

#### The Plan

• Tech Transfer-Commercialization Process ...finding the money!!

 CytoViva spectral microscopy for nanobiotech research-ACS presentation

## Technology Transfer & Commercialization Process

- Invited by Auburn University to review TT Process
- Formed Aetos Technologies-Parent
  - Equity relation w/ Auburn University
  - Review top technologies for commercialization
  - Form subsidiaries to fund, build, grow & sell
- Critical benefit to Auburn
  - Create revenue for Auburn & investors
  - Faculty help W/ tech prep & early stage details
  - Feed development into Auburn incubator

## Rice Smalley Center Bucky Ball Gala

The Consortium for Nanomaterials for Aerospace Commerce and Technology (CONTACT) part of the Smalley Institute for Nanotechnology at Rice University



### Aetos Technologies, Inc





## Cyto Viva®

CytoViva's patented optical technology was invented by Auburn University Bio-Physics Professor Vitaly Vodyanoy...







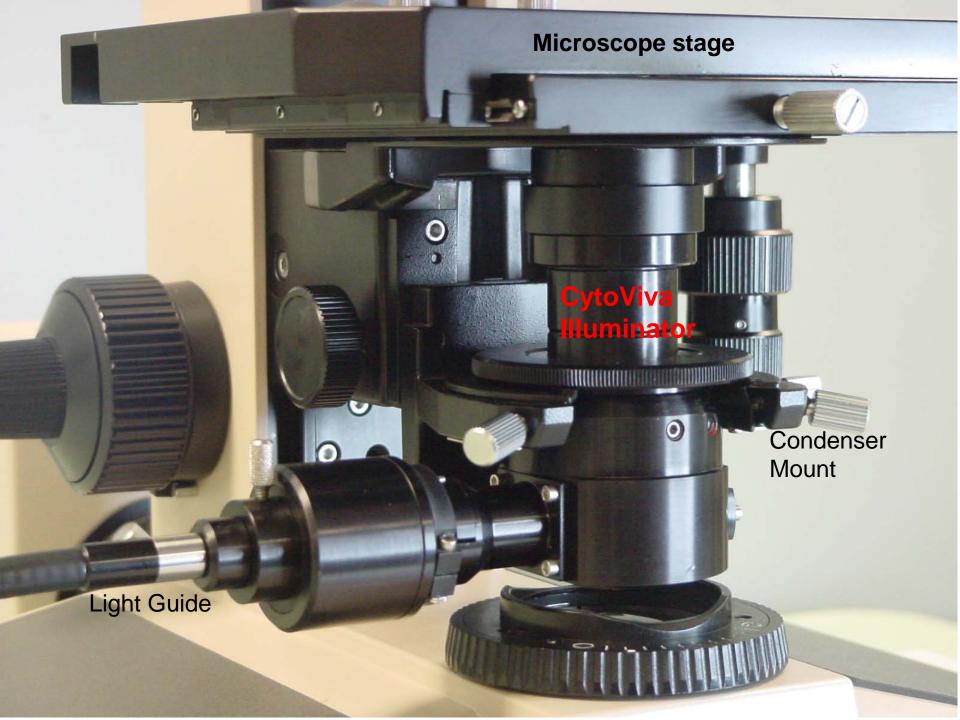


Most Promising Life Science Technology Award 2008 Winner

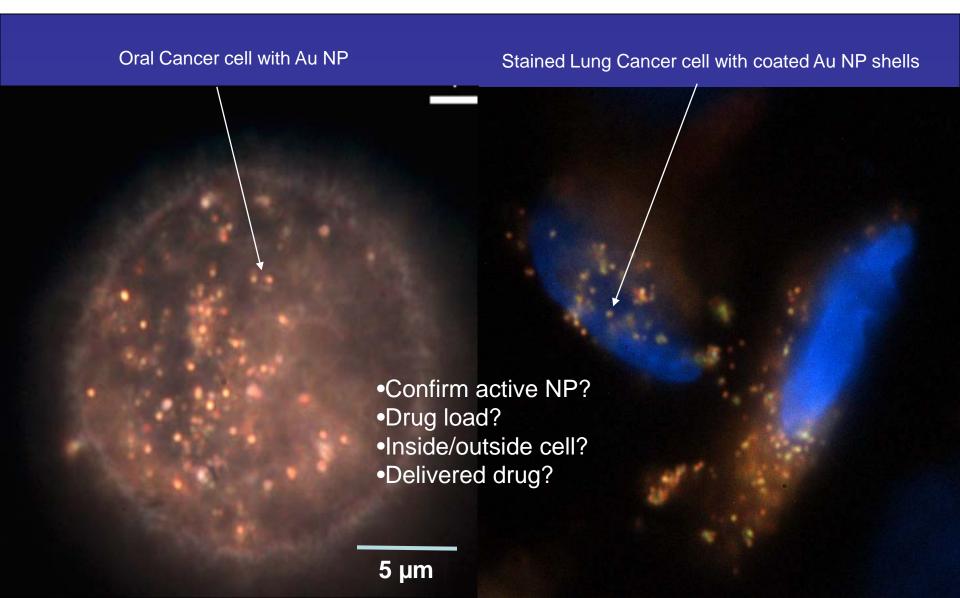


2007 winner

...the technology has received significant recognition



# ISSUE: How do we quantify the NP **CytoViva** in cells, tissue or polymers???

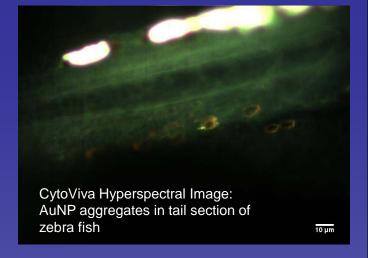






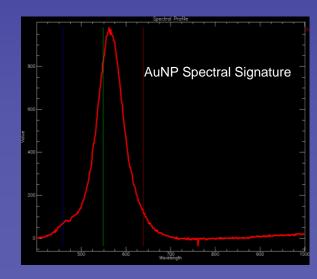
## **Hyperspectral Microscopy Primary Components...**

 A patented <u>high S/N optical microscope</u> system.



• A <u>VNIR hyperspectral imaging</u> system (HSI) integrated onto the microscope.

...these integrated technologies serve to advance nano-materials research.







#### **Hyperspectral Microscopy System: Footprint**

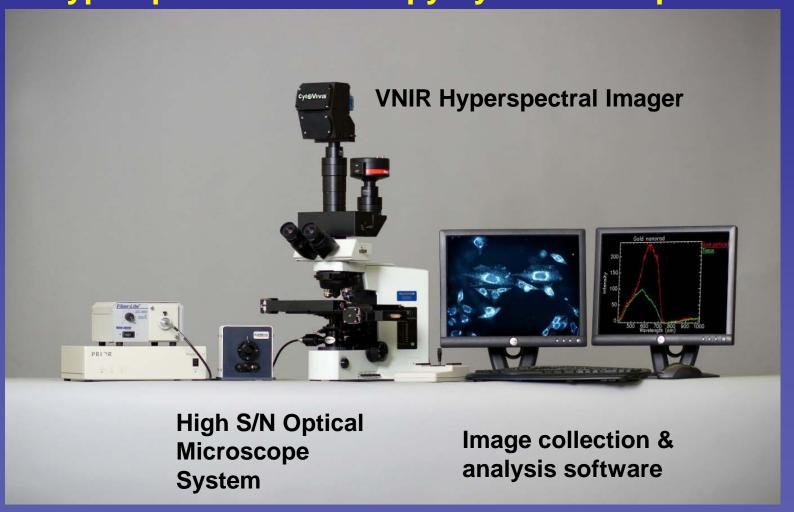
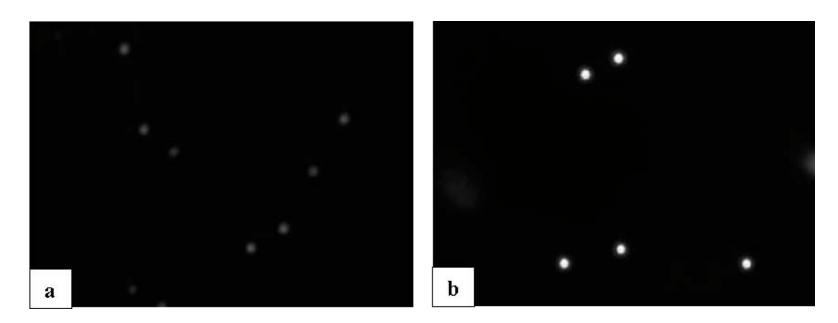






