

# Clinical Application of Imaging: An Overview

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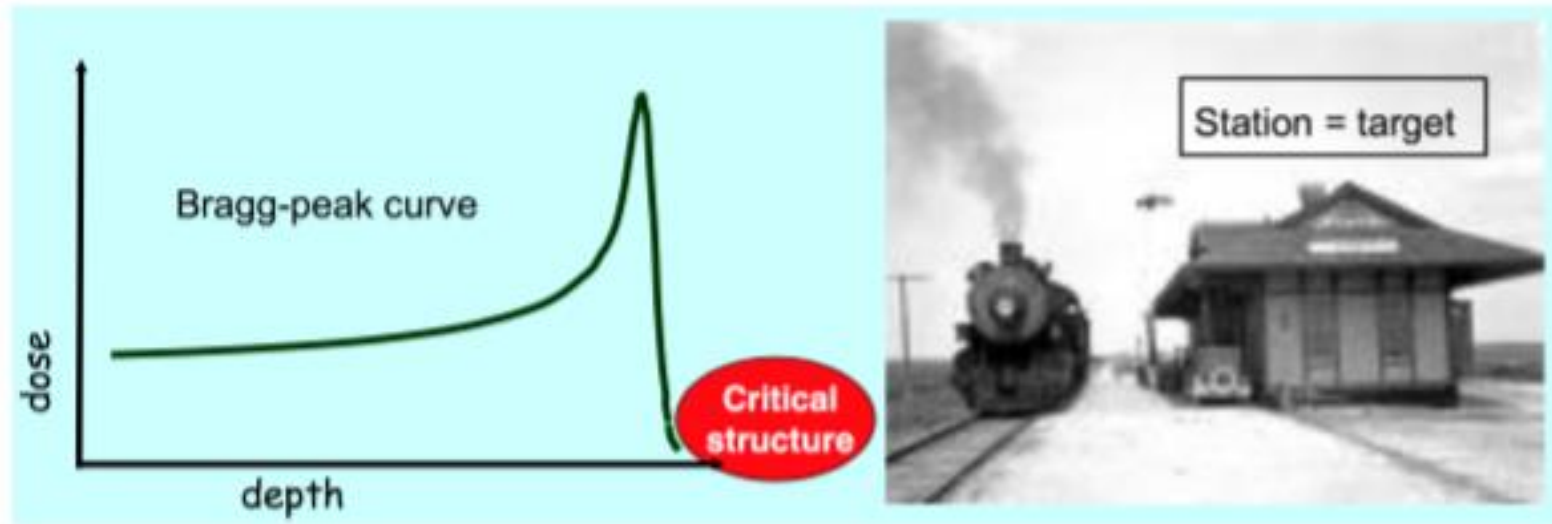
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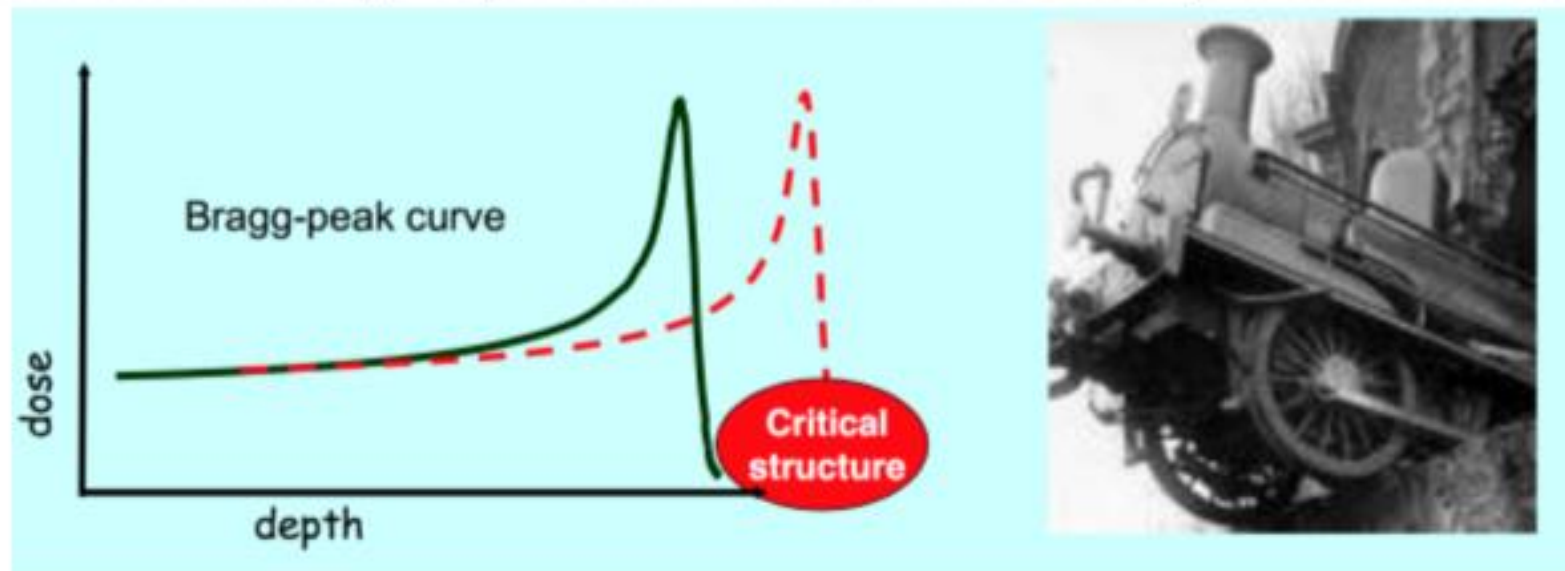
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The advantage of protons is that they stop.



The disadvantage of protons is that we don't always know where...





## ION STOPPING POWERS AND CT NUMBERS

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## Comprehensive analysis of proton range uncertainties related to patient stopping-power-ratio estimation using the stoichiometric calibration

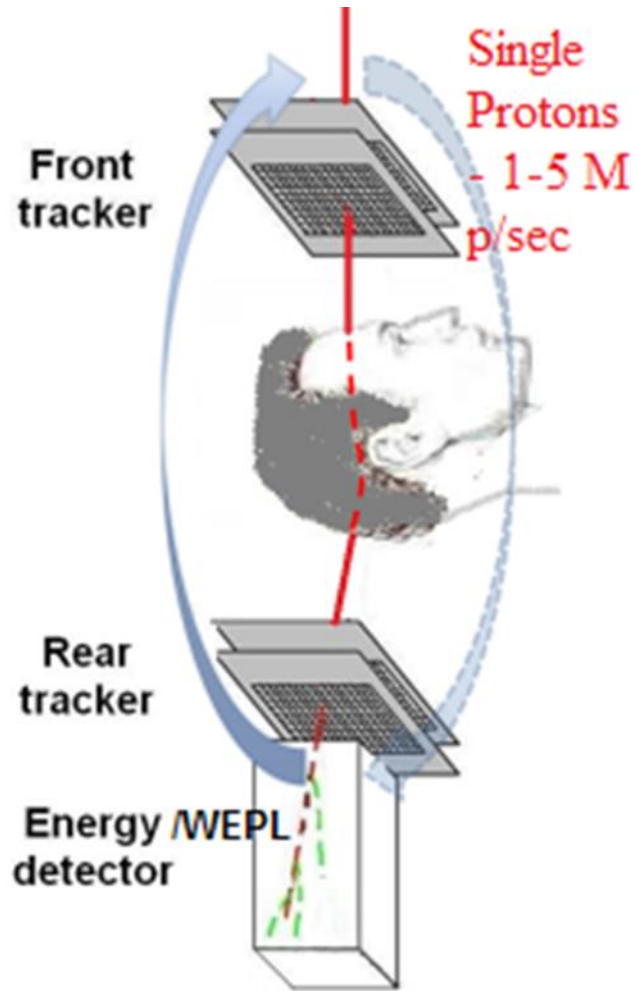
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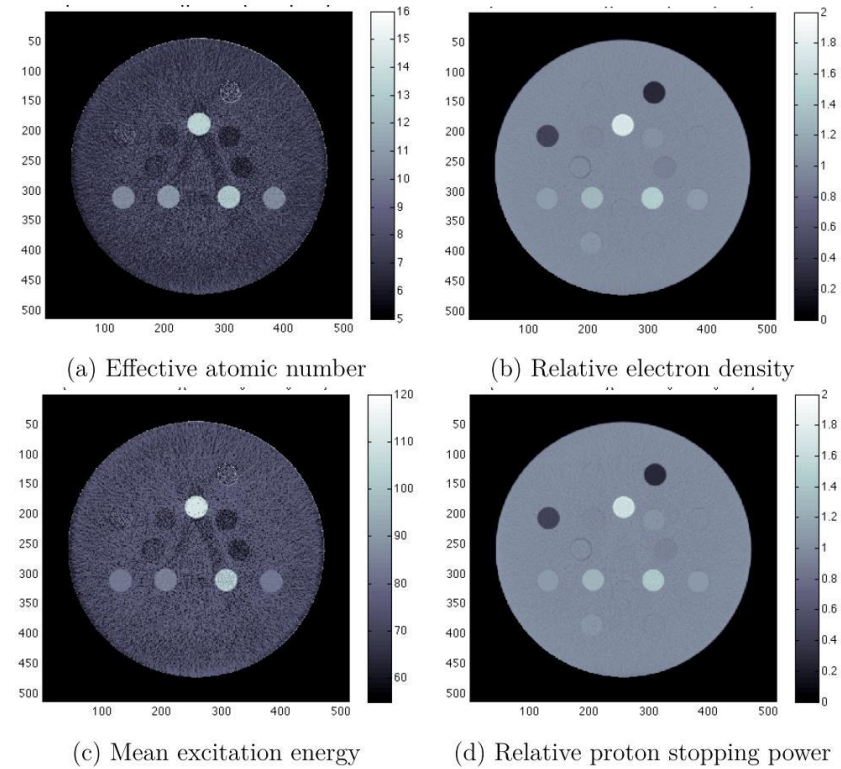
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# Proton CT (pCT)

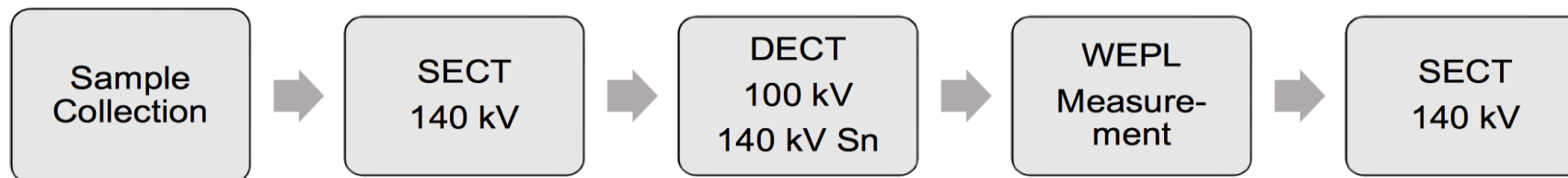


# Dual Energy CT (DECT)

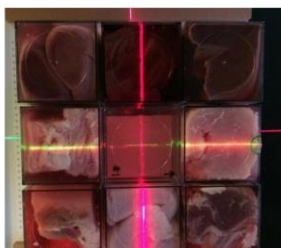


- More information – greater accuracy
- Reduction in CT artifacts

# Validate DECT determined SPR with tissue substitutes and animal tissue samples – Esther Bär



Animal tissues



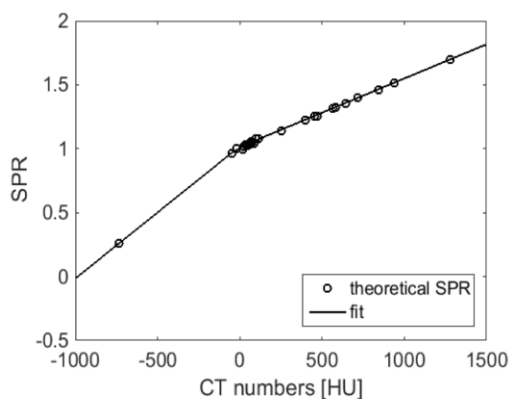
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Dose extinction

