Impedance Imaging of the Thorax: Why it's difficult, and what we are doing about it?

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Electrical Impedance Tomography

10-day old healthy baby with EIT electrodes

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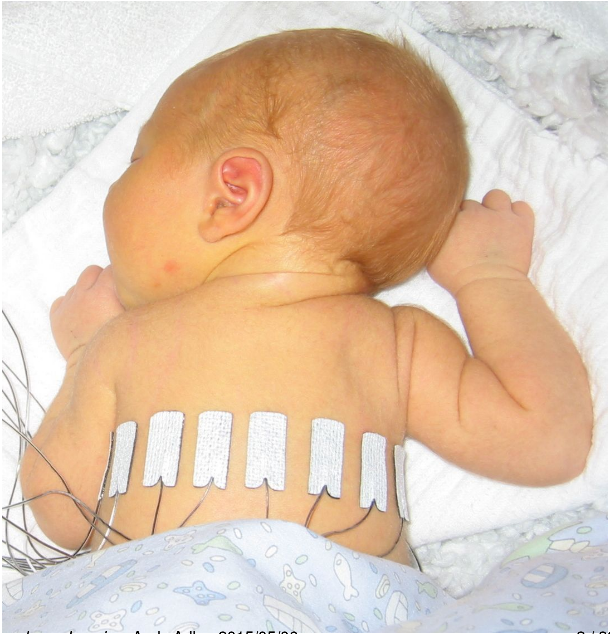
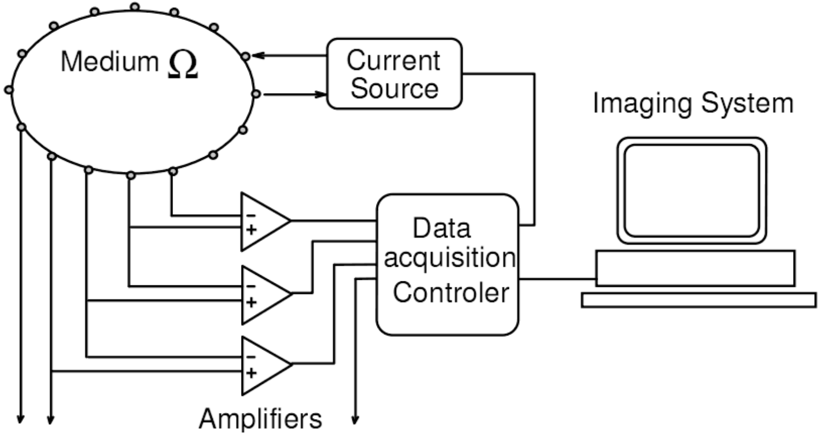


Electronics – Block Diagram



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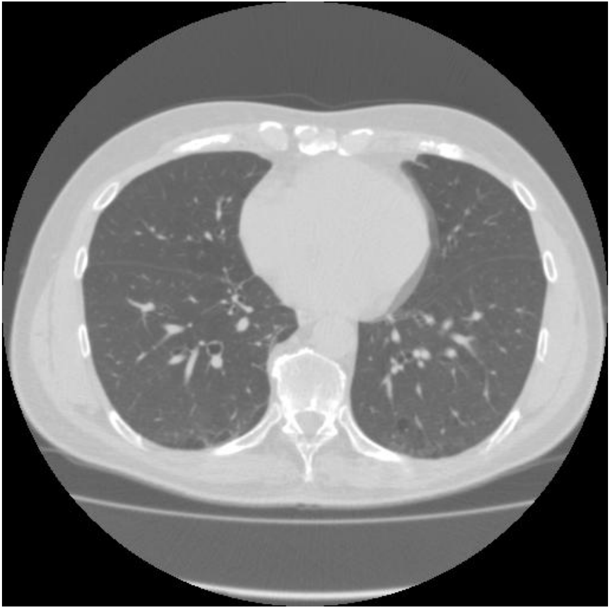
Healthy Adult Male
CT slide at heart



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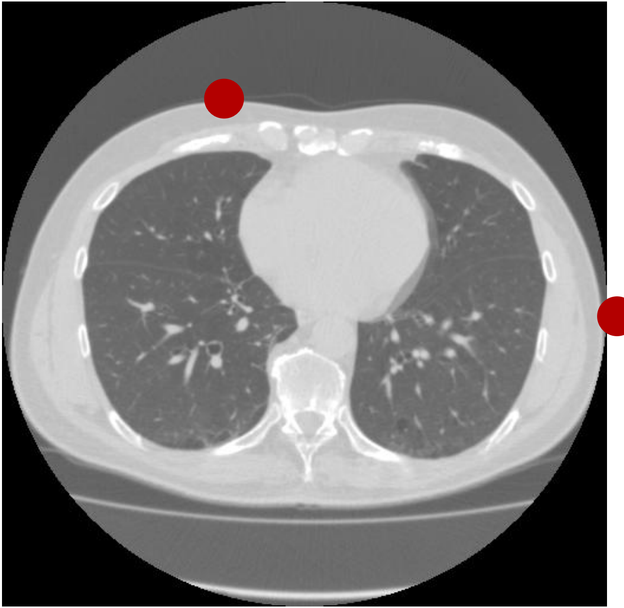

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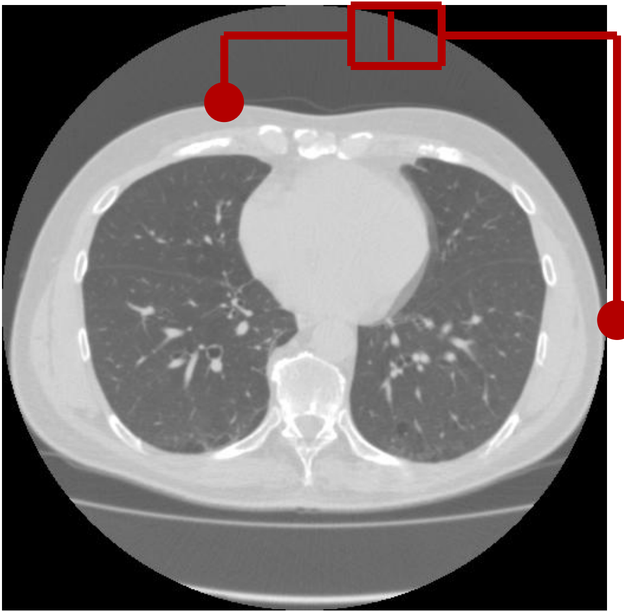

