

# *EIT perfusion and $\dot{V}/Q$ mapping*

EIT during Mechanical Ventilation  
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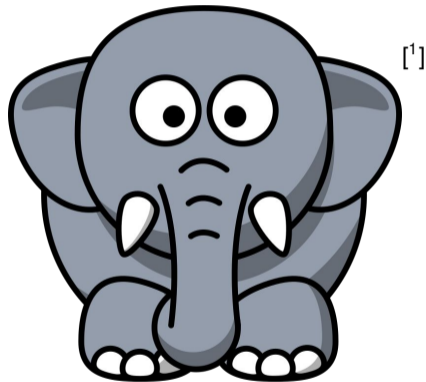
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# EIT: perfusion and $\dot{V}/Q$

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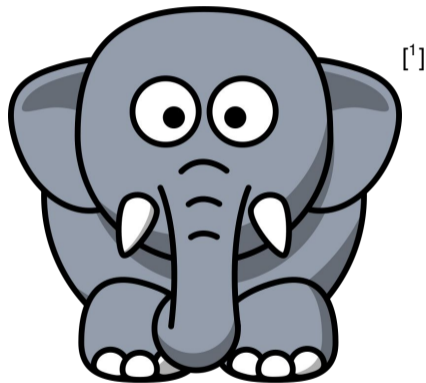
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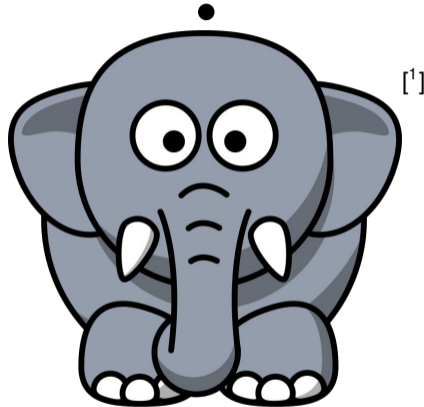
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## How to write $\dot{V}$

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- HTML type “V&#x307;” (V with Combining Dot Above)
- Latex (text)  $\dot{V}$
- Latex (math)  $\dot{V}$
- Google docs Add equation “ $\dot{V}$ ”  
or cut and paste from Internet

Rant: Journals often mess up  $\dot{V}$ . A carefully submitted paper with correct symbols turns into a mess on their websites.

# Part A – Contrast-agent based techniques

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# Regional Lung Perfusion as Determined by Electrical Impedance Tomography in Comparison With Electron Beam CT Imaging

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## EIT contrast agents

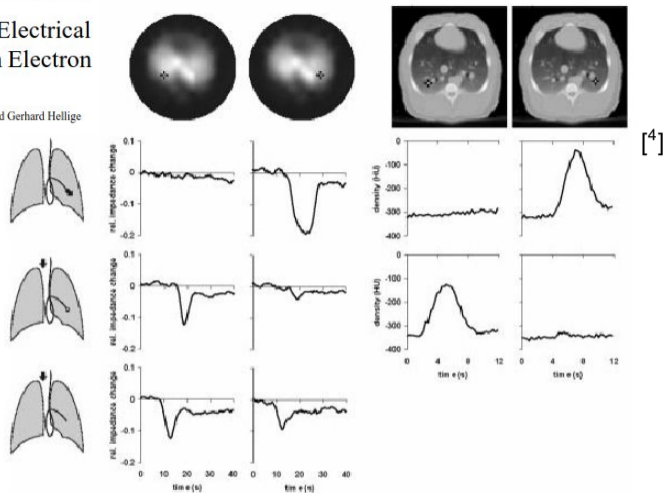


Fig. 1. Local time-impedance (six left-hand diagrams) and time-density curves (four right-hand diagrams) in pig 1 during bolus administration of the hypertonic saline solution and the radiographic contrast material, respectively. The black crosses in the dorsal regions of the right and left lungs in the functional EIT images of lung ventilation and in the EBCT images (top) indicate the pixel locations at which the data were obtained. Three drawings of the lungs show schematically the position of the Swan-Ganz catheter in a branch of the left pulmonary artery and the bolus administration sites (black arrows). The bolus was administered either through the distal (upper drawing) or the proximal opening of the catheter with the balloon at the tip of the catheter being inflated (middle drawing) or deflated (lower drawing). The EBCT measurements during the central venous bolus administration with deflated balloon were not performed in this animal.

<sup>4</sup>Frerichs *et al* (2002) Regional lung perfusion as determined by electrical impedance tomography in comparison with electron beam CT imaging IEEE T Med Imag, 21:646–652

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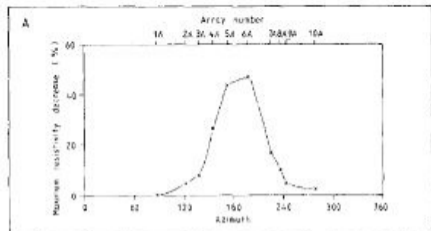


## Measurement of Ground-Water Parameters Using Salt-Water Injection and Surface Resistivity

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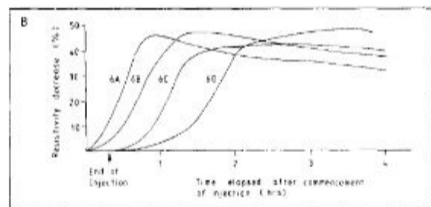
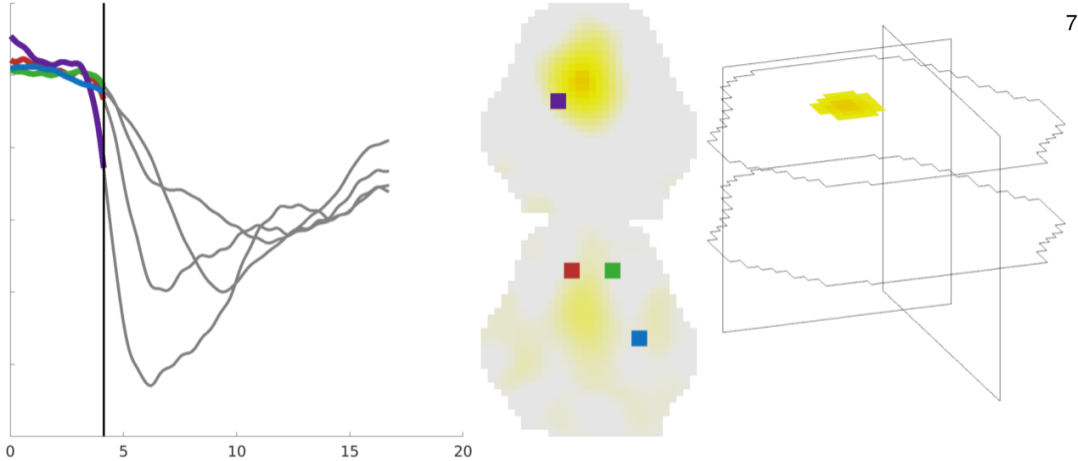


Fig. 4. Resistivity change showing the direction and velocity of salt-water flow over a four-hour period after injection using the array arrangement in Figure 2A. Data are from a Rakaia River bed site, South Island, New Zealand.

