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# Polarization-Sensitive Optical Coherence Tomography Using a Polarization-Insensitive Detector

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#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

A polarization-sensitive optical coherence tomography (PS-OCT) is a common approach to non-invasively imaging in biomedical applications. The inventors have come up with a new way of creating a PS-OCT that is cheaper and simpler.

#### SUGGESTED USES

**>>** Biomedical imaging such as retina, coronary artery, genitourinary tissue, gastrointestinal tissue, respiratory tissue, etc.

#### FEATURES/BENEFITS

- ·Cheaper because one standard detector is used instead of two polarization-sensitive detectors
- ·Less complex because fewer materials are used
- ·Faster post-processing of the detected polarization information

#### **FULL DESCRIPTION**

OCTs are in common use because of its ability to non-invasively image the biological tissue such as the retina. PS-OCT, a variant of the OCT, provides polarization contrast and overall better quality images. Typical PS-OCTs require a pair of polarization-sensitive detectors that measure the polarization.

The inventors have developed a PS-OCT system that does not require two polarization-sensitive detectors. Instead, only the standard OCT detector is used. This enables cheaper and simpler PS-OCTs to be manufactured. Also, the detected polarization information can be processed faster because of the way the information is captured.

#### STATE OF DEVELOPMENT

Prototype in development for testing of retina, coronary artery, genitourinary tissue, gastrointestinal tissue, and respiratory tract.

#### PATENT STATUS

**Patent Pending** 

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