

Diagnostic Imaging Tour!

Welcome!

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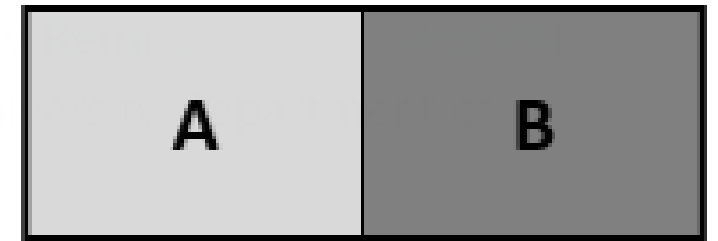
Objectives

- Introduction to concepts in imaging concepts from software design
- Introduce the vendors

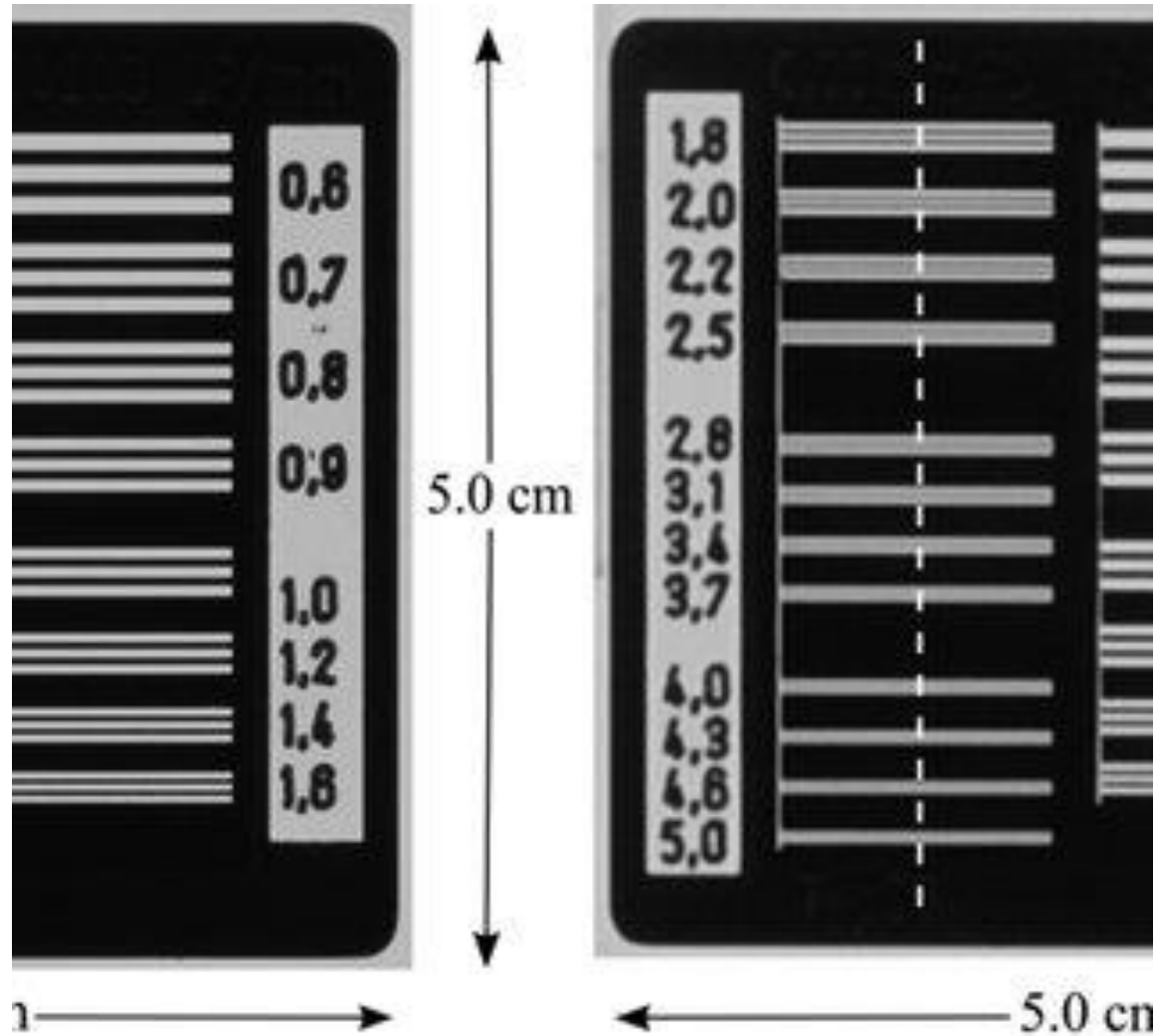
Contrast



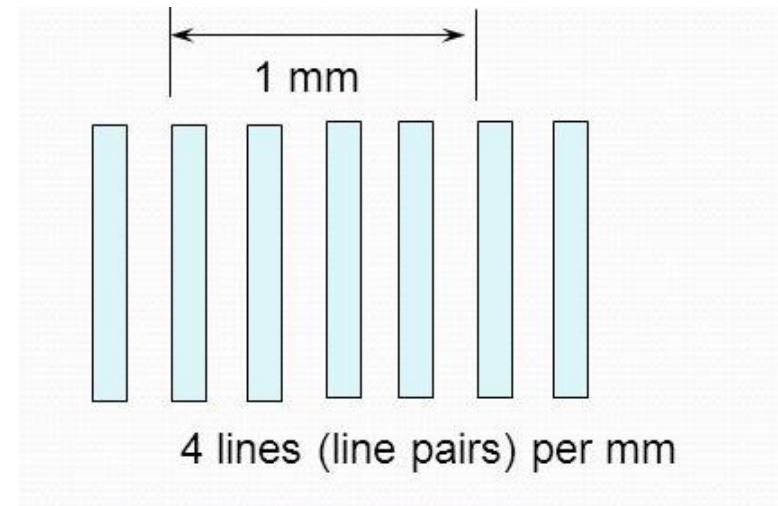
$$C_s = \frac{A - B}{B}$$



