



# Real-Time Monitoring of Treatment Delivery

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## Disclosures

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- UC Davis has a contract with Sun Nuclear for beta-testing PerFraction
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## **IS WEEKLY PORT FILMING ADEQUATE FOR VERIFYING PATIENT POSITION IN MODERN RADIATION THERAPY?**

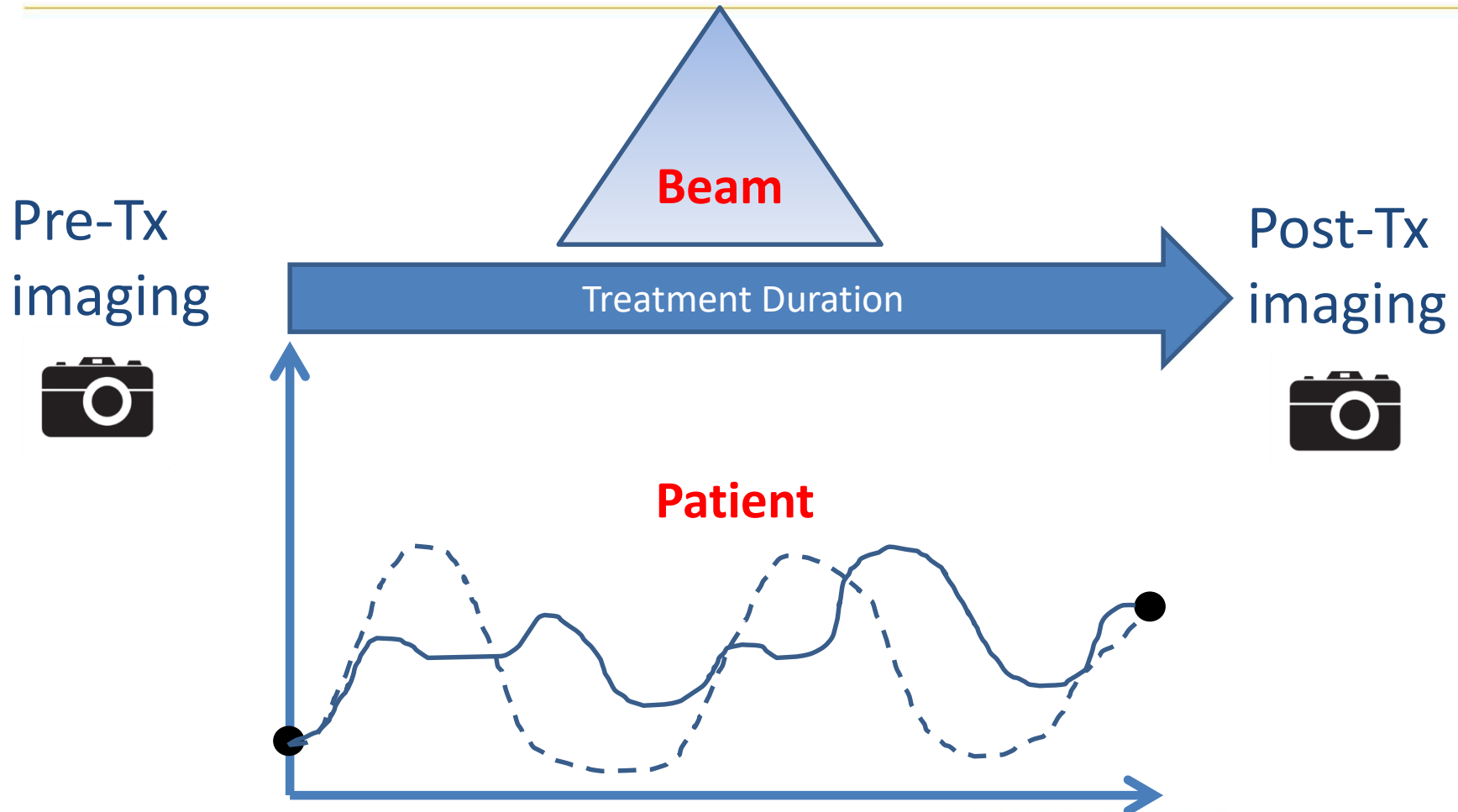
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**Purpose: The objective of this study is to use daily electronic portal imaging to evaluate weekly port filming in detecting patient set-up position.**

**Int. J. Radiation Oncology Biol. Phys., Vol. 30, No. 2, pp. 431–438, 1994**

# What are we trying to observe?



# ***Beam Monitoring***

# Existing Beam Monitoring Devices

- Ion chamber
  - MLC controller system
  - Log files
- Log file analysis software
- Litzenberg, Dale W., Jean M. Moran, and Benedick A. Fraass. "Verification of dynamic and segmental IMRT delivery by dynamic log file analysis." *JACMP* 3.2 (2002): 63-72.
  - Teke, Tony, et al. "Monte Carlo based, patient-specific RapidArc QA using Linac log files." *Medical physics* 37.1 (2010): 116-123.
  - And many, many more papers ....

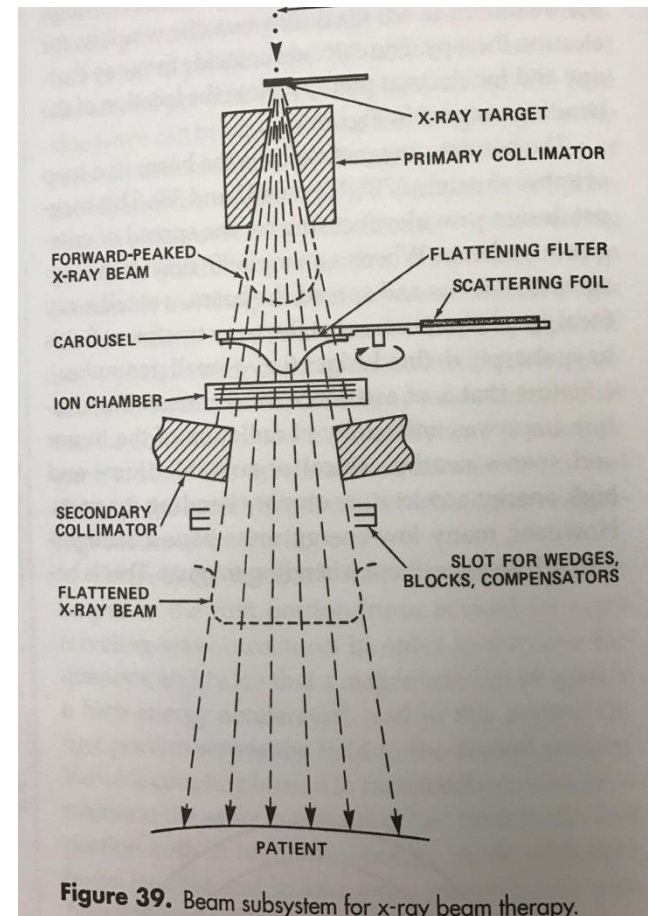


Figure 39. Beam subsystem for x-ray beam therapy.

# More Direct Method for Real-Time Beam Monitoring Transmission Detector Technology

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In alphabetical order:

- COMPASS
- DAVID: translucent multi-wire transmission chamber
- IQM
- Magic Plate
- Optical transmission
- Vanilla



# COMPASS

## PATIENT-SPECIFIC 3D PRETREATMENT AND POTENTIAL 3D ONLINE DOSE VERIFICATION OF MONTE CARLO-CALCULATED IMRT PROSTATE TREATMENT PLANS

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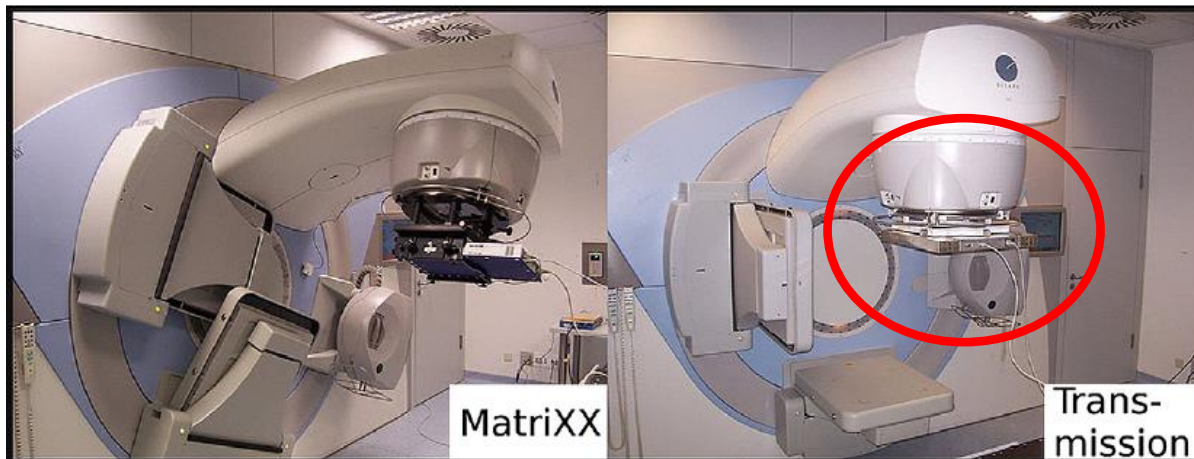
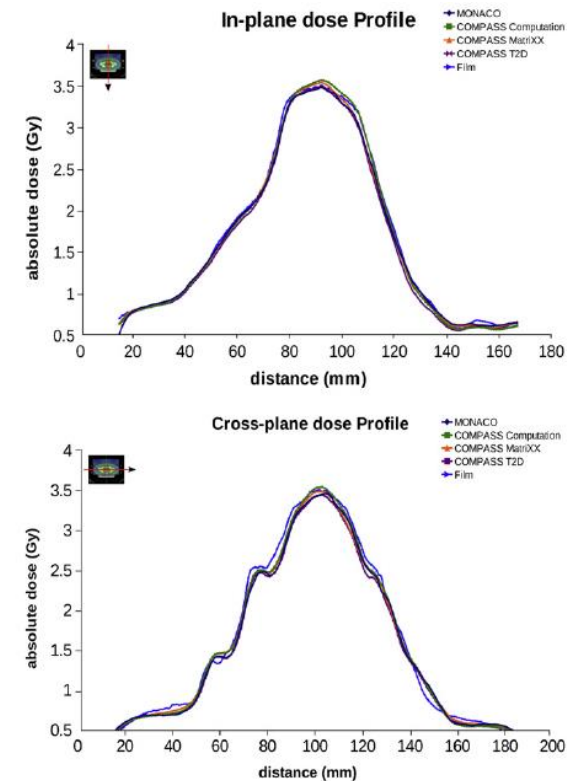


Fig. 1. Setup of MatriXX Evolution (IBA Dosimetry, Germany) detector and transmission detector.

