



# **“BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS OF MAGNETIC NANOPARTICLES:**

## **I: DRUG DELIVERY”**

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## **II: ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION”**

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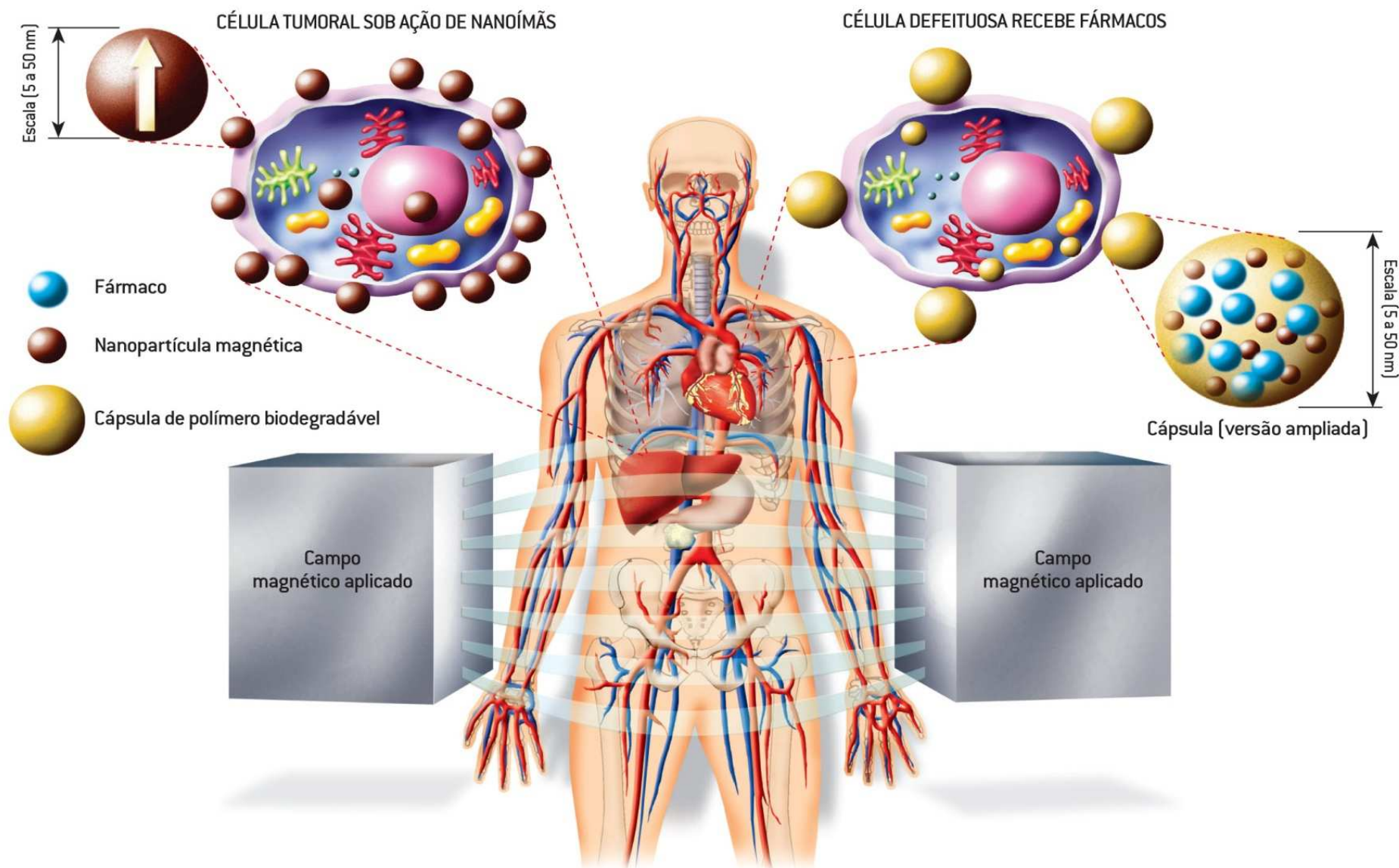
# **Biomedical applications of magnetic nanoparticles II: Electromagnetic radiation**

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**-Therapy based in magnetic hiperthermia**

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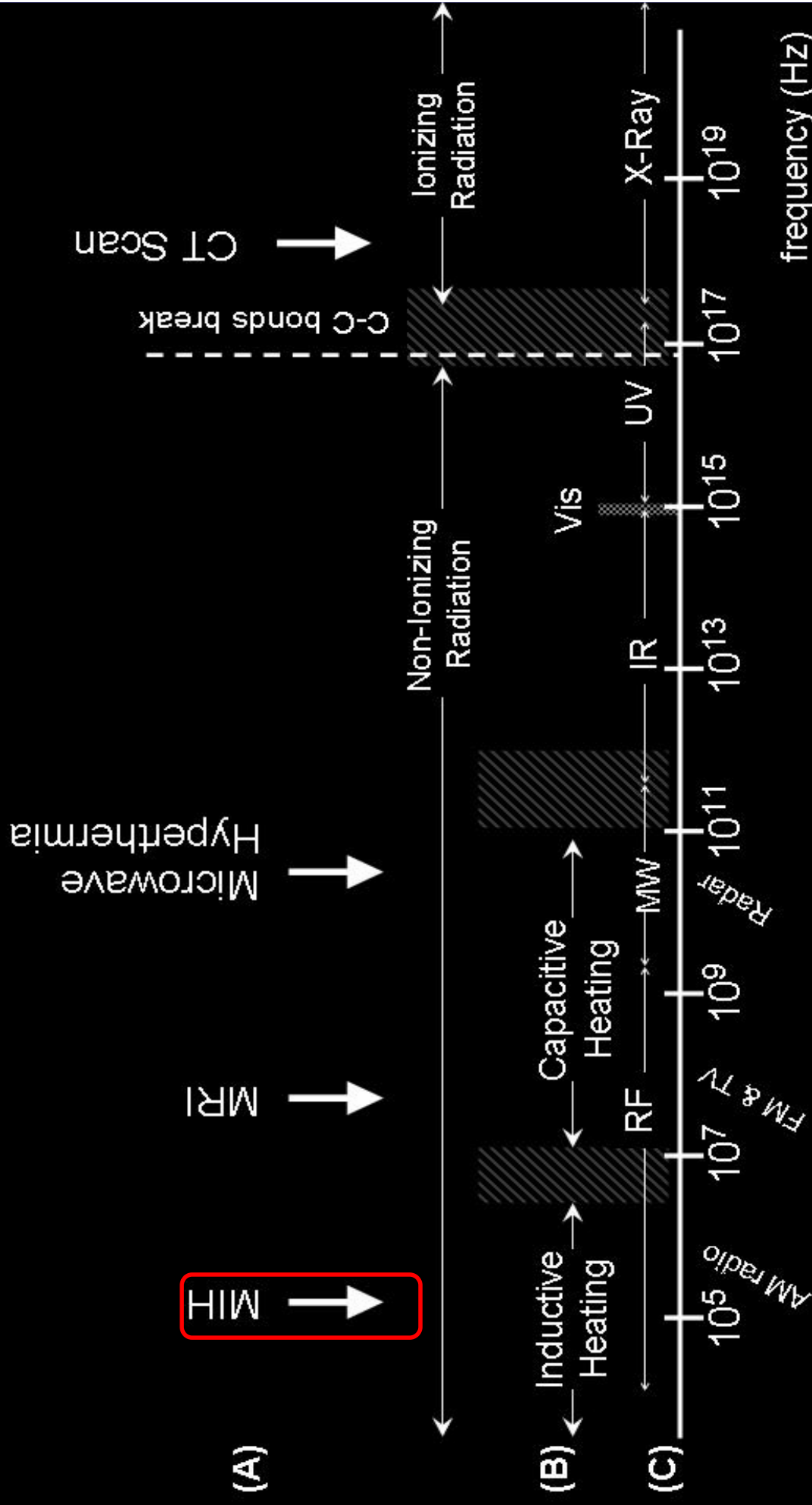
# DUAS NANOESTRATÉGIAS CONTRA CÂNCER E OUTRAS DOENÇAS



Duas aplicações terapêuticas possíveis dos nanoímãs. Carregados pelo corpo com a ajuda de um campo magnético, eles poderiam ser levados até células cancerosas e agitados por alterações sucessivas do campo. O processo geraria calor e mataria as células doentes (no alto, à esquerda). Em outro

cenário, eles seriam agregados a um pacote que contém um fármaco e uma capa de polímero biodegradável. O campo magnético serviria para carregá-los até as células doentes, às quais entregariam o remédio com menor chance de erro (no alto, à direita)

# Electromagnetic Spectrum



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# What is hyperthermia?



Hyperthermia (thermal therapy or thermotherapy) is **a type of cancer treatment** in which body tissue is exposed to high temperatures (up to **45 °C**). Research has shown that high temperatures can damage and kill cancer cells, usually with minimal injury to normal tissues. By killing cancer cells and damaging proteins and structures within cells, hyperthermia may shrink tumors.

**National Cancer Institute, USA**

# Core loss formulation

- Loss separation

The formulation is the same for an alternating and rotating field

$$P_{core} = P_{hysteresis} + P_{eddy}$$

- Hysteresis loss

Rate of change of energy used to affect magnetic domain wall motion

- Eddy-current loss (classical eddy currents)

Due to induced currents flowing in closed paths within magnetic material

# Losses in Colloids

1. In NPs suspensions (@ RT), the Brownian relaxation in viscous media is

$$\tau_B = \frac{3 \eta V_H}{k_B T}$$

2. Néel relaxation is

$$\tau_N = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{K V_M}{k_B T}\right)$$

*R.E. Rosensweig, JMMM **252** (2002) 370.*

So the total (parallel) relaxation is

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{\tau_B} + \frac{1}{\tau_N}$$

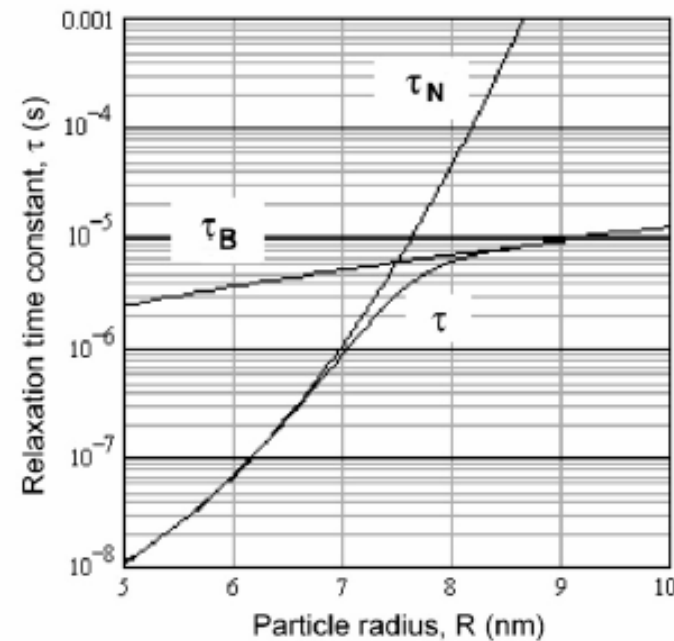


Fig. 2. Time constants vs. particle size for magnetite particles.

# Heat Transfer

## The “Bio-Heat Equation”

$$\rho_t \cdot c_t \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k_t \cdot \nabla T$$

$\rho_t$  = tissue density

$c_t$  = tissue specific heat capacity

$k_t$  = thermal conductivity,

But living systems generates and dissipate heat by themselves, and these contributions lead to the “Pennes formulation” of the conventional bio-heat equation:

# Heat Transfer

Pennes' equation estimates the temperature field  $T(x,y,z,t)$  at nearby tissues

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\rho_t c_t} \left\{ k_t \nabla^2 T - w_b c_b (T - T_a) + Q \right\}$$

$\rho_t$  = tissue density

$C_t$  = tissue specific heat capacity

$Q$  = density of heat production rate,

$T_a$  = temperature at infinite distances

$w_b$  = perfusion rate

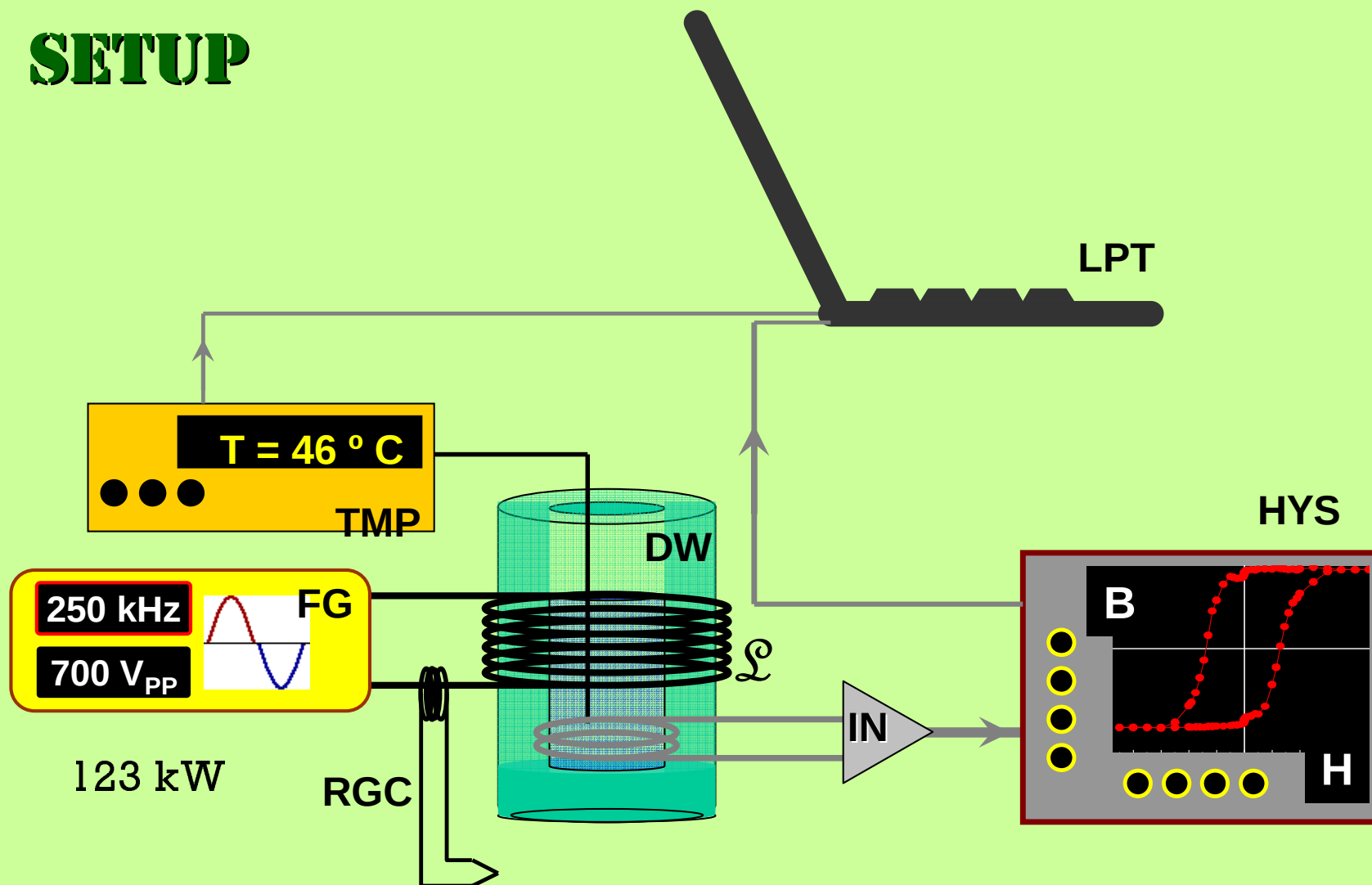
$c_b$  = blood specific heat capacity

It relates to the functional definition of

**Specific Absorption Rate (SAR):** amount of energy converted in energy per time and mass

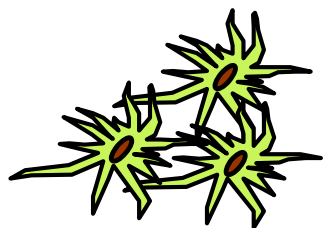
$$SAR = \frac{C_s}{m_{Fe}} \left( m_{FF} \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta t} \right) = \frac{Q}{\rho_t}$$

# SETUP

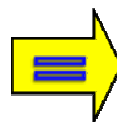
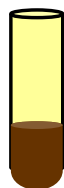


# MAGNETIC CELLS

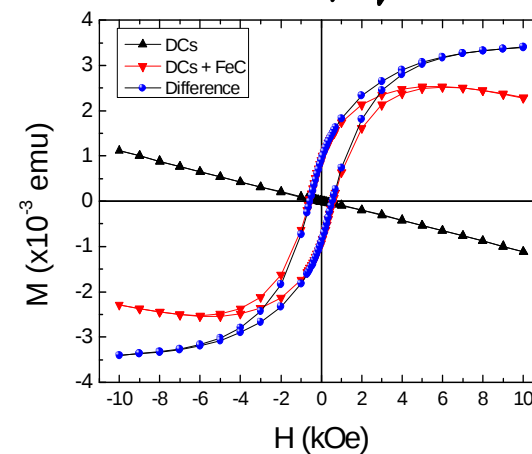
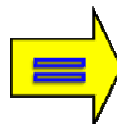
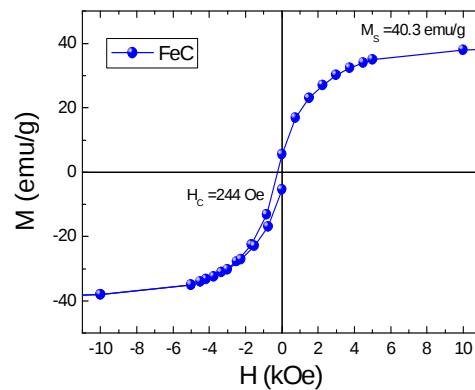
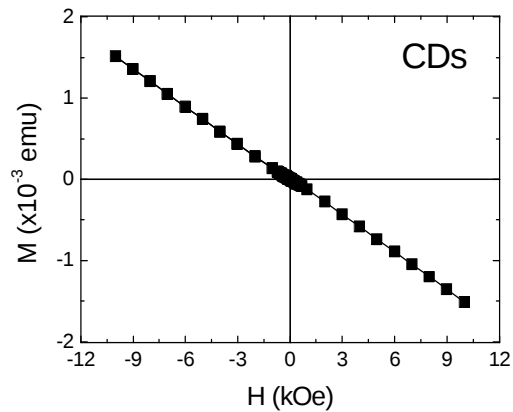
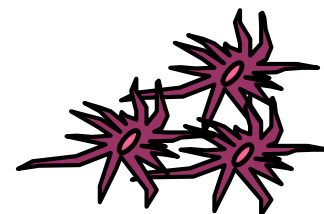
## DENDRITIC CELLS



