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# Increasing Efficiency and Quality in External Beam Treatment Planning Through Automation and Scripting

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- “ Sean Berry holds research grants from Varian Medical Systems for work unrelated to this talk
- “ The Plan Check Tool is the result of a collaboration between University of Michigan, MSKCC, and Varian Medical Systems.
- “ There is a licensing agreement between MSKCC and Varian Medical Systems for the breast compensator program.



# Objectives

“ To describe our experience in using an applications programming interface (API) to develop tools for scripting/automation in the external beam radiotherapy planning (EBRT) process.





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# Plan Check Tool

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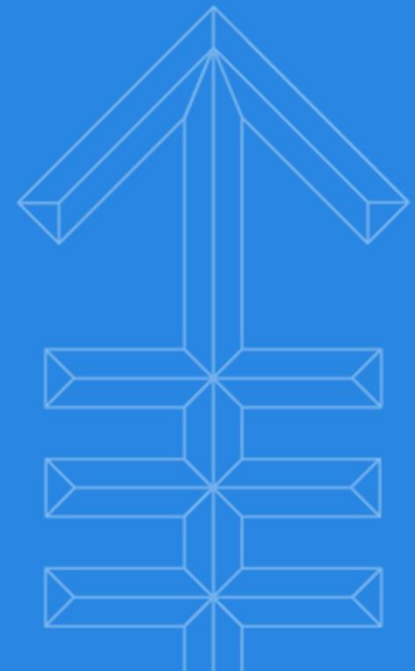
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# PCT: Background

“ Radiotherapy pre-treatment physics chart checks have been shown to be a highly effective method of catching errors before they propagate to patient treatment<sup>1</sup>

“ Issues with manual checks:

- . Lapses in human attention/knowledge can limit effectiveness and lead to uneven error detection rates between personnel
- . Time consuming: ~9 FTE physicist positions devoted solely to this job function campus wide

<sup>1</sup>Ford EC, et al. Quality control quantification (qcq): A tool to measure the value of quality control checks in radiation oncology. *International journal of radiation oncology, biology, physics* 2012;84:e263-269.



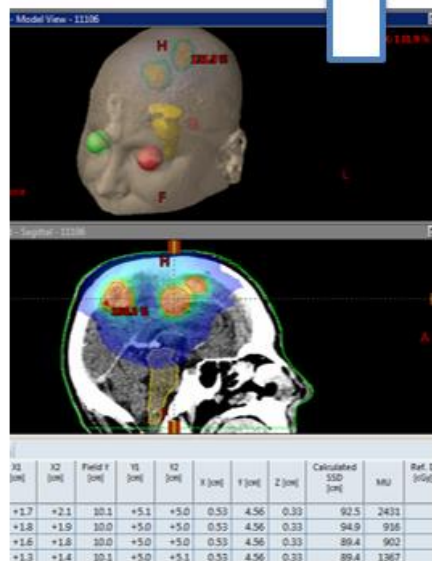
# PCT: Introduction



- “ ESAPI based automated plan checking tool written in C#
- “ Result of collaboration between UMich\MSKCC\Varian
- “ Used clinically >15,000-20,000x at each institution
  - . Released 2/2015 at UM, 4/2016 at MSKCC
- “ Used on all campuses of MSKCC, UMich Main Campus, and UMich affiliate sites
- “ Eclipse versions v11 – v15

# PCT: Overview

1.) Extracts info directly from treatment planning system



2.) Compares extracted data vs. expected values



3.) Makes judgment



Pass



Flag – needs adjustment



Report – for user manual review and judgment



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# Plan Check Tool: GUI

EclipsePlanCheck

EclipsePlanCheck Version 15.1.3.0 Patient Id1: 85000010 Name: TEST10, Course: sbcomp Plan: FieldNameChk User: mskcc\berry: About

Select Body Site

☒ Default

☐ Supine  
Breast  
Tangents

☐ Prone  
Breast  
Tangents

☐ Prostate

☐ HN and  
Brain

☐ ECHO SBRT

☐ Ablative GI

1 Reported Items for Manual Review

2 Contours

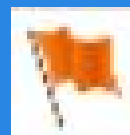
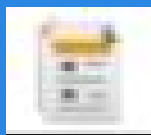
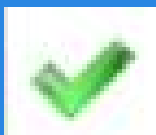
3 Naming Conventions and Demographics

4 Beams, optimization, and calculation

5 QA/Approvals/Aria

Stage 4 : Beams, optimization, and calculation

Item	Stat	Results	Notes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report CT Overrides			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure Bolus HU=0		Automatic Checks passed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriately used support structure		Support structure "CouchInterior" does not exist in plan "FieldNameChk". Verify that this is intentional and appropriate.	Patient will hang off of couch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report isocenter (x,y)		Verifies that you used imaging or QFix couch model on machines with those couches and didn't use it on machines that do not have them	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report isocenter (x,y,z)		Automatic Checks passed	



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" 53 checkers:

EclipsePlanCheck Version 15.1.3.0 Patient ID

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☐ Supine Breast Tangents

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☐ HN and Brain

☐ ECHO SBRT

☐ Ablative GI

☐ Calc

☐ Cranial Single or Hypo

1 Reported Items for Manual Review

2 Contours

3 Naming

Stage 1 : Reported Items for Manual Review

Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report Patient Orientation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report DICOM offset
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report DICOM isocenter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report Study ID
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report Plan UID
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report gating status

Stage 2 : Contours

Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure adjacent structures overlap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check for empty structures and missing slices.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laterality of paired organs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check for overlap between body and couch

Stage 3 : Naming Conventions and Demographics

Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naming Convention: 3D Image, RTSS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naming Convention: Clinical Course
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify non-clinical courses are completed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check for invalid characters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify plan intent

## Stage 4 : Beams, optimization, and calculation

Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report CT Overrides
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure Bolus HU=0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriately used support structure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report isocenter (x,y,z)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report isocenter shift from user origin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Machine Released For SBRT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beam Clearance Checker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 180E Used When Appropriate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify Primary Collimator not exposed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify no overlap at matchline
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Couch collisions in small room
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FFF beams used when appropriate.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan naming and normalization
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasonable Fluence Checker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate number control points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correct LMC algorithm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LostMU x MaxMU for IMRT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report VMAT duty cycle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check VMAT jaw position relative to MLC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify calculation model and options
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT Slice Thickness
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global max hot spot is inside PTV
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dose calculation model is OK for target size
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alert unusual warnings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bolus linked to fields

