

Optical Imaging Needles: Bringing Optics Deep Inside the Body

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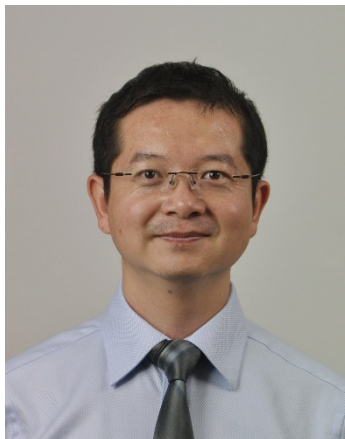
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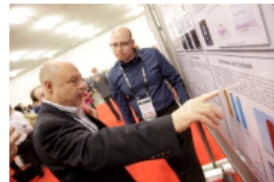
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This group encompasses the design and characterization of traditional optical systems utilizing lens design, geometric ray-tracing, and physical optics modeling. The evolution and development of design codes and software to assist in designing components and systems are included here. Typical applications include

astronomical telescopes, microscopes, cameras, stray light, and adaptive optics.

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Announcements

Congratulations to Peng Xi, the new chair of the Imaging Optical Design Technical Group! If you are a member of this group and have ideas for activities and initiatives to help engage this community, please [share them with Peng](#) as he begins his term as chair.

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A screenshot of the LinkedIn group page for the OSA Imaging Optical Design Technical Group. The page has a dark blue header with the LinkedIn logo, 'My Groups', 'Discover', a search bar, and a settings icon. Below the header, the group's profile picture (OSA logo) is on the left, followed by the group name 'Imaging Optical Design' and 'Unlisted • 277 members'. A 'Manage' button is on the right. The main content area is split into two columns. The left column has a 'Start a conversation with your group' section with a profile picture of a woman and a text input field. Below that are tabs for 'Conversations' and 'Jobs'. The 'Conversations' tab is active, showing a post by 'Rui Liu', Senior Research Engineer at Allen Institute for Brain Science, dated '1d'. The post title is 'OSA Imaging Optical Design Technical Group's first Webinar' and the text begins 'It is my pleasure to announce that we will have our first webinar organized by the OSA Imaging Optical'. The right column has an 'ABOUT THIS GROUP' section with a description: 'This group encompasses the design and characterization of traditional optical systems utilizing lens design, geometric ray-tracing, and physical optics modeling. The evolution and development of design codes and software to assist in designing compon... Show more'. Below that is a 'MEMBERS' section with '277 members' and a row of 10 member profile pictures. At the bottom of the members section is a blue button that says 'Invite others'.

Technical Group activities:



Webinars:

Suggestions are welcome

Social gatherings at conferences : CLEO, Topical Meeting

Suggestions: Involvement of conference organization: Potential OSA Incubator meetings co-organized with other technical groups

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Dr. Robert McLaughlin

University of Adelaide

Abstract

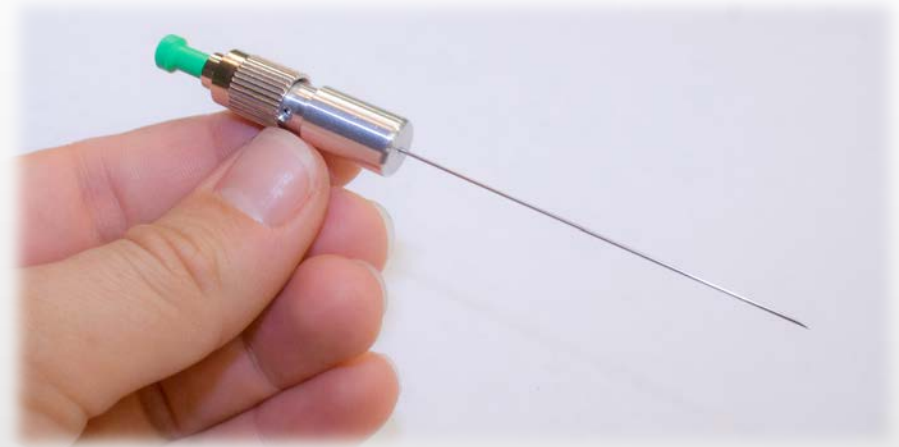
Optical imaging technologies, such as optical coherence tomography (OCT), have the potential to acquire exquisitely high-resolution images of tissue and provide a new generation of intra-operative guidance tools for surgeons. However, their limited image penetration depth places most diseases beyond their reach. In this webinar hosted by the OSA Imaging Optical Design Technical Group, Dr. Robert McLaughlin from the University of Adelaide will present his team's work focused on the development of OCT imaging needles, highly miniaturized imaging probes that are encased within a hypodermic needle, which may be inserted deep into tissue. During the webinar, Dr. McLaughlin will describe their development of OCT imaging needles and give specific case studies of clinical applications. Dr. McLaughlin and his team have recently integrated their probes into brain biopsy needles to enable safer neurosurgery and have recently performed their first experiments in humans. In addition, the team has developed the first dual-modality needle probes, capable of simultaneously acquiring OCT and fluorescence images, and showed them to be sufficiently sensitive to detect signal from fluorescently-labelled anti-bodies targeted for specific cells types.

What You Will Learn:

- What imaging needles are and how they are fabricated
- Optical design for micro-optics
- Biomedical applications for imaging needles

Who Should Attend:

- Optical engineers
- Optical imaging specialists
- Clinical imaging professionals
- Graduate students



Optical Imaging Needles

Bringing optics deep inside the body

Prof. Robert McLaughlin

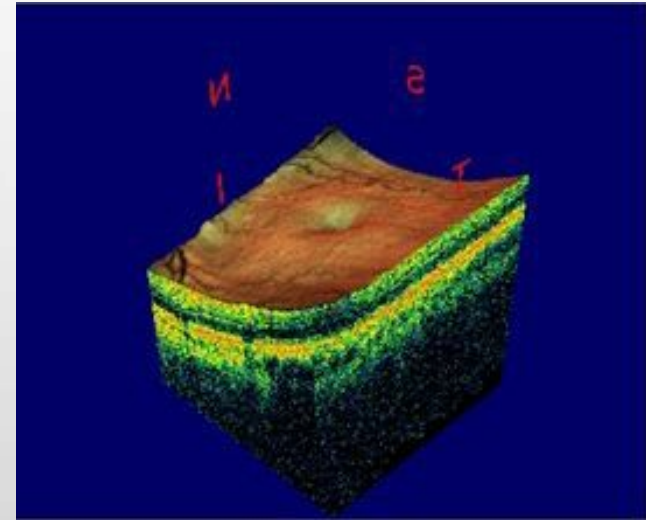
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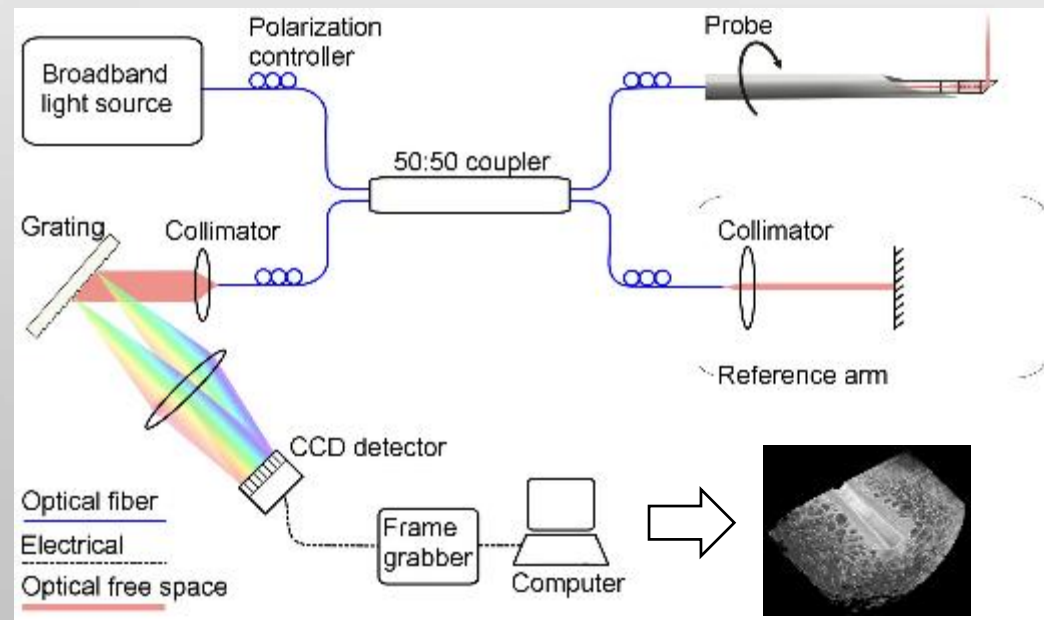
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 - Blood vessel avoidance
 - Endoscopic needle probe
 - Fluorescence + OCT needles



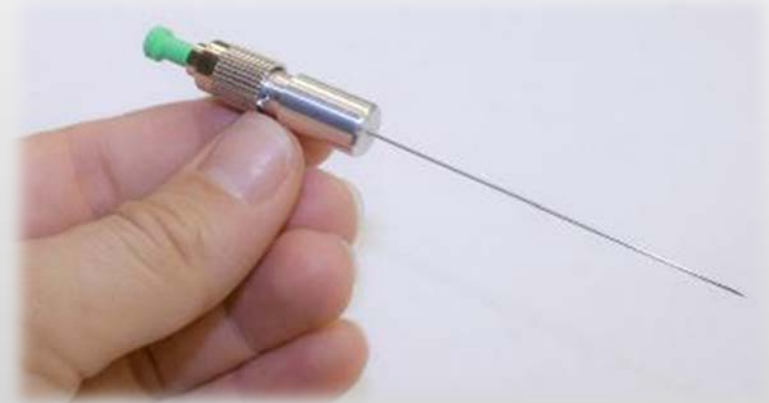
- Optical Coherence Tomography
 - High resolution in vivo imaging technology
 - Analogous to ultrasound
 - Uses light waves instead of sound
- Strength
 - Much higher resolution than ultrasound
 - Resolution approx. 1-20 microns.
- Weakness
 - Shallow penetration depth (1mm-3mm)
- Current clinical uses
 - Ophthalmology
 - Cardiology



- Optical Coherence Tomography
 - Detects backscattered light up to 2-3mm in tissue
 - 800nm – 1300nm
 - Light is detected from multiple depths
 - Uses interferometry to distinguish backscatter from different depths
 - Split into two paths
 - Reference: mirror
 - Sample: illuminates tissue
 - Reflected light is combined, interfered and detected

