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Laser-Tissue Interactions

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1. Introduction

- 2. Photochemical
- 3. Photothermal
- 4. Photomechanical





OUTLINE

13:00 - 14:30	Introduction
	Photochemical
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee
15:00 - 16:30	Photothermal
	Photomechanica
16:30 - 16:45	break
16:45 - 17:30	Discussion

1. Where tissue affect photons...

diagnostic sensing, imaging, and spectroscopy,

2. Where photons affect tissues....

surgical and therapeutic cutting, dissecting, machining, coagulating, welding and oxidizing



Computer simulations of laser effects in tissues

Micromachining with lasers



Laser surgery

.









A photon's path is tortuous due to multiple scattering, *like a ball of string*.

Nevertheless, there is a total pathlength L, *like the length of the string*.

$$T = e^{-\mu_a L}$$

Mean free path = $1/\mu_a$



photon diffusion



Photochemical Photothermal Photomechanical



Speed of light [cm/s]





Concentration of photons



$$1 W/cm^{3} = 1.1 \times 10^{10} photons/cm^{3}$$
$$= 1.8 \times 10^{-13} moles/liter$$







of photochemical reagent X



Grüneisen coefficient [dimensionless]

 $P = \mu_a F t \Gamma$

 $1 [J/cm^3] = 10 bar$

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--> 0.5 at higher temperatures

photochemical



Photochemical effects ...





celulares de cáncer con *fluorescent photosensitizer*

PhotoDynamic Therapy (PDT)



celulares de cáncer

PDT human treatment center



PDT horse sarcoids



PDT horse sarcoids



PDT horse sarcoids









photothermal











photomechanical

$P = \mu_a F t \Gamma$





Blow-off model

 $U_{KE} = U_p - U_{abl} - U_{heat}$

Energy deposition Q(z) J/cm^3







Depth in tissue, z [cm]





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photochemical





= fluence rate [W/cm²]

φ

t

3

- = time of exposure [s]
- c_0 = speed of light *in vacuum* 2.98x10¹⁰ [cm/s]
- h = Planck's constant 6.626x10⁻³⁴ [Js]
- λ = wavelength [cm]
- A = area illuminated by light [cm²]
 - = extinction coefficient [cm⁻¹/M], M = moles/liter
- C = concentration [M]
- L = photon pathlength through medium [cm]


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 $C_A = C_A(0)e^{-kt}$

 $= C_A(0)e^{-\phi t / H_{th}}$

H_{th} = threshold dose [J/cm²] for 1/e effect in the range of 10-100 J/cm² for many photochemical reactions

MATLAB example



Photochemical

Comparison of PDT efficiencies for photooxidation of substrate (NADPH) using a photosensitizer (Photofrin II).

PR Bargo, P Diagaradjane, SL Jacques Proceedings of SPIE Vol. 3909 (2000)





Figure 1 — Set-up for the irradiation and absorbance measurements. Samples were irradiated through the bottom of the cuvette with 488 nm light from an argon laser. Power delivered was 75 mW for exposure times ranging from 0 to 90 minutes. Aliquots of irradiated solution were diluted 1:40 and absorbance spectra were.



Figure 2: Absorbance spectra of NADPH (1 mM) + P11 (50 μg/ml) solution after different exposure times. Highlighted is the decay in the 340 nm peak after irradiation.



Figure 3: Typical decay in absorbance at 340 nm due to oxidation of NADPH. Data is fitted with a decaying exponential and the remaining offset is due to photofrin absorbance. ΔA and τ are used in equations 2 and 3.



$$N_{abs} = P \ \tau \ b \ (1 - T_{488})$$

P = Irradiated Power τ = Time constant (seconds) b = Conversion factor @488nm $(1 - T_{488}) = (1 - e^{-\mu_{a,488}^{PF}L_{irr}})$ $\mu_{a,488}^{PF} = \ln(10)\varepsilon_{a,488}^{PF}C_{irr}$

 $\epsilon_{488}^{PII} = PII$ extinction coefficient $C_{irr} = PII$ concentration $L_{irr} = Irradiated$ pathlength (5.9 cm⁻¹ (mg/ml)⁻¹) (50 μg/ml) (0.5 cm)

(0.075 Watts)