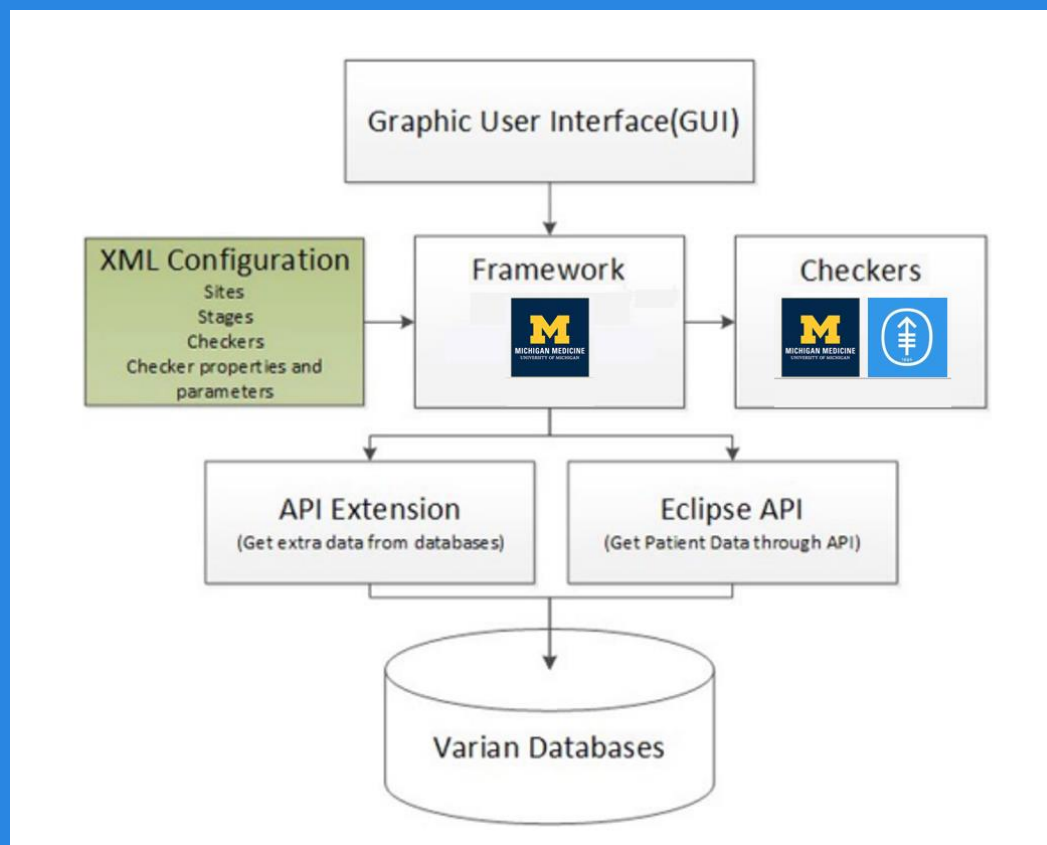
## Stage 5 : QA/Approvals/Aria

Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confirm plan status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Verify appropriate review approval</li> <li>* Verify appropriate plan approval</li> <li>* Show plan current status</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check prescribed percentage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify appropriate dose rate.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify DRR ID matches Field ID
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify DRR overlays
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report field tolerance tables
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify default couch position.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify consecutive setup fields are orthogonal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify setup fields are valid
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify imager position on setup fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CBCT will load on linac
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Reference Points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check QA plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* QA plans must live in an appropriately named course</li> <li>* QA plans must point back to appropriate clinical plan</li> <li>* EPID QA plan's name must end with "PD".</li> <li>* EPID QA plans must have the correct Imager Vrt.</li> <li>* EPID QA plans must exist for VMAT/ArcDynamic/IMRT</li> <li>* Mapcheck QA plan's name must end with "MAP".</li> <li>* Mapcheck QA plans must have all beams with 0s gar</li> <li>* QA plans must have tolerance table and treatment ti</li> <li>* QA plans must have correct status.</li> <li>* Verify breakpoint dose in plans with PD or MAP verif</li> </ul>



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# Plan Check Tool: Architecture



Modified from:  
Covington, et al. "Improving treatment plan evaluation with automation." *JACMP* v17, no 6 (2016): 16-31.

