

Photonics / Imaging / Display

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Healthcare

Imaging

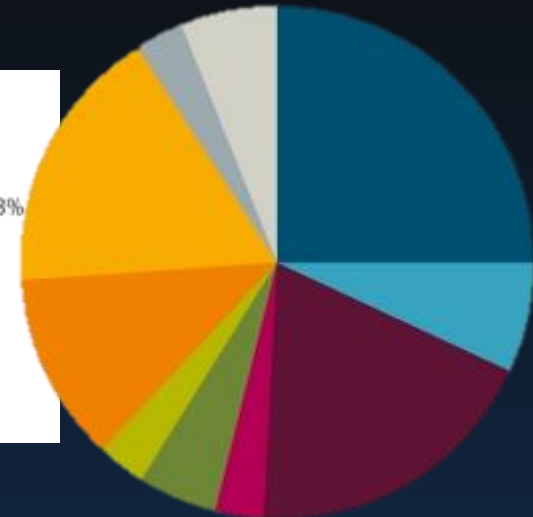
Fundamental
sciences

Societal
aspects

From images to understandings

Diagnostic imaging – Current status

- Global market size:
\$32.3B in 2014 to \$49B in 2020.
- China: A rapidly expanding market
- Every \$385 spent on imaging decreased a patient's hospital stay by one day (saving ~\$3000 per patient)
Molly Beinfeld et. al., Radiology, June 2005.



So far, we have some images, and some understandings

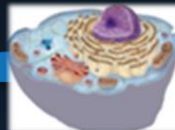


Grand challenge:

From better images to better understandings



molecule



Cell



tissue

...but, image information is extremely heterogeneous:

- **Multiscale:** molecules, cells, tissues, organisms
- **Multidimensional:** 3D + time (dynamics)
- **Complex & quantitative:** molecular, structural, functional

Regenerative medicine

Neuroscience

Cancer diagnostics

Redefine imaging: What is missing?

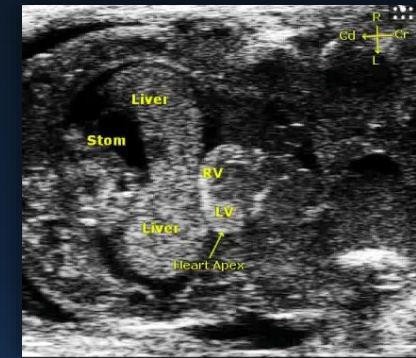
Imaging platforms

Image analytics

Image visualization



Video-rate live-cell imaging
Olympus: Microscopy resource center

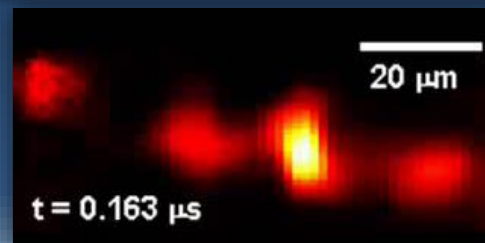


Clinical ultrasound
Nature 521 520 (2015)

**Information
content**

Speed

**Ease of
Understanding**



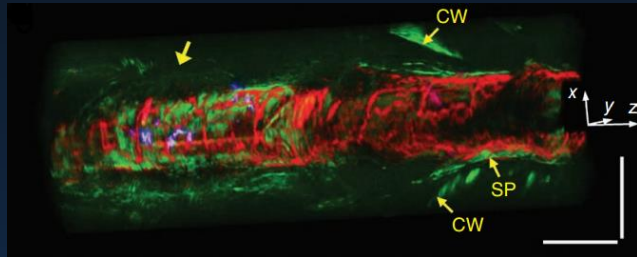
Ultrafast optical imaging
Nature 458, 1145 (2009)

Redefine imaging: What is missing?

