

Optical Coherence Tomography OCT

Optische 3D Tomographie

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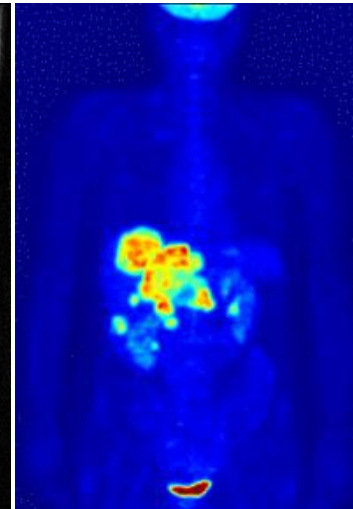
Outline

1. Introduction
2. History and technological Basics
Time Domain TD-OCT, Frequency Domain FD-OCT, Full Field OCT
3. OCT Applications
Ophthalmology, Cardiology, Dermatology
4. Some Projects @ OptoLab, BFH-TI, Biel
5. OCT-Future: Speed, Spectral, Doppler, Phase, Polarization

Tomographic Methods in Medicine

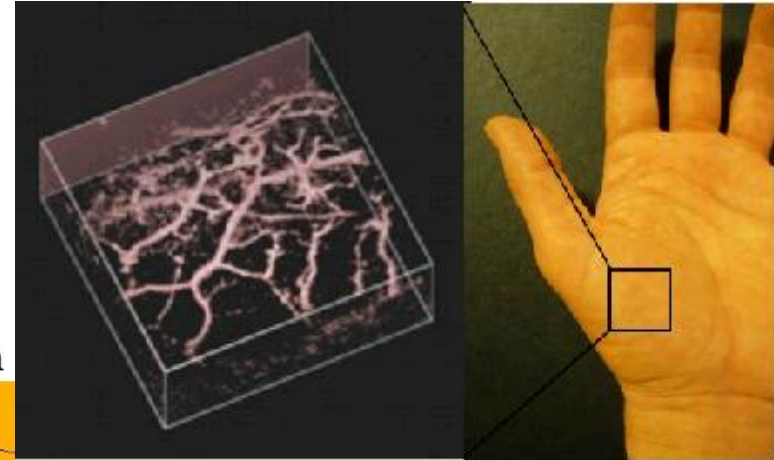
Tomography = 3D image by sections
 Greek word tomos = slice, section

- CT X-ray
- MRI Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- PET Positron Emission Tomography

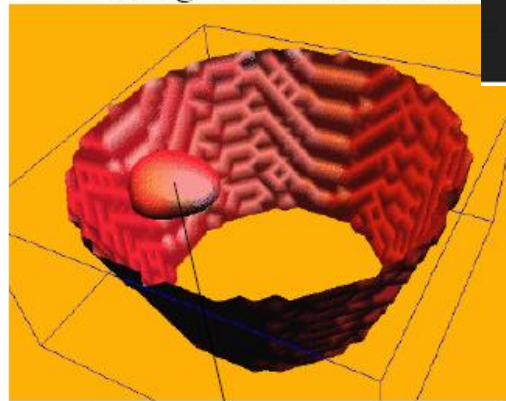
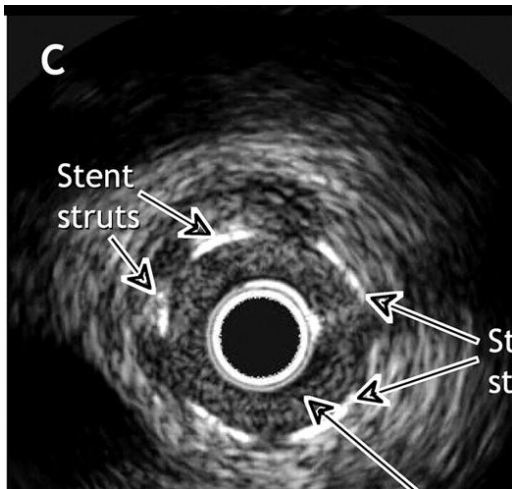


Tomographic Methods in Medicine

- UST Ultra Sound Tomography
- DOT Diffuse Optical Tomography
- PAT Photoacoustic Tomography

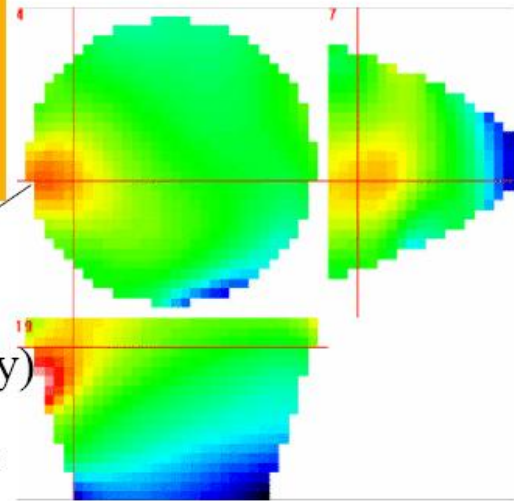


3D-image-reconstruction



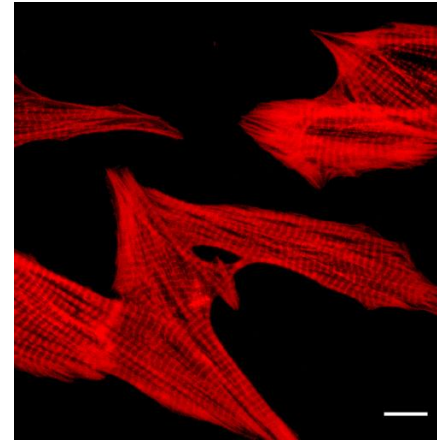
tumor
(increased vascular density)

imaging of inhomogenities



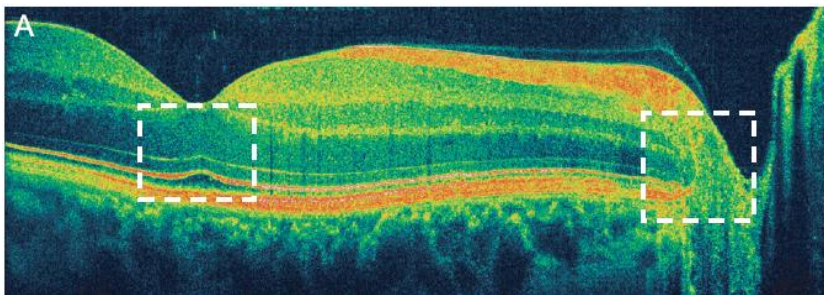
Tomographic Methods in Medicine

- Confocal Microscopy



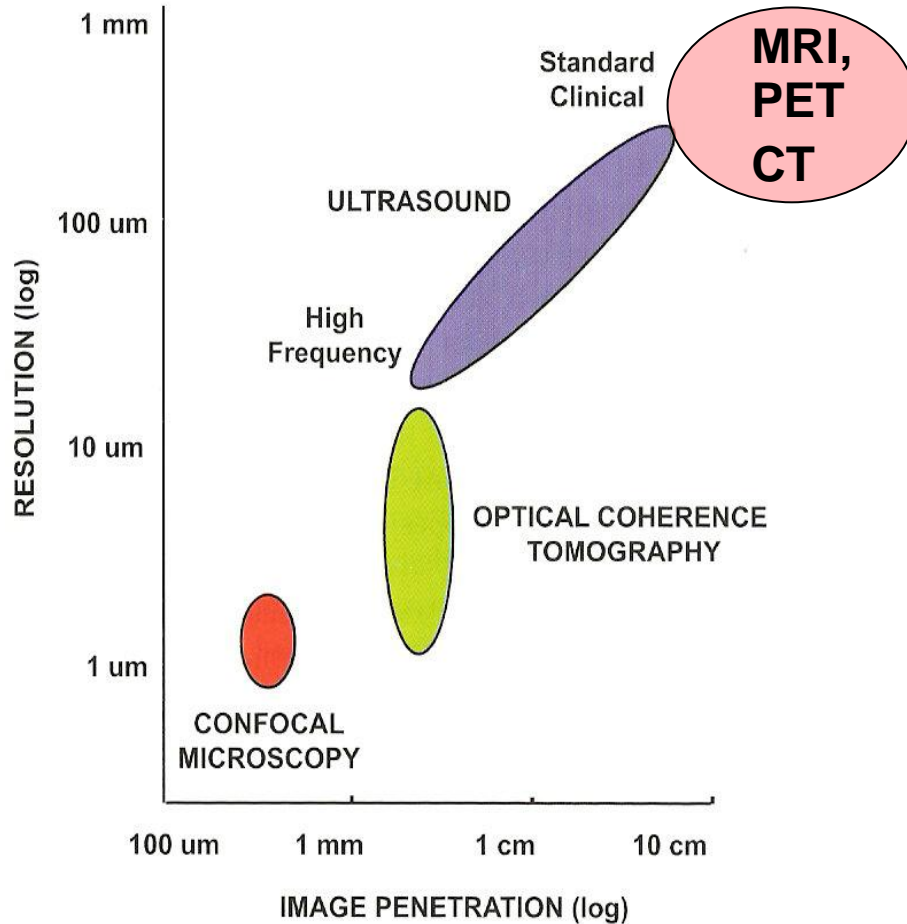
Cardiac myocytes | Bar = 10 μ m.
Dr. Robert Ross, UCLA Medical School.

- **OCT**
Optical Coherence Tomography



Drexler W., Fujimoto J. Science Direct 2007

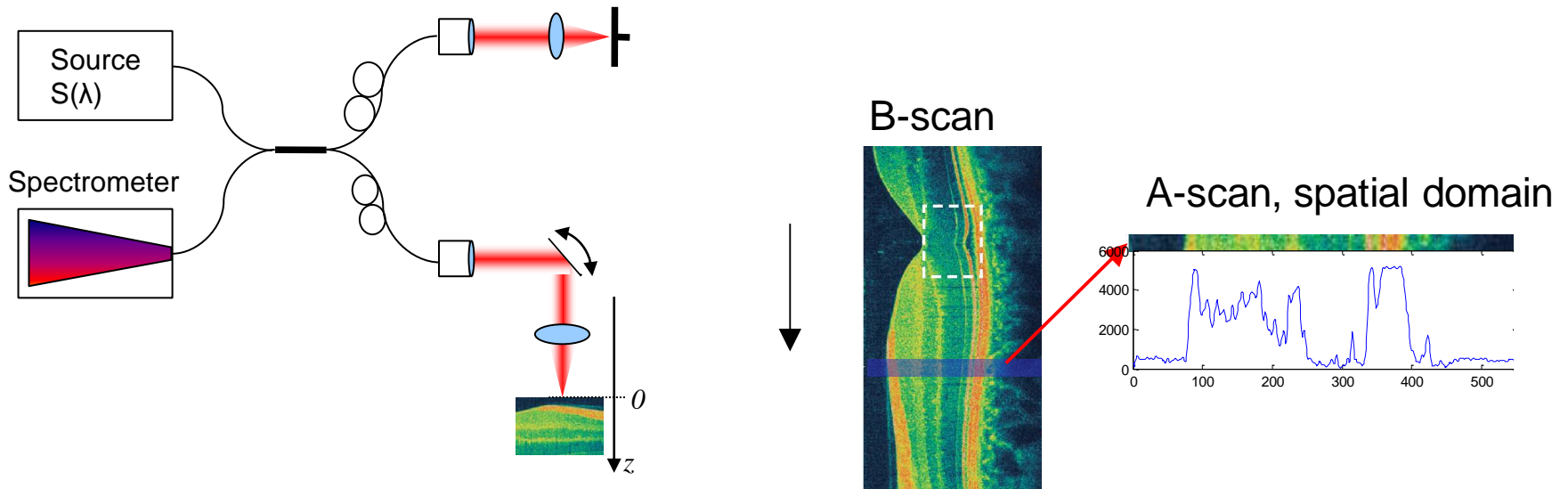
Tomographic Methods in Medicine



Name	Speed	Hazard
CT	-	+++
MRI	-	-
PET	-	+++
UST	++	-
DOT	-	-
PAT	+	-
OCT	+++	-

3D Imaging by lateral scanning

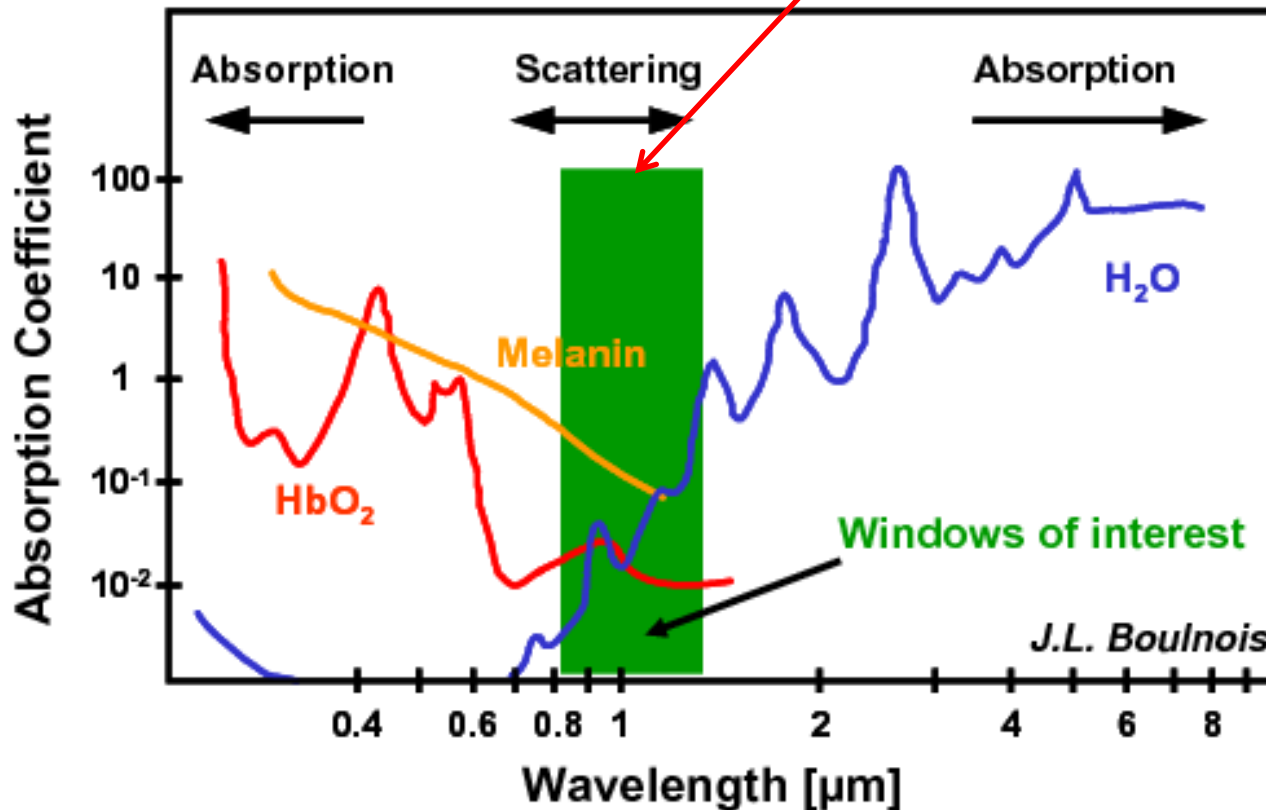
- Depth profiles are constructed by measuring the time delay of backscattered or back reflected light by interferometric measurements
- Similar to ultrasonic time of flight measurements
- Cross sectional images are obtained by scanning in x and y direction



