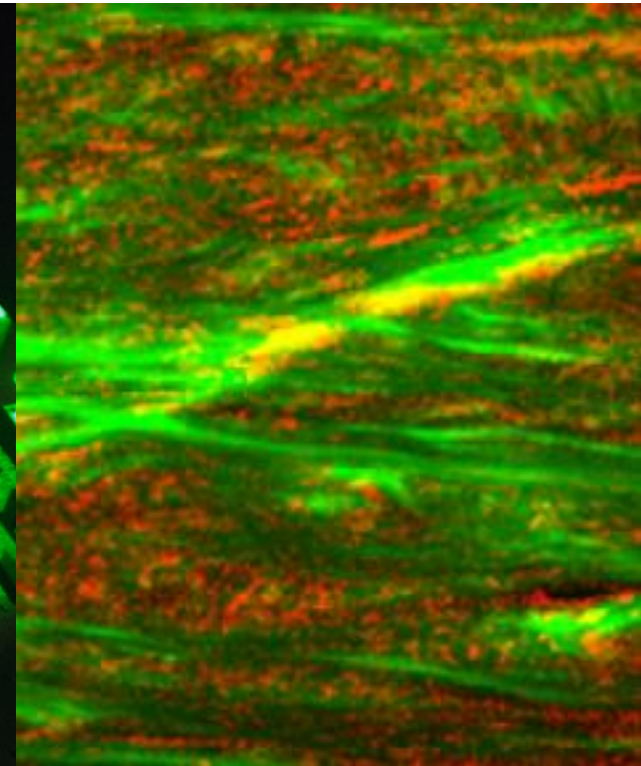
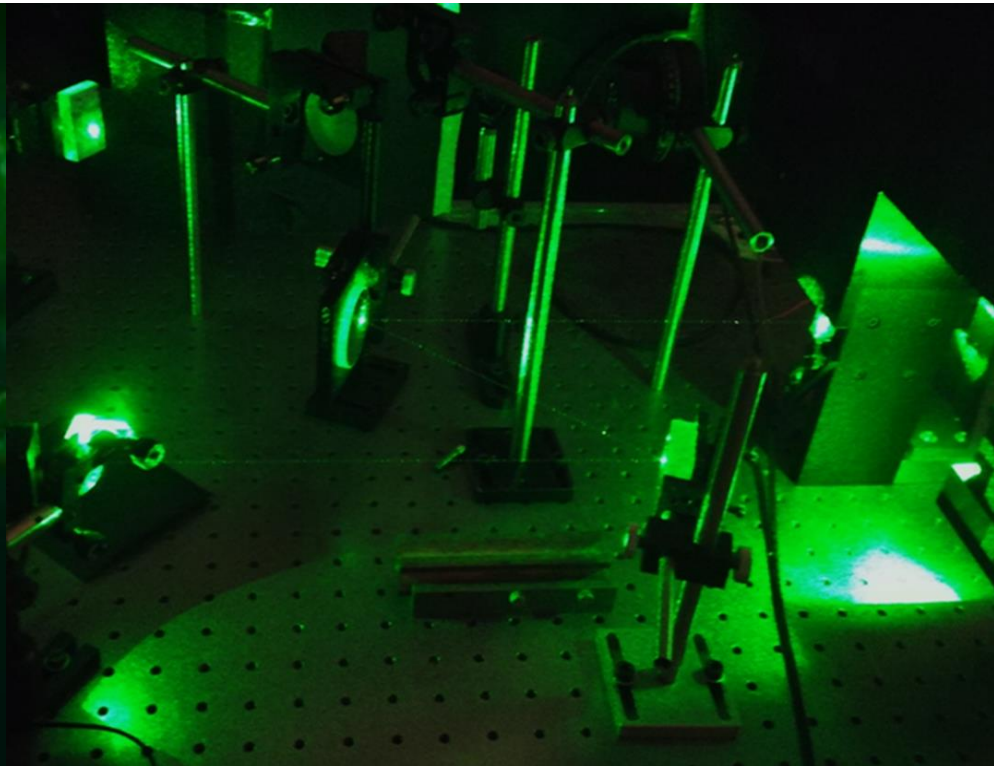
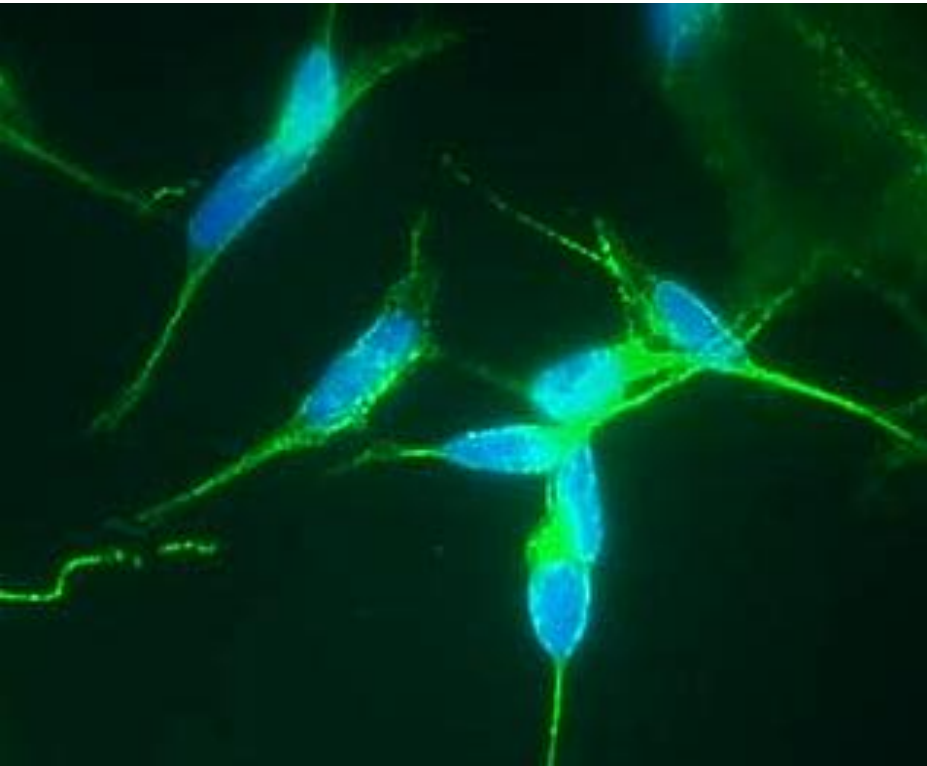


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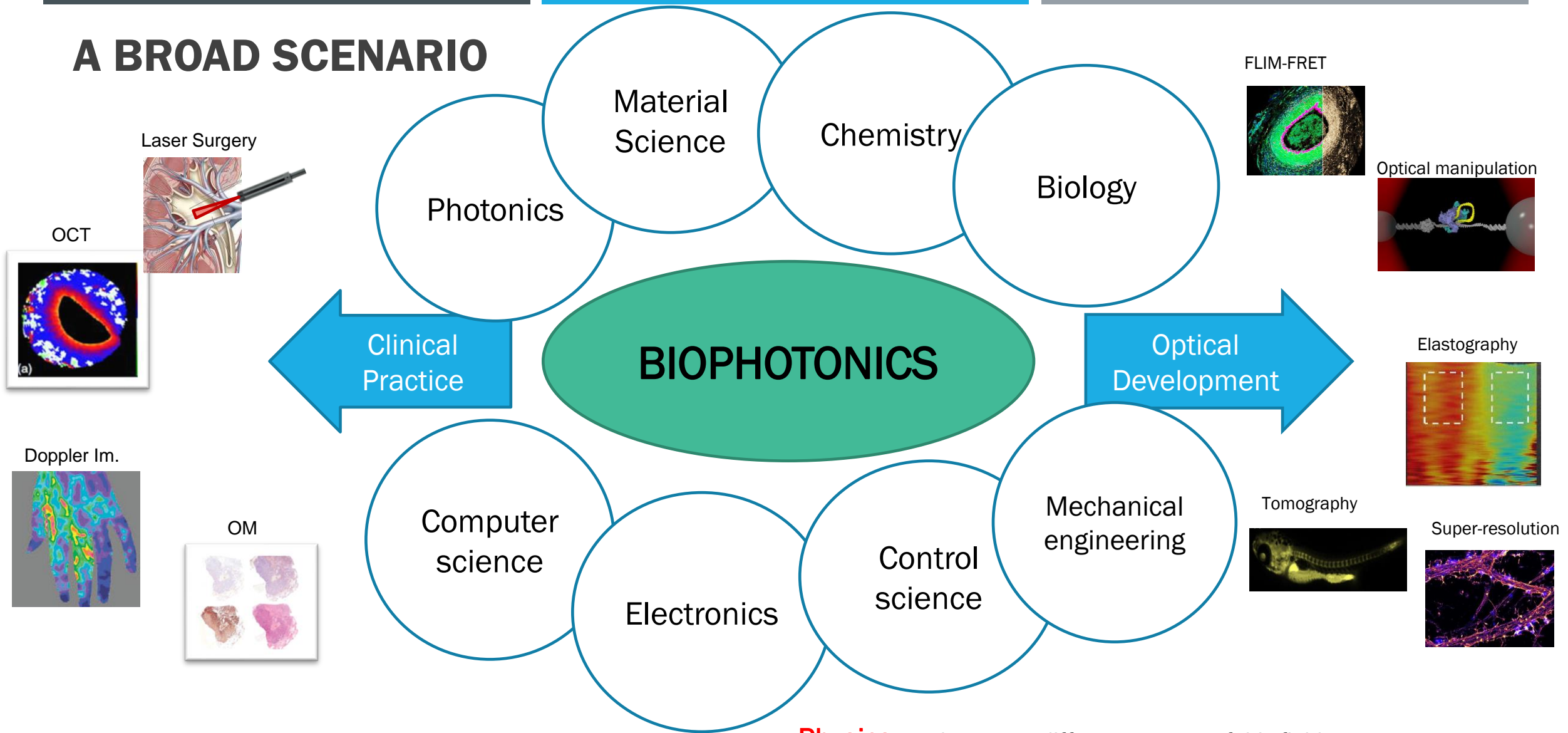
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An emerging multidisciplinary research area, embracing all light-based technologies applied to the life sciences and medicine

