

Medical Digital Image Processing in Ophthalmology: Successes and Current Challenges

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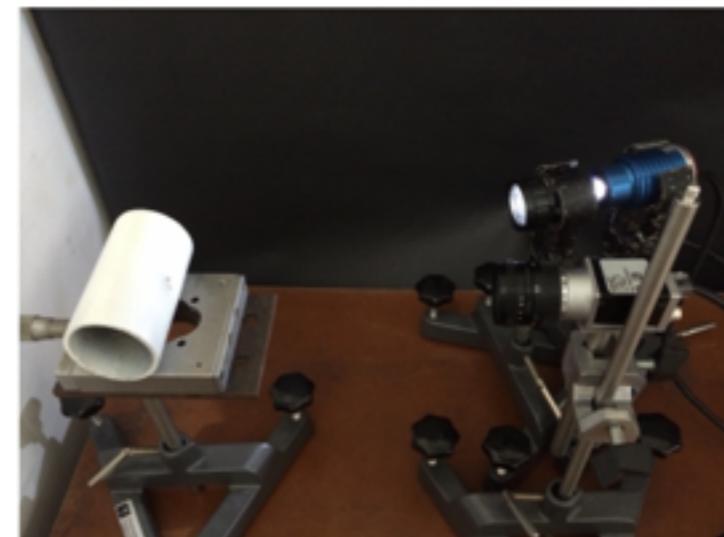
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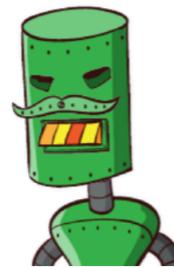


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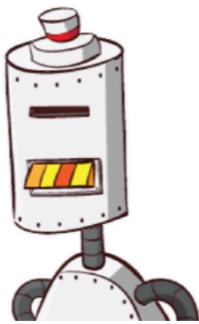
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I'm going to talk about
three things:

1. How **medical imaging** has dramatically changed in recent years.
2. **New technologies in digital image processing** are enabling **computer-aided diagnostics, treatment, etc.**
3. **Still many challenges** in the underlying technology.

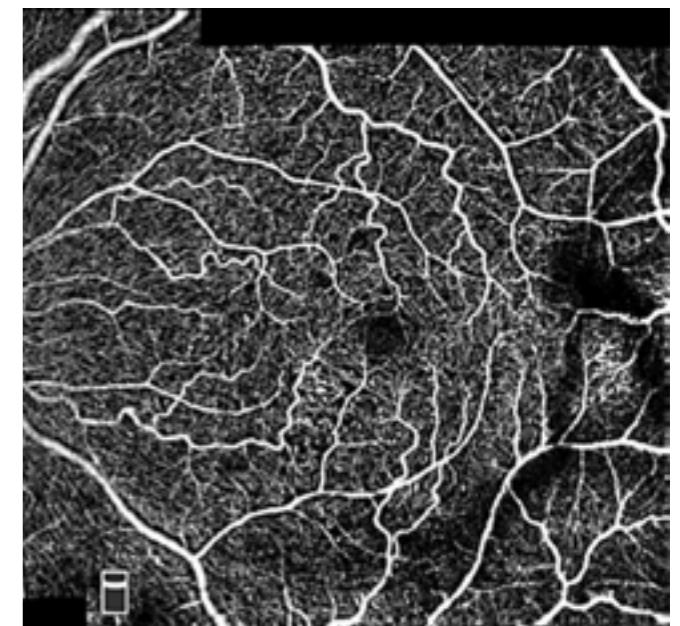
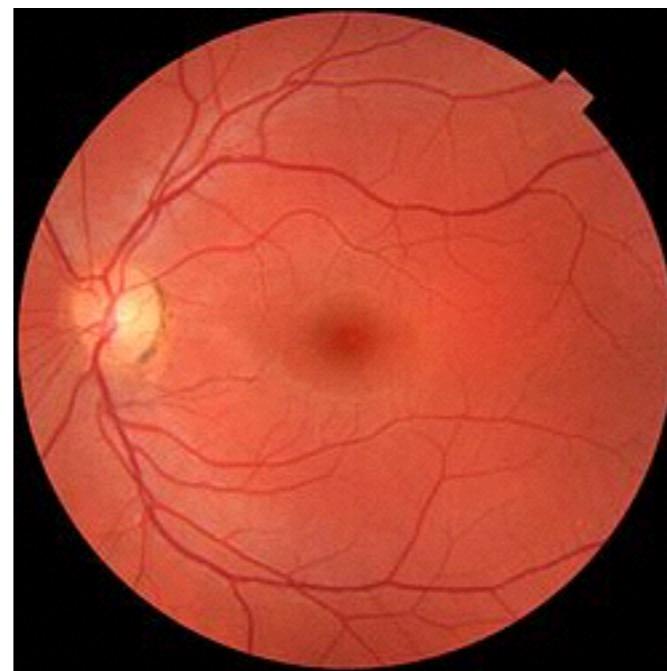
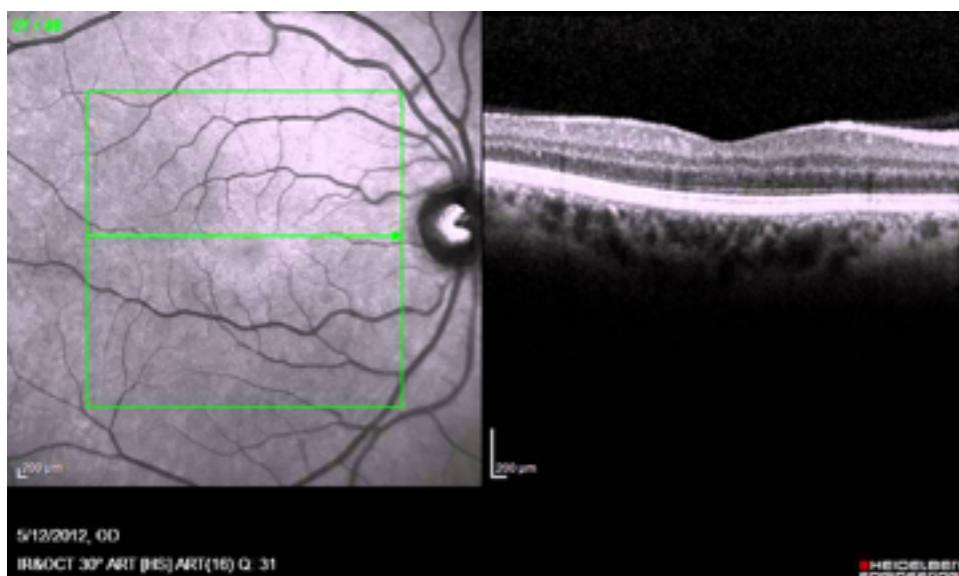
Caveats

- This talk does not intend to be a comprehensive review of ophthalmic imaging.
- The topics presented here have come to our attention due to our research interests.

1. Medical Imaging



Ophthalmology is a field heavily dependent on images.



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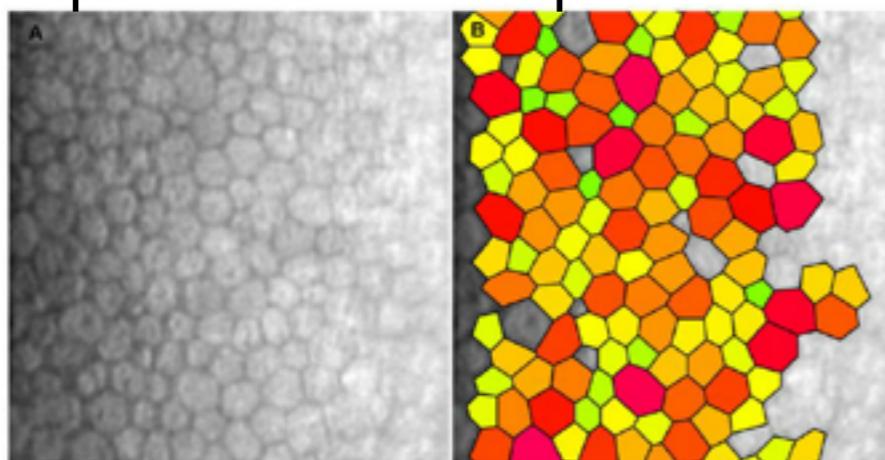
Diagnostic / screening purposes.

Disease progression assessment.

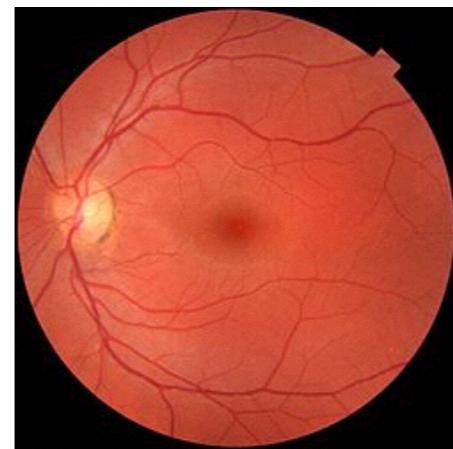
Surgical planning, intraoperative guidance

And many other.

