Electrical Impedance Tomography

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Part 1. Adaptive Current Tomography and Eigenvalues

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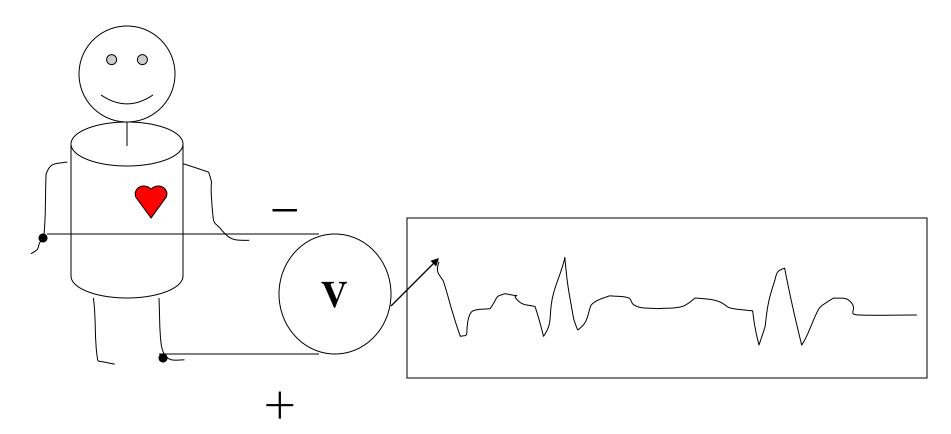
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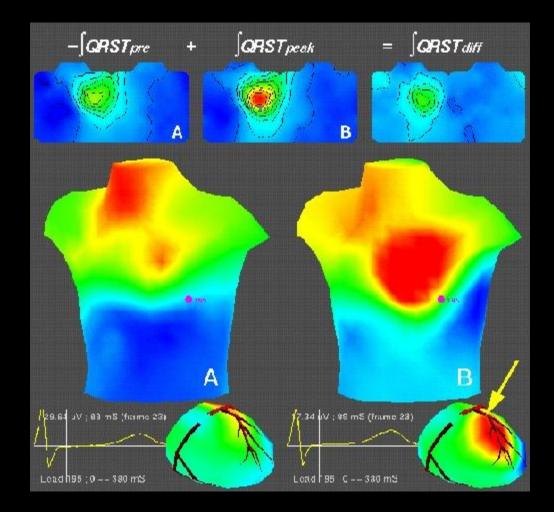
Main Problem!

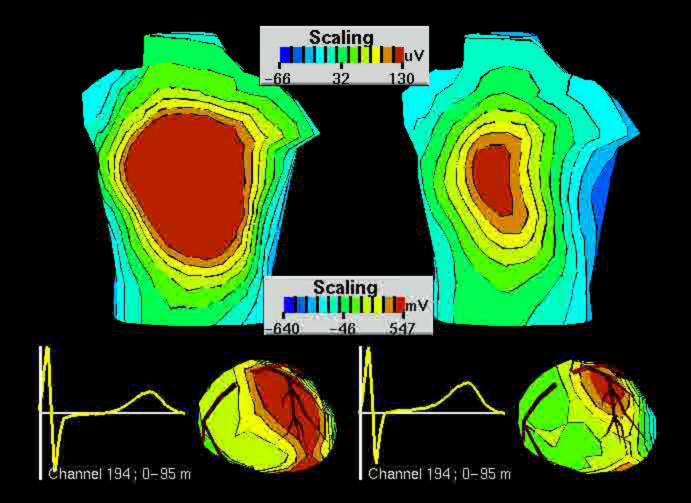
Can we improve the <u>Diagnosis</u> and <u>Treatment</u> of Disease, especially Heart Disease and Breast Cancer with <u>Electromagnetic Fields</u>?

Example of E&M for Diagnosis

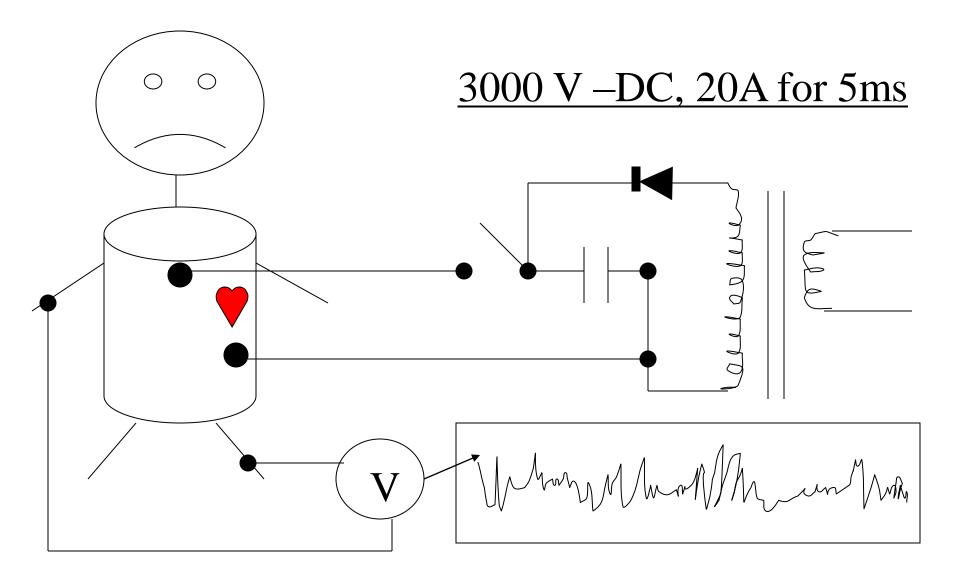
<u>EKG</u>







Example of E&M for Treatment- <u>Defibrillation</u>!



Impedance Imaging Problem;

How can one make clinically useful images of the electrical conductivity and permittivity inside a body from measurements on a body's surface?

Potential Applications

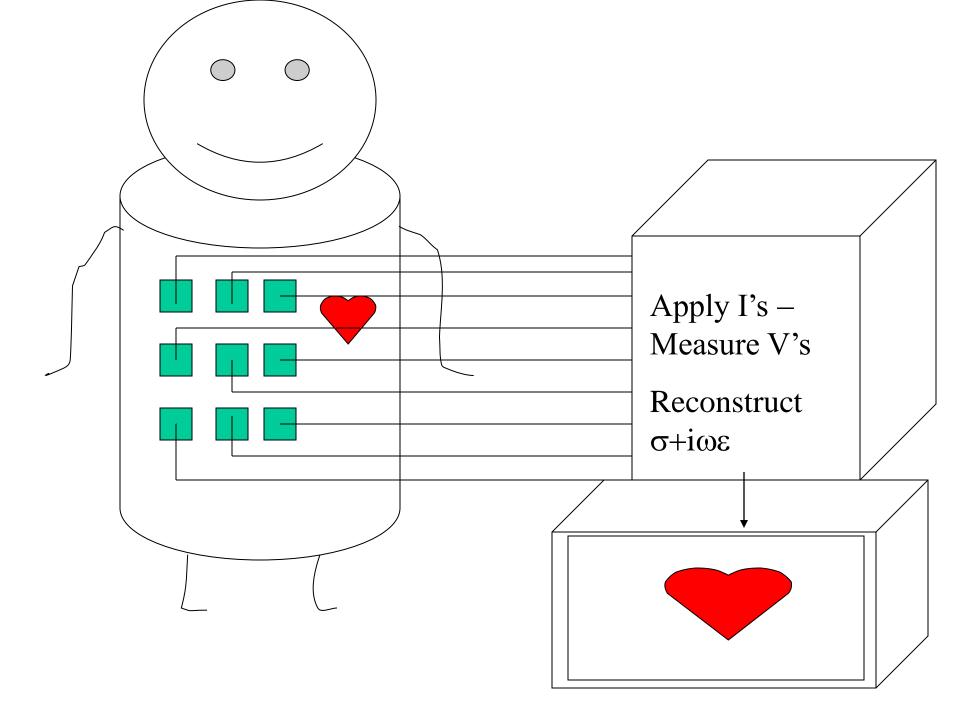
I. Continuous Real Time Monitoring of Function of:

- 1. <u>Heart</u>
- 2. <u>Lung</u>
- 3. Brain
- 4. Stomach
- 5. Temperature
- II. Screening:
 - 1. Breast Cancer
 - 2. Prostate Cancer
- III. Electrophysiological Data for Inverse problems in:
 - 1. <u>EKG</u>
 - 2. EEG
 - 3. EMG

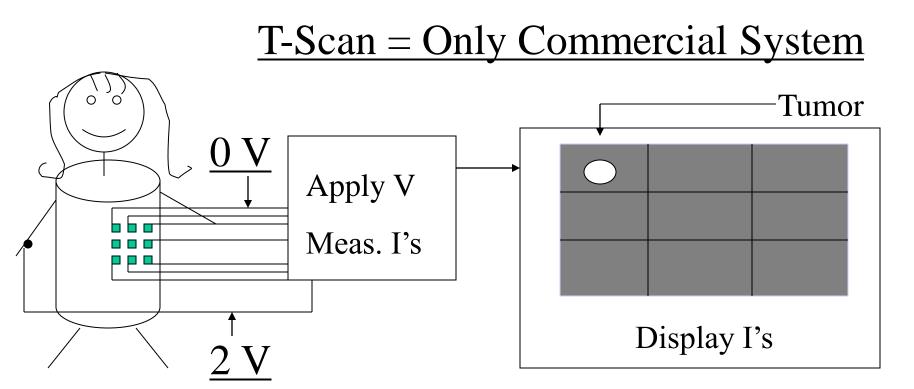
Reasons

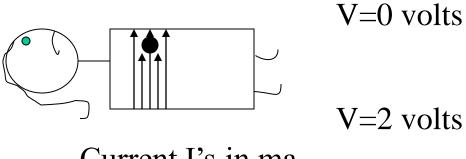
TISSUE	Conductivity S/M	<u>Resistivity</u> Ohm-Cm
Blood	.67	150
Cardiac Muscle	.2	500
Lung	.05	2000
Normal Breast	.03	3000
Breast Carcinoma	.2	500

Procedure For Imaging Heart and Lung Function in 3D <u>Electrical Impedance</u> <u>Tomography</u>



Procedure used by T-Scan for Electrical Impedance Mammography





Current I's in ma.

Is it useful? Test by blinded Trials!

Sensitivity = <u># predicted to have cancer</u> Total # that have cancer

Specificity = <u># predicted NOT to have cancer</u> Total # that do NOT have cancer

X 100

	Mamm. alone	T-Scan Adjunctive	McNemar p-value (Mamm vs. djunctive)
Sensitivity (Biopsy pos.=50)	60%	82%	0.02
Specificity (Biopsy neg.=223)	41%	57%	0.0003

 Table 5: Results for Equivocal Mammograms (N=273)

How can one increase the sensitivity and specificity?

Increase Resolution?

What determines "resolution"?

FIRST LIMIT IS THE NUMBER OF ELECTRODES

because

Degrees of freedom (voxels)
 reconstructed < L(L-1)/2
 Where L=# of Electrodes</pre>

How to get Higher Resolution?

Let $L \rightarrow \infty$

Problem

Theorem

The ability to "distinguish" different conductivity distributions $\rightarrow 0$ as $L \rightarrow \infty$ for fixed # of I gen's.

Solve the Problems:

- 1. Should we apply currents or voltages?
- 2. Can we distinguish σ from τ ?
- 3. Which patterns of currents or voltages should we apply?
- 4. How many electrodes?
- 5. What size electrodes?
- 6. How can we reconstruct useful images?

How do we solve these problems?

Use Mathematics and **Electromagnetic** theory to design system to reconstruct and display conductivity inside the body in 3D

What are the Equations?

