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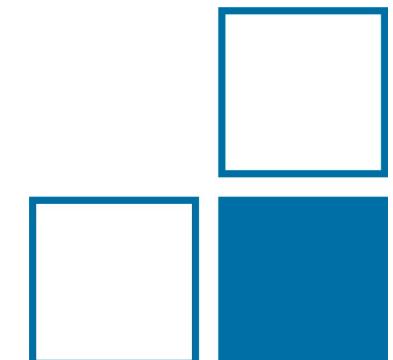
# ***Performance assessment and development of ISO/IEC standards in diffuse optics***

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- fNIRS and cerebral tissue oximetry
- ISO/IEC standards in diffuse optics
- Research in diffuse optics – culture of performance assessment

## Performance protocols and phantoms

- MEDPHOT
- BIP
- nEUROPt

## Performance tests and phantoms in the ISO/IEC standards

- fNIRS
- Tissue oximetry

## Other activities

# Introduction: fNIRS and tissue oximetry

## fNIRS (functional Near-Infrared Spectroscopy)

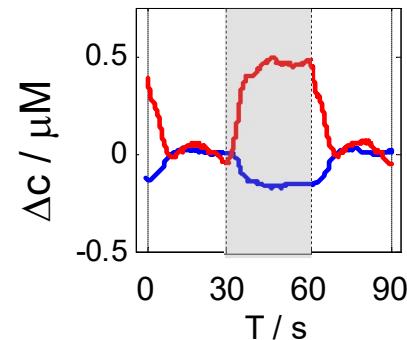
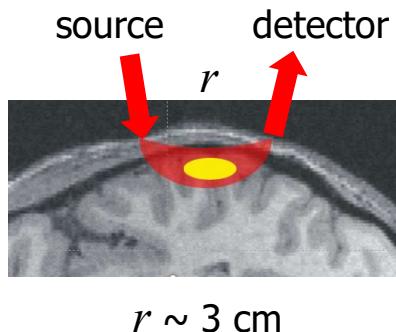
Hemodynamic response to (neuronal) brain activation

*Measurands:*

Hb concentration changes in the brain

$$\Delta C_{O_2Hb}, \Delta C_{HHb}$$

- ← absorption changes  $\Delta\mu_a(\lambda, T)$
- ← attenuation changes  $\Delta A(\lambda, T)$  ( method)



## Cerebral tissue oximetry

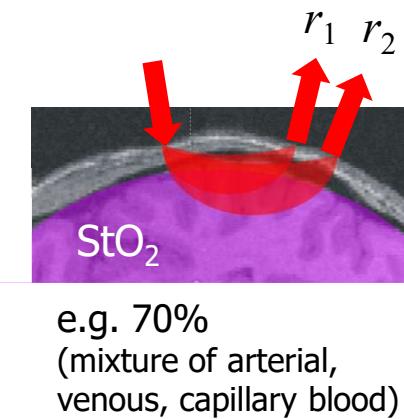
Cerebral oxygenation monitoring (heart surgery, neonates,...)

*Measurand:*

$StO_2$  = oxygen saturation of Hb of blood in (cerebral) tissue

$$StO_2 = c_{O_2Hb} / (c_{O_2Hb} + c_{HHb})$$

- ← (absolute) absorption coefficients  $\mu_a(\lambda)$
- ← attenuation difference (intensity ratio)  $A(r_1) - A(r_2)$



- 2 or more source-detector separations to suppress influence of superficial tissues
- most commercial devices (CW) rely on empirical calibration rather than model-based approaches

# ISO/IEC standards in diffuse optics



## General standard

**IEC 60601-1** - *Medical electrical equipment - Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

## Particular standards

(requirements for specific products or measurements)

- ISO 80601-2-61:2017 (1<sup>st</sup> ed. 2011)  
*pulse oximeter equipment*
- IEC 80601-2-71:2016 (new)  
*functional near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) equipment*
- ISO 80601-2-85 (under development)  
*cerebral tissue oximeter equipment*

developed by

ISO TC121/SC3/JWG10 – IEC TC62/SC62D/JWG5

= **JWG "Oximeters"**



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Standards of the 60601 family are  
“safety standards”  
(not “performance standards”)

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### \* ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE

**performance of a clinical function,**  
other than that related to BASIC SAFETY,  
where loss or degradation beyond the  
**limits specified by the MANUFACTURER**  
results in an **unacceptable RISK**

~ “functional safety”!

## **Culture of performance assessment in various EU projects (WPs related to performance assessment and standardization)**

- clinical problem → physical problem (model)
  - protocols (guidelines, tests, measurands)
  - implementation (phantoms, measurement conditions)
  - multi-laboratory comparison of instrumentation
  - potential contribution to standardization

## **MEDPHOT** 2000-2004      "MEDPHOT protocol"

**nEUROPt** 2008-2012      “BIP protocol”  
                                  “nEUROPt protocol”

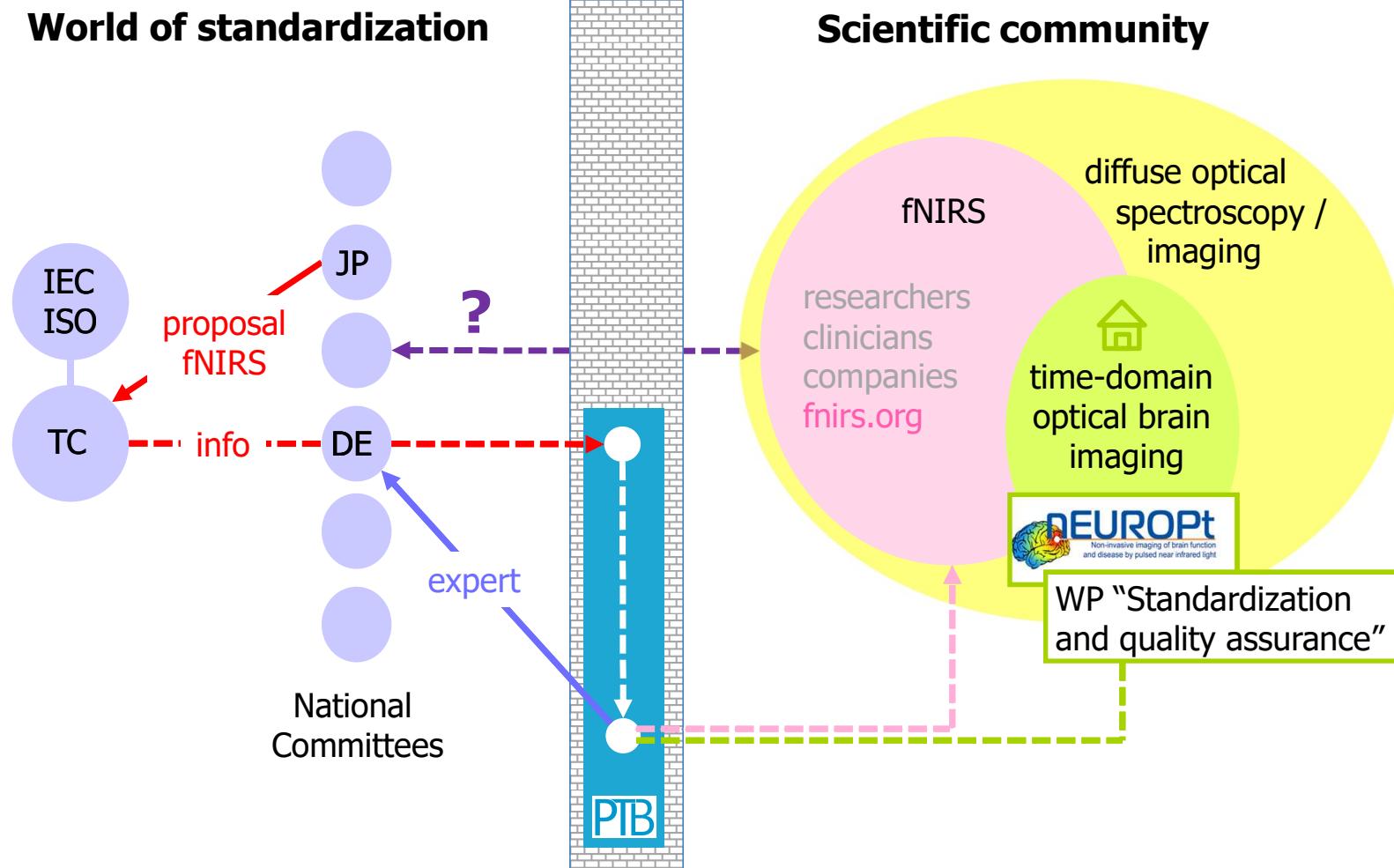
- several other EU projects

<b>BitMap</b> (MSCA-ITN)	2016-2019	application of selected tests of these protocols <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• measurements (~30 instruments, 9 institutions – EU and beyond)</li><li>• open data</li><li>• advanced analysis of all data with various models</li></ul>
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# Science and standardization?

