

Inverse Problems & Applications

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Inverse Problems ... *Plato's cave*



Plato's cave ... Shadows on the wall



Source: iamcriselleeee.files.wordpress.com/2013/11/cave-2.jpg

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Sensitivity to some movements is low
- Ill-posed
Some movements don't change shadows
- Noisy
Flickering light

Inverse Problems

Techniques: to calculate stable & meaningful parameters in the presence of inversion difficulties

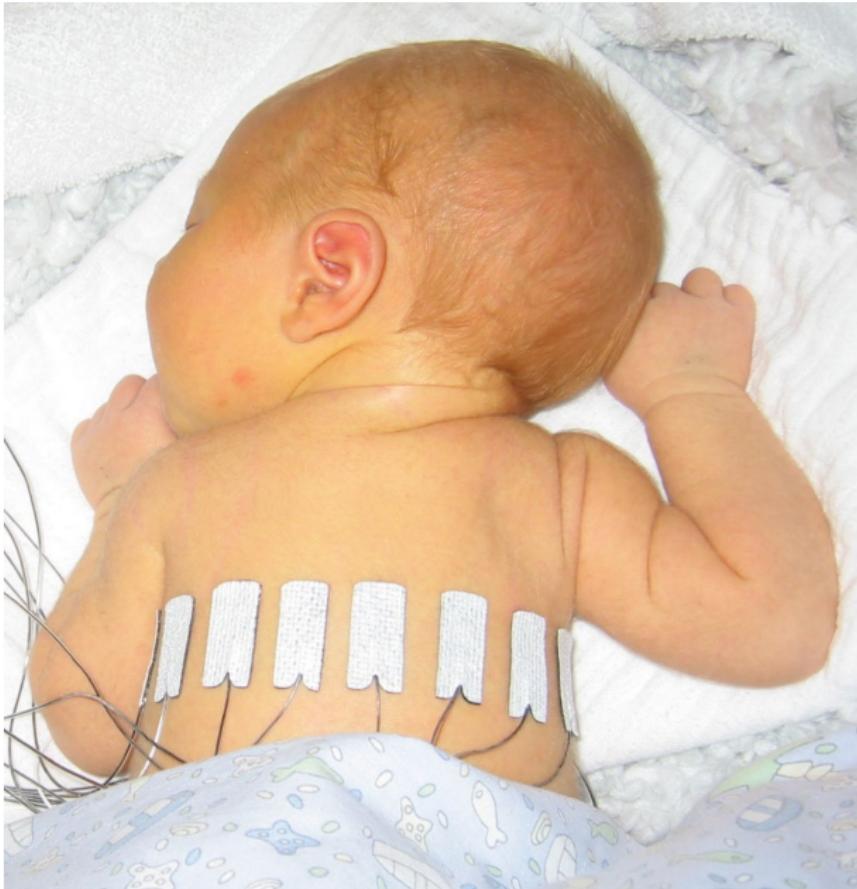
Examples

- Image deblurring / restoration
- Medical imaging
- Geophysical imaging
- Model parameter fitting
- Reconstruction with incomplete/noisy data

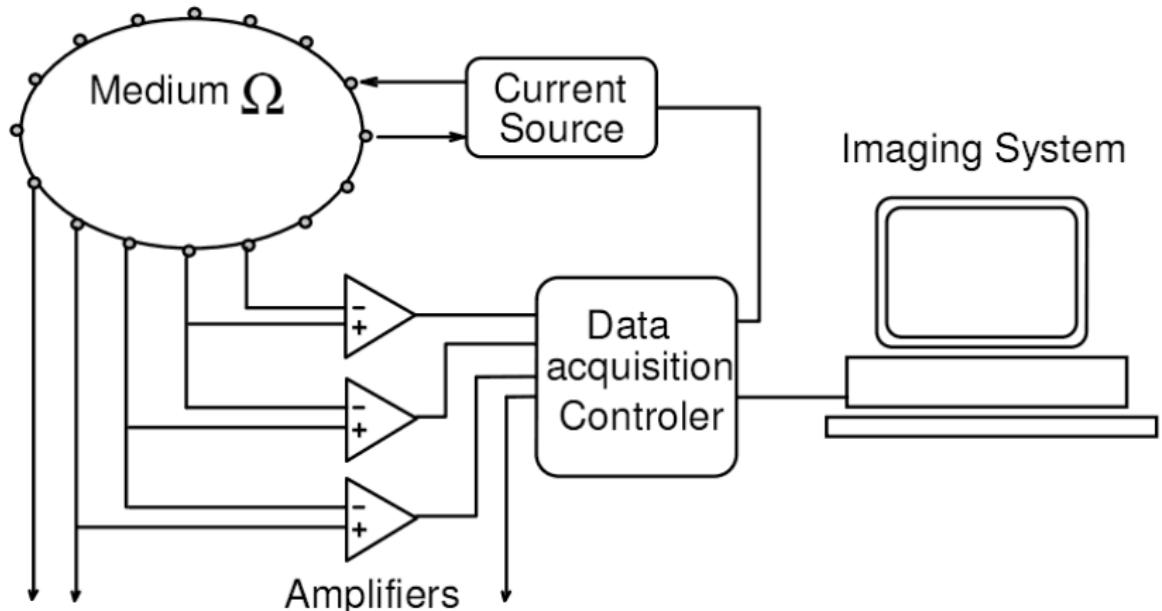
Electrical Impedance Tomography

10-day old healthy
baby with EIT
electrodes

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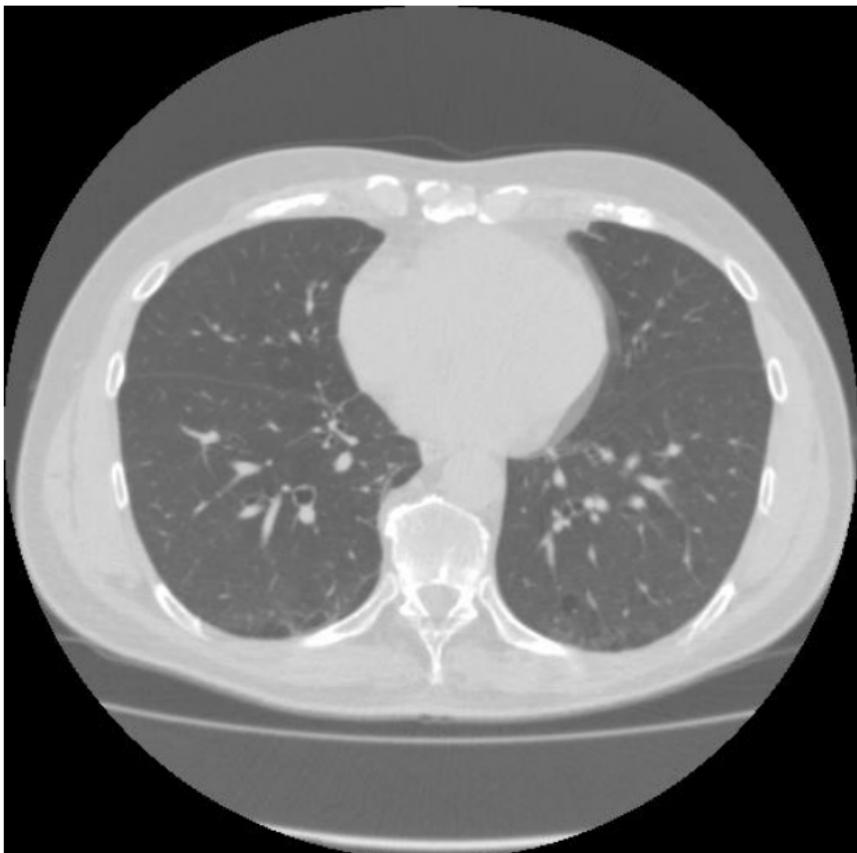
Electronics – Block Diagram



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Healthy Adult Male
CT slice at heart

