Supplementary information for

Multicolor Lifetime Imaging and its Application to HIV-1 Uptake

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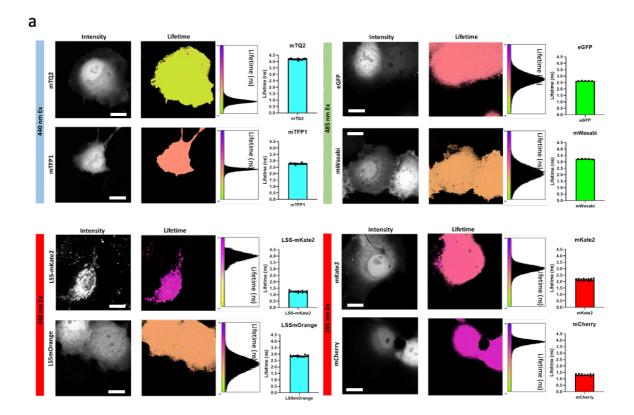
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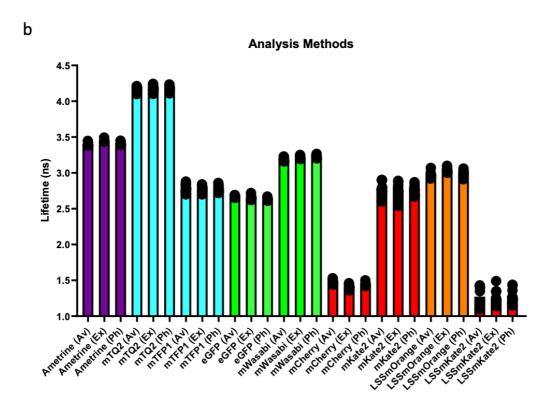
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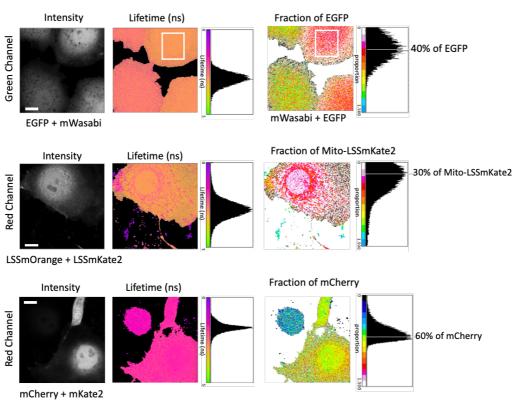
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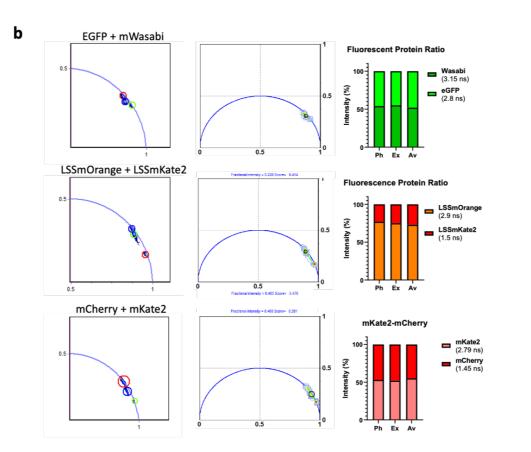




