

# Making corrective lenses more affordable



## OptiOpia, Inc.

The Opportunity  
Auto-Refractor Overview  
Team  
Status

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# The World's #1 Vision Problem

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**“Uncorrected refractive error is the major  
and most easily avoidable cause of vision loss”**

- Brien A Holden





### Opportunity

500 Million to 1 Billion people need single vision glasses and can pay \$5 or more for good far vision

### Optiopia's Approach

Make vision screening and refraction easier  
Lower the cost of delivering prescription lenses

### Products

Low-cost auto-refractor  
Desktop spectacle lens molder





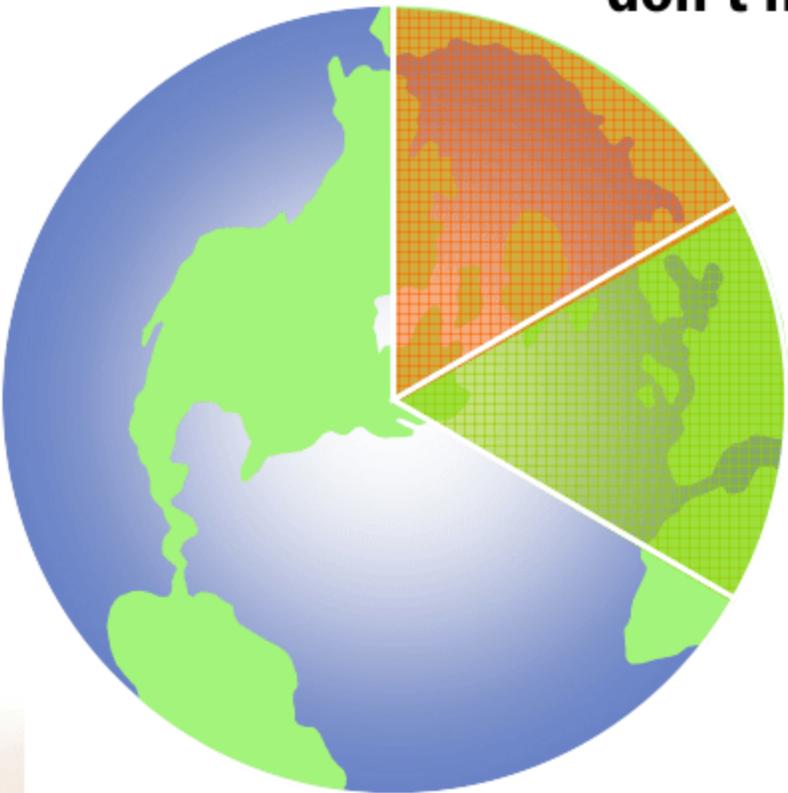
## Neglected Global Demand for quality low cost eyeglasses





## Global Perspective – Possibility for Major Impact

**500M - 1Bn  
Need but  
don't have**



**4Bn  
Don't  
Need**

**1Bn  
Have**

- 1Bn People Need  
– Majority can afford  
~\$5 glasses
- \$40Bn Existing Market
- >\$75Bn Economic  
Damage from  
uncorrected refractive  
error
- >150MM blind or  
severely visually  
impaired
- > 400 MM impaired by  
presbyopia



Source: World Health Organization, Brien Holden et al.



## Two Sides to the Problem

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### 1. Measure refractive error at low cost

- Problem:**
- Scarcity of trained optometrists / ophthalmologists
  - Lack of low cost, low skill, refraction device

- Solution:**
- Automatic refraction requires little skill to operate
  - Robust, low cost, accurate vision testing device
  - Design for “minimal environment” without phoropter

### 2. Deliver corrective lenses at low cost

- Problem:**
- High capital costs of equipment to fabricate lenses
  - Skilled, trained technicians required to operate fabrication equipment
  - Capital tied up in large inventory of lens blanks at multiple distribution layers

- Solution:**
- Much less expensive equipment
  - Low technical skill requirements
  - Little / no inventory of blanks to carry





