

Recent advances in optical coherence tomography (OCT) and OCT angiography for biomedical applications

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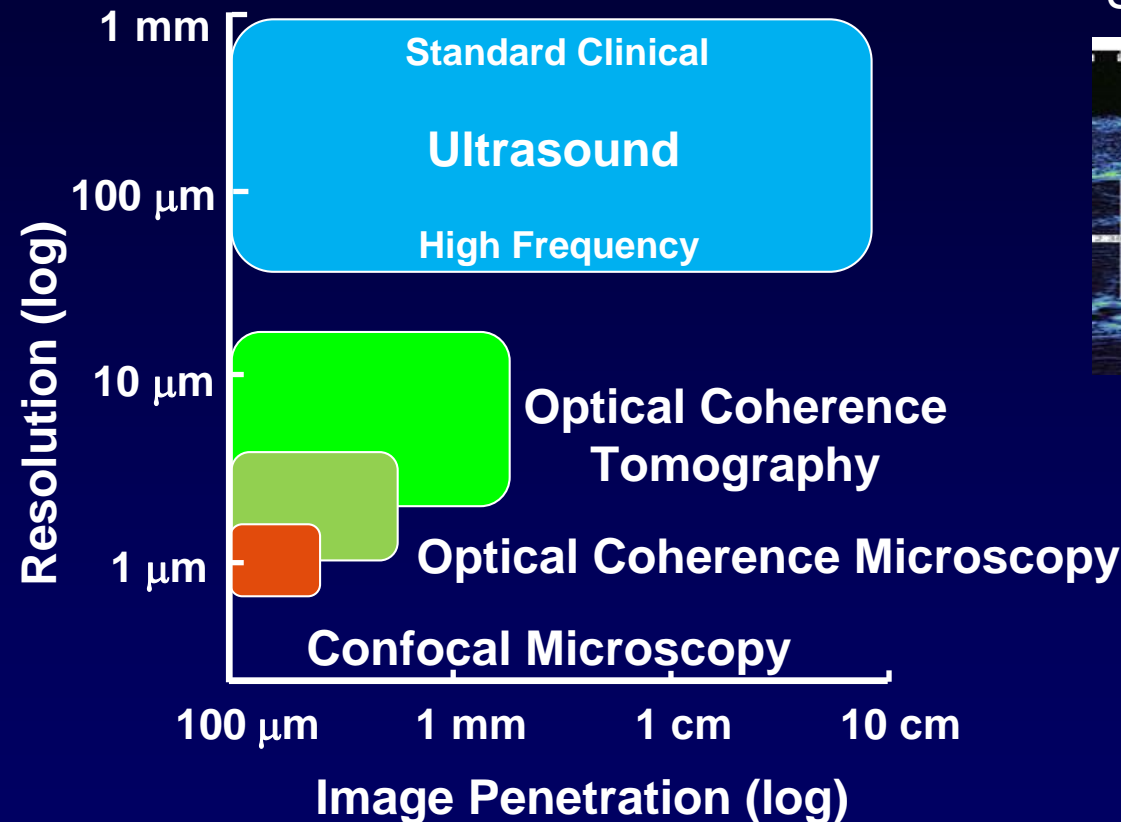
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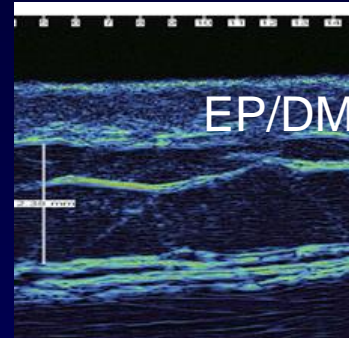
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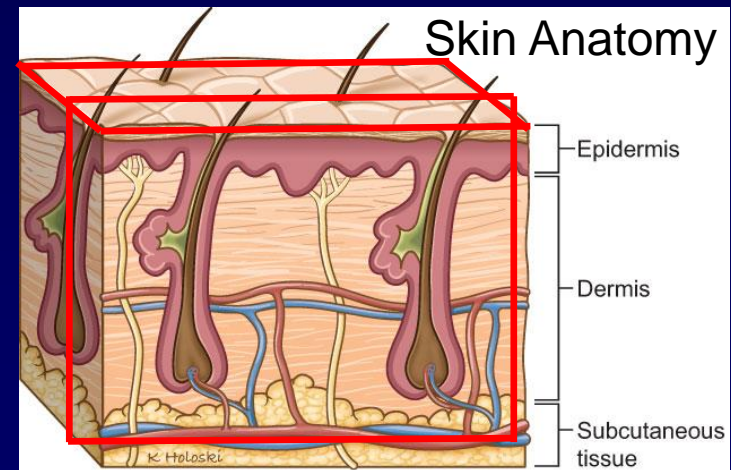
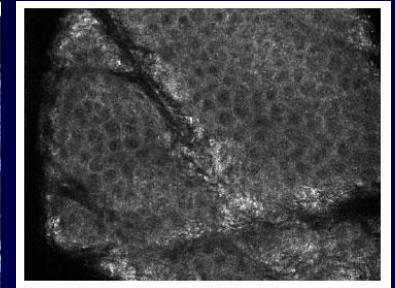
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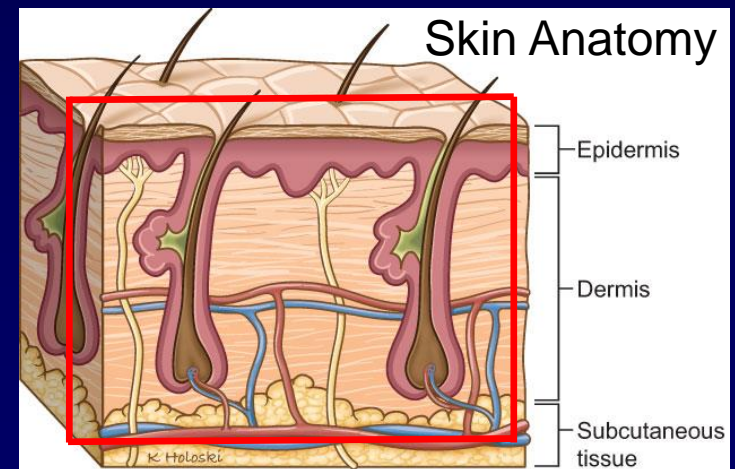
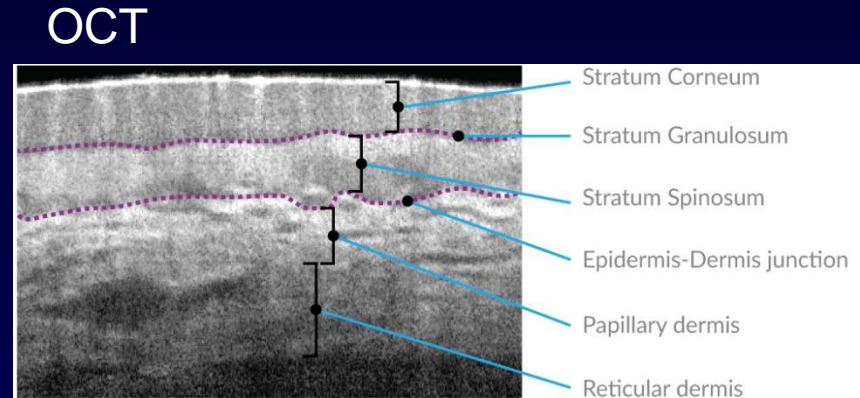
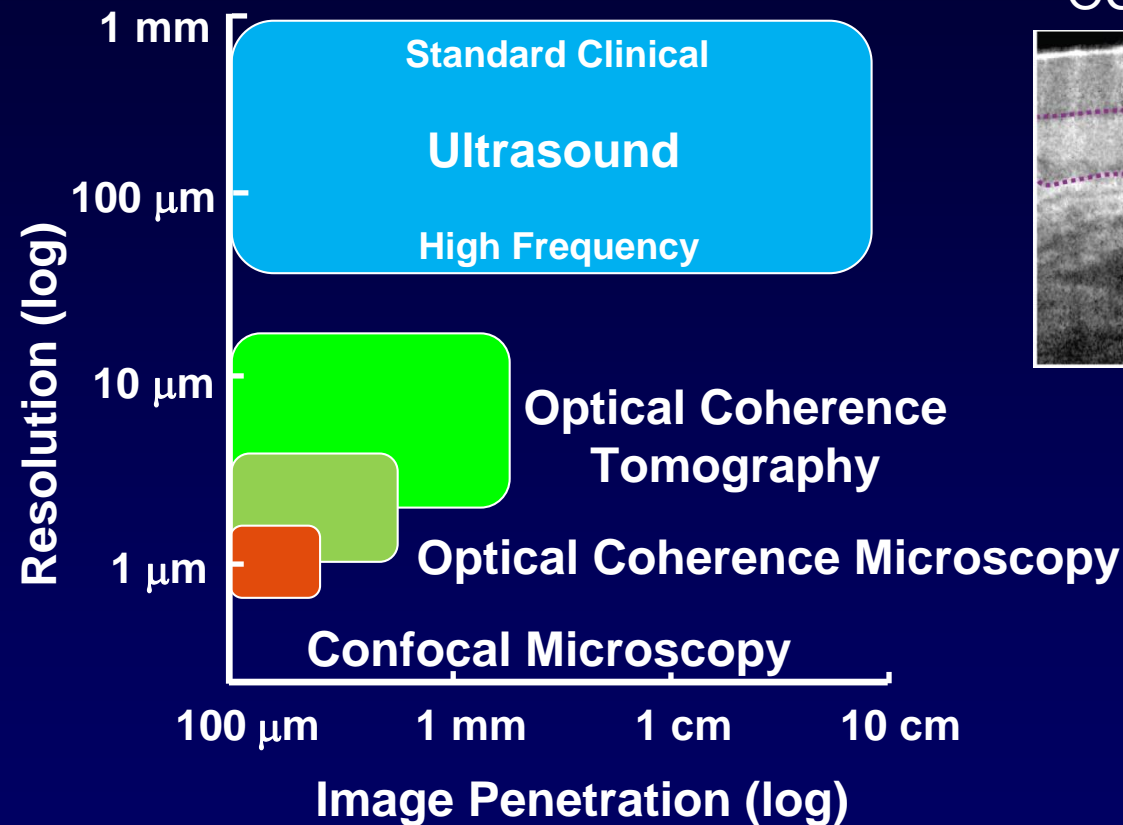
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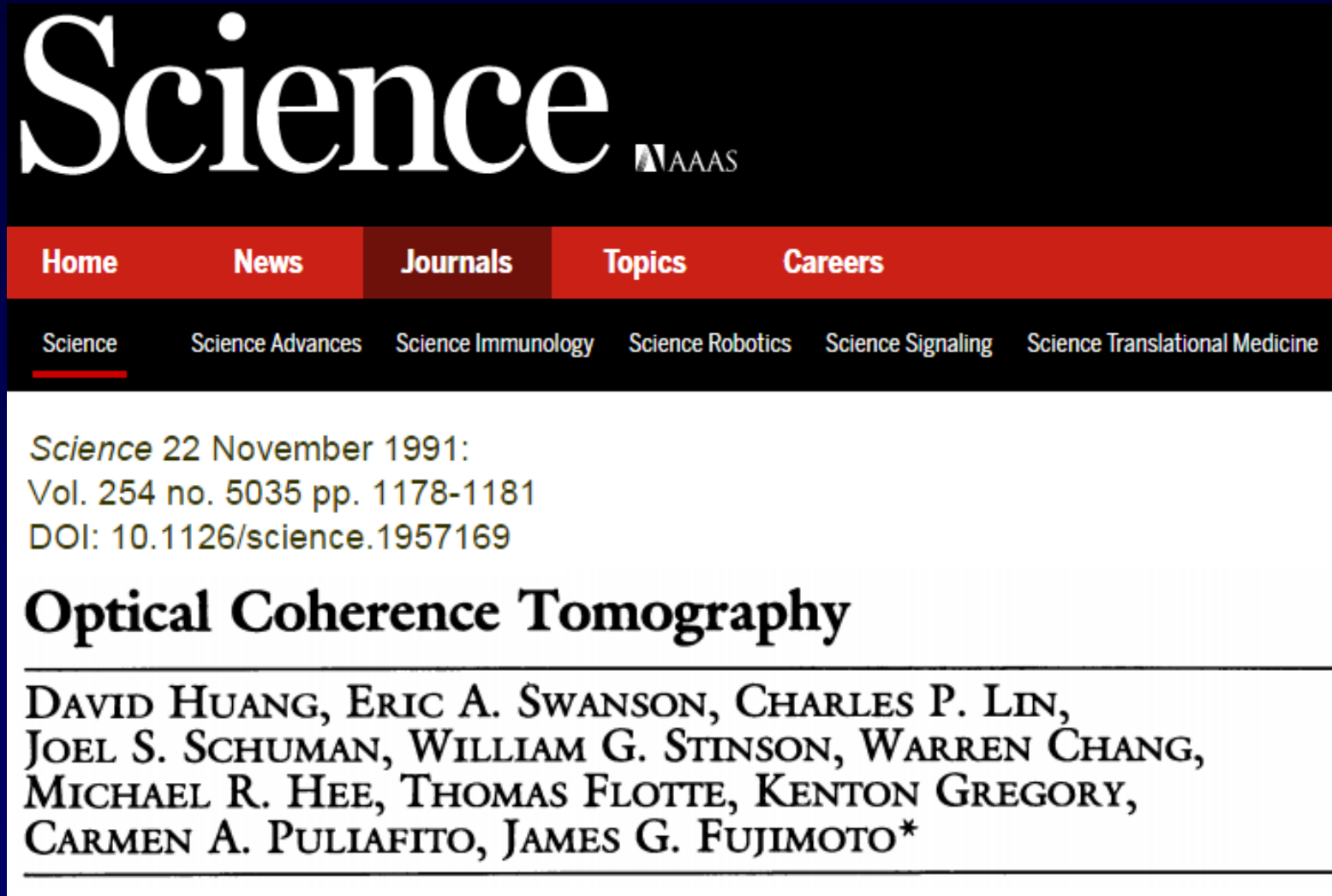


Subsurface Imaging Techniques



Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)

- How it begins....



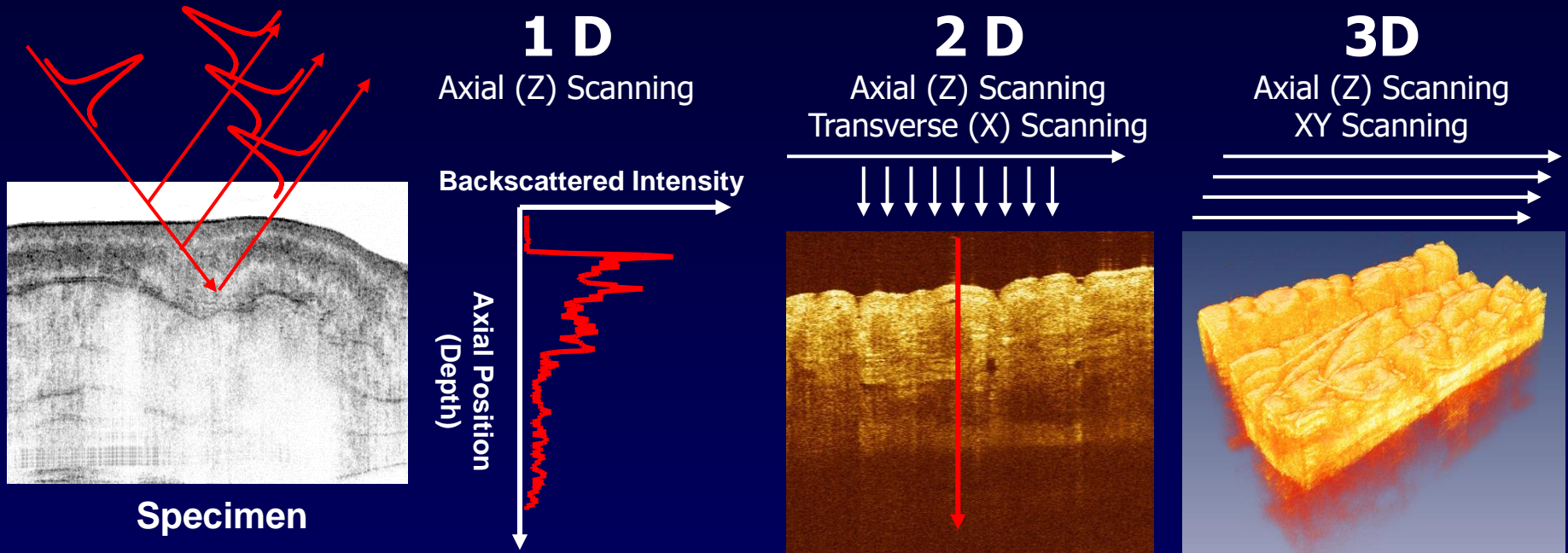
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Optical coherence tomography (OCT) – I



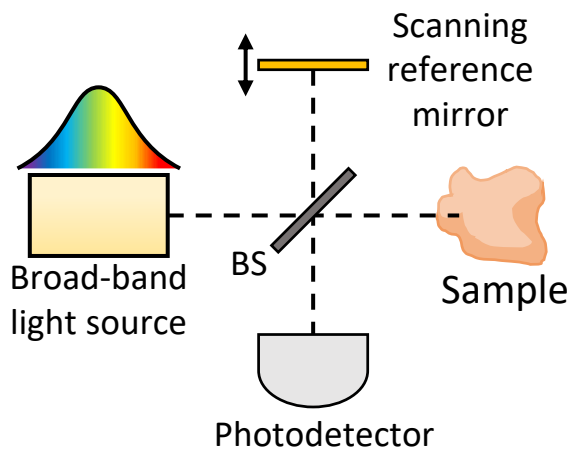
- Imaging speed – real time
- Imaging depth – mm
- Depth-resolved
- Spatial resolution – μm

Optical coherence tomography (OCT) – II

- Time-domain OCT¹
- Fourier-domain OCT²⁻⁶
 - Spectral-domain OCT (SD-OCT)^{2,4,5}
 - Swept-source OCT (SS-OCT)^{3,6}

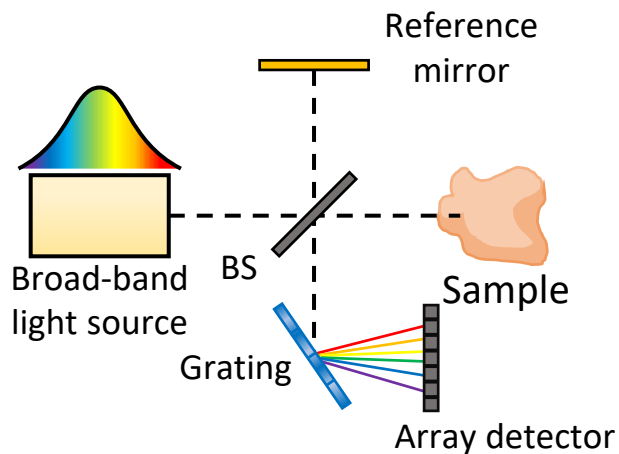
Time Domain

(a) TD-OCT

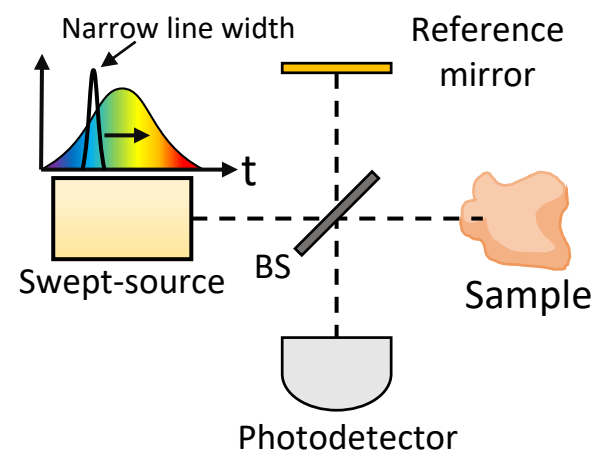


Fourier Domain

(b) SD-OCT



(c) SS-OCT



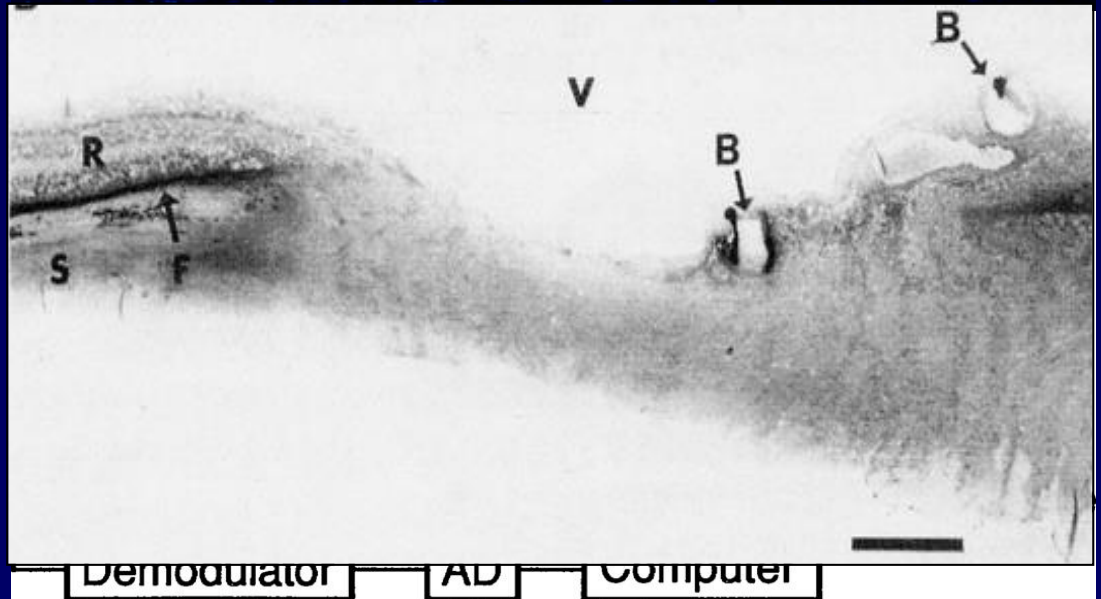
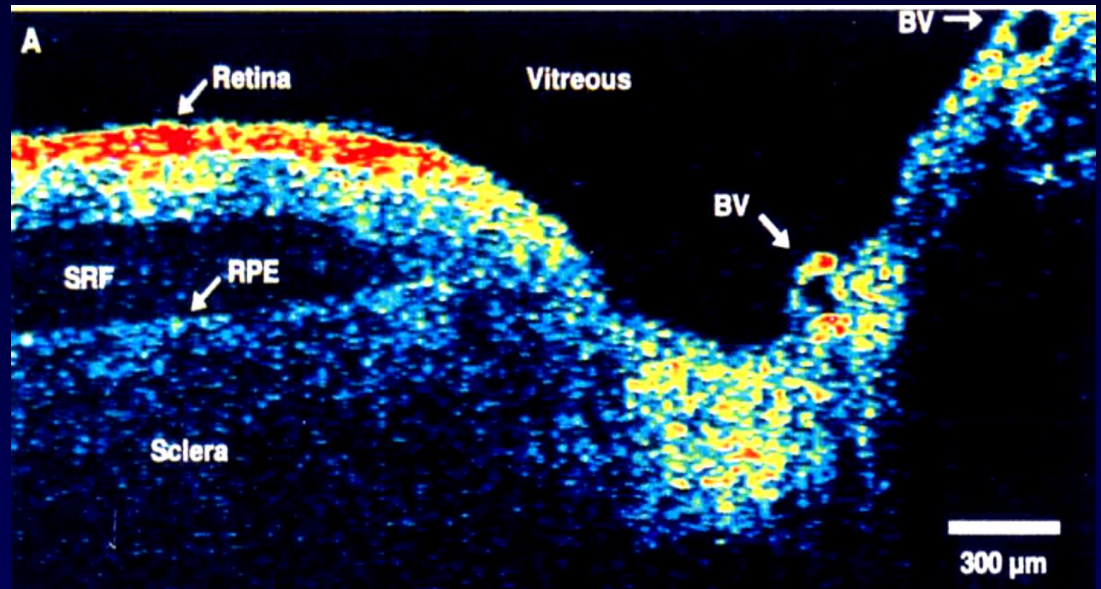
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OCT Retinal Imaging (1991)