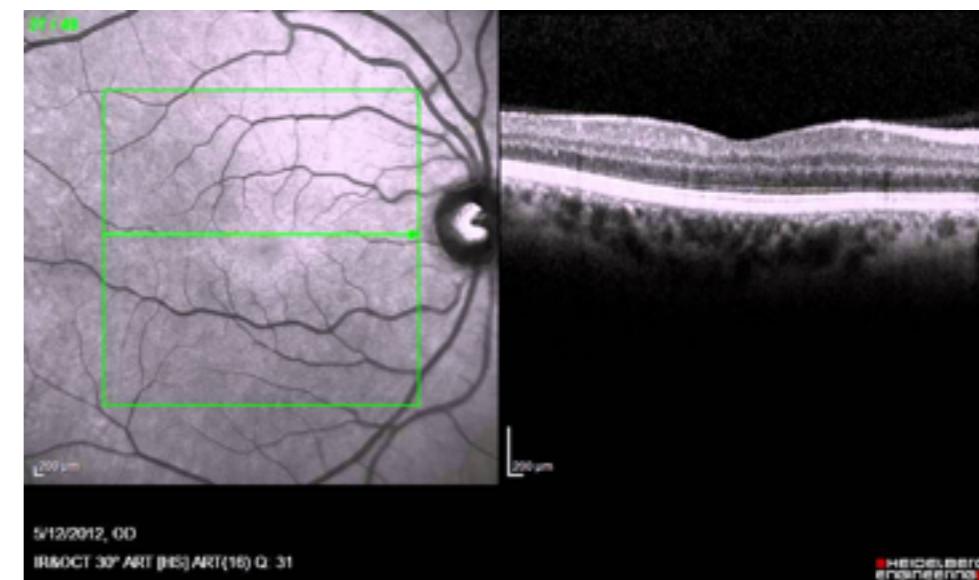
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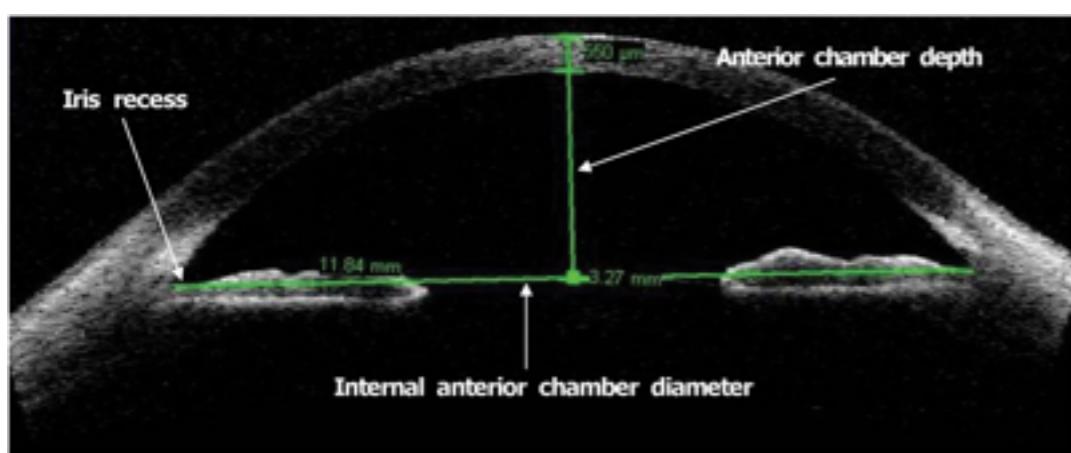
Fundus images



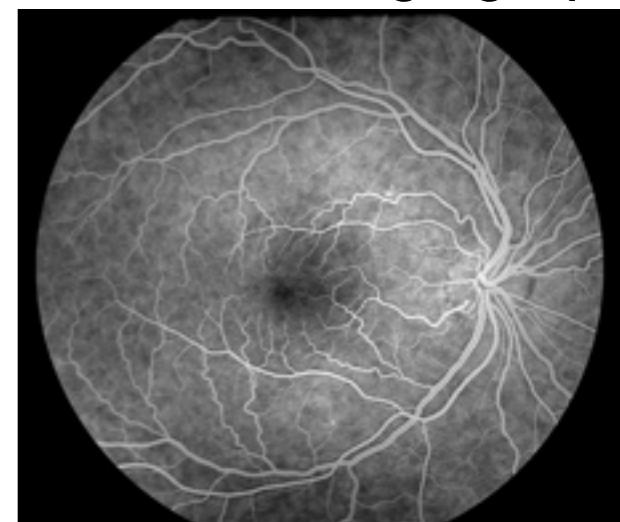
OCT



Anterior OCT



Fluorescein angiography



Until recently:

Technology enabled us
to “see” the different
parts of the eye **BUT**

- Image interpretation and understanding **relied on expert**
- **Quantitative image analysis** was often not done.

Today:

1. Quantitative analysis is a **must**.
2. Image understanding is **needed**.

Specialist scarcity & Cost-effective screening.

Identifying overlook features.

Improving sensitivity/specificity.

Today:

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2. Image understanding is **needed**.

Bottom-line: The field **needs help** from computers.

Ophthalmic Imaging Timeline

Direct Ophthalmoscope
(Helmholtz)

First in vivo photograph
of retina (Jackman and
Webster)

1851 1886

Fluorescein Angiography
(Indiana University)

1961

Digital Era

Confocal-SLO

Fundus

AutoFluorescence

OCT at MIT

First commercial OCT
Carl Zeiss Meditec OCT3

Wide field retinal
imaging (OPTOS)

Portable fundus
photography

OCT-Angiography

1987 1989 1991

2002 2003

2005

2007

Despite the unprecedented advances of recent years, **considerable deficiencies exist in our retinal imaging capability**. While angiographic techniques provide exquisite detail of vascular structures, our **ability to quantify chorioretinal blood flow and subsequent oxygen saturations – in a noninvasive manner – remains inadequate**. While OCT provides cross-sectional images of the neurosensory retina (and more recently the choroid) with high axial resolution, its **transverse resolution is limited**, and our ability to assess many retinal cell types remains poor (e.g., Müller cells, microglia, astrocytes, and individual neuronal elements). Furthermore, many advances in microscopic techniques that permit **“molecular” imaging** in basic science research have yet to make the transition to human clinical studies.



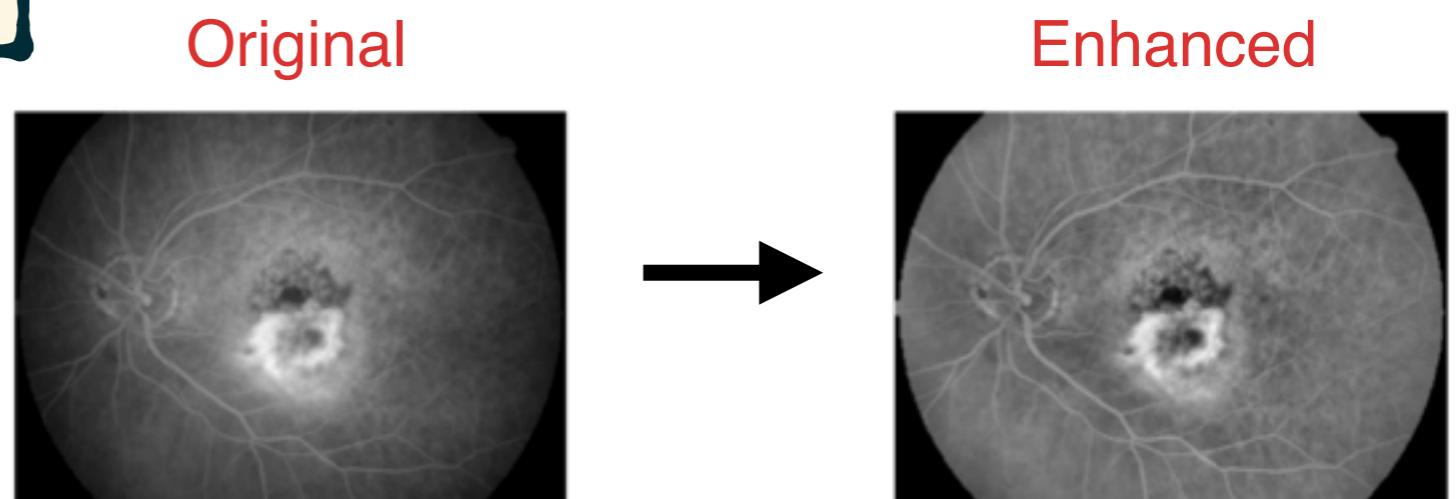
Michael D. Abramoff, MD, PhD Retina specialist and the Robert C. Watzke, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Biomedical Engineering in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Iowa and the VA Medical Center,

M. Abramoff, 2017

Image Processing (Computer Vision)

How it typically is.

Preprocessing
Detection
Segmentation
Registration
Interpretation

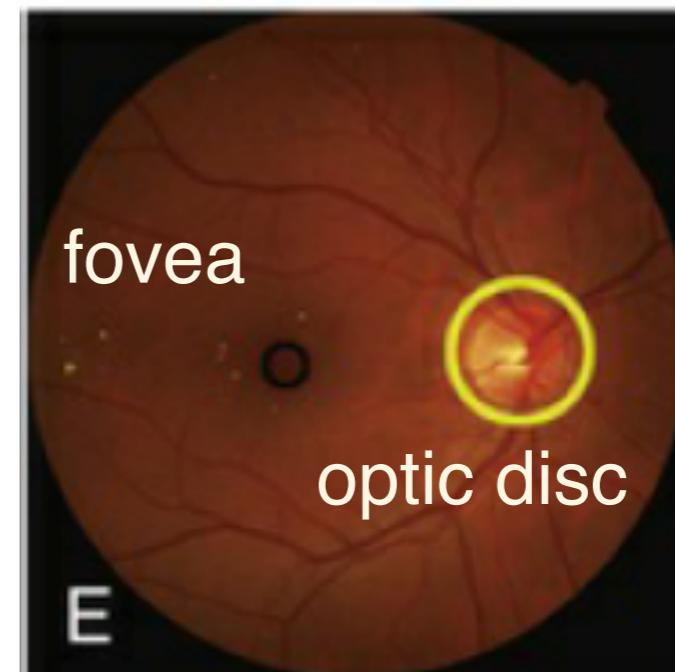


Remove variability without losing essential information.

