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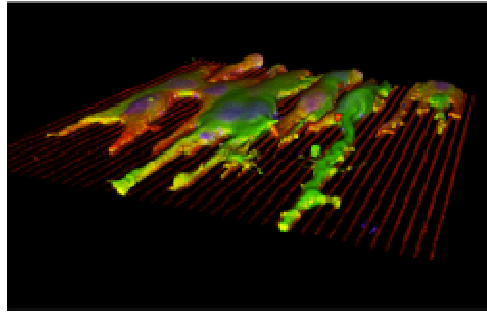
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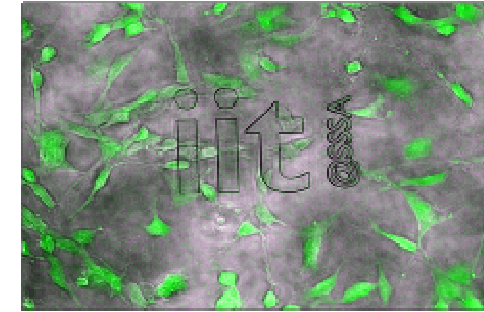
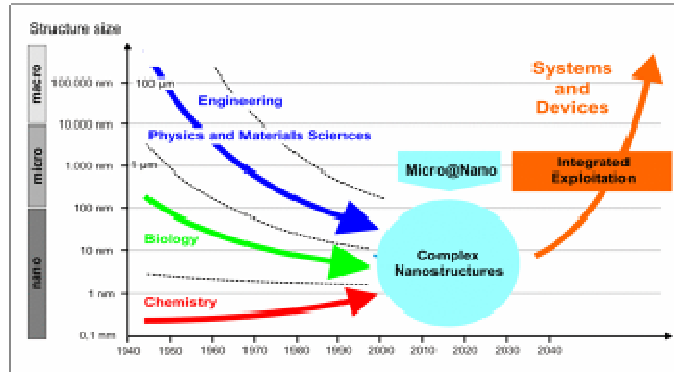
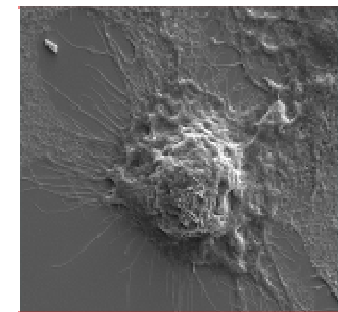
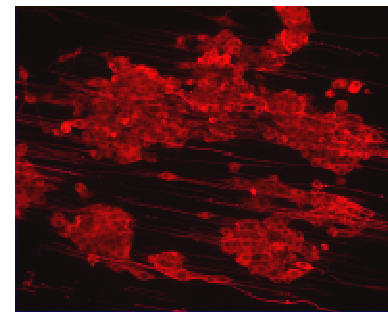
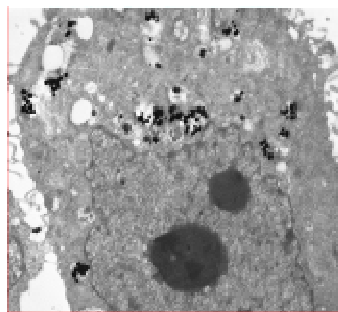
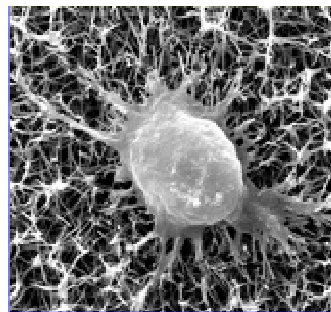
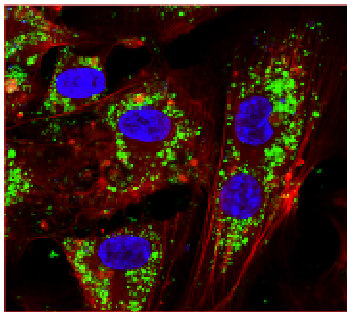
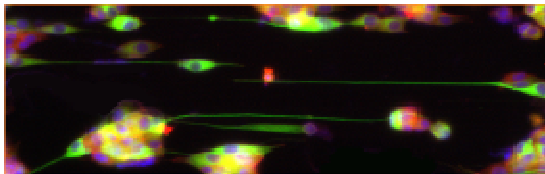
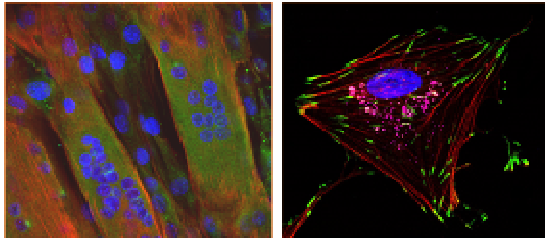
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SMART BIO-INTERFACES

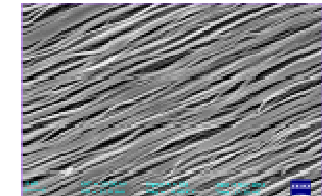
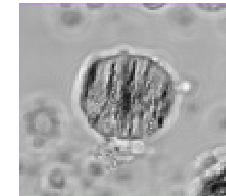
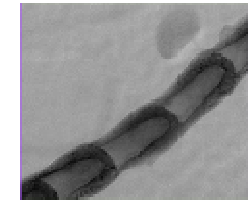
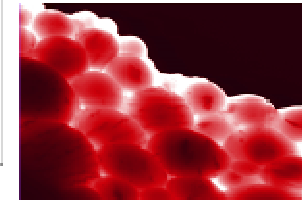
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Cells



Smart nanomaterials

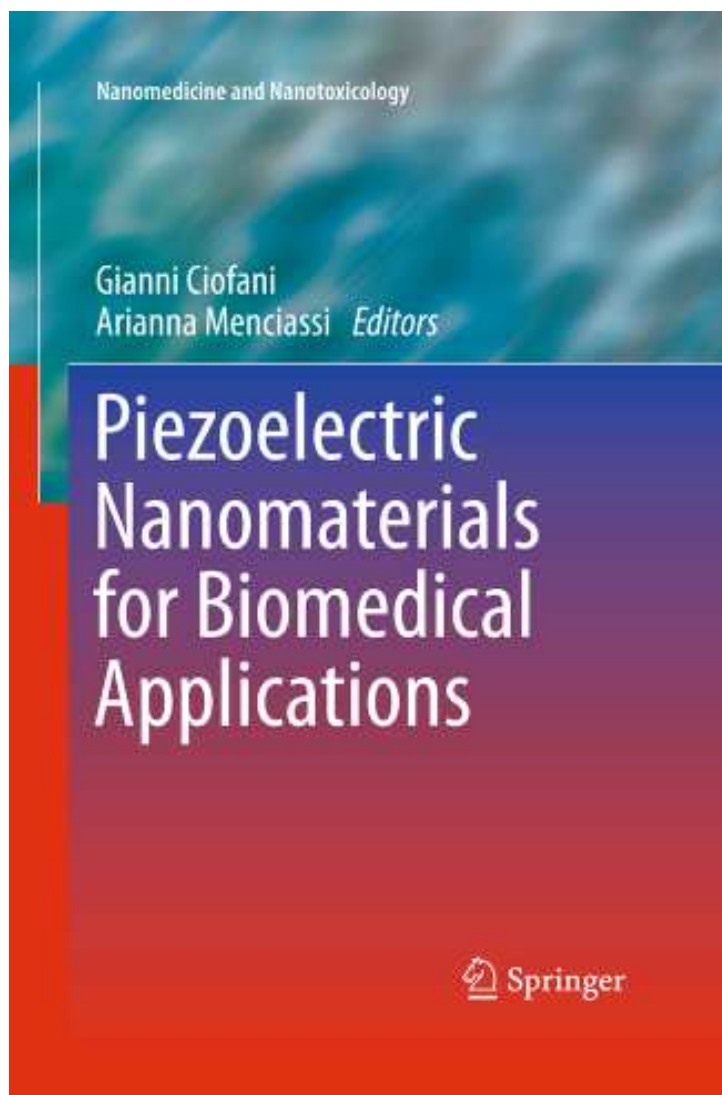


Inside the cells
Drug delivery and cell stimulation

Outside the cells
Tissue regeneration and biorobotics



PIEZOELECTRICITY IN NANOMEDICINE



ARTICLE

Enhancement of Neurite Outgrowth in Neuronal-Like Cells following Boron Nitride Nanotube-Mediated Stimulation

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ARTICLE

Piezoelectric Nanoparticle-Assisted Wireless Neuronal Stimulation

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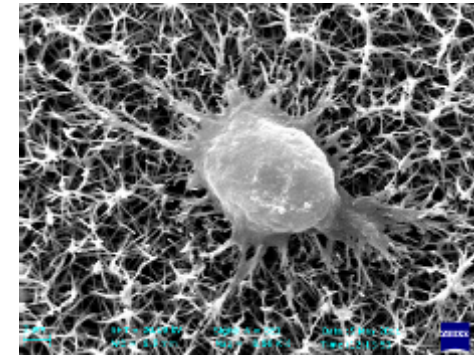
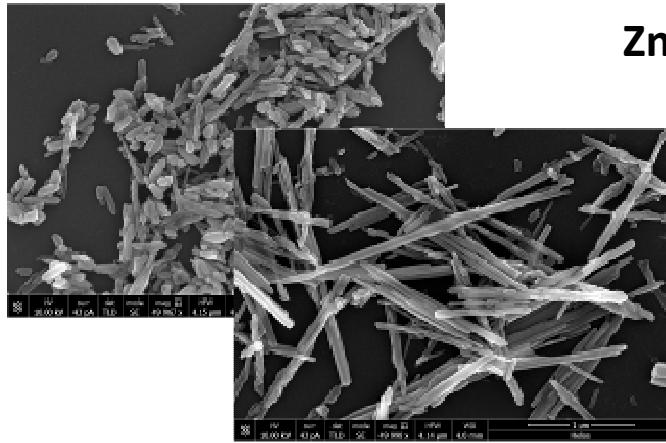
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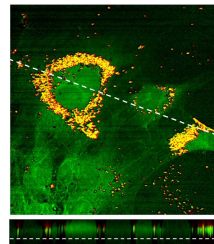
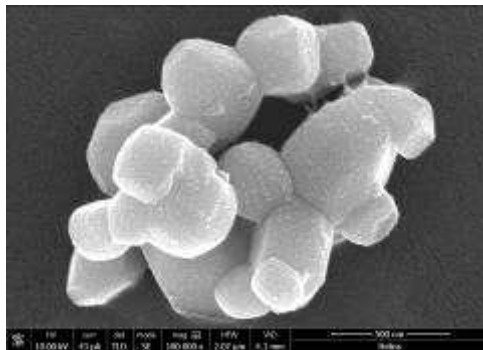
Piezoelectric nanomaterials

