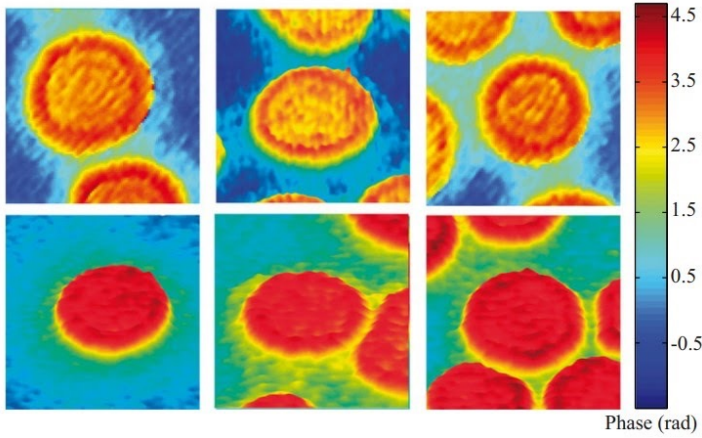
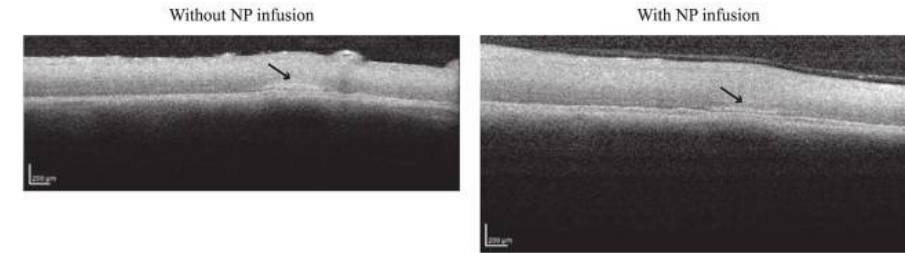
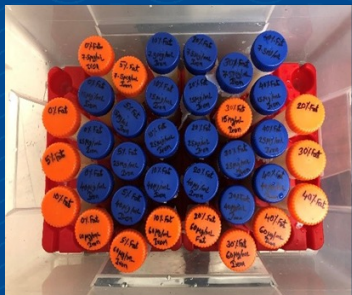
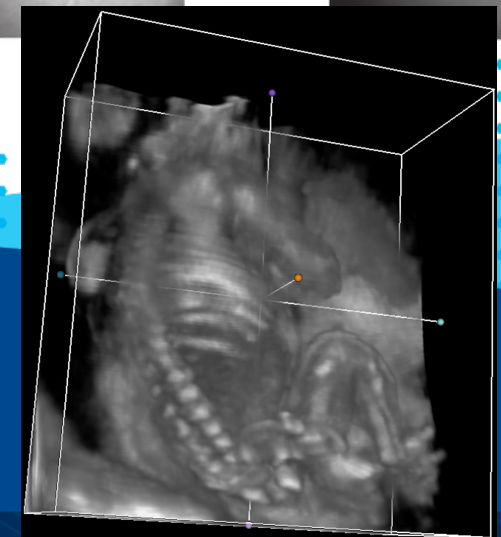
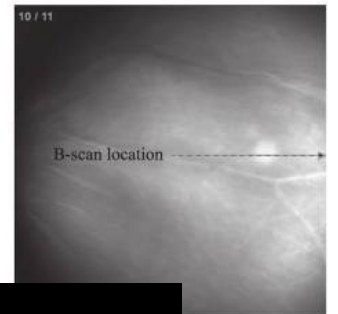
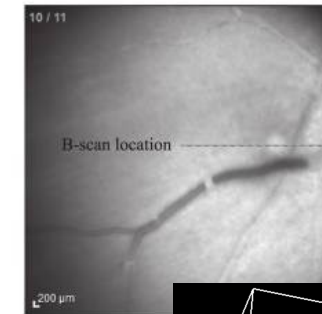


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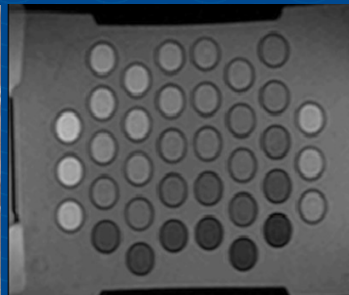


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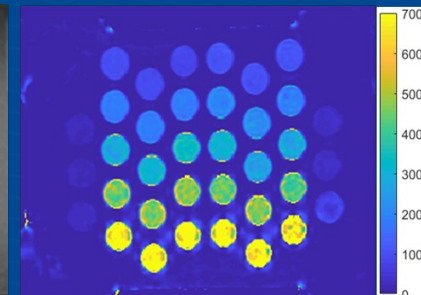
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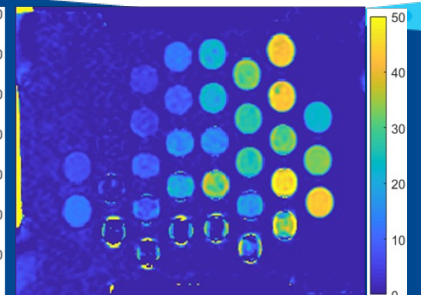
Iron-Fat Phantoms



MRI Images



R2*



Fat Fraction



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Engineering microscopes using computational imaging

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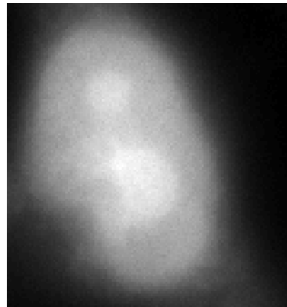
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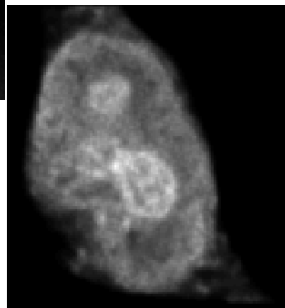
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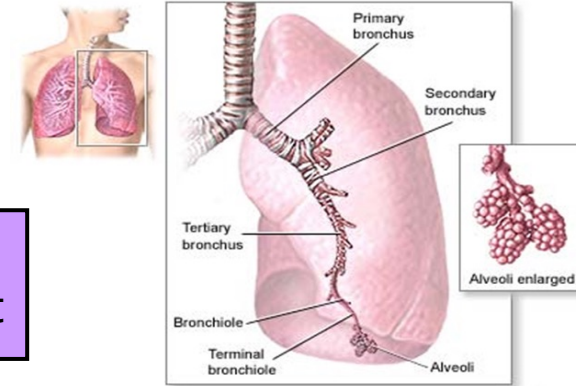
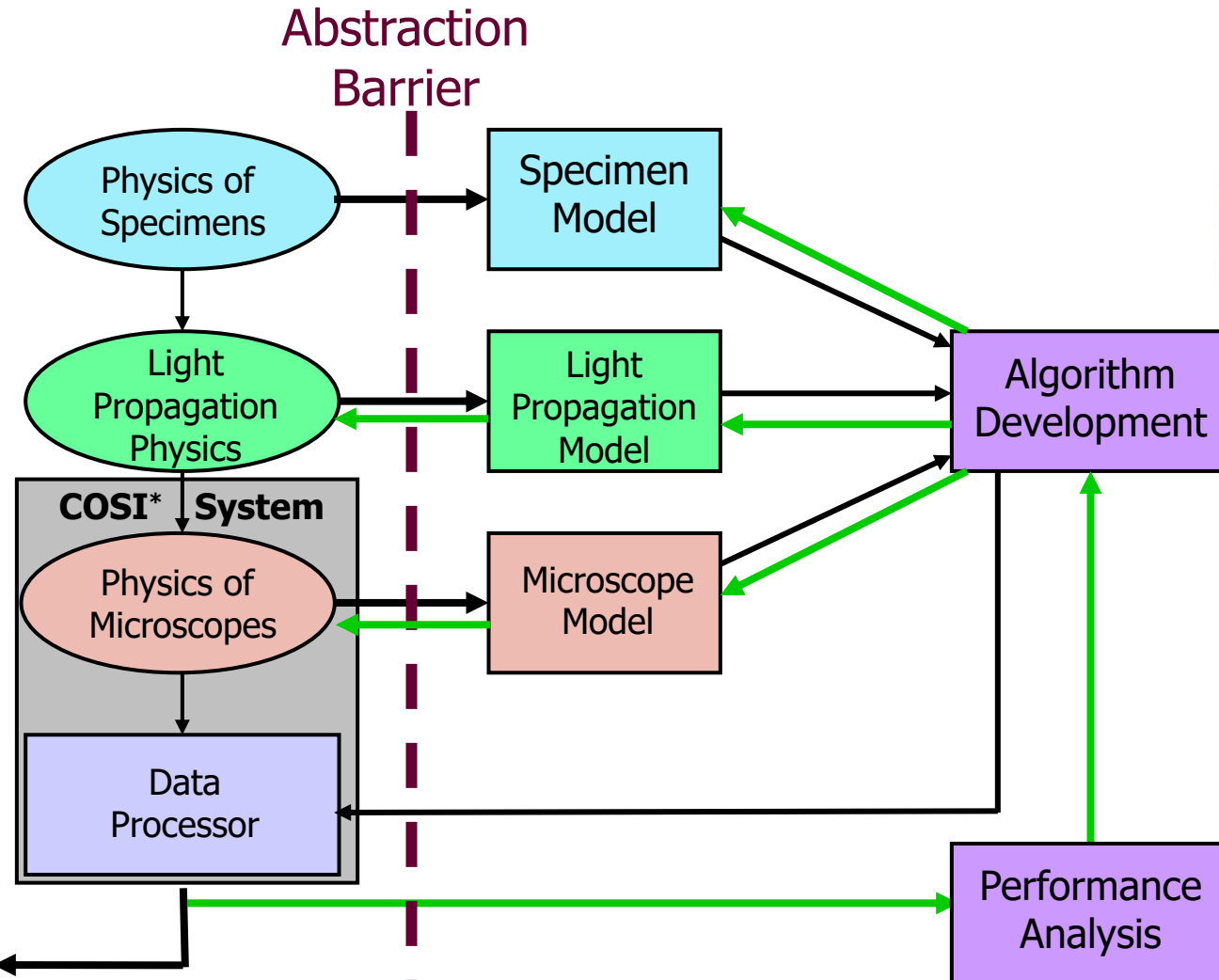
Computational Imaging for 3D Microscopy



Raw data



Processed



<http://www.healthline.com/>

- Address challenges in imaging thick samples
- Enable biological /biomedical investigations

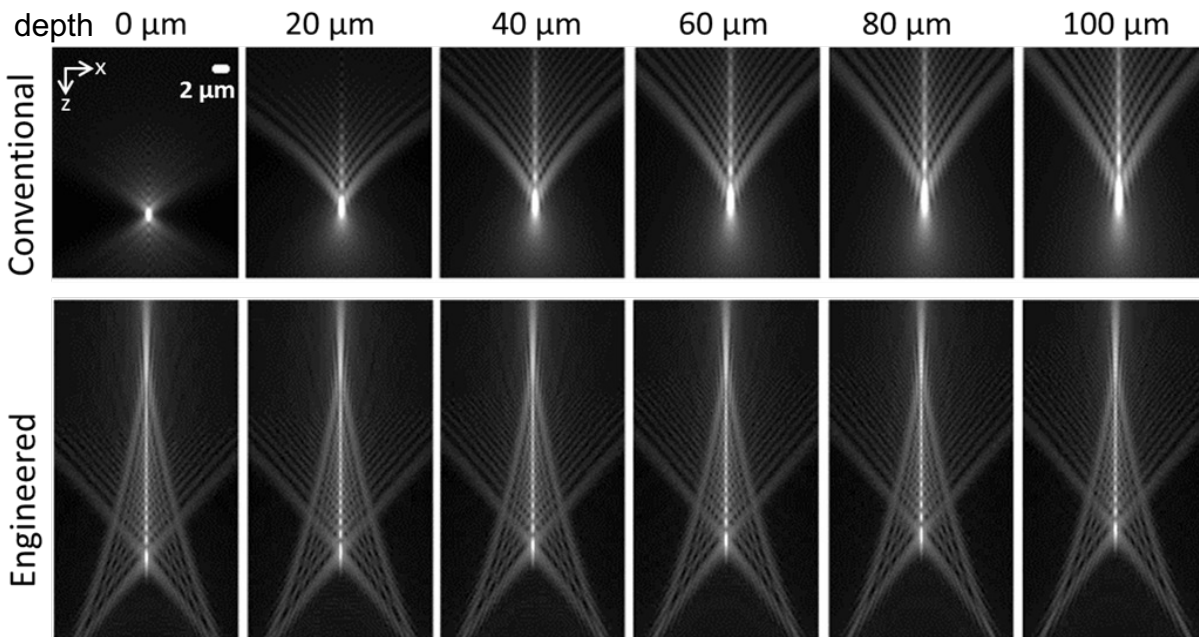
*COSI – computational optical sensing and imaging

