

# Optical coherence tomography for noninvasive imaging of structures and functions in biomedicine

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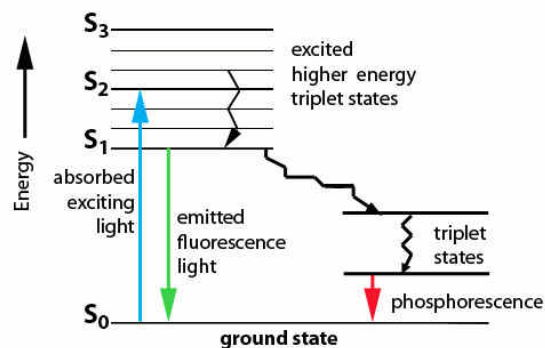
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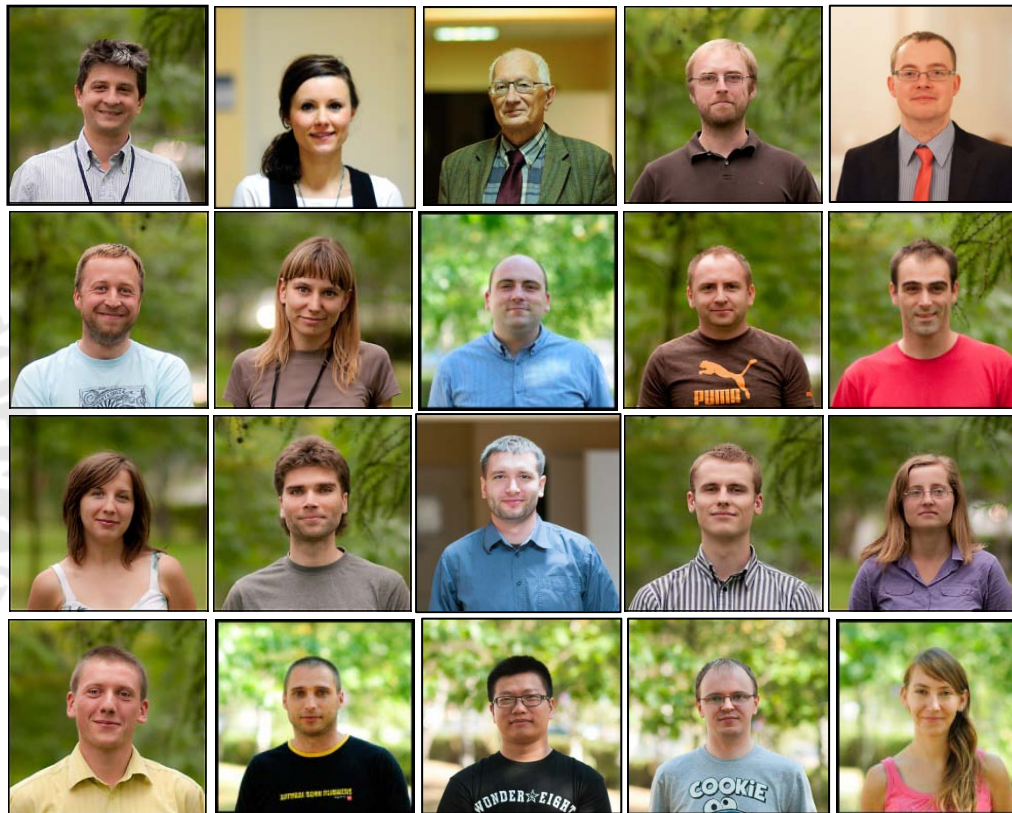


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# Cooperation

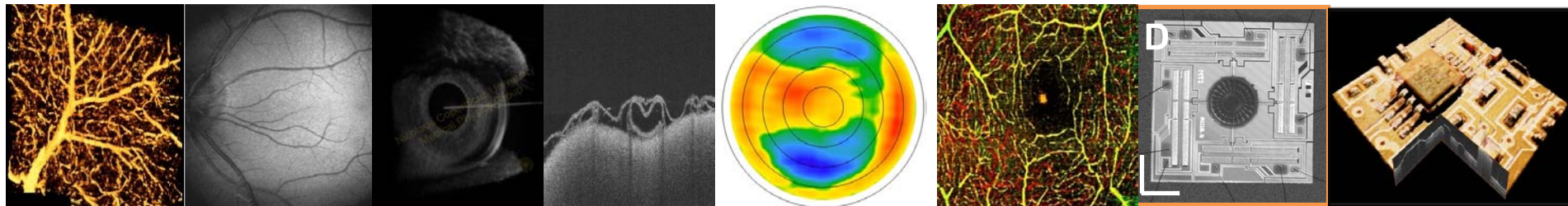


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**To integrate high-quality fundamental and applied science with transfer of technologies**

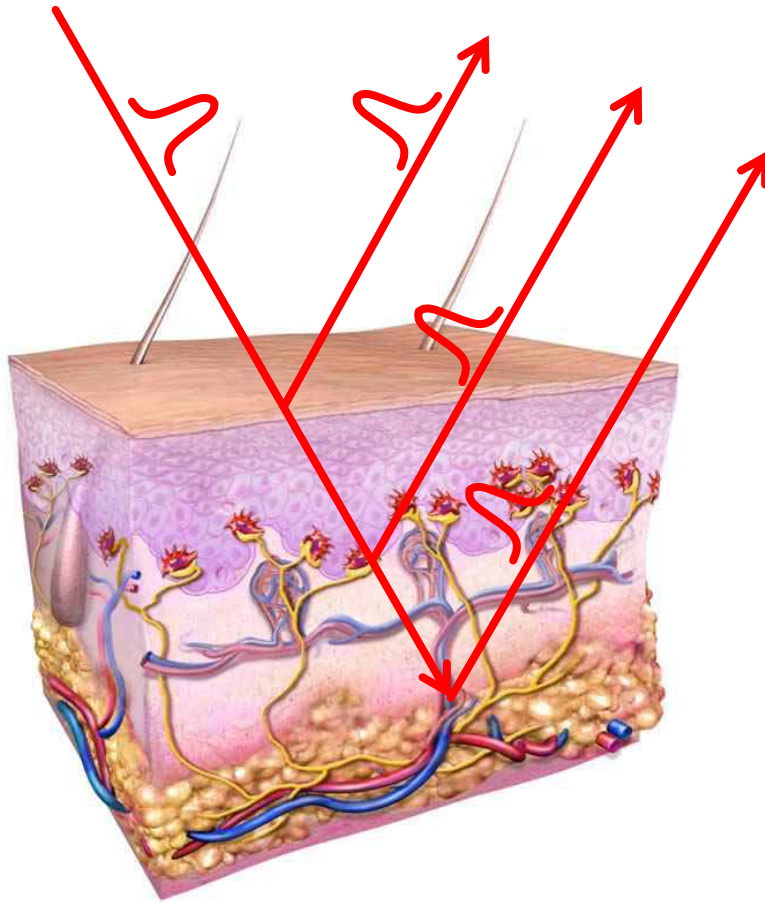
- structural and functional imaging of the eye
- development of novel approaches in microscopy
- optical studies of neuronal functions
- light propagation in scattering media
- new methods of data analysis



# Optical Coherence Tomography



- measures echo time delays of light backreflected / backscattered from internal structures of the object



$$c = 300000 \text{ km/s}$$



$$v_s = 1.5 \text{ km/s}$$

$$c = 200000 \cdot v_s$$

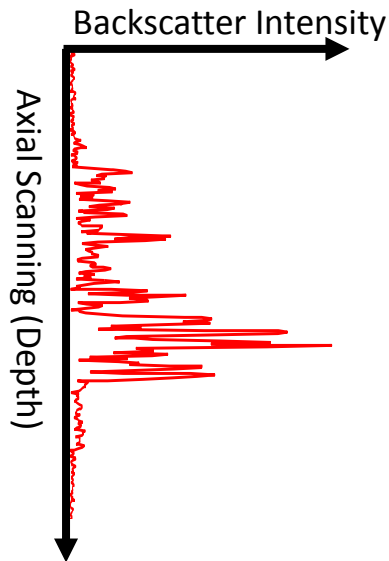
**Interferometric technique is necessary**

# Optical Coherence Tomography



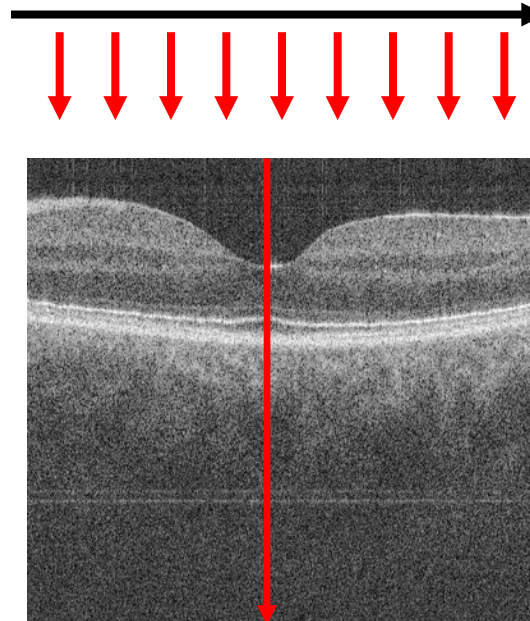
## 1D: A-Scan

Axial (Z) Scanning  
No scanning with  
Fourier Domain OCT



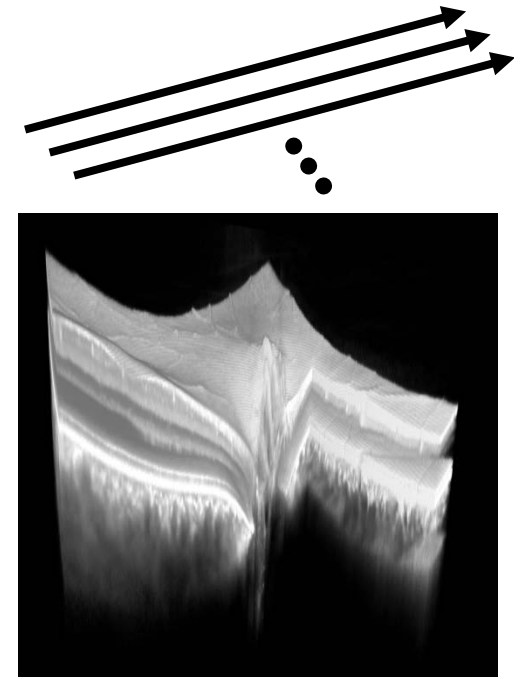
## 2D: B-Scan

Axial (Z) Scanning  
Transverse (X) Scanning



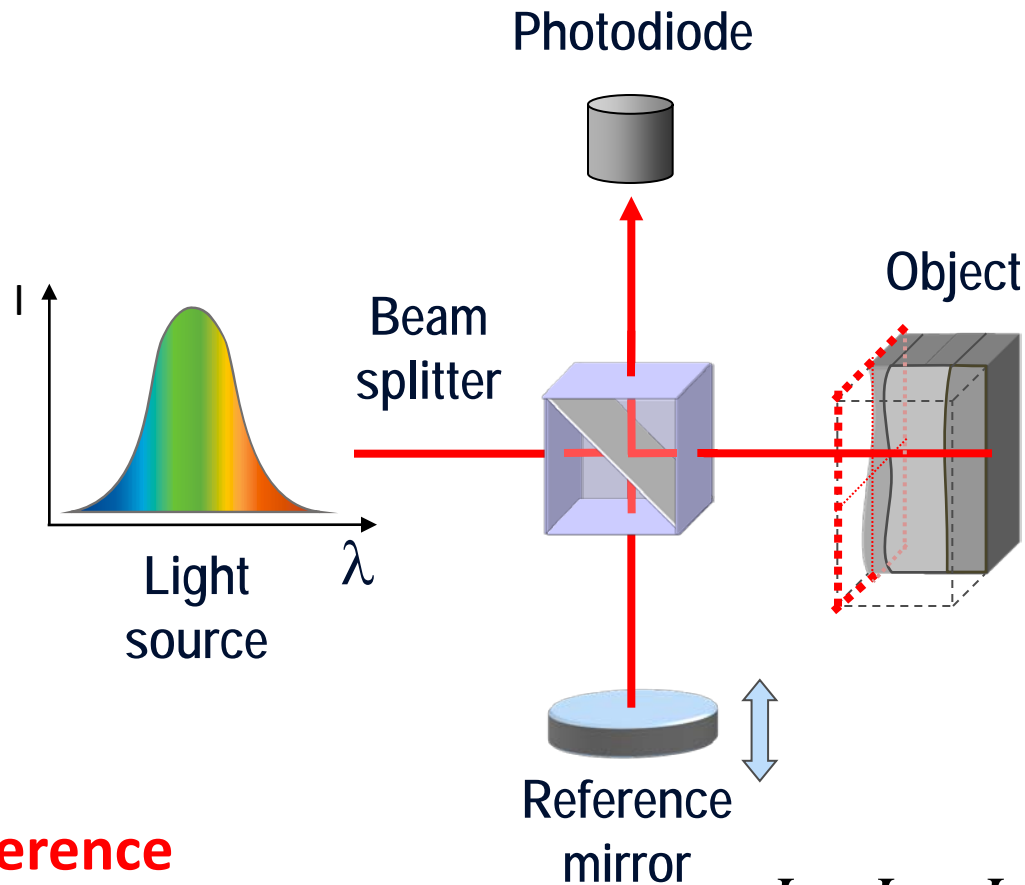
## 3D: Volumetric

Axial (Z) Scanning  
XY Scanning



Huang *et al.*, *Science*, 254, 1178-1181, (1991).

