

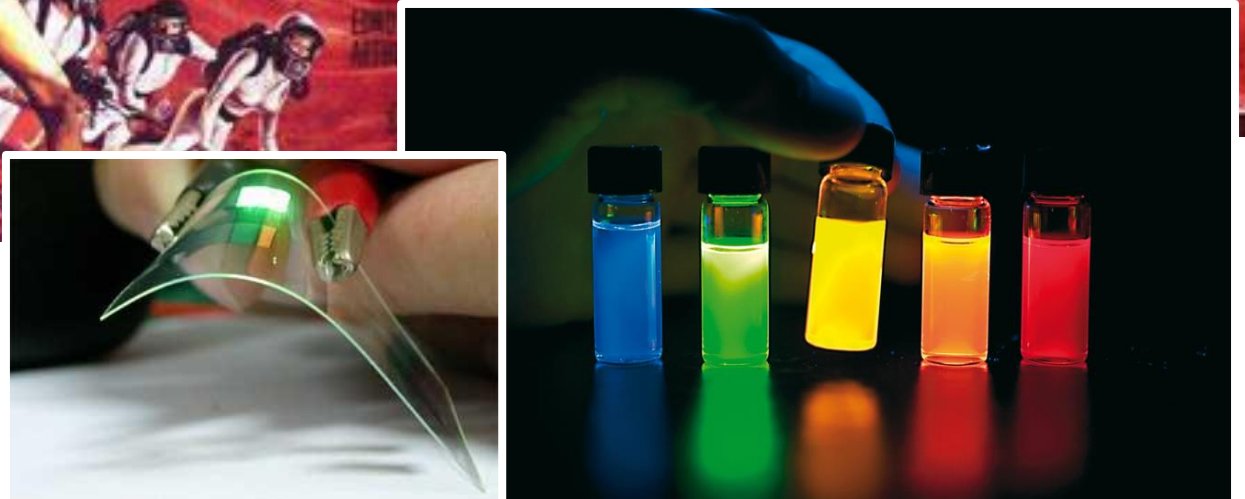
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## COLLOIDAL ENGINEERED NANOPARTICLES FOR MULTIMODAL IMAGING, BIO-DIAGNOSTIC AND NANOSENSING

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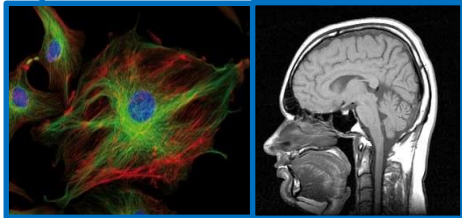


# RESEARCH OUTLINE

## I. OPTOMAGNETIC IMAGING

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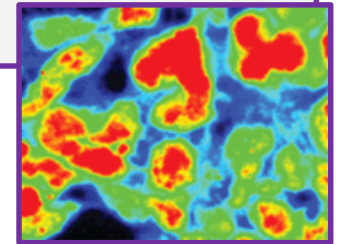
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## 3. INTRACELLULAR SENSING

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## MULTIFUNCTIONAL NANOMATERIALS

## 2. HIGH CONTRAST UC IMAGING PHOTOTRIGGERED THERAPY

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## 4. NANODEVICES LAB-on-CHIP

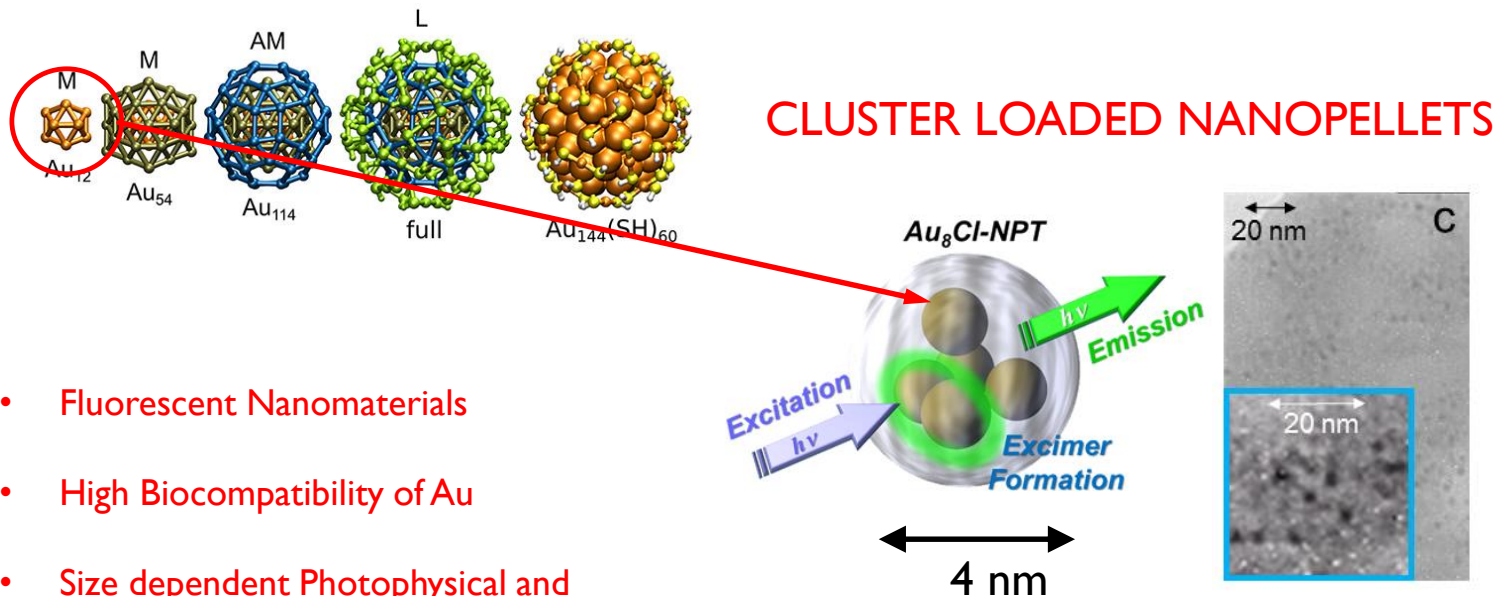
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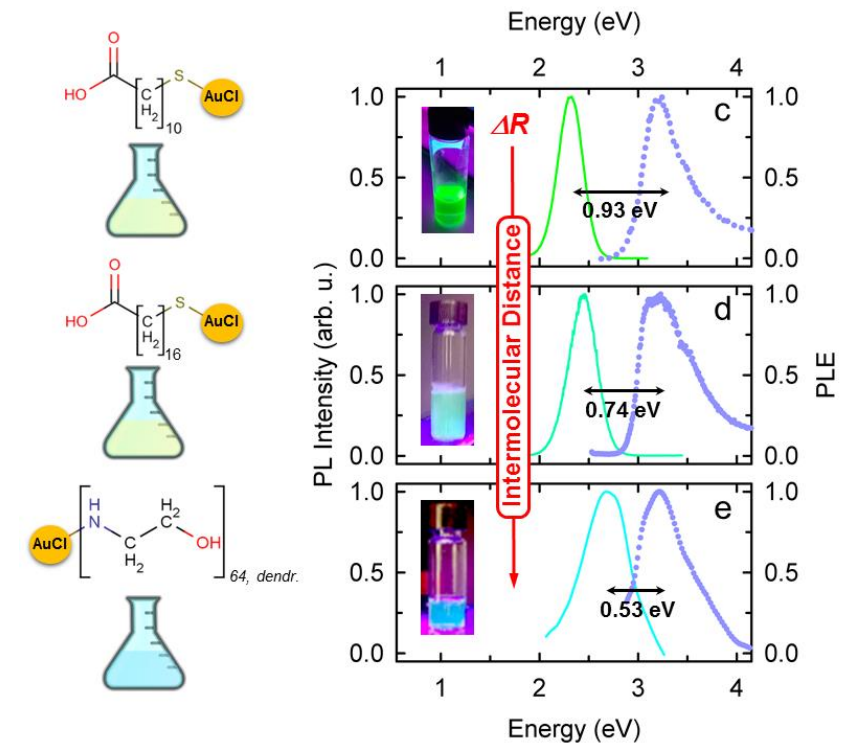
## PHOTO-ACTIVATED GOLD CLUSTER NANOMAGNETS

