

# fNIRS原理簡介

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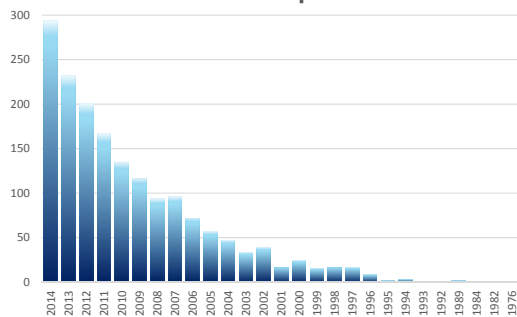
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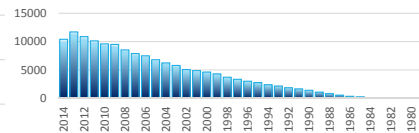
- 09:10~11:00 fNIRS原理簡介
- 10:10~11:00 fNIRS實驗設計
- 11:10~12:00 fNIRS探頭擺放設計與位置確認
- **12:00~13:30 用餐與休息**
- 13:30~14:20 fNIRS實驗操作技巧
- 14:30~15:20 fNIRS標準訊號處理流程
- 15:30~16:20 fNIRS數據結果呈現與相關性分析

# PubMed – fNIRS publications

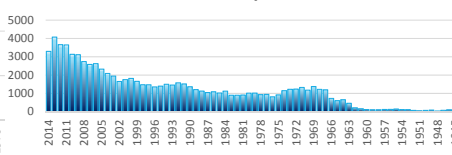
Total 1694 fNIRS publications



Total 149410 fMRI publications



Total 84199 EEG publications

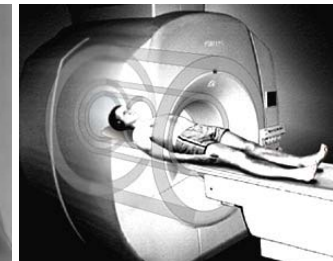


## EEG/MEG



- High temporal resolution
- Neural activity
- Superficial cortex
- Open environment
- Low cost
- Wearable system
- Physiological/Electronic noise

## fMRI



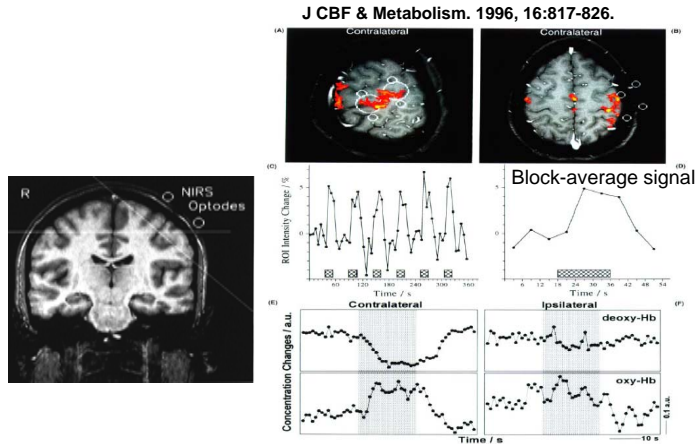
- Low temporal resolution
- BOLD signal
- Superficial & deep cortex
- Close environment
- High cost
- High spatial resolution
- High tissue contrast
- Magnetic and posture limitation

## fNIRS



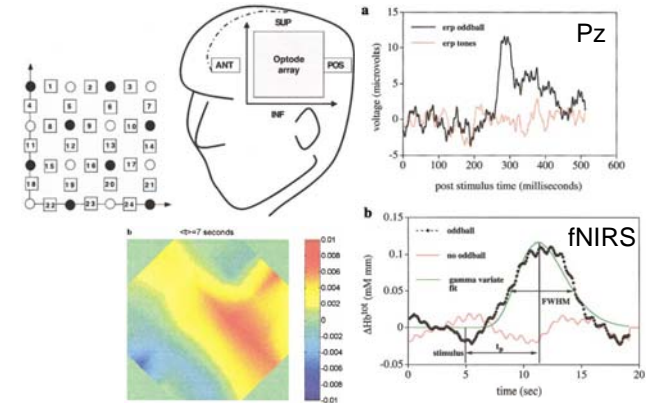
- High temporal resolution
- Hemoglobin oxygenation
- Superficial cortex
- Open environment
- Low cost
- Wearable system

# fMRI vs. fNIRS



➤ Decreases in deoxy-Hb, which reduce the microscopic susceptibility effects, yield fMRI signal increases.

# fNIRS vs. EEG



Kennan et al. NeuroImage 2002: 16, 587-592.