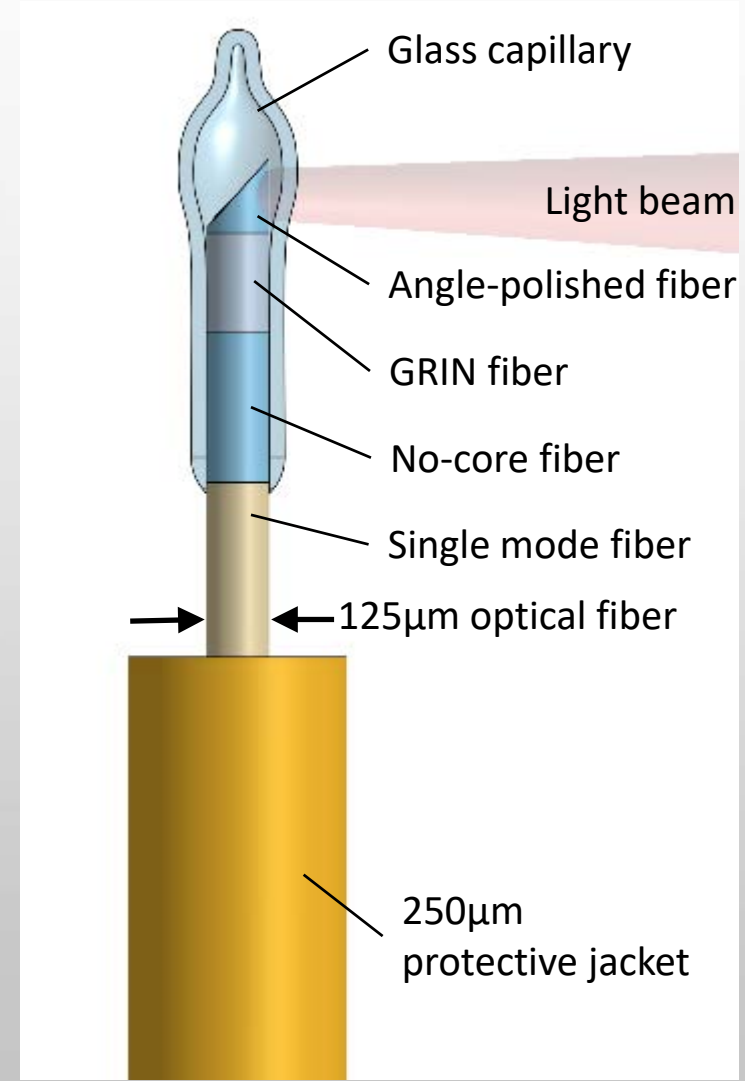


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- Miniaturized OCT probe
 - Can be encased in a range of needles
 - 24-gauge to 14 gauge needle
 - Needle outer diameter 560 μ m – 2.1mm
- Design:
 - All-fiber focusing optics
 - Multiple layers of fiber fused together to focus the light beam
 - Terminated with angle-polished fiber to reflect light beam at right angles

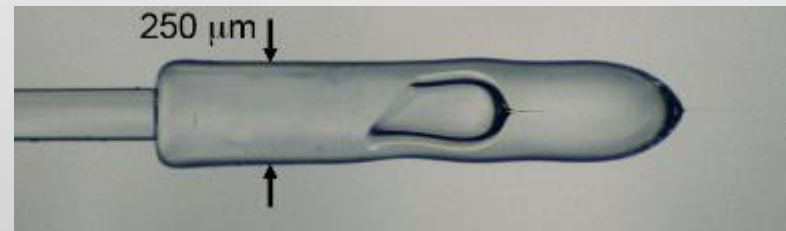
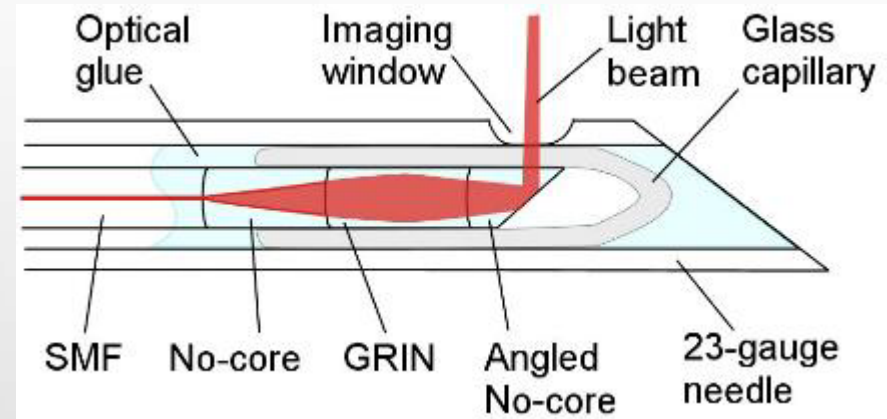
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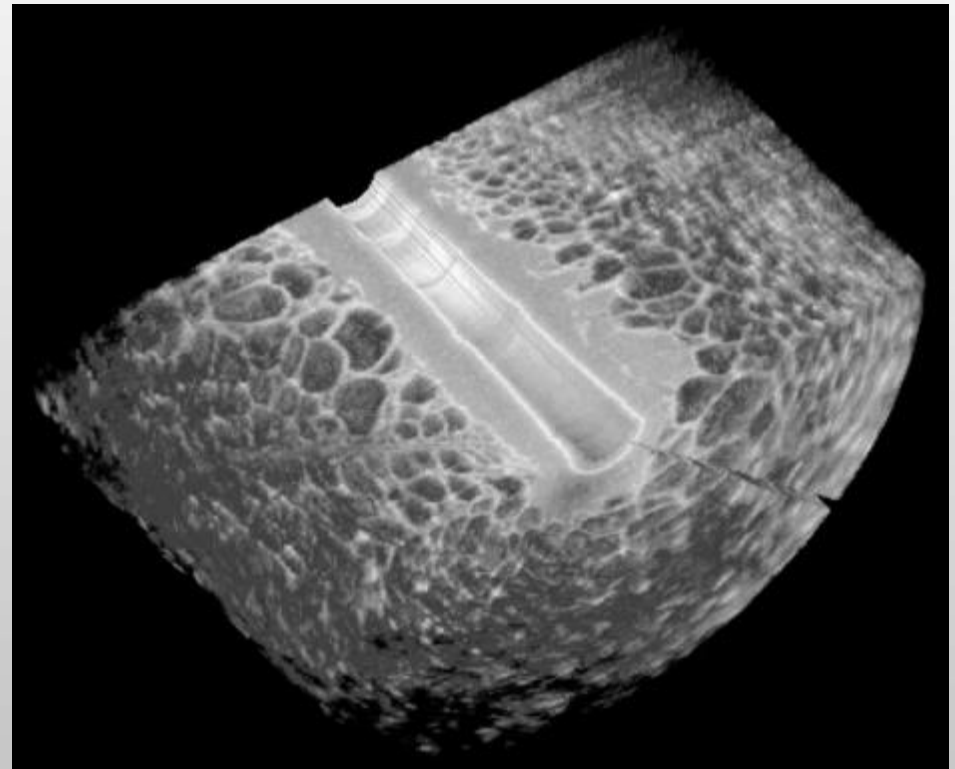
- Optical design

- Single mode fiber
 - Connected to OCT scanner
- No core
 - Expands the light beam
- GRIN
 - focusing element
- Angle-polished no-core fiber
 - Reflector
 - Total internal reflection. Angle=48°
- Encased in glass capillary



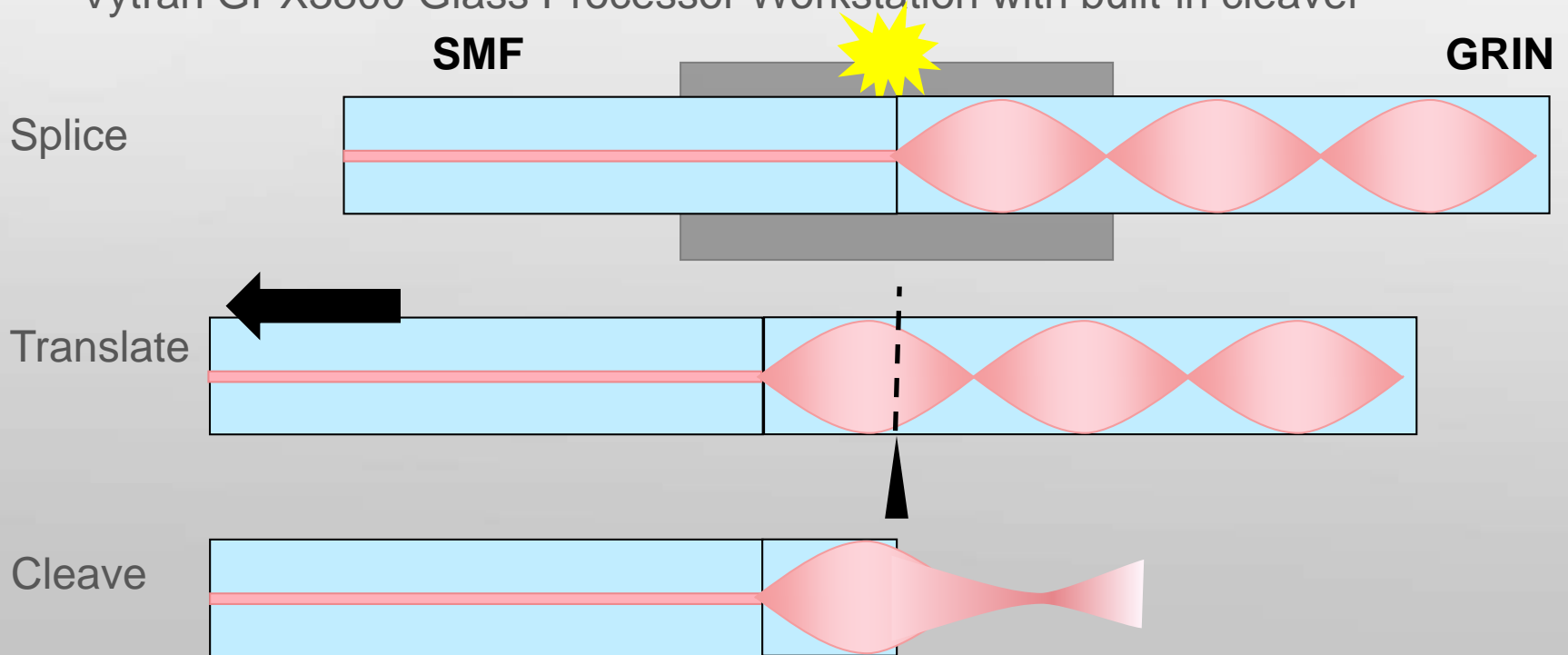
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- Performance
 - High sensitivity of 112 dB
- Specifications
 - Imaging distance: 1-2 mm
 - Lateral resolution: 10-20 μm