OCT: wavelength range

Hemoglobin and water have low absorption in near infrared

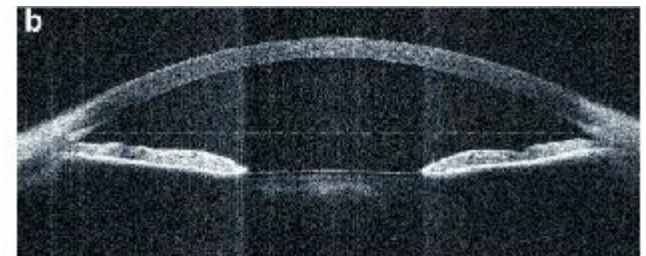
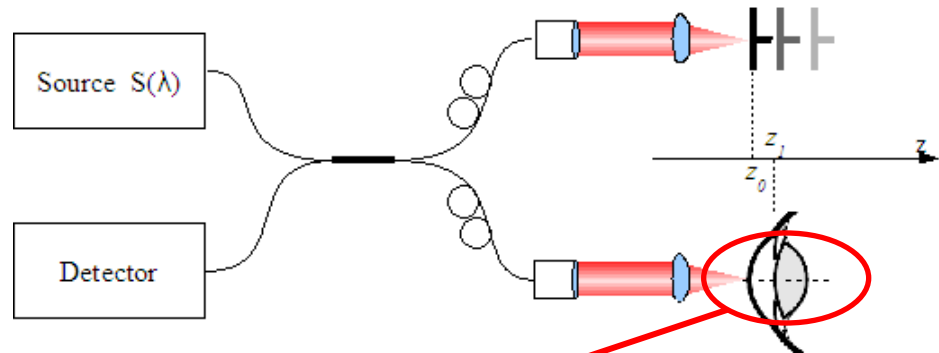
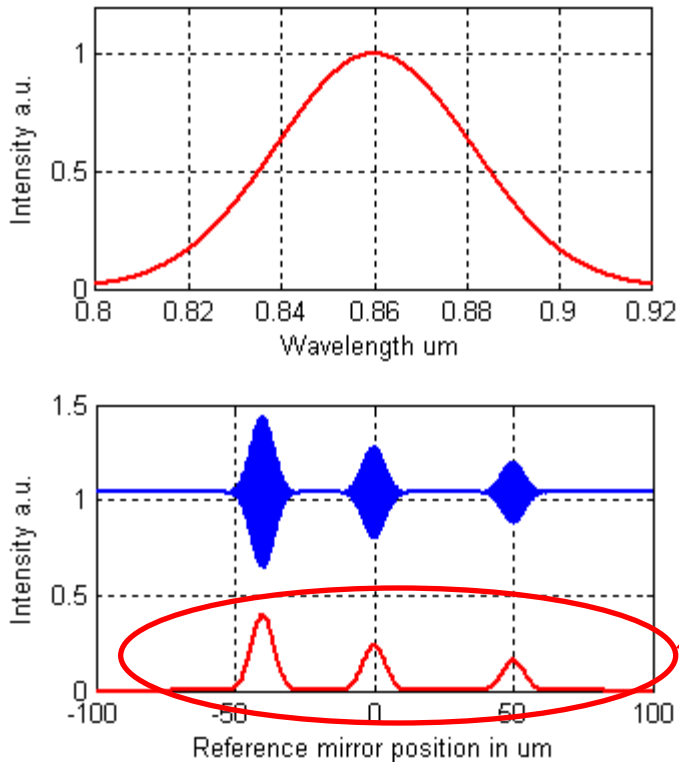
Diagnostic window



J.L. Boulnois

Basic principle: Time Domain OCT

Michelson Interferometer setup with moving reference mirror



From: Sarunic, Optics Letter 2006

The signal envelope represent the reflectivity depth profile

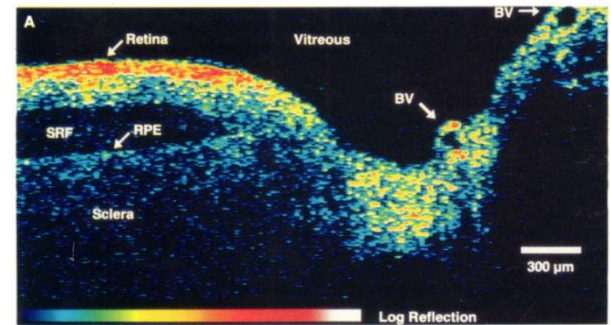
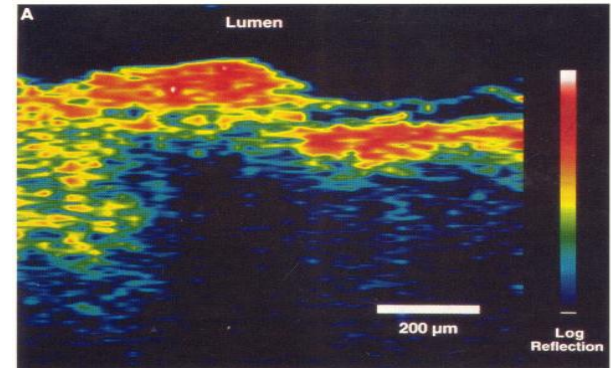
OCT History, the beginnings

1991 First medical application of Time Domain OCT in vitro (Huang, Fujimoto, Science)

1993 Demonstration of OCT on eye in vivo (Fercher)

1996 First commercial application
In Ophthalmology.
STRATUS, ZEISS

- Zeiss hold monopole on ophthalmic market thanks to strong patents.
- Glaucoma, AMD, Diabetic Retinopathy.
- 2006 are 6000 Stratus in use.



OCT Market development

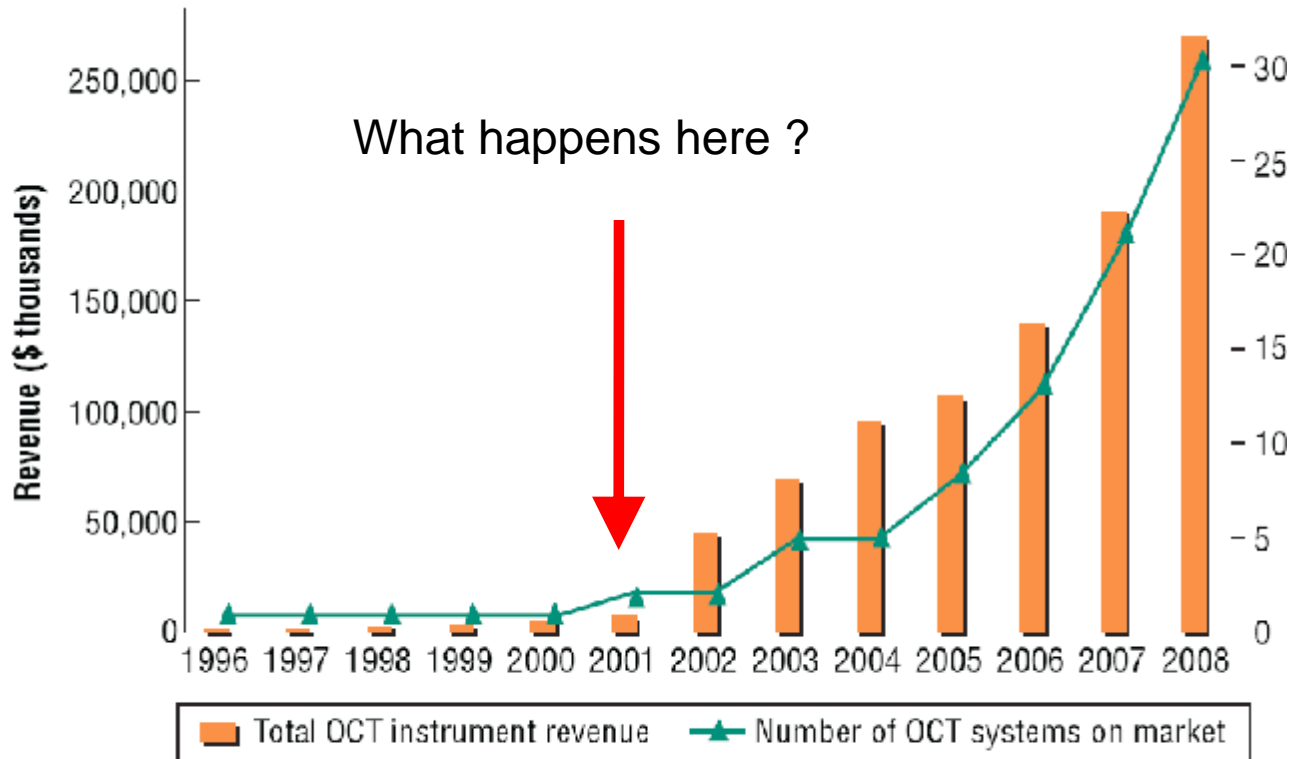


FIGURE 1.3 OCT products and revenue 1996–2008

OCT History, second generation

1995 First Publication of a new method: Fourier Domain OCT
(Fercher, J. of Optics Communication, 1995)

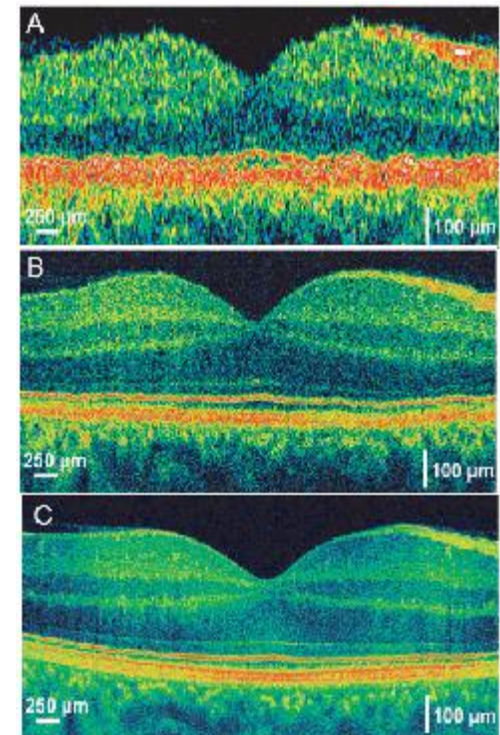
1998 Application to Dermatology
(Häusler, J. of biomedical Optics)

2000 Several papers to Fourier Domain OCT
The new method is faster, has better contrast and image quality

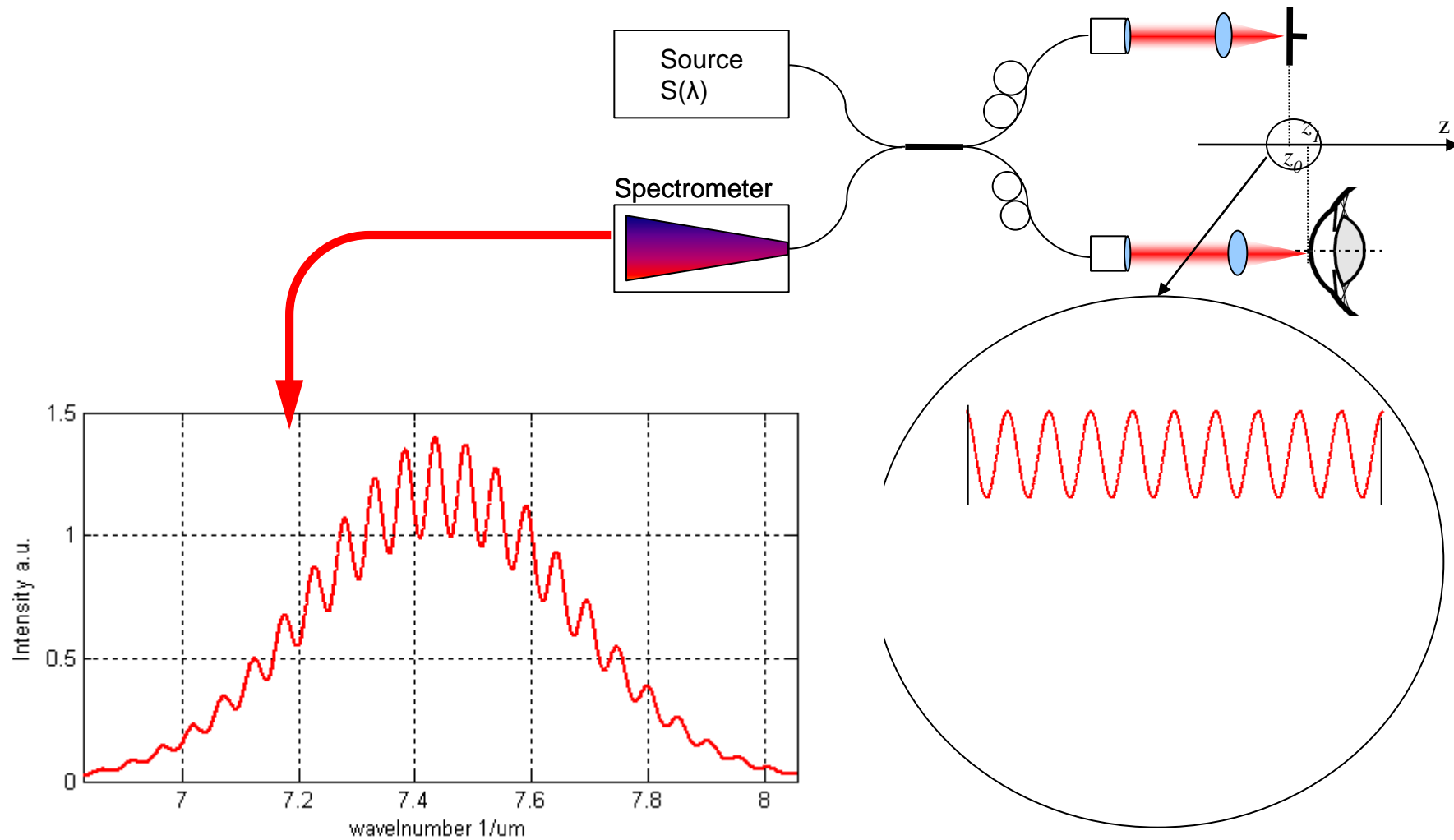
2002 First instrument on market

The ideas to the second generation OCT systems were published before patents were deposed

The technique is free !!

