



**Intelligent Microscopes that Automate Pathology Screenings**

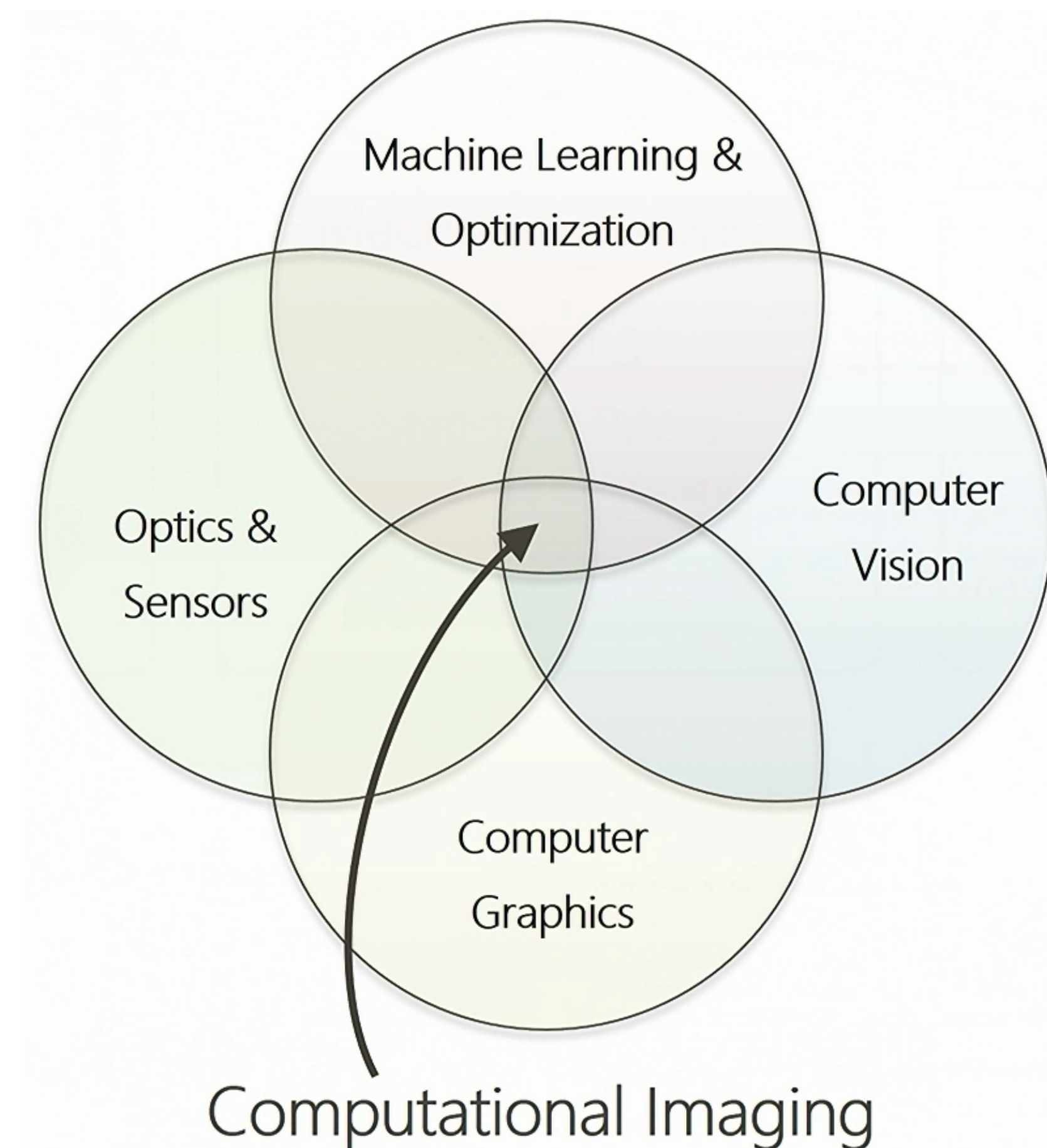
# Computational Imaging meets Pathology

Surpass the barriers of traditional imaging!

Co-design optical hardware and  
processing software

Spin-out from Computational Optics Lab  
at Duke University

Portable, Self-Learning microscopy for  
rapid imaging and analysis



# **Beach Head Market : Blood Analysis**

**Complete Blood Counts (CBC) and Peripheral Blood Smears (PBS)**

**\$50B Global Market - Most common pathology tests**

**Important for monitoring patient health**

**Vital for COVID-19 triaging and diagnosis**

**Human dependent processes with high skill requirement**

# Legacy technology for Complete Blood Count

Technology used = **Chemical** + Optical

Moving parts = **High Maintenance and Calibration**

Interference between 7 blood cell counts = **False Positives**

Not the **GOLD** standard!

**"Blood Smear"** = Final diagnosis = GOLD standard



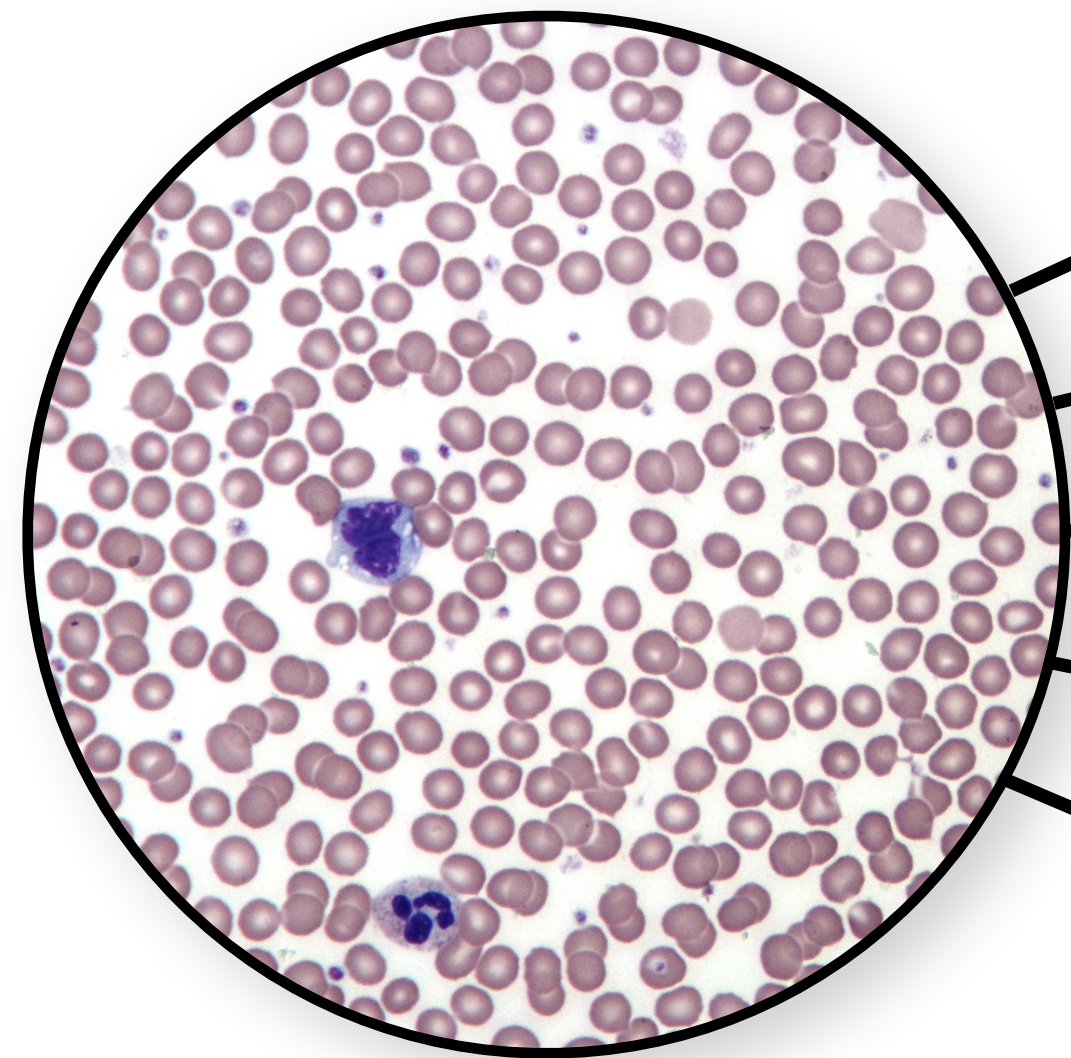
Automated Hematoanalyzer (AHA)



