

Featured DeltaRAM Applications

Intracellular Calcium



Brian Research, 921(1-2): 1-11, 2001. Courtesy of Dr. G. Brewer

- Fura-2/AM loaded neurons
- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: Sensys CCD
- Software: PTI ImageMaster™
- Imaging: Typical Fura-2-fluorescence ratio imaging for intracellular Ca²⁺ in hippocampal neurons from old rats before NMDA (A) and after NMDA (B), scale values in nM

Single HEK293 Cell Ca²⁺ Imaging



Courtesy of Dr. S. Chen

- HEK293 cell loaded with Fura-2.
- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Software: PTI ImageMaster™
- In the picture:(A) Single-cell fluorescent Ca²⁺ images in the presence (Upper) or absence (Lower) of 0.3 mM caffeine at various [Ca²⁺]o (0-1.0 mM).
- (B) Fura-2 ratios of representative RyR2(wt) cells in the absence (green trace) and presence (blue trace) of 0.3 mM caffeine and a HEK293 parental cell expressing no RyR2 (pink trace)

Dopamine-induced Ca²⁺ Transients in Rat MSN Mitochondria [Ca²⁺]m in Single Cells



- EGFP transfected rat MSN cultures loaded with Fura2/AM
- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: PTI IC-300
- Software: PTI ImageMaster[™] Pro
- Fura-2 340/380 nm ratios in rat MSN before (-1 min) and after (0–28 min) application of 400 µM dopamine

Intracellular Calcium in Human Neuronal Cell **Cultures**



J. of Neuroimmu, 98(2): 185-200, 1999. Courtesy of Dr. H. Gendelman

- Fura-2AM loaded human neurons
- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: Photometrics CCCD
- Software: PTI ImageMaster[™]
- Imaging: Fura-2 imaging in SDF-1 treated (B) and control (A) neuronal cells. SDF-1 activate intracellular calcium

A MitoTracker fura2FF, 340/380 nm overlay







B CaGroon-C18









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- Fura2FF-loaded single permeabilized RBL cells
- PTI DeltaRAM illuminator
- Photometrics PXL CCCD camera

Measurement of Extracellular Nearmembrane [Ca²⁺]



J Cell Sci, 2003, 116(pt 8): 1527-38. Courtesy of Dr. Hofer, A. M

- Fura-C18-loaded HEK CaR cells
- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: PTI IC-100
- Images a-c: ratio images taken at different time points
- Image d shows fluorescence at 340 nm excitation (510 nm emission) of the same cells

Mechanical Stimulation Increases Ca²⁺ Waves



[Ca2+]; (nM)

Am J Physiol Lung Cell Mol Physiol 280: L221-L228, 2001. Courtesy of Dr. S. Boitano

- Fura-2 AM loaded rat alveolar epithelial cells (AECs)
- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM Camera: PTI ICCD camera
- Software: PTI ImageMaster™
- Images: A-D: Mechanical stimulation resulted in a Ca2+ wave that averaged slightly over 4 cells
- E–H: in the presence of the gap junction-inhibiting peptide Gap 27, [Ca2+]i increase restricted to the stimulated cell
- I–L: Apyrase did not significantly reduce Ca2+ wave propagation
- Arrow: Cell that was briefly stimulated with a glass micropipette
- White lines, cell borders
- Color bar, approximate [Ca2+]i

Mechanical Wounding Increases Ca²⁺ Waves



[Ca2+]; (nM)

Am J Physiol Lung Cell Mol Physiol 280: L221-L228, 2001. Courtesy of Dr. S. Boitano

- Fura-2 AM loaded rat alveolar epithelial cells (AECs)
- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: PTI ICCD camera
- Software: PTI ImageMaster™
- Images: A–D: mechanical wound-induced Ca²⁺ waves
- E–H: gap junction inhibitor does not affect this Ca²⁺ waves
- I–L: apyrase restricts this Ca²⁺ waves
- Arrow: Cell that was mechanically wounded
- White lines, cell borders
- Color bar, approximate [Ca²⁺]i

Intracellular Ca²⁺ Concentration of ROG Cells in Response to FSH and ATP







Endocrinology Vol. 141, No. 9 3461-3470. Courtesy of Dr. T. Ji

- Fura-2 AM loaded ROG cells
- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: ICCD camera
- Software: PTI ImageMaster™