**2011**

**NWIP  
fNIRS**



## Performance protocols and phantoms (EU projects)

- MEDPHOT
- BIP
- nEUROPt

# Performance protocols

## Guidelines

“Basic instrumental performance” protocol

*H. Wabnitz et al.  
JBO 2014, part 1*

“MEDPHOT” protocol

*A. Pifferi et al.  
Appl. Opt. 2005*

“nEUROpt” protocol

*H. Wabnitz et al.  
JBO 2014, part 2*

## Model

~ no sample

$\mu_s'$ ,  $\mu_a$

homogeneous

$\Delta\mu_a$

model of brain activation (fNIRS)

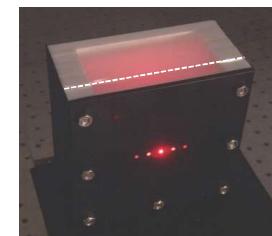
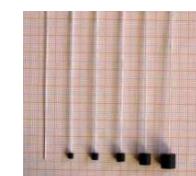
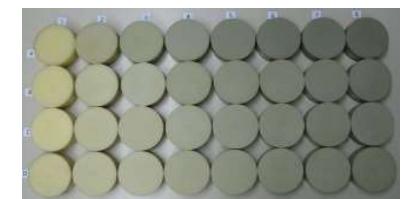
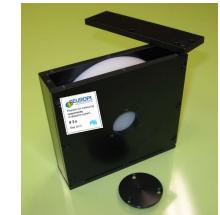
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in particular:  
responsivity of  
detection system

accuracy, linearity,  
noise, stability,  
reproducibility

sensitivity  
spatial resolution  
accuracy

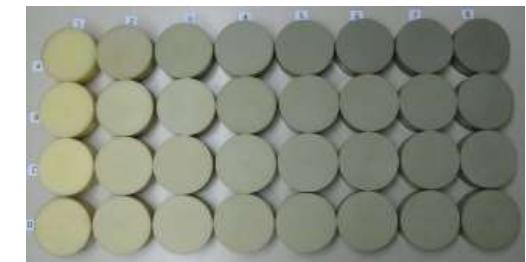
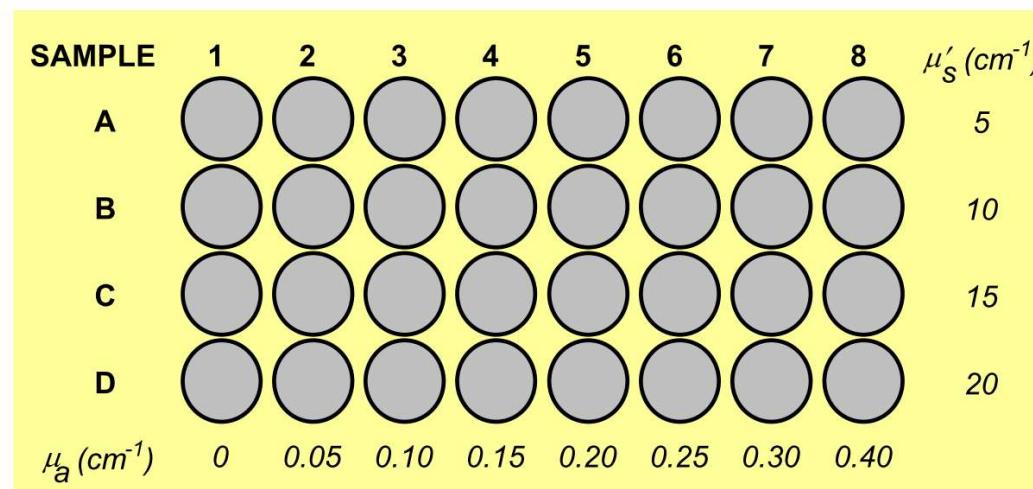
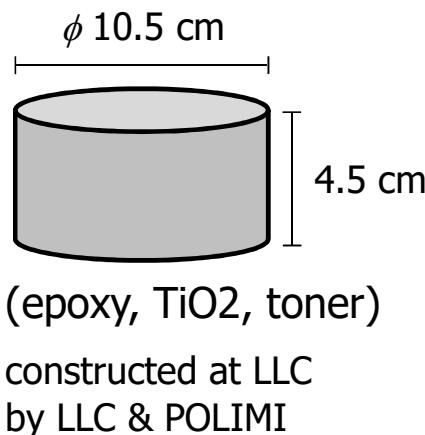
## Phantoms



# MEDPHOT protocol and solid phantom kit

Determination of  $\mu_a$ ,  $\mu'_s$  of a homogeneous turbid medium

**Tests:** accuracy, linearity, noise, stability, reproducibility

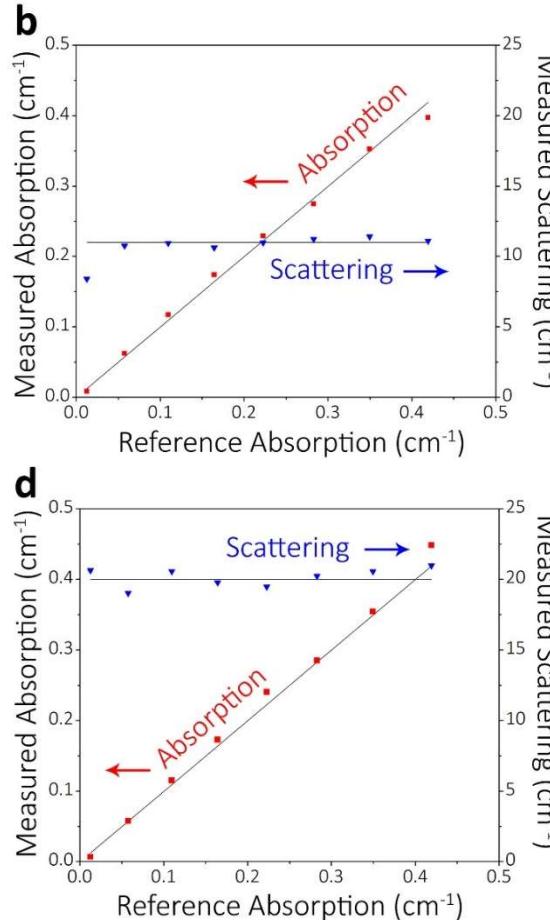
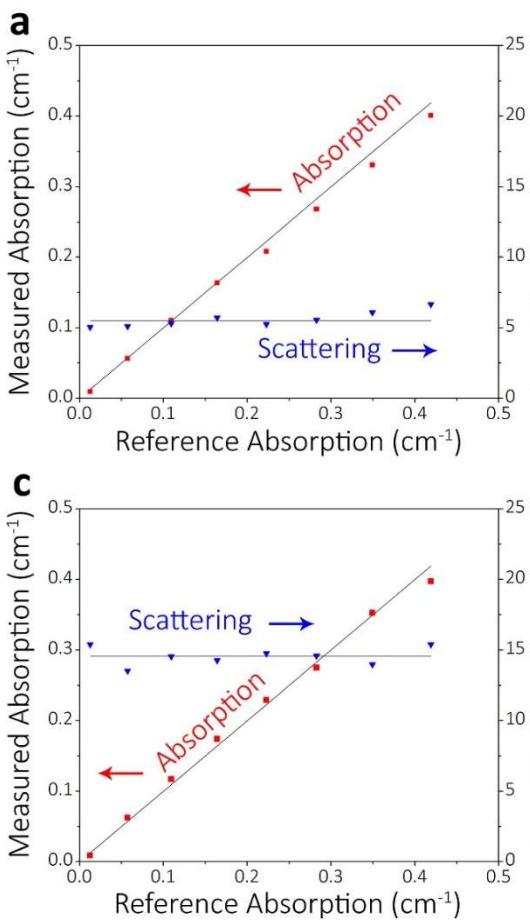


- well characterized during MEDPHOT measurement campaigns
- but: accuracy of characterization of  $\mu_a$ ,  $\mu'_s \sim 10\ldots20\%$

A. Pifferi et al.  
*“Performance assessment of photon migration instruments: the MEDPHOT protocol”*  
*Appl. Opt. 44 (2005), 2104-2114*

