

# The Silicon Hospital and a New Way to Make Medical Devices

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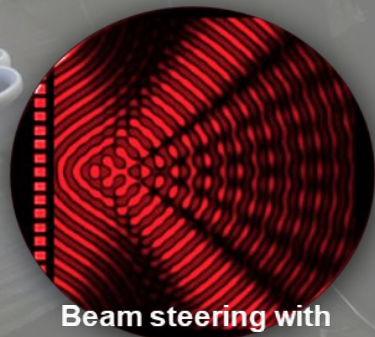


# New Therapeutics: Phase Wave Breakthrough

Modulating the phase of light and sound which penetrate body and brain to deliver therapies and diagnoses

Moore's Law can enable phase modulation of light and sound with Consumer Electronics

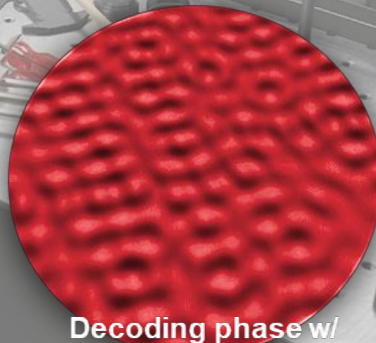
A decade of work in labs like these  
building up new modalities of physics and biology



Beam steering with  
phase



Breaking w/ sound  
harmonics



Decoding phase w/  
interference

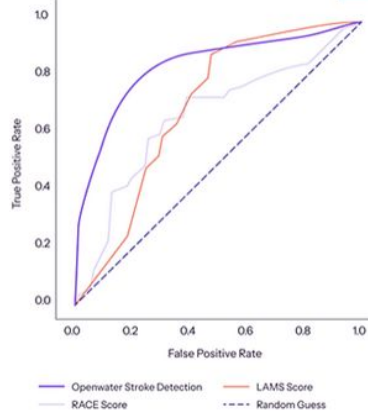
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ROC (Receiver Operator Curve)

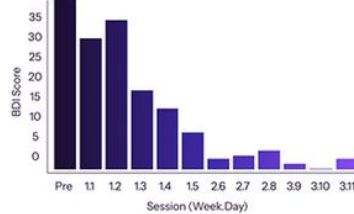
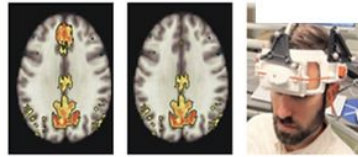


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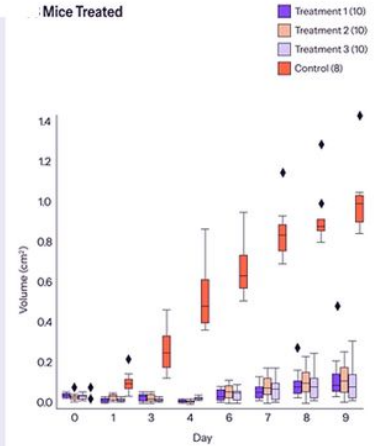
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Glioblastoma

Mice Treated



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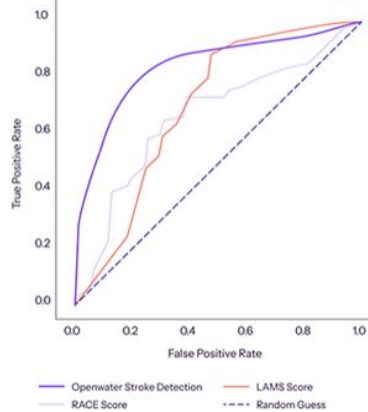
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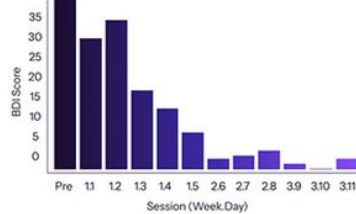
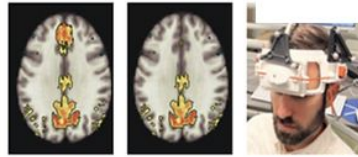


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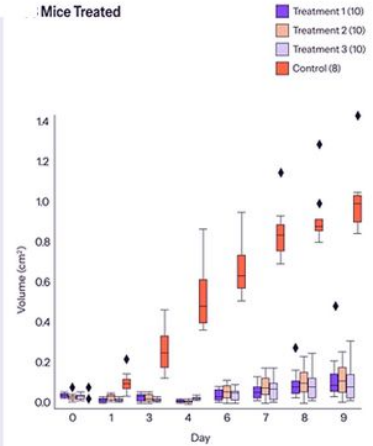
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**AXIOS**

# Openwater Secures \$100M to Tackle Diseases at the Cellular Level

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Open-LIFU Specification



# We have shrunk from carts to wearable & low-cost

We're pioneering the use of infrared and ultrasound to safely and effectively treat the world's most devastating diseases including lifesaving potential to treat cancers, mental diseases, neurodegenerative diseases and cardiovascular diseases

Cancer  
Treatments

Stroke

Mental Disease  
Treatment

<https://www.openwater.health>



Open-Motion specification



Neuromodulation

Neurodegenerative  
Treatment

COVID / Long  
Covid

Addiction  
Treatment

Precise Blood  
Flow Measurement

Stem Cell  
Stimulation

# Pan-disease impact.

Picture an opera singer shattering a wine glass.

Our approach is similar: We manipulate the phase of infrared light, ultrasound, and electromagnetic waves to enable potential diagnosis and treatment of diseases through manipulation or destruction of cells and neurons individually without harming surrounding tissue



# Open Source



## Fast & Low Cost Clinical Approvals in Reach and Scale

AGPL

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Patent Pledge - 68 patents free to use for all

**\$658M**

Avg. capitalized cost to FDA approval of a novel therapeutic medical device is \$658M and more than 13 years

DOI: [10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.31609](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.31609)

**85%**

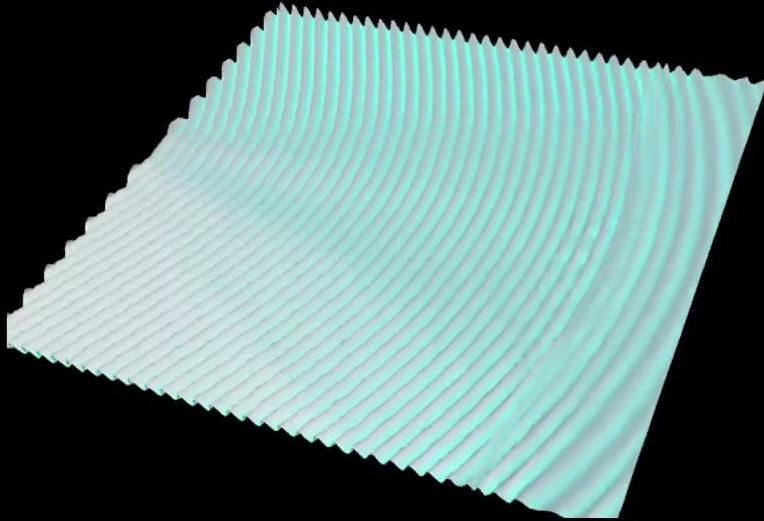
of cost is in device development, additional savings in pan-disease trials

