

Electrical Impedance Tomography: Applications and Perspectives

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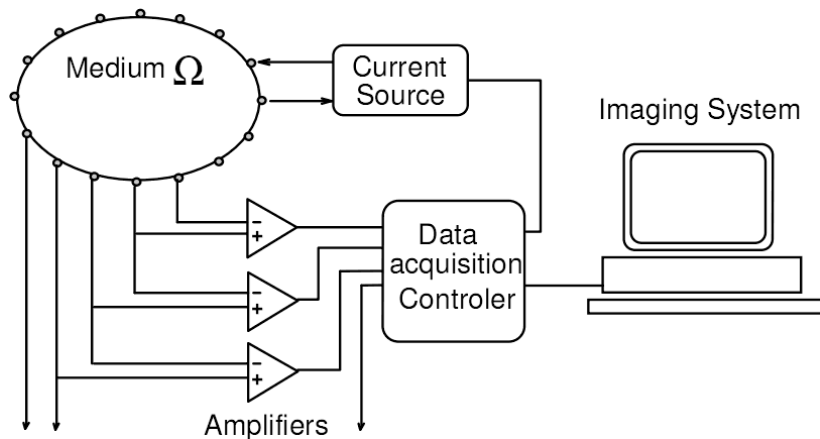
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10-day old healthy
baby with EIT
electrodes

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Electronics – Block Diagram



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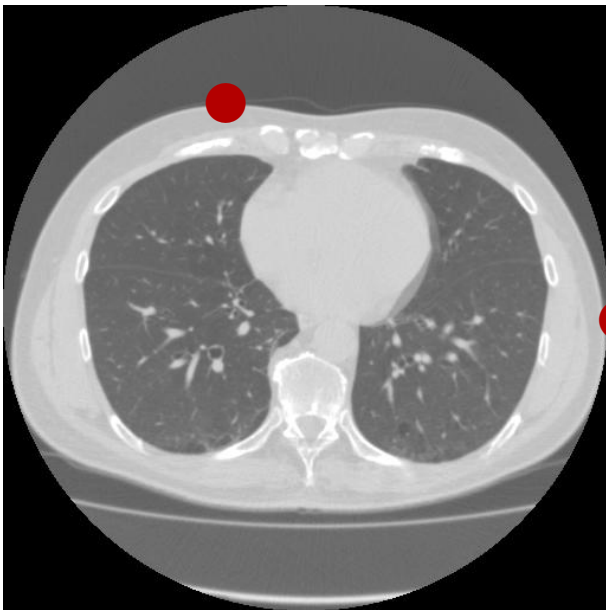
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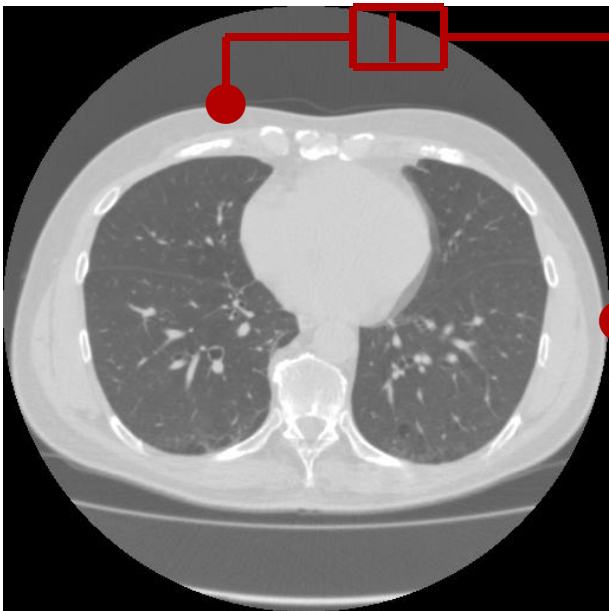
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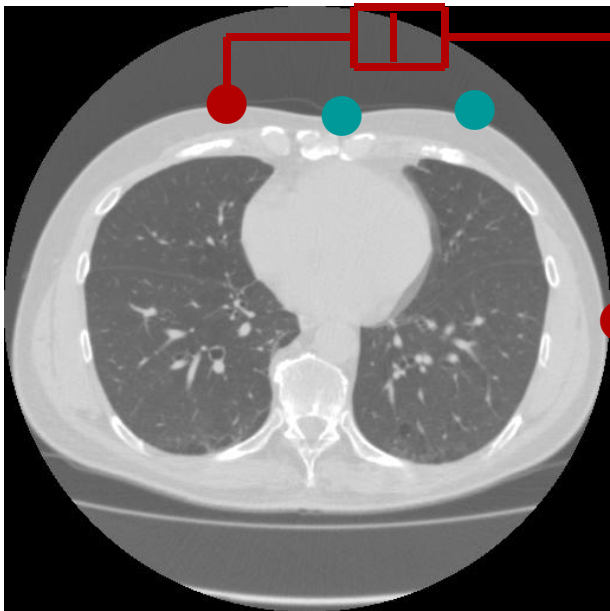
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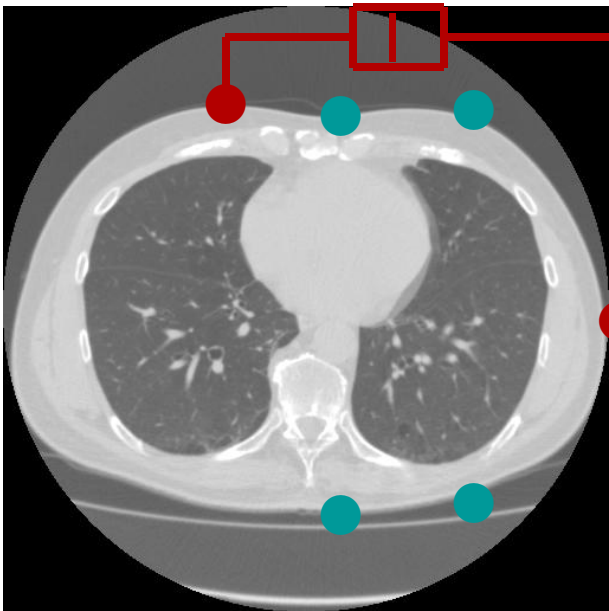
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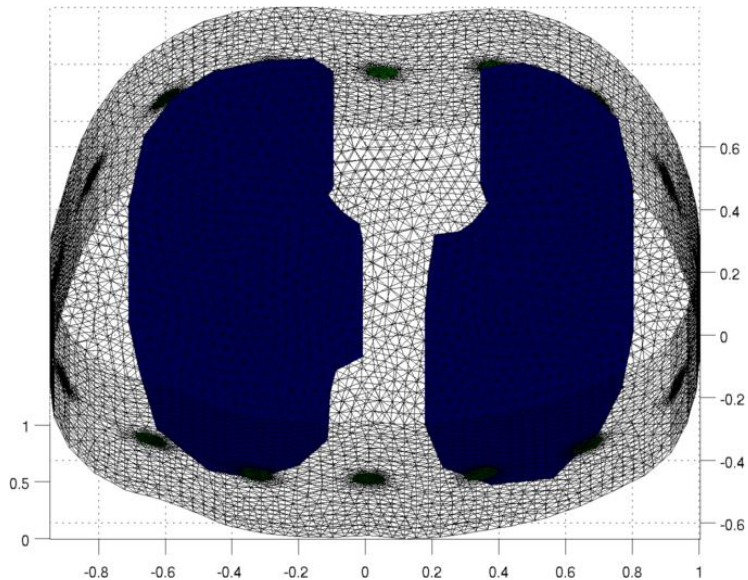
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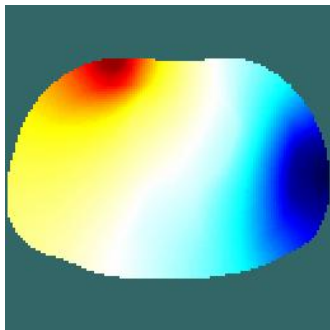
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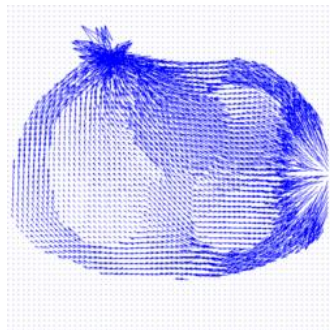
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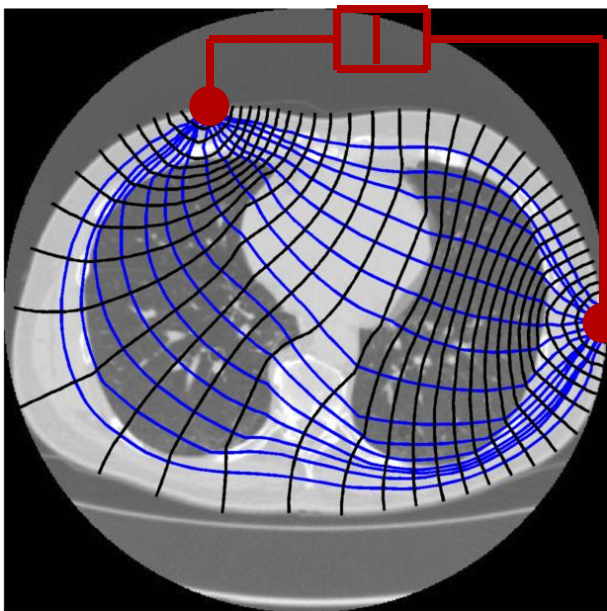
Simulated Voltages



