

BioMedical Optics

New developments in Non-invasive Biomedical Optics

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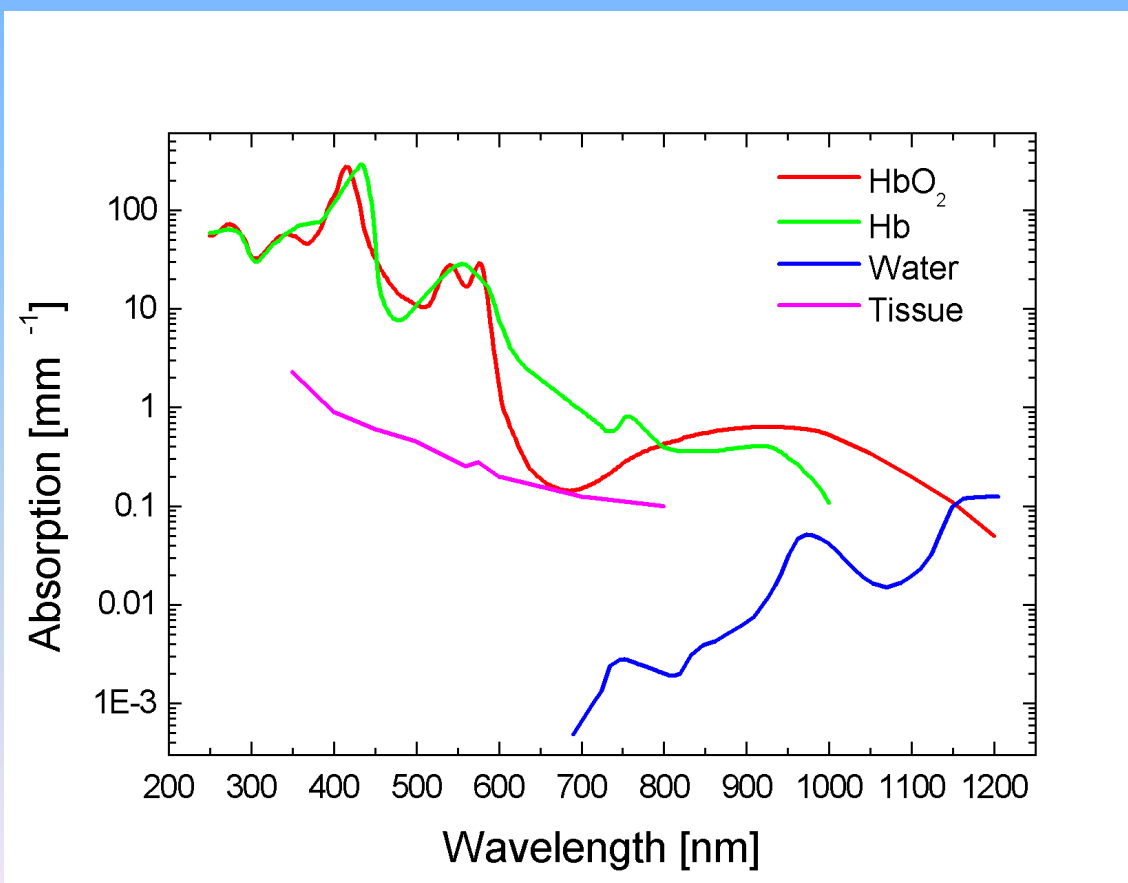
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Non-invasive Biomedical Optics

- optical (or optically-based) **techniques and instruments**,
- to extract **physiologically** relevant information,
- from measuring **physical quantities** in tissue,
- in a **non-invasive** way, *i.e.* from the outside of the body,
- **avoiding oppressing** the patient ;
- quantities are:
optical or opto-acoustical characteristics of the tissue sample
(scattering, absorption, fluorescence data, molecular composition
(with Raman), or velocity of blood cells or temperature etc.)

Optical properties of tissue and blood



(Reduced)
Scattering coefficient:

- $\lambda = 580 \text{ nm}$:
 Dermis: 3 mm^{-1}
 Blood: $1 \dots$
- $\lambda = 850 \text{ nm}$:
 Dermis: $1 \dots$
 Blood: $0.5 \dots$

Non-invasive Biomedical Optics

In this talk:

- oximetry

- *optical tomographic methods:*

1. optical coherence tomography
2. orthogonal polarization spectral imaging
3. transillumination tomography:
 - time-of-flight, high-frequency modulation, continuous-wave
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- *dynamic scattering: laser-Doppler:*

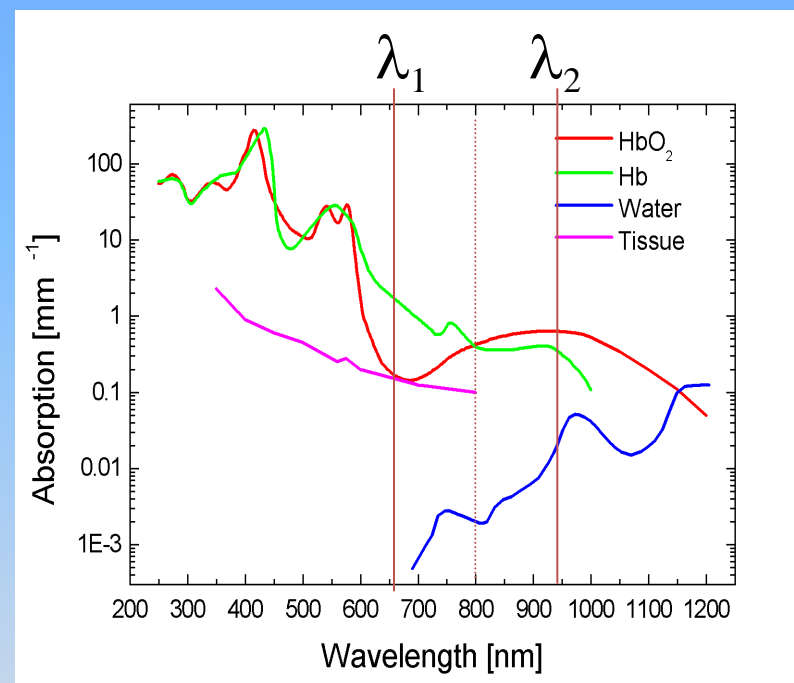
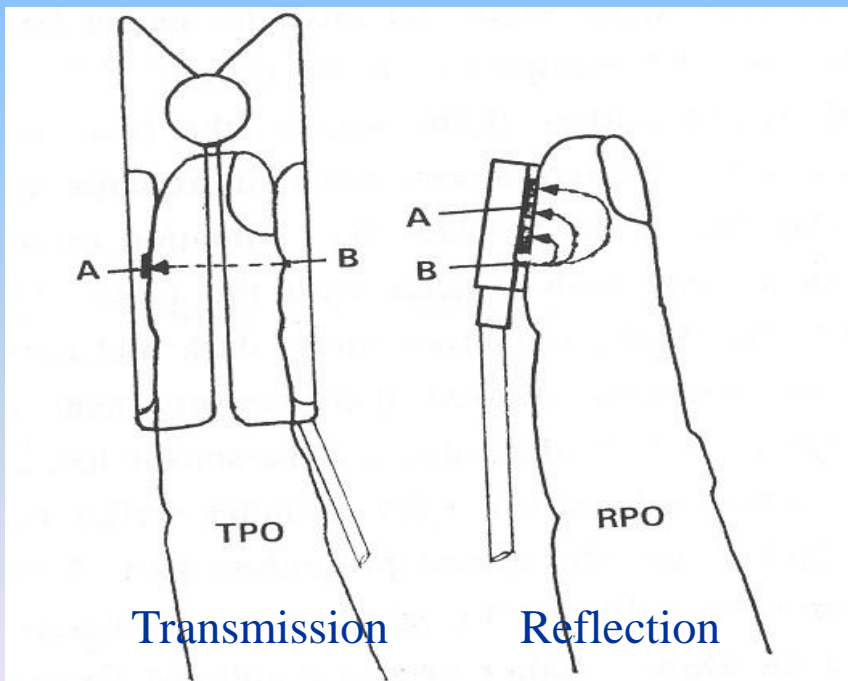
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Oximetry

Oxygen

Saturation:

$$Sa_{O_2} = \frac{c_{HbO_2}}{c_{HbO_2} + c_{Hb}}$$



Preferred wavelengths:

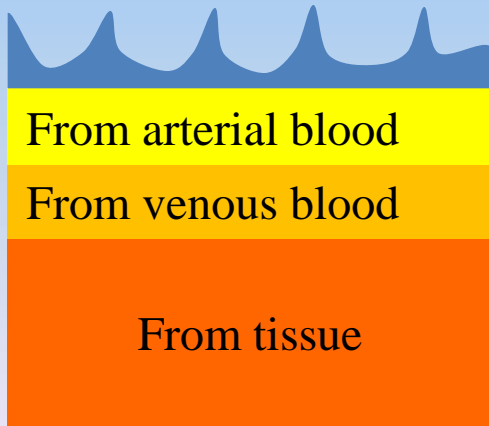
- 660 nm (red) ; ≈ 0 absorption by HbO₂
- 940 nm (IR) ; \approx equal absorption by Hb and HbO₂

Oximetry

Pulse oximetry:
measuring pulsatile and
constant blood flow.

Contributions to
absorption:

From pulsatile part
of arterial blood



Theory : Lambert - Beer law :

$$I(d) = I(0) \cdot \exp(-\mu_a d)$$

$$\frac{\Delta I(d)}{I(d)} = \Delta \left(\frac{\ln I(d)}{I(0)} \right) = -\mu_a \cdot d$$

$$\frac{\Delta I_R / I_R}{\Delta I_{IR} / I_{IR}} = \frac{\mu_{a,R}}{\mu_{a,IR}}$$

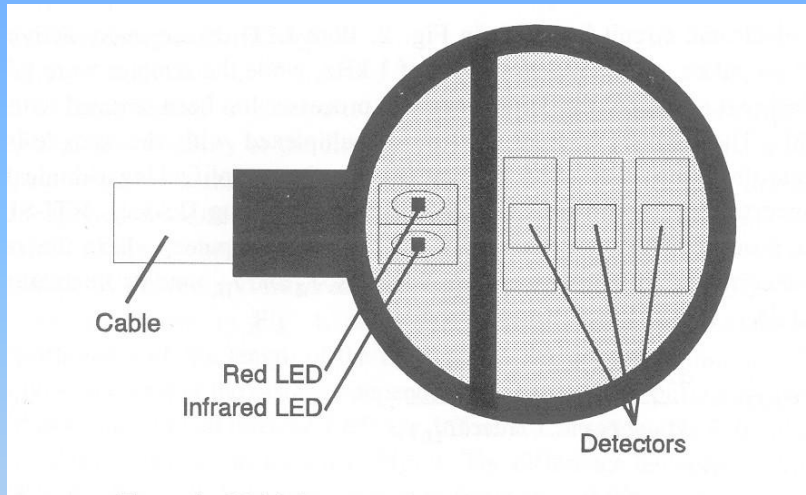
Experiment :

$$\frac{\Delta \ln I_R}{\Delta \ln I_{IR}} = \frac{\Delta I_R / I_R}{\Delta I_{IR} / I_{IR}} = \frac{(AC / DC)_R}{(AC / DC)_{IR}} = \frac{R}{IR}$$

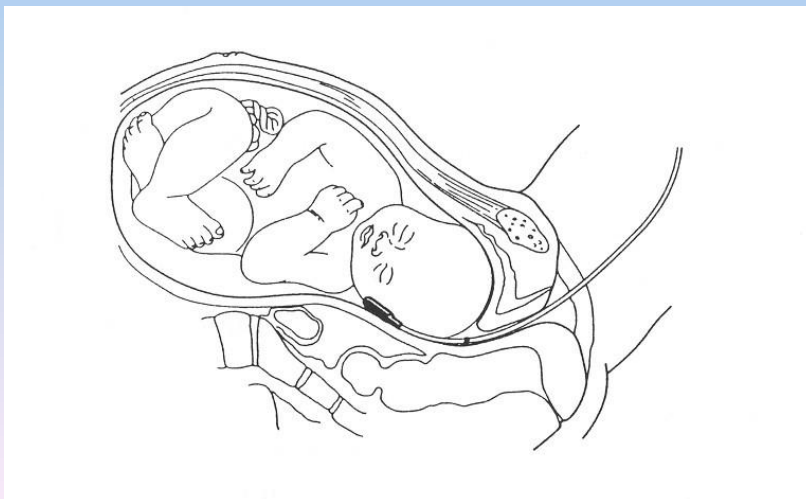
$$\Rightarrow \frac{R}{IR} = \frac{\mu_{a,R}}{\mu_{a,IR}} = \frac{c_{Hb}}{c_{HbO_2} + k c_{Hb}} ; k \approx 1.$$

$$Sa_{O_2} = \frac{c_{HbO_2}}{c_{HbO_2} + c_{Hb}}$$

Oximetry



Reflection Pulse Oximetry
Dual-wavelength probe (*)



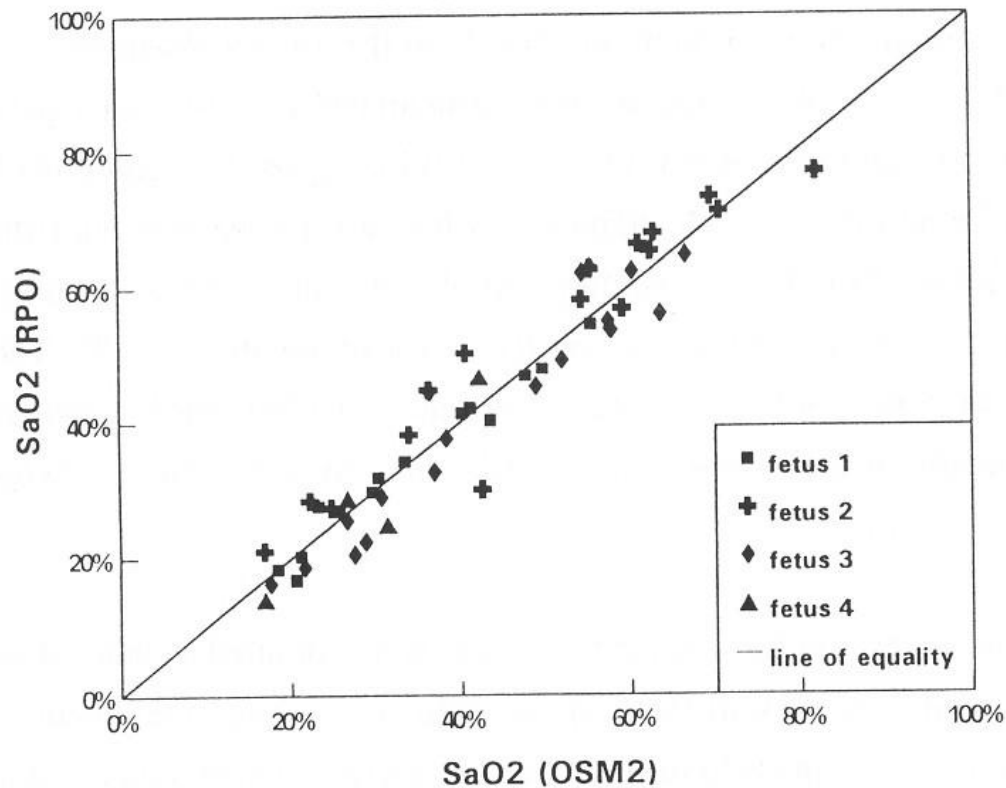
Position of the probe at fetal head

(*) Courtesy: R. Graaff, Academic Hospital Groningen, Netherlands

Oximetry

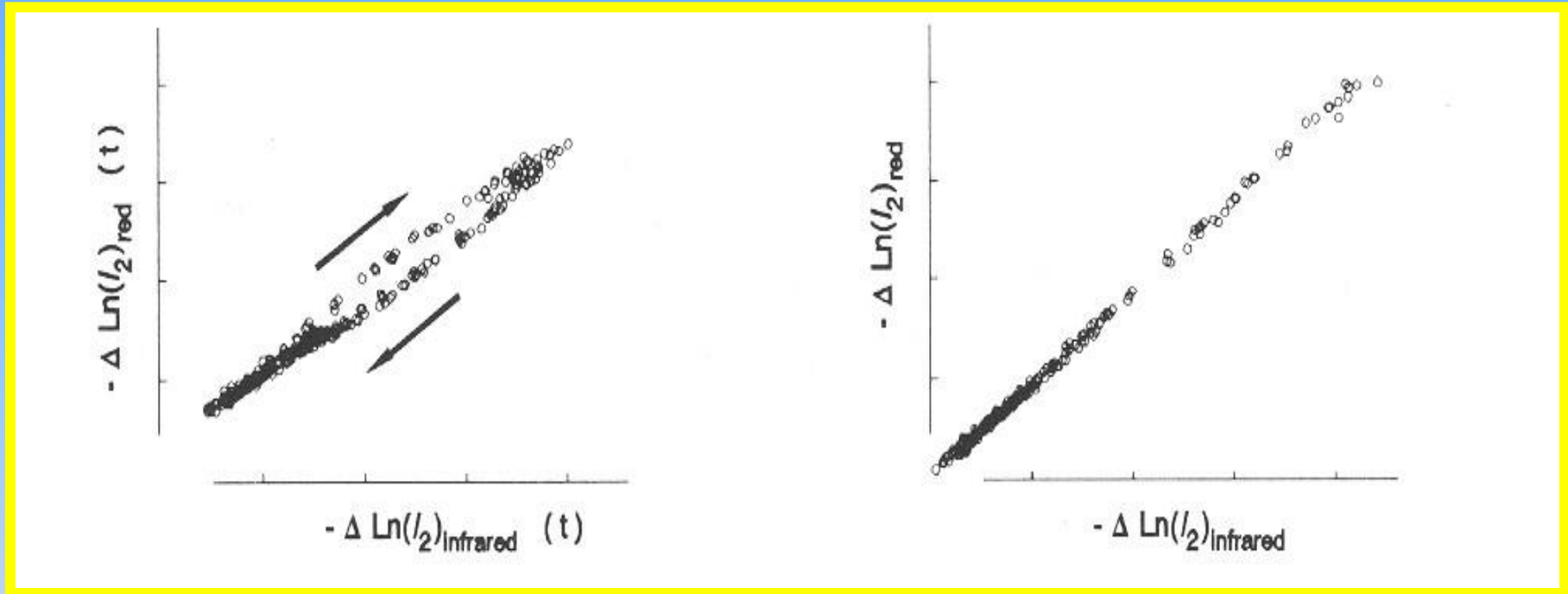
Fetal scalp

Calibration
against blood
samples



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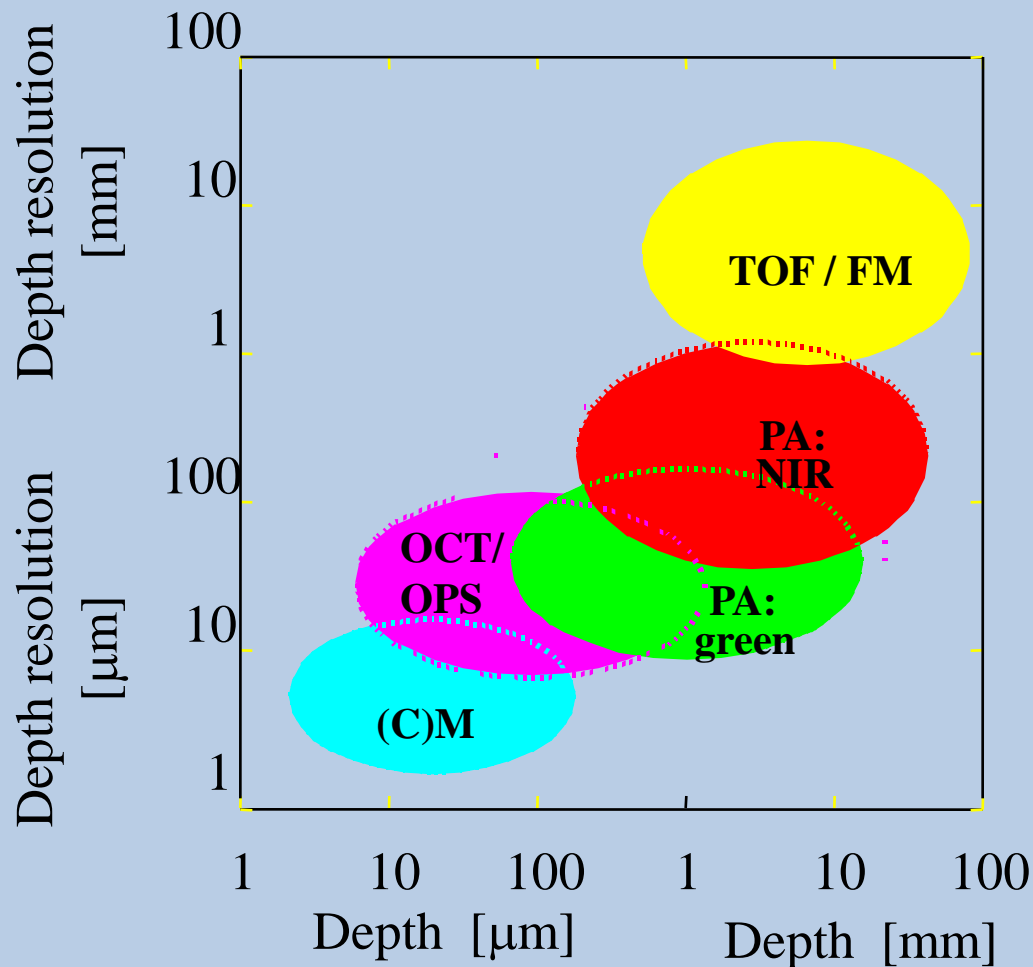
Heart-cycle fluctuations in red vs. infrared signal, measured at index finger of healthy subject.