- 1600 vented parallel-plate ion chambers
- 3.1 mm water



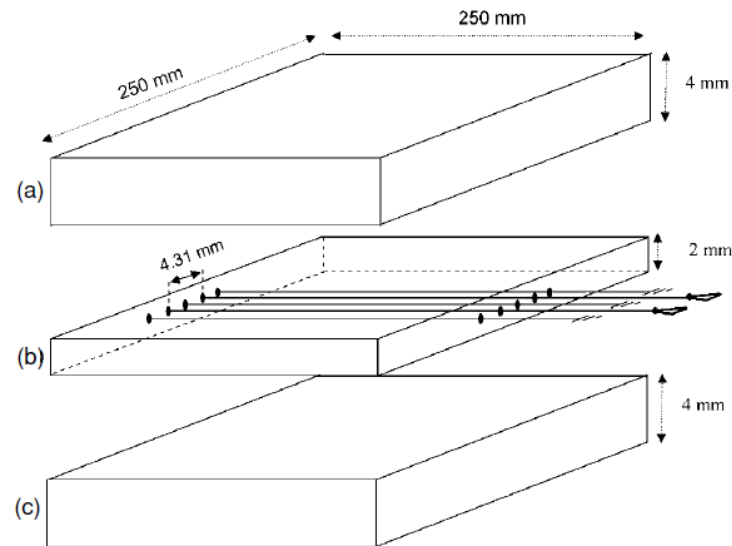


# DAVID

- Flat, 80-wire chamber
- IMRT DQA serves as reference data set
- During Tx, DAVID gives warning if measurement exceeds tolerance
- $\leq 1$  mm leaf position error

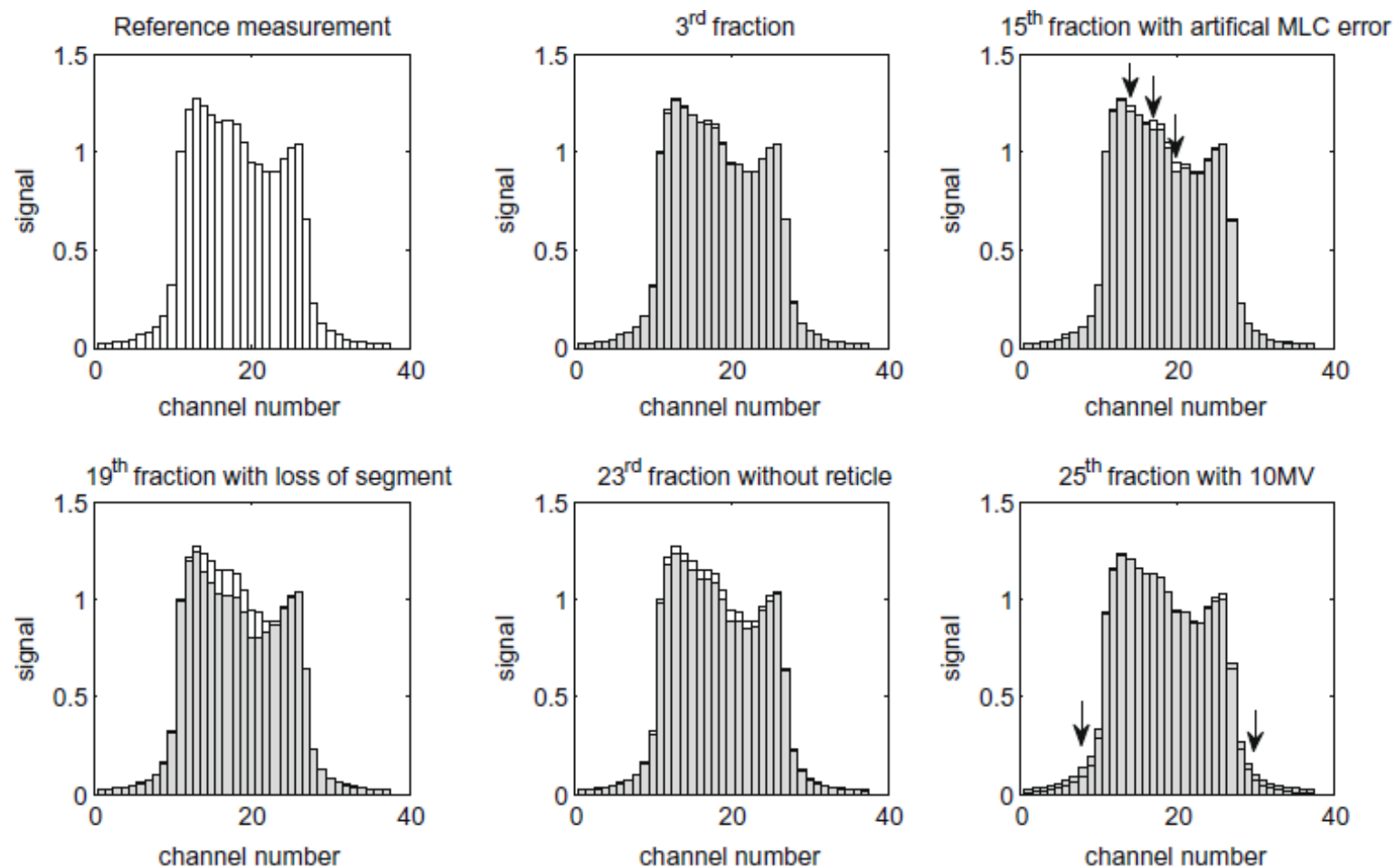
DAVID—a translucent multi-wire transmission ionization chamber for *in vivo* verification of IMRT

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**Figure 1.** Schematic drawing of the multi-wire ionization chamber in the DAVID system. The blow up sketch illustrates (b) the air-filled collection volume with two of the 29 detection wires connected to the amplifiers and three of the 30 grounded wires, (a) and (c) the 4 mm PMMA cover plates, which carry the translucent chamber voltage electrodes on their inner sides.

# DAVID



**Fig. 3.** Examples of the measured DAVID channel signals at 6 MV and at gantry angle 0° for some selected fractions. Artificial errors, introduced in the 15th, 19th, 23rd and 25th fraction, were detected as deviations from the reference signals.

# IQM (Integral Quality Monitoring System)

- Developed at PMH (M. Islam, D. Jaffray, et al.)
- Large area ionization chamber with gradient along MLC motion axis

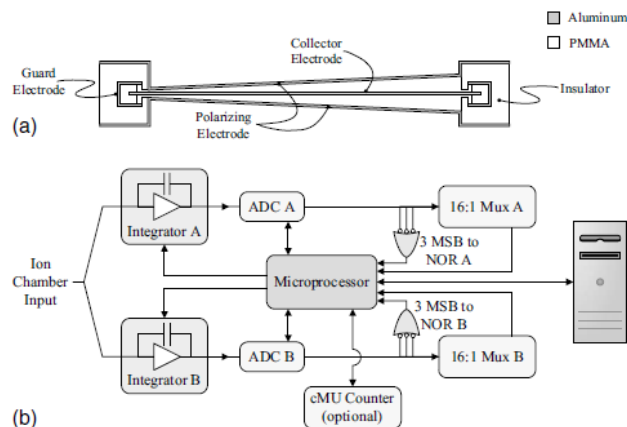


FIG. 2. (a) Schematic diagram of the prototype spatially sensitive large area ( $22 \times 22 \text{ cm}^2$ ) ionization chamber; outer electrode (polarizing electrode) separations vary linearly from 2 to 20 mm. (b) Functional block diagram of the dosimetry system, which includes a wide dynamic range dual integrator electrometer and a microprocessor. The microprocessor controls the integration and readout of signals in synchronization with beam segments.

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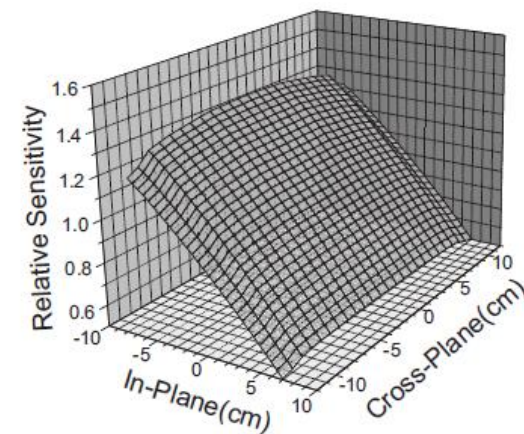


FIG. 5. The spatial response function  $\sigma(x,y)$  of the chamber for a jaw setting of  $14 \times 24 \text{ cm}^2$ . The response values are normalized with respect to the value at the beam central axis. The in plane and cross plane dimensions refer to the directions along and perpendicular to the MLC leaf motions, respectively.

# IQM (Integral Quality Monitoring System)



**FIG. 1.** The Integral Quality Monitor (IQM) is a large area ion chamber (top left) with a gradient of the ion chamber thickness in the axis of MLC motion. It attaches to the accessory tray holder, similar to an electron cone (top right). The device has a low profile from the linac head (bottom left and right) and connects wirelessly to a transceiver and the controlling computer.

**TABLE 1** The percentage change of IQM signal when the baseline 6 MV photon beam,  $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$  field and 100 MU, is changed with the listed modifications. For modifications that result in less than a 1% signal change, the magnitude of modification to give 1% signal change is recorded.

Modification	% signal change	Magnitude of modification for 1% change
1% decreased MU	$-0.99 \pm 0.01\%$	-
1% increased MU	$1.00 \pm 0.03\%$	-
1 mm single MLC leaf into field	$-0.05 \pm 0.01\%$	13 mm
1 mm single MLC leaf out of field	$0.01 \pm 0.01\%$	25 mm
1 mm field shift in MLC motion axis	$0.42 \pm 0.06\%$	3 mm
1 mm field shift in MLC nonmotion axis	$0.20 \pm 0.13\%$	Not sensitive
Incorrect energy (10 MV)	$0.8 \pm 0.02\%$	-
Incorrect energy (15 MV)	$2.85 \pm 0.01\%$	-

- Extensive validation test of newer model (D. Hoffman, UCD resident)
- Impact on beam parameters small
- 1.5 mm leaf shift causes 1% change in 10x10 field

# Magic Plate

- Epitaxial diode technology developed at University of Wollongong
- Technical and dosimetric evaluation very thorough
- No publication on patient plans yet

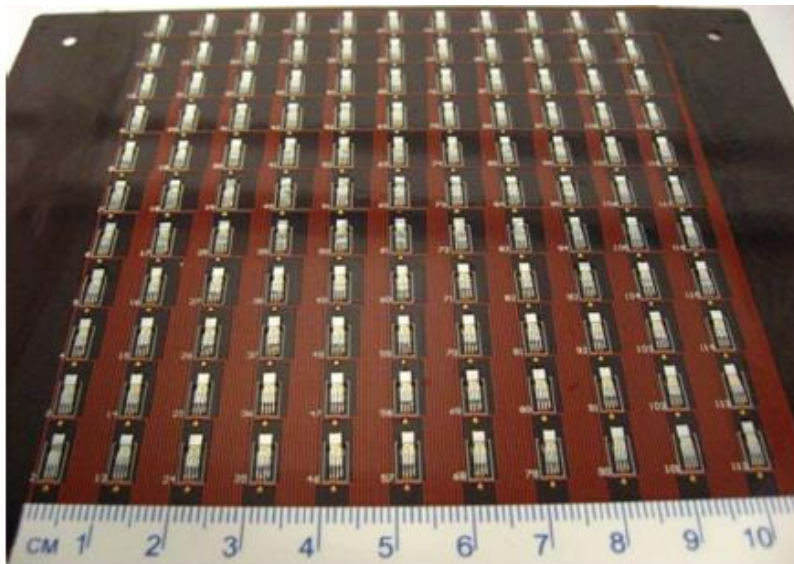


FIG. 1. Magic plate.

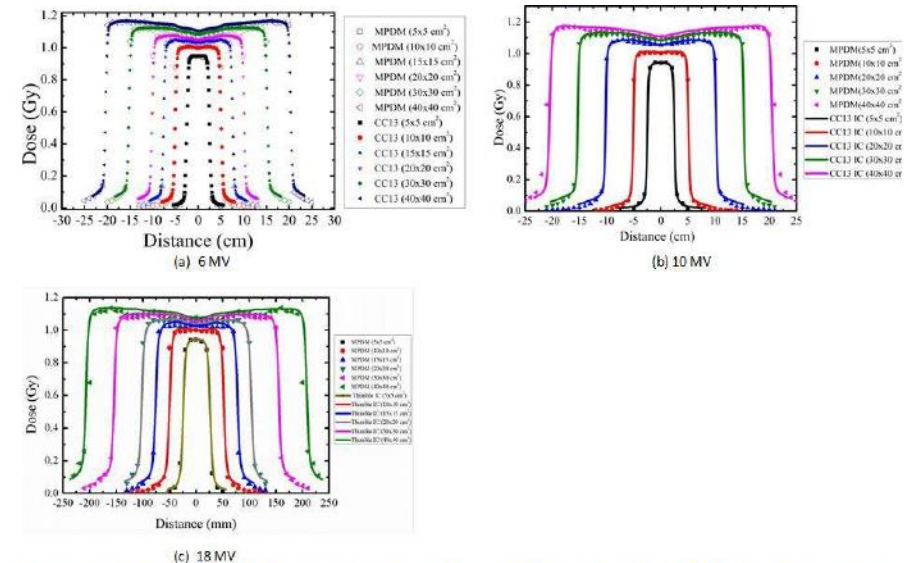


Figure 2. (a-c): Comparison between measured doses using ion chambers (CC13 and PTW Thimble chambers) and measured doses using Magic Plate in solid water phantom (MPDM) at  $d_{max}$ . 6 MV, 10 MV and 18 MV were used for this study.



