

# MATHEMATICAL APPROACH OF LATERAL AND SAGITTAL INCISIONS

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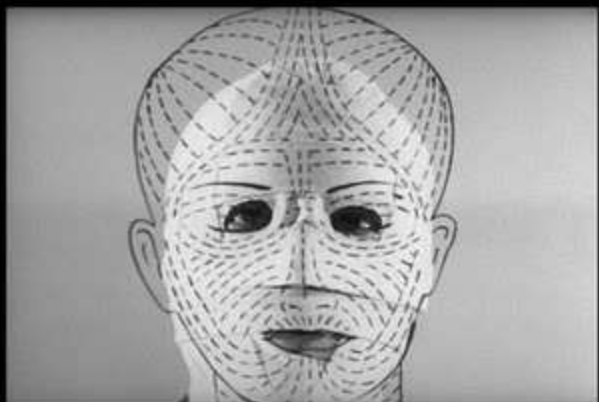
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# OBJECTIVE

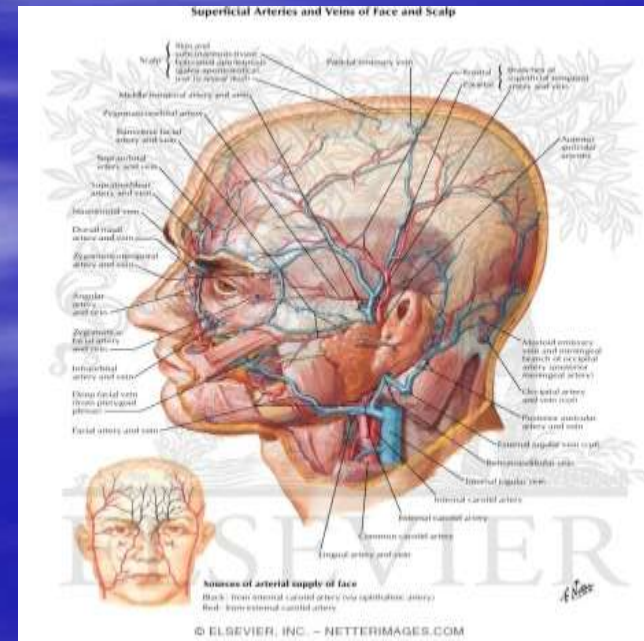
- IN THIS STUDY WE ARE TRYING TO PRESENT A PRECISE AND OBJECTIVE EXPLANATION OF THE ADVANTAGES OF CORONAL RECIPIENT SITES AND INCISIONS .
- IN ORDER TO ACHIVE OUR MAIN GOAL .WHICH IS THE PREDOMINANCE OF CORONAL INCISIONS ,WE ARE TRYING TO APPROACH THE PROBLEM MATHEMATICALLY .
- IT IS THE FIRST TIME WHERE MATHEMATICS HAS BEEN USED TO GIVE A REASONABLE EXPLANATION OF THE ABOVE ISSUE IN HAIR TRANPLANTATION FIELD

# OBJECTIVE

- MANY HAIR SURGEONS PREFER TO USE SAGITTAL SLITS TO AVOID CUTTING ACROSS LANGER'S LINES AND TO MINIMIZE TRANSECTION OF BLOOD VESSELS ARISING FROM THE SUBDERMAL PLEXUS
- OTHER LIKE Dr HASSON BELIEVE THAT THE USE OF CORONAL RECIPIENT SITES HAS MULTIPLE ADVANTAGES SUCH AS HIGHER COVERAGE,PRECISE CONTROL OF EXIT OF FU ,LESS INJURY ,AND LESS POPPING



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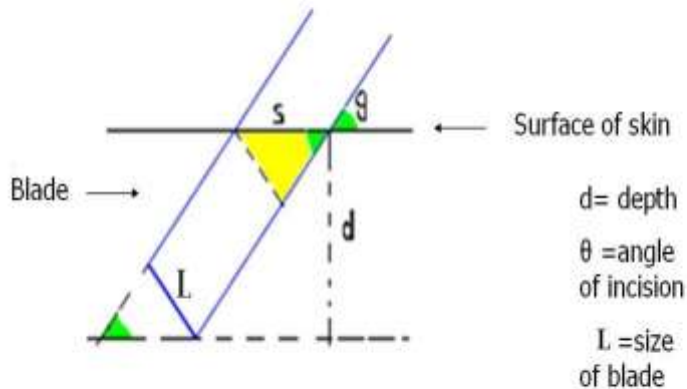


# MATERIAL AND METHODS

- THE TWO MOST COMMON SLIT-MAKING TECHNIQUES ARE PARALLEL (SAGITTAL) AND PERPENDICULAR (LATERAL/CORONAL). BY DEFINITION, SAGITTAL INCISIONS RUN PARALLEL(VERTICAL) ALONGSIDE AND IN-BETWEEN THE EXISTING HAIRS(figure 1) WHILE THE LATERAL INCISIONS BISECT EXISTING HAIRS PERPENDICULAR (HORIZONTAL) LIKE A T (figure 2)