**\$5M**

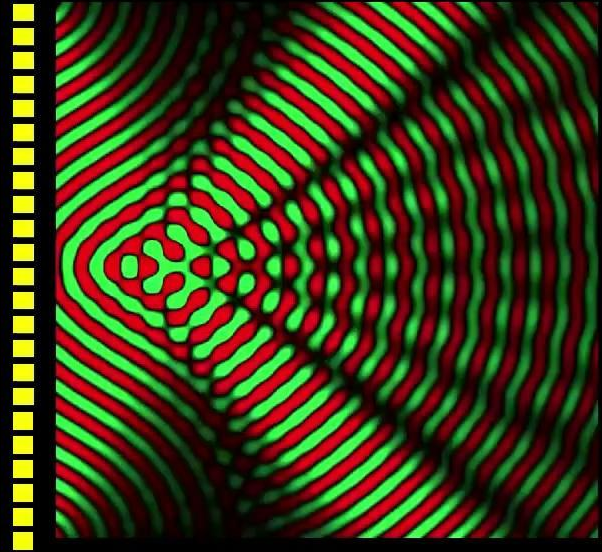
Estimated FDA in-all De Novo approval costs w/ our Open-source Safety-data-shared devices in 2.5 years. (see logic on this hypothesis [here](#))



# Phase Wave: Phase Delays enable Beam Focus and Steering



Array of emitters each with the phase delayed from each other



A microscopic image showing a dense network of blue, branching neurons. Interspersed among these neurons are several orange, spherical glioblastoma cancer cells. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

**Glioblastoma cancer cells hide amid the neurons**  
making it a death sentence – can't remove one with out the other

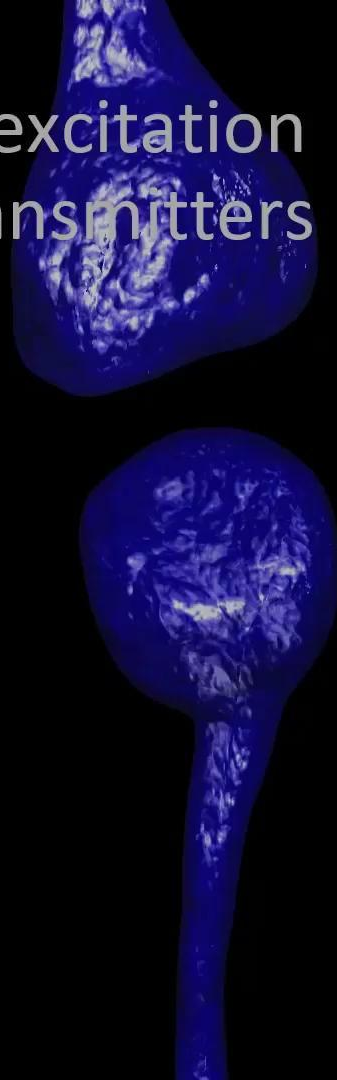
But the glioblastoma cells have hard membranes that we are mechanically breaking and killing these cells in preclinical studies using phase wave technology



