



**Deteksjon av redusert blodtilførsel til hjertet ved hjelp av  
akselerometerteknologi**

**Detection of regional cardiac ischemia by accelerometer  
technology**

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## Goals

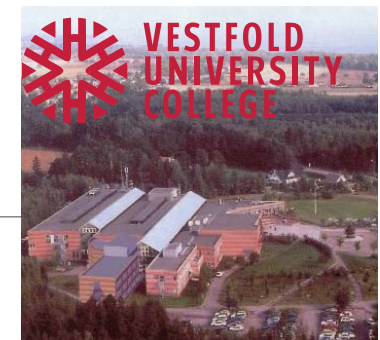
1. Perioperative detection of *myocardial ischemia* in heart surgery patients
2. Measuring heart *function*
3. Online real-time monitoring (pacemaker-wires)

## Collaboration

- **Medical:** IVS and Dept. of Cardiology, Rikshospitalet
- **Technology:** Vestfold University College, SINTEF
- **Commercial:** BMI (*Biomedisinsk Innovasjon AS*)

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# Background

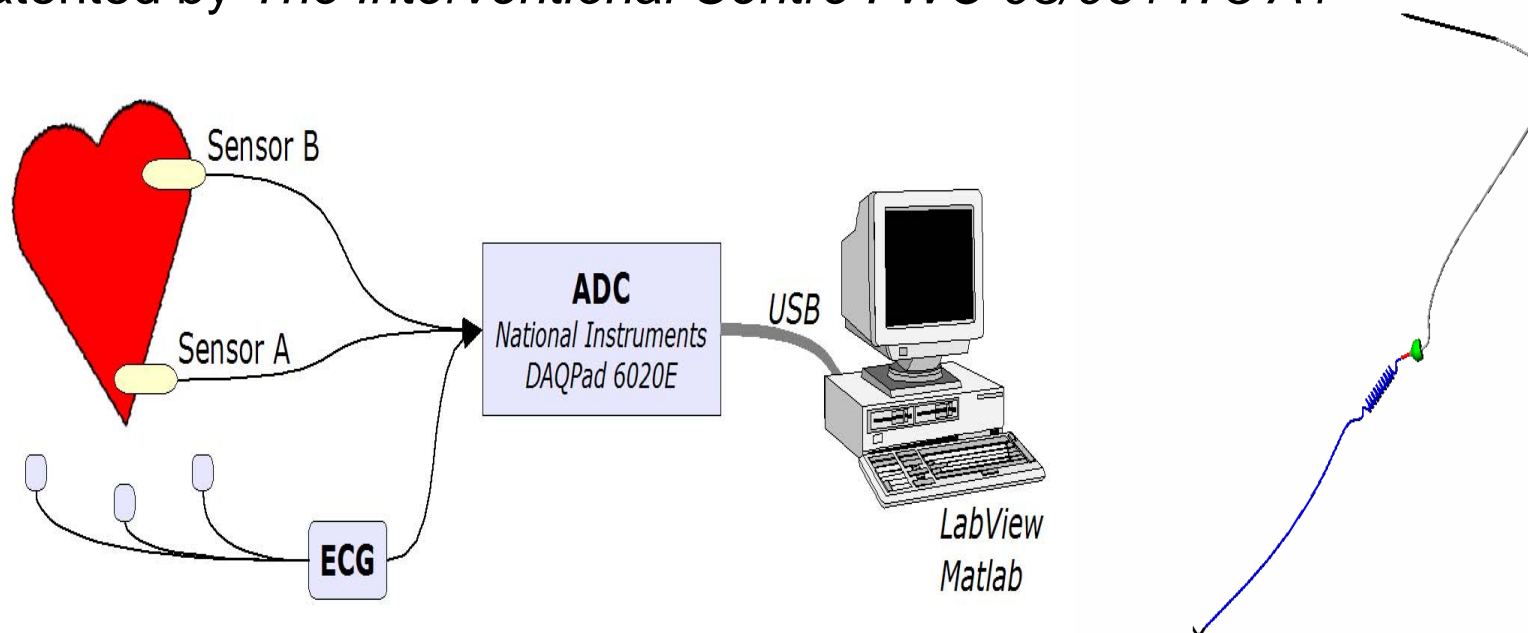
- Impaired coronary circulation causes heart muscle hibernation
- Immediate reduction in contractile work
- Occluded coronary graft cause regional movement reduction

# Cardiac Ischemia → change in myocardial function and motion

The idea and hypothesis:

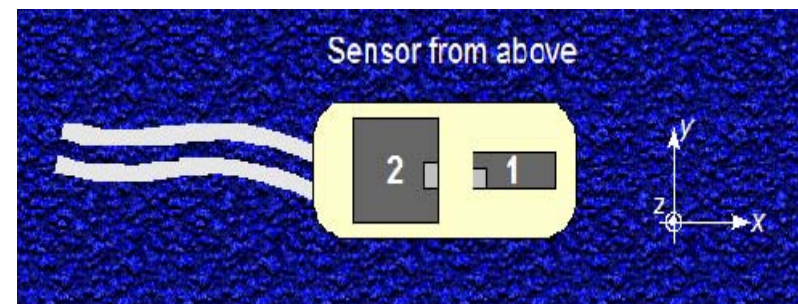
- 3-D accelerometers could detect regional systolic changes due to ischemia or reduced blood flow

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# Piezoelectric material

- **Piezoelectricity**—  
Ability of certain materials to develop an electric charge that is proportional to applied mechanical stress.
- The effect is reversible.



# Calculated Heart Motion

Acceleration



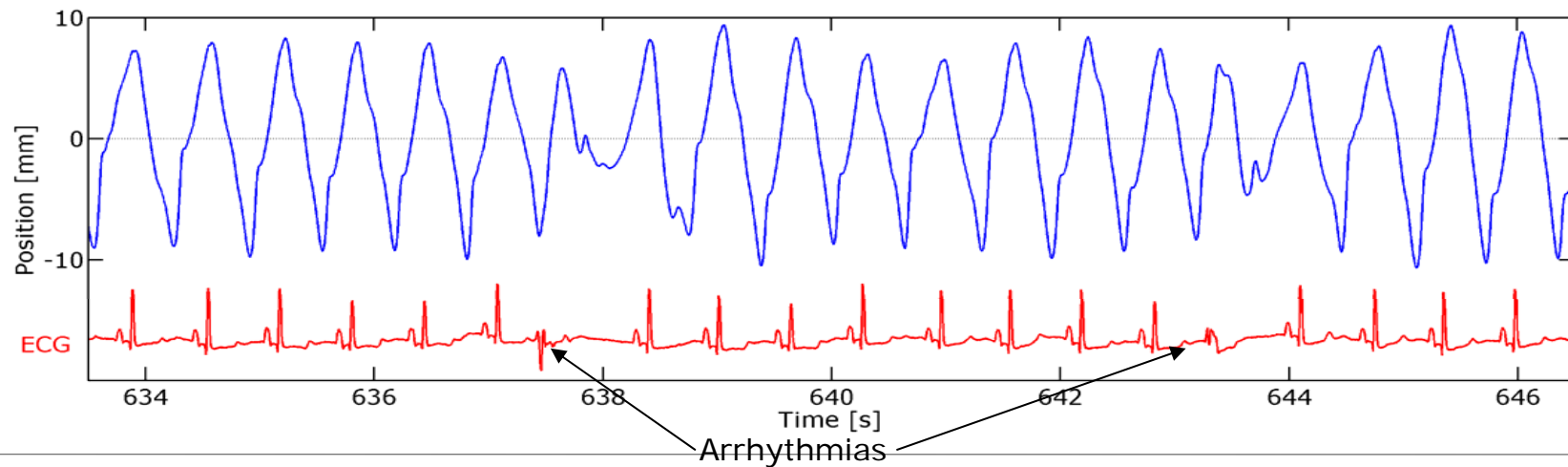
Remove movements from respiration, patient movements etc.

Integrate twice wrt. time



Heart position

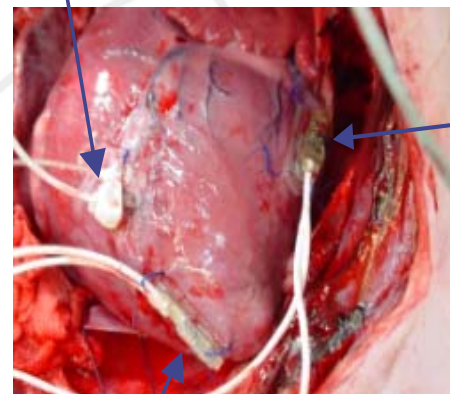
- Nice curves. Noise hardly visible
- Arrhythmias easily identified