# Optical attenuation

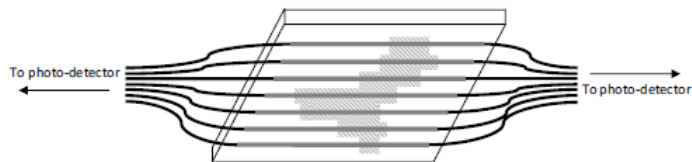


FIG. 2. Simplified schematic of the experimental prototype used. Scintillating fibers (gray) were aligned with respect to the radiation field (hatched lines) to match each multileaf collimator leaf to a single fiber. The light was guided by clear optical fibers (black) and collected by a photodetector. The prototype was located in the accessory tray.

- Prototype detected leaf placement errors  $<0.8$  mm
- Best performance if compared to a gold standard delivery

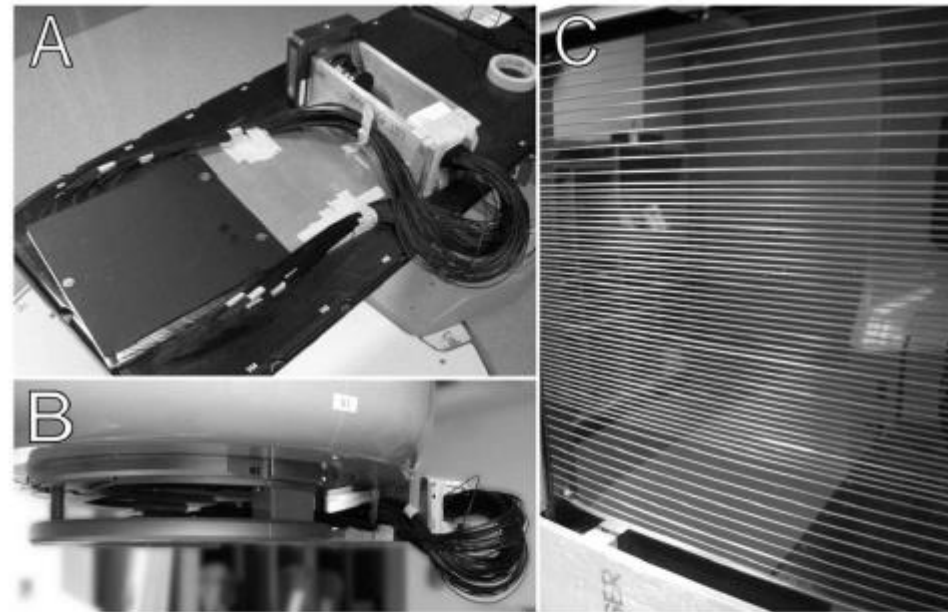


FIG. 3. Actual view of the experimental prototype used. The device is aimed to be placed in the accessory tray of the linac so that fluence verification can take place during the treatment delivery. (a) Top view of the unmounted prototype, (b) prototype mounted in the accessory tray, and (c) bottom view of the prototype, where the parallel scintillating fibers are shown.



# Vanilla

- Monolithic active pixel sensor

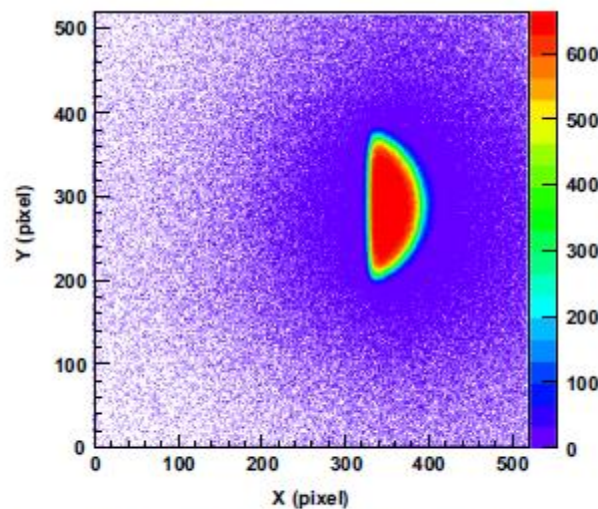


Fig. 4. Summed hit map using the lead brick to block part of the beam. Here a threshold of 350 ADC counts was used.

## Technical note

The VANILLA sensor as a beam monitoring device for X-ray radiation therapy

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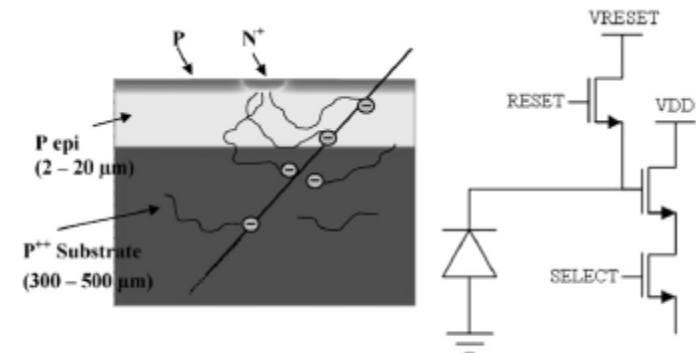
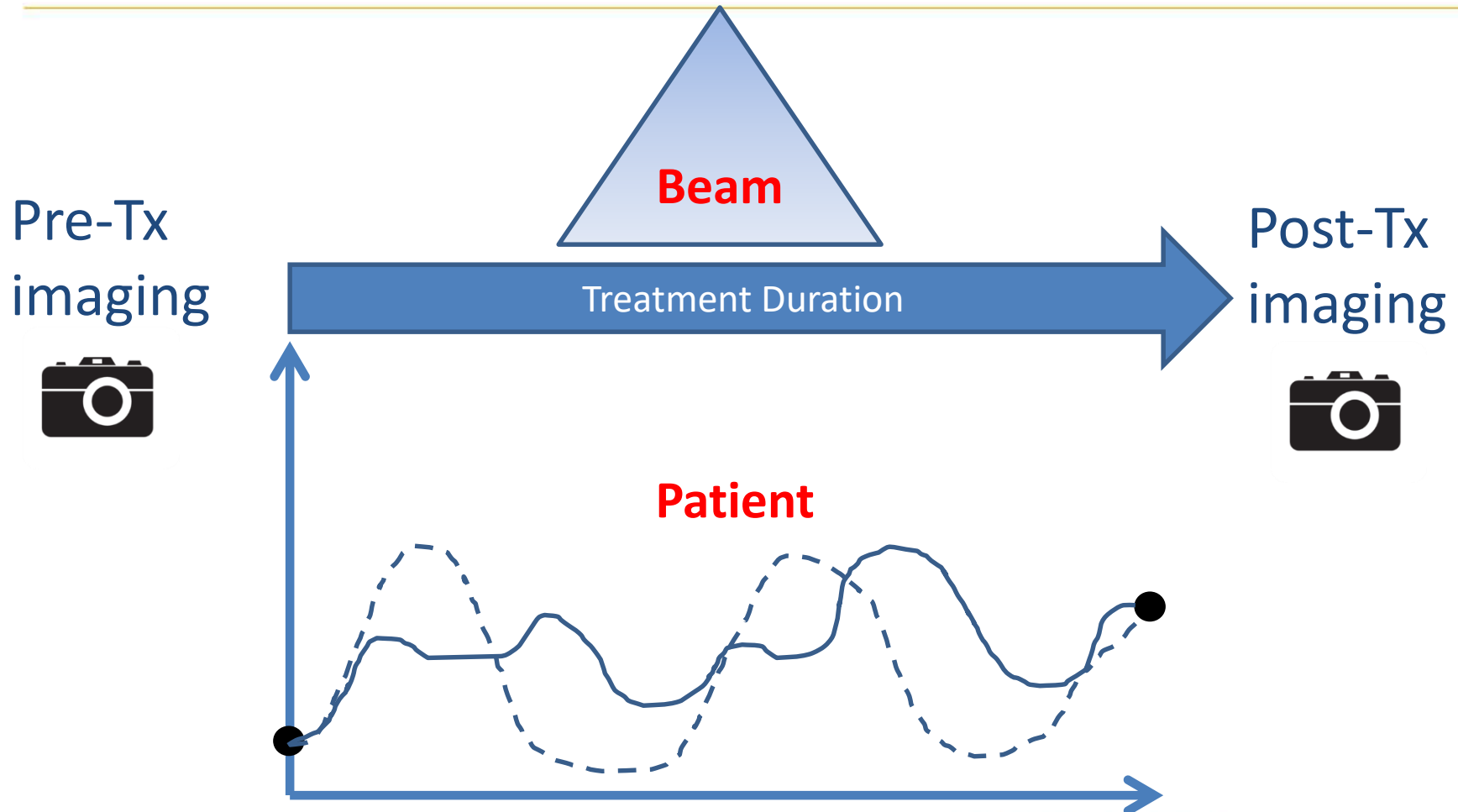


Fig. 1. Schematic cross section of a Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor (left) and the in-pixel circuitry of a standard 3T MAPS device (right).