[Ca2+]i Response to ATP



[Ca2+]; (nM)

Am J Physiol Lung Cell Mol Physiol 280: L221-L228, 2001. Courtesy of Dr. S. Boitano

- Fura-2/AM loaded ROG cells
- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: ICCD camera
- Software: PTI ImageMaster™

Regenerative Calcium Oscillations



Biophys J, 79 (5): 2509-2525, 2000. Courtesy of Dr. I, Pessah

- Fura-2/AM loaded differentiated 1B5 myotubes
- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: ICCD 300 camera
- Software: PTI ImageMaster™
- Images: (A) Cells stimulated with 3 mM caffeine. After 2 s, a calcium wave begins from a discrete region and spreads across the cell. After ~2 s more, the calcium wave occurs again. (C)The corresponding change in the Fura-2 340/380 ratio (B) Ratio images from the same cell in A stimulated with 40 mM caffeine. Calcium increases globally throughout the cell, and no calcium waves or oscillations are observed. (D) The corresponding change in the Fura-2 340/380 ratio

Simultaneous Measurement of Phagocytosis and [Ca²⁺]i



J Cell Sci 2003;116:2857-2865. Courtesy of Dr. Dewitt, S. et al.

- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: PTI ICCD100
- Fura-2 labeled human neutrophils were presented with a DCDHF-labelled C3bi-opsonised particle for phagocytosis
- Images: Phase contract (top) and corresponding fura2 signal (middle). 90s: micropipette presenting the particle to the cell; 102 s:adhesion of the particle to the cell without Ca²⁺ signaling; 123s: formation of the phagocytic cup; 141s: closure of the phagosome 180s: completion of the event and the return of cytosolic free Ca²⁺ to baseline

Correlation of Oxidative Activation with Ca²⁺ and Phagocytosis



- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: PTI ICCD100
- Images: Top: Phase contract to show the phagocytic event
- Middle row: corresponding fura2 signal to show cytosolic free Ca²⁺ changes.
- Bottom row: DCDHF fluorescent intensity of the internalized zymosan particle to assess oxidative activity The graph at the bottom shows the complete time course for cytosolic free Ca²⁺ change (black) and DCDHF intensity (SI) with the point of phagosomal closure marked by the arrow
- Conclusion: the onset of oxidative activity correlates with the second phase of the Ca²⁺ signal.

Local Oxidase Activation and Ca²⁺ Signal Reported by Fura2-dextran Conjugate



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- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: PTI ICCD100
- The Fura-2 dextran conjugate micro-injected neutrophils was challenged with an opsonised particle
- Images: Phase contract (top) and corresponding Fura-2 dextran signal (bottom) show the phagocytic cup (270 seconds), phagosome closure (340 seconds) and completion of the Ca²⁺ signal (380 seconds)
- The graph on the right shows the complete Ca²⁺ data, with the point of phagosome closure marked by the downward arrow.

Store-Operated Sr²⁺ Entry



- Fura-2/AM loaded CHO cells transfected with CD20 or vector
- System: PTI DeltaRAM based-ImageMaster™ system
- Images: (A) Treatment of the cells
- (B) Images at a, b, and c time points:

- Before store depletion, no difference in base-line fluorescence, and no Sr²⁺ entry
- ATP depleted Ca²⁺ stores and sharply increased [Ca²⁺]c in both cell lines
- Subsequent perfusion of Sr²⁺ induced a large increase in the CD20-transfected but not the control cells

Use of DCDHF as an Oxidative Indicator During Phagocytosisy



J Cell Sci 2003;116:2857-2865. Courtesy of Dr. Dewitt, S. et al.

- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: PTI ICCD100
- Images: (a) DCDHF-conjugated zymosan particles before (left) and after (right) addition of H2O2
- The traces below show the time courses for the increase in fluorescence with the arrow indicating the addition of H2O2
- (b) Fluorescence intensity of internalized (arrowed) and adherent (asterisk) DCDHF-conjugated zymosan particles
- The DCDHF intensity image and the phase contrast image have been superimposed for clarity.

