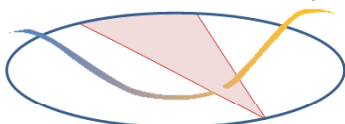


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Breast Tomography Project



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## Cancer Screening

Cancer screening aims to detect cancer before symptoms appear.

Lung Cancer — smokers — Low Dose CT

Breast Cancer — women — Mammogram

Prostate Cancer — men — PSA (blood test)

Colon Cancer — people > 50 — Colonoscopy

## Breast Cancer Statistics (2006)

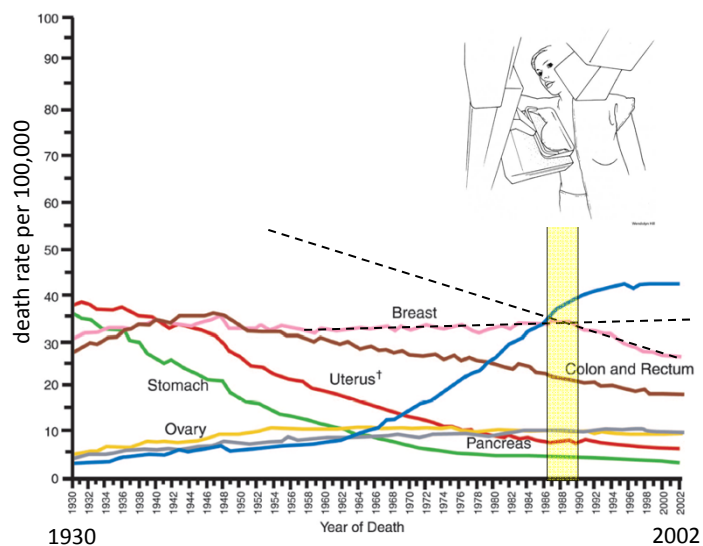
212,290 new cases

40,970 deaths

1 / 8 women will get breast cancer (12.5%)

Ravdin, *et al.*, NEJM

## Cancer Incidence and Screening



Jemal A, *et al.*, Cancer Statistics 2006

### Mammography: Standard of Care

The diagram illustrates the standard of care for mammography. On the left, a human figure shows the breast area. Two views are detailed: CC (Craniocaudal) and MLO (Mediolateral Oblique). The CC view shows a top-down perspective with red arrows indicating the direction of X-ray beams. The MLO view shows a side perspective with red arrows indicating the direction of X-ray beams. To the right, two grayscale mammography images are shown, labeled CC and MLO, corresponding to the views described.

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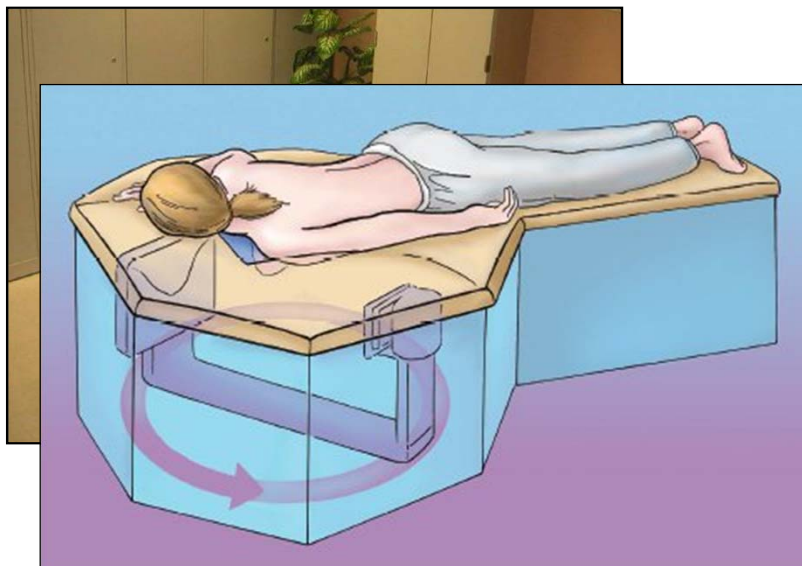
### Breast CT

### Mammography

This slide compares Breast CT and Mammography. On the left, a 3D model of a breast is shown, with a stack of axial CT slices below it. A red dot on one slice is connected by a dashed line to a vertical blue bar. On the right, a mammography setup is shown with a breast between a 'compression paddle' and a 'detector'. A red arrow points from the paddle to the detector. Below this, a mammography image shows a red dot on the breast, with a dashed line connecting it to the vertical blue bar, indicating the same anatomical location as in the Breast CT image.

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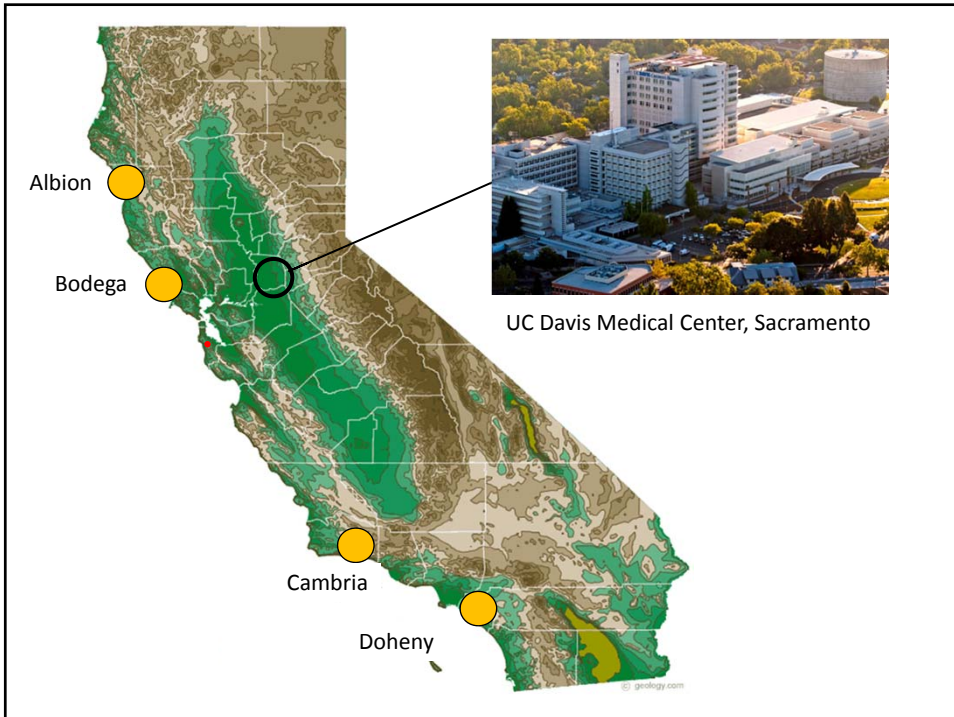
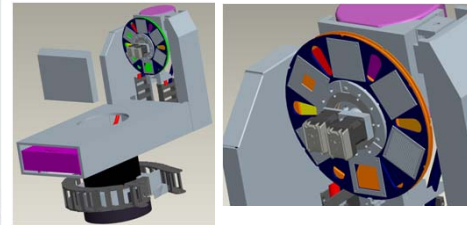
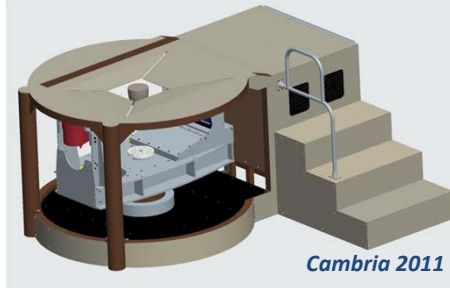
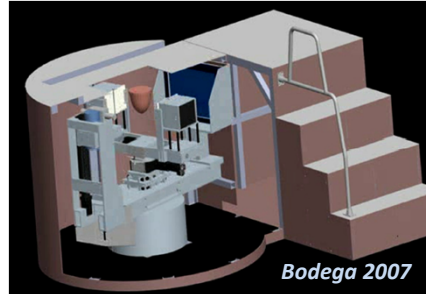
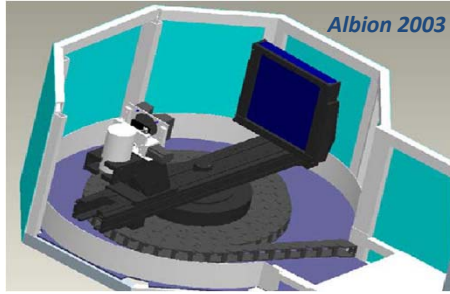
## Dedicated Breast CT

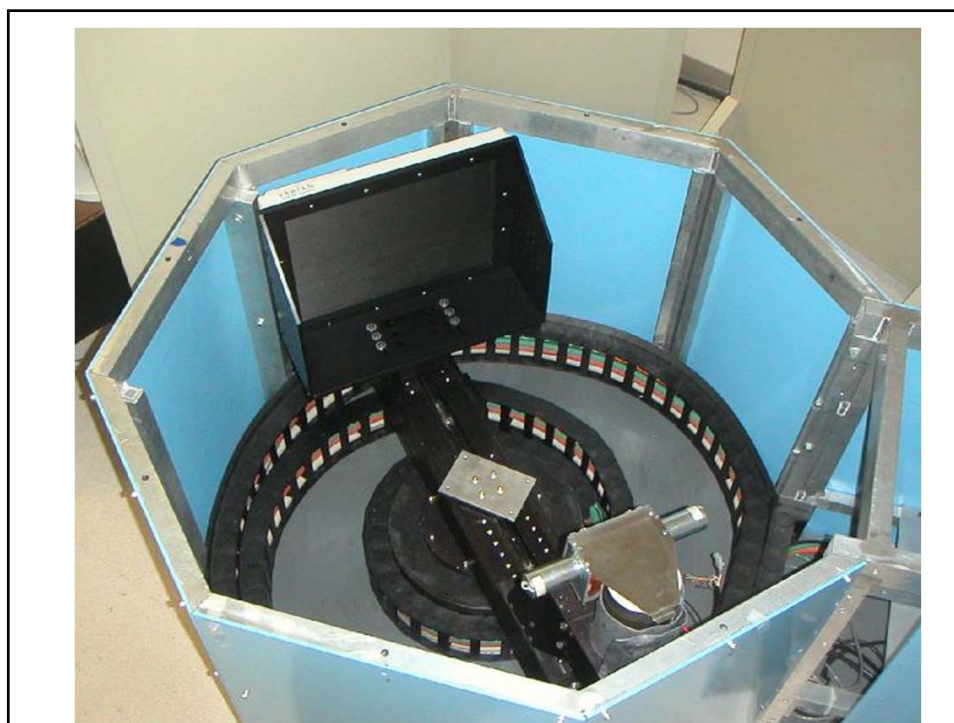


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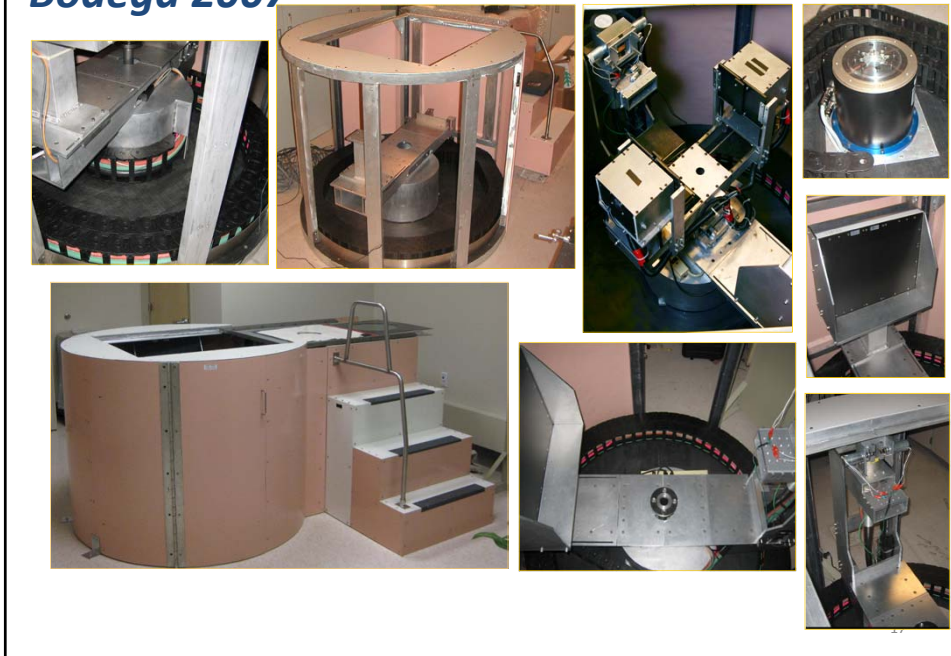
Computer aided design / computer aided manufacture (CAD/CAM)







## Bodega 2007



## Components (Albion and Bodega)



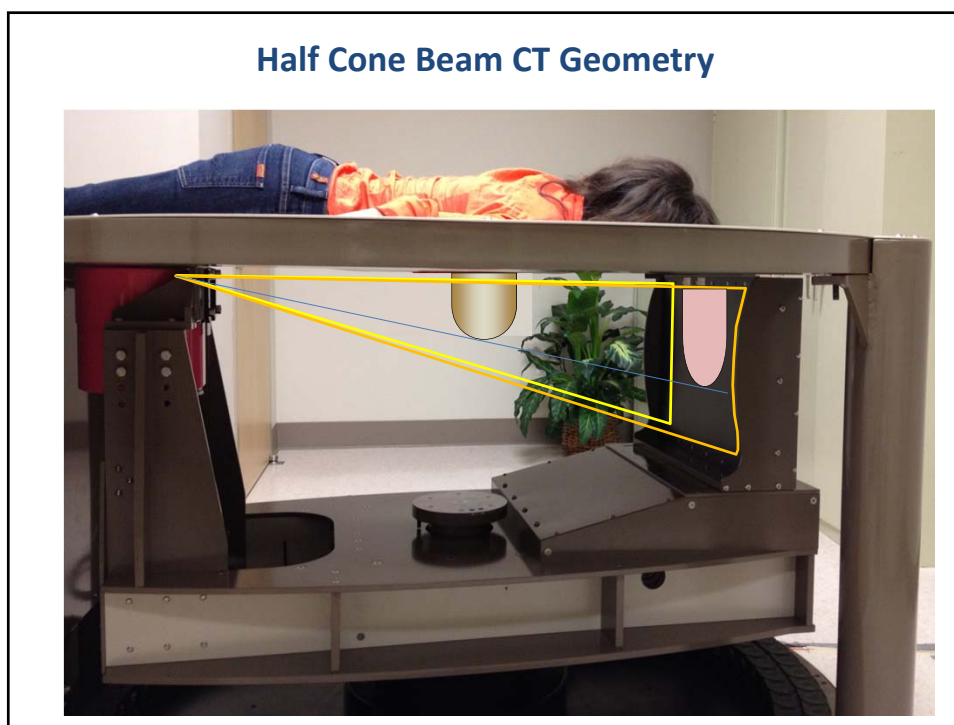
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 194  $\mu\text{m}$  pixels  
 2x2 388  $\mu\text{m}$   
 1024 x 768 x 30 FPS



Kollmorgen  
 Servo Motor  
 Propulsion  
 Bearing  
 Angle Encoder



Comet 1 kW Tube



### Components (Cambria and Doheny)



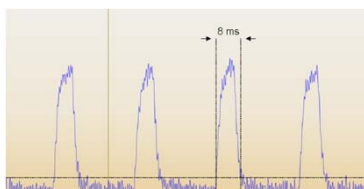
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Dexela 2329  
.075 mm pixels  
26 FPS / CMOS  
70 FPS @ 2x2