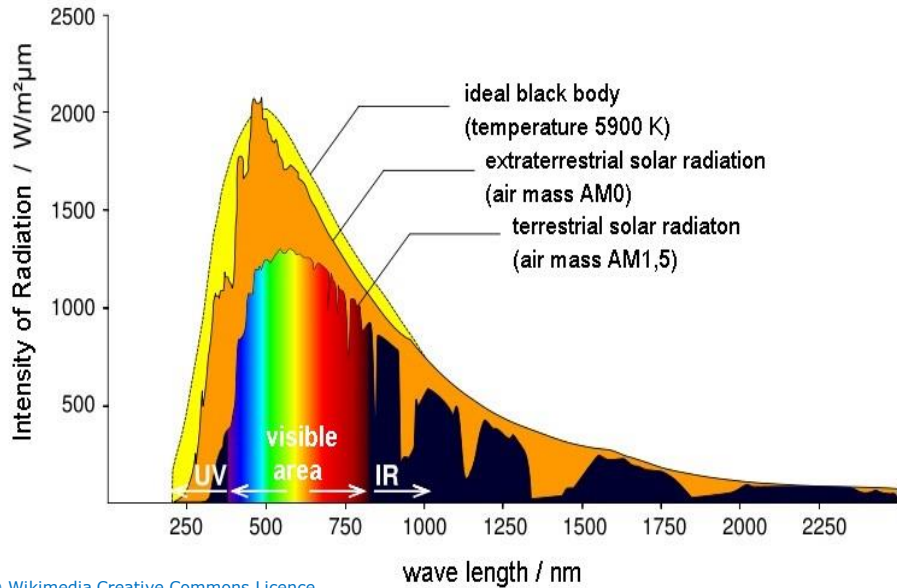


A BROAD SCENARIO



Physics touches many different aspects of this field: from the optics of the instrument design, to the interaction mechanism of light and matter, to biophysics, to the design of biomimetic materials

WHY THE LIGHT TO STUDY BIOLOGICAL MATTER?

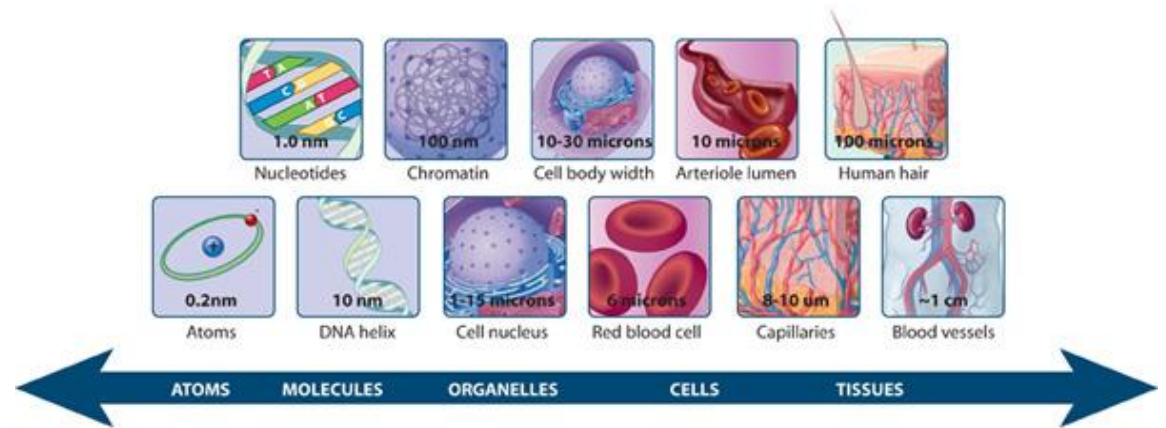


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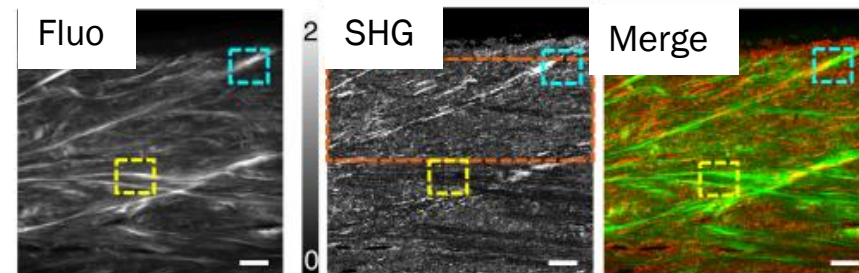
MANY PRACTICAL ONES:

- Wide temporal and spatial scales
- Multifunctional (morphology, chemistry, structure)
- Compatibility (simultaneous use of several techniques)
- Practicity (low price, reduced invasiveness)

ONE FUNDAMENTAL REASON:
It can interact with biological matter,
without distructing it



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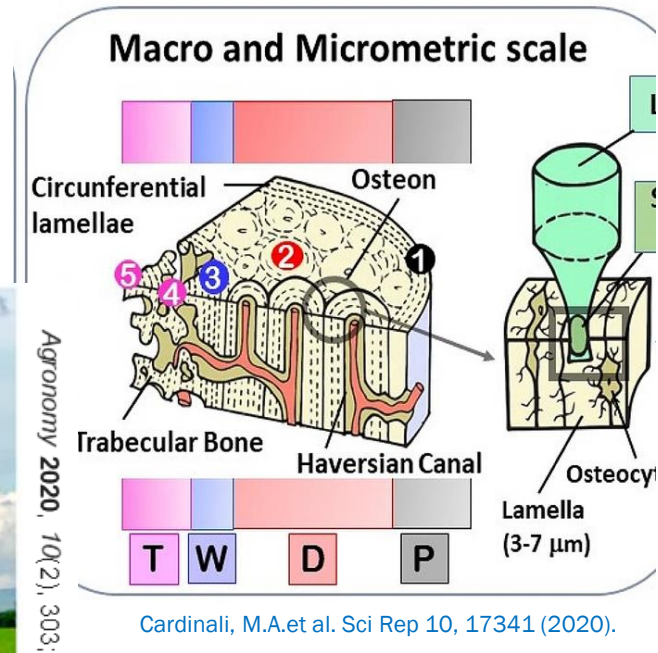
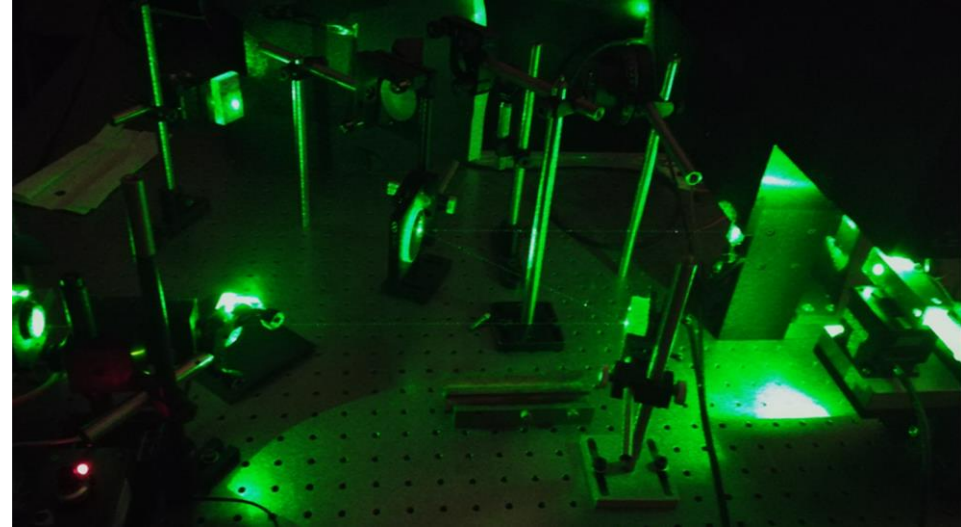