## FE<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> COLLOID



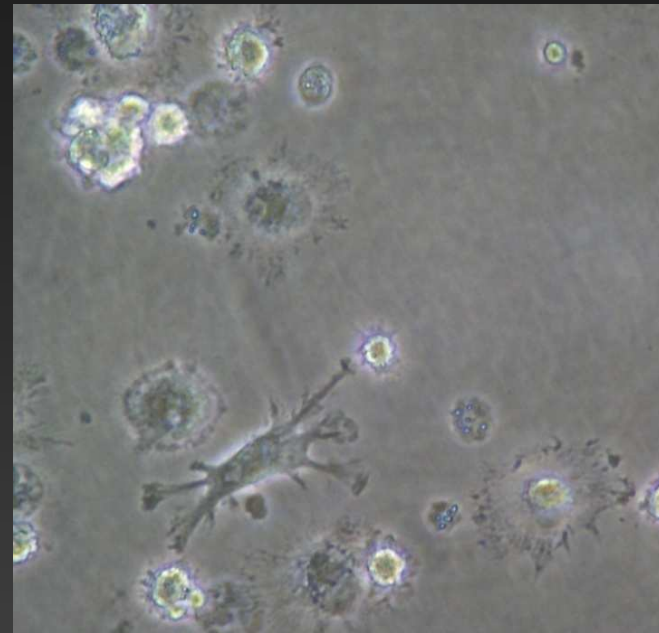
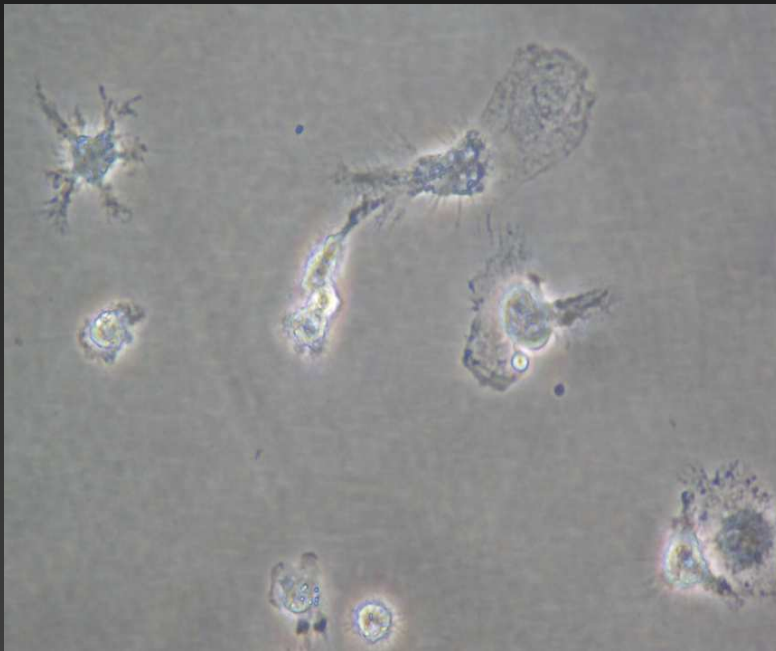
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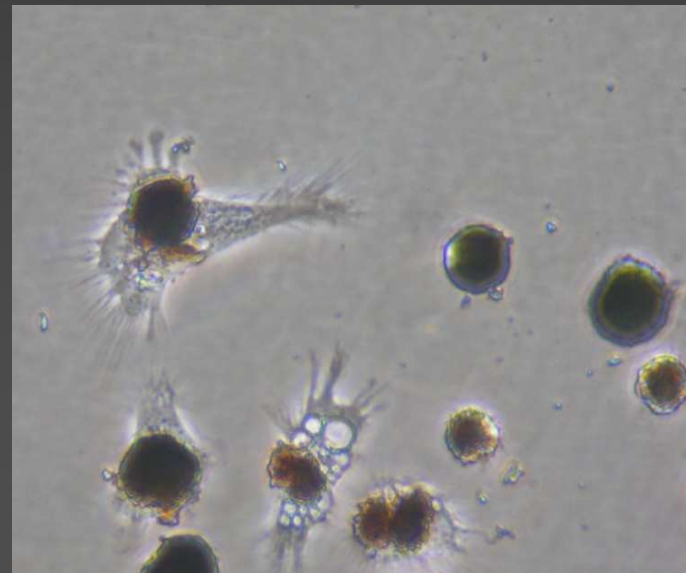
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**Loaded**



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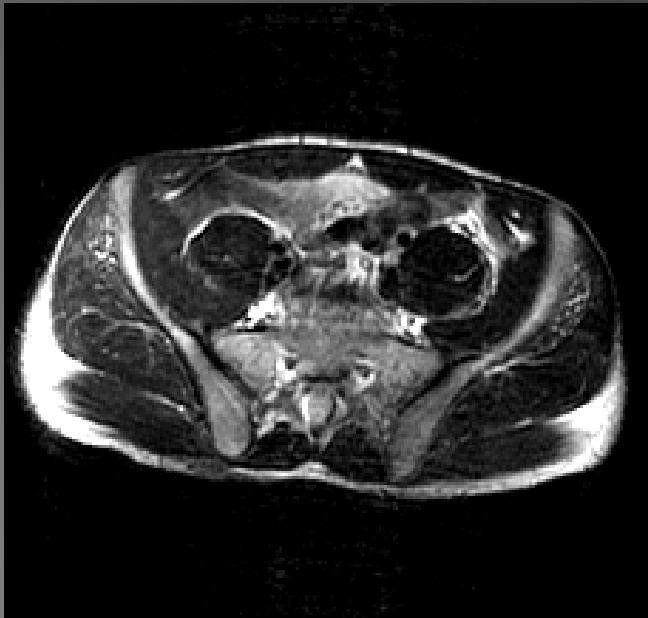
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# Magnetic Resonance Imaging

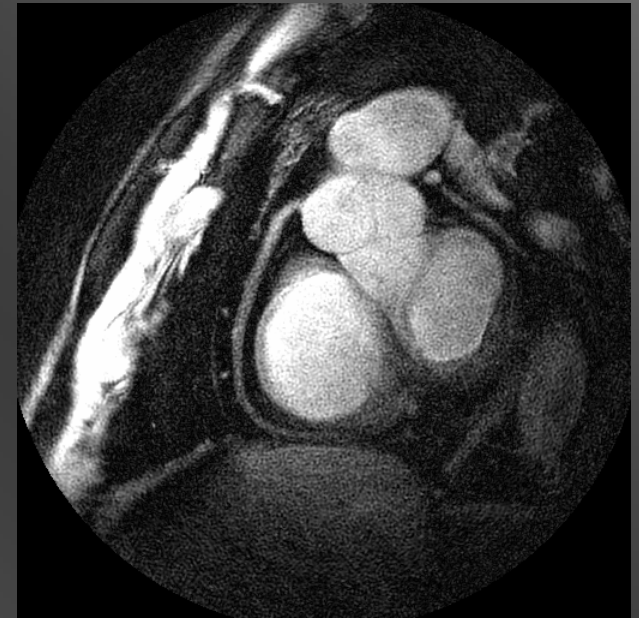
- Non-invasive medical imaging method, like ultrasound and X-ray.
- Clinically used in a wide variety of specialties.



Abdomen



Spine



Heart / Coronary

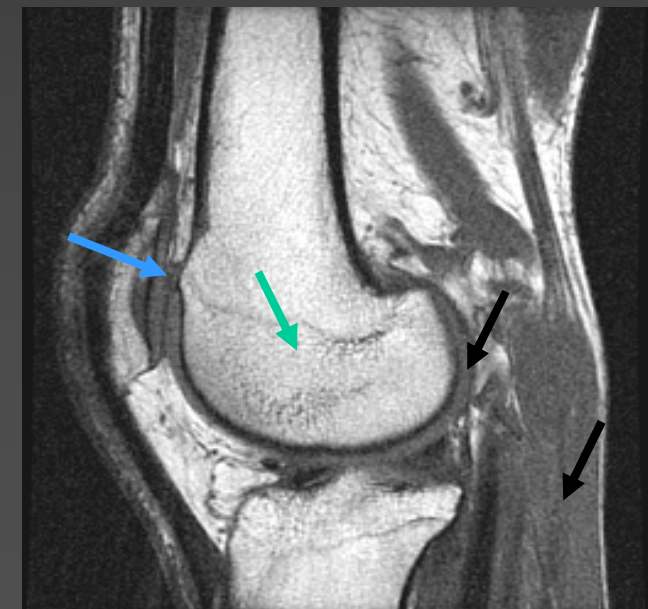
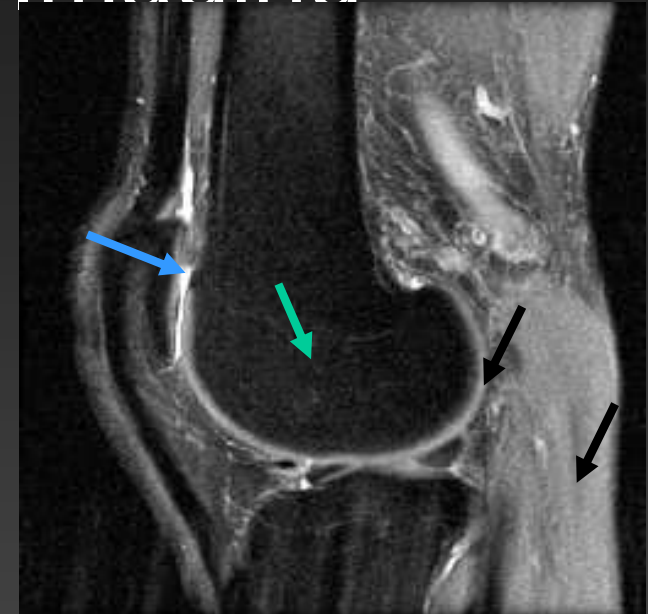
# Magnetic Resonance Imaging

## Advantages:

- Excellent / flexible contrast
- Non-invasive
- No ionizing radiation
- Arbitrary scan plane

## Challenges:

- New contrast mechanisms
- Faster imaging



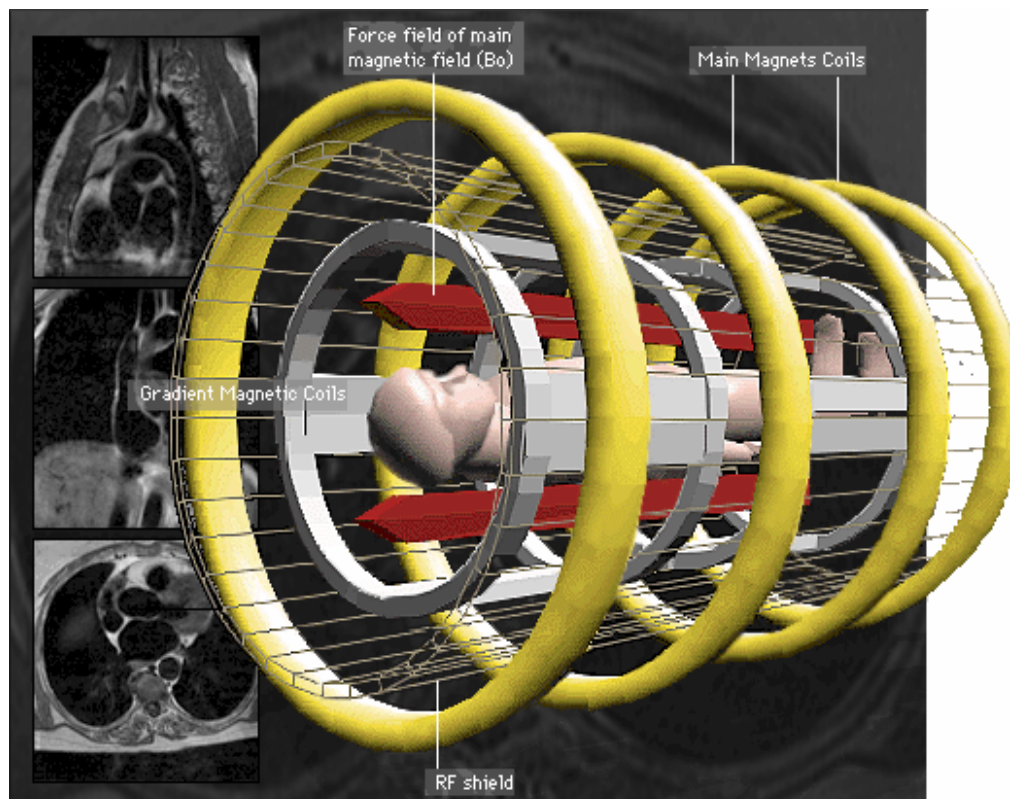
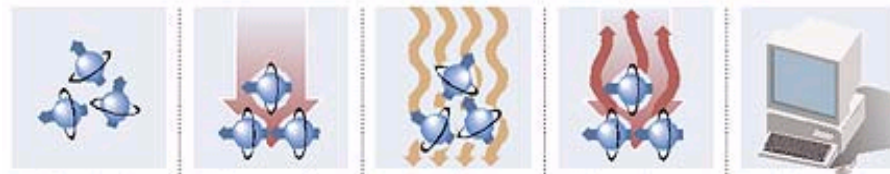
# MRI Systems



At \$2 million, the most expensive equipment in the hospital...

# Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

-Based on the magnetic relaxation of hydrogen water protons in tissues



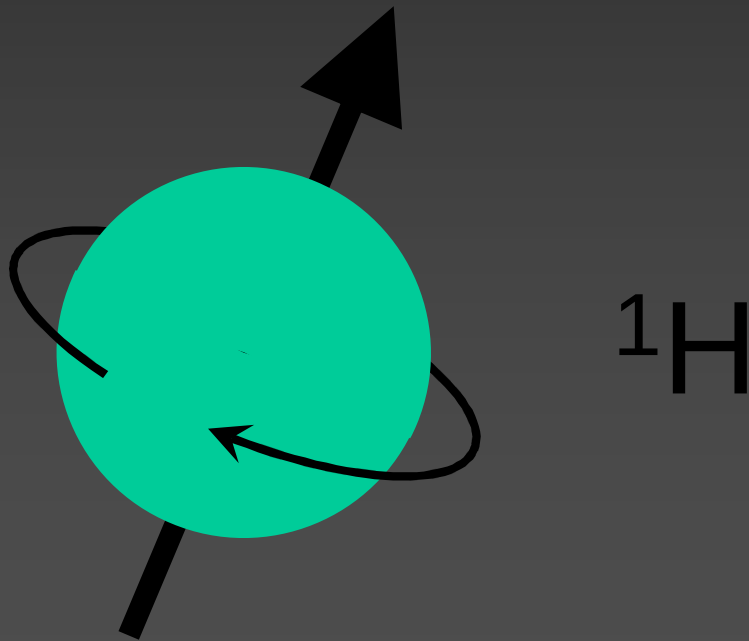
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-Resonance phenomena have different relaxation time depending of the active tissue under a radiofrequency signal. The radiation emitted due to the relaxation can be detected and espacially localized within the body giving rise to contrast imaging

-The contrast is enhanced by paramagnetic or superparamagnetic nanovectors

# Magnetic Resonance

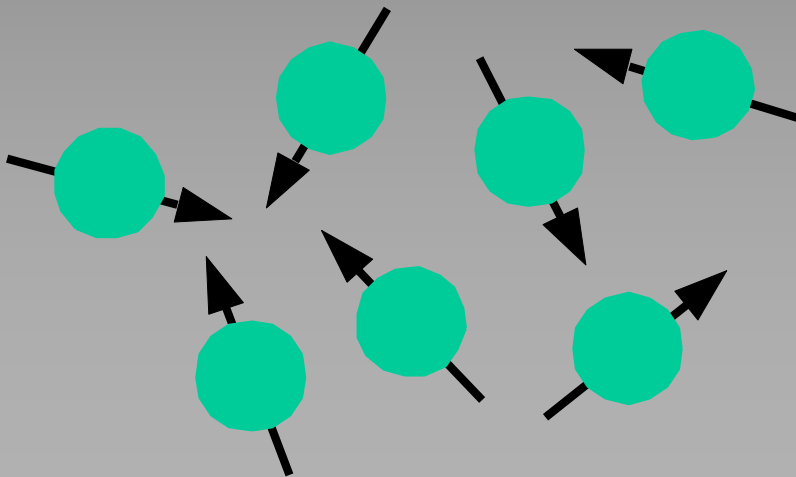
- Certain atomic nuclei including  $^1\text{H}$  exhibit nuclear magnetic resonance.
- Nuclear “spins” are like magnetic dipoles.



