

# APPENDIX I – Working Group 1

COST B21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Venue: Invercarse Hotel – Dundee, Scotland

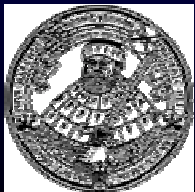
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## WG I: Measuring Techniques: Tissue Parameters and Physiological Data

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# List of Systems / Techniques / Activities related to COST B21 / WG I

| Name                        | Systems  | Techniques   | Activities  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| Ewald Moser<br>Vienna       | 3T / 80 cm (Bruker)<br>research system<br><sup>1</sup> H, <sup>23</sup> Na coils<br>2 gradient systems | BOLD venography / SWI<br><sup>1</sup> H-MRSI<br><sup>23</sup> Na-Imaging<br>Microimaging | brain tumors / MS<br>human cartilage<br>(in vivo / ex vivo)<br>skeletal muscle                |
| Said Ghandour<br>Strasbourg | High field animal<br>system  | Perfusion<br>Diffusion<br>Texture Analysis<br>Image Processing<br>SPECT                  | Mouse Models<br>Brain WM Diseases<br>Contrast increase<br>Quantification<br>Molecular Imaging |
| Roger Dommissie<br>Belgium  | 7 T / 8 cm (SMIS)  | Diffusion<br>Perfusion<br>BOLD<br>MRI Contrast Studies                                   | Animal Models<br>(mice, birds)<br>different pathologies<br>brain plasticity<br>Phantoms       |

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| Lothar Schad<br>Heidelberg                            | 1,5 T clinical system<br>Siemens Symphony                       | Perfusion (ASL)<br>Diffusion<br>BOLD venography<br><sup>23</sup> Na-Imaging   | Brain (Tumours)  |
| Jürgen<br>Reichenbach<br>Jena                         | 1,5 T clinical systems<br>(Siemens Symphony,<br>Sonata, Vision) | SWI / BOLD venography<br>Diffusion (DWI / DTI)<br>Perfusion<br><sup>1</sup> H, <sup>31</sup> P Spectroscopy           | Brain (Tumours,<br>vascular disease)<br>Muscle                   |
| Milan Hajek<br>Daniel Jirak<br>Matin Burian<br>Prague | High field system<br>(4,7 T)                                    | MRI / MTS, DWI, CSI<br>dedicated spinal cord coils;<br>sequence developments at<br>4.7 T;<br>construction of phantoms | Brain (Tumours)<br>Cell transplantation<br>Calf Muscles<br>Liver |

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| Olav Haraldseth<br>Christian Brekken<br>Trondheim                           | High-field systems<br>NMR spectrometers  | Diffusion Tensor Imaging<br>Method development<br>Perfusion<br>BOLD-fMRI (preoperative<br>planning)   | Human brain tumours<br>Animal models<br>rat brain tumours<br>rat brain CNS  |
| J.D. De Certaines<br>P.A. Eliat<br>J. Bezy-Wendling<br>M. Garreau<br>Rennes | High-field systems:<br>4,7 T / 40 cm (12/04)<br>Mice PET (05)<br>1,5 T (GE)<br>(3 T in project)<br>NMR spectrometers:<br>500 MHz<br>500 MHz HR/MAS<br>270 MHz<br>$\mu$ MRI:<br>7 T vertical magnet<br>clinical SPECT & PET | Contrast-enhanced MRI<br>Texture Analysis (2D & 3D)<br>Modelling<br>Interest for:<br>BOLD, perfusion, diffusion<br>Physiological relevance of<br>texture parameters<br>(by comparison with optical<br>microscopy & modelling) | Clinical oncology<br>(brain, liver)<br>Animal models<br>(liver diseases)<br>Modelling<br>(liver)<br>$\mu$ PET (near future) |

# Expression of interest to participate or contribute to WG

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Hans Stødkilde-Jørgensen

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and/or techniques

## Main Techniques

- Perfusion: first-pass methods, Arterial spin labeling (ALS)
- DWI, DTI
- BOLD-imaging: SWI, CO<sub>2</sub> challenge, CE-SWI
- <sup>23</sup>Na imaging

Organ(s):  
Brain, (Liver)

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- Improvement of Perfusion-Modeling (A. Malyshev)
- Application of Perfusion Modelling to Perfusion Phantom (L. Schad)  
Improvement of Quantitation?
- Measurements at different sites at different field strength
- (Re-)-Analysis of acquired perfusion data (brain tumors, stroke, ...) in animals and humans



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**BOLD-imaging:** Susceptibility weighted imaging, CO<sub>2</sub> challenge, CE-SWI

- BOLD-Venography and Vascular Tree Modelling
  - Extraction of Blood Volume
  - Verification with Phantoms
- Susceptibility-Weighted Imaging and Exogenous Gases
- Combination with perfusion measurements, time resolved measurements
- Application in animals
- Applications in patients (brain tumors) at different field strengths
  - combination with spectroscopy, MRSI