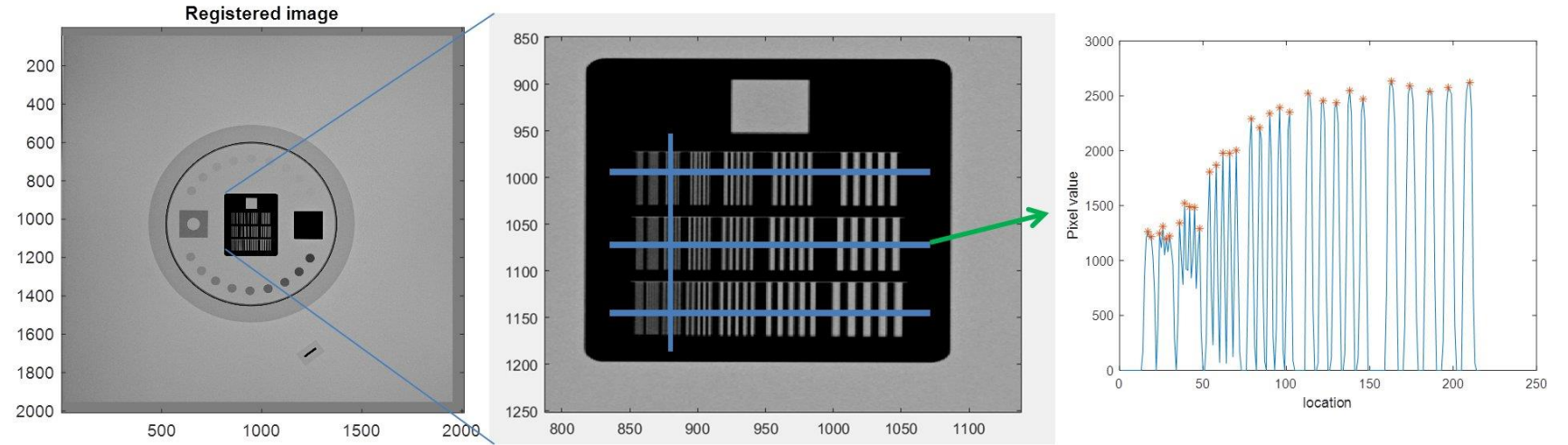
Resolution



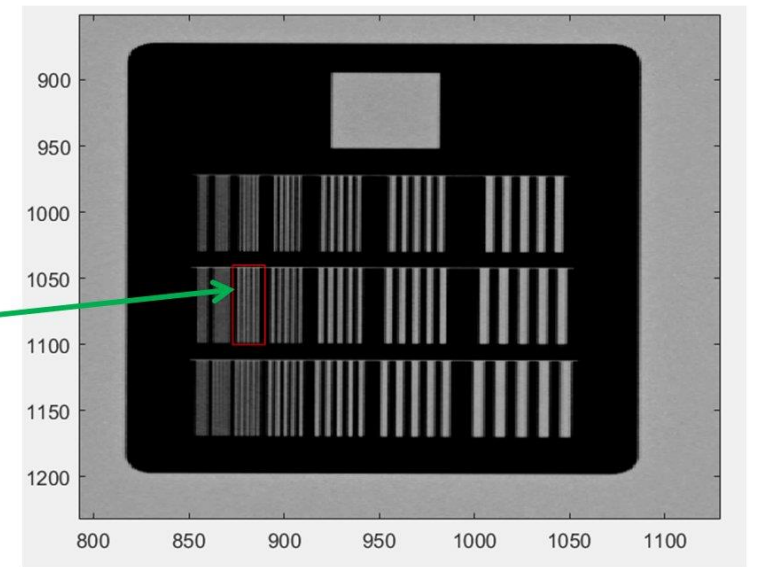
- Line pairs per distance
- Express limiting resolution
- Limiting resolution implies high contrast situation
- Does not indicate how well system preserves contrast



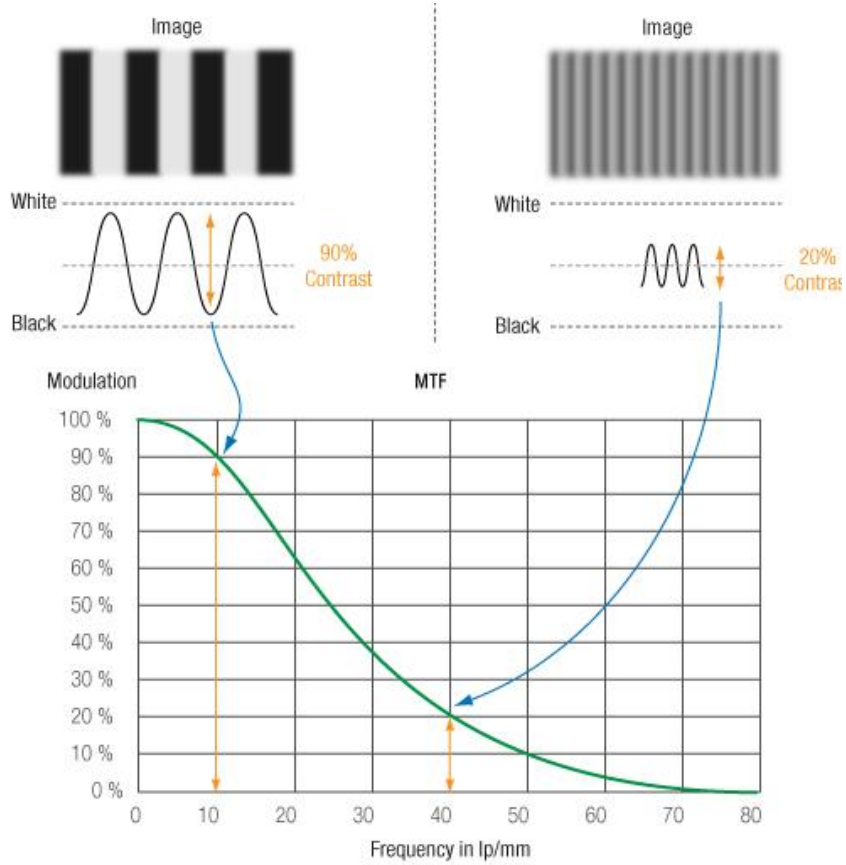
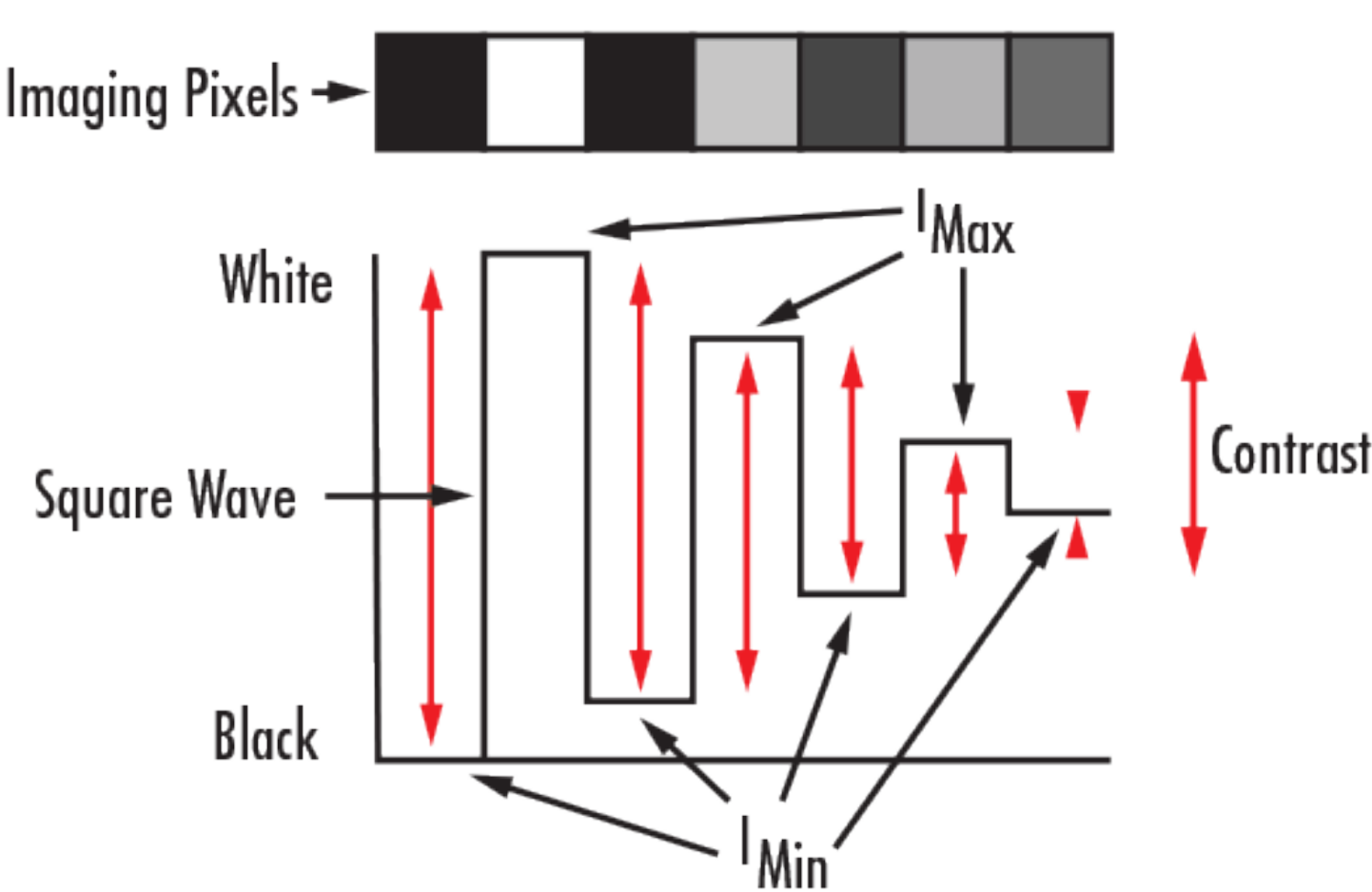
Resolution