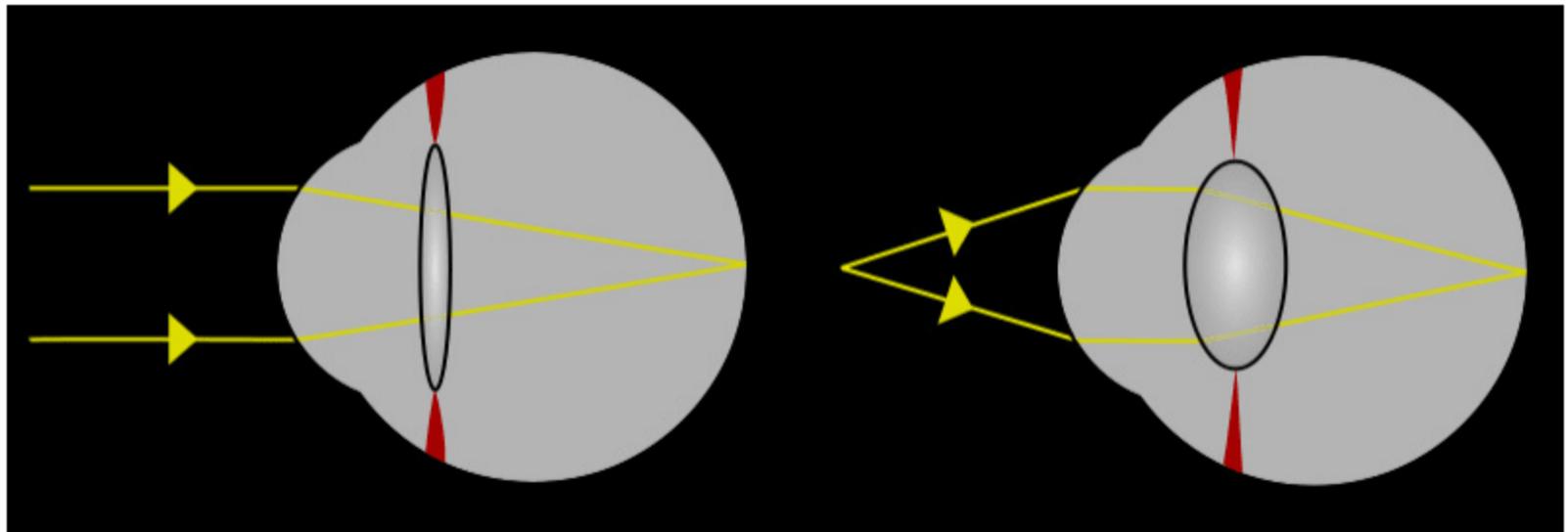
## Current Auto-refractors

Today's auto-refractors (ARs) are for offices in US, EU, Japan

Almost all use **virtual** targets

Technician uses to help doctor prescribe more quickly & accurately

Highly accurate – unless accommodation fluctuates





## Current Auto-refractors

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### Two Portable Models

Welch-Allyn SureSight (\$5,000) is failing

Right Medical RetinoMax (ex-Nikon) is more expensive  
(>1M Yen or \$12,000)

Extensive research in US by NEI on value for *screening*  
3-5 year-old children

Table-top models range in price, quality & after-market service  
\$6,000 to \$15,000

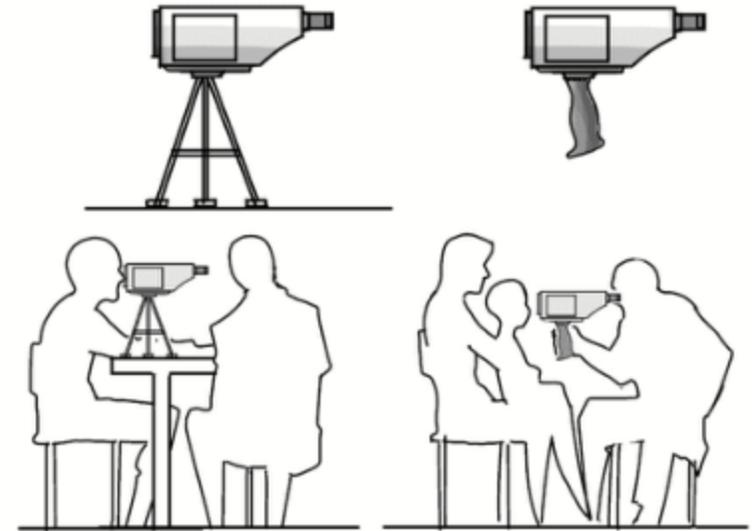
The OptiOpia Auto-Refractor will be manufactured  
for less than \$200 COGS and priced for each region  
\$2,500 - \$5,000 for US; < \$1,000 for very poor regions





