

# *Low-cost biomedical instrumentation: possibilities and applications*

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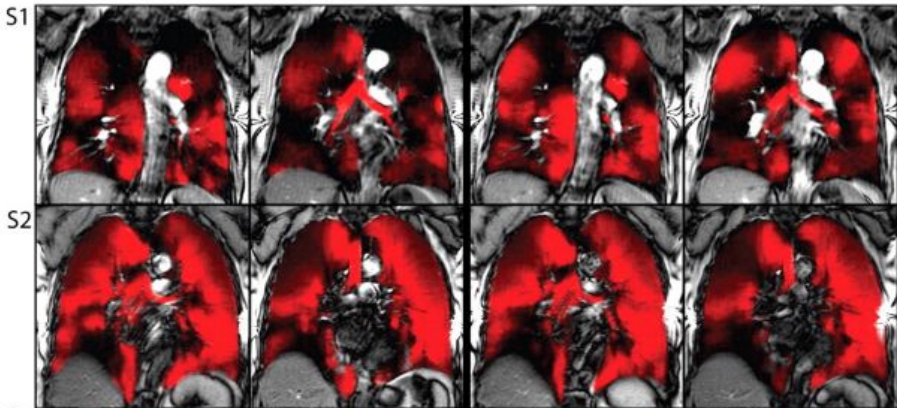
# Why instrumentation?

- $\uparrow$  reliability  $\downarrow$  cost
- New business models
  - rental jet engines, remote coaching
- Customization
  - Taser’s “smart-weapon”

# Instrumentation drives new insights

Pre-Salbutamol

Post-Salbutamol



<sup>3</sup>He images of distribution of ventilation in two COPD patients<sup>2</sup>.

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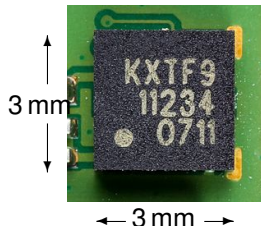
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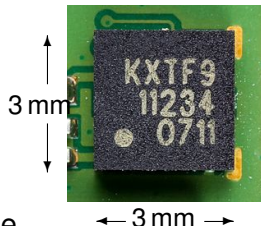
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2017 Most of you are carrying at least one

## Example #1: Mobility Trainer



Bungee Mobility Trainer (Neurogym Technologies)<sup>3</sup>

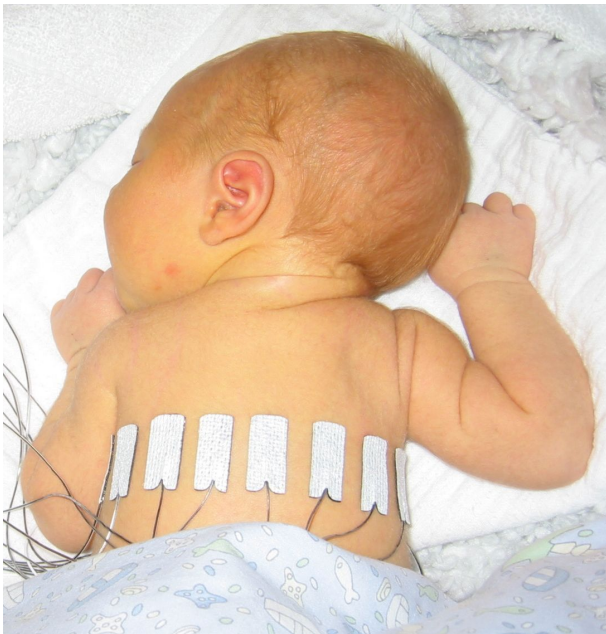
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## Example #2: Electrical Imaging

Electrical  
Impedance  
Tomography

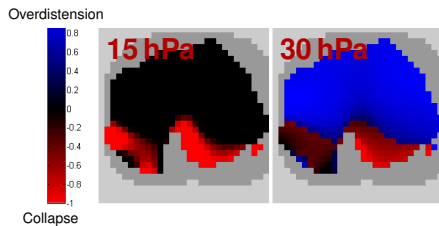
10-day old healthy  
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Source:  
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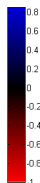
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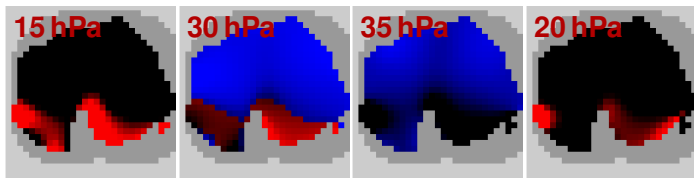
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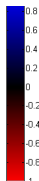


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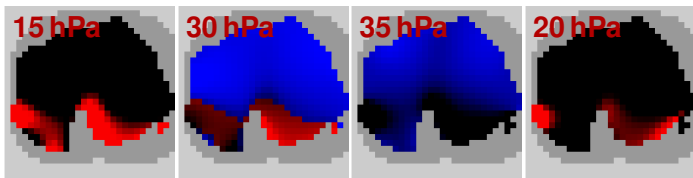
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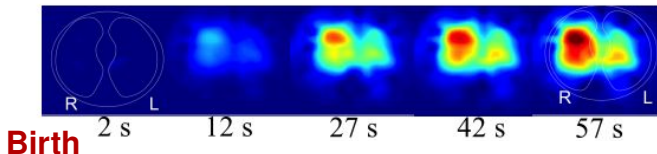
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- Breathing in newborns