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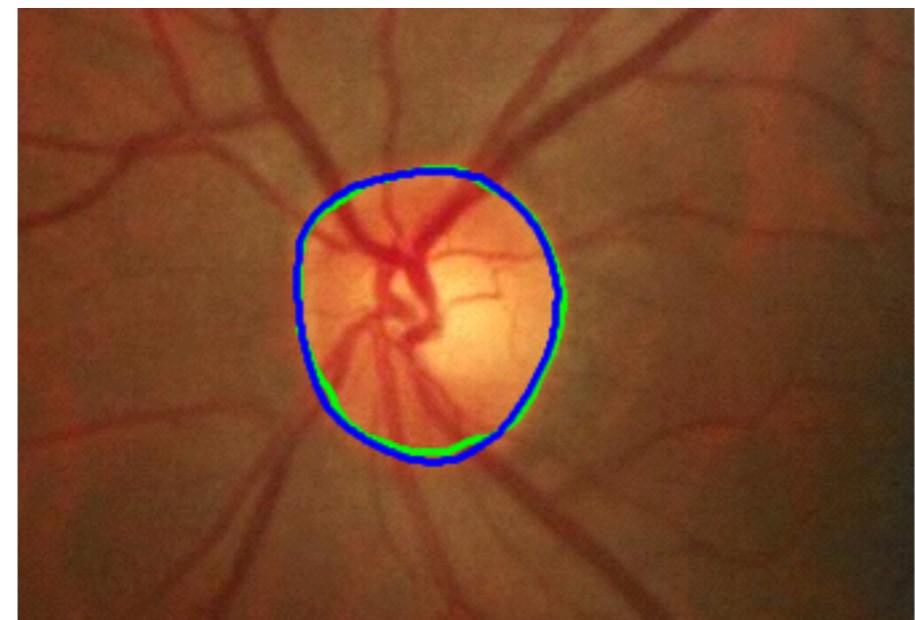


Locate specific structures of interest, or features.

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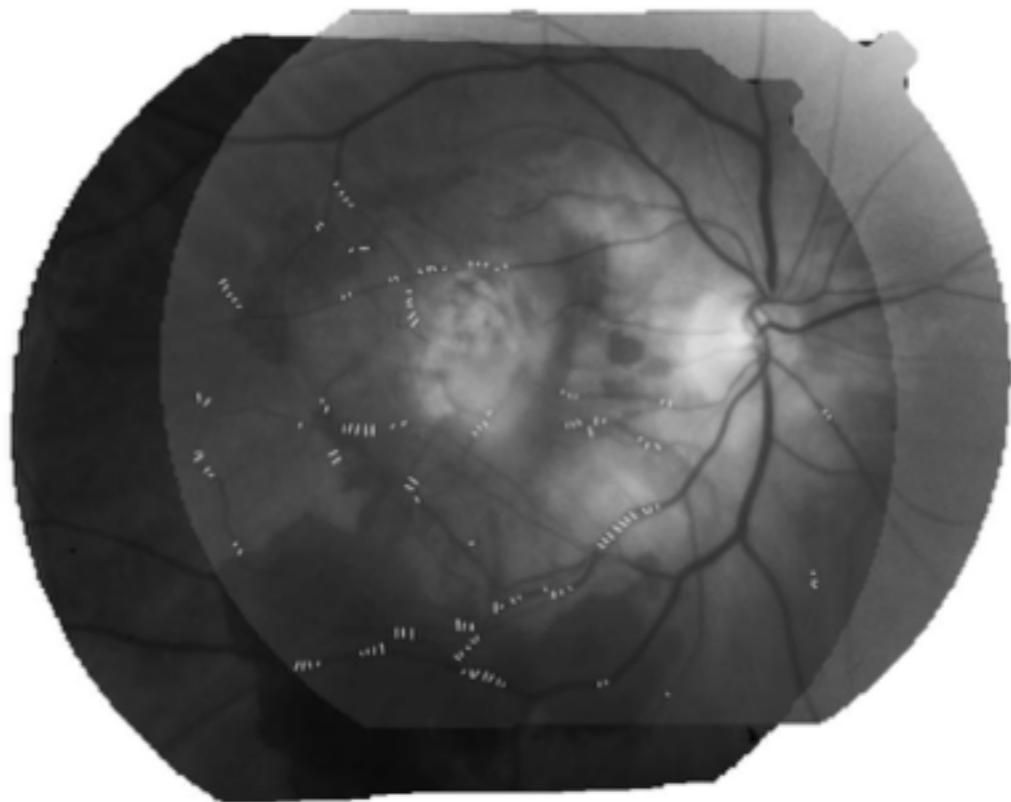
— Algorithm — Ground-truth

To determine precise boundaries of objects.

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To find similar regions in two or more images

Image Processing (Computer Vision)

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Integration of previous steps,
and output clinically relevant
information.

Typical Pipeline

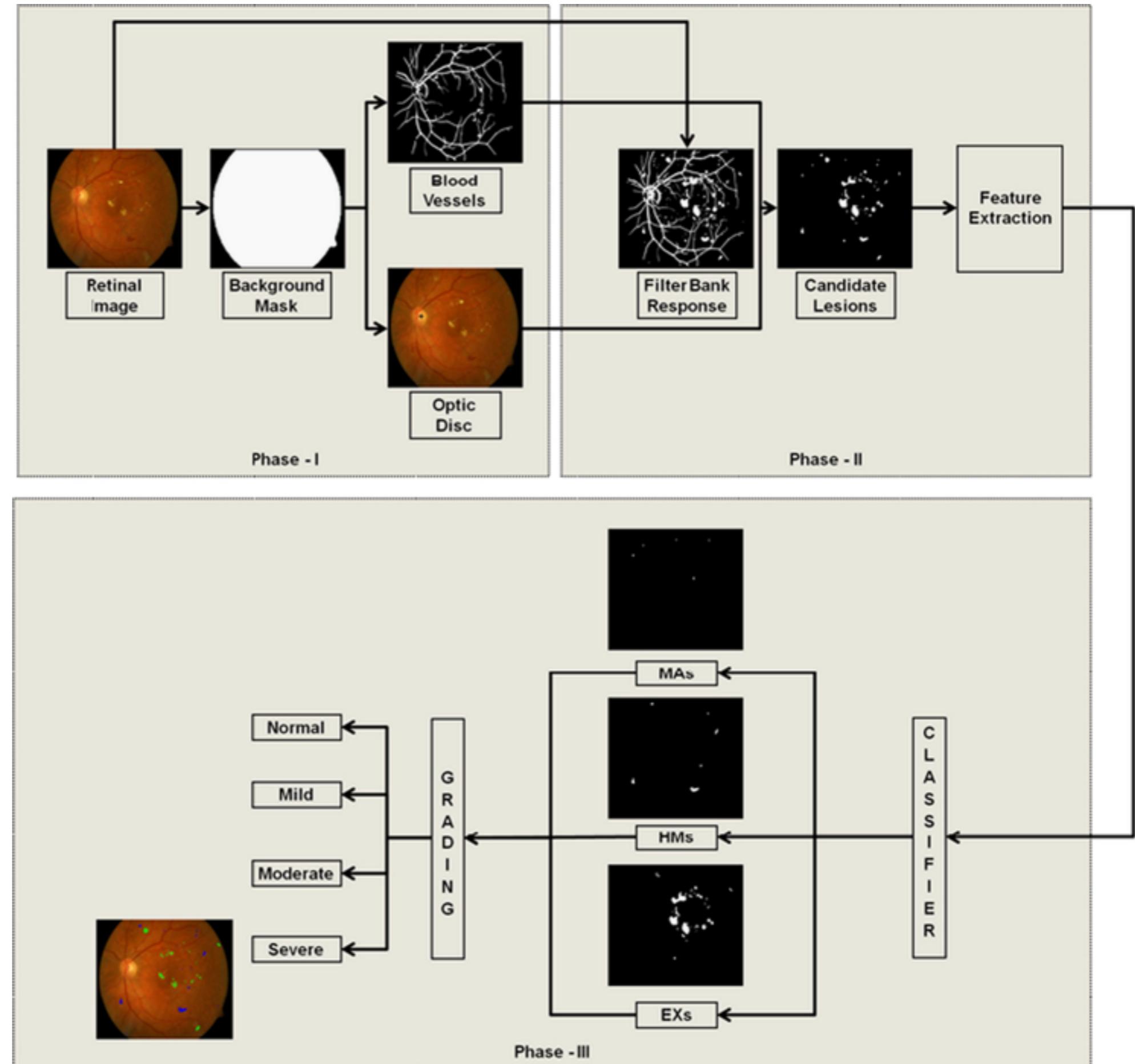
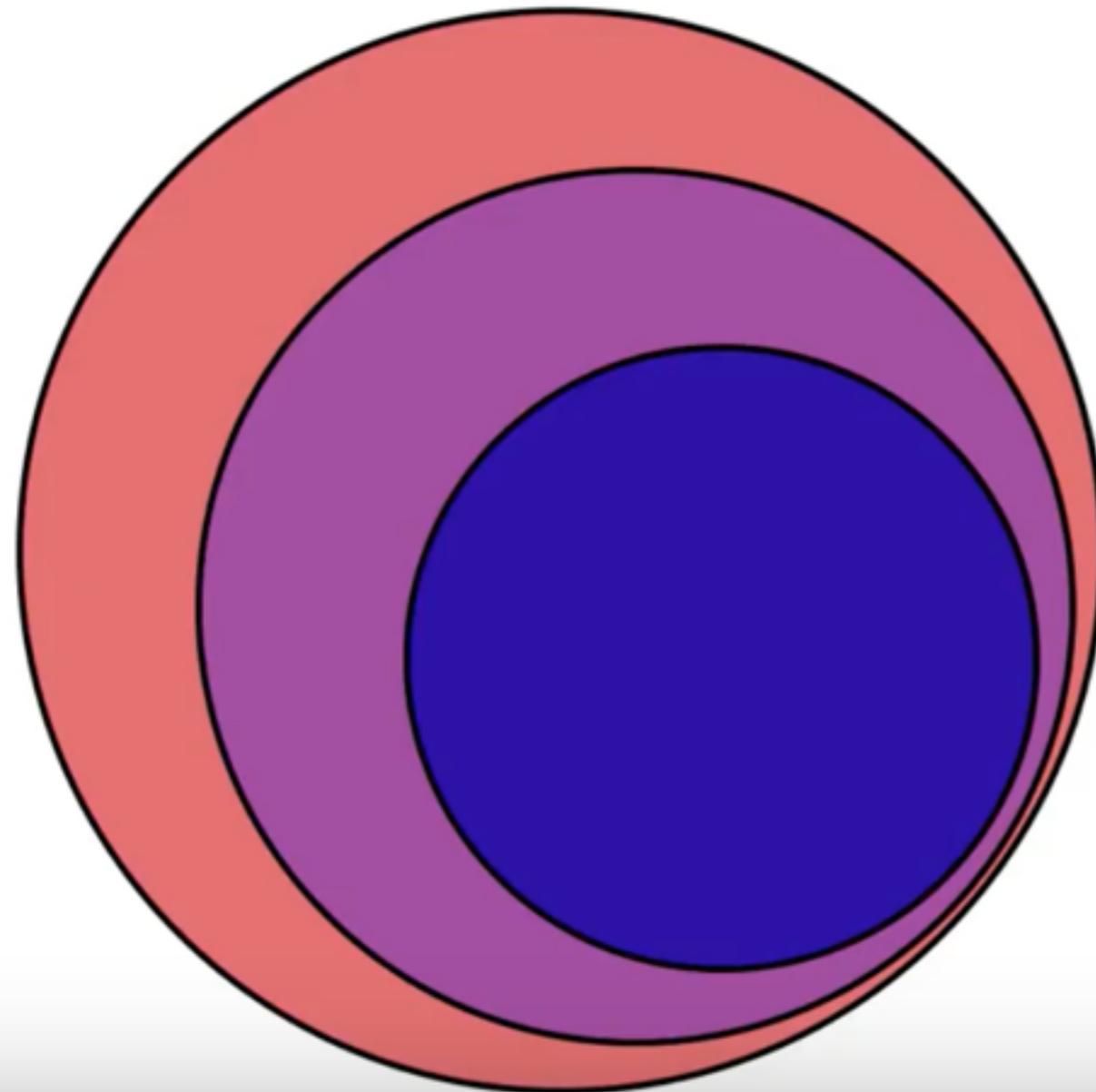