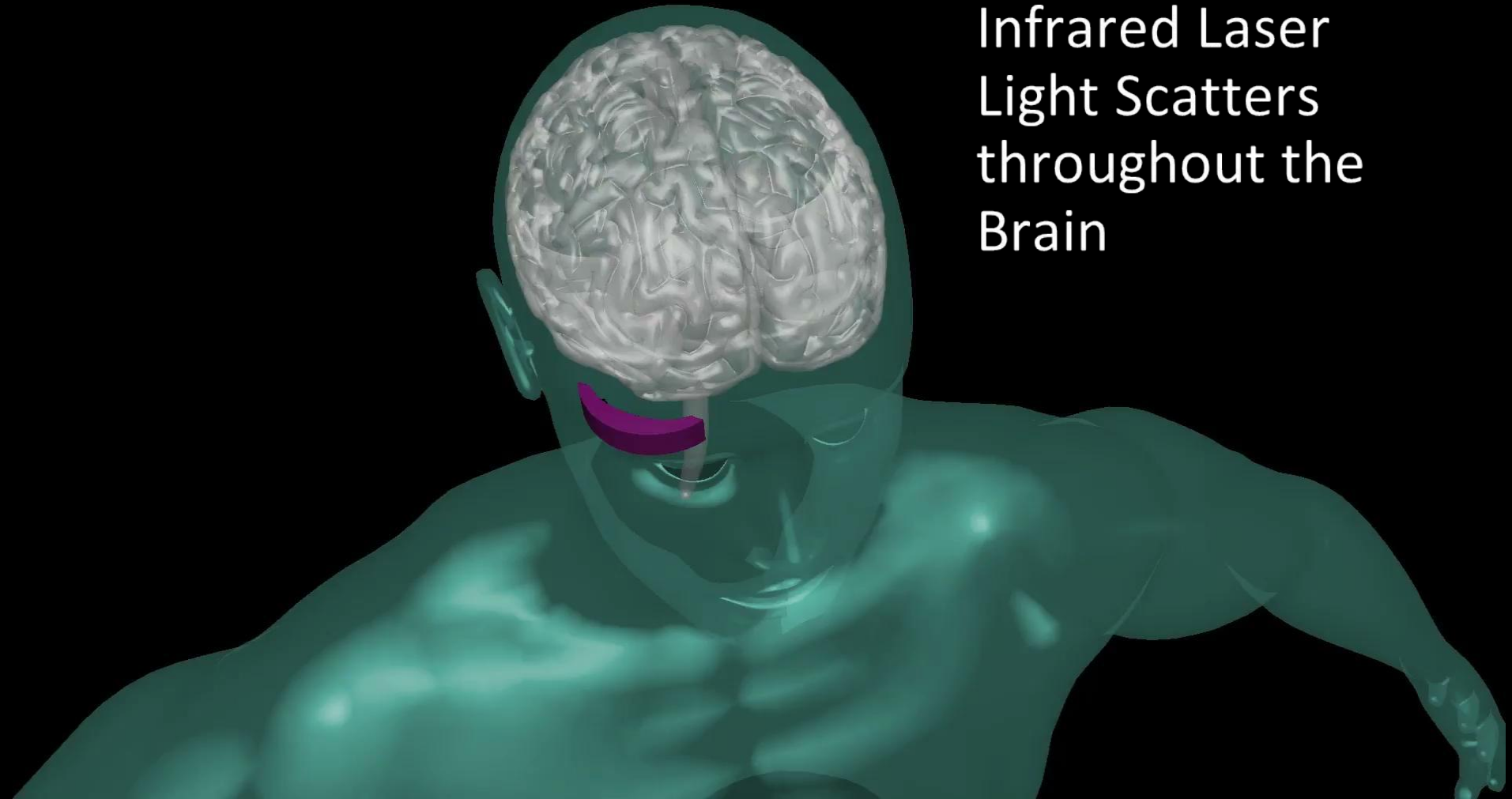


# Neurons under harmonic excitation inhibit or release neurotransmitters

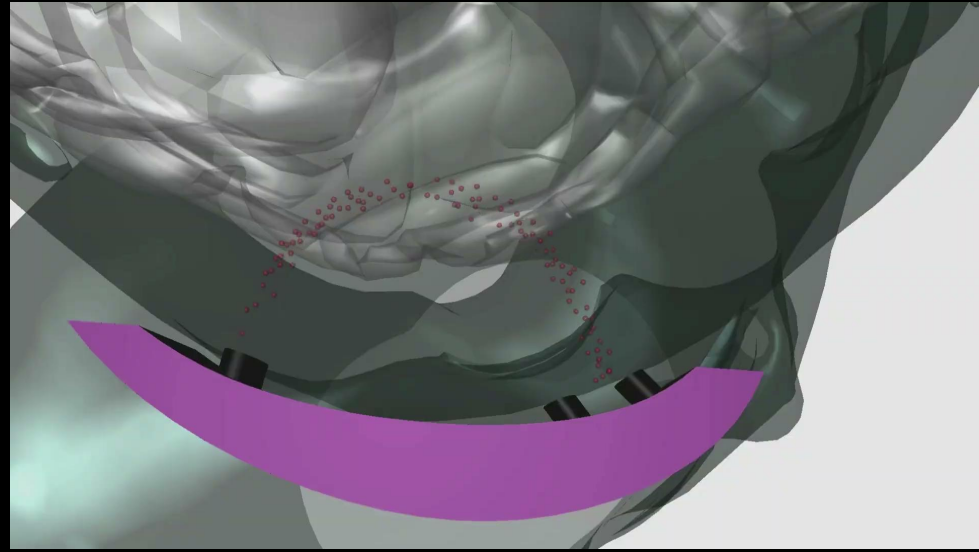
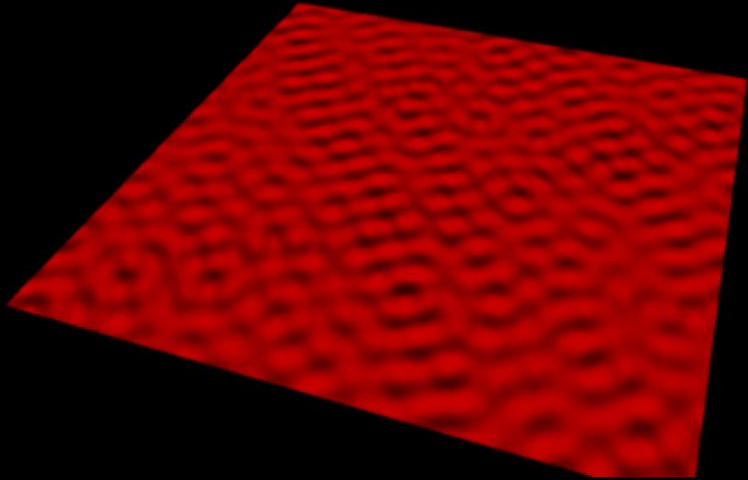
- Key for depression and other mental disease
- At high intensity, ultrasound can ablate tissue. At low-intensity, it can cause gentler, transient biological effects, such as altering neuron and nerve cell electrical activity. Stimulating stem cells, selectively killing cancer cells etc.



Infrared Laser  
Light Scatters  
throughout the  
Brain

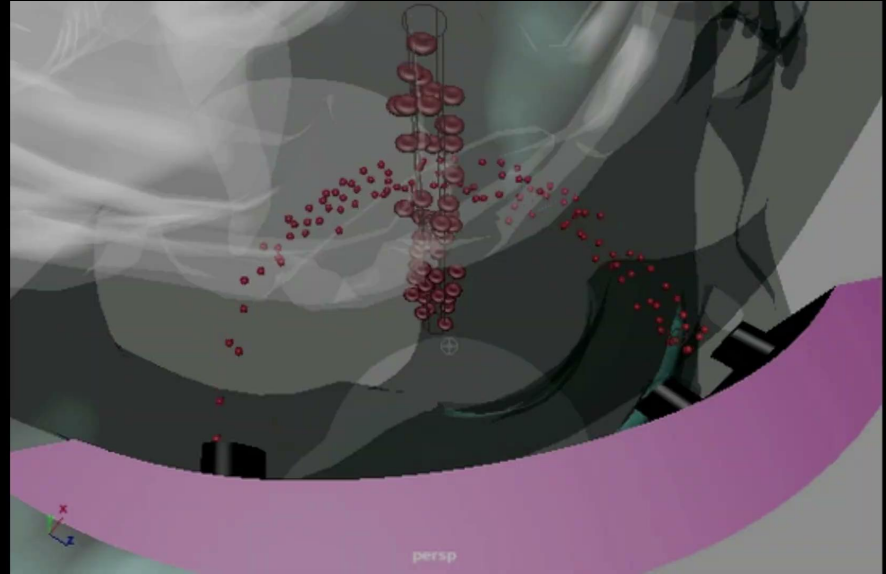
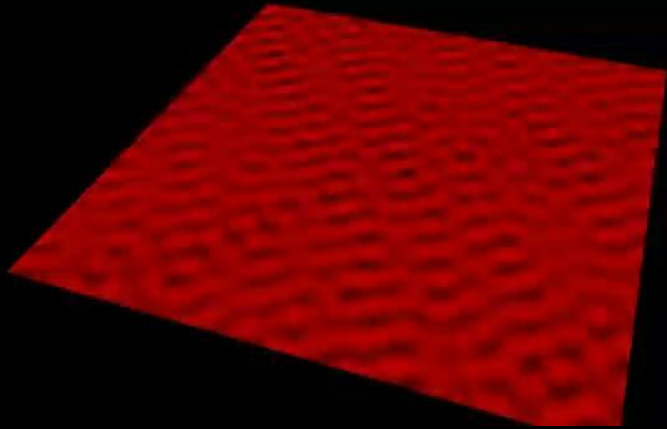


Our camera chip “sees” only light on this banana path  
It records a phase wave hologram of the interference.



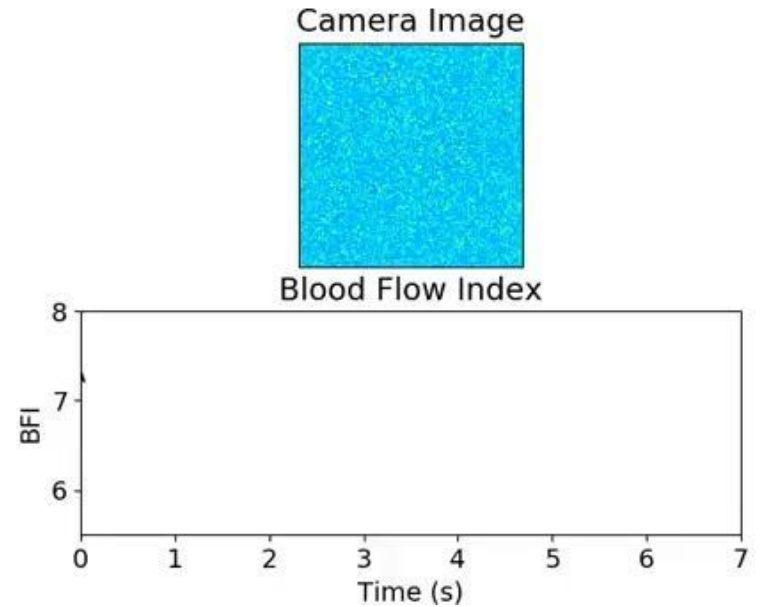
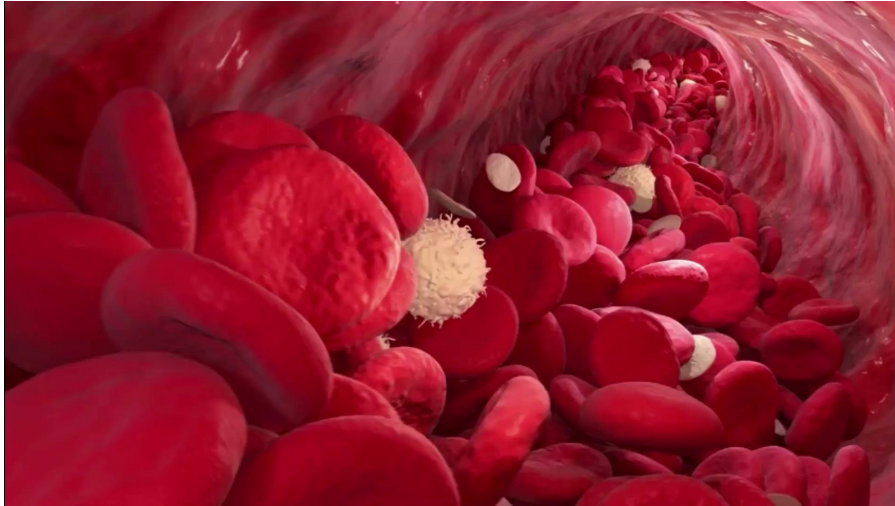
# The camera sees changes in the bloodflow

changes in the interference patterns, frequencies and contrast – we decode to see bloodflow





