

OCT on a Chip:

In vivo three-dimensional Swept Source and Spectral Domain Optical Coherence Tomography and angiography using Photonic Integrated Circuits

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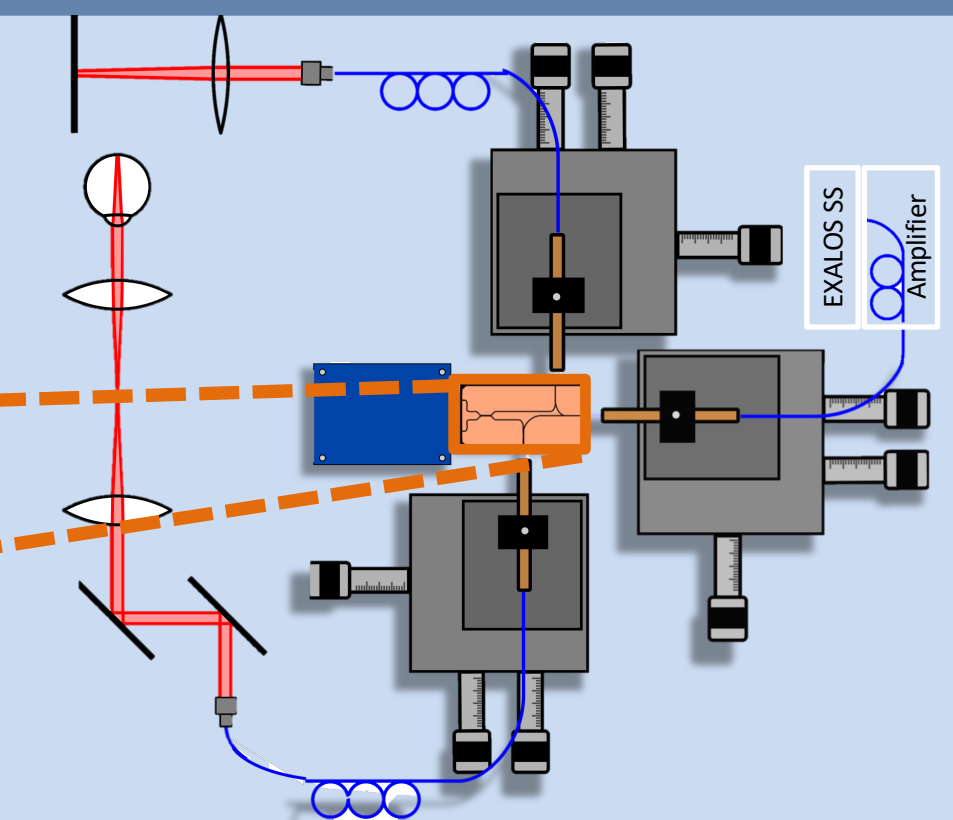
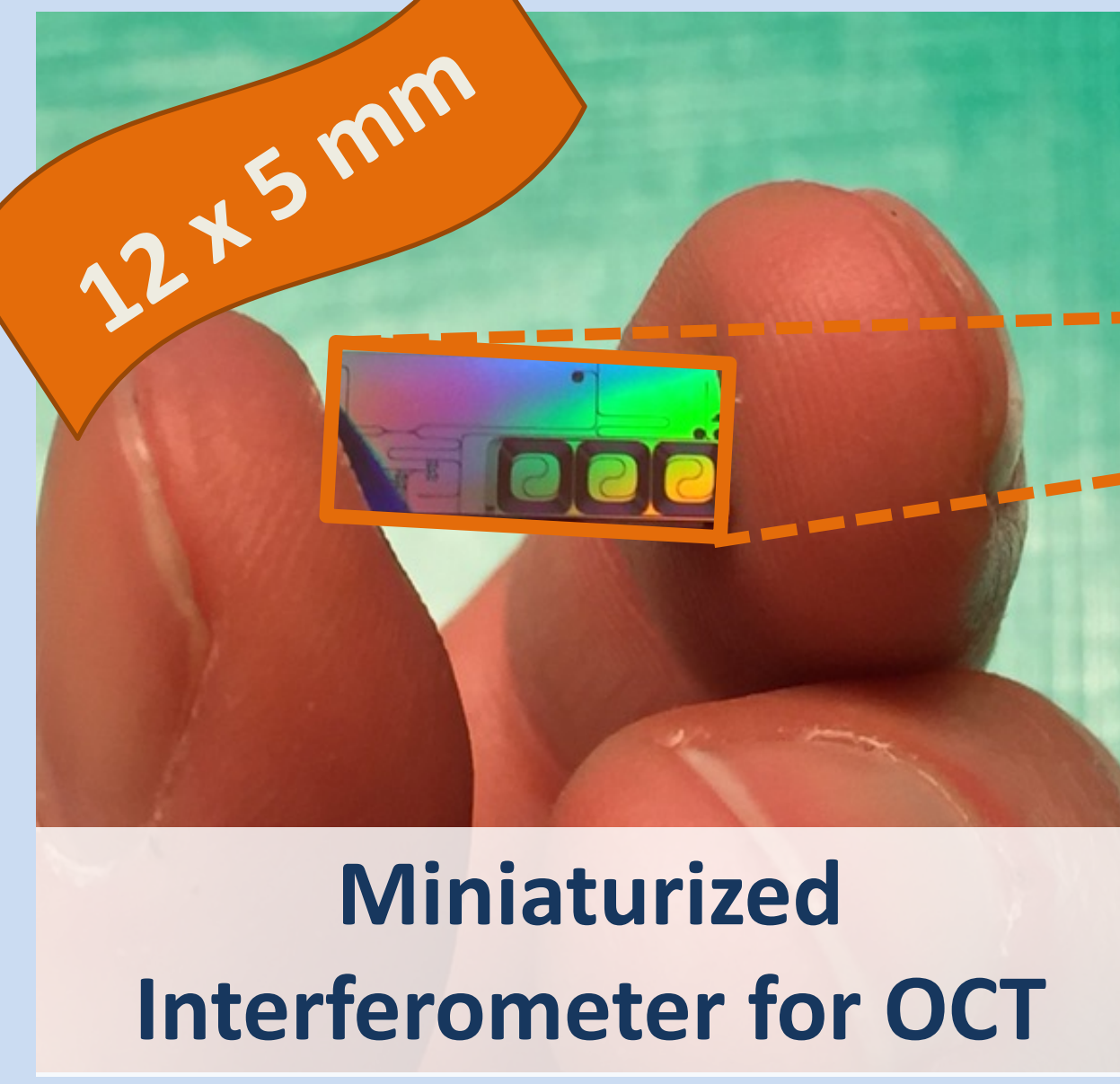
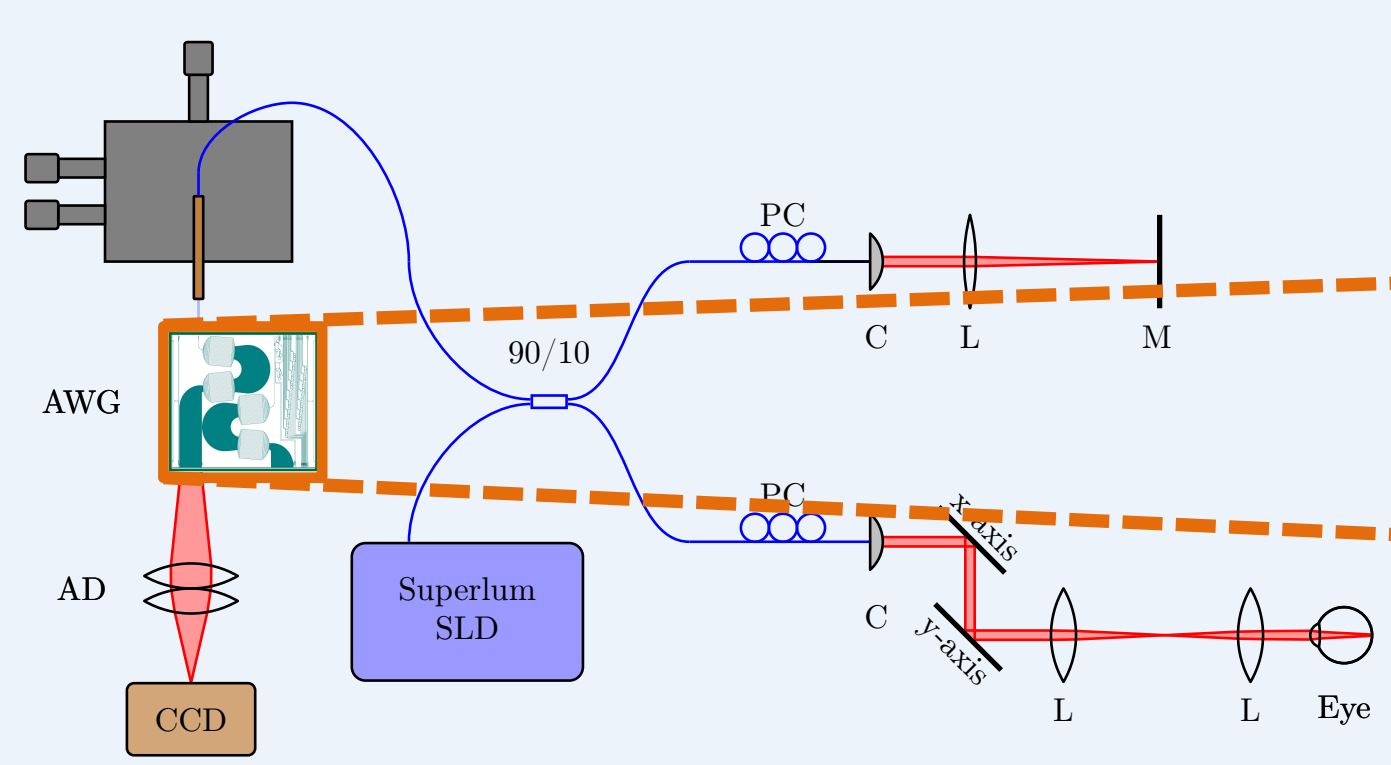
Motivation