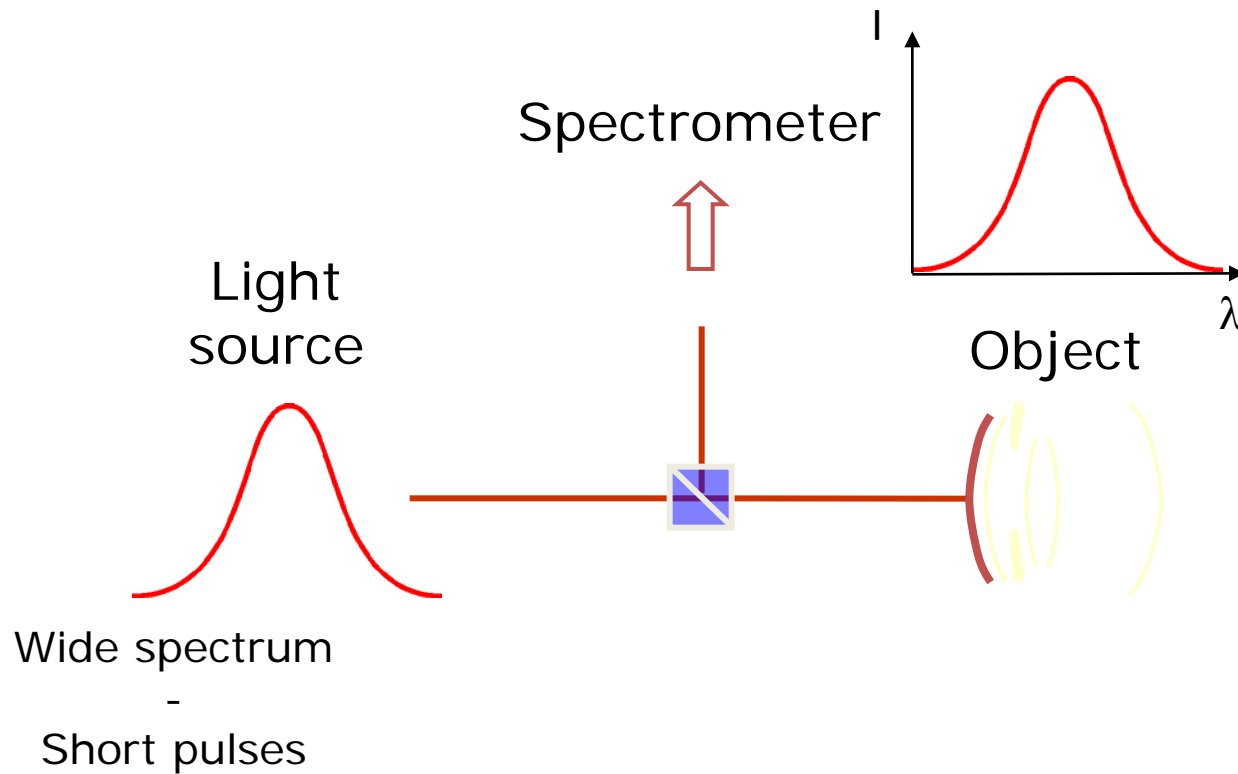
# Time-domain Optical Coherence Tomography



**Low coherence  
interferometry**

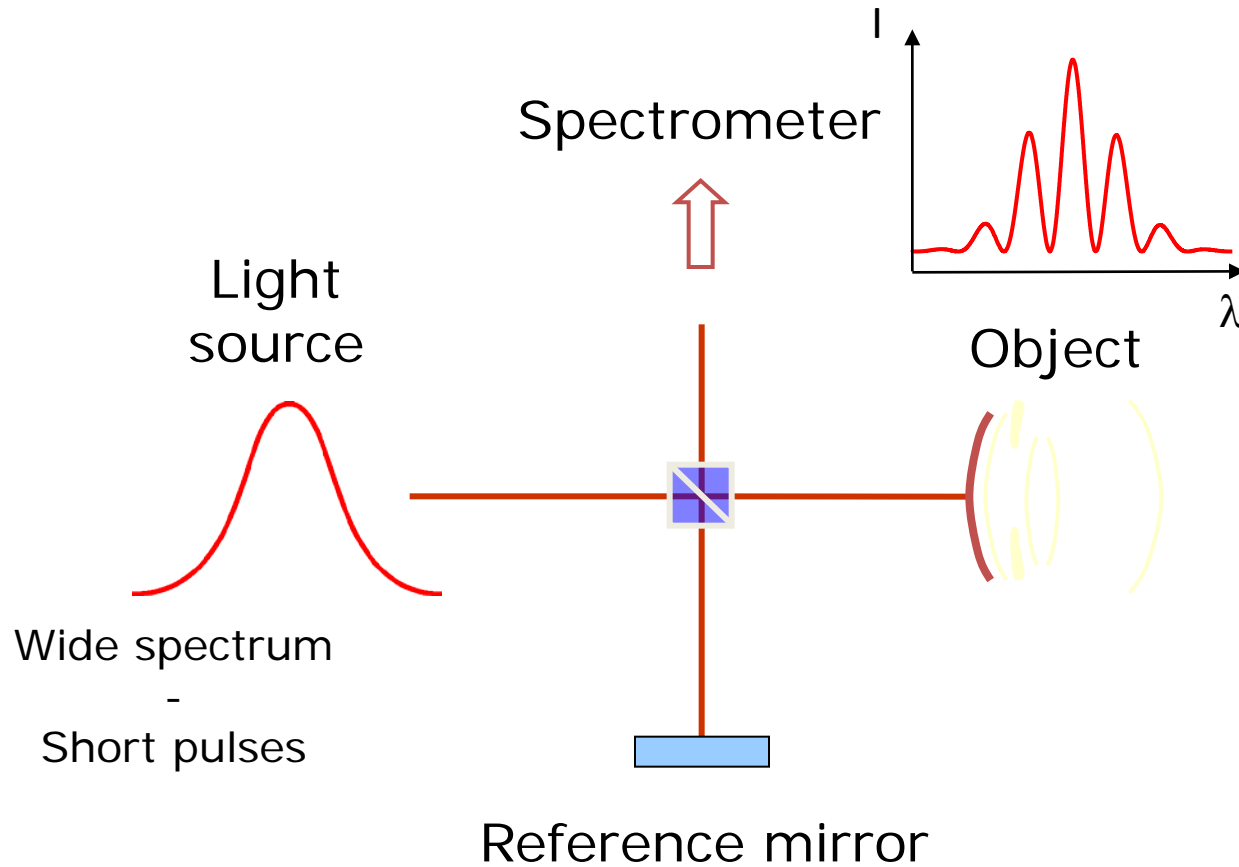
$$I = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos(\omega\tau)$$

# Fourier-domain Optical Coherence Tomography



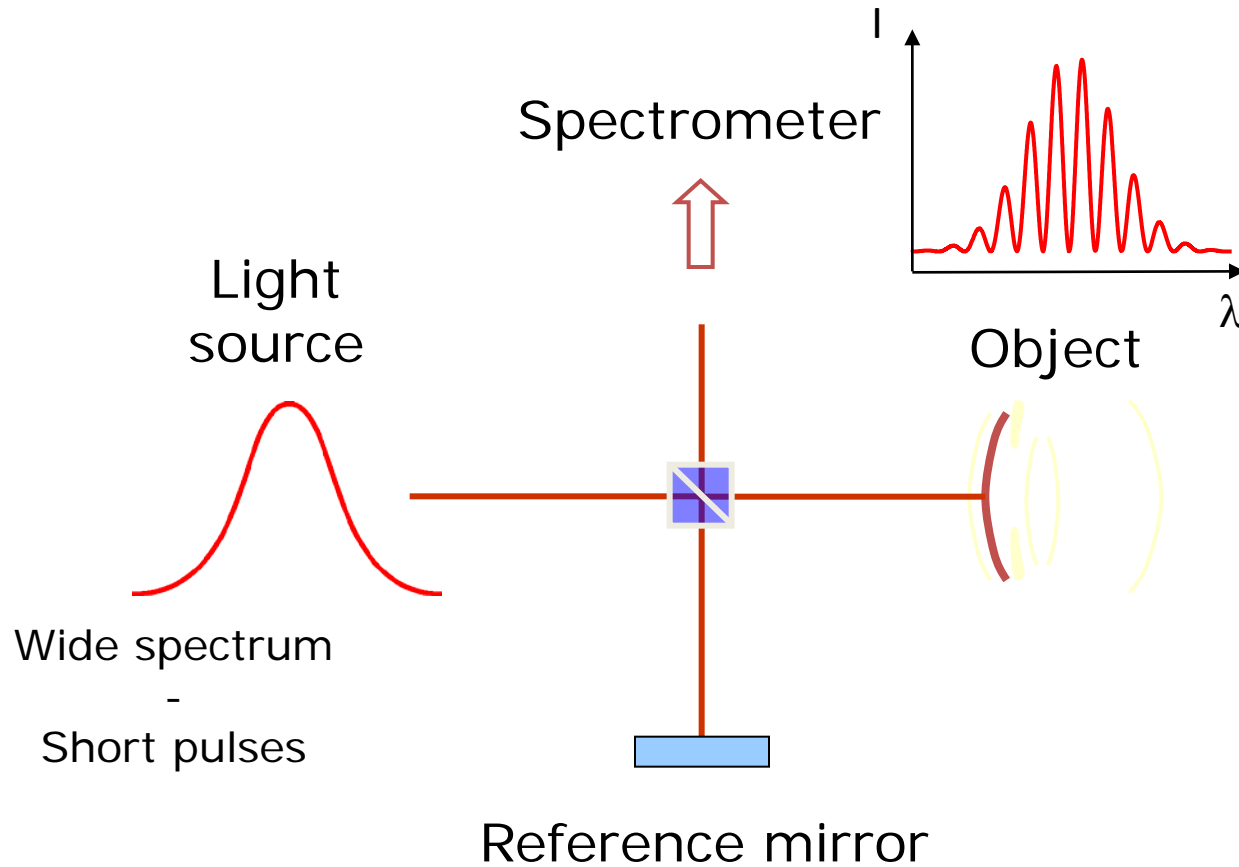
**Spectral OCT**

# Fourier-domain Optical Coherence Tomography



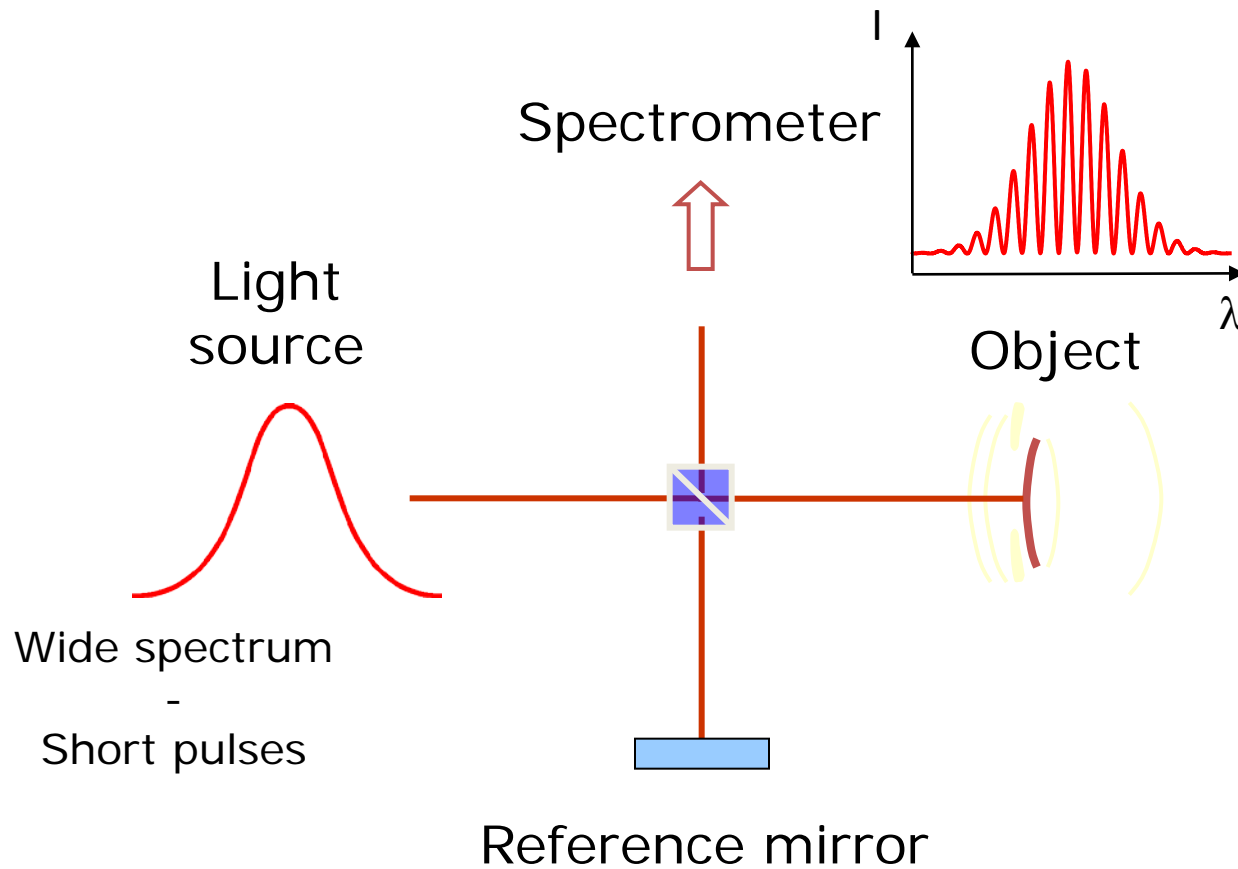
$$I = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos(k \cdot \Delta z)$$

