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Non-invasive Breast Cancer Imaging Using Novel Estrogen Conjugates NIR Fluorescent Dye

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Diffuse Optical Tomography(DOT) in cancer detection

- Diffuse Optical Tomography ? NIR?
- Why not MIR, PET, CT, x ray mammogram?
- Add on existing modalities.
- Non-invasive,Inexpensive,Low power,Portable,Resolution
- Tracking cancer spread.



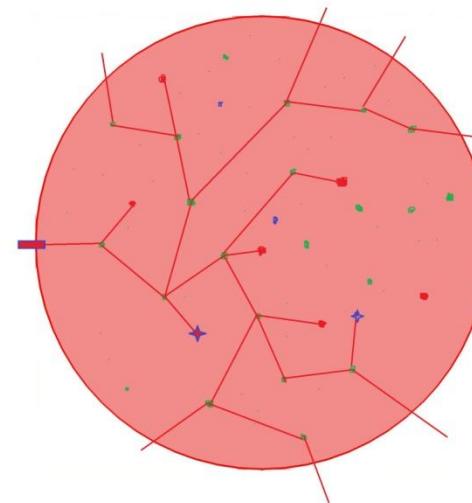
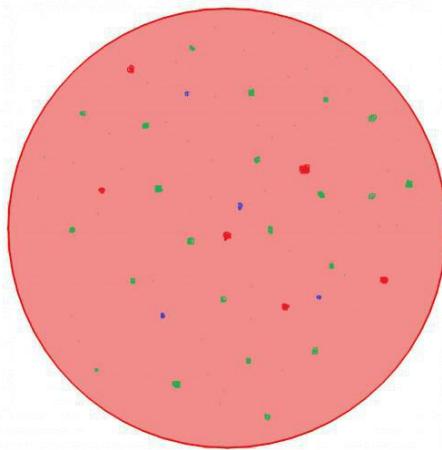
Tissue interrogation using laser

- P1 Approximation of Radiative Transport Equation

$$-\nabla \cdot (D_x \nabla \phi_x(r)) + \left[\mu_{axi} + \mu_{axf} + \frac{i\omega}{c} \right] \phi_x(r) = -\Theta_s \delta(r - r_s)$$
$$D_x = \frac{1}{3(\mu_{axi} + \mu_{axf} + \mu'_{sx})}$$

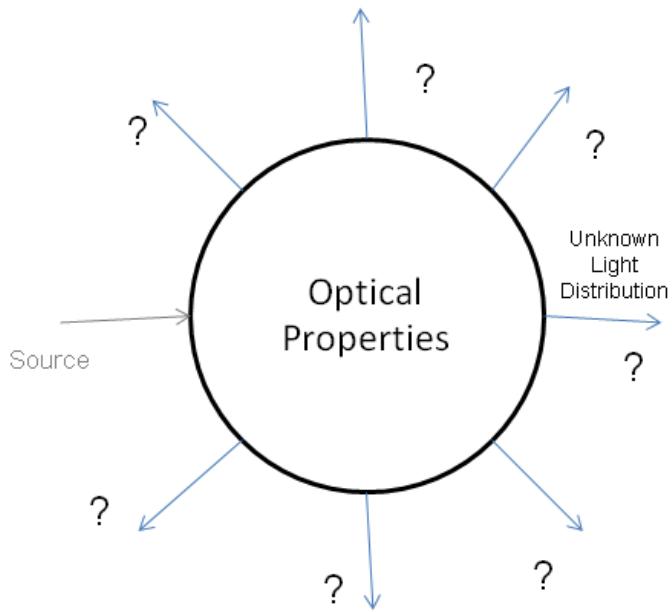
- Robin Boundary condition

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot [2A_x D_x \nabla \phi_x(r)] + \phi_x(r) = 0 \quad \forall r \in \partial\Omega$$