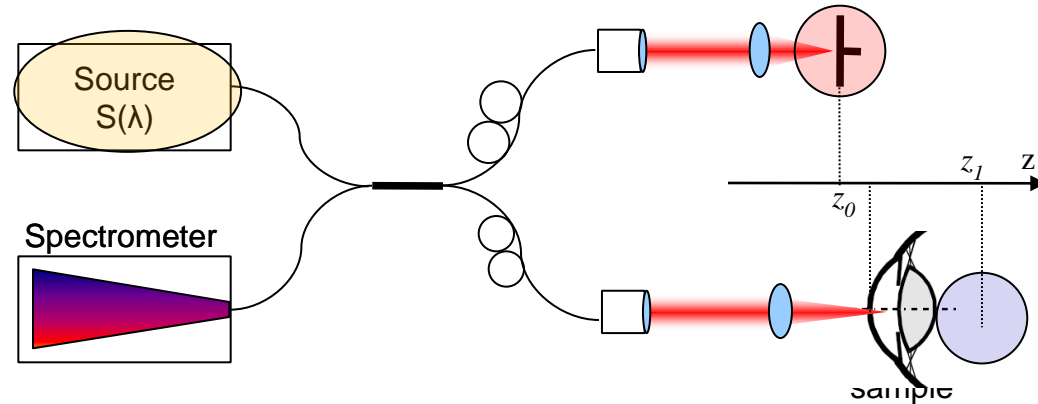


FD-OCT, basic principles

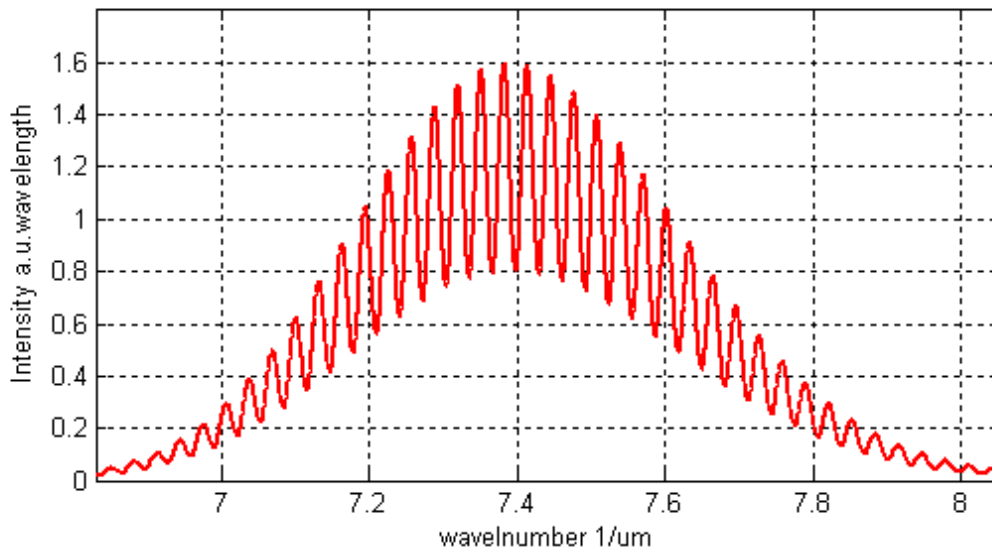


FD-OCT, basic principles

Interferences due to optical path difference



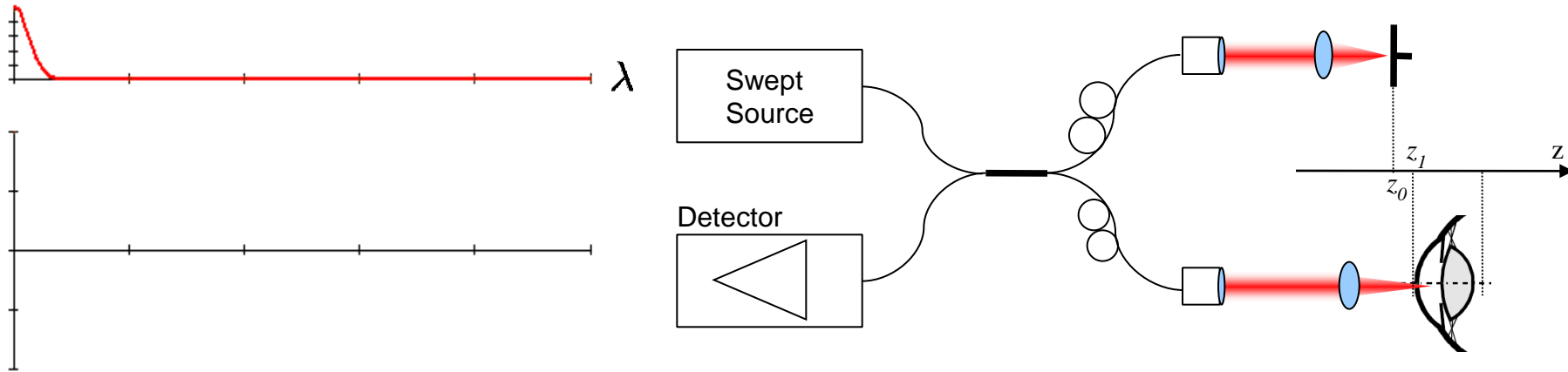
$$FD(k) = S(k) (r_R^2 - r_s^2 - 2r_R r_s \cos(2kz))$$



Frequency in k-space is proportional to OPD

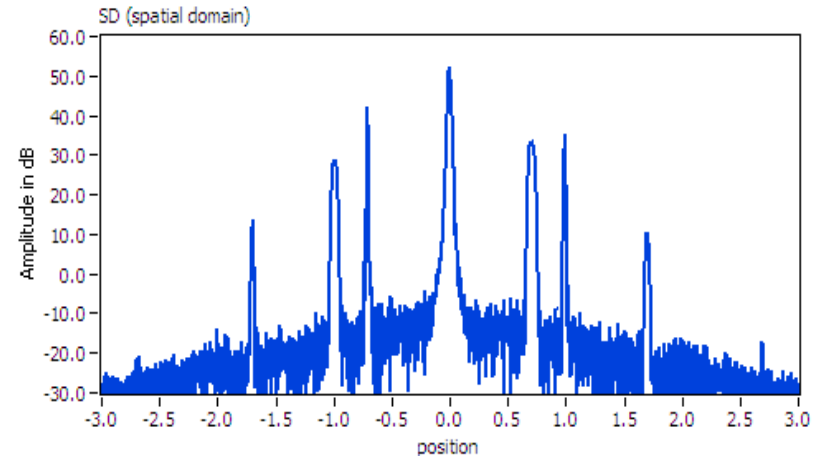
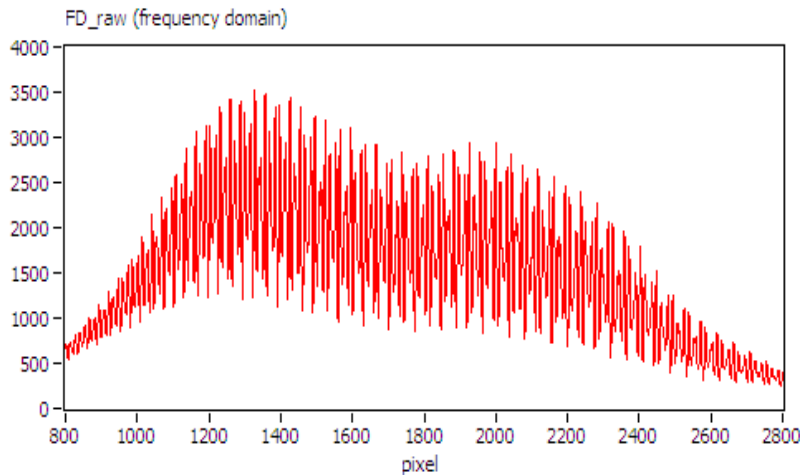
Reflectivity profile is obtained by a Fourier transformation

FD-OCT, basic principles, swept source



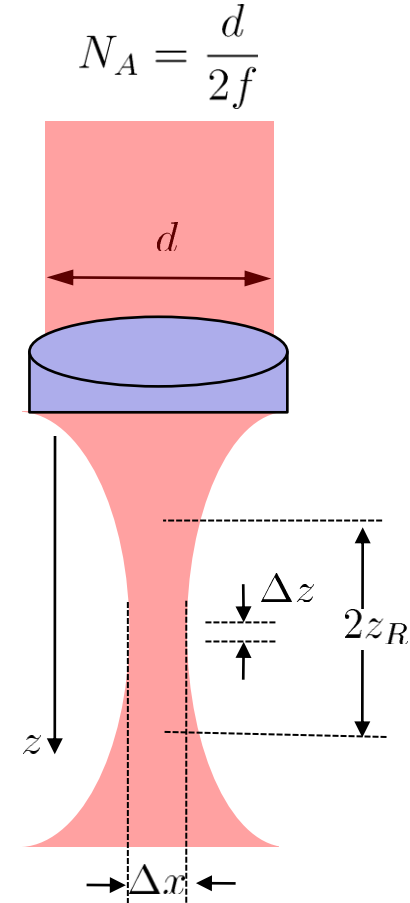
$$FD(k) = S(k)(r_R^2 + r_s^2 + 2r_R r_s \cos(2kz))$$

$$SD(z) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[S(k)] \otimes \mathcal{F}^{-1}[2r_R r_s \cos(2kz)]$$

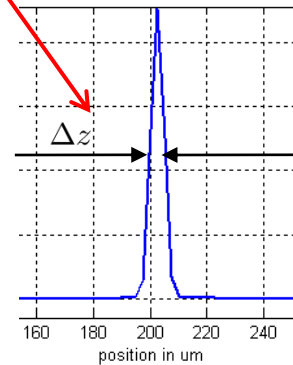
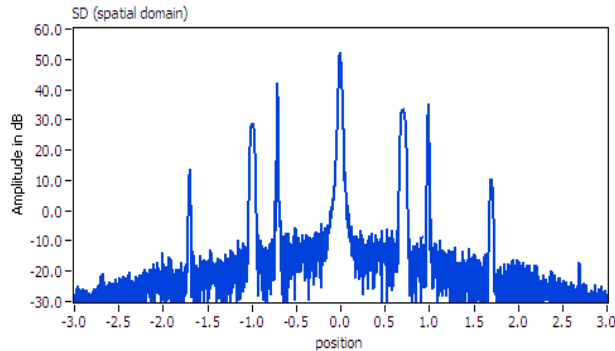


Resolution: OCT and Microscopy

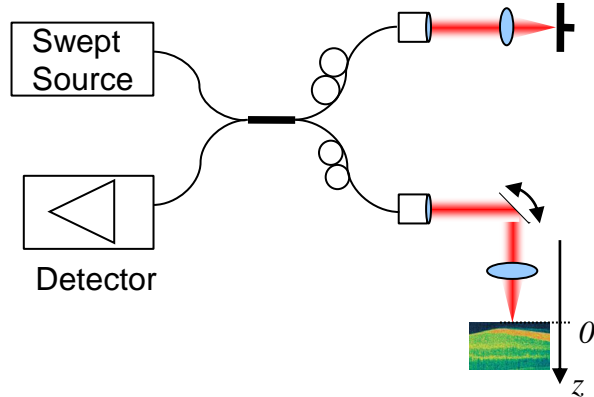
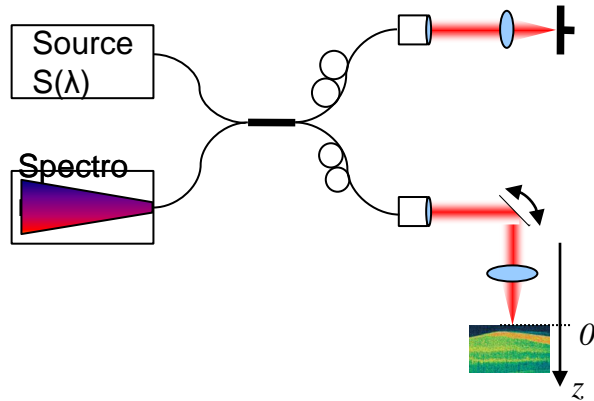
	Lateral resolution	Axial resolution
Confocal Microscope	$\Delta x \sim \frac{1}{N_A}$	$\Delta z \sim \frac{1}{N_A^2}$
OCT	$\Delta x \sim \frac{1}{N_A}$	$\Delta z = \frac{4 \ln(2)}{\Delta k}$



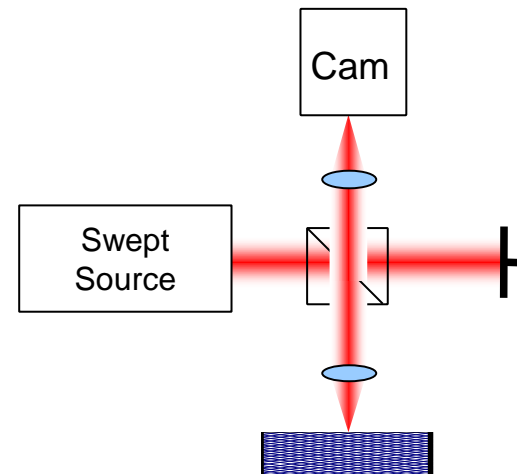
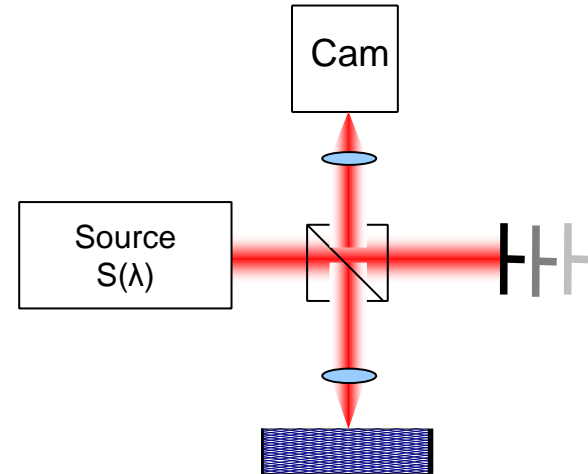
Coherence gate