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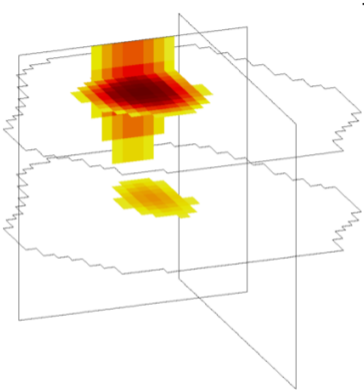
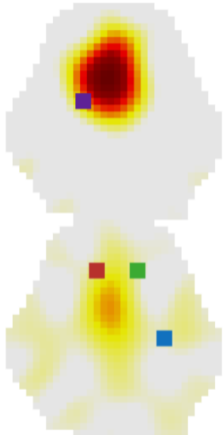
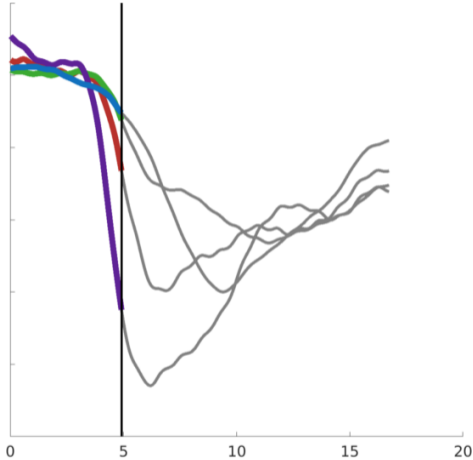
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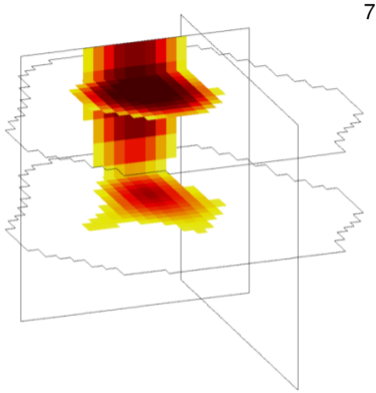
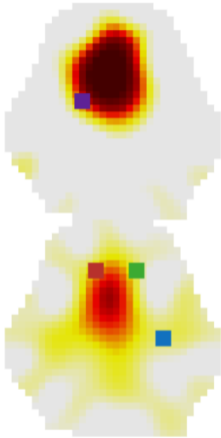
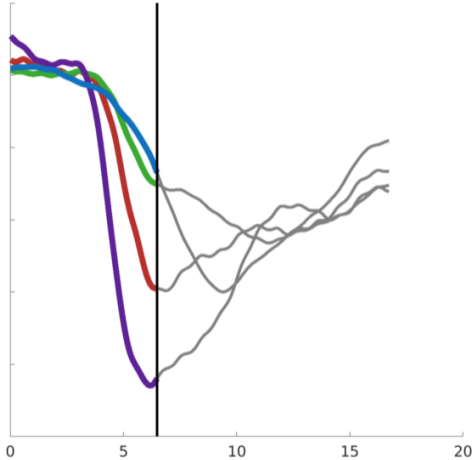
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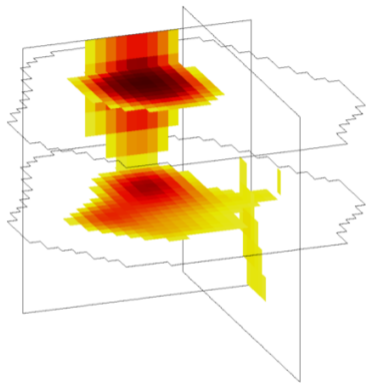
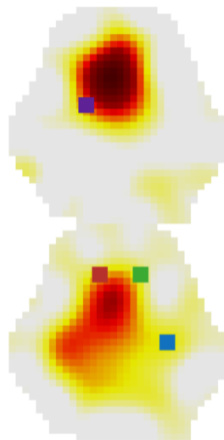
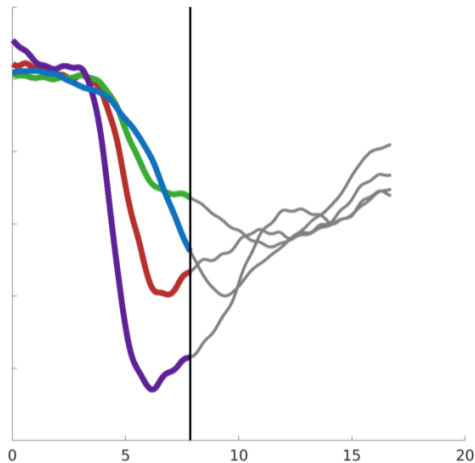
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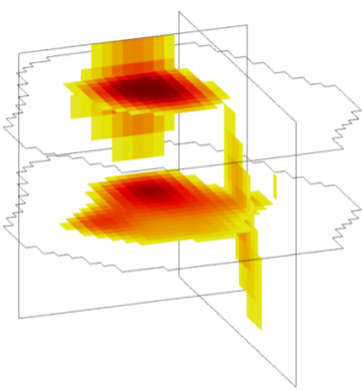
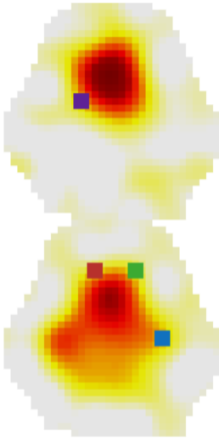
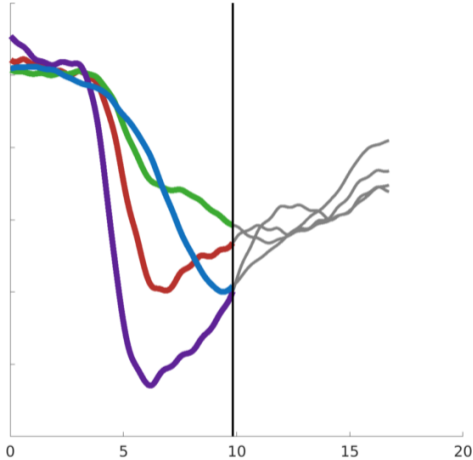
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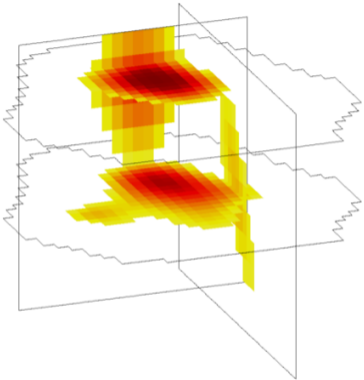
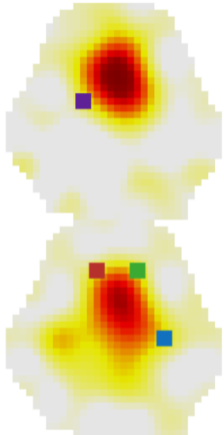
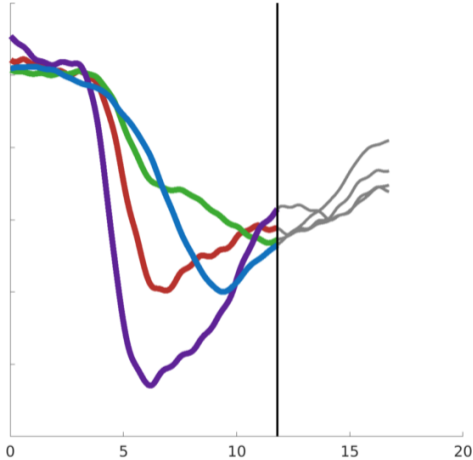
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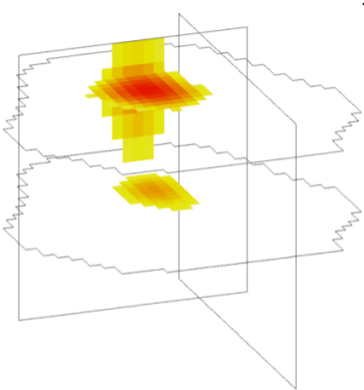
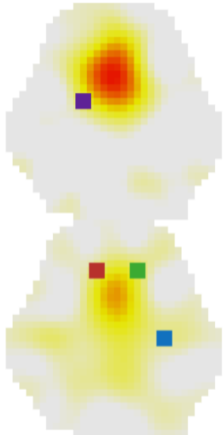
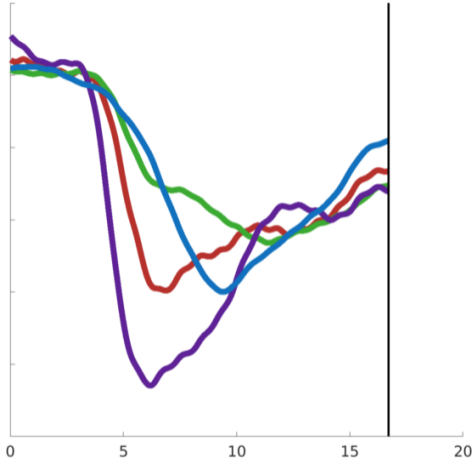
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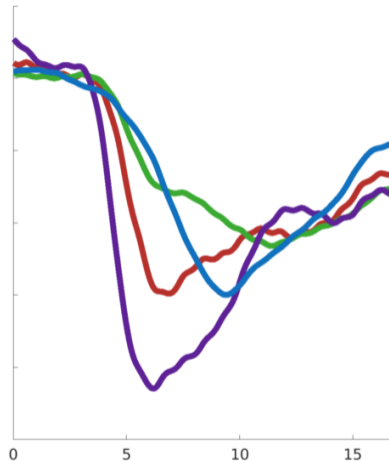