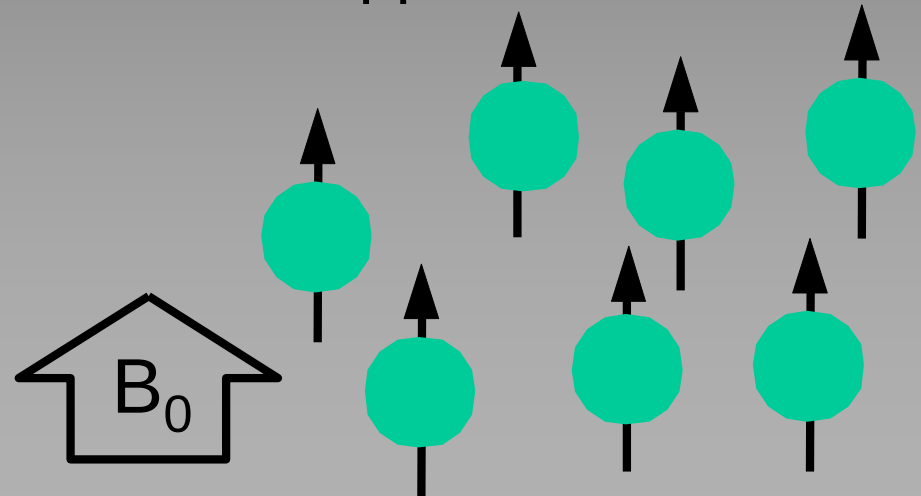
# Polarization

- Spins are normally oriented randomly.
- In an applied magnetic field, the spins align with the applied field in their equilibrium state.
- Excess along  $B_0$  results in net magnetization.

No Applied Field



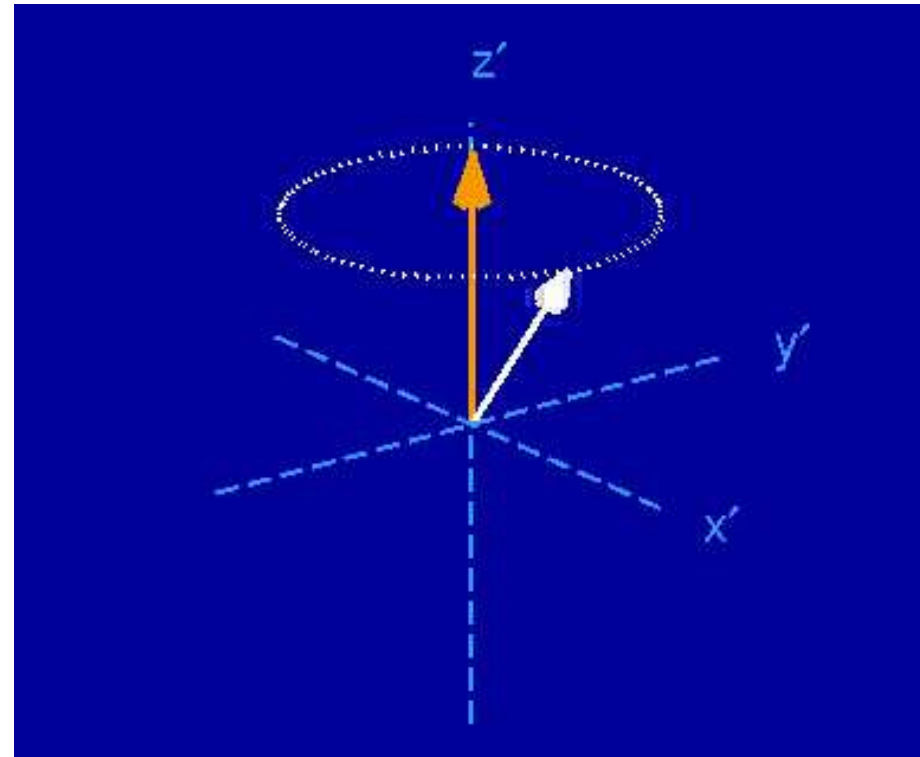
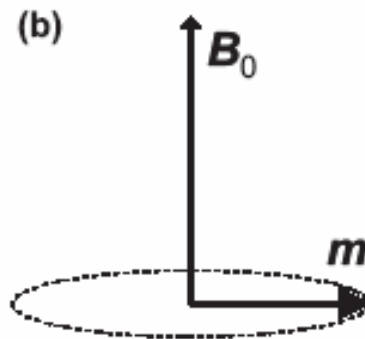
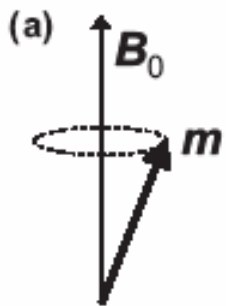
Applied Field



# Precession

- Spins precess about applied magnetic field,  $B_0$ , that is along z axis.
- The frequency of this precession is proportional to the applied field:

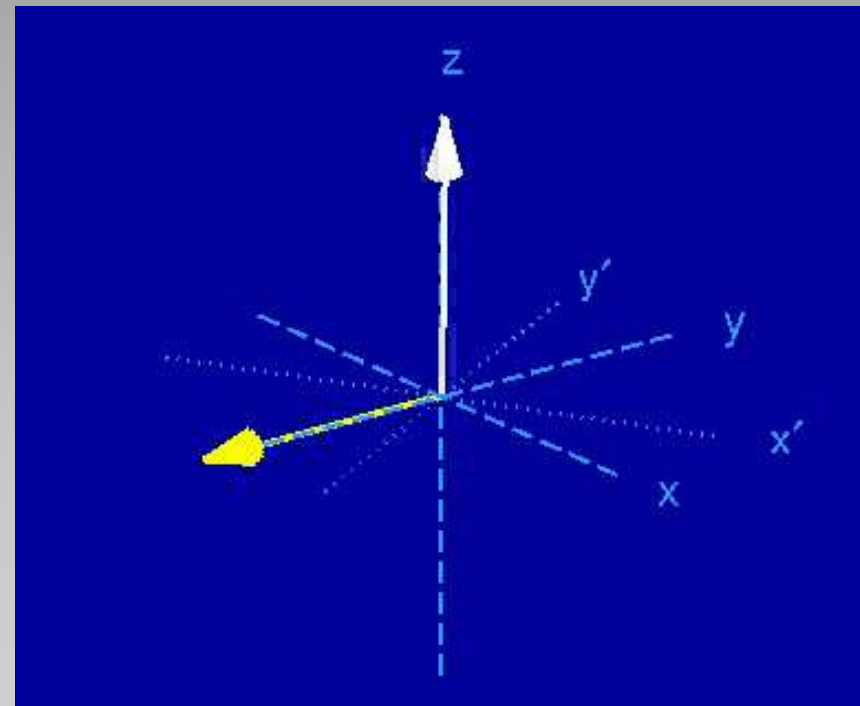
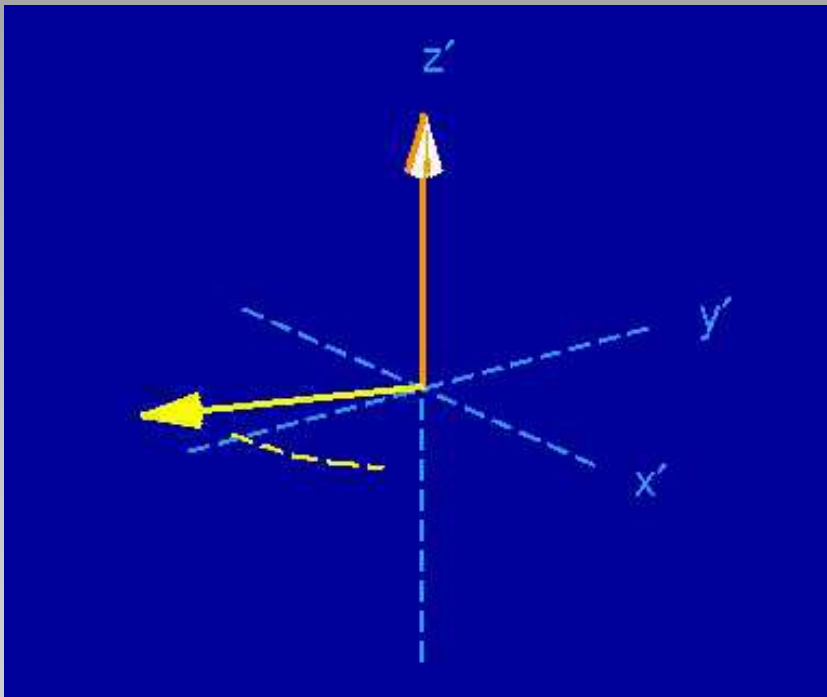
$$\omega = \gamma B$$



# Excitation

- “Excite” spins out of their equilibrium state.
- Transverse RF field ( $B_1$ ) rotates at  $\gamma B_0$  about z-axis.

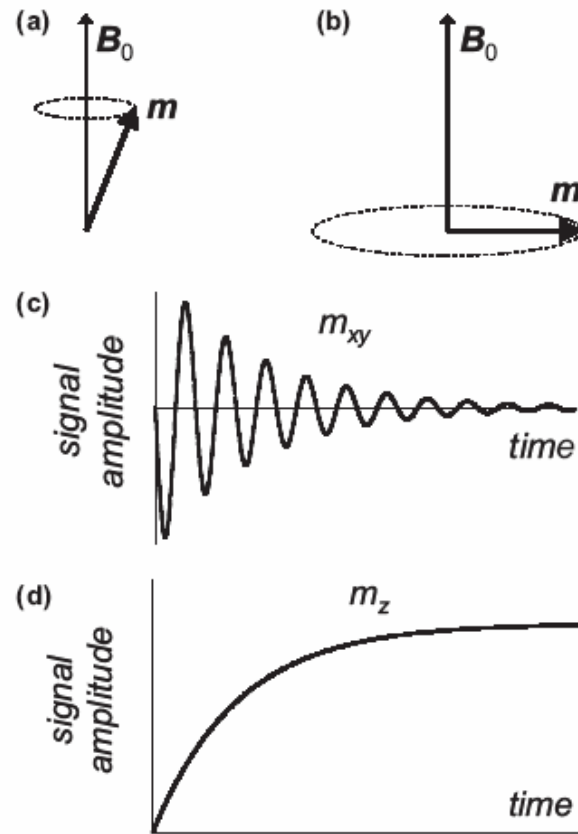
→  $B_1$       →  $B_0$       → Magnetization



Rotating Frame

# RELAXATION

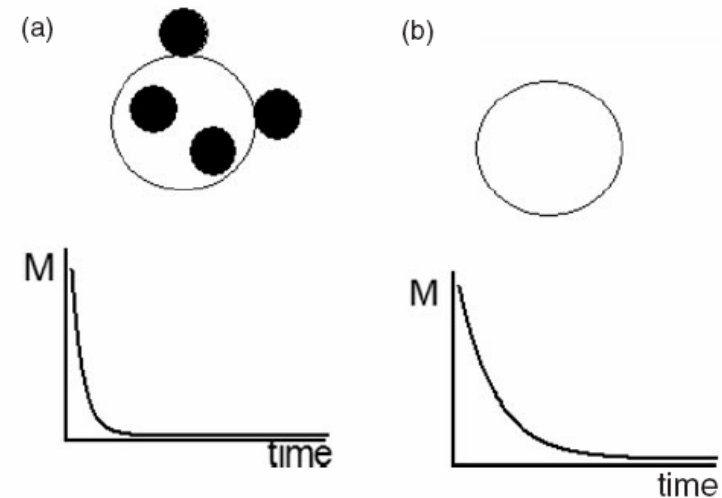
(Pankhurst et al. J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys 36 (2003) R167)



**Figure 8.** Illustration of magnetic resonance for a large ensemble of protons with net magnetic moment  $m$  in the presence of an external magnetic field  $B_0$ . In (a) the net moment precesses around  $B_0$  at the characteristic Larmor frequency,  $\omega_0$ . In (b) a second external field is applied, perpendicular to  $B_0$ , oscillating at  $\omega_0$ . Despite being much weaker than  $B_0$ , this has the effect of resonantly exciting the moment precession into the plane perpendicular to  $B_0$ . In (c) and (d) the oscillating field is removed at time zero, and the in-plane (c) and longitudinal (d) moment amplitudes relax back to their initial values.

$$m_z = m(1 - e^{-t/T_1})$$

$$m_{x,y} = m \sin(\omega_0 t + \phi) e^{-t/T_2}$$

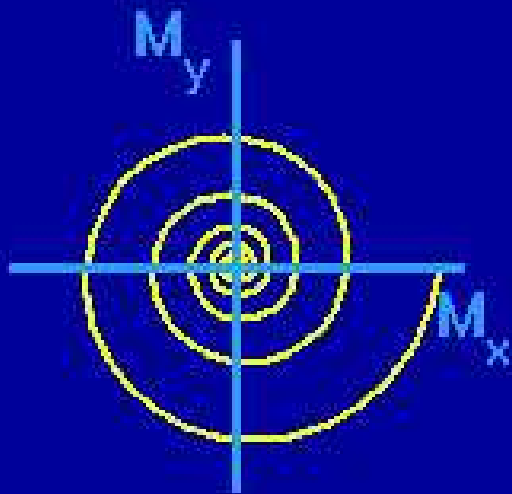


**Figure 9.** Effect of magnetic particle internalization in cells on  $T_2^*$  relaxation times: (a) the protons in cells tagged by magnetic particles have a shorter  $T_2^*$  relaxation time than those in (b) untagged cells.

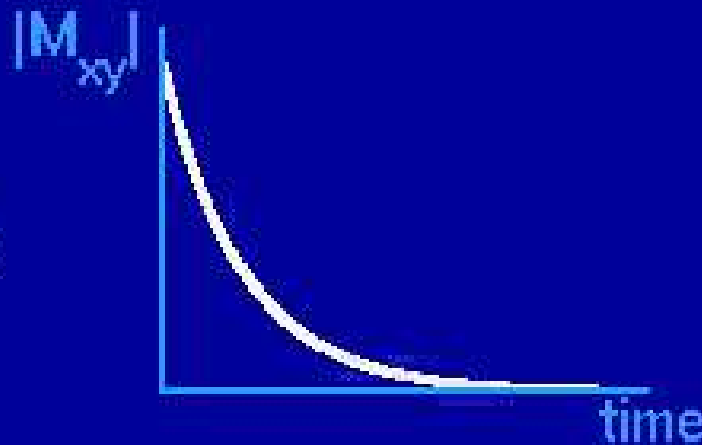
$$\frac{1}{T_2^*} = \frac{1}{T_2} + \gamma \frac{\Delta B_0}{2}$$

# Relaxation

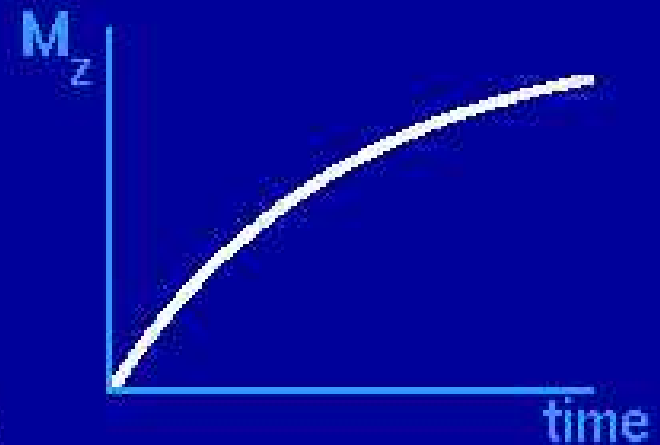
- Magnetization returns exponentially to equilibrium:
  - Longitudinal *recovery* time constant is  $T_1$  (spin-lattice)
  - Transverse *decay* time constant is  $T_2$  (spin-spin)
- Relaxation and precession are independent.



Precession



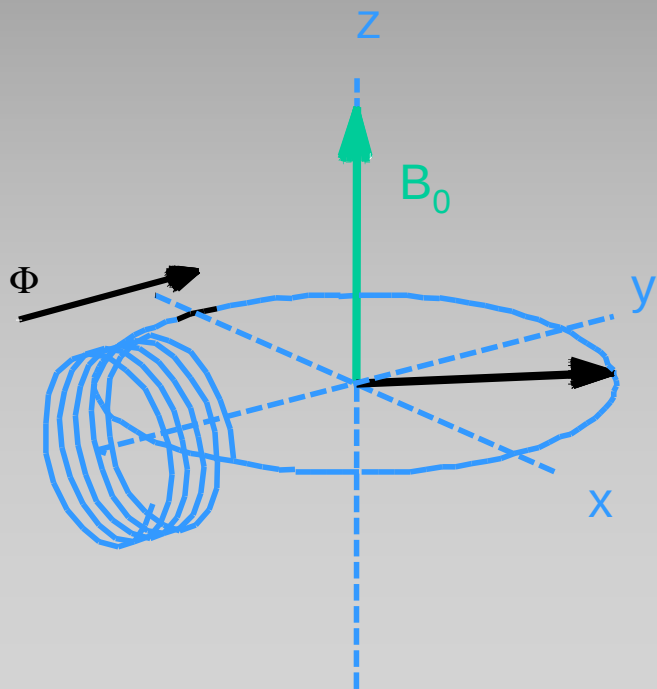
Decay



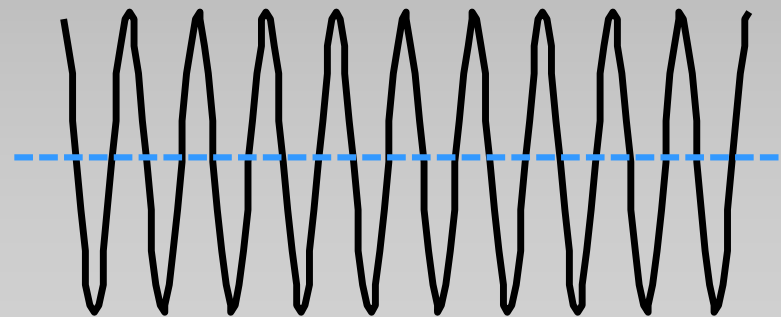
Recovery

# Signal Reception

- Precessing spins cause a change in flux ( $\Phi$ ) in a transverse receive coil.
- Flux change induces a voltage across the coil.