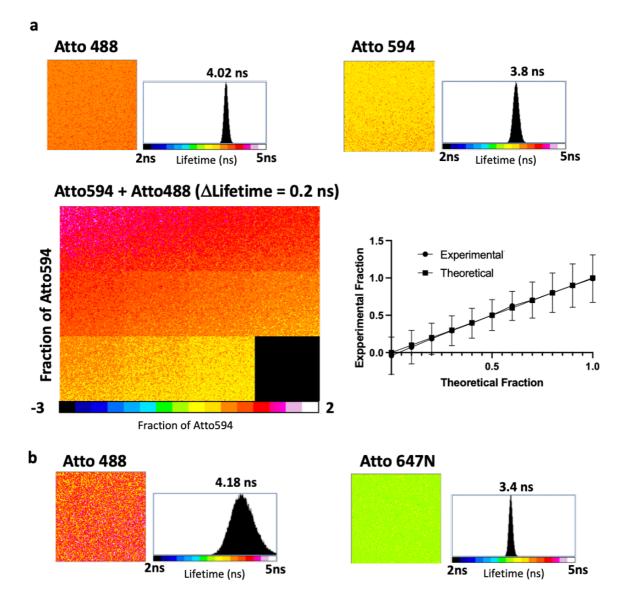
Supplementary Figure 1. Fluorescent Lifetime determination for each fluorescent protein when expressed in live cells at physiological conditions. (a) A sample of eight different live cells expressing one fluorescent protein species are depicted. Intensity micrographs (Left row) are depicted together with lifetime images (right micrograph) pixel lifetime histograms and bar charts for the average lifetime of each specific fluorescent protein. The lifetimes in each bar chart are: for mTQ2 (4.2 \pm 0.1nanosecods (ns) n = 15), for mTFP1 (2.8 \pm 0.1ns n = 14), for eGFP $(2.6\pm0.0 \text{ns n} = 5)$, for mWasabi $(3.2\pm0.0 \text{1ns n} = 5)$, for mito-LSSmKate2 $(1.2\pm0.1 \text{ns n} = 12)$, for LSSmOrange (2.8 \pm 0.1ns n = 15), for mKate2 (2.2 \pm 0.1ns n = 12) and for mCherry $(1.3\pm0.1$ ns n = 9). n denotes number of viruses examined over 3 independent experiments. The blue, green and red channels are shown. Scale bar 5 µm. Cells expressing Mito-LSSmKate2 were tested for lifetime measurement and expression, the other cells were expressing the corresponding fluorescent proteins freely diffusing in the cytosol. (b) Bar diagram showing the calculation of lifetimes for the nine fluorescent proteins chosen for multicolor FLIM employing the average lifetime (AV), the fitting approach (EX) and the Phasor Plot (Ph). The values for each fluorescent protein employing the three approaches were: for Ametrine (3.4 \pm 0.0ns n = 5 (Average Lifetime), 3.45 ± 0.0 ns n = 5 (Exponential fit) and 3.4 ± 0.0 ns n = 5 (Phasor)) for mTQ2 $(4.2\pm0.0$ ns n = 15 (Average Lifetime), 4.2 ± 0.0 ns n = 15 (Exponential fit) and 4.2 ± 0.0 ns n = 15 (Phasor)) for mTFP1 (2.8 ± 0.0 ns n = 12 (Average Lifetime), 2.8 ± 0.0 ns n = 12 (Exponential fit) and 2.8 ± 0.0 ns n = 12 (Phasor)) for eGFP (2.7 ± 0.0 ns n = 15 (Average Lifetime), 2.7 ± 0.0 ns n = 15 (Exponential fit) and 2.7 ± 0.0 ns n = 15 (Phasor)) for mWasabi (3.2 ±0.0 ns n = 5 (Average Lifetime), 3.2 ± 0.0 ns n = 5 (Exponential fit) and 3.2 ± 0.0 ns n = 5 (Phasor)) for mCherry $(1.5\pm0.0$ ns n = 10 (Average Lifetime), 1.4 ± 0.0 ns n = 10 (Exponential fit) and 1.4 ± 0.0 ns n = 10 (Phasor)), for mKate2 (2.8 \pm 0.0ns n = 13 (Average Lifetime), 2.8 \pm 0.0ns n = 13 (Exponential fit) and 2.8 ± 0.0 ns n = 13 (Phasor)), for LSSmOrange (3.0 ± 0.0 ns n = 5 (Average Lifetime), 3.1 ± 0.0 ns n = 5 (Exponential fit) and 3.0 ± 0.0 ns n = 5 (Phasor)) and for LSSmKate2 (1.3±0.0ns n = 9 (Average Lifetime), 1.3 ± 0.0 ns n = 9 (Exponential fit) and 1.3 ± 0.0 ns n = 9 (Phasor)). n denotes number of viruses examined over 3 independent experiments. Data are presented as mean values +/- SD" as appropriate. Source data are provided with this paper.