Figure 1. Polystyrene latex standards 240nm viewed with a) conventional Darkfield microscopy and b) CytoViva System



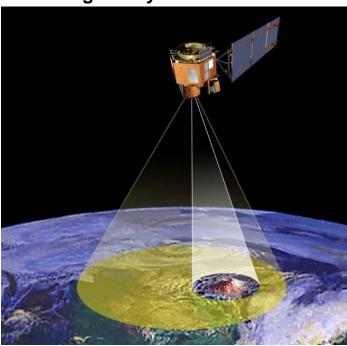
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#### **Hyperspectral Imaging background**

Hyperspectral imaging has been utilized for decades in geospatial image analysis



CytoViva adapted hyperspectral imaging for biomedical imaging applications



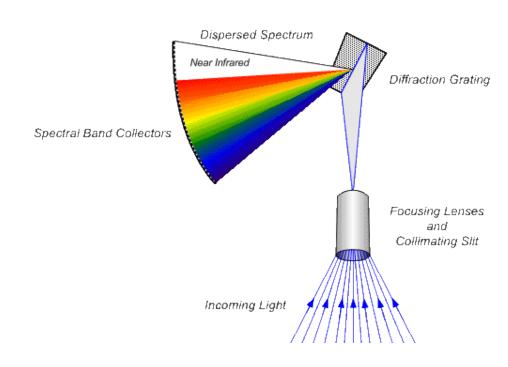




#### **Hyperspectral Imaging System**

#### How It Works

- The Hyperspectral Imager mounts onto the Microscope
- The <u>reflectance spectra</u> of objects from the microscope field of view are captured (VNIR spectrum from 400nm-1,000nm)
- Spectral data is reported in high resolution (down to 2.0nm)
- The complete spectra for each pixel of the CCD detector is captured (pixel size as small as 128nm)
- The data is presented as a spectral curve & as a RGB image
- <u>Detailed quantitative analysis</u> of each object in the field of view can be performed.



