



5th Workshop on Medical Applications of Spectroscopic X-ray Detectors

Workshop Summary

 29 Aug 2022, 10:00 → 1 Sept 2022, 18:00 Europe/Zurich

 503/1-001 - Council Chamber (CERN)

Anthony Butler
Radiologist and Physicist





Disclaimer

My job is as a clinician; My hobbies are physics and engineering

My apologies about terrible pronunciation of names

Listening, understanding, and writing simultaneously is hard

Since 2005 I've been associated with CERN, CMS, and Medipix

I am a founder of MARS Bioimaging Ltd





Overview

- Participants and submissions
- Context
- Review of talks
- Conclusions





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Scientific committee

Michael Campbell, CERN

Anthony Butler, Univ. of Otago & MARS Bioimaging

Steffen Kappler, Siemens Healthcare

Yoad Yagil, Philips Research Laboratories

Katsuyuki (Ken) Taguchi, Johns Hopkins University

Richard Thompson, Canon Medical Research

Brian Yanoff, GE Global Research

Initiation only for several reasons

... with lots of assistance from **Patricia Mage-Granados**





Participants

113 registrants



2019 => 119

2017 => 130

2015 => 112

2013 => 102

2011 => 76



58 Industry; 23 Scientists; 32 Medical

most are returning guests



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Context

The beginning...



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“for their pioneering contributions to the development of silicon microstrip detectors that revolutionised high-precision tracking and vertexing in high energy physics experiments”





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Context

Before SpecXray

Early '80s, direct Si detectors

– Erik Heijne, Robert Klanner, Gerhard Lutz

Their role is recognized by the 2017 High Energy and Particle Physics Prize of EPS

Mid '90s, Medipix – Michael Campbell

“Various applications like Medical Imaging should profit”

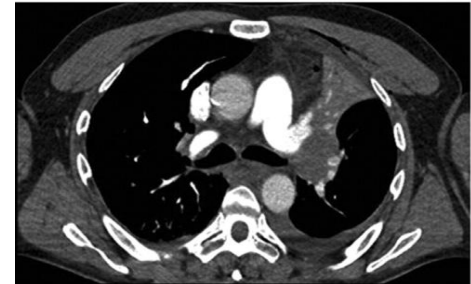
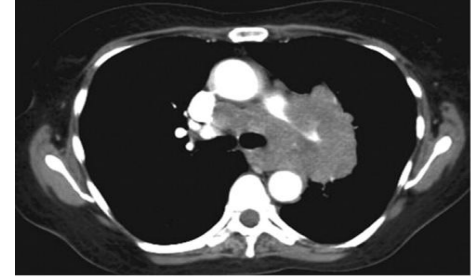
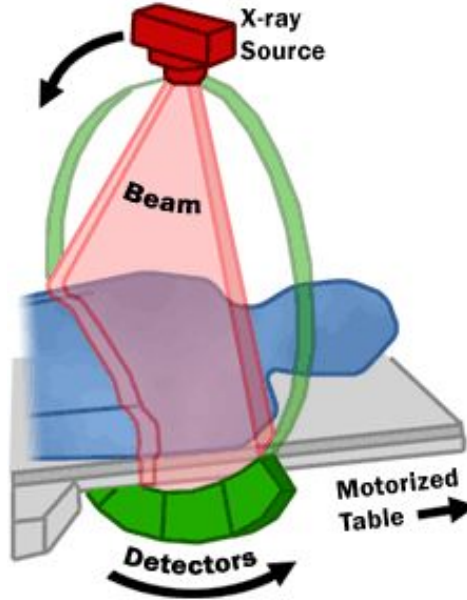




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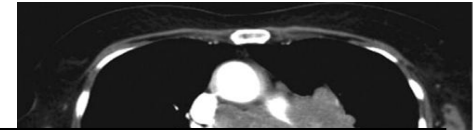
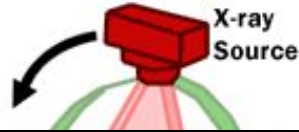
Hounsfield,
Nobel Prize 1979



Computed Tomography is 3D X-rays



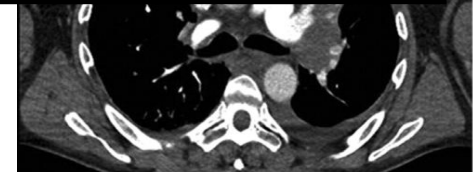
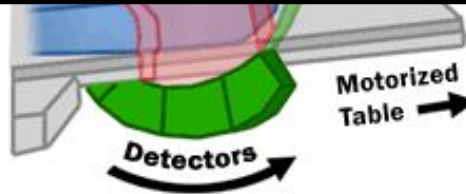
Context



300,000,000 people per year get a CT



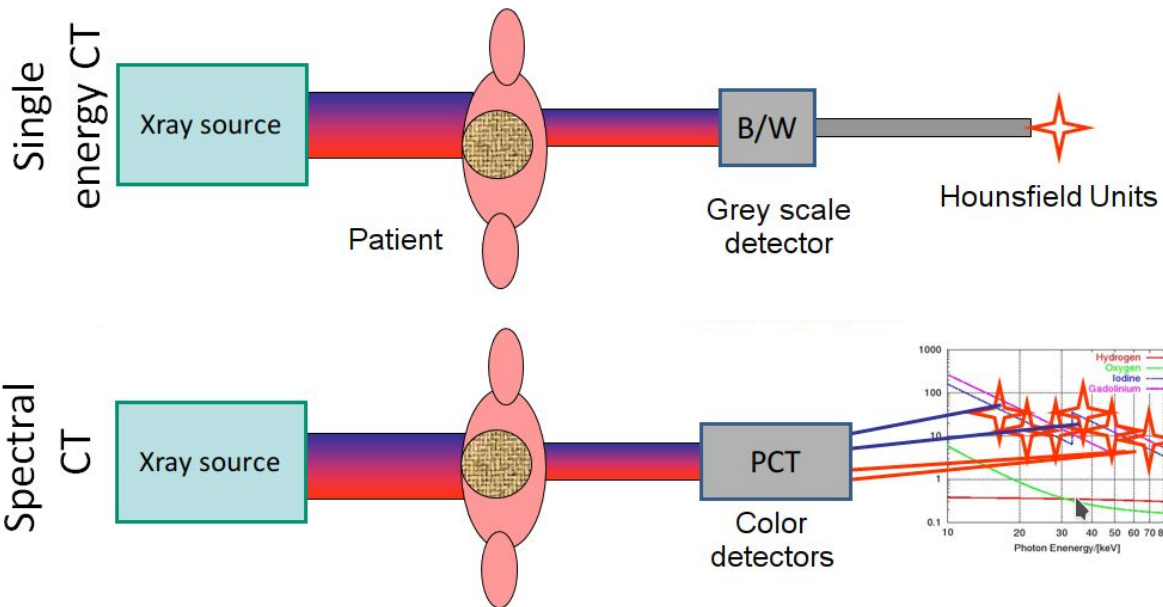
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Context



Spectral CT is true colour x-ray imaging



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SpecXray 2011

*Outside our community
there was a lot of skepticism*

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SpecXray 2011

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- It can not be done

I don't know how to do it

- It is not worth doing

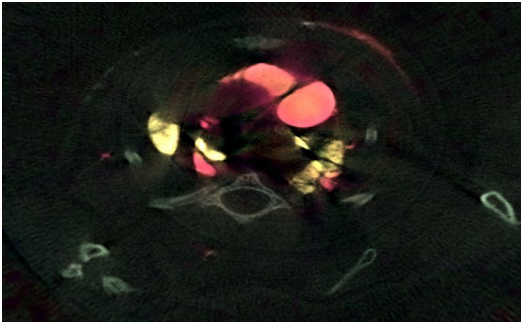
Uses are beyond my imagination



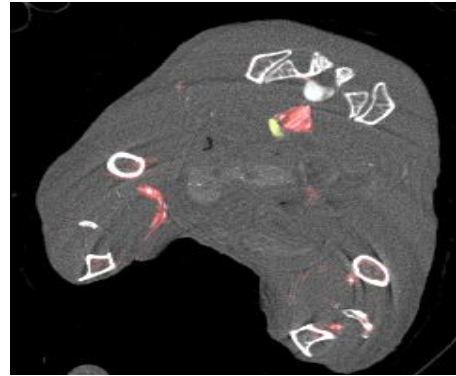


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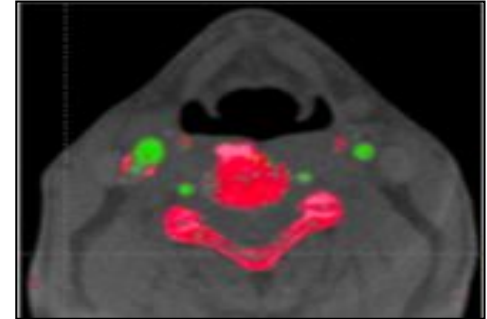
SpecXray 2011



Mouse, 2 contrast agents
Anthony Butler



Mouse, functional agents
Ewald Roessel



First Human Photon counting CT,
Jerry Arenson



MARS, Philips, and GE Healthcare



Context

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“This may even be real”

Jerry Arenson

- Clinician want more information
- The technology is almost there
- Many people see widespread benefit