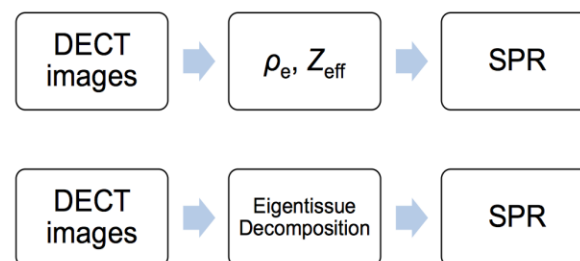
Check for tissue movement and deformation

**SECT**



- Stoichiometric calibration, Schneider *et al.* (1996)

**DECT**



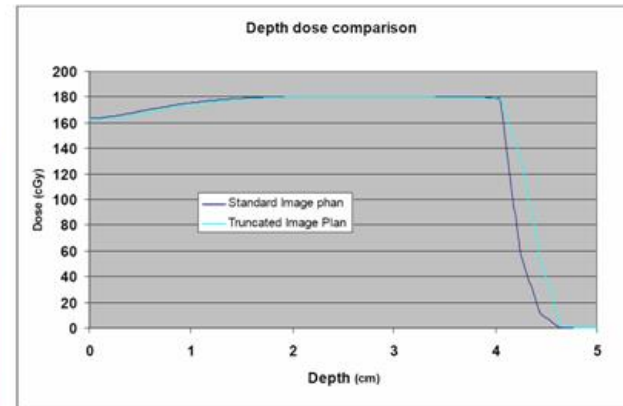
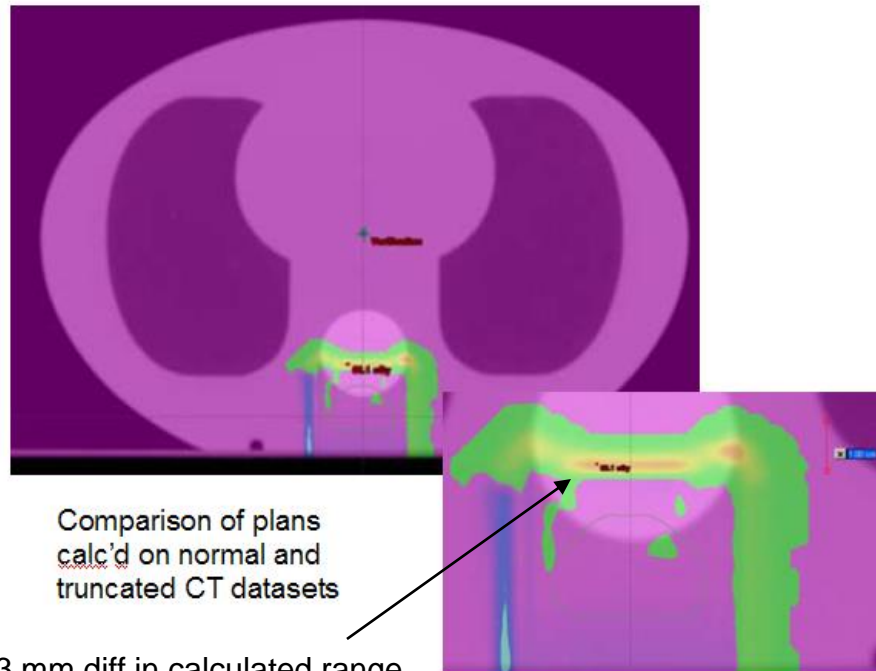
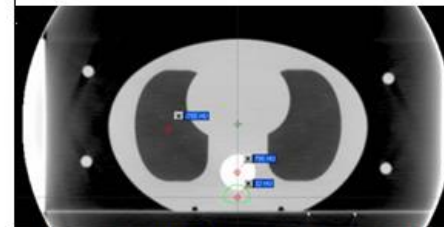
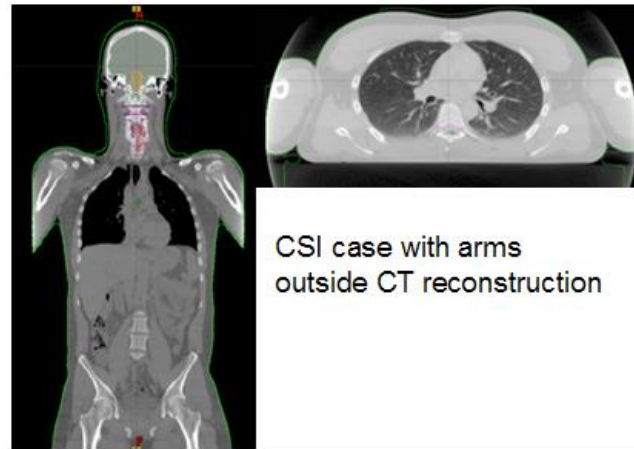
- Bourque *et al.* (2014)
- Lalonde and Bouchard 2016

## Discussion

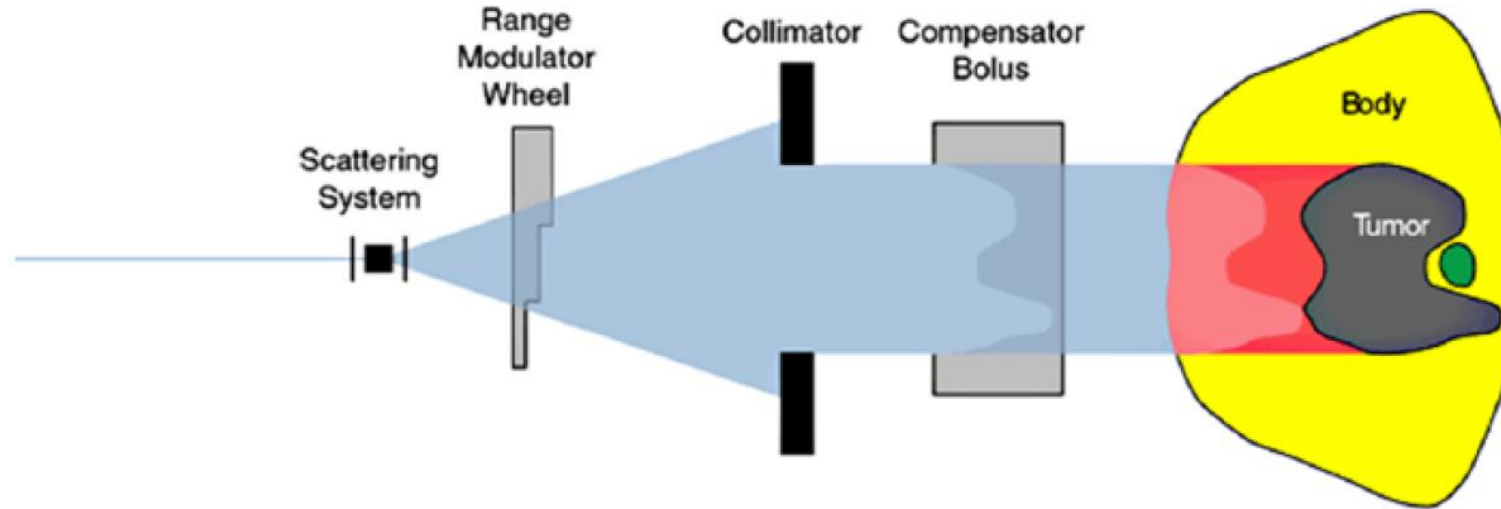
- Successfully validated on tissue substitutes
- We show an improvement in WEPL estimation with DECT determined SPR values in both samples
- Our results indicate possible improvement in range prediction by the use of DECT

Bär et al (2017). The potential of dual-energy CT to reduce proton beam range uncertainties. *Med Phys*

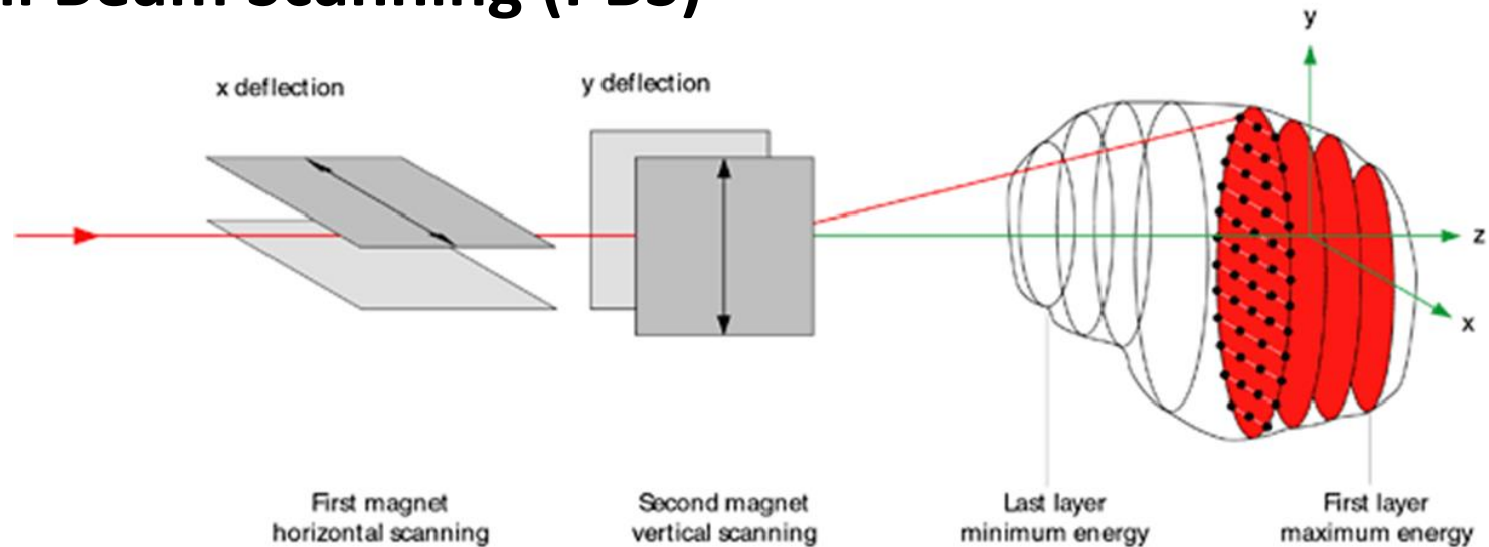
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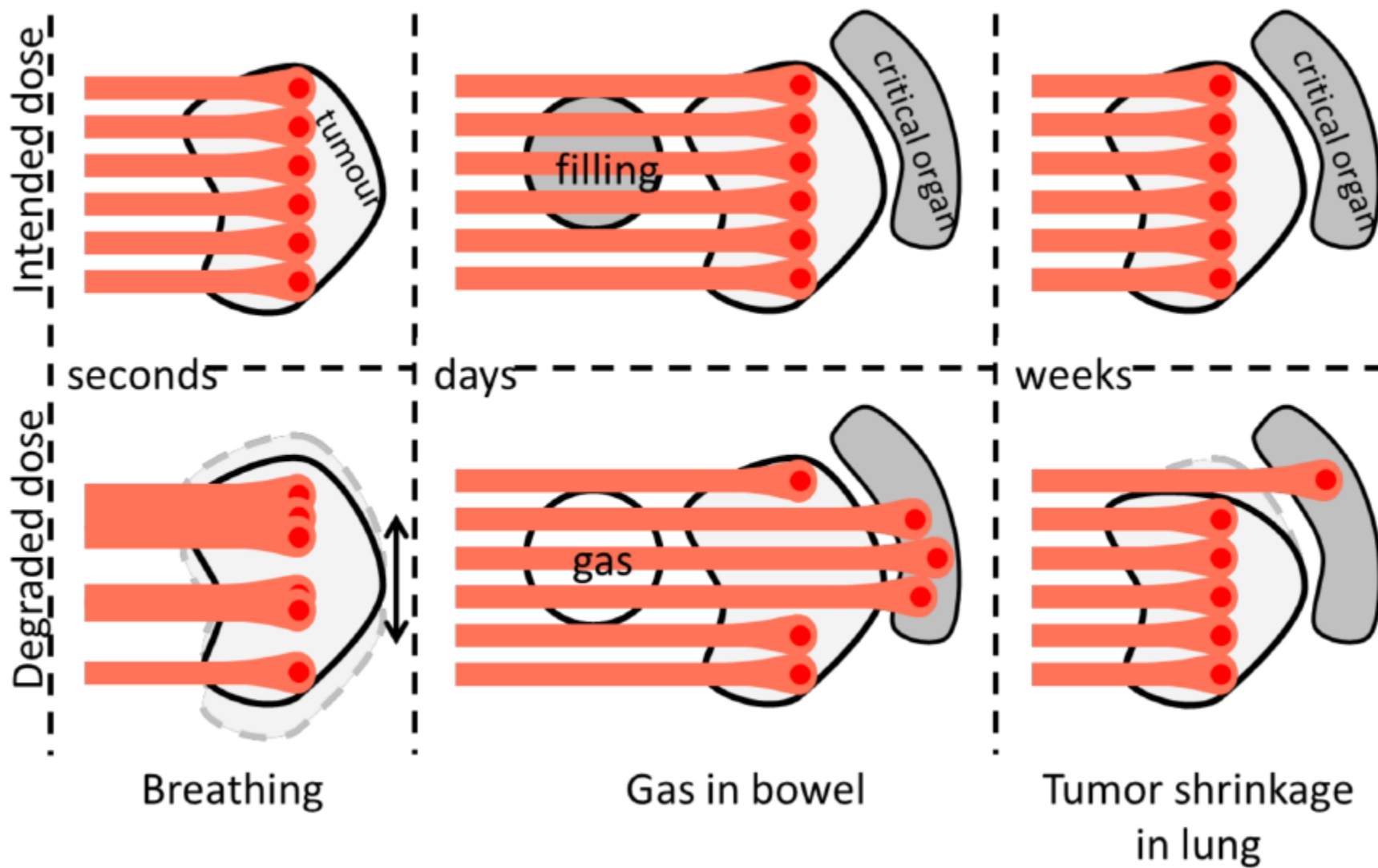
# Passive Scattering



