

# What about the temporal domain, looking at transformations that take hours, days or weeks?

### Measure the incorporation of unusual atoms



adapted from Price, JC et al., (2010)

# Ideal tool: nanoscale secondary ion mass spectrometry (NanoSIMS)



http://lgb.epfl.ch/page-78579-en.html











# But how do we know what each structure is?

## Correlated optical and isotopic nanoscopy (COIN)

Grow cells in presence of an isotopically labeled metabolite	N15-Leucine incorporation
Label cells for fluorescence imaging	Immuno- staining, click labeling
Embed samples in plastic resin	LR White embedding
Cut thin sections using an ultramicrotome, place sections on silicone wafer	50-200 nm
Image the samples using light microscopy	Confocal and STED imaging
Mark the imaged regions	Burning with Mai Tai laser at 750 nm
Image same regions using SIMS	NanoSIMS 50L

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# Measuring the formation of new neurons after doping with erythropoetin (EPO)



Hassouna et al. (2016) Molecular Psychiatry

#### Looking at new and old cells in the body



Richter et al. (2017) Neurophotonics

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#### Exploit the high resolution fully for molecular studies

• New probes and ways of labeling proteins for SIMS are needed

Incorporation of noncanonical amino acids (ncAA/UAA) into proteins

 Uses a bio-orthogonal synthetase-tRNA couple, mutagenized

 The protein of interest sequence containing an Amber stop codon



Huisgen cycloaddition



**SPIEDAC** reaction



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#### Advantages:

Wide choice of labels for different imaging techniques

 $\rightarrow$  with flourophores, with isotopes, **or combined** Very small tag size (less influence on proteins)

### The specificity of this reaction



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### **Dual probe for fluorescence and NanoSIMS**

In collaboration with Prof. Ulf Diederichsen, University of Göttingen



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### Another example probe:

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Kabatas et al. (2015) Chem Comm

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T. Wirtz et al. (2015) Nanotechnology

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### Labeling GFP with single nanobodies



## Labeling GFP with two nanobodies simultaneously



→ With combination of nanobodies and SK181, **52 x Fluor, or 80 x Boron** in a single GFP-protein! High signal-to-noise ratio in SIMS.

## Works fine in fluorescence (SIMS measurements coming soon)

GFP

Star635

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Overlay (DAPI, GFP, Star635)







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