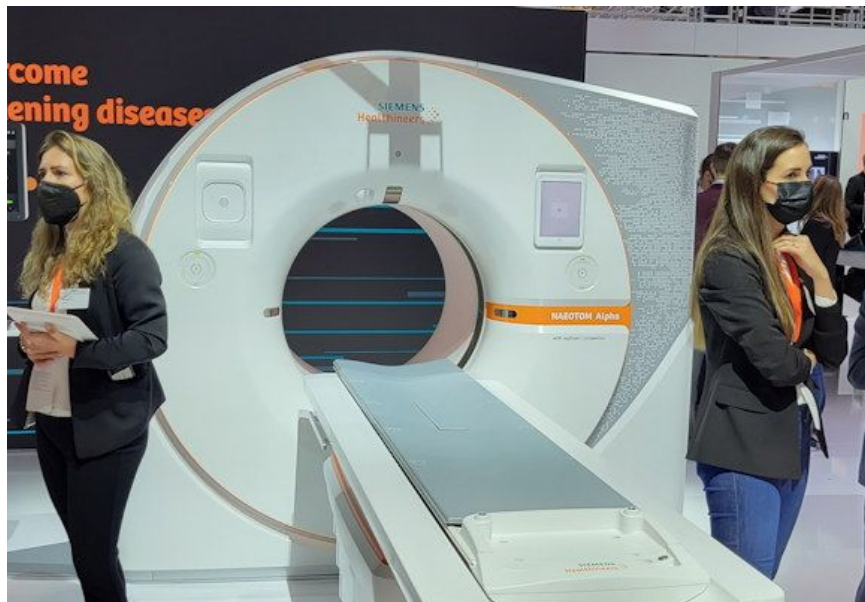
Context



It was nice to reconnect after 3 years !!!



Context - clinical use is here



*Siemens Naeotom scanner
... many more systems coming*

Feature | [Computed Tomography \(CT\)](#) | October 04, 2021 | By Dave Fornell, DAIC Editor

First Photon-counting CT System Cleared by the FDA

FDA and CT experts say this is the start of a paradigm shift in CT technology

NeuroLogica Announces FDA 510(k) Clearance for Photon Counting Computed Tomography Using OmniTom Elite

USA on March 11, 2022

Audio



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Canon to accelerate the development of photon counting CT (PCCT)

With the acquisition of Redlen, Canon will obtain advanced technology used in CZT semiconductor detector modules, which play an important role in the development of PCCT, to accelerate the development of competitive PCCT systems.

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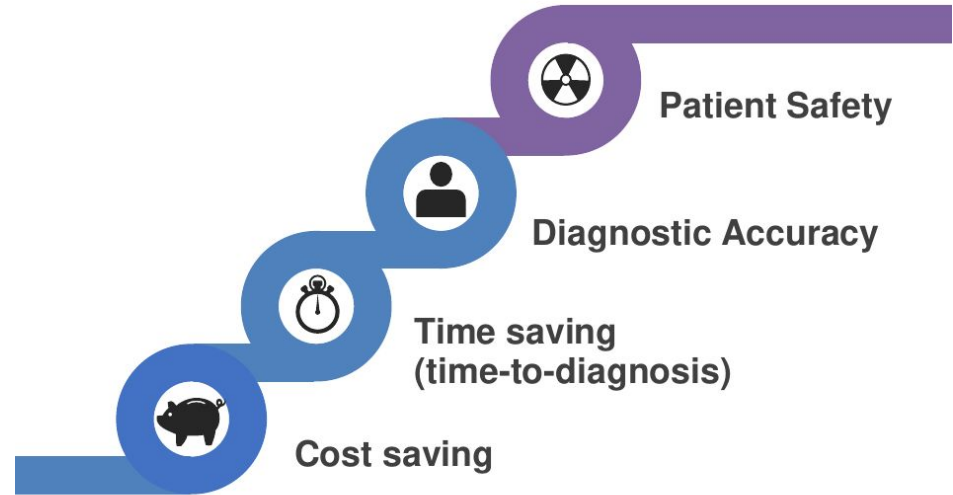
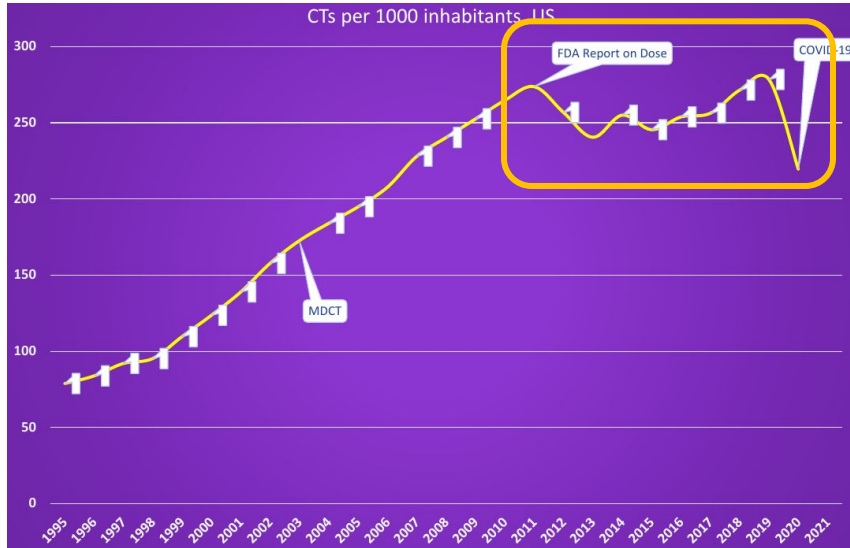
I'm lucky if I can learn one thing per talk

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Invited talk



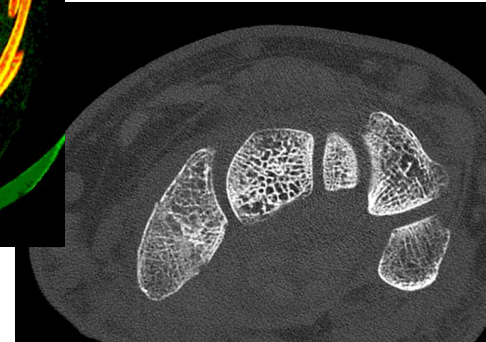
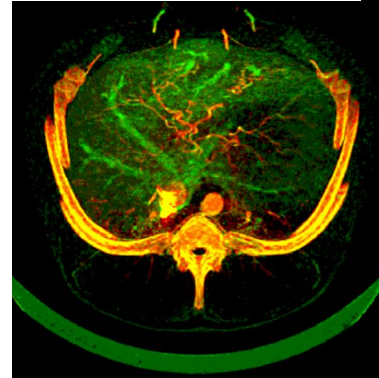
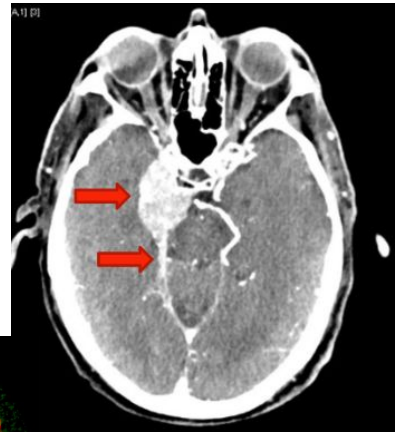
Talked about the different types of benefit from imaging

Dushyant Sahani



Clinical

- Rejection of electronic noise
- Improved quantitative performance
- Increased iodine CNR/dose efficiency
- Increased iodine signal at high kV
- Reduced beam hardening and metal artifacts
- Improved spatial resolution
- Lower radiation dose
- Simultaneous, single kV, multi-energy CT
- Multi-contrast, image new contrast agent
- New Applications



> 700 patients with Siemens' FDA cleared device

Cynthia McCollough



Clinical

Clinical benefits for most CT applications

Vascular incl. cardiac (12%)
Spatial resolution; stent imaging; reduce calcium blooming; plaque characterization, with lower radiation and contrast dose. *Biggest improvement but also most challenging technically.*

Lung (15%)
Spatial resolution at low dose.
Lung Cancer Screening (3% and growing)
Ultra low dose.

Abdomen Pelvis (22%)
Improve low contrast detectability; tumor characterization; high resolution spectral.

Temporal Bone
Ultra High Resolution with significant dose reduction.

MSK (13%)
Ultra High Resolution with significant dose reduction
Spatial & contrast resolution + spectral: full joint assessment (Bone and cartilage - first time in CT).