Left vs. right panel: without / with pressure on the probe

More “red” means: less saturation

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Imaging methods for hidden structures in turbid media (tissue)



C(M) : (confocal) microscopy

OCT: optical coherence tomography

OPS: orthogonal polarization spectral imaging

PA: photoacoustics

TOF: time-of-flight tomography

FM: frequency-modulated tomography

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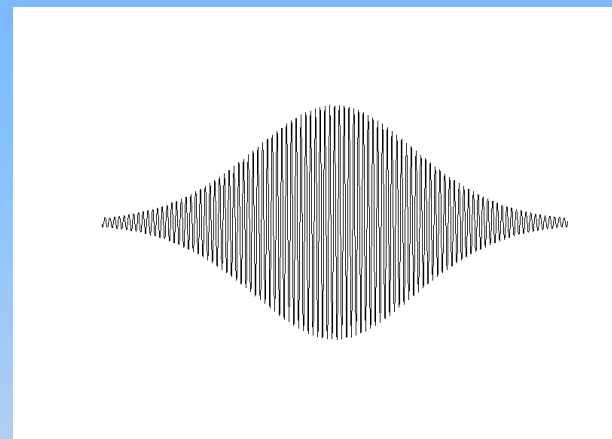
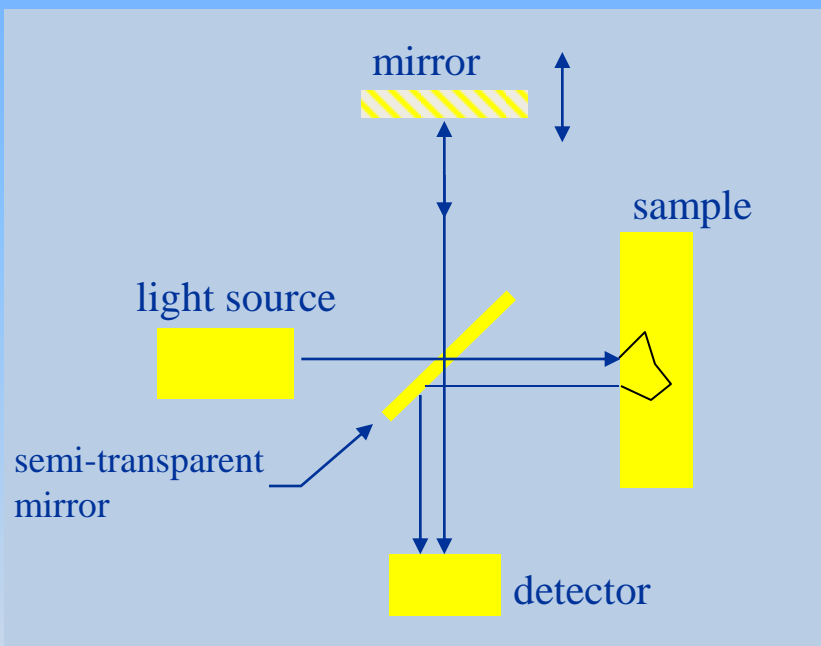
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Optical Tomographic Methods:

1. Optical Coherence Tomography

Interferometer



Wave package of a short-coherence light source

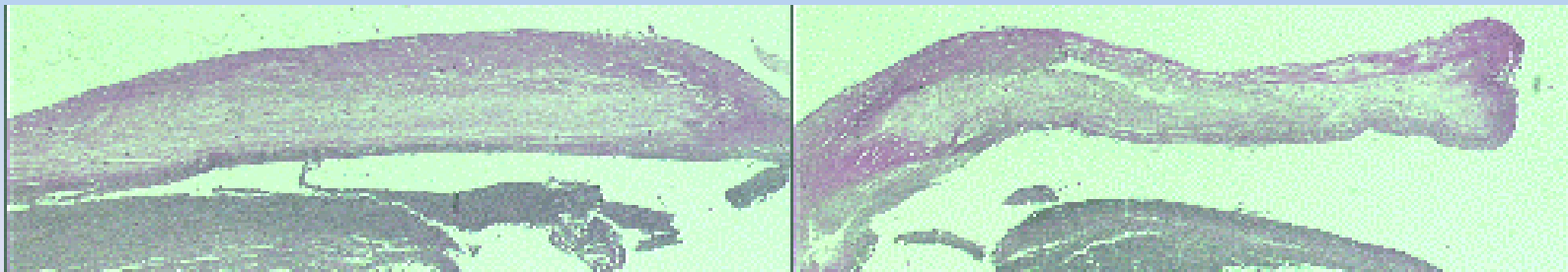
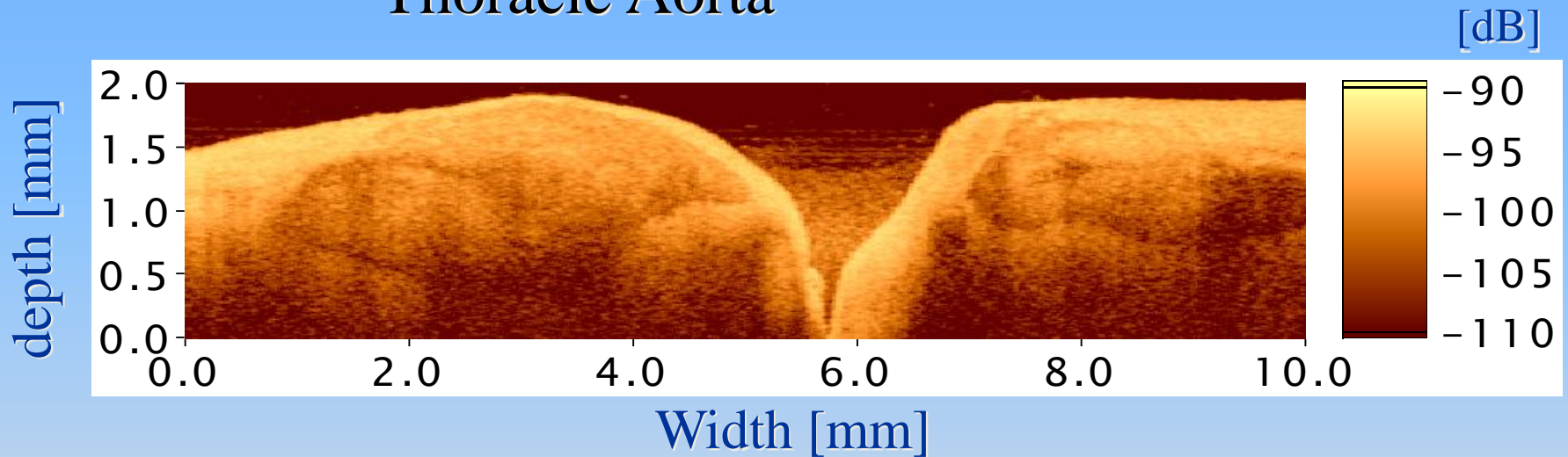
Interferometer setup:

- Detector will record only when signals from reference mirror and from sample overlap
- Scanning mirror enables depth resolution ($\approx 10 \mu\text{m}$)
- Maximum depth $\approx 1.0 \text{ mm}$

Optical Tomographic Methods:

1. Optical Coherence Tomography

Thoracic Aorta



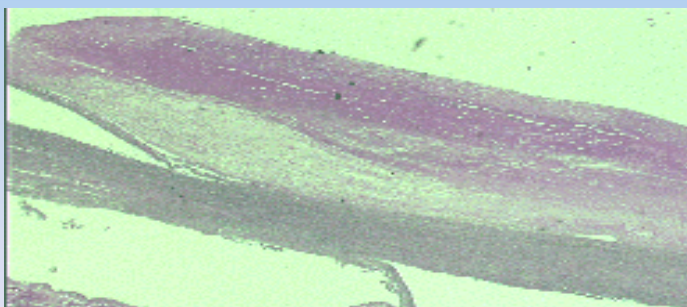
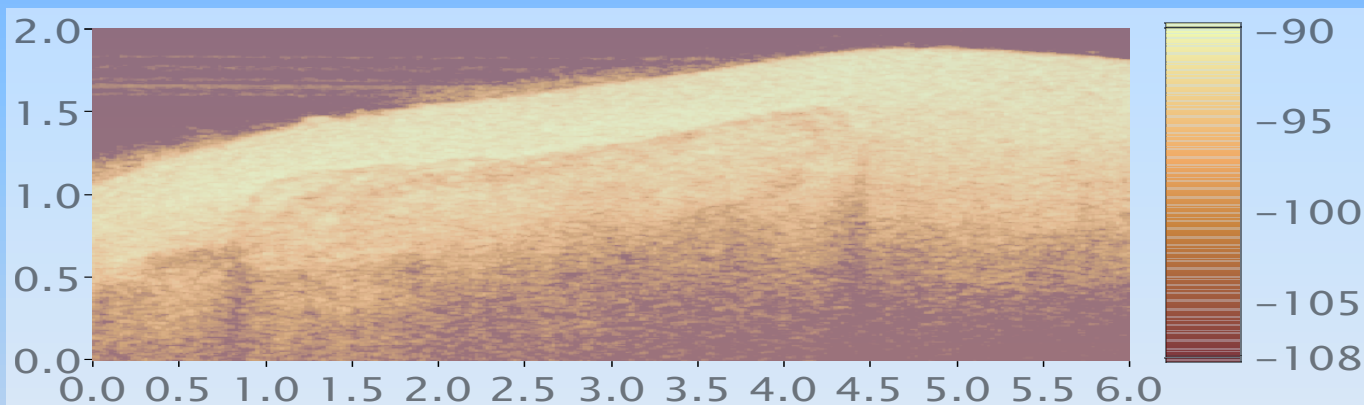
histology

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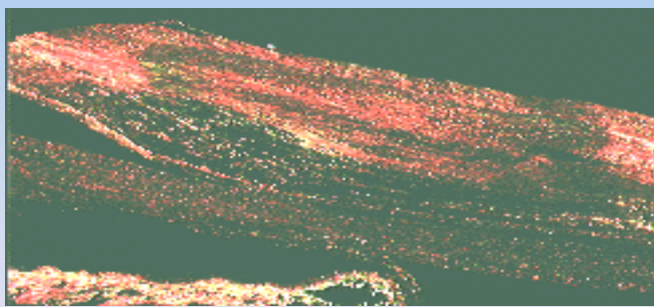
1. Optical Coherence Tomography

Lesion in intima vessel

OCT-image



Histology

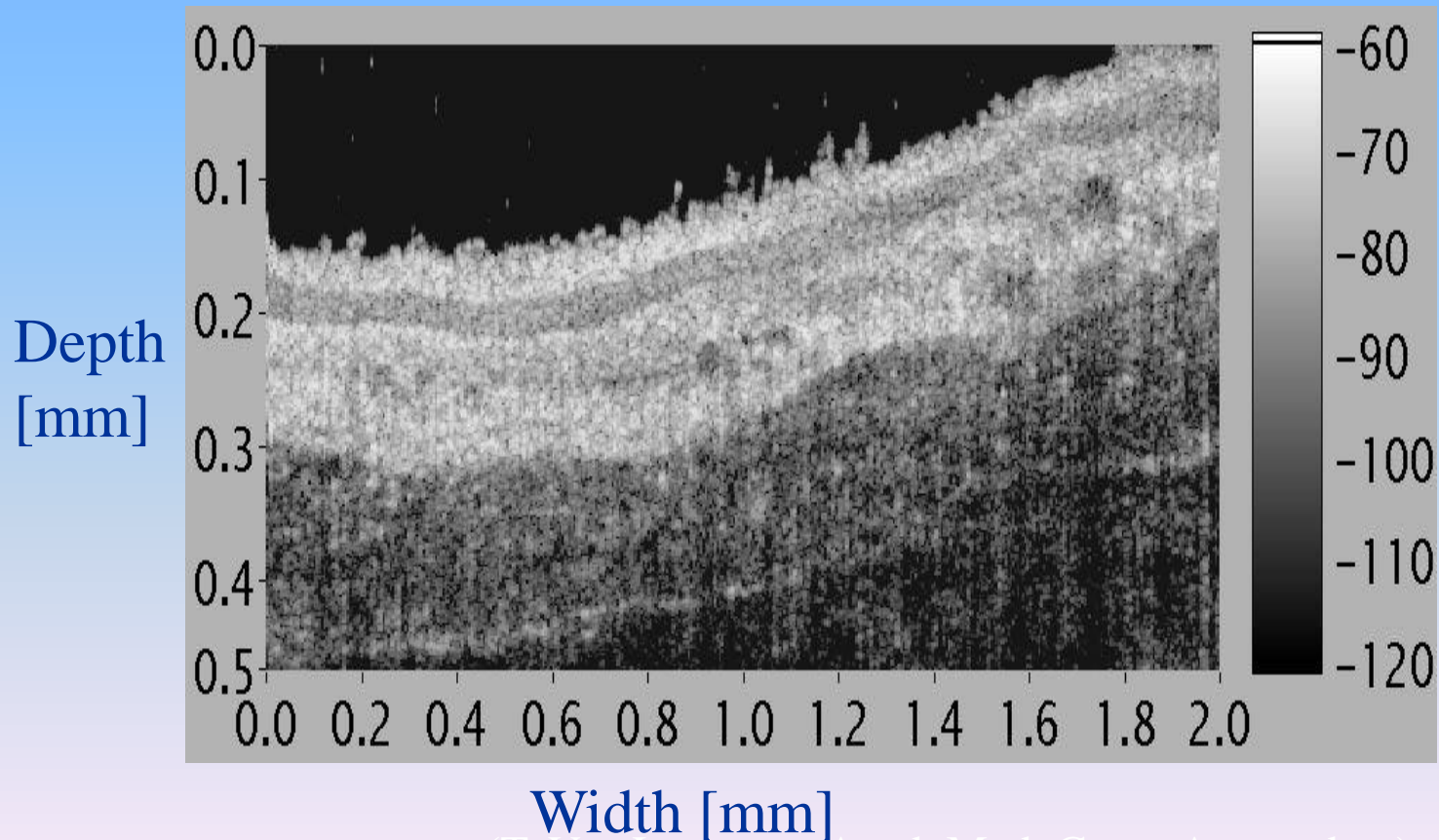


Birefringe microscopy

Optical Tomographic Methods:

1. Optical Coherence Tomography

Rat Esophagus



(T. Van Leeuwen, Acad. Med. Centr. Amsterdam)

Optical Tomographic Methods:

1. Optical Coherence Tomography

Options :

- **Color Doppler OCT**
(measures blood velocity profiles)
- **Elastographic OCT**
(measures blood shear rates)
- **Polarization OCT**
(measures birefringe effects in tissue layers)

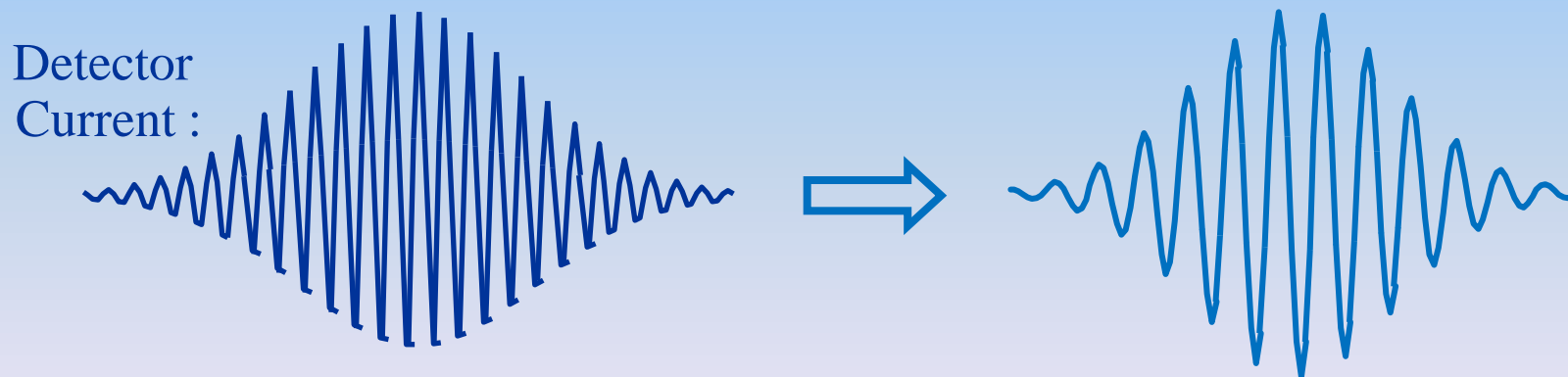
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Option: **Color Doppler OCT** measures velocity V_s of blood cells, flowing under angle θ with direction of incident laser beam

$$\text{Doppler frequency} = \frac{2 V n \cos \theta}{\lambda}$$

wavelength = λ
medium :
refract.index = n

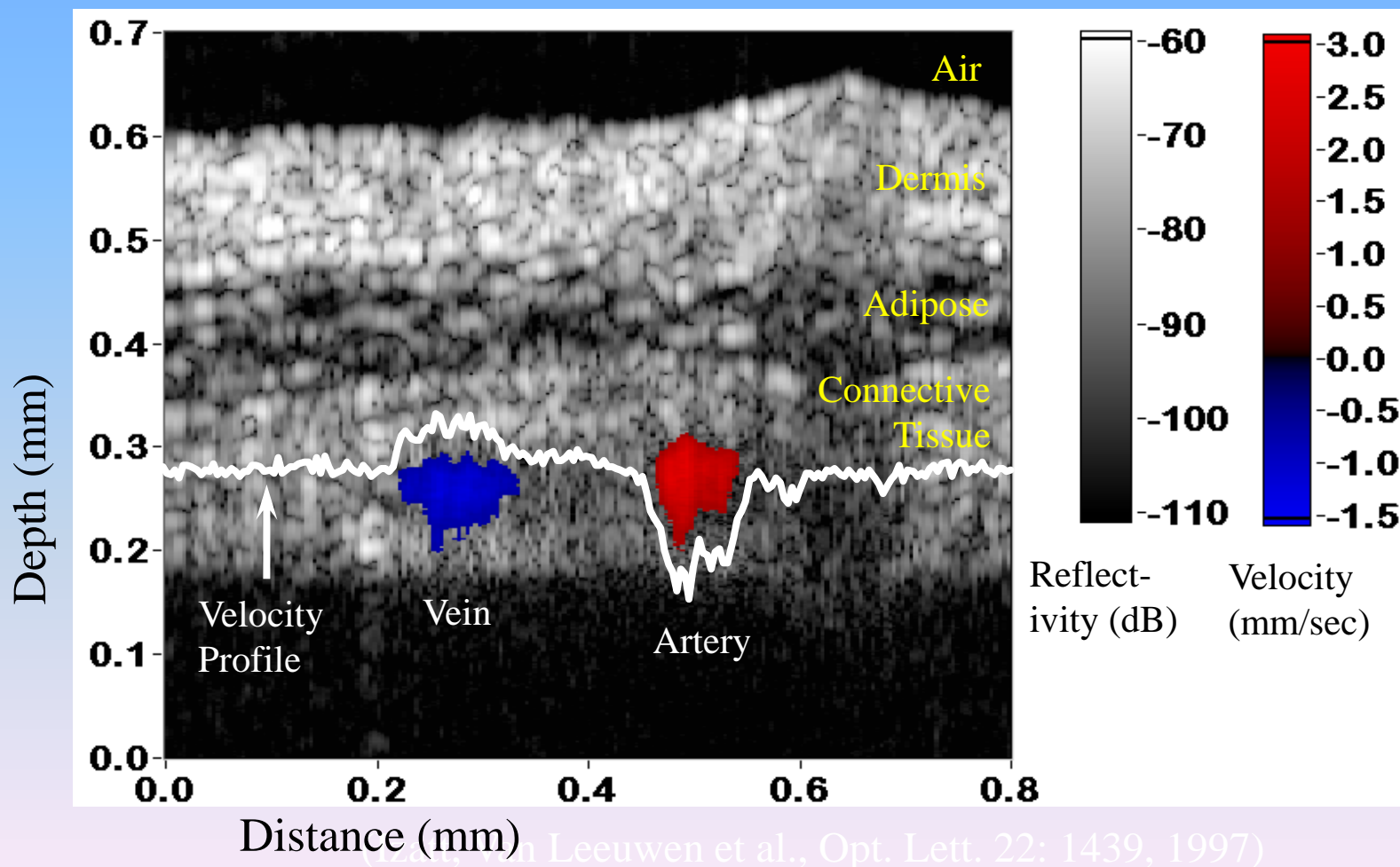


Doppler frequency = frequency difference.