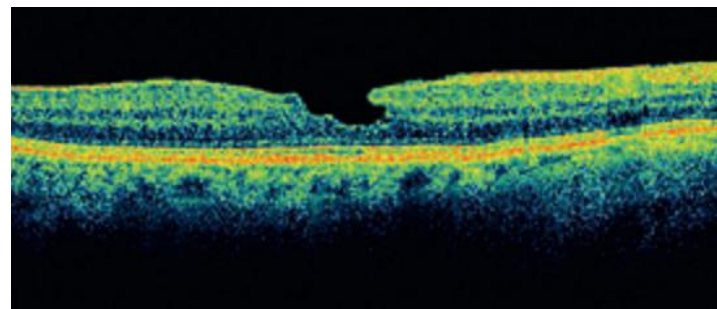
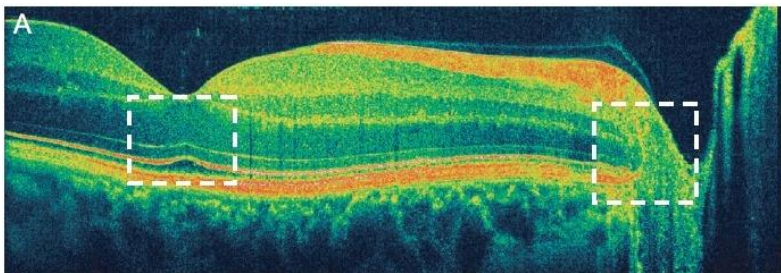
Scanning FD OCT



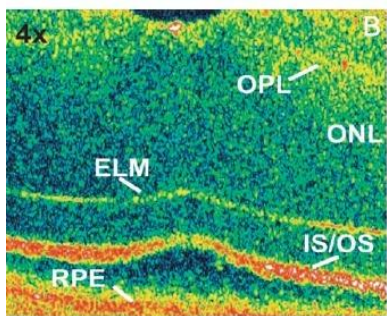
Full Field OCT



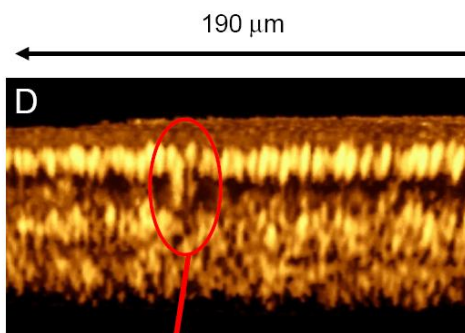
State of the art, retina imaging



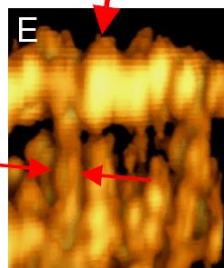
From Zeiss cyrus



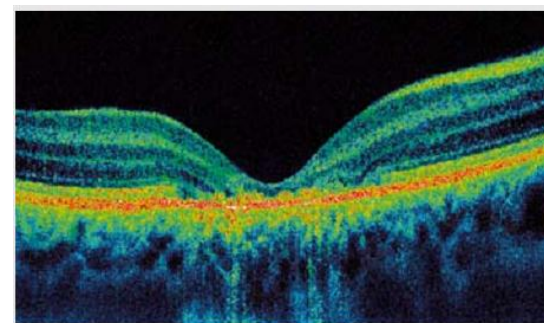
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~ 4 μm



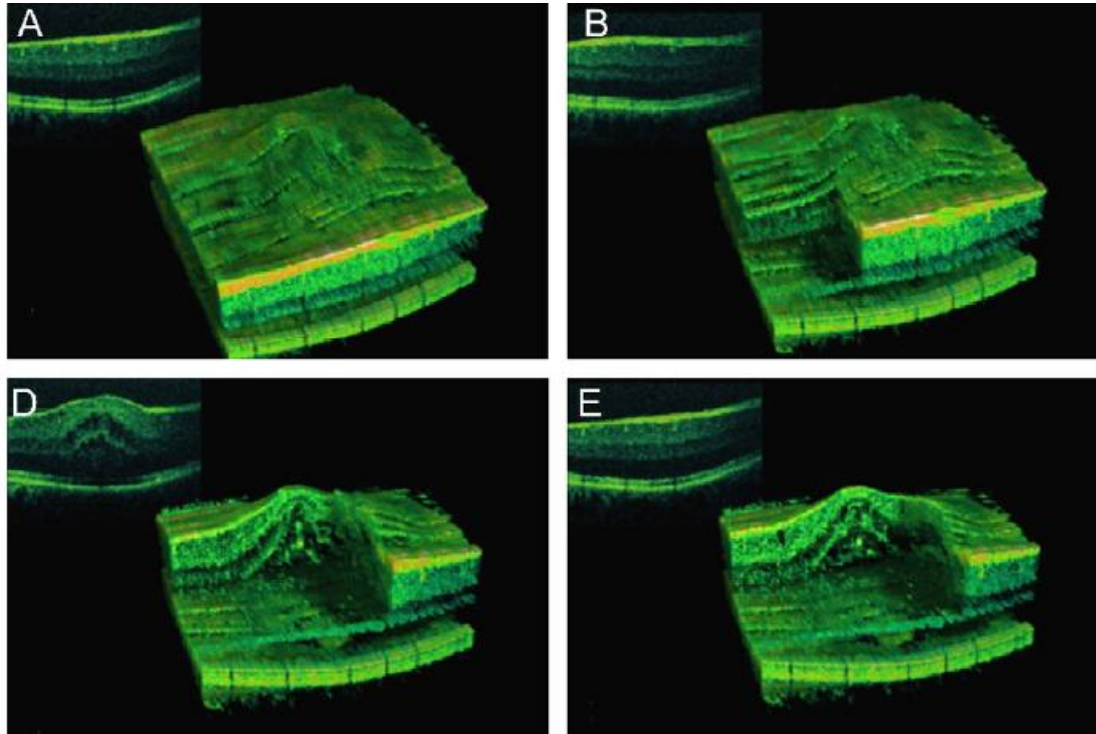
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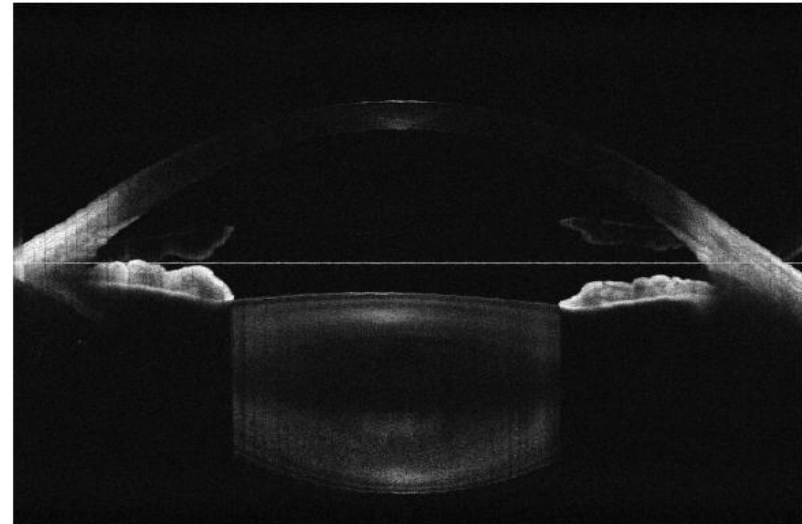
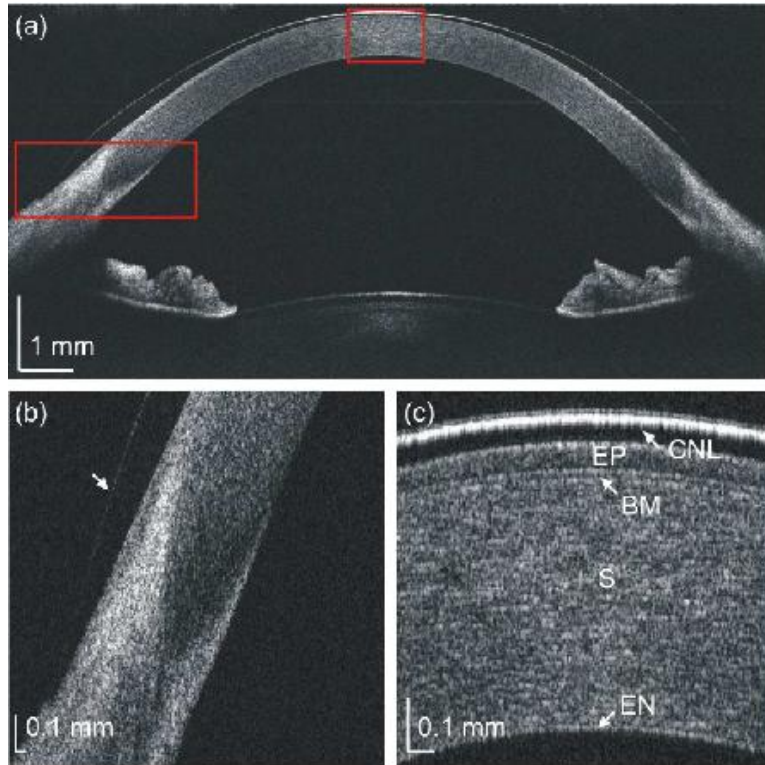
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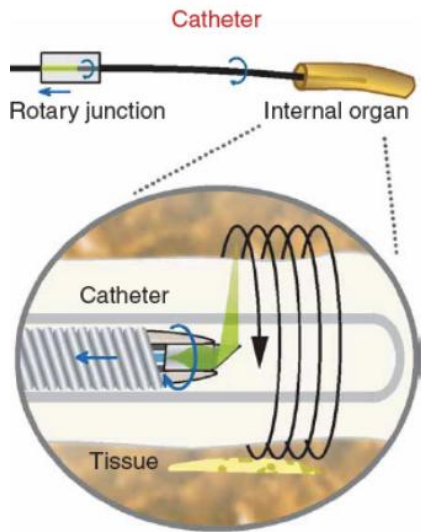
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Anterior segment of the eye

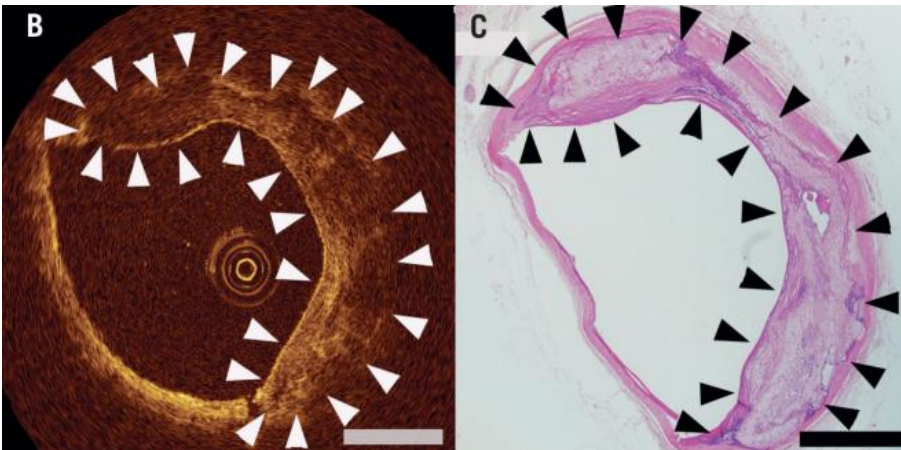
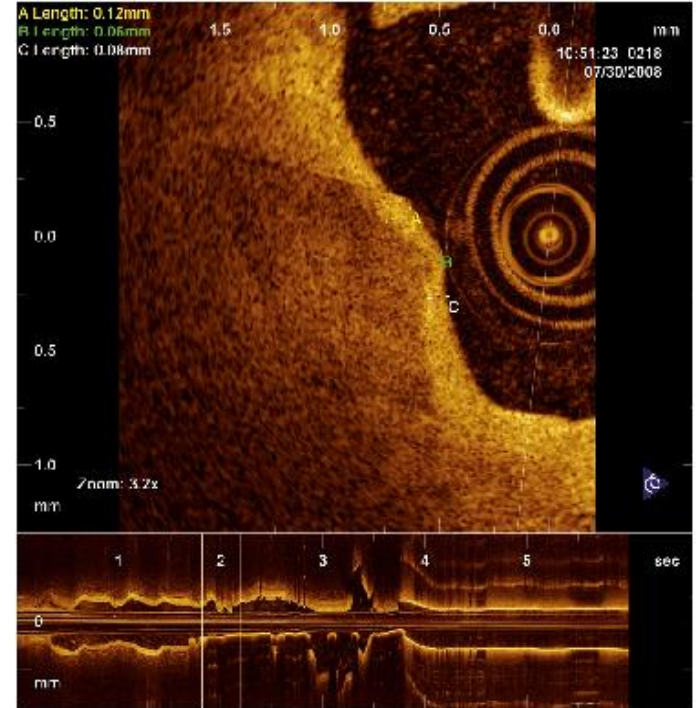