Clinical benefit for most CT applications, Philips scanner

Philippe Douek



Clinical

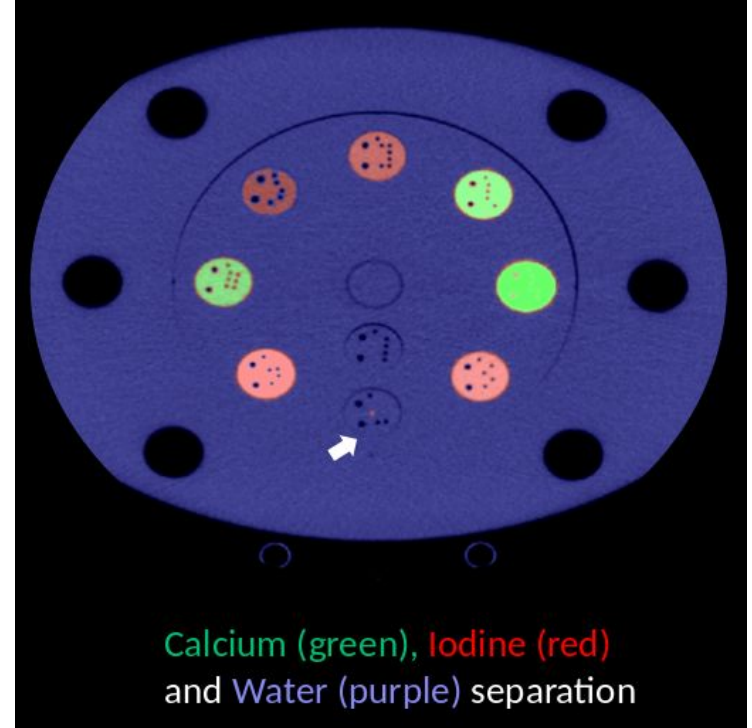
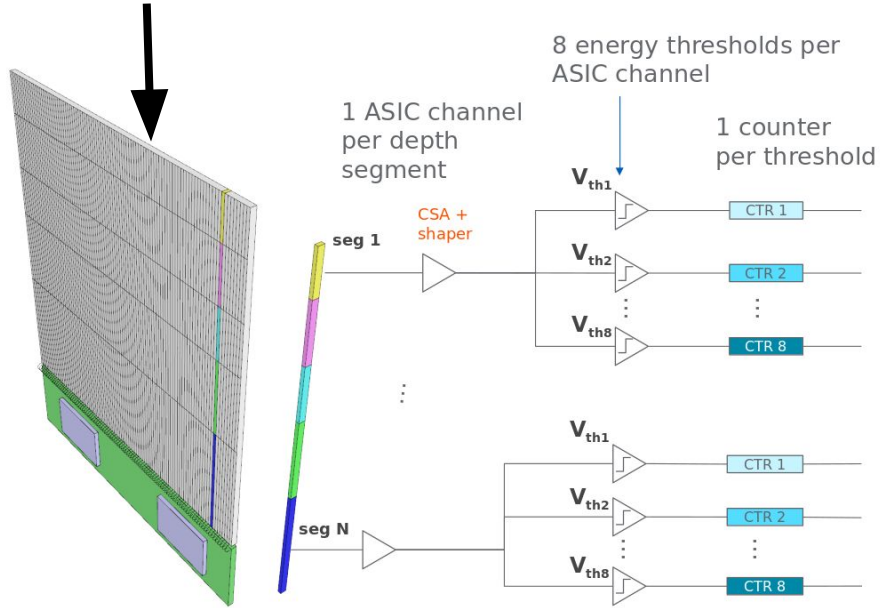


MARS Point-of-care takes technology to the patients

Anthony Butler



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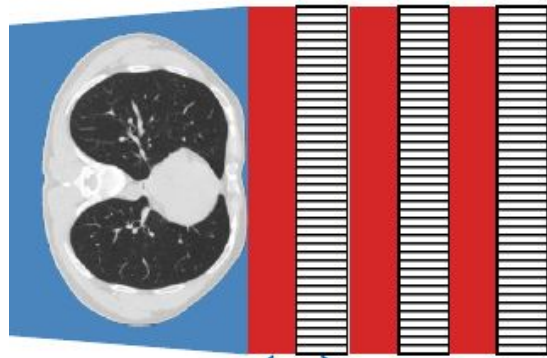


Edge on silicon, from GE

Brian Yanoff

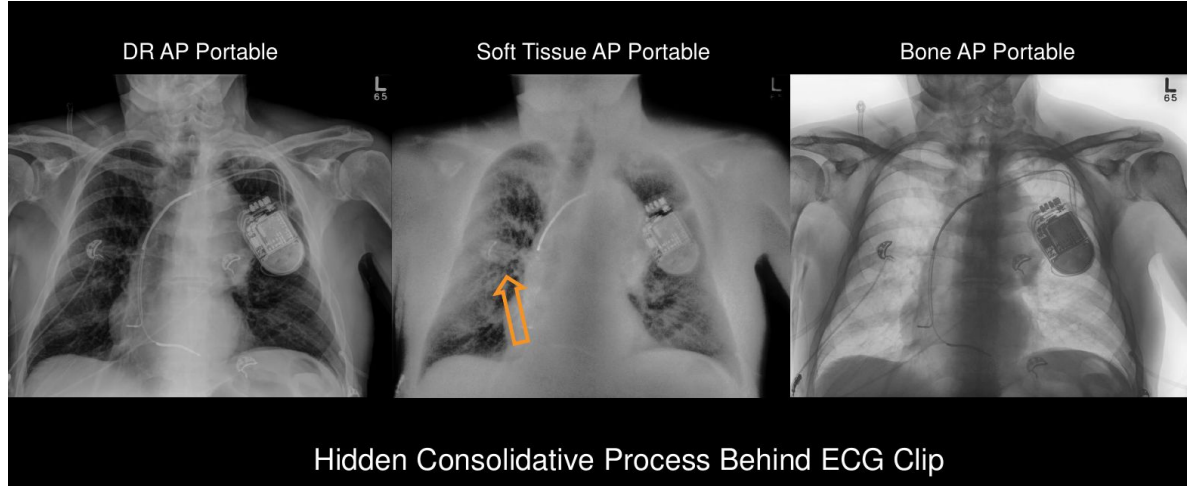


Clinical



Scintillator

TFT pixel array



Hidden Consolidative Process Behind ECG Clip



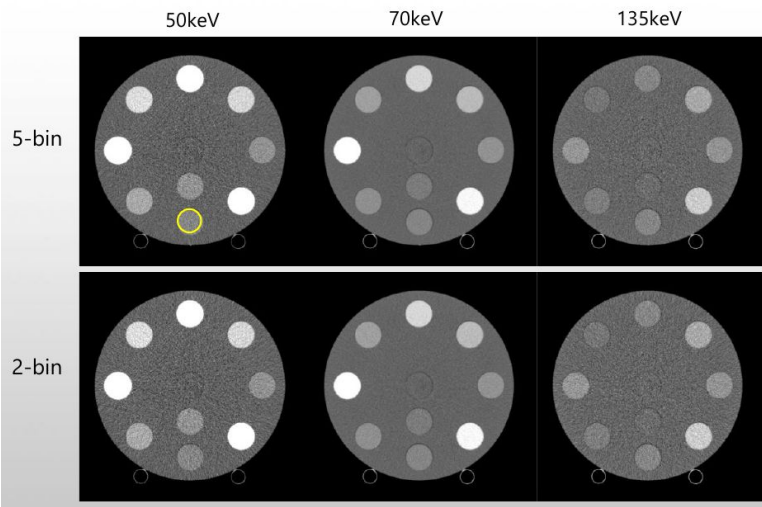
Three layer flat panel for 2D spectral, KA Imaging

Karim Karim



Clinical

Canon CZT clinical prototype



Material decomp. input	50keV SD	70keV SD	135keV SD
5-bin (30/45/55/65/80)	33.1	11.2	28.0
2-bin (30/65)	41.2	13.5	34.2
Noise increased in 2-bin decomp	24.5%	20.5%	22.0%



