

Investigating chronic liver diseases and cancer using multimodal spectroscopy

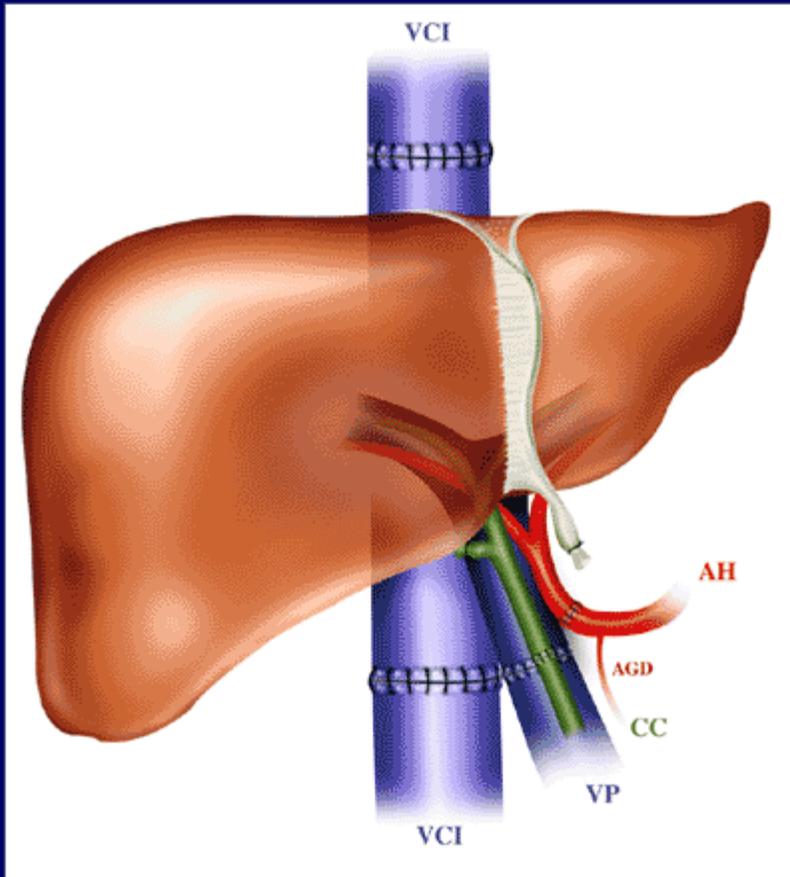
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The liver



Glycogen synthesis & catabolism

Lipids: cholesterol synthesis & catabolism,
production of triglycerids, lipoprotein synthesis

Destruction of old red blood cells & leucocytes

Production of coagulation factors (I, III, V, VII, IX & XI)

Metabolism of toxins and drugs

Urea synthesis

Storage of vitamins (A, B12, D, K, E)

Storage of elements (Fe, Cu)

The liver is the organ with the most important activity in metabolism

Chronic liver diseases and cancer

Normal liver



Fatty liver / steatosis



Cirrhosis



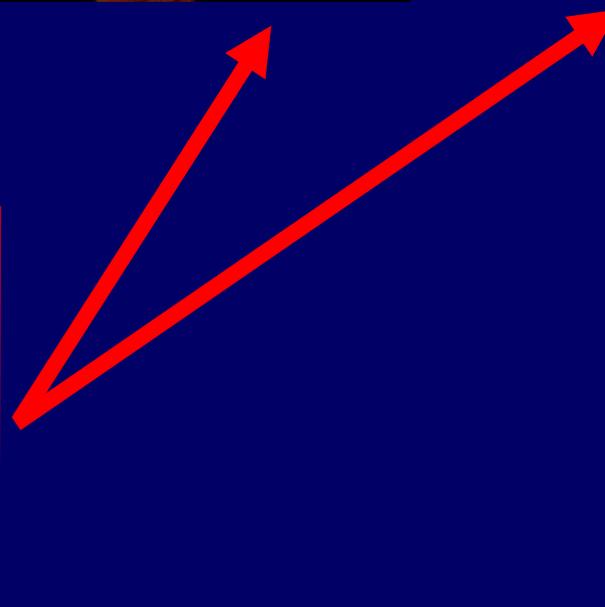
CANCER

Agressive
Low survival

Obesity / Diabete / Drugs

Alcohol

Viral hepatitis
(HBV, HCV)



