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# High Energy Brachytherapy Dosimetry as it applies to Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation

## Educational Session: AAPM 2013



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# Outline

- Firas will talk about:
  - TG186 & TG229 – High energy photon emitting brachytherapy dosimetry (HEB)
- Susan will talk about:
  - Current status of HEB as applied to Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation



# Learning Objectives

- To understand when TG43 calculations may not accurately describe the clinical situation
- To understand the nature of these dose discrepancies and be able to provide magnitudes for clinical approximations
- To understand the physics behind high energy brachytherapy as applied to APBI

Report #229



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# **Dose Calculation for Photon-Emitting Brachytherapy Sources with Average Energy Higher than 50 keV: Full Report of the AAPM and ESTRO**

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**Report of the  
High Energy Brachytherapy Source Dosimetry (HEBD)  
Working Group**

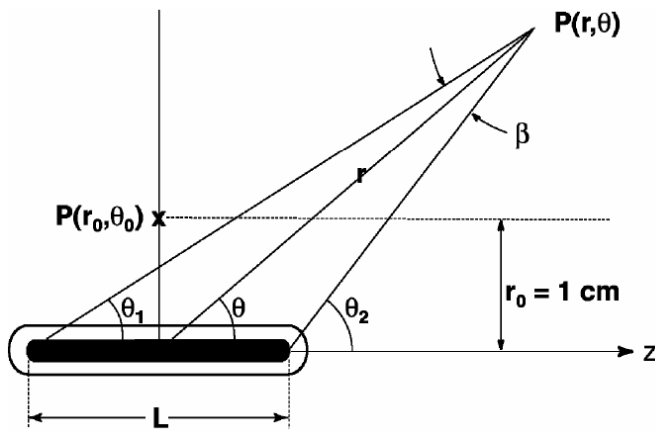
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# Purpose of the Reports

- 229:
  - Recommendations for  $>50\text{keV}$  photon emitting brachytherapy sources.
  - Considerations of the TG43U1 with attention to phantom size effects, dose calculation grid size, active lengths of sources.
  - Provides newest consensus datasets for commercially available sources.
  - Discussion on how to obtain Monte Carlo and experimental data.
- 189:
  - Provide guidance for early adopters of MBDCAs

# Current status of Brachytherapy

- TG43 and updates are standard methodology for dose calculation.
- TG43 was created primarily for interstitial low energy brachytherapy purposes.
- Dose calculation is done assuming material is uniform water phantom.



Rivard *et al.*, *Med. Phys.* 31, 633-674 (2004)

$$\dot{D}(r, \theta) = S_K \cdot \Lambda \cdot \frac{G_L(r, \theta)}{G_L(r_0, \theta_0)} \cdot g_L(r) \cdot F(r, \theta)$$

$\dot{D}(r, \theta)$	dose rate to water in water at point P(r, θ)
$S_K$	air kerma strength
$\Lambda$	dose rate constant
$g_L(r)$	radial dose function
$G_L(r, \theta)$	geometry function (line source approximation)
$F(r, \theta)$	2D anisotropy function

# Phantom Size

- TG43 has recommendations for “along and away” dose rate tables to distances far away from the source (e.g. 5cm for I-125)
  - While doses in this region are low ( $<1\%$ ) it is important in the context of combined EBRT doses.
- Requires phantom sizes in MC calculations to be large enough to give full scatter at large distances (10+ cm for HEB)
  - Radius of 40 cm recommended.

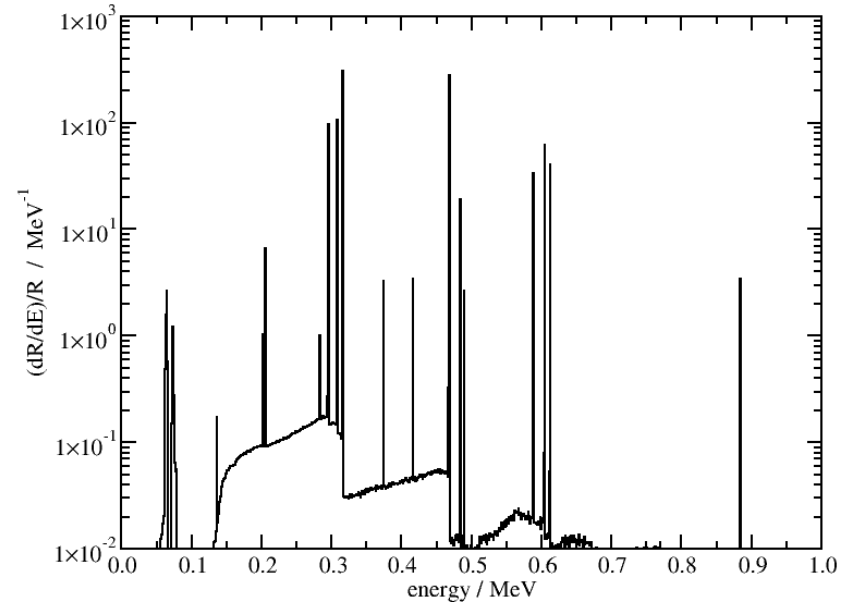
# Consensus Data Sets

- Report gives recommendations on how to experimentally and theoretically obtain dosimetric parameters for sources.
  - Experimentally: detector type, volume averaging effects, phantom materials, energy response characterization, etc.
  - Theoretically (MC): Cut off thresholds, good practice guidelines (e.g. # of histories)
- Uncertainty analysis



# Device Registry

- 3 current source registries available
  - RPC
  - Carlton University (CAN)
  - ESTRO



# History

- 1995 – TG43 (Ir, I, Pd)
  - Provided recommendations for dose calculation for low energy source dosimetry ( $E < 50\text{keV}$ ).
- 2004 – TG43U1
  - Clarifications, 1D vs 2D formalism, etc.
- 2007 – TG43U1S1
  - Increased number sources, etc.
- 2010 “Erratum” of TG43U1S1

# High Energy Sources

- Previously there was no report which contained all high energy sources (Ir, Co, Cs).
  - Need for Yb, Tm

*Phys. Med. Biol.* 40 (1995) 2015–2036. Printed in the UK

## **Monte Carlo-aided dosimetry of a new high dose-rate brachytherapy source**

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## **TLD, diode and Monte Carlo dosimetry of an $^{192}\text{Ir}$ source for high dose-rate brachytherapy**

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## **Experimental validation of Monte Carlo dose calculations about a high-intensity Ir-192 source for pulsed dose-rate brachytherapy**

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# Report Contains

1. Review the construction and available published dosimetry data for high-energy  $^{192}\text{Ir}$ ,  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ , and  $^{60}\text{Co}$  sources.
  - Sources not covered: Au, Xofter, IVB sources
2. Perform a critical review of the existing TG-43U1 formalism applied to HEB.
3. Develop a complete consensus dataset to support clinical planning for each source model.
4. Develop guidelines for investigators on the use of computational and experimental dosimetry or determination of high-energy brachytherapy source dosimetry parameters.

# Advantages of TG43

- Modeling of seeds using point-source approximation
  - Average the anisotropy over all solid angles
  - Prostate seed brachy
- Geometric dependence on dose fall-off just depends on radial distance and the angle.
  - Allows users a robust dose calculation with a limited data set.
- An analytic, uniform approach standardizes dose calculation worldwide.

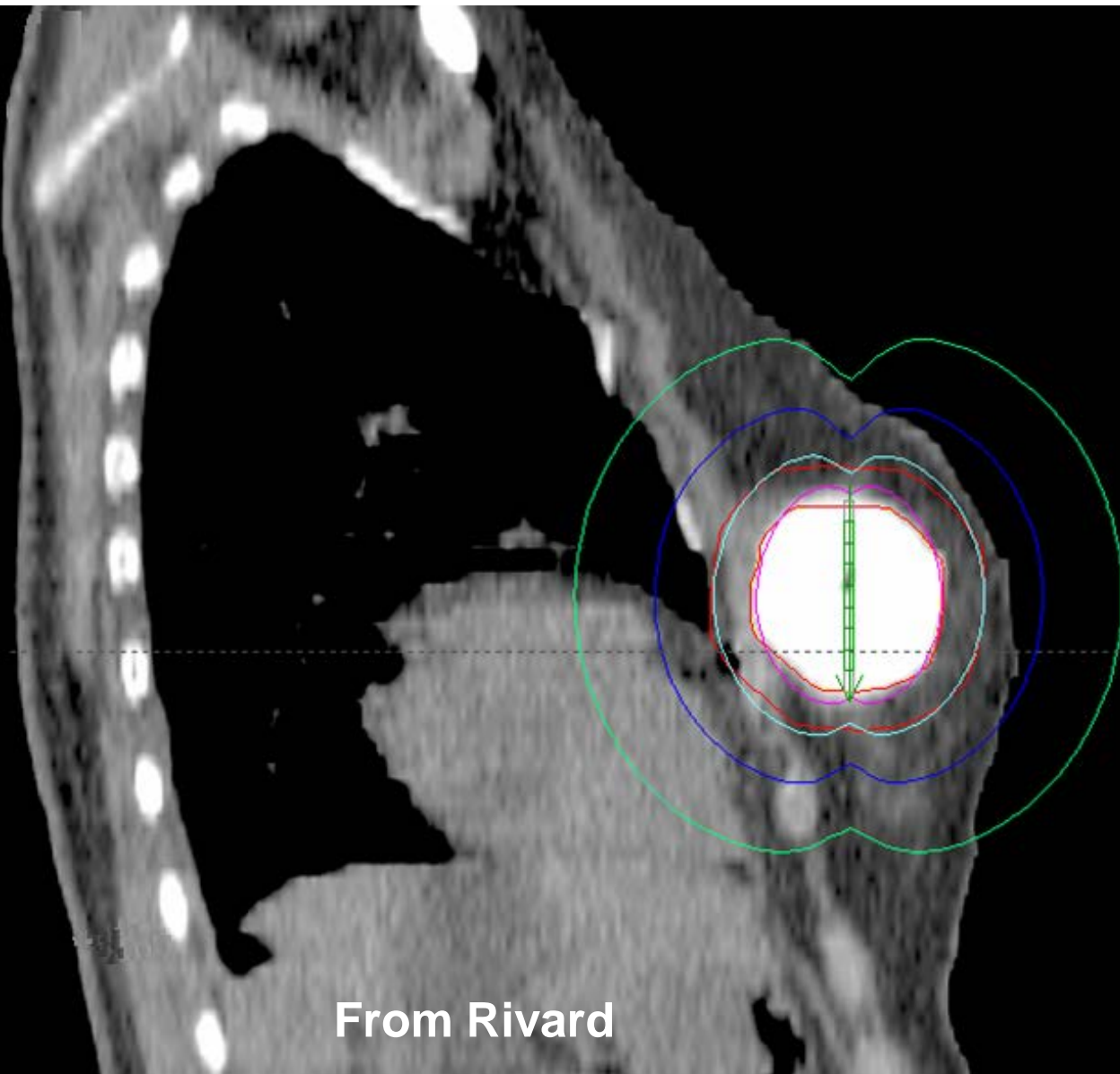
# Limitations of TG43

- Assumes a water medium with superpositions of single source positions.
  - No inter-source attenuation effects
    - Effects both high and low energy sources
  - Full scatter conditions
    - Most low energy applications have full scatter e.g. prostate implants
  - No variable tissue composition
    - More of an issue for low energy sources than for high energy sources

# TG43 has served us well!

- Is still!
- Worldwide uniformity
- Well-define process for source parameters
- Source specific
- Fast
- Dose optimization (IP)