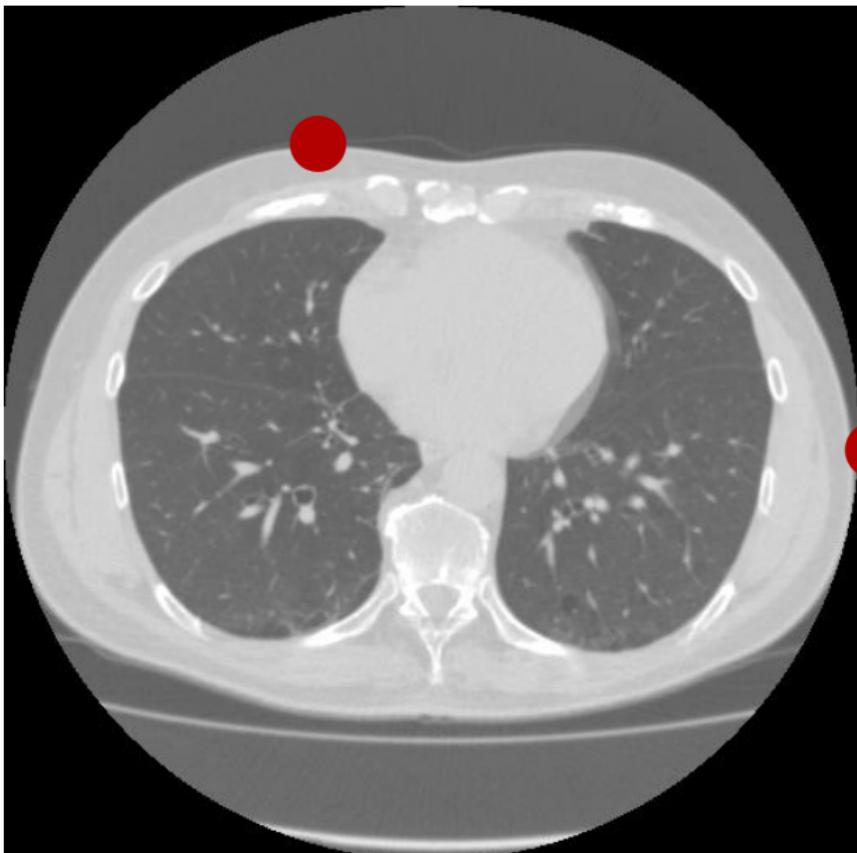
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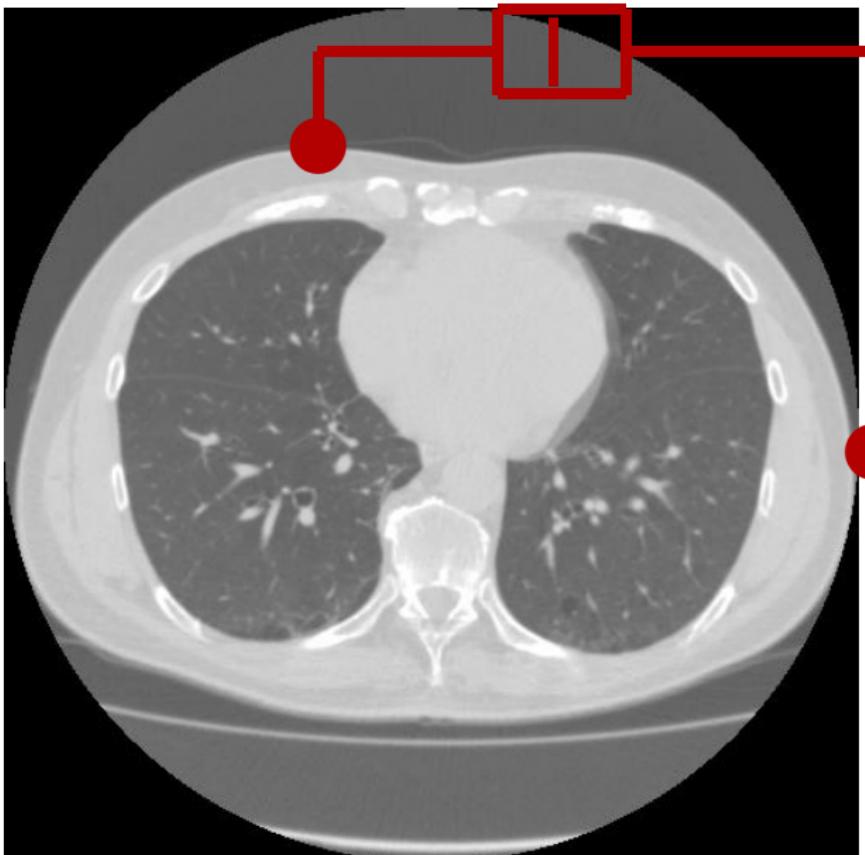
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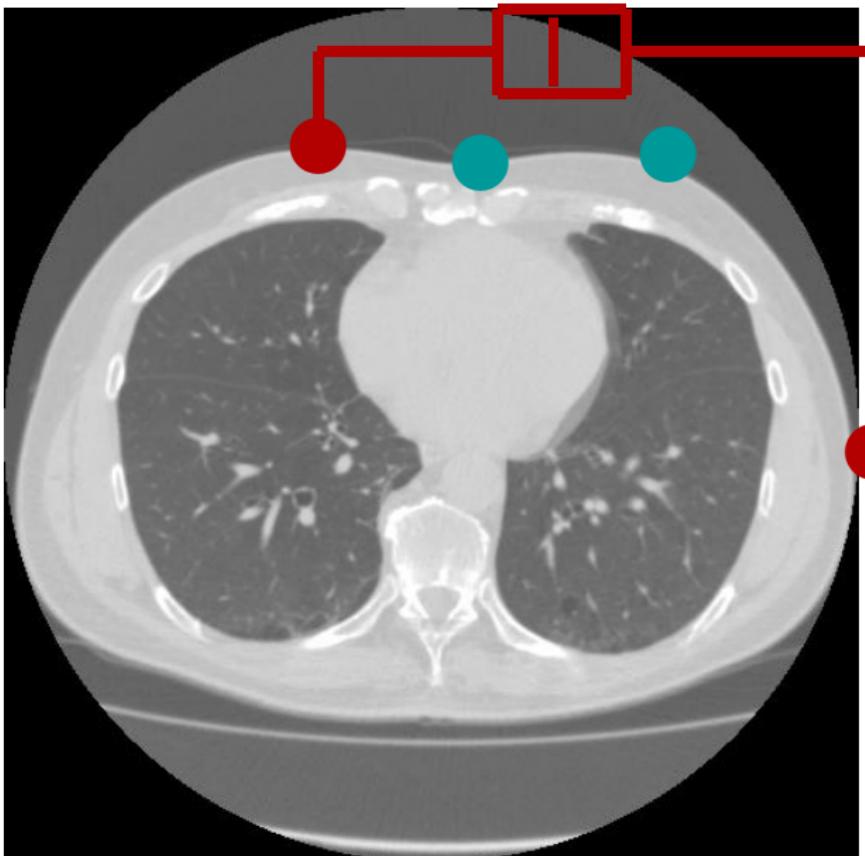
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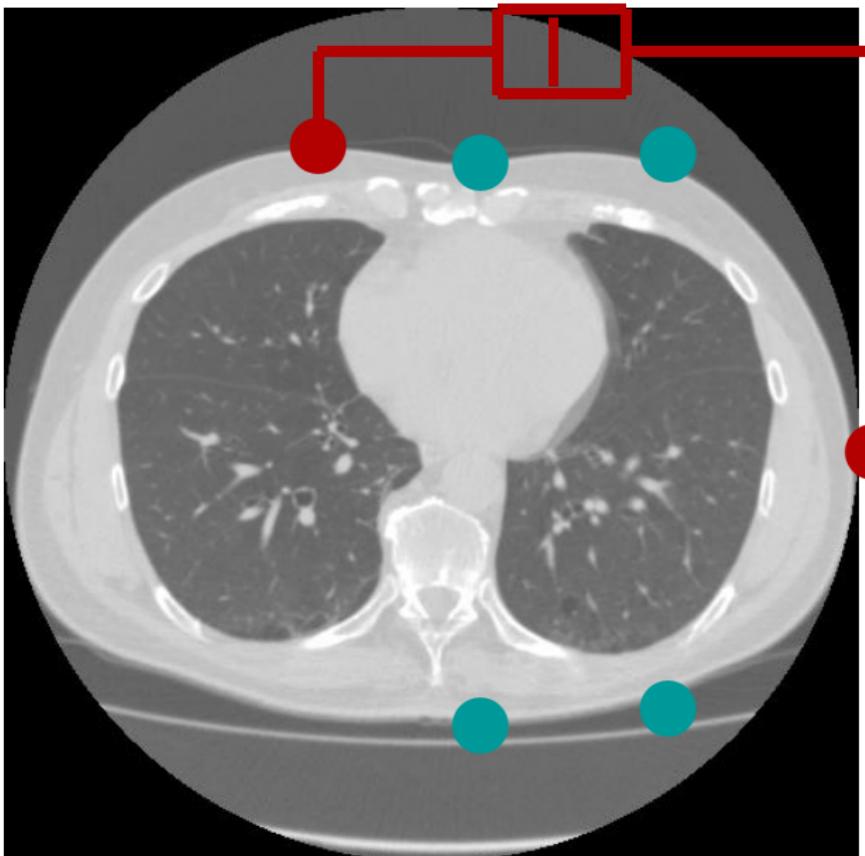
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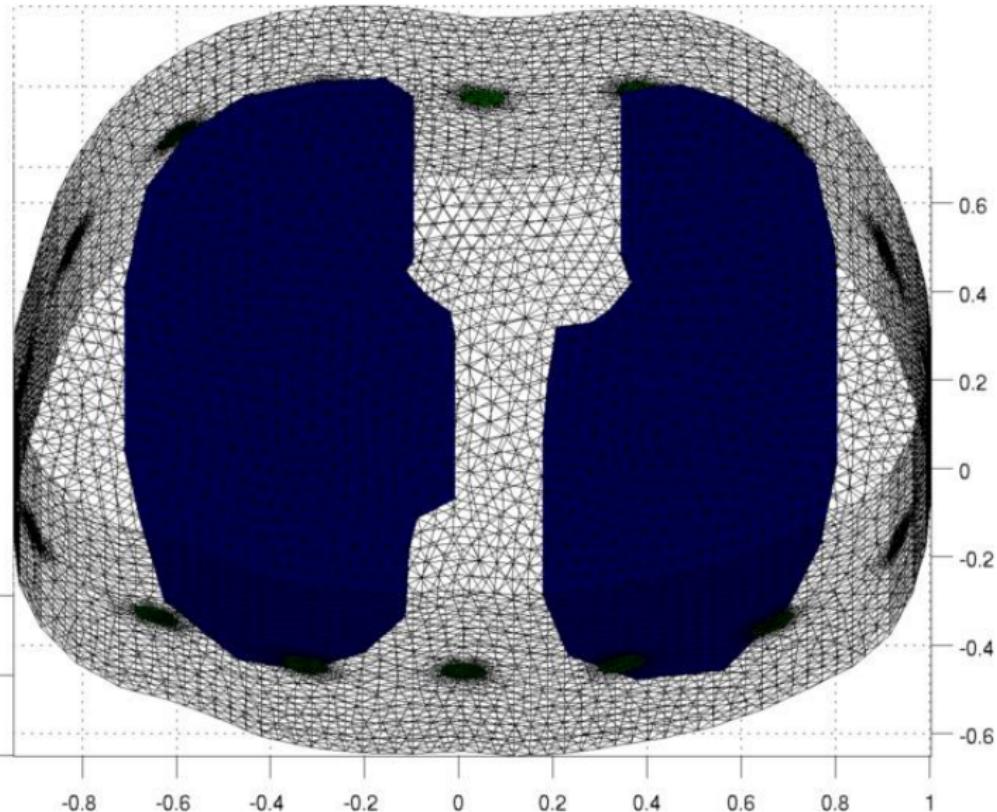
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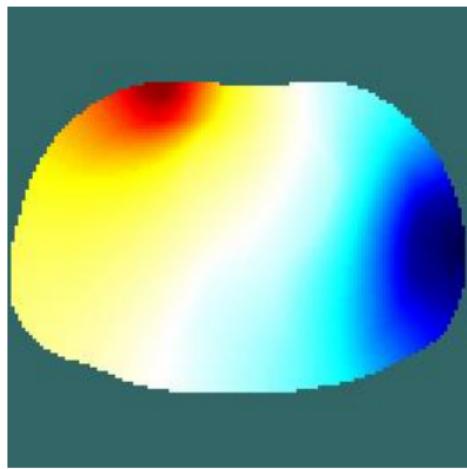
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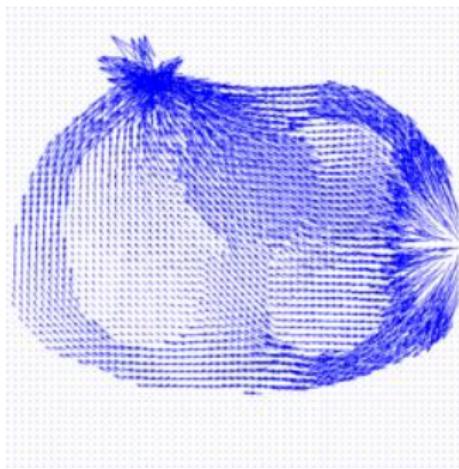
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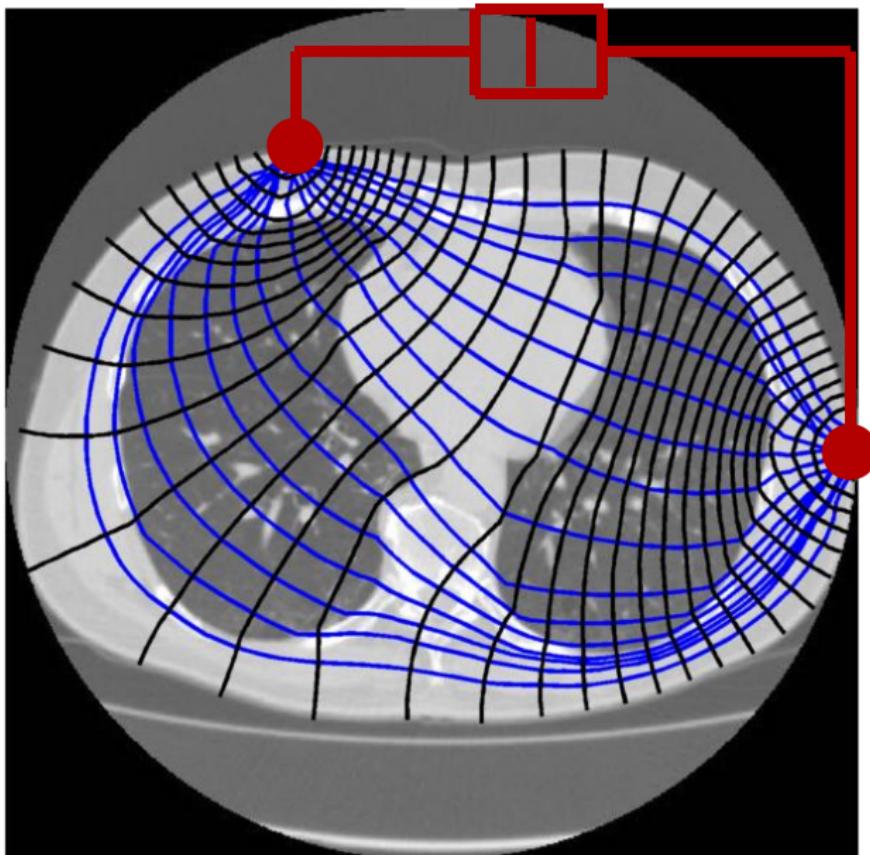
Simulated Voltages