ZnO nanorods

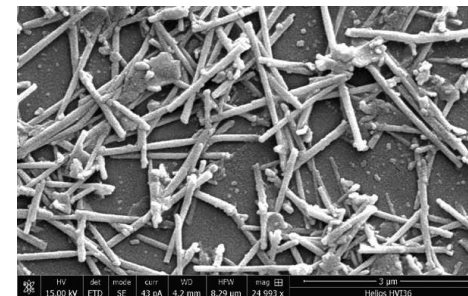


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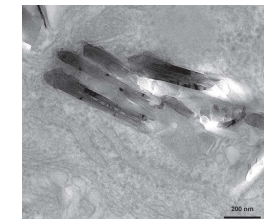
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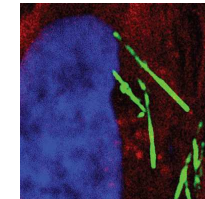
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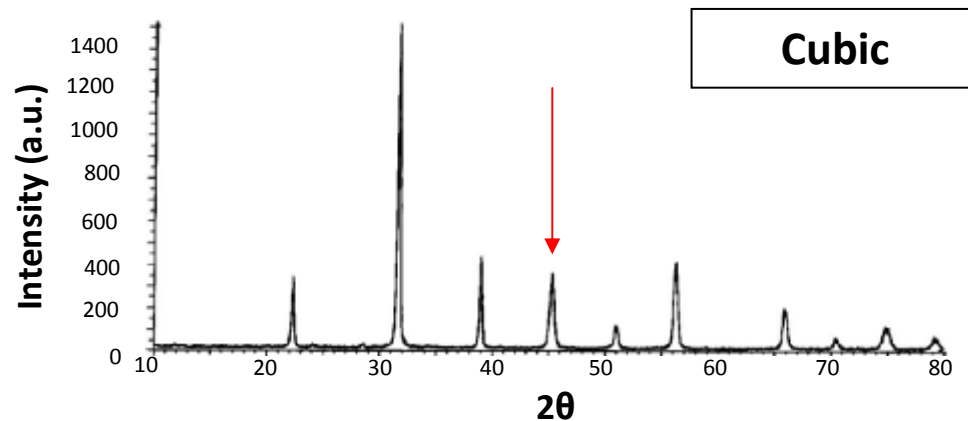
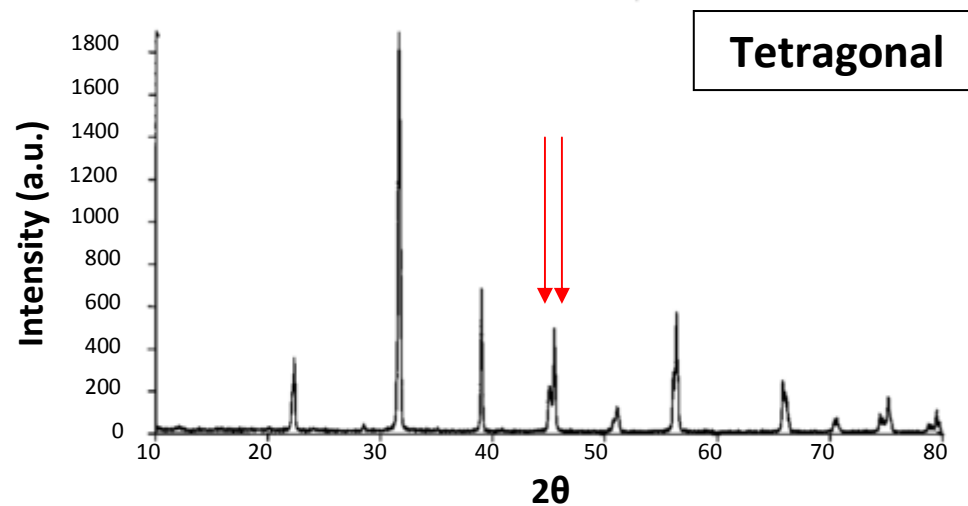
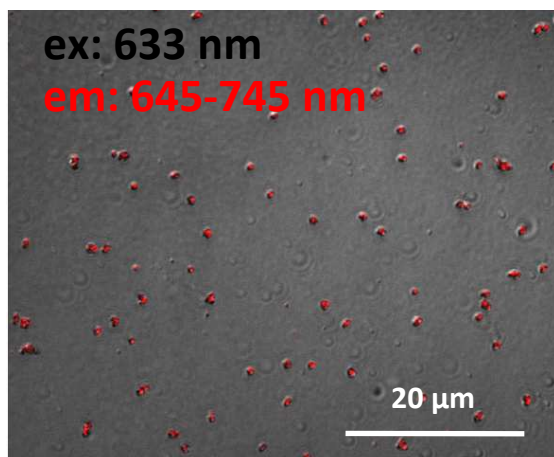
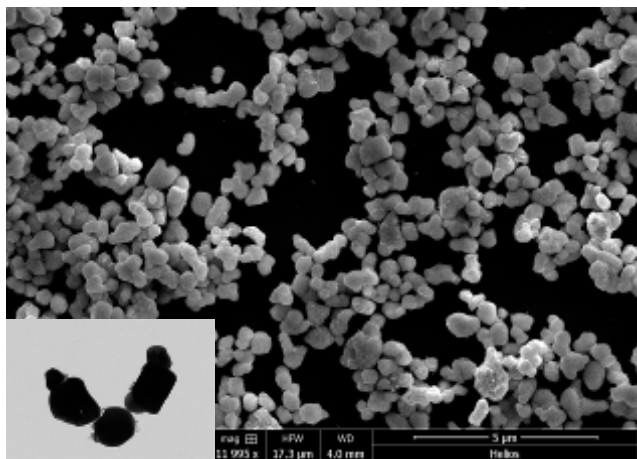
Boron nitride nanotubes



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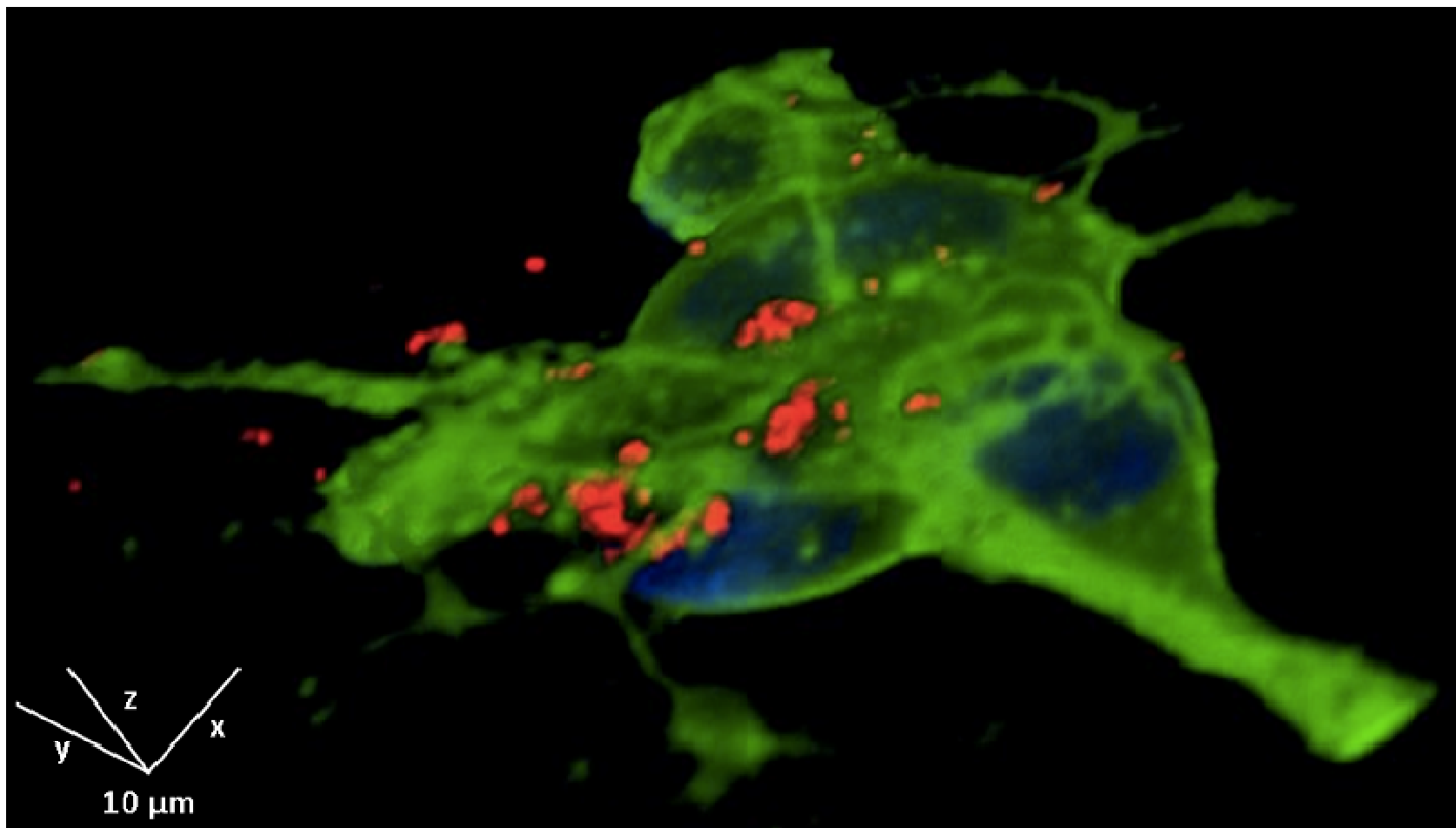