# fNIRS Instruments

< portable/movable >



< wearable >



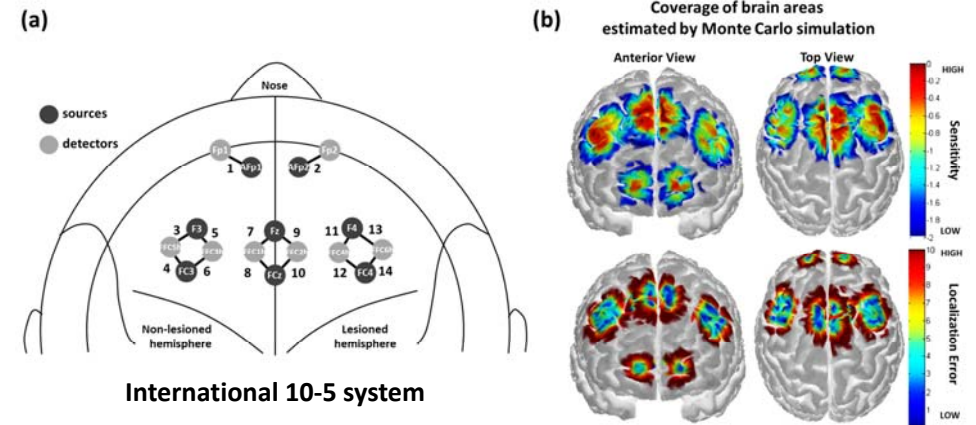
# Size, Does it matter?



# Critical Issues of fNIRS

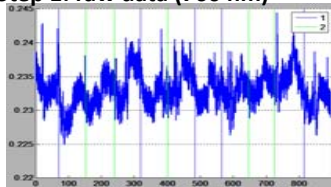
1. Validation of optodes/channels locations (coverage of brain area)
2. Correction of motion artifacts
3. Confirmation of signal source (cortex or scalp)

# S-D Arrangement & Experiment Design

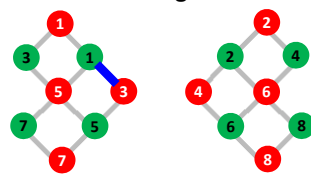


# Signal Processing & Analysis

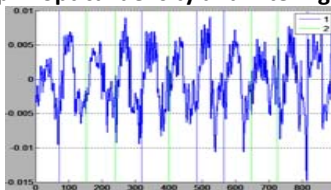
Step 1: raw data (760 nm)



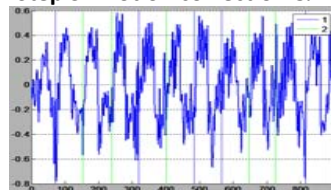
S-D arrangement



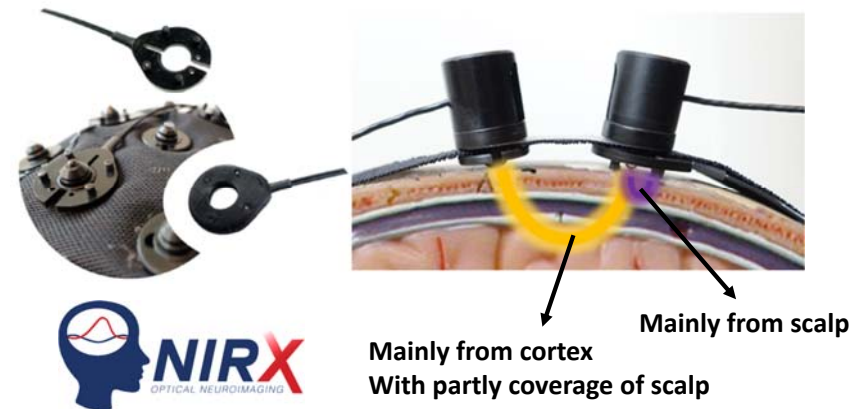
Step 2: optical density and filtering



Step 3: Motion correction & HbO/HbR conc.