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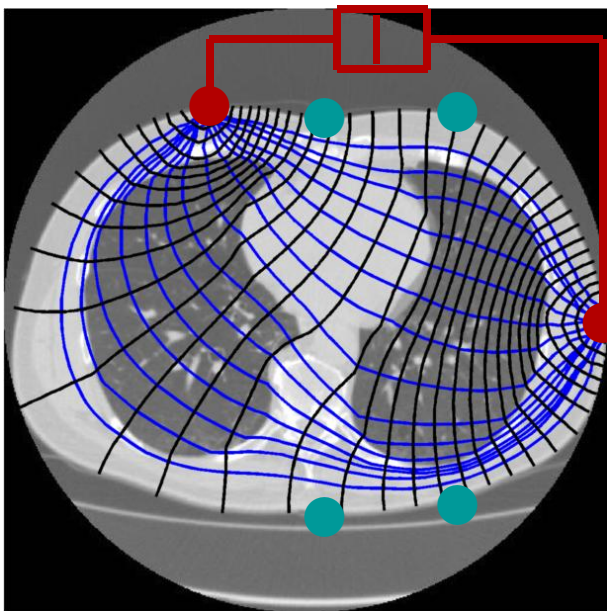
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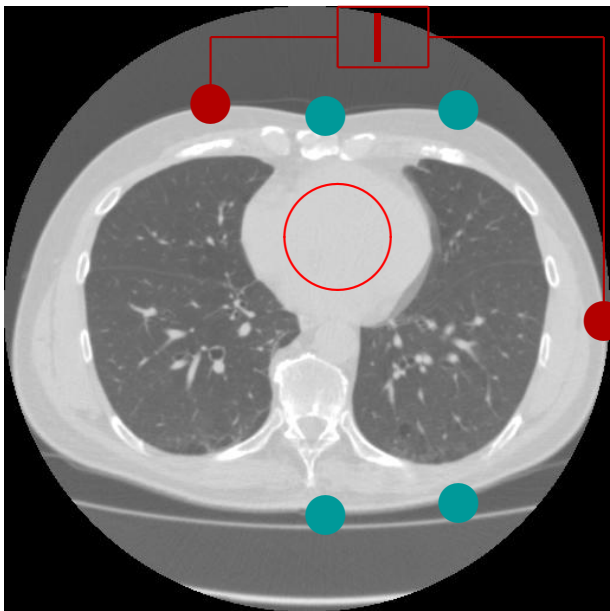
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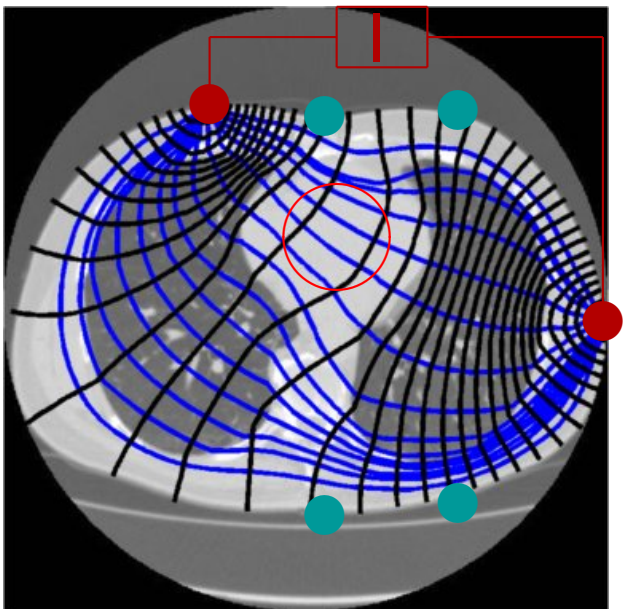
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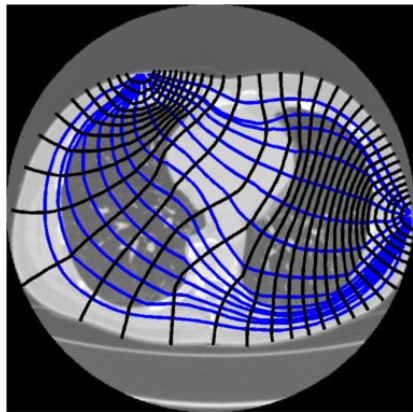
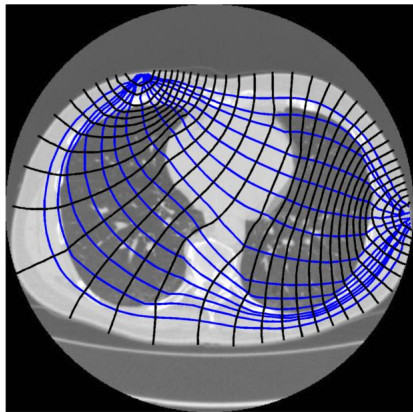