5 energies better than 2 - but also lots of other useful knowledge

Xiaohui Zhou



Clinical



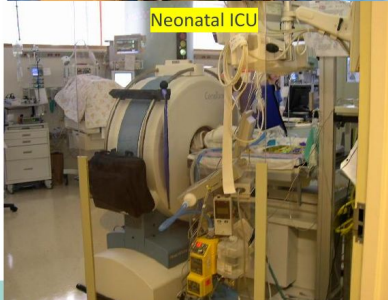
Intensive Care Unit



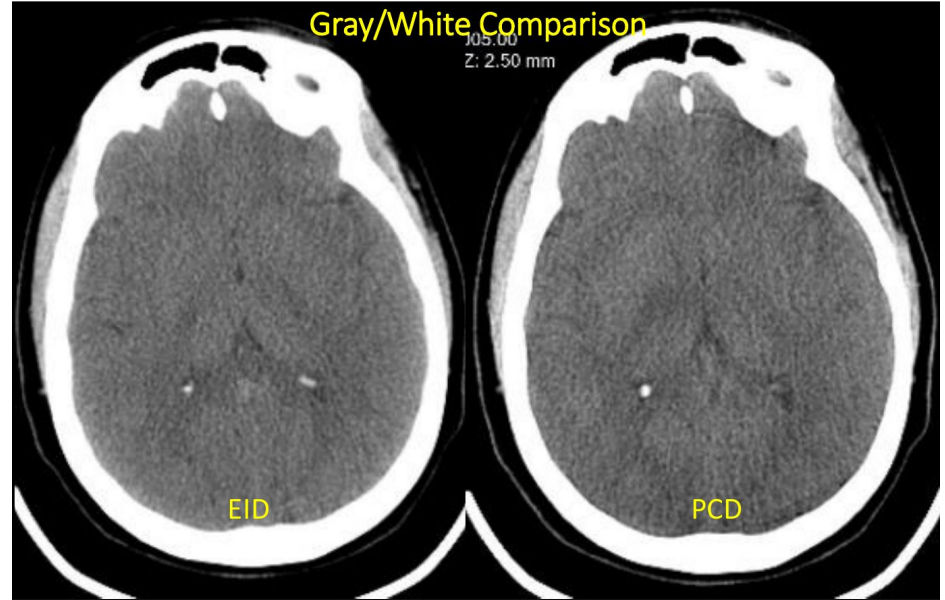
Operating Theatre



Interventional Suite



Neonatal ICU



Portable head scanner, developed by Neurologica / Samsung

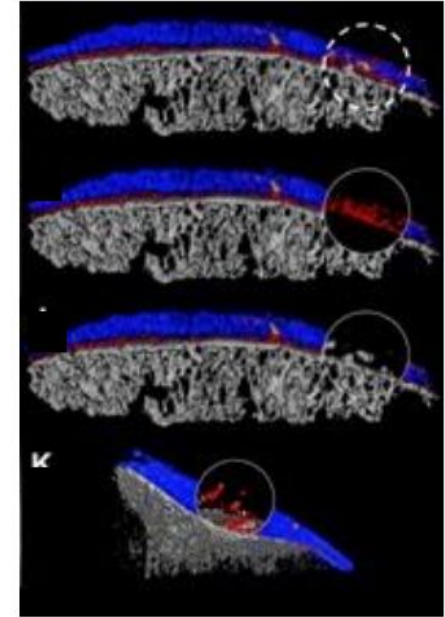
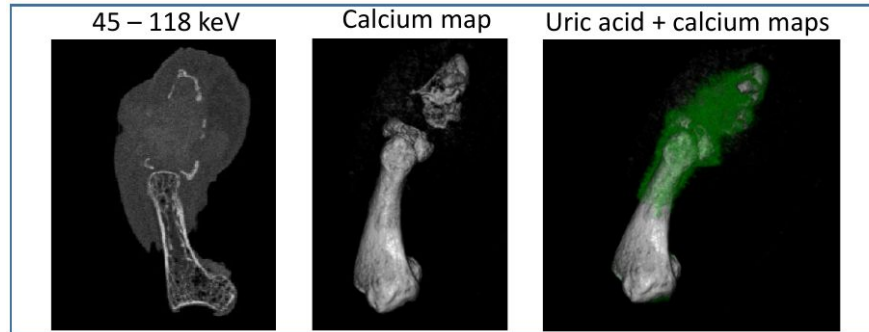
Rajiv Gupta



Clinical

MARS Extremity 5X120 is a perfect example of the evolution of CT systems

- Dedicated CT – upper extremities
- Single-photon counting detector with small voxel sizes
- Multi-energy images and material images



Calcium (HA and CPP)
and water maps



Traditional commissioning need to evolve

Lucia Gallego

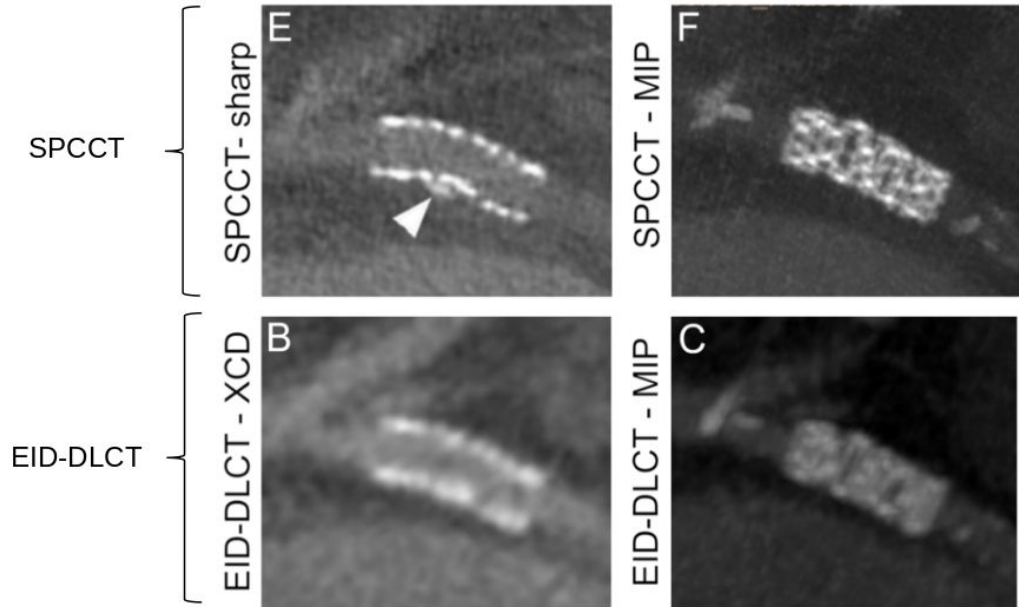


Clinical

71 year-old-male, synergy stent 3.5x 12 mm

You can see the important parts !!!

Such as inside a coronary stent



Coronary imaging using Philips system

Salim Si-Mohamed



Chateau de Chillon



Opportunity to talk - stressed health systems

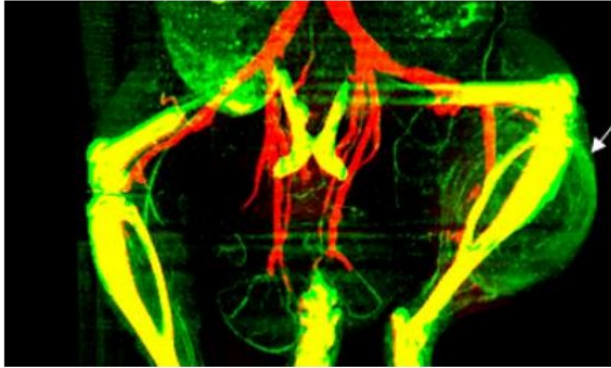
1835 -New Zealand's oldest stone building =>



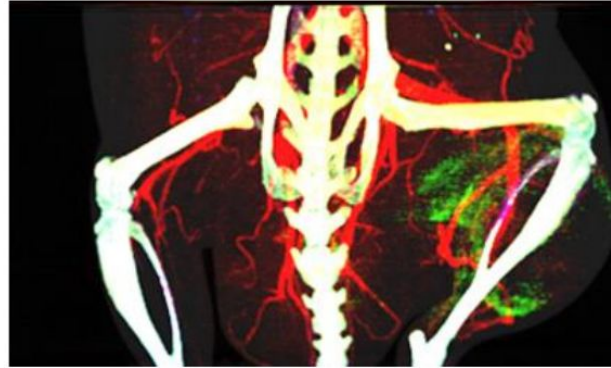


Detector systems

2x EID detectors (dual energy)



PCD detector (multi-energy)



Dual source EID + PCD system

- 2x X-ray sources, Varian, max. 150kVp
- Flatpanel Detector: Dexela 1512, 75um pixel
- PCD: SANTIS, 16x4 cm², 1mm CdTe, 150um pixel, 4 thresholds
- Vertical stage for helical scanning

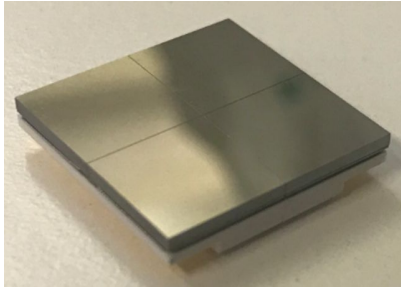
Detectors for pre-clinical and clinical imaging, Dectris

Tomas Thuring





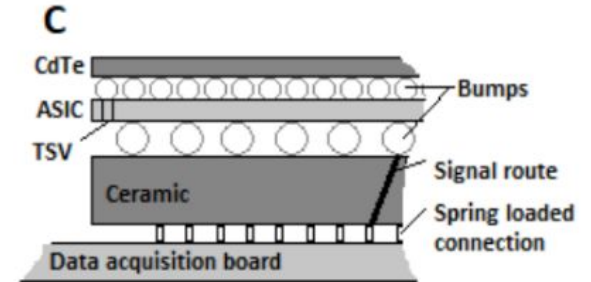
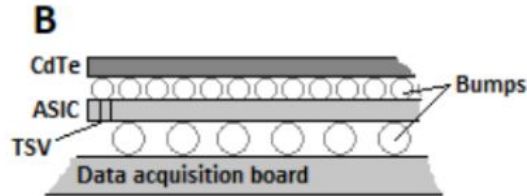
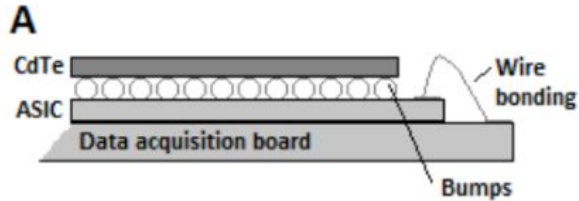
Detector systems