Diffraction Grating
Hyperspectral Imaging System



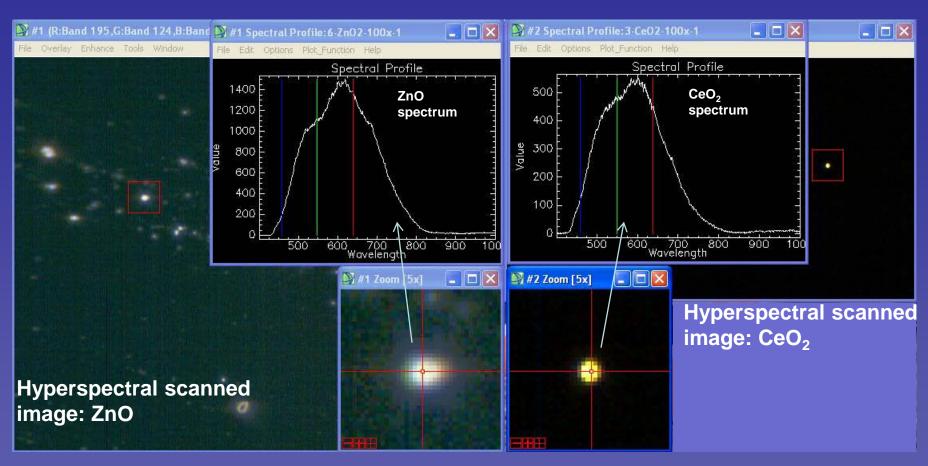


# Characterizing Nano-materials Application Examples





#### Characterizing spectral differences in metal oxides



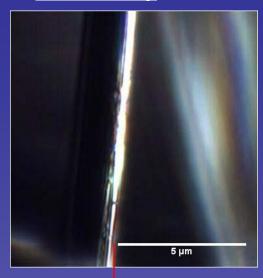
Hyperspectral scanned images of ZnO and CeO<sub>2</sub> (screen shots): Spectral differences in the spectra from each sample is illustrated.

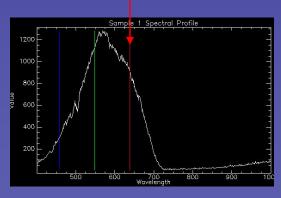




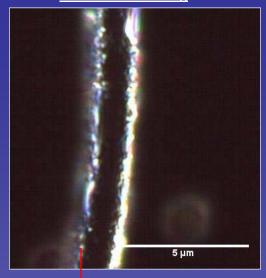
#### Observing spectral differences in functionalized CNTs

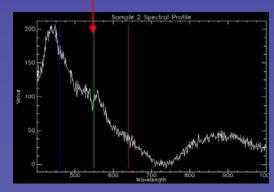
Hyperspectral Scan of Toray Fiber Sample #1 No CNT Coating



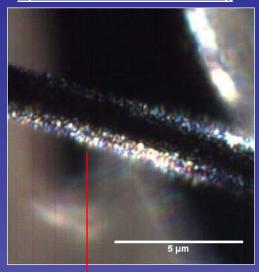


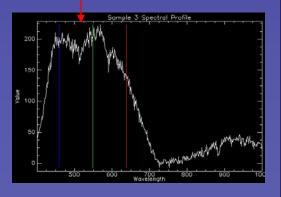
Hyperspectral Scan of Toray Fiber Sample #2 Raw CNT Coating





Hyperspectral Scan of Toray Fiber Sample #3 Specialized GOx CNT Coating



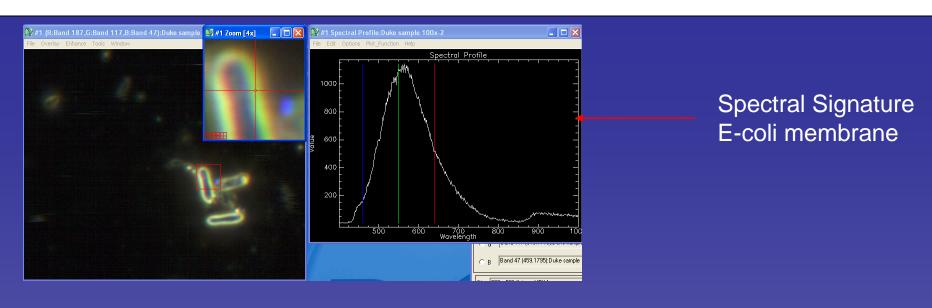


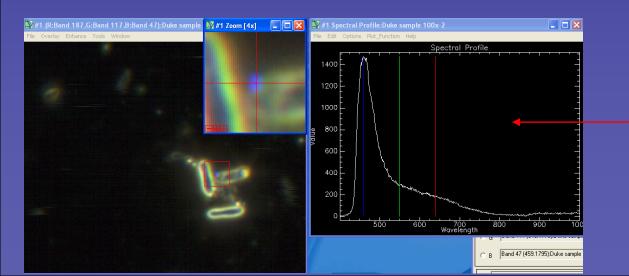
Hyperspectral measurements of single pixel areas from the three different samples confirms different surface chemistry from each sample.