Optical Tomographic Methods:

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Doppler OCT in intact *in vivo* Hamster skin tissue



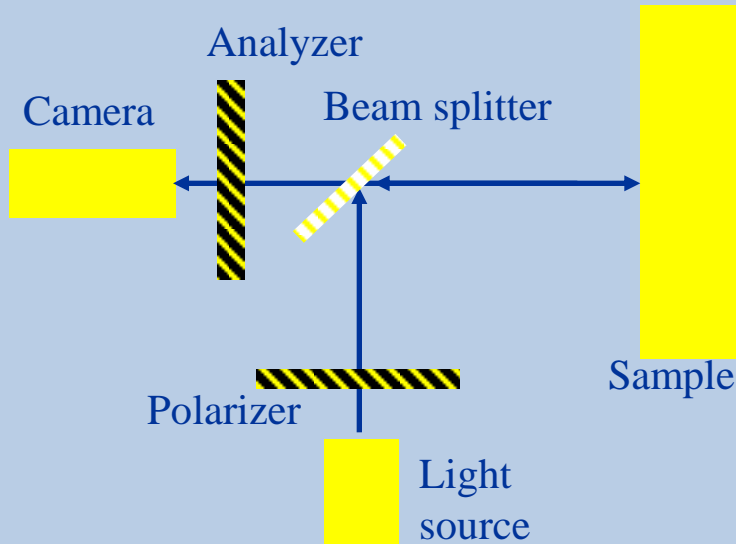
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Optical Tomographic Methods:

2. Orthogonal Polarization Spectral Imaging



Analyzer and polarizer orthogonal

About 10 scattering events needed for complete de-polarization.

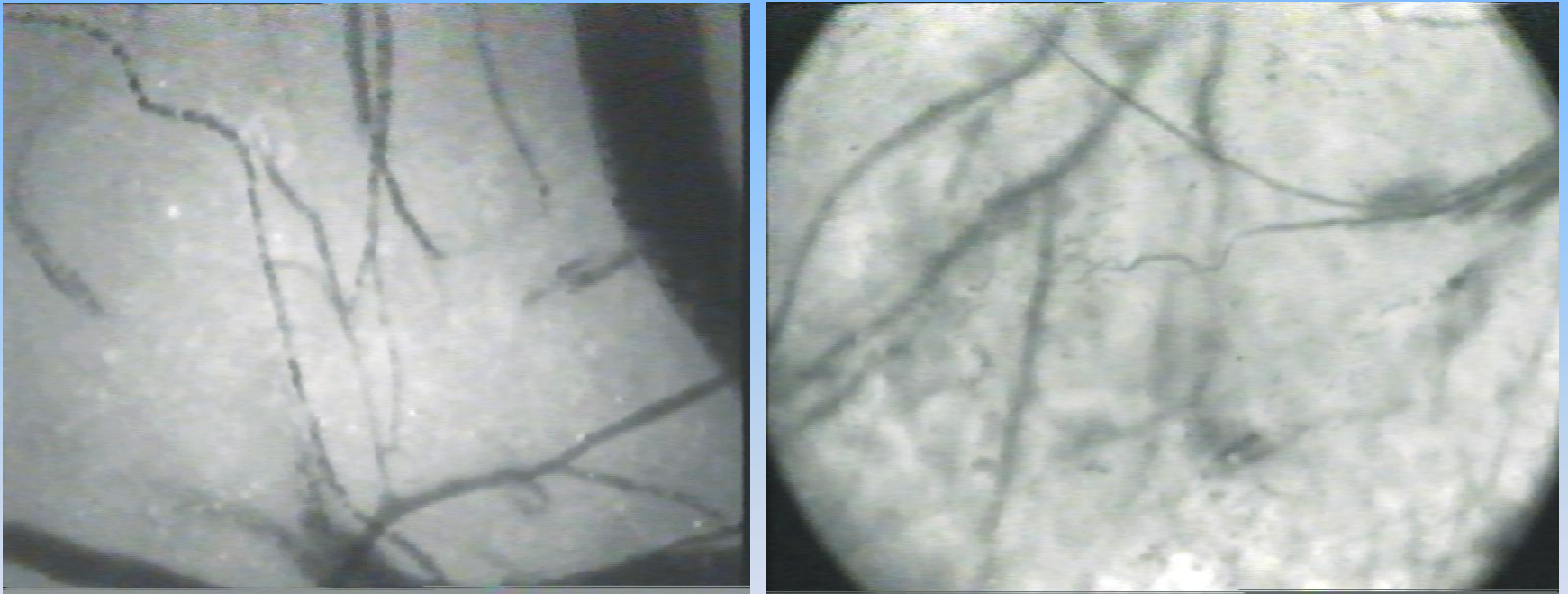
Green light: preferentially absorbed in blood cells (\Rightarrow shadow view)

View field $\approx 1 \text{ mm } \varnothing$

Maximum Depth $\approx 0.5 \text{ mm}$

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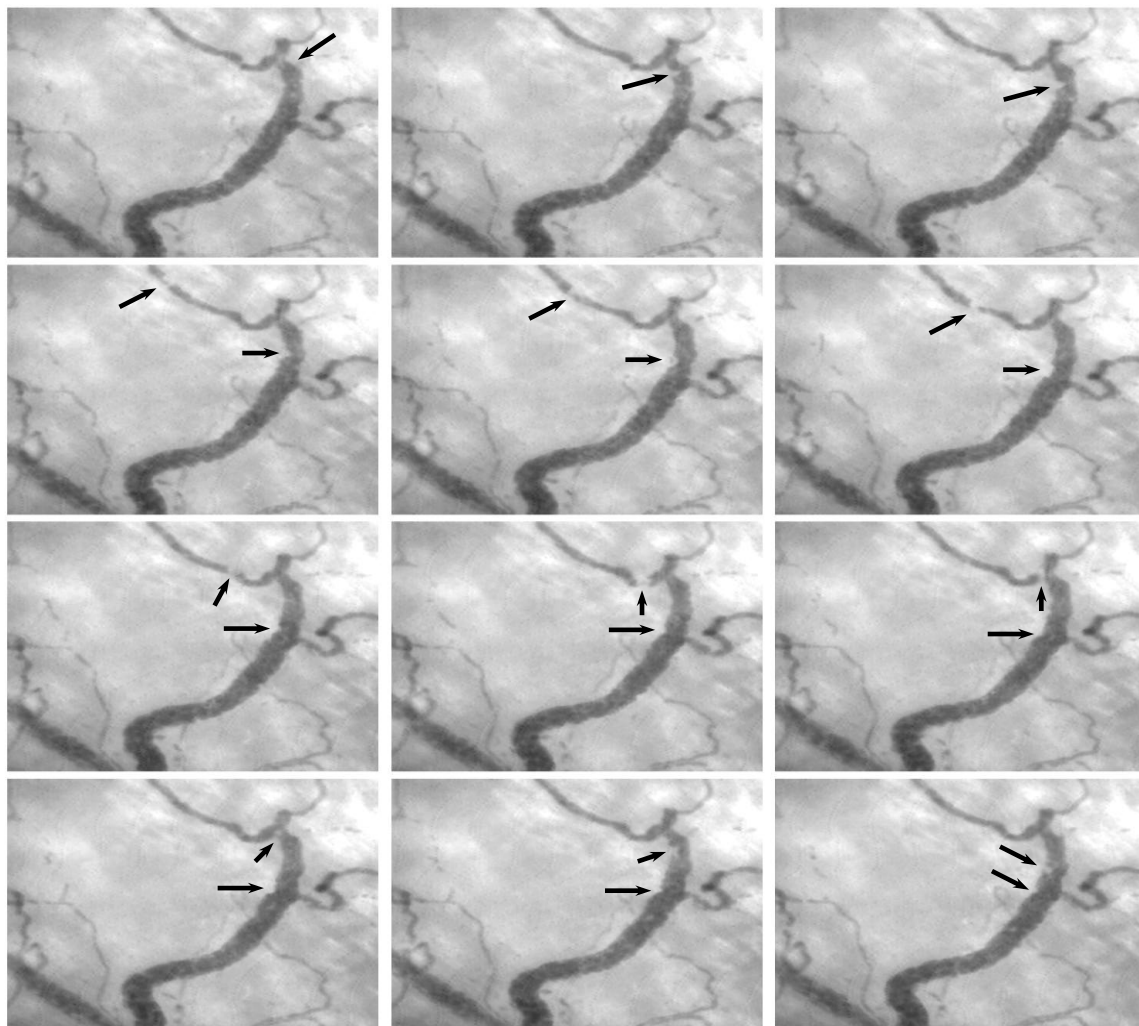
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Capillary structure from under tongue of healthy person.

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Rolling and sticking
leukocytes

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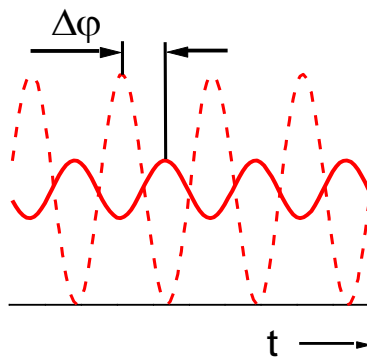
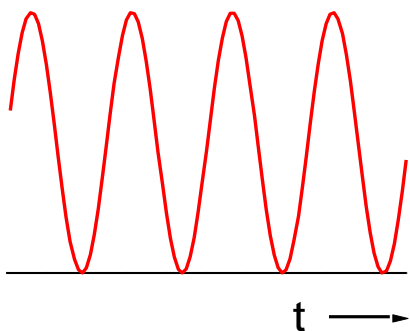
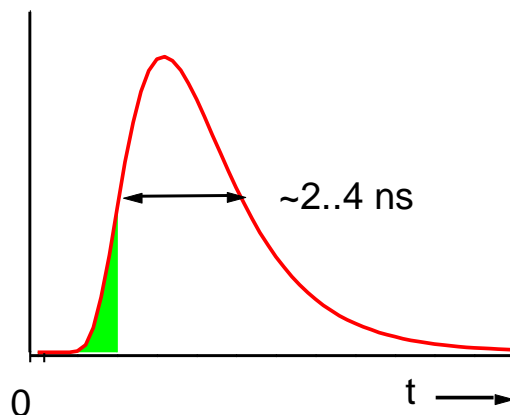
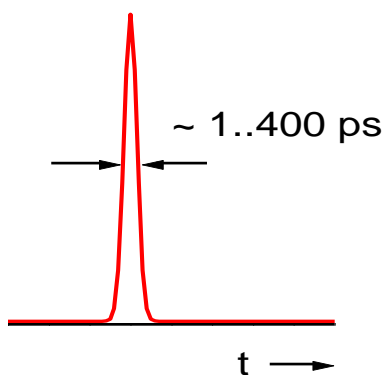
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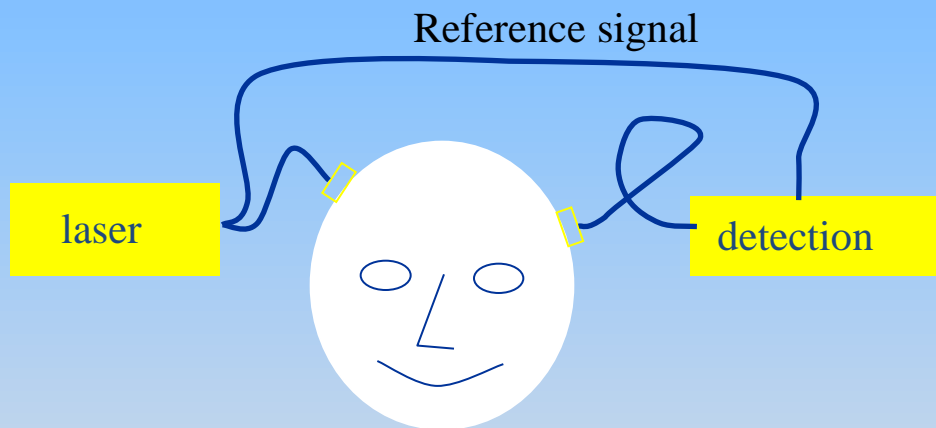


Time-of-flight:
emerging photons
delayed by
scattering

Frequency
modulation:
phase lagging due to
path length

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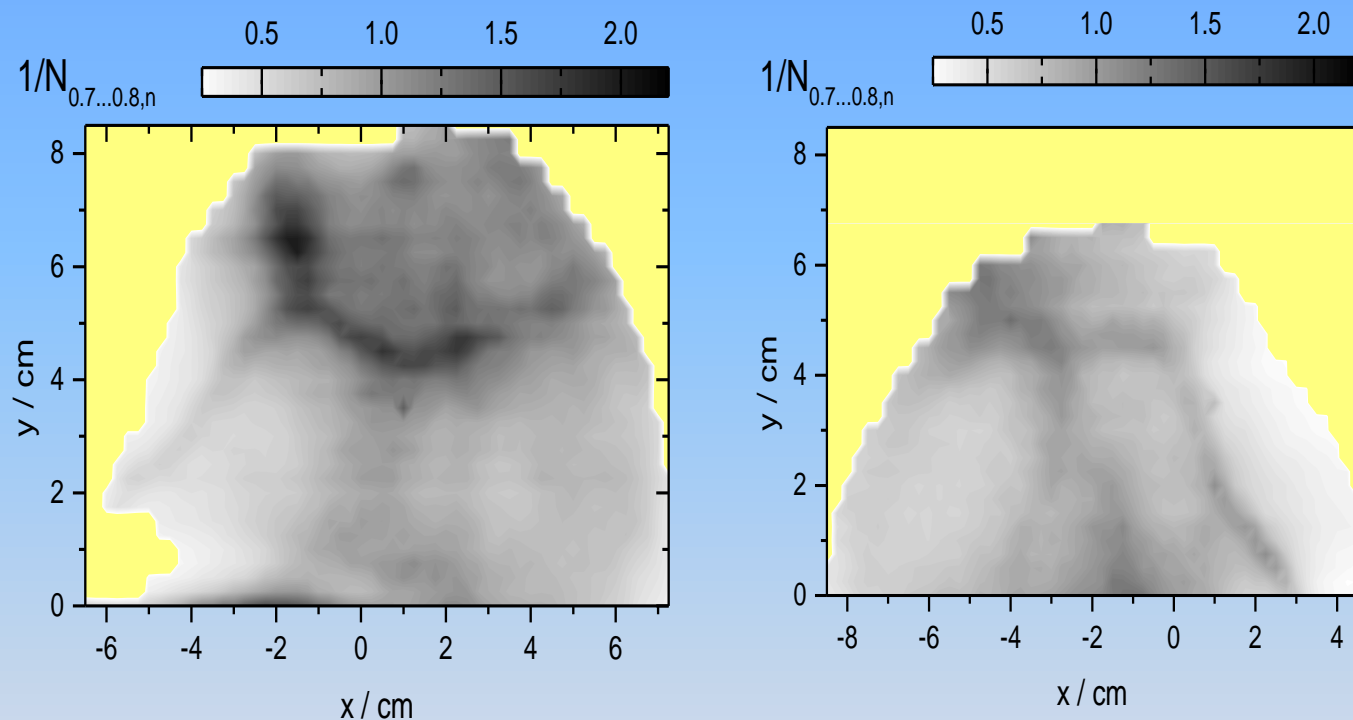


Either the time-of-flight or the phase/modulation depth differences between the scattered signal and the reference signal are measured.

Light transport preferentially using glass fibers.

Optical Tomographic Methods:

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Optical Mammography using pulsed time-of-flight technique.
 Left: left breast with invasive ductal carcinoma and blood vessels;
 Right: healthy breast

(courtesy prof. H. Rinneberg, Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt Berlin)

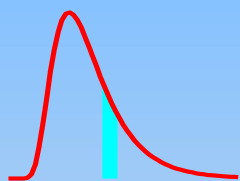
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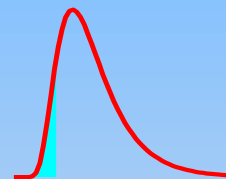
Optical Mammography:

Patient · 50 years old · invasive ductal carcinoma

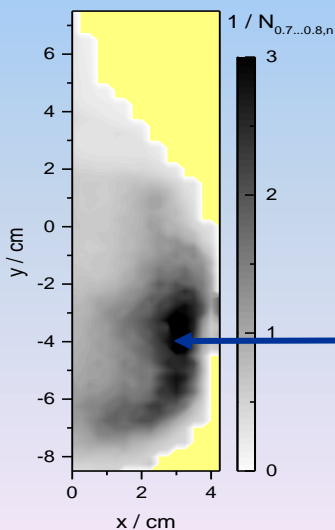
(pT2, G2) 4 x 4 x 2.5 cm³ ; cyst Ø 3 cm ; breast thickness 6.2 cm / 5.7 cm



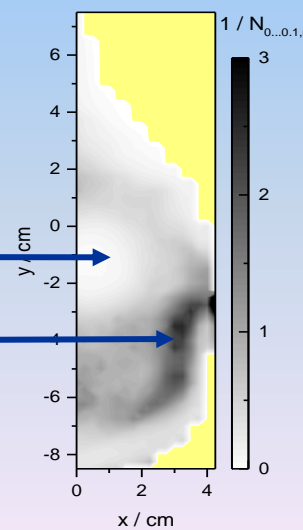
late time window



early time window



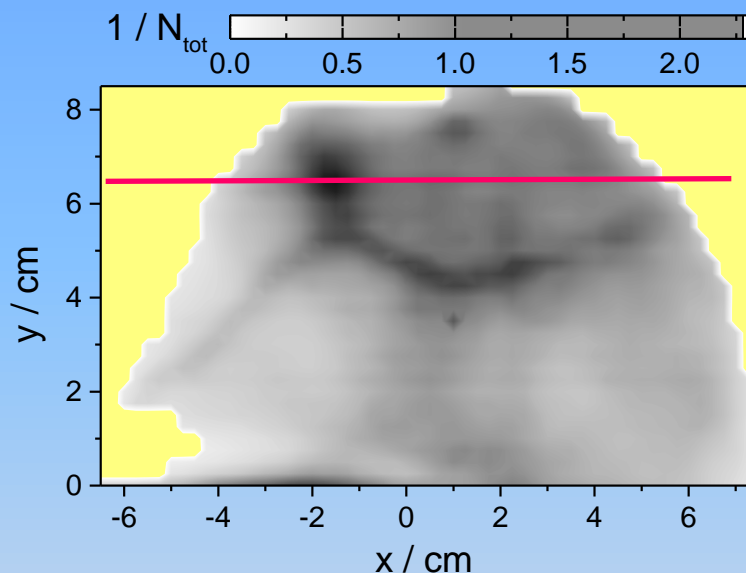
cyst
tumor



$\lambda = 785 \text{ nm}$

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Diffusion theory:

homogeneous infinite slab with
spherical inhomogeneity

Fit to measured distributions

(10 distributions simultaneously)

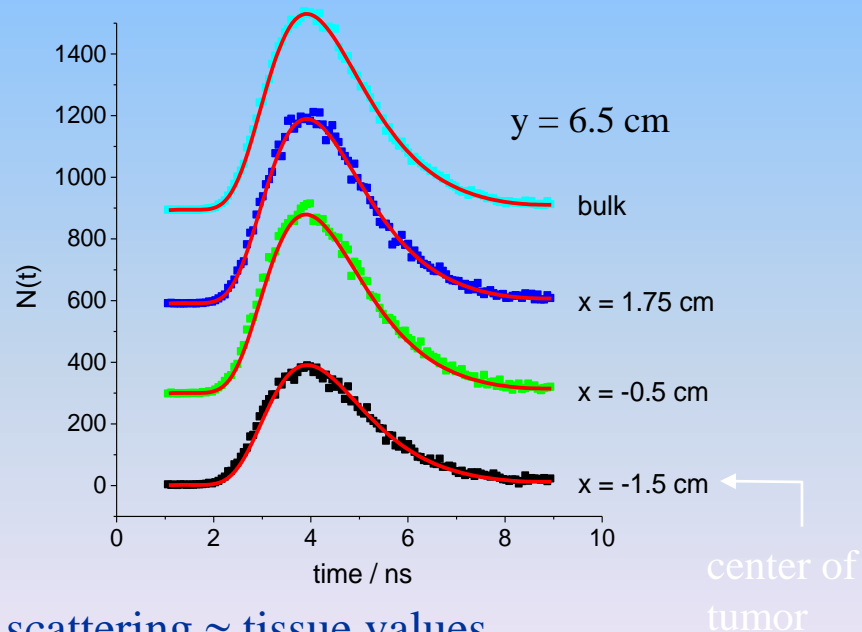
Results: in tumor: absorption ≈ 2.5 x as high, scattering \approx tissue values

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Line scan across breast tumor

right breast

(total photon counts, corrected for edge effects)



Optical Tomographic Methods:

3. Photon-transillumination methods

Oxygen saturation in tissue

$$\mu_a = (c_{HbO_2} \varepsilon_{HbO_2} + c_{Hb} \varepsilon_{Hb}) \cdot \ln 10 + \kappa_{H_2O} \cdot \mu_{a,H_2O}$$

→ ≥ 3 wavelengths necessary , or ...