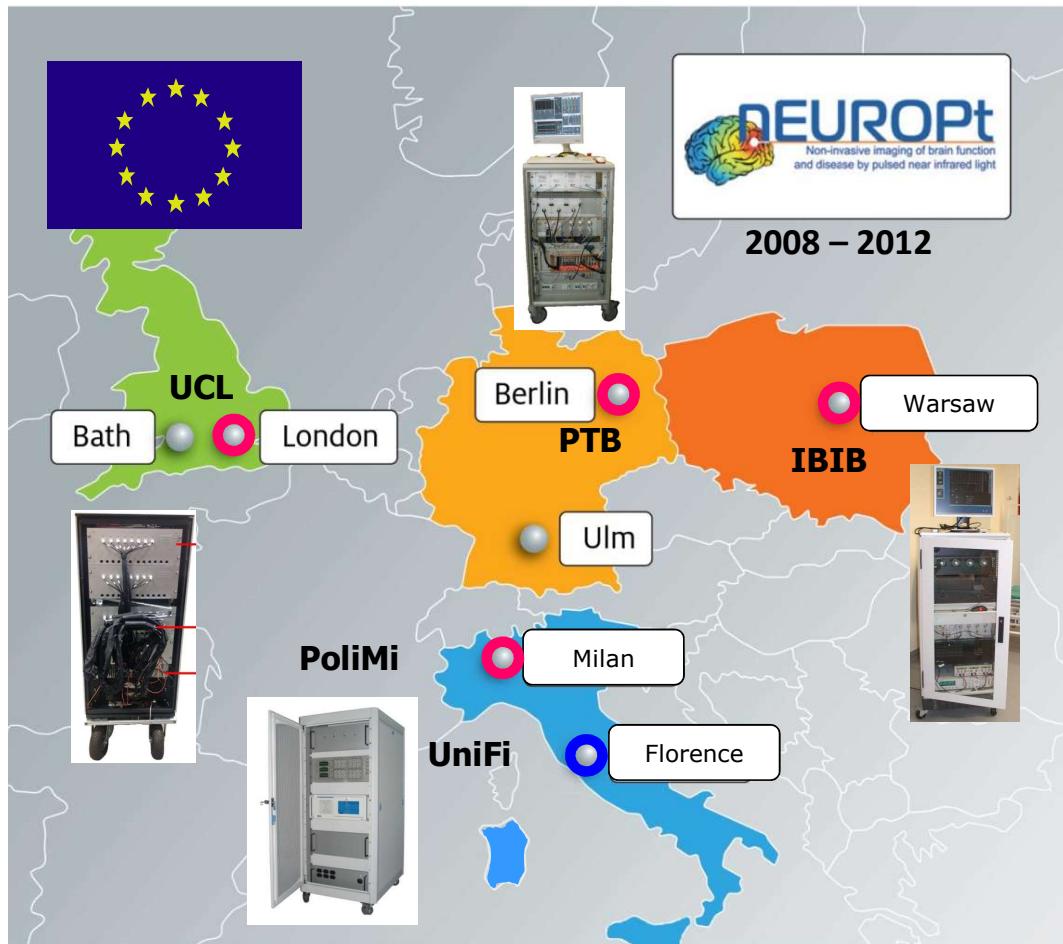
# MEDPHOT protocol - linearity

Example of **linearity** plots of a diffuse spectroscopy instrument

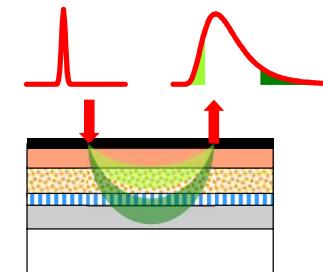


A. Pifferi et al. Appl. Opt. 2005  
A. Dalla Mora et al. Opt. Expr. 2015

# Performance assessment (*nEUROPt* project)



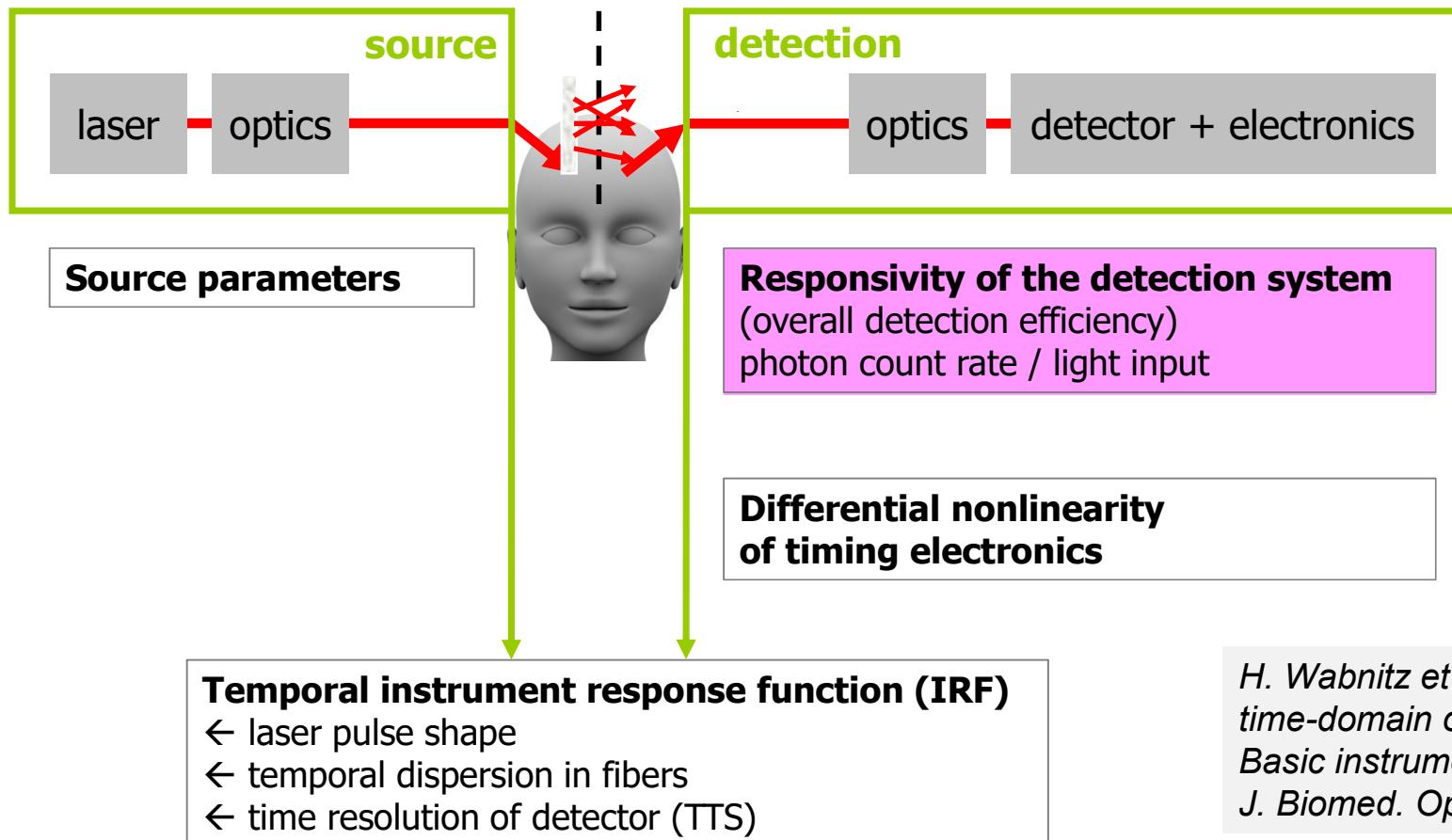
Time-domain optical brain imaging  
(fNIRS -  $\Delta\mu_a$ )



- developments in technology and data analysis
- **performance assessment**
- clinical pilot studies
  - comparison of **instruments**
  - comparison of **methods of data analysis**
  - effect of technical improvements
  - quality assurance during clinical studies

# Basic instrumental performance

**Aim:** record all relevant characteristics of the instrument



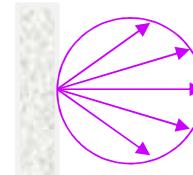
# **Definition of responsivity**

**Responsivity** (~ overall efficiency) of the **detection system**

$$s_{\text{det}}^L(\lambda) = \frac{S(\lambda)}{L(\lambda)}$$

signal, e.g. count rate  $N$

radiance ( $\text{W m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ )



**Required:** uniform light source

- with angular distribution  $\sim$  as from tissue (~ Lambertian)
- with known radiance  $L$