#### Characterizing spectral differences between cells & AgNPs





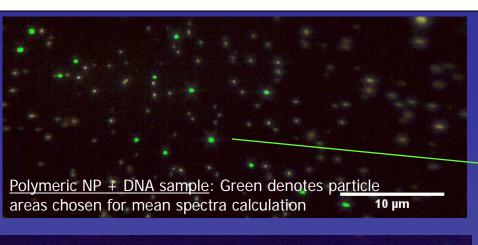
Spectral Signature Ag NP



#### **Characterizing Nano-medicine Constructs**

10 µm

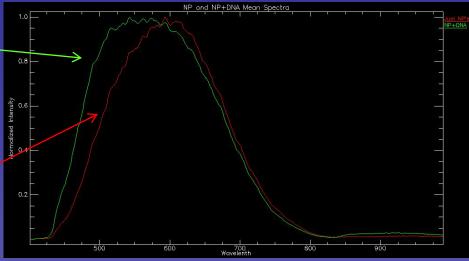




Polymeric NP only sample: Red denotes particle

areas chosen for mean spectra calculation

#### Sample: Polymeric NPs + DNA



Normalized mean spectra of NP + DNA green and NP only red:

The aggregate mean spectra of the two samples are quantitatively different.





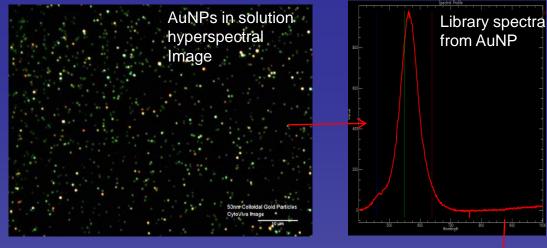
# Mapping Nano-materials In-vitro Application Examples

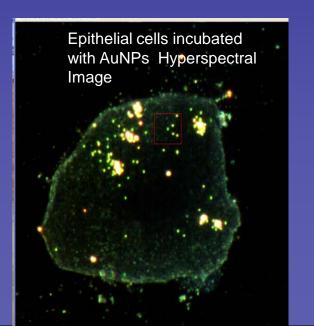


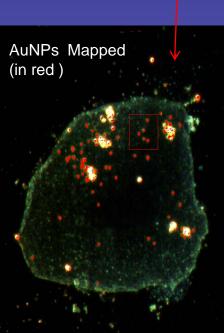


#### Mapping AuNPs in cell culture

- NP target is scanned.
- Unique spectral signatures of NP is loaded in a library database.
- New sample containing NP is scanned.
- Using NP spectral library, NP is mapped in the new sample.