# OptiOpia Autorefractor - Additional Product Benefits

Fixed or Portable



Stabilize Accommodation with Familiar  
& Interactive Targets





## Subjective Refraction

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See-through feature

+

manual control of lens power =

subjective refraction capability

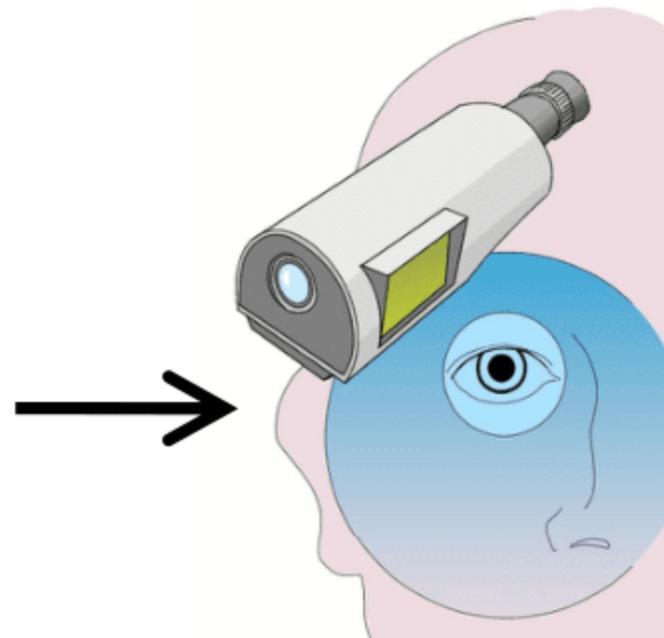
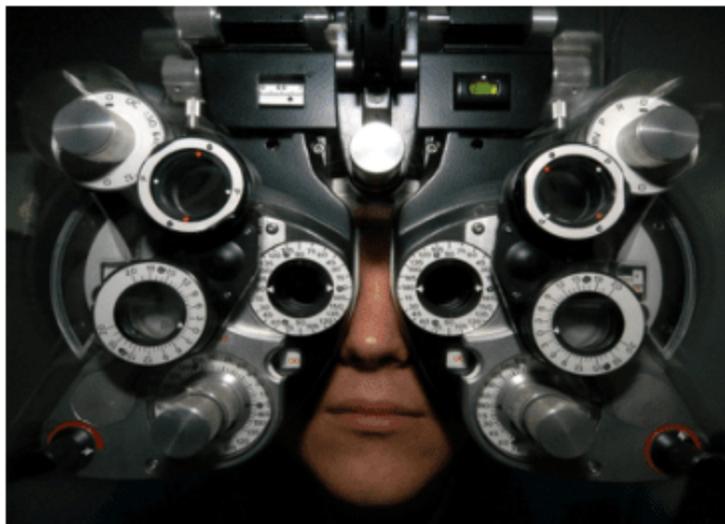
Streamlined refractive service delivery:

no need to reposition at phoropter station

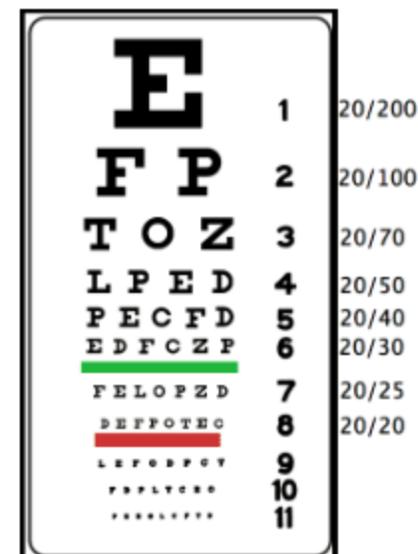




# Special Product Benefits



**Monocular Subjective Refraction Capability**  
**Phoropter not necessary for many patients**  
**Device is more powerful with more skilled operator**





Objective refraction (ARs & retinoscopy) is necessary method for

- young children (< 7)
- mentally disabled
- across a language barrier

(And is a useful method for routine refractive service on all patients)





## OptiOpia Autorefractor - Key Product Benefits

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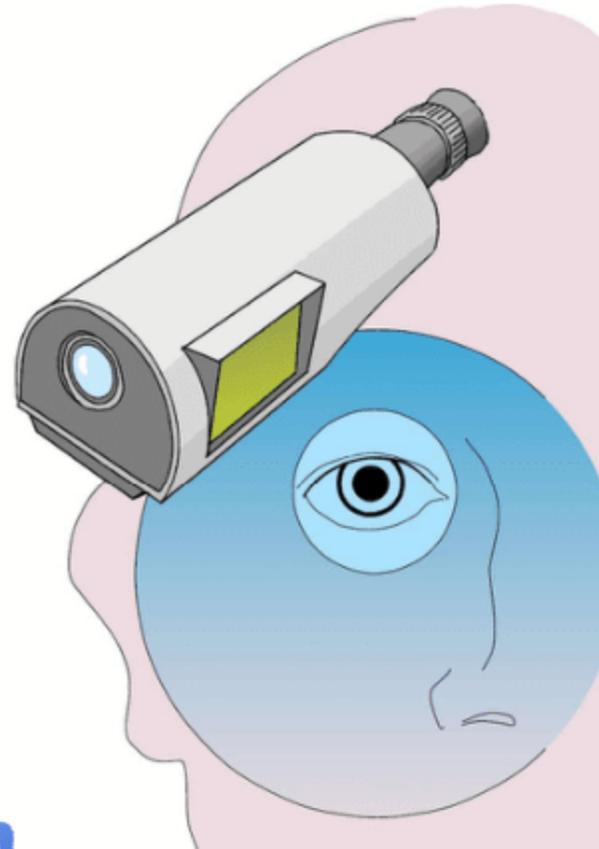
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Accurate