In order to significantly **reduce size** and **costs of optical coherence tomography (OCT)** systems, key components were developed on chip-scale using **Photonic Integrated Circuits (PICs)**. Integration of those in OCT setups shall determine imaging quality for ***in vivo* human** retinal imaging.

COHESION Spectral Domain OCT

chip Swept Source OCT

Methods



Interferometer on Chip²

- 90/10 coupler
- Circulators
- 50/50 coupler

Grating on Chip "AWG"¹

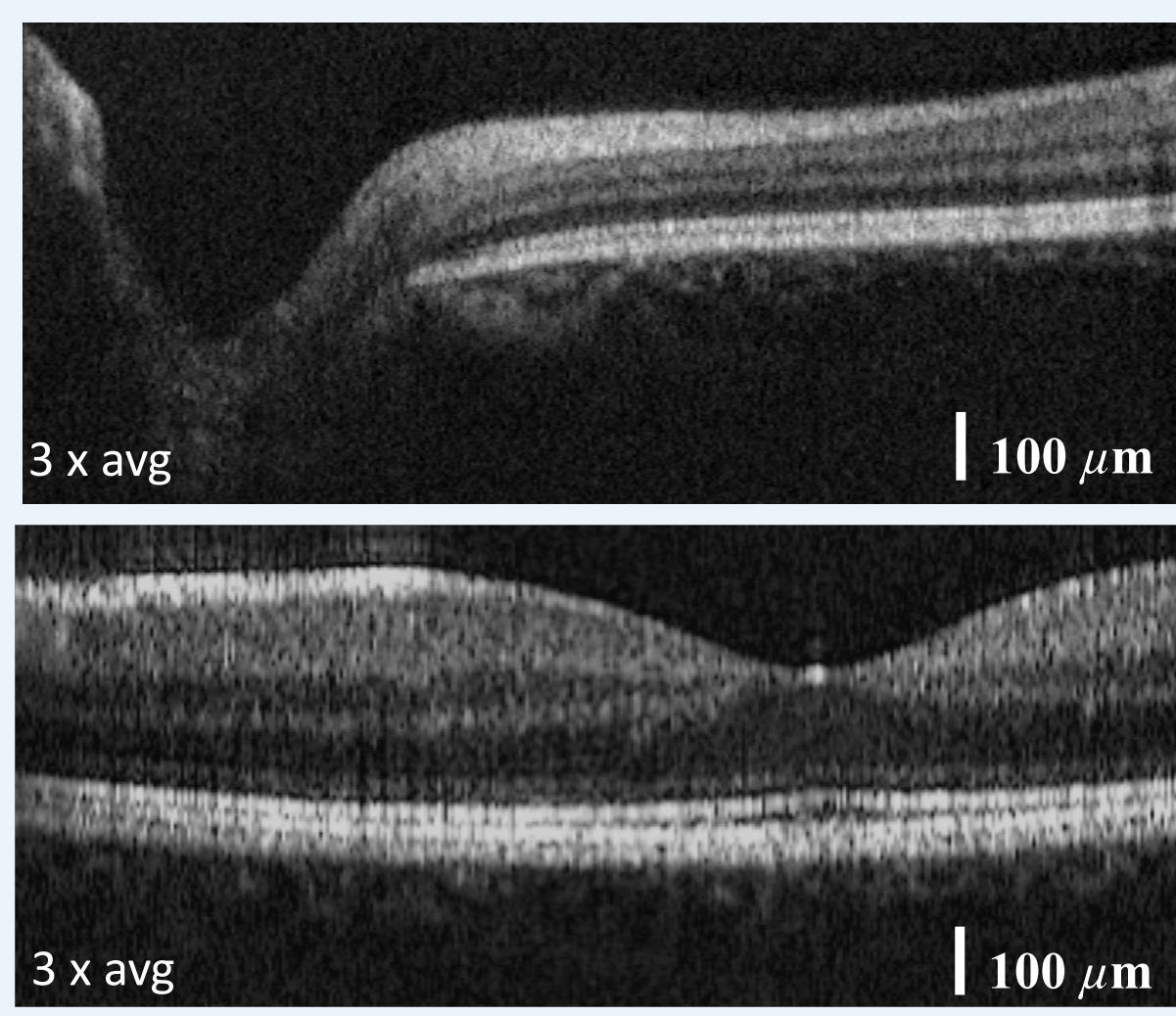
- 256 channels (22 nm)
- 512 channels (48 nm)