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

## SAGITTAL INCISION

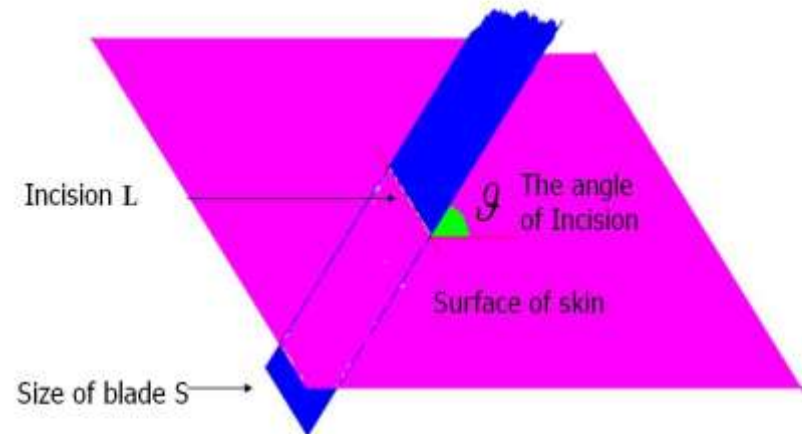


The colored triangle is rectangle, so from trigonometry theory we have:

$$\sin \theta = \frac{L}{S} \Rightarrow S = \frac{L}{\sin \theta}$$

Dr G. Zontos (FIGURE 1)

## LATERAL INCISION



**In lateral incisions we have  $S=L$**

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# MATERIAL AND METHODS

- USING SIMPLE GEOMETRY AS SHOWN IN FIGURES 1 AND 2 WE CAN ASSUME THAT  $S=L/\sin\theta$  FOR SAGITTAL INCISIONS
- $S=L$  FOR LATERAL INCISIONS
- WHERE  $S$  IS THE SIZE OF INCISION,  $L$  IS THE SIZE OF INCISION,  $L$  IS THE SIZE OF BLADE, AND  $\theta$  IS THE ANGLE OF INCISION.



# ADVANTAGE OF LATERAL INCISIONS

- 1. Lateral incision is smaller than the sagittal incision

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{l}{\eta\mu\theta} \quad 0 < \eta\mu\theta < 1$$

- According to the previous formula the length of sagittal incision depends upon the angle of incision.
- For example for region with angle that oscillates from  $20^\circ - 30^\circ$  with mean value  $25^\circ$ , sagittal incision length is:  $(S = L/\eta\mu 25^\circ = 2,36L)$ ,

SO :

**INCREASE OF LENGTH : 236% !!!**

# ADVANTAGES OF LATERAL INCISIONS

ANGLE  $\theta=25^\circ$ , LENGTH BLADE (L)=0,9 mm

	NUMBER OF INCISIONS	LENGTH OF WOUND
<b>SAGITTAL</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>212,4 cm</b>
<b>LATERAL</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>90 cm</b>

**In a few words 1.000 sagittal incisions causing same wound  
with 2.360 LATERAL INCISIONS!!!**



# DENSITY CALCULATIONS IN SAGITAL AND LATERAL INCISIONS

We want to calculate the density of sagittal incisions in surface  $1 \text{ cm}^2$  under angle  $25^\circ$ .

DATA :

- a) Size of blade  $S=0,9 \text{ mm}$
- b) Width of blade  $=0,1 \text{ mm}$
- c) Medium distance between incisions  $1 \text{ mm}$
- d) Length of sagittal incisions  $= 2,36 * 0,9 \text{ mm} = 2,1 \text{ mm}$

**IN VERTICAL PROVISION WE CAN HAVE :**

**$10 / (2,1 + 1) = 3,22$  OF SAGITAL INCISIONS**

**IN HORIZONTAL PROVISION WE HAVE :**

**$10 / (1 + 0,1) = 9$  OF SAGITAL INCISIONS**

**SO: MAXIMUM DENSITY / CM<sup>2</sup> = 3,22**  
**\* 9 = 29 incisions per cm<sup>2</sup>**

**WOUND OF SKIN = INCISION**  
**LENGTH X INCISIONS NUMBER**  
**= 2,1 \* 29 = 60,9 mm**

# DENSITY CALCULATIONS IN SAGITAL AND LATERAL INCISIONS

We want to calculate the density of LATERAL incisions in  $1 \text{ cm}^2$  using angle  $25^\circ$ .