Maxwell's $\nabla \wedge H = J + \partial D / \partial t$ $\nabla \wedge E = -\partial B / \partial t$ $\nabla \bullet D = \rho$ $\nabla \bullet B = 0$

Assume

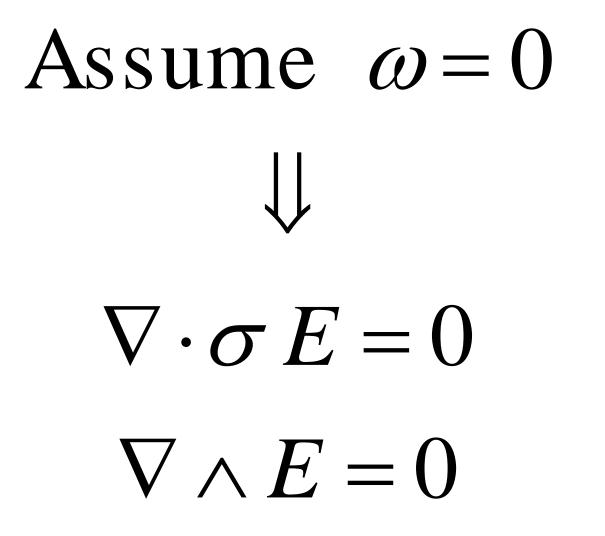
$E(x,t) = E(x)e^{i\omega t}, H(x,t) = H(x)e^{i\omega t}$ $D(x,t) = D(x)e^{i\omega t}, B(x,t) = B(x)e^{i\omega t}$ $J(x,t) = J(x)e^{i\omega t}$

Constitutive Relations

 $D = \varepsilon E$ $B = \mu H$ $J = \sigma E$

$\frac{\text{Thus}}{\nabla \wedge H} = (\sigma + i\omega\varepsilon)E$ $\nabla \wedge E = -i\omega\mu H$

$\nabla \cdot \nabla \wedge H = \nabla \cdot (\sigma + i\omega \varepsilon)E = 0$ $\nabla \wedge E = -i\omega \,\mu H$



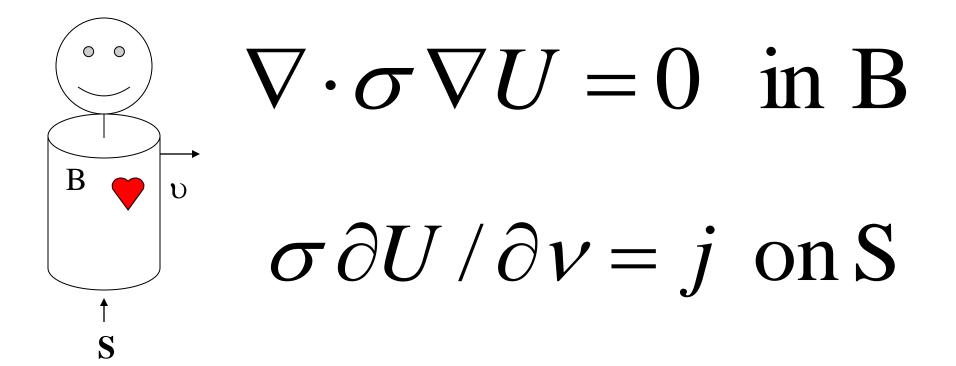
$\nabla \wedge E = 0 \Longrightarrow E = -\nabla U$

Thus

$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \nabla U = 0$

Main Equation

$\nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla U = 0$



Forward Problem: Given conductivity σ and current density **j** find v = U on **S**. i.e. Find the Neuman to Dirichlet map: $R(\sigma)j=v.$ Where $R(\sigma):H^{1/2}(S)\rightarrow H^{+1/2}(S)$

Inverse Problem: Given

$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{\sigma})$

Find **o**

Apply Currents or Voltages?

1. Apply currents measure voltages since $R(\sigma)$ is smoothing but $\Lambda(\sigma) = R(\sigma)^{-1}$

Is desmoothing!

 $\{\Lambda(\sigma): \mathrm{H}^{+1/2}(S) \to \mathrm{H}^{-1/2}(S)\}$

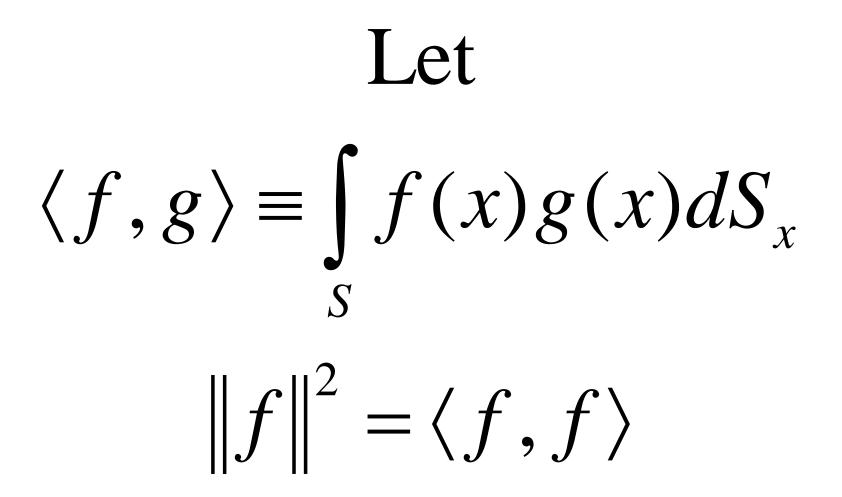
Properties of R

R has a complete orthonormal set of eigenfunctions in $L^2(S)$ and its eigenvalues are decreasing to 0. See Board.

Can we distinguish different conductivities?

2.We can distinguish different conductivities when using infinite precision!

Calderon Kohn and Vogelius Sylvester and Uhlmann Nachman How to distinguish different conductivities when precision is finite? 3. Apply "the best" current patterns to distinguish conductivities;
 These are eigenfunctions of N-D map.



The "distinguishability" of σ from τ by current density j is denoted by

$\delta(\sigma, \tau; j)$

Given by

 $\delta(\sigma,\tau;j) \equiv \left\| (R(\sigma) - R(\tau))j \right\| / \left\| j \right\|$

We find the "best" Current density by finding the max over j of

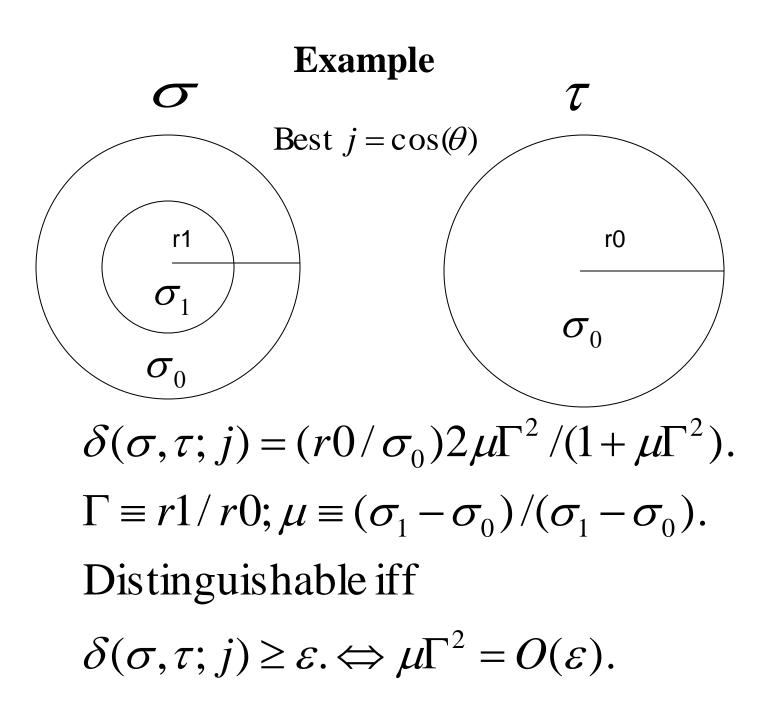
$\frac{\langle (R(\sigma)-R(\tau))j, (R(\sigma)-R(\tau))j \rangle}{\langle j,j \rangle}$

From Rayleigh the max distinguishability is $\delta(\sigma,\tau;\mathbf{j})$ where $(\mathbf{R}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) - \mathbf{R}(\boldsymbol{\tau})) \mathbf{j} = \rho \mathbf{j}$ ρ is the largest eigenvalue of the absolute value of $R(\sigma)-R(\tau)$

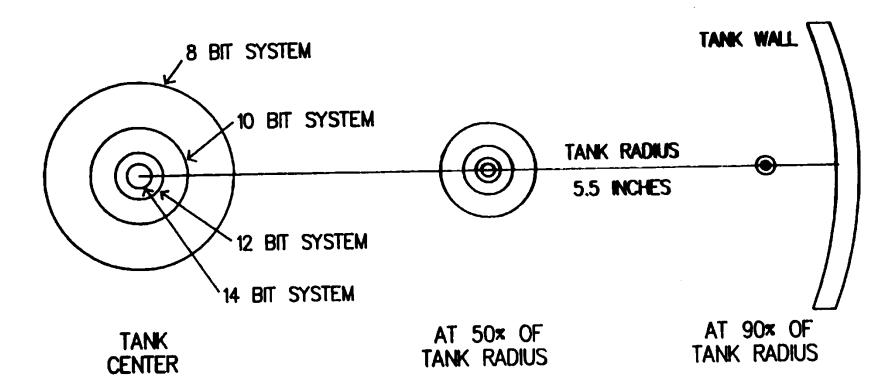
Thus σ is distinguishable from τ by measurements of precision ϵ iff

 $\max \, \delta(\sigma,\tau;j) = \delta(\sigma,\tau;j) = \rho > \epsilon$

What is the size of the smallest inhomogeniety?



SMALLEST DETECTABLE DEFECT

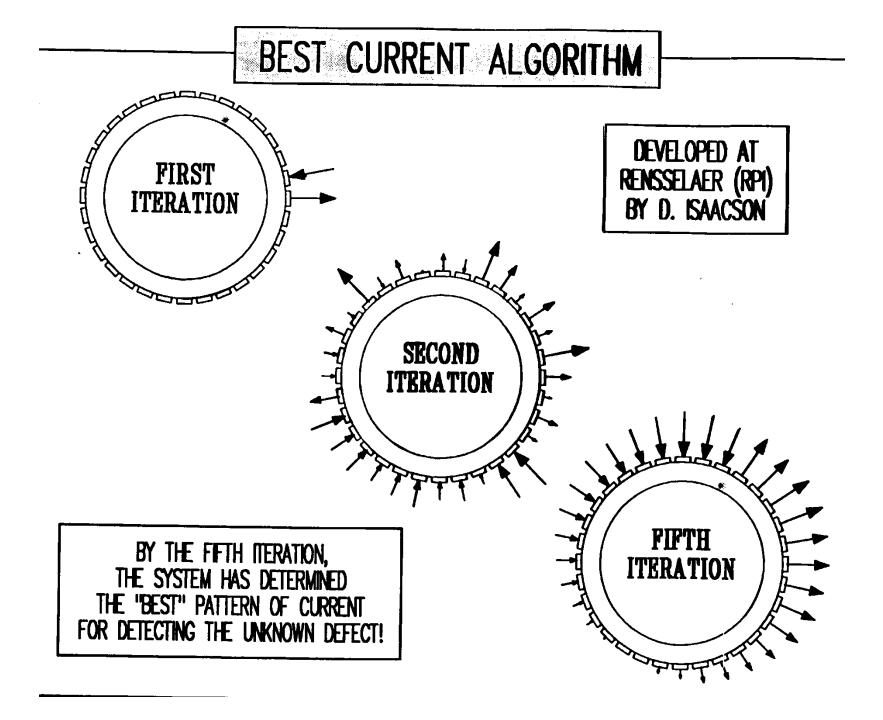


How do we find "best" current patterns when we don't know what is inside?

Secret Adaptive Process!

