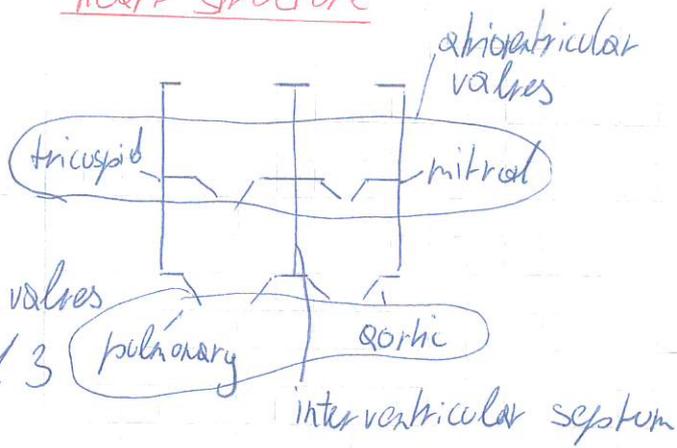


heart structure



2 individual muscles

- atria
- ventricular

valves close smooth (like leaflets) - low fpc.
pathological sound - high fpc. (stiffer valves)

right side:

- de-oxygenated blood from body - right atrium
- tricuspid valve - right ventricle - pulmonary valve
- pulmonary artery to lung

left side:

- oxygenated blood from lungs - left atrium - mitral valve
- left ventricle - aortic valve - aorta into body

blood pressure lung +20 mm Hg (≈ 3% atm bp)
bp left ventricle +100 mm Hg (≈ 15% atm bp)

valves

- passive tissue - no muscles
- open: pressure difference
- close: by pressure difference and zero flow
- AV valves: multicusped valves
- semilunar valves: valves with 3 cusps

activation of the heart - pacemakers

- sinoatrial node (primary - 70bpm)
- atrioventricular node (secondary - 50bpm)
- bundle of His incl. Purkinje fibers (tertiary - 30bpm)
- atria / ventricles are elec. isolated
- pacemaker potential, sort of competition
- AV node slows signal down (elec. spread faster than blood flow)

cardiac cycle

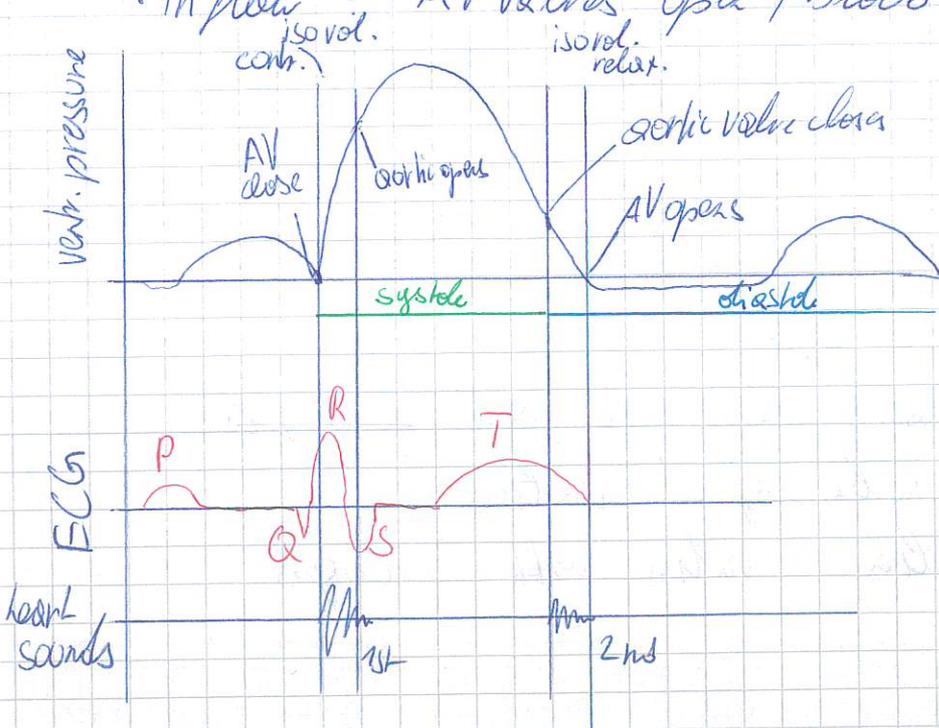
systole

- contraction: closed valves - inc. pressure in ventricle
- ejection: pressure high - aortic valve opens (also pulmonary)

diastole

- relaxation: pressure drops until smaller than in atria

- inflow: AV valves open, blood inflow



lung

structure:

- trachea
- right + left lung lobes
- alveoli ($\varnothing \approx 1 \mu m$), enormous surface for gas exchange ($\approx 100 m^2$)
- pleura (prevents collapse of lungs)
- diaphragm (muscles)

$p \cdot V = n R \cdot T$ ideal gas law

$$\frac{pV}{T} = \text{const}$$

$$V \uparrow - p \downarrow$$

lung functions

- oxygen delivery to cells and excretion CO_2 from cells
- pass. diff. CO_2 and O_2

inspiration - active process

- contr. diaphragm + intercostals muscles
- rib cage expands

expiration

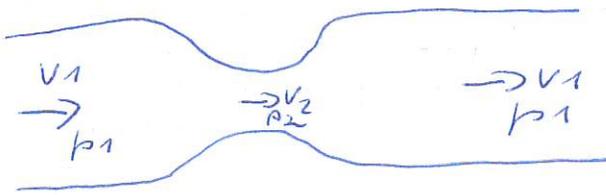
- relaxation diaphragm + intercostals muscles
- rib cage contracts

pharynx

- nasal cavity
- oral cavity
- junction nasal/oral cavity
- soft/hard palate
- uvula
- tongue

respiration disease - obstructive sleep apnea

- cessation of breathing for at least 10s
- physical block to airflow
 - reduce muscle tone
 - high body mass index
 - narrowing upper airways
- usually accompanied by snoring (oscillation uvula and/or soft palate)



$$p_1 > p_2$$

$$v_1 < v_2$$

cardiorespiratory system

• systemic circulation

- oxygenated blood to the body (upper and lower) and deoxygenated blood back to heart
- oxygenated blood: l. ventr. \rightarrow aorta \rightarrow arteries \rightarrow arterioles \rightarrow capillaries
- deoxygenated blood: venules \rightarrow veins \rightarrow vena cava \rightarrow right atrium

place bp. sensor near vital organs (brain, heart)
carotid region

• pulmonary circulation

- deoxygenated blood to lungs, oxygenated to heart
- deoxygenated blood: right ventricle \rightarrow pulmonary artery \rightarrow lung
- oxygenated blood: lung \rightarrow pulmonary vein \rightarrow left atrium

5 l blood in body $Q = 5 \text{ l/min}$

$$Q = SV \cdot f_c = 70 \text{ ml} \cdot 70 \text{ bpm}$$

1 droplet of blood
- 1 min to pass whole body

systemic / pulmonary circulation in series

- 80% blood in low pressure system
 - acts as blood storage / accumulator
- 20% in high pressure system

Electrical biosignals

$$U = Z \cdot I$$

medium impedance

resistivity ρ (local char.)

Resistance R (global)

$$R = \frac{\rho \cdot l}{A}$$

} const. ele. field

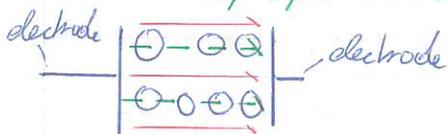
in alternating. ele. field

- fpc. dependence of effective conductivity γ (local char.)

$$\vec{J} = \gamma \cdot \vec{E}$$

current density ele. field

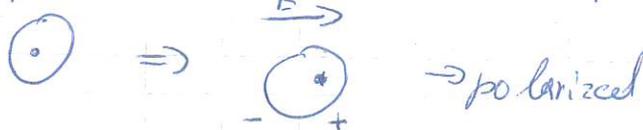
- fpc. dependence of permittivity
high fpc. (ZL, wide cross area $A \uparrow$)



low fpc. (Z \uparrow , narrow cross area $A \downarrow$)

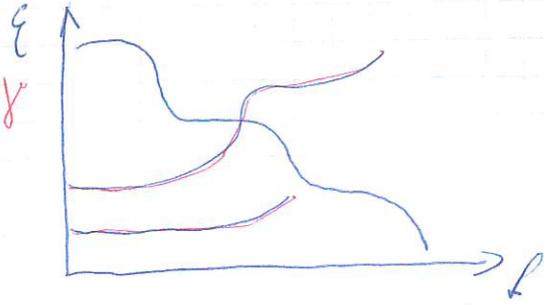
dispersion mechanism

- displacement polarization ($f < 100 \text{ GHz}$)