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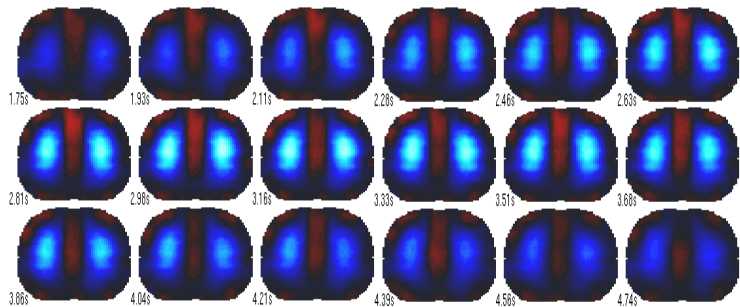
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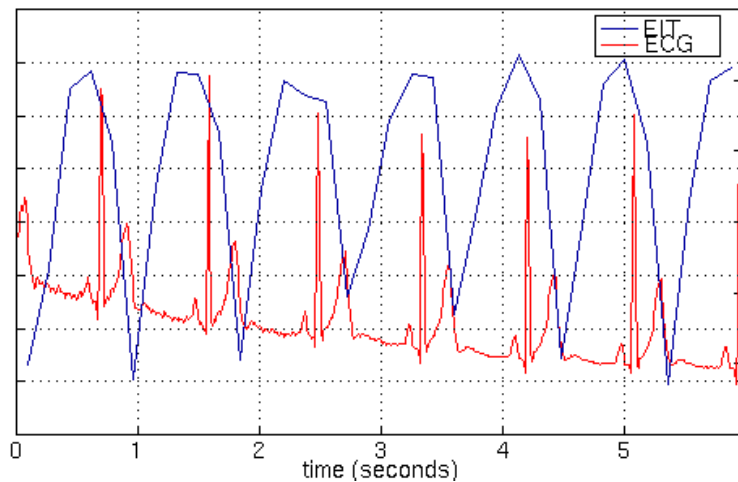


Application: Breathing



Chest images of tidal breathing in healthy adult

Application: Heart



EIT Signal in ROI around heart (and ECG)

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Treatment

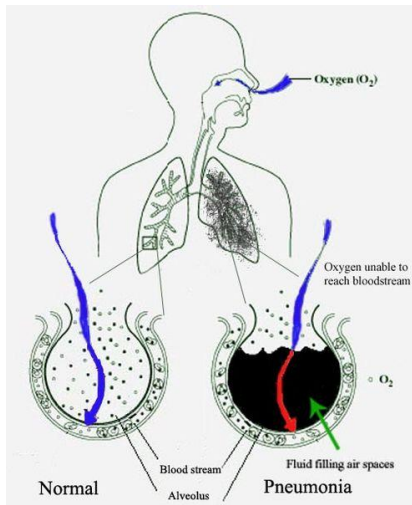
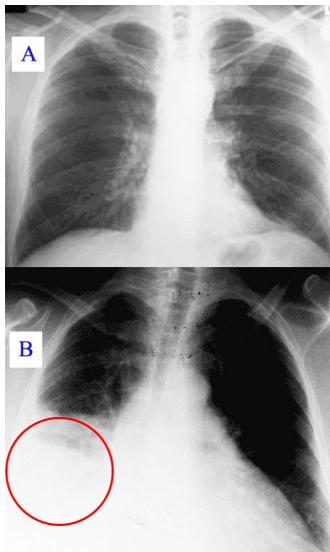
- Emergency treatment
- Treatment of underlying cause
- **Mechanical Ventilation**

Mechanical Ventilation



Mechanical Ventilator with EIT monitor

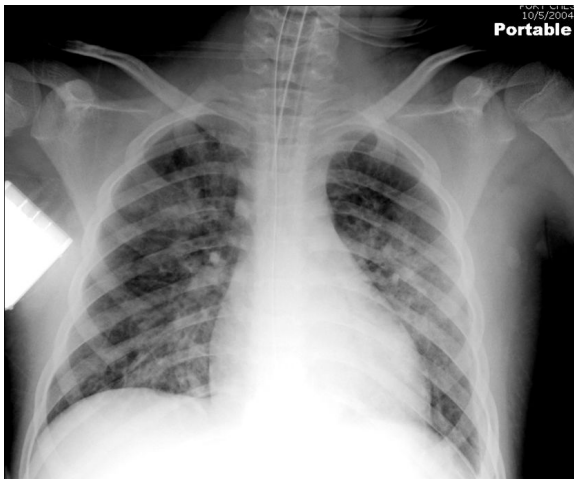
Why image lungs? Example: Pneumonia



B: fluid in right lung

Source: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pneumonia

Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)

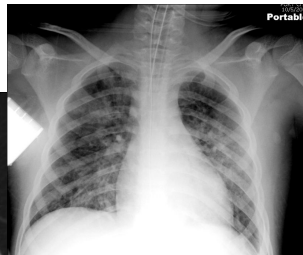
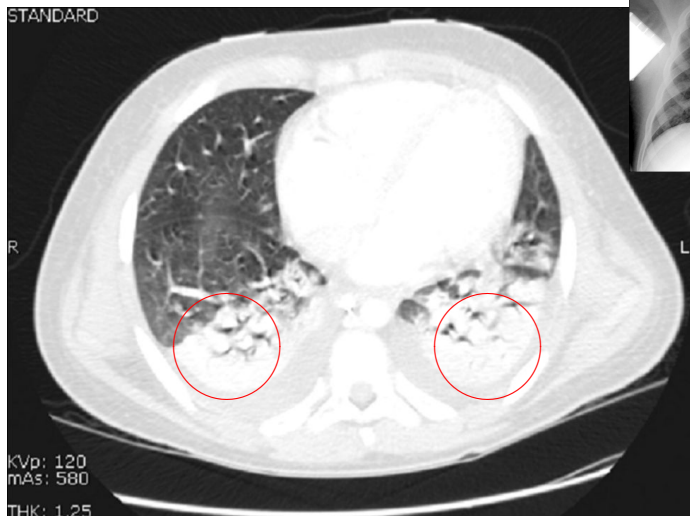