# TG43-based TPS can fail to accurately calculate dose



From Rivard

**air  $\neq$  water?**

**tissue  $\neq$  water?**

**contrast?**

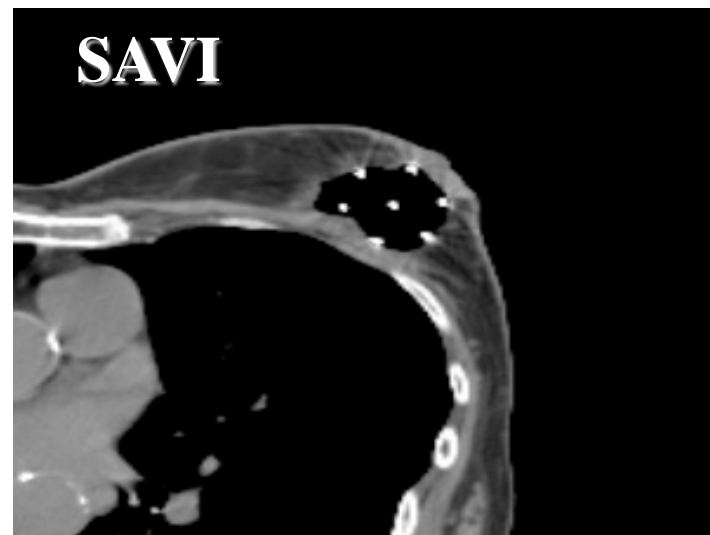
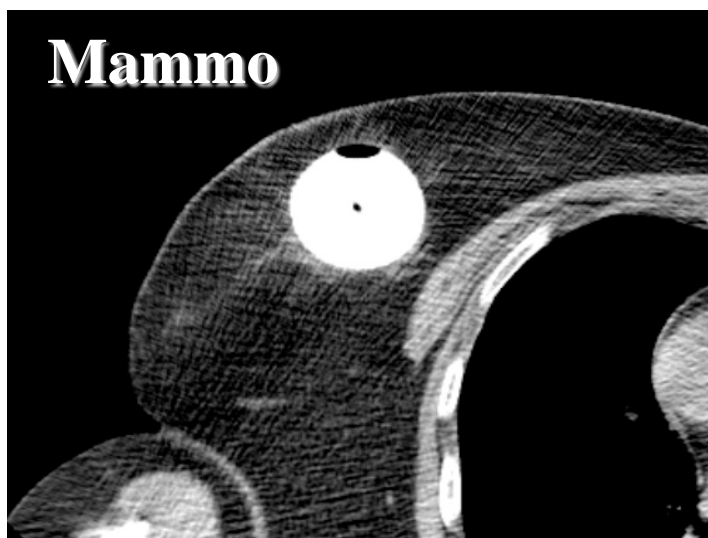
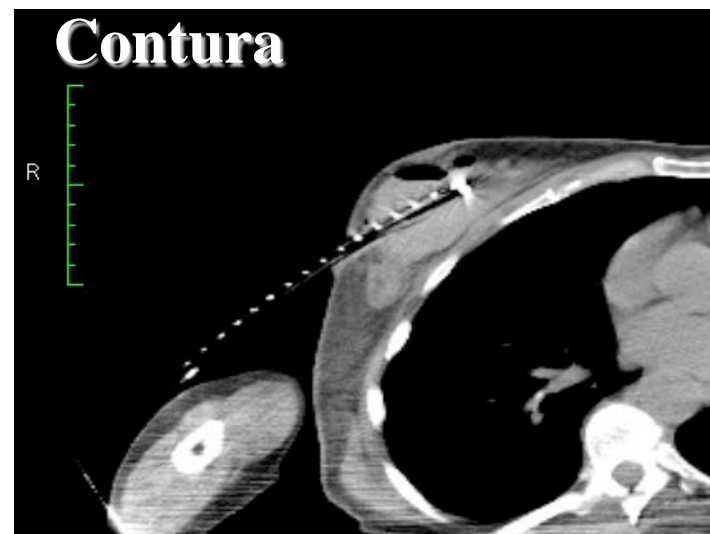
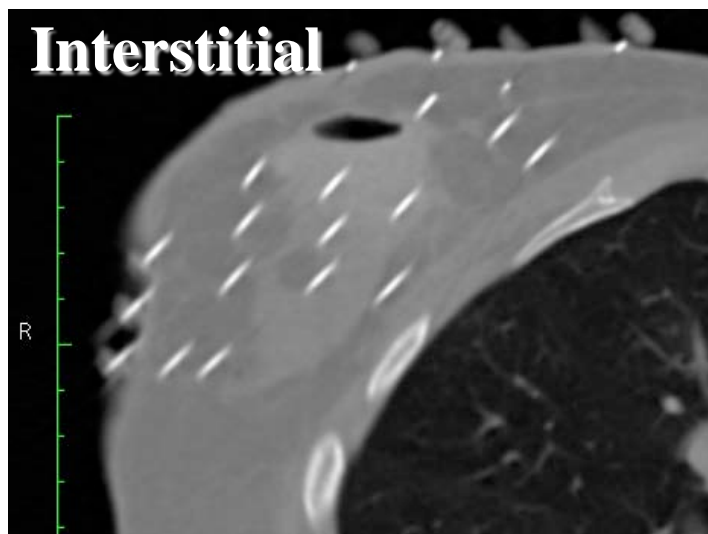
**source superposition?**

**source shielding?**

**radiation scatter?**



# One size does not fit all!



# Vision 20/20 Paper

## *Medical Physics*

### The evolution of brachytherapy treatment planning

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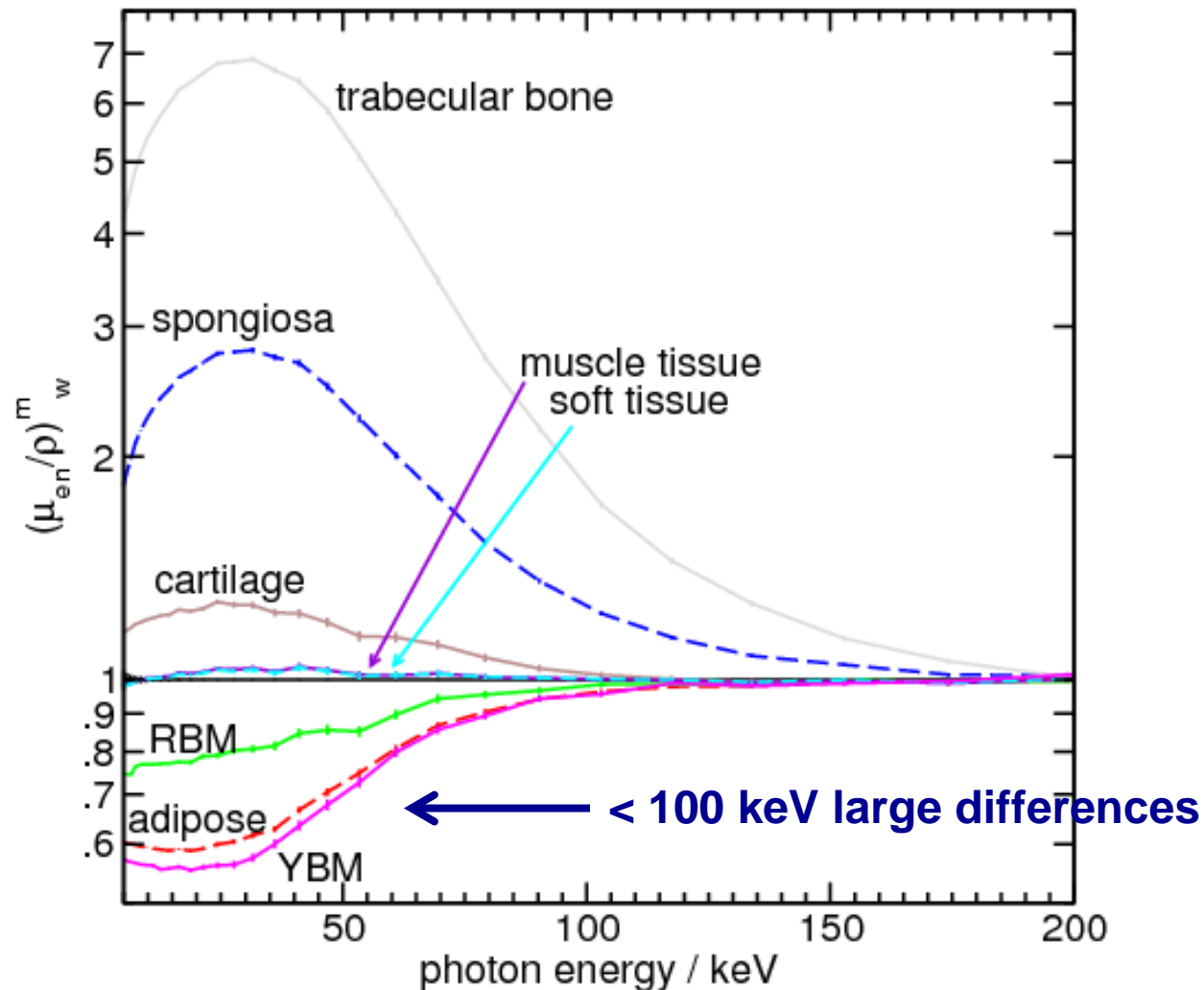
Brachytherapy is a mature treatment modality that has benefited from technological advances. Treatment planning has advanced from simple lookup tables to complex, computer-based dose calculation algorithms. The current approach is based on the AAPM TG-43 formalism with recent advances in acquiring single-source dose distributions. However, this formalism has clinically relevant limitations for calculating patient dose. Dose-calculation algorithms are being developed based on Monte Carlo methods, collapsed cone, and the linear Boltzmann transport equation. In addition to improved dose-calculation tools, planning systems and brachytherapy treatment planning will account for material heterogeneities, scatter conditions, radiobiology, and image guidance. The AAPM, ESTRO, and other professional societies are coordinating clinical integration of these advancements. This Vision 20/20 article provides insight on these endeavors.

**Med. Phys. 36, 2136-2153 (2009)**

# Sensitivity of Anatomic Sites to Dosimetric Limitations of Current Planning Systems

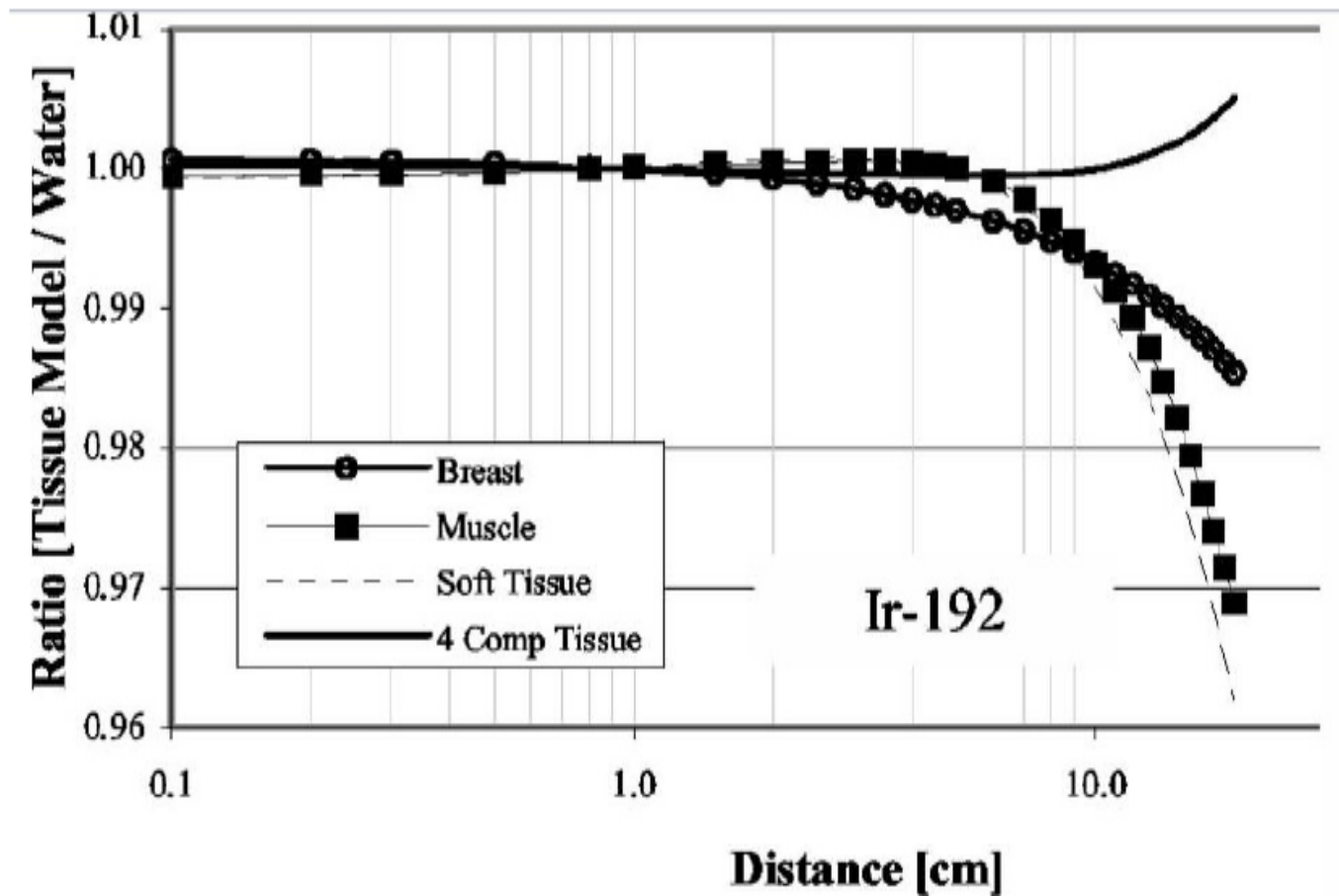
anatomic site	photon energy	absorbed dose	attenuation	shielding	scattering	beta/kerma dose
prostate	high					
	low	XXX	XXX	XXX	↓	
breast	high				XXX	
	low	XXX	XXX	XXX		
GYN	high			XXX		
	low	XXX	XXX			
skin	high			XXX	XXX	
	low	XXX		XXX	XXX	
lung	high				XXX	XXX
	low	XXX	XXX		XXX	
penis	high				XXX	
	low	XXX			XXX	
eye	high			XXX	XXX	XXX
	low	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	