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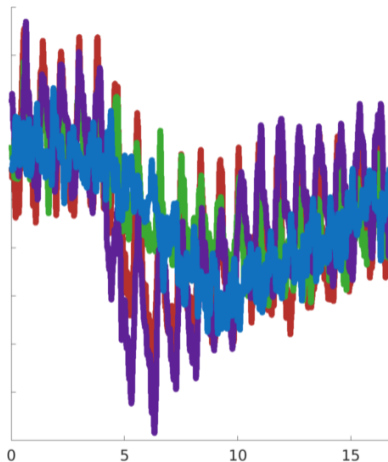


## Perfusion with EIT – Features



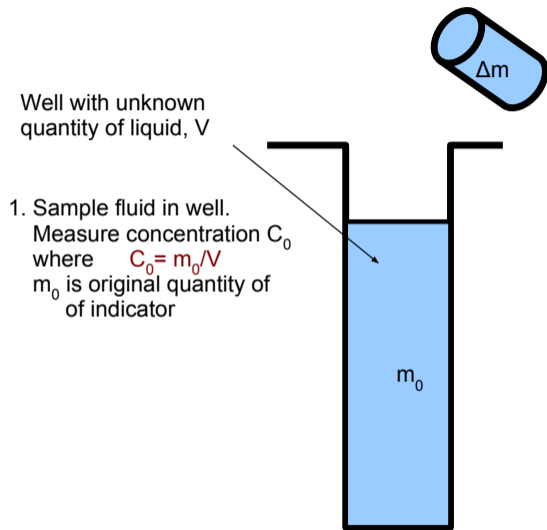
- Visualize Anatomy: LV  $\rightarrow$  Lungs  $\rightarrow$  RH
- Signals are fairly large (w.r.t. ventilation)
- Injection must be
  - Rapid
  - Near the heart

## Perfusion with EIT – Filtering effect



- Unfiltered signal shows large cardiogenic changes  
Perfusion signal is  $\approx 5\times$  pulsatility
- Bolus: 10 mL of 7.2 % NaCl in  $\approx 55$  kg pig  
Conductivity of Saline:  $\approx 1.5$  S/m/[% saline]  
Cardiac Output in 2 s =  $\approx 100$  mL  
 $\Delta\sigma_{\text{blood}} = 7.2\% \times 0.1 \times 1.5 = 1.1$  S/m  
compared to  $\sigma_{\text{blood}} = 0.65$  S/m <sup>(8)</sup>

# Indicator Dilution – Theory



2. Add new indicator  $\Delta m$   
Measure concentration  $C_1$

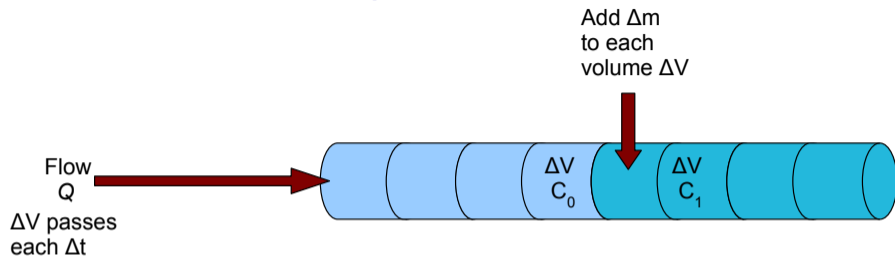
$$C_1 = \frac{m_0 + \Delta m}{V}$$

$$C_1 - C_0 = \frac{m_0 + \Delta m}{V} - \frac{m_0}{V}$$

$$\Delta C = \frac{\Delta m}{V}$$

$$V = \frac{\Delta m}{C_1 - C_0}$$

# Indicator Dilution – Theory



$$\Delta C = \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta V} = \frac{\frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t}}{\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t}} \rightarrow Q = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} = \frac{d m / d t}{\Delta C}$$

Units

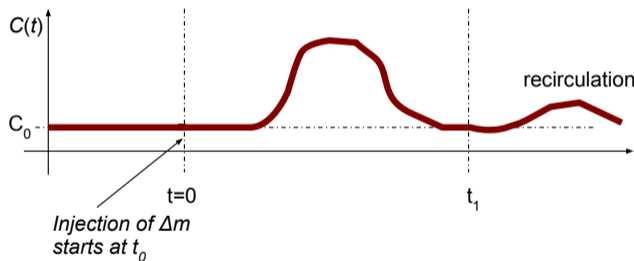
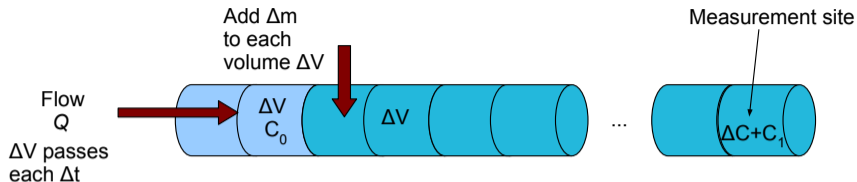
$V \Rightarrow$  volume [ $m^3$ ]

$m \Rightarrow$  quantity of indicator

- grams / mols (dye indicator)
- volume (gas indicator)
- joules (heat – but not  $^{\circ}C$  why?)
- attenuation (dye indicator)

$C \Rightarrow$  quantity /  $m^3$

# Indicator Dilution – Theory



$$Q = \frac{d m / d t}{\Delta C(t)}$$

$$d m = Q(t) \Delta C(t) d t$$

$$m = \int_0^{t_1} \bar{Q} \Delta C(t) d t$$

$$Q = \frac{m}{\int_0^{t_1} \Delta C(t) d t}$$

Output is average flow during measurement

# Indicator Dilution: Requirements

## Dilution indicator types

- *Diffusible*: will leak out of the capillaries  
Tend to overestimate cardiac output
- *Non-diffusible*: is retained in the vascular system for a time.  
Tend to underestimate cardiac output

<i>Requirements</i>	<i>EIT &amp; NaCl</i>	
Measurable (detectable)	✓	
Inert	✓	(mostly)
Biocompatible (harmless)	✓	(mostly)
Stays intravascular and does not leak into tissue spaces	✗	(main issue)
Economical	✓	

# Inert & Biocompatible

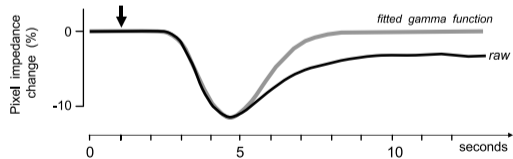
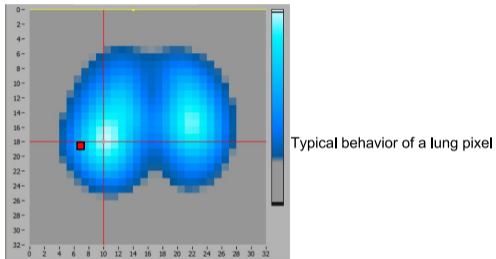
- Amounts are small
  - the 2300 mg recommended daily Na intake of the American Heart Association corresponds to 23 boluses of 10 mL of 3% saline.
- safety
  - osmotic demyelination syndrome?
  - A report of dropping BP in horses
- Highest concentration used in humans<sup>9</sup> is 10%

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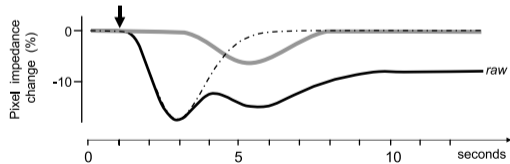
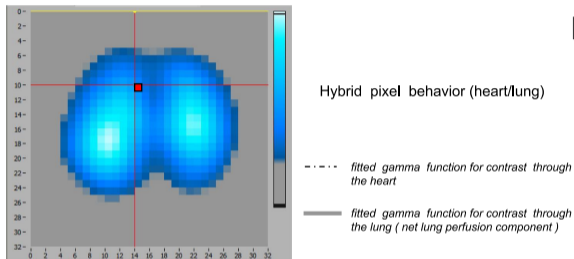
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# Partial-volume effects