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BIOPHOTONICS IN PERUGIA

- Disegno e realizzazione di **strumenti per la spettroscopia ottica e per l'imaging spettroscopico**.
- Studio, anche a scopo diagnostico, delle **proprietà meccaniche e molecolari in cellule e tessuti**
- Proprietà elastiche di sistemi nanostrutturati-**biomateriali e nanomateriali**
- Spettroscopia e Imaging per **l'Agricoltura di precisione e monitoraggio ambientale**

Dal AA: 2022-2023 nuovo insegnamento di **Bio-fotonica** (6 cfu) nel corso di Laurea magistrale in Fisica Curriculum di Fisica della Materia e di Fisica medica.





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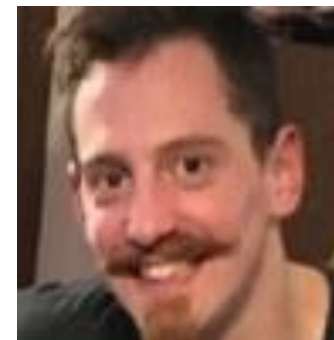
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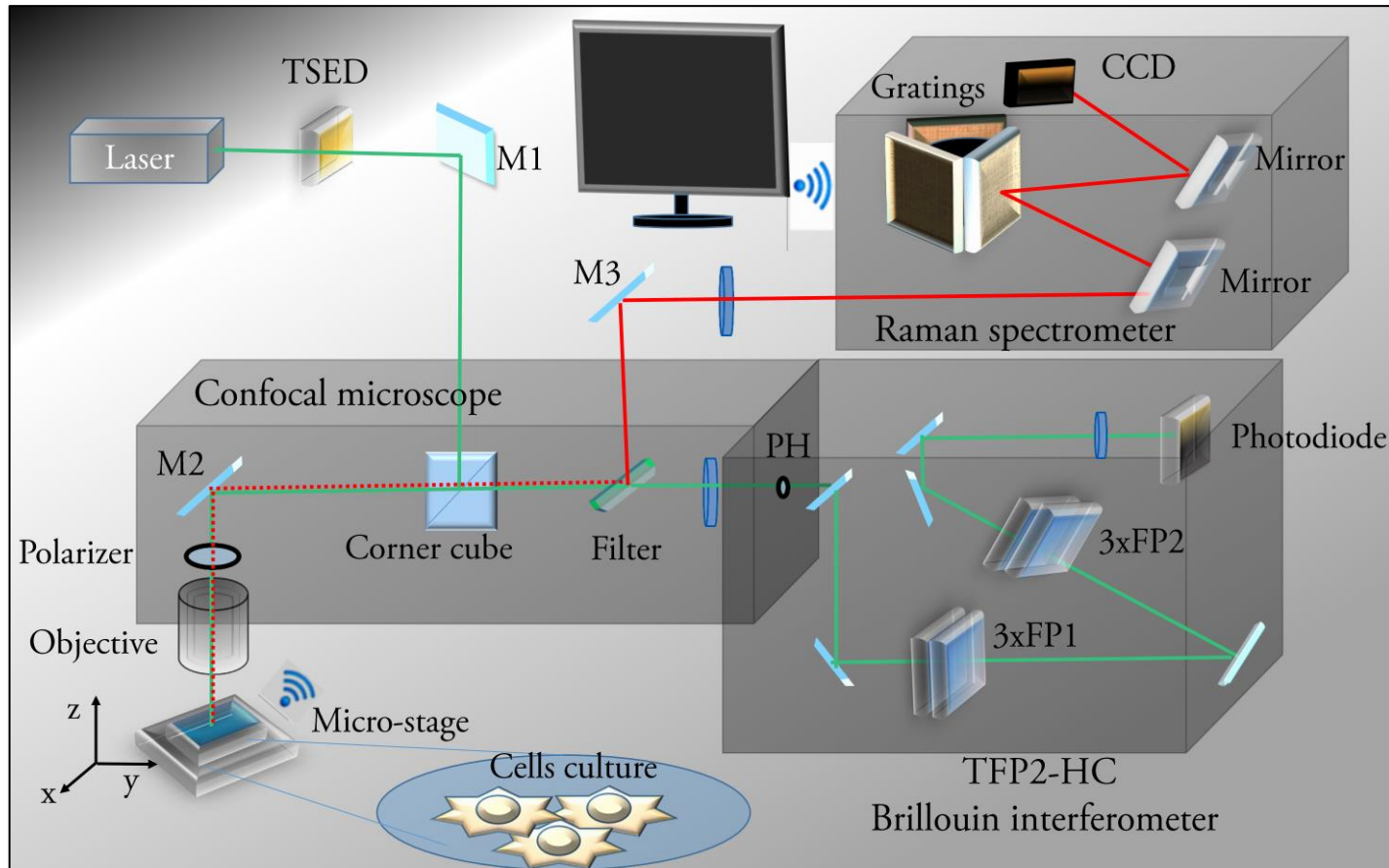


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NEW SETUP FOR SIMULTANEOUS μ -BRILLOUIN AND μ -RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY

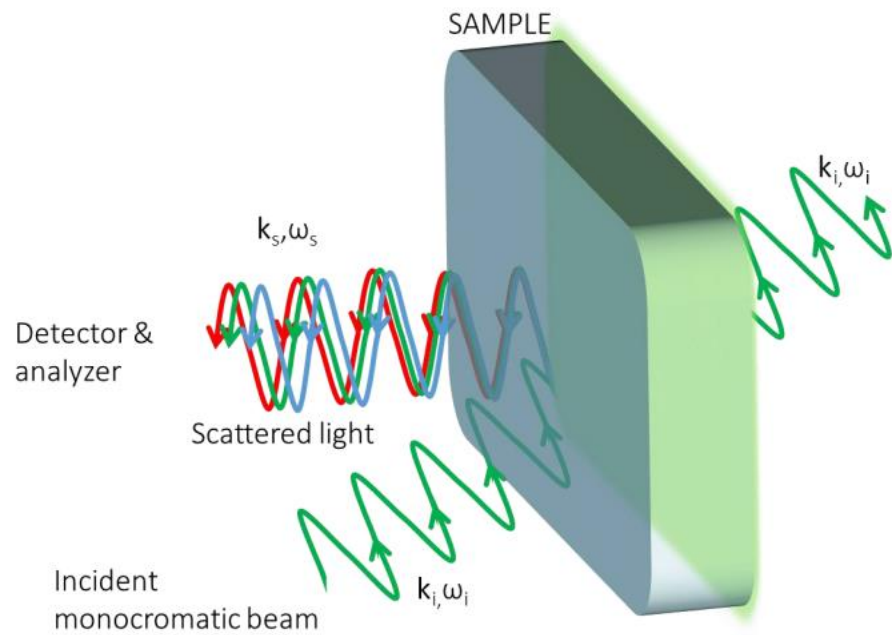


**vibrational modes
of molecules**
*Chemical
properties -
composition,
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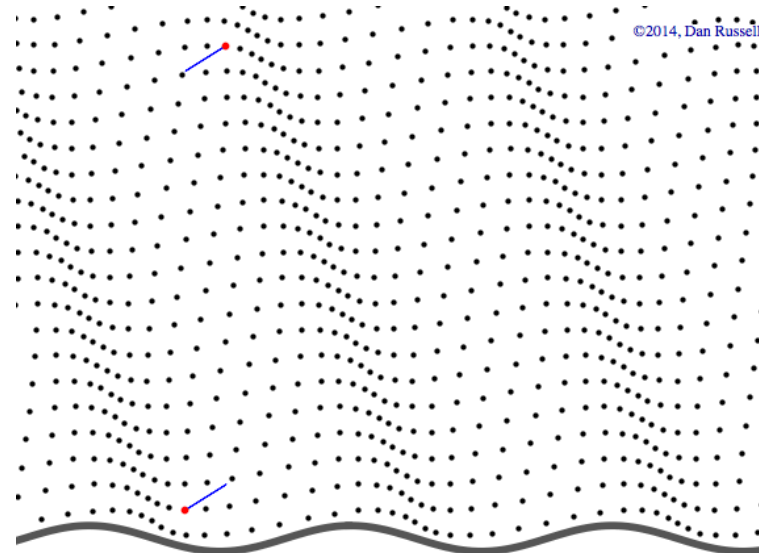
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MISURA DELLE PROPRIETÀ ELASTICHE E CHIMICHE ...USANDO UN LASER