APPLICATIONS: OPTOMAGNETIC IMAGING, PHOTOTRIGGERED MR and HYPERTHERMIA



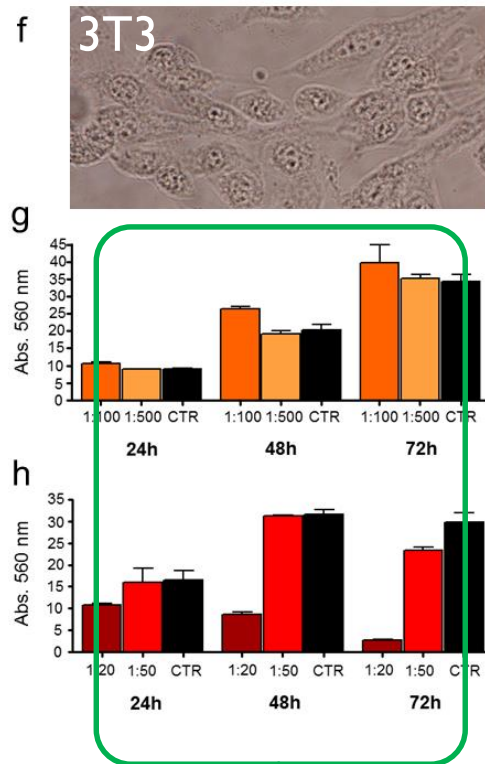
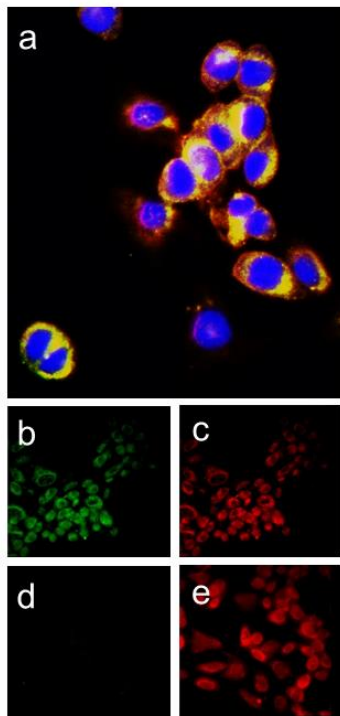
- Fluorescent Nanomaterials
- High Biocompatibility of Au
- Size dependent Photophysical and Photochemical Properties
- Phototriggered Magnetic Properties

