Primary Care Imaging
using
Optical Coherence Tomography

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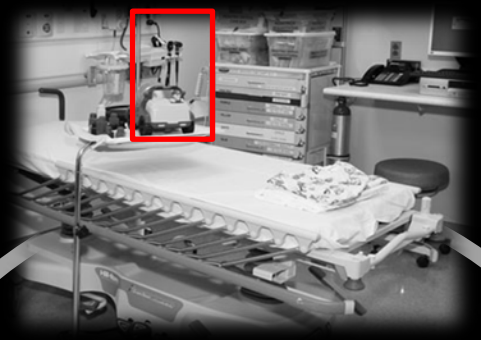
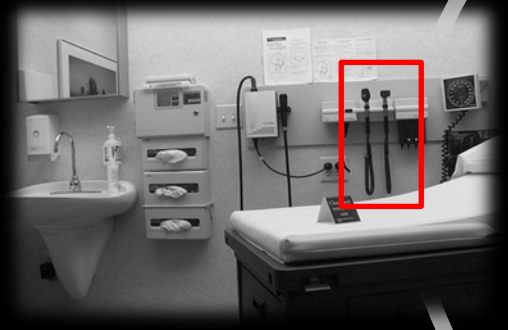
Emergency Room



Primary Care



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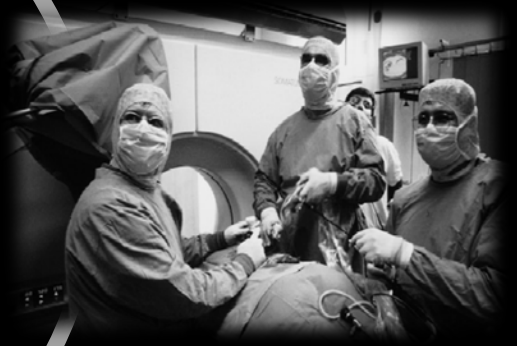
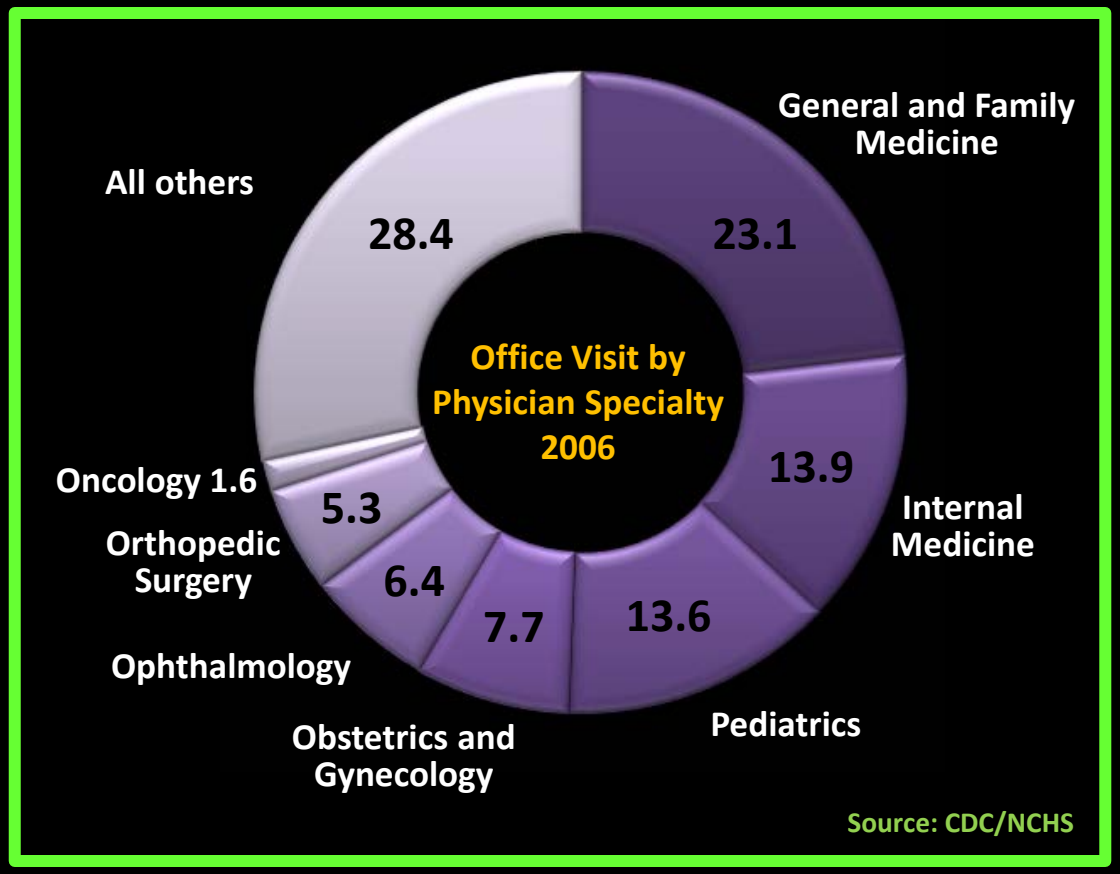


Healthcare System

Specialist

Motivation for this Research



Objective

The development of an enhanced hand-held optical imaging instrument for use in the primary care office or general medical clinic.

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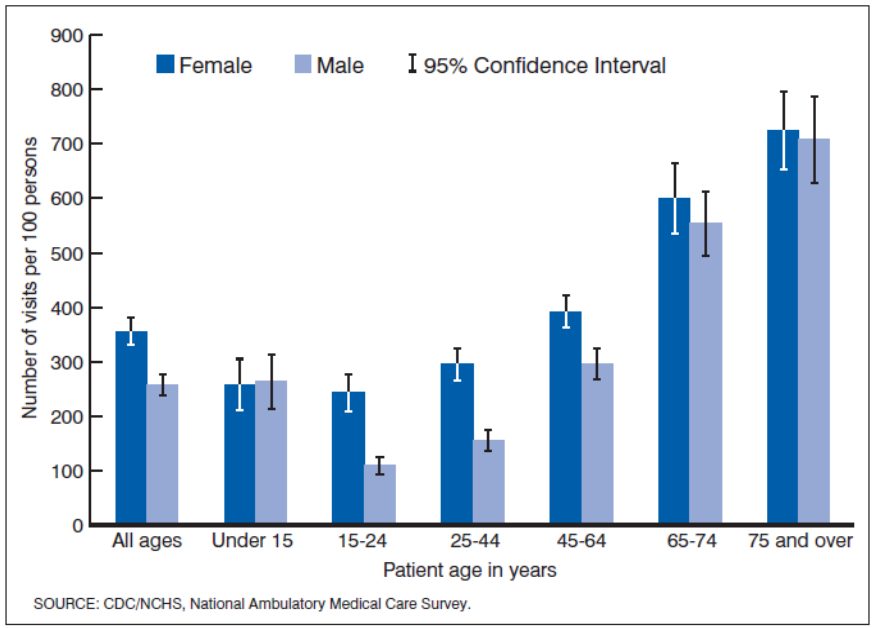
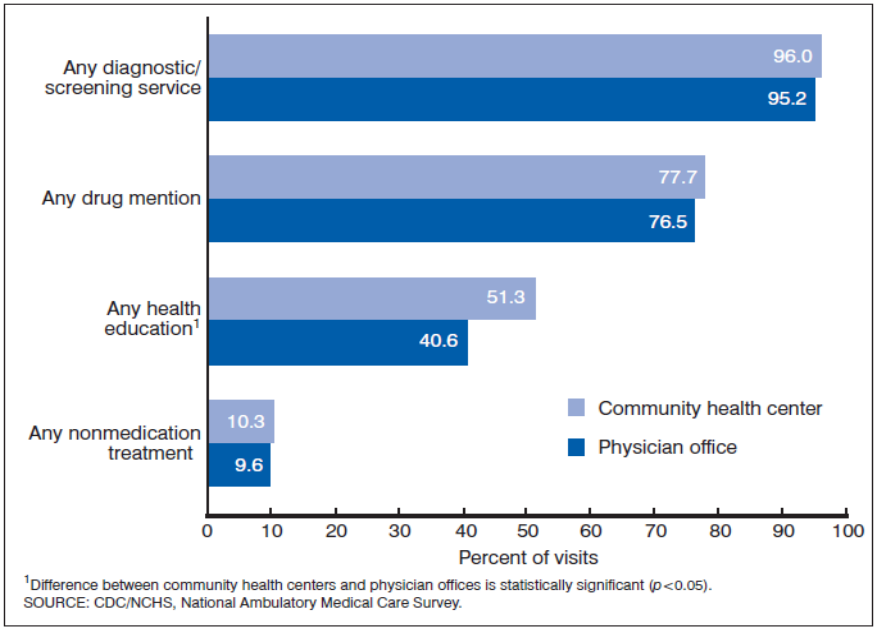


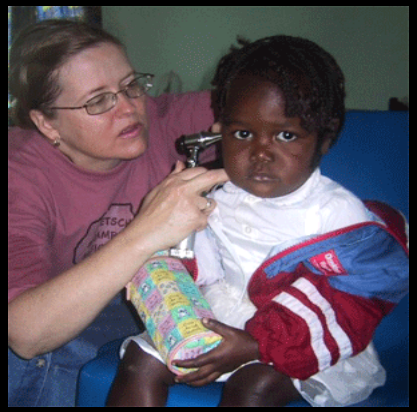
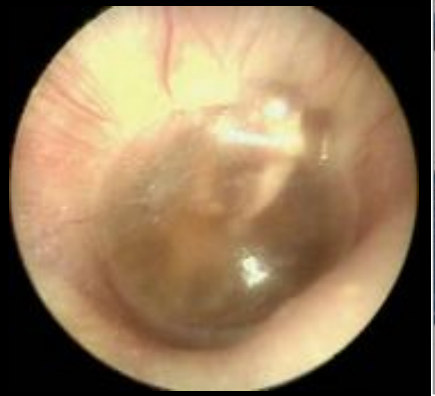
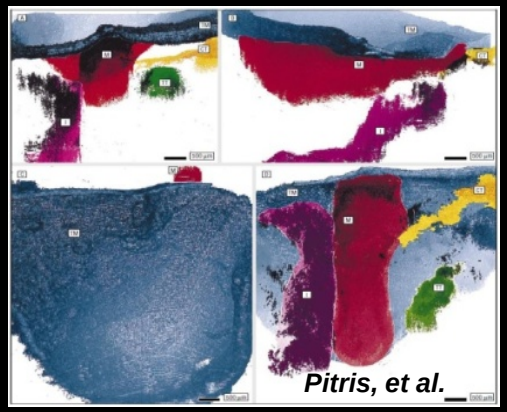
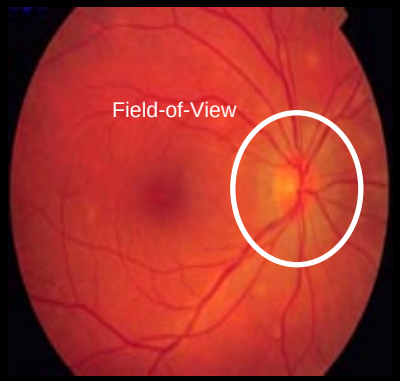
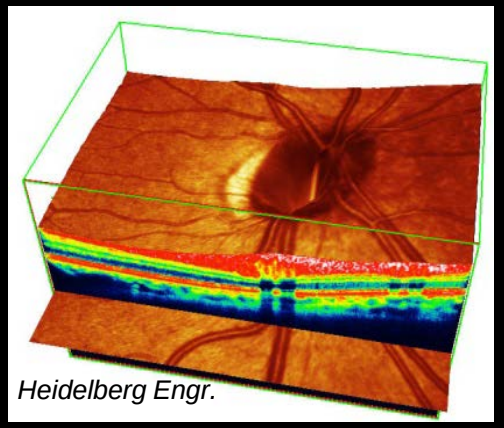


Result

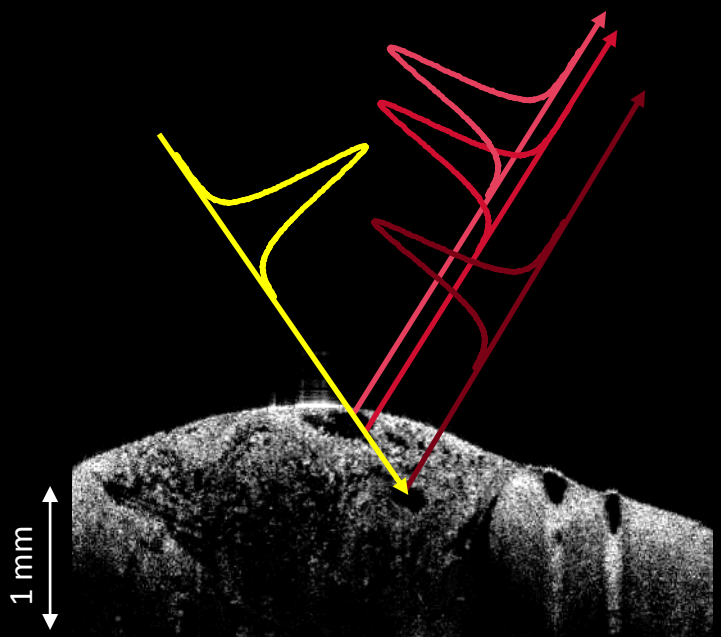
► Number of office visits increases dramatically in aging population, which is expected to continue to increase in the future.

► Majority of office visits are for diagnostic and screening services.

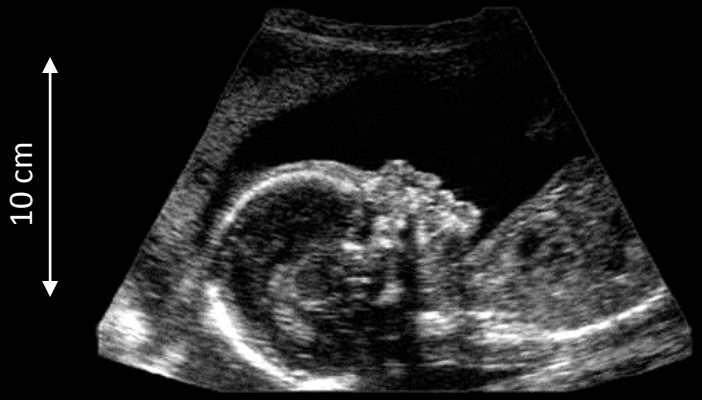
Advance Optical Biomedical Imaging Capabilities in the Front-Line Primary Care Instruments

	Standard Practice	Standard 2-D View	Advanced 3-D OCT View
Otoscopy			
Ophthalmoscopy			

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)



Analogous to ultrasound imaging, but with near-infrared light

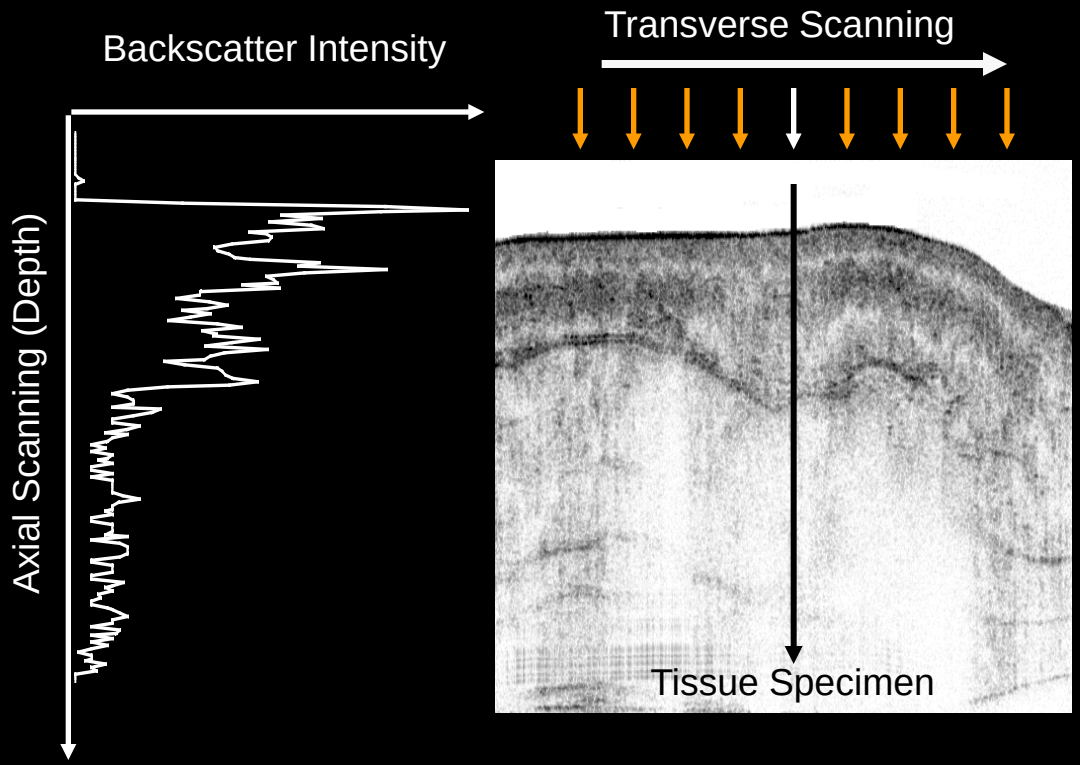


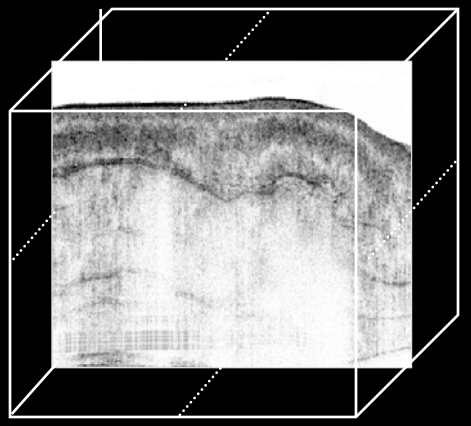
3-D Volume Acquisition

Dynamic Acquisition

- Cellular-level resolution
- Real-time volumetric imaging
- Digital computational analysis
- Intra-operative & intra-procedure feedback

Multi-Dimensional OCT Imaging





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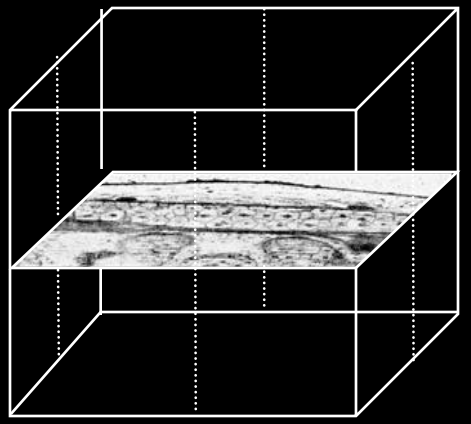