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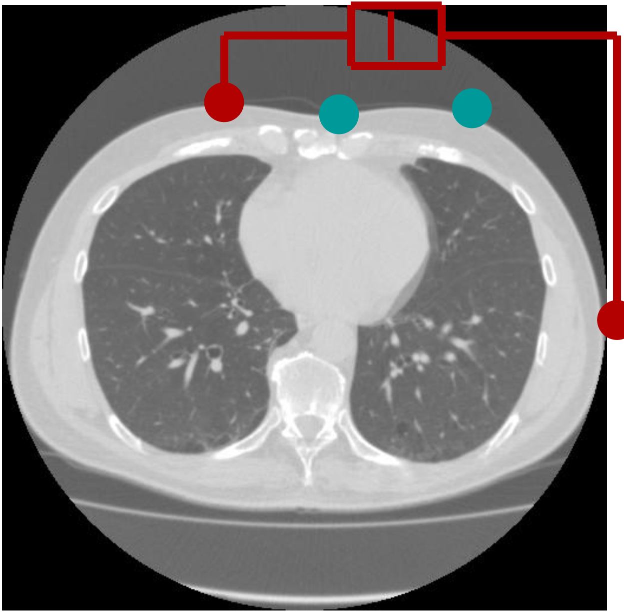

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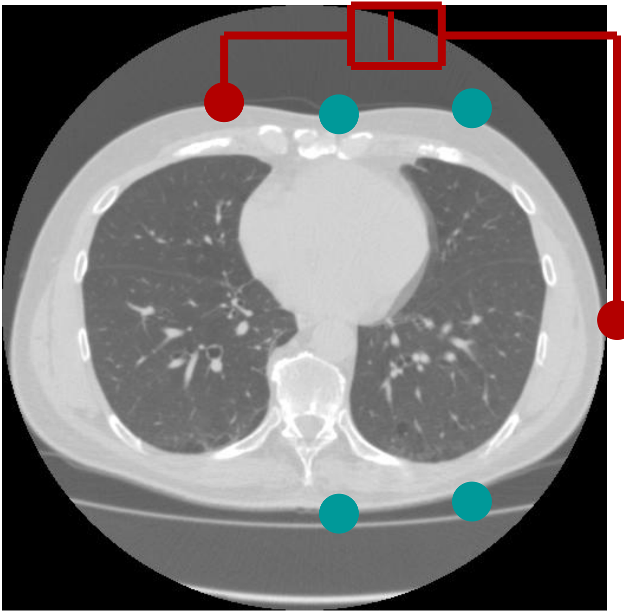

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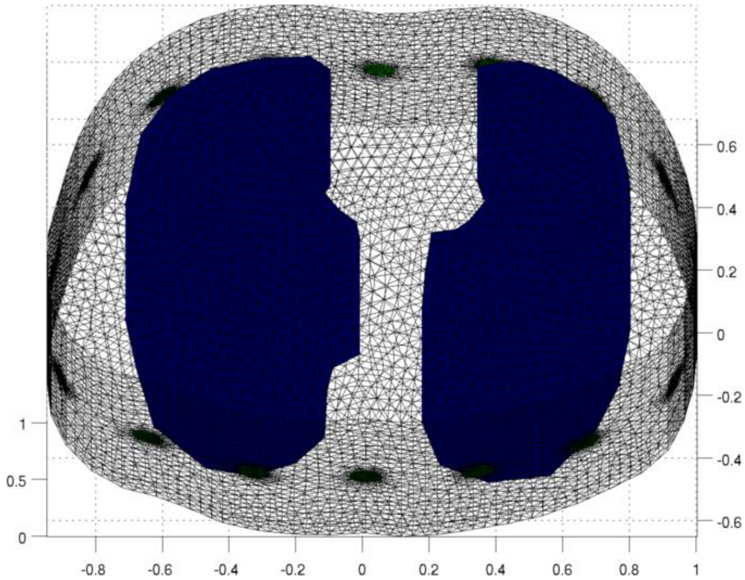

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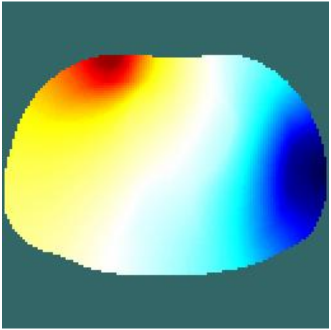

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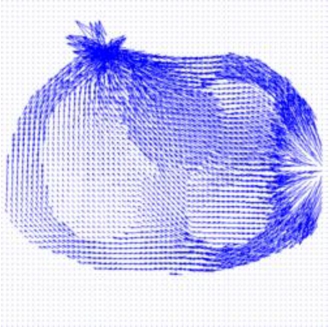
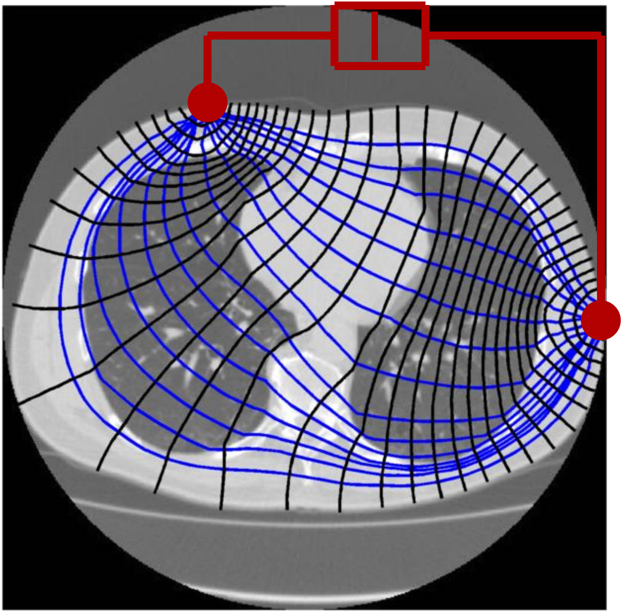