From: Grulkowski., Optic Express, march 2009

Endoscopic OCT and cardiology



From LightLab



Optical Biopsy

Tissue investigation without extraction

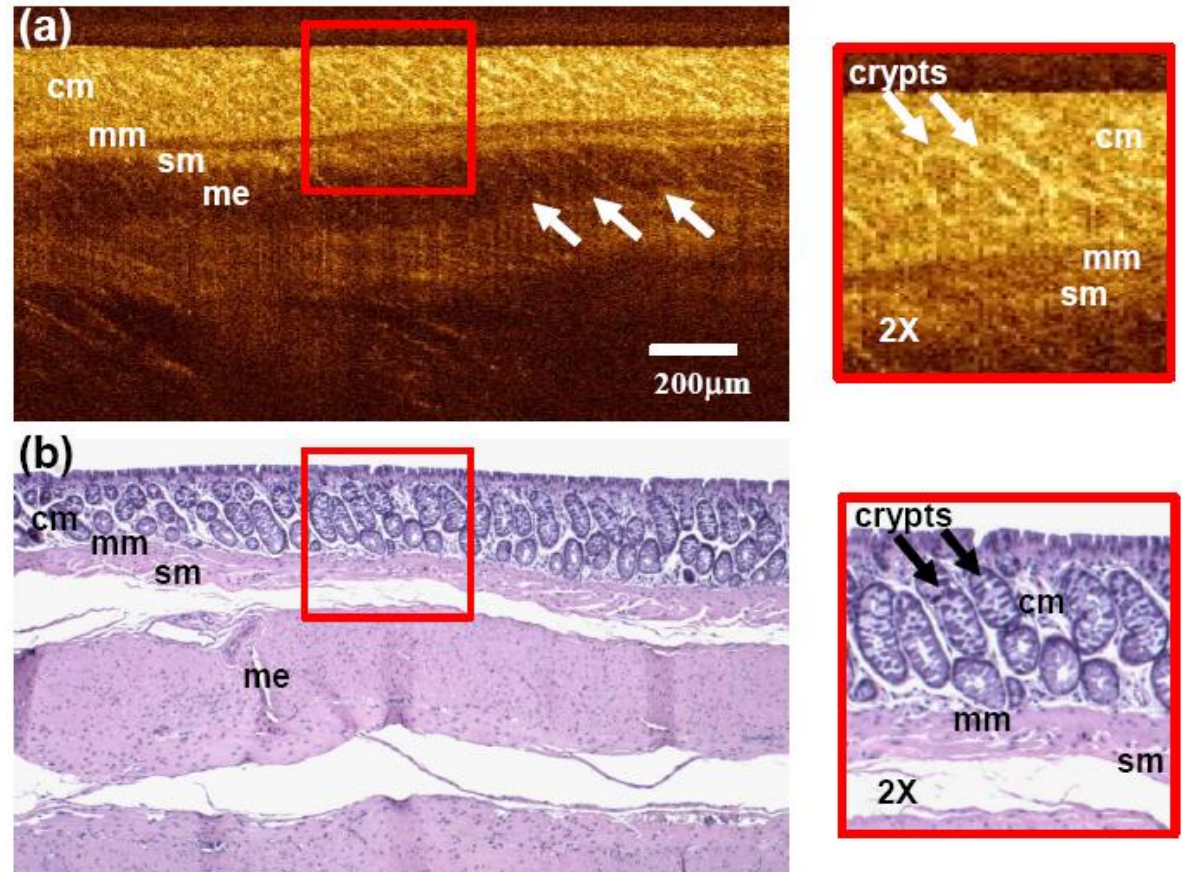
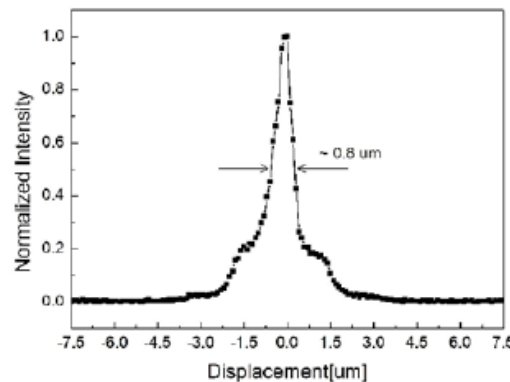
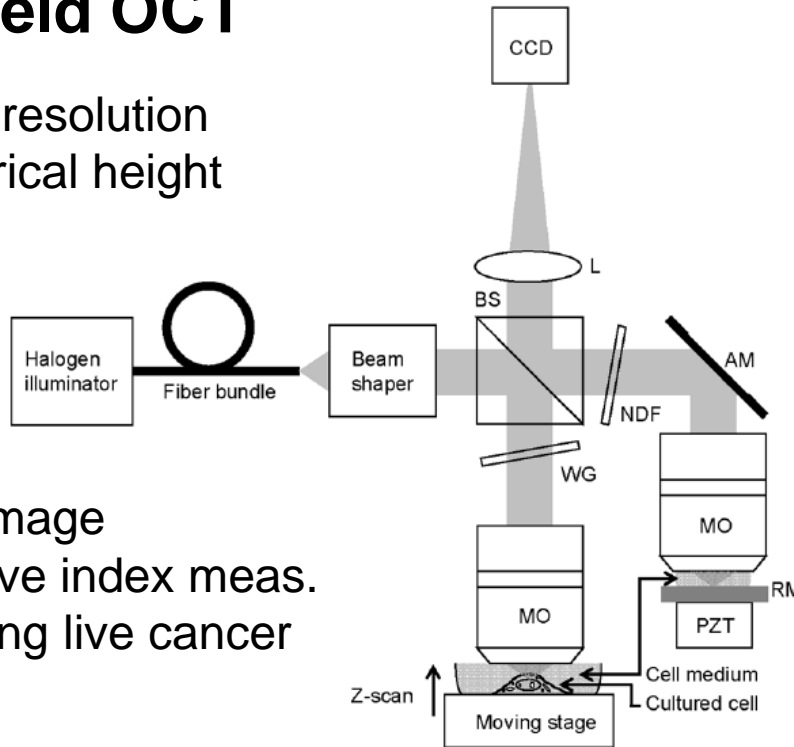


Fig. 7. (a) *In vivo* endoscopic OCT image of rabbit colon with (b) corresponding histology. Delineation of upper colonic mucosa (cm), muscular mucosa (mm), submucosa (sm), and muscularis externa (me) is possible. Enlarged images show the capability to visualize crypt structure. Tissue separations seen in the lower part of the histology images are due to a histology processing artifact.

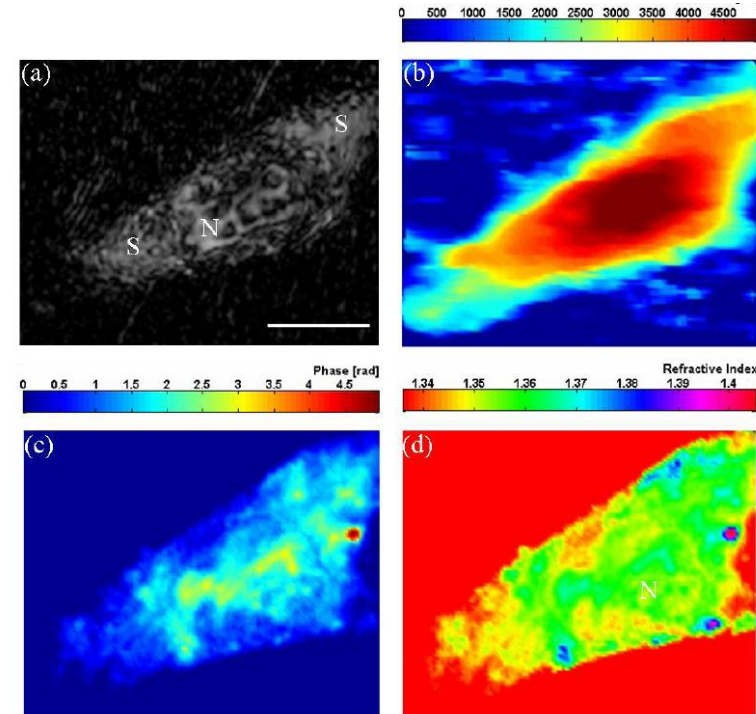
Herz,... Fujimoto, OpticsExpress 2004

Full Field OCT

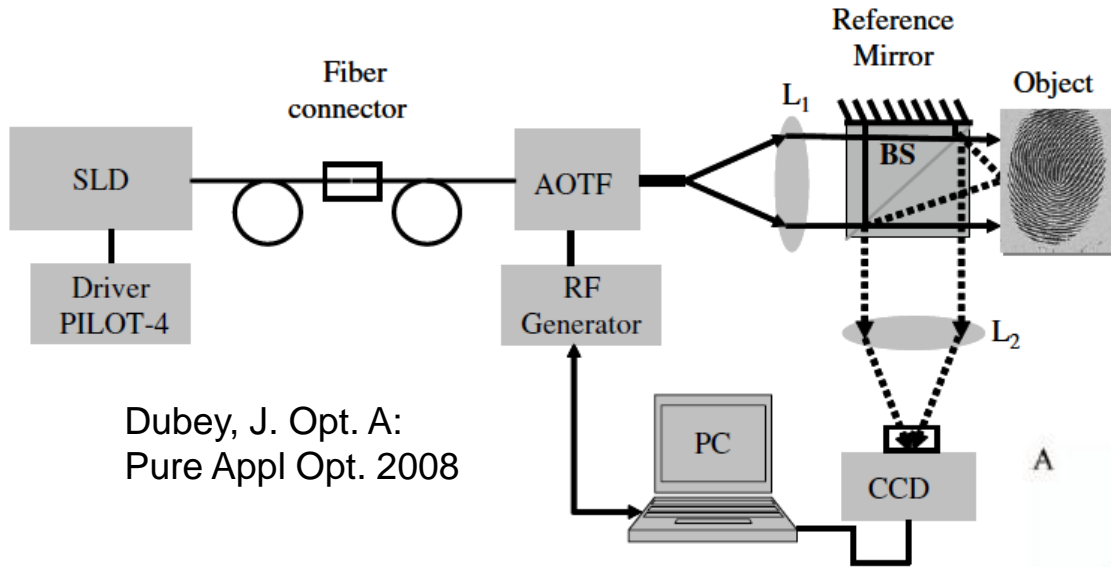
- sub um resolution
- geometrical height
- phase image
- Refractive index meas.
- Identifying live cancer cells



Choi, Full-field optical coherence microscopy ..., *Opt. Express* (2010),

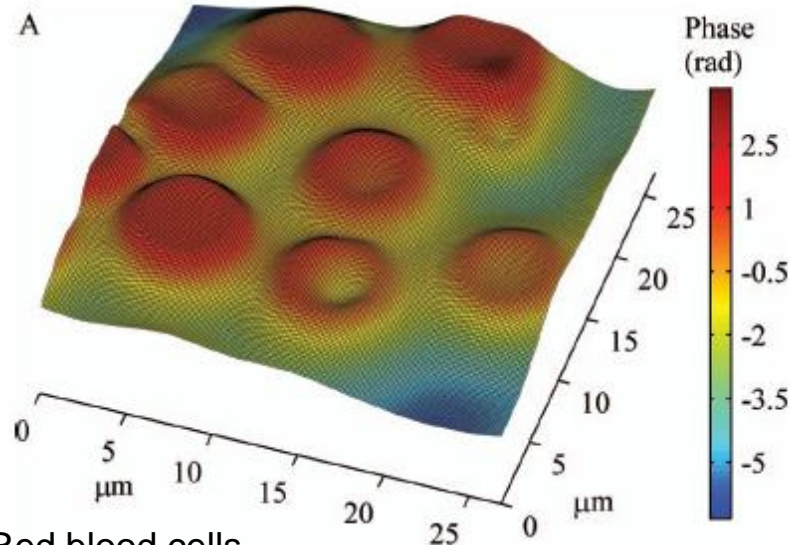


Full Field Swept Source OCT



Dubey, J. Opt. A: Pure Appl Opt. 2008

- No real swept source available in Si- camera range (300 – 1000 nm)
- fast NIR cams are very expensive



Red blood cells
Sarunic, **Full Field Swept Source Phase Microscopy**, Optics Letters 2006

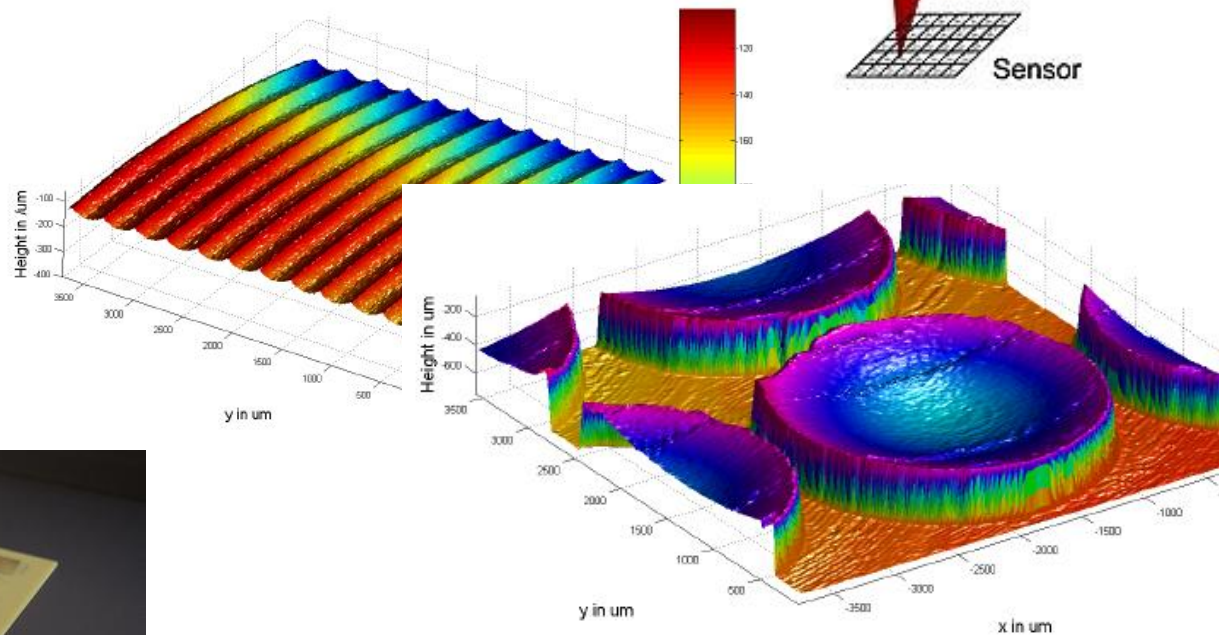
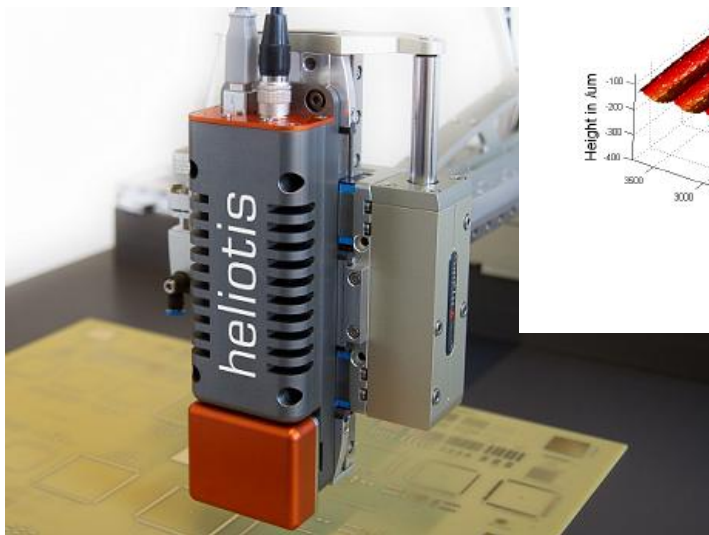
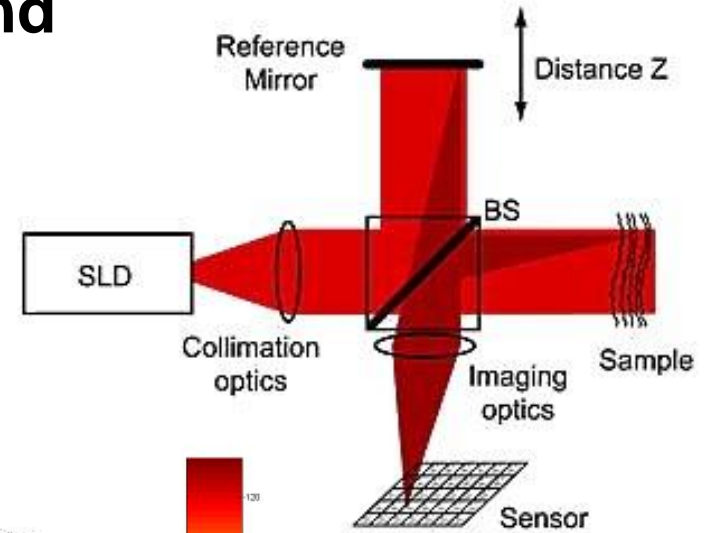
Full Field OCT, made in Switzerland