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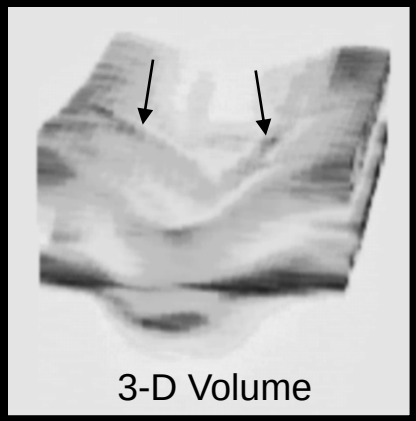

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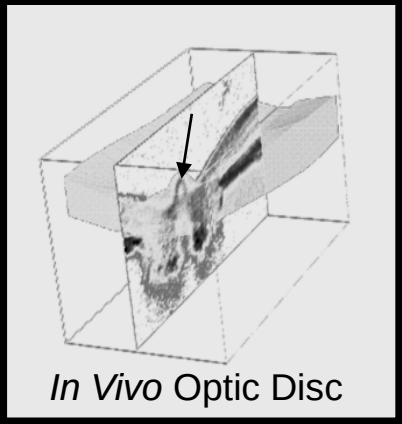

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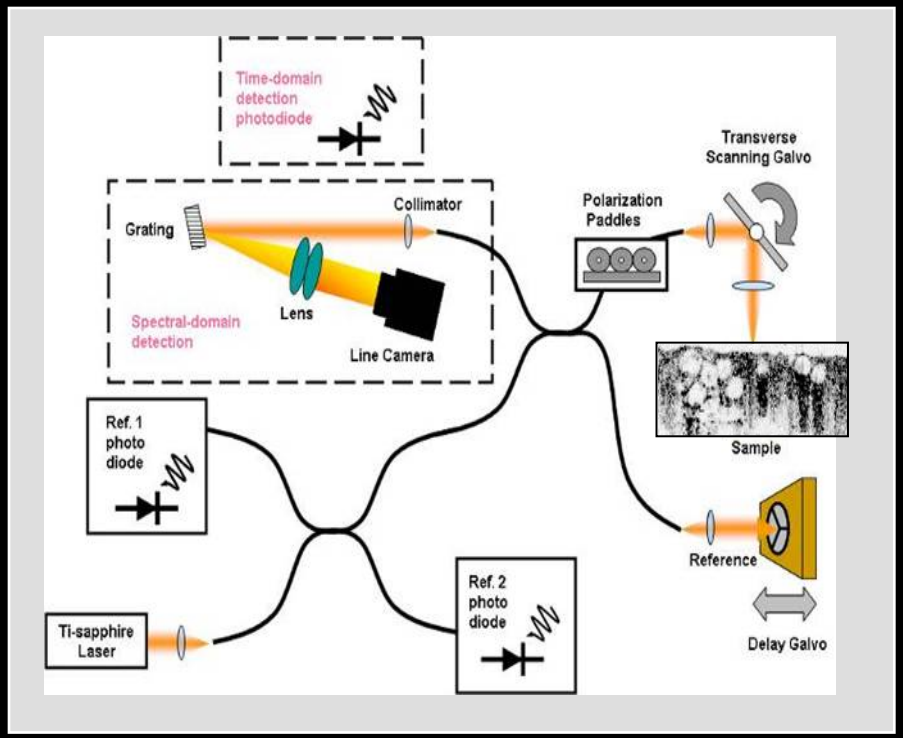
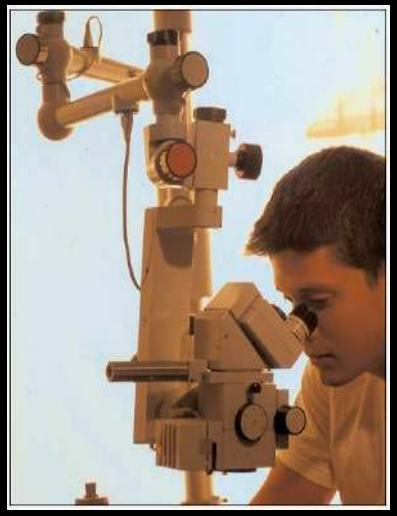
Portable & Modular OCT Imaging System

Portable OCT





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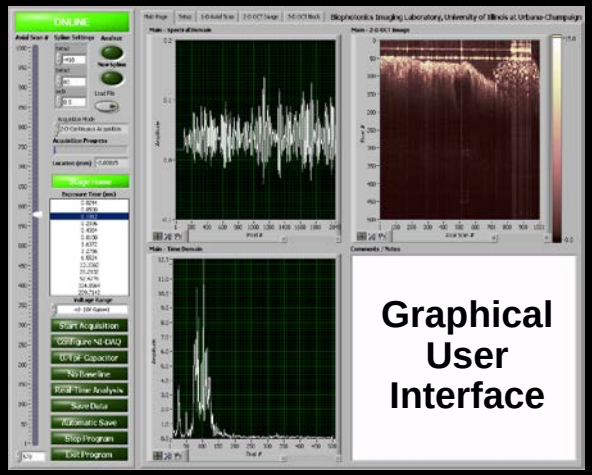
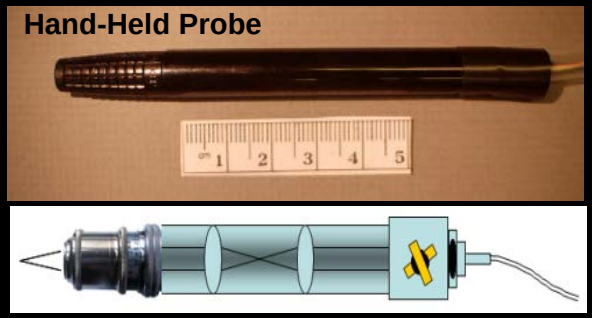
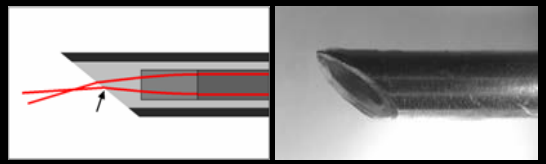


Graphical User Interface



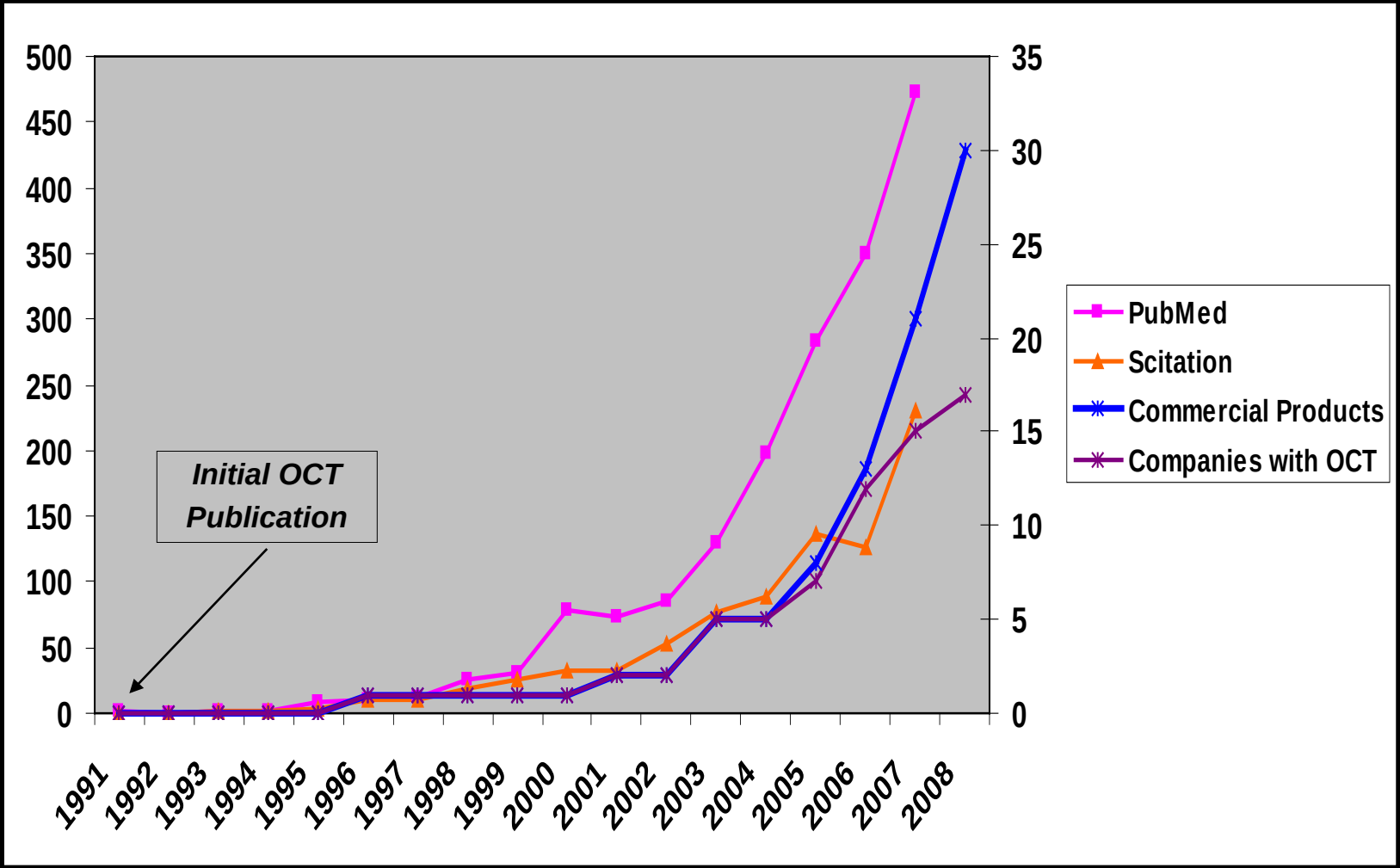
- Compact & portable clinical system
- User-friendly software interface
- Modular beam delivery devices



Optical Needle Probe

Optical Coherence Tomography

Rapid Development and Application



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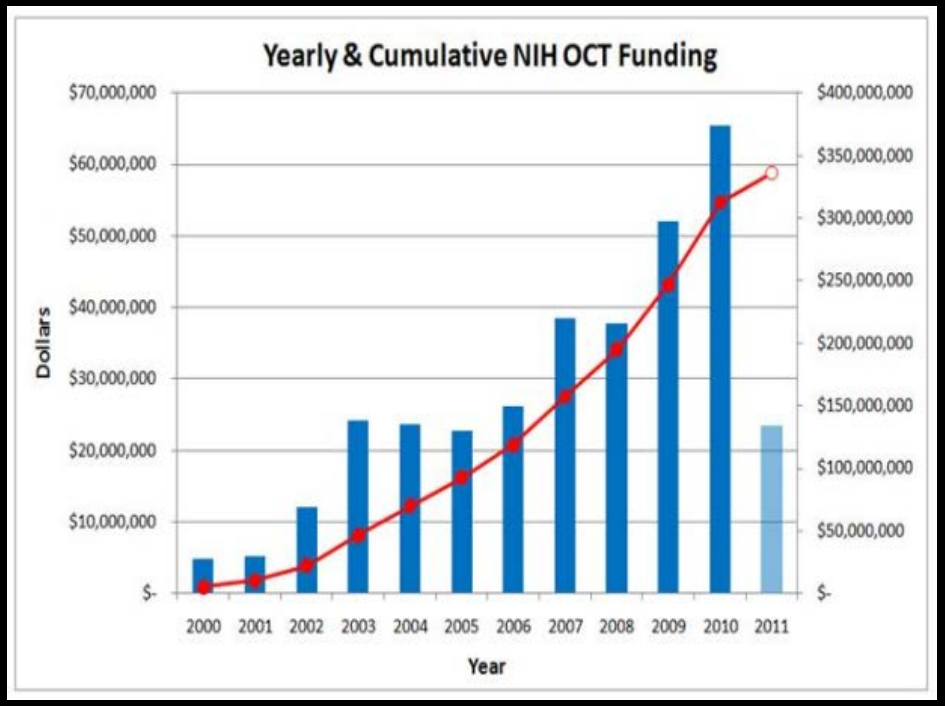
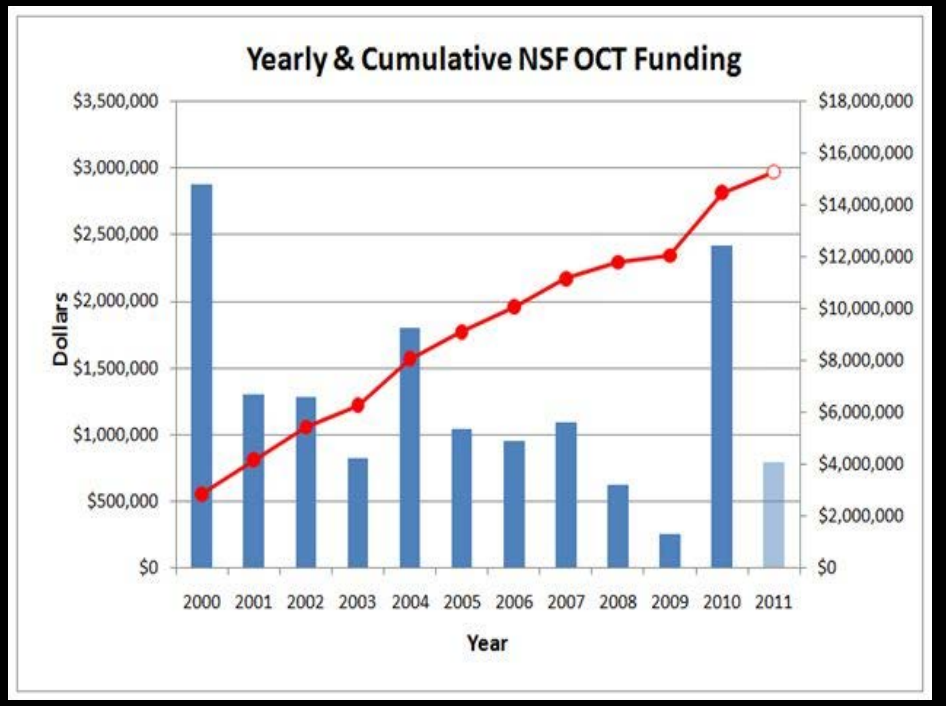
Optical Coherence Tomography

$500M of Federally-Funded Research over last Decade





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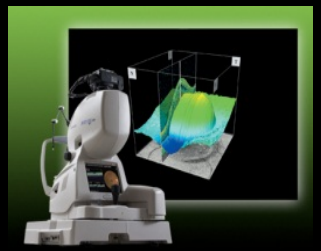
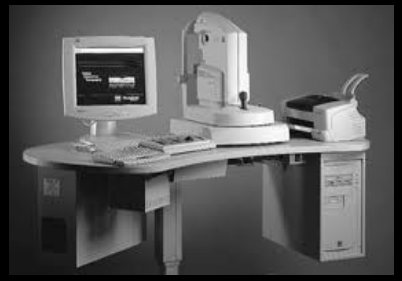
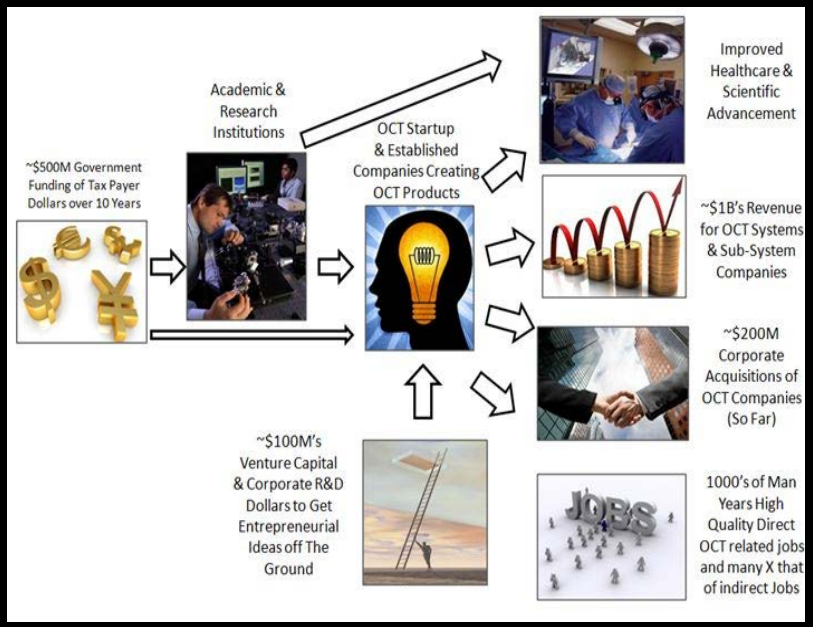
Optical Coherence Tomography

Rapid Commercial Development across Medical Specialties







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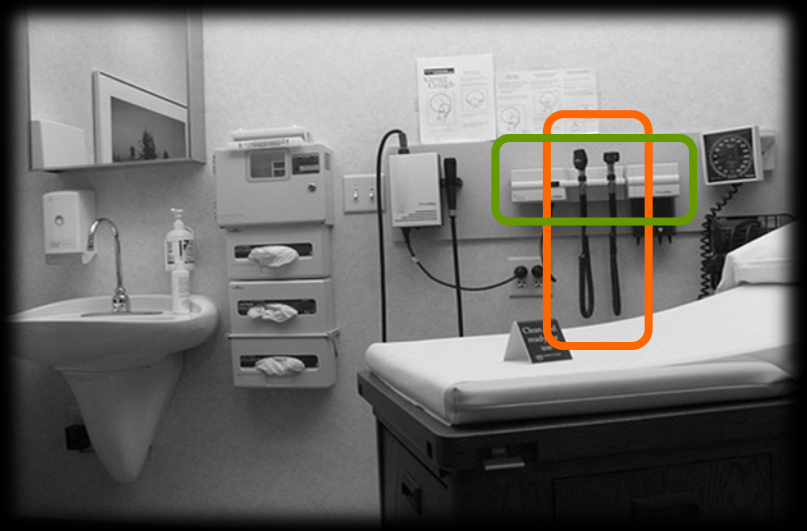


