

## Introduction

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- Diagnose breast cancer
- Mammography
- Breast tomosynthesis (3D-mammography)
- Both need: breast compression

## Background



- Screening
- Suspicion
- Recall
- Extra mammogram, tomo etc...
- Palpation and ultrasound
- Both measure mechanical properties



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## Structure of the breast

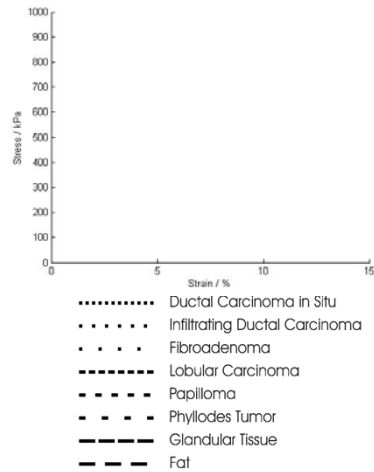


- Different tissue types
  - Fat
  - Glandular tissue
  - Cooper's ligaments and connective tissue
- Tumours and other lesions
- Mechanical properties vary



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## Mechanical properties



$E$  - young's modulus

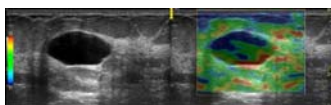
Wellman 1999

fat < glandular tissue < benign lesions < malignant lesions

Important for diagnosis



## Measuring stiffness

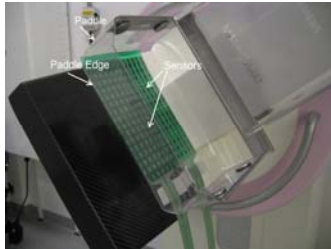


- Direct or indirect
- Palpation
- Ultrasound
- Elastography
- ... mechanical imaging



## Our idea – and our system

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- Mechanical imaging
- Use the compression paddle
- Pressure sensors on the paddle
- Compress the breast
- Relative pressure proportional to  $E$
- Can be done at screening
- Reduction of recall?
- Better detection?



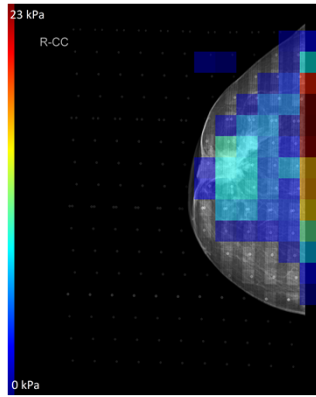
## The study

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- Screening cases
- Recalled patients
  - 10% cancer risk
  - Benign cysts and lesions?
- Match mechanical images and mammograms
- Sensitivity and specificity



## Results from our previous study



- Förnvik 2013
- CTC-study
- 22 cancer cases
- Pressure significantly higher over lesions than background
- 1 benign lesion
- Pressure slightly higher than backgro



## Significance



- What does this mean?
- Can we distinguish benign from malign?
- Any extra information is useful
- Easy and cheap addition to mammogram



## In the pipeline

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- Complete the study
- Decide on usage
  - Problem solver
  - Pre-screening/CAD
- Try to find a better sensor
- Radiolucent sensors?
- We will see



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