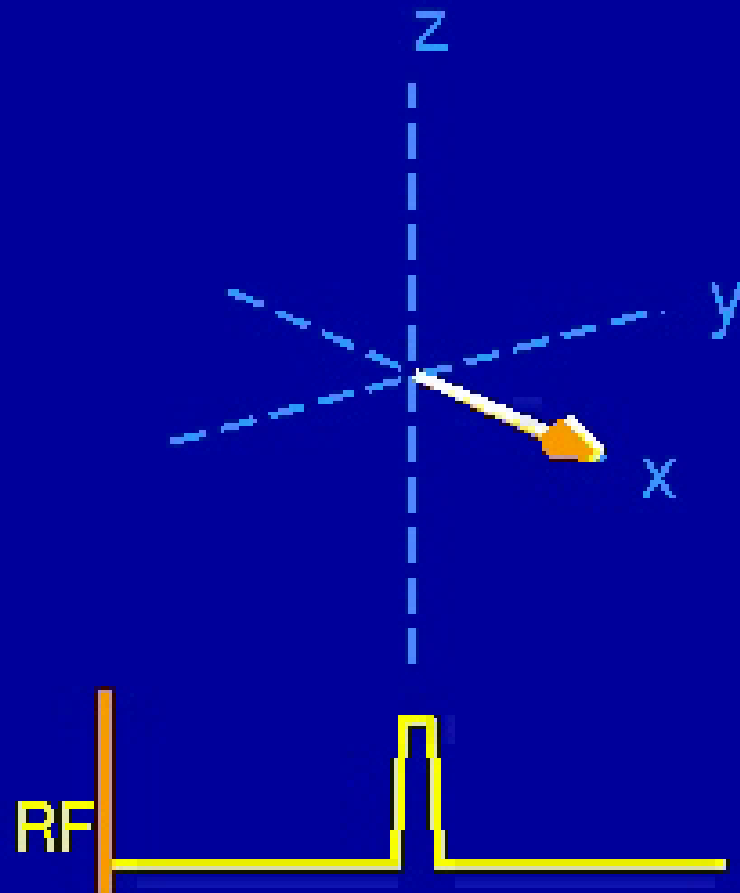


Signal



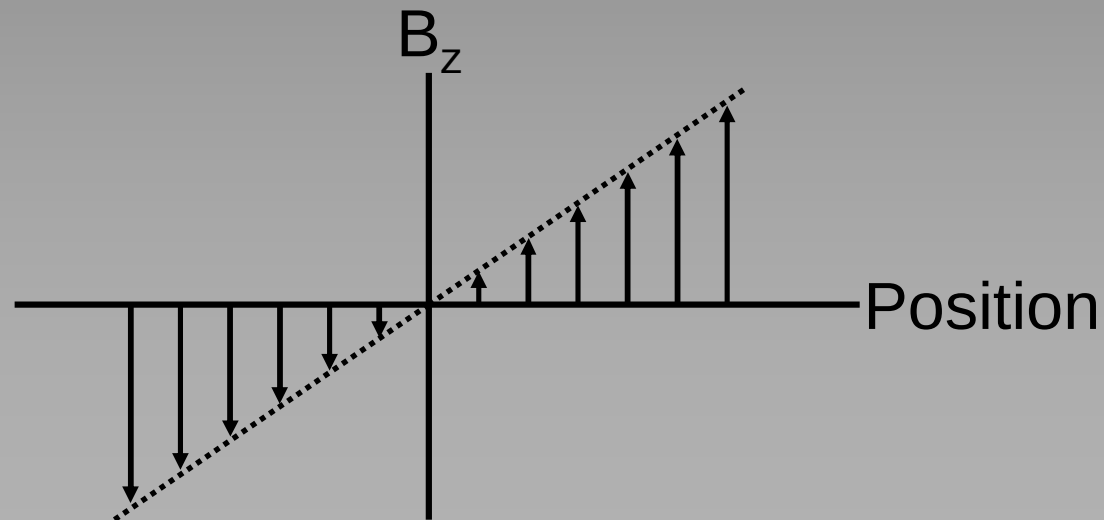
# Spin Echoes

- $180^\circ$  RF tip can reverse the dephasing effects of off-resonance.
- Spins realign at some time to form a *spin echo*

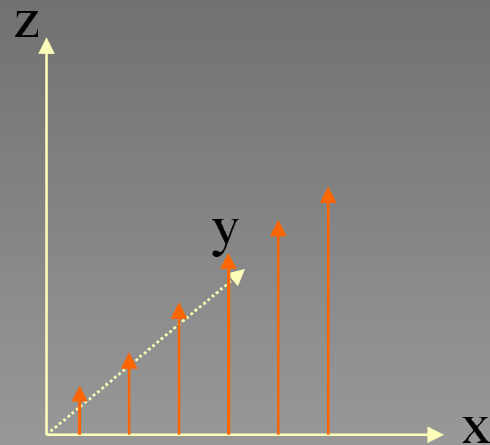


# MR Image Formation

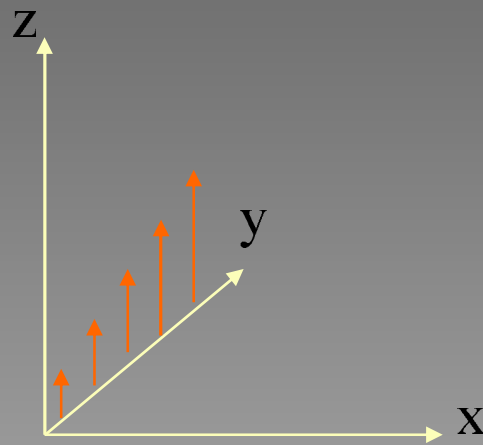
- Gradient coils provide a linear variation in  $B_z$  with position.
- Result is a resonant frequency variation with position.



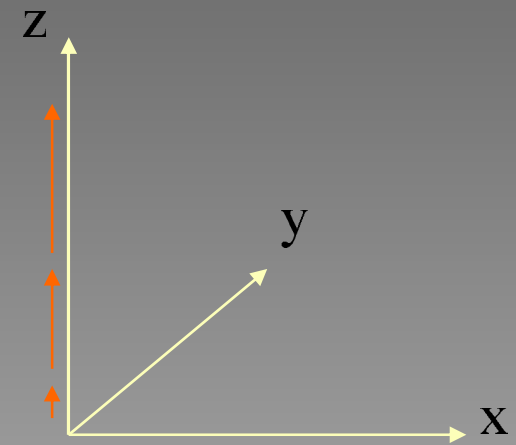
## Gradient Coils



X gradient



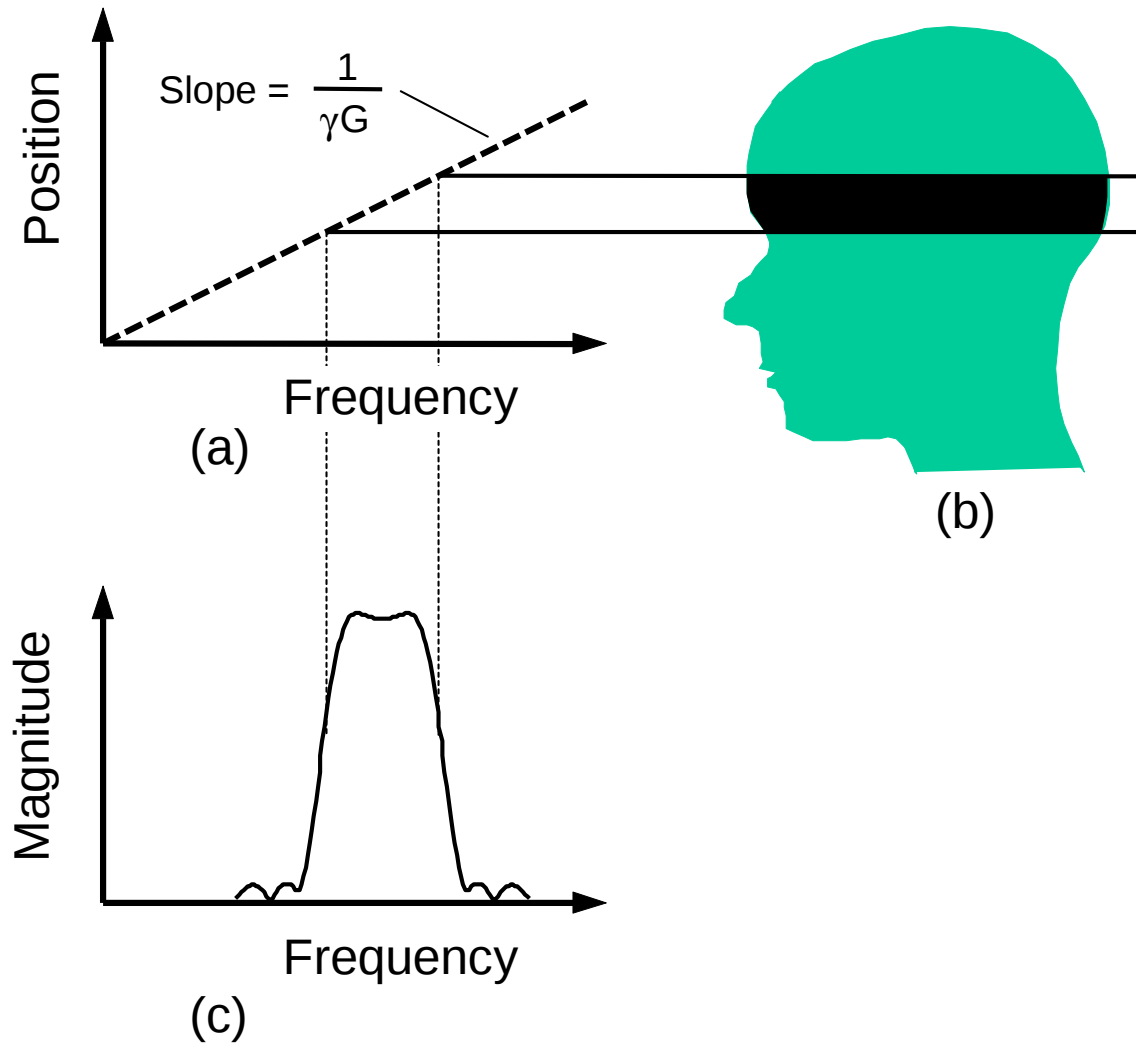
Y gradient



Z gradient

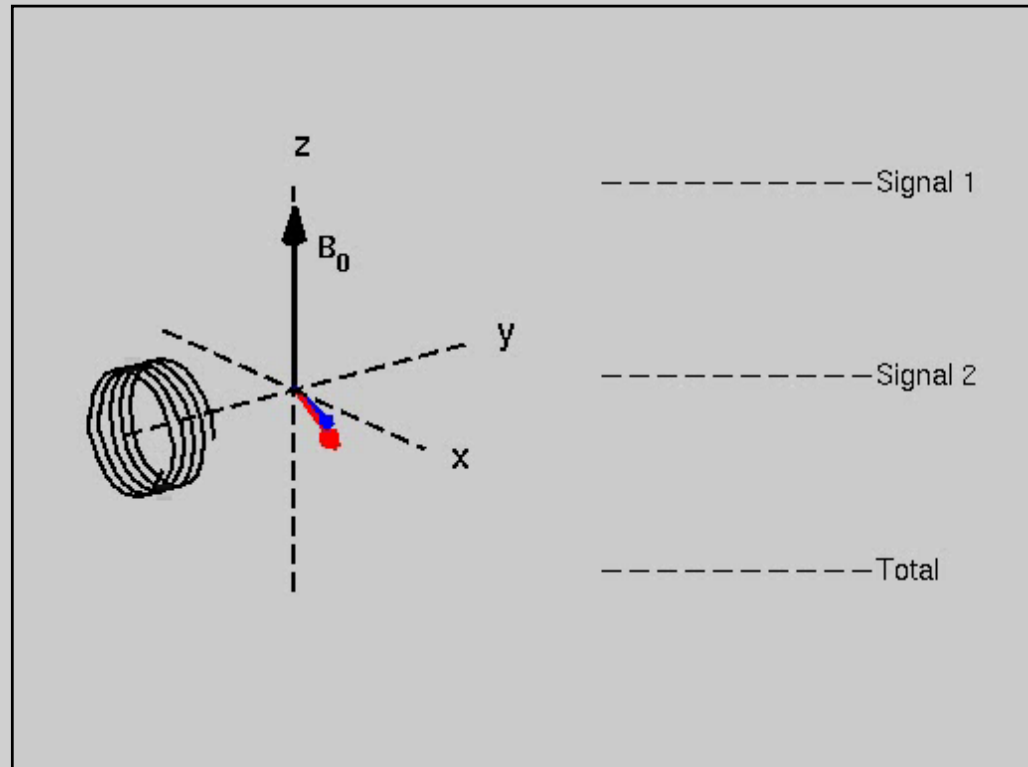
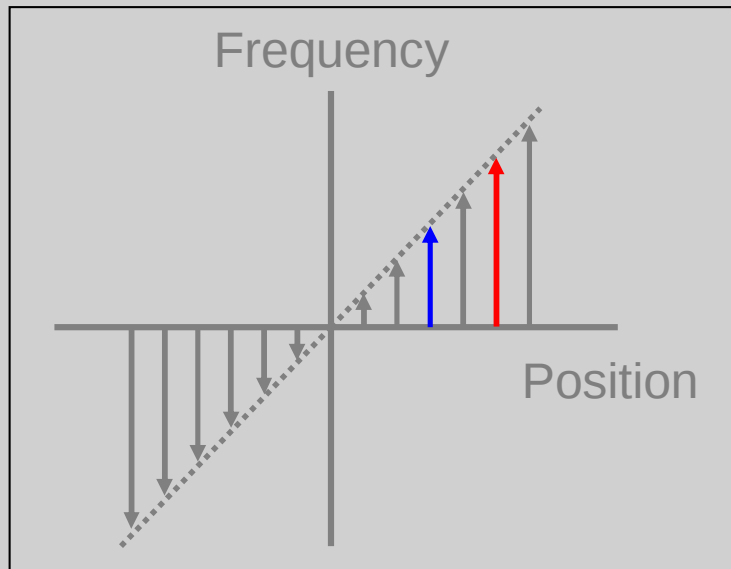
**Gradient coils** generate spatially varying magnetic field so that spins at different location precess at frequencies unique to their location, allowing us to reconstruct 2D or 3D images.

# Selective Excitation



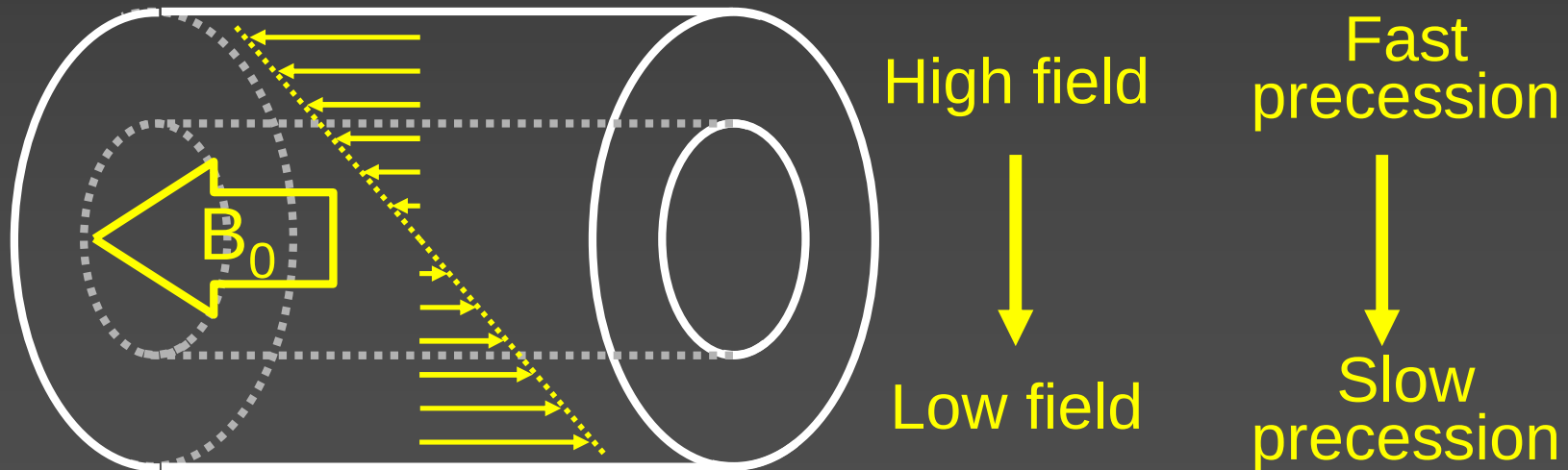
# Image Acquisition

- Gradient causes resonant frequency to vary with position.
- Receive sum of signals from each spin.