- 2 wavelengths (670 nm, 785 nm)
- assumption: $\kappa_{H_2O} = 30\%$
- slab with sphere → $\mu_{a,tumor}(\lambda), \mu_{a,normal}(\lambda)$

$$S = \frac{c_{HbO_2}}{c_{Hb} + c_{HbO_2}}$$

Normal tissue		Tumor tissue	
c_{tHb}	S	c_{tHb}	S
($\mu\text{mol/l}$)	(%)	($\mu\text{mol/l}$)	(%)
14	63	25	55

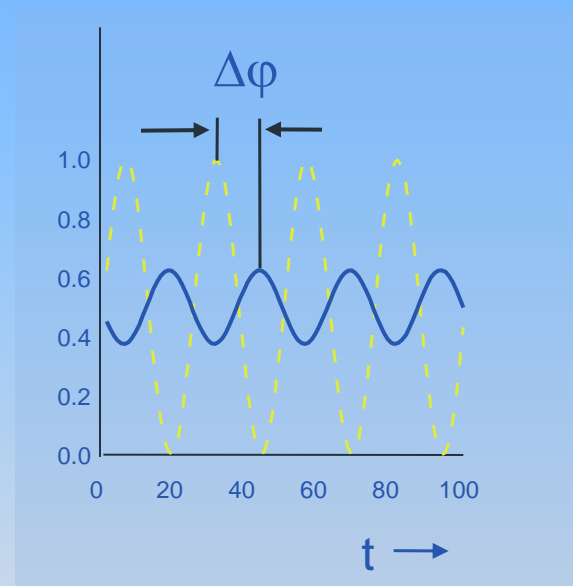
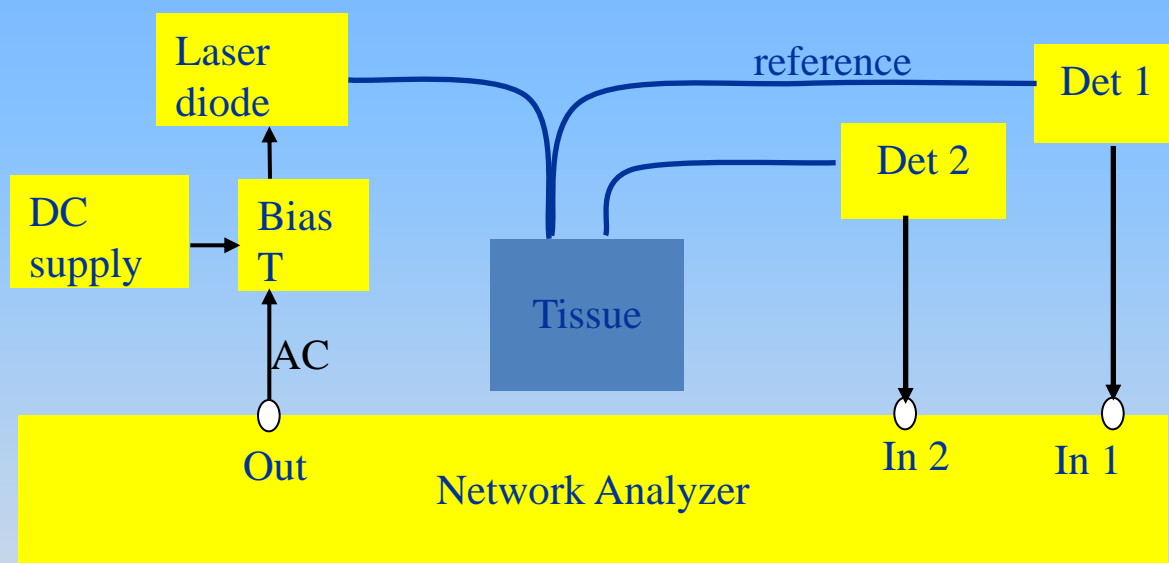
tumor hypoxic

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Optical Tomographic Methods:

3. Photon-transillumination methods

High-frequency modulation provides phase and path information



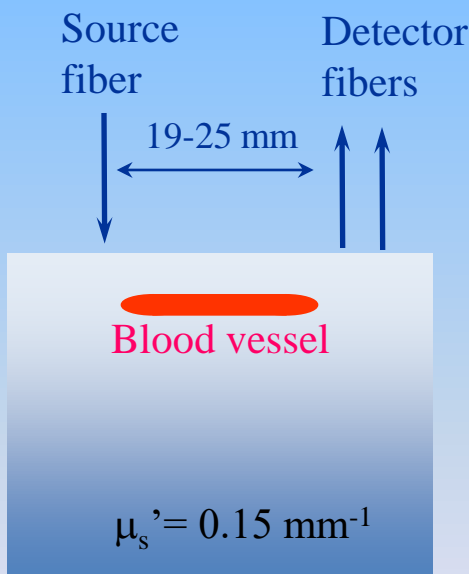
Differences in composition of the tissue sample causes differences in phase $\Delta\phi$ as function of frequency

Actual accuracy at 100 MHz: 1 % in scattering \rightarrow 10-30 mM glucose
 Expected at 1 GHz: factor 10 better

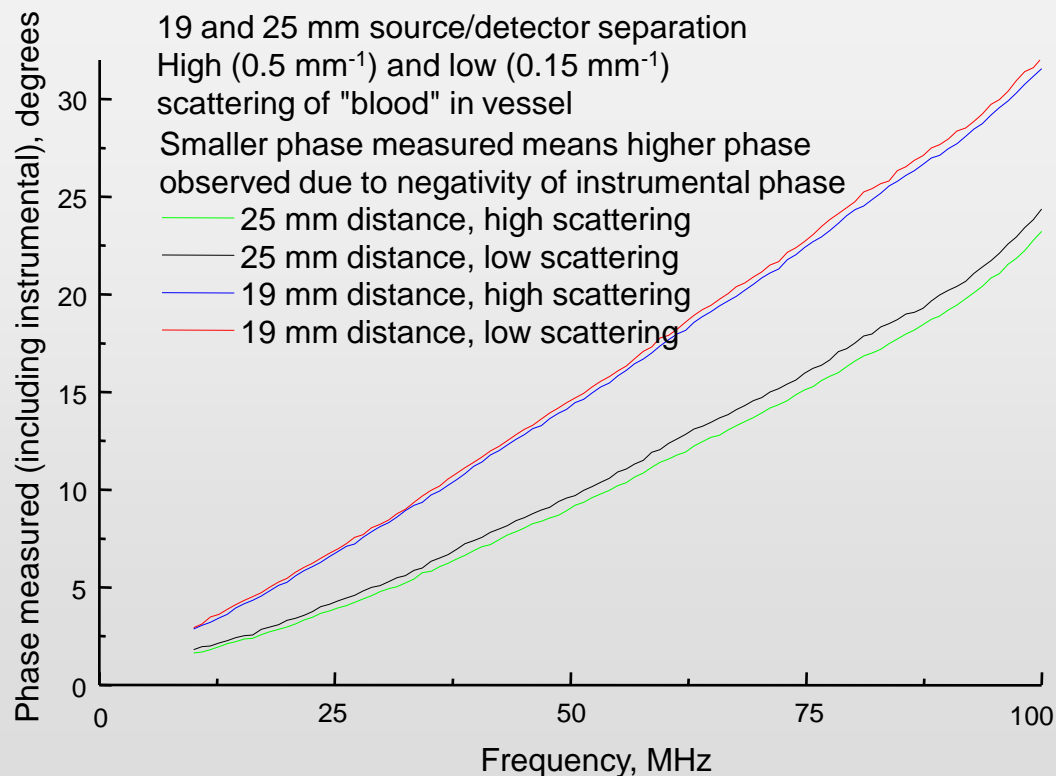
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High-frequency modulation provides phase and path information,
 => Scattering and absorption data => localisation of inhomogeneities

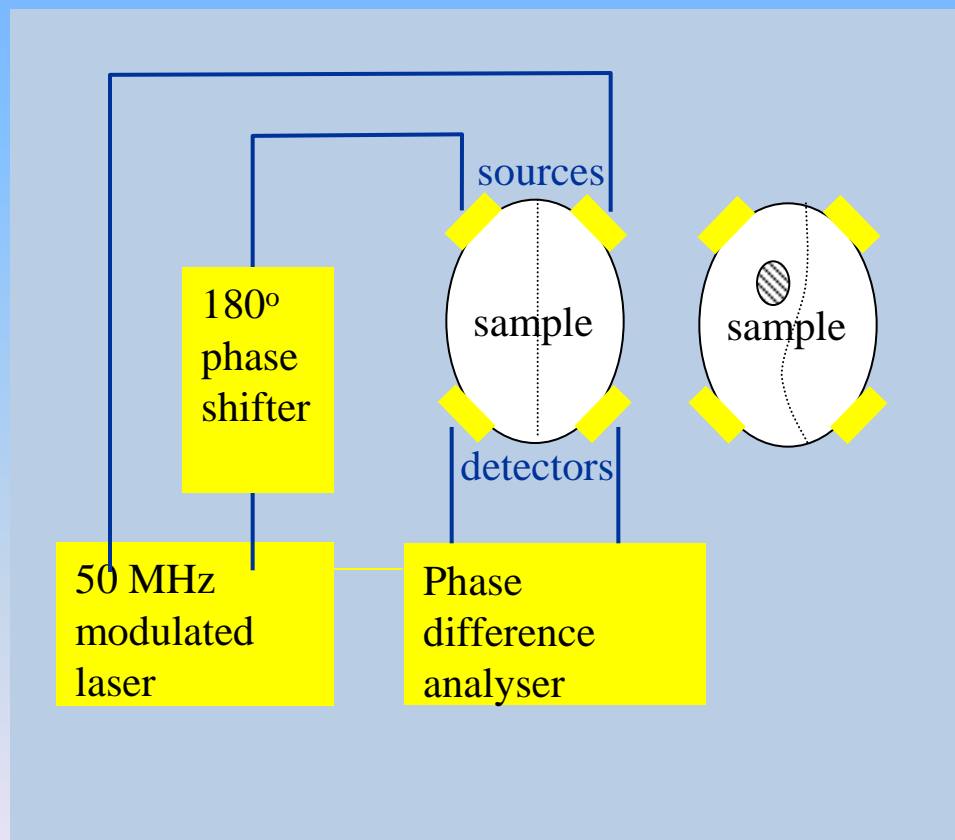


Blood vessel:
 diameter 2 mm,
 depth 2 mm



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Frequency modulation:
 Phased Array Detection

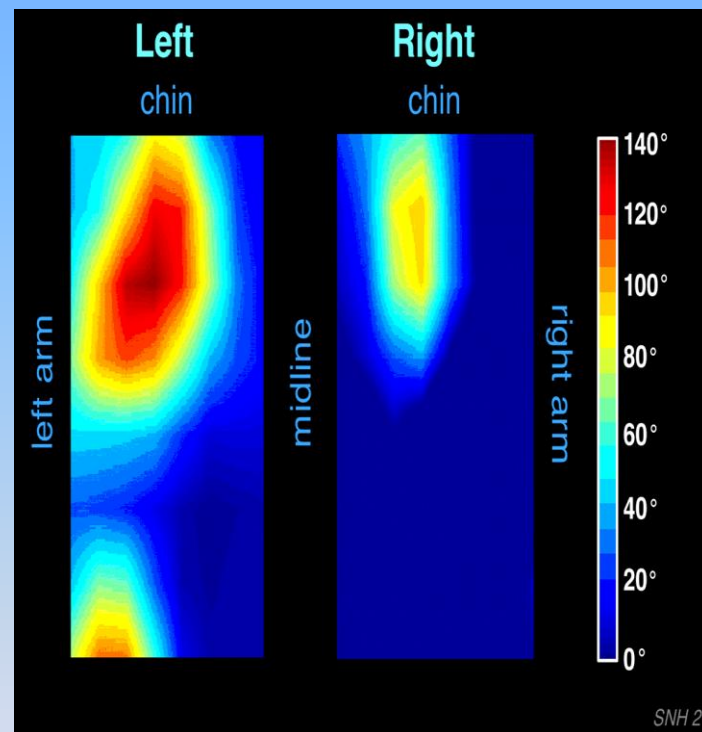
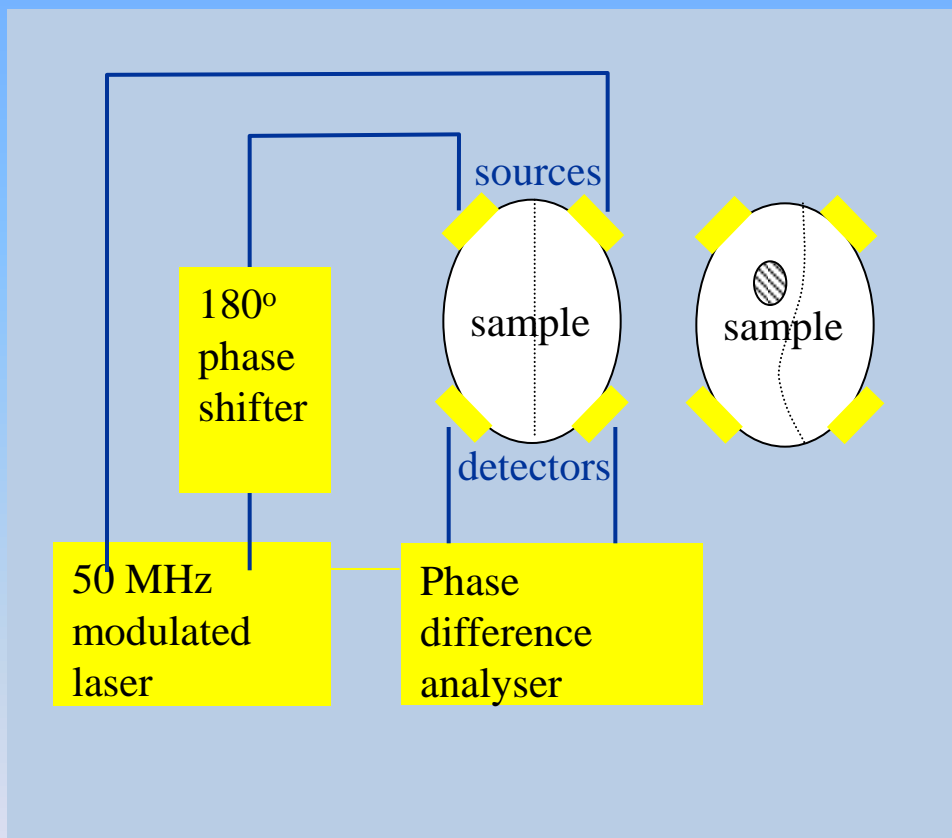
Dashed line: null-signal plane

Homogeneous sample:
 detectors no difference

Inhomogeneities present:
 phase difference detected

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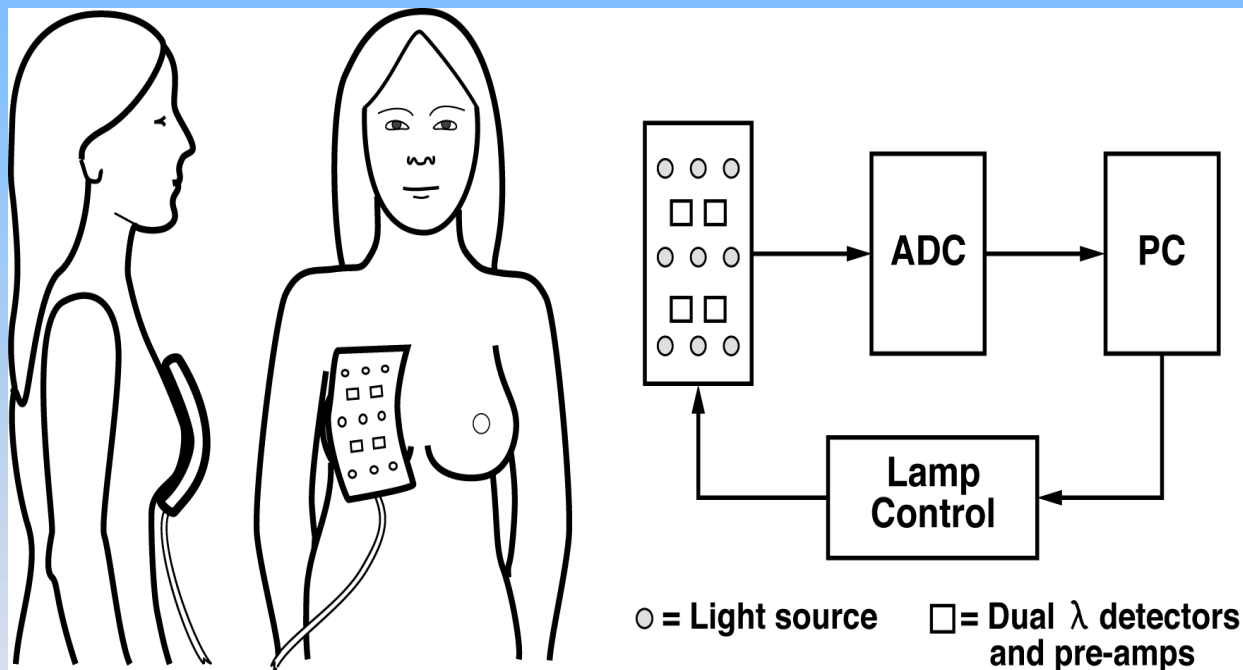
3. Photon-transillumination methods



Phased-array breasts scan, showing presence of inhomogeneities
 (Courtesy: B. Chance, University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, Philadelphia, USA)

Optical Tomographic Methods: 3. Photon-transillumination methods

Functional Near-Infrared Imaging



Unlike with X-rays, Photon transillumination enables to measure in reflection, thus avoiding oppressing the patient

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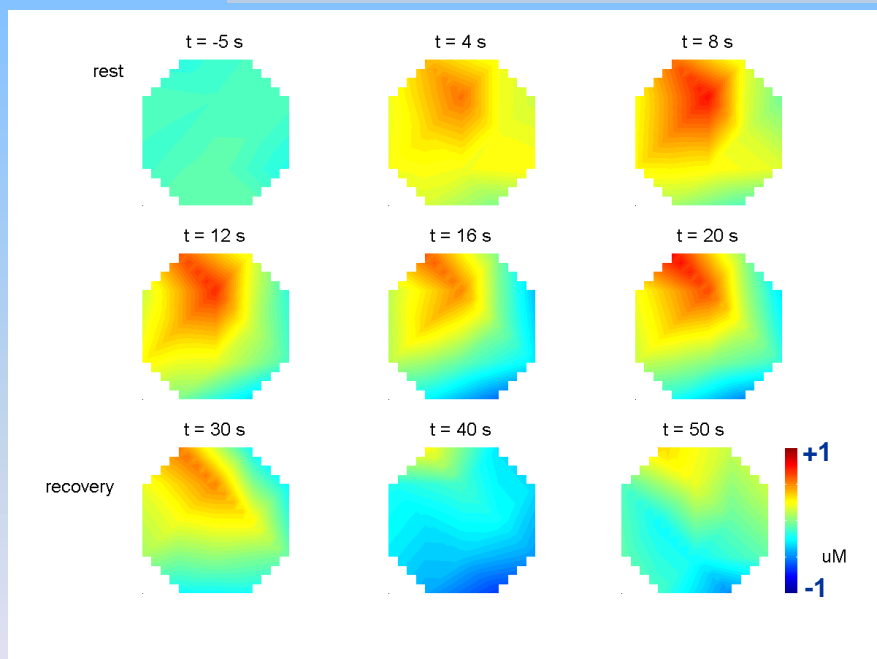
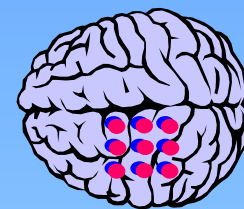
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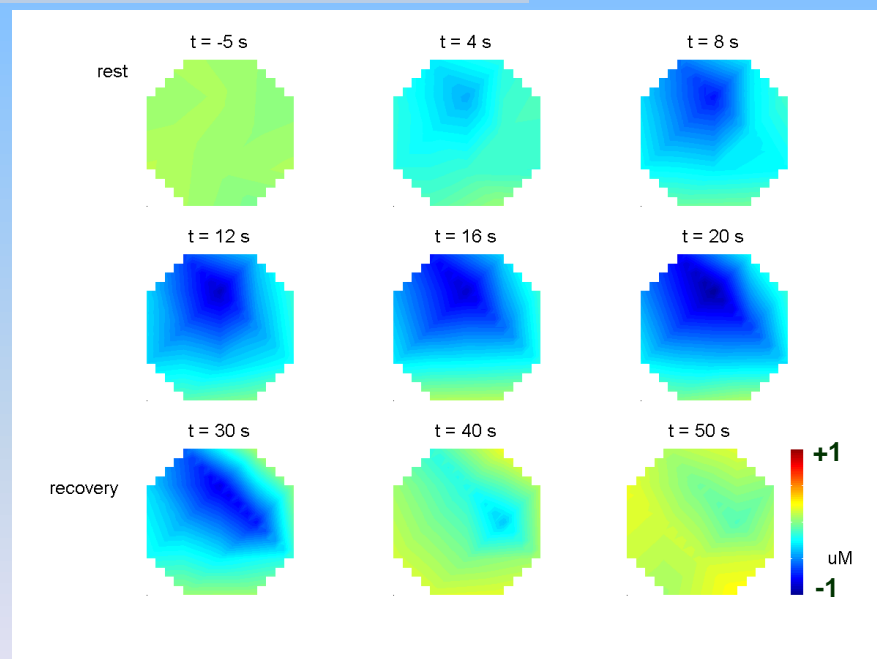
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Functional Near-Infrared Imaging