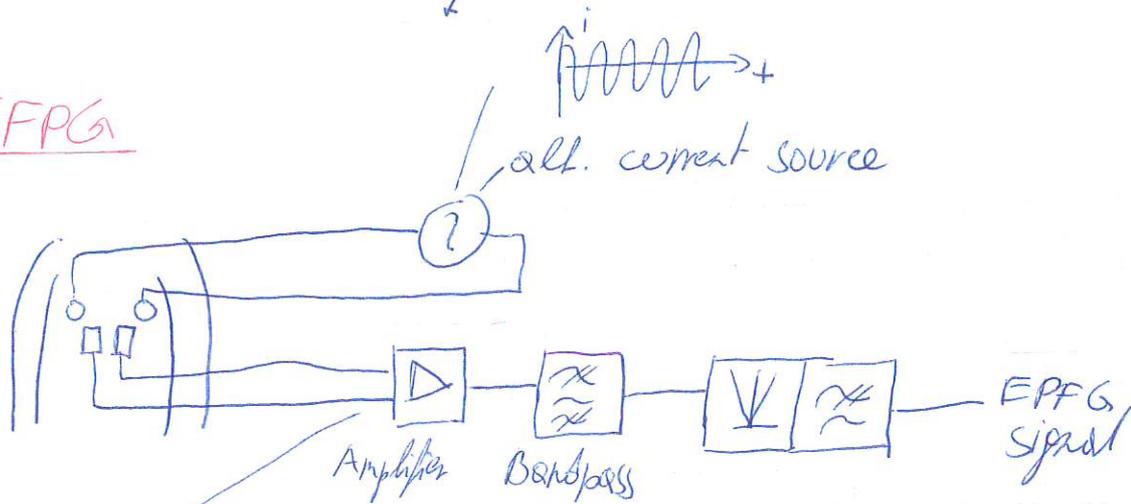


- γ dispersion, orientation pol. ($f < 30 \text{ GHz}$)
alignment water mol.

- β dispersion, cell memb. pol. ($f < 100 \text{ MHz}$)
cross area, cell memb. bypassed
 $\epsilon \dots$ permittivity



EFPG



- const. component U_0 ($> 90\%$) - initial state of medium impedance
- alternating component ($< 10\%$)
 - respiratory / cardiac activity
 - displacement of organs
 - displacement liquids
 - blood vol. / velocity changes

physiological correlations

inhalation / expiration

conductivity \uparrow - less equipotential lines

inhalation: more isolating vol. (air), less conductivity

expiration: less isolating vol., higher conductivity

heart is conductive tissue (blood)

systole vs diastole

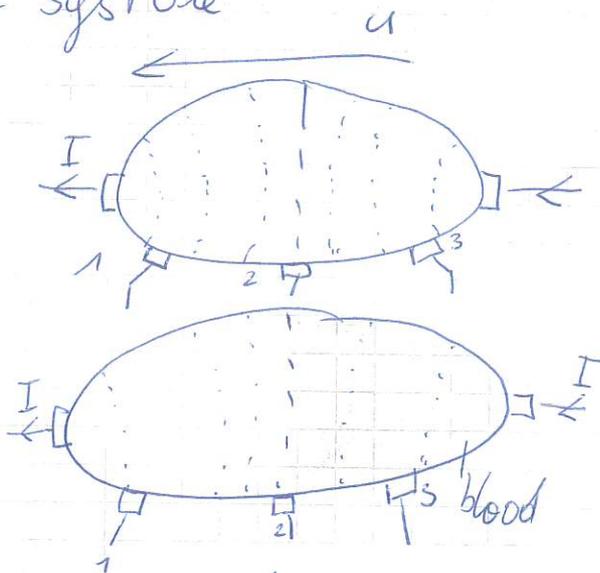
late systole: blood is ejected from heart to arteries
 - more blood in arteries - less in heart

conductivity $\gamma \downarrow$

late diastole: heart filled with blood, blood has good conductance $\rightarrow \gamma \uparrow, u \downarrow$

γ change only local around heart

late systole

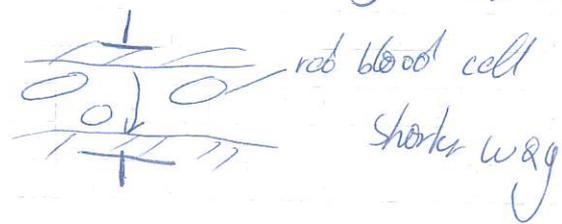


$$u = \frac{I}{G}$$

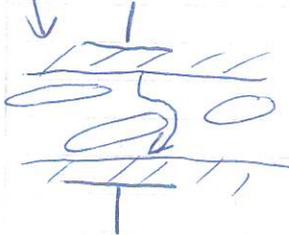
response impedance to flow velocity changes