Image Processing (Computer Vision)

How it is becoming.

- Previous processing steps are typically explicitly created by the image analysis developers.
- The so called deep-learning approaches do not have these explicit steps, instead having learned these implicitly.

Image Processing (Computer Vision)



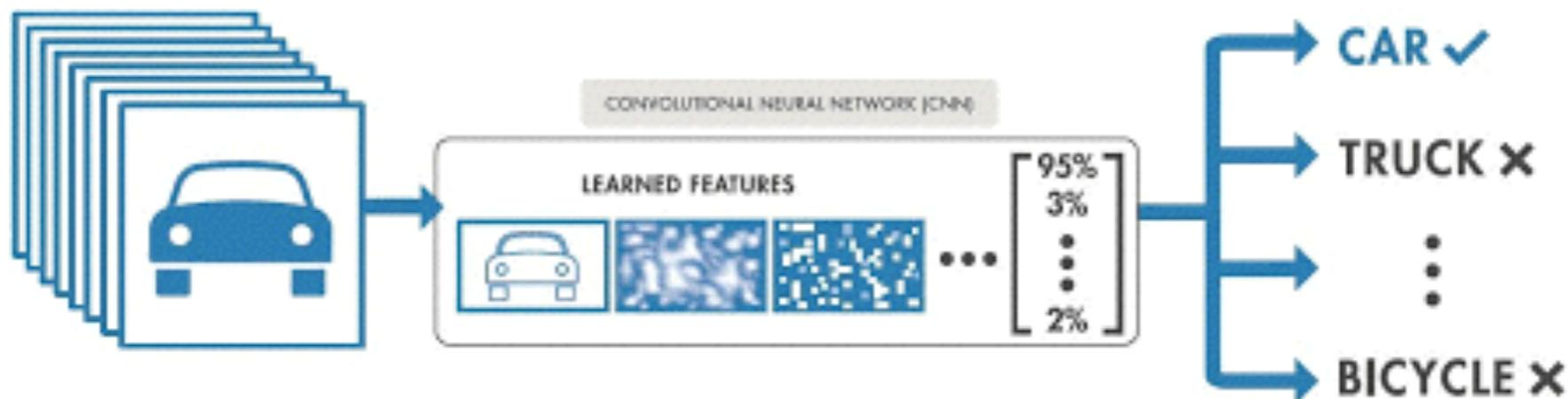
artificial intelligence
grand project to build non-human intelligence

machine learning
machines that learn to be smarter

deep learning
particular kind of machine learning

Image Processing (Computer Vision)

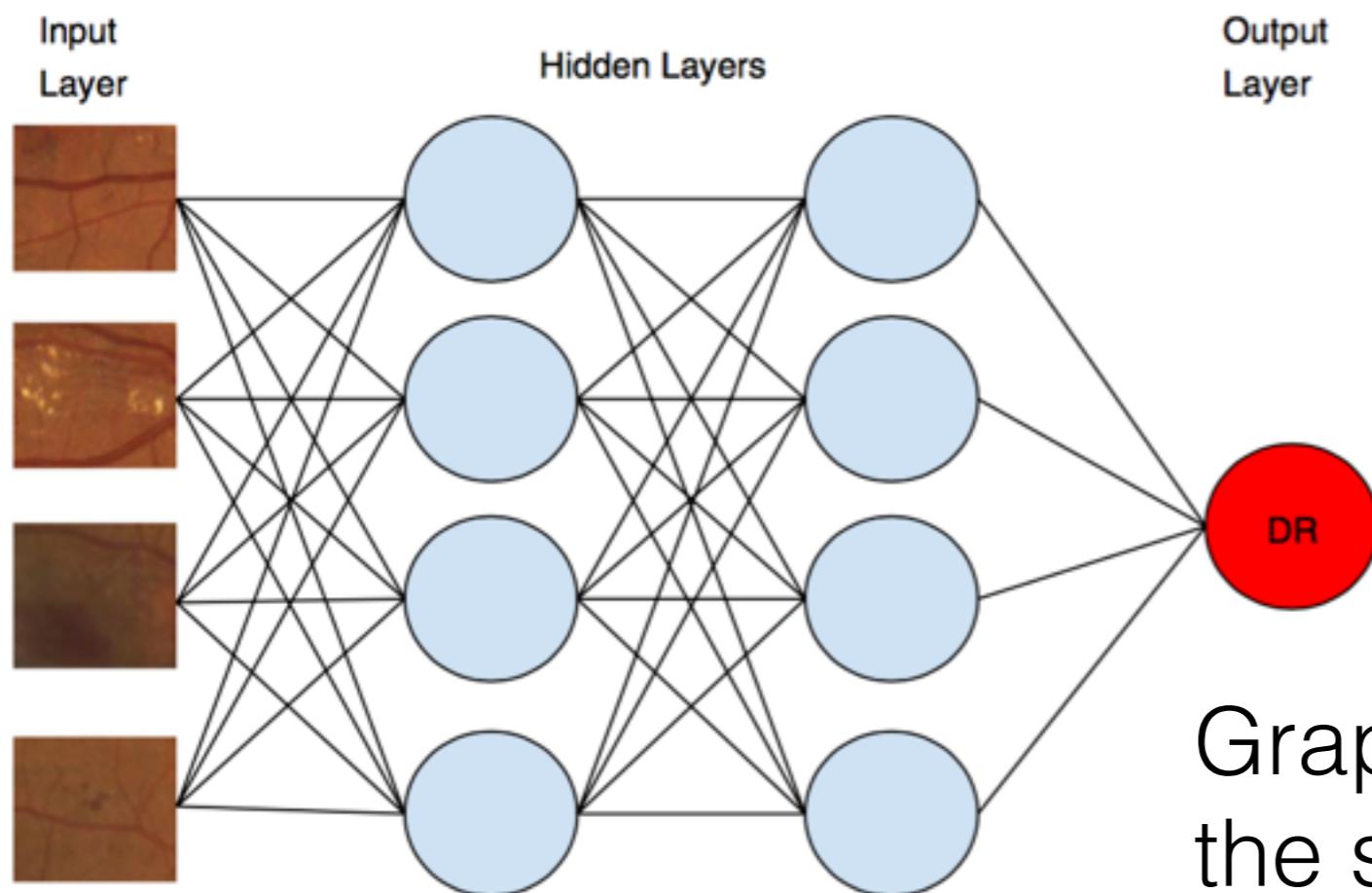
How it is becoming.



