

From X-Rays to CT Images

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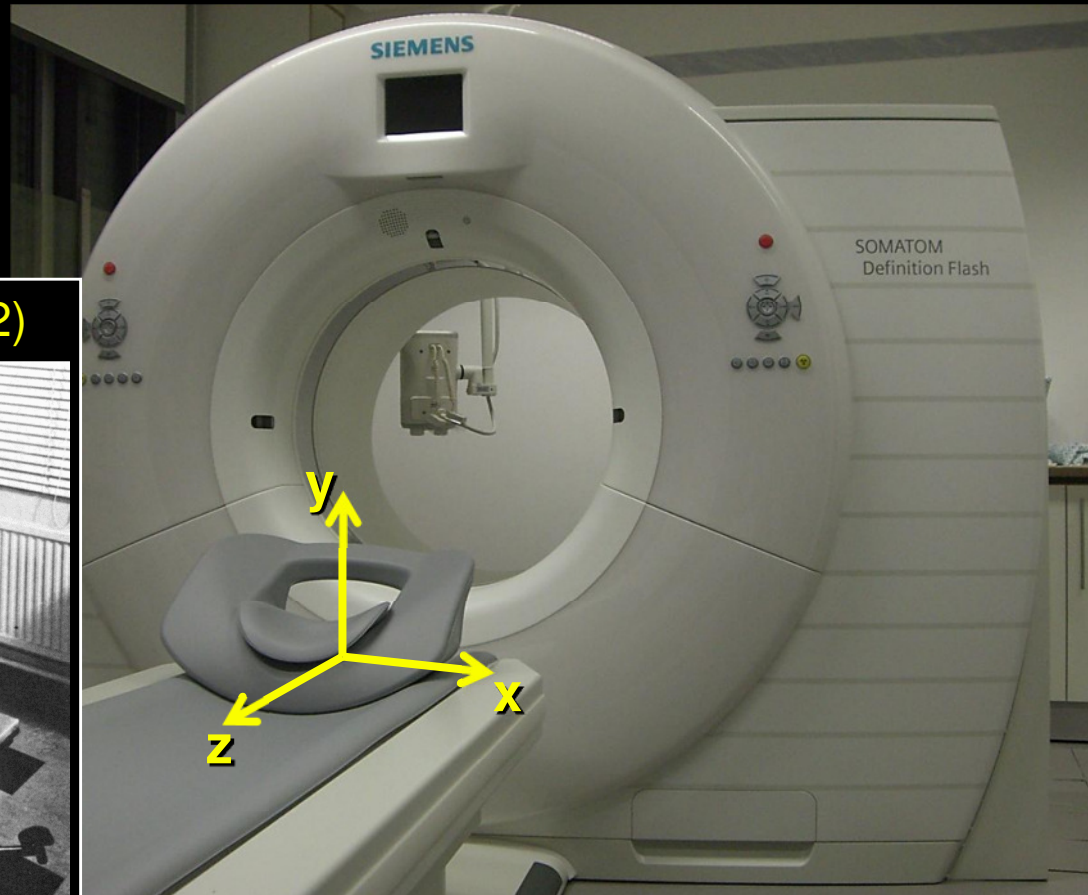
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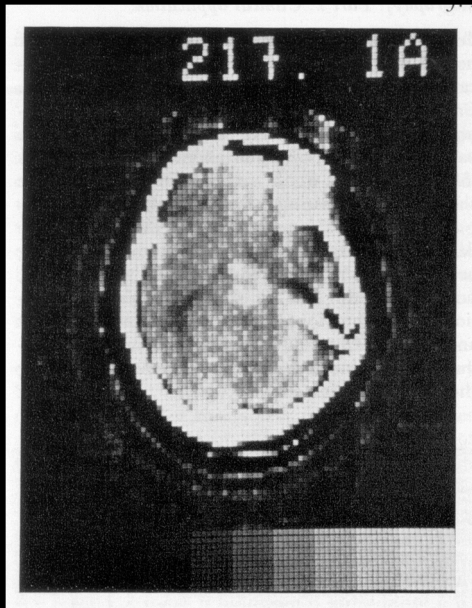
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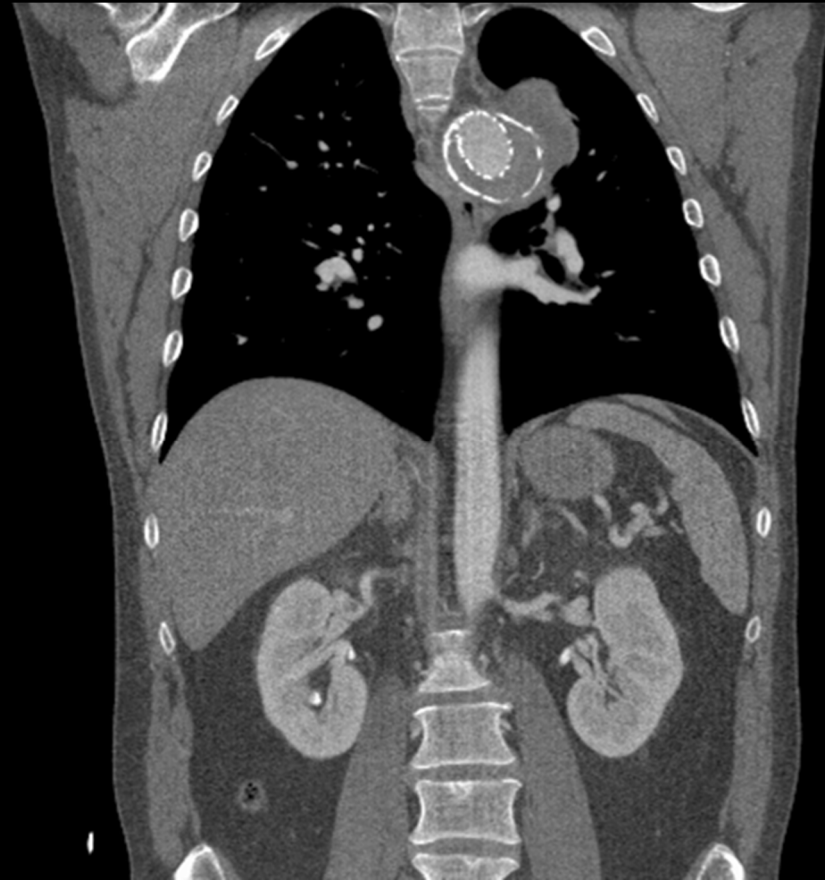
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GE Discovery



Toshiba Aquilion ONE Vision



Philips Brilliance iCT

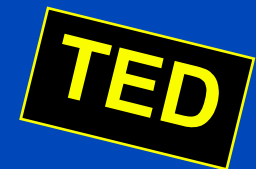


Siemens Definition Flash



Wieviele Schichten akquiriert der von Ihnen genutzte CT-Scanner?

1. Bis zu 4 Schichten
2. Bis zu 16 Schichten
3. Bis zu 64 Schichten
4. Bis zu 128 Schichten
5. Mehr als 128 Schichten



What does CT Measure?

- Polychromatic Radon transform

$$p(L) = -\ln \int dE w(E) e^{-\int dL \mu(r, E)}$$

with normalized detected spectrum: $1 = \int dE w(E)$

- Widely used monochromatic approximation:

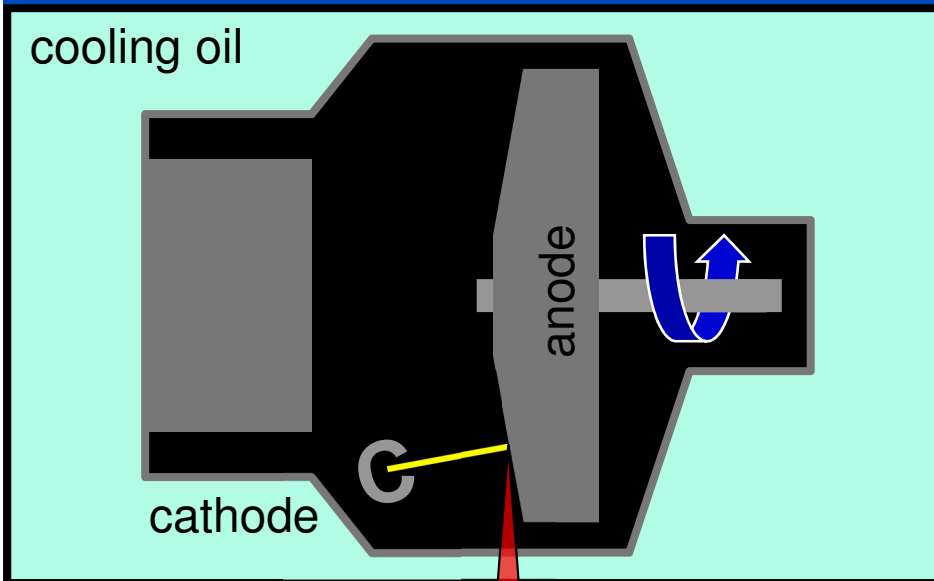
$$p(L) \approx \int dL \mu(r, E_{\text{eff}})$$

with the effective energy being around 70 keV

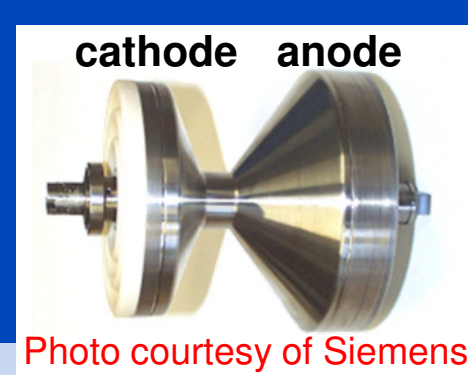
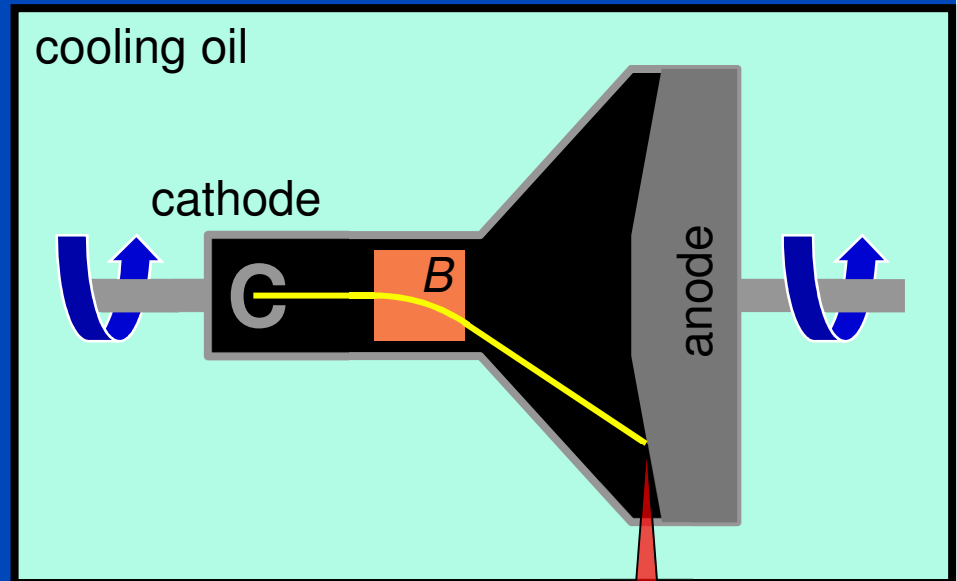


Tube Technology

conventional tube
(rotating anode, helical wire emitter)



high performance tube
(rotating cathode, anode + envelope, flat emitter)



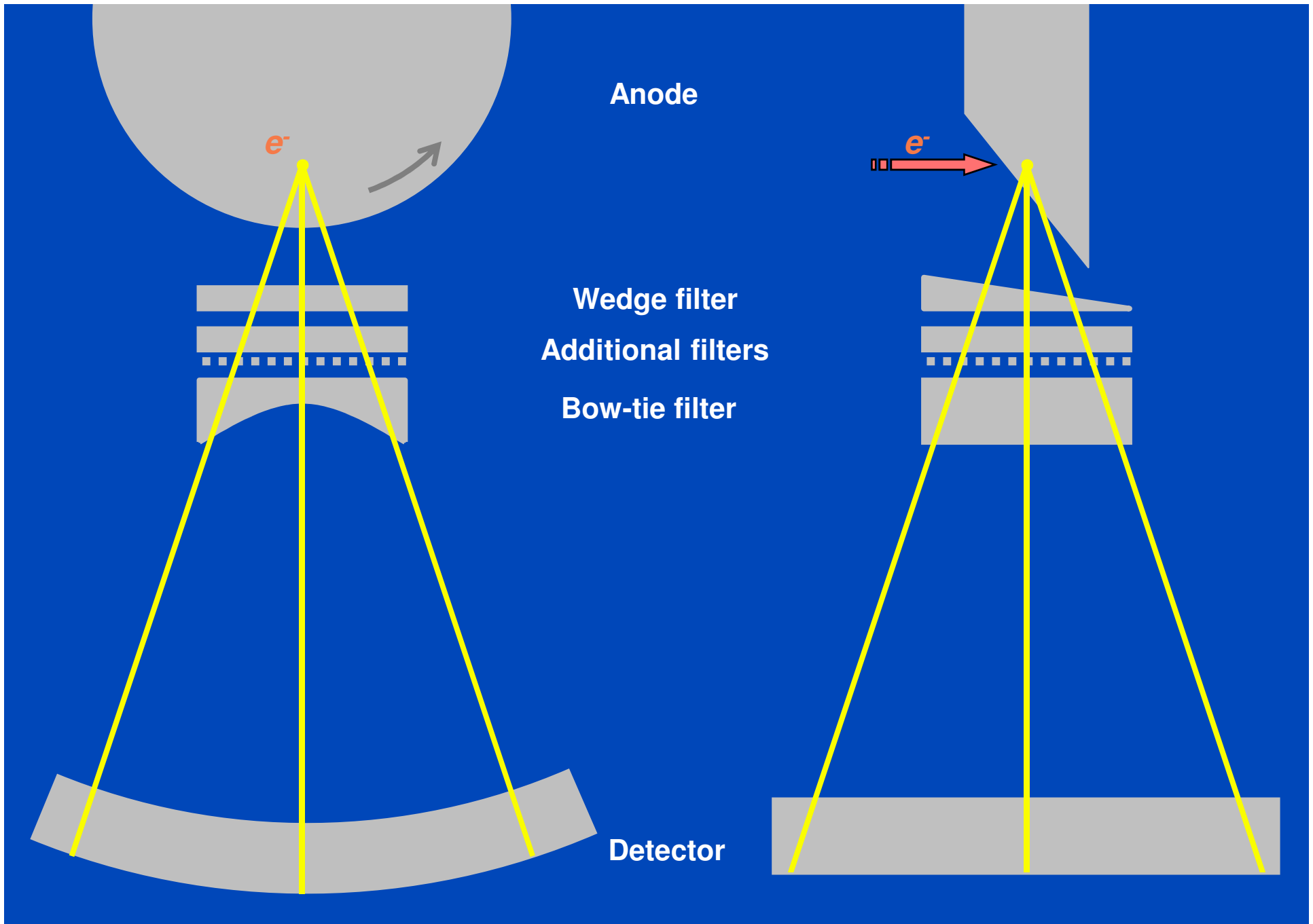


Figure not drawn to scale. Order of prefiltration may differ from scanner to scanner.

Demands on X-Ray Sources

- **Tube voltages from 70 to 140 kV**
- **High instantaneous power levels (typ. 50-100 kW)**
- **High continuous power levels (typ. >5 kW)**
- **High cooling rates (typ. >1 MHU/minute)**
- **High tube current variation (low inertia)**
- **Must withstand centrifugal forces**
- **Compact and robust design**

Detector Technology

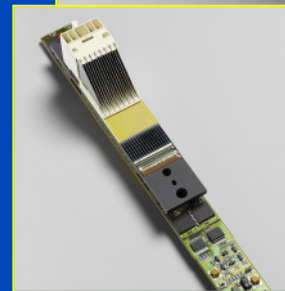
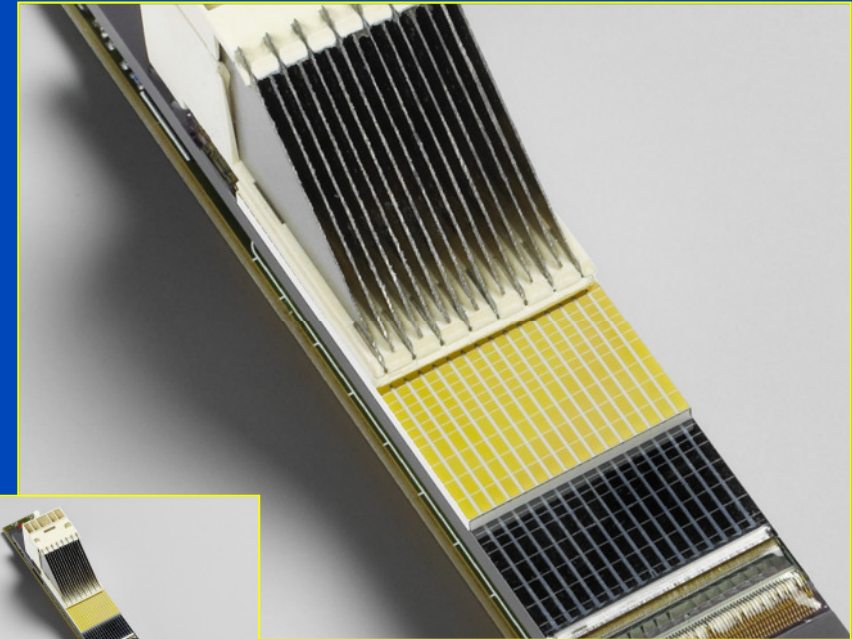
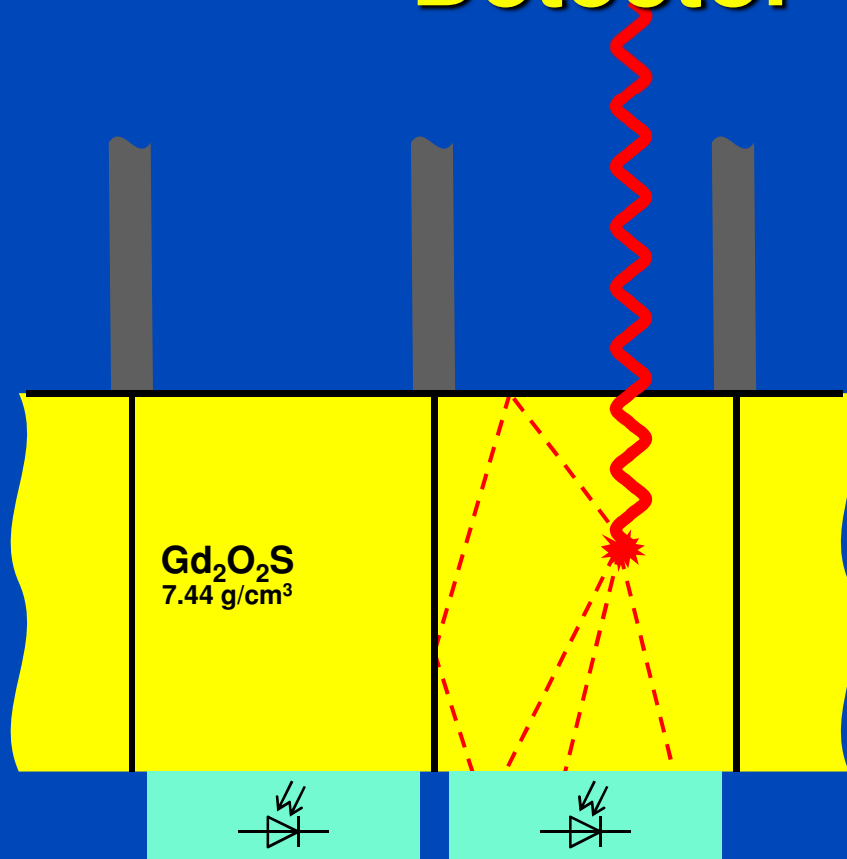


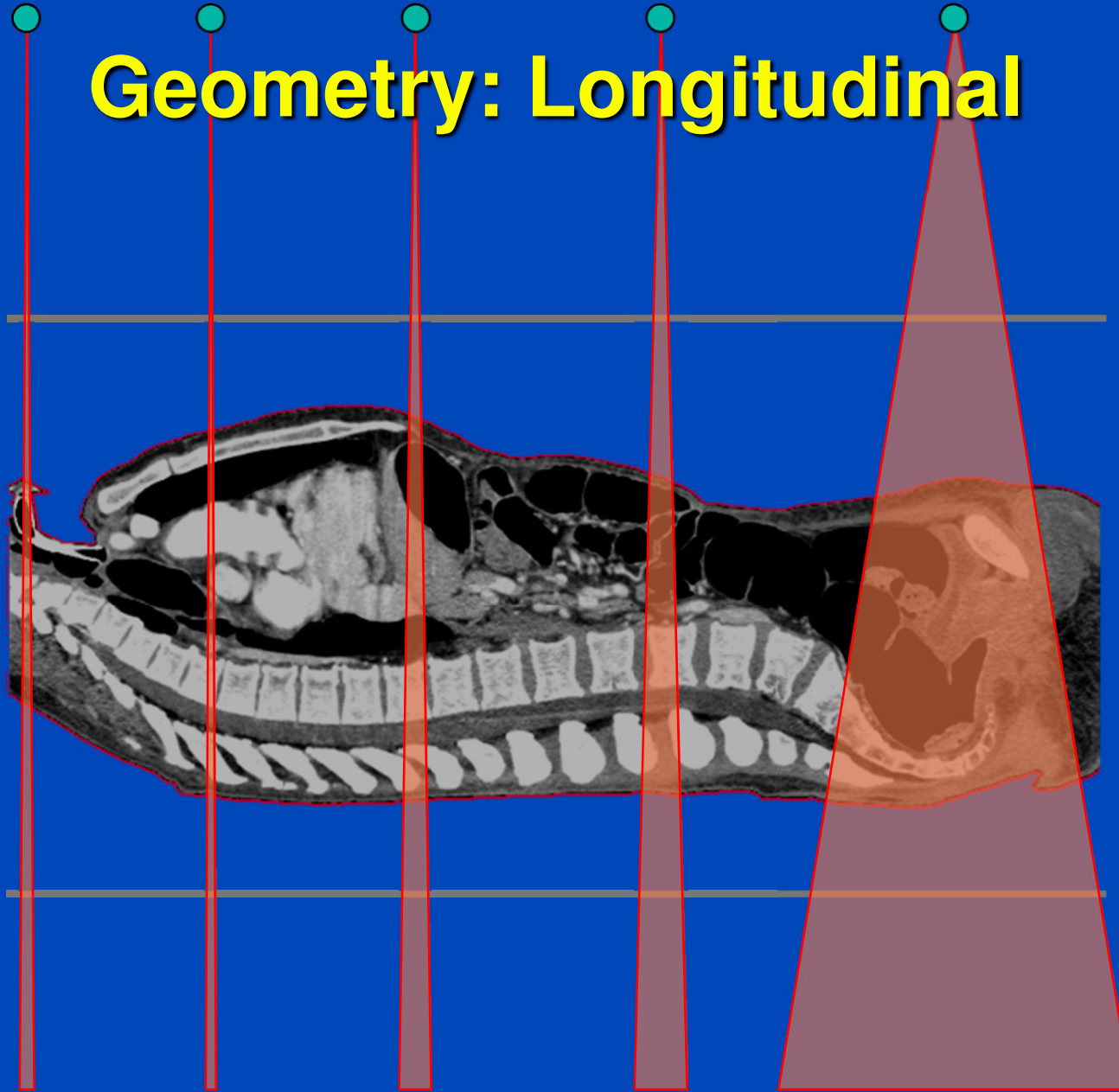
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Demands on CT Detector Technology

- Available as multi-row arrays
- Very fast sampling (typ. 300 μs)
- Favourable temporal characteristics (decay time $< 10 \mu\text{s}$)
- High absorption efficiency
- High geometrical efficiency
- High count rate (up to 10^9 cps^*)
- Adequate dynamic range (at least 20 bit)