D. Huang, E.
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Early Research Prototype OCT (ca 1994)

Running at 40 A-scans per second

More than 5000 patients imaged at the New England Eye Center

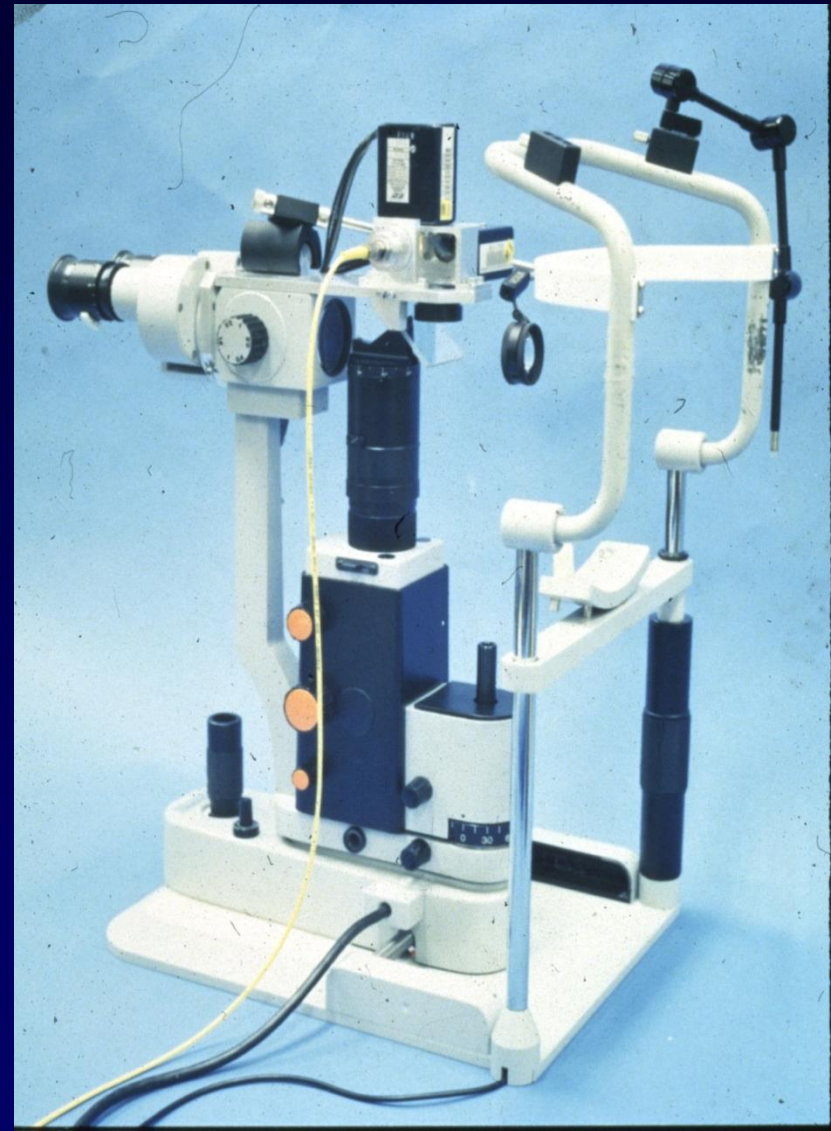
First OCT studies of

- Glaucoma
- Diabetic retinopathy
- Macular degeneration

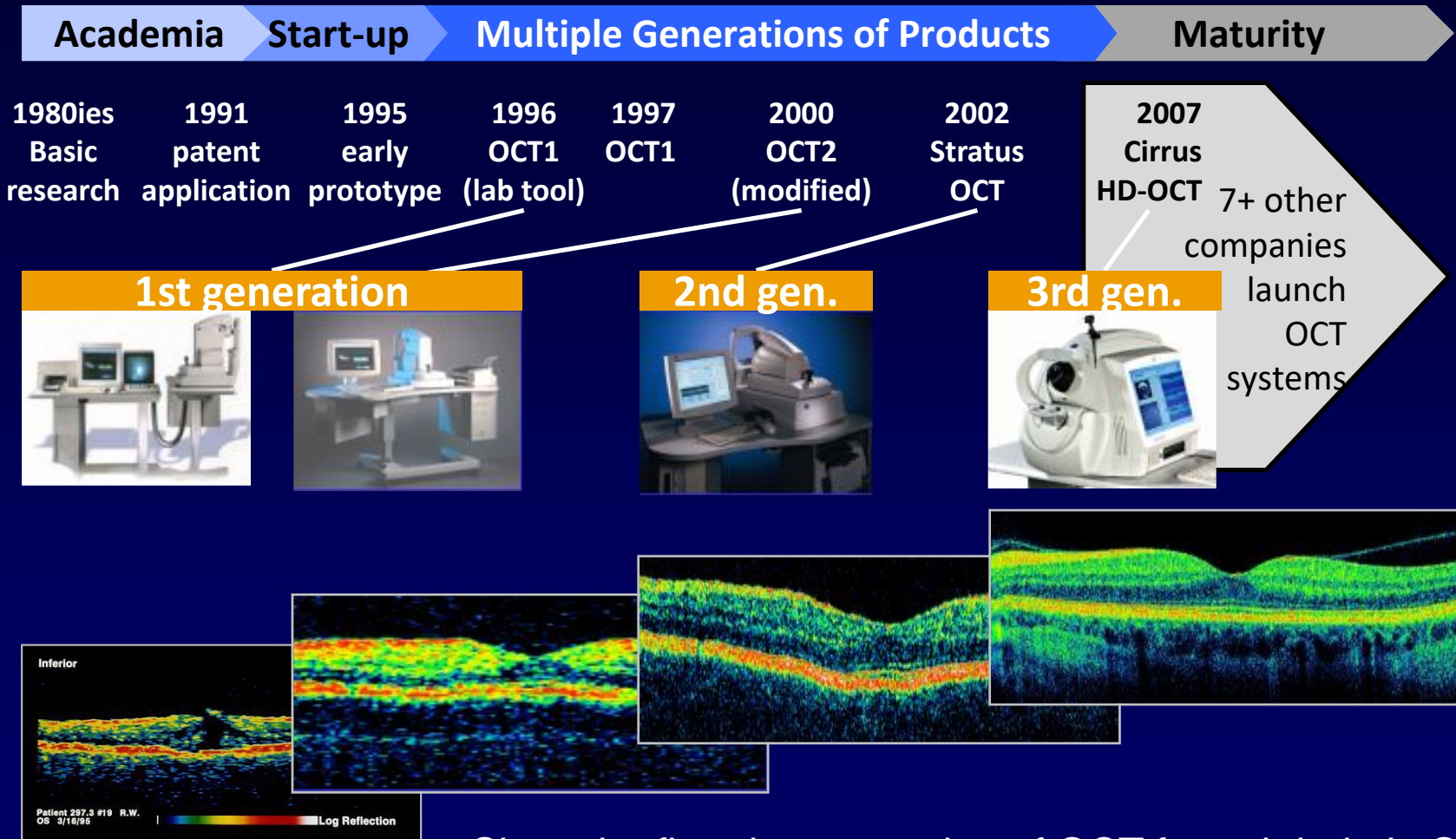
Carmen Puliafito, MD

Joel Schuman, MD

Courtesy of Eric Swanson



Commercial Development of Ophthalmic OCT

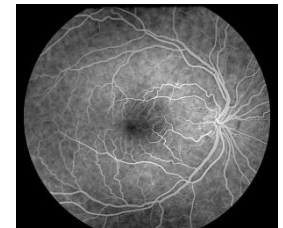
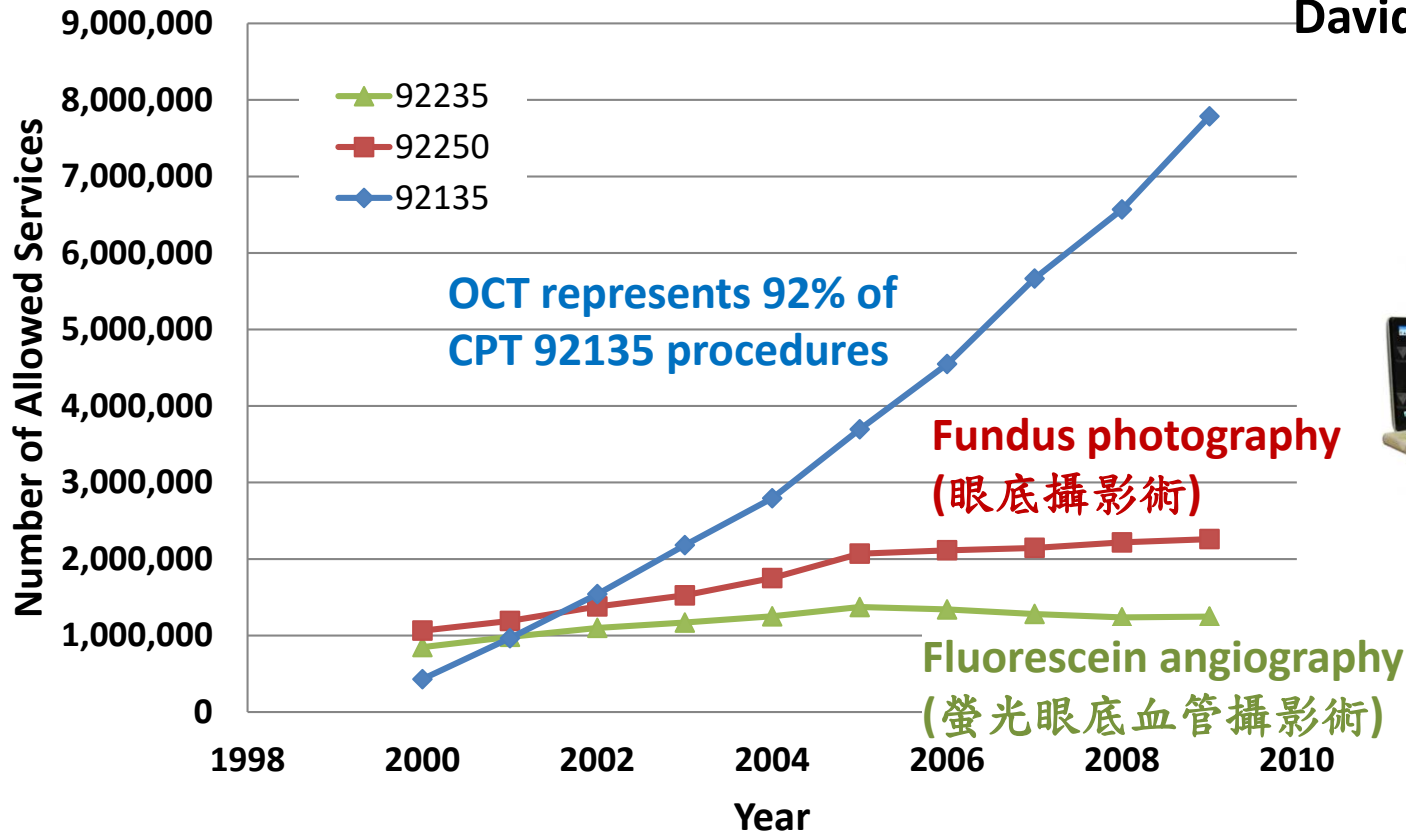


Since the first demonstration of OCT for ophthalmic OCT applications, there has been tremendous improvement on the performance of the OCT for retinal imaging.

OCT procedures surpassed the sum of other ophthalmic imaging procedures

Allowed CPT 92135 Medicare Services vs Year

Eric Swanson &
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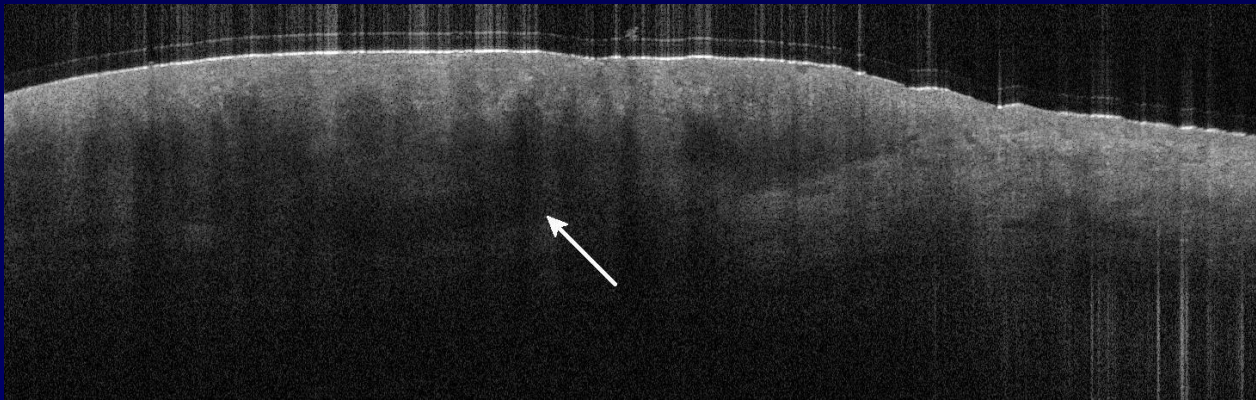
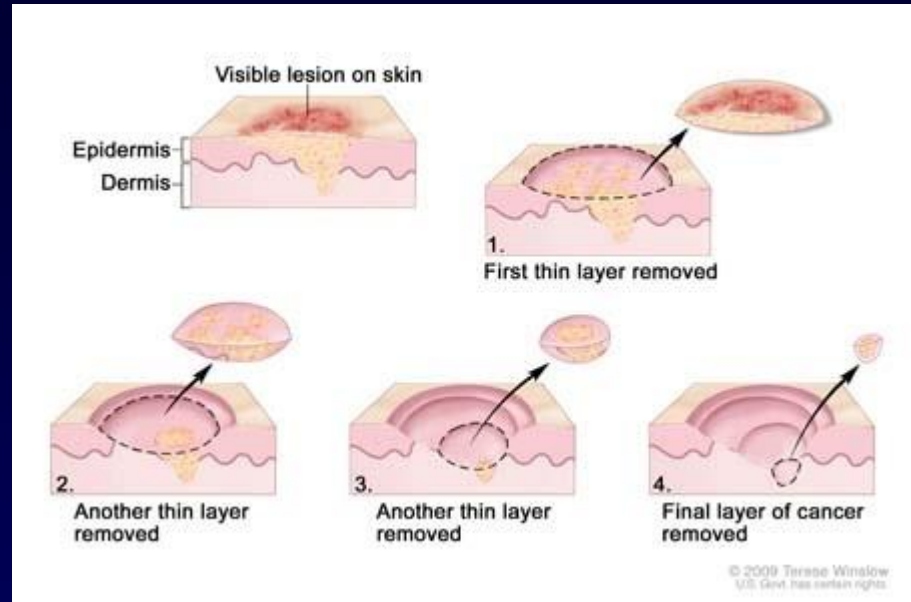
Existing Commercial Ophthalmic OCT Products



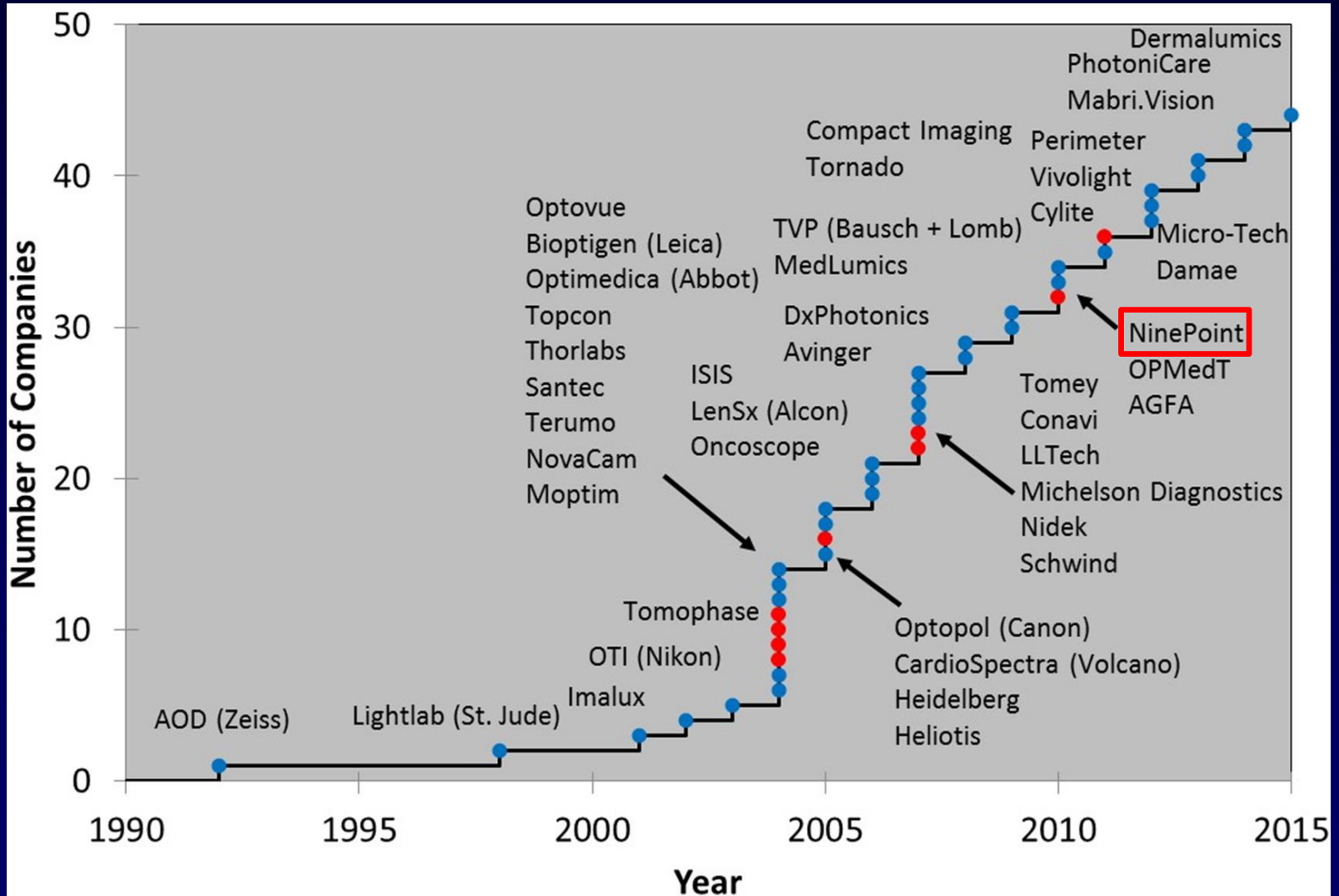
All based on the SD-OCT platform (i.e. spectrometer) - $<100\text{kHz}$ axial (depth) scan rate.

(a) Cirrus-HD OCT 5000 from Zeiss; (b) Optovue Inc. RTVue and Handheld iVue OCT systems for ophthalmology; (c) Topcon 3DOCT-2000 for ophthalmology; (d) Heidelberg Engineering Spectralis OCT for ophthalmology; and (e) Nidek RS-3000 Advance for Ophthalmology.

OCT in Dermatology

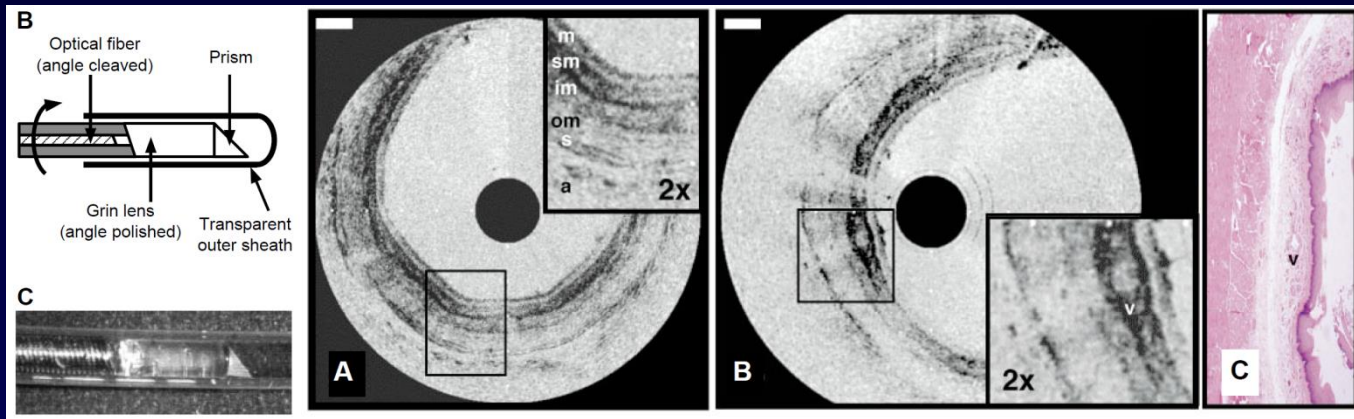


Companies Developing OCT Systems

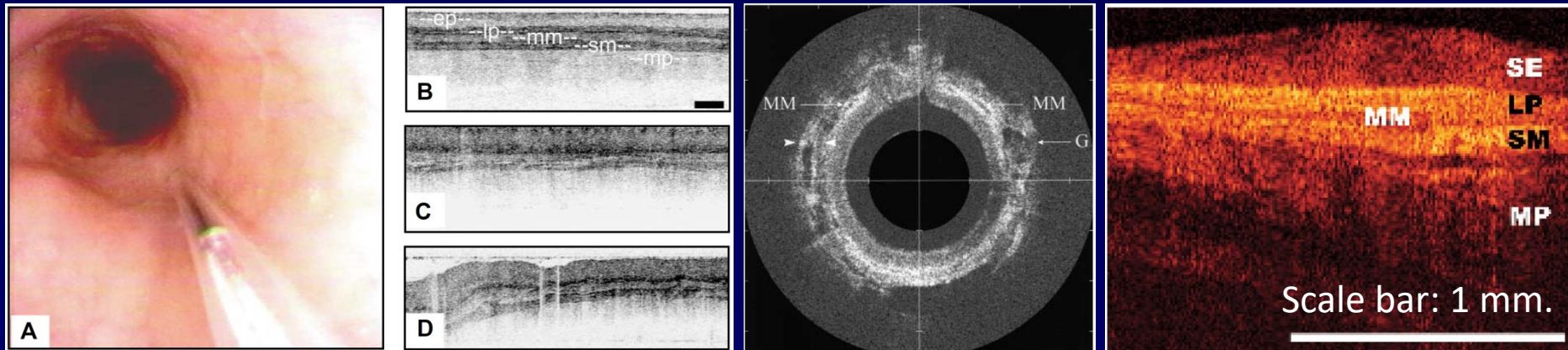


Endoscopic OCT

- First demonstrated in rabbit esophagus *in vivo* in 1997¹.