# Pencil Beam Scanning (PBS)



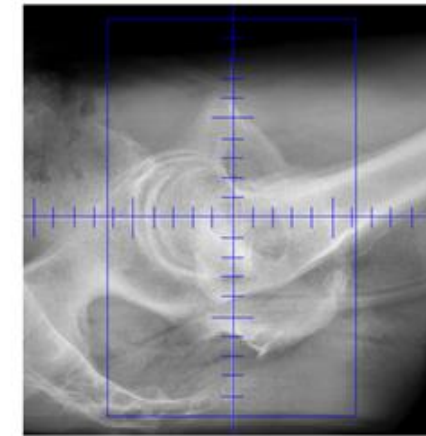
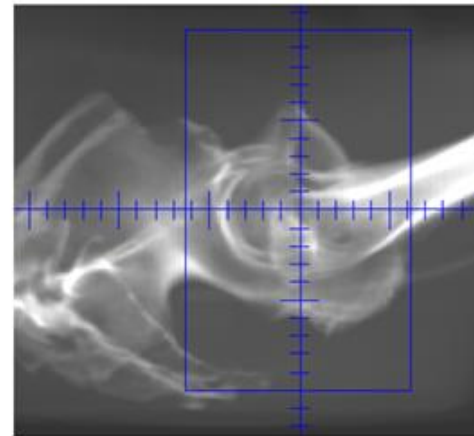
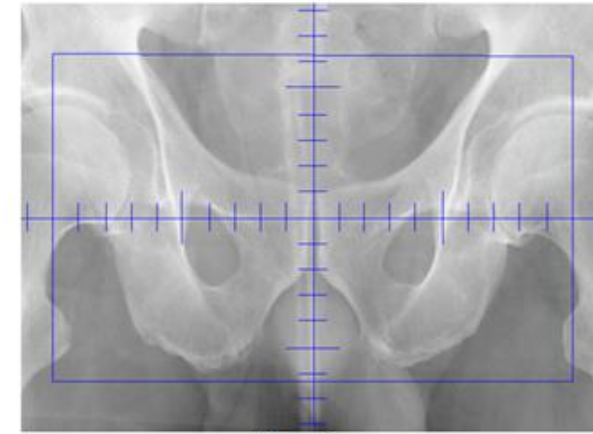
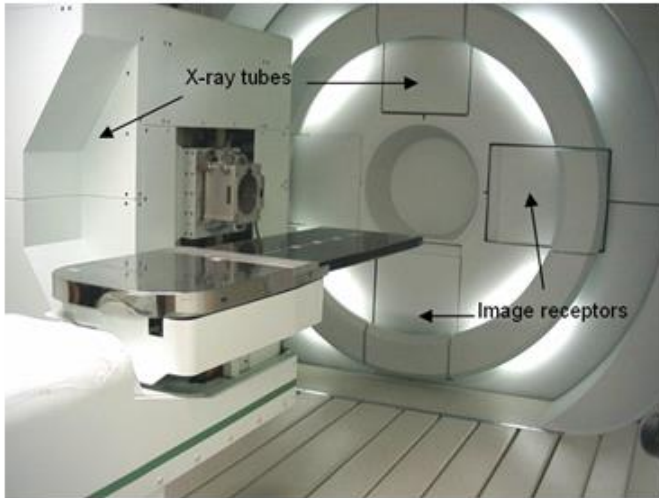
# Positional uncertainty and anatomical variation over course of treatment





# Image-guidance

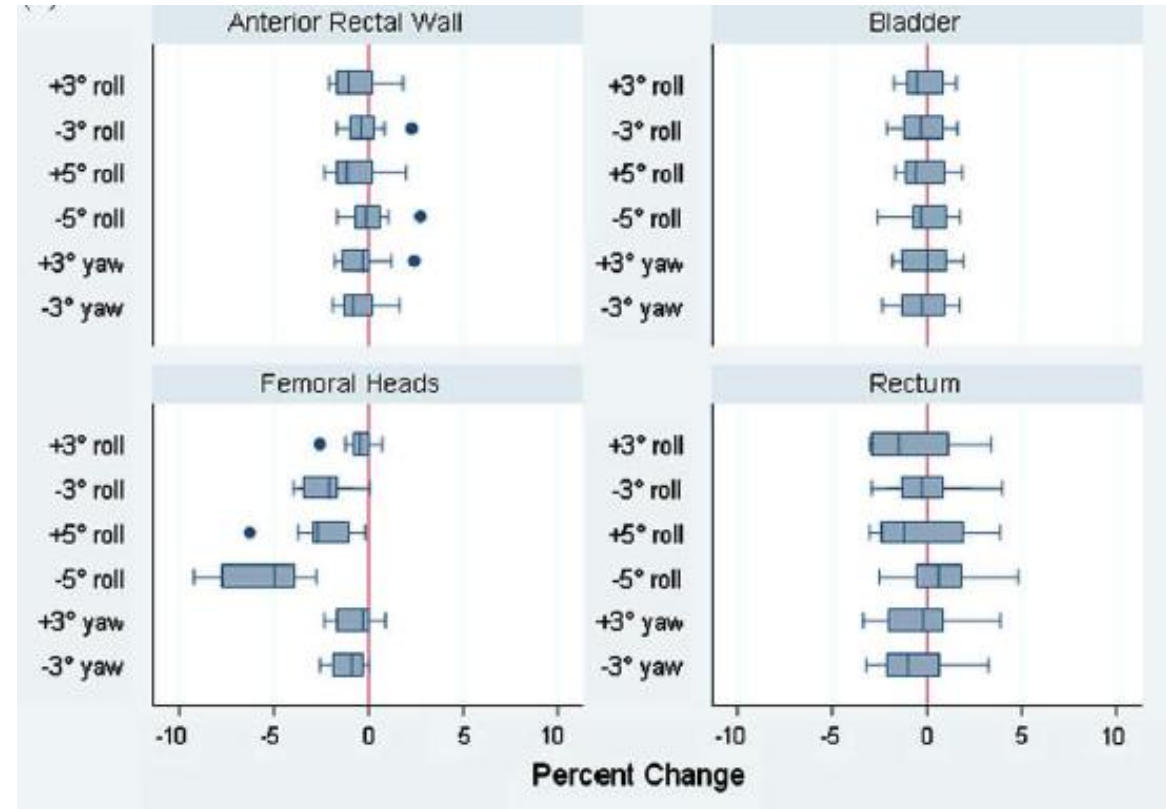
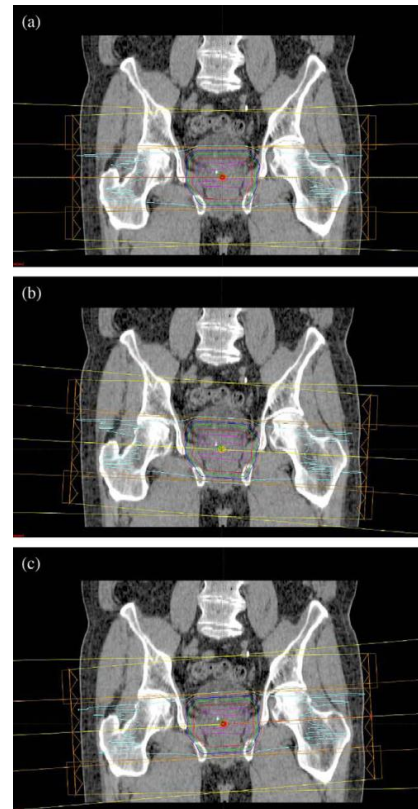
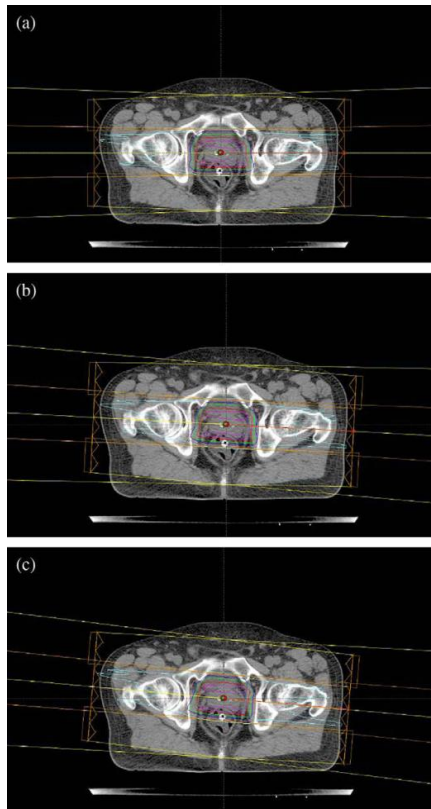
- Daily orthogonal kV x-rays taken to align anatomy with reference DRR's using 2-D matching