Chest X-ray of
paediatric patient

Source: Wolf GK, Arnold JH, in

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Regional Ventilation

Electrical impedance tomography

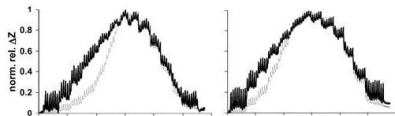
Acute lung injury

Surfactant treatment

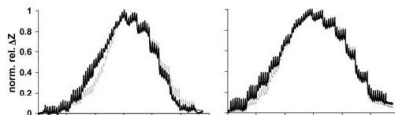
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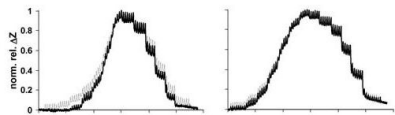
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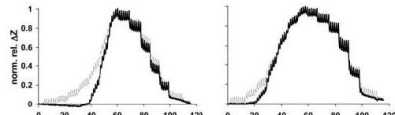
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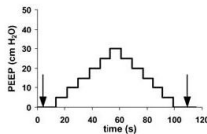
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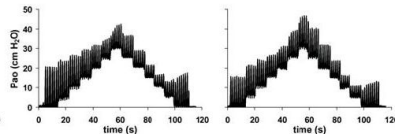
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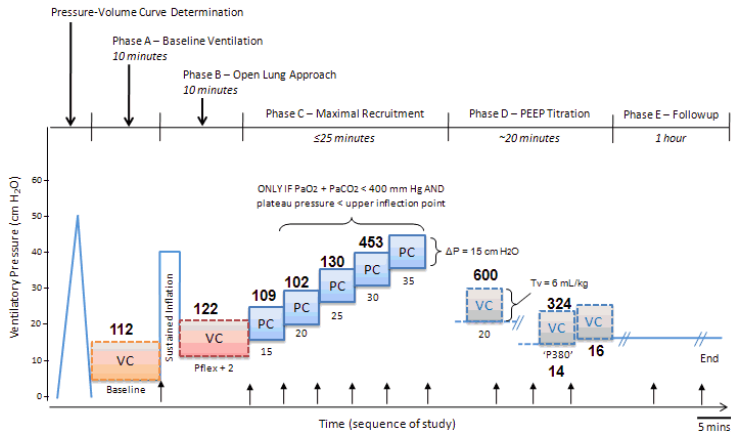
Ventilatory manoeuvre



Airway pressure

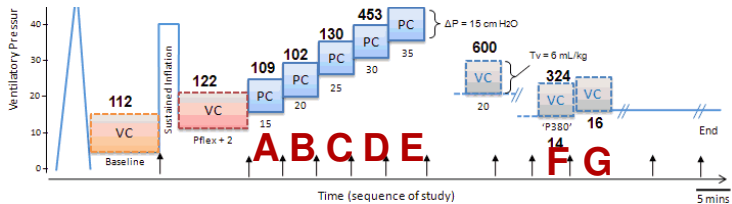


Source: Frerichs *et al*,
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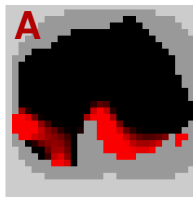
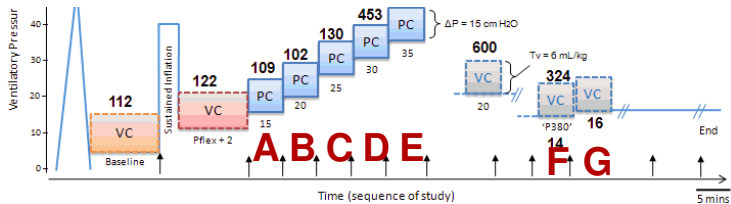
Patient 1 – PaO₂ + PaCO₂

Lung recruitment protocol (Patient: F, 5.9 years, 20 kg, ARDS triggered by parainfluenza pneumonia).