7 x 7 cm maps of the left motor cortex area during 20 sec finger tapping (rate 2 Hz)



O_2Hb



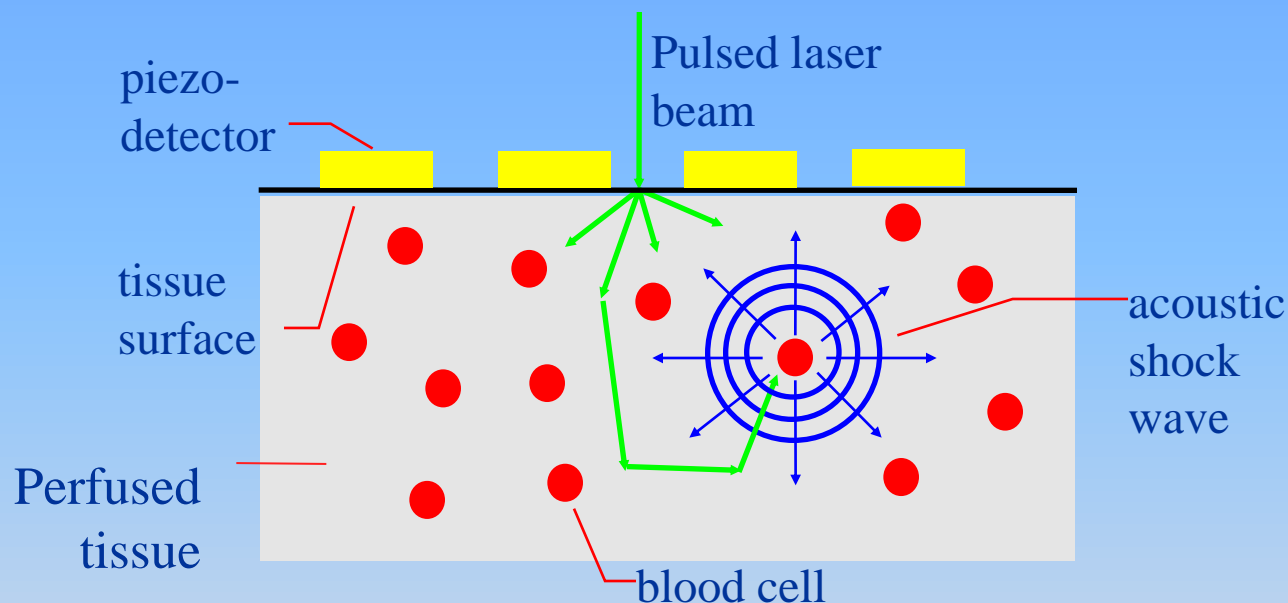
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Optical Tomographic Methods: 4. Photoacoustic Imaging



- light pulse is absorbed in blood cell
- adiabatic heating
- pressure pulse emerging (≈ 1500 m/s)
- detection at tissue surface

Depth:

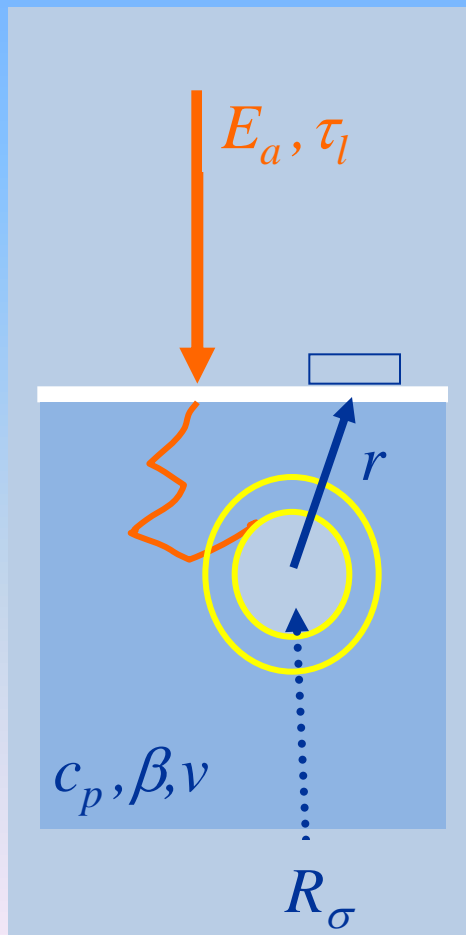
- Green light: $\approx 0 - 9$ mm
- Near-infrared: $\approx 0 - 30$ mm

Depth resolution: ≈ 10 μ m

Optical Tomographic Methods:

4. Photoacoustic Imaging

Bipolar PA-signal generated by a spherical Gaussian Source



$$\tau_a = \frac{R_\sigma}{\nu}$$

$$\tau_e = \sqrt{\tau_a^2 + \tau_l^2}$$

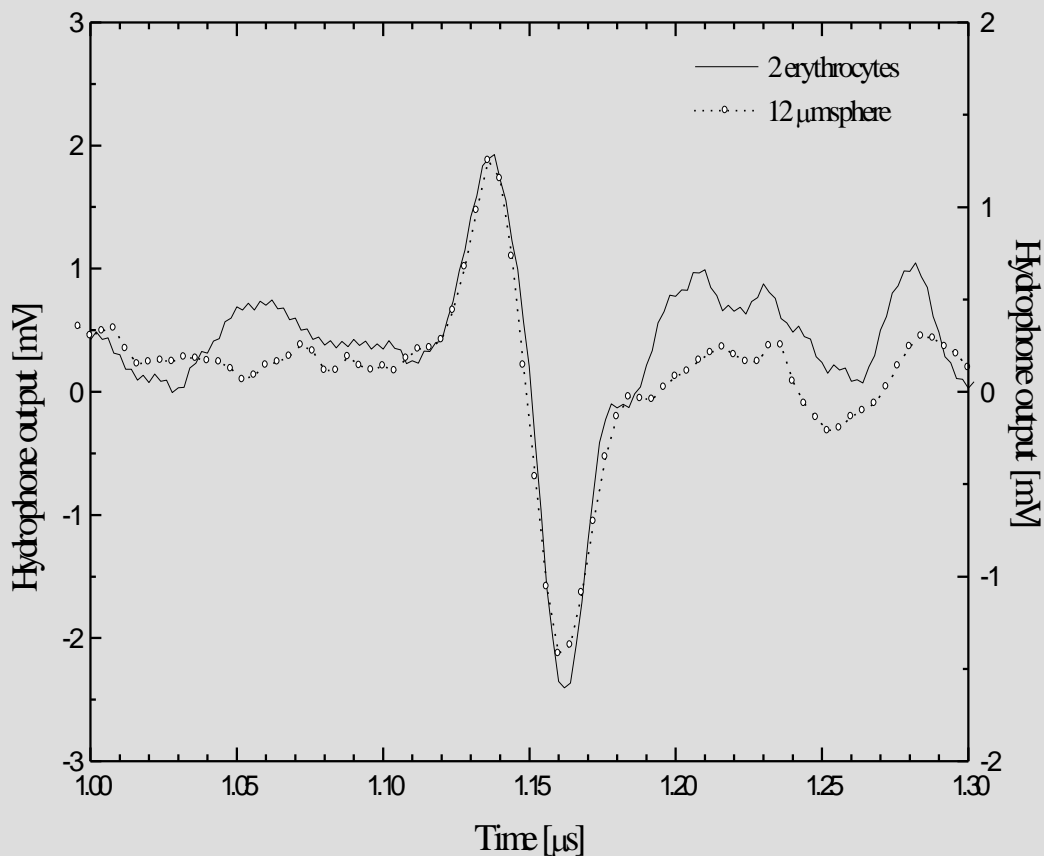
$$P(r, t) = -P_{\max}(r) \sqrt{e} \frac{t - \tau}{\tau_e} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(t - \tau)^2}{\tau_e^2}\right\}$$

$$P_{\max}(r) = \frac{\beta E_a}{2\sqrt{e} (2\pi)^{3/2} c_p \tau_e^2 r}$$

$$\tau = \frac{r}{\nu}$$

Optical Tomographic Methods:

4. Photoacoustic Imaging

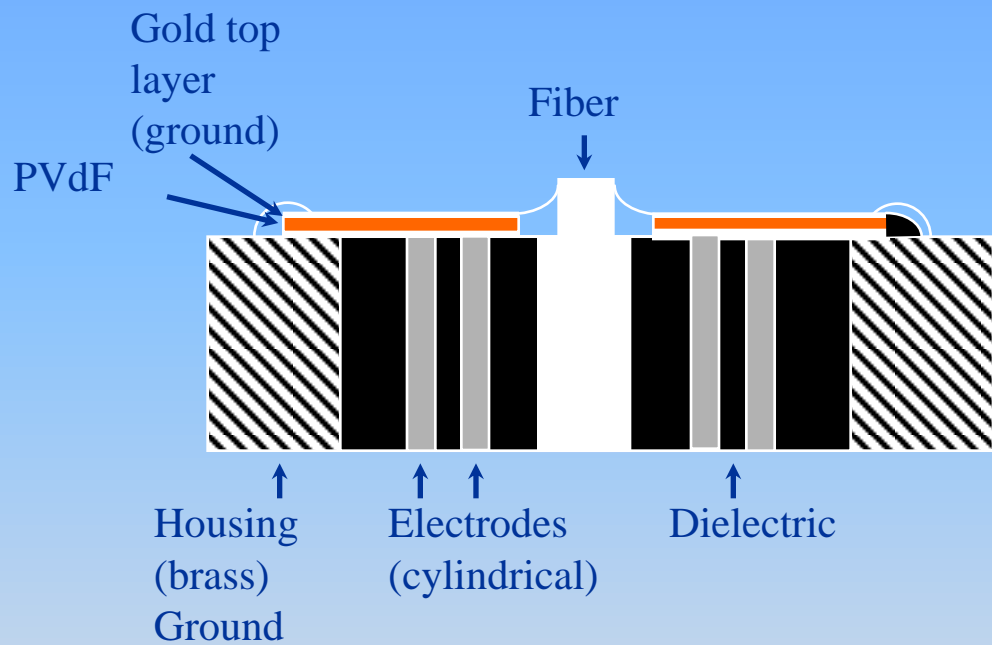


Two erythrocytes

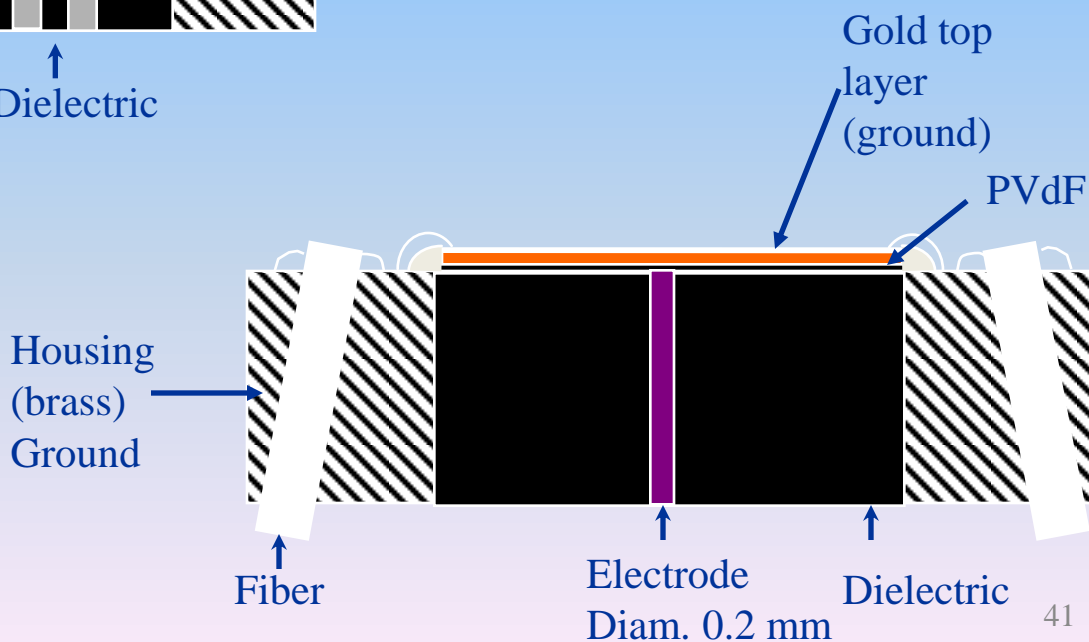
Diameter: $\approx 10 \mu\text{m}$
 (compared with a $12 \mu\text{m}$ blue polystyrene sphere)
 detection distance: $\approx 1.7 \text{ mm}$ ($= 1.15 \mu\text{s} \times 1500 \text{ m/s}$)
 medium: water/PBS

Optical Tomographic Methods:

4. Photoacoustic Imaging



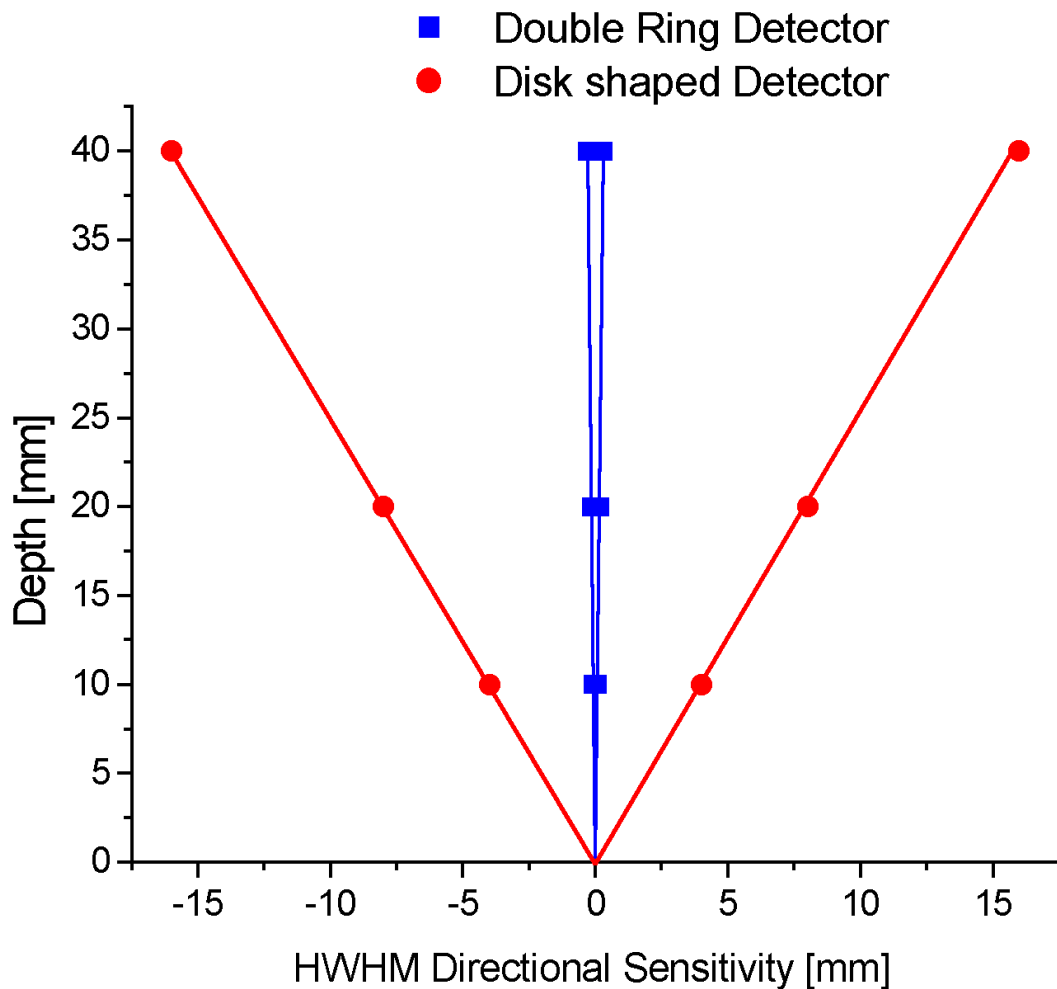
Double-Ring Detector One-fiber illumination



Disk-shaped Detector
Ring illuminator

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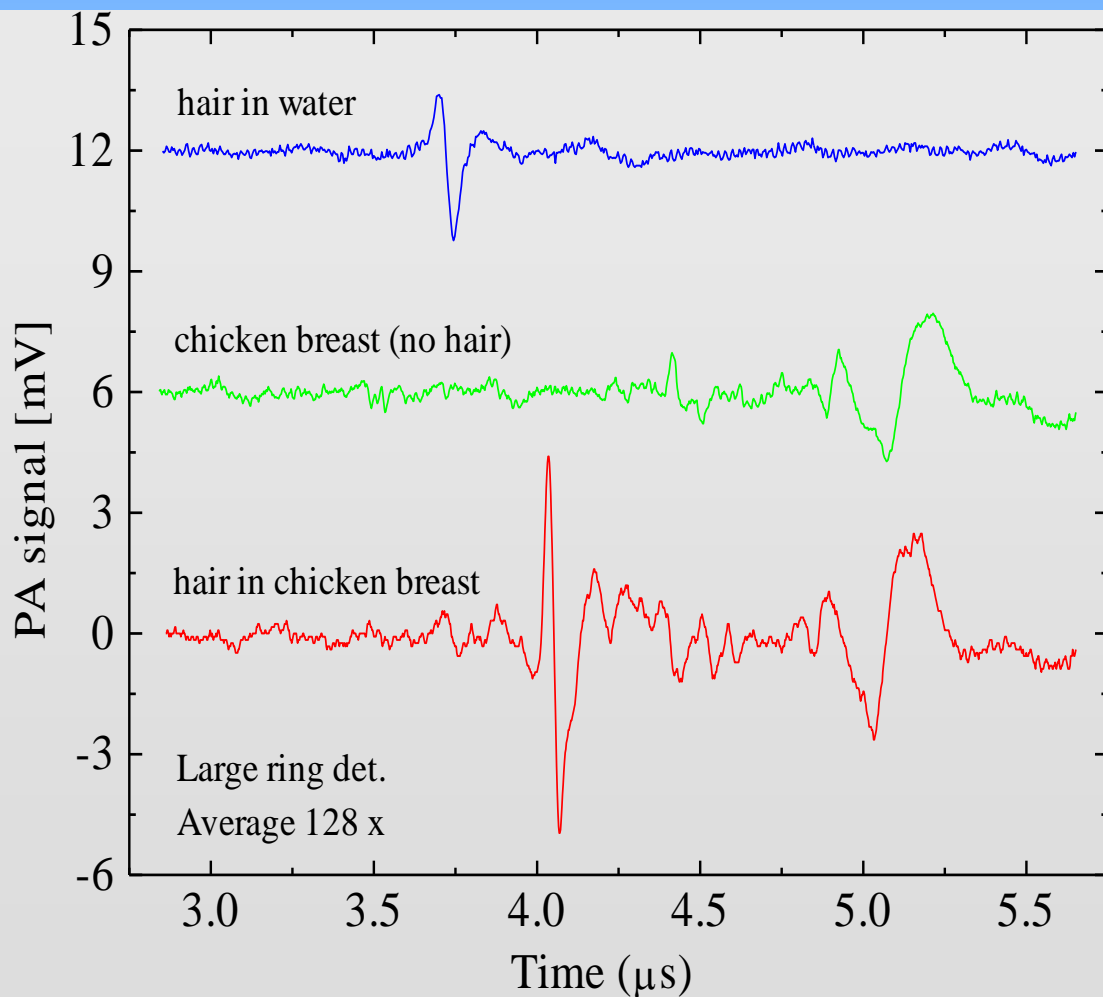


Directional
Sensitivity

Disk Detector:
FWHM : Depth
1 : 5

Ring Detector:
FWHM : Depth
1 : 70

Optical Tomographic Methods: 4. Photoacoustic Imaging

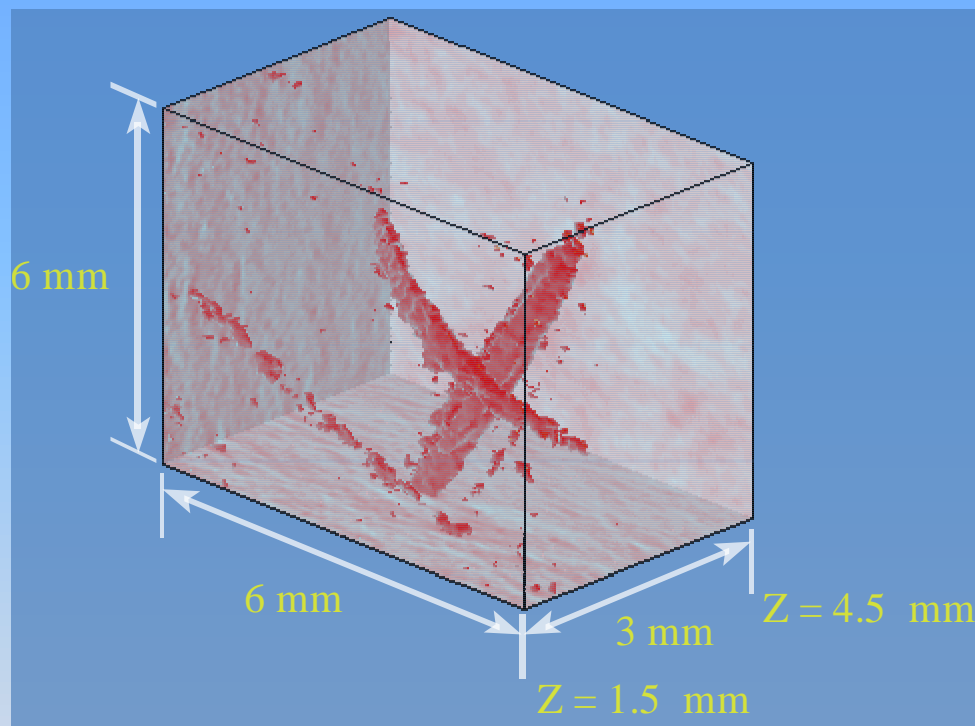
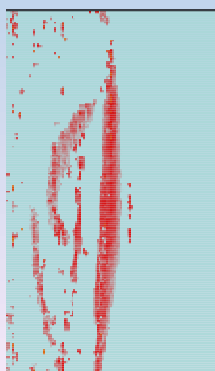
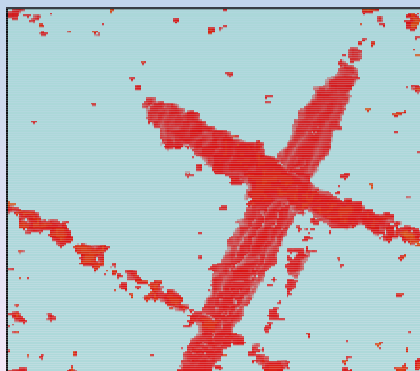
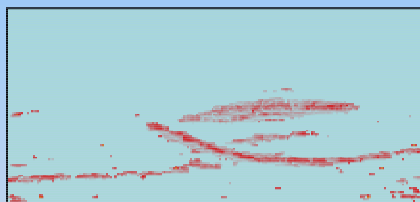


A human
hair in
chicken
breast
tissue.