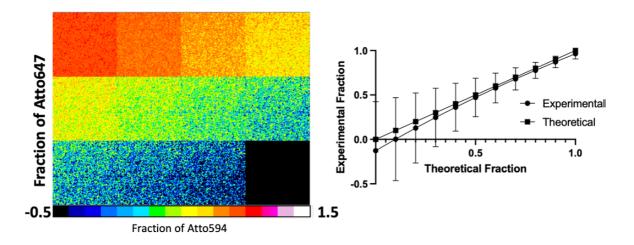




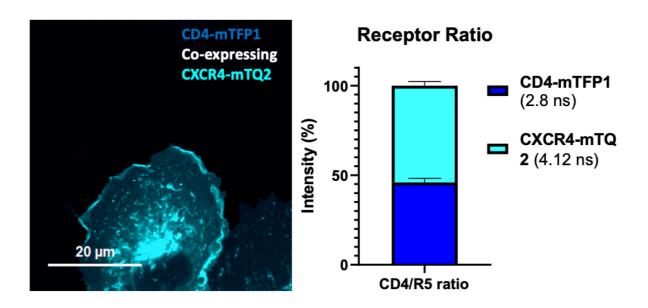
Supplementary Figure 2. Single pixel pairwise color separation for each channel. Non-fitting analytical solution as described in Methods is demonstrated for green and red channels. Intensity images of cells co-expressing either EGFP and mWasabi (green channel), LSSmOrange and LSS-mKate2 (red channel) and mCherry and mKate2 (red channel) are shown for both, the average lifetime approach (in nanoseconds, ns) (a) and the phasor analysis (b). Lifetime images (middle micrographs), pixel histograms and the calculated fraction of fluorescent protein pixel-by-pixel (right micrographs) are also shown in the second and third rows. Scale bar 2 μm. (b) The Phasor Plot and the calculation of the proportion of each species are shown in the first and second columns for the three couples (EGFP + mWasabi, LSSmOrange + LSSmKate2 and mCherry + mKate2). The third row shows the corresponding bar diagrams for the calculation of proportions employing the Phasor (Ph), the fitting approach (Ex) and the average lifetime (Av). Source data are provided with this paper.



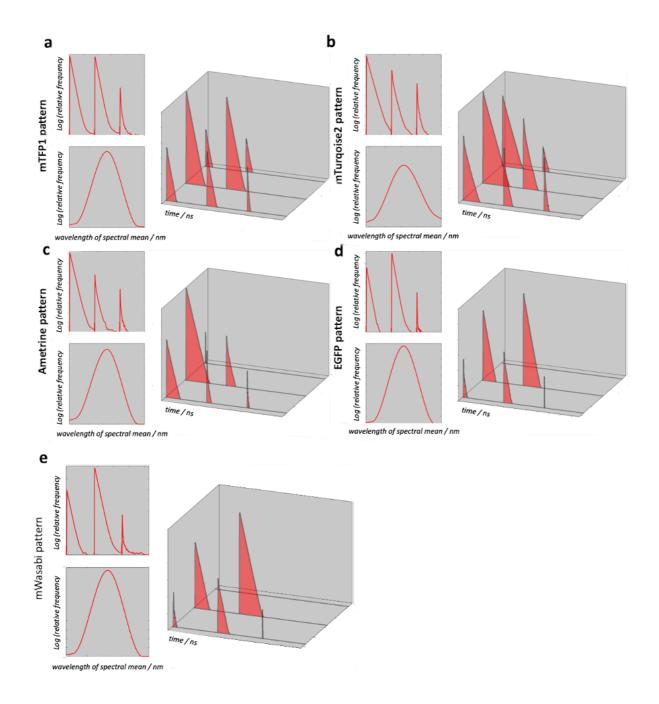
Atto647N + Atto488 (∆Lifetime = 0.7 ns) + Extra Noise



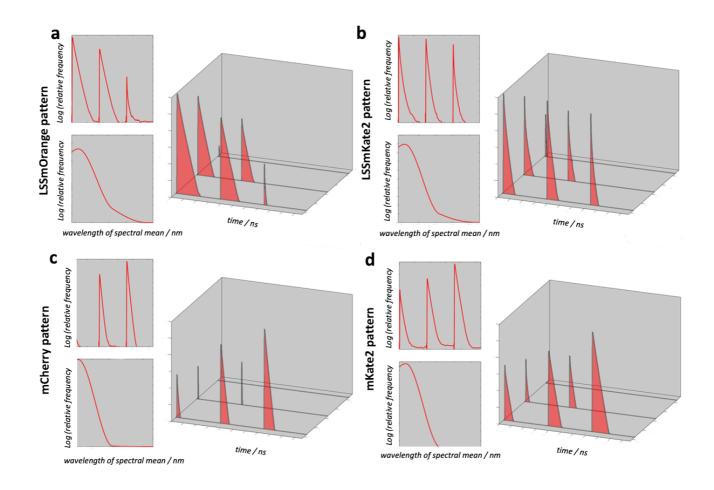
Supplementary Figure 3. Mixing of ideal two species solutions to evaluate the error of the average lifetime unmixing approach. Two fluorophores with close and know lifetimes Atto488 and Atto594 (4 nanoseconds (ns) and 3.8 ns) were mixed with known proportions to evaluate the error of the unmixing approach developed in material and methods. For each solution the right panel shows the ideal result (theoretical, squares) and the calculated one (experimental, circles). (b) The addition of noise in the acquisition of atto488 when mixed with Atto647N was also evaluated. Although the difference in lifetime of these two fluorophores is bigger than in (a) (0.6 ns) the addition of noise has a bigger impact in the calculation of each proportion (right panel). Each value in the graph corresponds to a single image and the error provided to the standard deviation across all pixels of the corresponding image with known proportions of Atto488 and Atto594 (a) or Atto488 and Att0647N. Source data are provided with this paper.