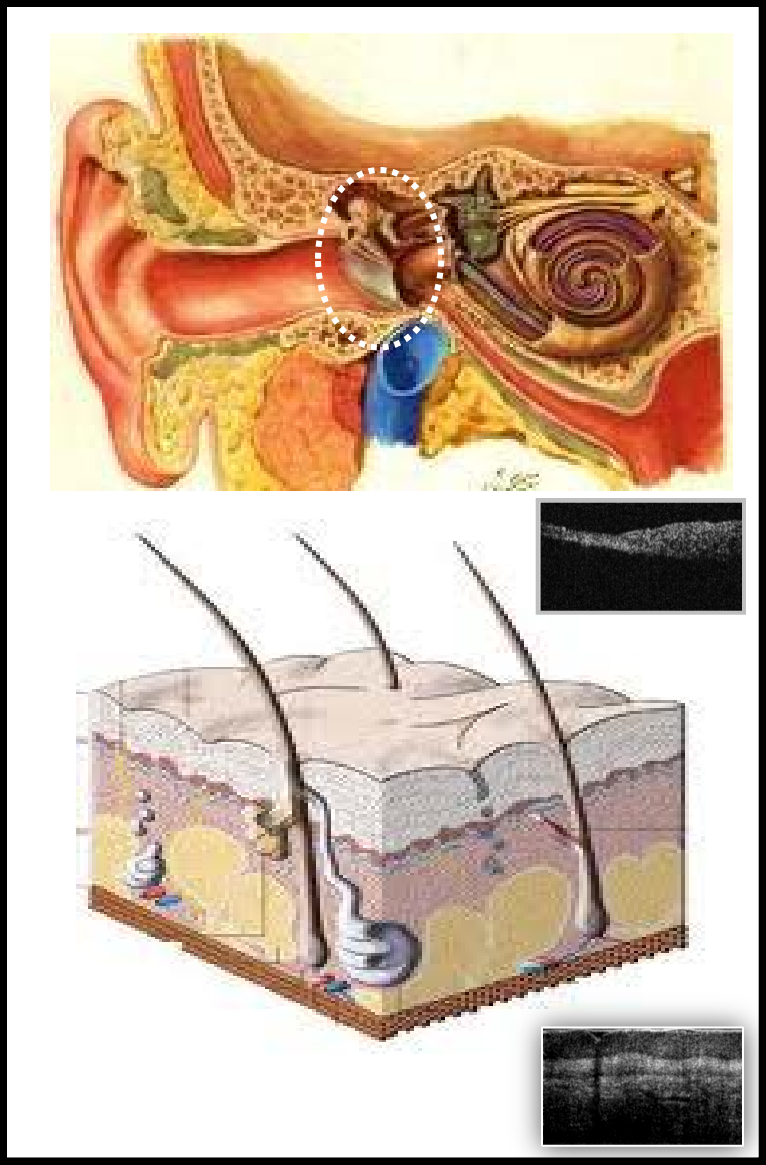
Transform OCT Technology from a Diagnostic Modality to a Screening Modality

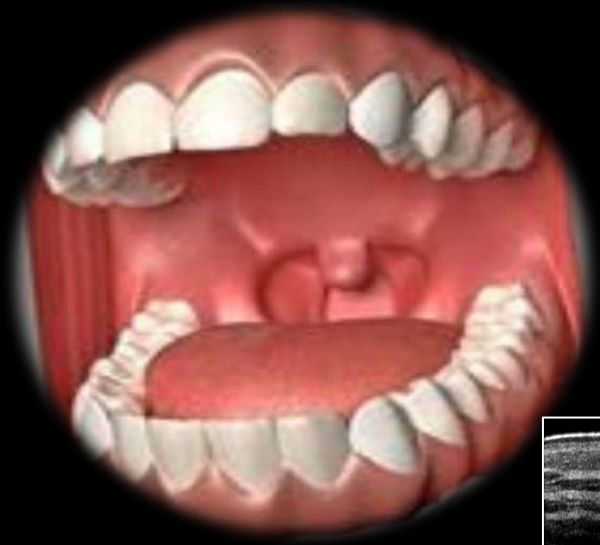
- Advancing technology at the front-line
- Screening general population (normal/not?)
- Quantitative monitoring of chronic diseases
- Potentially more efficient and economic referral

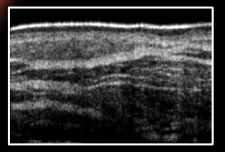
Advanced Handheld Probe

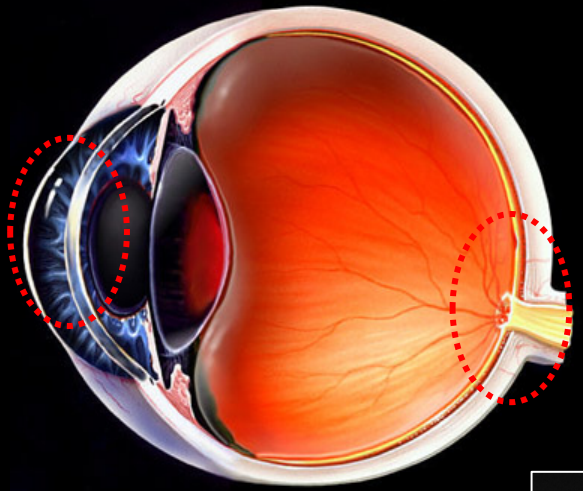
Compact OCT System
High speed, High resolution

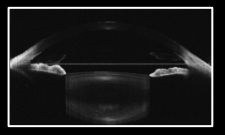
Important Tissue Sites in Primary Care Medicine







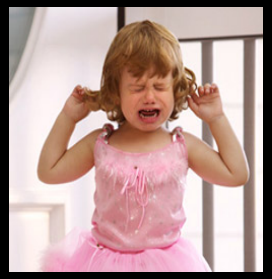




Noninvasive Assessment of Biofilm Growth in the Middle Ear using a Portable Low-Coherence Interferometry System

Finding and treating the source of chronic ear infections

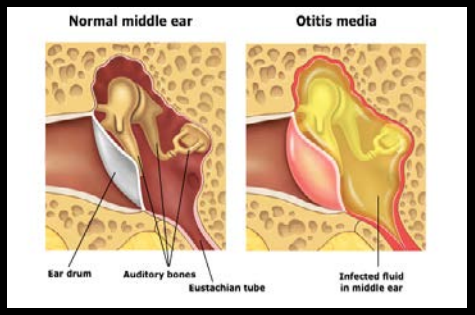
Advance Point-of-Care Diagnostic and Imaging Technology in Primary Care Practice

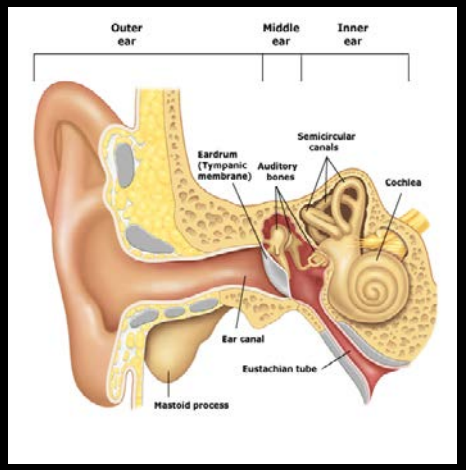


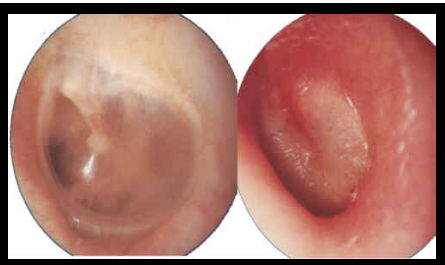
Otitis Media (OM) – Ear Infection

Most frequent diagnosis for all children

- 60-80% have ≥ 1 OM by age 1
- 80-90% have ≥ 1 OM by age 3
- 17% have ≥ 3 OM by age 1
- 46% have ≥ 3 OM by age 3





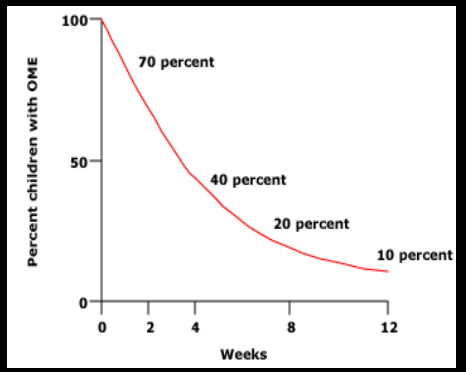


Diagnoses

- Acute OM
- OM with effusion (OME)
  - serous or secretory
- Chronic suppurative OM

Complications

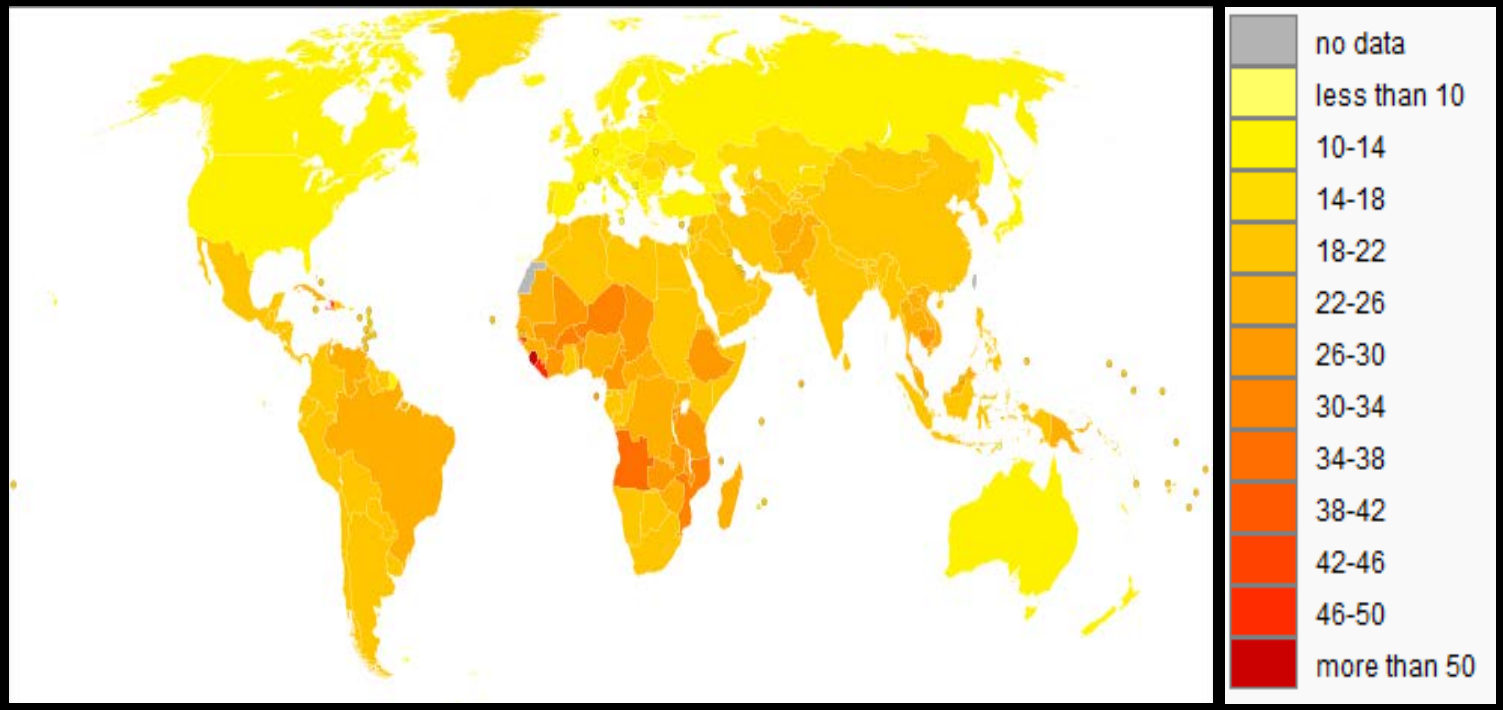
- Hearing loss, speech, language delays



Treatment

- Antibiotics, surgery (tympanostomy), supportive care

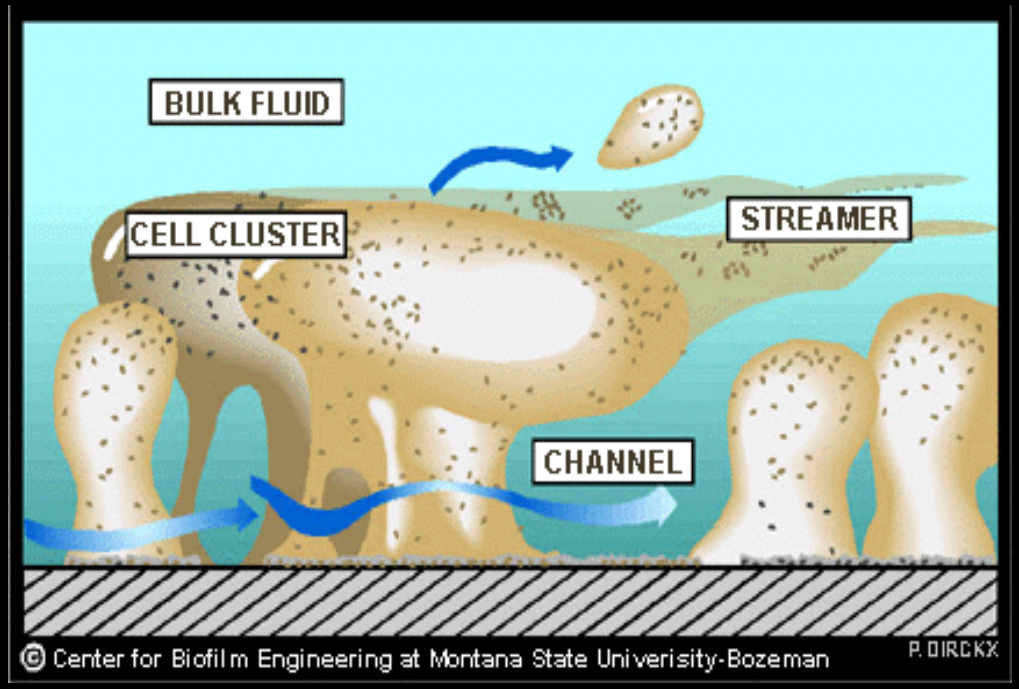
National and Global Impact on Disability

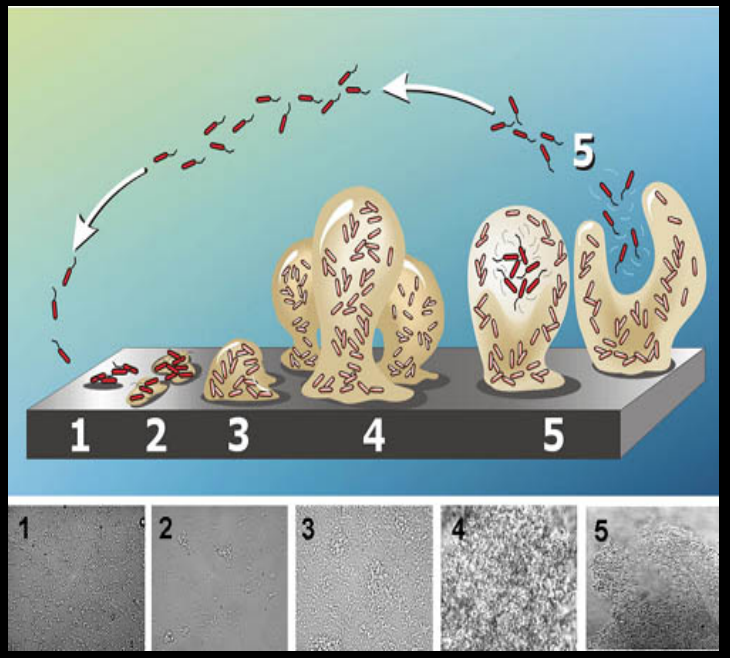


Age-standardized disability-adjusted life year (DALY) rates from otitis media by country (per 100,000 inhabitants)

Data from *Mortality and Burden of Disease estimates for WHO member states in 2002*

Biofilm Morphology and Growth

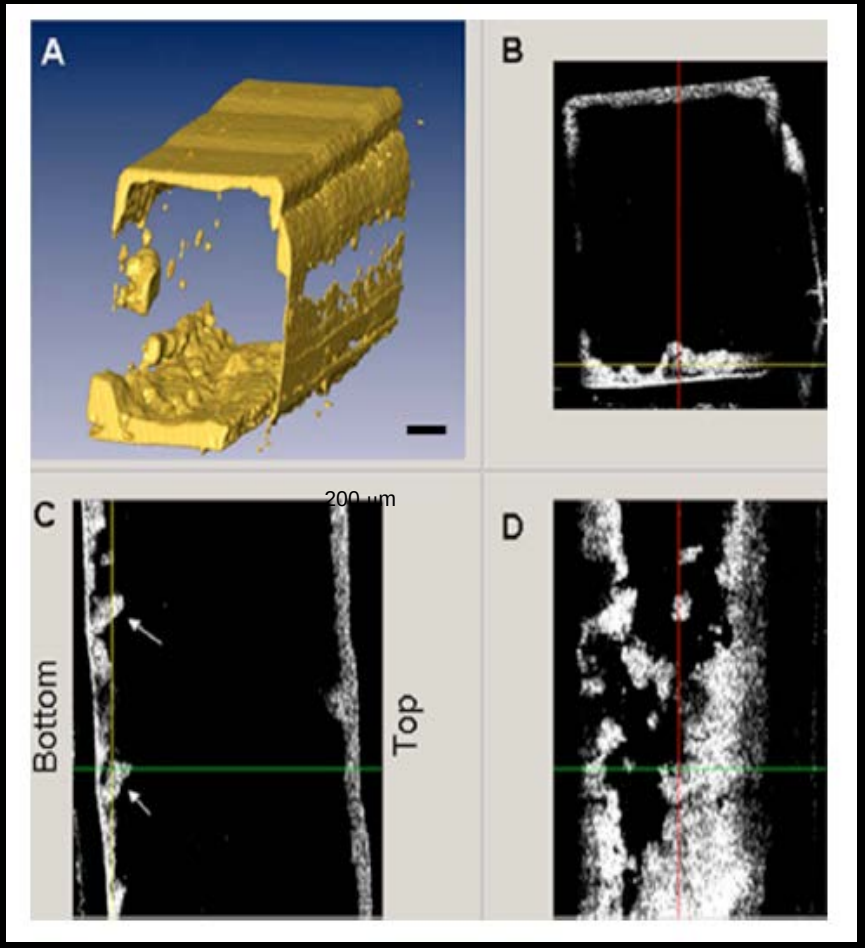




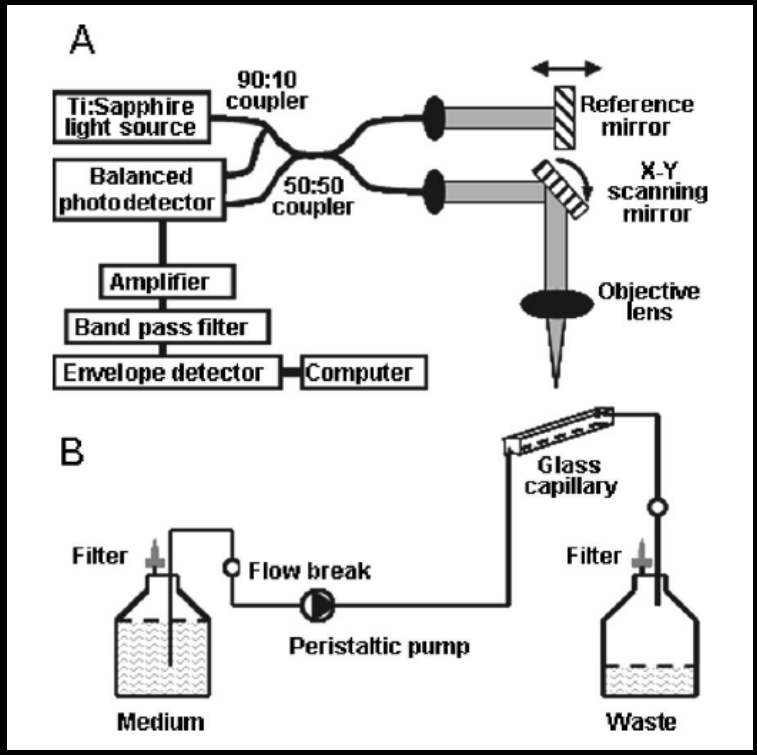
<u>Biofilms account for ~ 80% of all infections</u>
Urinary tract infections
Indwelling catheters
Dental plaque
Contact lenses
Prostheses