**TUNABLE STOKES SHIFT FOR HIGH CONTRAST IMAGING**

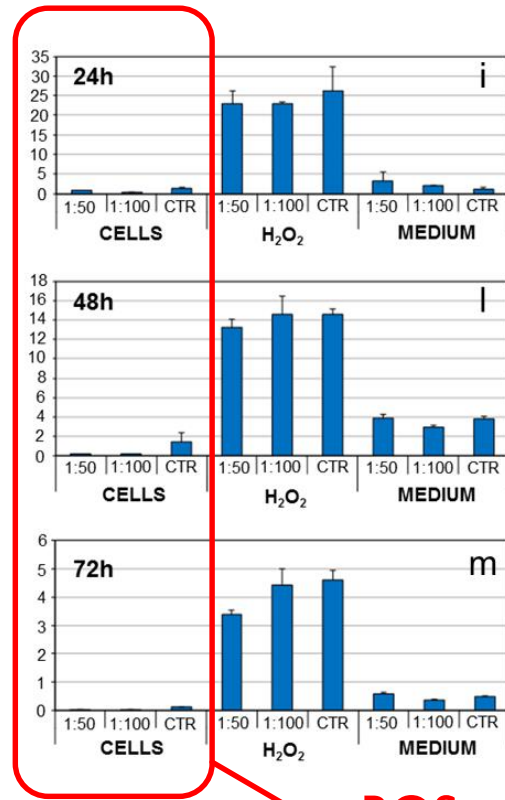


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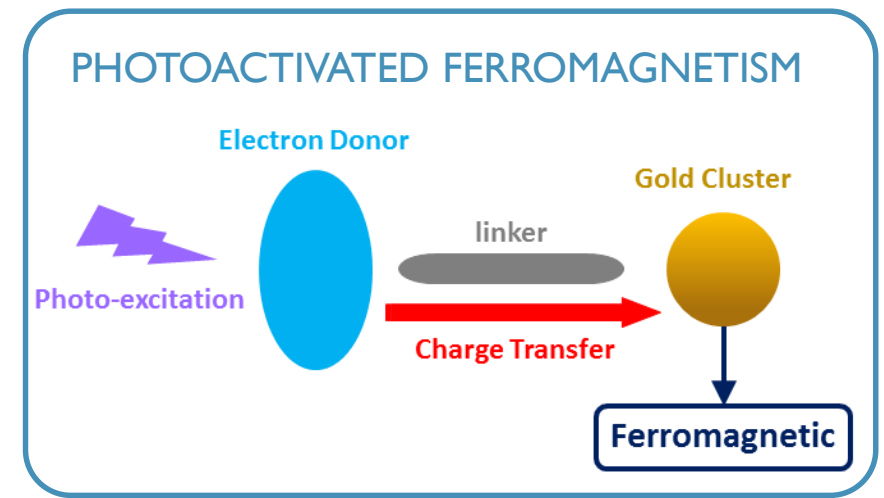


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## PHOTO-MAGNETIC COLLOIDAL NANOPARTICLES

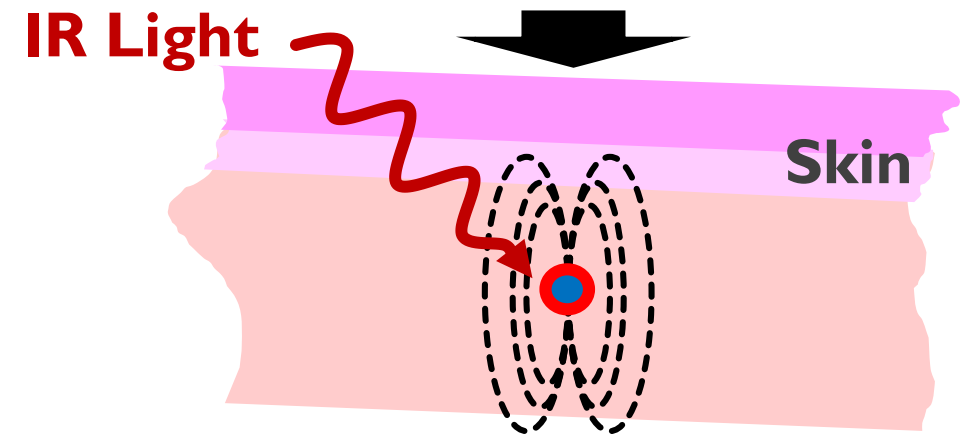
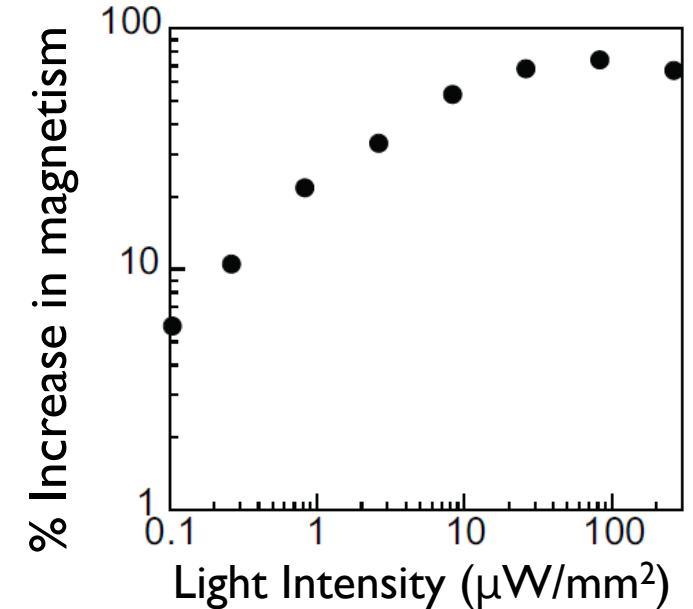
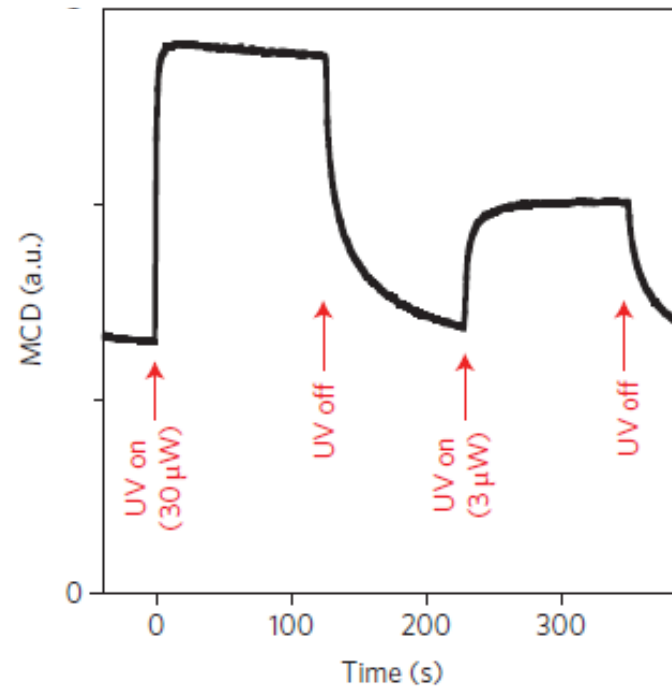
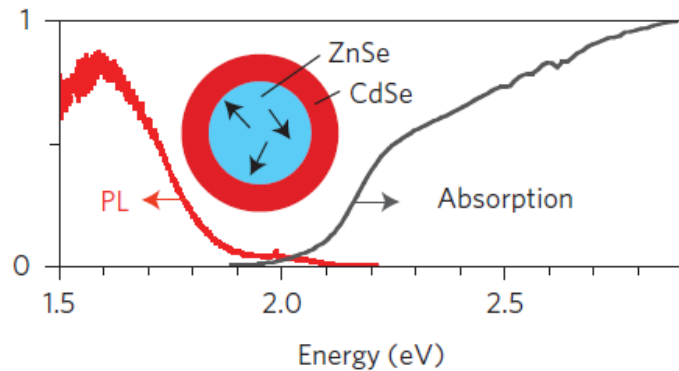
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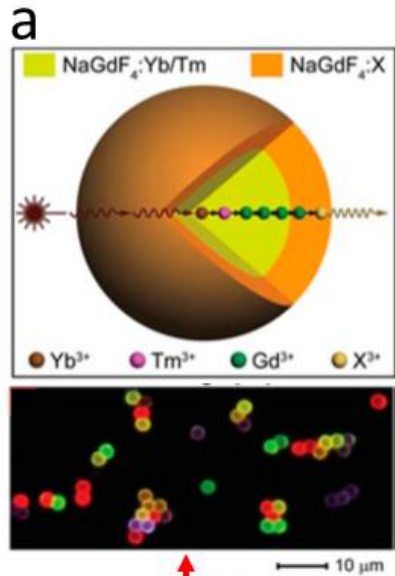
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# 2. HIGH CONTRAST IMAGING - PHOTOTRIGGERED THERAPY