**A**



**B**



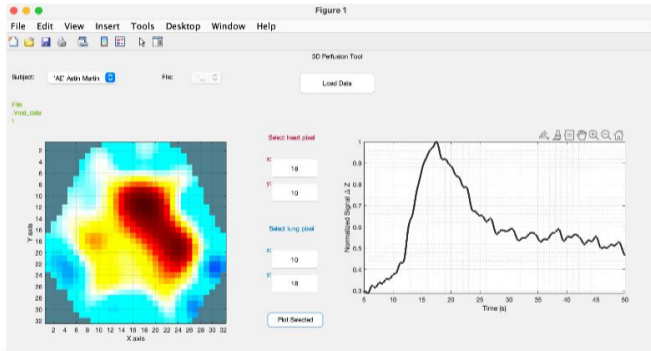
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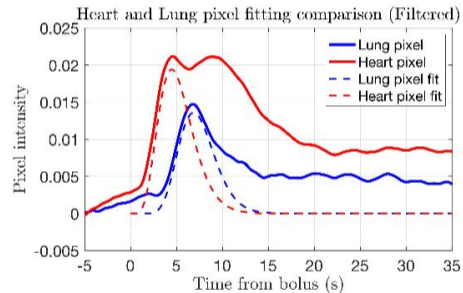


# Partial-volume effects: Analysis Tool

## Select Lung and Heart Pixels



## Fit gamma functions



<sup>11</sup>Stowe *et al*  $\dot{V}/Q$  analysis with 3D EIT p. 25, Conf EIT 2023. available at [EIDORS.org](https://www.eidors.org)

# EIT-Perfusion and SPECT

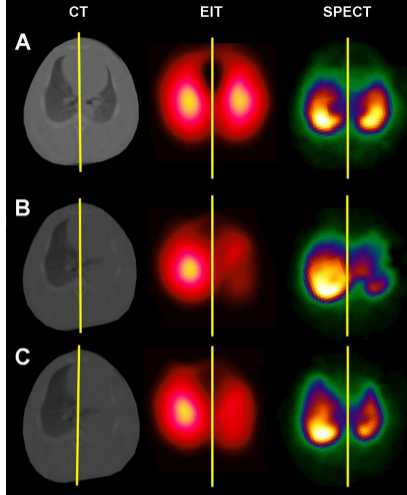


Fig. 2. Regions of interest in healthy lungs. Regions of interest in healthy lungs for the perfusion analysis. Three situations were studied sequentially: bilateral lung ventilation (A), unilateral lung collapse (B; left lung atelectasis), and unilateral lung collapse (C) with sodium nitroprusside infusion.

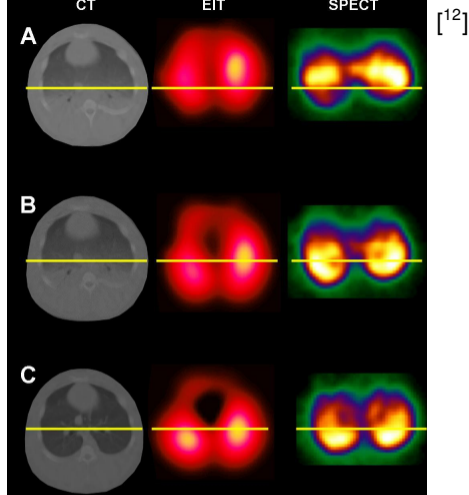
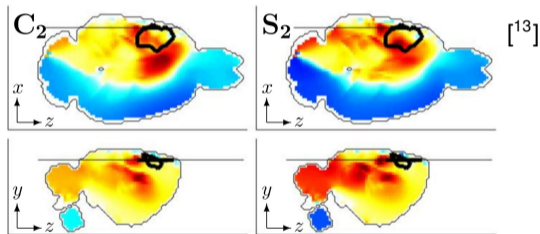


Fig. 3. Regions of interest in injured lungs. Regions of interest in the piglets with acute lung injury. Three situations are represented sequentially: lung injury condition (A; dependent lung atelectasis), lung injury in conjunction with sodium nitroprusside infusion (B), and open lung condition after lung recruitment (C).

# EIT Perfusion: Comments

- Can this be an acceptable clinical technique: in humans? in animals?
- Cold saline? Water tempco  $-2\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$ , so  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  is 70% less conductive
- Organ perfusion  $\rightarrow$



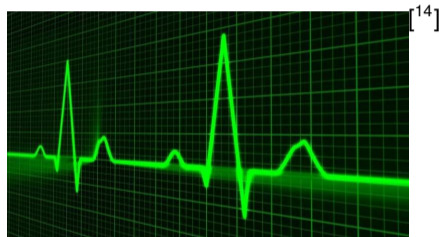
**Figure 2:** EIT images of maximum signed voxel value for C) control, and S) forepaw stimulation. Region outlined in black is the S1 forepaw cortex. Coronal (top) and Sagittal (bottom) slices shown.

<sup>13</sup>Adler *et al* (2017) Cerebral perfusion imaging using EIT p. 44 Conf EIT 2017

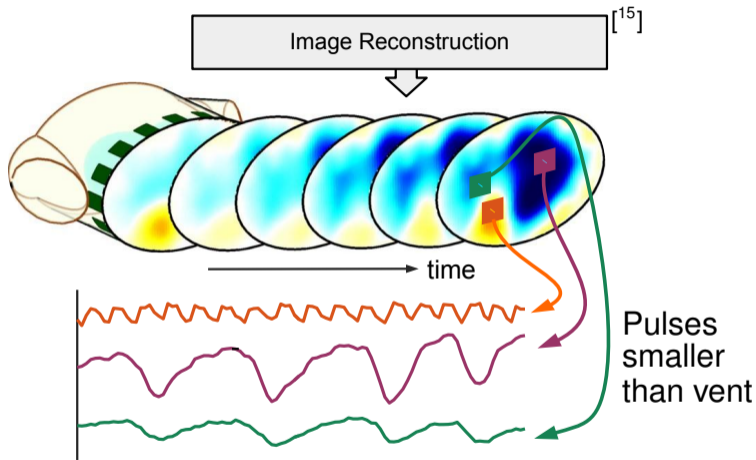
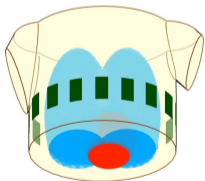
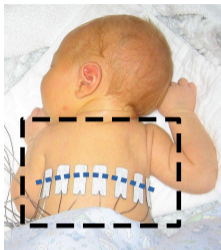
# Part B – Pulsatility based techniques

## Outline

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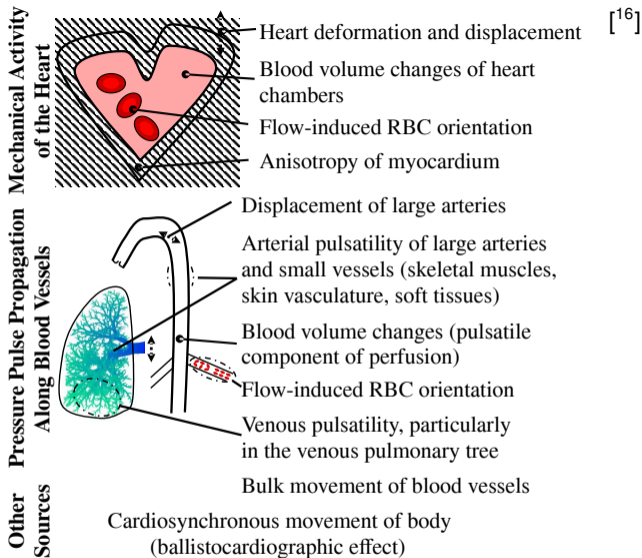


# Pulsatile signal in EIT data



<sup>15</sup>Heinrich *et al* (2006) "Body and head position effects ..." *Int Care Med*, 32:1392–1398.