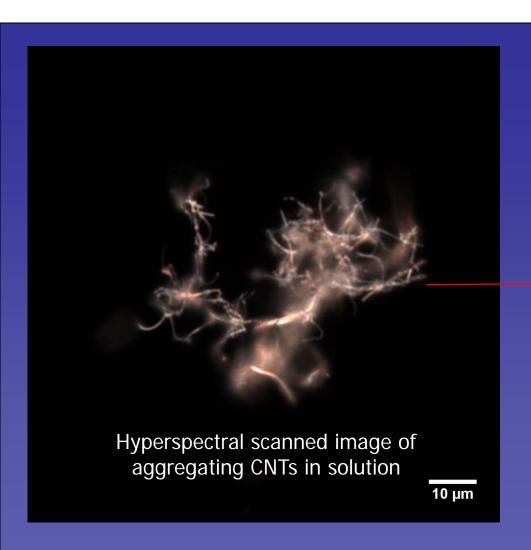


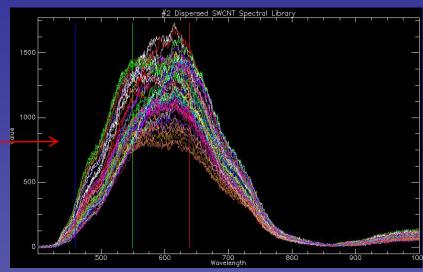










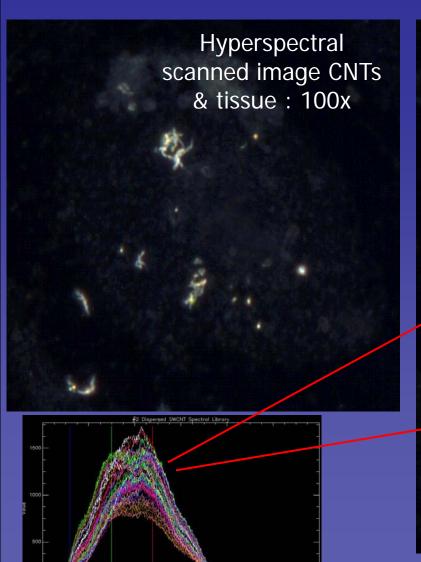


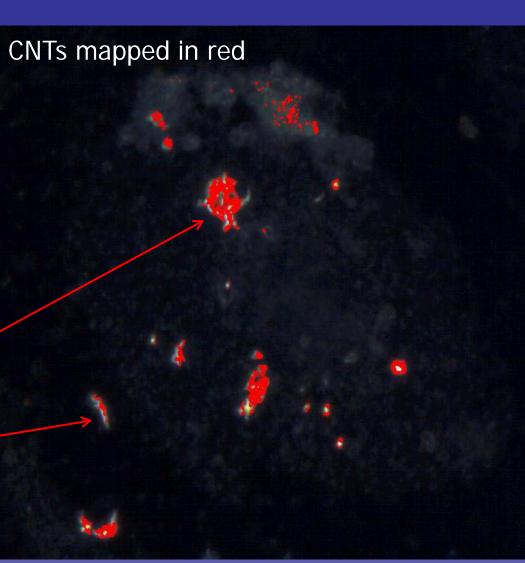
Spectral signatures collected from the CNT sample & loaded into the spectral library



#### **Mapping CNTS in tissue**



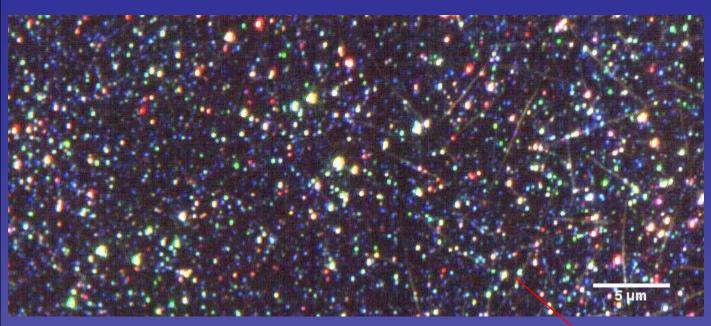




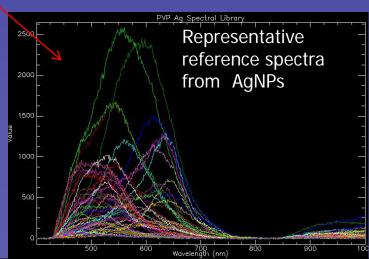




#### **Mapping AgNPs in whole animal organisms**



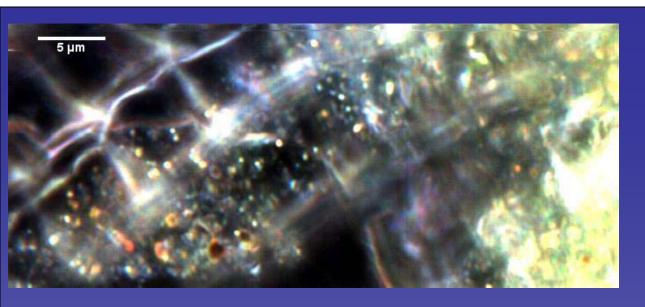
<u>Hyperspectral Scanned Image</u> of AgNPs in solution: 40x