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- Fabricate fiber lengths with high accuracy ($< 5\mu\text{m}$ tolerance)
- Vytran GPX3800 Glass Processor Workstation with built-in cleaver



Commercial imaging needles

- www.miniprobes.com
 - Commercially available imaging needles
 - Designed for product prototyping and R&D

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Handheld
interferometer

Pathlength-matched
imaging needles
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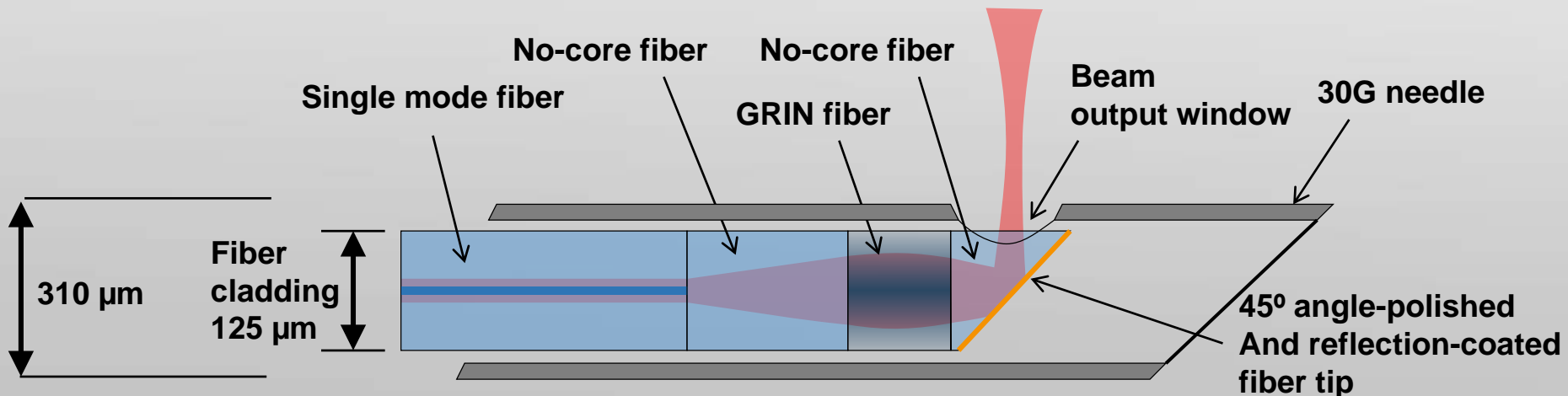
Commercial imaging needles

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 - 640 μ m diameter needle
 - Integrated with ThorLabs Telesto and Axsun swept-source OCT scanners
 - Can integrate with other 1300nm OCT systems
 - Light beam is near collimated to maximize imaging distance



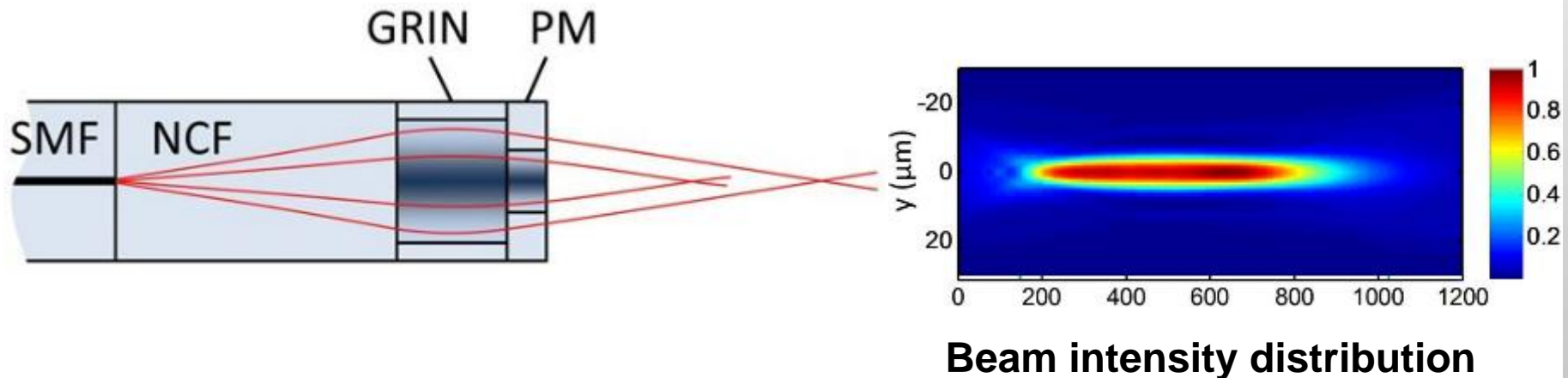
Small imaging needles

- 30-gauge OCT needle probe
 - Outer diameter 310 μ m
 - Design: single-mode fiber, no-core fiber, GRIN fiber
- Deflector is made from angle-polished no-core fiber
 - chrome/gold 10nm/300nm coating
- Working distance: 600 μ m
- Lateral resolution: 7.7 μ m and 13.6 μ m
 - astigmatism of curved output surface



Lorensen et al., "Ultra-thin side-viewing needle probe for optical coherence tomography", *Optics Letters*,
 36(19):3894-3896 (2011)

- Extended depth-of-focus probes
 - GRIN phase mask design
 - 'double focus' lens
 - GRIN fiber lens: 190 μm length of 100 μm core GRIN
 - GRIN Phase Mask (PM): 14 μm length of 32 μm core GRIN
 - 1.55 x improvement in depth-of-focus



Lorenser et al., "Ultrathin fiber probes with extended depth of focus for optical coherence tomography", Optics Letters, 37(10):1616-1618 (2012)

Imaging needles

- Ball-lens design
 - Ball-lens fabricated on end of no-core fiber
 - Ball radii approx. 75 - 100 μm
 - Angle-polished for side-imaging probe
 - Spliced to single mode fiber

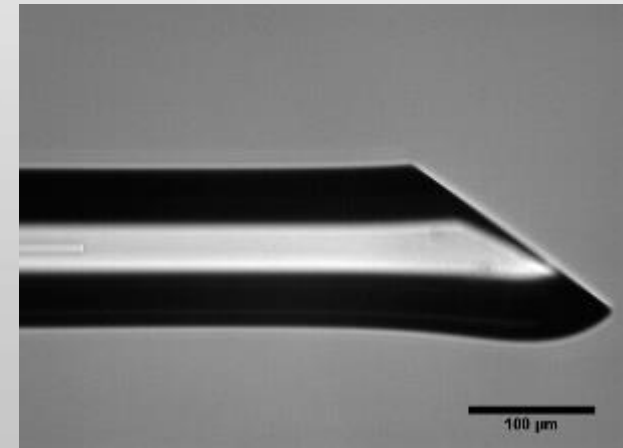
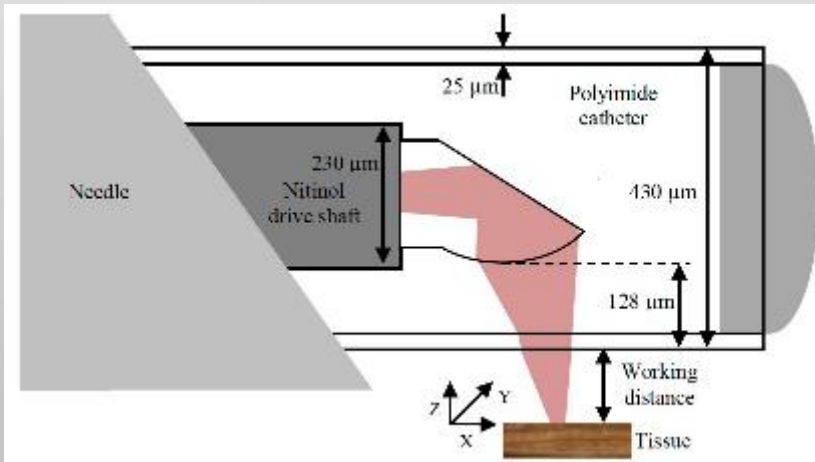
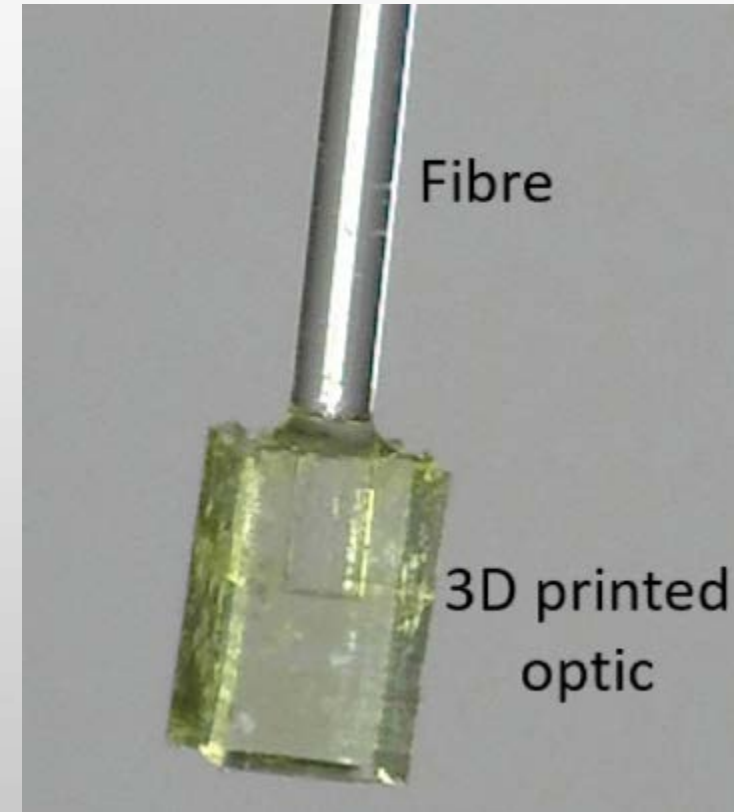


Image taken from Tan et al., "Flexible transbronchial optical frequency domain imaging smart needle for biopsy guidance", Biomedical Optics Letters, 3(8):1947-1954 (2012)