Chronic liver diseases and cancer

Normal liver



Fatty liver
/ steatosis



Cirrhosis



**→ Crucial need of markers
for diagnosis and prognosis**

CANCER

Agressive

Low survival

A multimodal spectroscopy-based approach at synchrotron SOLEIL

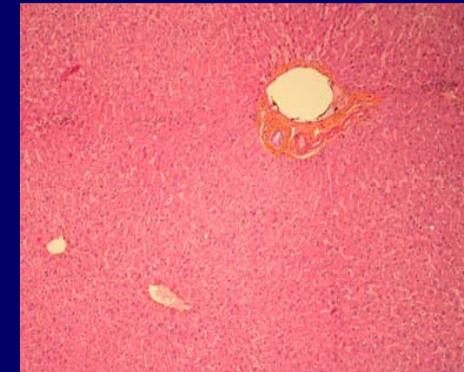
Liver



Cryomicrotome



Tissue section



The synchrotron SOLEIL



Brilliance
Accordability

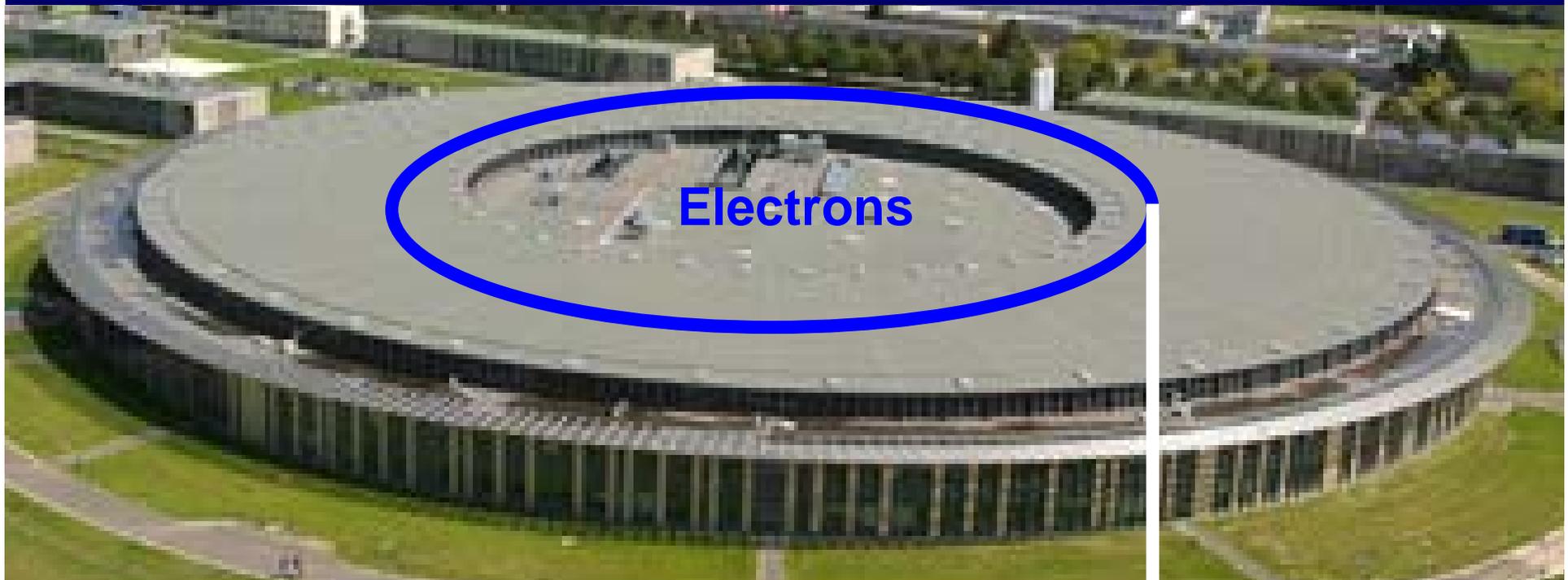
IR
UV
X-ray

Microspectroscopy



Spectral markers

The synchrotron SOLEIL



Electrons

Characteristics

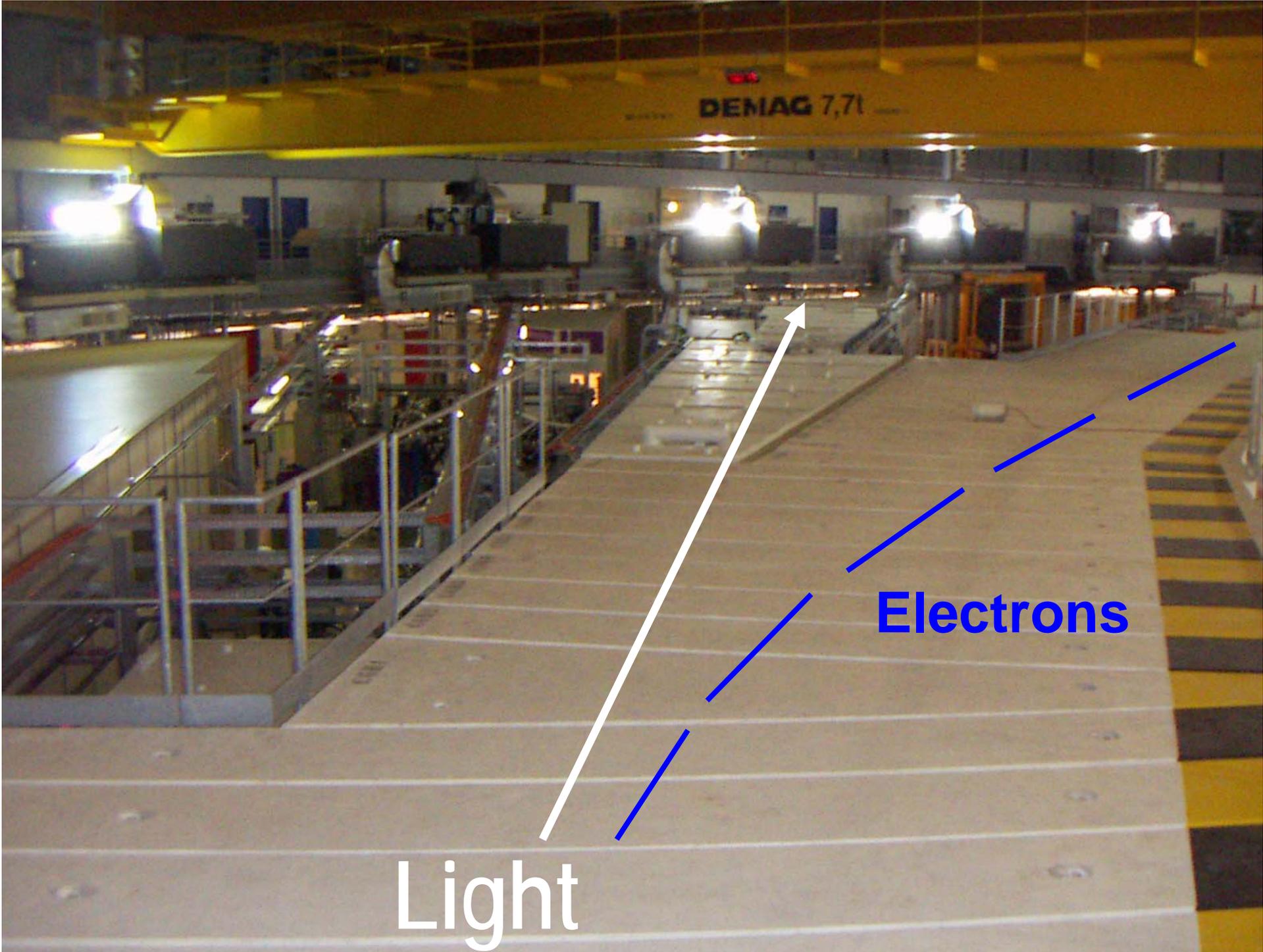
- Brightness
- Accordability

Light

IR

UV

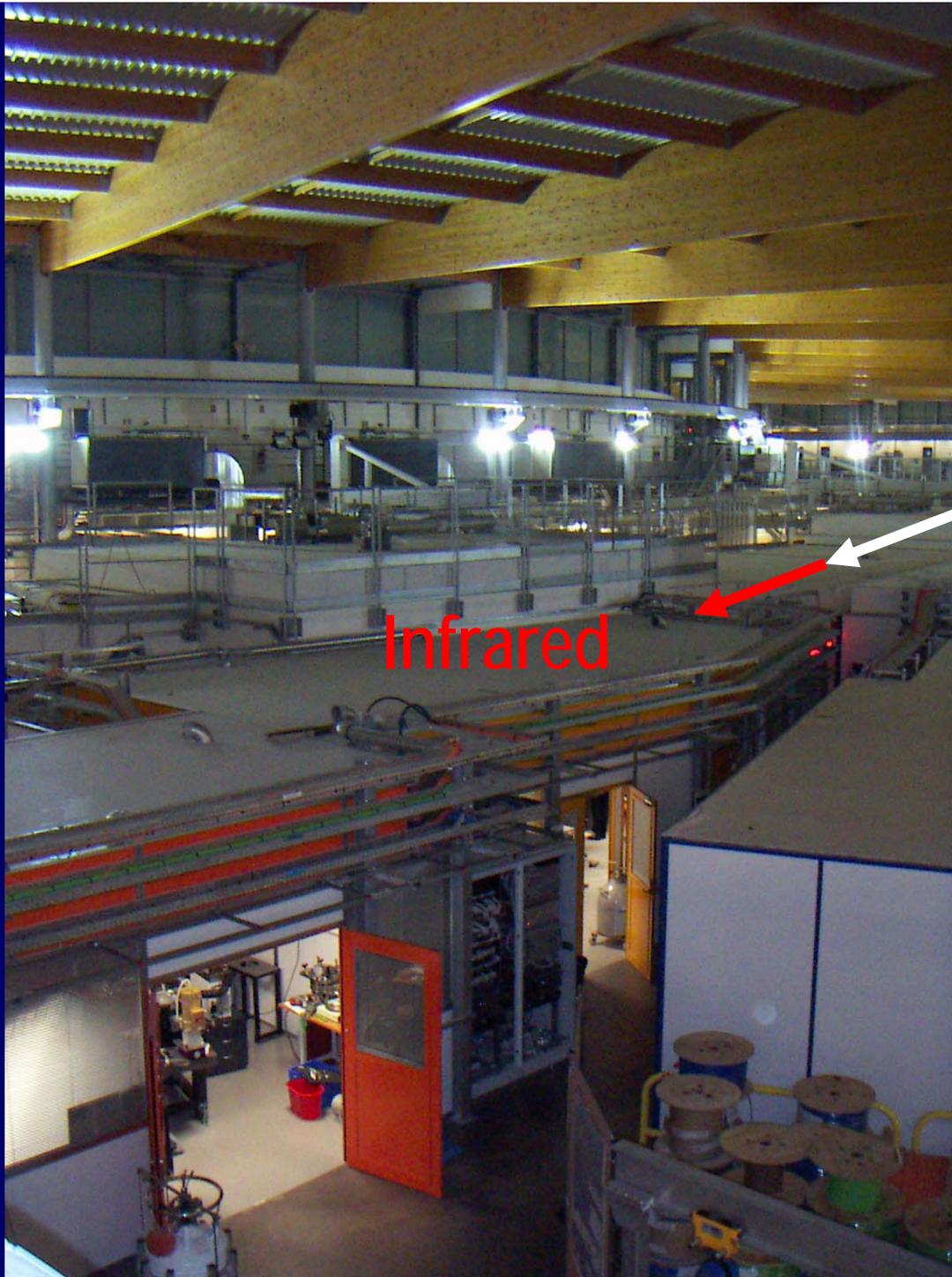
RX



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Light

Electrons



Infrared

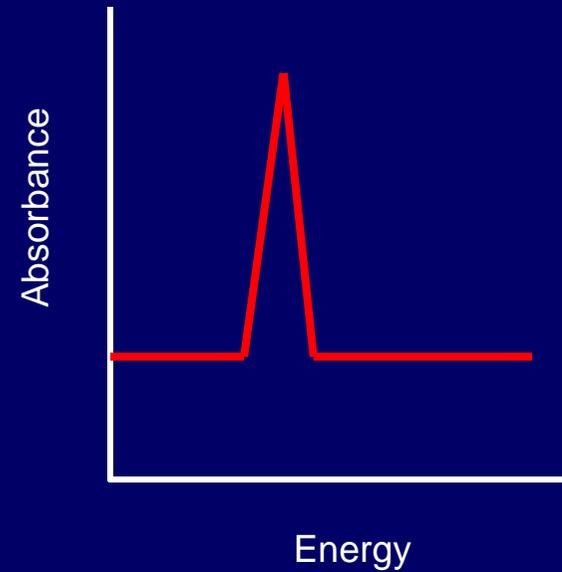
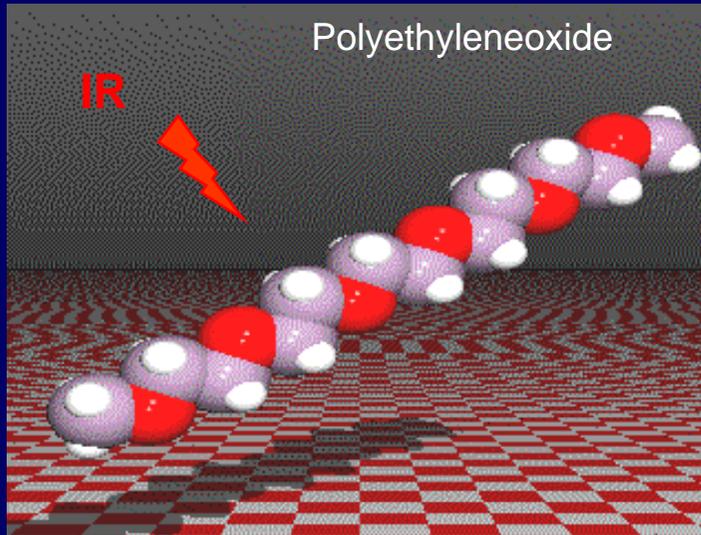
Infrared microspectroscopy at SMIS beamline



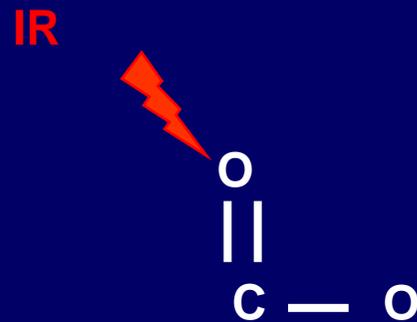
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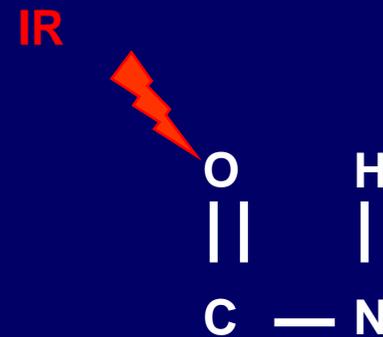
Infrared spectroscopy



3000-2800 cm^{-1}

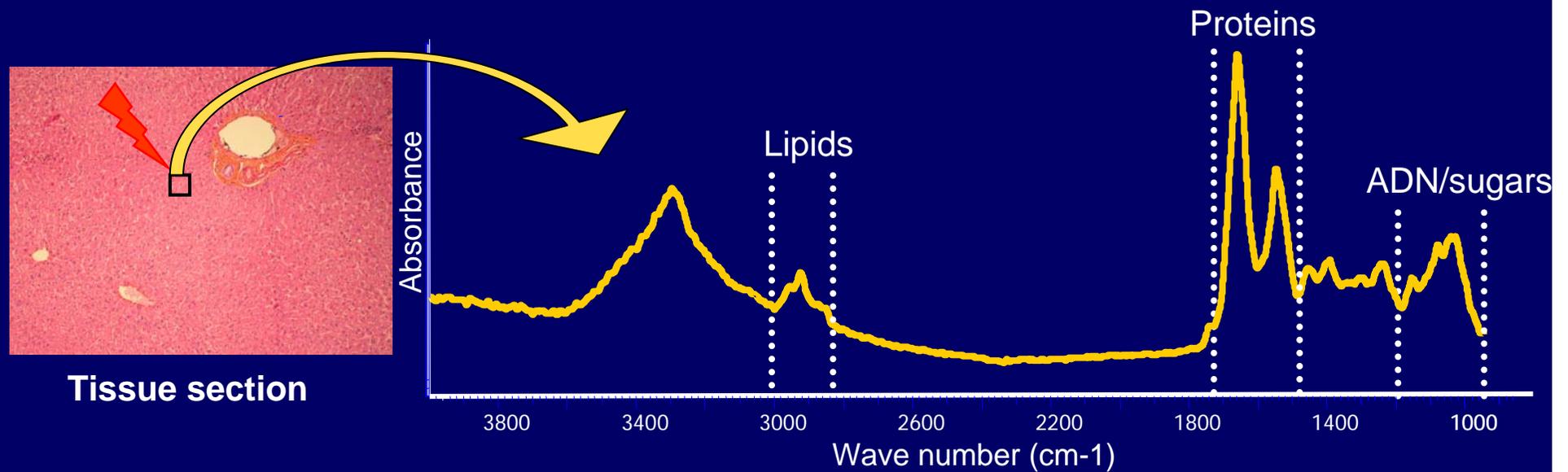


1740 cm^{-1}



1650 / 1540 cm^{-1}

Infrared spectroscopy on tissues



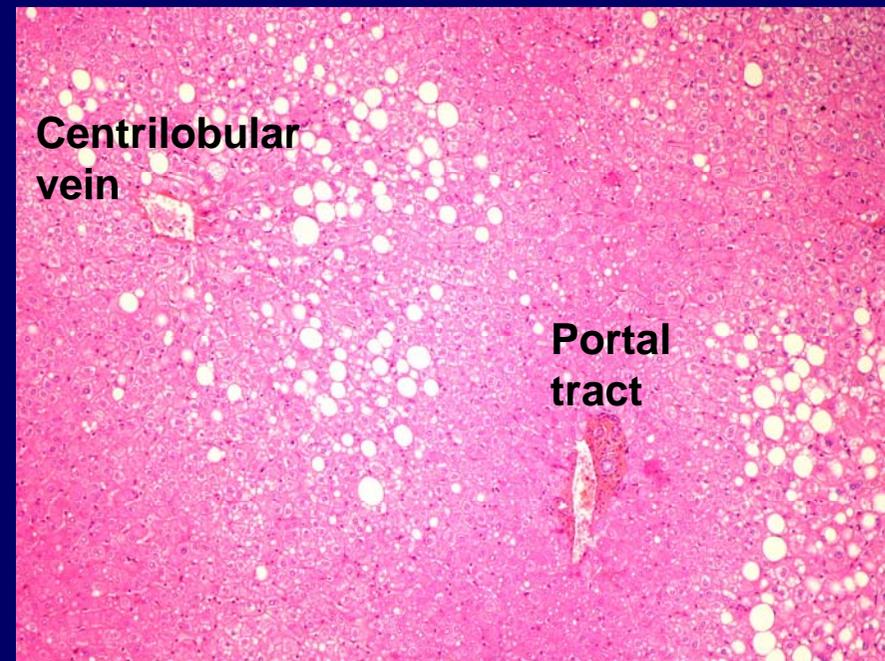
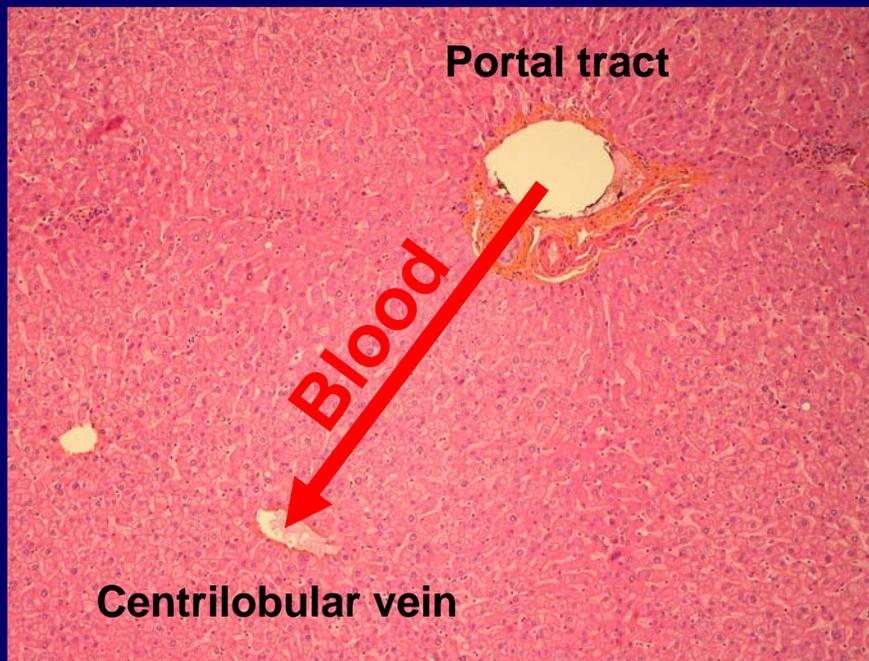
The spectrum is resulting of the global biochemical composition