Computational imaging in 3D fluorescence microscopy

Goal: Reduce depth-induced artifacts

Point spread function (PSF) engineering

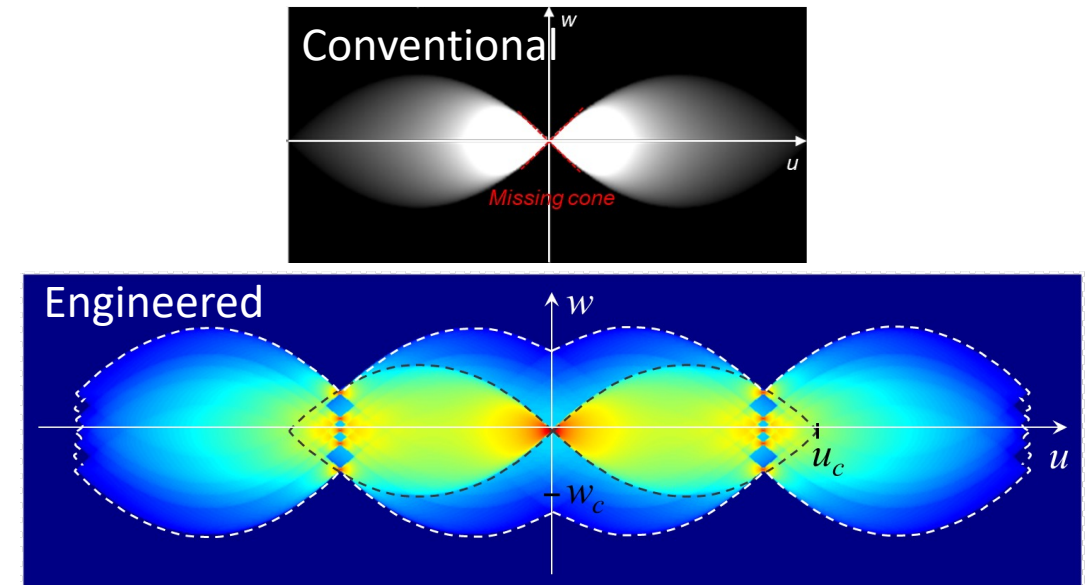
- Wavefront encoding (WFE) renders PSF insensitive to imaging depth



Goal: Achieve 3D super resolution

Optical transfer function (OTF) engineering

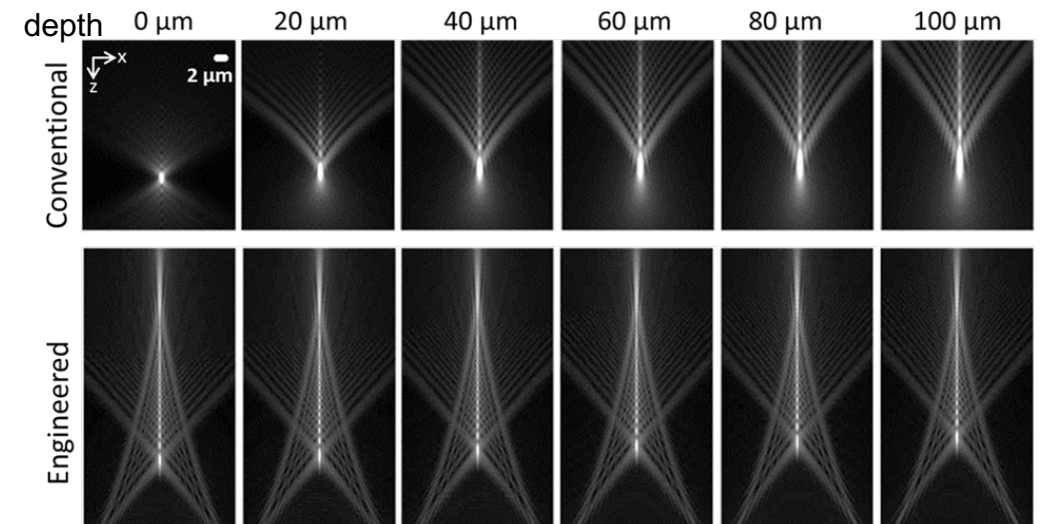
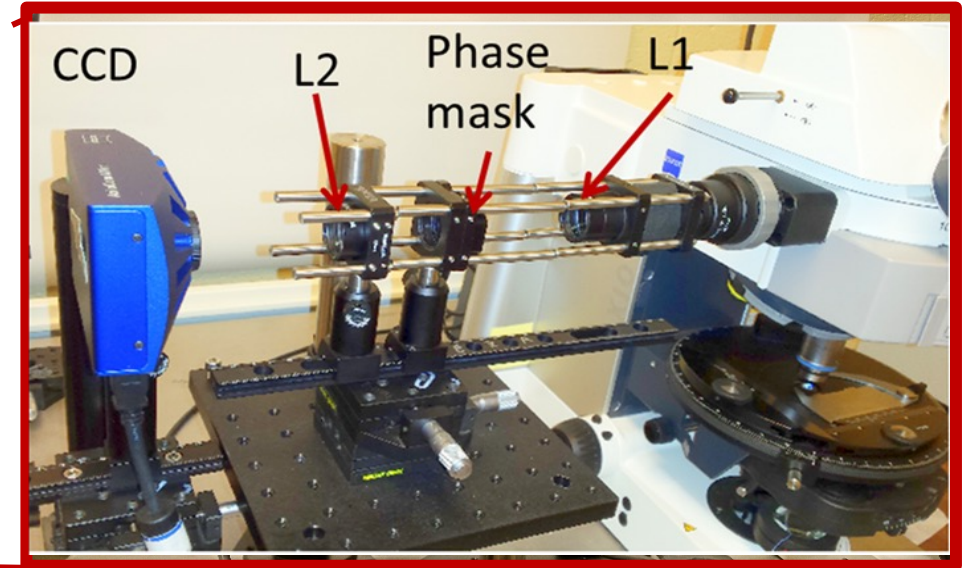
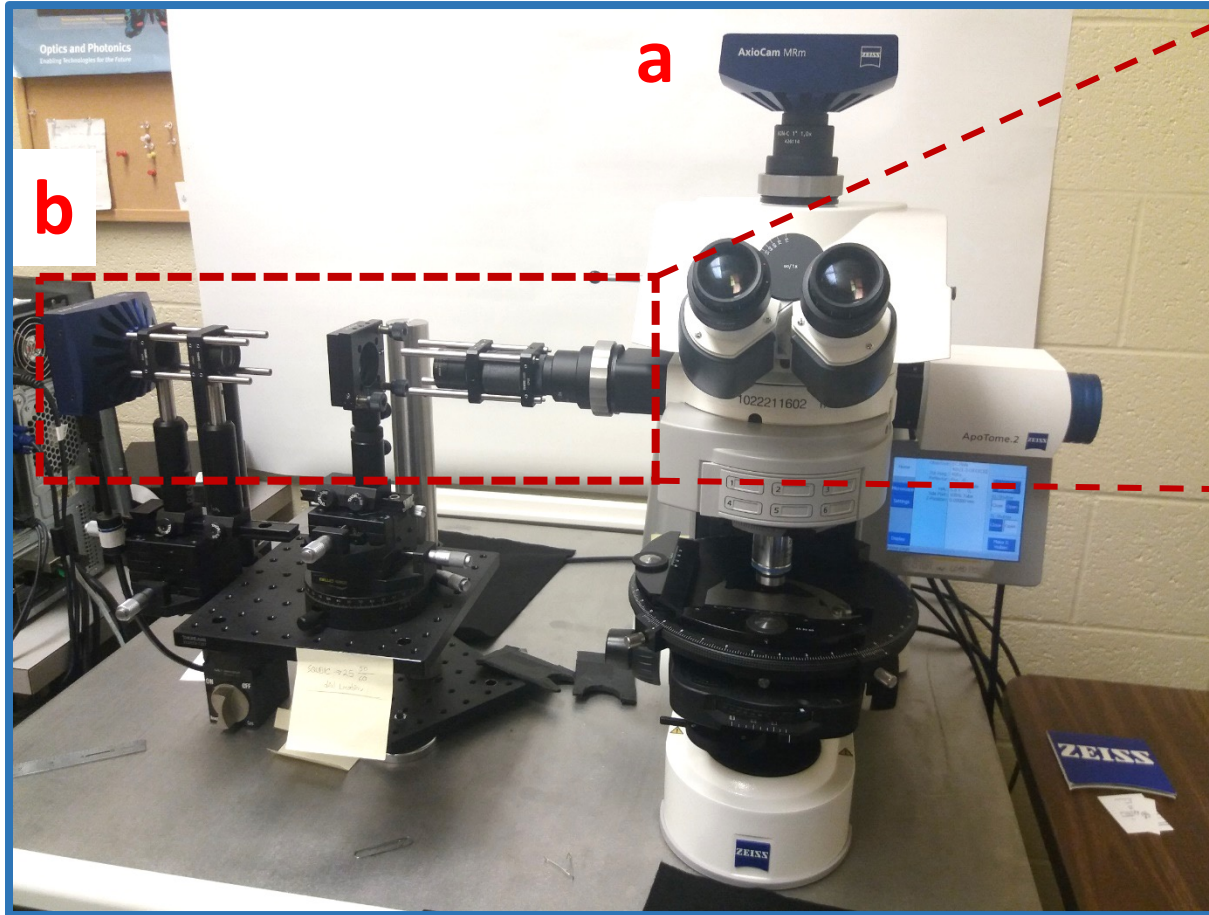
- Extend OTF compact support with structured illumination



WFE implementation with fabricated mask

Dual imaging: conventional (a) and WFE (b) paths

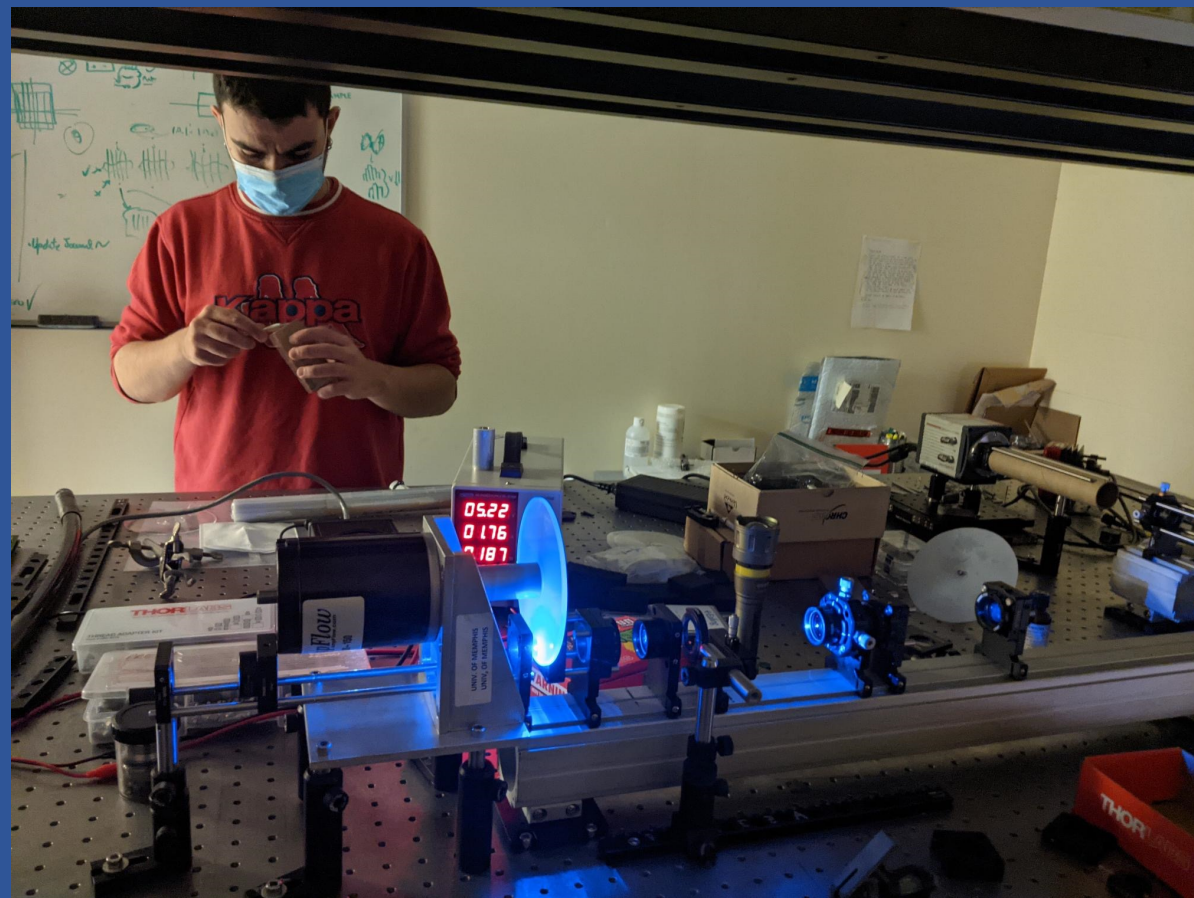
(b) WFE path (4F System)