# DOSIMETRIC CHANGES RESULTING FROM PATIENT ROTATIONAL SETUP ERRORS IN PROTON THERAPY PROSTATE PLANS

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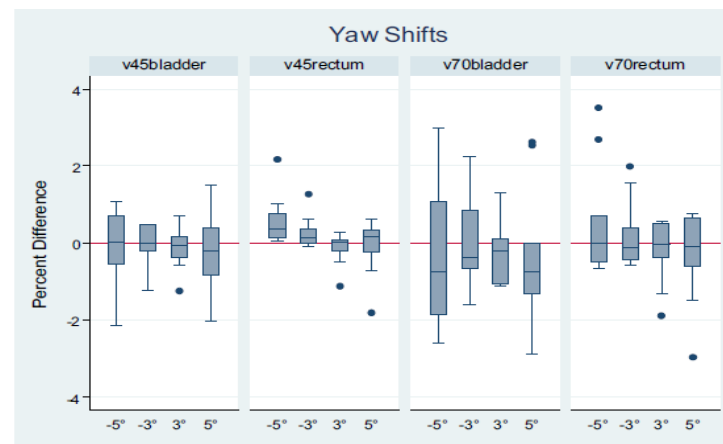
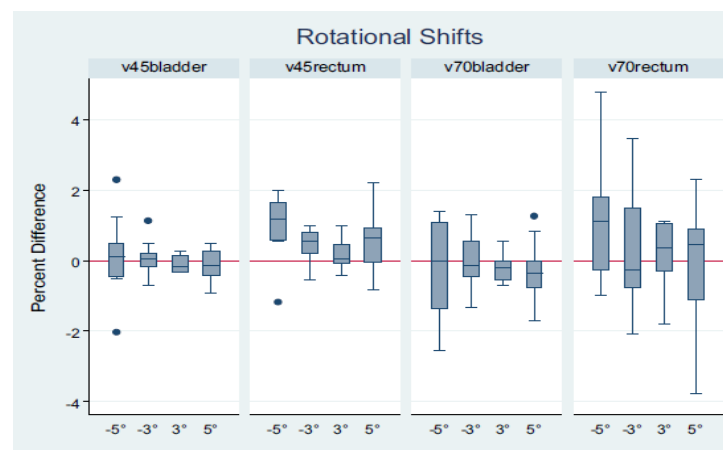
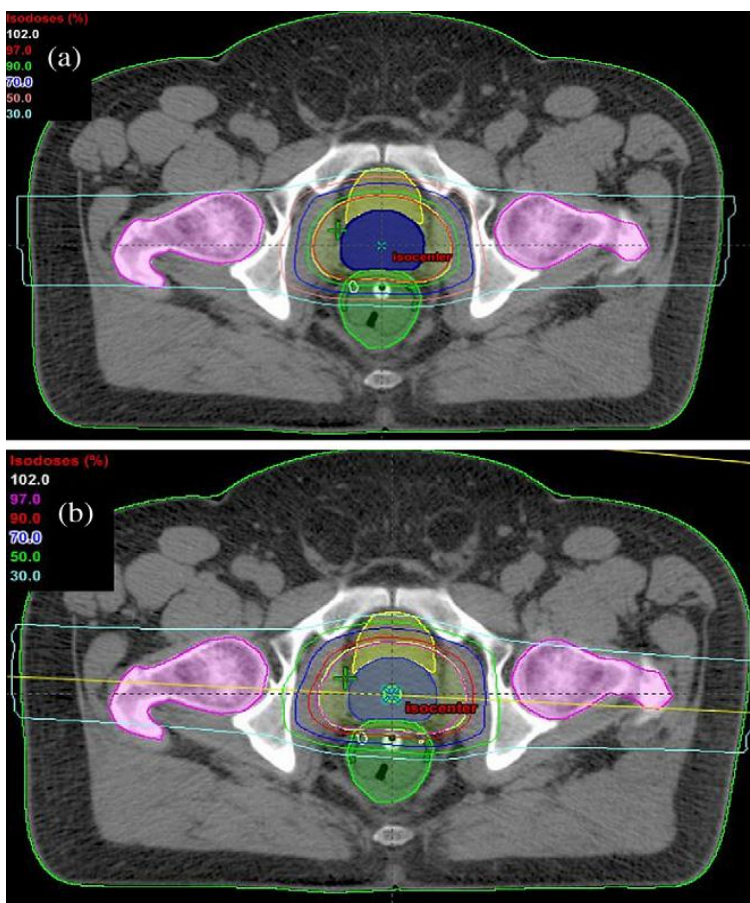
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# SPOT SCANNING PROTON BEAM THERAPY FOR PROSTATE CANCER: TREATMENT PLANNING TECHNIQUE AND ANALYSIS OF CONSEQUENCES OF ROTATIONAL AND TRANSLATIONAL ALIGNMENT ERRORS

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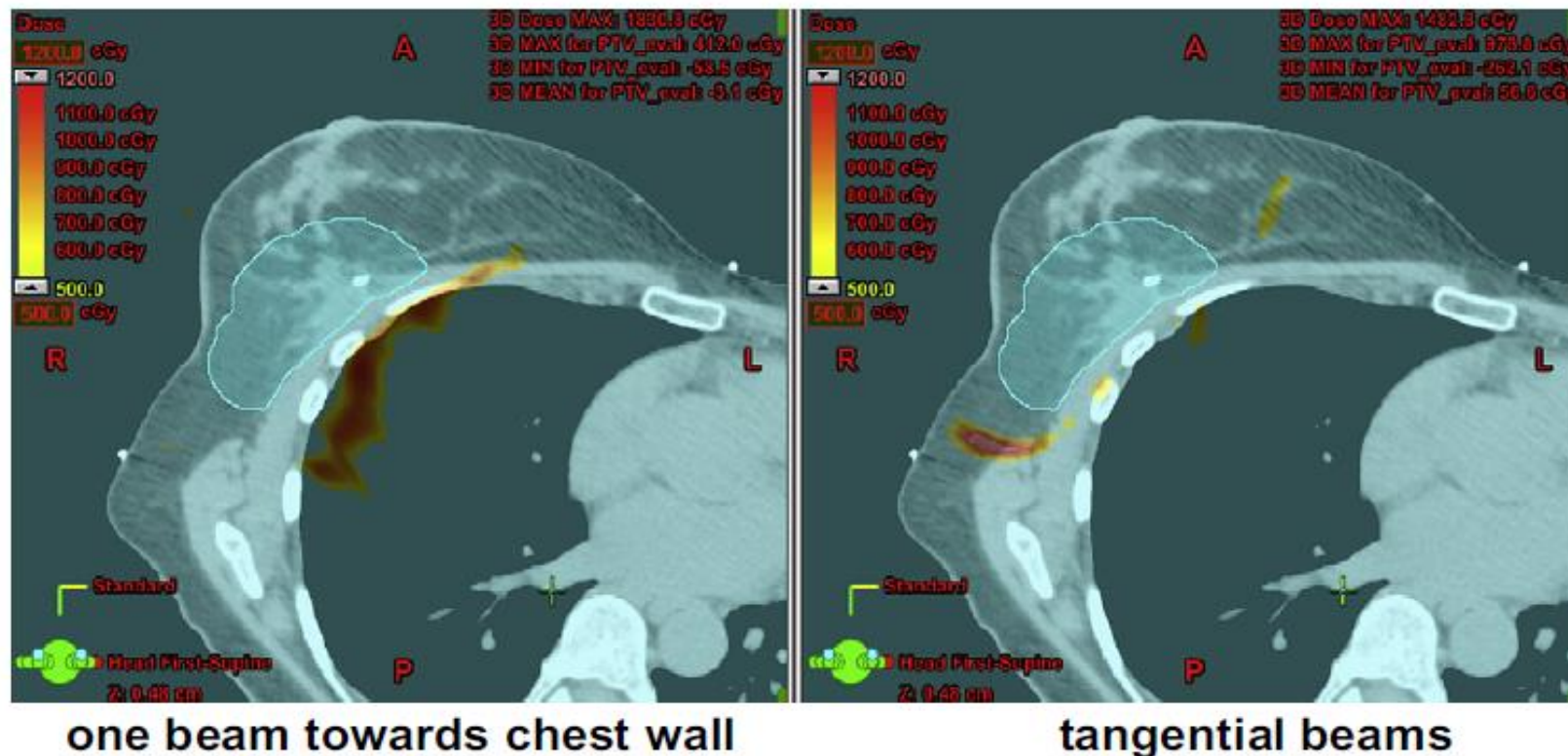
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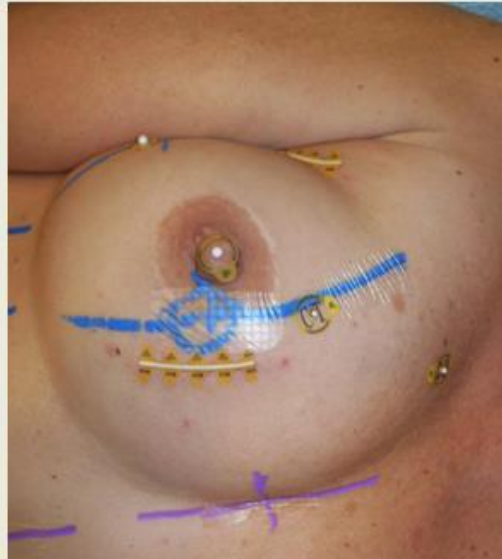
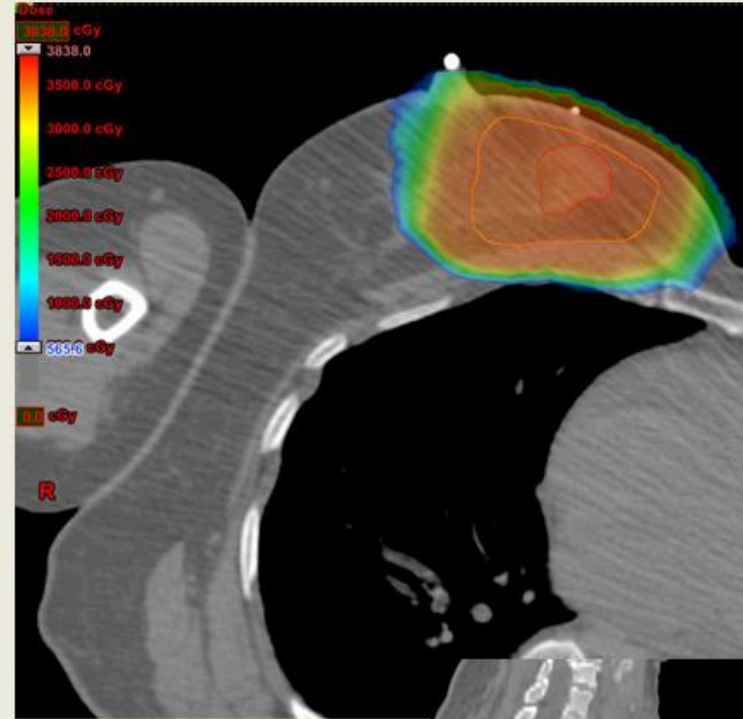
## EXTERNAL-BEAM ACCELERATED PARTIAL BREAST IRRADIATION USING MULTIPLE PROTON BEAM CONFIGURATIONS