Barium Titanate Nanoparticles

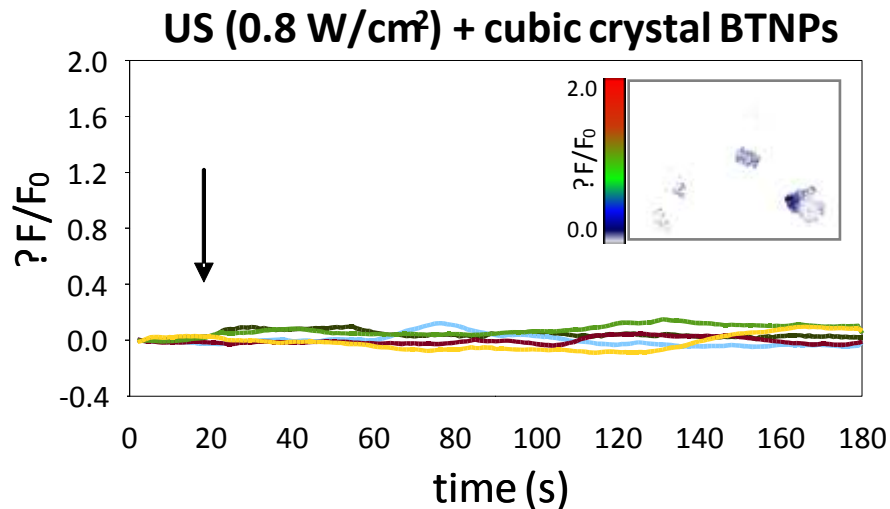
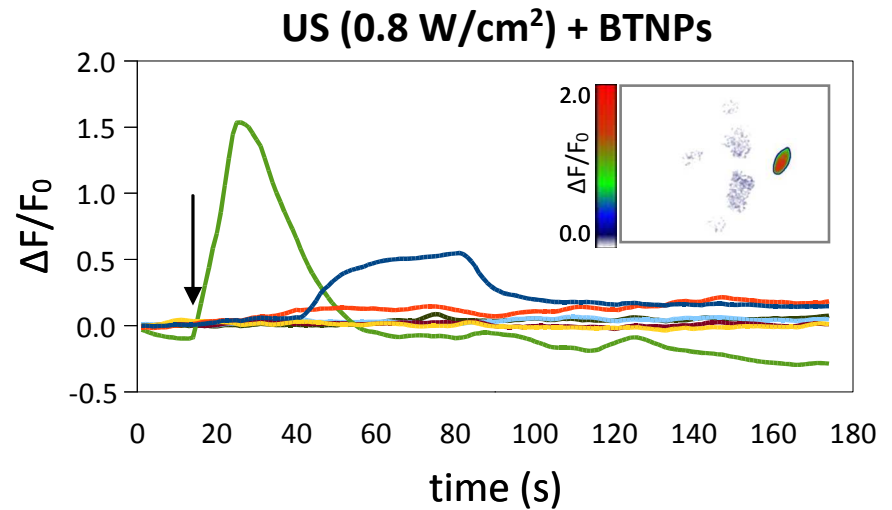
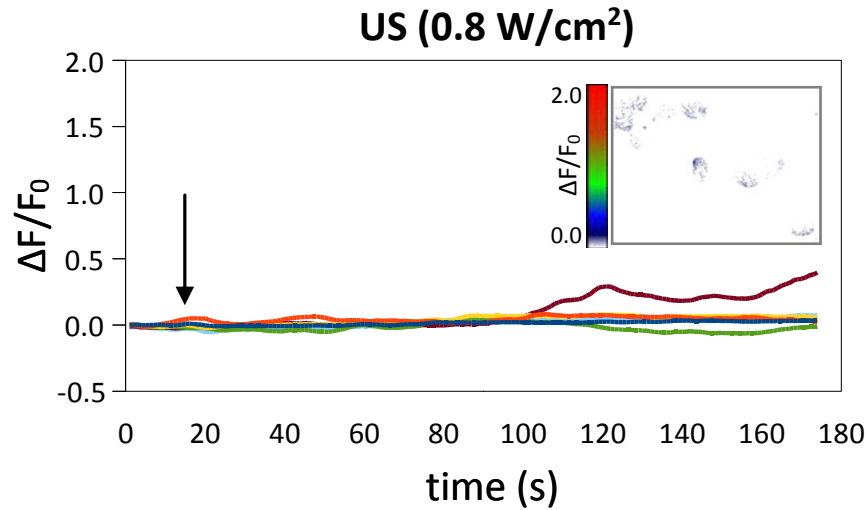


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Barium Titanate Nanoparticles



BTNP-MEDIATED STIMULATION

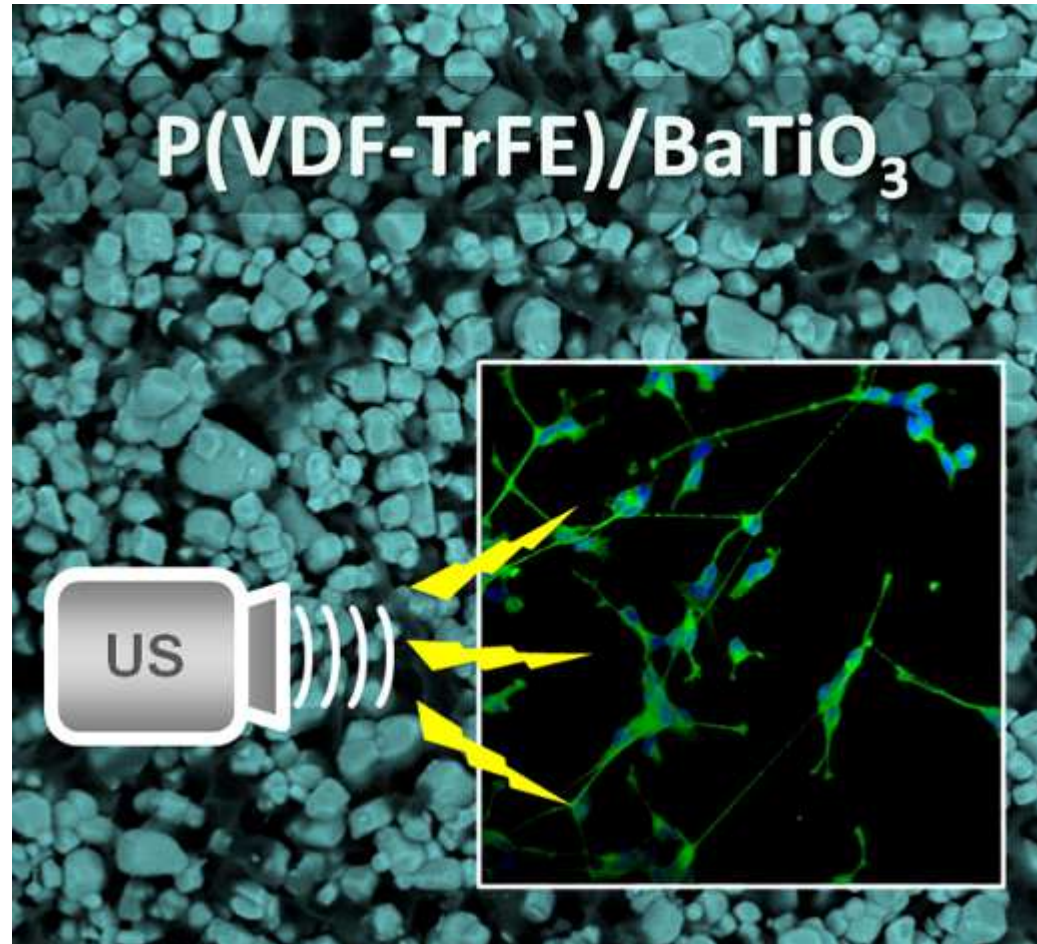


$$\varphi_R \equiv -\frac{R(se_{rr} + 2e_{r\theta})}{s\varepsilon_{rr}} \left(\frac{p_{US}}{s\gamma + 2\alpha} \right)$$

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P(VDF-TrFE)/BaTiO₃ nanoparticle composite films

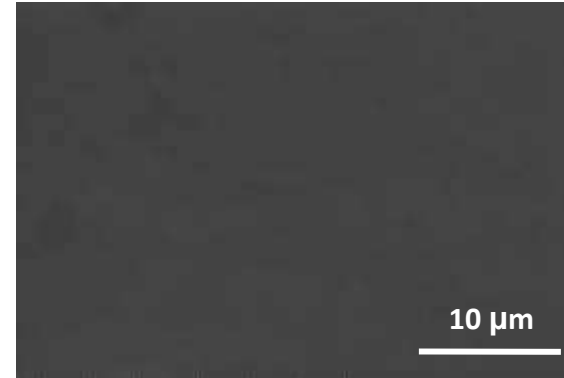


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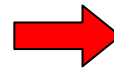
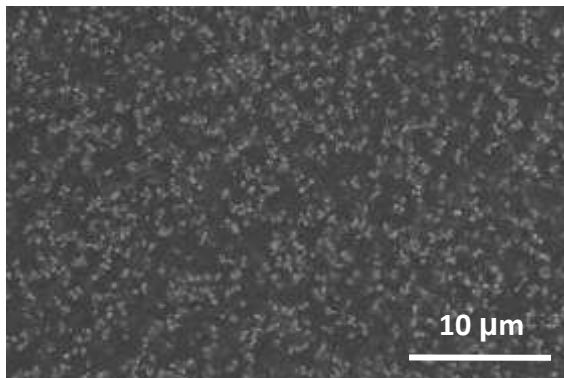
Sample preparation and characterization: Electron Microscopy

- 1) Powder dissolution/dispersion in methylethylketone:
200 mg/ml P(VDF-TrFE, 70/30)
40% P(VDF-TrFE) and 60% BTNPs (w/w)
- 2) Sonication at 8 W for 10 min
- 3) Casting
- 4) Annealing at 40°C
- 5) Under vacuum for 12 h

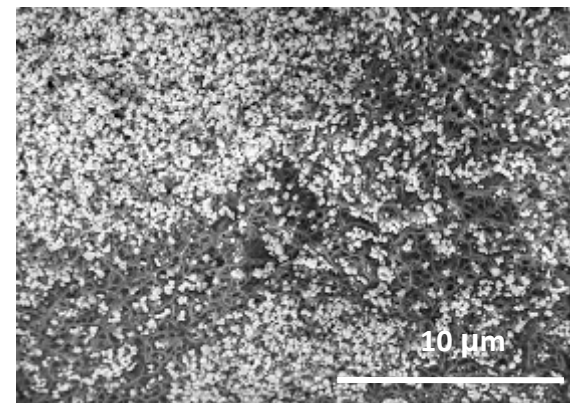
P(VDF-TrFE)