# Short Separation Setup



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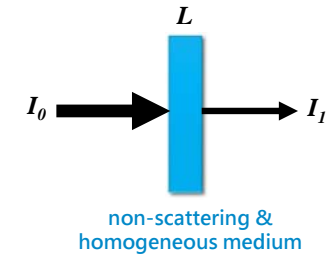
### Basic Principles of fNIRS

## Beer-Lambert Law

Describe the attenuation of light propagating in a homogeneous medium.

$$I_1 = I_0 \exp(-\mu_a(\lambda)L)$$

$I_0$ : the incident light  
 $I_1$ : the light leaving the medium  
 $L$ : the propagation path length  
 $\mu_a$ : the absorption coefficient



## A Mixture of Chromophore

The sum of the products of the concentration of each chromophore  $c_n$  with its molar extinction/absorption coefficient  $\epsilon_n$ .

$$\mu_a(\lambda) = \sum_n \epsilon_n(\lambda)c_n$$

< Blood >

- White blood cells and platelets <1%
- Red blood cells ~44%
- Plasma ~55%

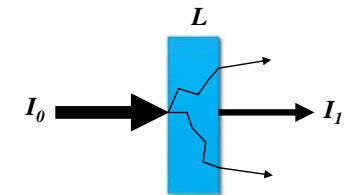
The individual extinction coefficient of each chromophore represent their absorption at a particular concentration ( $\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ ).

## Scattering Events

Refractive index mismatches at boundaries.

$$I_1 = I_0 \exp(-\mu_s(\lambda)L)$$

$\mu_s$ : the scattering coefficient



The scattering path length, defined as  $1/\mu_s$ , is the expected value of distance that a photon travels between scattering events.



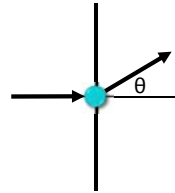
# Anisotropy Factor

The phase function,  $f(\cos\theta)$ , describes the angular probability of photon being scattered.

The anisotropy factor,  $g$ , can be represented as the mean cosine of the scattering angle.

$$g = \int_{-1}^1 \cos\theta \cdot f(\cos\theta) d\cos\theta$$

- $g = 0 \rightarrow$  isotropic scattering
- $g = 1 \rightarrow$  straight line
- $g = -1 \rightarrow$  complete backward scattering



Biological tissues are strongly forward-scattering media.  
 $0.69 < g < 0.99$  ( $48.70^\circ > \theta > 8.11^\circ$ )

# Optical Density (OD)

OD is the amount of attenuation that occurs when light passes through an optical component.

- comes from both the absorption and scattering of light.

**Transmission,  $T = I_1/I_0$**

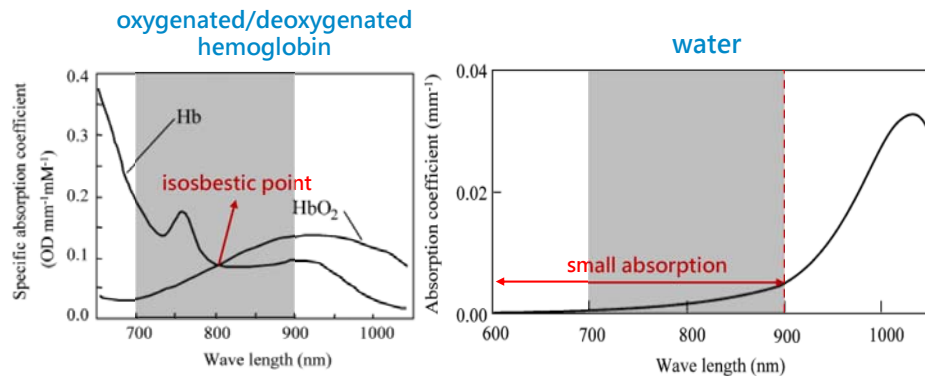
$$OD = \log_{10}(1/T) = -\log_{10}(T)$$

< Example >

Attenuate light by a factor of  $10^3$ ,  
 $T = 10^{-3}$ ,  
 $OD = -\log_{10}(10^{-3}) = 3$

# Absorption coefficients of tissues

Wavelength between 700 and 900 nm are suitable for spectroscopy

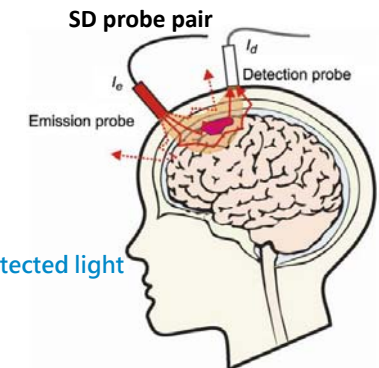


# Photon Migration in Brain

Modified Beer-Lambert Law

$$OD = \ln \left( \frac{I_e}{I_d} \right) \approx \mu_{a \text{ head}} \langle L_{\text{head}} \rangle + G$$

- $\mu_{a \text{ head}}$ : assume the absorption in the head is homogeneous
- $\langle L_{\text{head}} \rangle$ : the mean optical path length of the detected light
- $G$ : the scattering loss (cannot be measured)



## Modified Beer-Lambert Law

Based on an assumption that the scattering loss does not change during the measurement period.

$$\Delta OD = \ln\left(\frac{I_e}{I_d}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{I_e}{I_d}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{I_d}{I_d}\right) = \Delta\mu_{a\ head}\langle L_{head}\rangle$$

Change caused by brain activations  
(dynamics of HbO and HbR)

## Brain Activation

Assumption:

- the concentration of hemoglobin is only changed during the measurement period by brain activation.

$$\Delta\mu_{a\ head}(\lambda) = \varepsilon_{HbO}(\lambda)\Delta C_{HbO} + \varepsilon_{HbR}(\lambda)\Delta C_{HbR}$$

Measurements under two or more wavelengths (760 and 850 nm) are demanded.