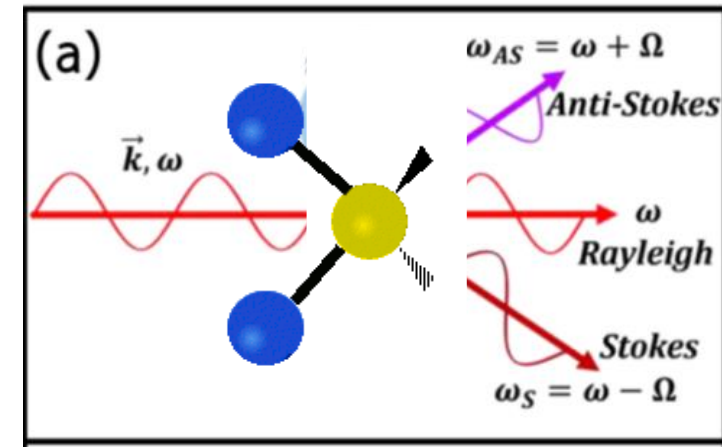


Spettroscopia Brillouin



Animation courtesy of Dr. Dan Russell,
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Spettroscopia Raman



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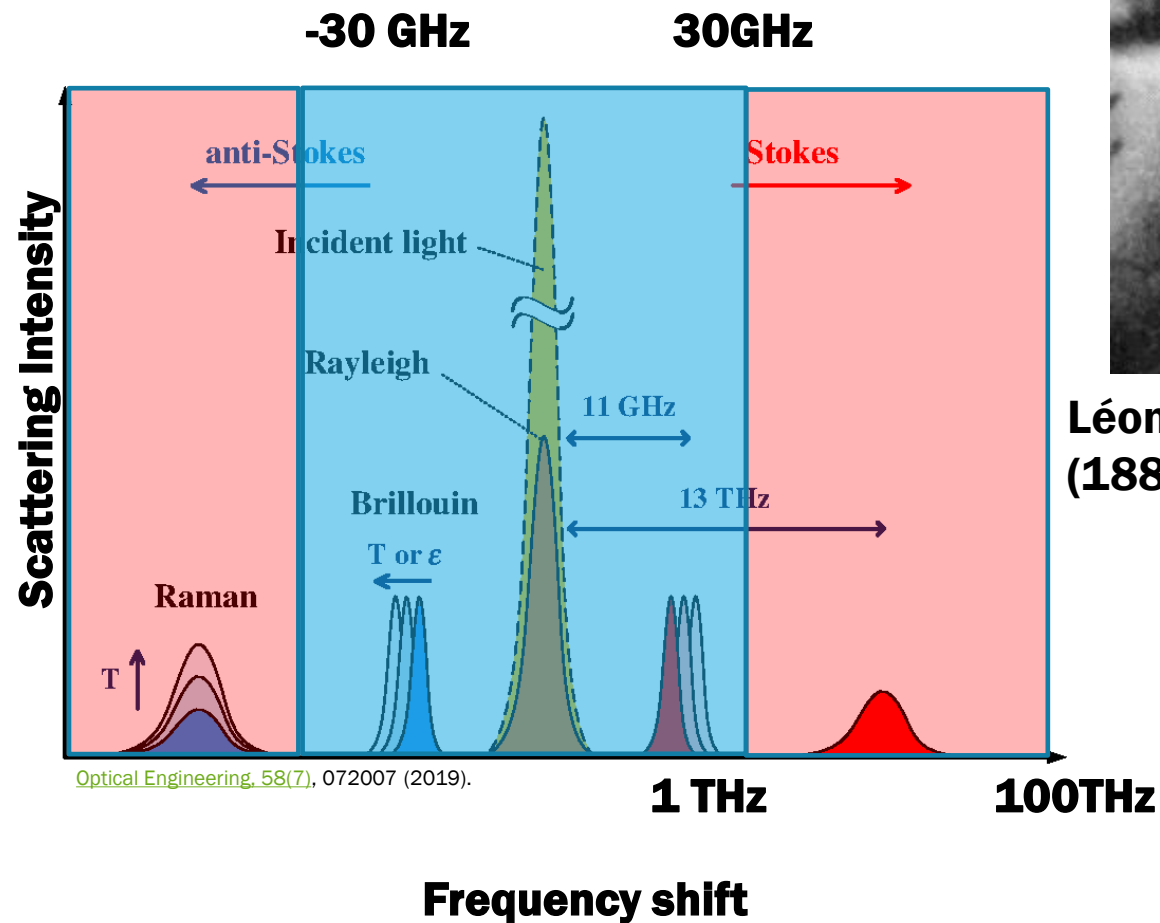
BRILLOUIN AND RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY



**Sir C. V. Raman
(1888 – 1970)**



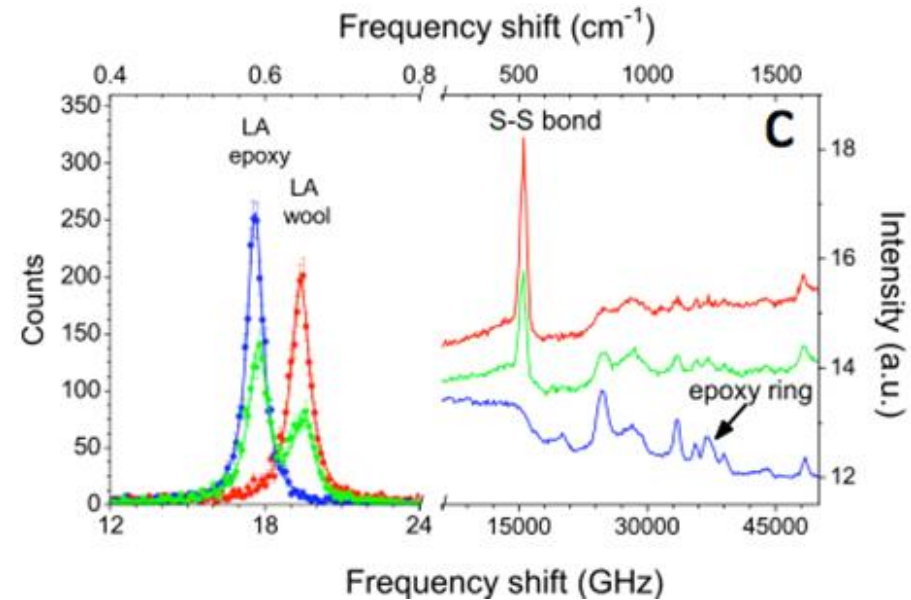
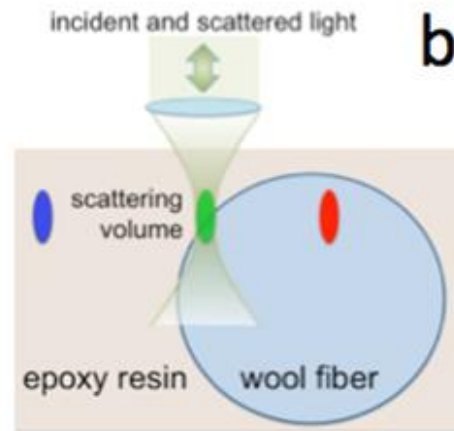
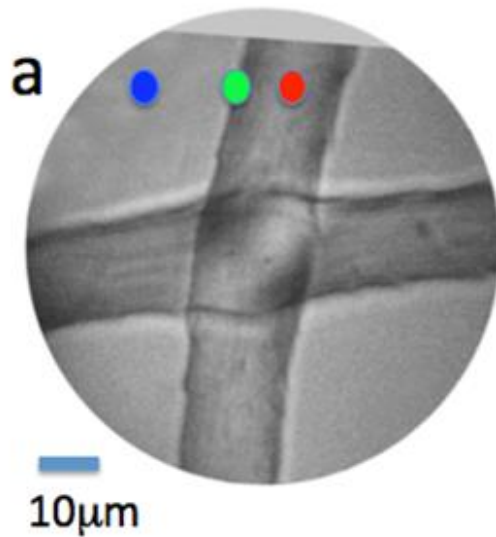
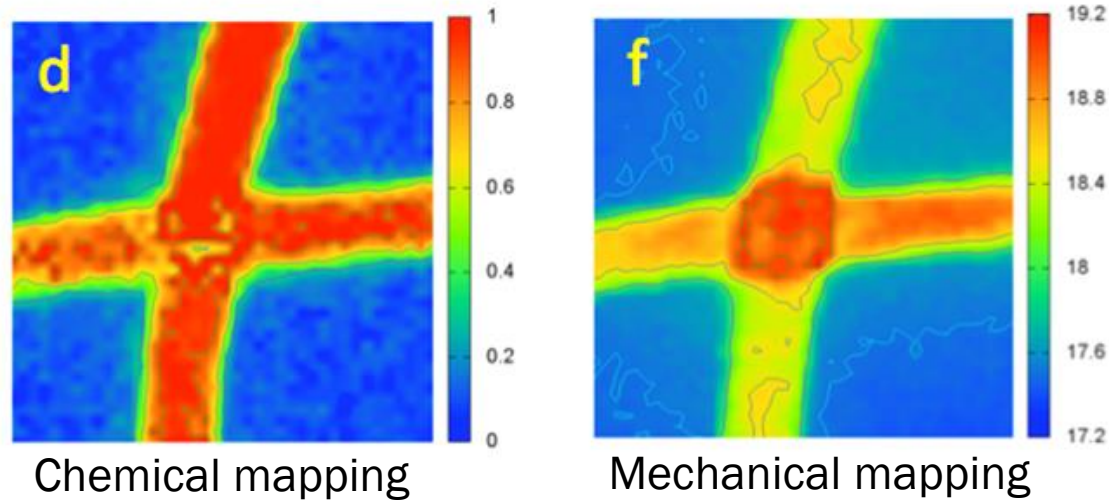
**Léon Nicolas Brillouin
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BRILLOUIN AND RAMAN MAPPING