# Importance of the Physics: Water vs Tissues

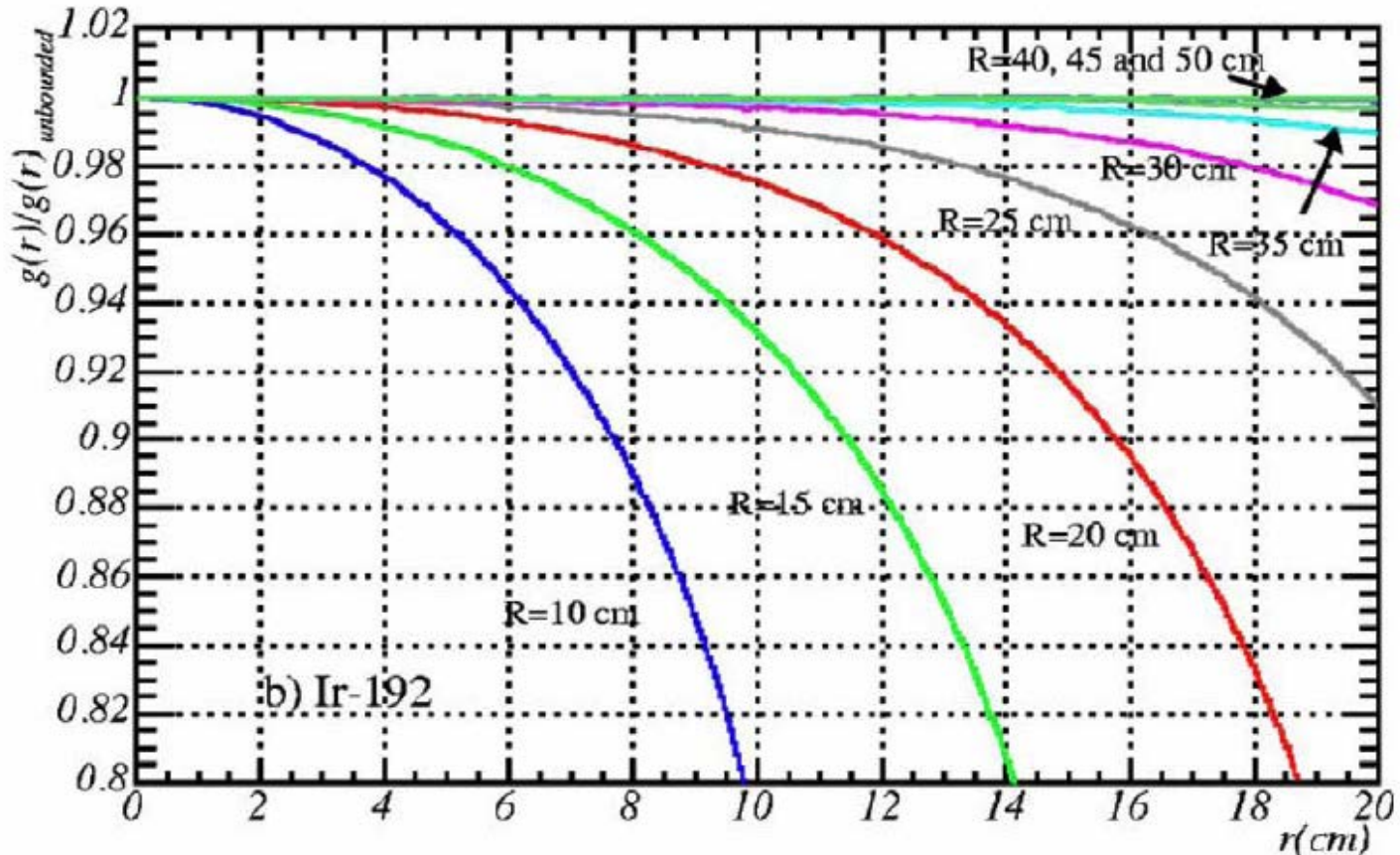


TG-186

# Impact of tissue composition: $^{192}\text{Ir}$



# Effect of Phantom Size



**Perez-Calatayud, Granero, Ballester MedPhys (2004)**

# Phantom Size Effects

- TG43 assumes fixed (full) scatter conditions without consideration of tissue boundaries.
  - Results in overestimation of absorbed dose at a low-density interface
  - Especially important when the sources are near the surface of the patient
    - Breast\*
    - Sarcoma
    - Intraoperative

# Limitations of TG43, cont

- High energy brachytherapy sources suffer more from effects of the scatter conditions than low energy brachytherapy sources.
  - Applications can range from deep (gyn) to shallow (skin).
- Neglects applicator shielding effects for treatments such as shielded ovoids or cylinders.
  - Incorrect correlation of doses reported with toxicities
- Assumes cylindrically symmetric sources.
  - No source on a wire



# Alternatives to TG43

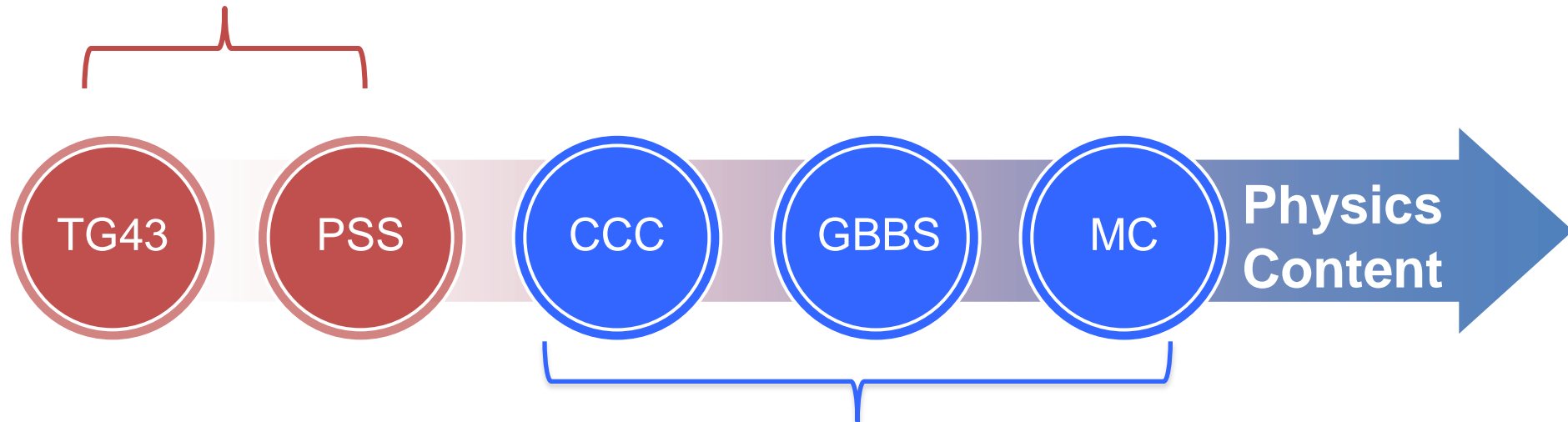
TABLE I. Status of MBDCAs that can account for radiation scatter conditions and/or material heterogeneities and were useable in brachytherapy treatment planning systems as of 12 May 2010.

MBDCA system	Sponsor(s)	Radiation type	Clinical use	FDA/CE mark status	Release date
PLAQUE SIMULATOR	Astrahan <sup>a</sup>	$^{125}\text{I} + ^{103}\text{Pd}$ photons	Y	N	1990
Collapsed cone	Ahnesjö, Russell, and Carlsson <sup>b</sup>	$^{192}\text{Ir}$ photons	N	N	1996
BRACHYDOSE	Yegin, Taylor, and Rogers <sup>c</sup>	0.01–10 MeV photons	N	N	2004
MCPI	Chibani and Williamson <sup>d</sup>	$^{125}\text{I} + ^{103}\text{Pd}$ photons	N	N	2005
GEANT4/DICOM-RT	Carrier <i>et al.</i> <sup>e</sup>	Any	N	N	2007
Scatter correction	Poon and Verhaegen <sup>f</sup>	$^{192}\text{Ir}$ photons	N	N	2008
Hybrid TG-43:MC	Price and Mourtada <sup>g</sup> and Rivard <i>et al.</i> <sup>h</sup>	Any	Y	Y	2009
ACUROS	Transpire/Varian <sup>i</sup>	$^{192}\text{Ir}$ photons	Y	Y	2009

Rivard, Beaulieu and Mourtada, Vision 20/20, Med Phys 2010

# Brachytherapy Dose Calculation Methods

Analytical / Factor-based



Model-Based Dose Calculation : MBDCA

## Report of the Task Group 186 on model-based dose calculation methods in brachytherapy beyond the TG-43 formalism: Current status and recommendations for clinical implementation

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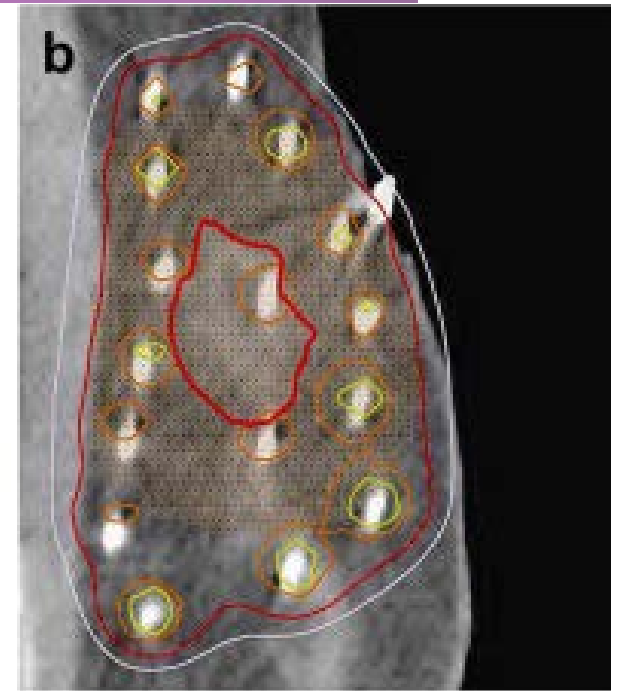
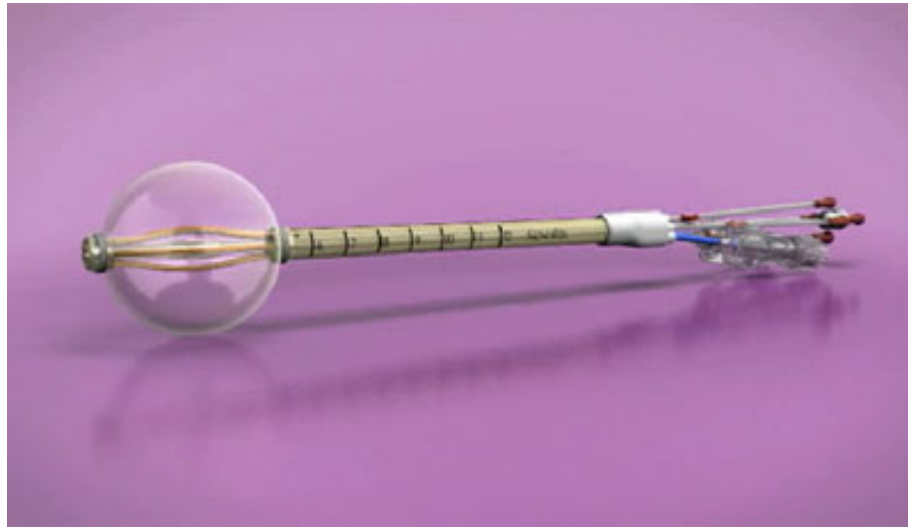
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**See Next 2 Sessions**  
**Tuesday PM**  
**Wednesday AM**

- **TU-E-116-1 Clinical Implementation for Advanced Brachytherapy Dose Calculation Algorithms Beyond the TG-43 Formalism , 2-3PM**
- **WE-C-141-1 Research and Relevance of Brachytherapy Dose Calculation Advancements, Wed 10:30-12:30PM**



**CLINICAL APPLICATION  
TO APBI**

# Why doing APBI well is important

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ORIGINAL REPORT

## Patterns of Use and Short-Term Complications of Breast Brachytherapy in the National Medicare Population From 2008-2009

*Carolyn J. Presley, Pamela R. Soulos, Jeph Herrin, Kenneth B. Roberts, James B. Yu, Brigid Killelea, Beth-Ann Lesnikoski, Jessica B. Long, and Cary P. Gross*