# Plan Check Tool: Architecture

## " XML Configuration file:

```
<Site name="Default">
  <Stages>
```

```
    <Stage name="PrePlan" description="Naming Conventions and Demographics">
      <Checkers>
        <Checker name="DatasetNameConsistencyChecker" description="Naming Convention: 3D Image, RTSS" longdescription="Checks whether the naming convention modality_site_date is being followed.">
          <Parameters>
            <Parameter name="StructureSetIDPattern" value="^(CT|MR|PT|4DCT)_{[A-Z]|[a-z]|[0-9]|\ |\\-|_|&#x26;}{1,}_{[1-9]|0[1-9]|1[012]}([1-9]|0[1-9]|12)[0-9]{3}[01]([0-9]{0-9})$"/>
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            <Parameter name="SeriesIDPattern" value="^"/>
          </Parameters>
        </Checker>
      </Checkers>
    </Stage>
  </Stages>
</Site>
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### Select Body Site

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Reported Items for Manual Review


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QA/App

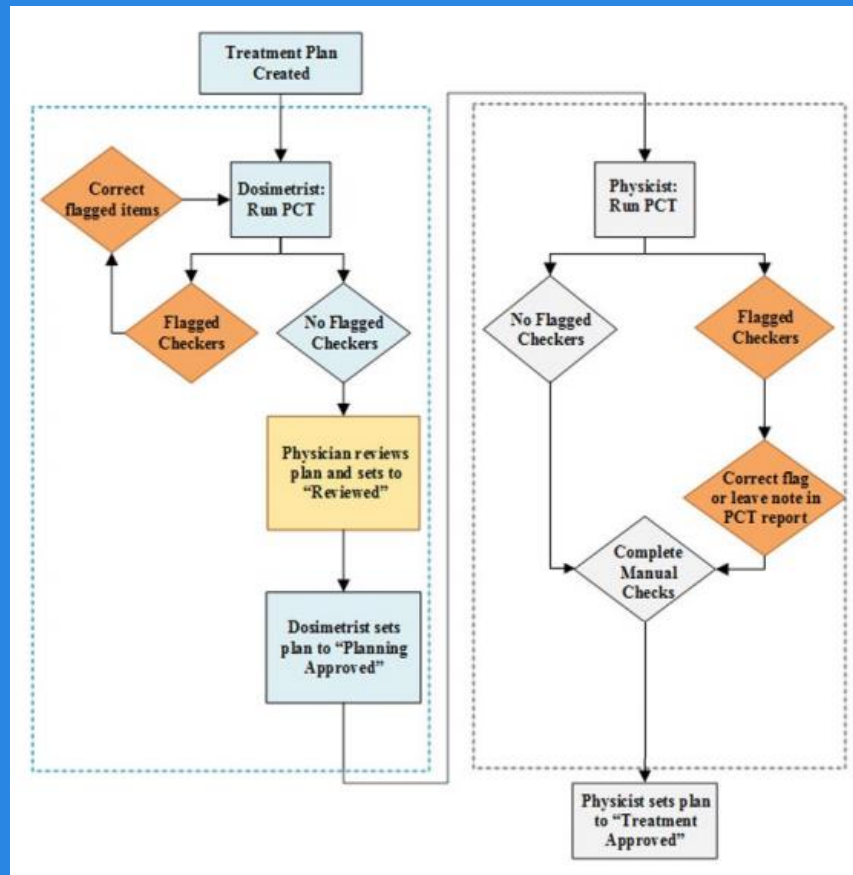
### Stage 3 : Naming Conventions and Demographics

Item	Stat	Results
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naming Convention: 3D Image, RTSS		Structure Set T_BrstLt_031615 does not follow naming convention modality_site_date.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naming Convention: 3D Image, RTSS		Structure Set T_BrstLt_031615 does not follow naming convention number_site.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify non-clinical cou		Structure Set T_BrstLt_031615 does not follow naming convention number_site.



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# Plan Check Tool: Clinical Use @MSKCC



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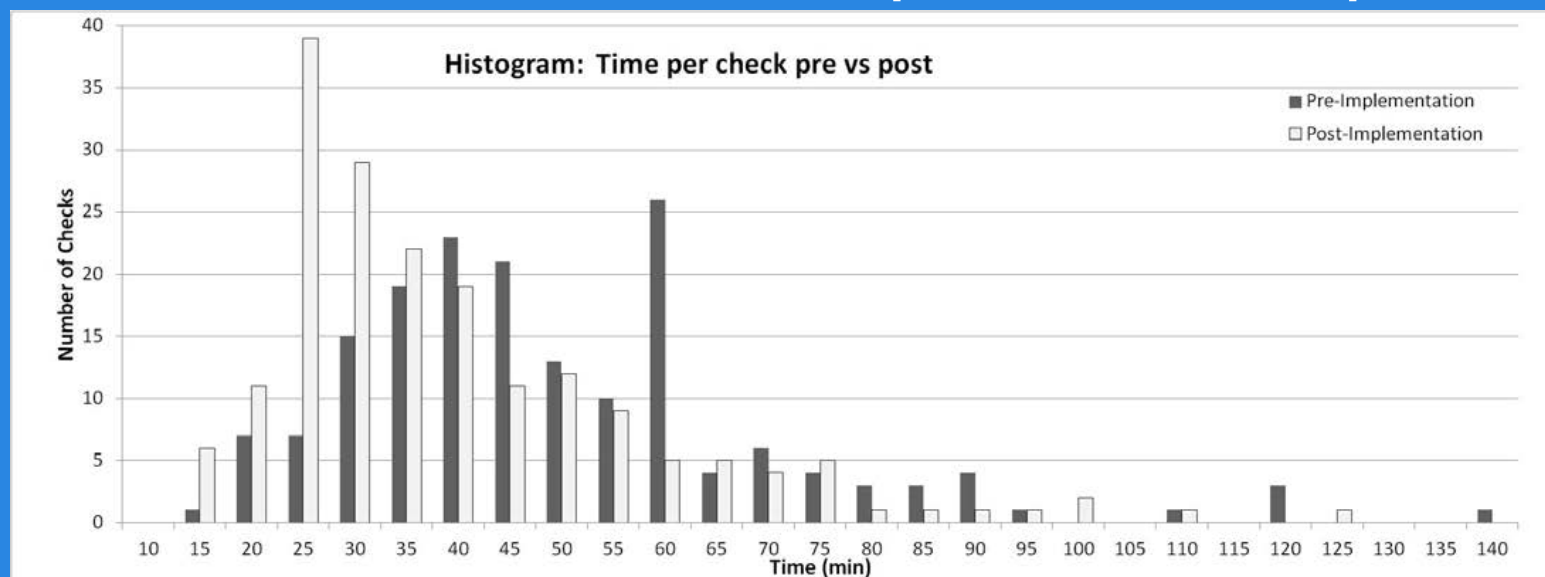
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# Plan Check Tool: Clinical Use @MSKCC

“ Observation: 20% decrease in time per check after implementation:



# Checks		Time		# Checks		Time		Difference in Average	Difference in Median	Welch's t-test p-value
Pre-Implementation	Average (min)	Median (min)	Post-Implementation	Average (min)	Median (min)					
187	49.4	45	186	39.3	35	0.80	0.78			< 0.001