We extract the pulsing of the blood stream  
we can see when the bloodflow stops too meaning it's a stroke



# Clinical & Research Partnerships Growing



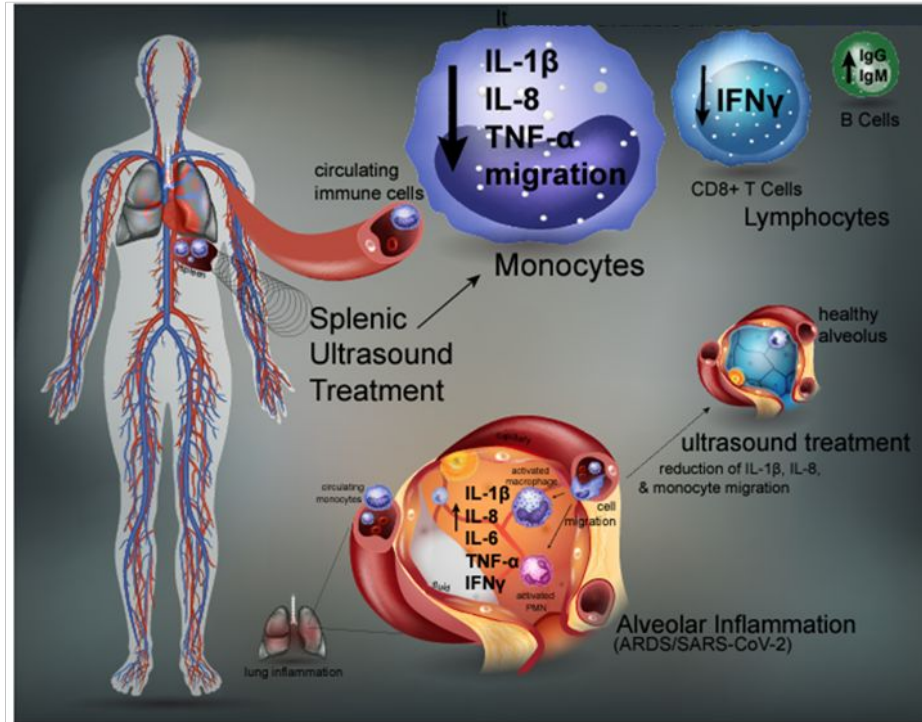
## Our Clinical Results in a snapshot

**Cancer** We are [selectively killing aggressive cancers](#) without harming healthy tissue in preclinical work at Terasaki Institute.

**Mental Disease** In the clinic with the same device we are [treating severe depression in humans](#) and moving majority of patients into remission at University of Arizona. Active new efforts with the National Insts of Health & Johns Hopkins.

**Stroke** Time to Diagnosis is the key to changing outcomes for the #2 killer in the world: Large Vessel Occlusion Stroke. We have record specificity and sensitivity data on [detection of LVO stroke in a mobile device](#). Work at Brown University, University of Pennsylvania, Hartford Healthcare.

# Suppressing Covid Cytokine Storms with Low Intensity Ultrasound

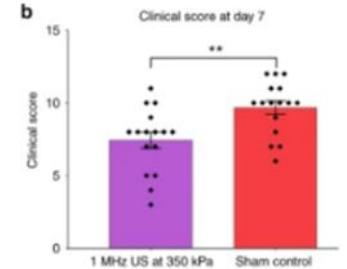
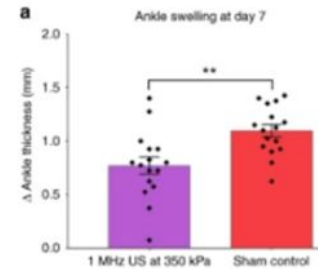
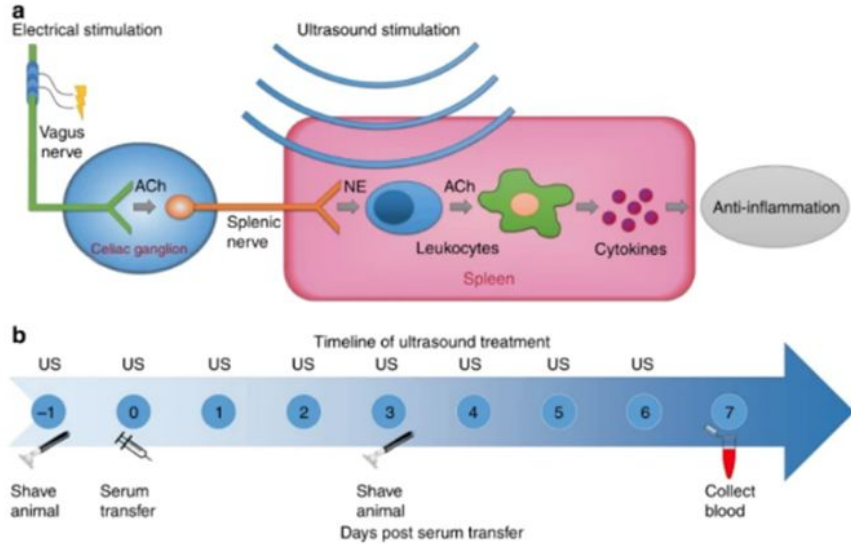


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Figure S3. Non-invasive splenic ultrasound treatment for ameliorating immune hyperactivity for COVID-19. Schematic of the mechanism of splenic ultrasound treatment's effect on circulating immune cells. Splenic ultrasound reduces IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-8, TNF and genes involved in monocyte migration in monocytes, reduces IFN $\gamma$  in CD8+ T cells, and increased IgG and IgM production in B cells (upper left, solid arrow). This treatment approach could help combat key elevated cytokines in alveoli and/or cellular migration to lungs in the context of COVID-19 (lower right, dashed)

# Treating Inflammatory Arthritis

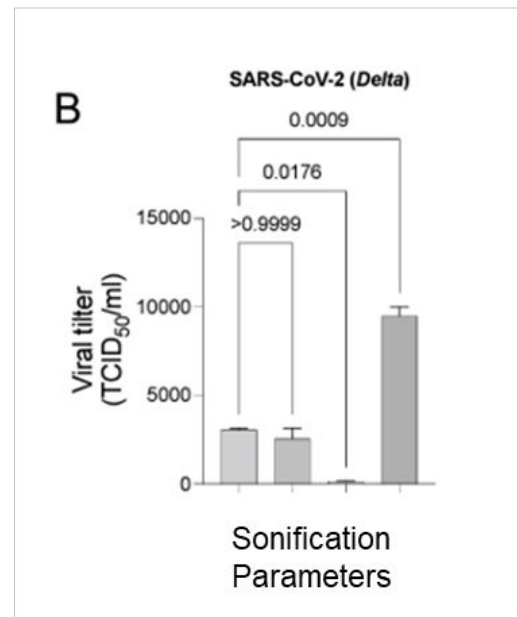
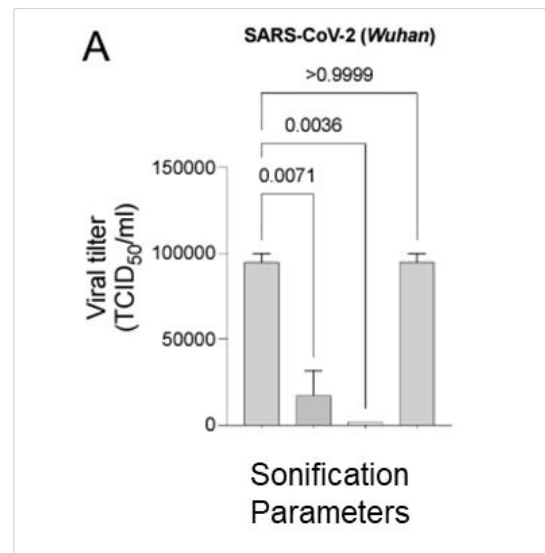
Fig. 1