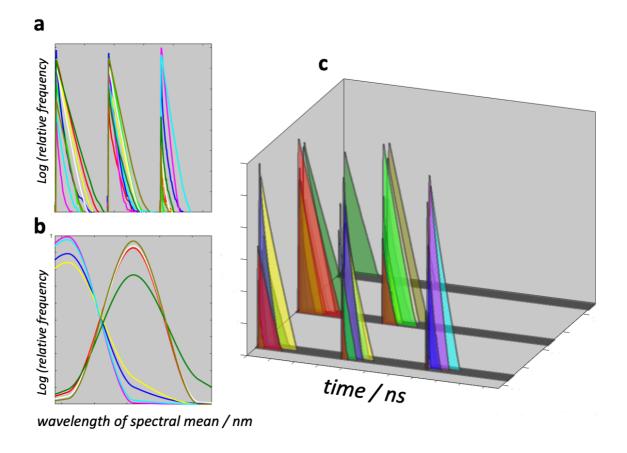
Supplementary Figure 4. Cells co-expressing CD4-mTFP1 and CXCR4-mTQ2 not engaged in the virological synapse. Live cells co-expressing CD4-mTFP1 and CXCR4-mTQ2 were analyzed to check for the overall proportion of these receptors in normal conditions. Left panel, cell co-expressing CD4-mTFP1 (dark blue) and CXCR4-mTQ2 (cyan). Right panel, a bar graph showing the proportion of expression of CD4-mTFP1 (lifetime fixed at 2.8 nanoseconds (ns)) and CXCR4-mTQ2 (lifetime fixed at 4.12ns). The bar shows an average proportion of CD4-mTFP1 of 45.9±2.3 n = 7 and CXCR4-mTQ2 of 54.1±2.3 n = 7. n denotes number of viruses examined over 3 independent experiments. Data are presented as mean values +/- SD" as appropriate. Source data are provided with this paper.



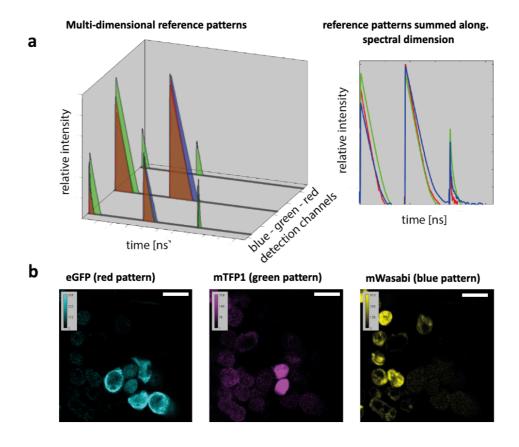
Supplementary Figure 5. Pattern Matching profiles for blue and green fluorescent proteins. The pattern matching profiles for cells expressing mTFP1 (a), mTQ2 (b), Ametrine (c), EGFP (d) and mWasabi (e) were calculated for three pulsed interleaved excitation employing three detectors with the same settings as in multicolor FLIM acquisition. The abbreviation ns denotes nanoseconds.



Supplementary Figure 6. Pattern Matching profiles for orange and red fluorescent proteins. The pattern matching profiles for cells expressing LSSmOrange (a), LSSmKate2 (b), mCherry (c) and mKate2 (d) were calculated for three pulsed interleaved excitation employing three detectors with the same settings as in multicolor FLIM acquisition. The abbreviation ns denotes nanoseconds.