Berry, et al. Efficiency and Safety Increases after Implementation of a Multi-Institutional Automated Plan Check Tool. *Under Review, Practical Radiation Oncology*



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“ Observation: Proportion of issues recorded by human plan checker related to checks automated by PCT statistically significantly decreased:

Category	# Pre-Implementation	% Pre-Implementation	# Post-Implementation	% Post-Implementation
<b>Un-related to checks performed by PCT:</b>				
Missing/incorrect: contours, Booleans	21	10.5%	7	5.5%
Missing/incorrect: documentation, billing, database logs	64	32.0%	49	38.6%
Prescription problems	17	8.5%	20	15.7%
Plan quality: DVH, isodose lines unsatisfactory, beam arrangement, missing flash	13	6.5%	5	3.9%
Aria details: treatment time, imaging templates, session scheduling, carepaths, breakpoint	11	5.5%	9	7.1%
DRR quality, window/level	5	2.5%	2	1.6%
Treatment field technical parameters (names, MLC, intensities, jaws, etc.)	7	3.5%	11	8.7%
Setup field technical parameters (angles, names, etc.)	6	3.0%	2	1.6%
Miscellaneous	6	3.0%	9	7.1%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>75.00%</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>89.76%</b>
<b>Related to checks performed by PCT:</b>				
Completion status of non-clinical courses	17	8.5%	3	2.4%
DRR overlays	5	2.5%	1	0.8%
Treatment field technical parameters: bolus, couch coordinates	2	1.0%	0	0.0%
Setup field technical parameters: imager position	2	1.0%	1	0.8%
Reference Points: missing or incorrect contributions	5	2.5%	2	1.6%
Incorrect grid size	3	1.5%	0	0.0%
Course/plan not follow naming conventions	10	5.0%	5	3.9%
Incorrect tolerance tables	6	3.0%	1	0.8%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>25.00%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10.24%</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Number of plan checks:</b>	<b>187</b>		<b>186</b>	

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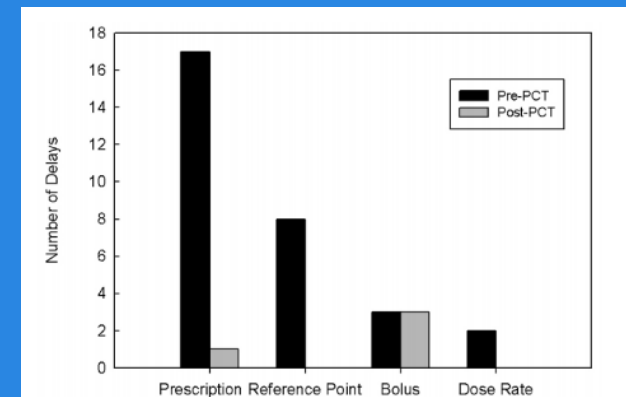
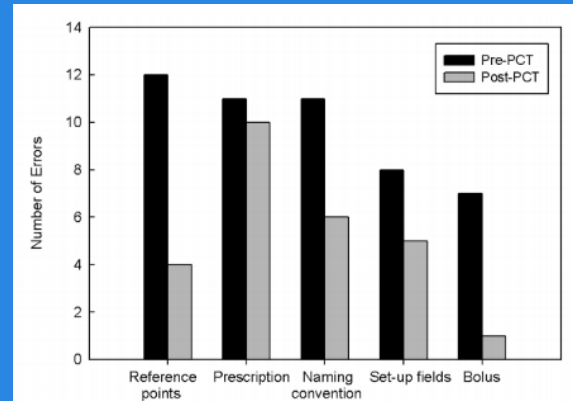


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# Plan Check Tool: Clinical Use @UMich

“ Observation: Although similar # of errors pre/post-PCT overall those related to automated checks decreased.

“ Treatment machine delays related to planning errors decreased by 60%.



