

超広帯域光パルスの位相変調を用いた2光子蛍光顕微鏡

Two-photon fluorescence microscopy employing phase modulation of ultra-broadband pulses

Objectives

2光子蛍光顕微鏡は1光子蛍光顕微鏡を超える様々な利点を有する。その中でも、複数種類の蛍光分子を同時に観察するマルチカラーイメージングや分子間相互作用を可視化する蛍光共鳴エネルギー移動 (FRET) イメージングは生命現象の解明には欠かせない技術である。我々は超広帯域光パルスのスペクトル位相を変調するだけで、これらのイメージング技術を瞬時に切り替えることが可能であることを実証する。

Two-photon fluorescence (TPF) microscopy has become a powerful tool for investigating biological phenomena due to its inherent advantages. In particular, multicolor microscopy and fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET) microscopy are key techniques for visualizing the movement of biomolecules and their interactions with components in living cells. We demonstrate that the spectral phase modulation of ultra-broadband pulses provides rapid and easy switching for multi-color imaging and FRET imaging.

Fig. 1

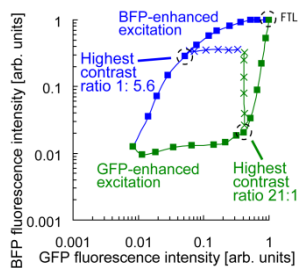


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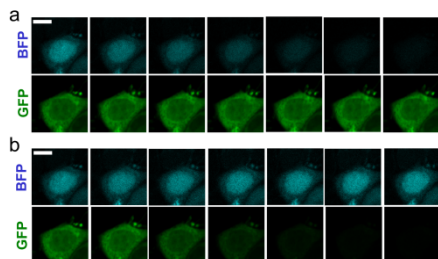


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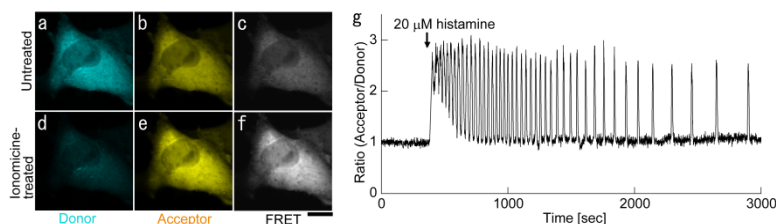


Fig. 1: Simultaneous control of TPF intensities from two fluorescent proteins by spectral phase modulation.

Fig. 2: Multicolor imaging with simultaneous excitation with arbitrary intensity control.

Fig. 3: FRET imaging with selective excitation.

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