Ca²⁺ Imaging of Rat Medium Spiny Neurons



- GFP expression S2 cells loaded with Fura-2 Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: PTI IC-300
- Software: PTI ImageMaster™ Pro

Dose-dependence of Trehalose Response in S2-Gr5a Cells















PNAS 100 (suppl. 2):14526-14530, 2003. Courtesy of Dr. Carlson, J

- GFP expression S2 cells loaded with Fura-2
- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: PTI IC-200
- Software: PTI ImageMaster™
- Images: Upper: Divided panels of S2-Gr5a cells (Left and Center) or negative controls, transfected with GFP vector alone (Right), before and after application of either trehalose (Left and Right) or maltose (Center)
- Lower: Images of fields of S2-Gr5a cells taken on application of different concentrations of trehalose.

Time Course of Trehalose Response in S2-Gr5a Cells



• GFP expression S2 cells loaded with Fura-2

- Illuminator: PTI DeltaRAM
- Camera: PTI IC-200
- Software: PTI ImageMaster™
- Images: Upper: A series of images of a single fura 2-loaded S2-Gr5a cell, taken at 5 s intervals
- Lower: A quantitative representation of the response of the same cell. Bar indicates stimulus period.

Cells Expression Redo-GFP



- Redo-GFP expressing cells
- PTI DeltaRAM illuminator
- Roper Sensy camera
- PTI ImageMaster[™] 3.0 software

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Visualization of Mitochondria by mitoGFP



- mitoGFP transfected intact (A) and permeabilized (B-D) mast cell
- Cells were also loaded with MitoTracker Red (C) or rhod2/AM (D)
- PTI DeltaRAM illuminator.
- Photometrics PXL CCCD camera
- The green images (left panels) show the distribution of mitoGFP, the red images (middle panels) show the distribution of MitoTracker Red (C) or compartmentalized rhod2 (D). These images are overlaid in the right panels to show the coincidence of the labeled organelles (overlay).

IP3-induced Intracellular [Ca²⁺]c and Mitochondrial [Ca²⁺]m Responses



EMBO, 18(1): 96-108, Courtesy of Dr. Hajnoczky

- Fura2FF-loaded permeabilized cell
- PTI DeltaRAM illuminator
- Photometrics PXL CCCD camera
- Left: the overlaid images show the distribution of the membrane-bound CaGreen-C18 (image i, purple) and the mitochondrially compartmentalized Fura2FF (image i, green), and the changes in the Fura2FF fluorescence (images ii-v, 380 nm green/340 nm red) upon addition of 100 nM IP3 (ii versus iii), 12.5 M IP3 (iii versus iv) and ionomycin (iv versus v)
- Right: time courses of the global [Ca²⁺]pm response (vi) and the average [Ca²⁺]m response (vii, thick line), and the [Ca²⁺]m responses of the marked (1–6 on image i) individual mitochondria (vii, thin lines).

Simultaneous measurement of Ca²⁺ and myocyte cell length





Dual emission channel HORIBA photometer for Indo-1 Ca⁺⁺ measurements

The above data traces are from the simultaneous collection of fluorescence and cell length from a cardiac myocyte. Myocyte was loaded with dual emission ratiometric fluorescence probe Indo-1. The HORIBA DeltaRAM illuminator was used for excitation illumination at 365 nm and the emitted fluorescence was detected with a dual emission PMT photometer. Above data was collected with FeliX32 photometry software from Photon Technology International (PTI). The blue trace shows the calcium ratio increase and decrease with the cell contraction. The contraction data (Green trace) was detected with a video edge detection electronics module and is correlated with the fluorescence data since both signals were collect simultaneously

Simultaneous Ca⁺⁺ Fluorescence and Patch Clamp Electrophysiology Research



Image courtesy of, Prof. Dr. György Panyi, Department of Biophysics and Cell Biology, University of Debrecen

Shown is a picture of a HORIBA dual emission photometer attached to the C-mount of an inverted fluorescence microscope. The microscope is also equipped with electrophysiology recording devices and perfusion apparatus. The entire setup is inside a Faraday cage for electrical isolation.

HORIBA's photometers are ideal for quantitative live cell measurements of intracellular ion and molecules such as Ca⁺⁺, Na⁺⁺, pH, GFP, FRET and FRAP experiments. By allowing for simultaneous quantitative fluorescence detection with patch clamp recordings, these photometers have been widely used by electrophysiologists around the world. The HORIBA PMT photometer is a passive detection system that provides an output voltage signal proportional to the ion/fluorophore of interest, and this signal is directly fed into the electrophysiology A/D converter and collected with the customer's existing software. The HORIBA photometer can collect a fluorescence signal at up to 20 KHz for high speed transient recordings.