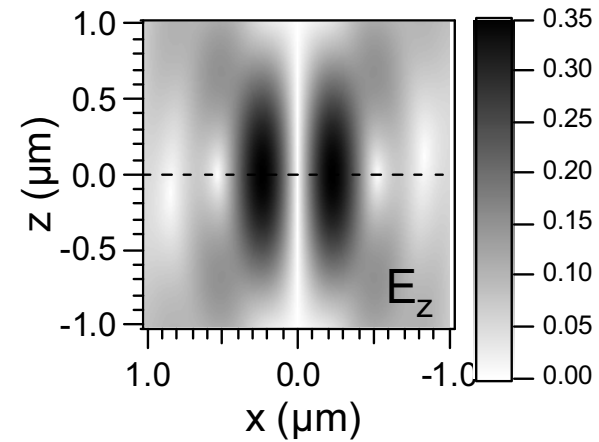
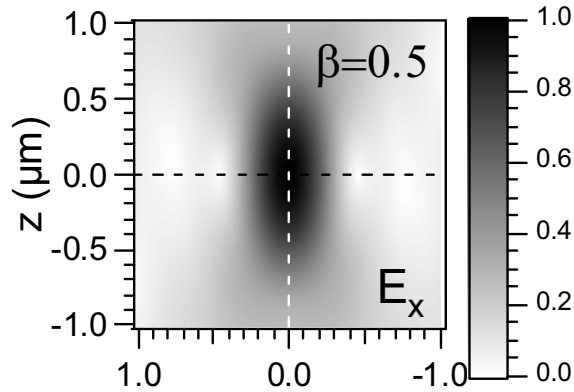




CARS step by step

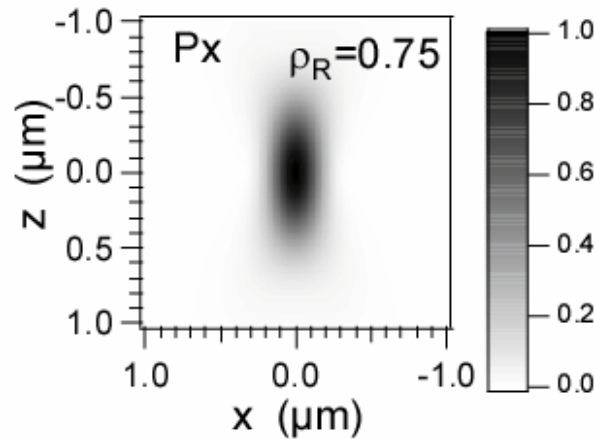
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Incoming fields $\vec{E}_p(\vec{r}, \omega_p); \vec{E}_s(\vec{r}, \omega_s)$

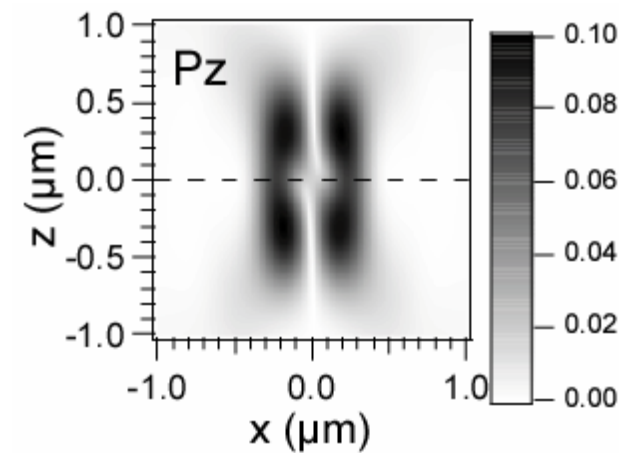


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Induced polarization $\vec{P}^{(3)}(\vec{r}, -\omega_{as}) = \overline{\overline{\chi^{(3)}}}(\omega_{as}) : \vec{E}_p(\vec{r}, \omega_p) : \vec{E}_p(\vec{r}, \omega_p) : \vec{E}_s^*(\vec{r}, \omega_s)$



Phase of $\chi^{(3)}$



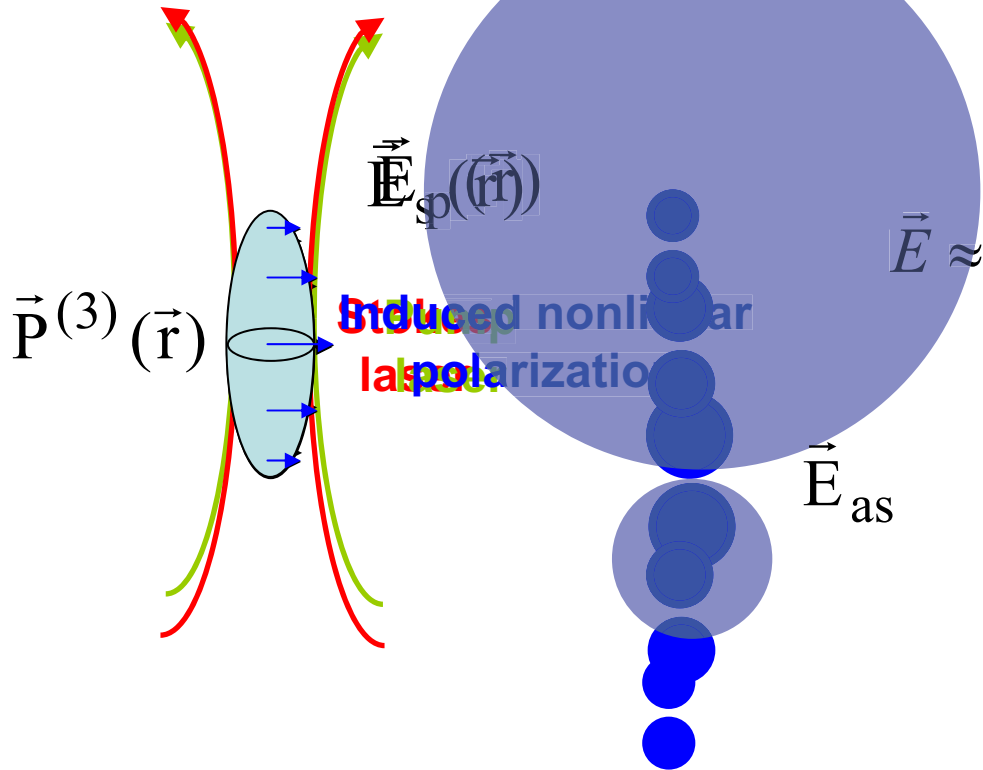


CARS step by step

1. Pump & Stokes fields
2. Induced nonlinear polarization
3. Dipolar emission
4. Summation over far-fields emitted in a particular direction

$$\vec{P}^{(3)}(\vec{r}, -\omega_{as}) = \overline{\overline{\chi^{(3)}}(\omega_{as})} \cdot \vec{E}_p(\vec{r}, \omega_p) : \vec{E}_p(\vec{r}, \omega_p) : \vec{E}_s^*(\vec{r}, \omega_s)$$

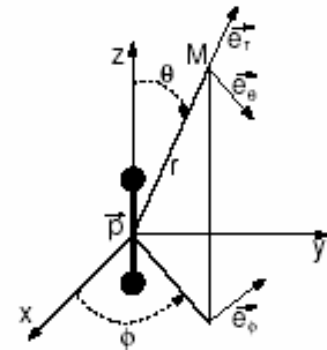
Medium Exciting fields



Far-field approximation

$$\vec{E} \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{-k^2 p_0 \sin \theta}{r} \right) \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{e}_\theta$$

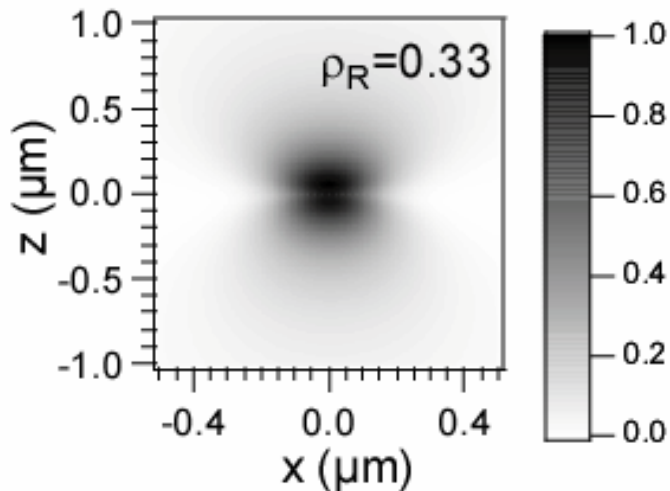
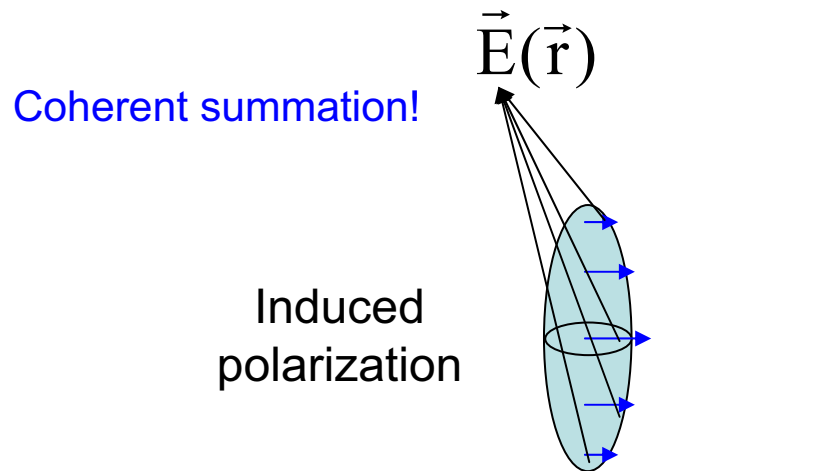
$$\vec{E}_{as}$$



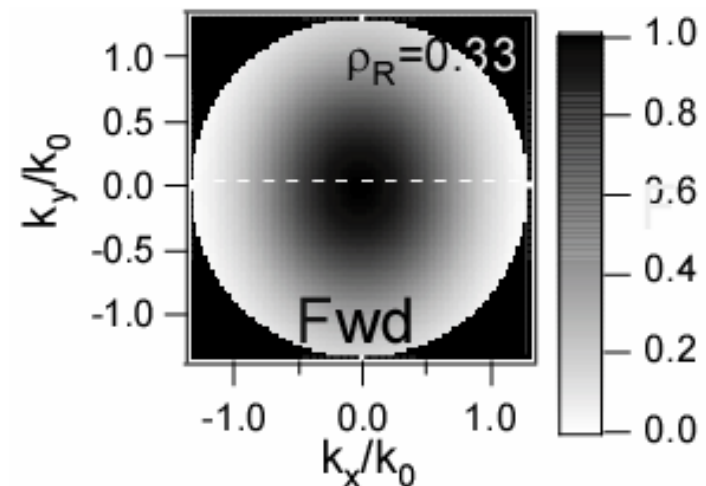
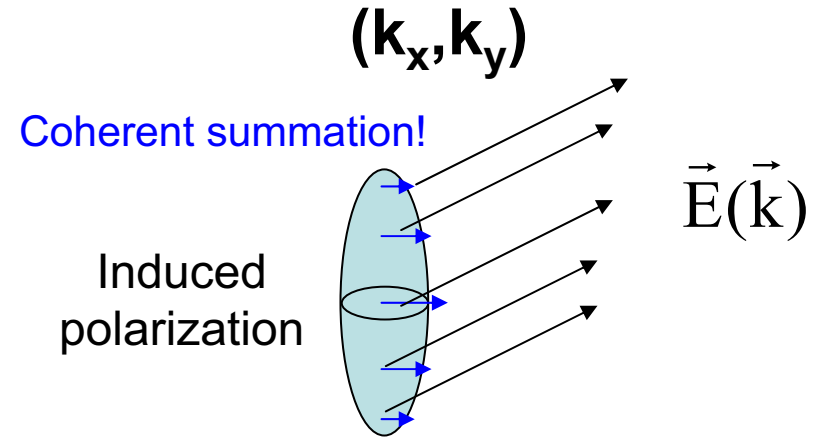


CARS field in direct and reciprocal spaces

Electric field E_{AS} in the direct space (x,y,z)

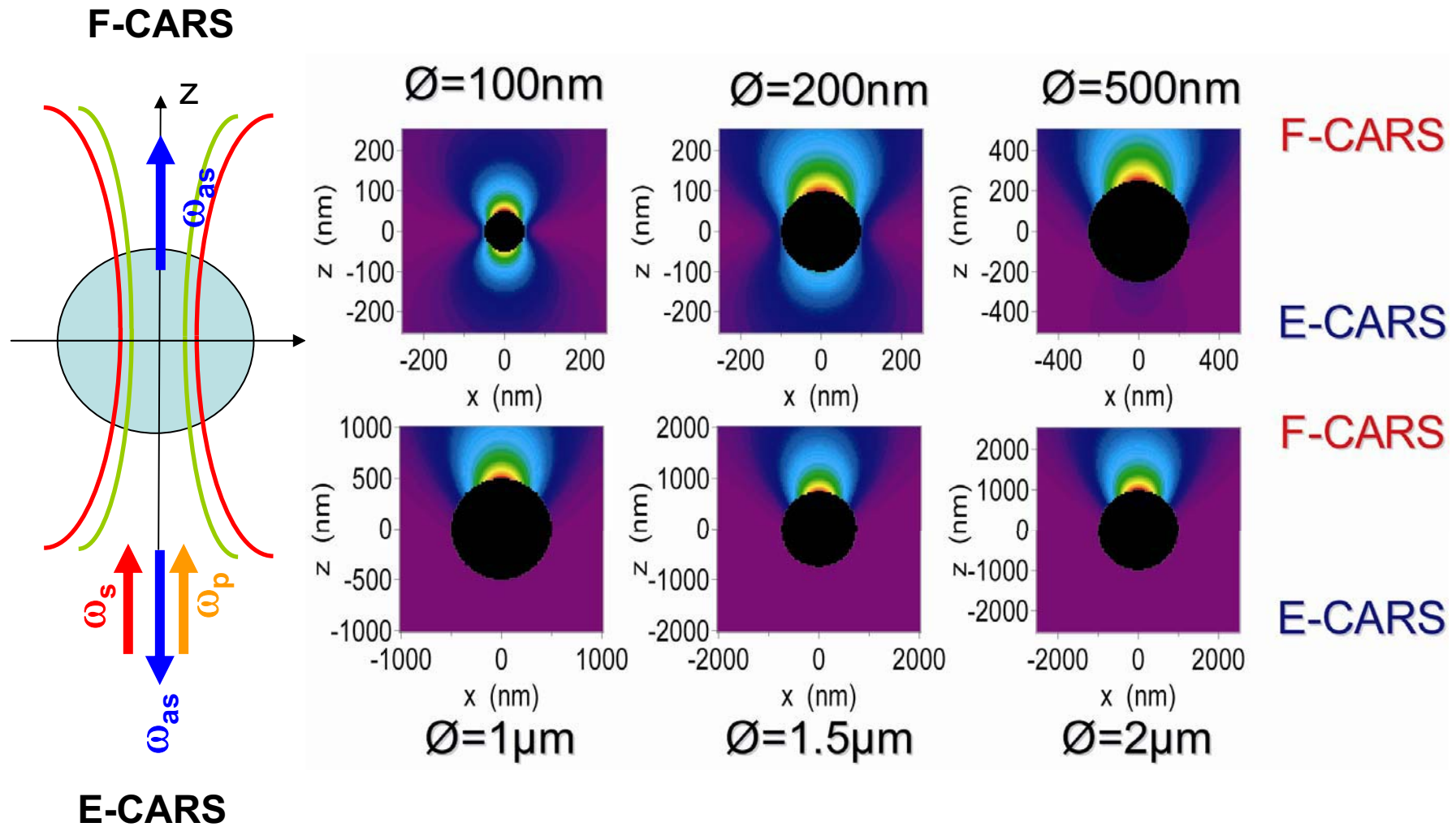


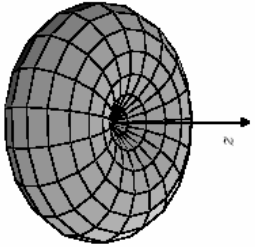
Electric field E_{AS} in the reciprocal space (k_x, k_y)



