

Figure S1. (A) The fiberoptic NNOM sensor probed the head with two sets of source-detector separations; $\rho_l = 3.2$ cm and $\rho_s = 0.7$ cm for sequential TR-NIRS measurements of the cerebral absorption coefficient at 6 wavelengths (*i.e.*, $\mu_{a,c}(\lambda)$, for $\lambda = 730, 770, 786, 810, 830, 850$ nm), and $\rho_{l,f} = 2.5$ cm and $\rho_s = 0.7$ cm for the DCS measurement of the cerebral blood flow index (F_c). These non-invasive measures were compared to invasive PbtO₂, TDF CBF, ICP, and microdialysis regional measurements made through the quad-lumen bolt. A two-layer tissue model of the head was used for NNOM analysis, which is composed of a semi-infinite bottom layer (*i.e.*, cortical regions of brain) and a superficial top layer (i.e., scalp/skull tissue) with thickness L. The top layer blood flow index, absorption coefficient, and reduced scattering coefficient are F_{ec} , $\mu_{a,ec}$, and $\mu_{s,ec'}$, respectively. The bottom layer properties are F_c , $\mu_{a,c}$, and $\mu_{s,c'}$. (B) Exemplar TR-NIRS measurements of the temporal point spread functions ($\Phi(T)$, see text) for the long (red solid curve) and short (blue dashed curve) source-detector separations ($\lambda = 810$ nm, 800 ms exposure), as well as the instrument response function (IRF, black solid line, see text) obtained on a post ischemicanoxic encephalopathy patient. (C) Exemplar DCS measurements (same patient) of the normalized intensity autocorrelation functions $(g_2(\tau))$ for the long (red circles) and short (blue x-marks) sourcedetector separations (averaged across 10-seconds, also 15 channels for $\rho_{l,f}$).

NNOM Analysis Approach

Details about the hybrid time resolved near-infrared spectroscopy (TR-NIRS) and diffuse correlation spectroscopy (DCS) optical instrumentation used for this study are provided elsewhere.¹ The TR-NIRS technique delivers short near-infrared light pulses (<100 ps) to a source position on the scalp. At two detectors separated at distances ρ_l = 3.2 cm and ρ_s = 0.7 cm from the source, the so-called temporal point spread functions (*i.e.*, $\Phi_t(T,\rho_l), \Phi_t(T,\rho_s)$ were measured. The temporal point spread function is a histogram of the number of photons striking the detector as a function of the "time of flight", *T*, between the source trigger and photon detection, at measurement time *t* (see Figure S1(B)). The TR-NIRS instrument response function (IRF) was also measured as described elsewhere.¹

The DCS technique measures temporal speckle intensity fluctuations of coherent near-infrared light that has scattered from moving red blood cells in the volume of tissue traversed by the light (*i.e.*, from source to detector).^{2, 3} These temporal fluctuations are quantified by computing the normalized intensity temporal autocorrelation function, $g_2(\tau,\rho) \equiv \langle I(t,\rho)I(t+\tau,\rho)\rangle / \langle I(t,\rho)\rangle^2$, at multiple delay-times, τ (see Figure S1(C)). Here, $I(t,\rho)$ is the detected light intensity at time *t* and source-detector separation ρ , and the angular brackets, $\langle \rangle$, represent time-averages (*i.e.*, 10 seconds in this study). DCS measurements were obtained at two source-detector separations, $\rho_{l,f}=2.5$ cm and $\rho_s=0.7$ cm (see supplemental Figure S1(C)). For the $\rho_{l,f}$ separation, 15 independent measurements obtained in parallel with 15 detection channels were averaged together to improve signal-to-noise ratio. As described in the main manuscript, we employed a two-layer model of the head to derive a cerebral blood flow index (F_c) from the $g_2(\tau,\rho_{l,f})$ and $g_2(\tau,\rho_s)$ measurements.⁴

It is desirable to fit the TR-NIRS temporal point spread functions ($\Phi_t(T,\rho)$) at every measurement time to the two-layer analytical solution of the photon diffusion equation in order to extract the absorption and reduced scattering coefficients for the cerebral and extra-cerebral tissue layers. However, we could not reliably implement this approach in practice. Since the width of the short separation temporal point spread function was comparable to the width of the instrument response function, accurate nonlinear fitting with the short separation was difficult. Nonlinear fitting of 4 parameters from only one sourcedetector separation measurement is further prone to cross talk between the parameters. Accordingly, we used a paradigm that derived cerebral absorption coefficient changes from changes in moments of $\Phi_t(T,\rho)$.