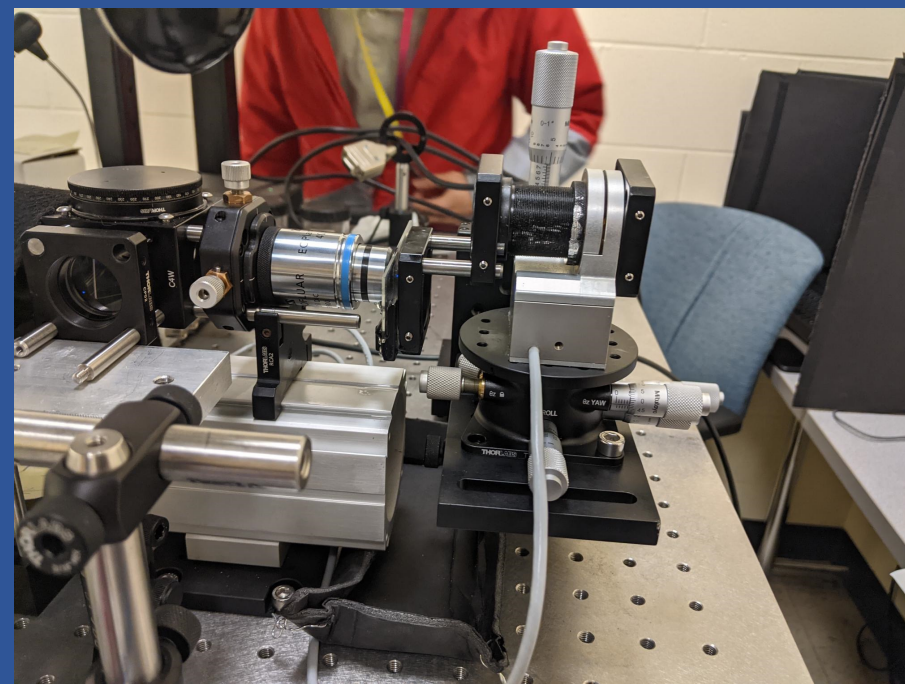
N. Patwary, H. Shabani, A. Doblaz, G. Saavedra, and C. Preza, Applied Optics 56(9) D14-D23(2017)

Novel Structured Illumination Microscope

Ongoing Collaborative Project with Univ. of Valencia



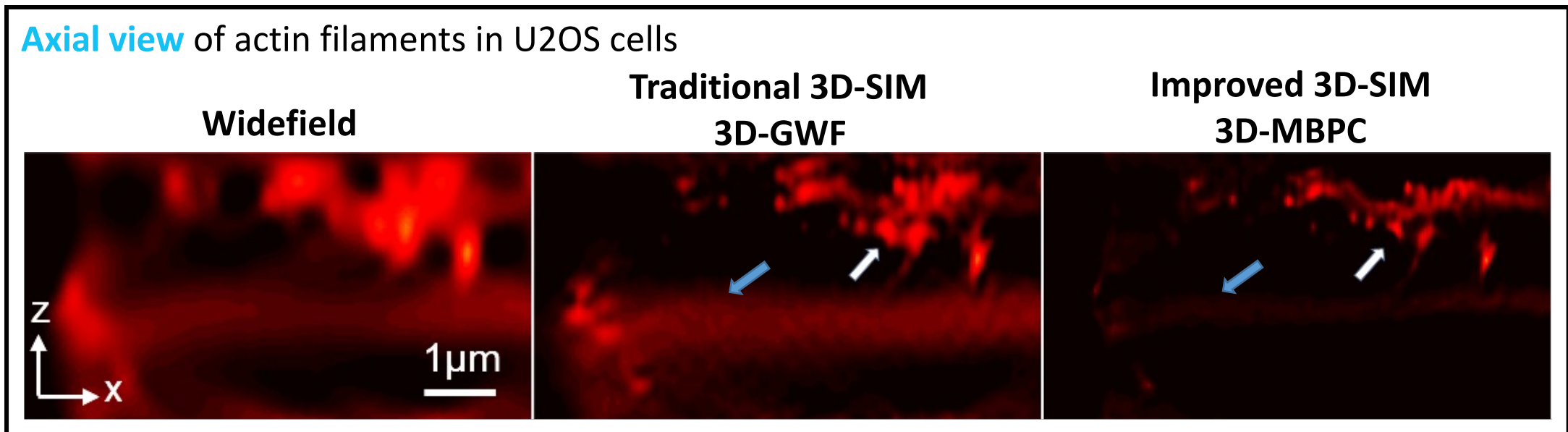
Open set-up microscope
in the CIRL at the UoM



Motivation: Improve performance of 3D Structured illumination microscopy (3D-SIM)

Computational methods have a direct impact on performance.

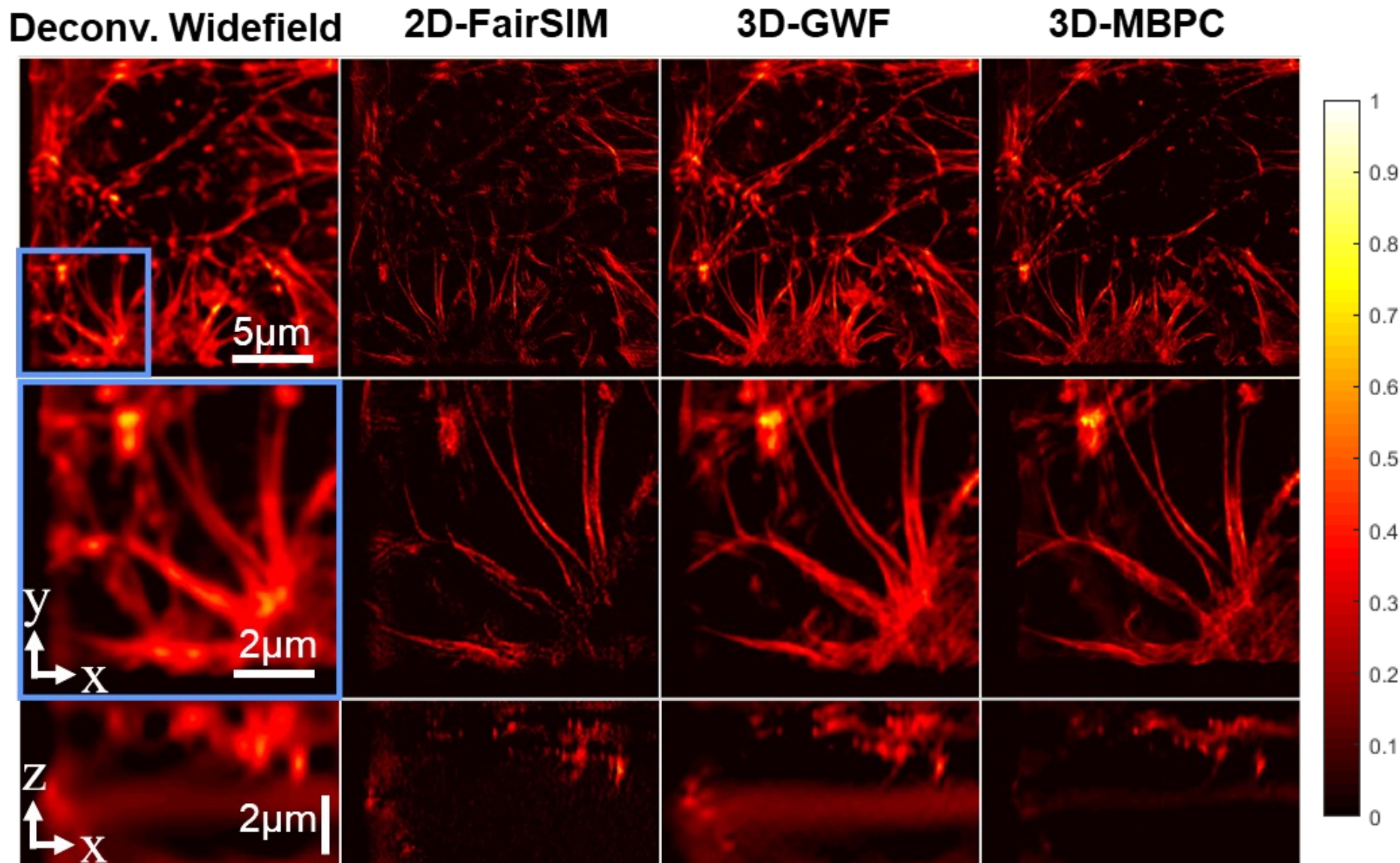
Goal: Develop robust **3D model-based with positivity constraint (3D-MBPC) restoration** method to improve resolution with reduced data.



Sample: Actin filaments in U2OS cells labelled with Phalloidin-Atto488; Lens: 60x/1.42 NA oil

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Improved 3D-SIM restoration with 3D-MBPC method

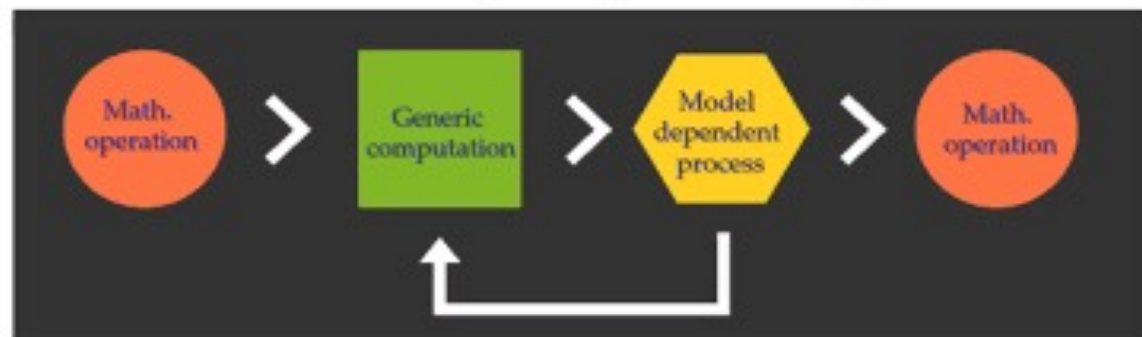


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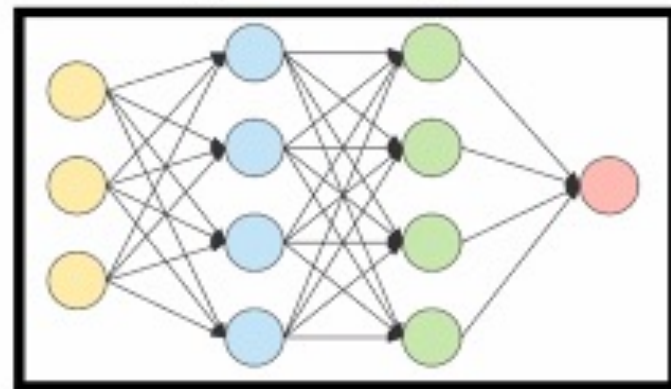
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Model-Based Deep Learning

> Model-based signal processing:



> Deep learning:



> How to combine?



1. Integrate model-based algorithms into deep networks

Deep unfolding / unrolling

2. Integrate deep networks into model-based algorithms

Data-driven hybrid algorithms



NSF Funding Mechanisms and proposal idea

- [NSF BIO](#)
 - [Programs: Division of Biological Infrastructure \(DBI\)](#)
 - [Infrastructure Innovation for Biological Research \(Innovation\)](#)
- [National Science Foundation Research Traineeship \(NRT\) Program](#)
 - seeks proposals that explore ways for graduate students in research-based master's and doctoral degree programs to develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers.

NRT Proposal in Imaging Science?

Imaging Science is an interdisciplinary academic discipline that broadly addresses the design and optimization of imaging systems and the extraction of information from images. It builds on contributions from traditional fields including biomedical engineering, electrical engineering, and computer science, as well as from physics, applied mathematics, biology, and chemistry.

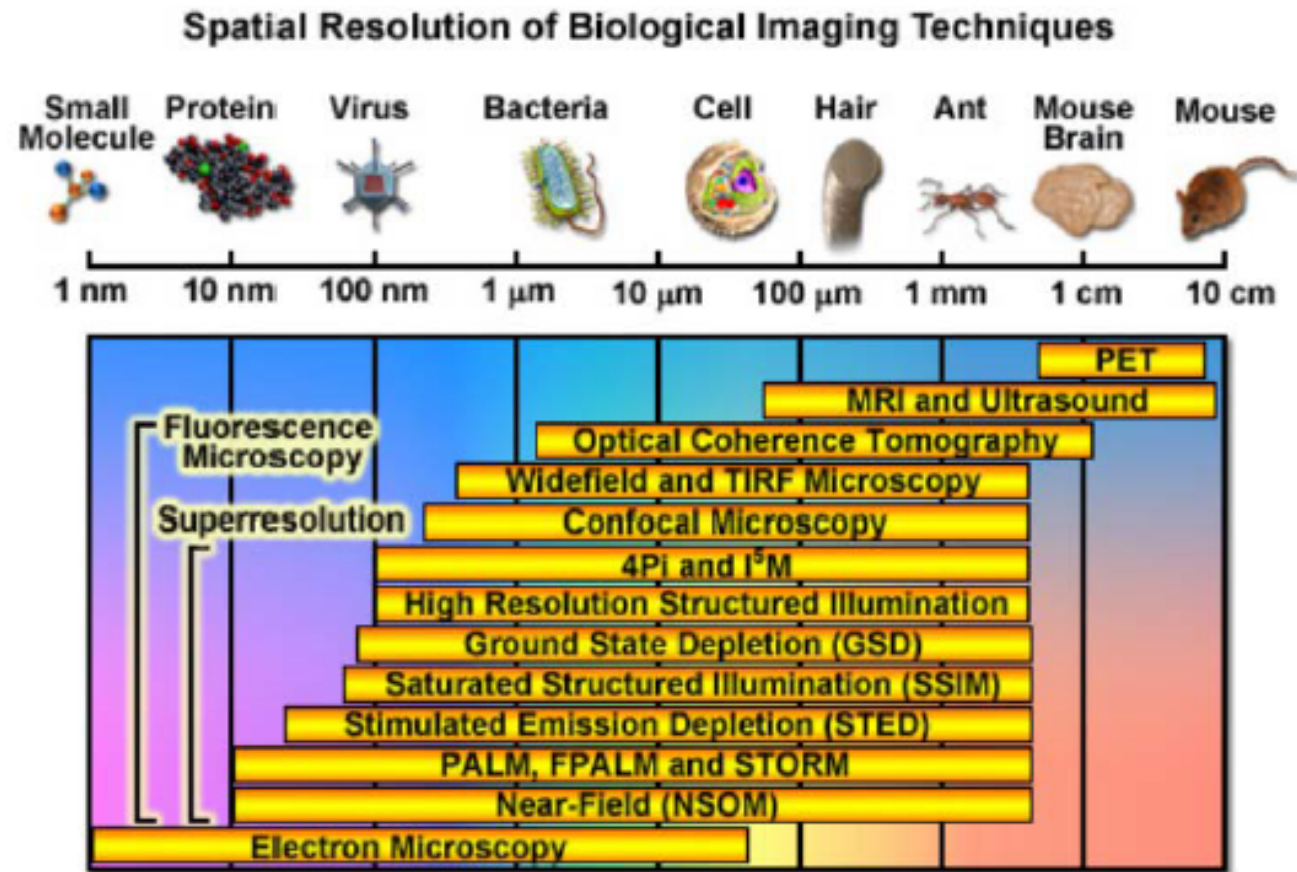
Imaging/Sensing Instrumentation Opportunities