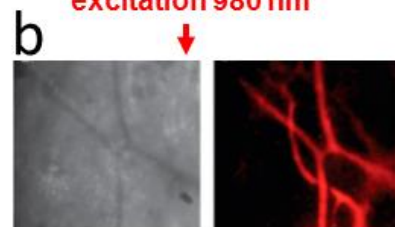
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Photon up-conversion is a process which leads to the emission of light at energy higher than the absorbed light (anti-Stokes shift)

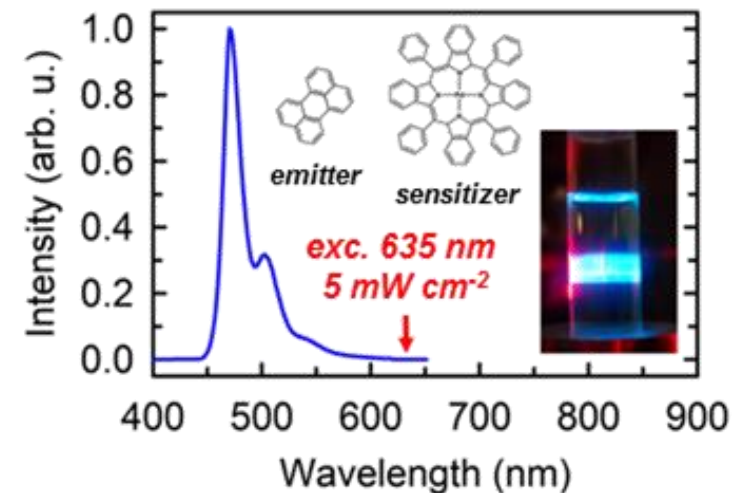


UC nanomaterials based on rare-earth ions have been successfully applied for living cells and small animals imaging.

- Eliminates the noise given by auto-fluorescence.
- Improved penetration depth.
- Improved resistance to photobleaching



## ULTRA-LOW POWER UC IN ORGANICS

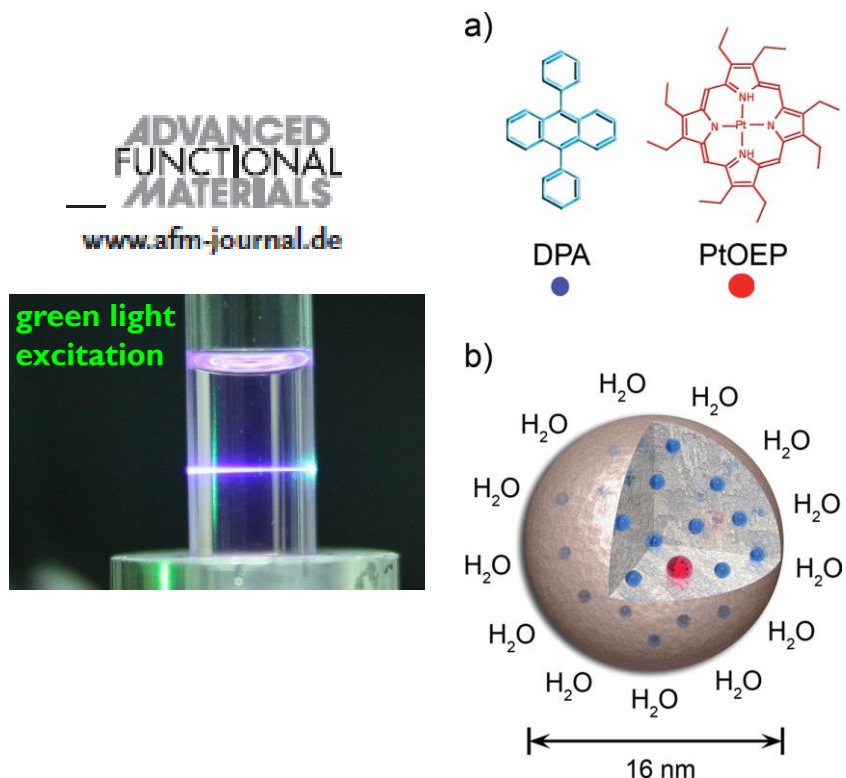


- Higher bio-compatibility
- Higher efficiency at low power, reducing the damage to the biological environment
- Blue photons to trigger the release of drugs and contrast agents and to initiate chemical reactions.