5	5	5
5	5	5
5	5	5
5	5	5
3	3	2
2	2	2



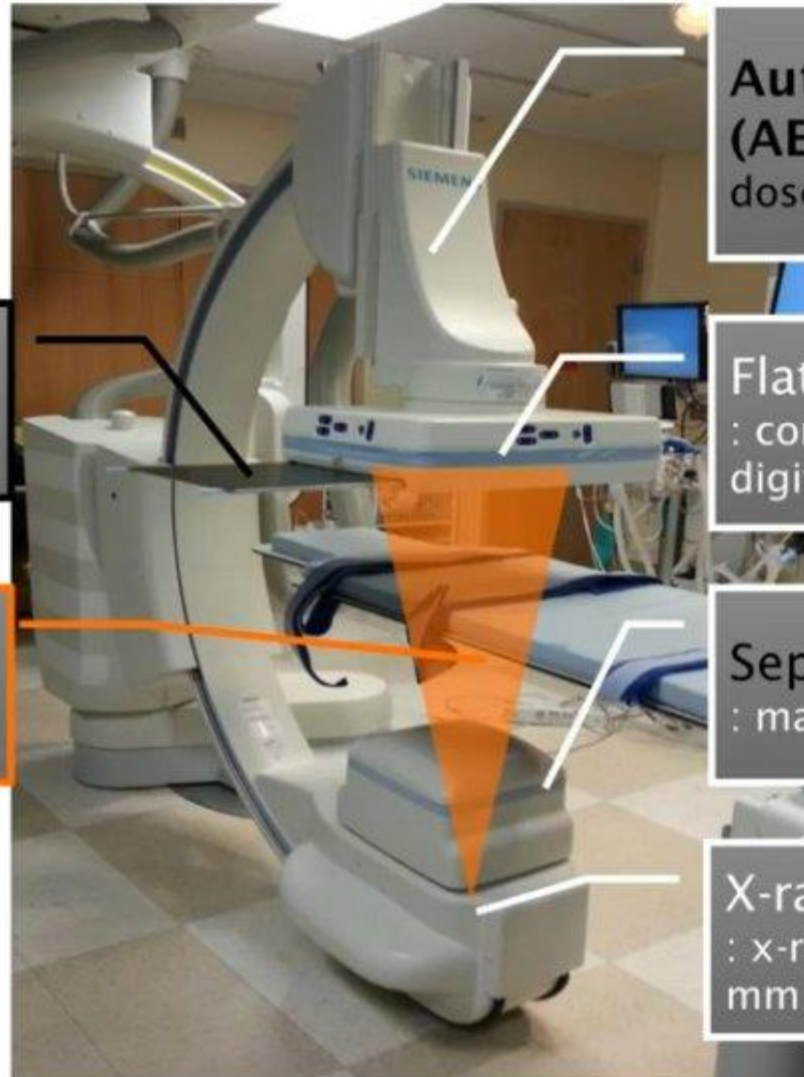
Modulated Transfer Function (MTF)





Fluoroscopic x-ray system

Interventional fluoroscopy



Anti-scatter Grid

: blocks scattered x-ray
: increases radiation dose

Collimated x-ray beam

: controls dimension of x-ray

Skin entrance dose doesn't depend on focal spot size.

