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Revolutionary Holotomography (3D holographic microscopy) opens a new era for label-free live cell imaging

Cellular analysis plays a crucial role in a wide variety of research fields and diagnostic activities in the life sciences and medicine. However, the information available to researchers and clinicians is limited by the current microscopy techniques. An innovative new tool – holotomography – can overcome many of these limitations and open new vistas for researchers and clinicians to understand, diagnose and treat human diseases.





What is Holotomography (HT)?

Tomocube's HT technology enable users to quantitatively and noninvasively investigate live biological cells and thin tissues in 3D. HT reconstructs the 3D refractive index (RI) distribution of live cells and provides structural and chemical information about the cell, including dry mass, morphology and dynamics of the cellular membrane. This can be done very easily and quickly, because RI is an intrinsic optical parameter of a material and thus HT does not require any sample preparation.



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Holotomography (HT) is optically analogous to X-ray CT

Refractive index (RI) is an intrinsic optical parameter that describes the speed of light passing through a specific material. Light passing through a cell is slower than light passing through the surrounding medium. Analogous to X-ray CT (computed tomography), HT uses a laser beam to measure 3D RI distribution of cells. The system measures multiple 2D holograms of a sample in various illumination angles, from which a 3D RI tomogram is reconstructed via an inverse scattering algorithm. Tomocube presents unprecedentedly precise laser beam control, powered by Texas Instruments[™] digital micromirror device (DMD) technology.



Digital Micromirror Device (DMD)



Texas Instruments™

The DMD consists of several hundred thousand micromirrors arranged in a rectangular array. Each individual mirror can be rapidly tilted electronically to create a mirror pattern which can rotate the beam through 360° around the optical axis at a desired angle.

Advantage of HT

No labeling

RI distributions of cells are utilized as an intrinsic imaging contrast. No labeling, fixation, staining, or transfection is required for high-resolution imaging of cells.

High resolution

Exploiting synthetic aperture effects in tomographic reconstruction, the spatial resolution is 110 nm (lateral) and 356 nm (axial).

Low phototoxicity

The principle of HT is based on the inverse of light diffraction. Because of negligible light absorption, there is almost no phototoxicity.

Fast imaging

It only takes 0.4 sec to acquire the three-dimensional imaging with the field-of-view of $80 \,\mu\text{m} \times 80 \,\mu\text{m} \times 40 \,\mu\text{m}$.

Quantification

The RI value can be directly translated into the molecular concentration. By multiplying with the measured volume information, dry mass information can also be retrieved.

HT SERIES

HT-1

Tomocube's HT series utilizes optical diffraction tomography (ODT) to non-invasively and quantitatively image live biological samples. Using HT technology, researchers can visualize 3D reconstructions of their live samples based on RI distributions and in long-term time-lapse imaging.





What you can see using HT



HeLa (Human cervical cancer cells)

HT-2 (HT with 3D Fluorescence)

Tomocube's HT-2 offers all the functionality of HT-1, but with the added advantage of correlative 3D fluorescence and embedded deconvolution for confocal like images.



Correlative images of HT and FL

While HT enables quantitative analysis (volume, surface area, mean RI, concentration and dry mass) and label-free visualization of live cell samples, fluorescence microscopy provides the sometimes-essential molecular specificity.

Combining the two technologies together provides the best of both worlds — imaging longer with minimal phototoxicity and photobleaching using HT and intermittent fluorescence.



GFP-tagged protein in target cell (FL) Overlay (HT+FL)



HeLa (Human cervical cancer cells)

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SOFTWARE

TomoStudio | HT series operating software

SET-UP

- Control of fluorescence (up to 3 channels) and HT in various time scales (Hetero time-lapse e.g. 1 FL in every 10 tomograms)
- 'Mark' and 'Find' function for recording the positions of multiple cells

ACQUISITION

- Imaging in multiple modalities including holotomography, phase, brightfield, and fluorescence.
- Multi-point acquisition allows imaging of multiple areas and in timelapse.
- Tile-scanning and stitching function allows imaging of larger areas than the field of view.

PROCE

- Fast processing o
- Background da parallel with in process.

3D digital coloring





HL-60 (Human leukocyte

Overlay (HT+FL)





HeLa (Human cervical cancer cells)



NIH/3T3 (Mouse fibroblast)





HeLa (Human cervical cancer cells)

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VISUALIZATION

- 3D digital coloring controller (transfer function) GUI stains the sample digitally based on RI distribution.
- Samples can be visualized intuitively in 3D and in 2D maximum intensity projection (MIP), RI heatmaps in multiple color schemes.

QUANTIFICATION

 TomoStudio provides quantitative information about morphological and biophysical properties of the sample (volume, surface area, projected area, mean RI, concentration and dry mass).

Stitching (tile-scanning)



Nematode, 17x17 tile-scanning



Mouse neuror

Analysis



NIH/3T3 (Mouse fibroblast)

| Quantitative Data | Result |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Volume (µm ³) | 11,129 |
| Surface area (µm²) | 5,694 |
| Projected area (µm²) | 1,337 |
| Mean RI | 1.35 |
| Concentration (pg/µm ³) | 0.06 |
| Dry mass (pg) | 702.65 |

TomoAnalysis | New insights into single cell analysis

TomoAnalysis functions as a platform for HT data analysis, and various analysis functions will be installed in the future. The TomoAnalysis enables comparative studies between groups and analysis of cells and organelles through several analyzing tools.