# Plan Check Tool: Clinical Use @UMich

“ Observation: Estimated ~200 hours saved per year in plan checking time + add’t 288 hours saved by replacing subsequent checks with review of PCT output

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Number of Plans</i>	<i>Time Saved per Plan (min)</i>	<i>Total Time Saved (min)</i>
Plan check	2830	4.25	12028
IMRT/VMAT Plan check	1240	4.25	5270
First weekly chart check	2830	4.25	12028
Total time savings			29326 (488.8 hrs)



# Plan Check Tool: Conclusions

- “ Very successful inter-institutional collaboration
- “ Flexible software that fits the needs of two large institutions and affiliate sites
- “ Improved detection of errors
- “ Time saved





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# DVH Summary

## MSKCC

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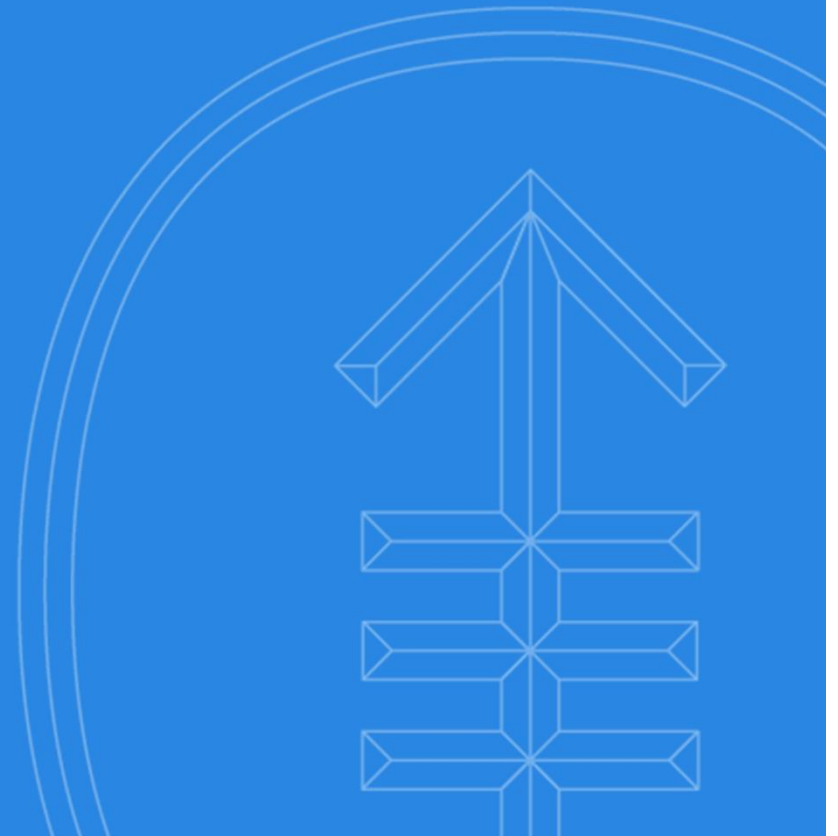
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# DVH Summary: Background

“ MSKCC has extensive, specific, and particular constraints for a large range of anatomical sites and prescription paradigms.

- . Max, min, mean,  $D_{x\%}$ ,  $D_{x\text{cc}}$ ,  $V_{x\%}$ ,  $V_{x\text{cGy}}$ , NTCP, Gradient Index,

“ Issues with manual checks:

- . Slow, error-prone, has to be repeated by each observer

“ Issues with solutions within Eclipse:

- . Limited functionality

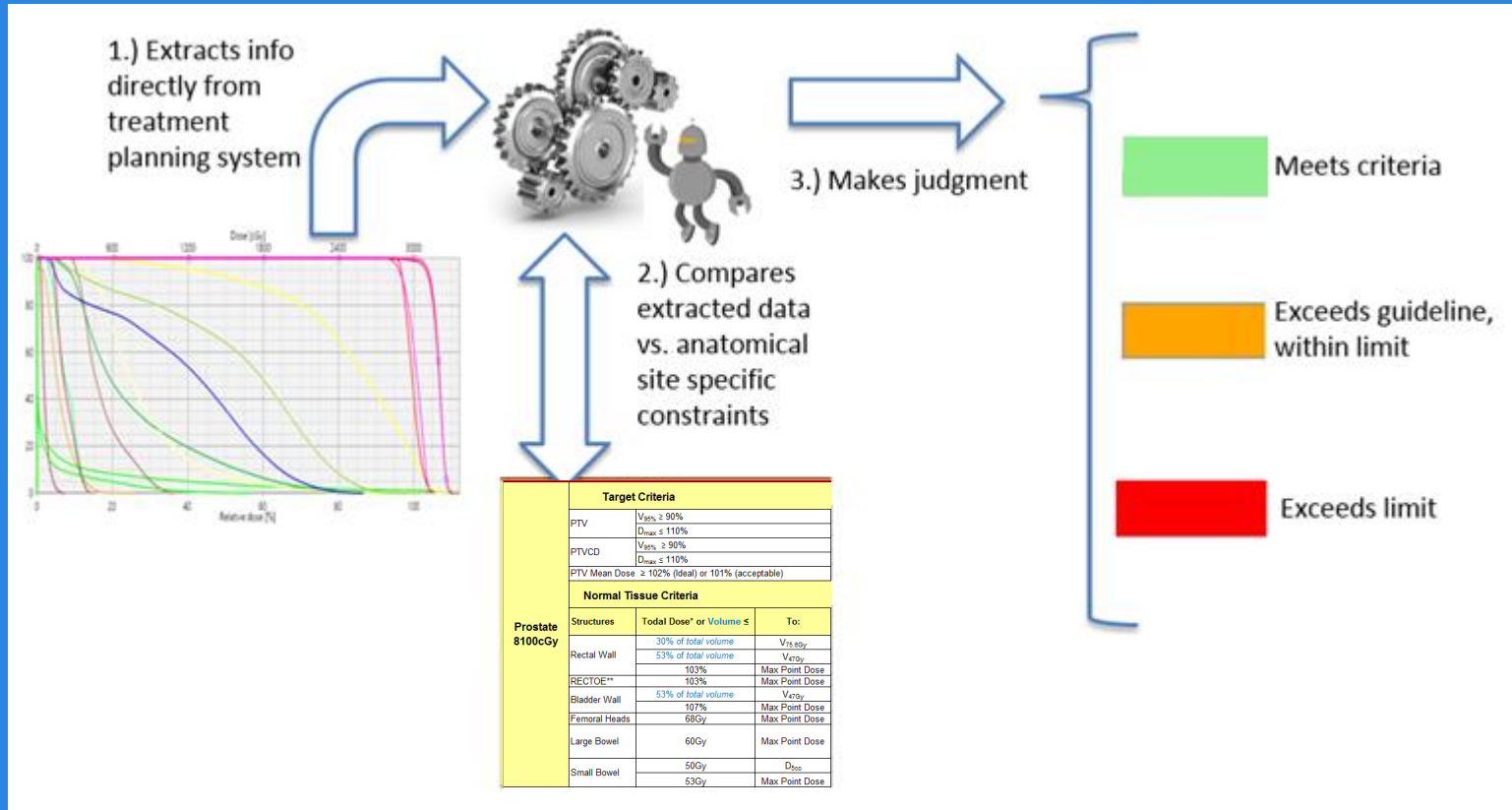


# DVH Summary: Introduction

- “ ESAPI based automated DVH Summary tool written in C#
- “ Used on all campuses of MSKCC and extended to a hospital with an affiliation with MSKCC
- “ Eclipse versions v11 – v15



# DVH Summary: Overview



# DVH Summary: GUI

**Template Names**  
Prostate 7200

**Target Prescription [cGy]**  

PTV_PROBED	PTV_NODES	PTV_DP
7200	4500	5625

**Constraints**

Structure Name	Constraint	Goal	Limit	Plan Value	Linked To	Comments
PTV_PROBED	D95%	>=100%		100.5%	PTV_72_ProBed	
PTV_PROBED	V95%	>=99%		99.8%	PTV_72_ProBed	
PTV_PROBED	DMEAN	>=102%	>=101%	103.6%	PTV_72_ProBed	
PTV_PROBED	DMEAN		<=104%	103.6%	PTV_72_ProBed	
PTV_PROBED	DMAX	<=110%		109.1%	PTV_72_ProBed	
PTV_NODES	D95%	>=100%		102.6%	PTV_TOTAL	
PTV_NODES	DMAX	<=110%		174.6%	PTV_TOTAL	PTV_Nodes include some of boost volume
External	DMAX	<=110%		109.1%		
Rect_wall	V4700 cGy		<=53%	51.6%	RectWall	
Rect_wall	DMAX		<=7452 cGy	7446 cGy	RectWall	