* in the order of 10^5 counts per reading and 10^4 readings per second

Geometry: Longitudinal



1×5 mm
0.75 s

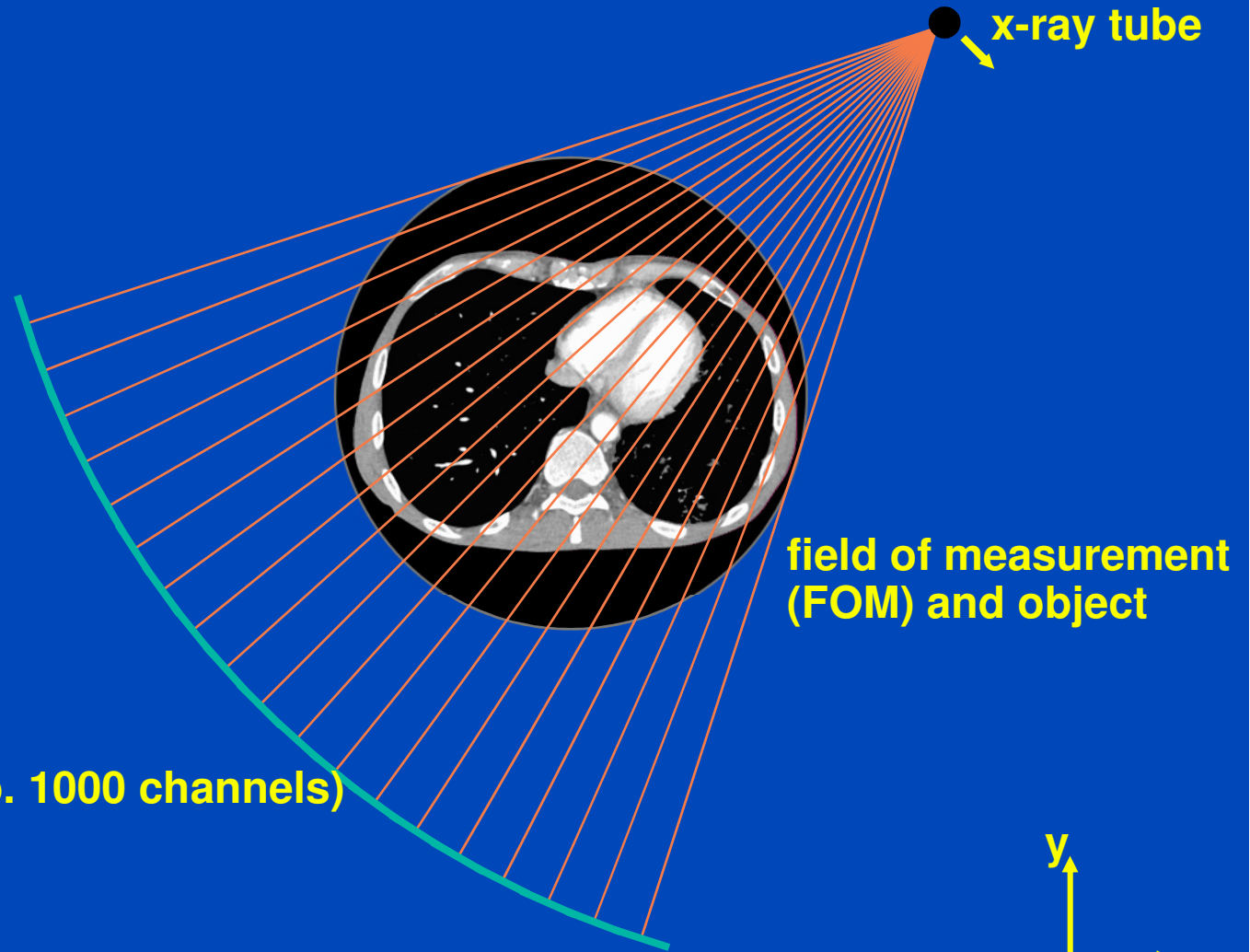
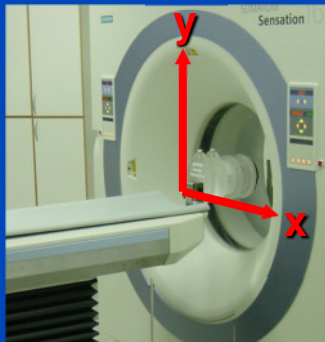
4×1 mm
0.5 s

16×0.75 mm
0.375 s

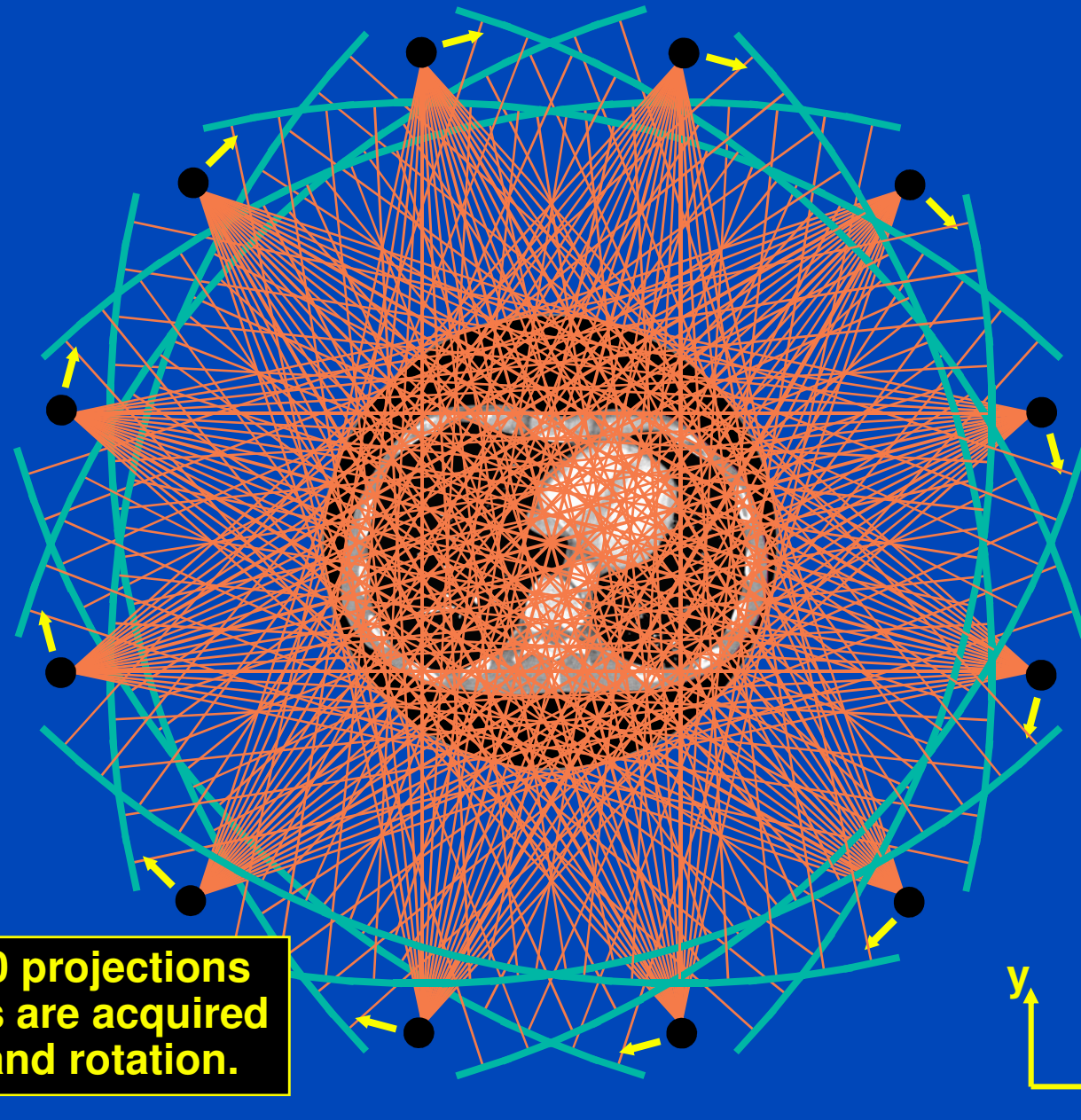
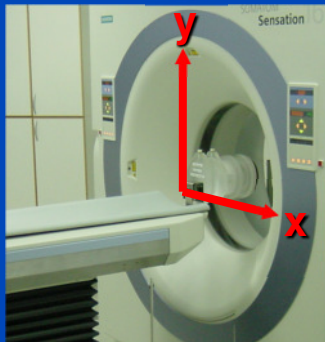
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<< 1 s ?

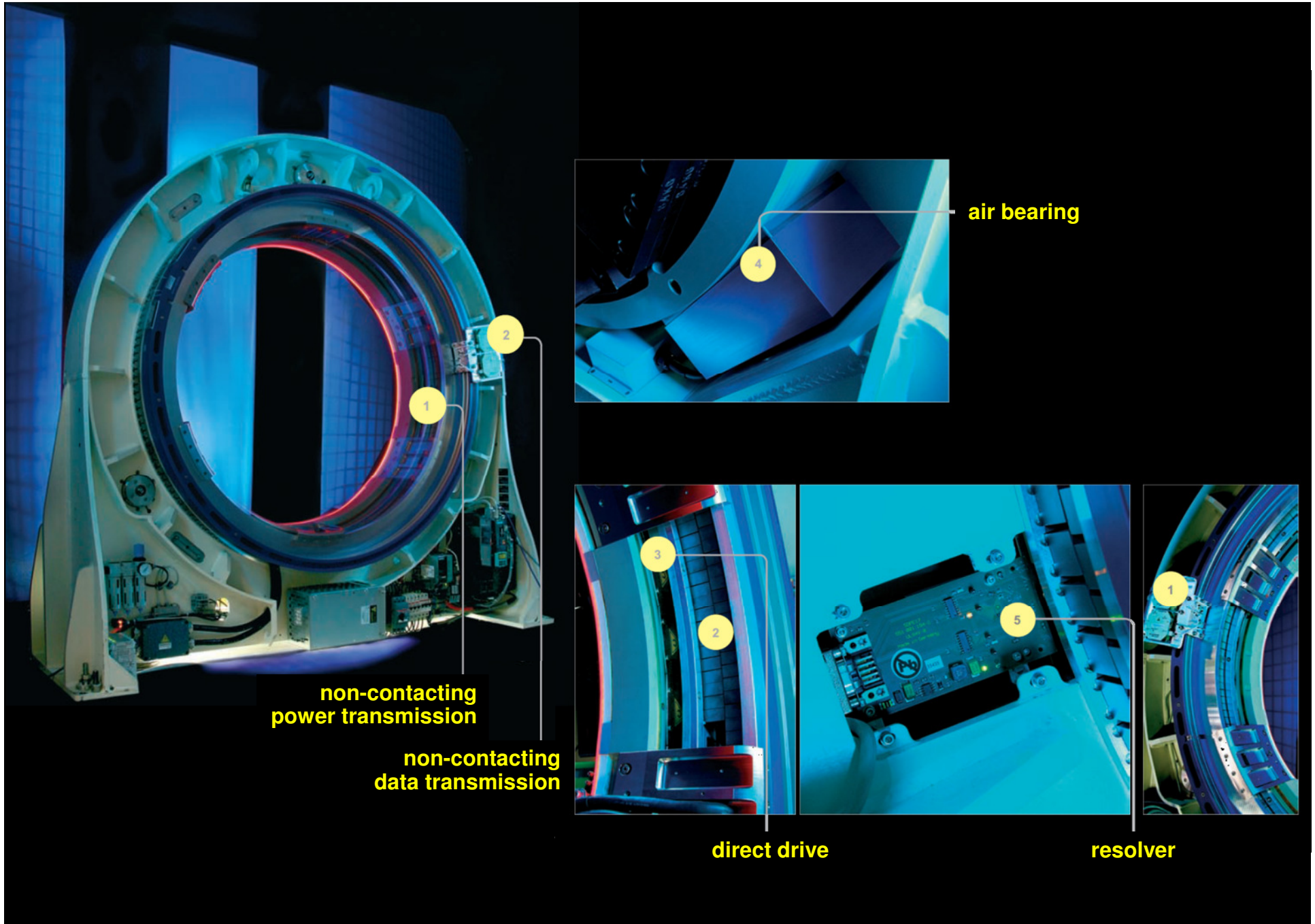
Geometry: Lateral



detector (typ. 1000 channels)



In the order of 1000 projections with 1000 channels are acquired per detector slice and rotation.



**non-contacting
power transmission**

**non-contacting
data transmission**

air bearing

direct drive

resolver

Data courtesy of Schleifring GmbH, Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany
and of rsna2011.rsna.org/exbData/1678/docs/Gantry_Subsystem.pdf

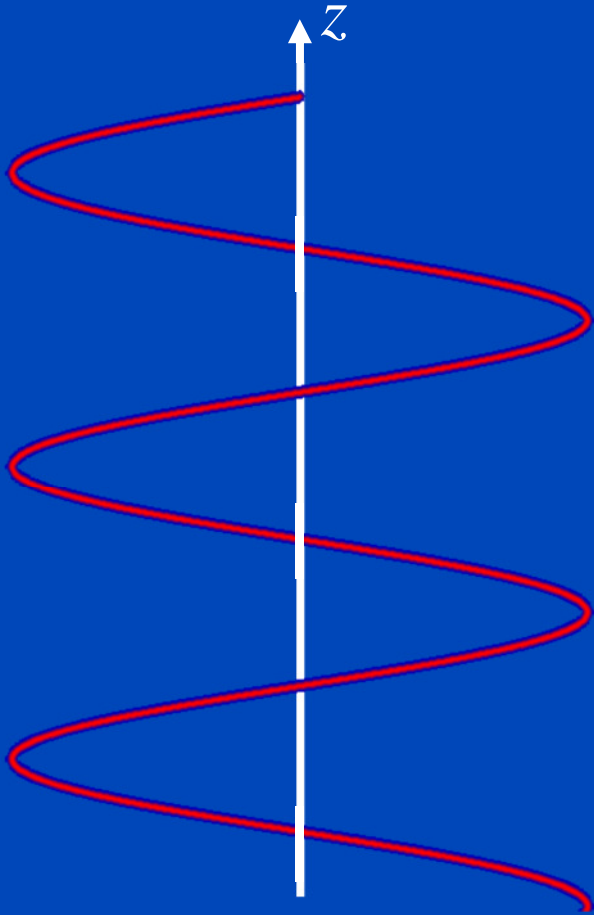
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Demands on the Mechanical Design

- Continuous data acquisition (spiral, fluoro, dynamic, ...)
- Able to withstand very fast rotation
 - Centrifugal force at 550 mm with 0.5 s: $F = 9 g$
 - with 0.4 s: $F = 14 g$
 - with 0.3 s: $F = 25 g$
 - with 0.2 s: $F = 55 g$
- Mechanical accuracy better than 0.1 mm
- Compact and robust design
- Short installation times
- Long service intervals
- Low cost

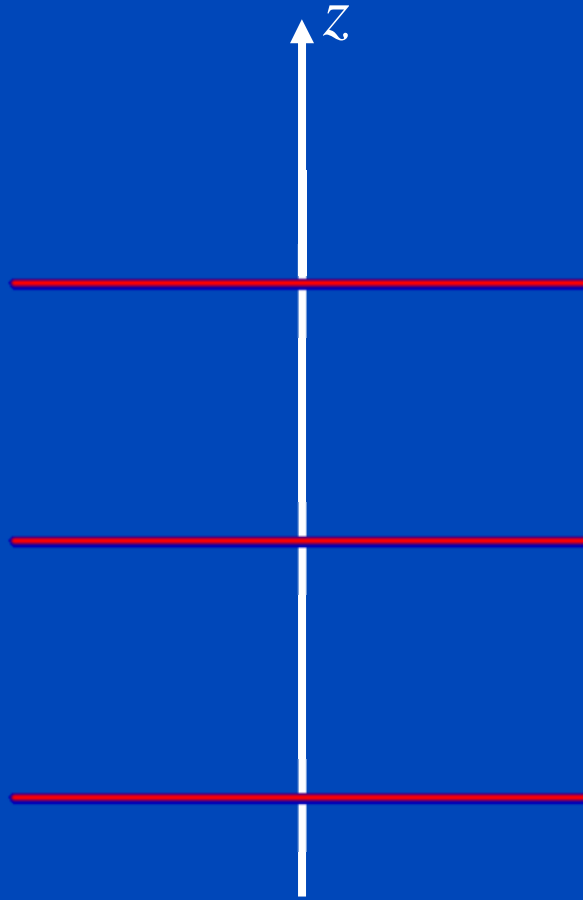
Scan Trajectories

Spiral



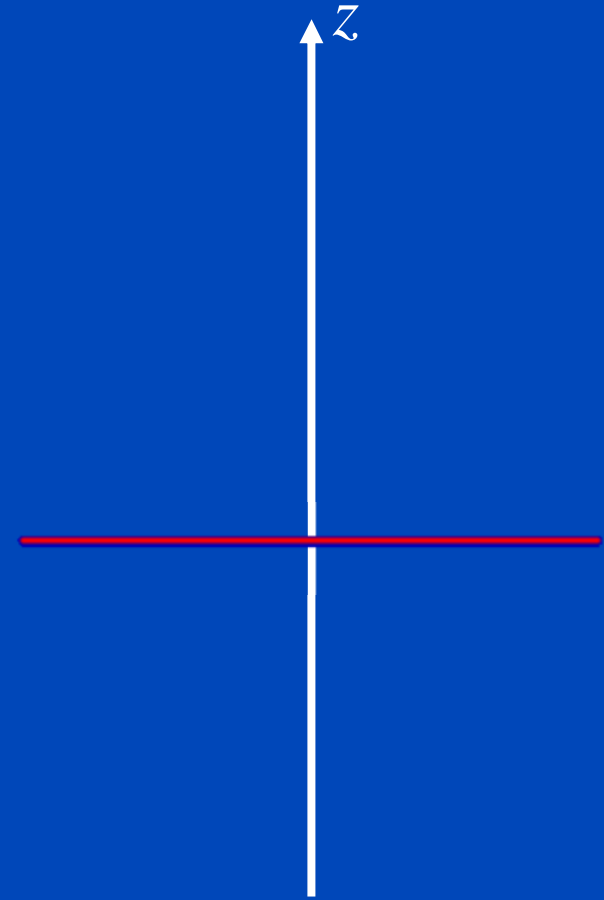
$$p = \frac{d}{M \cdot S} \leq 1.5$$

Sequence



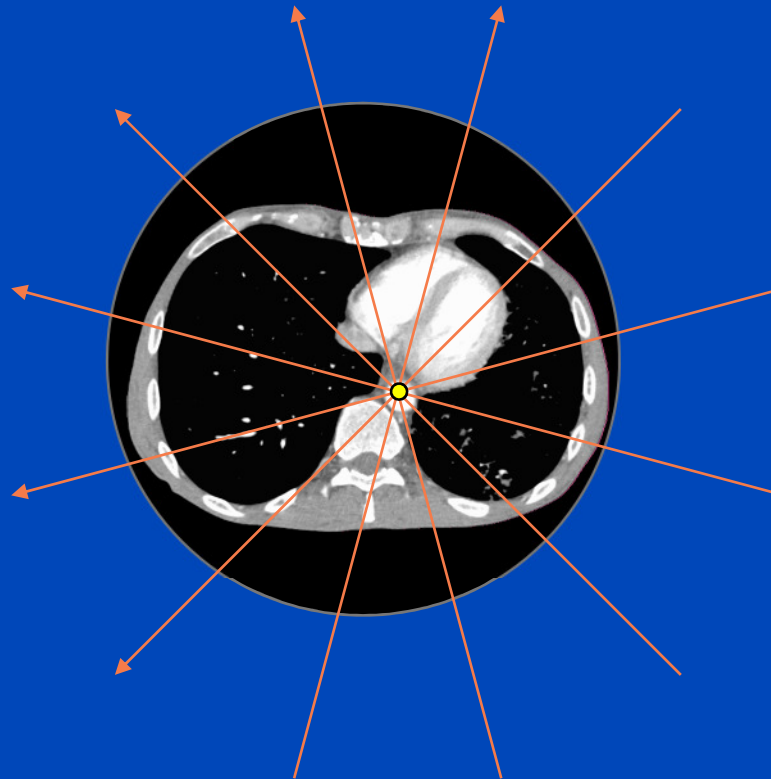
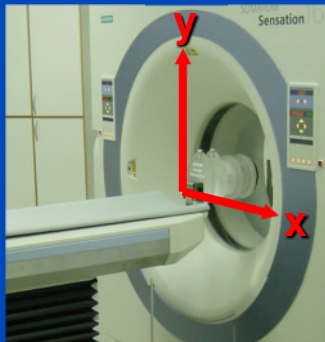
$$p = \frac{d}{M \cdot S} \leq 0.9$$

Circle

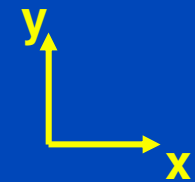


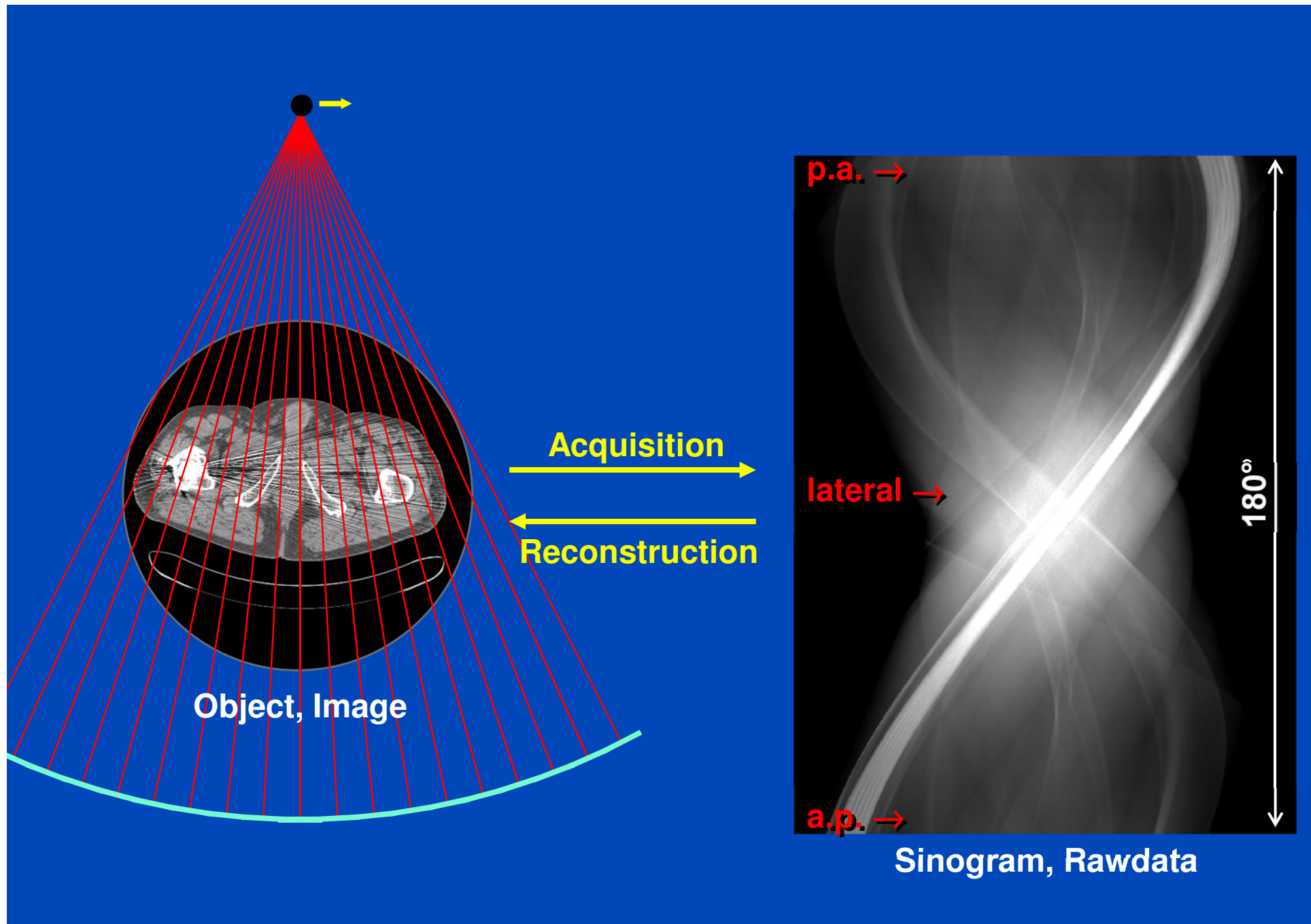
$$p = \frac{1}{N_{\text{rot}}}$$

Data Completeness



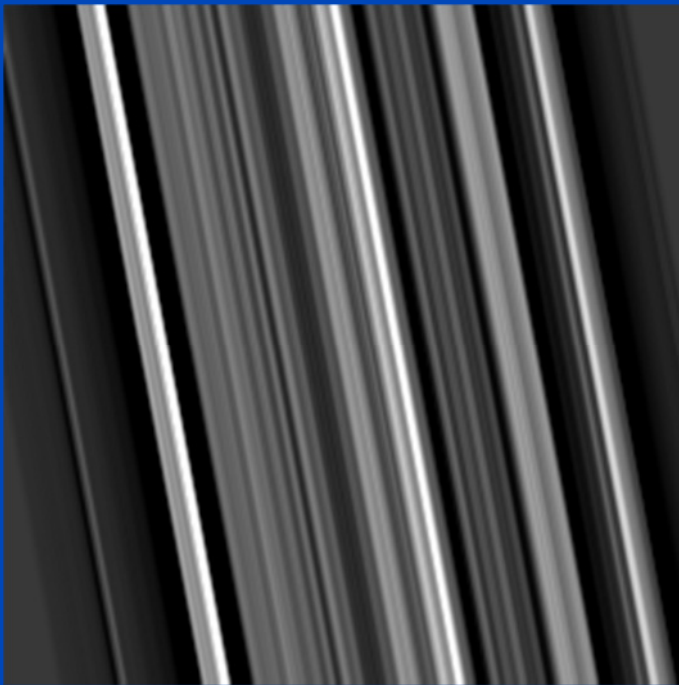
Each object point must be viewed by an angular interval of 180° or more. Otherwise image reconstruction is not possible.