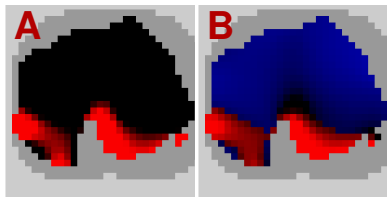
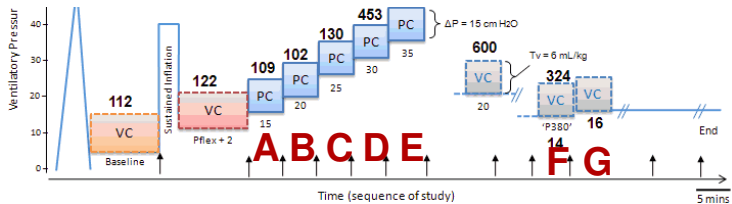
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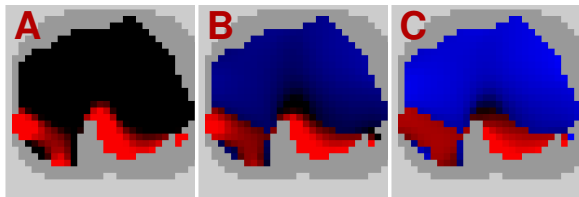
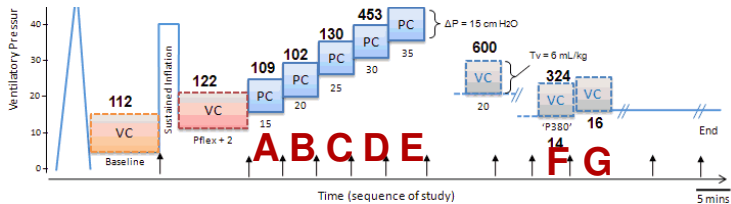
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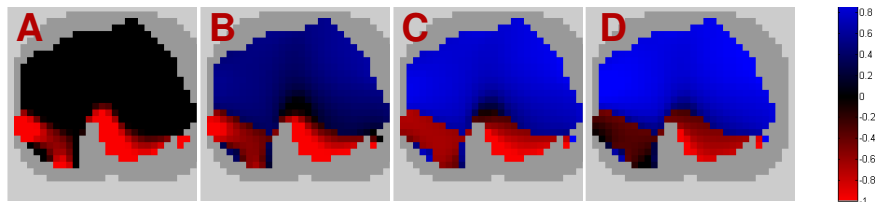
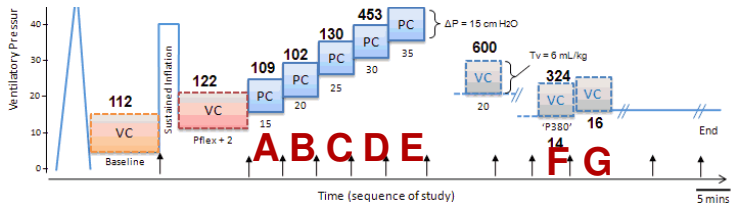
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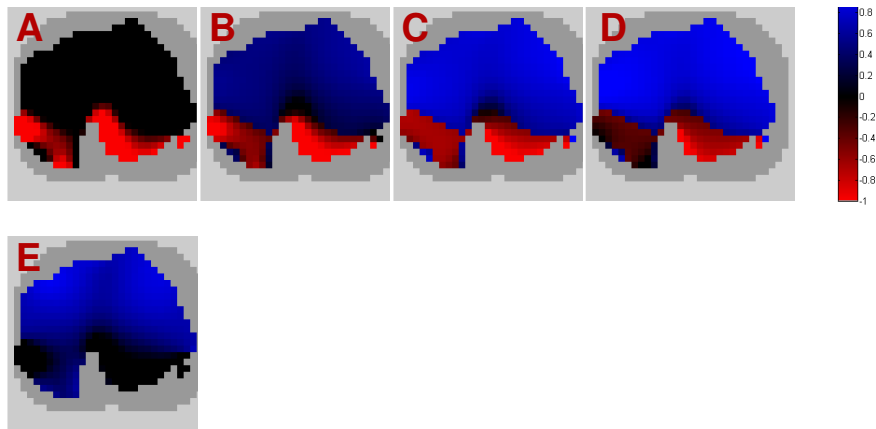
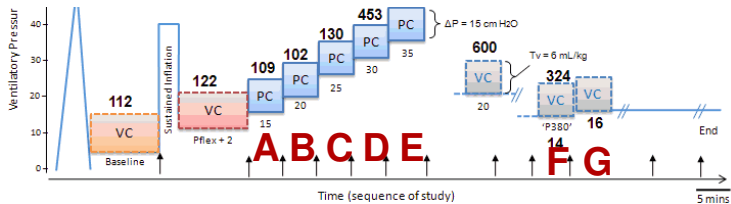
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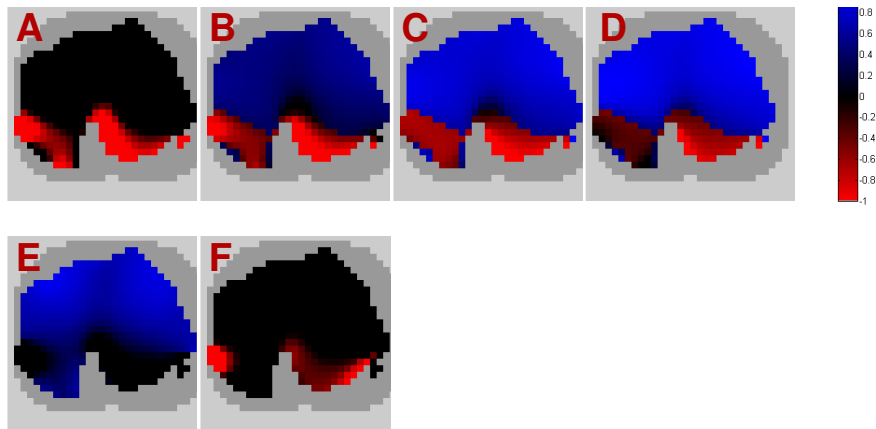
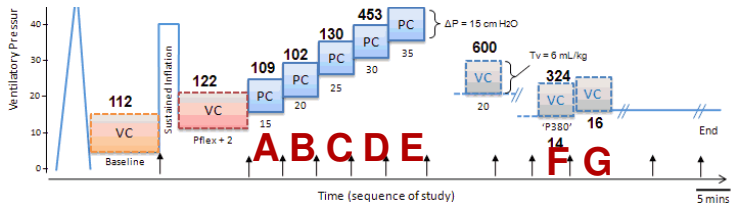
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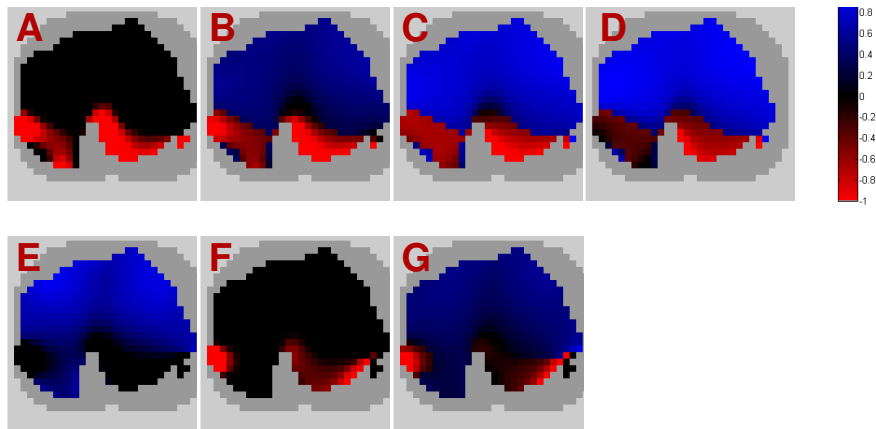
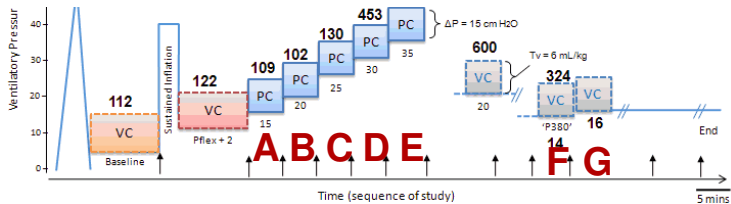
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EIT for Non-Invasive Blood Pressure

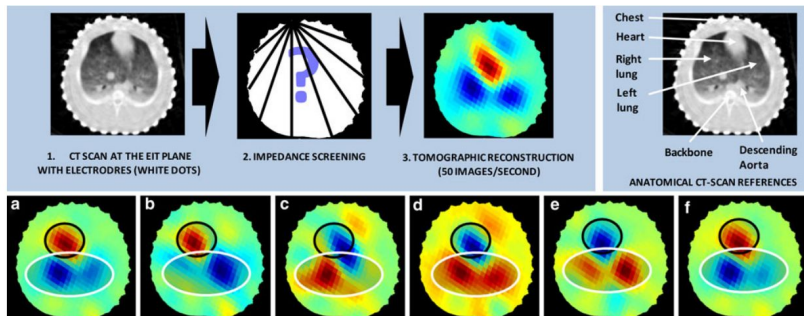


Fig. 1 Tracking the propagation of arterial pressure pulses by EIT: After placing several electrodes around the chest (1), impedance measurements are performed for each electrode pair (2) and used to construct a tomographic impedance image (3). A CT-scan of pig chest is provided as anatomical reference. Lower panel shows an example

of pulse propagation during an entire cardiac cycle: **a** and **b** the filling of the heart is observed (black ROI). **c** The heart empties while the right lung (here on the left hand side) is starting to be perfused with conductive blood. **d** and **e** Both lungs are perfused (white ROI). Finally, **f** the cardiac cycle starts again