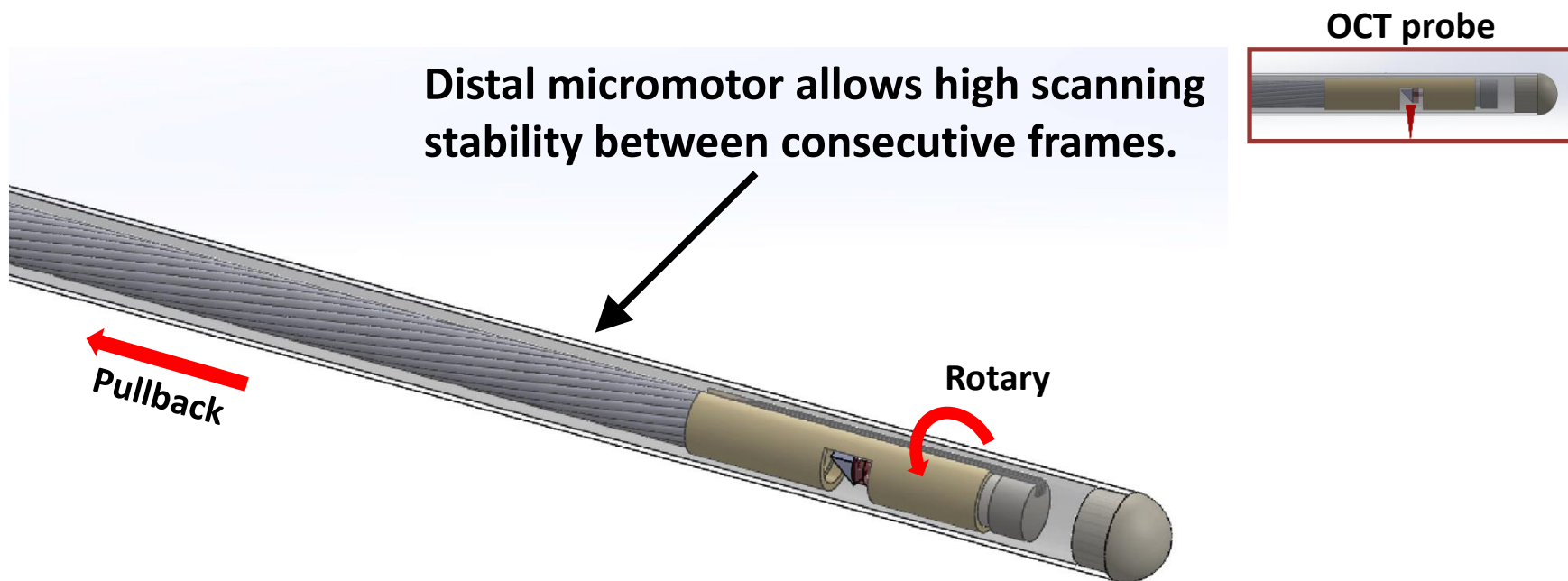
- Subsequently, *in vivo* OCT imaging of the human GI tract was demonstrated by multiple groups in parallel in 2000²⁻⁴.



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Ultrahigh Speed Endoscopic OCT System



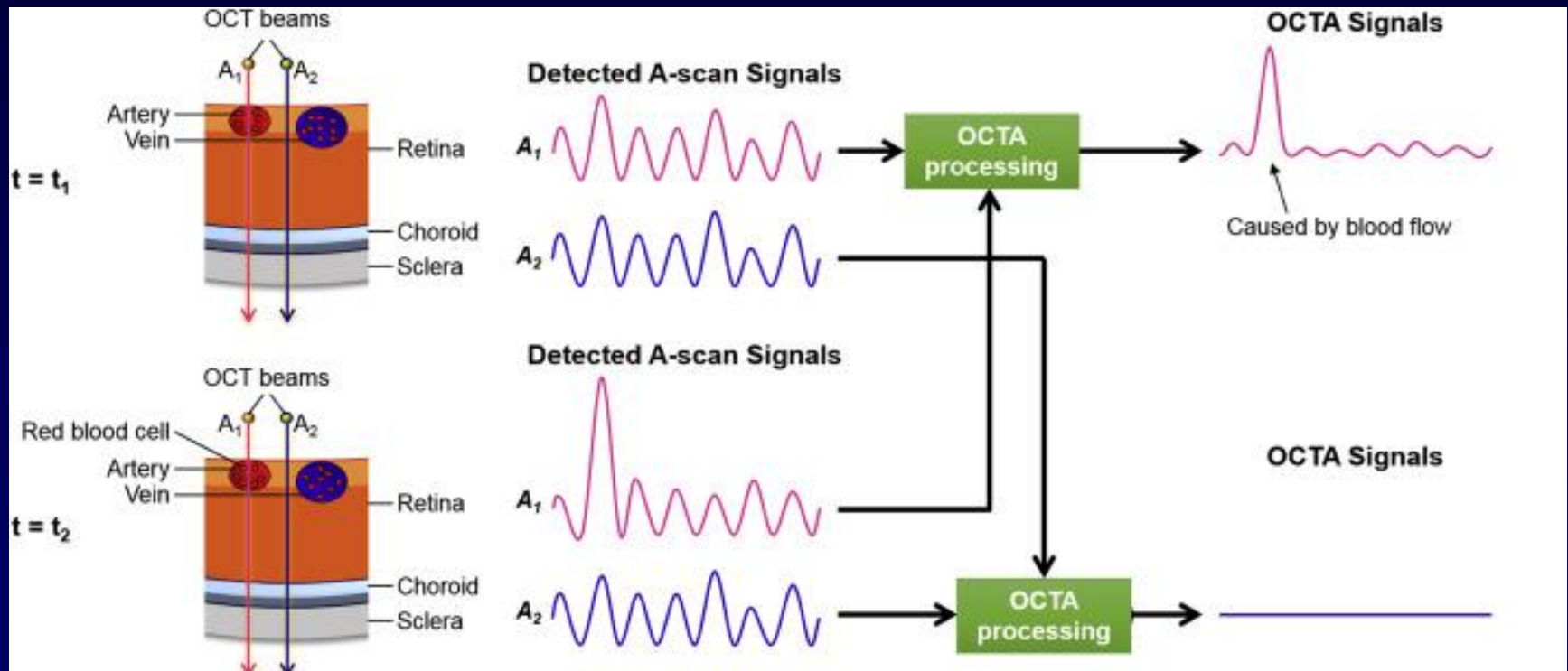
The rotational speed of the micromotor in the rendering is slowed down significantly for the purpose of illustration.

- 600,000 depth scans per second
- 400 frames/images per second
- 2.4 mm depth range (in tissue)
- ~8 μm axial/20 μm transverse resolution*
- ~101 dB detection sensitivity
- 3.4 mm diameter micromotor probe
- 10 x 16 mm² field of view
- 8 second acquisition time
- Real time display for imaging guidance
- >10x faster than commercial system

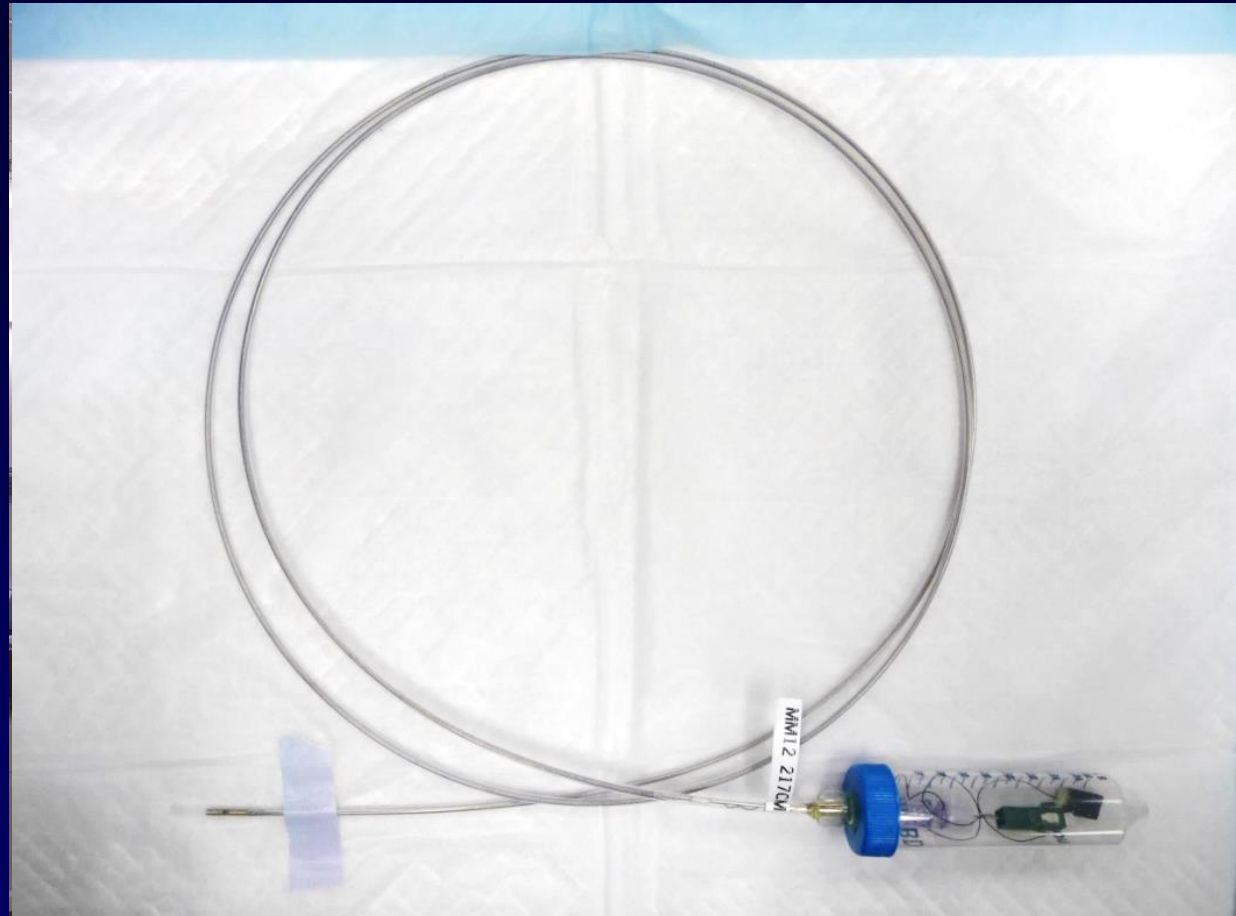
*full width at half maximum (FWHM)

Endoscopic OCT Angiography (OCTA)

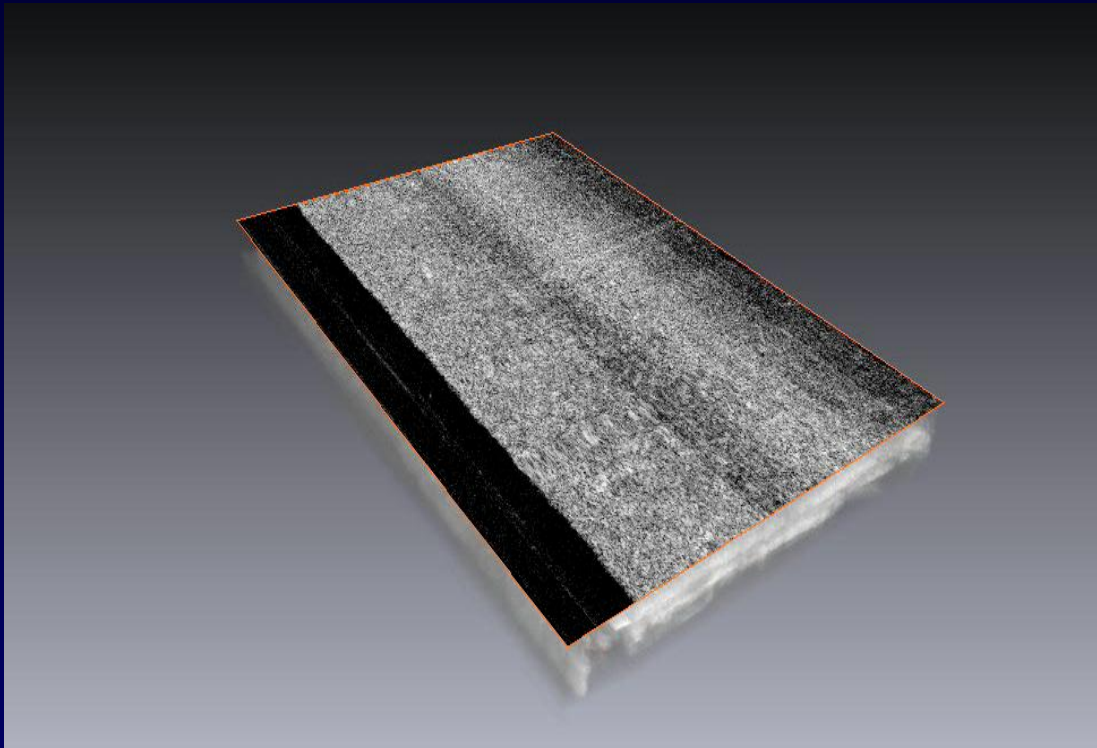
- Endoscopic OCTA was performed by calculating the intensity decorrelation (D) between consecutive OCT images, resulting from the moving erythrocytes in the microvascular network¹.



Clinical Endoscopic OCT Imaging



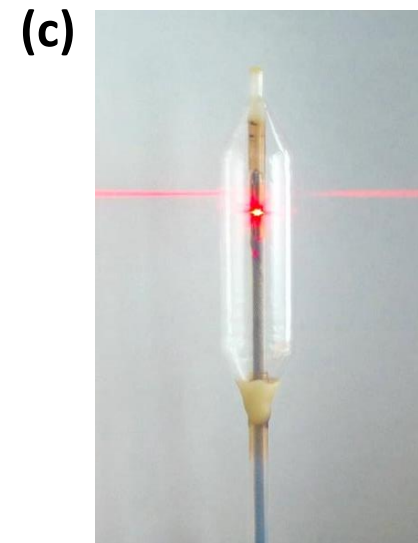
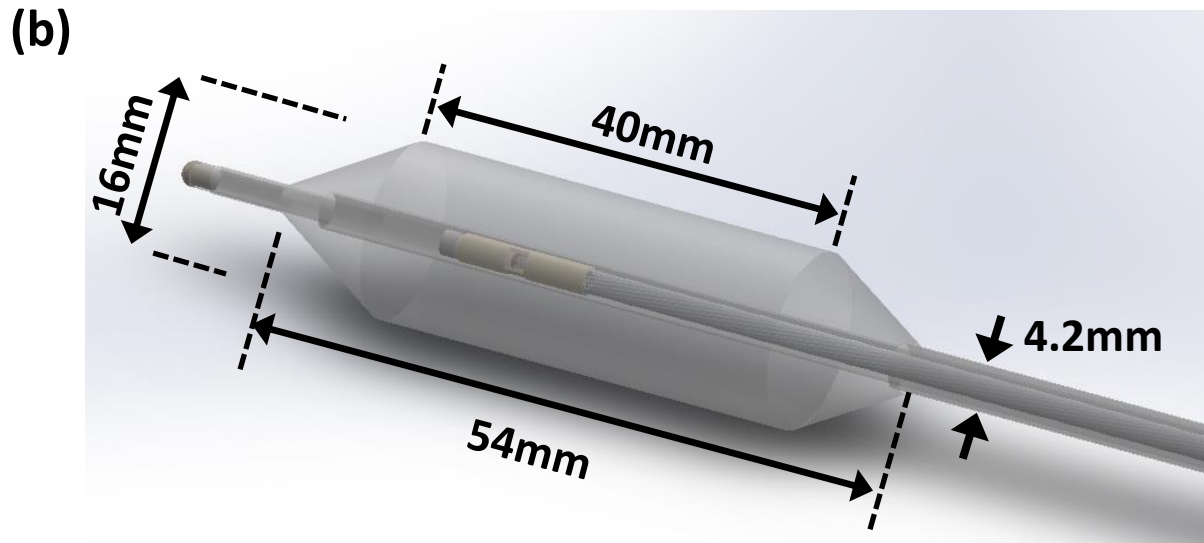
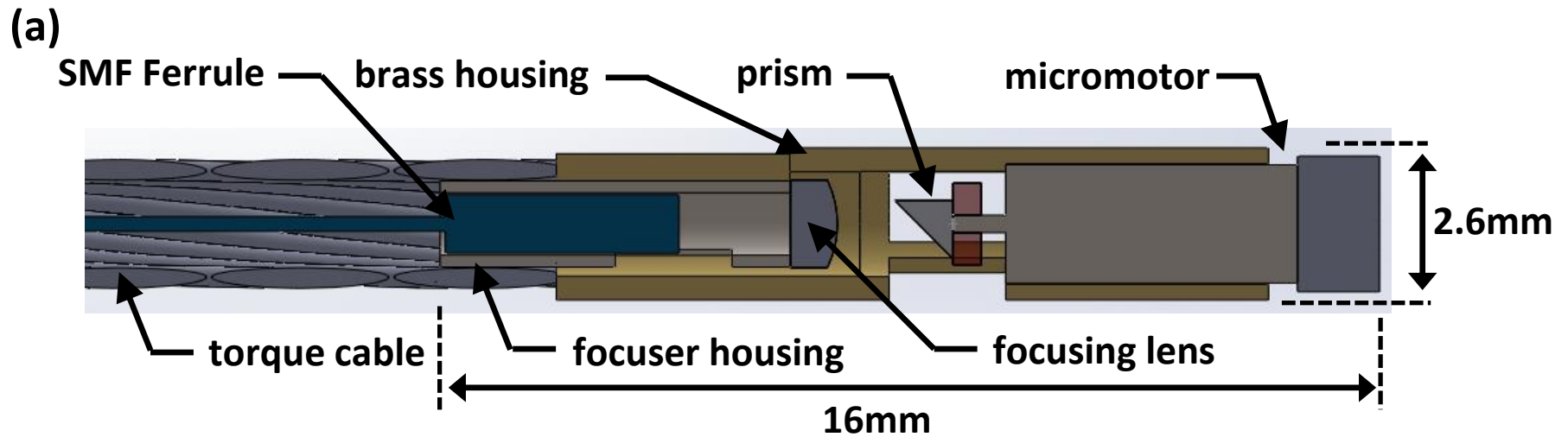
Endoscopic OCTA



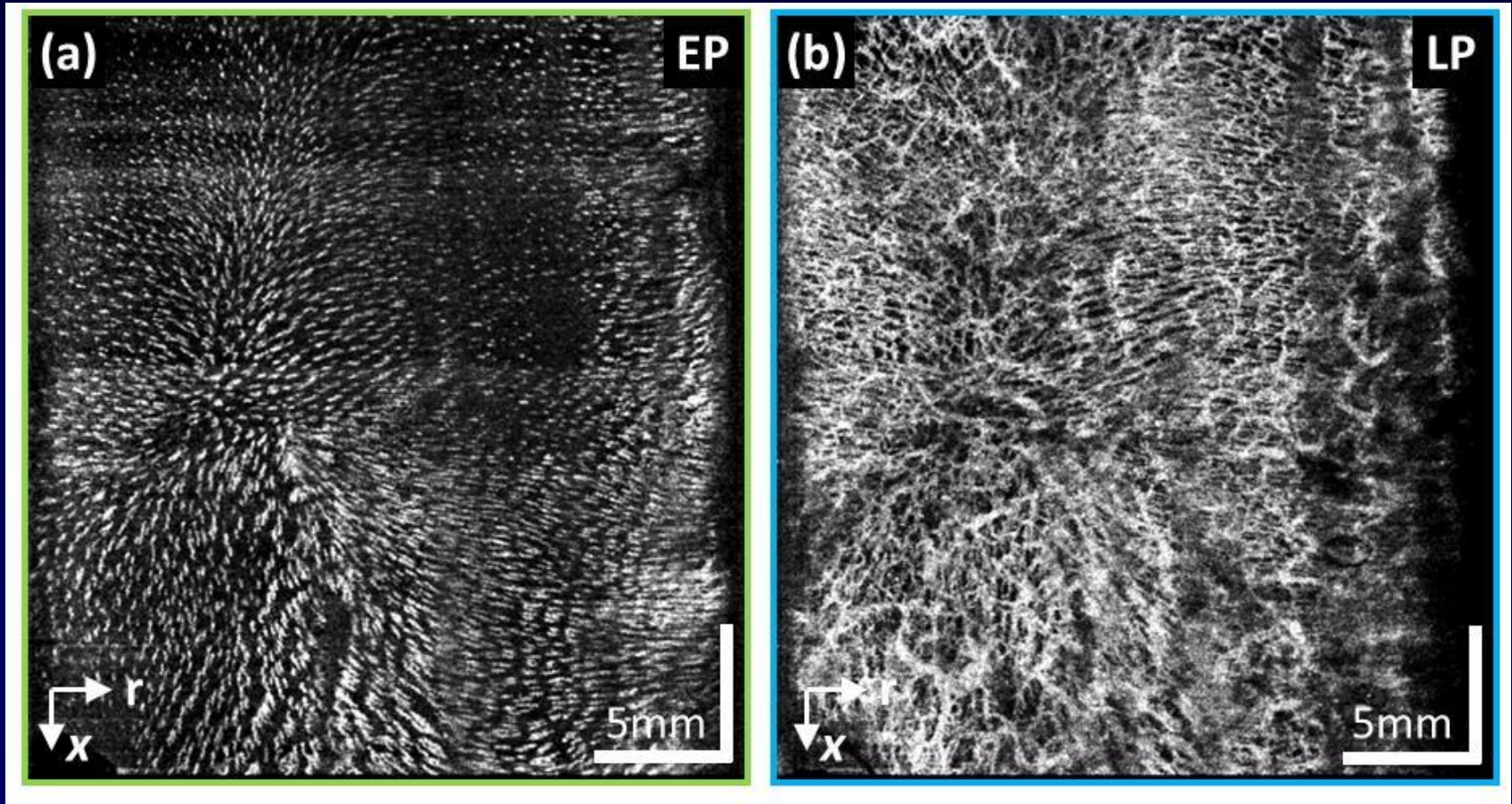
Endoscopic OCTA of normal human esophagus