Results

256 Channels³

Sensitivity: 91 dB

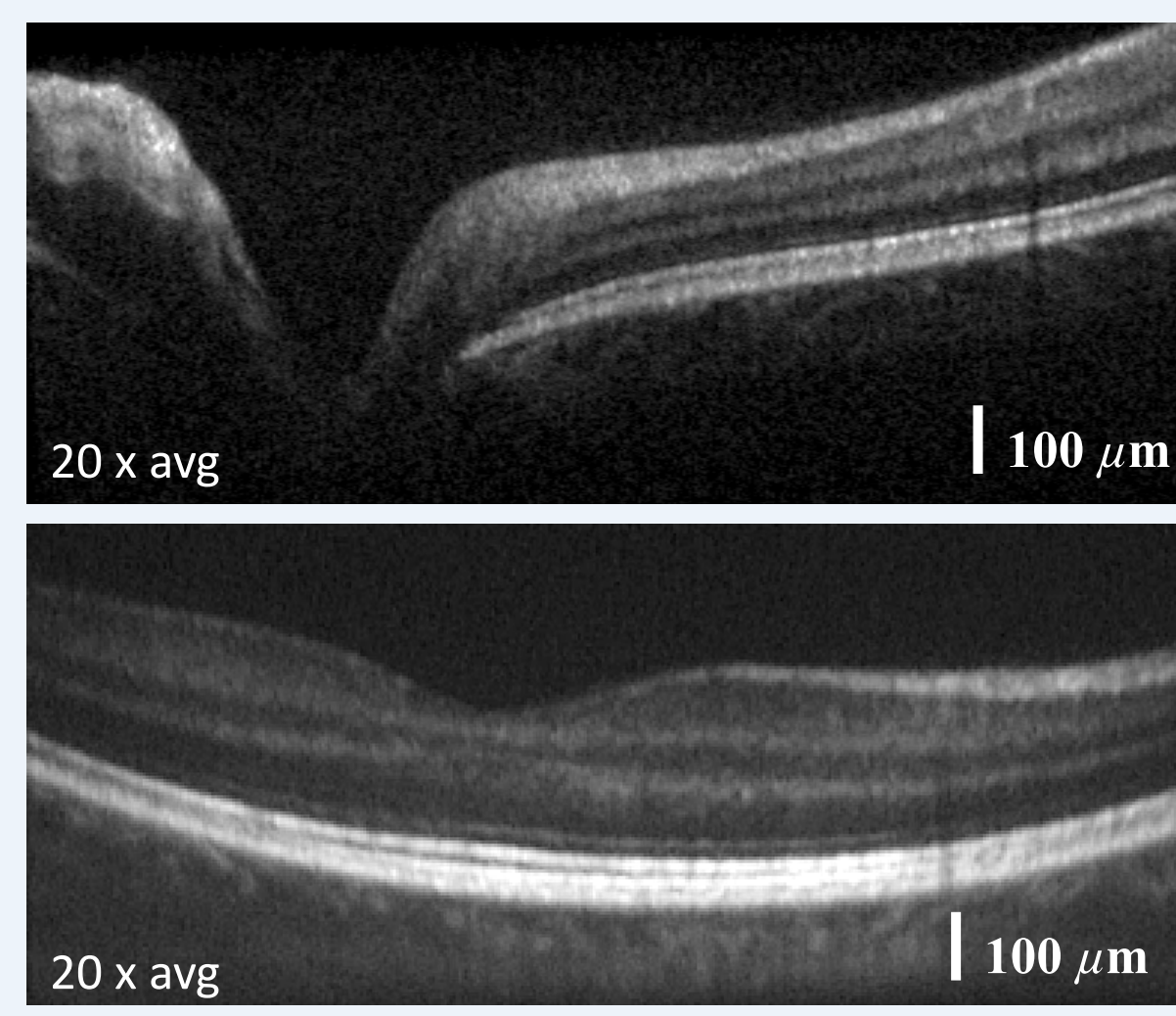
Ax. Resolution: 11 μm



512 Channels

Sensitivity: 88 dB

Ax. Resolution: 7 μm