# Blood Smears are visual and important...

Drops of blood on a glass slide + dye, inspected using a microscope

Used for...



Blood smear under a microscope

→ **Viral** against **Bacterial** Infections

→ Various types of **Blood Cancers**

→ **Sickle Cell** Disease and blood **Anemias**

→ Infectious diseases like **COVID-19**

→ ... and more

# ... but they are not ordered often enough

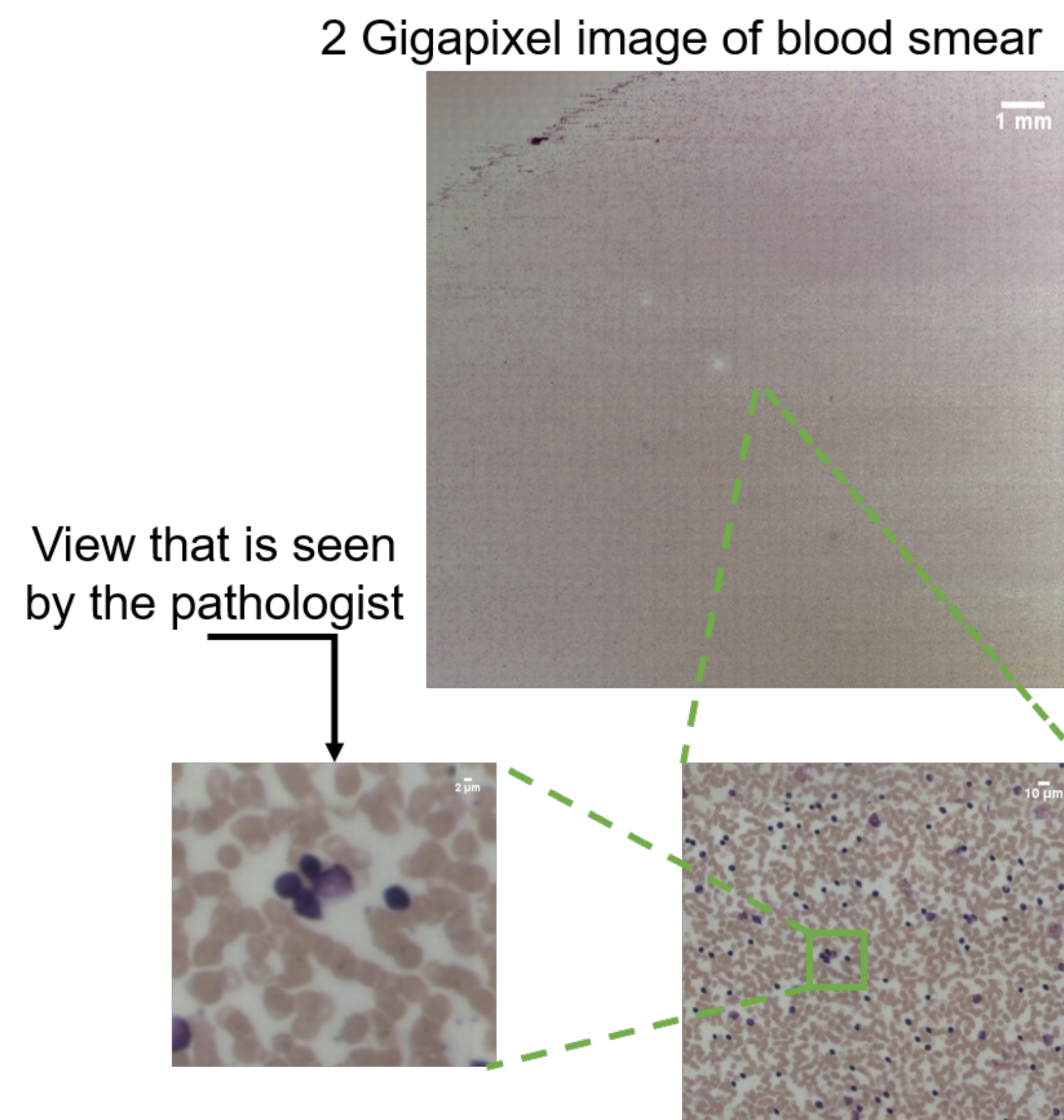
Very tedious

Requires tremendous skill and training

Performed manually using a microscope

70+ possible abnormalities

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 15 & \times & 20 & = & 5 \text{ Hrs} \\ \text{Minutes} & & \text{Average} & & \text{of manual} \\ \text{per} & & \text{smear} & & \text{effort} \\ \text{smear} & & \text{per day} & & \text{each day} \end{array}$$





# COVID-19 diagnosed using Blood Smears?

**Computational Optics Lab at Duke** has shown early results for **COVID-19 diagnosis using Blood Smears with > 90% AUC!**