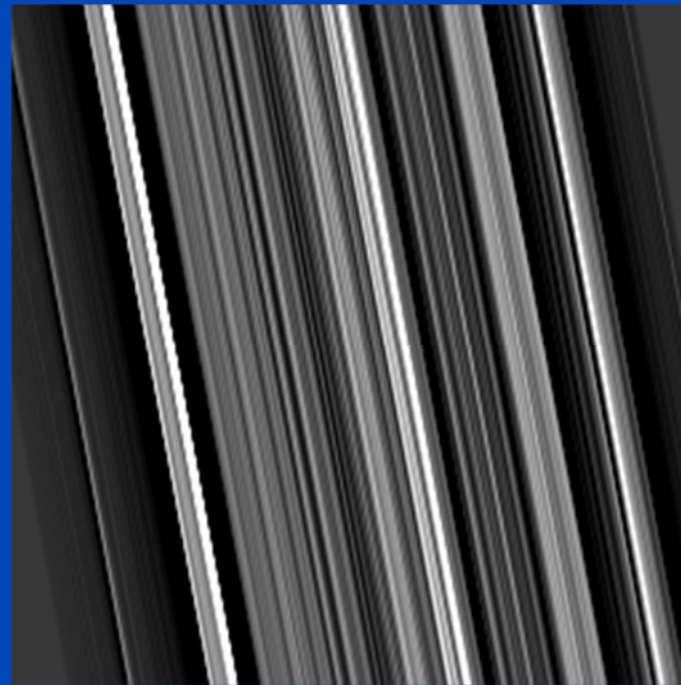


Filtered Backprojection (FBP)

1. Filter projection data with the reconstruction kernel.
2. Backproject the filtered data into the image:

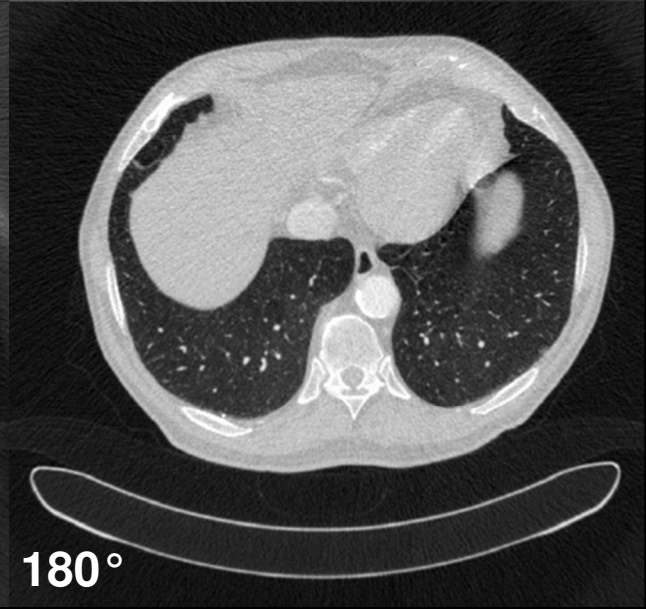
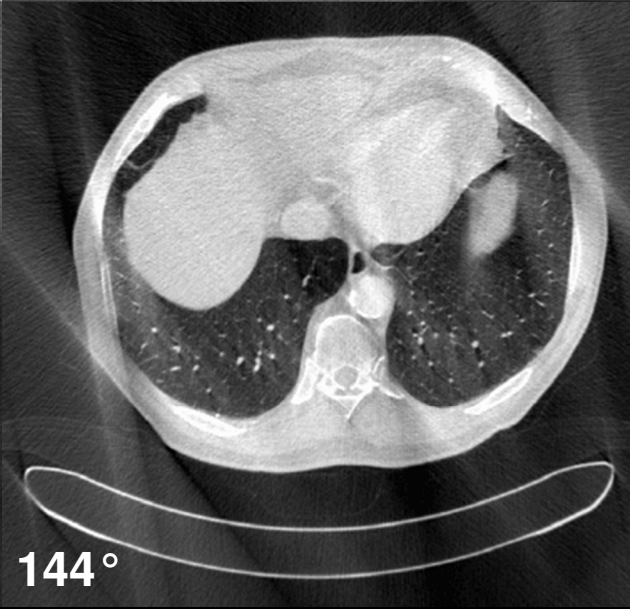
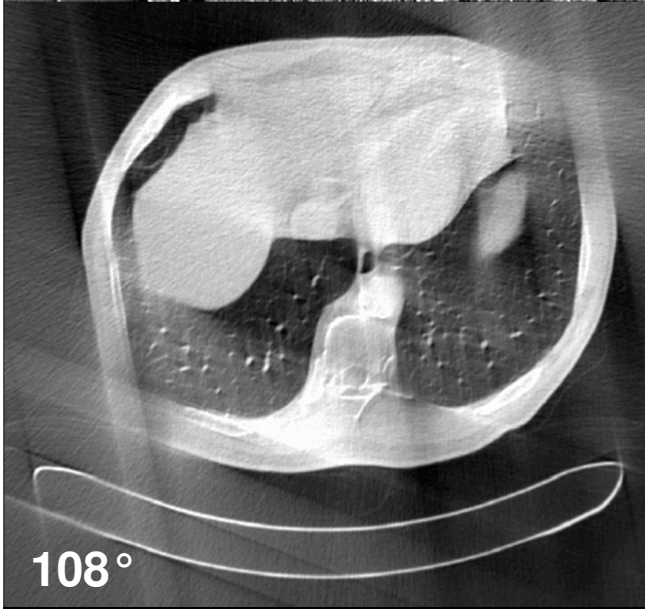
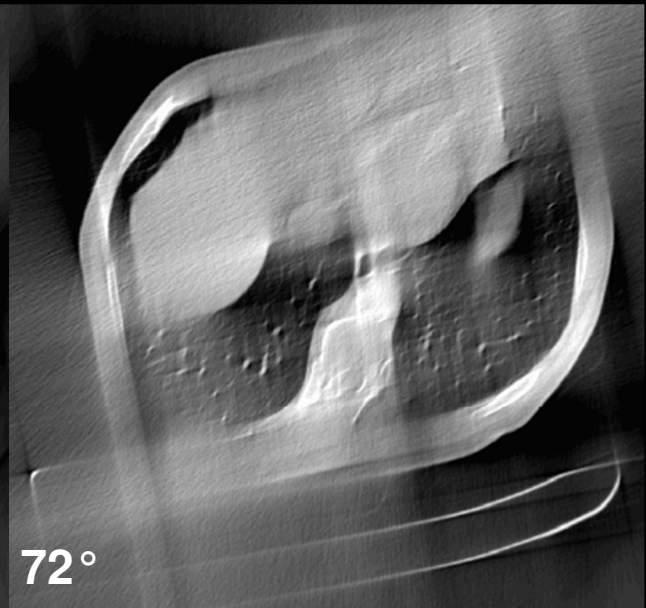
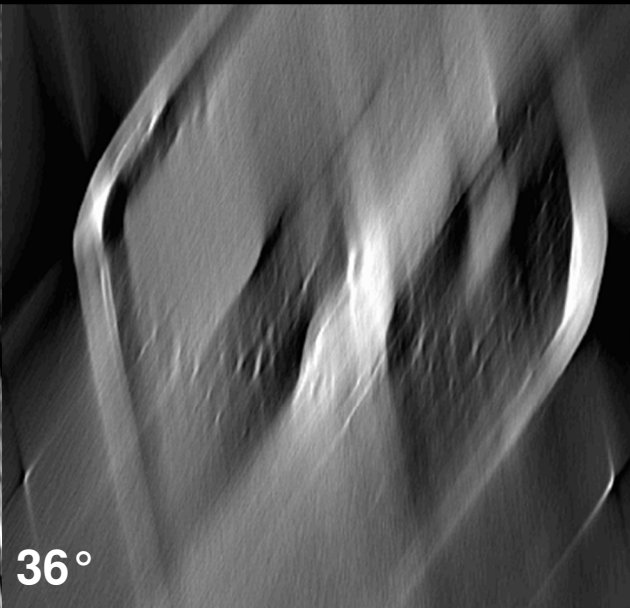
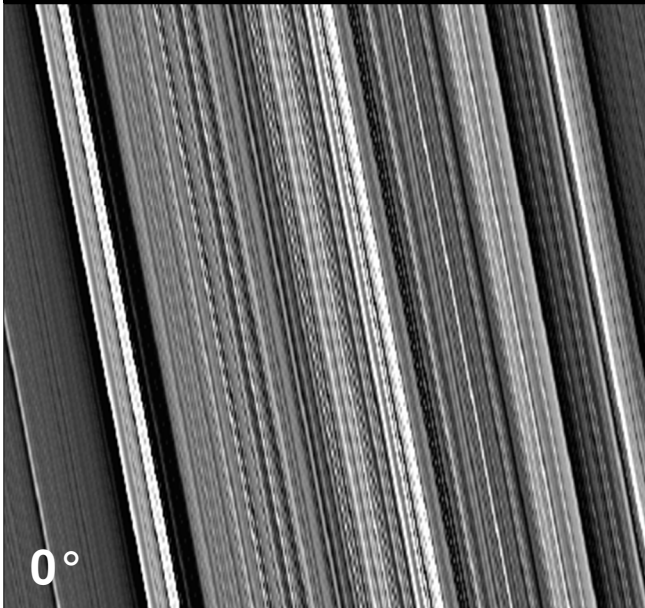


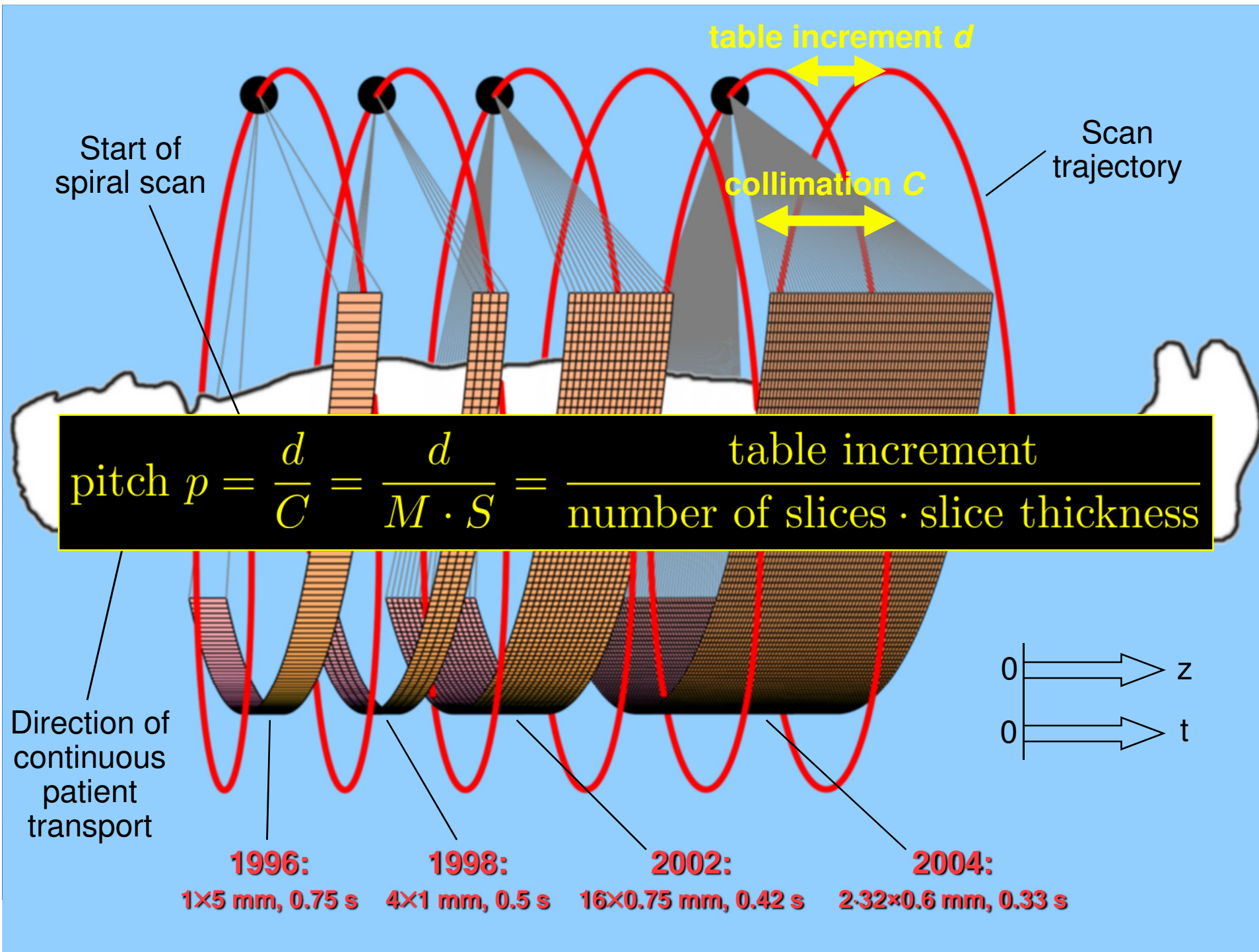
Smooth



Standard

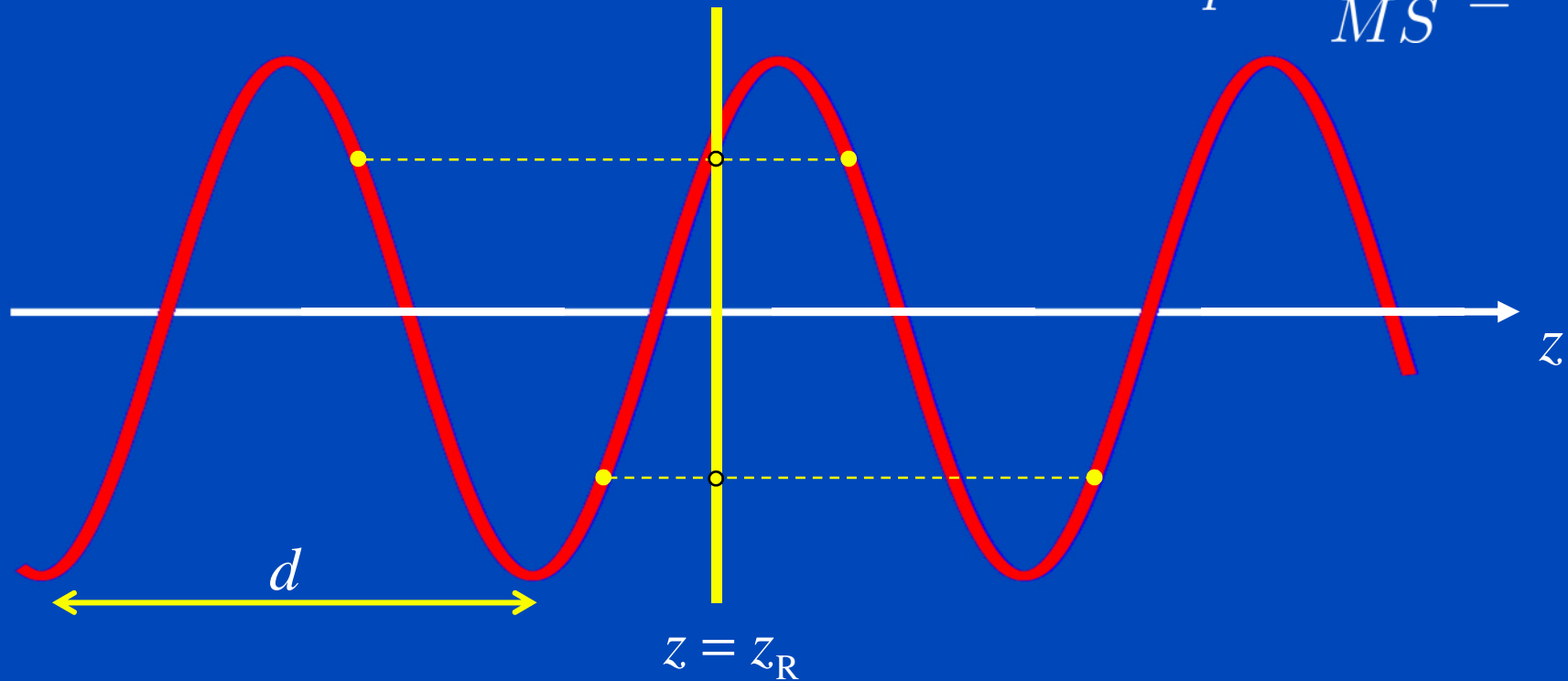
Reconstruction kernels balance between spatial resolution and image noise.





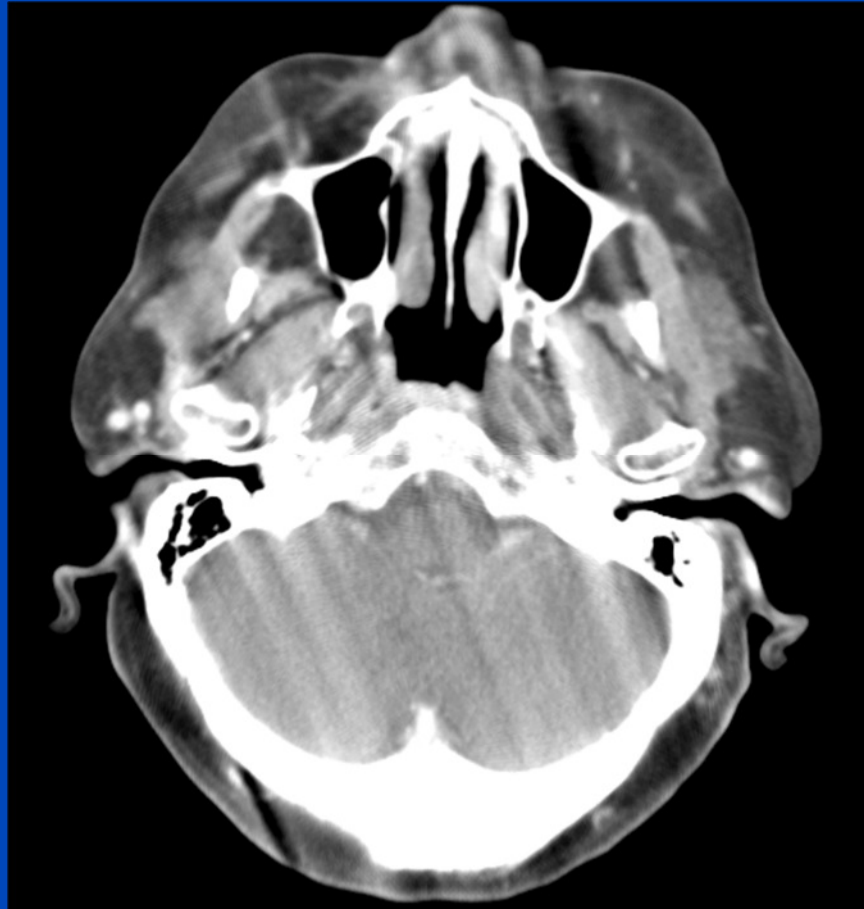
360° LI Spiral z-Interpolation for Single-Slice CT ($M=1$)

$$p = \frac{d}{MS} \leq 2$$

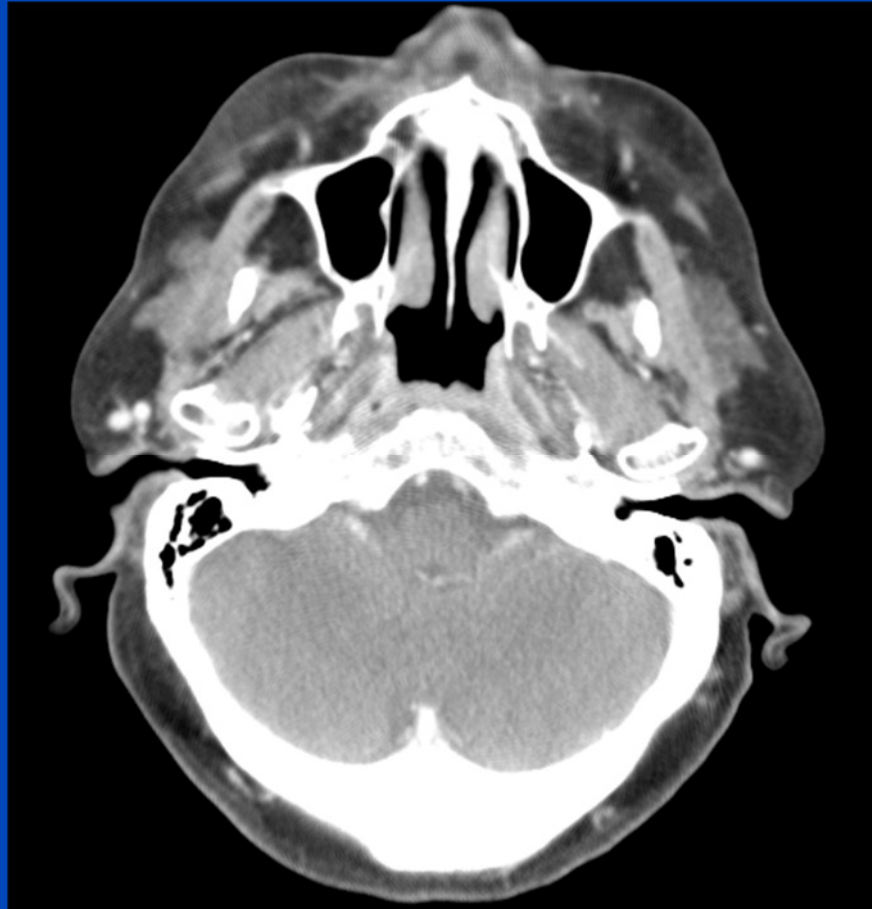


Spiral z-interpolation is typically a linear interpolation between points adjacent to the reconstruction position to obtain circular scan data.