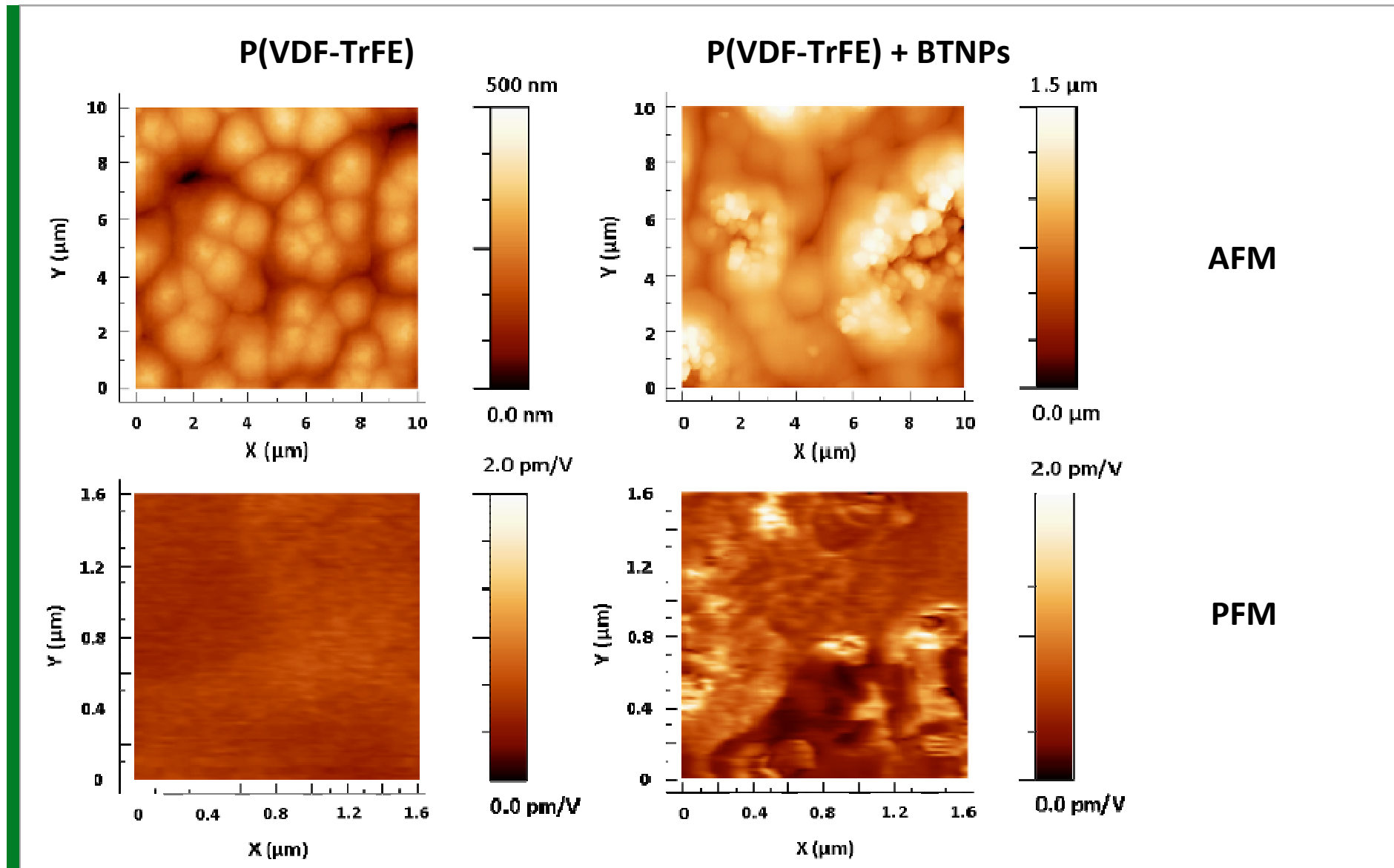
P(VDF-TrFE) + BTNPs



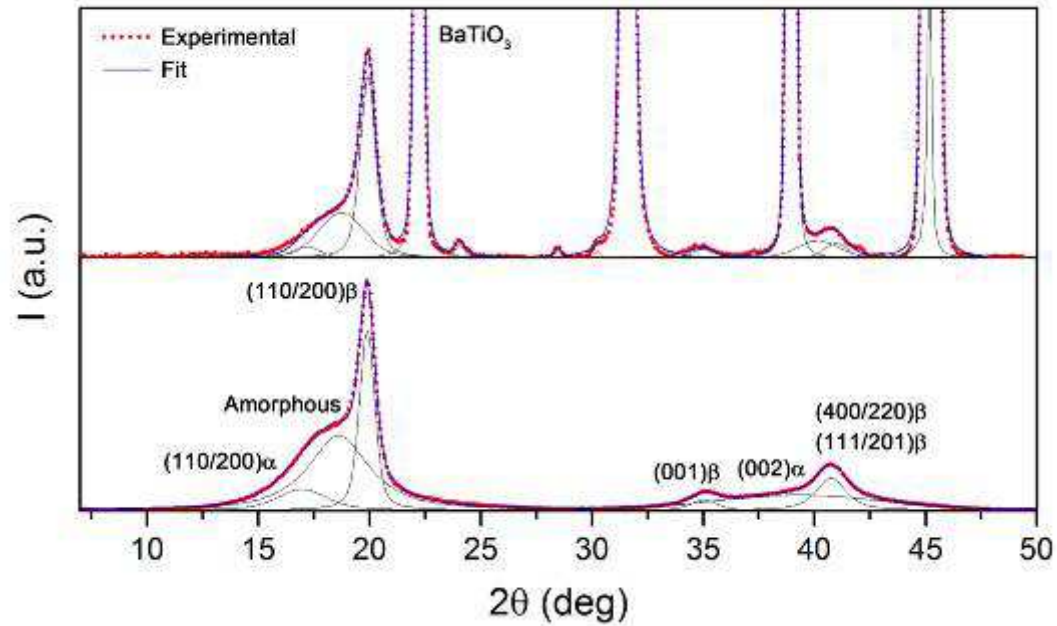
P(VDF-TrFE) + BTNPs (cryosection)



Sample preparation and characterization: AFM & PFM

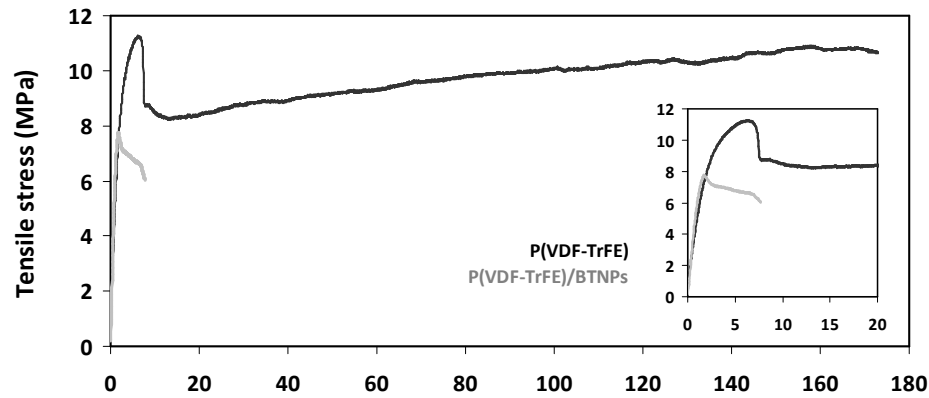


X-Ray Diffraction



X-ray diffraction		P(VDF-TrFE)	P(VDF-TrFE) + BTNPs
Crystallinity (%)	α phase	27.1	15.8
	β phase	32.3	52.6
	total	59.4	68.4

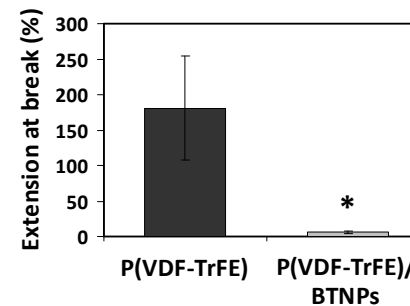
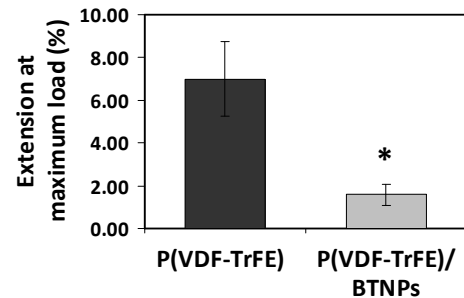
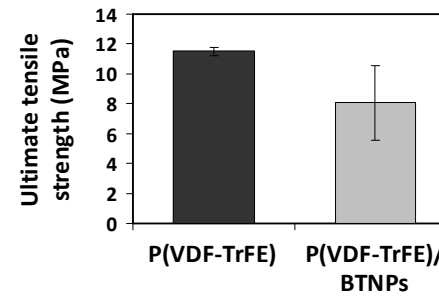
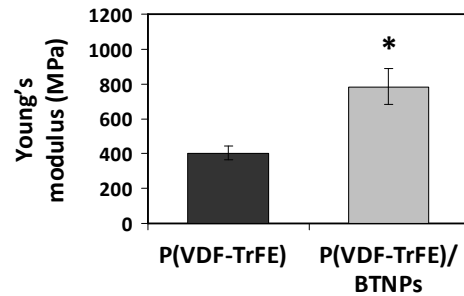
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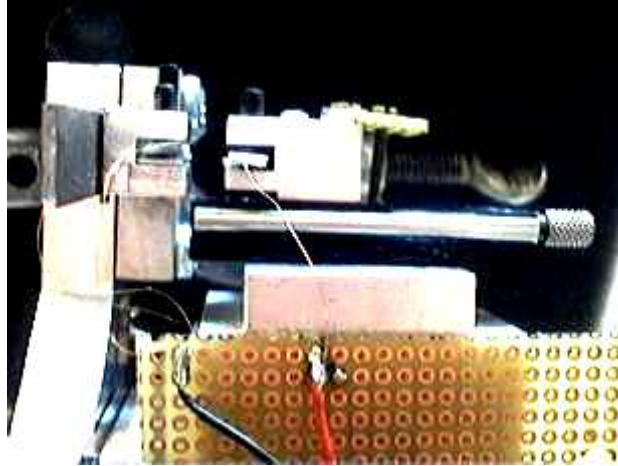
$$E_C = E_{PT} \left[1 + \frac{2V_{BT}^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\left(mV_{BT}^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1\right) / (m-1) - V_{BT}^{\frac{2}{3}}} \right]$$

Cube-within-cube model by Ogorkiewicz and Weidmann

Tensile strain (%)



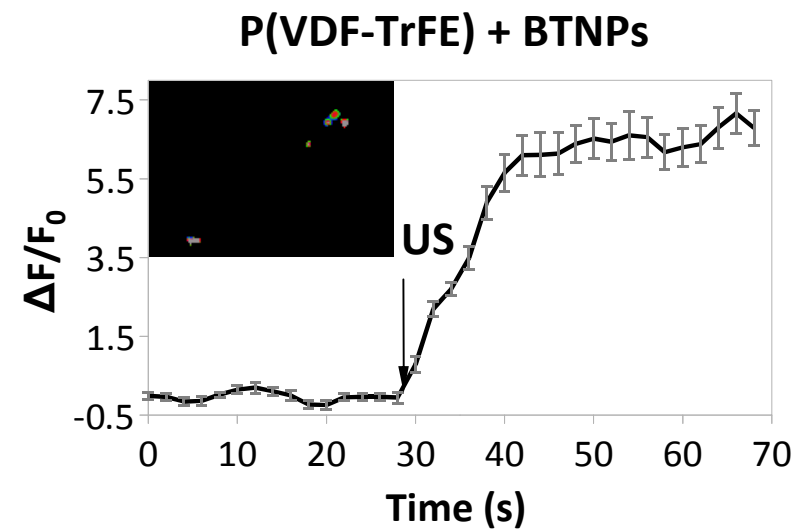
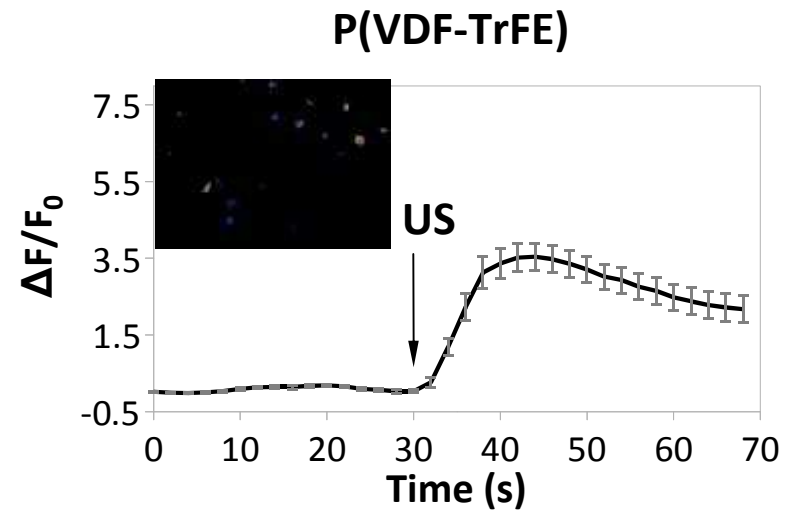
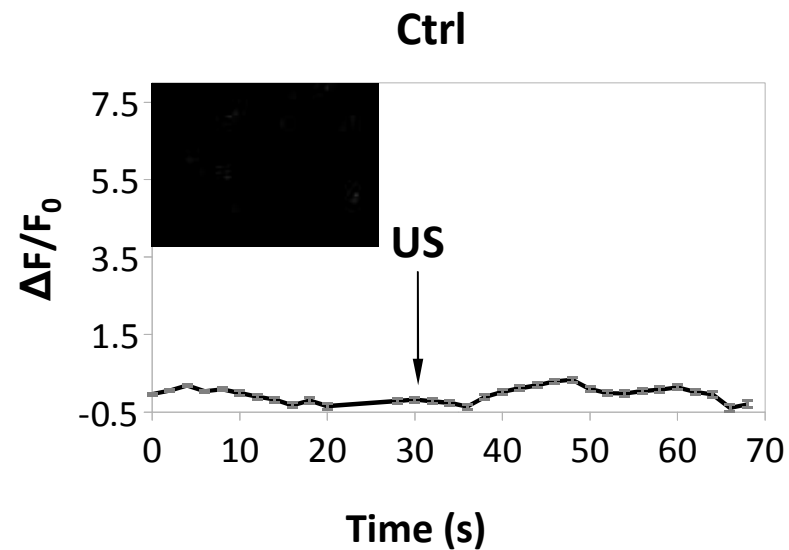
Piezoresponse characterization