Voxel Currents

Thorax Propagation



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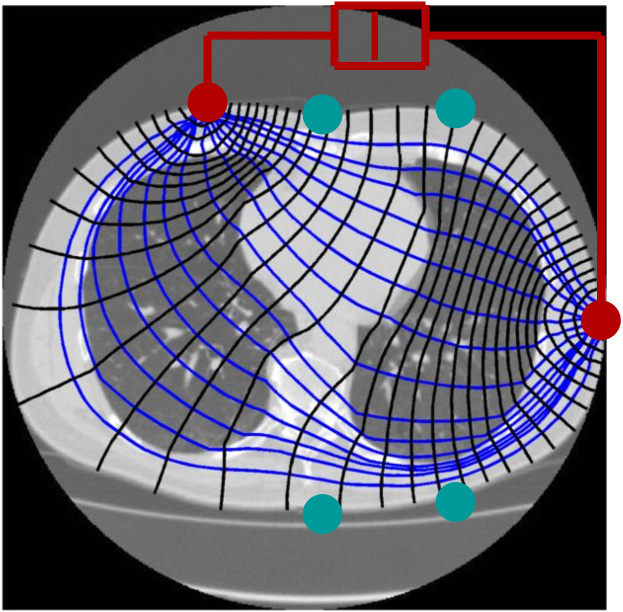

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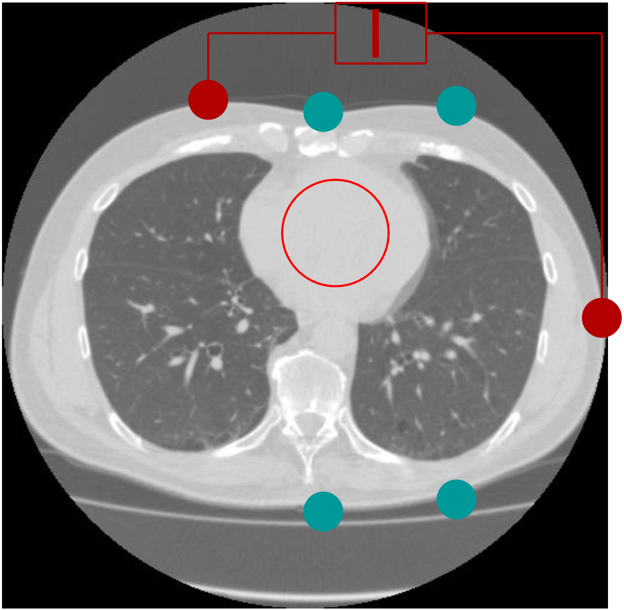

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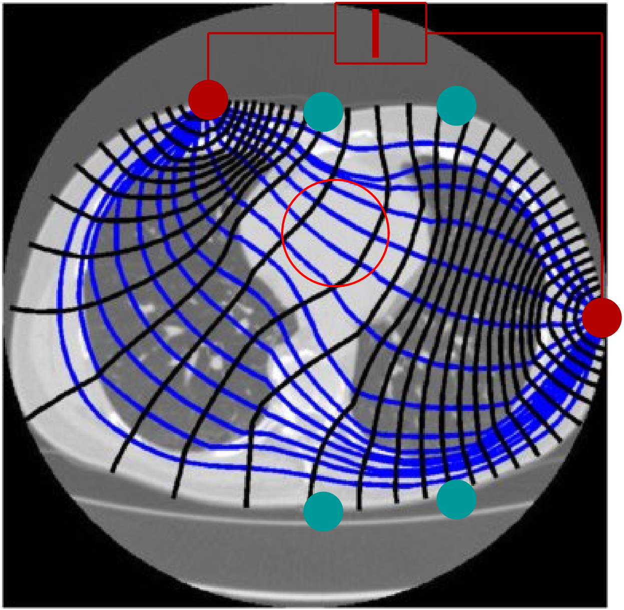

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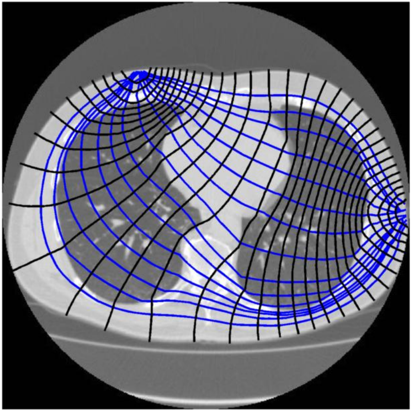

