



SRS & SBRT Quality Assurance

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Stereotactic RadioSurgery

- ❖ Cranial (Head & Brain) (SRS, SRT)
- ❖ Extra Cranial (lung, liver, pancreas, spine) (SBRT, SABR)

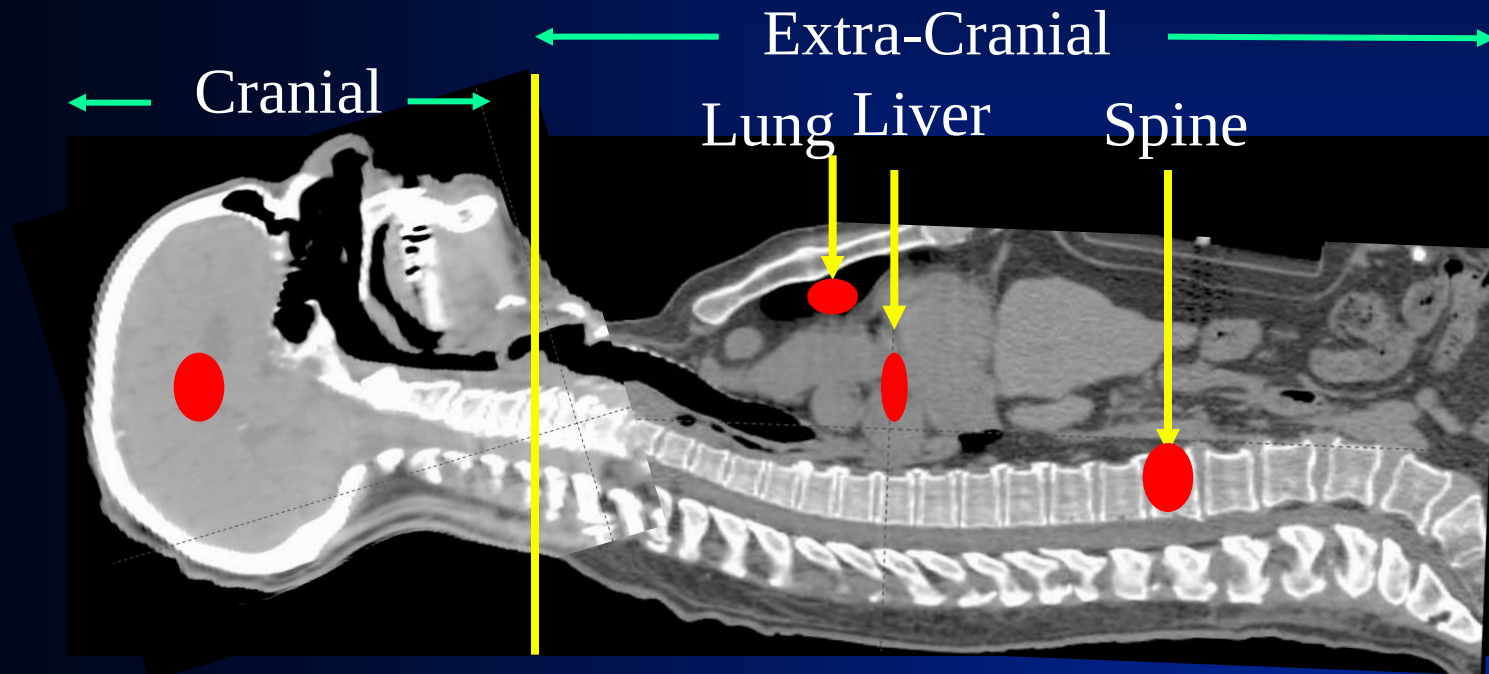


TABLE II. Monthly.

TABLE I. Daily	Procedure
	Dosimetry
	X-ray output constancy
Procedure	Electron output constancy
	Backup monitor chamber constancy
Dosimetry	Typical dose rate ^a output constancy
	Photon beam profile constancy
X-ray output	Electron beam profile constancy
Electron output	Electron beam energy constancy
except for 1	
e-monitoring	Mechanical
	Light/radiation field coincidence ^b
Mechanical	Light/radiation field coincidence ^b (asymmetric)
	Distance check device for lasers compared with front pointer
Laser localization	Gantry/collimator angle indicators (@ cardinal angles) (digital only)
Distance indicators	Accessory trays (i.e., port film graticule tray)
Collimator settings	Jaw position indicators (symmetric) ^c
	Jaw position indicators (asymmetric) ^d
Safety	Cross-hair centering (walkout)
	Treatment couch position indicators ^e
Door interlock	Wedge placement accuracy
Door closing	Compensator placement accuracy ^f
Audiovisual monitoring	Latching of wedges, blocking tray ^g
Stereotactic isocenter	Localizing lasers
Radiation area	Safety
Beam on indicators	Laser guard-interlock test
	Respiratory gating
	Beam output constancy
	Phase, amplitude beam control
	In-room respiratory monitoring system
	Gating interlock

TABLE III. Annual.

Procedure	Machine-type tolerance		SRS/SBRT
	Non-IMRT	IMRT	
Dosimetry			Monitor units set vs delivered: 1.0 MU or 2% (whichever is greater) Gantry arc set vs delivered: 1.0° or 2% (whichever is greater)
X-ray flatness change from baseline		1%	
X-ray symmetry change from baseline		±1%	
Electron flatness change from baseline		1%	
Electron symmetry change from baseline		±1%	
SRS arc rotation mode (range: 0.5–10 MU/deg)	NA	NA	
X-ray/electron output calibration (TG-51)		±1% (absolute)	
Spot check of field size dependent output factors for x-ray (two or more FSs)		2% for field size <4×4 cm ² , 1% ≥4×4 cm ²	
Output factors for electron applicators (spot check of one applicator/energy)		±2% from baseline	
X-ray beam quality (PDD ₁₀ or TMR ₂₀)		±1% from baseline	
Electron beam quality (R ₅₀)		±1 mm	±5% (2–4 MU), ±2% ≥5 MU
Physical wedge transmission factor constancy		±2%	
X-ray monitor unit linearity (output constancy)	±2% ≥5 MU	±5% (2–4 MU), ±2% ≥5 MU	
Electron monitor unit linearity (output constancy)		±2% ≥5 MU	
X-ray output constancy vs dose rate		±2% from baseline	
X-ray output constancy vs gantry angle		±1% from baseline	
Electron output constancy vs gantry angle		±1% from baseline	
Electron and x-ray off-axis factor constancy vs gantry angle		±1% from baseline	
Arc mode (expected MU, degrees)		±1% from baseline	
TBI/TSET mode		Functional	
PDD or TMR and OAF constancy		1% (TBI) or 1 mm PDD shift (TSET) from baseline	±1 mm from baseline
TBI/TSET output calibration		2% from baseline	
TBI/TSET accessories		2% from baseline	
Mechanical			
Collimator rotation isocenter		±1 mm from baseline	
Gantry rotation isocenter		±1 mm from baseline	
Couch rotation isocenter		±1 mm from baseline	
Electron applicator interlocks		Functional	
Coincidence of radiation and mechanical isocenter	±2 mm from baseline	±2 mm from baseline	
Table top sag		2 mm from baseline	
Table angle		1°	Functional
Table travel maximum range movement in all directions		±2 mm	
Stereotactic accessories, lockouts, etc.	NA	NA	
Safety			
Follow manufacturer's test procedures		Functional	
Respiratory gating			
Beam energy constancy		2%	
Temporal accuracy of phase/amplitude gate on		100 ms of expected	
Calibration of surrogate for respiratory phase/amplitude		100 ms of expected	
Interlock testing		Functional	