For each $\Phi_t(T,\rho)$ in a time series, the background signal, defined as the mean number of photons measured prior to the initial rise of the $\Phi_t(T,\rho)$, was subtracted. The kth separation ρ moment for time and source-detector is defined t as $m_{k,t}(\rho) \equiv \int_{T}^{T_2} T^k \Phi_t(T,\rho) dT$, where the integration limits T_1 and T_2 are established by $\Phi_o(T_{1,\rho})=0.01\Phi_o(T_{max},\rho)$ $(T_1 < T_{max})$ and $\Phi_o(T_{2,\rho})=0.03\Phi_o(T_{max},\rho)$ $(T_2 > T_{max})$, respectively. Here, $\Phi_o(T_{max},\rho)$ is the maximum photon count (at time of flight bin T_{max}) for the baseline temporal point spread function, $\Phi_o(T,\rho)$ (*i.e.*, average of $\Phi_t(T,\rho)$ across the baseline time interval). Note, photons with long time of flights are more sensitive to the cortical layer, but the use of a very large upper integration limit, T_2 , in practice leads to large errors from background noise.^{5, 6} The choice of the integration limits for moments used here was based on previous work that investigated optimal limits for cortical measurement.⁵

Previous work has further demonstrated that the variance of the temporal point spread function, *i.e.*, $V_t(\rho) = m_{2,t}(\rho)/m_{0,t}(\rho) - (m_{1,t}(\rho)/m_{0,t}(\rho))^2$, is more sensitive to cortical tissue than the lower order moments.⁷⁻⁹ A time-domain variant of the two-layer Modified Beer-Lambert formulation was used to derive changes in $V(\rho_l)$ measurements at the long TR-NIRS separation (ρ_l) induced by changes in extra-cerebral and cerebral tissue absorption:^{7, 10, 11}

$$\Delta V(\rho_l) = vsf_{ec}(\rho_l)\Delta\mu_{a,ec} + vsf_c(\rho_l)\Delta\mu_{a,c}.$$
(A1)

Here, $\Delta V(\rho_l) = V_t(\rho_l) - V_o(\rho_l)$, $\Delta \mu_{a,c} = \mu_{a,c}(t) - \mu_{a,co}$, and $\Delta \mu_{a,ec} = \mu_{a,ec}(t) - \mu_{a,eco}$ are the differential changes in the variance moment, cerebral tissue absorption, and extra-cerebral tissue absorption, respectively, between time *t* and baseline. The multiplicative weighting factors $vsf_{ec}(\rho_l) = \partial V_o(\rho_l) / \partial \mu_{a,ec}$ and $vsf_c(\rho_l) = \partial V_o(\rho_l) / \partial \mu_{a,c}$ were computed numerically via

$$\text{vsf}_{ec} \approx \frac{\tilde{V}\left(\rho_{l}, \mu_{a,co}, \mu_{a,eco} + \Delta\mu_{a,ec} / 2, \mu_{s,co}^{'}, \mu_{s,eco}^{'}\right) - \tilde{V}\left(\rho_{l}, \mu_{a,co}, \mu_{a,eco} - \Delta\mu_{a,ec} 2, \mu_{s,co}^{'}, \mu_{s,eco}^{'}\right)}{\Delta\mu_{a,ec}},$$

$$vsf_{c} \approx \frac{\tilde{V}(\rho_{l}, \mu_{a,co} + \Delta \mu_{a,c} / 2, \mu_{a,eco}, \mu_{s,co}, \mu_{s,eco}) - \tilde{V}(\rho_{l}, \mu_{a,co} - \Delta \mu_{a,c} 2, \mu_{a,eco}, \mu_{s,co}, \mu_{s,eco})}{\Delta \mu_{a,c}}, \quad (A2)$$

where $\Delta \mu_{a,ec} / \mu_{a,eco} = \Delta \mu_{a,c} / \mu_{a,co} = 0.1$, and \tilde{V} is the variance moment computed with the twolayer time-domain Green's function solution of the photon diffusion equation, G^{12} Specifically, $\tilde{V} = \tilde{m}_2 / \tilde{m}_0 - (\tilde{m}_1 / \tilde{m}_0)^2$, where $\tilde{m}_k = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} T^k G(T, \rho, \mu_{a,c}, \mu_{a,ec}, \mu'_{s,c}, \mu'_{s,ec}, L) dT$ (integration limits T_1 and T_2 defined above with $G(T, \rho, \mu_{a,co}, \mu_{a,eco}, \mu'_{s,co}, \mu'_{s,eco}, L)$ in lieu

of $\Phi_o(T,\rho)$). Note, Equation (A1) assumes constant tissue scattering, and is most accurate for small tissue absorption changes.