A: 3-side tileable structure

B: 4 side tilable TSV-based structure

C: Developed tile

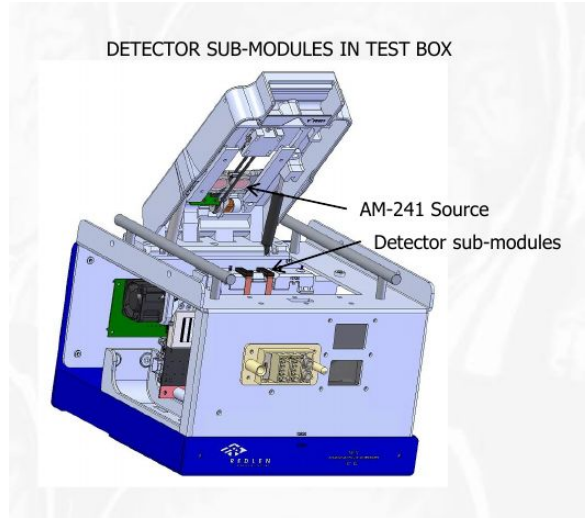
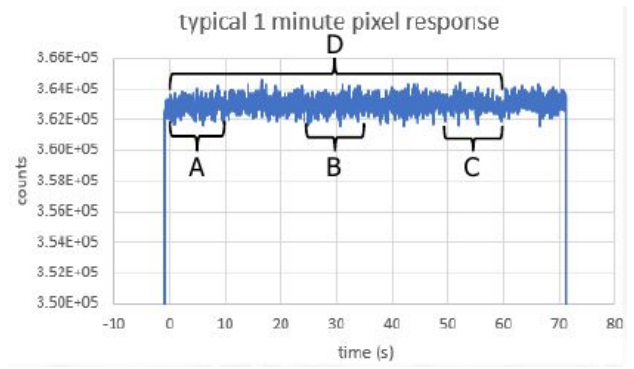
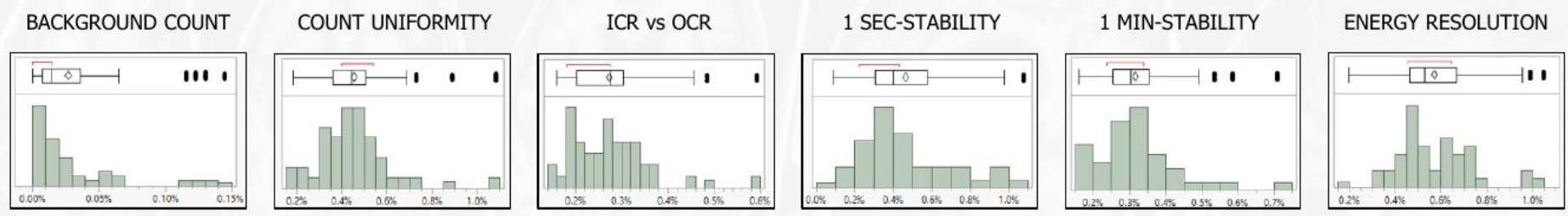


Seamless CdTe to expand applications beyond CT

Matti Kauppinen



Detector systems



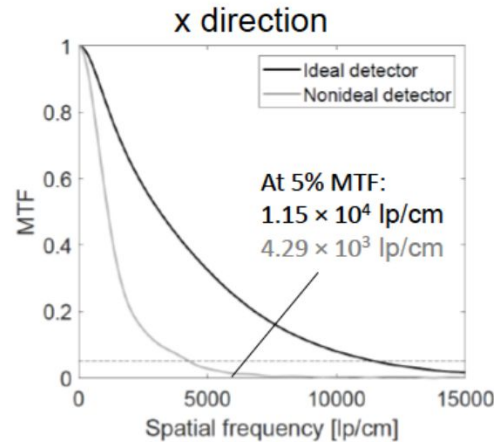
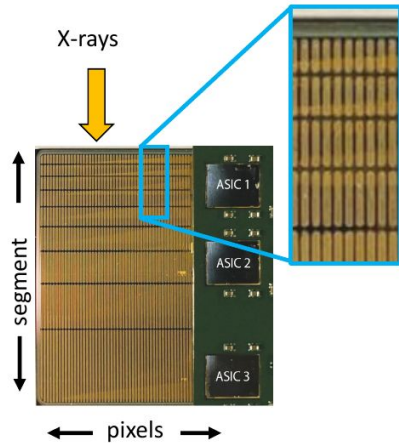
Acceptance testing for CT use, Redlen

Oliver Tousignant



Detector systems

Potential 1um spatial resolution => Could enable phase contrast



1 um Detector

- Increased segmentation
- ASIC approximately matching the sensor area
- Flip-chip ASIC mounting or integrated in the sensor Silicon

REVIEW ARTICLE

OPEN

Ultra-thin chips for high-performance flexible electronics

Shoubhik Gupta¹, William Taube Navaraj¹, Leandro Lorenzelli² and Ravinder Dahiya¹

npj Flexible Electronics (2018)2:8 ; doi:10.1038/s41528-018-0021-5



Edge on silicon for hi-res CT

Mats Danielsson



Detector modelling

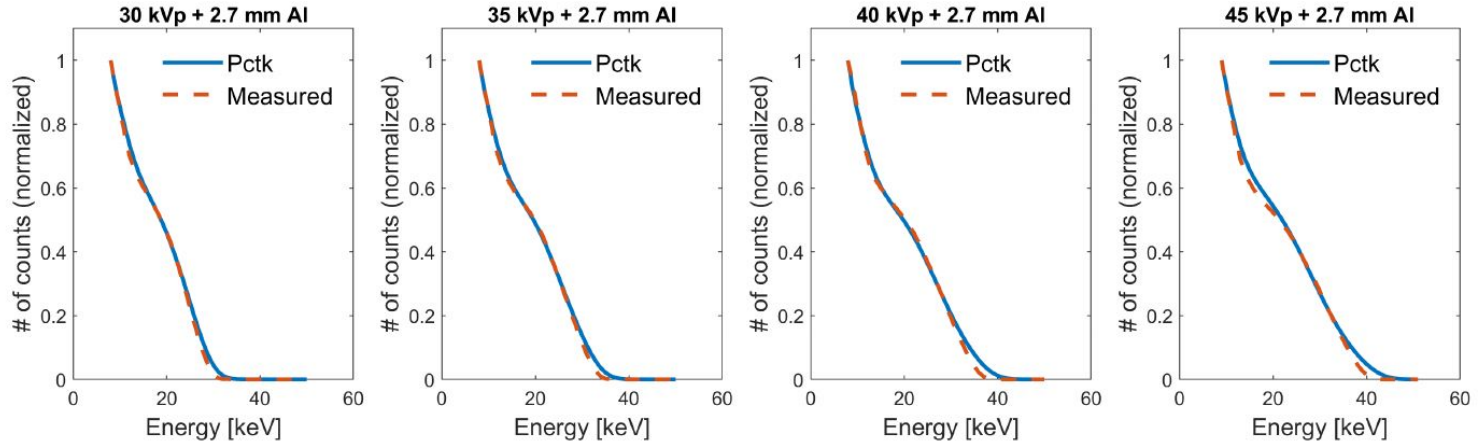


Figure: Comparisons between simulated and measured spectra with incident tungsten target X-ray spectra.

<https://pctk.jhu.edu/>

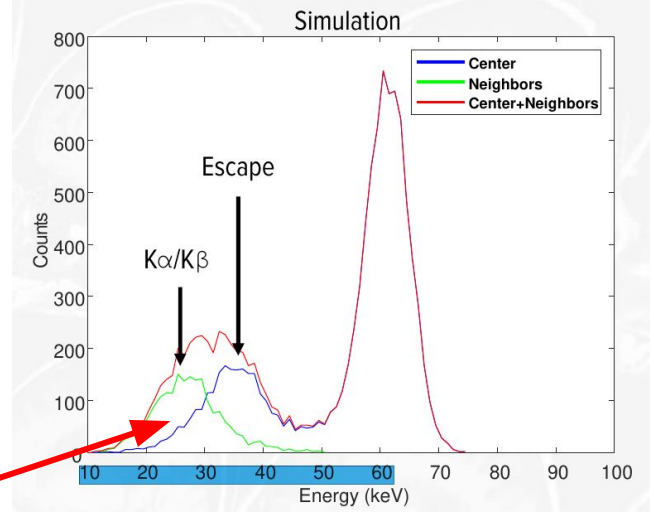
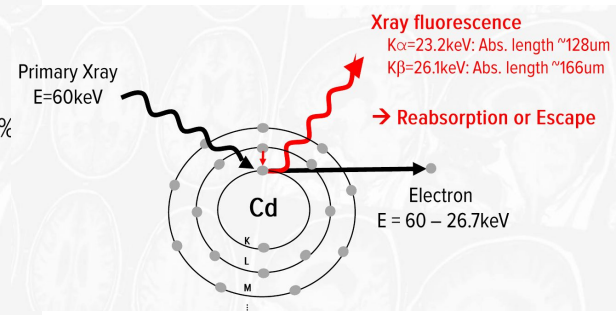
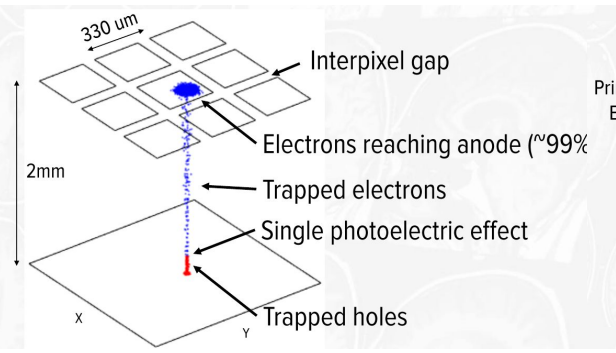


Added GaAs to Matlab modelling toolkit for photon counting

Bahaa Ghamraoi



Detector modelling



Lots of fluorescence into neighbours @ 330um (see later discussion in ASICS)



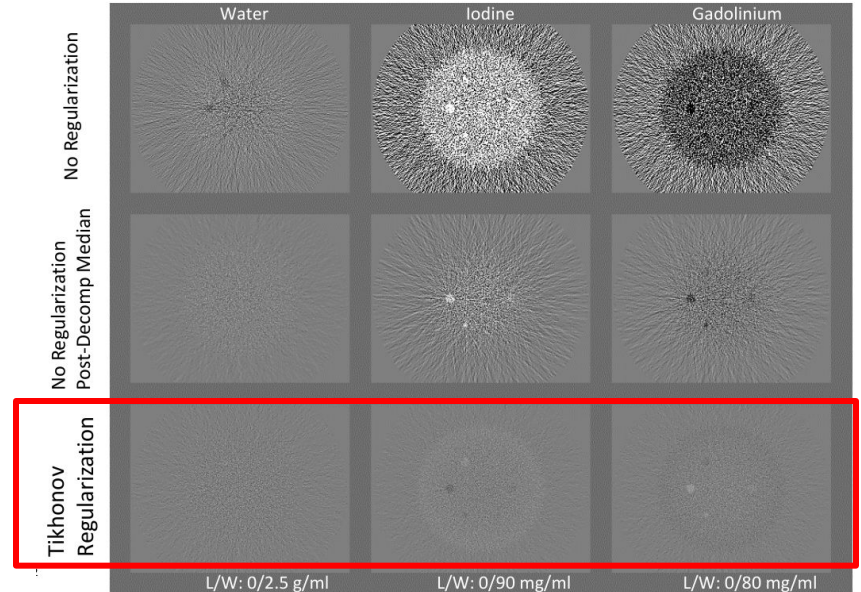
Intrinsic spatial resolution of CZT, Redlen

Xavier Defay



Simulation and reconstruction of

- Polynomial approximation (Alvarez & Macovski, 1976) of or its inverse (Lehmann et al., 1981)
- Maximum-likelihood (Roessl & Proksa, 2007)
- Penalized-likelihood decomposition (Brendel et al., 2016) using a Huber regularization on difference in neighbors
- Regularized weighted-least squares (Abascal et al., 2018) and different regularization terms (Huber, quadratic, ...)