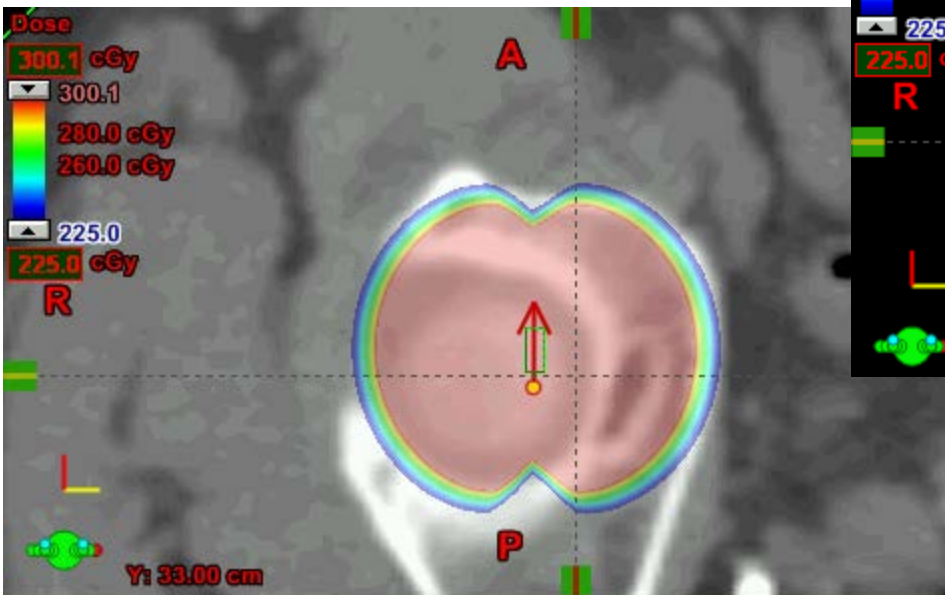
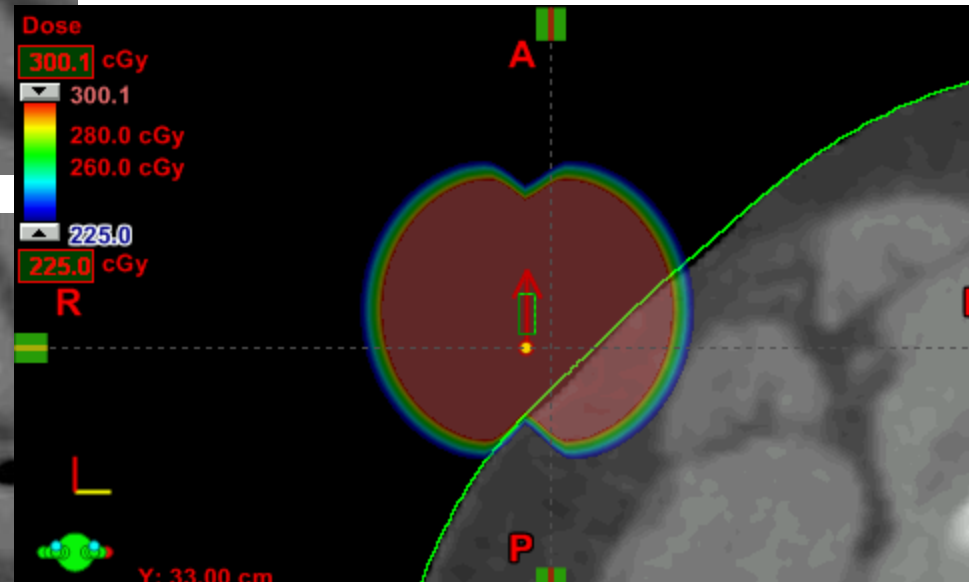
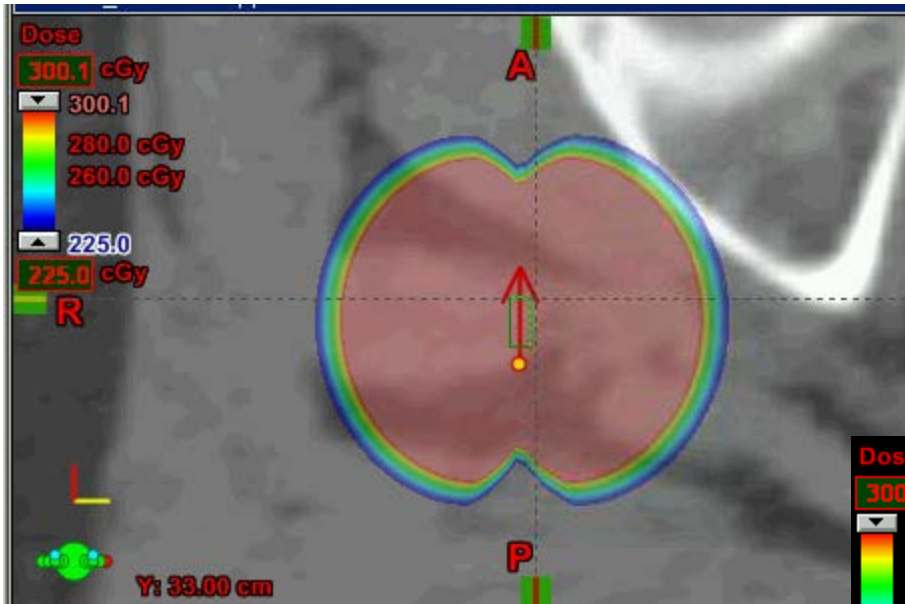
### Results

Of 29,648 women in our sample, 4,671 (15.8%) received brachytherapy. The percent of patients receiving brachytherapy varied substantially across HRRs, ranging from 0% to over 70% (interquartile range, 7.5% to 23.3%). Of women treated with brachytherapy, 34.3% had a complication compared with 27.3% of women undergoing WBI ( $P < .001$ ). After adjusting for patient and clinical characteristics, 35.2% of women treated with brachytherapy (95% CI, 28.6 to 41.9) had a complication compared with 18.4% treated with WBI (95% CI, 15.5 to 21.3;  $P$  value for difference,  $< .001$ ). Brachytherapy was associated with a 16.9% higher rate of wound and skin complications compared with WBI (95% CI, 10.0 to 23.9;  $P < .001$ ), but there was no difference in deep-tissue and bone complications.

### Conclusion

Brachytherapy is commonly used among Medicare beneficiaries and varies substantially across regions. After 1 year, wound and skin complications were significantly higher among women receiving brachytherapy compared with those receiving WBI.

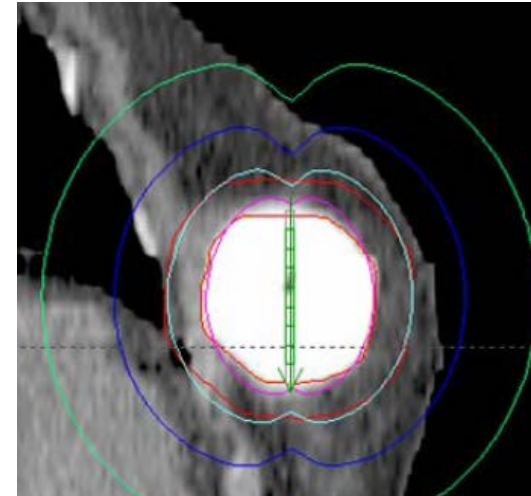
One thing we, as physicists  
can improve: Our dose  
calculation!  
...or at least our  
understanding of the *real*  
dose





# Dose issues effecting APBI

- Dose perturbations due to contrast medium and air
- The effect of patient inhomogeneities
- Dose to skin
- Chest wall/rib dose
- Patient specific planning vs class solutions to guesstimate the effect



**air  $\neq$  water?**

**tissue  $\neq$  water?**

**contrast impact?**

**source superposition?**

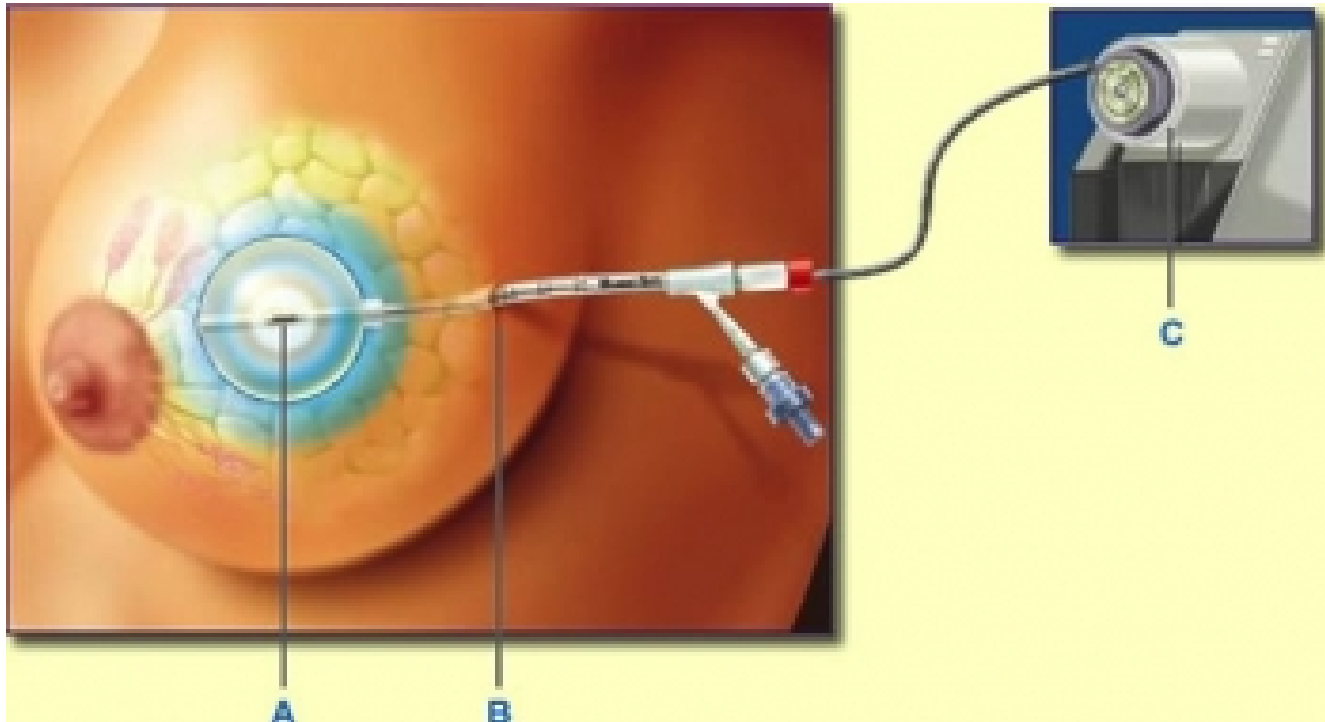
**source shielding?**

**radiation scatter?**

Rivard, "Brachytherapy Dose Calculation Formalism Dataset Evaluation, and treatment planning system Implementation (AAPMSS 2009)



# In the beginning....



- Single lumen Mammosite® only!
- Physicists worried about the contrast in the balloon.

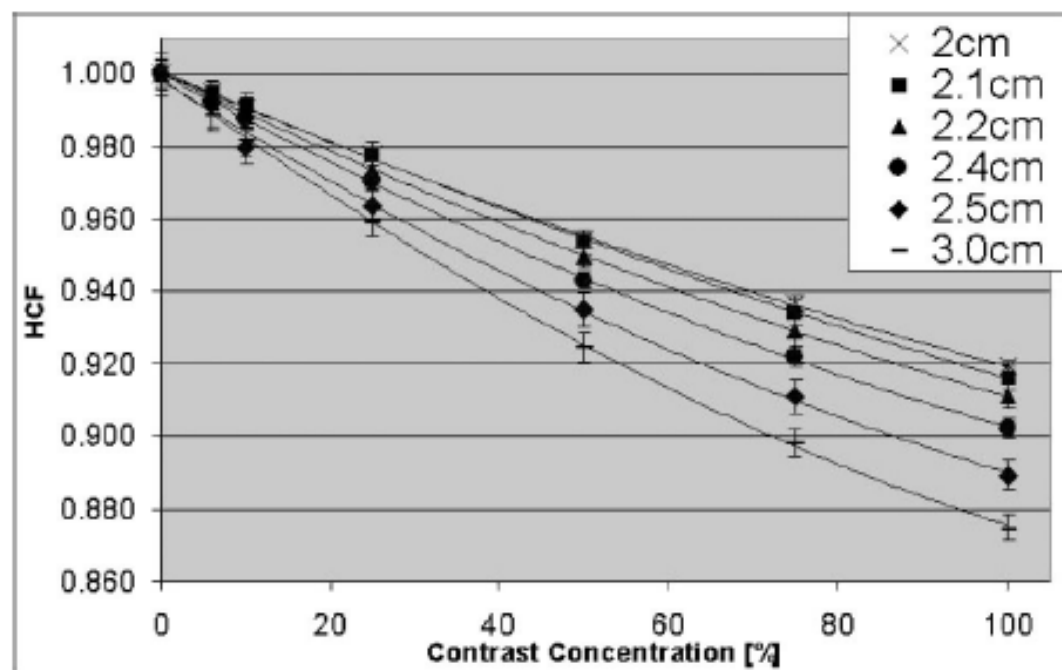


FIG. 4. The Monte Carlo calculated heterogeneity correction factors as a function of contrast concentration level (0, 6, 10, 25, 50, 75 and 100%) at a distance 1 cm from balloon surface for various balloon radii: 2 cm (cross), 2.1 cm (squares), 2.2 cm (triangles), 2.4 cm (circles), 2.5 (diamonds) and 3 cm (dash). The solid lines represent a 2nd-order polynomial fit. The relative uncertainty in the HCF values is less than 0.5%.

## Dose perturbation induced by radiographic contrast inside brachytherapy balloon applicators

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TABLE II. Percentage reduction ( $\Delta\%$ ) in dose rate at 1 cm from the balloon due to contrast, relative to water, for the various balloon diameters.

Balloon diameter (cm)	$\Delta\%$				
	5% contrast	10% contrast	15% contrast	20% contrast	25% contrast
4	−0.8%	−1.6%	−2.4%	−3.2%	−4.0%
5	−1.0%	−1.6%	−2.7%	−3.8%	−4.9%
6	−1.4%	−2.9%	−4.3%	−5.4%	−5.7%

## Contrast effects on dosimetry of a partial breast irradiation system

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Contrast recommendations were made!