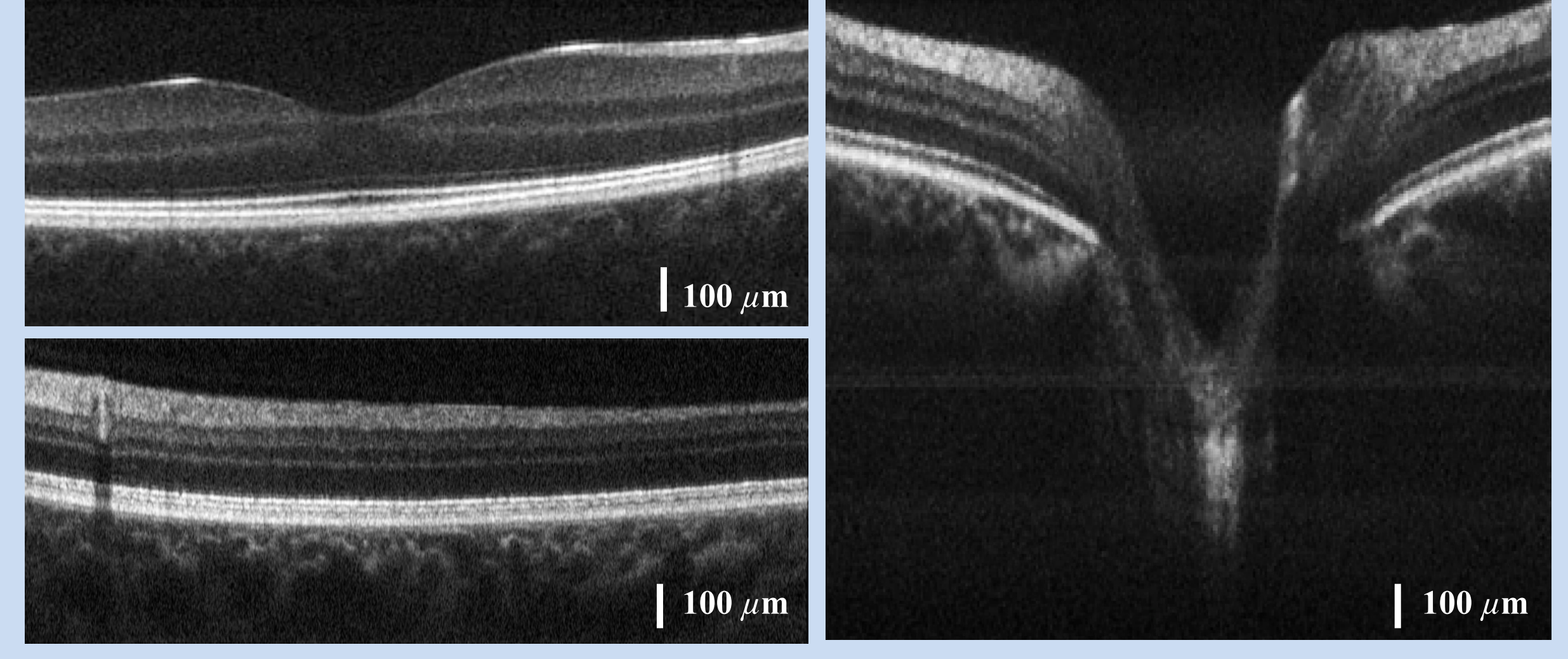
Interferometer

Sensitivity: 94 dB

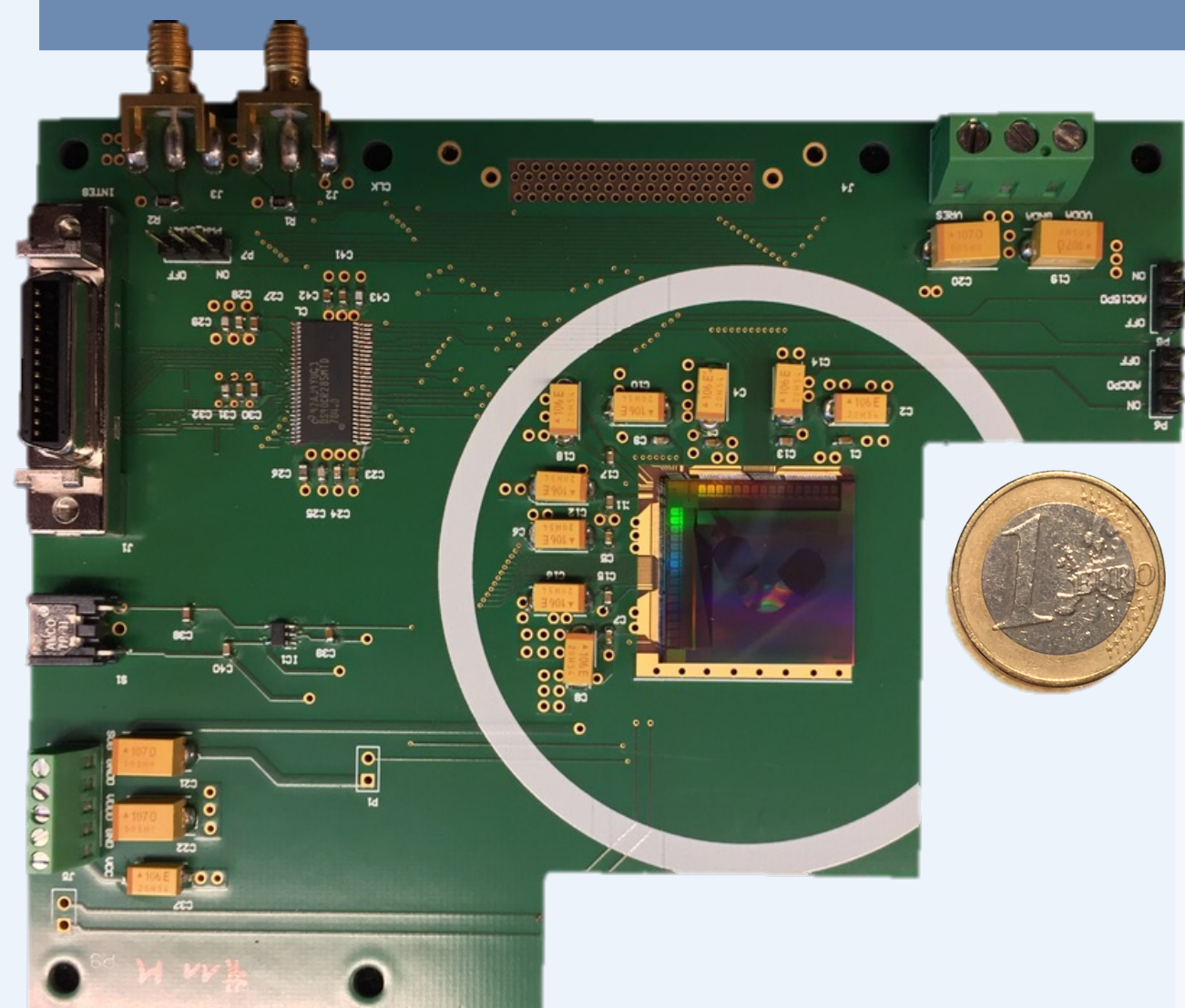
Ax. Resolution: 5.5 μm