without z-interpolation



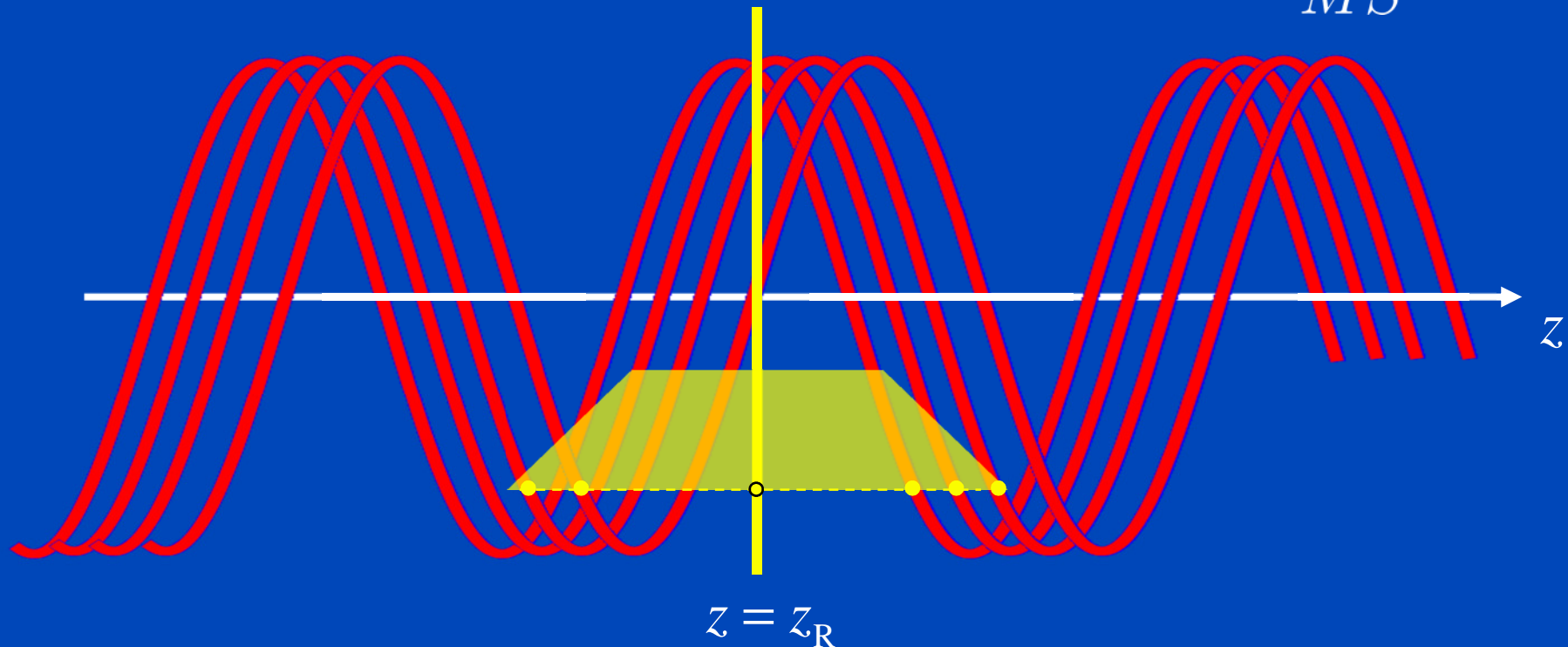
with z-interpolation



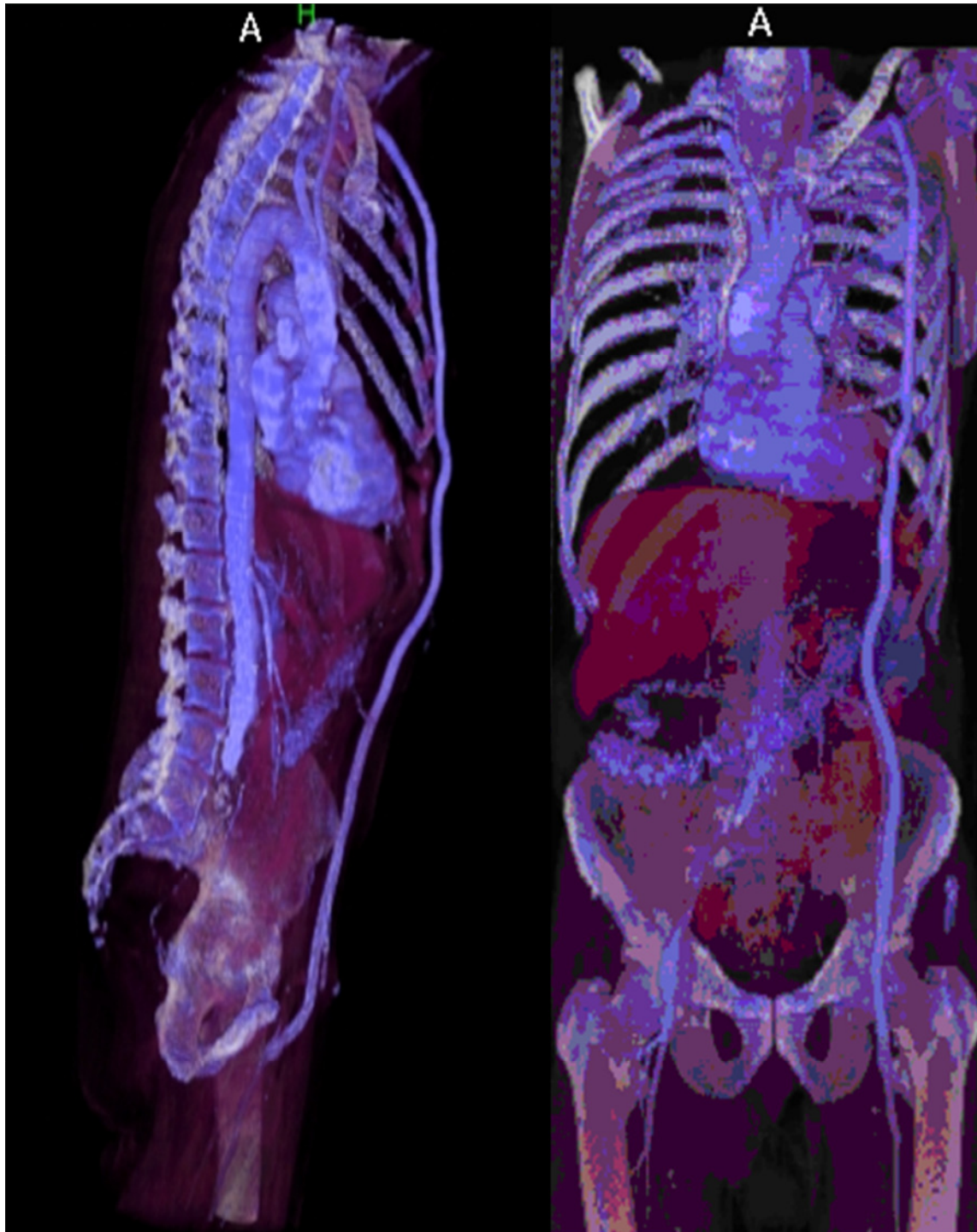
Spiral z-Filtering for Multi-Slice CT

$M=2, \dots, 6$

$$p = \frac{d}{MS} \leq 1.5$$



Spiral z-filtering is collecting data points weighted with a triangular or trapezoidal distance weight to obtain circular scan data.



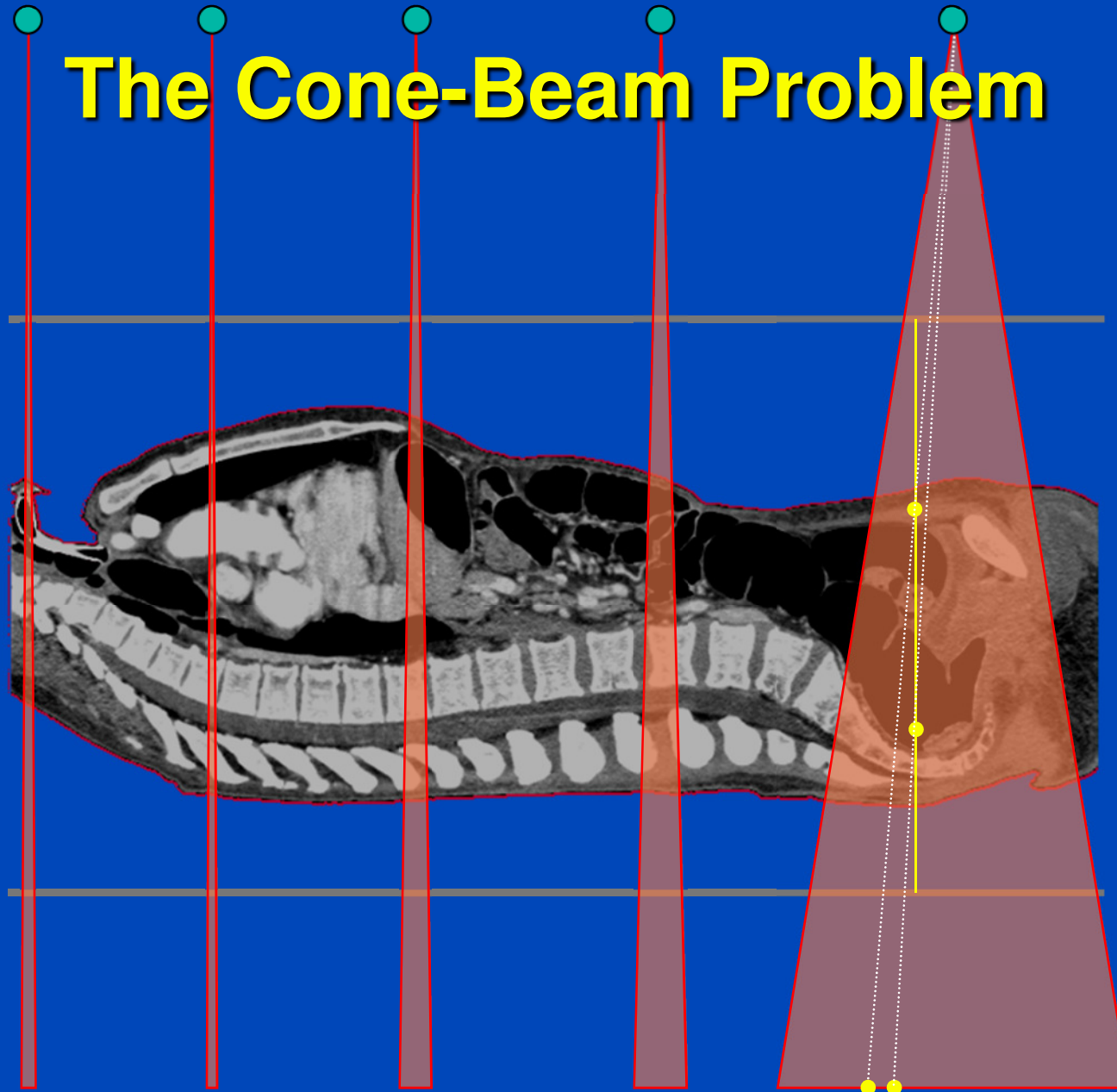
CT Angiography: Axillo-femoral bypass

$M = 4$

120 cm in 40 s

**0.5 s per rotation
4×2.5 mm collimation
pitch 1.5**

The Cone-Beam Problem



1×5 mm
0.75 s

4×1 mm
0.5 s

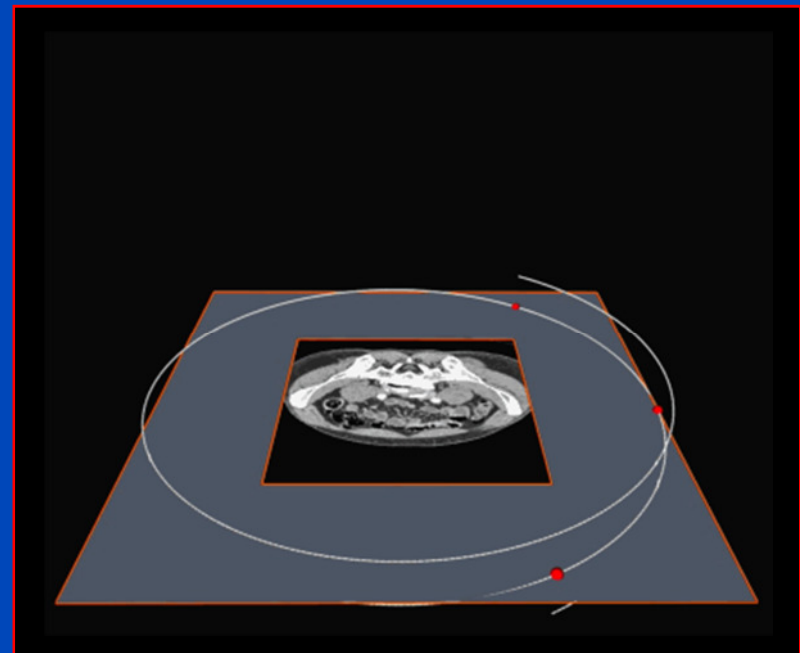
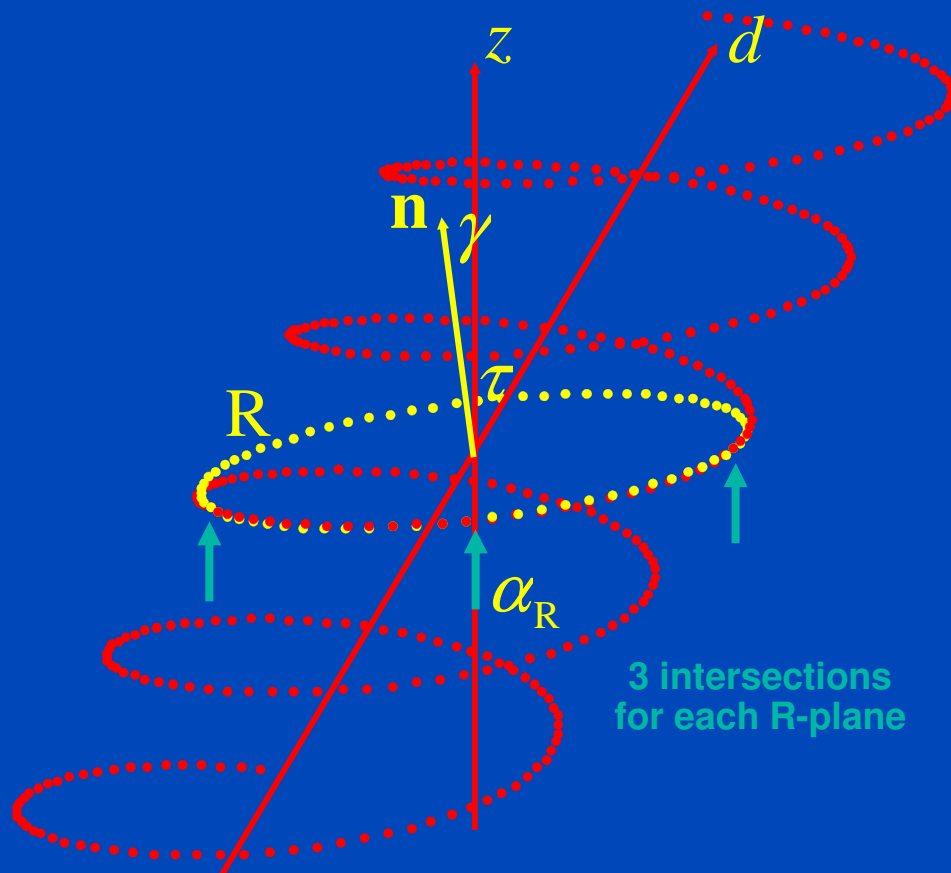
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The ASSR Algorithm

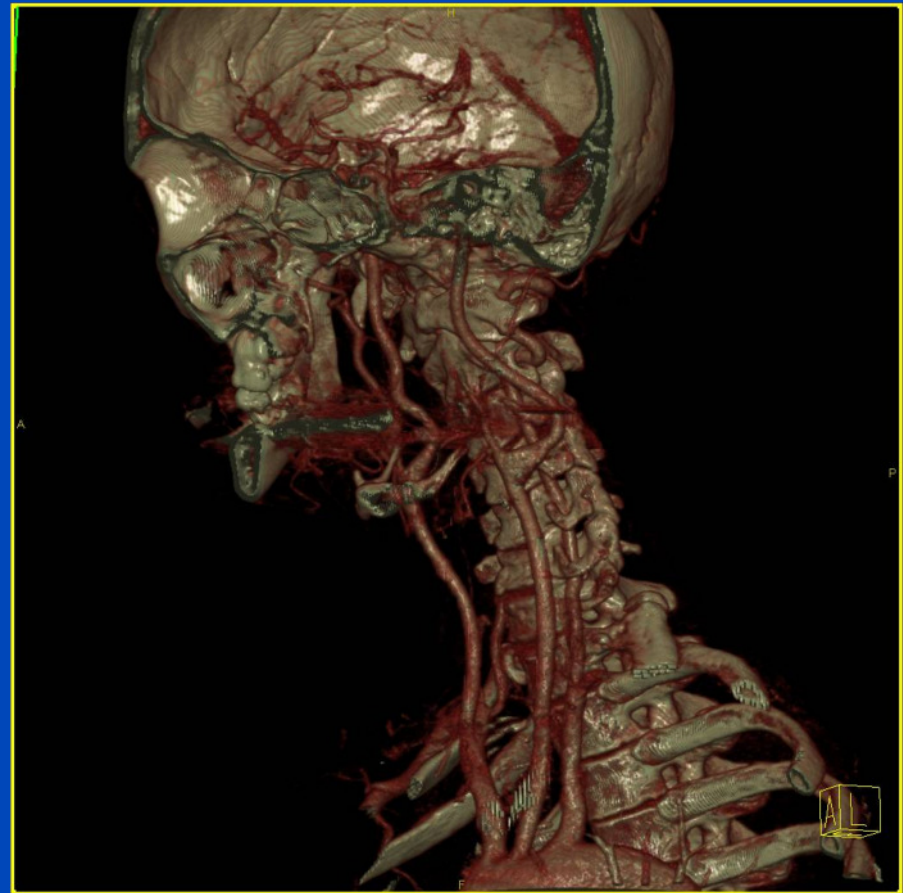
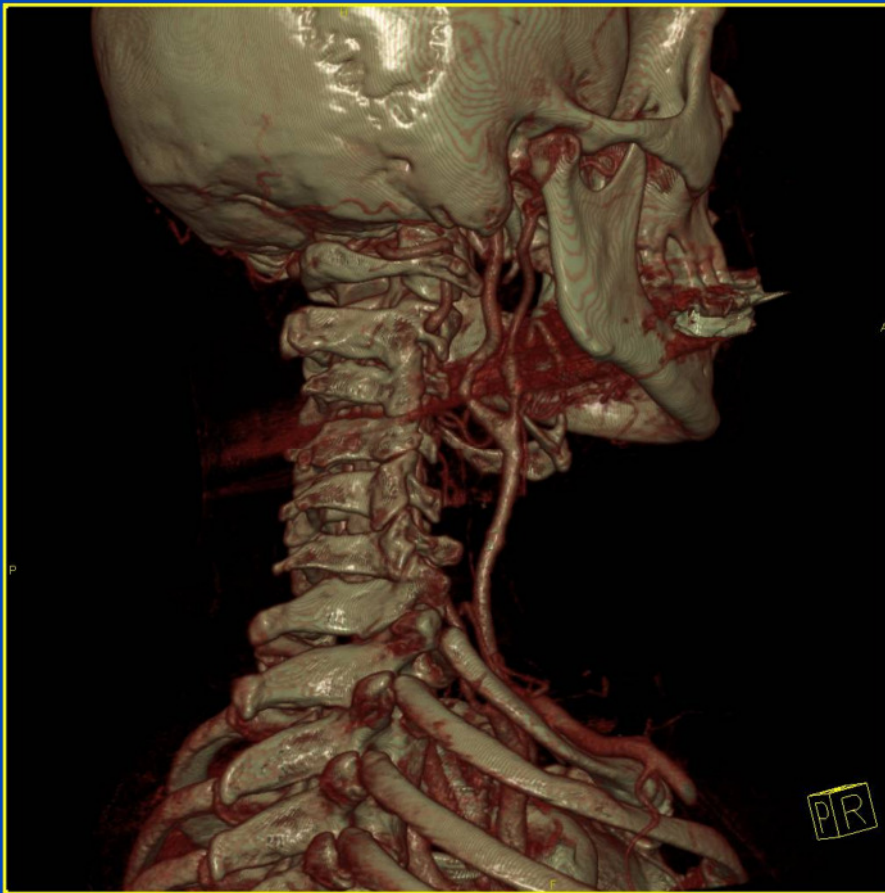
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Resulting mean deviation at R_F : $\Delta_{\text{mean}} \approx 0.014d$
at R_M : $\Delta_{\text{mean}} \approx 0.007d$

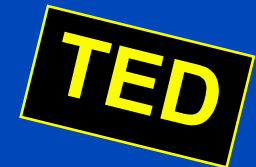
CT-Angiography

Sensation 64 spiral scan with 2.32×0.6 mm and 0.375 s



Wie muss gemessen werden, um Bilder rekonstruieren zu können?

1. Es muss jeder Voxel aus einem genau 180° langen Winkelintervall gemessen werden.
2. Man kann Bilder rekonstruieren, sofern mindestens 90° an Projektionsdaten für jeden Pixel zur Verfügung stehen.
3. Für jedes CT-Bild ist ein Vollumlauf an Daten nötig.
4. Wenn mindestens 180° an Daten zur Verfügung stehen, können CT-Bilder errechnet werden.



Wie soll es weitergehen?

Iterative Bildrekonstruktion

oder lieber

Cardio CT?

$$x^2 = y$$

Model

$$x = \sqrt{y}$$

Solution

This is an analytical solution.

Filtered Backprojection¹ (FBP)

Model

Measurement: $p(\vartheta, \xi) = \int dx dy f(x, y) \delta(x \cos \vartheta + y \sin \vartheta - \xi)$

Fourier transform:

$$\int d\xi p(\vartheta, \xi) e^{-2\pi i \xi u} = \int dx dy f(x, y) e^{-2\pi i u (x \cos \vartheta + y \sin \vartheta)}$$

This is the central slice theorem: $P(\vartheta, u) = F(u \cos \vartheta, u \sin \vartheta)$

Inversion: $f(x, y) = \int_0^\pi d\vartheta \int_{-\infty}^\infty du |u| P(\vartheta, u) e^{2\pi i u (x \cos \vartheta + y \sin \vartheta)}$

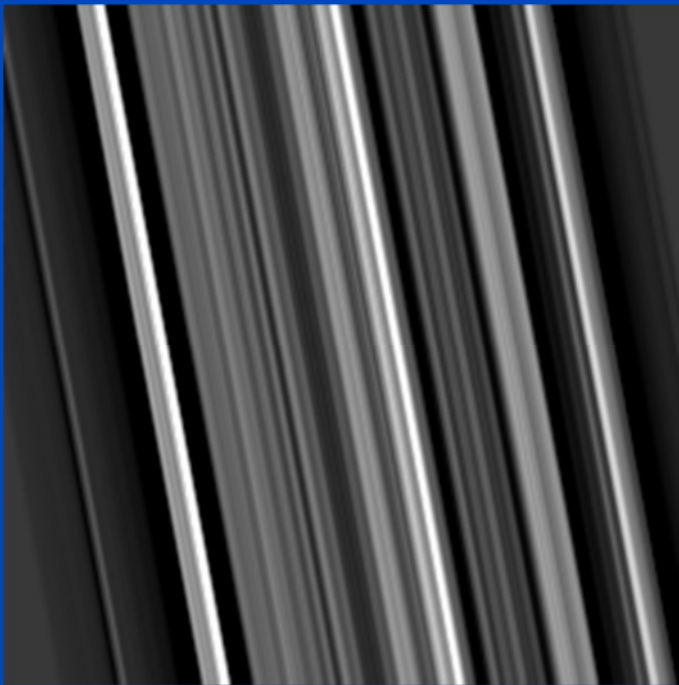
Solution

$$= \int_0^\pi d\vartheta p(\vartheta, \xi) * k(\xi) \Big|_{\xi = x \cos \vartheta + y \sin \vartheta}$$

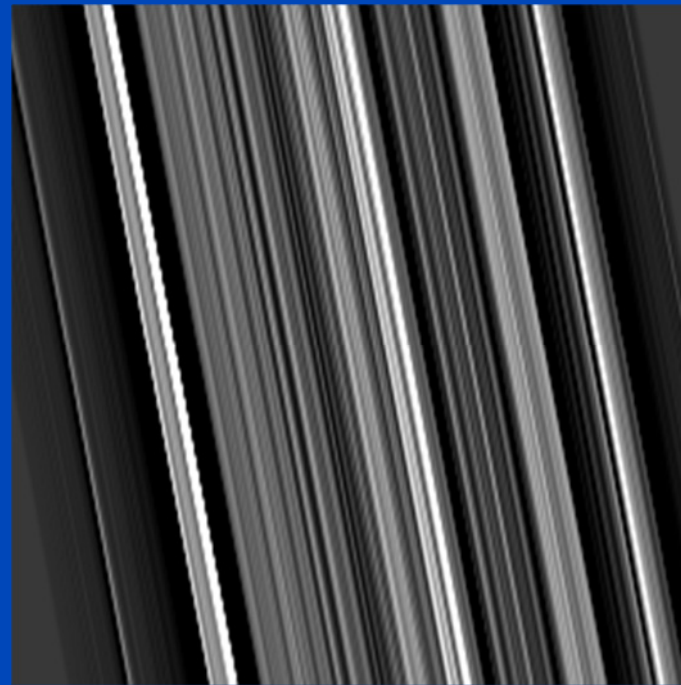
¹Ramachandran and Lakshminarayanan. Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA, 1971.

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Model

$$(x_n + \Delta x_n)^2 = y$$

~~$$x_n^2 + 2x_n\Delta x_n + \Delta x_n^2 = y$$~~

$$x_n^2 + 2x_n\Delta x_n \approx y$$

$$\Delta x_n = \frac{1}{2}(y - x_n^2)/x_n$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \Delta x_n$$

**Update
equation**

This is an iterative solution.