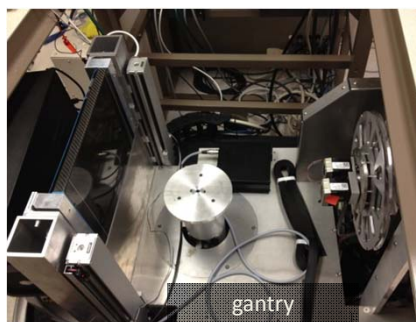
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### Doheny Fabrication



frame



gantry



switch box

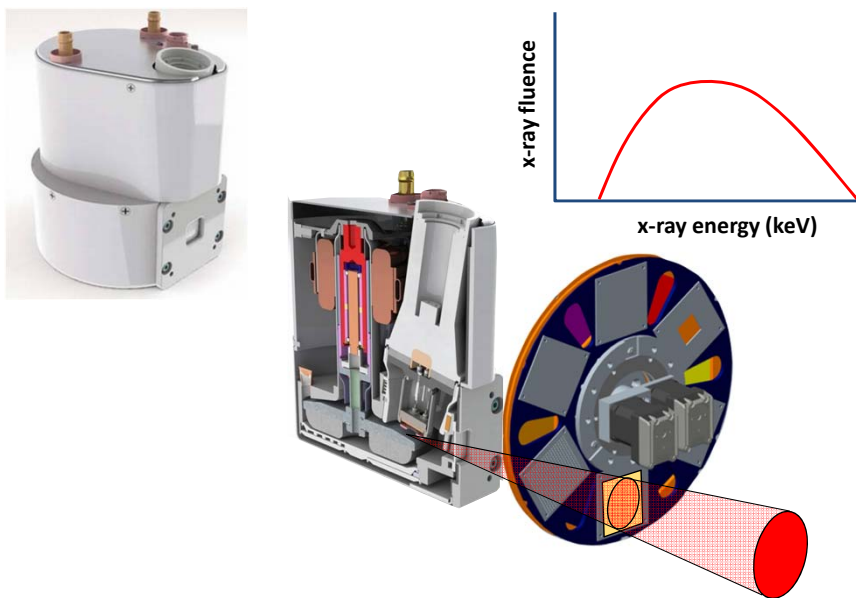


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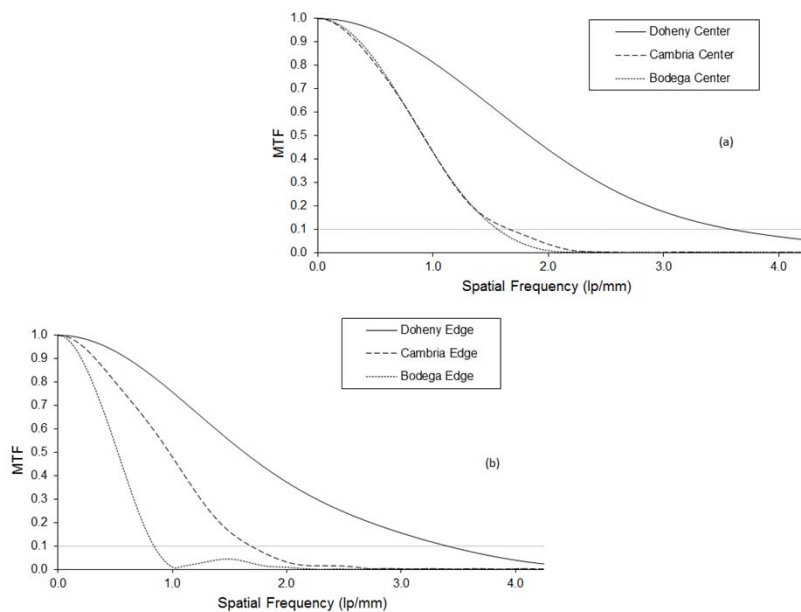
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## Engineering impacts physics



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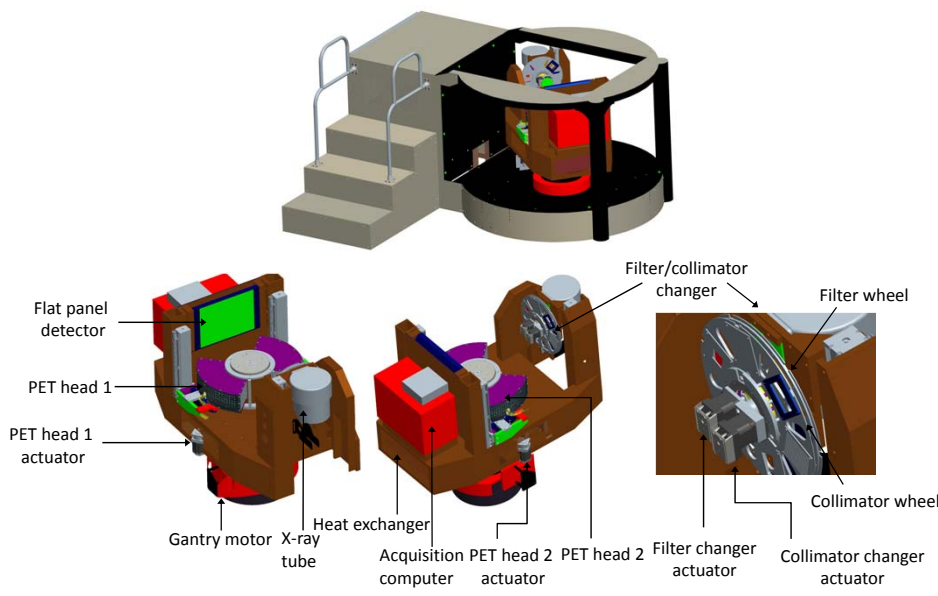
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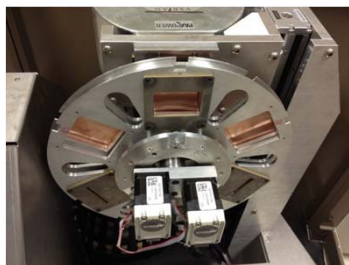


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## Doheny: Software Control of Hardware Components



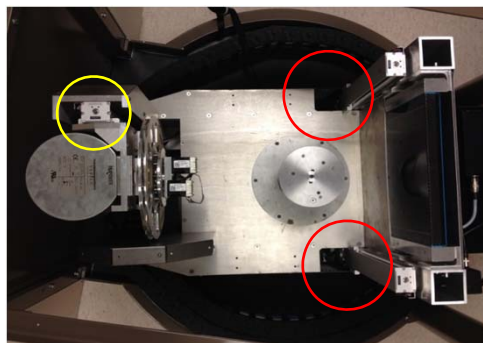


2 NEMA #17 stepping motors

3 NEMA #23 stepping motors for vertical translation of PET heads (2) and x-ray tube (1)



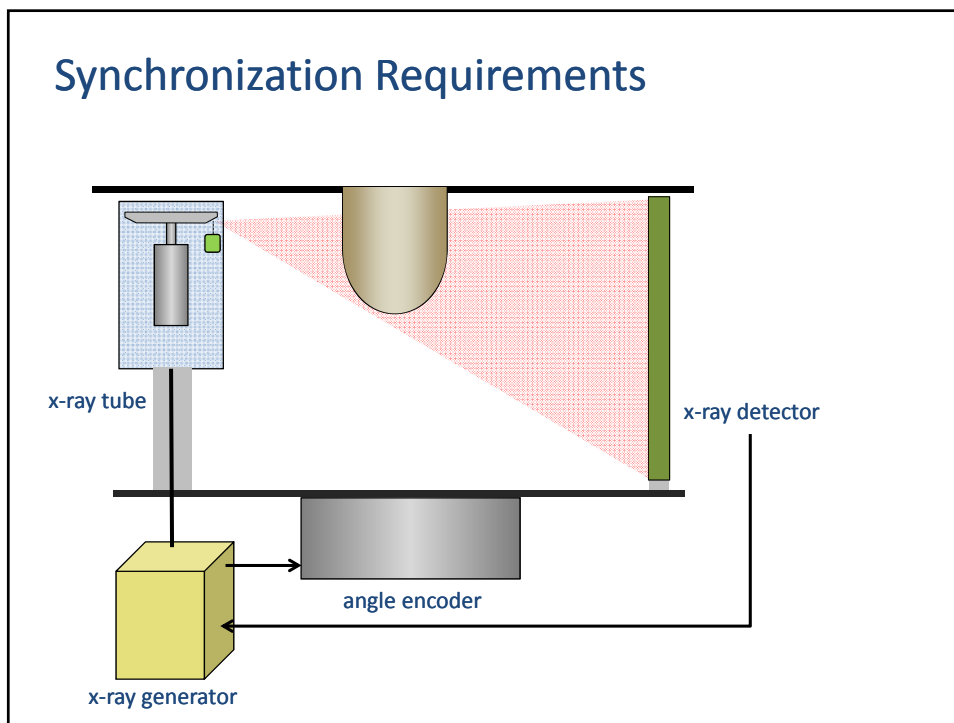
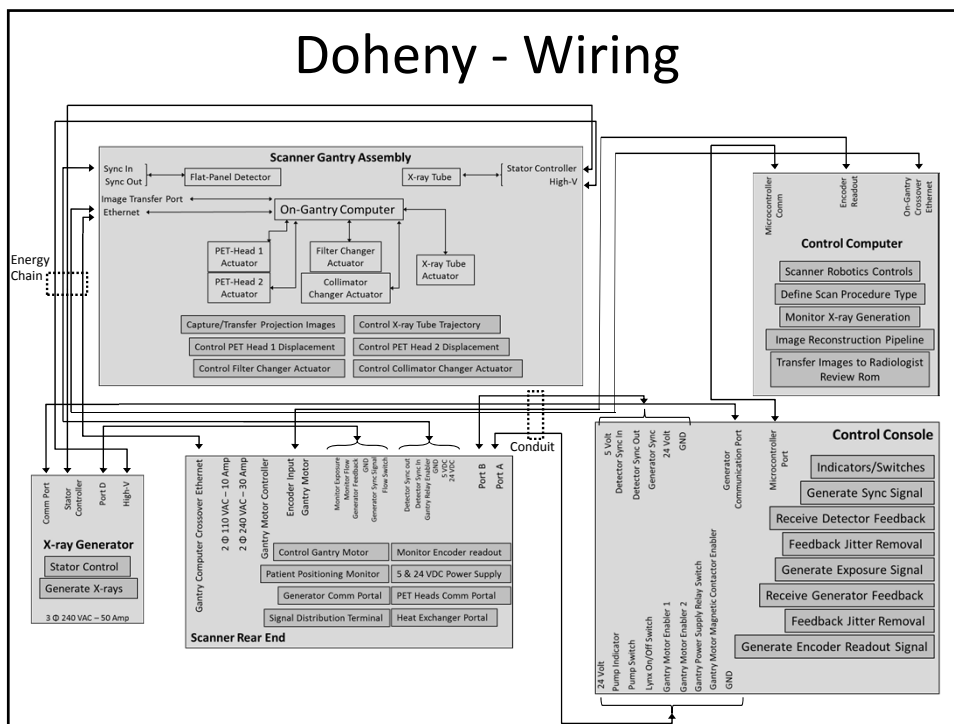
Yaskawa gantry servo motor / bearing system / angle encoder / TTL & RS232 console language

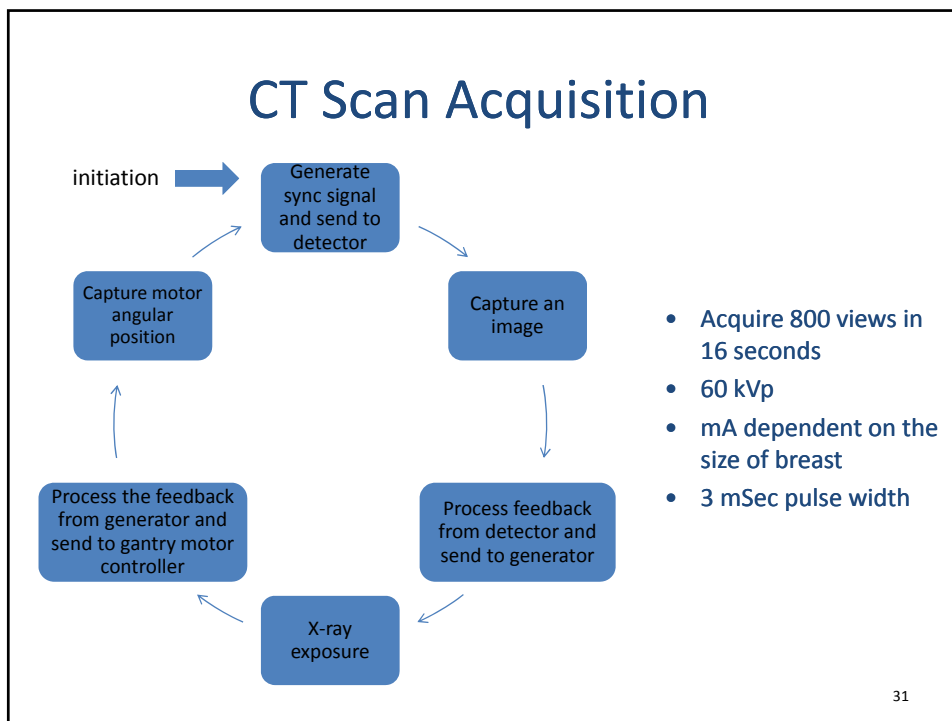


Arduino micro-controller



Stepping motor with integrated controller (uses programmable firmware)

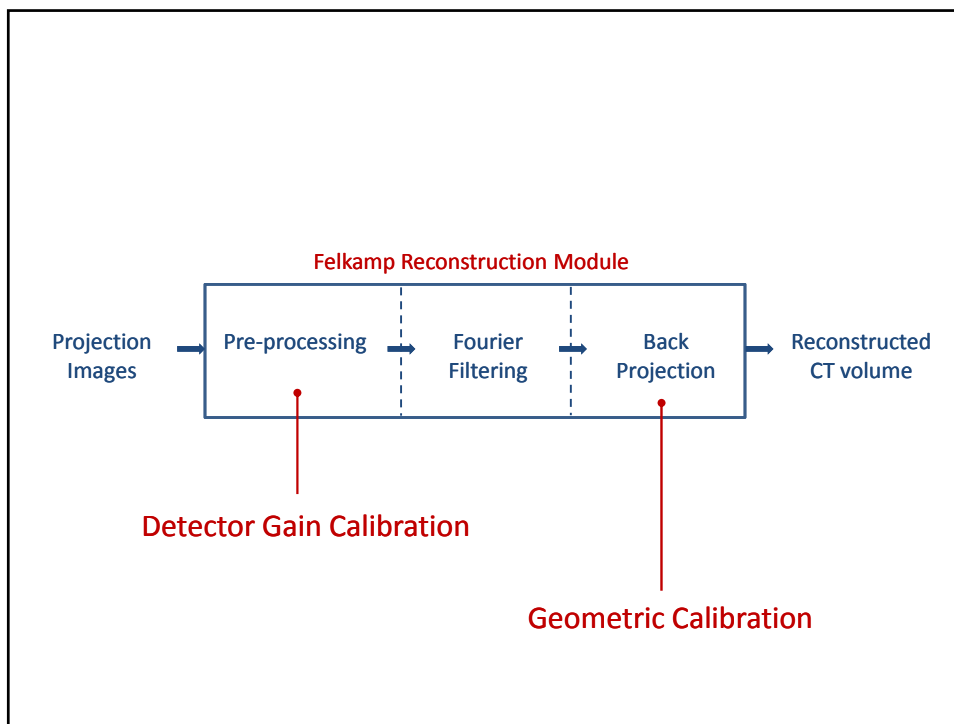




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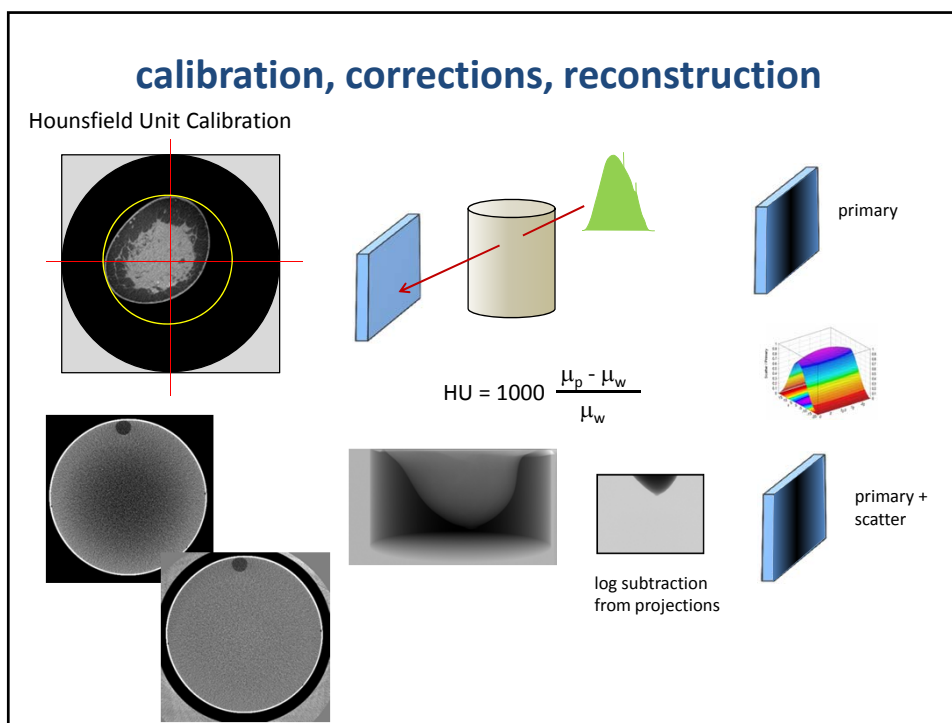
## calibration, corrections, reconstruction

