

# Vision Care Technology Platform For Amblyopia Treatment

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# Key Achievements

- **Patents x 2**
- **Trademarks x 2**
- **Publications x ...**

- **US 8,002,409 B2**, Vision Treatment Procedures And Devices

- **U.S. application No. 12/886,357**, Systems And Methods For Binocular Vision Diagnosis And Treatment

- **v-Trainer**: Hong Kong Trademark Office, Certificate no 301450809; China Trademark Office, Certificate no 7778258

- **b-Trainer**: China Trademark Office, Certificate no 7778260

- Dual-channel Portable Amblyopia Treatment System With Perceptual Template Model, The 4th **International Conference on BioMedical Engineering and Informatics** 2011

# Newspaper Clippings (1)

Ta Kung Pao (2009-08-09)

Sing Tao (2009-09-28)

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大公報 Takungpao

二〇〇九年八月九日 星期日

## 應科院視覺系統改善弱視



弱視是難癒之症，古今中外為人父母者，也常對子女視力好壞操諸心，或受醫者，可是如何向醫者提供先天的「視」則重要，後天及早發現及得到適當治療的話，後果可以很樂觀。

治療市場需求龐大  
市場對視覺治療有龐大的需求。據有關調查報告，全球視障者約超過百分之三十，但中國內地已有逾四億視障患者，當中超過一億是兒童，最常見的是弱視。弱視有遠、近視和斜視等，其中兒童弱視的問題在內地情況嚴重，發病率約為百分之四，即全國三歲兒童中，有一千

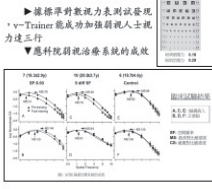
多萬兒童患有此病，比全球平均的百分之三為高。目前，坊間有不少針對視障問題的治療方法，例如中醫藥、針灸治療、儀器治療等。但醫學界普遍不足，療效不一。針灸法針對產生的神經性視障人士產生治療；而儀器治療法則較易治癒弱視，又不太美觀，而且只能治老年弱視者。有見及此，香港應用科技研究院的生物醫學電子研究組的科研人员近年多番研析，終於成功開發了一種電腦輔助系統 (v-Trainer)。



▲弱視人士接受v-Trainer系統培訓後，對比敏感度明顯有所改善。



▲袖珍電子書



v-Trainer成效顯著  
精製的v-Trainer系統能由一般治療系統有多年經驗之處，其一些特別針對兒童學習視力互動性電腦化，有助於改善對比敏感度和立體視力。應科院成功地向家長及分發至十二間兒童視障中心進行視障治療，接受治療的人數顯著增加。在安全治療的方向，v-Trainer從中找出治療的視力改善方向，為個別病人提供針對性治療。在應對對數視力測試發現，v-Trainer能成功增加百分之十二的視力。數據由0.18提升至0.20，增幅達百分之六十。

此外，應科院的科研人員在v-Trainer臨床測試中發現了放棄訓練對兒童及成年弱視病人同樣有成效，弱視成年人的視力亦有一定可塑性。這個發現打破了傳統觀念，給成人視障患者一線曙光。

日本新力今年八月在東京推出全球首創的電子閱讀器PR5-300，宣稱「突破性的」最優售價僅為一百九十九美元。另一款較大的閱讀器售價為二百九十九美元。其電池電力可足夠達七十五百次「開關」。記憶庫40MB，可容納三千本標準電子書。而每部電子閱讀器的市場零售價在七月已把標準 Kindle 降價至二百九十九美元。與較大的 Kindle 零售價四百九十九美元，兩者競爭爭奪市場。

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## 億元誘矽谷中小企設分支 港府做大買家撐創新科技

創新科技是六大產業之一，也是特首曾蔭權下月發表《施政報告》重點。香港應用科技研究院行政總裁張念坤指出，香港不少科研公司已做到開發技術及轉移生產為商品成果，建議港府可以優先採購本地科研成果。應科院又充當紅娘，成功吸納國際金融投資公司資金，吸引矽谷公司來港進行研發，最高有近一億元，相信可以吸引更多具潛質科研公司來港，帶動創新科技產業。



▲應科院張念坤接受本報訪問時指出，現時該院的科研項目，全部由創新及科技基金以等額模式資助，即公司與政府各出一半，屬基金已「產業合作計畫」部分，大部分公司已可一手包辦開發技術及轉移生產為商品成果。應科院則擔任導師角色，從旁提供科技基建及人才支援。

張念坤形容，很多公司已可做到一條龍研發生產，掌握到市場脈搏將成果商品化，政府資助對企業是相當重要。他認為政府應全面擴大這類資助，鼓勵更多公司投入「一條龍」研發。

政府部門是大買家，他認為政府的投標合約，應優先採購這類企業成果才有出路。「香港好多公司科研水平已好高，可以與外國大品牌公司齊齊，但無名氣，好難勝贏大公司標。」張念坤指，美國政府將各部門的投標合約總額約一成半，開放予中小企作為扶助政策，港府要推動高新科技，值得效法。

政府五間研發中心之一的香港紡織及成衣研究中心，總監何繼超指，本地企業科研成果「出世」後，至少需一兩年調整後價格才下降；而且企業要物色投資者，將技術轉化為商品生產相當困難。

他效法星洲設免稅優惠  
他和張念坤都認為，政府應效法新加坡和內地為創新科技企業提供免稅優惠，並應加碼，政府帶頭營造高新科技氣氛才有效。

另外，應科院也充當紅娘吸納資金，張念坤指出，剛過去的全球金融海嘯，很多跨國投資者仍有大筆現金在手尋找機會，同時不少美國加州矽谷公司卻找不到資金打款。他今年六月與商務及經濟發展局局長劉志華到訪矽谷了解後，回港後即成功說服近六名投資者，願斥巨資，吸引矽谷八家科技公司來港設分公司，開拓矽谷以外的另一個亞洲分區。

六名投資者既有港資公司，也不乏極具規模的國際金融投資公司。張念坤說，總額逾十萬至一百萬美元，大則有一千萬美元，並願意承擔投資兩至三年。已答允來港的矽谷公司，分別有集成電路體的公司，而且大部分是中小企，提供技術開發為主，期望今年底前可全部落實及找到十個投資者。應科院會協助將部分成本，申請創新及科技基金，令科研公司可以有近億元發展，並期望吸引更多公司來港。

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Oriental Daily (2009-09-10)

### 特製視像眼鏡 打擊弱視

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每日一小時見效

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# Newspaper Clippings (2)

Apple Daily (2011-09-09)

**科技融入生活 走入醫療新領域**

【本報專訊】由香港政府於2009年成立，以發展與研究試驗從科學為基礎的產業。這成立至今，應科院在醫療科技、企業與消費電子、基礎設施建設、材料與儀器儀表及生物醫學等領域均取得令人矚目的研究成果。其中，以最新的醫療研發領域大型醫療器械，更已進入用戶試用階段。

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Ming Pao (2011-09-22)

**應科院 科技以人為本 照顧大眾所需**

應科院企業與消費電子群組和生物醫學電子組的研發以人為本，無論是電子學習、機頂盒或醫療儀器，都切合大眾生活需要，改善及提升生活質素。

**消費電子 (ECE) 群組 了解用戶需要開始**

群組在數字家庭學習方面成績斐然，研究投入大眾市場，也正因為本港醫療服務應用廣泛，及研發群組產品或服務要取得用戶體諒，高業界的創新。

**品更實用**

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**生物醫學電子 (BME) 組 用心研發為提升醫療效益**

生物醫學電子組在2009年4月成立，透過技術轉移為醫療業作出貢獻。生物醫學電子組高級經理陳國強表示：「所有研究均從用戶、醫護人員、病人、生產商角度出發，並會進行臨床評估，以確定對醫護人員及病人有幫助，及能提升醫療系統效能。」

**重視各方專家合作**

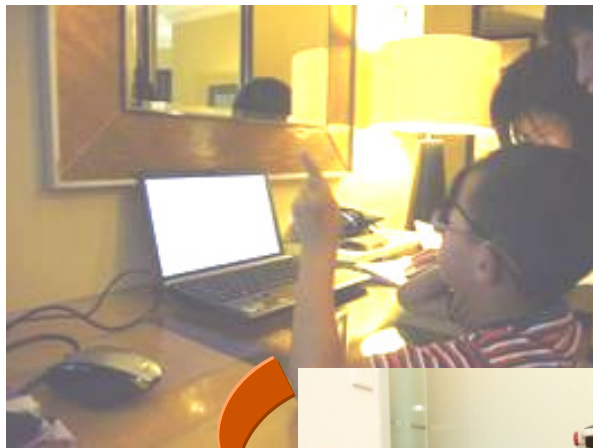
為了令研發項目符合實際需要，BME非常重視與不同領域的專家合作，包括與醫管局醫院、醫學院及護理學校，並直接與用戶專家收集意見。陳國強說：「當中的專項醫療領域必須與專家合作，例如病理學家或外科手術專家，才能研發合適的產品。研發項目均由需求帶動，儘管香港的市場不一定很大，我們也會盡量去開拓。」

**與醫護界合作研發產品**

在研發項目當中，BME研究員留意到(移動)手術室需要具備顯示屏進行手術，脫身或姿勢特別重要，因此研發出醫療顯示屏。此外，研發出醫療顯示屏，醫生在手術室觀看影像會在眼前，有如直接手術室，對工作姿勢及手眼配合有幫助。陳國強表示：「我們在研發初期多次到手術室觀察手術過程，並與醫生開會收集意見。現時推出醫療顯示屏產品，由於彼此一直合作，產品光

## User-Driven Technology

*A child amblyopia patient using our 1<sup>st</sup> version program in Beijing Tongren Hospital*



### What he needs?

A light-shielded **goggle** for fixing the optical settings & making patients more concentrated during the treatment (Vs using desktop LCD monitor)

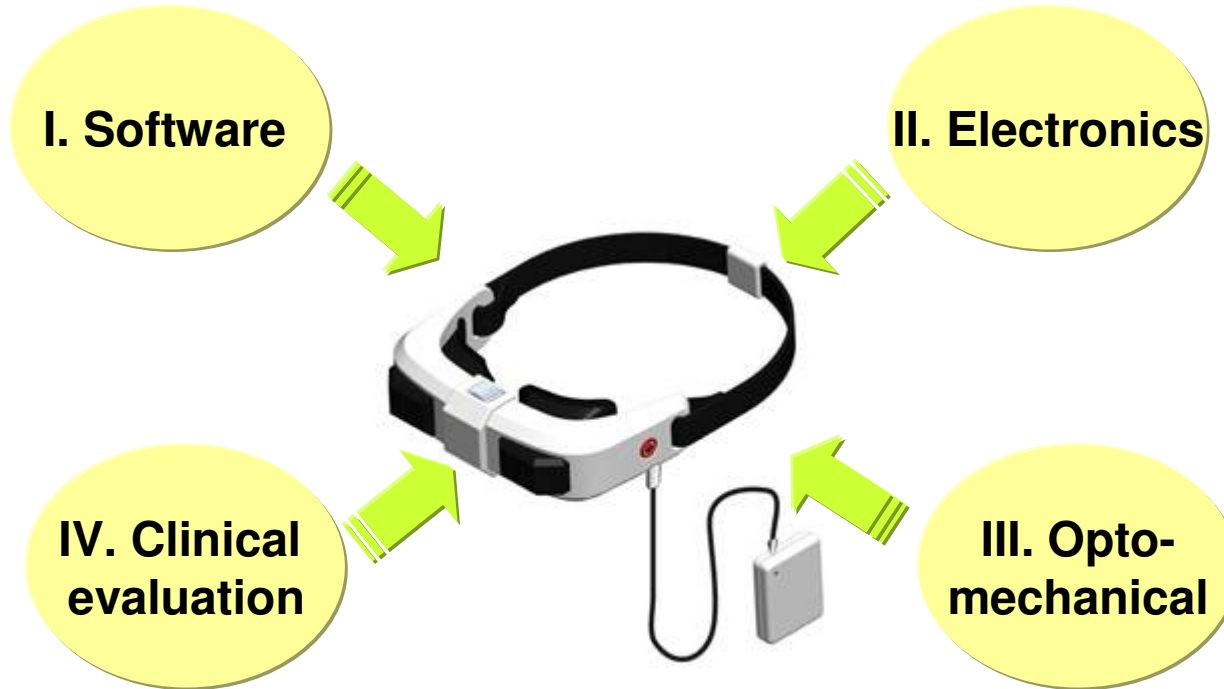
A **stand-alone** device for flexibility in use (Vs traveling to hospital & sticking to computer)

An easy-to-use response input device for young children (Vs using the mouse)