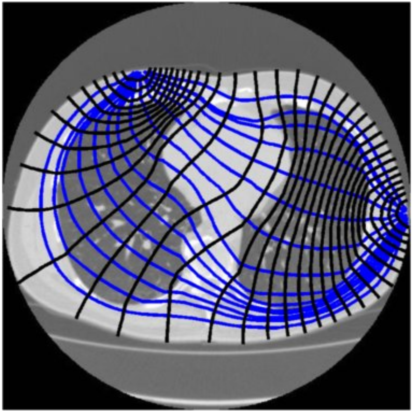

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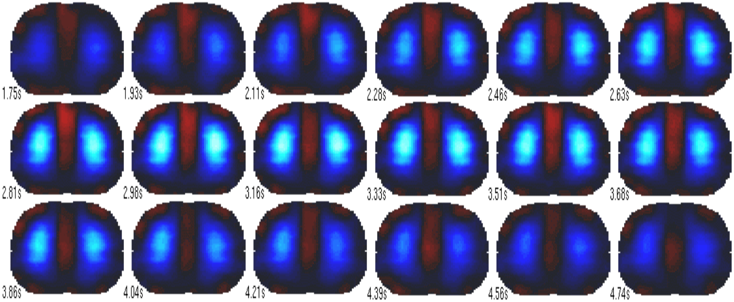
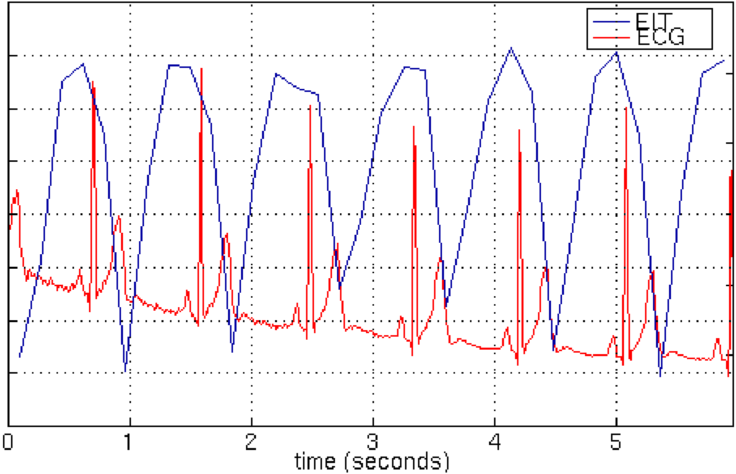


Chest images of tidal breathing in healthy adult

Application: Heart



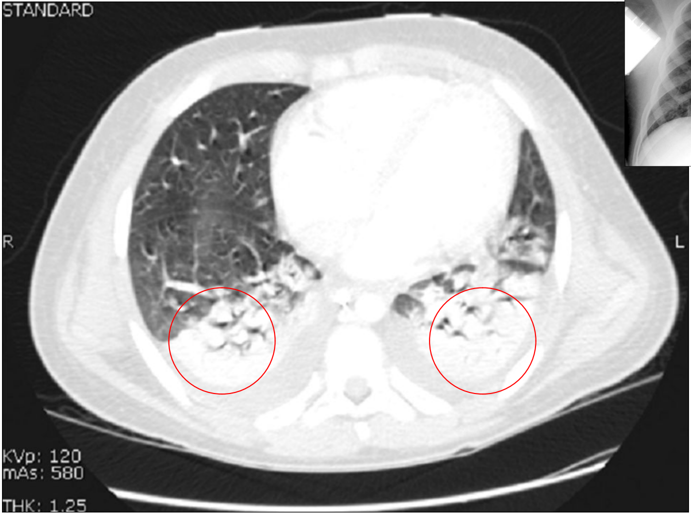
EIT Signal in ROI around heart (and ECG)

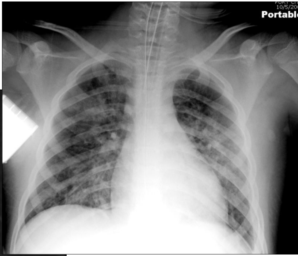
Mechanical Ventilation

Mechanical Ventilator with EIT monitor

Source: Swisstom.com

Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)





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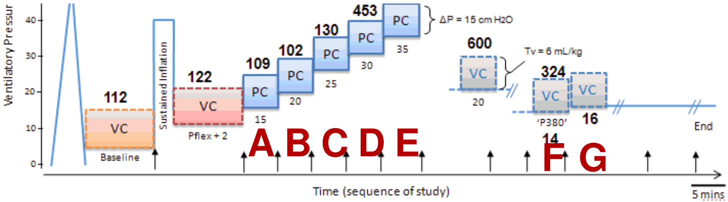

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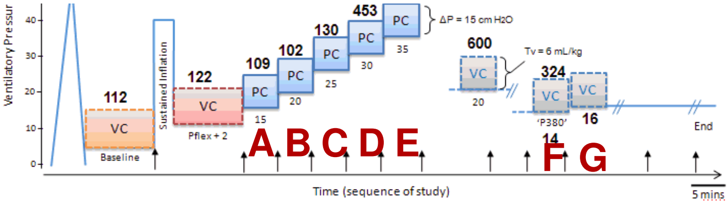

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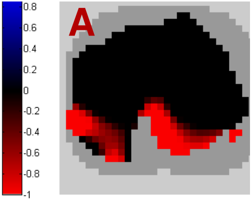

Collapse

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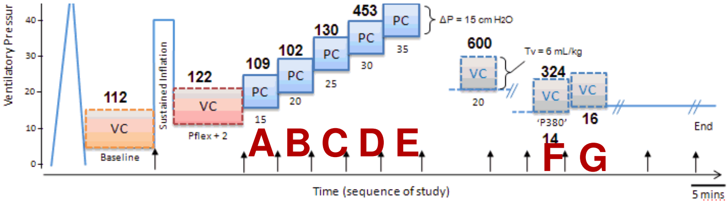

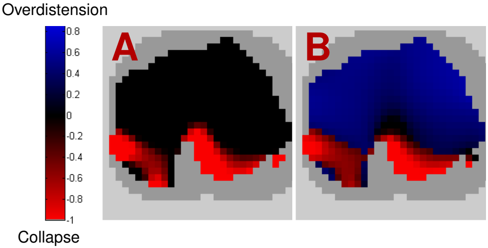

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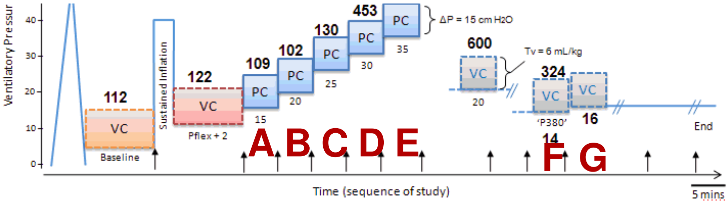

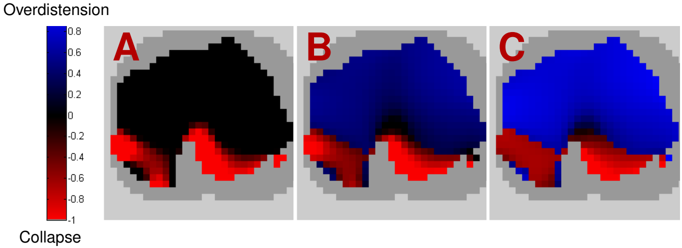

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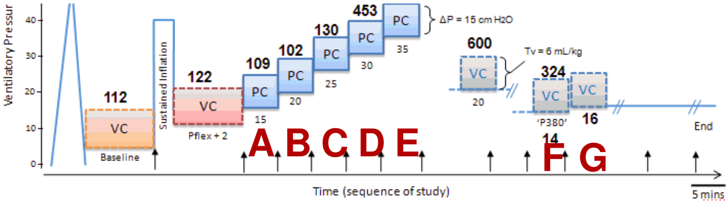