Imaging platforms

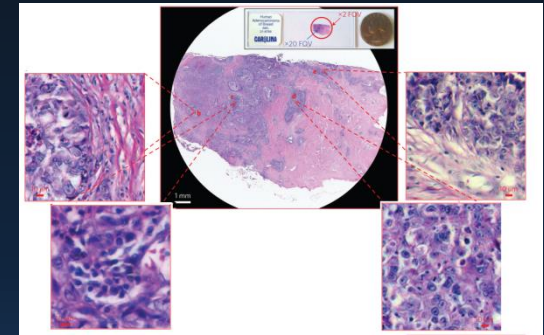
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Functional ultrasound + photoacoustic imaging

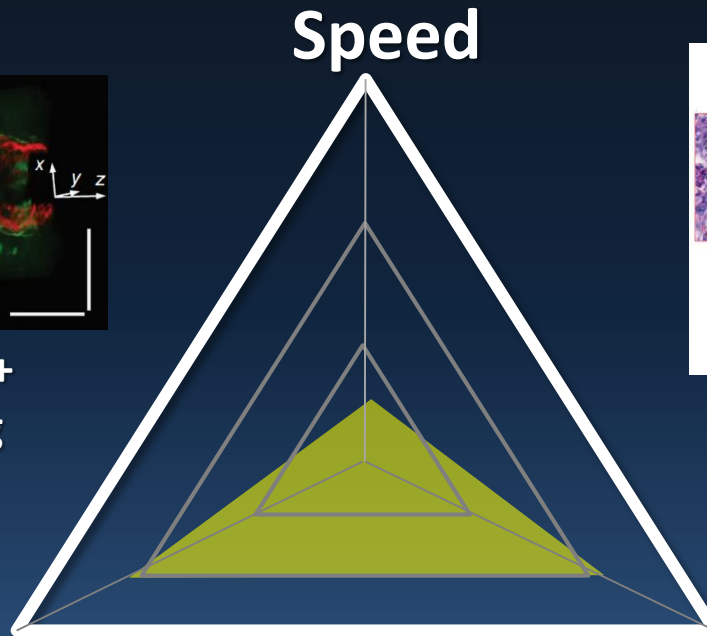
Nature Medicine 18, 1297 (2013)



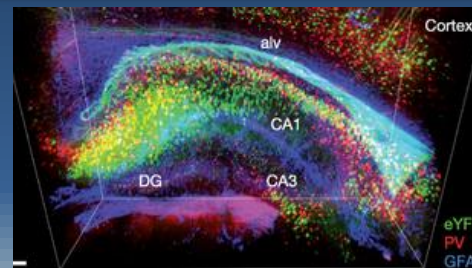
Digital pathology

Nature Photonics 7, 739 (2013)