Agenda

1. Innovations in instrumentation
2. Research-based Opportunities

Innovations in instrumentation

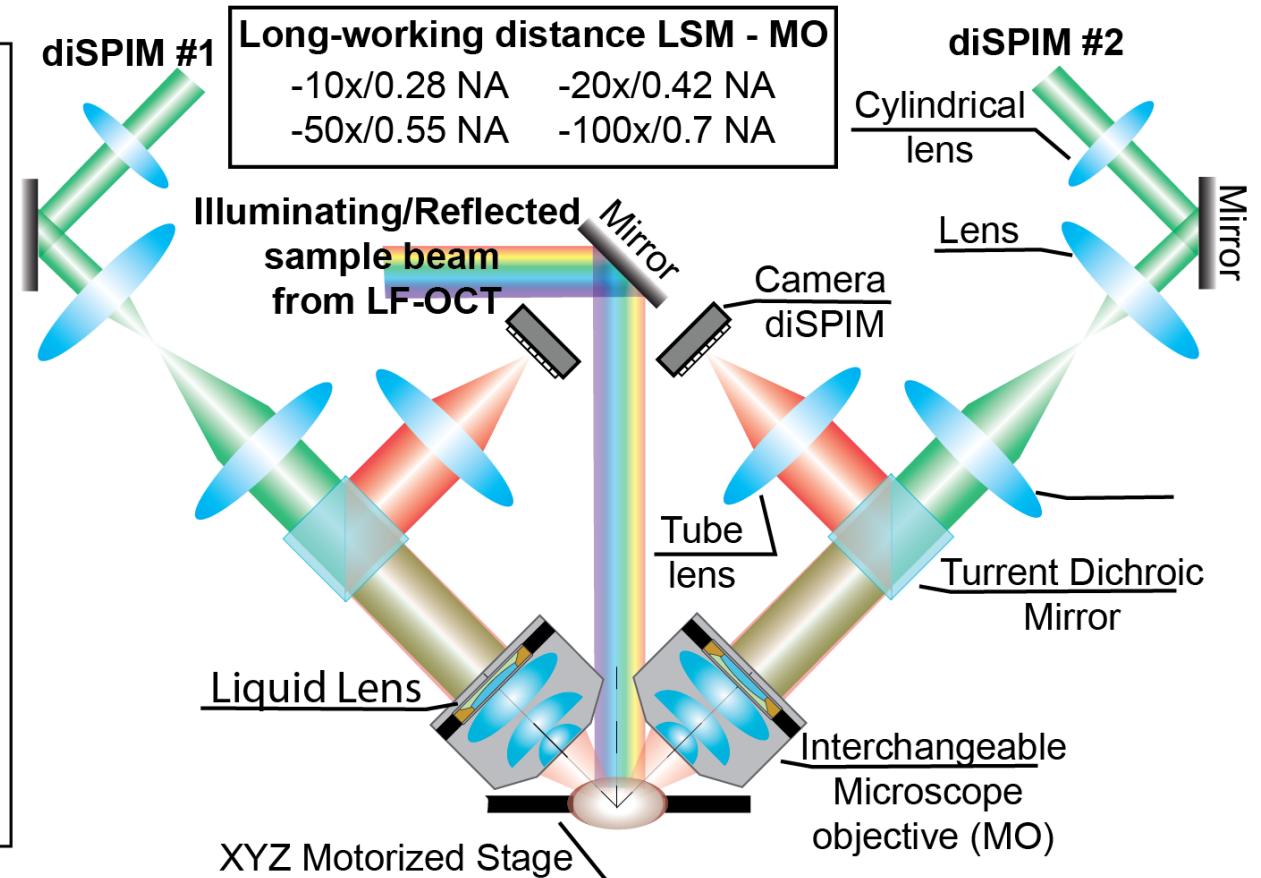
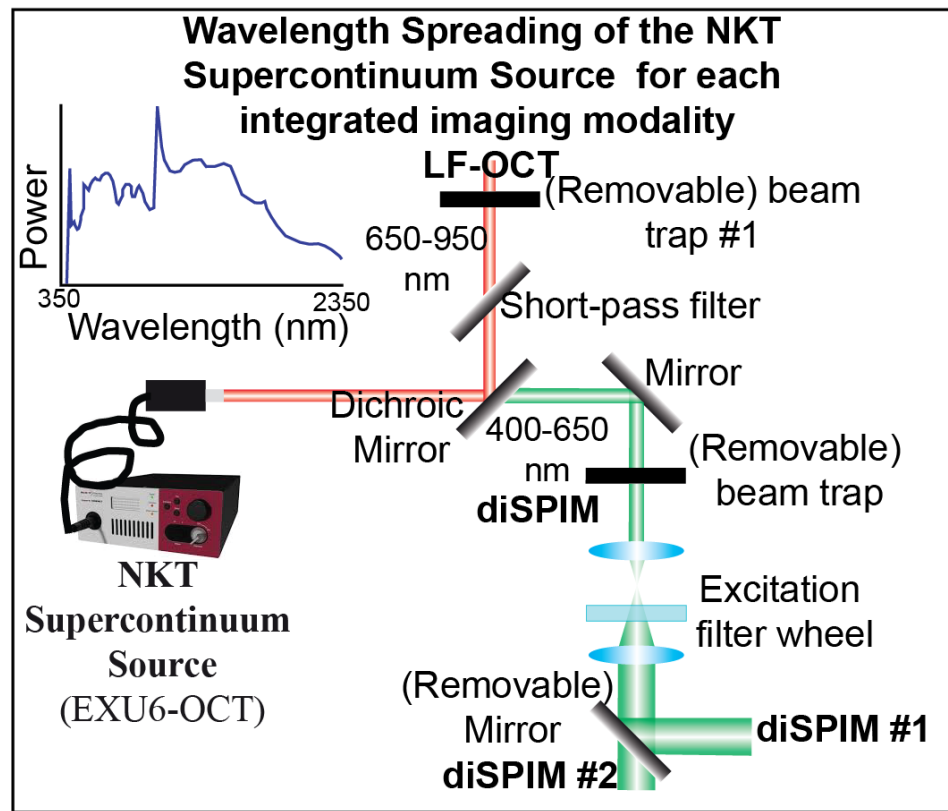
Overcome the tradeoff between different imaging modalities



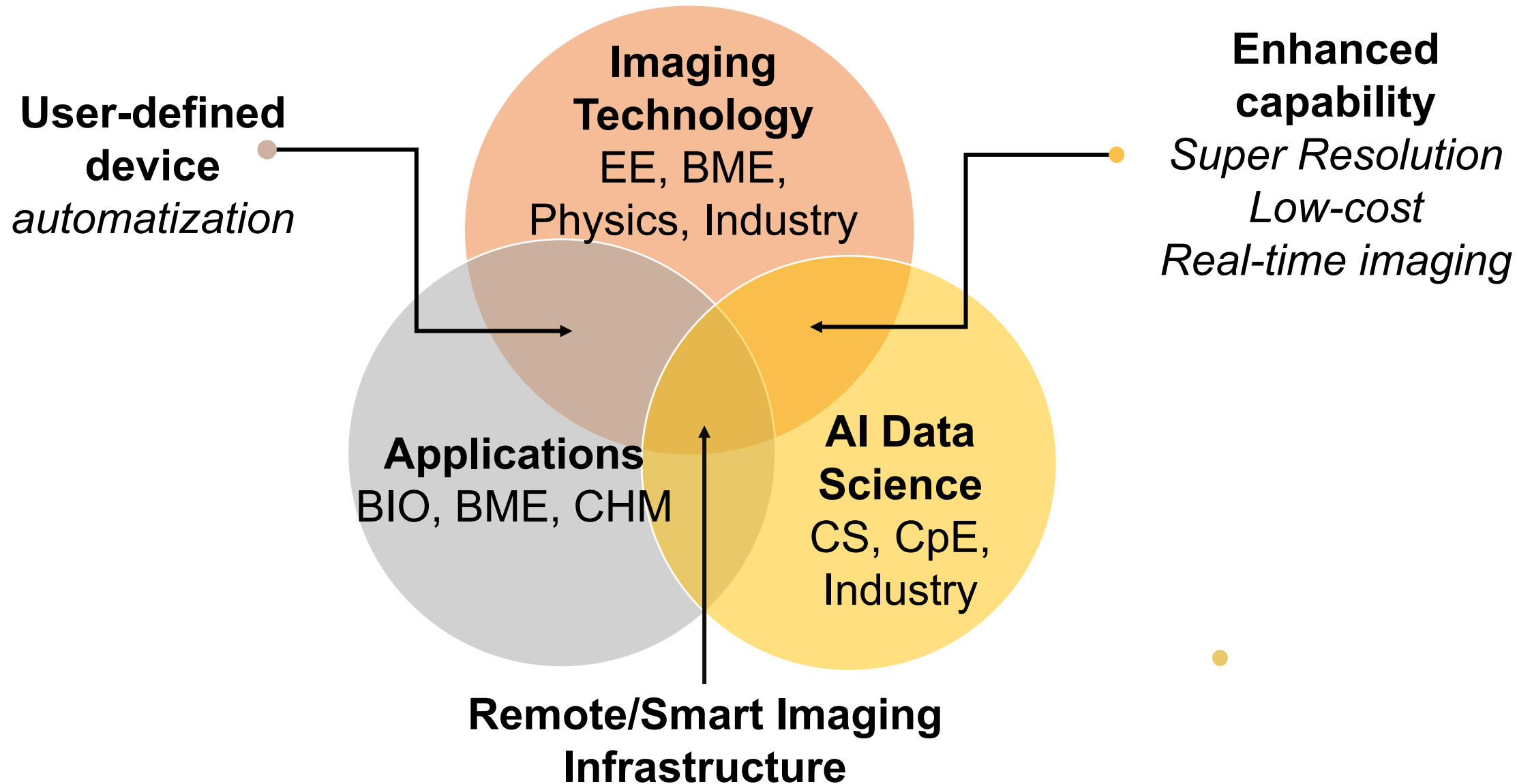
Graphic from <http://zeiss-campus.magnet.fsu.edu/>

Innovations in instrumentation

Multimodal imaging platforms enables the observation of the same biological sample using different imaging capabilities – *new discoveries*

