# Diffuse Optical Spectroscopy & Tomography: Fetal hypoxia and Breast cancer ROC curve

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# Detection of Fetal Hypoxia



- Fetal hypoxia in utero → Brain damage
- Need: Non-invasive, direct oxygenation monitoring device

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### Challenges

- Can we detect fetal signal? (e.g. Maternal layer thickness: 1 - 4 cm)
- 2 Can we quantify fetal oxygenation accurately? (i.e. Separation of maternal and fetal signals)
- 3 Clinical translation?



# (1) Signal from Fetus (Human)



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## (1) Can we detect fetal signal? (Simulation)



Detector

Visiting Probability Map



### Yes, we can! (Late gestation model)

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# (2) Oxygenation Quantification? (Clinical)







# (2) Accurate Quantification (Animal)



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1 Quantification of fetal oxygen status: healthy fetus

 A. M. Vintzileos et al., A. J. Obstet. Gynecol., 192, 129-133 (2005)

- Comparison with trans-vaginal pulse oximeter
- More data to establish healthy baseline oxygenation
- **2** Refined C-section protocol with better timing and portable instrumentation
- 3 Monitoring before, during, after fetal surgery (Access to fetus *in distress*)

# ROC curve

Correspondance between BC & Turgut (2005)

BC: "Dear Turgut & Arjun,

Strongly suggest you publish where radiologists will read. This is what Tromberg NTROI needs, some positive results. How about a ROC curve?

**Turgut:** "...No ROC curves yet, with five patients, I think all I can do is to visit RoC (Republic of Cyprus)..."

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### Parallel-Plane Diffuse Optical Tomography



Acquisition time = 6 minutes

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### Validation with MRI



R. Choe et al., Med. Phys., 32 p.1128-1139, (2005)

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### Example: Malignant Lesion



- Relative Total Hemoglobin Concentration (rTHC)
- Relative Blood Oxygen Saturation (rStO<sub>2</sub>)
- Relative Tissue Scattering (rµ'<sub>s</sub>)

• Optical Index = 
$$\frac{rTHC \cdot r\mu'_s}{rStO_2}$$

### Example: Benign Lesion



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- Fibroadenoma
- Characterization with MRI

## Lesion Differentiation (N=51)



Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve

Area under ROC curves: rTHC, rHbO<sub>2</sub>, rµ'<sub>s</sub>, OI > 0.9

R. Choe et al., Journal of Biomedical Optics 14(2), (2009)

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- **1** ROC for Therapy monitoring: multi-parameter, portable instrumentation
- 2 ROC for Diagnosis/Characterization: multi-modality imaging approach
- **3** ROC for Early detection: absorption/fluorescence contrast enhanced imaging

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