Automatic Exposure Rate Control (AERC)

: Image quality, dose rate, and dose control feedback circuits

Flat panel image receptor

: converts transmitted x-ray pattern to digital image

Separator cone

: maintain minimum distance from patient

X-ray tube

: x-ray beam fans out from point about 1-mm in size

TLD BADGE

CROCODILE CLIP



METALLIC FILTER

SEALED POLYTHENE POUCH

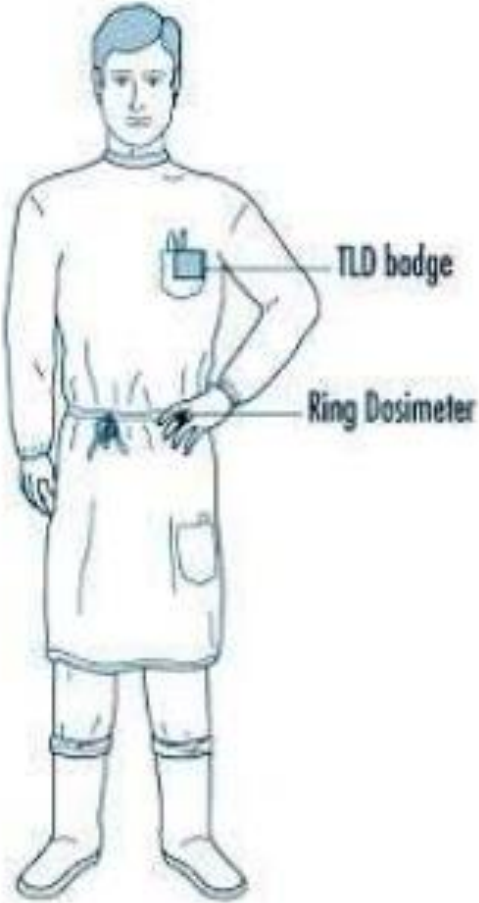
TRANSPARENT PLASTIC

PERSONNEL NUMBER

NAME

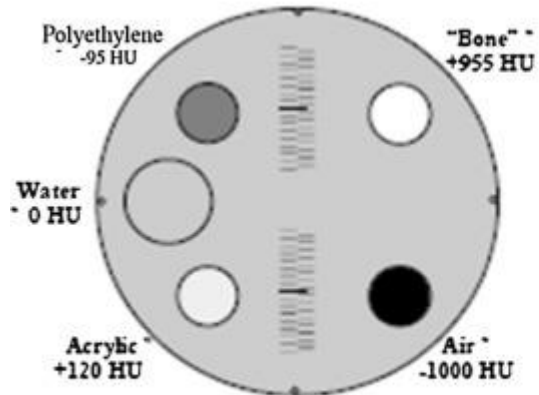
RADIATION TYPE

PERIOD OF USE

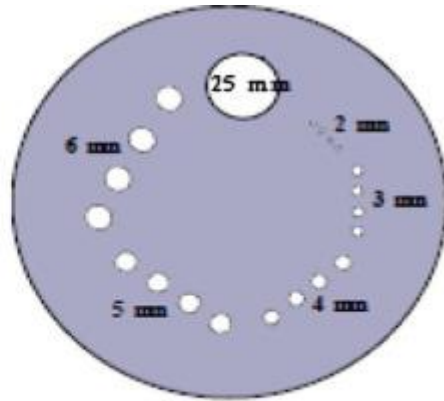


NCRP 116 , occupation equivalent dose limit 0.5 Sv

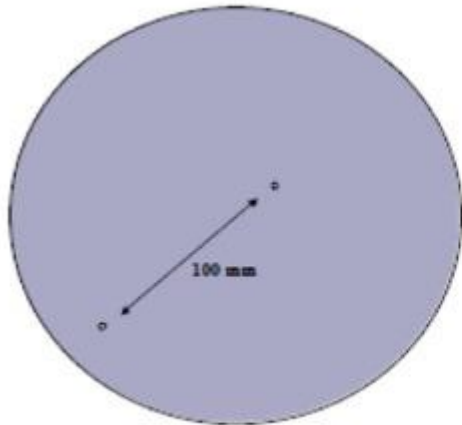
CTDIvol



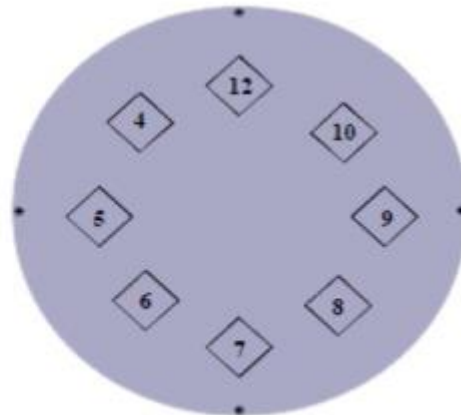
(a)



(b)

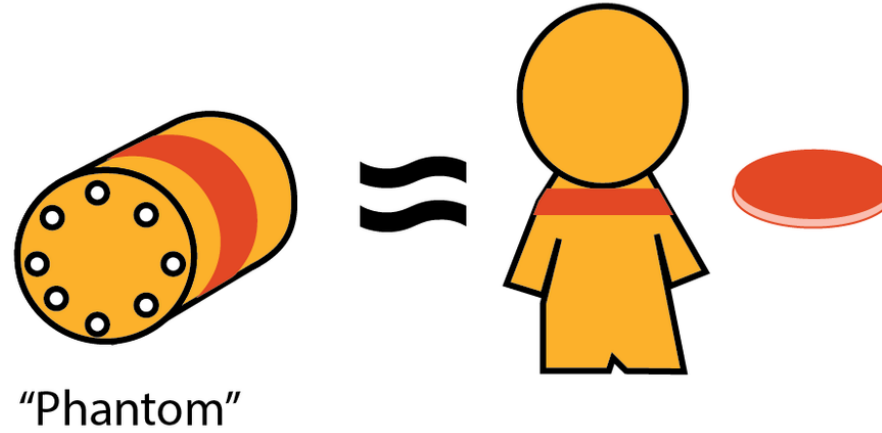


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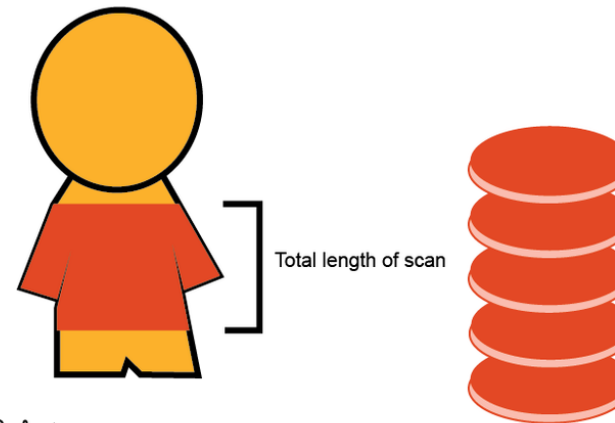


