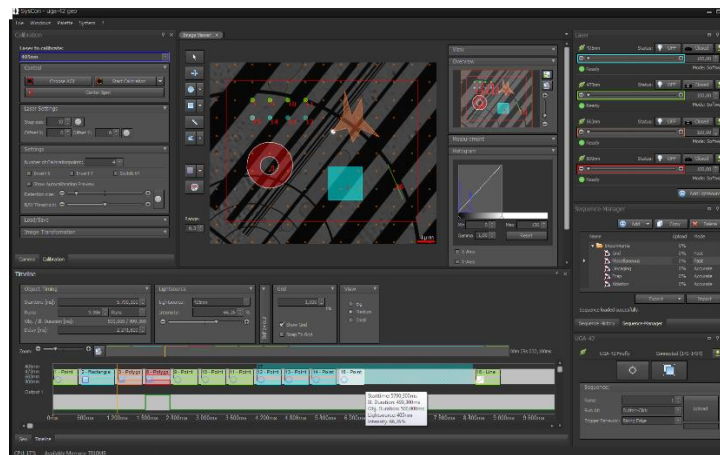


## SysCon Software Package

SysCon integrates all our software controlled devices like the UGA-42 series and laser systems in one software package for photomanipulation and offers two experiment modes: **Click & Fire** and **Sequence** mode.

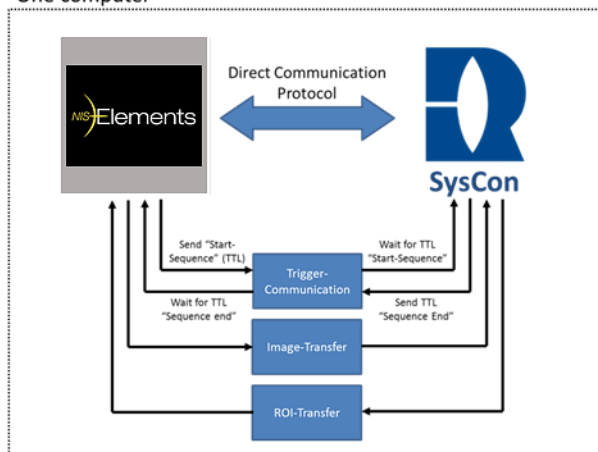
In the **Click & Fire** mode, the photomanipulation is done directly in the live-image by pointing the mouse cursor to the desired position and clicking to activate the laser. The exposure time and intensity is defined by the user. In addition to point illumination, user-defined ROIs can be positioned and illuminated by one mouse click.



In the **Sequence** mode, more complex experiments with multiple objects (ROIs and / or points), user defined timing and intensities can be performed. Sequences are directly controlled by the UGA-42 real-time controller to ensure accurate timing. Features like autocalibration algorithms, snap-objects-to-grid, copy / paste-objects editing functions and high accuracy / high speed-scanning modes make SysCon to a powerful, yet intuitive tool for photomanipulation. SysCon can be used independently and simultaneously with the Nikon imaging software *NIS Elements*. In addition, the communication protocol for *NIS Elements* is available.

### Communication protocol between *NIS Elements* and SysCon

One computer



- **SysCon** and **NIS Elements** are installed on the same computer and run simultaneously
- Transfer of image data from **NIS Elements** to **SysCon**
- Transfer of the ROI information from **SysCon** to **NIS Elements** for later image processing
- **Synchronization** of the UGA-42 with other devices via the two TTL-input and two TTL-output channels on the UGA-42 controller. (*NIS Elements* trigger environment is required)

## SysCon Features:

- All computer controlled ROE devices are integrated (scanner, laser systems etc.)
- **Sophisticated functions** for photomanipulation
- **Autocalibration algorithm**
- **Click & Fire mode**
  - Real-time photomanipulation at mouse-click
  - Small spots (UGA-42 *Firefly*), different spot shapes and sizes (UGA-42 *Geo*) or user defined ROIs
  - Control of laser exposure time and intensity
- **Sequence mode**
  - Programmable illumination of multiple objects in one experiment
  - User friendly ROI and timeline editor
  - User defined laser intensity and timing for each object
  - Up to 4 laser light sources can be used independently within one experiment
- **Bi-directional TTL-signaling for synchronization with *NIS Elements* and additional devices**
  - 2x TTL-output and 2x TTL-input channels
  - Easy TTL-synchronization via timeline editor
    - Start sequence at TTL
    - Breakpoints during sequence to wait for external TTL-feedback
    - Send TTL during sequence as feedback to external device

## Communication between *NIS Elements* and SysCon



- Real camera image transferred from *NIS Elements* to *SysCon*
  - Real camera coordinates for calibration and ROI positions
- Sequence synchronization via *NIS Elements* trigger environment
  - Photomanipulation triggered from *NIS Elements*
  - Optional pausing of image acquisition in *NIS Elements* while photomanipulation is in progress
  - Feedback trigger from *SysCon* to *NIS Elements*
- ROI transfer and export
  - ROIs can be transferred directly from *SysCon* to *NIS Elements*