***"Patients can just get off the couch and walk  
out of the room!"  
John Adler, MD , about linacs ~2003***

# ***Patient Monitoring***

# What are we trying to solve?

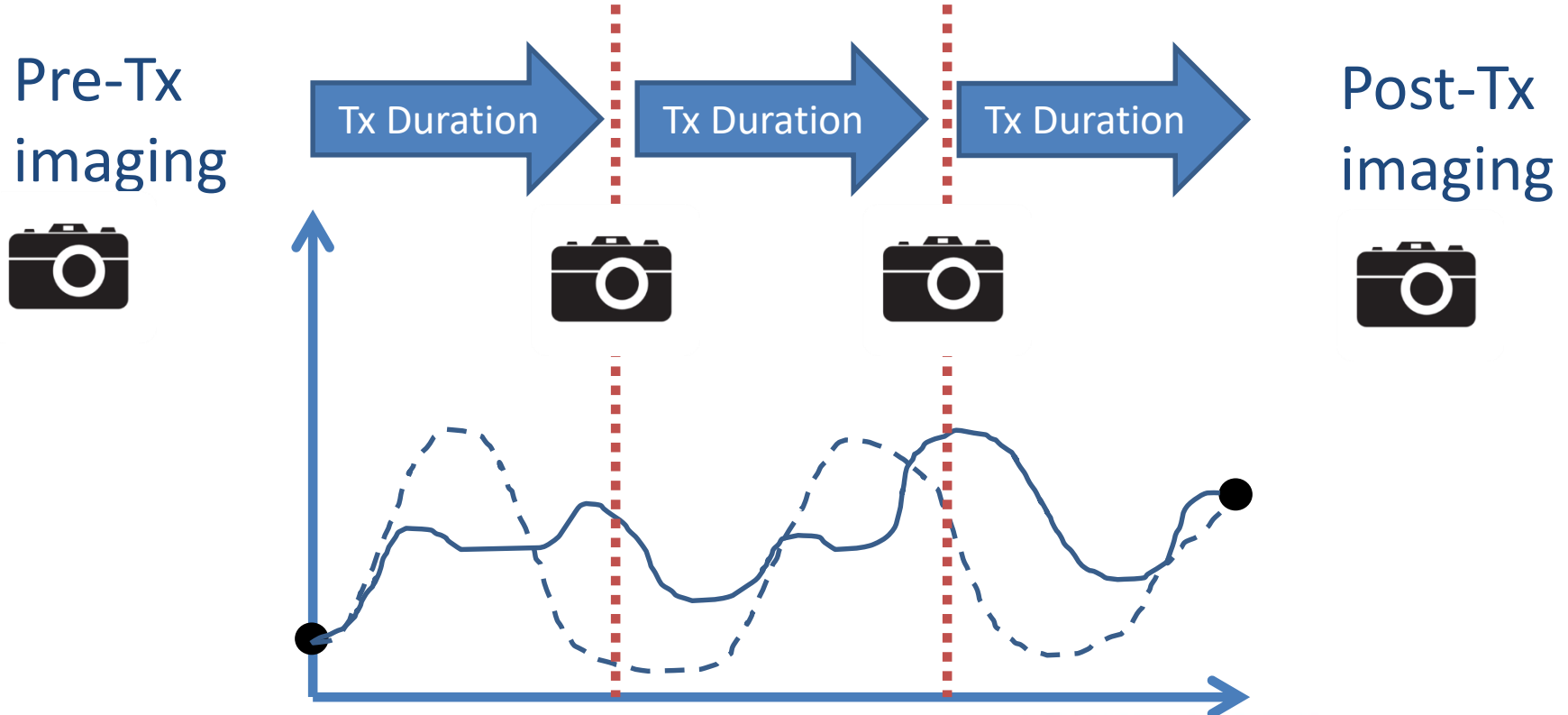


# Patient Imaging

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- 2D (+time) Ionizing Imaging options
  - Single kV, Fluoro
  - Orthogonal kV (CK, BrainLab)
  - Orthogonal kV/MV combinations
  - MV beam-line
- 3D/4D Ionizing Imaging options
  - kV CBCT
  - MV CBCT
- 2D (+time) Non-Ionizing Imaging
  - External 2D surrogate (belt, flow meter, RPM cube, CK beacons)
  - Optical imaging in 3D (Vision RT, C-Rad)
  - Electromagnetic (Calypso)
- 3D/4D Non-ionizing Imaging: MRI
- And various combinations of these ...

# The Salami Solution: treat, stop, image, repeat





## Salami Solution Early Examples



BrainLab

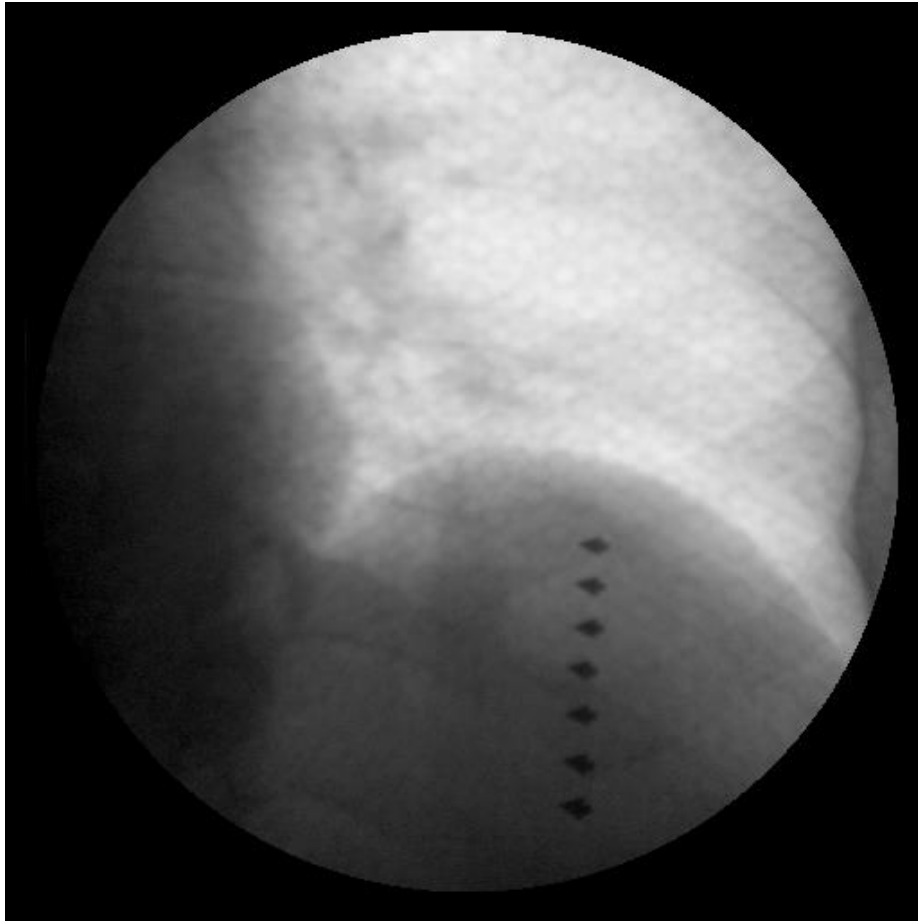


CyberKnife

# ***Ionizing Imaging***

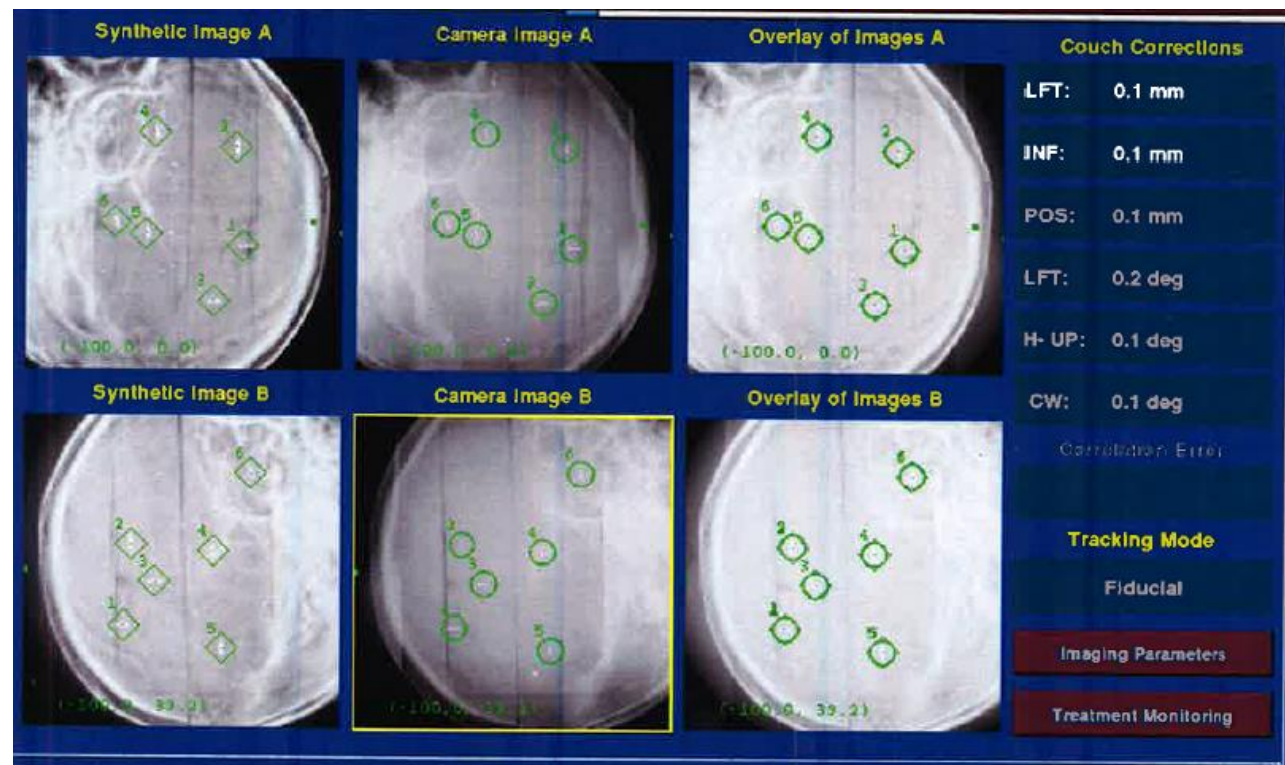
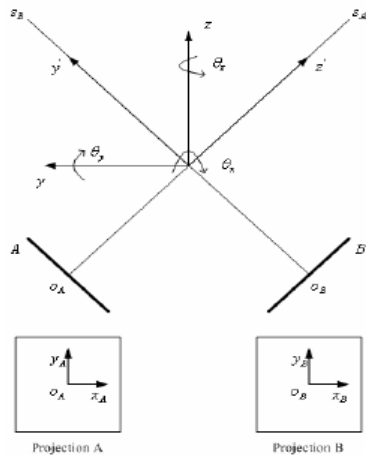
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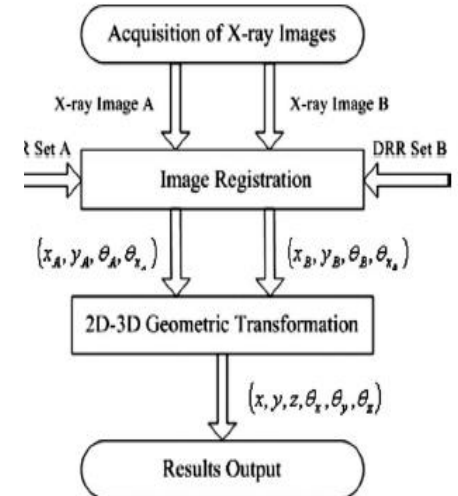
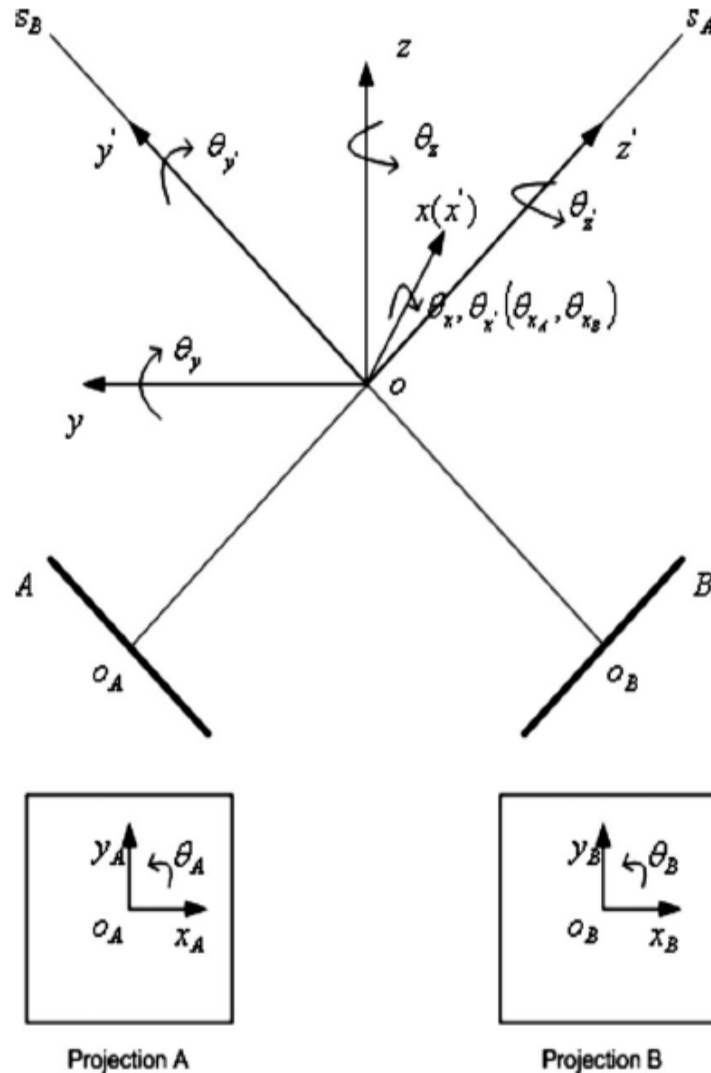
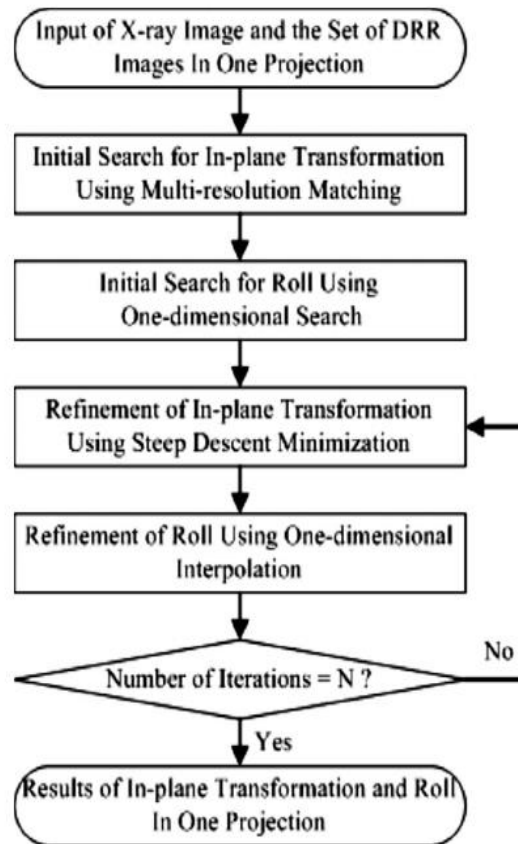


