

# Open Gantry Cone-Beam CT

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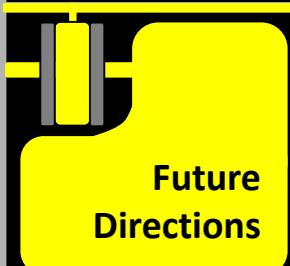
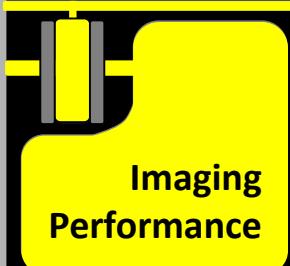
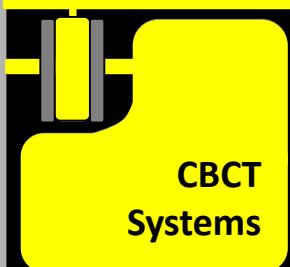
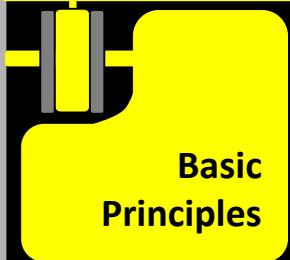
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# Overview / Learning Objectives



Physical configurations  
Image acquisition and reconstruction



Diversity of system platforms  
Diversity of applications – from IGRT to diagnostic imaging



Spatial resolution, contrast resolution, ...  
Artifacts  
Radiation dose

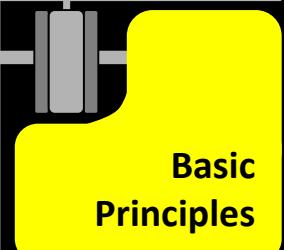


New systems and applications  
Advanced imaging techniques

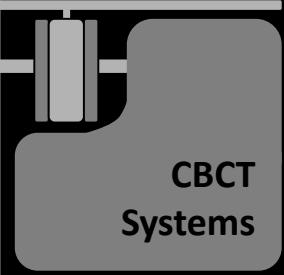
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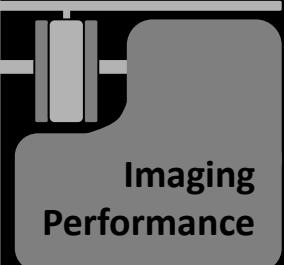
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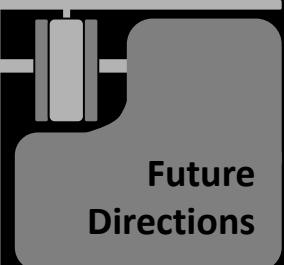
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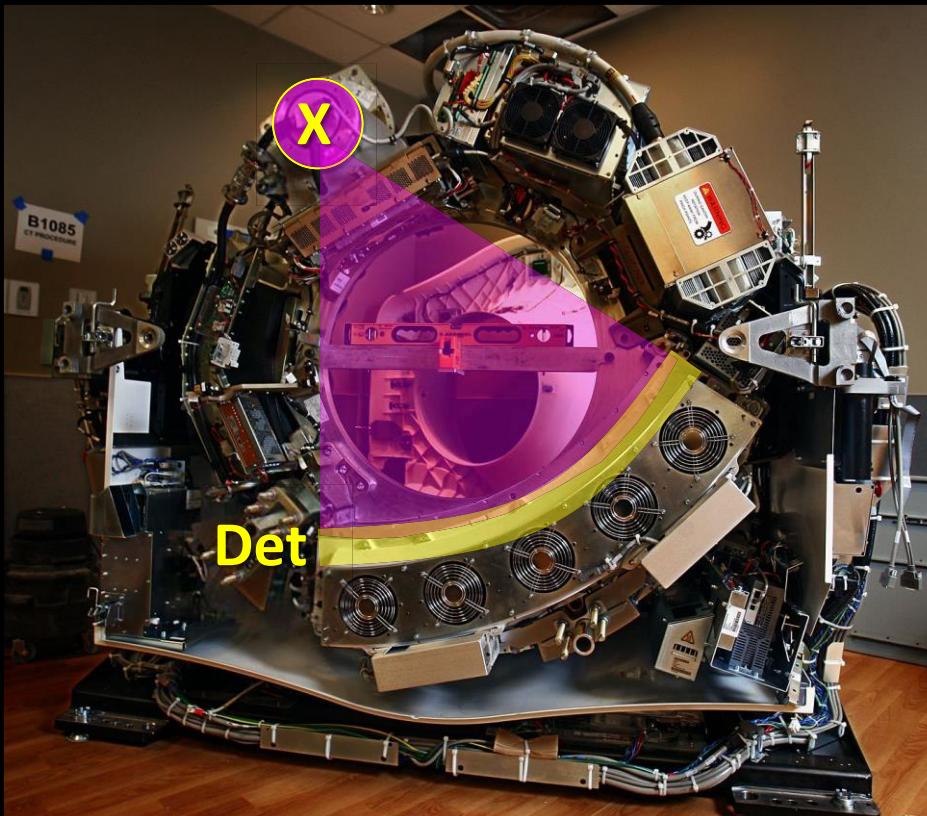


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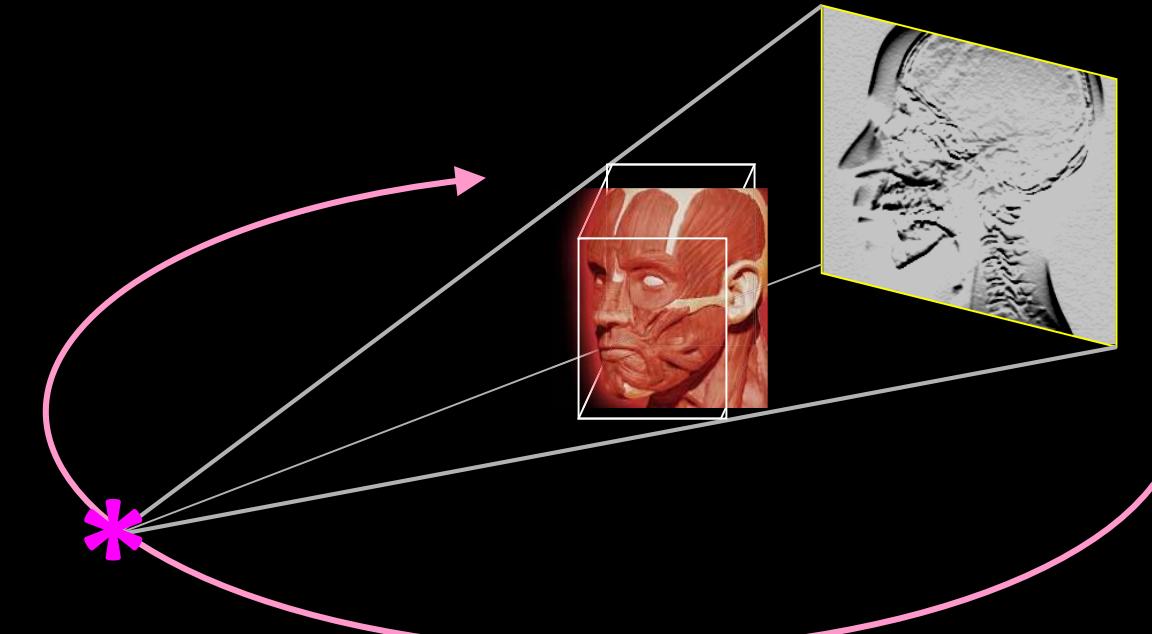


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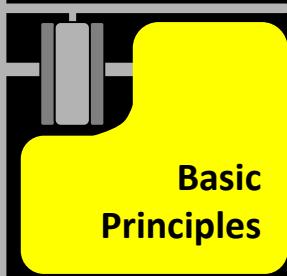
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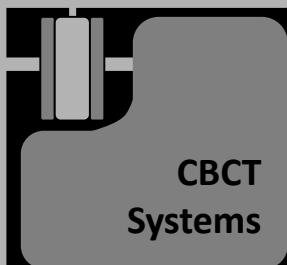
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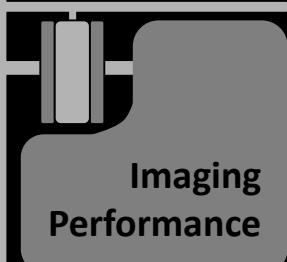
Large-area detector (typically 25-43 cm)  
2D projections (typically hundreds, circular orbit)  
3-D Volume (from a single rotation)  
Many, varied configurations / applications



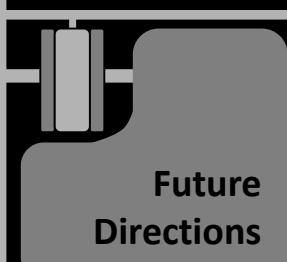
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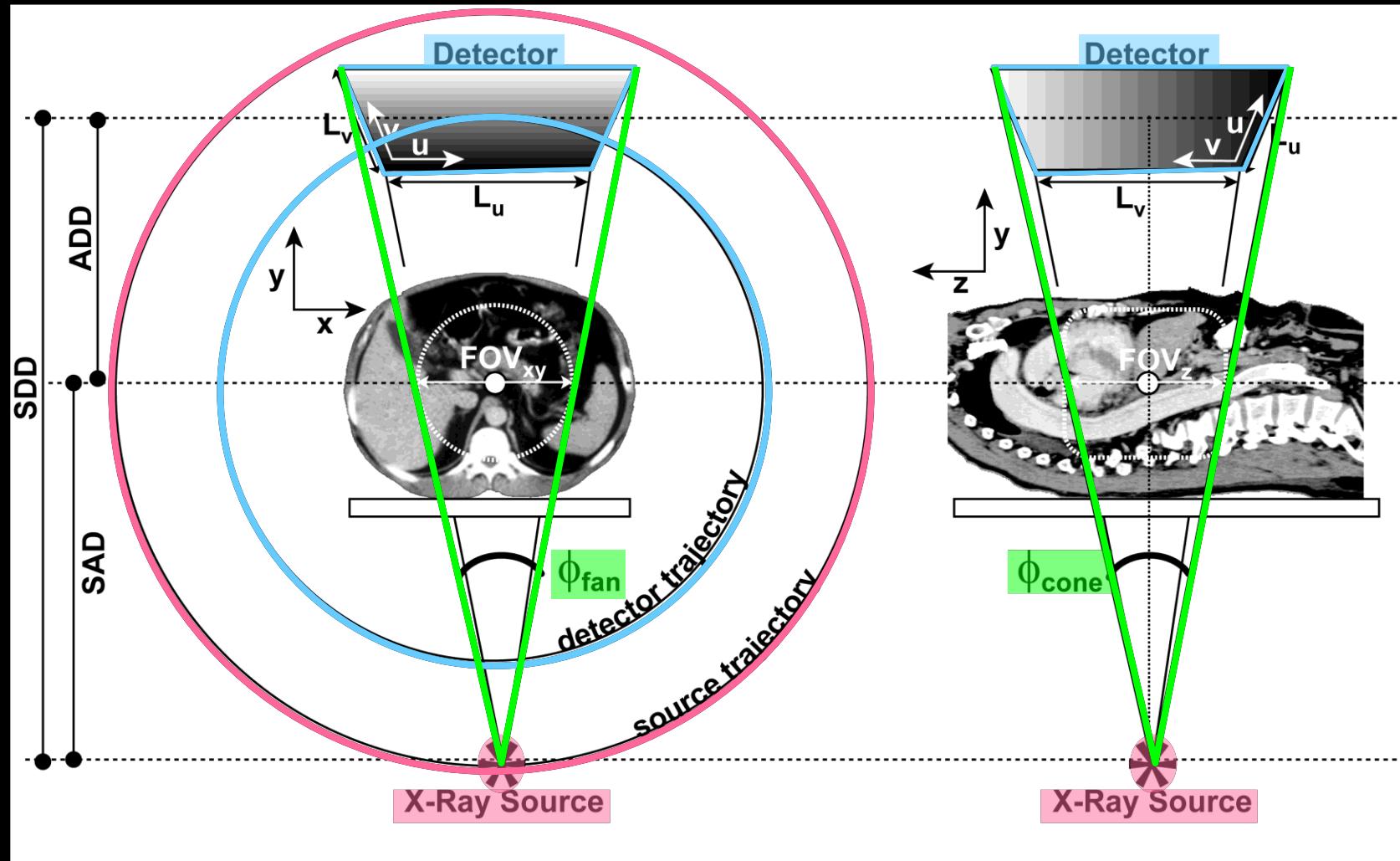
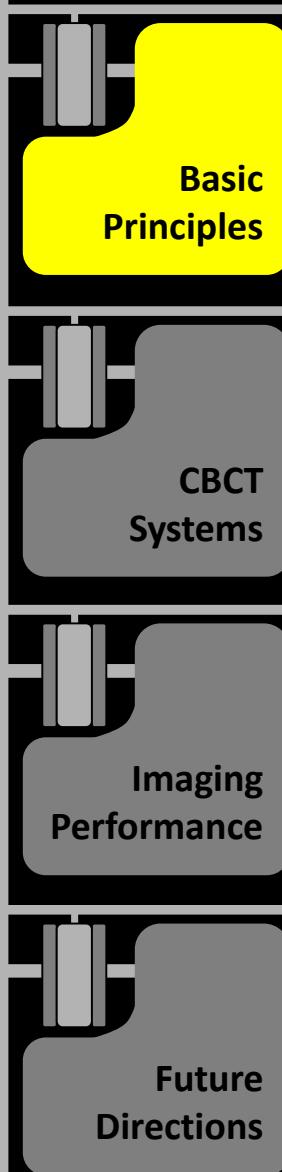
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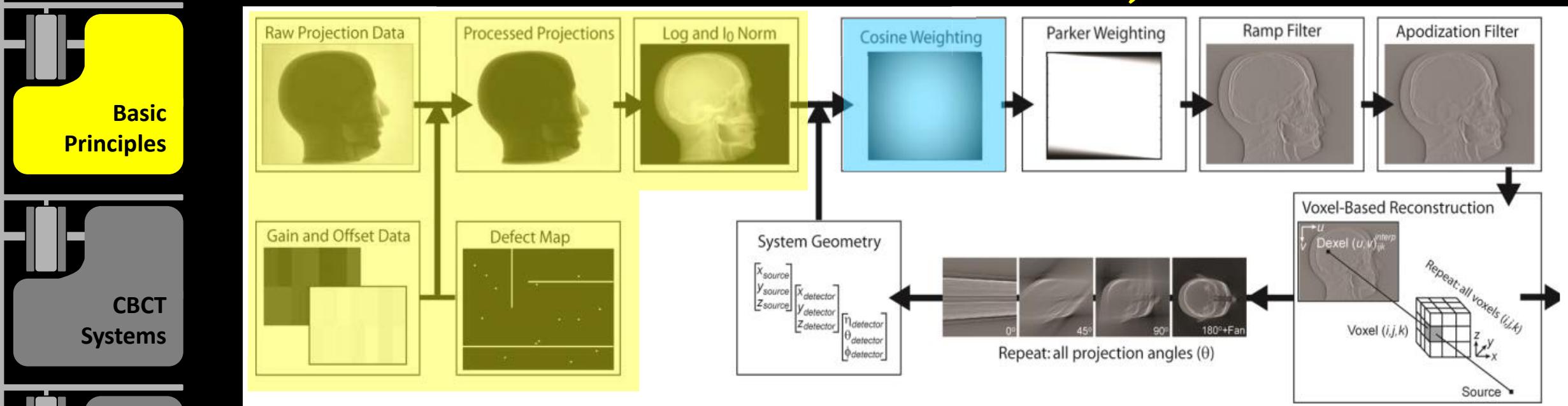
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<i>~Typical Characteristics</i>			
	<b>Multi-Detector CT</b>	<b>Open Gantry / Cone-Beam CT</b>	
		 	...
<b>X-ray Source</b>	High Power (100-240 kW) Continuous mA	Lower Power (3-100 kW) Pulsed mA	
<b>Detector</b>	1-64 rows (up to 256-320 rows) ~few cm Z coverage (up to 16 cm)	>1024 – 2048 rows >20 cm Z coverage	
<b>Acquisition Speed and Orbit</b>	Fast Circular / Helical ~3-5 rotations / sec Fast table feed (>10-50 cm / sec) (1000s of projections / rotation)	Slow Circular (semi-circular) or Non-Circular ~1 rotation / 5-60 sec No table motion (100s of projections / rotation)	
<b>Image Quality</b>	Good (bone + soft tissues) (CE-enhanced scans; DE protocols)	Moderate (CNR challenged by scatter) (isotropic sub-mm spatial resolution) (artifacts)	
<b>Applications</b>	Diagnostic Radiology (some interventional)	Image-Guided Procedures (specialty diagnostic applications)	