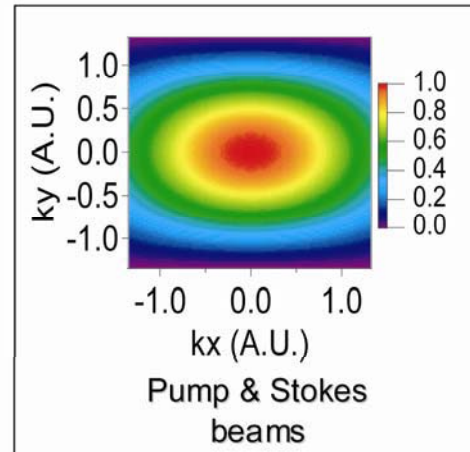
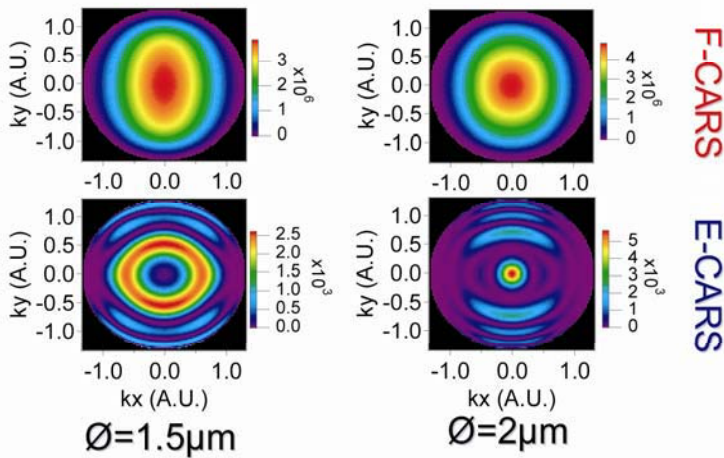
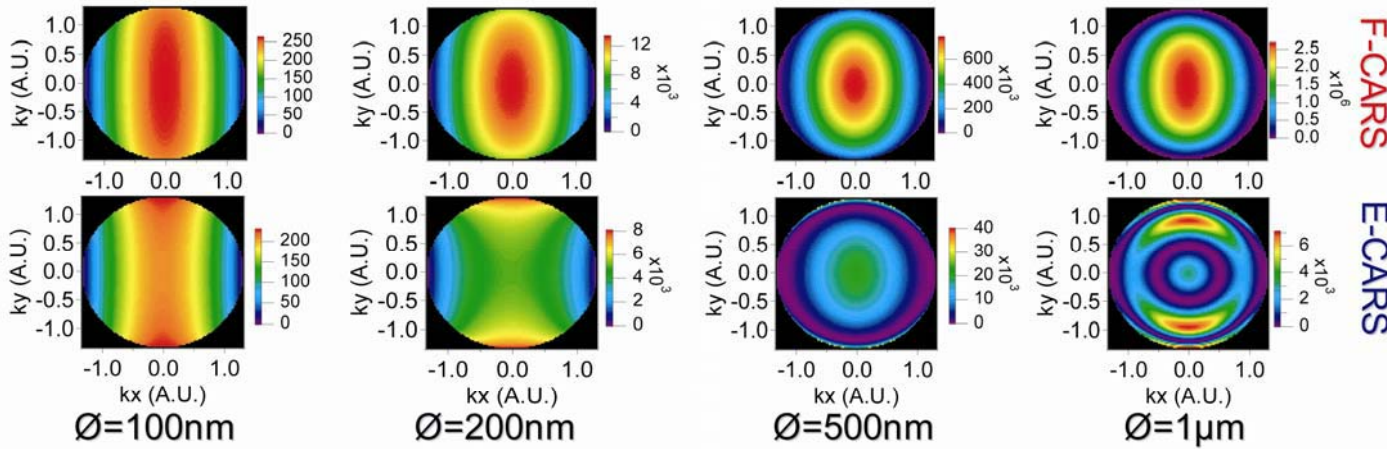
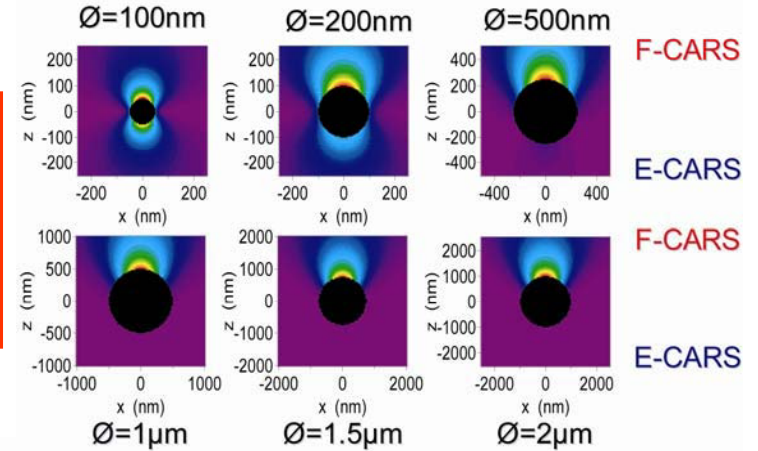


Far-field CARS radiation patterns in direct space





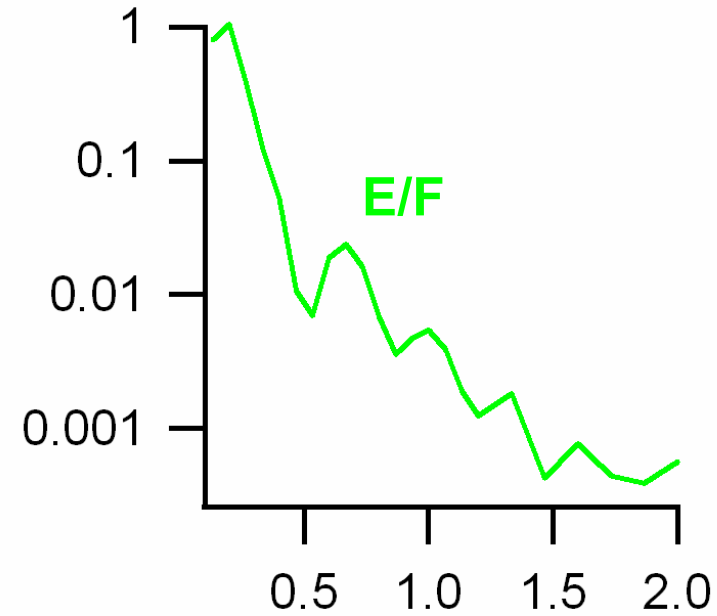
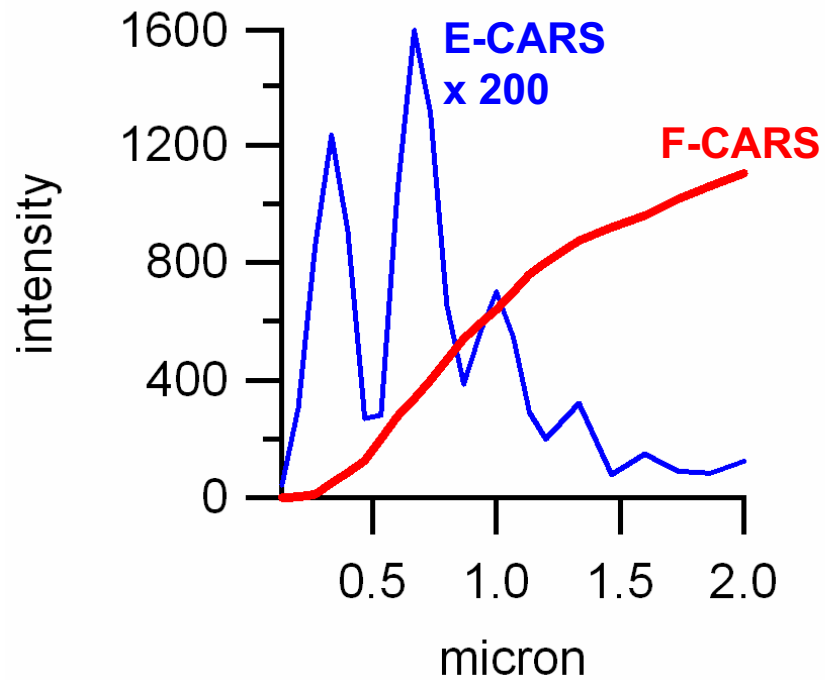
Far-field CARS radiation patterns in k space



F-CARS emission more directive than the excitation beam along one direction



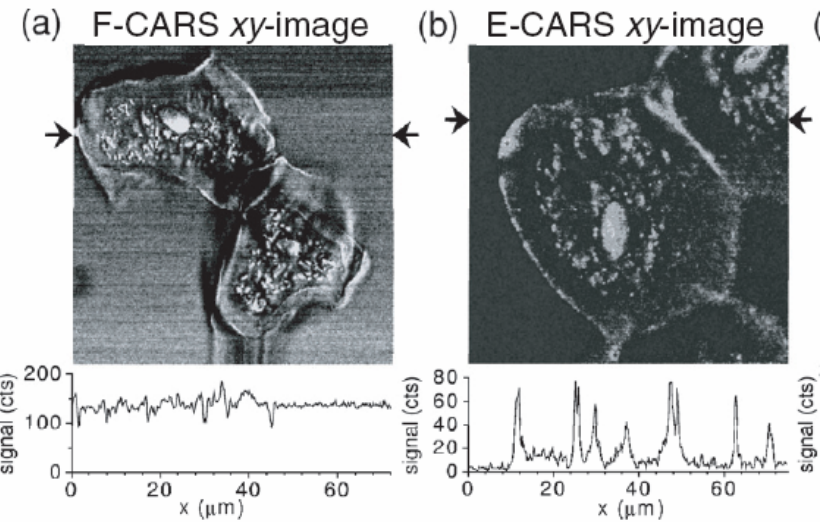
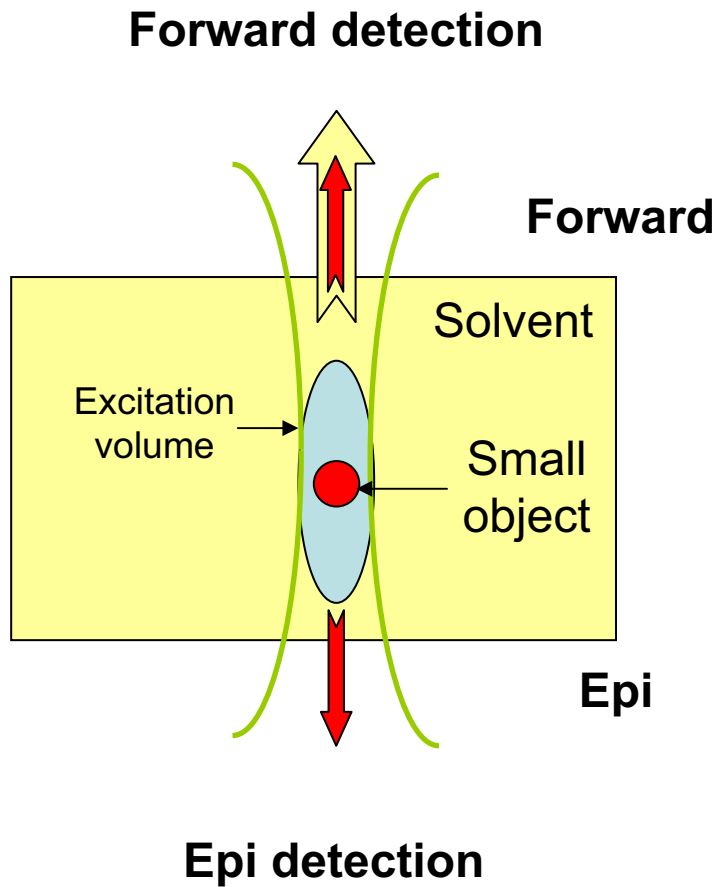
F-CARS / E-CARS radiation



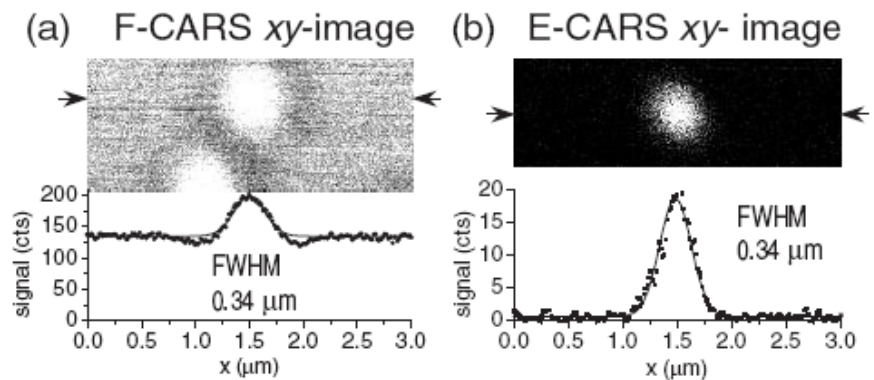
Volkmer et al. PRL (2001)
Gachet et al., Proc. SPIE (2006)
Djaker et al., Appl. Opt. **45**, 7005 (2006)



Epi-detected CARS: a way to visualize small objects



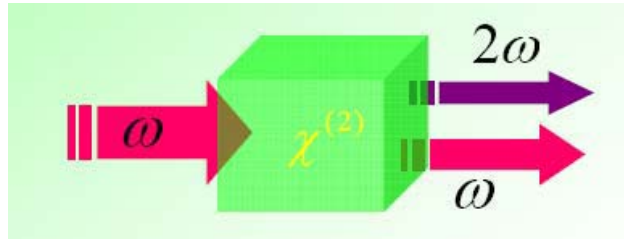
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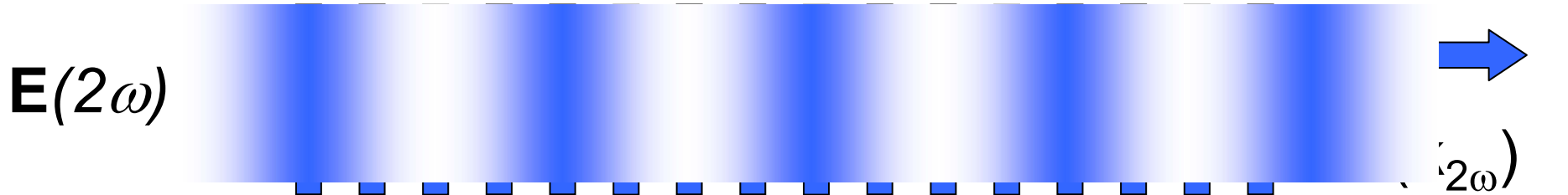
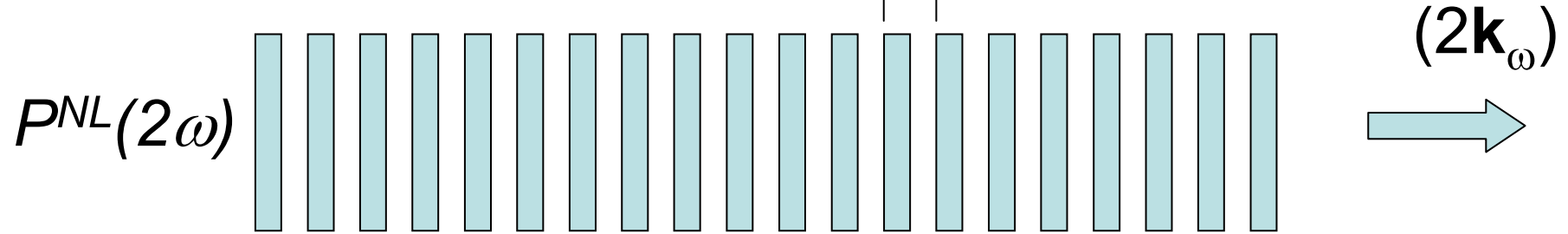
Phase matching in NLO (SHG example)



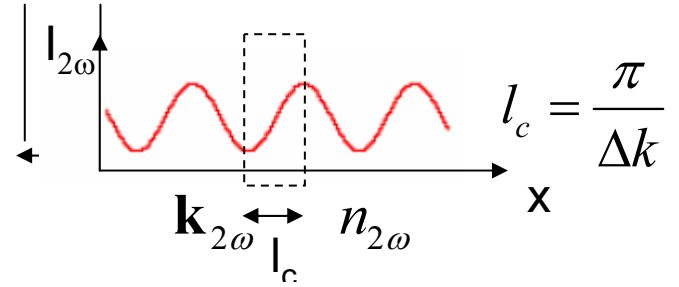
Cf lecture NLO Mario Bertolotti

$$P^{NL}(2\omega) = \chi^{(2)} E(\omega)^2$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{2k_\omega} = \frac{\lambda/2}{n_\omega}$$



$$\frac{2\pi}{\Delta k} = \frac{2\pi}{k_{2\omega} - (2k_\omega)} = \frac{\lambda}{2(n_{2\omega} - n_\omega)}$$

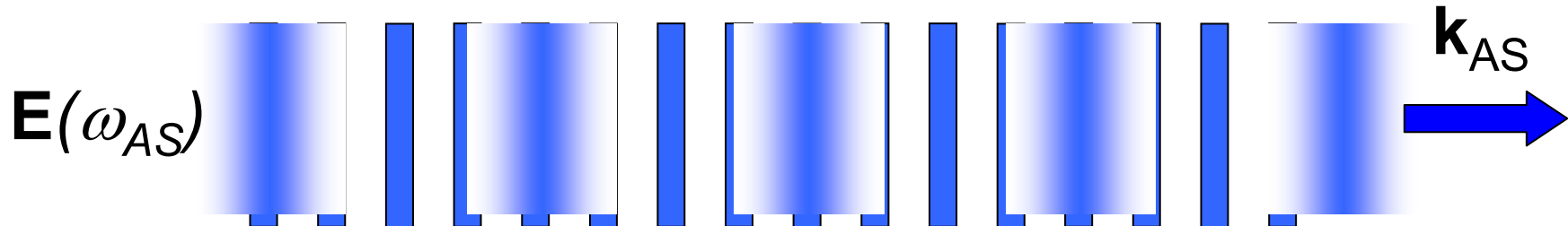
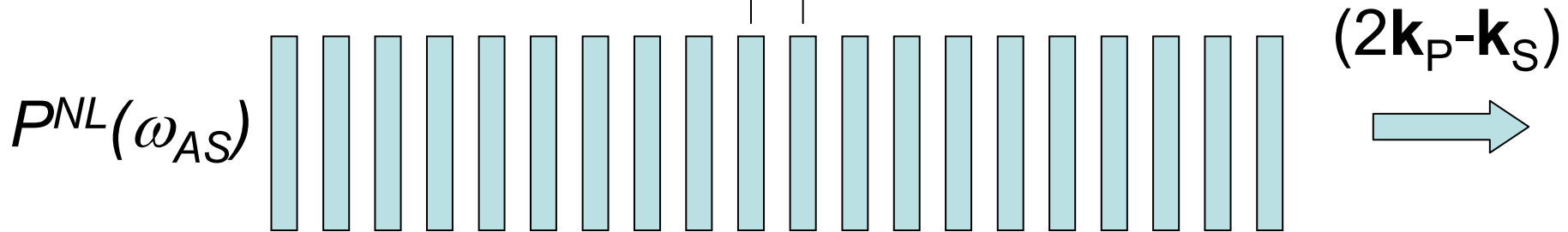




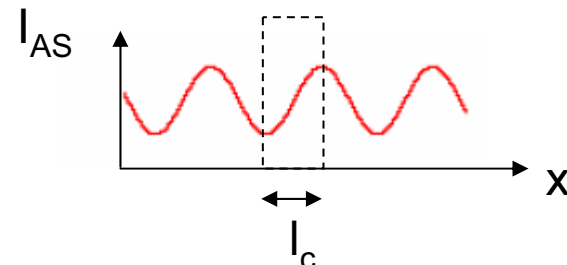
Phase matching in CARS

$$P^{NL}(\omega_{AS}) = \chi^{(3)} E_P(\omega_P)^2 E_S(\omega_S)^*$$

$$\leftrightarrow \frac{2\pi}{2\mathbf{k}_P - \mathbf{k}_S} \approx \frac{1}{n} \frac{\lambda_P \lambda_S}{(2\lambda_S - \lambda_P)}$$