Liver steatosis

Normal liver



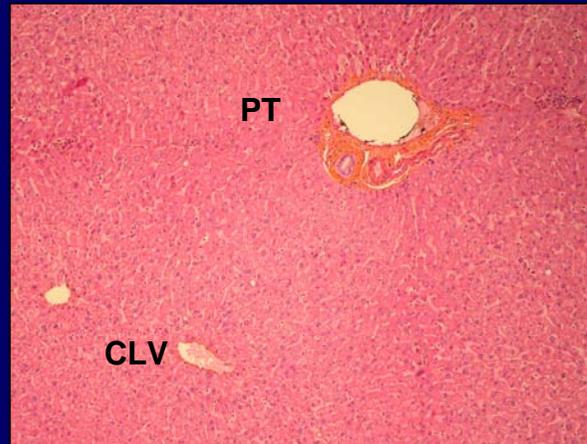
Steatosis



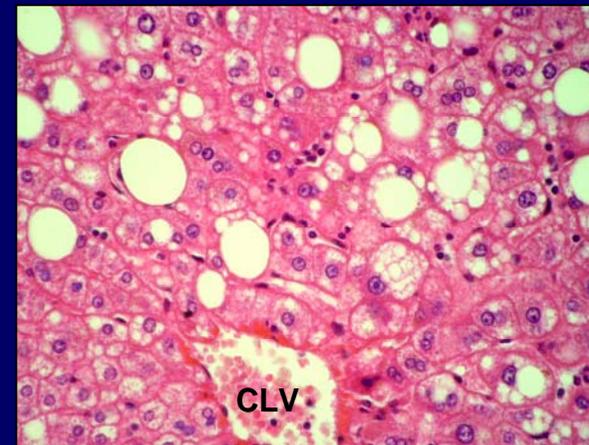
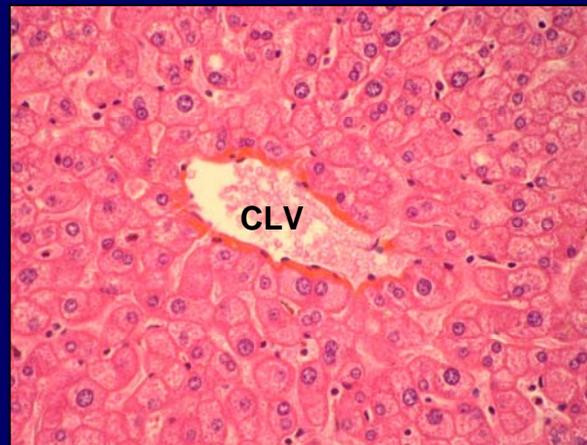
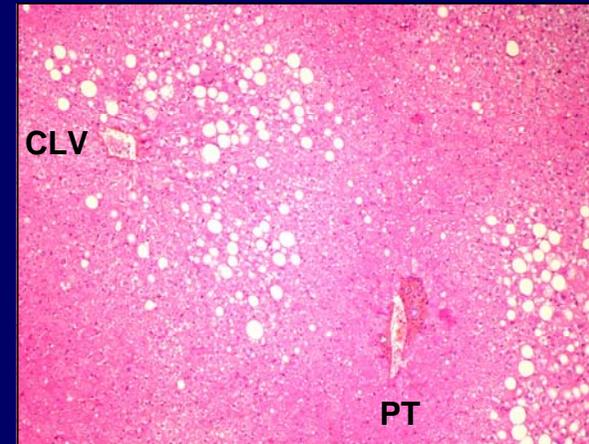
Steatosis is characterized by the formation of vesicles enriched in lipids

Liver steatosis

Normal liver



Liver steatosis

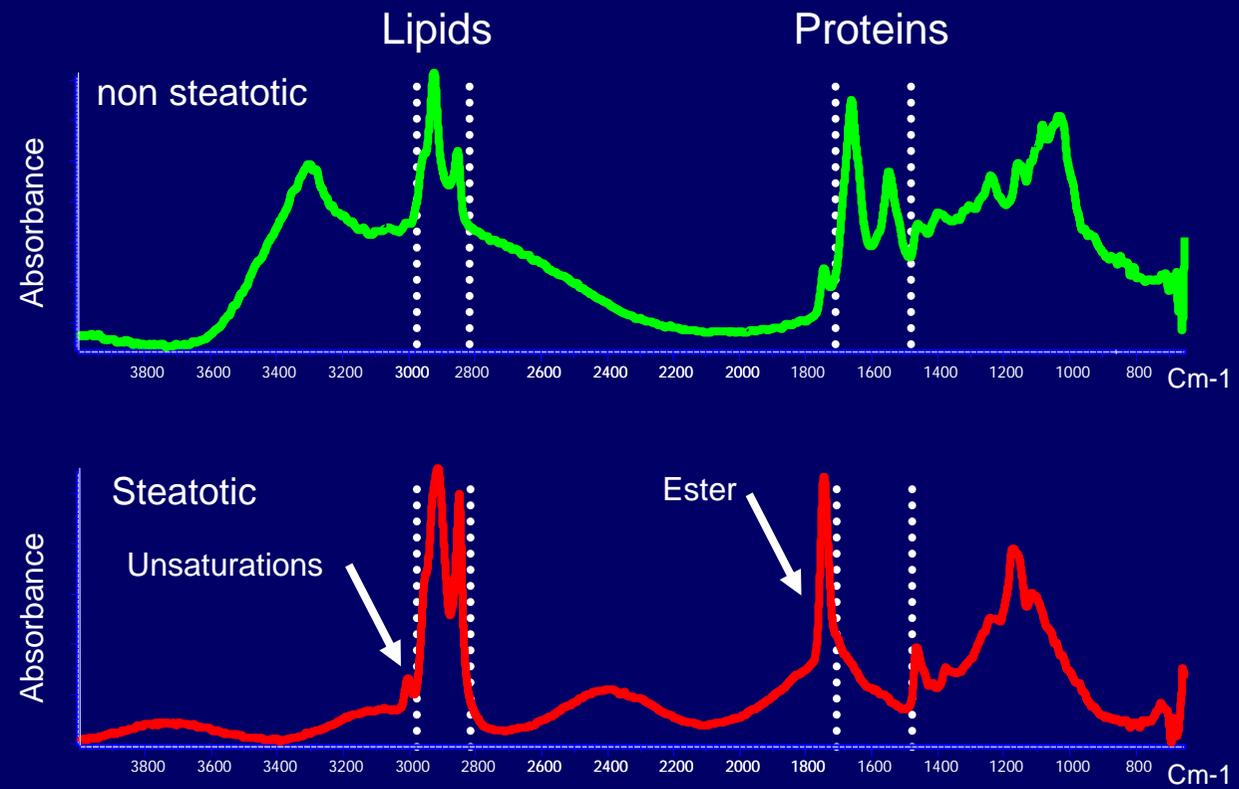
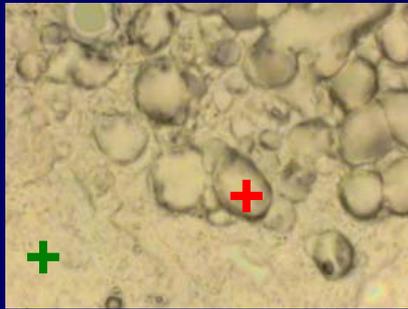


PT: portal tract

CLV: centrilobular vein

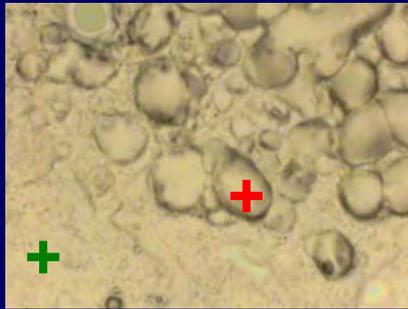
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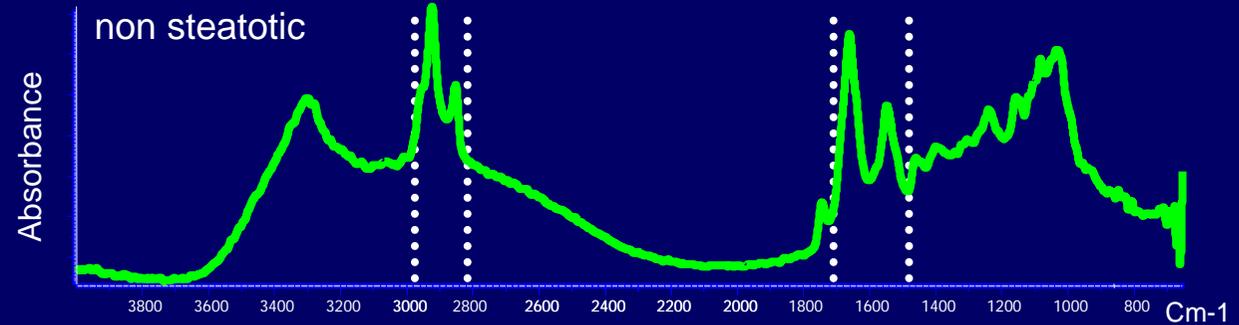
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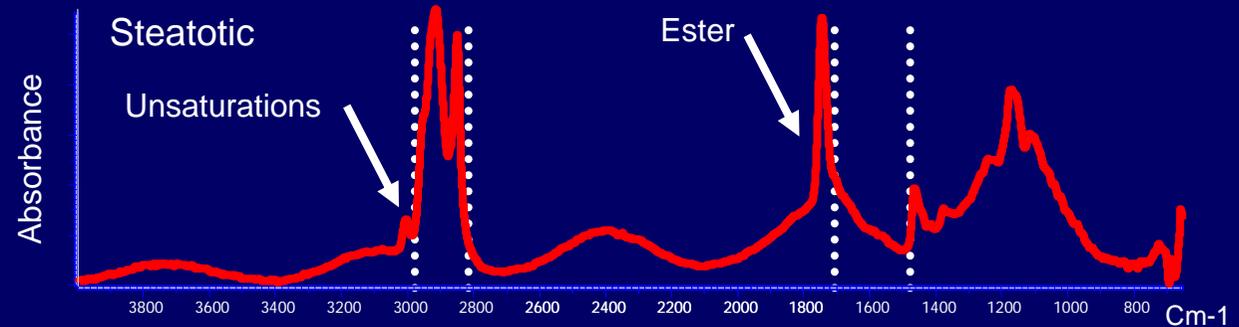
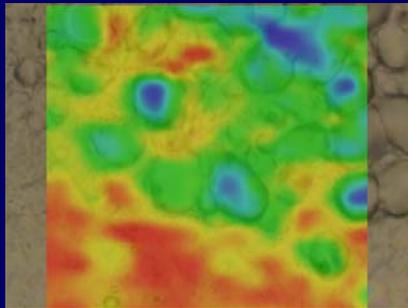