Accuracy will be further improved by incorporating Complete Blood Count

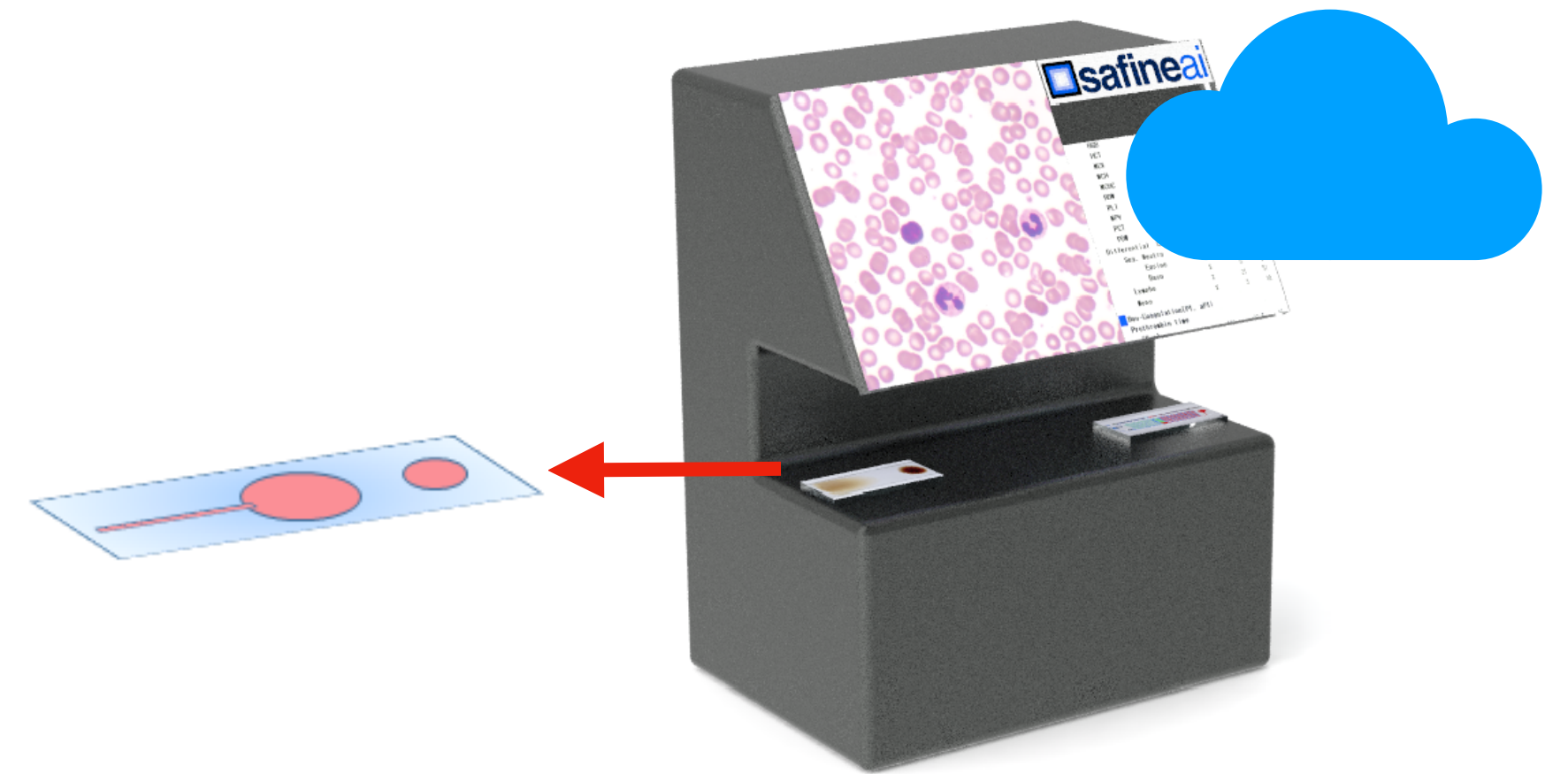
**Complete Blood Count (CBC) + Blood Smear (PBS) =**  
**Complete picture + Diagnostic Value**

# SafineAI will automate CBC and PBS at the **GOLD** standard

## Current



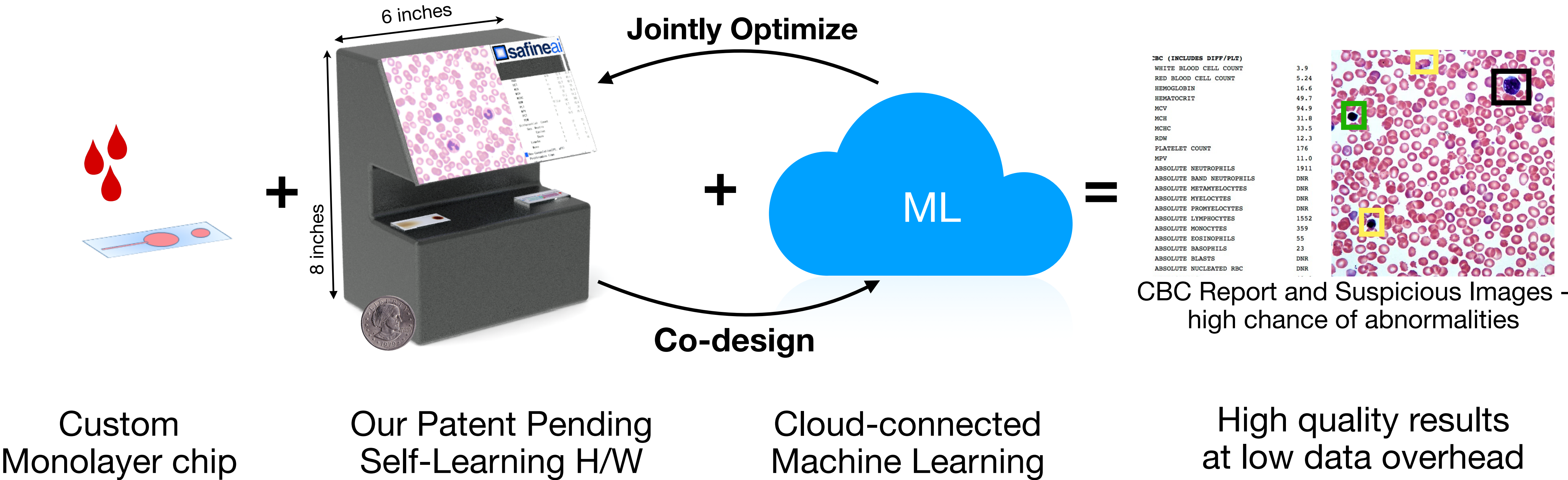
**Two devices: Automated + Manual**  
**Multiple Components and Reagents**  
**Significant amount of blood (~mL)**  
**High Maintenance, Calibration**



**One device: Automated**  
**Simple use, no reagents**  
**Just a few drops of blood (~uL)**  
**No maintenance, Auto-calibration**