Adaptive method to find best current; Guess $-j_0$ Measure(or compute)- $R(\sigma)j_0$, $R(\tau)j_0$ Let $j_1 = (R(\sigma)j_0 - R(\tau)j_0) / ||R(\sigma)j_0 - R(\tau)j_0||$

If $j_1 \neq j_0$ Let $j_0 \equiv j_1$ and try again!



How do we find ALL the Current patterns that are useful?

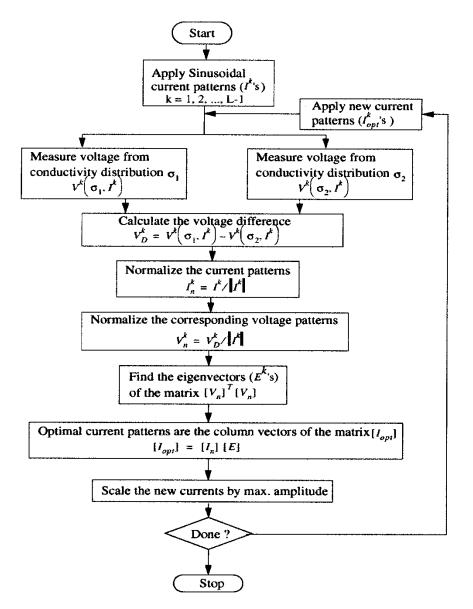
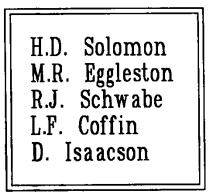


Figure 1. Flow chart for computing the optimal current patterns

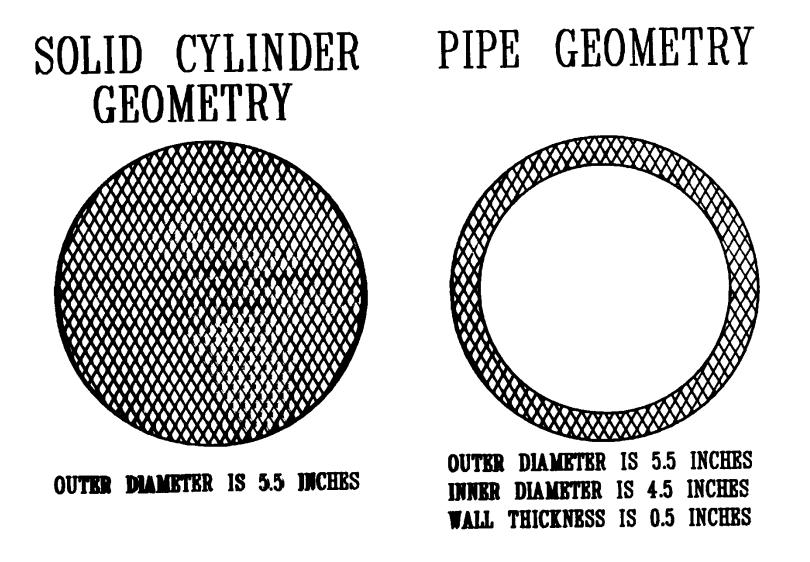
Does it Work?

Electric Current Computed Tomography

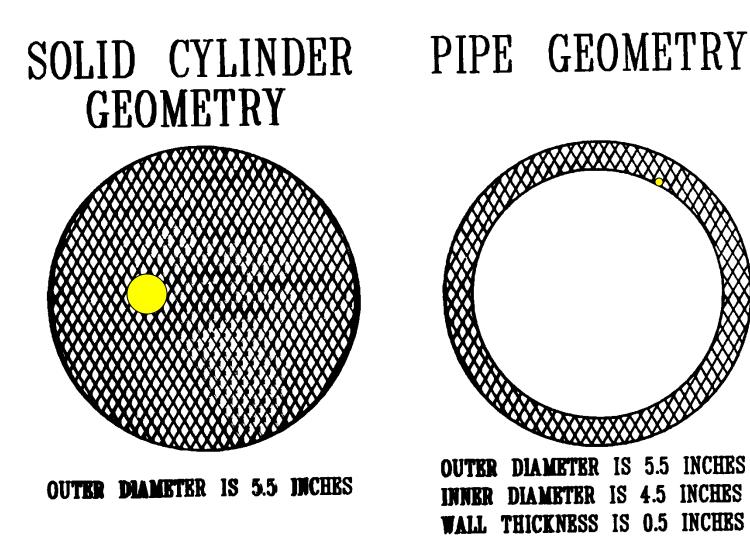
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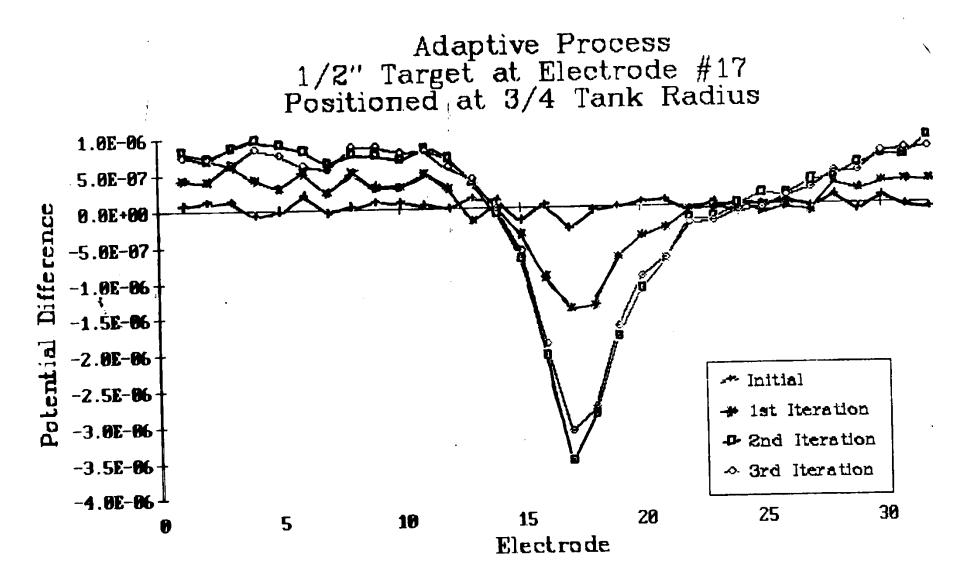


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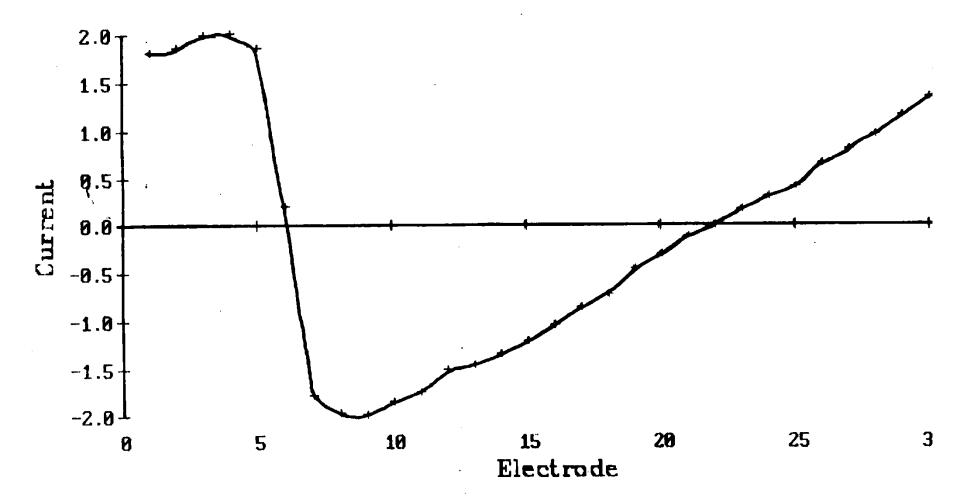


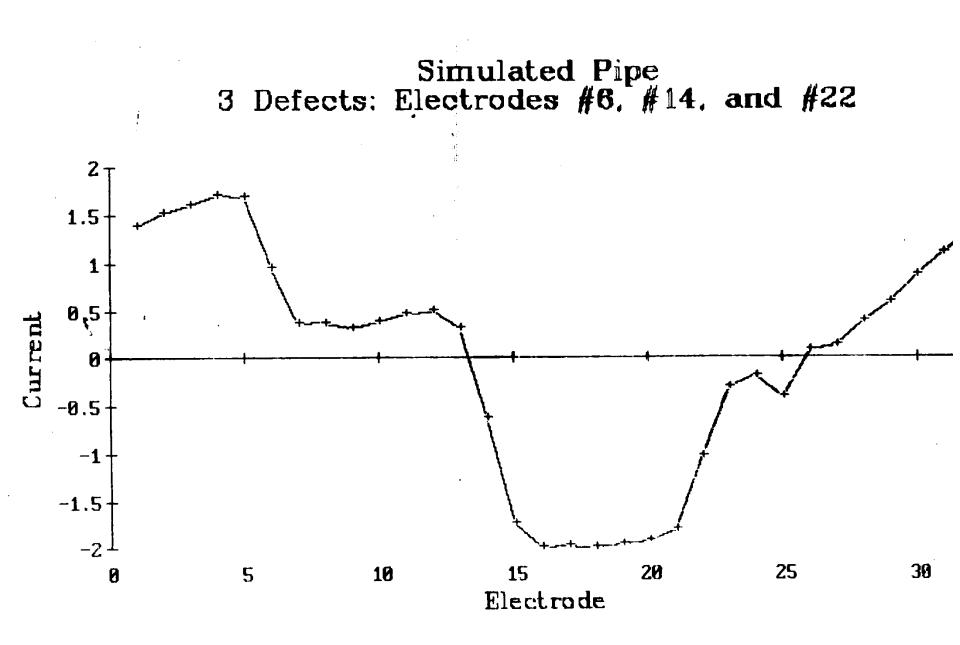
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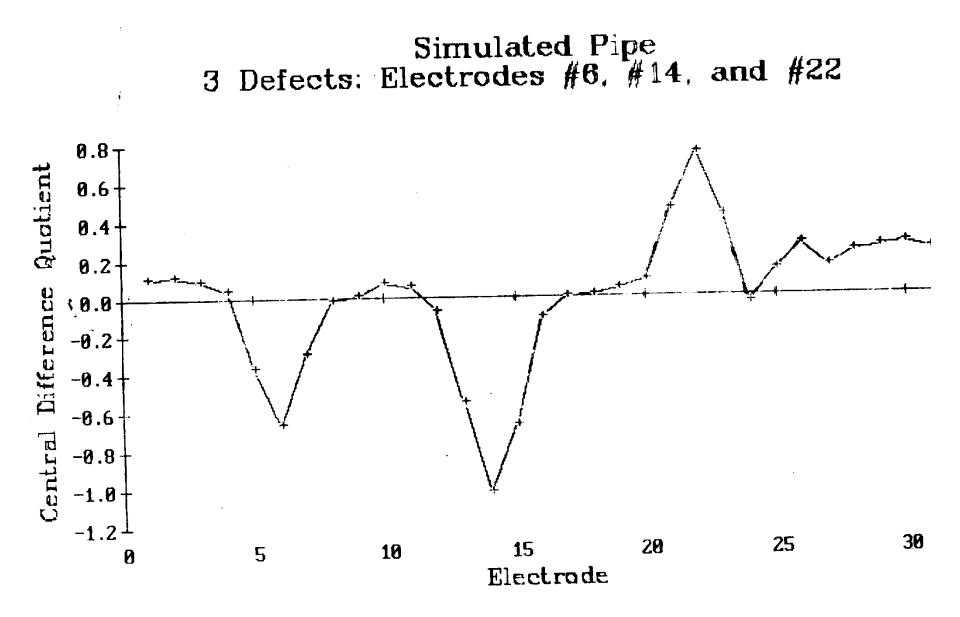






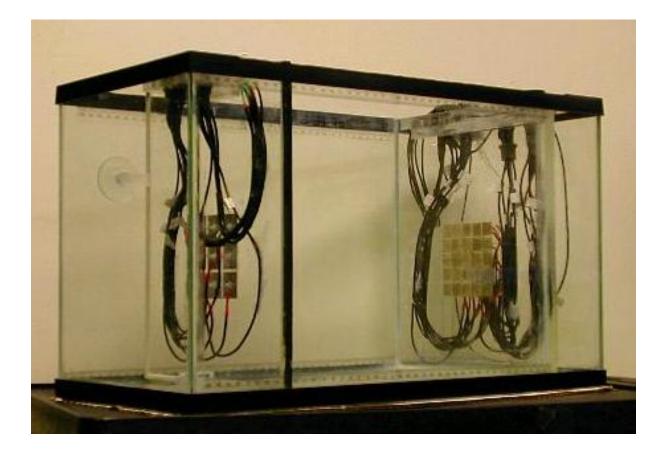






Can optimal currents improve sensitivity and specificity in screening for breast cancer ?