# Measurements of dose discrepancies due to inhomogeneities and radiographic contrast in balloon catheter brachytherapy

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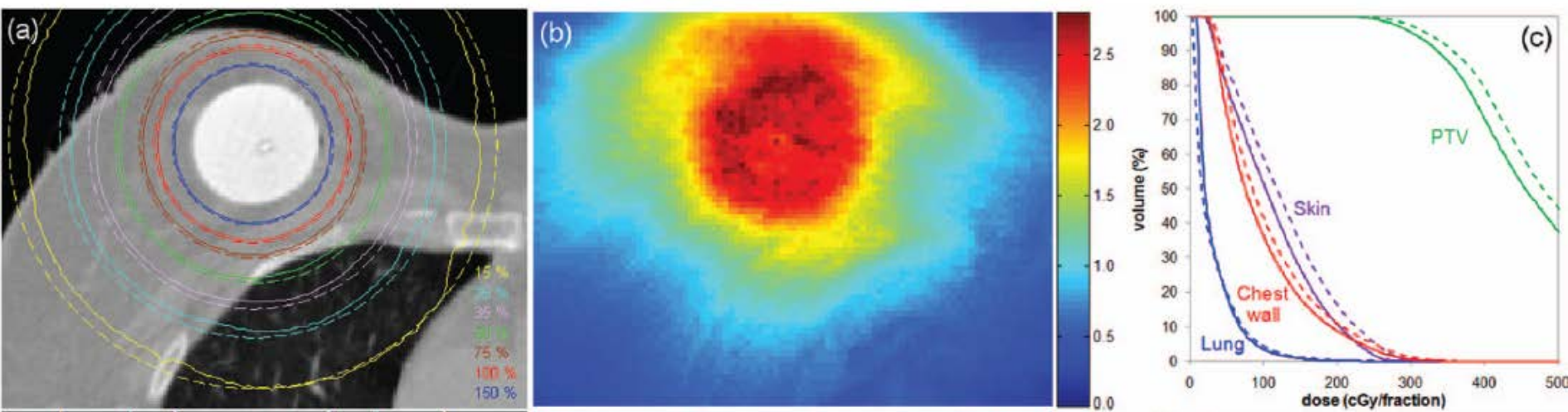
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TABLE IV. Comparison of the effect of contrast with published data when FS condition existed. The effect of contrast was represented as the ratio between dose with contrast in balloon and dose with water only in balloon. Published data were obtained at 1 cm from the balloon surface, which indicated 3.0 cm SDD with 4.0 cm balloon diameter (BD) and 3.5 cm SDD with 5.0 cm BD. However, our measurement was performed at 3.5 cm SDD with 4.0 cm BD and 4.0 cm SDD with 5.0 cm BD. The data show the effect of contrast and two sided confidence interval of 80%.

BD (cm)	SDD (cm)	This study		Kassas <i>et al.</i> <sup>a</sup>		Zhang <i>et al.</i> <sup>b</sup>				Kirk <i>et al.</i> <sup>c</sup>	
						Method					
		MOSFET		MC		MC		MOSFET		MC	
		10%	20%	10%	20%	10%	20%	10%	15%	10%	25%
4	3.0			0.984	0.968	0.986	0.971	0.991	0.986	0.990	0.980
	3.5	0.982 ± 0.025	0.963 ± 0.024								
5	3.5			0.984	0.962	0.979	0.960	0.982	0.975	0.978	0.964
	4.0	0.948 ± 0.024	0.921 ± 0.023								

# Moving on to absorbed dose...

TG-43 overestimates the target volume receiving the prescribed dose by 4% and the dose to the hottest 0.1 cm<sup>3</sup> of the skin by 9%.



## A CT-based analytical dose calculation method for HDR <sup>192</sup>Ir brachytherapy

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## Determination of exit skin dose for $^{192}\text{Ir}$ intracavitary accelerated partial breast irradiation with thermoluminescent dosimeters

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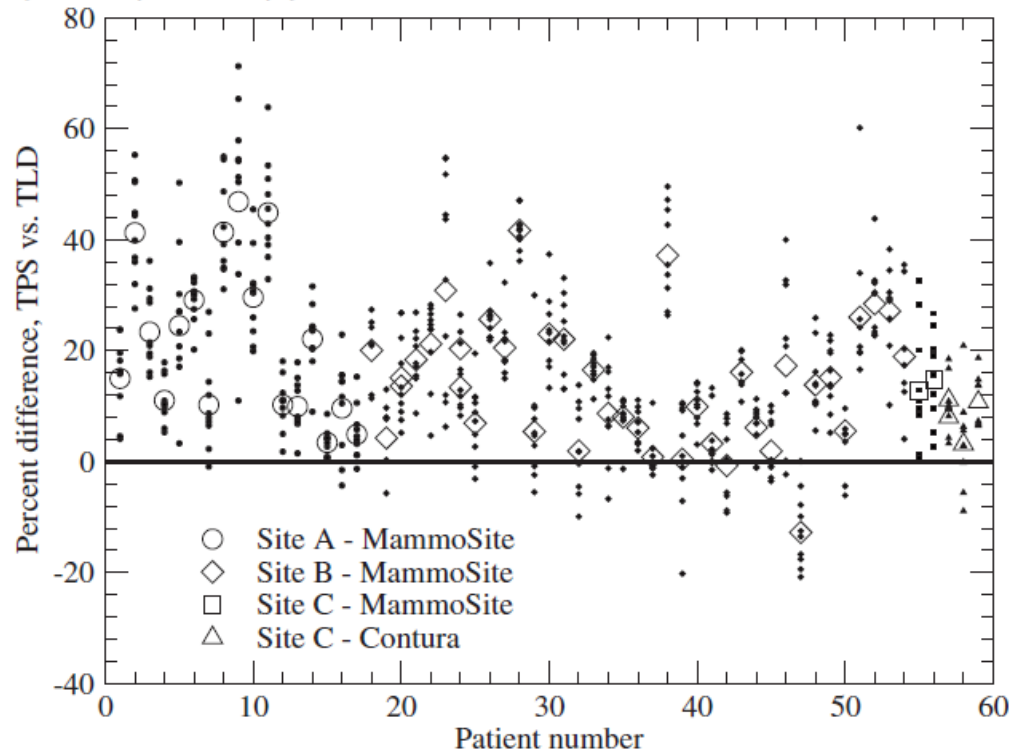


FIG. 4. Percent difference between the TPS predicted dose and TLD measured dose for 59 intracavitary APBI patients from three different clinics. Closed symbols represent percent difference for each fraction. Open symbols represent the average for each patient. Patients with two open symbols (20, 24, and 57) had two different treatment plans during the course of their treatment.

# And dose to skin...

The TPS  
overestimated  
the exit dose on  
the skin by 16%  
on average



# And a air bubble...

## Dose perturbations due to contrast medium and air in MammoSite<sup>®</sup> treatment: An experimental and Monte Carlo study

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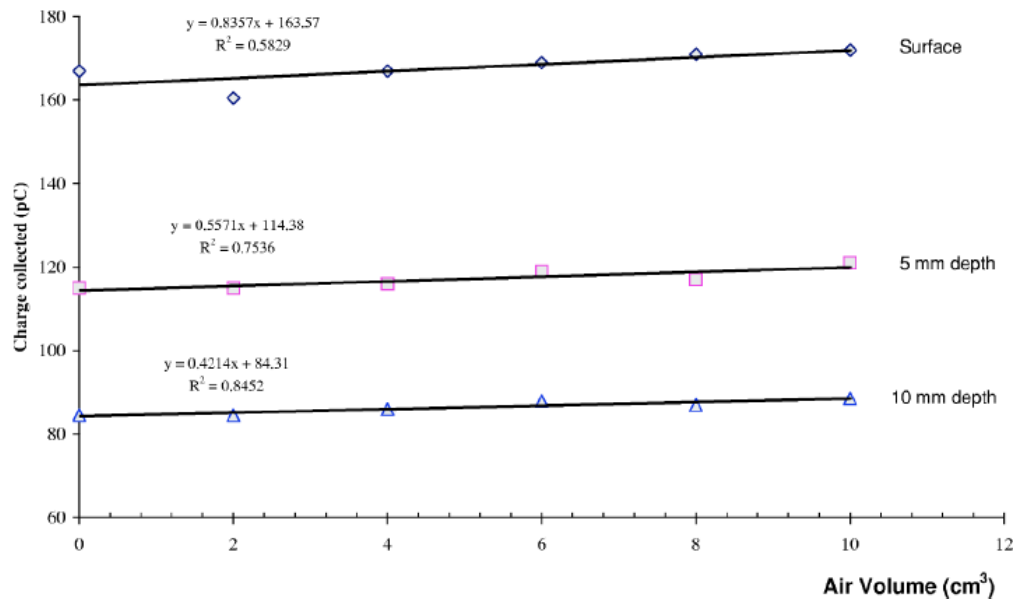


FIG. 3. The effect of air bubble inside the balloon on dose at different distances from the balloon surface.

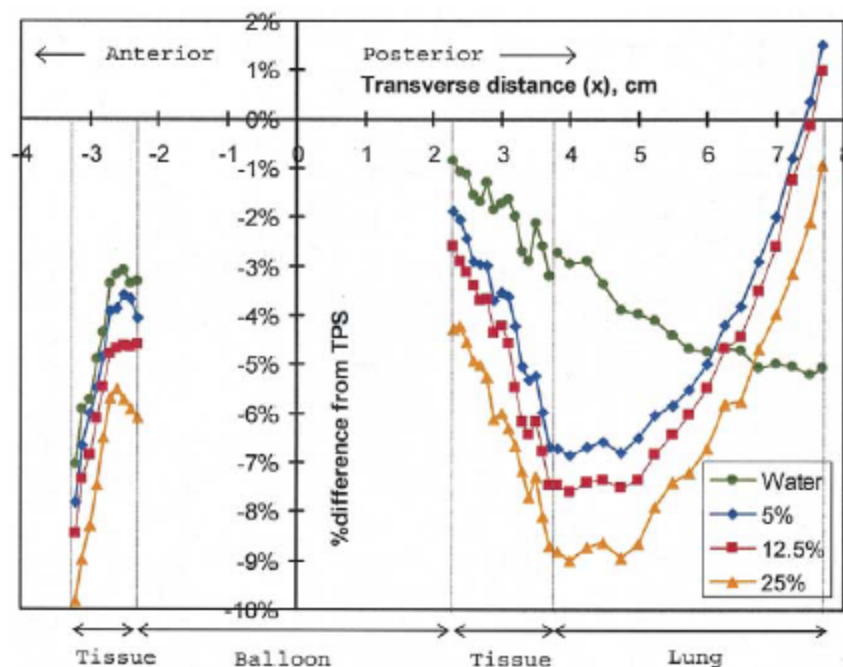
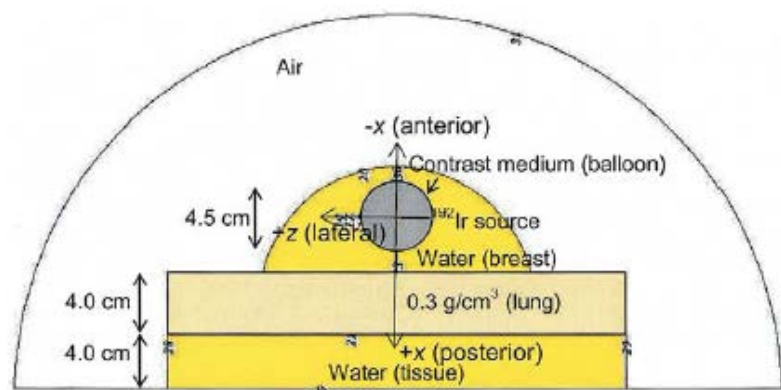
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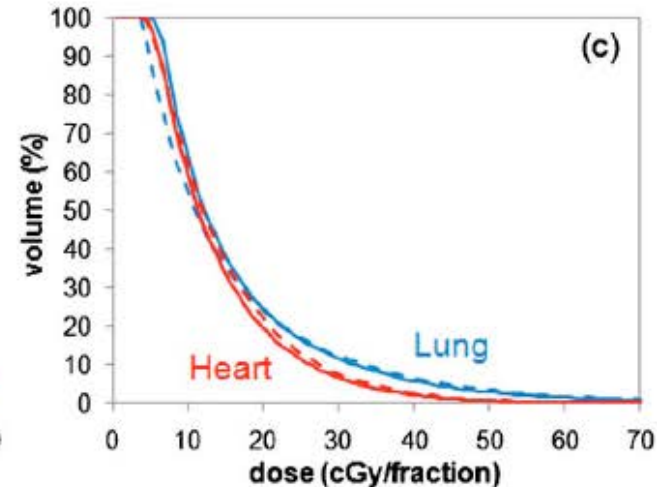
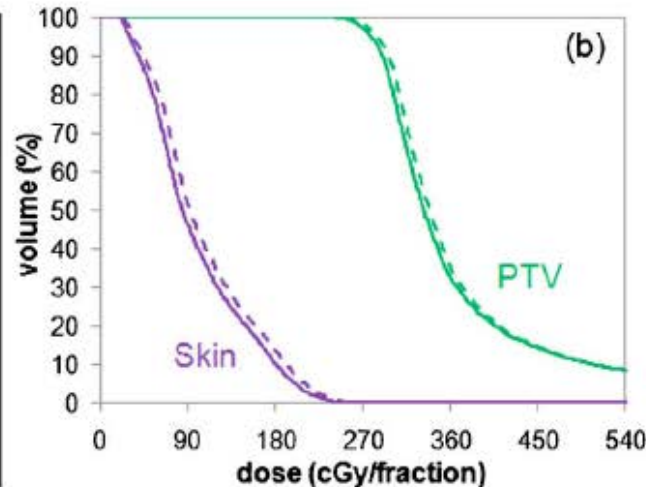
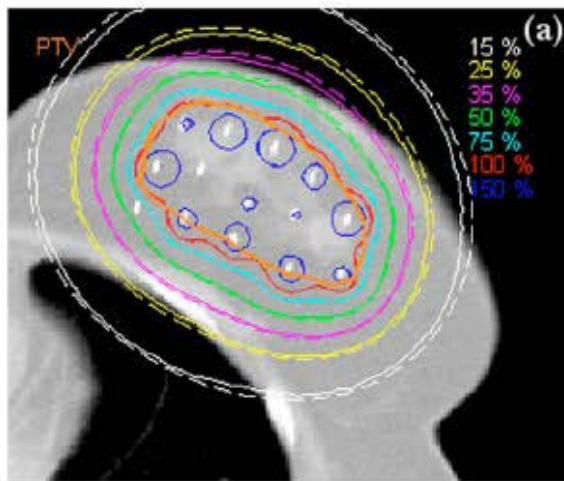
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# MultiCath Breast

- On average, TG-43 overestimates the target coverage by 2% and the dose to the hottest 0.1 cm<sup>3</sup>(D0.1 cc) of the skin by 5%.