# Experimental model:

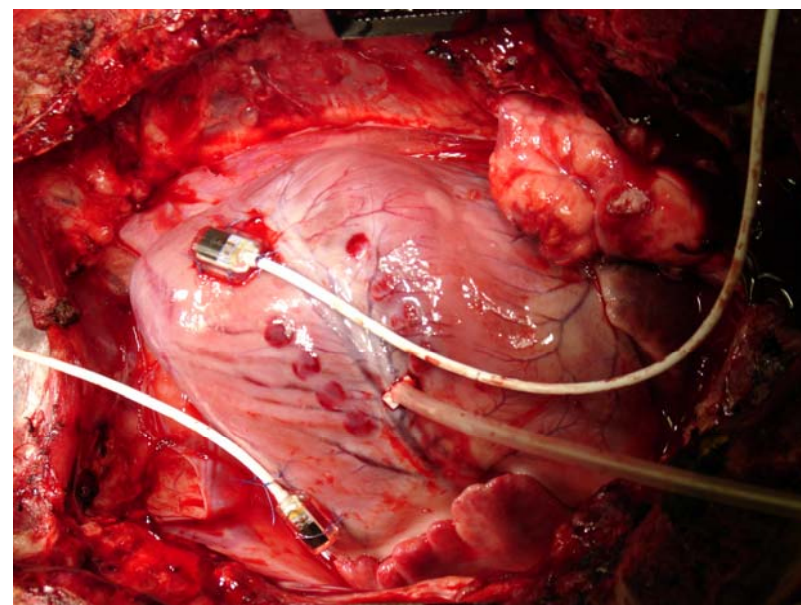
- ECG
- Hemodynamics
- Echocardiography
- Flow
  - aorta, LAD
- Accelerometers
  - LAD and CX region
- Occluder on LAD distally to the first diagonal branch (60 sec. LAD occlusion)

Flowmeter and occluder,



Accelerometer B

Accelerometer A

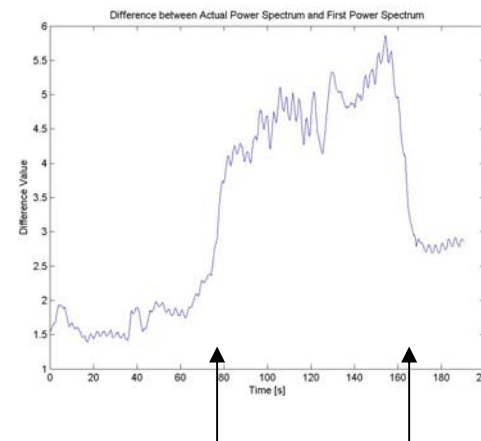
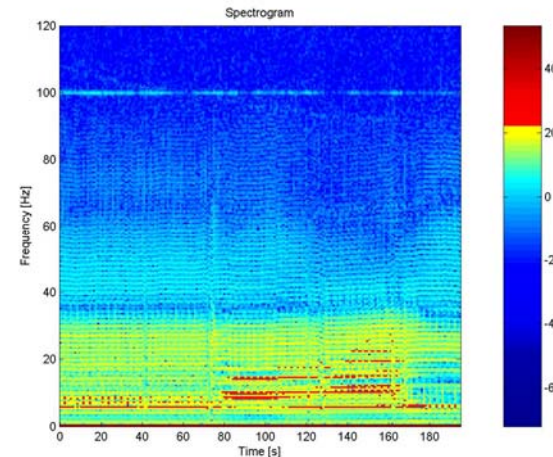




# Data Analysis: Power Spectrum Difference

- Short-time FFT
  - 512 points moving window
- Difference relative first time window
  - Calculated for each window