Research in Artificial Intelligence (AI) shifts from a knowledge-driven approach to a data-driven approach.

Image Processing (Computer Vision)

How it is becoming.



Graphical representation of the structure of an artificial neural network (ANN).

Image Processing (Computer Vision)

A comparison between a conventional approach and a black-box approach.

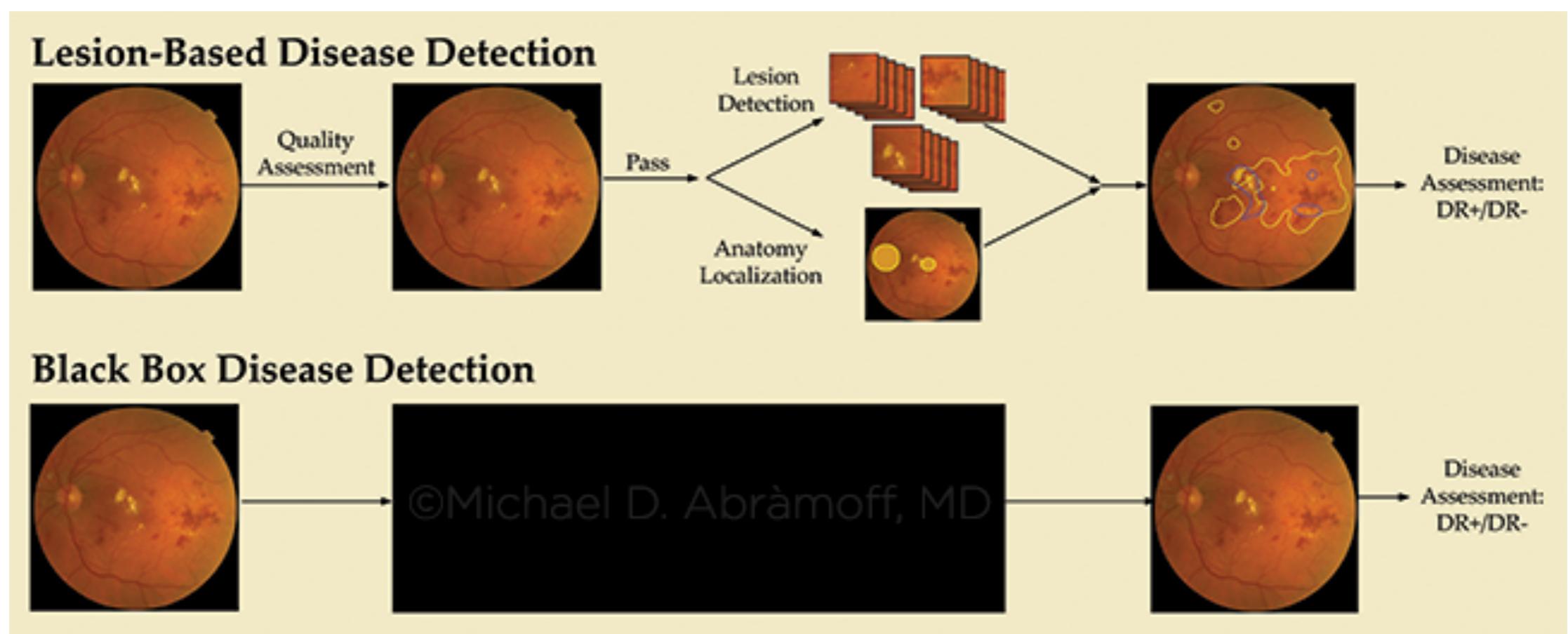


Image Processing (Computer Vision)

Image analysis has mostly operated reactively.

We expect more integration in device development and image analysis.

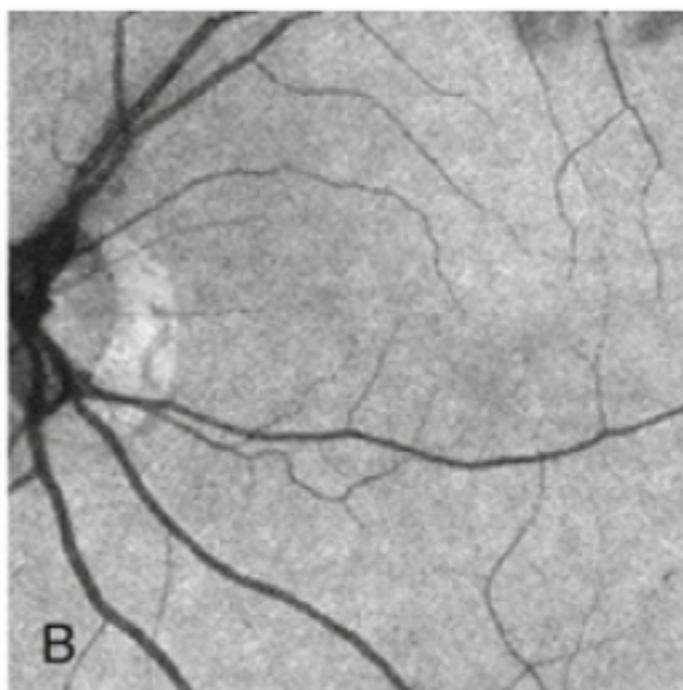
2. Enabling new technologies ...