3D printed lenses

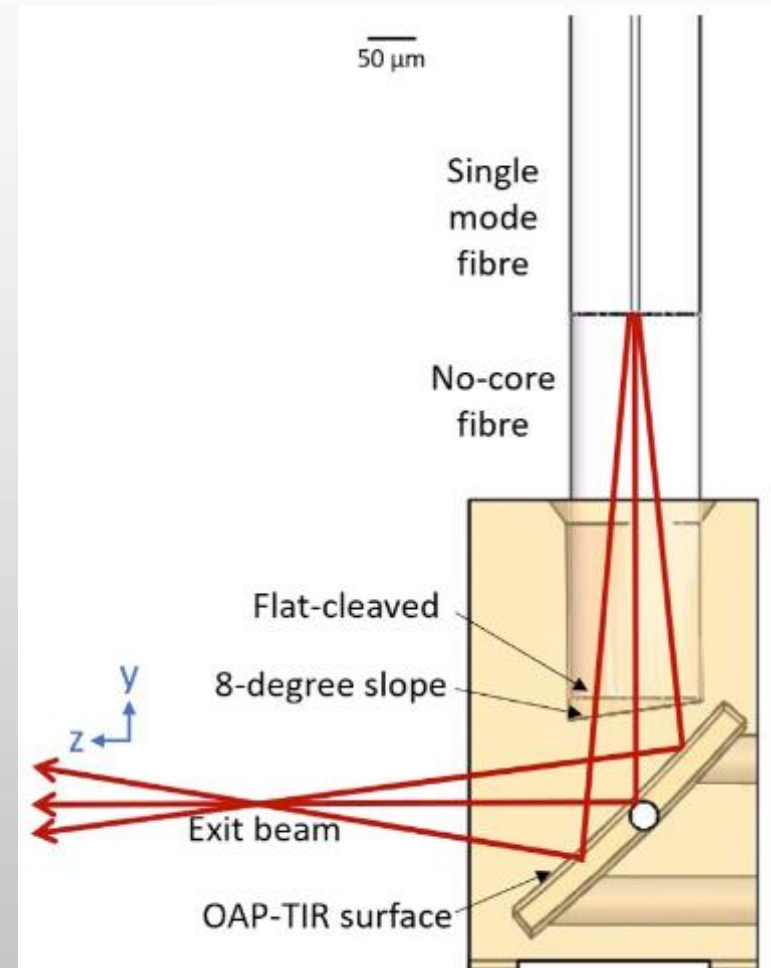
- High-resolution 3D printing
 - Two photon direct laser writing
 - Nanoscribe GmbH, Germany
- Probe size: 0.3mm x 0.6mm
 - Dip-in lithography
 - Layer thickness 100nm
 - Surface roughness 15nm



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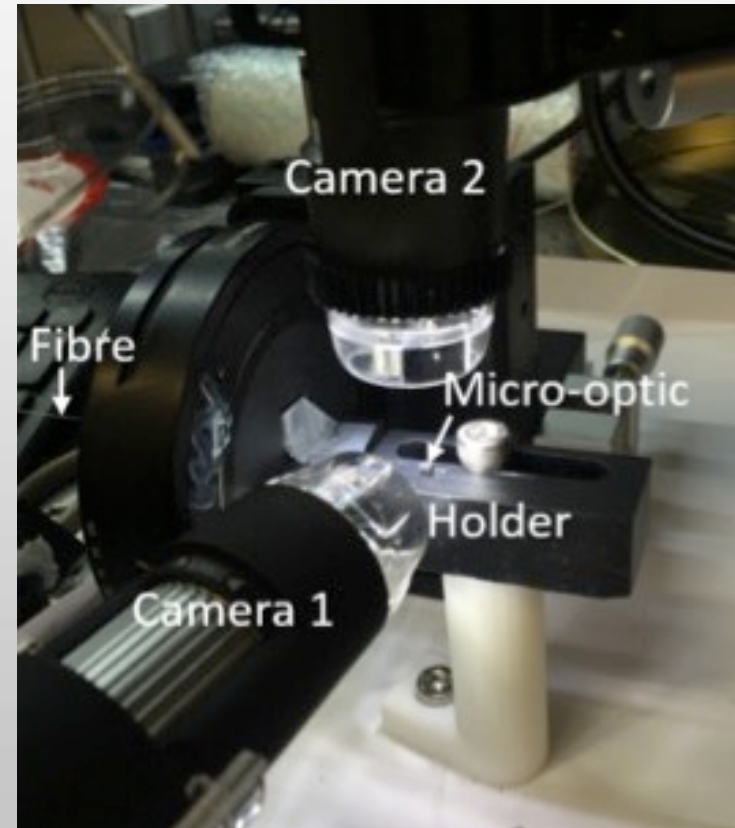
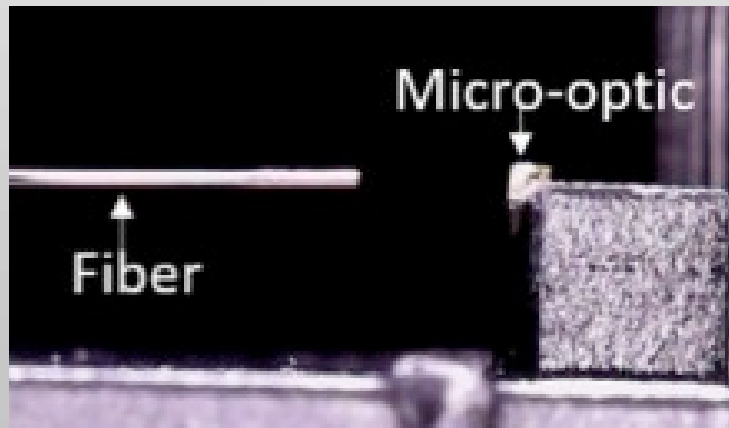
- Design
 - No-core fiber to expand beam
 - Couple fiber into 3D printed fiber slot
 - Reference reflection from fiber-tip
 - Redirect with total internal reflection
 - Focus with paraboloid mirror



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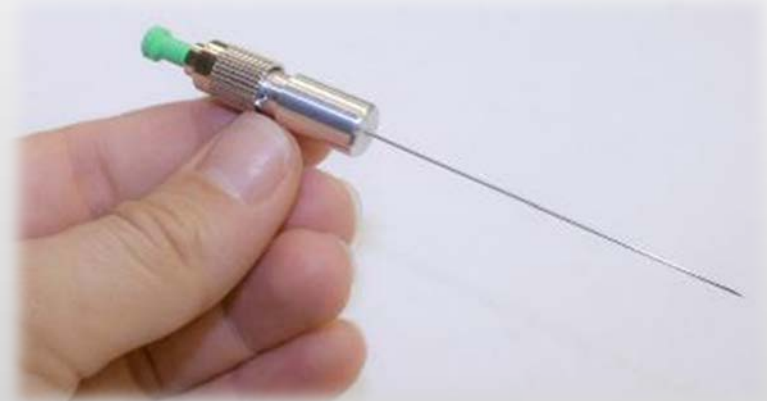
3D printed lenses

- Assembly
 - Custom holders printed with Form2 printer (Formlabs, USA)
 - Use translation stages to move fiber
 - Fiber attached with optical adhesive



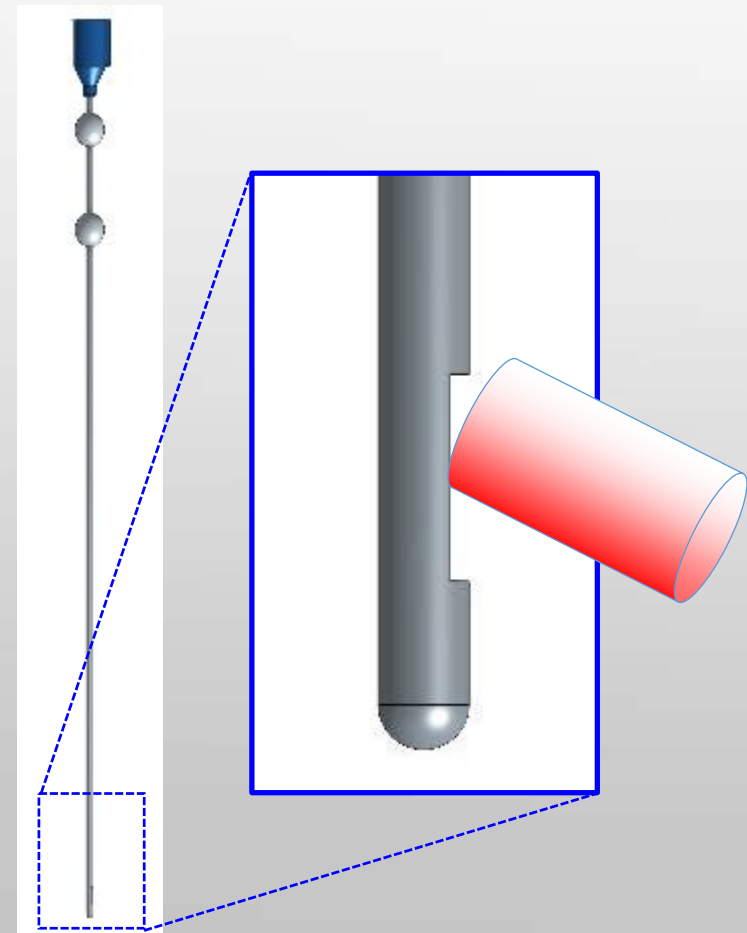
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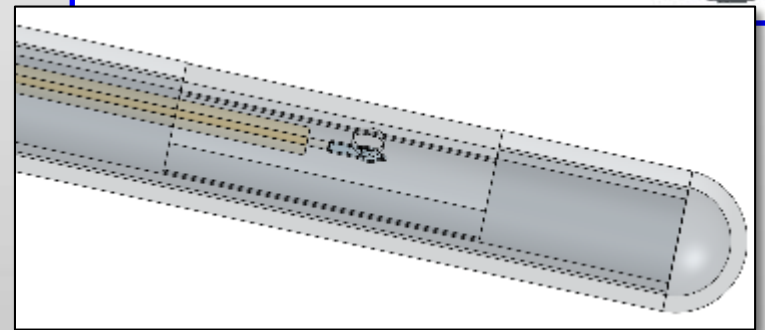
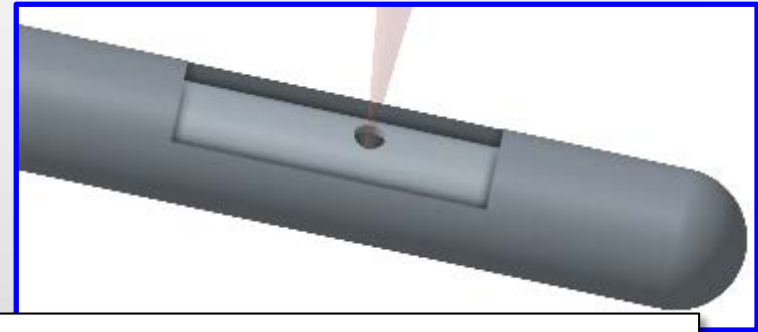
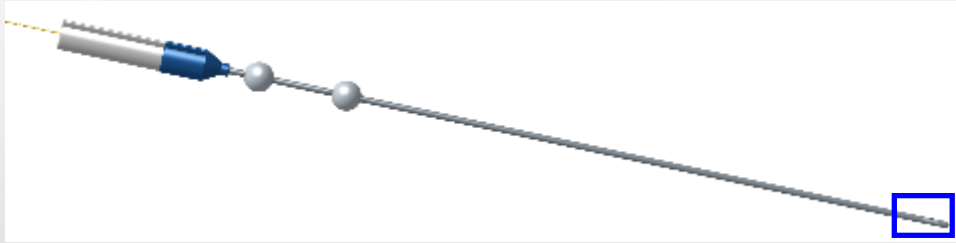