# Cone-Beam System Geometry



# 3D Filtered Back-Projection

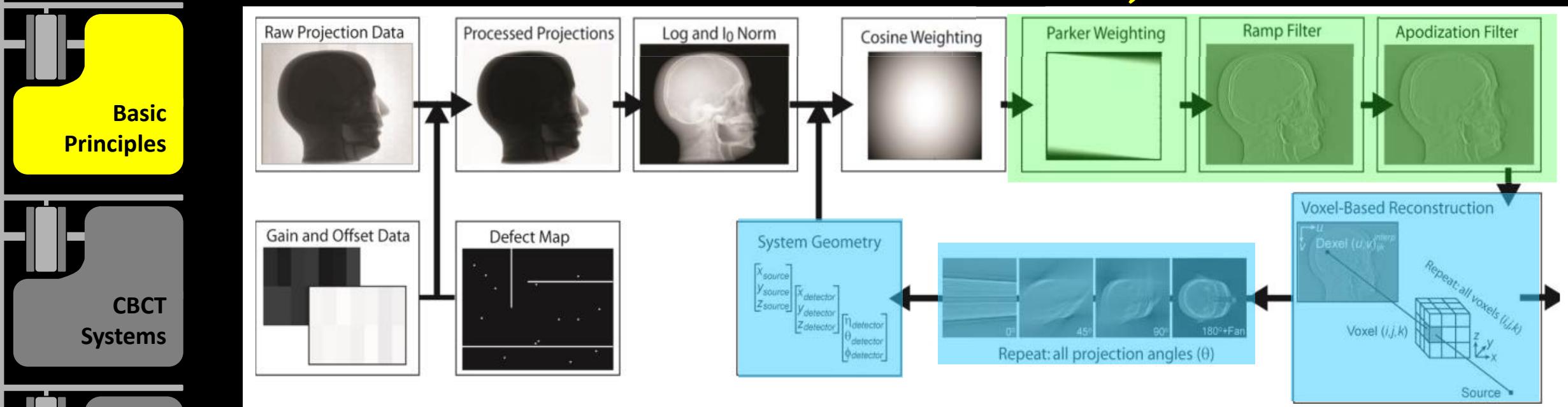


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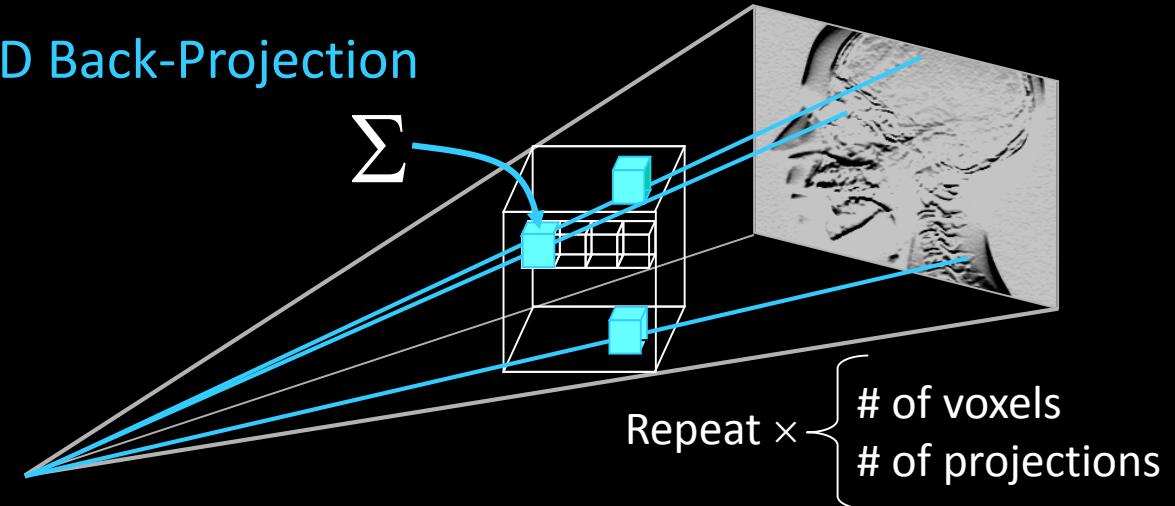
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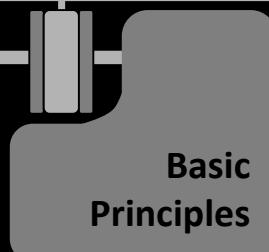
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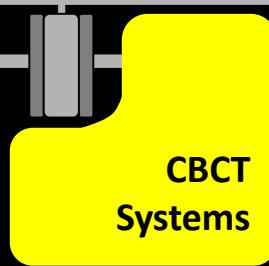
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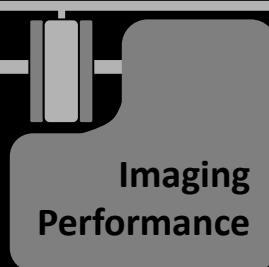
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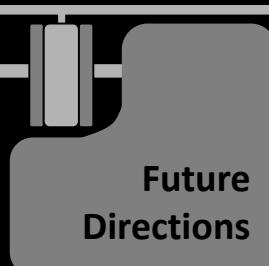
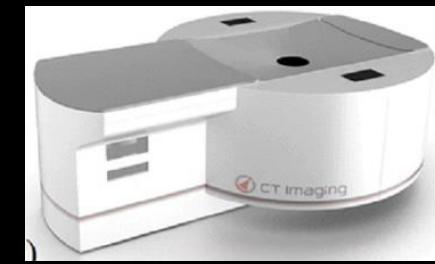
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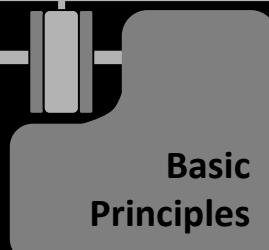
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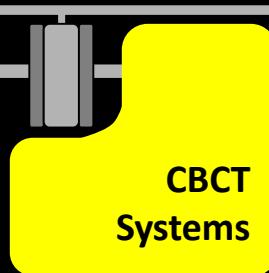
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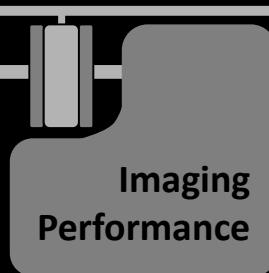
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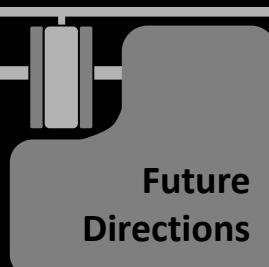
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Siemens Artis (Pheno, Zeego, Zee, ...), Philips Allura, Toshiba Infinix

MOBILE:

Medtronic O-arm, Siemens Cios Spin, Ziehm Vario, Xoran Xcat



## Diagnostic Specialties

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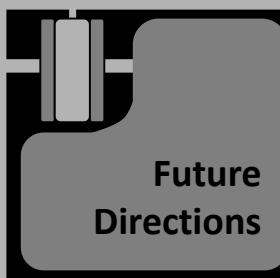
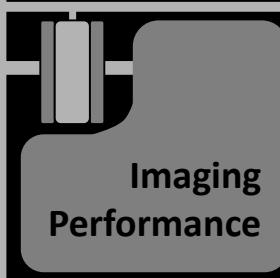
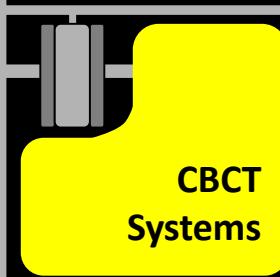
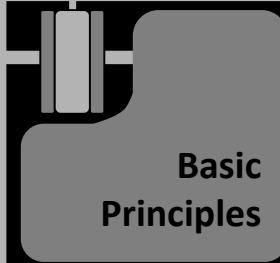
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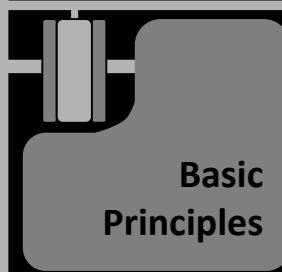
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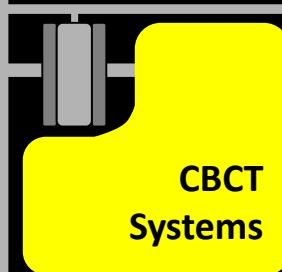


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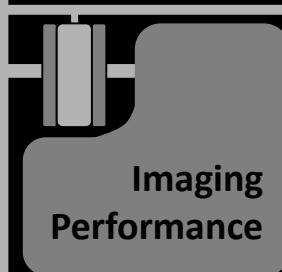
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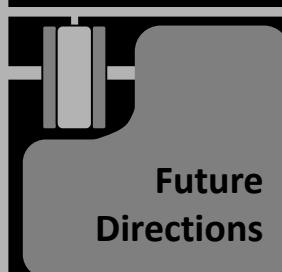
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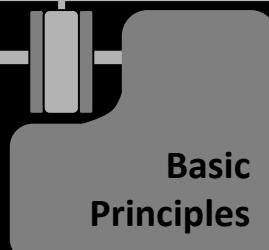
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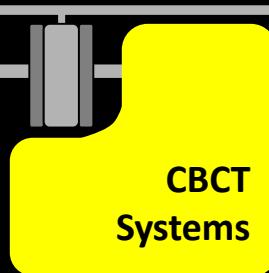
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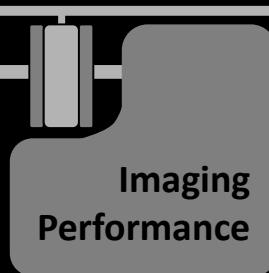
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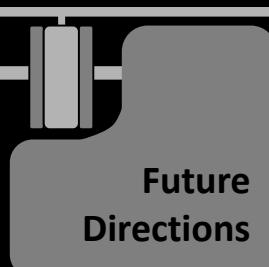
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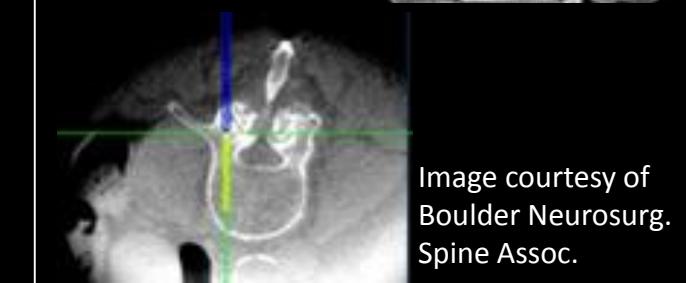
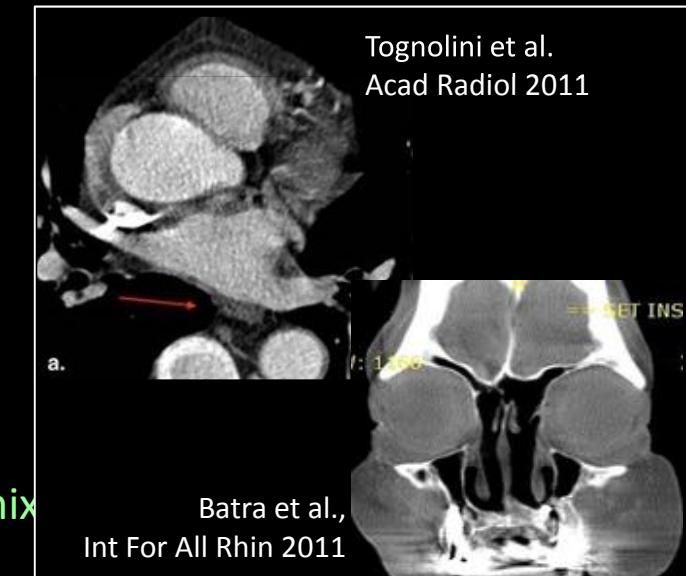
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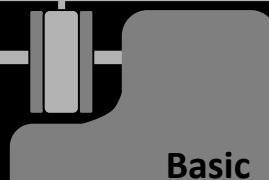
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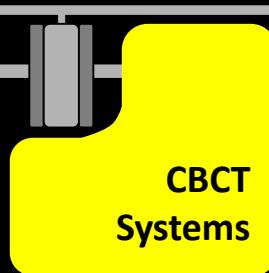
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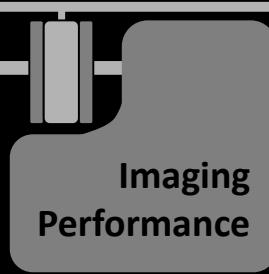
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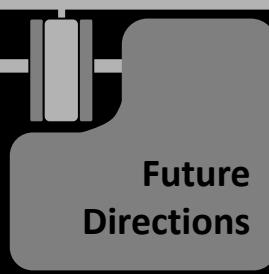
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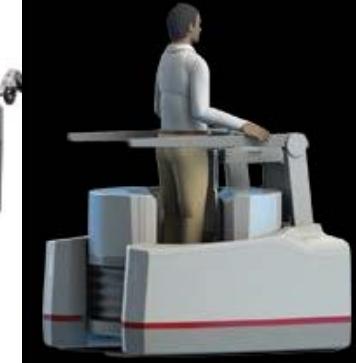
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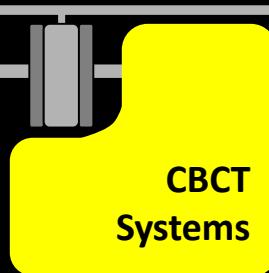
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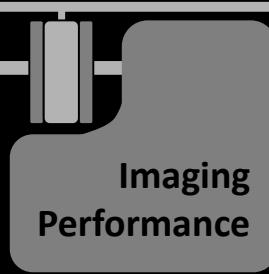
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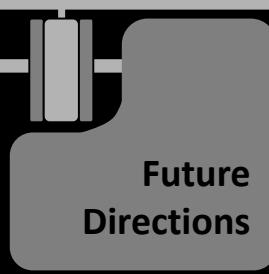
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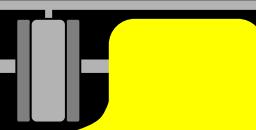


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## 3D C-Arms with Volumetric Imaging Capability



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Charge: Assessment of 3D C-Arm Cone Beam CT (CBCT) technology for applications in image-guided interventions. ...  
... characteristics of 3D C-arm systems, quantitative metrics, sources of uncertainty, and quality assurance measures, including dose and image quality.