$Z \uparrow, v \uparrow, \gamma \downarrow$

$Z \downarrow, v \downarrow, \gamma \uparrow$



$v \uparrow$

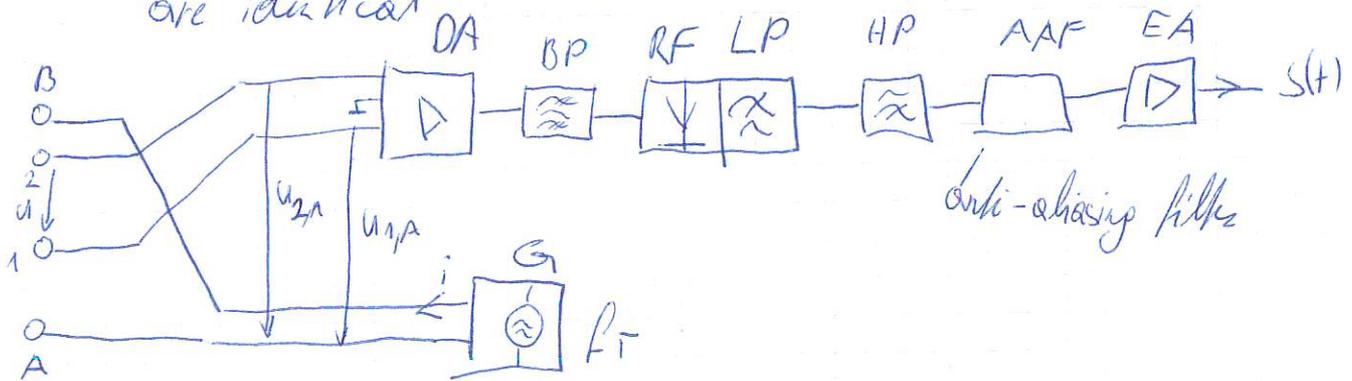


if v rises, blood cells align more in flow direction \rightarrow more complicated way

recording system

- frequency f

- 20-100 kHz, flat course of ϵ and μ
- > 20 kHz to avoid stimulation of nerve system (allowed current I_M with f_M)
- < 100 kHz due to dispersion
if f_M then ϵ, μ of tissue, lung, and blood are identical



- current amplitude I

- ~ 1 mA
- probability of neural stimulation inc. with inc. I and elec. f
- thermal effects inc. with inc. I
- signal to noise ratio of alt. component or (information carrier) inc. with inc. I

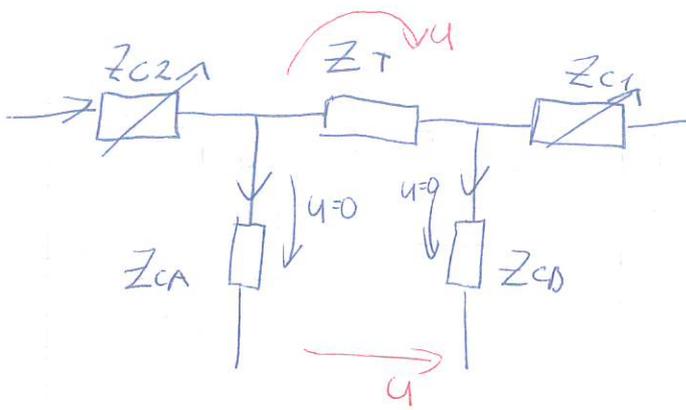
2 electrode vs. 4 electrode technique

2 electrodes:

- contact + electrode impedance (even if I is const.)
- movement artefacts ~~settle~~

4 electrodes: (better)

- no influence of contact impedances
- no influence skin impedance

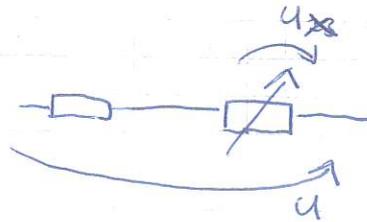
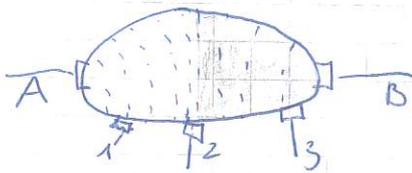


voltage vs. current application

voltage application:

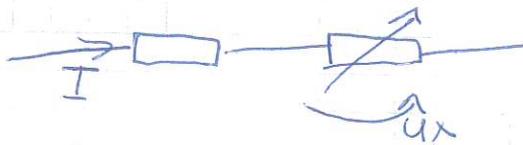
local "no blood" (change in impedance) yields misleading changes in voltage drop U_{z1}

$\Delta U_{z2} \neq 0$



current application:

local "no blood" yields no misleading no-changes in voltage drop U_{z1} , higher sensitivity

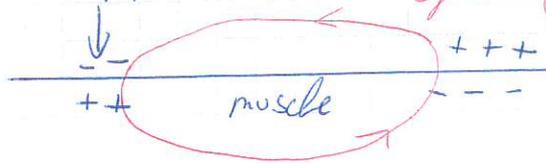


what can you use it for?