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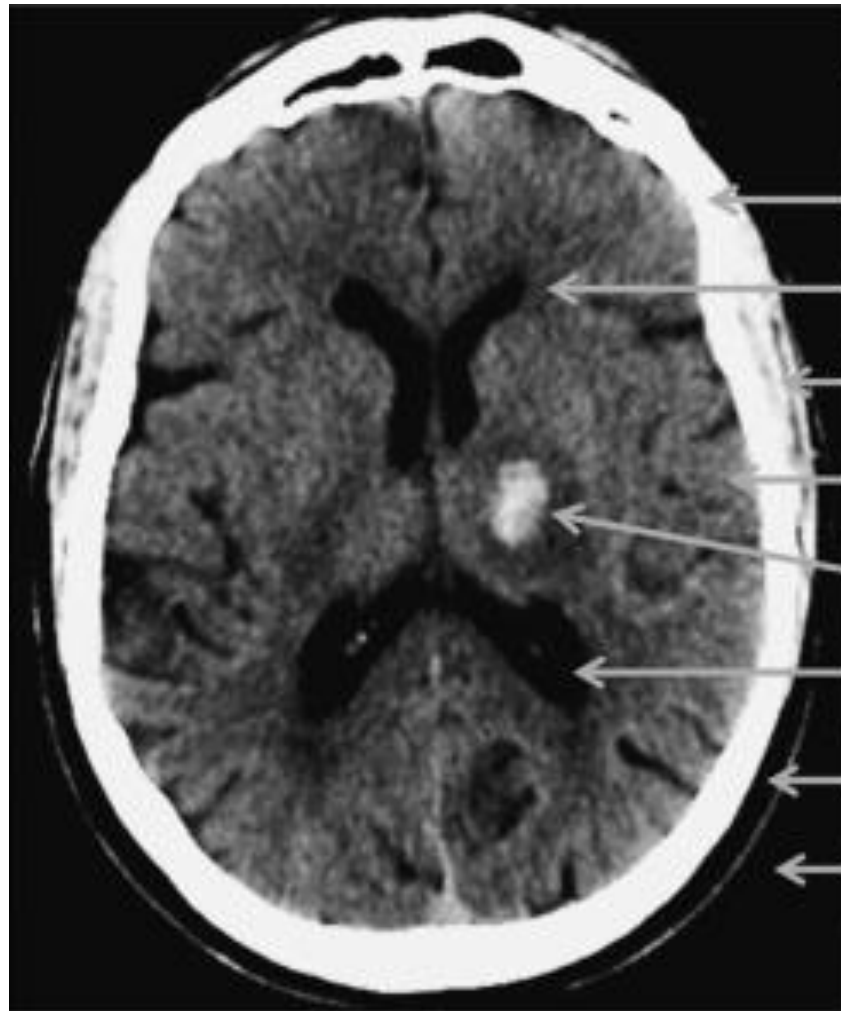
CTDIvol: approximate dose to a “slab” of patient, estimated from a measurement made on a phantom



DLP: CTDIvol x total length of the scan.
This is expressed in mGy*cm



Contrast: Hounsfield Unit



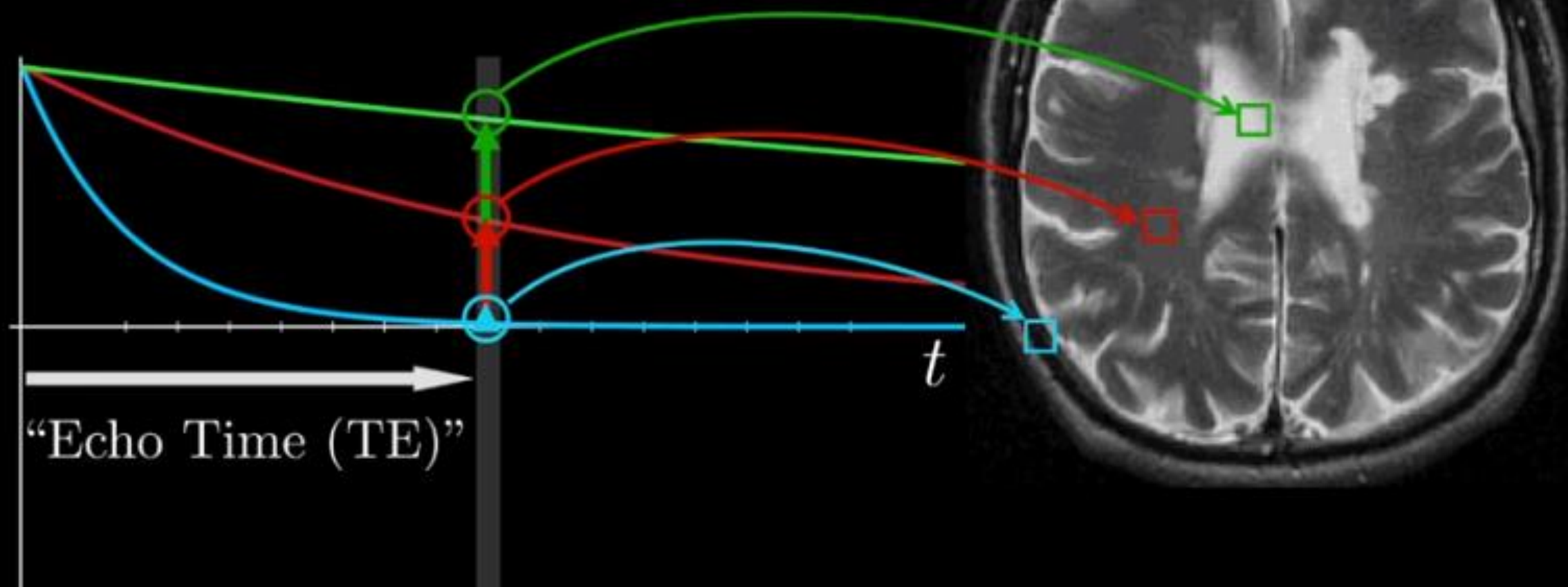
CT Number Ranges in Hounsfield Units (HU)	
Bone	+1000
White matter	+20 to 30
Muscle	+20 to 40
Gray matter	+30 to 40
Hemorrhage	+65 to +95
CSF (water)	0
Fat	-30 to -70
Air	-1000