Voxel Currents

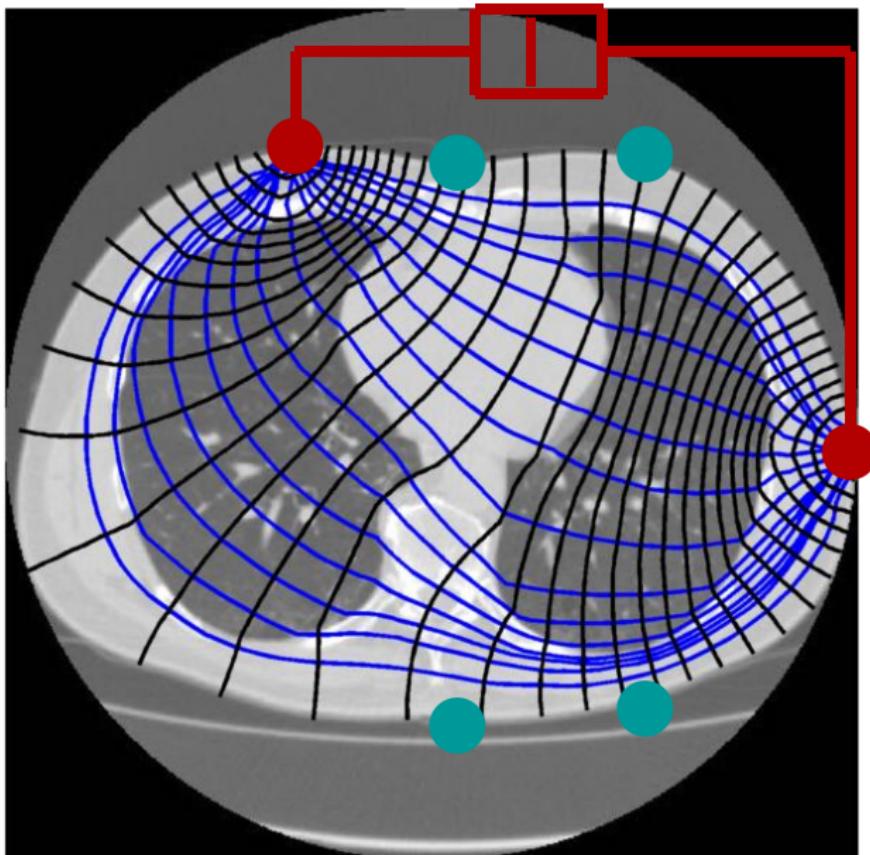
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CT Slice with
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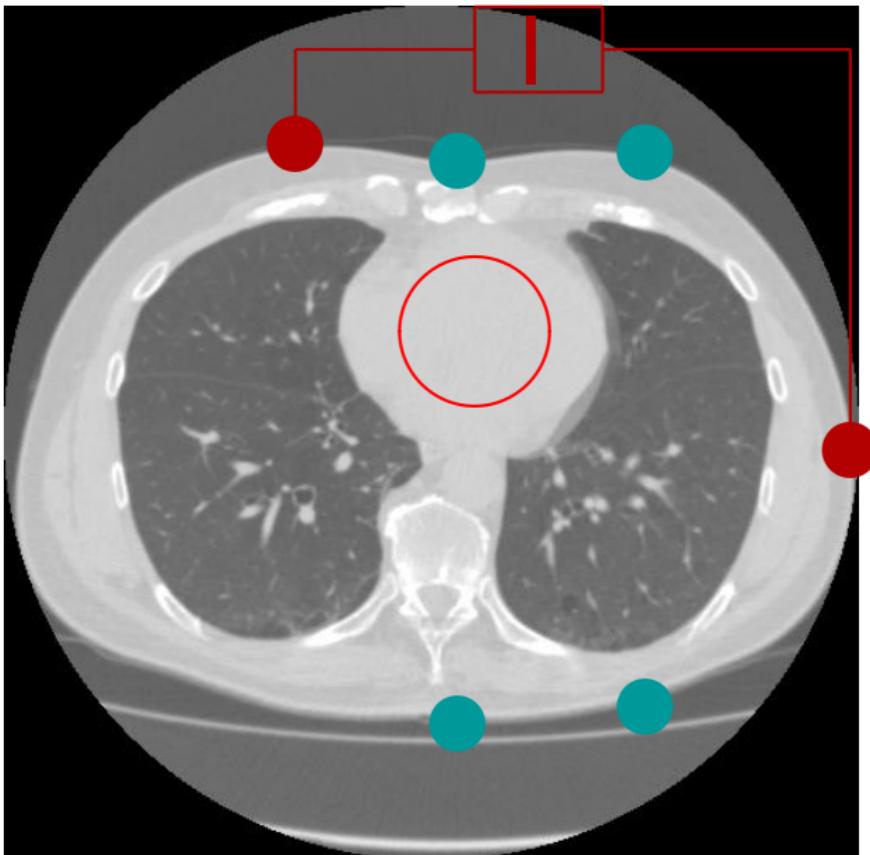
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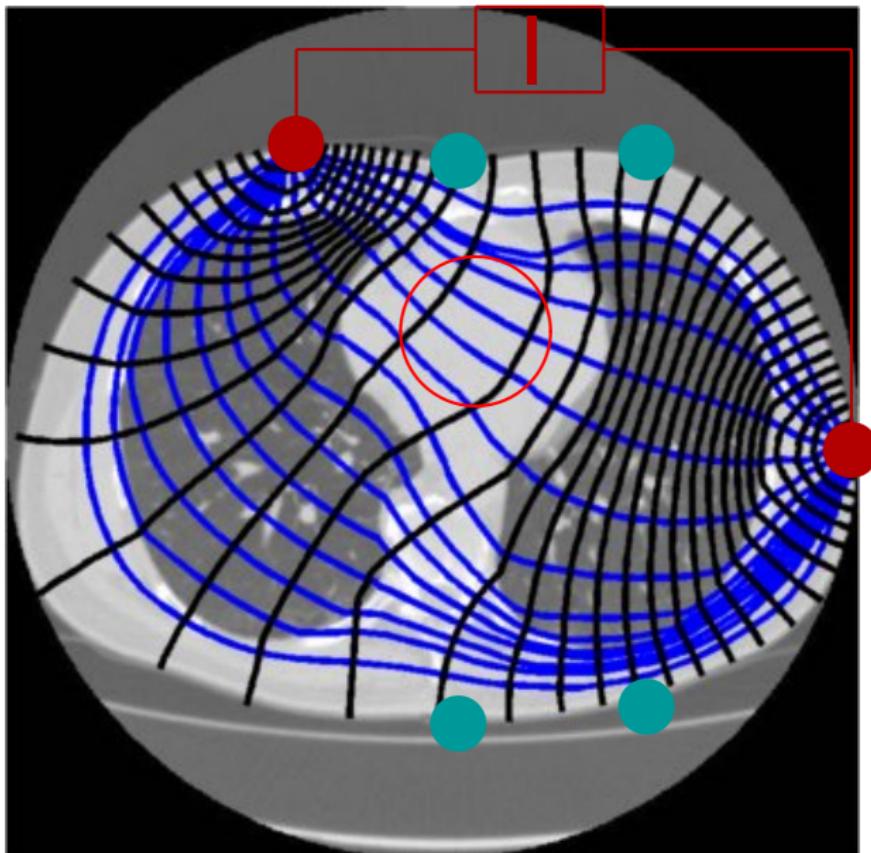
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Heart receives blood (diastole) and is more conductive

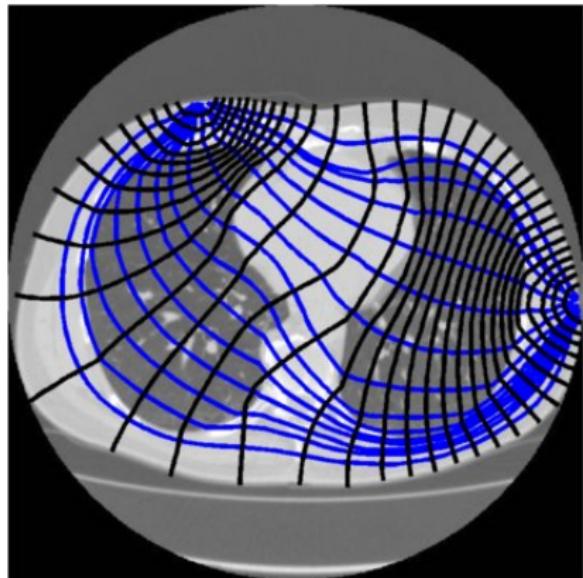
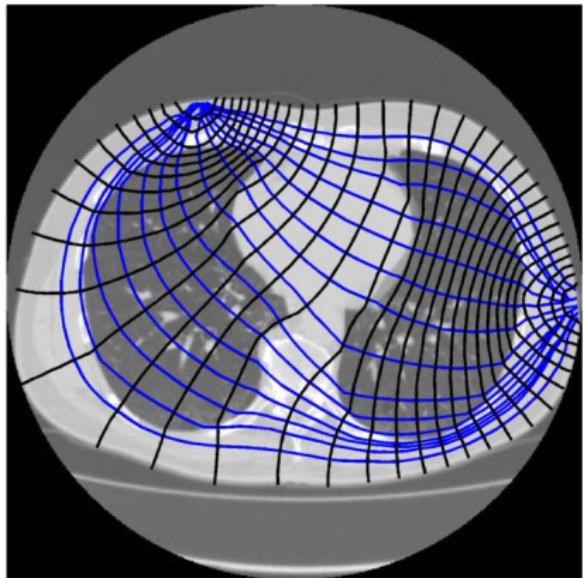


