

LASER SPECKLE FIBERSCOPE FOR DETECTION OF EXTENT OF CANCEROUS TISSUE AND METHODS THEREOF

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Problem Statement

- In present era, Cancer has become a major health problem & the main factor during surgical removal as well as biopsy procedures is the **precise sampling** of the tumor areas.
- Laser speckle contrast imaging(LSCI) has been used for analyzing tissue perfusion qualitatively, & the major challenge herein is the **susceptibility** of the LSCI to sample & experimental parameters. A few prior arts techniques have been discussed however **unable to provide solutions** as discussed in the present invention.
- Hence, there is a need to address above challenges in effective manner.

Technology Category/ Market

Technology: Laser Speckle Fiberscope ;

Industry: Medical & Surgical Device;

Applications: Colonoscopy, Bronchoscopy, Vascular Fibroscopy, etc.;

Market: The global fiberscope market size is projected at a **CAGR** of **8.56%** during period of **2022-2027**.

Intellectual Property

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TRL (Technology Readiness Level)

TRL-4, Proof of Concept, Tested & Validated

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- Present invention describes a **laser fiberscope device** for assessment of **tissue stiffness and tissue blood flow in-vivo**.
- **FIG. 1** depicts a **fiberscope** that includes an illumination **fiber**, a **lensed image fiber**, a **ring sensor** and **associated circuitry** in a single conduit.

Technology

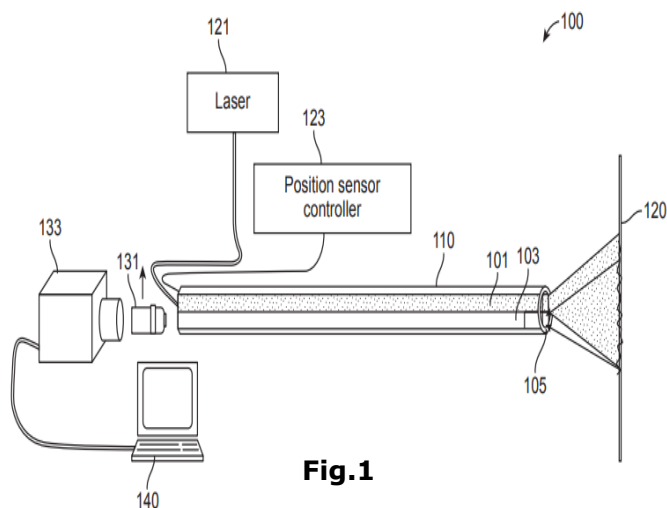


Fig. 1

- The claimed **device** further includes a **laser light source**, a **position sensor controller**, a **microscope objective**, a **charge coupled device (CCD) camera with zoom lens** and a **personal computer (PC)**.
- The computing device comprises a **machine learning algorithm** configured to **perform analysis** on the **acquired speckle image** to assess **tissue stiffness or tissue blood flow or both**.
- Said device is **configured** to be introduced via an **endoscope** & the processing the image using **speckle image analysis**.
- Further, the proposed invention is also described a method of **simultaneously assessing tissue stiffness & tissue blood flow in-vivo**.
- The process is shown in figure 2 in step by step and the **experimental setup** including **results** are shown in Figs. 3 & 4.

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Flowchart for Demarcating Normal & Cancerous Region

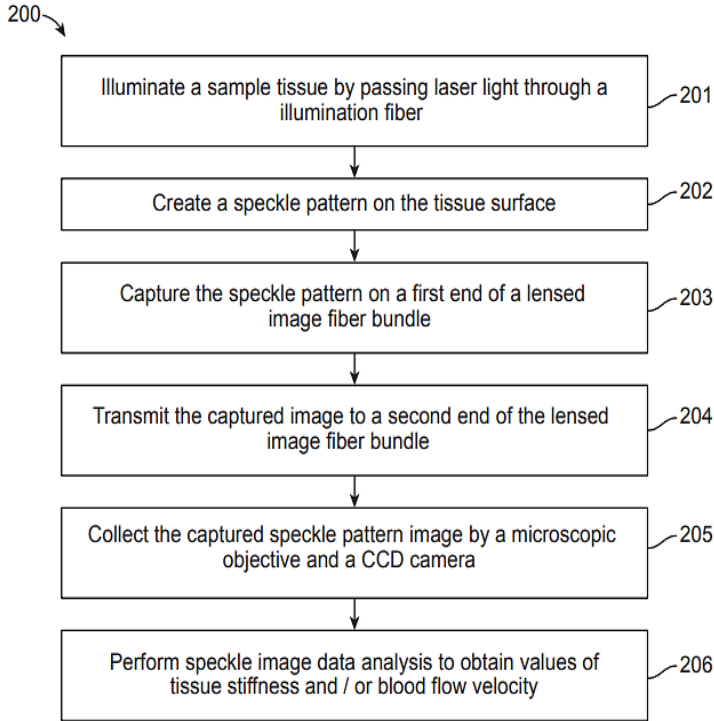


Fig.2

Key Features / Value Proposition

❖ **Technical Perspective:**

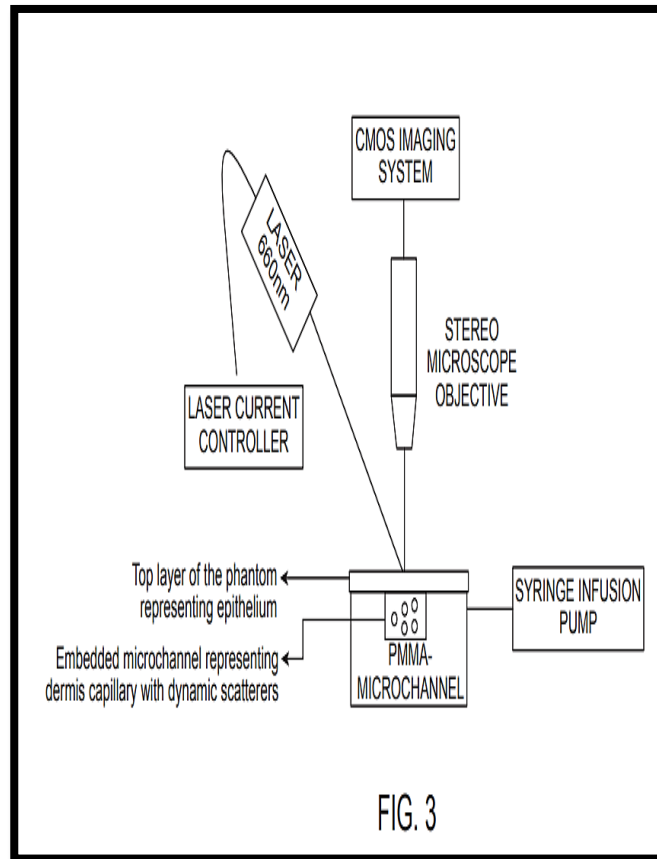
1. A static scattering coefficient of tissues is estimated independent of flow velocities using a machine learning model.
2. The **tissue blood flow rate** is calculated using **dynamic scattering**.

❖ **Industrial Perspective:**

1. The device and system is the integration of illumination with **lensed image fiber** that makes the entire system **cost effective &** may **open up avenues** for **integration of other optical modalities** for **better tissue discrimination**.

Experimental Setup

Fig.3 : Illustrates an experimental set up with open space optics having similar FOV as the system;



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