Successes to date

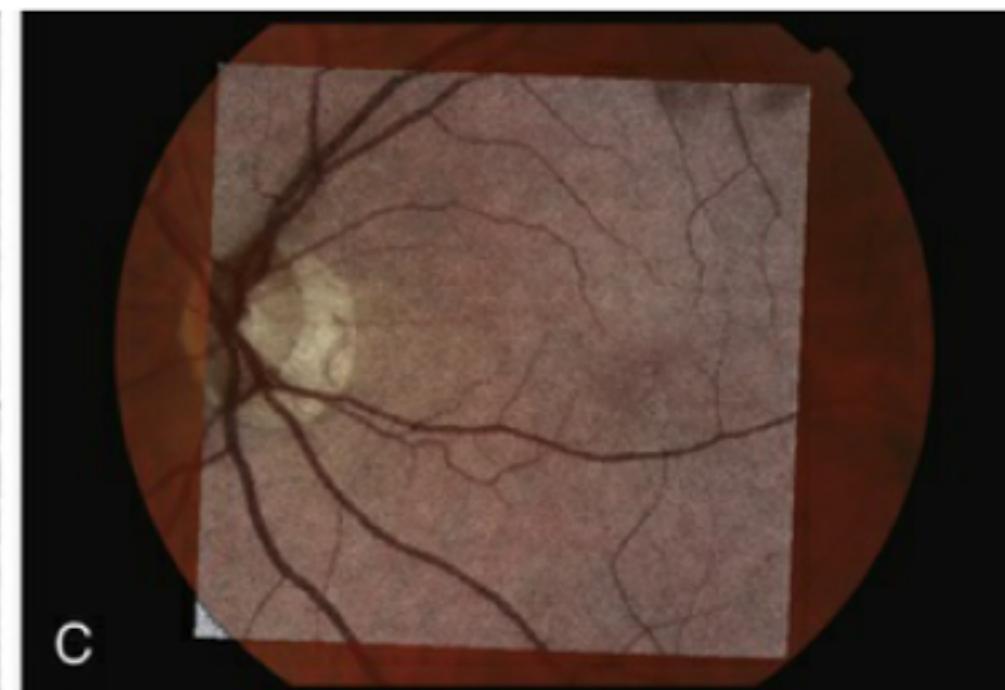
Multimodal registration



Fundus image



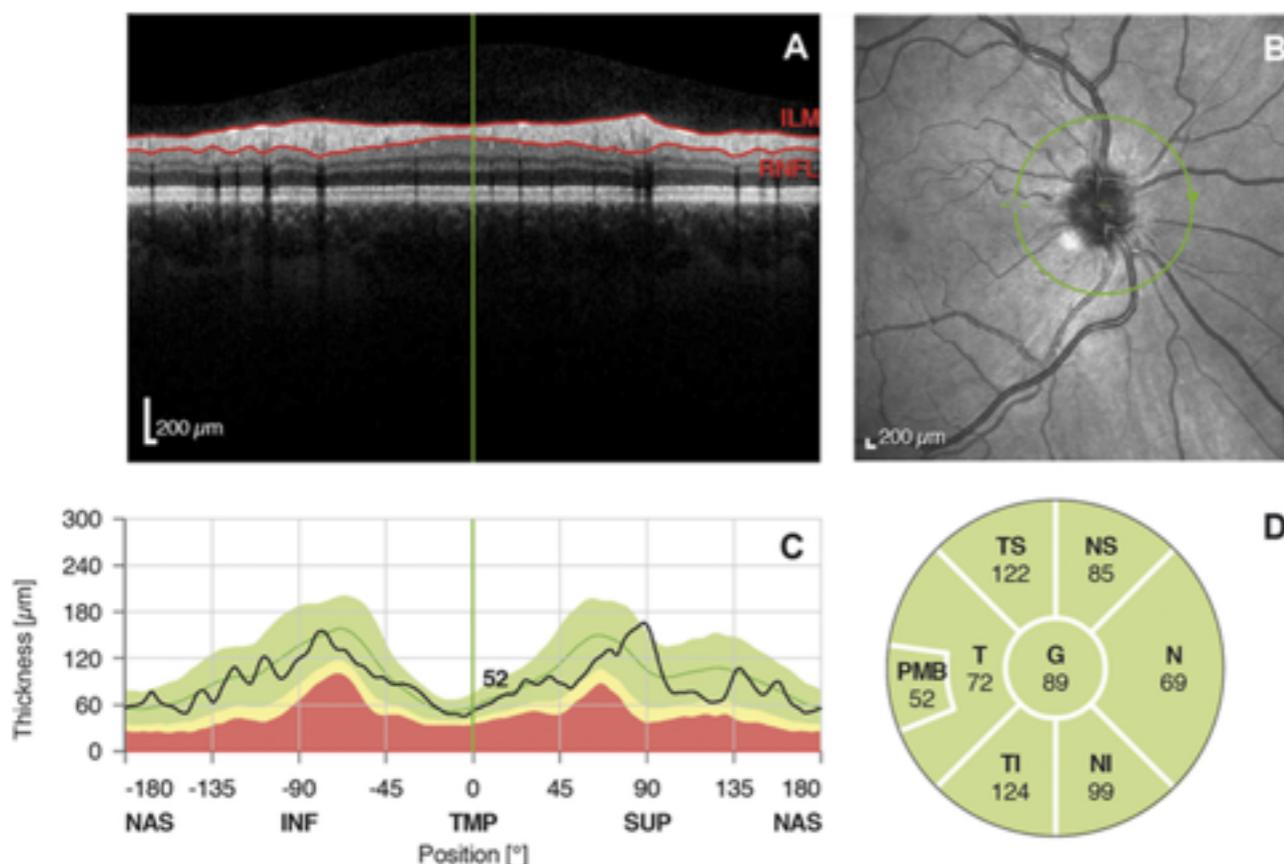
3D OCT



Registration

Successes to date

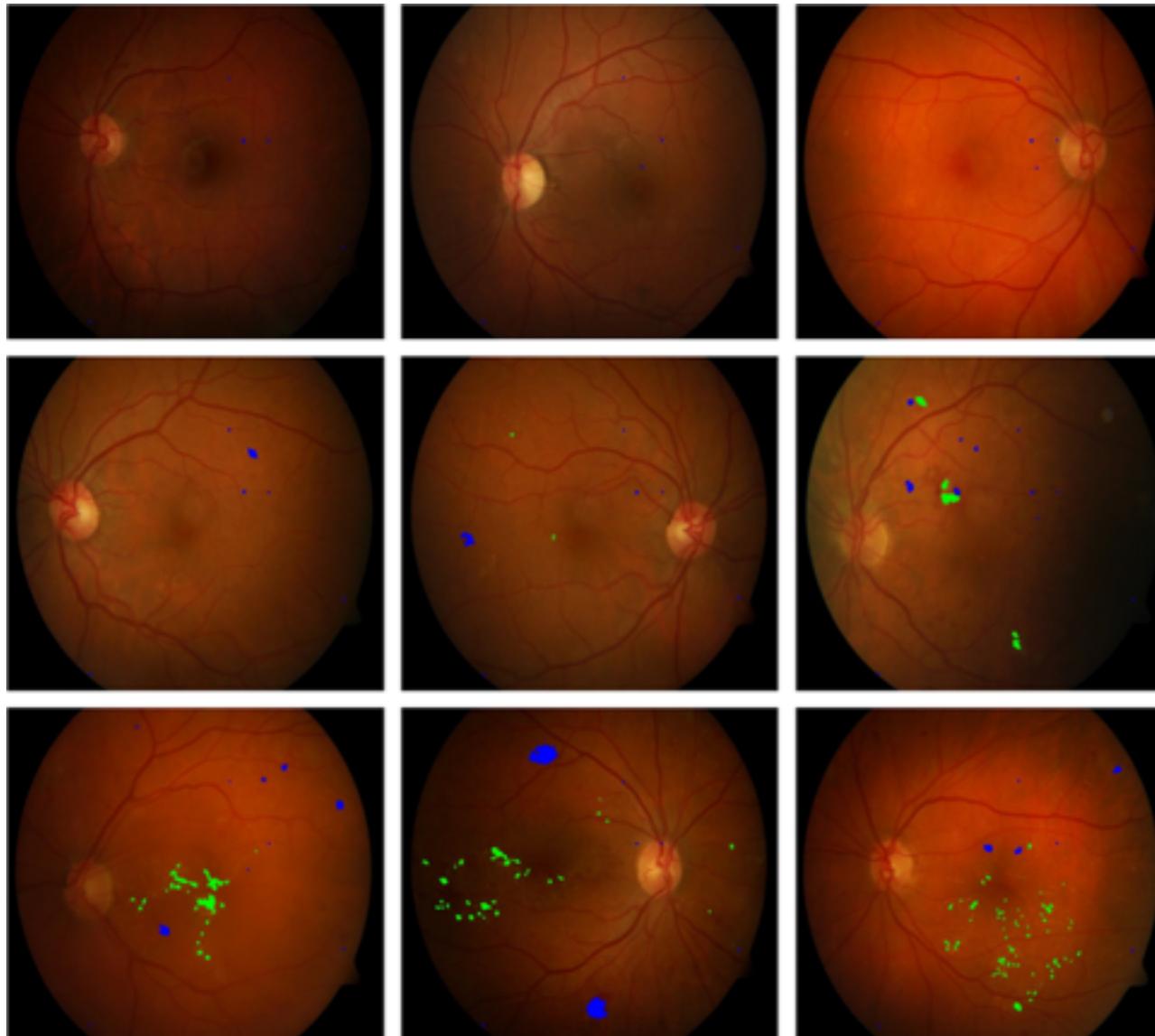
Eye-tracking technology and reproducibility in OCT



The reproducibility of RNFL measurements with Spectralis SD-OCT is excellent in both normal and glaucomatous eyes and can be significantly improved by using the eye tracker and retest software.

Successes to date

Retinal Lesion Detection



Conventional step-by-step algorithms have achieved high lesion detection rates.

Successes to date

Data-driven approach

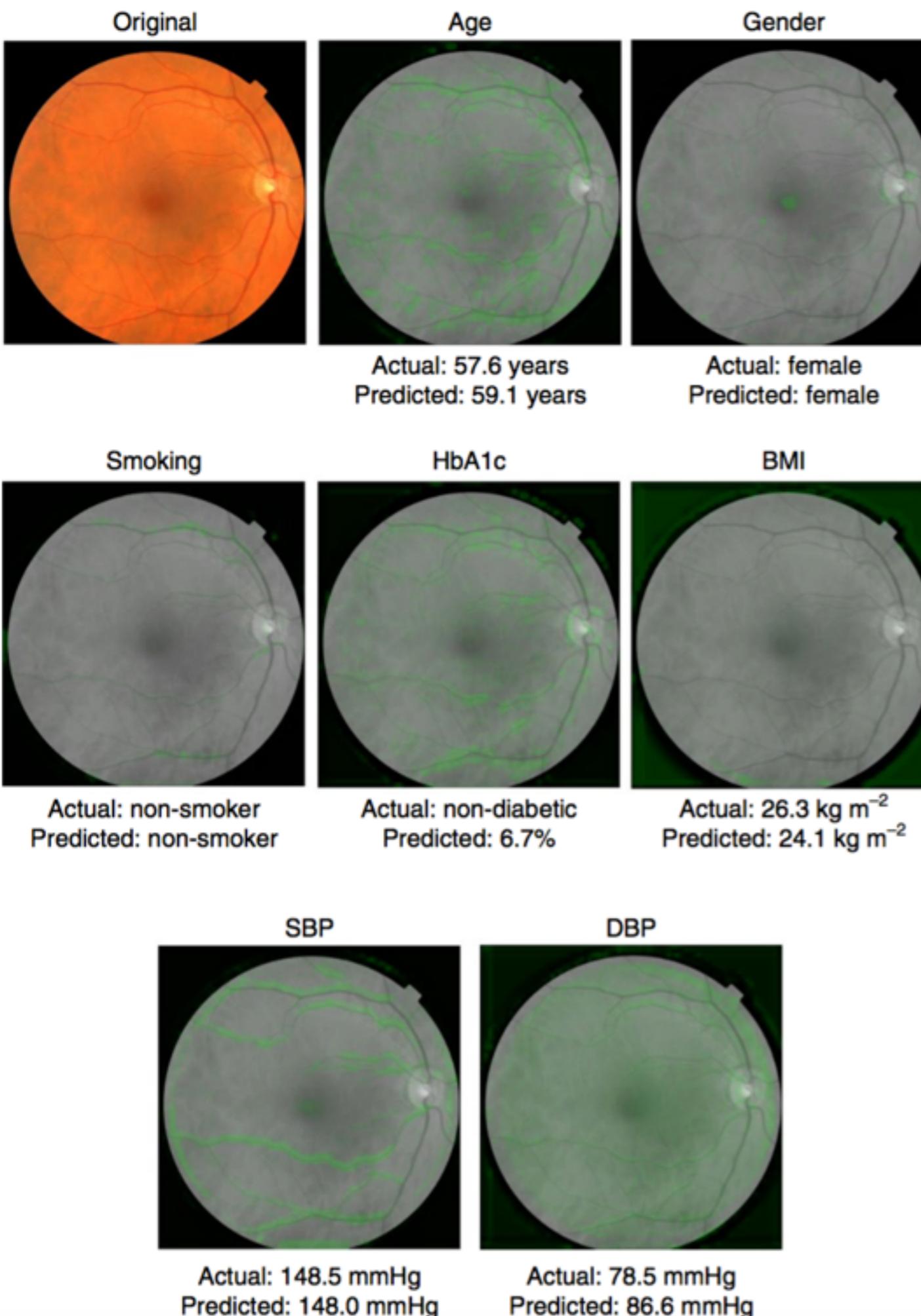
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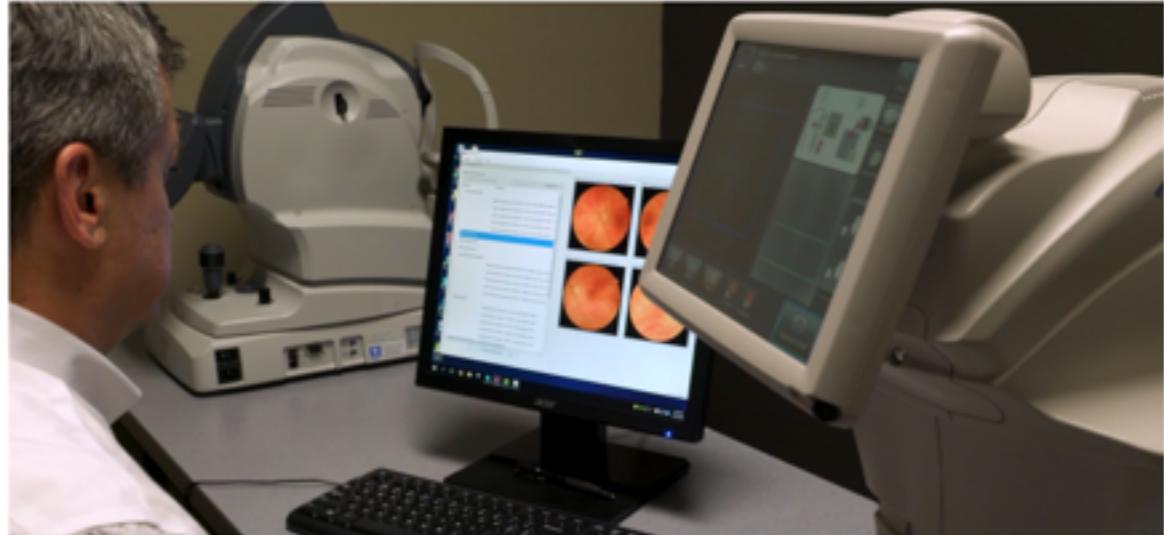
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They predicted cardiovascular risk factors not previously thought to be present or quantifiable in retinal images.