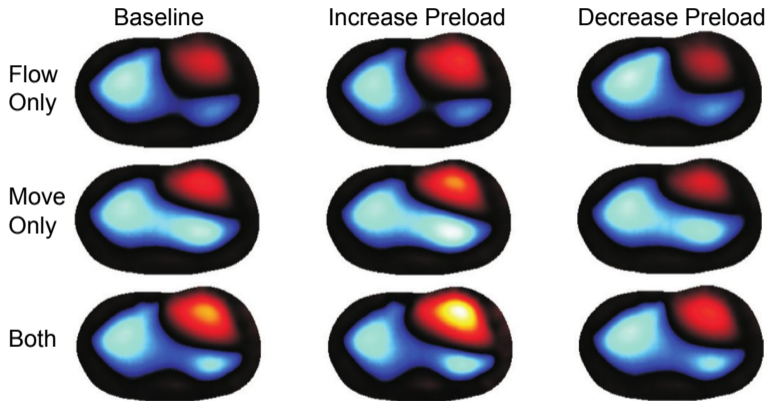
# Origins of cardiosynchronous EIT signals



<sup>16</sup>Adler *et al* (2017) "Origins of cardiosynchronous signals in EIT", Conf EIT2017, p73

# Heart Motion

- Simulations based on 4D MRI
- Heart motion/deformation is 56% of EIT signal
- Strong correlation motion – blood flow
- However:  
     $\Delta$  with disease?  
     $\Delta$  with posture?



<sup>17</sup>Proença *et al* (2015) Influence of heart motion on cardiac output estimation by means of electrical impedance tomography: a case study *Physiol Meas* 36:1175–1192.

# Flow-induced RBC orientation

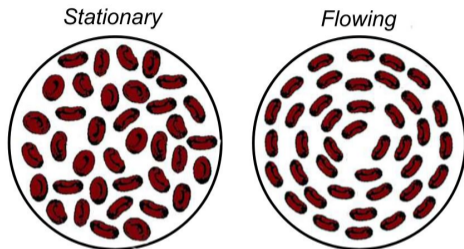


Figure 2.6: Simplified red blood cell orientation during stationary and flowing blood

- Effect should be important (20%)
- Have never been able to see or reproduce

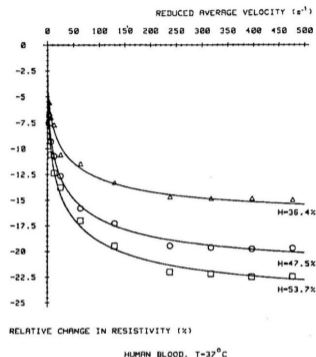


Figure 2.7: Relative change in resistivity of human blood as a function of the reduced average velocity for different haematocrit values (Visser 1989)

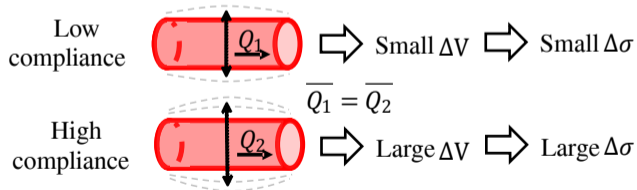
<sup>18</sup>R L Gaw, *The effect of red blood cell orientation on the electrical impedance of pulsatile blood with implications for impedance cardiography*, PhD Thesis, Queensland University of Technology, 2010.



## Does EIT measure *perfusion* or *pulsatility*?

The EIT community debate in<sup>19</sup>:

- not all **blood flow** leads to  **$\Delta$ EIT signal**  
e.g. blood flowing continuously through a capillary bed:  
No changes over time, no EIT signals variations.
- not all  **$\Delta$ EIT signal** originate in **blood flow**.  
e.g. movement of the heart in the chest accounts for a large fraction of the signal,  
which will vary with the patient, posture, and electrode placement



<sup>19</sup>Frerichs *et al* (2017) "... TRanslational EIT developmeNt stuDy group" Thorax, 72:83–93

## Does EIT measure *perfusion* or *pulsatility*?

Pulsability seems to be a fairly good measure of perfusion <sup>20,21,22</sup> .

Clearly for *marketing* of EIT, it's best to say it measures perfusion.

Recommendation: perfusion-related EIT signal,

- scientifically accurate
- easy to understand for non EIT specialists.

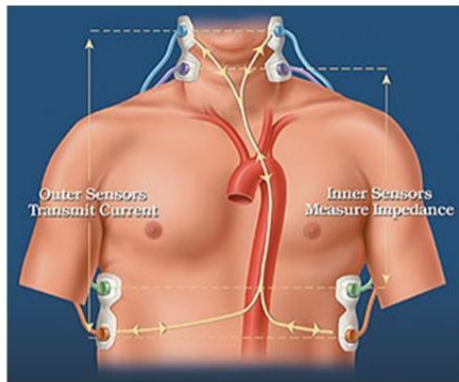
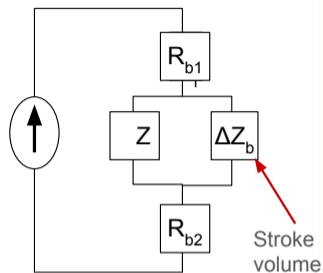
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<sup>20</sup>Borges *et al* (2012) "Regional lung perfusion estimated by electrical impedance tomography in a piglet model of lung collapse" J Appl Physiol 112:225–236

<sup>21</sup>Reifferscheid *et al* (2011) "Regional ventilation distribution determined by electrical impedance tomography: Reproducibility and effects of posture and chest plane" Respirology, 16:523–531

<sup>22</sup>Stowe *et al* (2019) "Comparison of bolus- and filtering-based EIT measures of lung perfusion in an animal model" Physiol Meas, 40:054002

# Impedance Cardiography



<https://ispub.com/xml/journals/ija/vol11n2>  
(No longer available 8-( )

- Easy to understand
- Stroke-volume correlates nicely
- Unfortunately: “poor correlation between . . . invasive measurements of cardiac output, especially in heart failure . . . limited data demonstrating any improved outcomes”<sup>23</sup>

<sup>23</sup>Wang *et al* (2006) *Impedance cardiography: More questions than answers* 8:180–186

# Stroke-Volume with 3D EIT

- SV estimation  $\pm 15.2$  mL (subject-specific calibration)

Fig 7. ECG-gated 3D EIT (end systole vs end diastole). One subject

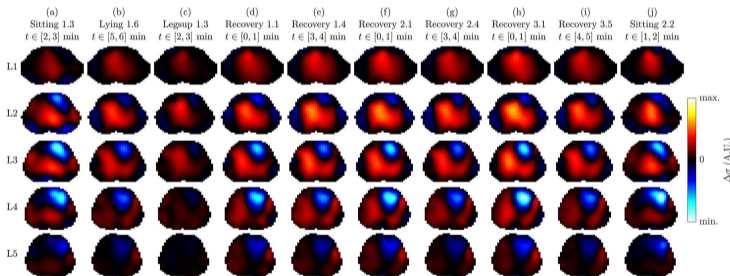
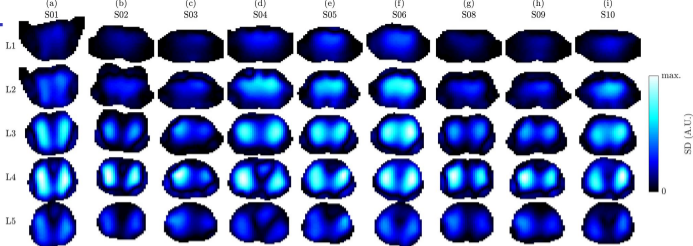


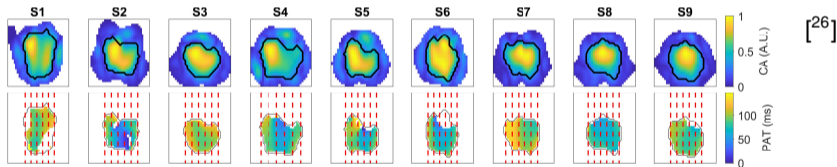
Fig 5. 3D EIT [ L1 (highest) to L5 (lowest) ] of SD respiration – supine position.



<sup>24</sup>Braun *et al* (2018) Accuracy and Reliability of Noninvasive Stroke Volume Monitoring via ECG-Gated 3D Electrical Impedance Tomography in Healthy Volunteers PLoS One, 13:e0191870

# What is Pulsatility / Perfusion-related EIT good for?

- Timing of signals is useful
  - Stroke-volume variation
  - Pulse-Transit time  $\rightarrow$  Pulmonary-arterial pressure
- Need work to understand when reliable<sup>25</sup>
  - Waveform shape?
  - Waveform timing?