(Fig.3) $b = \frac{\lambda}{hc} = (2.5 \times 10^{18} \text{ photons/J})$

Cm	= 50e-3;	% mg/ml
epsilon	= 5.9;	% cm^-1 (mg/ml)^-1
L	= 0.5;	% cm
P	= 0.075;	% W
tau	= 14*60;	% s
b	= 2.5e18;	% ph/J
Apf	= Cm*epsil	on*L % [-]
Nabs	= P*tau*b*	(1-10^-Apf) % # photons abs'd

RUN: Nabs = 4.54e+19 photons absorbed



STEP 2. Spectrophotometric Assay: after exposure, transfer to assay

Absorbance measurements were taken in the 250-820 nm spectral range with a spectrophotometer (Hewlett Packard). Solutions were diluted 1:40 (50 μ l of solution into 1.95 ml of Trizma) and placed into quartz cuvettes (1 cm pathlength). Spectra were recorded and absorbance at 340 nm was measured to assay the kinetics of NADPH oxidation. Measurements of the extinction coefficients of PIT at 488 nm (ϵ_{488}^{PII} = 5.9 [cm⁻¹(mg/ml)⁻¹] and NADPH at 340 nm (ϵ_{340}^{PII} = 5.1x10³ [cm⁻¹M⁻¹]) were also measured.



Figure 3: Typical decay in absorbance at 340 nm due to oxidation of NADPH. Data is fitted with a decaying exponential and the remaining offset is due to photofrin absorbance. ΔA and τ are used in equations 2 and 3.

$$N_{ox} = \frac{\Delta A N_{Av} V_{sp}}{\varepsilon_{340}^{NADPH} L_{sp}} \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\begin{split} &\Delta A = \text{Decay in Absorbance @ 340nm} \\ &N_{av} = \text{Avogrado's Number} \\ &V_{sp} = \text{Diluted Sample Volume in step 2} \\ &\epsilon_{340}^{\text{NADPH}} = \text{NADPH extinction coefficient @ 340nm} \\ &L_{sp} = \text{Cuvette Path length for spectrophotometer} \\ &f = \underline{\text{Sample Volume}} = \underline{50\mu l} = 0.1 \text{ in step 1} \\ &\text{Irradiated Volume 500\mu l} \end{split}$$

(Fig.3) (6.02x10²³ molec/mol) (2 ml) (5.1 cm⁻¹ mM⁻¹) (1 cm) dA = 0.25-0.13; % dOD after one time constant tau
Vsp = 2e-3; % liters sample volume of assay, in step 2
epsilonNADPH = 5.1e3; % cm^-1 M^-1
L2 = 1; % cm cuvette in step 2
f = 50/500; % uL/uL, fraction of sample from step 1 assayed in step 2
Nav = 6.023e23; % Avagadro's number, #/mole

Nox = (dA/epsilonNADPH*L2)/f *Nav*Vsp
% [-]/([cm^-1 M^-1][cm])/[-] * [#/mole]*[2e-3 liter]
% [M] * [#/M] = # photons oxidized

Run: Nox = 2.83e+17 photons oxidized

$$\phi_{ox} = N_{ox} / N_{abs}$$

phiox = Nox/Nabs

Run: Nabs = 4.54e+19 Nox = 2.83e+17 phiox = 0.0062 Example calculation using figure. All the experiments actually yielded saturated

 $\phi_{ox} \approx 0.0048.$



Triplet-crossing of activated sensitizer Activation of oxygen to singlet oxygen Oxidation of NADPH by singlet oxygen $= \stackrel{\checkmark}{\phi}_{T} \stackrel{\checkmark}{\phi}_{\Delta} \stackrel{\checkmark}{\phi}_{R}$ $= \phi_{T} \stackrel{}{\phi}_{\Delta} \stackrel{}{\phi}_{D} \stackrel{}{\phi}_{I}$ $\uparrow \stackrel{\uparrow}{\uparrow} \stackrel{\uparrow}{\uparrow}$ ϕ_{ox} Diffusion of singlet oxygen to NADPH