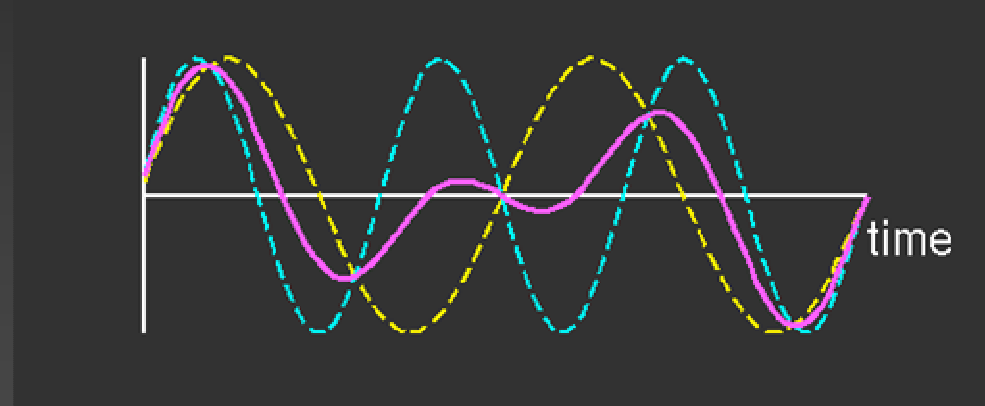
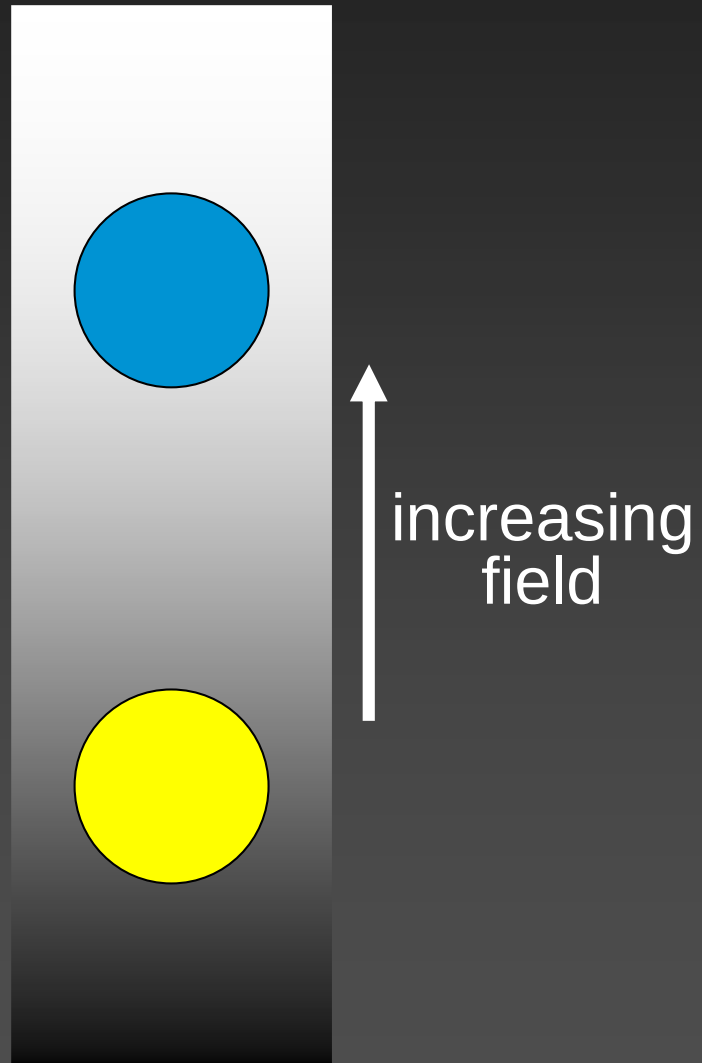


# Magnetic Gradients

- Gradient adds to  $B_0$ , so field depends on position
- Precessional frequency varies with position!
- “Pulse sequence” modulates size of gradient Spins at each position *sing* at different frequency
- RF coil *hears* all of the spins at once
- Differentiate material at a given position by selectively *listening* to that frequency

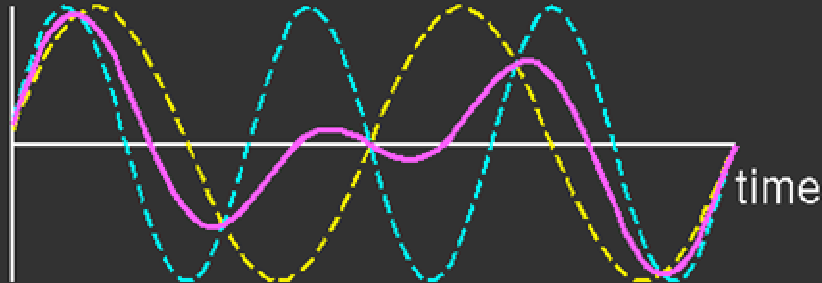


# Simple “imaging” experiment (1D)



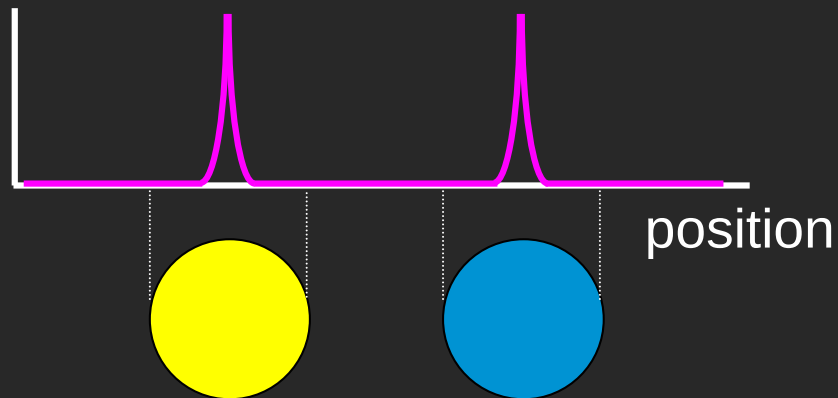
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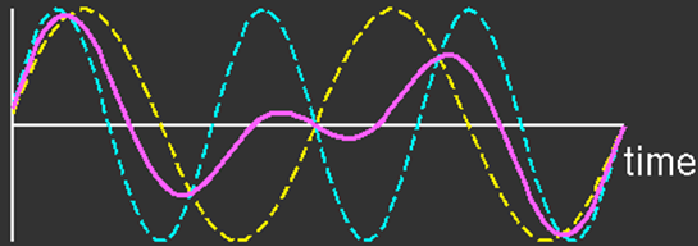
Fourier transform

“Image”



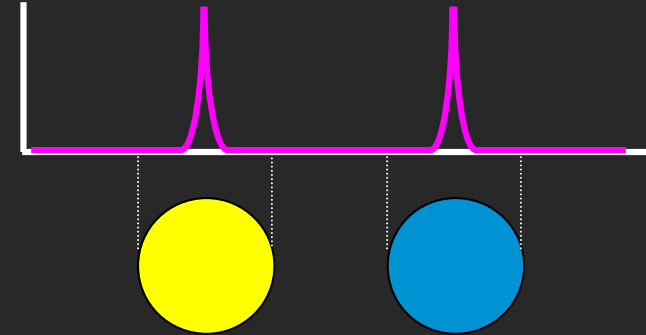
**Fourier Transform:** determines amount of material at a given location by selectively “listening” to the corresponding frequency

# 2D Imaging via 2D Fourier Transform

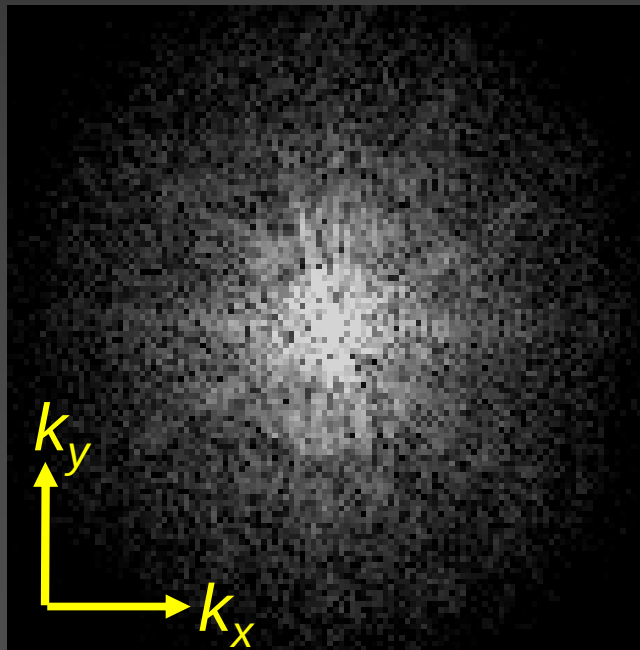


1D Signal

1DFT  
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1D "Image"



2D Signal

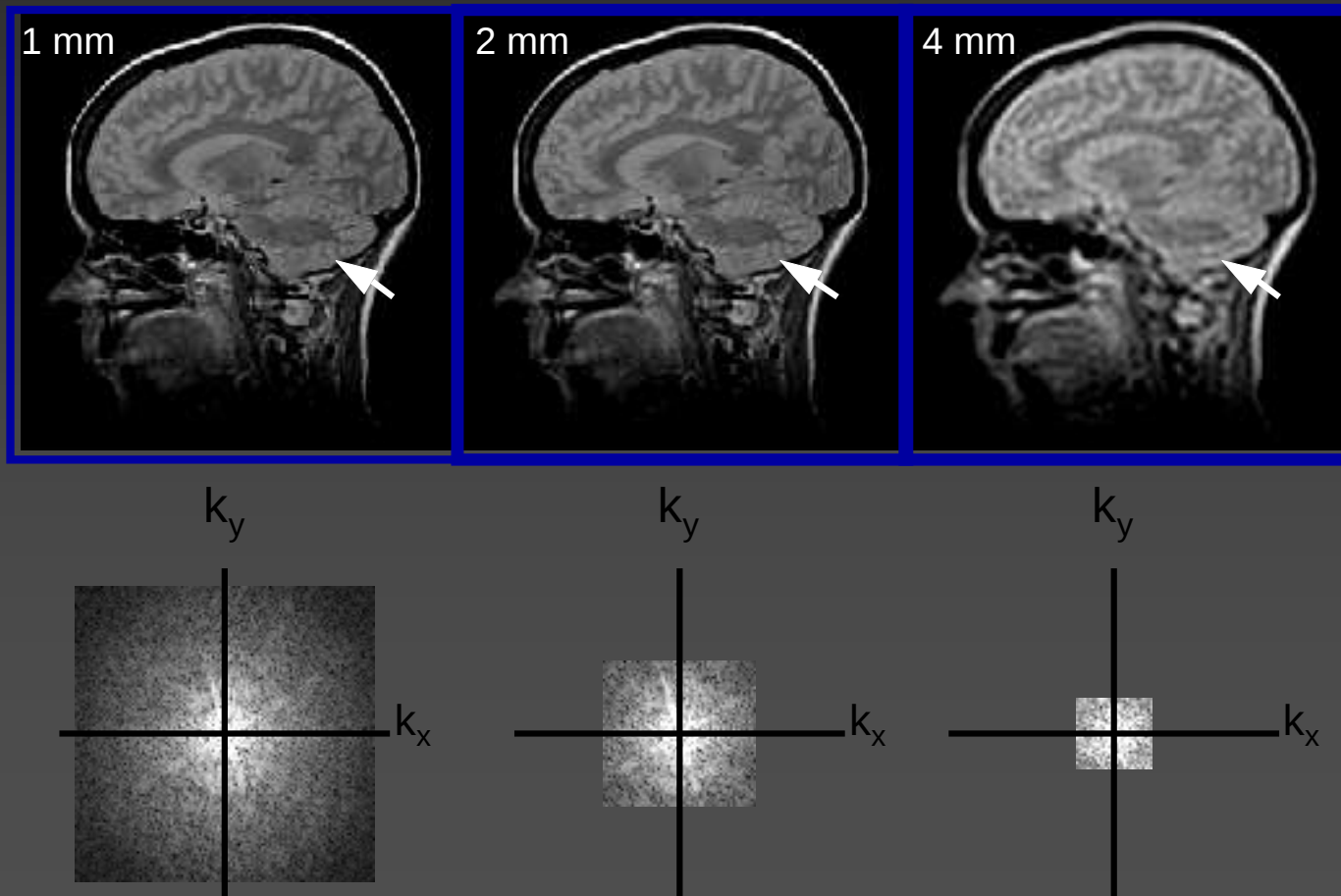
2DFT  
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2D Image

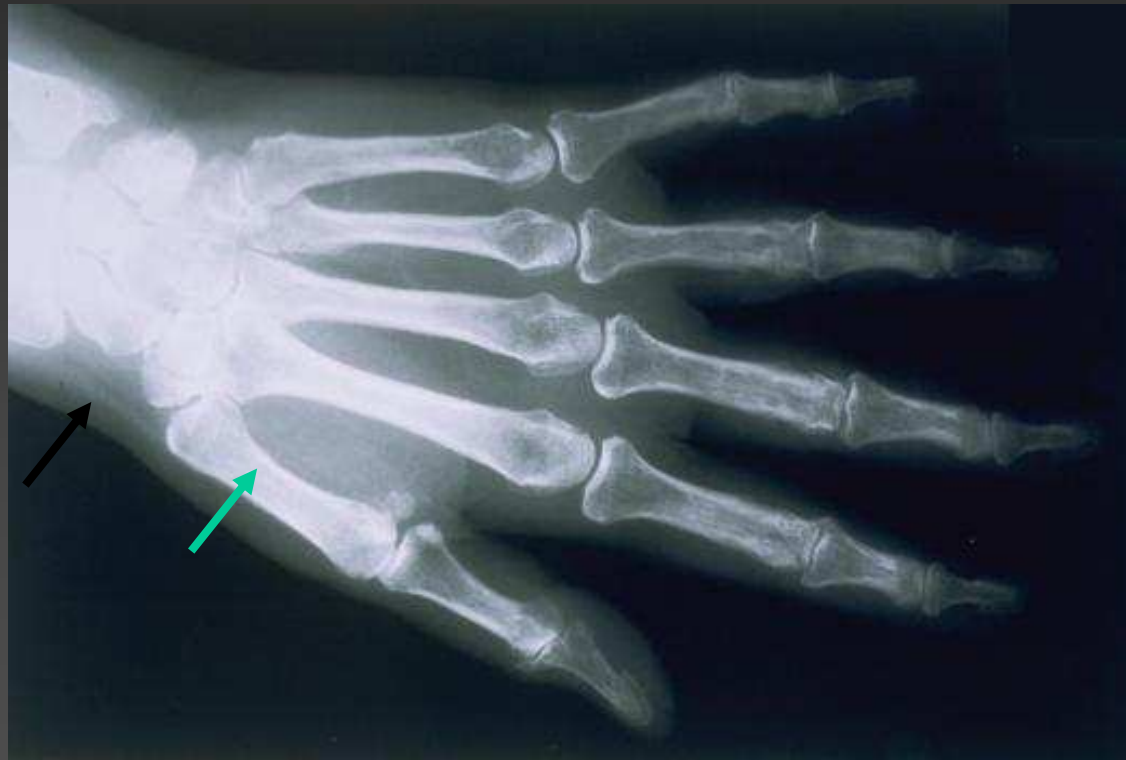
# Resolution

- Image resolution increases as higher spatial frequencies are acquired.



# Contrast

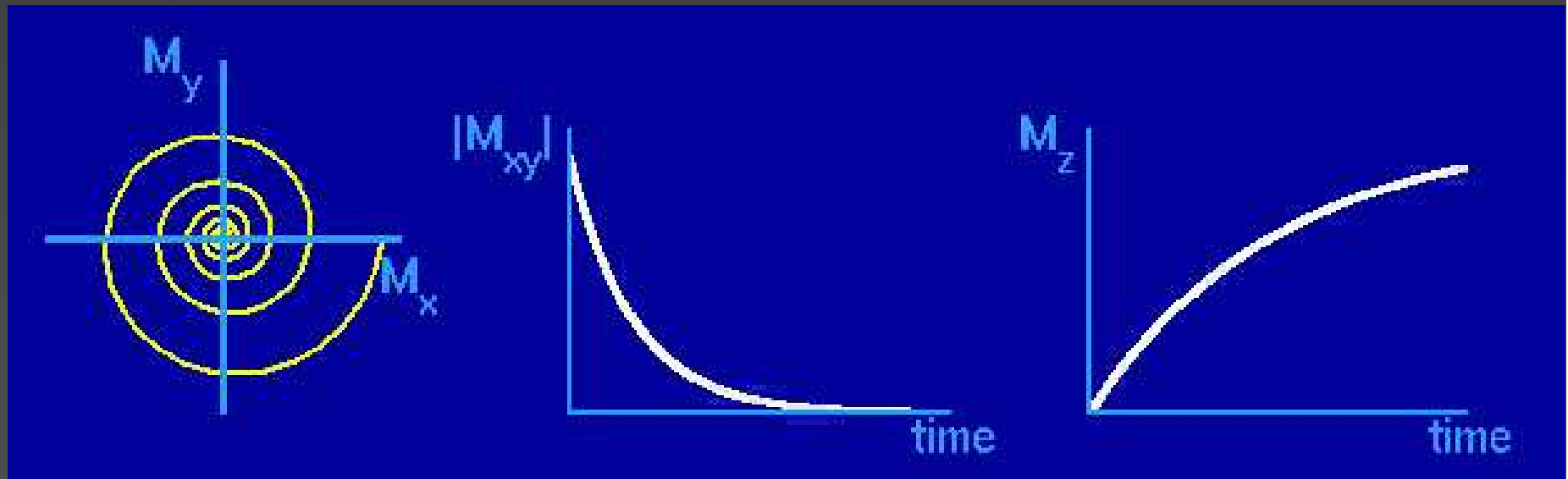
- Contrast is the difference in appearance of different tissues in an image.



X-ray contrast is based on transmission.