Accuracy

SRS => 1-2 mm

SBRT=> 2-5 mm

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STEREOTACTIC RADIOSURGERY

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Delivery Systems



Linear Accelerator



Novalis Radiosurgery



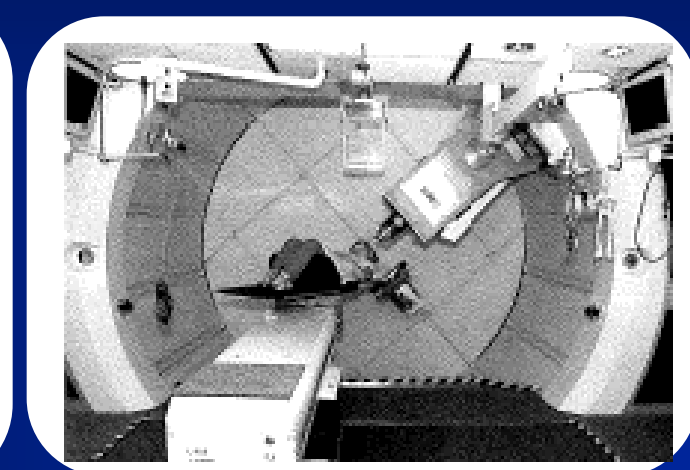
Cyber Knife



Tomotherapy



Gamma Knife



Proton Beam

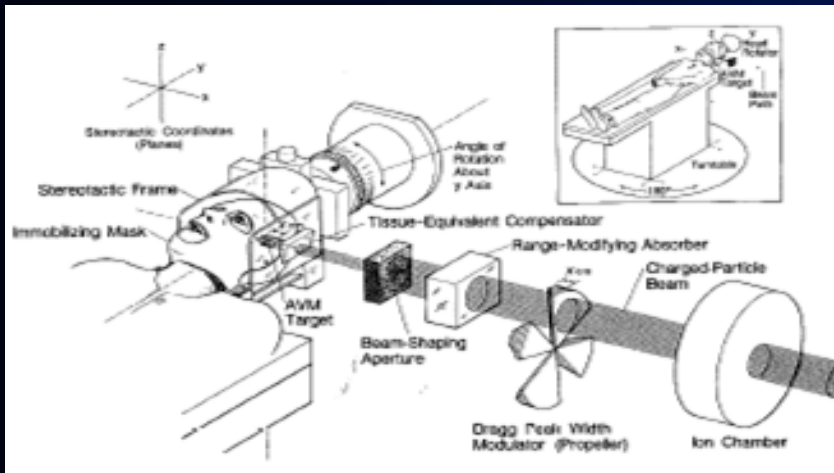
Proton Beam SRS



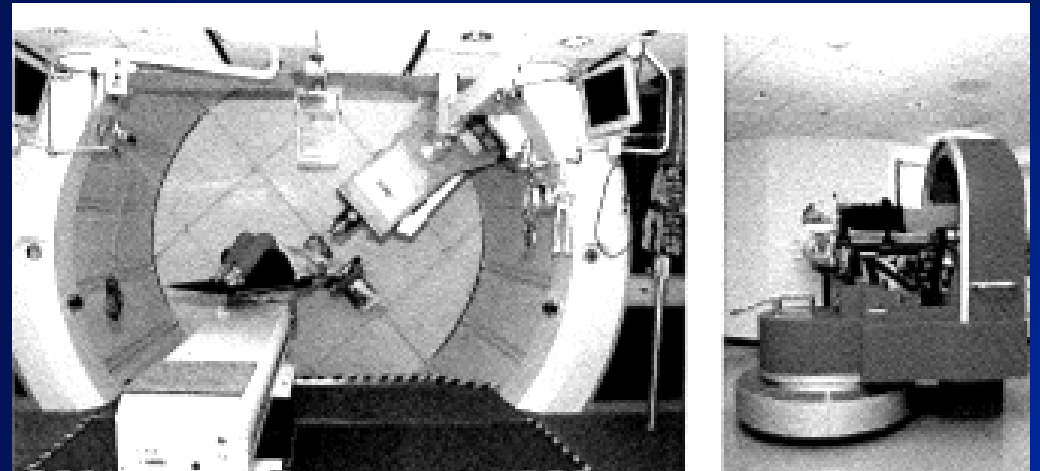
Cyclotron, Osaka



Synchrotron, Hyogo

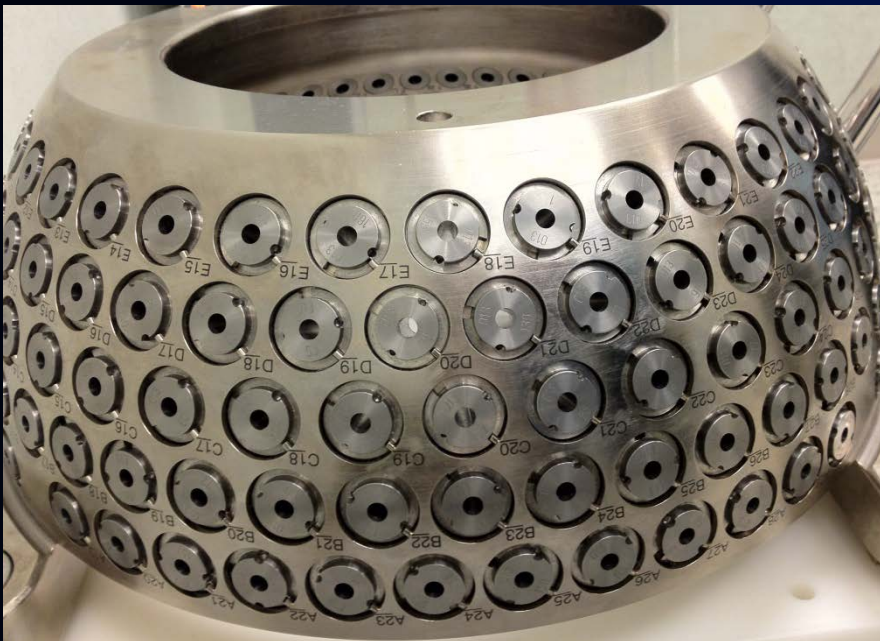


Treatment Schematic



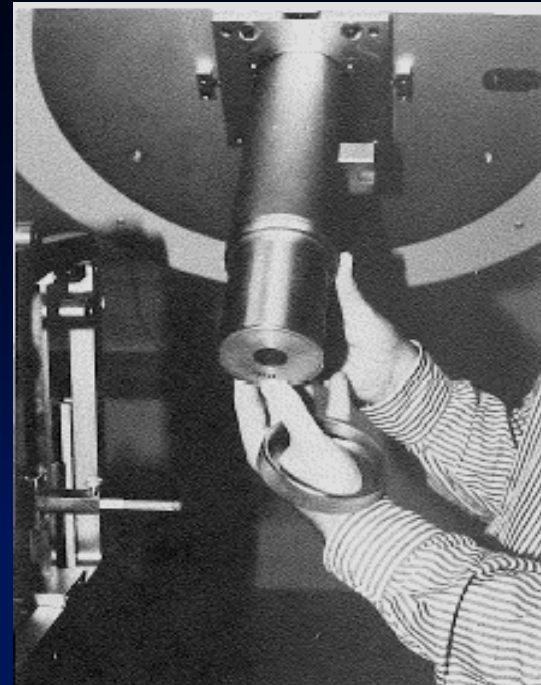
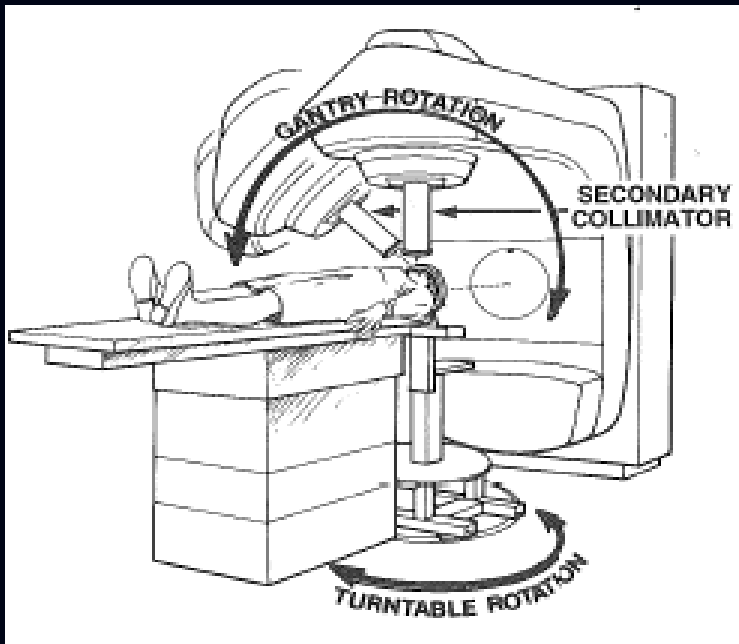
Harvard/MGH SRS system

Gamma Knife SRS

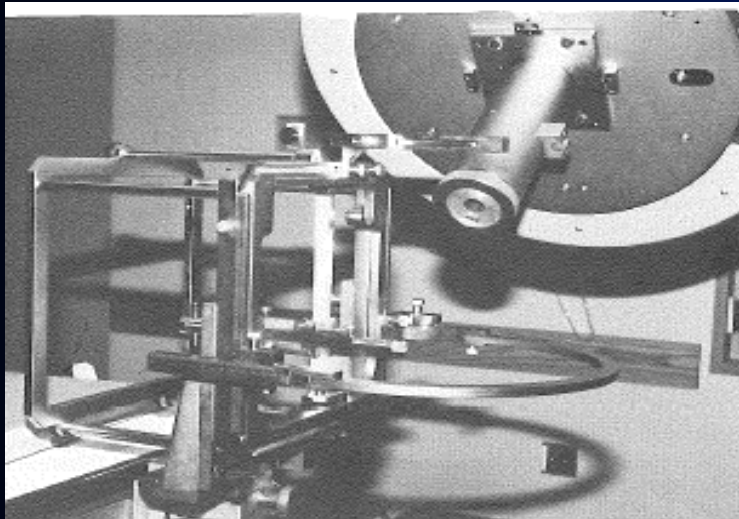


Plug sizes
4 mm, 8 mm,
14 mm, 18 mm

Linac Based SRS



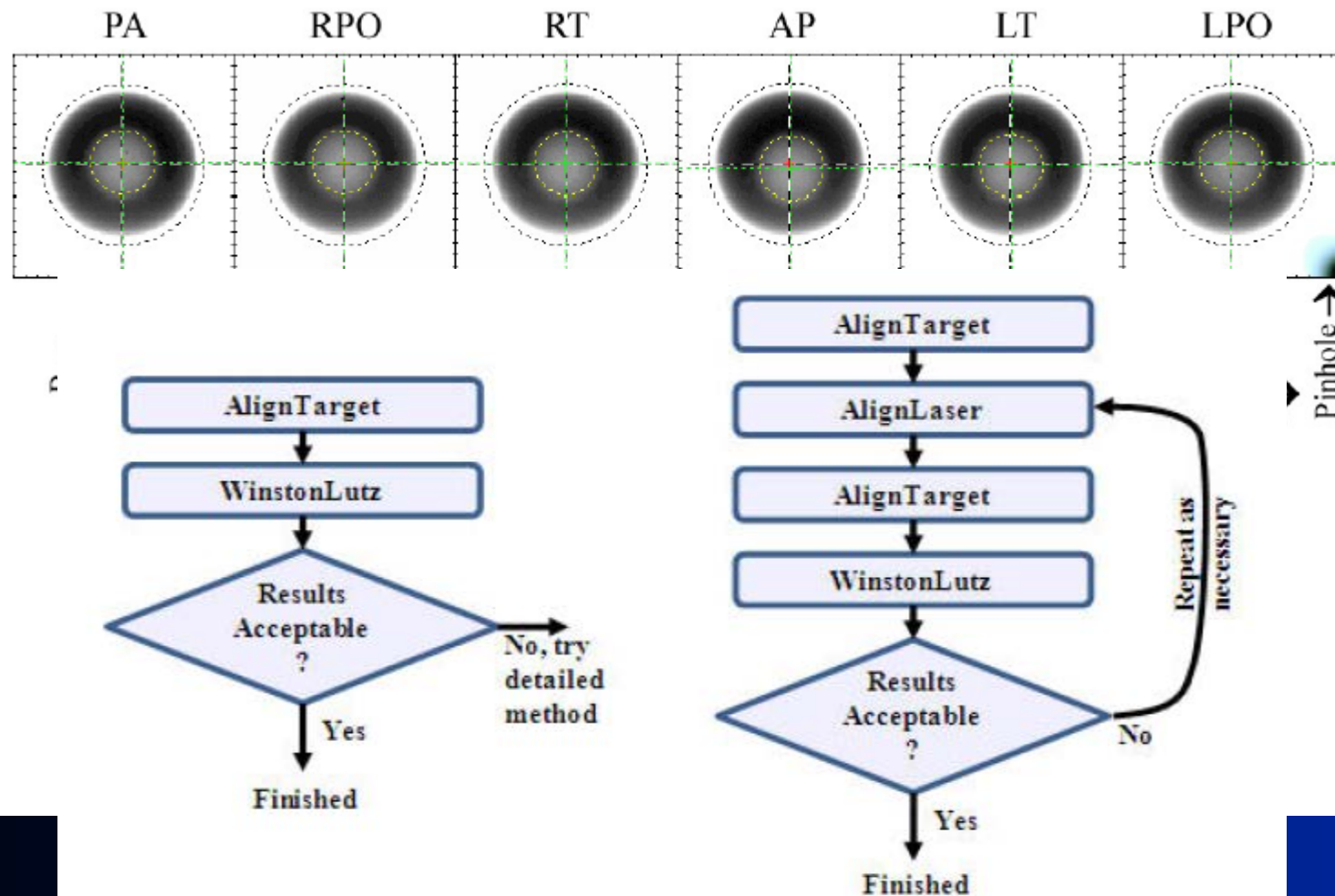
Cone Sizes
5-40 mm at an
interval of 5 mm