5x5 Electrode Array Tank



Distinguishability Study Results

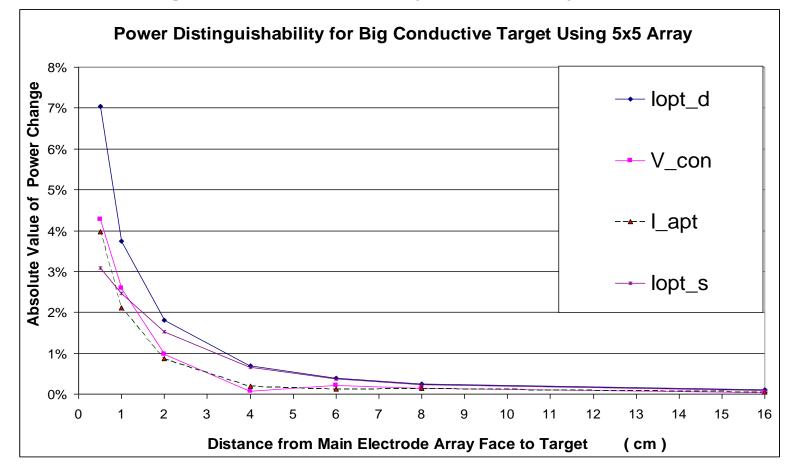
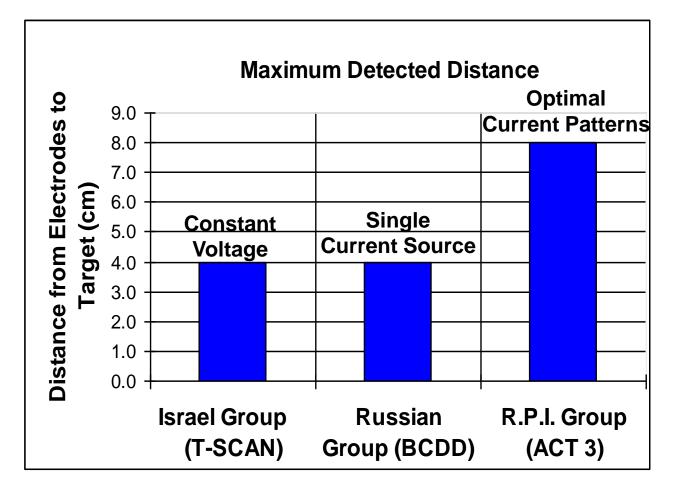


Figure 3. Optimal Current Pattern Iopt_d has better power distinguishability at all distances. For this experiment, the experimental noise level of the magnitude of the power change is 0.02%, above which targets may be distinguishable. The depth below mammography electrodes at which an inhomogeneity can be detected by .4% accuracy



Electrode Array 5x5, Array Size: 8cm Square, Electrode Size: 14.8mm Square Target Size: 24 mm Cube From Poster by Tzu-Jen Kao

How many electrodes to use?

$L \equiv$ Number of electrodes

 $\varepsilon \equiv$ Measurement precision

Then

L=O($\varepsilon^{-1/2}$) in 2D, O($\varepsilon^{-1/3}$) in 3D.

How many current sources to use?

As many as we have electrodes. See Proof that as $L \rightarrow \infty$ distinguishability $\rightarrow 0$ for a fixed number of current sources.

What size should we make the electrodes?

Space filling!

4. How can we reconstruct useful images?

- Linearization (Noser 2-D ,Toddler 3-D);
 Fast, useful, not accurate for large contrast conductivities.
- Optimization (Regularized Gauss-Newton);
 Slow, more accurate , iterative methods
- 3. Direct methods (Layer stripping, D-Bar); Solve full non-linear problem, no iteration!

End Part II

How do we make images?

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Part 2. Electrical Impedance Imaging Algorithms.

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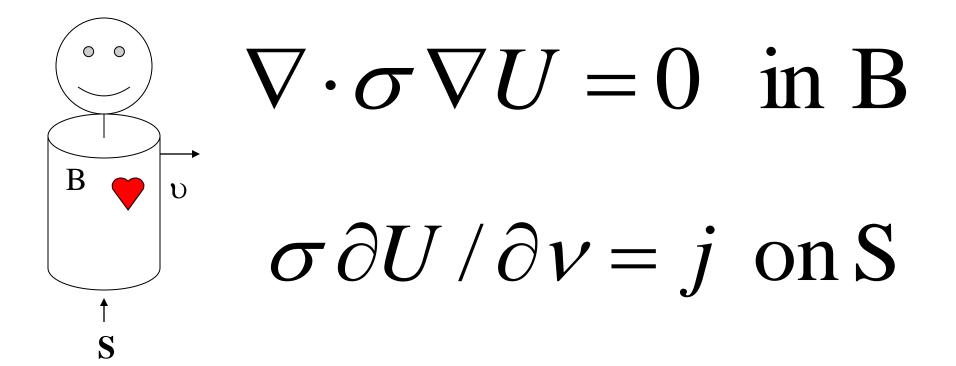
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What can a linearization do? Noser – a 2-D reconstruction Toddler – a 3-D reconstruction (both assume conductivity differs only a little from a constant.) FNoser - Fast ,20 frames/sec Real time imaging of Cardiac and Lung function shown in the following examples.

Linearizations NOSER (S.Simske,...) FNOSER(P.Edic,...) TODDLER(R.Blue,...)

Main Equation

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$$\nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla u^{m} = 0 \qquad \nabla \cdot \sigma_{0} \nabla u_{0}^{n} = 0$$
$$\sigma \partial u^{m} / \partial v = j^{m} \qquad \sigma_{0} \partial u_{0}^{n} / \partial v = j_{0}^{n}$$

$$u_{0}^{n}\nabla\cdot\sigma\nabla u^{m} = 0 \qquad u^{m}\nabla\cdot\sigma_{0}\nabla u_{0}^{n} = 0$$
$$\int u_{0}^{n}\nabla\cdot\sigma\nabla u^{m} - u^{m}\nabla\cdot\sigma_{0}\nabla u_{0}^{n} dx = 0$$
$$\bigcup$$
$$u_{0}^{n}\sigma\partial_{\nu}u^{m} - u^{m}\sigma_{0}\partial_{\nu}u_{0}^{n} dS = \int_{B} (\sigma-\sigma_{0})\nabla u^{m}\cdot\nabla u_{0}^{n} dx$$

S

$$\int_{S} u_{0}^{n} \sigma \partial_{v} u^{m} - u^{m} \sigma_{0} \partial_{v} u_{0}^{n} dS = \int_{S} u_{0}^{n} j^{m} - u^{m} j^{n} dS =$$

$$< j^{m}, (R(\sigma) - R(\sigma_{0})) j^{n} > =$$

$$Data(n,m) =$$

$$\int_{B} (\sigma - \sigma_{0}) \nabla u^{m} \cdot \nabla u_{0}^{n} dx$$

If
$$\delta \sigma \equiv \sigma - \sigma_0 << \sigma_0$$
 then $u^m = u_0^m + O(\delta \sigma)$
 $Data(n,m) = \int_B (\sigma - \sigma_0) \nabla u^m \cdot \nabla u_0^n dx$
 $= \int_B \delta \sigma \nabla u_0^m \cdot \nabla u_0^n dx + O(\delta \sigma^2)$

$$Data(n,m) \approx \int_{B} \delta \sigma \nabla u_{0}^{m} \cdot \nabla u_{0}^{n} dx$$

Choose BASIS, $\{\psi_{k}(x)\},\$
 $\delta \sigma(x) = \sum_{k} C_{k} \psi_{k}(x)$
Thus only need to solve;
 $Data(m,n) = \sum_{k} C_{k} \int_{B} \psi_{k}(x) \nabla u_{0}^{m} \cdot \nabla u_{0}^{n} dx$
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What is the Basis?

SEE TRANSPARENCIES

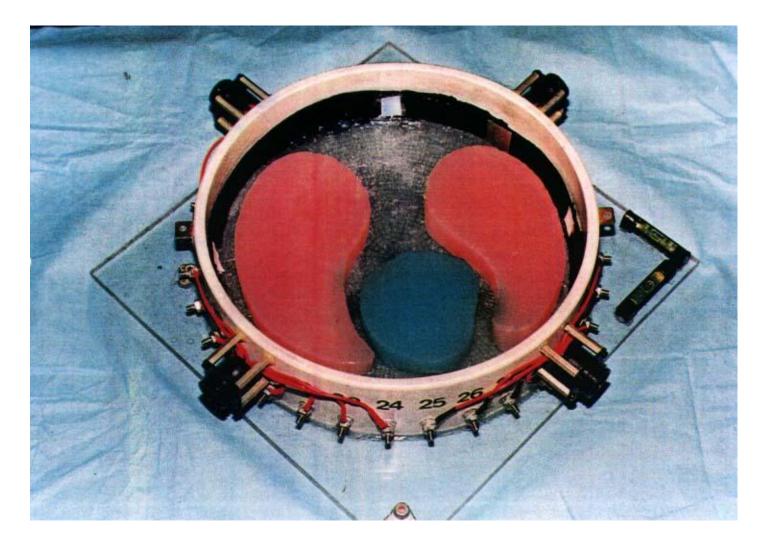
Does it work?

Test by experiment

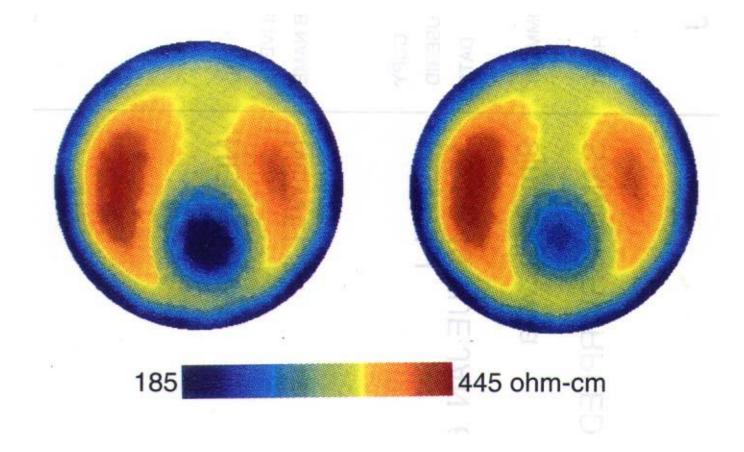
ACT 3

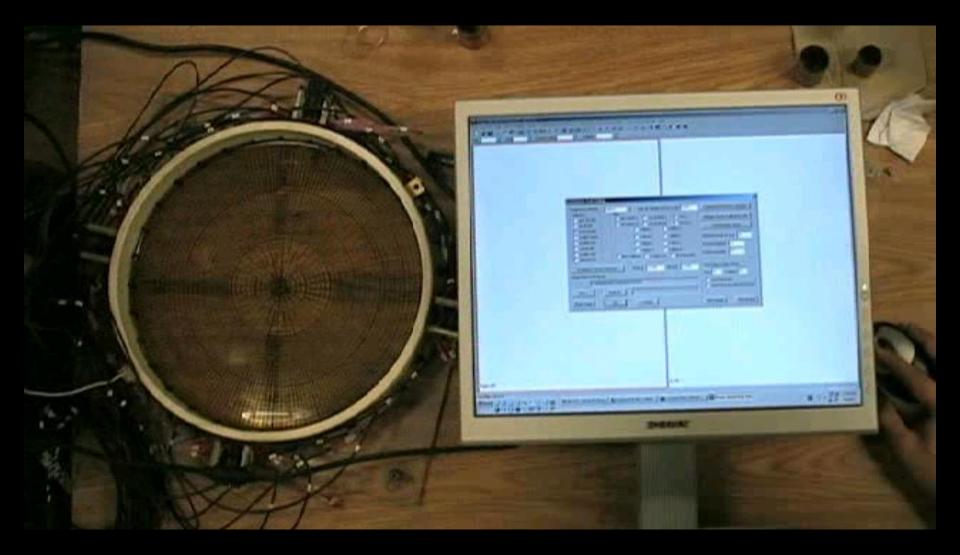
- 32 Current sources
- 32 Voltmeters
- 32 Electrodes
- 30 KHZ
- 20 Frames / Sec
- Accuracy > .01%