Information content



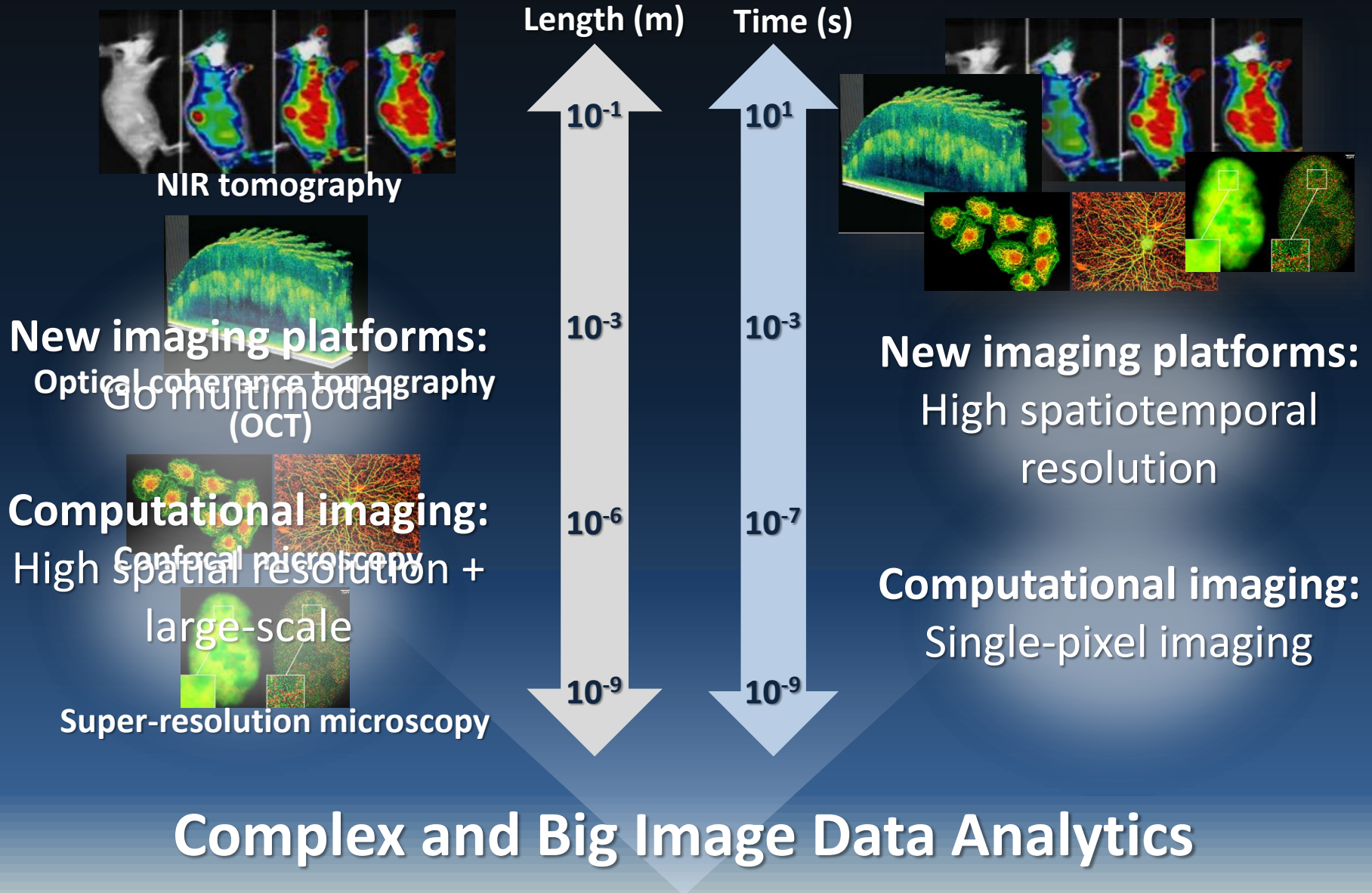
Ease of Understanding



Whole brain phenotypes

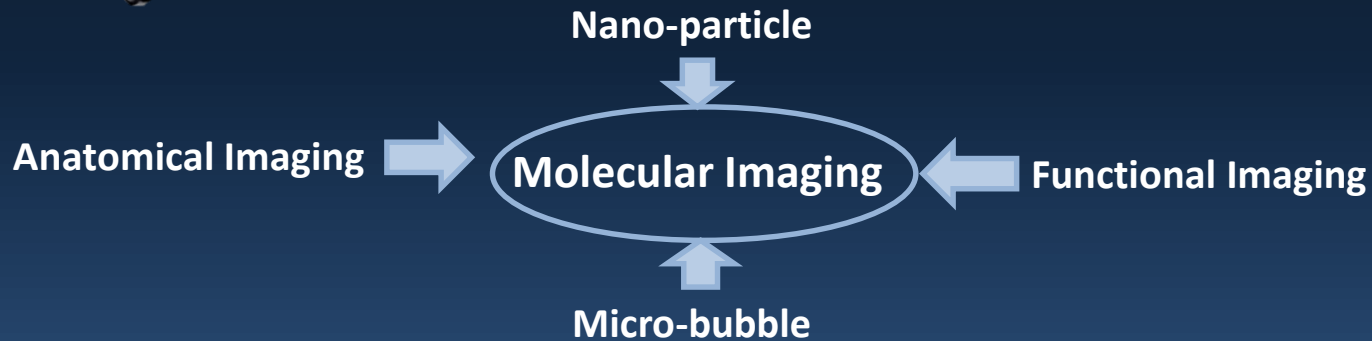
Nature 497, 332 (2013)

Photonics Imaging: A New Paradigm



New Era of Biomedical Ultrasound Imaging

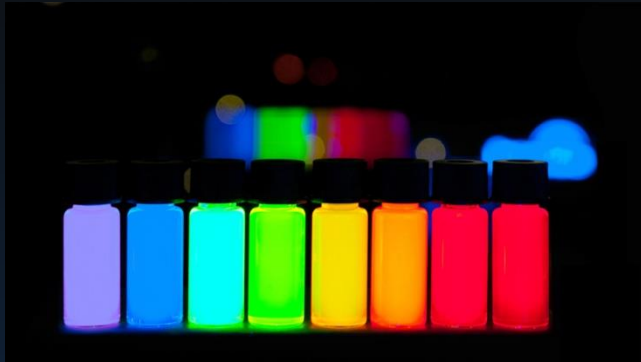
Moving **machine to patient** to provide **anatomical to molecular** imaging