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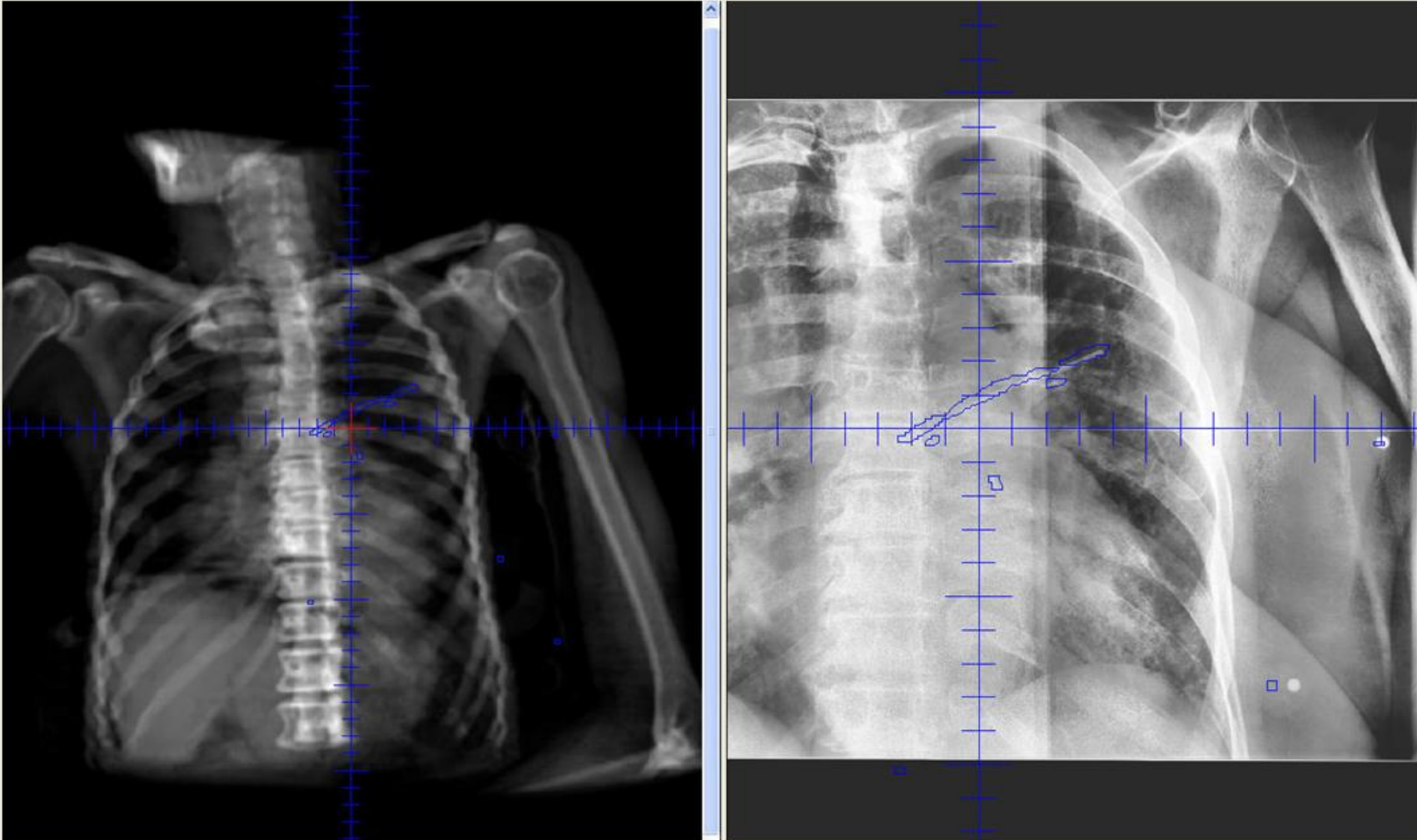
# Patient 3



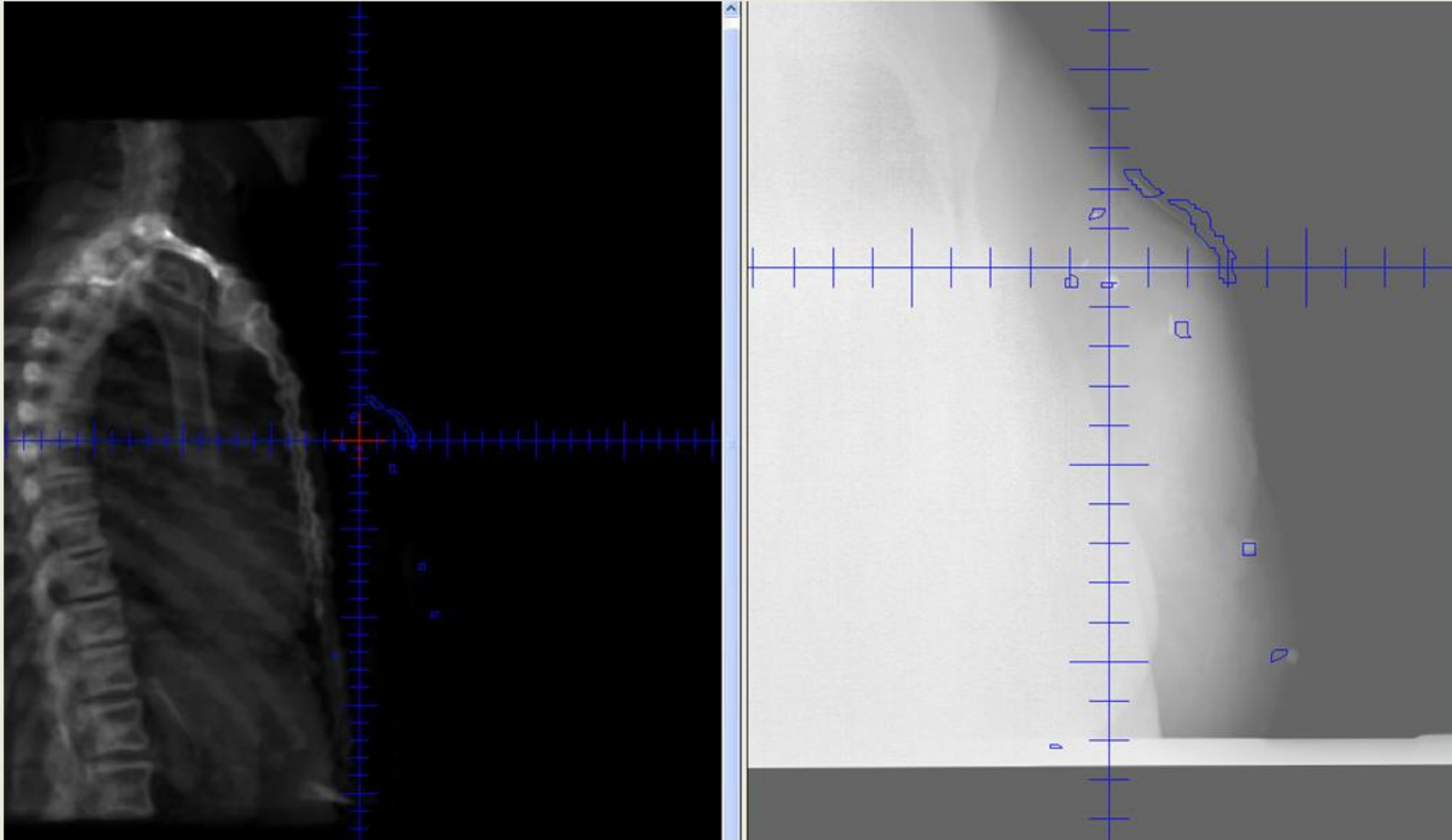
2 LAO fields



# Image guidance: Patient 2



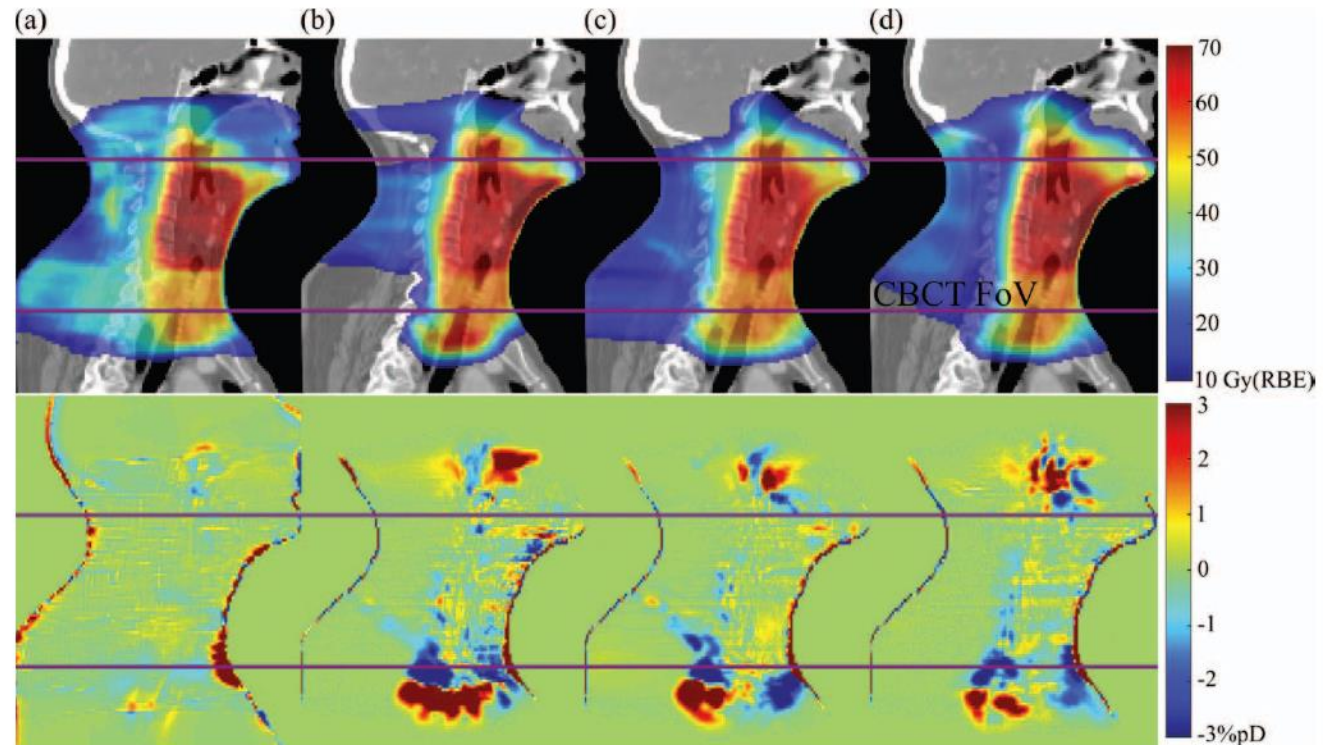
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# Cone-Beam Computed Tomography and Deformable Registration-Based “Dose of the Day” Calculations for Adaptive Proton Therapy