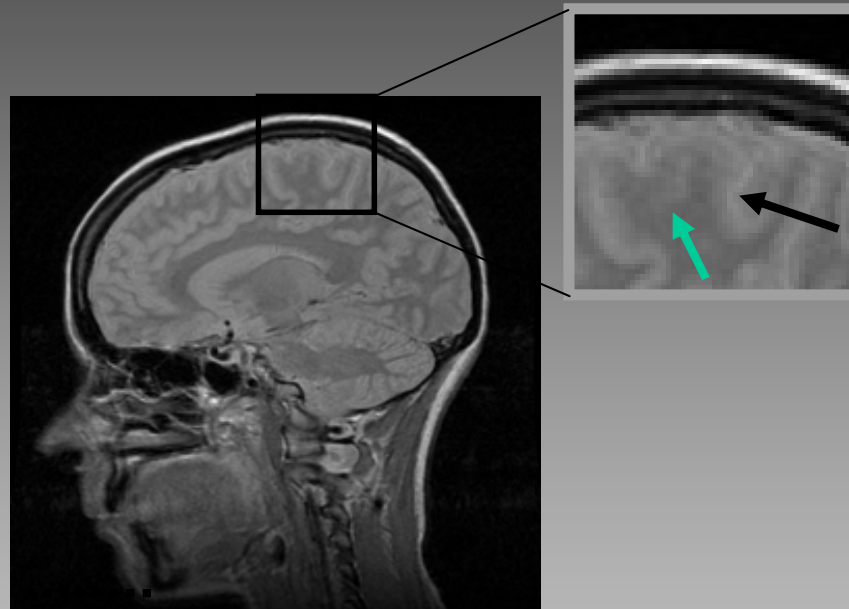
# Contrast in MRI

- Hydrogen (water) density results in contrast between tissues.
- Many other mechanisms, some based on relaxation.

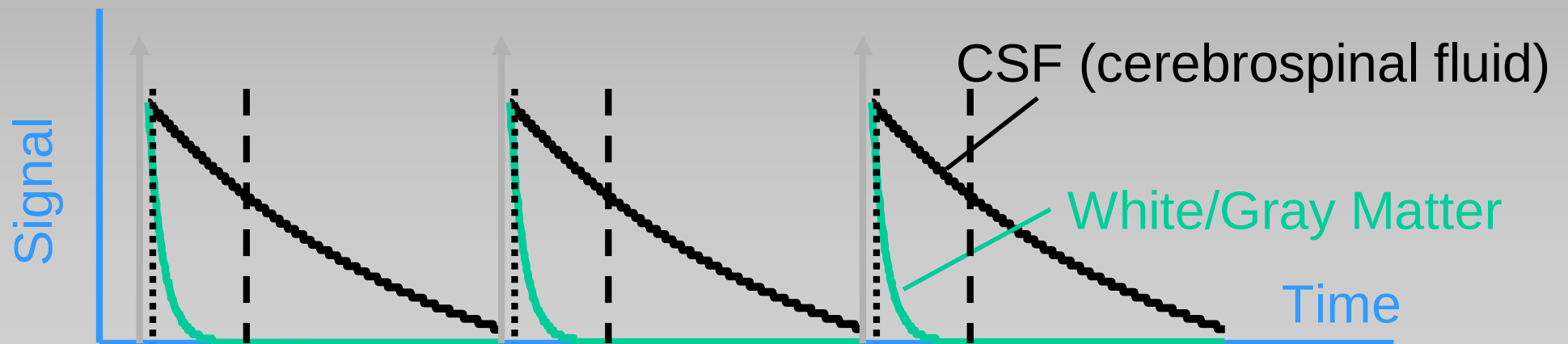
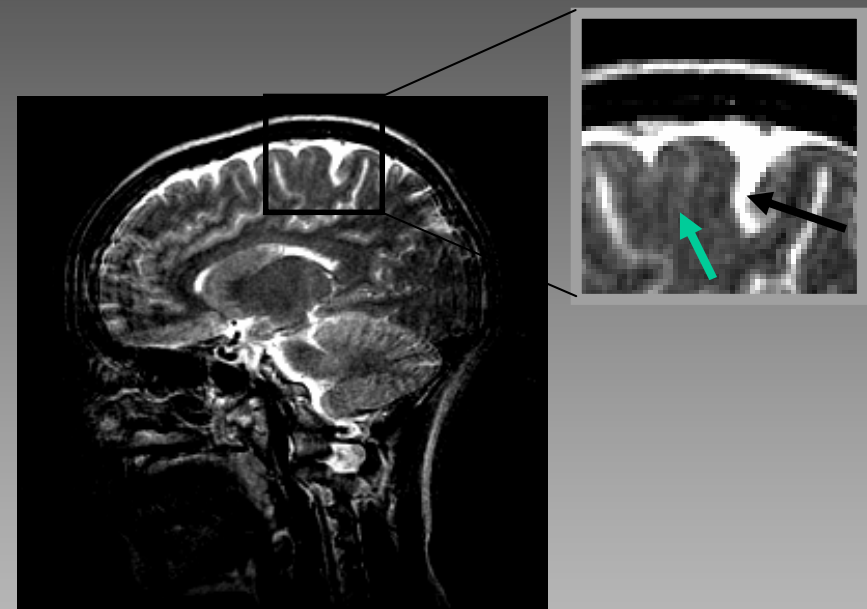


# $T_2$ Contrast

Short Echo-Time

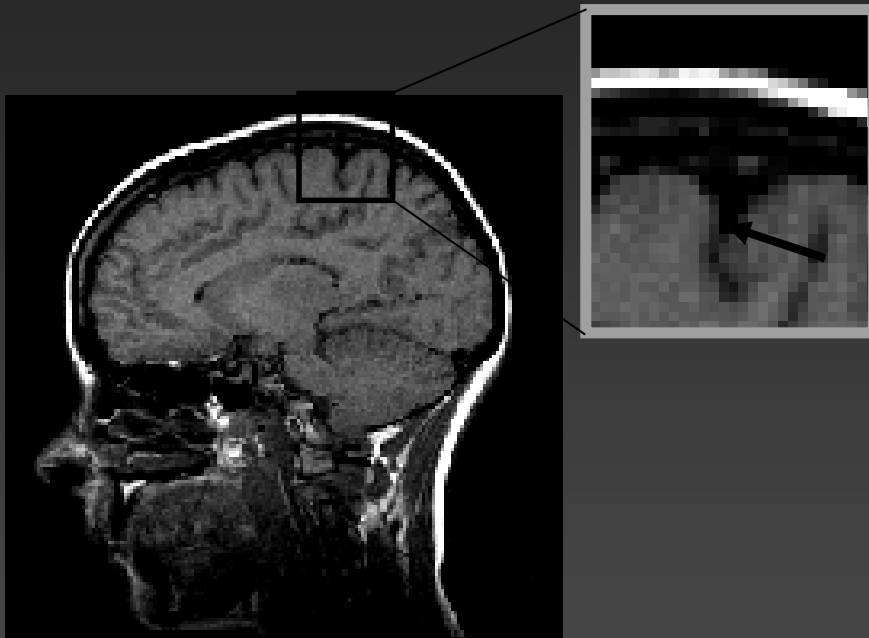


Long Echo-Time

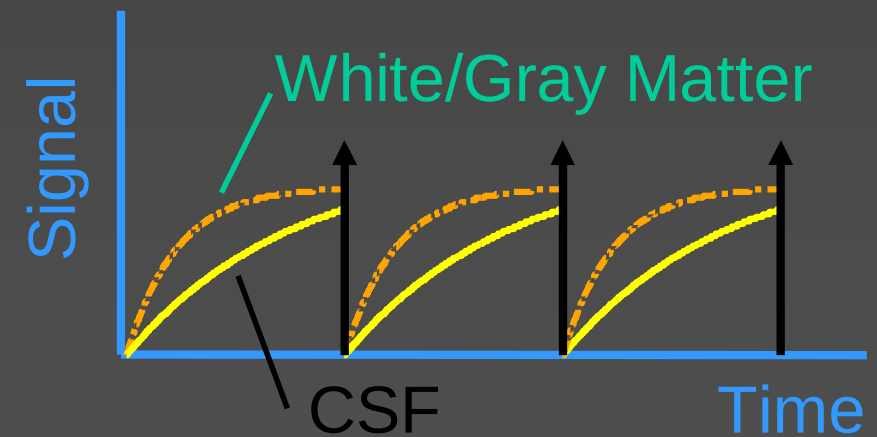
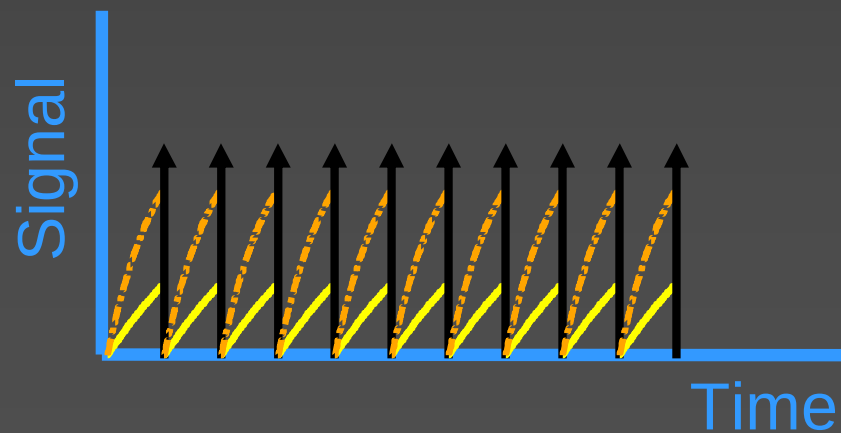
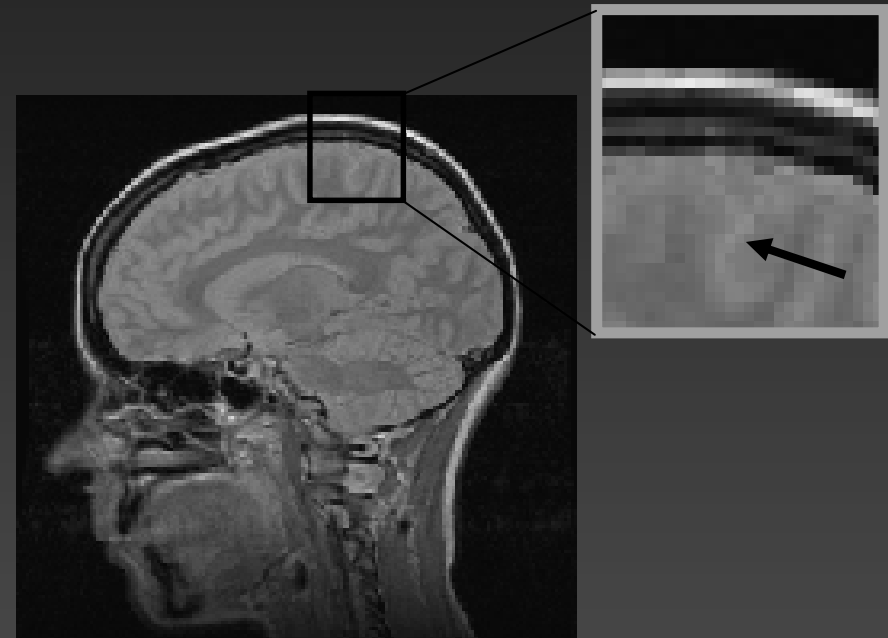


# $T_1$ Contrast

Short Repetition



Long Repetition

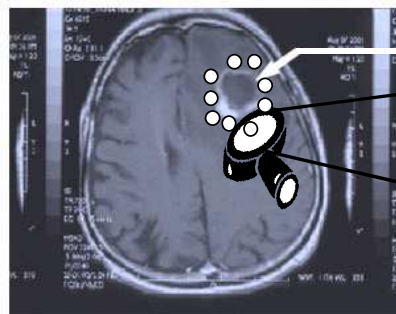
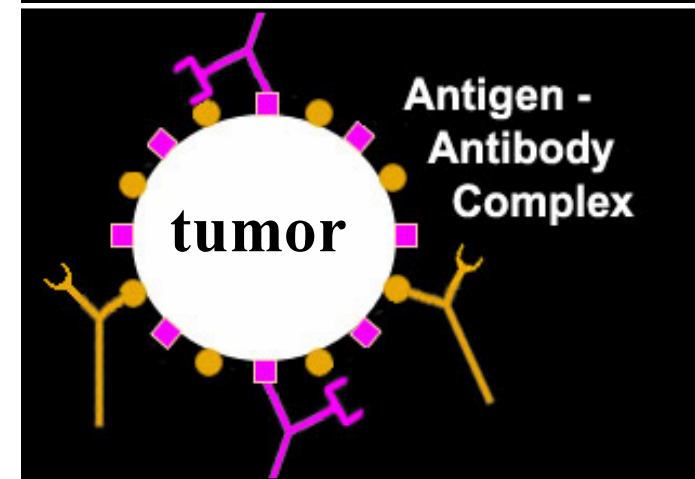
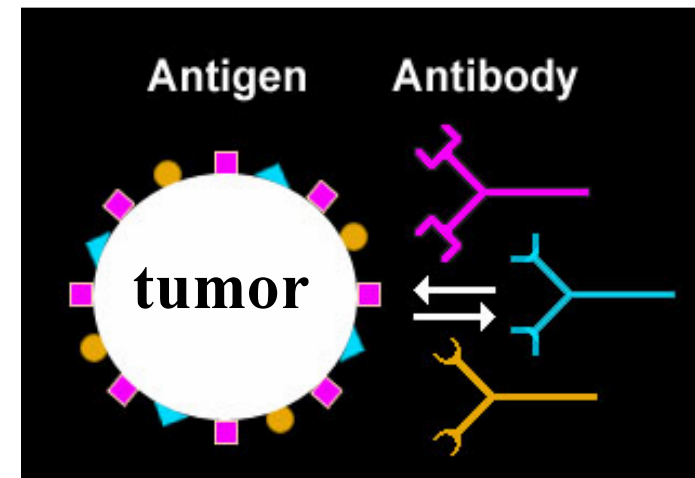
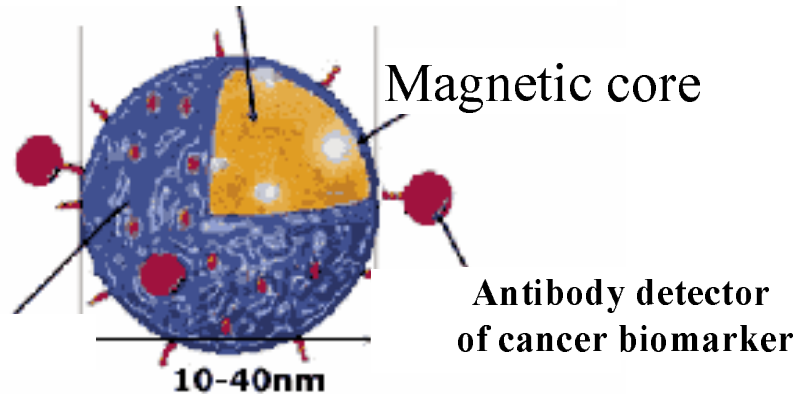


# Knee Imaging - Menisci

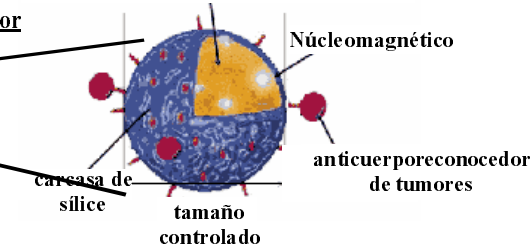
- MRI is the best non-invasive method of diagnosing meniscal tears



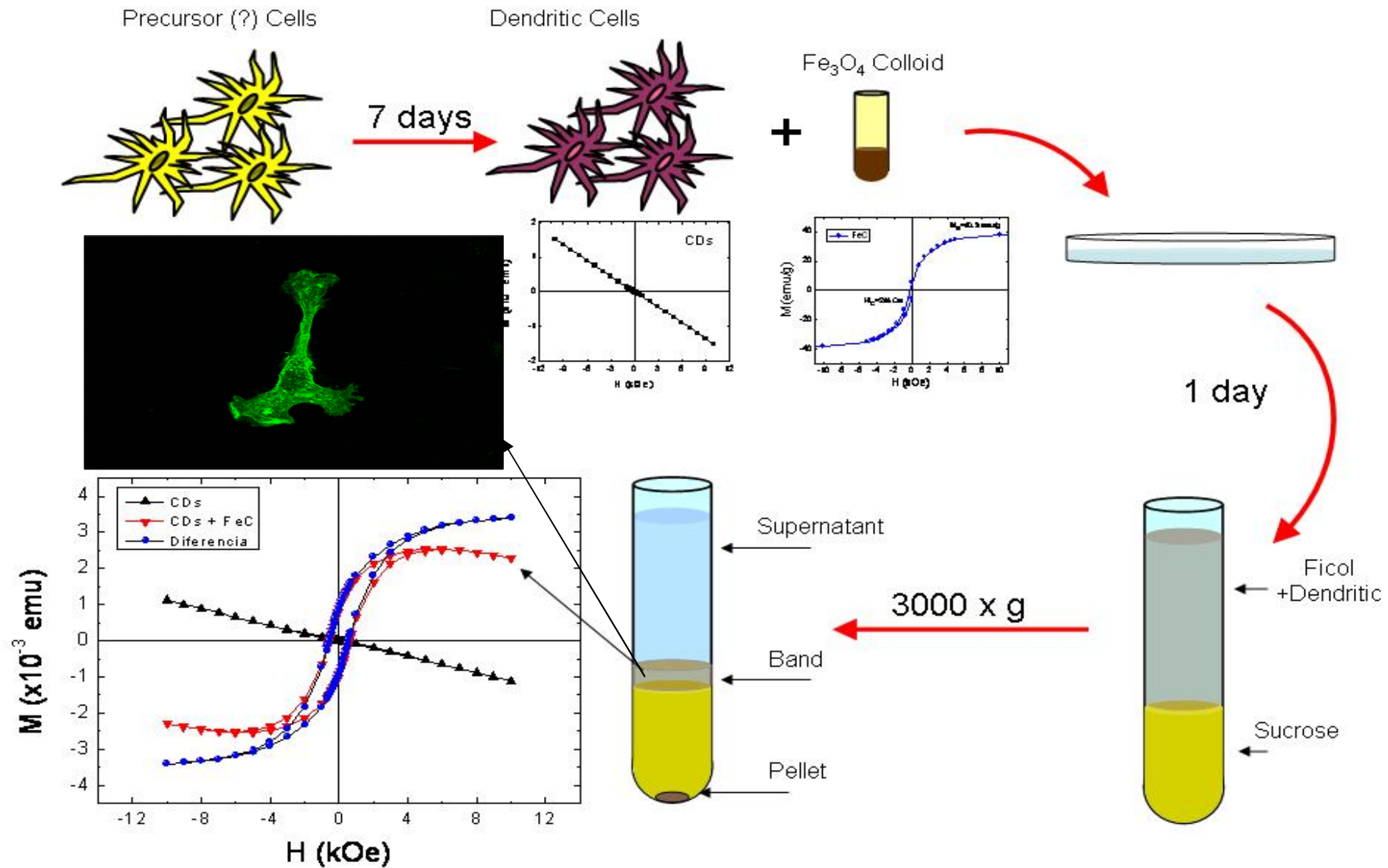
# Enhance MRI contrast by molecular recognition