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Blad_wall	V4700 cGy	<=53%	<=63%	60.7%		
Blad_wall	DMAX	<=7560 cGy	<=7776 cGy	7681 cGy		
Bowel_Lg	DMAX		<=6000 cGy	4962 cGy		
Bowel_Sm				Ignore		
PTV_DP				Ignore		

Ignore All

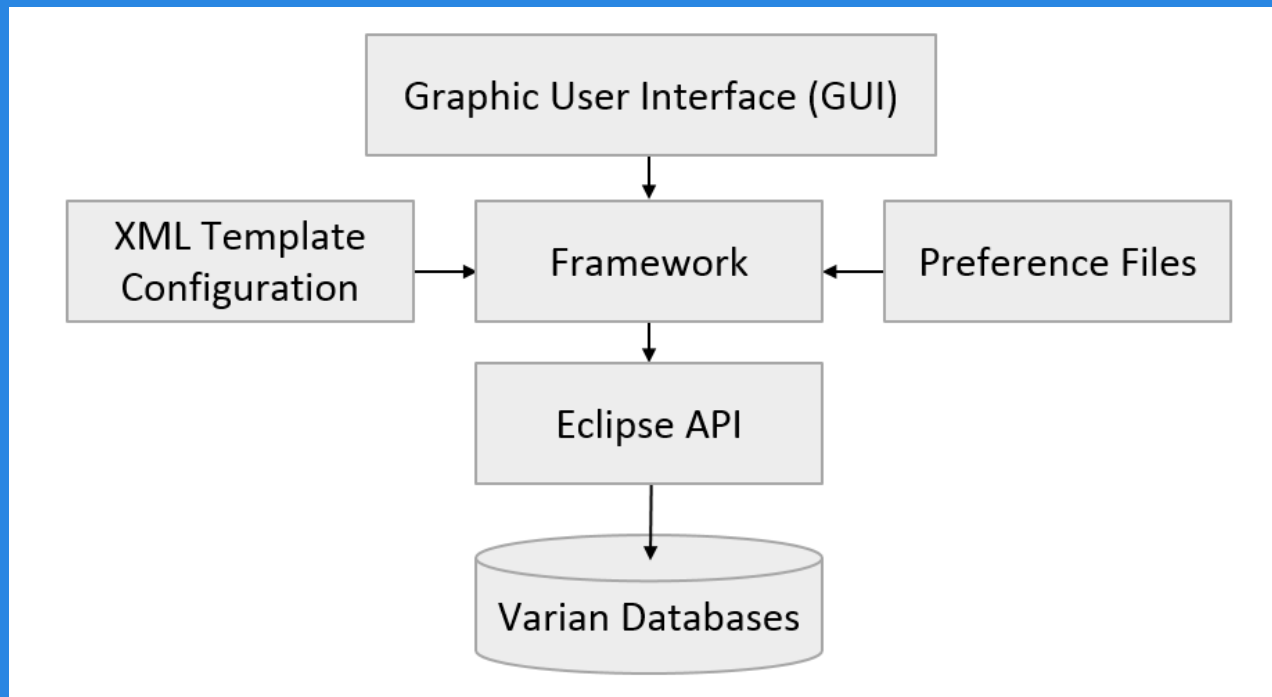
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View/edit NTCP Model

Exit



# DVH Summary: Architecture



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# DVH Summary: Architecture

“ XML template configuration file:

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<Filename name = "Prostate 7200.xml">
  <TemplateName>Prostate 7200</TemplateName>
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    <StructureType>TARGET</StructureType>
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      <IndexType>D</IndexType>
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  </TemplateStructure>
</Filename>

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# DVH Summary: Clinical Use @MSKCC

- “ Planners view via scripting interface during planning process
- “ Planners include in plan pdf for upload to dynamic documents
- “ Plan checker runs via scripting interface and verifies matches copy in plan pdf
- “ Copy of plan pdf used during chart rounds for rapid review

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Patient Name: [REDACTED]  
 Campus: Westchester  
 MRN: [REDACTED]  
 Course: 1\_PRSTNODES  
 Plan: Plan Sum1  
 Approval Status: UnApproved

Template Name:  
 Prostate 7200

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# DVH Summary: Conclusions

- “ Successful instance of enhancing functionality existing in the TPS via scripting.
- “ Flexible software that fits the needs of one large institution and one affiliate site.
- “ Flexible software, templates easily updated as constraints are modified.
- “ More efficient review of planned values vs constraints during planning, plan checking, and chart rounds processes.





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# ECHO

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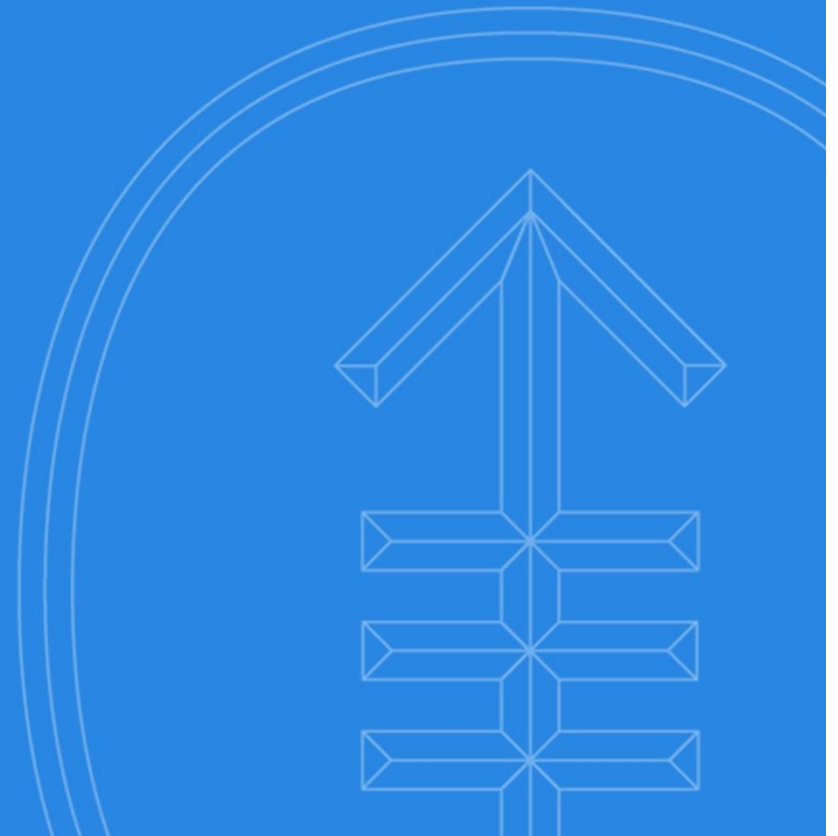
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# ECHO: Background

- “ Radiotherapy planning is a complex, time-consuming, and labor-intensive task
- “ Interobserver variability in RT plan quality exists<sup>1</sup>