Depth: ≈ 6 mm
($\approx 4 \mu\text{s} \times$
 1500 m/s)

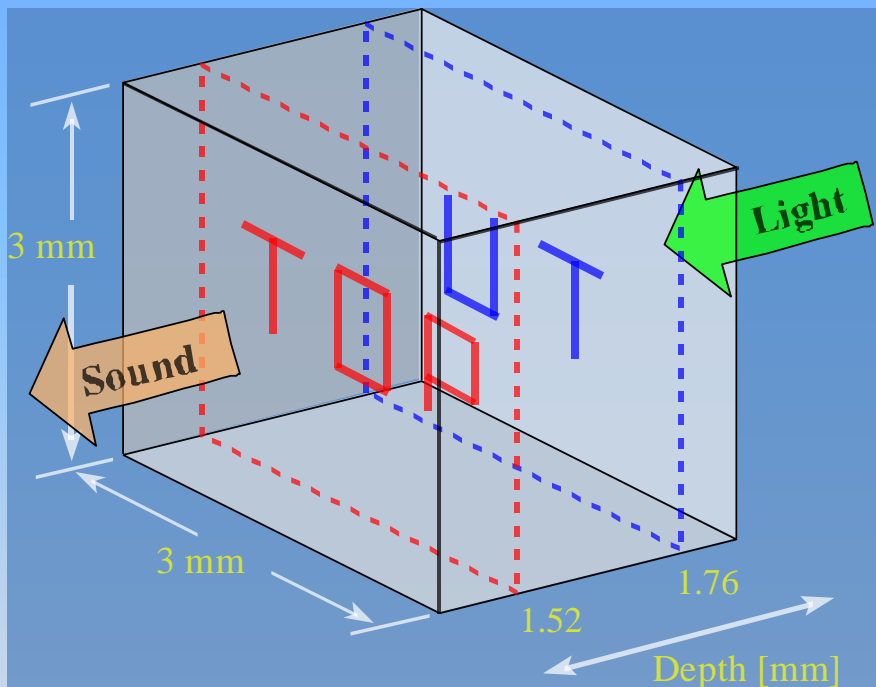
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Vessels in
chicken
breast tissue

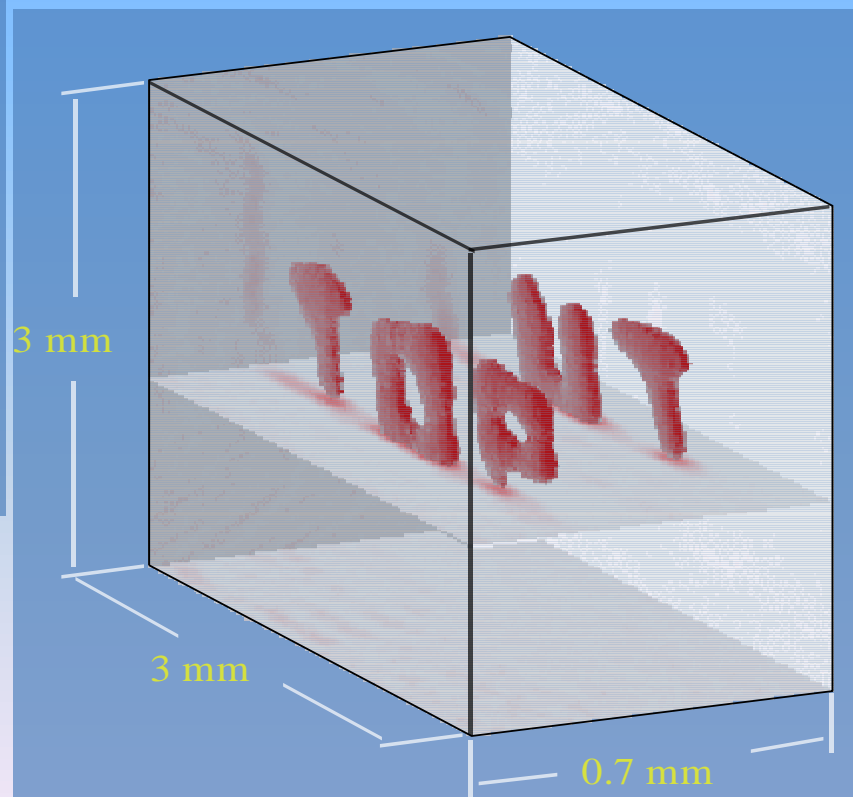


Sample : 5 mm thick chicken breast tissue in water
 Image : 663 nm, inside sample, 35 % isosurface threshold
 Vessels : 3 Nylon capillaries, 0.28 - 0.40 mm diameter
 Absorber : Evans Blue, flowing, $\mu_a = 300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
 Detection : at Z = 0 mm, 51 x 51 points, 0.15 mm spacing

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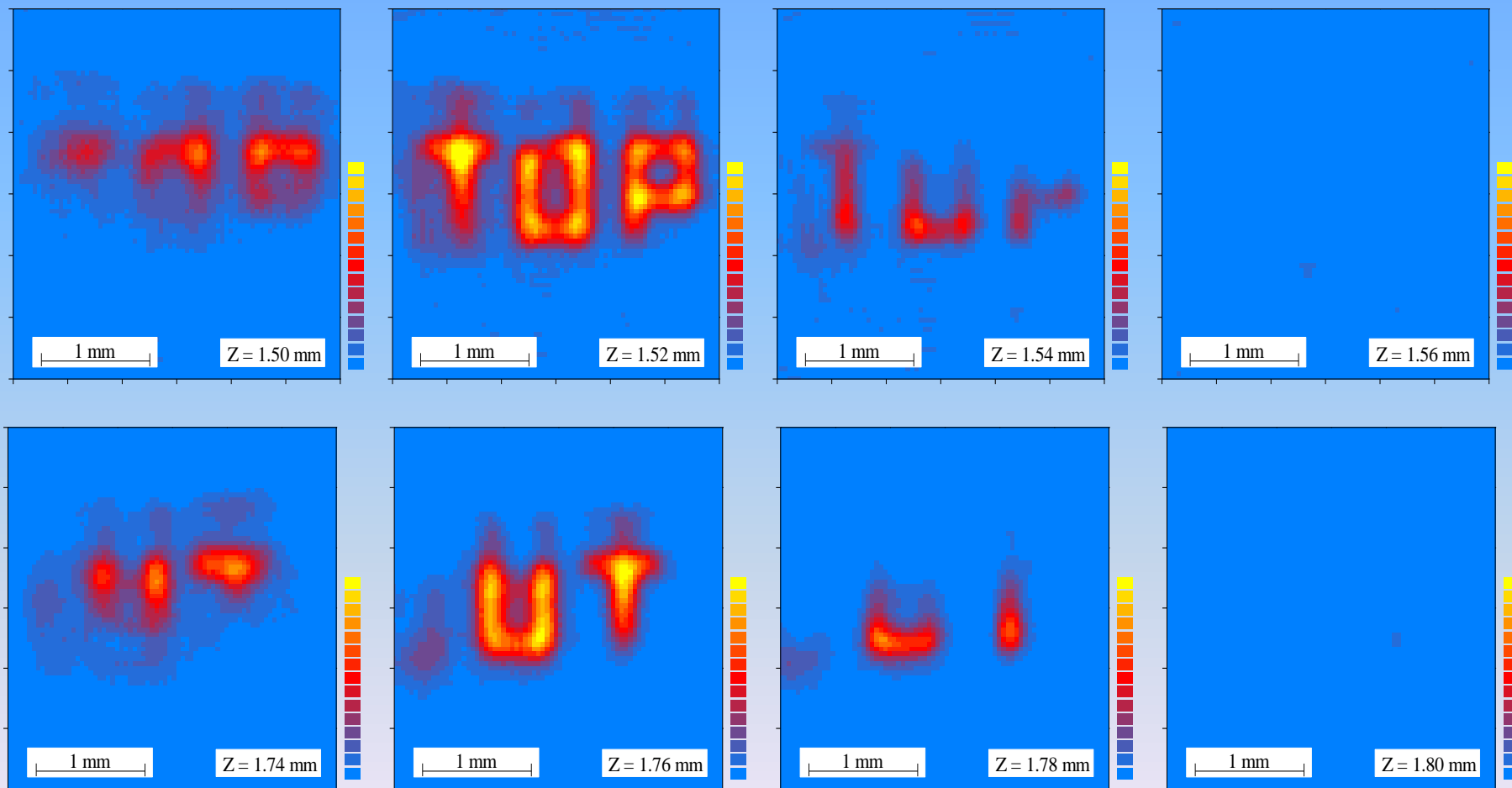


Reconstruction of hidden objects



Material: carbon threads ($10\ \mu\text{m}$) on transparent sheets, in 10 % Intralipid-10% (resembles human tissue scattering)

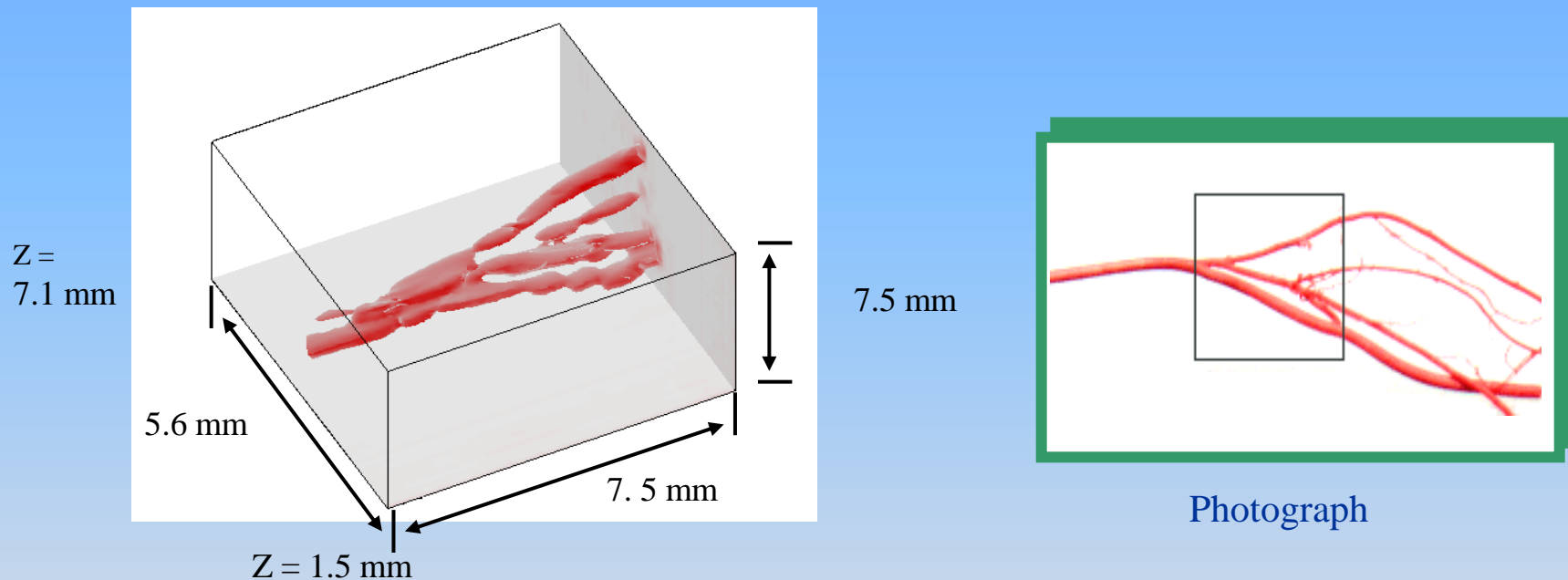
Optical Tomographic Methods: 4. Photoacoustic Imaging



Depth resolution: $\approx 10 \mu\text{m}$

Optical Tomographic Methods:

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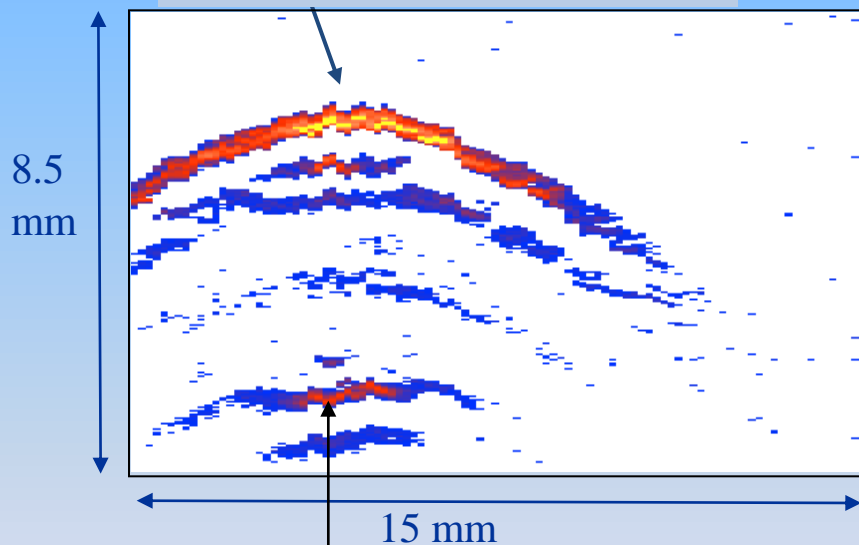


Vascular tree from a branching epigastric artery of a rat.
 Ex-vivo; medium: intralipid 1 % (\approx tissue).
 Depth (Z-coord.) \approx 5 mm ; indicated in figure.
 Laser power 532 nm, 2mJ/pulse through fiber \varnothing 600 μ m.
 Depth resolution / lateral resolution: 10 / 100 μ m respectively.

Optical Tomographic Methods: 4. Photoacoustic Imaging

Measuring tissue thickness above bone

Signal from Tissue Surface



Bone (Reflection of signal from tissue-surface)

Photoacoustic line scan of a finger, perpendicular to the finger axis.

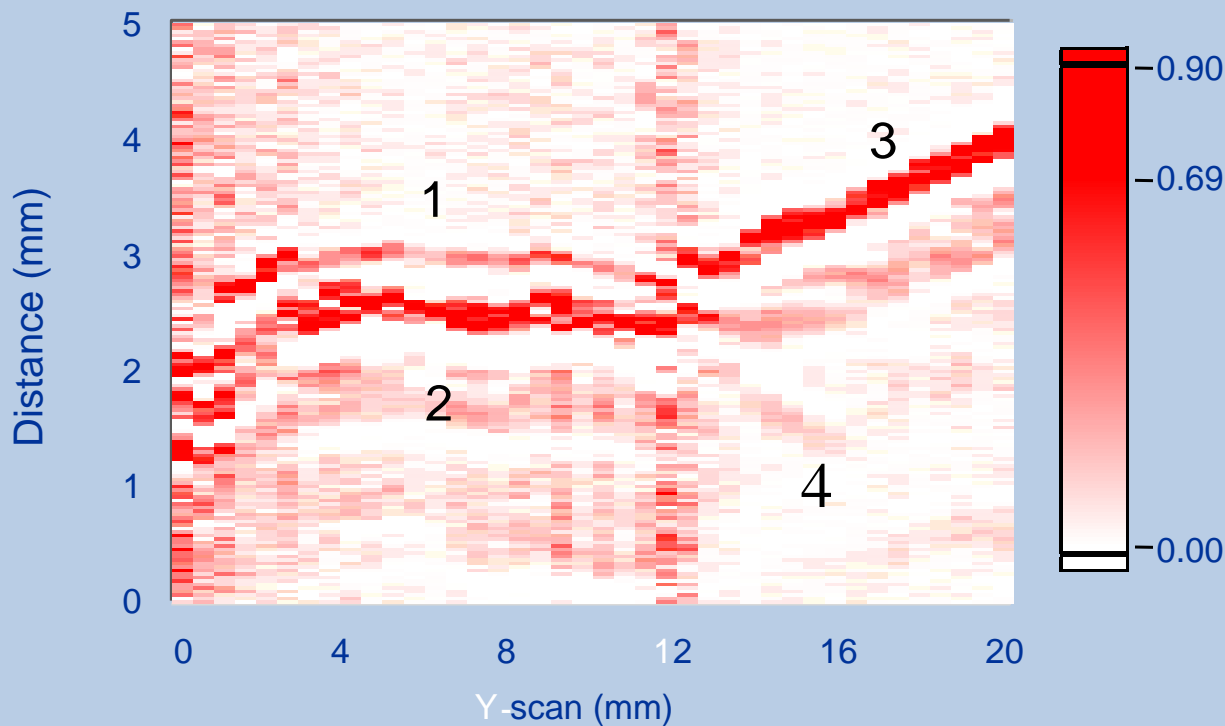
The surface of the tissue and the reflection from the bone can clearly be distinguished.

In between structures are seen that may be blood vessels.