Two wool fibers embedded
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2 μ m step, 40 \times 40 points
10 s
P=5mW

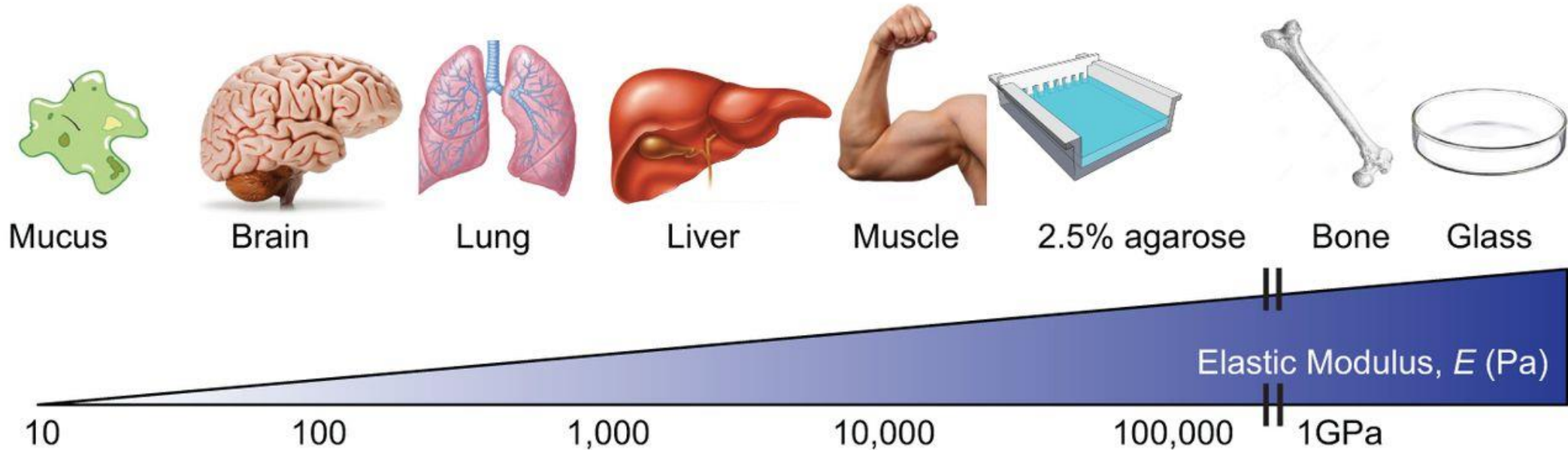


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Mechanics in biology

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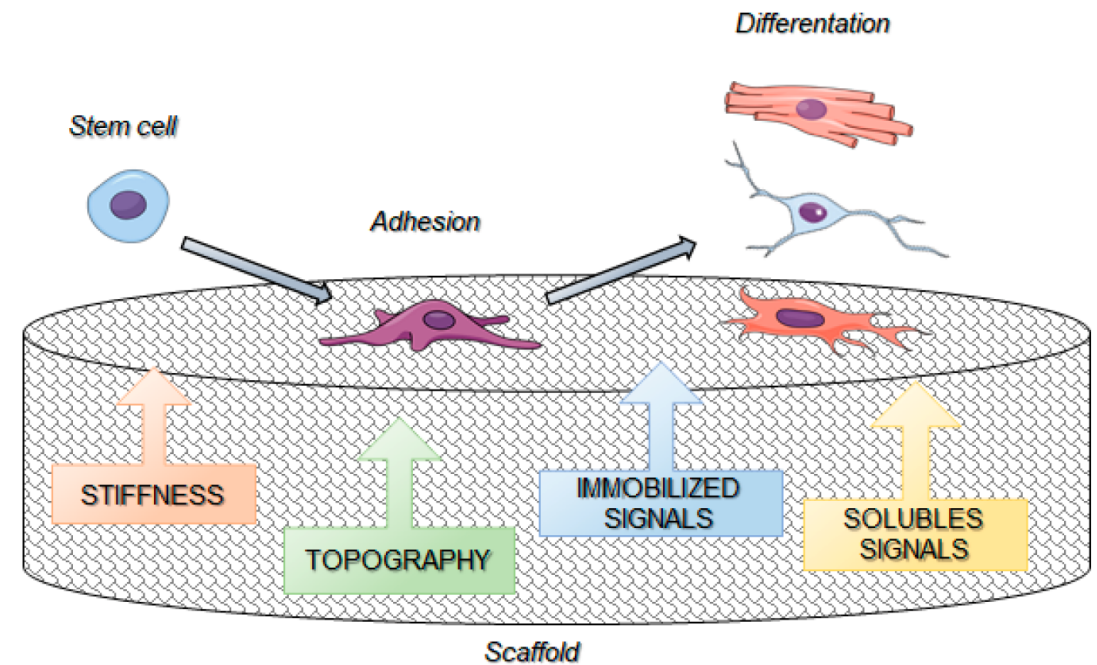
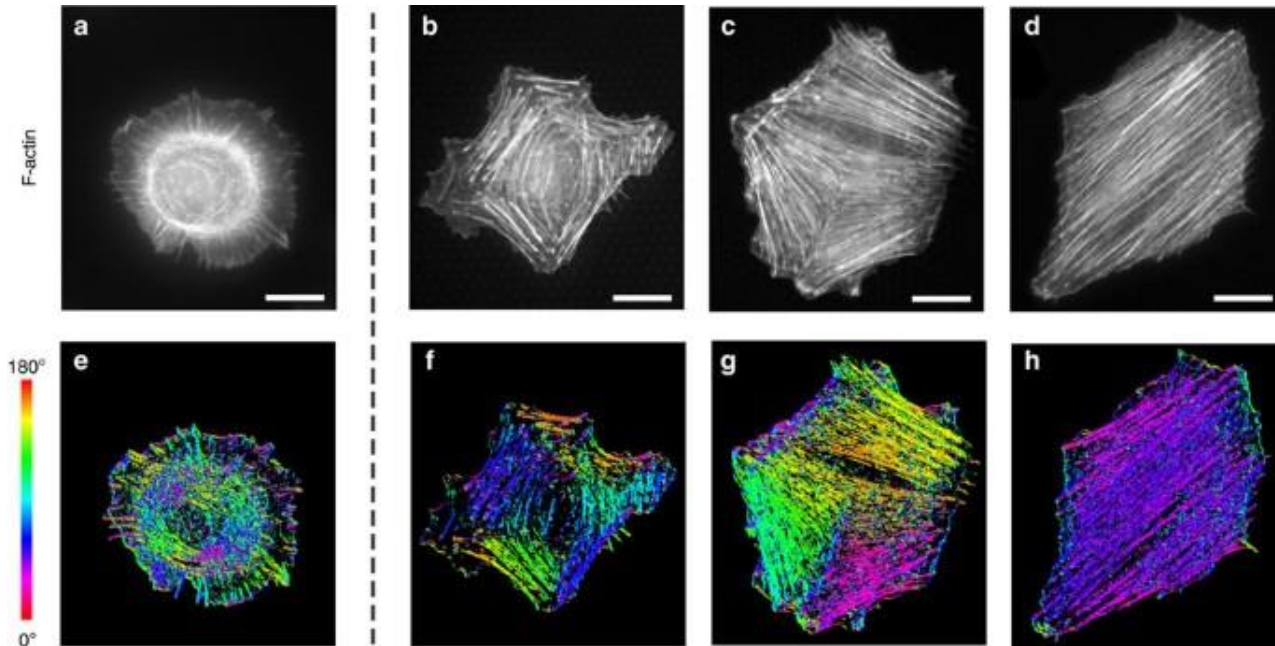
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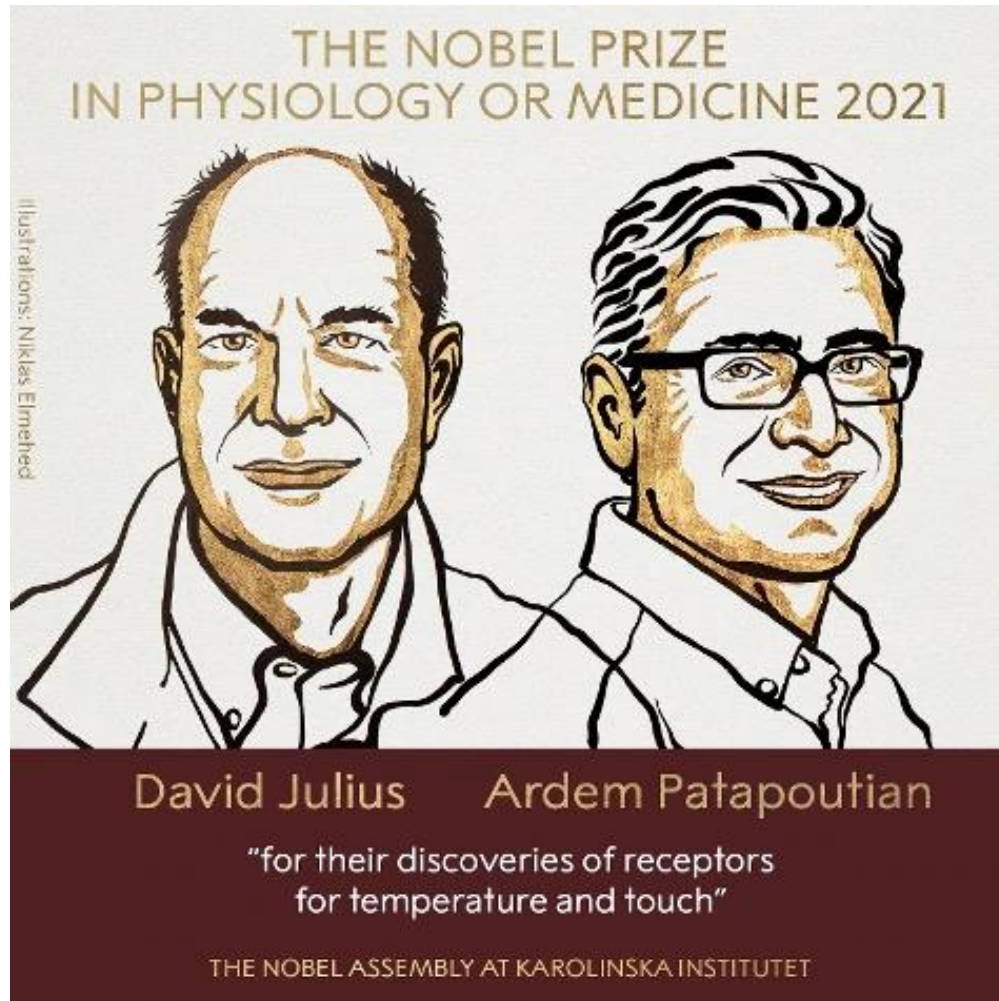