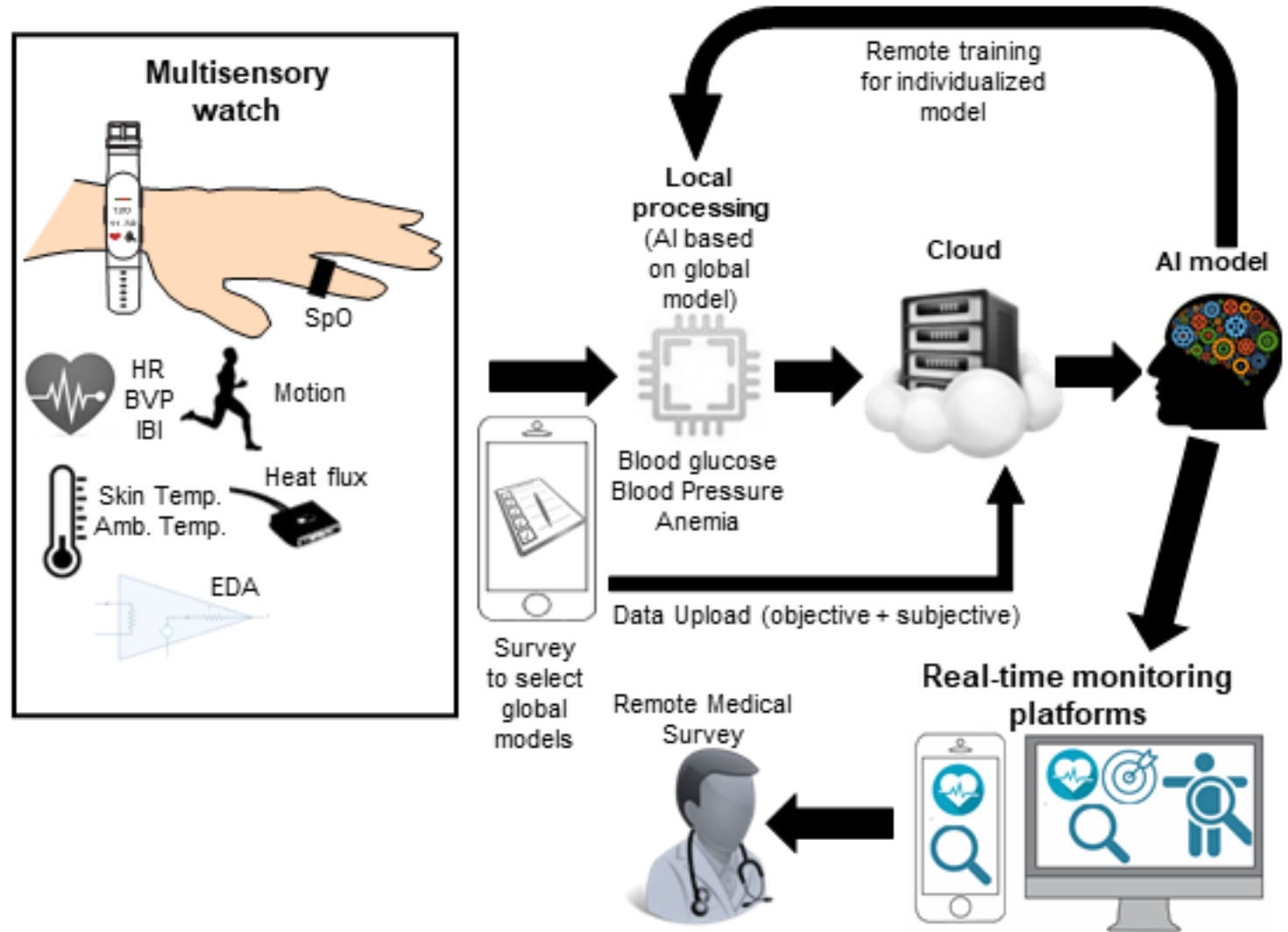


Integration with AI models

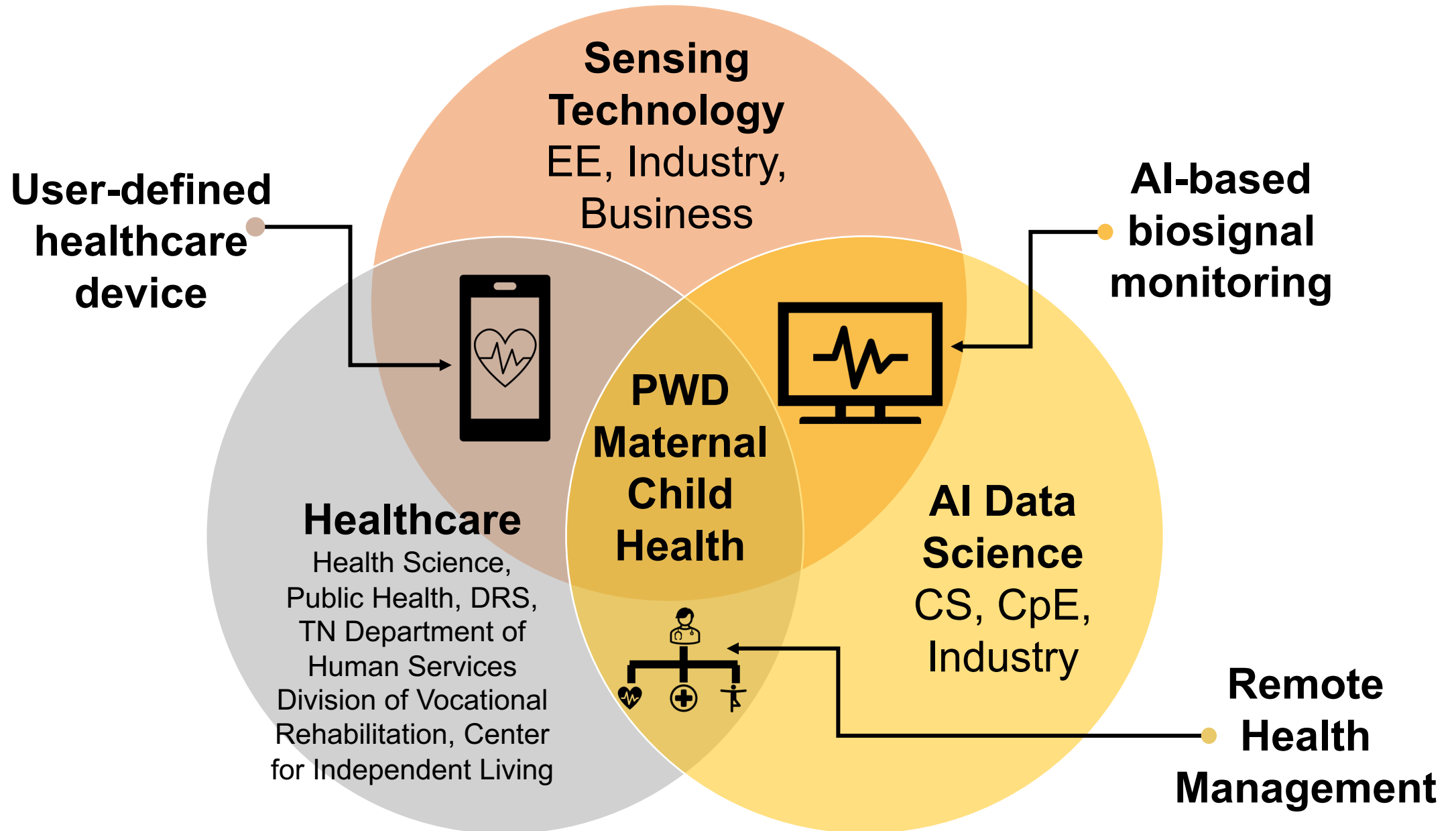


Innovations in instrumentation

Multimodal wearable devices enables the real-time tracking and monitoring of an individual's health metrics



Integration with AI models



Research-based Opportunities



NSF MRI

NSF CDS&E

NSF – NIST B

NSF ECCS

NSF SCH



Warfighter-related funding opportunities



UofM infrastructure – Biological/Biomedical Imaging Center?

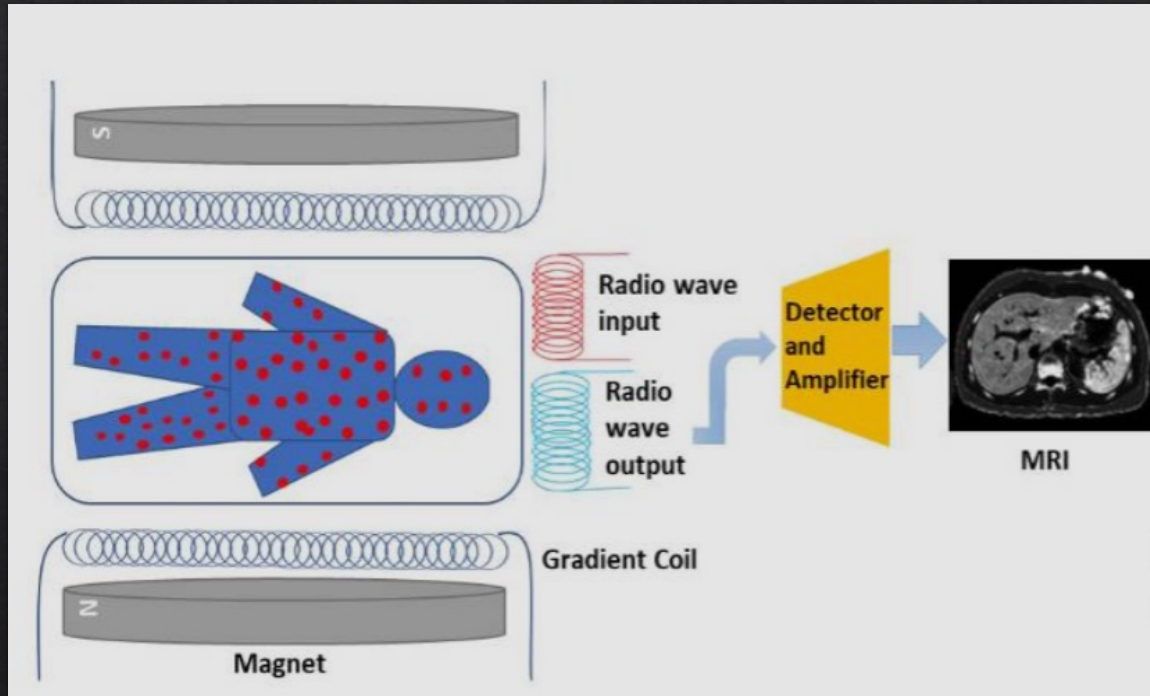


NSF Mid-scale Research Infrastructure-1

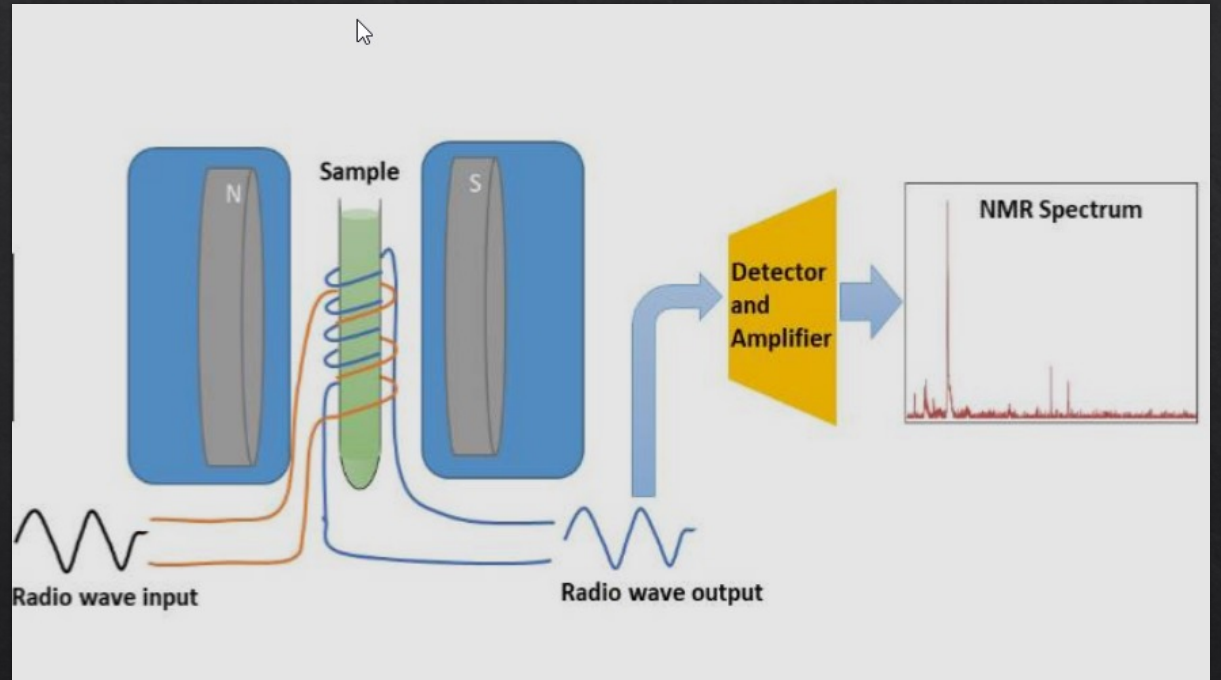
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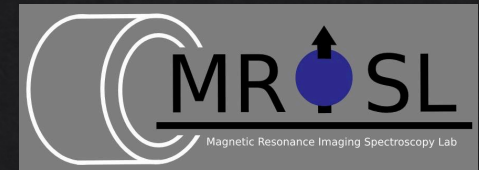
Magnetic Resonance Imaging & Spectroscopy Lab (MRISL)



MRI

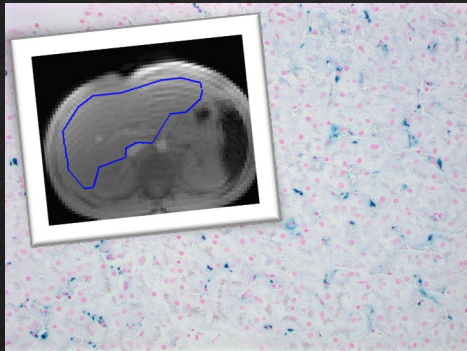


NMR

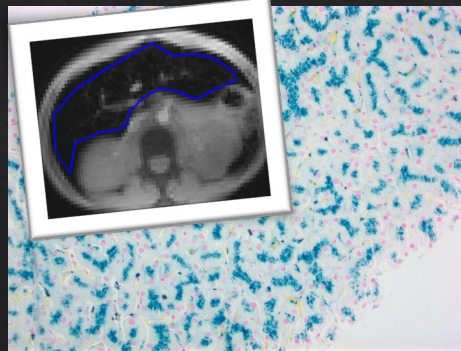


Assessment of Liver Iron Overload with MRI

- ◇ Measure iron in the body
 - ◇ Blood disorders, cancer
 - ◇ Biopsy is gold standard
 - ◇ **MRI provides non-invasive measure**



HIC: 4.2 mg Fe/g

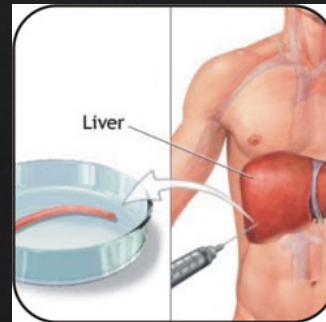


HIC: 21.3 mg Fe/g

Sickle cell anemia
Thalassemia
Cancer



1 unit of blood = 250 mg of exogenous iron!