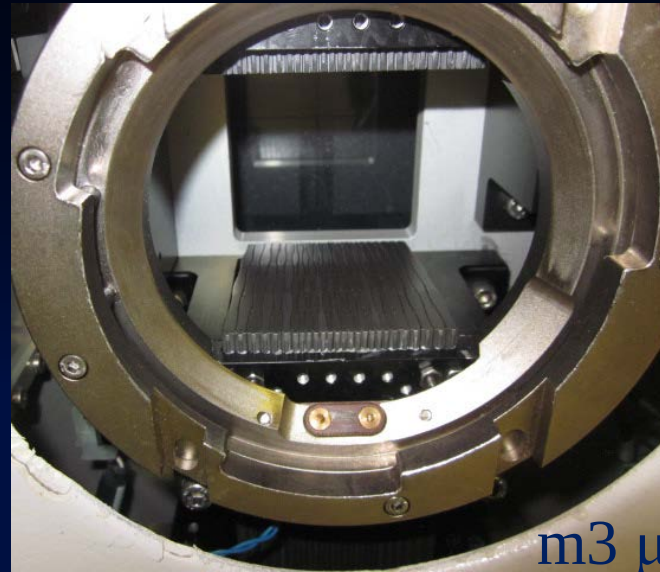
A quality assurance method with submillimeter accuracy for stereotactic linear accelerators

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BrainLab Novalis, SRS/SRT/IMRS



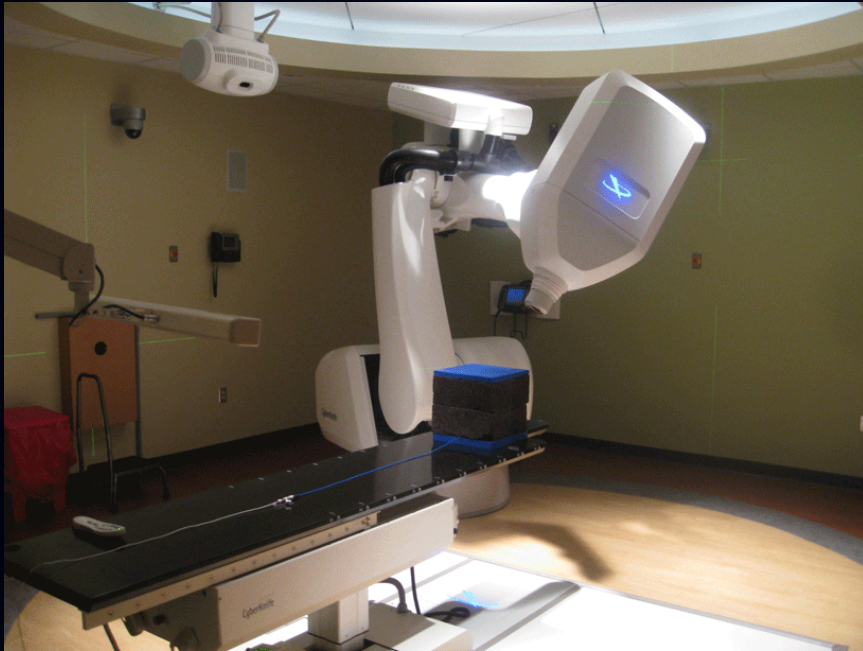
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Novalis Head rings

BrainLab Cone: 4mm-20mm diameter

Cyber Knife Based SRS



- Robotic treatment
- IGRT
- Intra-treatment imaging
- Orthogonal kV imaging

Cone Size from 5 mm to 60 mm



SBRT

- ❖ High dose of radiation delivered in a hypofractionated regimen (single fraction or 3-5 fractions)
- ❖ High target accuracy
 - Stereotactic reference - target is localized relative to a known 3D coordinate system through the use of external fiducial markers
 - Patient immobilization is important
- ❖ Rapid dose falloff (sharp dose gradient)
 - Multiple conformal beams
 - Coplanar or Non-Coplanar

Chang et al, Clin Trans Oncol 15(9), 720-724, 2013

Systems for SBRT

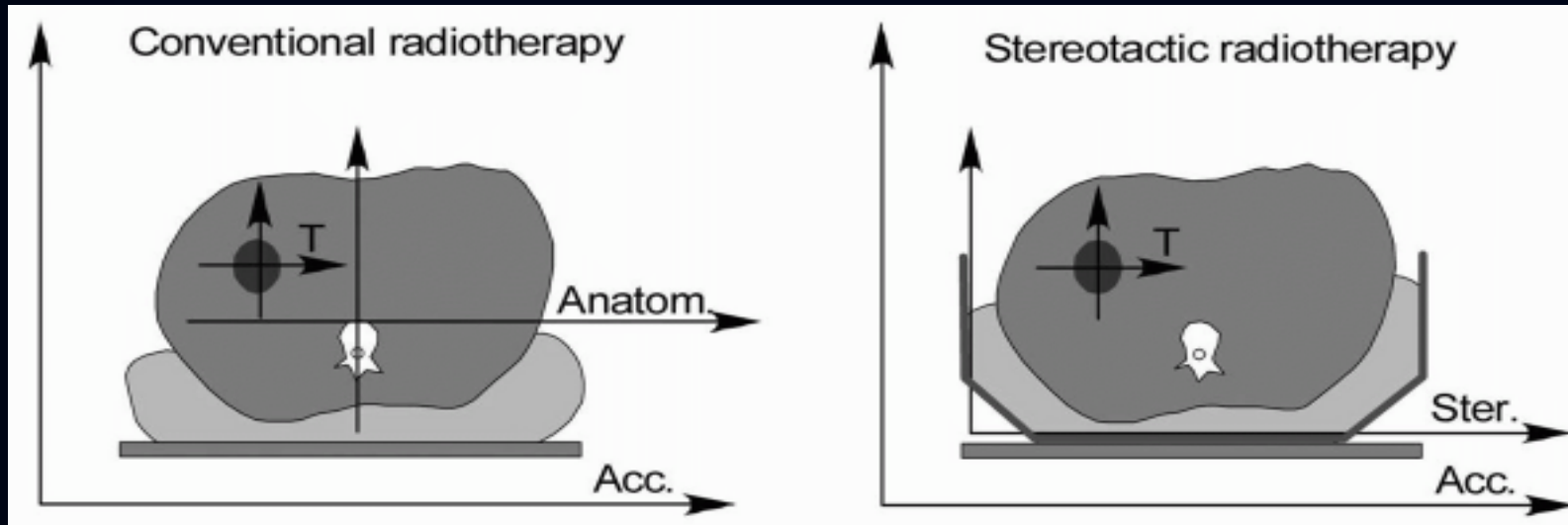
❖ Linear Accelerator Based SBRT

- Rapid Arc
- True Beam
- Body Frame with linear accelerator
 - Elekta
 - Varian
 - Pro-Lock System

❖ Dedicated Delivery Systems

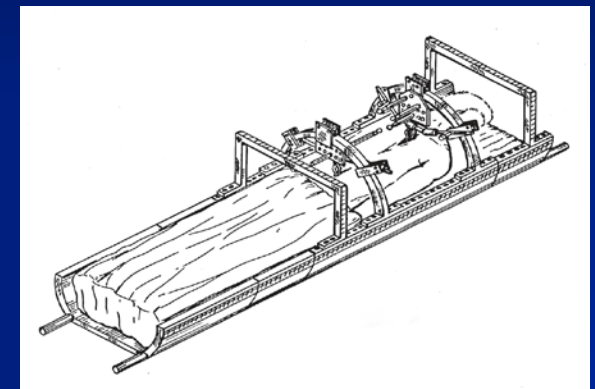
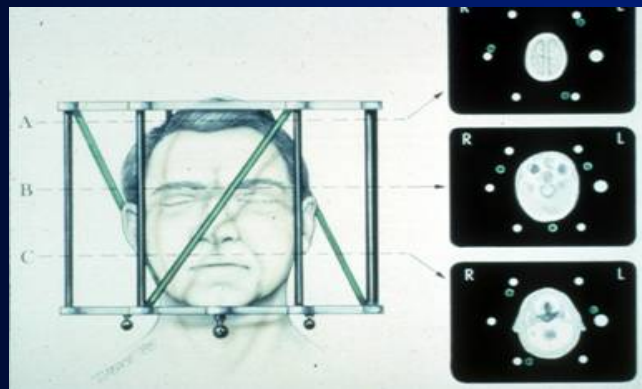
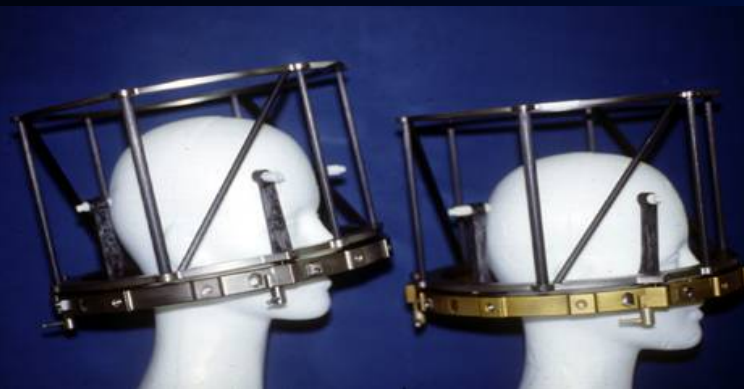
- Gamma Knife
- Novalis, Brain Lab
- Tomotherapy
- Cyber-Knife
- Proton beam