Tomograms: 5x averaged

3D volumes: 4x averaged

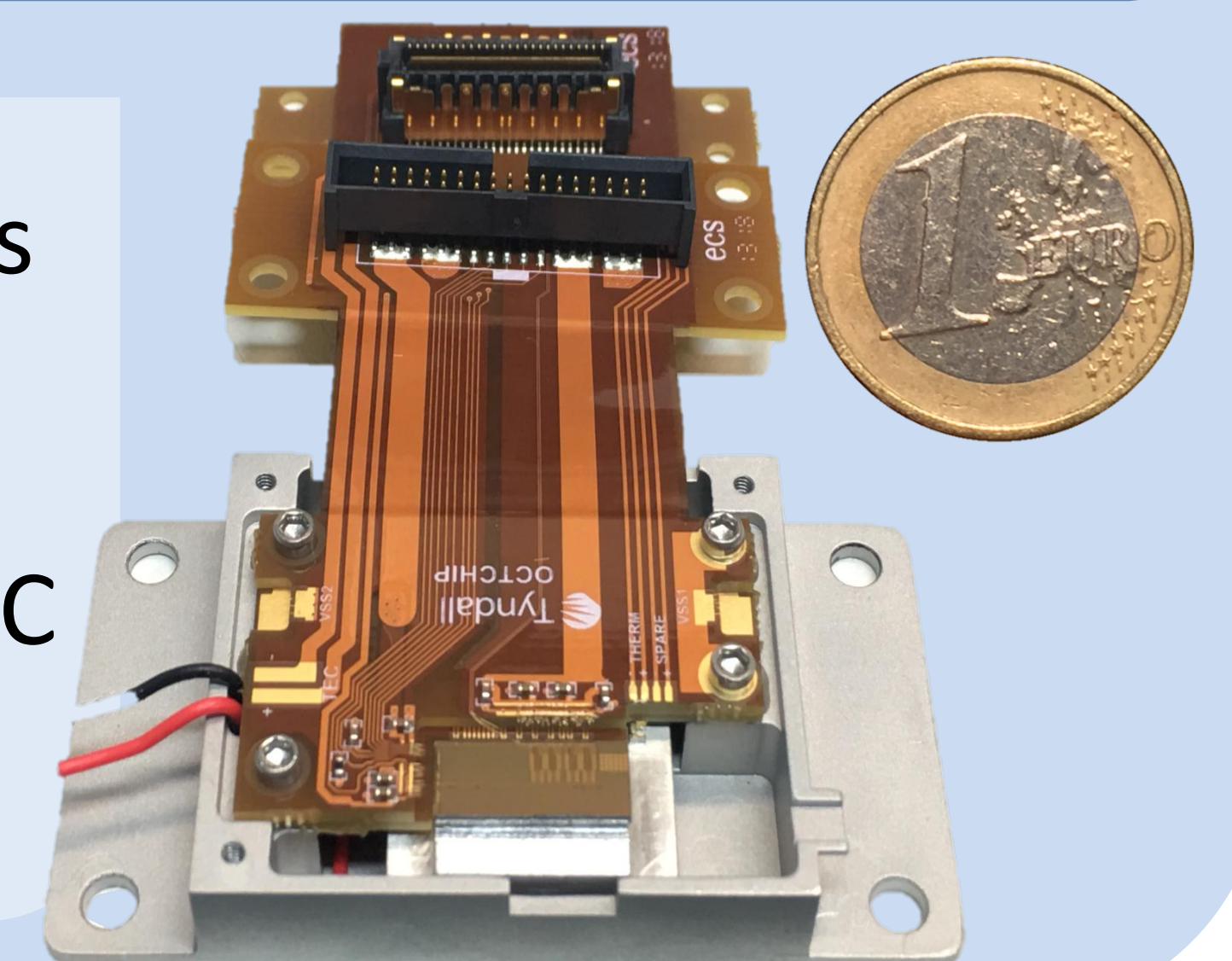


Conclusion & Outlook



Worldwide **first *in vivo* PIC based OCT** tomograms of human retina acquired

Integration of electronics will **further miniaturize** PIC based **OCT systems**



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