## Partial Optical Pathlength

Assuming that the head consists of several homogeneous tissues.

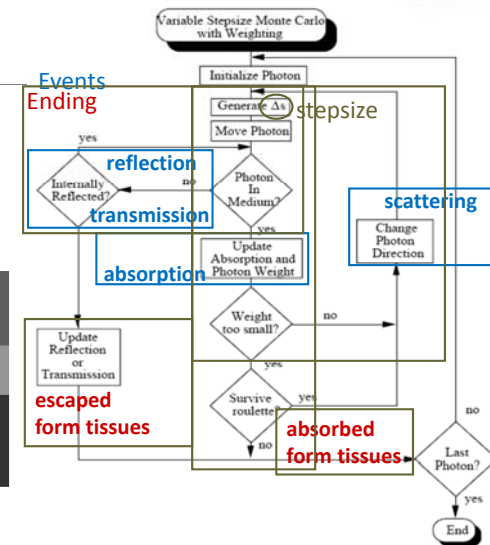
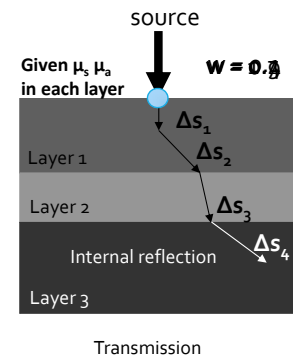
Partial optical pathlength

- The mean optical pathlength that the detected light travels in each tissue region

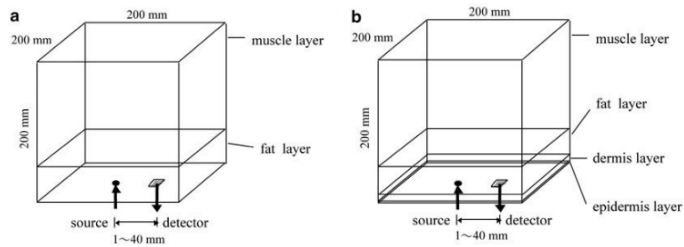
$$\Delta OD = \sum_{i=1}^M \Delta\mu_{a\ i}\langle L_i\rangle$$

## MC Simulation

solve photon distribution



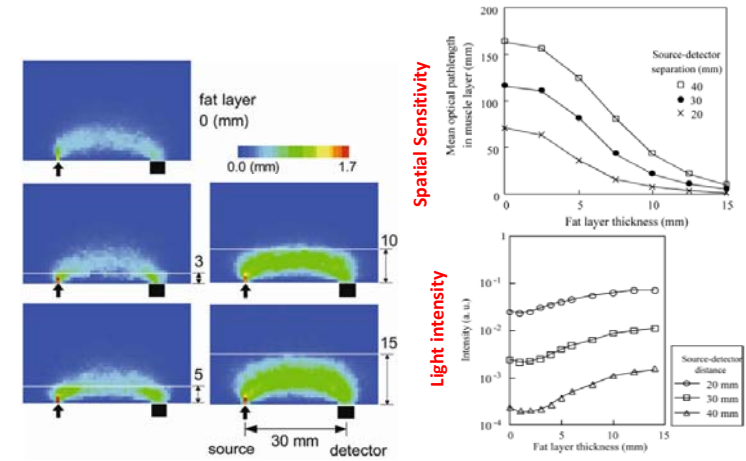
# Models for MC Simulation



**Table 2.1** Reduced scattering coefficient and absorption coefficient of each layer

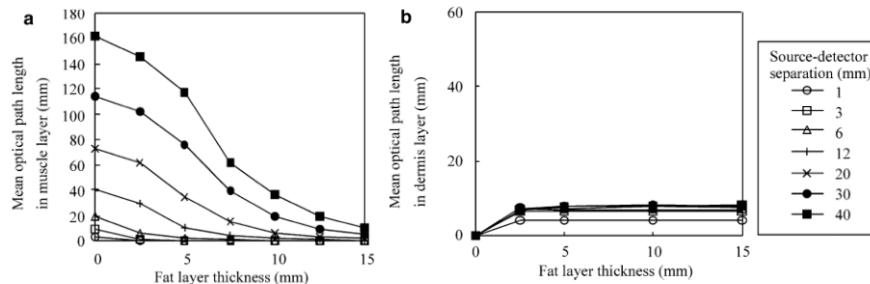
Layer	Reduced scattering coefficient ( $\text{mm}^{-1}$ )	Absorption coefficient ( $\text{mm}^{-1}$ )	References
Epidermis	5.0	5.9	[21]
Dermis	1.3	0.03	[22]
Fat	1.2	0.003	[23]
Muscle	0.6	0.02	[24]