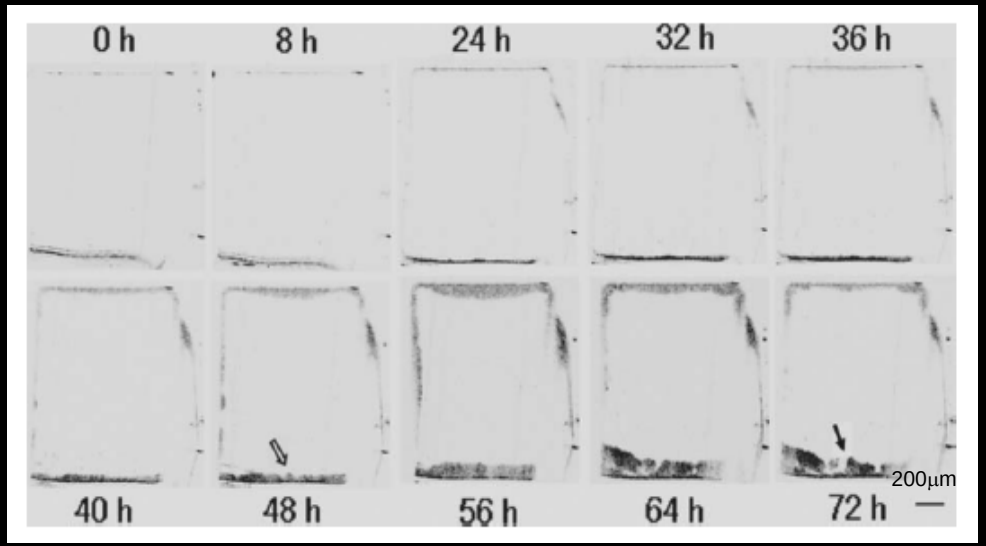
<u>Complex polymicrobial communities</u>
Protected from antibiotic exposure
Rapidly develop antibiotic resistance
Seed recurrent infections
Developmental processes unknown
Uncertain treatment protocols

Three-Dimensional OCT of Developing Biofilms



3-day-old *P.aerogenosa* biofilm





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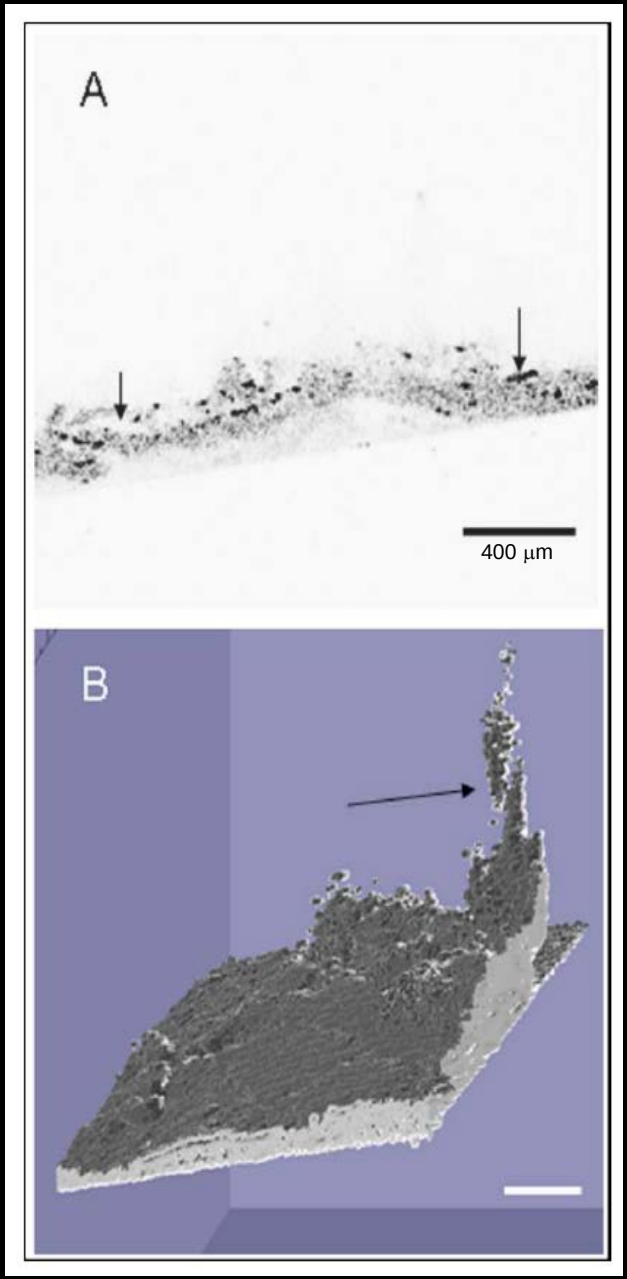

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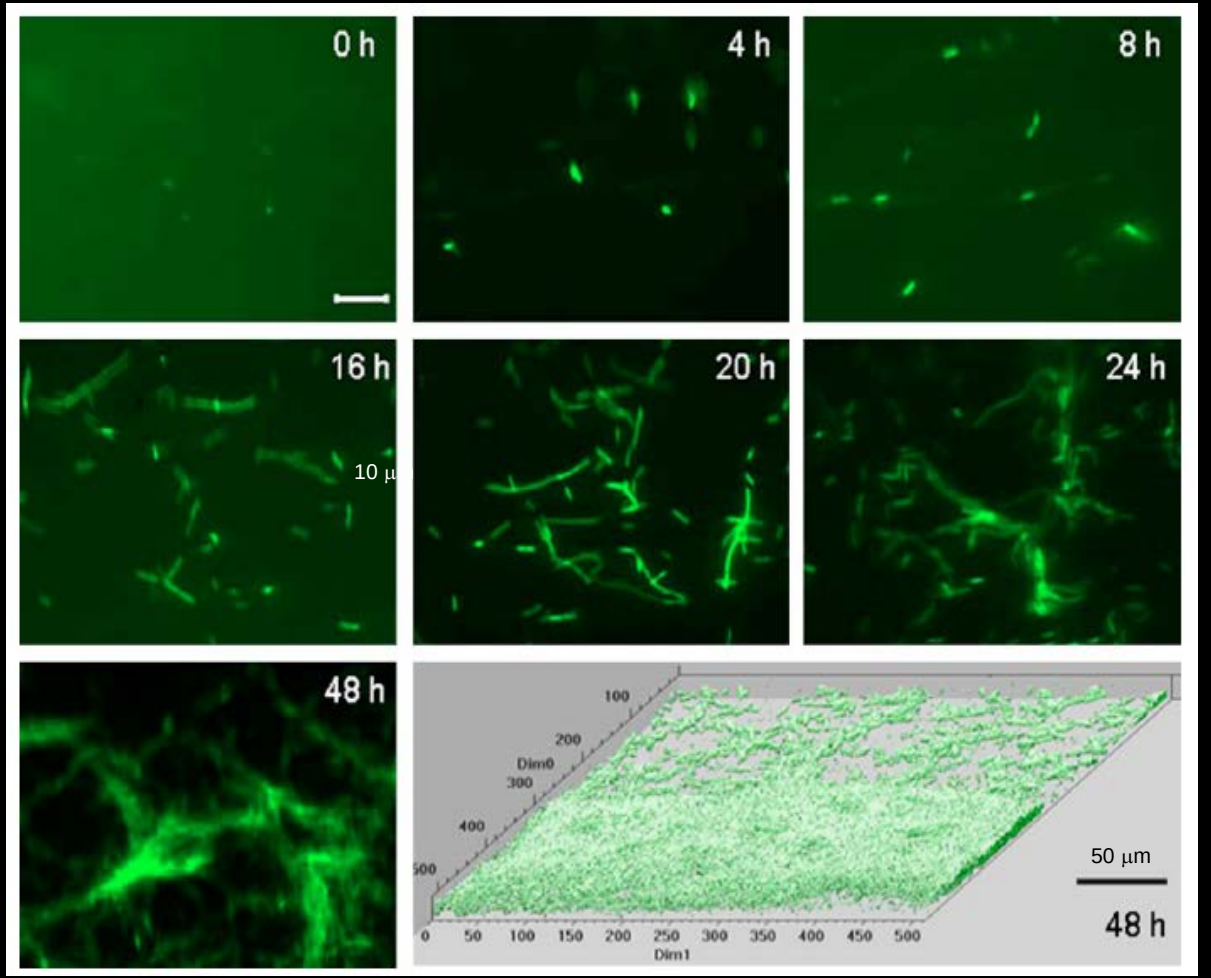

Fluorescence and confocal microscopy of the *P.aerogenosa* biofilm

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Direct Detection of Bacterial Biofilms on the Middle-Ear Mucosa of Children With Chronic Otitis Media

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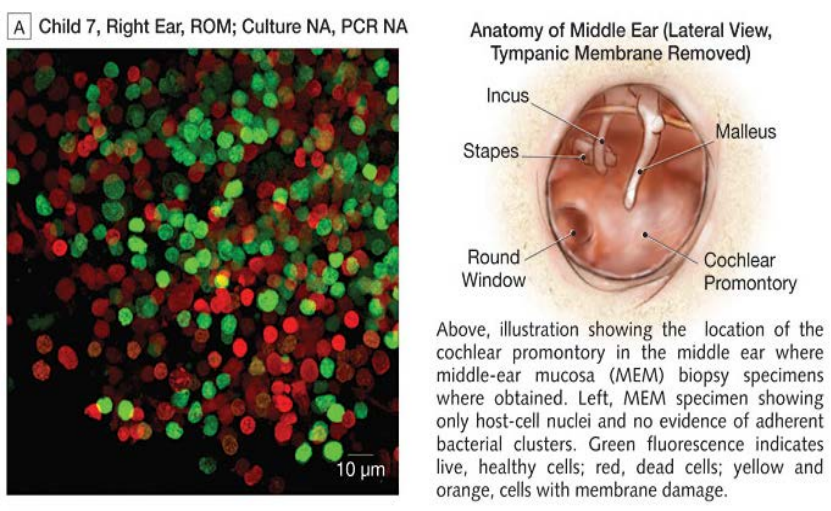
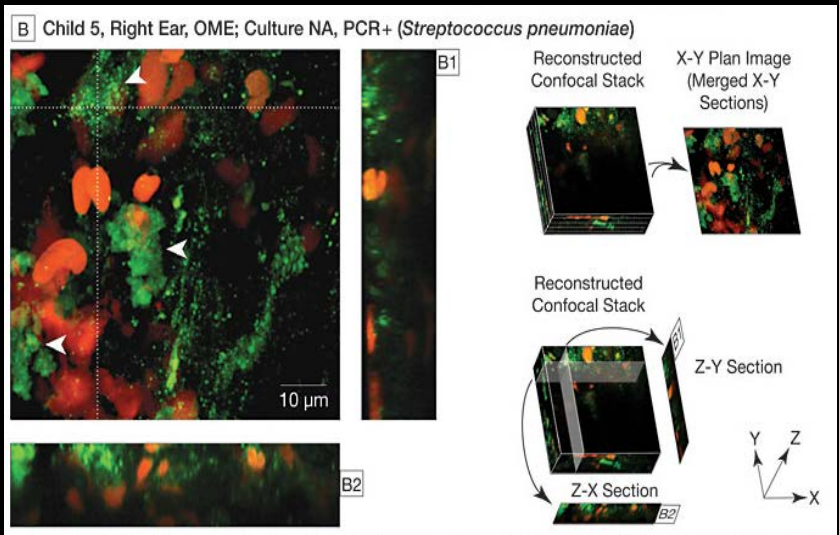




<u>26 Children undergoing tympanostomy tube placement</u>
13 (50%) had OME 20 (77%) had recurrent OM
7 (27%) had both diagnoses
27 of 52 (52%) of ears had effusions
Biofilms visualized by CLSM in 46 (92%) of 50 middle-ear biopsies

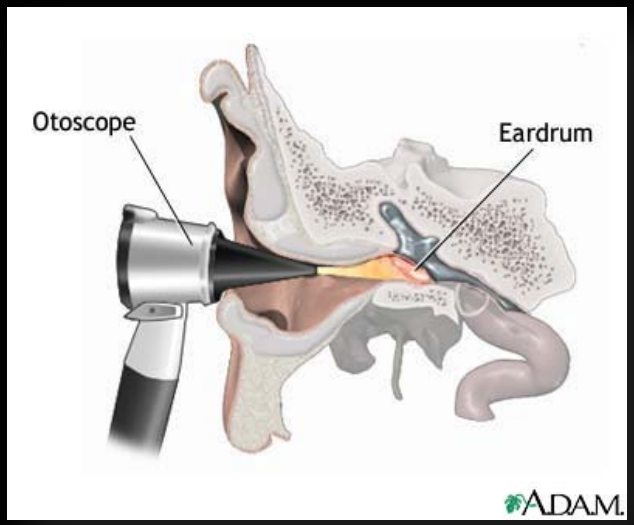
<u>3 children and 5 adults undergoing cochlear implantation (controls)</u>
No biofilms observed in any of these mucosal biopsies

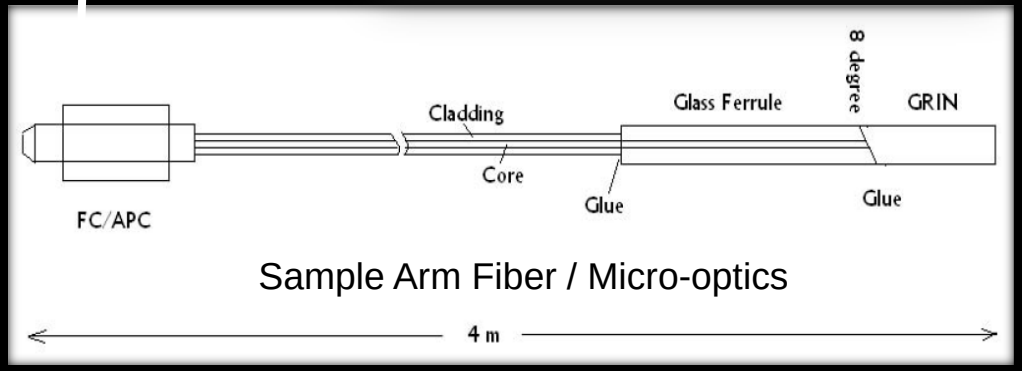
Will the diagnosis of a middle ear biofilm alter the antibiotic treatment protocol for chronic otitis media?

Can Low-Coherence Interferometry (LCI) or Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) technology be used to determine the most appropriate therapy, most appropriate antibiotic, and follow response rates?

<u>Use LCI or OCT to:</u>
Diagnose, measure, and characterize biofilms.
Characterize and quantify effusions.
Measure precise TM changes under insufflation.

LCI Otoscopy System

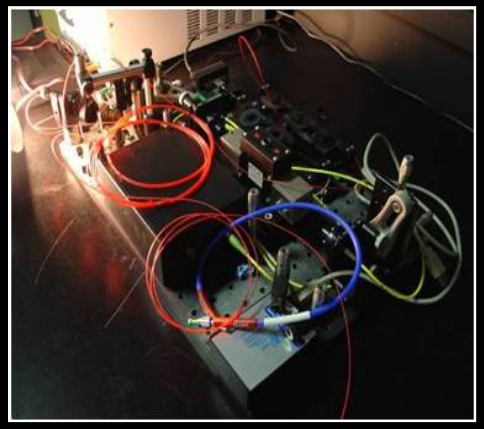


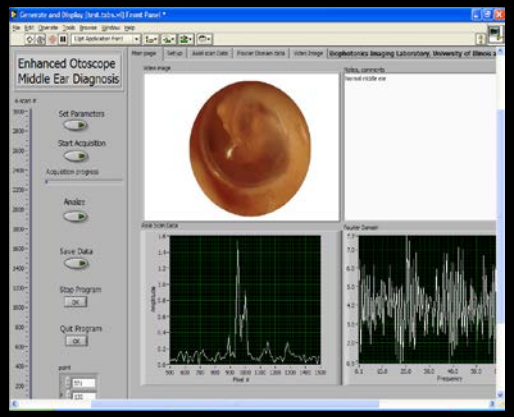


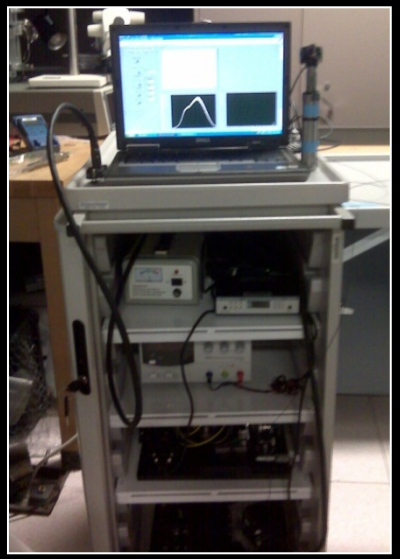
Sample Arm Fiber / Micro-optics

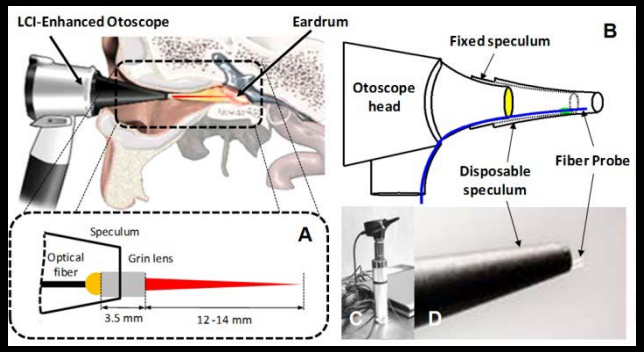
- Compact and portable clinical system
- Fiber / Micro-optics in ear speculum
- Compatible with existing otoscopes

System Integration



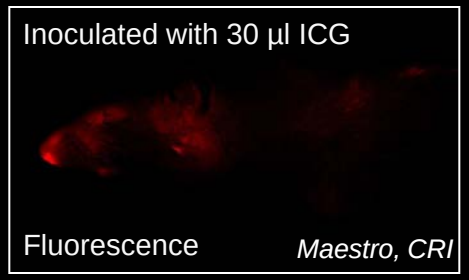


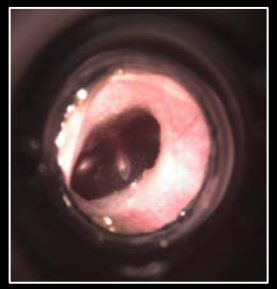


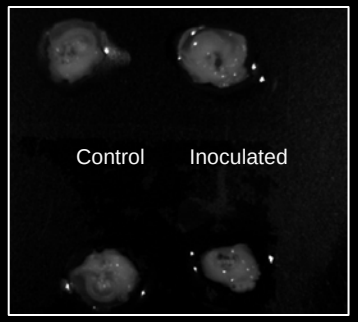


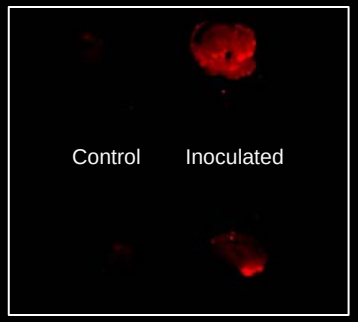
Otitis Media Induction Procedure in the Rat