Phase-Sensitive Parallel
Optical Coherence Tomography

Number of pixels 144 x 90

Vertical resolution 200nm

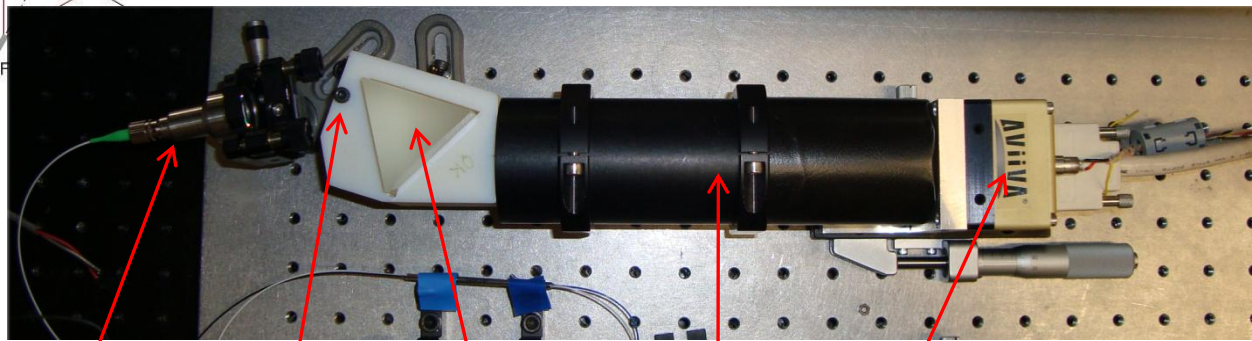
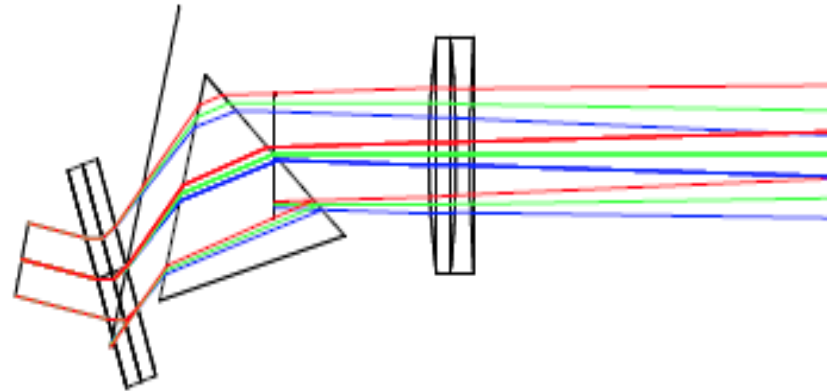
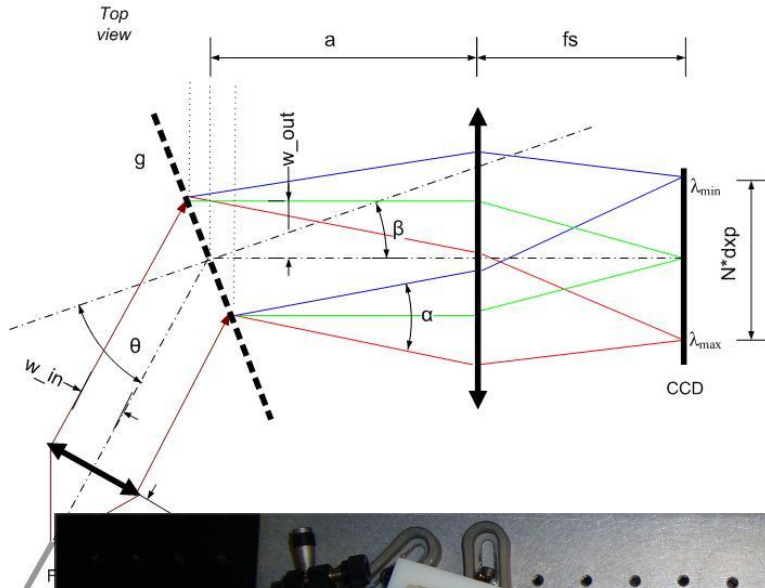
Lateral resolution 2 μm



Some Projects @ OptoLab

Linear k-Spectrometer for OCT

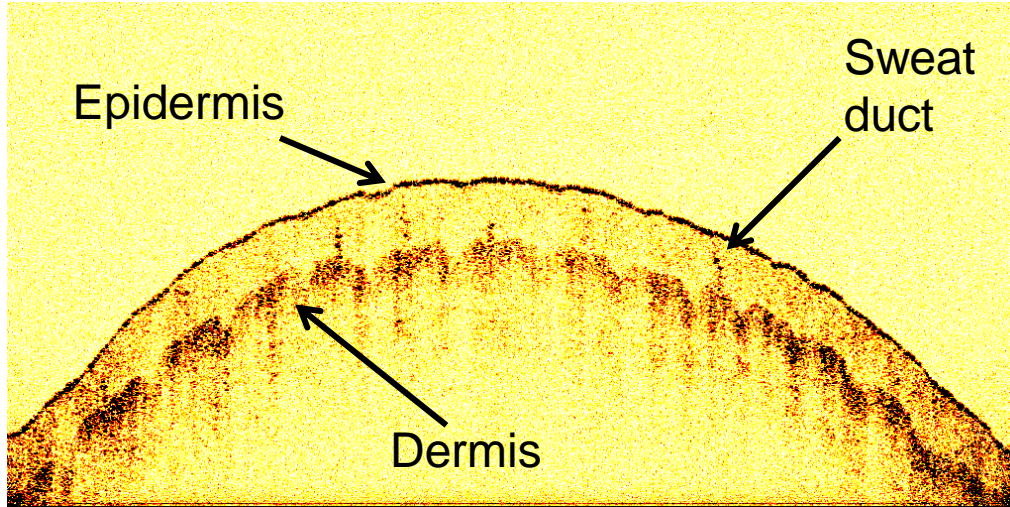
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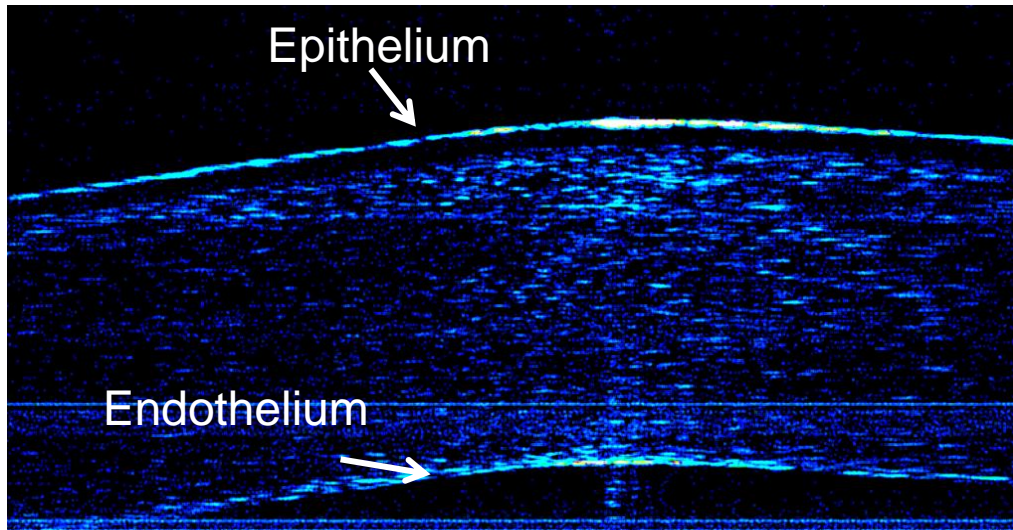
Collimator Grating Prism Lens Camera

- Sensitivity: 93 dB @ 40 μs integration time
- Camera speed: 28'700 A-scans/s
- Measuring range: 6 mm

Linear K-Spectrometer for OCT



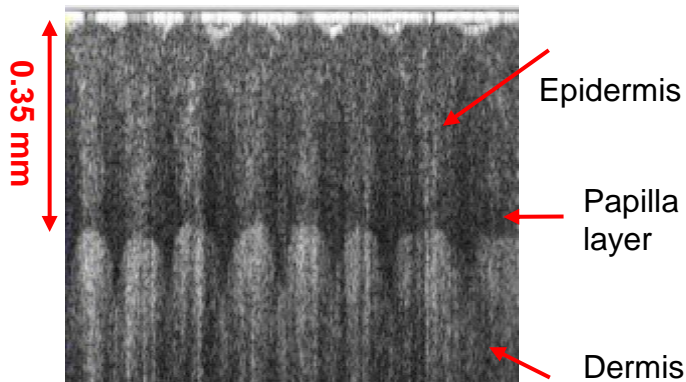
- Human finger @ 835 nm
- 3 x 10 mm
- 1024 x 1024 pixels
- Integration time: 0.111 ms



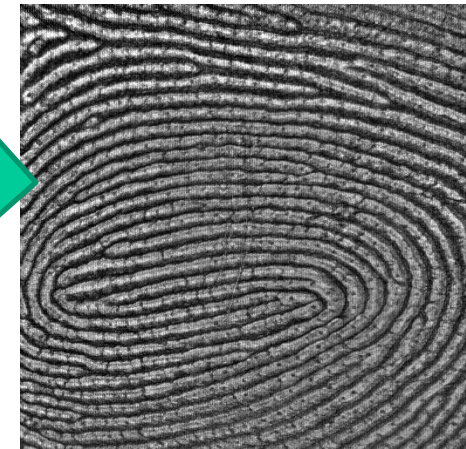
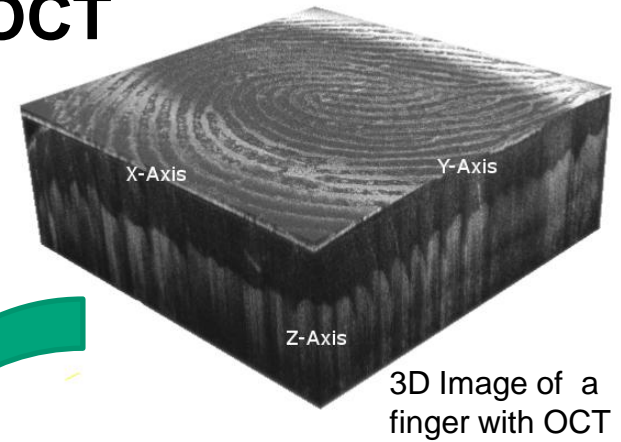
- Pig cornea @ 830 nm
- 1 x 3 mm
- 1024 x 1024 pixels
- Integration time: 0.250 ms

Internal Fingerprint Identification with OCT

- Secure and reliable identification
- Use of the internal structures of the finger (region around the papilla layer)
- Compatible with algorithm for fingerprint identification



B-scan of finger,
BFH OptoLab, 2009



A.Bossen, R. Lehmann, C. Meier, "**Internal fingerprint identification with optical coherence tomography**", Photonics Technology Letters, IEEE, vol.22, no.7, pp.507-509, April1, 2010.