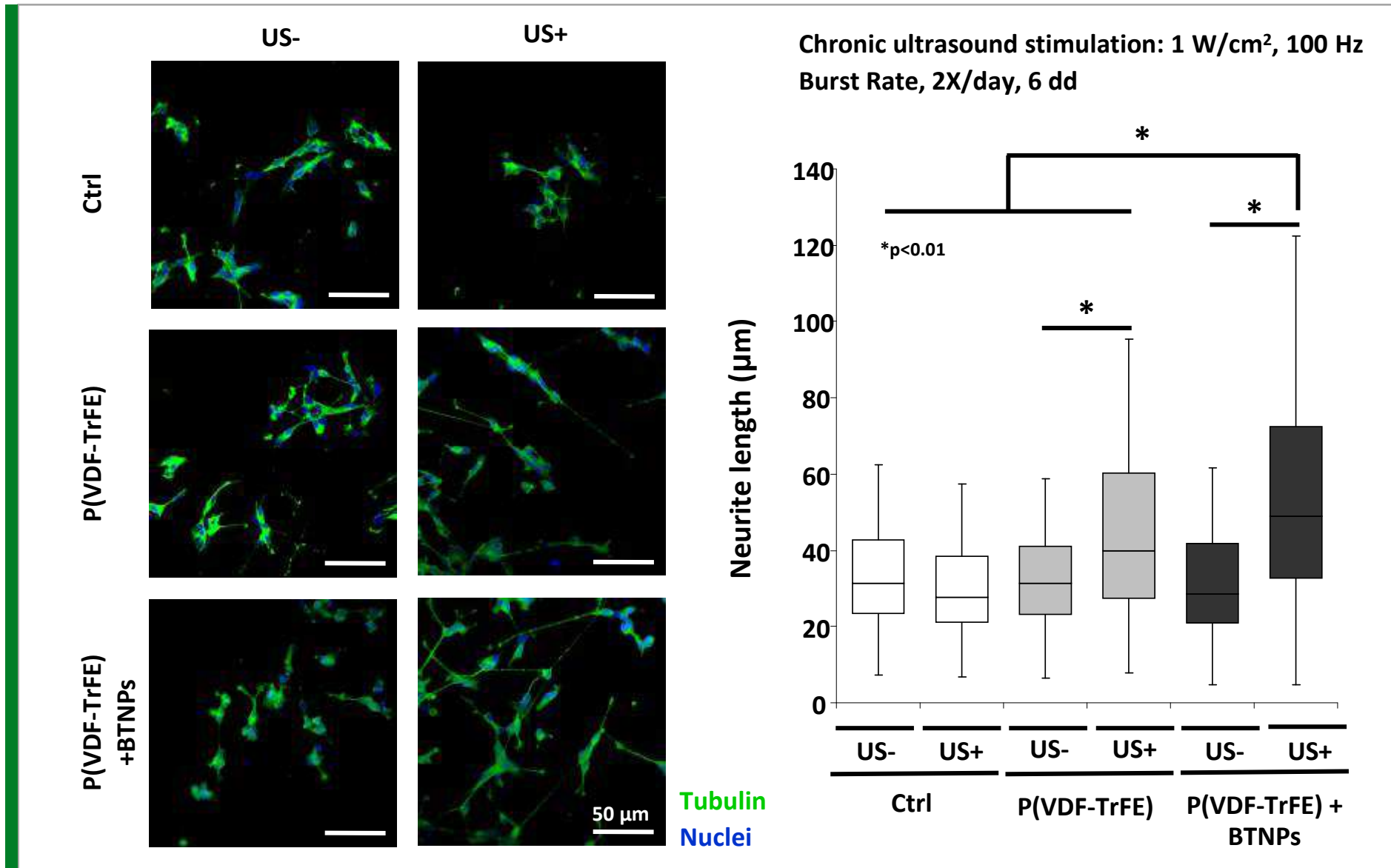
res./sample	PTFE (non piezo)	P(VDF-TrFE)	P(VDF-TrFE) + BTNPs
V_{out1} [mV _{RMS}]	4.0	6.1	15.75
Q	22.7	18.6	22.5
ϵ_r	2.1	12	25.7
ϵ_s	2.03	11.12	23.7
$d_{31,1}$ [pm/V]	1.1	11.8	53.5
$g_{31,1}$ [mV/N]	0.059	0.11	0.24

Ca²⁺ imaging

Acute ultrasound stimulation:
1 W/cm², 100 Hz Burst Rate

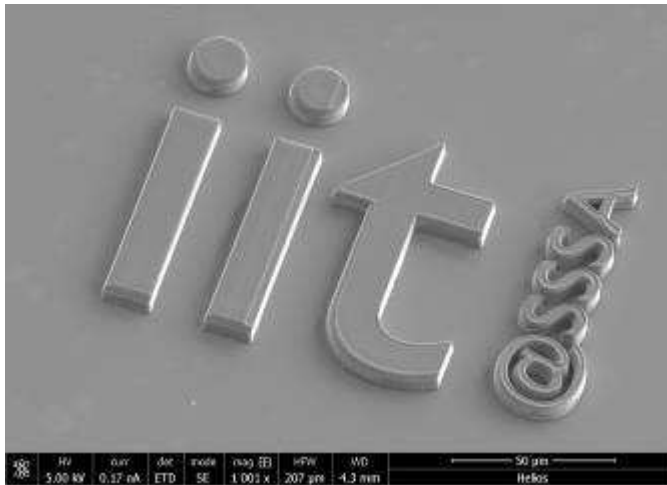


Neurite emission and analysis

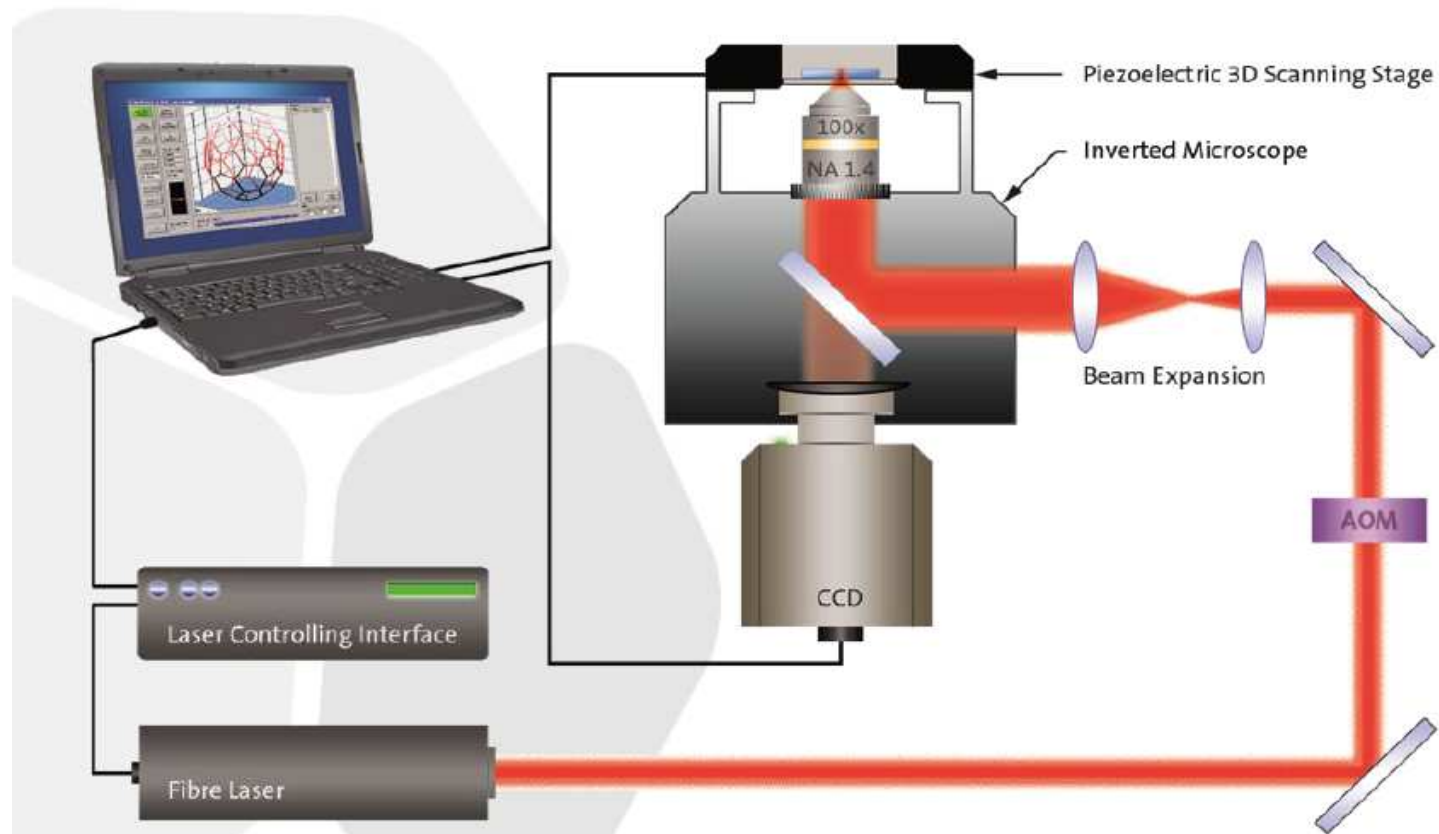


DIRECT LASER WRITING

- 3D Laser Lithography
- Resolution < 100 nm
- Two-photon polymerization (laser 780 nm, power > 60 mW)
- Dedicated resist