**Solution:**

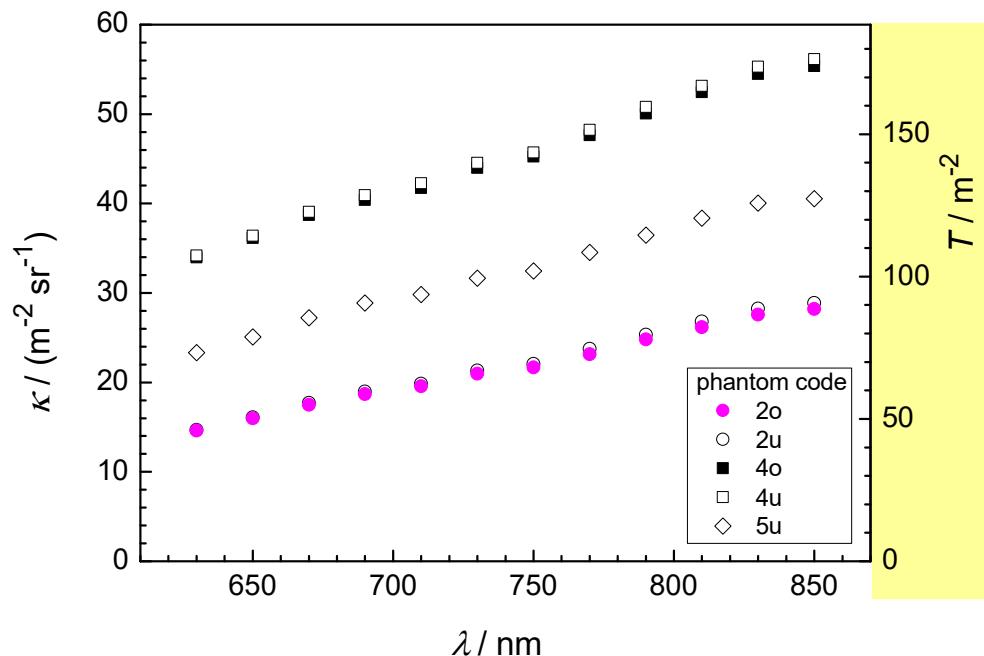


- thick slab phantom (2 cm) with known transmittance factor  $\kappa(\lambda)$
- input power  $\overline{P}_{\text{in}}(\lambda)$

$$\Rightarrow L(\lambda) = \kappa(\lambda) \cdot \overline{P}_{\text{in}}(\lambda)$$

# Characterization of responsivity phantoms

## Diffuse transmittance factor $\kappa$ and CW transmittance $T$

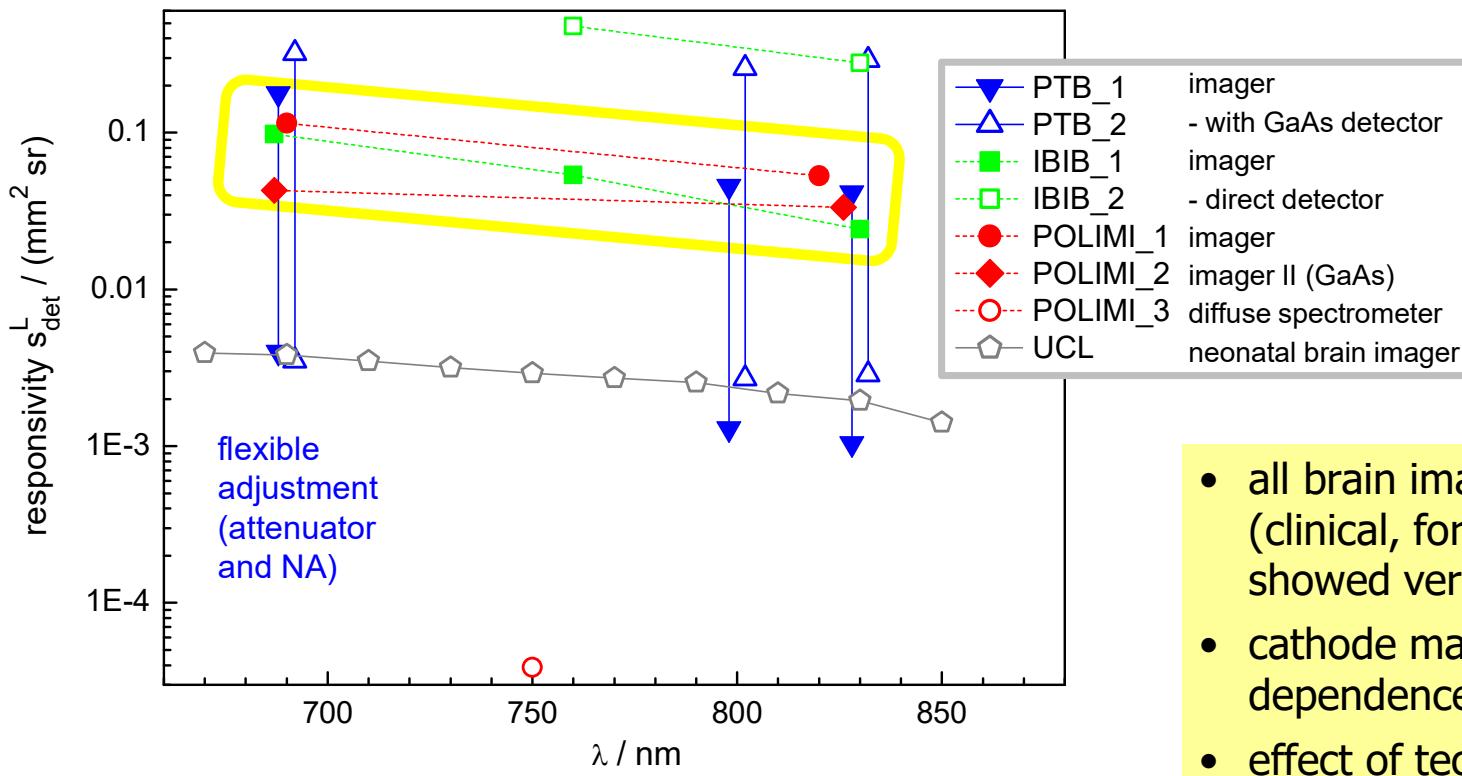


$$T(\lambda) = \pi \kappa(\lambda)$$

(radiation into full hemisphere,  
integrated over Lambertian  
angular distribution  $\sim \cos \Theta$ )

H. Wabnitz et al. JBO 19 (2014),  
086010 (BIP)

# Responsivity: Results



H. Wabnitz et al.  
JBO 19 (2014), 086010 (BIP)

- all brain imagers (clinical, for adults, with fiber bundles) showed very similar responsivities!
- cathode material → wavelength dependence
- effect of technical improvements on responsivity easily checked

## Tests

### Sensitivity

- Contrast
- Contrast-to-noise ratio

### Spatial resolution

- Lateral spatial resolution
- Depth selectivity

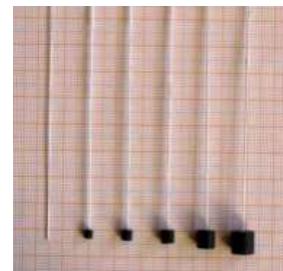
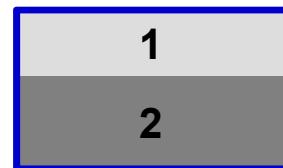
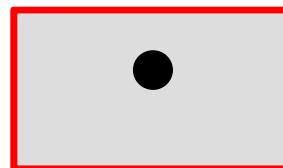
### Quantification

of absorption changes

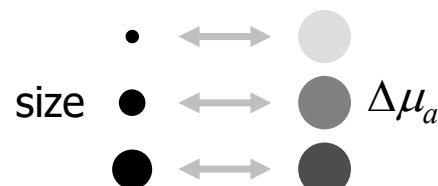
- Accuracy
- Linearity

H. Wabnitz et al.  
JBO 19 (2014), 086012  
(*nEUROPt*)

## Phantoms



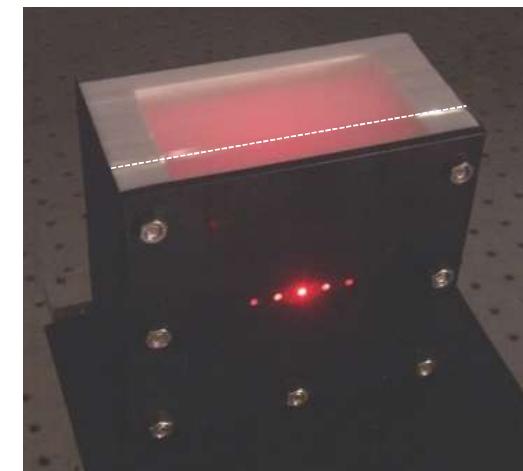
equivalence



F. Martelli et al., JBO 2013  
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+Mylar foil

*Del Bianco et al,  
Opt. Expr. 2004*



+intralipid and pre-diluted ink  
accurately characterized

*P. Di Ninni et al., OE 2010  
P. Di Ninni et al., PMB 2011*

multilaboratory (12 institutions):  
*L. Spinelli et al., BOE 2014*

# Intrinsic optical properties of Intralipid and India ink

## Inter-laboratory comparison

$$\mu_a = \varepsilon_{a\text{ink}} \rho_{\text{ink}} + \mu_a^{\text{BKG}}, \quad \mu'_s = \varepsilon_{s\text{il}} \rho_{\text{il}}$$