Easy-to-Use

Low-Cost



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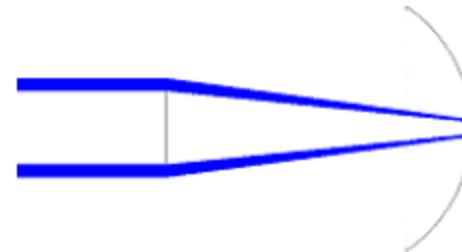
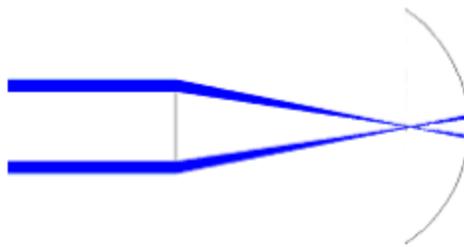
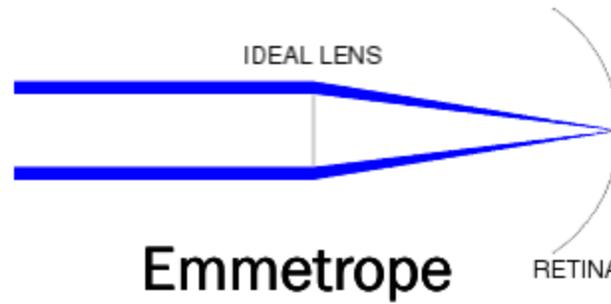
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## Scheiner Double-Pinhole Principle

Two parallel beams of light intersect at a single retinal locus in emmetropes and in ametropia at 2 loci with separation proportional to absolute value of ametropia



B1  
 C1      A1  
 A2      C2  
 B2  
 3 Pairs of Beams

Our approach is to **cancel** the refractive error with a variable-power optic  
 Three meridians suffice to measure astigmatism





## Low Cost Autorefractor – Design Features

Inexpensive <\$200 COGS vs. current \$5,000 - \$15,000

- **Mass-produced high-performance components**

Lasers, CMOS imaging, Microprocessor

- **Modern plastic optics manufacture**

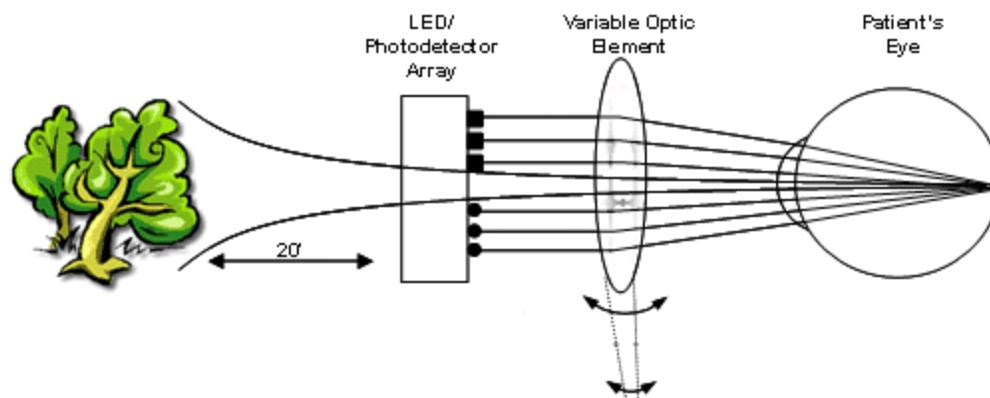
Special Variable Optic Lens (confidential)

Portable, Rugged & See-through – Compact Design

Easy to use - (features of competition)

Accurate - “See-through” feature

- increases stability of accommodation:  
patient looks at real world and device  
“auto-focuses” to correct prescription
- enables fine-tuning of prescription by trained  
eyecare professional or technology-assisted vision  
tester