DIRECT LASER WRITING

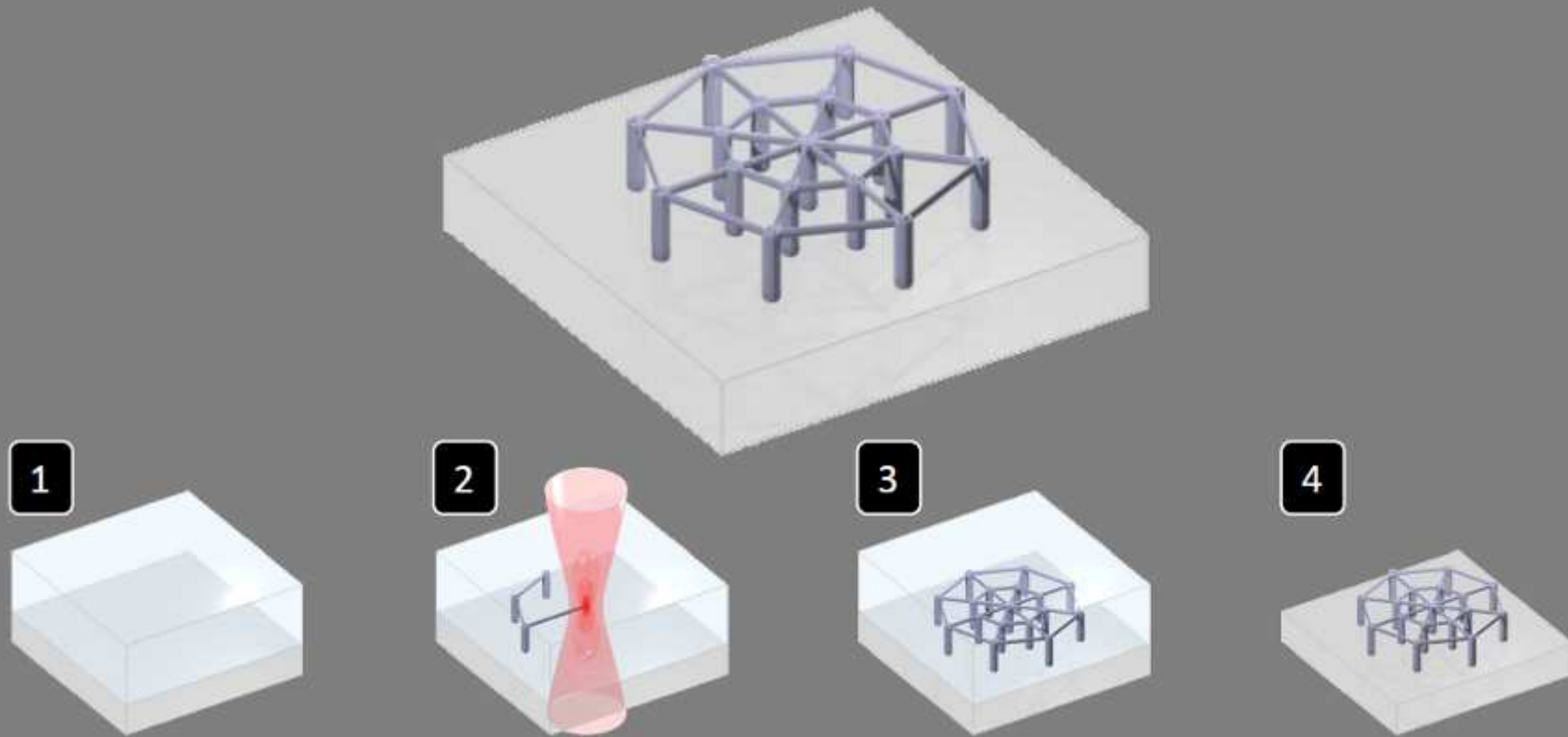


Light source:

- Er-doped fiber laser @ $\lambda = 780 \text{ nm}$
- Pulse duration $< 150 \text{ fs}$ / repetition rate: 100 MHz
- Power $> 60 \text{ mW}$

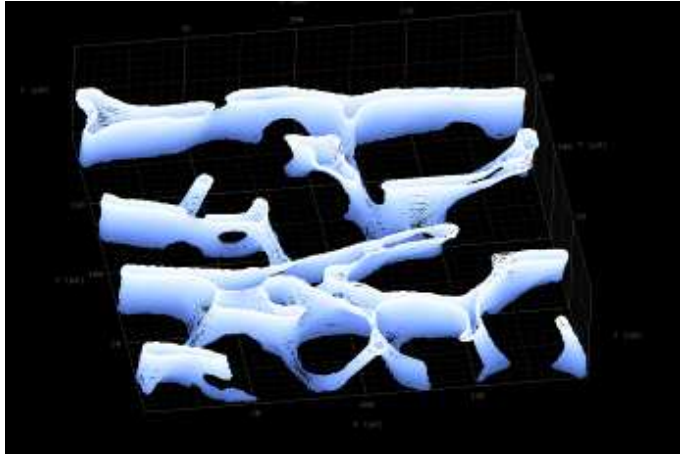
DIRECT LASER WRITING: THE PROCESS

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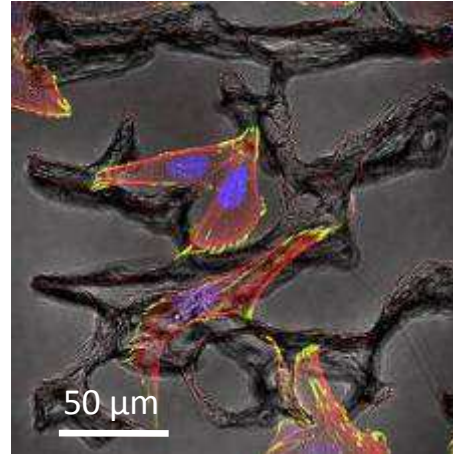


THE OSTEOPRINT

3D model of trabecular bone

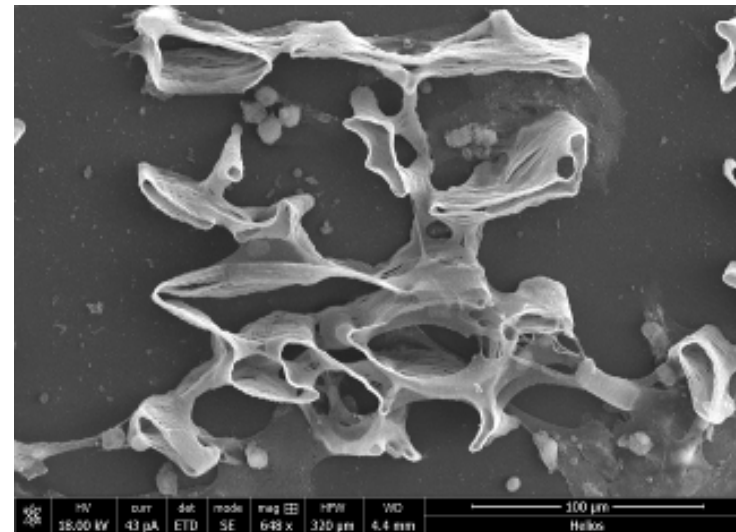
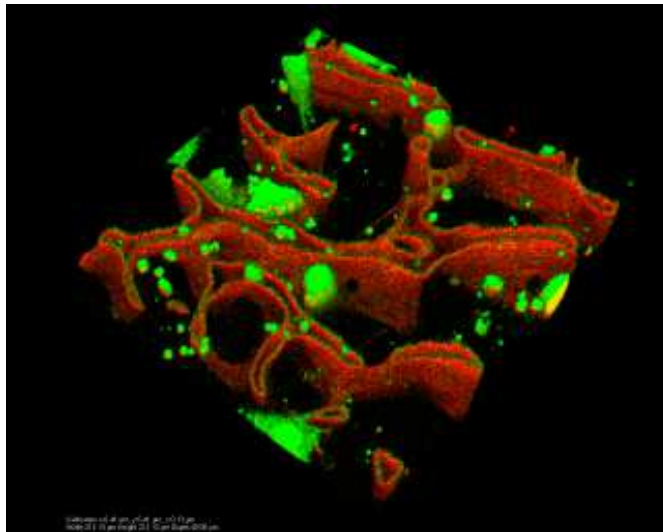