Influence of Update Equation and Model

$$\underline{0.5(3 - x_n^2)/x_n}$$

$$x_0 = 1.$$

$$x_1 = 2.$$

$$x_2 = 1.75$$

$$x_3 = 1.73214$$

$$x_4 = 1.73205$$

$$x_5 = 1.73205$$

$$x_6 = 1.73205$$

$$x_7 = 1.73205$$

$$x_8 = 1.73205$$


$$\underline{0.4(3 - x_n^2)/x_n}$$

$$x_0 = 1.$$

$$x_1 = 1.8$$

$$x_2 = 1.74667$$

$$x_3 = 1.73502$$

$$x_4 = 1.73265$$

$$x_5 = 1.73217$$

$$x_6 = 1.73207$$

$$x_7 = 1.73206$$

$$x_8 = 1.73205$$


$$\underline{0.5(3 - x_n^{2.1})/x_n}$$

$$x_0 = 1.$$

$$x_1 = 2.$$

$$x_2 = 1.67823$$

$$x_3 = 1.68833$$

$$x_4 = 1.68723$$

$$x_5 = 1.68734$$

$$x_6 = 1.68733$$

$$x_7 = 1.68733$$

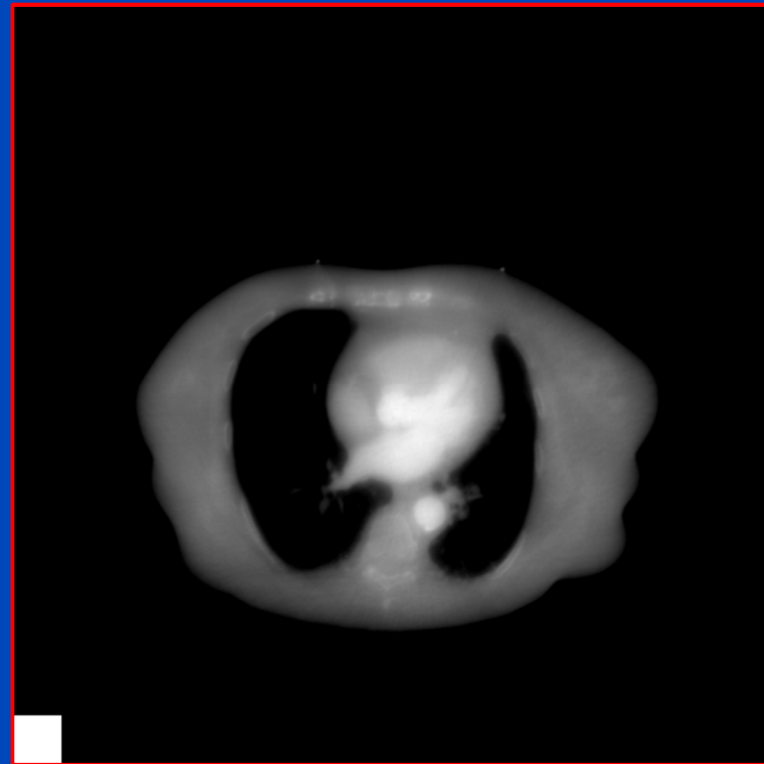
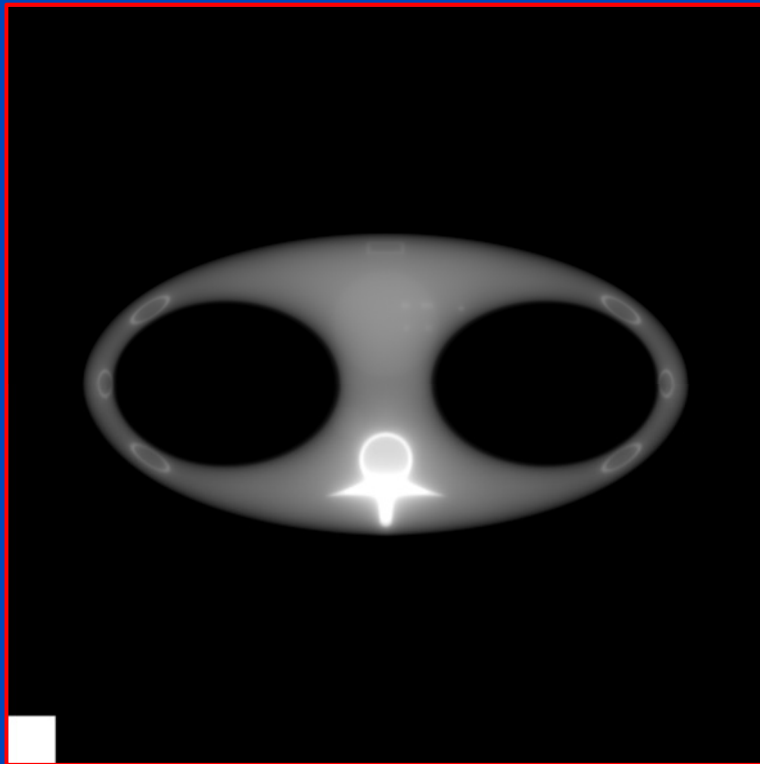
$$x_8 = 1.68733$$

$$x^2 = 3, \quad x_0 = 1, \quad x_{n+1} = x_n + \Delta x_n$$

Flavours of Iterative Reconstruction

- ART
$$f_{\nu+1} = f_{\nu} + R^T \cdot \frac{p - R \cdot f_{\nu}}{R^2 \cdot 1}$$
- SART
$$f_{\nu+1} = f_{\nu} + \frac{1}{R^T \cdot 1} R^T \cdot \frac{p - R \cdot f_{\nu}}{R \cdot 1}$$
- MLEM
$$f_{\nu+1} = f_{\nu} \frac{R^T \cdot (e^{-R \cdot f_{\nu}})}{R^T \cdot (e^{-p})}$$
- OSC
$$f_{\nu+1} = f_{\nu} + f_{\nu} \frac{R^T \cdot (e^{-R \cdot f_{\nu}} - e^{-p})}{R^T \cdot (e^{-R \cdot f_{\nu}} R \cdot f_{\nu})}$$
- and hundreds more ...

Iterative Reconstruction

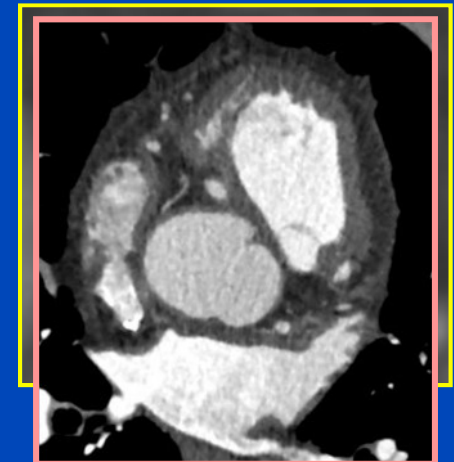
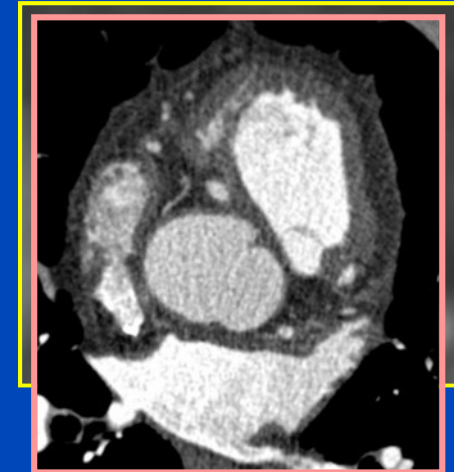


16 ordered subsets iterations

$C = 0$ HU, $W = 1000$ HU

Iterative Reconstruction

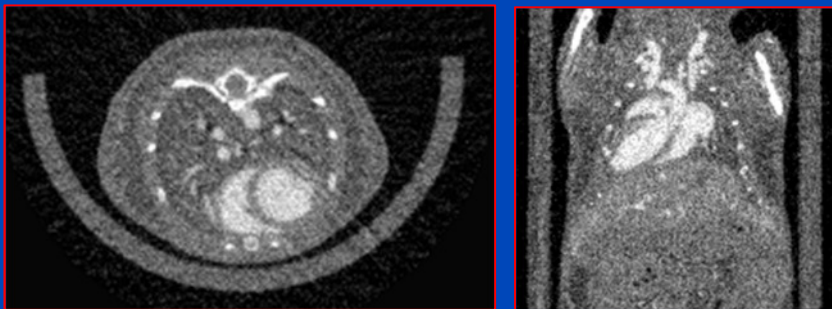
- Aim: less artifacts, lower noise, lower dose
- Iterative reconstruction
 - Reconstruct an image.
 - Regularize the image.
 - Does the image correspond to the rawdata?
 - If not, reconstruct a correction image and continue.
- SPECT + PET are iterative for a long time!
- Until recently, the computational demand prohibited to use iterative recon in CT.
- First CT product implementations
 - AIDR (adaptive iterative dose reduction, Toshiba)
 - ASIR (adaptive statistical iterative reconstruction, GE)
 - iDose (Philips)
 - IRIS (image reconstruction in image space, Siemens)
 - VEO, MBIR (model-based iterative reconstruction, GE)
 - SAFIRE (sinogram-affirmed iterative reconstruction, Siemens)



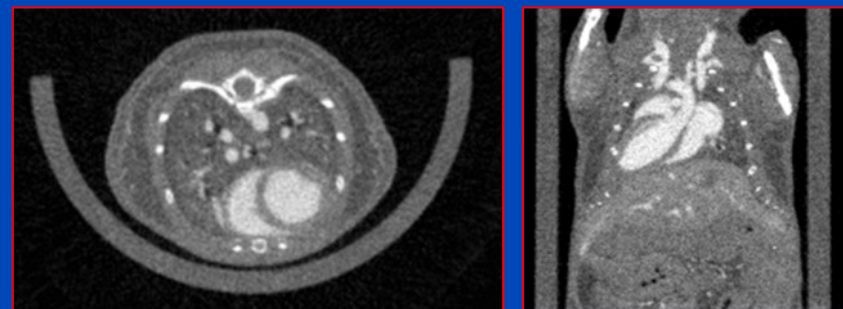
What Makes Iterative Recon Attractive?

- No need to come find an analytical solution
- Works for all geometries with only small adaptations
- Allows to model any effect
- Allows to incorporate prior knowledge
 - noise properties (quantum noise, electronic noise, noise texture, ...)
 - prior scans (e.g. planning CT, full scan data, ...)
 - image properties such as smoothness, edges (e.g. minimum TV)
 - ...
- Handles missing data implicitly (but not necessarily better)

Phase-correlated Feldkamp



High dimensional TV minimization¹



¹L. Ritschl, S. Sawall, M. Knaup, A. Hess, and M. Kachelrieß, Phys. Med. Biol. 57, Jan. 2012

Plain FBP



$\sigma = 26.8$ HU

Siemens Standard



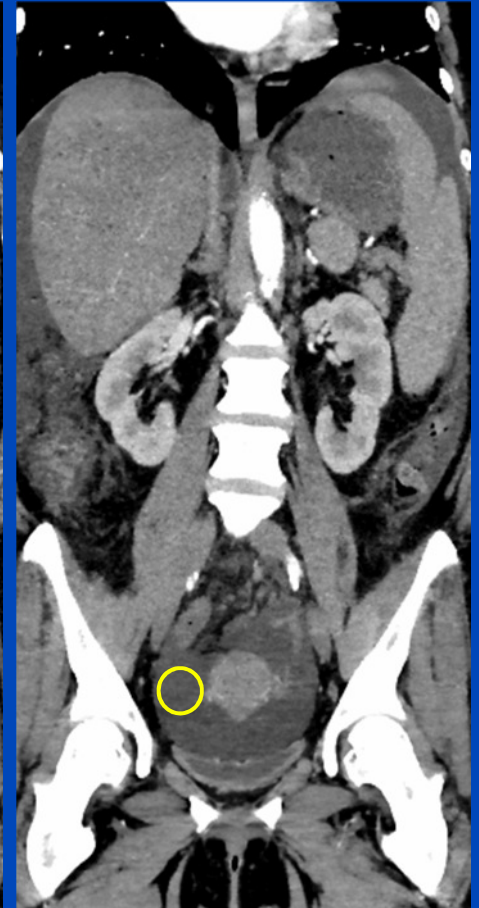
$\sigma = 17.6$ HU

IRIS VA34

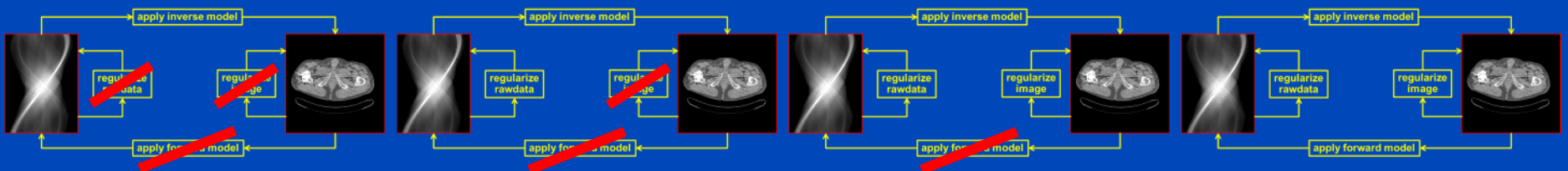


$\sigma = 12.3$ HU

SAFIRE VA40

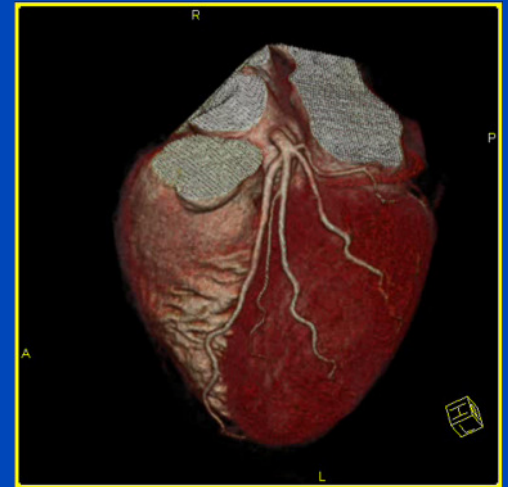


$\sigma = 7.8$ HU



Imaging the Heart with CT

(Cardiac-CT = phase-correlated CT)



- Periodic motion
- Synchronisation (ECG, Kymogram, ...)
- Phase-correlated scanning = Prospective Gating
 - Used in the 80s and 90s with little success.
 - Comes into use again due to large cone-angles.
- Phase-correlated reconstruction = Retrospective Gating
 - Single-phase (partial scan) approaches, e.g. 180°MCD
 - Bi-phase approaches, e.g. ACV (Flohr et al.)
 - Multi-phase Cardio Interpolation methods, e.g. 180°MCI (gold-standard)
 - Generations
 - » Single-slice spiral CT: 180°CD, 180°CI (introduced 1996¹)
 - » Multi-slice spiral CT: 180°MCD, 180°MCI (introduced 1998²)
 - » Cone-beam spiral CT: ASSR CD, ASSR CI (introduced 2000³)
 - » Wide cone-beam CT: EPBP (introduced 2002⁴)
 - » Multi-source CBCT: EPBP (introduced 2005⁵)

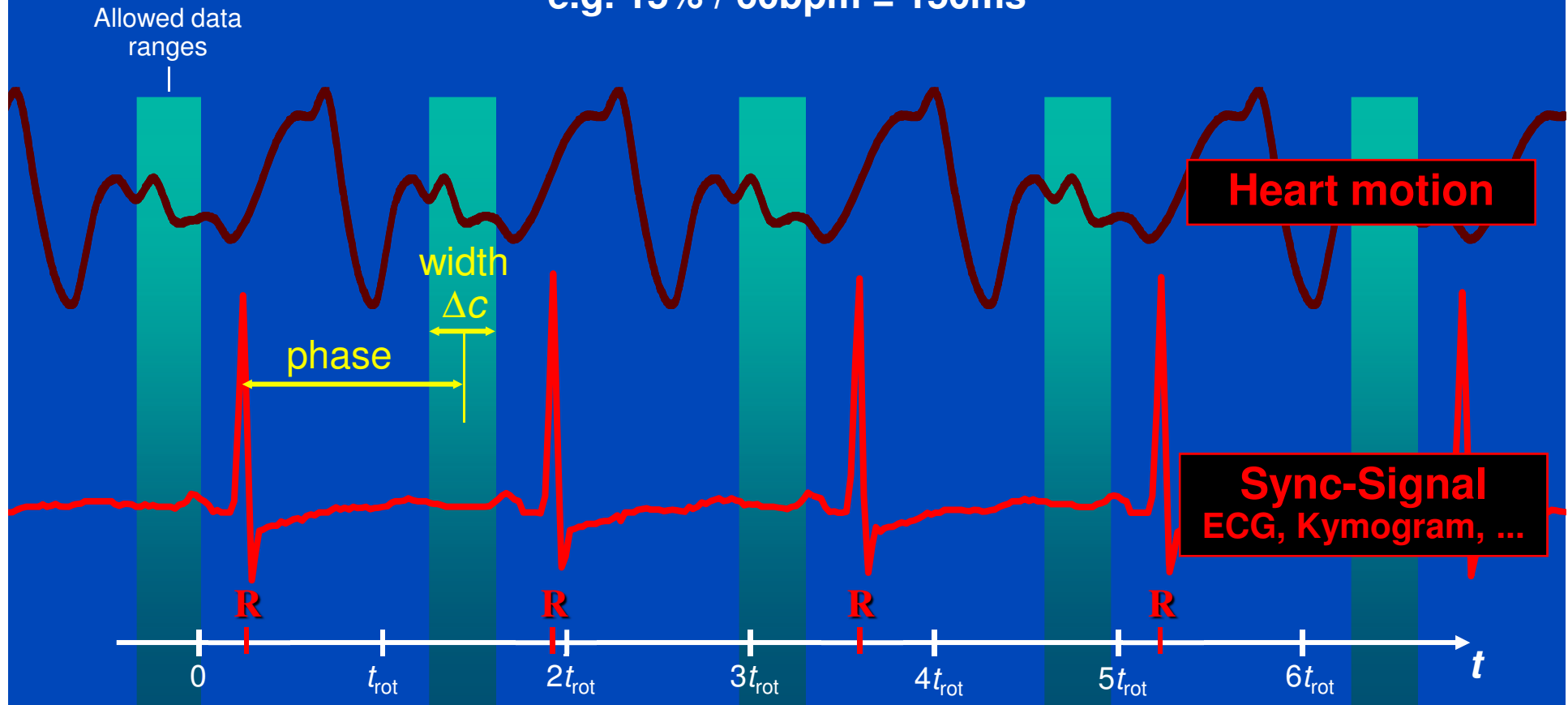
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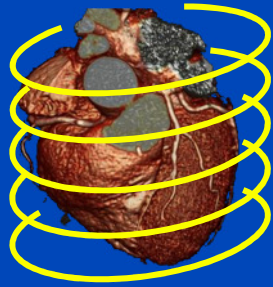
Synchronization with the Heart Phase

$$t_{\text{eff}} = \text{width} / \text{heart rate}$$

e.g. 15% / 60bpm = 150ms



Width, and thus t_{eff} , corresponds to the FWTM of the phase contribution profile.



Retrospective Gating

=

Standard scan + ECG-correlated recon

Standard spiral scan with low pitch value ($p \leq f_H \cdot t_{rot}$)

Phase-correlated reconstruction

$p \cdot T_{rot} / 2 \leq \text{Temp. resolution} \leq T_{rot} / 2$

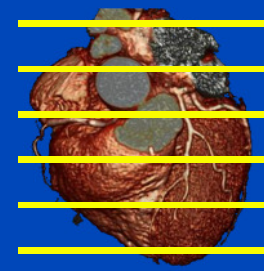
Works also at high heart rates

Dose management: ECG-based TCM

Full phase selectivity

Highly robust (also with arrhythmia)

Good dose usage



Prospective Gating

=

ECG-triggered scan + standard recon

ECG-triggered sequence- or spiral scan with high pitch value

Standard image reconstruction

Temporal resolution = $T_{rot} / 2$

Good at low heart rates

Dose management: inherent

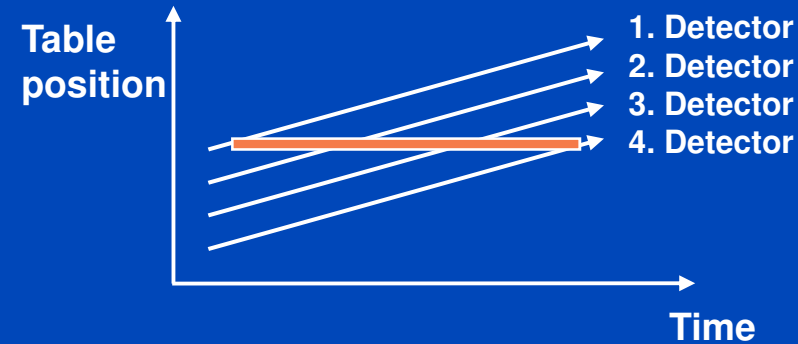
No phase selectivity

Sufficiently robust (not with arrhythmia)

Very good dose usage

Partial Scan Reconstruction

Use one segment
of $180^\circ + \delta$ data
of phase-coherent data
for a selected heart phase



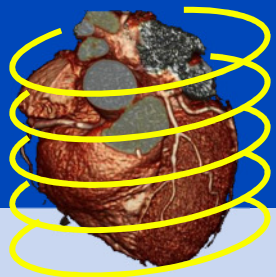
Partial scan data
($180^\circ + \text{fan angle}$)

Effective scan time

$$t_{\text{eff}} \geq t_{\text{rot}}/2$$

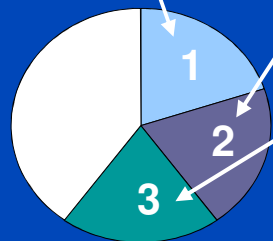
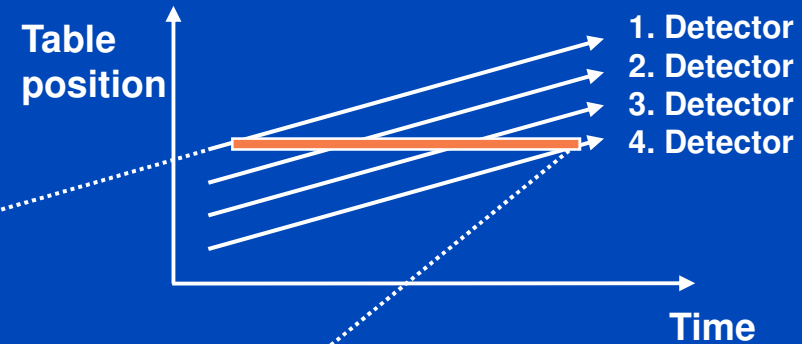
$$t_{\text{eff}} \geq 200 \text{ ms}$$

$$\text{at } t_{\text{rot}} = 0.4 \text{ s}$$



Multi-Segment Reconstruction

Combine n segments
to obtain $180^\circ + \delta$
of phase-coherent data
for a selected heart phase



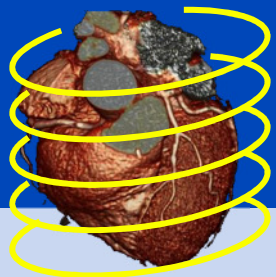
Partial scan data
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Effective scan time

$$t_{\text{eff}} \geq 48 \text{ ms}$$

typ. 75-150 ms

at $t_{\text{rot}} = 0.4 \text{ s}$

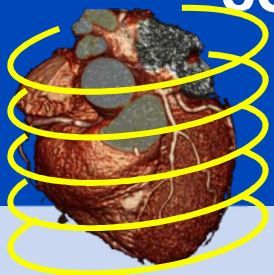


Pitch Value and Full Phase Selectivity

- Each voxel must be illuminated by the x-rays at least as long as one motion cycle of the heart takes
- The table increment per motion cycle must not be larger than the collimation of the scanner

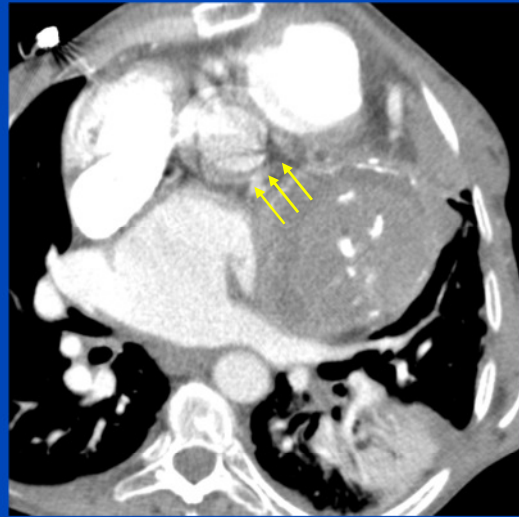
$$p \leq f_H t_{\text{rot}}$$

- For example $t_{\text{rot}} = 0.5$ s and $f_H = 60$ bpm imply that a pitch value of $p < 0.5$ must be chosen.
- The lower the pitch value the more segments can be combined in multi-segment image reconstruction.