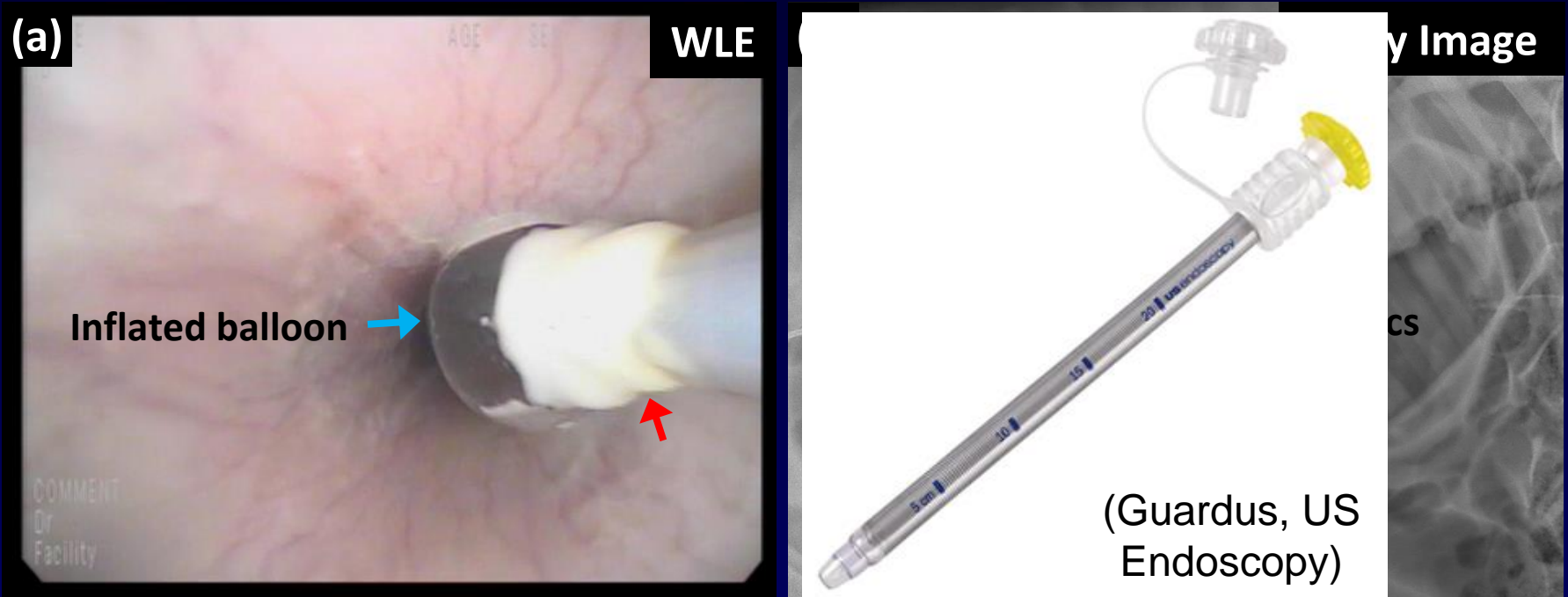
Micromotor Balloon Imaging Catheter



OCTA Imaging of the Human Buccal Mucosa

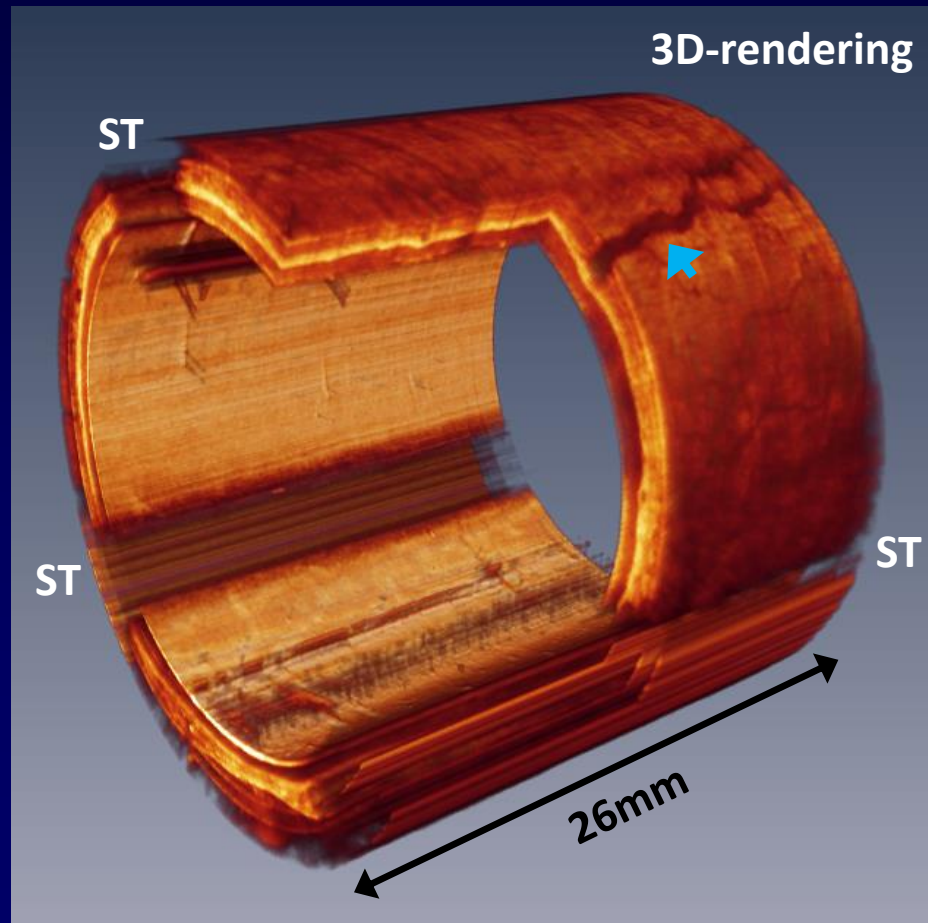
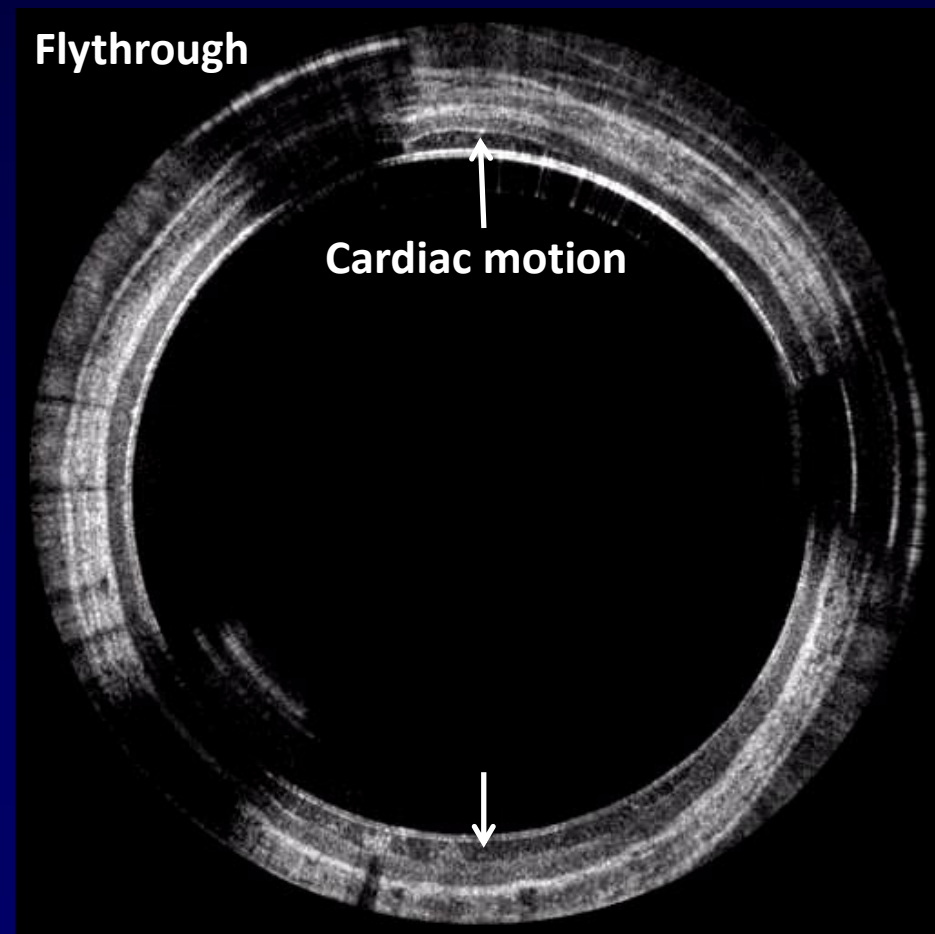
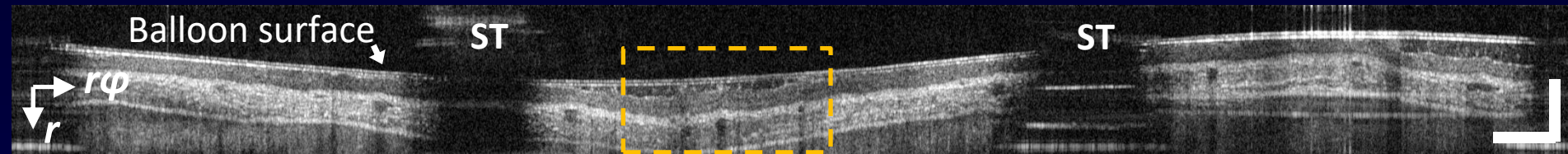


Animal Imaging Procedures



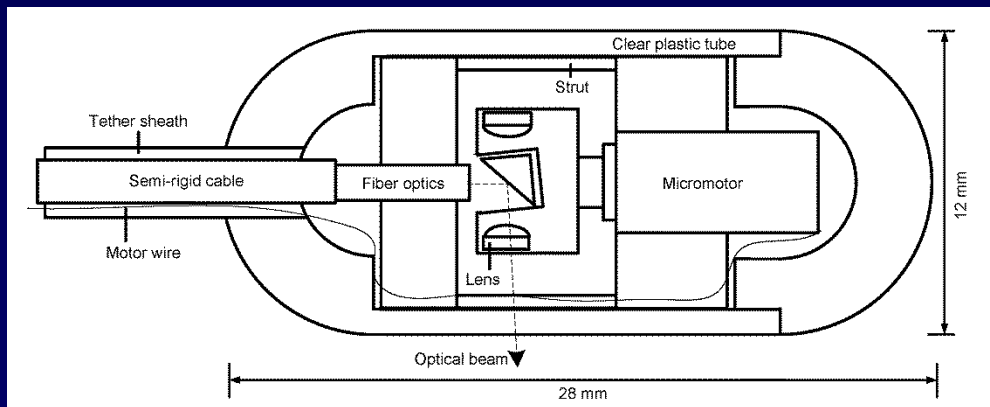
- Sedation: intramuscular injection of 5 mg/kg telazol and 2 mg/kg xylazine.
- A 16.7 mm ID overtube was placed using a dual channel endoscope to facilitate the introduction of the micromotor balloon catheter.

OCT images of the Swine Esophagus



***En face* OCT Capsule with Micromotor**

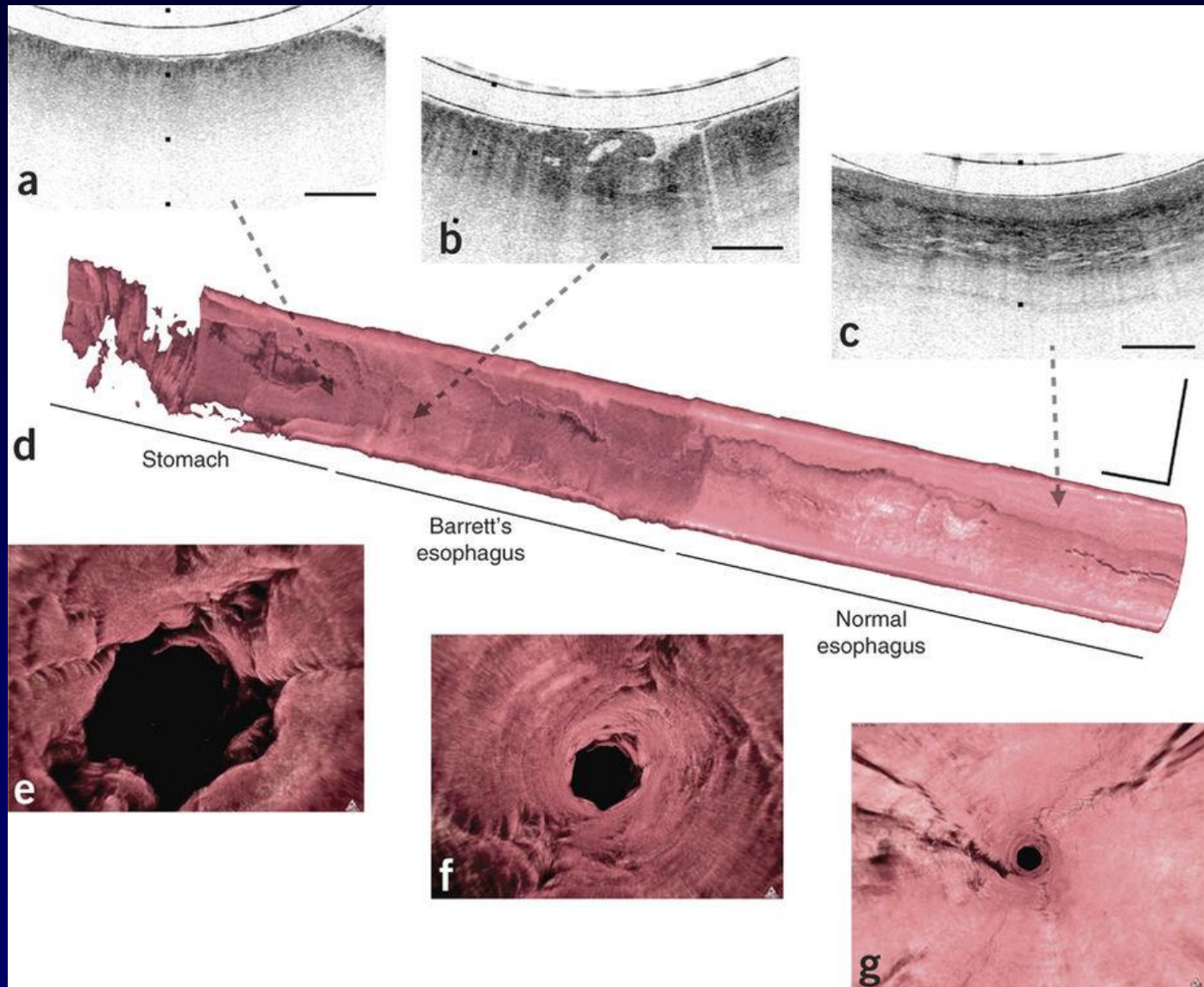
- **Ultrahigh speed OCT can deliver volumetric imaging up to 20x faster than commercial endoscopic OCT**
- **Tethered capsule can image circumference and extremely long length (>20 cm) of esophagus**
- **Semi-rigid tether enables introduction into esophagus of sedated patients, independent of endoscope**



Tethered Capsule Imaging Procedure

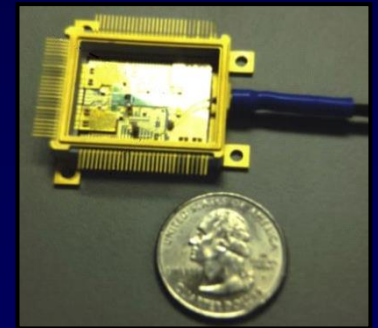


Tethered Capsule Imaging

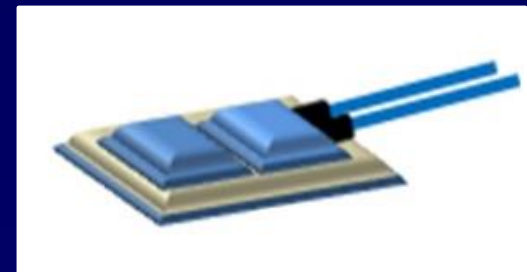


Photonic Integrated Circuit (PIC)

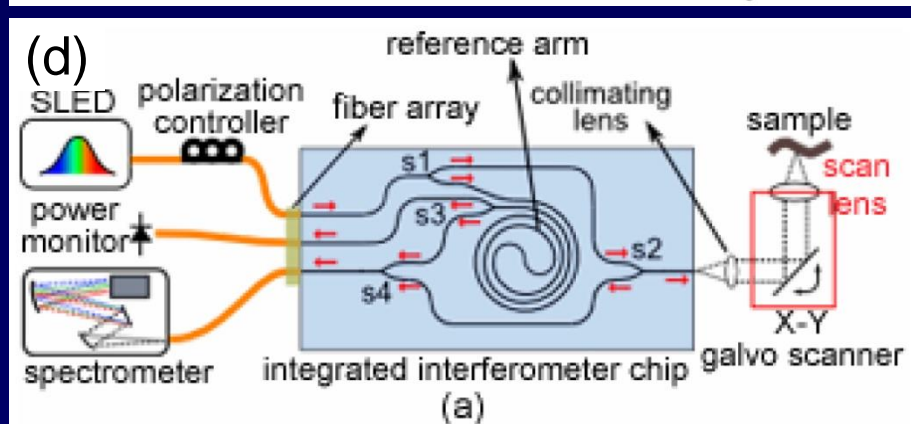
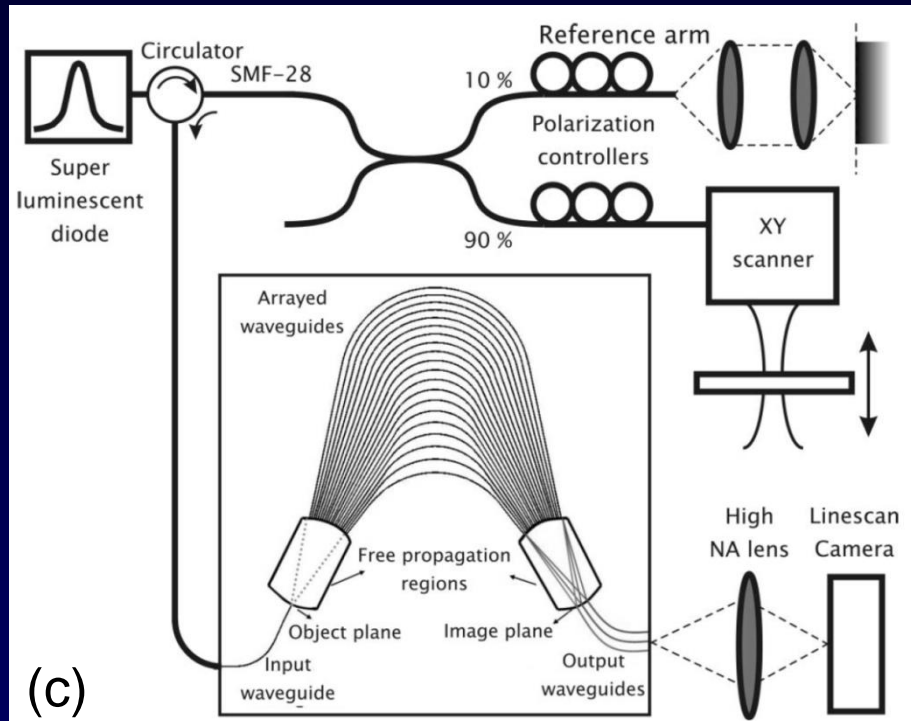
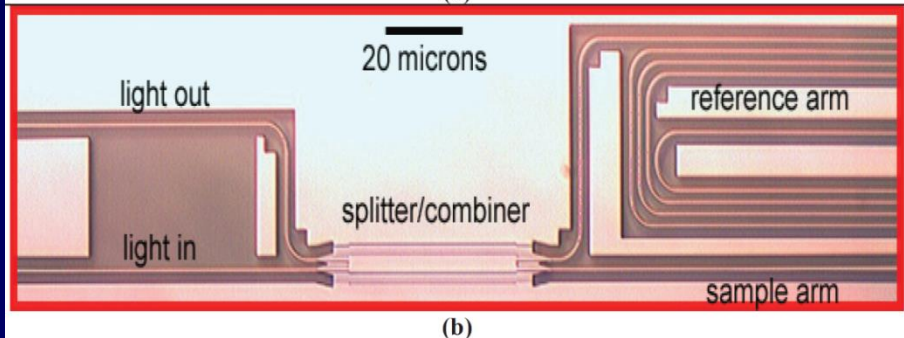
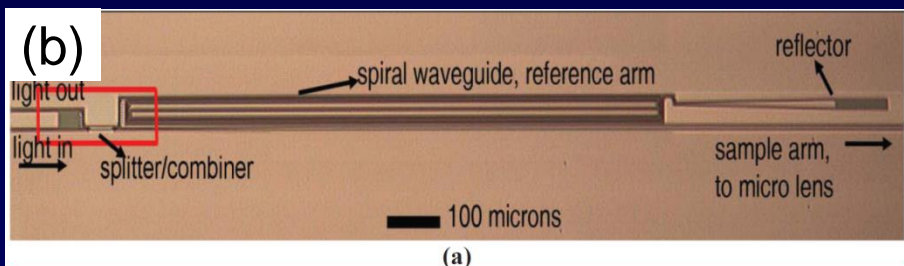
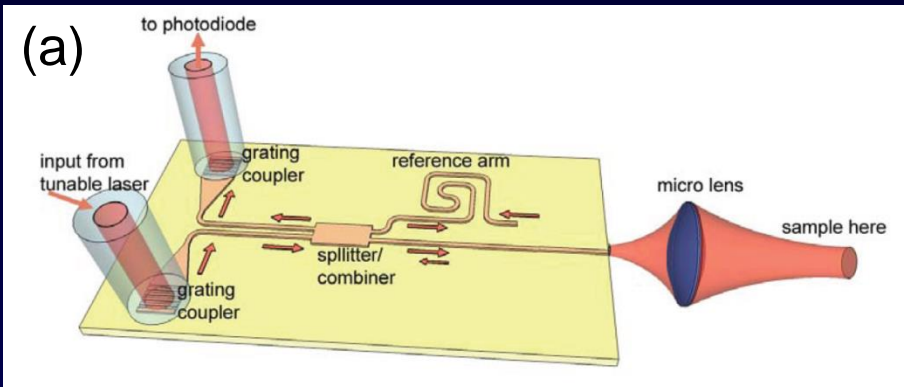
- PICs are revolutionizing fiber optic telecommunications
 - ~\$100M's in R&D investment
 - ~\$5B's market
 - High performance: Very low loss, wide bandwidth, high-speed
 - Manufacturable with high yields and high volumes
 - Compact: PICs with 100's to 1000's of optical elements
 - Small incremental cost to add additional electro-optical functions
- Integrated optics will offer tremendous promise for the future of OCT