Adhesion of SaOS-2 cells

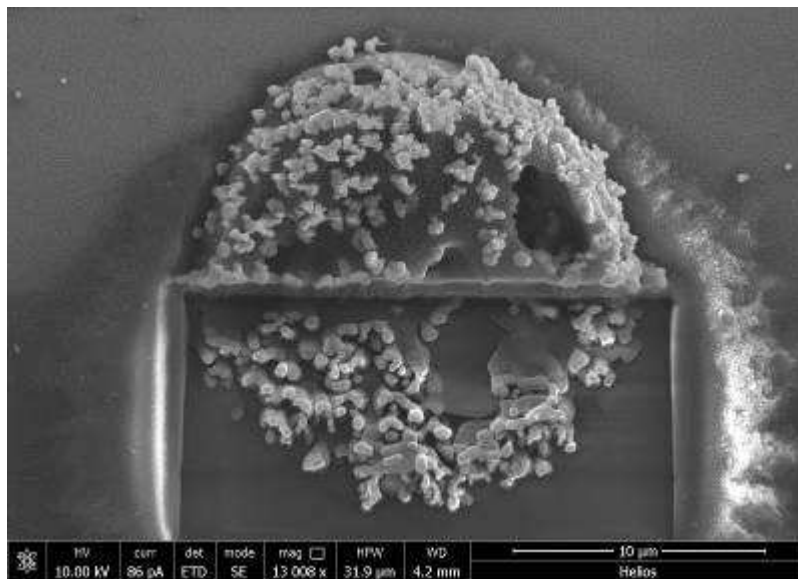
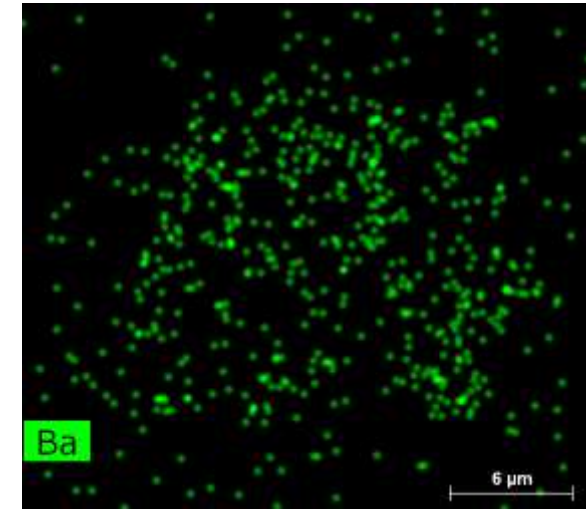
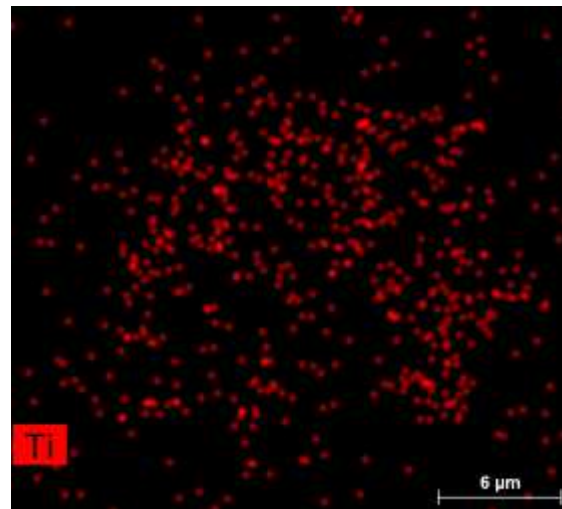
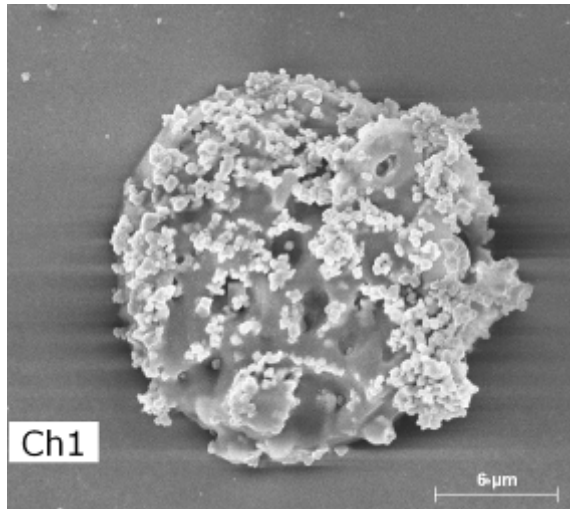


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Differentiation of SaOS-2 cells (confocal & SEM)

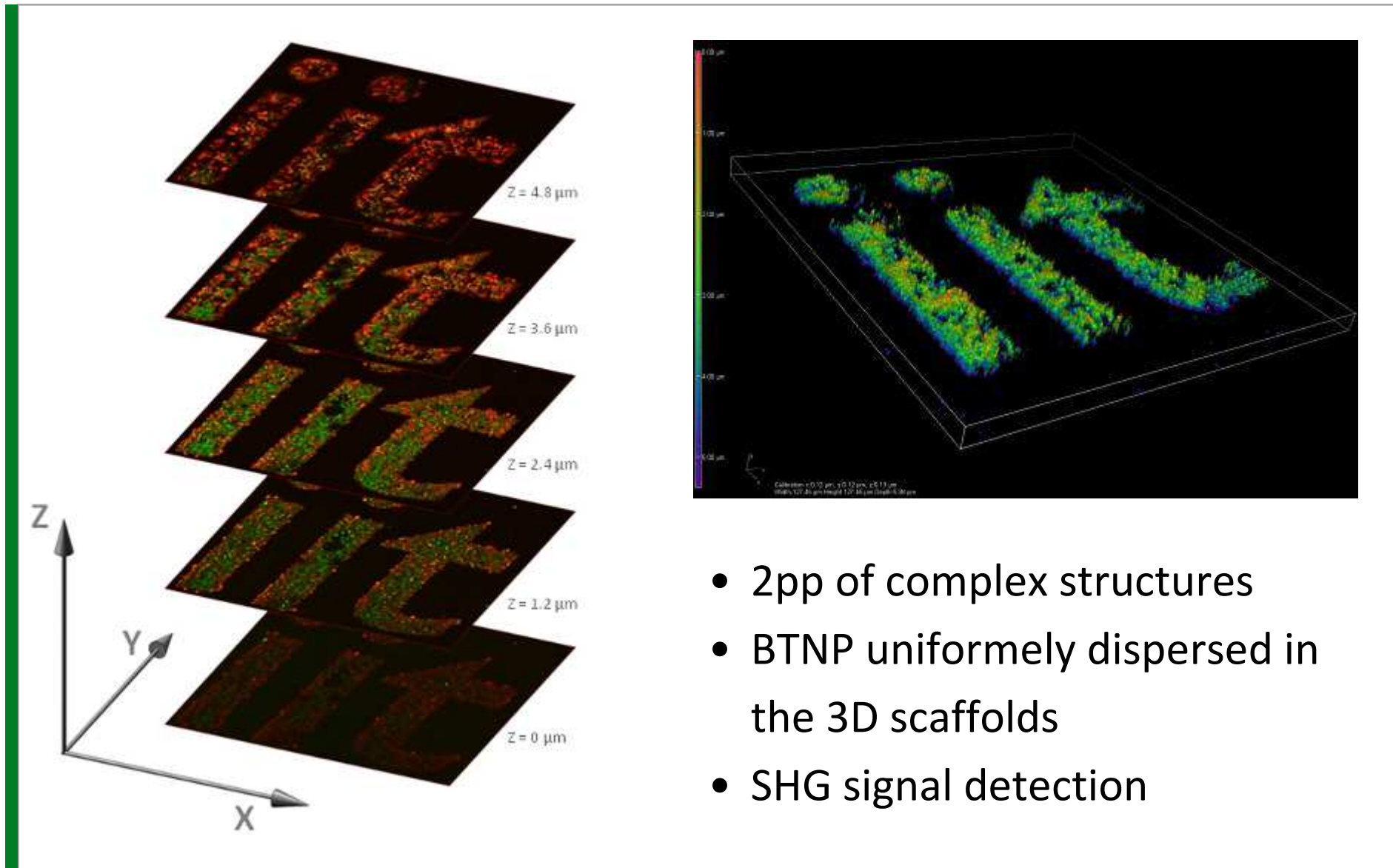


BTNP-DOPED RESIST



- BTNP mixed with ormocomp
- Sonication
- 2pp process
- SEM/FIB/EDX analysis: BTNP uniformly dispersed in the structures

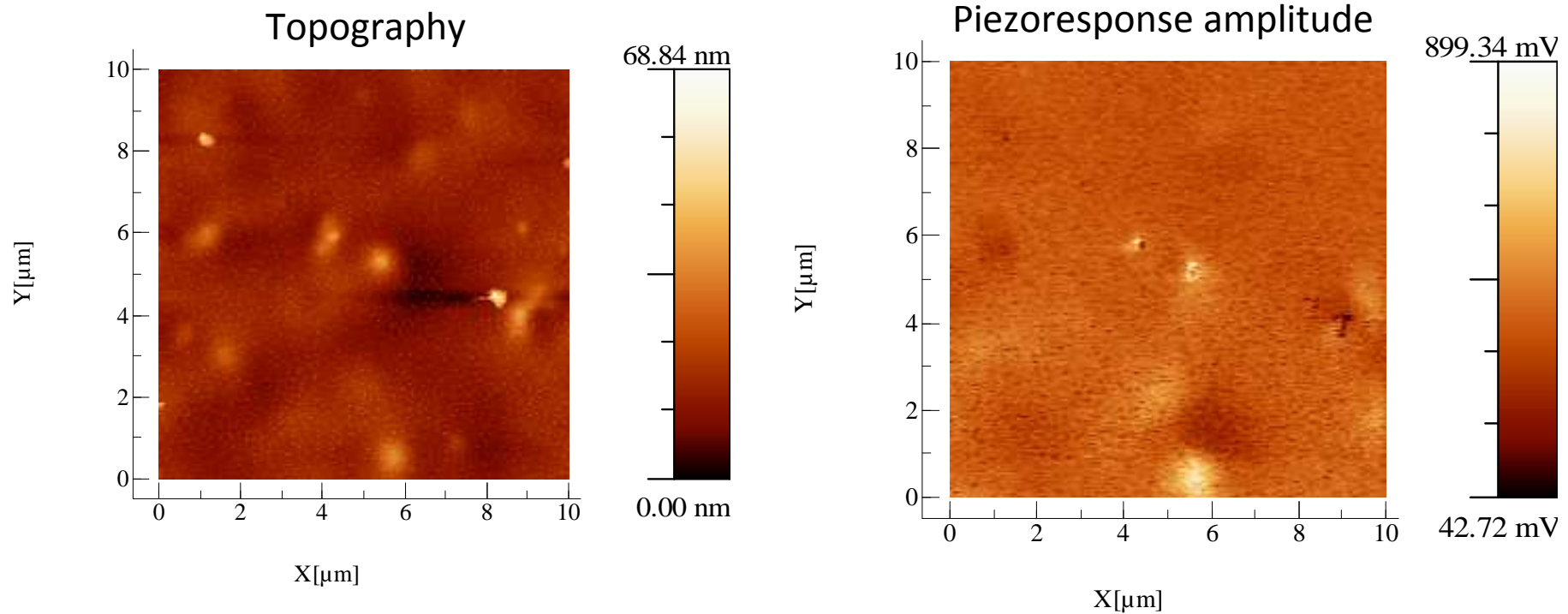
BTNP-DOPED STRUCTURES



- 2pp of complex structures
- BTNP uniformly dispersed in the 3D scaffolds
- SHG signal detection

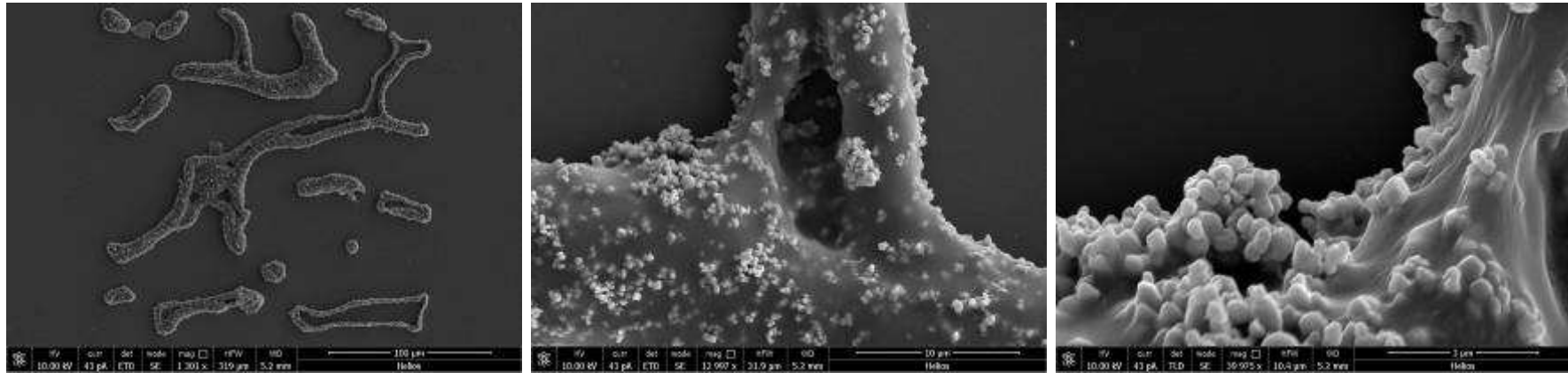
BTNP-DOPED STRUCTURES

Piezoelectric characterization: AFM & PFM



$$d_{33} = 0.6 \text{ pm/V}$$

BTNP-DOPED "OSTEOPRINTS"