- Imaging dose

# Orthogonal Imaging



# The Principle of 2D-3D registration



2. The workflow of the 2D-3D image registration.

FIG. 4. The flowchart of image registration of an x-ray image and DRRs in one projection.

# Requirements for Orthogonal Imaging

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- Image registration algorithm:
  - Fast
  - Reliable
- Feedback loop:
  - Automatic Tx stop based on patient position tolerance
  - And/or adjustment of beam to new patient position



# Cherenkov Imaging (!!!)

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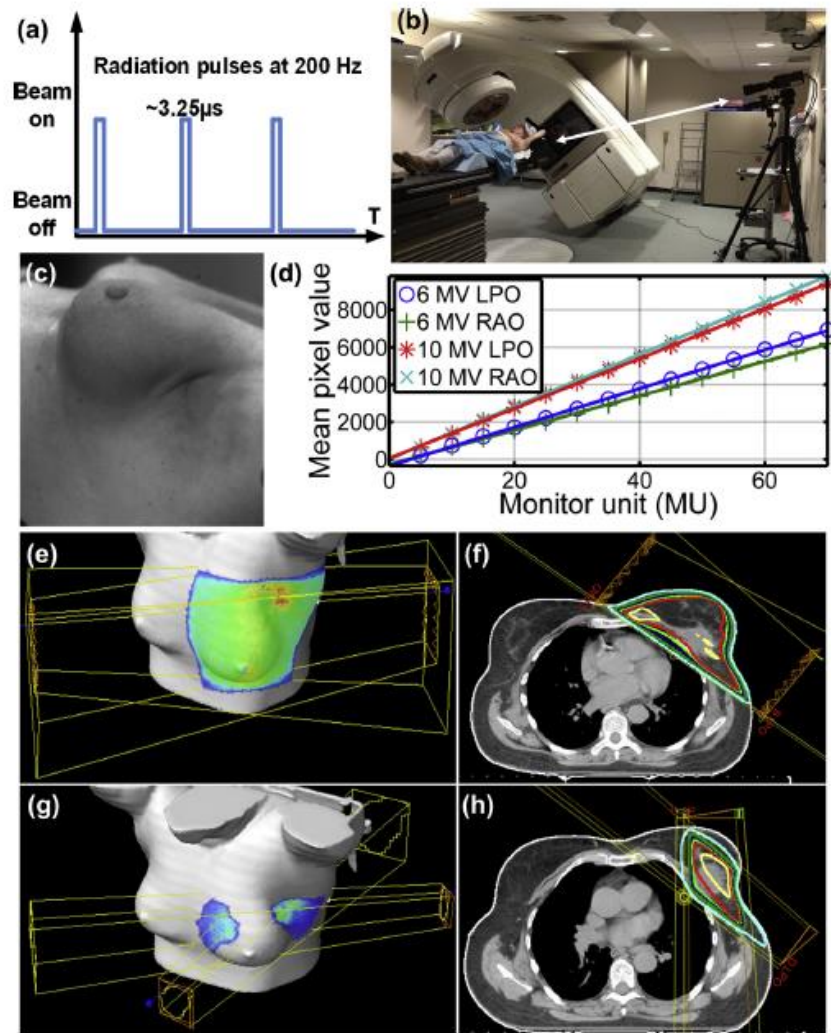


Fig. 1. Integration of ICCD camera into a radiation treatment unit for clinical detection of Cherenkov emission images. (a)

# ***Non-ionizing Imaging***

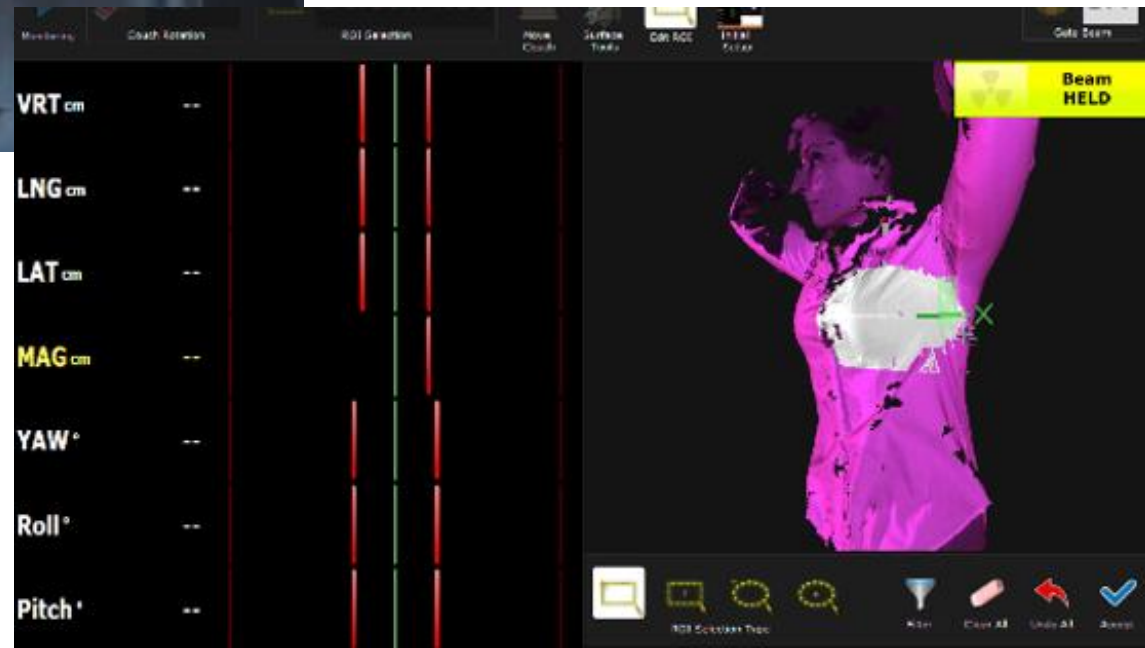
# Non-Ionizing Technologies

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- Surface Imaging
- US imaging
- Electromagnetic imaging
- MRI

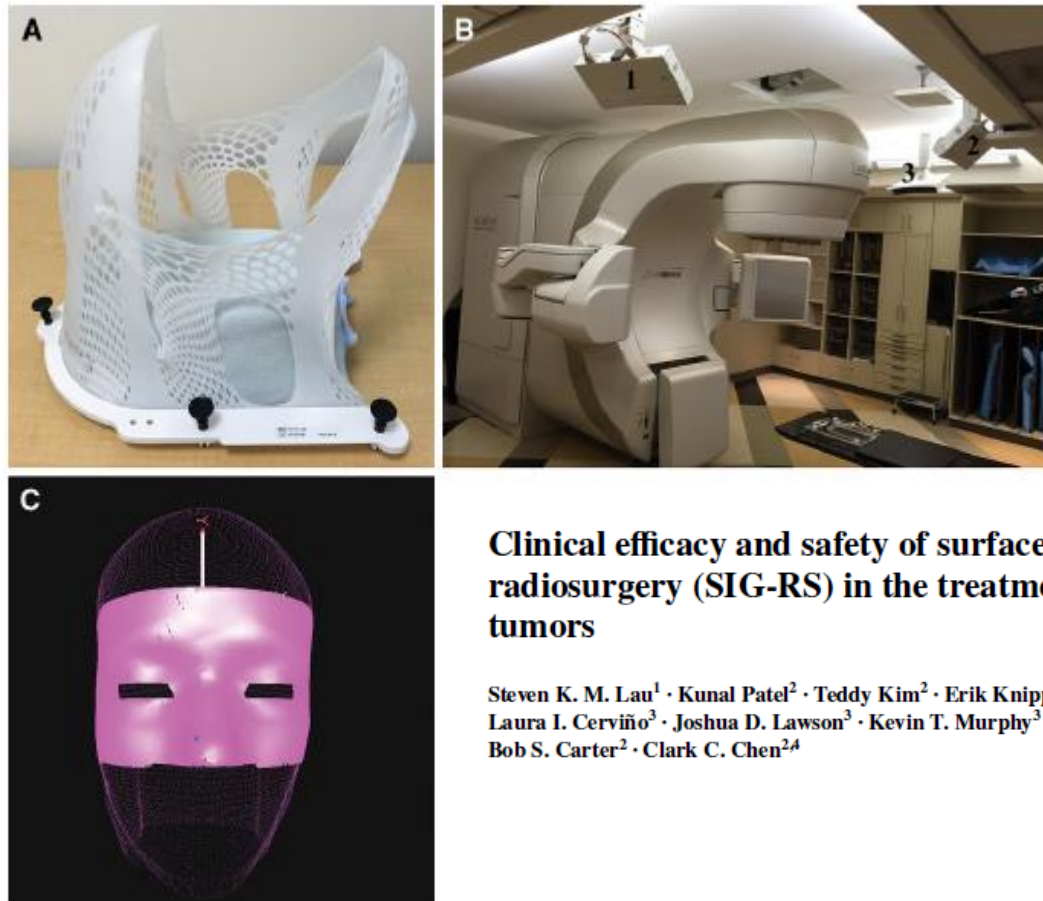
Many additional technologies since  
AAPM TG-147 provided QA guidance!