Pulse transit time from heart to descending aorta using EIT

Source: Sola *et al*, *Med. Biol. Eng. Comput.*, 2011

Neonatal Breathing

- Preterm newborns have complex, unstable physiology
- Ventilatory support is often essential
- Currently, no adequate monitors of breathing
- These data are from a lamb model of neonates

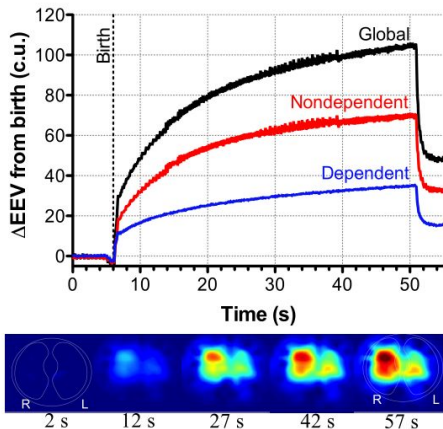


Figure 1. Exponential pattern of volume change during a SI, as measured by EIT, in global thorax and gravity-dependent

EIT for Brain Imaging

Applications:

- Epileptic foci
- Stroke (Ischaemic vs. Haemorrhagic)
- Fast Neural Imaging

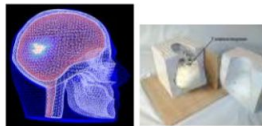
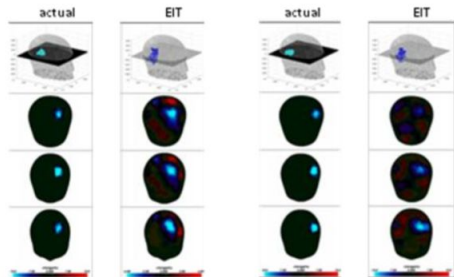


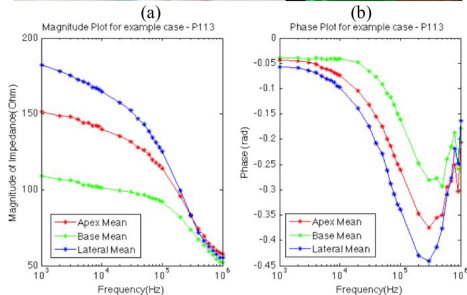
Fig. 2. Left : Finite element of the head used to produce images. Right: Example of EIT images produced in a saline filled tank



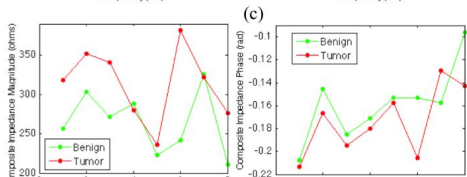
Source: Holder,
www.ucl.ac.uk/medphys/research/eit/pubs/brain_EIT_over

EIT for Cancer Imaging: Breast/Prostate

- Cancerous tissue has different electrical properties
- Image tissue
- Image increased vascularization



Source: Khan, Mahara, Halter *et al*, Conf. EIT, 2014

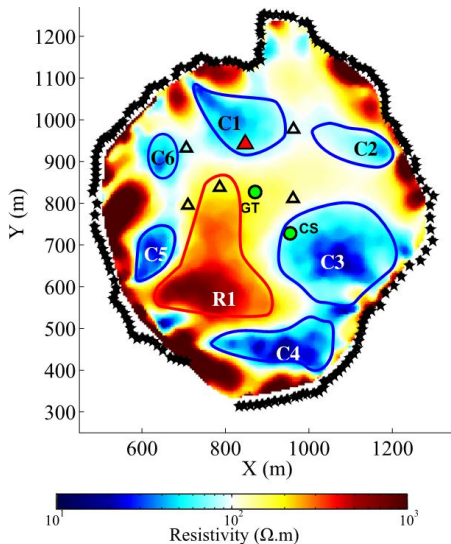


Non-medical applications

- Flow in pipes
- Mixing tanks
- Imaging metallic ores
- Hydro-geology

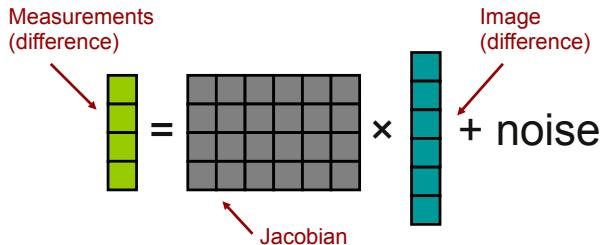
Figure shows resistivity in a cross-section of La Soufrière de Guadeloupe volcano.

Source: N. Lesparre *et al*, Conf. EIT, 2014



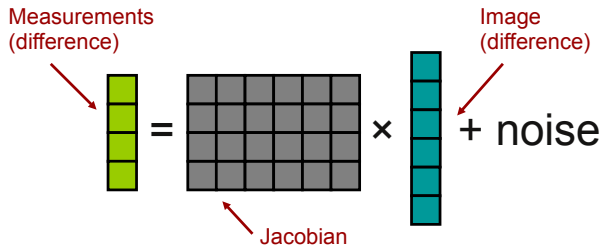
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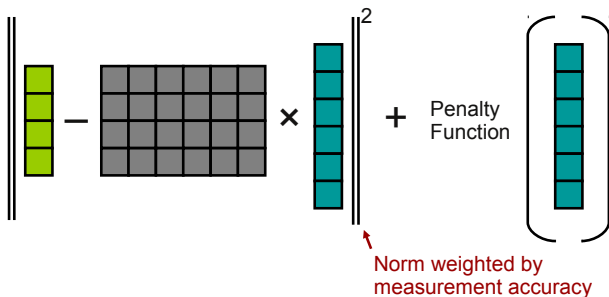


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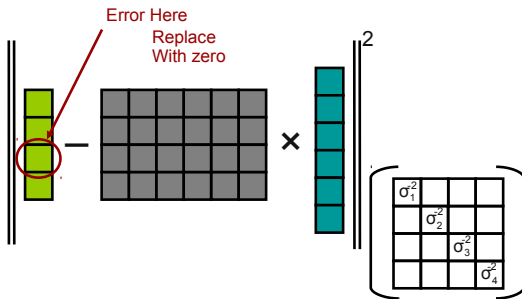