- 100 scan lines; scan step 150 μm
- $\sim 6 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$ at skin surface

Optical Tomographic Methods: 4. Photoacoustic Imaging

Line scan across finger nail



- 1: nail top
- 2: nail bottom
- 3: finger skin
- 4: reflections or blood vessels

Optical Tomographic Methods:

4. Photoacoustic Imaging

	Green 550 nm		NIR 850 nm	
	dermis	blood	dermis	blood
• Absorption coefficient [1/mm]	0.03	32	0.01	1.2
• Scattering coefficient (reduced) [1/mm]	3	1	1	0.5
• Absorption Contrast	1000		100	
• Penetration into tissue [mm]	≈ 10		≈ 30	
• Applications	Cutaneous perfusion Wound healing Diabetes Vascular malformations Skin tumours		Cerebral perfusion Muscular perfusion Mammography Angiogenesis	

Non-invasive Biomedical Optics

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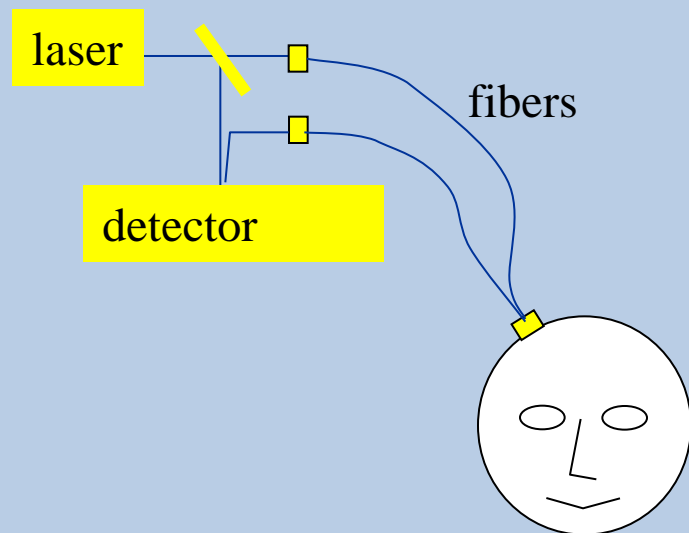
❑ *dynamic scattering: laser-Doppler:*

1. laser-Doppler perfusion monitoring and imaging

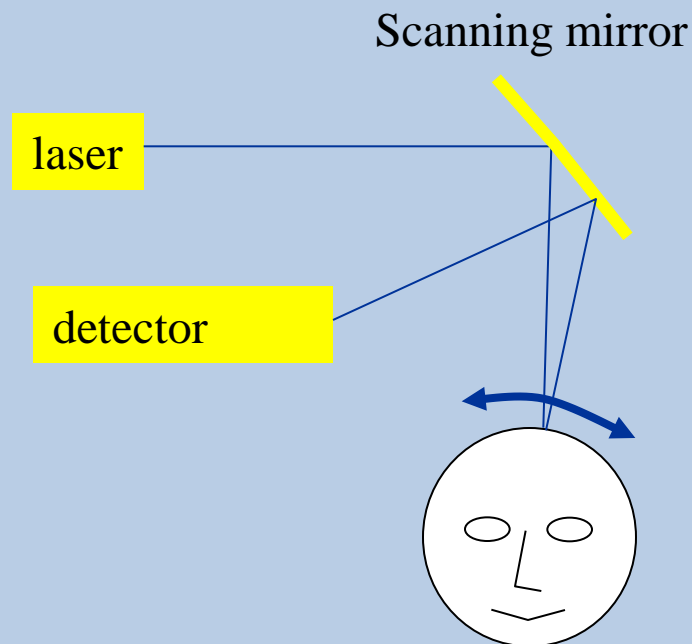
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Dynamic scattering: 1. Laser Doppler Perfusion

Scattering at moving cells causes Doppler frequency shift



monitoring

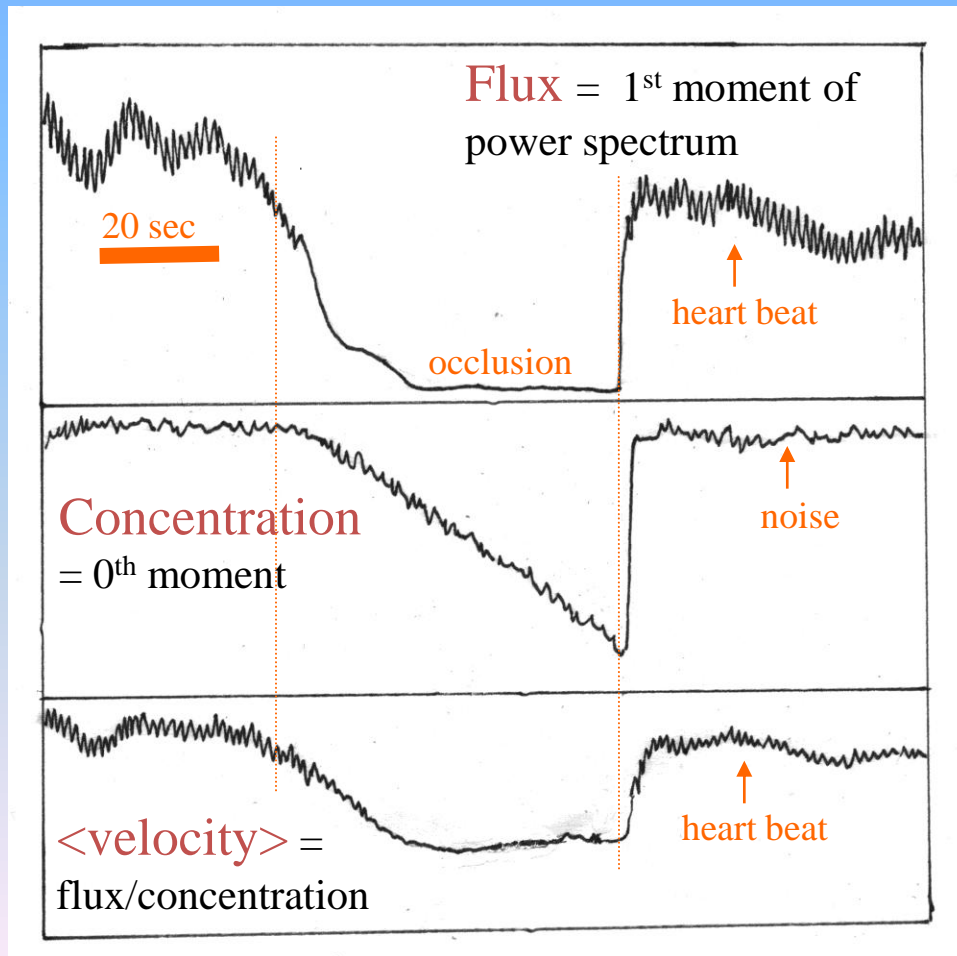
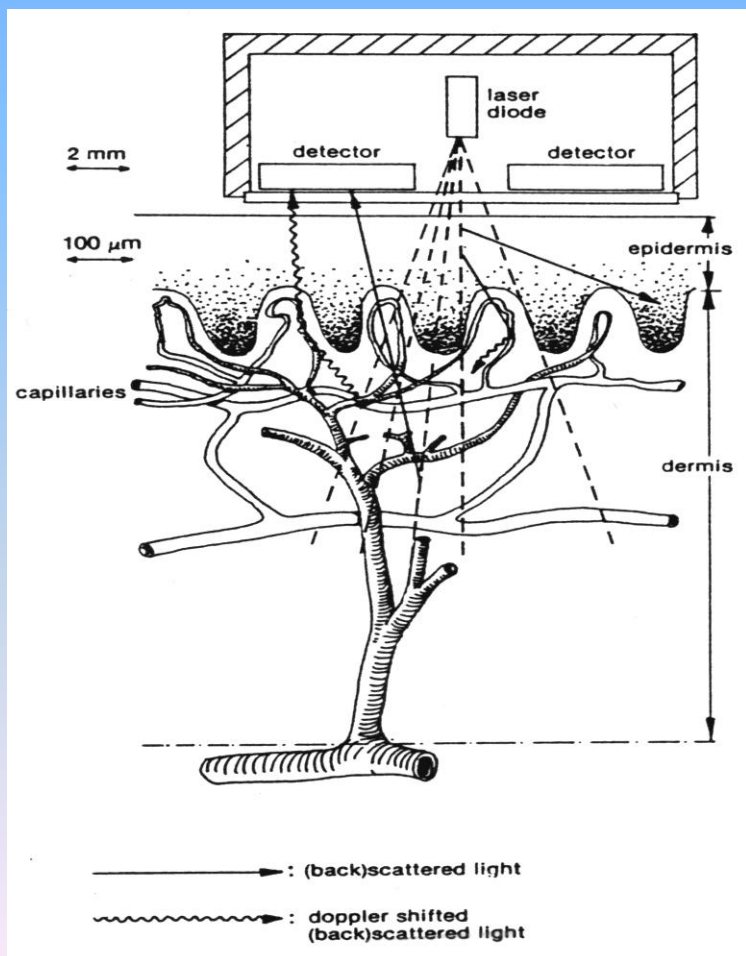


imaging

Dynamic scattering:

1. Laser Doppler Perfusion Monitoring

LD spectra of finger tip upon occlusion of upper arm



Dynamic scattering:

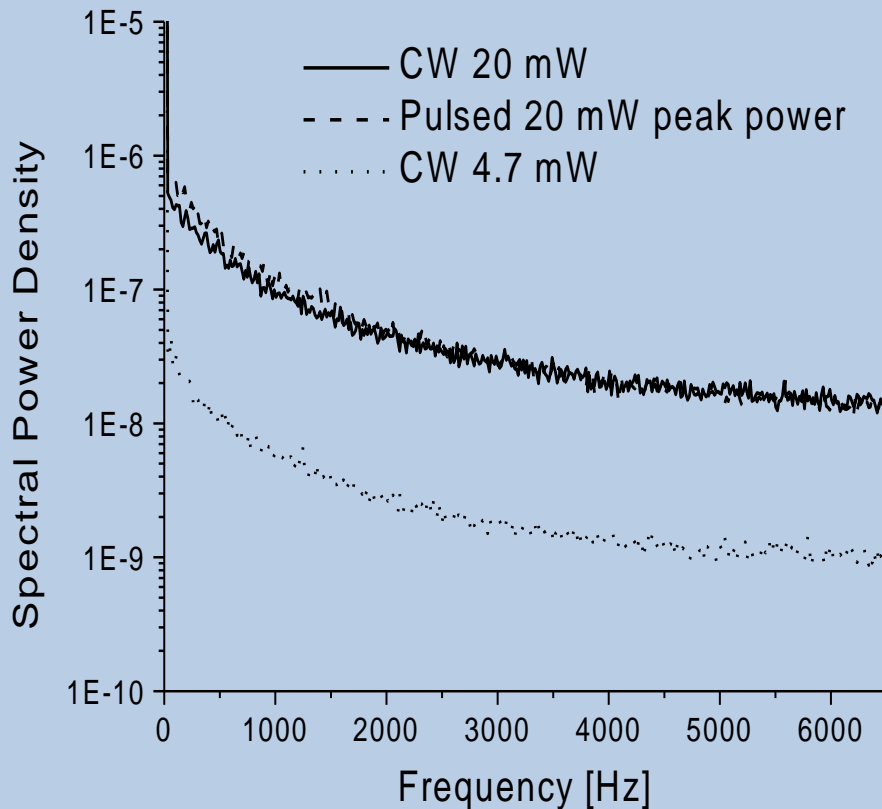
1. Laser Doppler Perfusion (Monitoring)

New in LD-monitoring:

- Pulsed LD-monitoring
- Depth-sensitive LD-monitor on-a-chip
- Standardization of instruments and procedures
- Low-coherent depth-sensitive LD-monitor

Dynamic scattering:

1. Laser Doppler Perfusion (Monitoring)



Pulsed LD-monitoring

- ➔ higher powers
- ➔ larger measuring distances
- ➔ larger depths

LD-spectrum: 0-20 kHz

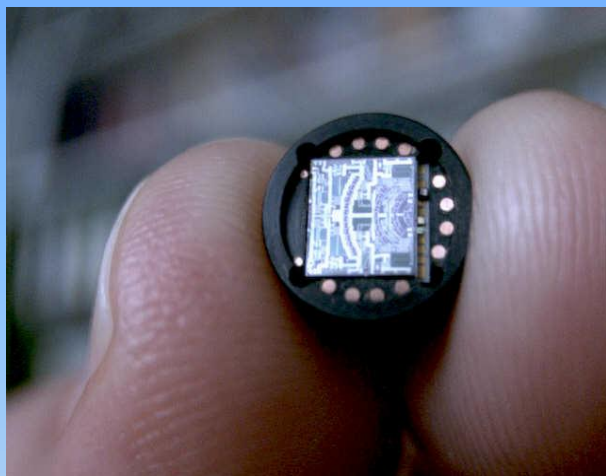
Pulse frequency: 50 kHz.

Pulse width / period = 0.24

(4.7 / 20)

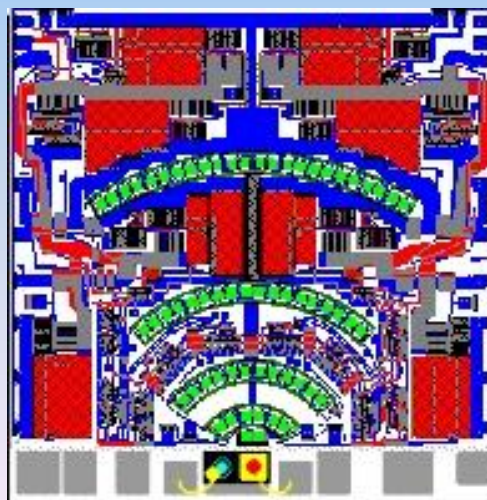
Dynamic scattering:

1. Laser Doppler Perfusion (Monitoring)



LD-monitor on-a-chip

provides miniature depth-sensitive sensor.



Green: photodiode rows

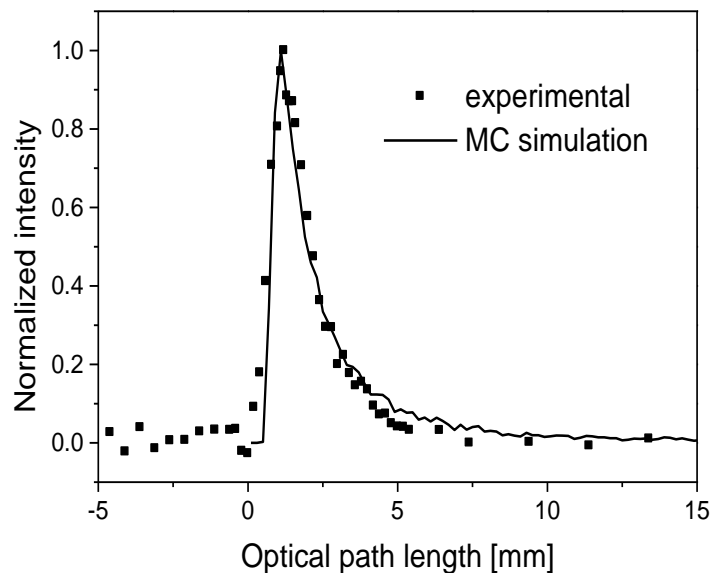
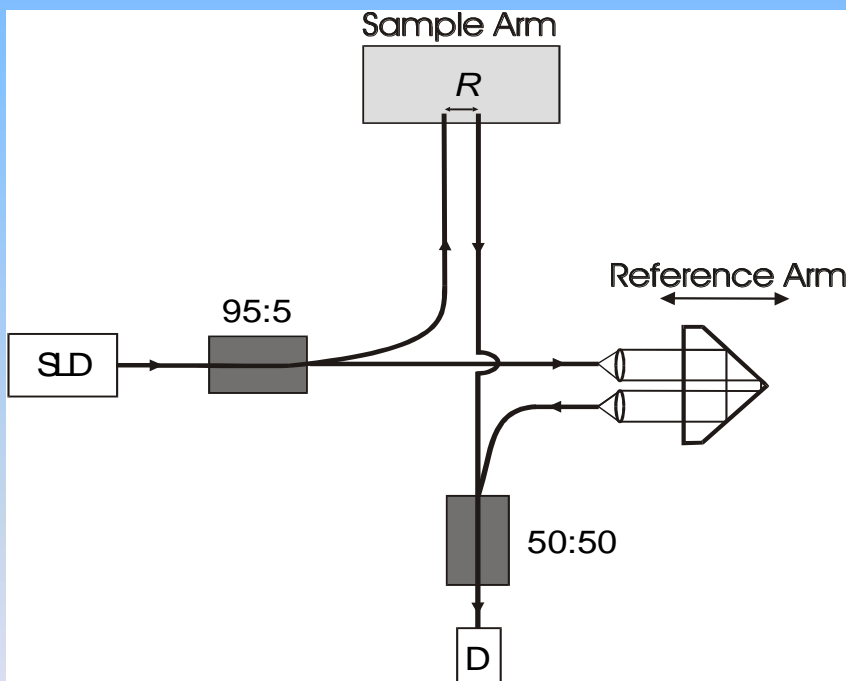
Blue/red: electronics:
amplifiers/multiplexers

Red dot in **yellow** area:
VCSEL- laser diode

Dynamic scattering:

1. Laser Doppler Perfusion (Monitoring)

Low-coherent depth-sensitive LD-Monitoring



The reference mirror selects the depth in the sample from which a coherent Doppler-shift signal will be measured.

Dynamic scattering:

1. Laser Doppler Perfusion (Monitoring)

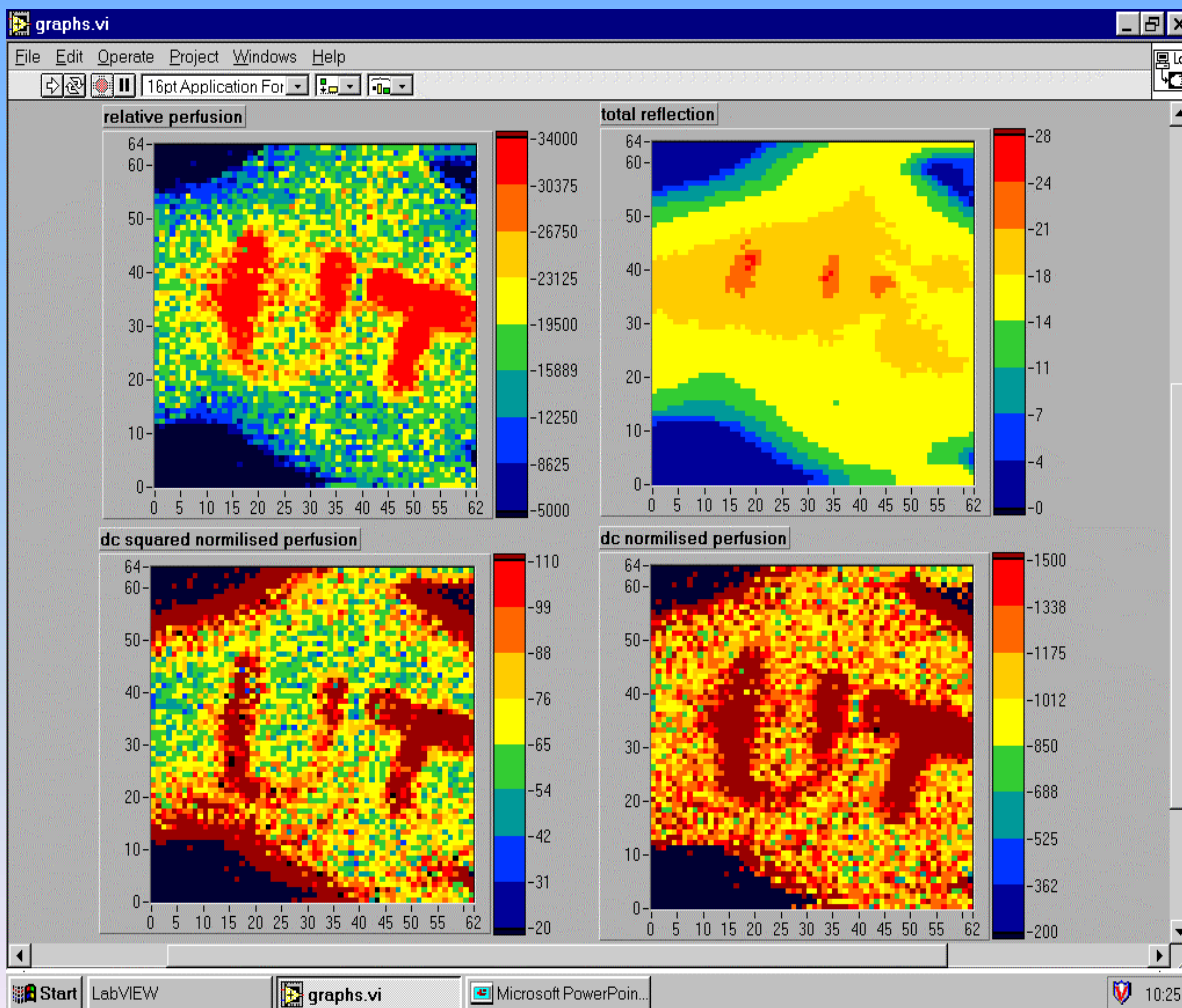
Monte-Carlo photon transport simulations

Tissue considered as

- Layered structure
- Including blocks, spheres, tubes, cones, mirror planes
- Varying scattering and absorption coefficients
- Varying scattering functions (Mie, Rayleigh,...)
- Reflection and refraction
- Rectangular or ring-shaped detectors
- Scattered, transmitted or absorbed photons detected
- Doppler spectra: varying velocity profiles

Dynamic scattering:

1. Laser Doppler Perfusion (Imaging)



Superficial perfusion of the dorsal side of the hand,

characters UT written using muscular balm.

Upper left: perfusion, not normalized;

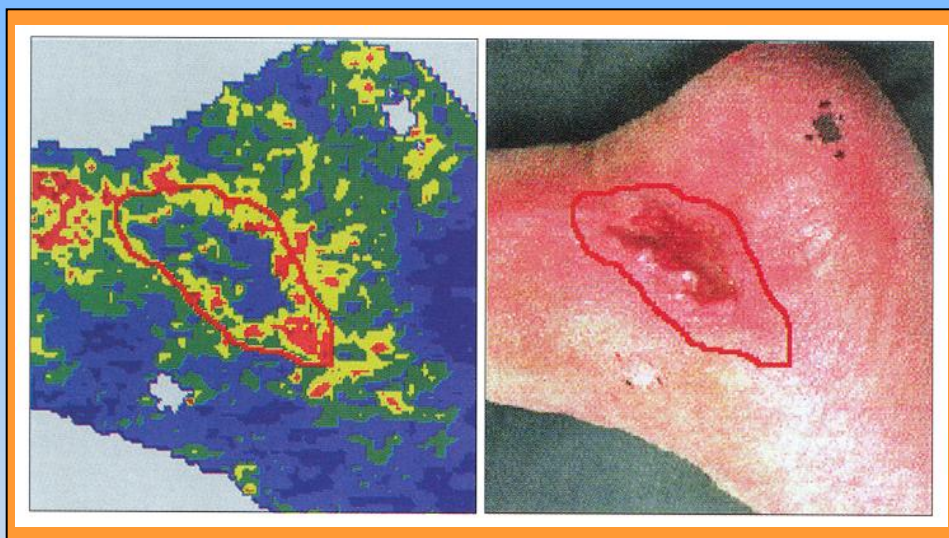
Upper right: DC-reflection from tissue;

Lower left: perfusion, normalized with DC

Lower right: perfusion, normalized with DC^2 .

Dynamic scattering: 1. Laser Doppler Perfusion (Imaging)

Perfusion Image of a foot ulcer



Typically the highest perfusion is in the boundary around the ulcer, in inflammatory skin and in granulating tissue inside the ulcer area.