Data:

- a) Length of blade  $S=0,9 \text{ mm}$
- b) Width of blade  $=0,1 \text{ mm}$
- c) Medium distance between incisions  $1 \text{ mm}$
- d) Length of lateral incisions  $= 0,9 \text{ mm}$



IN VERTICAL PROVISION WE CAN HAVE :

$10 / (0,9+1) = 5,26$  OF LATERAL INCISIONS

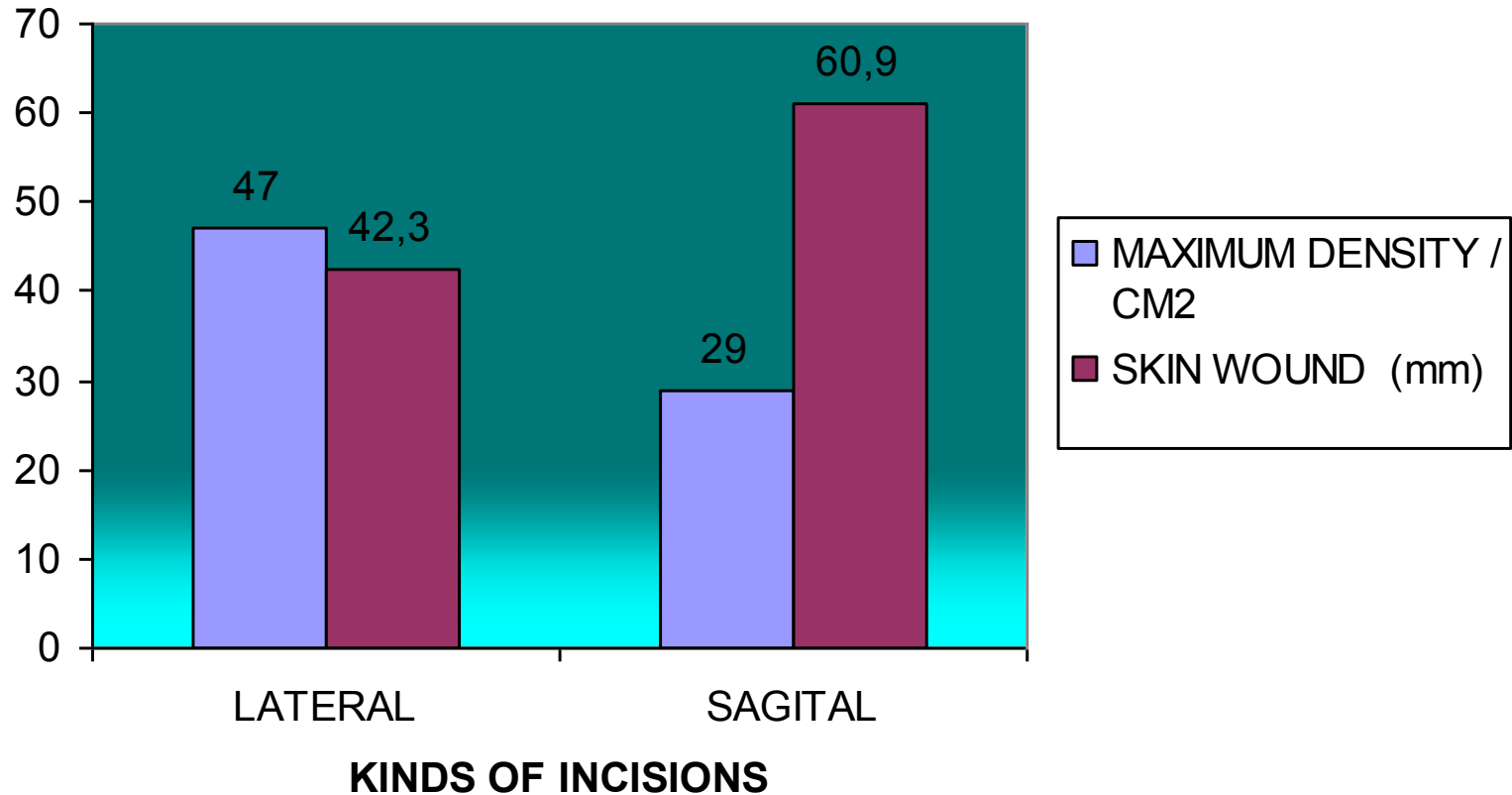
IN HORIZONTAL PROVISION WE HAVE :