Future OCT System



Silicon Photonics Integrated OCT System

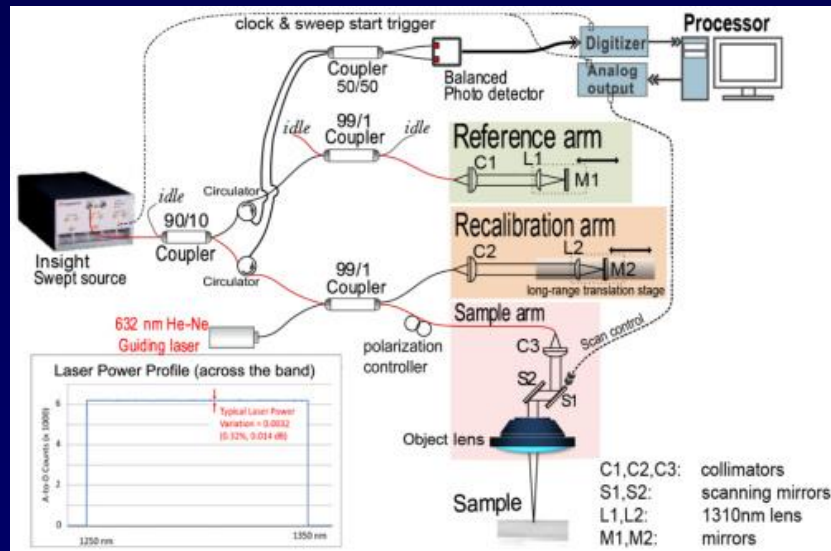
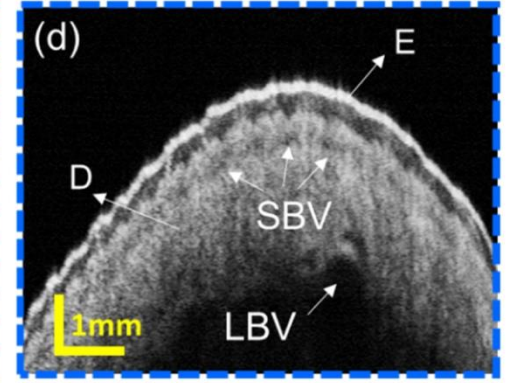
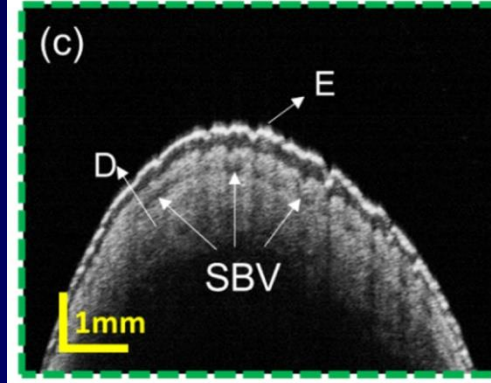
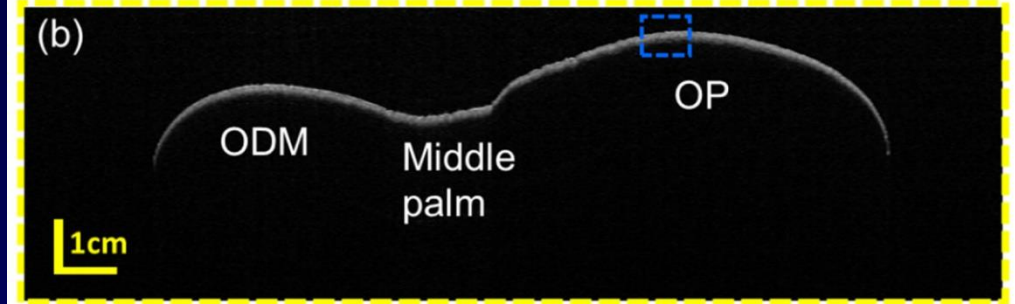
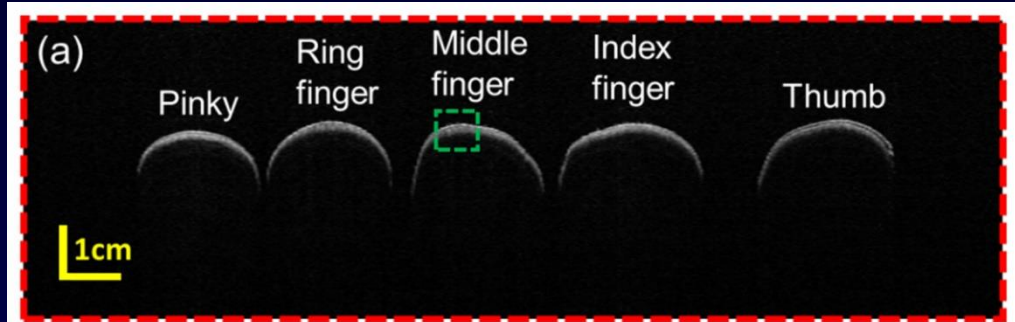
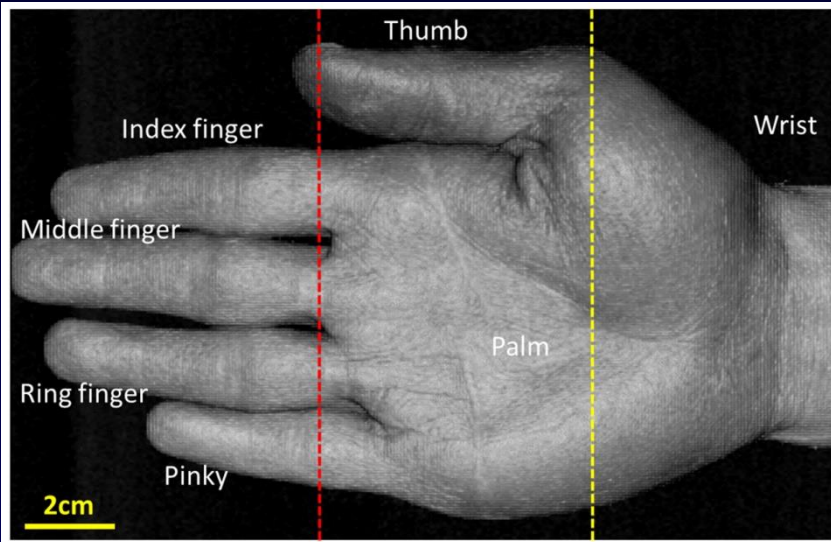


(a, b) Yurtsever et al., SPIE Proceeding (2010)

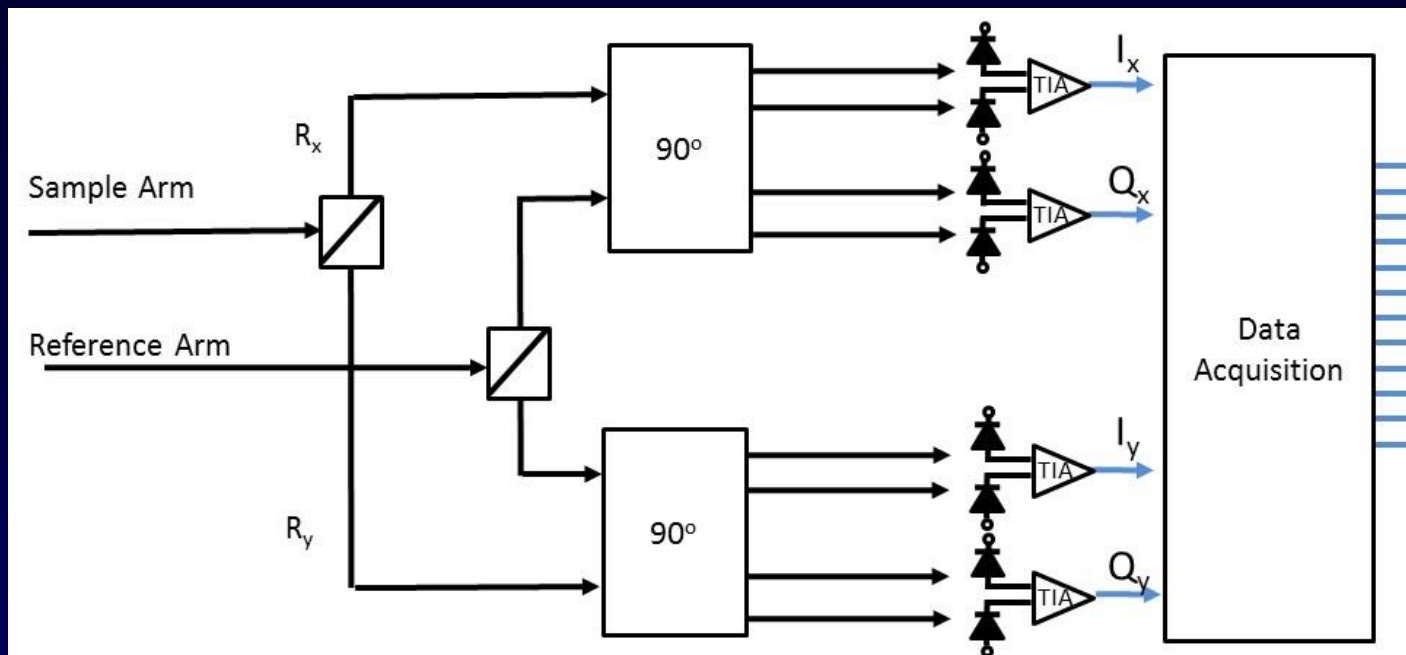
(c) Nguyen, et al., Opt Lett (2011)

(d) Yurtsever et al., Biomed Opt Express (2014)

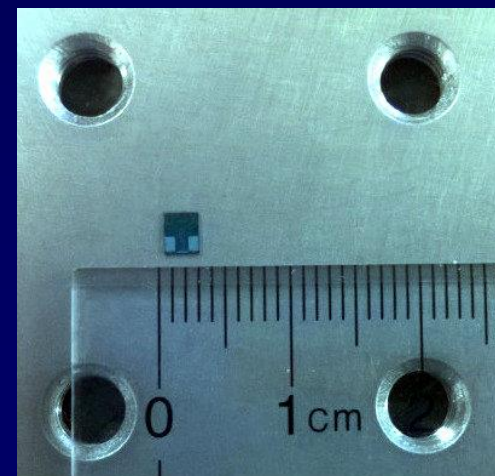
Long range OCT



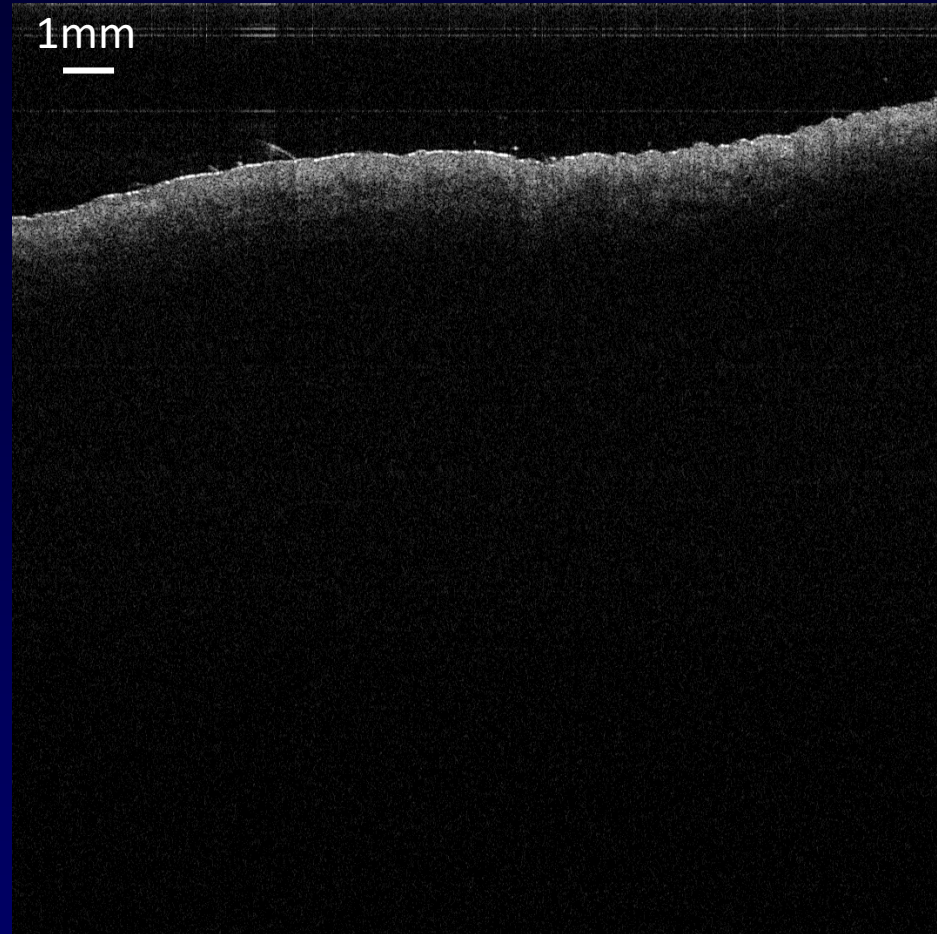
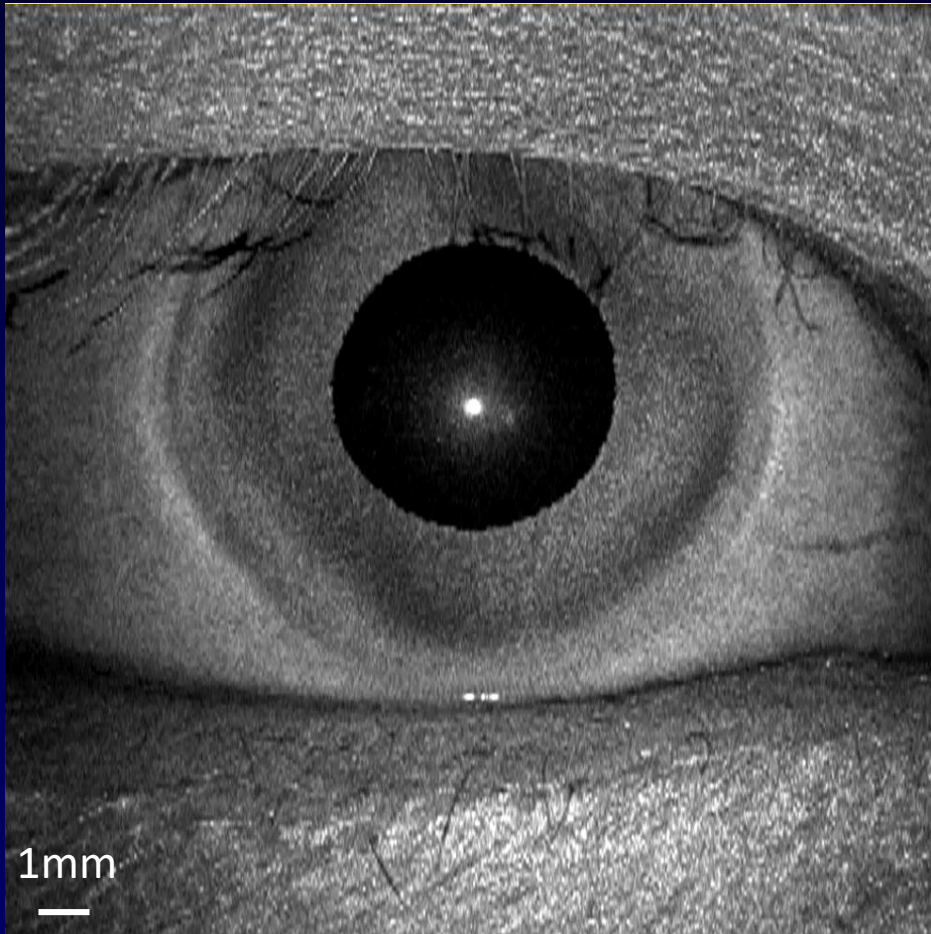
Coherent Receiver Integrated OCT System



- Dual polarization, dual balanced, in phase and quadrature (IQ) detection
- >70 nm optical bandwidth at 1550 nm
- Low loss (~ 4 dB)
- > 25 GHz electrical bandwidth
- 3 mm x 4 mm die size



Anterior Eye Imaging using VCSEL and Integrated Receiver @1310nm



- Scan pattern: 2000 x 200 A-scans/volume
- Acquisition time: 2 s
- Scan field: 18 × 18 mm²

*unpublished data

OCT Imaging at ~1 Cubic Meter Volume



OCT Imaging at ~1 Cubic Meter Volume



▶ DC

50cm

- Scan pattern: 1000x1000 A-scans/volume
- Scan volume (~200cm depth, ~100cm horizontal, ~100cm vertical)
- Edge of chess board to back of mannequin ~80cm

Meter Range OCT for 3D Documentation

This bike is >1.5 meters long





10cm |



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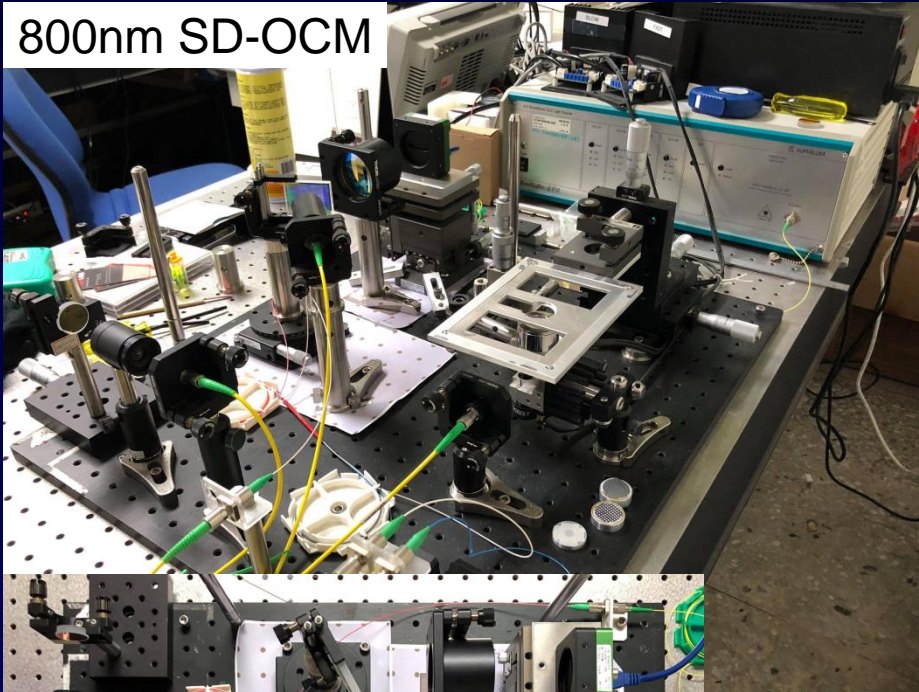
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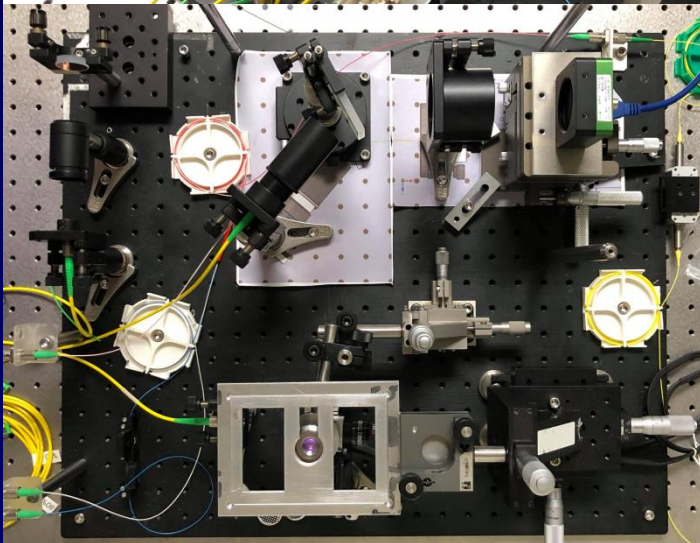
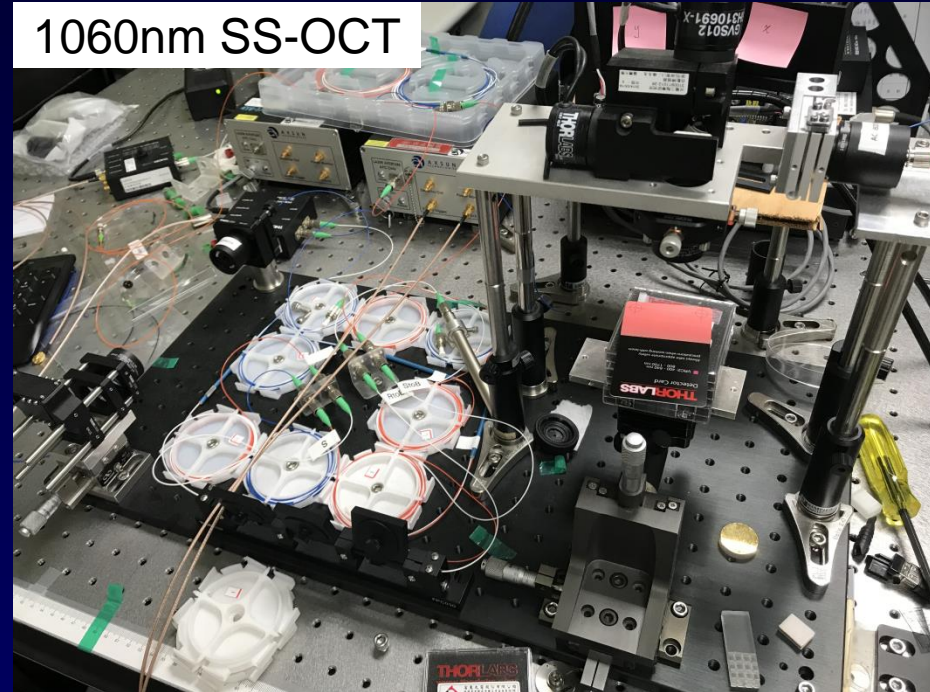
Advanced Biomedical Optical Imaging Lab

- MIC Room 114:

800nm SD-OCM



1060nm SS-OCT



800nm SD-OCM (~100kHz Ascans/sec)