Clinical problem

- Brain biopsy
 - Worldwide, 256,000 new cases of brain cancer each year
 - 23,000 in the USA
 - Brain biopsy is a standard diagnostic technique
 - 2% - 3% risk of serious complications from hemorrhage
 - 1% risk of death
- Task
 - Detect blood vessel next to the biopsy window

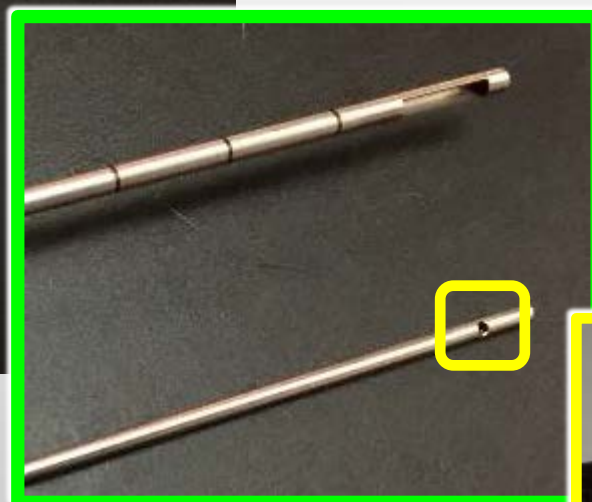
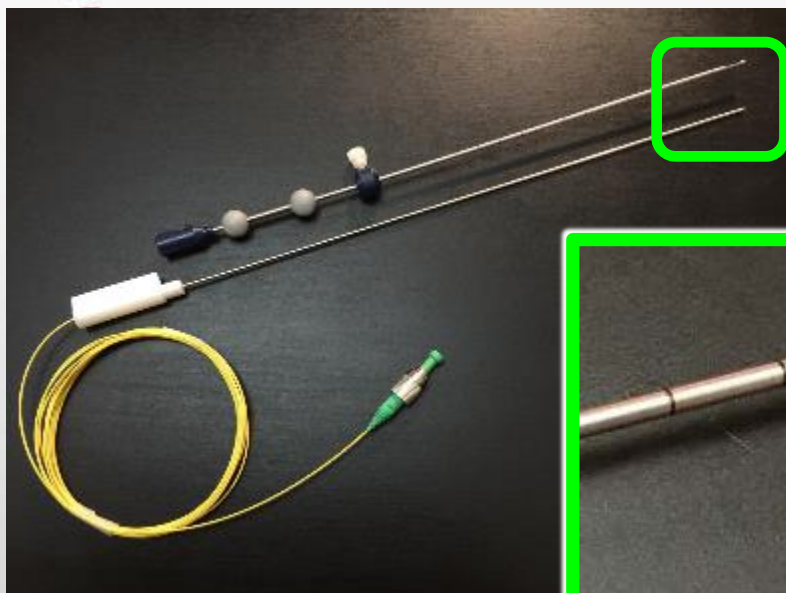


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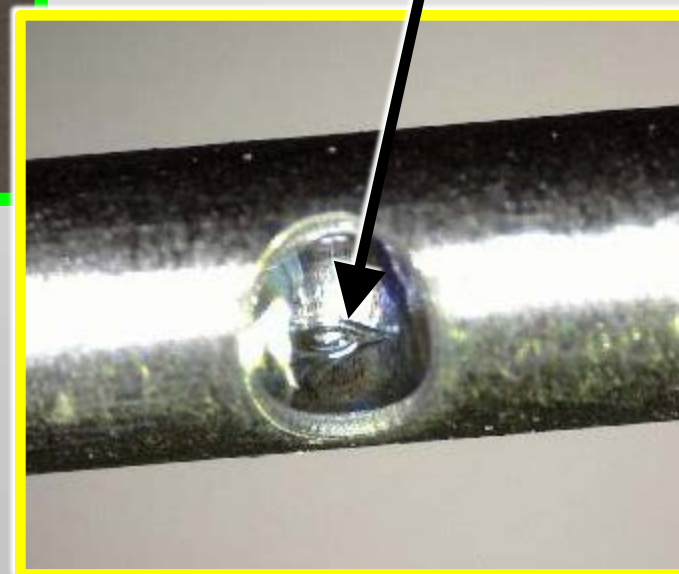


- Integrated into Medtronic brain biopsy needle
 - Replace inner stylet with imaging needle
 - Light beam emitted through imaging aperture in the stylet

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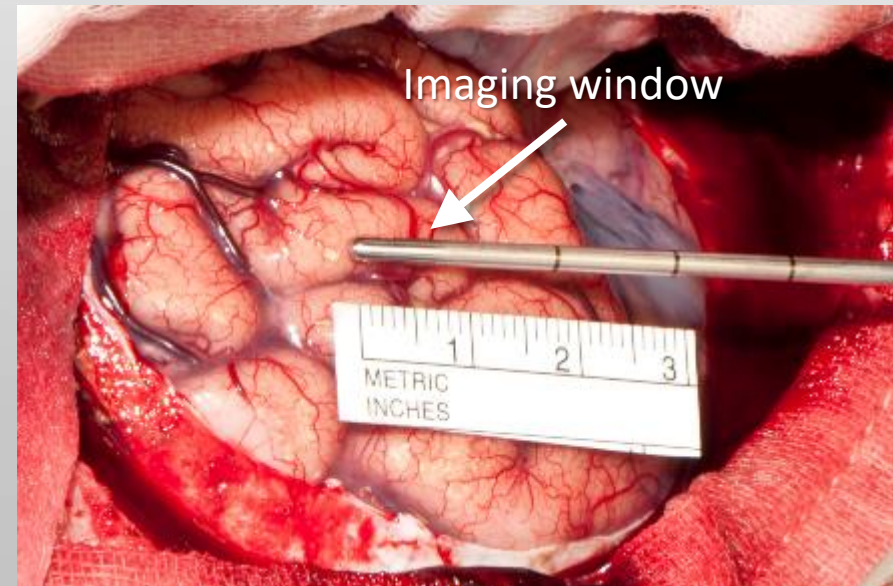


Optical fiber probe
in inner stylet



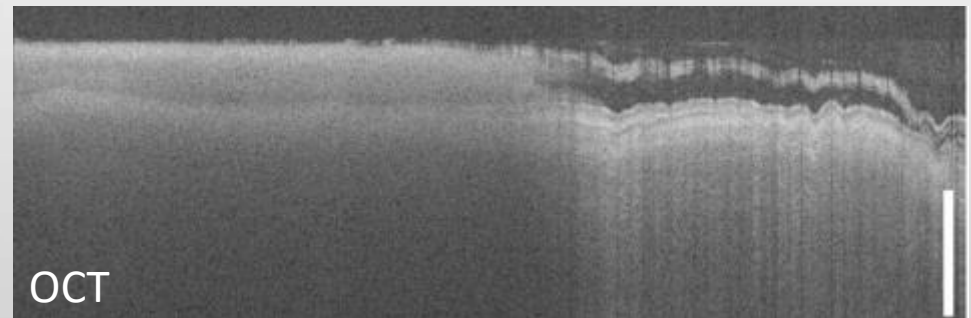
Brain biopsy – Human trial

- Human trial – Superficial study
 - Vessel detection validated on superficial vessels
 - Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Western Australia
 - 11 patients undergoing craniotomy
 - Automatic vessel detection based on speckle decorrelation



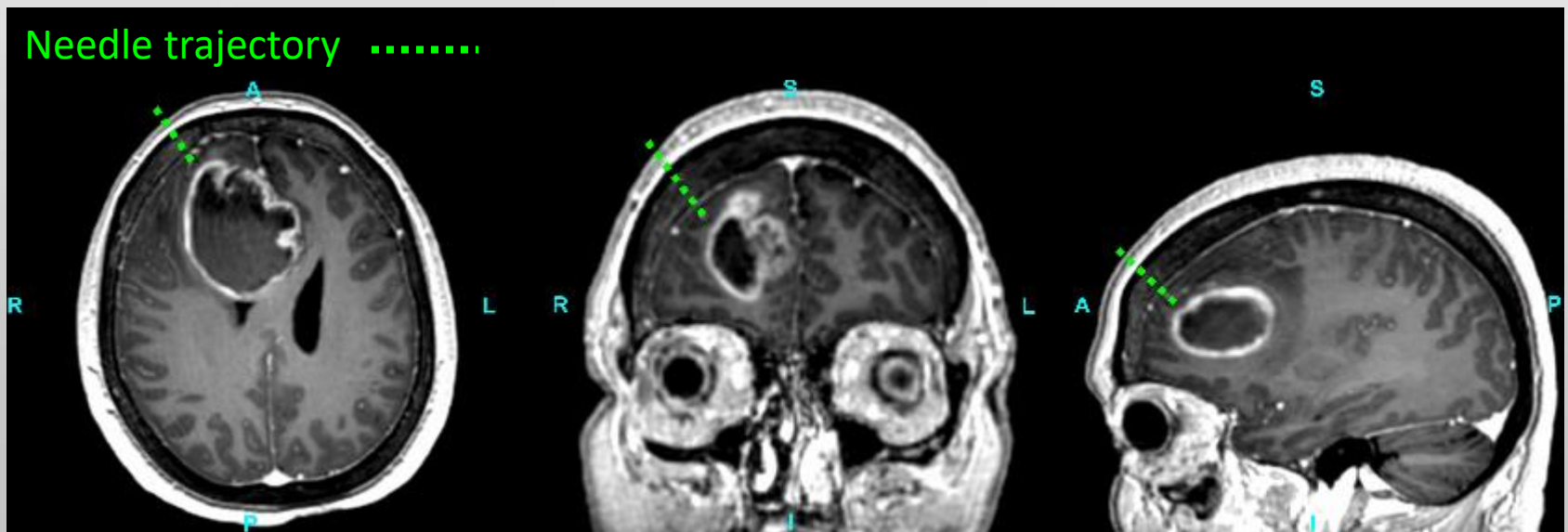
- Patient 1

- 30-year-old male undergoing craniotomy
- Speckle decorrelation differentiates blood from solid tissue
- Scalebar 500 μ m