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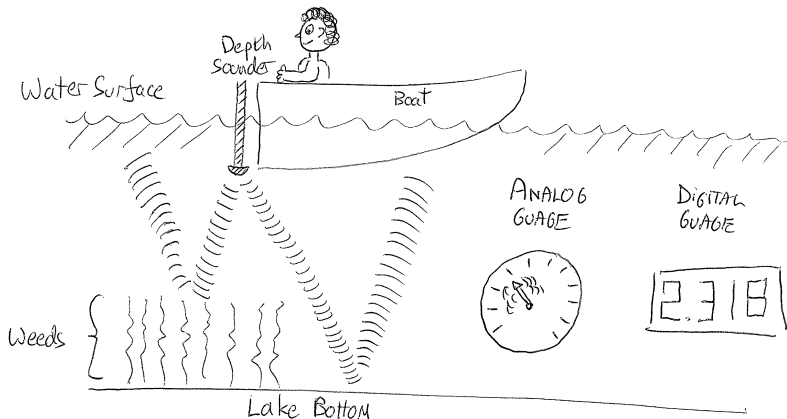
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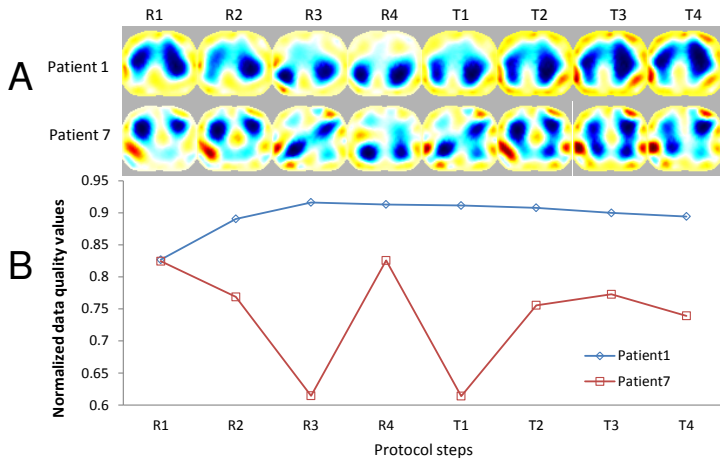
# Data Quality

## Depth Sounder – with analog and digital gauges



Problem: With complex algorithms we can get pretty pictures, even when they are irrelevant.

# Idea #1: Data quality measures using consistency



Images and data quality metric for each stage of the protocol  
A: EIT images B: Calculated data quality.

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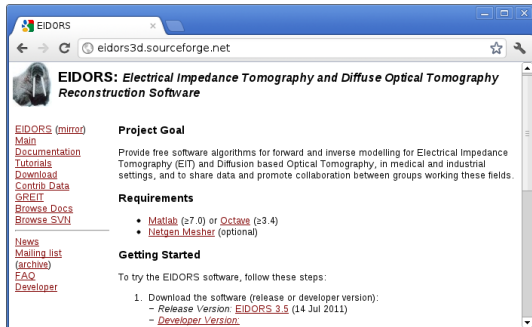


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- Open Data
- Open source analysis

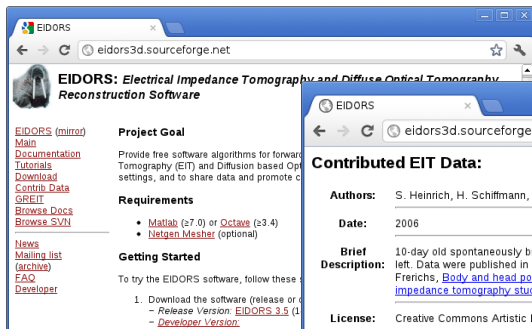
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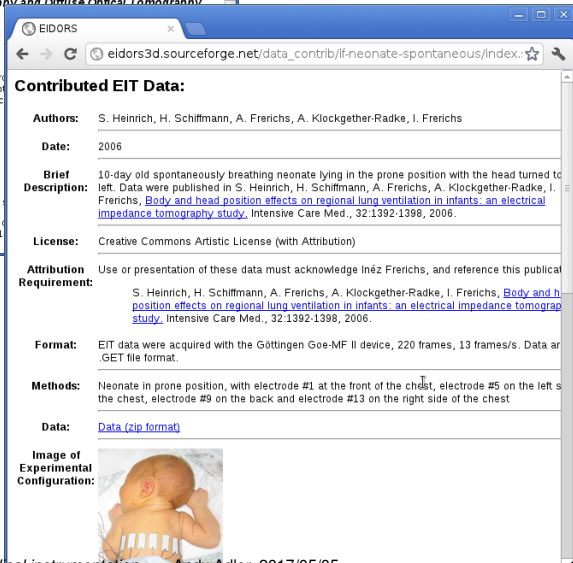
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**Contributed EIT Data:**

**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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