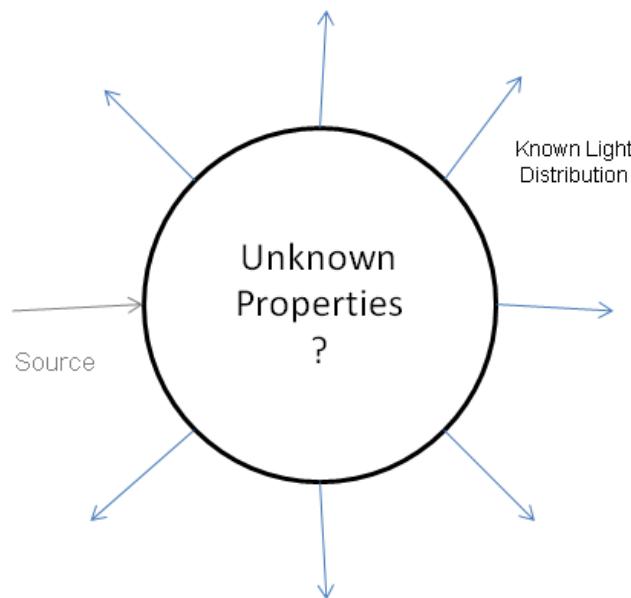


Problems in DOT

Forward problem



Inverse problem



Normal tissue μ_a 0.005 to 0.02 mm⁻¹
 μ_s' 2 to 15 mm

Inverse problem in DOT

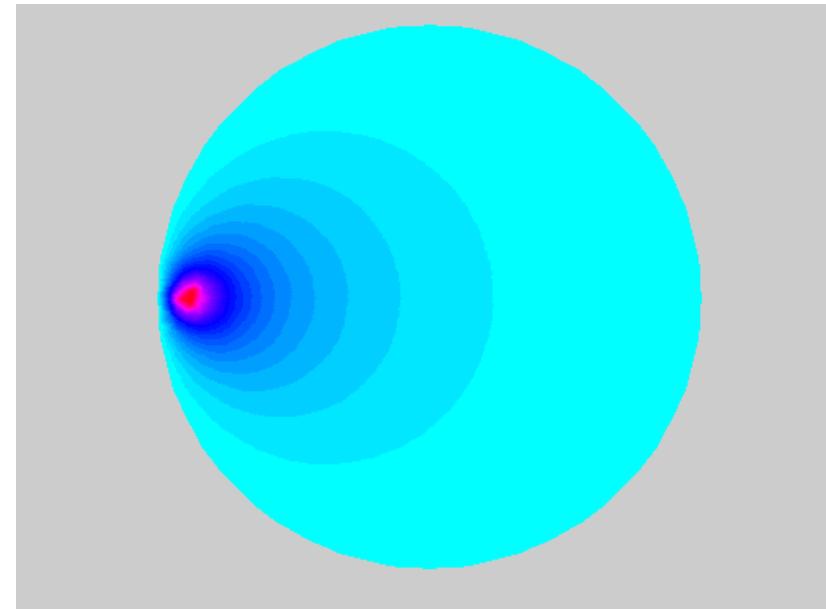
- Start with uniform optical properties
- Jacobian – using adjoint method