### Why Portable Medical Device?

## Multi-Technology Integration

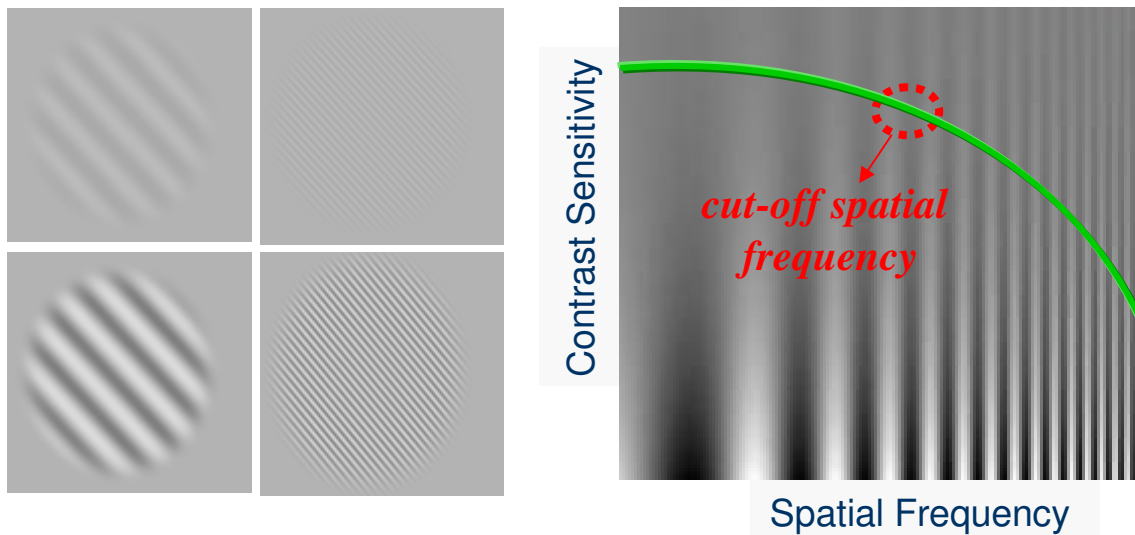
❑ **MAKE IT INTO A PROMISING PORTABLE  
MEDICAL TREATMENT DEVICE!**





## Patented Treatment Method

US Patent Granted: US8,002,409 B2



- Images consisting of line patterns with different contrast sensitivity and spatial frequency are presented to patient's weak eye
- An equal visibility contour line is obtained
- The training procedure is based on measurement of cut-off spatial frequency of the contrast sensitivity function of each individual
- Training is focused at detecting gratings at the cut-off spatial frequency (based on PTM analysis, training at cutoff frequency is most effective)

# Multiple Function Brain Training Device (BTD) for Amblyopia treatment and binocular vision training

ITF full project completed on 31 Dec 2011

- User friendly Amblyopia treatment software with enhanced training algorithm and analysis
- Portable, stand-alone brain-vision training head-mount device with patient specific backlight control
- Nearly 100 patients at two Beijing hospitals evaluated and HK patient study has been initiated at two local sites. Data supported effectiveness of improvement beyond 10 years of age



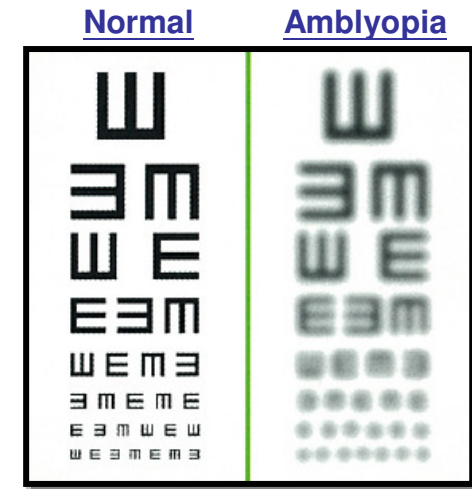
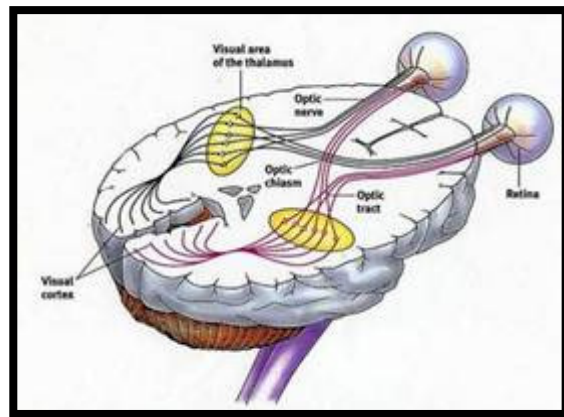
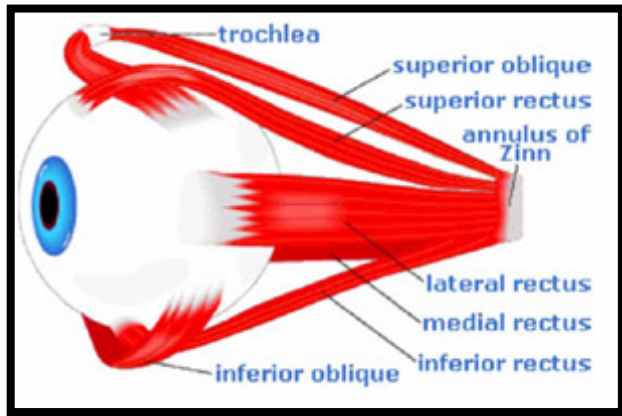
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# Brain Training Device (BTD)

## **BRAIN / NEURAL TRAINING**



**Amblyopia** is a developmental disorder of **spatial vision** in the absence of any detectable structural or pathologic abnormalities that cannot be corrected by refractive means

- It is a problem in the neuro-pathway in visual cortex of our brain
- It is a brain deficit (**LAZY BRAIN**), not an eye deficit

Eye/Vision training ➡ Brain Training

# Brain Training Device (BTD)

- ❑ More than half of amblyopia patients and also strabismus patients have **Binocular Vision Disorder**. That means they cannot **fuse the two images** from the two eyes into one coherent image (binocular combination) to get 3-dimensional view with depth perception (stereoacuity).
- ❑ Binocular vision disorder leads to many problems in daily lives.



## Daily-life activities

- Depth perception => Stepping on the moving escalator
- Motion perception & Eye-hand coordination => Sports like hiking, ball-games
- Entertainment like dancing, playing computer games, watching 3D-movies

# Patient statistics

## Worldwide statistics



Vision Problem	Overall occurrence rate	Country	Data source
<b>Amblyopia</b>	3% - 5%	China and worldwide	《眼科学杂志》2008; Weber JL & Wood Joanne (2005)
<b>Strabismus</b>	1%	China	《眼科学杂志》2008
<b>Myopia</b>	33%	China and worldwide	WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF VISUAL REFRACTIVE ERRORS AND WHAT TO EXPECT AT A PARTICULAR LOCATION: August 31, 2006
<b>Presbyopia</b>	9%	China and worldwide	US Census Bureau, International Data Base, 2004

Vision Problem	Affected population in CHINA	Affected population in Hong Kong
<b>Amblyopia</b>	30M Adults & 15M Children	---
<b>Strabismus</b>	15M	---
<b>Myopia</b>	495M	1.76M
<b>Presbyopia</b>	135M	0.62M

# General concept of amblyopia treatment



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## Amblyopia

### Treatment and prognosis [\[edit\]](#)

### Treatments [\[edit\]](#)

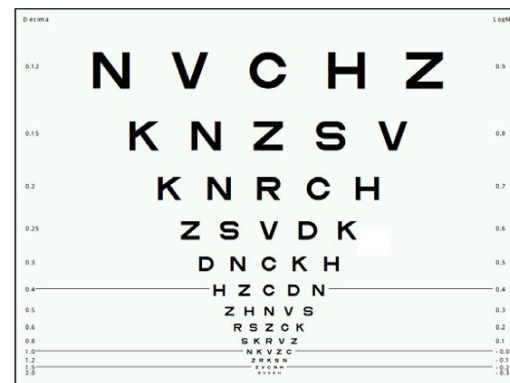
Treatment of *strabismic* or *anisometropic amblyopia* consists of correcting the optical deficit (wearing the necessary spectacle prescription) and often forcing use of the amblyopic eye, either by patching the good eye, or by instilling topical *atropine* in the eye with better vision.<sup>[13]</sup> Yet, there is a drawback as the drops can have a side-effect of creating nodules in the eye which a correctional ointment can counteract. One should also be wary of over-patching or over-penalizing the good eye when treating for amblyopia, as this can create so-called "reverse amblyopia" in the other eye.<sup>[10][14]</sup>

Treatment of individuals age 9 through adult is possible through applied perceptual learning.<sup>[15][16]</sup>

*Form deprivation amblyopia* is treated by removing the opacity as soon as possible followed by patching or penalizing the good eye to encourage use of the amblyopic eye.<sup>[10]</sup> The earlier treatment is initiated, the easier and faster the treatment is and the less psychologically damaging.<sup>[citation needed]</sup> There is also a greater chance of achieving 20/20 vision if treatment is initiated as early as possible.<sup>[17]</sup>

### Clinical trials and experiments [\[edit\]](#)

Although the best outcome is achieved if treatment is started before age 8, research has shown that children older than age 12 and some adults can show improvement in the affected eye. Children from 9 to 11 who wore an eye patch and performed near point activities (*vision therapy*) were four times as likely to show a two line improvement on a standard 11 line eye chart than amblyopic children who did not receive treatment. Adolescents aged 13 to 17 showed improvement as well, albeit in smaller amounts than younger children. It is uncertain whether such improvements are only temporary, however, particularly if treatment is discontinued.<sup>[10][18]</sup>



# General concept of amblyopia treatment

Zhou, Y., et al. (2006). Vision Research

1998; Kiorpes & McKee, 1999). In clinical practice, only infant and young child amblyopes are treated, while older children (>8 years) and adults are mostly left untreated because it is widely believed that the various therapies are no longer effective for them (Campos, 1995; Flynn,

Levi, D.M., Li, R.W., (2009). Vision Research

Because amblyopia only occurs when there is abnormal binocular visual input during the “sensitive period” early in life, it is often assumed that it can only be treated effectively in infants and young children. The studies listed in Table 1 span a broad range

## 弱视怎样才算彻底治愈？

全球医院网2011-03-07

根据中华医学会、中华眼科学会、全国儿童弱视、斜视防治组1987年9月制定的弱视治疗疗效评价标准为：

- (1) 无效：包括视力退步、不变或仅提高一行者；
- (2) 进步：视力增进二行及二行以上者\*；
- (3) 基本痊愈：视力恢复到 $\geq 0.9$ \*\*者；
- (4) 痊愈：经过3年随访，视力保持正常者。

\* Improvement: when Visual Acuity is improved with 2 lines or above

\*\* “0.9” is in decimal scale, which is equivalent to around 0.05 in LogMAR scale



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# Case of Amblyopia Treatment Study in Hong Kong

## 針灸治愈弱視 超戴眼鏡近半

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【經濟日報專訊】中文大學及汕頭大學一項合作研究發現，針灸有效治療弱視，其中3至6歲兒童治癒率，更比傳統只戴眼鏡的比率高近43個百分點，惟療法暫未在港推行。

中大表示，正計劃在港進行為期1年的研究，招募200名兒童患者接受免費治療。

中大眼科及視覺科學學系教授范舒屏估計，現時本港約3%兒童患有弱視，主要有3個成因，包括兩眼屈光參差（即俗稱「鴛鴦眼」）、斜視及其他眼疾（如深度近視、天生白內障），其中「鴛鴦眼」更佔三分一至5成。

聯合眼鏡針灸 療程每月20次

倘利用「視力檢查方法」（即英文字母驗眼表）檢查視力，雙眼最佳視力相差兩行或以上，就屬於弱視。現時只有眼鏡及遮眼（即遮蓋視力較強的眼睛，從而訓練另一眼睛）療法，最佳治療期為3至6歲。

中大汕頭聯合國國際眼科中心在06至10年，研究171名內地弱視兒童，分為3至6歲及7至12歲兩組，每組再分兩批，分別接受眼鏡及眼鏡針灸聯合治療，**7至12歲**組於眼鏡治療中多加遮眼治療，**3至6歲**組治療期為15周，7至12歲組治療期為25周。

患者需接受每月20次，每次20分鐘的針灸，於5組穴位施針，包括攢竹（眼周）、跗陽（小腿下方）、太陽、合谷（手部虎口），及百會（頭頂）。

研究結果發現，3至6歲組接受眼鏡治療者，視力由第6行增至第8行，而眼鏡針灸聯合治療者，視力更由第6行增至第9行。眼鏡針灸聯合治療者的治癒率高達57.5%，較眼鏡治療的14.6%，高出42.9個百分點。

中大眼科及視覺科學學系系主任林順潮解釋，正常人視力為第11行，針灸可調節神經系統，刺激相關腦部皮層區域，釋放神經遞質及賀爾蒙到眼部，修補損毀部分。由於傳統遮眼療法服從性低，小朋友很容易揭開眼罩偷看。

招200患者 免費治療研究

林續指，暫未發現針灸的副作用，須繼續研究其成效及最佳治療周期，已將15周治療期調高為30周。不過，有關治療方法仍未能在港推行，但未來1年會研究本港弱視兒童，正募集200名患者進行免費治療研究，市民可致電2762 3041查詢。

# Current Products in Market (1)

## 眼博士弱视治疗仪 广州



眼博士弱视综合治疗仪

单价： 360.00 /台



眼博士综合弱视治疗仪

单价： 2500.00 /台



广州博视眼博士综合弱视仪

单价： 2600.00 /台



眼博士综合弱视治疗仪



眼博士弱视治疗仪

单价： 1200.00 /台

【功能介绍】 六功能,单目式,精细度0.01,三功能盒

【产品特点】 数码调控,语音提示操作

### 产品简介

#### 第三代综合弱视仪，六功能:

- 1.光刷
- 2.等级精细视力-对比敏感度
- 3.红闪视标
- 4.后像图形
- 5.后像视力
- 6.手脑眼协调  
(机内视力表)

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# Current Products in Market (2)

## EyeRelax from Energie Singapore



### EyeRelax & EyeRelax Amblyopia



Price: \$580 USD

**HKD 4,524**

EyeRelax is an award winning visual-spectrum medical device clinically programmed to improve shortsightedness or myopia commonly cause by tired eyes.