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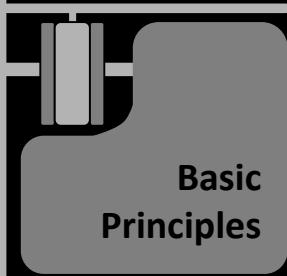


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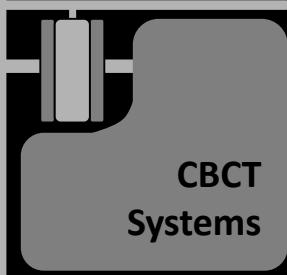
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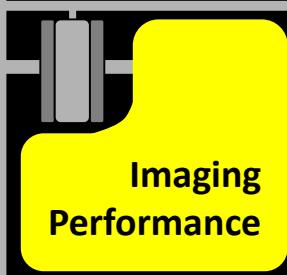
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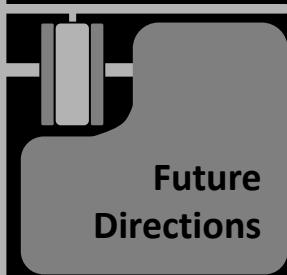
**Contrast Resolution**



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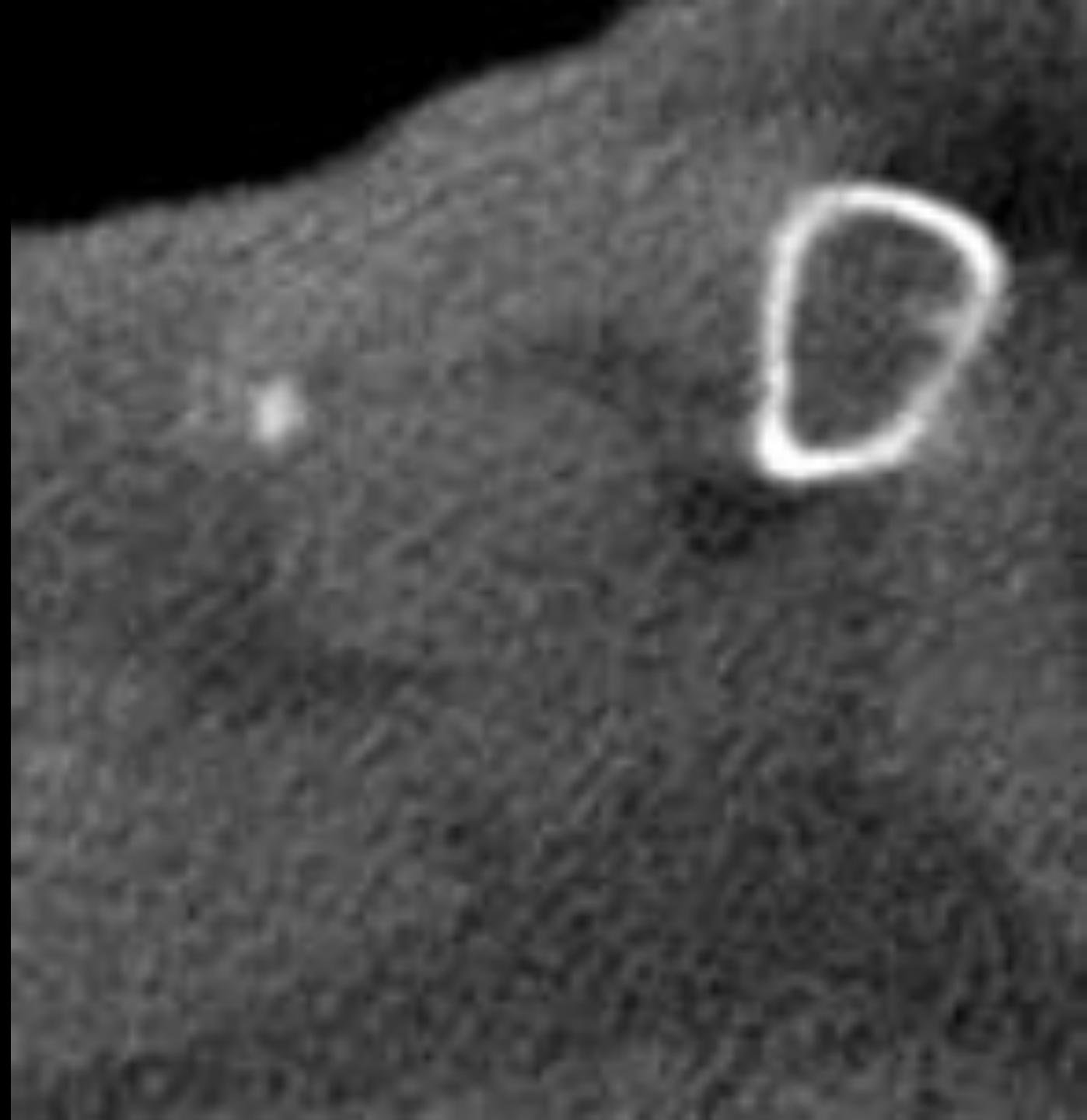
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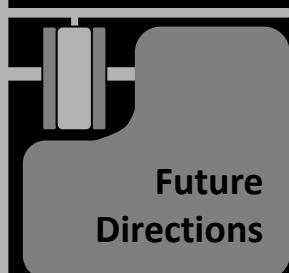
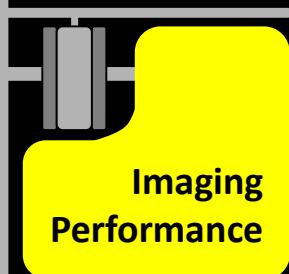
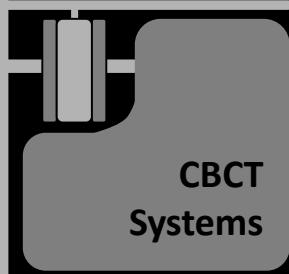
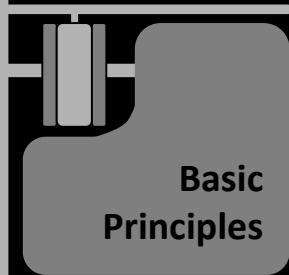
**Task-Based Performance**



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**Artifacts**





## Spatial Resolution

Smallest discernible feature size  
(in the absence of noise)

Governed by:

- Geometric calibration
- Focal spot size
- Scintillator
- Detector pixel size
- Reconstruction (smoothing filters)

Metrics:

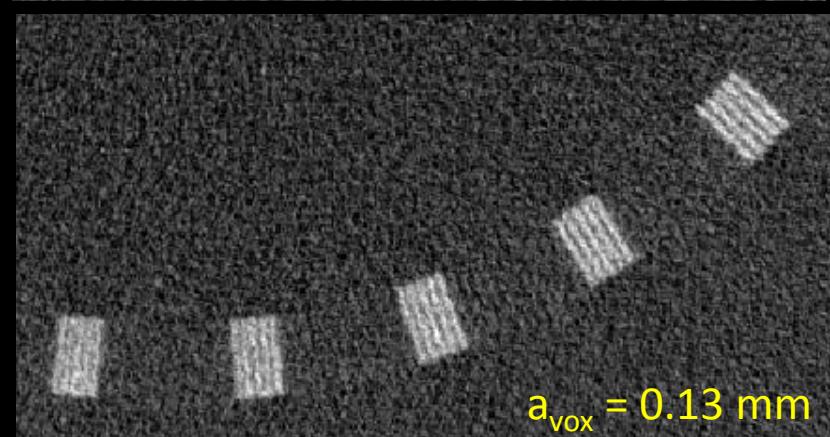
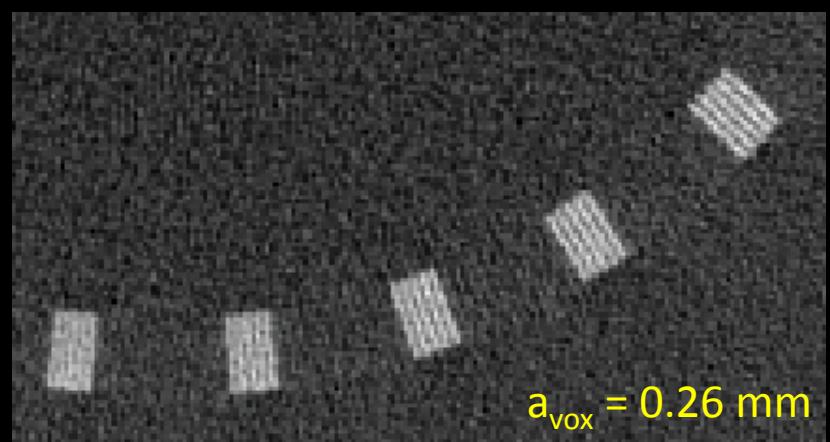
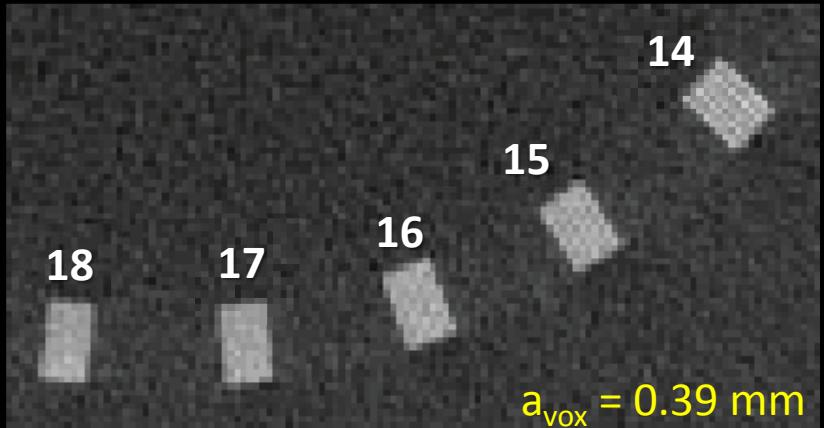
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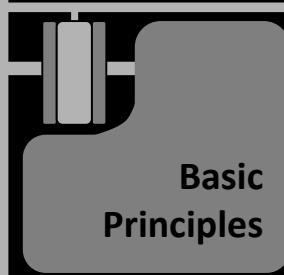
Note: shift variance / stationarity

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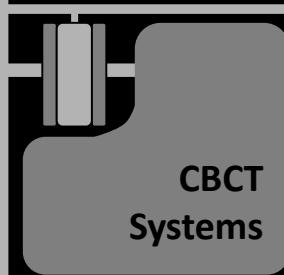
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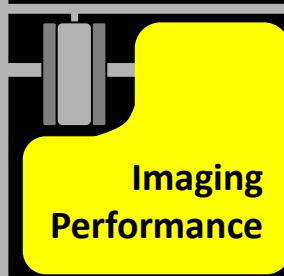




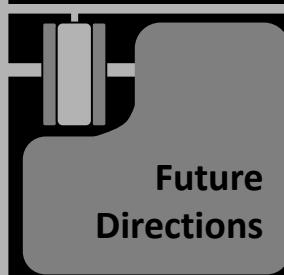
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## Spatial Resolution

Smallest discernible feature size  
(in the absence of noise)

Governed by:

- Geometric calibration
- Focal spot size
- Scintillator
- Detector pixel size
- Reconstruction (smoothing filters)

Metrics:

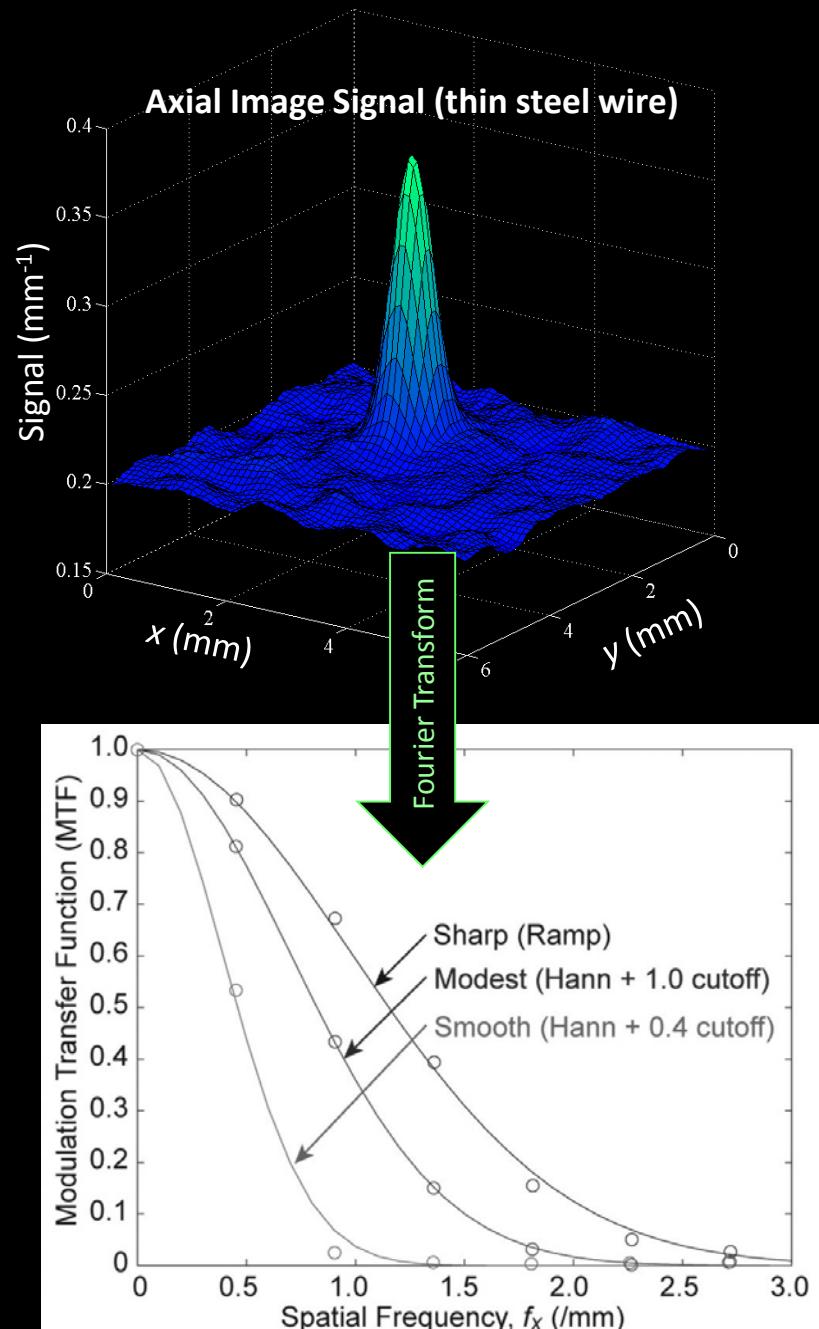
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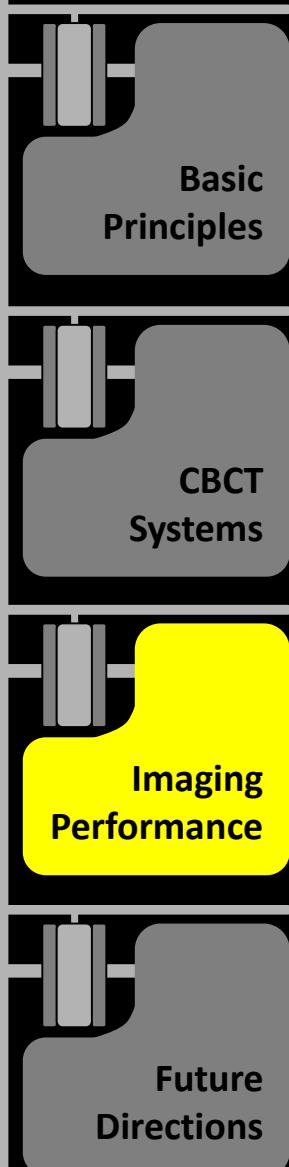
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## Contrast Resolution

Smallest discernible signal difference  
(large stimulus)

Governed by:

- Dose
- Electronic noise
- X-ray scatter

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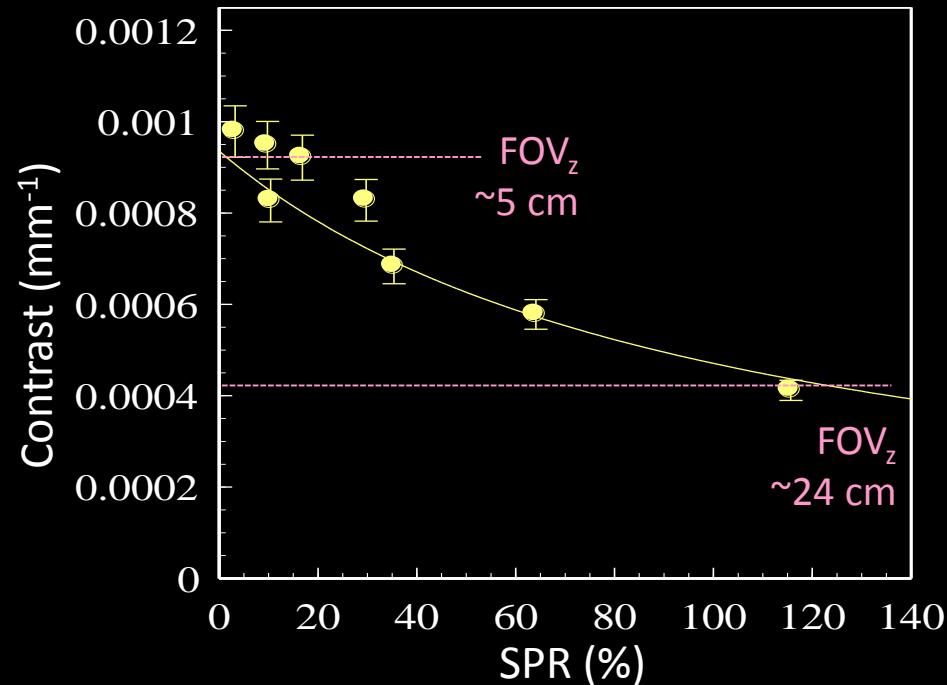
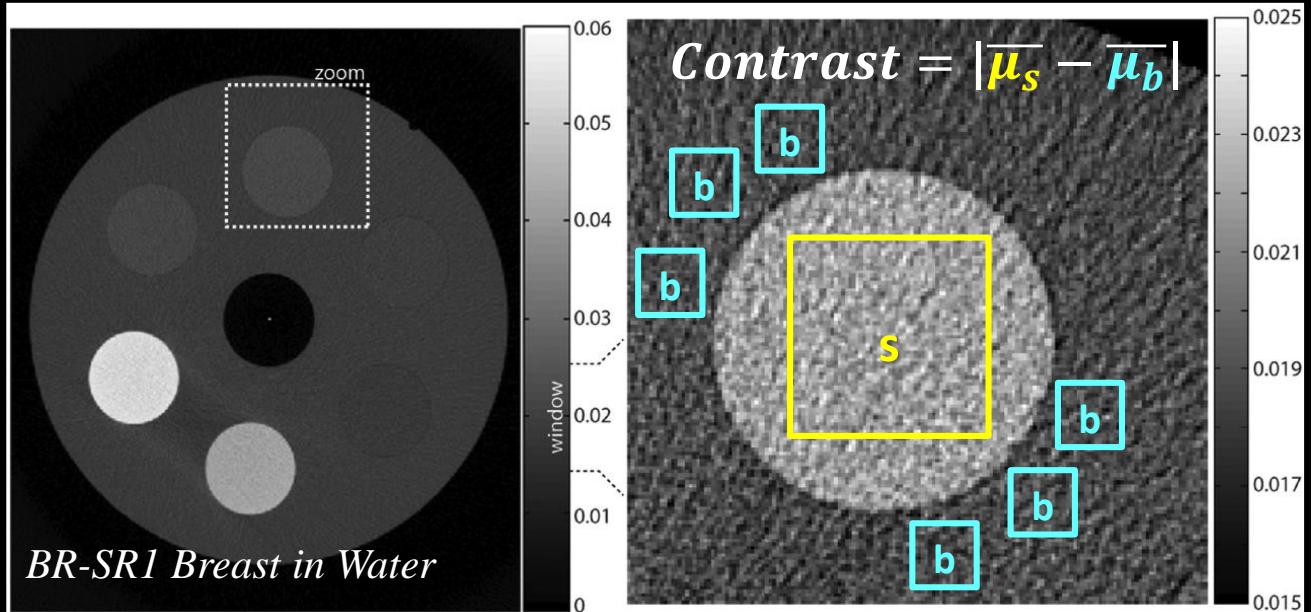
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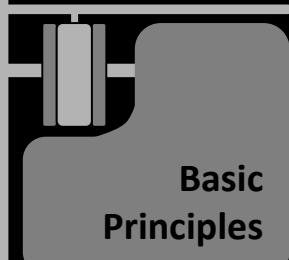
Noise, Noise-Power Spectrum

Note: shift variance / stationarity

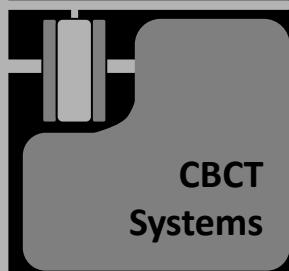
→ local approximations

$$\Delta\mu' = \Delta\mu - \frac{1}{ad} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \text{SPR}}{1 + \text{SPR} e^{-\Delta\mu ad}} \right)$$

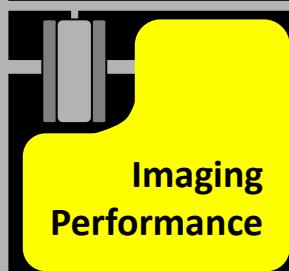




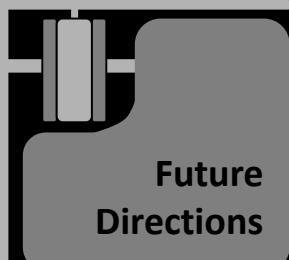
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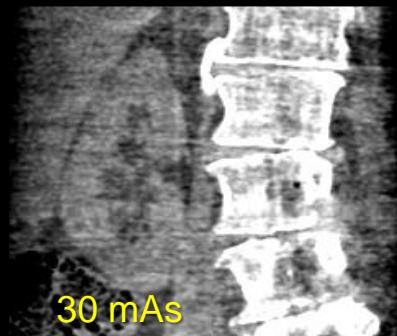
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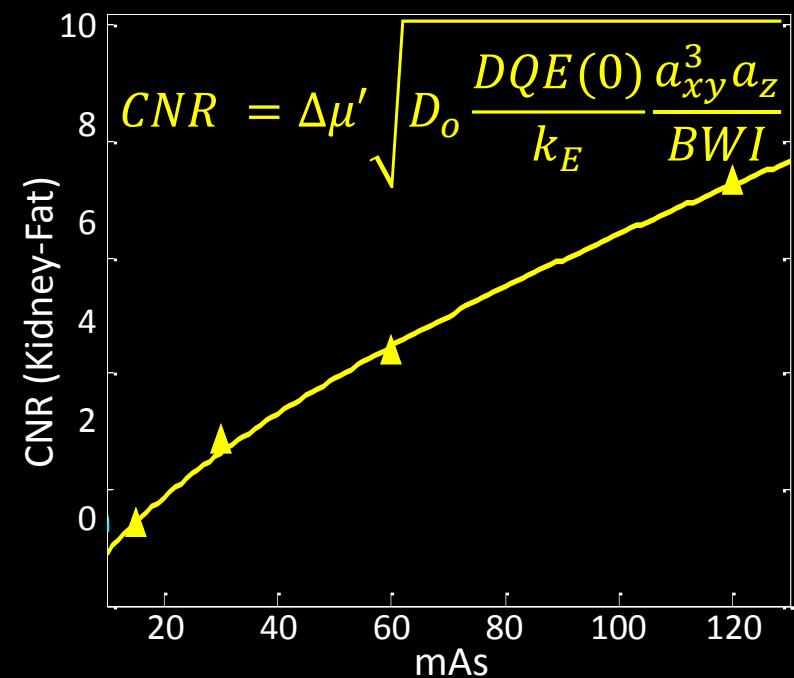
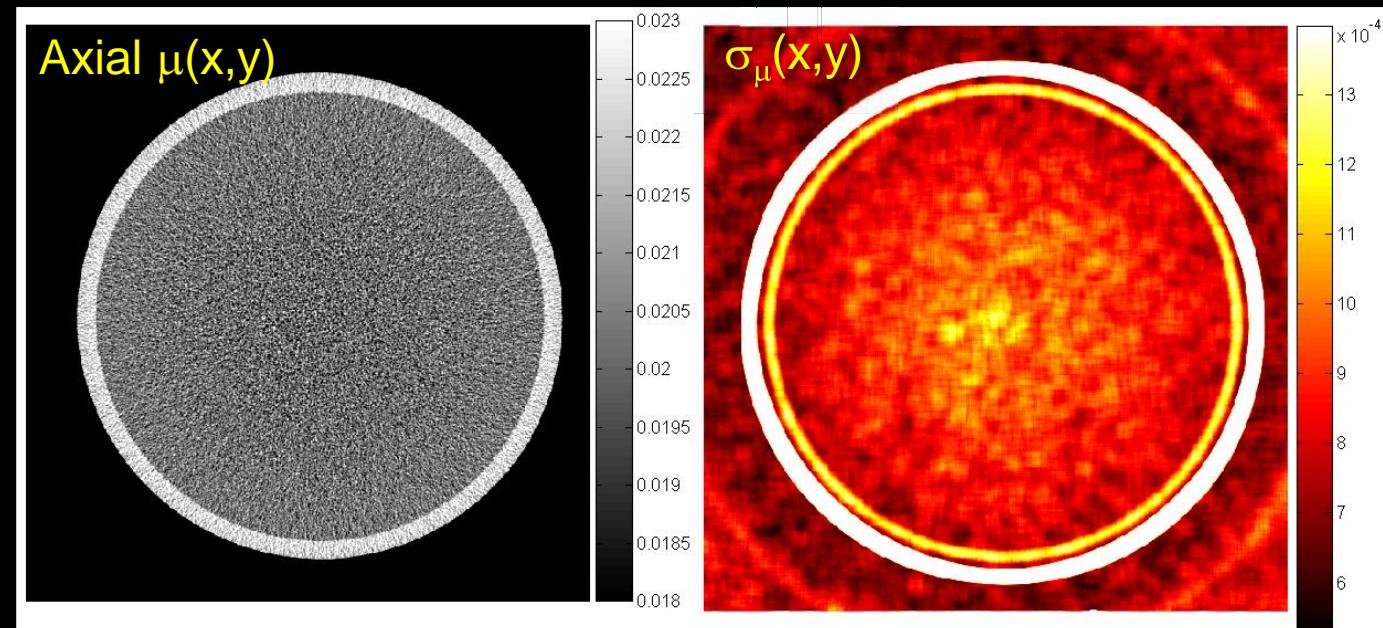
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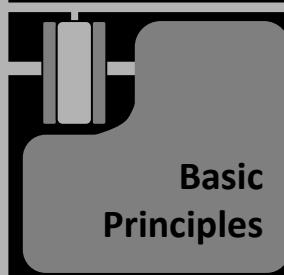