# Fourierowska detekcja w OCT w praktyce



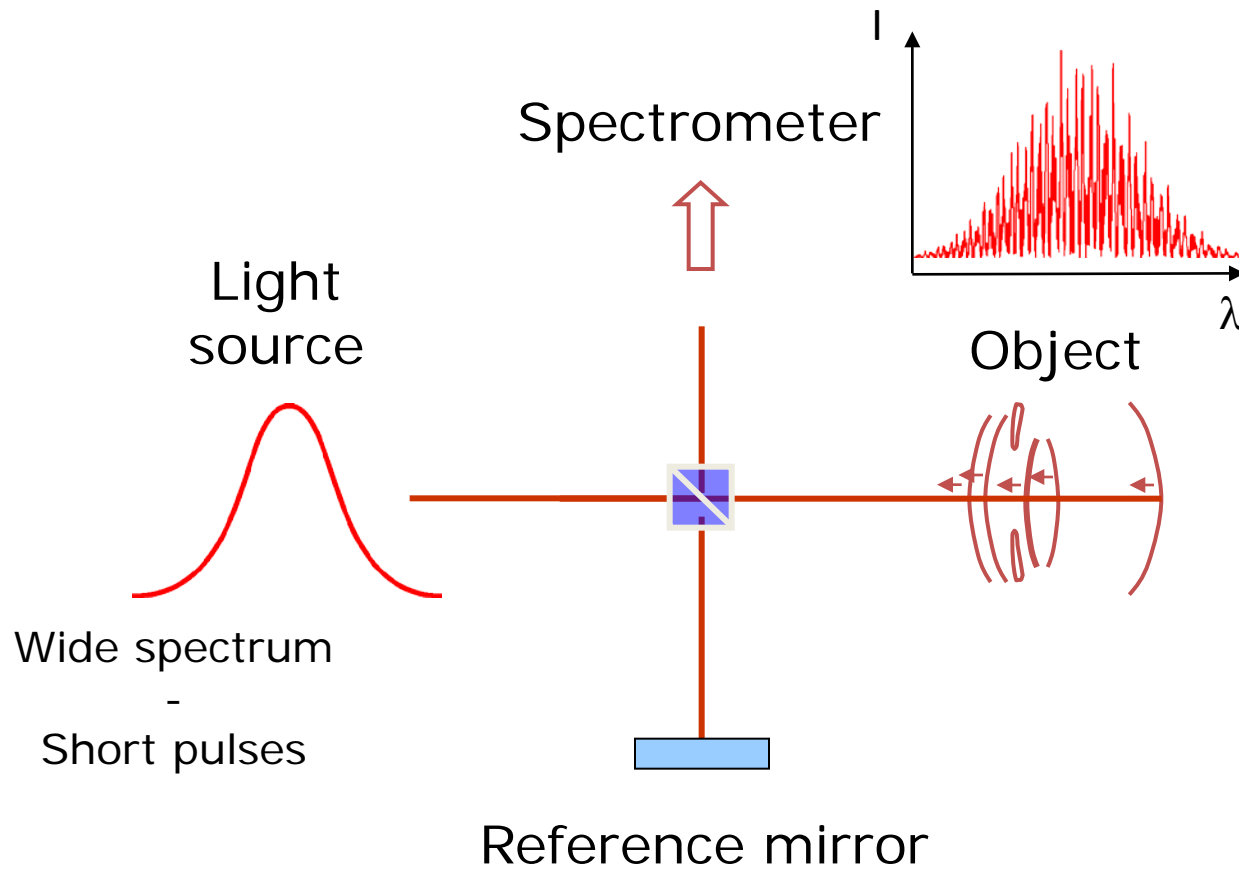
## Spectral OCT

# Fourier-domain Optical Coherence Tomography



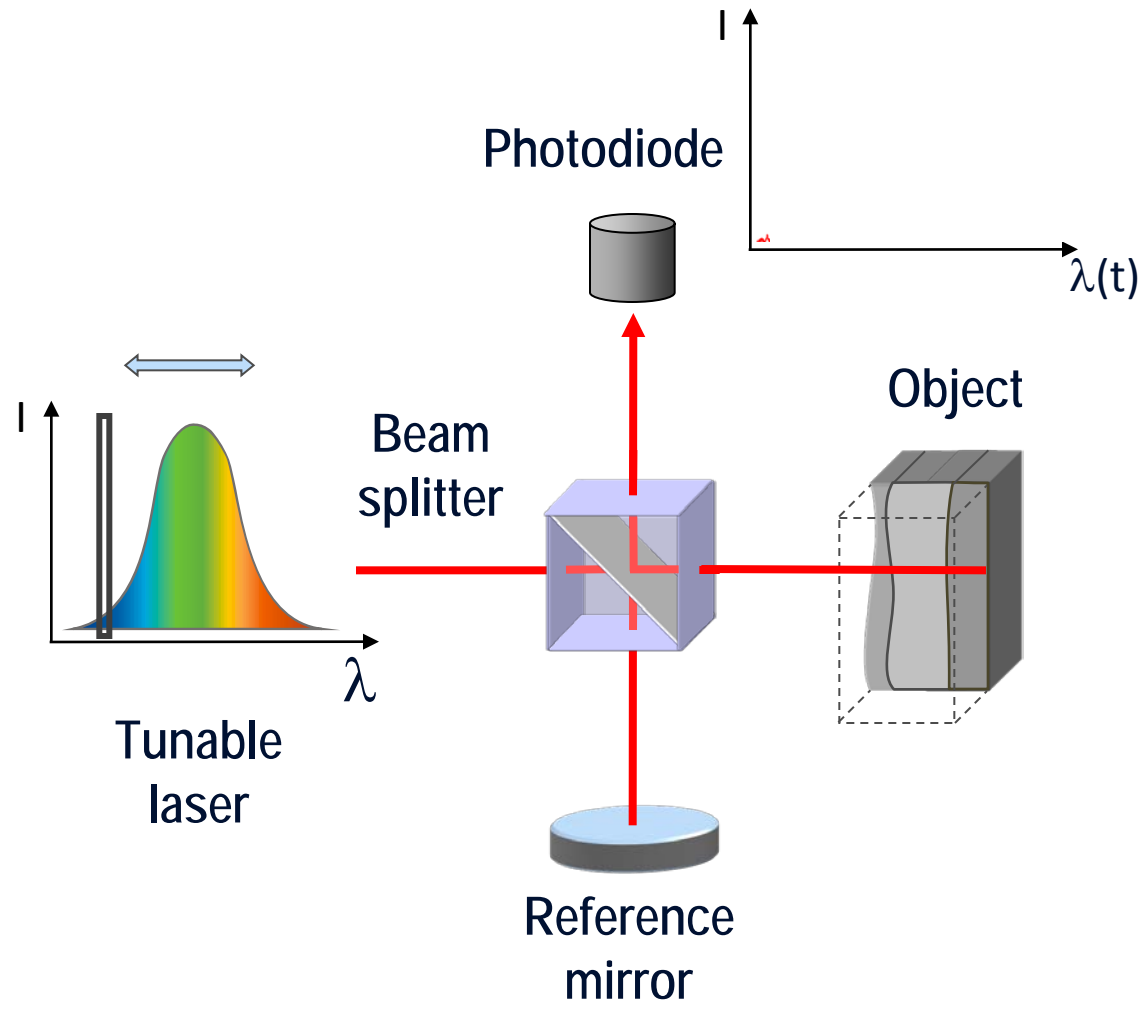
## Spectral OCT

# Fourier-domain Optical Coherence Tomography



## Spectral OCT

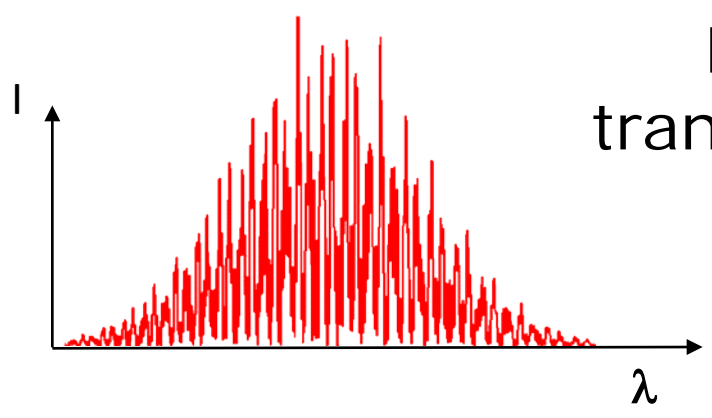
# Fourier-domain OCT with swept laser source