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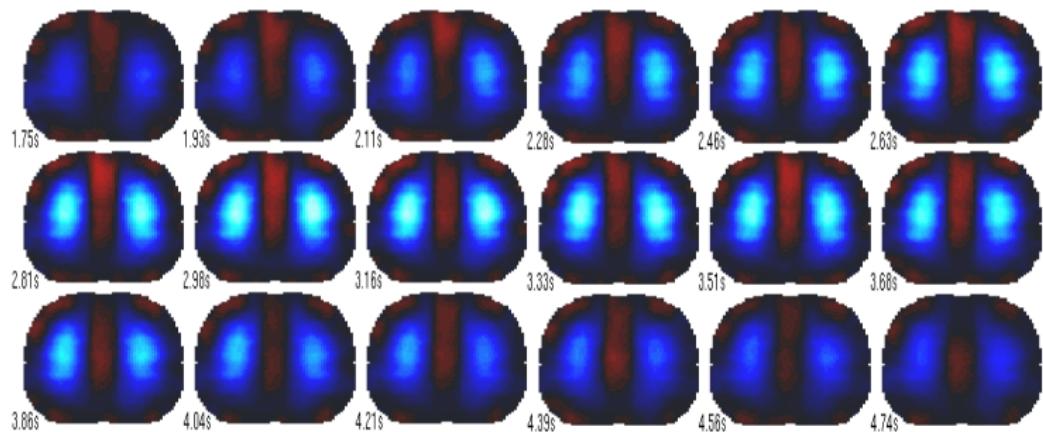
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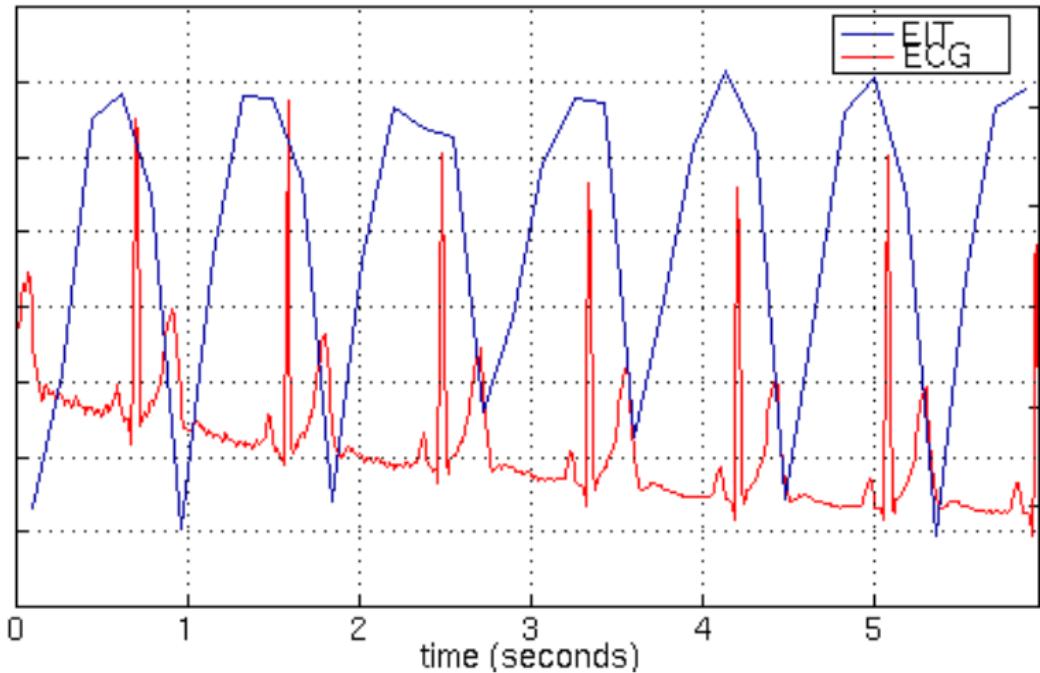


Application: Breathing



Chest images of tidal breathing in healthy adult

Application: Heart



EIT Signal in ROI around heart (and ECG)

Mechanical Ventilation

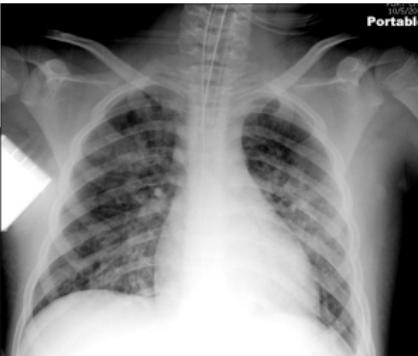
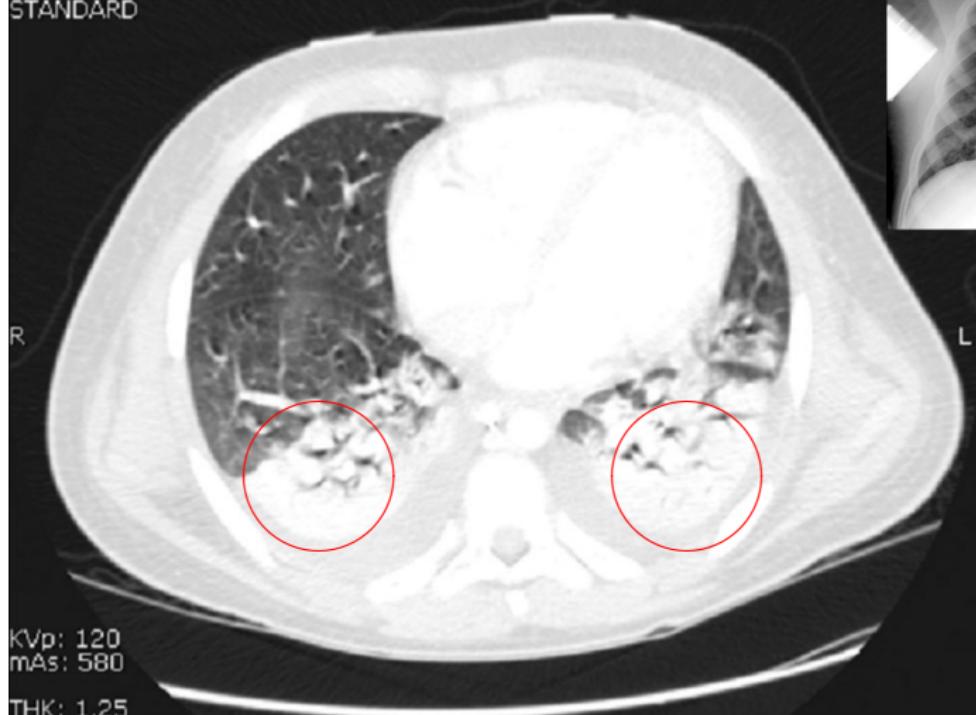


Mechanical Ventilator with EIT monitor

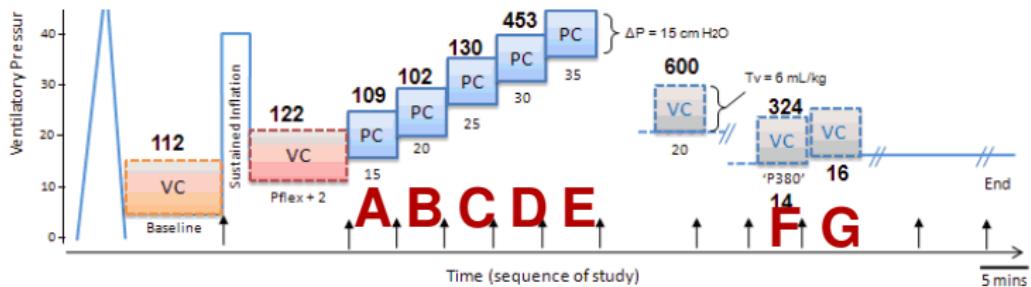
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Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)