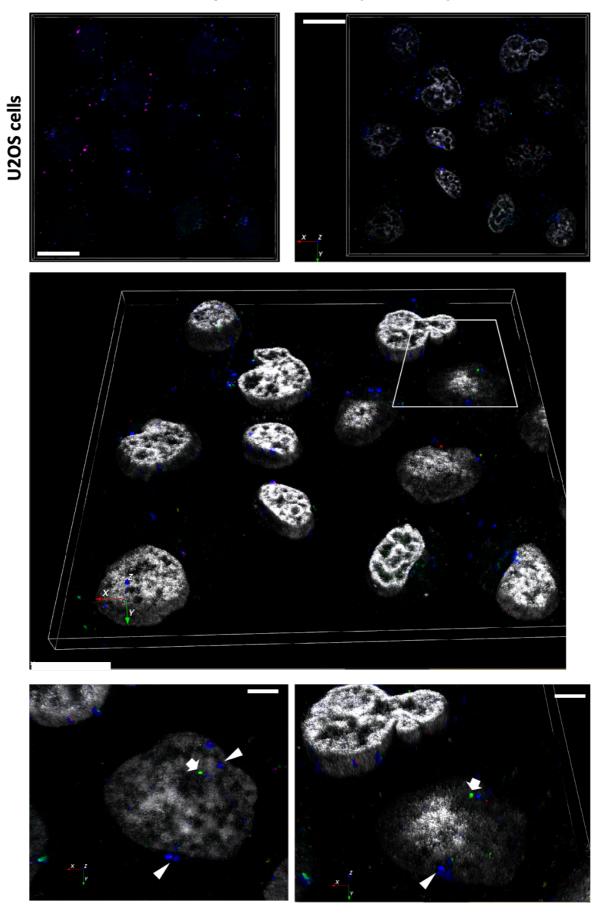


Supplementary Figure 7. Pattern Matching profiles for all fluorescent proteins. The pattern matching profiles for all cells expressing mTFP1, mTQ2, Ametrine, EGFP, mWasabi LSSmOrange, LSSmKate2, mCherry and mKate2 were calculated for three pulsed interleaved excitation employing three detectors with the same settings as in multicolor FLIM acquisition. The different decay patterns are shown in panel (a) together with the spectral profile (panel b) and the decay pattern as they were detected for each of the three channels (panel c); where each of the three detectors are shown in the z axis noted with three parallel black bold lines. The abbreviation ns denotes nanoseconds.

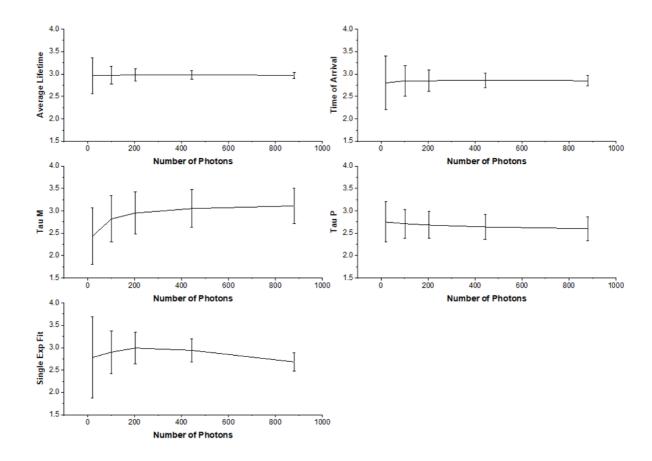


Supplementary Figure 8. Pattern Matching profiles for eGFP, mTFP1 and mWasabi. (a) Crosstalk signature between eGFP, mTFP1 and mWasabi (spectral, top panels) and pixel by pixel (bottom panels) result of applying patten matching for these three fluorescent proteins (b): eGFP (cyan micrograph), mTFP1 (purple micrograph) and mWasabi (yellow micrograph). Scale bar 5 µm.

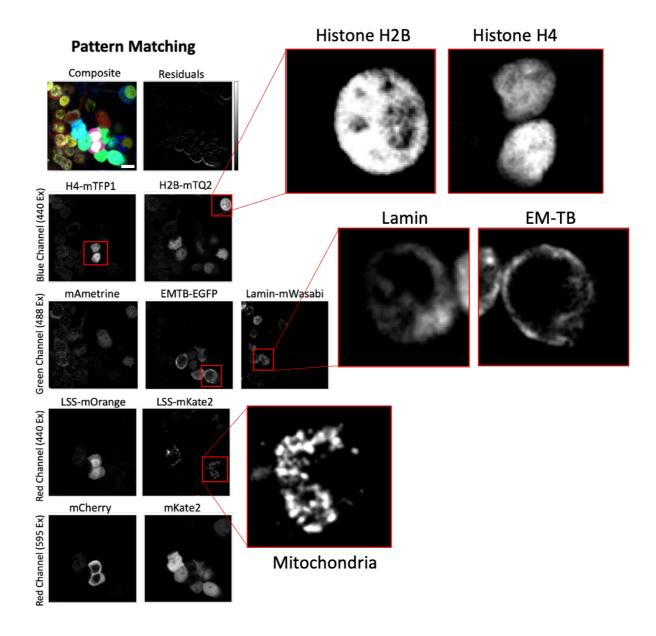
Quadruple labelled virus (t = 90 min)