$10 / (1+0,1) = 9$  OF LATERAL INCISIONS

so: MAXIMUM DENSITY / CM<sup>2</sup> = 5,26 \* 9 = 47

WOUND OF SKIN = INCISION LENGTH X  
INCISIONS NUMBER =  $0,9 * 47 = 42,3$  mm

## COMPARISON LATERAL-SAGITAL



**INCREASE OF DENSITY (%): 62,07 %**

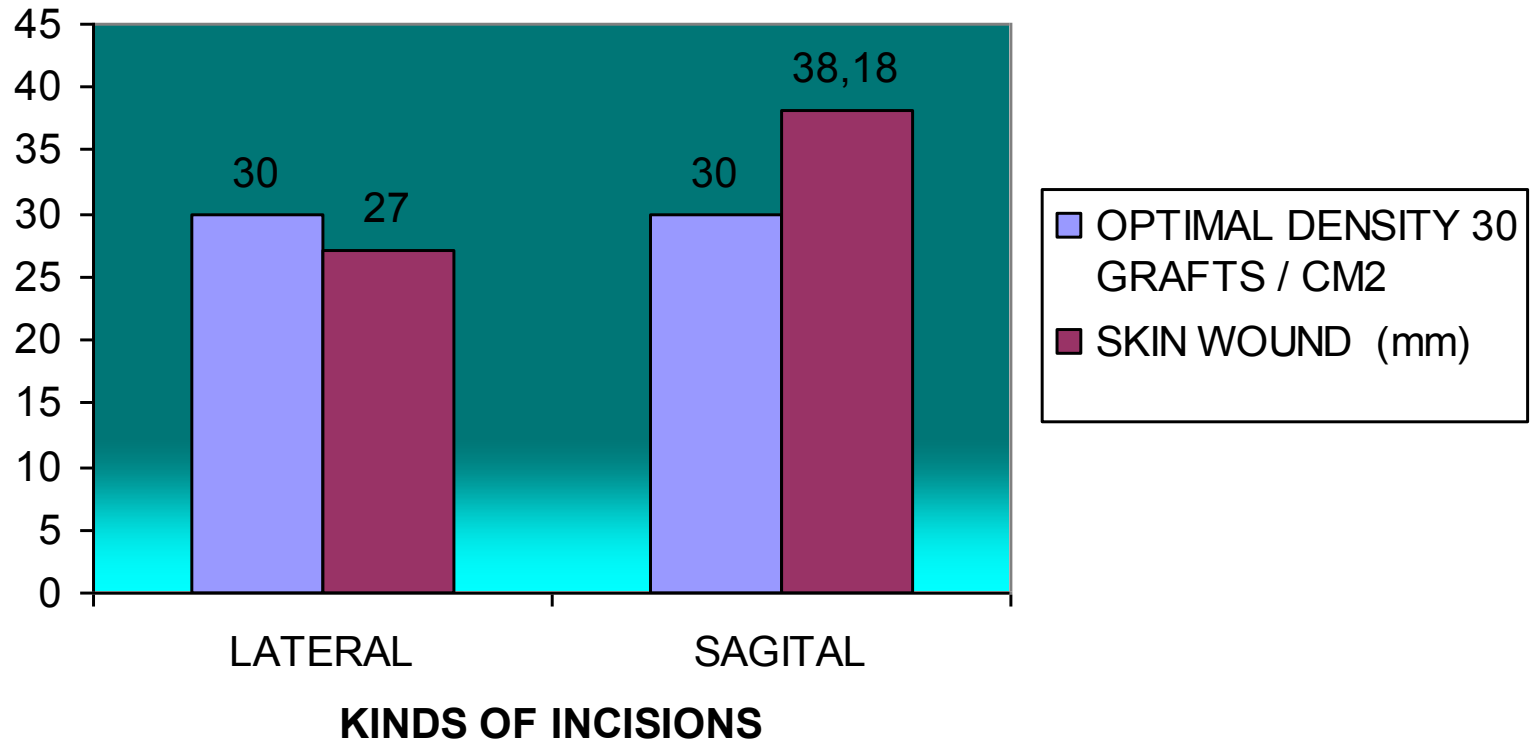
**DECREASE OF WOUND (%): 30,5 %**

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- **Considering as mean value of  $\theta = 45$  degrees in a big session and taking into account maximum density 30 grafts / cm<sup>2</sup> the wound of skin is:**
- **lateral incisions 27 mm / cm<sup>2</sup>**
- **Sagittal incisions 38,18mm / cm<sup>2</sup>**
- **% difference : 41,42 %**



## COMPARISON LATERAL-SAGITAL IN CASE OF SAME DENSITY



INCREASE OF SKIN WOUND IN SAGITAL (%) : 41,42%

# CONCLUSIONS

- THE USE OF LATERAL INCISIONS
- 1)DECREASES THE TRAUMA OF THE RECIPIENT AREA
- 2)REDUCES INJURE TO THE SUBDERMALVASCULAR PLEXUS
- 3)INCREASES THE % OF GROWTH
- 4)INCREASES SAFELY THE DENSITY
- 5)ACHIVES PRECISE CONTROL OF DIRECTION AND ORIENTATION OF HAIR FOLLICLES

# EXAMPLE

## 2200 HAIR FOLLICLES

### LATERAL INCISIONS



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