Zachs, Daniel, et. al "Noninvasive ultrasound stimulation of the spleen to treat inflammatory arthritis" Nature Communications 10: 951 (2019) DOI: [10.1038/s41467-019-08721-0](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-019-08721-0)

# Even Deactivating Covid

Veras, Flavio et. al "*Ultrasound treatment inhibits SARS-CoV-2 in vitro infectivity*" bioRxiv preprint Nov 22, 2022 DOI: [10.1101/2022.11.21.517338](https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.11.21.517338)

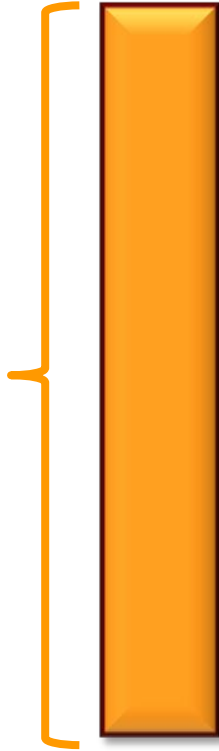


# Microclots & Long Covid



# Flipping Vertical Integration – A better outcome

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## 100s of Diseases

Could go quickly to much less than \$1M per approval leveraging e.g. patient groups

> 3 Years

\$5M

Capitalized Costs  
For first approvals

Differentiation & Clinical Trials for Many Diseases



**A silicon platform approach**

with software & AI

# How do we make money in open source?

we make profit while saving many more lives.

## Volume

Making orders of magnitude more of something makes it cheaper.

We can make each unit for less and earn profits

## Safety Sharing

Halves trial costs and doubles their speed for our customers

## Quality

We are IRB-Ready and FDA-ready with ISO 13485

## Innovation

The best products go through the most iterations. Open source encourages iteration and innovation

## Trust

If we mis-step on pricing or any other way you can go around us and make your own. It's open source.

# Open-LIFU



# Open-Motion



# Open-Motion 3.0: the components are built

- This is a massive shrink from room size, to huge cart, to heavy toolbox size to this (over past 4 years)
- New modular design is expandable and enables many applications.

Detector Module

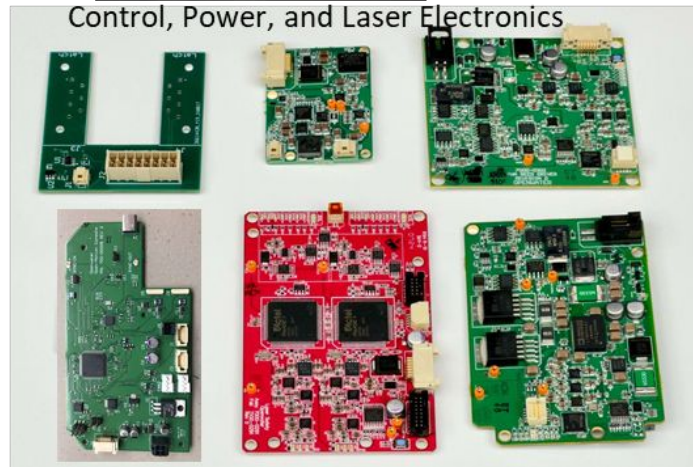


Camera w/  
onboard FPGA

Console



Control, Power, and Laser Electronics



# Open-LIFU 2.0 the components are built

- . This is a massive shrink from the million dollar system we built and put into a clinical trial
- . New modular design is expandable and enables many applications.

Transducer



Console



Positioning App

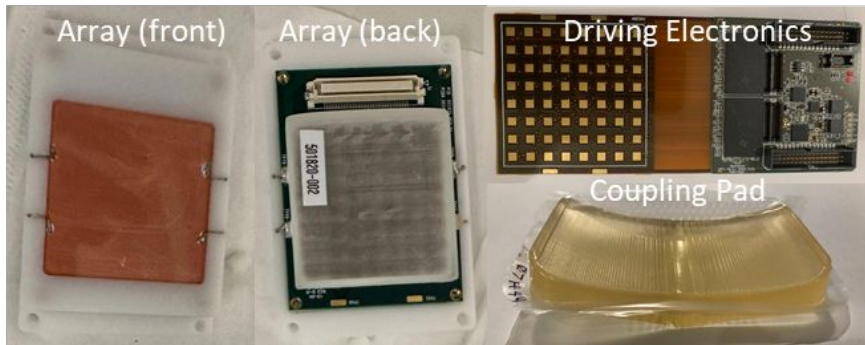


Array (front)

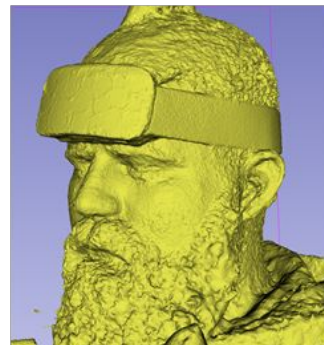
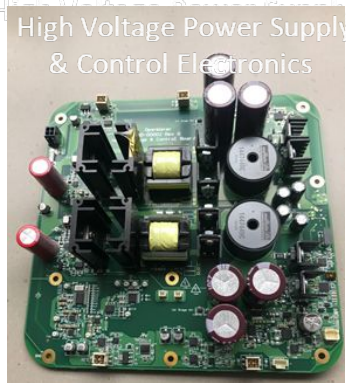
Array (back)

Driving Electronics

Coupling Pad



High Voltage Power Supply  
& Control Electronics



Help & Acknowledgement

Sessions

Database directory:

H:\My Drive\db\_dvc

Load Database

Add New Subject

Add Volume to Subject

Create New Session

Subject/session selector:

Name	ID
OW2_002	OW2_002
Man Akin	mannequin
Man Akin	vitalik
1 - MR + Target	demo_1_loaded_mr_target
2 - Virtual Fit	demo_2_virtual_fit
3 - 3D Scanned	demo_3_scanned
4 - Simulated	demo_4_simulated

Load Subject/Session

Active session

OpenLIFU Objects

Load Protocol

Load Transducer

Load Volume

Load Fiducial

Loaded OpenLIFU objects:

Name	Type	ID
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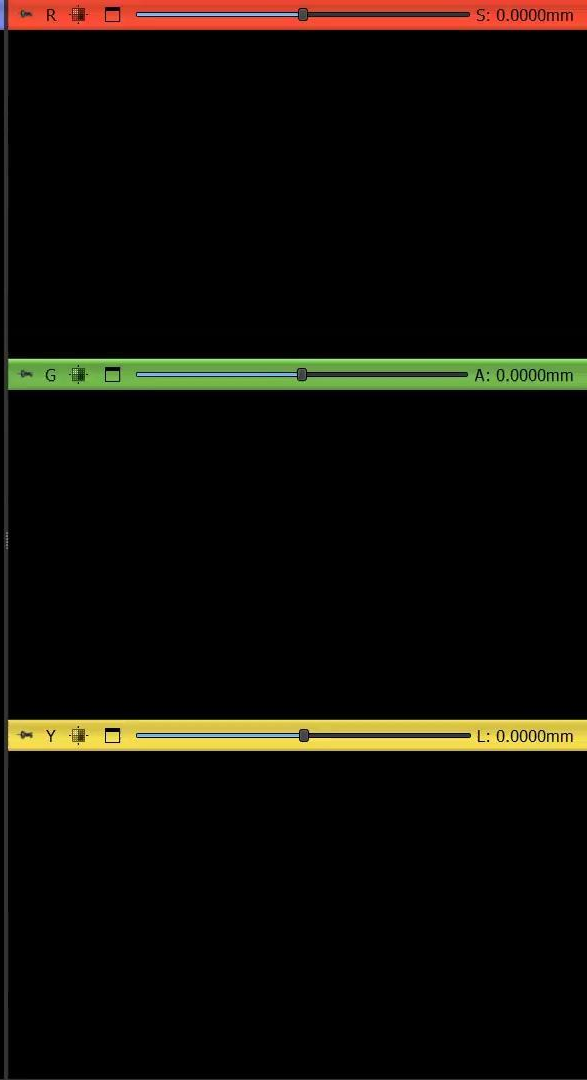
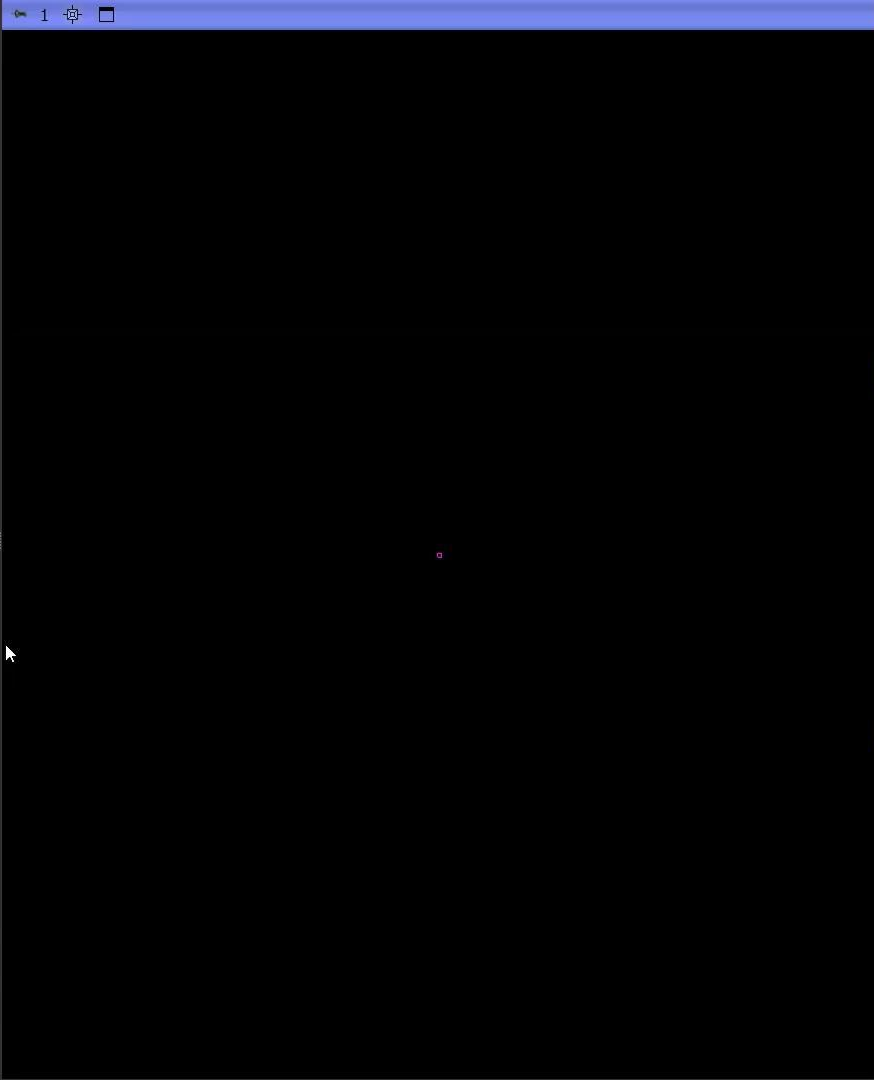
Data Probe

Show Zoomed Slice

L

F

B



Targets

Target position (RAS)

Place new target...

Remove target

Virtual Fitting

Protocol: No Protocol objects

Transducer: No Transducer objects

Volume: T1 (ID: vtkMRMLScalarVolumeNode1)

Target: No Target objects

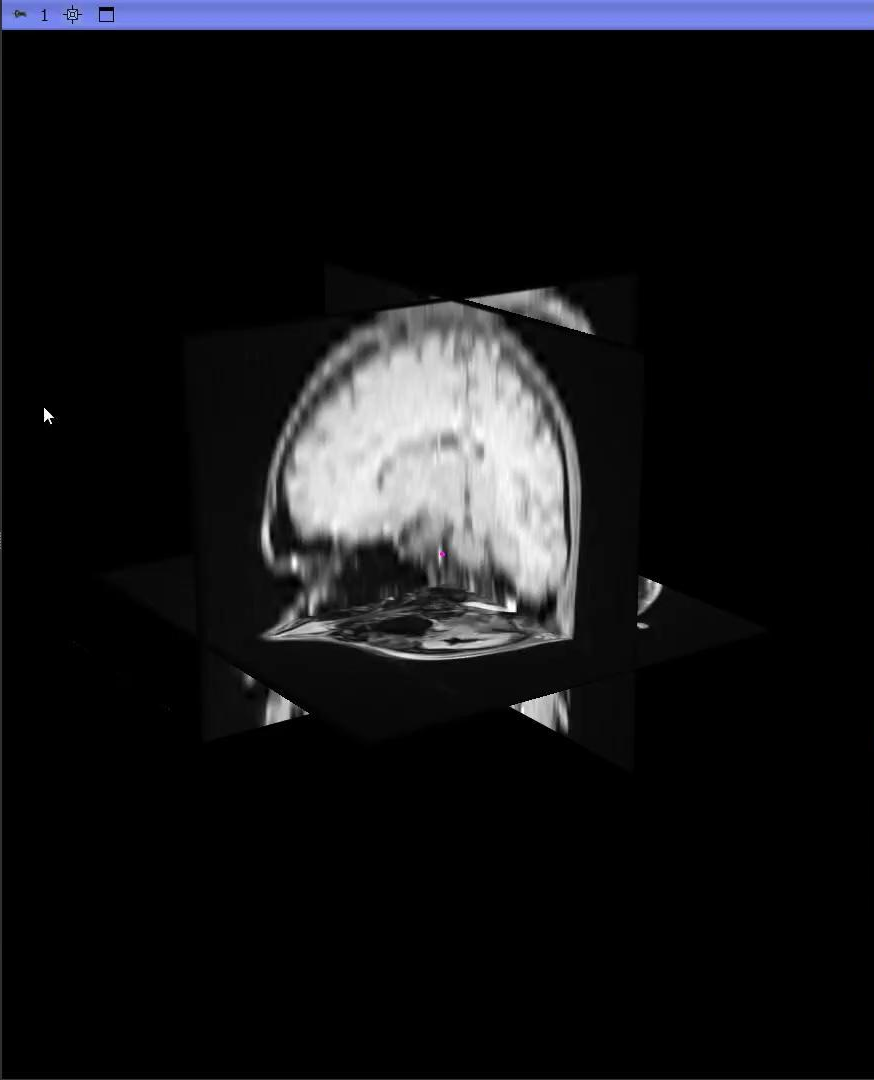
Virtual fit

Approve virtual fit

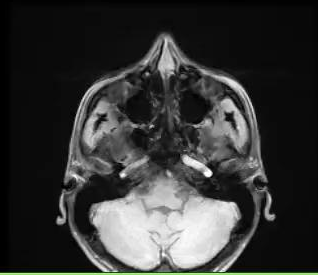
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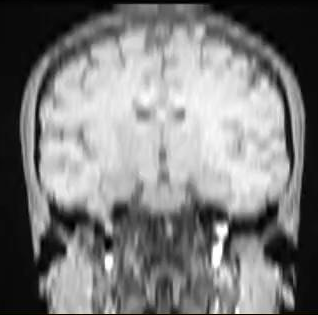