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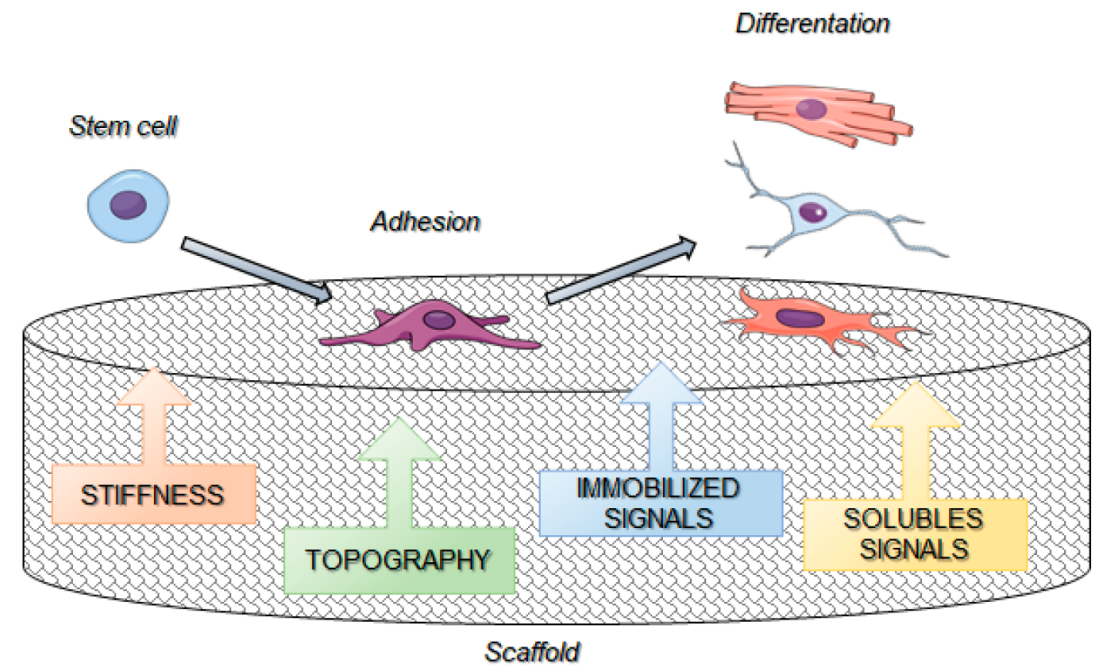
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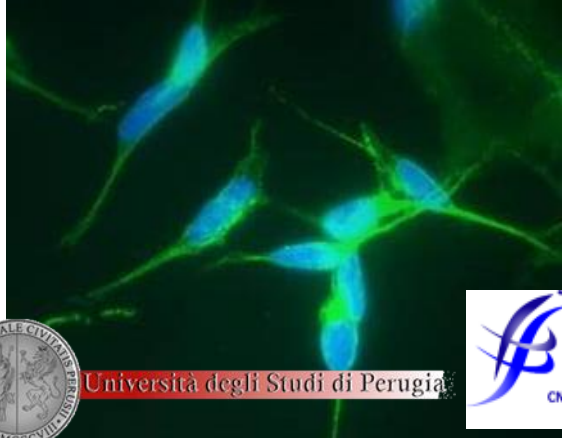
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MICROSCOPIA CHIMICA E MECCANICA DI MATERIALI BIO

Living cells

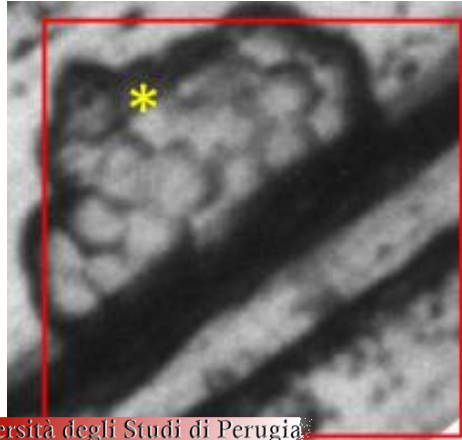


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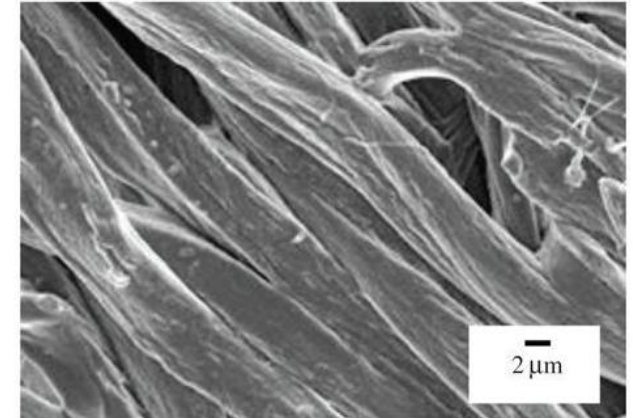
Biofilms