**CONTRAST AGENT**



# Dendritic cells as MRI contrast agent



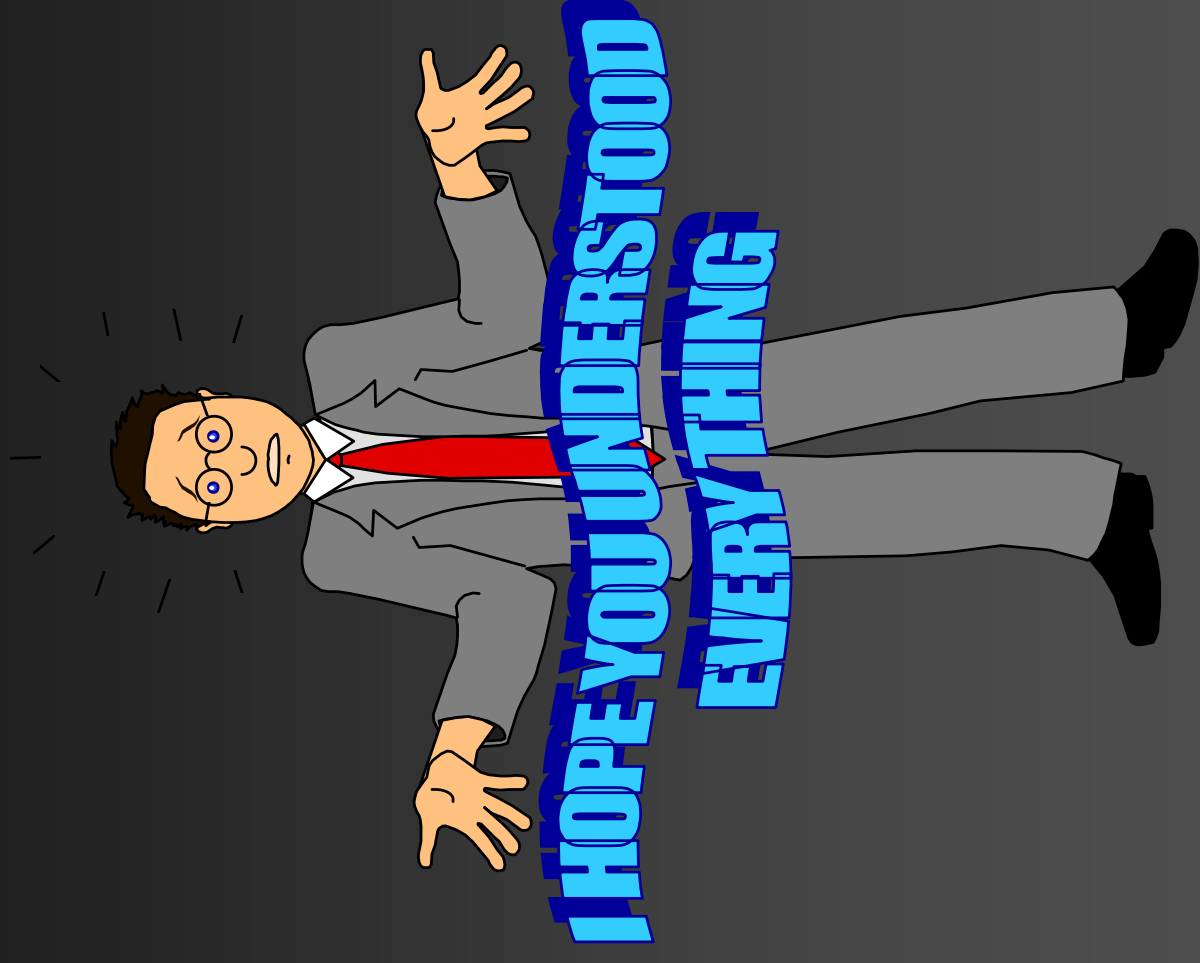
G. Goya et al. INA (2006)

# Superparamagnetic Iron Oxide Nanoparticles (SPION)

**“Ex-vivo” studies show a enhanced MRI contrast using a 2 Tesla scanner**

**Iron encapsultaed nanoparticles in PEG and other inorganics covers give a good contrast**





# Energy Conveyed (typical)

| Method              | Frequency Range<br>(Hz) |                   | Forwarded Energy<br>(Watts) |      |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------|
|                     | from                    | to                | from                        | to   |
| Galvano-treatment   | 0                       | $10^2$            | 1                           | 5    |
| Inductive heating   | $10^3$                  | $10^6$            | 50                          | 500  |
| Capacitive heating  | $10^6$                  | $4.5 \times 10^7$ | 50                          | 800  |
| Antenna             | $6 \times 10^7$         | $2 \times 10^8$   | 150                         | 2000 |
| Microwave radiation | $7 \times 10^7$         | $2.4 \times 10^9$ | 50                          | 2000 |

## What is hyperthermia?

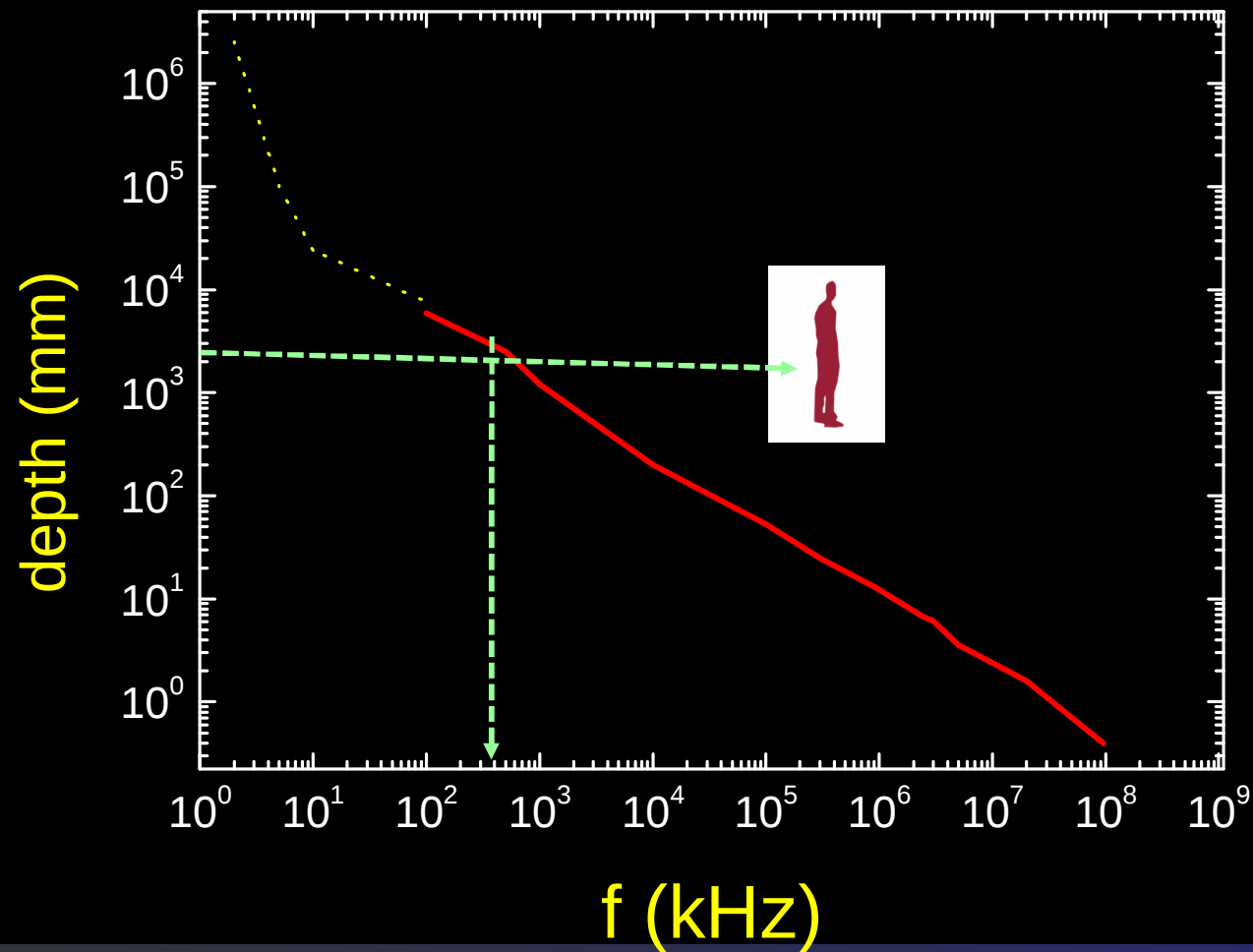
“Hyperthermia” is the general name given to a variety of heat-related illnesses. The two most common forms of hyperthermia are heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Of the two, heat stroke is especially dangerous and requires immediate medical attention.

*National Institute of Aging*

**QUE ES LA HIPERTERMIA MALIGNA?** La Hipertermia Maligna (HM) es un desorden hereditario y silente del musculo. Afecta a individuos en apariencia perfectamente normales y que no tienen ninguna limitacion funcional en su vida diaria. Sin embargo, cuando a estos individuos se les administra algun anestesico gatillante, este desorden silencioso puede transformarse en fatal.



# Penetration Depth



# Hyperthermia Methods

Delivery kind: Conduction, Convection, Radiation, Bioactive

Energy Production: Contac methods, chemical, biological, mechanical, electromagnetic.

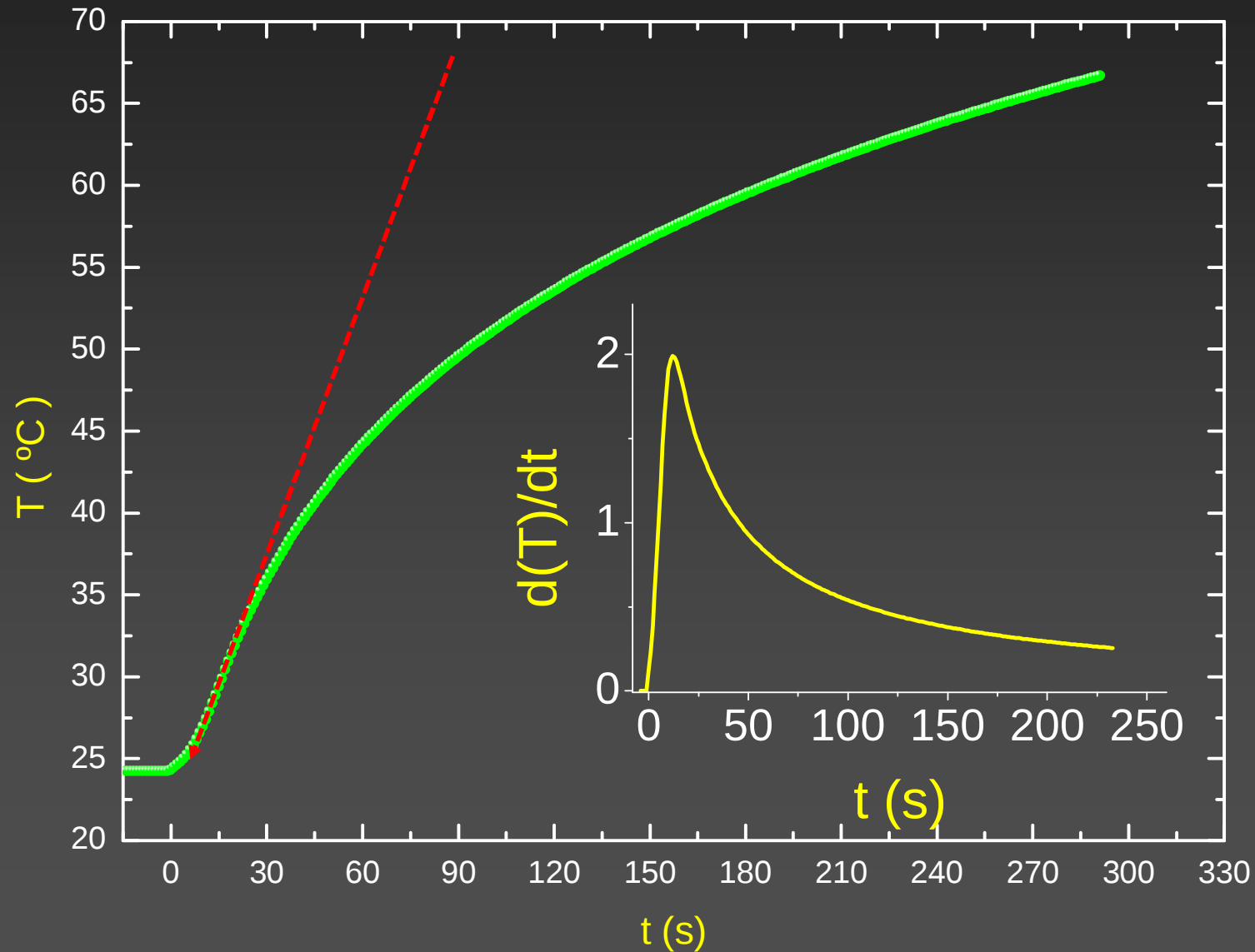
Locality: Local, Regional, systemic

Clinical applications: superficial, intracavitational, deep-seated, whole-body.

Combination with: Chemo-therapy, radiotherapy, surgery, gene-therapy, hormone therapy

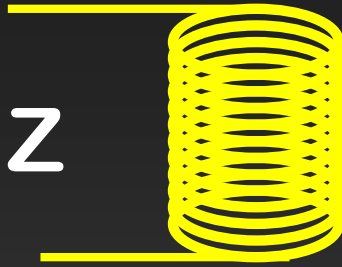
# What we actually measure

$$P \propto dT/dt$$

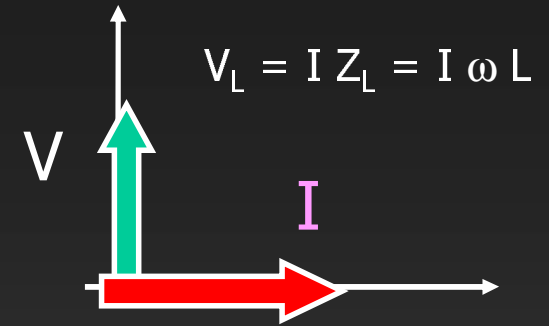


| Material                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                              |       |       | Hysteresis Loss/Cycle<br>(J/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Resistivity $\rho$<br>( $\Omega\cdot\text{m}$ ) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Commercial Fe ingot                                                                                                                                                                                       | 99.95Fe                                                                      | 150   | 21400 | 270                                          | $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$                            |
| Si-Fe (oriented)                                                                                                                                                                                          | 97Fe, 3Si                                                                    | 1400  | 20100 | 40                                           | $4.7 \times 10^{-7}$                            |
| 45 Permalloy                                                                                                                                                                                              | 55Fe, 45Ni                                                                   | 2500  | 16000 | 120                                          | $4.5 \times 10^{-7}$                            |
| Supermalloy                                                                                                                                                                                               | 79Ni, 15Fe, 5Mo, 0.5Mn                                                       | 75000 | 8000  | --                                           | $6.0 \times 10^{-7}$                            |
| Ferroxcube A                                                                                                                                                                                              | 48MnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ,<br>52 ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>  | 1400  | 3300  | ~ 40                                         | 2000                                            |
| Ferroxcube B                                                                                                                                                                                              | 36 NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ,<br>64 ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 650   | 3600  | ~ 35                                         | $10^7$                                          |
| Adapted from Metals Handbook : Properties and Selection: Stainless Steels, Tool Materials and Special-Purpose Metals, Vol.3, 9th Edition. D. Benjamin (Senior Editor), American Society for Metals, 1980. |                                                                              |       |       |                                              |                                                 |

$$V = I Z$$



$$V(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$



$$Z_L = \omega L$$

$$L = \frac{\mu N^2 A}{l} \quad B = \frac{\mu N}{l} I$$

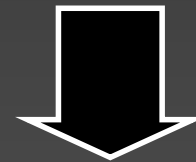
$L = 6.8 \text{ cm}$ , Diam =  $4 \text{ cm}$