- cardiac / respiratory activity (signal separation necessary)
- apneas (= cessation of breathing)

ECG

= registering of ele. excitation of heart muscles
equalizing current



current dipole

→ propagation direction

- measure pot. diff. on body surface

$$\vec{J} = \gamma \cdot \vec{E} = -\gamma \text{ grad } \varphi$$

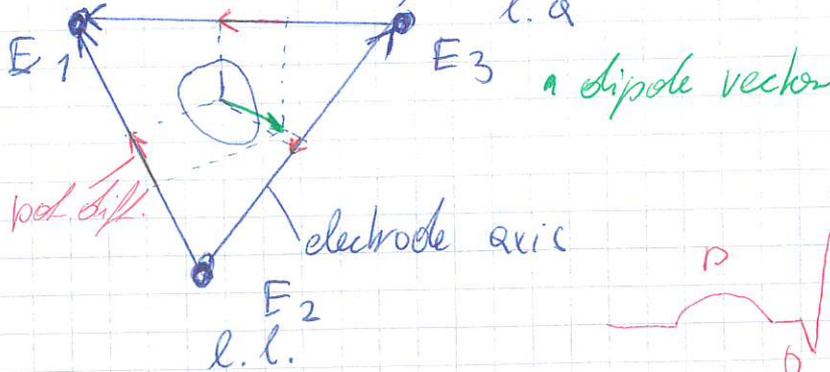
if there is material or tissue with high γ (good conductor), there are less potential lines (ideal conductor has ∞ outside)

- projection of tot. dipole on the electrode axis
 (inverse projection)

- min. diff. 90° to dipole vector

- max. diff. parallel to dipole vector

r.a. electrode l.a. Einthoven - derivation



- time and space dynamic

• p wave: excitation of atria

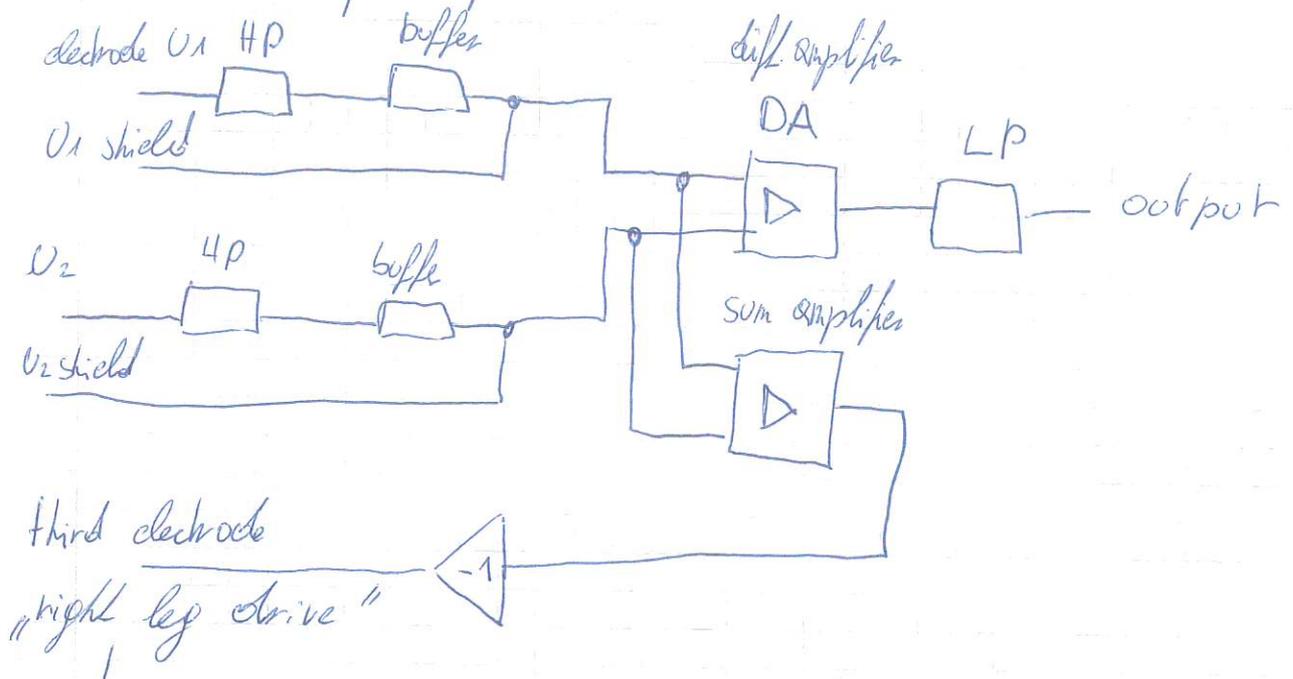
• PQ: atria fully excited \rightarrow no pot. diff.