## Autorefractor Specifications & Components

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### Specifications

Prescriptive Range:  $\pm 12$  D sphere, 4D cylinder by nulling method; full range is TBD empirically

Portable (similar or less weight and volume than Retinomax)

Battery Powered

Compact & Potentially Supports a Wearable Design

Patient sees real target in examining room (10 degree linear field of view)

More stable accommodation achieved, thus addressing  
the major source of error in objective refraction

Real target is superior for pediatric, anxious and naïve patients

Enables near-vision testing

However: cannot so easily be located in outer office suite

### Components

Infrared illumination of retina (850 nm VCSEL laser) → favorable cost trends

CMOS imaging chip for fundus reflection → favorable cost trends

Simple optical design: 2 apertures, 4 lenses, 2 beam-splitters; only 2 moving parts

Embedded processor (not specified yet) → favorable cost trends

### The special component:

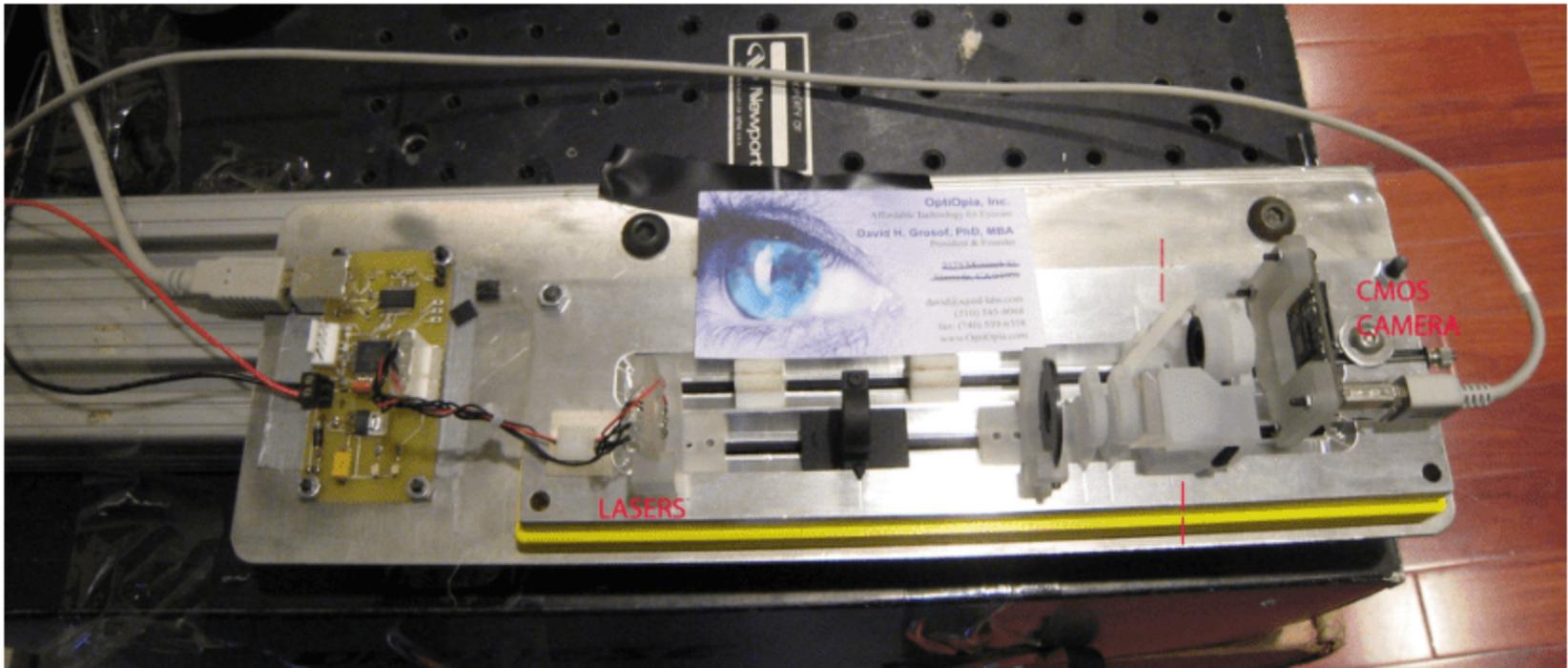
The variable-power optic, which requires

Precision plastic molding → favorable cost trends





# Current Prototype





## Autorefractor specifications (routine)

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### Routine Specifications

Display screen for display of  
external eye and alignment,  
results and  
settings

Touch pad and remote control, for fast easy subjective refraction

Thermal printer

Data port for office management systems, telemedicine prescriptions,  
& **lens molder**