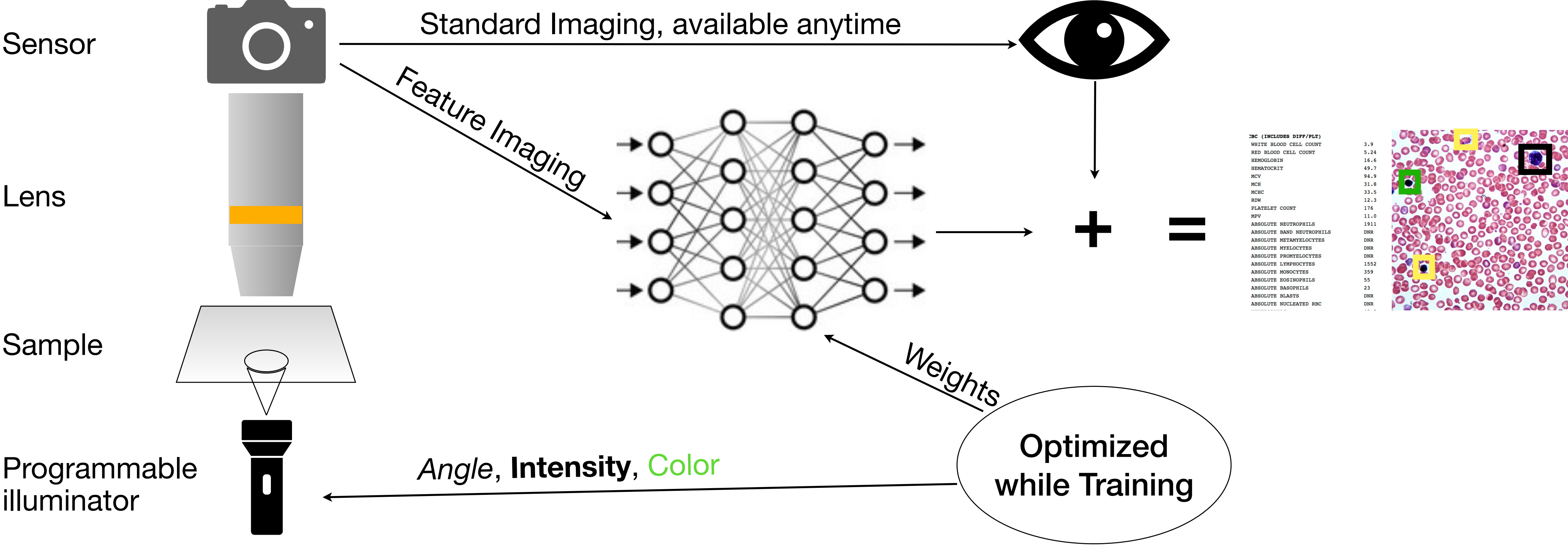
# Technology = optical + computational





# ML and Optics optimized together

## Task influences the information captured

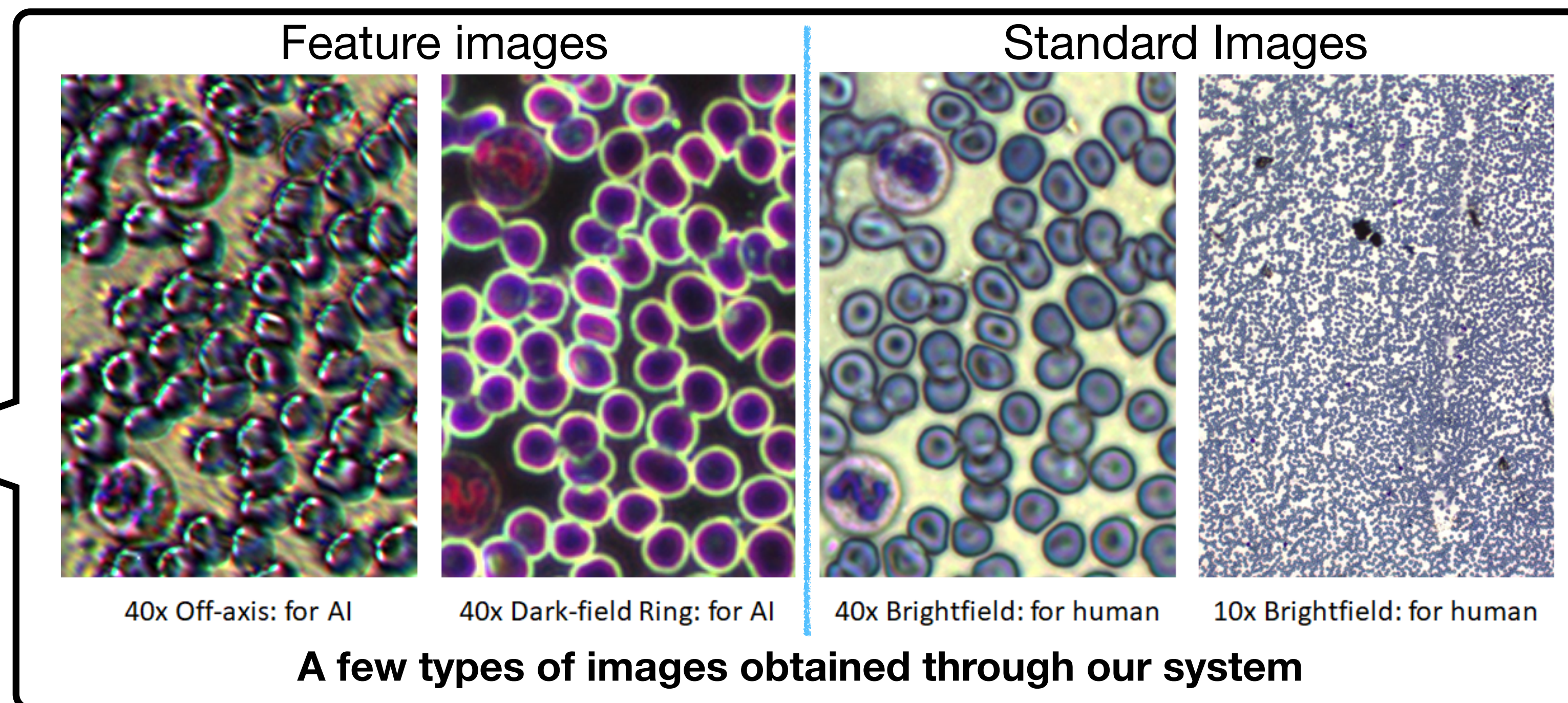
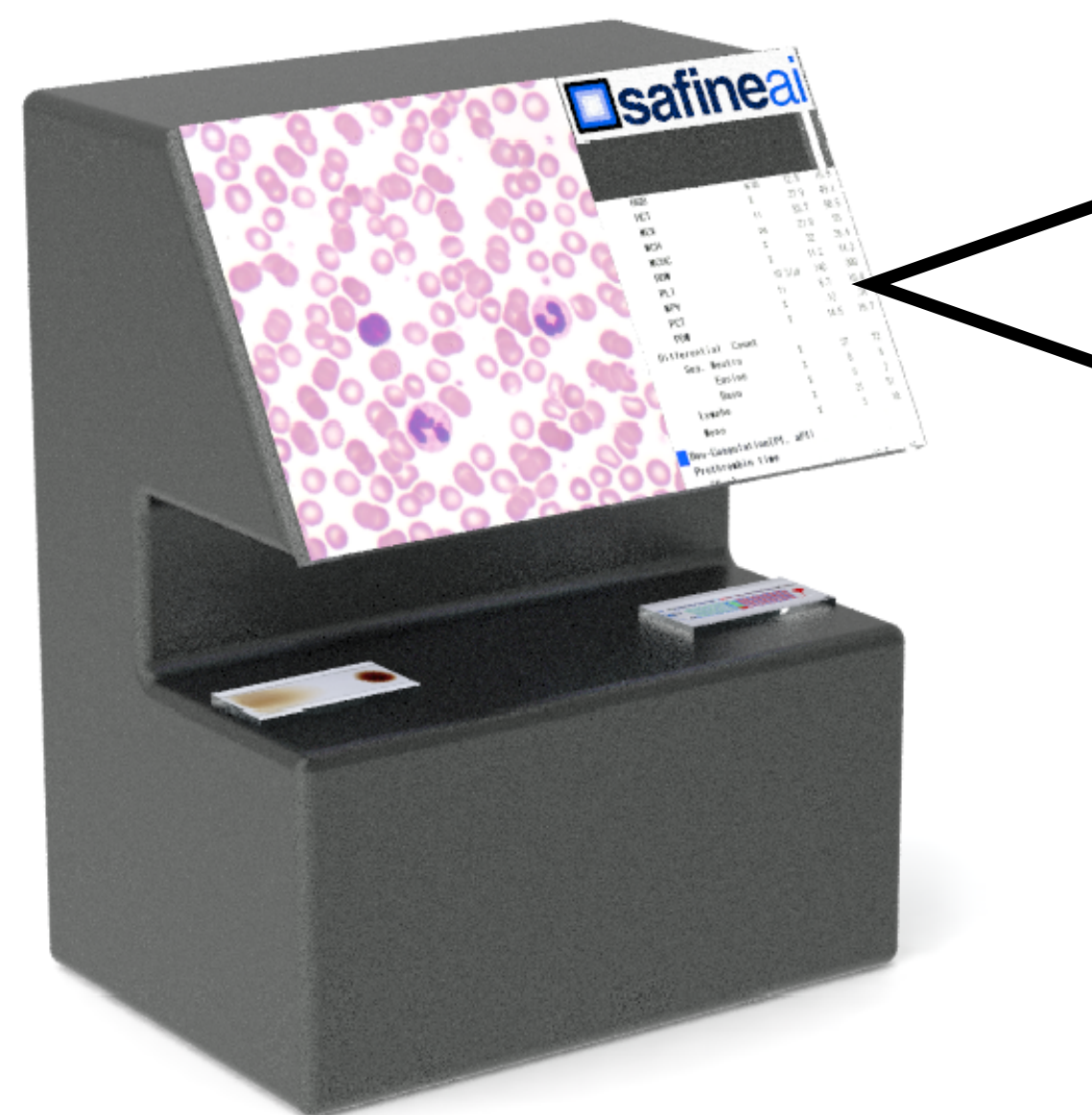