$$S(t) = e^{-t/T_{2s}}$$

$$S(t) = e^{-t/T_{2m}}$$

$$S(t) = e^{-t/T_{2l}}$$

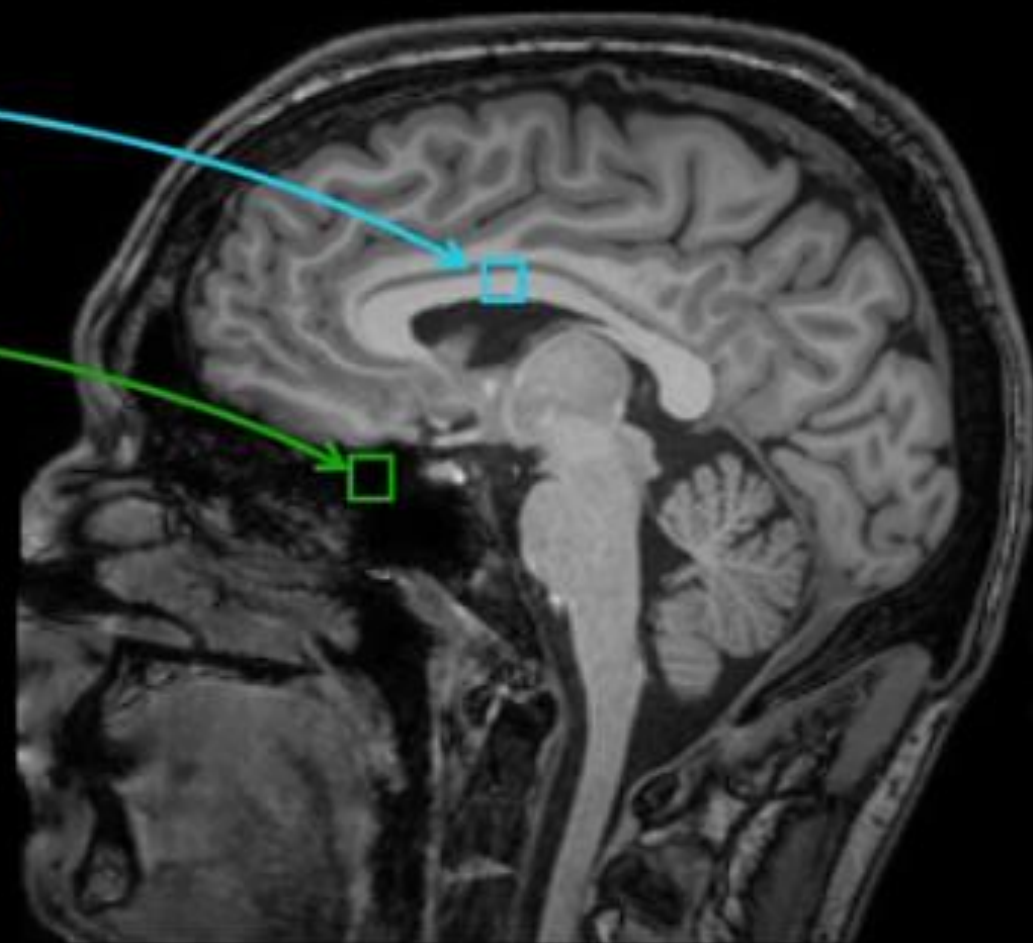
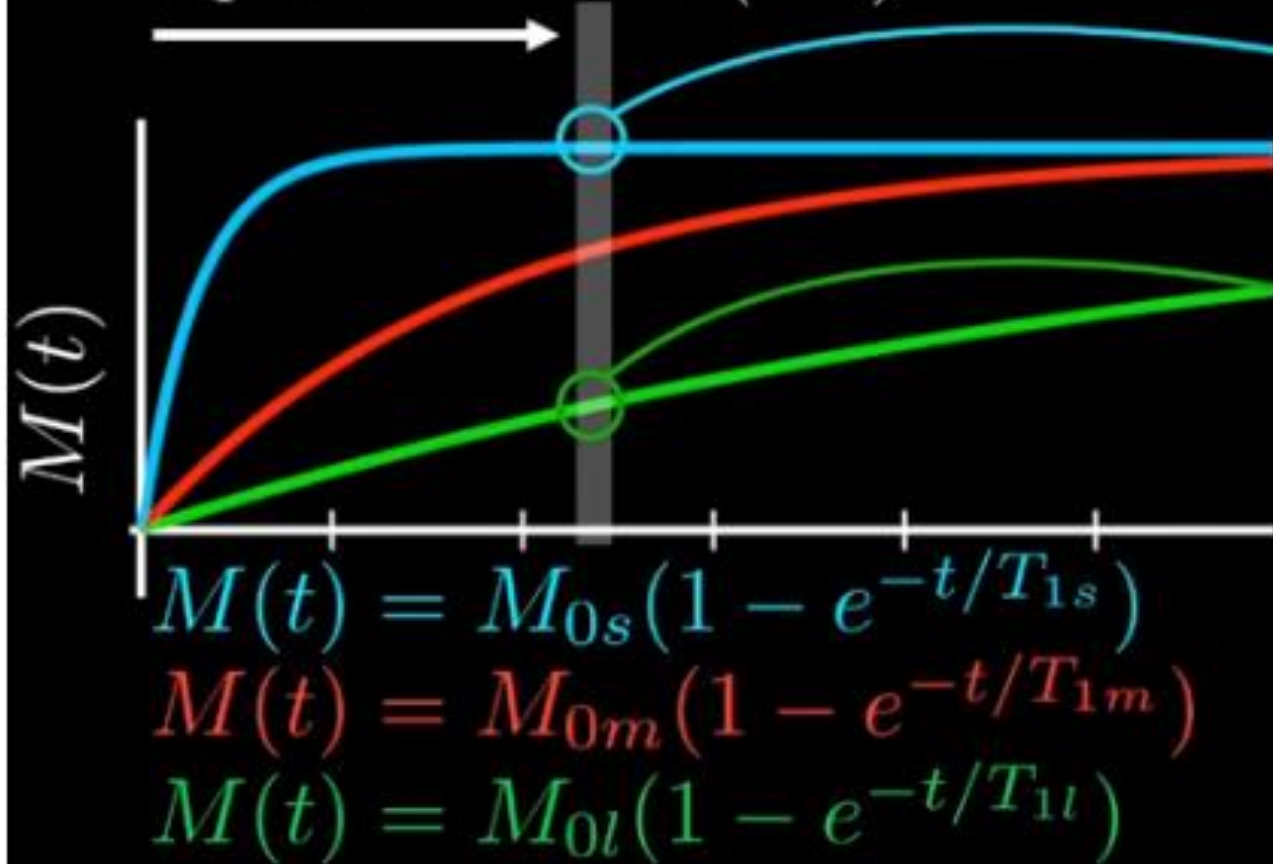
“T₂ Weighted Image”



