



# Quantitative tissue elasticity measurements with focused ultrasound

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## Technology description

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## Publications

[Shahmirzadi D, Hou GY, Chen J, Konofagou EE. "Ex Vivo characterization of canine liver tissue viscoelasticity after high-intensity focused ultrasound ablation." Ultrasound Med Biol. 2014 Feb;40\(2\):341-50.](#)

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## Application area

Aid in the diagnoses of many types of cancers

Monitor tumor sizes before and after treatments

Use in animal models to research pathologies that affect biological tissues

Monitor and observe changes orthopedic tissues

## Advantages

Allows for the quantitative measurement of Young's modulus (E).

A remote, non-invasive and non-destructive method for measuring tissue elasticity

Provides very high resolution (1mm)

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