Lipids

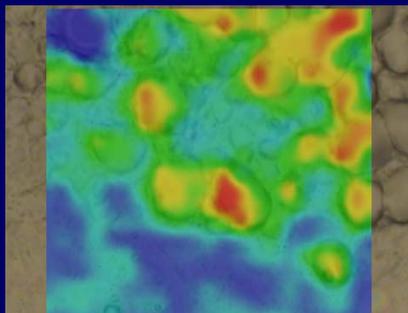
Proteins



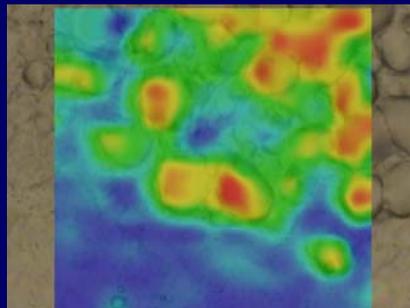
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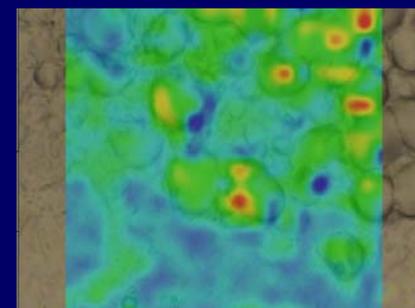
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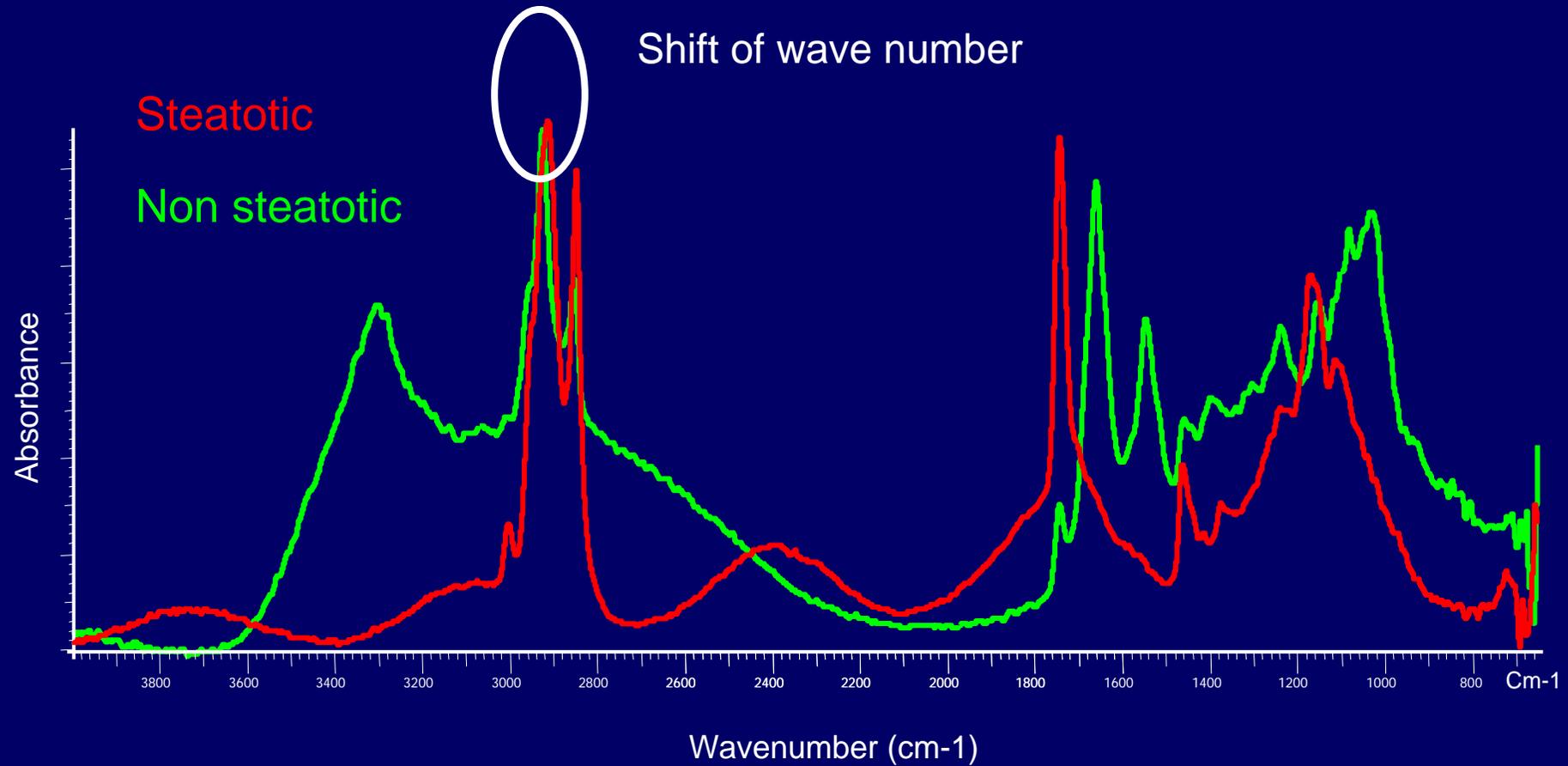
Ester