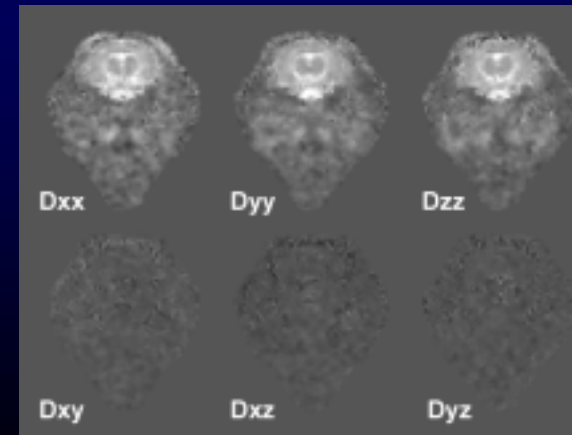
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## Diffusion Weighted Imaging, Diffusion Tensor Imaging

- optimization of acquisition, minimization of tensor element variation
- diffusion spectral imaging ?? (high field machines)
- combining with other modalities --> MEG, extraction of conductivity tensor
- tractography

$$FA = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \frac{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_m)^2 + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_m)^2 + (\lambda_3 - \lambda_m)^2}{\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2}}$$



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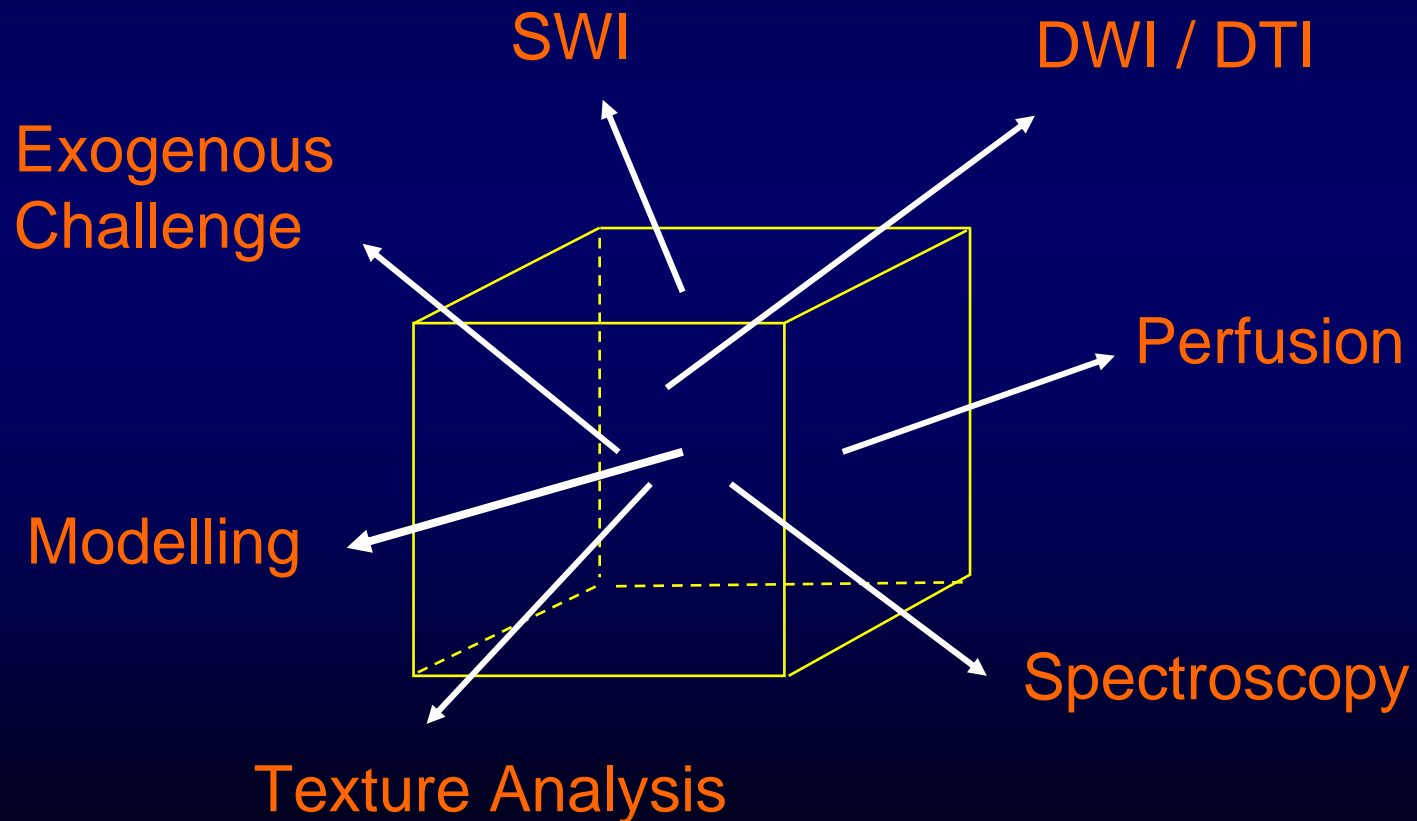
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## <sup>23</sup>Na-Imaging

- high-field application (examples by Vienna-group)
- applicable at 1,5 T ?? (Heidelberg group)
- application in brain, cartilage, (cardiac)

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single voxel - multidimensional data



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- Increasing importance of (clinical) high-field systems ( $\geq 3\text{T}$ )
- Planned short term missions (STM)

Jena - Vienna

Jena - Łódź

Vienna - Heidelberg

...

and many more

# WG I: Measuring Techniques: Tissue Parameters and Physiological Data

Next meeting in Brussels 25.-26. June 2004:

- Presentation of available techniques of WG I
- Definition of (more) projects