B: T1



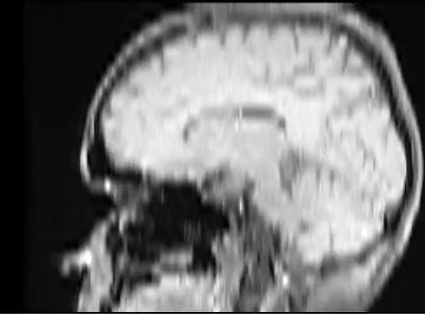
ALS: -12.9255mm

B: T1



LPS: -8.5705mm

B: T1





**Sean Vitalik**

# Scan Vitalik with Android Phone

App uses AR to automatically capture images as user orbits the subject to create a 3D construction of the head



Transducer tracking is currently unapproved.



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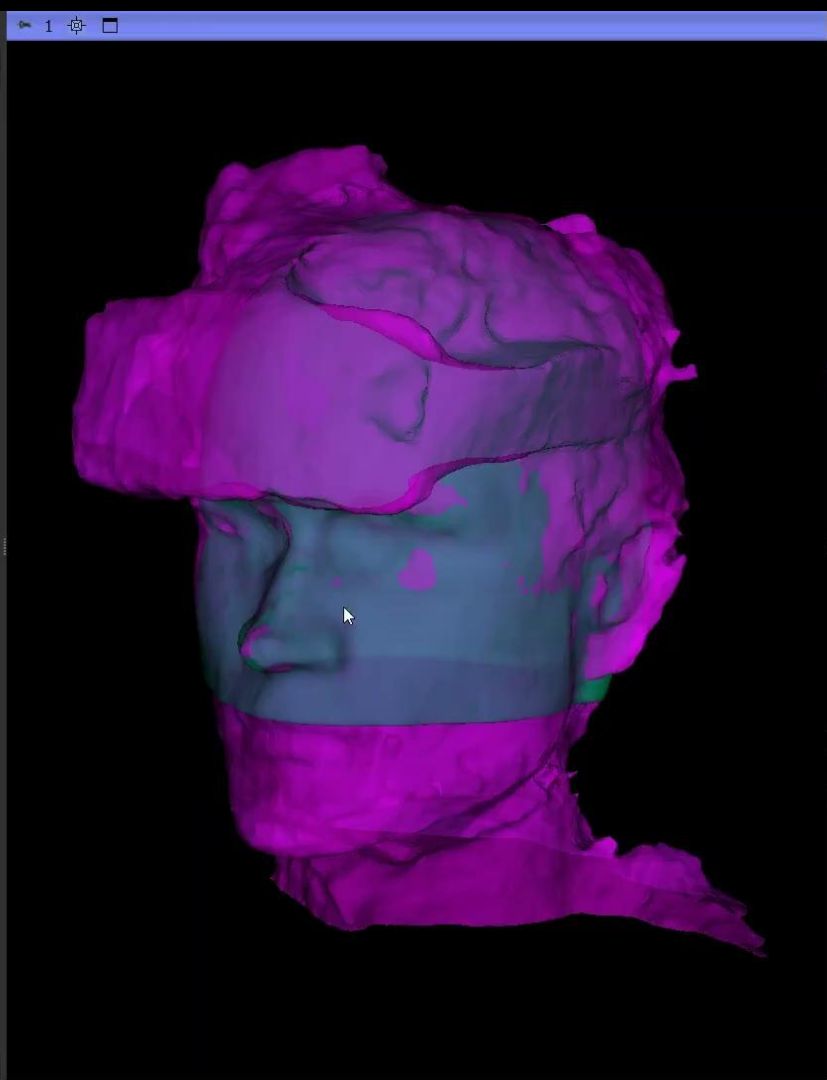
Help & Acknowledgement

Module under construction

Approve transducer tracking

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Data Probe



SRP: 36.1322mm

B: T1 (masked)

ALS: 51.2129mm

LPS: -5.5114mm

Reformat T1 (masked)

B: T1 (masked)

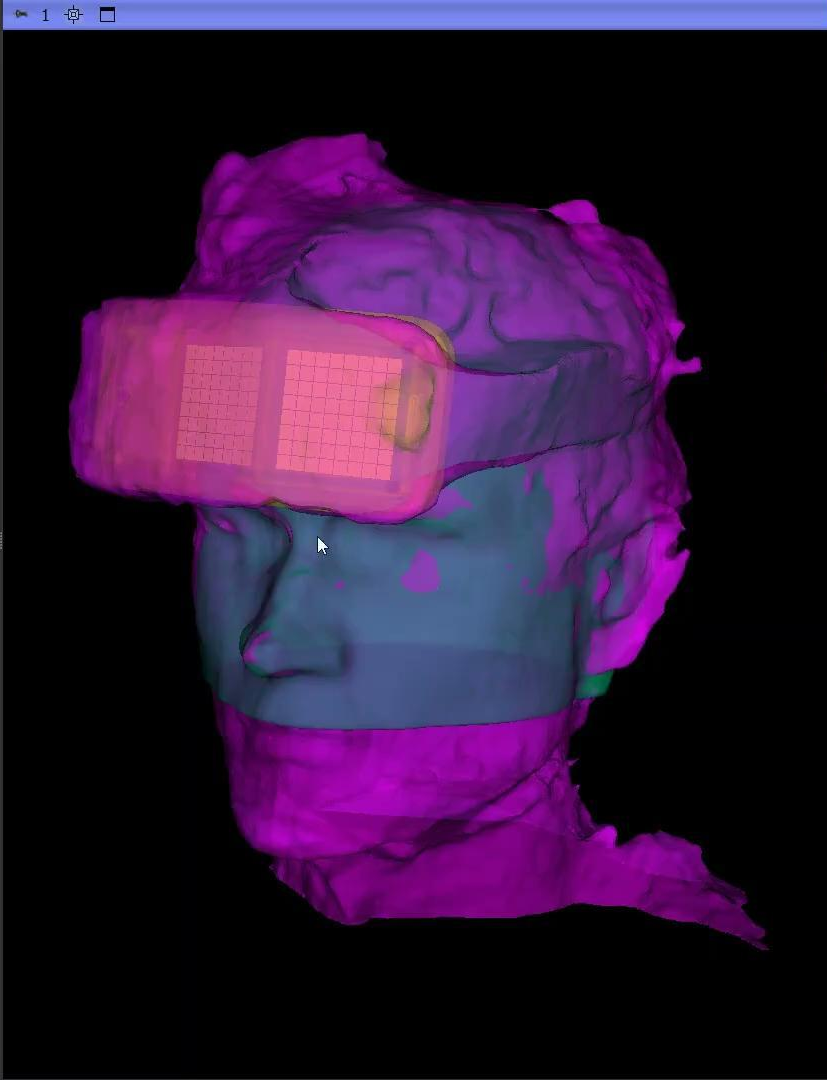
B: T1 (masked)

Three axial, coronal, and sagittal MRI slices of a brain, labeled 'B: T1 (masked)'. The slices are displayed in grayscale. The top slice is axial, the middle is coronal, and the bottom is sagittal. Each slice is accompanied by a color-coded slider bar (red for axial, green for coronal, yellow for sagittal) and a numerical value (SRP, ALS, LPS). The slices are framed by a magenta outline.