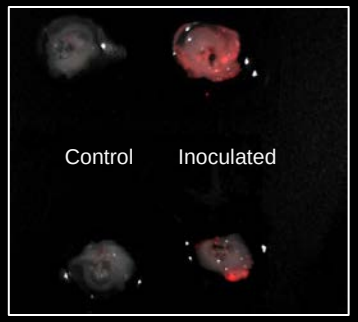
- Developed new animal biofilm model based on prior literature *
- 30 µl of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacteria in saline with 1% methylcellulose solution (10^{10} CFU/ml) inoculated into the nostrils of an anesthetized rat through a nasal cannula
- Immediately after inoculation, animal placed in a pressure chamber
- LCI otoscope used to examine the ears twice per week
- Entire procedure reproduced twice per week until the animal is unable to clear away fluid in the middle ear, and the presence of a biofilm is established
- Total 8 rats (6 infected, 2 control) over period of ~ 6 months











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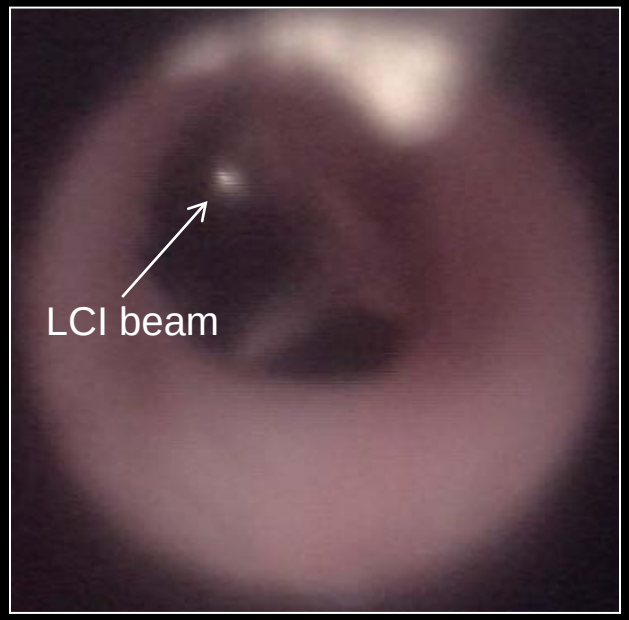
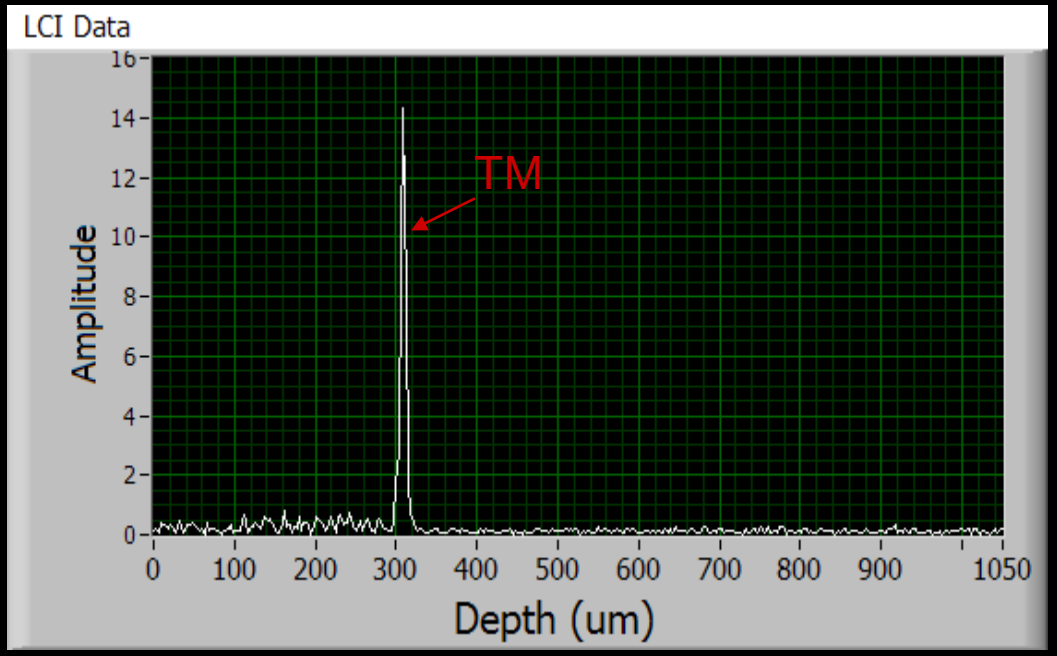
Video Image and Typical LCI Data of Normal Rat TM





- Translucent membrane in otoscope video
- Thin LCI peak trace representative of a thin normal TM

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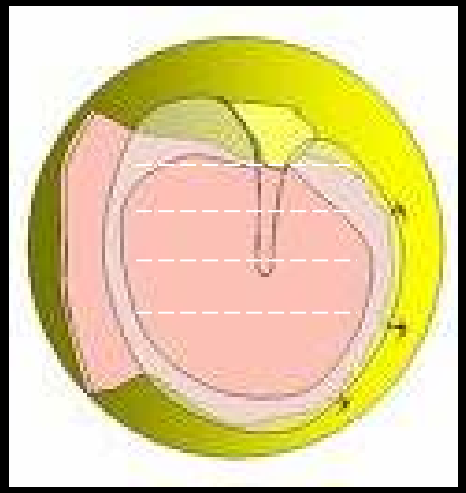
OCT and Histology of Normal Rat Tympanic Membrane



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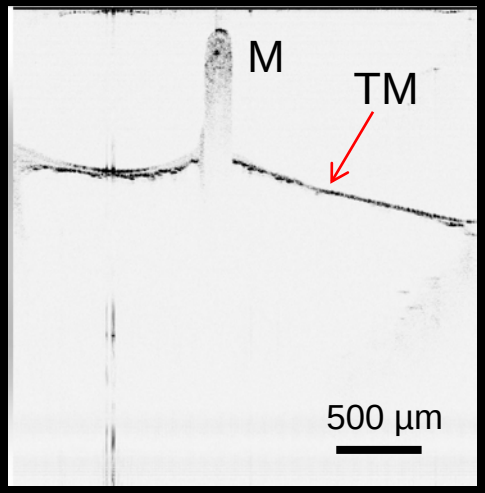

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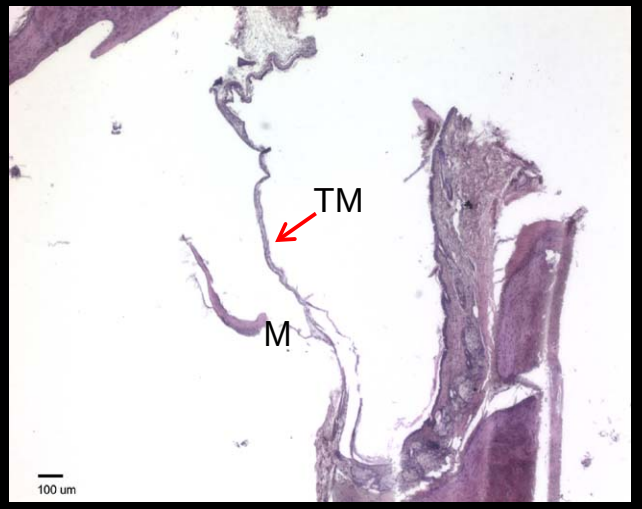

Histology

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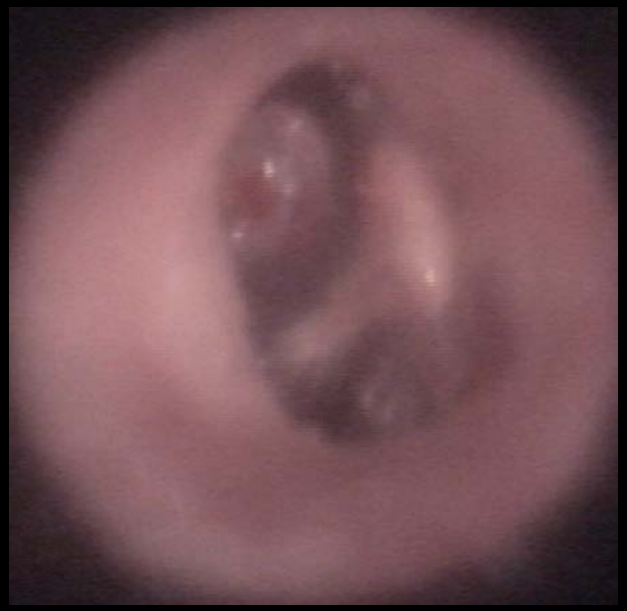

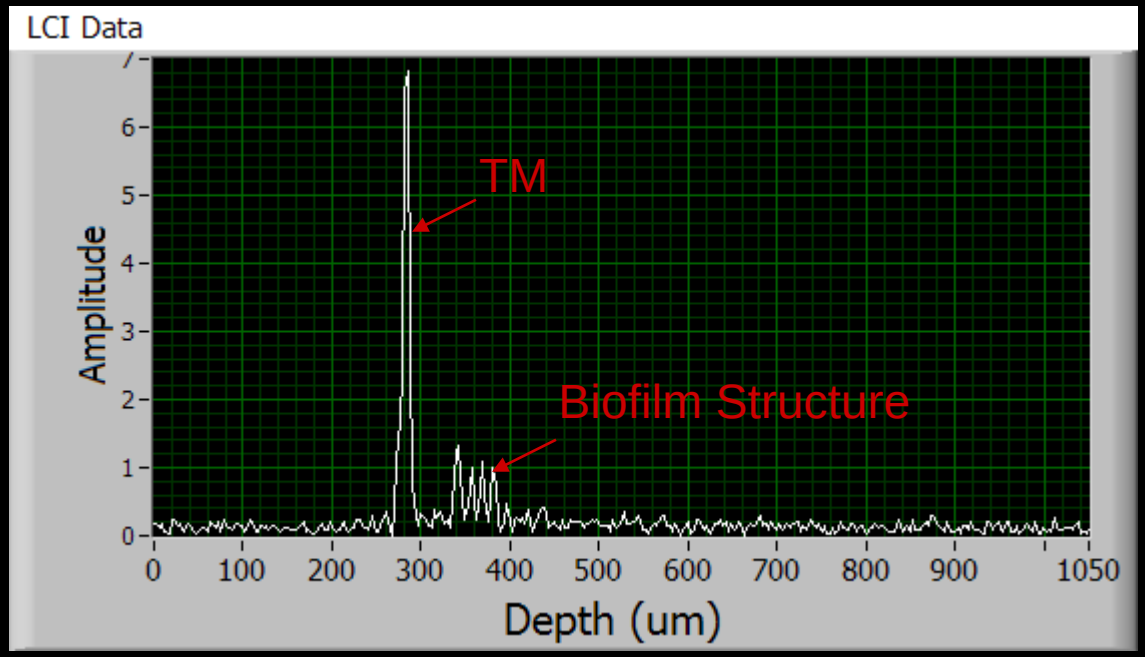

- Red membrane and focal areas in otoscope video
- Scattering layers representative of biofilm behind thin TM

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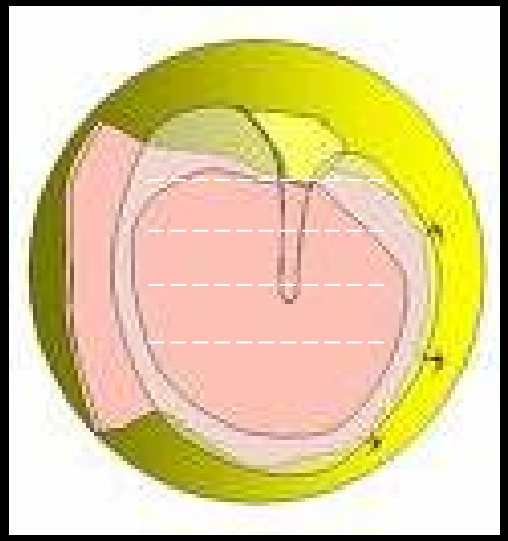

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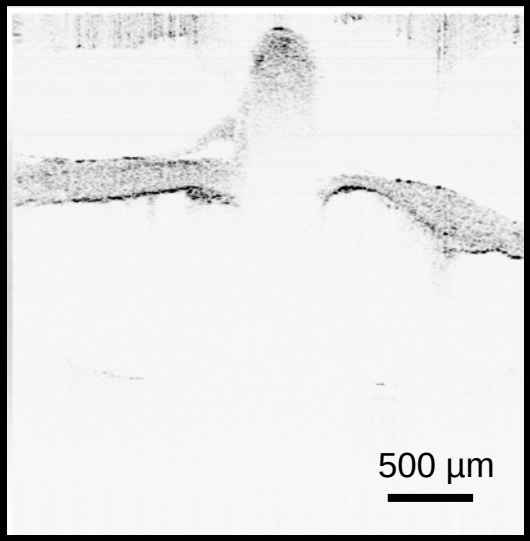

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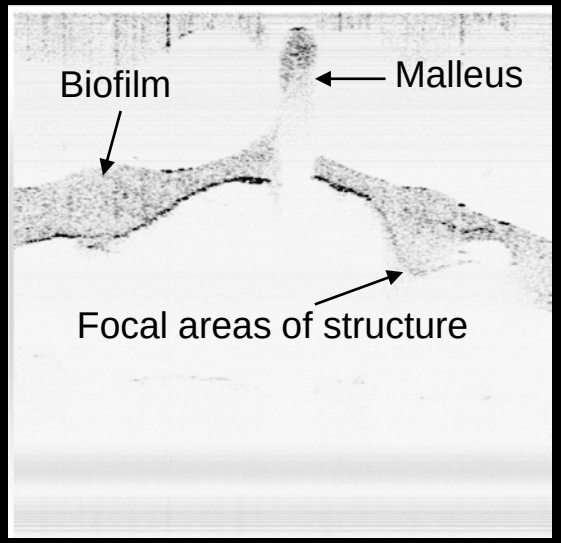

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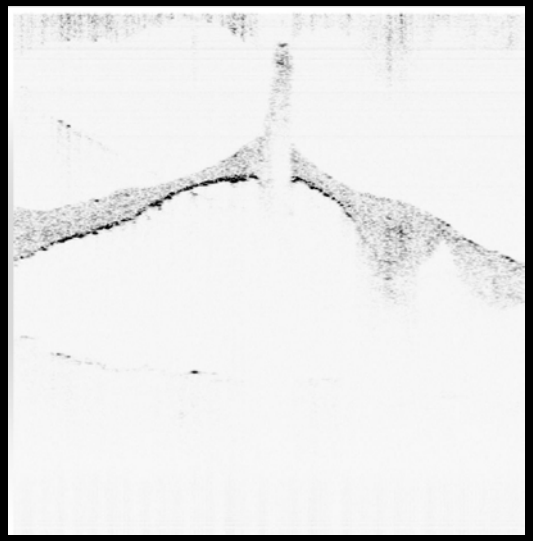

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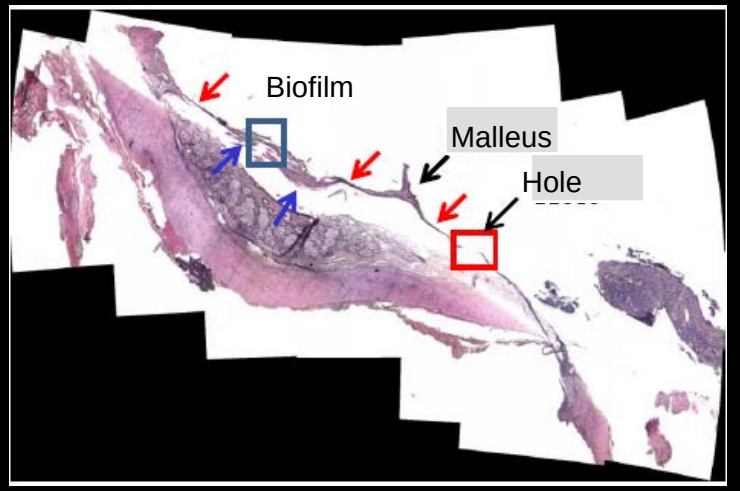


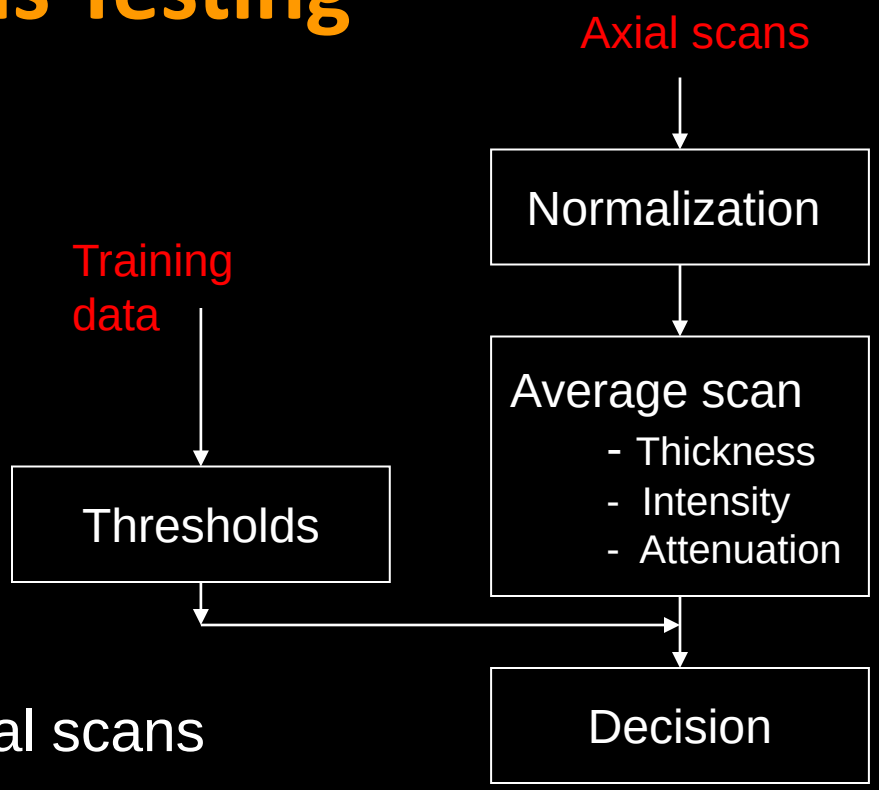
Histology

Automatic Classification Algorithm
Hypothesis Testing

- Determine the existence of biofilm
  1. A-scan width (thickness)
  2. A-scan attenuation (density)
  3. A-scan intensity (structures)

- Pre-Classification process
  - Normalize the axial scans
  - Average the normalized axial scans