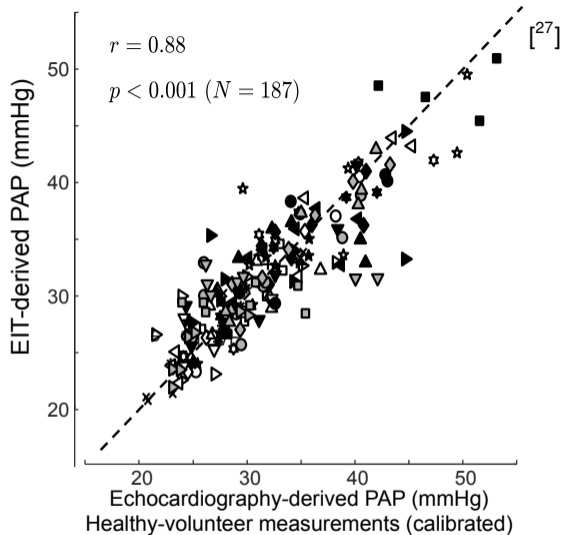
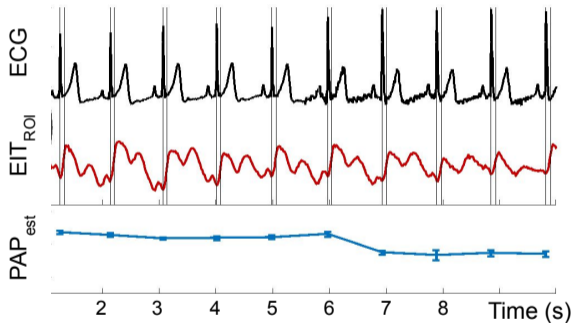


**Figure 2:** For each of the nine subjects (S1 to S9) we show: (Top) cardio-synchronous activity (CA) image as the pixel-wise temporal standard deviation of the EIT plane L2 with the lung ROI delineated in black. (Bottom) Spatial distribution of the pulmonary PAT in the lung ROI and on the same EIT plane with the five vertical segments separated by dashed red lines.

<sup>25</sup>Stowe *et al* (2019) [Comparison of bolus- and filtering-based EIT measures of lung perfusion in an animal model](#) *Physiol Meas*, 40:054002

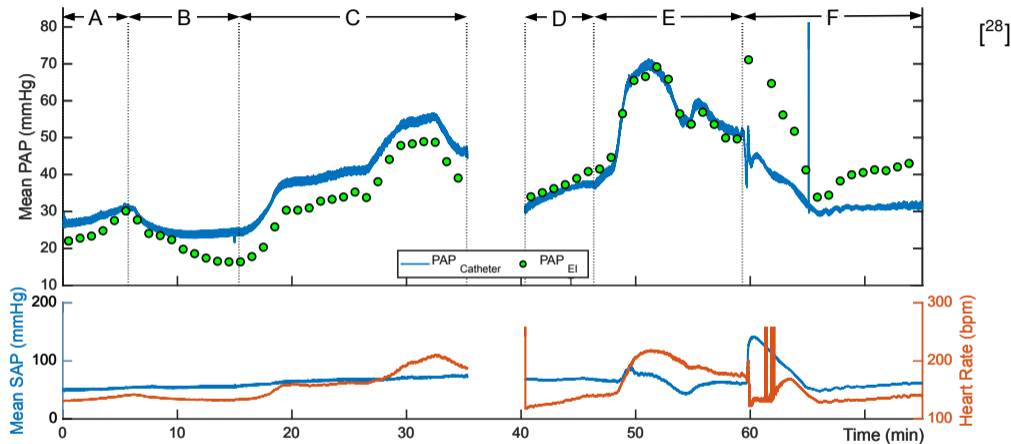
<sup>26</sup>Braun *et al* (2019) [Distribution of Pulmonary Pulse Arrival in the Healthy Human Lung](#) *EIT Conf 2019*, p.64

# Pulse-Transit time $\rightarrow$ Pulmonary-Arterial Pressure



<sup>27</sup>Proença *et al* (2020) Non-invasive pulmonary artery pressure estimation by electrical impedance tomography in a controlled hypoxemia study in healthy subjects Sci Reports, 10:21462

# EIT-PAP in neonatal lambs



**Figure 1:** PAP and PAP<sup>EIT</sup> (top row) and systemic arterial pressure (SAP) and HR data (bottom row) for a representative animal. A: FiO<sub>2</sub>=21% B: FiO<sub>2</sub>=100%, C: FiO<sub>2</sub>=12–14%, D: FiO<sub>2</sub>=21%, E: FiO<sub>2</sub>=12–14%+hypoventilation, F: FiO<sub>2</sub>=100%+epinephrine.

<sup>28</sup>Braun *et al* (2019) EIT measurement of pulmonary artery pressure in neonatal lambs p.33, Conf EIT 2019

# Part C – Ventilation / Perfusion matching

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# $\dot{V}/Q$ : Holy grail?

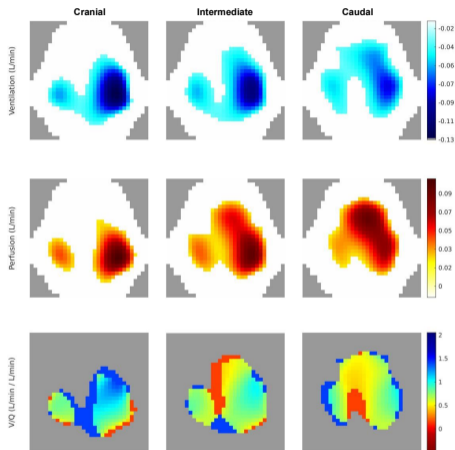
- Physiological “Goal” of lungs is gas exchange  
→ accomplished by  $\dot{V}/Q$  matching
- Holy grail<sup>30</sup>  $\triangleq$ 
  - (A) the cup Jesus drank from at the last supper,
  - (B) treasure with miraculous healing powers,
  - (C) elusive object or goal of great significance<sup>31</sup>
- If EIT can provide  $\dot{V}/Q$  it will be (C) and maybe (B) but not (A)

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<sup>30</sup>Leonhardt & Lachmann (2012) [Electrical impedance tomography: the holy grail of ventilation and perfusion monitoring?](#) Int Care Med 38:1917–1929.

<sup>31</sup>Not statistical

Concept:  $\dot{V}/Q \triangleq \dot{V} \text{ [ml air/min]} \div Q \text{ [ml blood/min]}$



- $\dot{V}$ : Ventilation Image  
EIT Tidal Ventilation [unitless]
- Q: Perfusion Image  
EIT Perfusion – Partial Volume effects [unitless]
- $\dot{V}/Q$ : Ventilation  $\div$  Perfusion in lung ROI  
Should be in log units:  $\log(\frac{\dot{V}}{Q}) = \log(\dot{V}) - \log(Q)$   
[unitless – unless using Bohr eqn, next slide]

<sup>32</sup>Larrabee *et al* (2023) *Am J Physiol: Lung* 325:L638–L646

## Bohr Equation

Voxel  $\dot{V}/Q$  ratio calculated using:

- ventilation:  $\Delta Z_{\dot{V},\text{vox}}$ ,
- perfusion:  $\Delta Z_{\dot{Q},\text{vox}}$

Bohr<sup>33</sup> equation leads to:

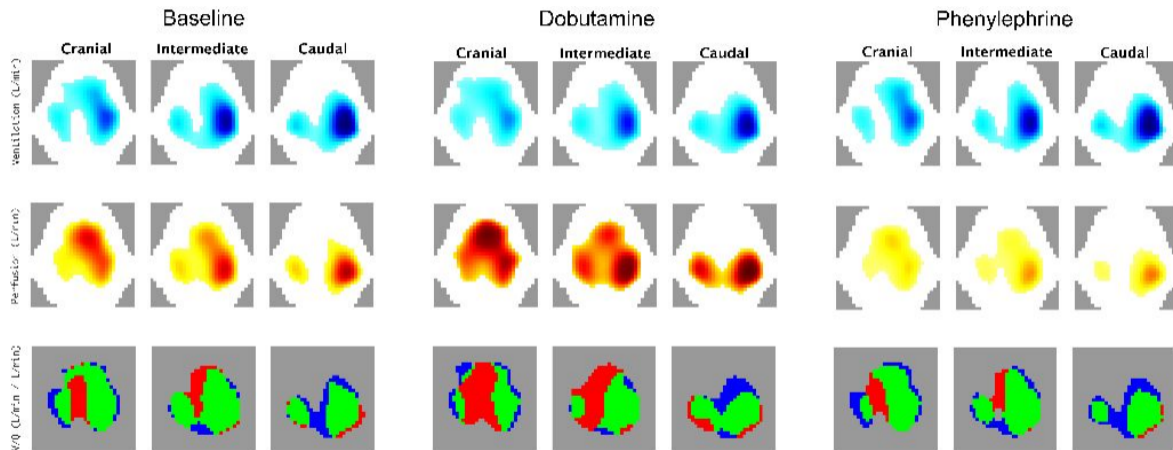
$$\frac{\dot{V}_{\text{vox}}}{\dot{Q}_{\text{vox}}} = \frac{\frac{\Delta Z_{\dot{V},\text{vox}}}{\Delta Z_{\dot{V},\text{tot}}} \times V_T \times RR \times (1 - \frac{V_D}{V_T})}{\frac{\Delta Z_{\dot{Q},\text{vox}}}{\Delta Z_{\dot{Q},\text{tot}}} \times CO}$$

tidal volume ( $V_T$ ), resp rate ( $RR$ ), cardiac output ( $CO$ ) and dead-space frac ( $\frac{V_D}{V_T}$ ).