- Linear Solution: Minimize norm



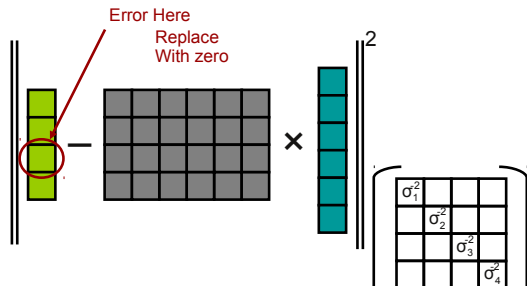
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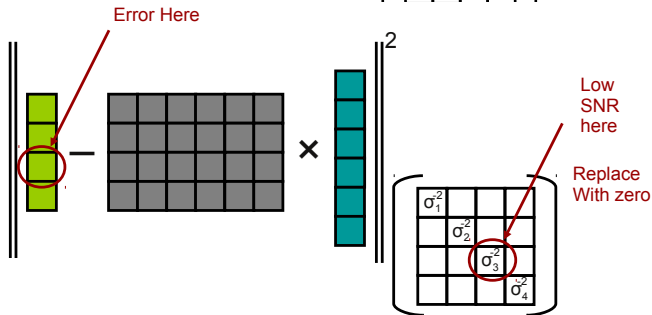


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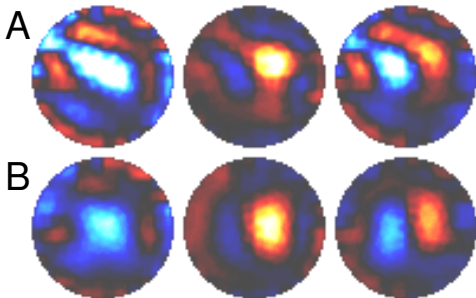


Error Model
Solution



Electrode Error compensation

- Offline compensation using “jack-knife” approach (2005)



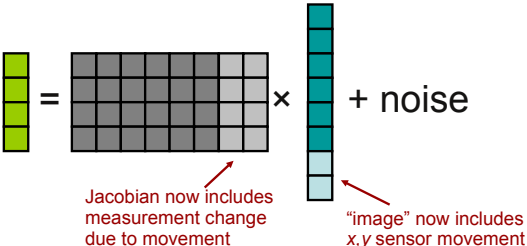
EIT images in anaesthetised, ventilated dog

A: uncompensated, *B*: compensated. *Left*: ventilation *Centre*: saline (right lung) *Right*: ventilation and saline

- Automatic detection (via reciprocity comparison) (2009)
- New work to speed online calculation & use data quality

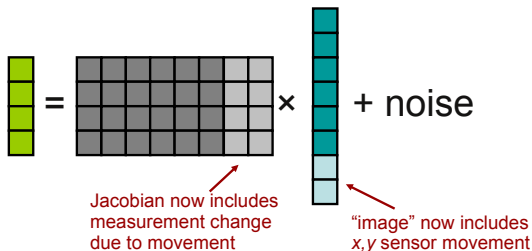
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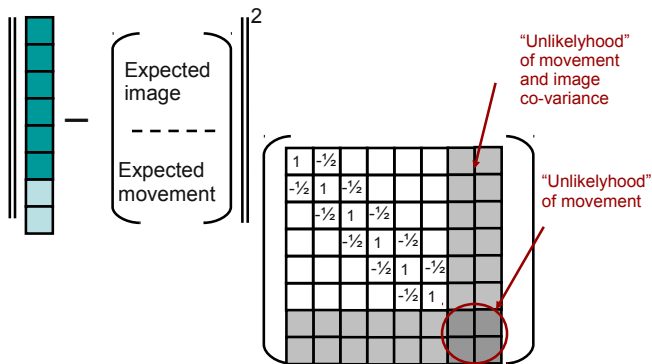


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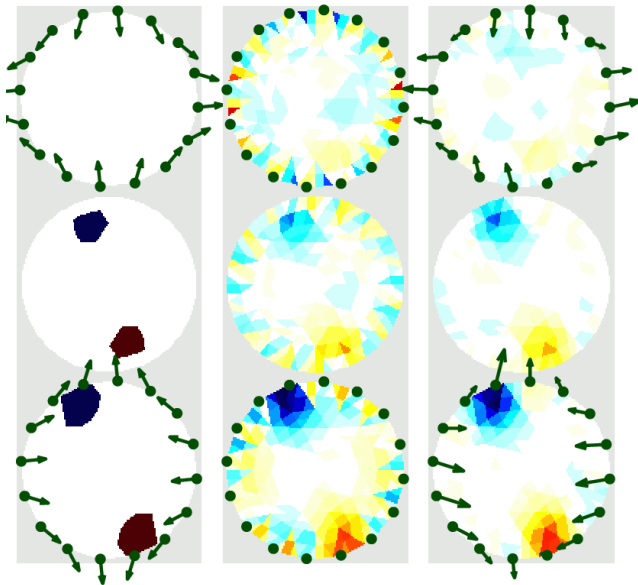
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Adapted penalty function

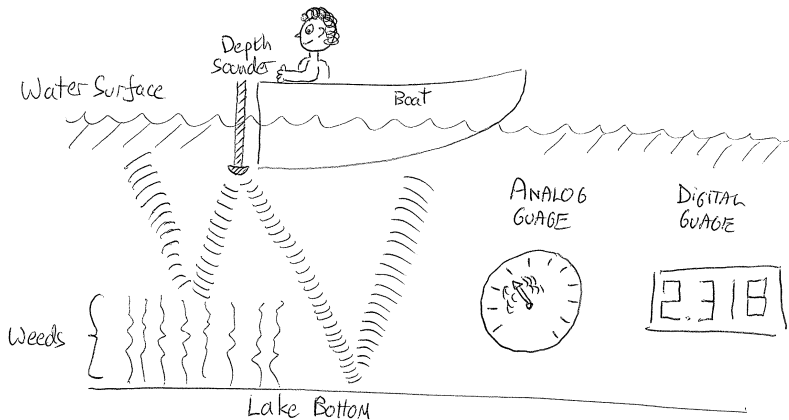


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Depth Sounder – with analog and digital gauges

What's the problem?

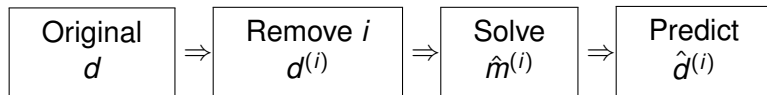
With strong priors and complex algorithms, algorithms give us pretty pictures, even when they are irrelevant.

Question:

- how can we know when to trust a pretty picture?
- how can we know when the data are junk?