**Flat Field Correction**

$$I_{corr} = \bar{g} \left[ \frac{I_{raw} - I_{r-offset}}{I_{grain} - I_{g-offset}} \right]$$

**Geometric Calibration**

$$u_{wr} = y_{obj} \cdot \frac{D + u_{wr} \cdot \sin \phi}{C + x_{obj}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \phi}, \quad y_{wr} = z_{obj} \cdot \frac{D + u_{wr} \cdot \sin \phi}{C + x_{obj}}$$

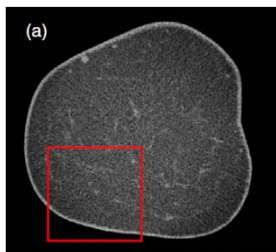


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Reconstruction Algorithm (2): **constrained TV minimization**



**Investigation of iterative image reconstruction in low-dose breast CT**

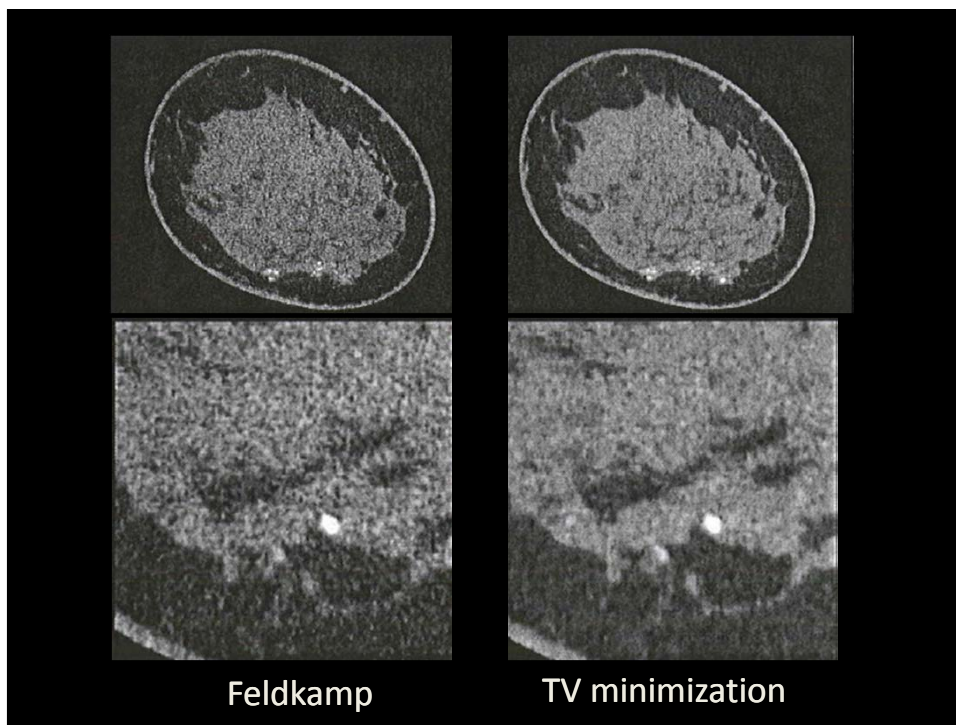
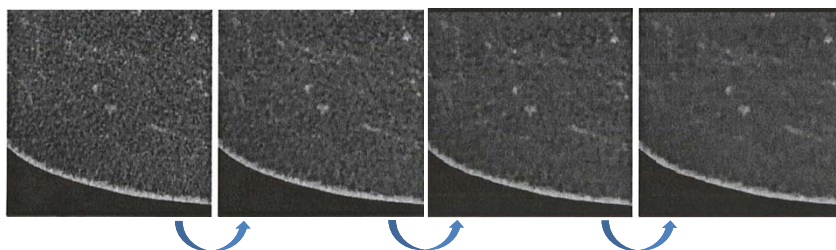
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Feldkamp

TV minimization

## Reconstruction Algorithm (3): denoising projections

Dedicated breast computed tomography: Volume image denoising via a partial-diffusion equation based technique

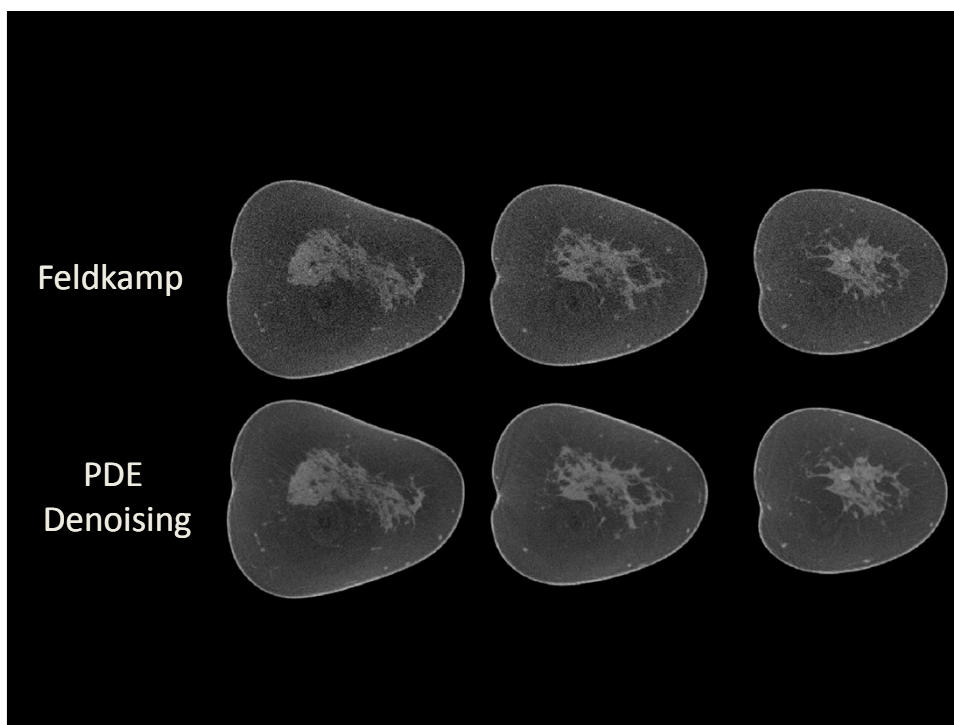
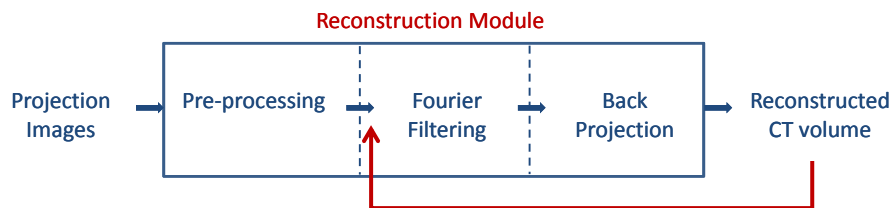
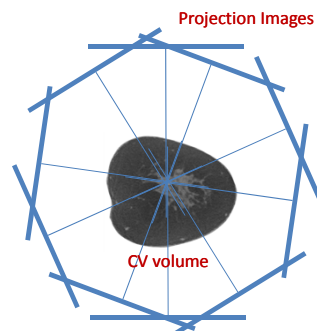
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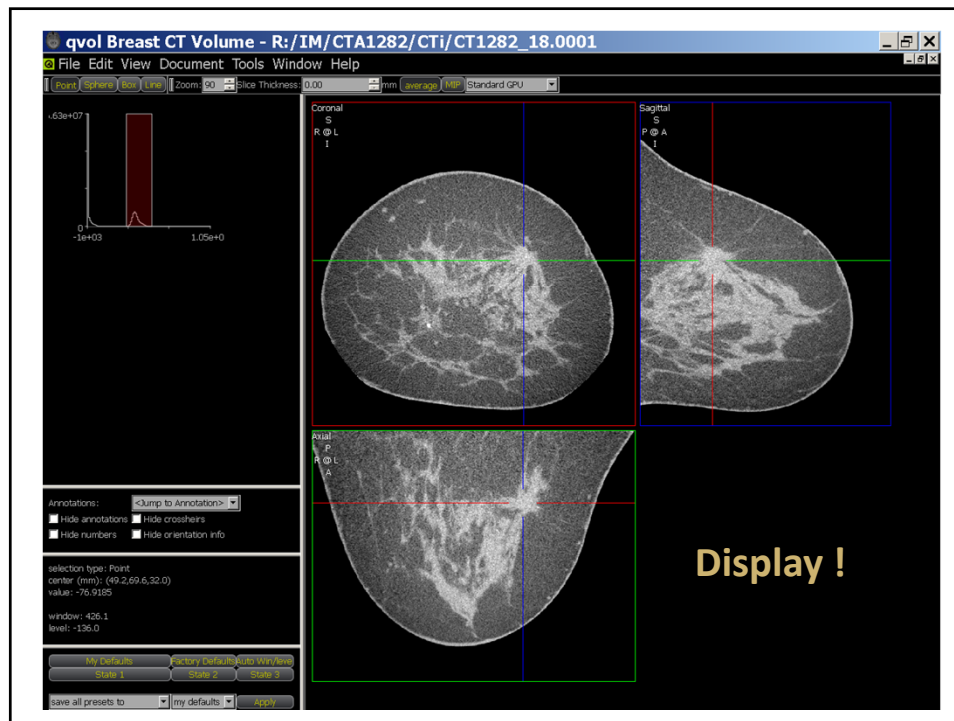
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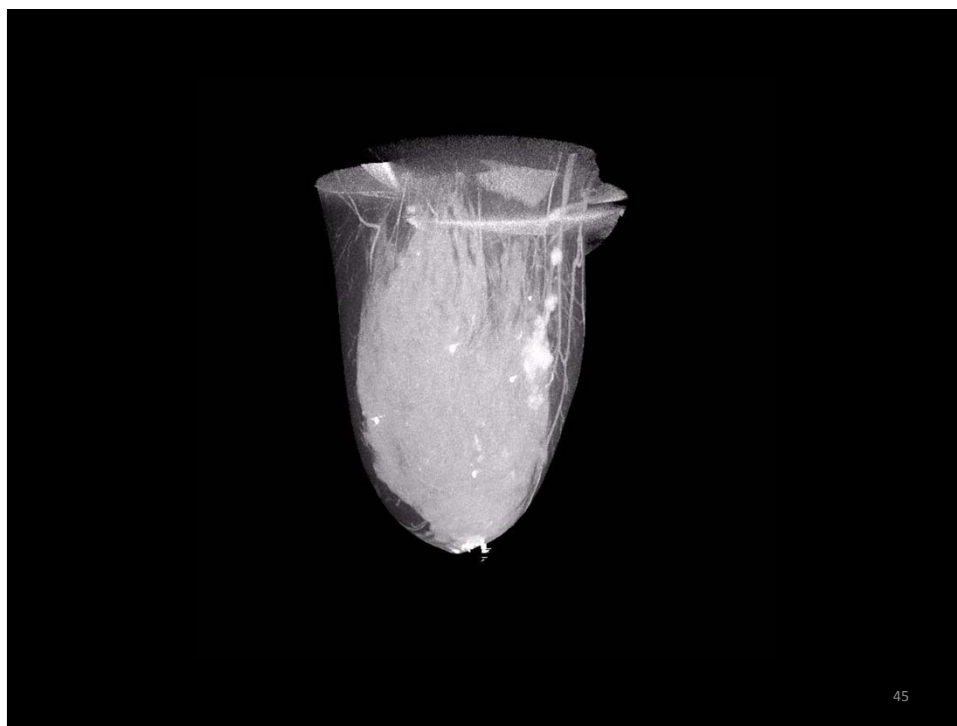
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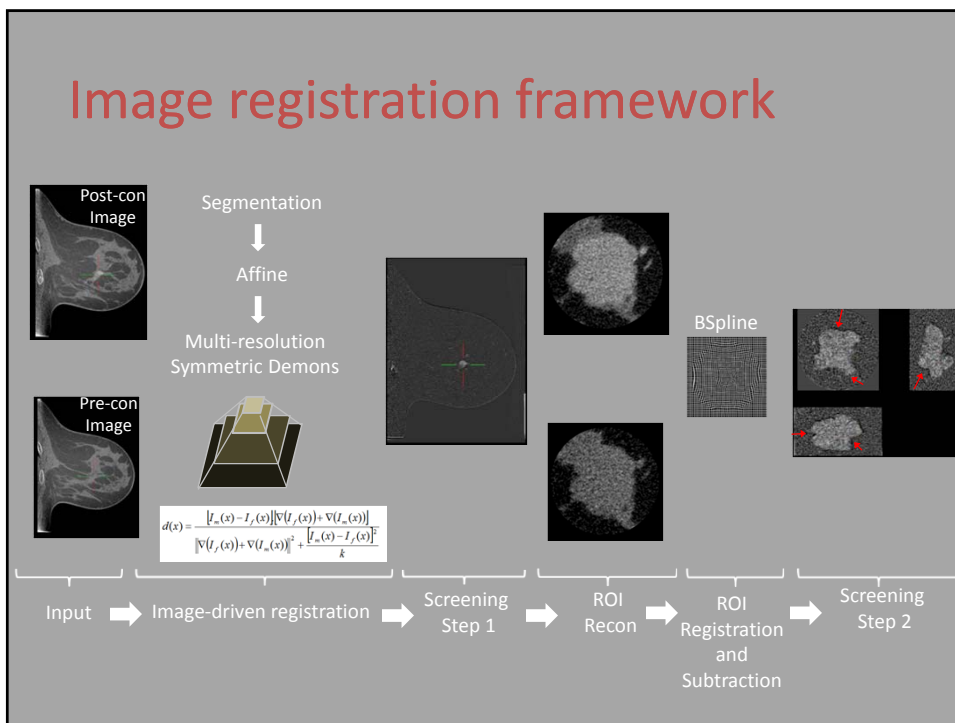
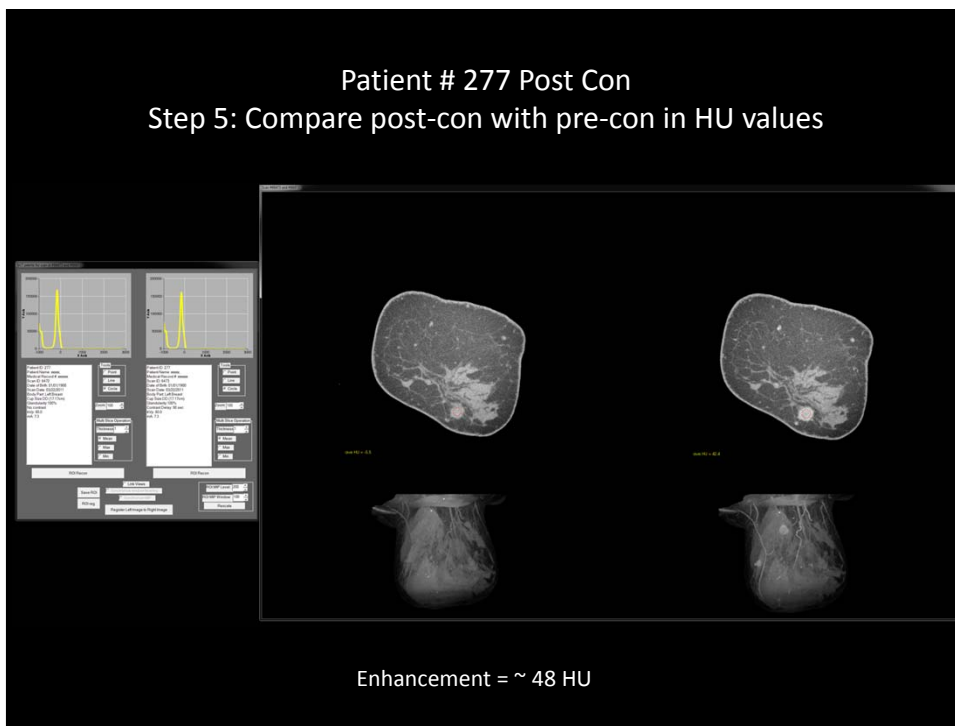