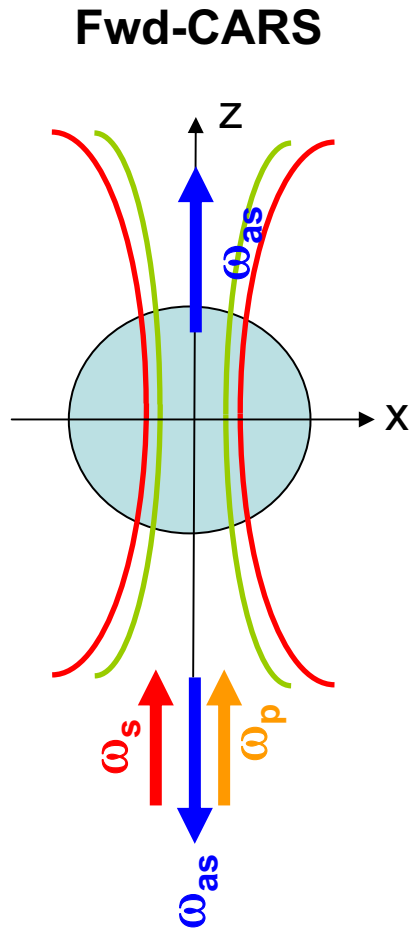


$$l_c = \frac{\pi}{\Delta k} = \frac{\pi}{k_{AS} - (2k_P - k_S)}$$

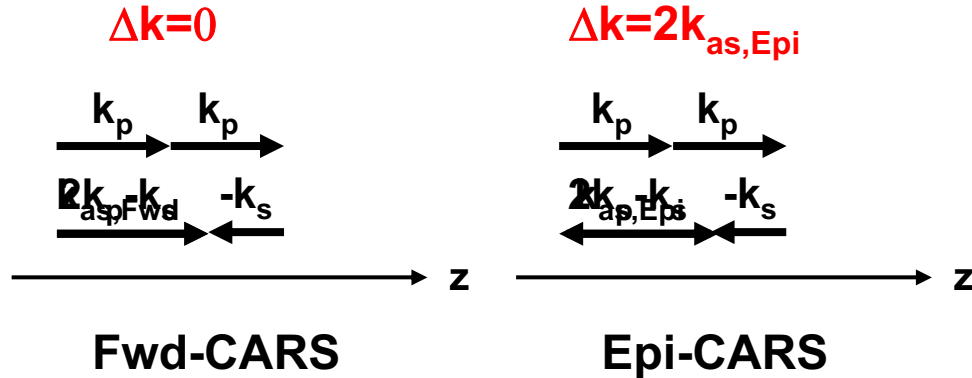




CARS phase matching: intuitive approach



Epi-CARS



Phase-matching & CARS generation

$$I_{as}(\Delta k) \propto L^2 \frac{\sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\Delta k L)}{(\frac{1}{2}\Delta k L)^2}$$

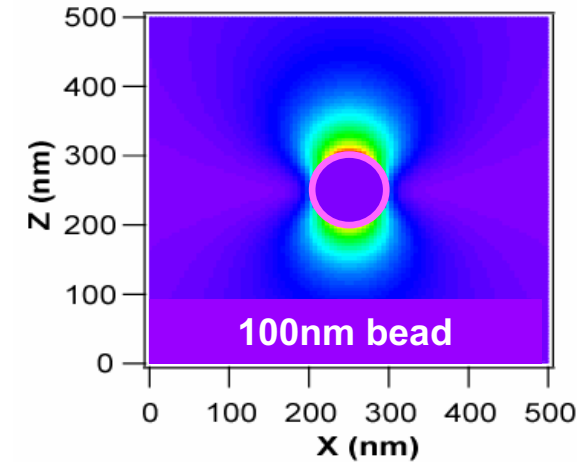
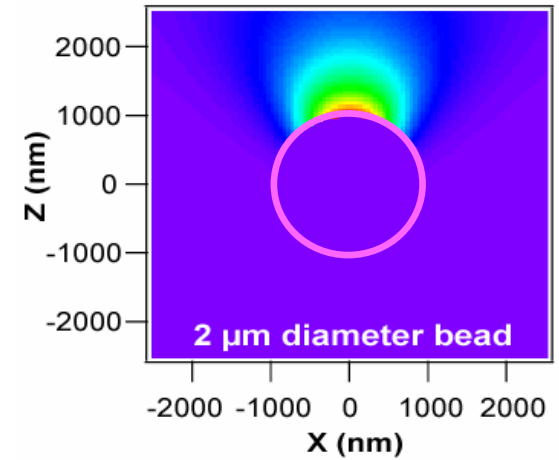
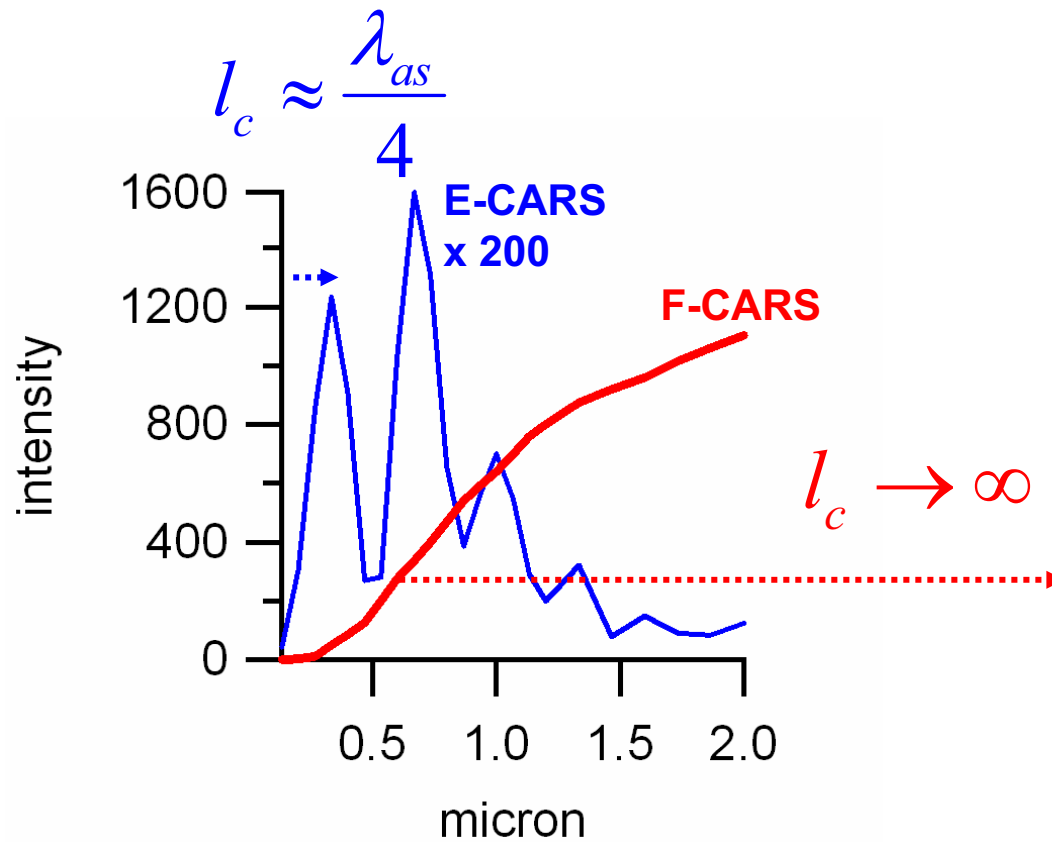
$$l_c = \frac{\pi}{\Delta k} \longrightarrow I_{as} \text{ max}$$

Fwd-CARS: $\Delta k = 0$; $l_c \rightarrow \infty$

$$\text{Epi-CARS: } \Delta k = 2k_{as}; \quad l_c = \frac{\pi}{\Delta k} = \frac{\pi}{2k_{as}} = \frac{\lambda_{as}}{4n(\lambda_{as})} \approx \frac{\lambda_{as}}{4}$$



F-CARS / E-CARS radiation

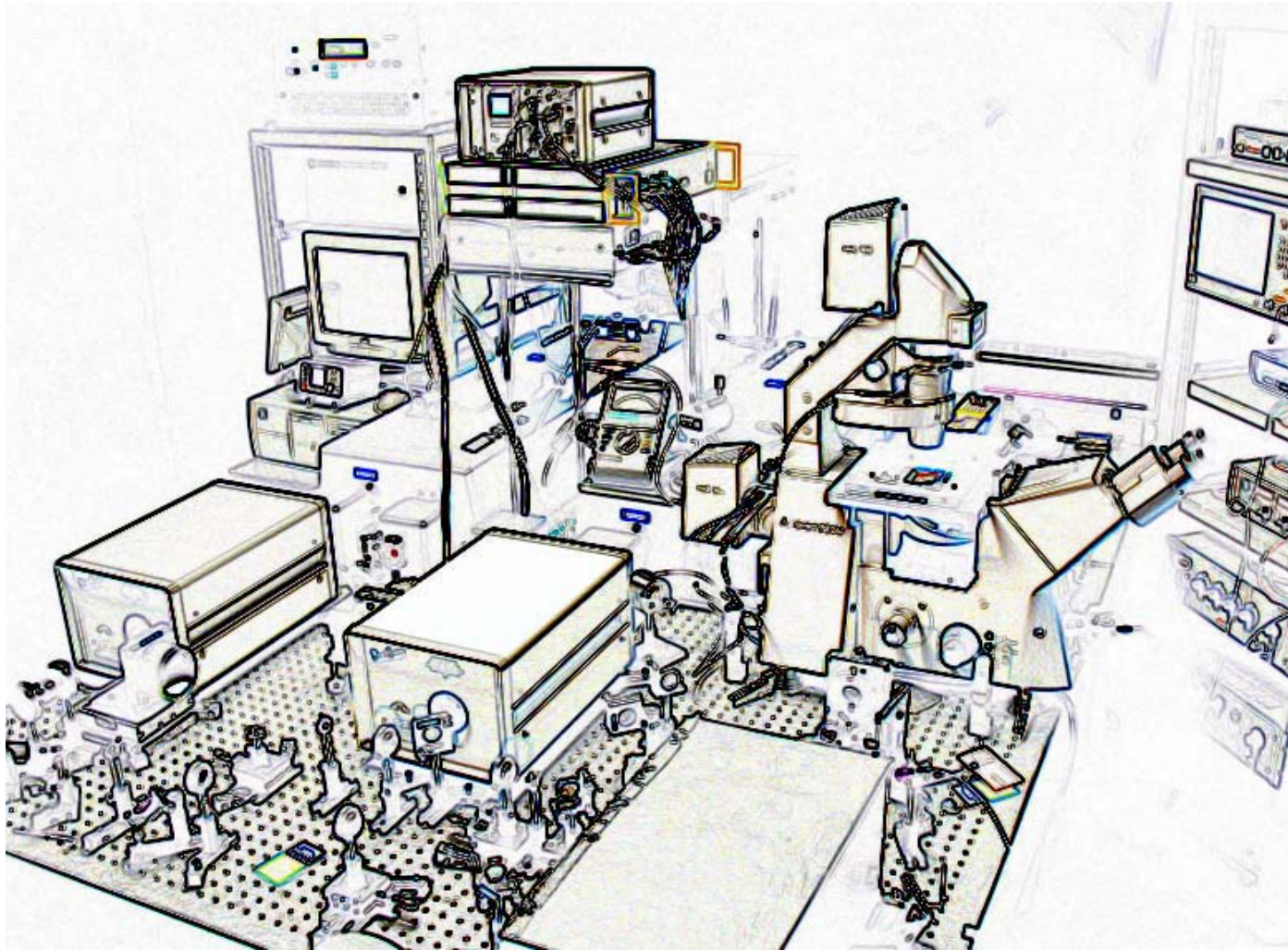


Gachet et al., *Proc. SPIE* (2006)

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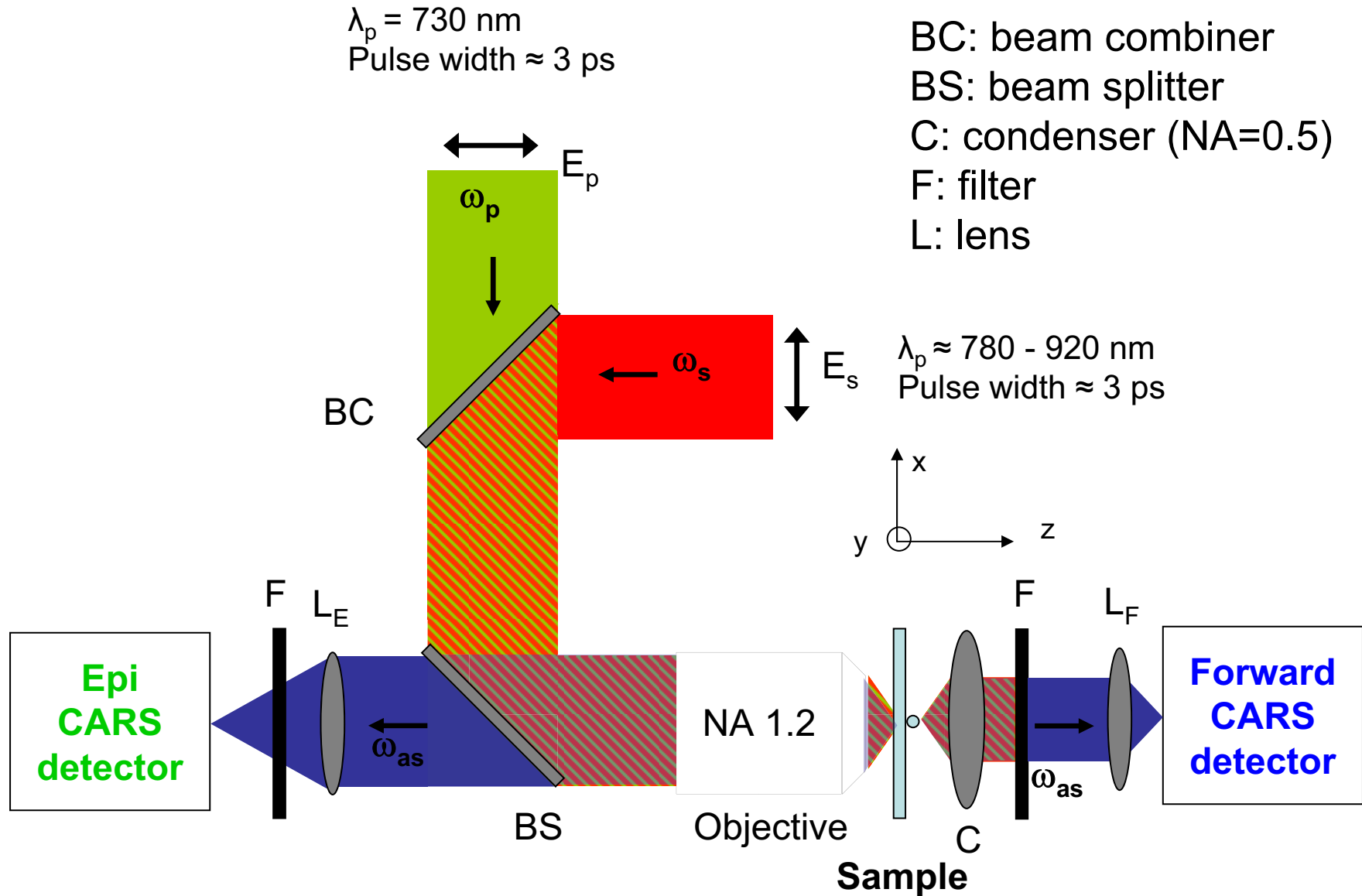


CARS instrumentation



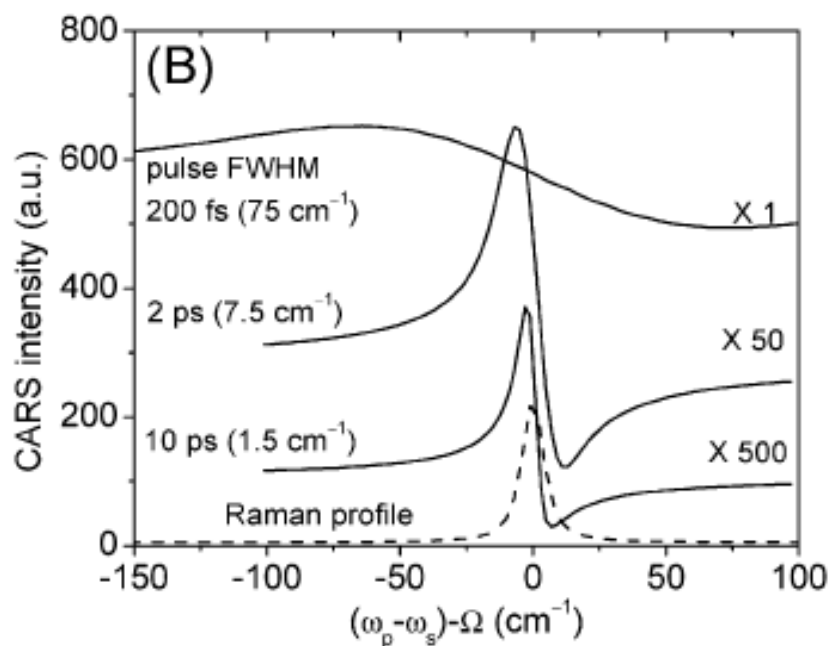


A first experimental set-up





How to choose pulses temporal length?