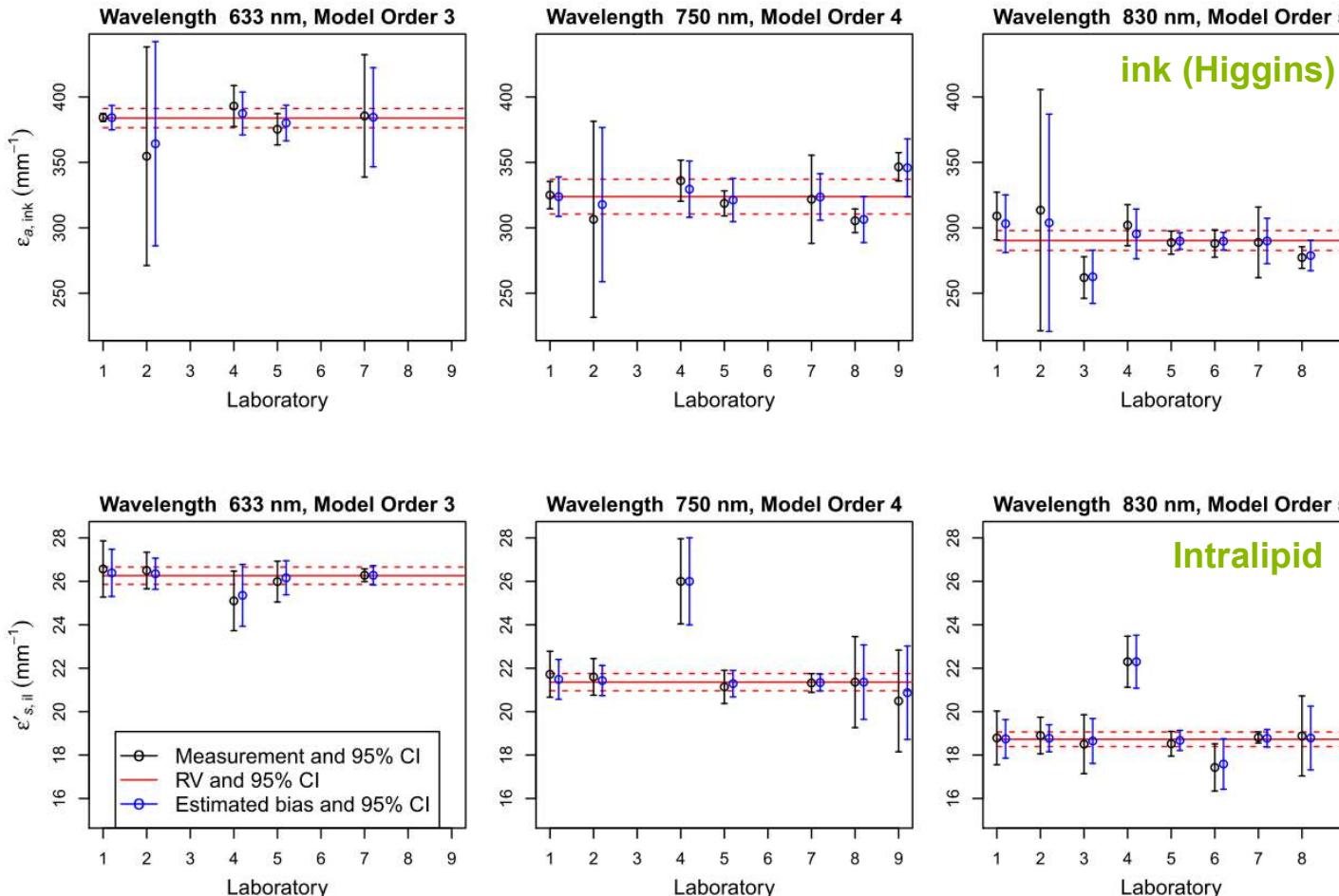
reduced scattering and absorption coefficients of dilute mixtures of Intralipid and India ink (linear regime)

$\varepsilon$ ... coefficients of the pure substance,  $\rho$  - weight concentration

Institution	Country	Measurement Tech.	Analysis Tech.	Wavelength (nm)
POLIMI	ITALY	Time Resolved	Linear method	633, 750, 830
INO	CANADA	Time Resolved	Non-linear fitting, MC RTE model	633, 750, 830
IBIB	POLAND	Time Resolved	Method of moments	830
Université de Sherbrooke	CANADA	Integrating sphere, direct method (abs only)	Inverse adding doubling, linear method (abs only)	633, 750, 830
UNIFI	ITALY	Continuous Wave	Linear method	633, 750, 830
ICFO	SPAIN	Time Resolved	Non-linear fitting, DE model	687, 785, 830
ILM	GERMANY	Spatially Resolved	Non-linear fitting, MC simulations	633, 750, 830
PTB	GERMANY	Time Resolved	Linear method	750, 830
ULUND	SWEDEN	Time Resolved	Non-linear fitting, MC simulations	750, 830, 916

L. Spinelli et al., “Determination of reference values for optical properties of liquid phantoms based on Intralipid and India ink”, Biomed. Opt. Expr. 5, 2037–2053 (2014)

# Intrinsic optical properties of Intralipid and India ink: Results

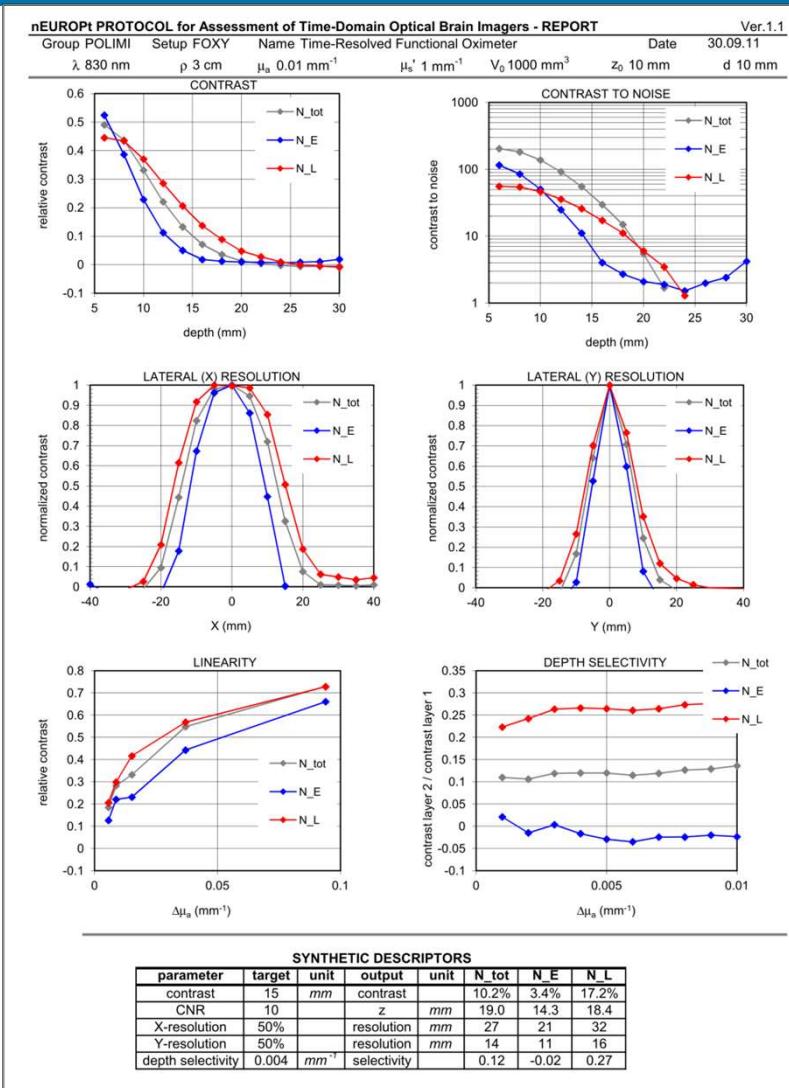


**Statistical analysis (PTB):**  
 “fixed effects model” (accounts  
 for inconsistency in dataset, bias)

→ uncertainty  
 ≤ 2% for  $\varepsilon_{a,ink}$   
 < 1% for  $\varepsilon'_{s,il}$