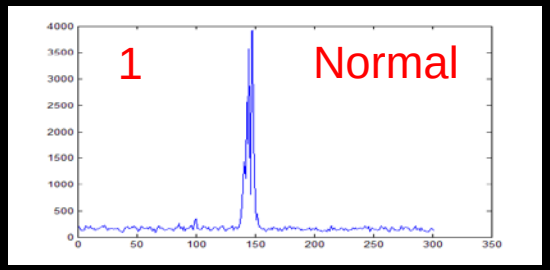
- Use training data to set thresholds and classify scans

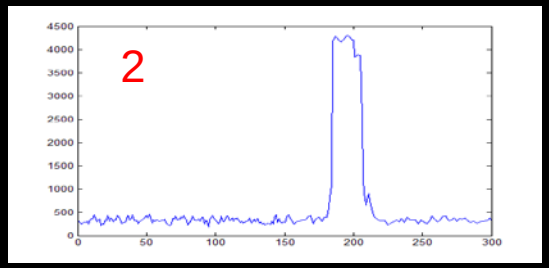


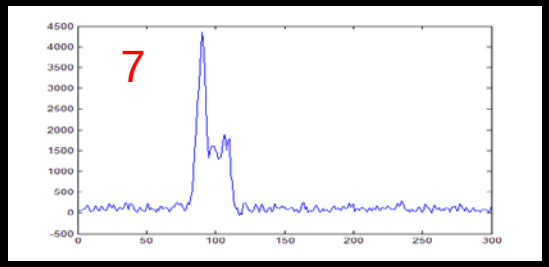
Classification Models

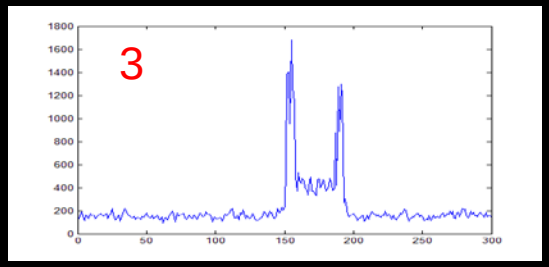
I. Normal	Normal, thin (animal)	1. Normal, thin
	Normal, thick (edge, human)	2. Normal thick 1 3. Normal thick 2
II. Biofilm or effusion present	Effusion present	4. Thick effusion 5. Clear effusion
	Biofilm present	6. New biofilm 7. Uniform biofilm
	Biofilm + effusion present	8. Uniform biofilm + clear effusion 9. Uniform biofilm + thick effusion
		10. New biofilm +clear effusion 11. New biofilm + thick effusion

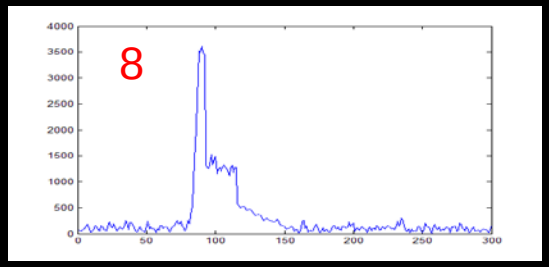
Signal models 12-19 and 20-27 are repeated using 4-11 for normal and thick types (2, 3)

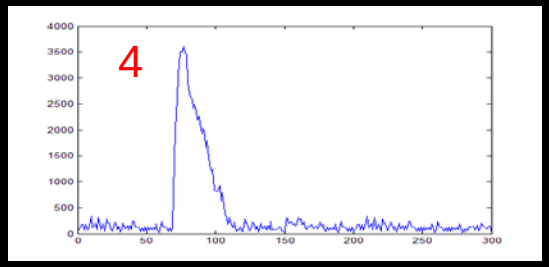


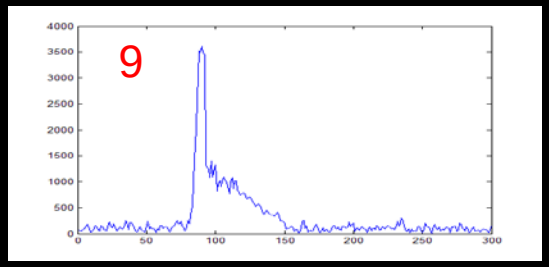


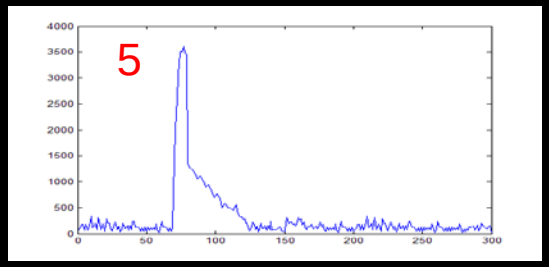


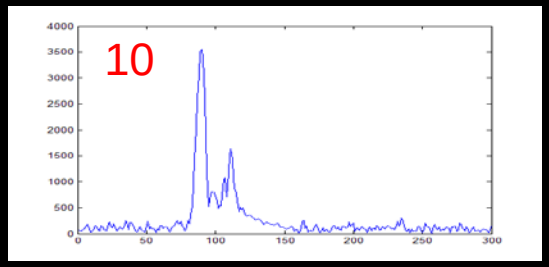


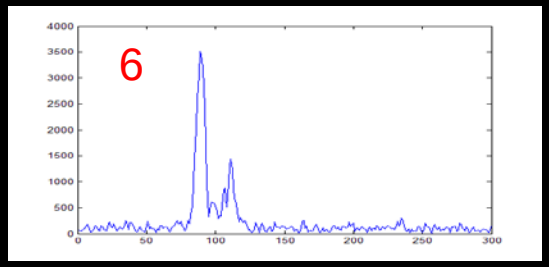


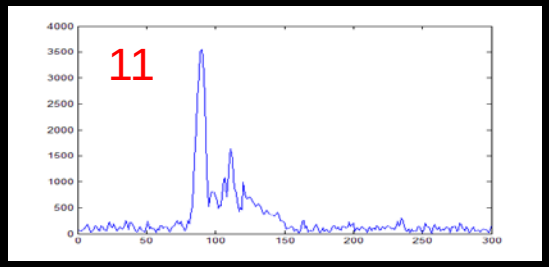












Classification of A-Scan Data

A-Scans	Histology: Positive	Histology: Negative
Positive	TP = 1,430	FP= 225
Negative	FN = 167	TN = 1,561

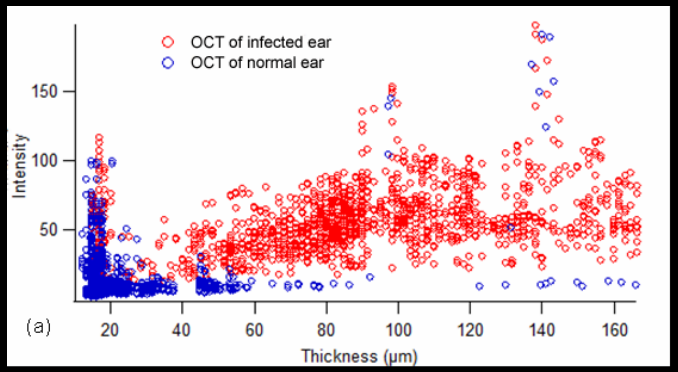
Sensitivity = 87%

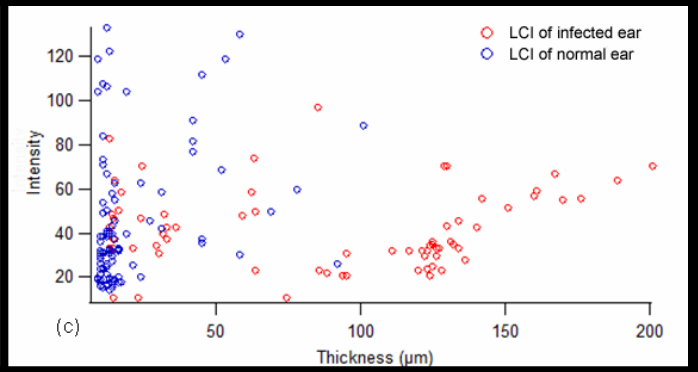
Specificity = 90%

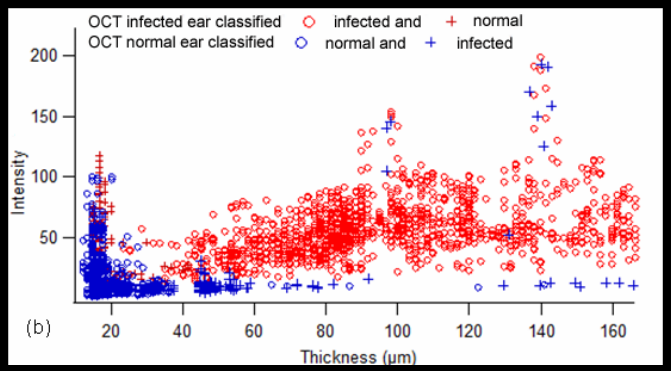
Current methods:

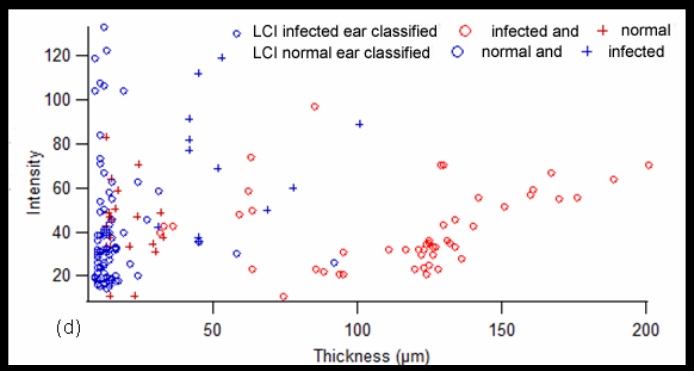
Standard otoscopy 74% and 60%

Tympanometry 70-90%







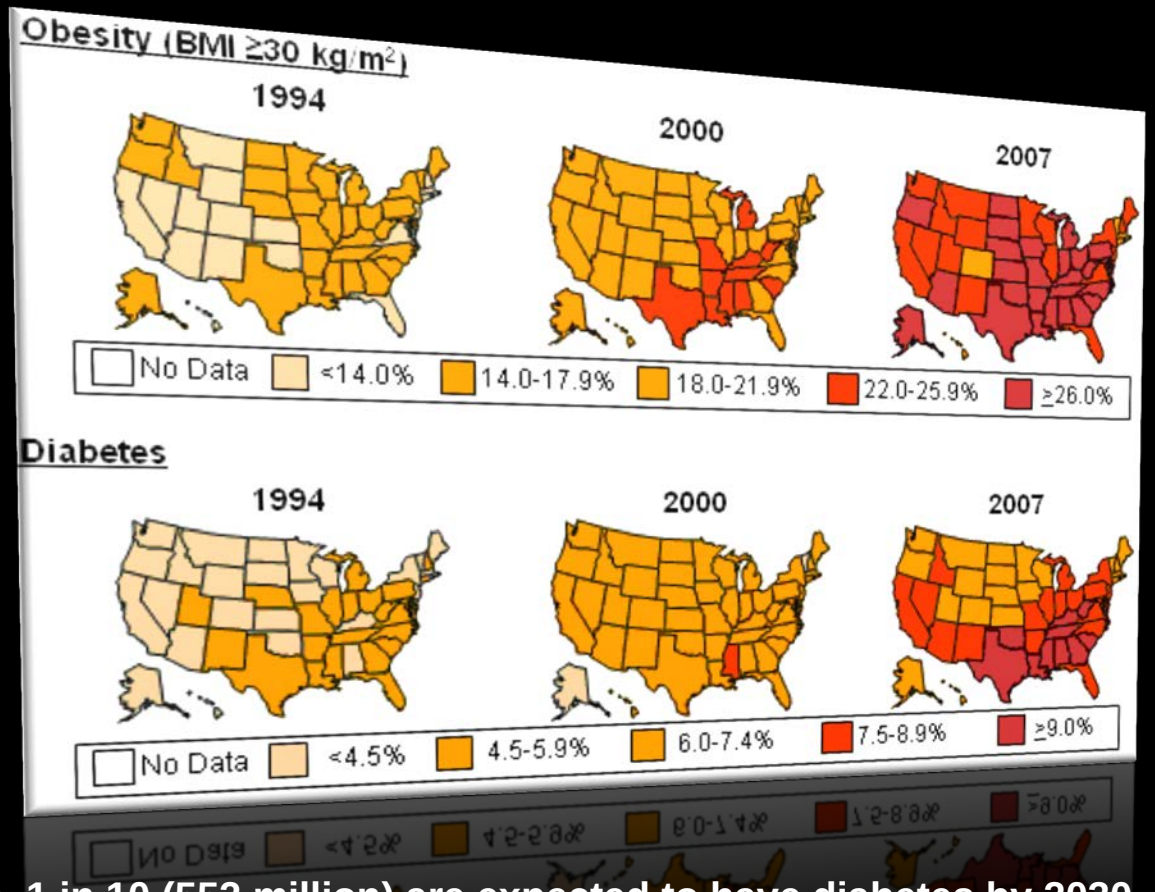


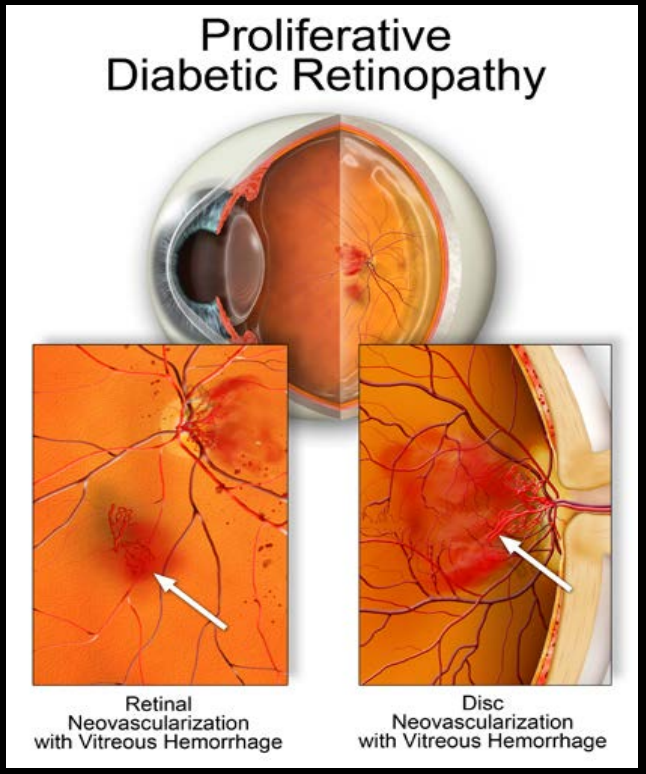

OCT Ophthalmoscopy
for Screening and Monitoring
of Diabetic Retinopathy

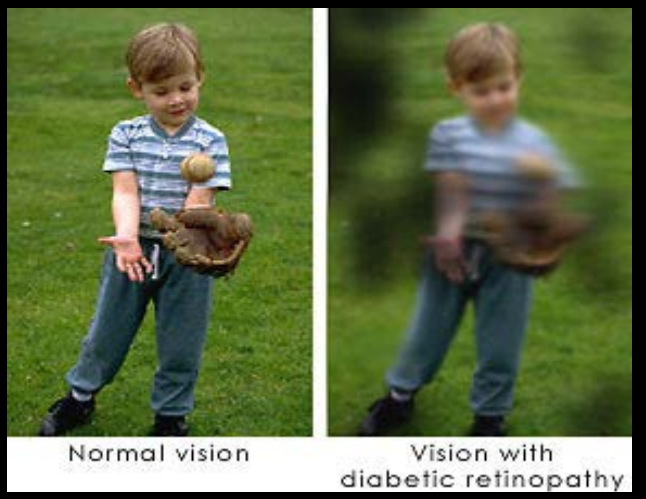
Obesity, Diabetes, and Diabetic Retinopathy

- One-third (33.8%) of U.S. adults are obese
- Over one-third of children and adolescents are obese or overweight

Reference: NHANES, CDC



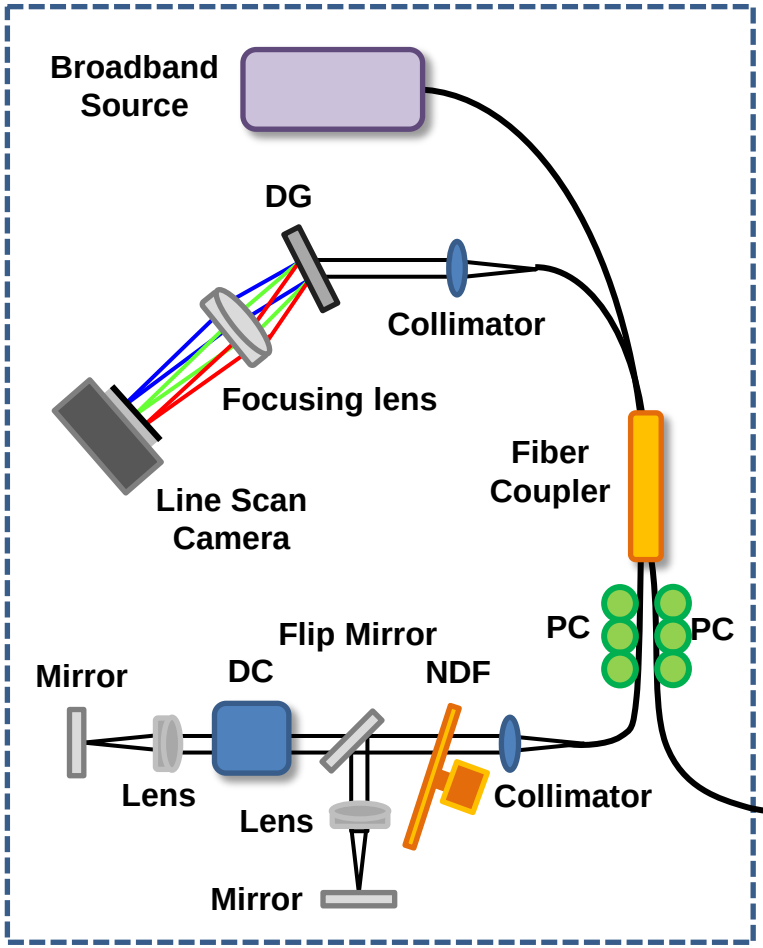


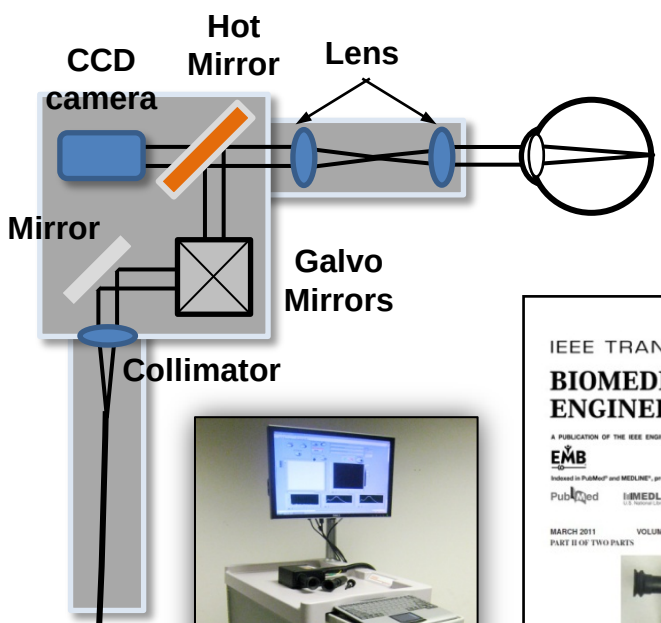


- 1 in 10 (552 million) are expected to have diabetes by 2030
- 40-45% of diabetics will have diabetic retinopathy