Phantom



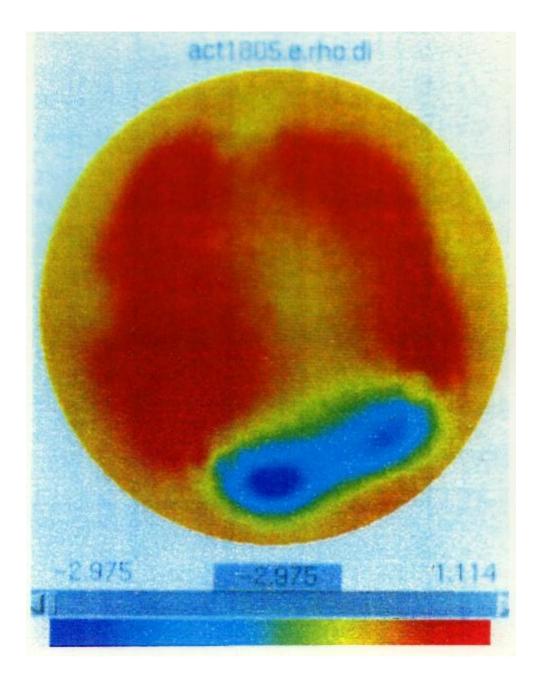
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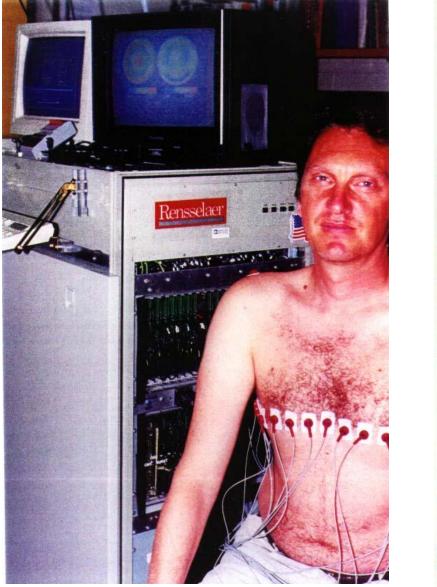


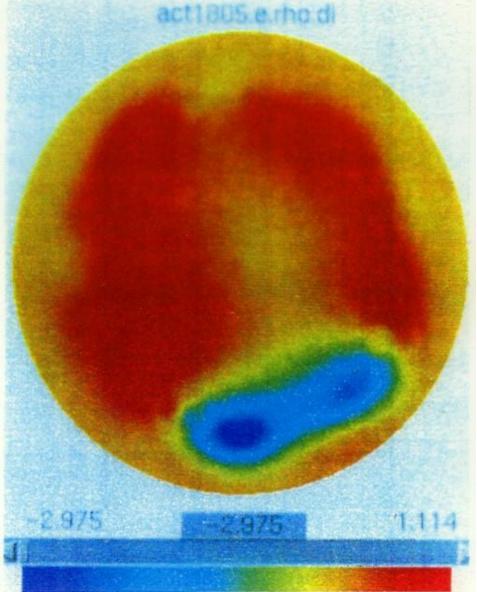


Can it image heart and lung function?





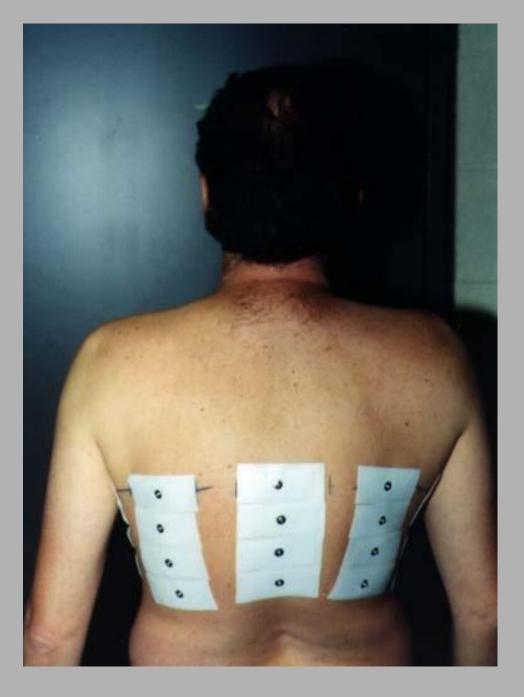




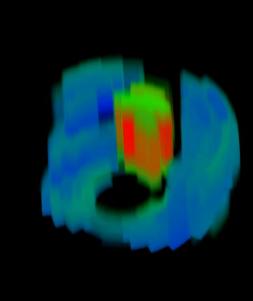
ACT 3 imaging blood as it leaves the heart (blue) and fills the lungs (red) during systole.

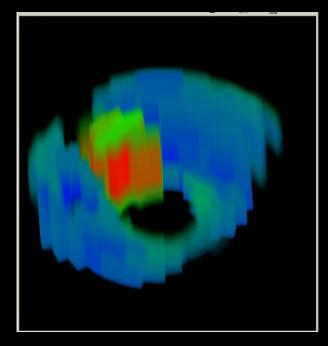
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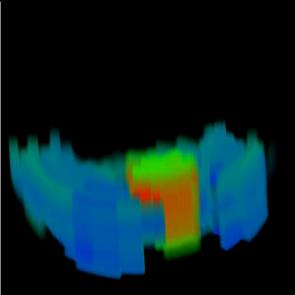
3D Electrode Placement



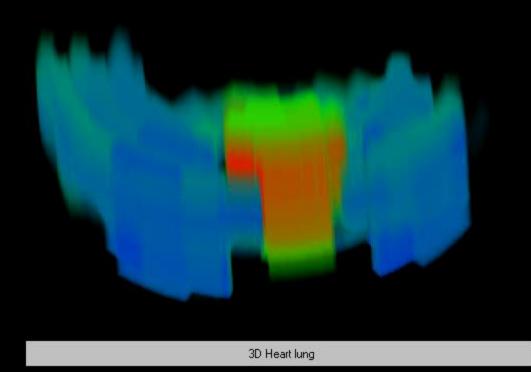




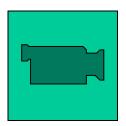




Heart Lung Static Image

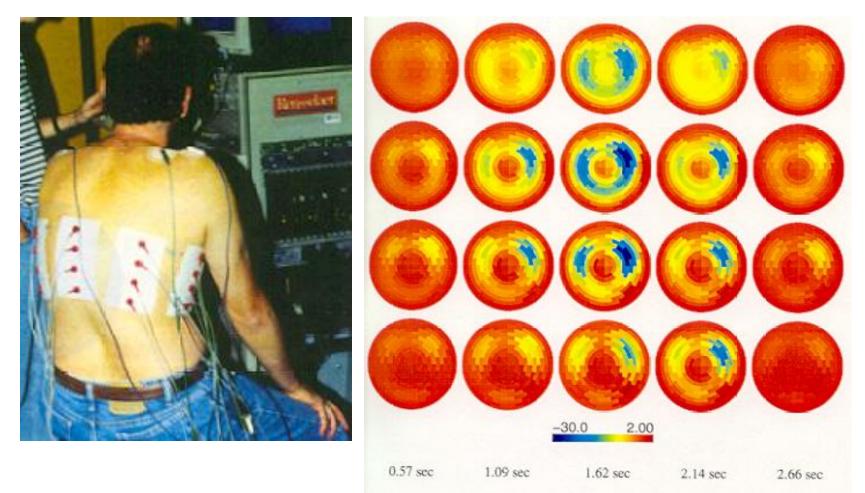


Show Heart Lung View from other source



Ventilation in 3D

3D Human Results



• Images showing conductivity changes with respiration

Cardiac in 3D



How can one get more accurate values of the conductivity, less artifact, and still be fast?

D-Bar method for EIT J. Mueller, S.Siltanen, D.I.

Special thanks to A.Nachman

D-Bar Reconstruction method

- Convert inverse conductivity problem to an Unphysical Inverse Scattering Problem for the Schrodinger Equation.
- Use the measured D-N map to solve a boundary integral equation for the boundary values of the exponentially growing Faddeev solutions .
- Compute the unphysical Scattering transform in the complex k-plane from these boundary values.
- Solve the D-Bar integral equation in the whole complex k-plane for the Faddeev solutions in the region of interest.
- Take the limit as k goes to 0 of these solutions to recover and display the conductivity in the region of interest.

Problem: Find the Conductivity σ from the measured Dirichlet to Neumann map Λ_{σ} Assume: inside B. $\nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla u = 0$ on ∂B . $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{V}$ on ∂B . $\Lambda_{\sigma} \mathbf{V} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \,\partial \,\mathbf{u} / \partial \,\mathbf{v}$

 $\sigma = 1$ in a neighborhood of ∂B .



$\Psi = \Psi(\mathbf{p}, \zeta) \equiv \sigma^{1/2} \mathbf{u},$ $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{p}) \equiv \sigma^{-1/2} \Delta \sigma^{1/2}$

Then

$-\Delta \Psi + q \Psi = 0 \quad \text{in B}$ $\Lambda_{\sigma} \Psi = \partial \Psi / \partial \nu \quad \text{on } \partial B$ and q = 0 in a neighborhood of ∂B .

Look for Solutions Ψ on all of \mathbb{R}^n ($n \ge 2$) with q = 0 outside ∂B that satisfy $\Psi \approx \exp(i\zeta \cdot p)$ as $|p| \rightarrow \infty$, where $\zeta \cdot \zeta = 0$. In \mathbb{R}^2 take $\zeta = k(1,i)$ where $k_1 + ik_2$ Let

 $\Psi = \Psi(\mathbf{p}, \zeta) = \exp(i\zeta \cdot \mathbf{p}) \,\mu(\mathbf{p}, \zeta)$ where $\mu \to 1$ as $|\mathbf{p}| \to \infty$. Observethat

$$(-\Delta - 2i\zeta \cdot \nabla)\mu + q\mu = 0$$

and $\mu \to 1$ as $|p| \to \infty$.
We may recover σ from μ by the property hat;
 $\sigma^{1/2}(p) = \mu(p,0) = \lim_{\zeta \to 0} \mu(p,\zeta)$

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Reason:

$$-\Delta\mu(\mathbf{p},0) + q\mu(\mathbf{p},0) = 0$$
$$-\Delta\sigma^{1/2} + q\sigma^{1/2} = 0$$

Since both $\sigma^{1/2}$ and $\mu \rightarrow 1$ at ∞ they are identical.

Main Problem: Given Λ_{σ} find μ ?