- “ Constrained hierarchical optimization is a classic optimization technique, but not available in commercial TPS<sup>2,3</sup>
- “ ECHO is a demonstration of how a home-grown optimization technique can become part of the clinical workflow using API scripting.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Berry, et al. “Interobserver variability in radiation therapy plan output: results of a single-institution study.” *PRO*, 2016;6:442-449

<sup>2</sup>Deasy, et al. “Prioritized treatment planning for radiotherapy optimization”, *Proc. World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering* (Chicago, 2000) CD-ROM (2000).

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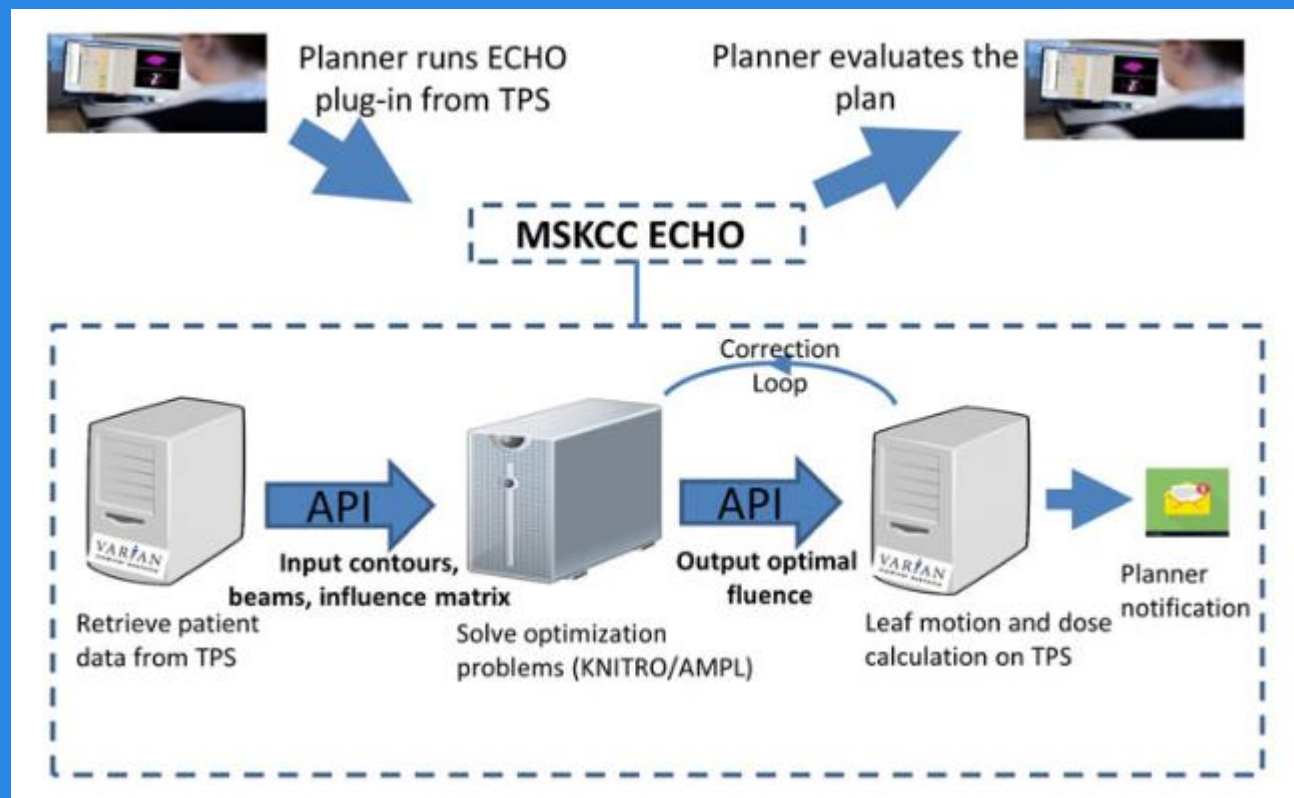
<sup>4</sup>Zarepisheh, et al., “Automated intensity modulated treatment planning: the expedited constrained hierarchical optimization (ECHO) system”, *Med Phys* (doi: 10.1002/mp.13572)



# ECHO: Introduction

- “ ESAPI based automated constrained hierarchical optimization tool written in C#
- “ Used on all campuses of MSKCC
- “ Used clinically on ~1500 SBRT paraspinal patients between 4/2017 and 5/2019.
- “ Eclipse versions v13 – v15.

# ECHO: Overview



# ECHO: GUI

ECHO (Expedited Constrained Hierarchical Optimization)- Ver. 15.2.0

**Email**

**Disease Site**  
☒ Paraspinal  
☐ Oligomets

**Previous Radiation**  
☒ No previous radiation  
☐ With previous radiation

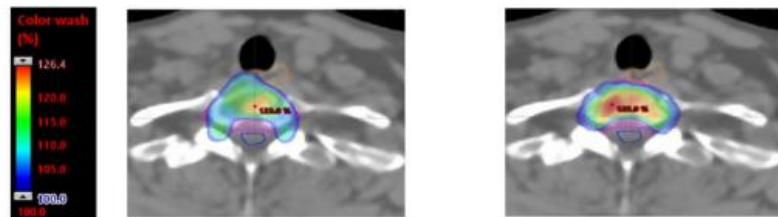
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CTV	CTV	31	2
Bowel	[Select]	760	
Bowel_Lg	Bowel-Lg	361	7.5
Bowel_Sm	Bowel-Sm	398	5
Cauda	Cauda	10	1.5
Cord	Cord	1	1.5
Kid_L	Kid_L	138	5
Kid_R	Kid_R	140	5
Kidneys	[Select]	278	
Liver	Liver	1413	7.5
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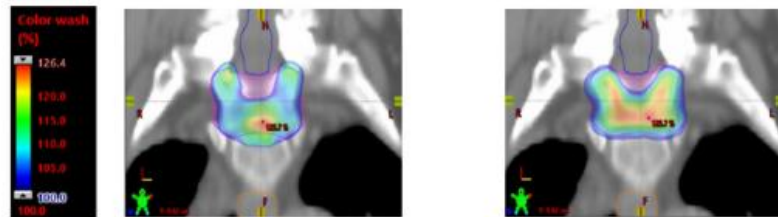


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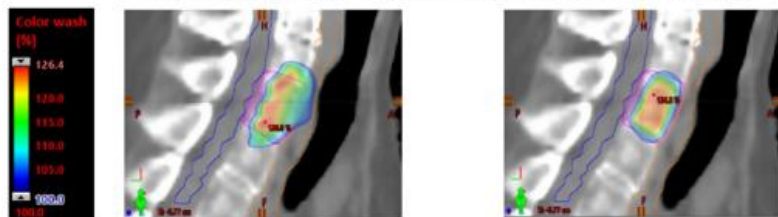
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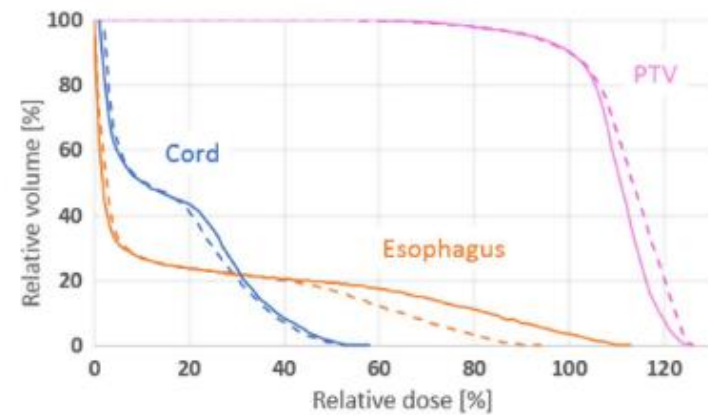
(a) Transverse view dose distribution (left is manual, right is ECHO)



(b) Coronal view dose distribution (left is manual, right is ECHO)



(c) Sagittal view dose distribution (left is manual, right is ECHO)



(d) DVH Comparison (dashed/solid line represents ECHO/manual)