Reference: International Diabetes Foundation

Portable OCT System

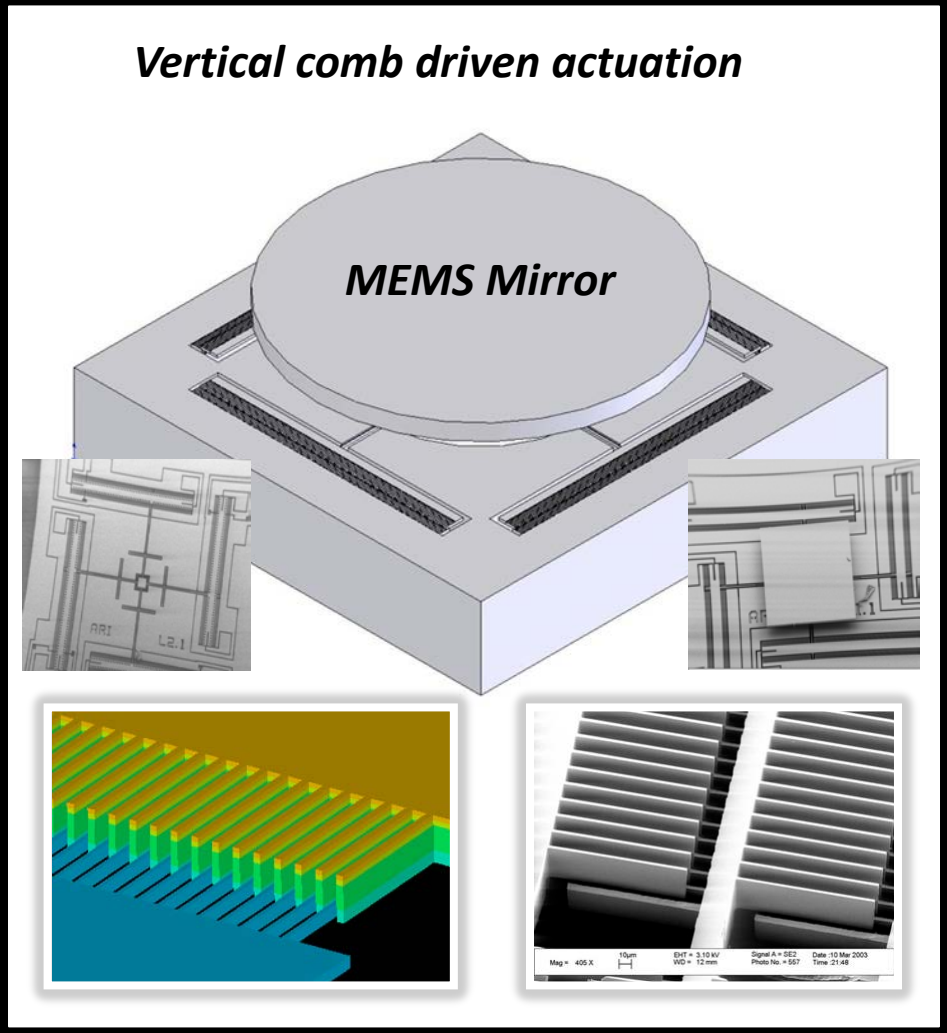


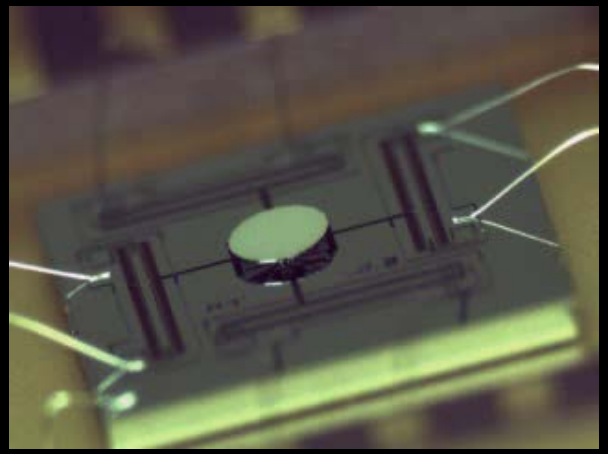


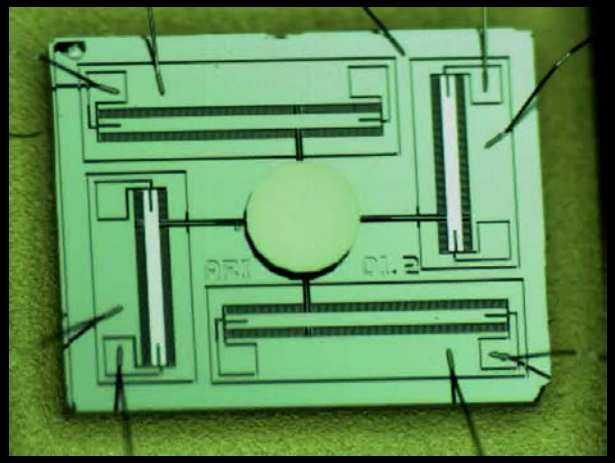
Axial Resolution : 5 µm
Lateral Resolution: 15 µm

Jung, *et. al.*, IEEE TBME 58:741, 2011

Four Quadrant 2 Axis Scanning MEMS Mirror







Unique Gimble-free linkage configuration

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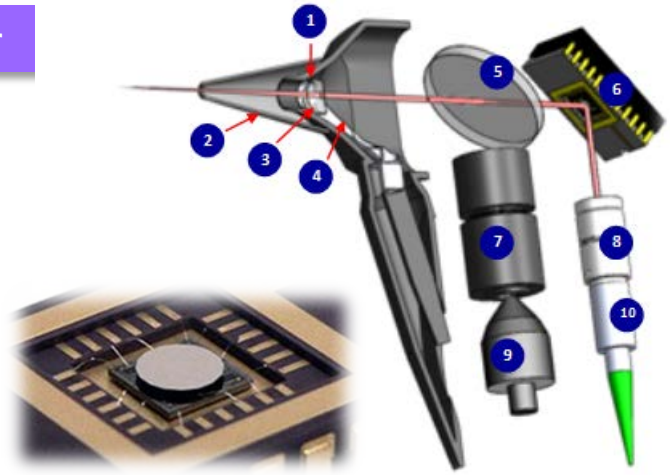
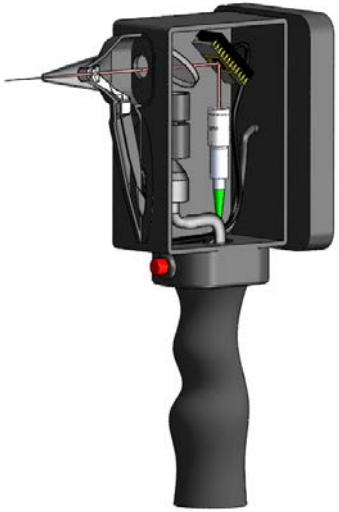
Handheld Probe using MEMS Scanner

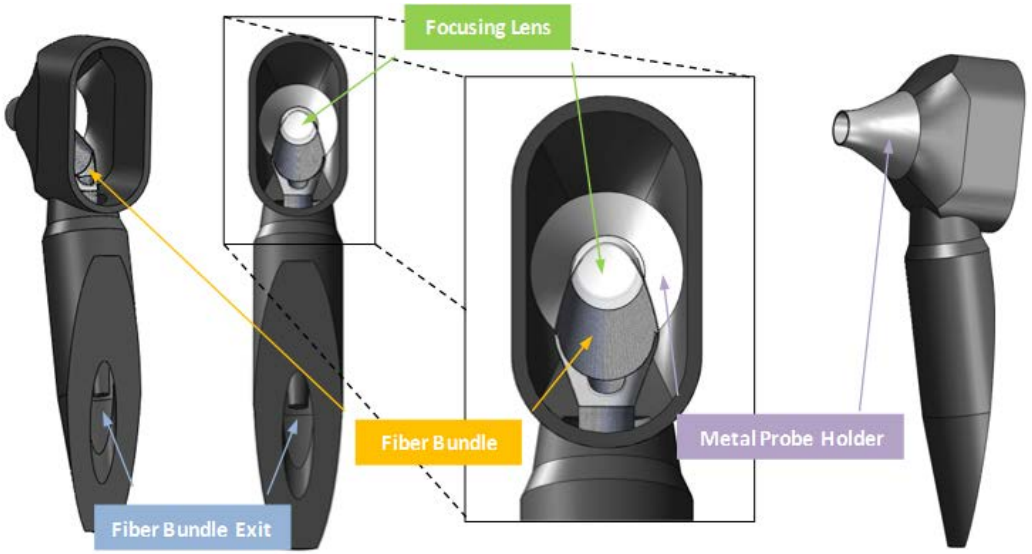
Anatomy of MEMS Probe

1. Metal Probe Holder
2. Ear Speculum
3. Focusing Lens
4. Fiber Bundle
5. Cold Mirror



6. MEMS Scanning Mirror
7. Magnifier
8. Collimator
9. CCD Camera
10. Optical Fiber





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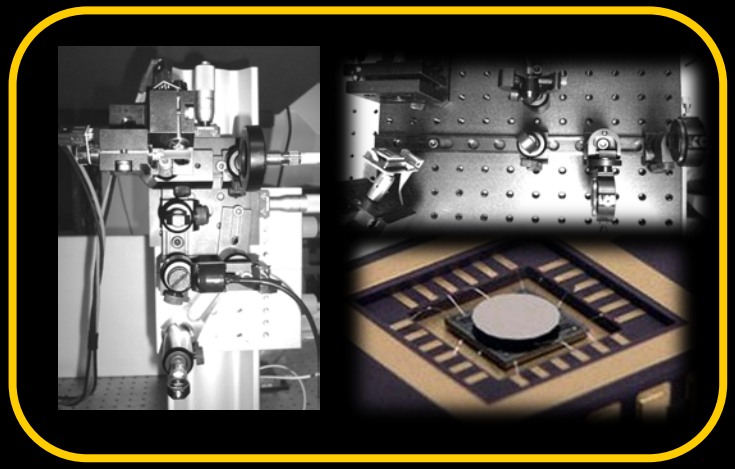

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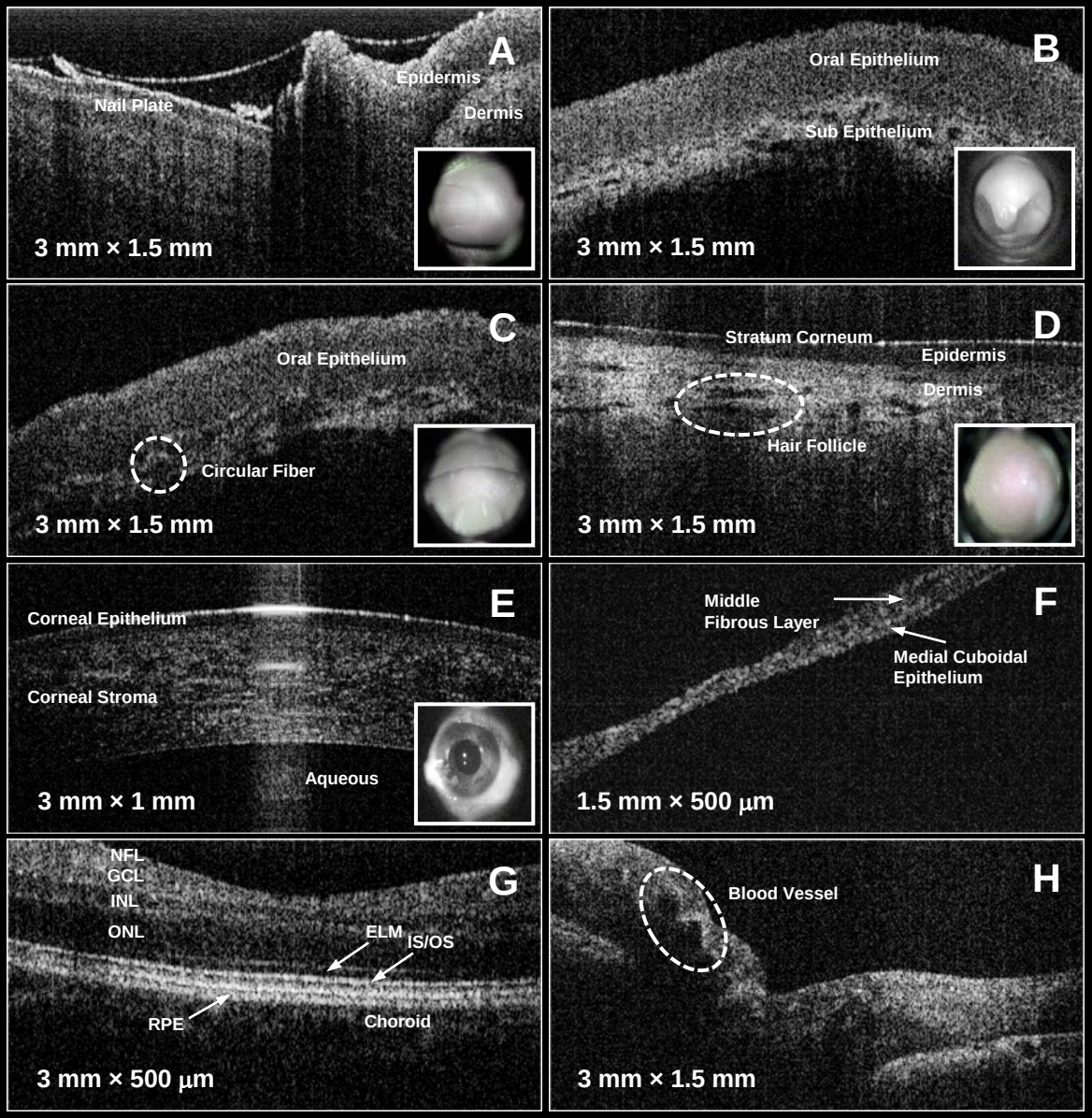

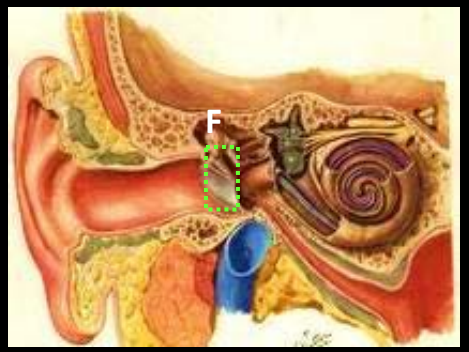

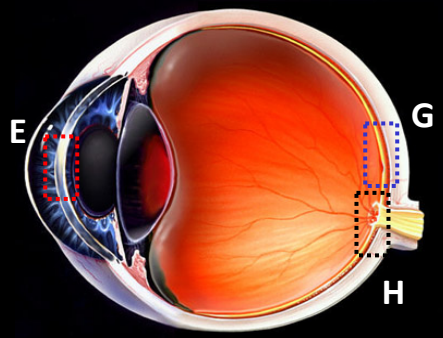

(A) nail fold (B) uvula

(C) gum (D) arm (E) cornea

(F) tympanic membrane

(G) retina around fovea

(H) optic nerve head

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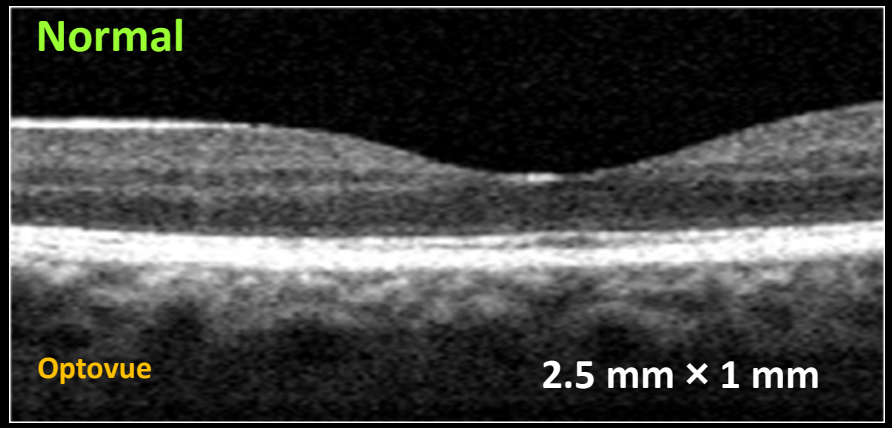
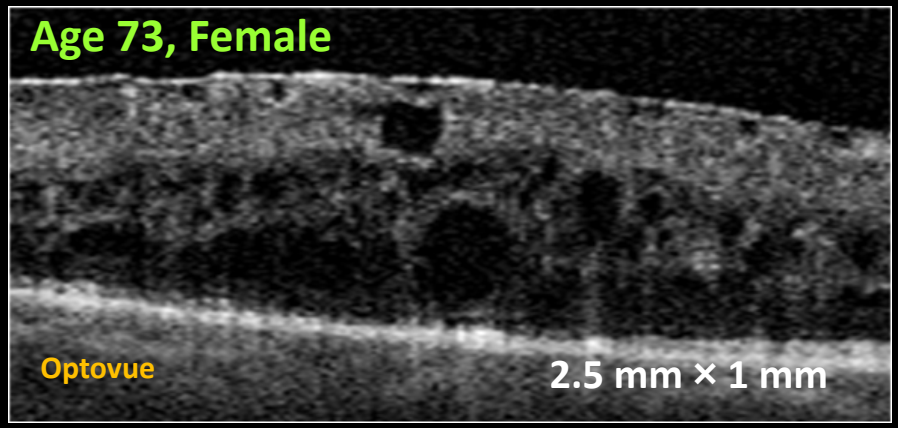
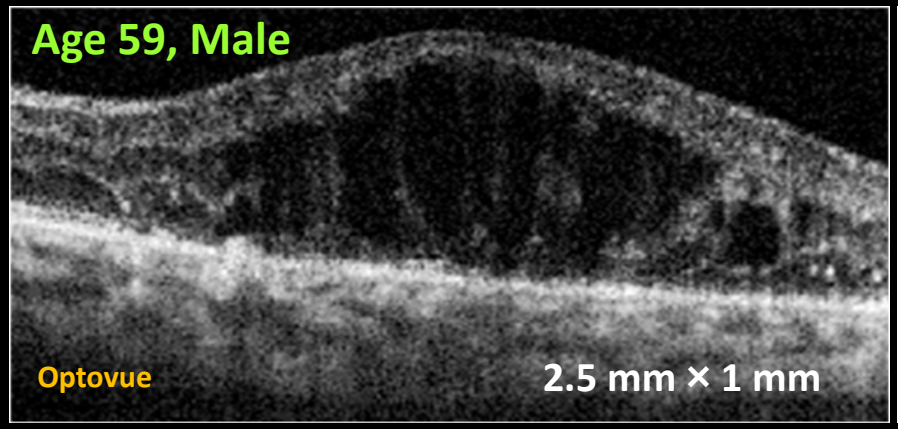
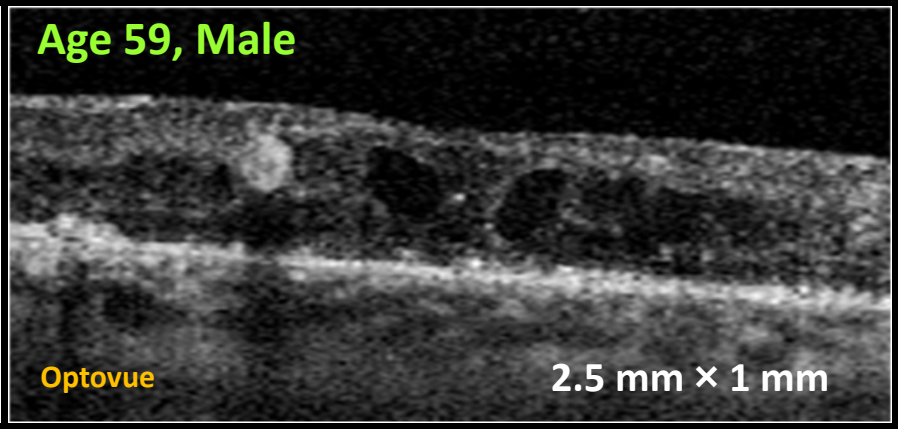
Retinal OCT Images from Diabetic Patients