Its patented light-spectrum technology stimulates the retina cells and vision nerves to improve the photosensitivity of the eyes. It is also enhanced with visual near-far stimulation to effectively prevent and control myopia caused by tired ciliary muscle.

EyeRelax is the most effective, safe, non-invasive, non-medicinal device for the control of myopia.

National University of Malaysia (UKM) and SIM University Singapore, have just successfully concluded a study on the effectiveness of EyeRelax therapy.

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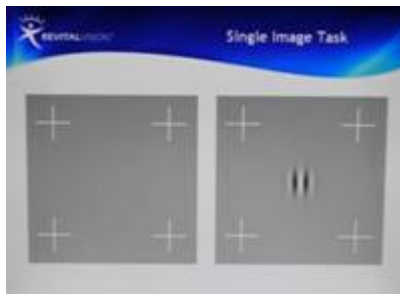


# Current Products in Market (3)

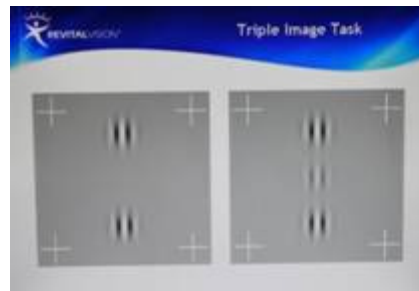
## RevitalVision neural training



Three type of training patterns :



Single Image Task  
(black & white strip  
with different size,  
contrast and  
orientation)



Triple Image Task  
(black & white strip  
with different size,  
contrast and  
orientation)



Darker Image Task  
(black & white strip  
with different size,  
contrast and  
orientation)

### Method to feedback :

Two flashes are displayed  
in random order



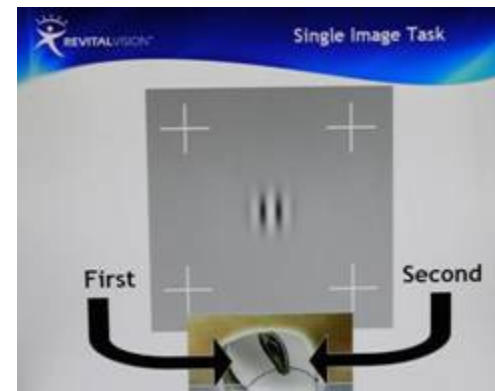
without single image



with single image

Two flashes in each task,

left-click to indicate that the first flash with single image OR  
right-click to indicate that the second flash with single image



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# Project Objective



•To **IMPROVE LIFE** of visual-problem patients



•To promote **PORTABLE** eye care device



•To promote **BRAIN TRAINING** device.

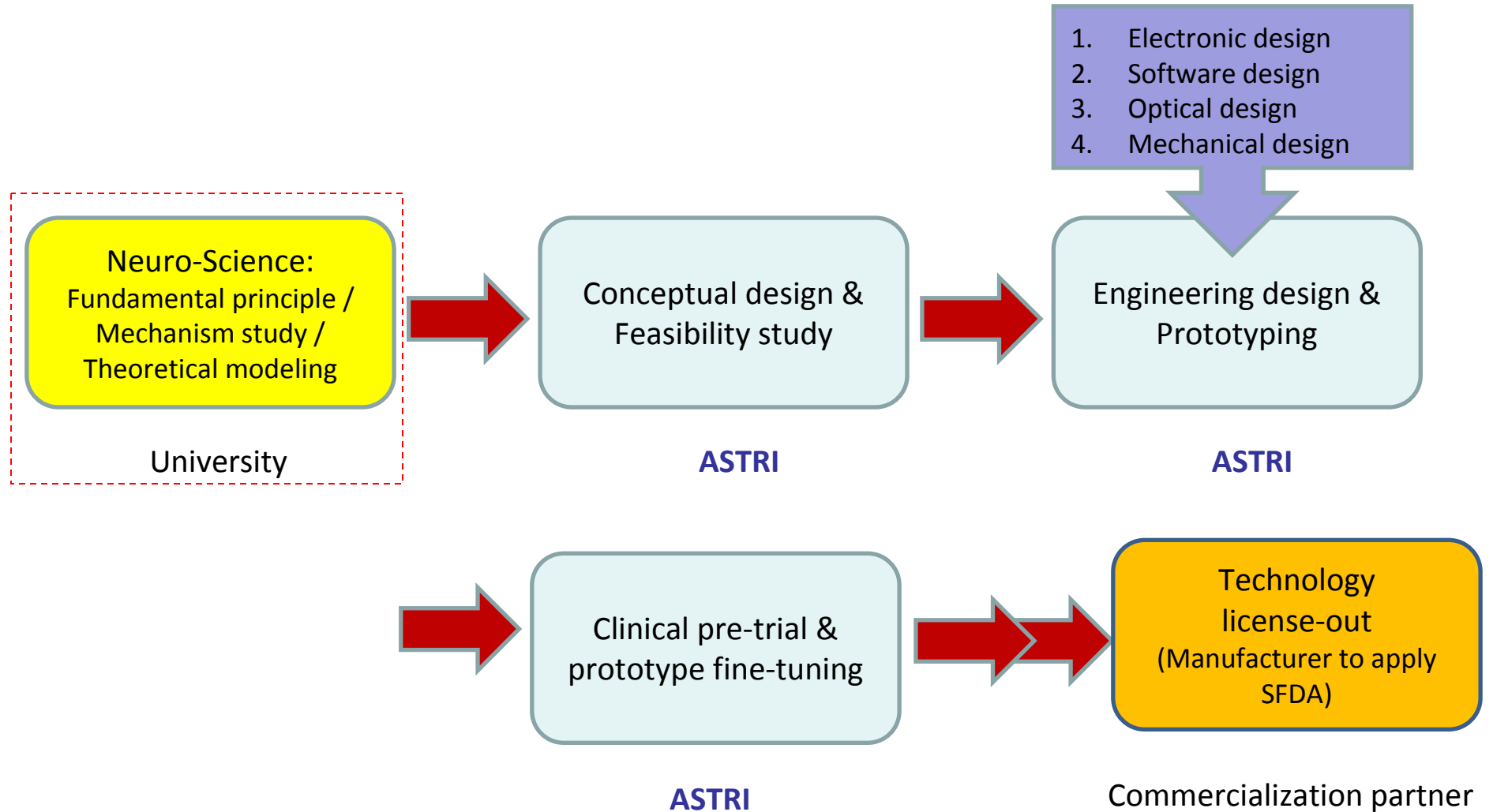


# Core Technology

- **Vision treatment technology**  
which is a patient-specific computerized treatment to  
facilitate neural connection
- **Licensable technologies and IPs for industry**
  1. Amblyopia treatment software
  2. Binocular vision training software
  3. Optical adjustment technology for medical goggle



# Project Scheme



# Amblyopia treatment model: Perceptual template model (PTM)

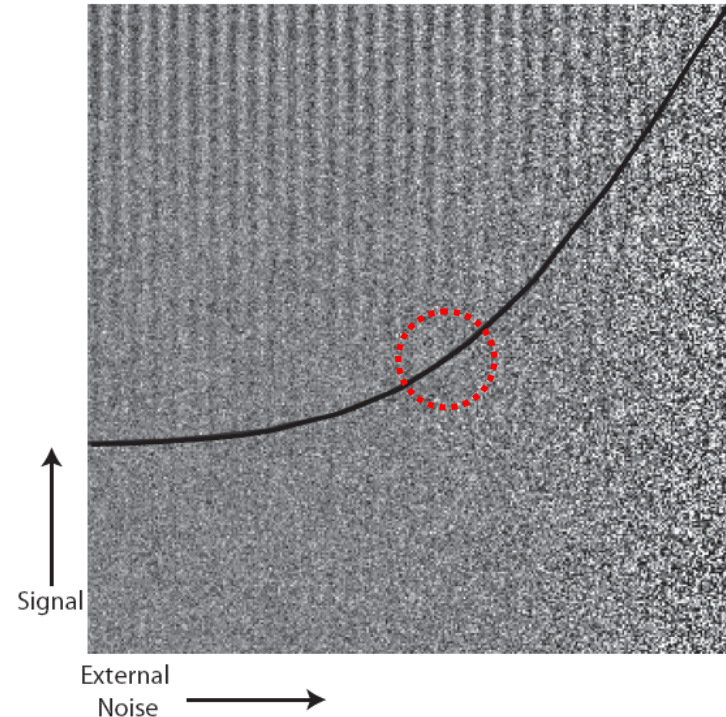
## Basic idea - perceptual system of observer functions as noisy amplifier

Superposition of three images:

1. **Signal** grating with increasing contrast in vertical direction
2. An **external noise** image with increasing variance in horizontal direction
3. A simulated **internal noise** image with a constant variance

→ An equal visibility contour of signal grating

→ Contour is flat in low-external-noise conditions - rises with external noise in high-external-noise conditions



•visibility of grating - greatly affected by amount of external noise

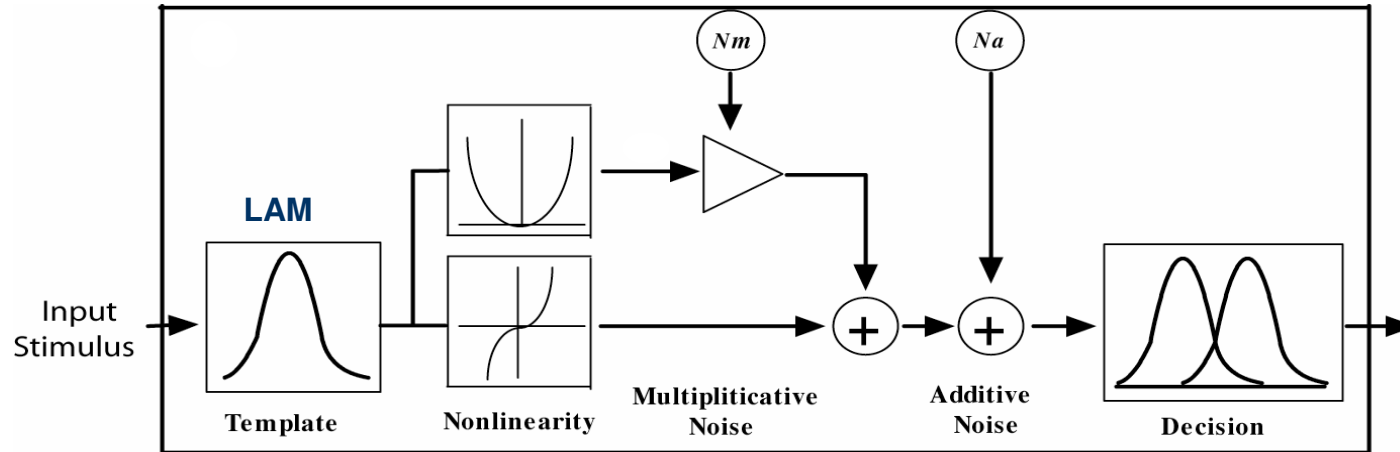
•**signal amplitudes required for grating to be visible increase with amount of external noise**

**⇒ Amplitude of external noise at elbow of contour provides an estimate of variance of internal noise in our perceptual system**

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# Amblyopia treatment model: Perceptual template model (PTM)

LAM: linear amplifier model;  $N_m$ : Gaussian internal noise;  $N_a$ : additive internal noise



## Consists of five components:

- (1) a perceptual template
- (2) a non-linear transducer function
- (3) a Gaussian internal noise whose standard deviation is proportional (with a factor of  $N_{mul}$ ) to the total energy in the stimulus after the non-linear transformation
- (4) an additive internal noise whose amplitude ( $N_{add}$ ) is independent of the stimulus strength
- (5) a decision process

$$c_\tau = \frac{1}{\beta} \left[ \frac{(1 + N_{mul}^2) N_{ext}^{2\gamma} + N_{add}^2}{(1/d'^2 - N_{mul}^2)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2\gamma}}$$