Successes to date



IDx-DR first AI system approved by FDA



IDx-DR

The first ever autonomous AI system
cleared by the FDA to provide a
diagnostic decision

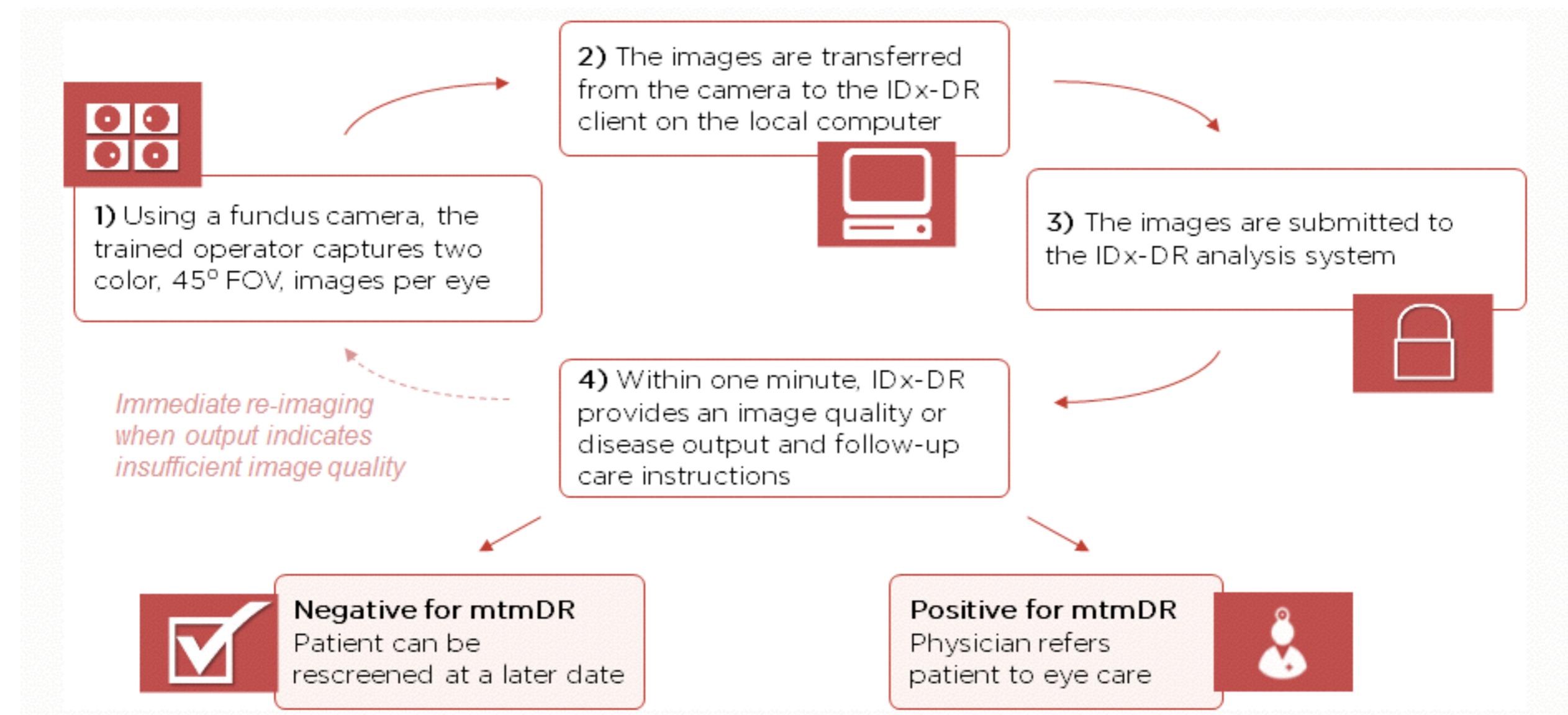
87% Sensitivity
90% Specificity
96% Imageability