$$\frac{\partial \phi^c}{\partial \mu}$$

- Optical Property update

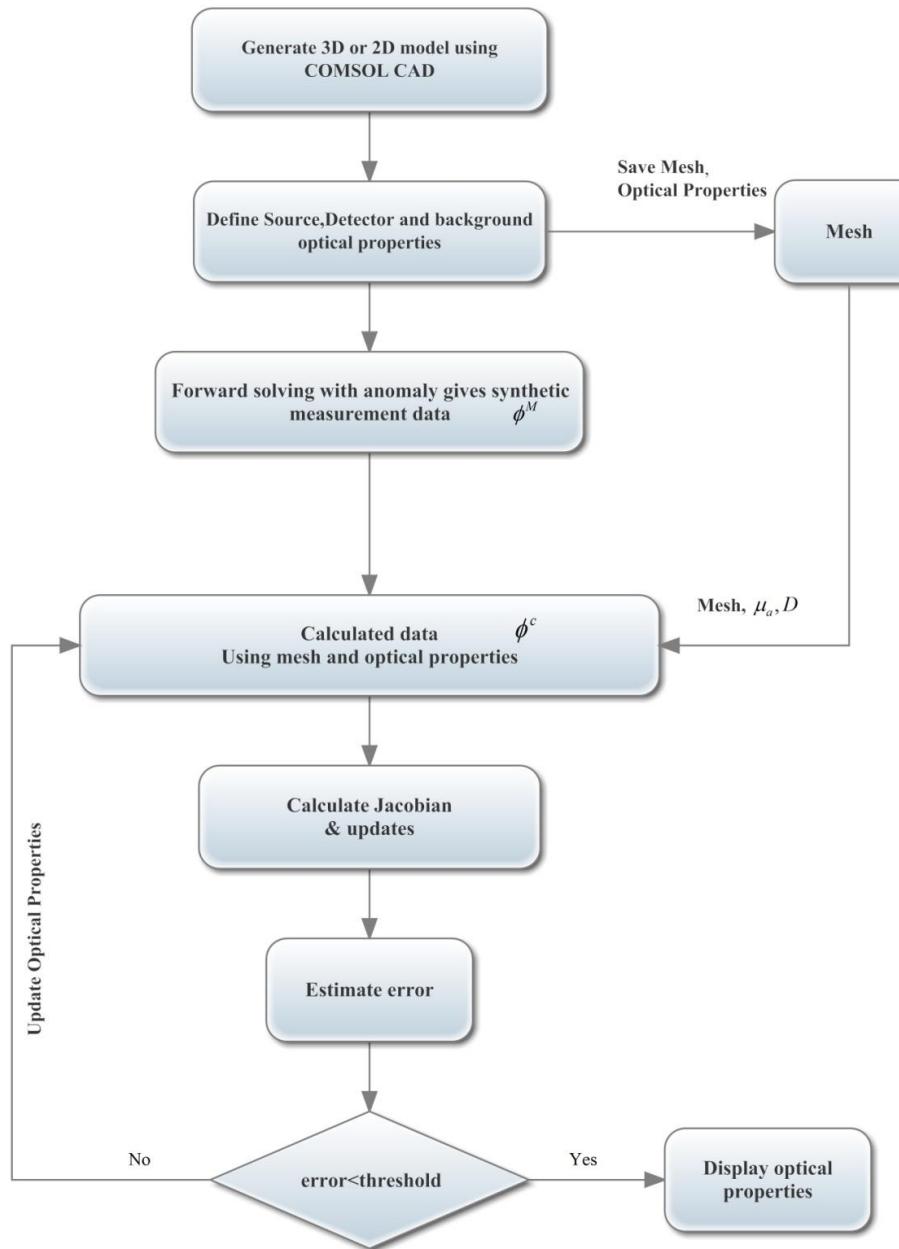
Levenberg-Marquardt

$$\partial \mu = (J^T J + \bar{\lambda} I)^{-1} J^T \partial \phi$$



- Tikhonov minimization of error

$$\chi^2 = \min_{\mu} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^M (\phi_i^M - \phi_i^c)^2 \right\}$$



Target specific fluorescent dye

- Contrast agents –ICG
- Estrogen receptor
- $\lambda_{ex} = 754\text{nm}$ & $\lambda_{em} = 787\text{nm}$
- Early cancer detection & tracking

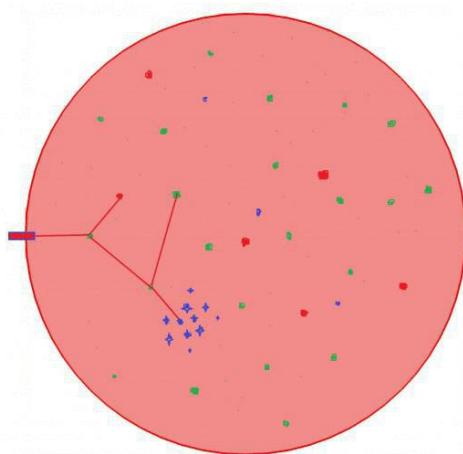
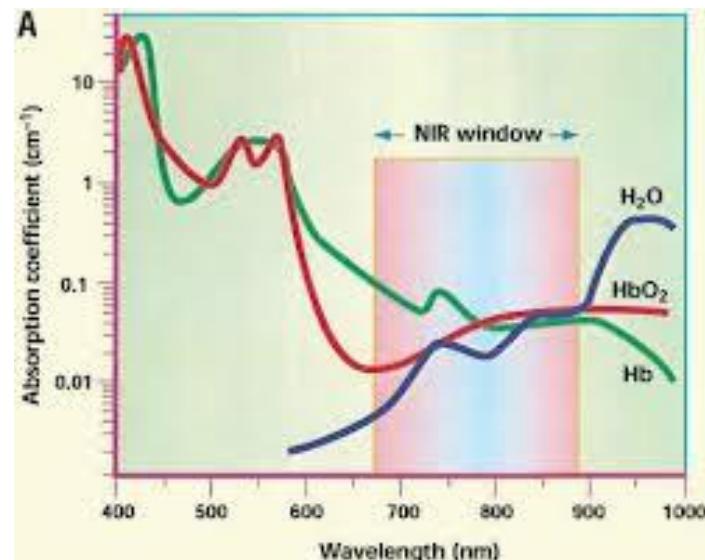