# Optical Surface Imaging



# Surface Imaging for Frameless SRS

**Fig. 1** Adaptation of surface imaging-guided technology to radiosurgery (SIG-RS). **a** Representative customizable open-face thermoplastic mask used for immobilization. **b** Three ceiling-mounted nonionizing camera pods track the patient's facial topography. **c** Three dimensional reconstruction of facial topography is used to identify the region of interest. Facial topography and region of interest are monitored in real-time to detect intrafraction deviations of patient positioning

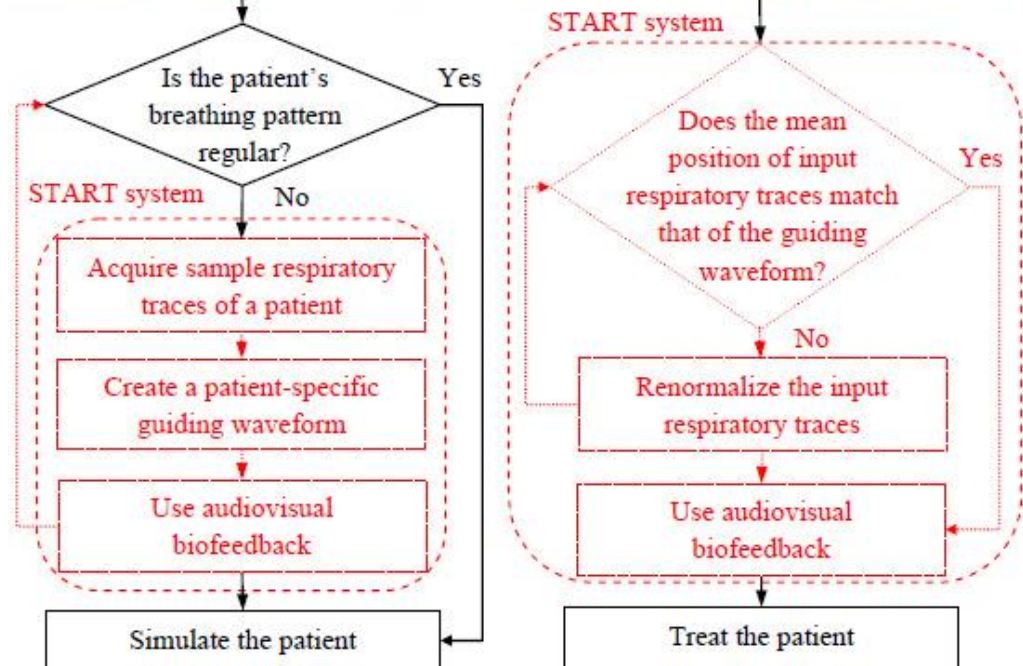
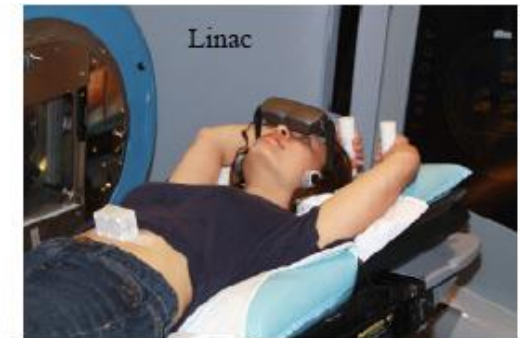
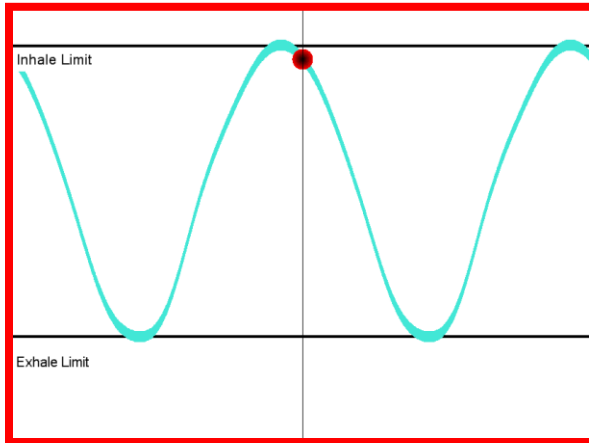


## Clinical efficacy and safety of surface imaging guided radiosurgery (SIG-RS) in the treatment of benign skull base tumors

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# Audiovisual (A/V) Biofeedback



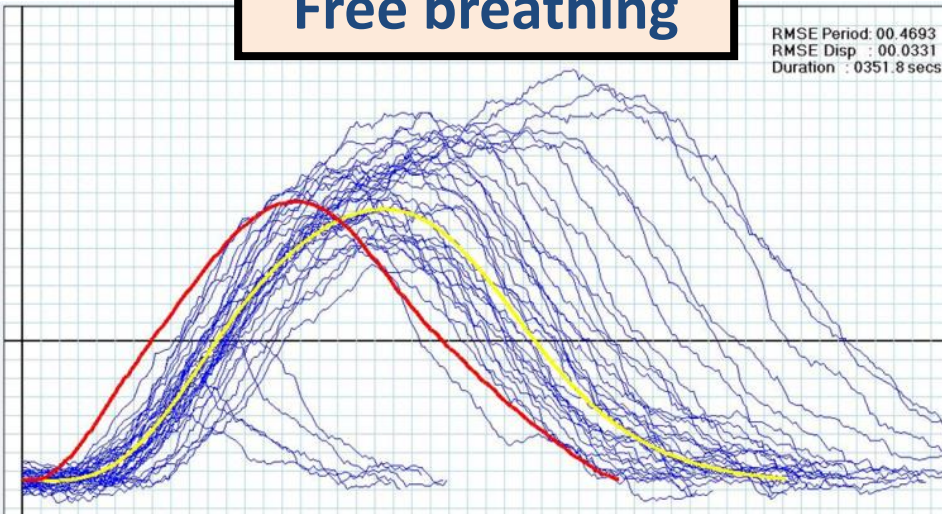
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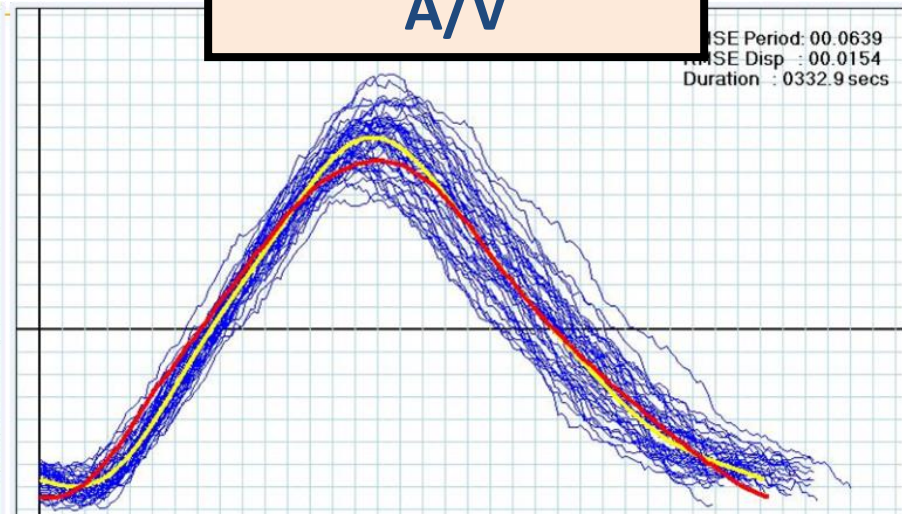


# Impact of A/V Biofeedback

## Free breathing



## A/V



Training type	RMS var <sup>n</sup> in displacement (cm)	RMS var <sup>n</sup> in period (s)
Free breathing	0.56	0.78
A/V	0.21	0.20

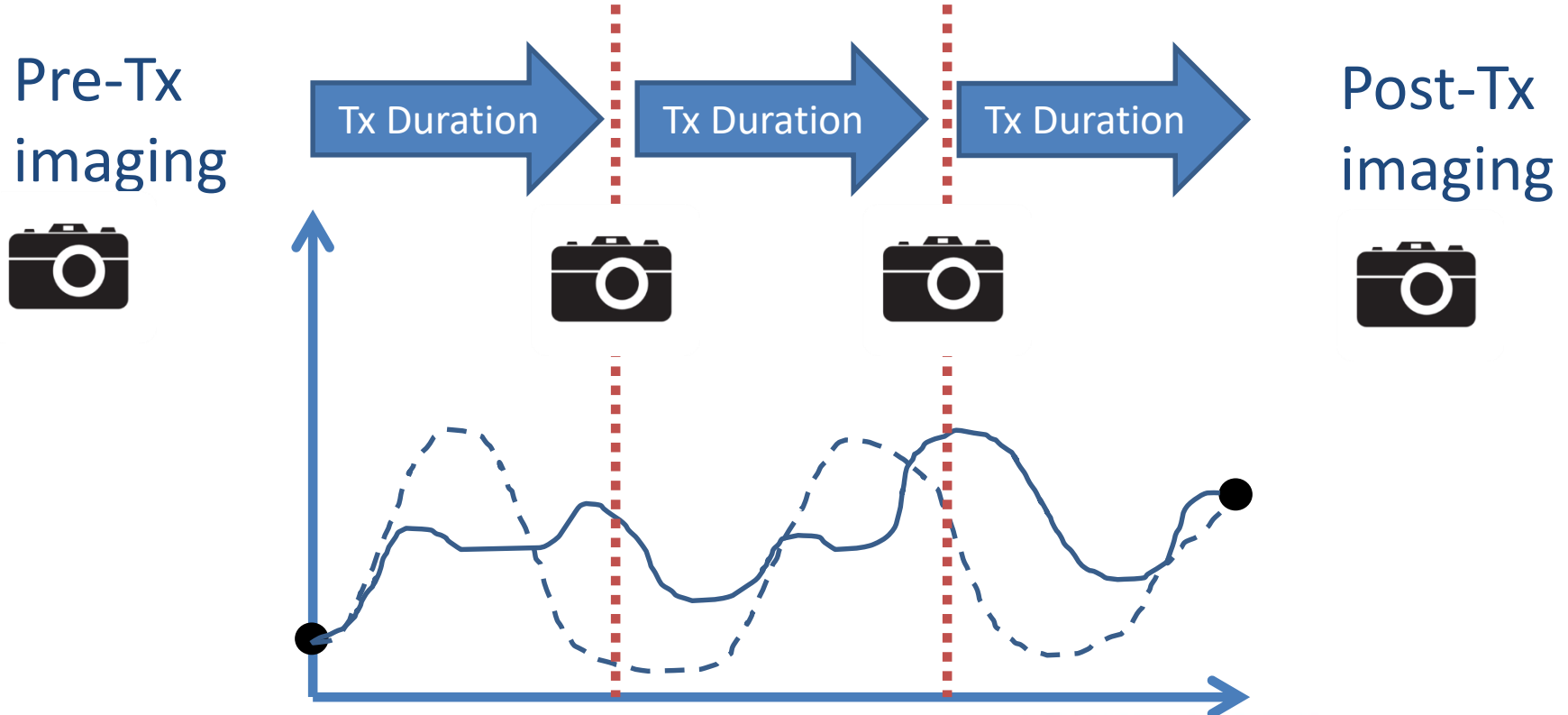
## Drawback of Non-ionizing Surface Imaging

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- External monitoring ONLY
- External-Internal motion correlation is function of phase shift
- One possible solution ...