Carrying case





## OptiOpia – where are we & where are we going

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### From Auto-refractor Technology to Manufactured Product

Optical Design – completed, optimization under way

Motion Control of Variable Power Lens

several designs compared, built one now  
manufacturable, patentable, compact, robust

Specialty lens fabrication – vendor identified

Image Processing – tools in place, building ← Now

Design and Testing of the “auto-focus” control in development

Model Eye testing ← Now

**MILESTONE** Limited human testing

Design for Manufacture and pre-production prototypes (contractor identified)

Clinical Equivalence Testing

Regulatory Clearance, IP Defenses

“Clinical Rules Engine” because ametropia  $\neq$  best prescription

Field testing

Identifying influential, reputable partners for  
field testing of pre-production auto-refractors





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### The Company

#### Team Building

- Bruce Moore – NECO professor, pediatric optometrist, internationally recognized clinical expertise; World Bank
- Dan Laser – entrepreneur, engineering PhD, CEO Wave80 Diagnostic
- Charles Campbell – expert on auto-refractors and ophthalmic optic devices
- Engineers (mechanical and electronic)

#### Planning Market Entry - Strategy, Alliances & Research

- Opportunities identified and prioritized (more work to be done; we were aided by former Sola executive)
- Product features analyzed



# OptiOpia Autorefractor - Key Product Benefits

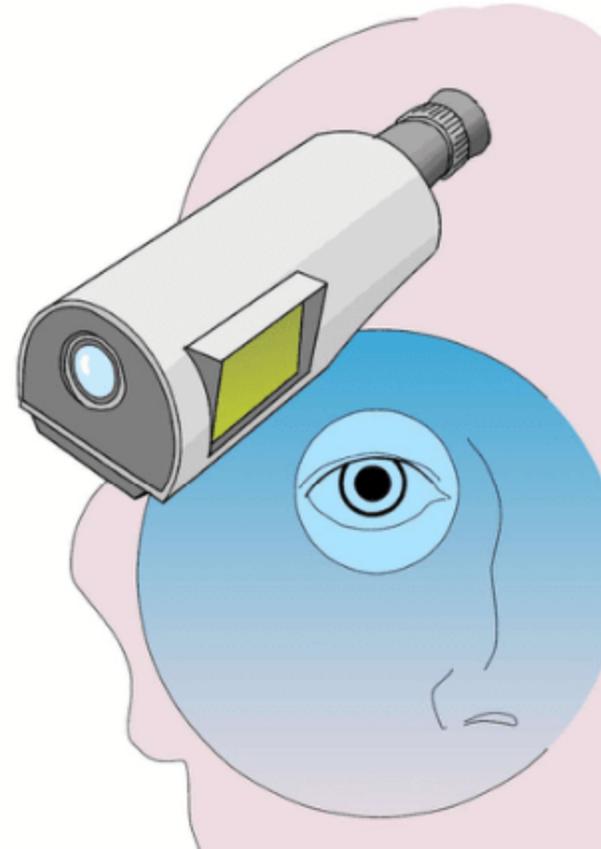
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# Making primary eyecare more affordable: OptiOpia