L. Spinelli et al., BOE 2014

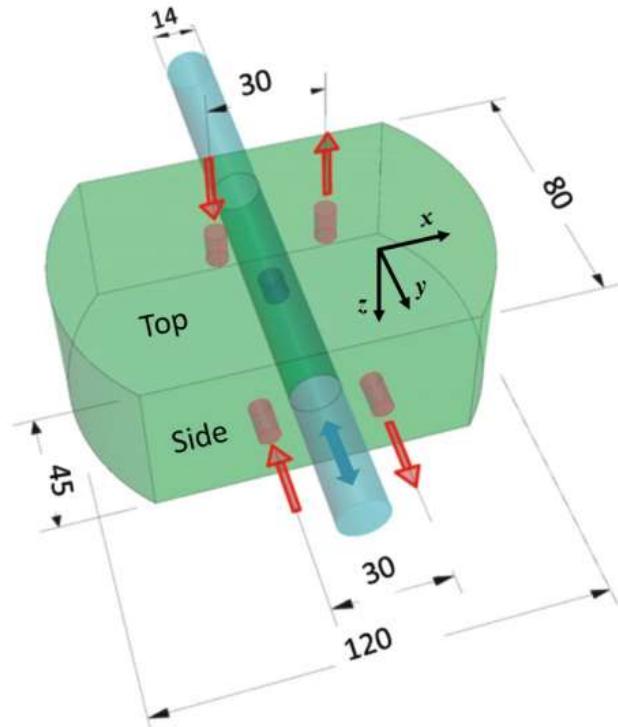
# nEUROPt protocol: Reporting sheet



- consolidated presentation of results
  - contrast, contrast to noise ratio as function of depth
  - lateral spatial resolution
  - linearity
  - depth selectivity
- synthetic descriptors
- actual implementation of the nEUROPt protocol, definition of measurands, conditions for analysis and reporting

H. Wabnitz et al., A. Pifferi, "Performance assessment of time-domain optical brain imagers, part 2: nEUROPt protocol," J. Biomed. Opt. 19 (2014), 086012

# Switchable solid phantom



A. Pifferi et al., "Mechanically switchable solid inhomogeneous phantom for performance tests in diffuse imaging and spectroscopy,"  
*J. Biomed. Opt.* 20 (2015), 121304

# SOLUS: *diffuse optics + ultrasound phantom development*



- Politecnico di Milano, Dipartimento di Fisica, Italy
- SuperSonic Imagine SA, France
- VERMON SA, France
- Ospedale San Raffaele, Italy
- Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives, France

[www.solus-project.eu/deliverables](http://www.solus-project.eu/deliverables)

*Deliverable 4.1: Design of multi-modal phantoms for DOT-US*

*L. Di Sieno, Proc. SPIE 11075 (2019)*

- long-lasting silicone-based phantoms
- **bulk:** new silicone material for diffuse optics and ultrasound (Ecoflex 00-30)  
**inclusions:** Sylgard 184  
(different echogenicity, same speed of sound,  
no influence of light absorbing and scattering powders on US properties)
- independent tuning of optical and acoustical properties

**Grant Agreement:** 731877

**Call identifier:** H2020-ICT-2016-1

**Topic:** ICT-29-2016 Photonics KET 2016

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*Courtesy A. Dalla Mora  
(Politecnico di Milano)*

## Performance tests and phantoms in the ISO/IEC standards

- fNIRS
- Tissue oximetry

# How were these *international standards* developed?



		<b>IEC 80601-2-71 fNIRS</b>	<b>ISO 80601-2-85 cerebral tissue oximeters</b>
<b>NP</b>	new work item proposal *	2011 (JP *)	2016 (US *)
<b>WD</b>	working draft		JWG (all **)
<b>CD</b>	committee draft ( <i>1 or more</i> )		CD1, CD2
<b>DIS / CDV</b>	draft International Standard (ISO) / committee draft for vote (IEC)		subm. 2019-11
<b>FDIS</b>	final draft International Standard		2020
<b>IS</b>	International Standard (published)	2015	

\* industry driven:  
market leaders are standardization leaders

\*\* scientific community  
well represented  
(e.g. fNIRS Society)

## 201.12.1.101. Performance of FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT

- 2 AVERAGE OPTICAL POWER
- 3 PEAK WAVELENGTH
- 4 FULL WIDTH AT HALF MAXIMUM of spectral distribution
- 5 PATHLENGTH DEPENDENT HAEMOGLOBIN CHANGE
- 6 Signal stability
- 7 RESPONSE TIME
- 8 \*SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO
- 9 SIGNAL CROSS-TALK

no phantom

phantom with

- large, typical attenuation between emitter and detector (turbid material)
- in addition, a means to generate attenuation change  $\Delta A$

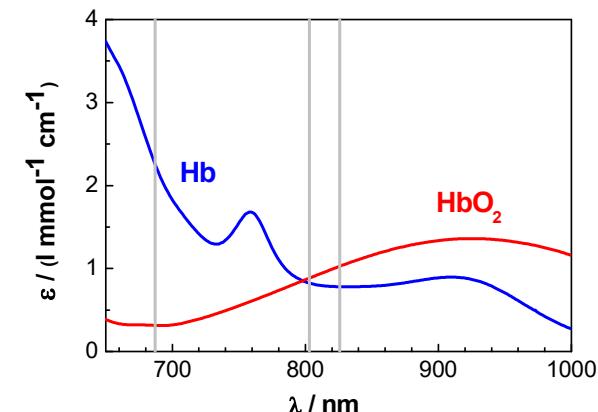
Attenuation change

$$\begin{aligned}-\Delta A(\lambda_i) &= \log_{10}(I_B / I_A) \\ &= \Delta \mu_a(\lambda_i) L / \log_e 10 \\ &= \varepsilon_{O_2Hb}^{(\lambda_i)} \Delta C_{O_2Hb} L + \varepsilon_{HHb}^{(\lambda_i)} \Delta C_{HHb} L\end{aligned}$$

$\Delta CL$  – pathlength-dependent Hb change

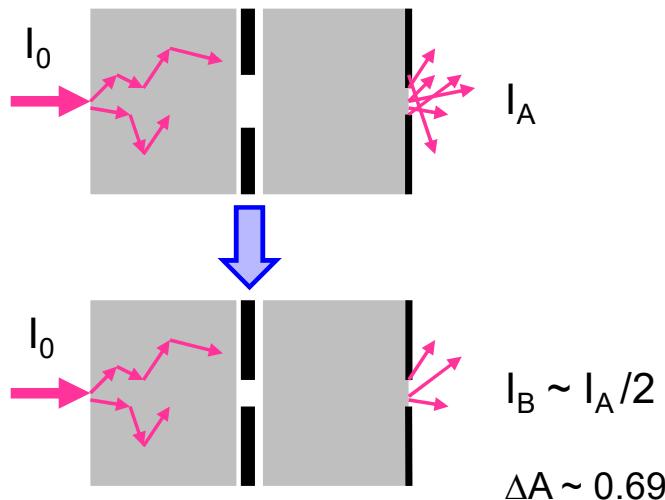
$L$  – mean optical pathlength,

assumption:  $L = L(\lambda_1) = L(\lambda_2)$



# Performance test for signal (“haemoglobin change”)

Simulation of haemoglobin change by turbid phantom with interchangeable aperture  
 → specific value of intensity change



- not applicable to all-in-one probes (reflection geometry)
  - CW fNIRS only
- include elements of nEUROpt protocol in next edition?

## Procedure:

Measure  $I_B / I_A$  by power meter  $\rightarrow \Delta A$

Calculate related signal:

$$\Delta C_{O_2Hb} L = \frac{\varepsilon_{HHb}(\lambda_2) \Delta A(\lambda_1) - \varepsilon_{HHb}(\lambda_1) \Delta A(\lambda_2)}{\varepsilon_{O_2Hb}(\lambda_1) \varepsilon_{HHb}(\lambda_2) - \varepsilon_{O_2Hb}(\lambda_2) \varepsilon_{HHb}(\lambda_1)}$$

$$\Delta C_{HHb} L = \dots$$

concrete values depend on

- $I_B / I_A$
- wavelengths  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$
- Hb spectra applied

## Example:

- $I_B = I_A/2$
- $\lambda_1 = 690 \text{ nm}, \lambda_2 = 830 \text{ nm}$
- spectra:  
 M. Cope, PhD Thesis, London 1991