Simplified Optical Pipeline



# Image Acquisition makes a big difference!

Best images for AI and humans



**Portable, Affordable (< \$2k), Multi-channel microscopy**

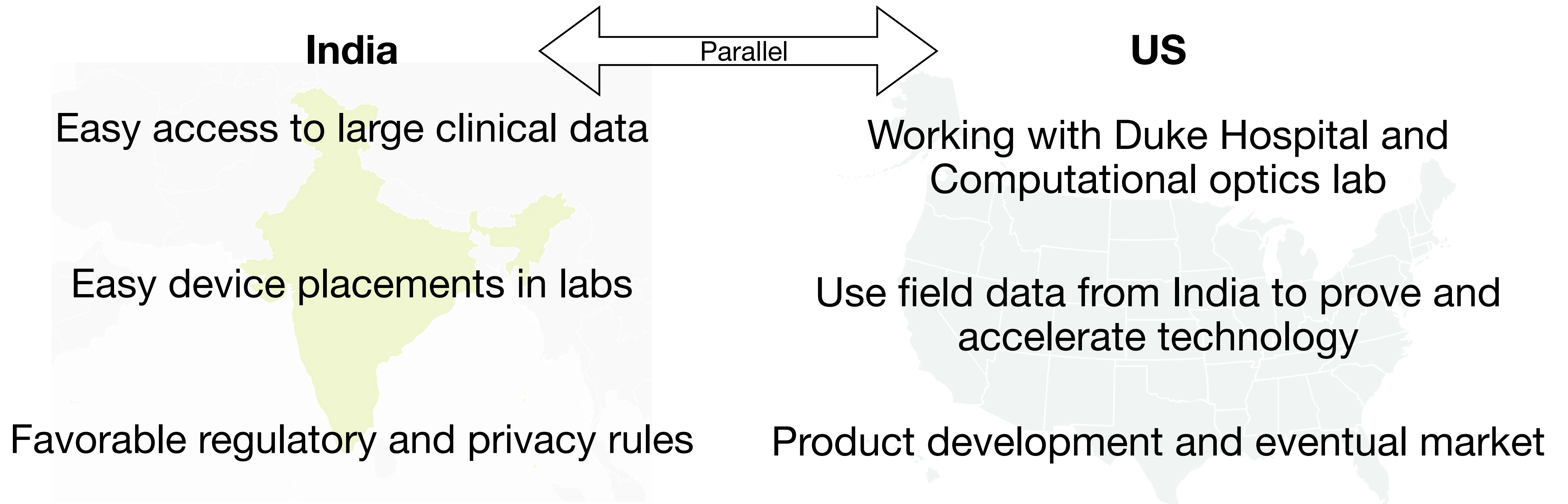
**Feature rich images** = more information, less scanning

**5x faster acquisition** time than a traditional microscope



# More and varied data = Better AI

Leverage India and US to reduce time to market by 3x



# Already established partnerships in India

Network of pathology labs from across India



Bhore Path  
Lab



Koyalkar  
Pathology



We will create one of the  
largest datasets of blood  
images in the world!

We can obtain 3000 blood smears everyday

# ***Not just data* - Indian Blood Work Market - \$1.6B**

**Diagnostics as a Service - charge per test**

**Capital Equipment Cost High Low/Free**

$$50 \times \$1 = \$16,000$$

Average Tests  
per day per lab

We charge  
per test (tentative)

SafineAI revenue  
per lab

$$\$16,000 \times 100,000 = \$1.6B$$

SafineAI revenue  
per lab

Pathology labs in India -  
*35% Organized Labs*

Total Addressable  
Market



# US Blood Market - \$4.6B

Different business models can be considered, separate from India

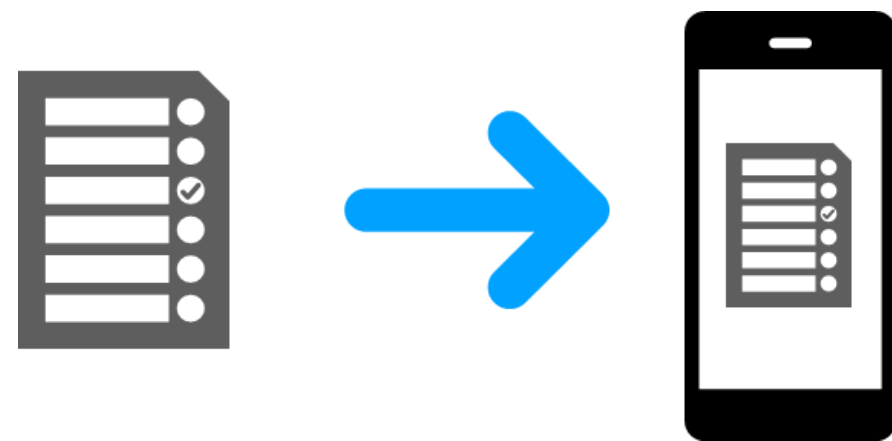
$$466\text{M} \times \$10 = \$4.6\text{B}$$

Total tests per year

Medicare  
reimbursement

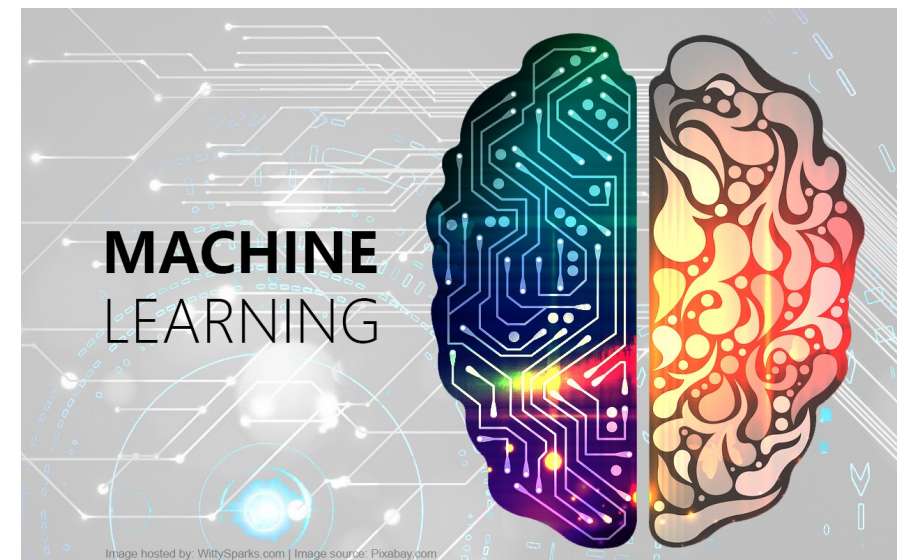
Total Addressable Market

# Why Now?



## Integrated Systems

Switch to digital pathology is inevitable



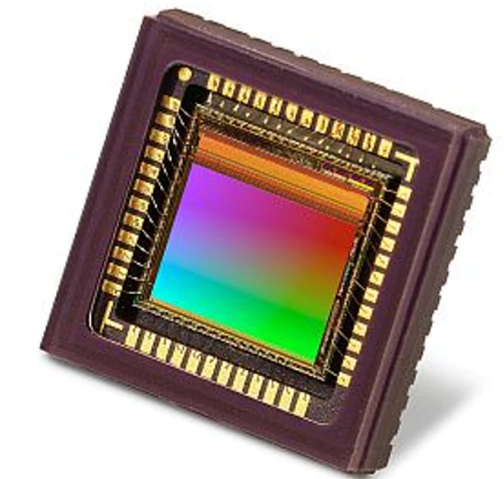
## ML is here to stay

FDA has started recognizing the value of ML



## Speed and Cost

Fastest *internet* speeds at scale and cloud prices halve every three years



## Imaging sensors

More efficient and cheaper as mobile tech improves further

# A lot more than blood..

We can do everything that a microscope is used for



Lateral Scalability

Histology & cytology  
( \$30B )