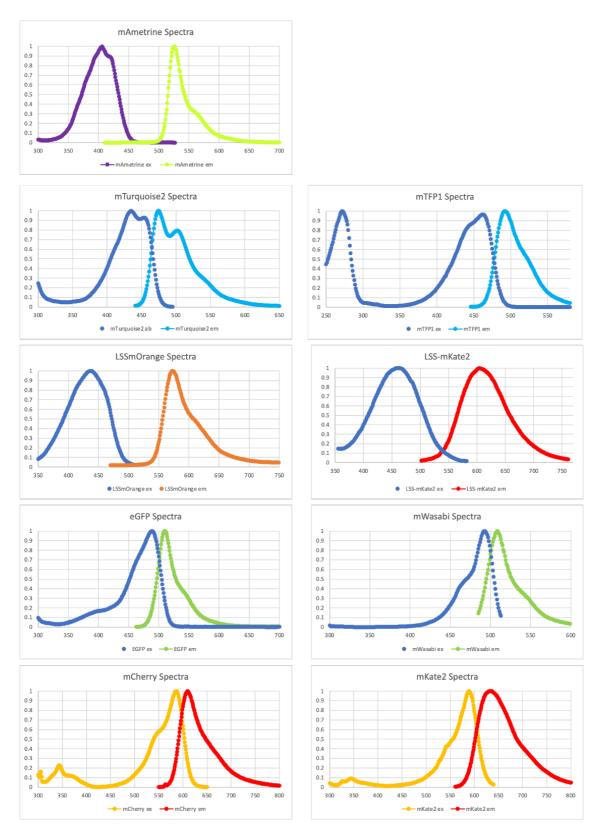
Supplementary Figure 9. Three dimensional confocal imaging of quadruple viruses exponsed to U2OS. (a) U2OS cells were exposed to quadruple labeled viruses, stained in the nucleus with DAPI and imaged at (t = 90 min). Merged images coming from 6 different channels are depicted: (transmission, grey, DAPI blue, Gag-mCherry red, CA-GFP green, Vpr-mTQ2, cyan and DiD, yellow) with and without DAPI (top panels). A three-dimensional representation is shown including the DAPI channel (grey color, midle panel). The white square is zoomed it to point at sub-viral particles within the nucleus (white arrows point at CaeGFP, green dots) and triangles point at Vpr-mTQ2, blue dots). These particles were only seen at t = 90 min (bottom panels). Scale bar 2 μ m



Supplementary Figure 10. Impact of the number of photons on lifetime calculation in live cells. Different lifetime analyses were tested comprising both non-fitting (top panels), phasor (middle panels) and fitting (bottom left panel) approaches. The calculation of both the average lifetime and the photon arrival time are very stable until 20-50 photons per pixel; where the lifetimes are still reliable, but their error (standard deviation) starts to increase. Single exponential approaches turned out to be much dependent on the photon budget. All calculations were made with the same sample consisting on a TZM-bl cell expressing CD4-mTFP1 alone. The data was calculated with single stack of images where the number of images within the stack was varied to impact the number of photons and the different lifetime calculations. Data are presented as mean values +/- SD" as appropriate. The abbreviations Tau M (tau modulation), Tau P (tau phase) and Single Exp Fit (single exponential fit). Source data are provided with this paper.



Supplementary Figure 11. Zoom ins of individual cells showing characteristics of the different sub-cellular structures. Zoomed in regions of interest (square regions) from Figure 4 are shown to highlight the sub-cellular structures resolved by pattern matching. Both histones show chromatin patterns (top panels). The tubulin (EM-TB) is also highlighted showing cables around the cytosol of HEK293T cells. Lamin is localized around the nucleus and finally the granular pattern for mitochondria are also shown (bottom panels). Scale bar. $10~\mu m$. Abbreviation "Ex" denotes excitation.



Supplementary Figure 12. Excitation and emission spectra for the 9 fluorescent proteins chosen for simultaneous multicolor FLIM. The normalized excitation spectra are shown for the nine fluorescent proteins chosen to simultaneously acquire nine colors in the multicolor FLIM approach

Supplementary Table 1. Spectral properties for individual fluorescent proteins tested when expressed in live cells.