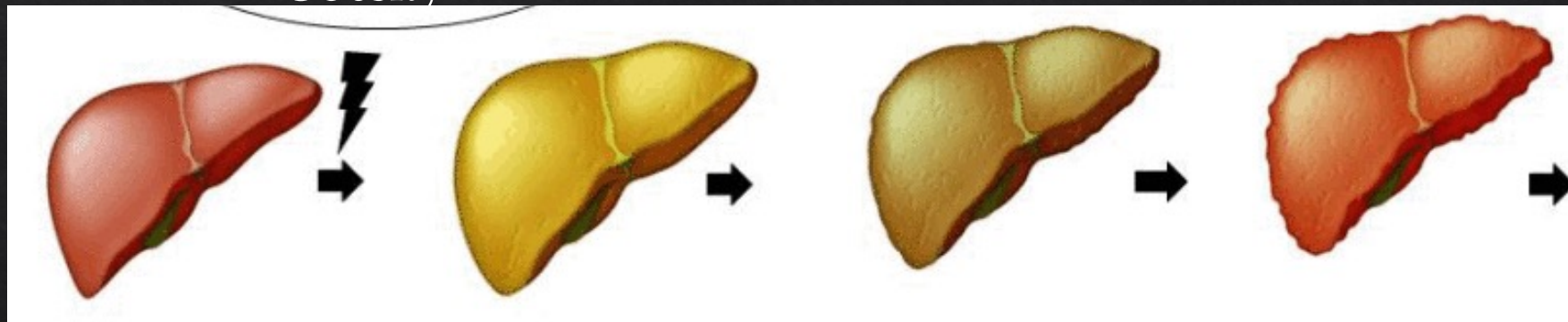
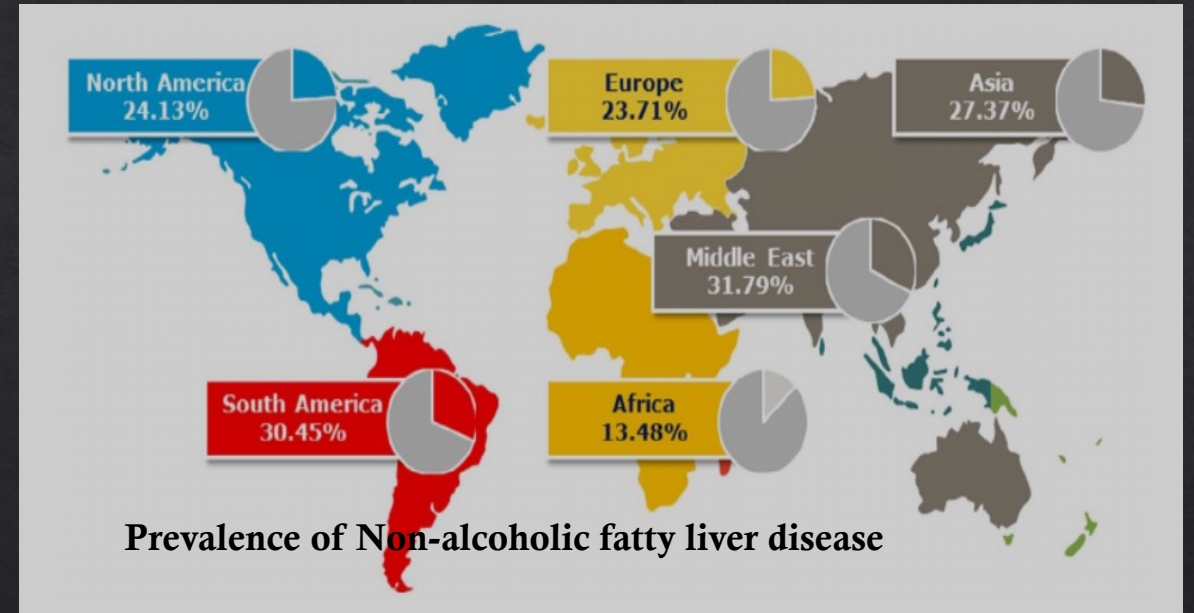
Uncontrolled iron loading of organs



Pituitary
Parathyroid
Thyroid
Heart
Liver
Pancreas
Gonads

Assessment of Steatosis

- ◇ Measure fat in the liver
- ◇ Biopsy is gold standard
- ◇ **MRI provides non-invasive measure**
 - Sedentary lifestyle
 - High fat diet
 - Insulin resistance
 - Obesity



Normal
Liver

NAFL
“Simple Steatosis”

NASH

Cirrhosis

Current Projects

◆ Develop MRI techniques

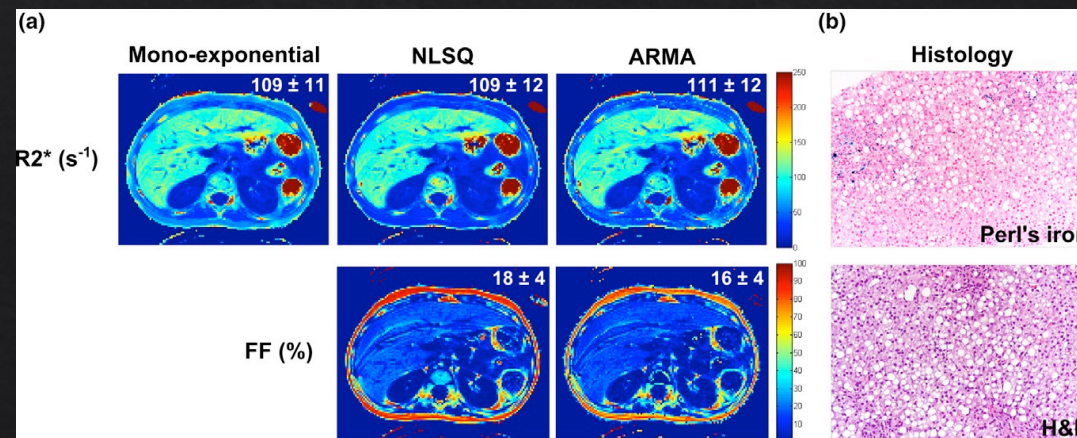
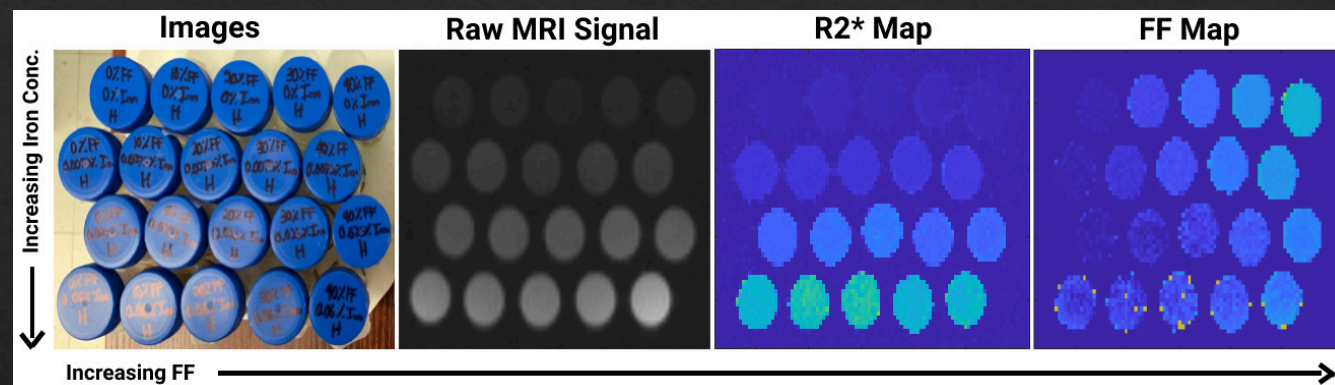
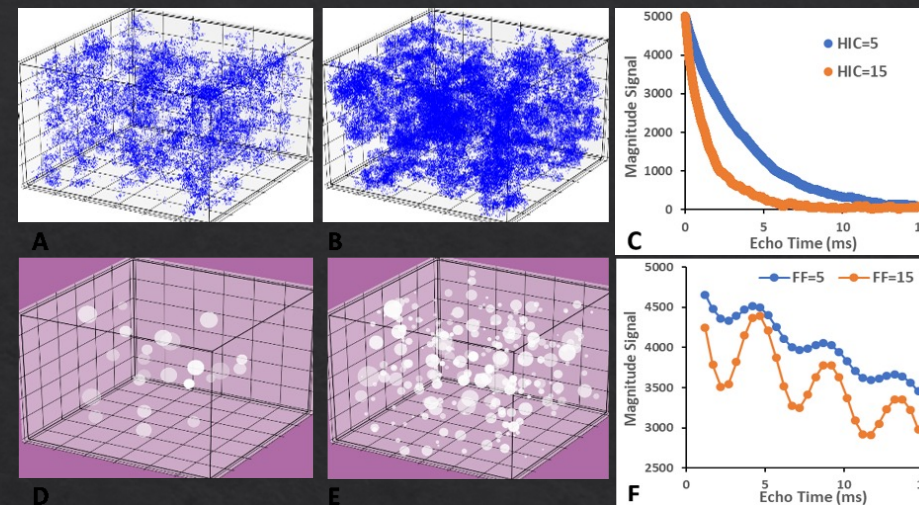
◆ Iron and Fat quantification

◆ Simulations

◆ Build Phantoms

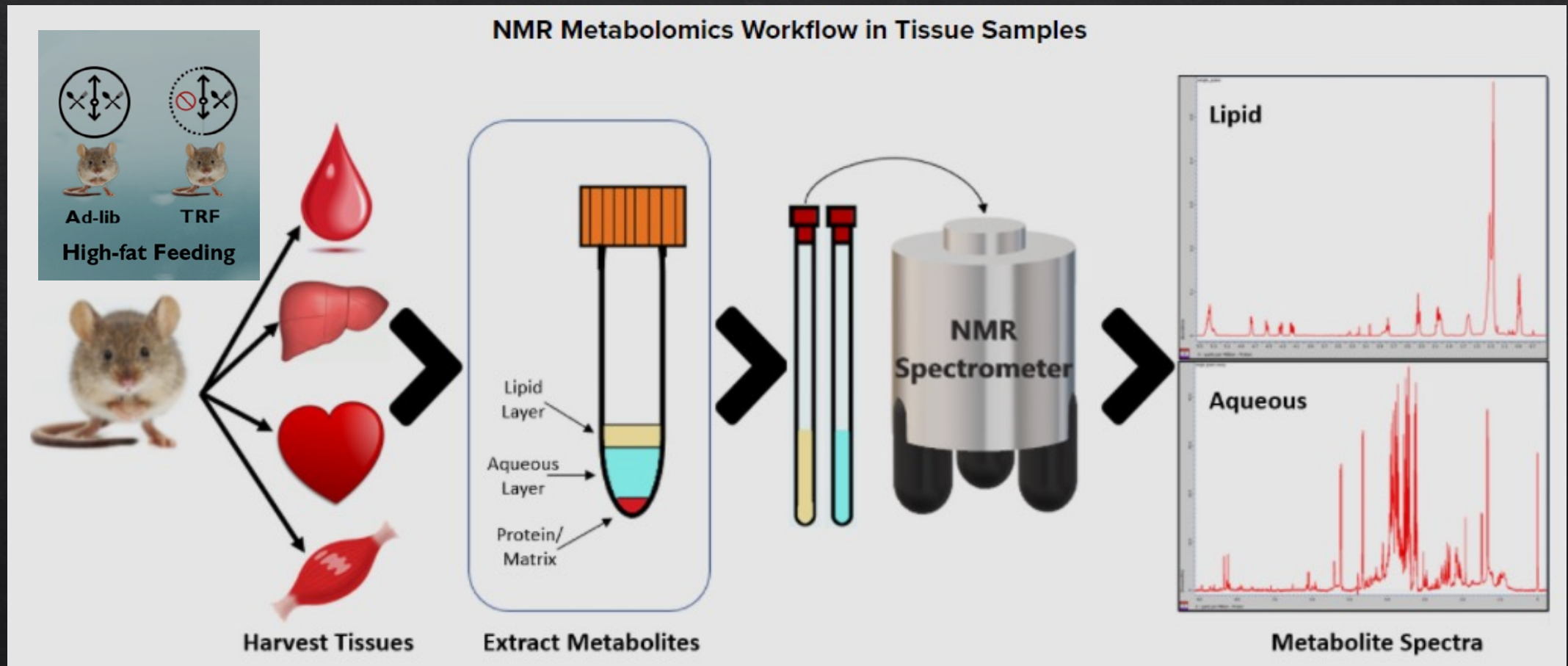
◆ Patients

Funding: NIBIB, NIH Trailblazer
(# 1R21EB031298-01)