$c_\tau$  - contrast threshold at performance criterion  $\tau$  (e.g., 75% correct)

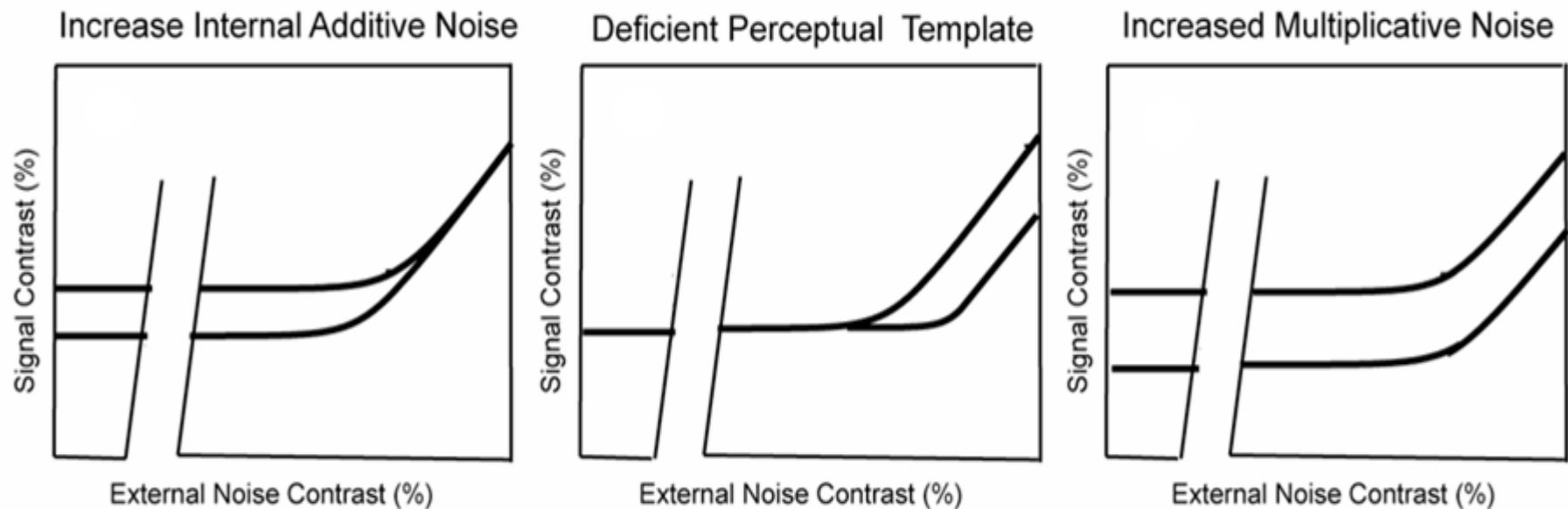
$N_{ext}^2$  - variance of (experimenter-controlled) external noise

$d'$  - signal to noise ratio

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# Amblyopia treatment model: Perceptual template model (PTM)

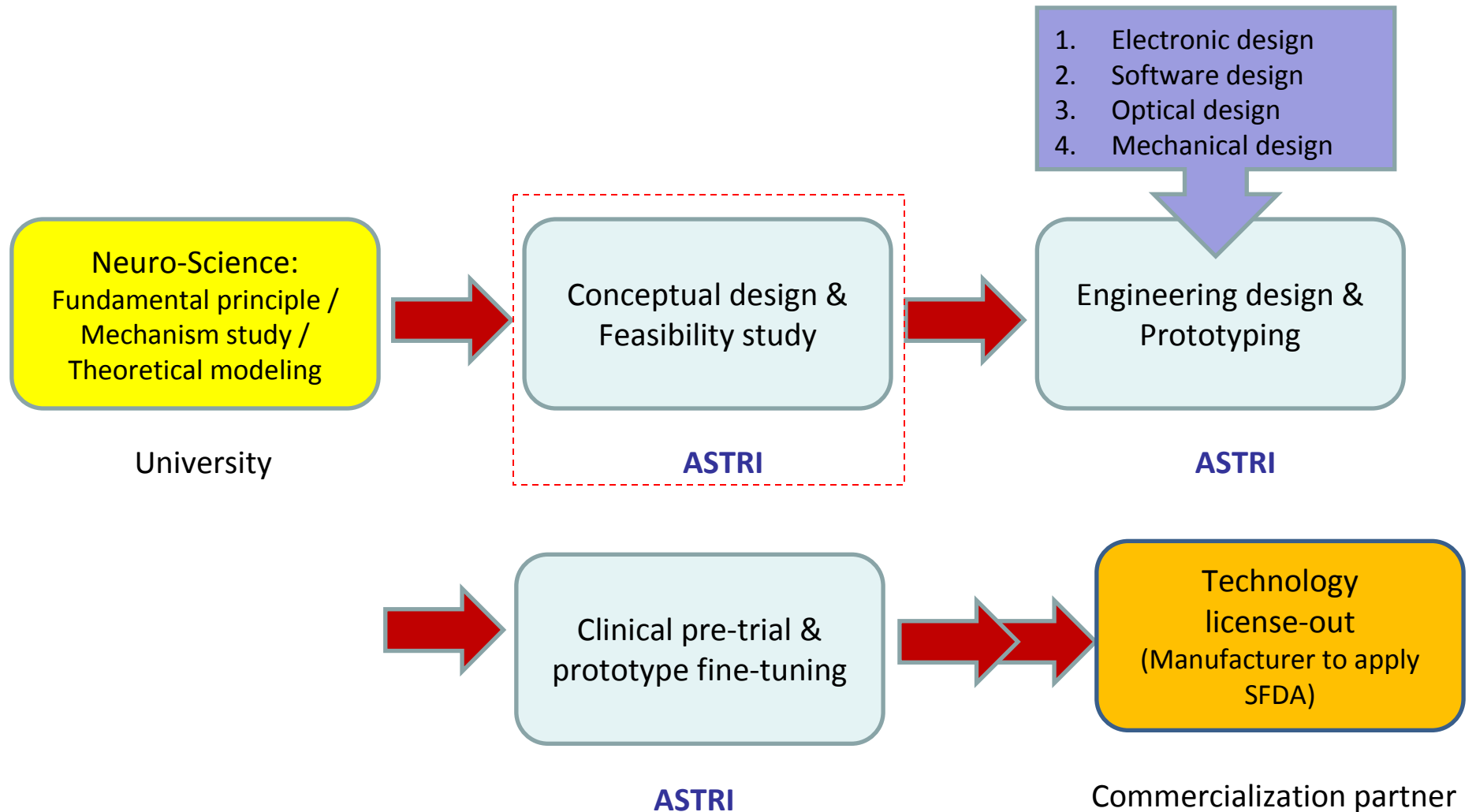
## Evaluation of the mechanisms for amblyopic deficits:



*With noise functions, we can understand the cause of amblyopic deficits and be able to design more effective training procedures for each individual, including training in both clear and noisy displays.*

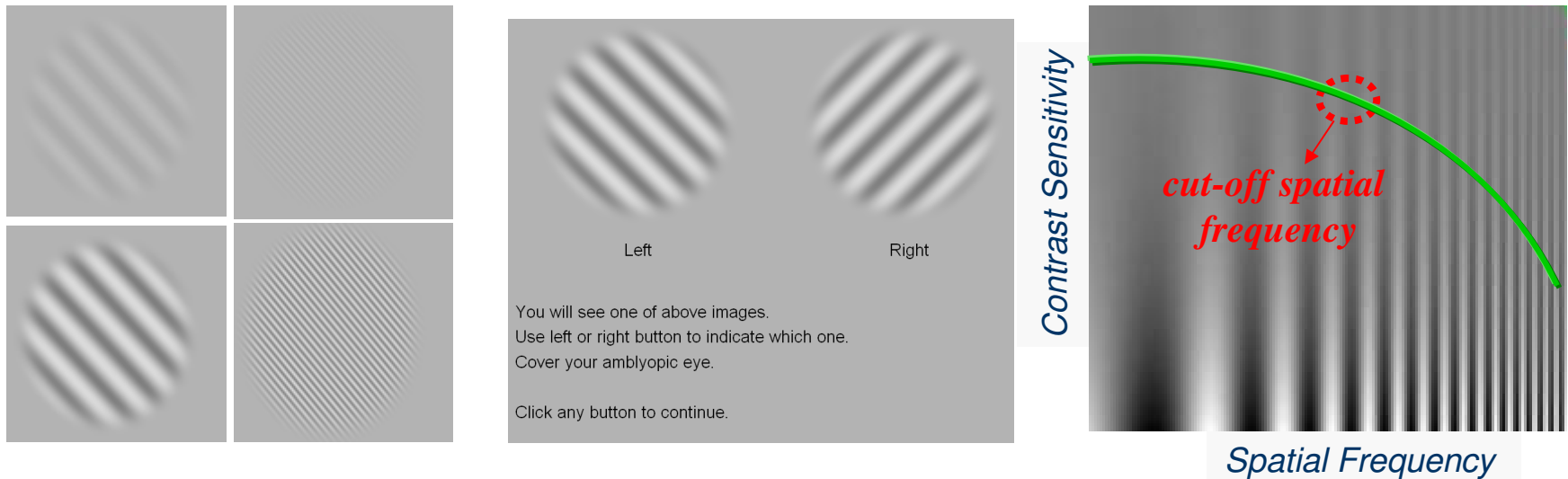
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# Vision Treatment Program

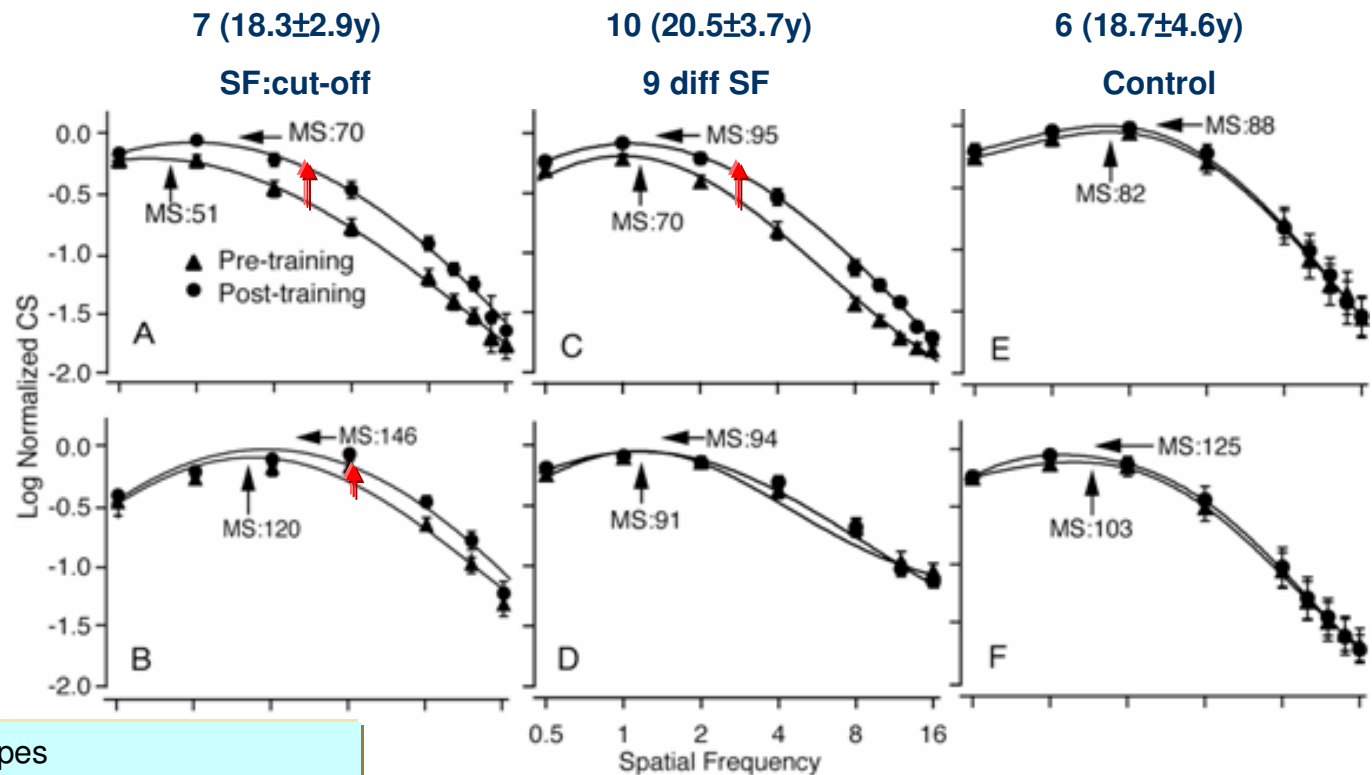
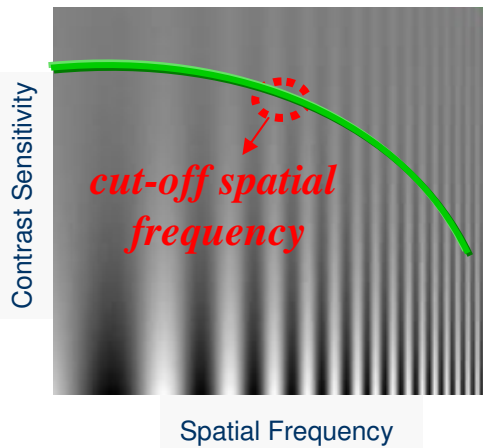
## Design of Perceptual Learning Task & Treatment Protocol