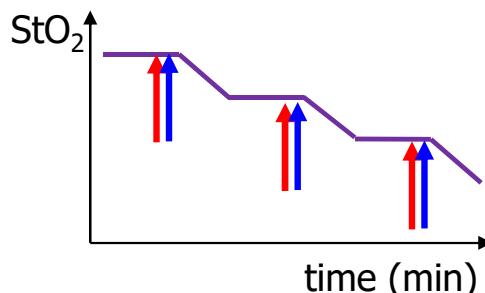
$$\Delta C_{O_2Hb} L = 204 \mu\text{M} \cdot \text{cm}$$

$$\Delta C_{HHb} L = 111 \mu\text{M} \cdot \text{cm}$$

# Tissue oximeters: (Traditional) *in-vivo* validation

## Controlled human desaturation study

- breathing air with reduced O<sub>2</sub> content, stepwise decrease of arterial saturation down to 70% ( $\rightarrow \text{StO}_2 \sim 55\%$ )
- simultaneous blood sampling from **artery** and **jugular vein** (both catheterized)  $\rightarrow \text{SaO}_2, \text{SjvO}_2$  (measured with CO-oximeter)
- $\sim 20$  healthy adult subjects



P.E. Bickler et al.,  
Anesth. Analg. 117 (2013)

## Reference method:

- no gold standard available for StO<sub>2</sub> in brain tissue
- surrogate reference saturation:

$$\text{StO}_{2,\text{ref}} = \alpha \cdot \text{SaO}_2 + (1 - \alpha) \cdot \text{SjvO}_2$$

$\alpha = 0.3$  or  $0.25$

## PRO

- representation of *in-vivo* situation including inter-subject variability
- traditionally applied and strongly advocated by major manufacturers (for most CW devices)

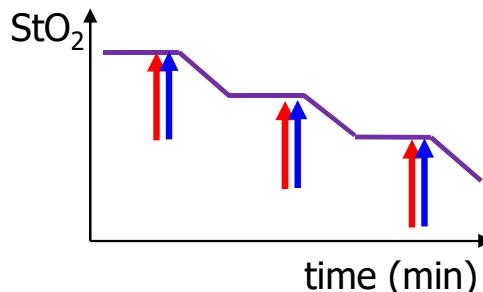
## CON

- has not led to quantitatively comparable devices
- ethical** concerns! (in a number of countries)
- healthy, adult subjects only
- limited to StO<sub>2</sub> range of  $\sim 55\ldots 85\%$
- desaturation systemic, also occurs in scalp  
 $\rightarrow$  capability of device to selectively determine StO<sub>2</sub> in brain cannot be addressed

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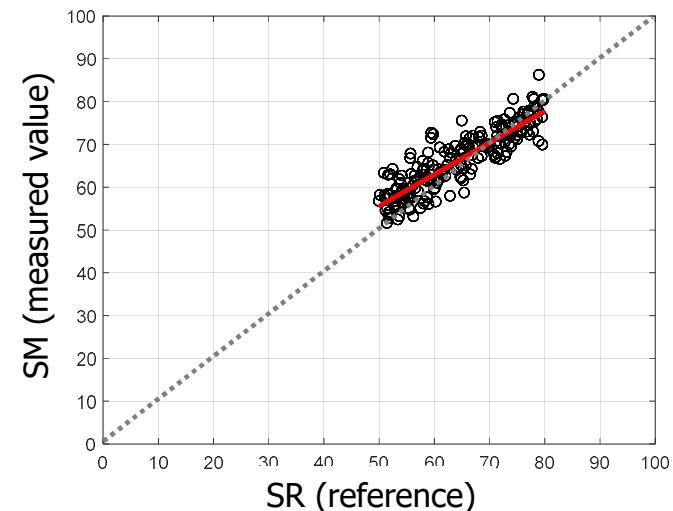
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Result:

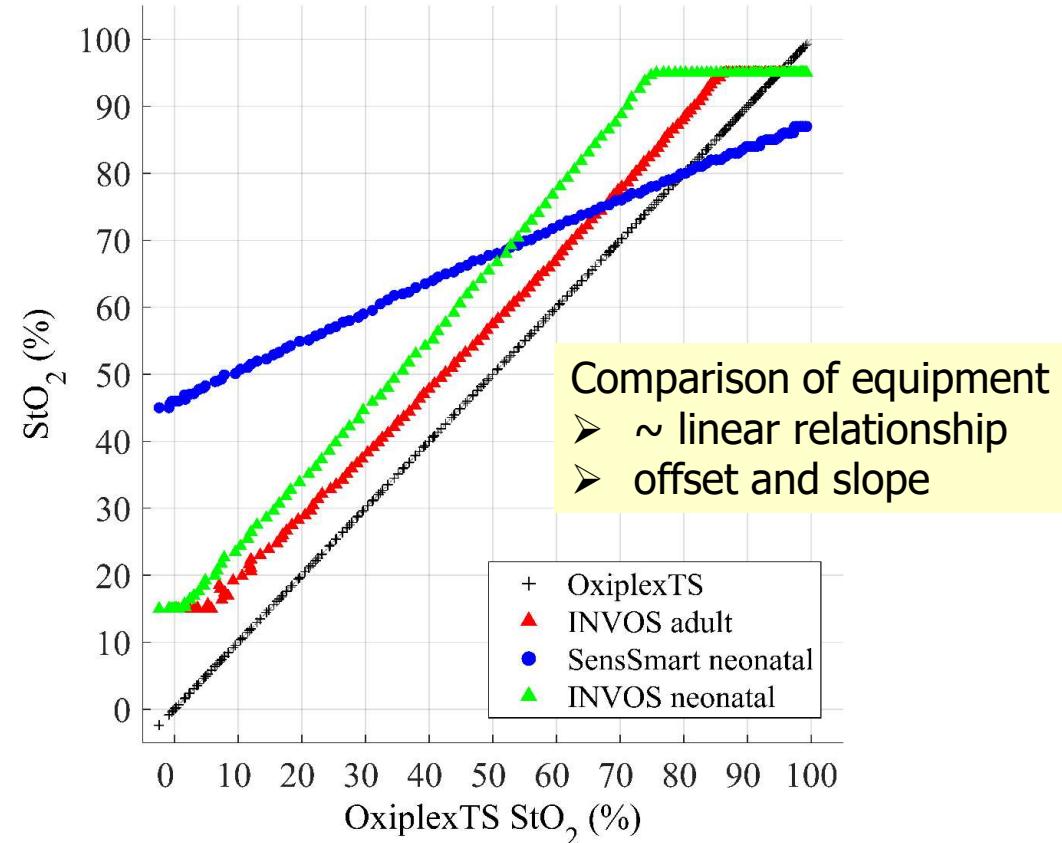
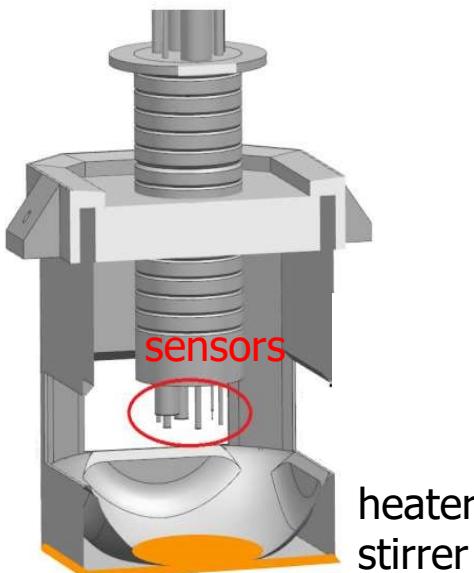


Scatter due to inter-subject variability and within-subject variation (e.g. plateau stability)

## Alternative: Phantom-based validation

### Homogeneous turbid liquid phantoms with Hb

scattering component:	Intralipid
Hb component:	human erythrocytes or blood
oxygenation:	O <sub>2</sub> bubbling
deoxygenation:	yeast
probe placement:	(thin) silicone "window" [1] or immersed [2]



- [1] S. Kleiser et al., BOE 2016 (Zurich)  
[2] S. Suzuki et al., Proc. SPIE 3597 (1999)  
(Hamamatsu)

- phantoms introduced in the JWG discussion (2016)
- “phantom annex” written (2018)
- strong resistance of major manufacturers
- now accepted as possible method of performance evaluation of cerebral tissue oximeters

## **Annex DD** (informative)

### **Characteristics of a *tissue haemoglobin phantom* for the verification of the accuracy of cerebral tissue oximeter equipment**

#### **DD.1 General**

This annex is provided as a guideline for the construction and use of phantoms that can be applied by manufacturers to assess the performance and, in particular, to verify the  $StO_2$  accuracy of *cerebral tissue oximeter equipment* in a standardized and reproducible manner, without the need to perform in-vivo tests. For a detailed comparison of in-vivo and phantom-based *verification* approaches see Annex II.