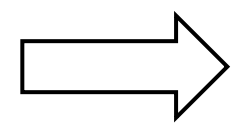
# Fourier domain OCT



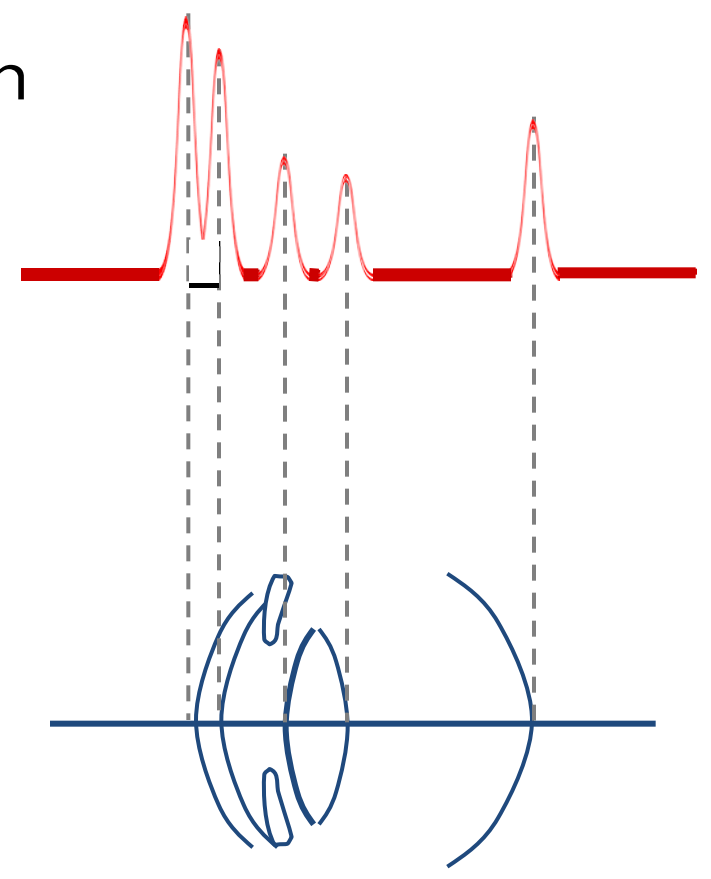
Spectral fringes



Fourier transformation



Axial scan



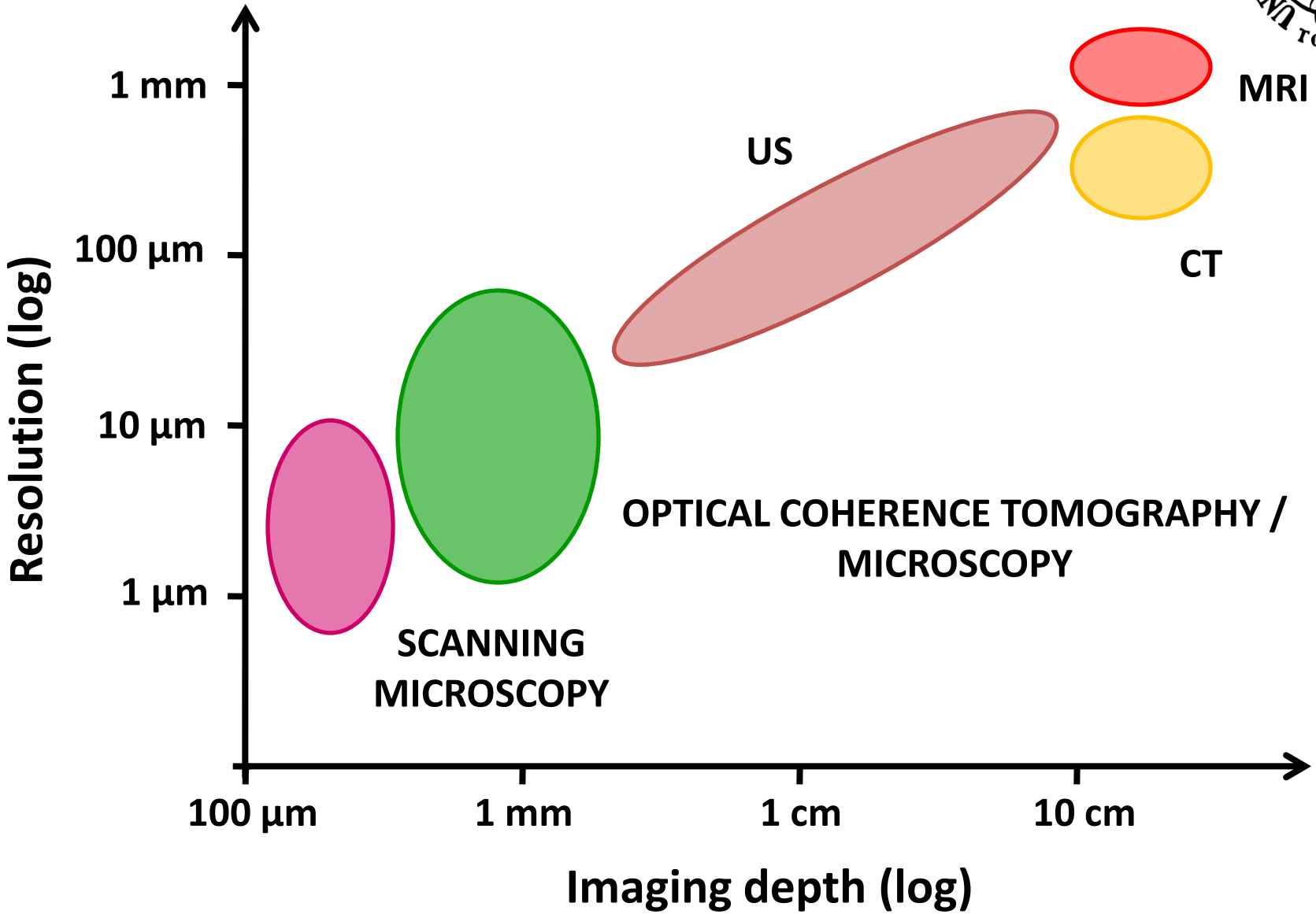
# Interdisciplinary approach



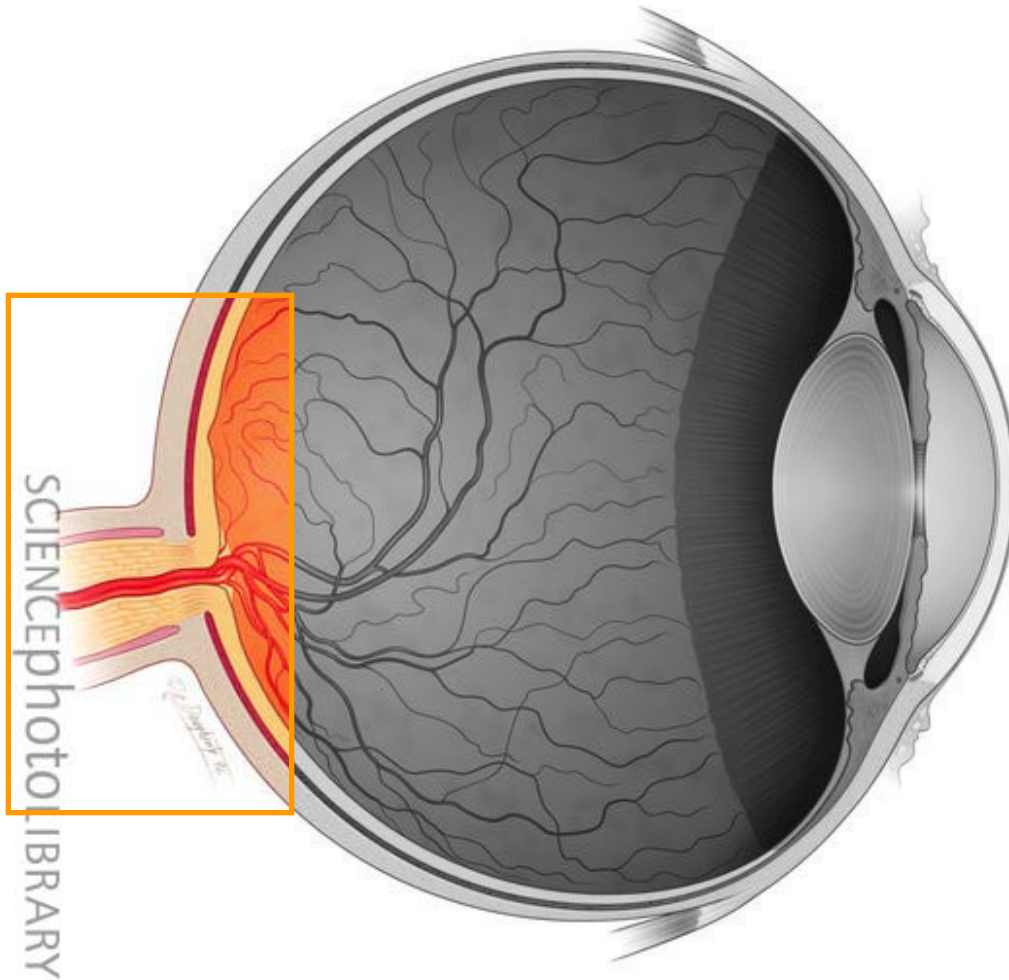
Development of OCT technology requires integration of different fields including:

- laser physics
- optical system design
- biophysics
- high-speed electronics
- data processing and signal analysis
- **clinical studies**

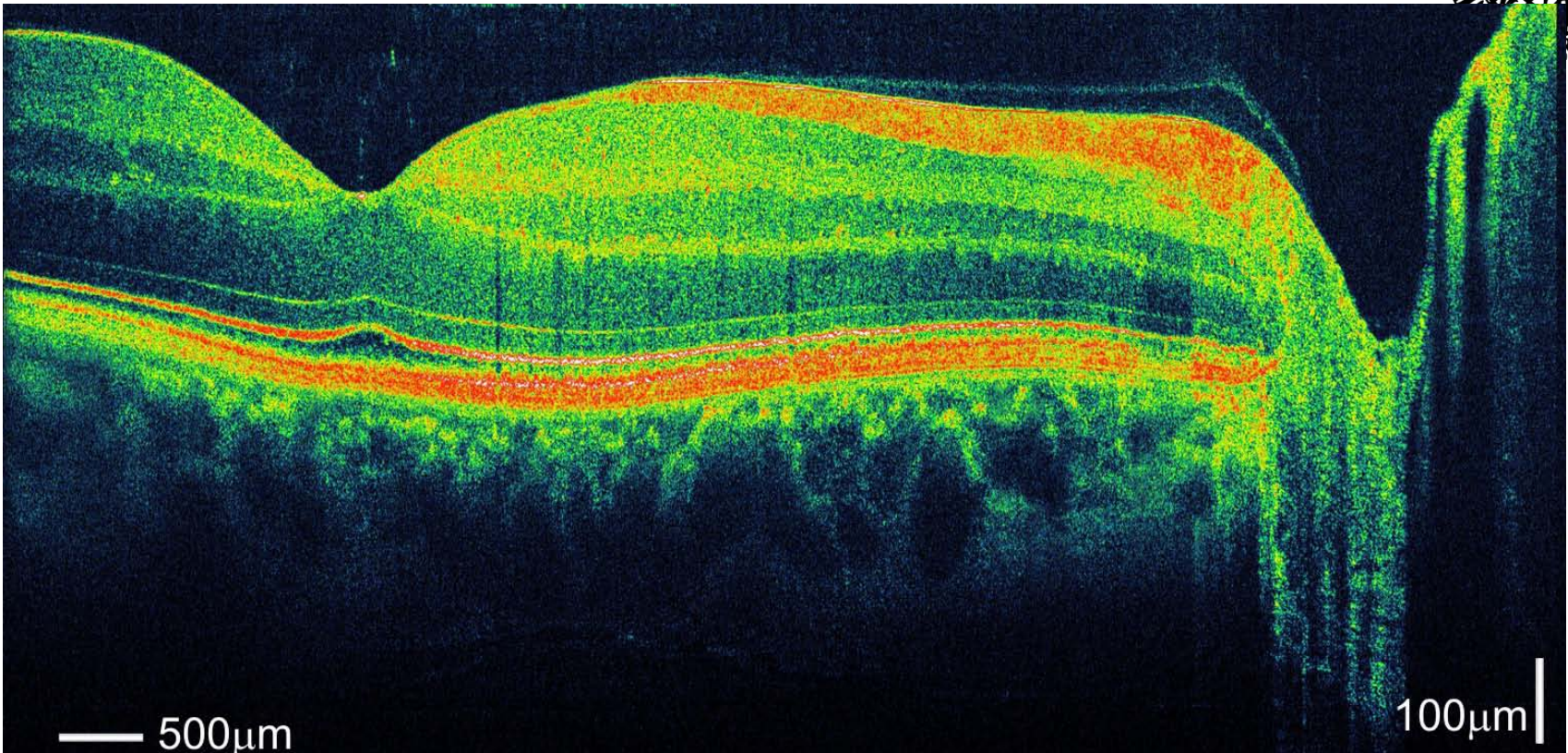
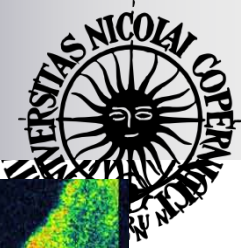
# Biomedical imaging techniques



# Retinal and Choroidal Imaging

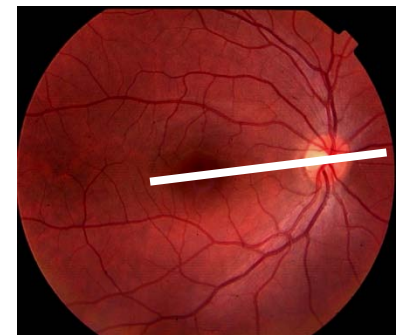


# Retinal imaging



$t_{\text{rep}} = 60 \mu\text{s}$   
16,7 kA-scans/s  
10000 A-scans  
0,6 s

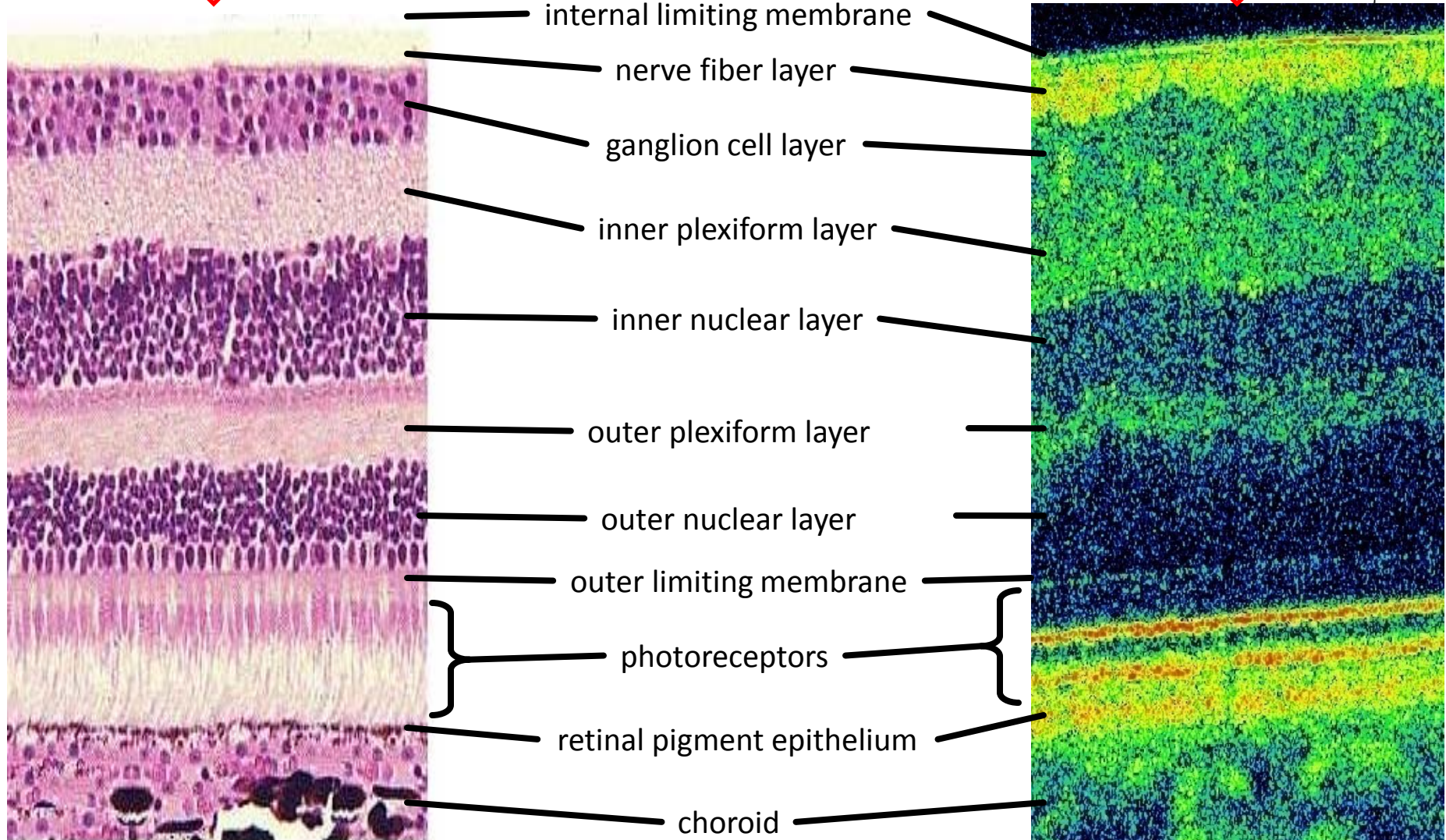
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# OCT as optical biopsy