Image source: National Cancer Institute



Modeling fluorescent dye

- Forward solving

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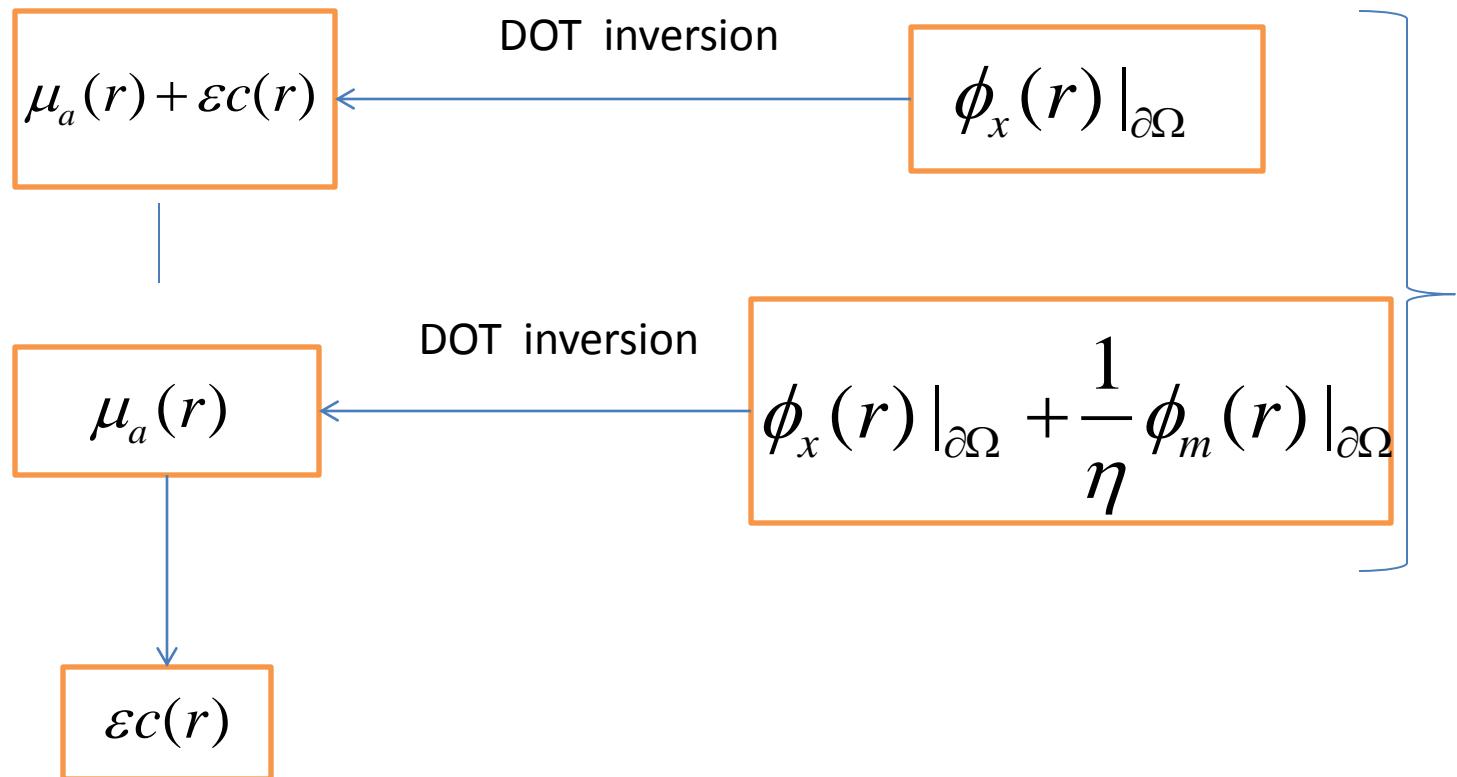
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>>Emission