Interaction of singlet oxygen with NADPH

efficiency of singlet oxygen interaction with NADPH yielding oxidation







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Temperature source

Monte Carlo input file

1.0 1					# file version # number of runs
layersA.mco 100000	A			# output filer # No. of	name, ASCII/Binary photons
0.0010	0.0010			# dz, dr for (DUTPUT
150	150	1		# No. of bins	, Nz, Nr, Na for OUTPUT
3					# No. of layers
# n	mua	mus	9	d	# One line for each layer
1.00			-		# n for medium above.
1.33	0.1	100	0.90	0.0500	# conjunctiva
1.33	0.5	100	0.90	0.0500	# conjunctiva
1.33	0.1	100	0.90	10.000	# conjunctiva
1.33					# n for medium below.



impulse response

-0.5

0 s

0.5

1

0

r [cm]

Thermal diffusion



Developing an optical nerve stimuator for vestibular system (chicken)



optical fiber delivers 1850 nm laser pulse to stimulate nerve



absorption

scattering





response to 0.00500-J pulse







X(t) describes some tissue state that changes with denaturation

rate of denaturation

$$X(t) = X(0) + (X(\infty) - X(0))(1 - e^{-kt})$$












Literature review

SL Jacques, <u>J. Biomed. Optics</u> 11(4):041108, 2006



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$N(t) = N(0)e^{-\Omega}$

$$\Omega = \int_{0}^{t} k(T(t))dt$$

Solar heating ≈ 100 mW/cm²





100 cm² x 1 cm = 1 liter







 ΔH

...so how does this understanding of thermal injury impact the design of therapeutic protocols?

Time vs Temperature







Oral melanoma in veterinary care







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The physics of laserinduced concussive insult to peripheral nerves



Consider a 100 mph baseball thrown by a pitcher...



Consider the recoil momentum due to pulse laser ablation of tissue...









Consider the recoil momentum due to pulse laser ablation of tissue.

A small scale example: ErYAG laser ablation of water:

2.94 μm wavelength
25 mJ pulse energy
170 ns pulse duration
3.1 mm 1/e² diameter for Gaussian beam





Consider a 100 mph baseball thrown by a pitcher:

The velocity is (100 mph)(1720 m/mile)/(3600 s/hr) = 48 m/s. The mass of a baseball is 142.5 g (a standard WilsonTM baseball)

The momentum is (0.1425 kg)(48 m/s) = 6.8 [kg m/s].

A baseball has a 9 inch (7.29 cm) diameter.



Consider the laser experiment:

The velocity of the ejected water ~ 1187 m/s, or Mach 3.5.

If the mass removal is 5.73 g,

(0.00573 kg)(1187 m/s) = 6.8 [kg m/s]

5.73 g of mass corresponds to 729 μm over a 10-cm-dia. circular area.

Scale the problem



Steady-state model

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Blow-off model



Water explosively vaporizes away from surface during *long pulse* from laser

$$m = \rho \frac{U_p}{Q_{th}}$$

where

- m = mass of tissue removed [g]
- U_p = energy of laser pulse [J], U_p = E t,

 $E = irradiance [W/cm^2]$

t = time of exposure [s]

- ρ = density of tissue [g/cm³]
- Q_{th} = threshold energy density for ablation [J/cm³]

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Steady-state model

100 μs laser pulse



Four samples were tested:

- 1. 30% gelatin (70% water content)
- 2. 10% gelatin (90% water content)
- 3. water

4. skin



Nahen and Vogel (2002)

Steady-state model


Steady-state model

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Initial velocities during long-pulse laser ablation (200- μ s Er:YAG laser), determined as the slope of the blue and red lines in previous figure.

sample	vapor	particle
30% gelatin	62 m/s	135 m/s
10% gelatin	71 m/s	16 m/s
water	58 m/s	143 m/s
skin	55 m/s	42 m/s

These velocities are roughly 10- to 100-fold lower than needed to achieve the *density of momentum* required for a *Concussive* **Insult**.

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Blow-off model













Thermal confinement:

Laser deposits faster than heat can diffuse away

$$t = \frac{d^2}{4\alpha} = \frac{1}{4\alpha\mu_a^2}$$

Stress confinement:

Laser deposits faster than pressure can progate away

$$t = \frac{d}{c_s} = \frac{1}{c_s \mu_a}$$

The *mechanism of ablation* underlying Q_{th} :

- 1. <u>Explosive vaporization</u>
 - 1. enthalpy of vaporization
 - 2. spinodal decomposition
 - 3. superheated fluid
 - 4. explosive ejection

2. Thermoelastic expansion

- 1. thermoelastic expansion
- 2. inertia of the outward expansion
- 3. Overcome breaking strength of the tissue
- 4. ejection

~ 300°C

~ 70°C

This mechanism was discussed by Dingus and Scammon (1991) as "spallation" and later discussed by Albagli et al. (1994) as "inertial confinement" in a review of ablation literature.