**Development of a scatter correction technique and its application to HDR <sup>192</sup>Ir multicatheter breast brachytherapy**

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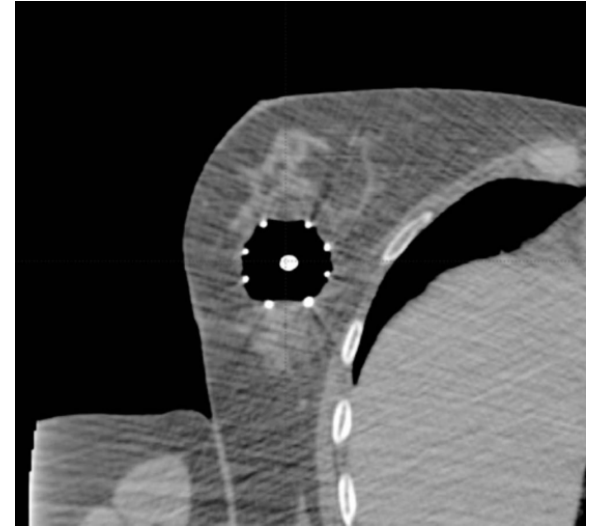
## Dosimetric effects of an air cavity for the SAVI™ partial breast irradiation applicator

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**Purpose:** To investigate the dosimetric effect of the air inside the SAVI™ partial breast irradiation device.

**Methods:** The authors have investigated how the air inside the SAVI™ partial breast irradiation device changes the delivered dose from the homogeneously calculated dose. Measurements were made with the device filled with air and water to allow comparison to a homogenous dose calculation done by the treatment planning system. Measurements were made with an ion chamber, TLDs, and film. Monte Carlo (MC) simulations of the experiment were done using the EGSnrc suite. The MC model was validated by comparing the water-filled calculations to those from a commercial treatment planning system.

**Results:** The magnitude of the dosimetric effect depends on the size of the cavity, the arrangement of sources, and the relative dwell times. For a simple case using only the central catheter of the largest device, MC results indicate that the dose at the prescription point 1 cm away from the air-water boundary is about 9% higher than the homogeneous calculation. Independent measurements in a water phantom with a similar air cavity gave comparable results. MC simulation of a realistic multidwell position plan showed discrepancies of about 5% on average at the prescription point for the largest device.

**Conclusions:** The dosimetric effect of the air cavity is in the range of 3%–9%. Unless a heterogeneous dose calculation algorithm is used, users should be aware of the possibility of small treatment planning dose errors for this device and make modifications to the treatment delivery, if necessary. © 2010 American Association of Physicists in Medicine. [DOI: 10.1118/1.3457328]

TABLE I. Summary of the dose difference at the prescription point (1 cm from the device edge, except for the TLD which was measured at 1.5 cm) between a water and air-filled cavity for the single-dwell position–central strut scenario.

Strut size	Monte Carlo (%)	Ion chamber (%)	TLD (%)	Average (%)
10	8.3	6.0	6.9	7.0
8	6.0	7.0	N/A	6.5
6	3.6	2.5	N/A	3.0

# Contrast errors

- The density of contrast solution was 10% less than that obtained from the CT calibration.
- The cross section of the contrast solution for the HDR source was 1.2% greater than that of muscle.
- Both errors could be addressed by overriding the density of the contrast solution in the treatment planning system.

## **Technical Note: Contrast solution density and cross section errors in inhomogeneity-corrected dose calculation for breast balloon brachytherapy**

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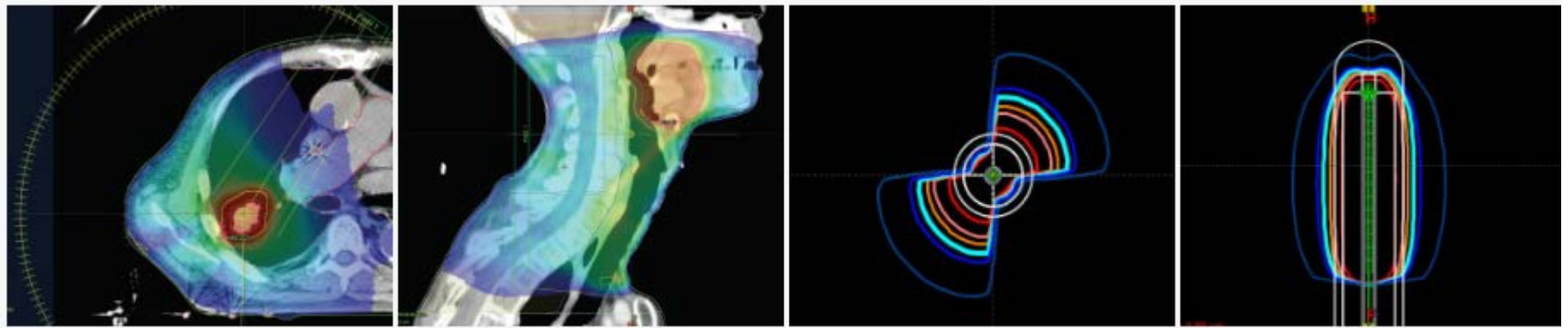
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# Use of Acuros<sup>®</sup> in APBI dose calculation



# ACUROS benchmark

Dosimetric accuracy of a deterministic radiation transport based  $^{192}\text{Ir}$  brachytherapy treatment planning system. Part III. Comparison to Monte Carlo simulation in voxelized anatomical computational models

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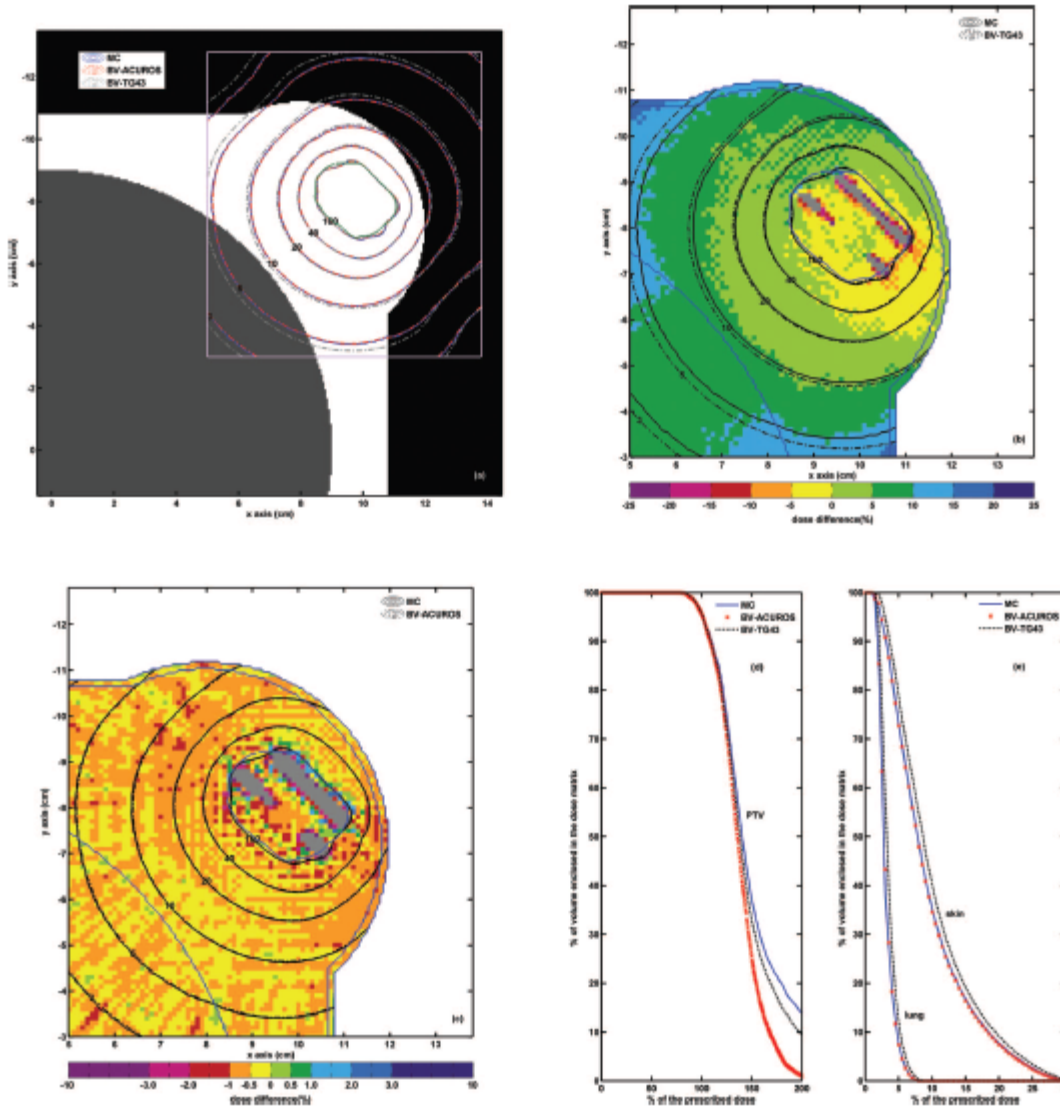


FIG. 2. (a) The central image of the voxelized mathematical breast model with BV-TG43, BV-ACUROS, and MC dose calculation results for the same breast brachytherapy plan presented in the form of percentage isodose lines within the extent of the dose calculation grid. (b) A colormap representation of the spatial distribution of percentage differences between BV-TG43 and MC results ( $\frac{D_{BV-TG43}}{D_{MC}} - 1$ ) on the plane presented in (a). (c) A colormap representation of the spatial distribution of percentage differences between BV-ACUROS and MC results ( $\frac{D_{BV-ACUROS}}{D_{MC}} - 1$ ) on the plane presented in (a). (d) Cumulative DVH results for the PTV derived from the 3D dose distributions calculated using BV-TG43, BV-ACUROS and MC. (e) Same as (d) for the skin and lung OARs.





- 20 patients – 15 contoura + 5 savi
- Linear relationship indicates predicatability

## Heterogeneity-corrected vs -uncorrected critical structure maximum point doses in breast balloon brachytherapy

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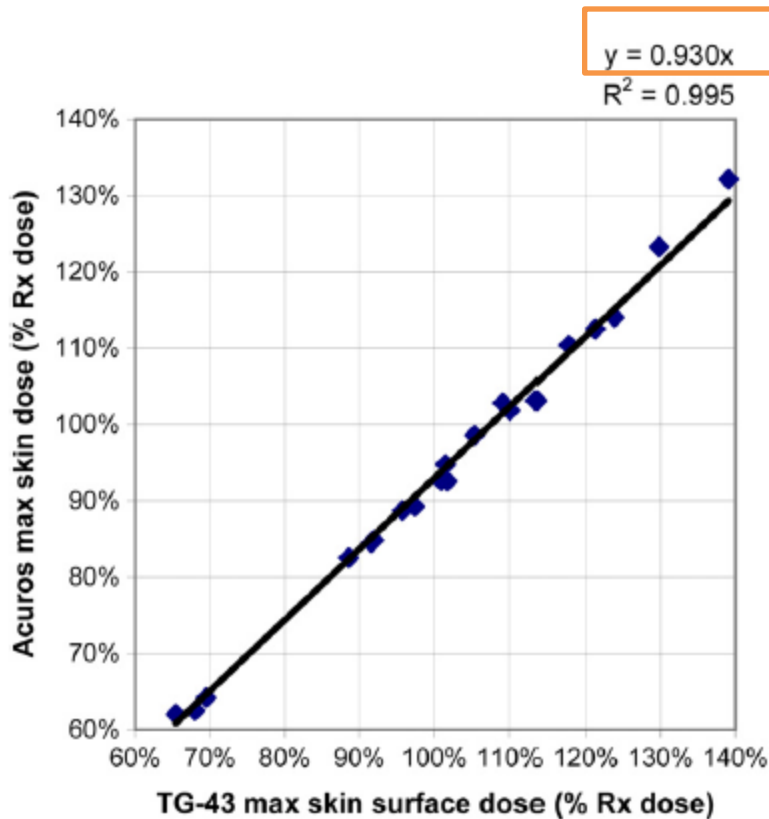


Fig. 1. Acuros-calculated vs TG-43-calculated maximum skin surface dose with fit.