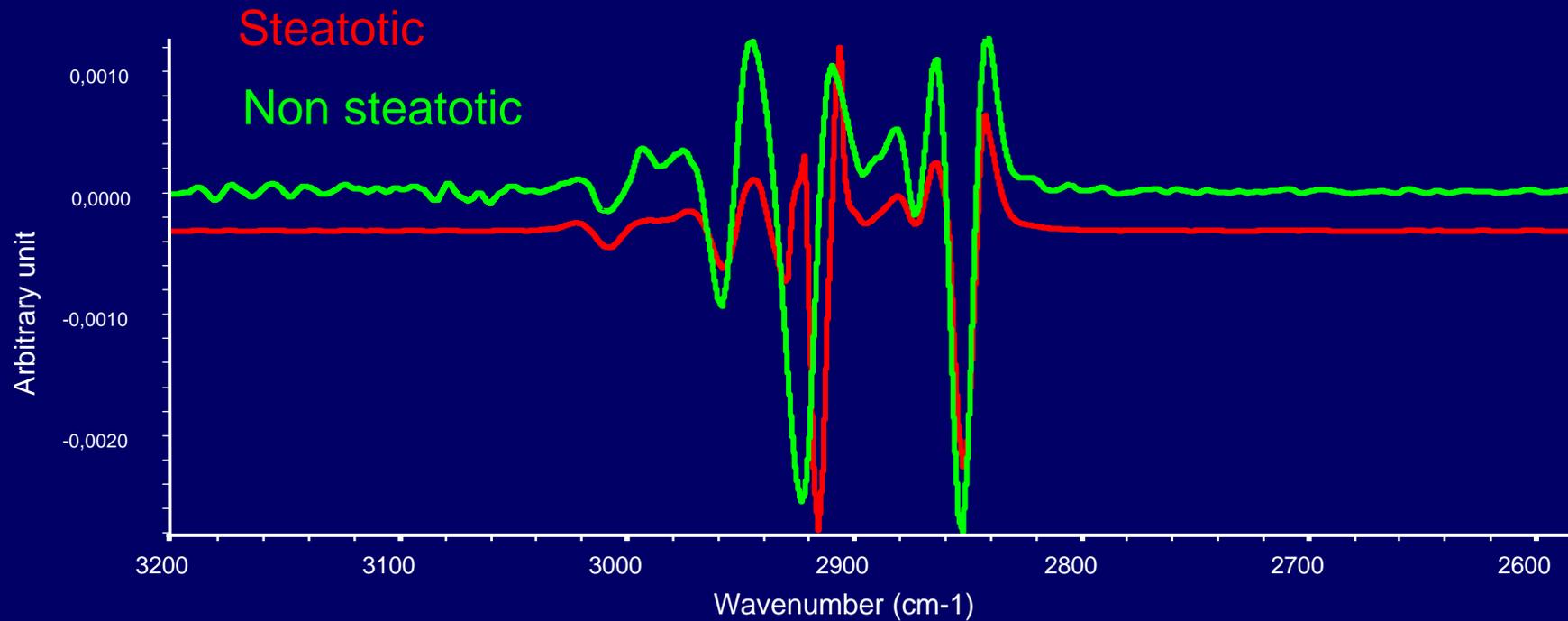
Unsaturation



Infrared microspectroscopy on steatosis



Infrared microspectroscopy on steatosis *second derivation*



→ *Variation in lipid composition or environment*

Conclusions

Infrared microspectroscopy



Global biochemical composition of steatotic vesicles

Enrichment in esters

Enrichment in unsaturated lipids

Variation of the lipid environment

→ Investigating the molecular composition *in situ*

TOF-SIMS

Time of flight-secondary ion mass spectrometry



Aggregates

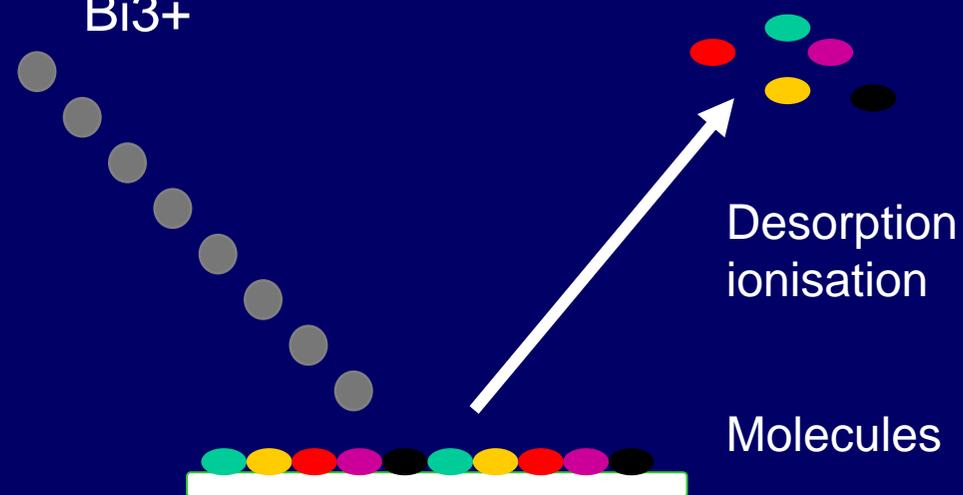
Bi^{3+}

Secondary ions

Desorption
ionisation

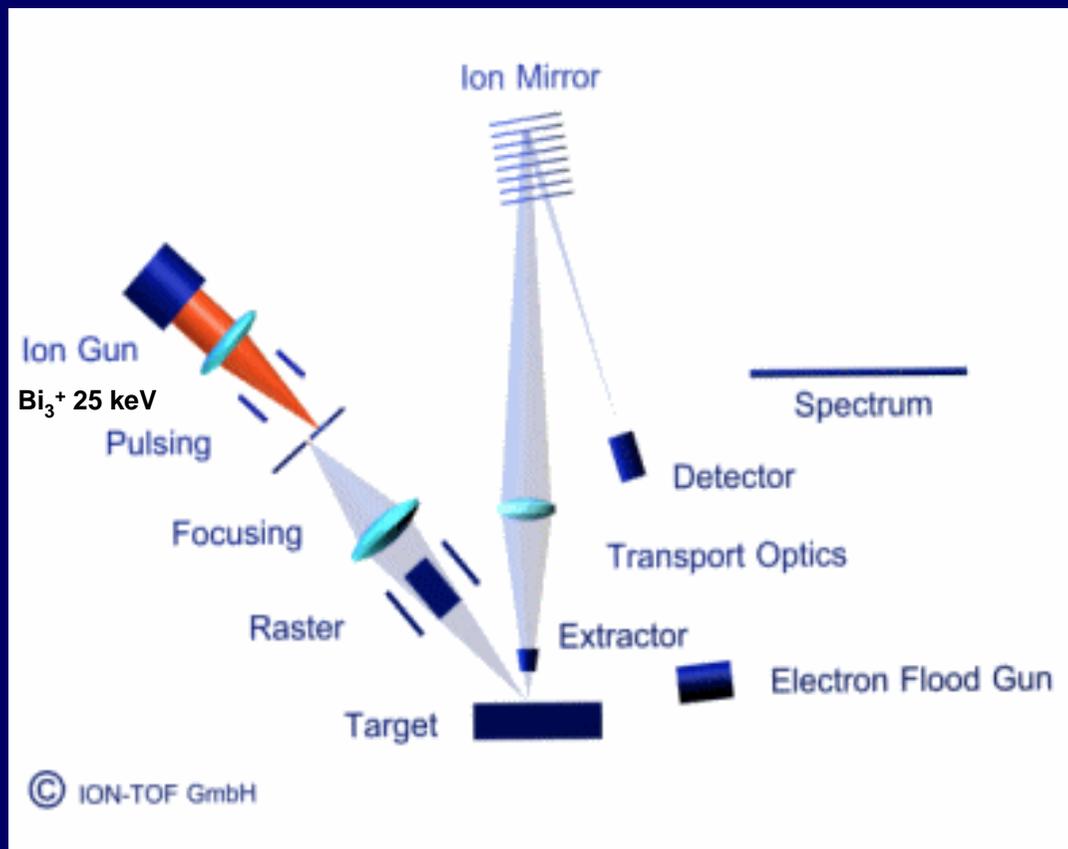
Molecules

Tissue section



TOF-SIMS

Time of flight-secondary ion mass spectrometry

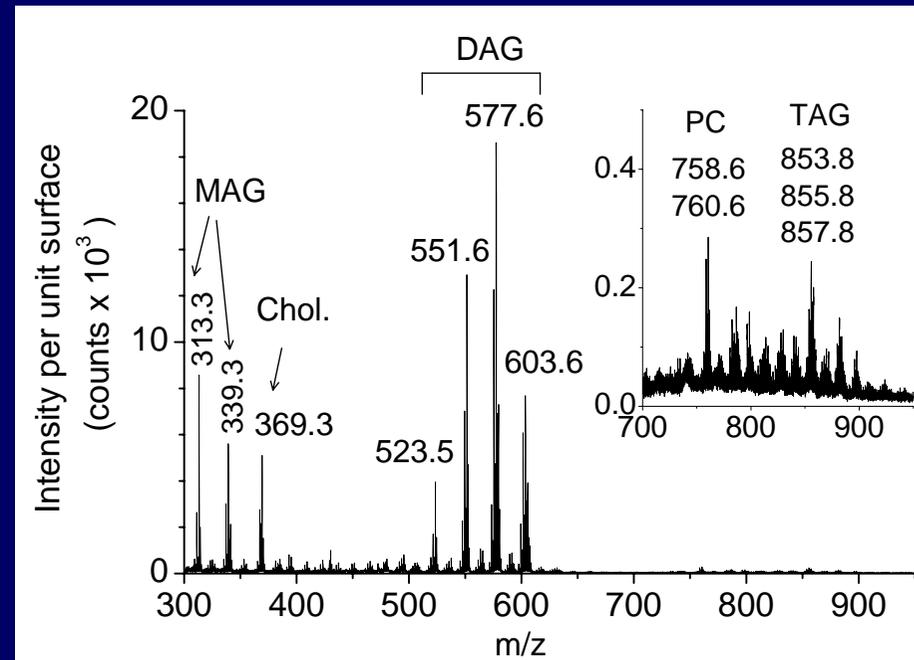
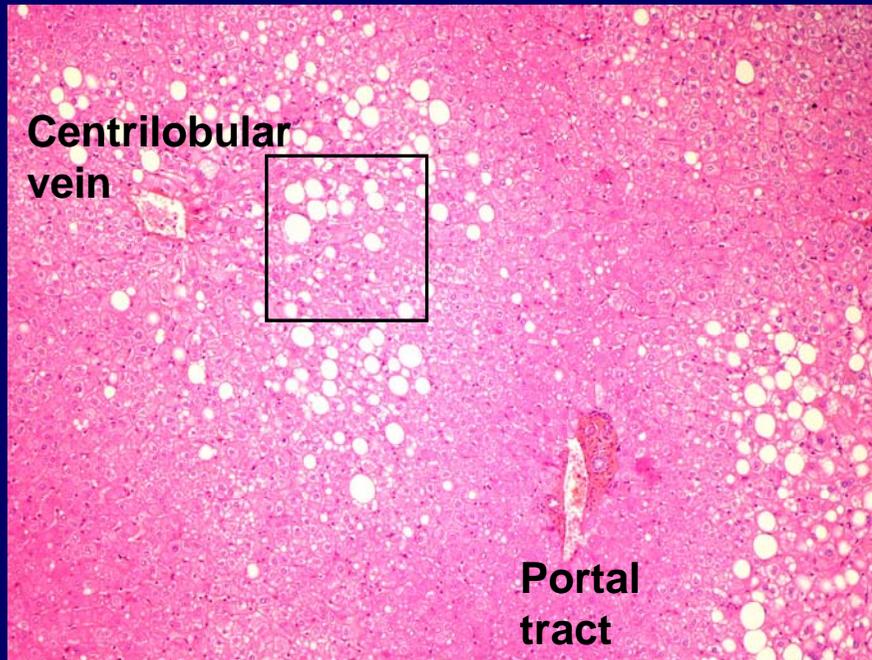


Without any treatment of the sample

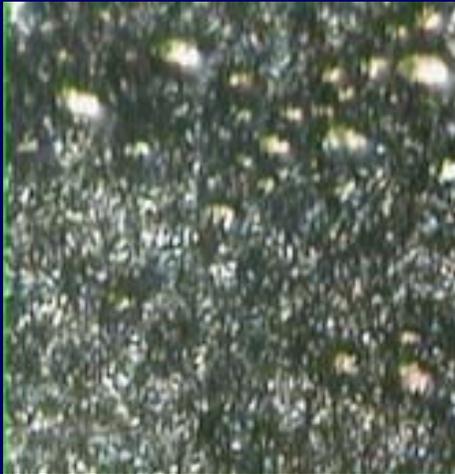
Lateral resolution : 1-2 μ m

Mass <1500 Da \rightarrow Lipids

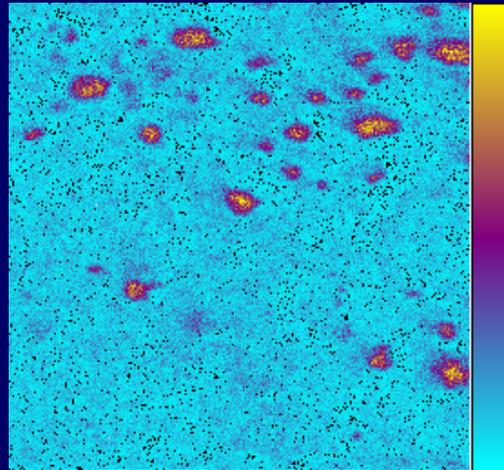
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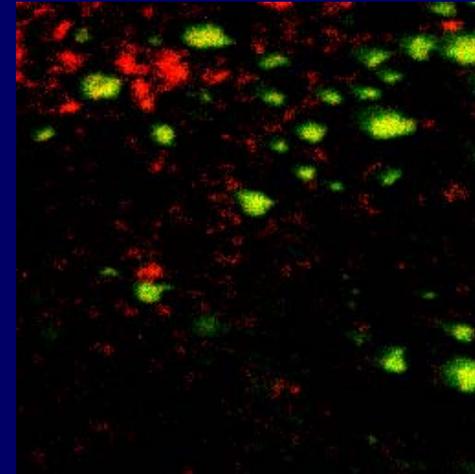
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Optical image