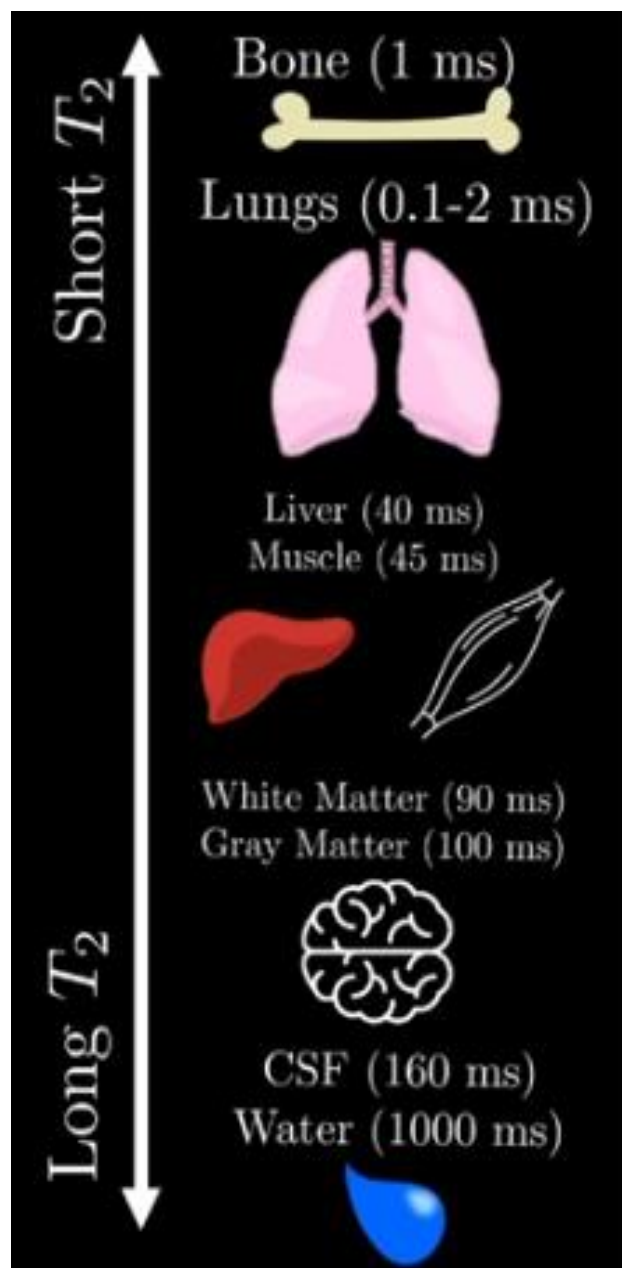
“Echo Time (TE)”

“T₁ Relaxation”

“Repetition Time (TR)”



“T₁-Weighted Image”