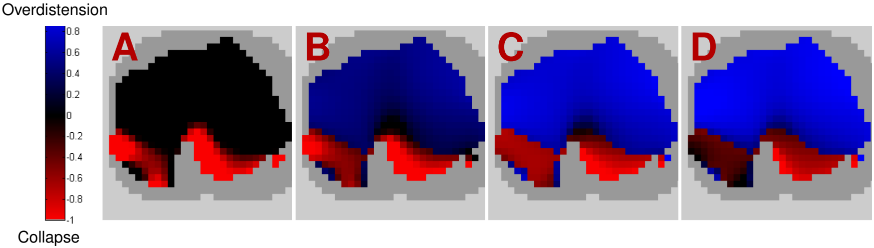

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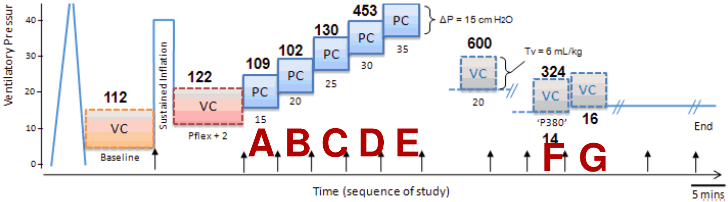

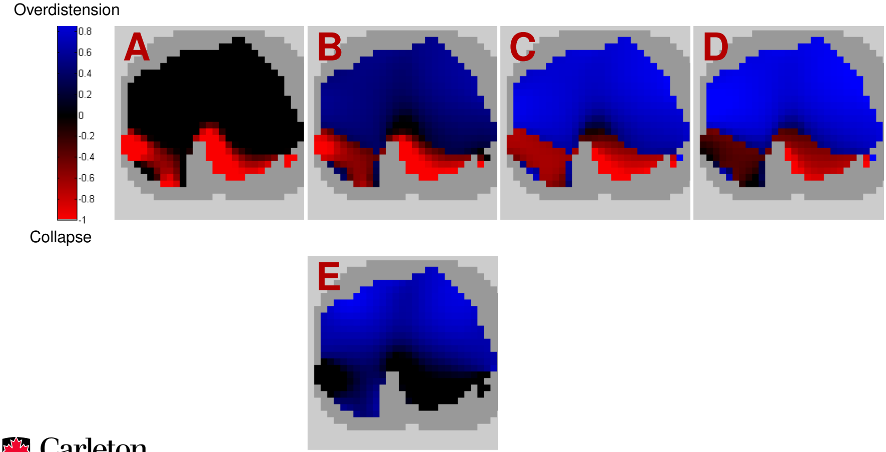

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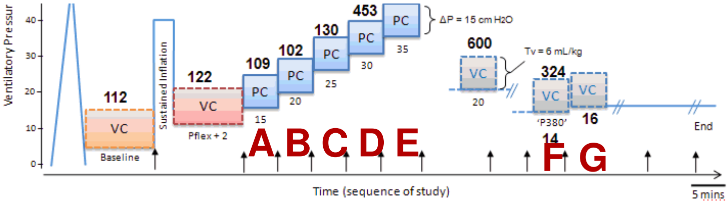

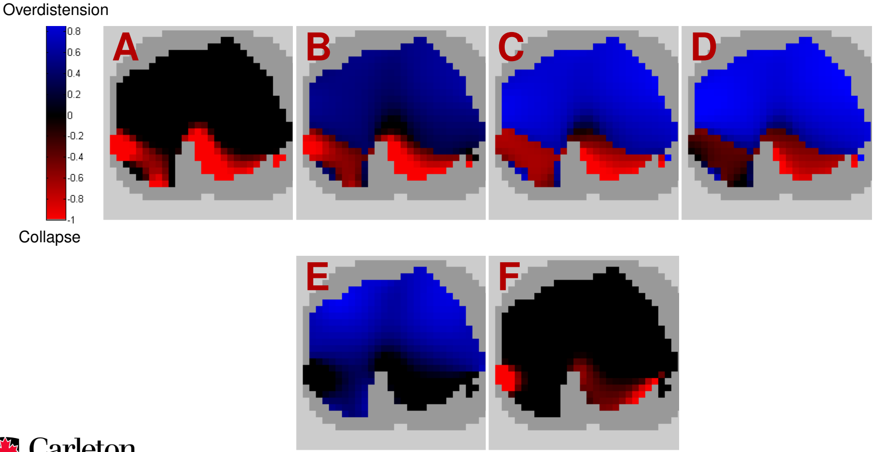

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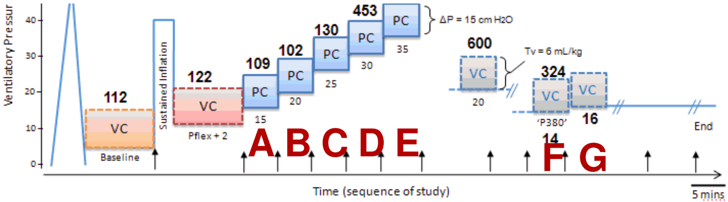
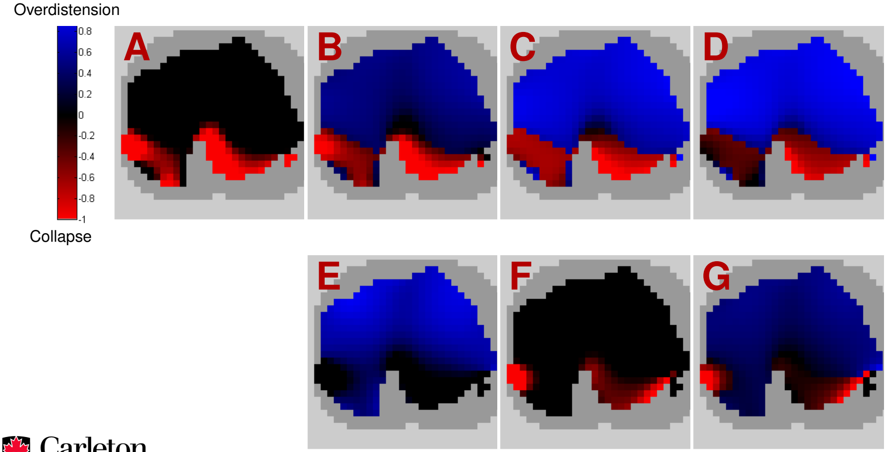