# Effect of Fat Layer



# Effect of the Skin

The effect of blood in the skin can be ignored when the source-detector separation is large ( $>20$  mm).

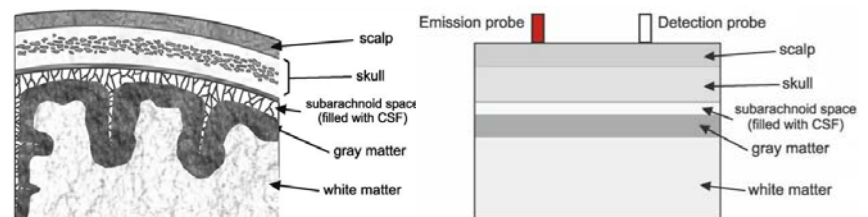


# Head Model

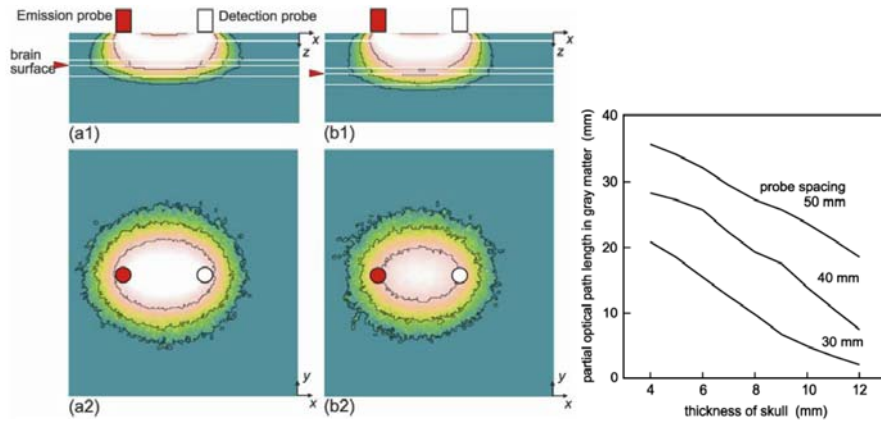
**Table 3.1** Typical optical properties of tissues of an adult head model at 800-nm wavelength

Tissue types ( $\text{mm}^{-1}$ )	Transport scattering coefficient ( $\text{mm}^{-1}$ )	Absorption coefficient ( $\text{mm}^{-1}$ )
Scalp	1.9	0.018
Skull	1.6	0.016
Subarachnoid space (CSF)	0.24	0.004
Gray matter	2.2	0.036
White matter	9.1	0.014

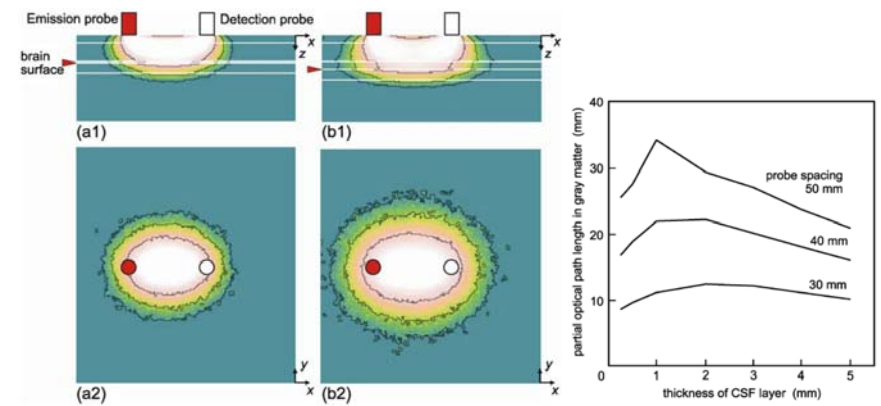
Data chosen from the reported data for dermis [64], pig skull [62], CSF layer [16], and human brain [63]



## Influence of Skull Layer



## Influence of CSF Layer



## Q & A

Thanks for your attention : )