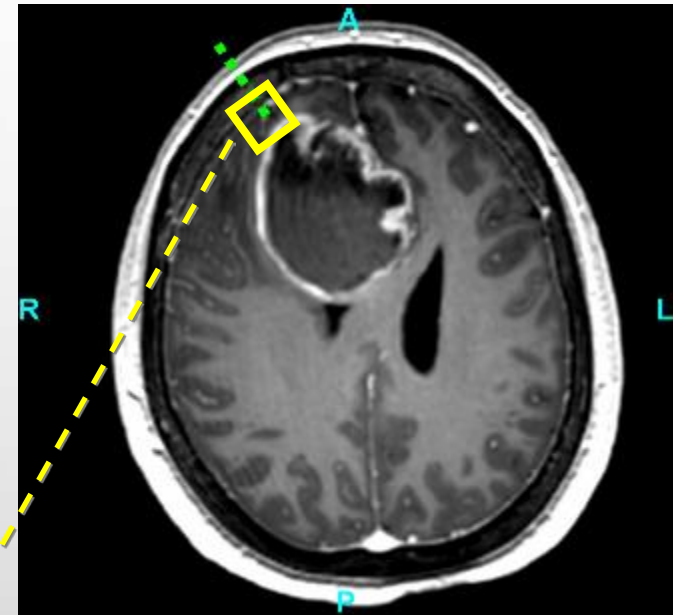
Needle insertion

- Human trial – Deep insertion
 - Needle inserted through burr hole for 3 patients
 - Targeted vessel identified on pre-op MRI
- Case study:
 - 60yo female undergoing right frontal craniotomy

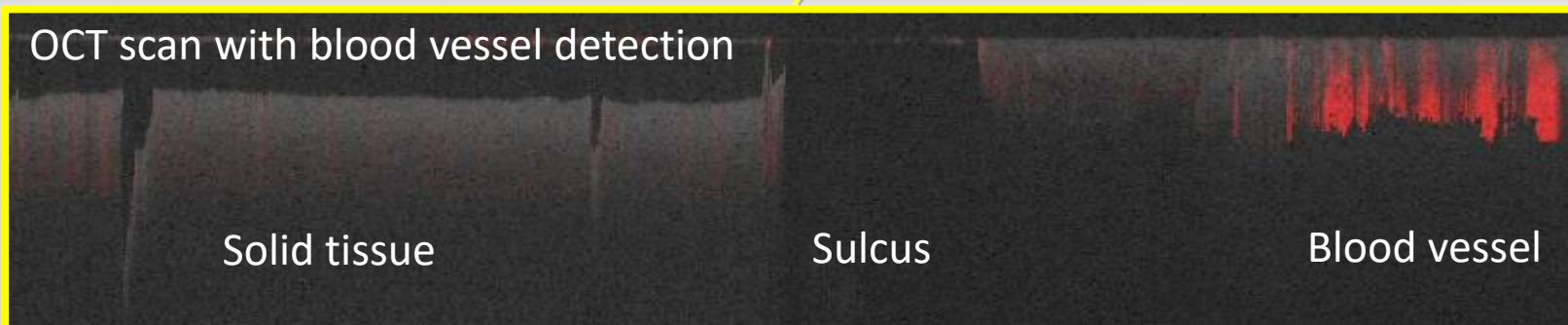


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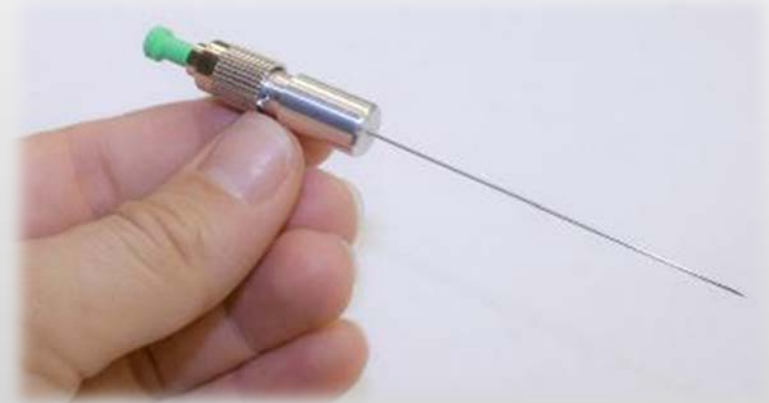
- Human trial – Deep insertion study
 - Validated against MRI registered with Medtronic Stealth system
 - Imaging needle detected blood vessel
 - Image below shows tissue and blood vessel along needle trajectory



OCT scan with blood vessel detection



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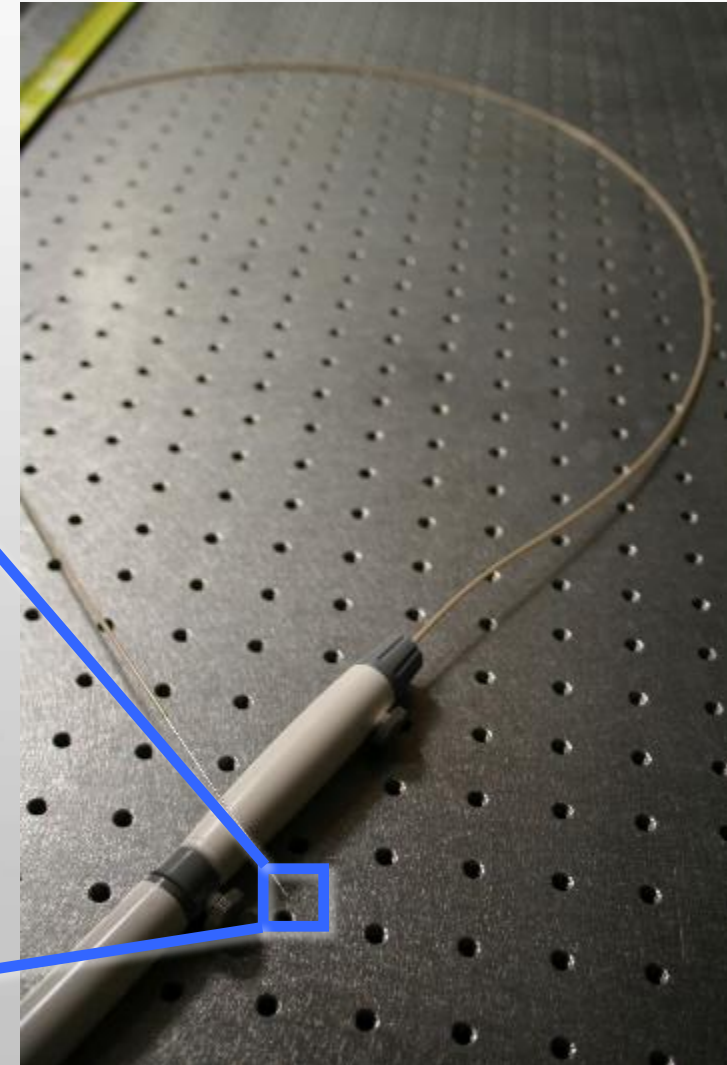
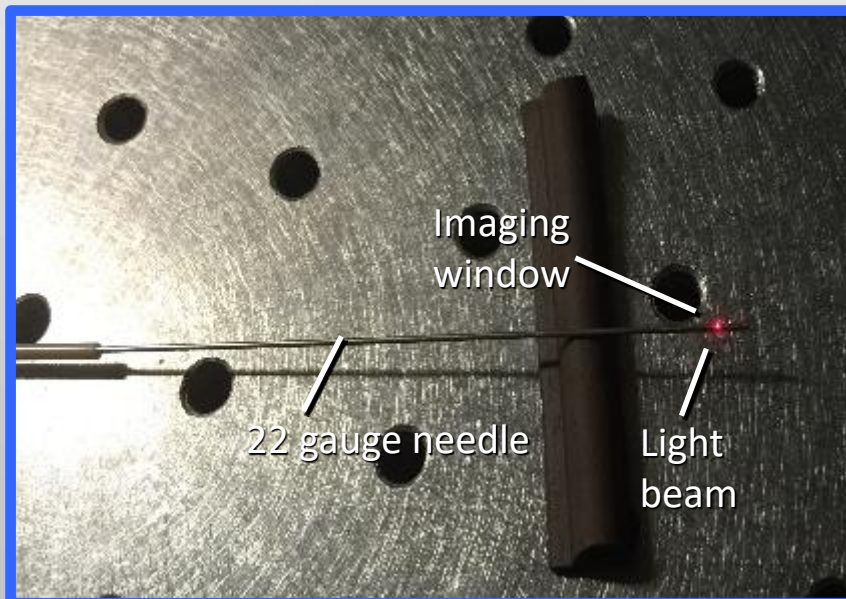
- Project goal
 - Incorporate probe into a flexible needle for endoscopic use
- Clinical problem
 - Staging of lung cancer is critical for treatment planning
 - Transbronchial needle aspiration (TBNA) is commonly used to assess lesions and lymph nodes
 - Flexible needle
 - Introduced into the airway and inserted through the airway wall into lymph node or lesion