J.-X. Cheng et al., *J. Phys. Chem. B* **108**, 827 (2004)

The dilemma:

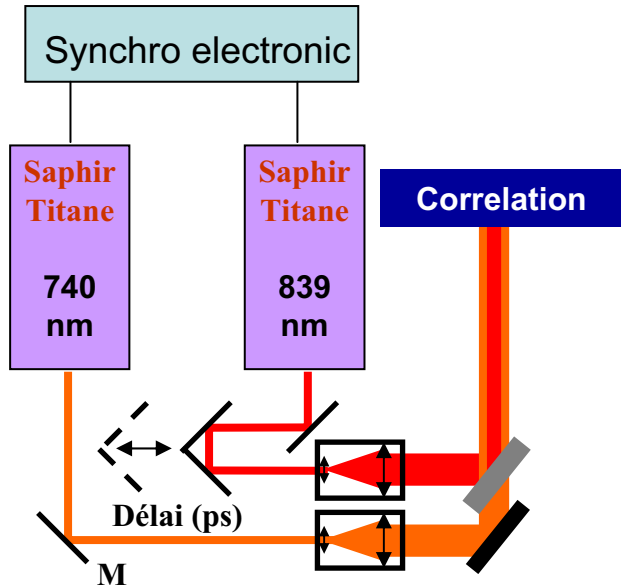
- *Long pulses:*
 - + good spectral selectivity
 - poor CARS generation efficiency
- *Short pulses:*
 - + efficient CARS generation
 - low spectral resolution

Solutions:

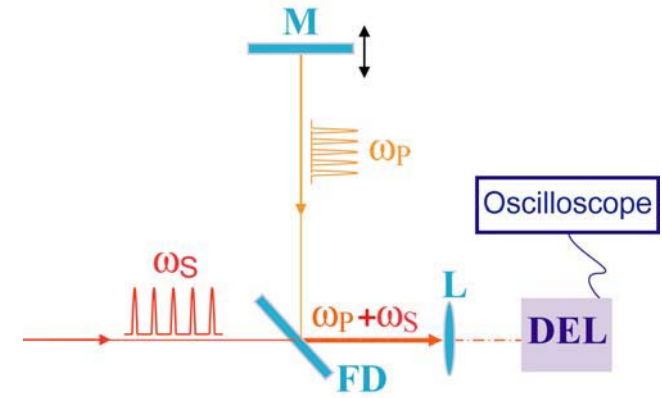
- To spectrally match the studied Raman line → ps range



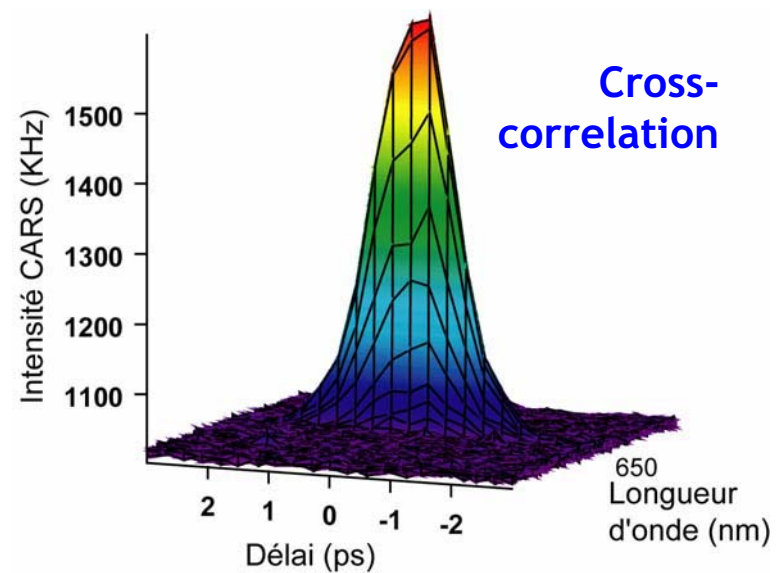
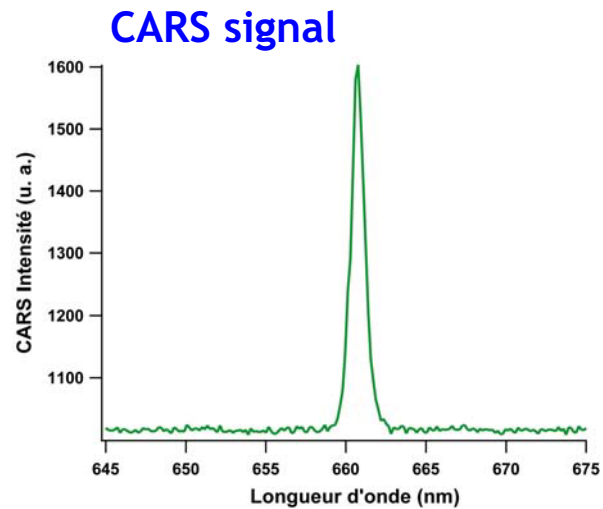
Laser Synchronization



- Fast photodiodes
- Autocorrelator (SHG)
- 2P detector
- CARS signal

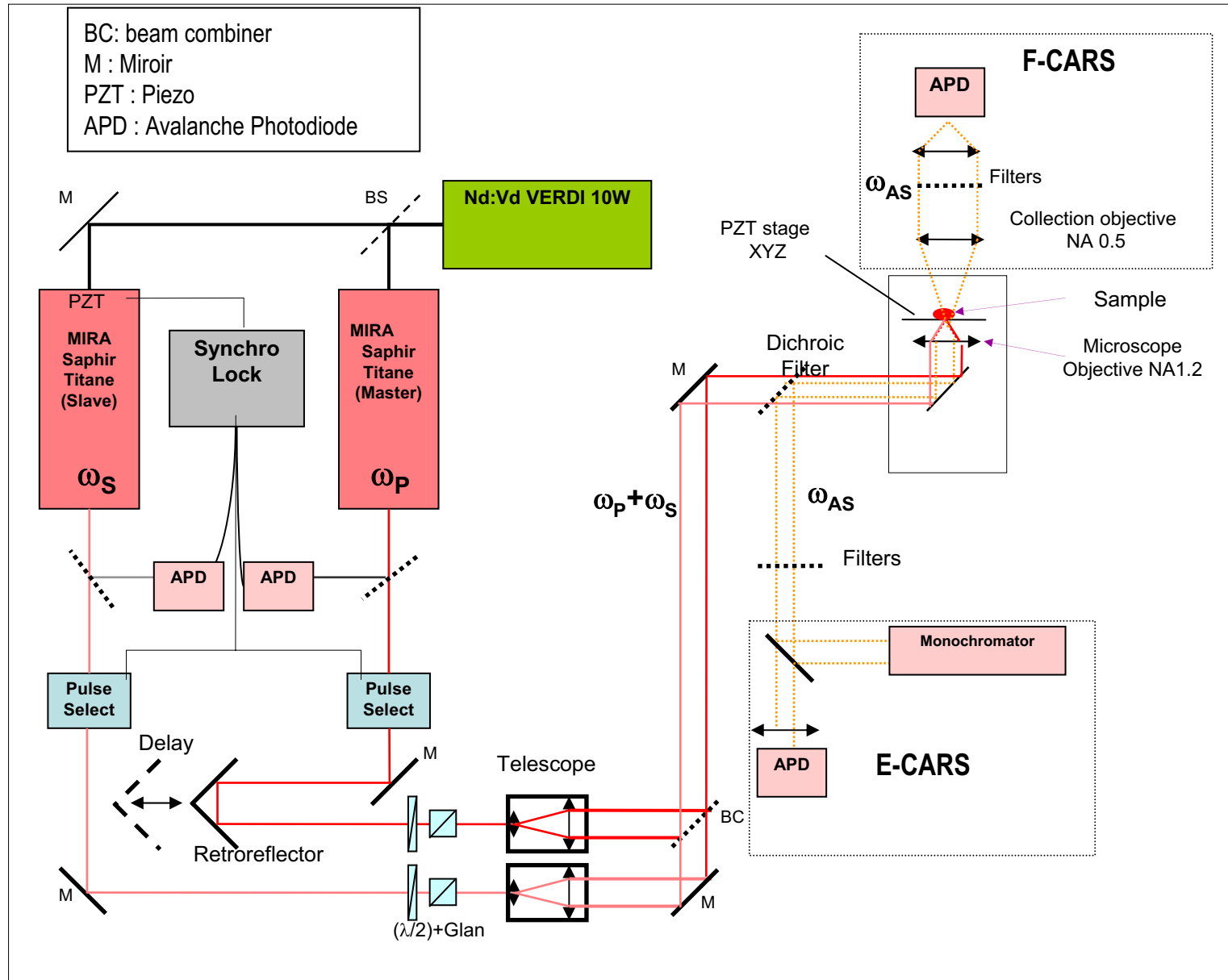


FD: filtre dichroïque, M: miroir



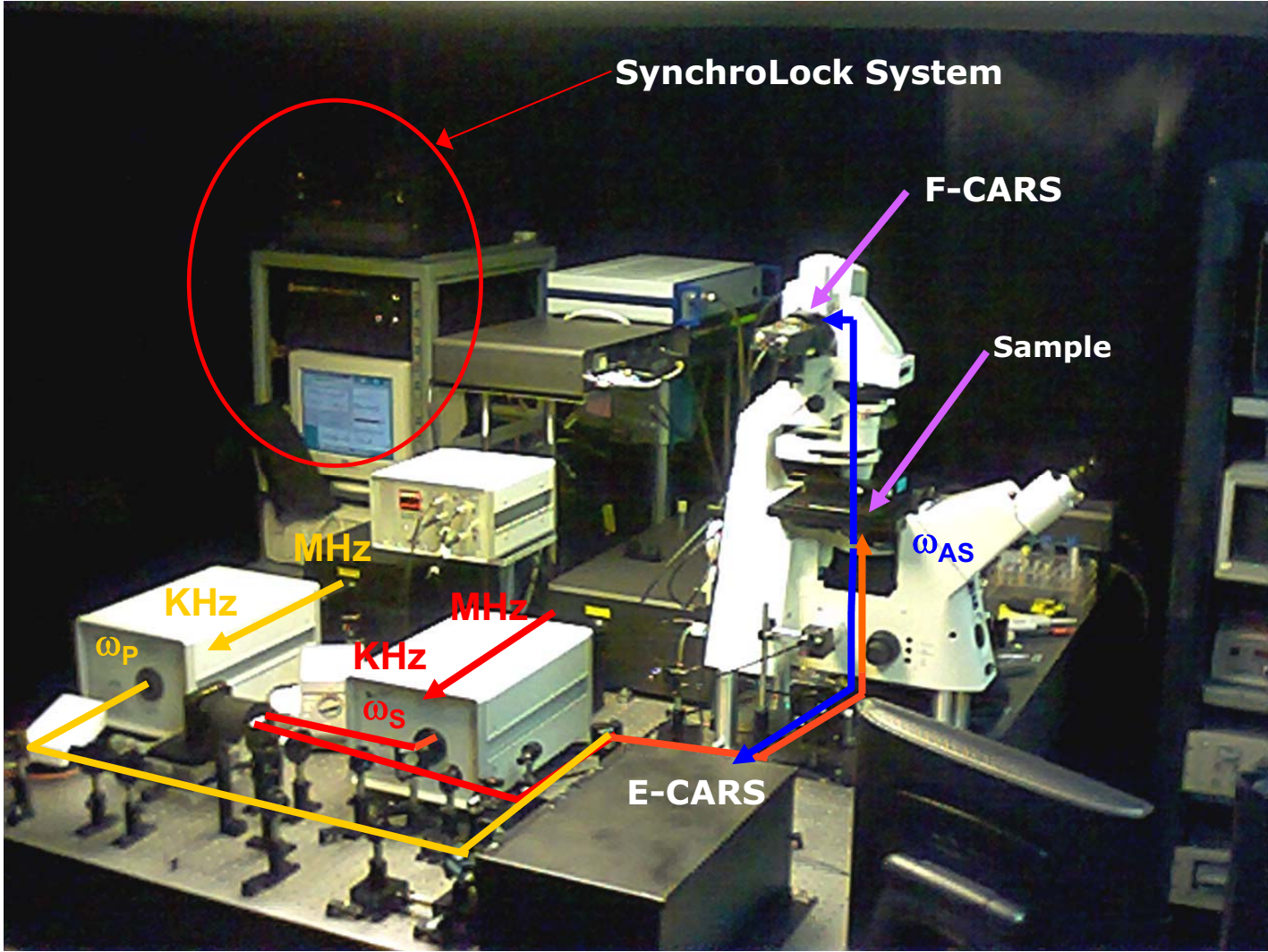


Setup scheme pico/pico



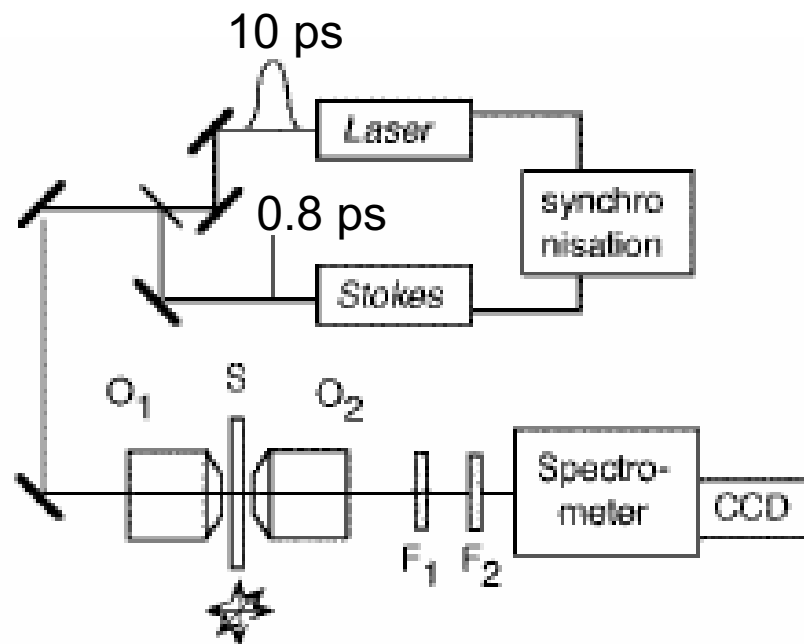
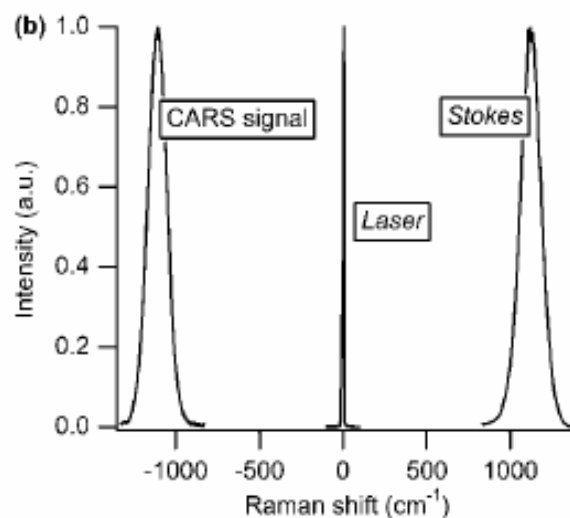
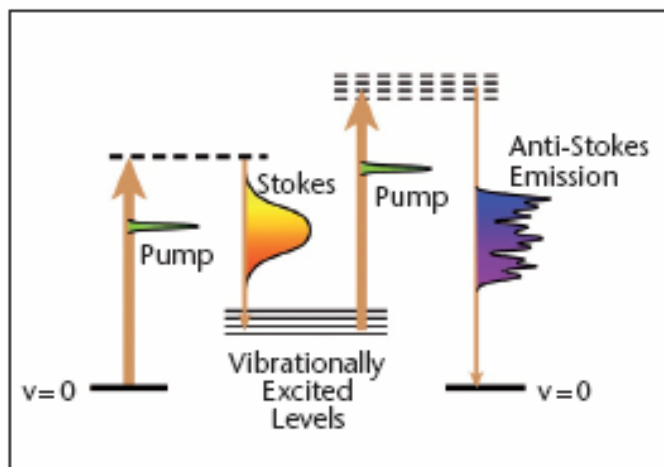


Two oscillators: pico / pico setup





Two oscillators pico / femto = Multiplex CARS



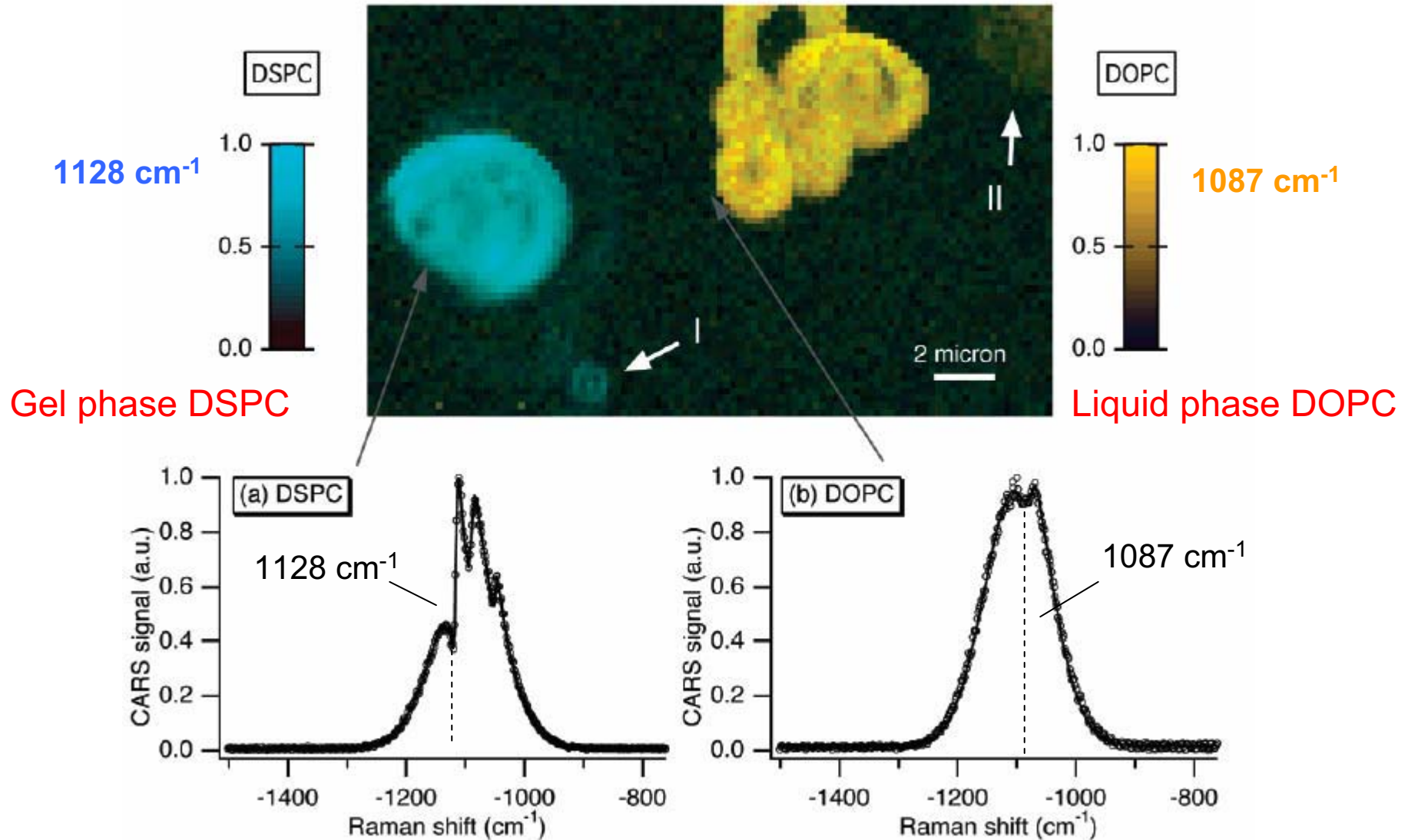
Pump: 10 ps
Stokes: 80 fs



Multiplex CARS

Identification of the Thermodynamic State of Lipids in Multi-lamellar Membranes

From Müller, J. Phys. Chem. B. (2002)





