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Our mission is the development of a “new” generation of optical imaging technologies to enable advances in two hitherto difficult-to-investigate areas: the real-time analysis of macromolecular interactions and motions at the nanometer scale in vivo and the three-dimensional architecture of complex molecular machines and of subcellular ultrastructure, in situ. We are also refining and applying ultrahigh-resolution spectroscopy techniques to dissect multistep complex biochemical processes using in vitro reconstituted single-molecule assays.

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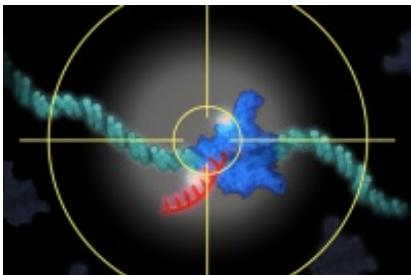
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A new imaging technology developed at MSK allows researchers to focus on genes as they are copied into messenger RNA.

Publications Highlights

[Jieru Li, Ankun Dong, Kamola Saydaminova, Hill Chang, Guanshi Wang, Hiroshi Ochiai, Takashi Yamamoto and Alexandros Pertsinidis. Single-Molecule Nanoscopy Elucidates RNA Polymerase II Transcription at Single Genes in Live Cells, Cell \(2019\).](#)

[Guanshi Wang, Jesse Hauver, Zachary Thomas, Seth A. Darst, Alexandros Pertsinidis. Single-Molecule Real-Time 3D Imaging of the Transcription Cycle by Modulation Interferometry. Cell. Volume 167, Issue 7, p1839–1852.e21, 15 December 2016](#)

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- The Pertsinidis laboratory uses single-molecule approaches to understand gene transcription and the function of complex macromolecular machines inside live cells.
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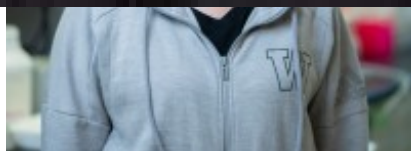
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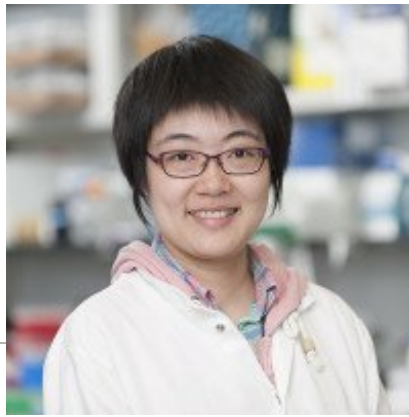
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Achievements

- Director's New Innovator Award, National Institutes of Health (2012)

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