From: Bornmyr, "Laser Doppler flowmetry and imaging - methodological studies. Dep of clinical hysiology", thesis, Malmö, Sweden (1998);
Figure: courtesy: prof. G. Nilsson, Lisca, Linkoping, Sweden)

Dynamic scattering:

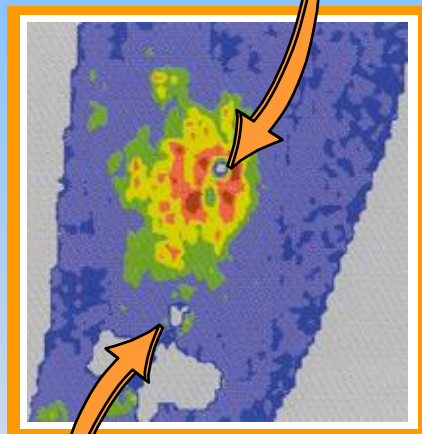
1. Laser Doppler Perfusion (Imaging)

The effect of micro-trauma

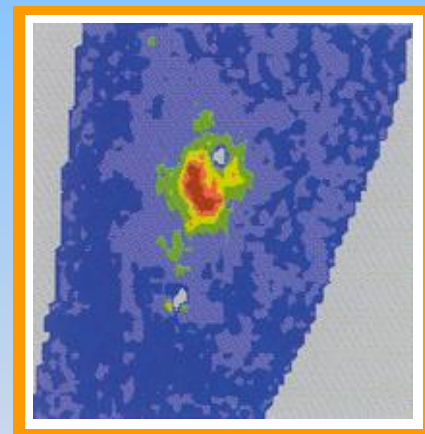
The dialysis fibre probe tip causes hyperperfusion



Insertion of a micro-dialysis fibre into the skin.



No hyperperfusion at the point of introduction because the skin is anesthetized.



After 30 minutes the hyperperfusion is reduced.

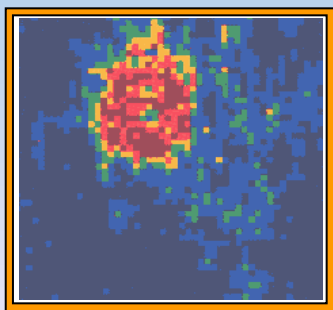
(Courtesy: Lisca Sweden)

Dynamic scattering: 1. Laser Doppler Perfusion (Imaging)

Basal cell carcinoma

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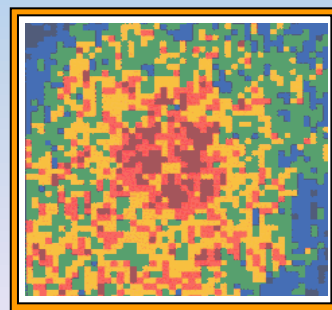
Before treatment



Neo-vascularisation
in tumour area.

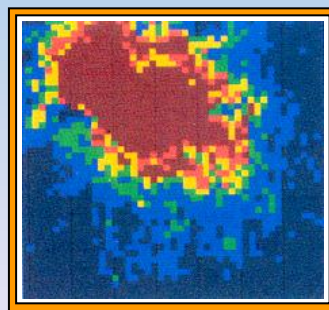
After treatment

Immediately



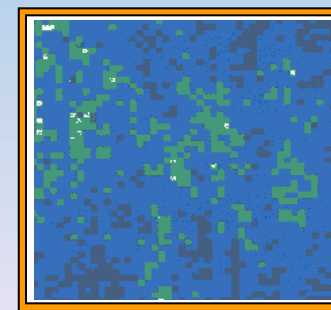
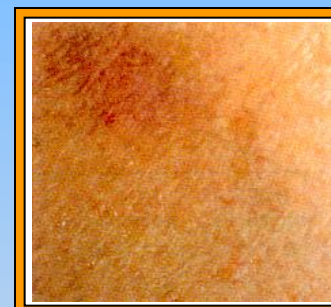
Inflammatory
response.

One week



Inflammatory response
with excessive perfusion.

8.5 months later

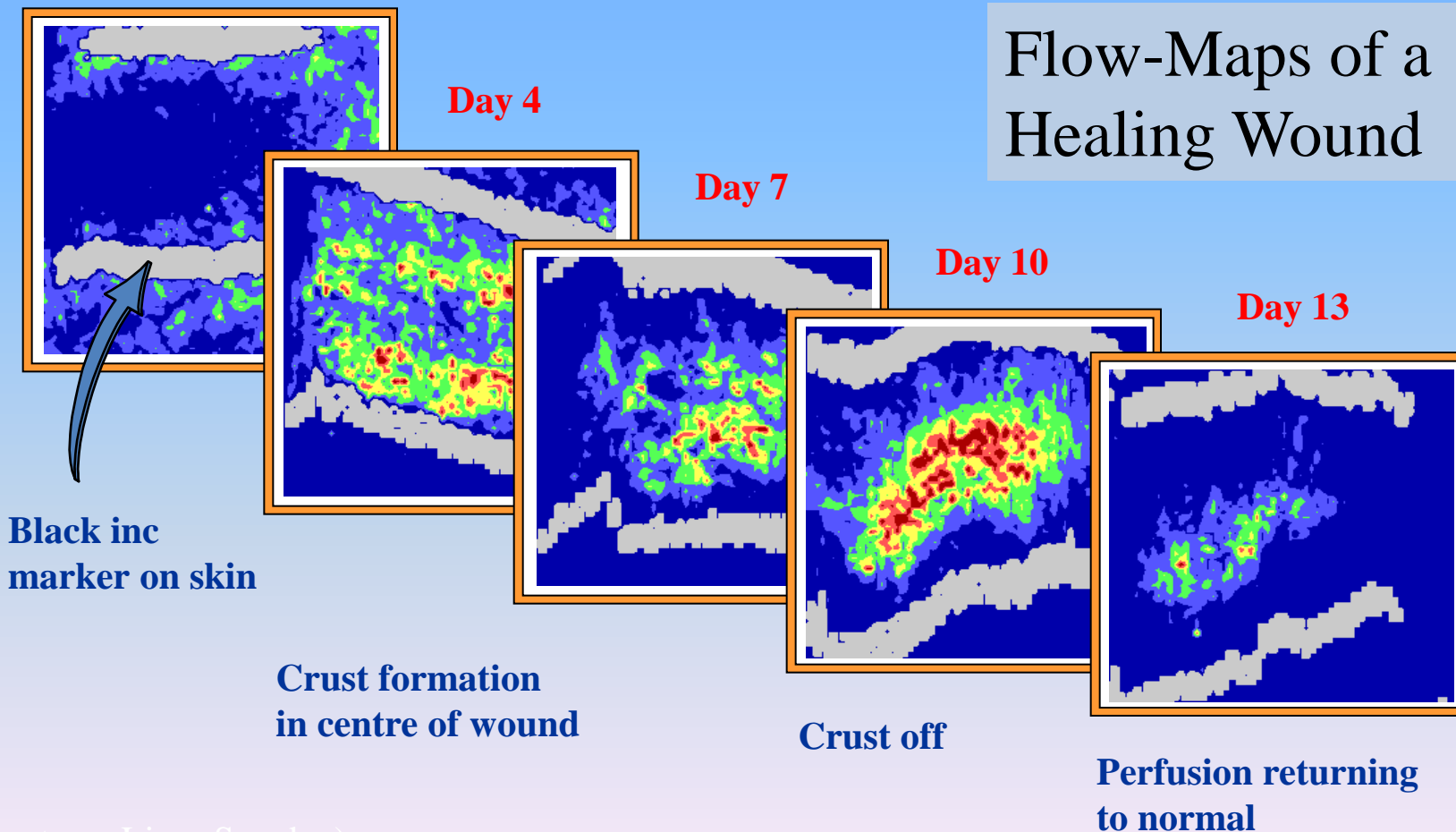


Back to normal.

Dynamic scattering: 1. Laser Doppler Perfusion (Imaging)

Day 1: wound creation

Flow-Maps of a
Healing Wound

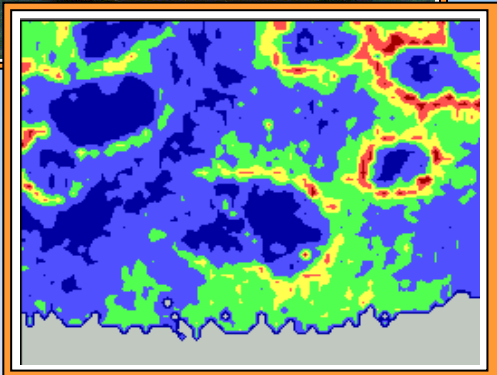


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Dynamic scattering: 1. Laser Doppler Perfusion (Imaging)

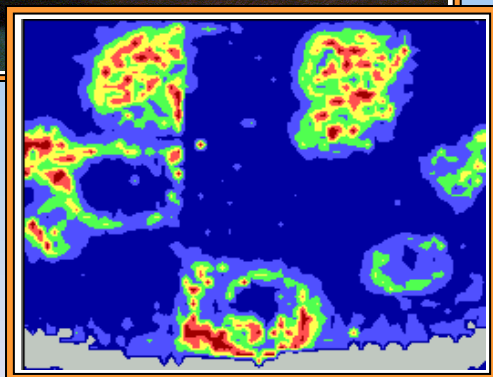
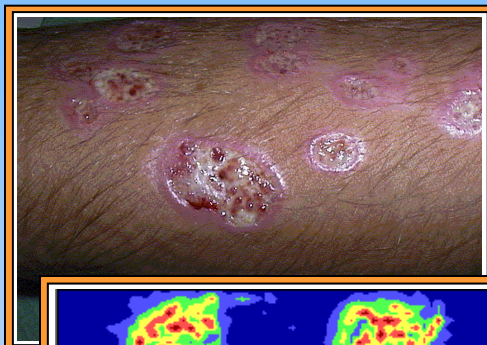
The healing process of a burn wound

Day 2

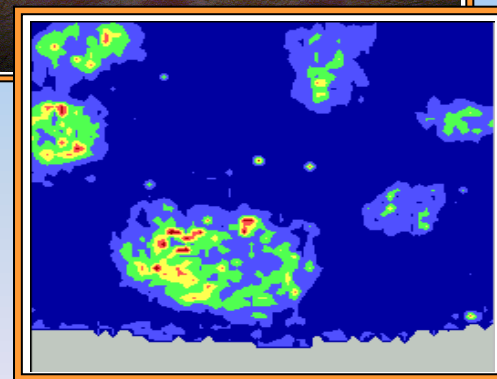


Reduced perfusion
in burnt areas.
Increased perfusion
in surrounding skin.

Day 13



Day 28



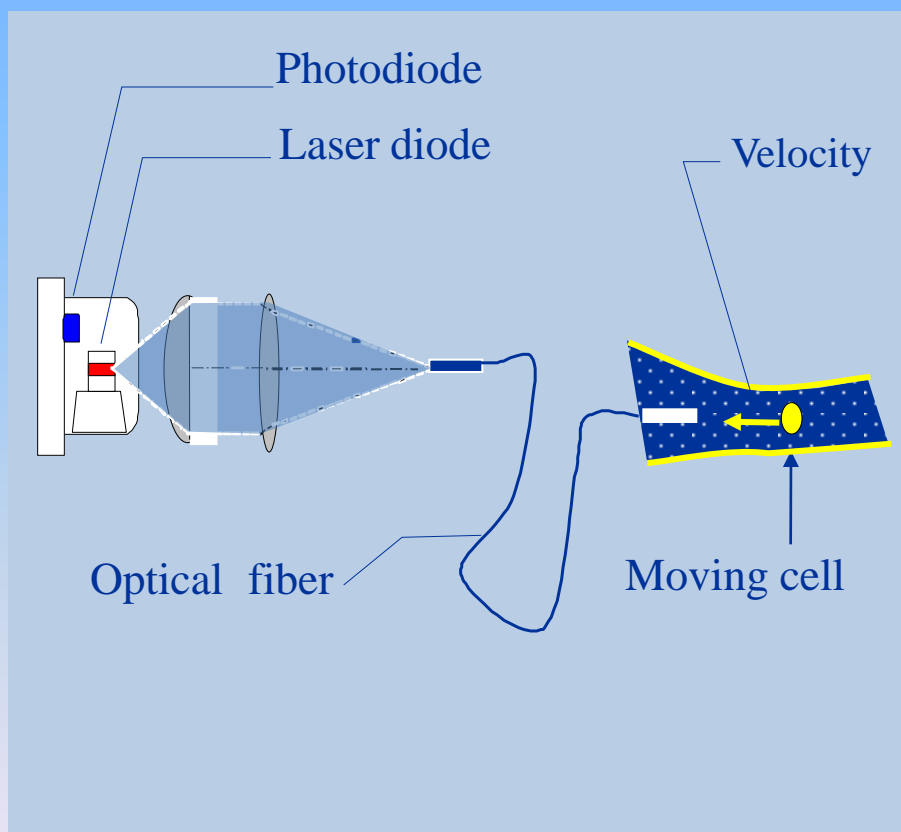
Towards normalisation.

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Dynamic scattering: 2. Self-mixing Laser-Doppler Flowmetry



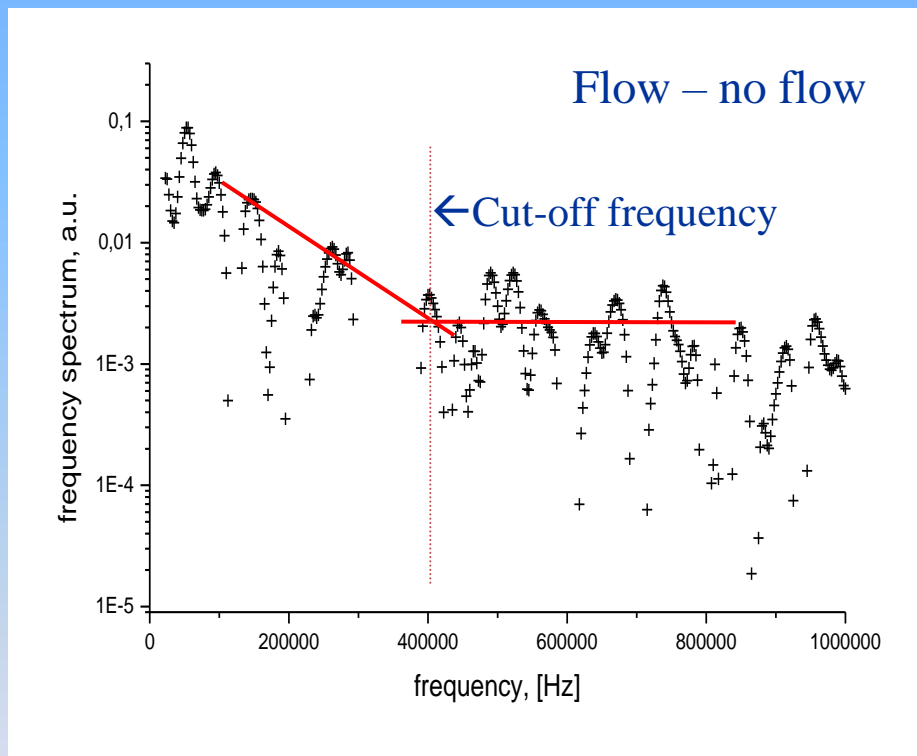
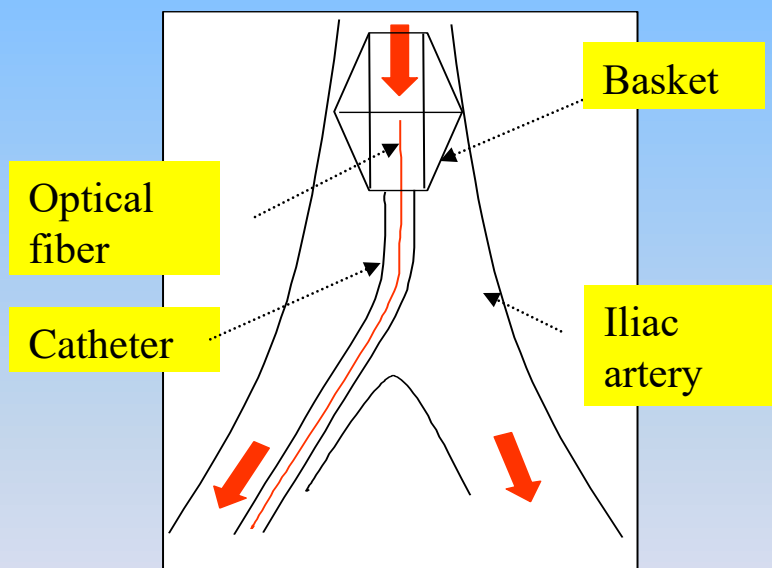
Principle:

- laser light reflected/scattered by moving blood cells,
- partly back-reflected into laser cavity,
- with Doppler-shifted frequency,
- in cavity: mixing with “original” light,
- Doppler signal results,
- can be measured with photodiode

Dynamic scattering:

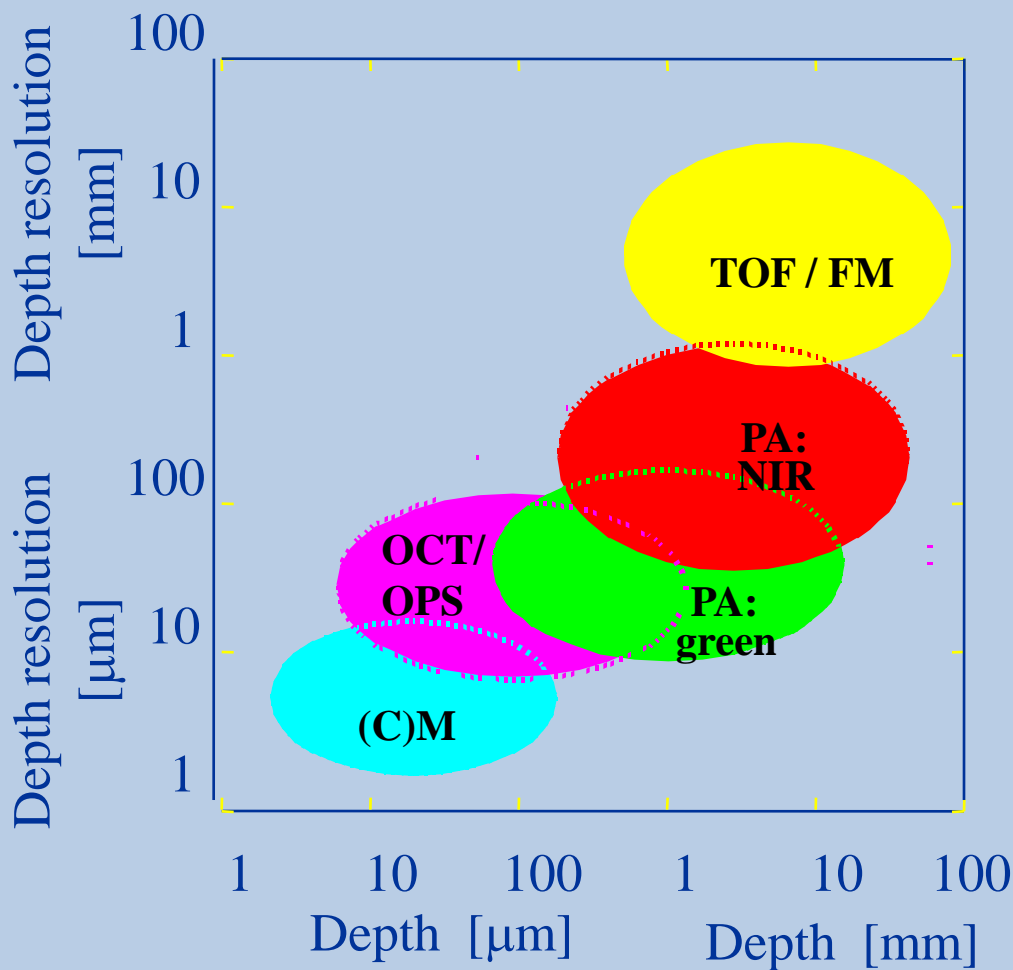
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Branching in iliac artery of healthy pig



Cut-off frequency at 400 kHz corresponds with a velocity of 16 cm/s.
 (Independent measurement using an electromagnetic probe: 14.5 ± 1.0 cm/s)
 (L. Scalise & F.F.M. de Mul).

Imaging methods for hidden structures in turbid media (tissue)



C(M) : (confocal) microscopy

OCT: optical coherence tomography

OPS: orthogonal polarization spectral imaging

PA: photoacoustics

TOF: time-of-flight tomography

FM: frequency-modulated tomography

Non-invasive Biomedical Optics

Conclusions:

- several techniques available, at various depths,
 - to 1 mm : OCT, OPS
 - to 10 mm : PA – green
 - to 50 mm : TOF, FM, PA-infrared.
- resolution / depth $\approx 1 / 10$ (with OCT, OPS, PA: $1/100$)

Non-invasive Biomedical Optics

In our lab (UT – Applied Physics – Biomedical Optics)

- Laser-Doppler Monitoring / Imaging
(chip design, calibration, speckle optics, low-coherence)
- Photon transillumination (...1.8 Ghz frequency modulation)
- Photo-acoustic imaging (blood in tissue -> mammography)
- Compound concentration determination by light scattering
- Monte-Carlo light transport simulations

Non-invasive Biomedical Optics

the end