1 oscillator femto + PCF

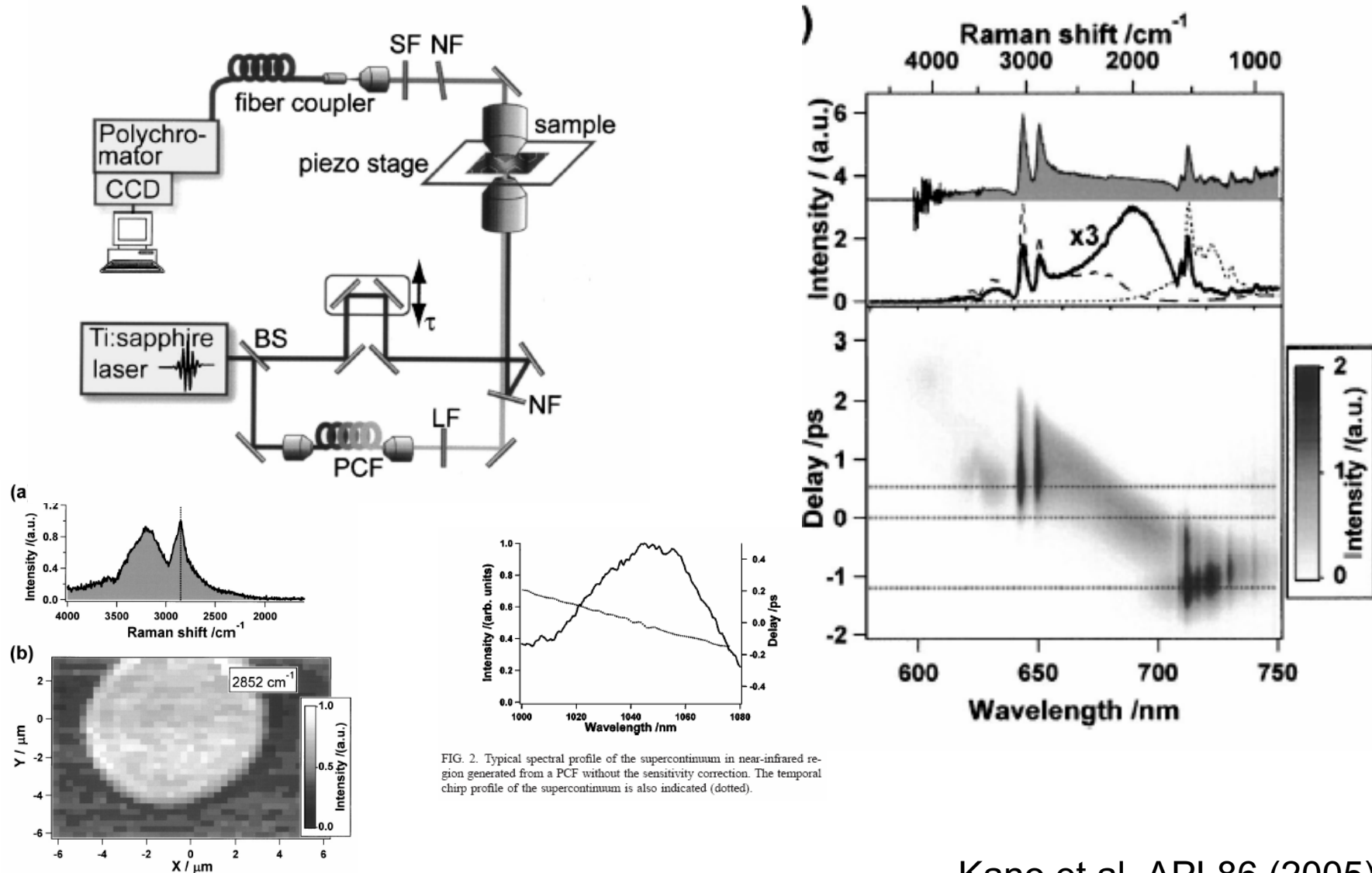


FIG. 2. Typical spectral profile of the supercontinuum in near-infrared region generated from a PCF without the sensitivity correction. The temporal chirp profile of the supercontinuum is also indicated (dotted).

FIG. 4. (a) CARS spectrum of a multilamellar vesicle (MLV), (b) CARS lateral image of a MLV detected at 2852 cm⁻¹, which corresponds to the aliphatic C-H stretching vibrational mode. Brighter regions indicate greater signal intensities.

Kano et al. APL86 (2005)



What is an OPO (Optical Parametric Oscillator)

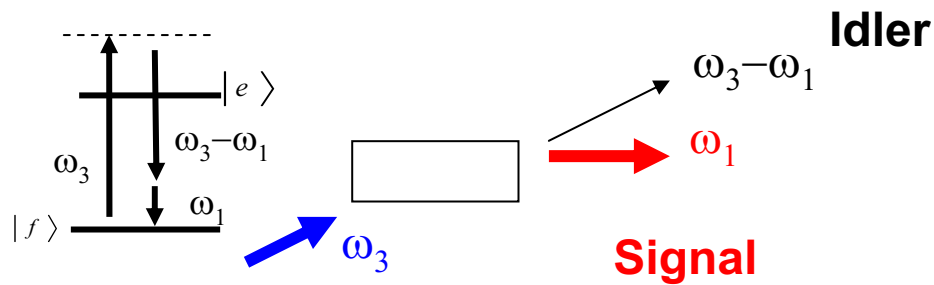


Recent advances in Optical Parametric Oscillators

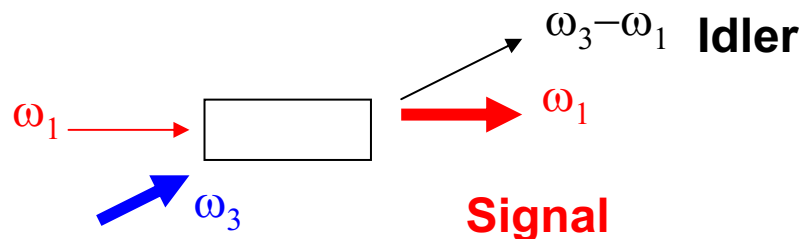


Berlin

Parametric generation $\chi^{(2)}(\omega_3 - \omega_1, \omega_3, -\omega_1)$.



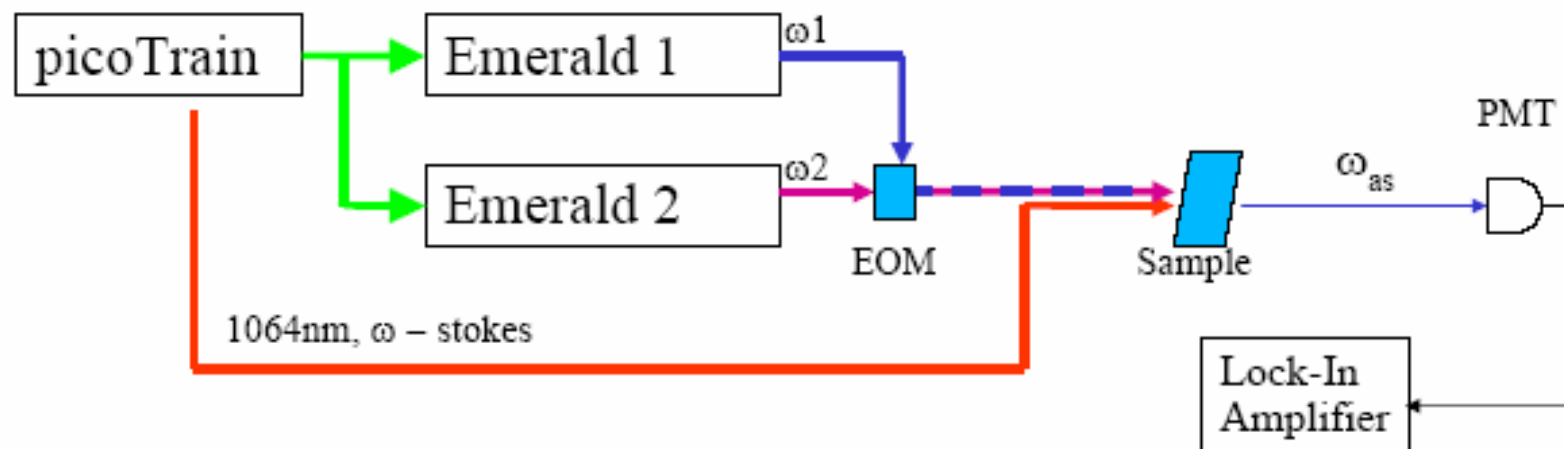
Parametric amplification $\chi^{(2)}(\omega_3 - \omega_1, \omega_3, -\omega_1)$.





Sensitivity improvement: FM CARS

FM-CARS



- 2 pump wavelengths, ω_1 resonant, ω_2 non resonant with switching speed of $\sim 500\text{kHz}$
 - lock in detection
 - non-resonant background subtraction
- → Sensitivity enhancement by factor 1000

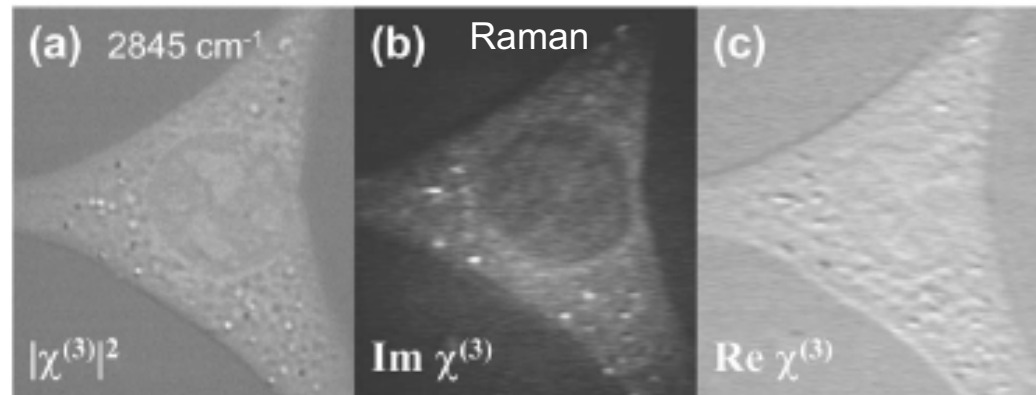
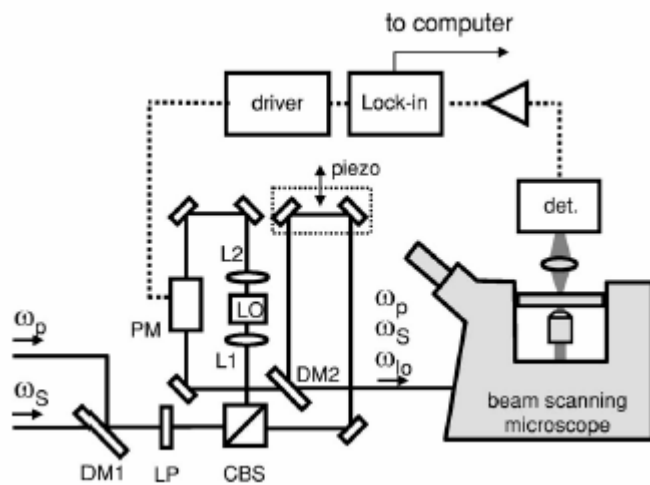


Sensitivity improvement: H(eterodyne) CARS

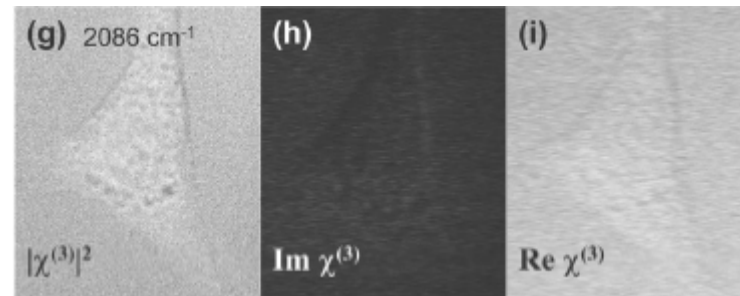
Potma Opt. Lett. 31 (2006): LO generated in DMSO
Enable to recover real and imaginary part of $\chi^{(3)}$

$$S = |E_{LO}|^2 + |E_{cs}|^2 + 2E_{LO}E_{EX}\{[\chi_{NR}^{(3)} + \text{Re } \chi_R^{(3)}]\cos \Phi + [\text{Im } \chi_R^{(3)}]\sin \Phi\},$$

Lipid resonance 2845cm⁻¹



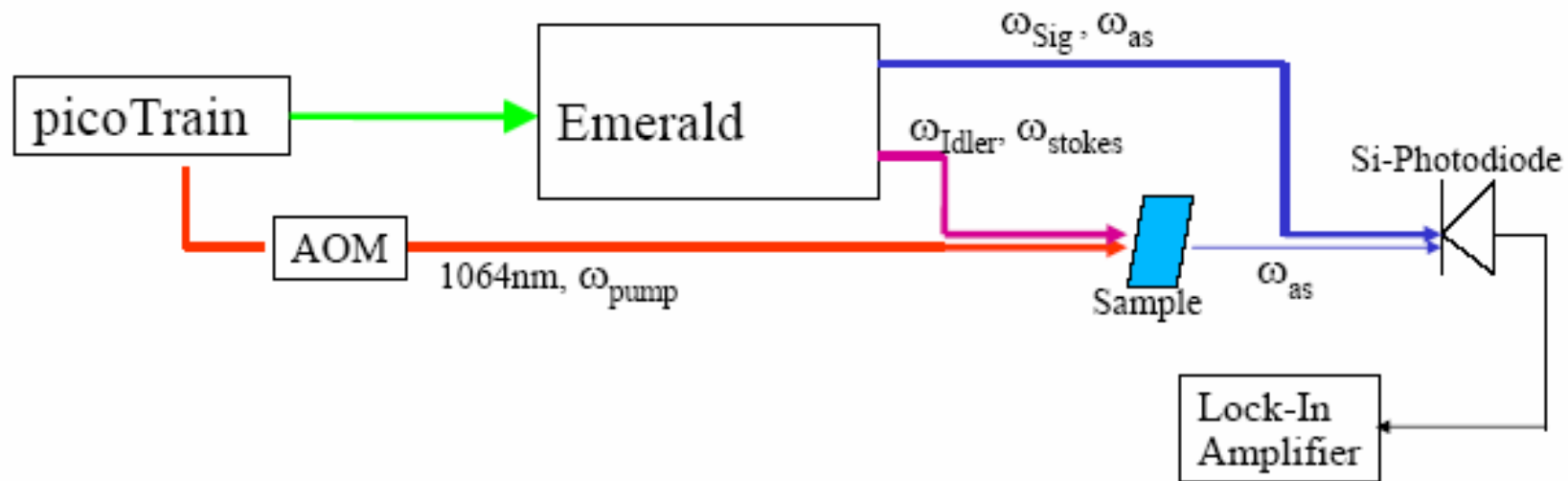
Off resonance





H(eterodyne) CARS with OPO!