Motivation: impedance ratios represent the unitless fraction of impedance change in each voxel. Conversion to  $\dot{V}$  and  $Q$  units requires multiplication by air and blood flows:  $V_T \times RR \times (1 - \frac{V_D}{V_T})$  represents effective alveolar ventilation.

<sup>33</sup>Christian Bohr, father of Niels

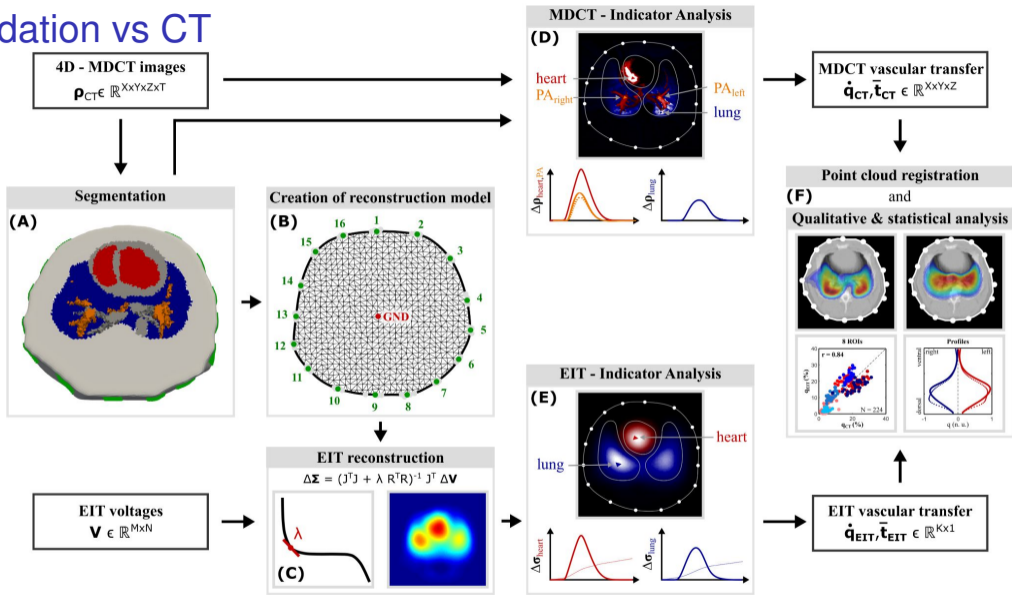
# 3D $\dot{V}/Q$



<sup>34</sup>Larrabee *et al* (2023) *Am J Physiol: Lung* 325:L638–L646

# Validation vs CT

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<sup>35</sup>Kircher *et al* (2020) Regional Lung Perfusion Analysis in Experimental ARDS by EIT IEEE T Med Imag 40:251–261

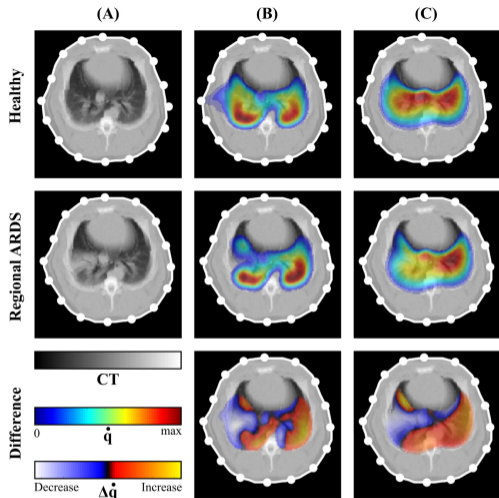


Fig. 5. Regional blood flow distribution before and after regional lung injury by endotoxin. Grayscale CT images (A) are depicted together with computed MDCT blood flow  $q_{CT}$  (B) and computed EIT blood flow  $q_{EIT}$  (C) for the healthy state (upper) and for the injured lung (middle) Perfusion changes ( $\Delta q_{CT}$  and  $\Delta q_{EIT}$ ) after regional lung injury compared to the healthy state (bottom).

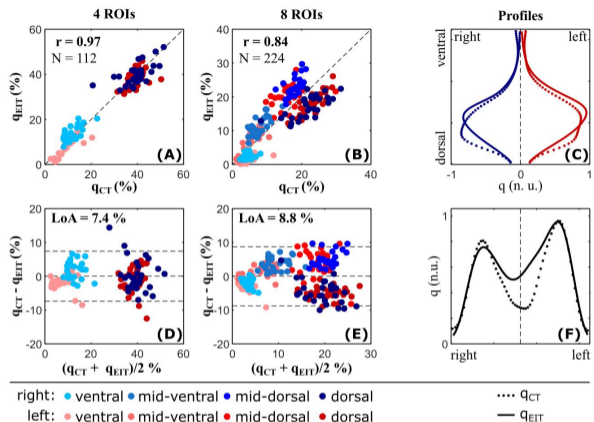
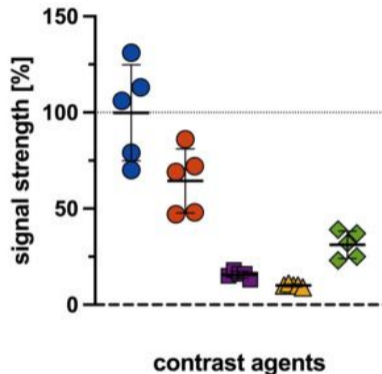
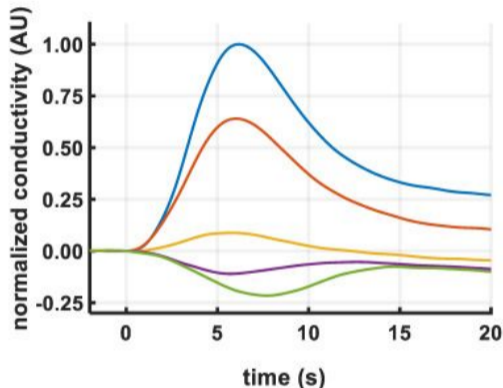


Fig. 6. Statistical analysis of the comparison between EIT and MDCT pulmonary blood flow distribution. Graph (A) depicts the correlation analysis between spatial MDCT and EIT perfusion in four ROIs, with the corresponding Bland-Altman analysis in graph (D). For the analysis in four ROIs, the mid-ventral and ventral, as well as the dorsal and mid-dorsal ROIs are combined. Graph (B) and (E) shows the same analyses for eight ROIs. The graphs in plots (C) and (F) represent the dorsoventral profiles and right-to-left profiles for both MDCT and EIT. LoA: limits of agreement

# Different Contrast Agents

● NaCl 5.84%   ● NaBic 8.4%   ■ Glucose 5%   ▲ Jonosteril   ◆ Iomeprol 400 mg/mL [37]

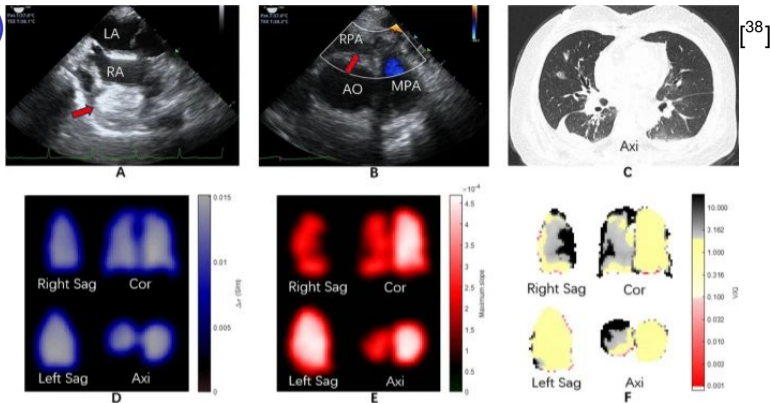


**Figure 2 (left)** Exemplary global signals captured by Electrical Impedance Tomography after bolus injection of different contrast agents. Normalized changes in global conductivity over time after filtering and drift compensation; **(right)** relative signal strength of different contrast agents calculated from the maximum amplitude of the regional lung perfusion images. Horizontal solid lines indicate mean values and standard deviation. The dotted line indicates the reference (signal strength of the mean image of NaCl 5.84 injections).