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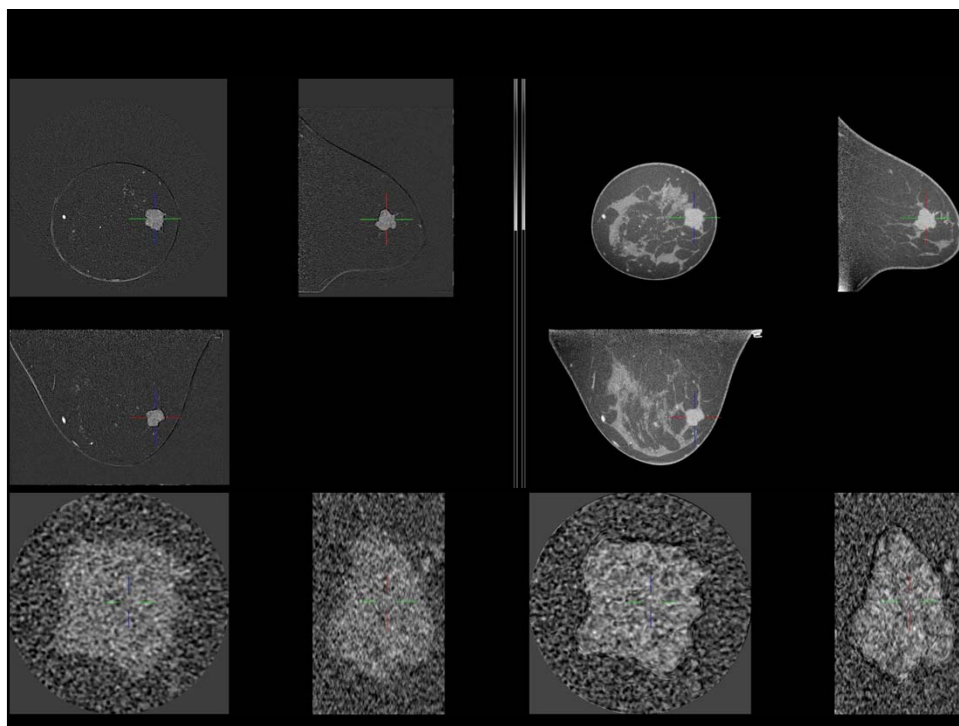
The image displays a software interface for breast imaging analysis. On the left, there is a data panel with a graph showing a peak. The graph has a y-axis labeled 'Counts' and an x-axis labeled 'Energy (keV)'. Below the graph, there is a table of data:

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Scan Parameters	CT

On the right, there are four 3D visualizations of the breast specimen, showing different views: a side view, a top view, a bottom view, and a front view. Each view shows the internal vascular structures and the overall shape of the specimen. The background is black.

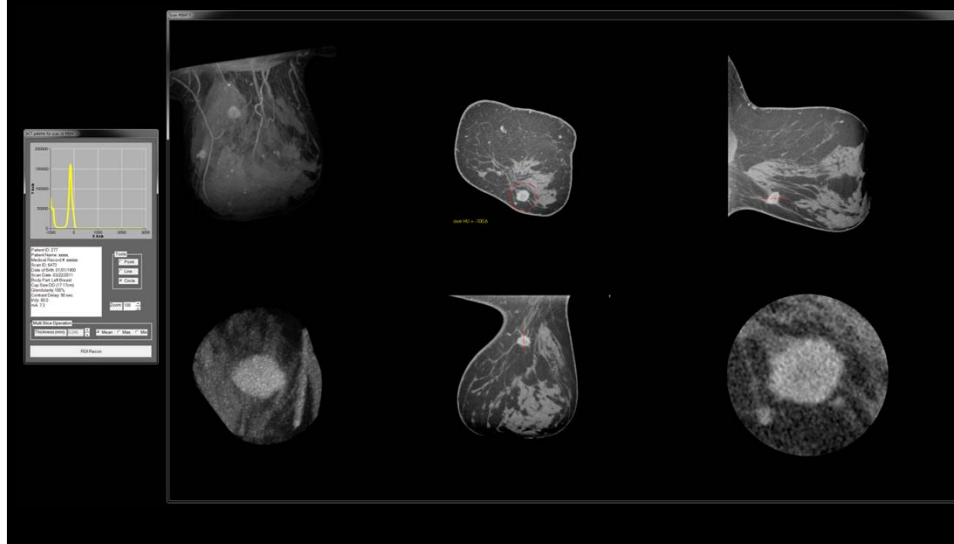






Patient # 277 Post Con  
Step 2: Compare with registered/subtracted dataset

## Patient # 277 Post Con Step 3: ROI Recon



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## Detector Performance

➔ Noise (texture) Analysis (NPS)

Spatial Resolution Analysis (MTF)

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## Detector Performance (noise)

total noise

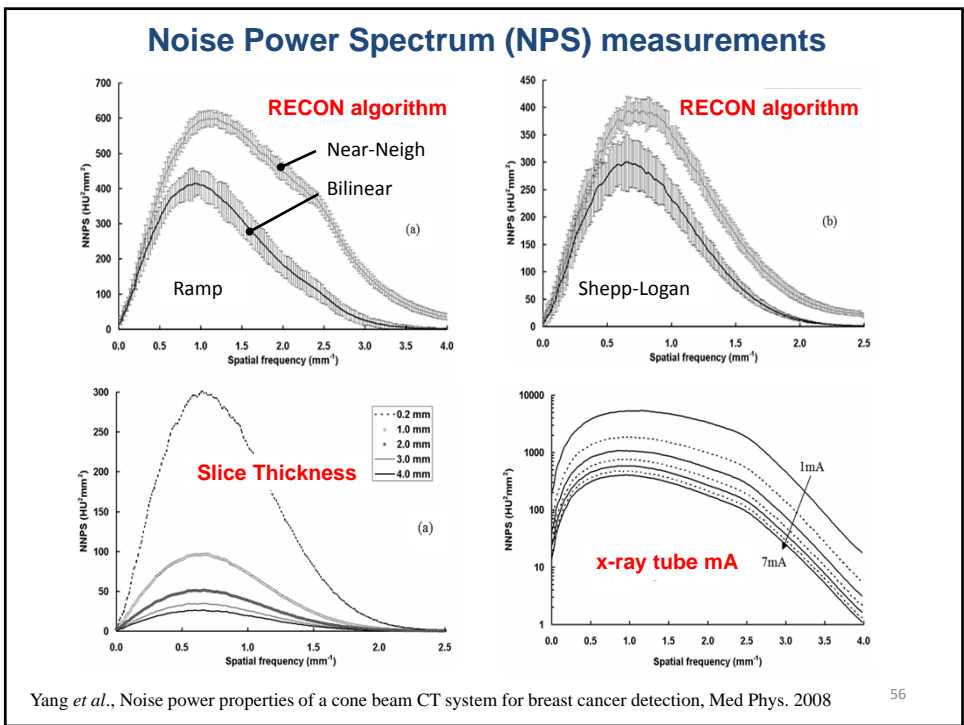
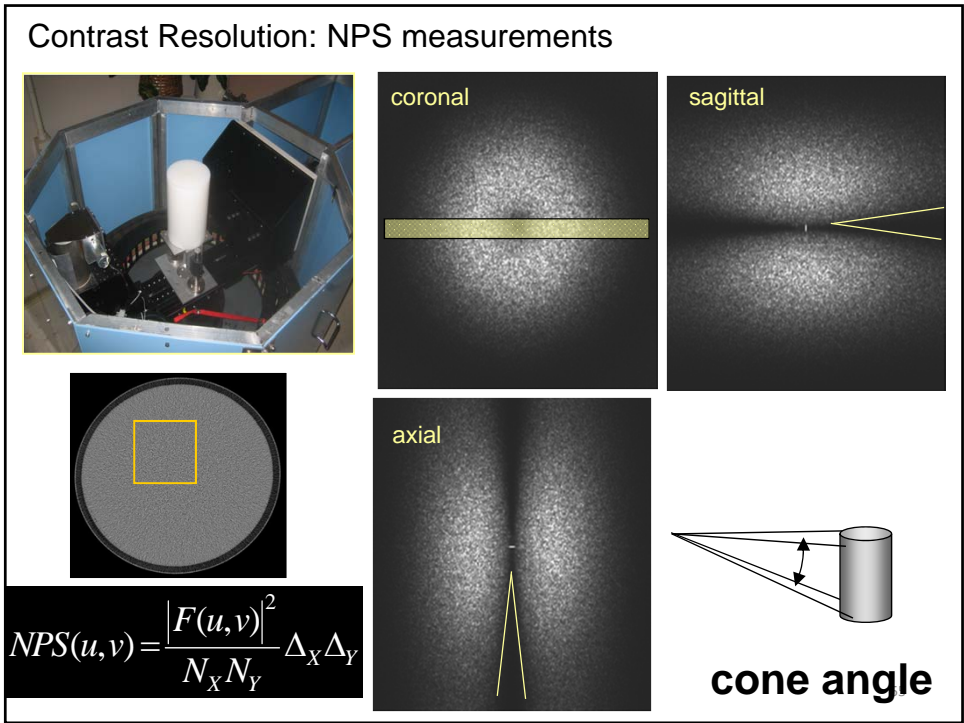
anatomical noise

quantum noise

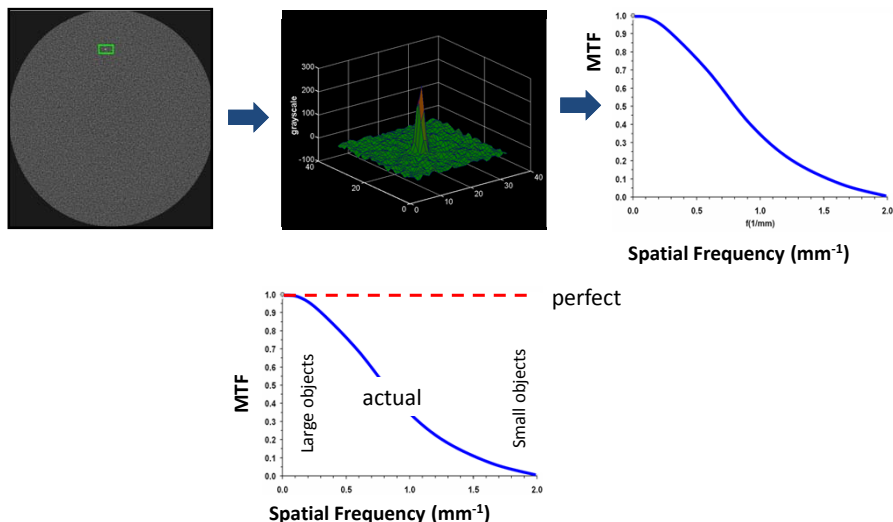
$$\text{NPS}(f) = \text{NPS}_a(f) + \text{NPS}_q(f)$$

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of total noise into anatomical and quantum noise. A vertical arrow points from 'total noise' down to the equation. Two curved arrows point from 'anatomical noise' and 'quantum noise' to the terms  $\text{NPS}_a(f)$  and  $\text{NPS}_q(f)$  in the equation, respectively.

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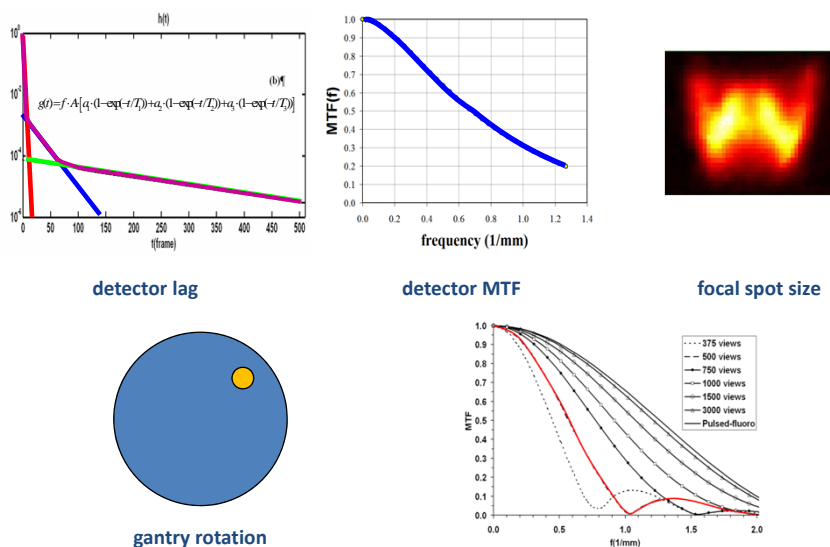


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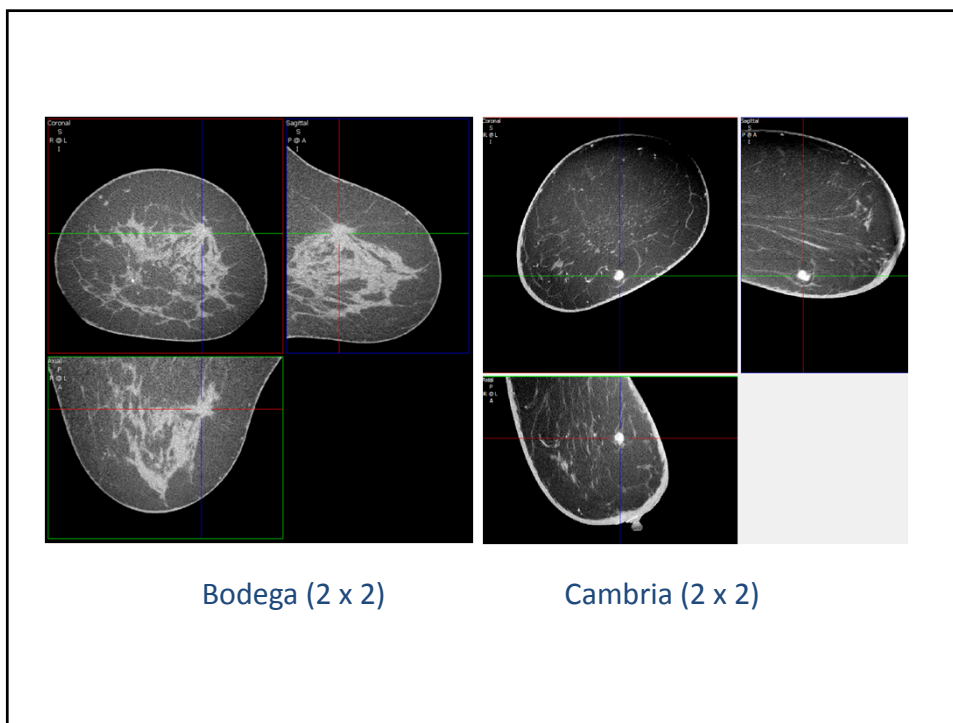
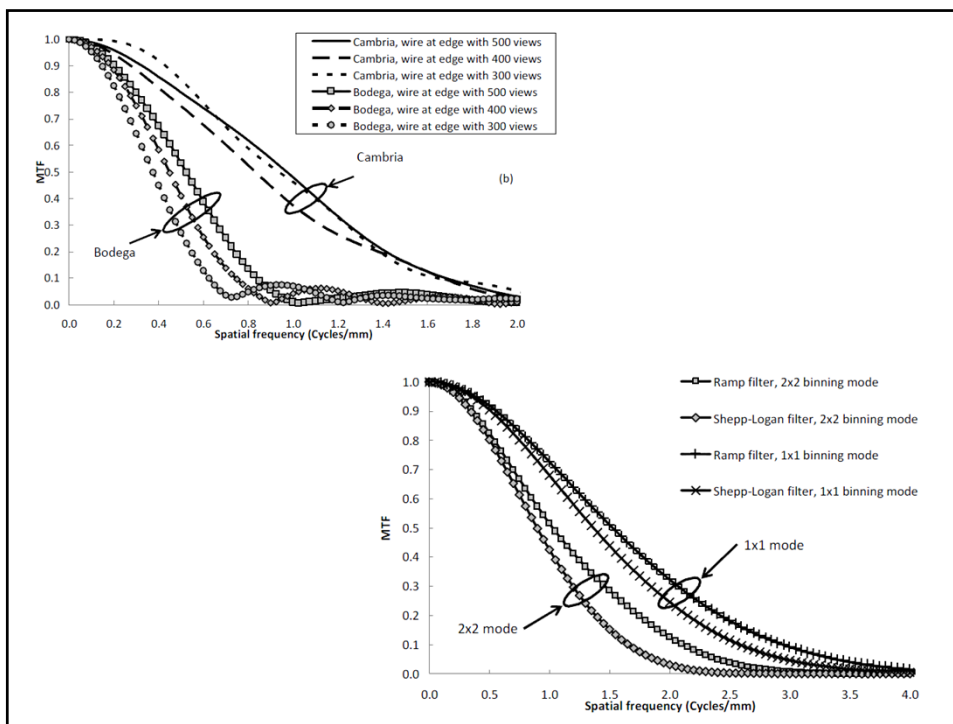