Stereotactic reference



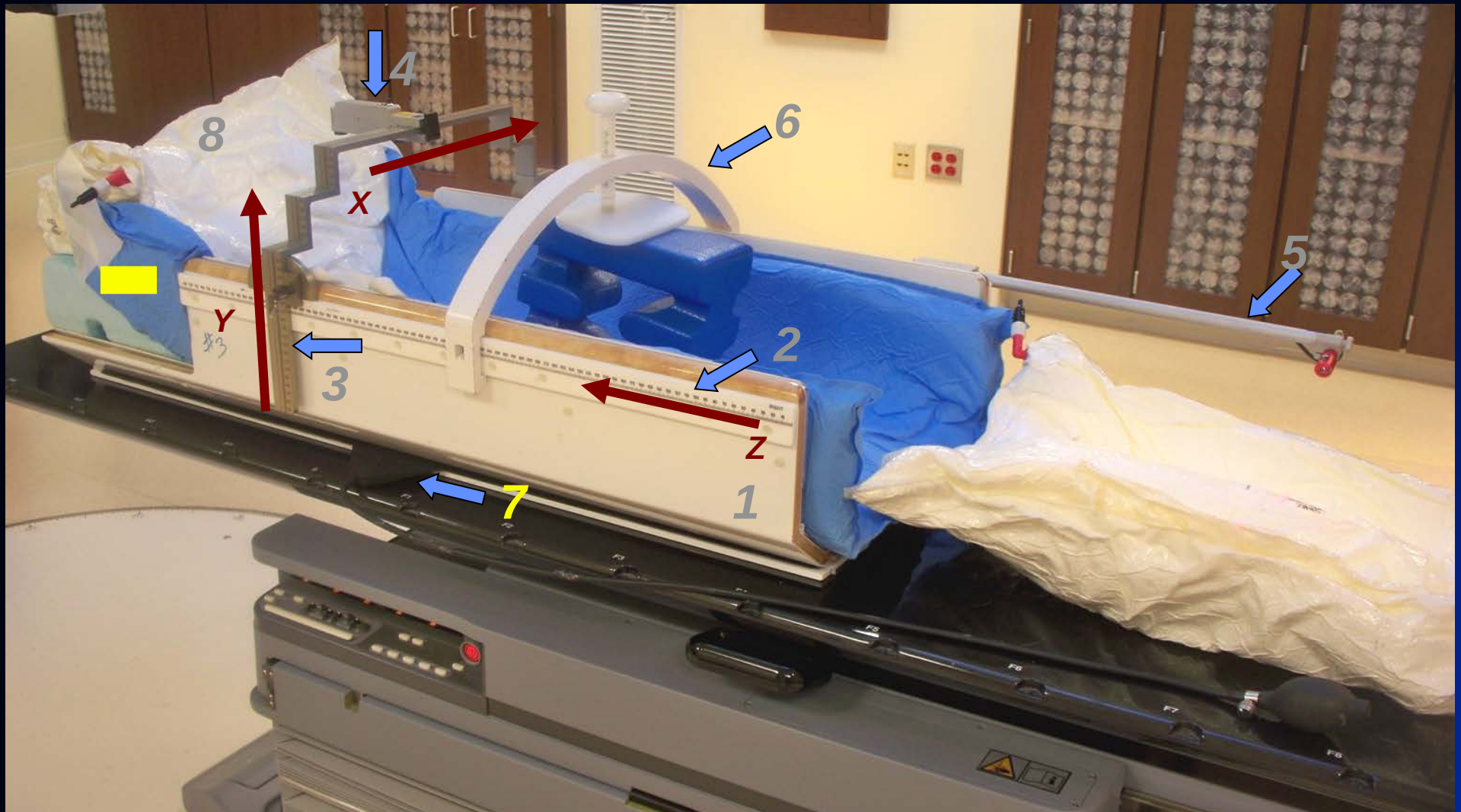
Patient set up based on anatomic reference

Patient set up based on stereotactic reference



Kavanagh B, Timmerman R. "Stereotactic body Radiation Therapy", Lippincott Williams & Wilkins 2005

Elekta Stereotactic Body Frame



Different Systems

Elekta Stereotactic body frame



- ❖ Small box frame system tightly restricts patient motion
- ❖ Stereotactic reference system to localize target
- ❖ Can not be indexed to treatment couch
- ❖ Respiration compression plate

CIVCO Body Pro-Lok™ system



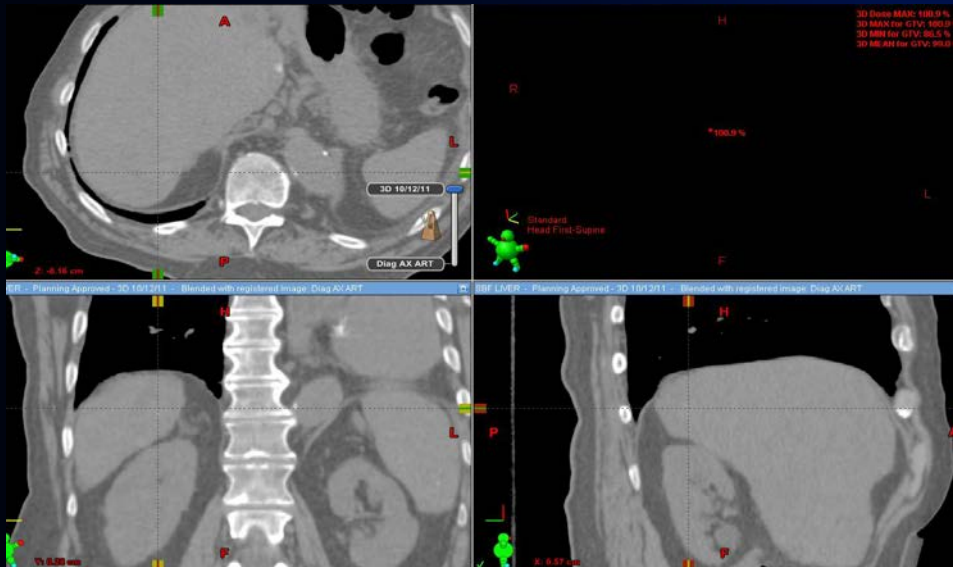
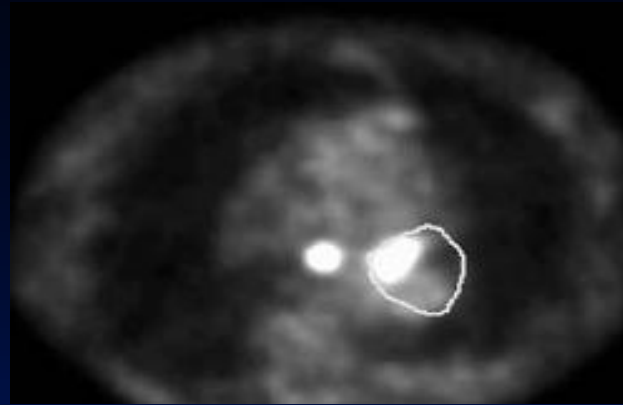
- ❖ Modular structures highly adaptable to individual patient
- ❖ Isocenter setup relies on skin marks/tattoos
- ❖ Indexed to treatment couch
- ❖ Respiration compression plate and belt

Multi Modality Imaging

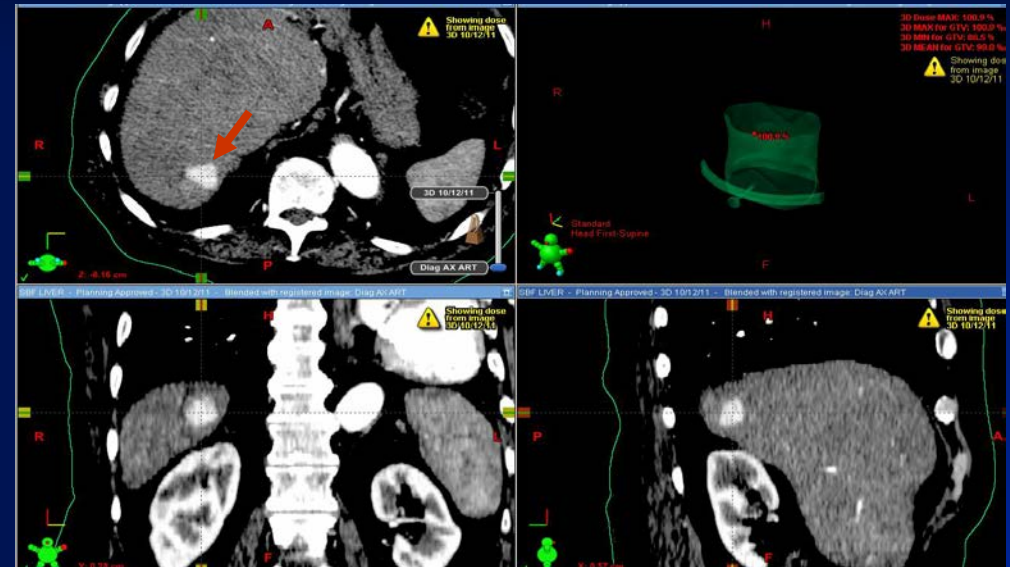
CT



PET



Regular CT

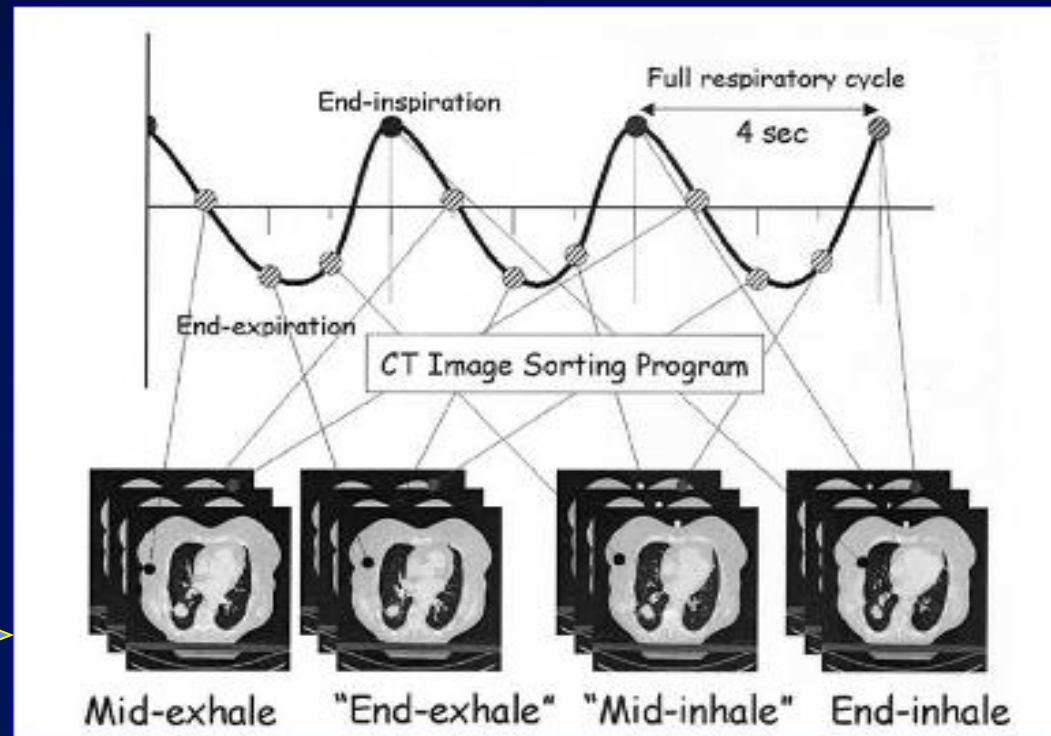
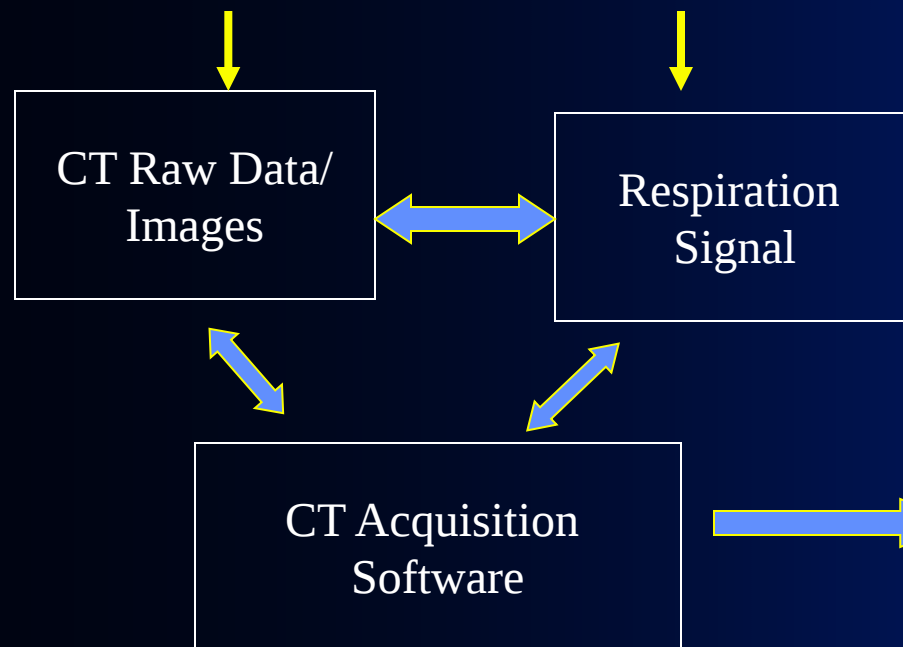