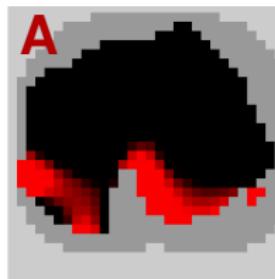
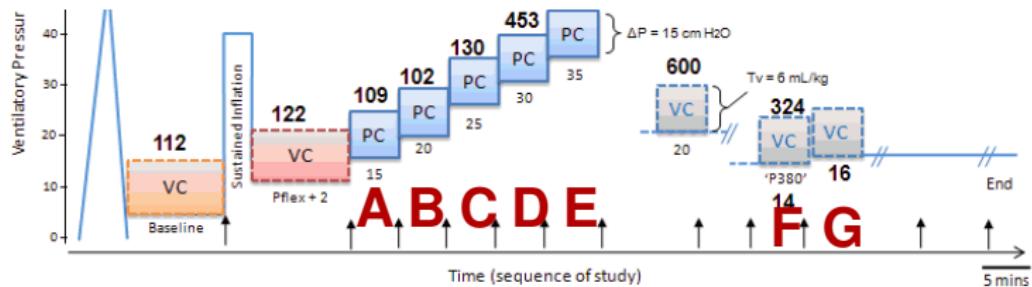
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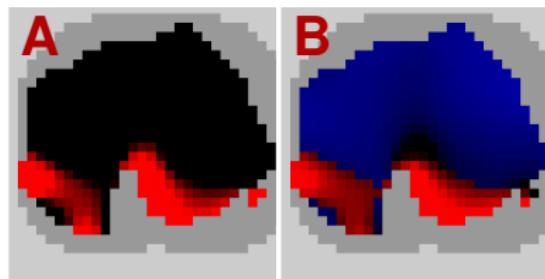
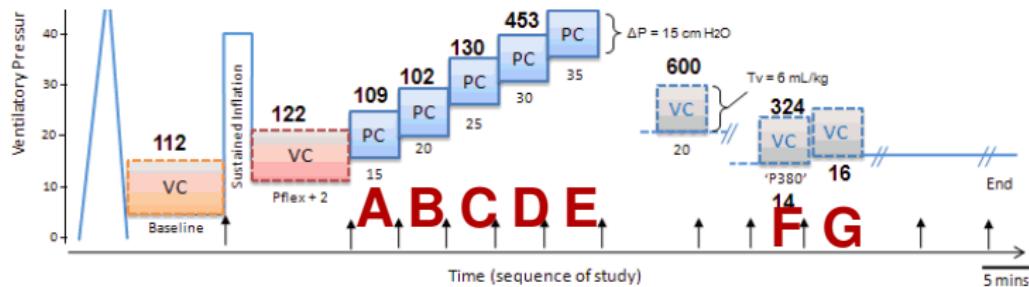
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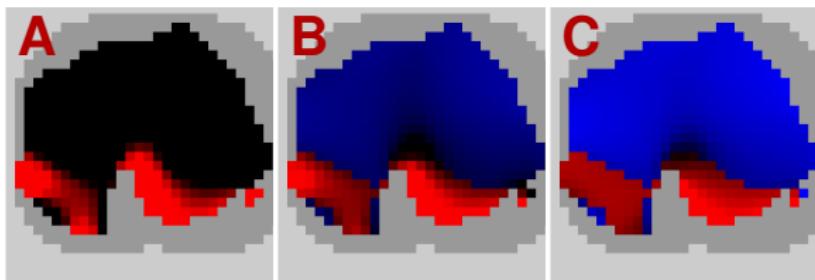
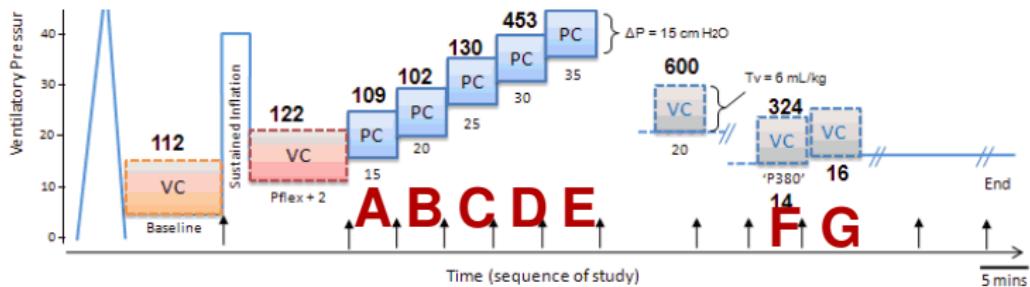
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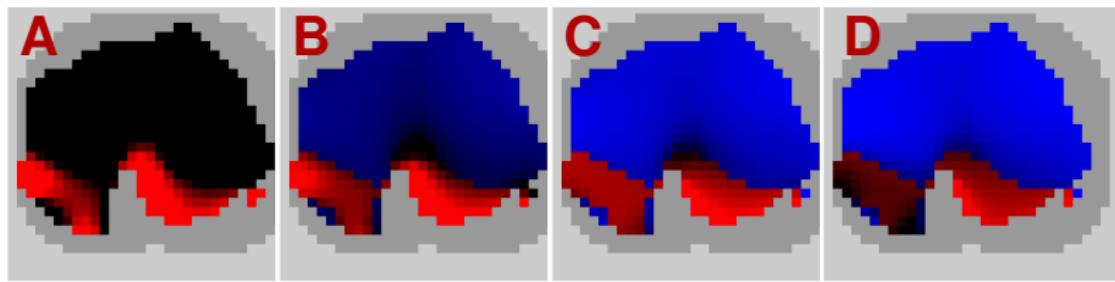
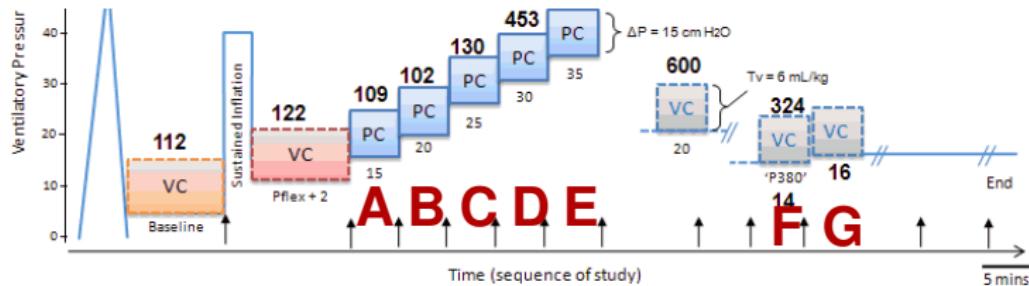