Fluorescent	Excitation	Emission					Lifetime (in vitro)	Lifetime (COS7 cells at Room		Lifetime HEK293T ns (if		
Protein	(nm)	(nm)	EC	QY	Brightness	pKa	ns	T) ns	Lifetime (COS7 cells at 37 0C) ns	different)	Reference (Source)	
Ametrine	406	526	45,000	0.58	26.1	6	N/A	3.5	3.5	3.5	Addgene #54505	
mTQ2	434	474	30,000	0.93	27.9	3.1	4	3.7	4.12	4.12	Addgene #54842	
mCerulean	433	475	33,000	0.49	16.7	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	Addgene #27795	
eCFP	434	477	32,500	0.4	13	4.7	3	2.4	2.4	2.4	Tramier et al., 2006 MRT	
LSSmOrange	437	572	52,000	0.45	23.4	5.7	2.75		3.4	2.9	Addgene #37130	
LSS-mKate2	460	605	26,000	0.17	4.42	2.7	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	Addgene #54795	
mTFP1	462	492	64,000	0.85	54.4	4.3	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.7	Addgene #54521 and Padilla-Parra et al., 2009	
NowGFP	494	502	56,700	0.76	43.09	6.2	5.1	4	4	4	Addgene #74749 and Toby/Dave	
BrusLee	487	509	86,000	0.3	25.8	N/A	0.82				Mamontova et al., 2018 Scientific Rep	
eGFP	488	507	55,900	0.6	33.54	6	2.6	2.69	2.7	2.7	Addgene #176015 and Padilla-Parra et al., 2009	
mNeonGreen	506	517	116,000	0.8	92.8	5.7	3.1	3	3	3	From Addgene #98886	
mClover3	506	518	109,000	0.78	85.02	N/A		3.2	3.2	3.2	Addgene #74236	
FASTlime	481	540	45,000	0.23	N/A			1.8	1.8	1.8	Plamont et al., 2015 (PNAS)	
FAST citrus	480	541	41,000	0.23	N/A			2.8	2.8	2.8	Plamont et al., 2015 (PNAS)	
FASTamber	499	562	45,000	0.49	N/A			3	3	3	Plamont et al., 2015 (PNAS)	
FASTcoral	518	600	39,000	0.31	N/A			3	3	3	Plamont et al., 2015 (PNAS)	
mHoneyDew	487	562	17,000	0.12	2.04	4		1.8	1.8	1.8	Addgene #91760	
cyRFP	529	588	48,000	0.76				3.4	3.4	3.4	Addgene #84354	
sfGFP	485	510	83,300	0.65				2.68	2.68	2.68	Addgene #54579	
mWassabi	493	509	70,000	0.8	56	6.5		3.1	3.1	3.1	Addgene #54743	
mScarlett	569	594	100,000	0.7	70	5.3	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.4	Addgene #85042	
mScarlet-H	551	592	74,000	0.2	14.8		1.3	1.4	1.3		Addgene #85043	
tdTomato	554	581	138,000	0.69	95.22	4.7	N/A	2.1			Addgene #54653	
TagRFP	555	584	100,000	0.48	48	3.8	2.3		1.9	1.9	Addgene #31926	
mScarlet-I	569	593	104,000	0.54	56.16	5.4	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.9	Addgene 85044	
mKate2	588	633	62,500	0.4	25	5.4	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3 Shcherbakova DM		
mCherry	587	610	72,000	0.22	15.84	4.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	Addgene #54563	
mRuby2	559	600	113,000	0.38	42.94	5.3	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	Addgene #54768	
mCardinal	604	659	87,000	0.19	16.53	5.3		1.8	1.8	1.8	Addgene #54799	
mMaroon	609	657	80,000	0.11	8.8	6.2	N/A	1	1	1	Addgene #54554	

Supplementary Table 2. Spectral properties for fluorescent fusion proteins tested previously.