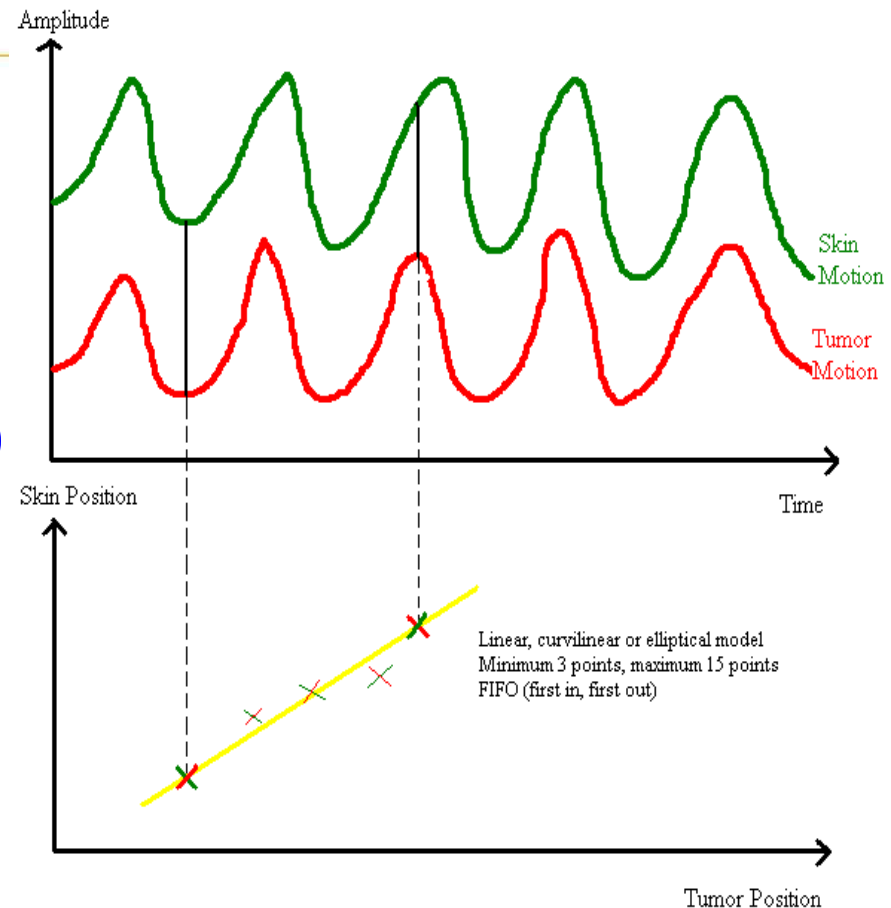
***Hybrid (i.e. non-ionizing with ionizing)  
real-time monitoring***

# The Salami Solution: treat, stop, image, repeat



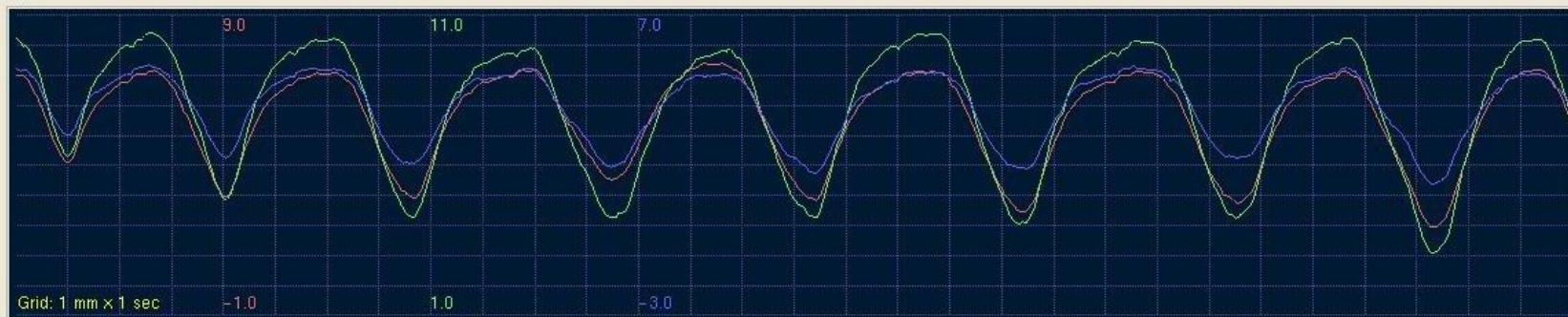
# Synchrony – Respiratory Tracking

- Beacons on skin to get respiratory motion
- X-rays of tumor (using fiducials or soft tissue tracking)
- Tumor and skin markers get correlated
- Skin motion predicts tumor motion
- Robot follows the tumor motion





## Tracking Markers



## Model Graphs

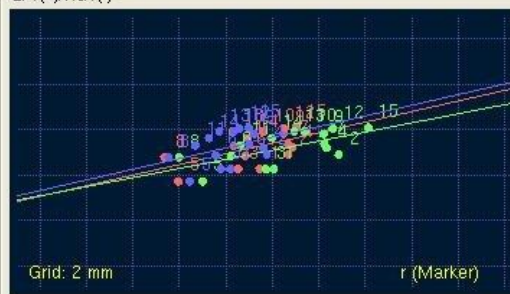
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## Correlation Graphs

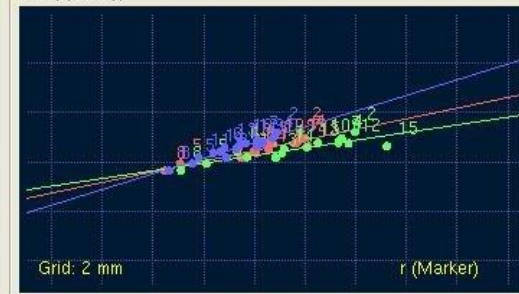
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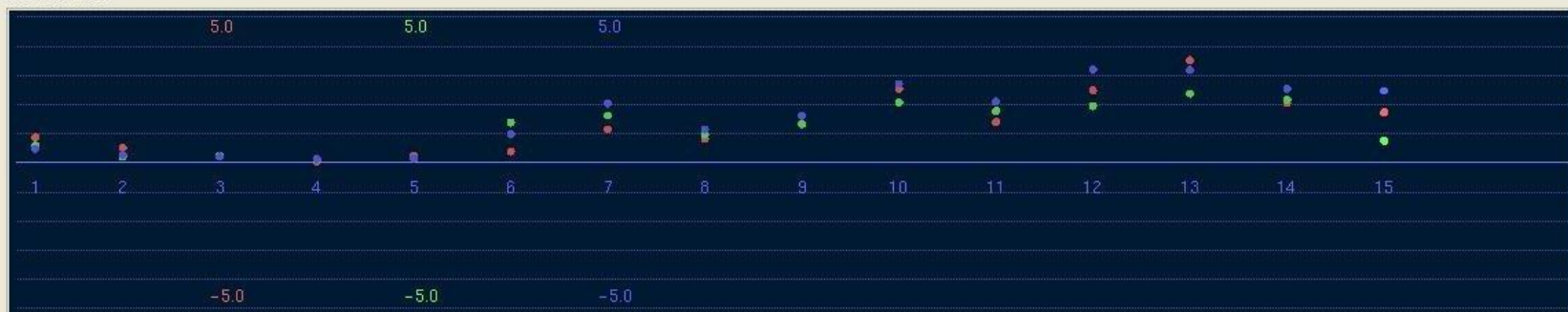
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## Correlation Error



## Marker Status

- Marker 1 ☒
- Marker 2 ☒
- Marker 3 ☒

Data Rate [Hz] 25.9

## Graph Controls

Clear Graphs

Pause Graphs

Automatic Vertical Scale ☒

Time Scale 30 sec

## Connection Status

- TLS Communication ☒
- UI Communication ☒

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16:52 : Z(M3):ModelType:1 stdErr:0.13 corErr:0.19 mstdErr:0.14  
16:52 : =====



# Can be adapted for gated treatment on linacs!

- Setup with CBCT
- Fluoroscopy for 3 breaths
  - Before Tx
  - After Tx
- Fiducial positions determined using template matching algorithm
- Optimize gating window
- Linear relationship between fiducial position and AP signal
- Average change after Tx 1.2 mm (AP) and 0.9 mm (LR)

## Medical Physics

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### SU-F-J-137: Intrafractional Change of the Relationship Between Internal Fiducials and External Breathing Signal in Pancreatic Cancer Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy

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# ***Non-ionizing 4D internal imaging (Clarity, Calypso, Viewray)***

# Transperineal US: Clarity

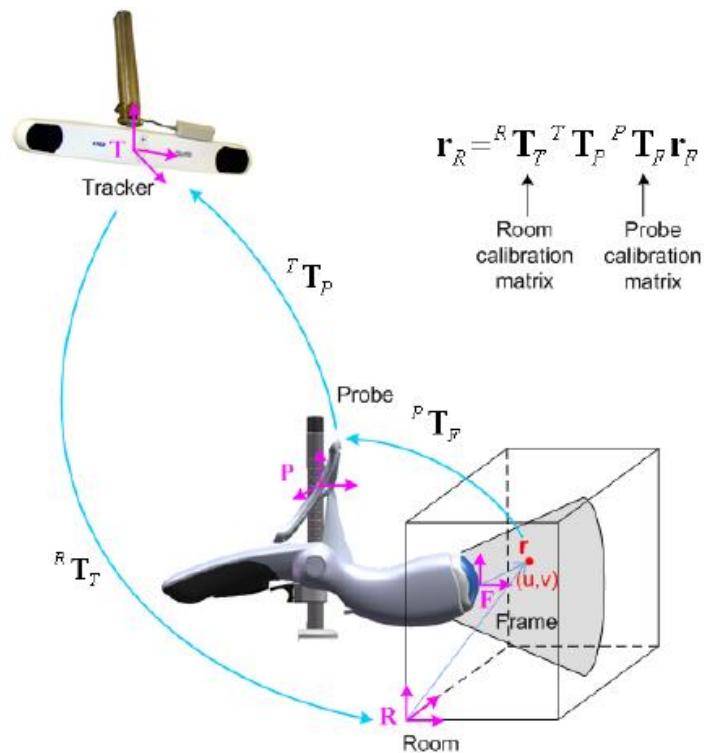


Figure 2. Schematic diagram illustrating coordinate transformations for calibration



# Transperineal US localization compared to CT

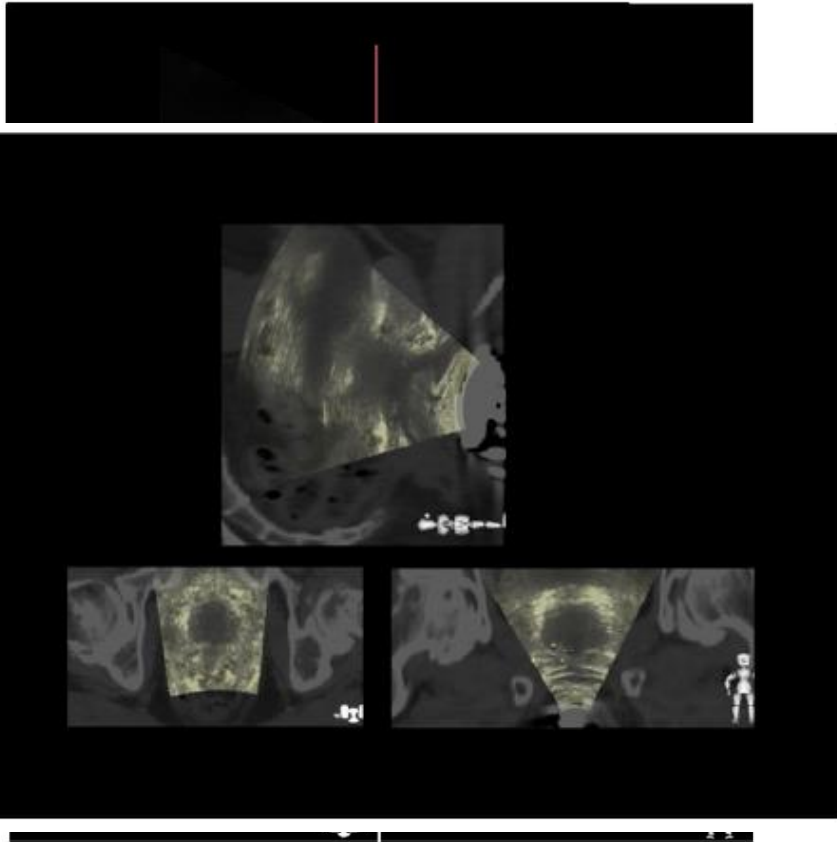


Figure 1 Sagittal (top), axial (bottom left), and coronal (bottom right) transperineal ultrasound images of the prostate.