Kwan *et al.*, Evaluation of the spatial resolution characteristics of a cone beam breast CT scanner, Med Phys 2005

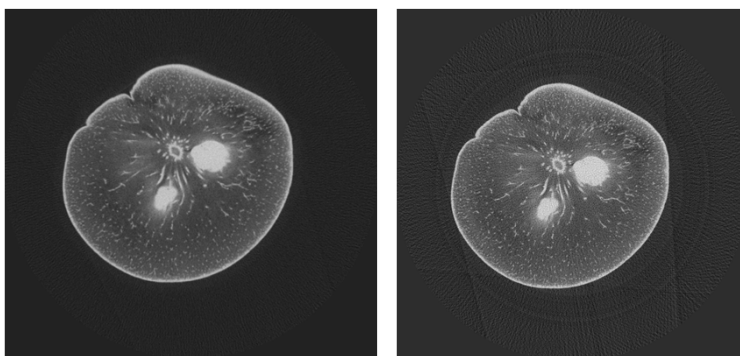
## Spatial Resolution: Computer Modeling MTF



Yang *et al.*, Computer modeling of the spatial resolution properties of a dedicated breast CT system, Med Phys 2008



### Cambria: Detector binning mode 1x1 versus 2x2 mode

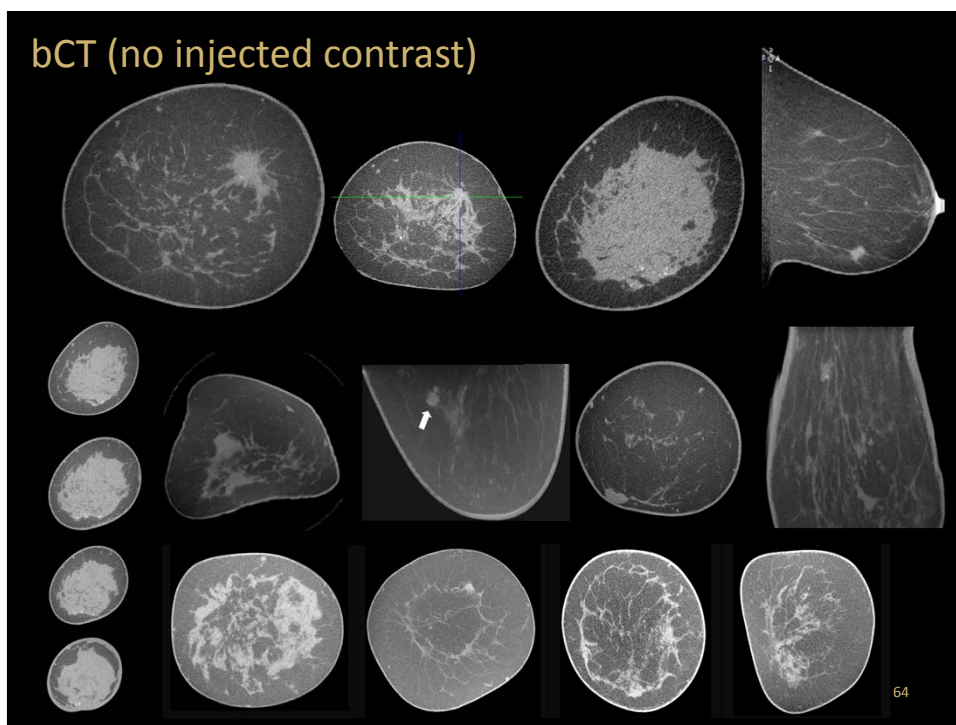
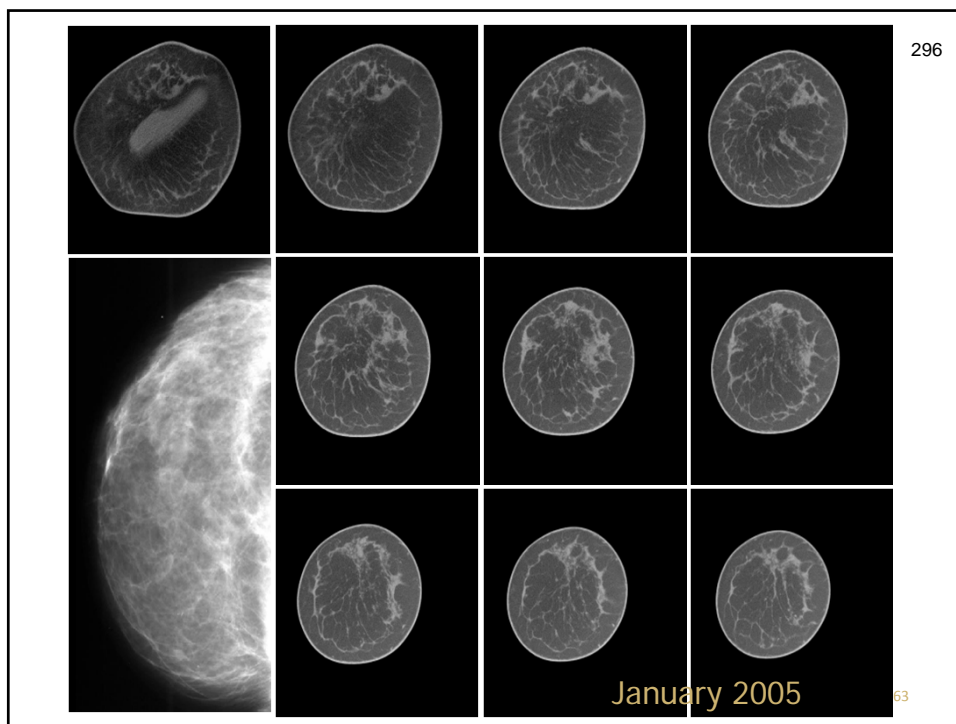


2x2 mode: 500 views

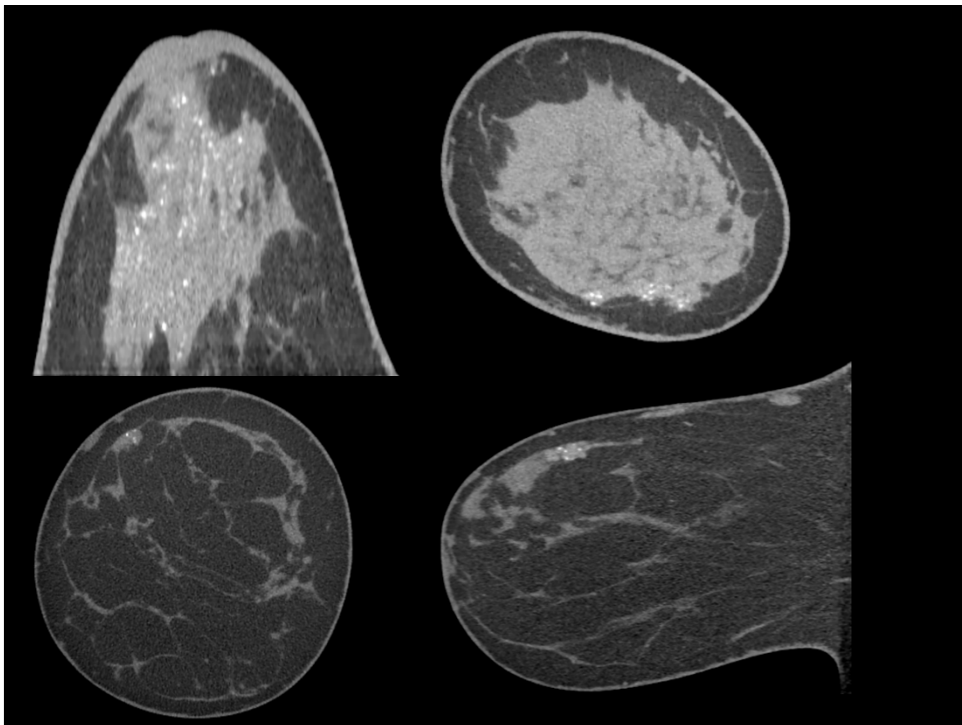
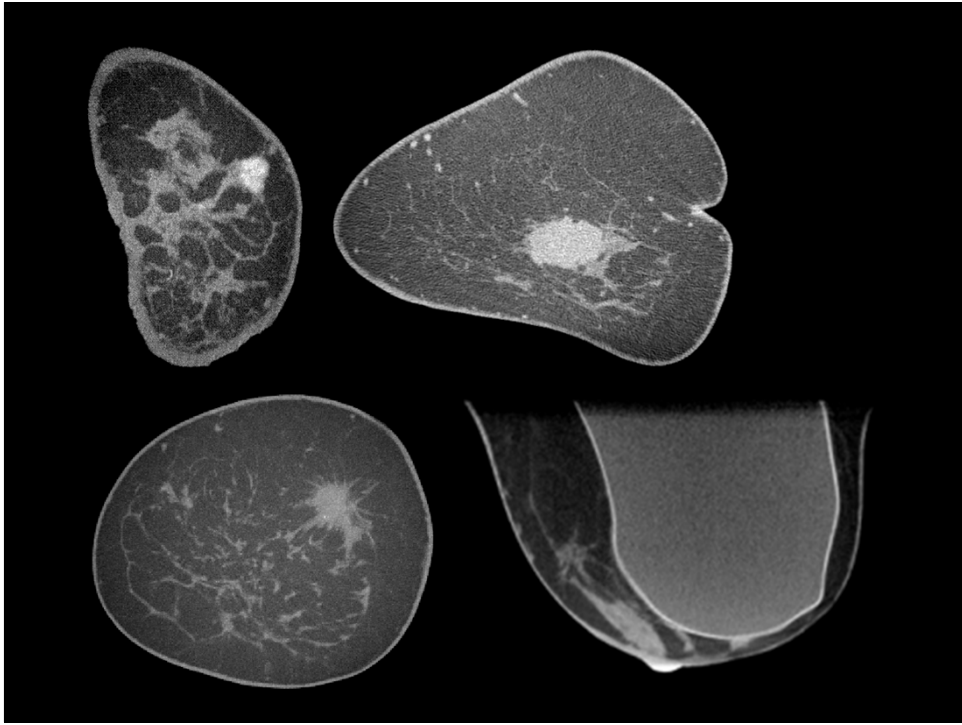
1x1 mode: 285 views

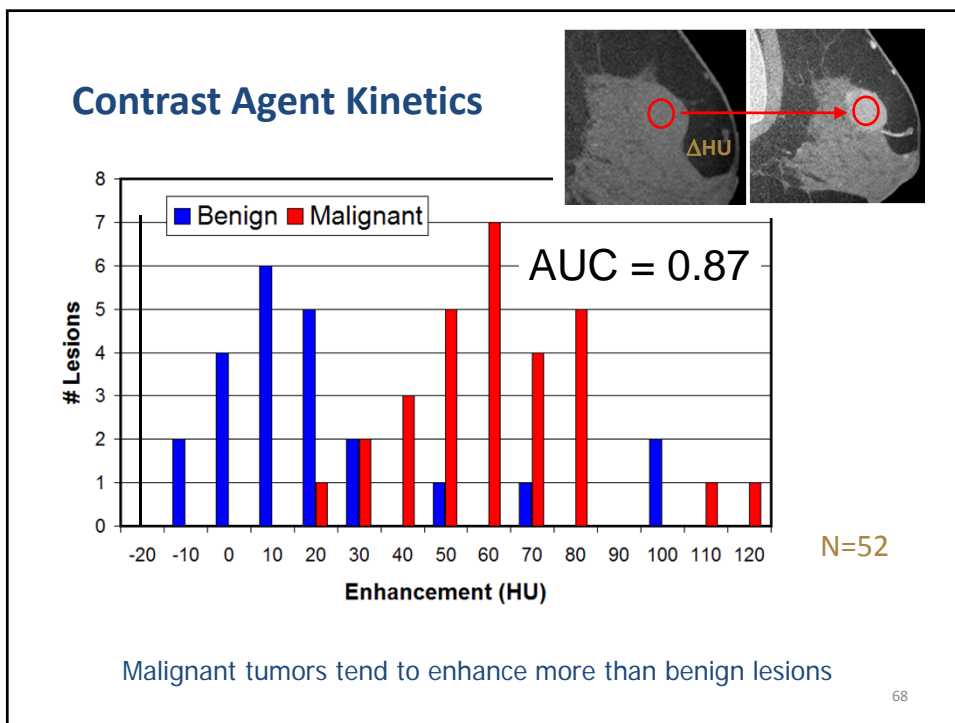
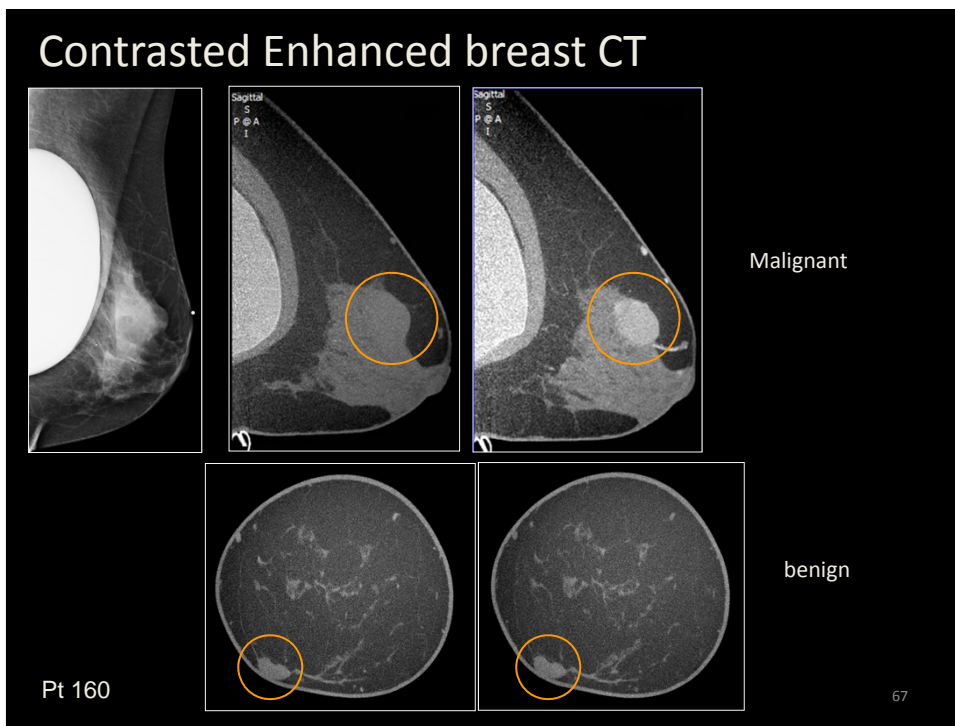
## Clinical Imaging

- Over 600 women on UC Davis scanners
- Image women with suspicion of BC
- Informed consent / HIPAA compliant
- 16 second scan (breath hold)
- 500 projection images (1024 x 768)
- 30 frame / sec acquisition rate
- About 200 have had contrast injection
- Radiation dose same as 2V mammography
- Image reconstruction 512<sup>3</sup> or better









Radiology

## Dedicated Breast CT: Initial Clinical Experience<sup>1</sup>

2008

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Kai Yang, MS  
Alexander L. C. Kwan, PhD<sup>2</sup>  
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**Purpose:** To prospectively and intraindividually compare dedicated breast computed tomographic (CT) images with screen-film mammograms.

**Materials and Methods:** All patient studies were performed according to protocols approved by the institutional review board and Radiation Use Committee.

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## Contrast-enhanced Dedicated Breast CT: Initial Clinical Experience<sup>1</sup>

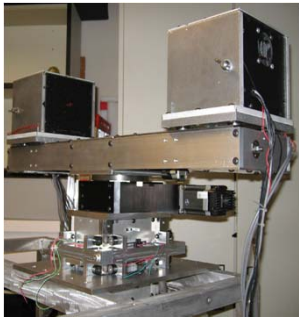
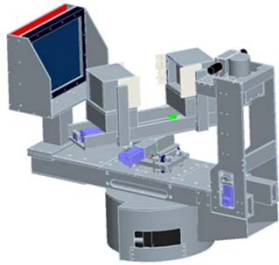
2010


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**Purpose:** To quantify contrast material enhancement of breast lesions scanned with dedicated breast computed tomography (CT) and to compare their conspicuity with that of unenhanced breast CT and mammography.