Incident light



# Imaging in clinical practise

## System performance:

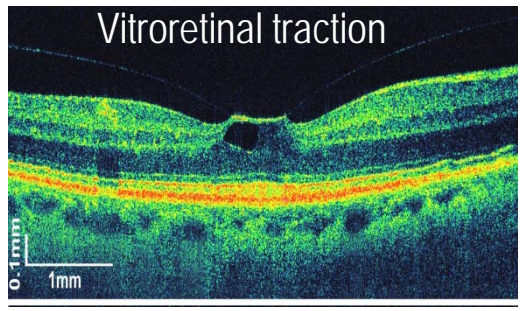
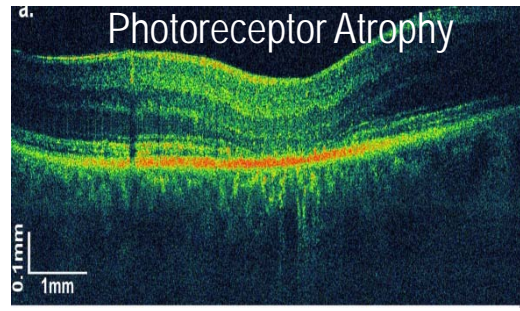
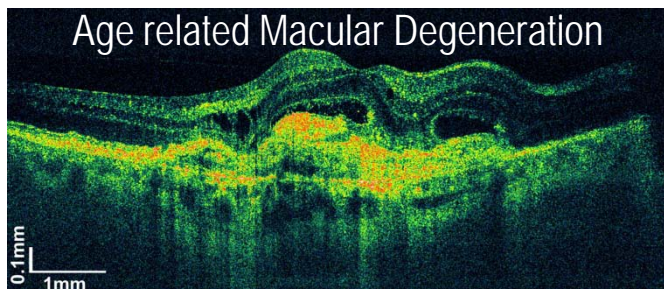
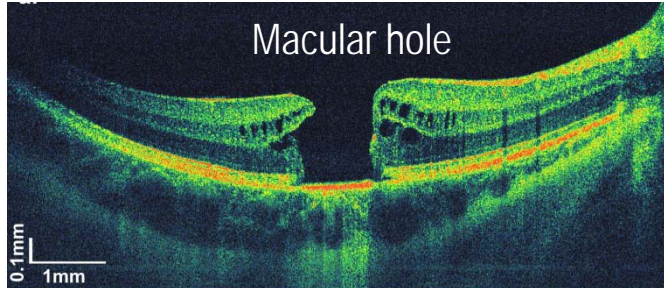
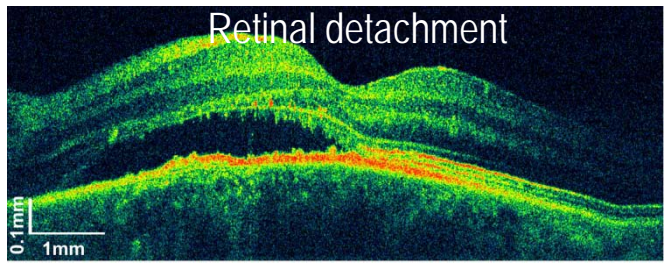
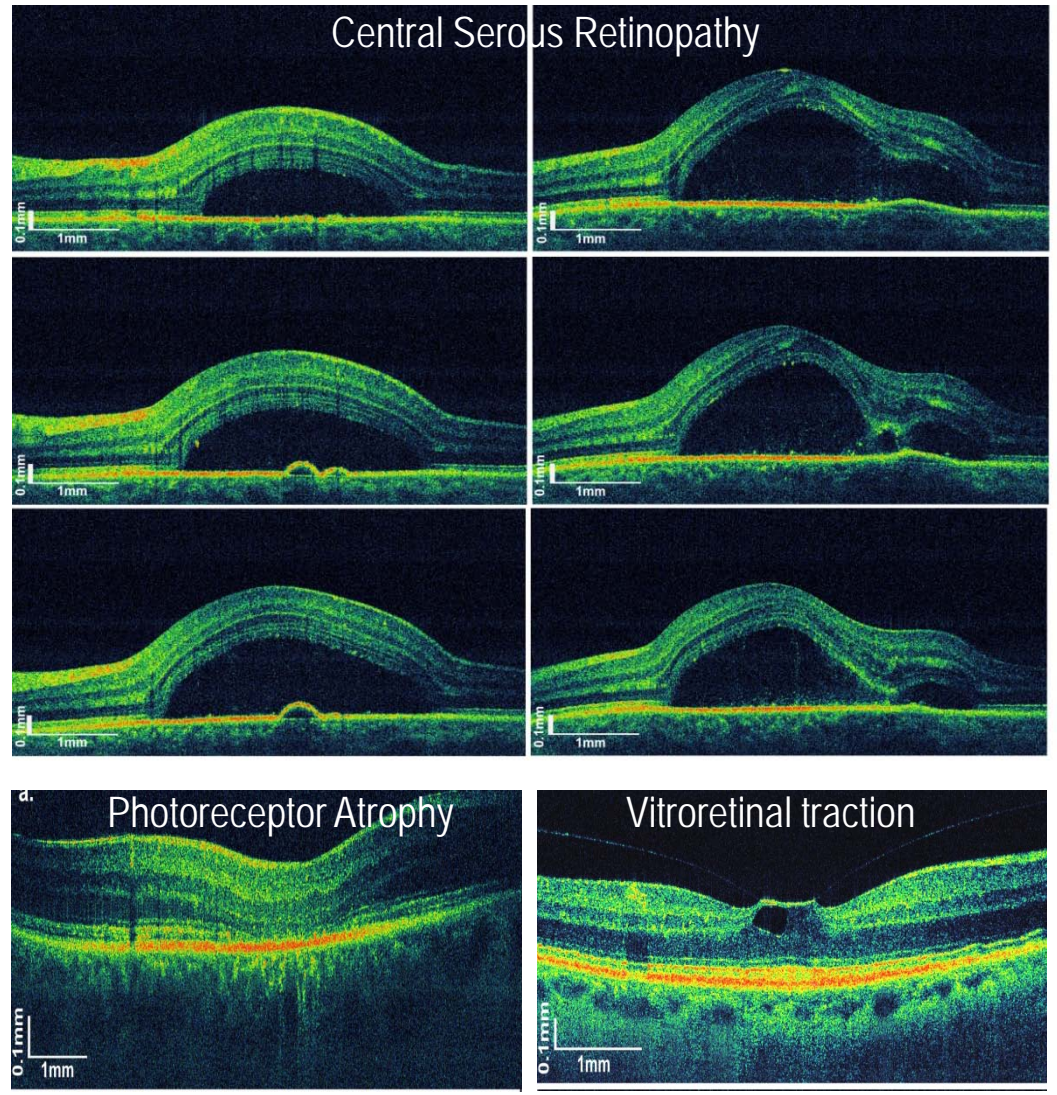
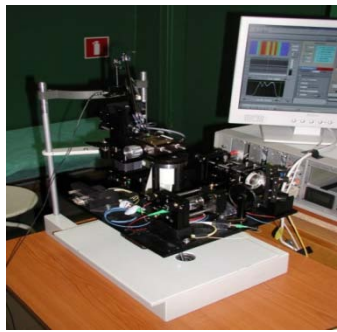
Axial resolution:

3.5 $\mu$ m

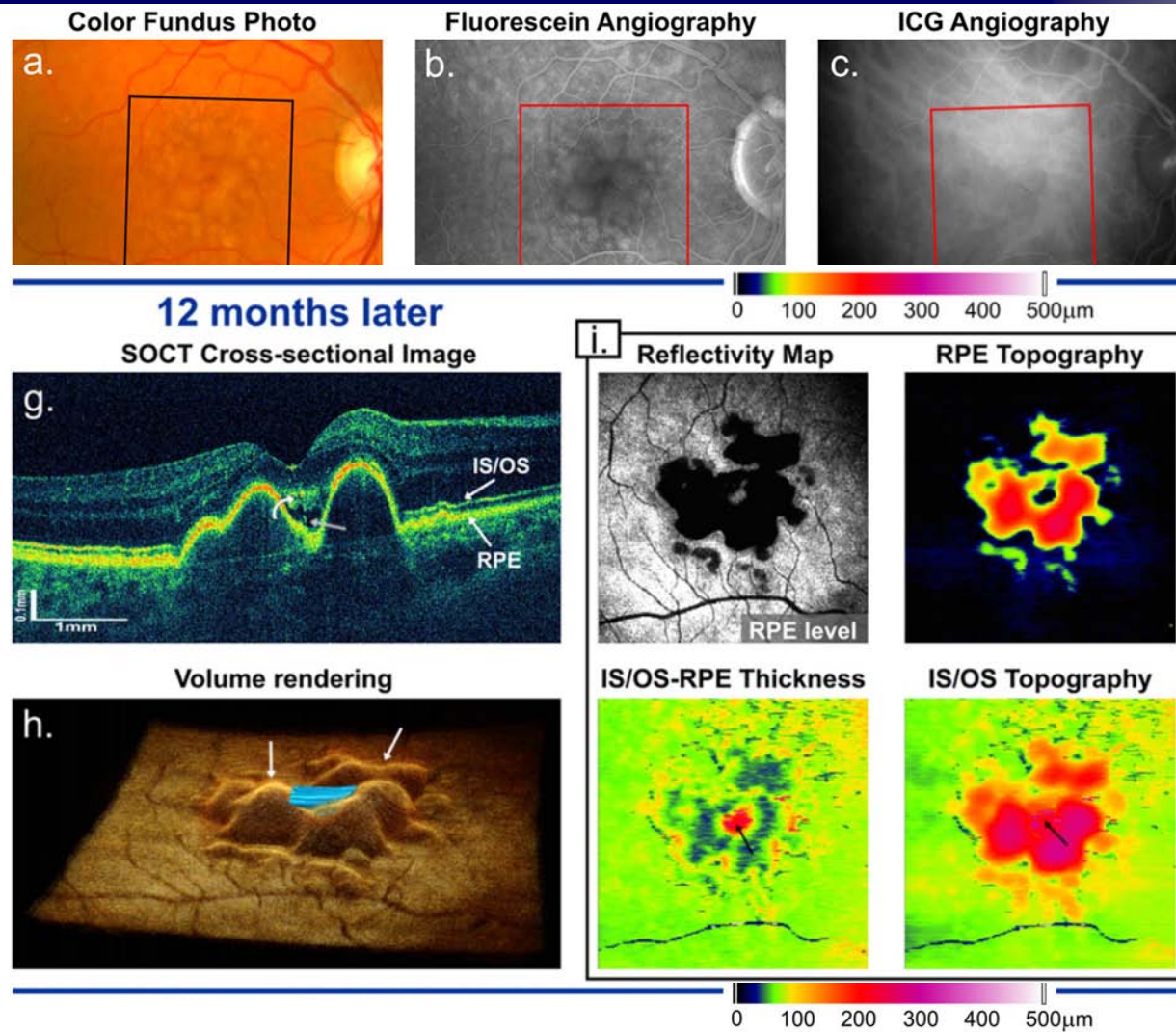
Transverse resolution:

15 $\mu$ m;