Dual phase CT

4D-CT

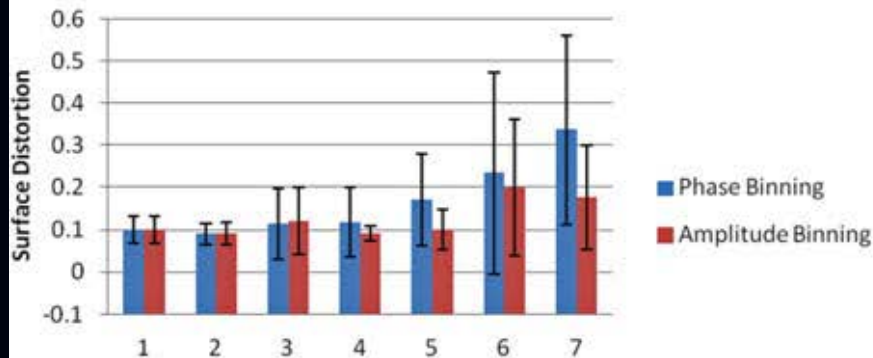


Spatial X, Y, Z + Temporal $\Rightarrow$ 4D



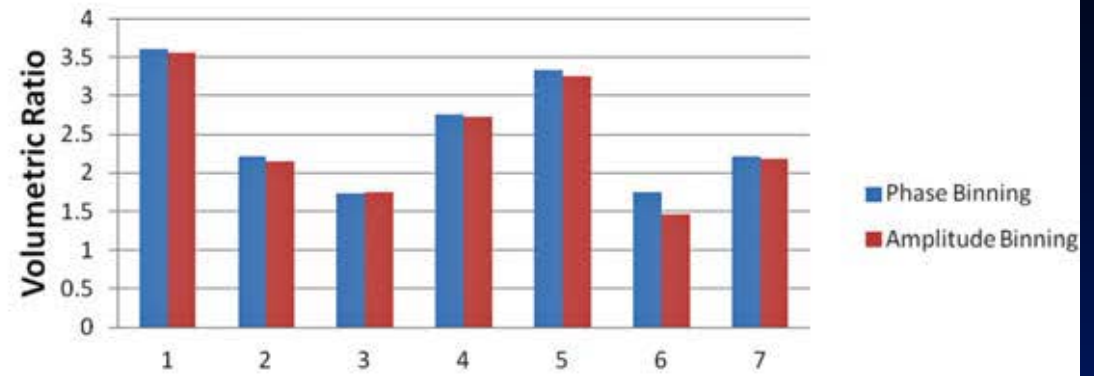
Phase & Amplitude Binning

Surface Distortion Values of AMP-ITV and PHASE-ITV



(a) Data Acquired Based on Seven Respiratory Waves

Volumetric Ratios of AMP-ITV and PHASE-ITV



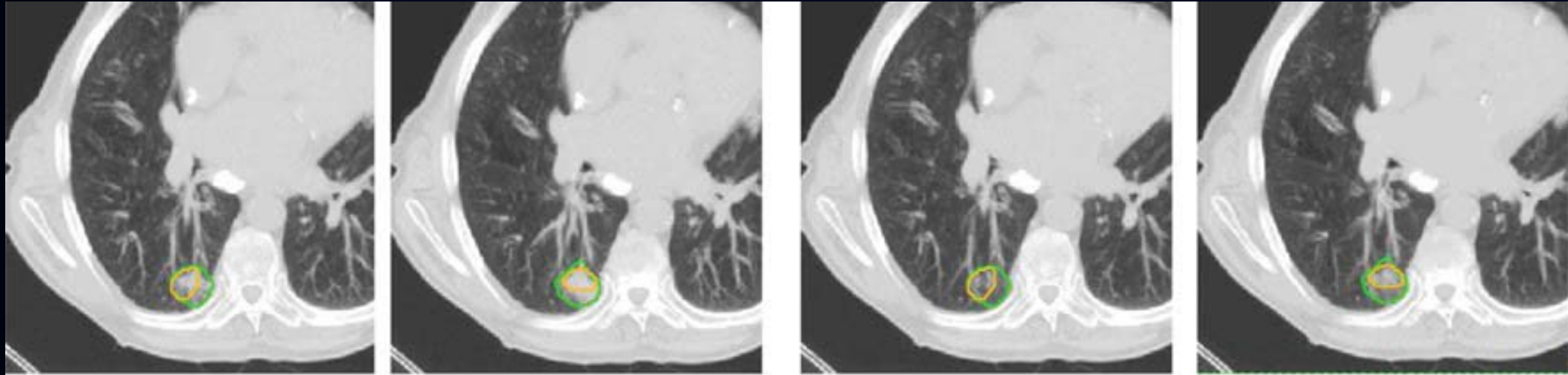
(b) Data acquired based on the seven respiratory waves

Volumetric Overlap Ratio between AMP-ITV and PHASE-ITV



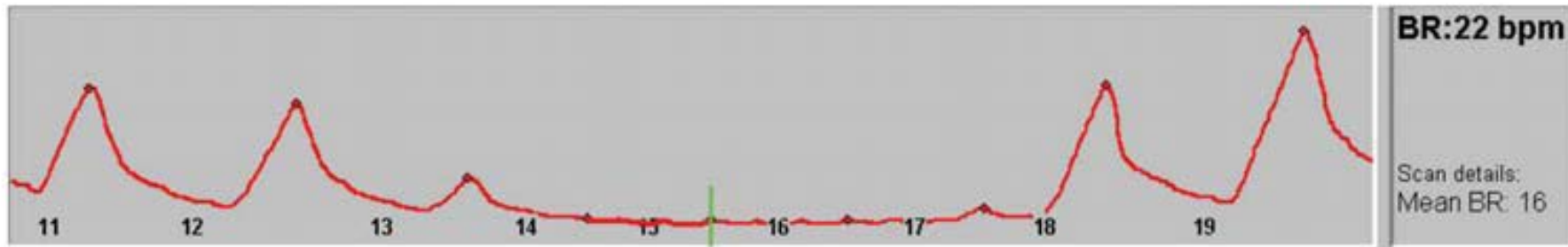
(c) Data acquired based on the seven respiratory waves

Amplitude Binning



Phase-binned MIP

Amplitude-binned MIP

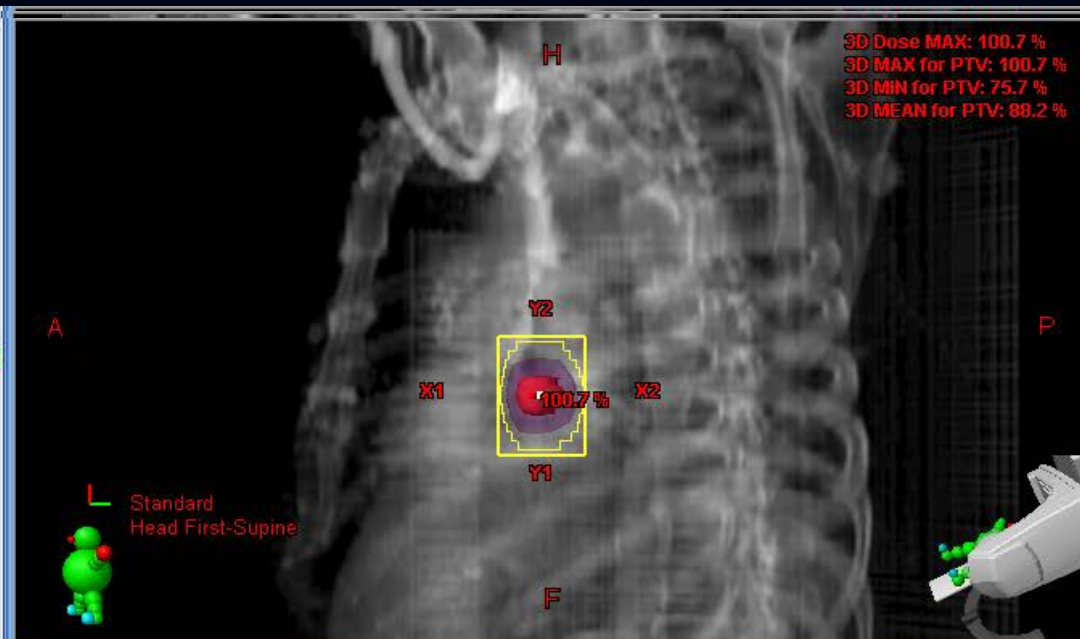


The patient's respiratory wave with very shallow breathing occurring over several cycles.