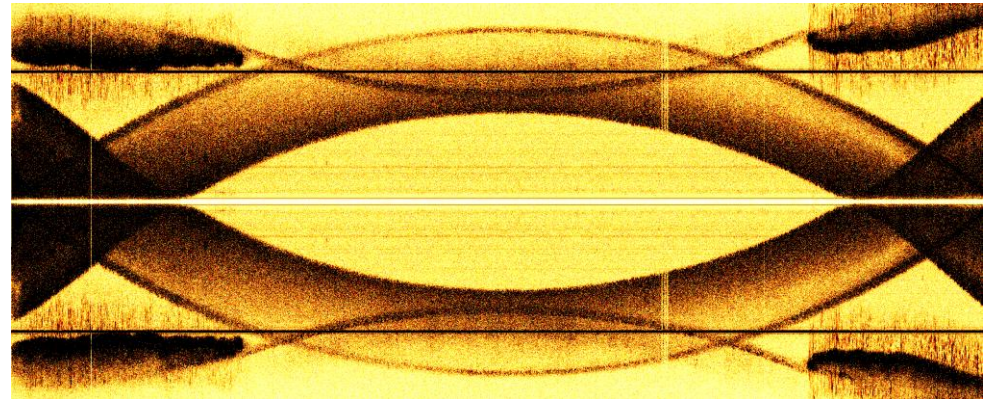
OCT Callisto



OCT Box Callisto

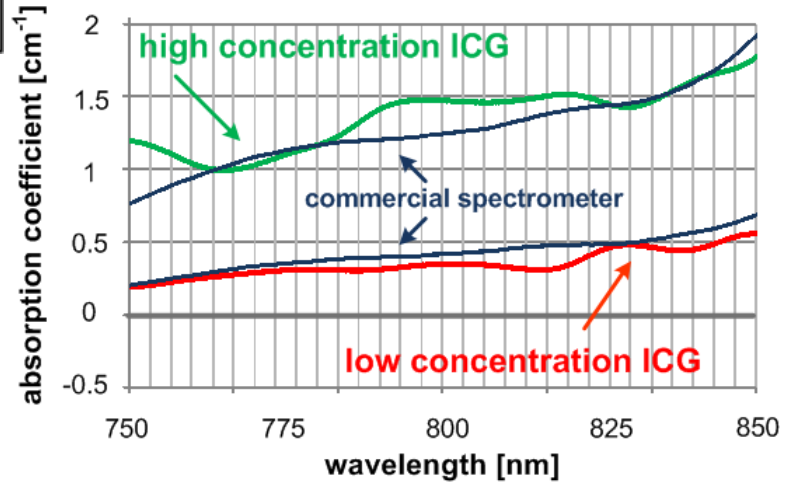
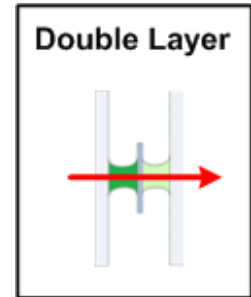
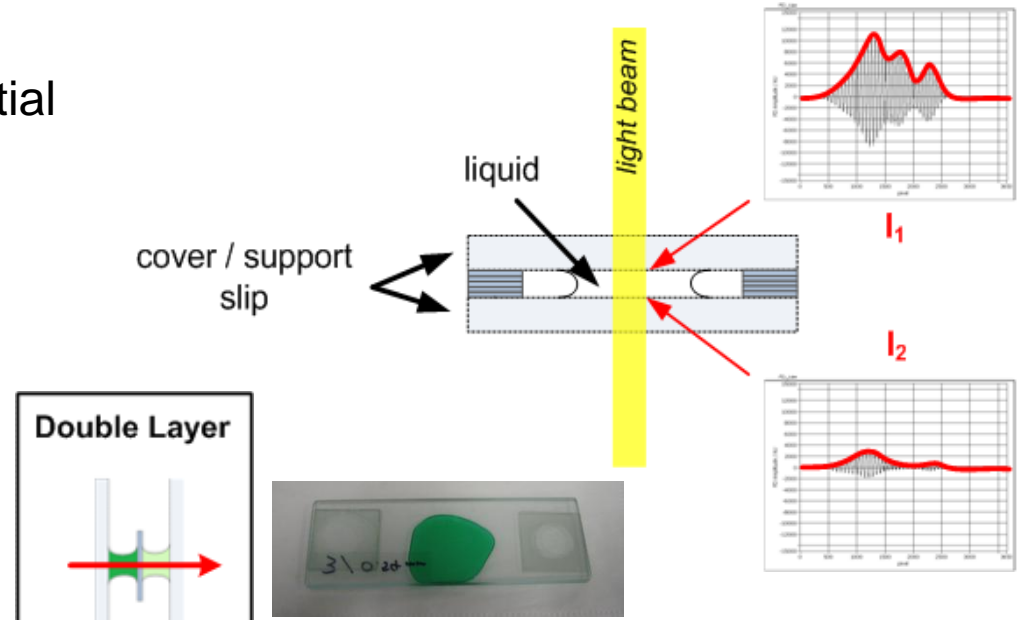
- Includes:
- Source
 - Spectrometer
 - Reference arm
 - Interferometer

Dimensions:	200 x 150 x 70
Axial Scan Resolution:	6.5 μm
Measurement range	6.6 mm



Spectroscopic OCT

- System developed to analyze spatial resolved spectral absorption of substances using OCT
- Possible ability to determine physiological parameters (e.g. in blood) non-invasively
- Distinguishable levels of ICG (indocyanine green, near-infrared absorber) in micromolar (μM) concentrations

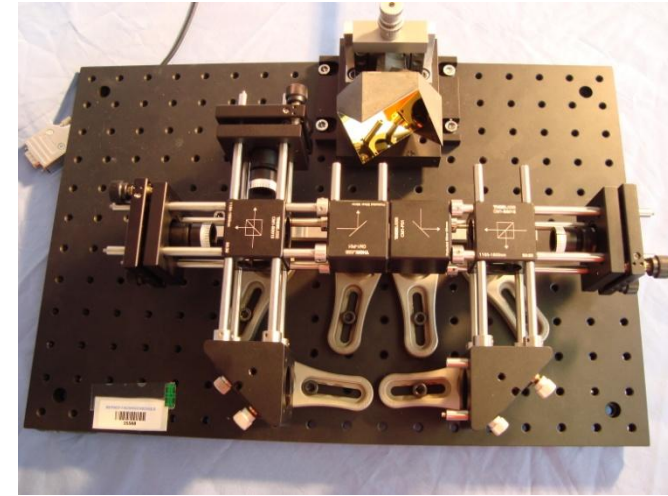


P. Steiner, Ch. Meier, V.M. Koch, „Influence and compensation of autocorrelation terms in depth resolved spectroscopic Fourier-Domain optical coherence tomography”, Applied Optics 2010

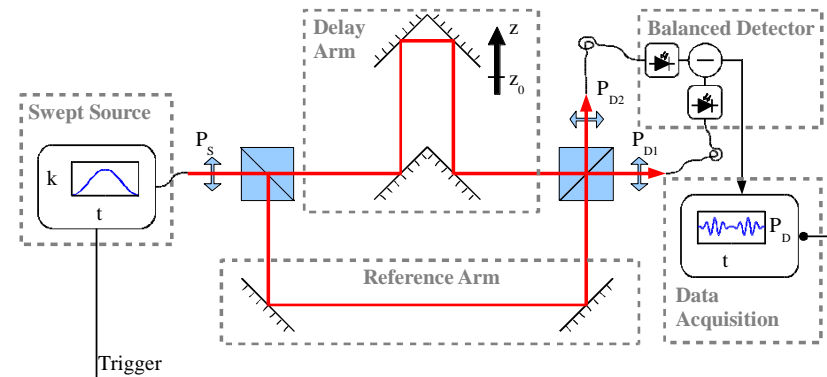


Coherence Length Measurement

- System development to measure the instantaneous coherence length.
- Crucial performance indicator for swept laser sources
- Setup is based on a Mach-Zehnder interferometer with variable delay length
- Application in the development process of rapidly swept laser sources
- Measurements at sweeping rates up to 120 kHz possible



a) Real world measurement device (MZI)



b) Schematic measurement device

Outlook

- **Speed**

Example: $1024 \times 1024 \times 1024 = 1\text{Gvoxel}$

with 20kHz A-scan rate acquisition time = 52 s too long !

- **Data Processing**

De-noising, segmentation, 3D representation

Data reduction -> compressive sampling

- **Sources**

Stable broad band laser sources @ affordable cost,

Miniaturized high speed swept source

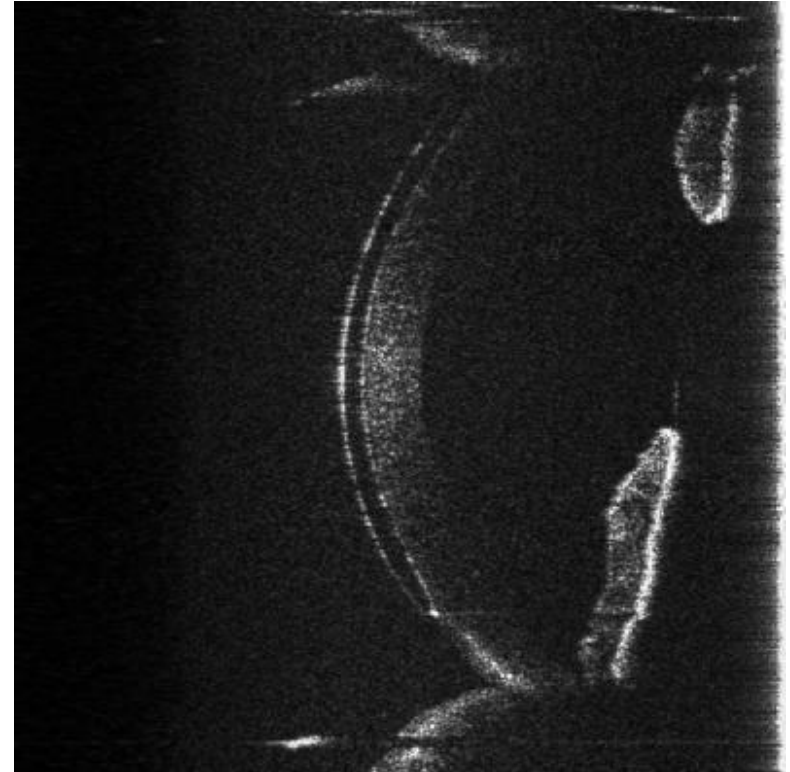
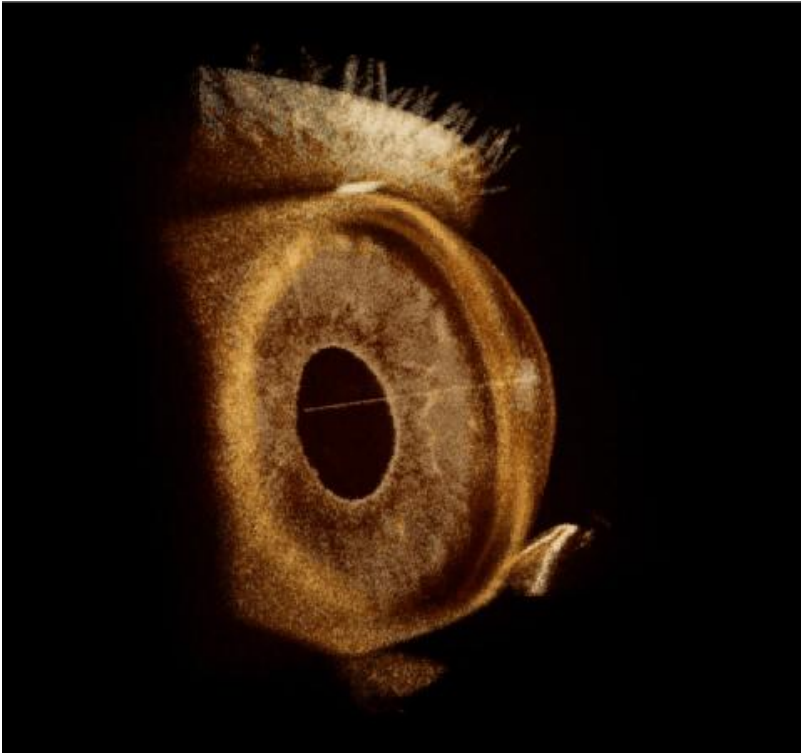
- **Functional OCT**

Polarization, Spectroscopic, Phase, Doppler,

Combination with Fluorescence Microscopy, or Raman Spectroscopy

Speed

- 3D images in vivo: speed minimize motion artifacts



Gora, M.;...Wojtkowski, M. OpticExpress, Aug. 2009, (up to 200kHz A scan rate)

Ultra High Speed OCT

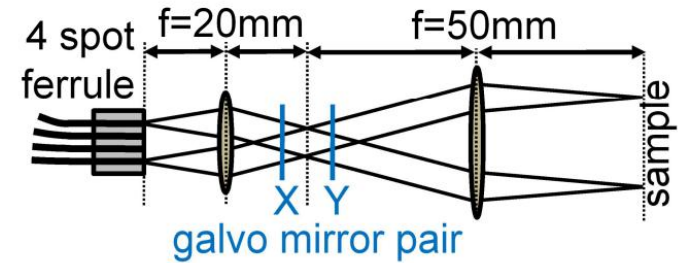
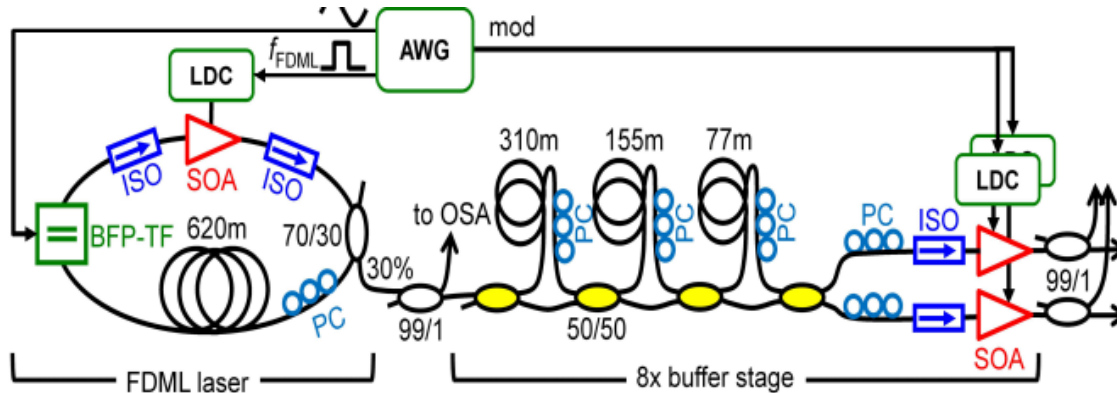


Fig. 3. FDML laser “B8” with bulk Fabry-Perot tunable filter (BFP-TF), followed by an 8x buffer stage with 2 booster SOAs. The laser “B16” differs merely by adding another buffer stage element with 39m fiber delay.