Hemato Oncology  
( \$5B )

We can ALSO..

Understand disease progressions

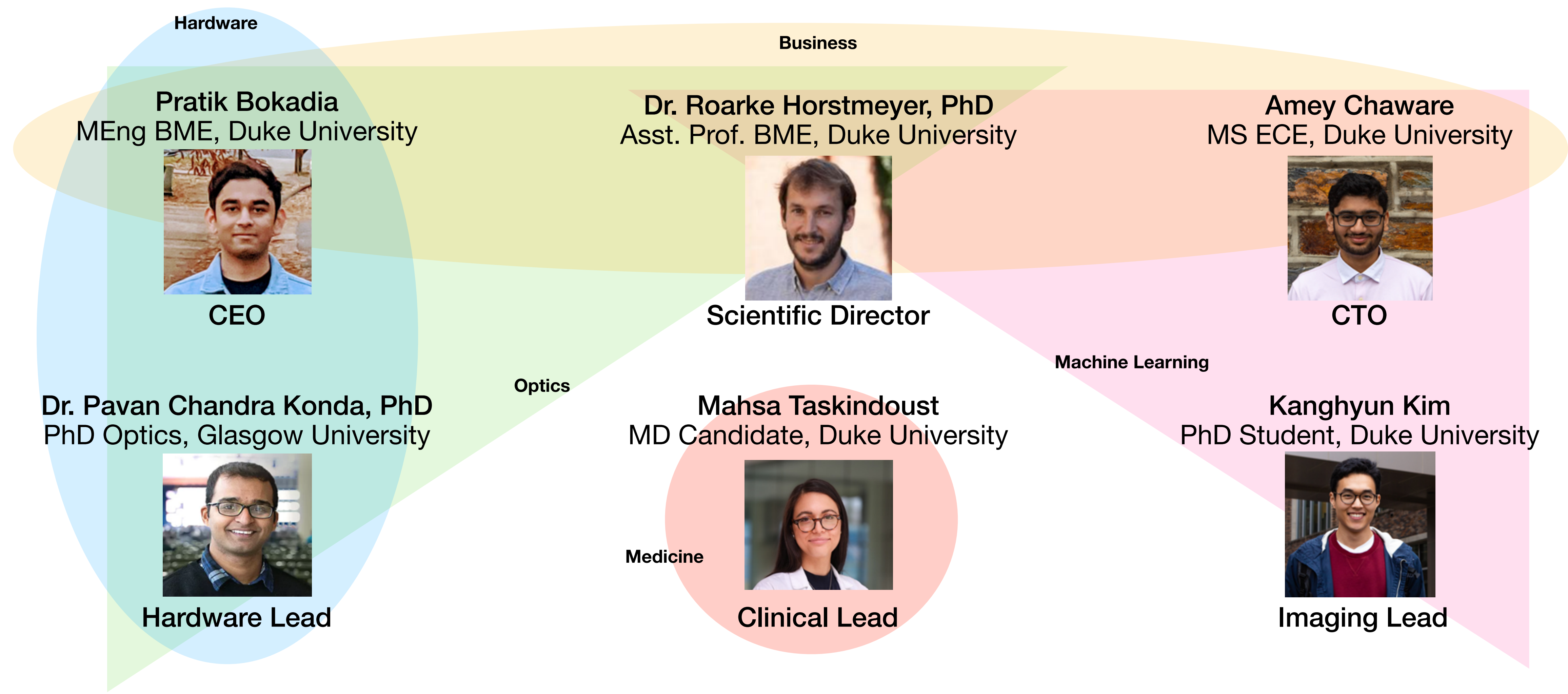
Potentially identify new imaging biomarkers

# Competition

|                            | AHA (Current) | SigTuple  | Sight Dx | Athelas | SafineAI |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Blood Abnormality Analysis | ✗             | Yes       | Yes      | ✗       | ✓        |
| Images of Abnormalities    | ✗             | Yes       | ✗        | ✗       | ✓        |
| CBC Analysis               | Yes           | ✗         | Yes      | ✗       | ✓        |
| Custom Device              | ✗             | ✗         | Yes      | Yes     | ✓        |
| Cloud Based ML Platform    | ✗             | Yes       | ✗        | Yes     | ✓        |
| Point-of-care              | ✗             | ✗         | Yes      | Yes     | Yes      |
| Time                       | 30m           | Not Known | 10m      | 10m     | 10-15m   |
| Maintainance               | Everyday      | Minimal   | Minimal  | Minimal | Minimal  |



# Expert Versatile Team





# Advisors and Partners



**Dr. Joeseeph Knight**  
PhD, MBA  
CEO, InnAVasc Medical  
Strategy Advisor



**Dr. Inga Deakin**  
PhD, Oxford University  
Mentor-in-Residence, Duke BME  
Business Advisor



**Dr. Mark Harfouche**  
PhD, CalTech  
CEO, Ramona Optics  
Technical Advisor



**Dr. Carolyn Glass**  
Co-Director, Computational  
Pathology, Duke Hospital  
Clinical Advisor



\$120000 in Azure Credits  
Best Digital Innovation Award



# Ask

**\$ 300,000 - for development and to get to next round of funding**

Beta of Imaging system placed in 7 partner pathology labs

User Software

Annotated Dataset of blood cells

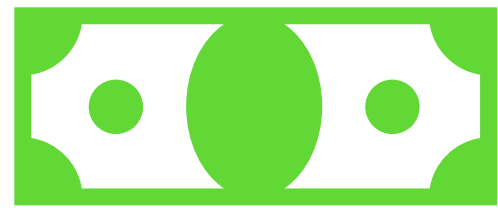
WBC differential counting - Peripheral Blood Smear (PBS)

