Real-Time Imaging and Tracking Techniques for Intrafractional Motion Management: MR Tracking

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Outline

- Current MR+RT projects
- Methods for real-time imaging
- Process for object tracking
- Clinical examples
- Next steps

MR-IGRT (MRIdian by ViewRay)

- 0.35T MRI
- 3 Co-60 heads
 ~550 cGy/min @ iso
- Each head is equipped with divergent MLCs
- Large imaging FOV (50 cm)
- Integrated planning system
 - Monte Carlo dose calculation



MR-IGRT (MRIdian by ViewRay)



Elekta + Philips



Upgrading the Prototype



Courtesy Raaymakers







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MRI of Pancreas, Optical Flow for 4D Motion Quantification



Courtesy Bjorn Stemkens, Baudouin Denis de Senneville

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MR-IGRT Workflow



Courtesy of Olga Green

Pancreas IMRT with breath hold gating

Superior



Anterior

Inferior

Sagittal View

Stereotactic Liver Radiation Diagnostic T1 weighted Gadoxetic acid contrast enhanced MRI of Metastatic Colorectal Cancer



Stereotactic Ablative Liver Metastasis Radiation

50Gy in 5 Fx

MRI Tracking During Treatment

Superior

Patient driven repeated breath-hold technique with a high duty cycle

Radiation beam is only on when tumor is in proper position

Contrast used to highlight the tumor and allow daily tracking

Unique to be able to see and track actual tumor (not a surrogate) in realtime



Superior Pole Kidney SBRT



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- Tumor tracking required to spare uninvolved kidney
- Tracking algorithm works very well with nice contrast difference
- Track the entire kidney with 98% within PTV for beam on



Patient Coached To Correct Amplitude



Exhalation Gating





Isodose Lines Max Dose = 65.00 Gy Rx Dose = 50.00 Gy

| Dose (Gy) | Rx % | Visible | | |
|-----------|-------|---------|--|--|
| 12.50 | 25.0 | Yes | | |
| 25.00 | 50.0 | Yes | | |
| 30.00 | 60.0 | Yes | | |
| 40.00 | 80.0 | Yes | | |
| 45.00 | 90.0 | Yes | | |
| 47.50 | 95.0 | Yes | | |
| 52.50 | 105.0 | Yes | | |
| 50.00 | 100.0 | Yes | | |

Courtesy John Bayouth

Contrast for Visualization



Key Frame Needs To Match Gating Phase



Gating and Tracking with Prototype MRL



Quality Assurance: ViewRay

- System Latency
- Trigger beam hold within 500 msec of target moving outside pre-defined boundary



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CIRS MR-compatible Motion Phantom

Moving Part of Phantom Carbon Fiber rod Internal envelope of ViewRay system magnets (for illustration purposes only)/ Actuator - MRI Moving Rod shaft connector (two pieces connected with Linear Motor bridges) Assembly Sensor Assembly MRI Body Position (Shown with ViewRay Torso Coils and Sensor MRI Body/Coils support) Connection ViewRay system couch (for illustration purposes only) CIRS model 008A Linear Actuator Courtesy Olga Green custom mounted on modified 008A

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Base Plate

Verification of Dose during MRTC



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What's Next?

- 3D real time imaging
- Volume of data
- Real time review and monitoring by therapists?



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| 0% | C. | Does not benefit patients because x-ray tracking is commonplace and easy |
| 1% | D. | Unlike the claims made by MR manufacturers, delivers ionizing dose to the patient |
| 90% | E. | Is one of the more important features of MR-guided RT |
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