- 1. First find Ψ and hence μ on ∂B by solving
 - $[\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S}(\Lambda_{\sigma} \Lambda_{1})] \Psi = \exp(i\zeta \cdot p) \text{ on }\partial \mathbf{B}.$

Here S denotes the operator

$$(\mathbf{Sw})(\mathbf{p}) = \int_{\partial \mathbf{B}} \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{t}) \mathbf{w}(\mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{t})$$

where G(p) is the Faddeev Greens function $-\Delta G = \delta$, $G \approx \exp(i\zeta \cdot p)$ as $|p| \rightarrow \infty$. 2. Compute the "unphysical' scattering transform

$$\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{k}) = \int_{\partial B} \exp(\mathbf{i}\overline{\zeta} \cdot \mathbf{p}) \left(\Lambda_{\sigma} - \Lambda_{1}\right) \Psi(p) ds(p)$$

3. Solve the $\overline{\partial}$ equation for $\mu(\mathbf{p}, \zeta)$;

$$\partial \mu / \partial \overline{k} = \frac{1}{4\pi \,\overline{k}} t(k) \exp(i(\zeta + \overline{\zeta}) \cdot p) \overline{\mu}(p,k)$$

4. Take
$$\lim_{k\to 0} \mu(p,\zeta) = \sigma^{1/2}(p)$$

5. Display σ .

Does it Work?

Numerical Simulation

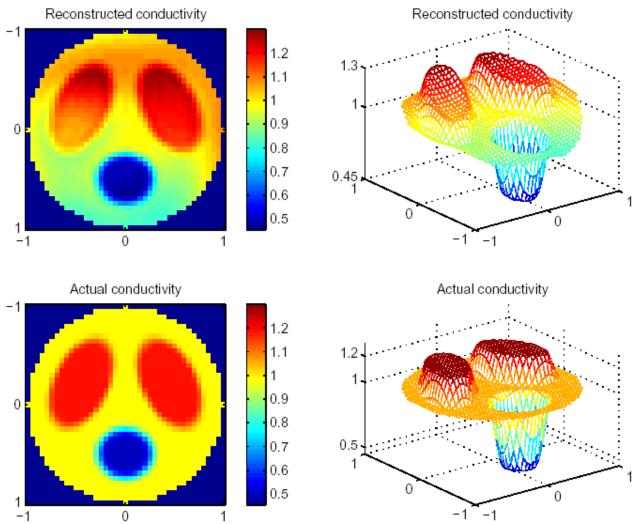
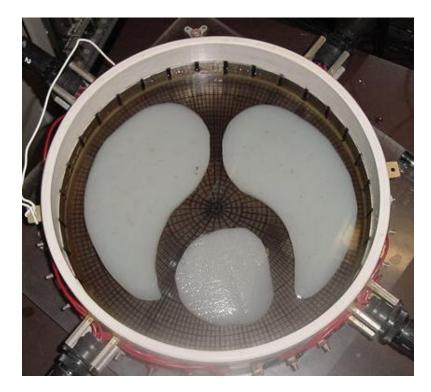
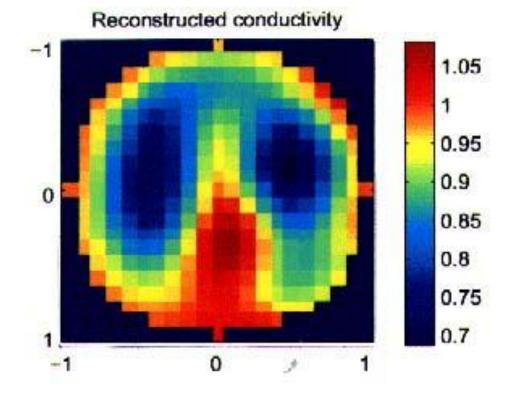


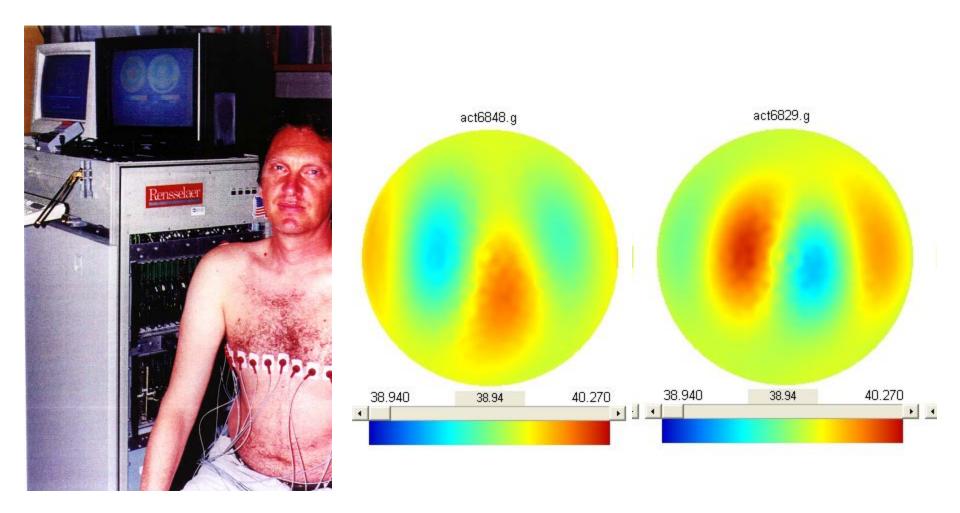
FIG. 5.2. Plots of the actual and reconstructed conductivities for the virtual phantom chest.

First D-Bar Reconstruction Results from Experimental Data





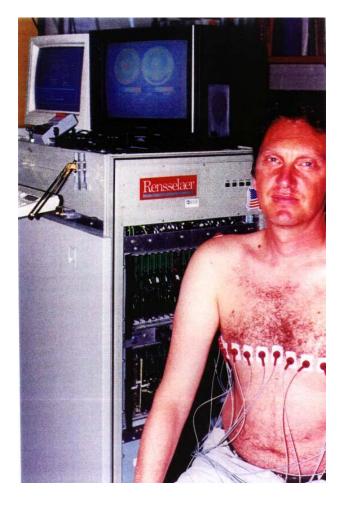
First D-Bar Cardiac Images

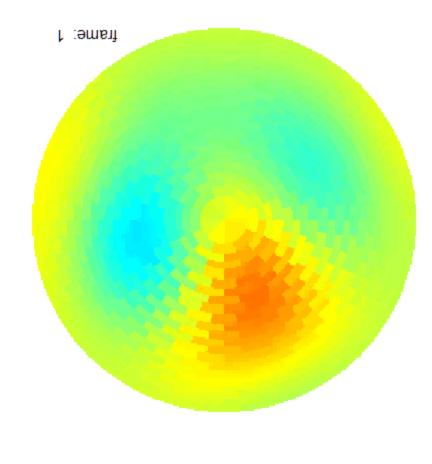


Changes in conductivity as heart expands (diastole) and contracts (systole) from one fixed moment in cardiac cycle.

First blood fills enlarging heart (red) while leaving lungs (blue). Then blood leaves contracting heart (blue) to fill lungs (red).

Reconstruction by D-bar. Data by ACT3.





Click on the image at right to see a movie of changes in the conductivity inside a chest during the cardiac cycle. Difference's shown in the movie are all from one moment in the cycle. The movie starts with the heart filling and the lungs emptying.

Reconstruction by D-Bar. Data from ACT3.

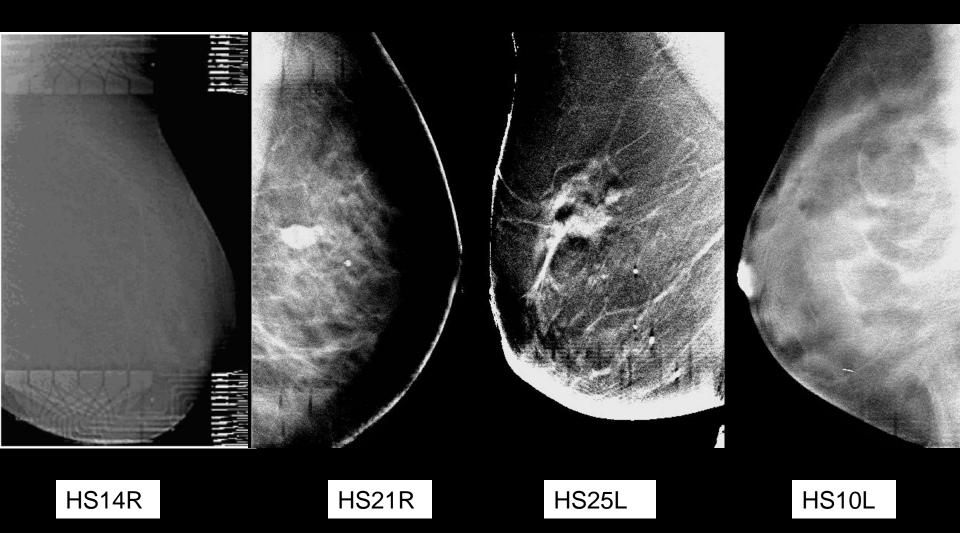
Problems:

- How to make D-bar method work better with experimental data?
- How to make it work in 3-D?
- How to make D-bar work with Optical, Acoustic, and Microwave Data?

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Breast Cancer Problem

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Electrical Impedance Tomography with Tomosynthesis for Breast Cancer Detection

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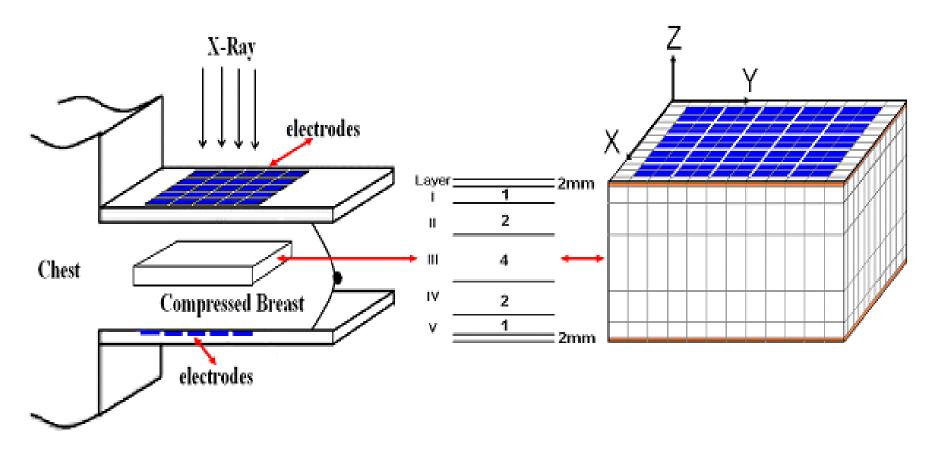
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EIT electrodes added to mammography machine.



- 1:2:4:2:1 is the ratio of the mesh thicknesses.
 - Only the center layer, III, is displayed in the results.

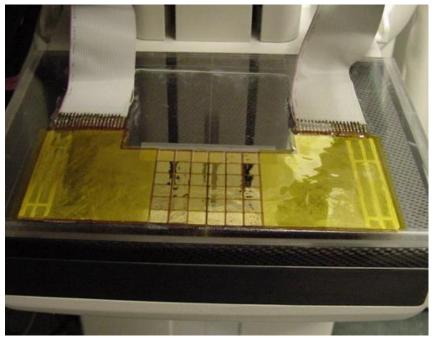
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EIT Instrumentation



ACT 4 with Tomosynthesis unit



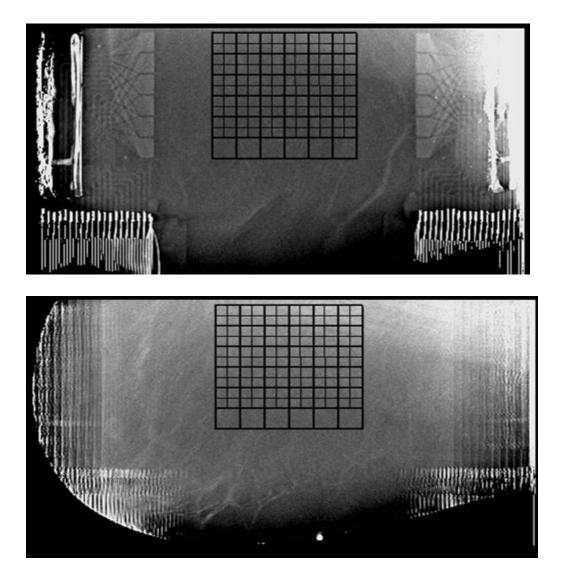
Radiolucent electrode array





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Co-registration of EIT and Tomo Images



To find the electrode position, display the slice containing the electrodes. Superimpose the mesh grid with correct scale.