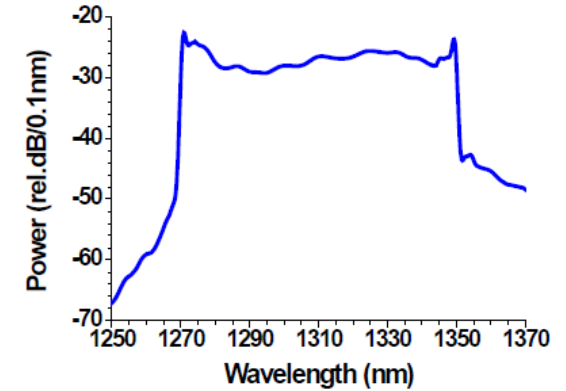
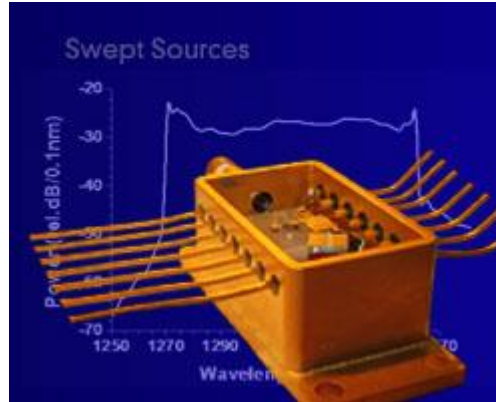
- 325 kHz FDML frequency
- 2.6 MHz effective sweep rate after 8x buffer
- More than 10 MHz depth scan rate with 960 samples per depth scan
- **4.5 GVoxel/ s**

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Miniaturized Swept sources

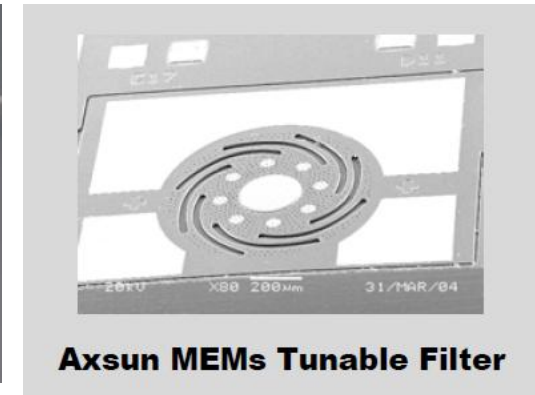
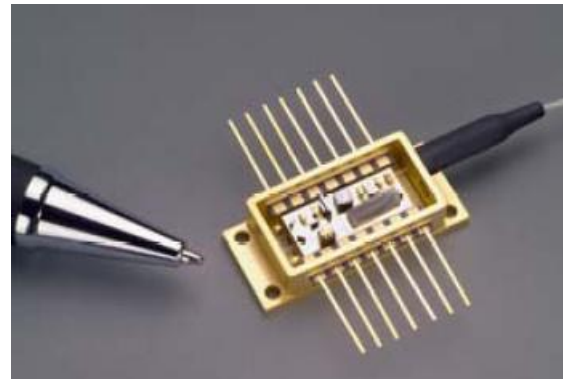
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50 kHz sweep rate



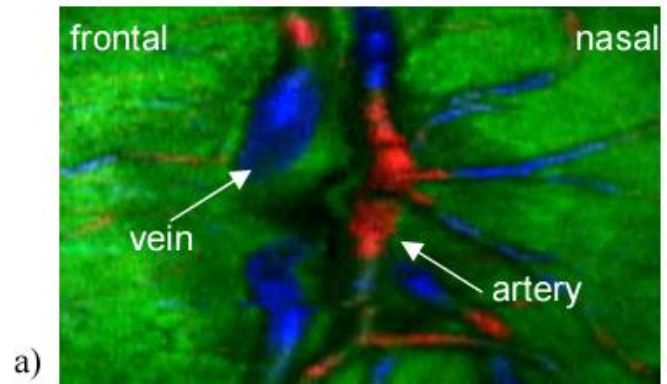
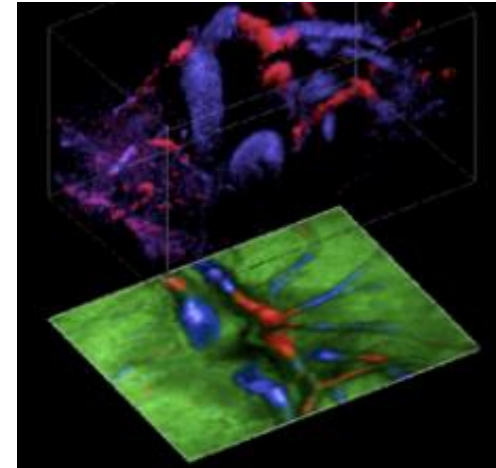
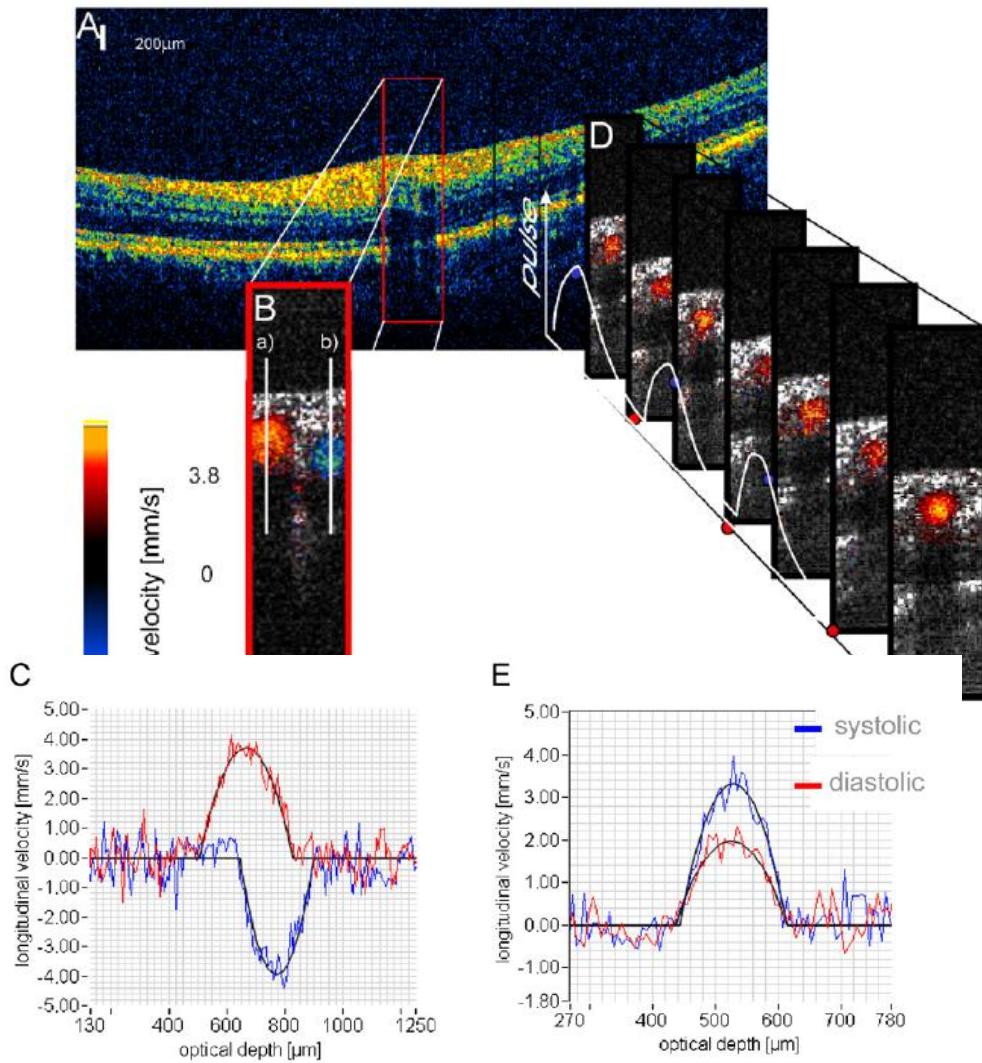
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<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Wavelength Range	1250 – 1360 nm
Output Power	20 mW
Sweep Rate	50 kHz
Coherence Length	12 mm



Sweeping due to tunable Fabry-Perrot filter

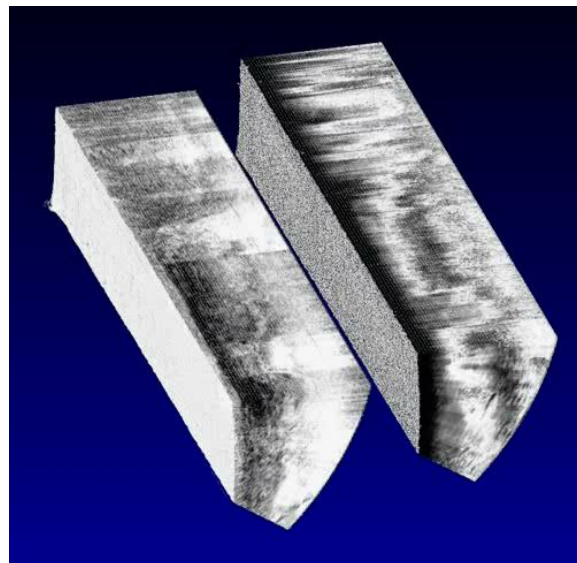
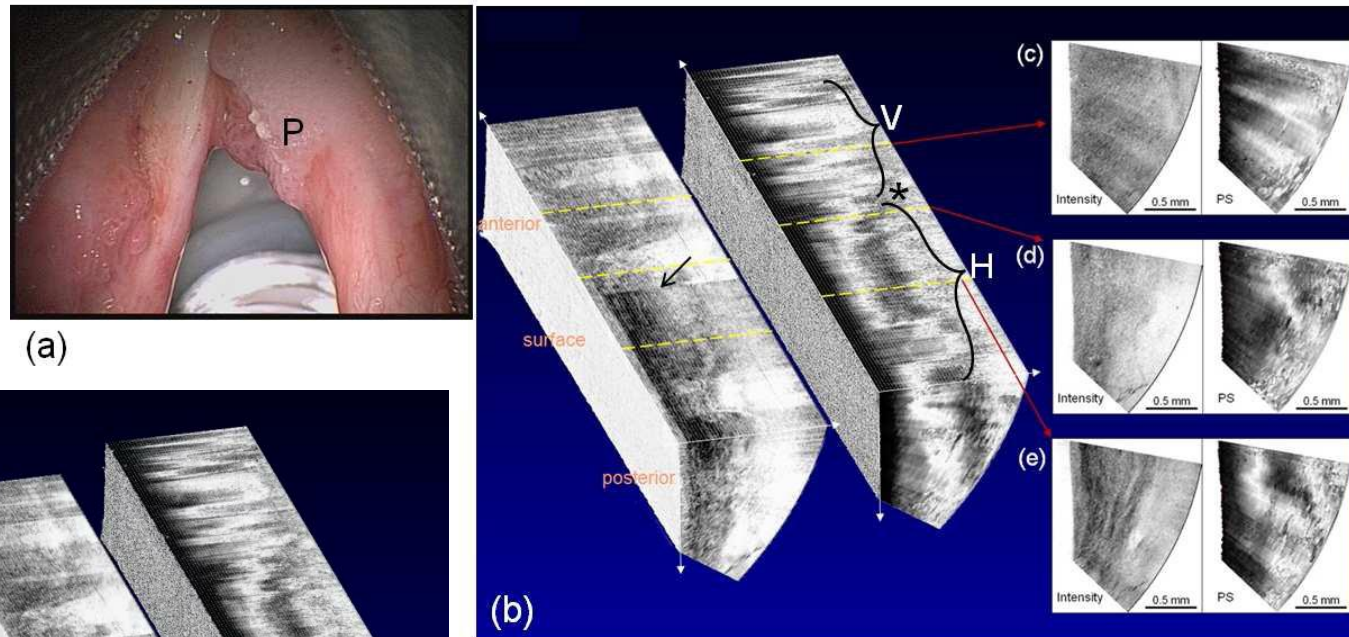
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- Images sub-surface vocal fold tissue non-invasively
- Useful information in guiding surgeons during phonomicrosurgery



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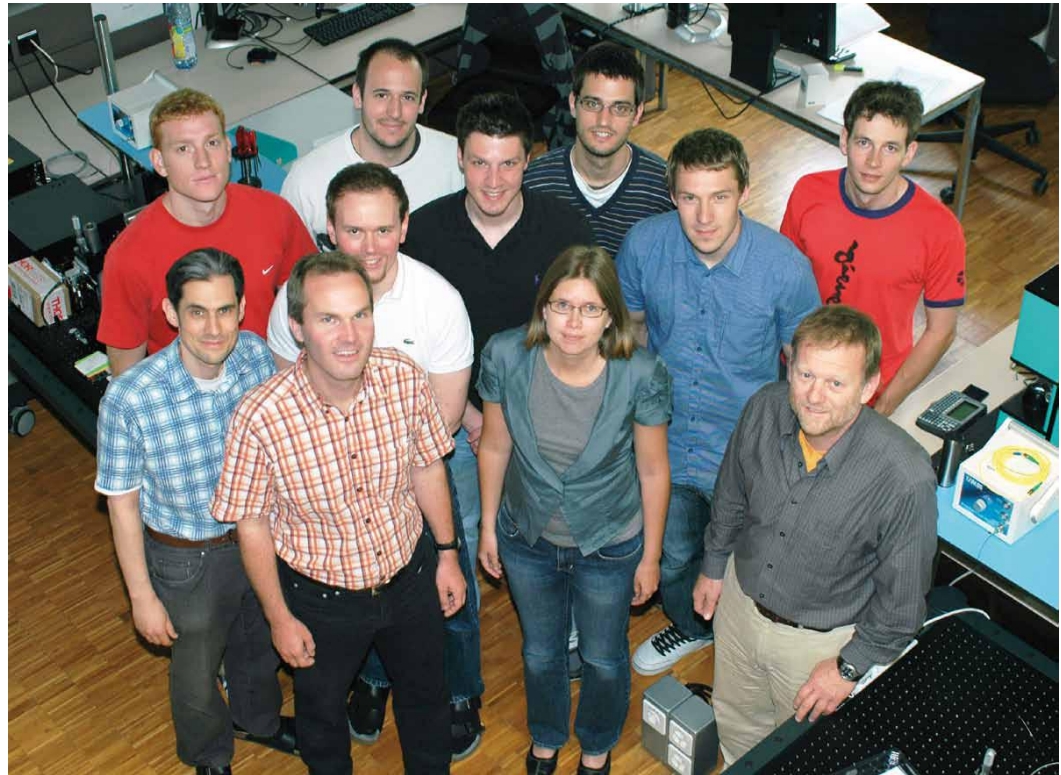
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