- Images consist of line patterns with different contrast sensitivity and spatial frequency are shown in different orientations
- An equal visibility contour line is obtained
- The training procedure is based on measurement of cut-off spatial frequency of the contrast sensitivity function of each individual
- Training is focused at detecting gratings at the cut-off spatial frequency (based on PTM analysis, *training at cutoff frequency is most effective*)

# Initial Validation of Treatment Algorithm

## Clinical Evaluation on Grating Detection



- ❑ Three groups of **ADULT** amblyopes
- ❑ Total training period: **1 month, 45 minutes per day**
- ❑ **Group 1: Training at the cut-off spatial frequency**
  - CS increased by 76% on average
  - CS at other spatial frequencies also increased!
  - CS improvement brings to the fellow relative normal eye!
- ❑ **Group 2: Training at 9 spatial frequencies**
  - CS increased by 66% on average
  - No CS improvement on fellow untrained eye
- ❑ **Group 3: Control group without training**
  - No CS improvement

A, C, E: Amblyopia eye

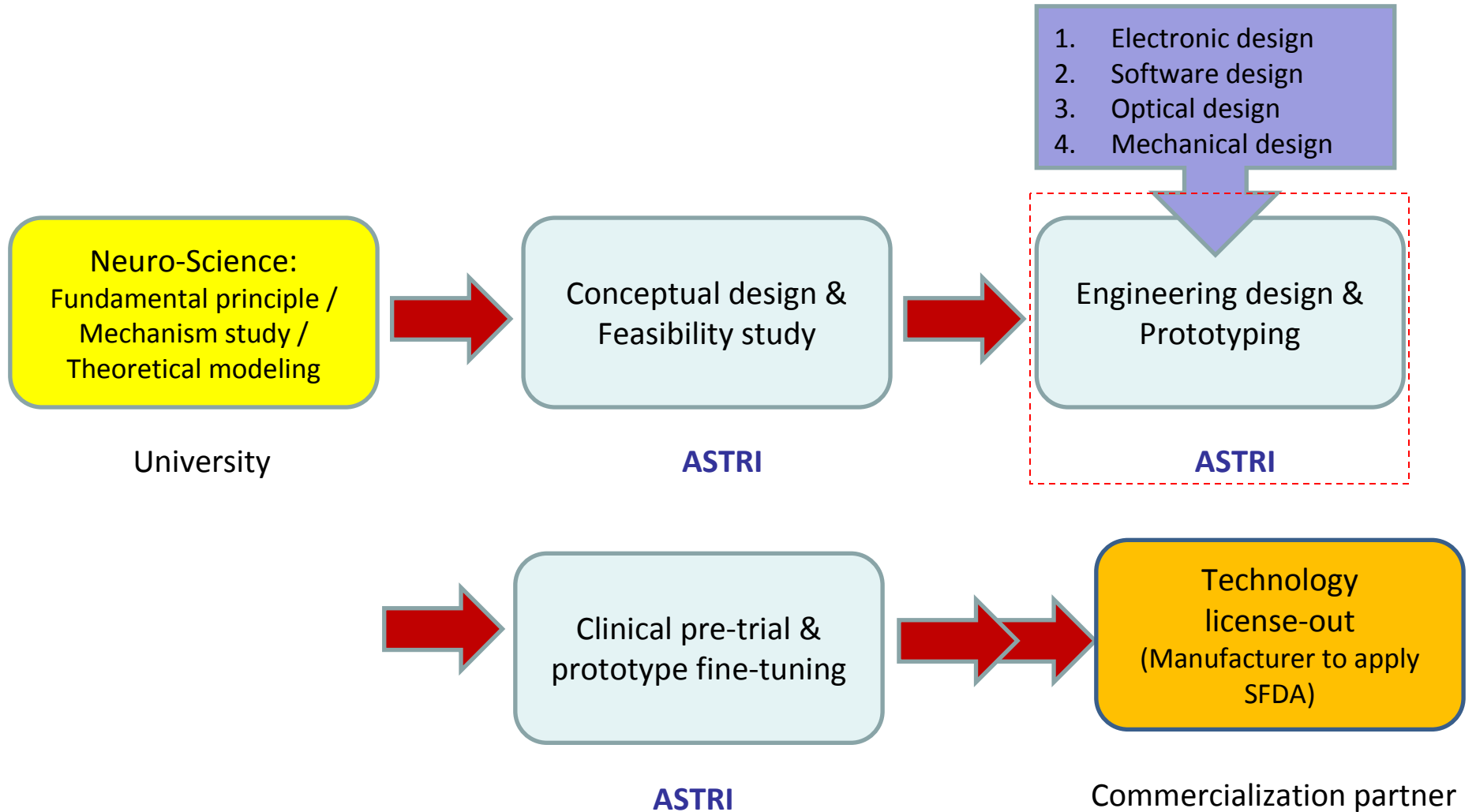
B, D, F: Normal eye

SF: Spatial frequency

MS: The maximum contrast sensitivity

CS: Visual contrast sensitivity

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# Understand User's Needs ...

## □ Patient screening in Mainland China (Tangyin, Henan, Dec 2009)



•Children lined up



•Test step 2a: Wearing **glasses**



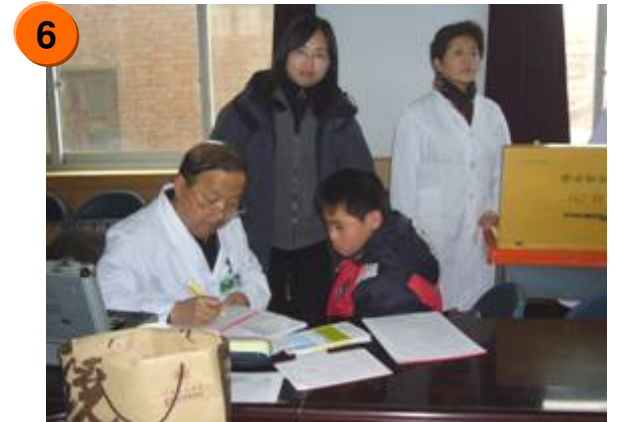
•Test step 3: Retina examination by doctor



•Test step 1: Refractive error test



•Test step 2b: Visual acuity test **with glasses**



•Eye history record

# Understand User's Needs ...

- **ASTRI brain-vision training device pre-trial**  
at Beijing Tongren Hospital (Dec 2009)



**SEED 1 Prototype**  
**Computer Monitor**



**SEED 2 Prototype**  
**Electronic Goggle**

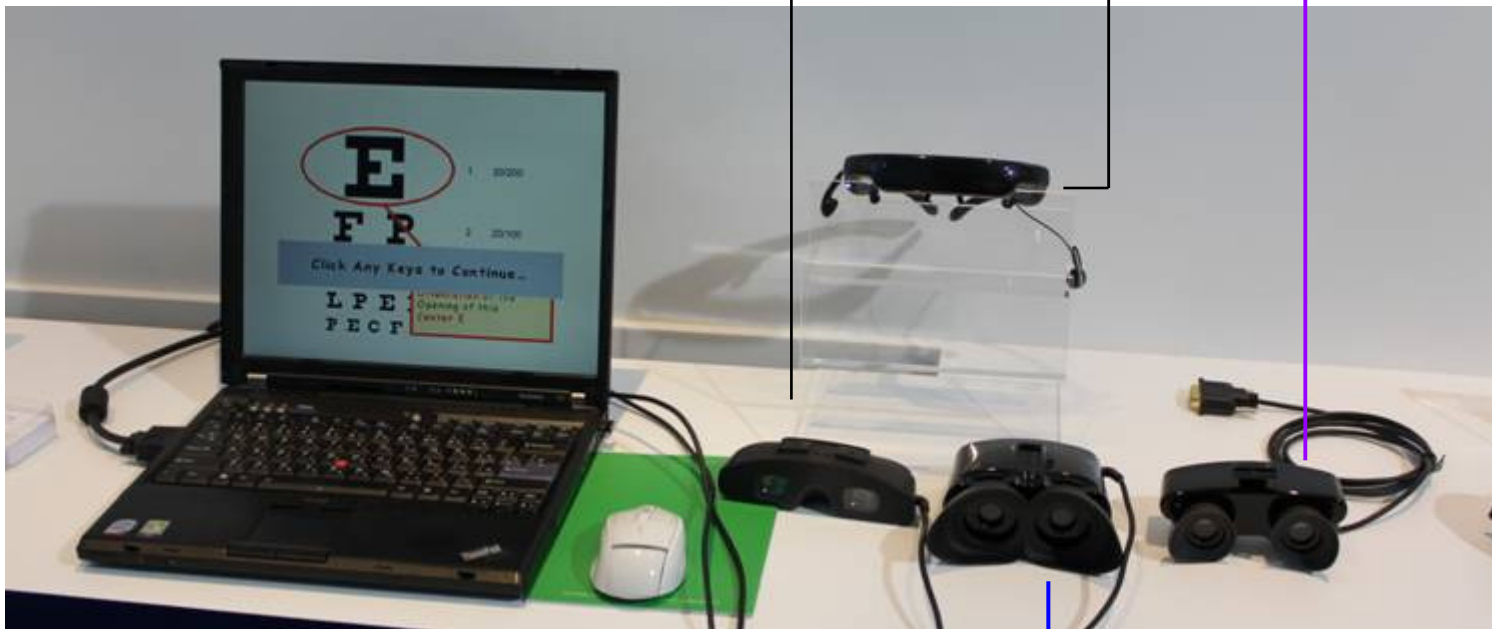
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- ❑ **ASTRI brain-vision training device pre-trial**  
by children patients at Beijing Radiant Hospital (Jan 2010)



# Goggle Prototypes

	Optical settings	Goggle barrel length
ASTRI goggle for medical treatment	2 meter, 17"screen	Version 1: 90mm ← Version 2: 60mm
Market product for video watching	4 meter, 60" – 80"screen	55mm



# System Integration

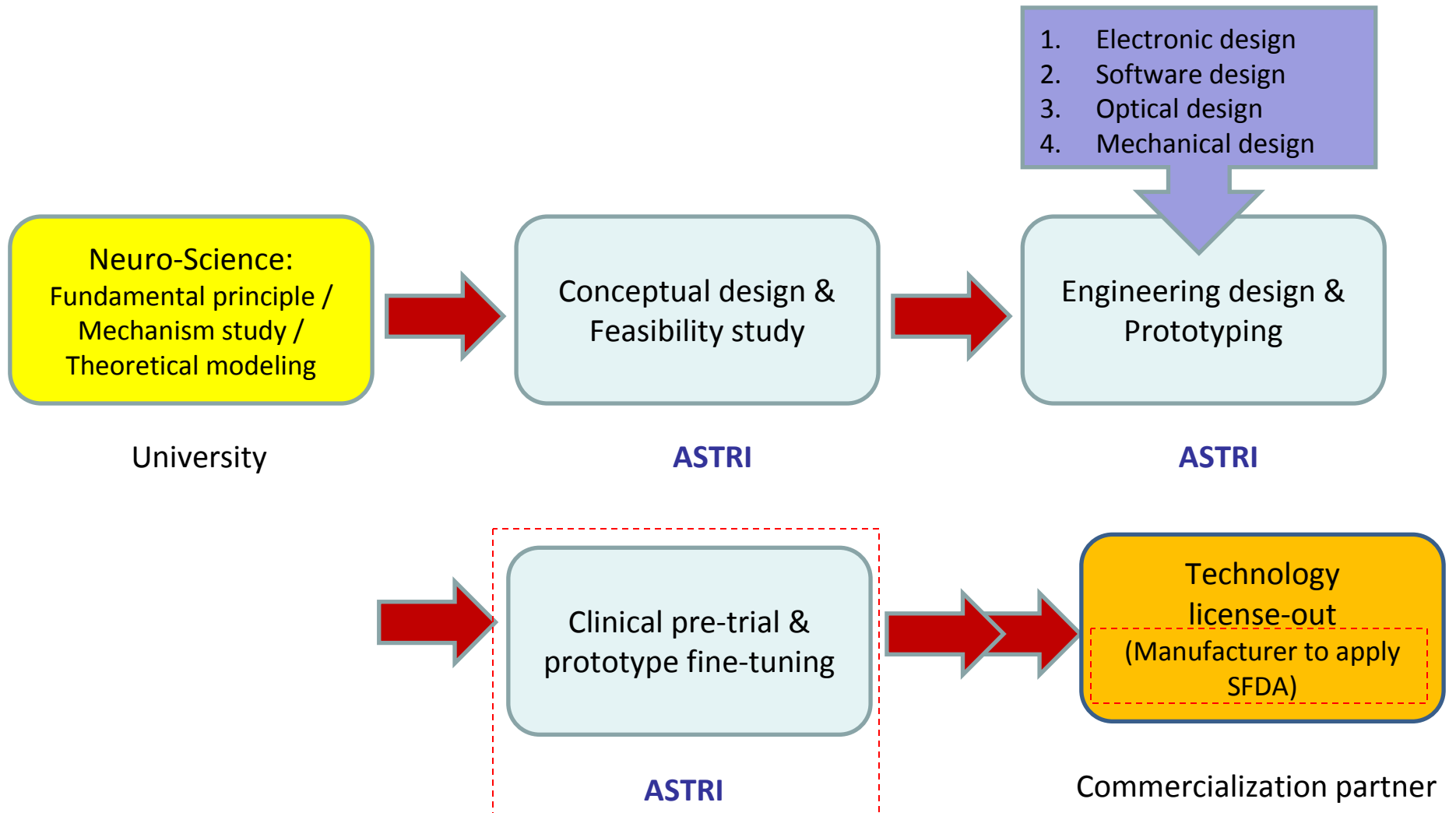


Image displayed in Goggle

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# Subject Recruitment Status