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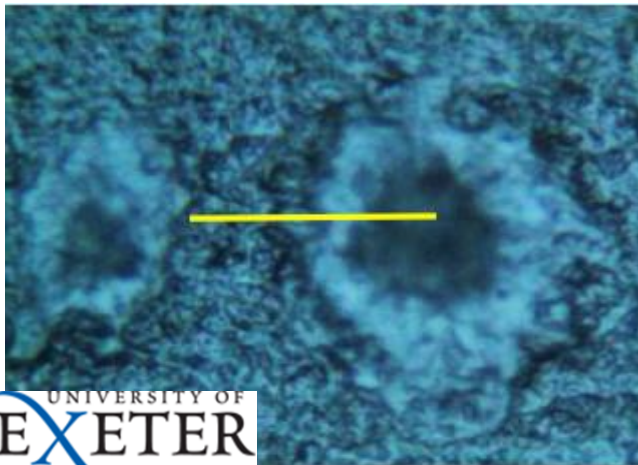
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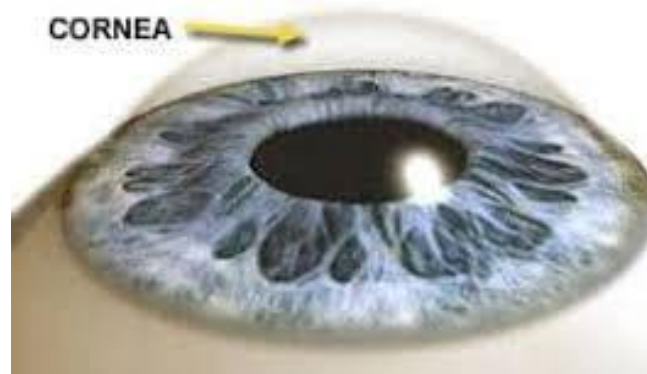
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Human cornea



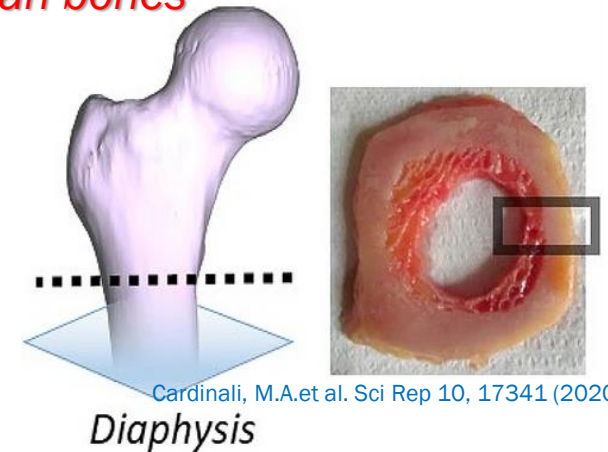
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Human bones



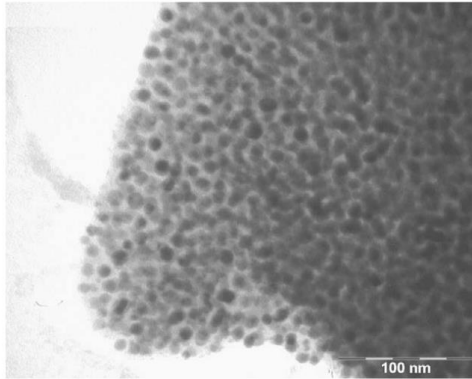
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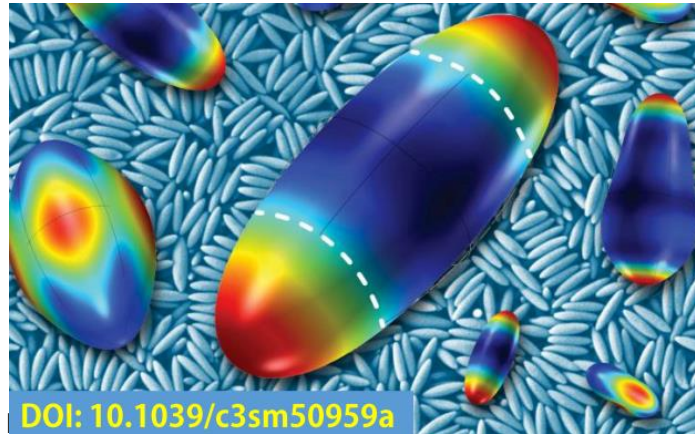
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Vetri nanostrutturati



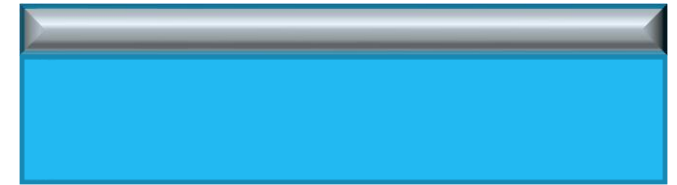
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Nano-particles