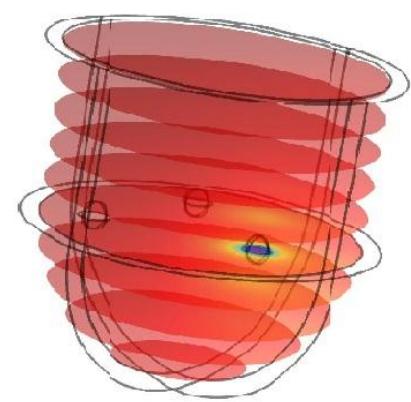
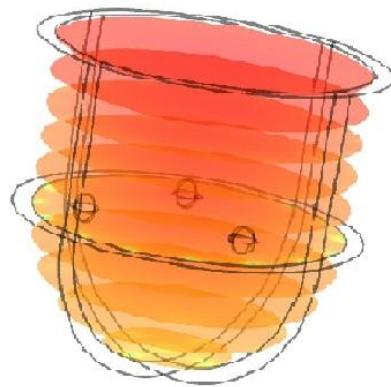
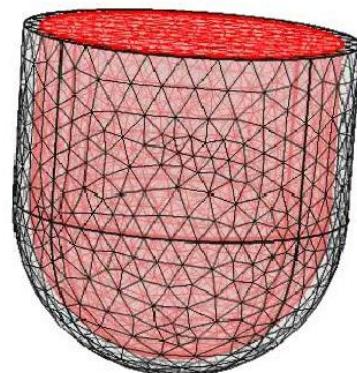
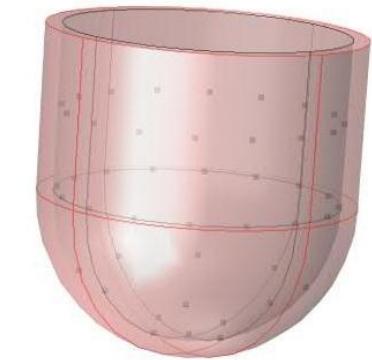
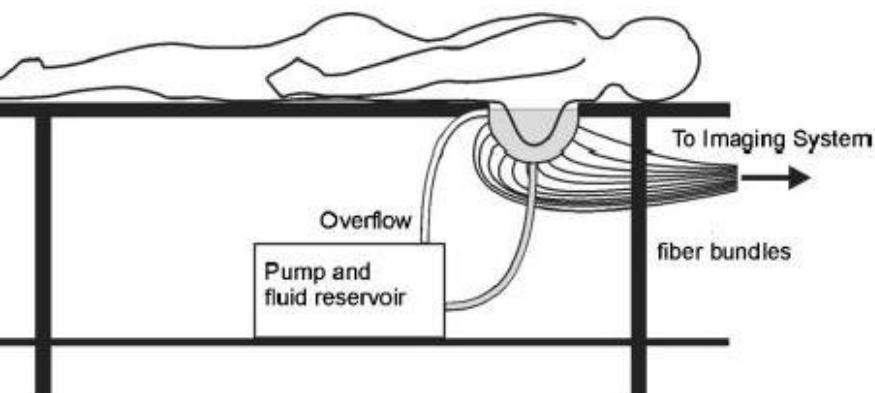
$$-\nabla \cdot (D_m \nabla \phi_m(r)) + \left[\mu_{ami} + \frac{i\omega}{c} \right] \phi_m(r) = -\frac{\phi_x(r) \eta \mu_{axf}}{1 - i\omega\tau}$$

- Robin boundary condition
- Separating coupled equations

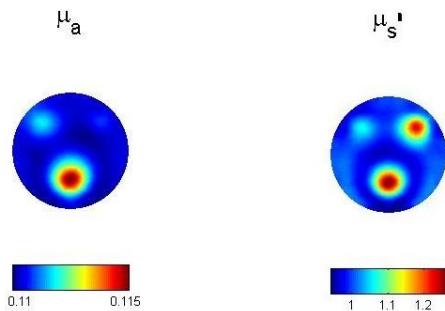
Fluorescent reconstruction



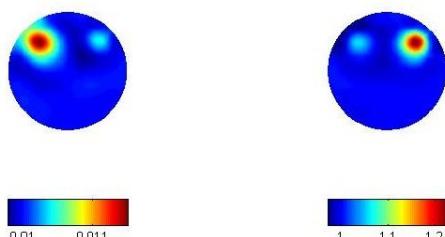
Results



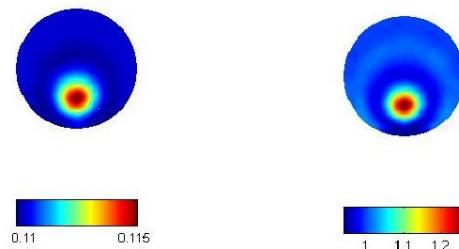
Results



(a) Optical properties at excitation wavelength



(b) Optical properties at emission wavelength



(c) Reconstructed optical properties of fluorescent dye

Domain	μ_a (mm-1)	μ'_s (mm-1)
Background	0.01	1
Absorber	0.02	1
Scatterer	0.01	2
Dye	0.115	2