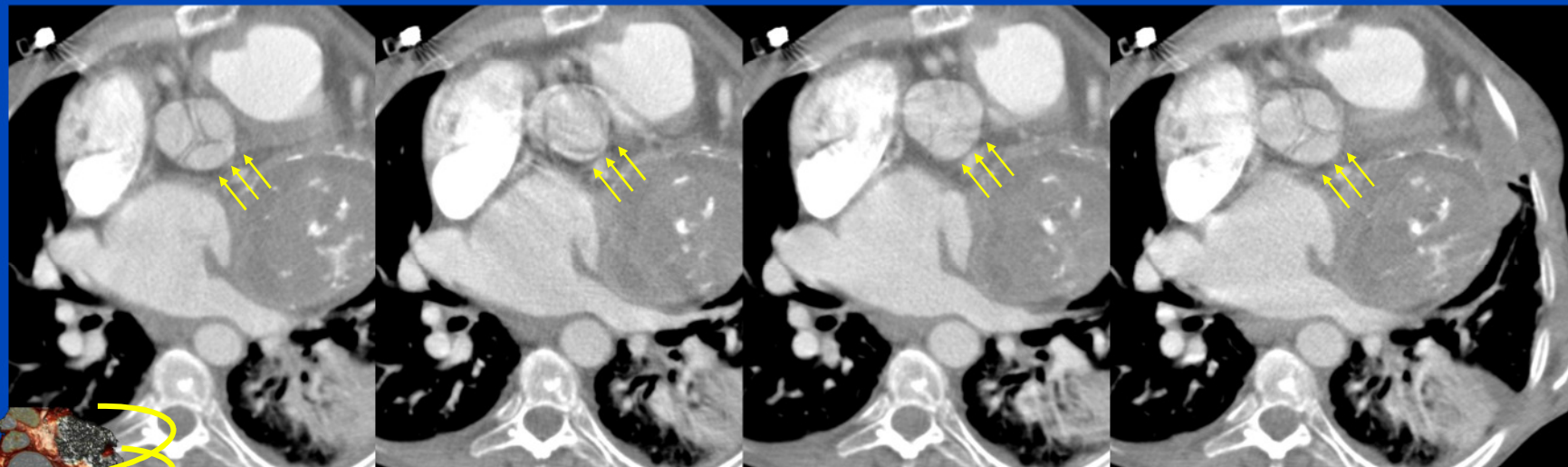


Cardiac CT is Phase-Selective

Volume Zoom, 4×2.5 mm, 0.5 s, 1998, $f_H = 90$ bpm



180°MLI



0%R-R

25%R-R

50%R-R

75%R-R

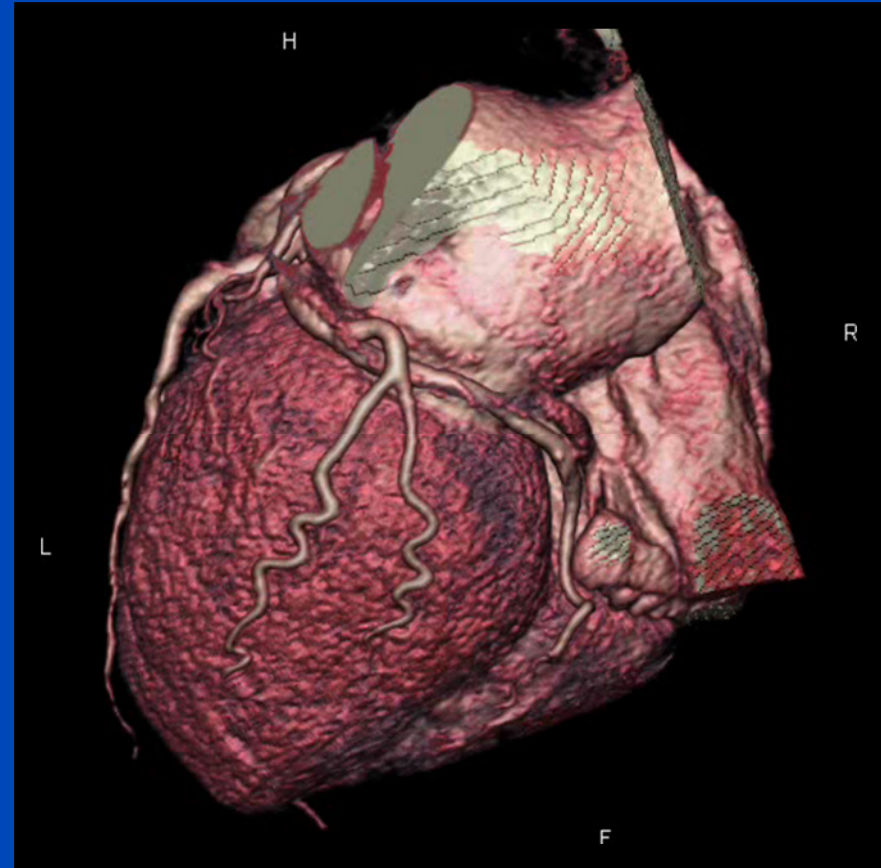


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Volume Zoom, 4×2.5 mm, 0.5 s, 1998

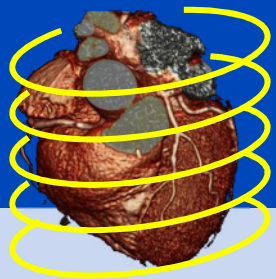
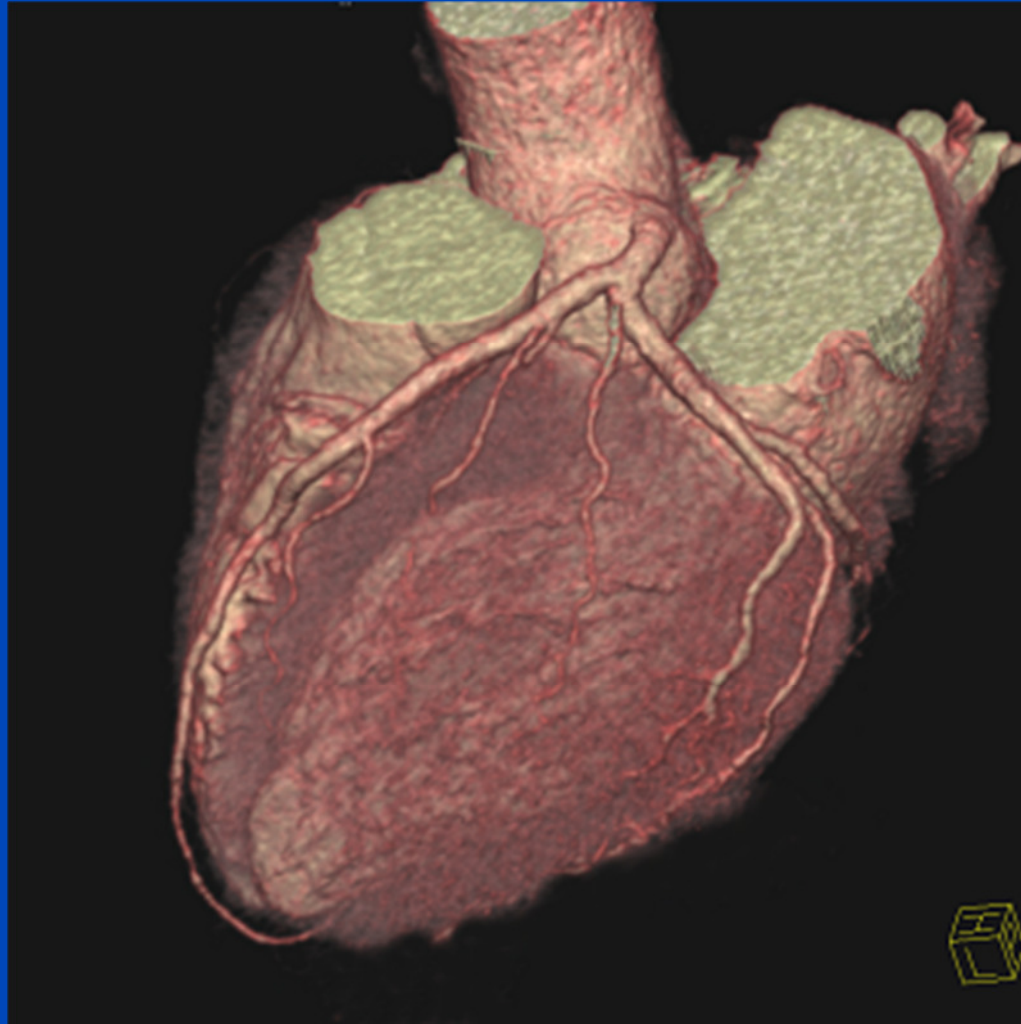
Multi-segment reconstruction 180° MCI, 90 bpm



Sensation 64, 2.32×0.6 mm, 0.33 s, 2004

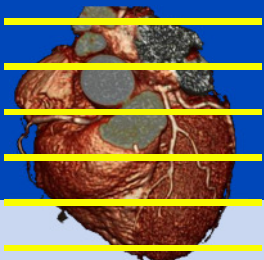
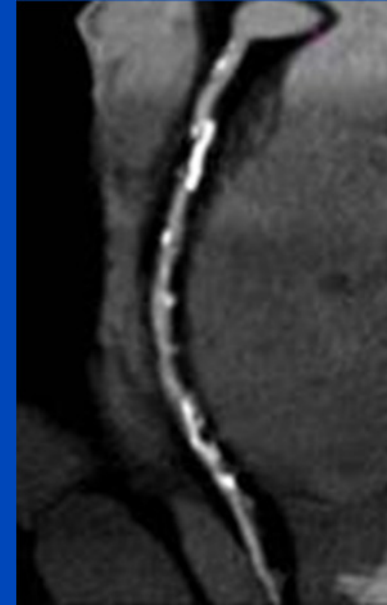
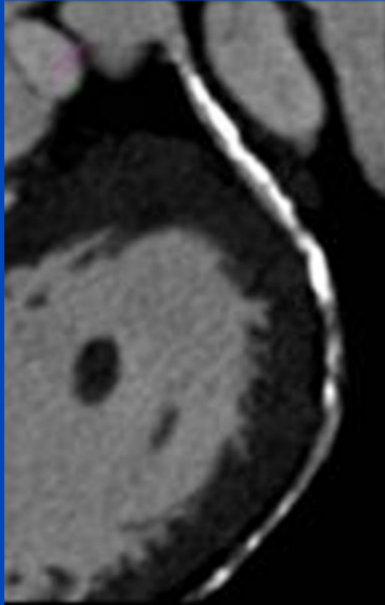
Data courtesy of Dr. Stephan Achenbach

Dual-source-CT, 330 ms rotation, partial scan reconstruction, 83 ms temporal resolution



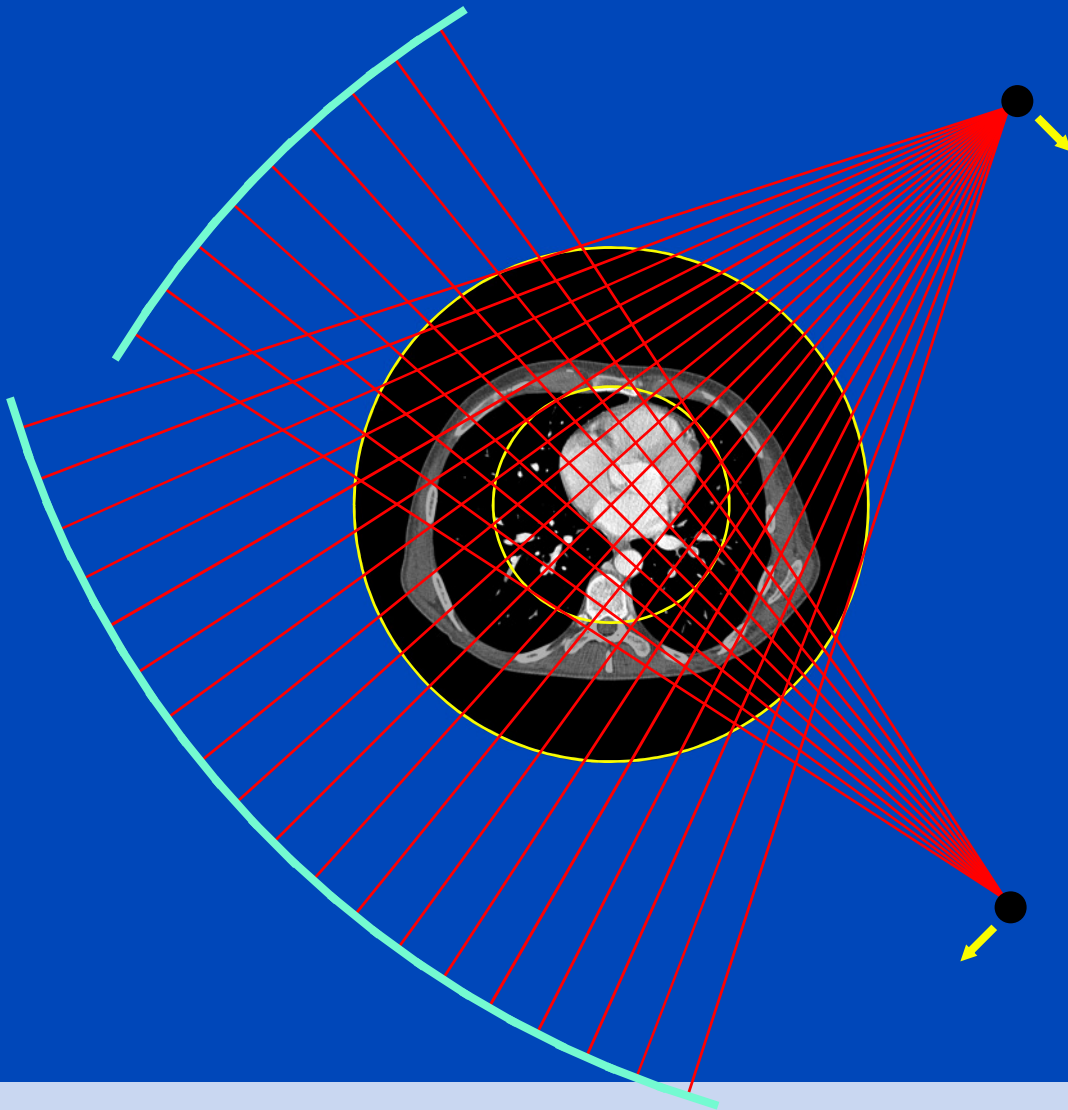
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2.64×0.6 mm, 300 ms rotation, partial scan recon, 150 ms temporal resolution



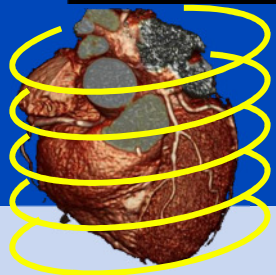
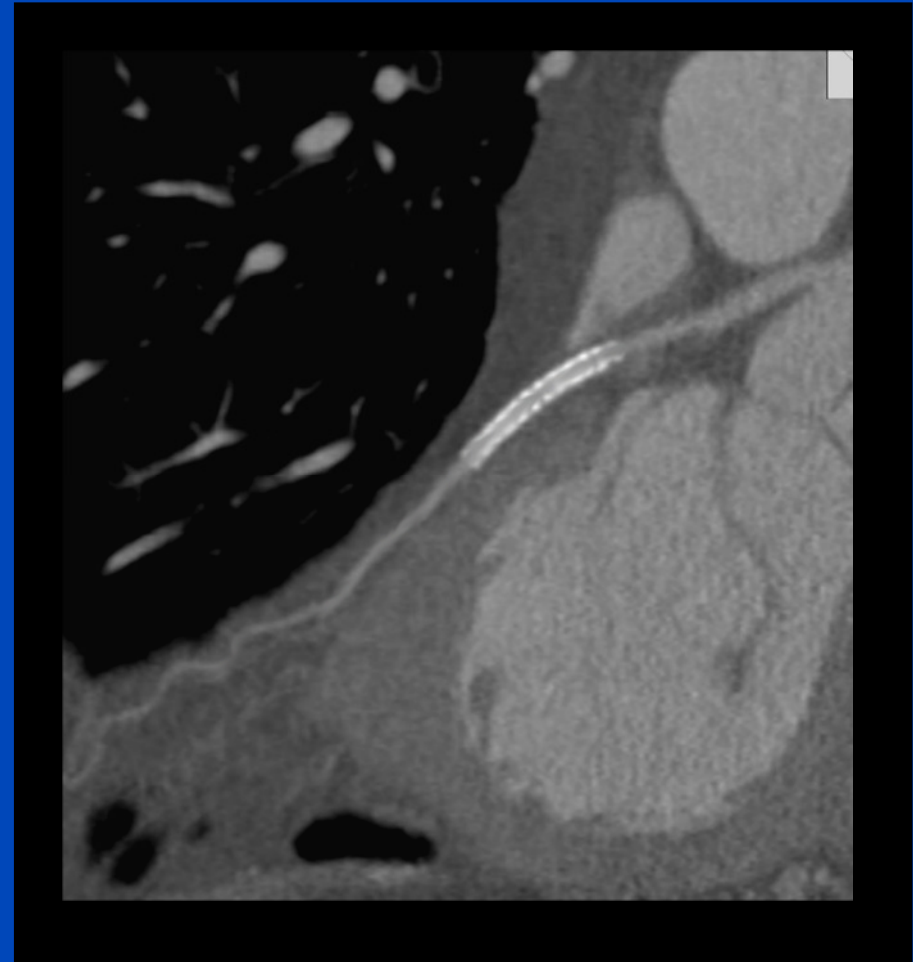
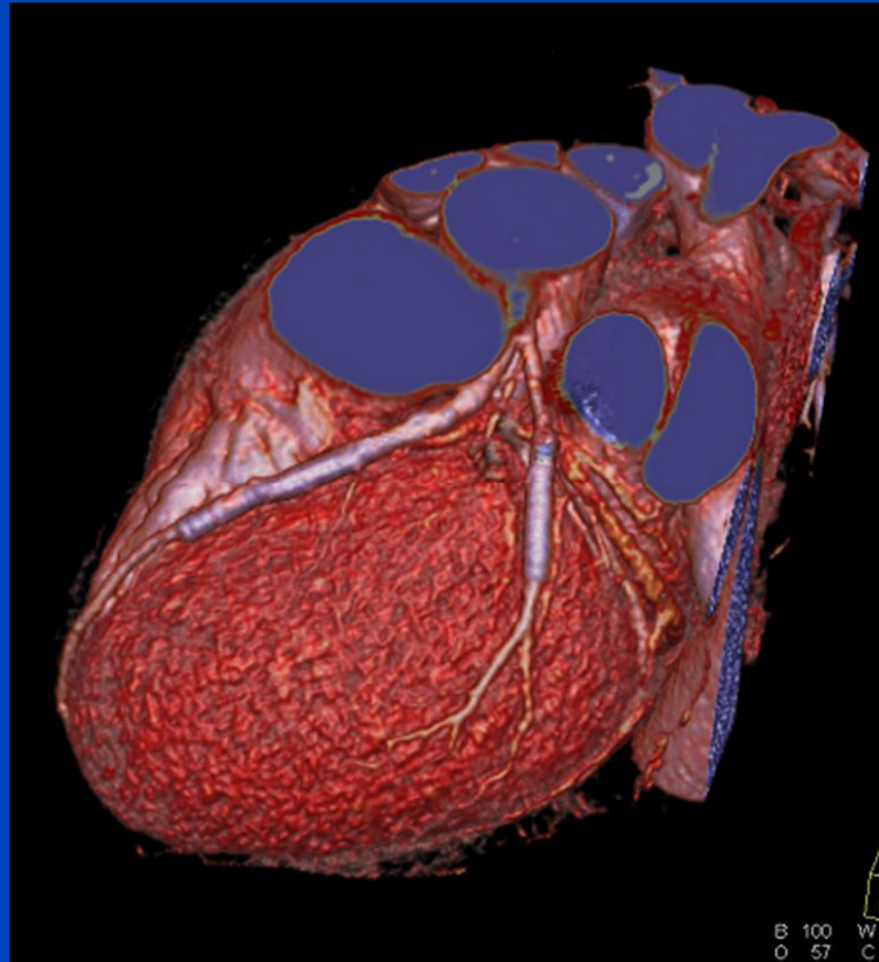
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Multi-Threaded CT Scanners and Dual-Source-CT



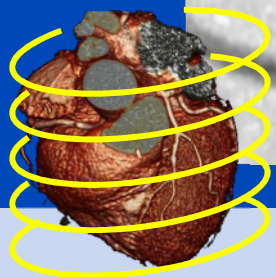
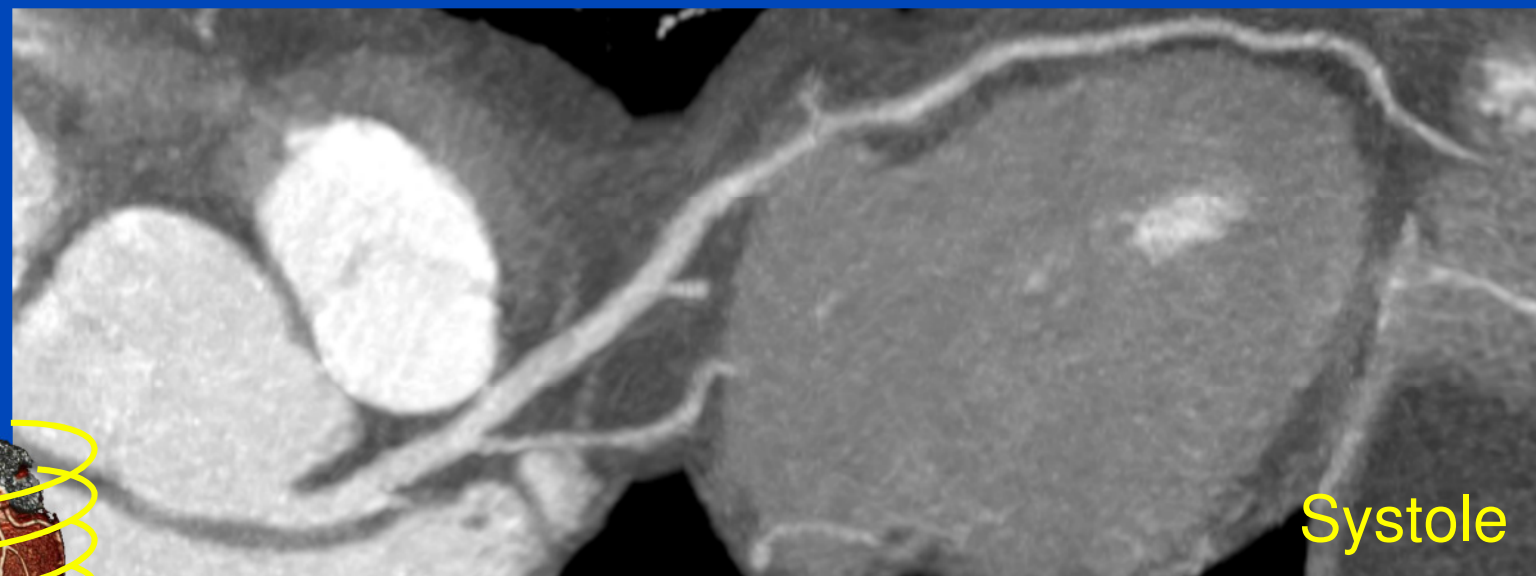
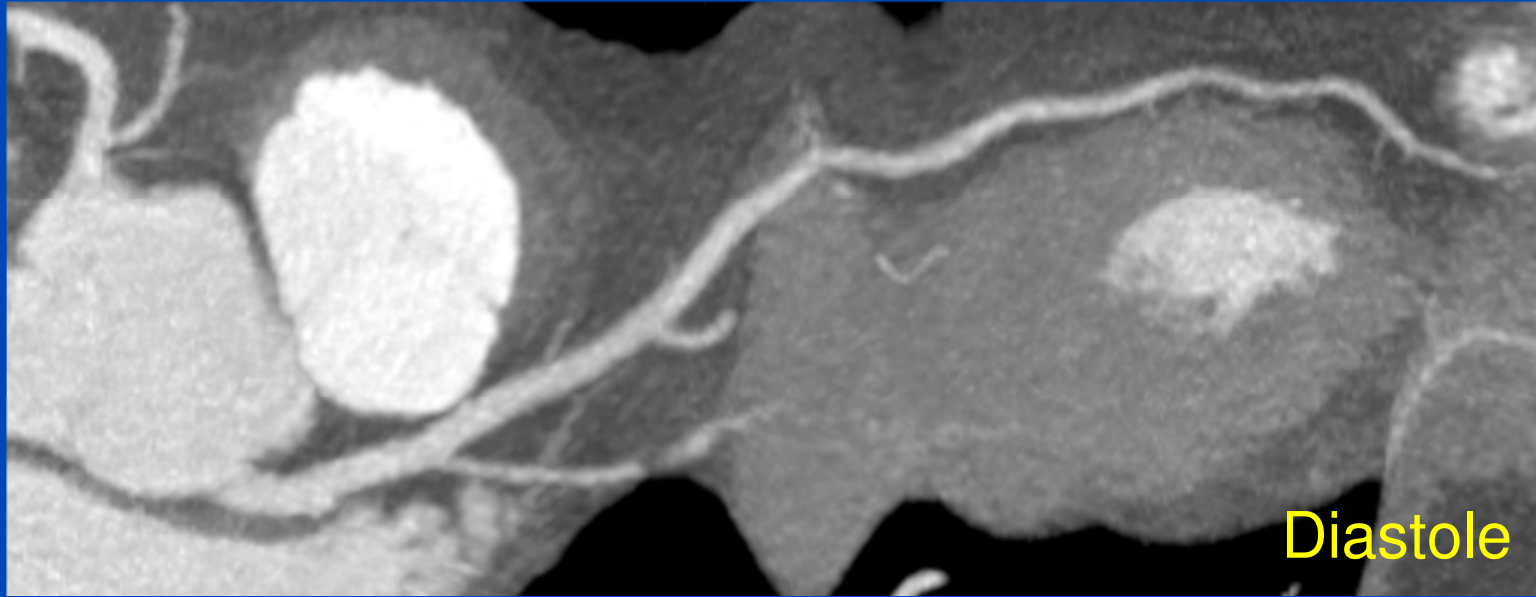
Siemens SOMATOM Definition Flash
dual source cone-beam spiral CT scanner