EIT for Non-Invasive Blood Pressure

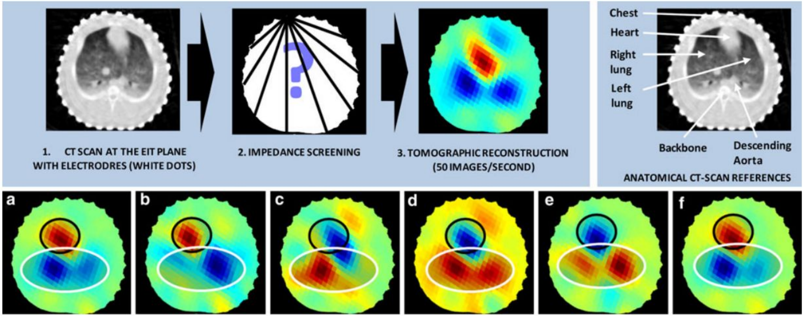


Fig. 1 Tracking the propagation of arterial pressure pulses by EIT: After placing several electrodes around the chest (*1*), impedance measurements are performed for each electrode pair (*2*) and used to construct a tomographic impedance image (*3*). A CT-scan of pig chest is provided as anatomical reference.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

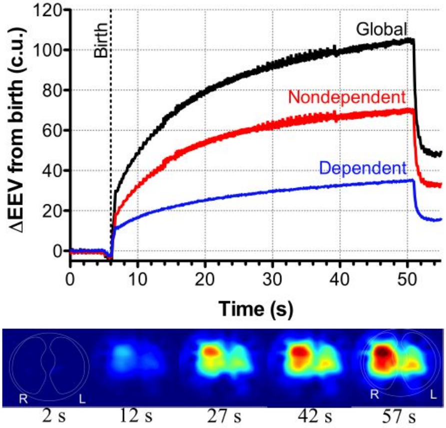


Figure 1. Exponential pattern of volume change during a SI, as measured by EIT, in global thorax and gravity-dependent

Source: D. Tingay *et al*, In Press

EIT for Brain Imaging

Applications:

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

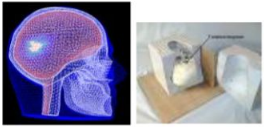
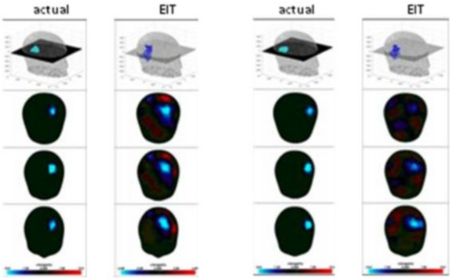


Fig. 2. Left : Finite element of the head used to produce images. Right: Example of EIT images produced in a saline filled tank

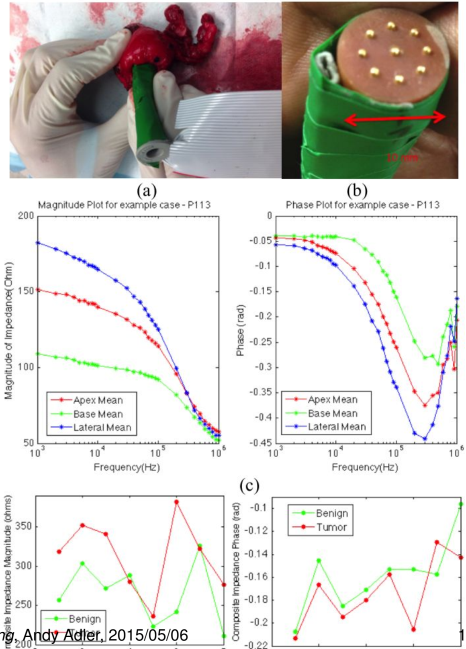


Source: Holder, www.ucl.ac.uk/medphys/research/eit/pubs/brain_EIT_overview.pdf

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 metalic ores
- Hydro-geology

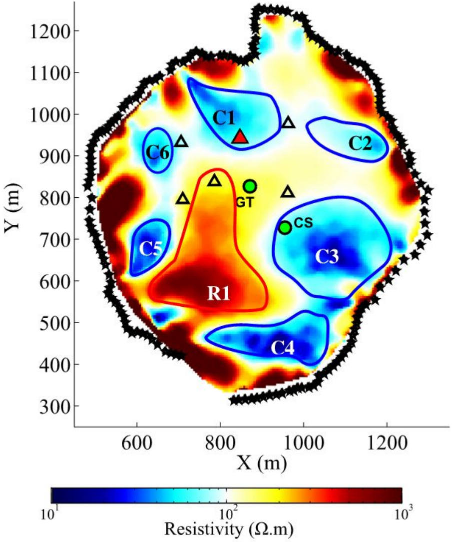
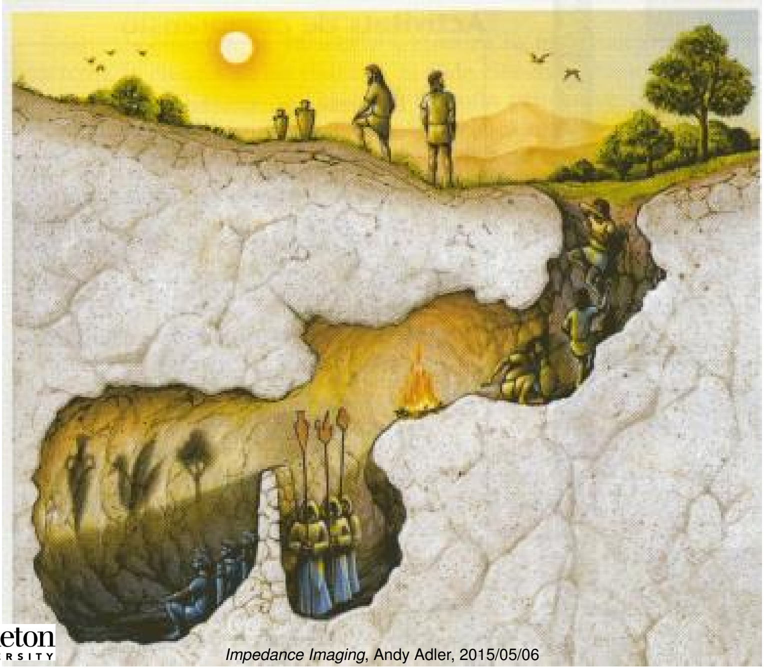