Improving the ill-posed material identification problem

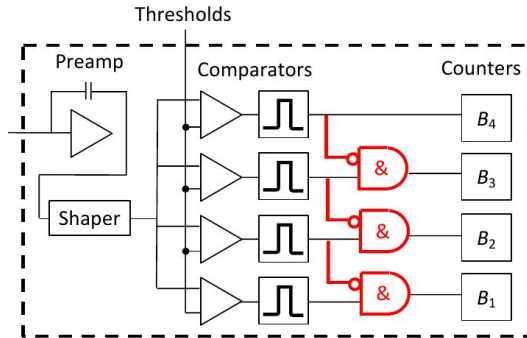
Klaus Erhard



Simulation and reconstruction of

Current technology is like '90s dial-up

Broadband is the future



Idea #1: Direct binning to reduce pileup

Idea #2: Retrigger-driven secondary counters for pileup

Idea #3: Coincidence counting for charge sharing



Ideas for photon processing for the next generation ASICs

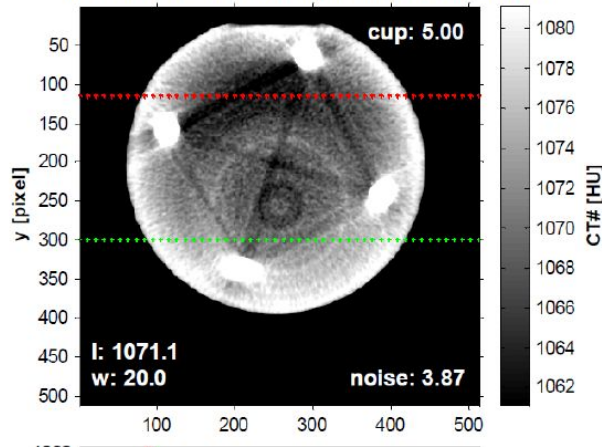
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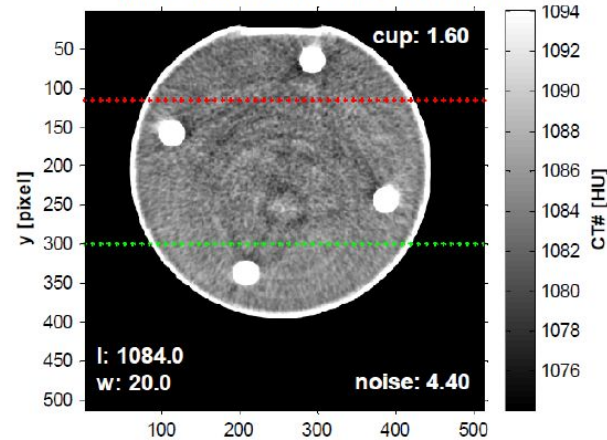
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One person's noise, is another person's signal

New correction technique
without Scatter and with BH correction



Full new correction technique
with Scatter and BH correction



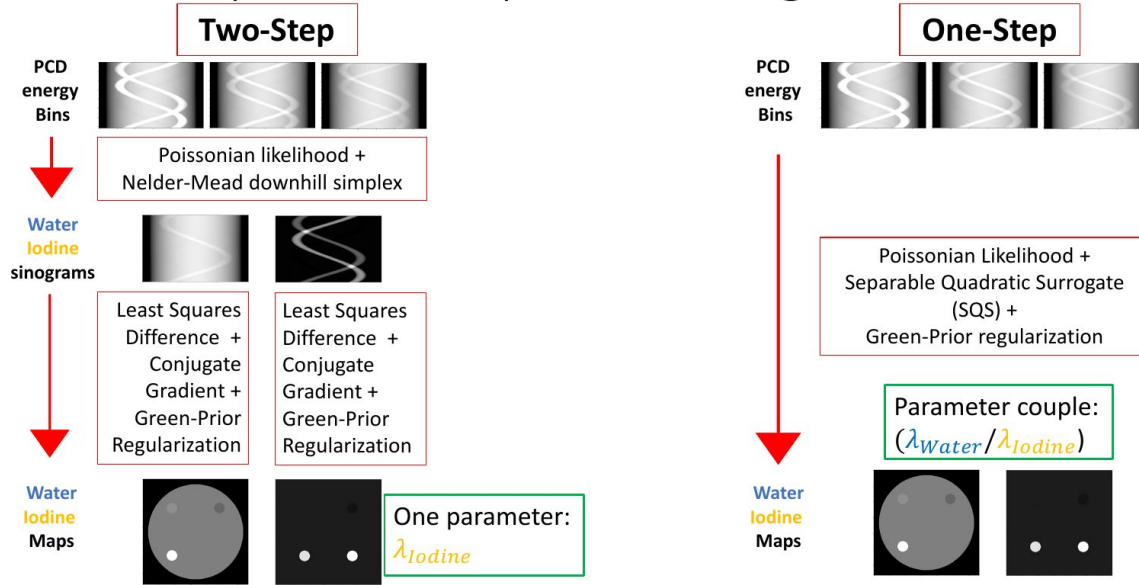
Use the better signal measurements to correct for scatter

Yoad Yagil





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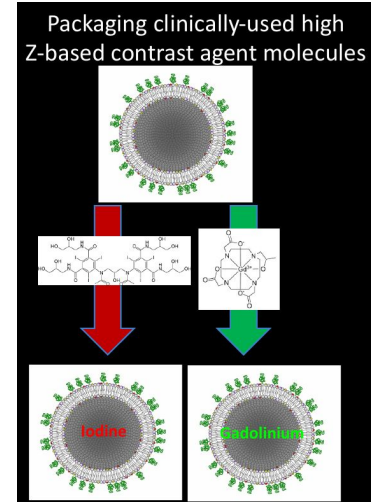
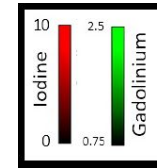
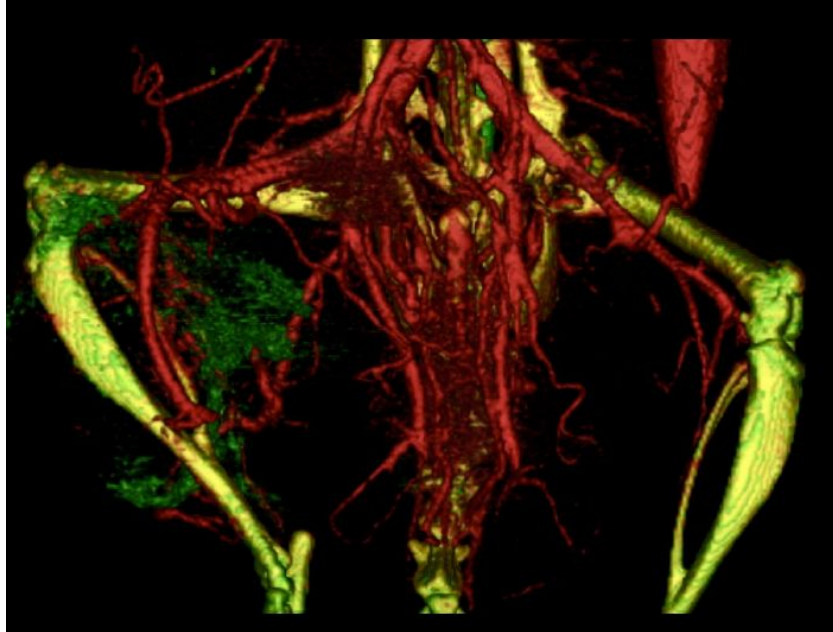