Dual-source-CT, 330 ms rotation, partial scan reconstruction, 83 ms temporal resolution



Data courtesy of Dr. Stephan Achenbach, Erlangen, Germany

Dual-source-CT, 330 ms rotation, partial scan reconstruction, 83 ms temporal resolution



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Dual-Source-CT

Flash Mode

280 ms Rotation

Partial scan reconstruction

70 ms temporal resolution

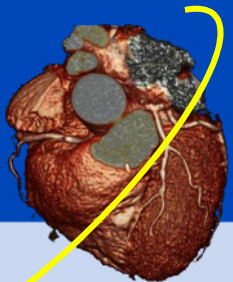
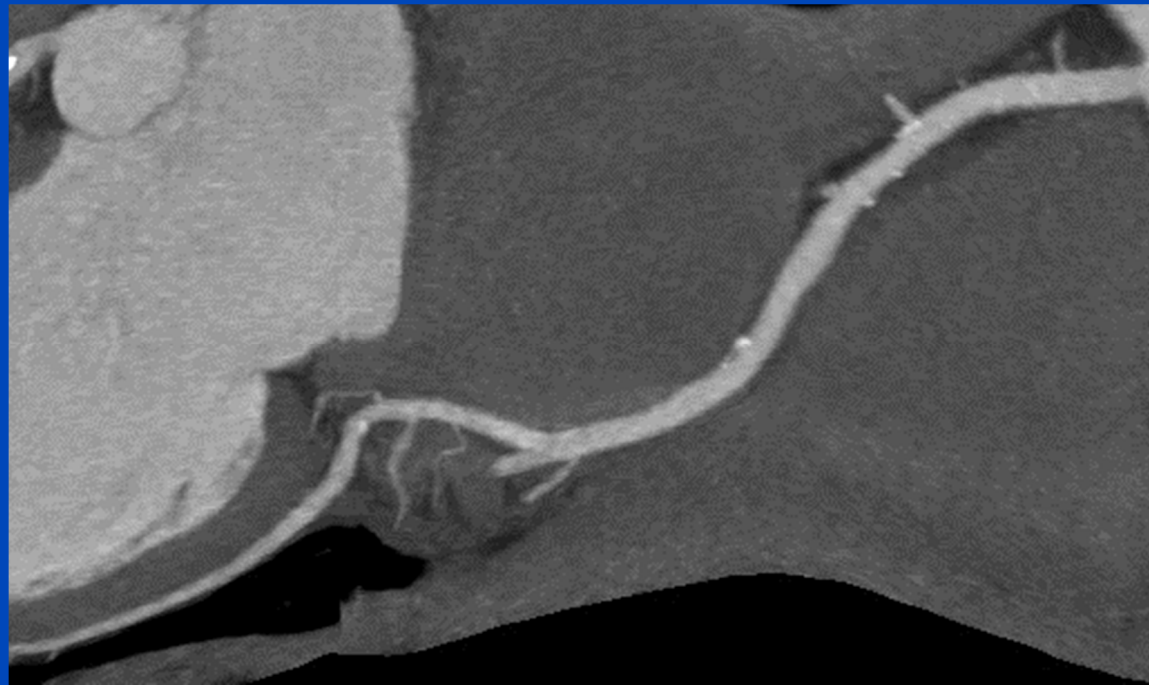
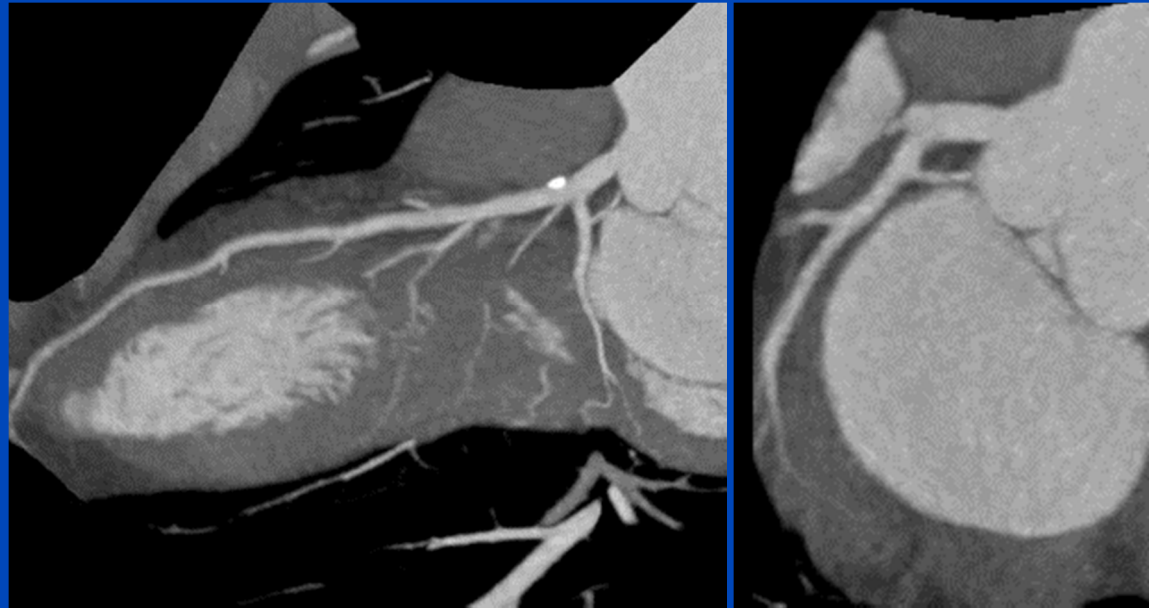
Pitch = 3.2 (43 cm/s)

320 mAs, 100 kV

10.6 cm scan range

DLP = 64 mGy·cm

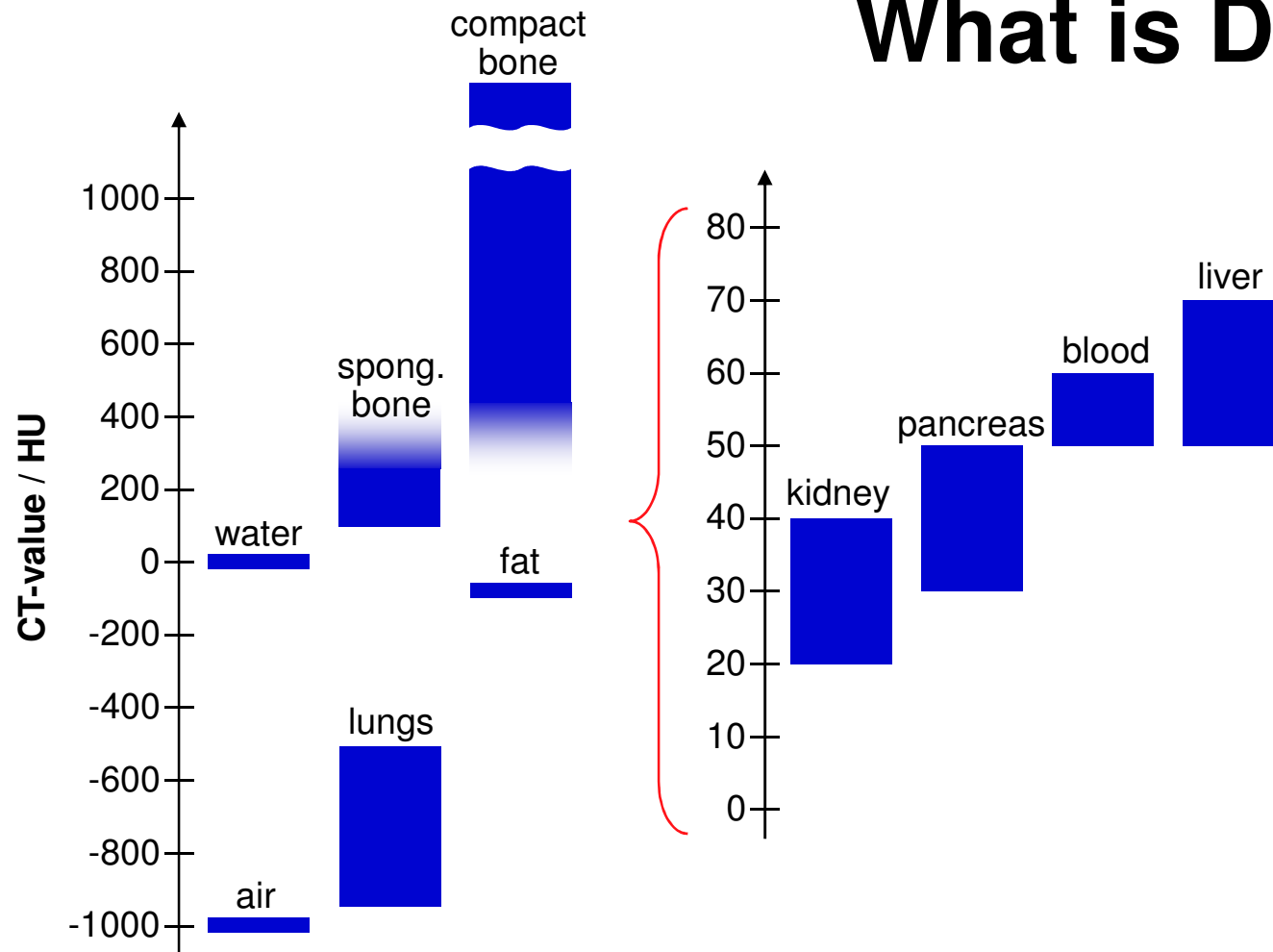
$D_{\text{eff}} = 0.89 \text{ mSv}$



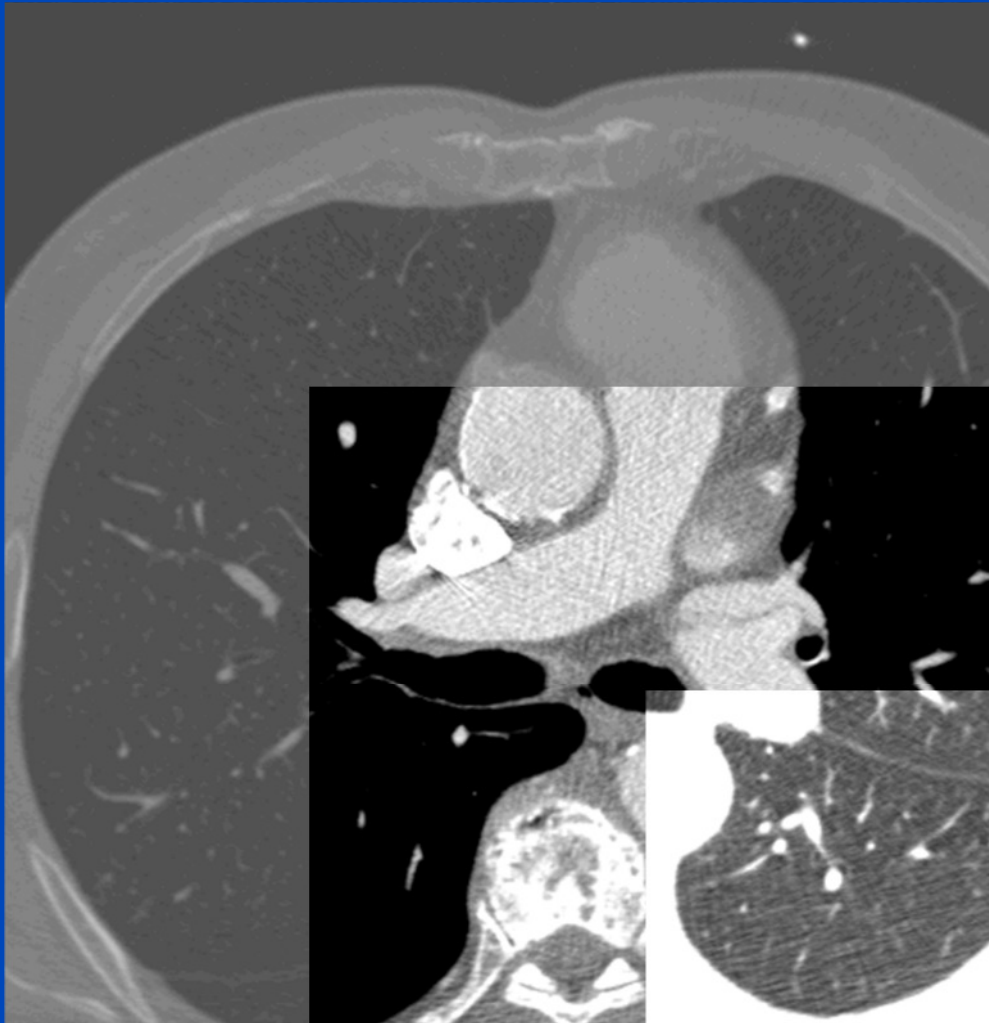
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dkfz.

What is Displayed?



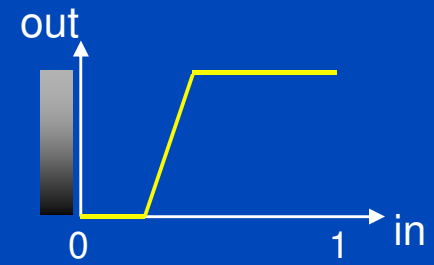
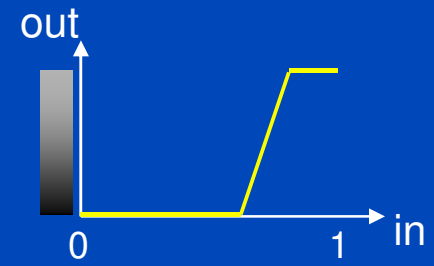
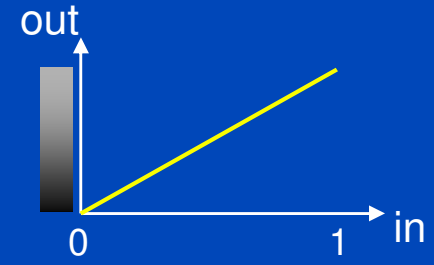
$$CT(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu(\mathbf{r}) - \mu_{\text{Water}}}{\mu_{\text{Water}}} \cdot 1000 \text{ HU}$$



(0, 5000)

(0, 1000)

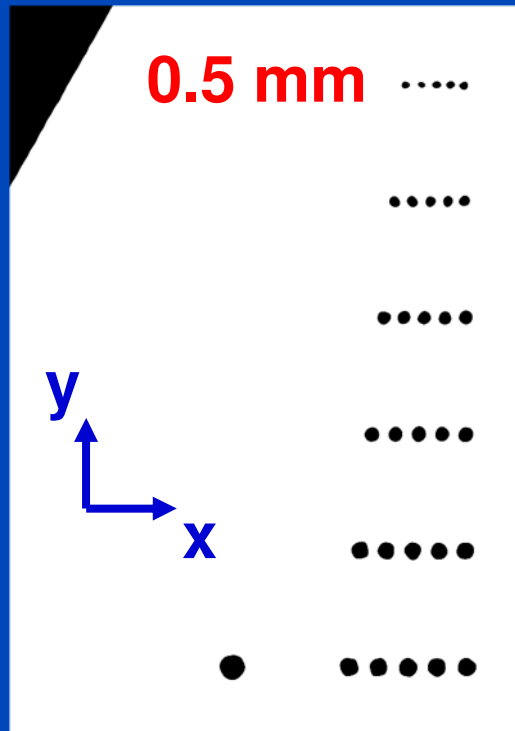
(-750, 1000)