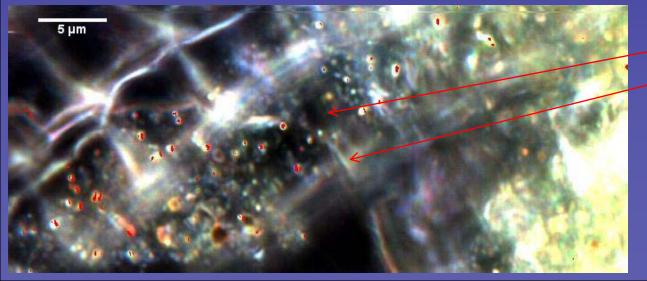


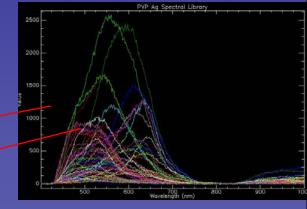


#### **Mapping AgNPs in whole animal organisms**



Hyperspectral scanned image of Daphnia and AgNPs



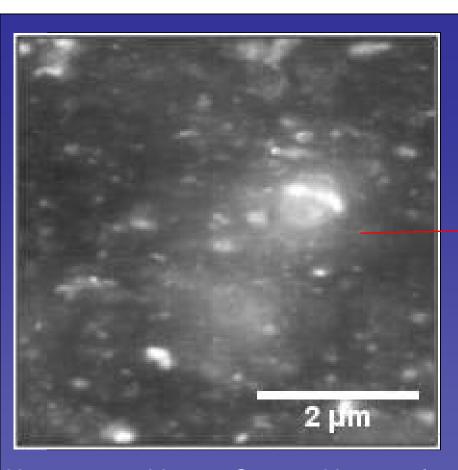


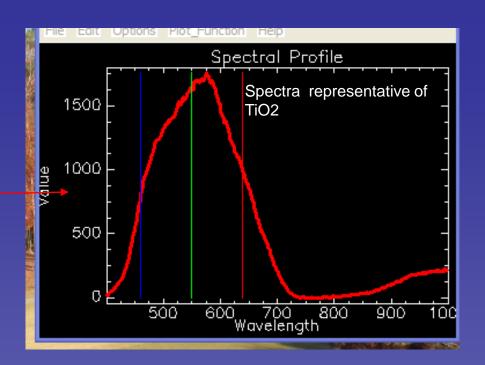
Mapping of the scanned image with each pixel exactly matching the spectra of the AgNPs colored red









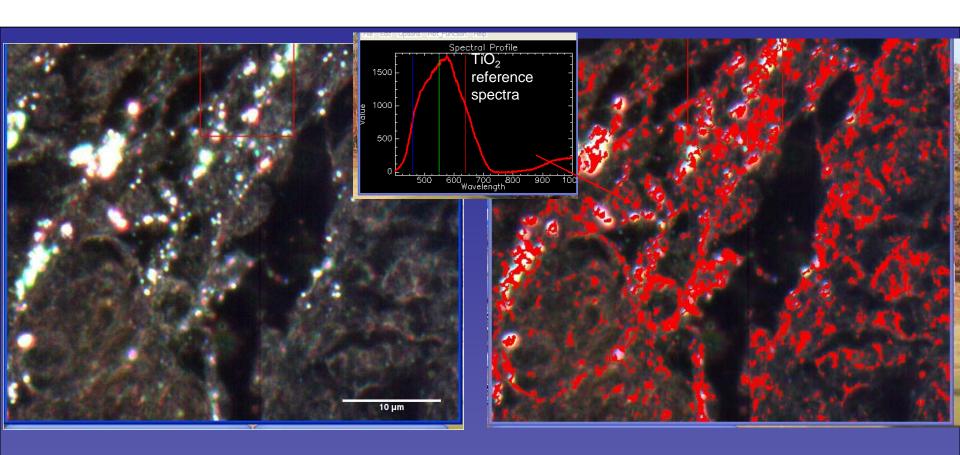


Hyperspectral Image Scanned image of TiO2 aggregating on microscope slide





#### Mapping TiO<sub>2</sub> in tissue



Skin Tissue Containing TiO<sub>2</sub>
Hyperspectral scan of skin tissue sample with TiO<sub>2</sub> particles: Sample imaged at 40x