*Data till Apr, 2012*

	Beijing Tongren Hospital	Radiant Children Hospital	PolyU Optometry Clinic	Family Eye Care	Overall
<b>Trial Period</b>	Feb, 2010 – Dec, 2011	Jan, 2010 – Jul, 2010	Oct, 2011 – Apr, 2012	Oct, 2011 – Dec, 2011	Feb, 2010 – Apr, 2012
<b>Subjects Recruited</b>	66*	27	13*	6	112
<b>Excluded Subjects</b>	7	6	4	--	17
<b>Total Data Points</b>	59	21	9	6	95
<b>Average age</b>	18± 6.5	11 ± 1.9	39 ± 9.2	31± 10.3	
<b>Current Status</b>	Completed	Completed	Users continue	Users continue	

\*There were 64 subjects in Tongren Hospital, but 2 of the subjects had done the training for both eyes, as both eyes were regarded as amblyopic eyes by doctors.

\*PolyU has made calls to 60 HK patients

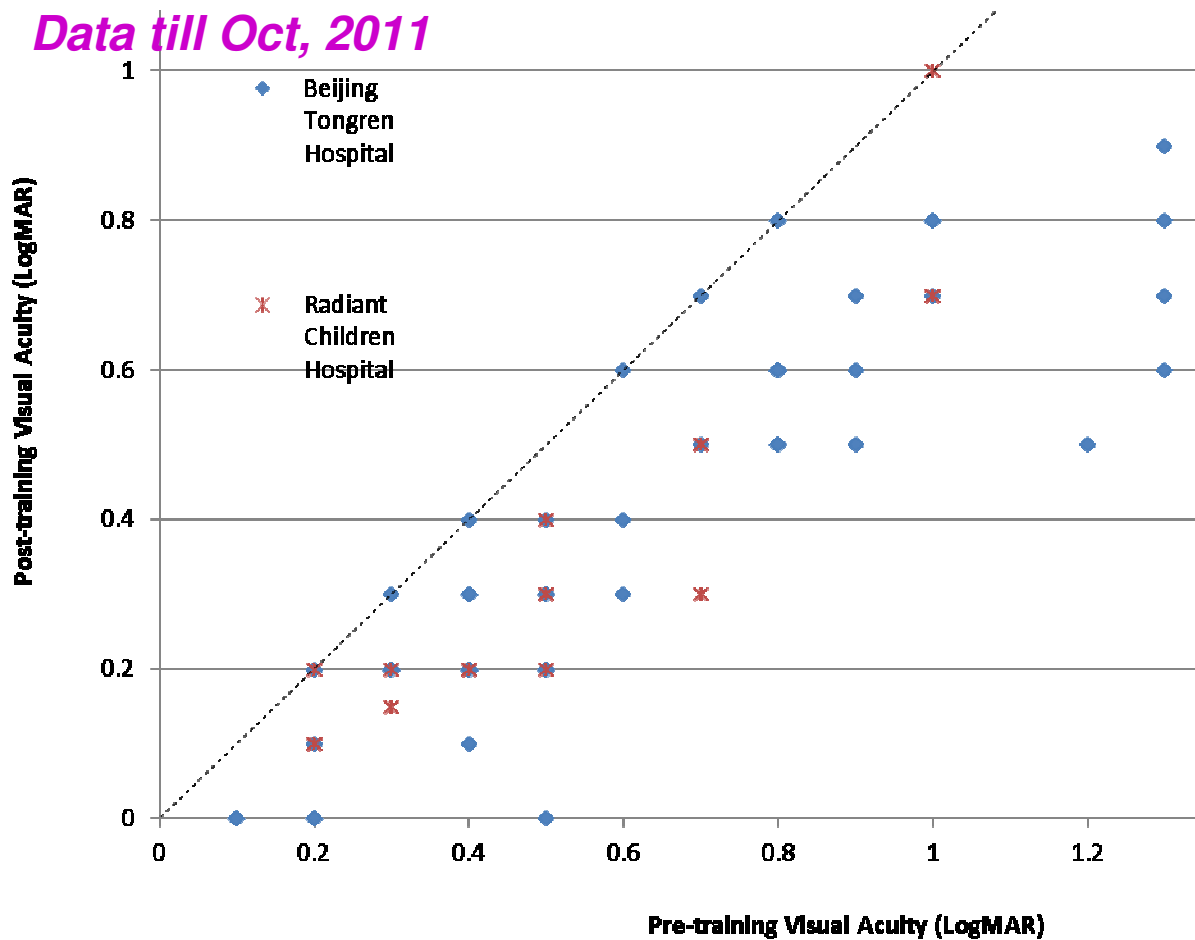
## Exclusion Criteria

- Having vision-related disease other than amblyopia, e.g. Cataract
- Having eye-related operation before training
- Patient not shown up before completing the whole training



# Assessment on visual acuity (VA)

Data till Oct, 2011



Line	Characters	Resolution	LogMAR scale
36	A	20/200	1.00
30	D F	20/100	0.70
24	H Z P	20/70	0.55
18	T X U D	20/50	0.40
12	Z A D N H	20/40	0.30
9	P N T U H X	20/30	0.20
6	U A Z N F D T	20/25	0.10
5	N P H T A F X U	20/20	0
3	X D F H P T Z A N	20/15	-0.10
3	F A X T D N H U P Z	20/10	-0.20

## 71 subject data in total

9: no VA improvement

14: VA improved 1 line

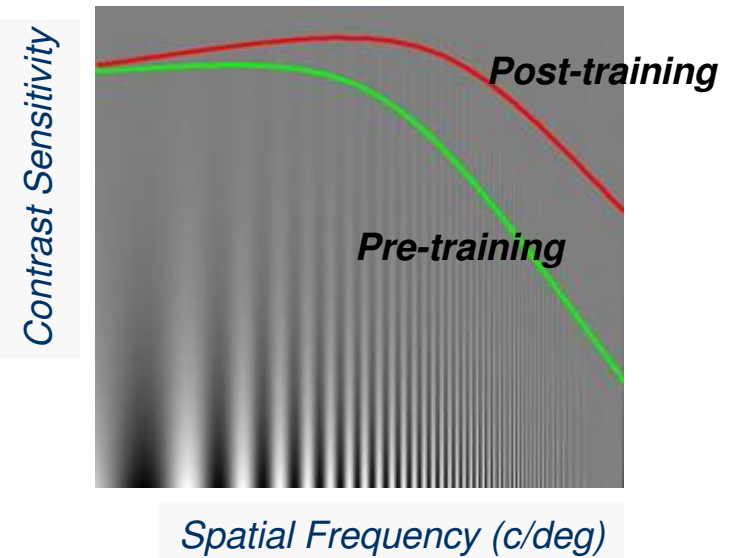
48: VA improved 2 lines or more (68%)

# Assessment on other visual functions

## Contrast Sensitivity

Tongren data:

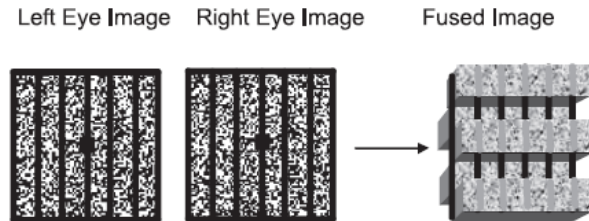
- 54/54: improvement
- 46/54: improvement at high s.f. (85%)



## Binocular vision function

Tongren data:

- 27/41: improvement (66%)



# Suspected critical factor: Training compliance

Subject #	2	14	17	18	22	33	43	48	50	53	58	64
Wk1	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	7
Wk2	4	7	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	6

## Tongren

Subject #	6	7	10	11	12	13	15	16	19	20	23	24	25	26	28	29	30	32	34	35	36
Wk1	6	7	6	4	5	3	4	3	3	2	4	4	3	5	3	3	3	1	4	3	4
Wk2	6	7	7	6	5	7	7	6	7	7	4	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Wk3	2	2	3	1	3	3	2	3	3	4	5	1	3	1	3	3	3	5	2	3	2
Subject #	37	38	39	41	42	44	45	46	47	49	51	52	54	55	56	57	59	60	61	62	63
Wk1	1	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	6	6	5	3	3	4	2	6
Wk2	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	5	6
Wk3	5	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	3	3	3	3	5	1	1	1	3	3	2	7	1

Subject #	5	3	4	31	1
Wk1	5	1	1	1	1
Wk2	5	2	7	0	4
Wk3	0	7	5	0	3
Wk4	1	6	0	0	3
Wk5		7	1	3	1
Wk6				7	2
Wk7				2	4
Wk8					2

## Family Eye Care

Subject #	3075	769	838	1086	89	649
Wk1	7	3	5	4	1	2
Wk2	6	4	2	3	4	2
Wk3		6	5	4	7	3
Wk4			1	2	1	4
Wk5						2

## PolyU

Subject #+	1	3	2	5	10	12	6	13	4	11	8	9	7
Wk1	5	3	2	1	1	4	1	3	1	3	3	2	Not Shown Up
Wk2	3	3	2	2	0	2	0	3	0	2	1	2	
Wk3	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	
Wk4		2	4	0	2	1	4	3	1	2	1	2	
Wk5			2	1	1	2	4	1	2	2	1	3	
Wk6							2	1	3	1	4	2	
Wk7				Dropped Out	Dropped Out	Dropped Out			3	1	0	0	
Wk8											1	1	



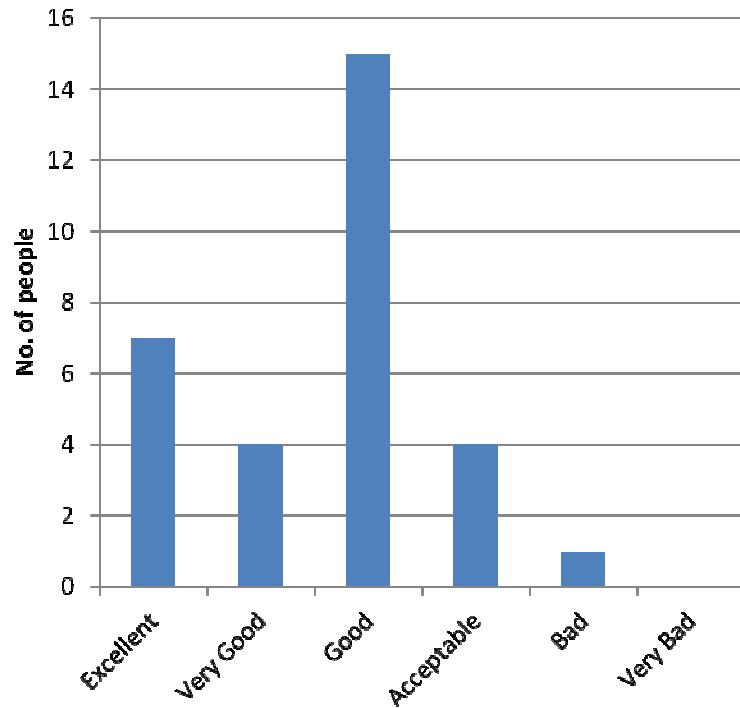
# Questionnaire

- Subjects to fill in a questionnaire after BTM training
- 31 questionnaires received