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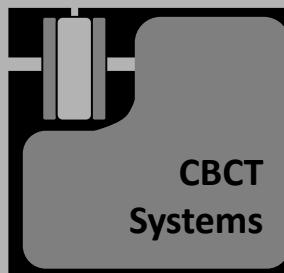


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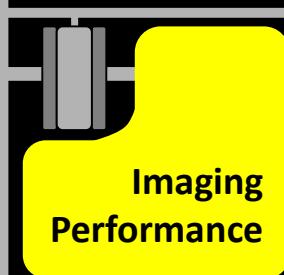




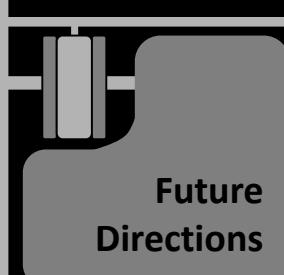
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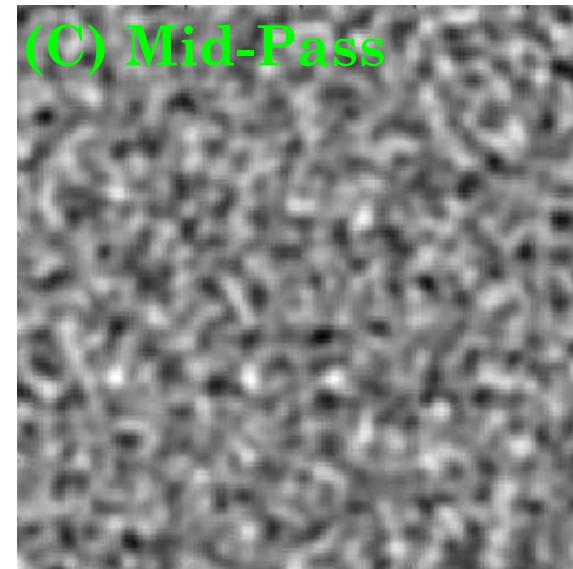
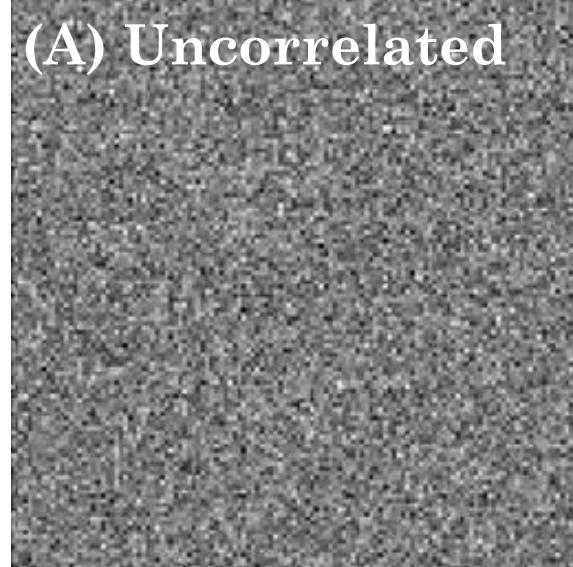
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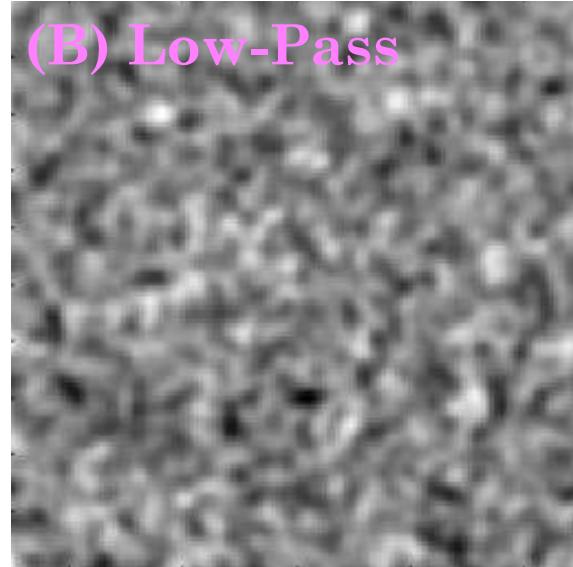
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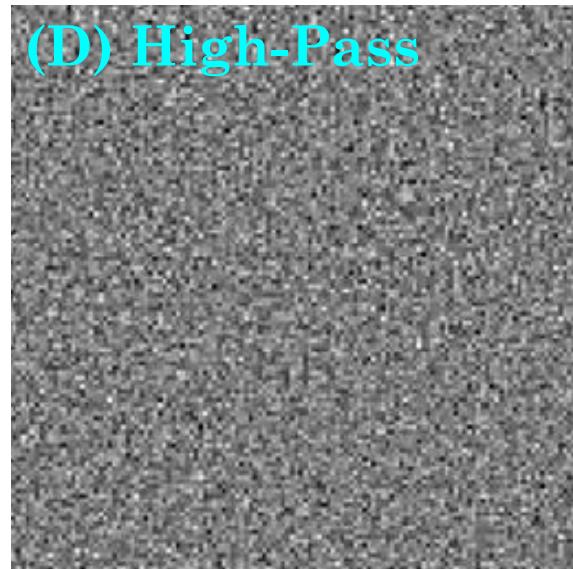
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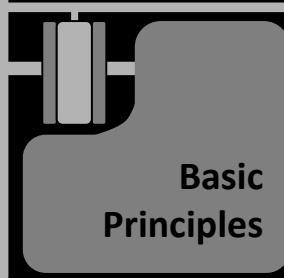


(B) Low-Pass

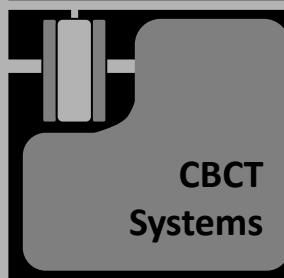


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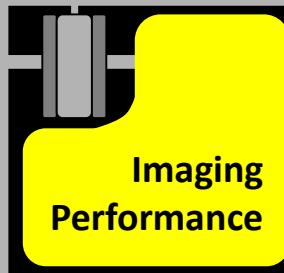
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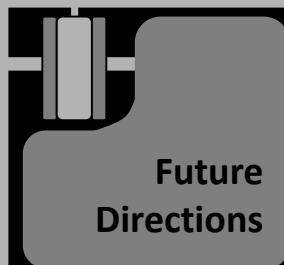
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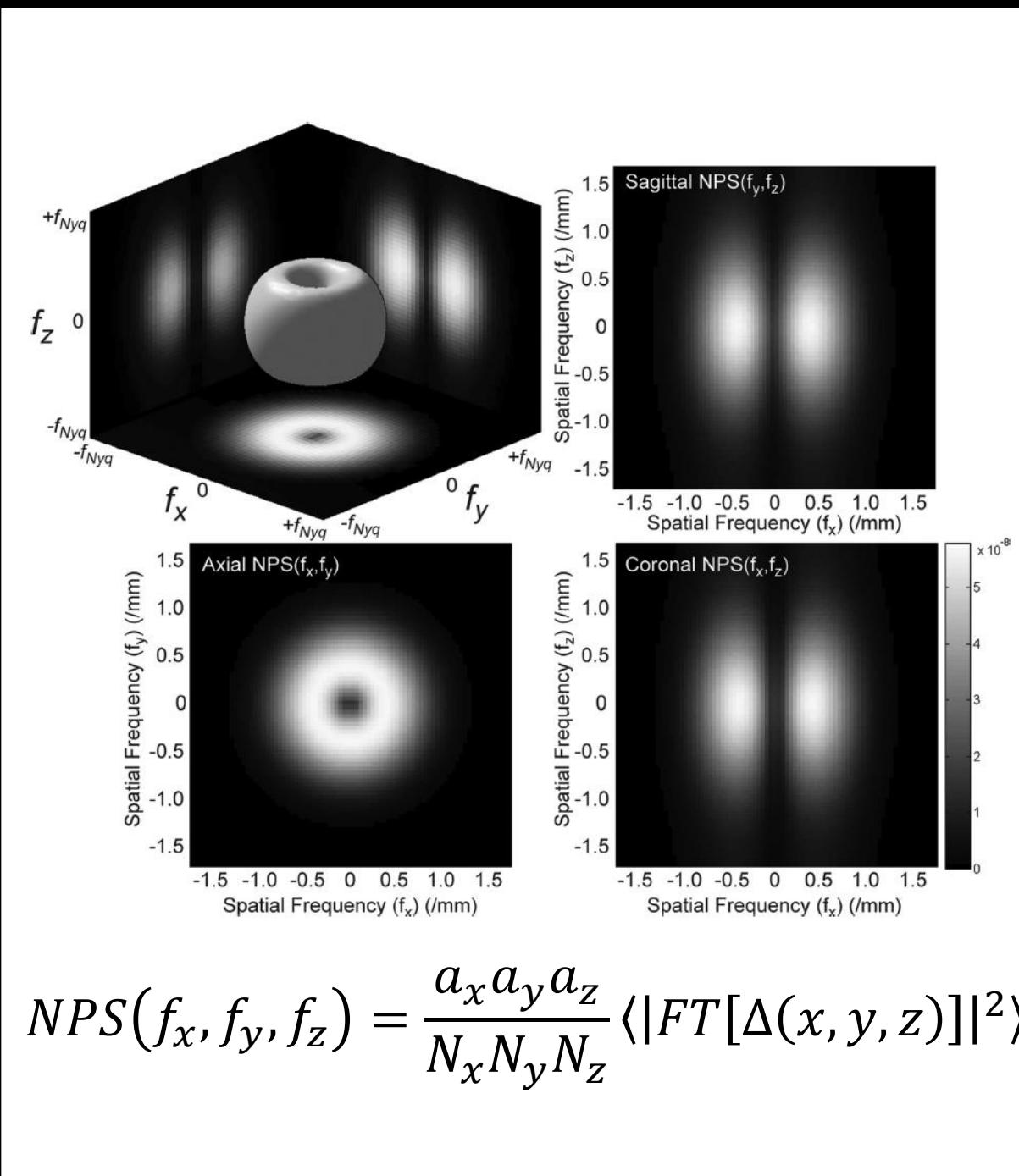
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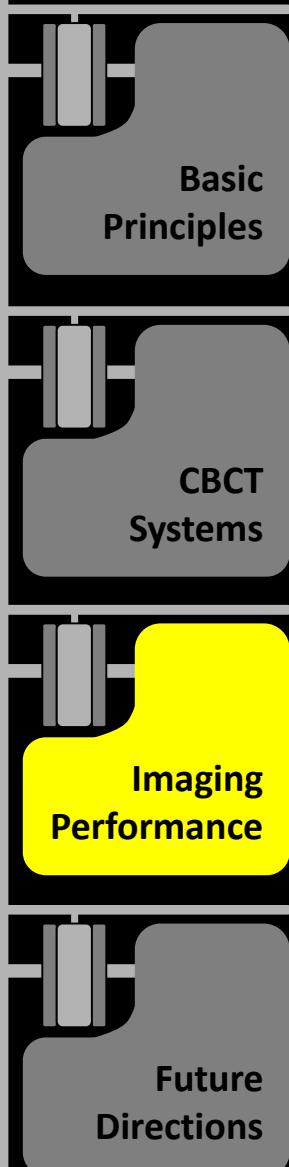
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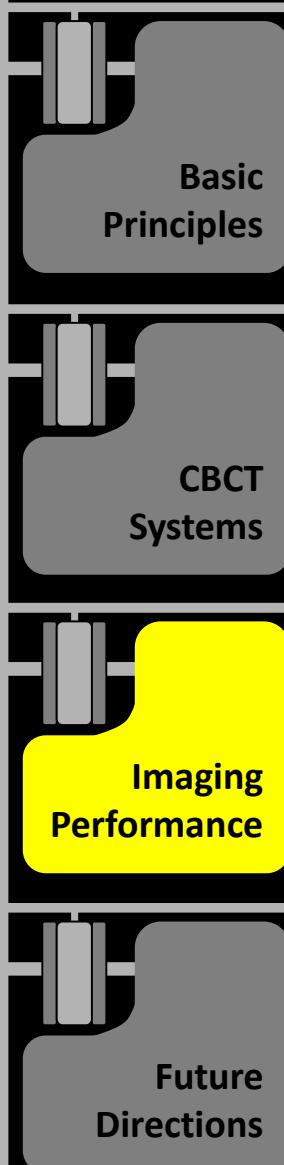
- Prewhitening (PW / Hotelling)
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Useful for:

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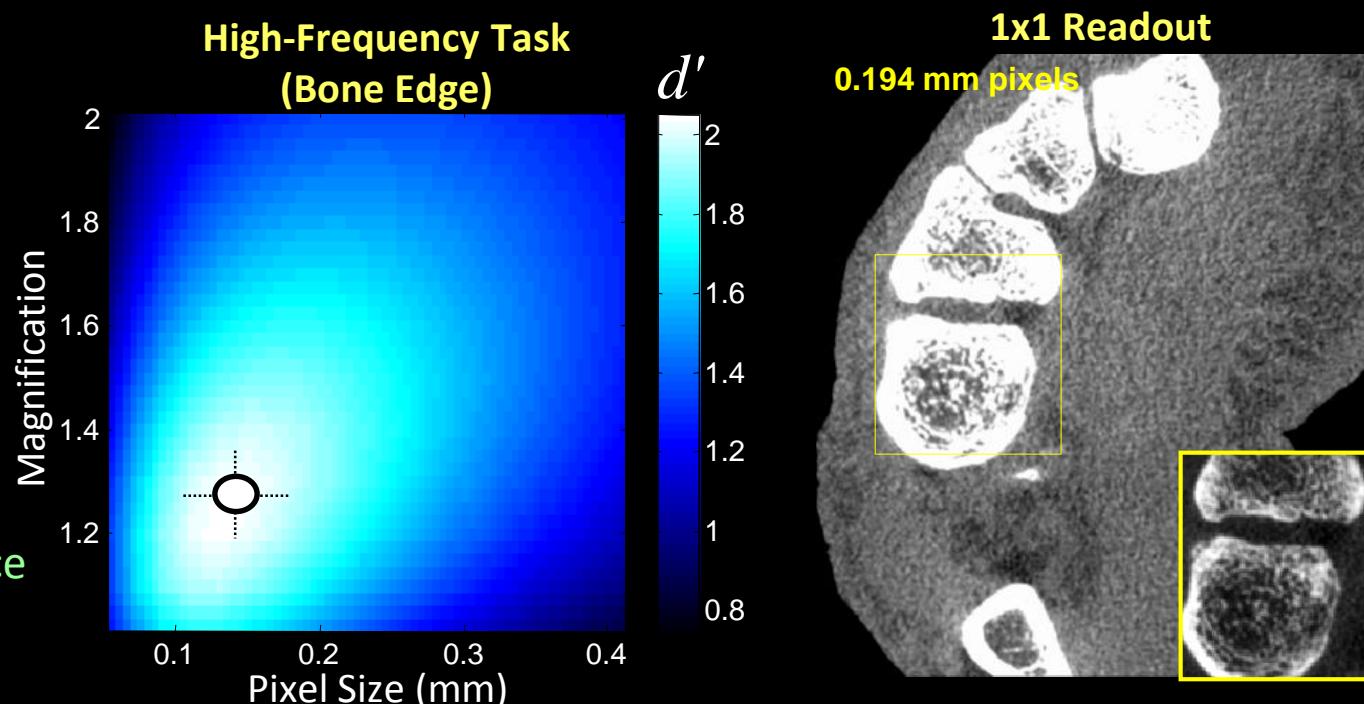
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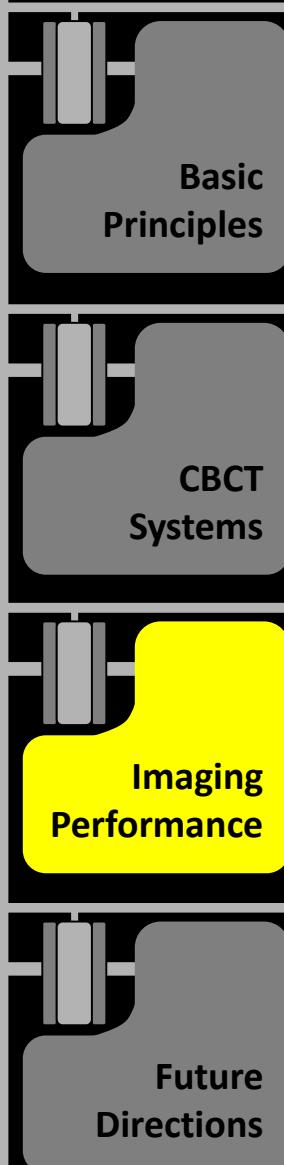
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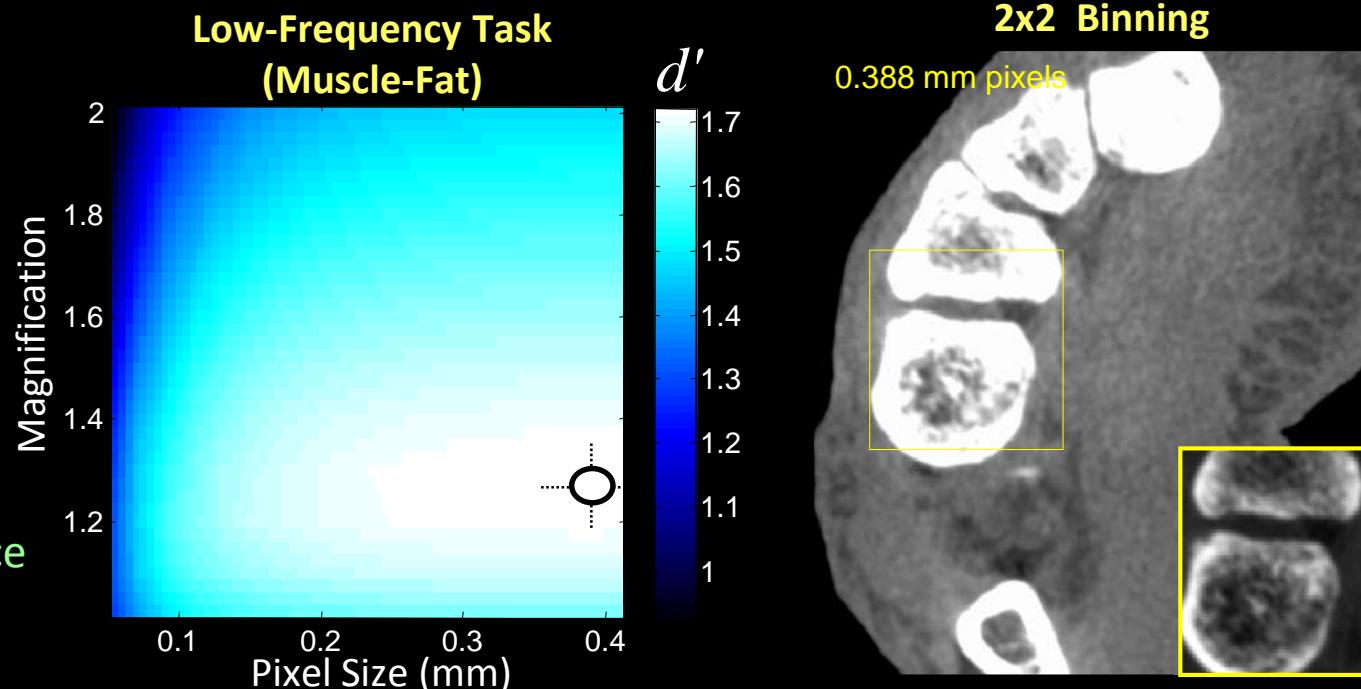
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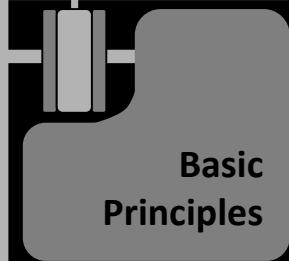
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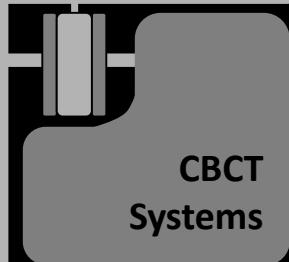
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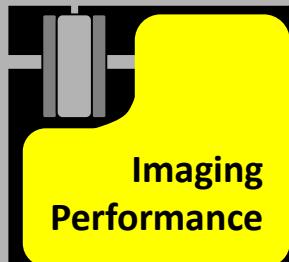




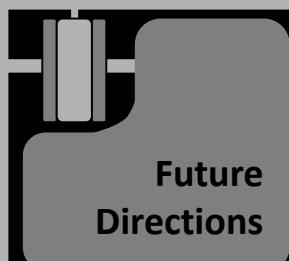
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## Artifacts

Ring Artifacts

Defective pixel elements

Geometric Calibration

Irreproducible orbit

Lateral Truncation

Limited detector FOV

Short Scan ( $<180^\circ$ +fan)

Insufficient data, Parker weights

X-ray Scatter

Large volumetric FOV

Beam Hardening

(as with MDCT)

Image Lag

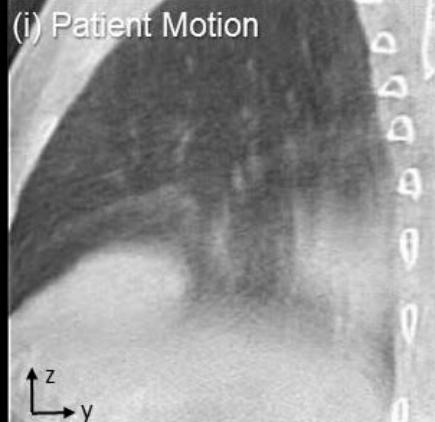
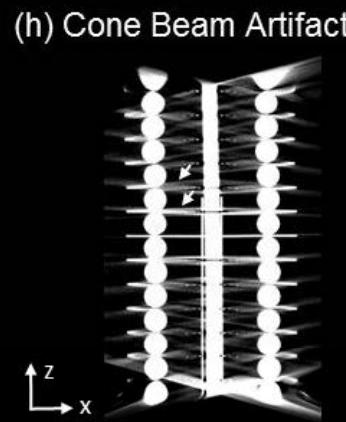
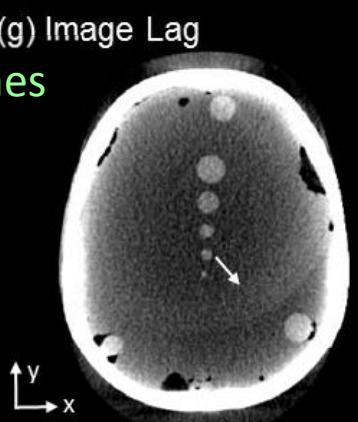
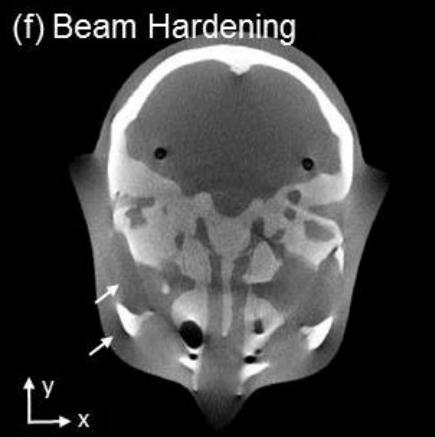
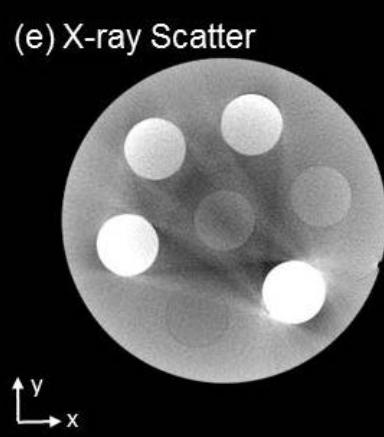
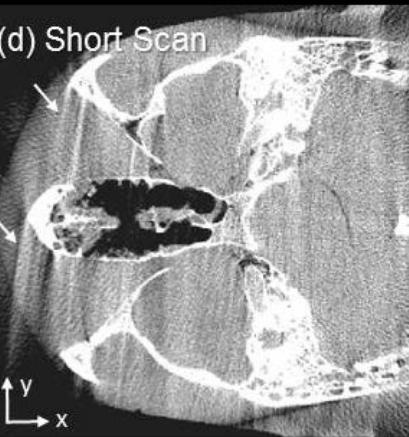
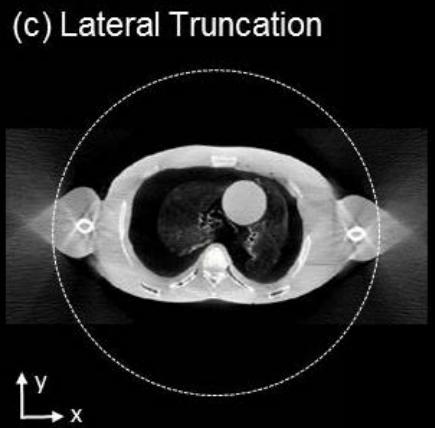
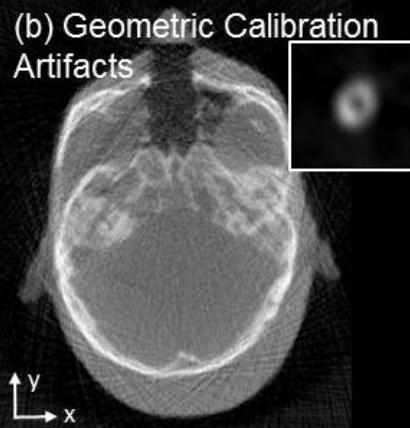
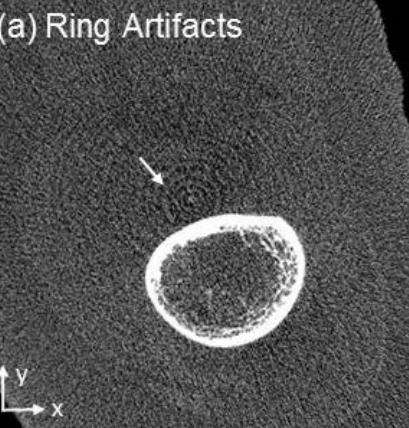
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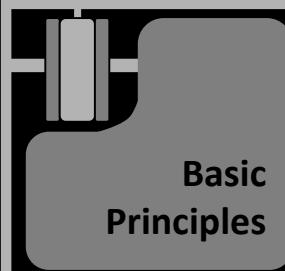
Cone-Beam Artifact

Circular orbit, divergent beam

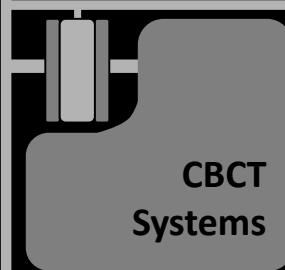
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Slow scan time

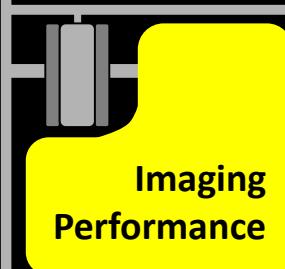




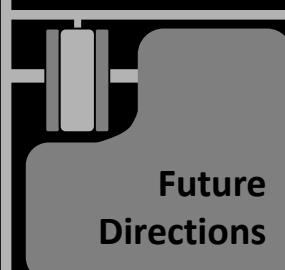
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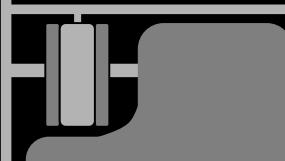
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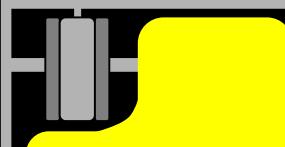