- customized spectrometer with a USB 3.0 line-scan camera (e2V) and off shelf optics
- Inverted microscope (sample arm)

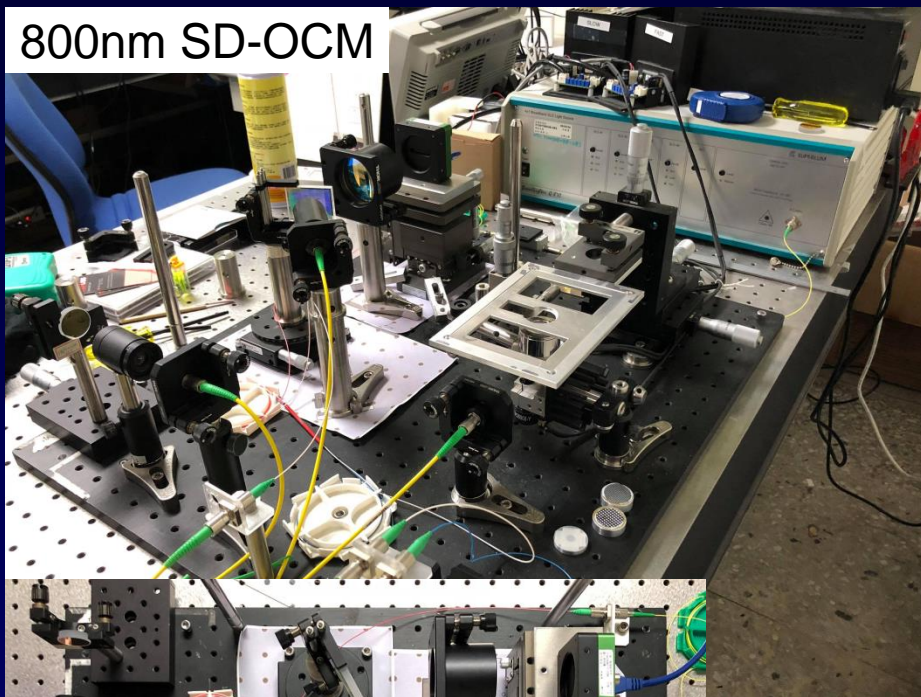
1060 SS-OCT (100 or 200kHz Ascans/sec)

- suitable for human/animal study

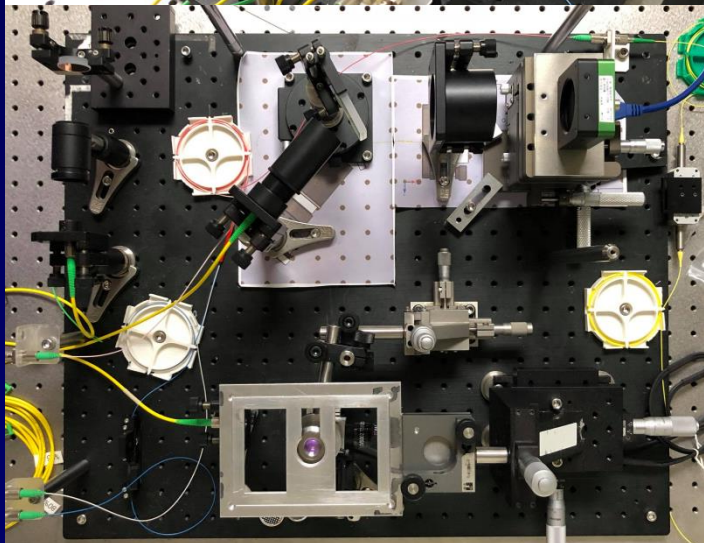
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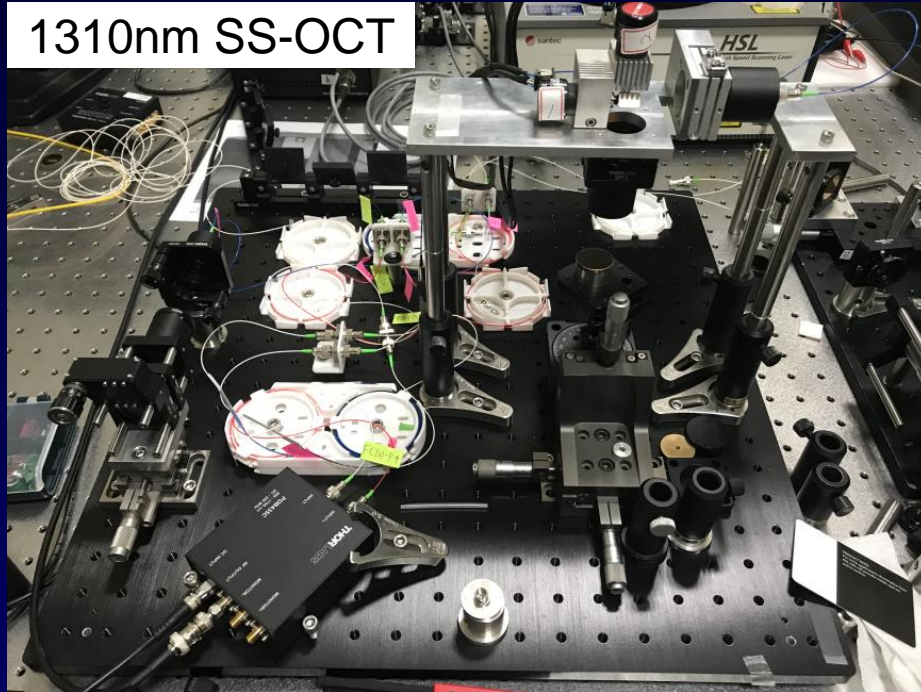
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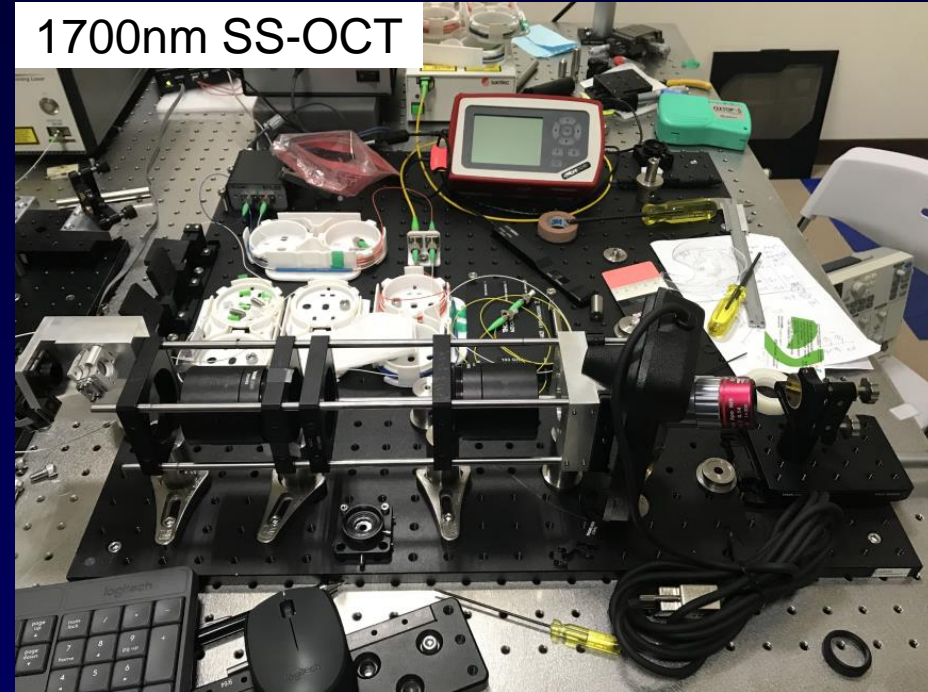
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- MIC Room 109:

1310nm SS-OCT



1700nm SS-OCT



1310nm SS-OCT (20 or 100kHz Ascans/sec)

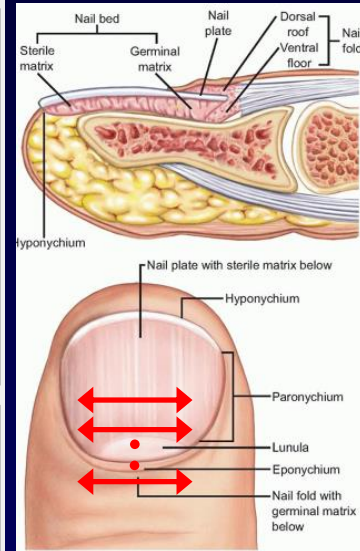
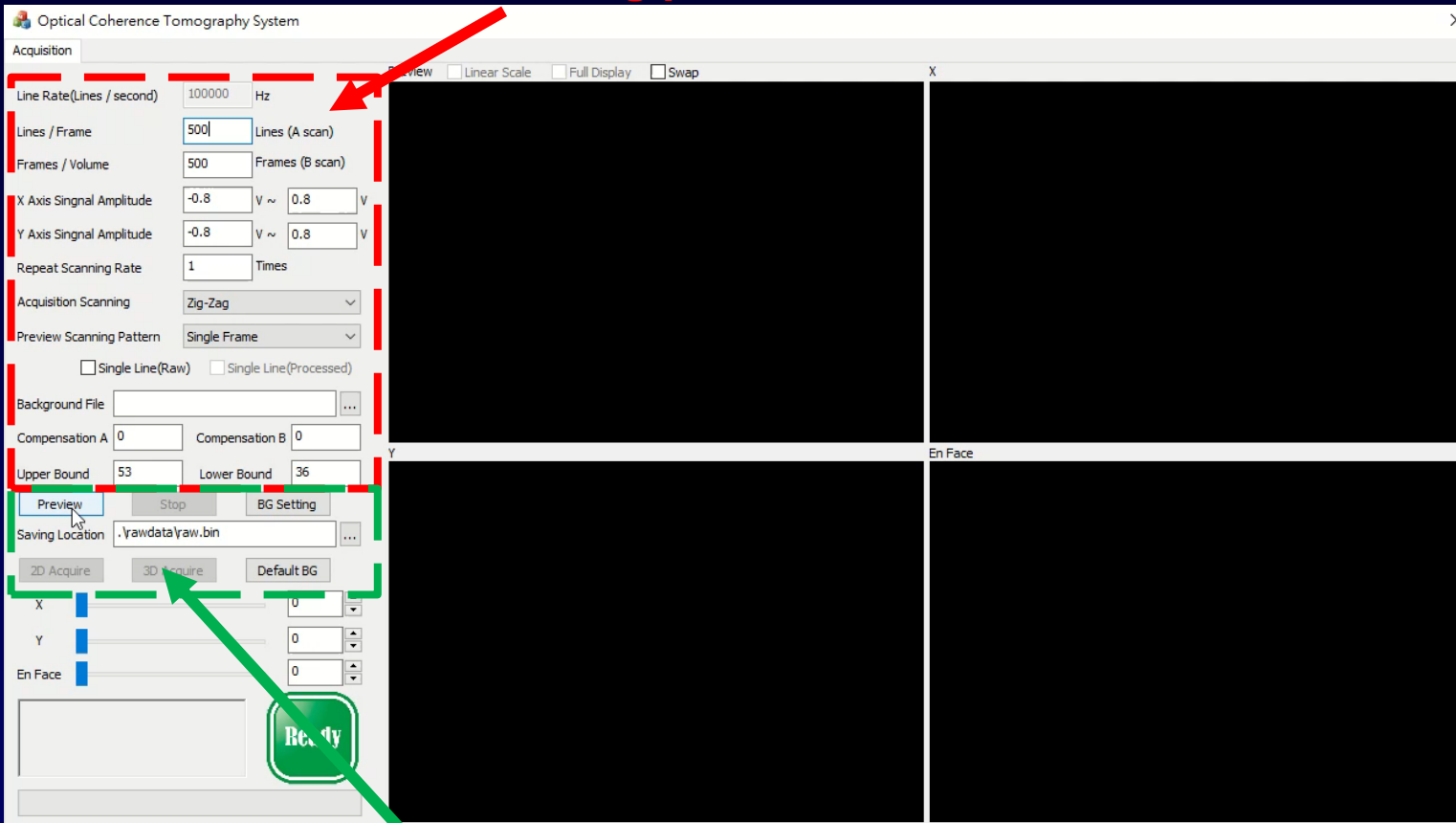
- suitable for human/animal study
- platform for future catheter based OCT system development

1700nm SS-OCT (90kHz Ascans/sec)

- 4f fiber optic scanning confocal microscope
- increased imaging depth due to decreased tissue scattering

Customized Graphic User Interface (GUI)

Parameter setting panel

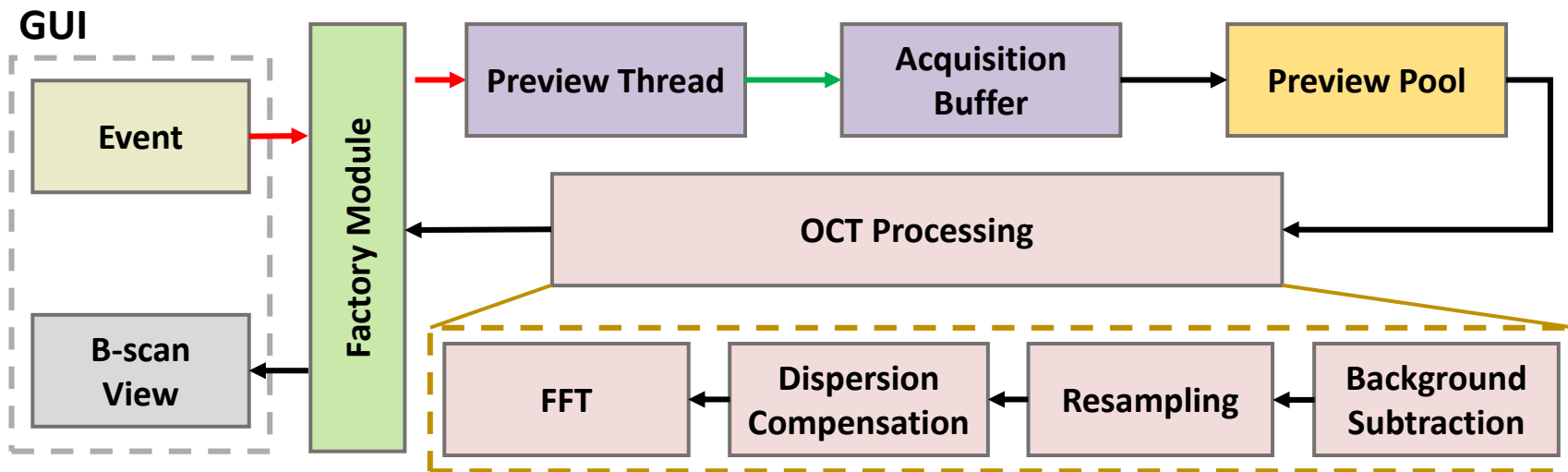


Event button panel

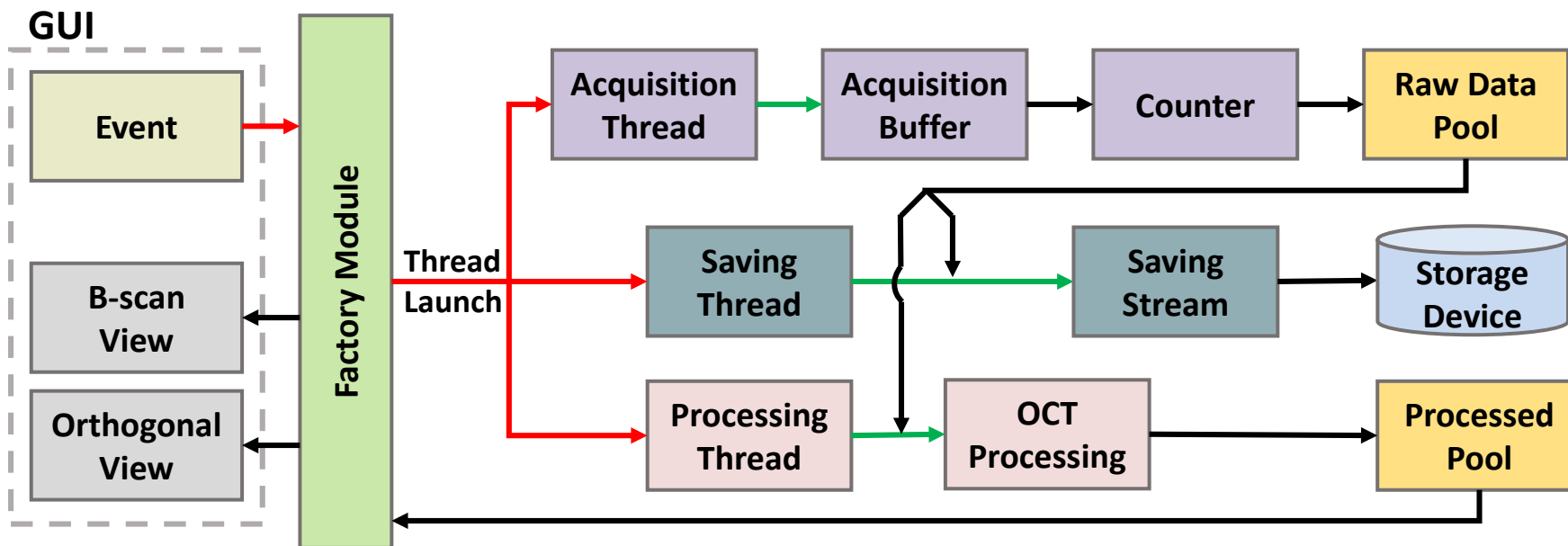
Test system: 1 μm OCT with an A-scan rate of 100 kHz.

Software Engine: C++ plus MFC for graphic user interface (GUI) (multithreading config.)

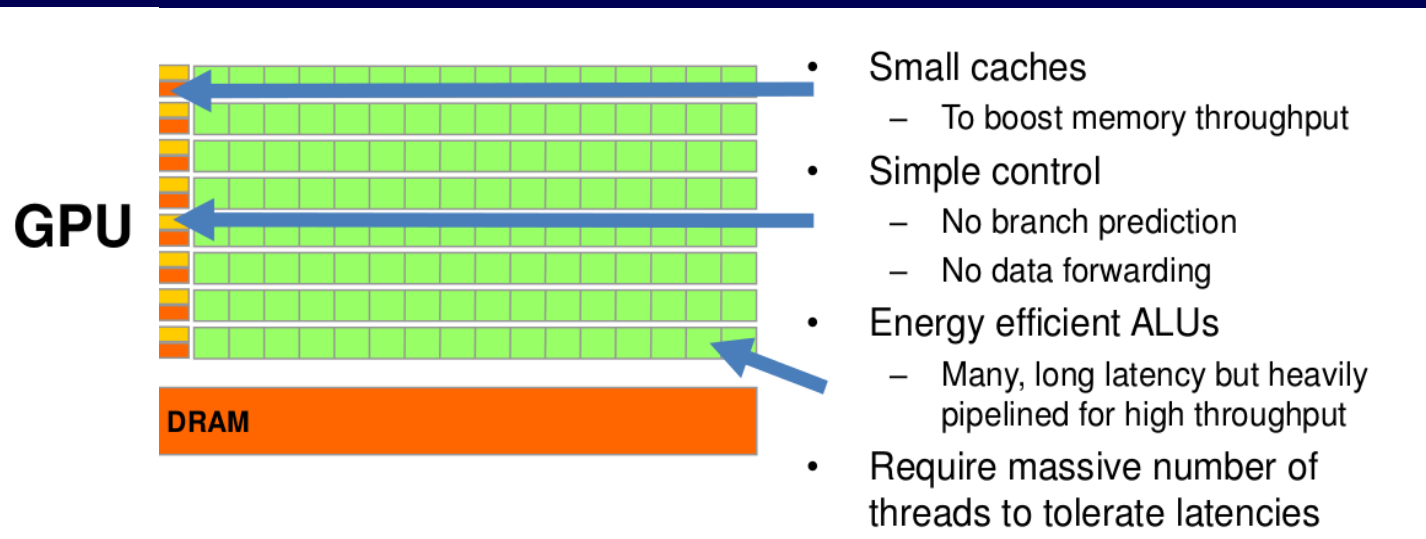
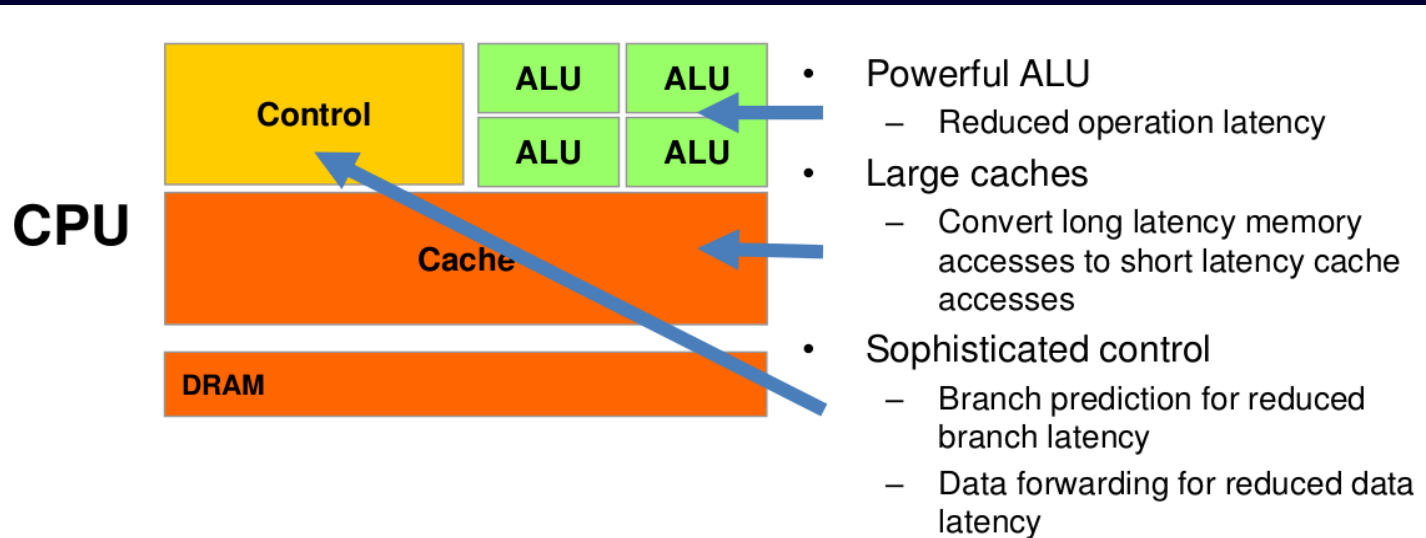
Preview Mode



