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### Optical Trapping and Manipulation of a Single Human Virus



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### **Trapping of Single Tobacco Mosaic Virus**



Optical Trapping and Manipulation of Viruses and Bacteria

Ashkin & Dziedzic, *Science* 1987





TMV, 300 nm long, 18 nm diameter



# Challenges for Trapping Animal Viruses



## Technical Elements to Prepare for Trapping of a Single Virus

(1) The choice of trapping laser wavelength: 830 nm instead of 1064 nm Less heating, free of oxygen-mediated photo damage

(2) Back-focal-plane interferometry with high accuracy: Diffusion coefficient, corner frequency, particle diameter, trap stiffness

(3) Simultaneous two-photon fluorescence excitation by the 830 nm trapping laser with single-fluorophore sensitivity

830 nm CW laser can excite GFP

Cheng, Hou & Ye, *Opt. Lett* (2010) 35: 2988 Hou & Cheng, *Opt. Lett* (2011) 36: 3185 Hou & Cheng, *Biomed. Opt. Express* (2012) 3: 340



DNA or RNA genome

## Optical Trapping of HIV-1 Virions in Culture Media



(in complete culture media: 90% DMEM + 10% FBS)

### **Polydispersity of HIV-1 Virions**







Briggs et al., *EMBO J* (2003) 22: 1707

Tolić-Nørrelykke...Flyvbjerg, *Rev. Sci. Instr. (2006)* 77: 103101

# **Optical Trap Stiffness and Materials**



Bustamante, Cheng & Mejia, Cell (2011) 144: 480





# Relate Optical Trap Stiffness to Particle Size

Rayleigh particle, stiffness  $\propto R^3 4\pi n_0 R/\lambda <<1$ , in reality > 1



# An Analytic Solution to Optical Trap Stiffness

$$\kappa = \alpha I_0 \omega_0 \frac{2\pi}{\xi^3} \left[ \sqrt{2\pi} \left( (\xi a)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right) e^{-2a^2} erfi(\sqrt{2}a\xi) - \xi a e^{-2a^2/\varepsilon^2} \right]$$

#### Stiffness = F(particle radius, particle refractive index, beam parameters)



Pang, Song & Cheng, Biomed. Opt. Express (2016) 7: 1672

Applies to spherical particles < 160 nm radius

# Measure Refractive Index for Single HIV-1 with High Precision

Stiffness = F(particle radius, particle refractive index, beam parameters)



Compared to 1.58 of polystyrene; close to 2M sucrose; first time that the RI of a single virus was ever measured.

Pang, Song & Cheng, Biomed. Opt. Express (2016) 7: 1672

## Parameters from Optical Trap

Normalized occurrence

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Vormalized occurrence

0.6

- **Diffusion coefficient**
- Corner frequency
- Particle diameter
- Trap stiffness
- Index of refraction •

Pang, Song & Cheng, *Biomed. Opt. Express* (2016) 7: 1672

Two-photon fluorescence



0.3

Pang...Cheng, Nature Nanotech (2014) 9: 624

with single-molecule sensitivity

Multi-parameter analysis and potential sorting of biological nanoparticles Current flow cytometry >300 nm

DeSantis & Cheng, WIRES Nanomedicine and Nanobiotechnology (2016)

## Two-photon Fluorescence with Single-Molecule Sensitivity



### Heterogeneity Matters for Viruses

### Model of HIV-1 virion



### Presumed gp120/gp41



Zhu...Roux, Nature (2006) 441: 847

# **Optical Trapping 'Virometry'**





DeSantis...Cheng, *J. Biol. Chem* (2016) 291: 13088



### **Cooperativity among Gp120 Molecules**

Prepared seven populations of HIV-1, each population with on average different density of gp120 molecules Virometry to measure # of gp120

Cell culture assay for infectivity





DeSantis...Cheng, J. Biol. Chem (2016) 291: 13088

# **Clinical Implications**

- Are they prone to transmission?
- Transmitted virus are enriched for higher gp120 content. Parrish et al. PNAS (2013) 110: 6626



Not every HIV-1 virion is created equally!

# Single-Cell Manipulation for Single Virion Delivery



Suction force controlled by hydrostatic pressure





Scale bar: 10 µm

Hou & Cheng, unpublished

## Specific Association upon a Single Collision is Rare



"Forced" delivery of HIV to CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells

- An optically trapped virion is slowly brought into contact with a cell
- Attachment is easy to detect as an immobilized virion remains in focus
- The laser is turned off once the virion escapes

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Trials	Attachments	Attachment Probability (%)	
73	0	0	

GFP labeled HIV-1, SUP-T1 cell, 20°C PBS

DeSantis & Cheng, unpublished

## **Frequent but Nonspecific Association Promoted by DEAE-dextran**











Polycation 'bridge'

Koh & Cheng, Langmuir (2014) 30: 10899

**Trials Attachments Attachment Probability (%)** 77 59 >77

GFP labeled HIV-1, SUP-T1 cell, 20°C PBS

DeSantis & Cheng, unpublished

# Possible Reasons for Lack of Attachment and Potential Future Development

- The virion may have low gp120; Combine with virometry
- Cell surface receptor may be low or distribution of receptors is heterogeneous



To form specific contact upon a single collision is a rare event!!

# Conclusions

- For the first time, optical trapping of a single human virus
- □For the first time, measurement of the index of refraction for a single virus particle
- □Optical trapping virometry for multiparameter analysis of biological particles.
- HIV-1 gp120 displays a positive cooperativity in mediating HIV-1 infection.
- The technique to deliver a single virus to a single cell.

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