<sup>37</sup>Muders *et al* (2023) *Evaluation of Different Contrast ...* J Clin Med 12:2751.

# Human Results (3D)

**A** TEE image of the mid-esophageal bicaval view. The red arrow indicates a massive embolism in the right atrium. **B** TEE image of the mid-esophageal ascending aortic short-axis view. The red arrow demonstrates that the color Doppler found no blood perfusion signal in the right pulmonary artery. **C** Chest CT image indicated that the lung was almost normal. **D** Lung ventilation image of EIT in coronary, sagittal, and axial planes with low-ventilated regions marked in dark blue and high-ventilated regions in light grey. **E** Lung perfusion image of EIT in coronary, sagittal, and axial planes. Regions with low perfusion are displayed in dark red and high perfusion in white. **F** Ventilation/perfusion (V/Q) image of EIT



[38]

	3D Global	Coronary Plane	Axial Plane	Left Sagittal Plane	Right Sagittal Plane
<b>Deadspace Pixels No./%</b>	5779/41.81%	468/46.75%	199/37.20%	41/7.79%	331/71.03%
<b>Shunt Pixels No./%</b>	418/3.02%	12/1.20%	11/2.06%	15/2.85%	15/3.22%
<b>V/Q Match Pixels No./%</b>	7625/55.17%	521/52.05%	325/60.75%	470/89.35%	120/25.75%

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<sup>38</sup>Gao et al (2024) Feasibility of 3D-EIT in identifying lung perfusion defect and V/Q mismatch in a patient with VA-ECMO Crit Care 28:90



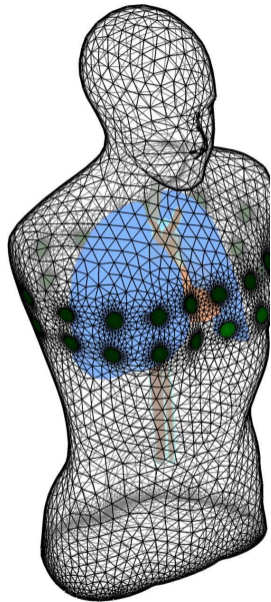
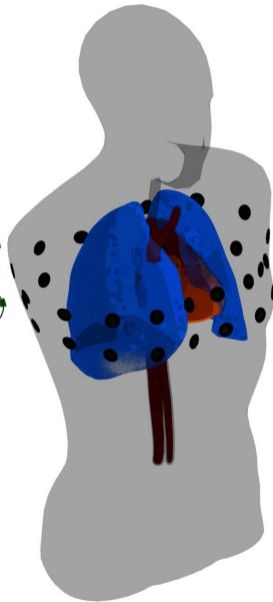
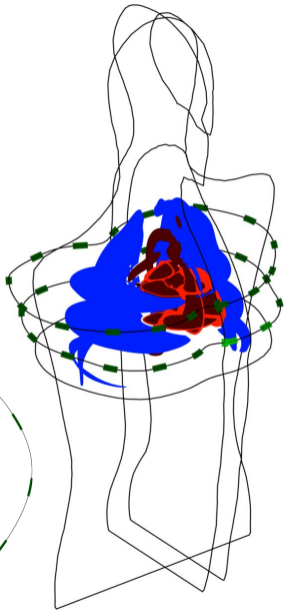
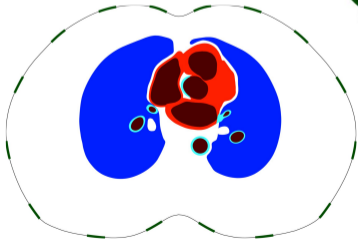
## Other recent work

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- He *et al* (2021) Three broad classifications of acute respiratory failure etiologies based on regional ventilation and perfusion by electrical impedance tomography: a hypothesis-generating study *Ann Int Care* 11:134
- He *et al* (2023) New application of saline contrast-enhanced electrical impedance tomography method for right ventriculography besides lung perfusion: detection of right-to-left intracardiac shunt *QJM: Int J Med* 2023:hcad147
- He *et al* (2020) Detection of Acute Pulmonary Embolism by Electrical Impedance Tomography and Saline Bolus Injection *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 202:881–882.
- Hentze *et al* (2018) Regional lung ventilation and perfusion by electrical impedance tomography compared to single-photon emission computed tomography *Physiol Meas* 39:065004
- Bluth *et al* (2019) Measurement of relative lung perfusion with electrical impedance and positron emission tomography: an experimental comparative study in pigs *Br J Anaes* 128:246–254

## $\dot{V}/Q$ – thoughts

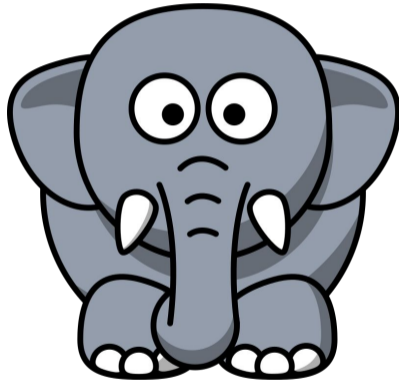
- Holy Grail . . . would provide unique capability
- Can we use contrast agents for human medicine?
- Need to understand pulsatility signal . . . when is it reliable?  
EIT community harming self by not understanding difference
- Lots more technical innovation possible
  - Cardiac Output monitors (e.g. PiCCO) use pulse-contour analysis, which could be done with EIT
  - Compartment models / source separation techniques from PET/SPECT
- $\dot{V}/Q$  is a 3D effect → use 3D EIT

*Hot off the press:*  
Tools for 3D EIT  
EIDORS v3.12

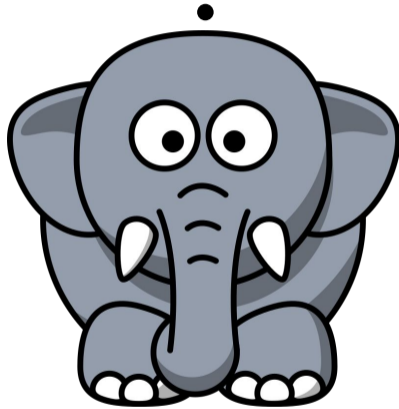


# EIT perfusion and $\dot{V}/Q$ mapping

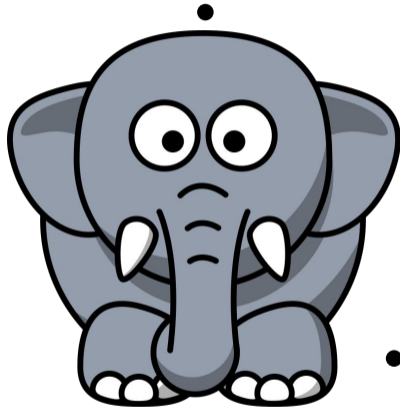
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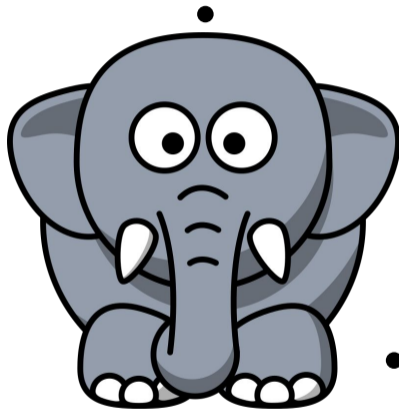
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- Thank you