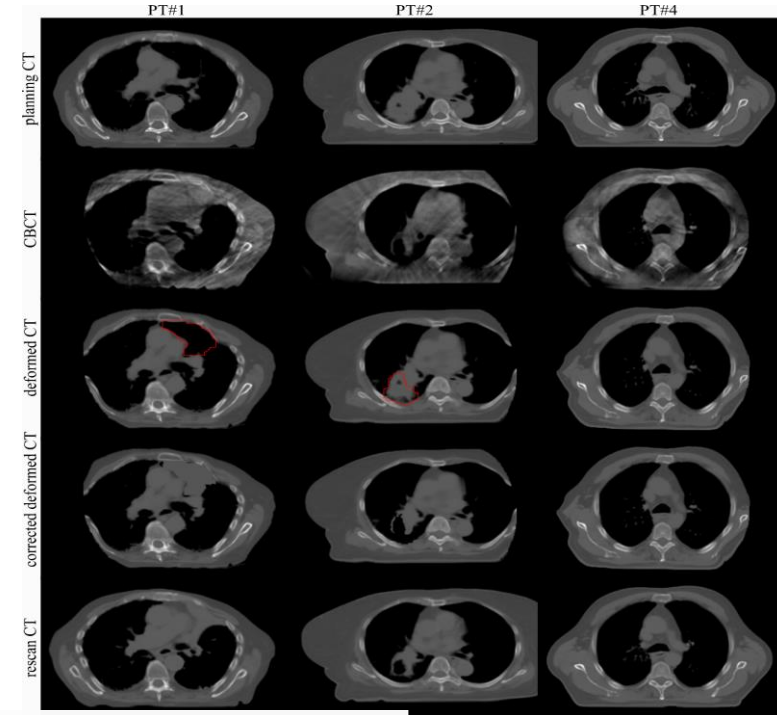
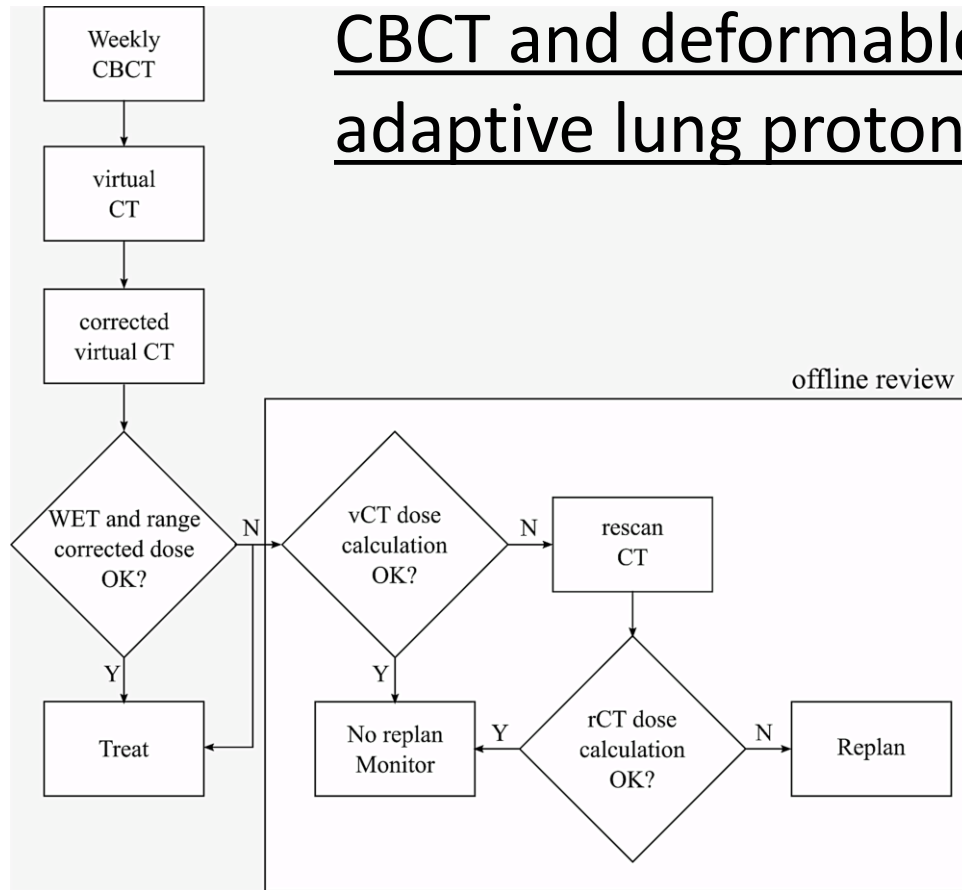
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**Figure 3.** Dose color wash overlaid on the replan CT (top row) and difference in dose between replan CT and deformed CT (bottom row) for (A) the IMRT plan, (B) the IMPT<sub>3B</sub> plan, (C) the SFUD<sub>3B</sub> plan, and (D) the IMPT<sub>5B</sub> plan for one of the patients included in this study. The horizontal purple lines indicate the length of the CBCT FoV. Abbreviations: CBCT, cone-beam computed tomography; CT, computed tomography; FoV, field of view; IMPT, intensity-modulated radiation therapy; IMRT, intensity-modulated radiation therapy; SFUD, single-field uniform dose.

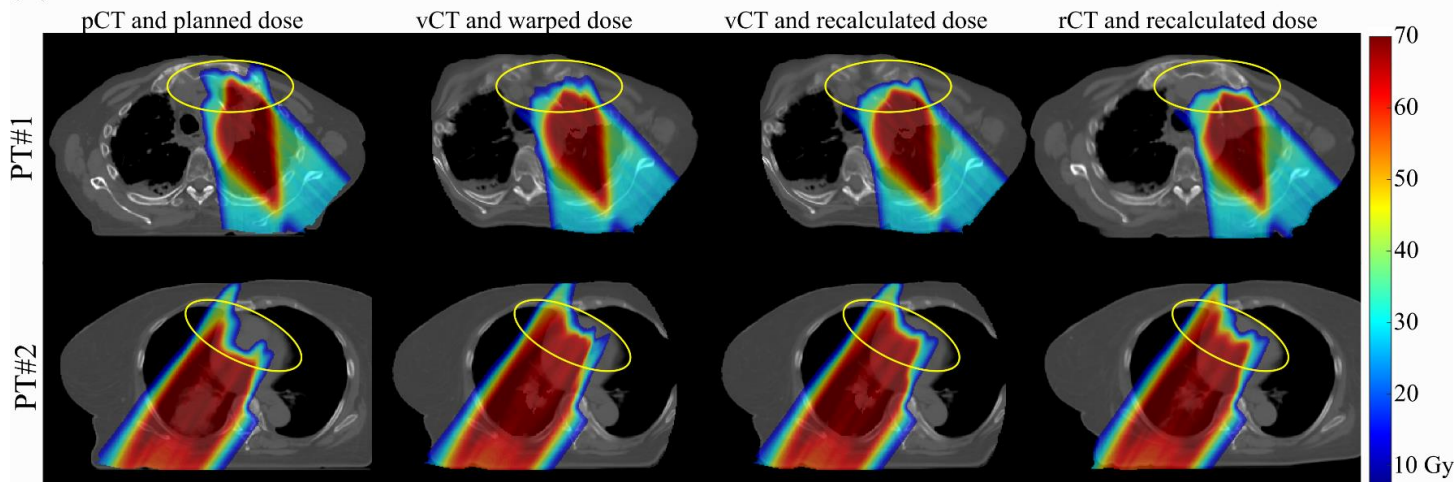




# CBCT and deformable image registration for adaptive lung proton therapy - Catarina Veiga



(A)



## Future work:

- Head and neck
- Experimental validation with prompt gamma

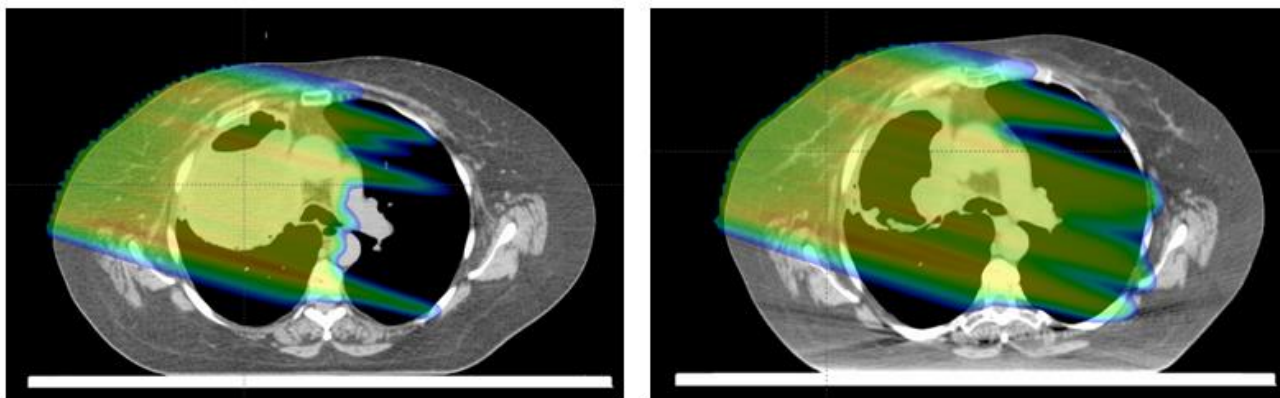


Fig.2 Comparison of dose distribution from single RAO field before and after tumor shrinkage as detected during third week of treatment. (This patient experienced the most dramatic tumor shrinkage).

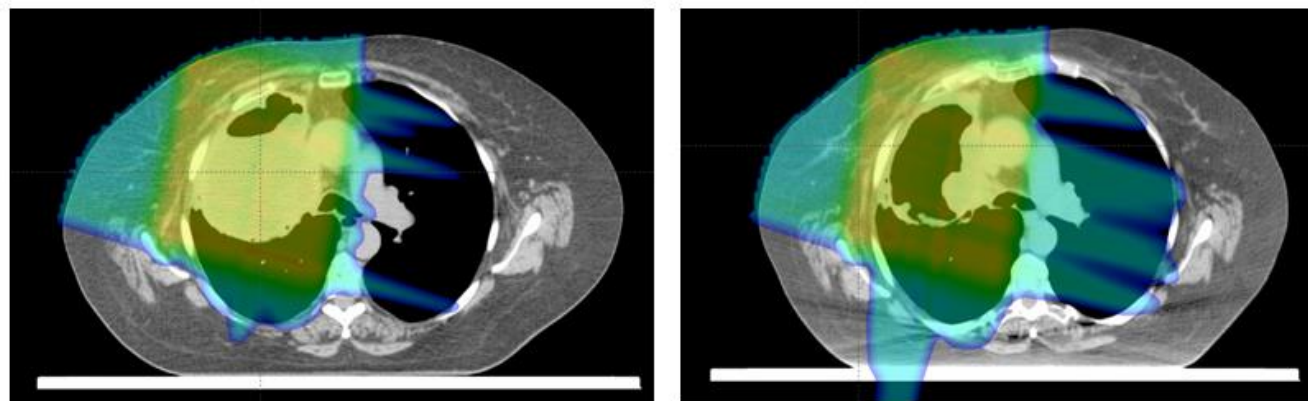
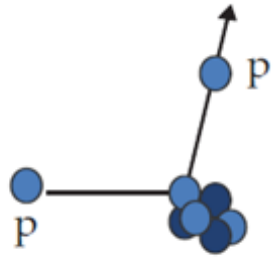


Fig.3 Comparison of total dose distribution before and after tumor shrinkage. (Same patient as Fig.2)

**Amos R, et al.** Variation in dose distribution with tumor shrinkage for proton therapy of lung cancer. Proceedings of PTCOG 46, Zibo, Shandong, China, 2007