$N = 9$ ,

$B = 300 \text{ Oe}$



**$I = 200 \text{ Amp}$**



a  $250 \text{ kHz}$

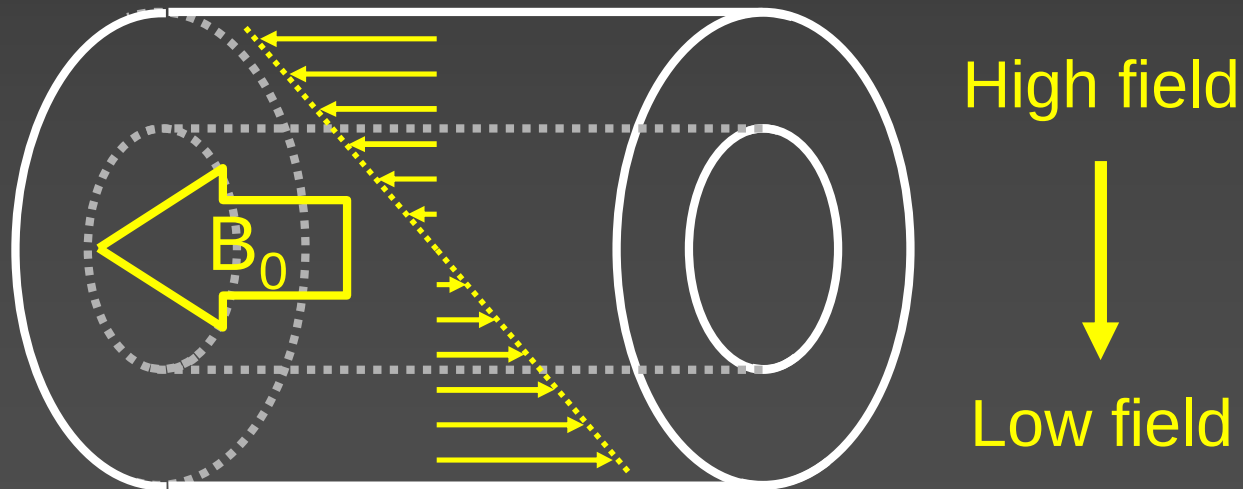
$$V = I \omega L = \mathbf{630 \text{ V}}$$

Es decir...  $\sim 120 \text{ kVA}$

# Magnetic Gradients

Gradient: Additional magnetic field which varies over space

- Gradient adds to  $B_0$ , so field depends on position
- Precessional frequency varies with position!
- “Pulse sequence” modulates size of gradient



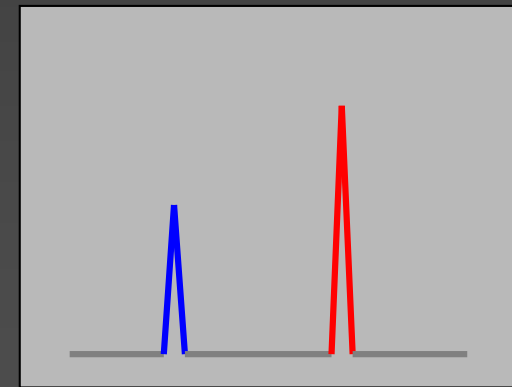
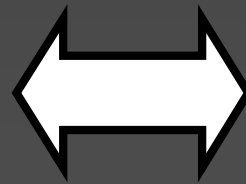
# Image Reconstruction

- Received signal is a sum of “tones.”
- The “tones” of the signal are the image.
- This also applies to 2D and 3D images.



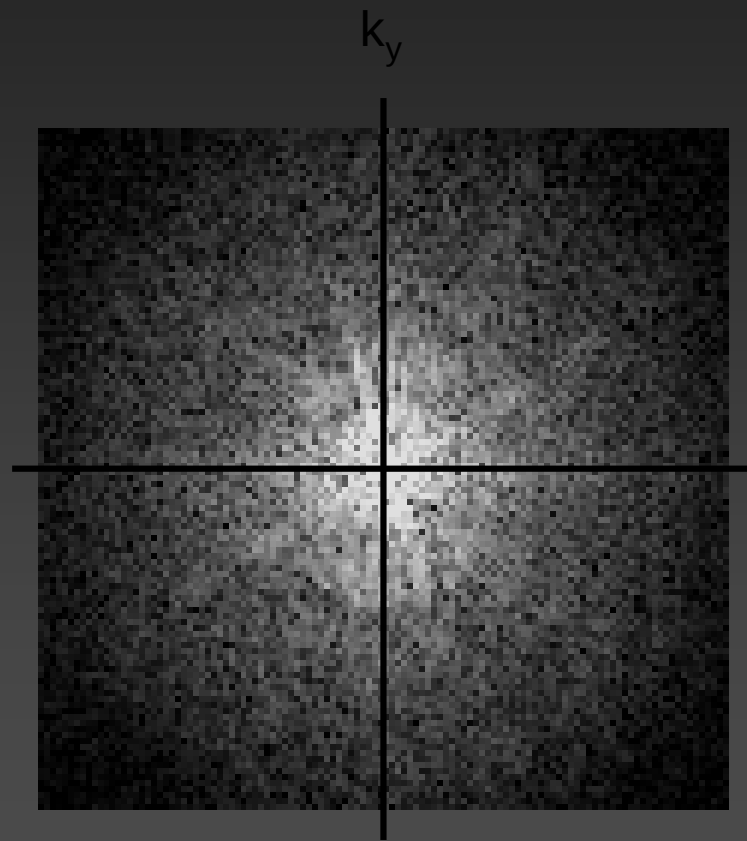
Received Signal

Fourier  
Transform



Image

# 2D Image Reconstruction



Frequency-space  
(k-space)

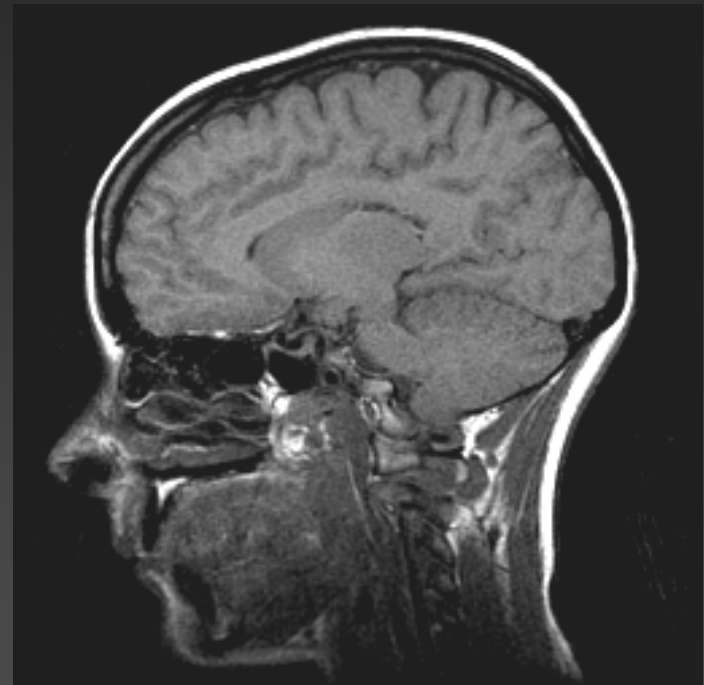
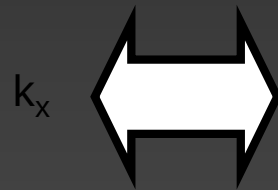
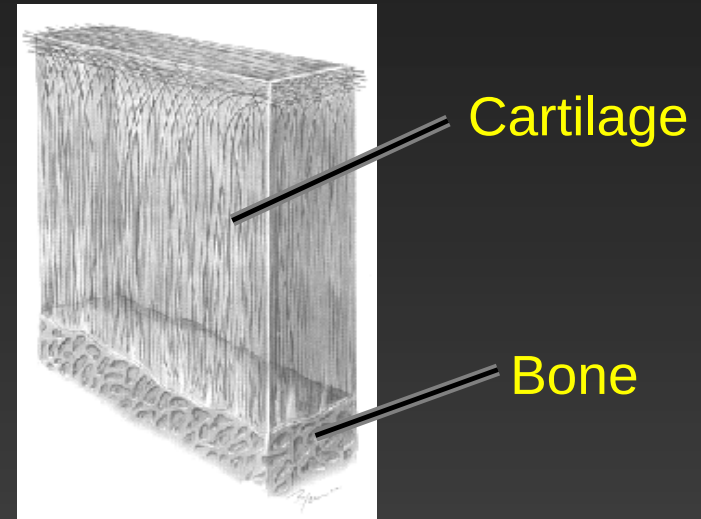


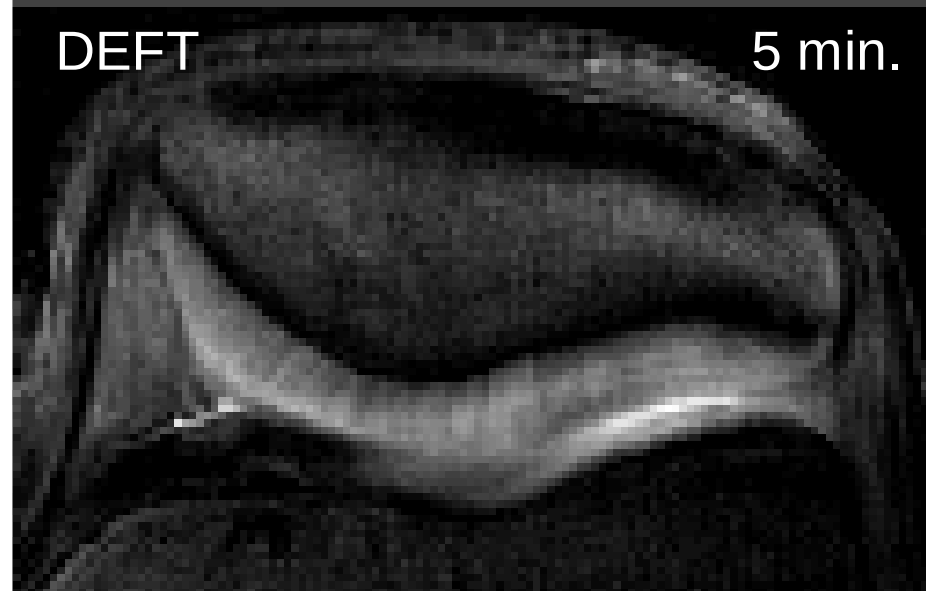
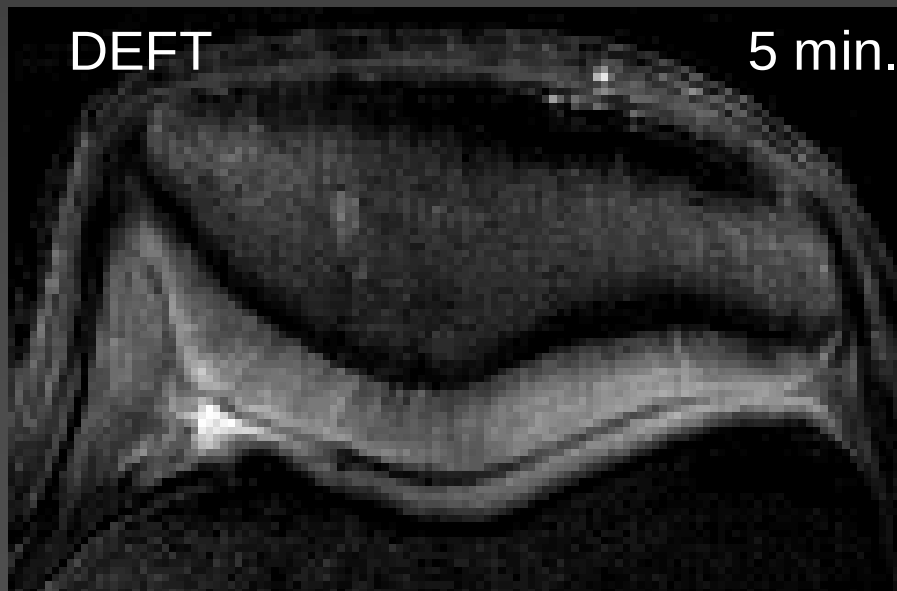
Image space

# Knee Imaging - Cartilage

- High resolution images begin to show cartilage structure:
  - 0.4 x 0.4 x 2 mm<sup>3</sup> resolution
  - 5 minute scan time

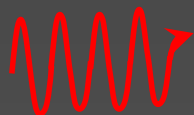
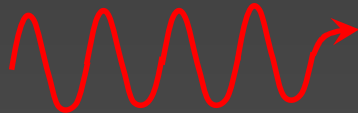
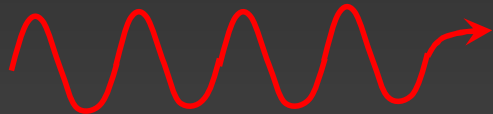


*(from Erickson– 1997)*

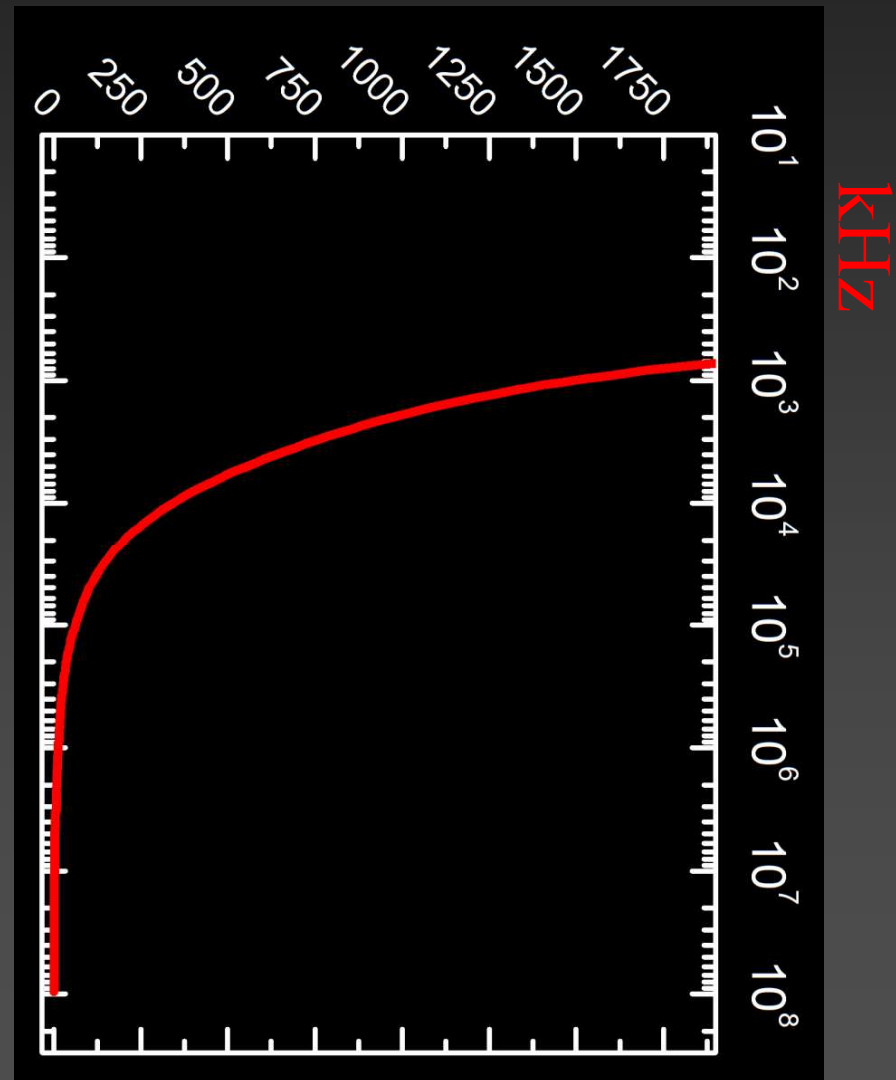


# Penetration Depth

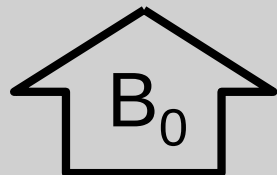
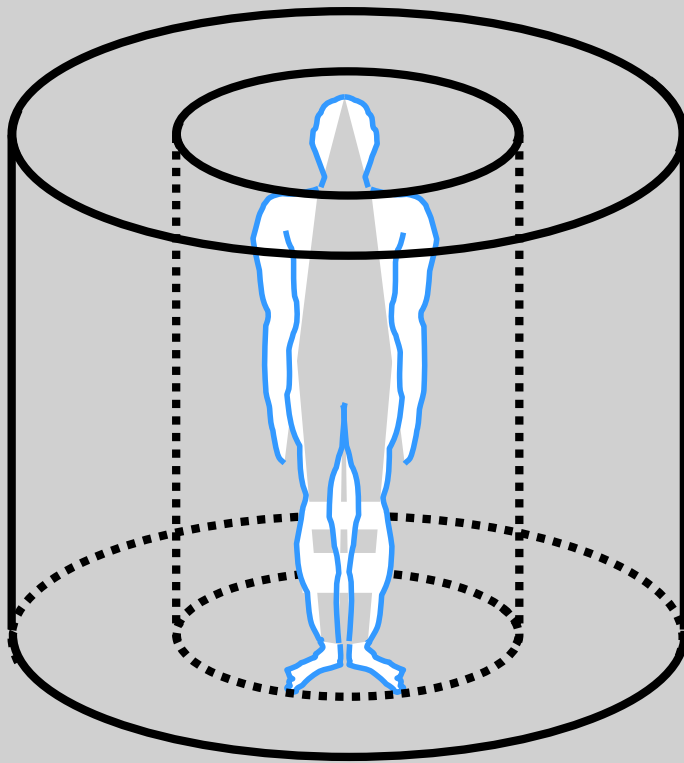
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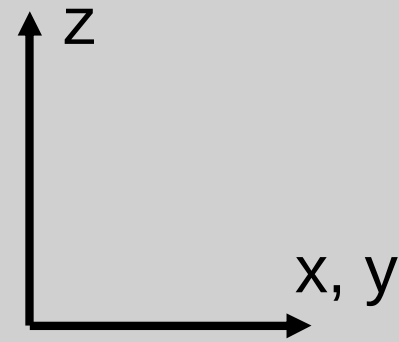
Depth, mm



# Static Magnetic Field



Longitudinal



Transverse

$$\Delta E = g_N \mu_N B_0 = h\omega$$

$$B_0 = 1 \text{ Tesla}, \omega = 10 \text{ MHz}$$