Acquisition Mode

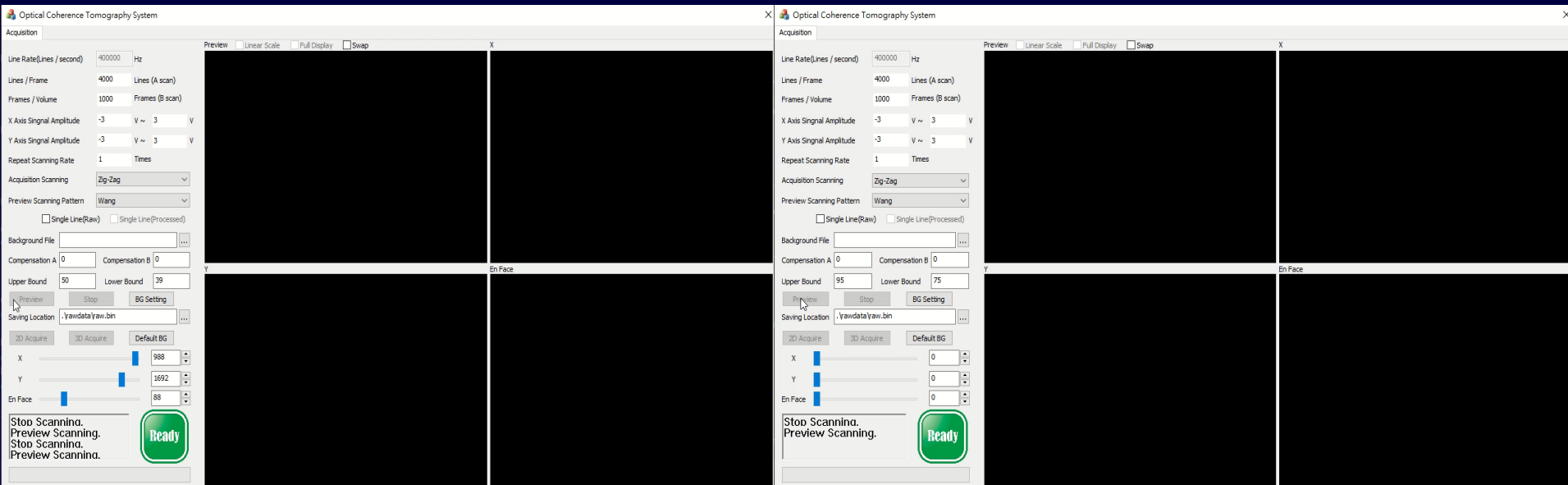


CPU vs. GPU



Framework I – ATS-GPU: preview

400 kHz light source (Thorlabs, SL134000-SP1)



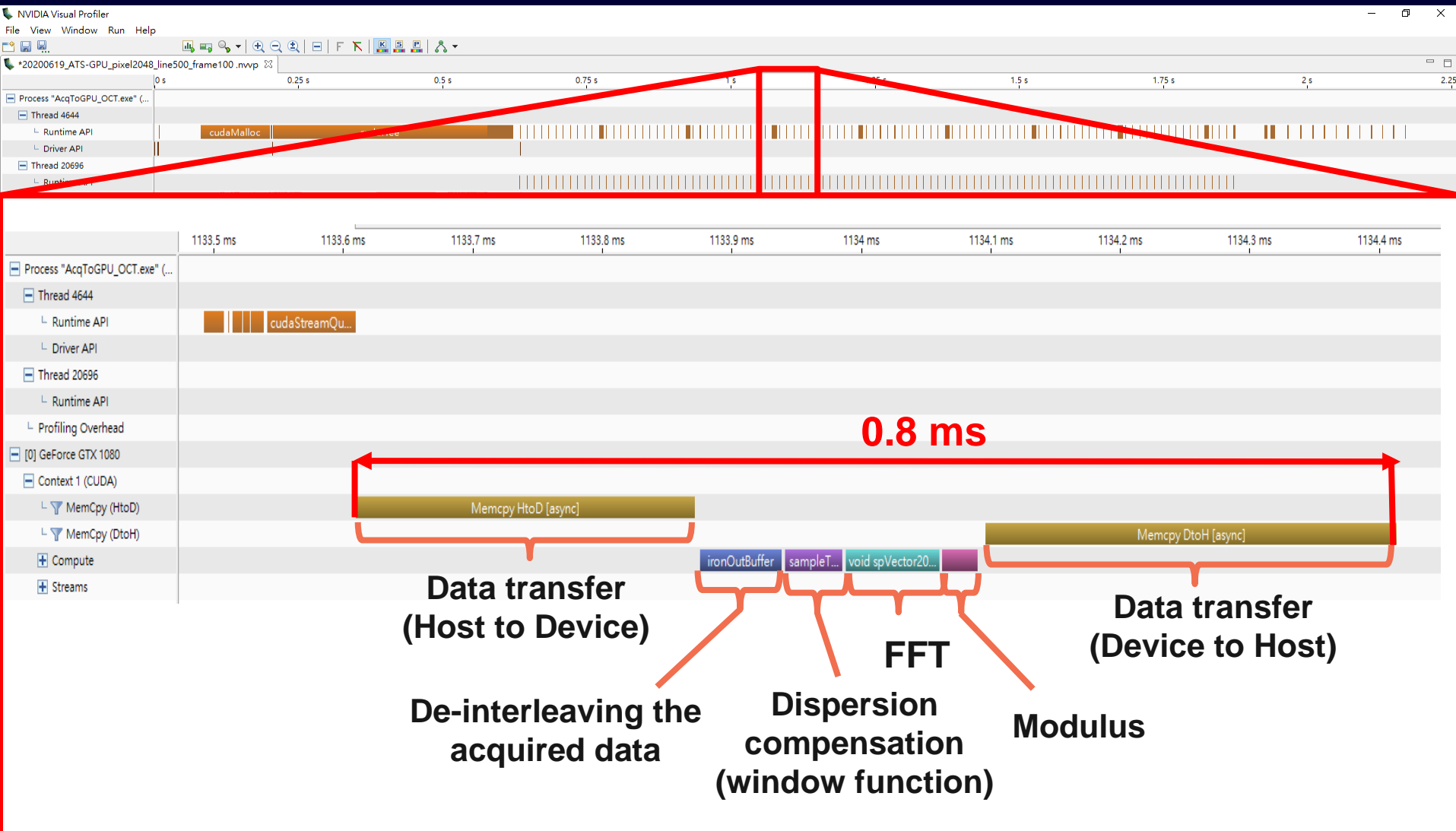
OCT images processed by
CPU with multithreading

OCT images processed by
AlazarTech GPU

Moving a tweezer on the tooth specimen

1024 pixels/A-scan, 4000 A-scans/B-scan, 1000 B-scans/C-scan

Framework I – ATS-GPU



Early Detection of Oral Cancer Lesions with Optical Imaging Technology

Unmet Clinical Need – Oral Cancer



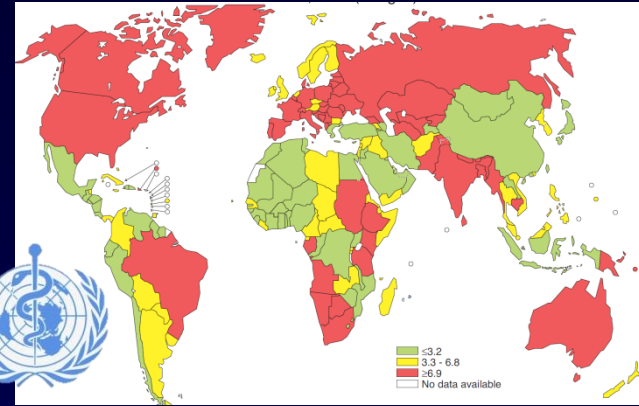
Carcinogenic substances



~3000 deaths*
~7000 new cases*



*2017 data



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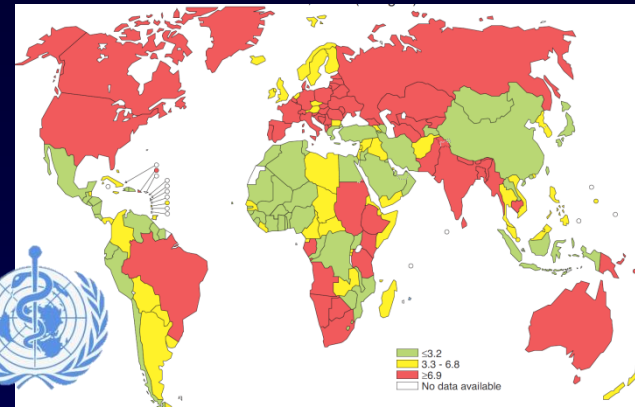
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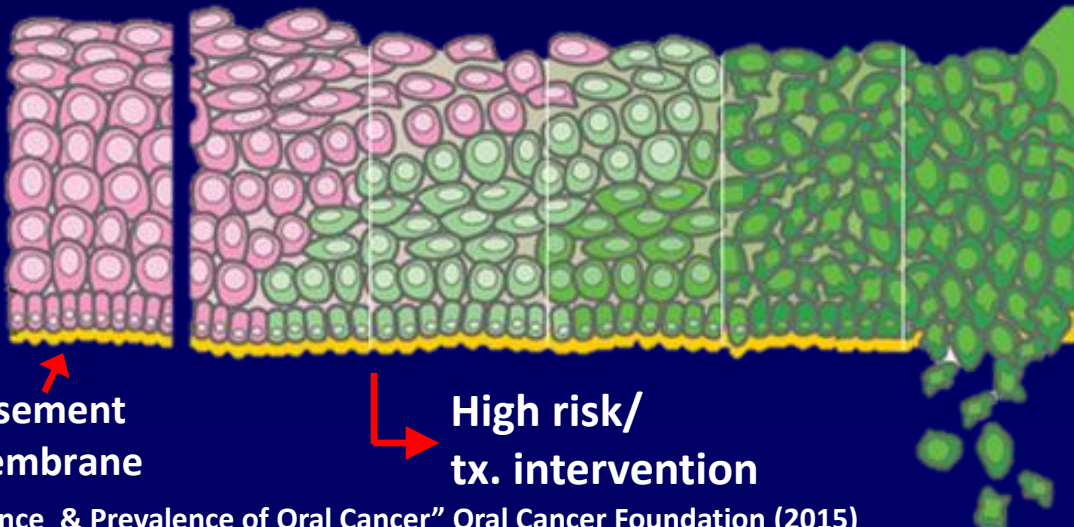


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Normal Mild dysplasia Moderate dysplasia Severe dysplasia Carcinoma in situ Invasive carcinoma



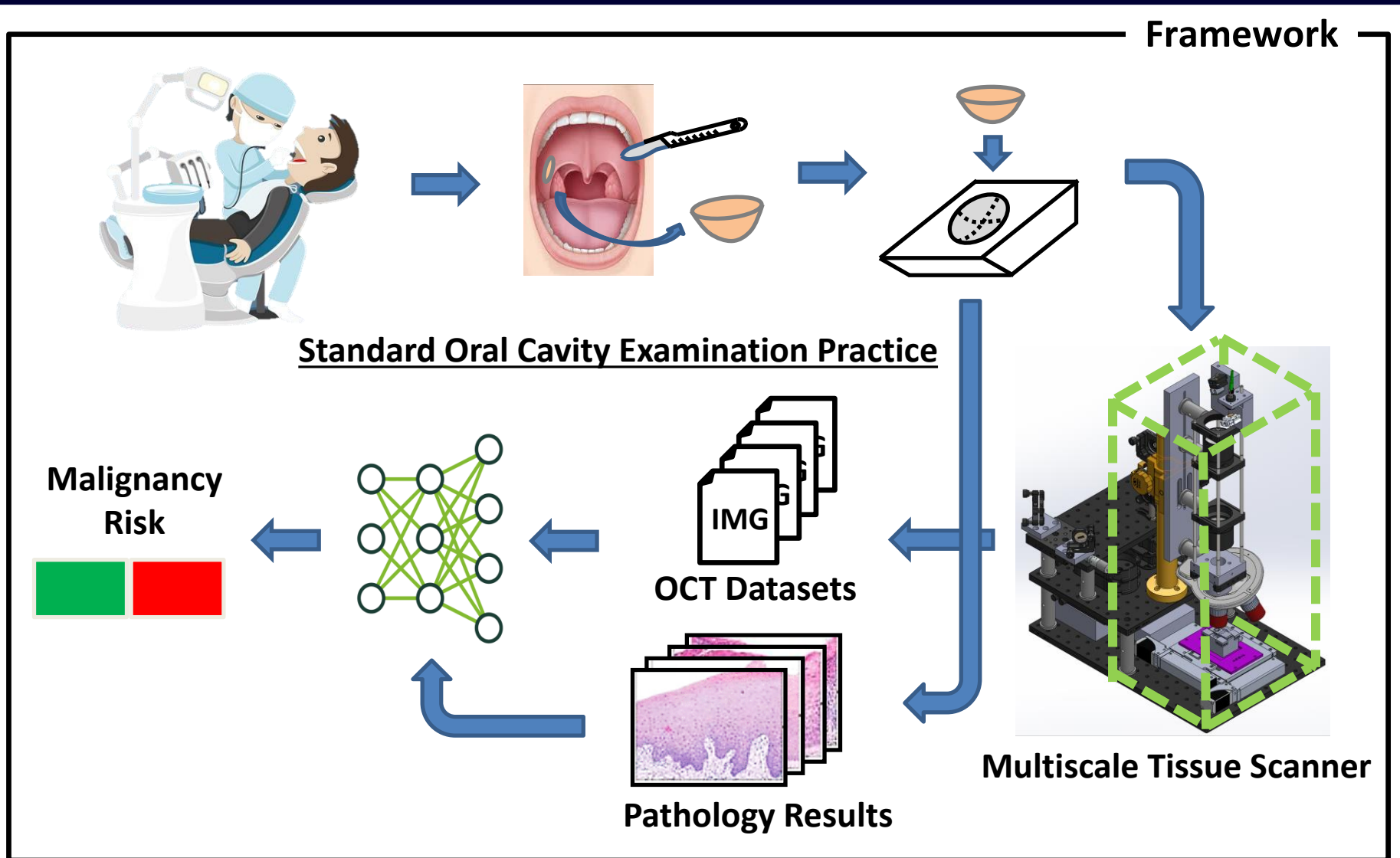
Neoplastic progression of oral cancer[¶]

Stage	5-yr survival rate
I	79.9%
II	71.0%
III	56.5%
IV	35.6%
2012-2016 MOHW (Taiwan) Data	

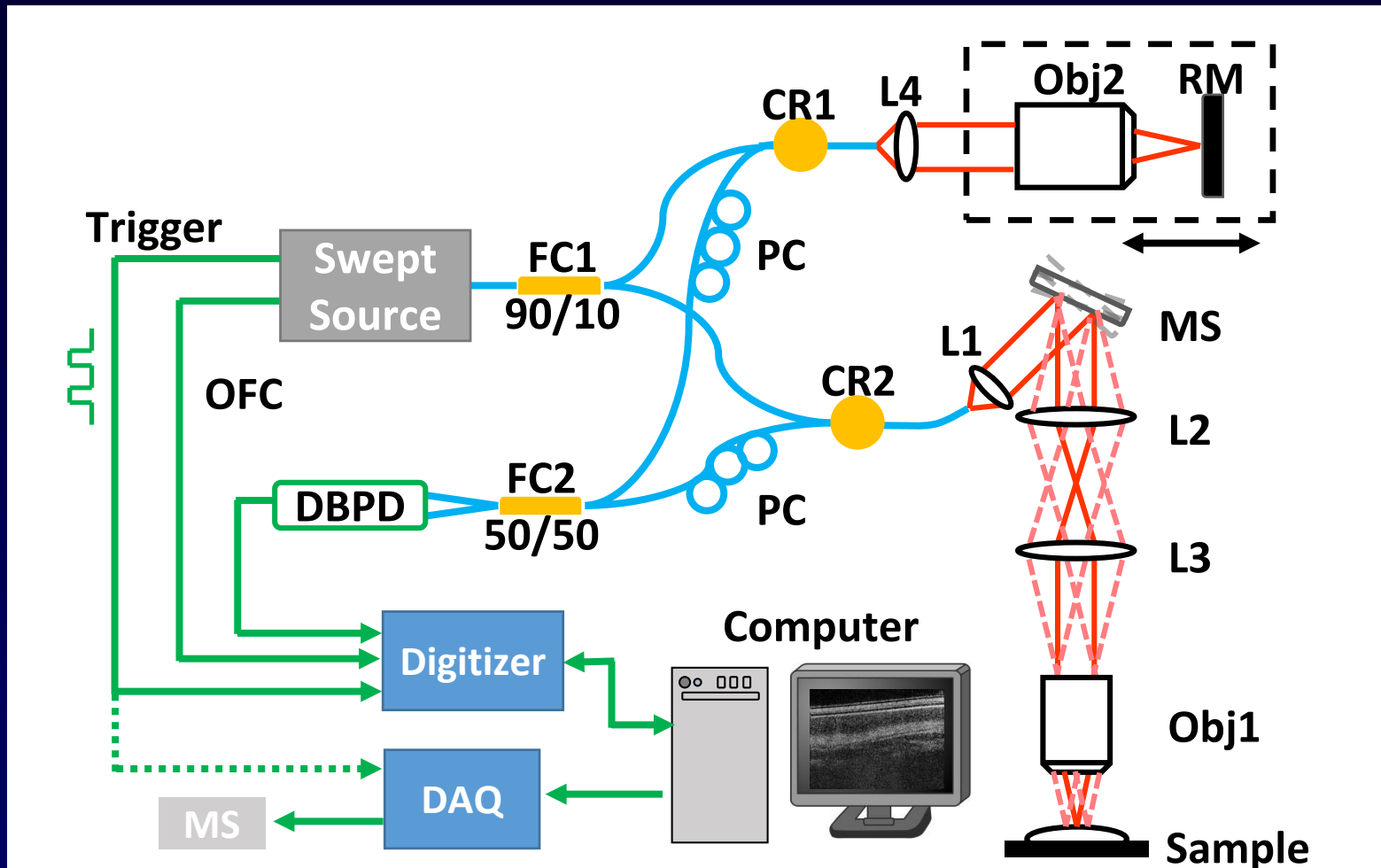
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Early Detection of Oral Cancer



Multiscale Tissue Scanner – I



- Light source (Santec):
 - Central wavelength: 1690 nm
 - A-scan rate: 90 kHz
 - Axial resolution: 7.2 μm

- MEMS scanner
- 3D motorized stage

Multiscale Tissue Scanner – I

(a)

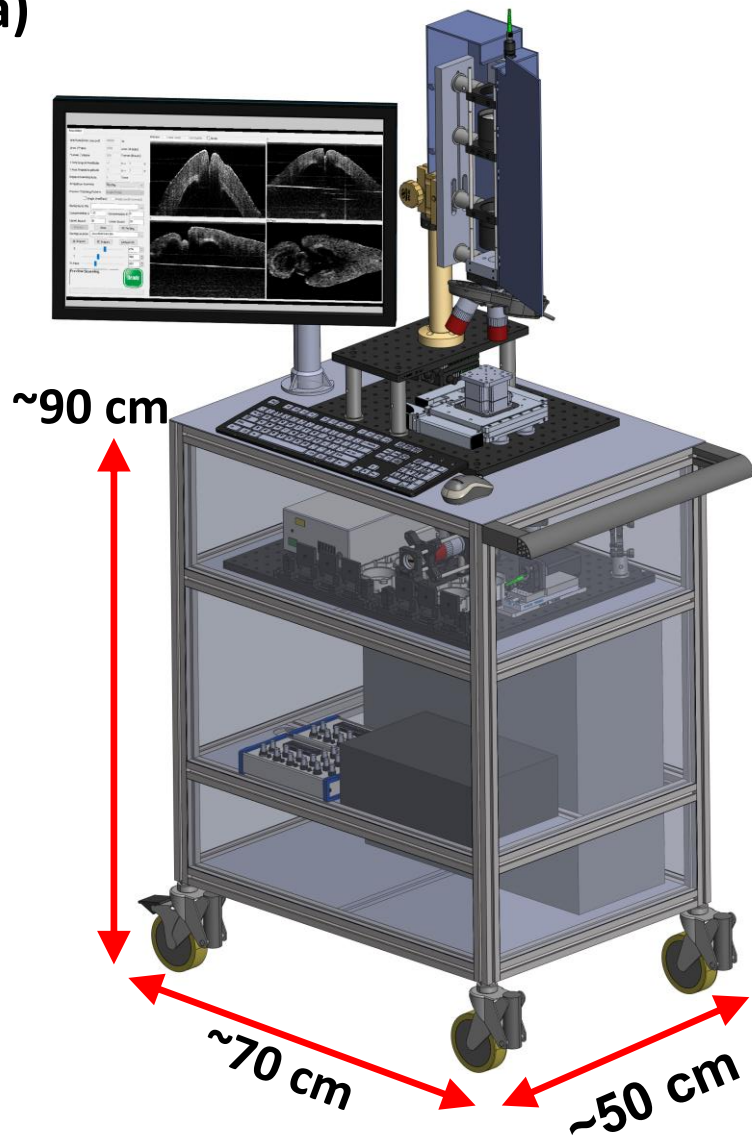


Photo of (a)



Multiscale Tissue Scanner – II

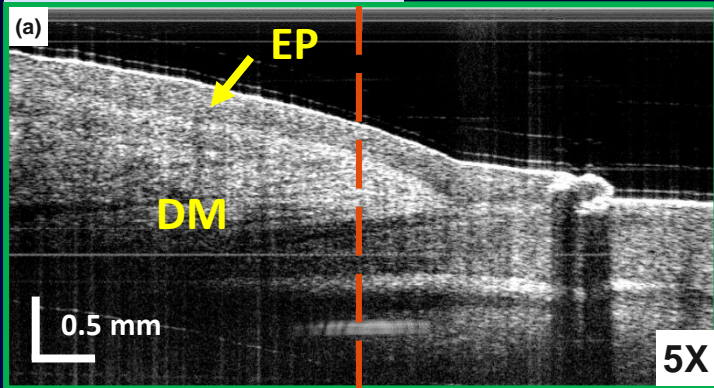
System Operating Video

Custom developed graphic user interface (GUI)

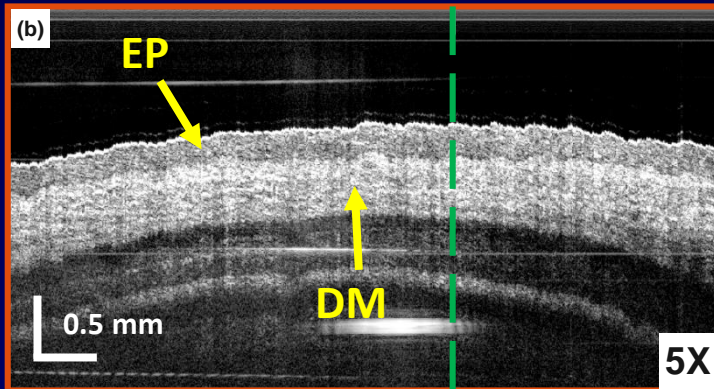
Preliminary Results – Human Finger

Finger nail junction

Cross-section

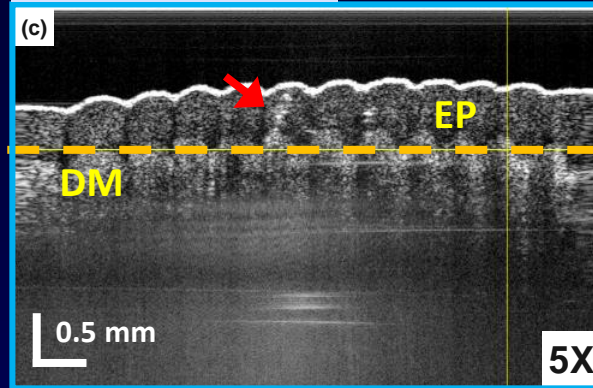


Reconstructed cross-section

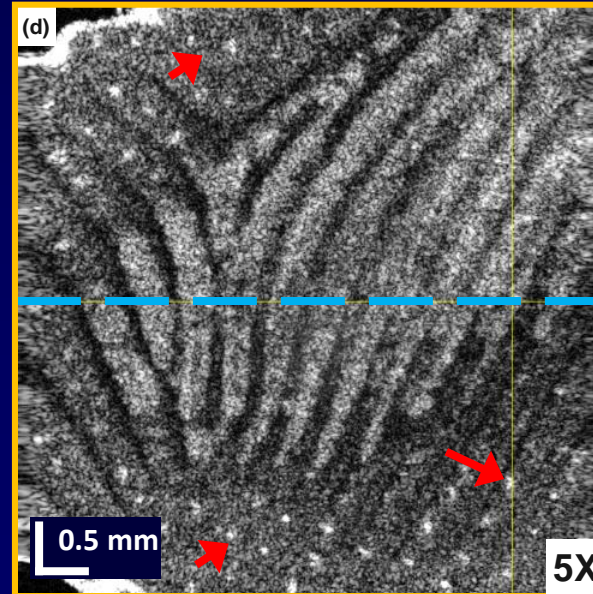


Ventral surface

Cross-section



Reconstructed *en-face*



Red arrows: sweat duct

(a), (b) Cross-sectional image and reconstructed cross-sectional image of the finger nail junction, respectively

(c), (d) Cross-sectional image and reconstructed *en-face* image of the ventral surface of finger, respectively

- ✓ The junction between epidermis and dermis, and the sweat ducts can be seen clearly in our long wavelength OCT system.