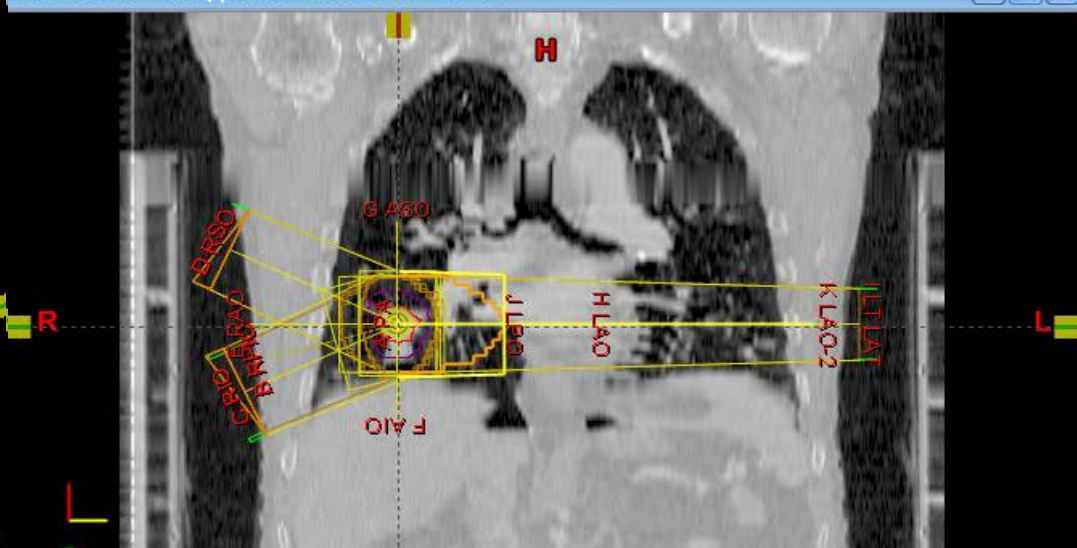
Planning and Beam Delivery



SBF LUNG - Unapproved - Frontal - SBF LUNG



SBF LUNG - Unapproved - Sagittal - SBF LUNG



Plan Evaluation

- ❖ Target coverage
- ❖ Target dose heterogeneity
- ❖ Normal tissue constraints
- ❖ Conformity indices
 - High dose spillage
 - Low dose spillage

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AAPM TG-101

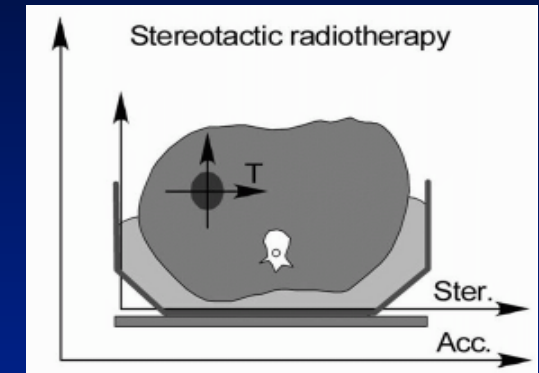
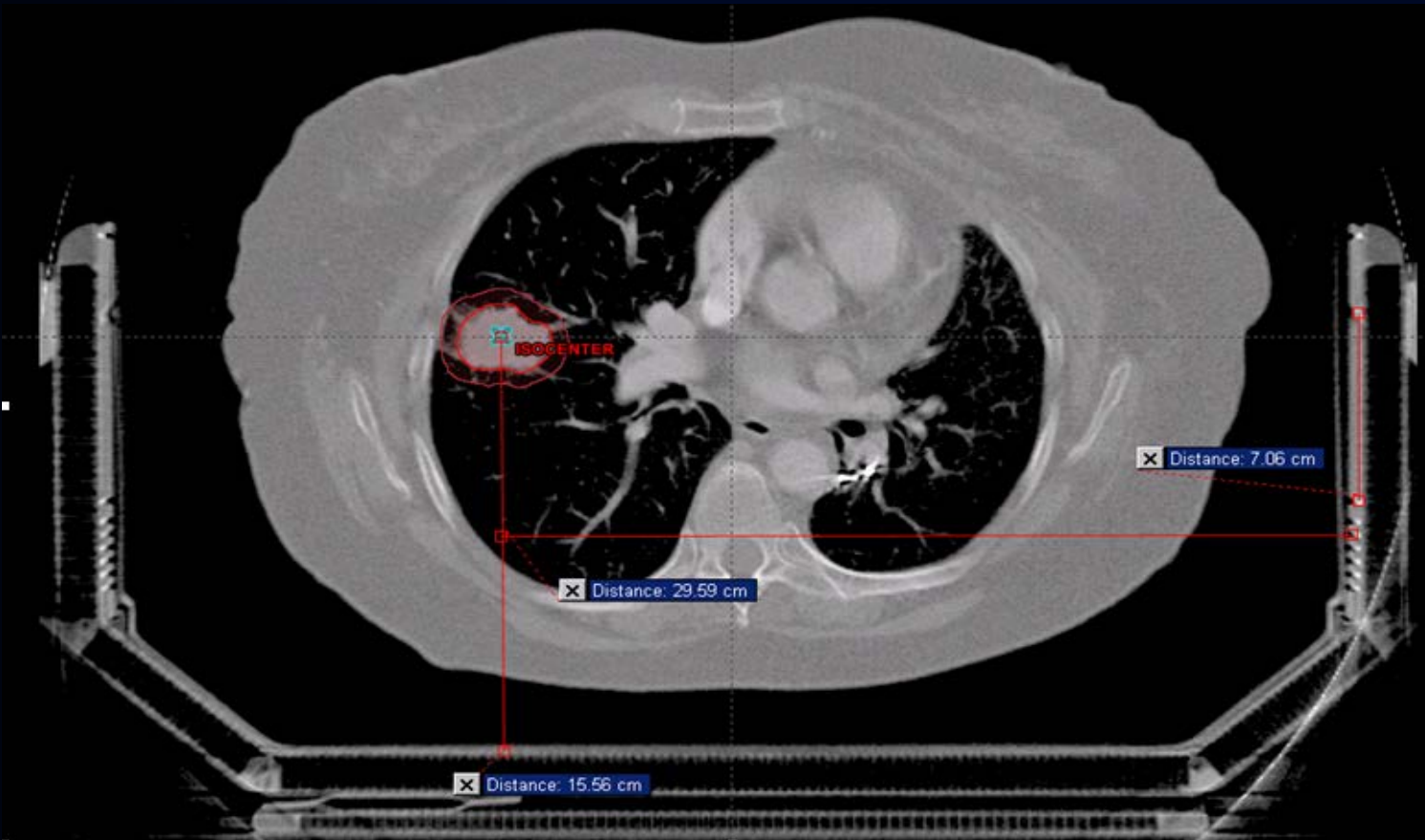
Timmerman R. Semin. Radiat. Oncol. 18: p215-222. 2008

Treatment Planning – Isocenter Coordinates

$$X_{iso} = X_{measure} + 85$$

$$Y_{iso} = Y_{measure}$$

$$Z_{iso} = Z_{measure} + n \times 100$$



Treatment Day

- ❖ Patient setup in frame according to simulation parameters
- ❖ Isocenter setup by stereotactic reference system
- ❖ Image acquisition and treatment verification
- ❖ Online correction through couch adjustment
- ❖ Treat

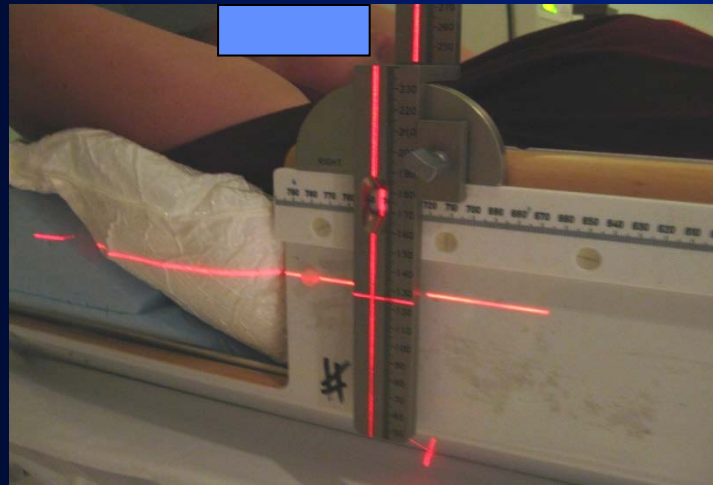


Image Guided Treatment Verification

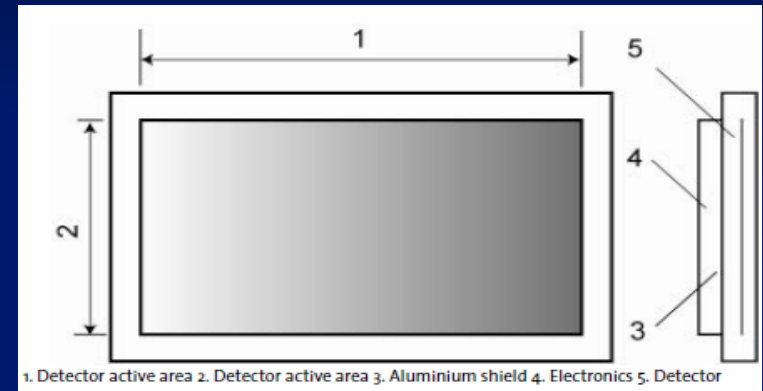
- ❖ Purpose: to verify patient position on the treatment day is the same as the planned and to provide correction guidance if deviation is discovered
- ❖ IGRT systems
 - Fixed or rotating kV and MV imagers (2D imaging)
 - 3D volumetric imaging

Onboard Imager (OBI) system

kV x-ray source



Solid state detector

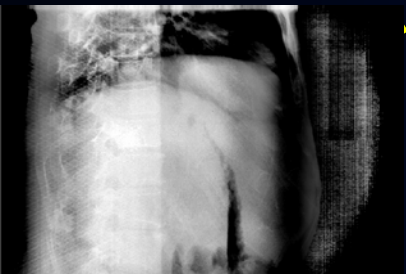
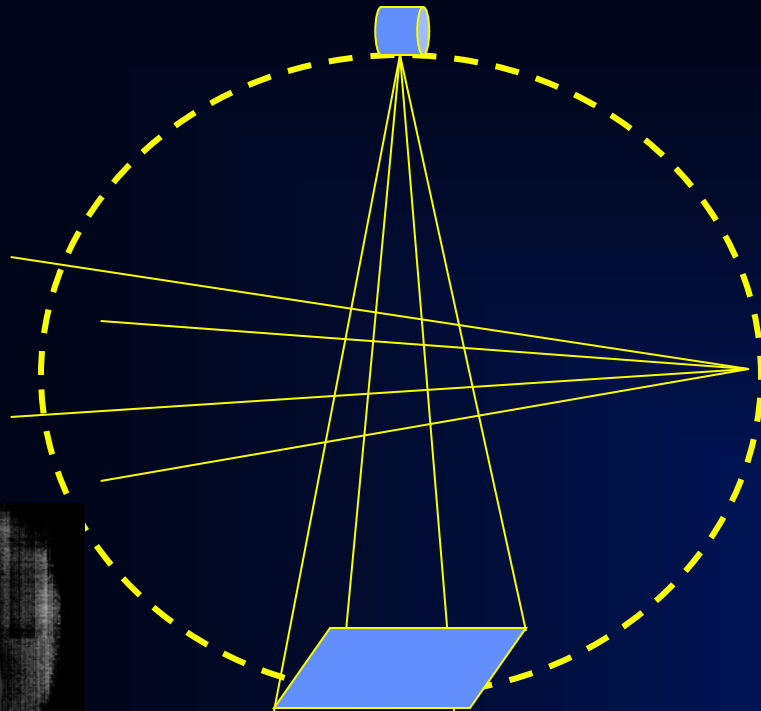