Haemoglobin-containing turbid phantoms have been used by a number of research laboratories for decades, to validate equipment and algorithms in diffuse optical spectroscopy, in particular in the context of tissue oximetry [Kurth<sup>[56]</sup>, Franceschini<sup>[44]</sup>, Suzuki<sup>[80]</sup>, Kleiser<sup>[53]</sup>, Lange<sup>[58]</sup>]. Such phantom measurements have also been part of evidence for approvals of *cerebral tissue oximeters* in Europe, Japan and the US. The main component of a tissue haemoglobin phantom is a turbid liquid that contains, in particular, erythrocytes and a scattering material. The level of haemoglobin oxygen saturation in the tissue

Oxygen  
Anyoxo  
phantom

## **Annex II** (informative)

### **Comparison of methods of performance evaluation**

# ***Phantoms for tissue oximetry - open questions***



- How to provide an opportunity for manufacturers to gain experience with tissue hemoglobin phantoms (site, funding)?
  - How to find a (commercial) provider for tissue hemoglobin phantoms?
  - How to design more realistic phantoms that include
    - skin pigmentation?
    - extracerebral tissue layers?
    - inter-individual variability?
  - How to obtain the necessary input parameters (optical properties  $\mu_s'(\lambda)$ ,  $\mu_a(\lambda)$  and geometry) for all relevant tissue compartments including their variability?

Promising novel approach (FDA):

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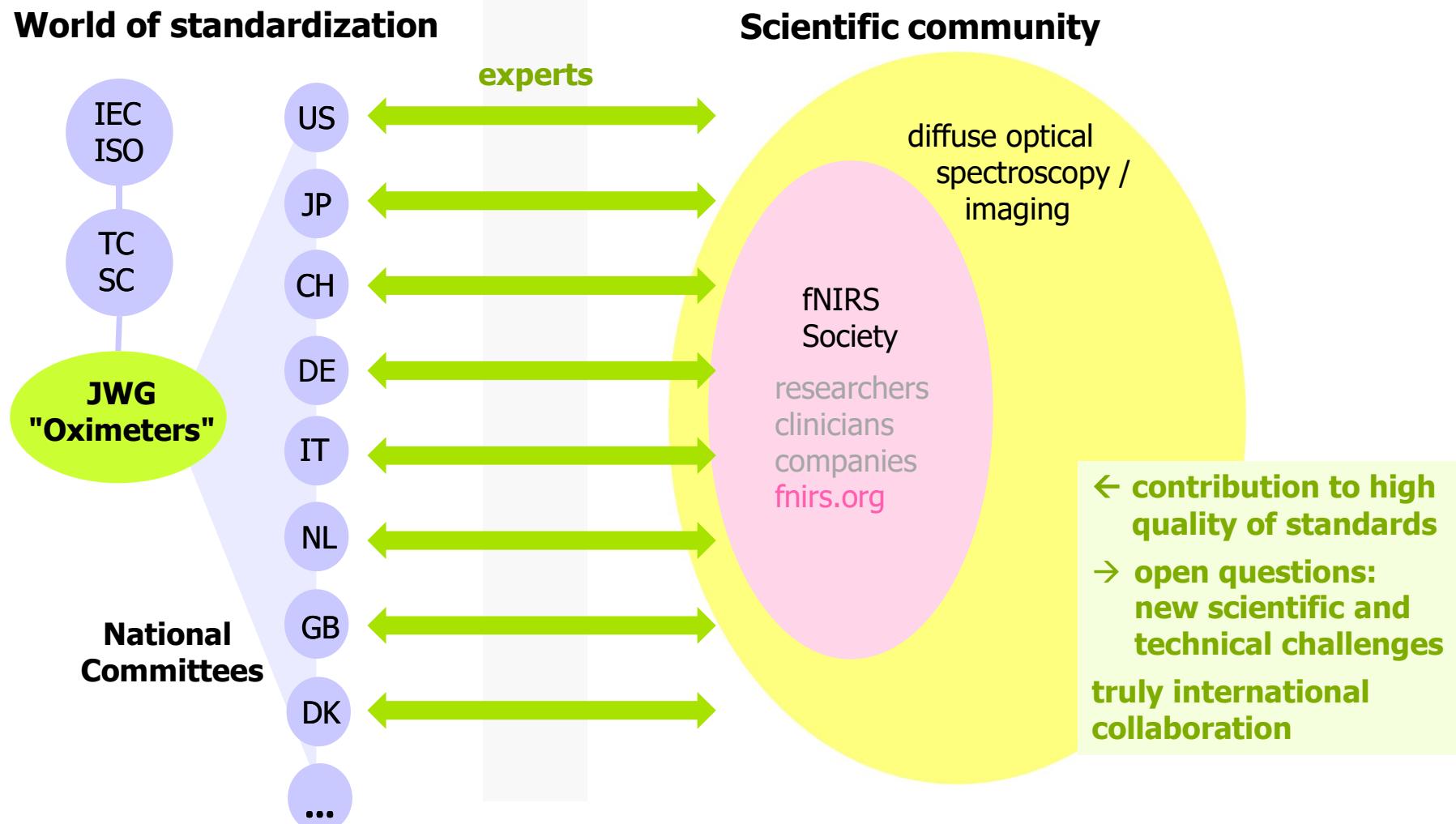
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# Science and standardization !

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# Lessons learned

## Standardization (developing new ISO/IEC standards) is not boring

### Benefits of participation in ISO/IEC standardization

- awareness: what is a standard, how it is developed
- valuable contribution: researchers / developers deeply understand the methodology (example: penetration depth)
- tasks for research: device technology, phantom development, simulations
- truly international collaboration: but – without funding for joint research, device comparison,...

### Are ISO/IEC standards the right place for our ambitions?

- 60601 family (safety standards) do not cover comprehensive performance assessment
- other standard documents? - Technical Report (TR), Publicly Available Specification (PAS)
- alternatives? AAPM – Fluorescence Guided Surgery

# Fluorescence guided surgery – AAPM\* Task Group



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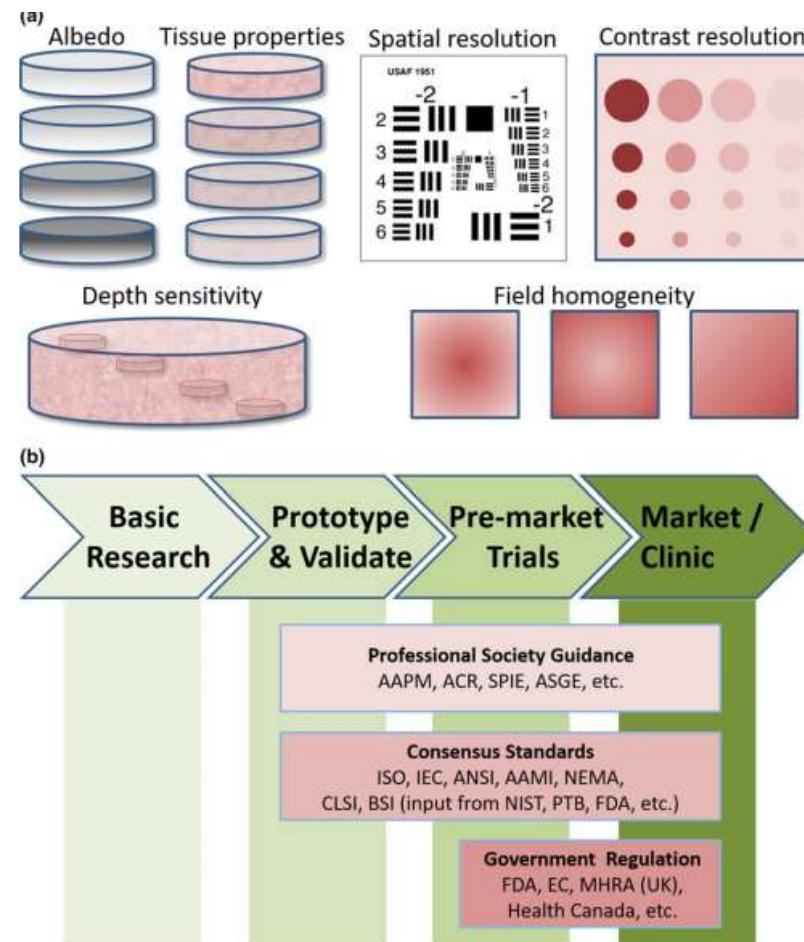


FIG. 2. The range of issues for testing are illustrated in (a) including albedo, tissue optical property performance, depth sensitivity, as well as the traditional issues of spatial and contrast resolution with field homogeneity. The relevant stages of development are listed in (b) along with the needed professional society guidance, systems standards bodies, and government regulatory bodies. [Color figure can be viewed at [wileyonlinelibrary.com](http://wileyonlinelibrary.com)]

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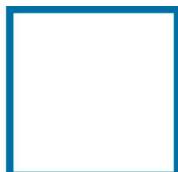
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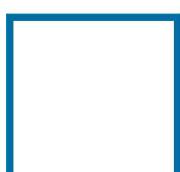


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