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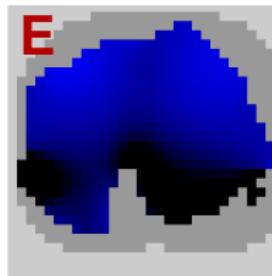
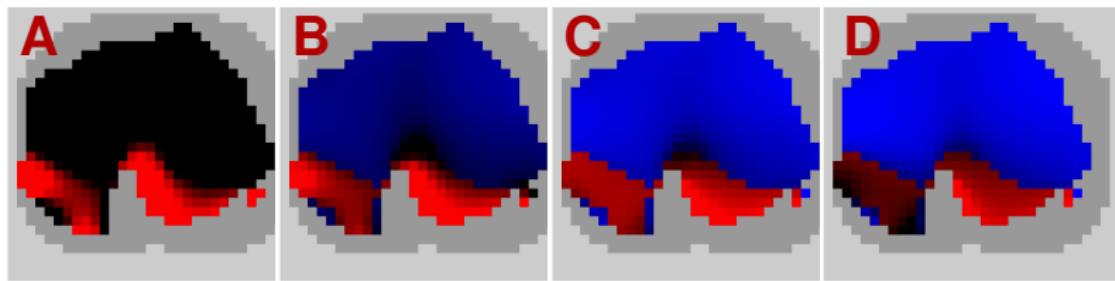
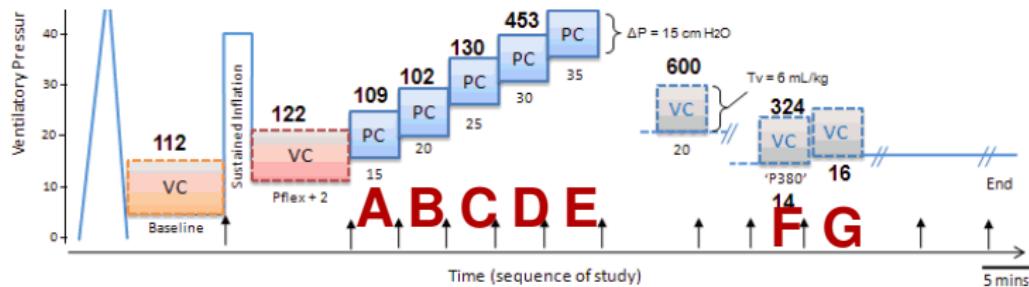
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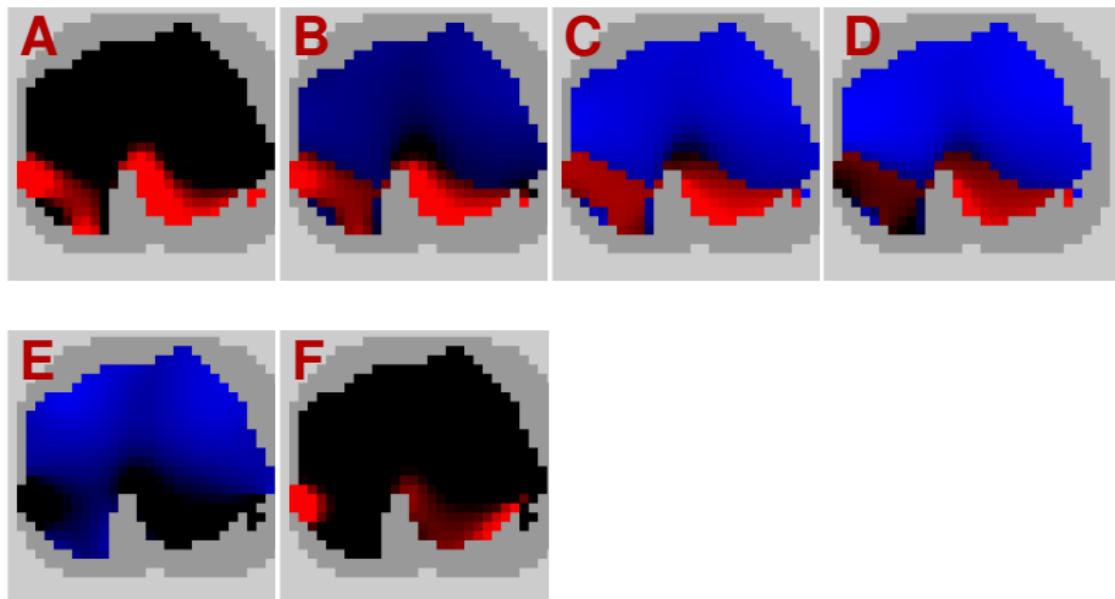
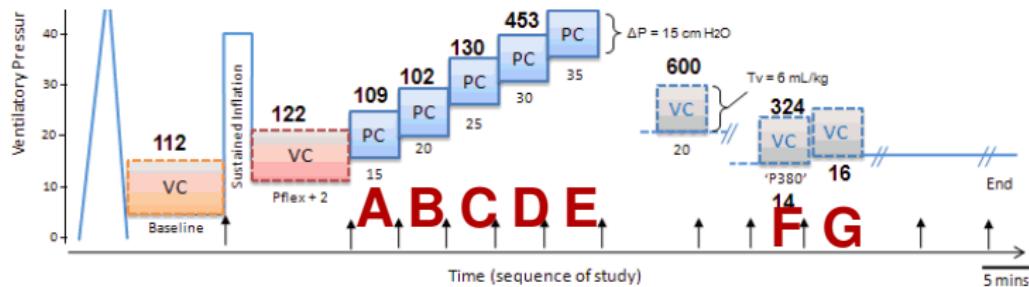
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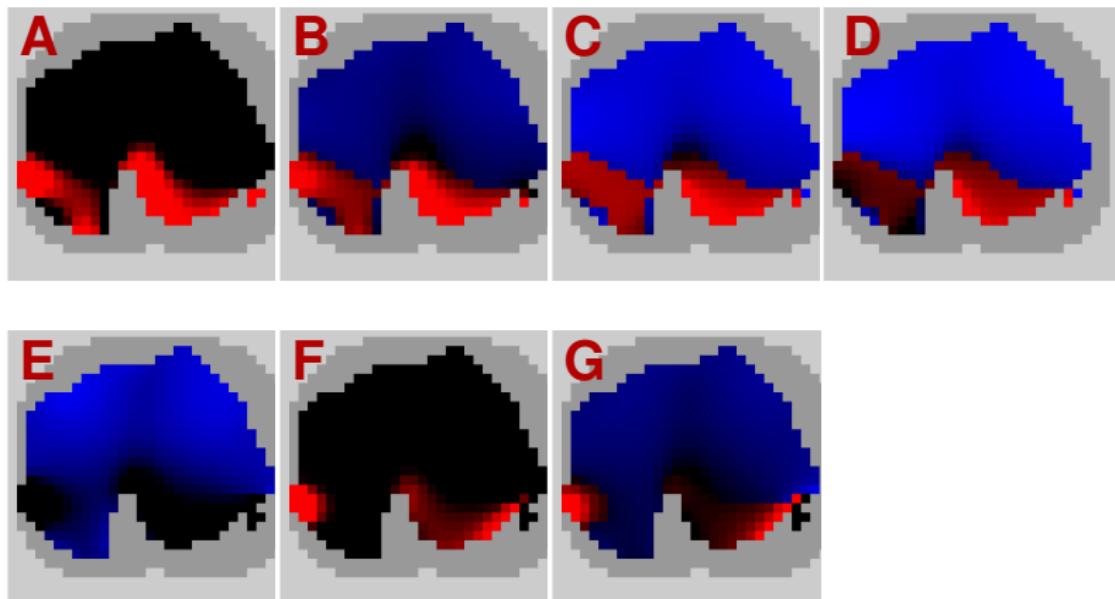
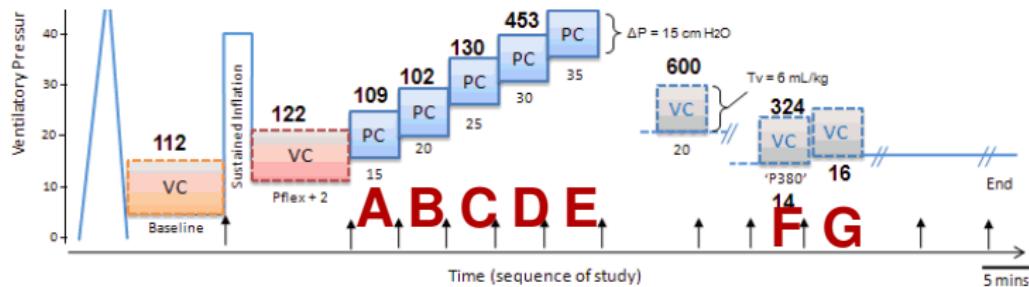
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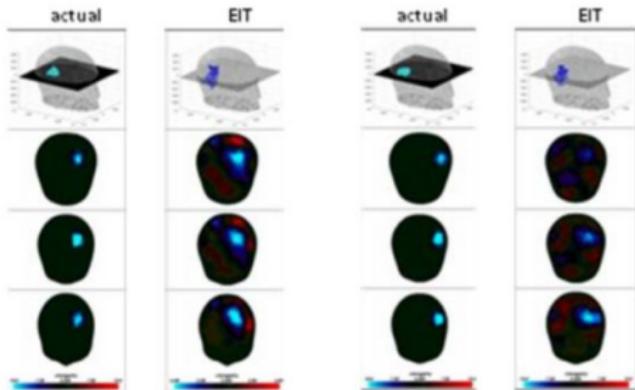
EIT for Brain Imaging