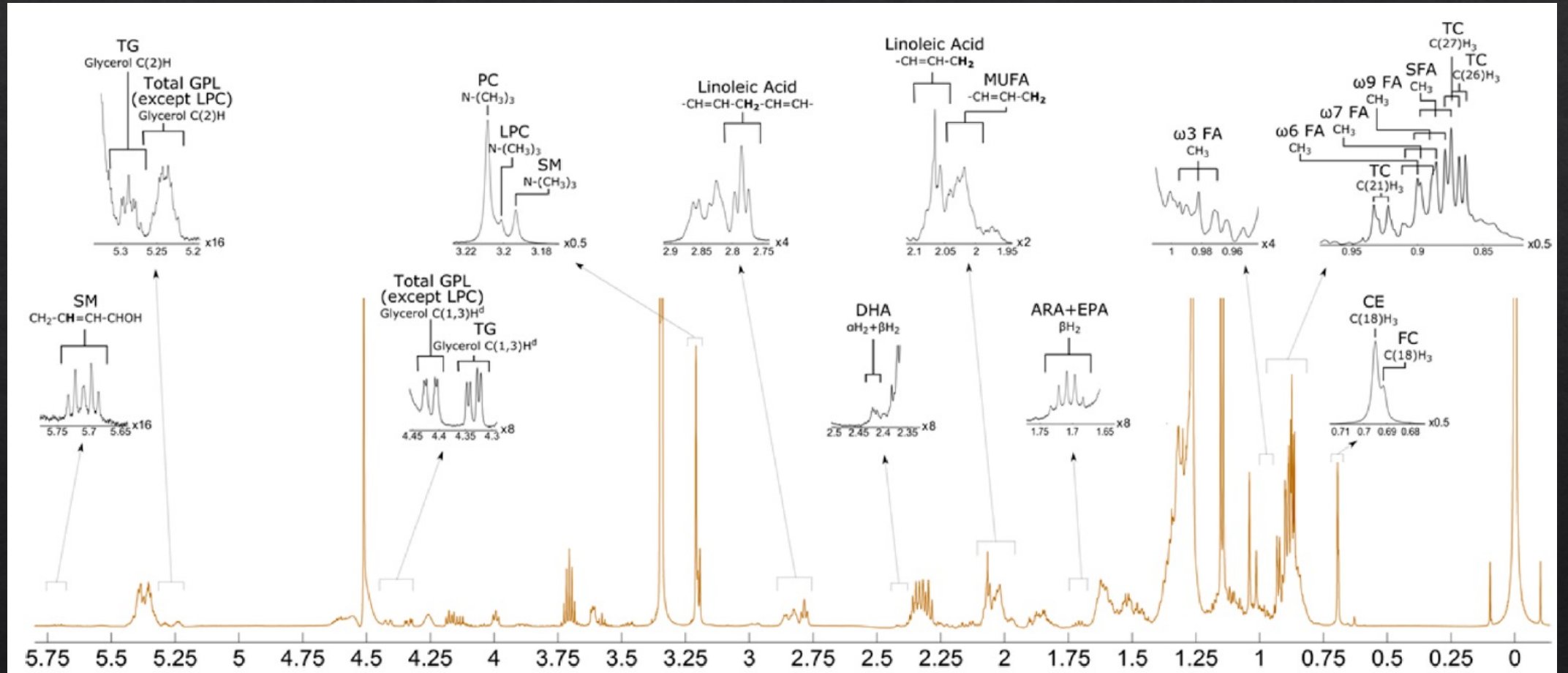
Quantitative NMR Metabolomics

- ◆ To determine early metabolic biomarkers for combatting obesity and metabolic syndrome through nutritional metabolomics

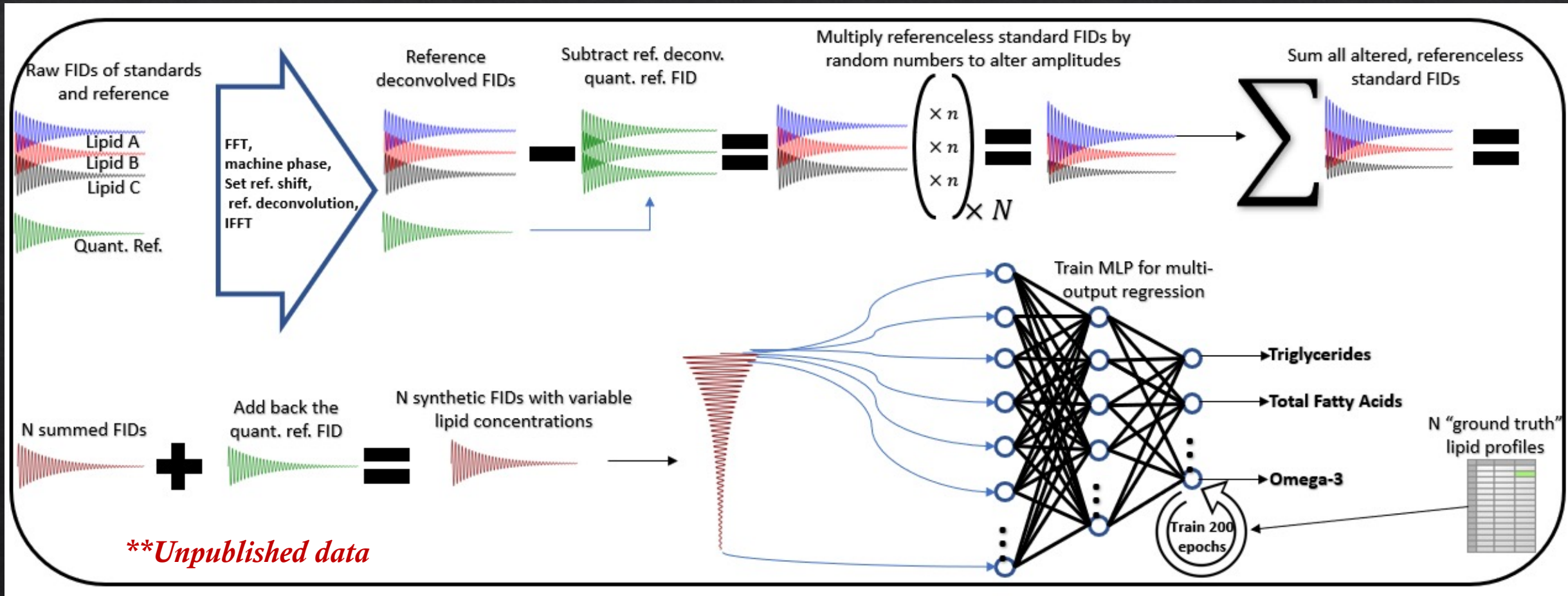


Quantitative NMR Metabolomics

◆ Quantify lipids & aqueous metabolites



Neural Network for Lipid Profile Determination from NMR Data



NSF CAREER Award - Open-Access, Real-Time High-Throughput Metabolomics for High-Field and Benchtop NMR for Biological Inquiry

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DBI, Innovation - Bioinformatics





Ultrasound Devices & Systems Research

Imaging & Instrumentation Innovation

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Current Research Thrusts

Brain Ultrasound (Transcranial)

Super-Resolution 3D Functional Imaging
Rapid Stroke Assessment

Operator-Independent Ultrasound

Autonomous 3D Breast Cancer Screening
Quantitative Body Scanner

Brain Ultrasound

(Problem)

Want hi-res 3D brain mapping

Skull ↓ image quality

(Solution)

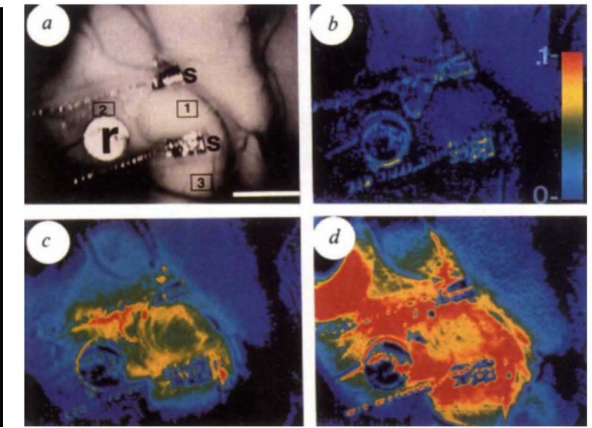
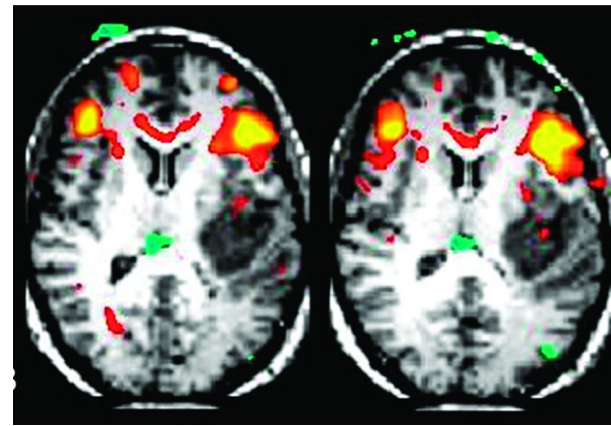
Ultrafast acquisition

Dual-freq. 2D array

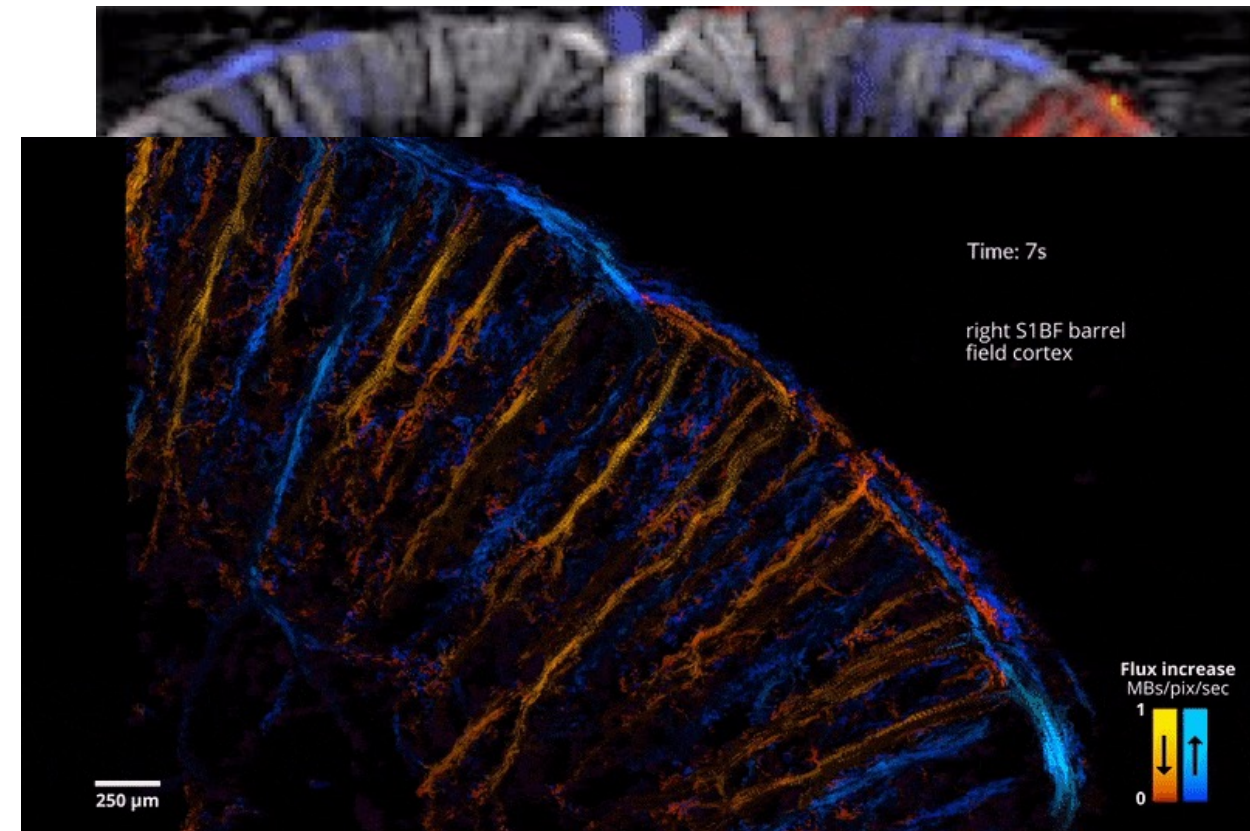
μBubble superharmonics

New tracking, aberr. corr.

→ neuroscience research tool



(Mace, et al. '11)



(Reaudin, et al. '22)

Brain Ultrasound

(Problem)

Stroke: clot or bleed?? -ASAP!

Skull: distorts/scatters/atten.'s

...where's "window" for TCD?