## **Opportunity**

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## **Approach**

**Lower the cost of vision screening and refraction**

**Lower the cost of glasses delivery**



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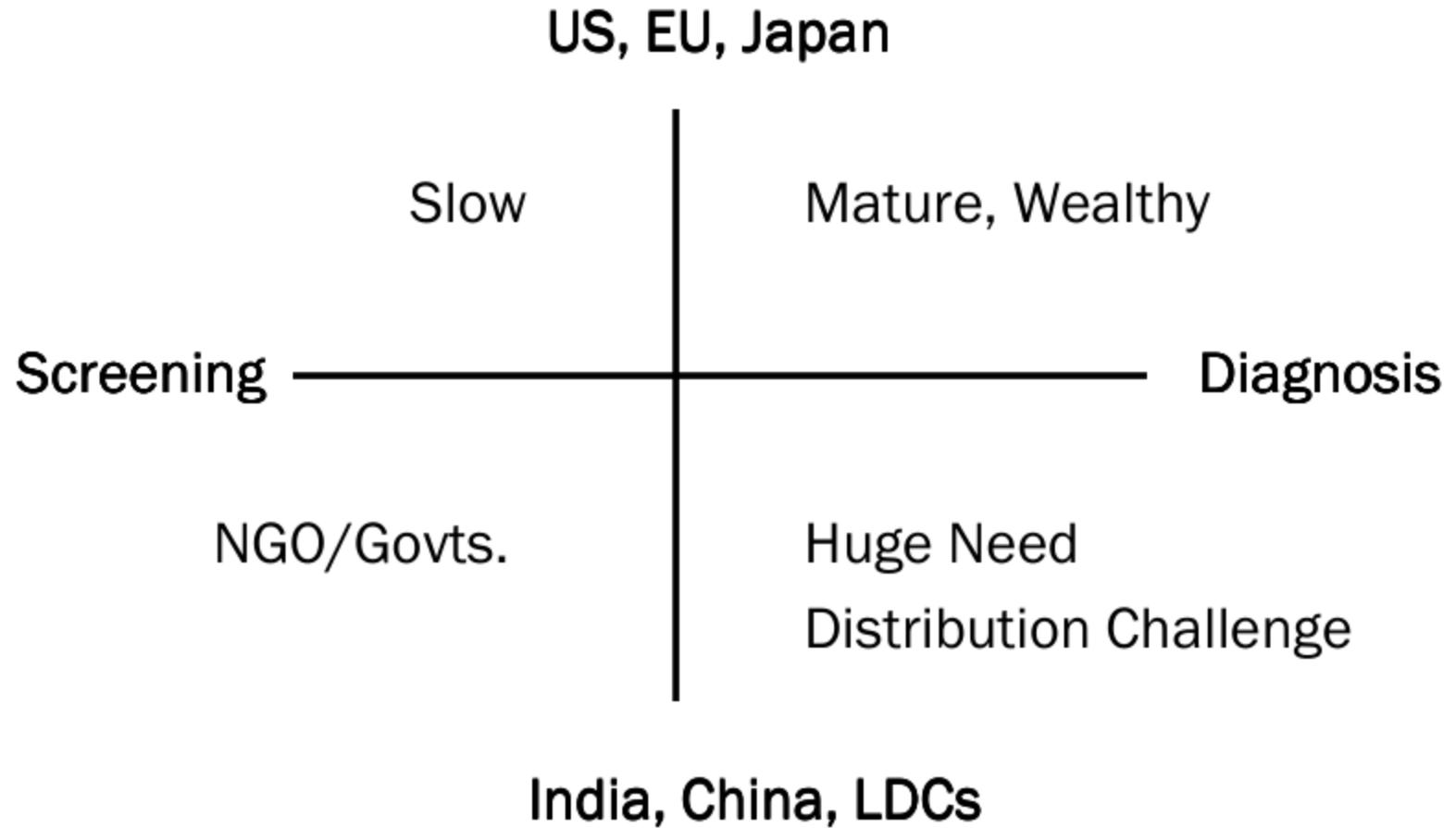
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# Market Segments





## Autorefractor Operation

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### Nulling Mode

Patient is aligned,

Patient relaxes accommodation and fixates on distant target (+ power to force = “fogging”)

Retina is illuminated with one of six pencils of near-infrared light

Retina is imaged and location of pencil of light back-scattered from retina is found

After up to six pencils are imaged, refractive state of eye plus variable lens is computed

Variable-power lens is repositioned to make eye+lens “emmetropic” and 6 loci coincident

Retinal imaging of 6 loci repeated

Converges to make Alvarez lens power =  $-1 * \text{sphero-cylindrical ametropia}^*$