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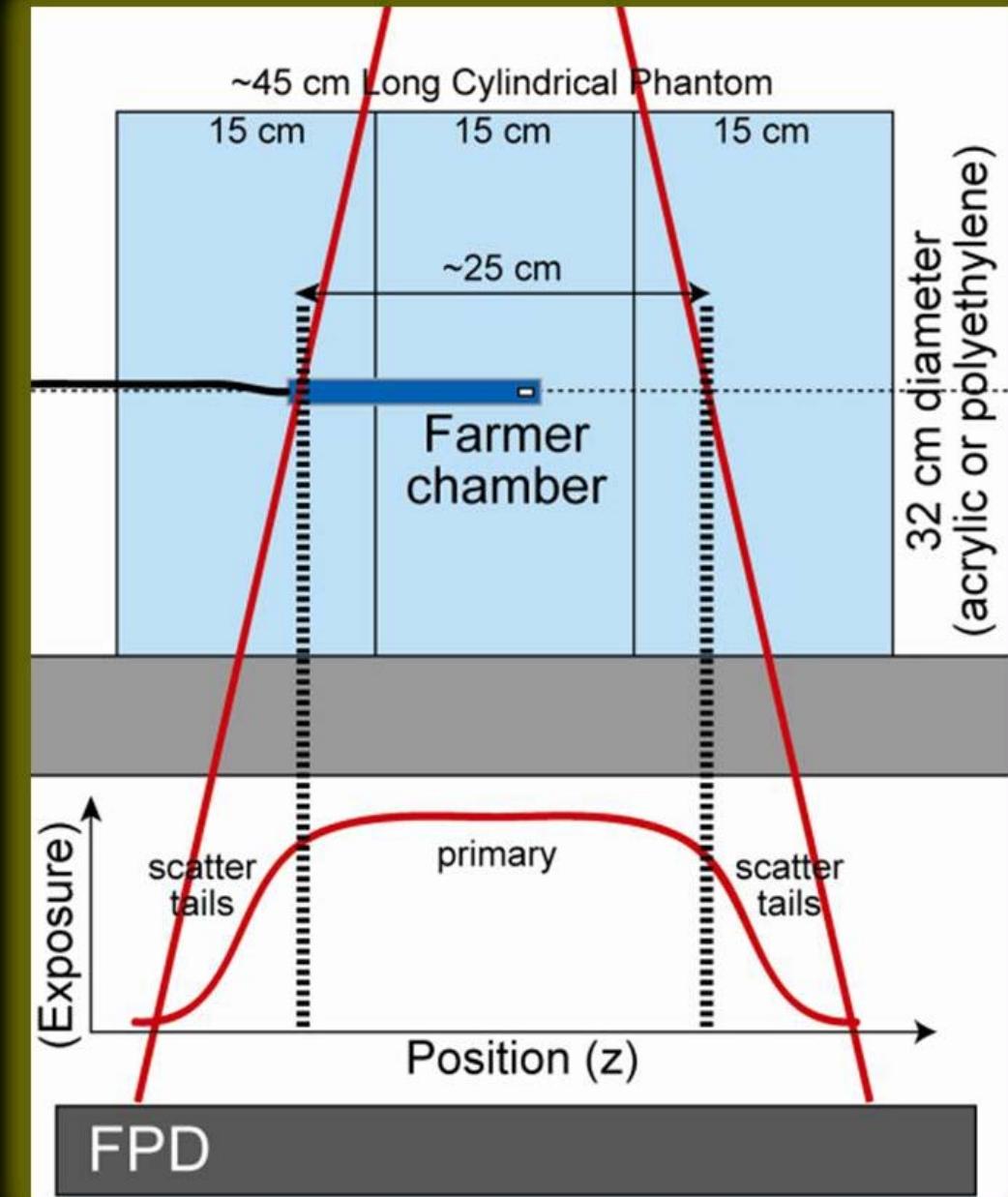
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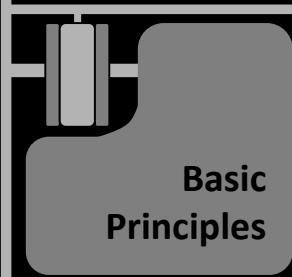
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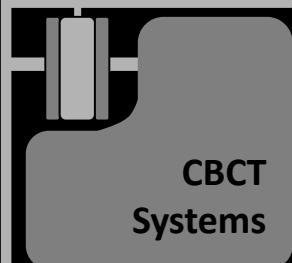
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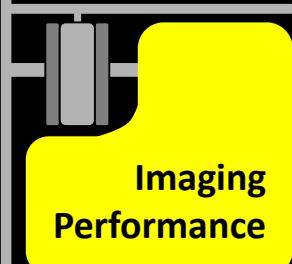




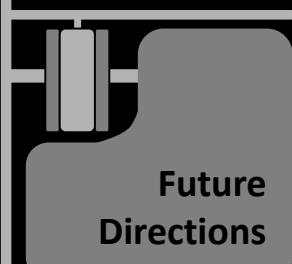
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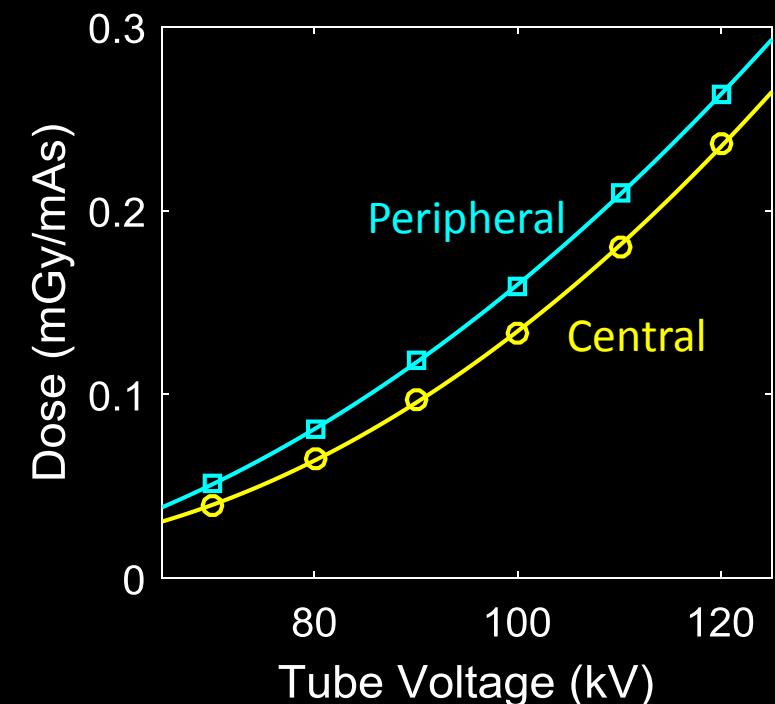
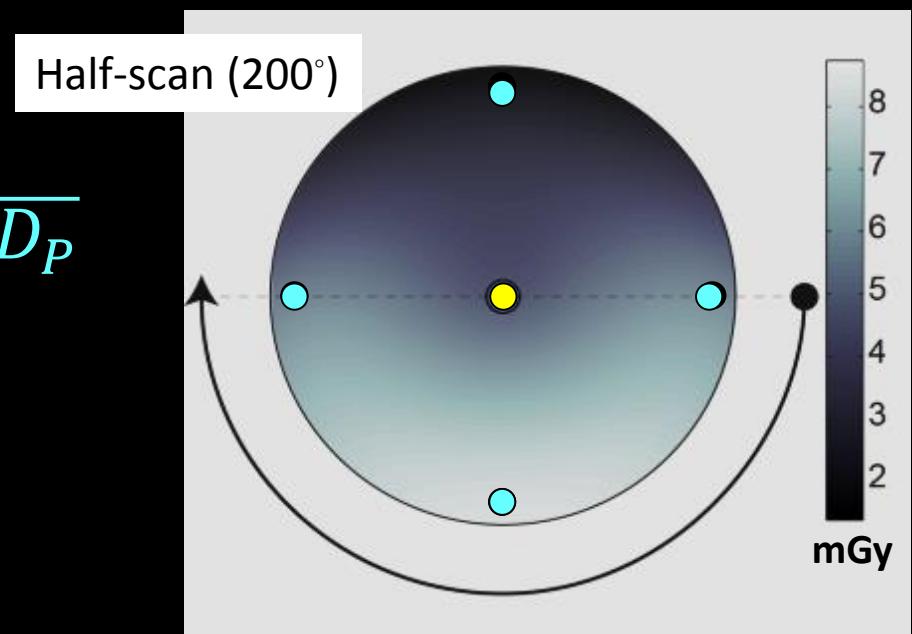
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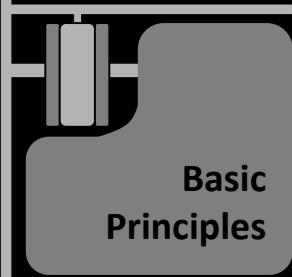
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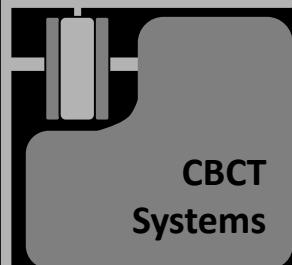
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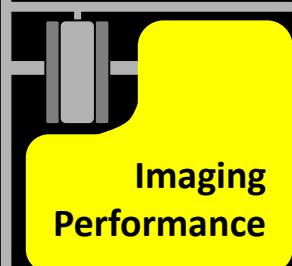




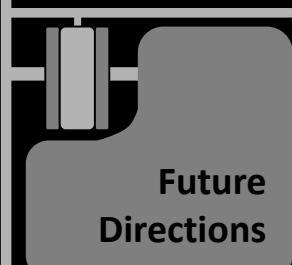
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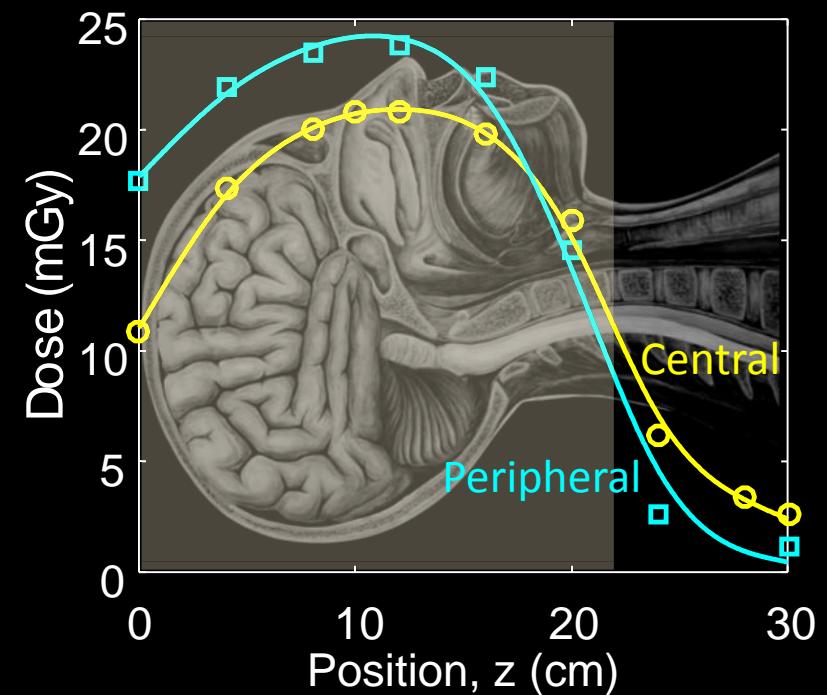
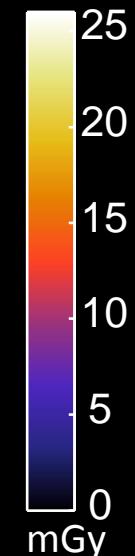
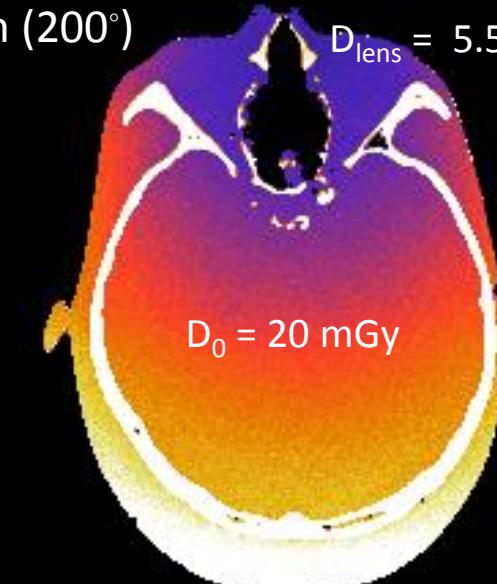
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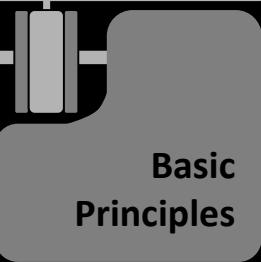
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Half-scan (200°)





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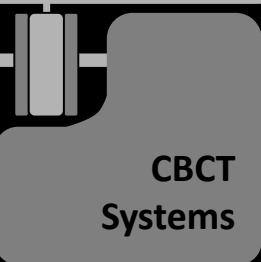
- Robotic gantry
- Noncircular orbits
- Specialty systems (point-of-care)



Pheno Robotic C-arm (Siemens)



Imaging Ring  
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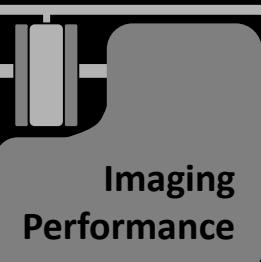
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Multitom RAX  
(Siemens)



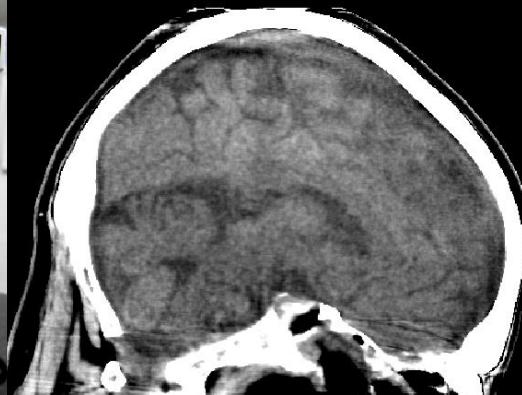
InReach  
(CurveBeam)



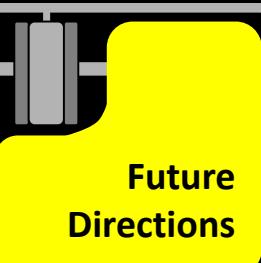
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Head Scanner (Prototype) J. Xu et al. Med Phys 2016



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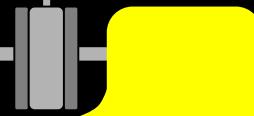
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Flat Panel  
Detector