Moving ultrasound machine to patient instead of moving patient to machine

- Clinical needs and feasibility clearly demonstrated, BUT
- Resolution and functionality to be improved with breakthrough developments
- Breakthroughs needed in ultrasound transducer techniques and 3D image formation
- Functional imaging, e.g. elasticity imaging, high resolution Doppler flow
- More effective use of images via big data analysis and cloud computing

Display of Volumetric Images in 3D Media



Quantum Dots
Size Dependent
Emission

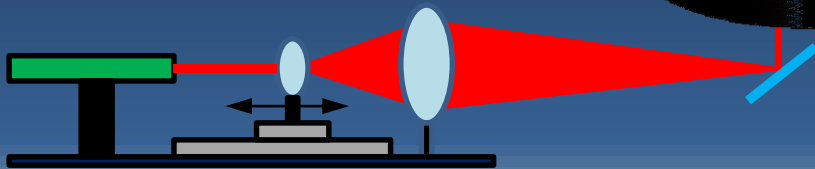
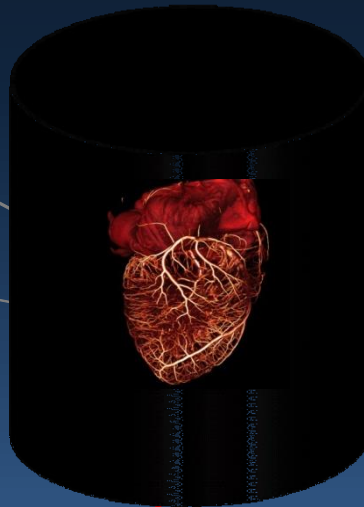
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quantum_dot

Nanoparticle Doped Polymeric
3D Display in Freeform Shape

3D Volumetric Image

Scattering Voxel

Laser Beam with Focal Point
Modulation in z-axis



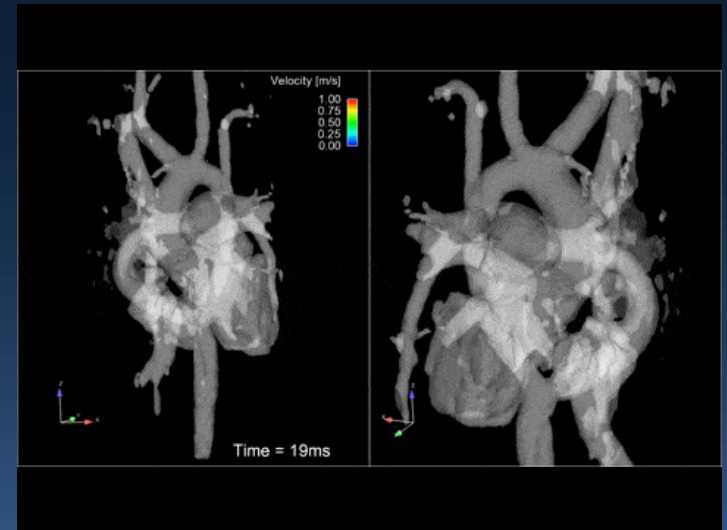
MEMS Scanning
Micro-mirror for
Steering in x- and y-
axes

Heart Image <http://thevirtualheart.org/>

Challenge

Excite quantum dots with focused laser to create lighting voxel with colors, resolution, and frame rate to be comparable to 2-D display.

3D Blood Flow Visualization (whole heart 4D flow MRI)



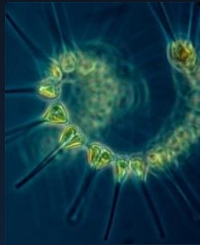
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ORpeB6j0gc>

Examples of Existing Strengths in Hong Kong

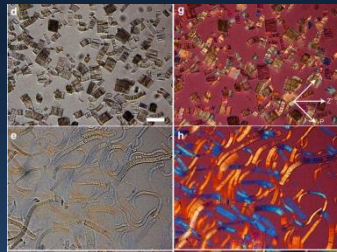
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Plankton ecology



Material sciences



Autonomous vehicles



Biometric Security

Ultrafast OCT
3D image visualization
Optogenetic functional MRI
THz spectroscopy & imaging
Biometric Security and Recognition
Computational imaging and analytics
Ultrahigh-throughput single-cell imaging
Label-free nonlinear optical microscopy
Imaging for neural recording/stimulation
Molecular/functional ultrasound imaging

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