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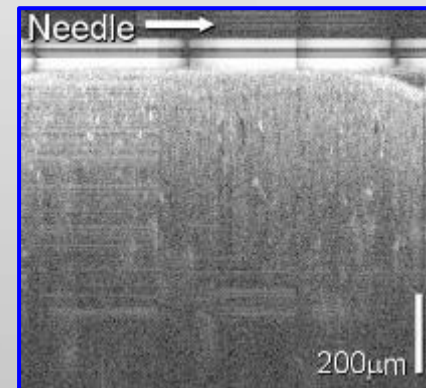
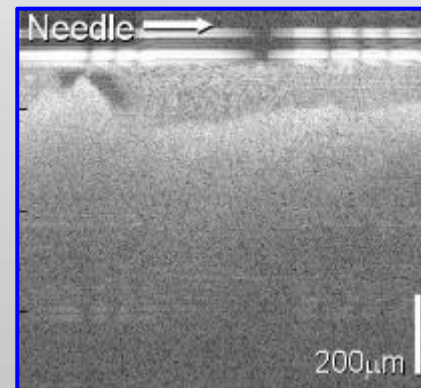
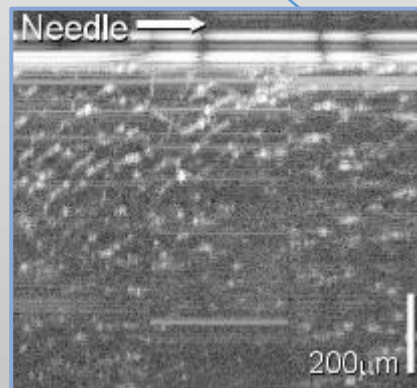
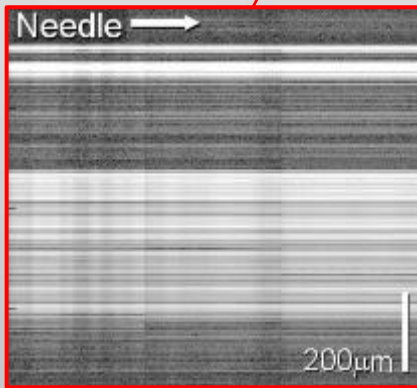
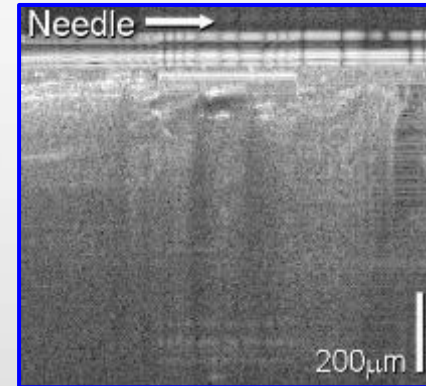
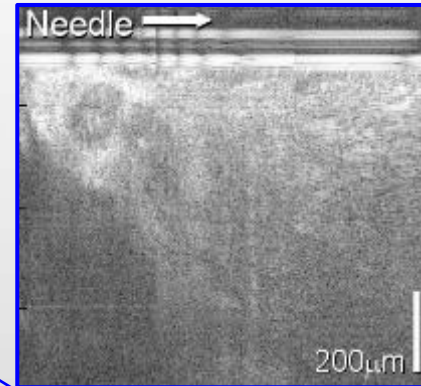
Endoscopic needle probes

- Endoscopic imaging needle
 - 22-gauge Olympus EZ Shot 2 aspiration needle with sideport
 - Outer diameter: 720 μ m
 - Flexible needle shaft



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Results



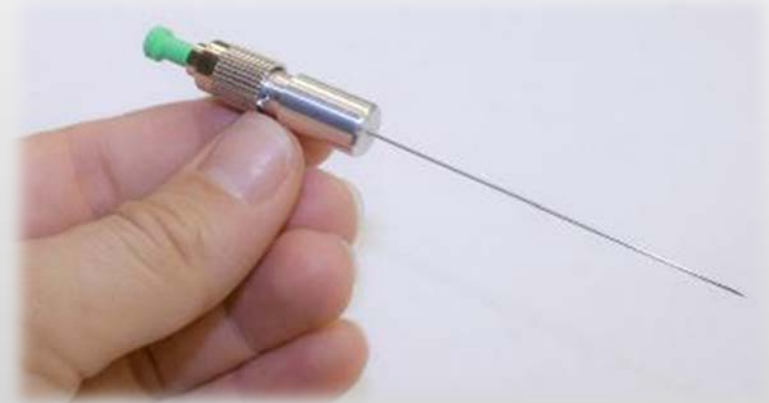
Alveoli

Adipose (fat)

Solid tissue

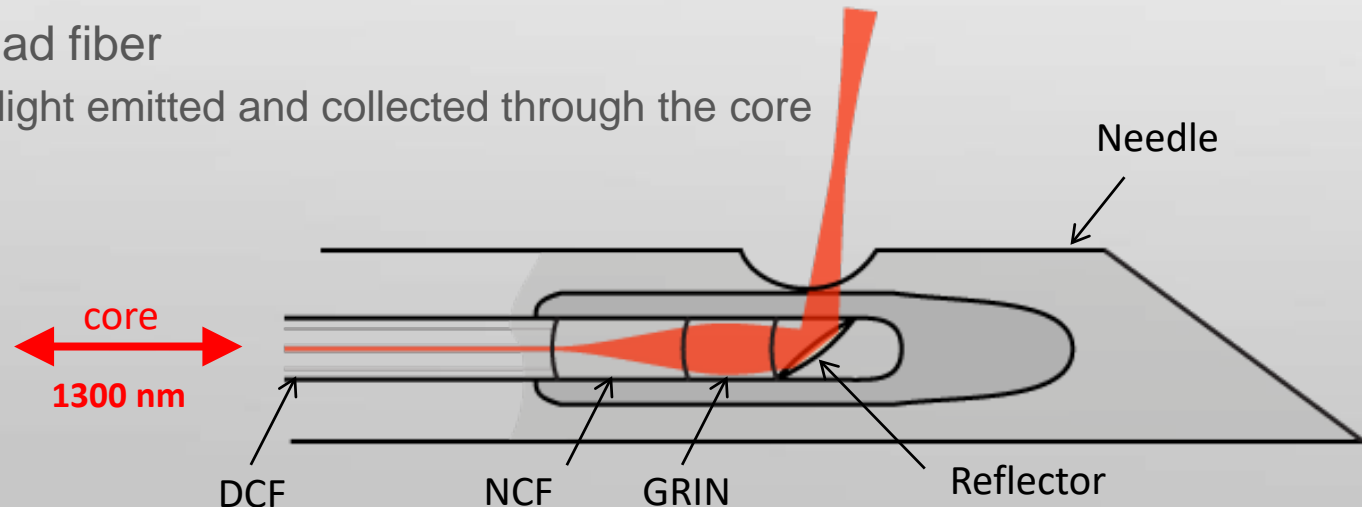
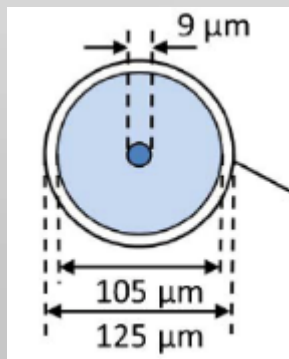
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Fluorescence + OCT needles

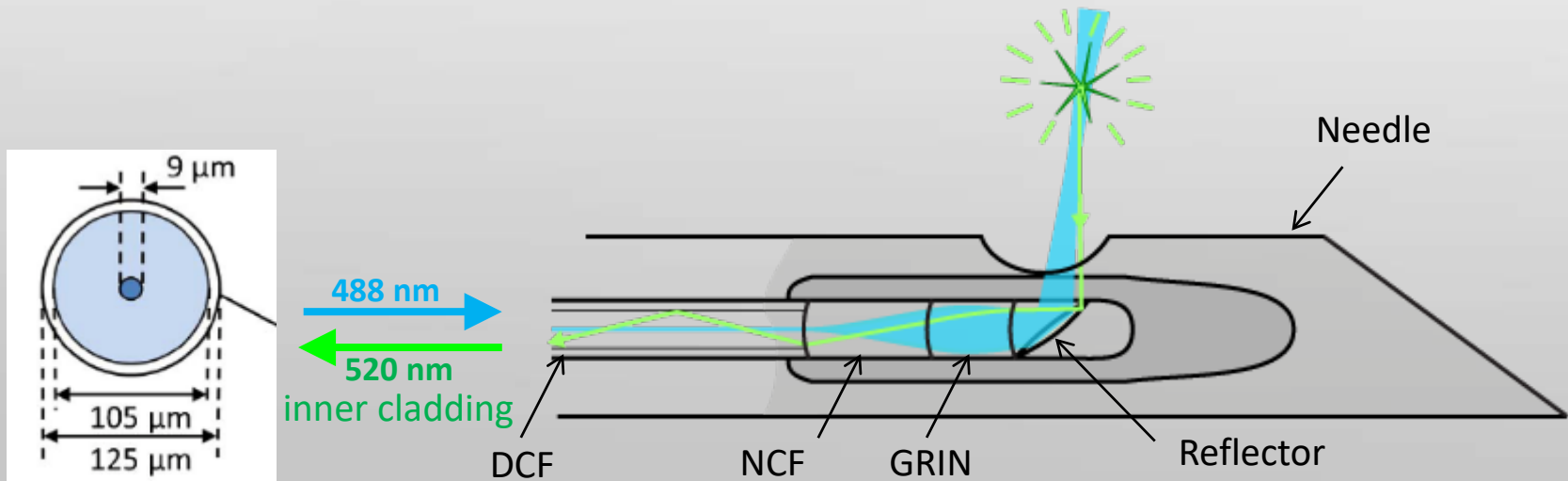
- Seeing two images at once
 - OCT provides structural images of tissue
 - Add a functional imaging modality → information about biochemical composition
- Collaboration
 - Ecole Polytechnique Montreal
- Double-clad fiber
 - OCT light emitted and collected through the core



Scolaro, et al., "Molecular imaging needles: dual-modality optical coherence tomography and fluorescence imaging of fluorescently labeled antibodies deep in tissue," *Biomedical Optics Express*, 6(5):1767-1781, 2015.