Data Quality Measure: Concept

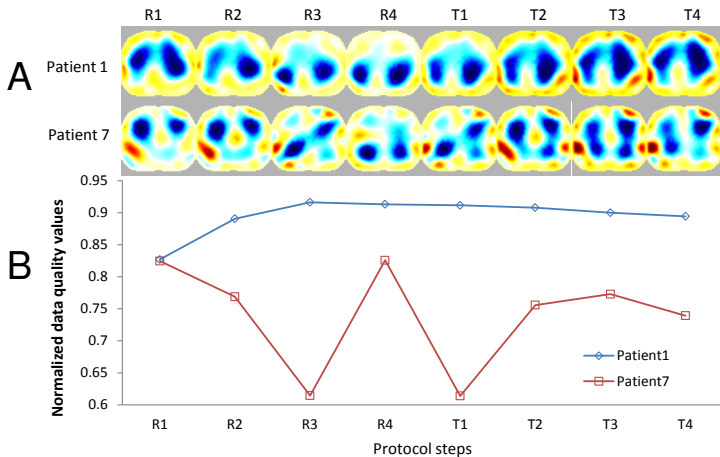
- *Concept:* High Quality Data is Consistent
- *Idea:* Use IP to predict each data point from all others



- Calculate error

$$\epsilon_i = d_i - \hat{d}_i^{(i)}$$

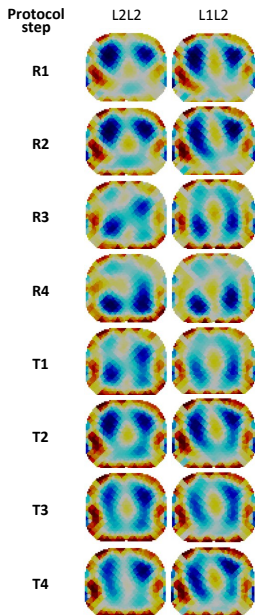
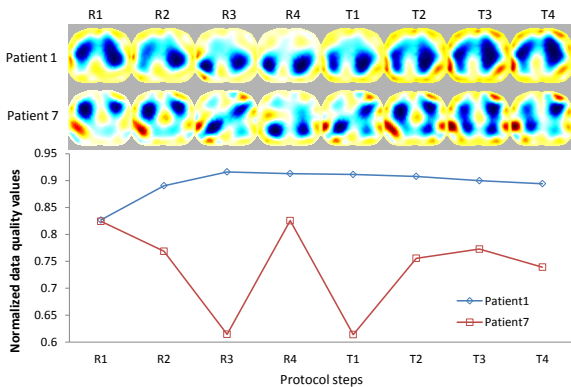
Example: Data quality measures



Clinical data and data quality metric for each stage of the protocol (R1–R4 — recruitment: PEEP \uparrow , T1–T4 — titration: PEEP \downarrow).

A: EIT images B: Calculated data quality.

Data Quality vs. Robust Algorithms



Perspectives

- Data analysis is hard
- powerful algorithms are useful
- we live in a world of big data
- complex systems fail in complex ways
- users like pretty pictures

So . . . the situation will get worse

Solutions?

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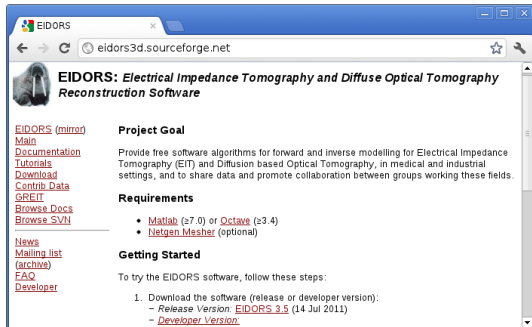


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- Open Data
- Open source analysis

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing "eidors3d.sourceforge.net". The page title is "EIDORS: Electrical Impedance Tomography and Diffuse Optical Tomography Reconstruction Software". On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with links: "EIDORS (mirror)", "Main", "Documentation", "Tutorials", "Download", "Contrib Data", "GREIT", "Browse Docs", "Browse SVN", "News", "Mailing list (archive)", "FAQ", and "Developer". The main content area is divided into sections: "Project Goal" (describing the software's purpose), "Requirements" (listing dependencies like Matlab, Octave, and Netgen Mesher), and "Getting Started" (providing instructions on how to download the software, including release and developer versions).

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Project Goal

Provide free software algorithms for forward and inverse modelling for Electrical Impedance Tomography (EIT) and Diffusion based Optical Tomography, in medical and industrial settings, and to share data and promote collaboration between groups working these fields.

Requirements

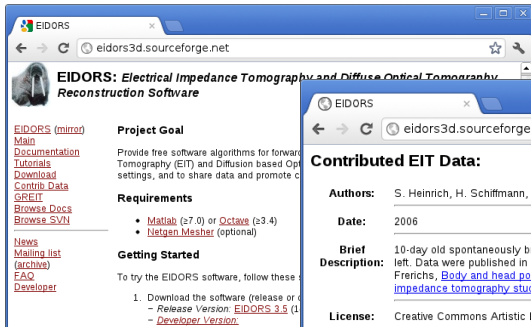
- [Matlab](#) (≥7.0) or [Octave](#) (≥3.4)
- [Netgen Mesher](#) (optional)

Getting Started

To try the EIDORS software, follow these steps:

1. Download the software (release or developer version):
 - Release Version: [EIDORS 3.5](#) (14 Jul 2011)
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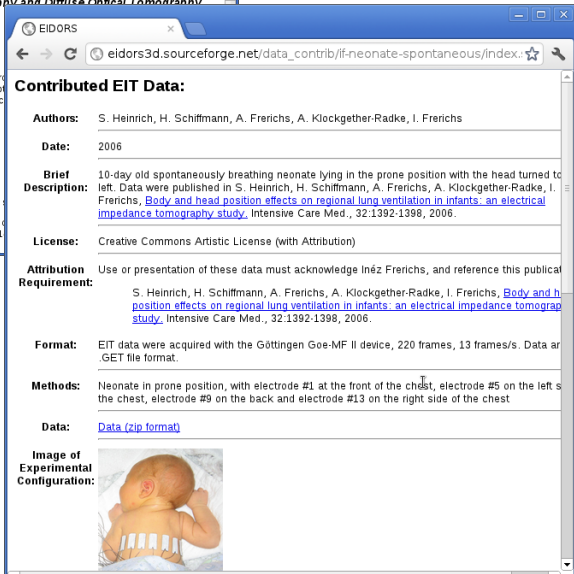
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Contributed EIT Data:

Authors: S. Heinrich, H. Schiffmann, A. Frerichs, A. Klockgether-Radke, I. Frerichs

Date: 2006

Brief Description: 10-day old spontaneously breathing neonate lying in the prone position with the head turned to left. Data were published in S. Heinrich, H. Schiffmann, A. Frerichs, A. Klockgether-Radke, I. Frerichs, [Body and head position effects on regional lung ventilation in infants: an electrical impedance tomography study](#), Intensive Care Med., 32:1392-1398, 2006.

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Format: EIT data were acquired with the Göttingen Goe-MF II device, 220 frames, 13 frames/s. Data are in .GET file format.

Methods: Neonate in prone position, with electrode #1 at the front of the chest, electrode #5 on the left side of the chest, electrode #9 on the back and electrode #13 on the right side of the chest

Data: [Data \(zip format\)](#)

Image of Experimental Configuration:



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