Varian  
4343CB

CMOS Detector



Dalsa  
3030HR

$$a_{pix} = 0.138 \text{ mm}$$

$$\sigma_{add} = 5968 \text{ electrons}$$

$$FOV = 43 \times 43 \text{ cm}^2$$

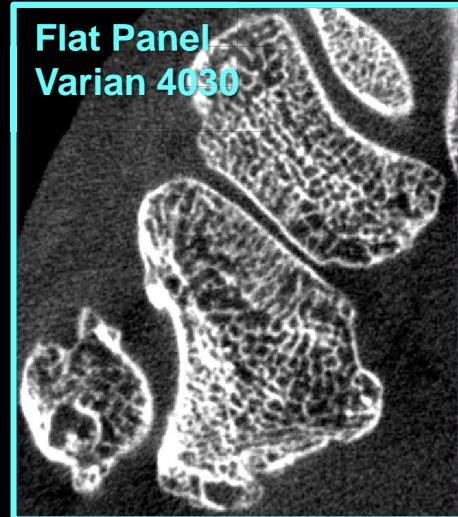
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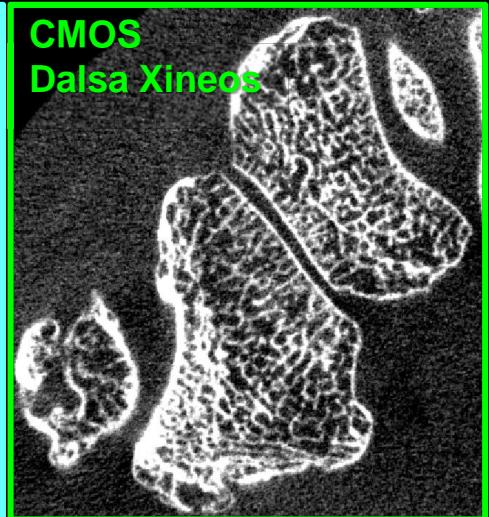
$$FOV = 29.5 \times 29.5 \text{ cm}^2$$



Flat Panel  
Varian 4030



CMOS  
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Extremity CT (Hi-Res pQCT Prototype)  
W. Zbijewski, Johns Hopkins University



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### Detector Lag Deconvolution



$$*^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \cdot e^{-a_n k} u(k)$$

### Veiling Glare Deconvolution

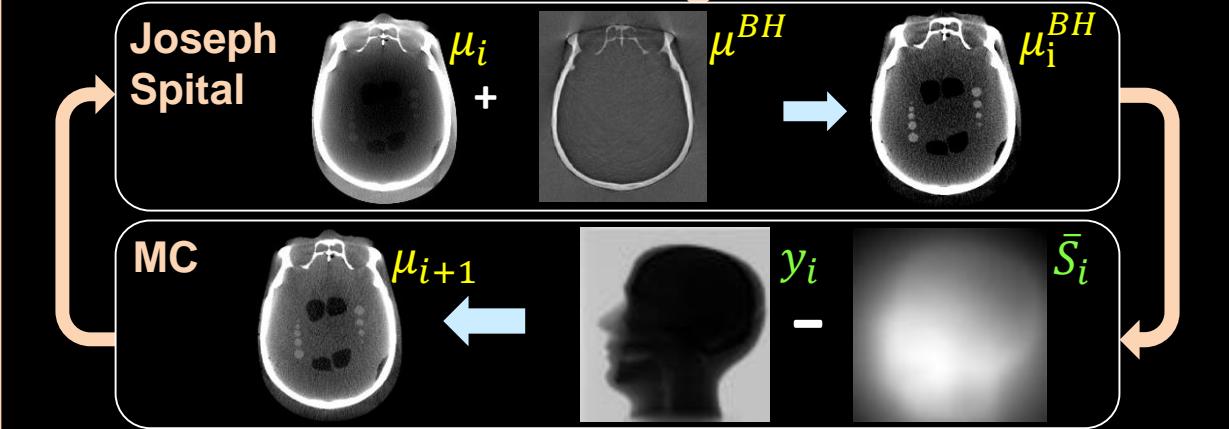


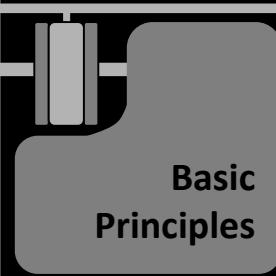
$$*^{-1} \left[ (1 - c_2) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2c_2^2}\right) + \frac{c_1}{\pi c_3} \left( \frac{1}{1 + x^2/c_3^2} \right) \right]$$

Short range PSF

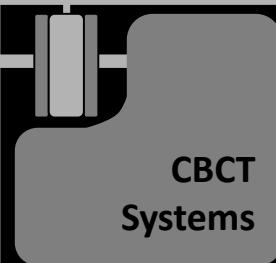
Glare PSF

### MC Scatter + Beam Hardening

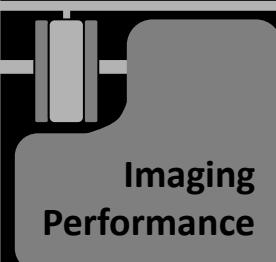




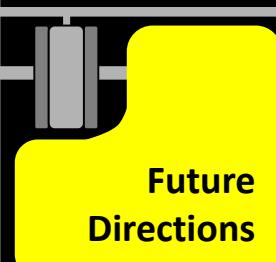
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## Veiling Glare



## MC Scatter +

Joseph  
Spital

MC

## Scatter Correction

All Corrections



No Corrections



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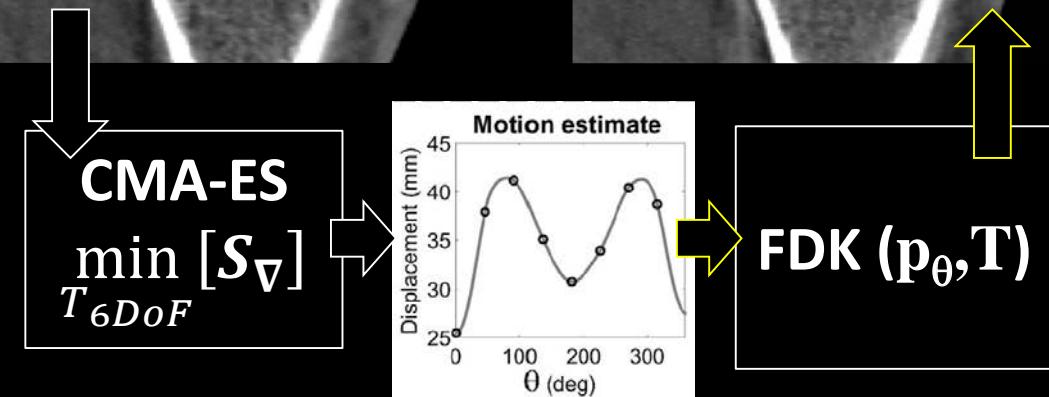
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## 'Auto-Focus' Image Domain Motion Compensation

### Patient Motion

### Motion-Corrected



Sisniega et al., Phys Med Biol 2016

Sisniega et al., Phys Med Biol 2015



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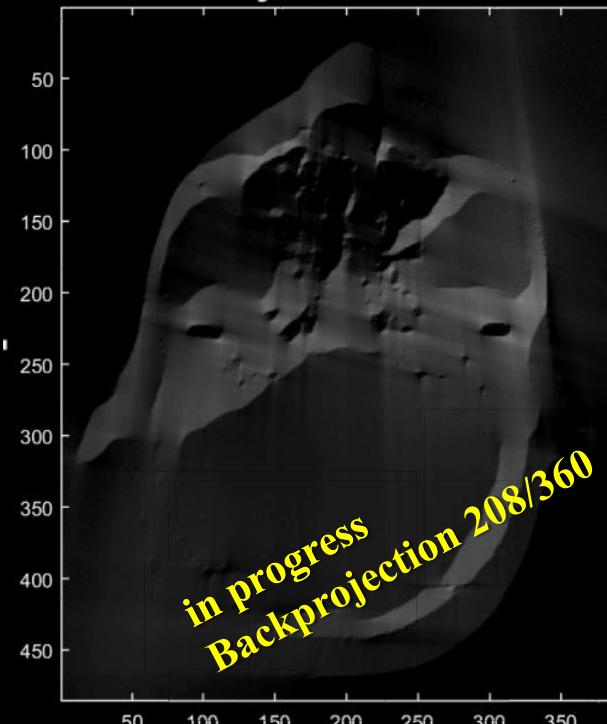
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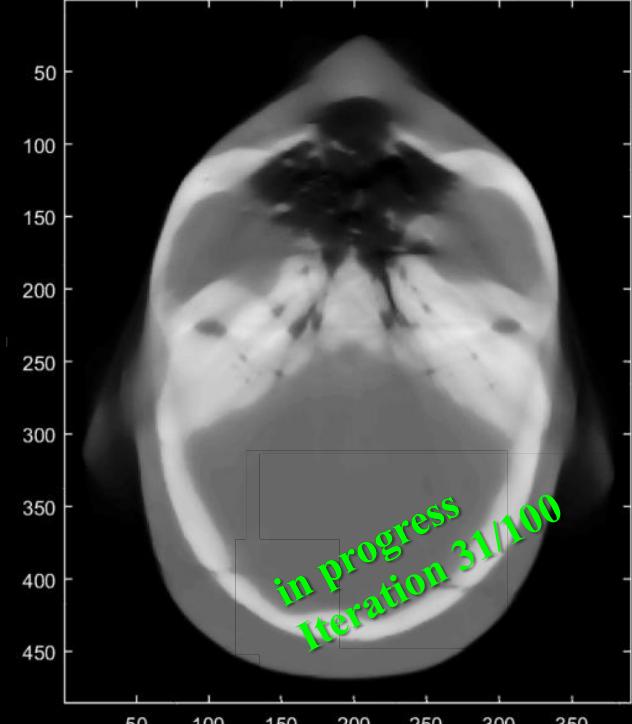
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## Conventional Projection #208



**MBIR**  
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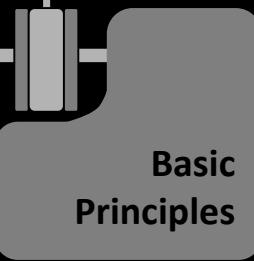


## Filtered Backprojection

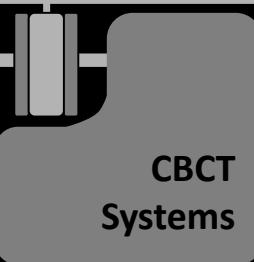
$$\bar{\mu} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{R^2}{U^2(x, y, \theta)} p'(\xi, \theta) * k_{ramp}(\xi) d\theta$$

## Penalized Likelihood

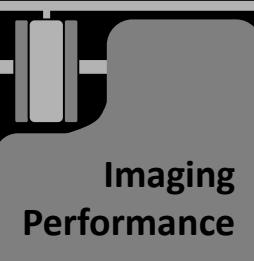
$$\hat{\mu} = \arg \max \underbrace{L(\bar{g}, \bar{\mu})}_{\text{Log-Likelihood}} - \underbrace{\beta R(\bar{\mu})}_{\text{Penalty}}$$



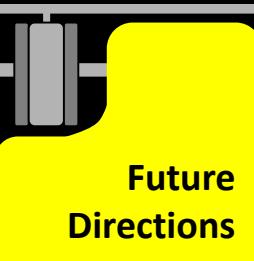
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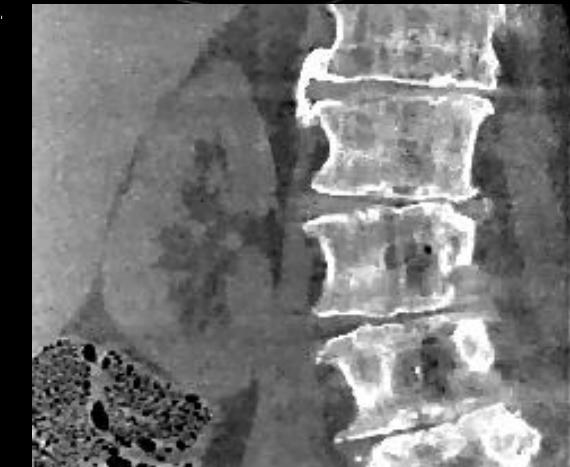
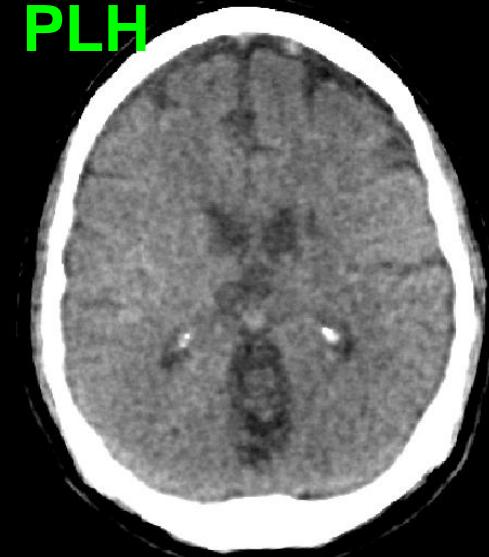
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FBP

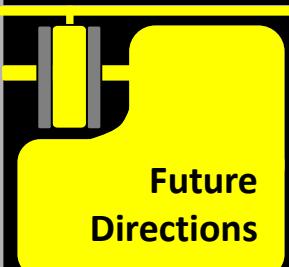
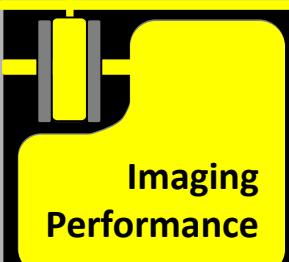
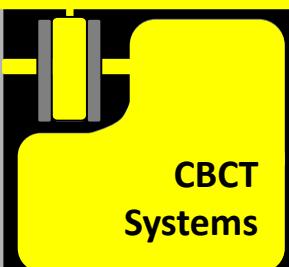
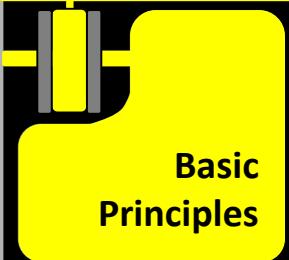


PLH



Dose	6.6 mGy	3.3 mGy
Spatial Res. (ESF)	1.0 mm	1.0 mm
CNR	2.1	2.7
Recon Time	13 s	4 hr → 19 s

# In Summary



Large-area detector

Circular (or non-circular) orbit → Volumetric FOV

Rich diversity of system configurations

IGRT → IR → IG surgery → Specialty diagnostics (breast, MSK, ...)

Good (nearly isotropic) spatial resolution

Modest soft-tissue contrast resolution

Artifacts

New systems, detectors, and acquisition techniques

Model-based image reconstruction



Siewersen



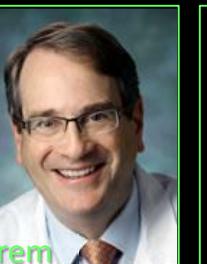
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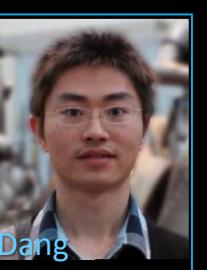
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