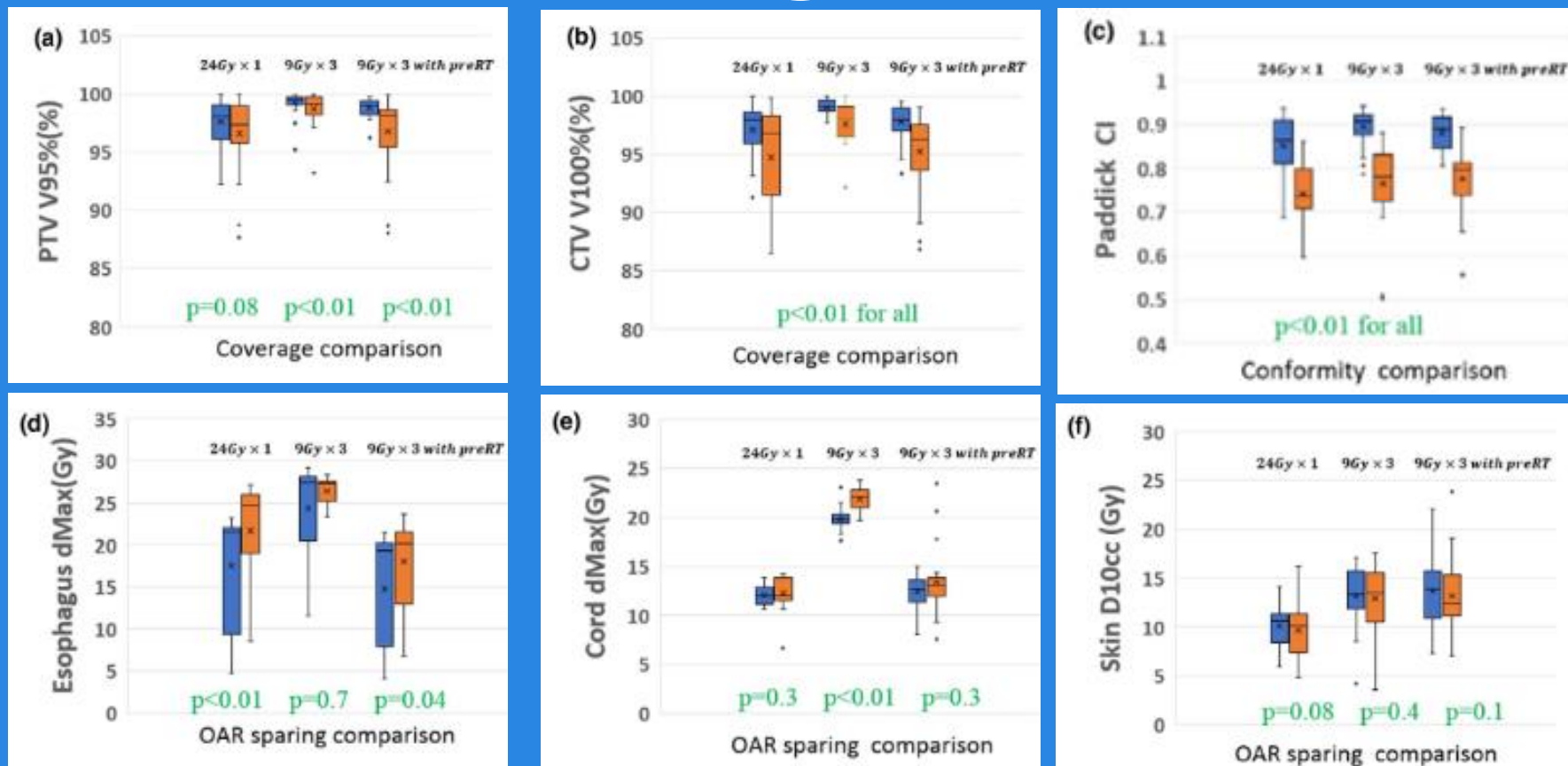
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# ECHO: Conclusions

- “ Successful instance of “enhancing” a FDA approved, commercial, TPS with API functionality and advanced algorithms.
- “ Increases plan efficiency *and* plan quality



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# Other Scripts

## MSK GO

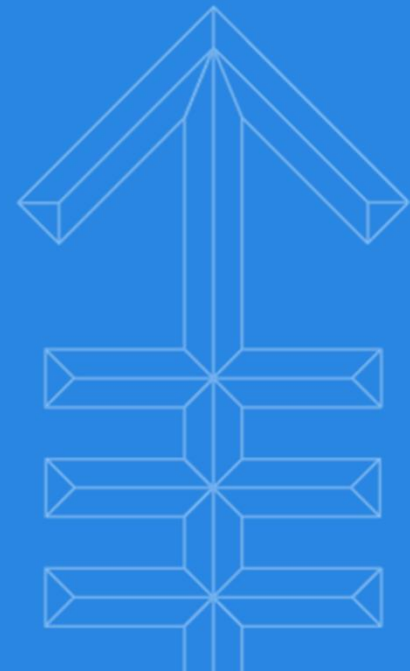
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## Breast VSim

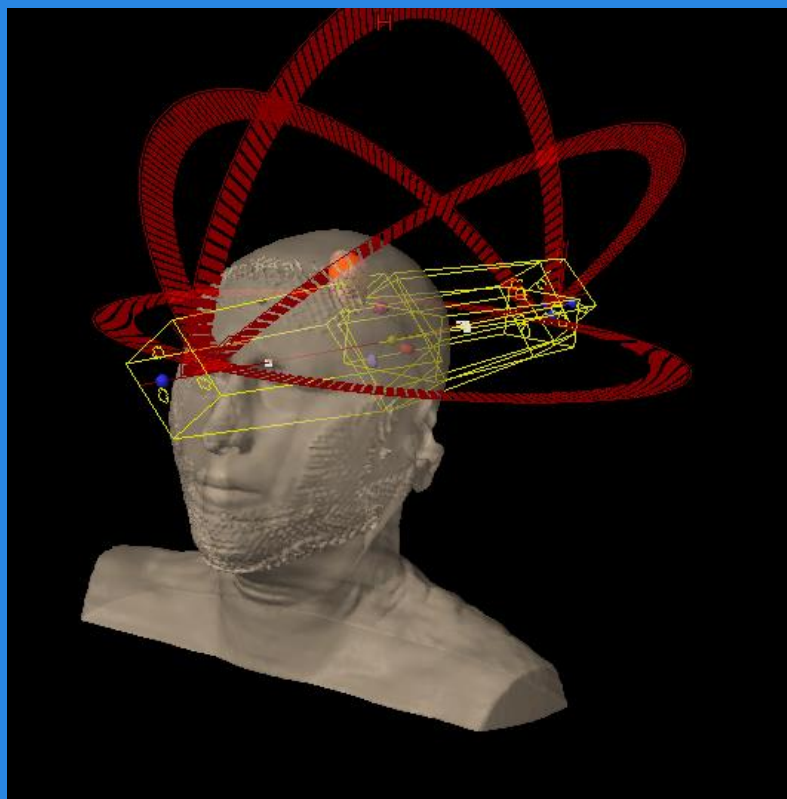
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# MSK GO: Further Information



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### Implementation and Validation of An In-House Geometry Optimization Software for SRS VMAT Planning of Multiple Cranial Metastases

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(Sunday, 7/14/2019) 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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# MSK GO: GUI

MSKCC GO: Geometry Optimization for VMAT Planning of Multiple Brain Mets

**Pt Name:** [REDACTED] **Plan:** test

**Pt MRN:** [REDACTED] **#fx:** 1

**Course:** ##DoNotUse **Status:** UnApproved

Plan Creation Settings

Fractionations  
☒ 1 Fraction  
☐ 3 Fractions  
☐ 5 Fractions

Select Machine:  
 245TB3

PTVs:  
 4PTV\_LP\_30  
 5PTV\_LT\_21  
 6PTV\_LO\_21  
 7PTV\_LO\_21

Select PTVs

Isocenter: SRS\_ISO1x1 Coordinate (cm): (0.4, -2.5, 0.7)

Arc	Start Gantry	Stop Gantry	Gantry Direction	Couch	Cc
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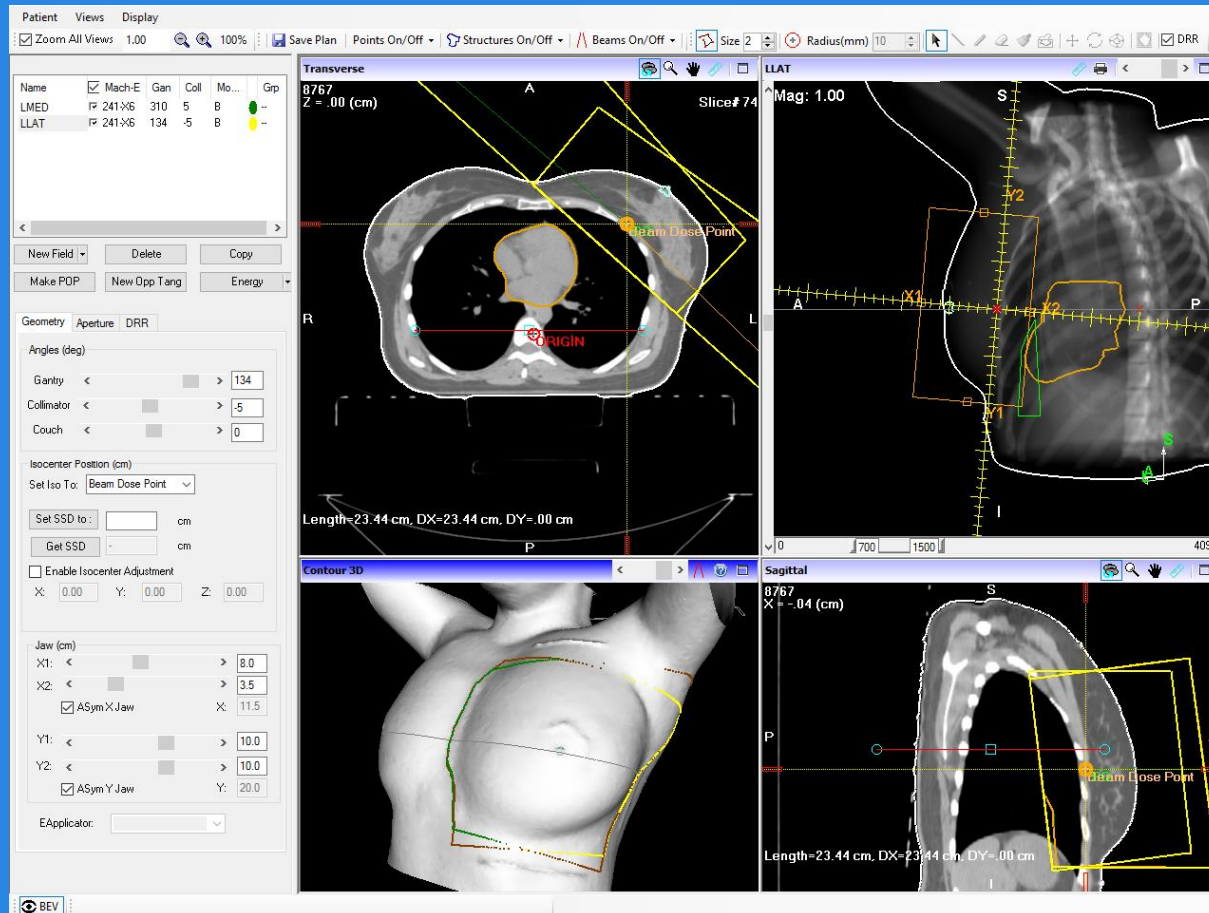
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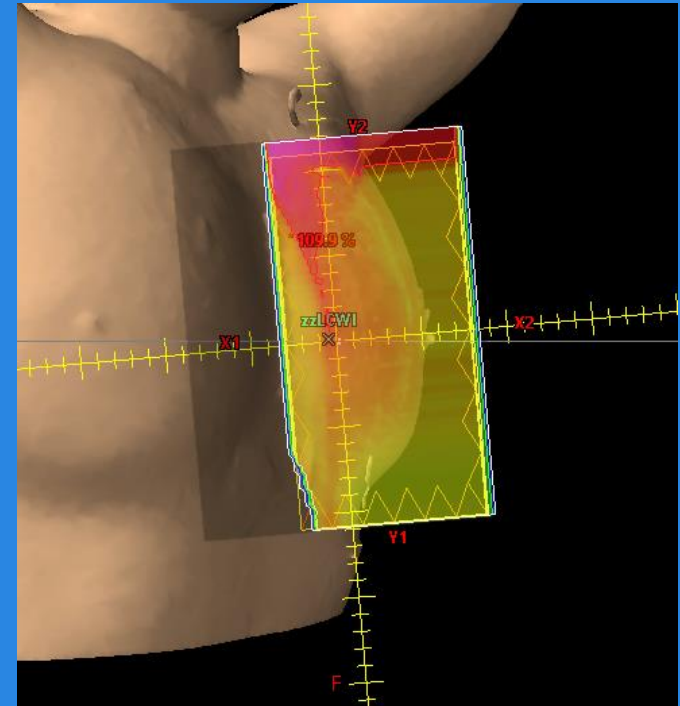


“ Built to solve problem that can’t see BEV and field edges on surface at same time in Eclipse.



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# Compensator Design



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# Conclusions

- “ Scripting can be a powerful way to:
  - . Improve upon vendor functionality
  - . Increase safety and efficiency in your clinic
  - . Free yourself of the algorithmic limitations of the vendor’s software
    - “ Improved optimization
    - “ Improved segmentation
    - “ Improved workflows
- “ @MSK scripts are written by software engineers/developers but also by clinical physicists.