$$E = \frac{1}{N} \| F(x) - y \|^2$$

Parameter	Error Function (E)
Amplitude	9.3705e-07
Phase	2.4401e-03

Parameter	MSE
μ_a	0.0024
μ'_s	0.0010

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Thank you!



More details...

Inverse solving

Tikhonov Minimization

$$\chi^2 = \min_{\mu} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^M (\phi_i^M - \phi_i^C)^2 \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \mu} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi^C}{\partial \mu} \right)^2 (\phi^M - \phi^C) = 0$$

Jacobian $\frac{\partial \phi^C}{\partial \mu}$

LM iterative equation $\partial \mu = (J^T J + \bar{\lambda} I)^{-1} J^T \partial \phi$

More details...

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\delta \ln I_1}{\delta \kappa_1} & \frac{\delta \ln I_1}{\delta \kappa_2} & \dots & \frac{\delta \ln I_1}{\delta \kappa_{\text{NN}}}; & \frac{\delta \ln I_1}{\delta \mu_{a1}} & \frac{\delta \ln I_1}{\delta \mu_{a2}} & \dots & \frac{\delta \ln I_1}{\delta \mu_{a\text{NN}}} \\ \frac{\delta \theta_1}{\delta \kappa_1} & \frac{\delta \theta_1}{\delta \kappa_2} & \dots & \frac{\delta \theta_1}{\delta \kappa_{\text{NN}}}; & \frac{\delta \theta_1}{\delta \mu_{a1}} & \frac{\delta \theta_1}{\delta \mu_{a2}} & \dots & \frac{\delta \theta_1}{\delta \mu_{a\text{NN}}} \\ \frac{\delta \ln I_2}{\delta \kappa_1} & \frac{\delta \ln I_2}{\delta \kappa_2} & \dots & \frac{\delta \ln I_2}{\delta \kappa_{\text{NN}}}; & \frac{\delta \ln I_2}{\delta \mu_{a1}} & \frac{\delta \ln I_2}{\delta \mu_{a2}} & \dots & \frac{\delta \ln I_2}{\delta \mu_{a\text{NN}}} \\ \frac{\delta \theta_2}{\delta \kappa_1} & \frac{\delta \theta_2}{\delta \kappa_2} & \dots & \frac{\delta \theta_2}{\delta \kappa_{\text{NN}}}; & \frac{\delta \theta_2}{\delta \mu_{a1}} & \frac{\delta \theta_2}{\delta \mu_{a2}} & \dots & \frac{\delta \theta_2}{\delta \mu_{a\text{NN}}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\delta \ln I_{NM}}{\delta \kappa_1} & \frac{\delta \ln I_{NM}}{\delta \kappa_2} & \dots & \frac{\delta \ln I_{NM}}{\delta \kappa_{\text{NN}}}; & \frac{\delta \ln I_{NM}}{\delta \mu_{a1}} & \frac{\delta \ln I_{NM}}{\delta \mu_{a2}} & \dots & \frac{\delta \ln I_{NM}}{\delta \mu_{a\text{NN}}} \\ \frac{\delta \theta_{NM}}{\delta \kappa_1} & \frac{\delta \theta_{NM}}{\delta \kappa_2} & \dots & \frac{\delta \theta_{NM}}{\delta \kappa_{\text{NN}}}; & \frac{\delta \theta_{NM}}{\delta \mu_{a1}} & \frac{\delta \theta_{NM}}{\delta \mu_{a2}} & \dots & \frac{\delta \theta_{NM}}{\delta \mu_{a\text{NN}}} \end{bmatrix}$$

More Details...