• QRS complex: propagation of excitation in ventricles

• ST interval: ventricles fully excited \rightarrow no pot. diff.

• T: repolarization of ventricles

hardware principle:



used to reduce noise + improve signal quality
works as active grounding system
cancels out common-mode noise by driving a small, inverted version of the noise back into body (ex. 50Hz)

clinical use for:

- propagation of excitation and back formation
- heart position, heart rate

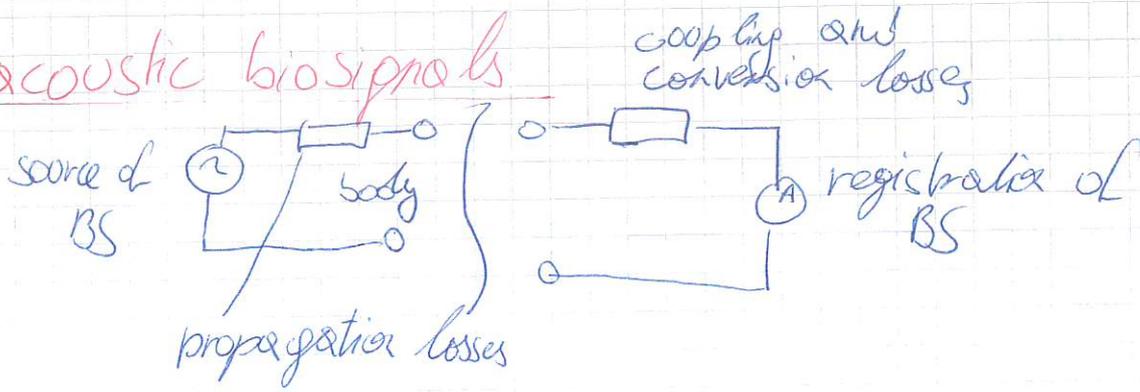
NOT for:

- pumping capacity
- mech. contraction of heart

frontal plane: Einthoven derivation

horizontal plane: Wilson derivation

acoustic biosignals



heart sounds

- 1st sound

- close mitral and tricuspid valve
(= closure of valves, deceleration of blood)
- loudest, low freq, longest (140ms)

- 2nd sound

- close more rigid aortic and pulmonary valves
(also vibrations of atria and ventricles)
 - lower intensity, snapping quality, shorter (110ms)
- freq range up to 100 Hz

lung sounds

classification based on

- location of auscultation region

- vesicular sounds (at peripheral lung fields, air turbulences, arise mainly during inspiration, distributed)



- bronchial sounds (over large airways, e.g. on the neck, turbulent airflow, induce vibration of airway walls, central source)

- sound type

- continuous sounds (normal and pathological) (narrowing and constriction of airways)
- discontinuous sounds (pathological only) (explosive reopening of small airways, e.g. of excessive fluid)

- properties

- normal 100-500 Hz
- abnormal up to 1000 Hz

sound amplitude $s \sim F^n$ (stronger airflow - higher amplitude)
F... airflow velocity index $n=2$ | periphery - lower airflow
- lower amplitude

snoring sounds

classification based on

- location of origination region

- nasal snoring (uvula oscillation)
- oral snoring (soft palate oscillation)

- type of generation

- normal snoring

(flow limitation, narrowing of airways during inspiration, reduced tone of muscles due to stress, tiredness, alcohol)

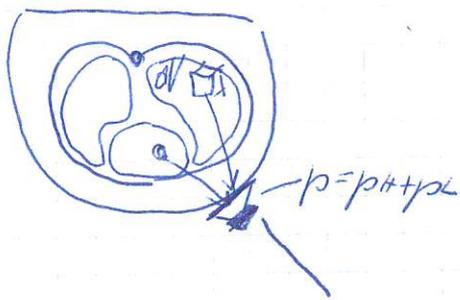
- obstructive snoring

(narrowing and temporal occlusion of airways due high compliance of airway walls and masses obstructing airways)