Correct physics - One step MD and spatial reconstruction

Pierre-Antoine Rodesch



Contrast agents and Molecular imaging



Badea et al. *Phys Med Biol.* 2019

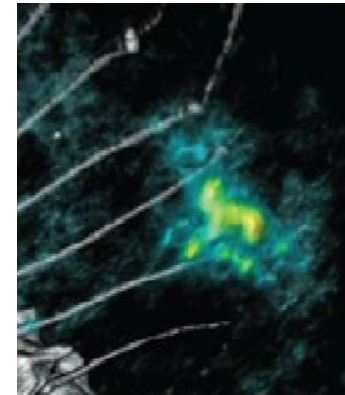
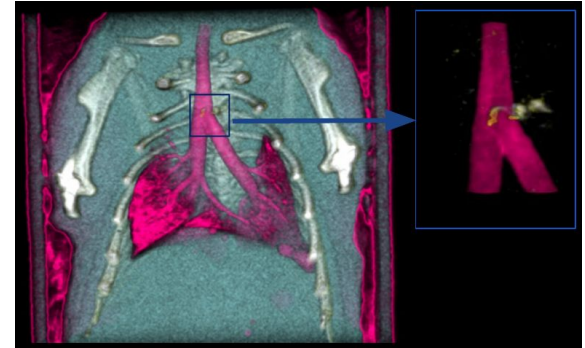
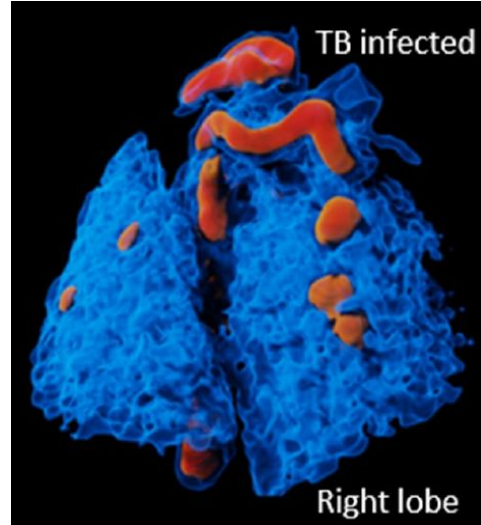
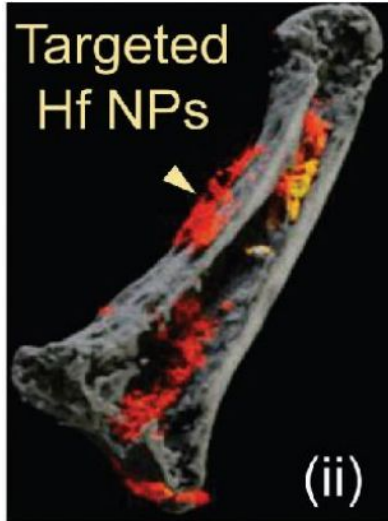
Spectral allow functional imaging of cancers (sarcoma)

Ketan Ghaghada, Bayler School of Medicine





Contrast agents and Molecular imaging



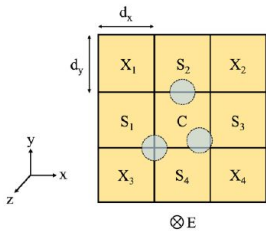
Wide range of new applications

Anthony Butler

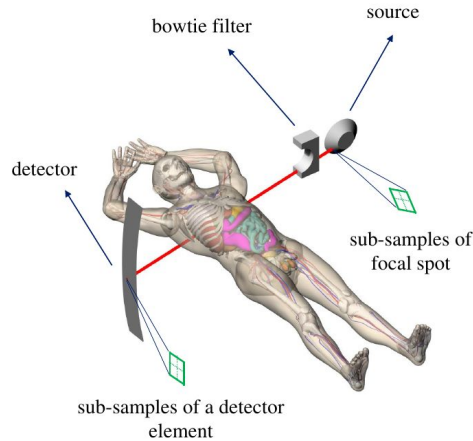
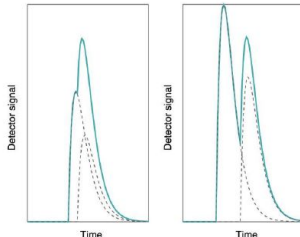


Material separation

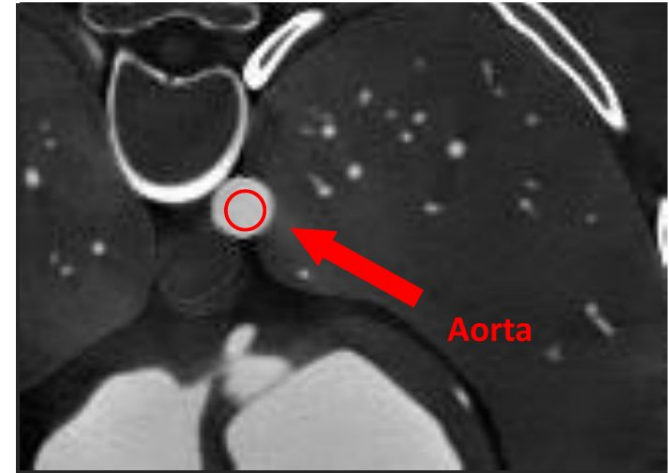
Modeling noise and charge sharing



Modeling pulse pile-up



Iodine image



Simulations of pile-up and charge sharing

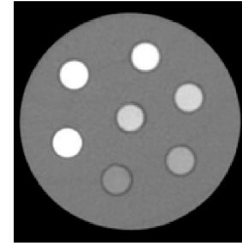
Stevan Vrbaski



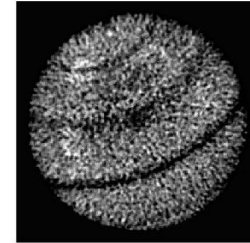
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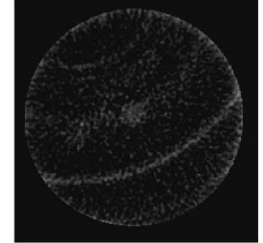
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CT-image

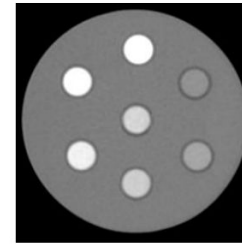


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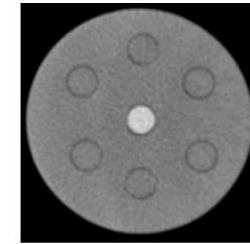


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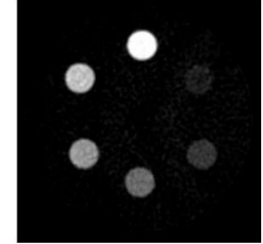
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CT-image



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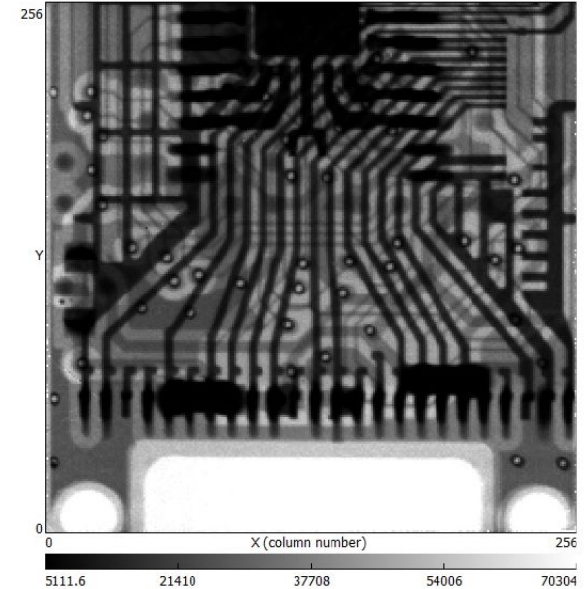
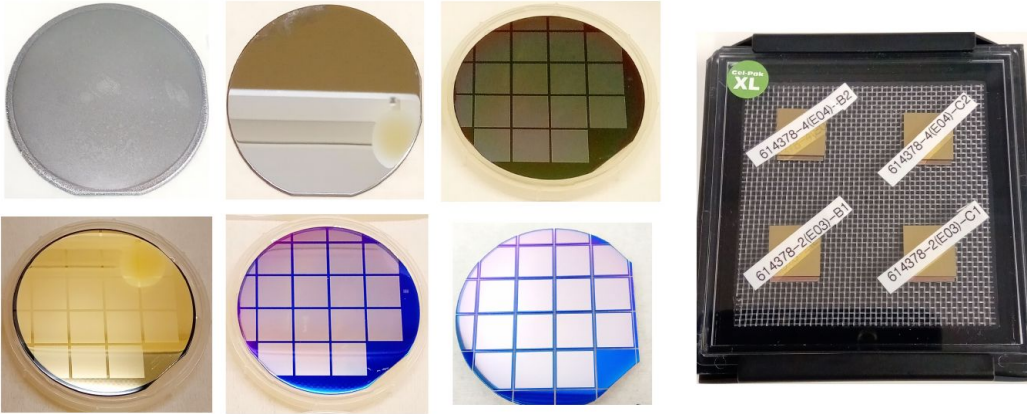
Charge sharing in 100um pixels - does it affect breast CT?