FEM formulation

$$\left(K(\kappa) + C \left(\mu_a + \frac{i\omega}{c_m} \right) + \frac{1}{2A} F \right) \Phi = q_0$$

where the matrices $K(\kappa)$, $C((\mu_a + i\omega/c_m))$ and F have entries given by

$$K_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \kappa(r) \nabla u_i(r) \cdot \nabla u_j(r) d^n r$$

$$C_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \left(\mu_a(r) + \frac{i\omega}{c_m(r)} \right) u_i(r) u_j(r) d^n r$$

$$F_{ij} = \oint_{\partial\Omega} u_i(r) u_j(r) d^{n-1} r$$

and the source vector q_0 has terms

$$q_{0i} = \int_{\Omega} u_i(r) q_0(r) d^n r$$

More detail...

$$-\nabla \cdot \kappa(r) \nabla \Phi(r, \omega) + \left(\mu_a(r) + \frac{i\omega}{c_m(r)} \right) \Phi(r, \omega) = q_0(r, \omega)$$

$$\kappa = 1/3(\mu_a + \mu_s')$$

$$\Phi(\xi, \omega) + 2A\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \kappa(\xi) \nabla \Phi(\xi, \omega) = 0$$

$$A = \frac{2/(1-R_0)-1+|\cos\theta_c|^3}{1-|\cos\theta_c|^2}$$

$$\vartheta_c = \arcsin(n_{\text{AIR}}/n_1) \qquad \qquad R_0 = (n_1/n_{\text{AIR}} - 1)^2 / (n_1/n_{\text{AIR}} + 1)^2$$

More Detail

$$-\nabla \cdot (D_x \nabla \phi_x(r)) + \left[\mu_{axi} + \mu_{axf} + \frac{i\omega}{c} \right] \phi_x(r) = -\Theta_s \delta(r - r_s) \quad (1a)$$

$$-\nabla \cdot (D_m \nabla \phi_m(r)) + \left[\mu_{ami} + \frac{i\omega}{c} \right] \phi_m(r) = -\frac{\phi_x(r) \eta \mu_{axf}}{1 - i\omega\tau} \quad (1b)$$

$$D_x = \frac{1}{3(\mu_{axi} + \mu_{axf} + \mu'_{sx})}$$

$$D_m = \frac{1}{3(\mu_{ami} + \mu'_{sm})}$$

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot [2A_x D_x \nabla \phi_x(r)] + \phi_x(r) = 0 \quad \forall r \in \partial\Omega \quad (2a)$$

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot [2A_m D_m \nabla \phi_m(r)] + \phi_m(r) = 0 \quad \forall r \in \partial\Omega \quad (2b)$$

More Details...

$$A = \frac{2/(1-R_0) - 1 + |\cos(\theta_c)|^3}{1 + |\cos(\theta_c)|^2}$$

$$D_x = D_m = D \quad \mu_{ax} = \mu_{am} = \mu_a$$

$$-\nabla \cdot (D_x \nabla \phi_x(r)) + \left[\mu_a + \varepsilon_x c(r) + \frac{i\omega}{c} \right] \phi_x(r) = -\Theta_s \delta(r - r_s) \quad (3a)$$

$$-\nabla \cdot (D_m \nabla \phi_m(r)) + \left[\mu_a + \frac{i\omega}{c} \right] \phi_m(r) = -\frac{\phi_x(r) \eta \varepsilon_x c(r)}{1 - i\omega\tau} \quad (3b)$$

$$\varepsilon_x c(r) \phi_x(r) = \Theta_s \delta(r - r_s) - \left(-\nabla D \nabla + \mu_a(r) + \frac{i\omega}{c} \right) \phi_x(r) \quad (4)$$

More Details...

$$\left[-\nabla D \nabla + \mu_a(r) + \frac{i\omega}{c} \right] \left(\frac{1-i\omega\tau}{\eta} \phi_m(r) + \phi_x(r) \right) = \Theta_s \delta(r-r_s) \quad (5)$$

Let $\frac{1-i\omega\tau}{\eta} \phi_m(r) + \phi_x(r) = \phi_t(r)$

$$\left[-\nabla D \nabla + \mu_a + \varepsilon_x c(r) + \frac{i\omega}{c} \right] \phi_t(r) = -\Theta_s \delta(r-r_s) \quad (6a)$$

$$\left[-\nabla D \nabla + \mu_a(r) + \frac{i\omega}{c} \right] \phi_t(r) = \Theta_s \delta(r-r_s) \quad (6b)$$