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Targets

target

Target position (RAS)

3.50 49.00 38.00

Place new target...

Remove target

Virtual Fitting

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Transducer: Curved 2, ROC=100mm, Gap=10mm (ID: curved)

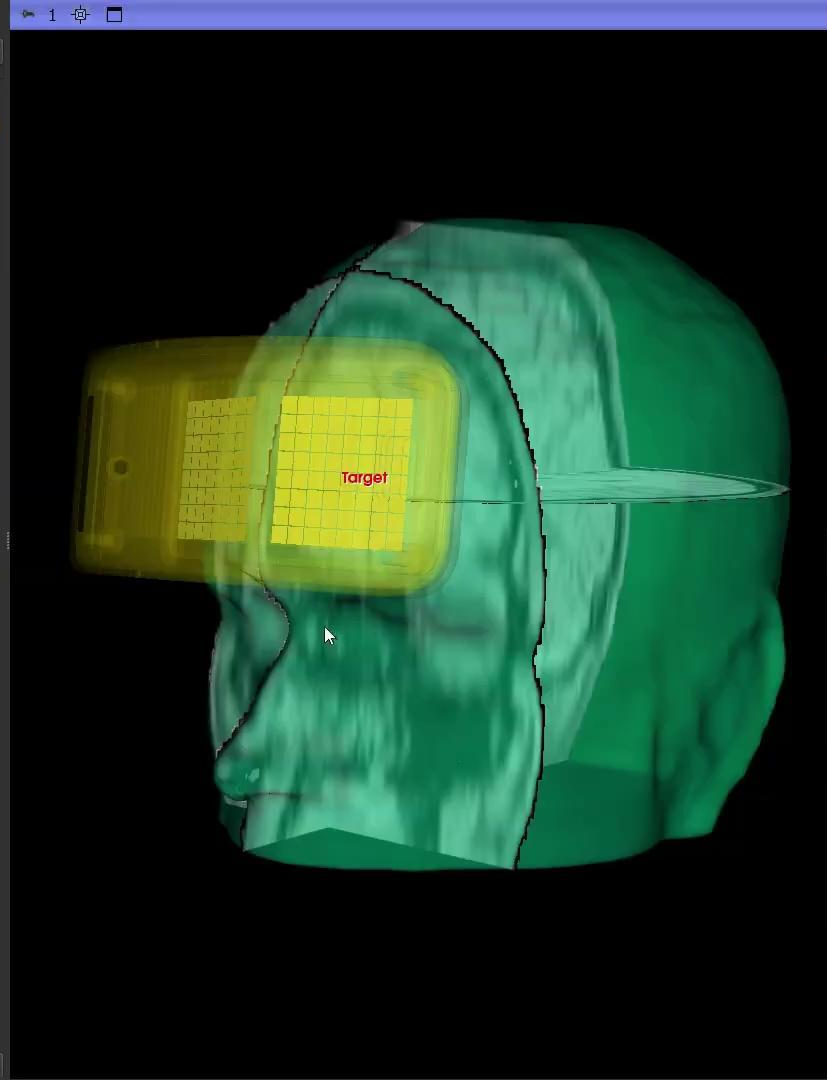
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Target: target

Virtual fit

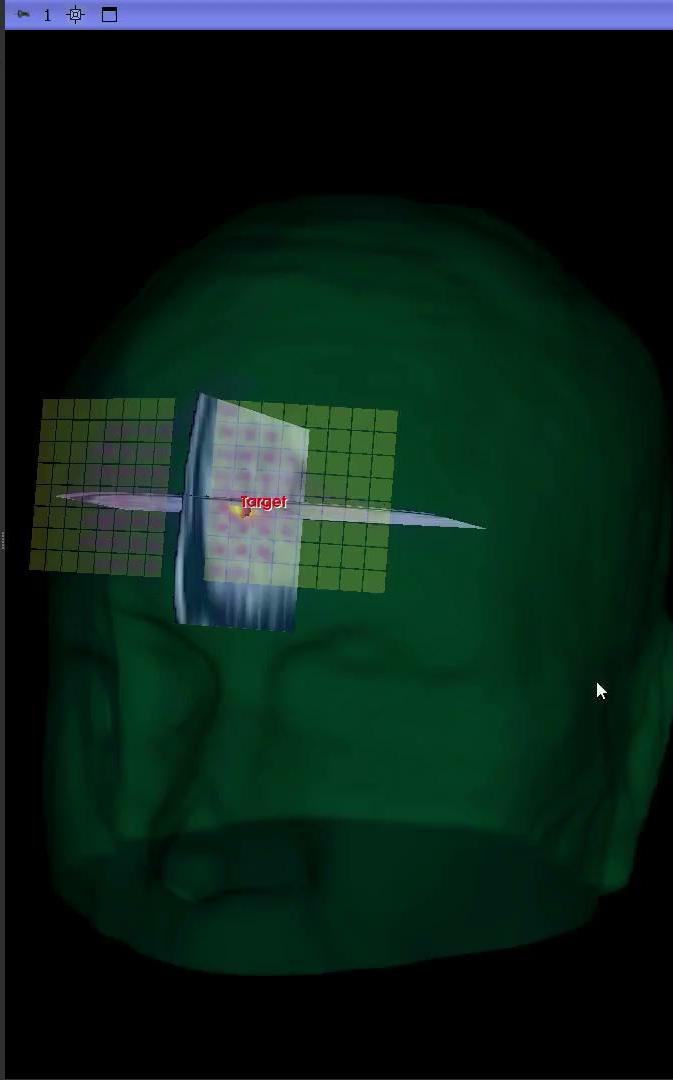
Approve virtual fit

No virtual fit approval in the session.



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(Transducer tracking is approved)



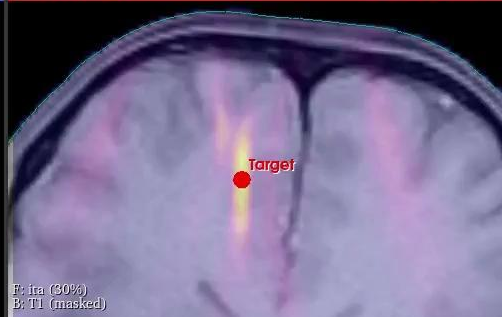
Compute sonication solution

100%

Render peak negative pressure

Approve solution

Data Probe



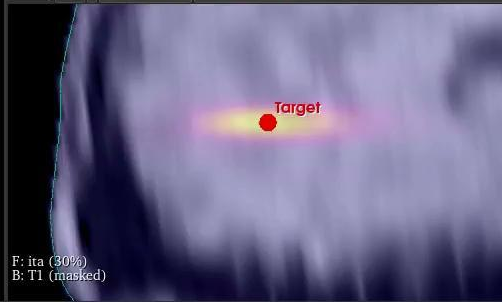
ASR: 54.9390mm

Reformat T1 (masked)



LS: -0.8892mm

Reformat T1 (masked)



Can my **country,**  
**company, institute,**  
**patient or loved**  
**one** get some units  
or join a clinical trial  
in one of those  
diseases?

**YES**

Many trials are  
starting shortly -  
please talk to us!  
Or get a system