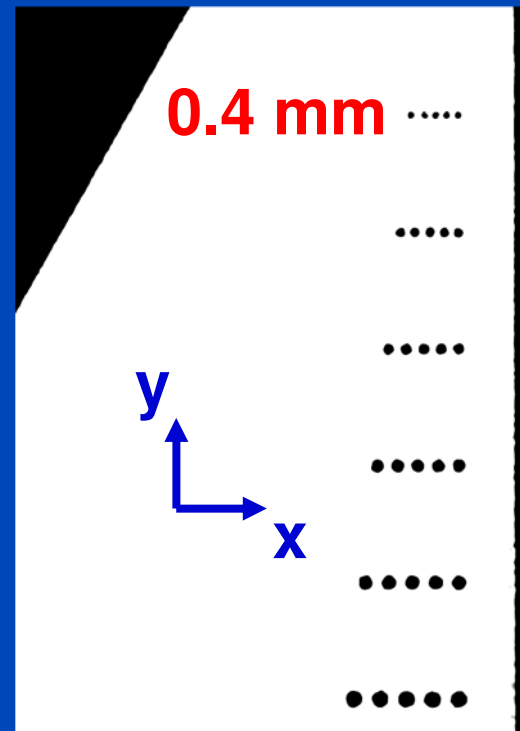
Spatial Resolution 1



In-plane resolution

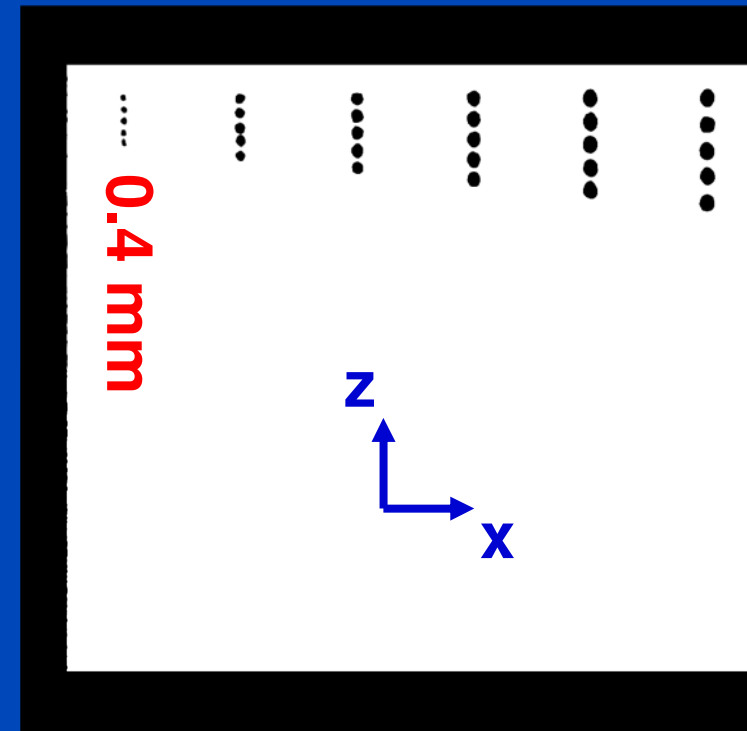


Std. scan, x/y



UHR scan, x/y

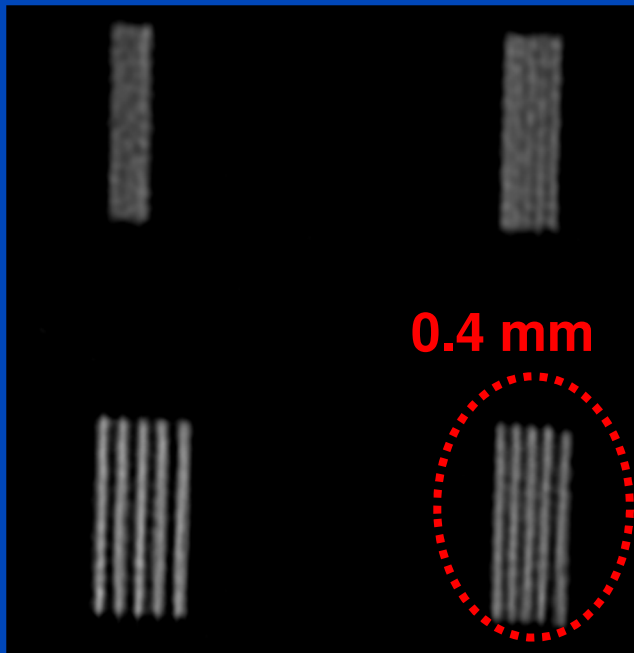
z-resolution



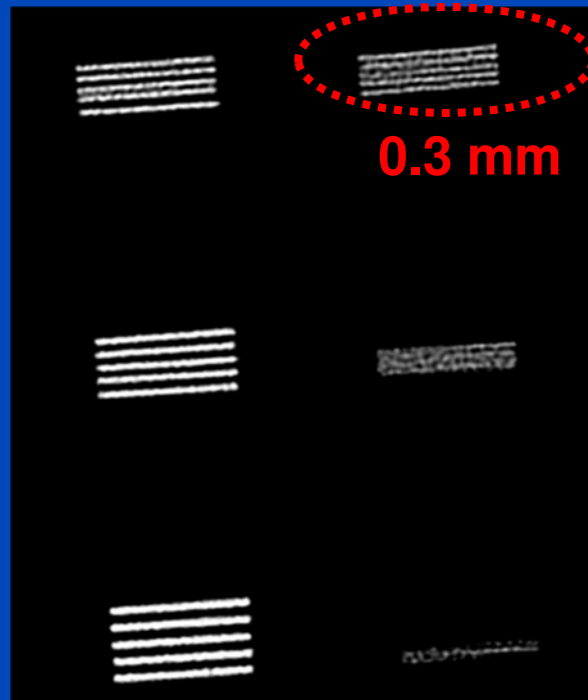
Std. or UHR scan, x/z

Spatial Resolution 2

In-plane resolution

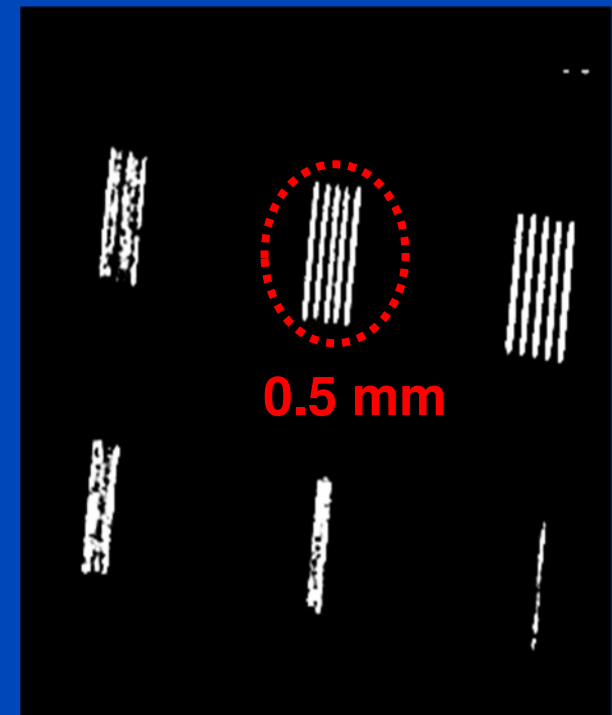


Std. scan, x/y



UHR scan, x/y

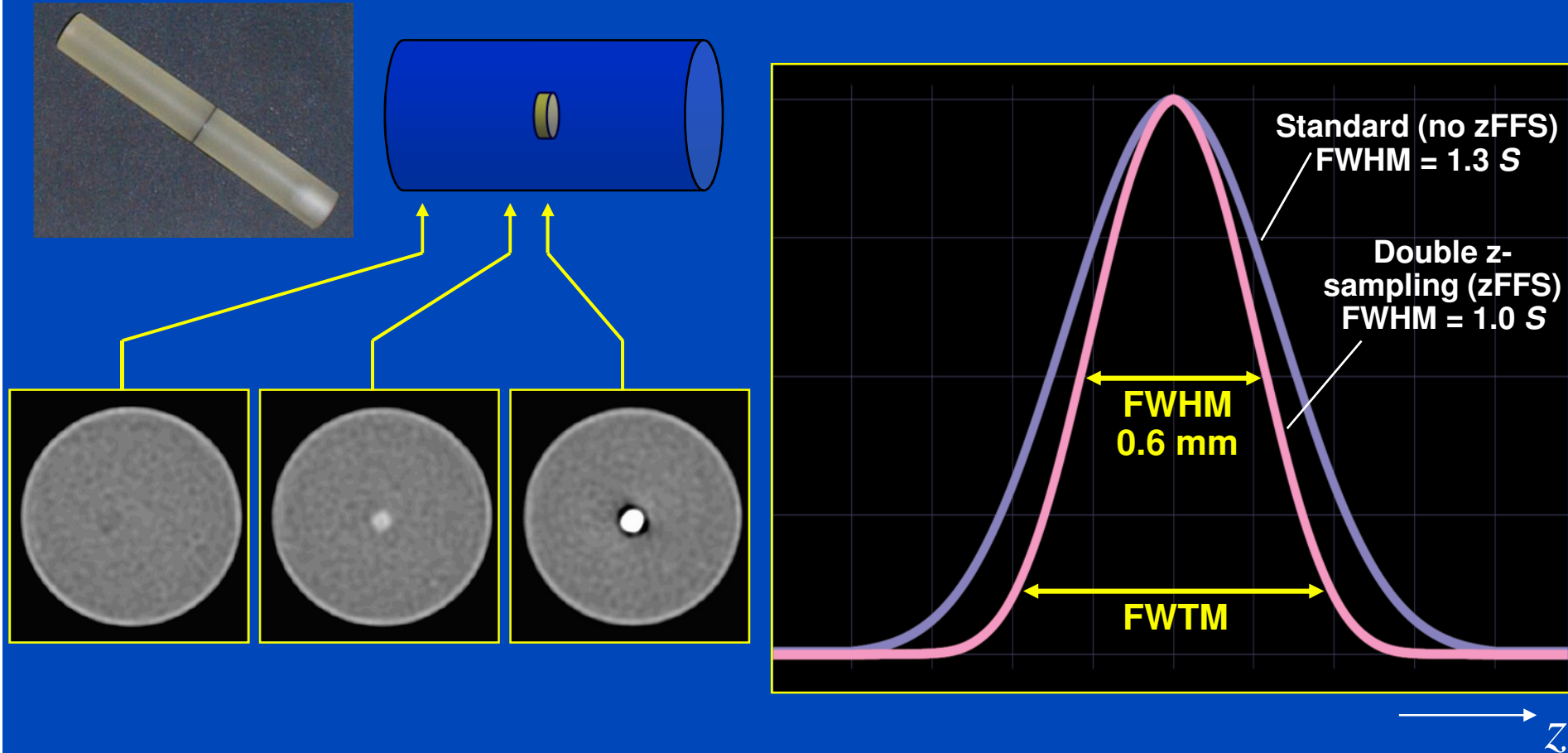
z-resolution



Std. or UHR scan, x/z

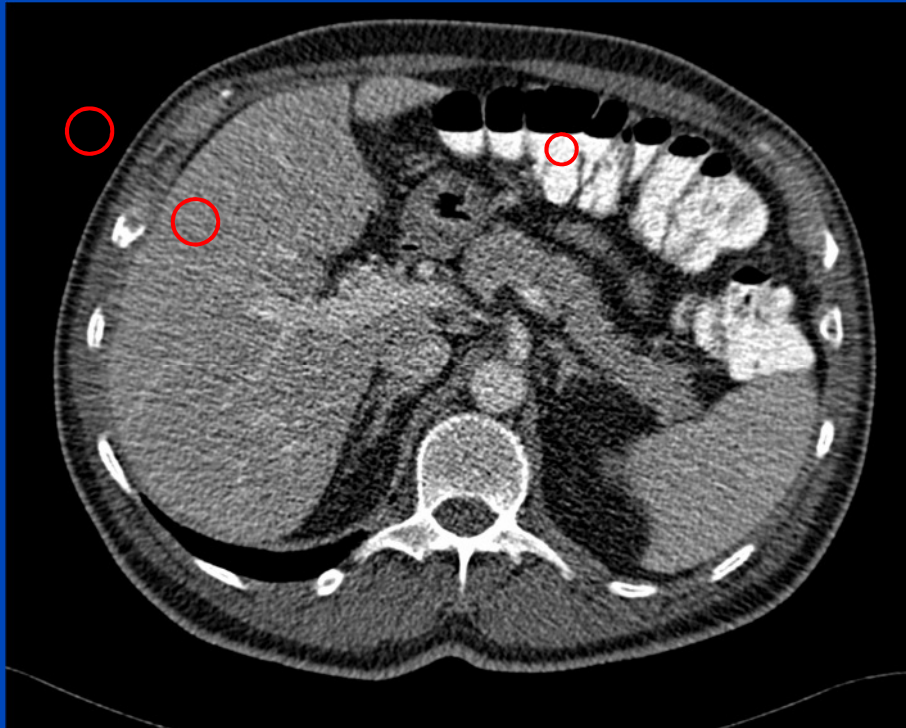
Spatial Resolution 3

Point Spread Function (PSF), Slice Sensitivity Profile (SSP)

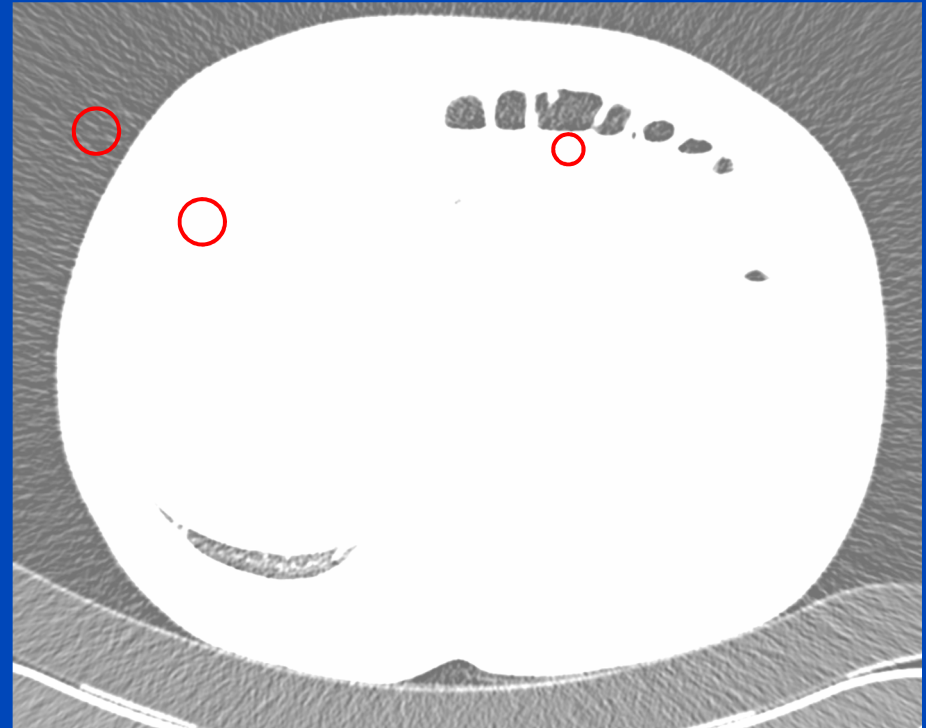


FWHM = S_{eff} = effective slice thickness = freely selectable parameter during image recon.

Image Noise



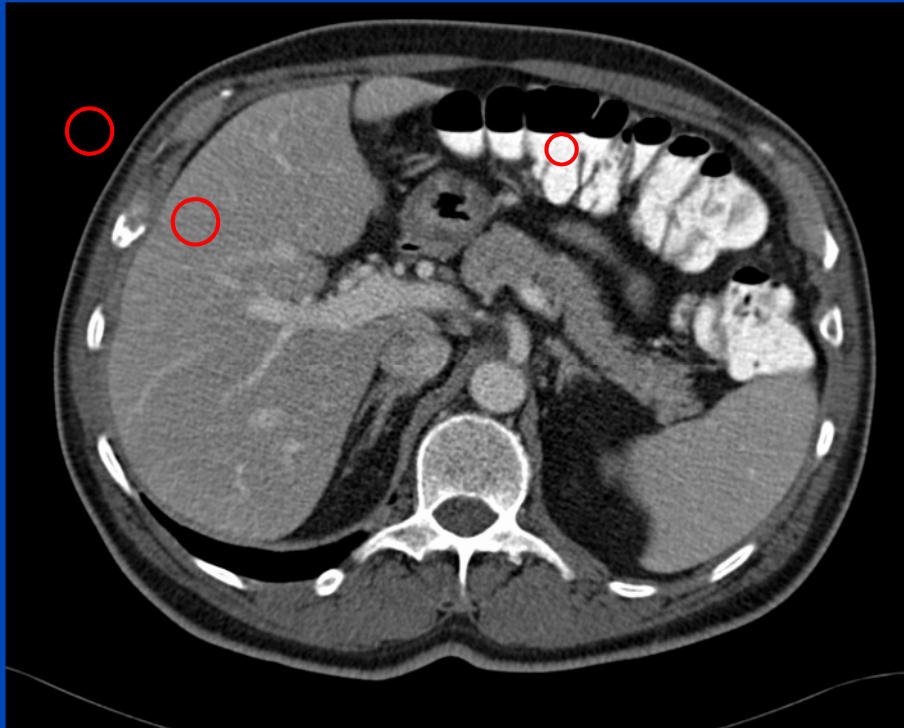
150 HU / 600 HU



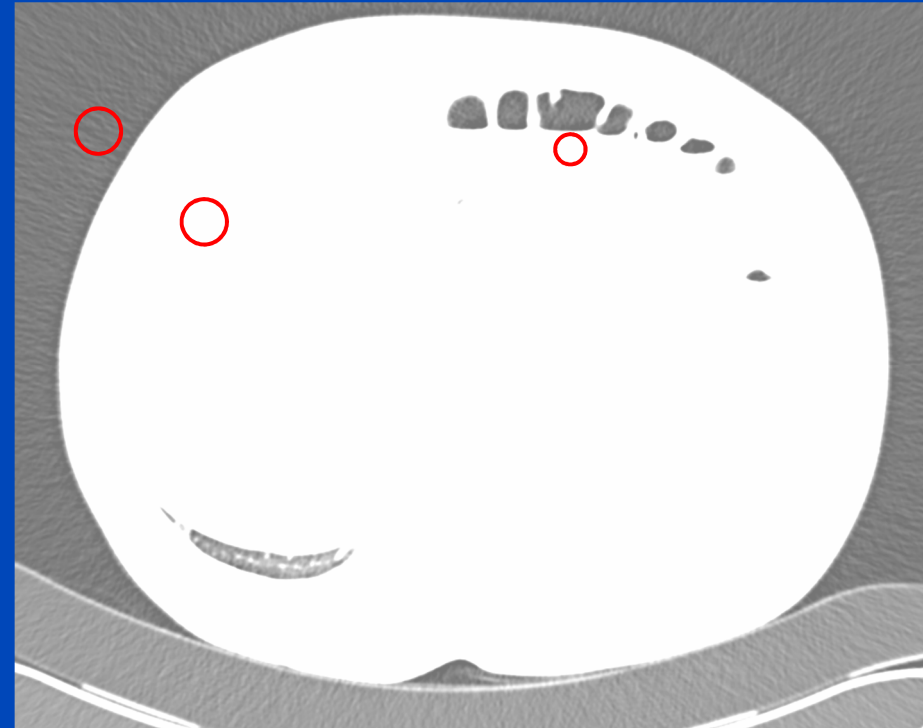
-1000 HU / 600 HU

Air ROI: $\mu = -995$ HU, $\sigma = 31$ HU
Soft tissue ROI: $\mu = 148$ HU, $\sigma = 59$ HU
Iodine ROI: $\mu = 423$ HU, $\sigma = 62$ HU

Image Noise



150 HU / 600 HU



-1000 HU / 600 HU

Air ROI: $\mu = -998$ HU, $\sigma = 15$ HU
Soft tissue ROI: $\mu = 149$ HU, $\sigma = 29$ HU
Iodine ROI: $\mu = 425$ HU, $\sigma = 32$ HU

Four-fold mAs reduces image noise by a factor of two.

Dependencies of IQ and Dose

- Image quality is determined by spatial resolution and contrast resolution (image noise)
- Image noise σ decreases with the square-root of dose

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Noise}^2 \propto \frac{1}{\text{Dose}} \propto \frac{1}{\text{mAs}_{\text{eff}}}$$

- Dose increases with the fourth power of the spatial resolution for a given object and image noise

$$\left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu}\right)^2 \propto \frac{e^{\mu 2R} + 1}{\mu^2 \Delta x^4}$$

Noise relative to
the background
(= 1/SNR)

Fourth power of
the spatial
resolution

The Effective mAs-Value

A Measure of Dose

The effective current-time-product mAs_{eff} is a measure of the number of quanta contributing to a given axial slice $z = z_R$. It accounts for the degree of scan overlap by normalization with the pitch value:

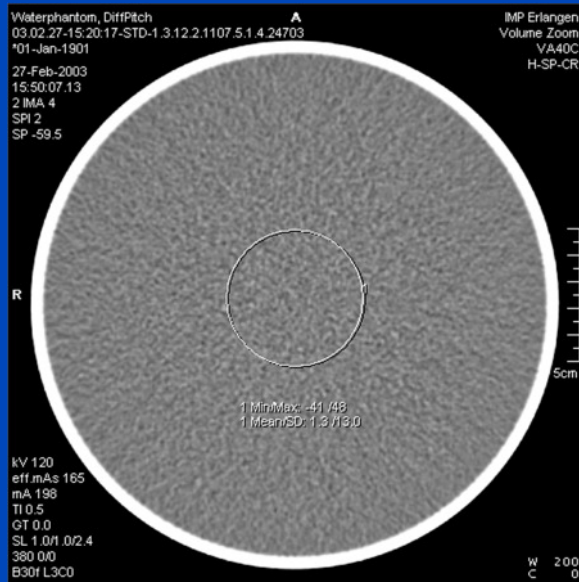
$$\text{mA} = \frac{\text{mAs}_{\text{eff}} \cdot \text{Pitch}}{\text{RotationTime}}$$

$$\text{Dose} \propto \text{mAs}_{\text{eff}}$$

The concept of selecting the mAs_{eff} guarantees pitch independent image noise and pitch independent patient dose. In addition, MSCT provides pitch independent axial resolution.

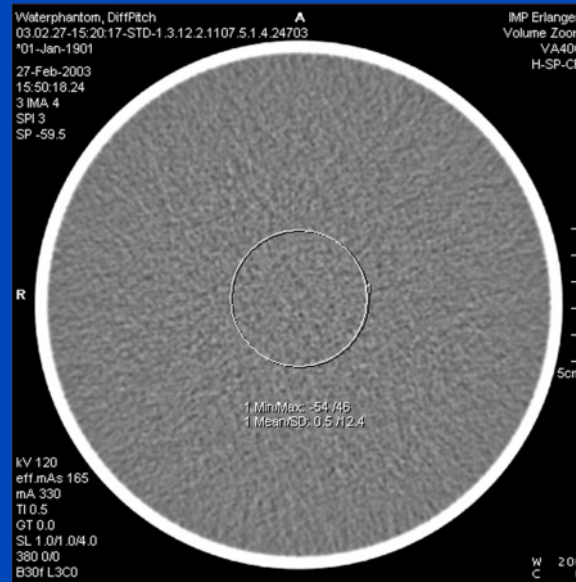
Water Phantom at 165 mAs_{eff}

**Scan 1
Pitch 0.6**



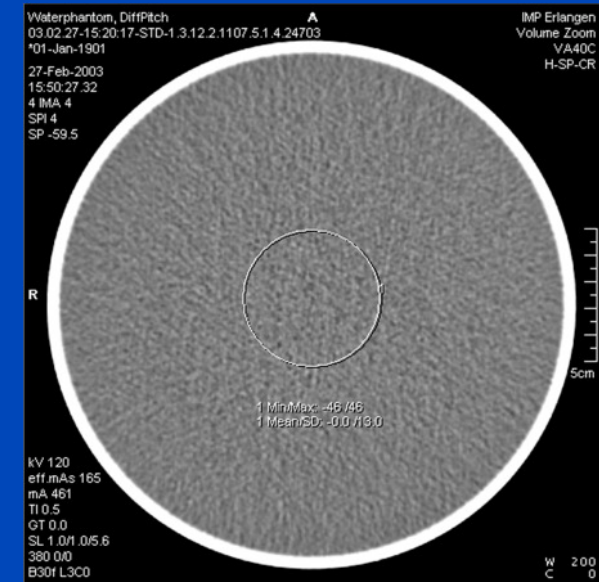
165 mAs_{eff} yields:
198 mA, $\sigma=13.0$ HU

**Scan 2
Pitch 1.0**



165 mAs_{eff} yields:
330 mA, $\sigma=12.4$ HU

**Scan 3
Pitch 1.4**

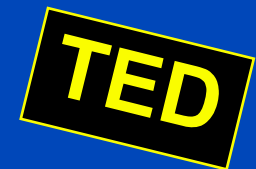


165 mAs_{eff} yields:
461 mA, $\sigma=13.0$ HU

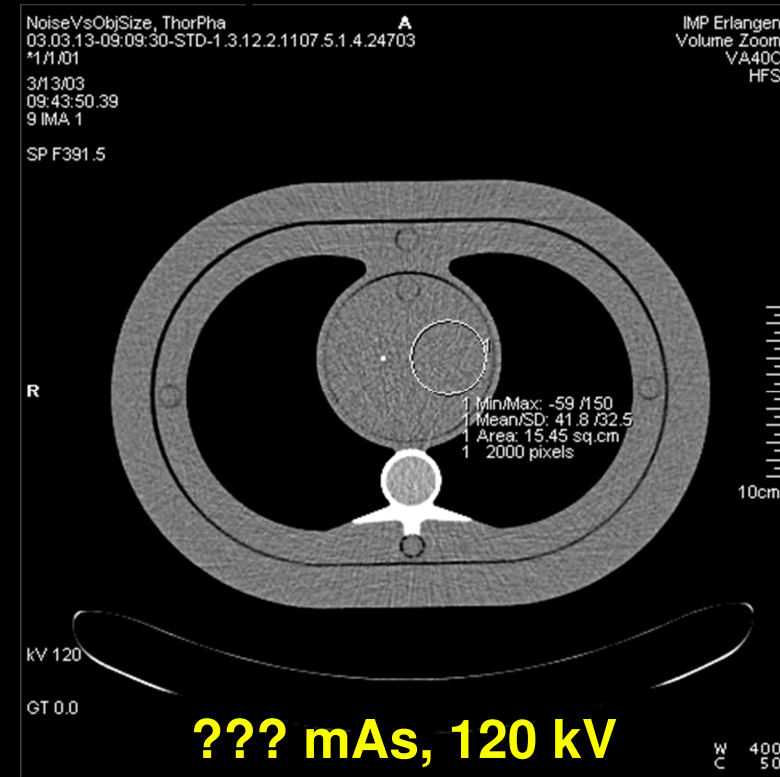
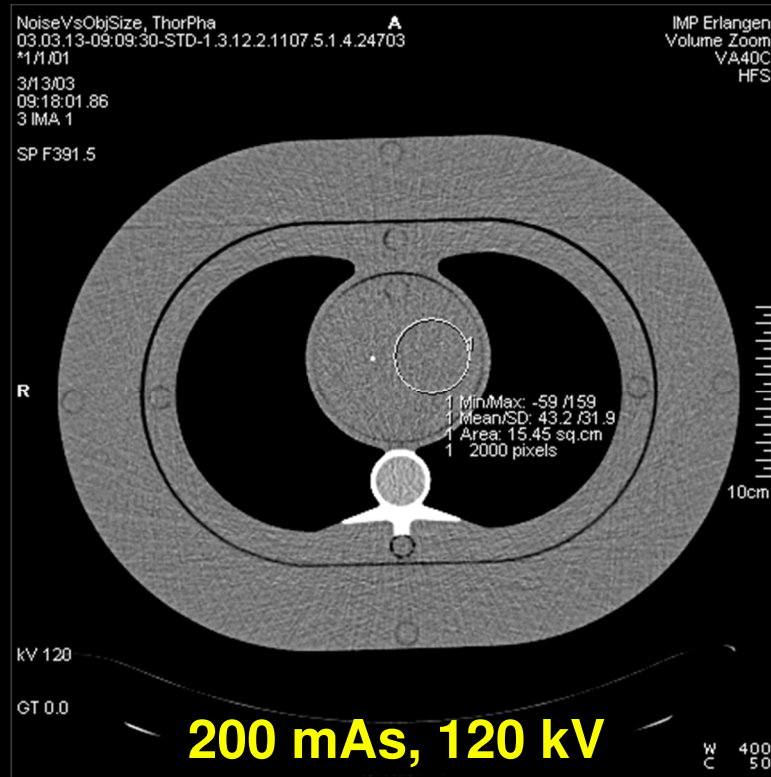
⇒ Same noise, same image quality and same dose with MSCT regardless of the pitch value!

Wie muss der mAs-Wert geändert werden, um das Bildpunktrauschen zu halbieren?

1. Man muss den mAs-Wert halbieren.
2. Der mAs-Wert muss mit $\sqrt{2} \approx 1,4$ multipliziert werden.
3. Der mAs-Wert sollte verdoppelt werden.
4. Der vierfache mAs-Wert muss gewählt werden.
5. Das Rauschen ist vom mAs-Wert unabhängig.



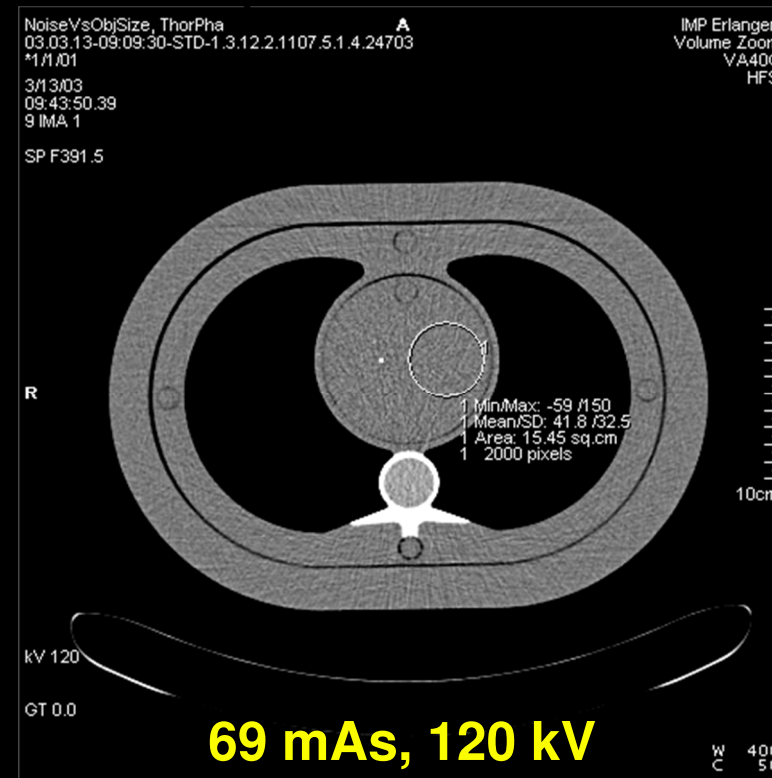
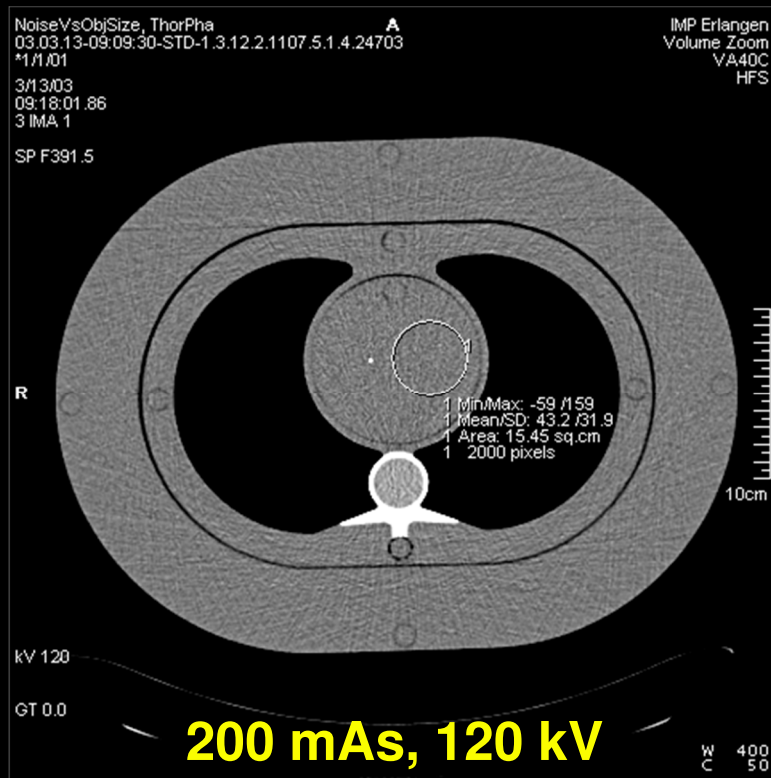
Patient Size vs. mAs at Constant Noise



How much would you reduce the tube current when the patient size is reduced by 5 cm?

- a) to 130 mAs b) to 100 mAs c) to 70 mAs

Patient Size vs. mAs at Constant Noise



| | 40 cm × 30 cm | 35 cm × 25 cm | HVL _{eff} |
|--------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 80 kV | 957 mAs | 287 mAs | 2.9 cm |
| 120 kV | 200 mAs | 69 mAs | 3.3 cm |
| 140 kV | 142 mAs | 51 mAs | 3.4 cm |

HVL_{eff} is the effective (wrt the phantom) half value layer

A young child with blonde hair is smiling and holding a sleeping baby. The child is wearing a blue and green patterned shirt. The baby is wearing a pink shirt with some text on it. The background is a wooden surface with holes.

Thank You!

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