(Solution)

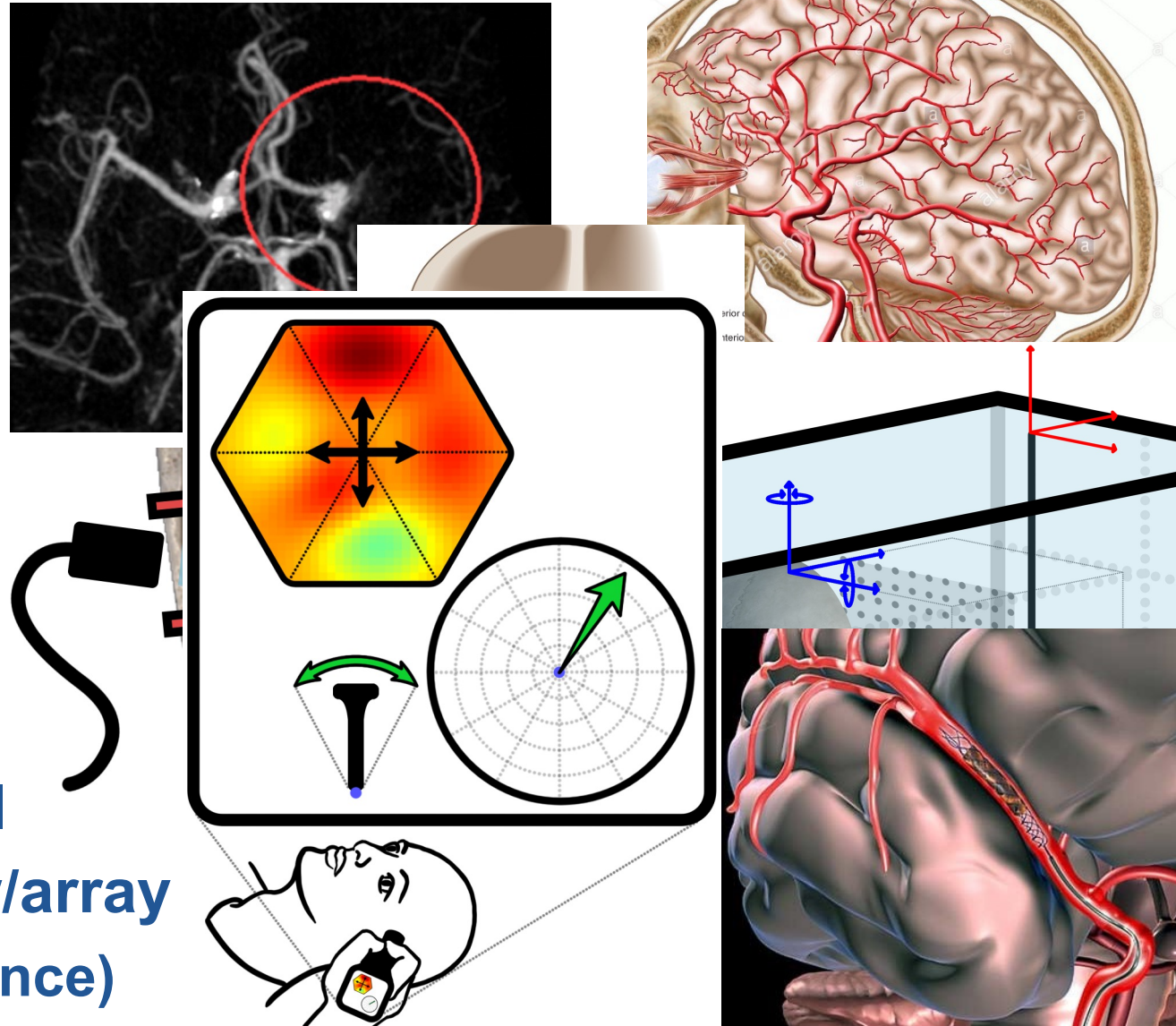
Acoustically characterize skull

(incl. internal layers) → model

Analyze shallow echo trends w/array

→ window-finder (user guidance)

Optimize simple array design → easy rapid triage by paramedics



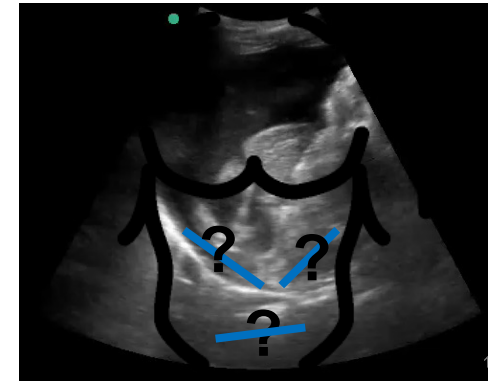
High-level Pros/Cons of Ultrasound

Pros: **Safe** (no X-rays or high mag. field), **Fast** ('live' 30 frames/sec), **Cheap** (\$200k...\$3k), **Portable** (handhelds → phone/tablet)



Cons:

(1) **The Humans!** (operator variability, reproducibility ...cost)
 handheld probe → **no std/fixed reference frame** (orient'n=?)
 2D planar images → **sparse sampling of 3D vol. of interest**



(2) **Not Quantitative!** (echo 'brightness' from many effects)
 assumes uniform sound prop. speed (all soft tissue = 1540 m/s)
 attenuation: can't tell where, how much (vary gain w/depth)



Autonomous Robotic Multi-modal 3D US to Reduce Breast Cancer Disparity



(Problem)

Breast Cancer Mortality: 41% higher in Black women

Mammograms: poor sensitivity in dense breasts (>50%)

Key: Efficacy, Affordability, & ACCESS to Screening

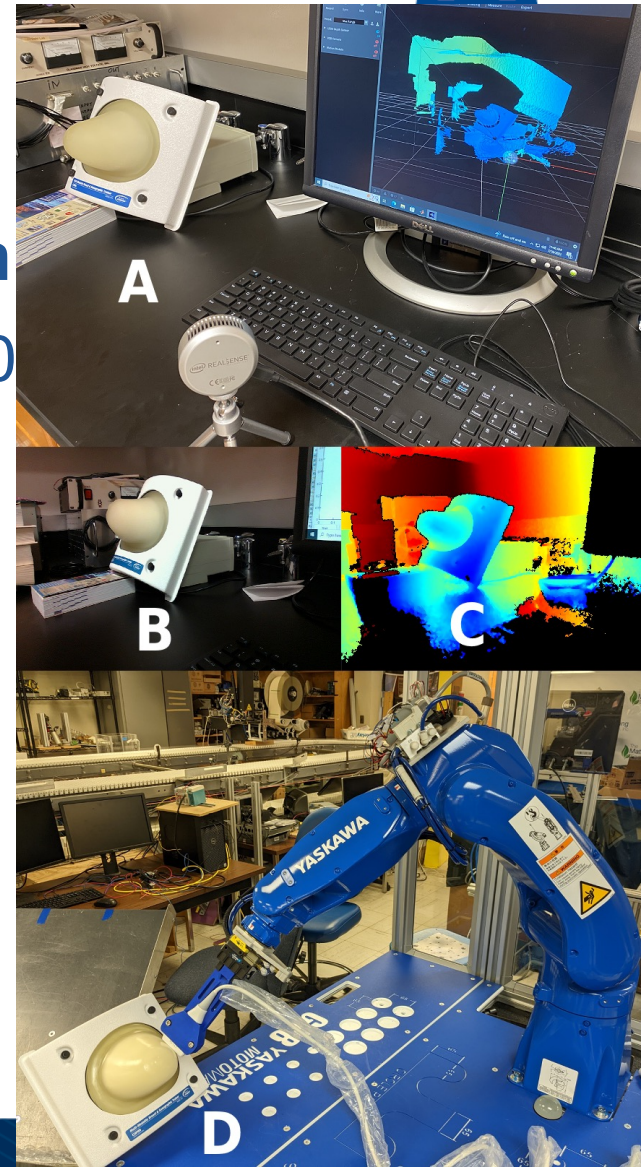
(Solution)

Computer Vision (ranging cameras)

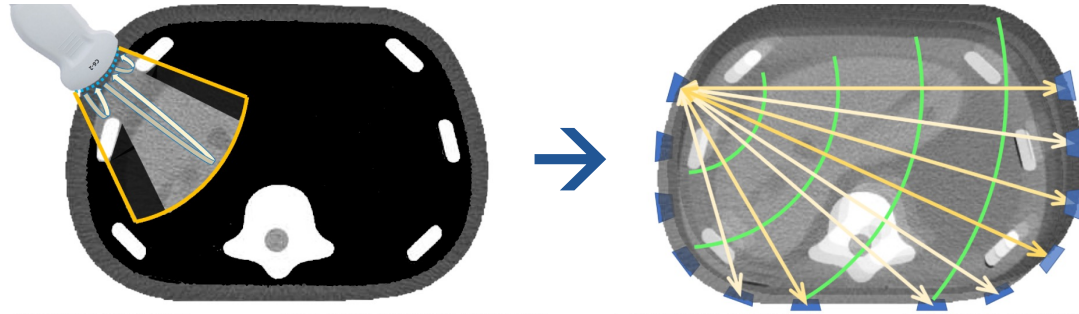
A.I.-trained Robots → safe, adaptable 3D acq's

3-in-1: structure/stiffness/flow (+ A.I. analysis)

→ sensitive, accurate, accessible screening



US Body Scanner



(Problem)

Want quantitative x-section images
...new algorithms, scalable HW/sys

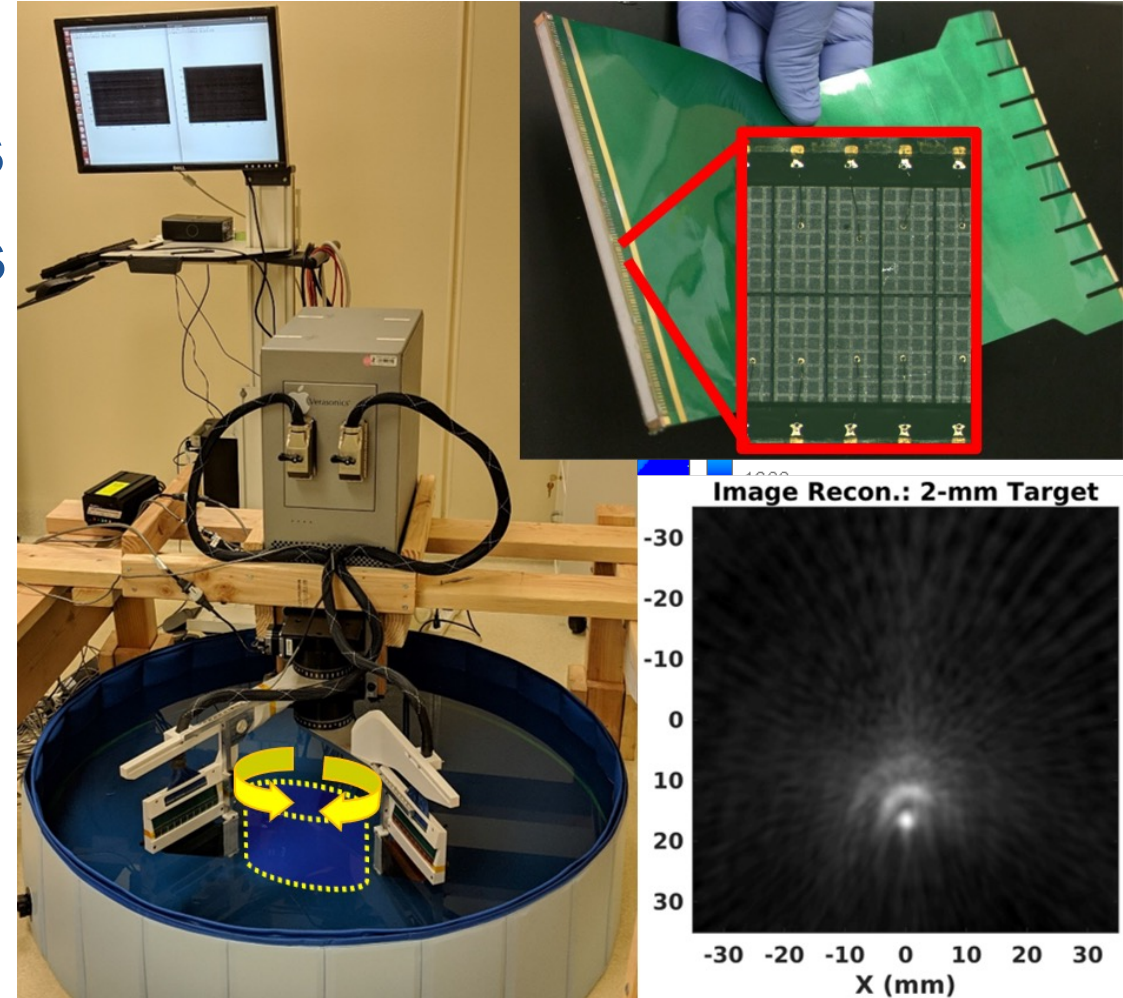
(Solution)

A.I. → sound speed, atten. (FWI)

Hardware → add. mnfct, modular

Sys/Data → integ/distrib'd architecture

→ high-res, tomo US (>CT 4 ped's)





Future Dir's, Funding & Collab. Opp's

Transcranial Doppler & Neuroimaging

Low-cost Autonomous 3D US Systems

for screenings (cancer, NAFLD, aneurysm) & emergency/military settings

US Body Scanner

acq & recon algorithms, scalable arrays & system electronics

Custom US Transducer Array Design & Fabrication

(incl. catheters) for elasticity, flow; also therapy (ablation, drug deliv.)



Research Funding - Federal

NIH: Nat'l Inst. of Biomedical Imaging & Bioengineering (NIBIB)

R01 (4-5 yrs, ~\$500k/yr), R21 Trailblazer (New/ESI; 3 yrs, \$400k/yr), R15 AREA (3 yrs, \$100k/yr), R03 (2 yrs, \$50k/yr) ...add'l RFAs (e.g., BRAIN)

NSF: Dir. for Biol. Sciences (BIO), Div. of Biol. Infrastructure (DBI)

Infrastructure Innovation for Biological Research

Instrument Development for “ “ “ “ “ “ (IDBR)

Dept of Defense

(BCRP) Breakthrough Award: BTA1 (\$450k/3yrs), BTA2 (\$1M/3yrs), BTA3 (\$4M/4yrs), BTA4 (\$15M/4yrs)



Research Funding - Foundations

American Heart Association (AHA)*

Career Development Award (\$230k/3yrs)

Institutional Research Enhancement Award (\$150k/2yrs)

Transformational Project Award (\$300k/3yrs)

West Cancer Foundation Initiative

\$10k Seed Grants (Equity, ↓Disparity)

\$250k/2yr Causes of Breast Cancer

Bright Focus Foundation

Glaucoma Foundation

Fight for Sight

An aerial photograph of a university campus during a vibrant sunset. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of pink, orange, and purple. The campus below is a mix of brick buildings, green lawns, and dense trees. A prominent tall brick tower with a clock face is visible in the lower center. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Thank You

(Madhu's Slides)