Active area: 397mm x 298mm

Detector to isocenter distance: 50cm

Source to isocenter distance: 100cm

2D Orthogonal Image Match



compare



Planning reference Images

Varian® OBI system

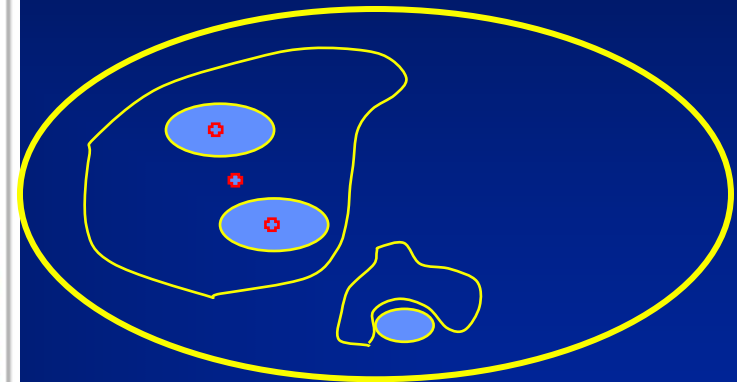
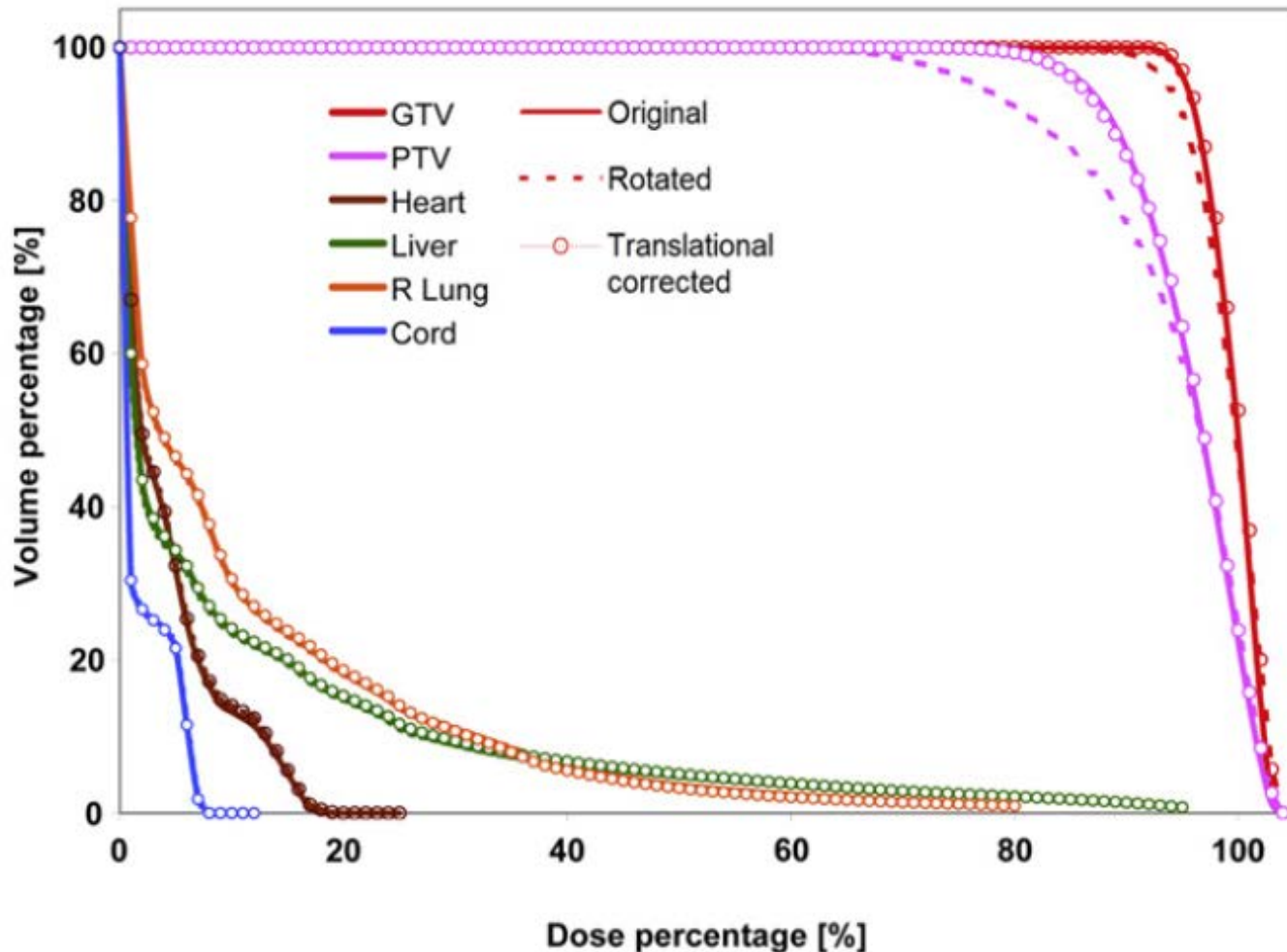


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Rotational Issues in SBRT

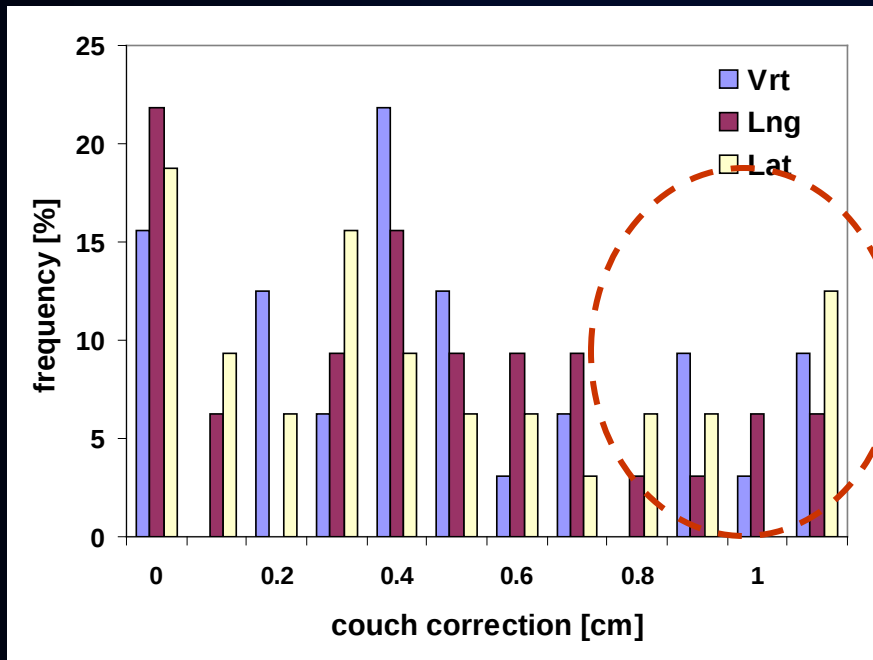
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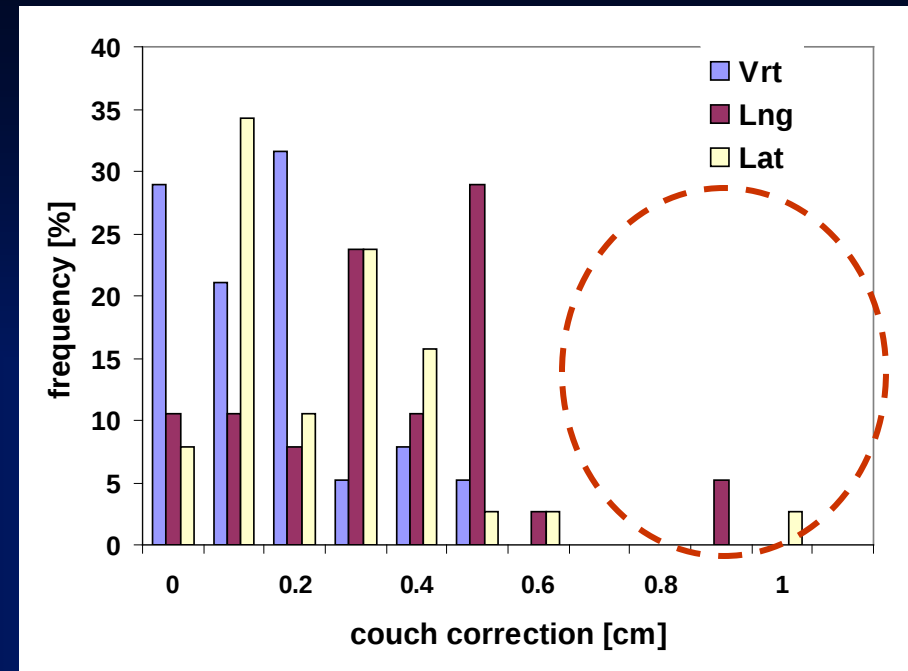