Figure shows resistivity in a cross-section of La Soufrière de Guadaloupe volcano.

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

Why is EIT hard?

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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  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
- Geophyical imaging
- Model parameter fitting
- Reconstruction with incomplete/noisy data

Reconstruction in Pictures

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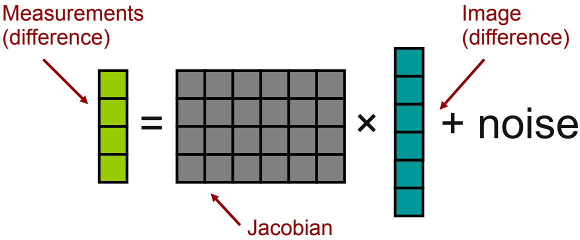

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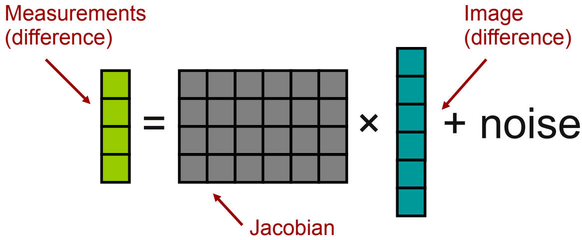
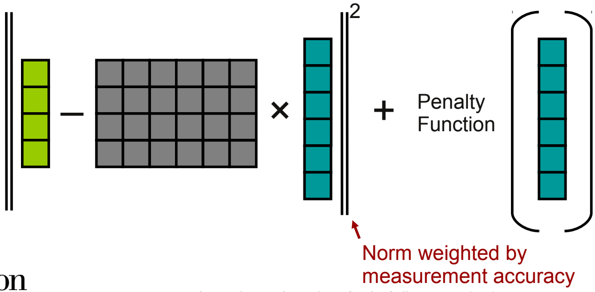


- Linear Solution: Minimize norm



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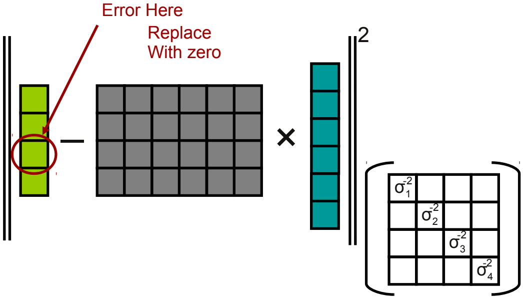

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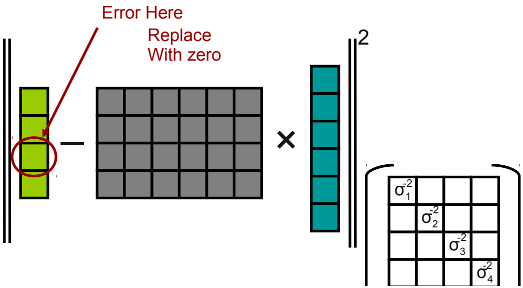
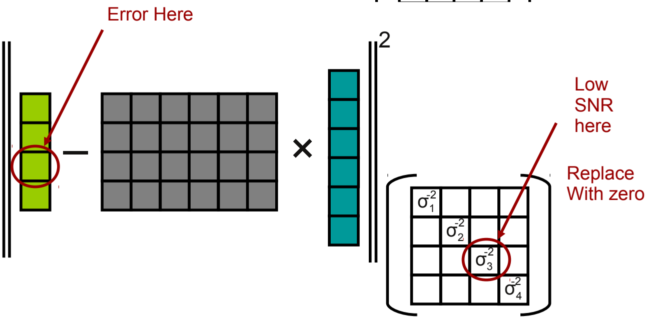
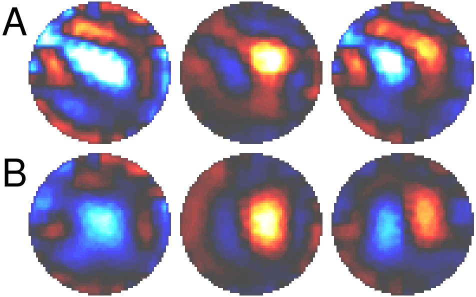


Error Model Solution



Electrode Error compensation

- Offline compensation using "jack-knife" approach (2005)

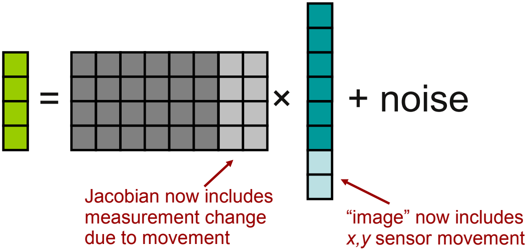


EIT images in anaesthetised, ventilated dog
A: uncompensated, *B*: compensated. *Left*: ventilation *Centre*: saline (right lung) *Right*: ventilation and saline