Applications:

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



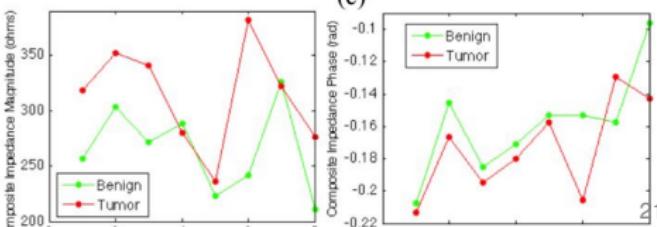
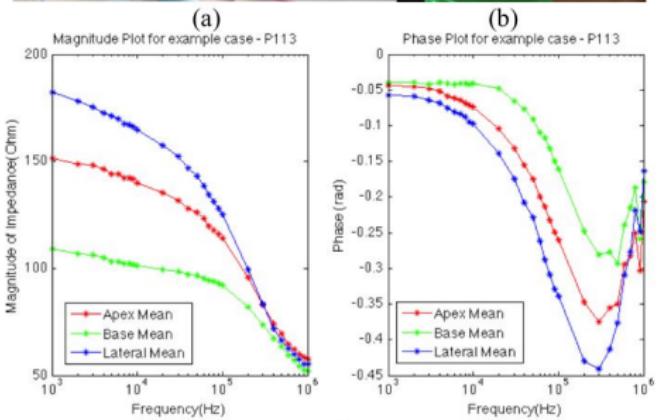
Fig. 2. Left : Finite element of the head used to produce images. Right: Example of EIT images produced in a saline filled tank



