# CBCT for image guidance and dose calculations

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# **CBCT** Imaging options







#### **Anatomical Variations**



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# CBCT

- Workflow, time
- Treatment position (or close)
- Imaging and Tx isocenter coincidence
- Lower image quality
- HU to RSP for dose calculations?
- 4D Imaging is challenging





# **CBCT Workflow and Time**

#### Ring (couch mounted)

- Faster than Gantry rotation
- Not limited to a single imaging position
- Large FOV (>70cm)
- Complex calibration
- Image during Tx
- Gantry Mounted
  - Simple Calibration
  - Half-rotation small FOV









# **CBCT Image Quality**

- Artifacts: streaks, scatter, beam hardening
- HU Accuracy
- Geometric Accuracy/Gantry Flex
- Motion



### **CBCT** Developments

- Scatter reduction
- HU calibration
- Diagnostic Scanners (Toshiba 16 cm axial FOV scanner)
- Gantry isocenter callibrations



Aquilion ONE ViSION 0.5 mm x 320 detector 640 slices every rotation 16 cm of every rotation 0.275 sec/rotation





# **Artifact Correction Methods**

- Deform CT to CBCT
- Scatter Model (low frequency)
- HU Look Up Table (LUT)
- A priori CT scatter correction
  - Analytic model
  - Machine learning
    - GAN and CNN





#### **Correction Methods**

Deform CT: Data from Kevin Teo (Penn)
Multiple publications (Penn and LMU Munich)



Veiga *et al IJROBP* 2016 Veiga *et al Biomed Phys Eng Exp* 2017





#### **Correction Methods**

#### Deform CT

Challenges when anatomy changes too much, especially with air cavities



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# A priori Method

- Niu et al (Med Phys 2010) using *a priori* CT information and scatter kernel
- Reconstructions with RTK
- Compared to a uniform scatter correction model and baseline CBCT



#### Park et al Med Phys 2015



#### Dose Comparison: Phantoms



#### Park et al Med Phys 2015







#### **Correction Methods**

#### Deform versus a priori



Kurz et al Med Phys 2016





#### Patient Dose Calculations







Kurz et al Med Phys 43(10): 5635, 2016.

Dose [Gy]



### A Priori Method

- Current Limitation is time
- Generally found to have HU accuracy and WEPL accuracy within 2-3 mm.
- ML methods have potential to dramatically increase the speed and the accuracy





#### **Machine Learning**



Hansen *et al Med Phys* 2018 https://github.com/dchansen/ScatterNet





#### DCNN



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Lalonde et al Submitted 2020

#### Head and Neck Variations



#### Weekly variations (current clinical imaging protocol)



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-10

-30

Patient	1	2	3	4	5	6
Day 1	1.0	-4.1	-2.4	-3.4	4.1	4.2
Day 2	2.7	-1.9	0.0	2.4	2.3	13.0*
Day 3	5.2	0.3	3.4	-0.4	3.0	4.7
Day 4	5.3	1.8	2.6	0.3	6.1	5.1
Day 5	7.1	0.8	0.2	4.5	8.9	7.1
Day 6	8.3	9.0	3.0	6.4	7.6	5.5
Day 7			1.4			6.2
Day 8						5.1

Kim et al PMB 2017

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#### **CBCT** Applications:

#### Triage



Kim et al PMB 2017





### **CBCT** Applications:

#### Triage (U Penn)



#### Veiga et al IJROBP 2016





# **CBCT** Applications:

- Triage (multiple possibilities)
- Dose Calculation
- Range verification
- Replanning... Not yet



# Replanning

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# GPU Dose CalculationReoptimize?

A vector field (VF) from DIR links CT and CBCT.

The VF is employed to:

- **1** Transport contours to new geometry
- Warp IMPT plan (not dose). Per spot  $s_i = (x_0, y_0, E_0)$ :
  - 1: **Raytrace** central axis of  $s_i$  in CT to end of range  $(r_i)$
  - 2: **Probe** VF at  $r_i$  coords:  $v_i$
  - 3: Apply v<sub>i</sub> to r<sub>i</sub> coords: position where the r<sub>i</sub> should be in the CBCT
  - 4: Apply  $v_i$  to  $s \rightarrow$
  - $s'_i = (x_0 + \Delta v_x, y_0 + \Delta v_y, E_0)_i$
  - 5: **Raytrace**  $s'_i$  in CBCT
  - 6: Get  $\Delta E_i$

#### Botas et al PMB 2018





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## Replanning

- Degrees of reoptimization
- Prioritize Targets/OARs (MCO role?)
- Match original or improve?



# **Current CBCT Daily Adaptation**

- Daily adaptation with CBCT is close
- Rapid reconstruction with ML: 30 s
- Rapid GPU dose calculations (20-40 s)
- Reoptimization: seconds-minutes
- Contours?
- **QA**: ?





#### Robustness

- Is adaptive proton therapy required?
- What are the limits of robust planning?
- Uncertainty models: range and setup
- Motion? Deformations? Weight loss?



Trofimov et al





#### Conclusions

- CBCT is becoming more available and demonstrated as useful tools for setup and adaptive proton therapy: dose calculations, planning
- CBCT is now useable for WEPL and dose calculations with 1 mm/1% uncertainties
- Further research is needed for CBCT, 4D imaging, workflows, efficiency





#### Thank You!



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