**Materials and Methods:** Approval of the institutional review board and the Radiation Use Committee and written informed consent were obtained from all patients.

## PET / CT for dedicated breast imaging

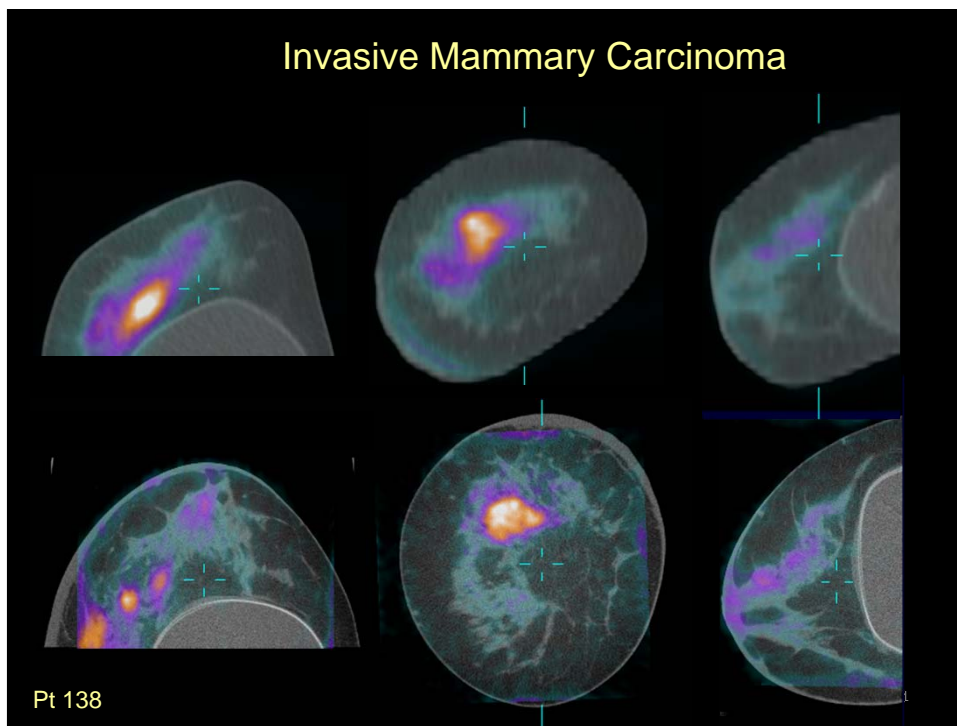





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Scanning of the unopacified breast with dedicated breast PET/CT can accurately show suspected lesions in 3 dimensions. Protocol here uses the CT, PET, and fused images of a 65-year-old patient who presented with a palpable, mammographically evident 2.5-cm irregular focal mass at the 6 o'clock position in the breast (top image). A separate set of uptake as seen on PET are shown (middle image) and fused as seen on CT.

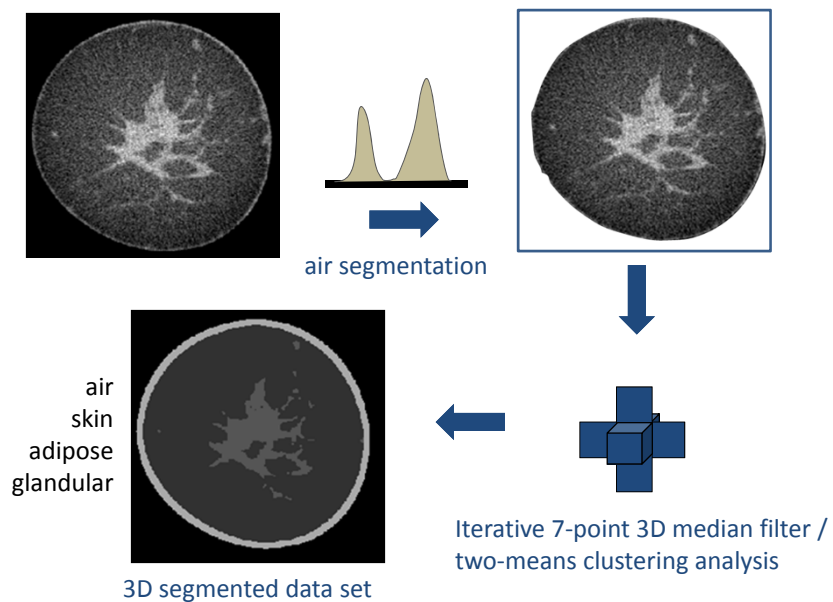
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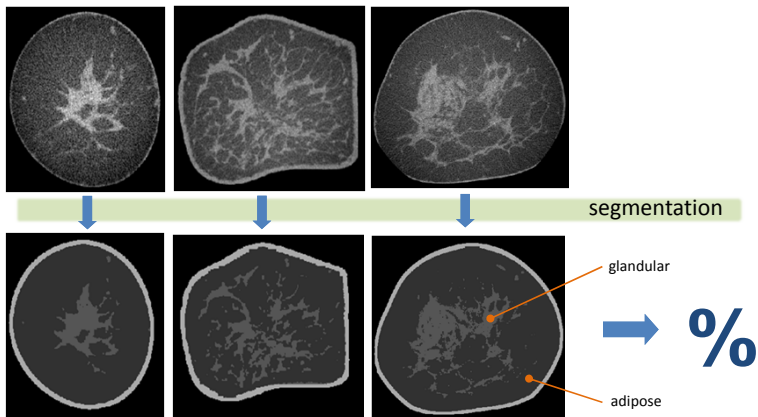
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## Image Segmentation



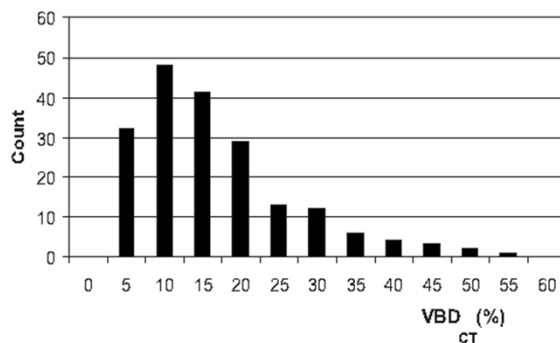
## Breast Density Analysis



risk assessment & dosimetry  
validation of 2D approaches (M. Yaffe)

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$N = 138$   
 $\bar{x} = 12.3\%$   
 $\sigma = 8.5\%$

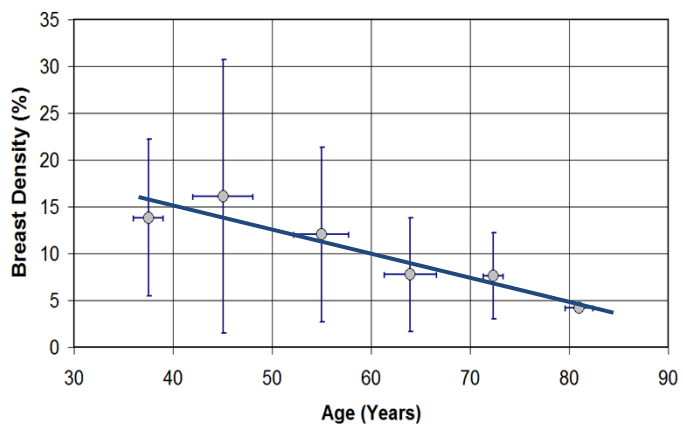


### The myth of the 50-50 breast

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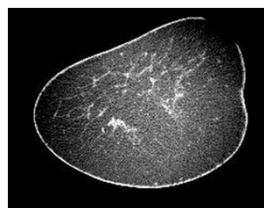
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### 2.5% loss in breast density every decade

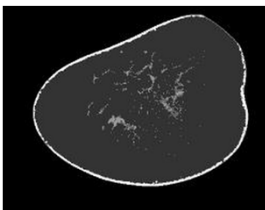


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### Mathematical Flat Fielding of Breast CT images



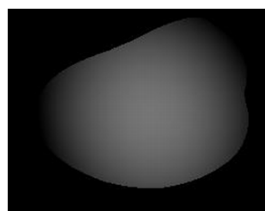
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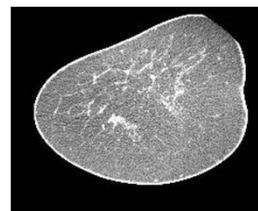
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$$\mathbf{g}_A = \mathbf{Q}_A \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

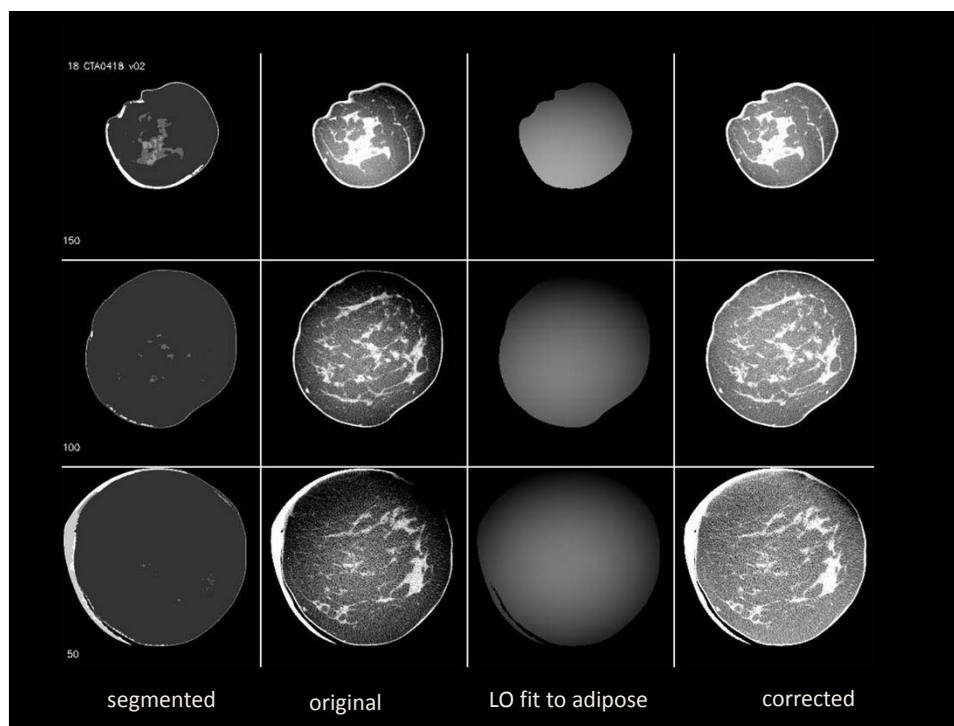
$$\mathbf{Q}_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_A & y_A & z_A & x_A y_A & x_A z_A & y_A z_A & x_A^2 & y_A^2 & z_A^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



low order fit



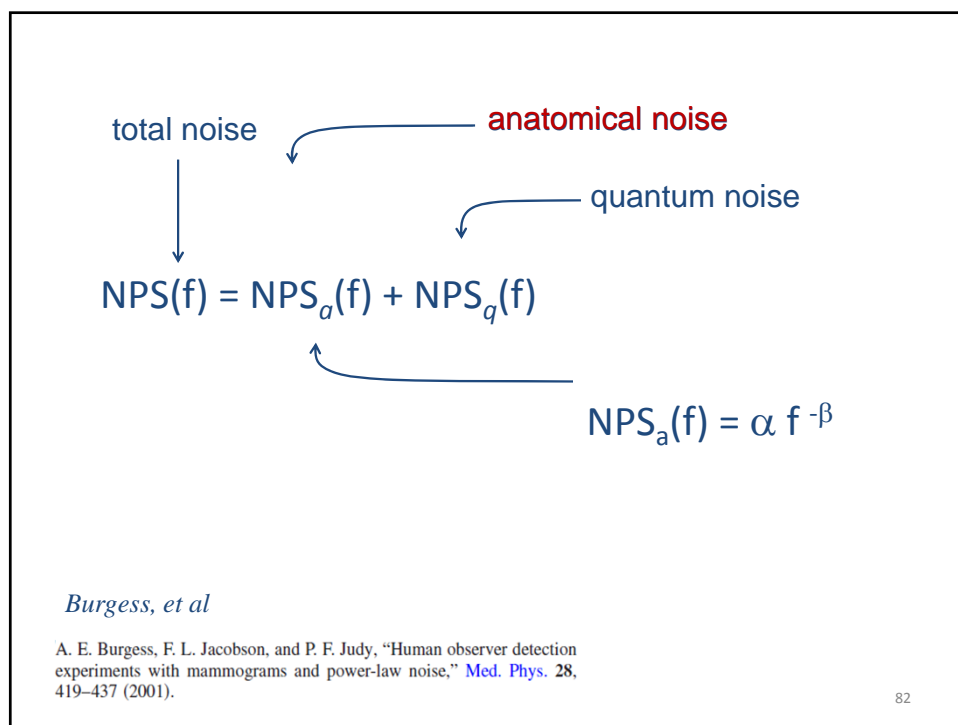
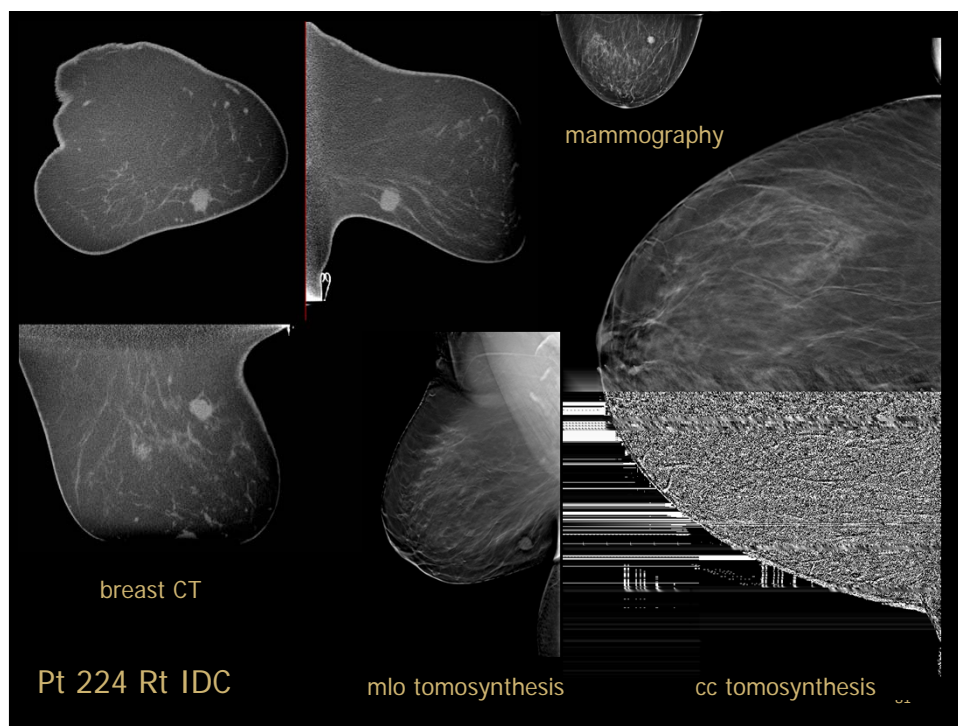
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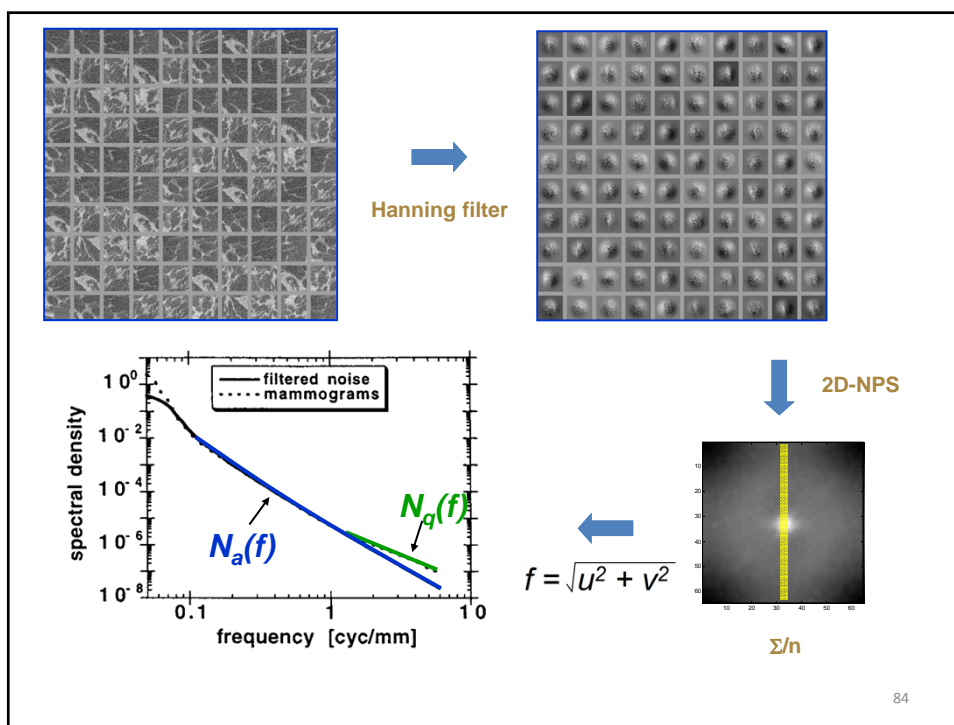
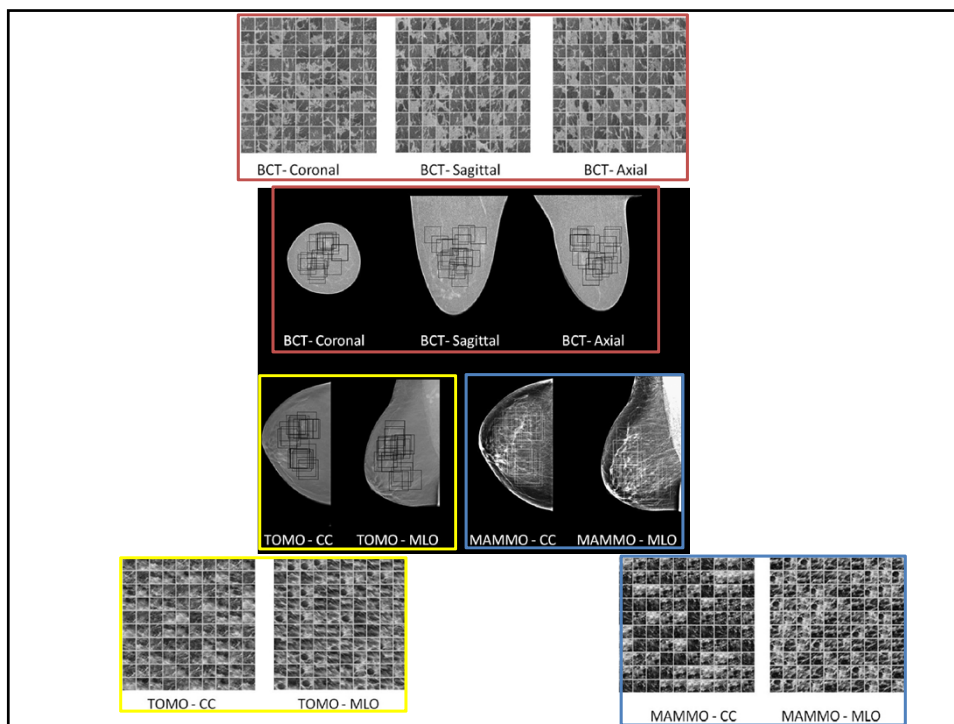