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

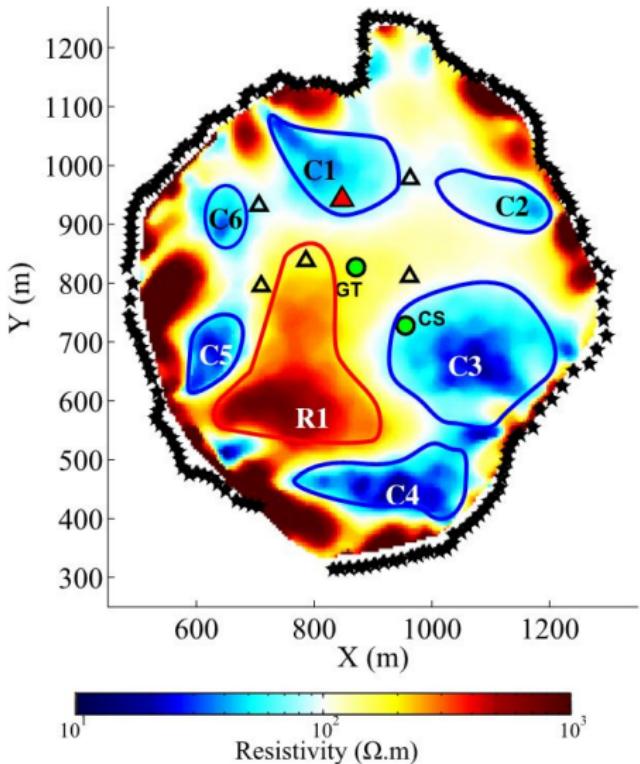
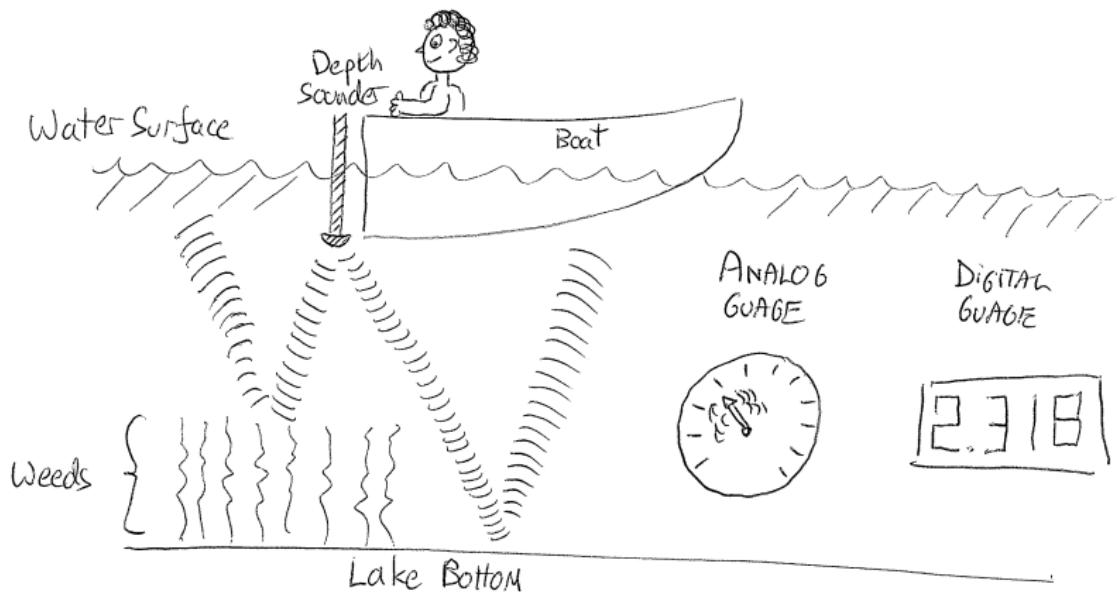


Figure shows resistivity in a cross-section of La Soufrière de Guadeloupe volcano.

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

Data Quality

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Depth Sounder – with analog and digital guages

What's the problem?

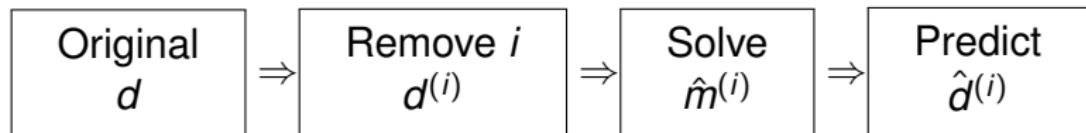
With strong priors and complex algorithms, algorithms give us pretty pictures, even when they are irrelevant.

Question:

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

Data Quality Measure: Concept

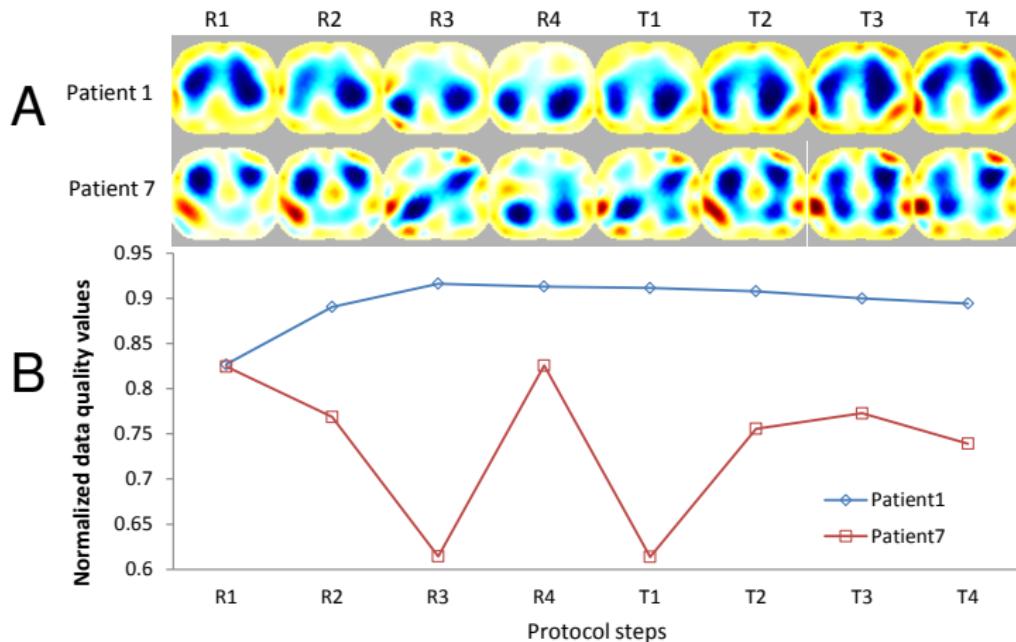
- *Concept:* High Quality Data is Consistent
- *Idea:* Use IP to predict each data point from all others



- 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↑, T1–T4 — titration: PEEP↓).

A: EIT images B: Calculated data quality.

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

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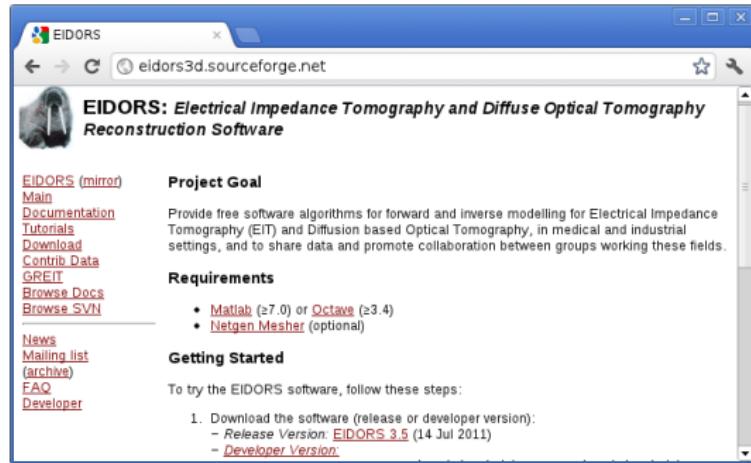


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- Open Data
- Open source analysis

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL "eidors3d.sourceforge.net". The page title is "EIDORS: Electrical Impedance Tomography and Diffuse Optical Tomography Reconstruction Software". On the left, there is a sidebar 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 has sections for "Project Goal" and "Requirements". The "Project Goal" section states: "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." The "Requirements" section lists: "• Matlab (≥7.0) or Octave (≥3.4)" and "• Netgen Mesher (optional)". Below this is a "Getting Started" section with the text: "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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EIDORS

eidors3d.sourceforge.net/data_contrib/lf-neonate-spontaneous/index.html

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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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.

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





Traffic jam on the way to Carleton