- distinct signal waveform
 - simple waveform shaping (sinusoidal, oscillation without closure)
 - complex waveform shaping (train structures, temporal colliding of airways)
- properties
 - normal 100 - 800 Hz
 - obstructive up to 2000 Hz

sound propagation

• medium damping factor



$$e^{-\alpha r}$$

heart sounds - point source

$$p_H = k \cdot \frac{P_0}{r} e^{-\alpha r}$$

p ... sound pressure

k ... konstant

α ... absorption coefficient

P_0 ... power

lung sounds - distributed sound source

$$p_L = k \int_V \frac{g(r)}{r} e^{-\alpha r} dV \quad g \dots \text{sound power density}$$

propagation and attenuation in short

- highly inhomogeneous propagation medium
- frequency dependent sound pathway
- freq. dependent attenuation $\alpha \approx f^2$
 α ... inner friction

high freq. get more attenuated, can't really enter tissue for sound propagation

Coupling

- chestpiece as acoustic amplifier
- microphone as acoustic-electric converter

- Reflection $R = \frac{Z_A - Z_T}{Z_A + Z_T}$ T... tissue A... air

$Z = \rho \cdot v$... sound radiation impedance

$Z_A \cdot Z_T = \frac{1}{\rho_0}$ $R = \frac{Z_A - Z_T}{Z_A + Z_T}$

middle layer with $Z=5$ $R = \frac{2}{9} \rightarrow$ less reflection

- Refraction (bending of waves entering the air)

$v_A < v_T, \lambda_A < \lambda_T, Z_A < Z_T$

$\frac{v_A}{v_T} = \frac{\sin \beta_A}{\sin \beta_T}$ β ... refracted angle

refracted wave is bent towards the normal of skin
 \rightarrow flattened wave front

bell: has eigen freq. of membrane
resonance freq. of bell



specific amplification

$\lambda = \frac{v}{f}$

low freq \rightarrow higher wavelength

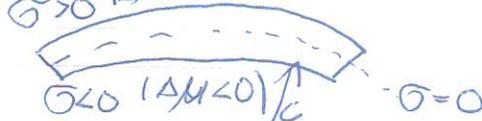


low freq.: little memb. tension, large memb., large bell

high freq.: high memb. tension, little memb., small bell

Skin curvature sensor

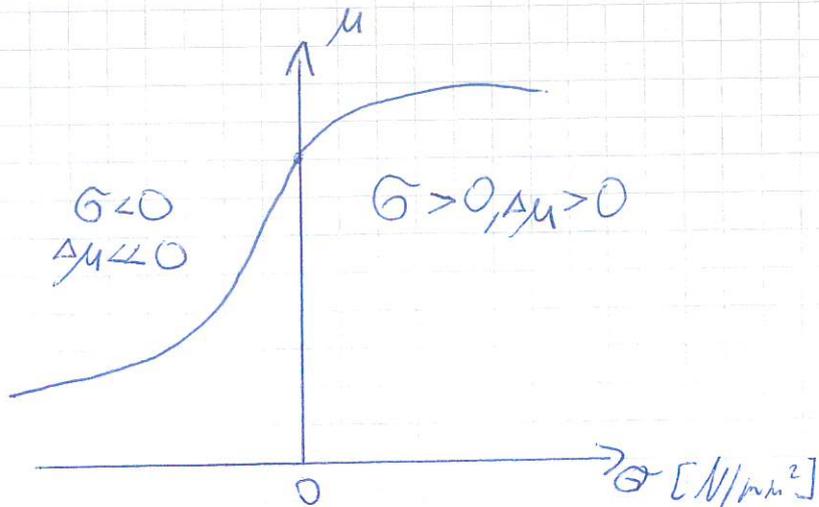
- single ML (magnetostrictive layer)
- neutral bending plane $\sigma = 0$ in center of ML
- total $\Delta \mu \approx 0$ ($\Delta \mu > 0$)