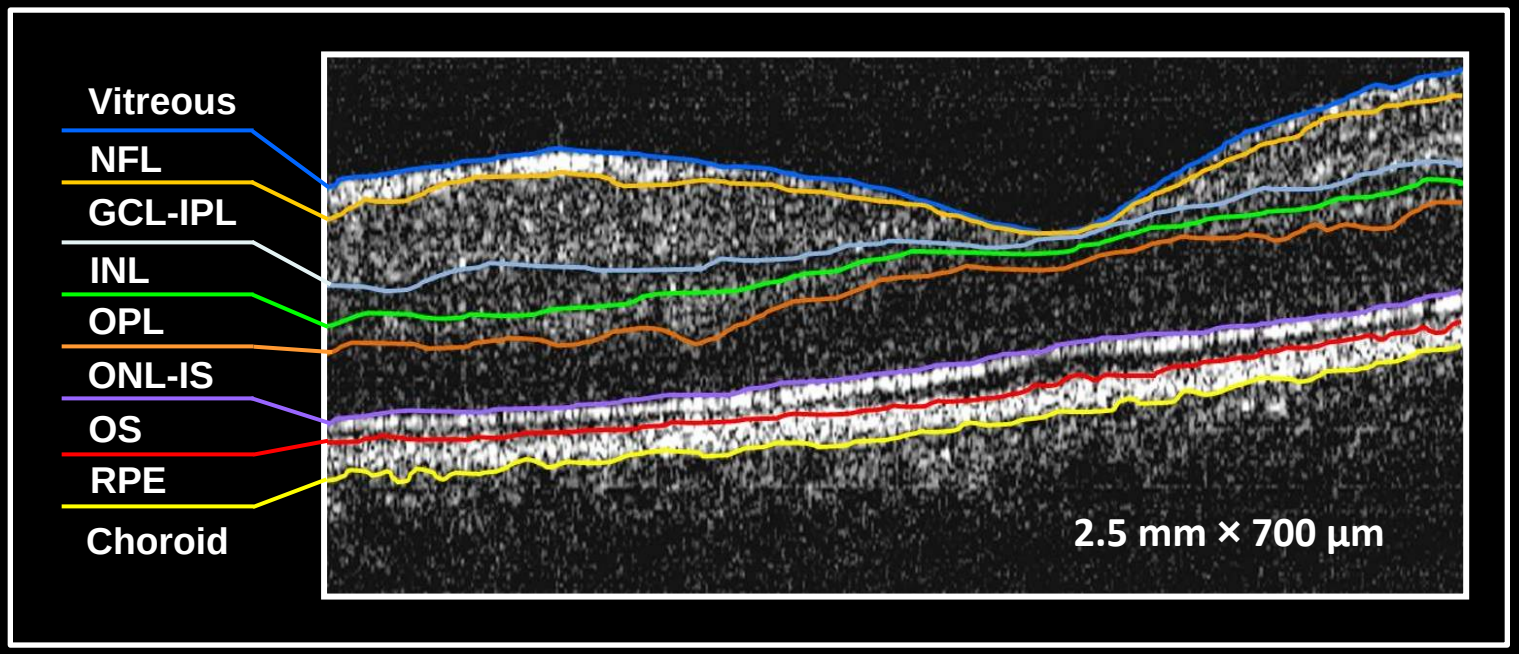








Structure of Retinal Layers

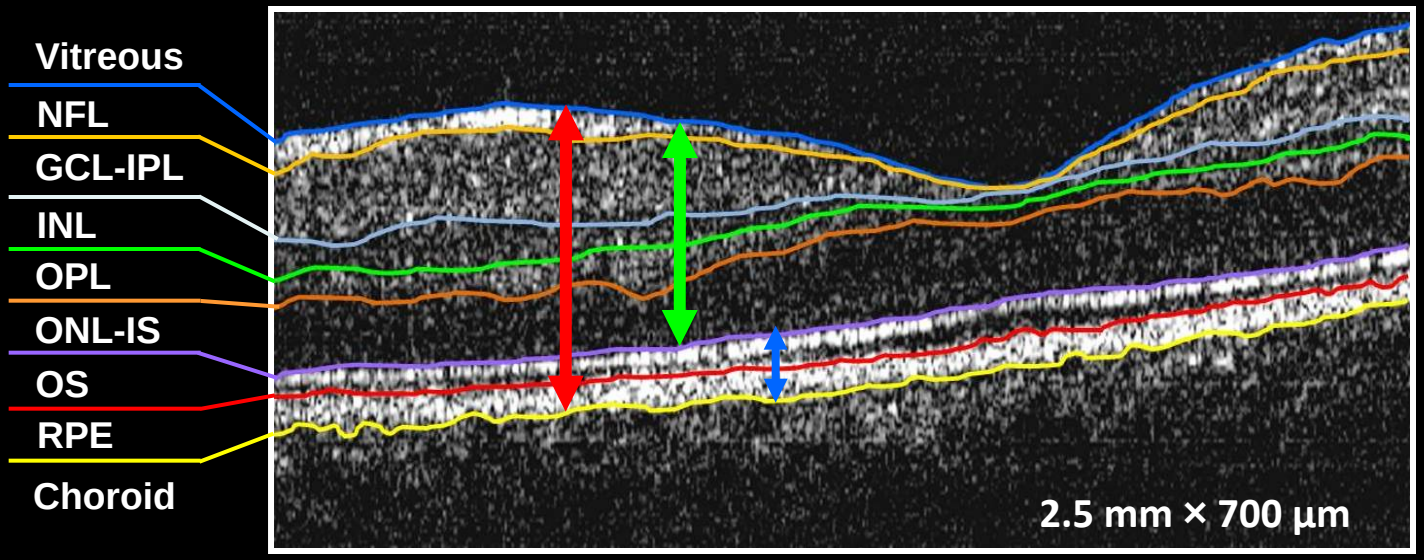


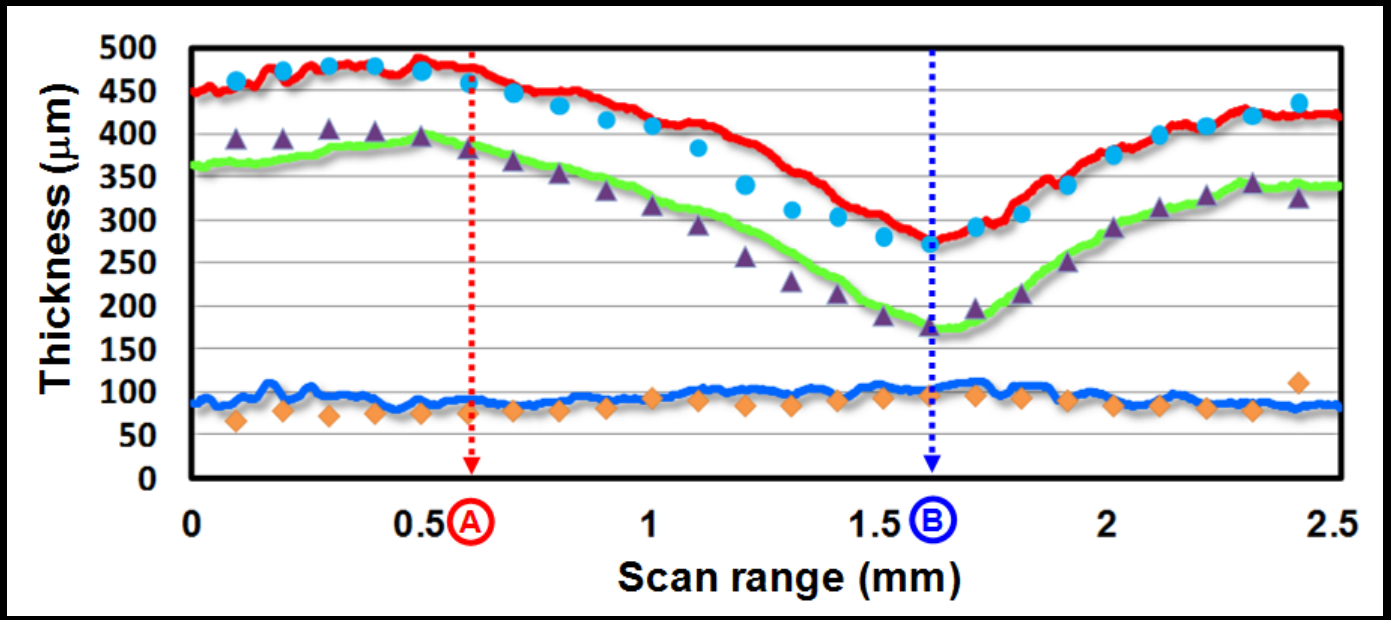
NFL: Nerve fiber layer
GCL: Ganglion cell layer
IPL: Inner plexiform layer
INL: Inner nuclear layer
OPL: Outer plexiform layer

ONL: Outer nuclear layer
IS: Inner segment
OS: Outer segment
RPE: Retinal pigment epithelium

Diabetic retinopathy is a change in the thickness of retinal layers

Segmentation of Retina Layers

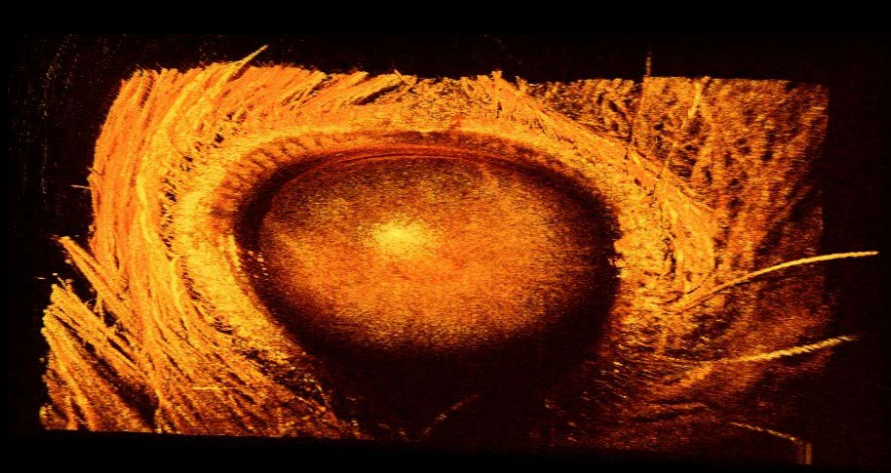


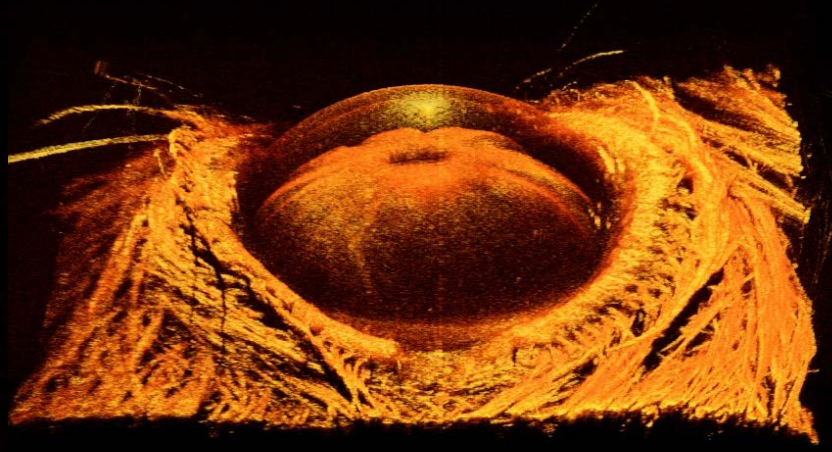


Solid line: Manual segmentation; Dotted line: Automatic segmentation

Conclusions

- Vision for new technology and research in Primary Care Imaging using novel handheld scanners and portable OCT/LCI systems.
- Primary Care Imaging enables new technology at the front-line of healthcare for screening, quantitative monitoring, and potentially more effective referral practices.
- Experimental results show potential for advances in fundamental medical science of middle ear biofilms and retinal layer changes in diabetic retinopathy.
- **Transform OCT to be a Screening Modality.**





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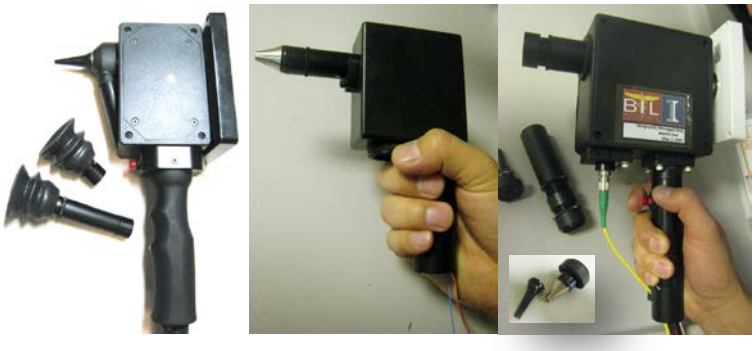

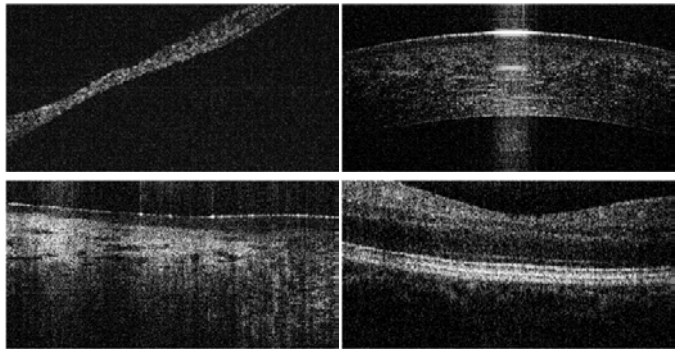

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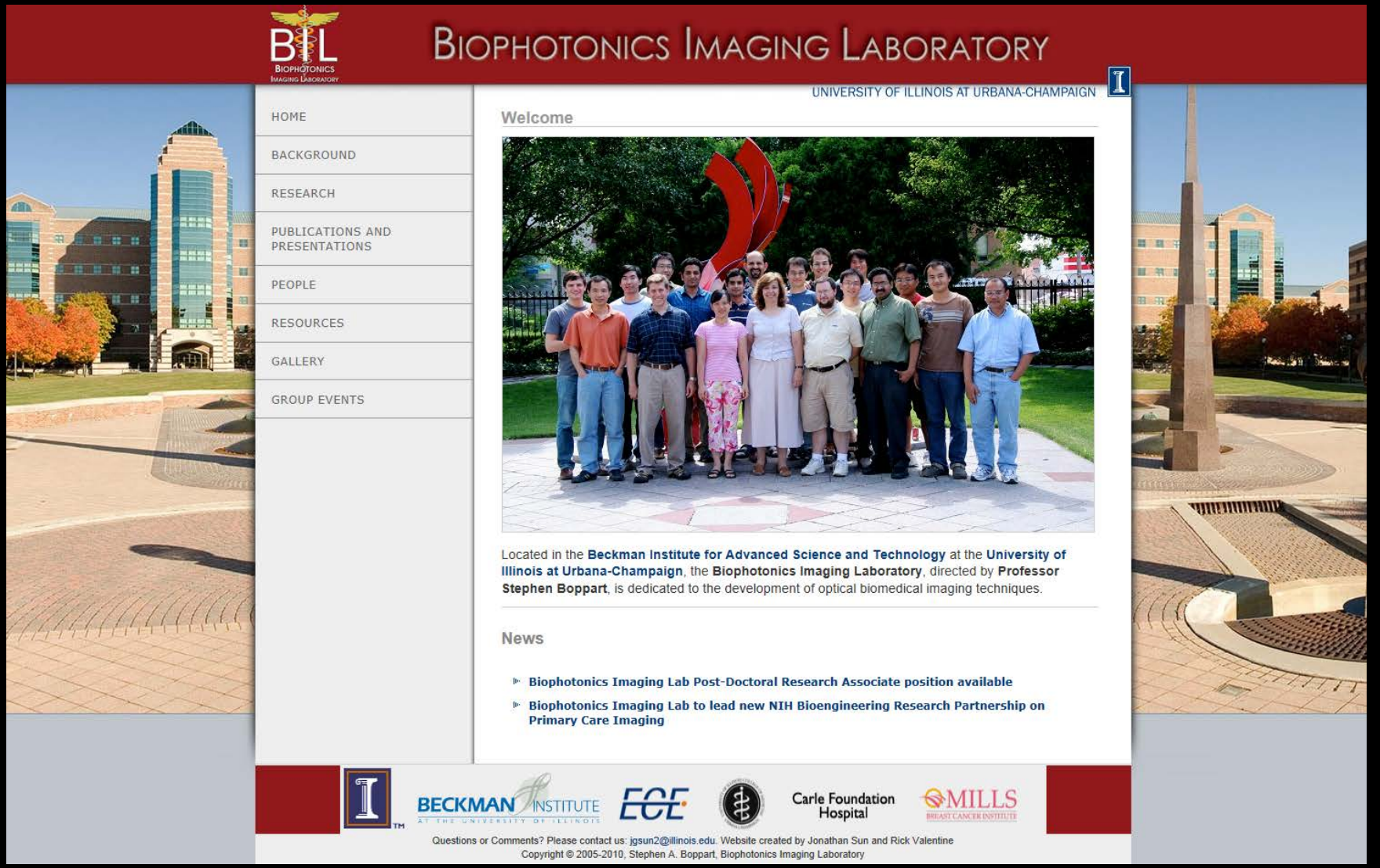

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