Line rate: 23kHz

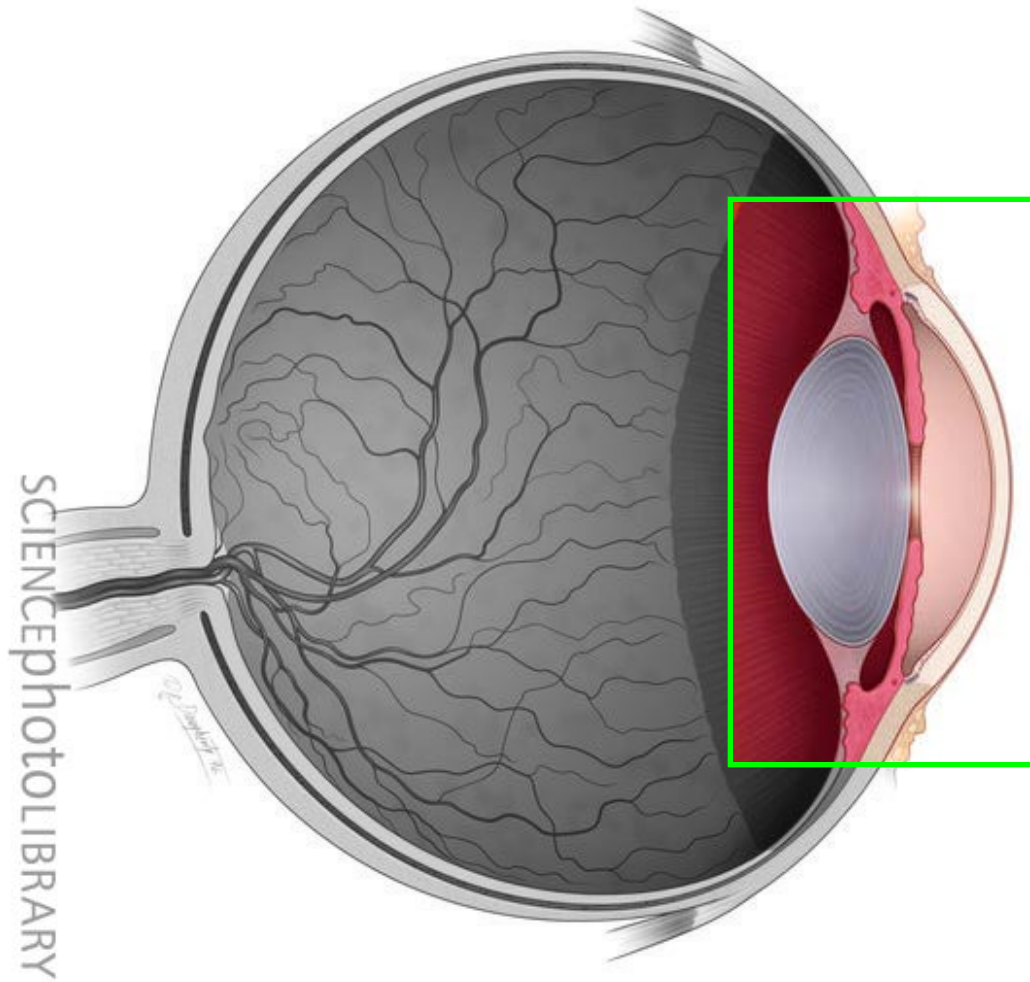


# Drusen / AMD

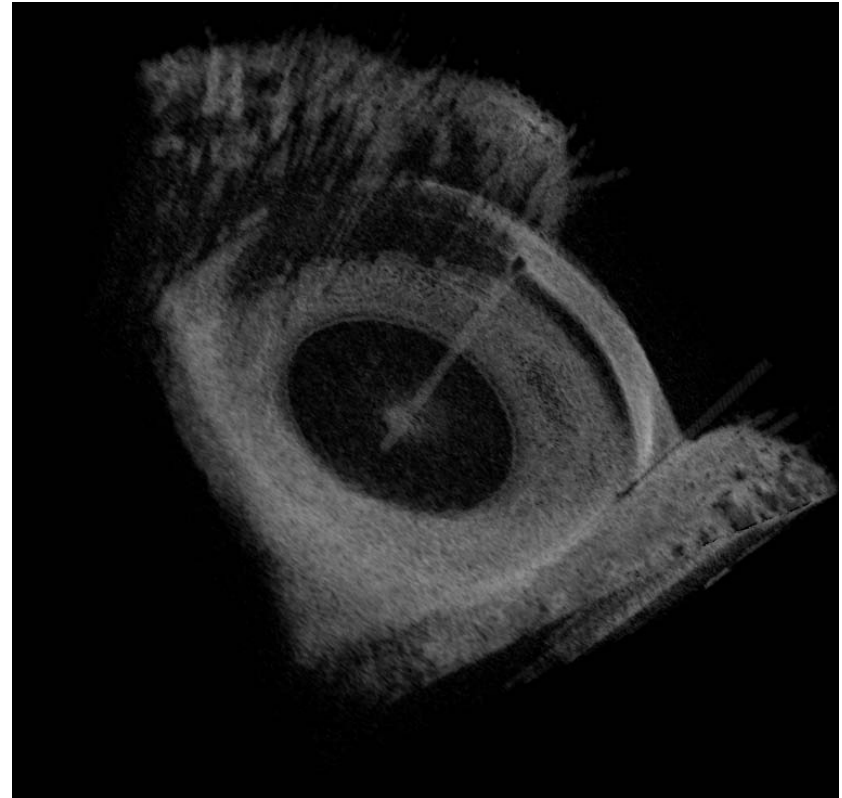


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# Anterior Segment Imaging



# Anterior segment imaging

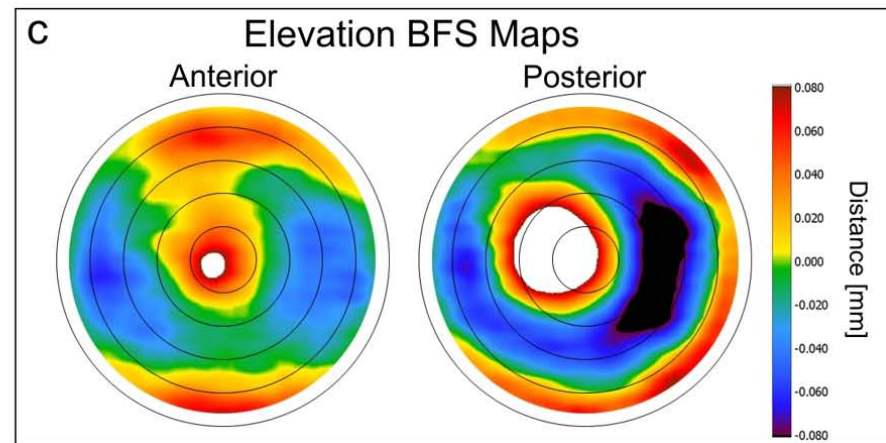
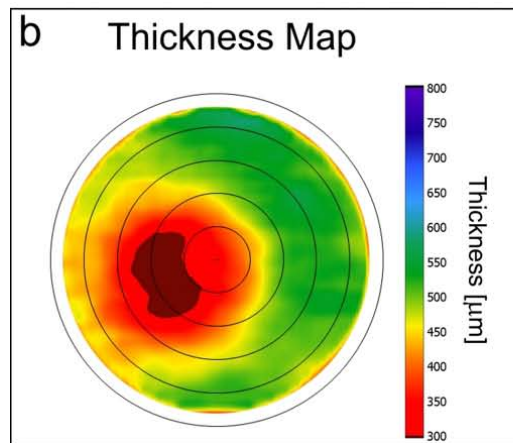
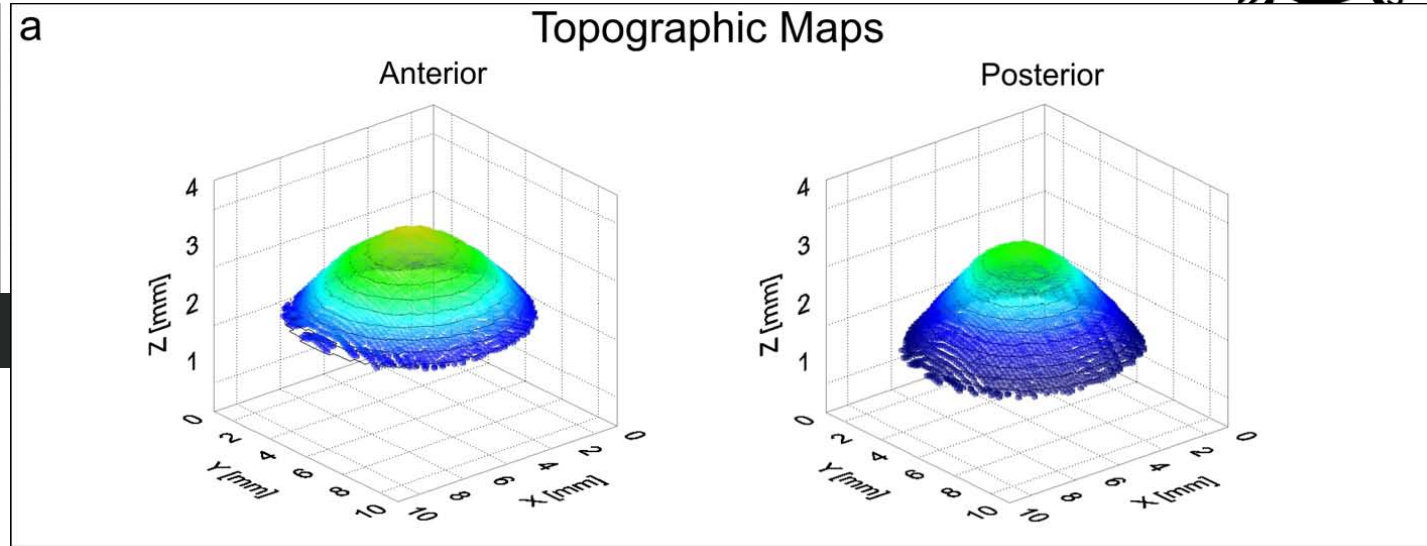
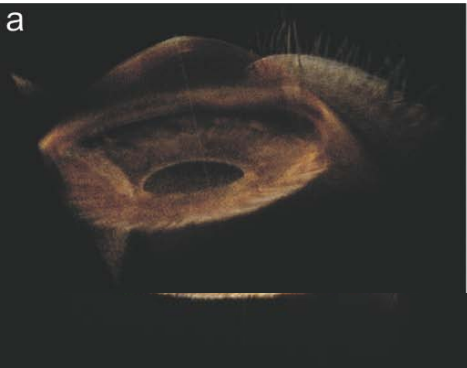


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# Ocular morphometry

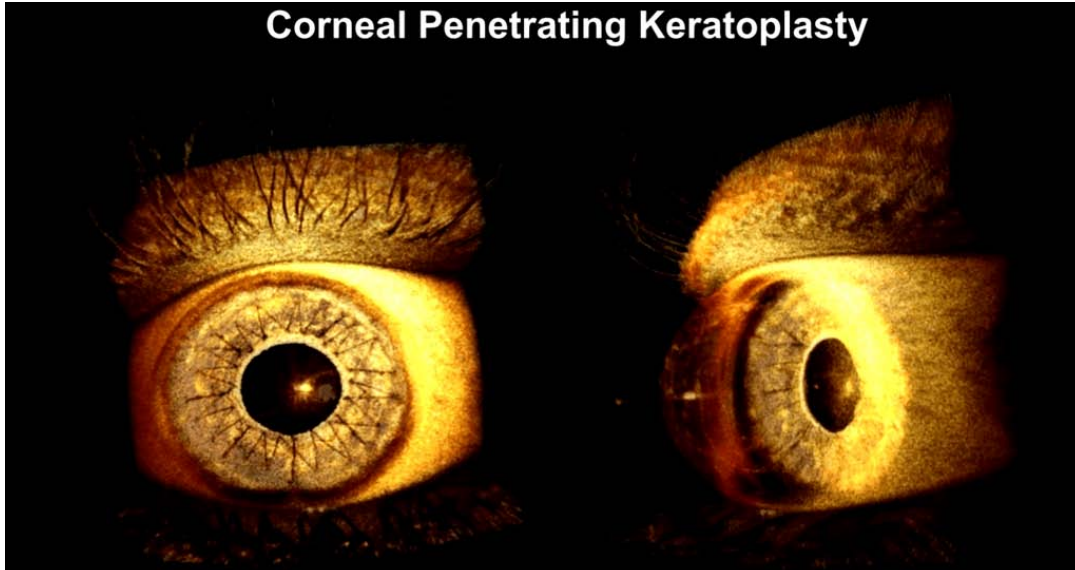


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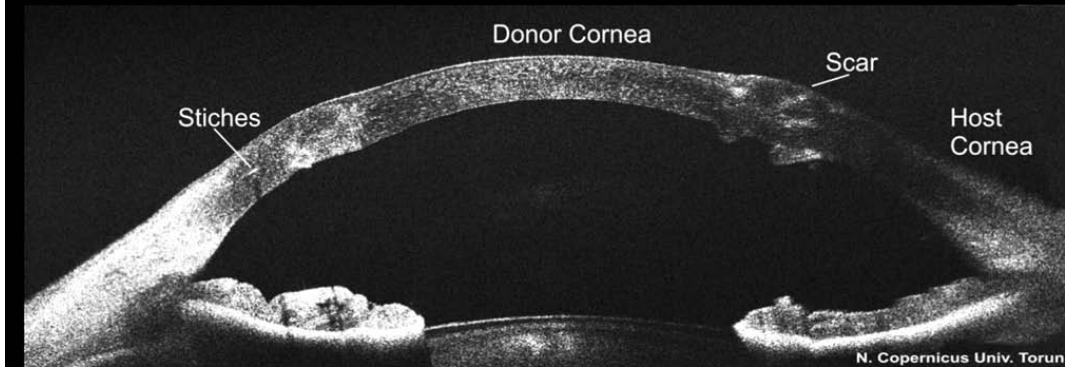
# Corneal transplant