## **Strategic Connections**

Pathology Chains, Manufacturers and Regulatory Experts

# Appendix

# What's in it for a pathology lab/ hospital?



Cost  
Savings



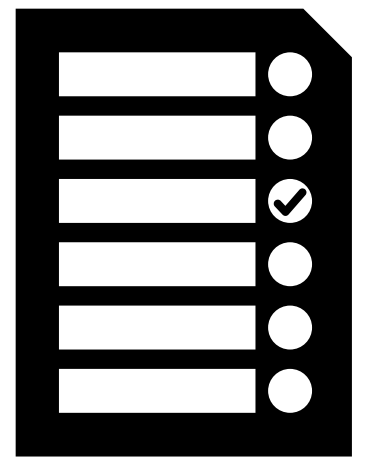
Reduced  
Human  
dependency



More tests

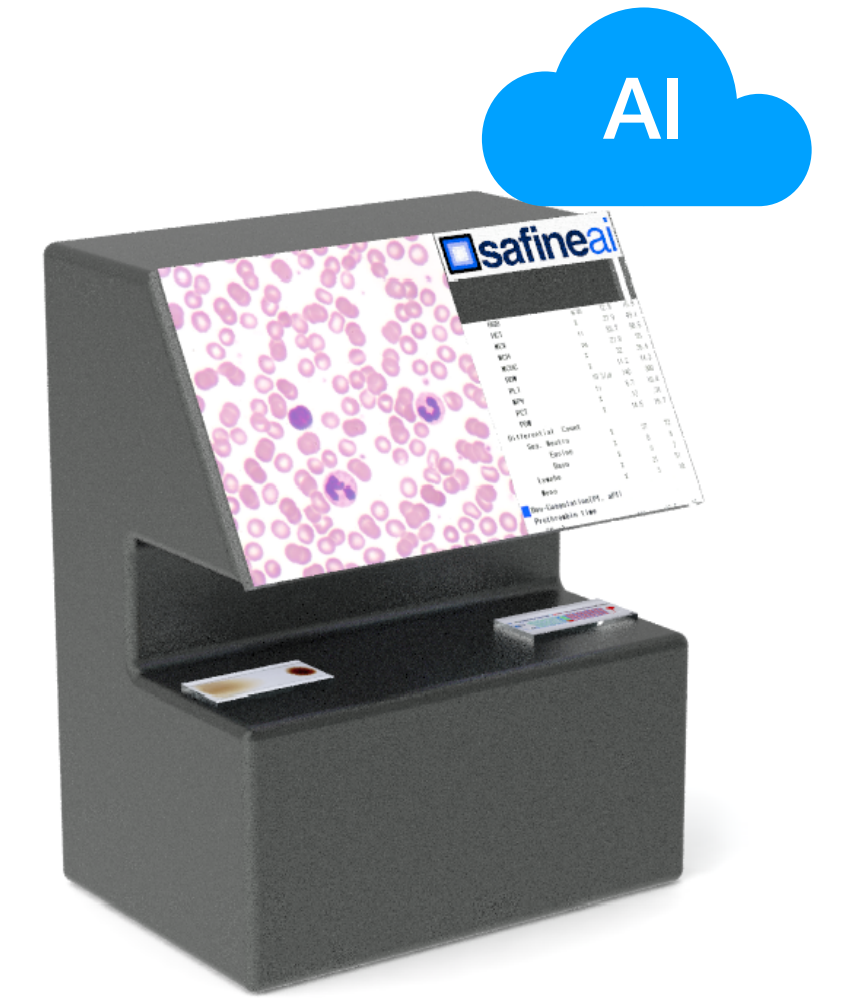


More accurate  
results



Digital record  
and report

# Regulatory Classification



## US

**Class 2 (Microscope + Software)  
with special controls**

Predicate: Athelas Microscope 510(k)

Predicate: OLO (Sight Diagnostics)

**Class 2 Microscope & Class 2  
Software**

## India

**Class B device**

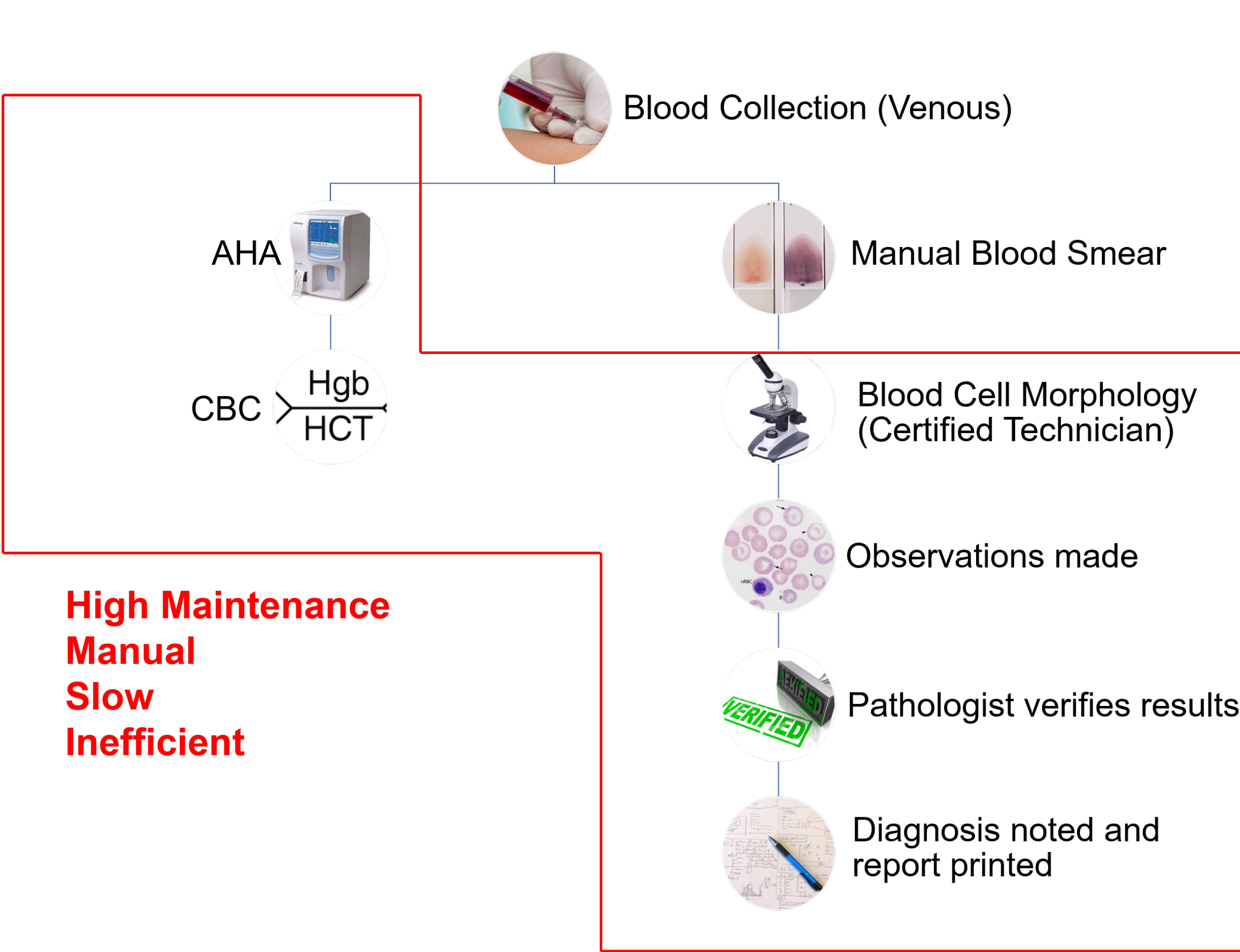
Predicate: Whole Slide Imager (WSI)