Endpoints Exceeded By A Wide Margin

Successes to date

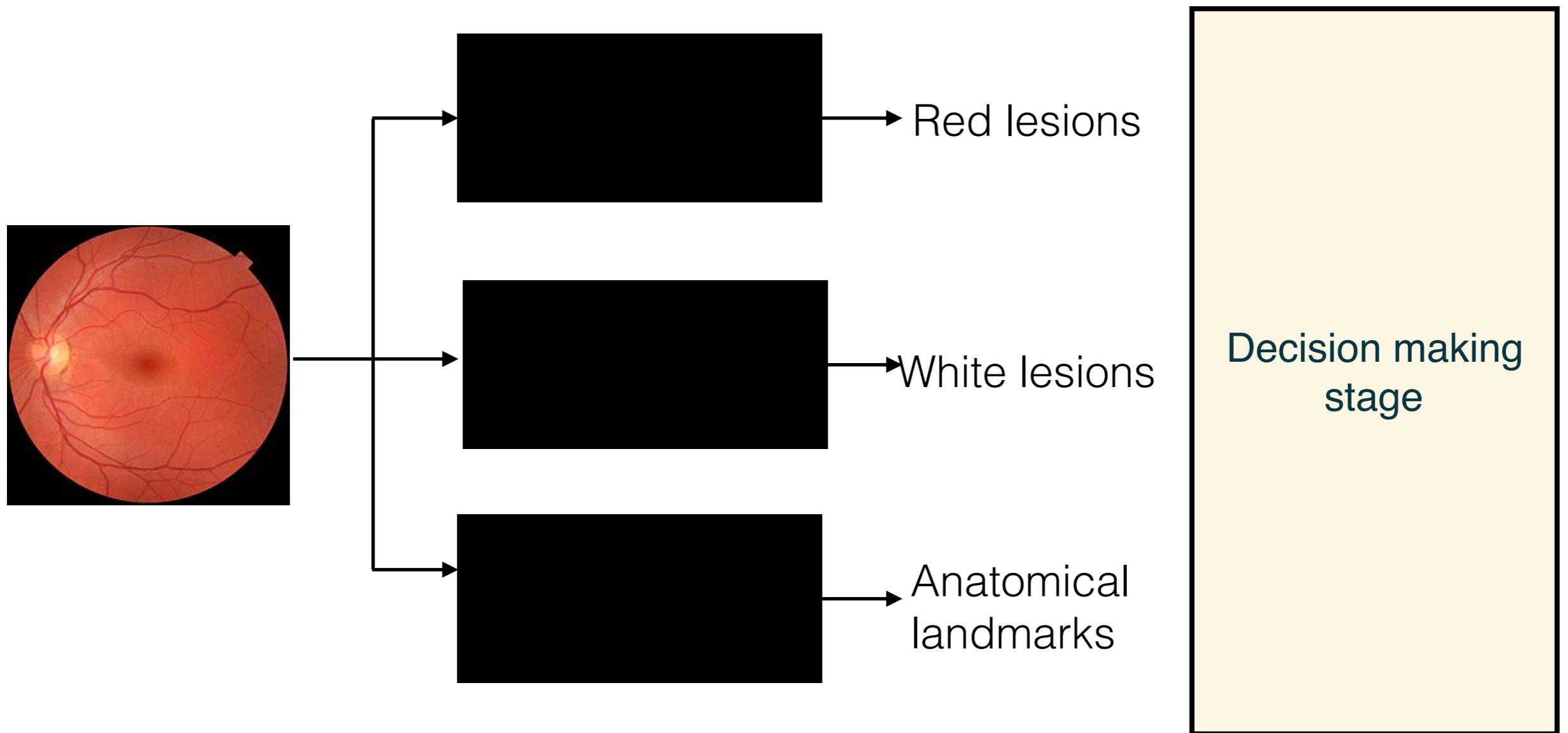


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Successes to date

Hybrid approach in DR automated detection



3. Challenges ahead...

Challenges

1. Due to imaging technology (**hardware**).
2. Due to image processing (**software**).

Challenges

Black-box systems detecting DR

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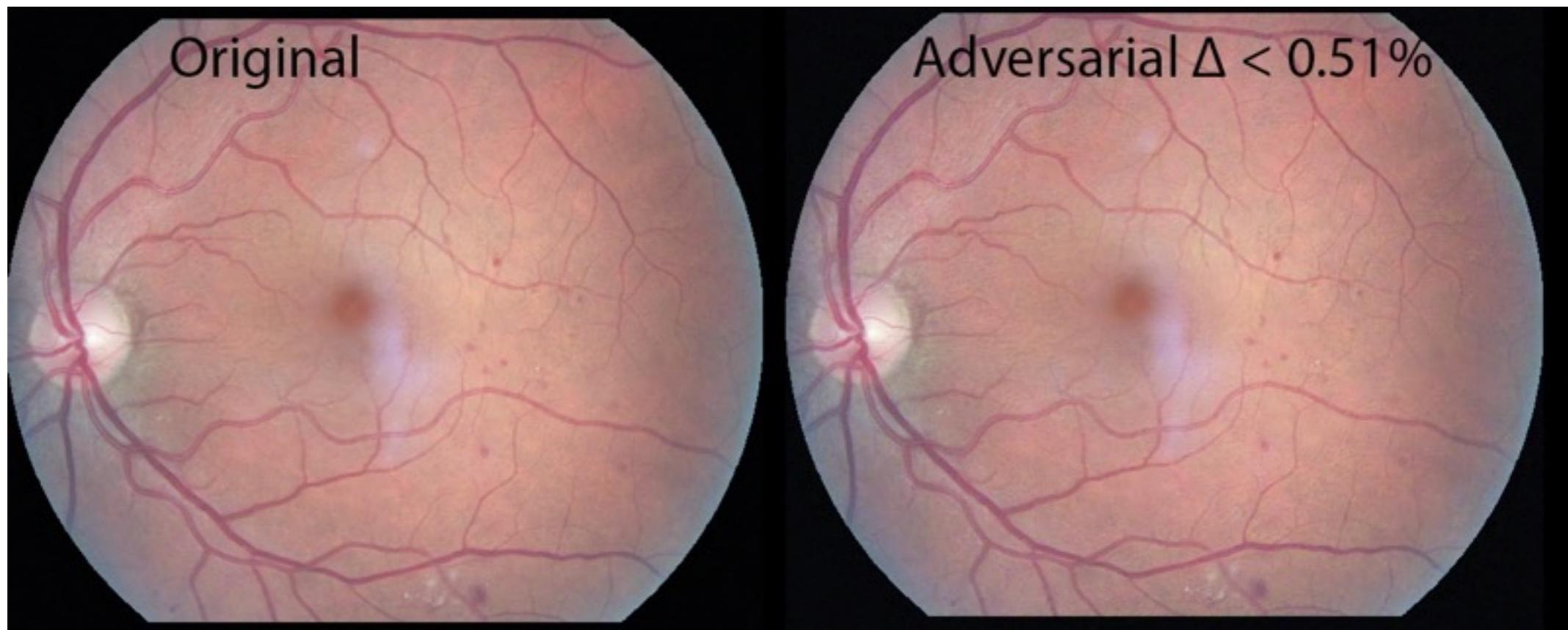
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Black-box systems detecting DR



Specialist ✓

Hybrid algorithm ✓

Image-based algorithm ✗

Challenges

Different generation devices & different results

	Topcon 3DOCT1000	Topcon 3D OCT2000
Ganglion layer	$32.5 \pm 5.8 \mu\text{m}$	$36.2 \pm 5.3 \mu\text{m}$
Outer Nuclear layer	$87.2 \pm 8.8 \mu\text{m}$	$90.5 \pm 8.2 \mu\text{m}$
RPE	$19.5 \pm 1.6 \mu\text{m}$	$16.9 \pm 0.9 \mu\text{m}$

Results using the same robust algorithm.

Challenges

Different generation devices & different results

Probably due to difference in image quality between OCT devices.

Comparing pixel intensity distributions indeed showed qualitative differences, with the second generation OCT system having less variance in dark region intensities and fatter high intensity tails.

Challenges

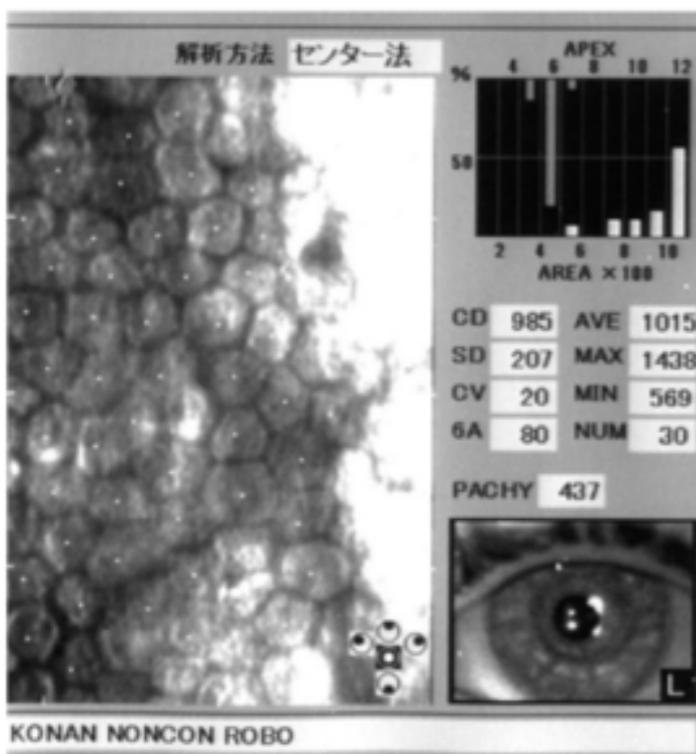
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Bottom-line: Automated parameters should be interpreted with caution when comparing data from different devices.

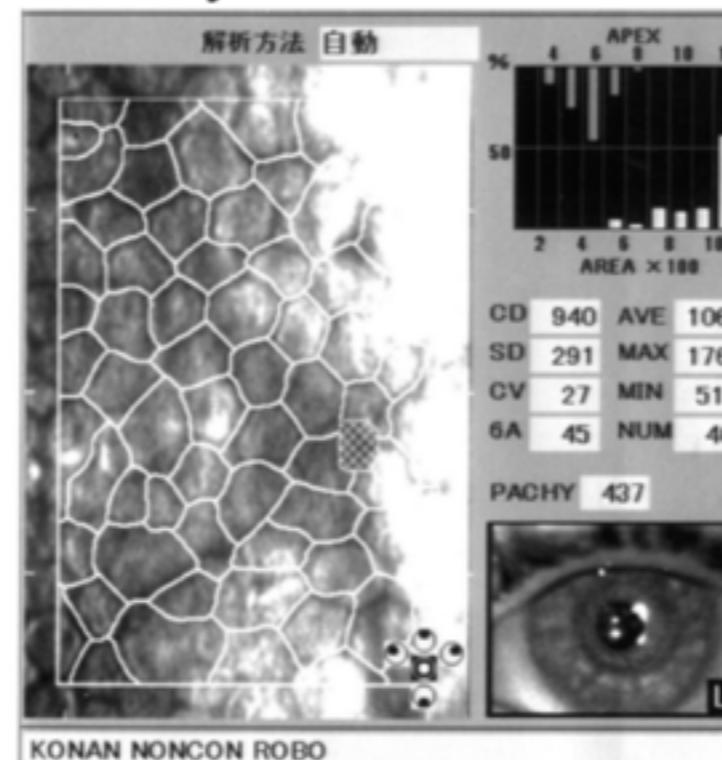
Challenges

Cell counting in optical specular microscope

Semi-automated



Fully automated



Labor intensive

Time consuming

No intervention

Challenges

Cell counting in optical specular microscope

Low precision in fully automated method vs semi-automated.

Larger error in patients with low ECD.

Challenges

Screening with portable/low cost devices

There is clearly excellent potential in smartphone-based DR screening.

Questionable ability to provide fundus images through undilated pupils poses a problem for screening programs.



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