Histograms of inter-fractional couch corrections of liver patient setup

Pro-lok System

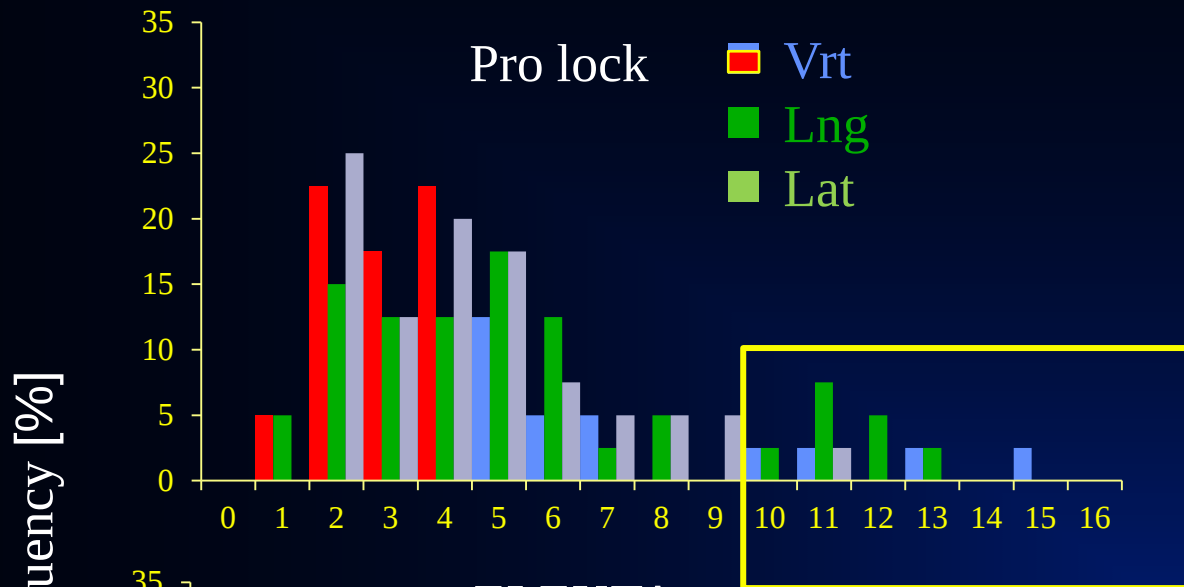


Elekta System



For large couch corrections, repeated CBCTs are often performed to verify the correction. For Pro-lok system, 40.7% of all the fractions ended up with repeated CBCT. Only 13.6% of fractions have repeated CBCT when Elekta body frame was used

2 SBRT Systems

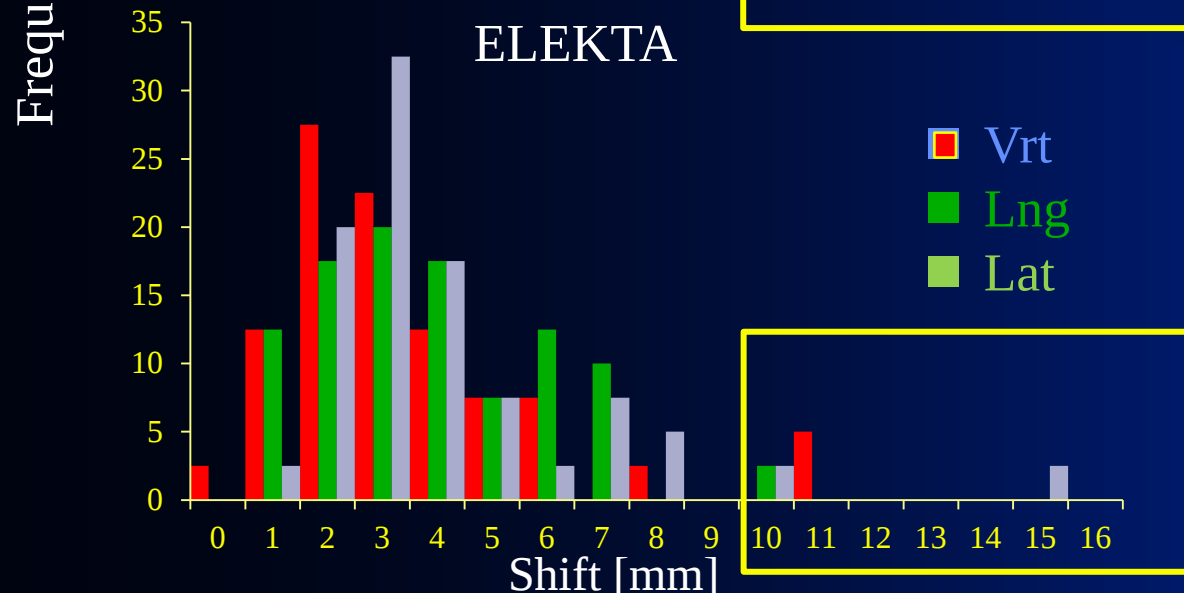


Errors more than 5.0 mm[%]

Vrt	Lng	Lat
20.0	37.5	25.0

Errors more than 10.0 mm[%]

Vrt	Lng	Lat
7.5	15	2.5



Errors more than 5.0 mm[%]

Vrt	Lng	Lat
12.5	25.0	20.0

Errors more than 10.0 mm[%]

Vrt	Lng	Lat
5.0	0.0	2.5

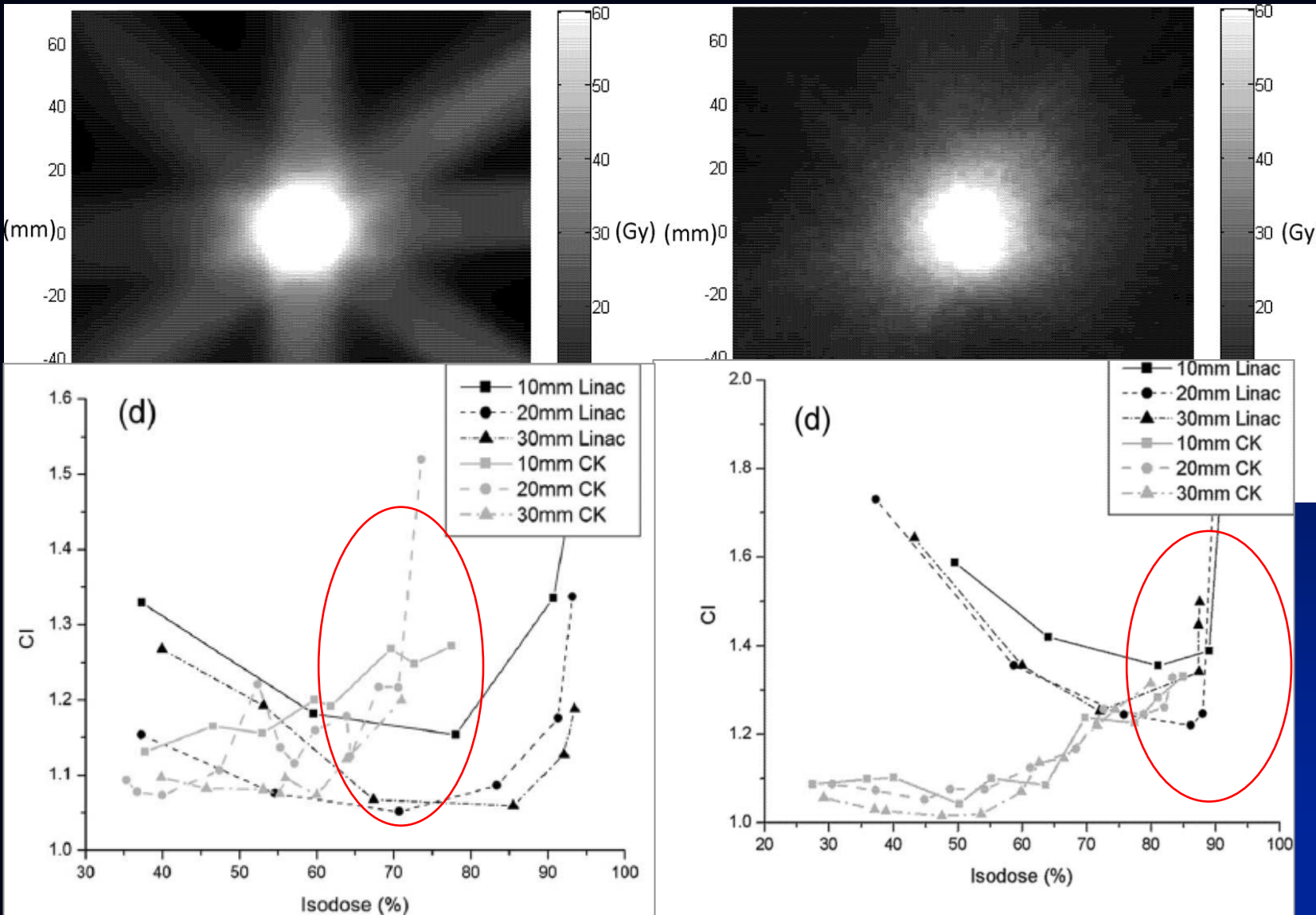
Linac vs CyberKnife

Linac
→

Cyber
Knife
←

Lung
→

Liver
←



PTV Prescription

❖	Gamma Knife	50%	
❖	CyberKnife	50-70%	
	Lung	(40-48%)	Ding et al, 2013
	Liver	(67-77%)	Ding et al, 2013
❖	Novalis	70-80%	
❖	Accelerator	80%	
❖	3DCRT	95-100%	
❖	IMRT	100%	

Dosimetric Accuracy in CyberKnife Lung Treatment

Collimator Size (mm)	Diode SFD reading (nC)	Diode Dose (cGy)	Ray Tracing Dose (cGy)	Monte Carlo Dose (cGy)	Ray Tracing Error	Monte Carlo Error
5.0	995.2	554.4	648.4	546.5	17.0%	-1.4%
7.5	1196.0	666.2	764.1	676.5	14.7%	1.5%
10.0	1266.0	705.2	804.3	712.8	14.1%	1.1%
12.5	1322.0	736.4	838.7	739.0	13.9%	0.4%
15.0	1355.0	754.8	860.6	750.1	14.0%	-0.6%
20.0	1384.0	770.9	888.6	767.6	15.3%	-0.4%
25.0	1402.0	781.0	900.8	785.8	15.3%	0.6%
30.0	1419.0	790.4	911.3	800.6	15.3%	1.3%
40.0	1444.0	804.3	925.5	820.4	15.1%	2.0%
60.0	1480.0	824.4	947.6	836.1	14.9%	1.4%

Summary

- ❖ SRS/SRT/SBRT/IMRS is now widely used for hypofractionated treatment world wide with good outcome
- ❖ Image guidance for treatment planning and treatment verification is very critical to the success of SBRT radiation therapy
- ❖ Quality assurance and Small Field dosimetry as well as continuous monitoring of the QA and process is critical
- ❖ For SBRT, image-guided localization techniques **shall** be used to guarantee the spatial accuracy of the derived dose distribution
- ❖ For thoracic and abdominal targets, a patient-specific tumor motion assessment is also recommended
- ❖ AAPM has Task Group report on each of the SRS Modalities that can be referred.

A vibrant field of purple lupine flowers in full bloom. The flowers are arranged in tall, vertical spikes, densely packed with small, pea-like blossoms. The foliage consists of lush green leaves, some with a palmate shape. The overall scene is a dense, colorful garden or meadow.

Thanks