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

Idea #2: Electrode movement

Sensitivity to sensor movement



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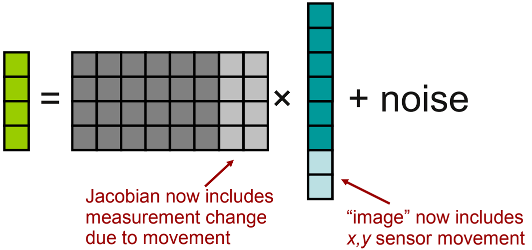
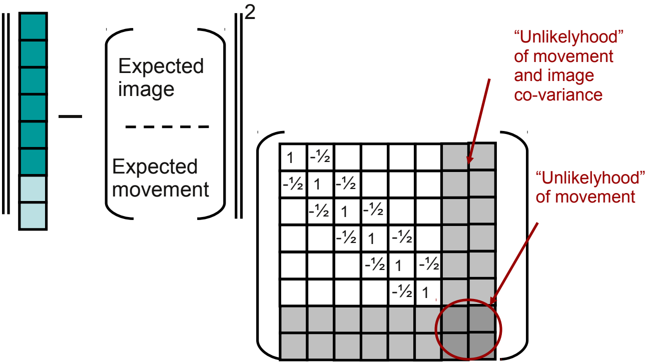


Adapted penalty function



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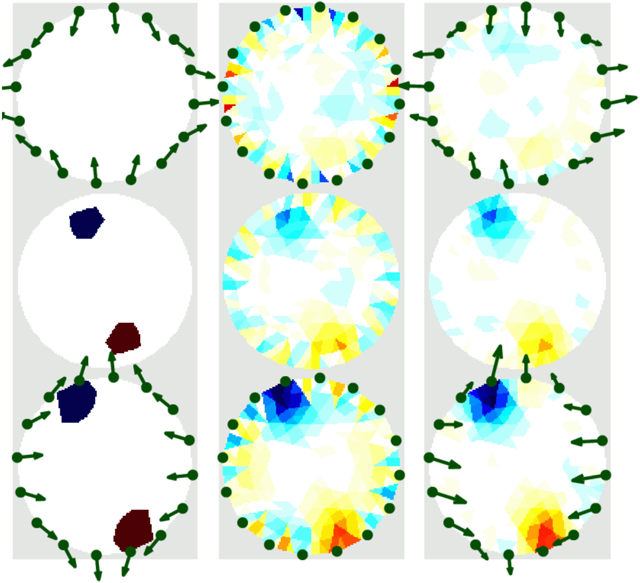

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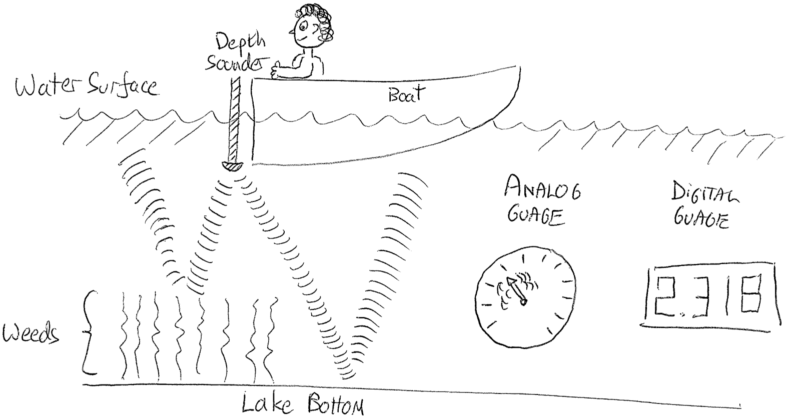


Depth Sounder – with analog and digital guages

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

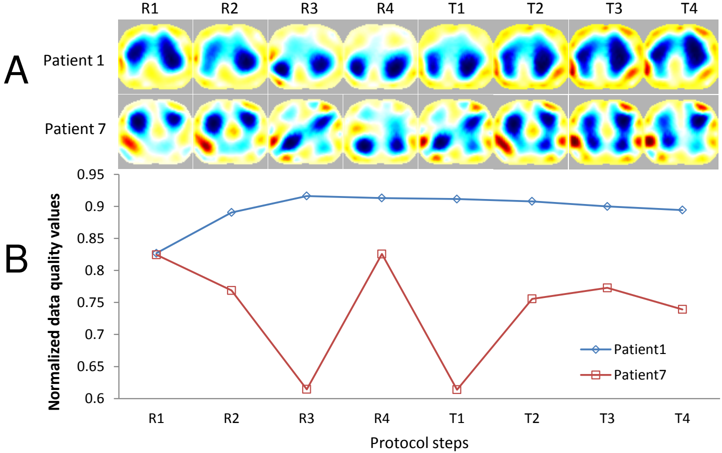
- *Concept:* High Quality Data are Consistent
- *Idea:* Use IP to predict each data point from all others

Original		Remove i		Solve		Predict
d	$\Rightarrow$	$d^{(i)}$	$\Rightarrow$	$\hat{m}^{(i)}$	$\Rightarrow$	$\hat{d}^{(i)}$

- 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

Solutions?

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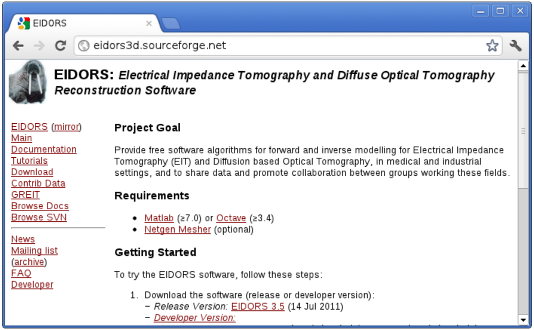
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Project Goal
Provide free software algorithms for forward and inverse modelling for Electrical Impedance Tomography (EIT) and Diffusion based Optical Tomography, in medical and industrial settings, and to share data and promote collaboration between groups working these fields.
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eidors3d.sourceforge.net/data_contrib/if-neonate-spontaneous/index.
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 ar .GET file format.
Methods: Neonate in prone position, with electrode #1 at the front of the chest, electrode #5 on the left s 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

Abstract for talk:

Impedance Imaging of the Thorax:
Why its difficult and what we are doing about it

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