In the present analysis, *L* was obtained from patient anatomical CT scans at the rough position where the NNOM sensor was placed. In addition, for the computation of $vsf_{ec}(\rho_l)$ and $vsf_c(\rho_l)$, we assumed that $\mu_{a,eco} = \mu_{a,co} = \mu_{a,semi}$ and $\mu'_{s,eco} = \mu'_{s,co} = \mu'_{s,semi}$, where $\mu_{a,semi}$ and $\mu'_{s,semi}$ are the tissue absorption and scattering coefficients obtained from nonlinear fit of $\Phi_o(T,\rho_l)$ to the convolution of the IRF with the semi-infinite Green's function solution of the photon diffusion equation.¹³ Note, we followed a nonlinear fitting procedure described elsewhere,¹⁴ wherein the launch time of the incident source pulse on

tissue, t_0 , was constrained in the fit to be within ± 50 ps of the time point when the measured IRF maximum occurs. A homogeneous tissue index of refraction of 1.4 was also assumed.

Finally, we applied the Modified Beer-Lambert law to the short separation data, *i.e.*, $\Phi_t(T,\rho_s)$, to compute the extra-cerebral tissue absorption change in Equation (A1):¹⁵⁻¹⁷

$$\Delta \mu_{a.ec} = \Delta OD(\rho_s) / mpp_{ec}(\rho_s). \tag{A3}$$

Here, $\Delta OD(\rho_s) = OD_t(\rho_s) - OD_o(\rho_s)$, $OD_t(\rho_s) \equiv -\log(m_{0,t}(\rho_s))$, $m_{0,t}(\rho_s)$ is the zero order moment for the short separation, and the differential pathlength, $mpp_{ec}(\rho_s) \equiv \partial OD_o(\rho_s) / \partial \mu_{a,ec}$, was computed analytically with the semi-infinite solution of the continuous-wave photon diffusion equation (for optical properties $\mu_{a,semi}$ and $\mu'_{s,semi}$ defined above).¹⁸ Equation (A3) assumes that $\Delta OD(\rho_s)$ is only sensitive to the extra-cerebral tissue layer. Note, since the width of the IRF was comparable to the width of the short-separation temporal point spread function on tissue, reliable absolute optical properties could not be obtained from the short separation data.

In summary, for each TR-NIRS wavelength, $vsf_c(\rho_l)$, $vsf_{ec}(\rho_l)$, and $\Delta \mu_{a,ec}$ obtained from Equations (A2) and (A3) were substituted into Equation (A1) to solve for $\Delta \mu_{a,c}$. As described in the main manuscript, the concurrent $\Delta \mu_{a,c}$ at the 6 TR-NIRS wavelengths are used to estimate relative changes in oxygen extraction fraction (Equation (2)). The constant tissue scattering assumption in this analysis is often reasonable during hemodynamic concentration variations,¹⁹ but it also can lead to errors if tissue structure substantially changes (e.g., edema). For the case examples reported in this work, temporal variations in $\mu'_{s,semi}$ were <5%. The approximation of equal tissue optical properties for the extra-cerebral and cerebral tissue layers at baseline can also result in errors in the computation of the vsf_c , vsf_{ec} , and mpp_{ec} sensitivity factors in Equations (A2) and (A3). As

a first exploration of the magnitude of these errors, we computed different sensitivity factors using a cerebral absorption coefficient that was 10% higher than $\mu_{a,semi}$ for the ischemia case example (Figure 2A). We then used these sensitivity factors to compute the fractional oxygen extraction fraction change (i.e., rOEF).

We found that a 10% underestimation in the cerebral absorption coefficient resulted in a 5% underestimation in the maximal rOEF reached. Similarly, a 25% underestimation in absorption resulted in a 10% underestimation in rOEF, and a 50% underestimation in absorption resulted in a 30% underestimation in rOEF. Thus, this exploratory analysis suggests that errors in the baseline tissue optical properties translate to smaller fractional errors in rOEF changes. Future work is needed to investigate these errors more completely. In many clinical situations, the absolute magnitude of the change may be less important than the indication of substantial hemodynamic changes (**Table S1**).