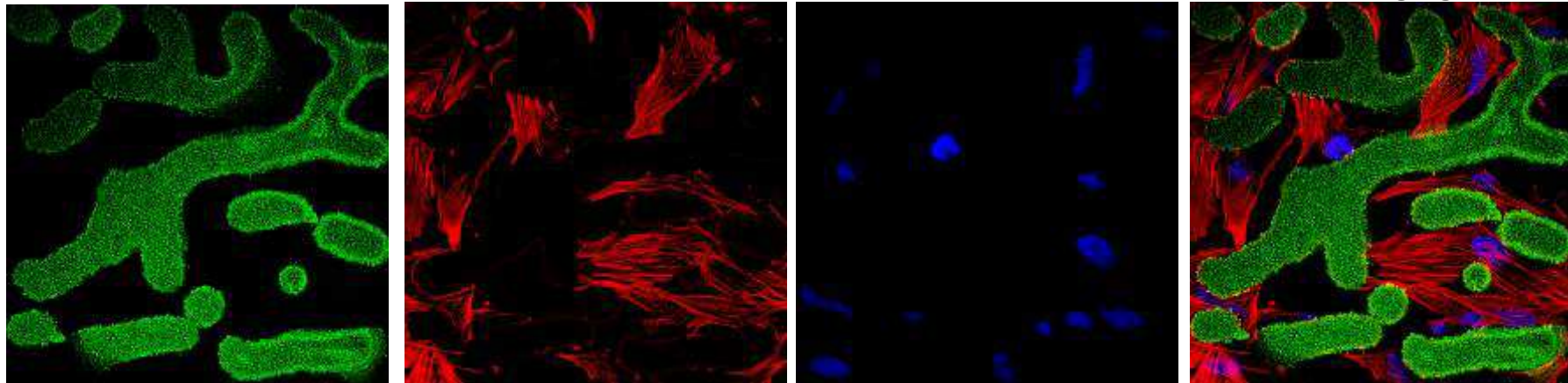


BTNPs

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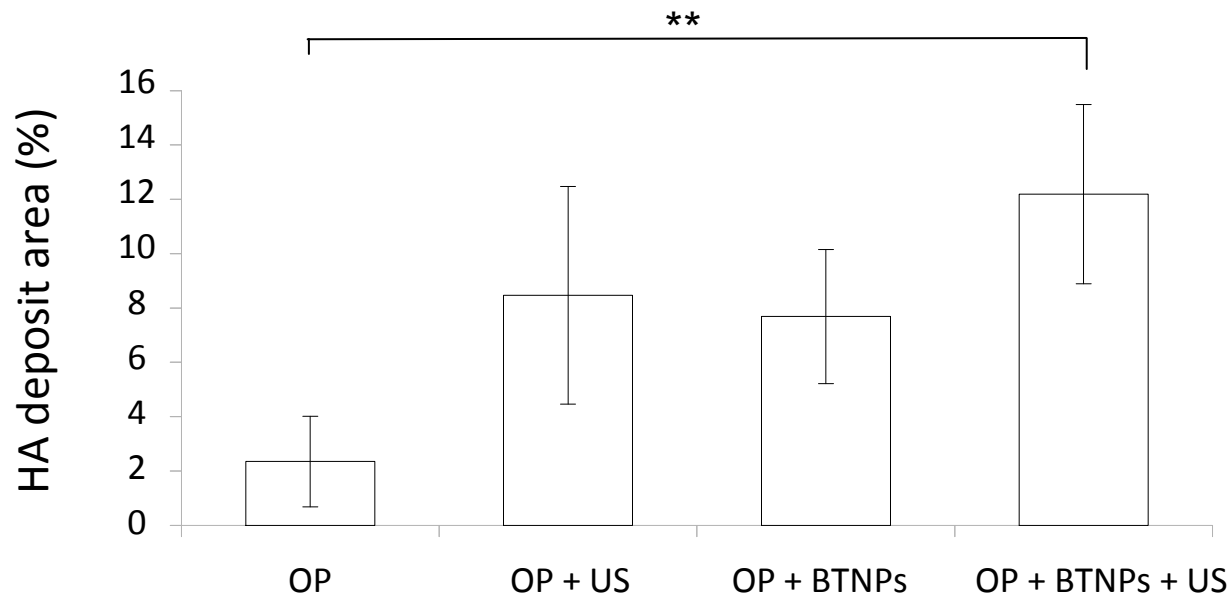
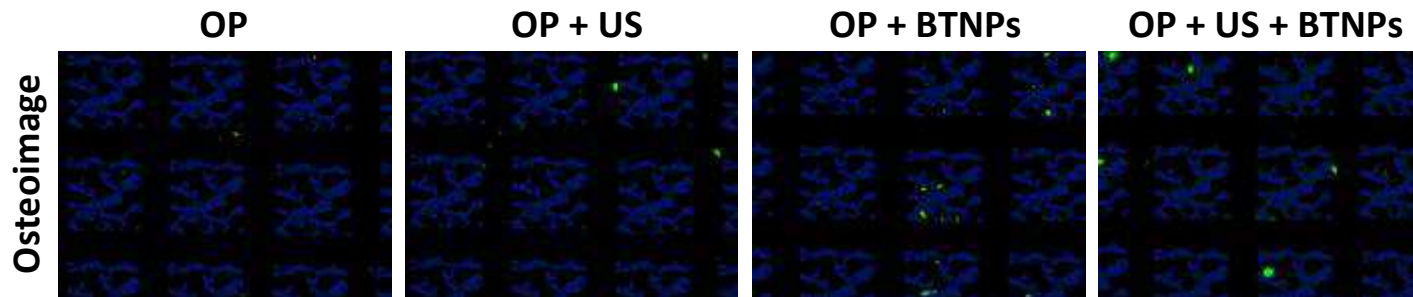
merging



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PIEZOELECTRIC STIMULATION

- Human Saos-2 cell testing
- Stimulation with US for 5 days (30 s, 3 times *per* day, 0.8 W/cm²)



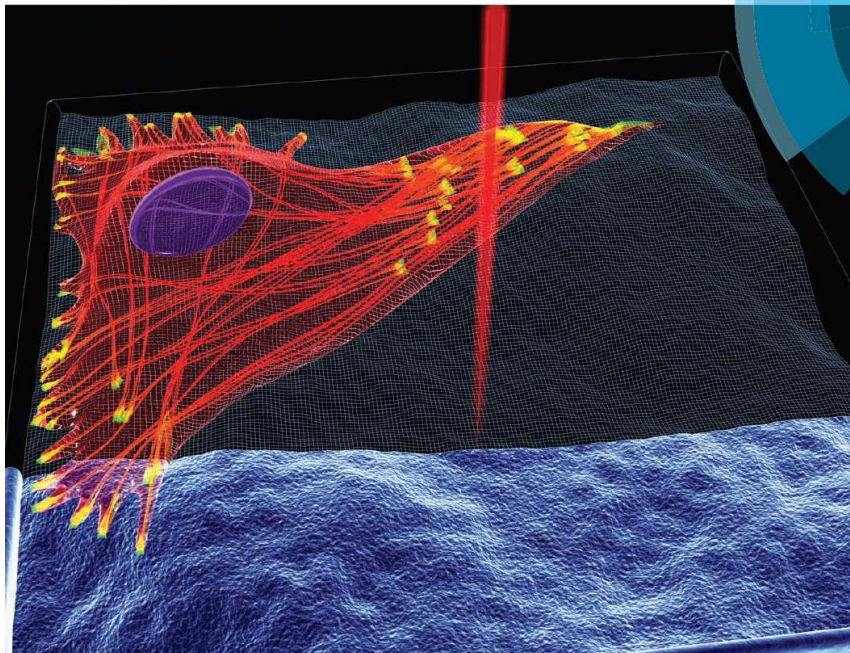
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CONCLUSIONS

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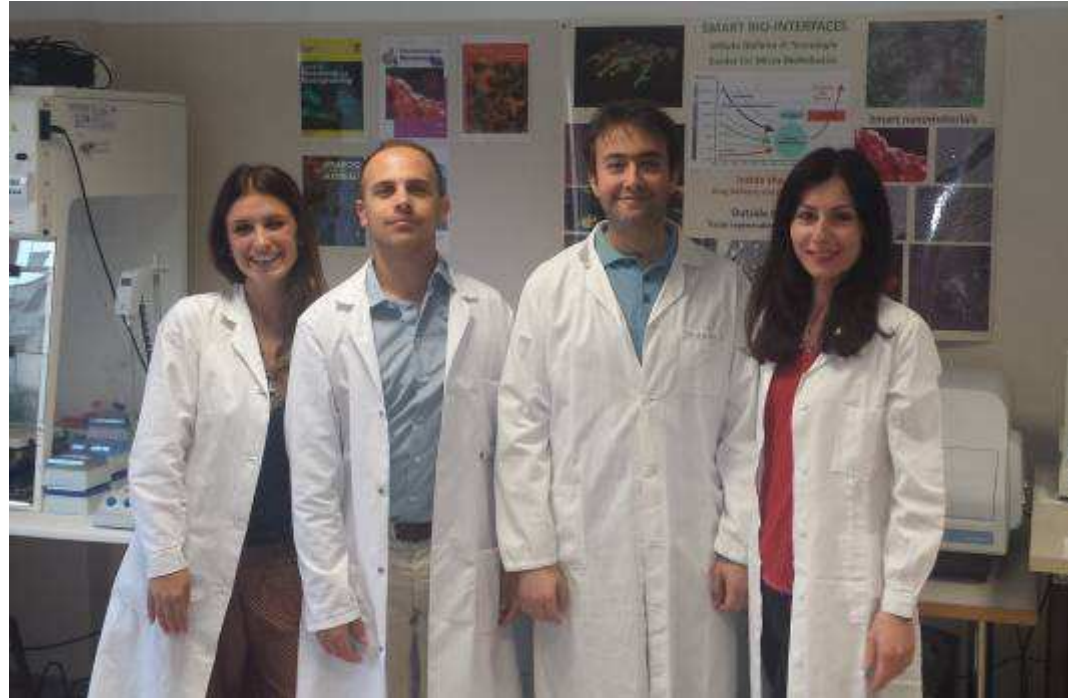


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