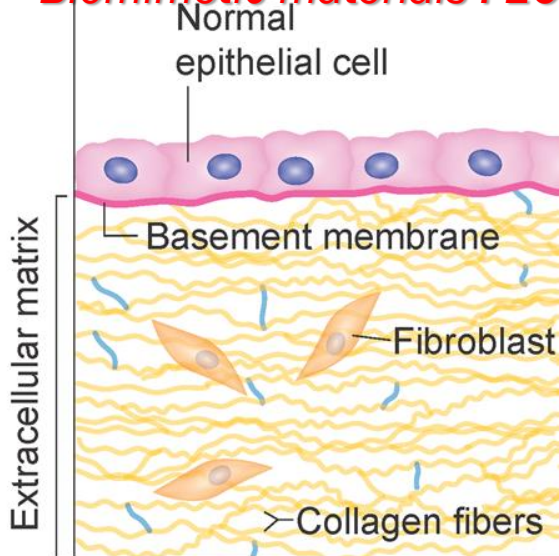


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Thin films

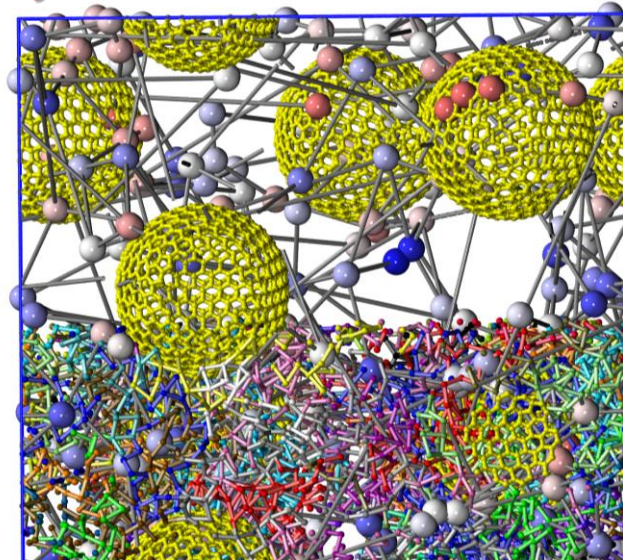


Biomimetic materials : ECM



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Polymer



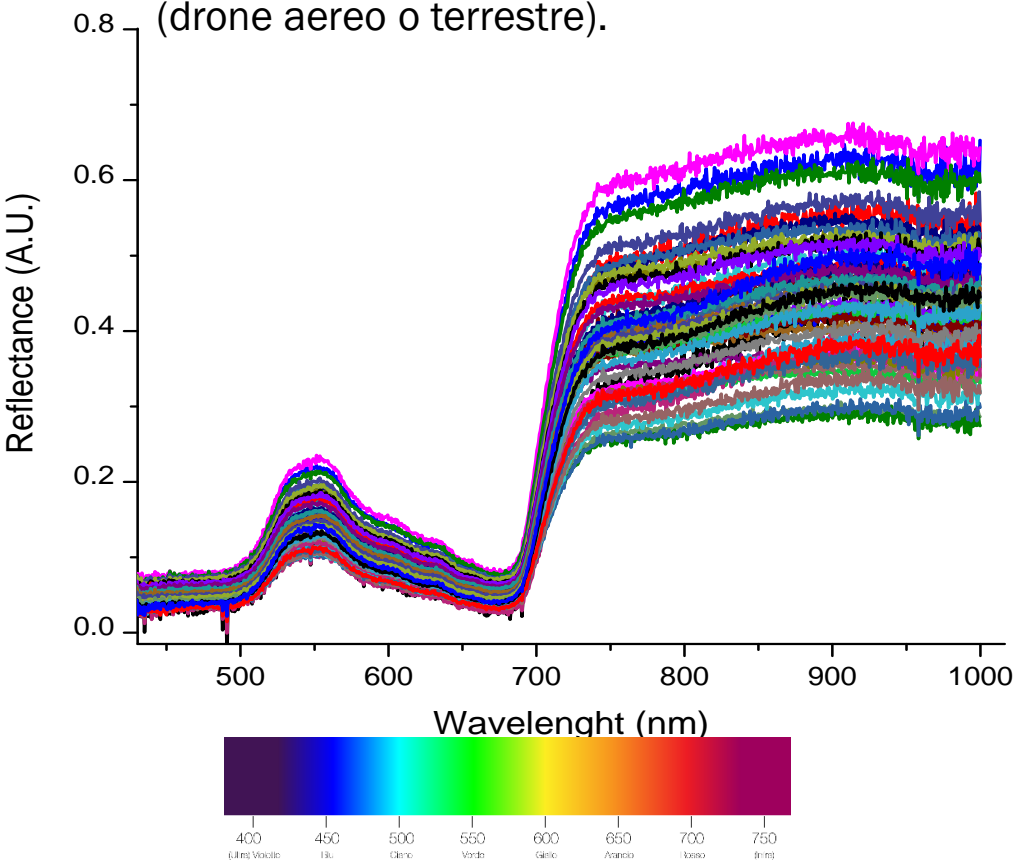
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Film metallici, ceramici, polimerici con applicazioni in campo energetico/acustico, Isolamento termico/acustico, filtri ottici/acustici, coating protettivi

AGRICOLTURA DI PRECISIONE

Imaging di riflettanza.

- Comparazione risultati per piante officinali ed infestanti (o sane/malate)
- Individuazione tramite **machine learning** delle regioni spettrali in cui le piante officinali e infestanti (sane/malate) sono maggiormente distinguibili.
- Sviluppo di strumentazione per l'acquisizione delle immagini
- Determinazione di un protocollo di riconoscimento tramite fotogrammetria (drone aereo o terrestre).



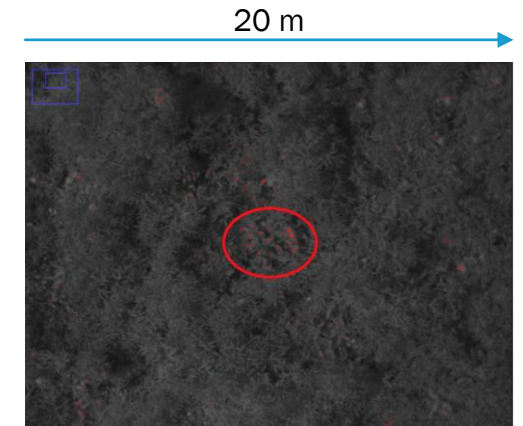
Eliotropio



Malva



Malattia



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CNR-INO (Firenze)
IFOM (Milano)
CREA (Roma)**

Internazionali:

**Società BioBrillouin (board members)
University of Glasgow
University of Exeter
Università di Porto**

SVILUPPI FUTURI

Sviluppo di strumentazione

- **Human Technopole Milano**
- **Oculistica**
- **Sensori per droni (CREA)**

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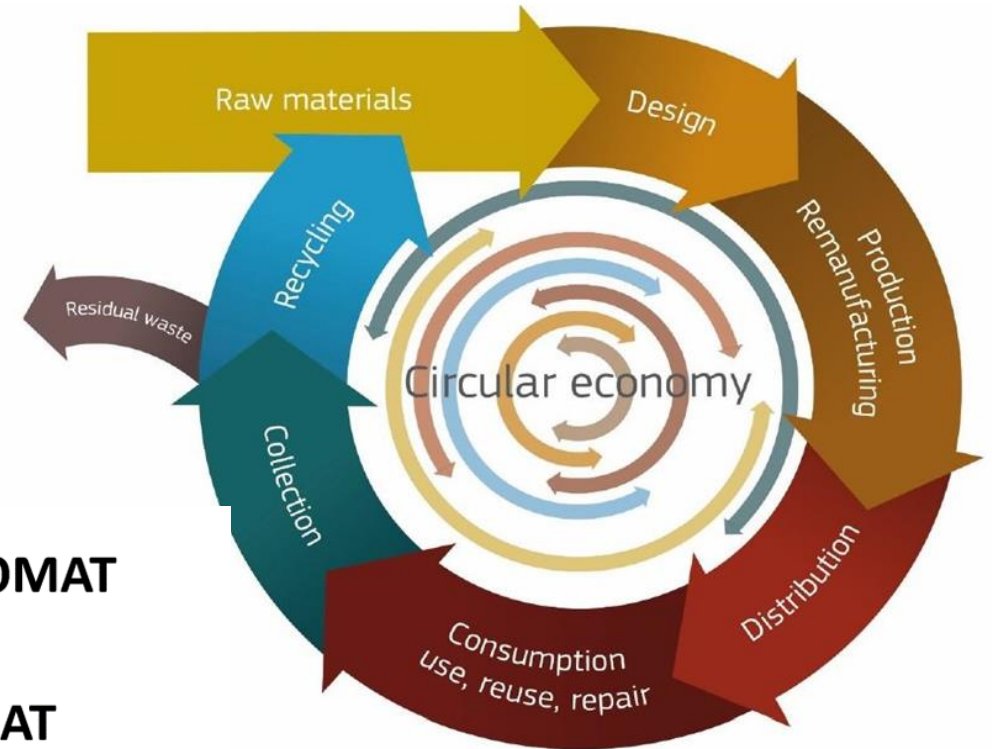
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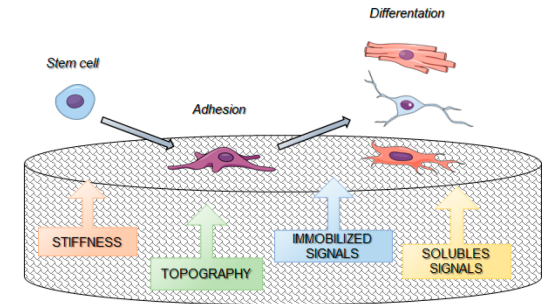
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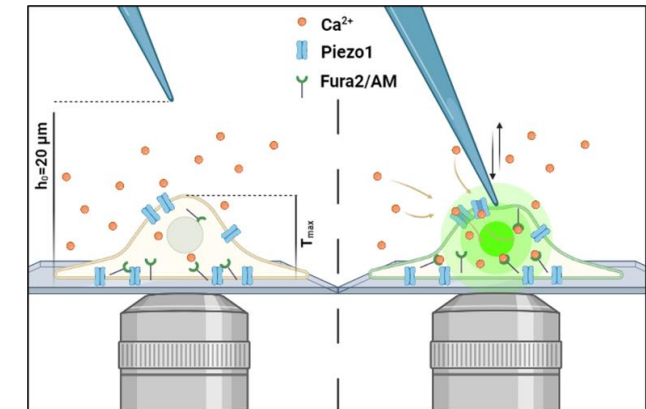
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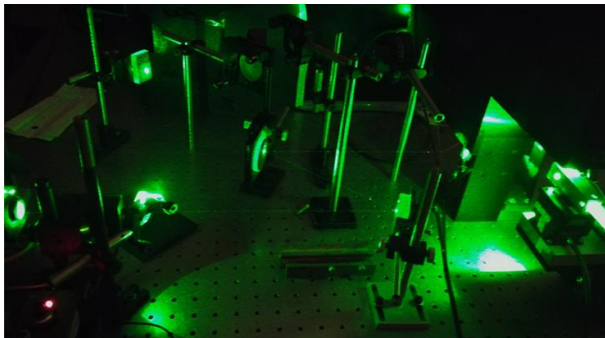
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Ottimizzazione e sviluppo di strumentazione innovativa per analisi spettroscopica di materiali biologici

CONCLUSIONE

- Utilizzare la luce per investigare la materia biologica: un ampio spettro di attività.

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