*\* adjusted by factor for distance of Alvarez lens from cornea*

### Imaging Mode

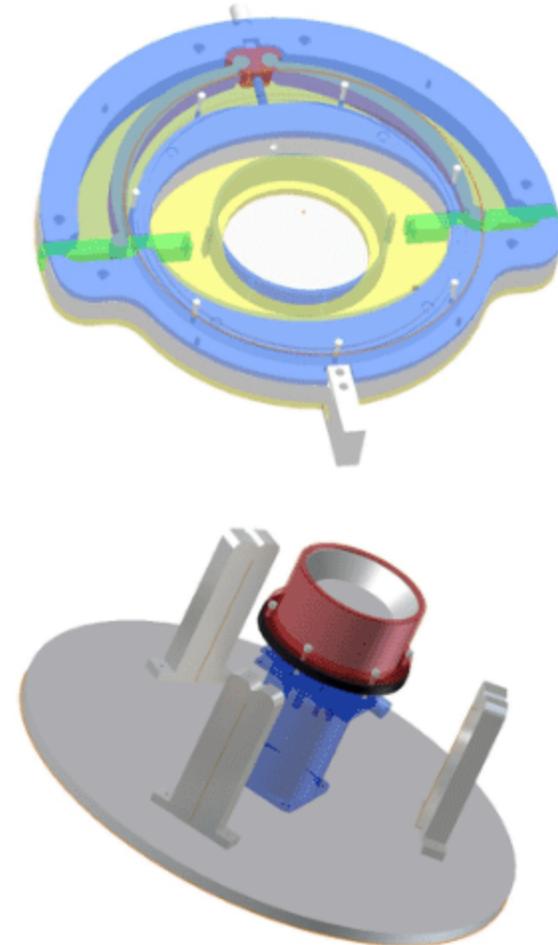
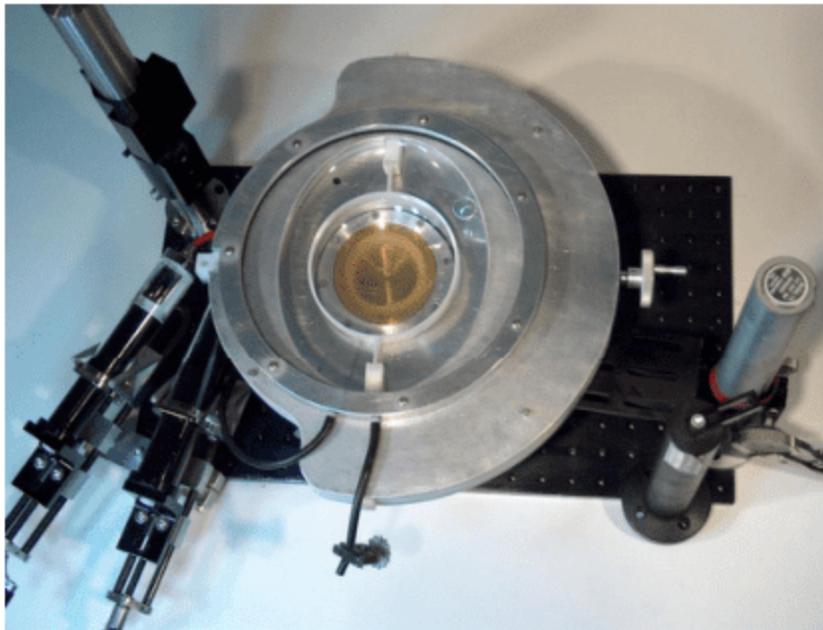
Beyond the “nulling range” of  $\pm 12\text{D sph}/4\text{D cyl}$ , it is possible to compute ametropia from changes in retinal loci of pencils as a function of the variable lens power.

TBD empirically in model and human eyes





## Molding Prototype v.III



Both lens surfaces cast on flexible molds  
(top and bottom)





## Saul Griffith, PhD, Chairman & Advisor to President of OptiOpia

### Education

Ph.D. (2004) MIT (Media Lab) Thesis: "Growing Machines"

Autonomously replicating robots & Programmable assembly (Advisor: Joe Jacobson)

M.Sc. MIT (Media Lab) Micron and Sub-micron scale rapid prototyping.

Designed and developed novel 3-dimensional, multiple material, methods and apparatus for processing nanocrystalline suspensions into electronically functional devices.

M.E. (Mechanical Eng.) U. Sydney Fibre Composite Materials; Reprocessing materials

B.Met.E U. New South Wales Materials science (Metallurgy thesis)

### Experience

2009 Entrepreneur-in-Residence, Foundation Capital

2009 Founder, Other Labs Developing supply and demand side energy solutions

2007 Co-Founder, OptiOpia, Inc.

2004-2007 Co-Founder, Makani Power, HowToons, Potenco, Instructables, Squid Labs

### Honors

2007 MacArthur Fellow, 2007,

2003 Lemelson-MIT Student Prize for invention

several others

**Patents** include issued US Patent for lens molder





## David Grosf, PhD, MBA Co-founder & President

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### Education

M.B.A. MIT. Focus on new venture development & finance.

Ph.D. Neurobiology. U. California, Berkeley. Electrophysiological, anatomical, behavioral and modeling studies of biological processing of motion, color and form

A.B. Harvard University. History of technology & social change; Neurobiology

### Experience

2007 Co-founder & President, OptiOpia

2006 Project Manager, Squid Labs

2001-2007 Business development consultant to life science based start-ups

2004 Co-founder, Theregen, Inc. (cell-based therapy for heart)

1997-9 Research Scientist, NASA. Retinal & ocular image processing.

1993-6 Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology, Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis, Missouri). Scanning laser ophthalmoscopy, clinical methods

### Honors (selected)

National Research Council Senior Research Associateship, NASA Ames Res. Ctr.

NRSA Post-Doctoral Fellowship, NIH-National Eye Institute

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow