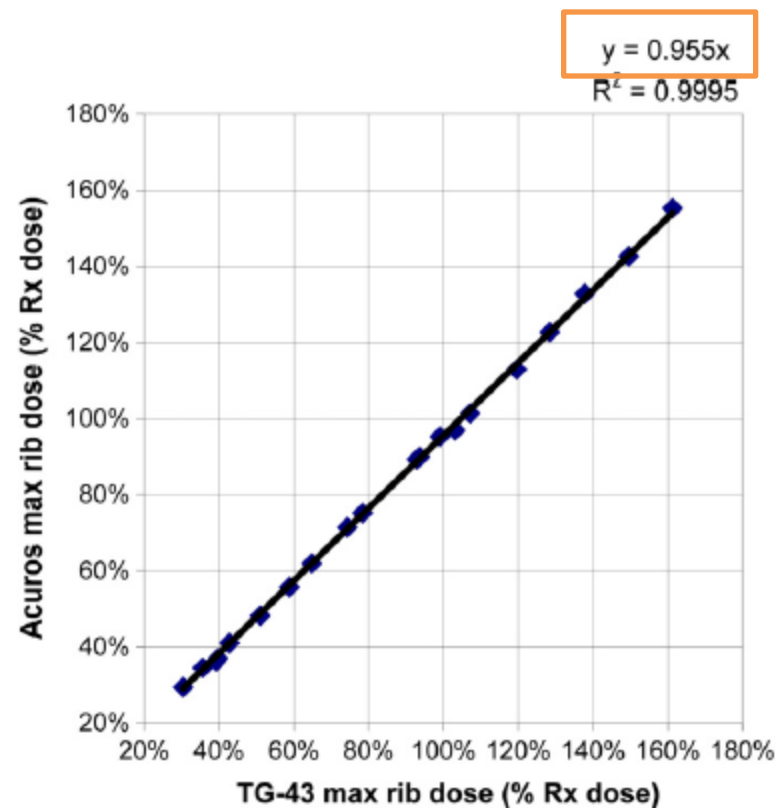


Fig. 2. Acuros-calculated vs TG-43-calculated maximum rib dose with fit.

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**Balloon-Based Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation With Contura™: Comparison Between Conventional TG-43 and Brachyvision Acuros™ Dose Calculation Methods**

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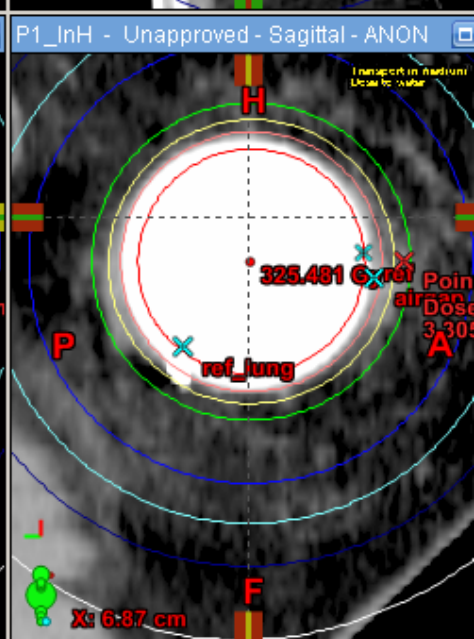
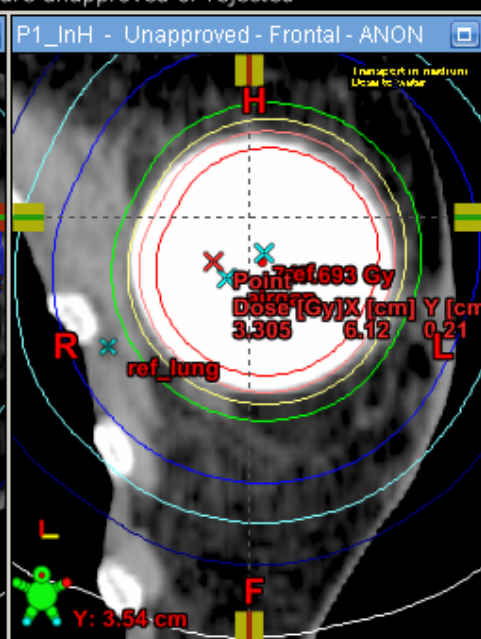
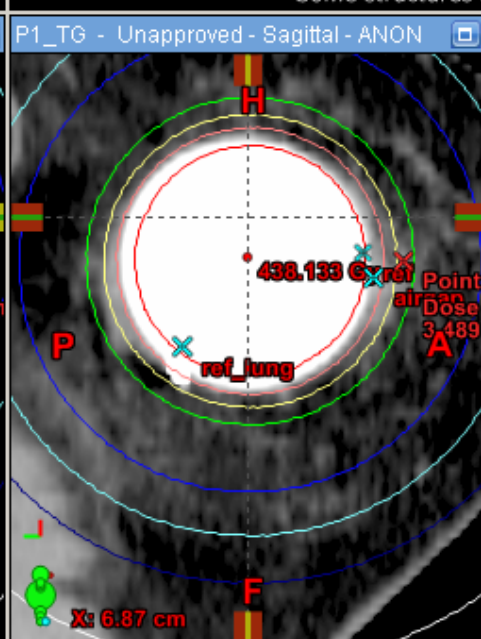
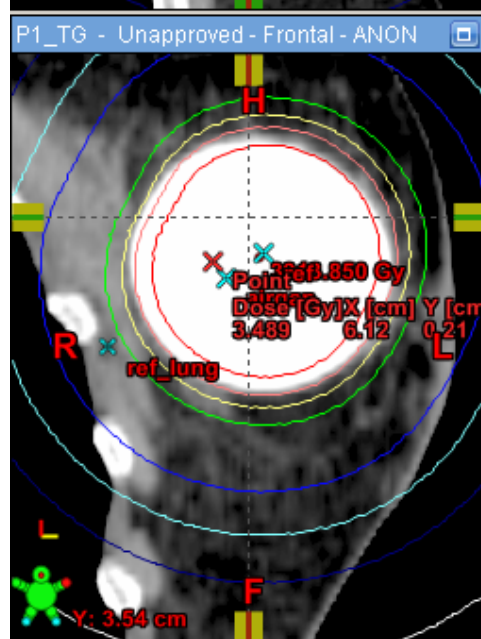
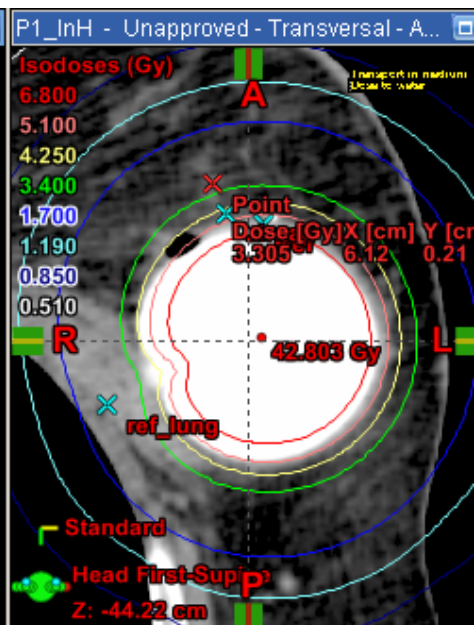
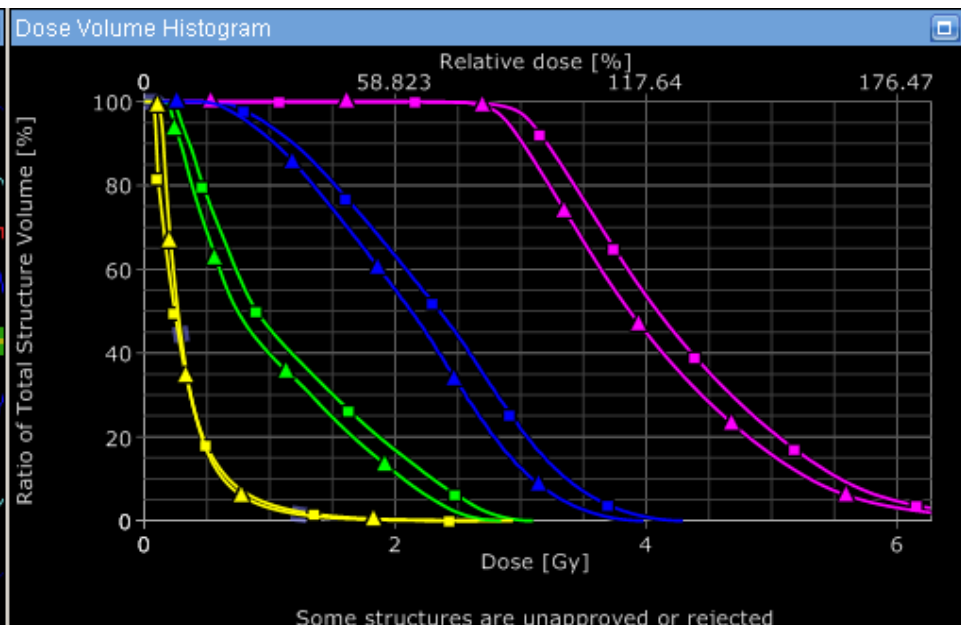
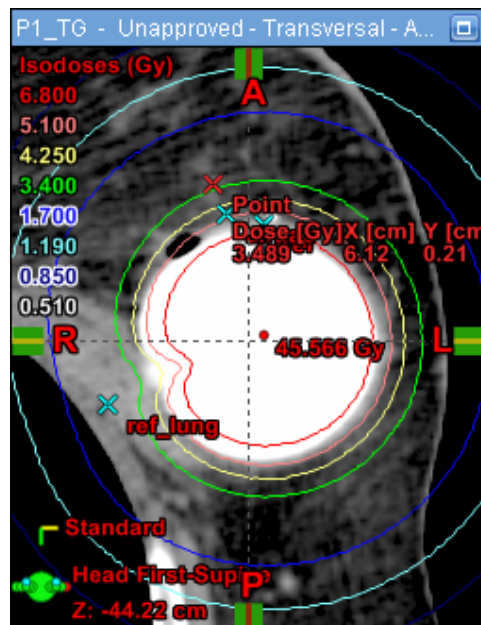
	TG-43	Acuros™	Difference
PTV_eval D95 (cGy)	322.7	311.9	(3.4 ± 0.5) %
PTV_eval D1 (cGy)	816.4	806.6	(1.2 ± 0.6) %
PTV_eval D <sub>min</sub> (cGy)	238.4	254.1	(-7.1 ± 7.1) %
PTV_eval V150 (cm <sup>3</sup> )	26.5	24.0	(9.2 ± 1.3) %
Skin D <sub>max</sub> (cGy)	439.0	420.1	(4.6 ± 1.2) %
Skin D <sub>mean</sub> (cGy)	242.8	226.6	(6.7 ± 0.6) %
Skin D <sub>skin_pt</sub> (cGy)	297.1	278.1	(6.7 ± 1.7) %

**Comparison between Two Dose Calculation Methods, Acuros and TG43: Implications for Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation**

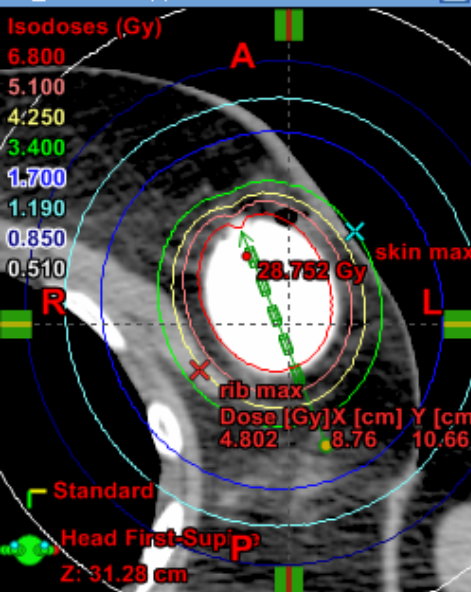
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- 30 patients evaluated Skin<sub>max</sub>, Rib<sub>max</sub>, D90, V100, V150, V200
- Variety of applicators including interstitial
  - Results for interstitial were within 3% or 3cc
- Balloon based:
  - Skin<sub>max</sub> – 8% including >10% if only using central lumen/single dwell
  - Rib<sub>max</sub> – 5% on average
  - Target coverage less (3.5% – 8%)
  - Larger balloons had greater differences in V100, etc.