Features

- AI-enhanced automatic single cell analysis Including cells, nuclei, nucleoli and lipid droplets
- Quantification of subcellular organelles Including cell volume, surface area, protein concentration, dry mass

Functions

• Quantitative analysis

AI segmentation can separate single cells and their organelles from images and perform quantitative analysis

• Thumbnail view

Compare multiple datasets simultaneously

• Batch analysis

Categorize multiple data into control and experimental group

Report Generation

Provide quantification results of snapshot data and time-lapse data including tables and graphs

Bacteria Cell Counter



- Program that counts the number of individual bacteria through threshold analysis of RI
- · Measurement of the volume, dry mass, and number of all bacteria including spores
- · Visualization of recognized objects with different colors

Lipid Analyzer



- Program that isolates and recognizes lipids in individual cells, and performs quantitative analysis of recognized cells and lipids
- · Measurement of volume, dry mass, and number of lipids within a whole group and individual cells
- ROI (Region Of Interest) 3D area crop function

APPLICATIONS

Liquid-liquid phase separation

Time-lapse observation of protein condensates



Hong et al., Advanced Optical Materials 2100697 (2021)

Cell growth and death

Label-free observation of cell death and differentiation







Lee et al., *eLife 6*, 36815 (2020)

Lipid droplet analysis

Real-time volume quantification of lipid droplets in foam cells





Park et al., *ACS Nano* 14(2), 1856-1865 (2020)

Nanomaterial delivery

AuNP(Gold nanoparticle)-loaded mouse macrophage



Kim et al., *Electronics*. 9(7), 1105, 9071105 (2020)

- Gold nanoparticle
- Nanoplastic
- Nanodiamond
- Nano-biofilament
- Urate crystal
- Structural proteins





More applications

Cell and organelle segmentation



A549





HeLa

Blood cell



Red blood cell



White blood cell



Platelet

Research for new biomarker discovery

Image-based cell classification

Microbiology

Tissue







Mouse neuron

Bacterial growth analysis

Bacillus Subtilis growth monitoring and quantification of individual bacteria



Oh et al., *Biomedical Optics Express* 11(3):1257-1267 (2020)

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APPLICATIONS

Selected Publications



DOI 10.1038/s41598-021-89799-9

ISSCR

A Scalable Suspension Platform for Generating High-Density Cultures of Universal Red Blood Cells from Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells

DOI 10.1016/j.stemcr.2020.11.008

More publications



NANO LETTERS

Surface Charge-Dependent Cytotoxicity of Plastic Nanopaticles in Alveolar Cells under Cyclic Stretches

DOI 10.1021/acs.nanolett.0c02463

Label-Free Quantitative Analysis of Coacervates via 3D Phase Imaging

DOI 10.1002/adom.202100697

ACSNANO

Label-Free Tomographic Imaging of Lipid Droplets in Foam Cells for Machine-Learning-Assisted Therapeutic Evaluation of Targeted Nanodrugs

DOI 10.1021/acsnano.9b07993

PNAS

Three-dimensional label-free visualization and quantification of polyhydroxylkanoates in individual bacterial cell in its native state

DOI 10.1073/pnas.2103956118



CD45 pre-exclusion from the tips of T cell microvilli prior to antigen recognition

DOI 10.1038/s41467-021-23792-8

nature cell biology

TGF-β-induced DACT1 biomolecular condensates repress Wnt signalling to promote bone metastasis

DOI 10.1038/s41556-021-00641-w

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SPECIFICATION







Operating and analysis software for HT series

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TomoChamber

The incubator chamber for HT series consists of stage top incubator, humidifier, temperature controller and gas mixer (CO₂ and Hypoxia)

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TomoPlate

Active anti-vibration plate for HT series



3D controller

X/Y/Z axes jog controller

Technical Specifications

| Model | | HT-1 | HT-2 | |
|---|--------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Objective Lens | | 60x NA 1.2 (water immersion) | | |
| Light source | | 532 nm diode laser | LED for fluorescence excitation | |
| Resolution (optical/ reconstructed voxel) | Lateral resolution | ~ 110 nm / 110 nm | | |
| | Axial resolution | ~ 356 nm / 220 nm | | |
| Field of view | | 80 µm x 80 µm | | |
| Depth of field | | Max. 40 μm | | |
| Imaging dimension | | 2D/3D/4D HT | | |
| Imaging speed — | | 2D HT: 150 frame per second (0.4 sec/ image) | | |
| | | 3D HT: 2.5 frame per second (0.007 sec/ image) | | |
| Maximum exposure | | 1 sec | | |
| Sample stage | | Fully motorized | | |
| Size (W x D x H, mm) | | 445 x 180 x 500 | | |
| Weight | | 29 kg / 63 lbs. | | |
| Power requirement | | 100~240 V, 50/60 Hz, 1.5 A, 100 W | | |
| Laser lifetime | | > 10,000 hrs | | |
| Temperature | | 18°C - 25°C | | |
| Humidity | | < 65%, non-condensing | | |

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