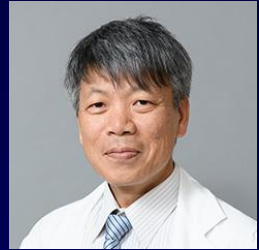
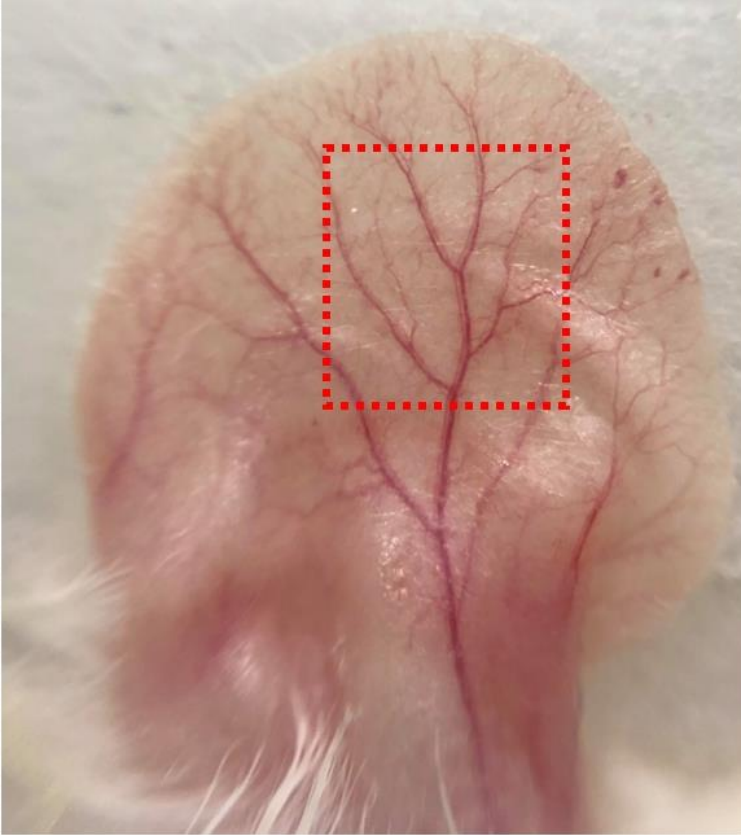
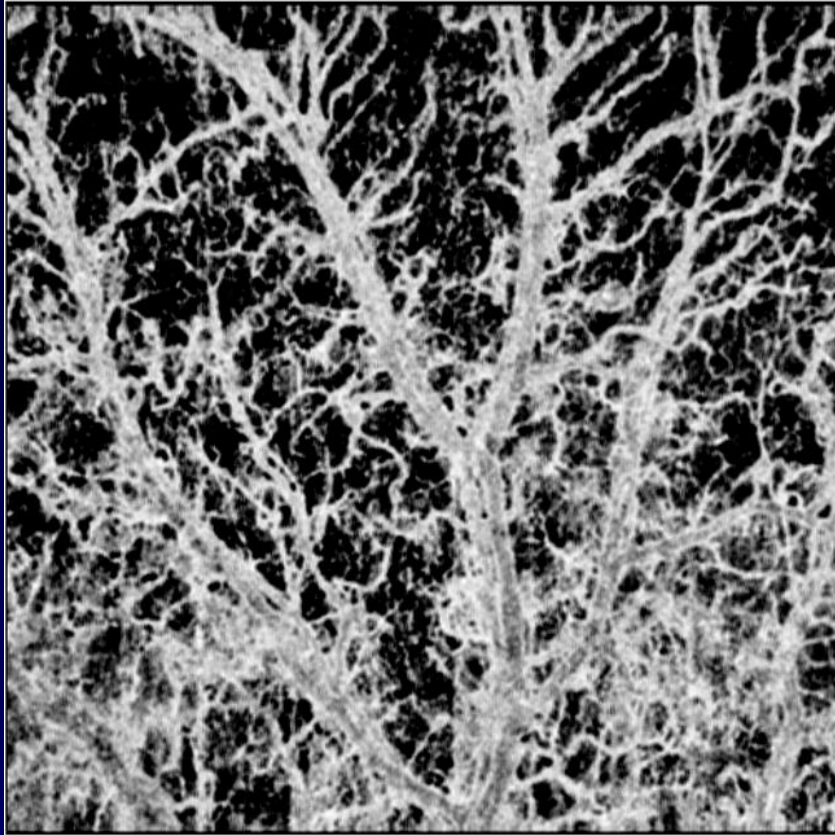
EP: epidermis

DM: dermis

FOV: 5.5 mm X 5.5 mm

Quantitative Microvascular Imaging with Optical Coherence Tomography Technology

OCT Angiography of the Mouse Ear Skin

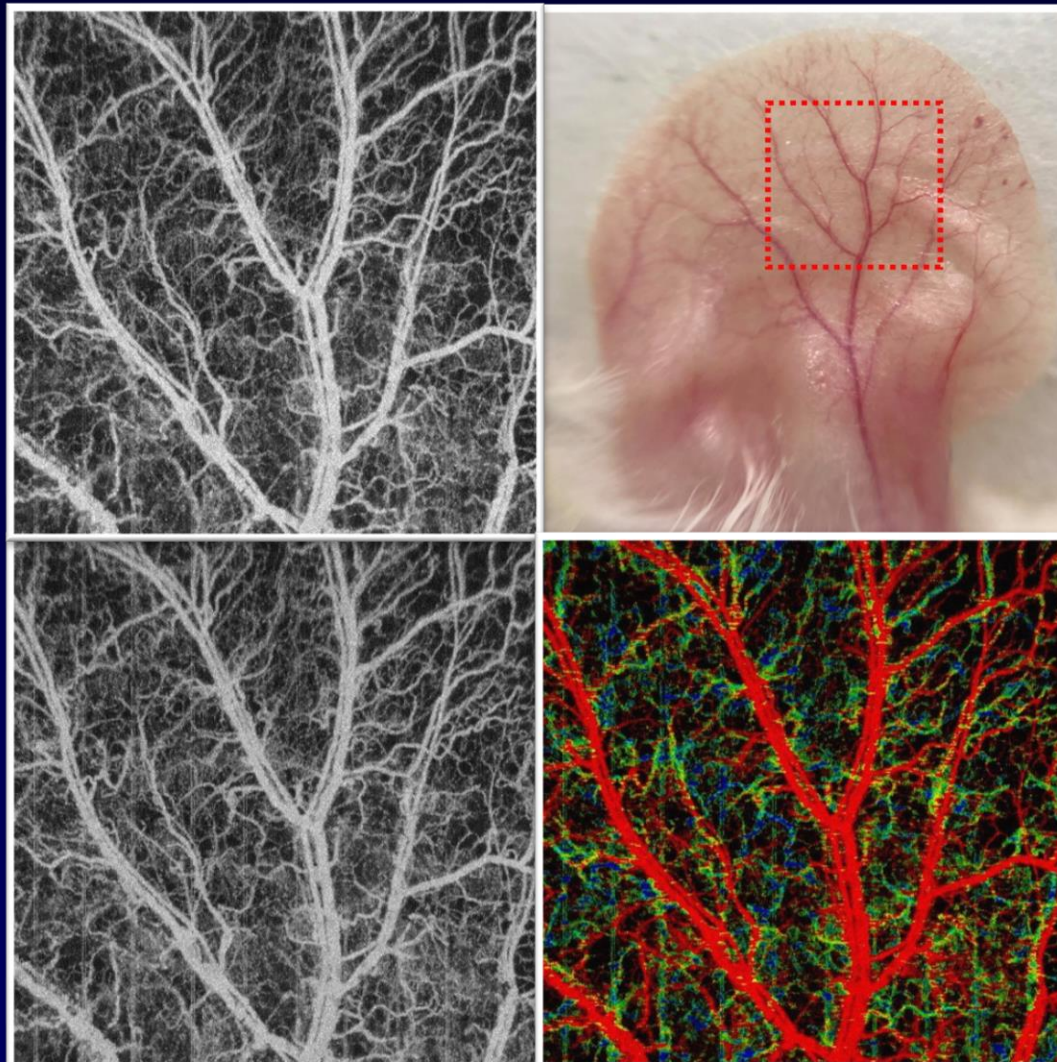


B-scan Frame rate : 80 Hz

Imaging field of view: 4.08 x 4.08 mm²

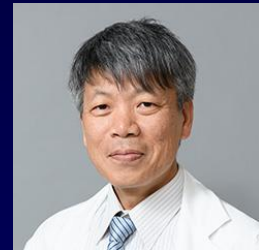


OCT Angiography of the Mouse Ear Skin



High speed

Low speed



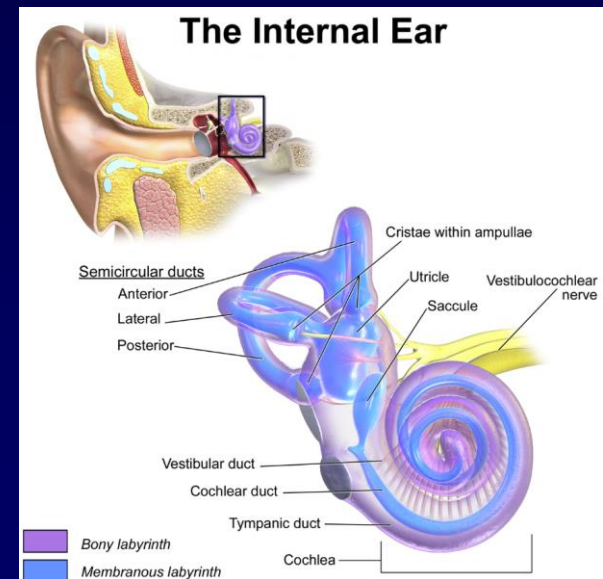
Imaging field of view: $5.1 \times 5.1 \text{ mm}^2$

OCT Imaging of the Guinea Pig Cochlea

Hearing loss and deafness

- Congenital causes and acquired causes
 - birth asphyxia
 - chronic ear infections
 - the use of particular drugs
- sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL)
 - exposure to excessive noise
 - not completely recoverable
- Internal ear
 - vestibular system
 - cochlea

Ref.[1]



OCT imaging of guinea pig cochlea

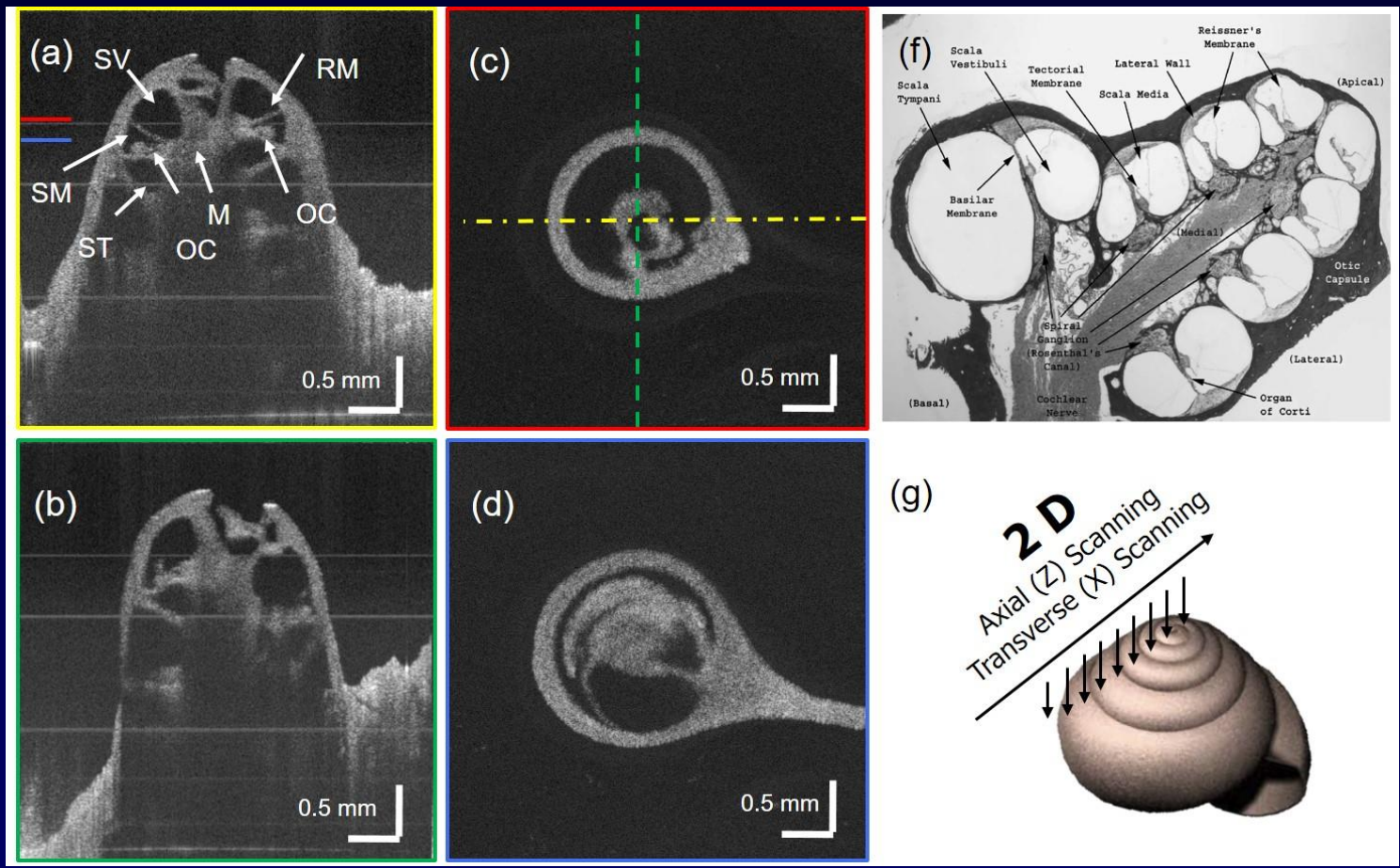


(a) En-face image



(b) Cross sectional image

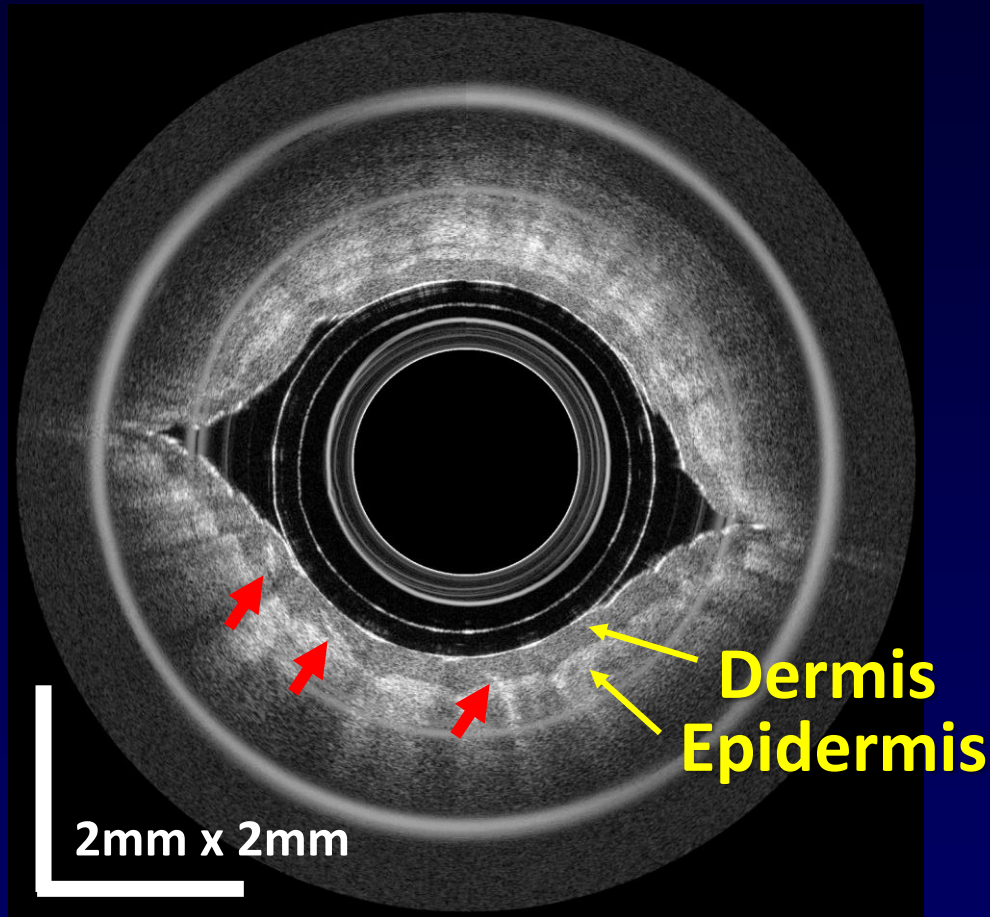
OCT imaging of guinea pig cochlea



(a)~(d) OCT images for the guinea cochlea, and (g) the scanning direction for each B scan image.



Catheter-based OCT System – Preliminary Results



- 1.3 μm , 100kHz Santec
- 10 fps (10,000 A-scans/B-scan)



International Collaboration



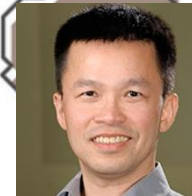
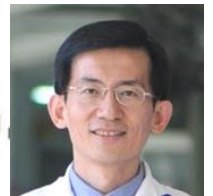
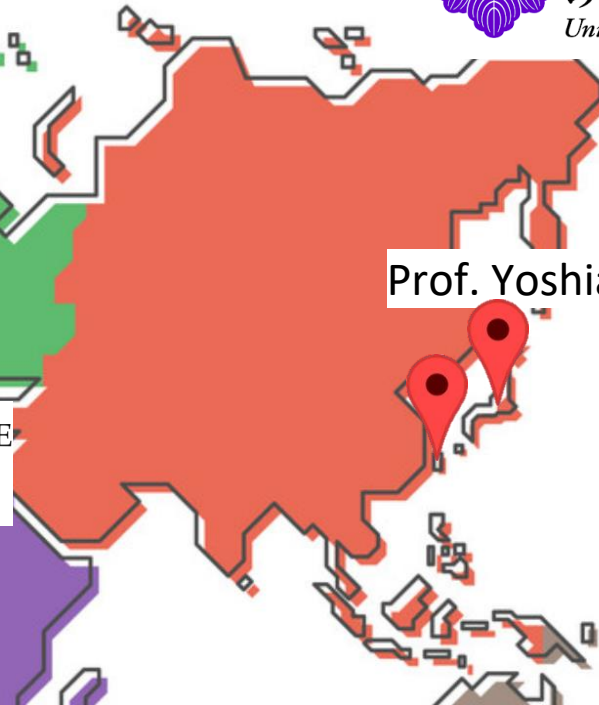
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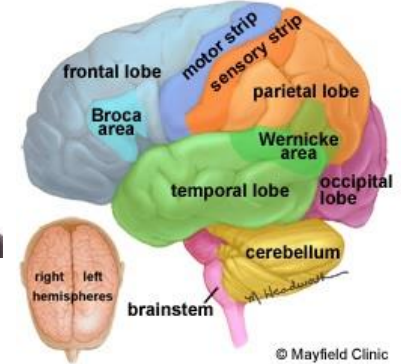
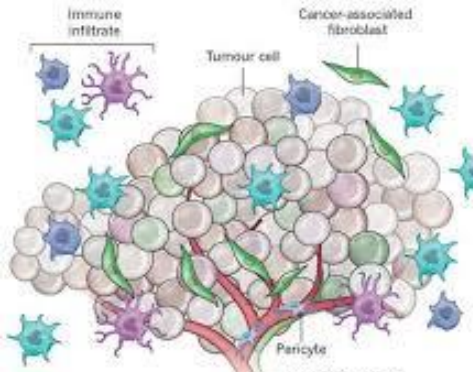
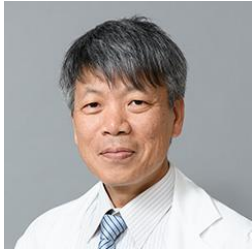
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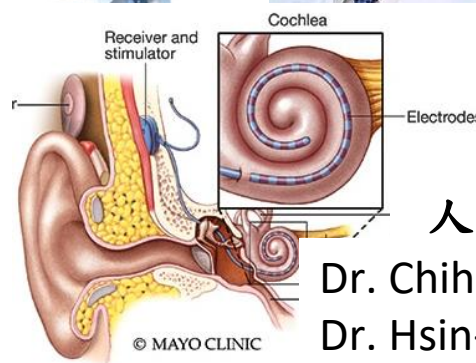


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*If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want go far, go together.*

~African Proverb~