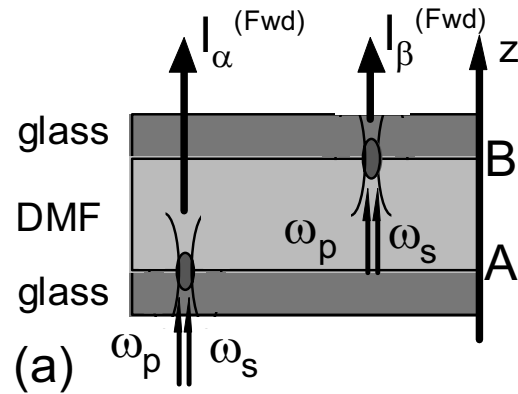
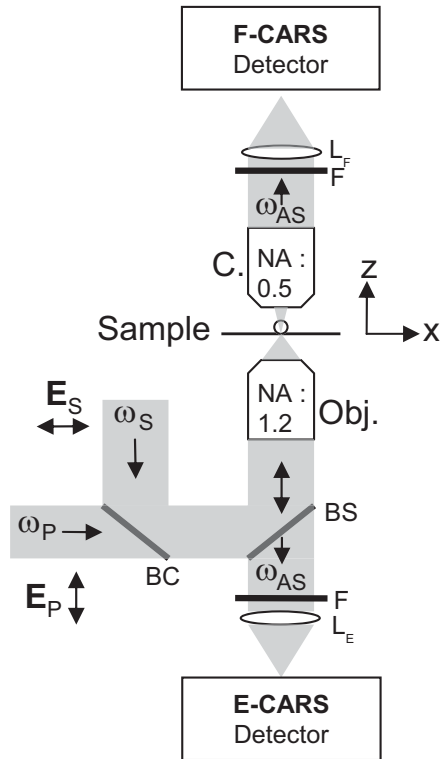
$$I_{\text{detector}} = LO + CARS + \underbrace{2 \cdot \sqrt{LO \cdot CARS}}_{\text{HCARS}}$$



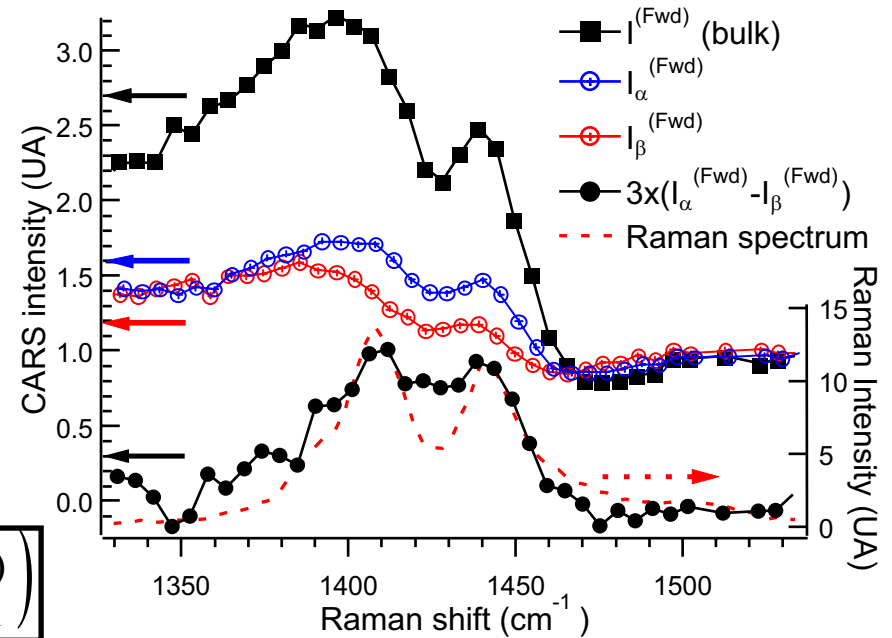
- $\omega_{\text{as}} = 2\omega_{\text{p}} - \omega_{\text{s}}$: with $1064\text{nm} = \omega_{\text{p}}$ and ω_{s} as OPO-Idler ω_{idler}
- OPO pumped @ $2\omega_{\text{p}}$ (532nm) : $2\omega_{\text{p}} = \omega_{\text{sig}} + \omega_{\text{idler}}$
- \rightarrow OPO $\omega_{\text{sig}} = \text{CARS } \omega_{\text{as}}$
- **Sensitivity enhancement by a factor of 5000**



HCARS with interfaces



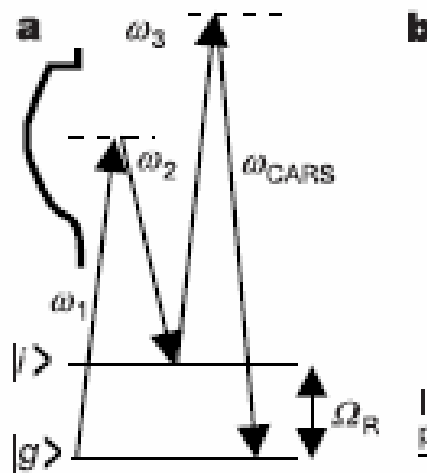
$$\Delta I^{(Fwd)} \propto 4\chi_{2NR}^{(3)} \mathfrak{I}(\chi_{1R}^{(3)})$$



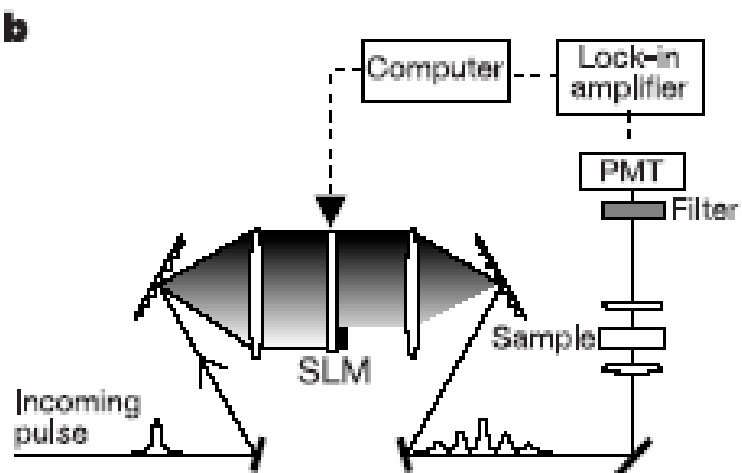
1. Field symmetry permits to use non resonant CARS as a local oscillator
2. Raman spectrum recovery and heterodyne detection



Single pulse CARS



$$\phi(\omega) = a_0 \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\omega - \omega_0}{\Omega_m}\right)$$

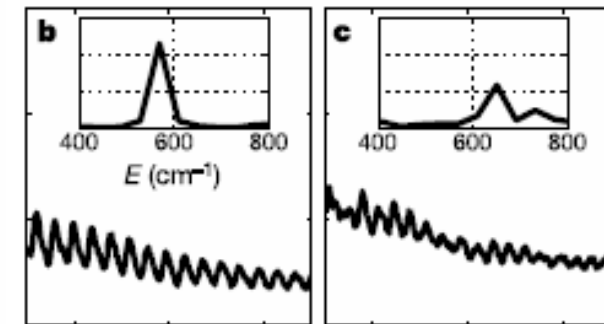
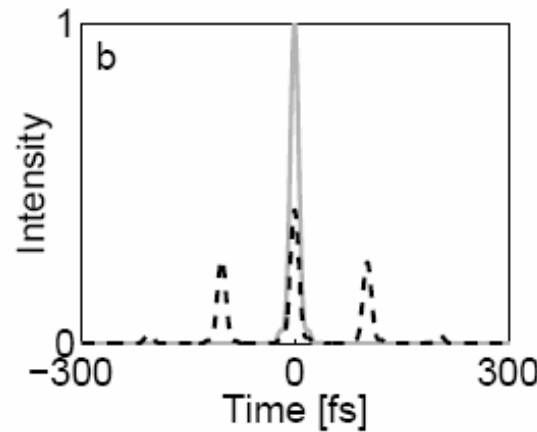
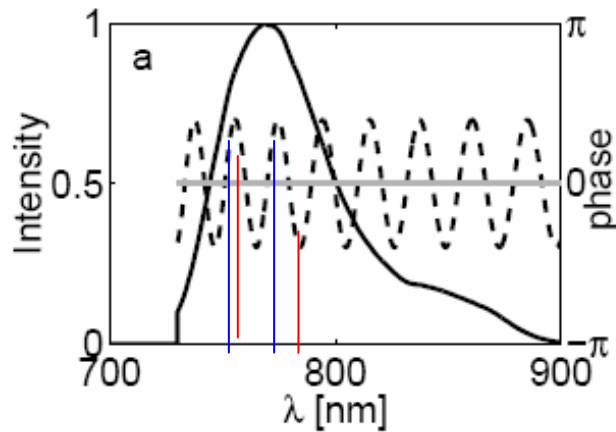


$$\tau_m = 2\pi / \Omega_m \quad \text{Can excite only a vibration with } T = \tau_m / N$$

$$A(\Omega) = \int d\omega \epsilon_p(\omega) \epsilon_s^*(\omega - \Omega)$$

$$P_{nr}^{(3)}(\omega) \propto \int_0^\infty d\Omega \epsilon_{pr}(\omega - \Omega) A(\Omega)$$

$$P_r^{(3)}(\omega) \propto \int_0^\infty d\Omega \frac{\epsilon_{pr}(\omega - \Omega) A(\Omega)}{(\Omega_R - \Omega) + i\Gamma}$$



CH2Br2

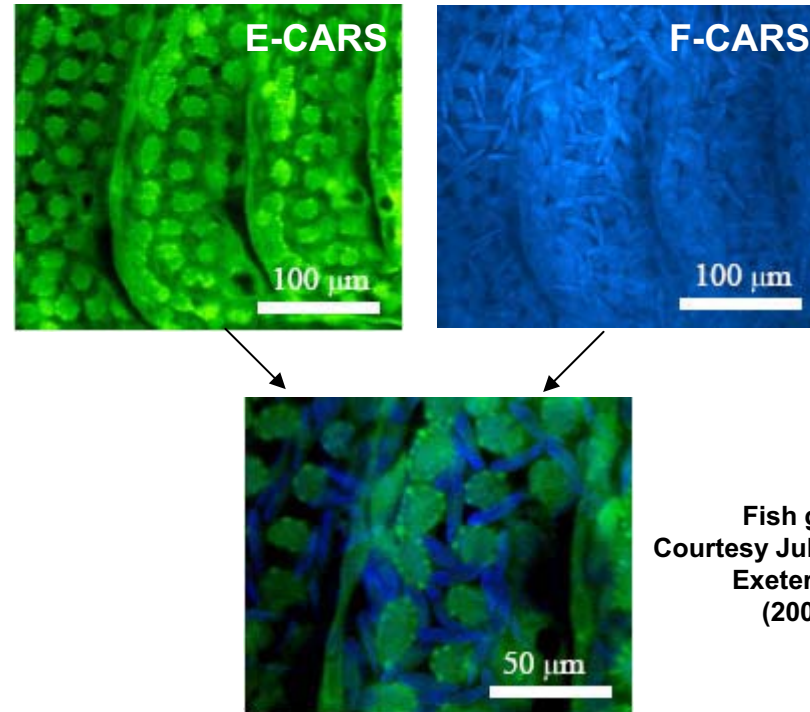
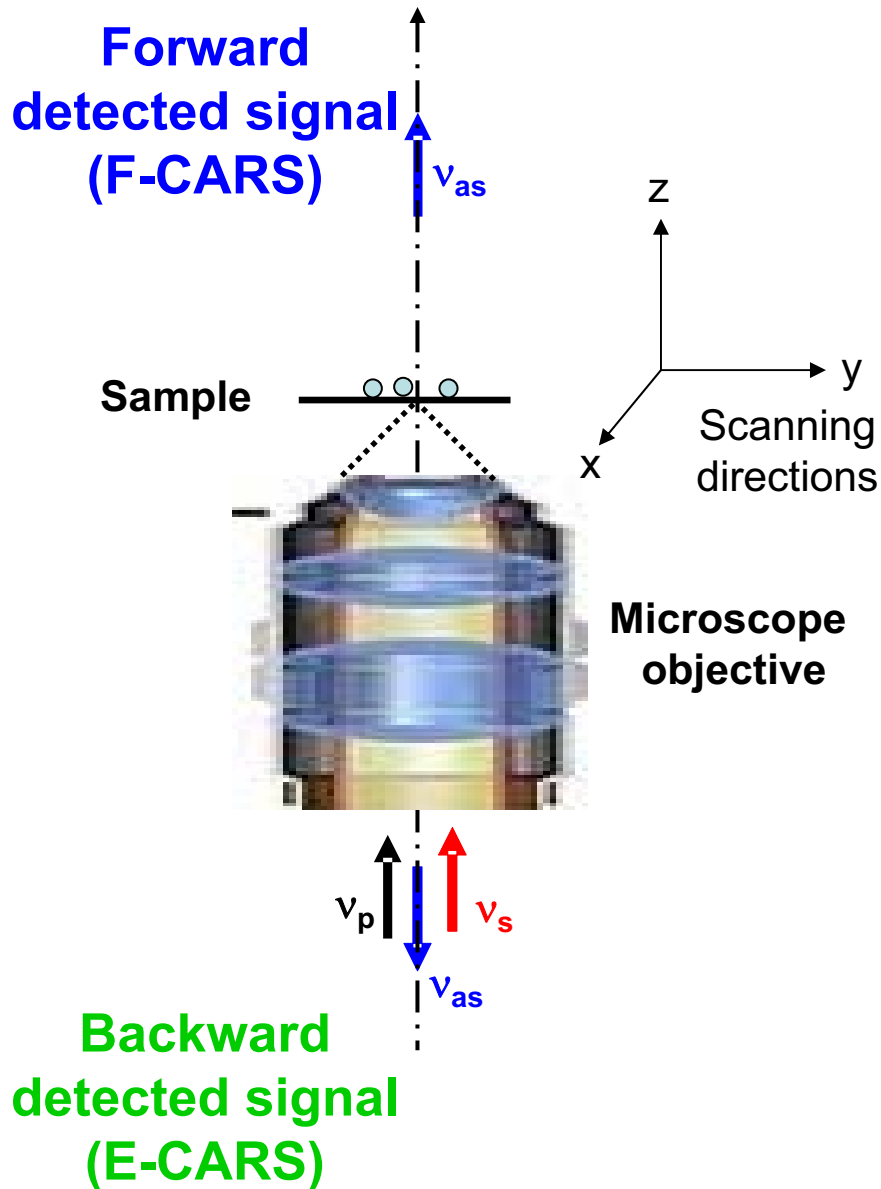
(CH2Cl)2

Dudovich, Oron, Sylberberg Nature 418 (2002)

Other scheme with a control of the probe beam: Oron PRL 89 2002



CARS Application: a stain free microscopy



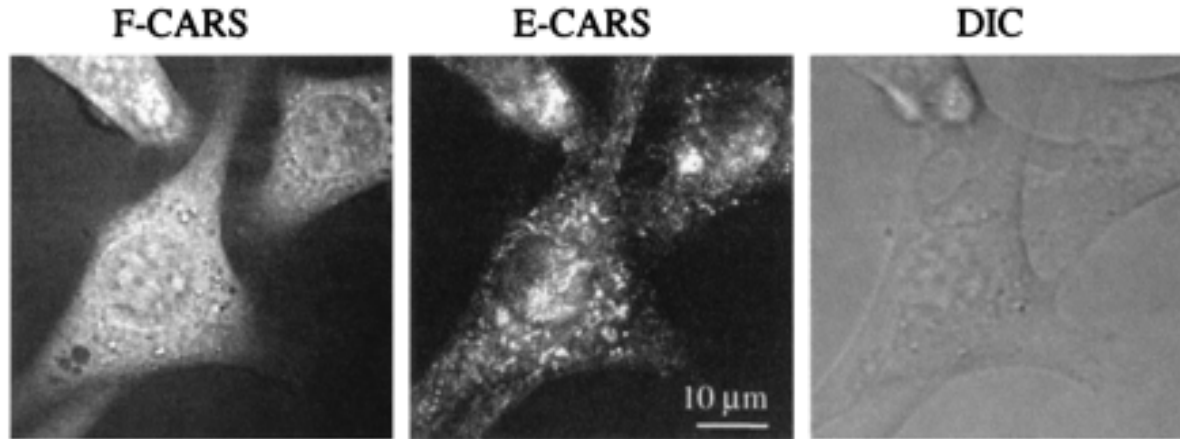
Fish gills
Courtesy Julian Moger
Exeter- UK
(2008)

Advantages:

1. Fluorescent staining useless.
2. Chemical selectivity of the contrast.
3. Intrinsic 3D imaging.

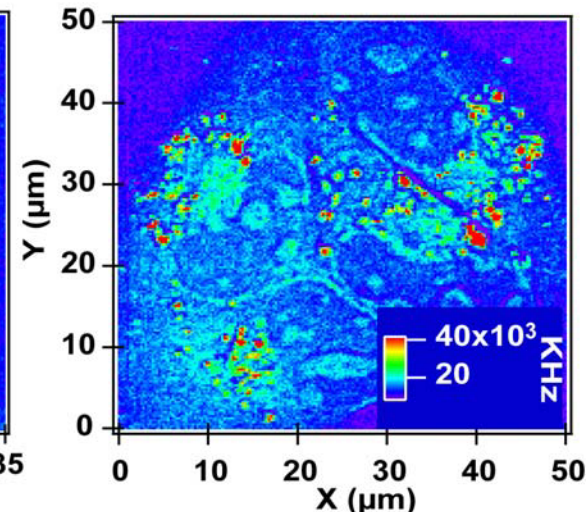
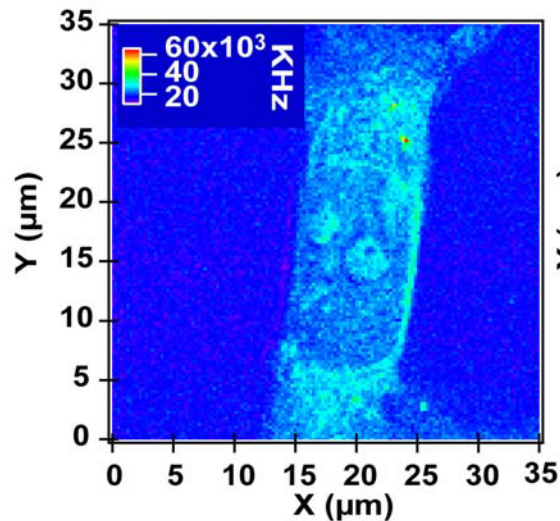
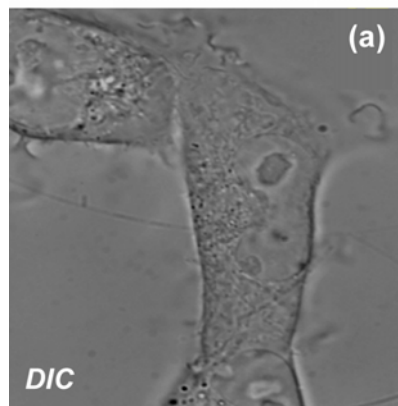


Imaging lipids in cell



NIH 3T3 cells in interphase. Aliphatic C-H stretching 2970 cm^{-1}
Pump 14054 cm^{-1} (711nm) and the Stokes 11184 cm^{-1} (894nm). P: 40mW; S: 20mW

Cheng et al Biophys. J. **83**, 502 (2002)