# In-vivo verification

## Prompt gammas

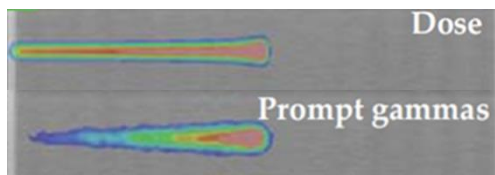


Nuclear scatter promote nuclei to excited states that decay through emission of single gamma

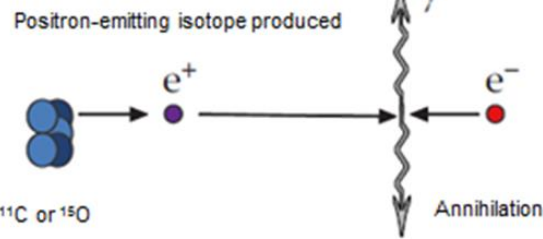
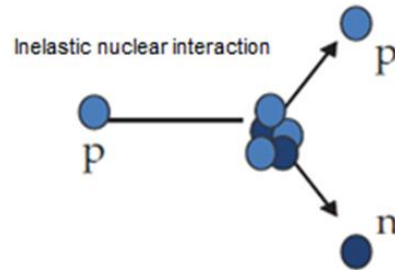


2 – 15 MeV gammas

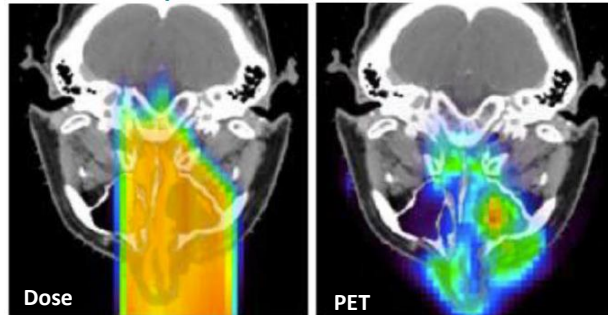
(Existing imaging systems designed for gamma energies of a few hundred keV)



## Positron-annihilation gammas



511 keV gammas



## MRI



0 1 2 3cm

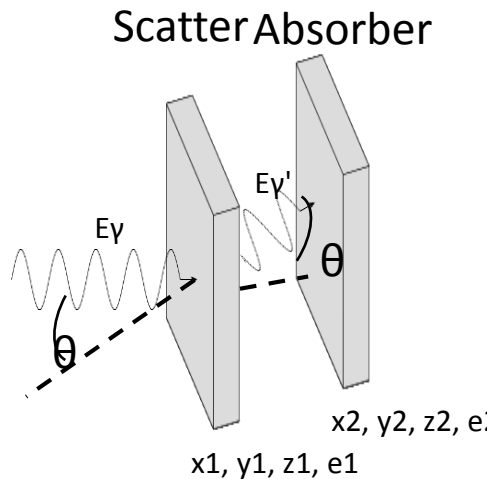
Pt. 5, 50.4 Gy (RBE)

# Prompt gamma imaging for proton range verification during PBT

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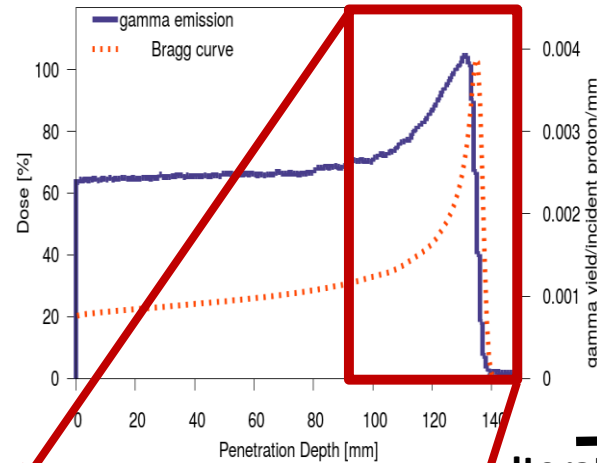
## A Compton Camera for prompt gamma imaging



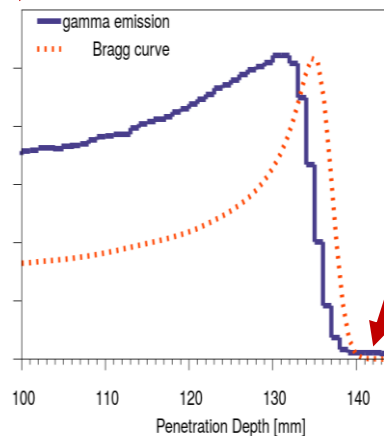
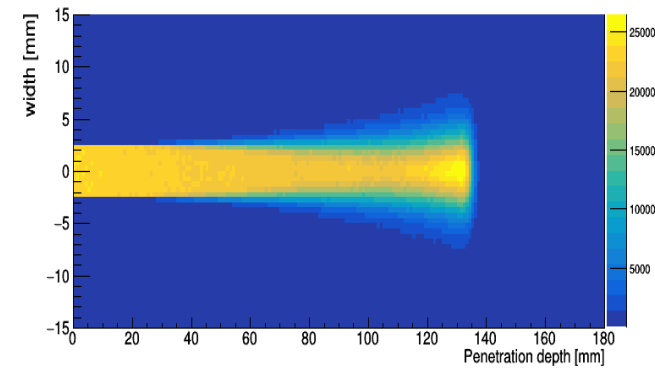
### Collaboration:

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 University of Liverpool  
 The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre  
 The Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust

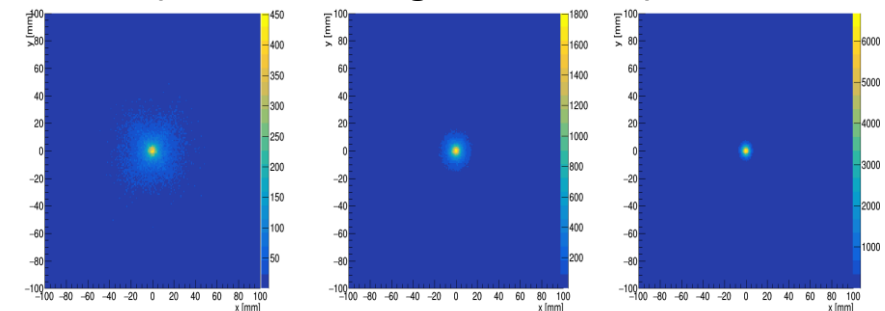
## Geant4 simulations of prompt gamma emission



1D and 2D prompt gamma emission from 150 MeV proton beam irradiating a plastic phantom



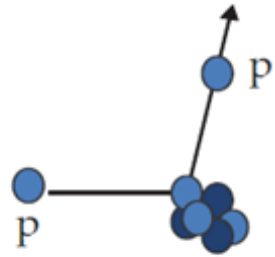
## Iterative image reconstruction algorithms for Compton cameras (Stochastic Origin Ensemble)



Before iterations After 10 iterations After 100 iterations

# In-vivo verification

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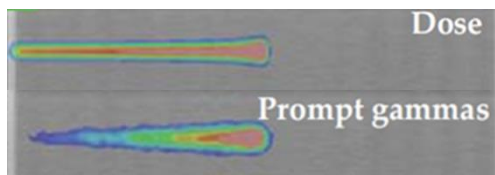


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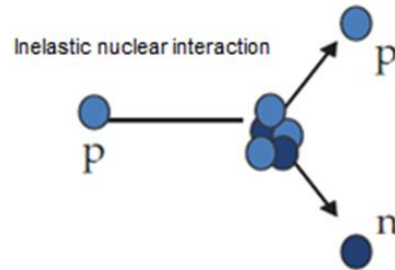


2 – 15 MeV gammas

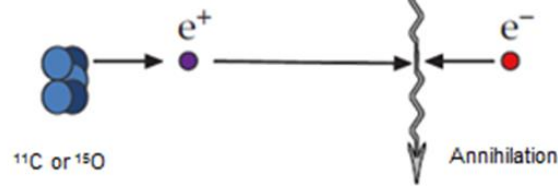
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## Positron-annihilation gammas



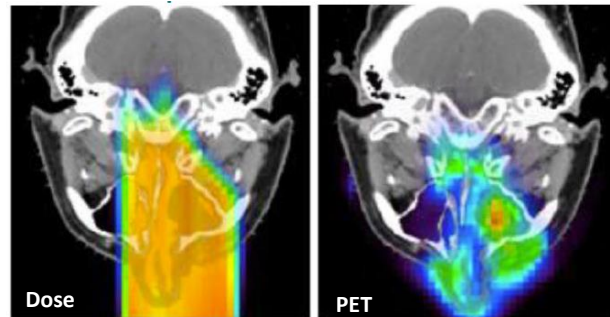
Positron-emitting isotope produced



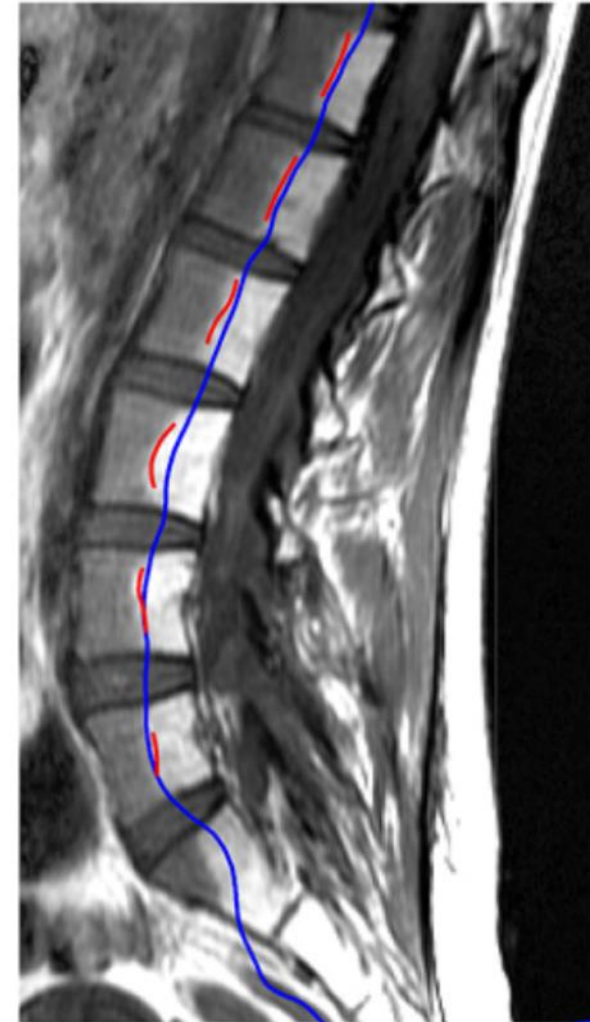
$^{11}\text{C}$  or  $^{15}\text{O}$

Annihilation

511 keV gammas



## MRI

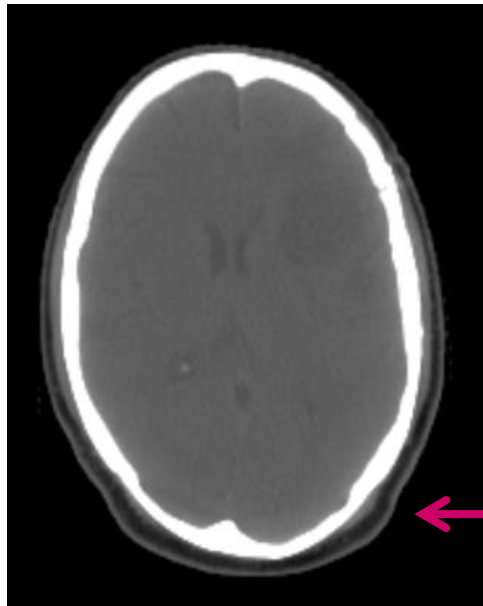


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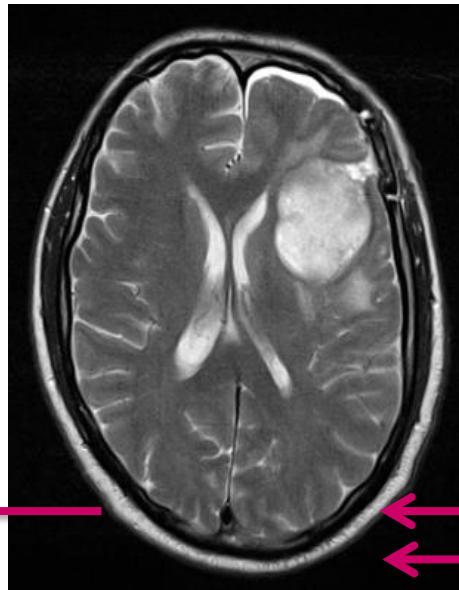
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# MR image registration for radiotherapy applications