Fluorescent Protein	Excitation (nm)	Emission (nm)	EC	QY	Brightness	pKa	Lifetime (COS7 cells at 37 0C)	Lifetime HEK293T ns (if different)	Reference (Source)
CCR5-mTQ2	434	474	30,000	0.93	27.9	3.1	4	4	See Methods
CXCR4-mTQ2	434	474	30,000	0.93	27.9	3.1	4	4	See Methods
Lifeact-mTQ2	434	474	30,000	0.93	27.9	3.1	4.12	4.12	Addgene #36201
H2B-mTQ2	434	474	30,000	0.93	27.9	3.1	4.12	4.12	Addgene #55557
CD4-mTFP1	462	492	64,000	0.85	54.4	4.3	2.85	2.8	See Methods
H4-mTFP1	462	492	64,000	0.85	54.4	4.3	2.9	2.9	Padilla-Parra et al., 2009 and Addgene#55491
CCR5-LSSmOrange	437	572	52,000	0.45	23.4	5.7	3.4	2.9	Addgene #110194
CXCR4-LSSmOrange	437	572	52,000	0.45	23.4	5.7	3.4	2.9	Addgene #110197
H2B-LSSmKate2	460	605	26,000	0.17	4.42	2.7	1.4	1.4	Addgene #31903
Mito-LSSmKate2	460	605	26,000	0.17	4.42	2.7	1.4	1.3	Addgene #31879
Mito-mCerulean	433	475	33,000	0.49	16.7	N/A	3	3	Addgene #55384
eGFP-Actin	488	507	55,900	0.6	33.54	6	2.7	2.7	Addgene #58149
eGFP-microtubules	488	507	55,900	0.6	33.54	6	2.6	2.6	Addgene #24327
Lifeact-eGFP	488	507	55,900	0.6	33.54	6	2.58	2.6	Addgene #58470
GPI-eGFP	488	507	55,900	0.6	33.54	6	2.6	2.6	Addgene #182866
EMTB-eGFP	488	507	55,900	0.6	33.54	6	2.6	2.6	Addgene #26741
NowGFP-CD3Z	494	502	56,700	0.76	43.09	6.2	4	4	See Methods
GFPopt-HXB2	488	507	55,900	0.6	33.54	6	2.2	2.35	Nakane et al., 2015 (JBC)
LaminB-Wassabi	493	509	70,000	0.8	56	6.5	3.1	3.1	Addgene #56507
mHoneyDewCD3Z	487	562	17,000	0.12	2.04	4	1.8	1.8	See Methods
Actin-mScarlet	569	594	100,000	0.7	70	5.3	3.4	3.4	Addgene #85056
Lifeact-mScarlet	569	594	100,000	0.7	70	5.3	3.55	3.15	Addgene #85054
Lifeact-mRuby2	559	600	113,000	0.38	42.94	5.3	2.2	2.2	Addgene #54560
Lifeact-TagRFP	555	584	100,000	0.48	48	3.8	1.9	1.9	Addgene #54586
MitoTagRFP	555	584	100,000	0.48	48	3.8	1.9	1.9	Addgene #58023
LifeAct-mCherry	587	610	72,000	0.22	15.84	4.5	1.5	1.45	Addgene #54491
Gag-mCherry	587	610	72,000	0.22	15.84	4.5	1.5	1.2	Padilla-Parra et al., 2013
b-Actin-mCherry	587	610	72,000	0.22	15.84	4.5	1.4	1.4	Addgene #31949
Golgi-TdTomato	554	581	138,000	0.69	95.22	4.7	1.9	1.9	Addgene #58100
ER-TdTomato	554	581	138,000	0.69	95.22	4.7	1.8	1.8	Addgene #58097

Supplementary Table 3. Spectral bleedthrough for all channels corresponding to Figure 4. Blue cells (below 4% crosstalk), green cells (4-15% crosstalk), yellow cells (15-40% crosstalk) and red cells (40-100%).

Pattern /									
Dye	Ametrine	eGFP	LSSmK2	LSSmOr	mCherry	mKate2	mTFP1	mTQ2	mWasabi
Ametrine	100.0	1.6	0.4	2.5	0.7	6.2	2.7	26.9	8.5
eGFP	1.4	100.0	1.4	4.9	1.3	26.5	7.6	5.5	1.8
LSSmK2	0.1	0.3	100.0	0.1	0.0	5.2	0.0	1.2	0.0
LSSmOr	1.5	2.8	0.7	100.0	94.3	1.9	85.1	0.2	0.0
mCherry	0.6	1.2	0.0	57.0	100.0	2.5	22.8	0.3	0.0
mKate2	9.9	90.1	57.2	6.1	12.2	100.0	1.6	47.4	0.6
mTFP1	1.3	2.4	0.0	62.1	17.5	0.5	100.0	0.2	13.2
mTQ2	32.1	12.2	9.7	0.2	0.3	41.7	0.4	100.0	0.3
mWasabi	3.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	5.3	0.3	100.0

Supplementary Note 1

The ImageJ macro utilized to recover the fraction for each solution/analyte in a two species system is given below:

// Introduce the known lifetimes for species A and B. The macro will calculate the proportion for the shortest lifetime species.

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//Calculates denominator
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selectWindow("Result of second product");
rename("denominator");
//Calculates fB
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selectWindow("Result of Numerator");
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