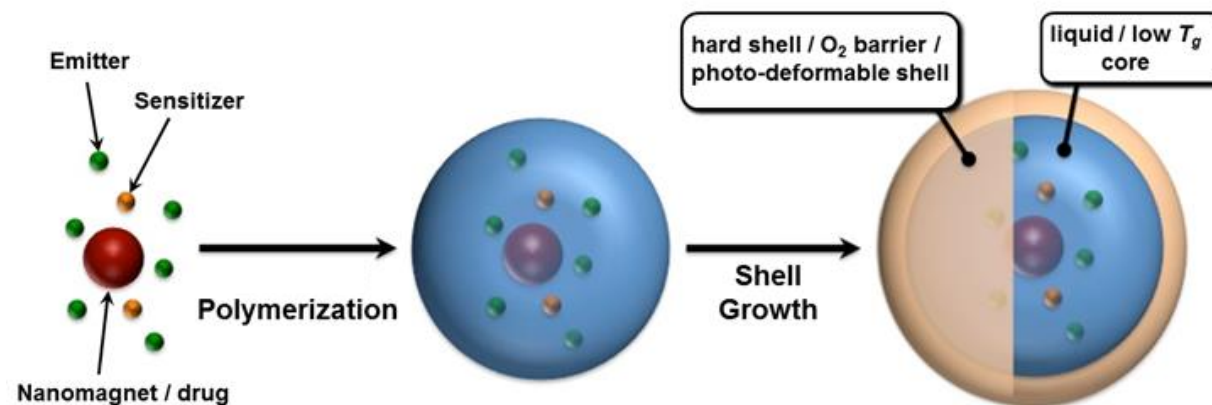
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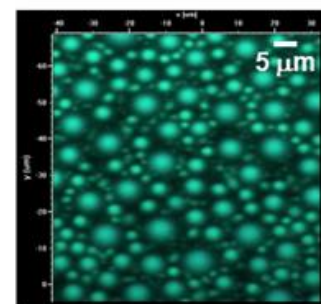
### UC IN CROSSLINKED NANOPARTICLES



### UC IN CORE-SHELL NANOCAPSULES

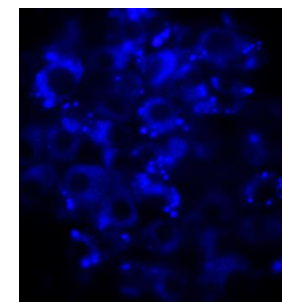


TTA-UC  $\mu$ -capsule Imaging



excitation 532 nm  
emission 380-480 nm

NANOCAPSULE in 3T3 cells

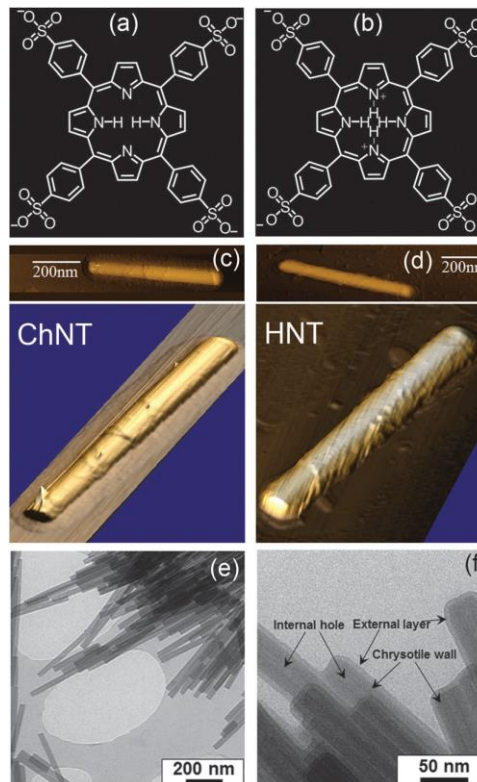
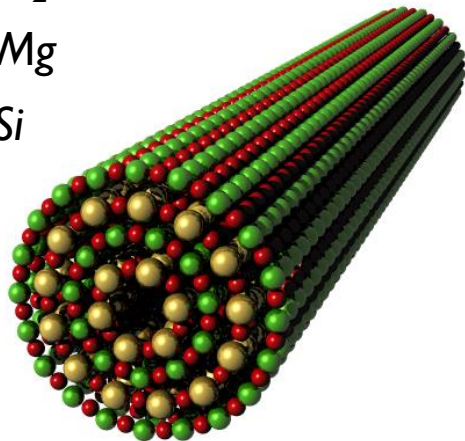




# 3. INTRACELLULAR SENSING GEOINSPIRED HYBRID NANOTUBES (HNT)

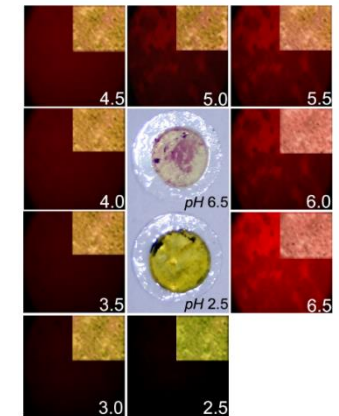
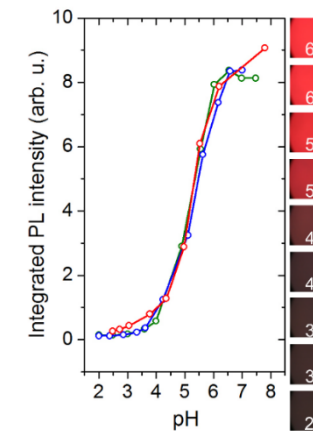
Nanotubes Functionalized with pH sensitive fluorophores

- $O_2$
- Mg
- Si

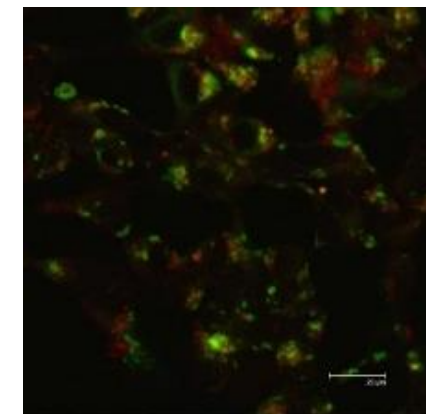


- Modulable length, diameter 50 nm
- Charged surface for ionic functionalization
- Highly durability
- Biocompatible