Fluorescence + OCT needles

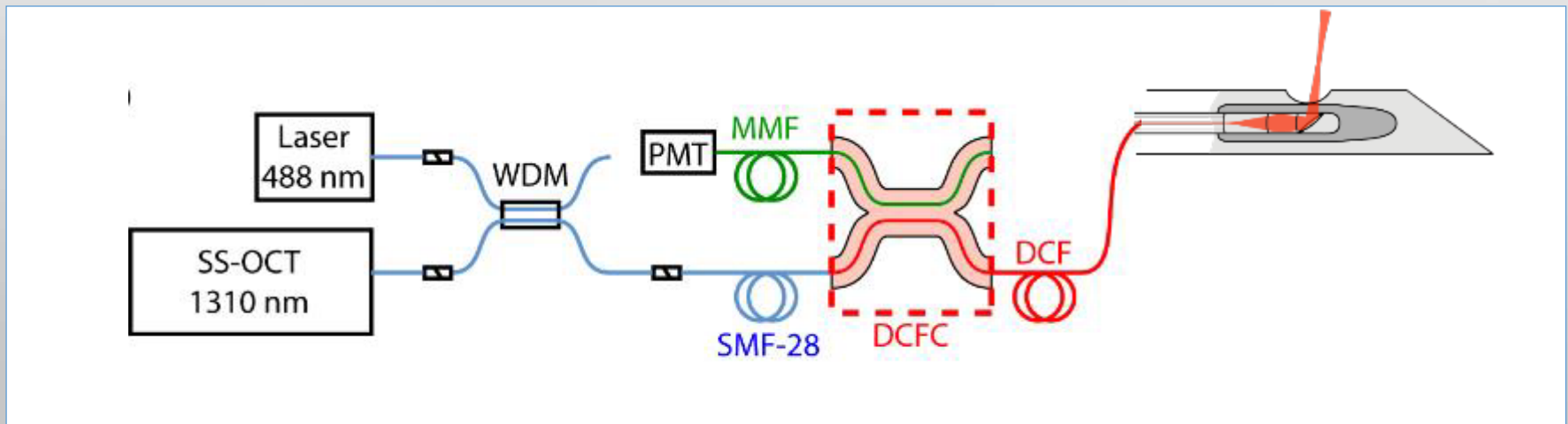
- Double-clad fiber
 - Excitation light emitted through core
 - Fluorescence signal collected through inner cladding
 - Inner cladding gives us a much large aperture for collecting fluorescence



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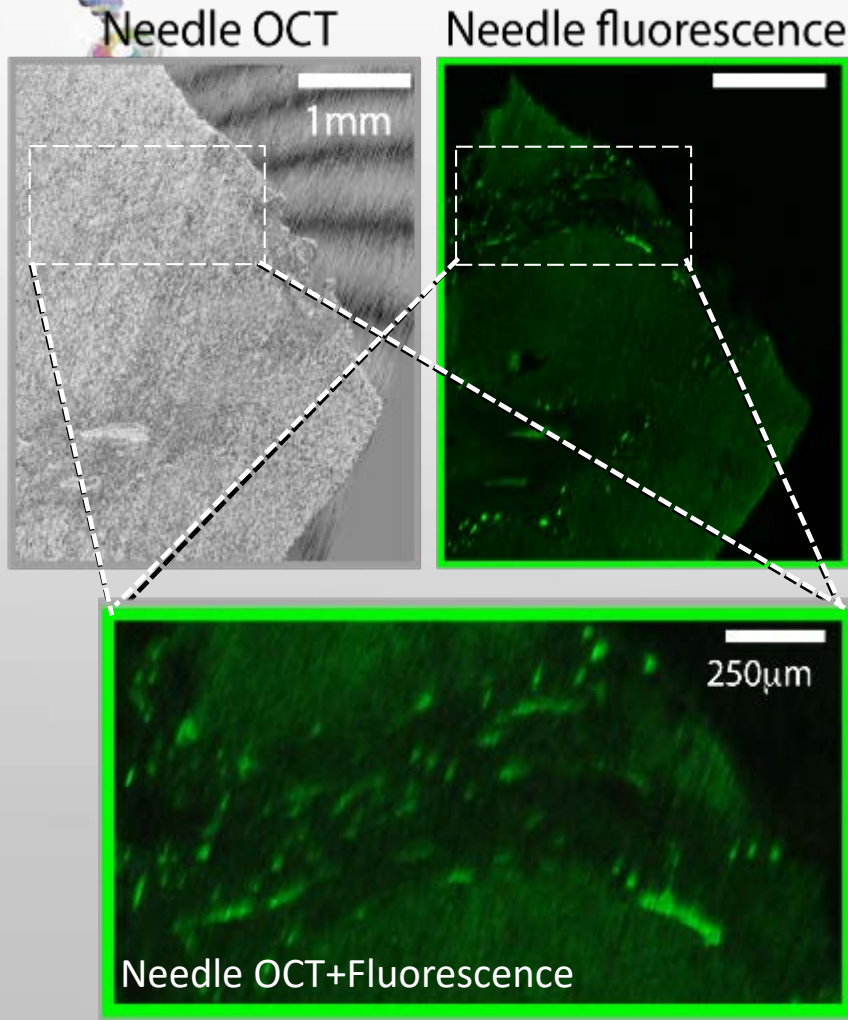
Fluorescence + OCT needles

- Double-clad fiber couple separates the two signals (OCT and fluorescence) for detection
 - DCF couplers developed by Castor Optics, Canada
- Allows simultaneous OCT and fluorescence images to be acquired
 - Images are co-registered



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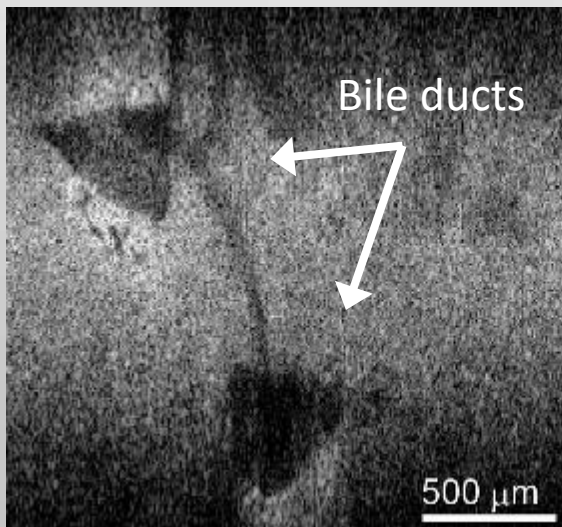
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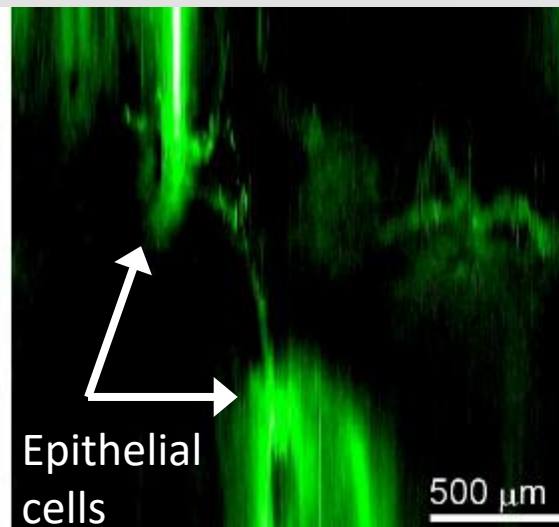
- Collaboration with Prof. George Yeoh, Anne Kramer, Harry Perkins Medical Research Institute + University of Western Australia
- Human ex vivo liver section
 - Atypical ductular reaction
- Detected antibodies bound to liver cells
 - Atypical proliferating ductal epithelial cells
- Strong match to widefield fluorescence microscope image

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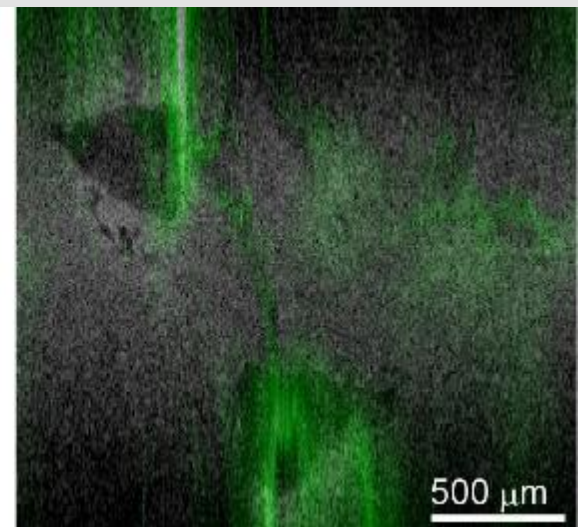
- Imaging deep within a mouse liver
 - Labelling of epithelial cells
 - EpCAM antibody conjugated with Alexa Fluor 488



Needle OCT



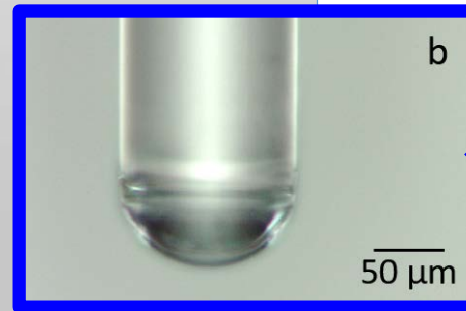
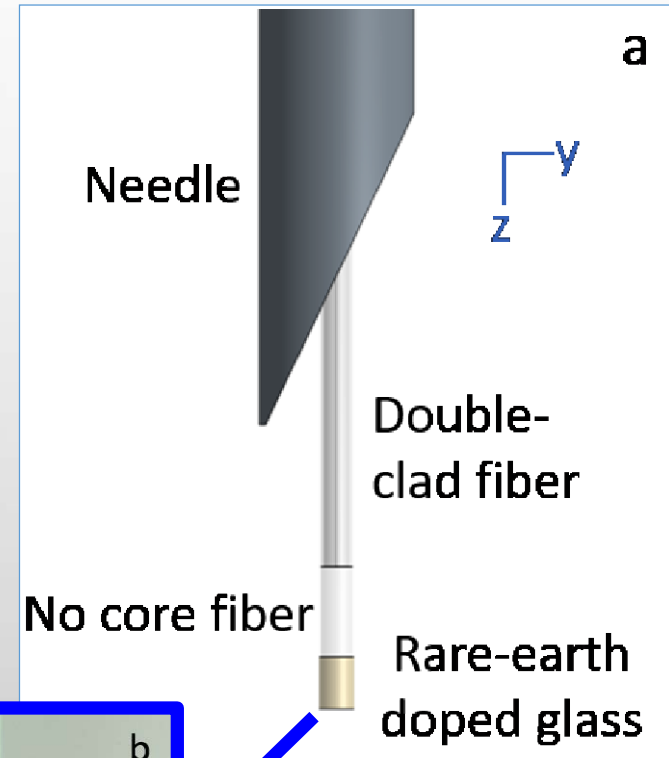
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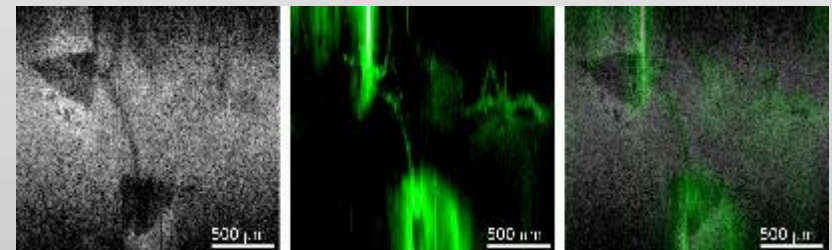
Imaging + Sensing needles

- Work led by Dr. Jiawen Li, Uni. Adelaide
- OCT: imaging
- Fluorescence: temperature sensing
 - Tellurite glass doped with rare earths (erbium and ytterbium)
 - Fluorescence spectrum varies with temperature
- Image-guided probe placement
 - Avoidance of blood vessels
- Pilot experiments on ex vivo rat brain



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