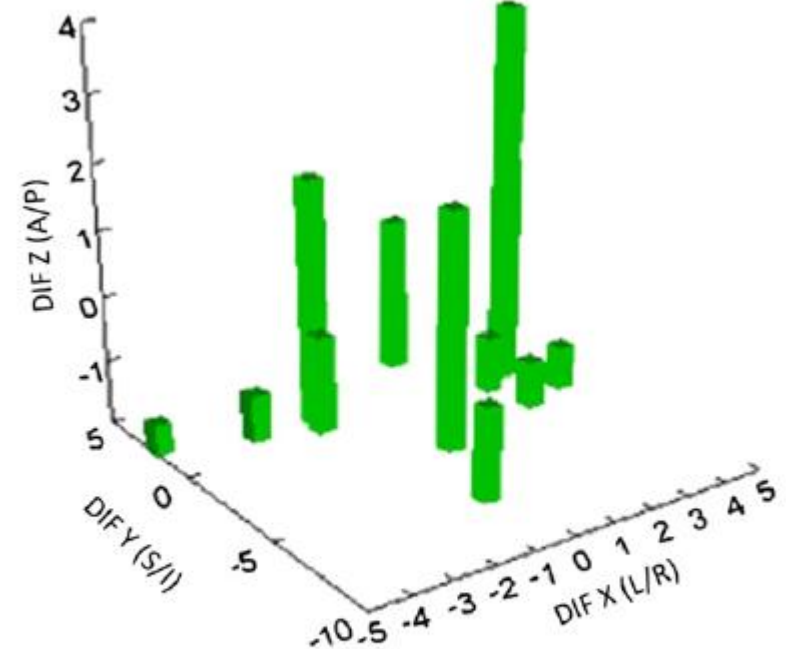


Figure 3 Three-dimensional plot of average differences in computed tomography and transperineal ultrasound-determined position of the prostate gland for each patient.

# Electromagnetic imaging

- Langen IJROBP 2008
- Ground-breaking visualization of prostate motion
- Individual variation between patients
- Adjustments for persistent out of tolerance motion

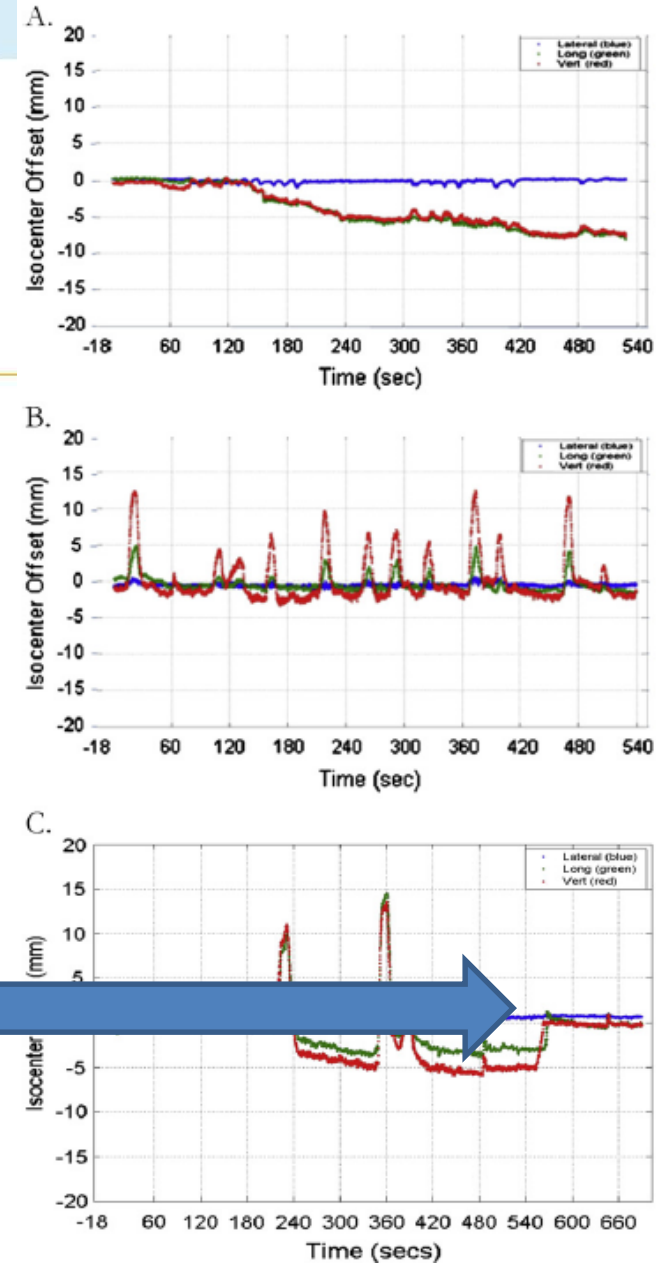


Fig. 1. (A) Drift motion. (B) Transient motion. (C) Drift and transient motion. The track shown in (C) shows an incident when therapists intervened and corrected couch position in response to observed motion (at time, 560 s). For data analysis purposes, these couch corrections were retrospectively eliminated by reintroducing the offset that had been corrected by therapists.

## **Now add in feedback loop to MLC: Large animal treatments in 2012**

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- [2012 Large Animal Video from Aarhus \(Per Poulsen\). Source: Paul Keall's Youtube channel](#)



# First Patient in 2013 Followed by Clinical Trial

## The first clinical implementation of electromagnetic transponder-guided MLC tracking

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# Technical requirements

## **DISCLAIMER: NOT FDA APPROVED**

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- A way to track tumor position
  - EM tracking (Calypso) considered most accurate at this time
  - Hybrid system will work
- An MLC which can move leaves fast enough (or a robot carrying your linac)
  - Both TrueBeam v2 and Elekta Versa MLCs are capable
- User Interface

# Patient Treatment

## Physics Contribution

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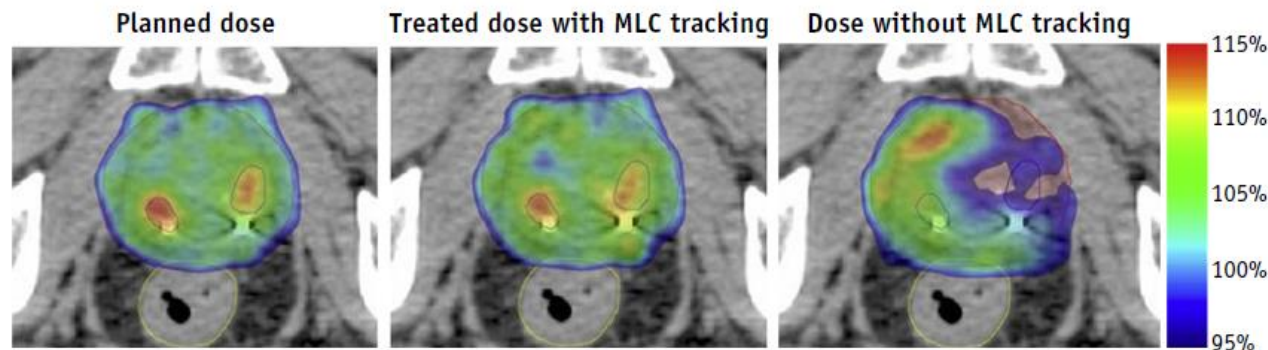
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**Fig. 3.** The 3 dose distributions ( $\geq 95\%$  isodose) for a single 2-Gy fraction with a mean displacement of 3.6 mm with the planning target volume (red) and contoured gross tumor volume (blue). The planned dose distribution (left), the treated with MLC tracking dose (center), and the modeled without multileaf collimator (MLC) tracking dose (right). A color version of this figure is available at [www.redjournal.org](http://www.redjournal.org).

## Drawbacks of electromagnetic imaging

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- Obviously: marker implant
  - Cost
  - Time
  - Anatomical feasibility
- Long-term impact
  - Interference with MRI imaging

## MRI Imaging Example: Viewray

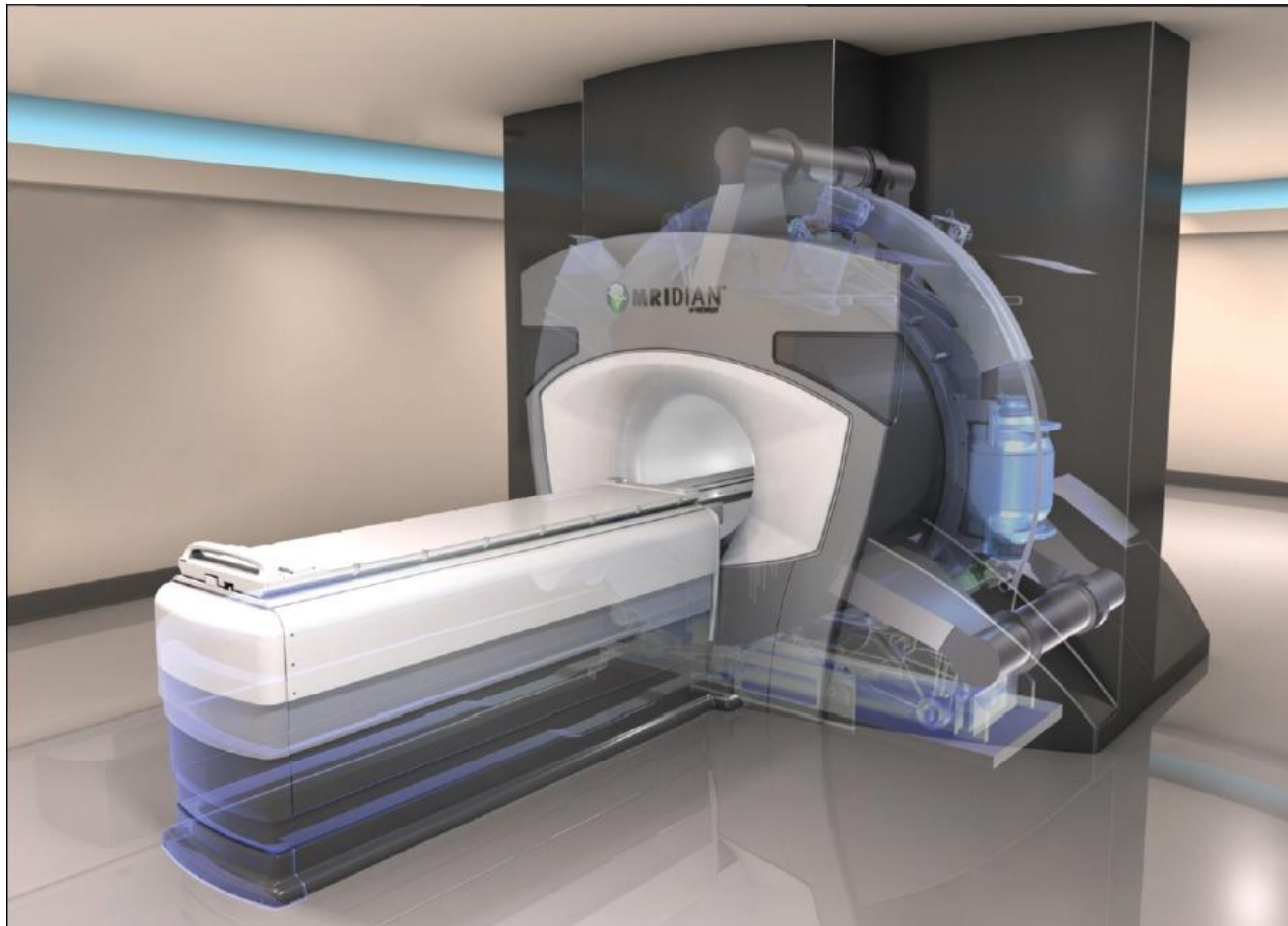


Image courtesy Viewray

## Then there is MRI

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- [Pancreas DIBH](#)
- [Tracking during treatment](#)
- Videos provided by Viewray
- ASTRO 2017: look for WashU presentation on adaptive pancreas (P. Parikh)



***From Monitoring Beam and Monitoring Patient  
to doing both at once:***

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