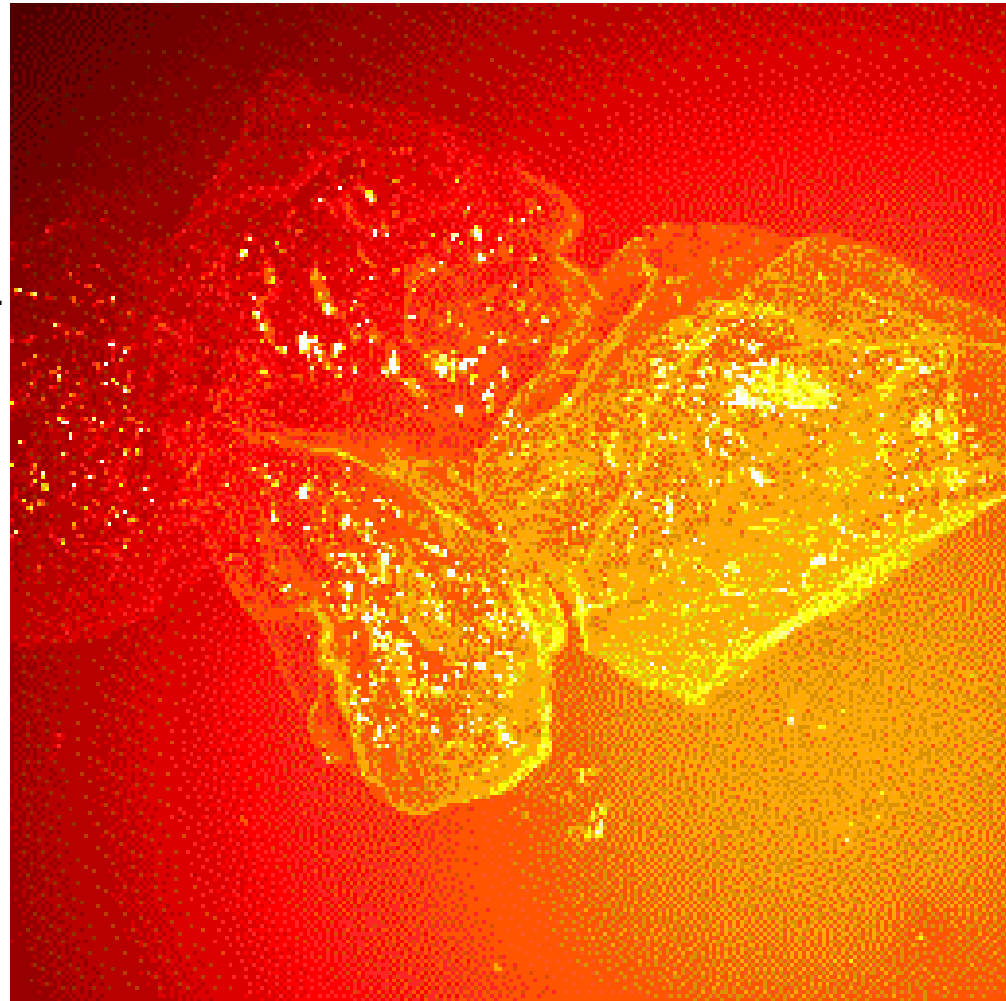


N.Djaker et al, Medecine & science – (2006)



3D sectioning capability of CARS

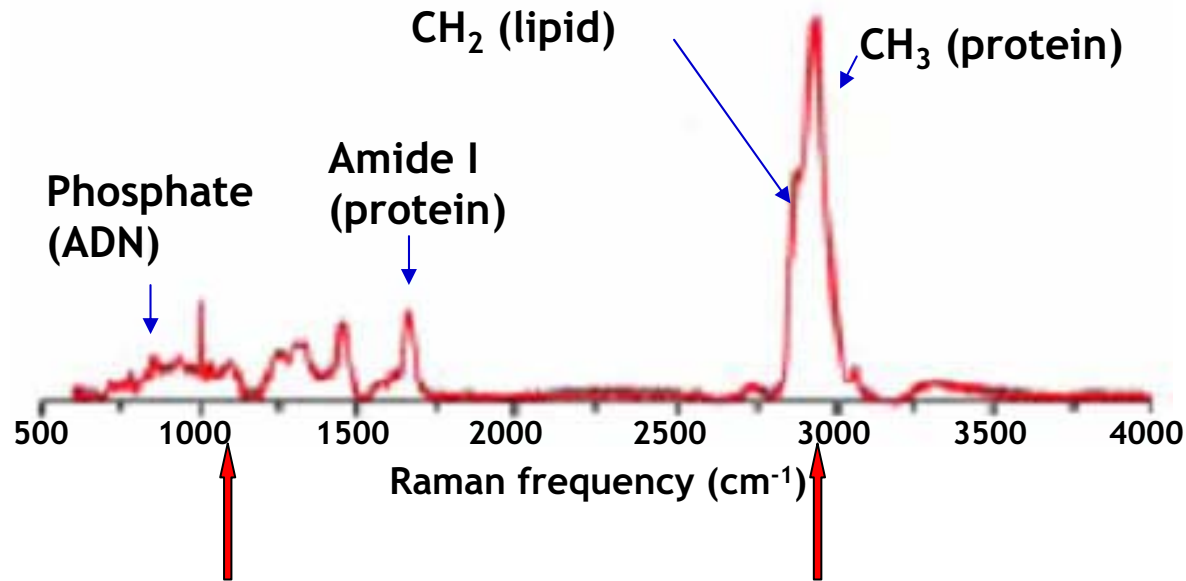
**Three dimensional
distribution of lipids in epithelial cells.**
CH₂ stretching vibration (2845 cm⁻¹).
Lipid granules and plasma membranes.



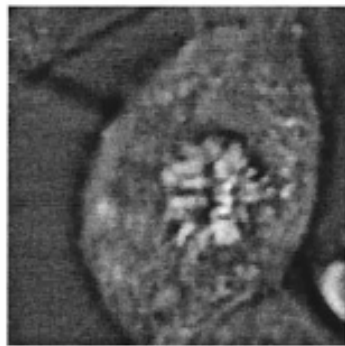


Raman Spectrum of the cell

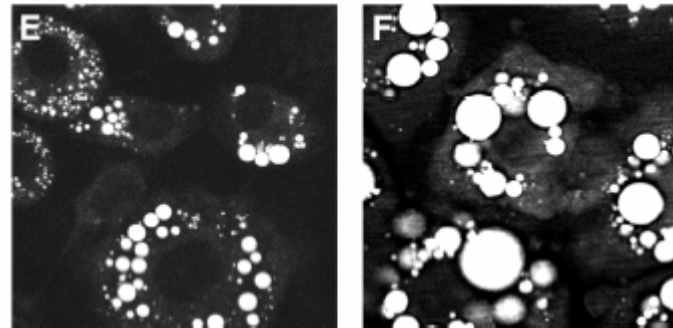
Potma, E.O. et al. *Optics and Photonics News*, 2004, 15



CARS image



PO_2 -symmetric stretching vibrational frequency at 1090 cm^{-1}

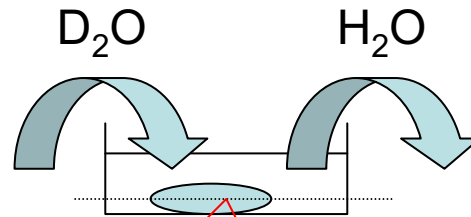
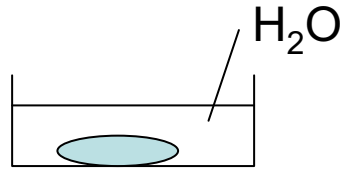


Lipid droplets in 3T3 cells (Xie group)

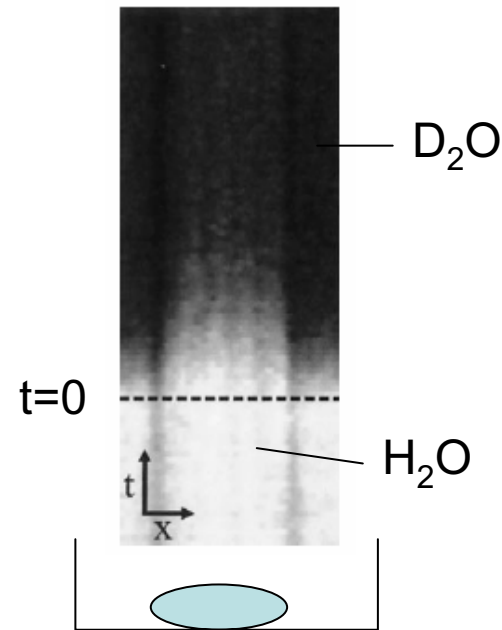
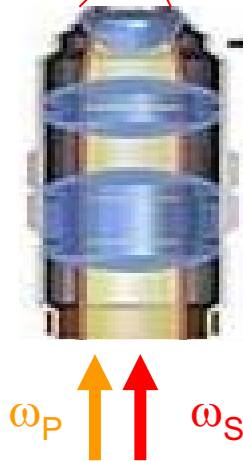
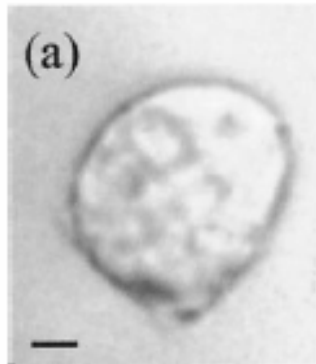


Imaging H₂O in cell

OH stretch 3300 cm⁻¹
OD stretch 2800 cm⁻¹



living *D. discoideum* cells

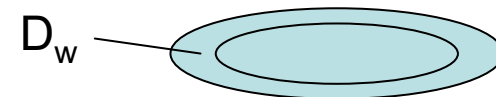


3300 cm⁻¹ OH stretch

Permeability of the plasma membrane $P_d = 2.2 \mu\text{m/s}$

$D_w = 5 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ (10%-20% of the cell diameter)

$D_w > 500 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ (central cell region)



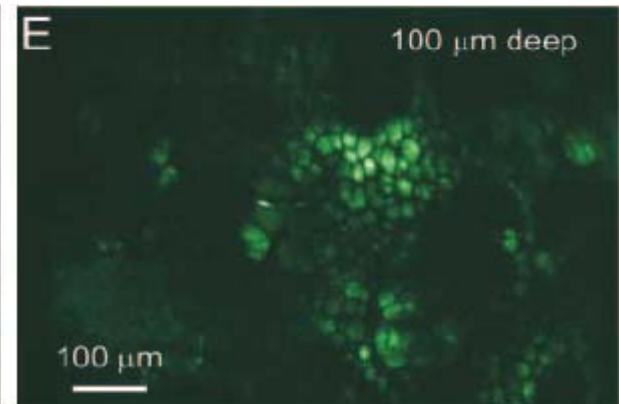
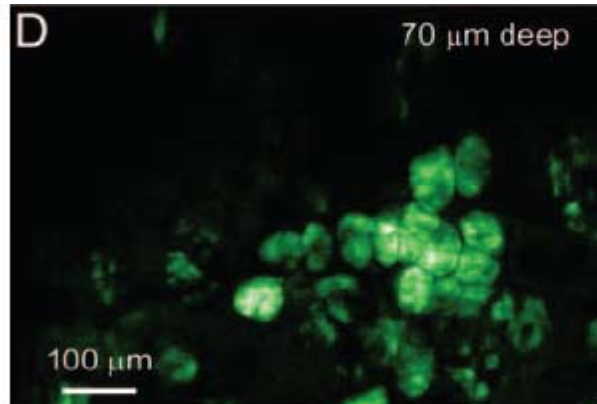
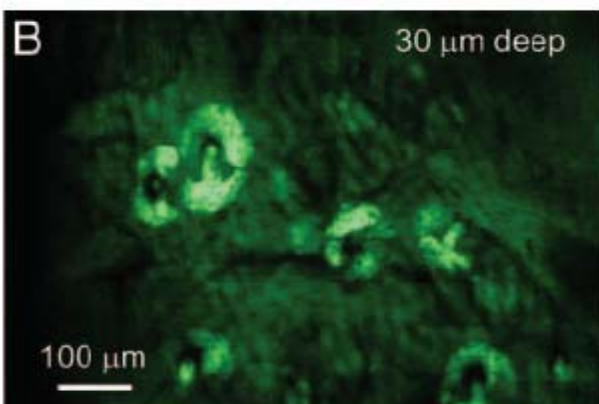
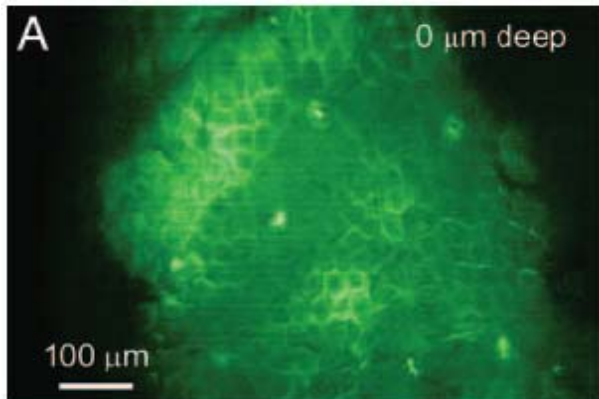
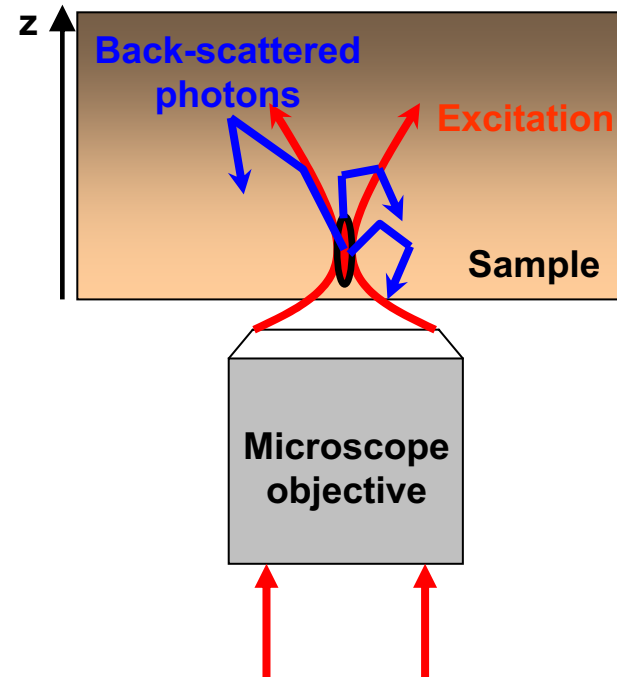
Exceptionally low D_w due to the presence of densely packed actin filaments in this region that provide an additional barrier in the process of water diffusion.



F-CARS back reflected in scattering tissue

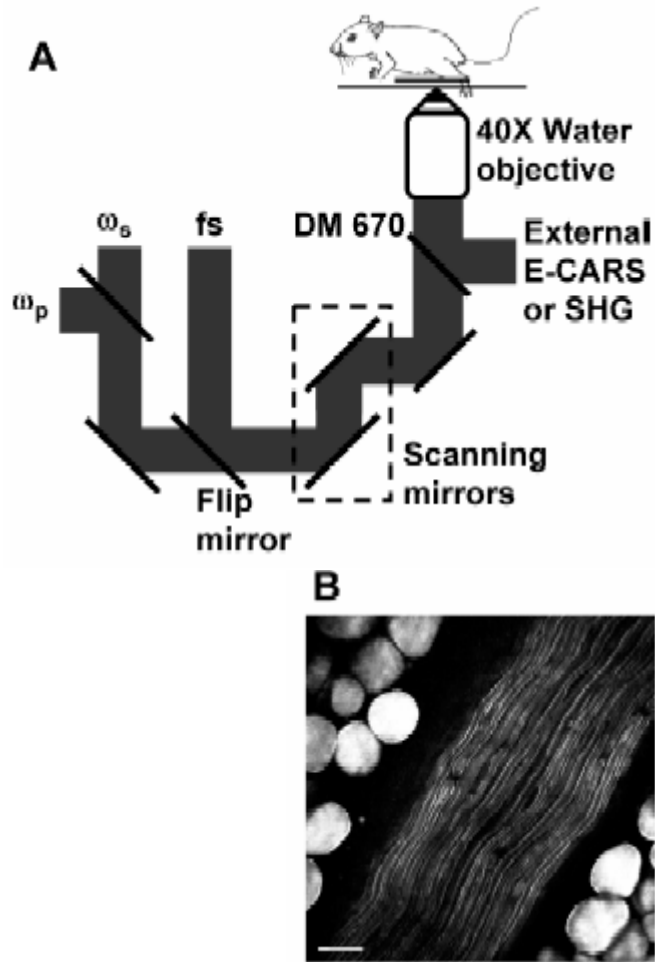
CARS imaging in scattering media

Evans et al., *PNAS* 102, 16807 (2005)

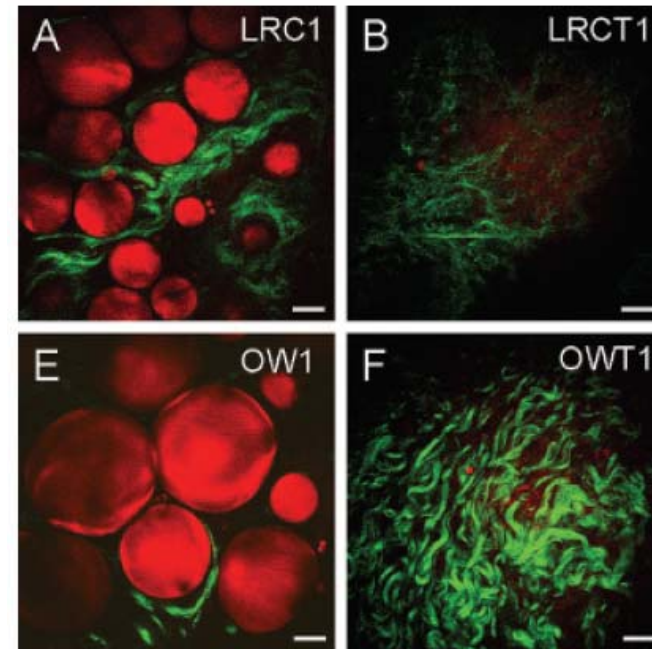




Imaging Tissue



Experimental Setup and *in vivo* E-CARS images. (A) Experimental setup for combined **E-CARS and SHG imaging** of a live mouse. (B) E-CARS image of parallel **myelinated axons in the sciatic nerve** and the surrounding fat cells. Scale bar = 25 μm .