Slice 15 of 91

HS_14R Normal

Then select the desired tomosynthesis layer.

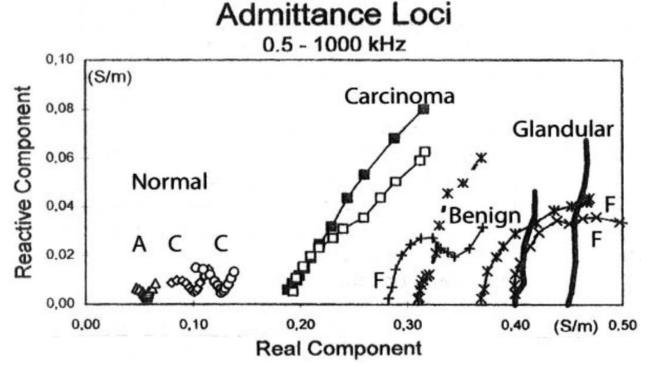
Slice 50 of 91





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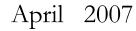
Admittance Loci: format for summaries of EIS data



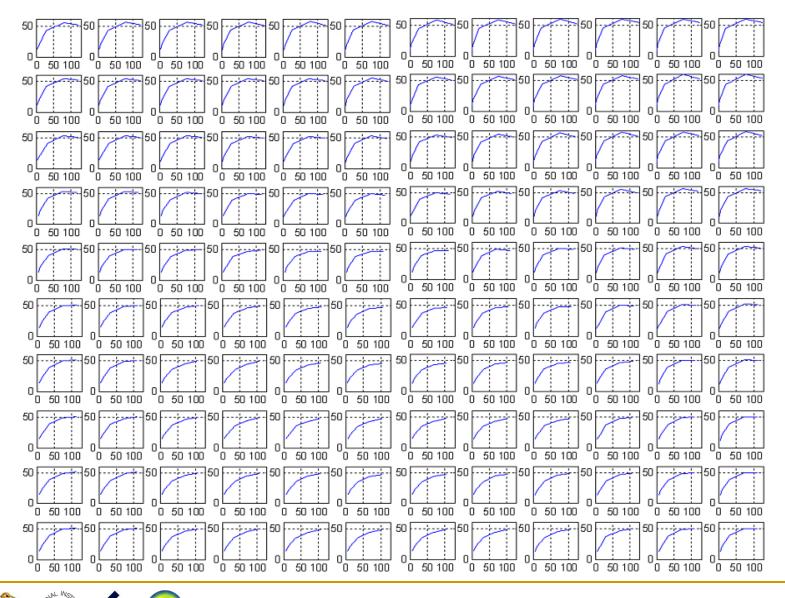
Results of in-vitro studies of excised breast tissue. Jossinet & Schmitt 1999



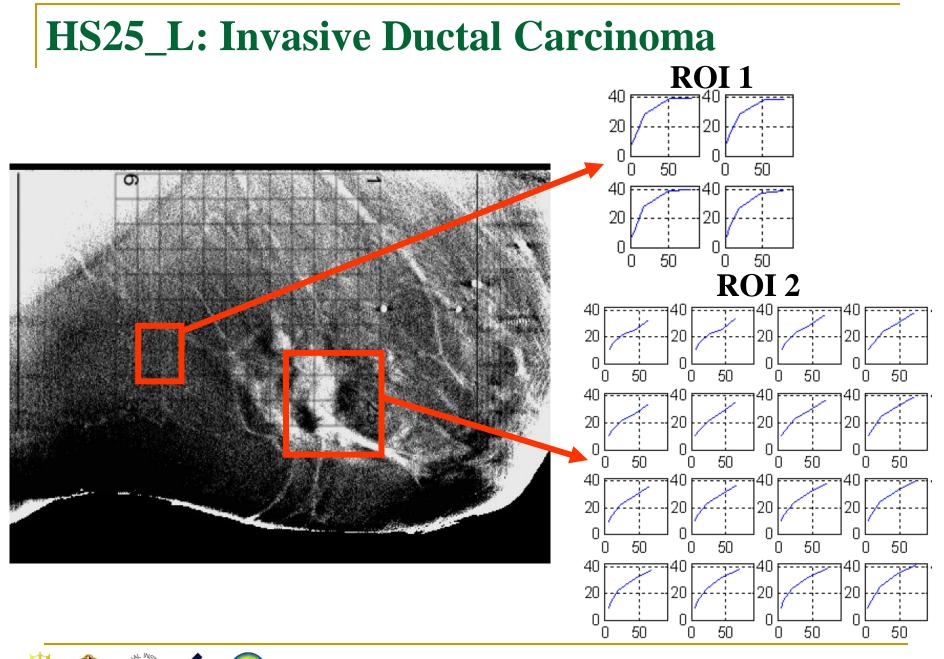
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120 EIS plots for a normal breast (HS14_Right)

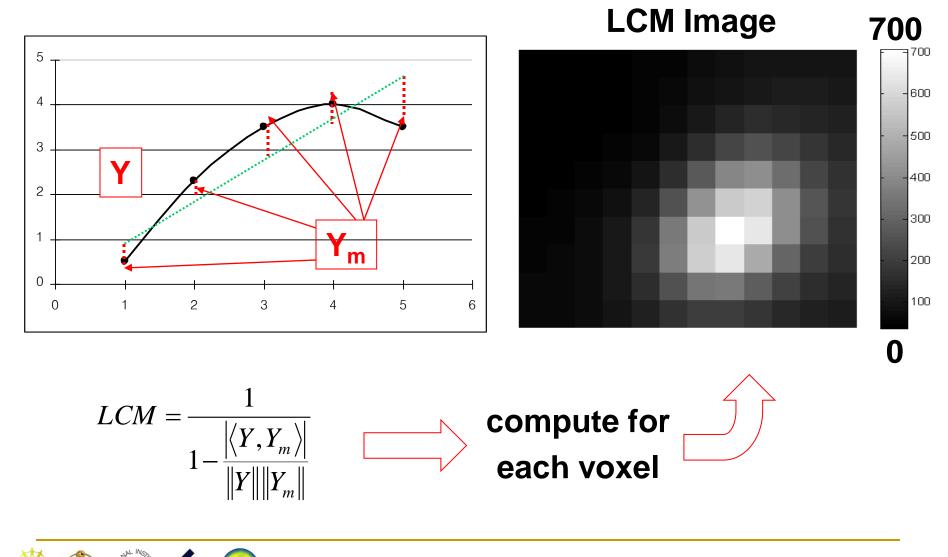


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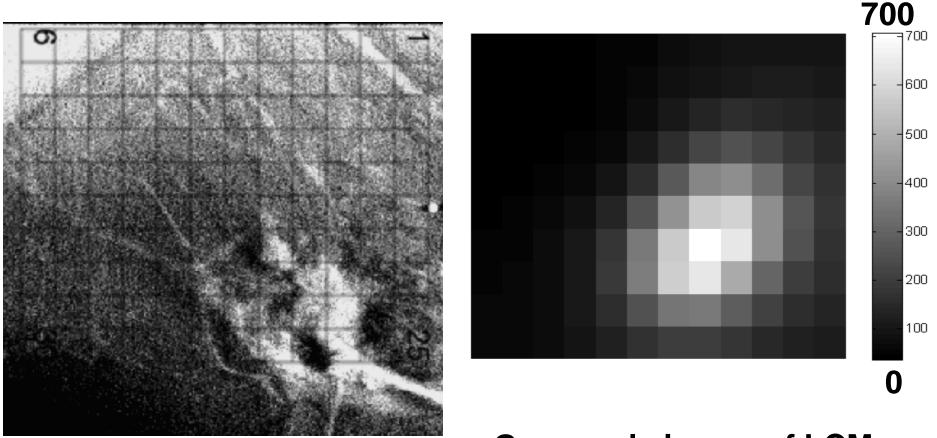
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Linear Correlation Measure – LCM



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LCM Image of invasive ductal CA (HS25_L)

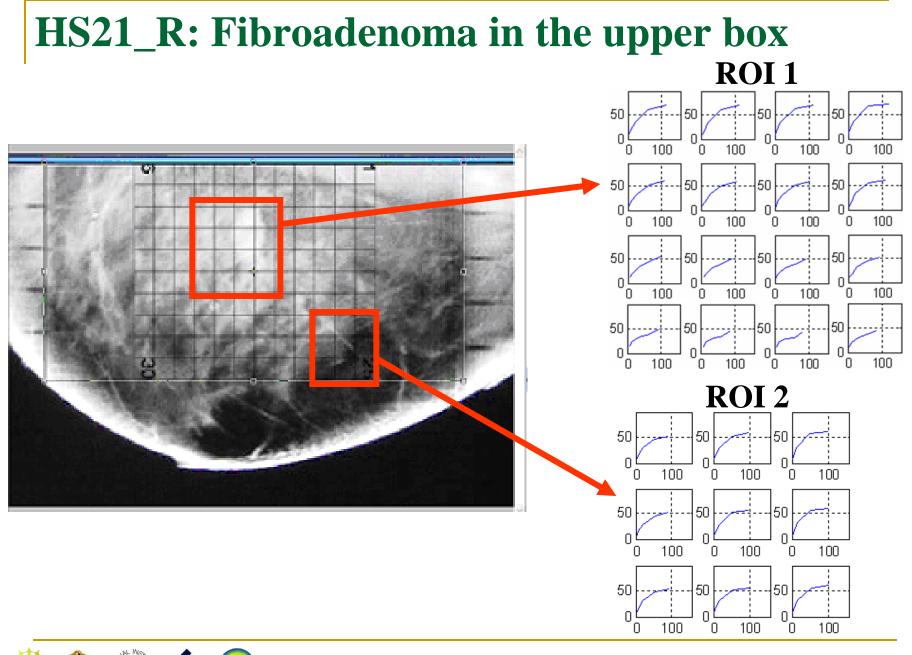


Gray scale image of LCM



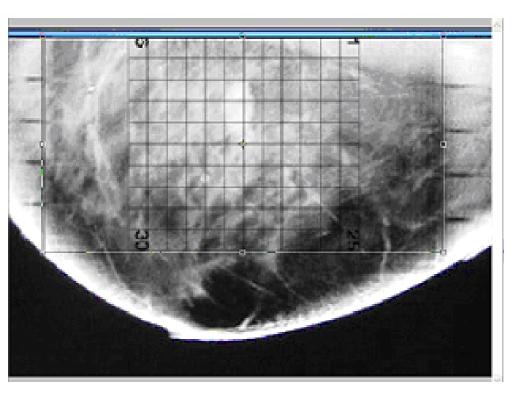


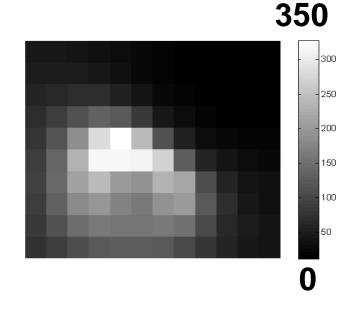
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LCM Image of fibroadenoma (HS21_R)