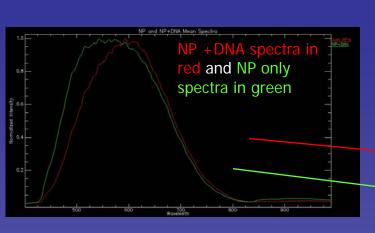
Mapping of TiO<sub>2</sub>

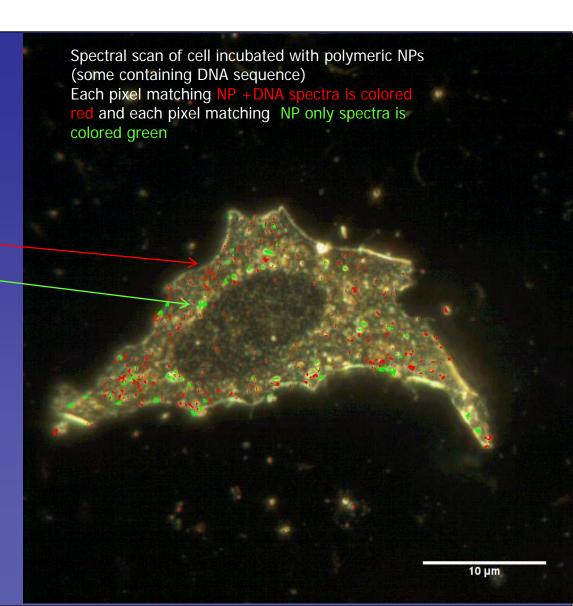
Red maps pixels matching TiO<sub>2</sub> spectra in the tissue sample.





#### **Mapping Polymeric particles in cells**







### **Example applications and research labs** currently utilizing CytoViva



**NIST** 

Nano-fiber cell interactions

**FDA** 

Nano-toxicology

**NASA** 

Nano composites

**Argonne Natl. Labs** 

Nano-particle development

**NIH-NCI** 

Nano-drug characterization

Wright Pat. AFB

Nano-toxicology

**Lawrence Berkeley Labs** 

Bio-fuels development

**Johns Hopkins** 

Nano-particle-cell interactions

Georgia Tech

Nano-medicine

**Rice University** 

Nano-medicine

**University of Michigan** 

Nano-medicine

**Duke University** 

Nano-particle characterization

**MD Anderson Cancer Center** 

Nano-medicine

**Methodist Center Ferrari Center** 

Nano-medicine

**Dow Chemical** 

Nano-particle analysis

**Johnson & Johnson** 

Nano-material composites

**Pfizer** 

Nano-medicine

**Schering Plough** 

Nano-emulsions

Merck

Nano-medicine

**Proctor & Gamble** 

Emulsions & nano-particles

Novozymes Inc.

Bio-fuels development





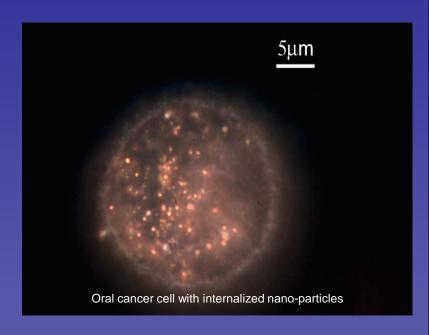






### CytoViva works with research teams to understand how hyperspectral microscopy can advance their nano-materials research ...





... This can include imaging samples and providing a comprehensive report of the results.

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