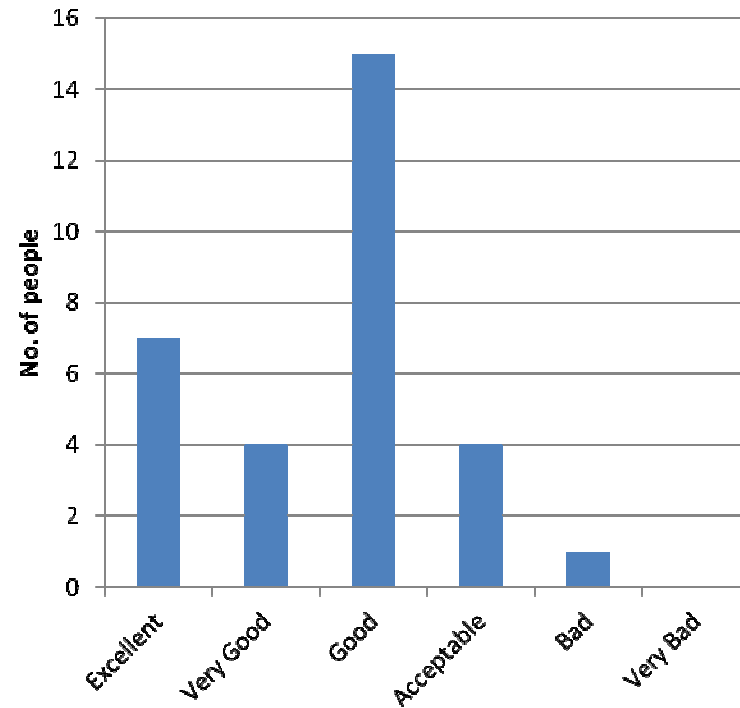




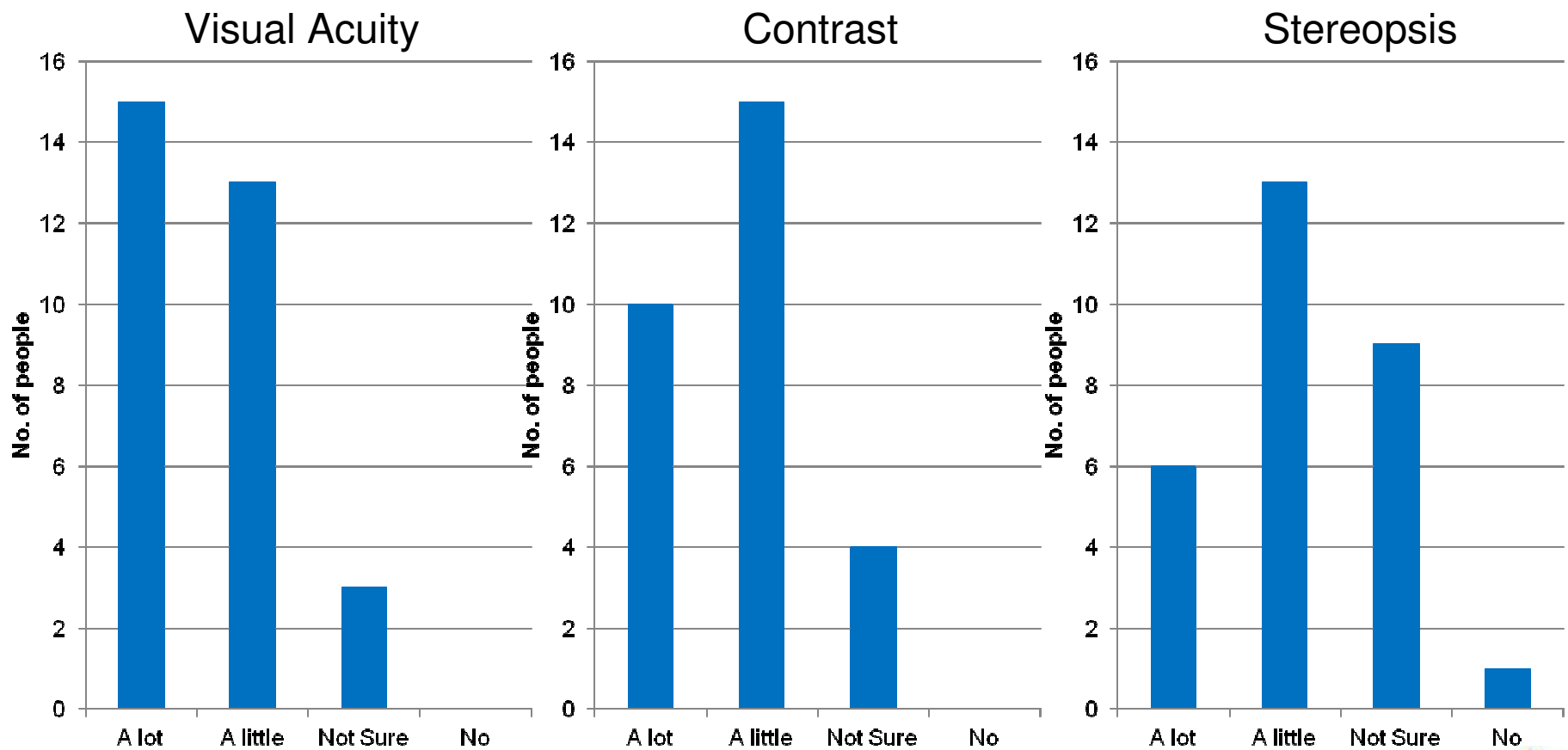
# 1. Is the device convenient to use?



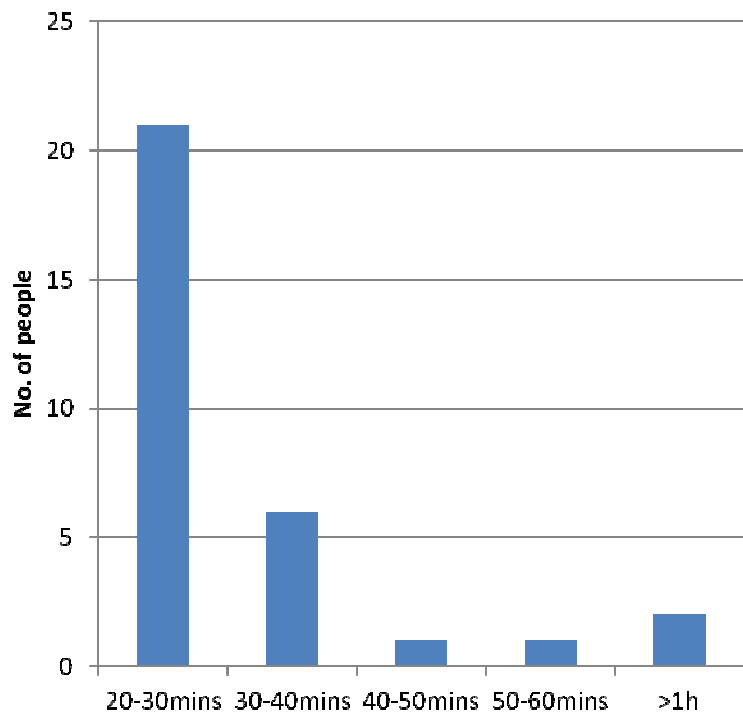
# 2. Are the instructions clear enough?



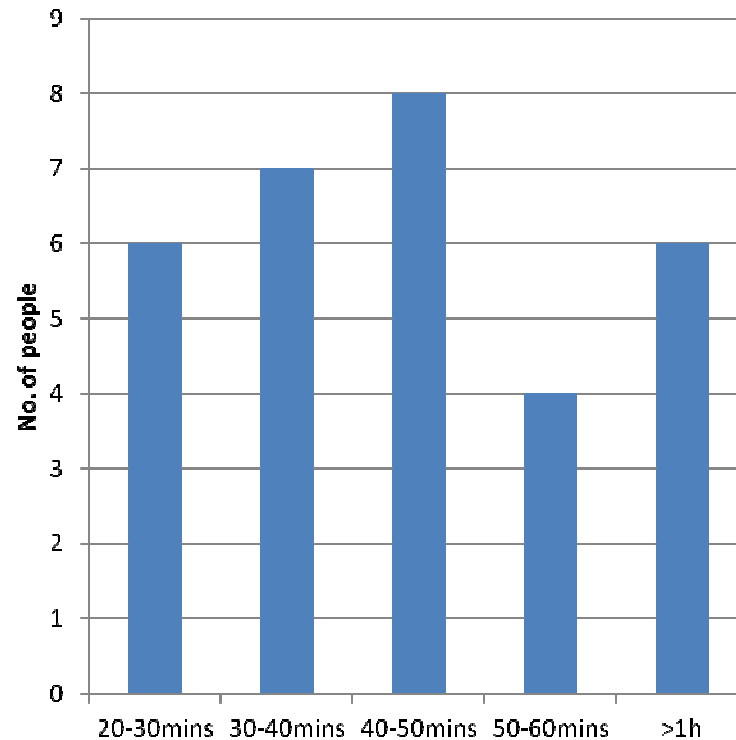
### 3. Do you think this device is helpful for the following aspects?



## 4. How long have you spent on daily-training?

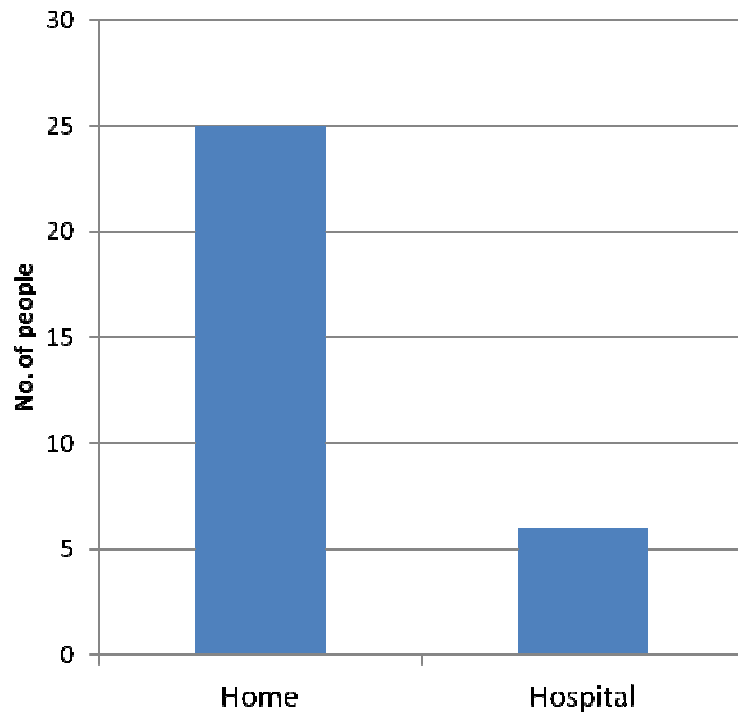


## 5. How long will you spend on training if time is no longer a concern?



*65 % wanted to train for longer time*

## 6. Where would you like to do the training ?



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### Patients' feedback

#### Home (80% preferred)

- More comfortable
- More convenient
- Save travelling time
- Save more time for work

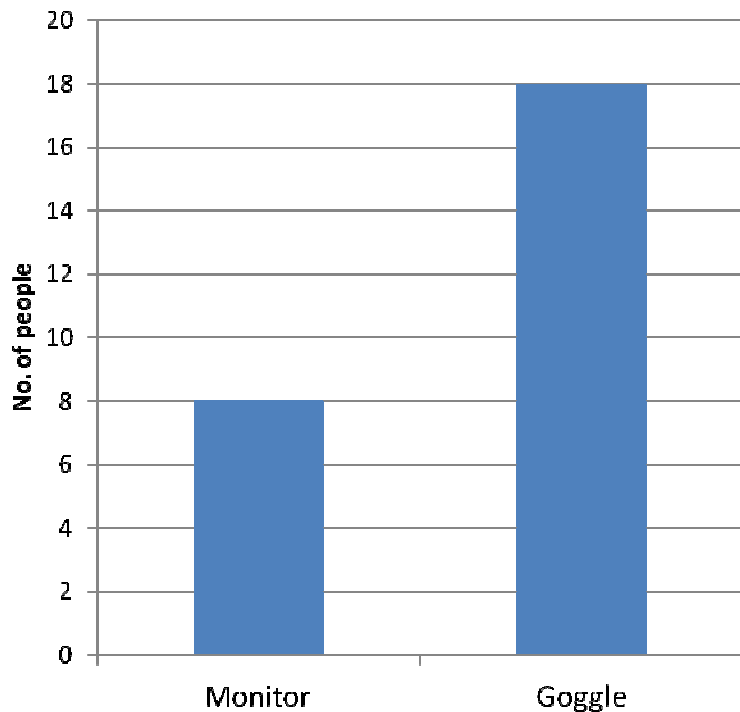
#### Hospital / Clinic (20% preferred)