**FDA clearance is accepted in India**

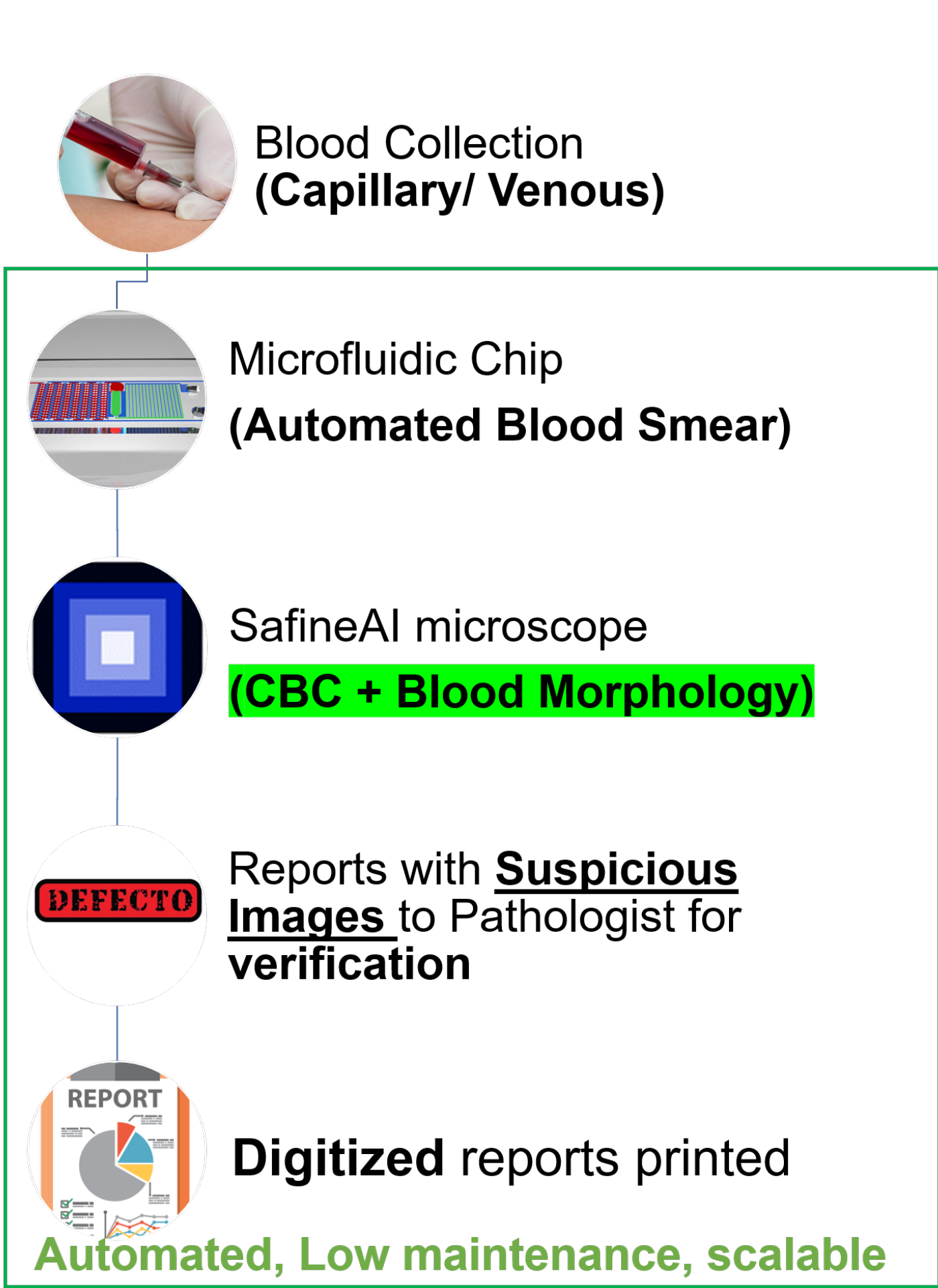


# Streamline workflow

## Current Workflow



## SafineAI Workflow



# Next Steps

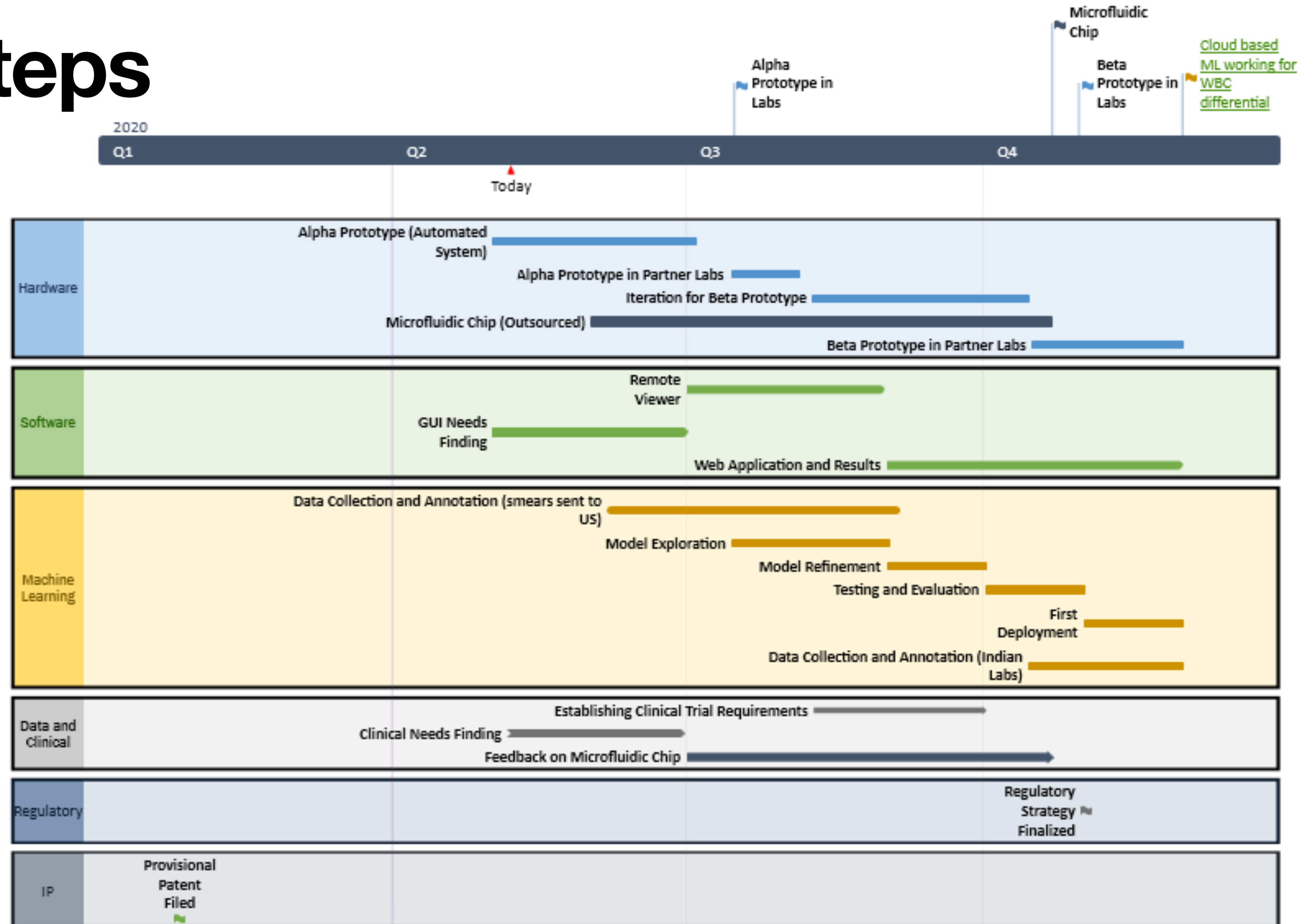




Image cropping figure: show large FOV, and then cropped region, and show the ability to narrow in

