

Real-Time Fluorescence Lifetime Tracking

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ABSTRACT

Researchers at the University of California, Davis have developed a novel technique for continuous acquisition, processing, and display of fluorescence lifetimes. This technique allows for rapid and non-invasive real-time tissue diagnosis through a single hand-held or biopsy fiber-optic probe.

FULL DESCRIPTION

Conventional imaging techniques such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) provide surgeons with a great deal of information about a tumor's anatomy but cannot distinguish between cancerous and non-cancerous cells. Time-resolved fluorescence spectroscopy (TRFS) has shown promise in the imaging of biopsies of brain tumor, oral carcinoma, and atherosclerosis but currently requires a minimum of several seconds (and up to a few minutes) of off-line fluorescence decay analysis due to the large number of data points collected. While such an approach show-cases the potential of TRFS, it also presents a hurdle which prevents TRFS from being used as a real-time tissue diagnostic tool.

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APPLICATIONS

- ▶ Tissue characterization
- ▶ Diagnosis in: Ophthalmology, cardiology, and oncology

FEATURES/BENEFITS

- ▶ Real-time analysis
- ▶ Rapid and non-invasive real-time tissue diagnosis
- ▶ Continuous acquisition, processing, and display
- ▶ Single hand held or biopsy fiber-optic probe
- ▶ Less sensitive to the presence of endogenous absorbers

PATENT STATUS

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OTHER INFORMATION

CATEGORIZED AS

- ▶ **Optics and Photonics**
 - ▶ All Optics and Photonics
- ▶ **Biotechnology**
 - ▶ Health
- ▶ **Imaging**
 - ▶ Medical
 - ▶ Software
- ▶ **Research Tools**
 - ▶ Other
- ▶ **Sensors & Instrumentation**
 - ▶ Other

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