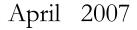


Gray scale image of LCM





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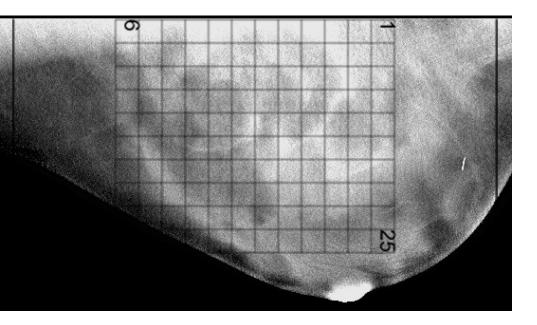


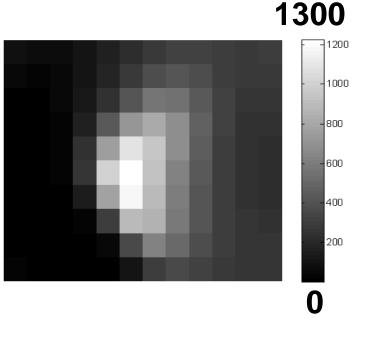
HS10_L: Invasive Ductal CA "Proliferation is worrisome" **ROI 1** - 100 100 5 Ο 50 Π Π 50 100 100 Ο П Π 50 ĺΟ. 50 **ROI 2** 100 -100 100 100 Ο n. Ο Π 50 50 50 'n. n. 'n. Π 50 25 100 -100 100 100 Π Π Π Π 50 Ο 50 'n. 50 50 Π Π 100 -100 100 100 0 Π Π 50 50 50 0 0 50 Π n



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LCM Image of invasive ductal CA (HS10_L)



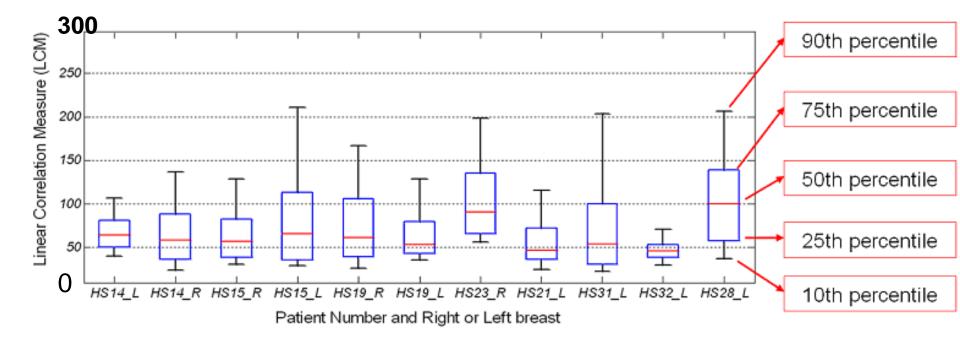


Gray scale image of LCM



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LCM for 11 normal breasts

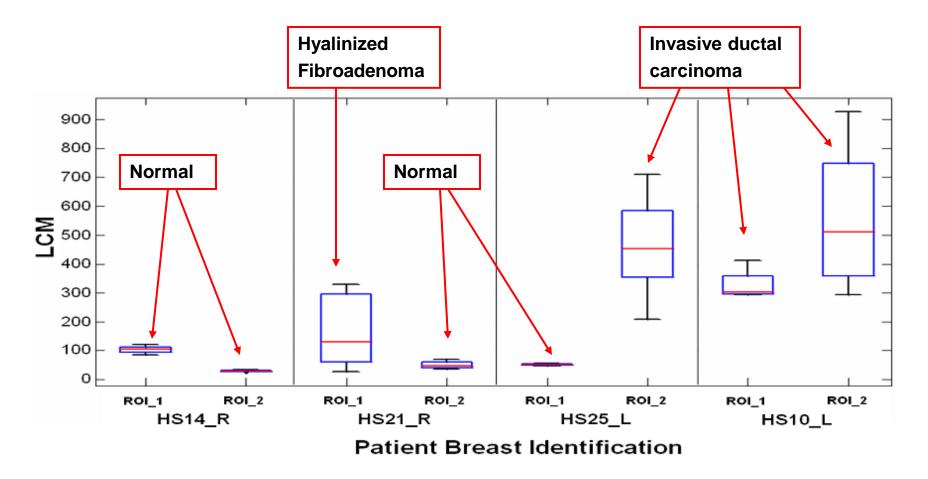


There are 120 EIS plots for layer 3 in each patient. The distribution of the LCM parameter in these plots is shown.





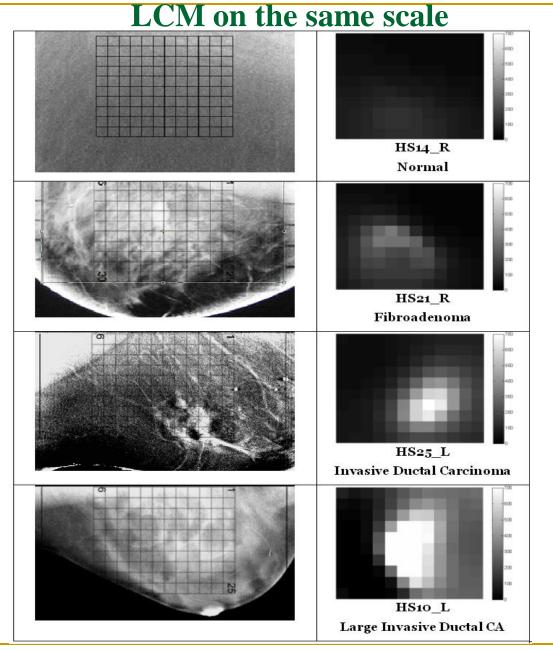
LCM for the regions of interest in 4 patients



The distributions of the LCM for the regions of interest identified. Note the LCM values are much larger for voxels associated with the malignant lesions.



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Normal Breast

Fibroadenoma

Invasive Ductal Carcinoma

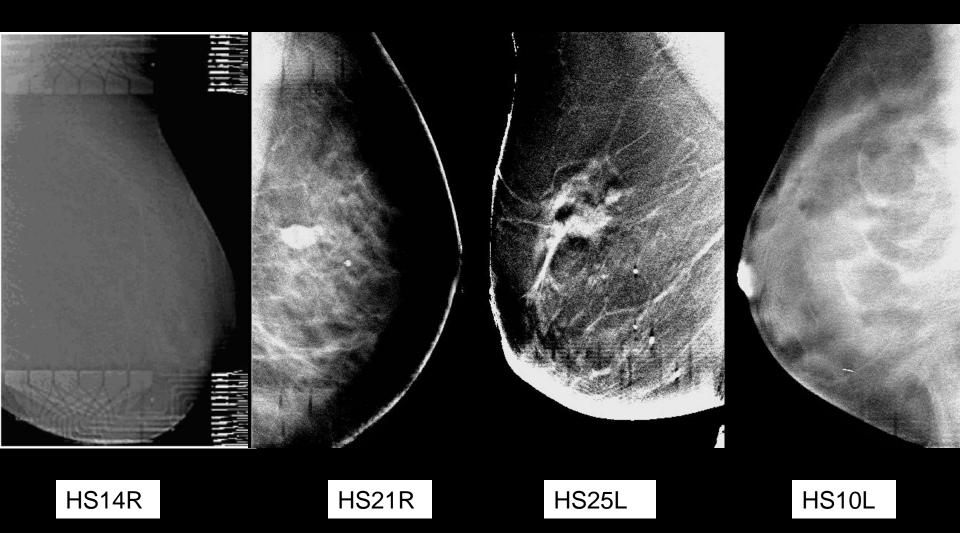
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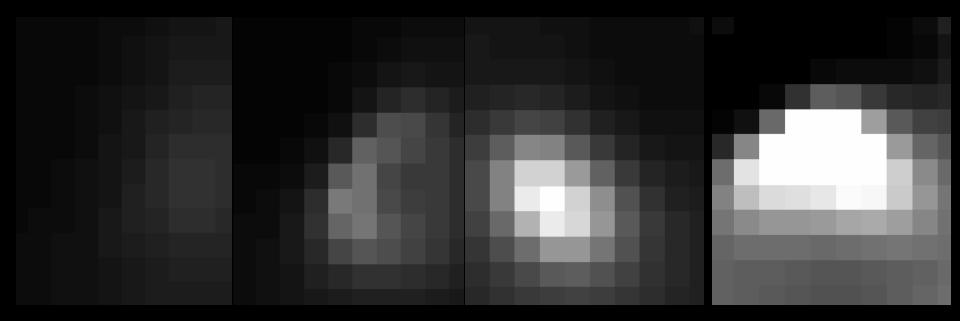


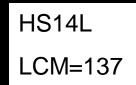
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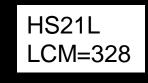
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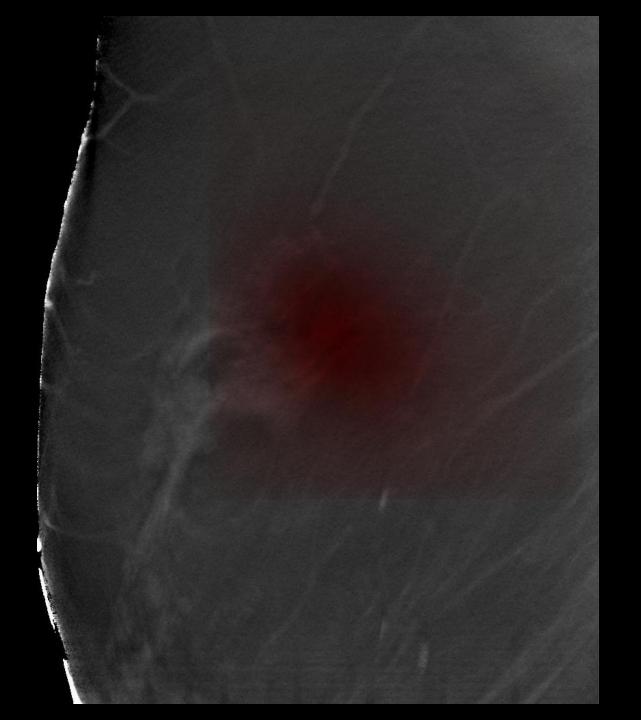
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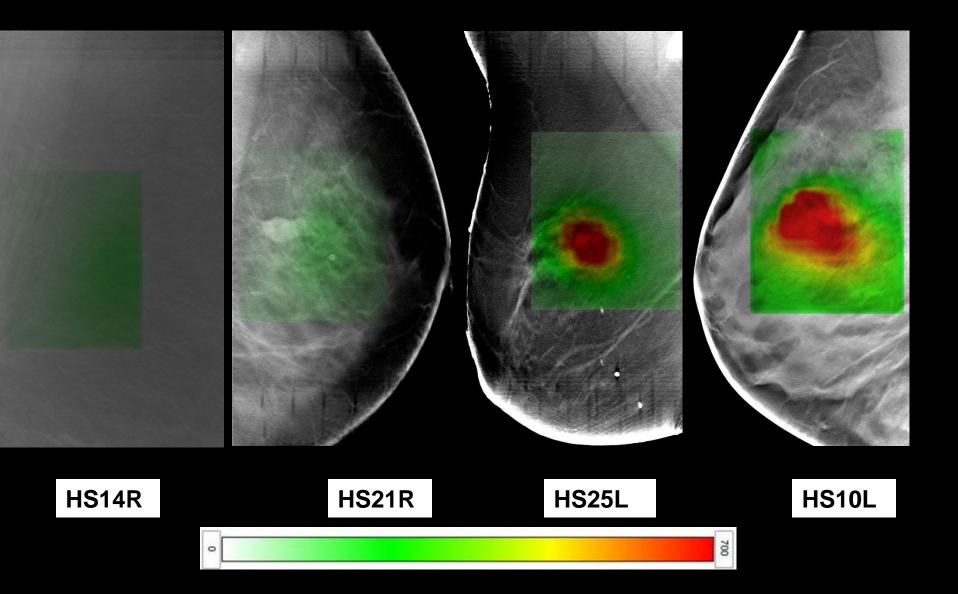








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