



# On the potential of active thermal imaging for skin cancer diagnostic

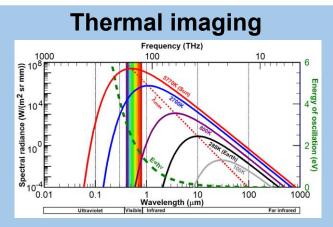
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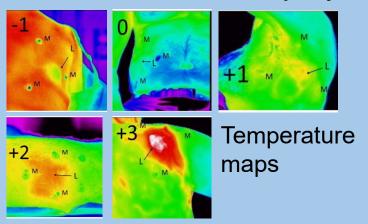
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## What is active thermal imaging?





Measuring and imaging the thermal radiation emitted from every object.



(Shada et al., Journal of Surgical Research, 182:1, 2012)

#### **Dramatic technology improvements**

1980 (100 k€)

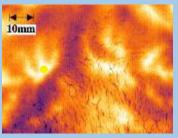


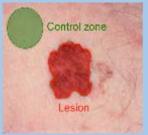
2015 (200 €)

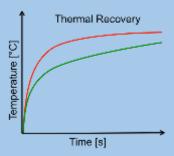


Current resolution 0.017 ° C VGA Image 640 x 480 pixels

#### **Active thermography**





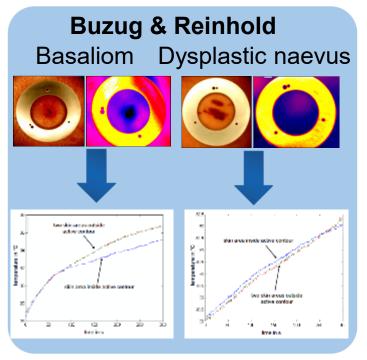


Disturbing subcutaneous thermal signals!

Monitoring the thermal recovery allows to "switch off" subcutaneous signals

## Preliminary clinical evidence

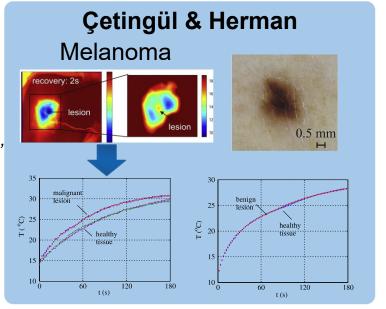




Buzug et al. (2006) IEEE EMBS Conference, NYC USA.



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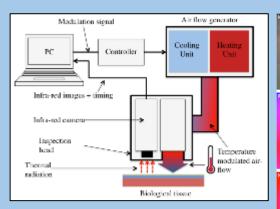


Cetingül & Herman (2013) Expert Review of Dermatology 2:177-184

### Our technology



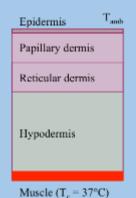
#### State-of-the art setup



Possibility to easily stimulate the skin surface (warm or cool stimulation) in a reproducible way.
No contact with the skin is required.

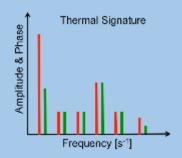
(Bonmarin & Le Gal, Skin Research and Technology, 21, 2015)

## Thermal modeling and image processing capabilities



3D numerical model to simulate the heat transfer processes happening between the different skin layers.



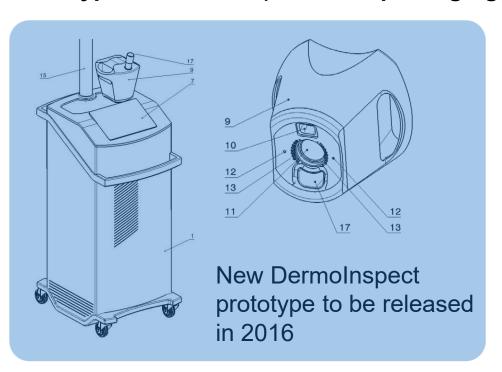


Specific image processing tools to analyze the IR videos

(Bonmarin & Le Gal, Computers in Biology and Medicine, 47:1, 2014)



Prototype finalization (software, packaging, CE marking) in 2016.





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