- $\Delta T = 4^{\circ}C \rightarrow \Delta P = \pm 10$ bar --> cavitation of water
- $\Delta T = 28^{\circ}C \rightarrow \Delta P = \pm \sim 35$ bar --> spallation of tissue

rF excimer ablation of skin 14 ns 397 J/cm ³ 12 Ilsed dye laser explosion of red blood cells 1 ms 392 J/cm ³ 12	1201	T_p	Q _{th}	<u> </u>
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	ulsed dye laser explosion of red blood cells	1 ms	392 J/cm ³	125 °C
bagli's review (various tissues and lasers) short pulses 285 J/cm ³ 62	lbagli's review (various tissues and lasers)	short pulses	285 J/cm ³	62 °C

... not 300°C !!

...supports the "spallation" or "inertial confinement" mechanism underlying Q_{th}



Target size

Time



Absorption coefficient





Kinetic Energy

$$U_{KE} = U_p - U_{abl} - U_{heat}$$

$$U_{abl} = Q_{th} Z_{abl}$$





Momentum

M = mv



Absorption coefficient

Momentum

M = mv





DIAGNOSTICS: Photoacoustic Imaging



Grüneisen coefficient [dimensionless]

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Photoacoustic imaging: Initial thermoelastic expansion

$$P \hspace{0.2cm} = \hspace{0.2cm} \frac{M \hspace{0.1cm} \beta}{\rho \hspace{0.1cm} C_{p}} \hspace{0.1cm} \mu_{a} H \hspace{0.2cm} = \hspace{0.2cm} \Gamma \hspace{0.1cm} W$$

energy deposition temperature rise strain pressure P = $(\mu_a)(H) = W [J/m^3].$

- = (energy deposition)/(ρC_p) [degree C].
- = (β)(temperature rise) [dimensionless].

= (M)(strain) [J/m³] = [Pa].

1 J/m³ = 1 Pa = 10⁻⁵ bar.

Photoacoustic imaging: Velocity Potential related to energy deposition



$$\phi(\vec{r}_{,},t) = -\frac{\beta}{4\pi\rho C_{\rho}} \Re \frac{W(\vec{r}')}{\left|\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_{,}\right|} \delta\left(t - \frac{\left|\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_{,}\right|}{c}\right) d^{3}r'$$





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$$\phi[k] = -\frac{\beta}{4\pi\rho C_{p}} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{j} \frac{W[j]}{r[j]} V[j]$$

where $k = round(r[j]/c_s/dt)$ is time index and j is volume voxel index

Forward calculation called A:

$$\phi = A(W)$$

Photoacoustic imaging: Pressure related to Velocity Potential

$$P(\vec{r},t) = -\rho \frac{\partial \phi(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t}$$

Pressure P [J/m³] or [Pa] is related to velocity potential ϕ [m²/s]













for 10^6 J/m^3 deposition

 $\mathsf{P} = -\rho \ \partial \phi / \partial \mathsf{t}$





1mm × 2mm × 2mm block of deposition (figure extends ± 1 mm along z direction)





1mm x 2mm x 12mm bar of deposition (figure extends ± 6 mm along z direction)





12mm x 12mm x 12mm plane of deposition (figure extends ± 6 mm along z direction)






Photoacoustic imaging: Inverse Problem

measure \u00f6 by integrating pressure detector backproject W = source of energy deposition

for one detector:

$$W[j] = \left(-\frac{4\pi\rho C_p}{\beta}\right) dt \sum_{k=1}^{N_t} \frac{\phi[k] r}{V_{shell}} (r - c_s k dt < dr)$$

for all j voxels where $r[j] - c_s kdt < dr$

where
$$V_{shell} = \sum_{j} V[j] (r[j] - c_s kdt < dr)$$

Inverse calculation called B:

$$W = B(\phi)$$













5000

4500

4000

3500

3000

2500

2000

1500

1000

500

0

0.8

0.7

0.6

0.5

0.4

0.3

0.2

0.1

0



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