

Targeting Internal Anatomy in Real-Time During Radiotherapy

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- Clinical benefits of real-time targeting
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Definition: Targeting Internal Anatomy in Real-Time during Radiotherapy is ...

"The use of physical principles continuously during treatment to find the position of targets that cannot be observed with visual or surface imaging systems."

Targets are **intrinsic**, e.g. x-ray visible peripheral lung tumors, or **extrinsic**, e.g. implanted markers.

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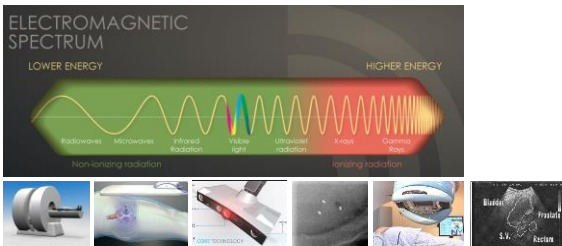
Ideal Technology for Targeting Internal Anatomy in Real-Time during Radiotherapy

- Volumetric
- High spatial resolution
- High temporal resolution
- High fidelity
- Can transfer planning contour & dose information to & from
- Low latency
- High contrast
- No interference with delivery system
- Non-invasive
- No imaging dose
- Can optimize and compute dose on
- Reduces treatment time
- Cheap with low operational costs
- ...

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Technologies for Real-Time Internal Anatomy Targeting



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Targeting Internal Anatomy in Real-Time during Radiotherapy The Pioneers in 1998

Real-time tumour-tracking radiotherapy

Hiroaki Shirato, Shinichi Shimizu, Tadaaki Shimizu, Takeuchi Nishioaka, Kazuo Miyawaki

- Real-time fluoro imaging of gold markers with gating
- Markers inserted into/near the tumour in 10 patients
- No complications or local relapses within a 6 month follow-up
- "A real-time tumour-tracking system can improve the accuracy of radiotherapy and reduce the volume of normal tissue irradiated"
- 2014 applied technology to proton therapy



Courtesy Prof Hiroaki Shirato

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AAPM Task Group 199: Implanted Target surrogates for radiation treatment verification

Charge

Review applications of target surrogates in radiation therapy

Address patient complication, marker migration, deformation, and radiographic properties of markers

Recommend best practice for physicist involvement

Provide guidelines for specific treatment sites, such as prostate, lung, liver, pancreas, and breast



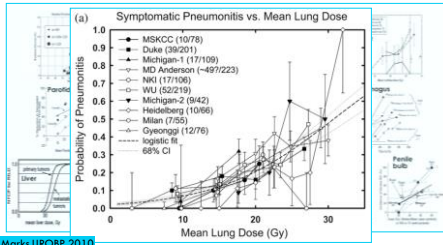
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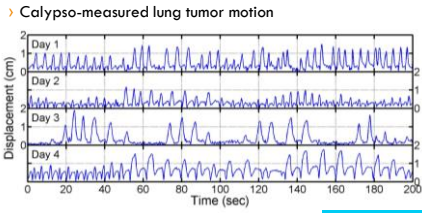
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Clinical Benefit of Improved IGRT



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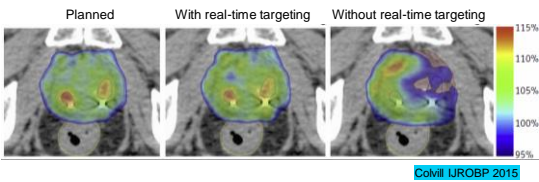
Tumor motion varies from breath to breath and day to day



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With real-time internal anatomy targeting planned dose is closer to delivered dose



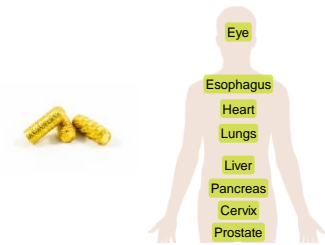
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Marker-based real-time targeting



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COSTS

- Marker \$
- Implantation procedure \$
- Procedure toxicity
- Anesthesia risk
- Increased hospital visit
- Increased time to treatment
- Radiation dose
- Mis-targeting if migration
- Variable marker-target motion

BENEFITS

- Improved tumor targeting
- Normal tissue sparing
- Reduced margins

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Markerless Tracking Clinical Implementation: CyberKnife Xsight Lung

- Tumor >15 mm diameter
- In lung periphery
- X-ray images not completely obstructed by spine
- Spine subtraction x-ray processing
- Block matching search
- Internal/external correlation model

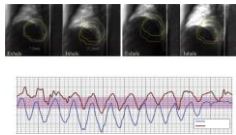
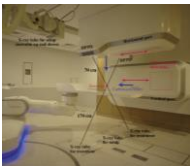


Xsight Lung Tracking System: A Fiducial-Less Method for Respiratory Motion Tracking

DONGSHAN FU, ROBERT KARAN, BAI WANG, JIANGYU WANG, ZHENGMING MI, JONG PARK, GORONATE EDUPVALLI, BEN CALVIN R. MARSH, II

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Markerless Tracking Clinical Implementation: Carbon ion therapy

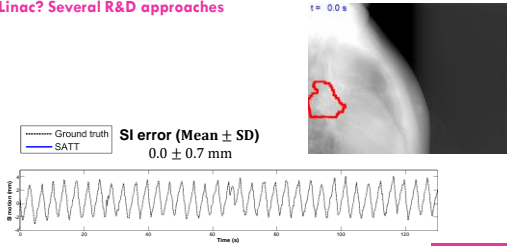


- 10 lung and liver patients treated with markerless tumor tracking-driven gated carbon ion therapy

Mori et al. IJROBP 2016

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Markerless Tracking Clinical Implementation:
Linac? Several R&D approaches



Shieh PMB 2017

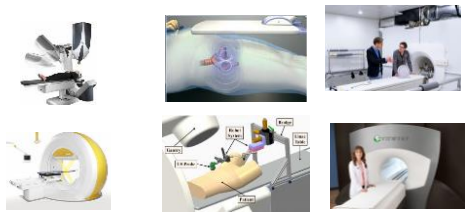
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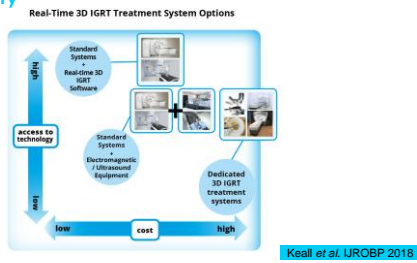
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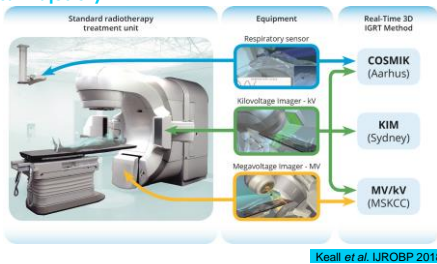
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Future Outlook

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1. Minority \Rightarrow Majority
2. Large markers \Rightarrow Small markers
3. Permanent markers \Rightarrow Temporary markers
4. Markers \Rightarrow No markers
5. 2D \Rightarrow 3D \Rightarrow 6DoF \Rightarrow Deformation
6. Outcomes \uparrow \Rightarrow Patient numbers \uparrow

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