$$\Delta SignalPower_{tot} = \sqrt{\sum_{n=0}^{512} (PS(n) - PS_{ref})^2}$$



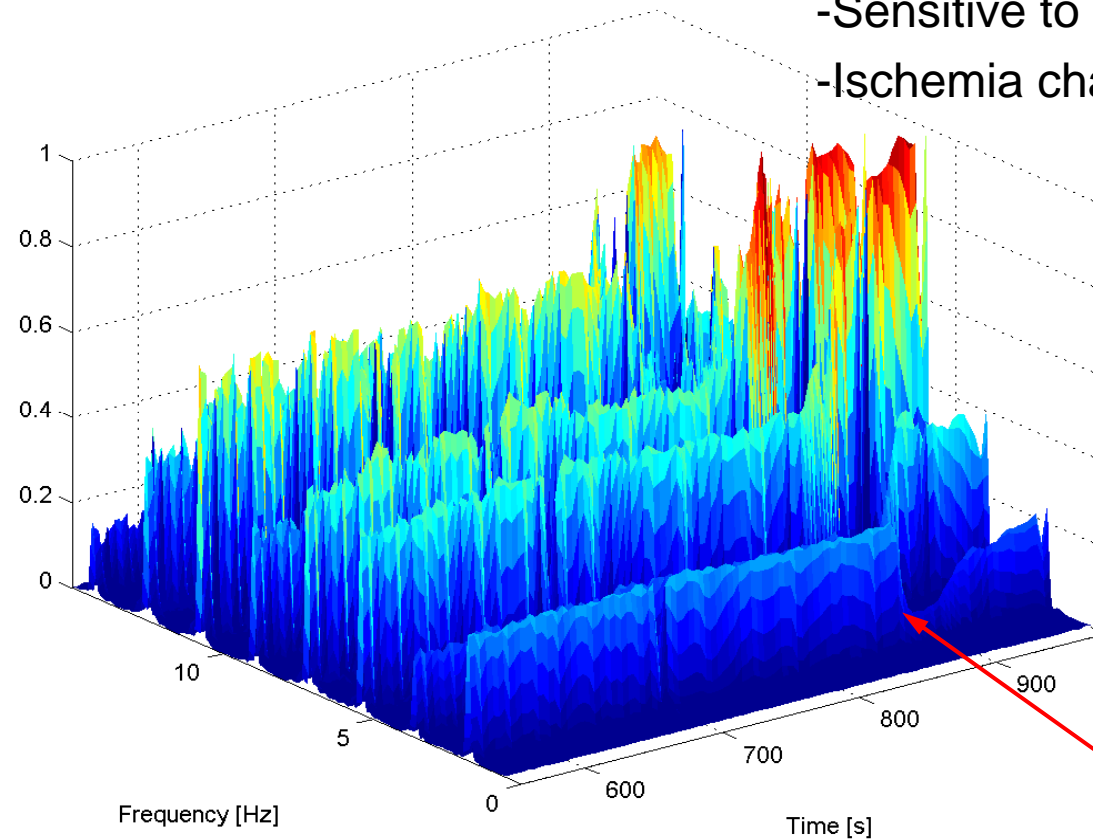
Occlusion

Reperfusion



# Frequency Analysis. *Spectrogram*

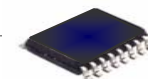
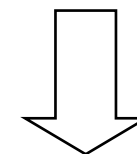
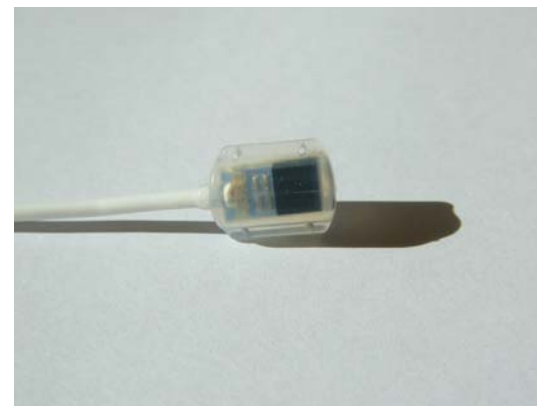
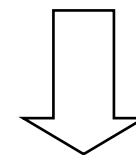
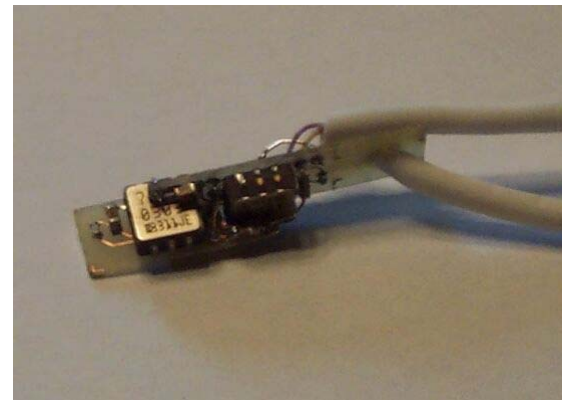
- Analysis of periodic signals
- Sensitive to small changes
- Ischemia changes pattern



**LAD Occlusion**

# Miniature Sensor

- Prototype is too big
  - Useful experiments
  - Too big for final product
- Microsensor
  - Performance tuned to application
    - Good enough, small enough
  - Not general accelerometer
- What performance is needed?
  - Data from experiments
- Status
  - Two PhD students
  - Five designs in test production



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# Status and future work

## We have

- Prototype sensor, system for data acquisition
- Analysis algorithms that detect dysfunctional heart motion

## We work on

- Improved algorithms to reliably identify dysfunctional heart real-time
- Improved sensor design/miniaturisation
- Biocompatible packaging
- Key questions related to specificity, sensitivity

## Future work

- Human studies during beating heart coronary surgery
- Incorporation of a miniaturised accelerometer sensor into a temporary pace-maker electrode



# Conclusions

Accelerometer sensors are suitable for monitoring heart movements

Occlusion of the LAD artery induces immediate regional changes in heart movement patterns that are detected by this sensor