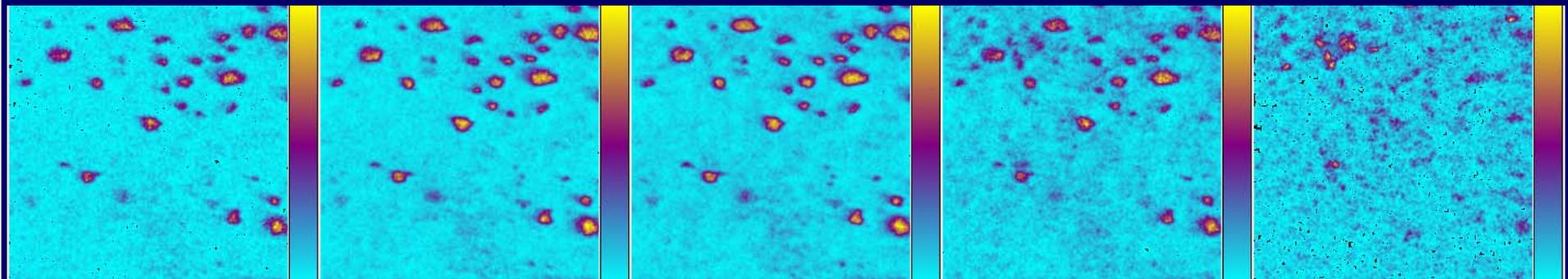
Cholesterol



Red = DAG C30
Green = DAG C36

Lipidomic *in situ* of steatosis using ToF-SIMS

DAG : diacyl glycerol



C36:4

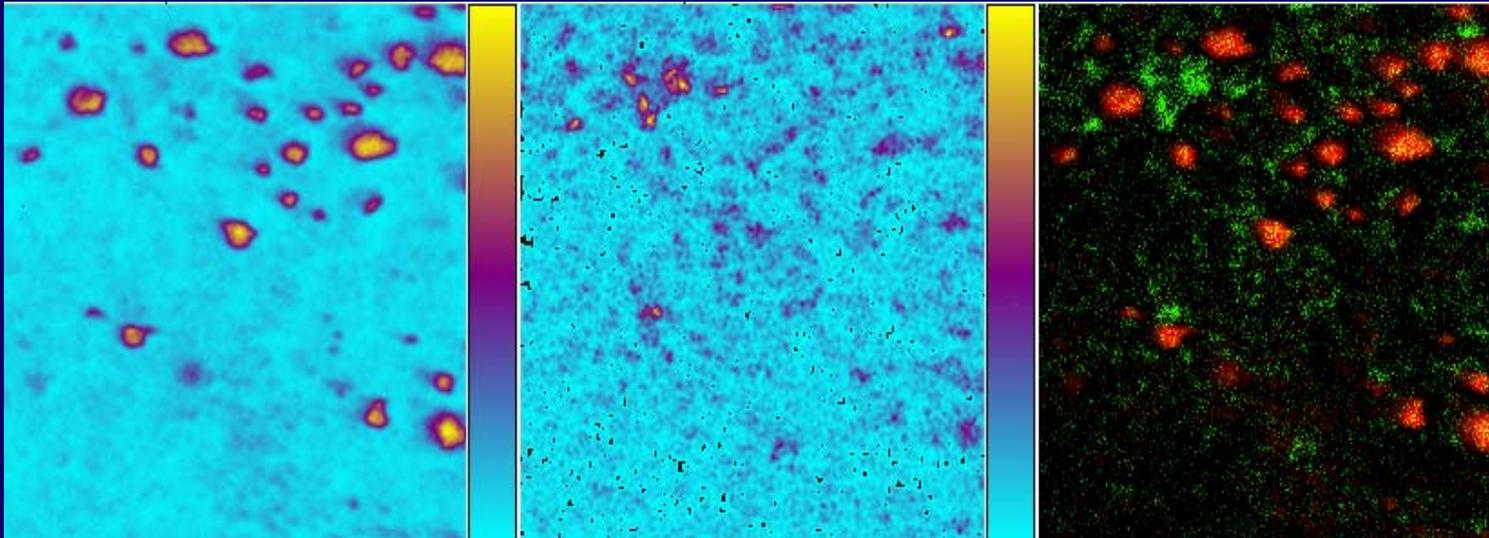
C36:3

C36:2

C36:1

C36:0

Lipidomic *in situ* of steatosis using ToF-SIMS



DAG C36
unsaturated

DAG C36
saturated

Red = Unsaturated
Green = Saturated

Conclusions

Infrared microspectroscopy and ToF-SIMS



Composition of steatotic vesicles

Enrichment in cholesterol

Lipids with longer acyl chains

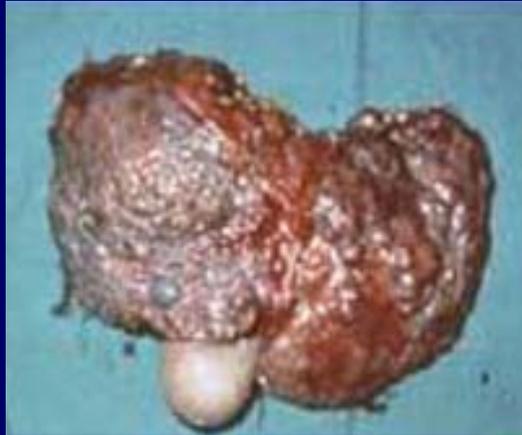
Enrichment in unsaturated lipids

Conclusions

Biomedical relevance

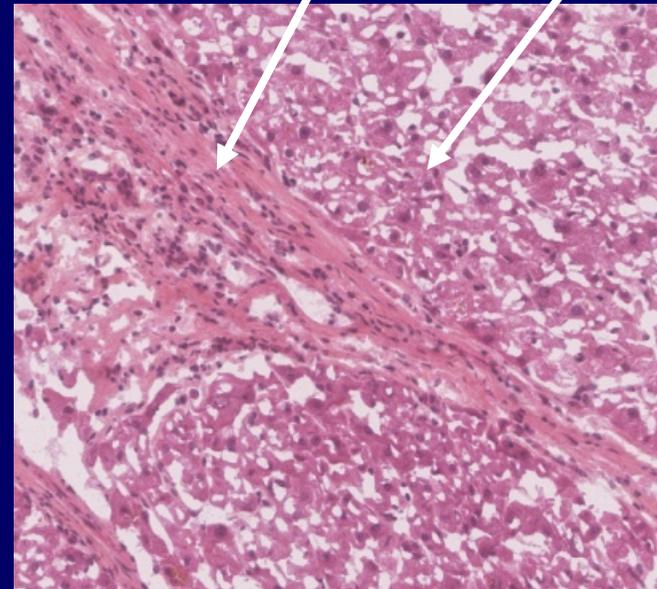
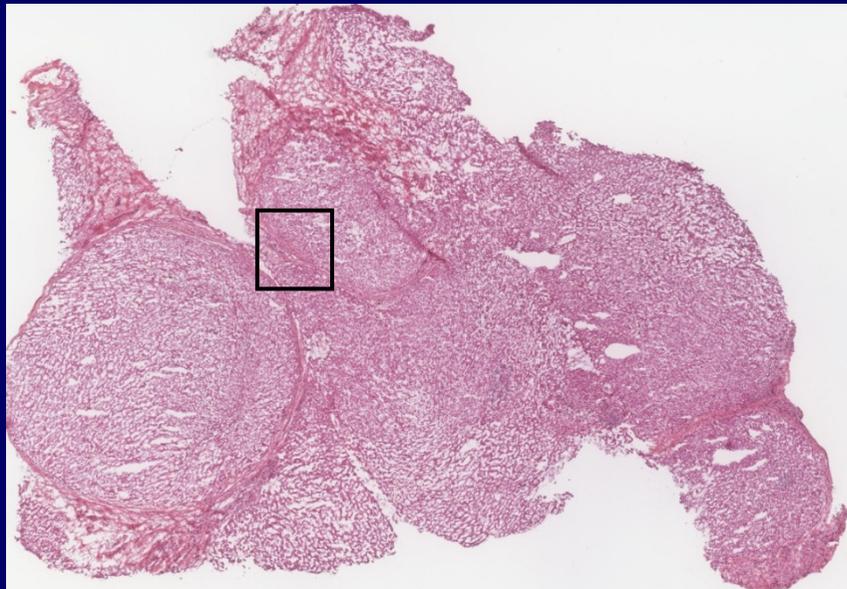
- The steatotic vesicle is potentially highly reactive
- The mechanisms of the selective enrichment are not known

Liver cirrhosis

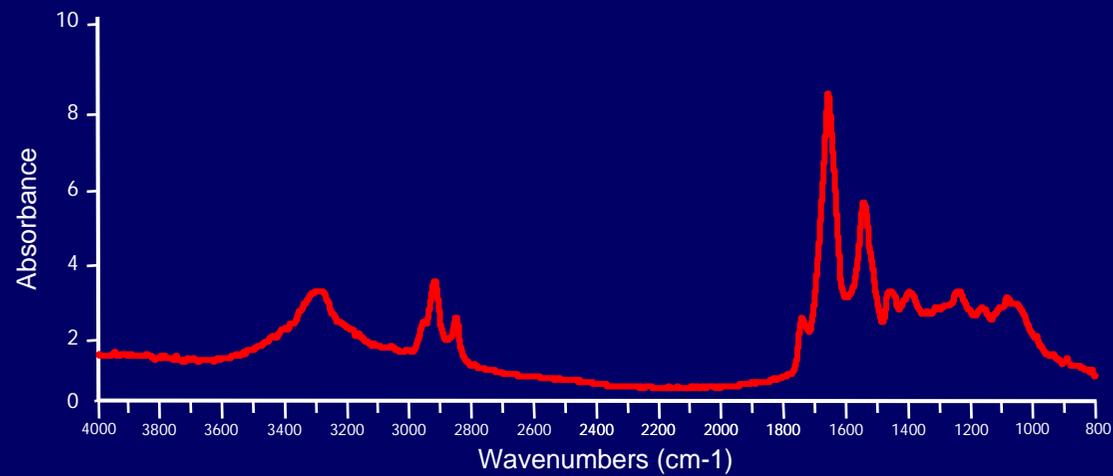
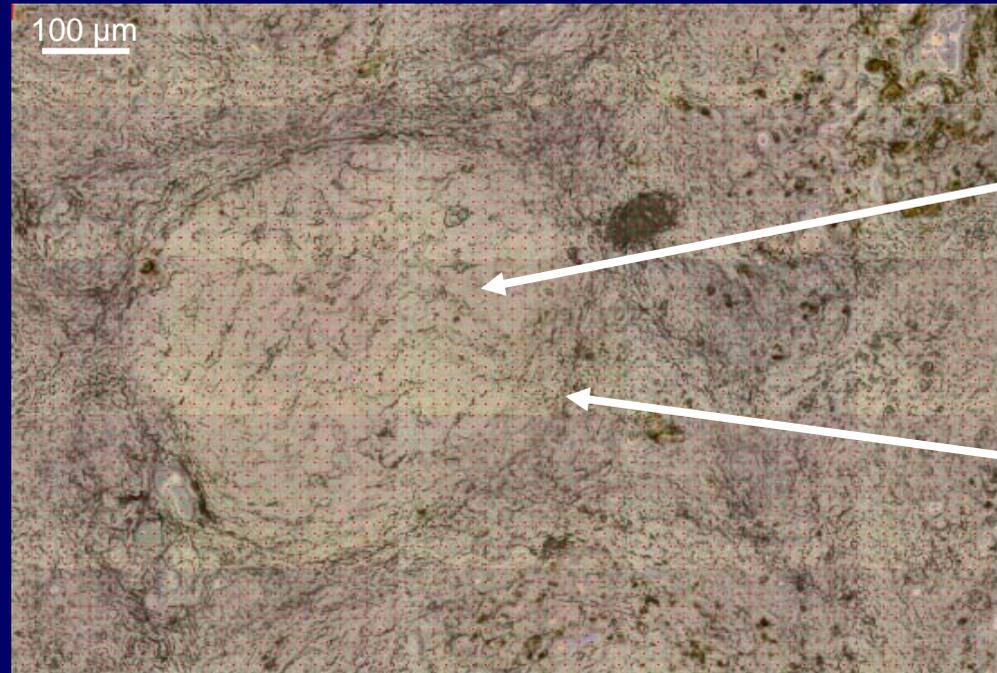


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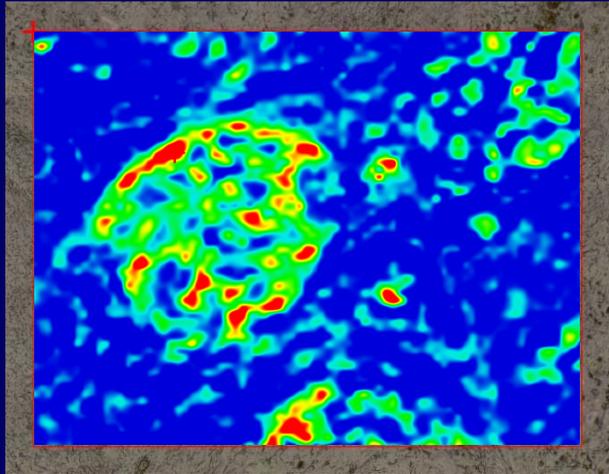
Nodule



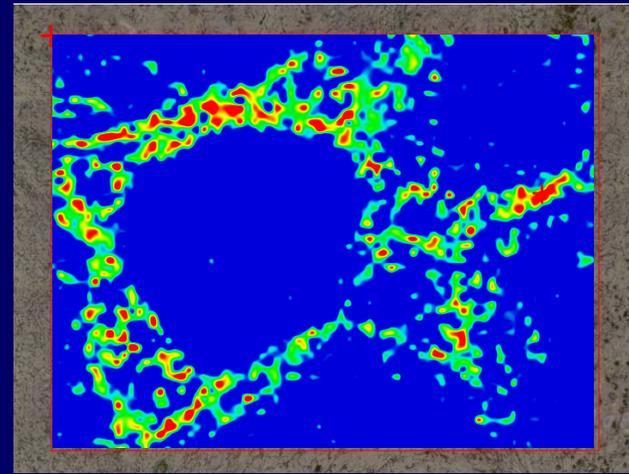
Infrared microspectroscopy on cirrhosis



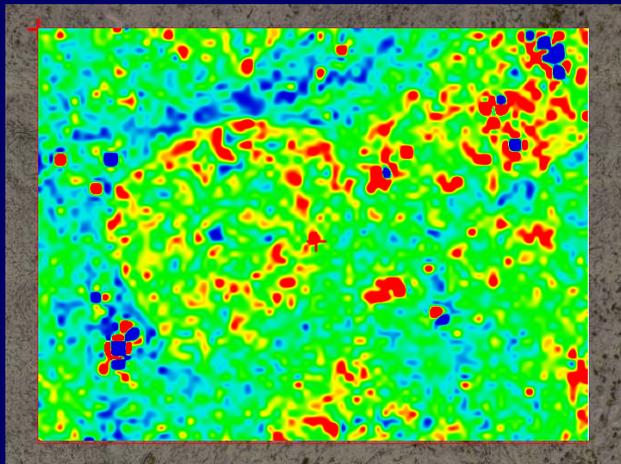
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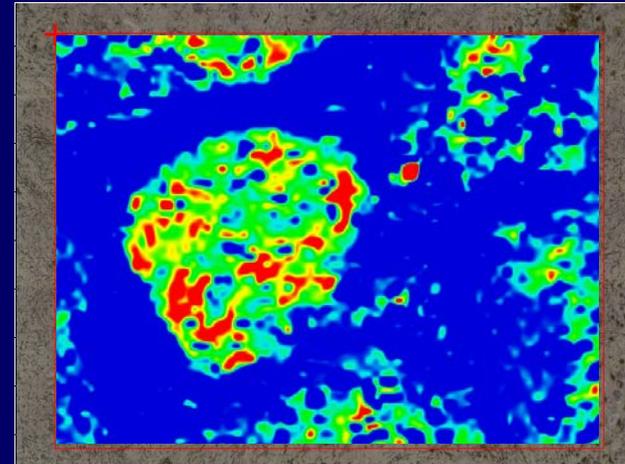
Glycogen