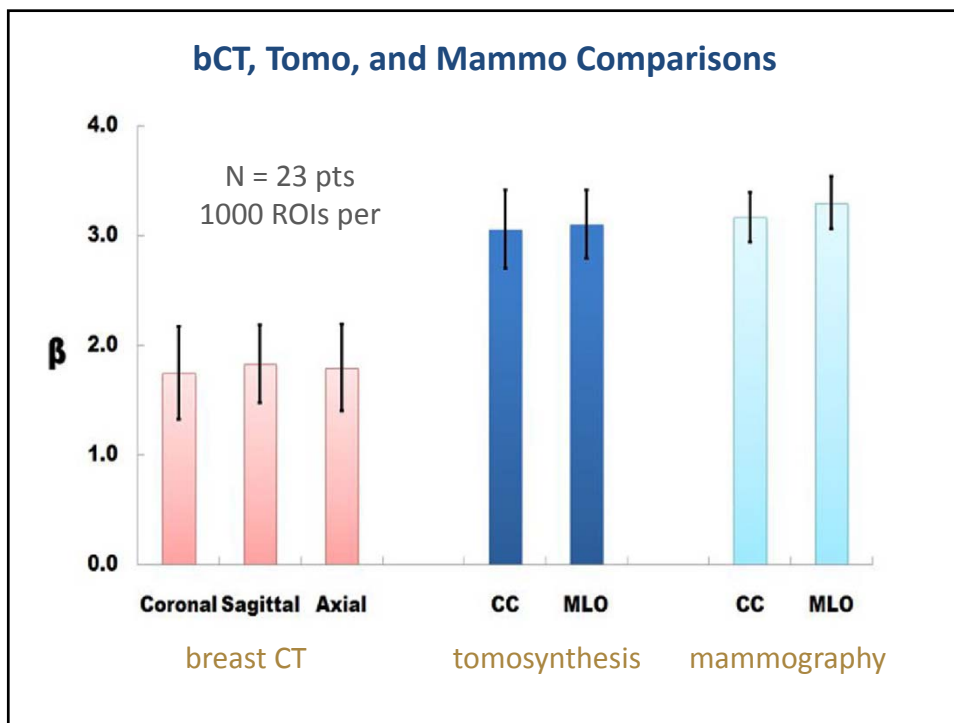
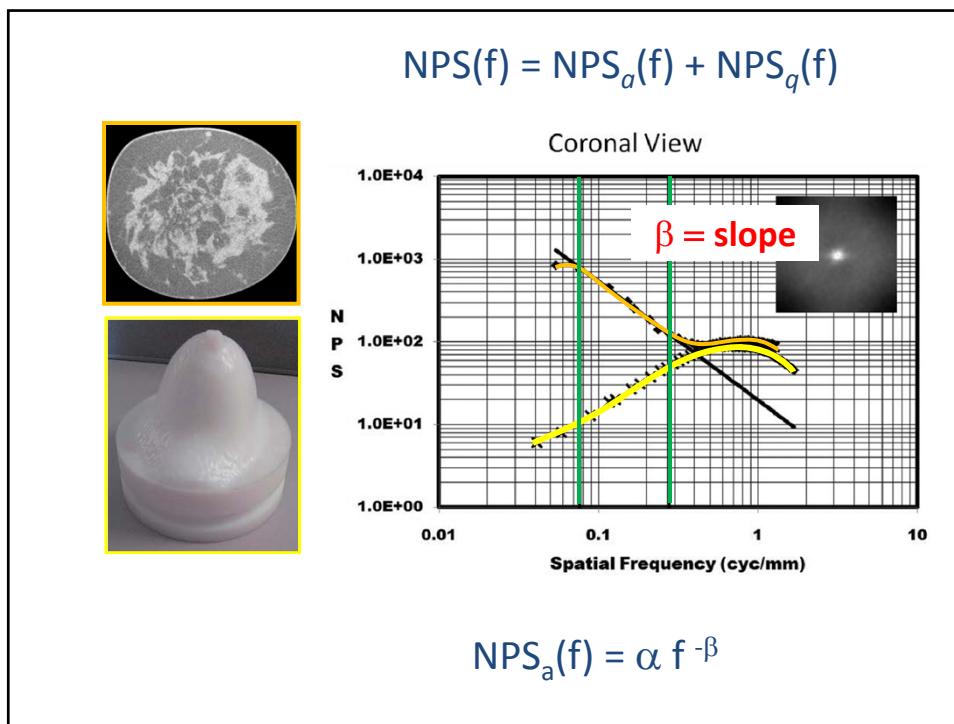
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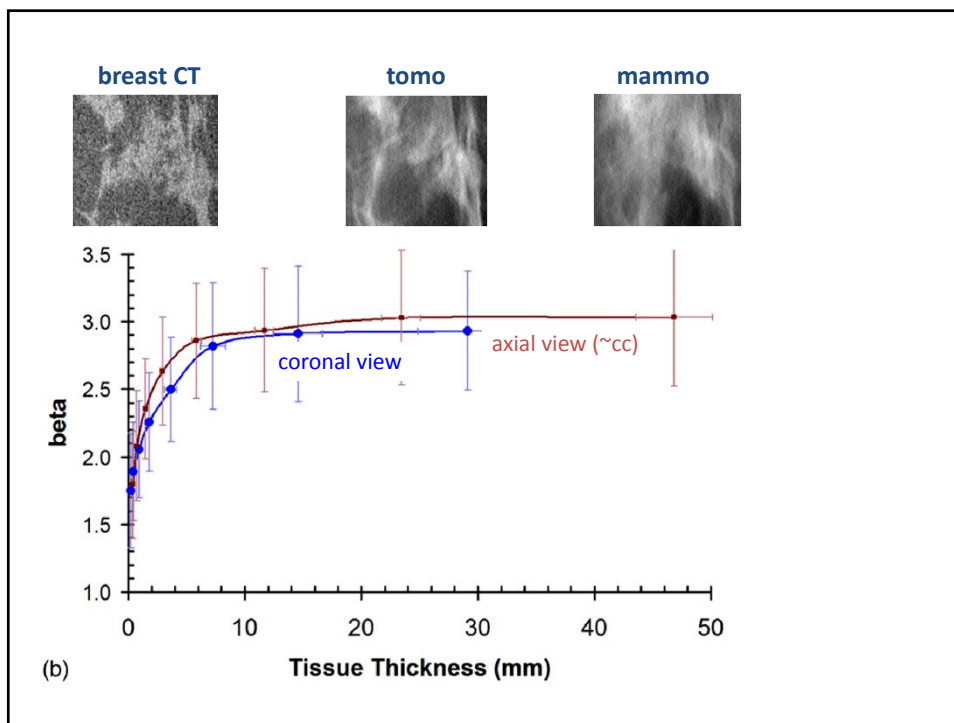
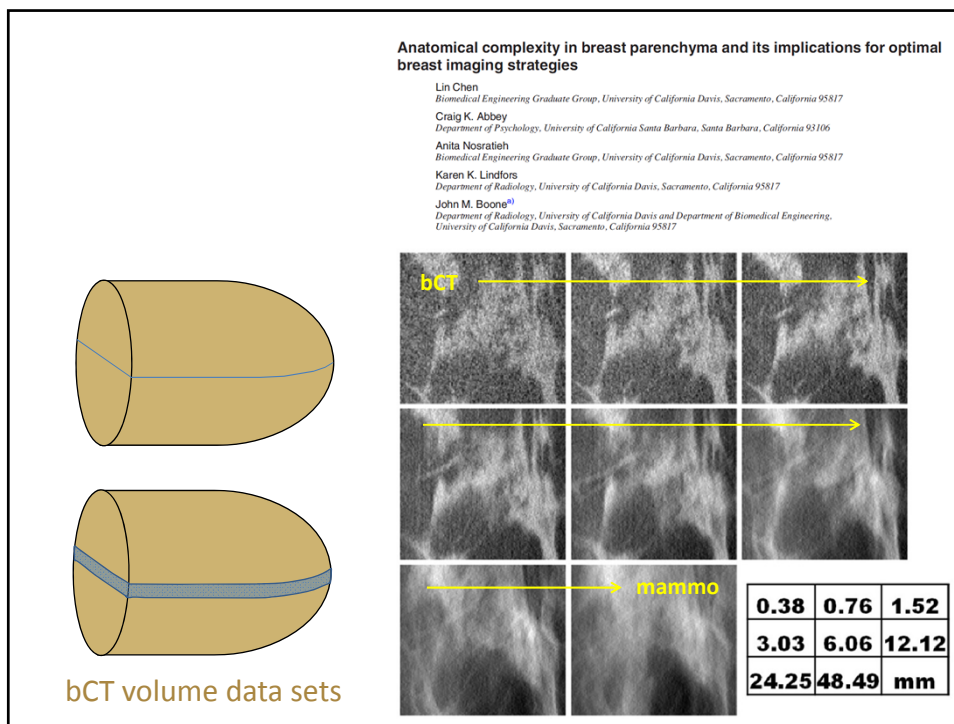
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## PWMF Observer Performance Analysis

**Effect of slice thickness on detectability in breast CT using a prewhitened matched filter and simulated mass lesions**