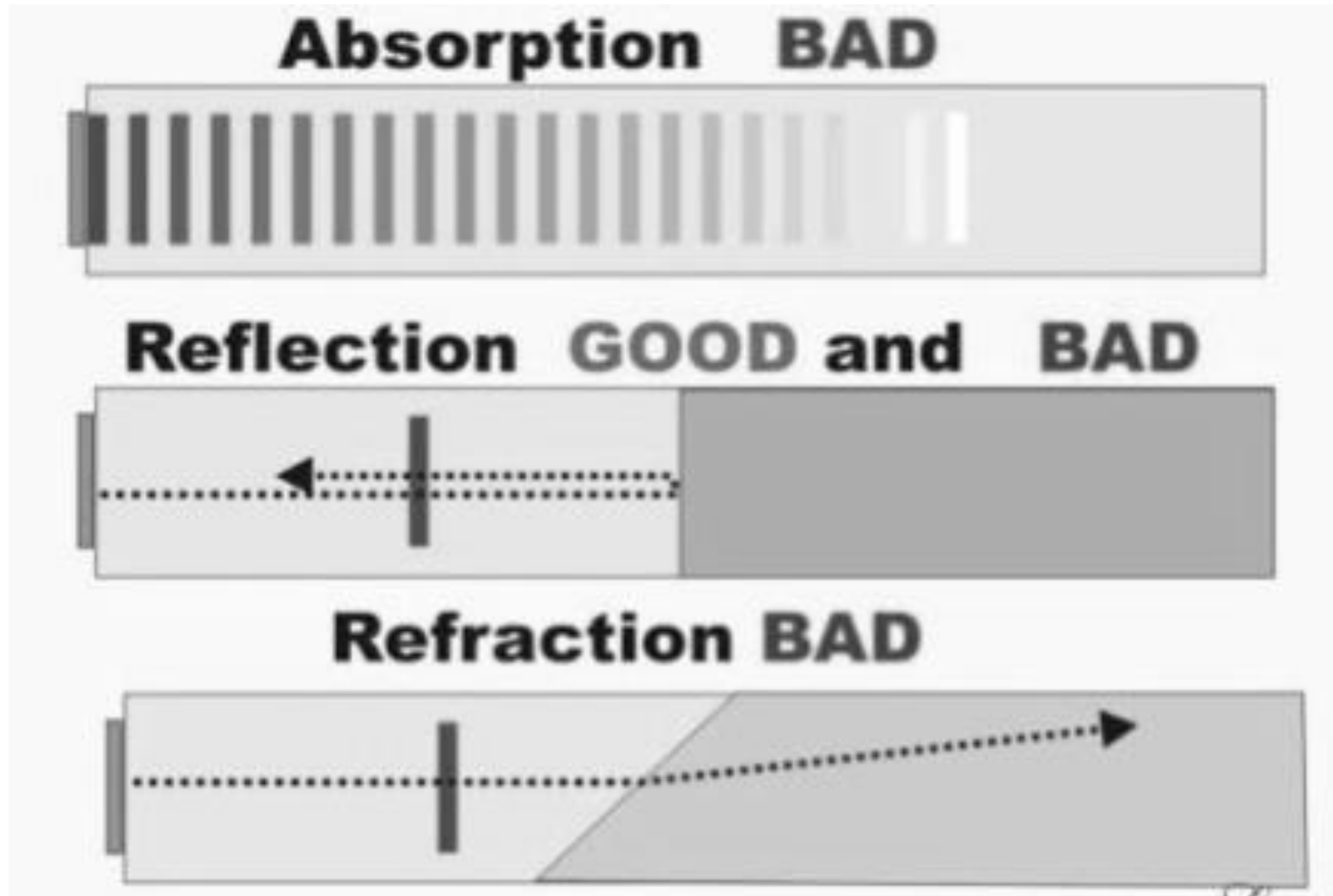


Repetition Time TR

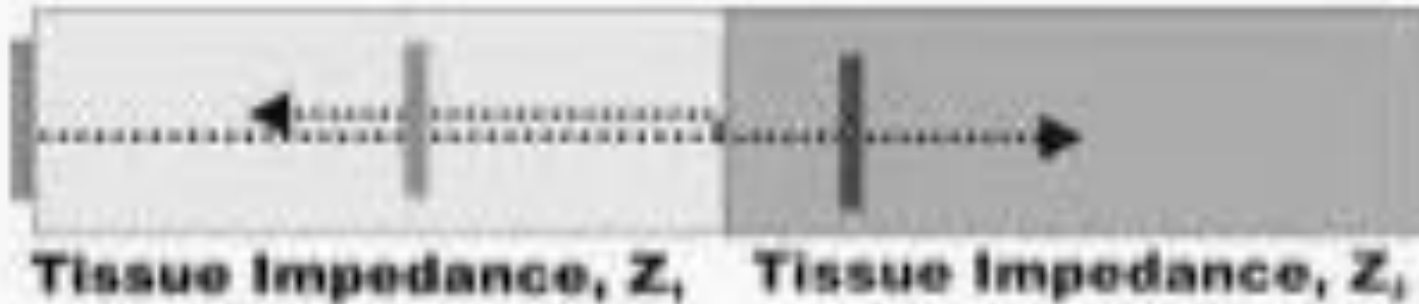
	$\sim T_1$	$\gg T_1$
$\sim T_2$?	T_2
$\ll T_2$	T_1	M_0

Echo Time TE

Ultrasound Pulse Interactions



Ultrasound Pulse Reflection



$$\text{Reflection} = \left[\frac{Z_2 - Z_1}{Z_2 + Z_1} \right]^2$$

Impedance (Z) = Density X Velocity

Tissue - 1.63

Air - 0.0004

Reflection = +99.9%

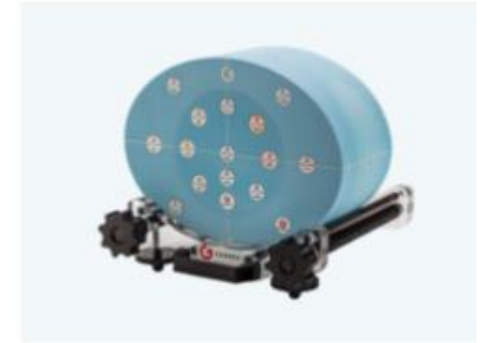
Air is a strong reflector.



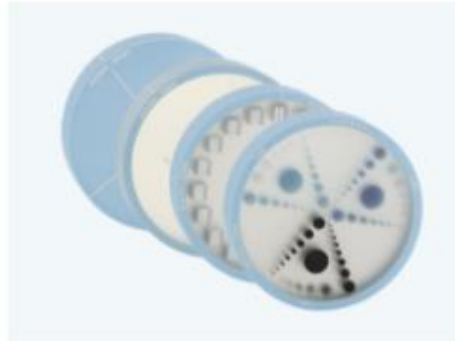
Mercury 4.0 Phantom



405 GSX LE



Advanced Electron Density Phantom



Advanced iqModules



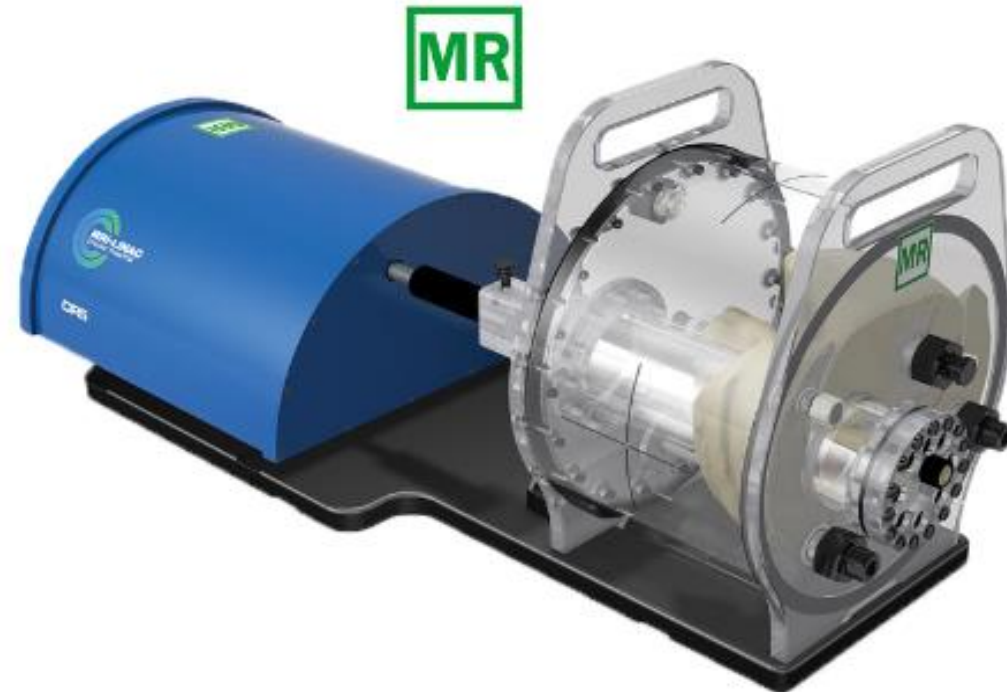
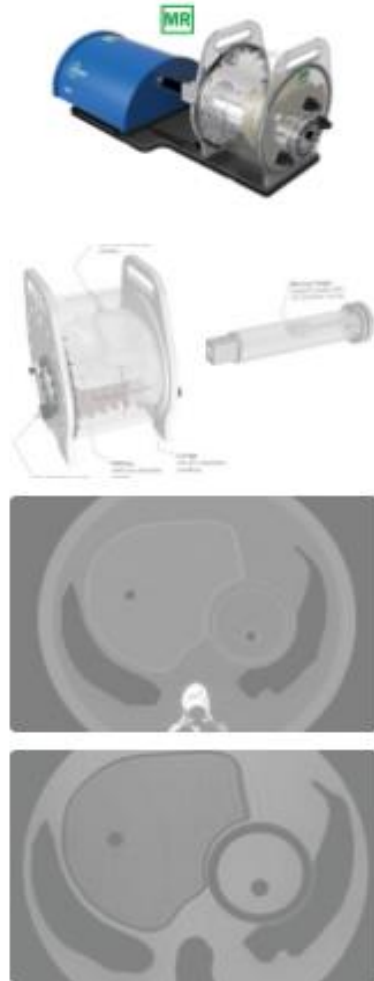
Beam Geometry & Alignment Testing



Beam Quality & Half-Value Layer Testing

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