pH sensitive fluorescence



HEK cells



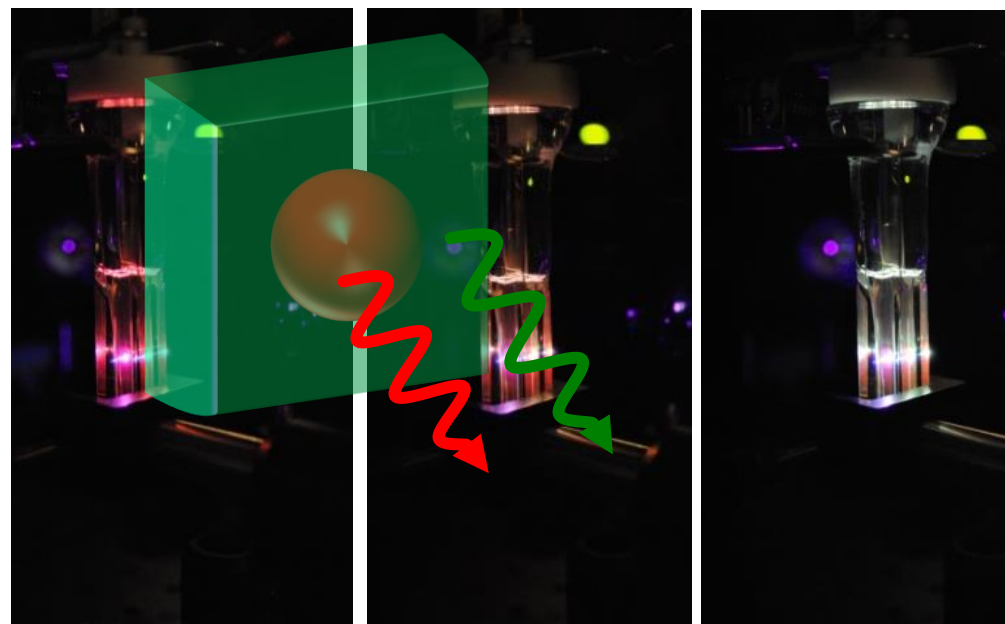
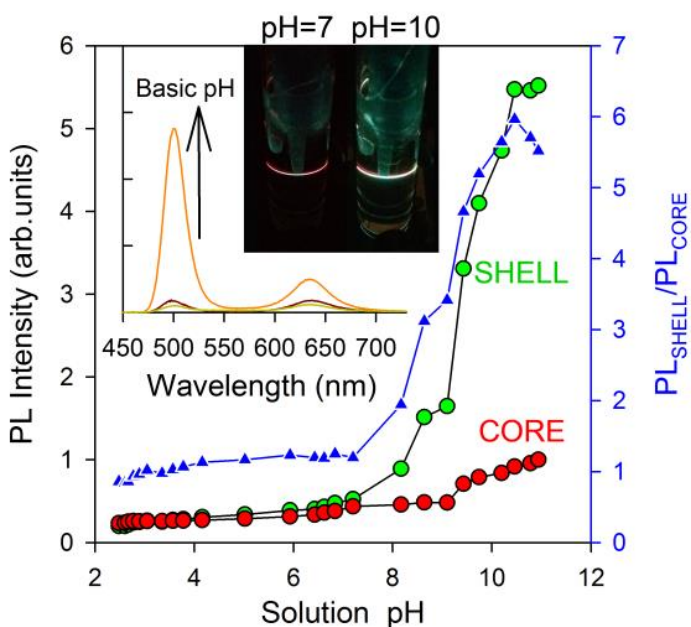
- HNT
- green PKH

# 3. INTRACELLULAR SENSING

## MULTIFUNCTIONAL COLLOIDAL HETEROSTRUCTURES FOR MULTIMODAL IMAGING



Multi-color emitting nanocrystals for intracellular ratiometric sensing



— pH=4 — pH=7 — pH=10 —>

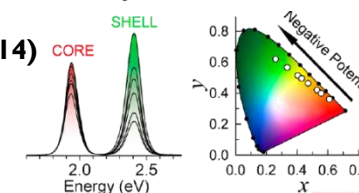
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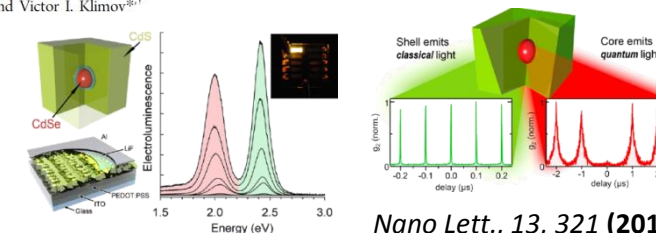