Veikko Ruth



High-Z semiconductors

Locally developed Cr compensated GaAs

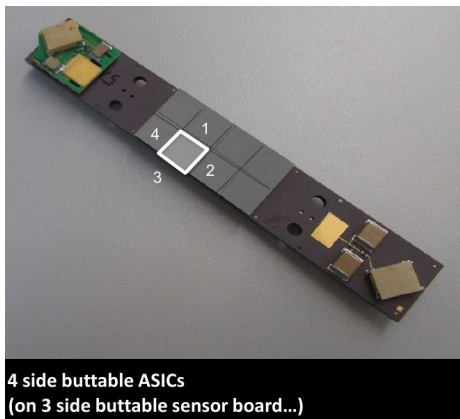
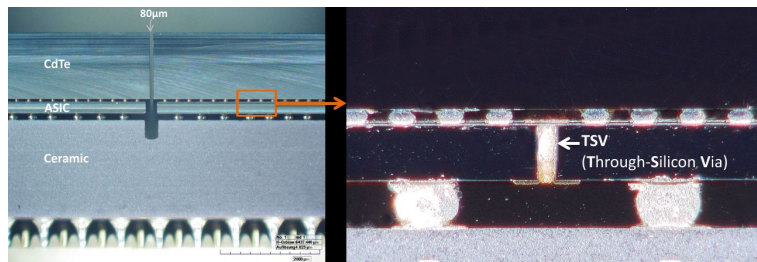


GaAs - there are many room temperature semiconductors

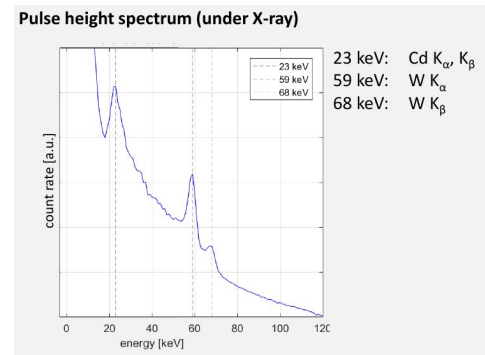
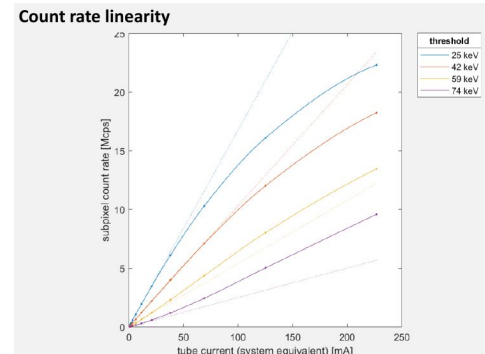
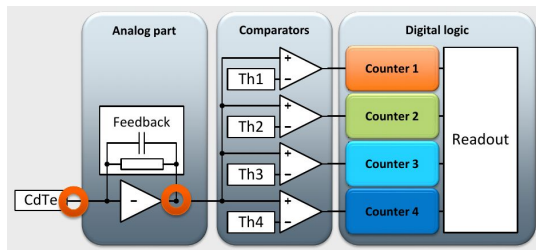
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ASICs



4 side buttable ASICs
(on 3 side buttable sensor board...)



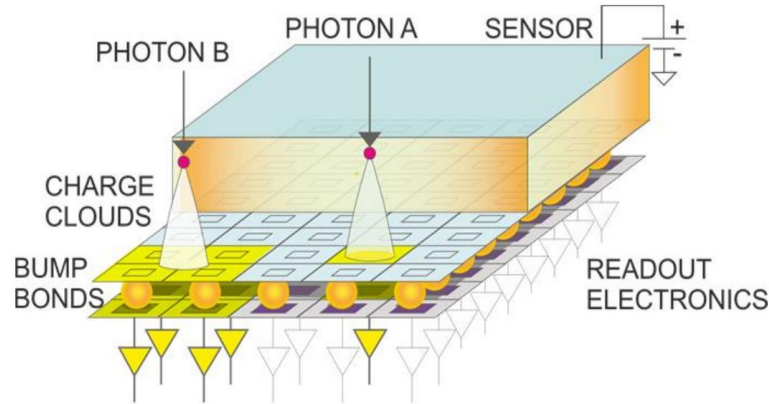
Naeotom Alpha ASIC, Siemens

Edgar Goederer



ASICs

Important problem – charge sharing



Charge sharing depends on: pixel size, detector thickness, bias voltage, etc.

Example of ASICs with charge sharing compensation:
Medipix3RX, miniVIPIC, X-Counter, PIXIE-3, Chase Jr.,

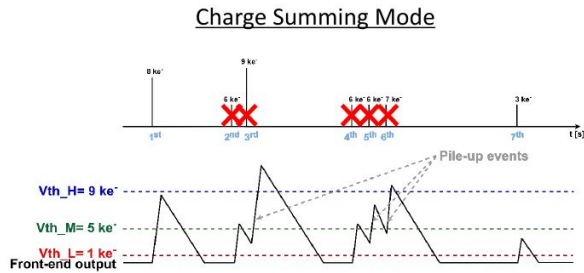


Charge sharing correction is now widely used

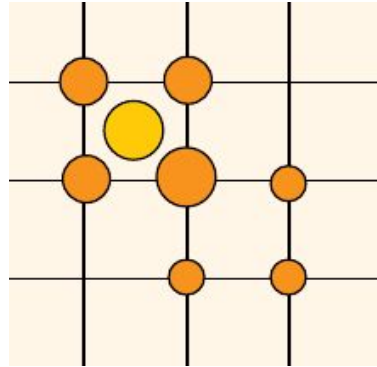
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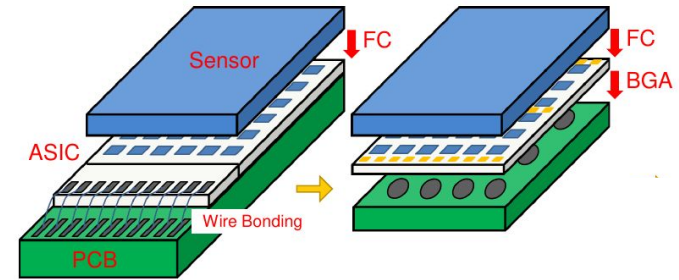
ASICs



Pile up correction



Charge sharing correction



4 Side buttable



Medipix4: High flux; High energy resolution; Extendable active area

Viros Sriskaran



Invited HEP talk

UNIVERSE AT CREATION

UNIVERSE TODAY

Chris Parkes, Antimatter Matters: LHCb



Antimatter Matters: LHCb

Chris Parkes



- Participants
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- **Conclusions**





Conclusion

2011 – would any of this work?





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2022

- *Wide acceptance of technical feasibility*
- *Wide acceptance of clinical utility across a wide range of imaging problems*
- *Likely to dominate traditional CT in the future*





Conclusion



I am convinced, that institutions like CERN play an important role for continuous innovations in medical imaging. Communities like the Medipix Collaboration and the SpecXray Workshop are essential instruments of our society, connecting and affirming researchers in academia and industry during the maturation and commercialization processes of disruptive detector technologies for medicine.

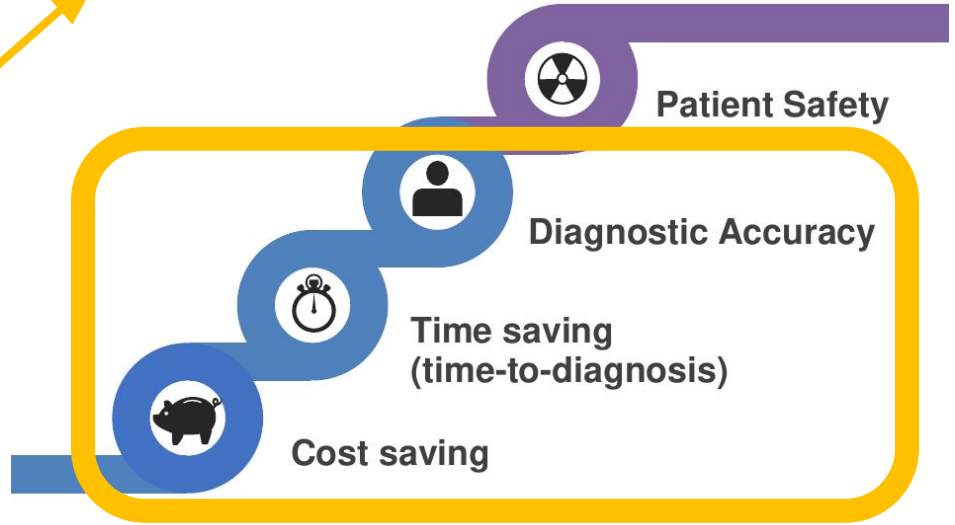
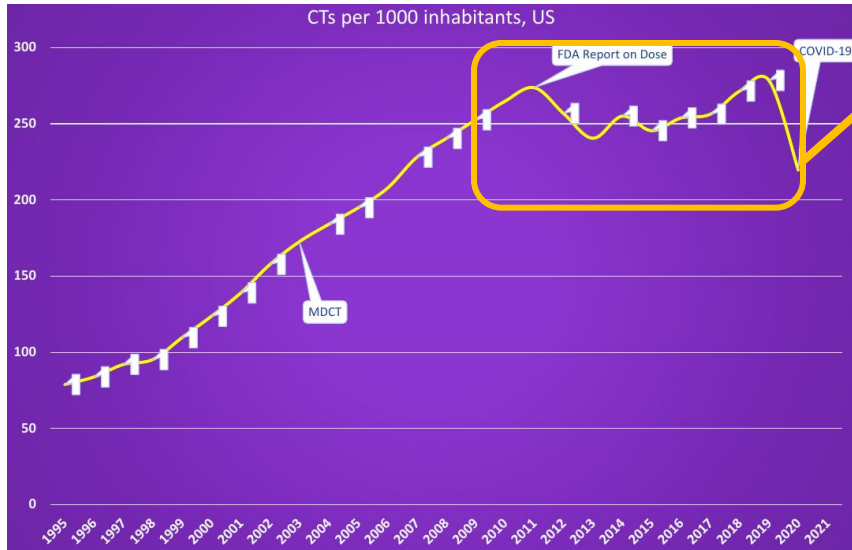
Stephan Kappler, Scientific committee





Conclusion

The problems to address



How do we make a better future for our patients?



See you again in 2 years !!

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