Collagen

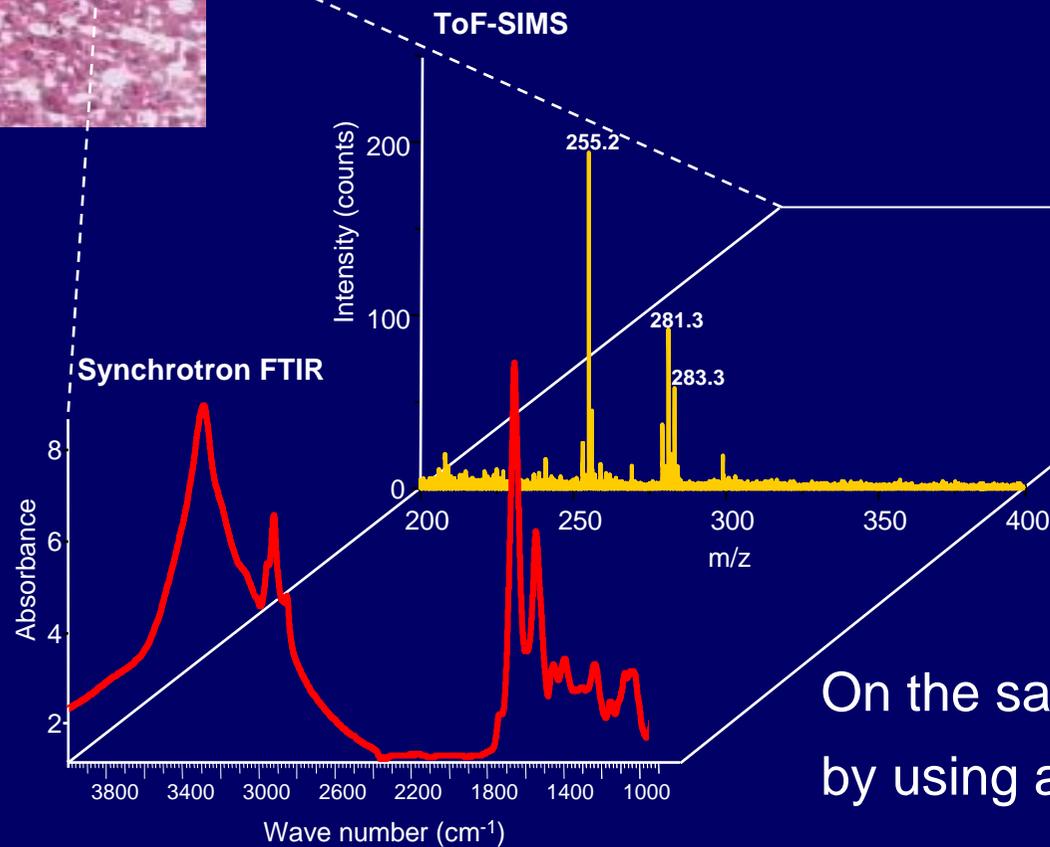
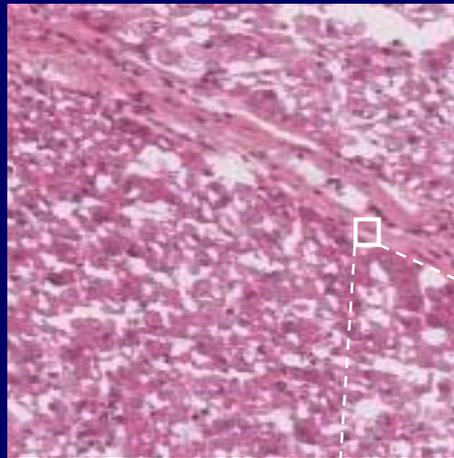


Long chain lipids



Lipid esters

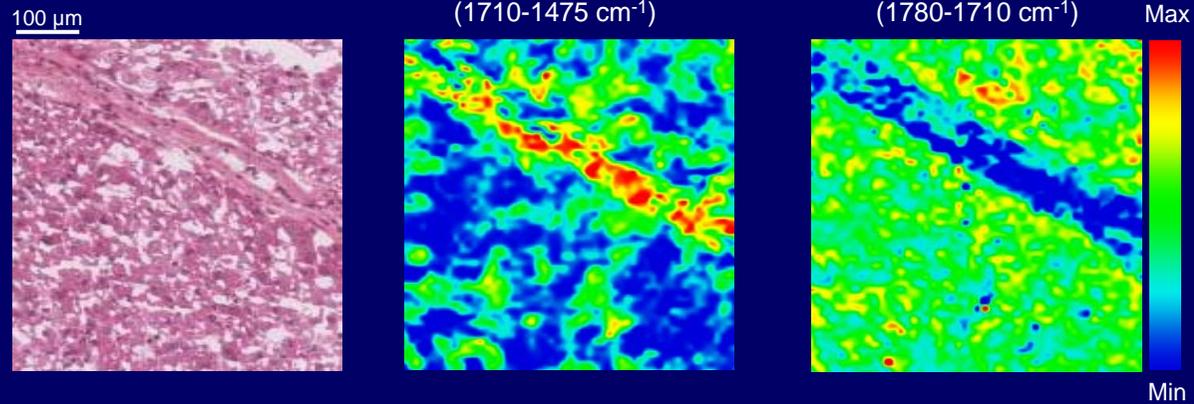
Multimodal Spectroscopy combining synchrotron-FTIR and ToF-SIMS



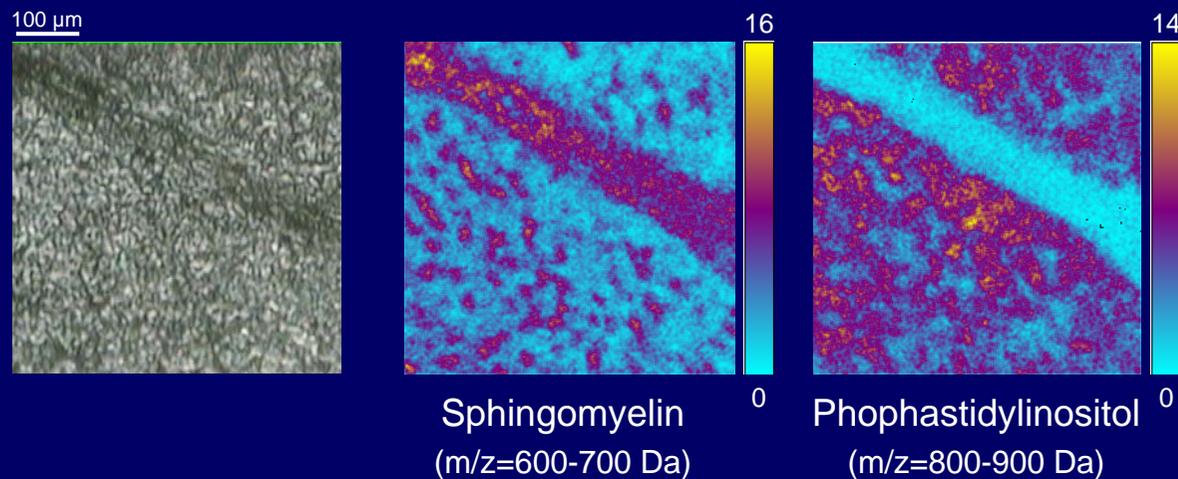
On the same tissue section
by using a single sample holder

Coupling IR and ToF-SIMS microspectroscopies on the same tissue section

Infrared

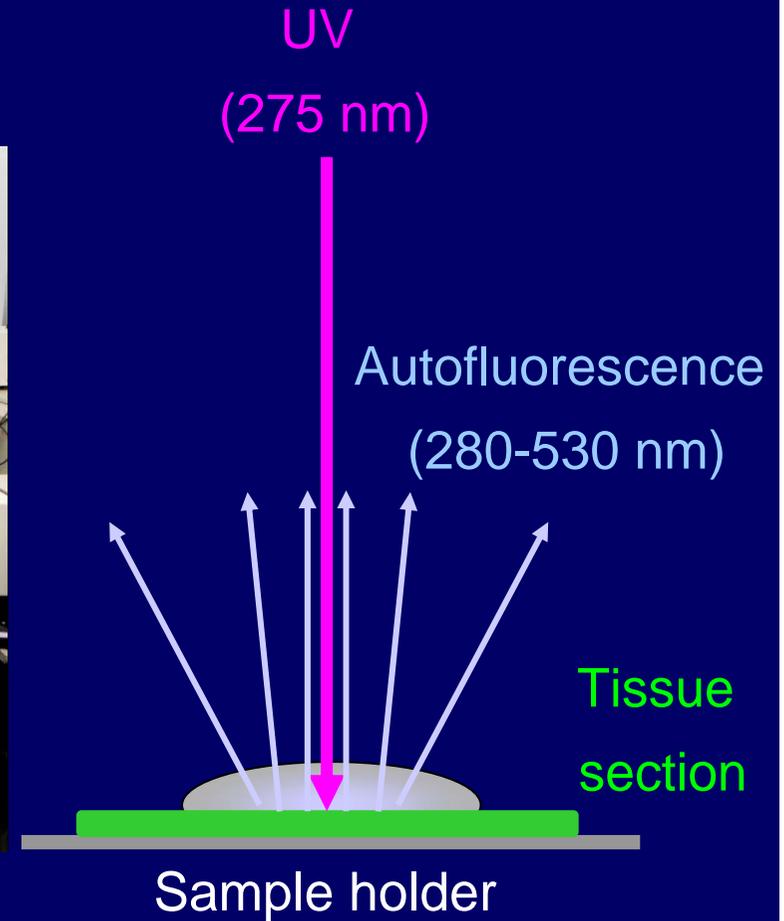
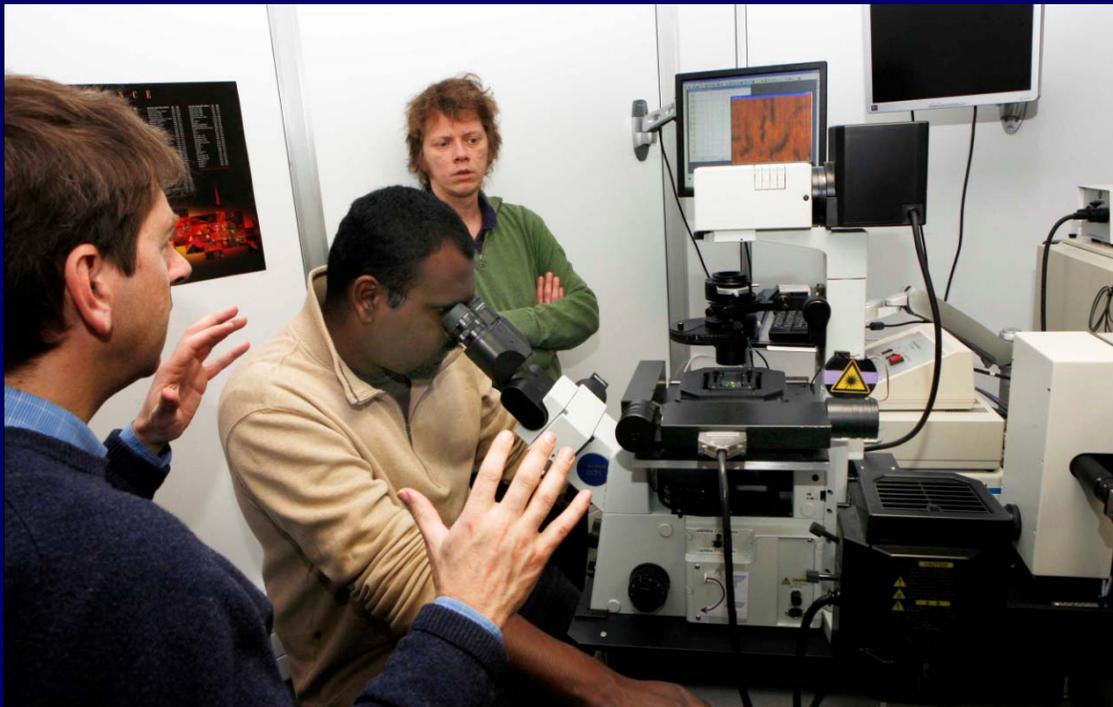