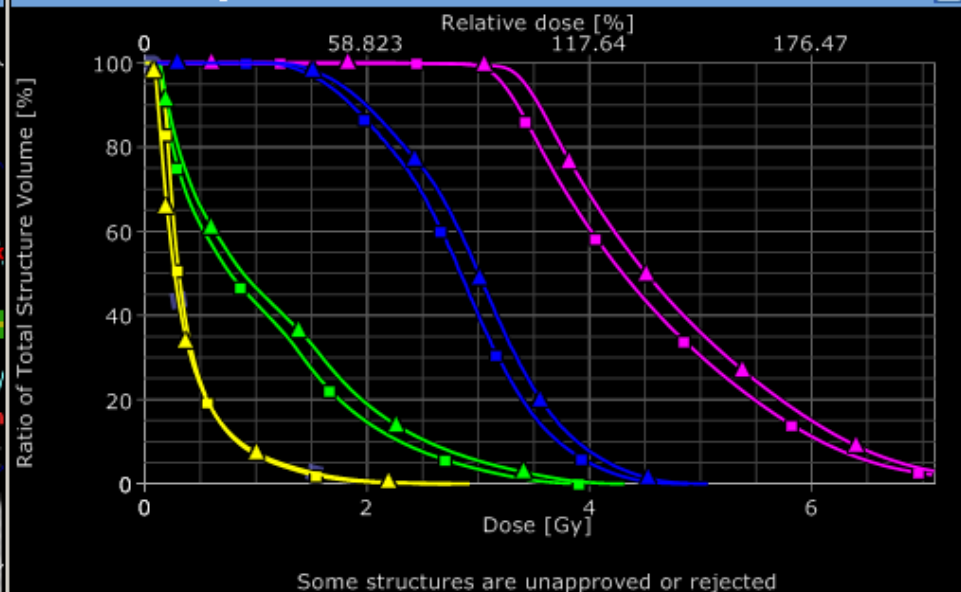




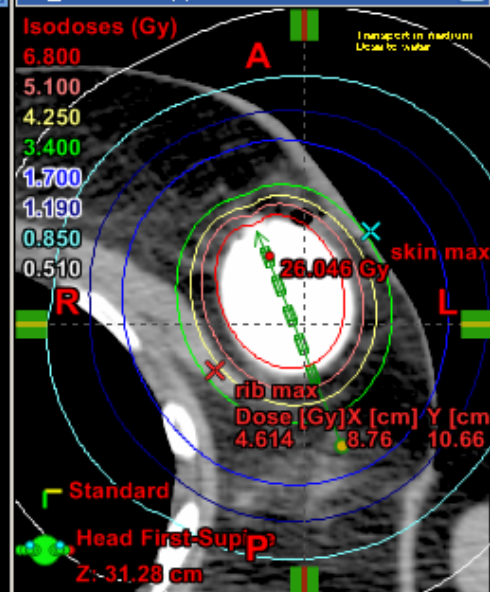
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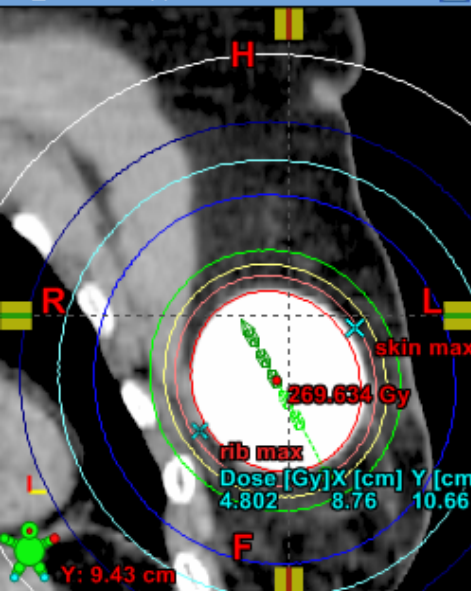
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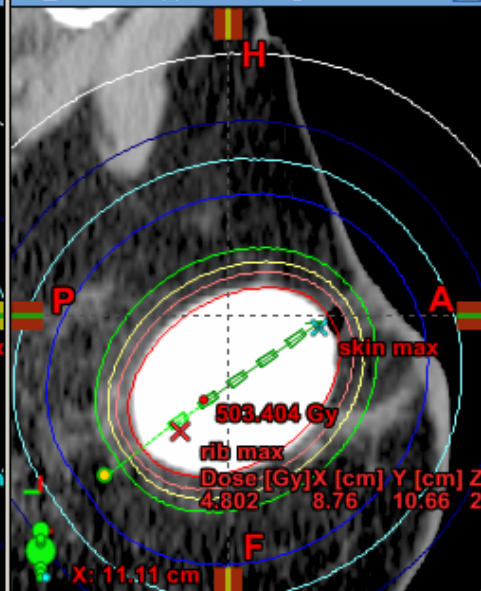
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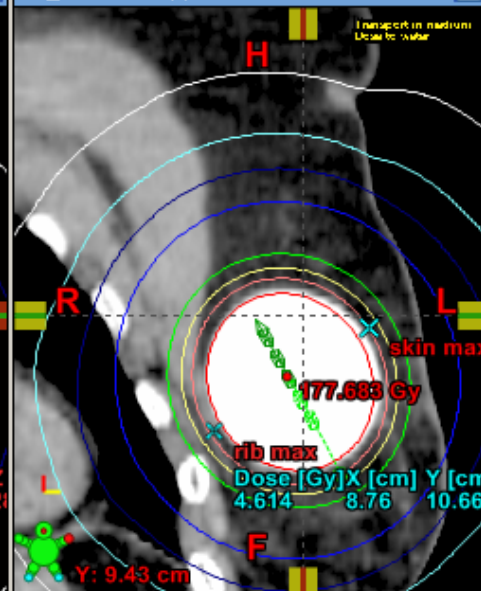
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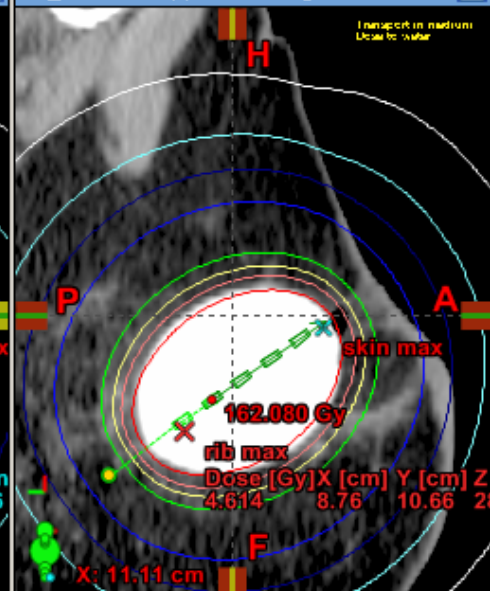
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# Mammosite Results

MammoSite		PTV_mean(Gy)	Skin maxGy)	lung_max (Gy)	rib_max (Gy)
TG43	Average	4.45	3.89	2.79	4.08
	SD	0.20	0.71	1.06	1.67
Acuros	Average	4.24	3.61	2.58	3.87
	SD	0.22	0.69	0.97	1.60
TG43/Acuros		1.05	1.08	1.08	1.06
P-value		3.06705E-05	3.69364E-05	0.004	0.003

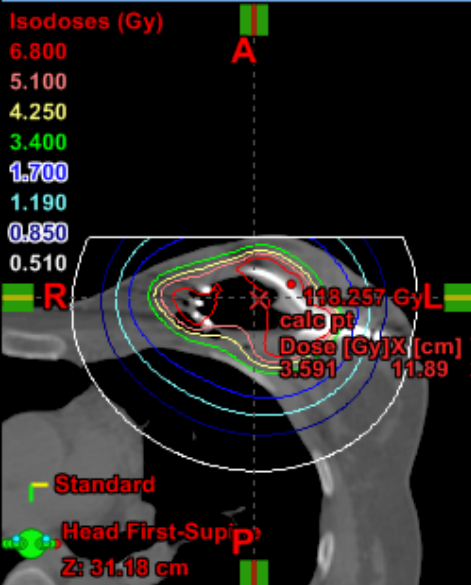
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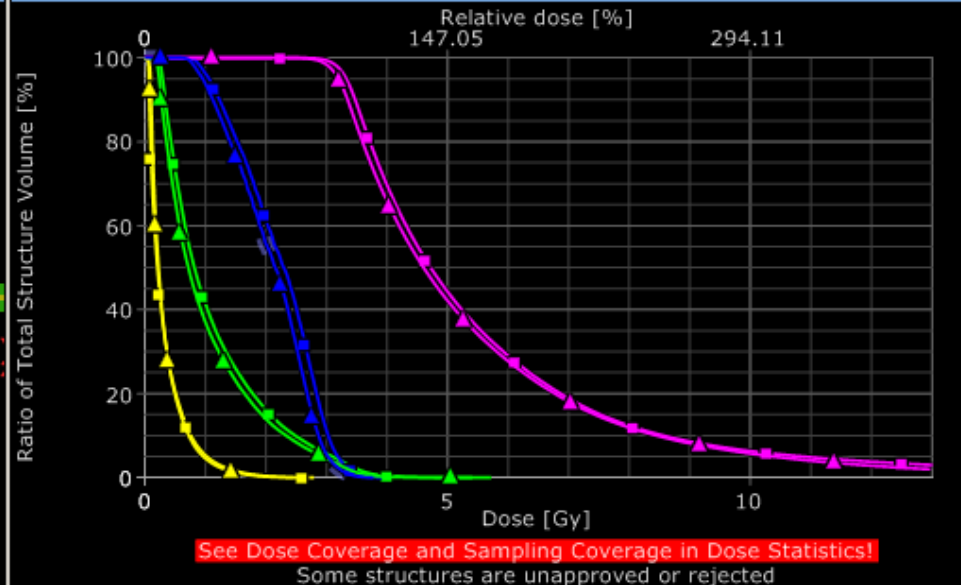
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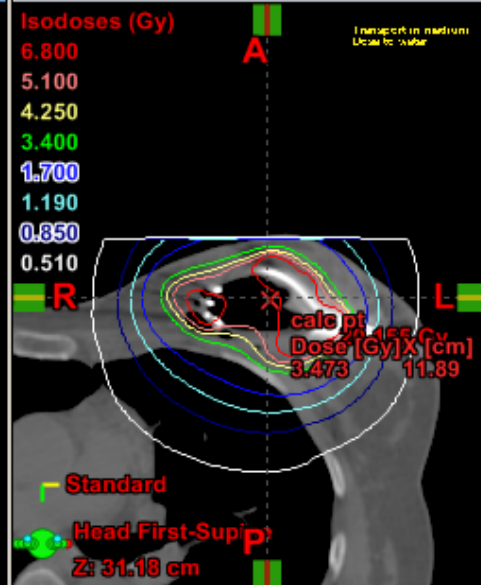
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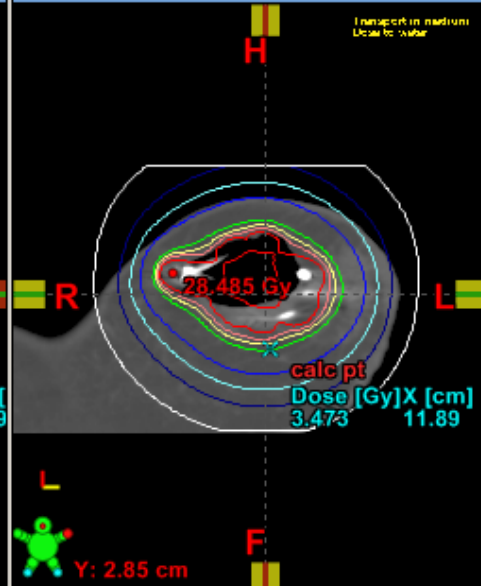
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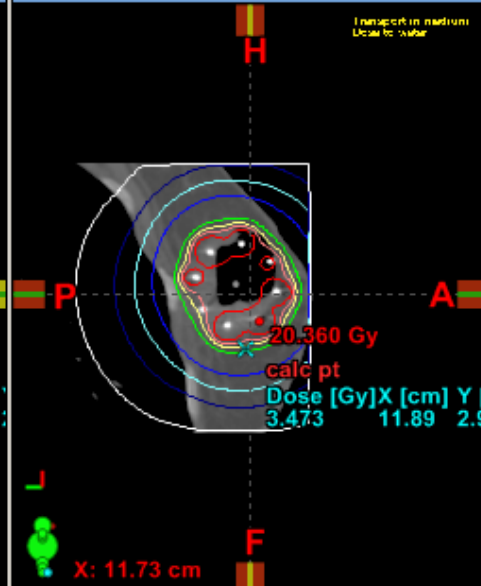
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# SAVI results

SAVI		PTV_v99 (%)	PTV_mean(Gy)	Skin (Gy)	lung_max (Gy)	rib_max (Gy)
<b>TG43</b>	Avg	87.79	6.06	6.84	1.21	1.55
	SD	5.49	0.36	2.74	1.05	1.54
<b>Acuros</b>	Avg	83.64	5.81	6.57	1.12	1.47
	SD	5.75	0.35	2.62	1.00	1.48
<b>TG43/Acuros</b>		1.05	<b>1.04</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>1.08</b>	<b>1.05</b>
P-value		5.7941E-06	2.43584E-05	0.091	0.011	0.043

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Dosimetric Comparison of TG-43 Formalism with Brachyvision  
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# Conclusions

- The experts agree if you are using TG43 for APBI—
  - If you are using high levels of contrast – your overall dose is decreased
  - Skin dose is decreased  $\sim 4-10\%$
  - Dose to ribs is decreased  $\sim 5-7\%$
  - Dose coverage is probably slightly reduced
- New methods of dose calculation are promising and show we have gains to be made in accuracy