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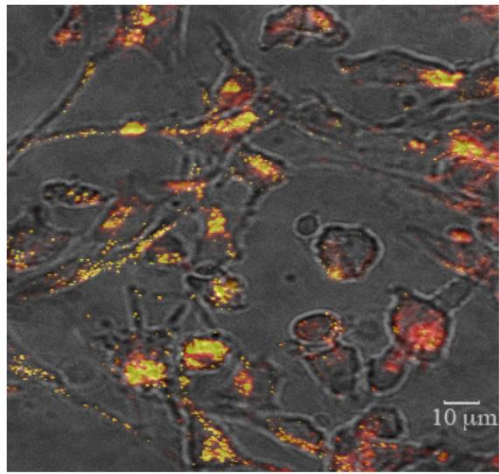
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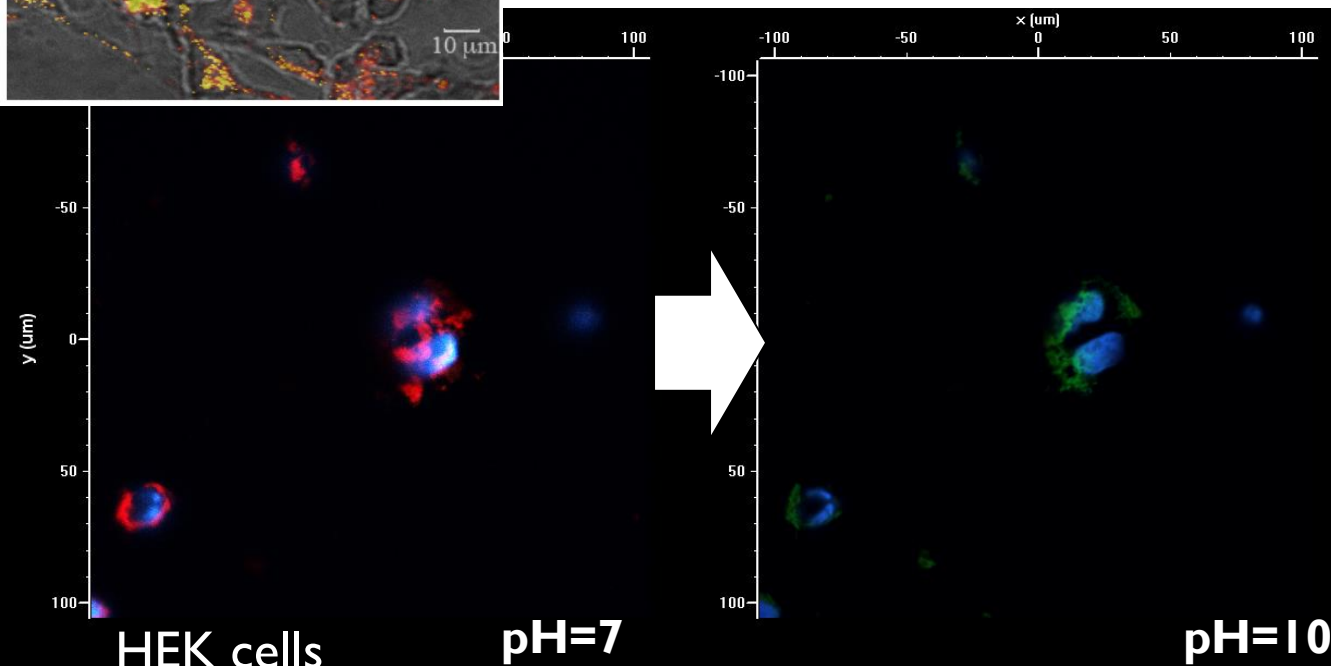
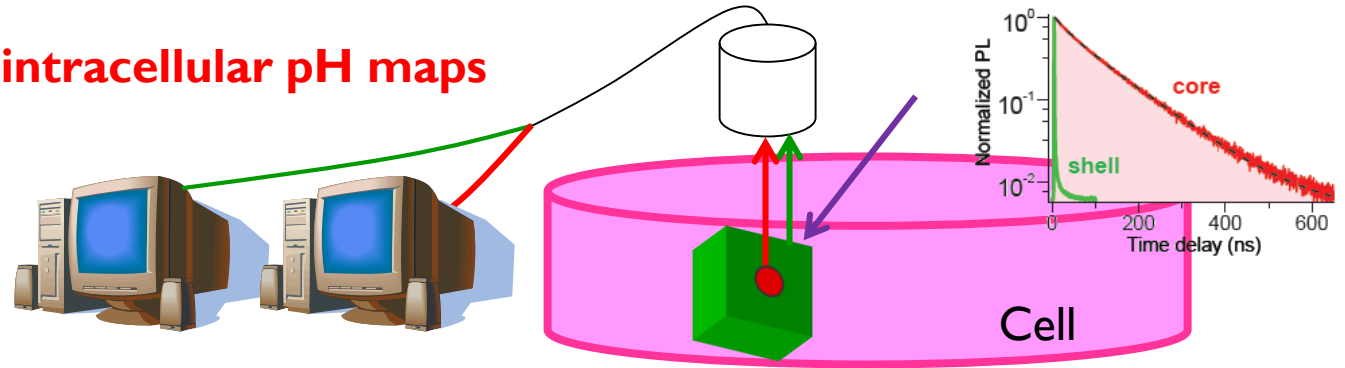
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# 3. INTRACELLULAR SENSING

## MULTI-COLOR EMITTING NANOCRYSTALS FOR RATIOMETRIC SENSING



Ratiometric pH sensing → intracellular pH maps



**Green shell emission:**

- highly sensitive to chemical environment
- Ultrafast decay time (ps)
- quadratic dependence on excitation power

**Red core emission:**

- insensitive to chemical environment
- slow decay time (200ns)
- linear dependence on excitation

→ RATIOMETRIC INTRACELLULAR SENSING  
→ Enhanced imaging resolution through shell PL  
→ multi-timescale Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging (FLIM)