- Can get help from doctors
- Can have doctor's advises

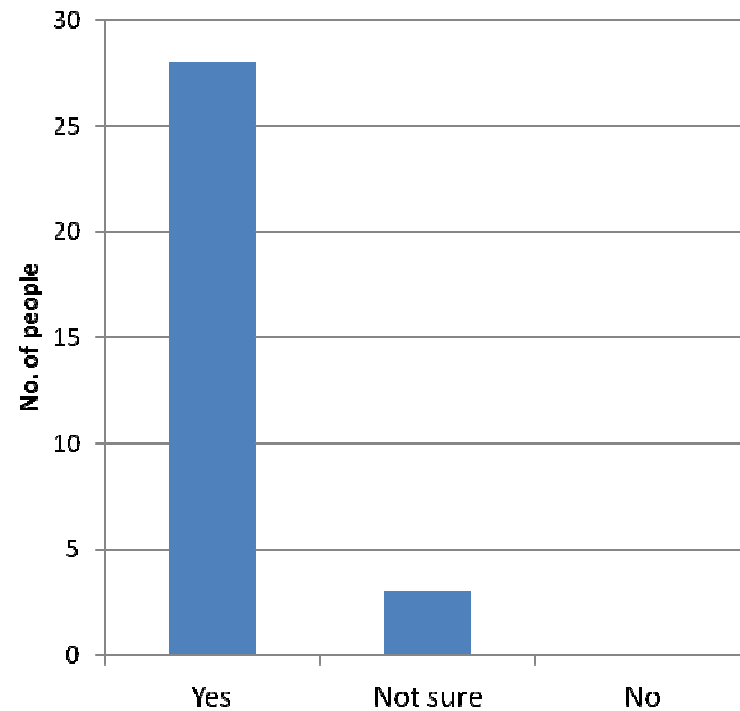




## 7. Which platform do you prefer to do the training?



## 8. Will you try to use a portable device so that you can have the training at home?



# Patient comments

## Whole Training System

- 可換成無線式，類似藍牙，更方便使用
- 儀器副件太多，使用起來不方便
- 線路太多，操作複雜不方便
- 希望攜帶更加方便
- 最好能帶到家裏或學校進行，比較方便

## Goggle

- 希望配戴更加方便，現在比較沉，需要用手扶著
- 太重了，不方便使用
- **Adaptable to people wearing glasses**

## Training

- 希望有不同粗幼的線條，可以調節一下眼睛的疲勞程度和心理承受力
- 希望時間短些
- 訓練時間太短
- 每節結果的數字字體太小
- **Can have "not sure" button**

# Case study: Neuroscience study

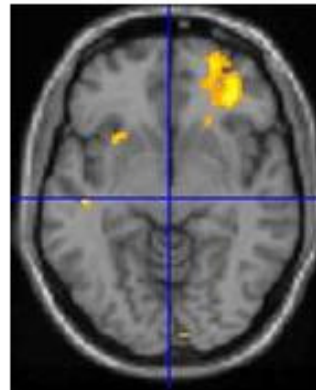
## Neuro-pathway Set-up Process

### Functional MRI Study of Visual Cortex Area in Amblyopia Patients

- a 26-years-old eye patient from Beijing Tongren Hospital
- fMRI result from Department of Radiology, Beijing Hospital
- based on Blood Oxygenation Level Dependent (BOLD) effect

*Amblyopic  
Eye*

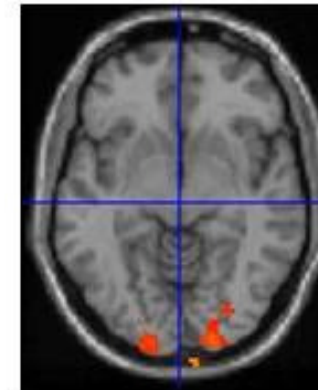
**BEFORE training**



A

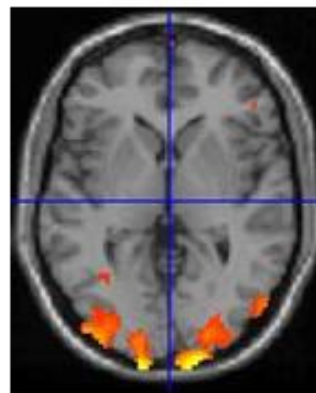
**AFTER training**

*15 days  
45 min./day*

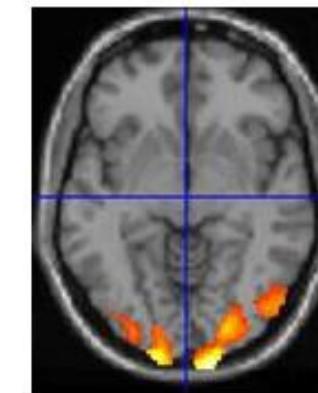


B

*Normal  
Eye*



C



D

# Case study: Retention rate

- **Patient A**

- Had done 2 rounds of BTD trainings
- With a resting period of 10 months

	1 <sup>st</sup> training	2 <sup>nd</sup> training
Pre-training VA (LogMAR)	0.3	0.2
Post-training VA (LogMAR)	0.1	0.1

- **Patient B**

- Had done 2 rounds of BTD trainings
- With a resting period of 5 months

	1 <sup>st</sup> training	2 <sup>nd</sup> training
Pre-training VA (LogMar)	0.5	0.5
Post-training VA (LogMAR)	0.3	0.2

# Outlines

- ◆ **Medical Background of Amblyopia**
- ◆ **State-of-the-art “Technology” for Amblyopia Treatment & Other Vision Care**
- ◆ **ASTRI’s v-Trainer® Technology**
  - Medical Treatment Software
  - Portable Electronic System
  - Wearable Optomechanical Platform
- ◆ **Clinical Findings of ASTRI Amblyopia Treatment System**
- ◆ **Future Development**

# Design of Binocular Vision Training Protocol

## Normal binocular vision requires:

- Two normal monocular visual systems (by [Amblyopia treatment program](#))
- Normal interactions between the two (by [Binocular vision training program](#))

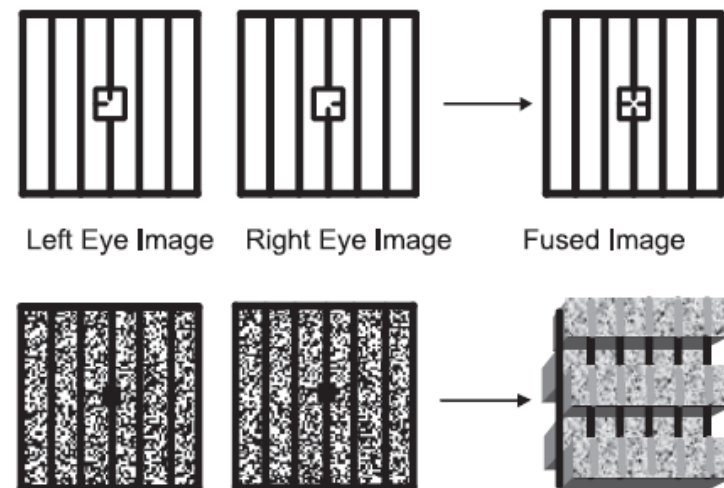
## Proposed training methodology:

### Stage 1 – Binocular combination / fusion training

- Program training the patients to do binocular combination with two eyes

### Stage 2 – Stereo-acuity training

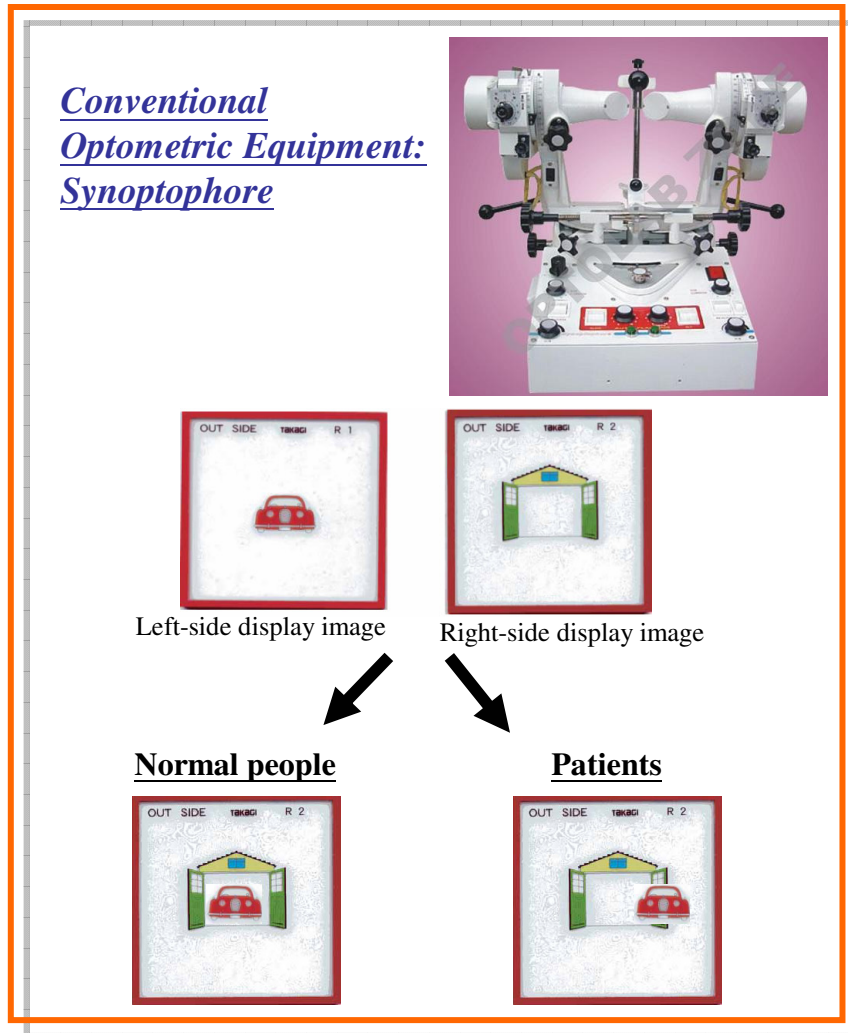
- Program presenting two different images to each eye in a way that the patient's brain must combine the two images in order to successfully identify the whole picture



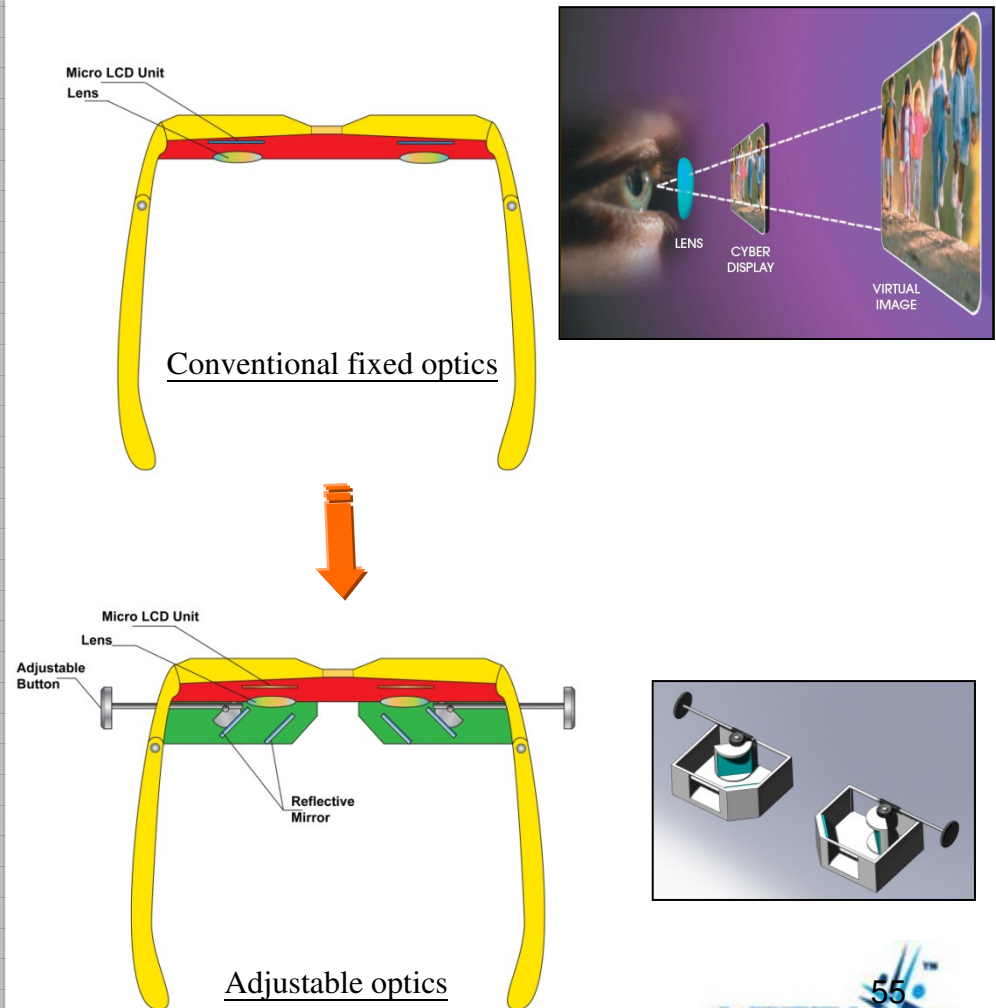
# Medical Goggle for Binocular Vision Training

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**End of Presentation**  
**Thank you. Questions are welcome.**