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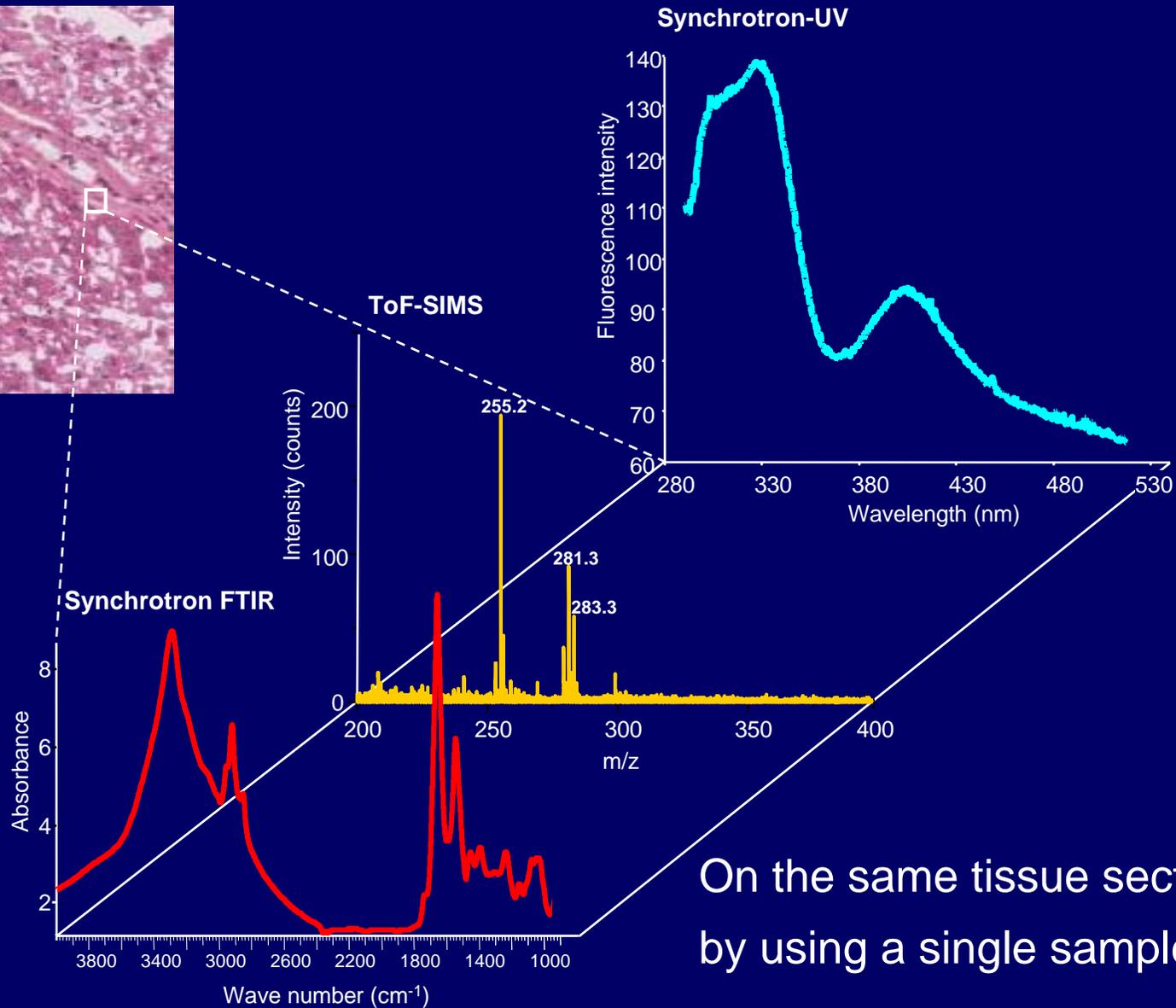
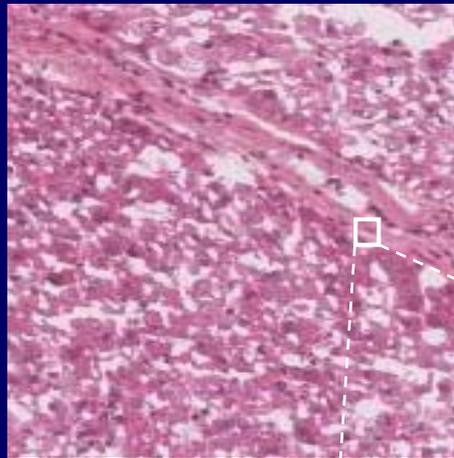
UV microspectroscopy Autofluorescence of tissues

The beamline DISCO at SOLEIL



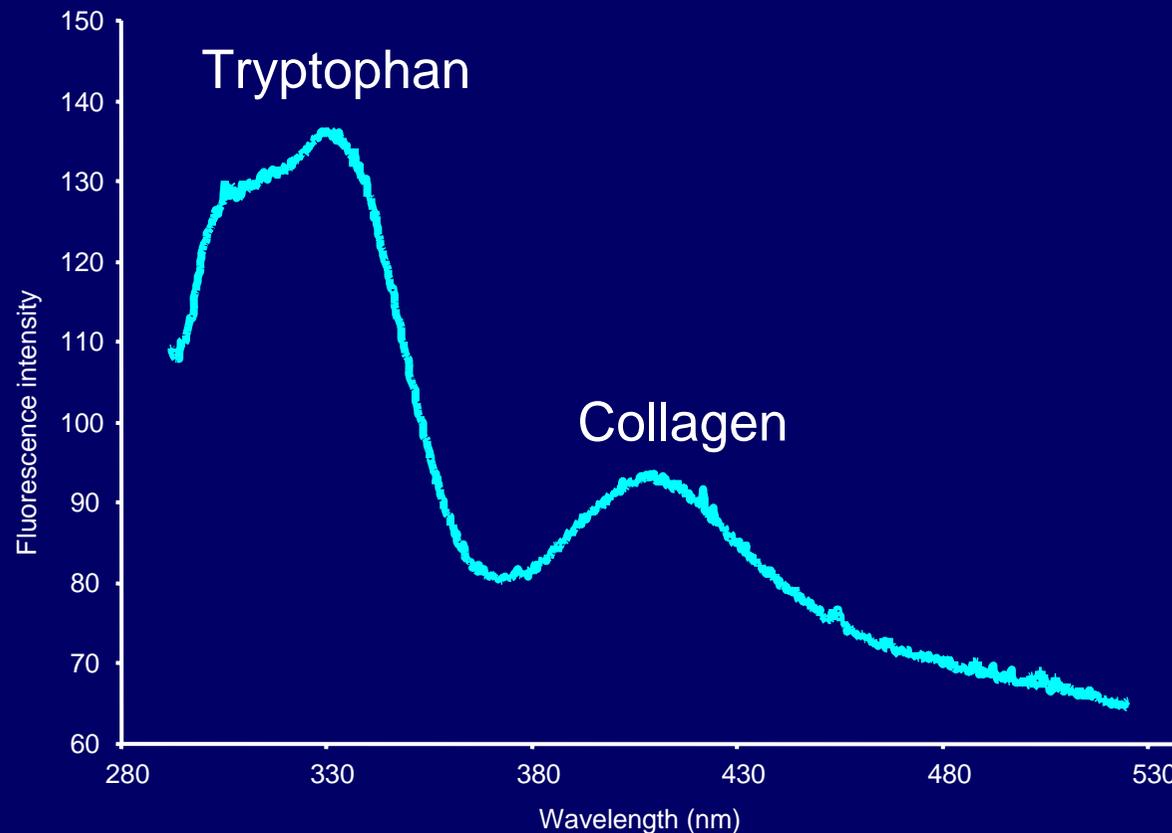
Multimodal Spectroscopy

combining ToF-SIMS, synchrotron-FTIR and –UV microspectroscopies



On the same tissue section
by using a single sample holder

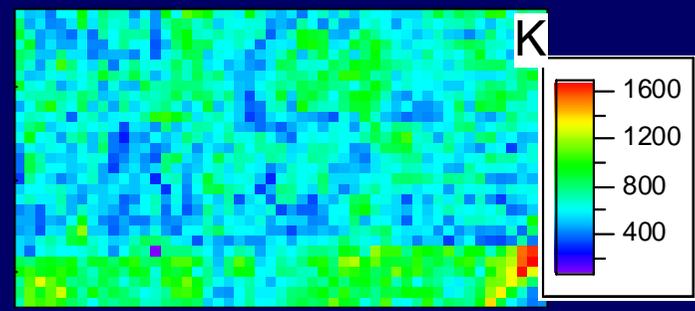
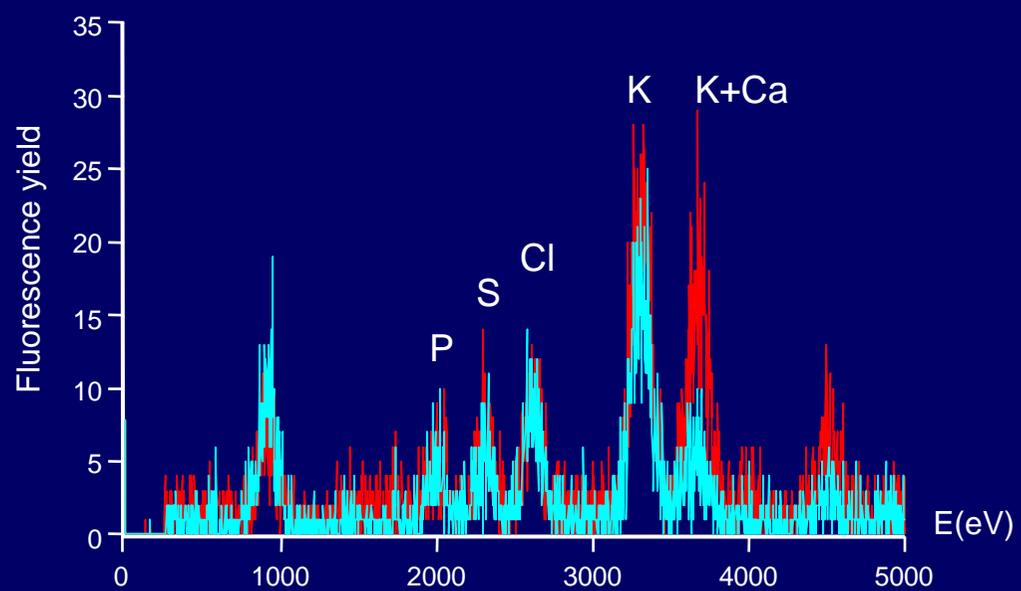
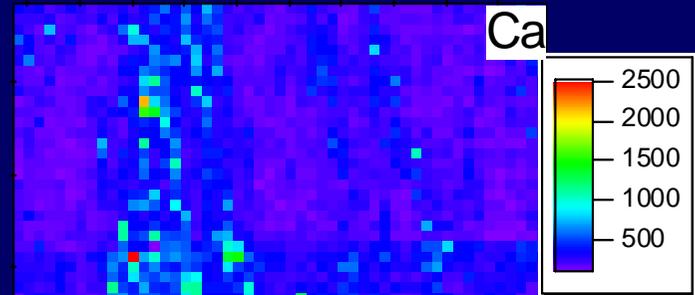
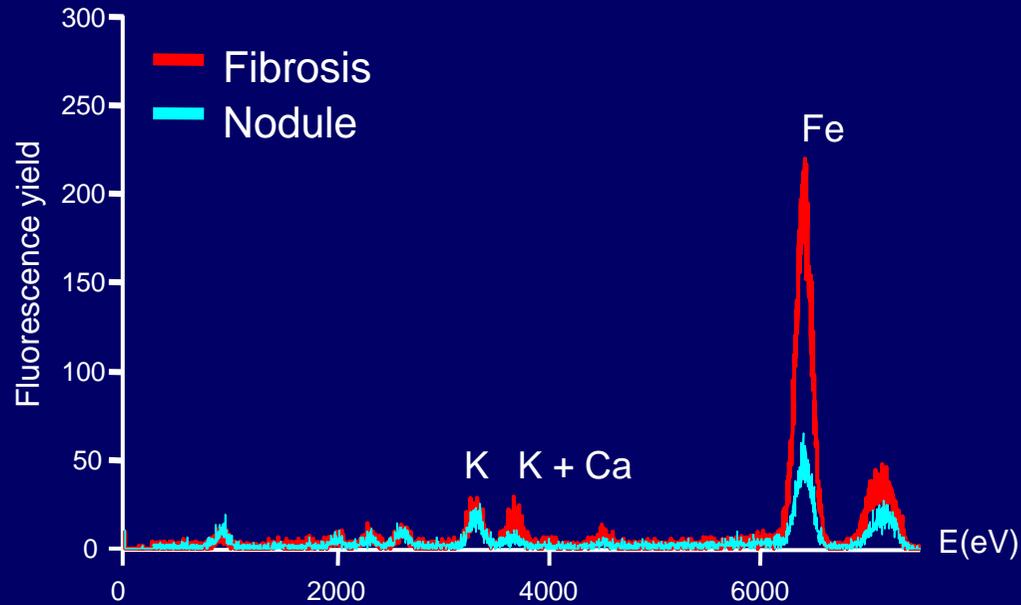
UV microspectroscopy Autofluorescence of liver cirrhosis



Fibrosis is enriched in collagen

Elemental composition of cirrhosis by X-ray fluorescence

Beamline LUCIA at SOLEIL



Conclusions

Spectroscopy

Composition

Fibrosis

IR

chemical

proteins

ToF-SIMS

lipids

sphingomyelin

UV

autofluorescence

collagen

X-ray

elemental

Ca

Multimodal spectroscopy allows a complete characterization of the composition of a tissue



Investigating early stages of cirrhosis on clinical series



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