## Corneal Penetrating Keratoplasty



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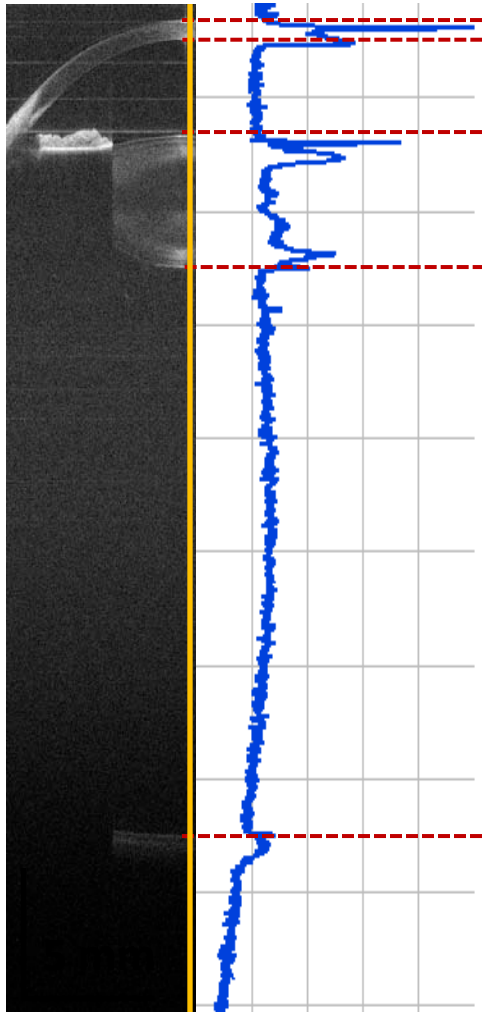
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# Full Eye Imaging and Non-Contact Ocular Biometry



50ms



} Cornea

} Crystalline  
Lens

} Retina

<b>Intraocular Distances</b>	
Central Corneal Thickness	0.527±0.003mm
Aqueous Depth	3.305±0.030mm
Anterior Chamber Depth	3.831±0.029mm
Lens Thickness	3.880±0.030mm
Vitreous Depth	18.674±0.018mm
Axial Eye Length	26.384±0.016mm

and more ....

IOL Master – 20 µm

Immersion Ultrasound – 100 µm

# OCT can provide a lot of information

## structure

- intensity of light back-scattered / back-reflected
- refractive index gradient

## motion

- Doppler shift (axial velocity)
- phase variance, Doppler shift variance (transverse velocity)
- speckle analysis

## contrast in OCT images

## molecular contrast

- absorbance
- absorption coefficient
- concentration of the absorbing agent

## phase change

- differential phase contrast

## elastic properties

- stress
- deformation
- elastic coefficient

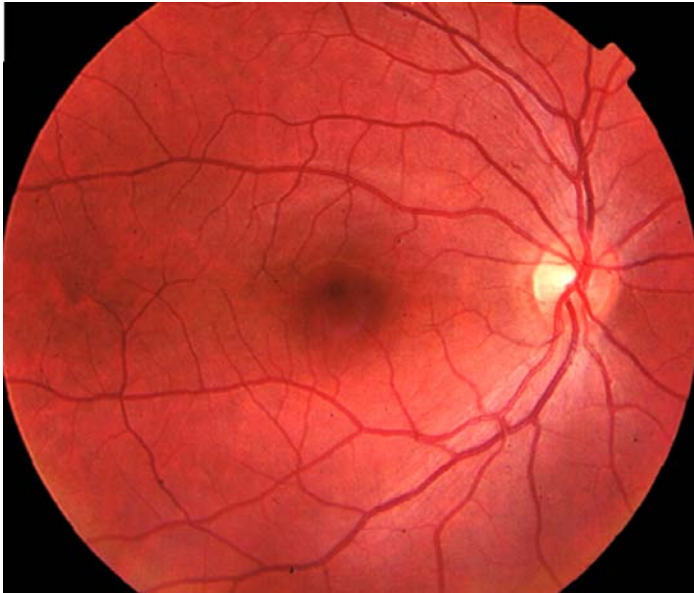
## birefringence

- retardation
- birefringence
- ellipticity

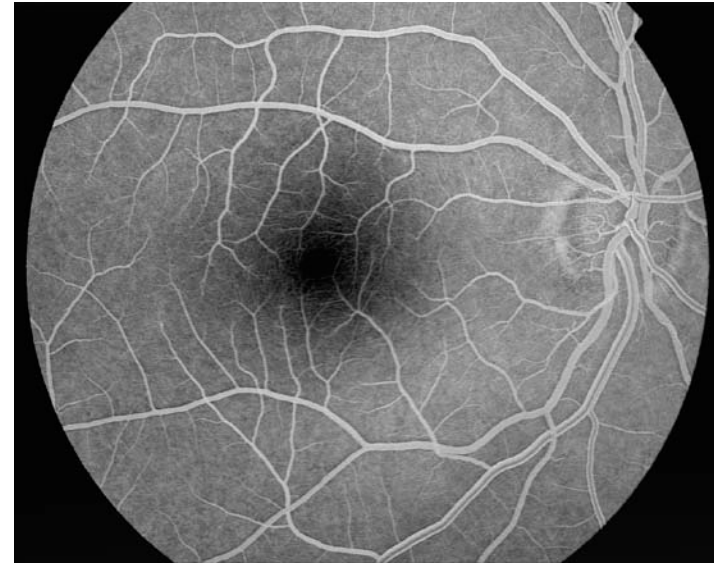
# Visualization of retinal vasculature



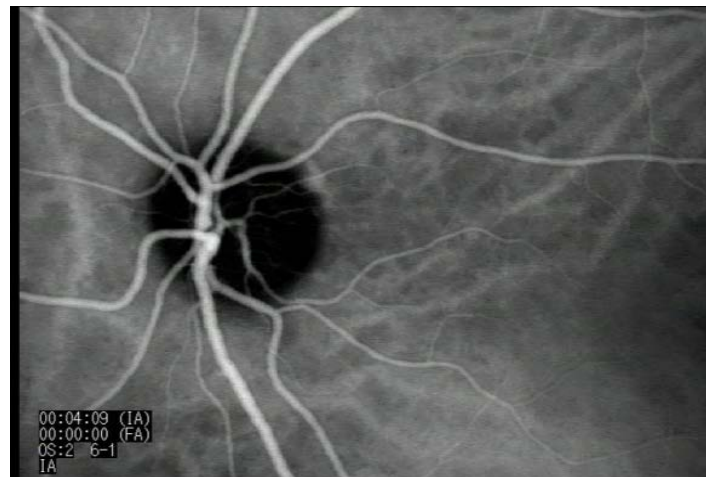
Fundus photograph



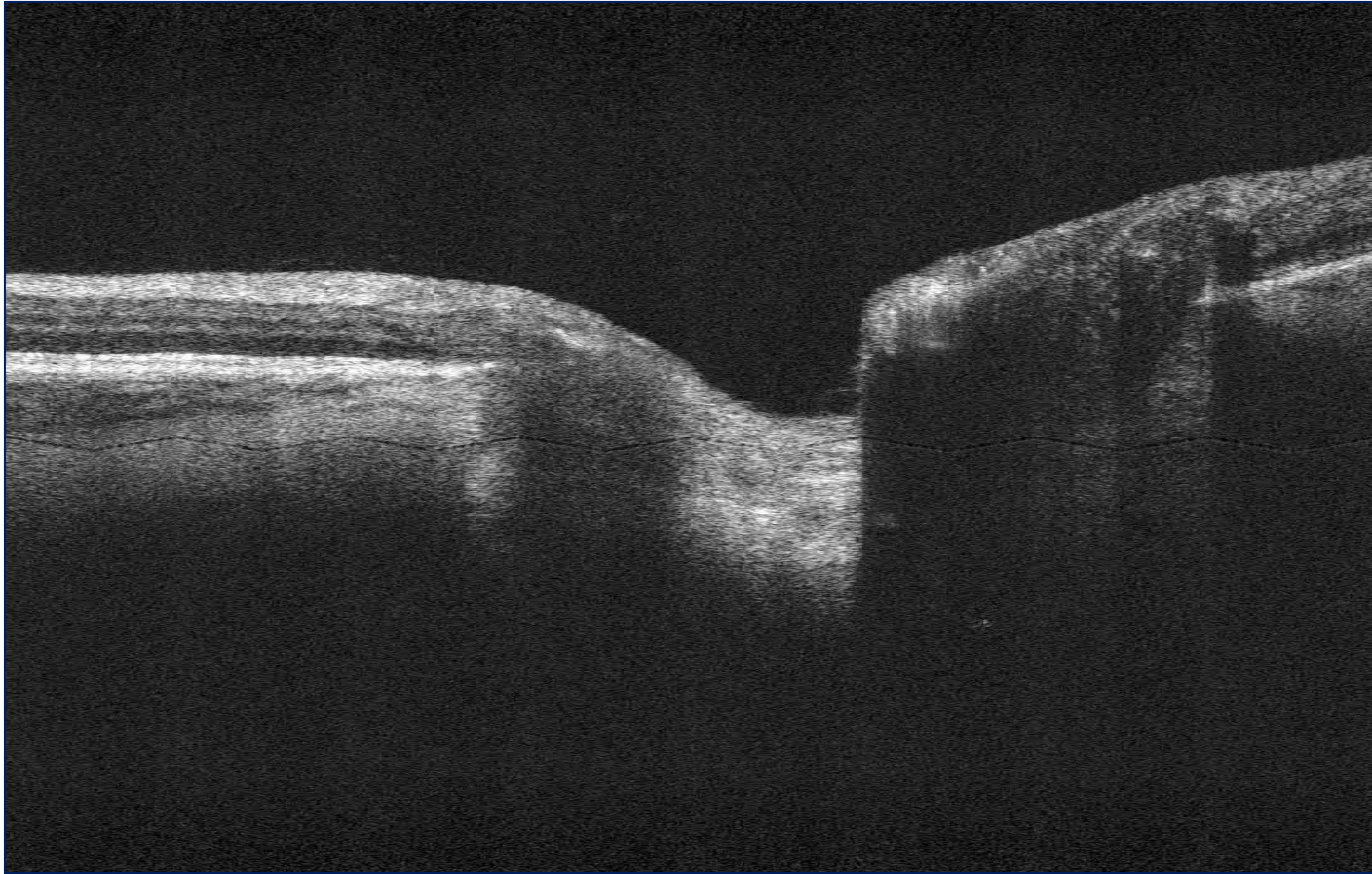
Fluorescein angiography



ICG Angiography



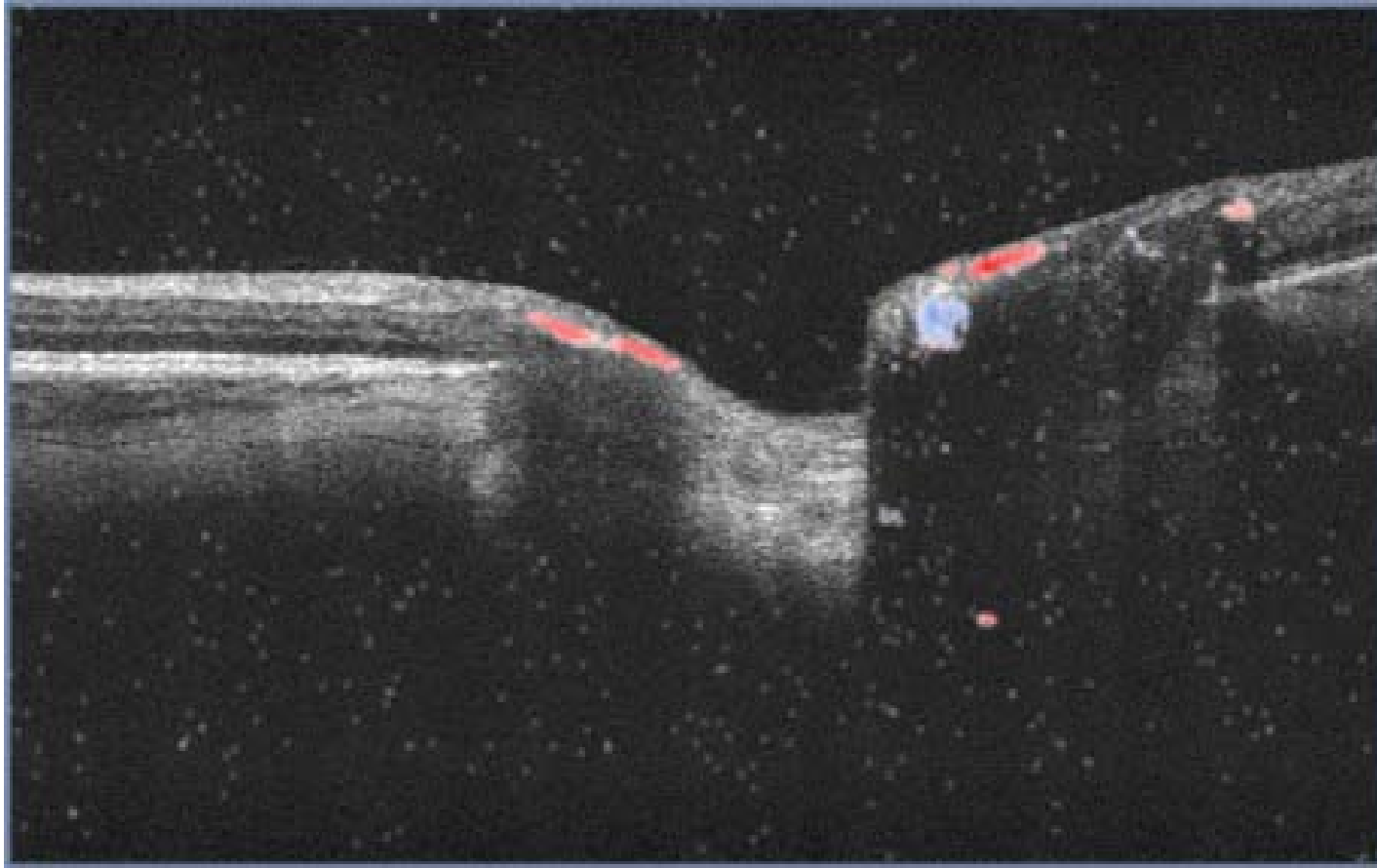
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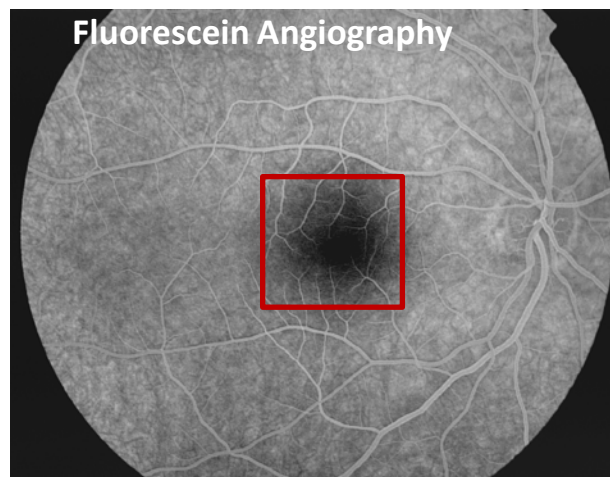


