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National Center for Microscopy and Imaging Research

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Resource Information

URL: <http://ncmir.ucsd.edu/>

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Description: Biomedical technology research center that develops computer-aided, advanced microscopy for the acquisition of structural and functional data in the dimensional range of 1 nm to 100 um, a range encompassing macromolecules, subcellular structures and cells. Novel specimen-staining methods, imaging instruments including intermediate high-voltage transmission electron microscopes (IVEMs) and high-speed, large-format laser-scanning light microscopes and computational capabilities are available for addressing mesoscale biological microscopy of proteins and macromolecular complexes in their cellular and tissue environments. These technologies are developed to bridge understanding of biological systems between the gross anatomical and molecular scales and to make these technologies broadly available to biomedical researchers. NCMIR provides expertise, infrastructure, technological development, and an environment in which new information about the 3D ultrastructure of tissues, cells, and macromolecular complexes may be accurately and easily obtained and analyzed. NCMIR fulfills its mission through technology development, collaboration, service, training, and dissemination. It aims to develop preparative methods and analytical approaches to 3D microscopy applicable to neurobiology and cell biology, incorporating equipment and implementing software that expand the analysis of 3D structure. The core research activities in the areas of specimen development, instrument development, and software infrastructures maximize the advantages of higher voltage electron microscopy and correlated light microscopies to make ambitious imaging studies across scales routine, and to facilitate the use of resources by biomedical researchers. NCMIR actively recruits outside users who will not only make use of these resources, but who also will drive technology development and receive training.

Abbreviations: NCMIR

Synonyms: National Center for Microscopy and Imaging Research

Resource Type: biomedical technology research center, training resource

Keywords: microscopy, electron microscopy, electron tomography, 3d imaging, instrumentation, intermediate voltage electron microscopy, light microscopy, specimen preparation, telemicroscopy, image, software, tissue, cell, macromolecular complex, macromolecule, subcellular structure, 3d microscopy, neurobiology, cell biology, 3d structure, imaging technology center

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for National Center for Microscopy and Imaging Research.

No alerts have been found for National Center for Microscopy and Imaging Research.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 252 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [NIF](#) .

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