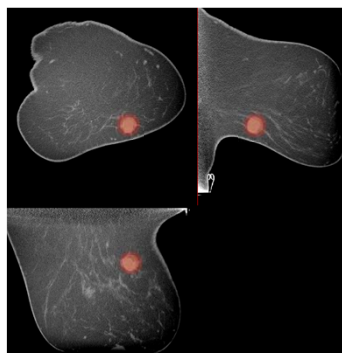
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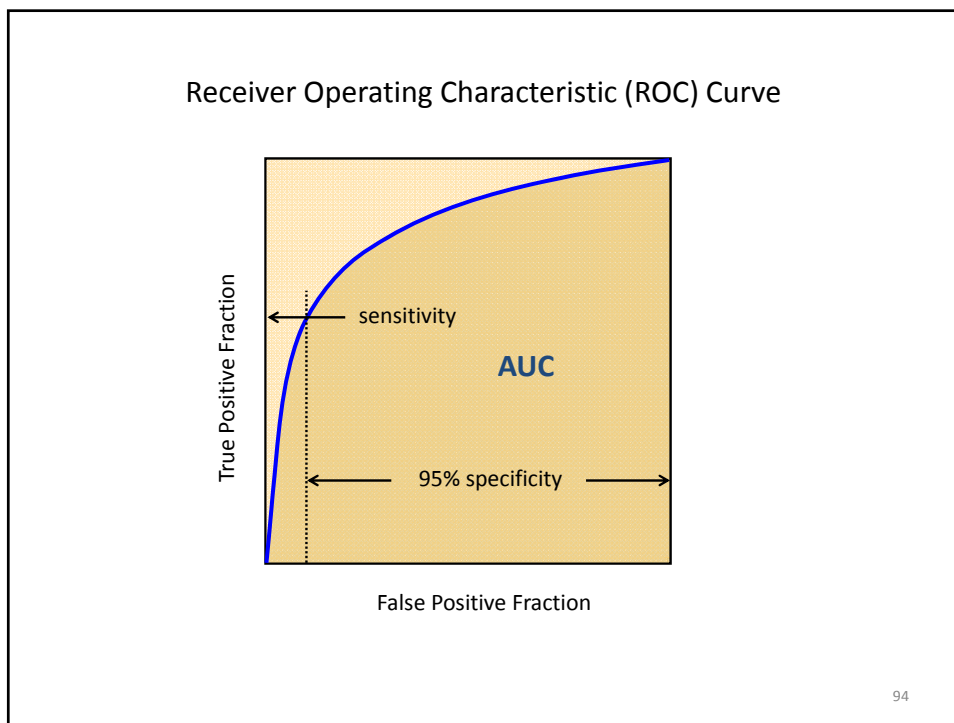
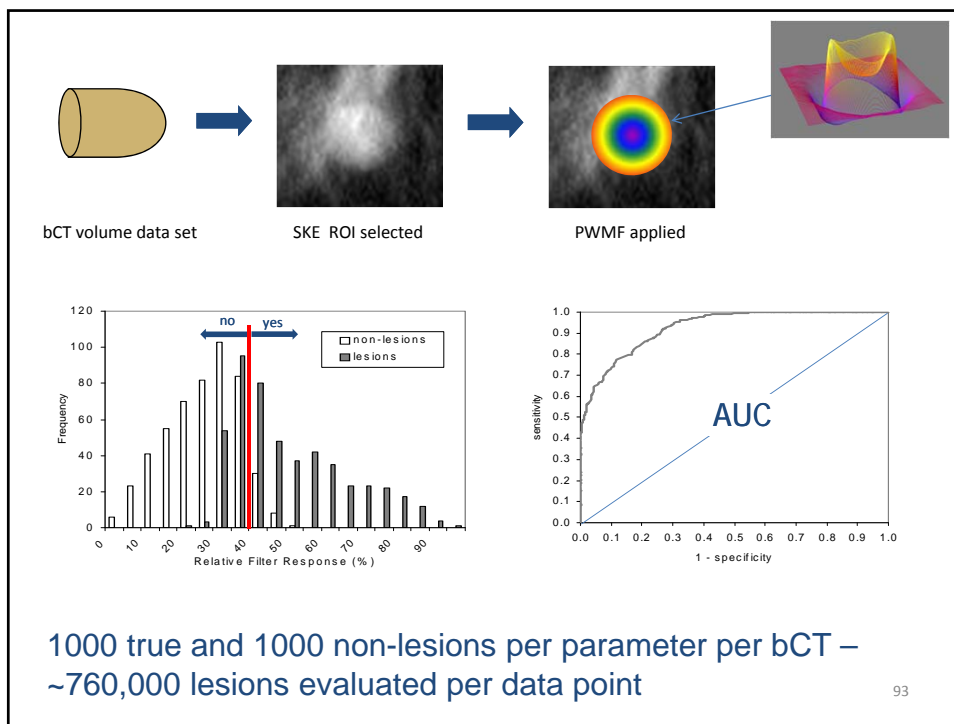
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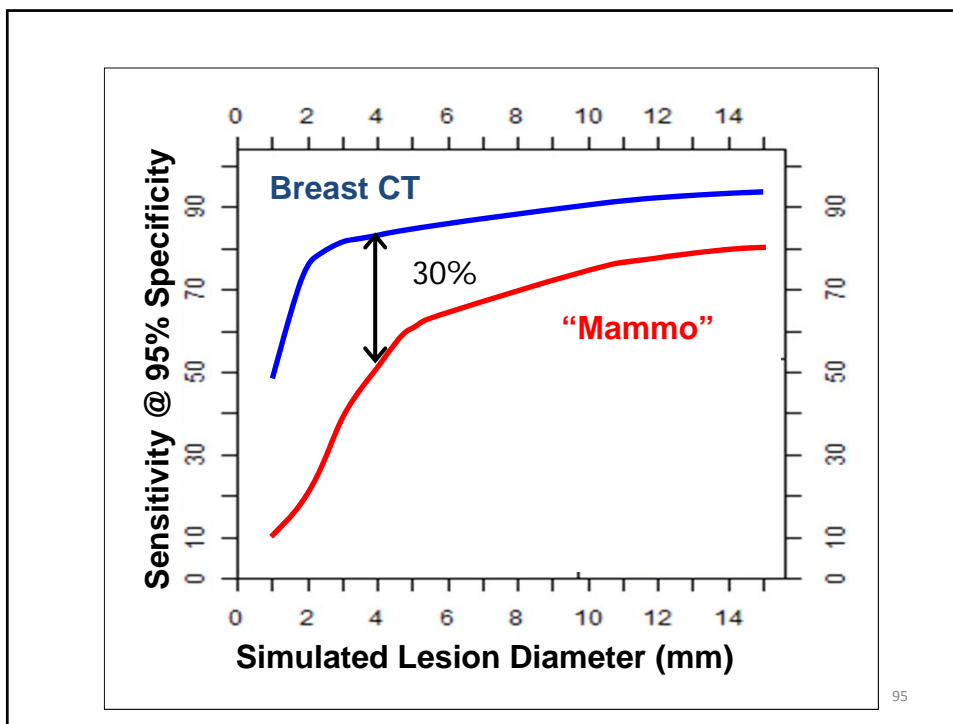
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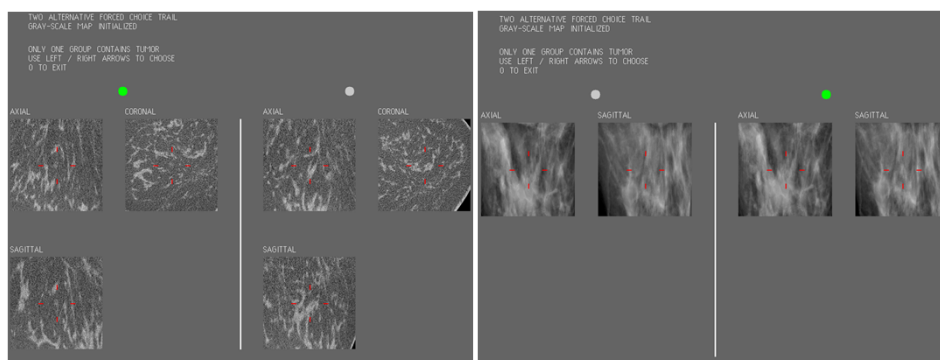








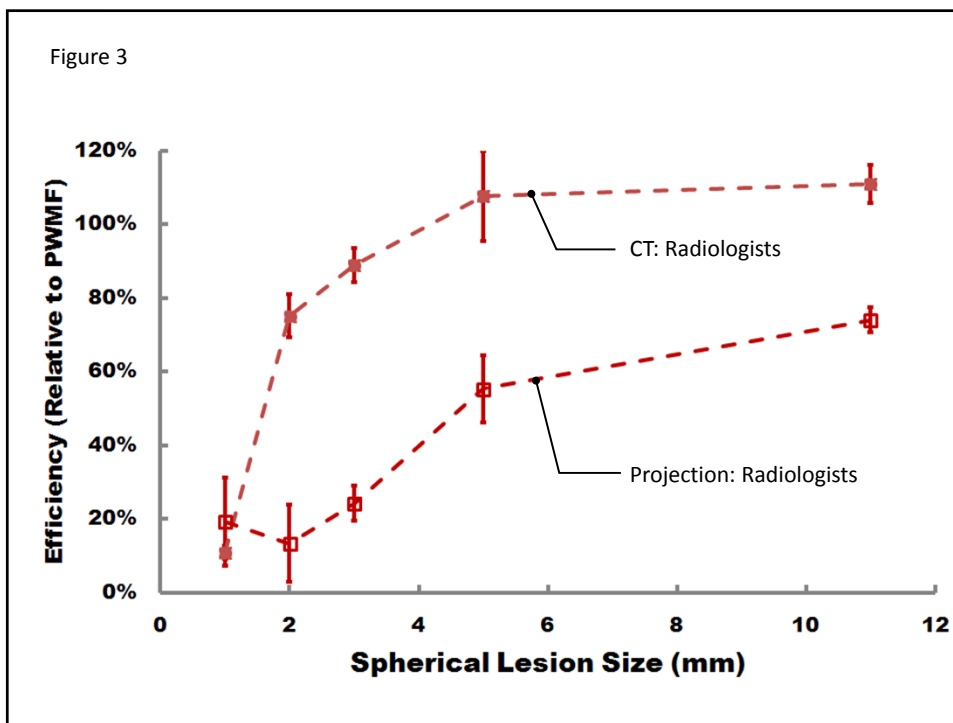
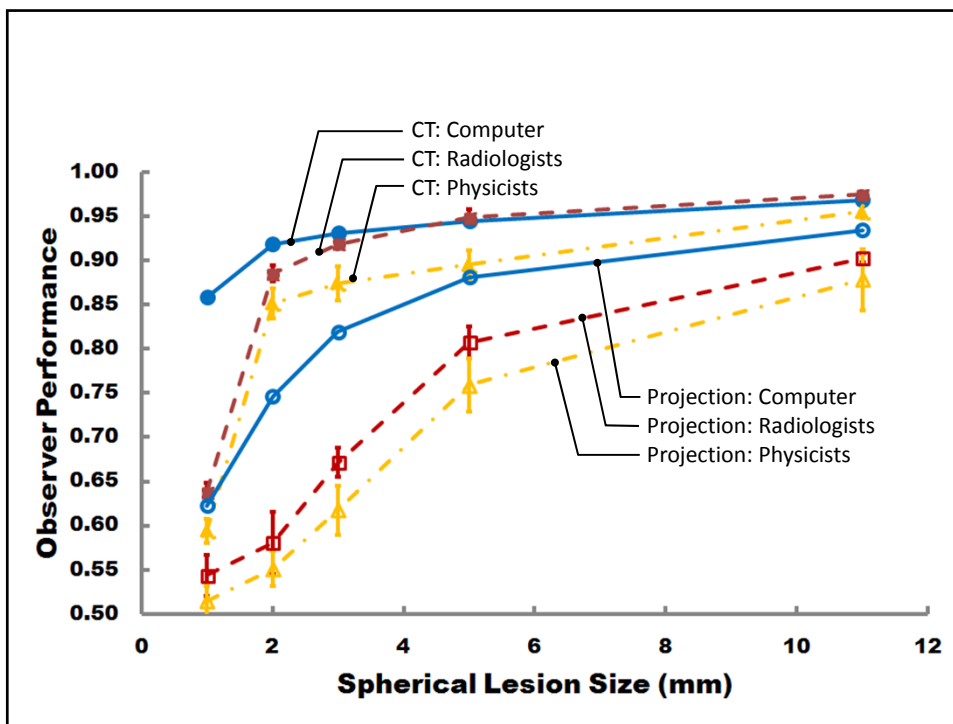
## Human Observer Study: 2-Alternative Forced Choice Design



CT images

projection images

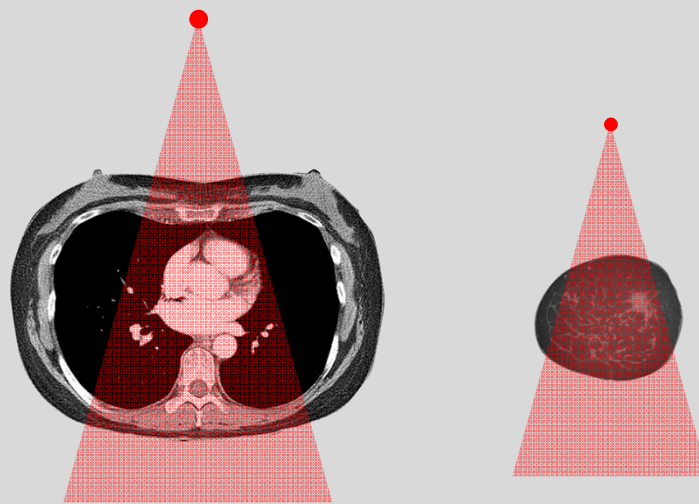




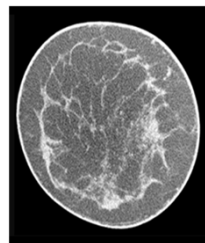
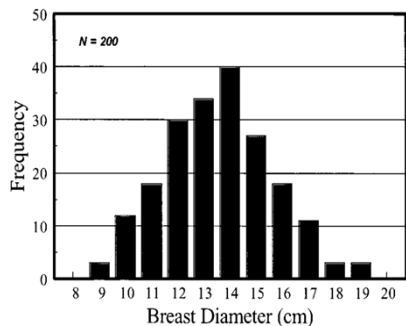
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## Radiation Dose from Breast CT ?



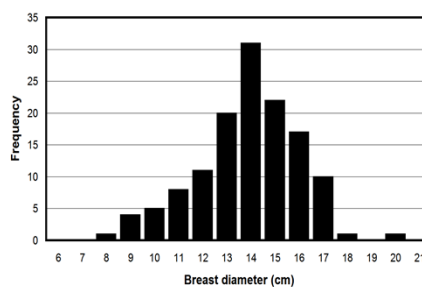
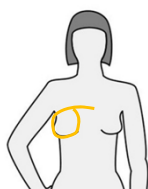
### radiation dose is size dependent!



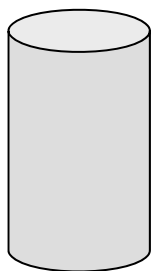
X = 13.4 cm  
 $\sigma$  = 2.0 cm  
 Median = 13.6 cm

2008 assessment on bCT images (N = 137)

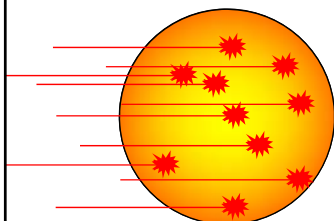
2001 tape measure results (N = 200)



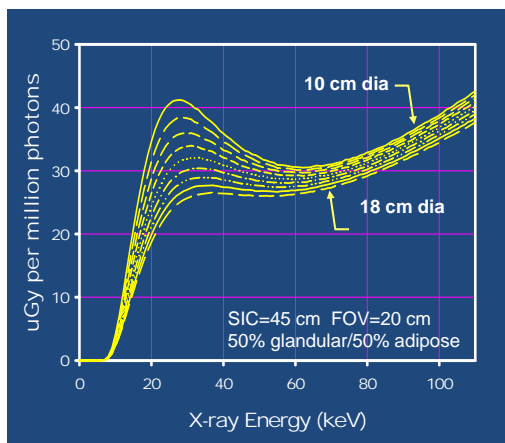
### Monte Carlo Assessment of Dose Deposition



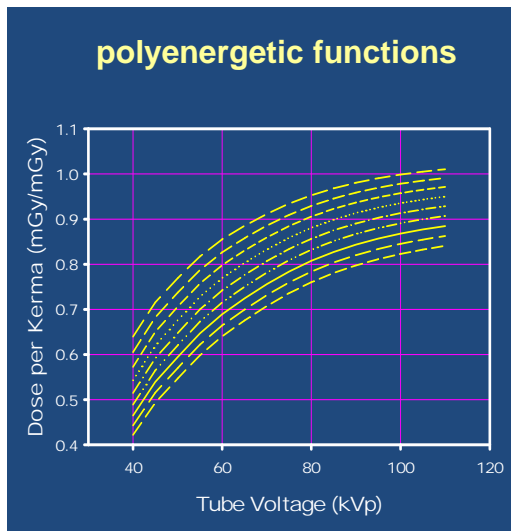
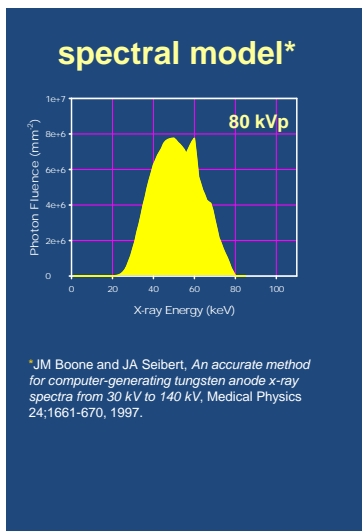
breast modeled as a cylinder



#### monoenergetic functions



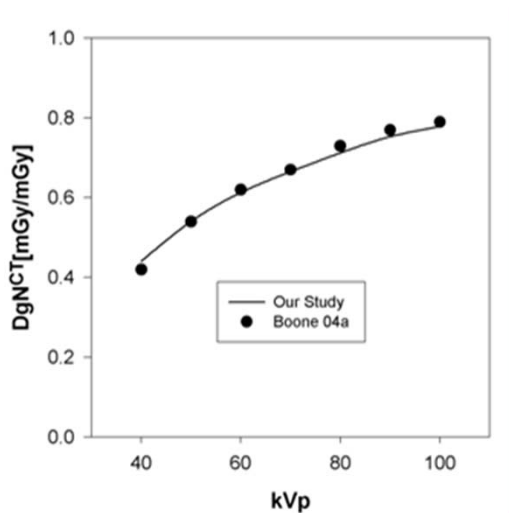
## Mean Glandular Dose in Breast CT



Boone JM, *et al.*, Med Phys 2003

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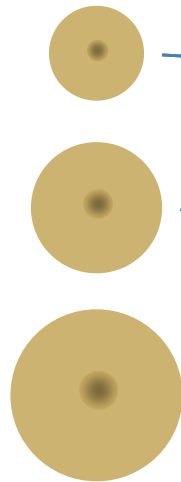
## Dose assessment repeated by Thacker/Glick



Thacker S and Glick S, PMB 2004, 5433

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## Breast CT technique chart



mA setting on Cambria			
Breast Diameter (cm)	0% Gland	50% Gland	1.00 Gland
10.0	37	51	72
10.5	48	67	95
11.0	59	82	117
11.5	72	100	143
12.0	87	123	175
12.5	106	150	214
13.0	130	184	263
13.5	157	224	322
14.0	189	271	389
14.5	224	323	465
15.0	262	379	548
15.5	301	437	633
16.0	340	495	719
16.5	377	550	800
17.0	409	598	872
17.5	433	636	929
18.0	447	658	964

*Dose in breast CT is set to be **EQUAL** to the dose of two-view mammography for that women.*

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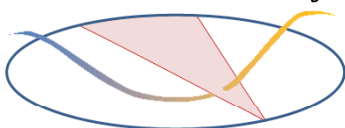
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- The Breast CT scanners at UC Davis have demonstrated that bCT has considerable potential in clinical imaging
- Hardware at UC Davis was refined over a decade
- Software continues to evolve
- The large data set of breast CT images has proven valuable in better understanding breast anatomy and has provided insight WRT breast imaging modalities
- Breast CT continues to be studied for its role in breast imaging

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Breast Tomography Project



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