### 3. INTRACELLULAR RATIO-METRIC PH SENSING

pH=4

pH=7

pH=10

pH=5.5

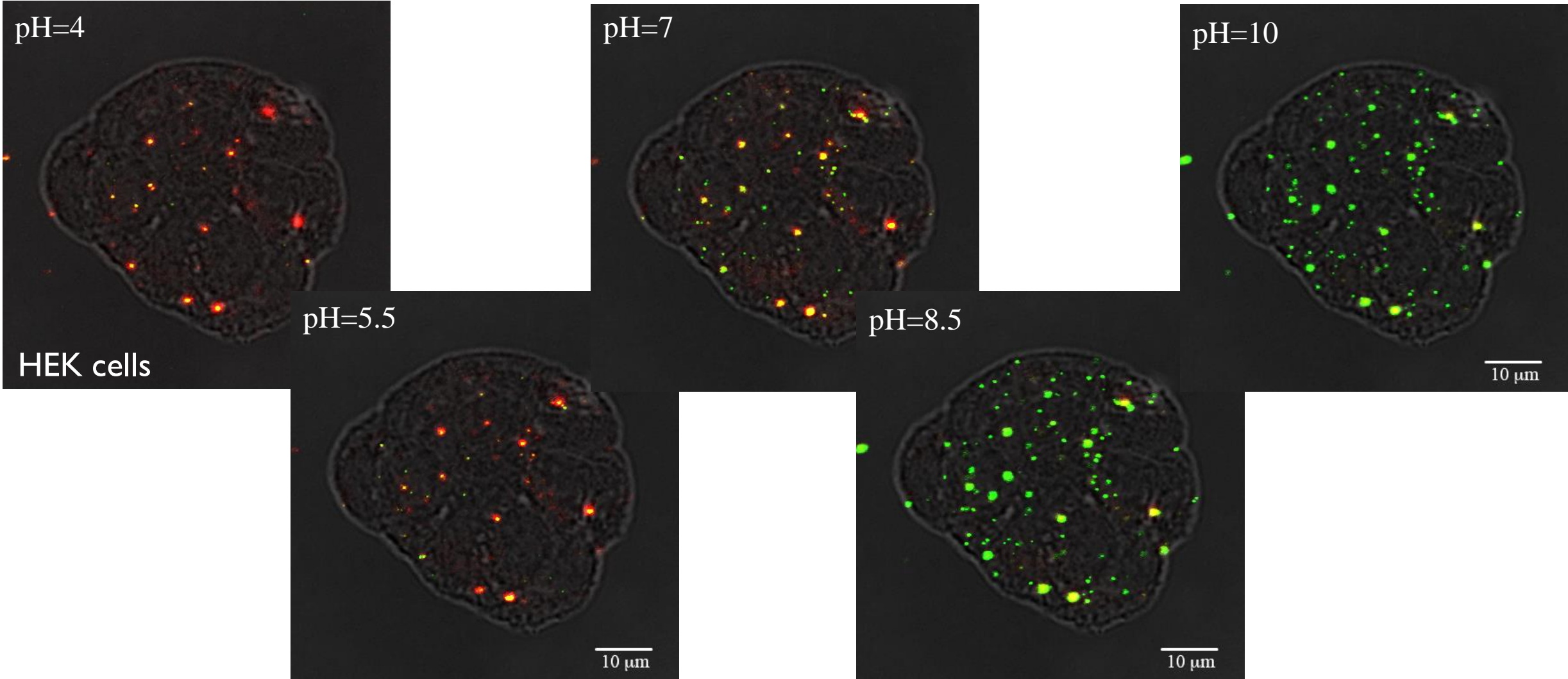
pH=8.5

HEK cells

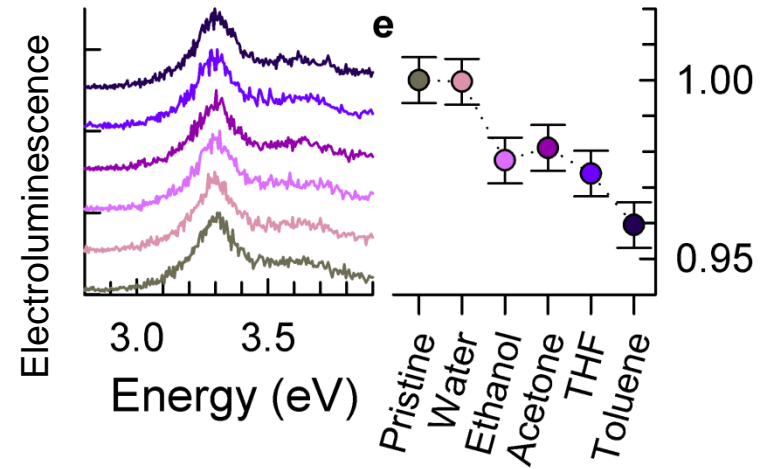
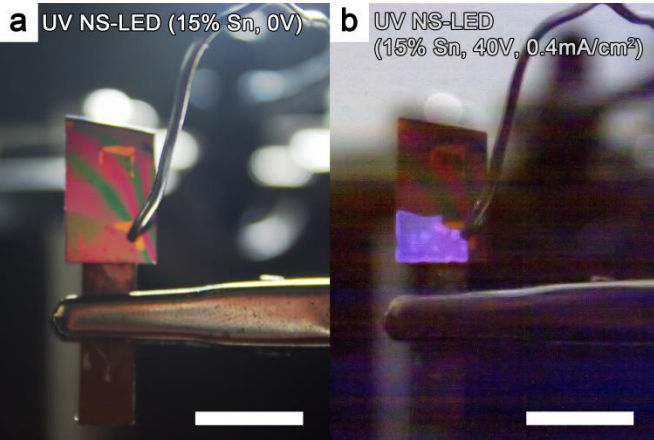
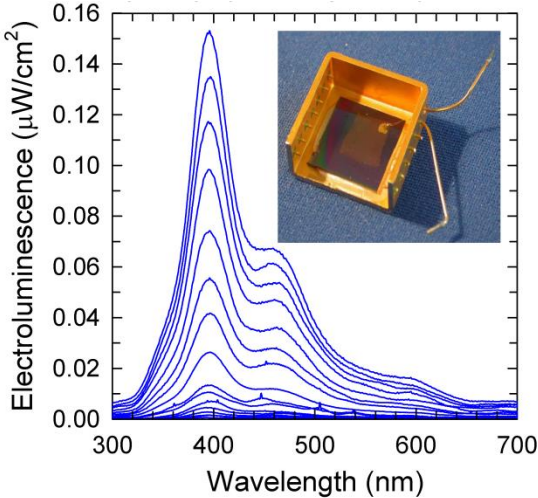
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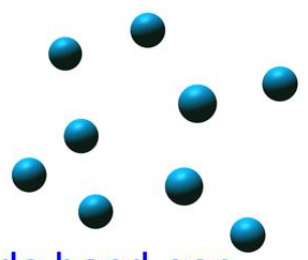
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# 4. CHEMICALLY INERT LEDs FOR IMPLANTABLE UV SOURCES



Oxide nanocrystals

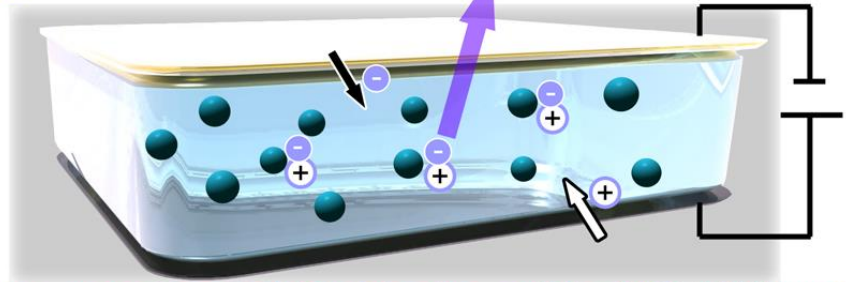


- Sol-gel synthesis
- Solution process
- Wide band-gap
- Stoichiometry doping (e.g. spin-coating)
- Nanocrystallinity
- Chemical stability
- UV emission

Oxide matrix



- Optical features
- Si compatibility
- Workability
- Chemical stability



**Solution-processed Oxide-in-oxide NS UV-LEDs**