Disease Entity	Physiologic Issue	Use of NNOM
Subarachnoid Hemorrhage	Vasospasm	Detect ischemia
Intracranial Hypertension	Can be caused by hyperemia	Differentiate hyperemic vs
	or edema	oligemic intracranial
		hypertension
Ischemic stroke	Post thrombectomy infarct	Detect ischemic or hyperemic
	expansion or hemorrhage	contributors
Intracerebral hemorrhage	Hemorrhagic expansion	Detect decreased CBF with
		increased OEF
Post cardiac arrest	Dysautoregulation	Determine optimal MAP to
		optimize autoregulation
Carotid stenosis	Monitoring during CEA	Detect ischemia and
		hyperemia during and post
		cross clamp
Cardiac surgery	Monitoring during CPB	Detect ischemia and
		hyperemia to guide pump
		management and make
		transfusion decisions based
		on OEF
Traumatic Brain Injury	Brain edema	Optimize MAP and PaCO2
		based on CBF and OEF data

Table S1. Potential Clinical Applications of NNOM

*This table provides examples and is an incomplete listing of potential applications. CEA-carotid endarterectomy; CPB-cardiopulmonary bypass; MAP-mean arterial pressure; CBFcerebral blood flow; OEF-oxygen extraction fraction

Comparison of Two-Layer and Semi-infinite Tissue Models

Figure S2 is a comparison of the relative blood flow (rBF=BF/BF_o) and oxygen extraction fraction (rOEF≡OEF/OEF₀) changes computed with the two-layer head model (i.e., used for the paper) and with semi-infinite techniques for the ischemic (panel A), hypermetabolic (panel B), and hyperemic (panel C) case examples reported in the main manuscript. BF₀ and OEF_{o} are the baseline (mean) values between the two vertical red lines. The 2layer results (i.e., red circles) are the results presented in the main manuscript (i.e., Figures 2, 3). The "semi-infinite" results (i.e., blue squares) for rBF were obtained from fitting the DCS signals acquired at the long separation (i.e., $g_2(\tau,\rho_{l,f})$; Figure S1) to the homogeneous semi-infinite tissue model.⁴ The semi-infinite results for rOEF were obtained by using a homogeneous version of Equation (A1):



Figure S2.

$$\Delta V(\rho_l) = vsf_{semi}(\rho_l) \Delta \mu_{a,semi}.$$
(A4)

Here, $vsf_{semi} \approx (\tilde{V}_s(\rho_l, \mu_{a,semi} + \Delta \mu_{a,semi} / 2, \mu'_{s,semi}) - \tilde{V}_s(\rho_l, \mu_{a,semi} - \Delta \mu_{a,semi} / 2, \mu'_{s,semi})) / \Delta \mu_{a,semi}$, where the baseline semi-infinite tissue optical properties $\mu_{a,semi}$ and $\mu'_{s,semi}$ are defined in the previous section, and \tilde{V}_s is the variance moment computed with the semi-infinite timedomain Green's function solution of the photon diffusion equation (analogous to the twolayer moment discussed below Equation (A2)). The concurrent $\Delta \mu_{a,semi}$ at the 6 TR-NIRS wavelengths were converted to rOEF (i.e., Equations (1), (2)). Finally, the extra-cerebral results (i.e., black diamonds) were computed from application of the same semi-infinite analysis techniques to the short separation DCS and TR-NIRS signals.

For all 3 case examples in **Figure S2**, the direction of the blood flow and oxygen extraction fraction trends obtained from the long-separation semi-infinite analysis are consistent with the two-layer results. The magnitudes of the changes, however, are substantially smaller, especially for the ischemic case example in panel A. Further note that the direction of the extra-cerebral blood flow and oxygen extraction fraction trends are not always consistent with the two-layer results. For the hyperemia case example in panel C, the direction of the short separation changes was consistent, but for panels A and B, the extra-cerebral OEF change is in the opposite direction of the two-layer OEF change. Thus, the short separation measurements alone cannot detect the ischemic, hypermetabolic, and hyperemic conditions reported herein. The long separation semi-infinite results can potentially distinguish between these directions, but as expected, this analysis shows the semi-infinite results experience substantial contamination from extra-cerebral tissue.

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