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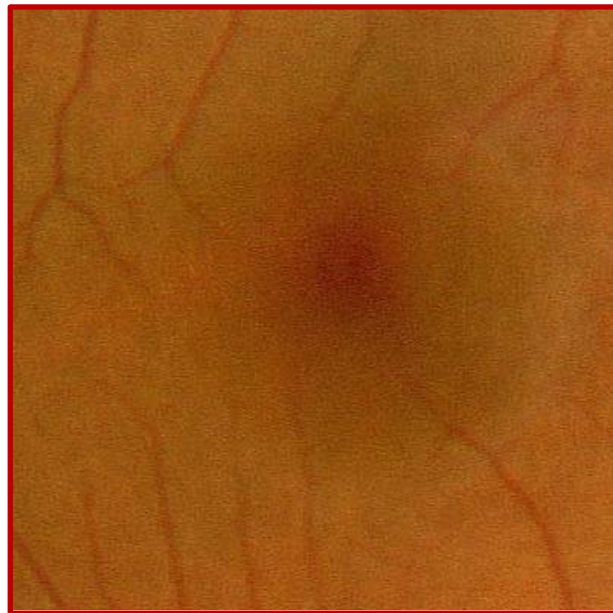
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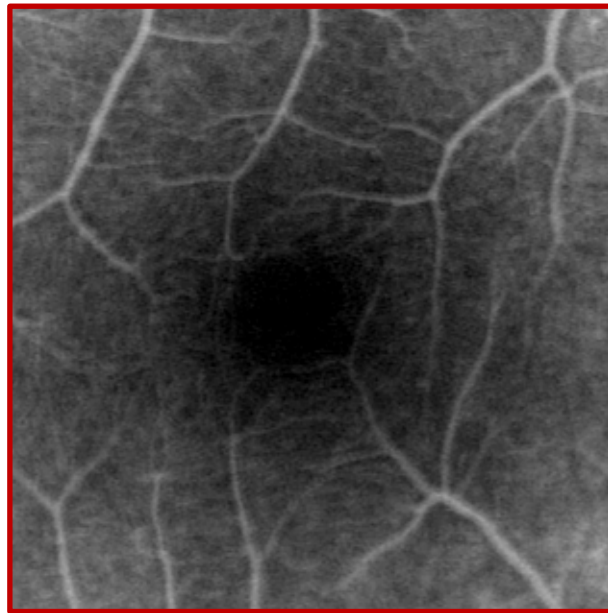
# OCT angiography for flow imaging



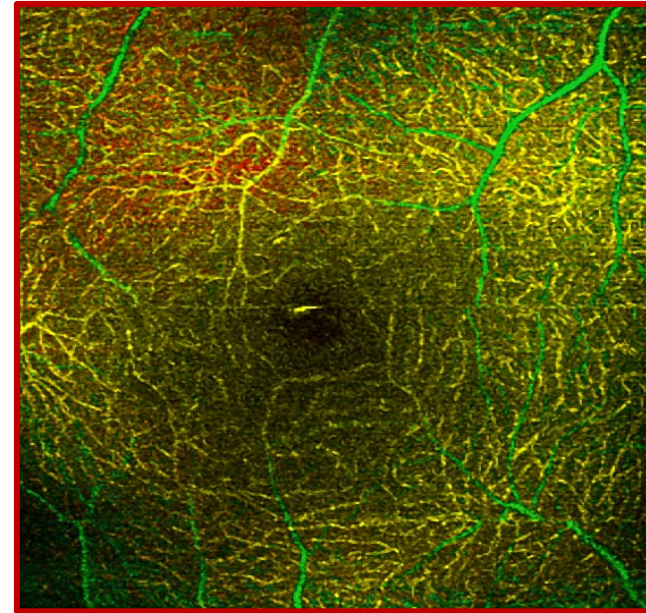
Fundus photography



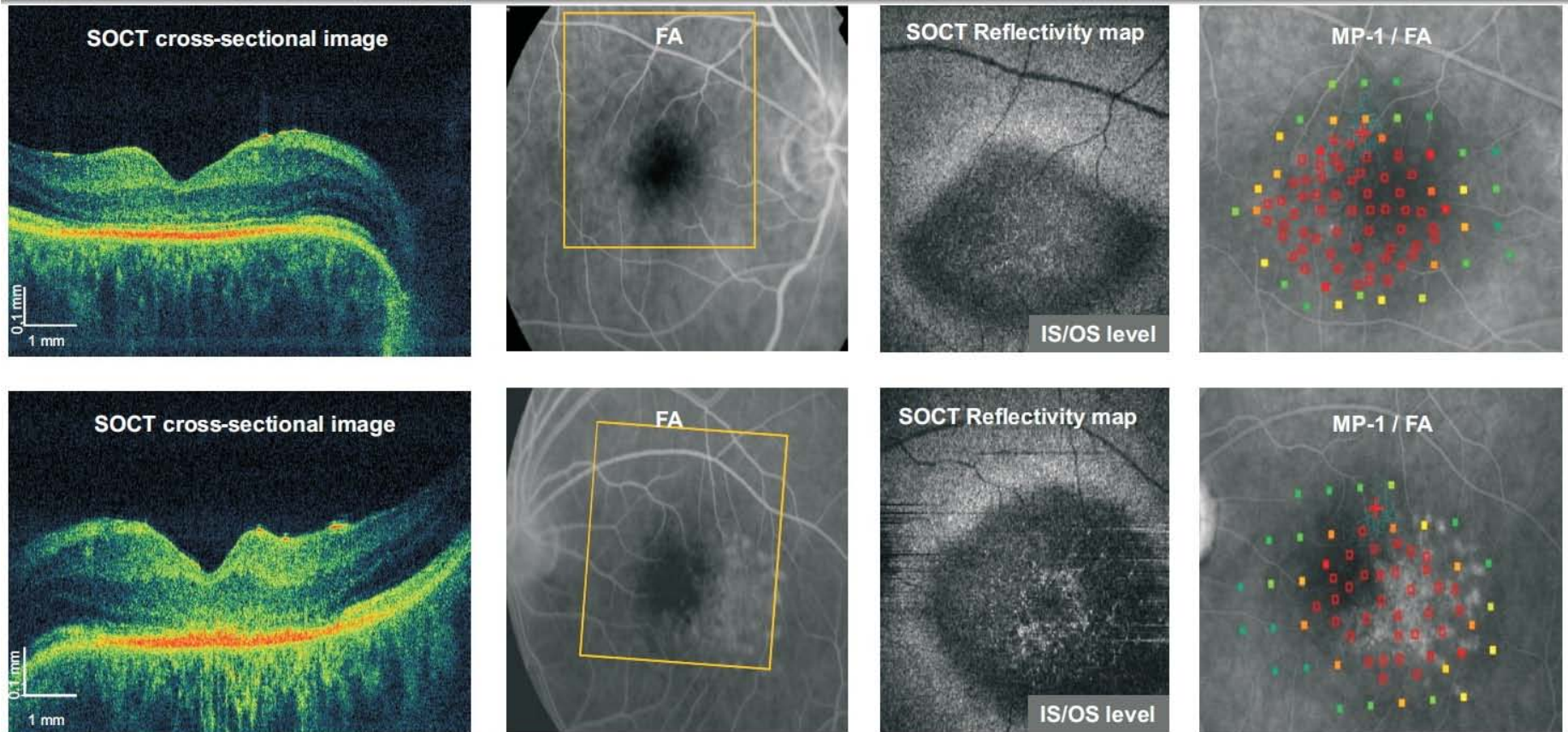
Fluorescein Angiography



OCT depth color-coded projection



## Photoreceptor dystrophy



MP-1 – Microperimeter (Nidek/Japan)

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# Summary

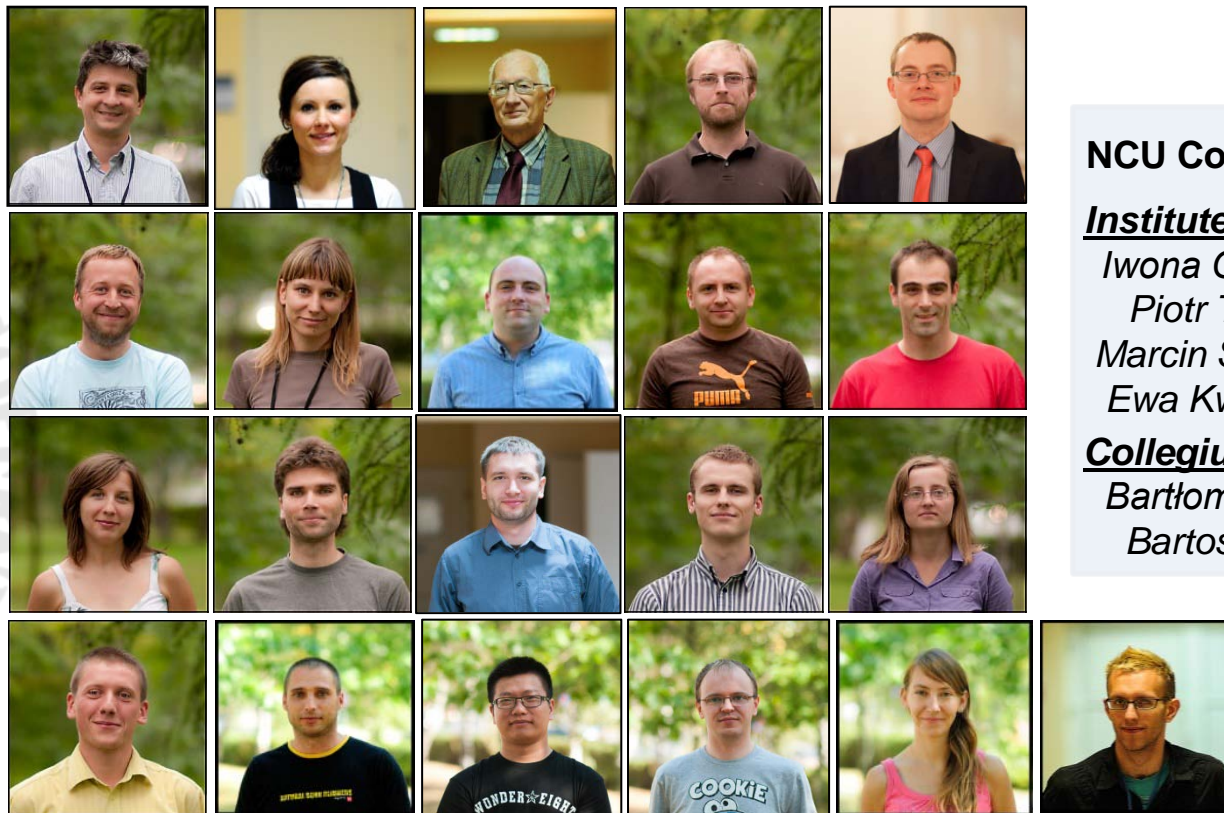


- interferometric techniques enable multi-scale imaging
- OCT as a tool for noninvasive imaging of both structure and functions of the objects
- cross-sectional images, volumetric data sets and 4-D imaging
- multiple disciplines involved



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