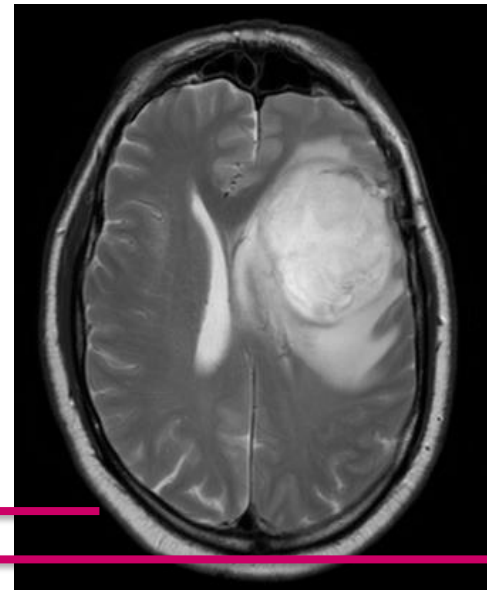
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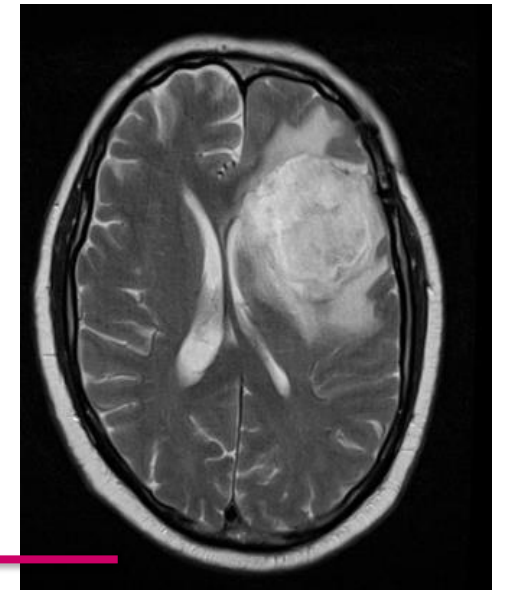
Planning MR



Mid-treatment MR



Follow-up MR



T2-weighted

Rigid/  
Deformable

Deformable



# Summary

## Improve range uncertainty

- Dual-energy CT (DECT)
- Proton radiography/pCT

## In vivo range verification

- Prompt gamma imaging
- In-room PET

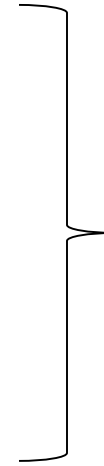
## Volumetric image-guidance system

- Cone-beam CT (CBCT)

## MRI

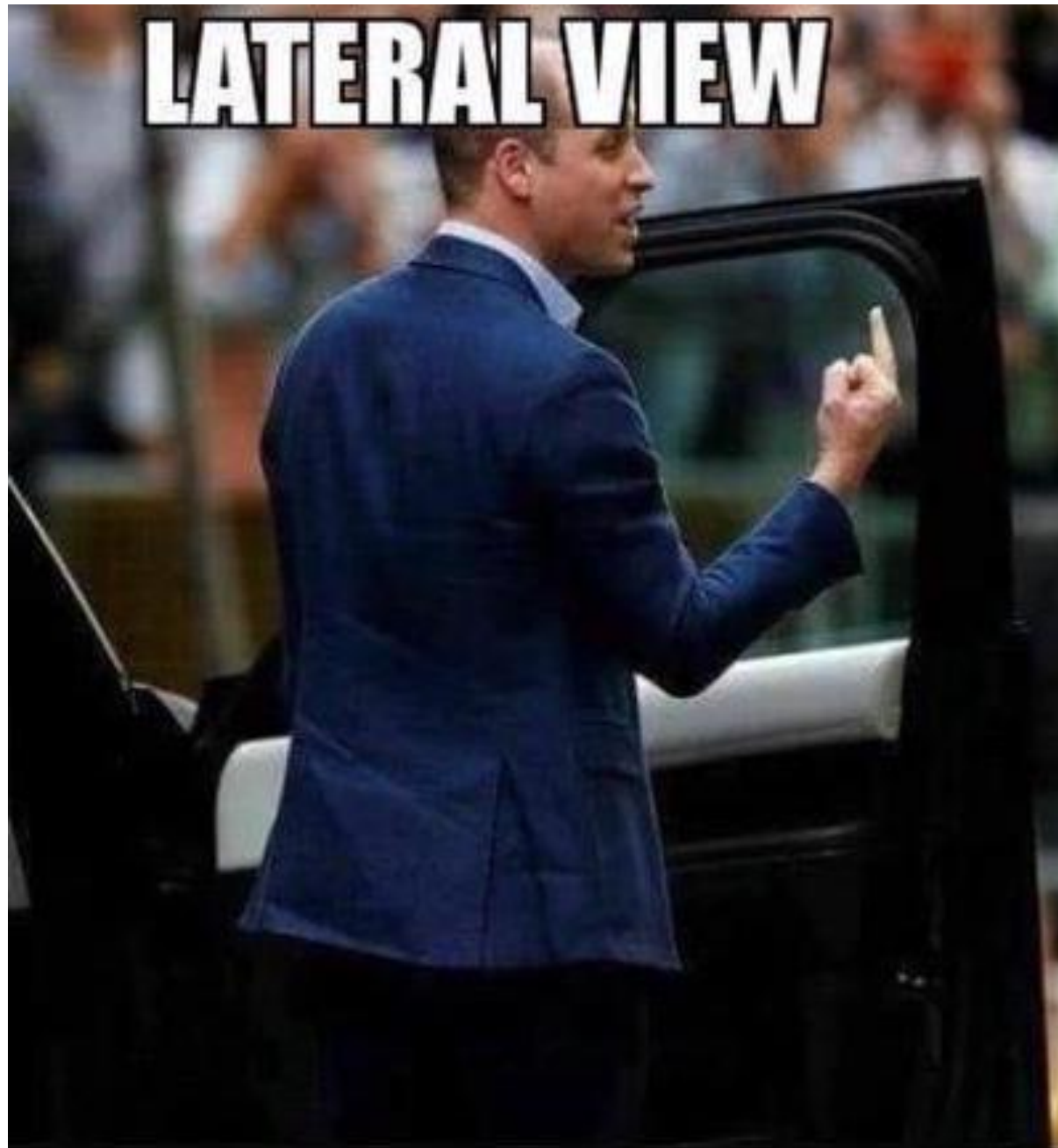
## Imaging biomarkers

- Predict outcomes
- Adapt to response?

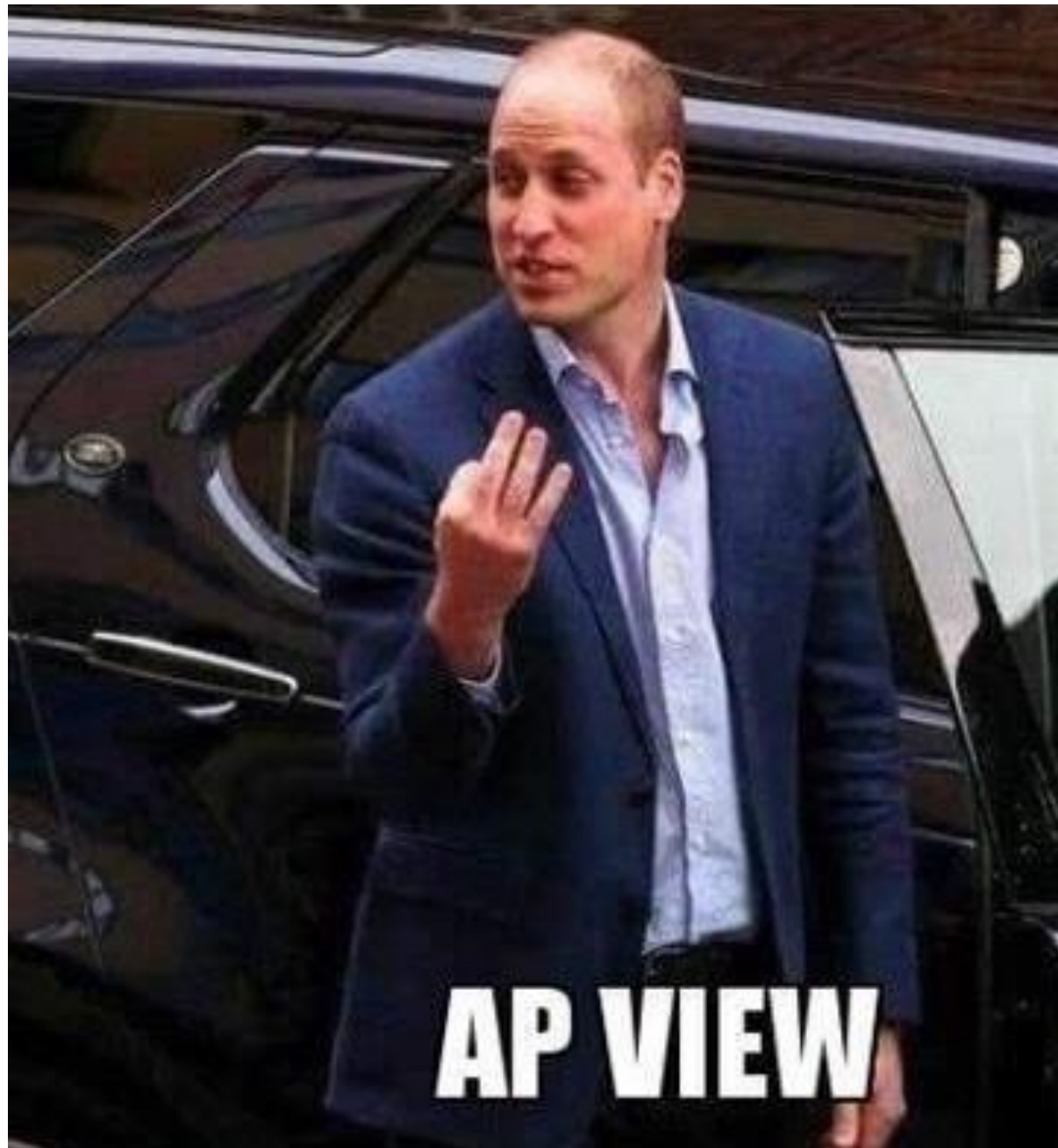


Adaptive therapy

**LATERAL VIEW**



**AP VIEW**





**Thank you!**