μ ... permeability

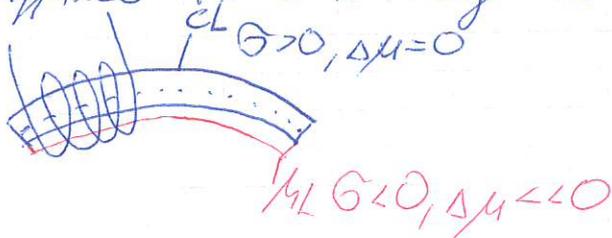
σ ... mech. stress

c ... curvature



• bilayer structure

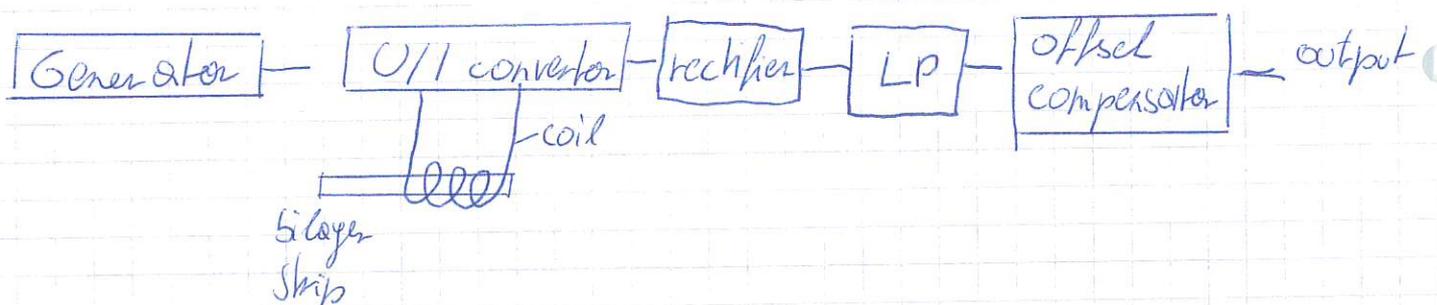
ML affixed to a nonmagnetic counter layer CL



- bilayer as sensor element

- coil for the establishment of an ele. sensor signal
- extremely flat (0,1 x 3 x 50mm)

$$U = z \cdot I = \omega \cdot L \cdot I \quad L \propto \mu \propto \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$



ideal bilayer $\Delta\mu \approx \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ (strongly)

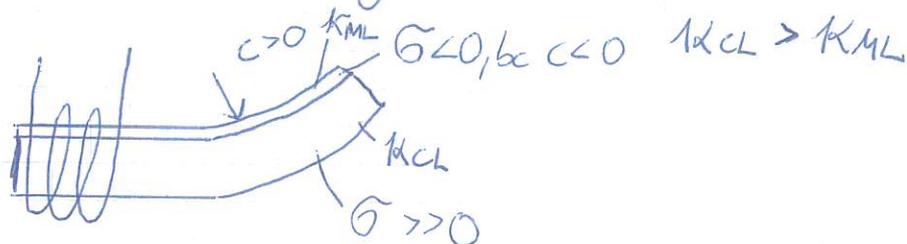
glued bilayer $\Delta\mu \approx \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ (less strongly)

bending sensitivity S

ML not as good
bilayer better, Al good, non-magnetic steel better

thermal sensitivity

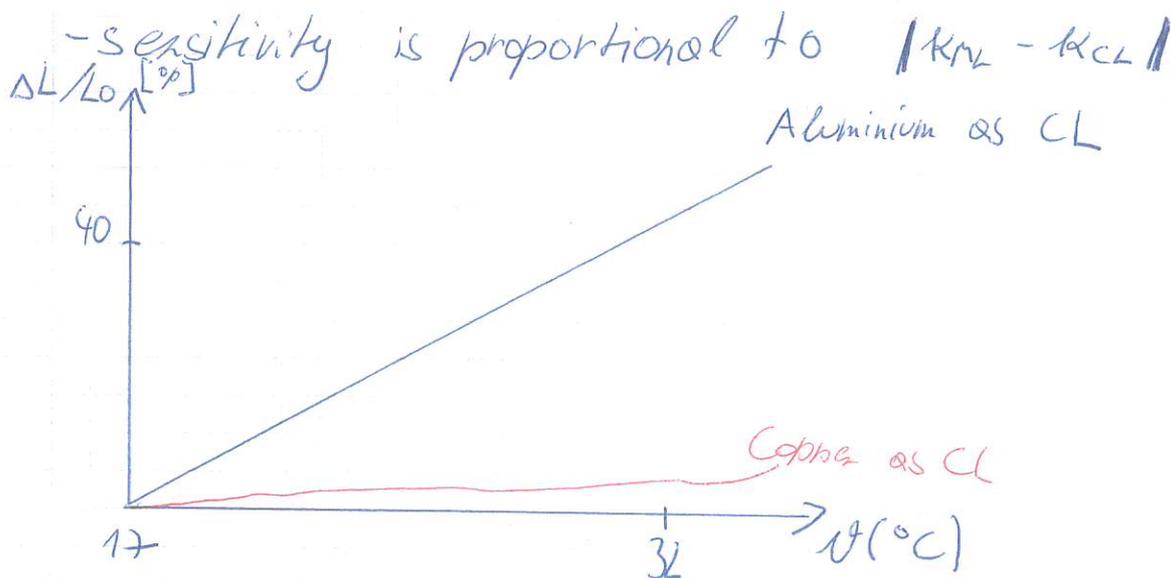
- non-zero sensitivity bc of $\alpha_{ML} \neq \alpha_{CL}$



in total $\sigma > 0 \quad \Delta \mu > 0$

α ... thermal expansion coefficient

c ... curvature



one can monitor cardiac activity, blood vessels (arteries) expand during systole
also respiratory activity - ribcage
also blood pressure on neck
also eye movement, fetus movements, muscles