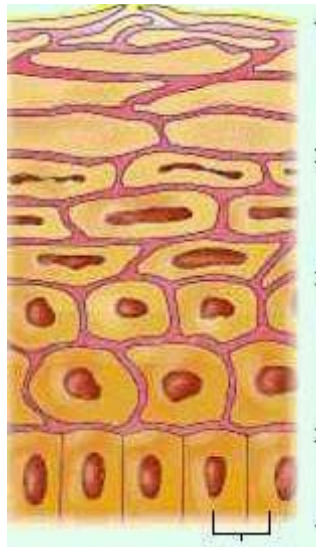


Coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering imaging of **adipocytes** (red) and second harmonic generation imaging of **collagen fibrils** (green) to evaluate the impact of obesity on **mammary gland** and **tumor stromal** composition.

Le et al., Molecular Imaging 6 (2007)

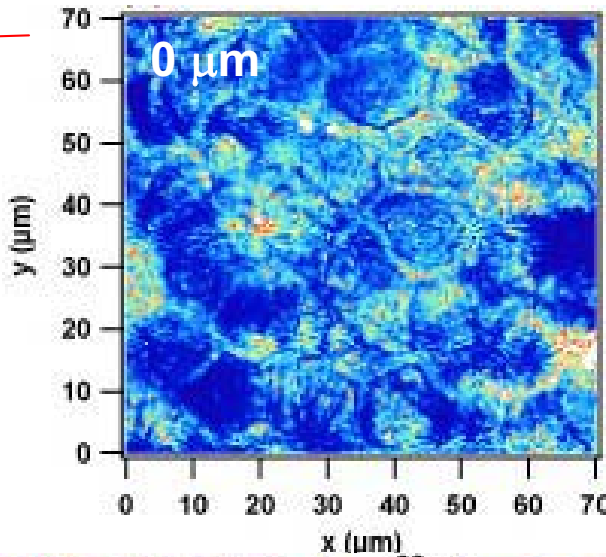


Imaging the skin: Rat skin



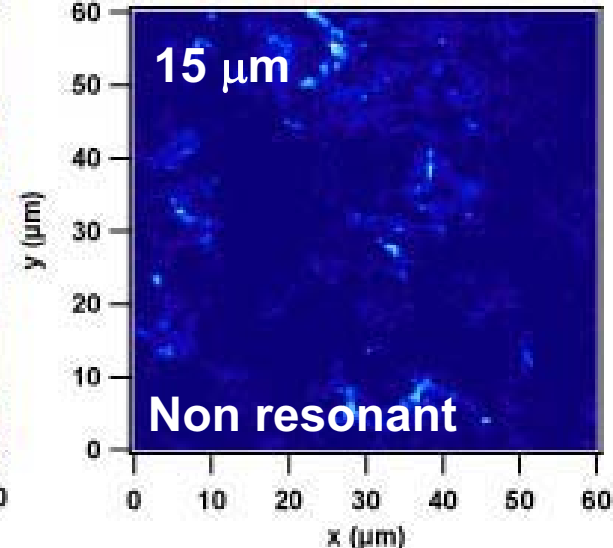
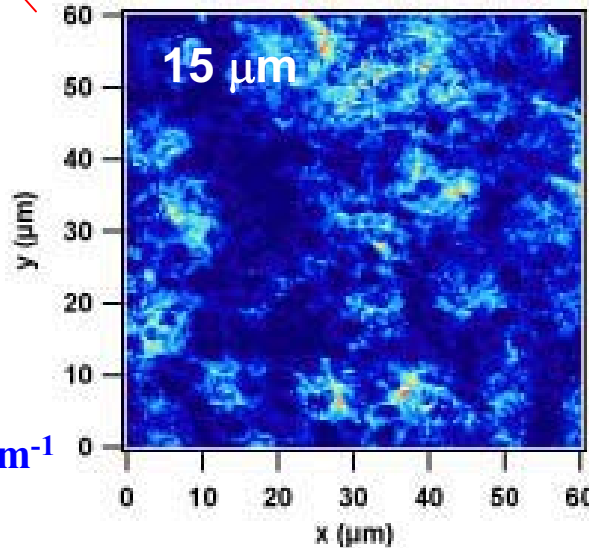
Stratum corneum

Depth: 0 μm



Depth 15 μm

Adipocytes of the dermis

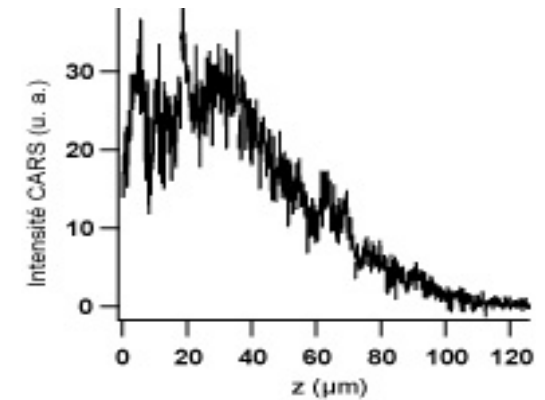
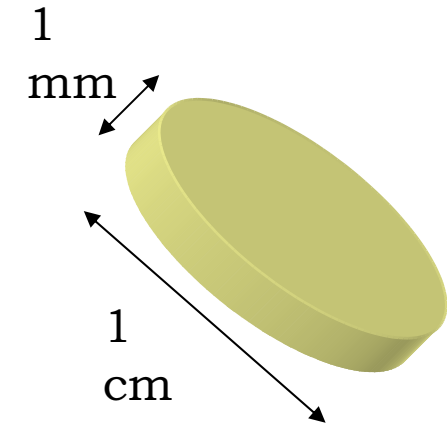
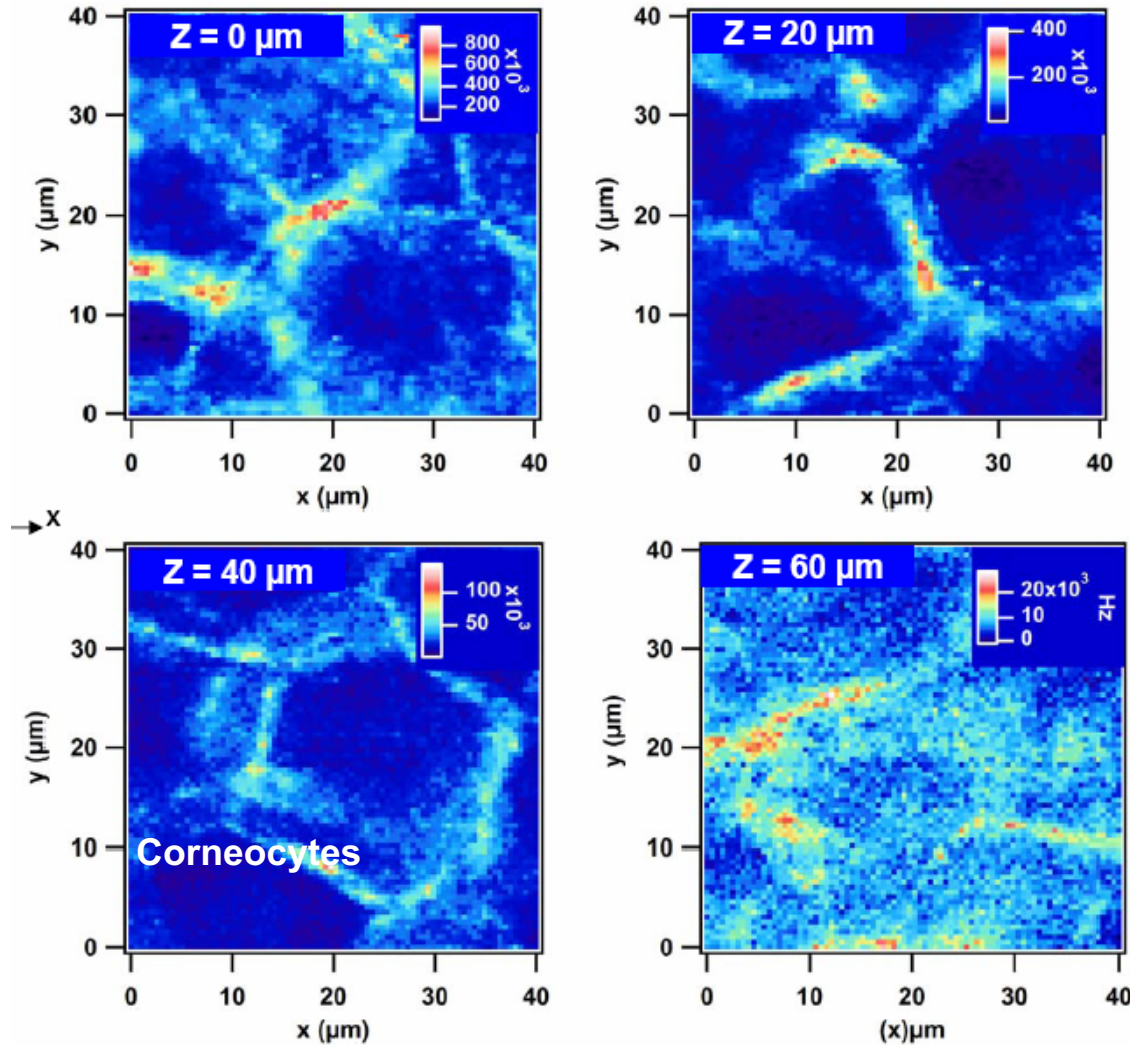


E-CARS rat Skin. CH stretch 2845cm^{-1}
(200×200) pixels - 1ms/pixel.

Pump 730nm, Stokes 920nm: Power 800 μW , rep rate: 4MHz



Imaging the skin: Stratum Corneum



E-CARS Stratum Corneum with depth.

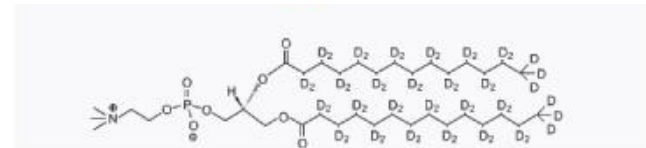
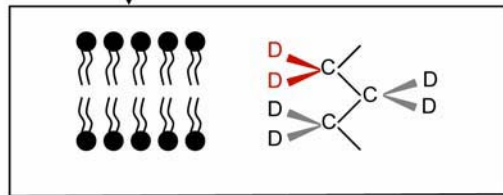
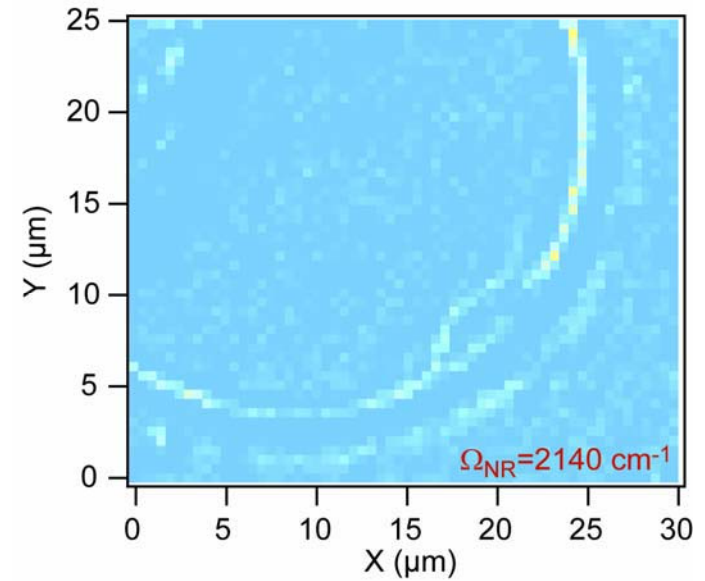
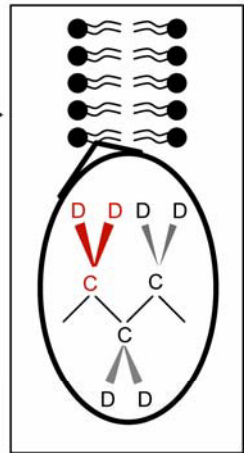
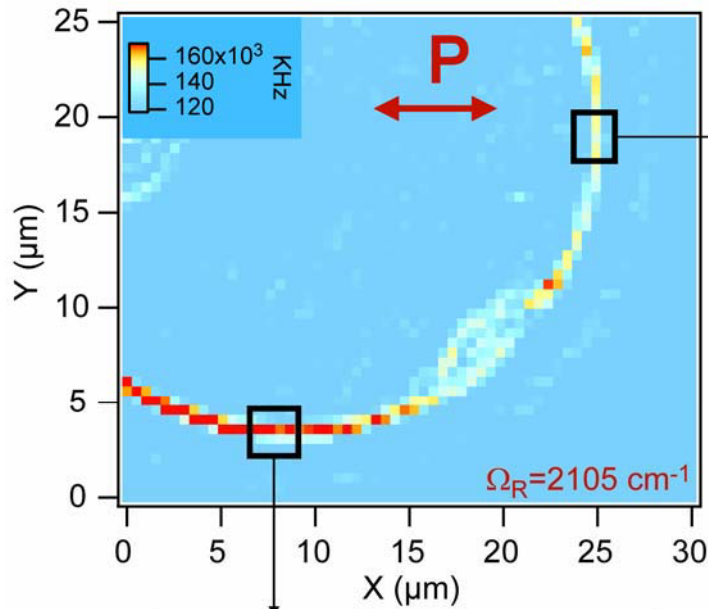
$\Omega_R = 2829 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (C-H bond)

(200×200) pixels - 1ms/pixel.

Pump 730nm, Stokes 920nm: Power 800μW, rep rate: 4MHz



A polarization sensitive technique



Djaker et al., *Médecine / Science* **22**, 853 (2006)

F-CARS GUV (DMPC-D54):
(60×60) pixels, 1ms/pixel.

Pump 730nm, Stokes 860nm: Power 800μW : rep rate: 4MHz

Forthcoming
Investigation in
polarization CARS
microscopy

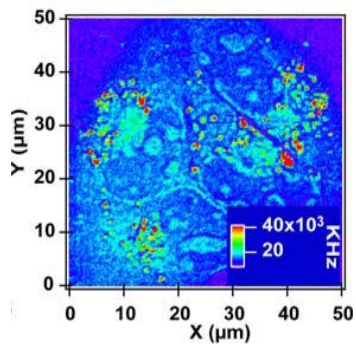


Conclusion

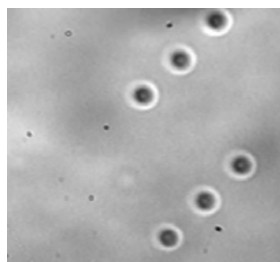
1. CARS addresses molecular intrinsic vibrational transition and **does not require staining with fluorophore or radioactivity**.
2. CARS is a coherent process which builds an anti-Stokes wave on a large number of molecular bonds. This coherent process permits to obtain a signal orders of magnitude larger than spontaneous Raman scattering. **Small laser powers (1mw)** can be used which are compatible with biological samples.
3. CARS is selective of a certain molecular bond (by adjusting the detuning between laser and Stokes beam) (**spectral selectivity**)
4. CARS is a non linear process which takes place only at the focal point of the microscope objective (diffraction limited) . Therefore no confocal pinhole is needed to obtain **3D imaging of biological samples**.
5. Working in IR limits the absorption and diffusion of bio- tissue. Images as deep as **0.3mm** can be obtained in living tissues.
6. CARS is an elastic process which does not store energy into the system. It is therefore **insensible to photobleaching**.
7. Finally, CARS is **not affected by endogenous fluorescence** because the anti-Stokes signal is at lower wavelength than the pump lasers.

Mosaic project

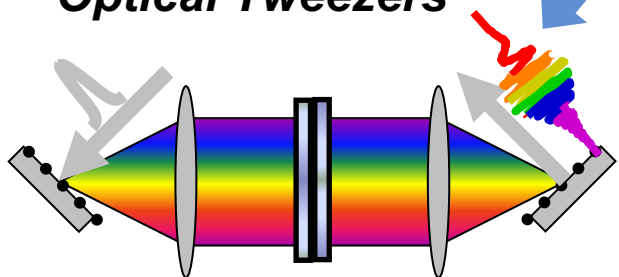
When photonics meets life



CARS



Dynamic Multiple Optical Tweezers



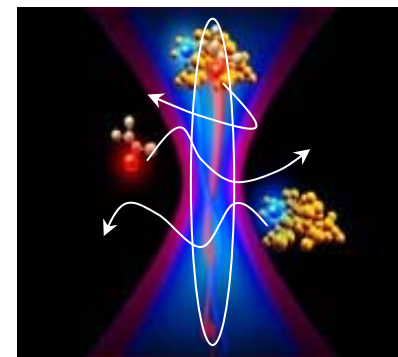
Pulse shaping imaging



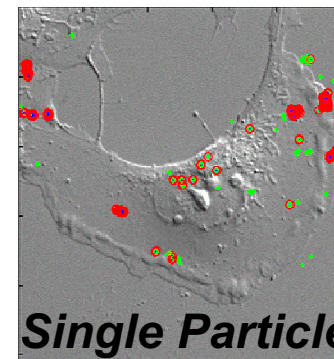
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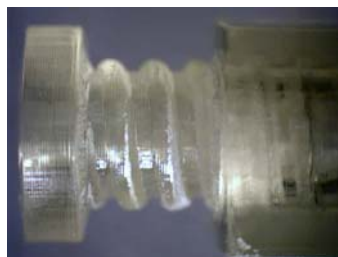
Dynamic organization of living cells and tissues



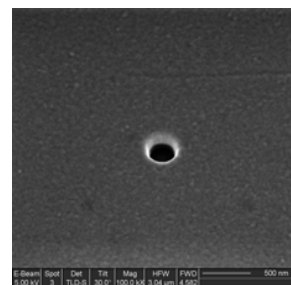
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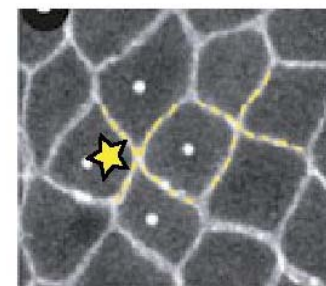
Single Particle Detection



Micro-stereolithography Nanostructures



E-beam Spot Det. Tilt Mag. HV FWD
5.00 kV 3 TLO-8 30.0 100.0 kx 3.04 um 4.90



Laser nanoscissors