

POTENTIAL AND PITFALLS OF AI FOR DENOISING AND SYSTEM DESIGN IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE (PET-CT)

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- Patents with Ugent used by Molecubes

THE PRESENT

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PET-CT



Important role in cancer diagnosis and treatment
FDG
Medium throughput

Cyclotron
Expensive
Radioactivity

RESEARCH REPORTS

Molecular Imaging Market will expand at an impressive CAGR of around 11.3% from 2021 to 2031

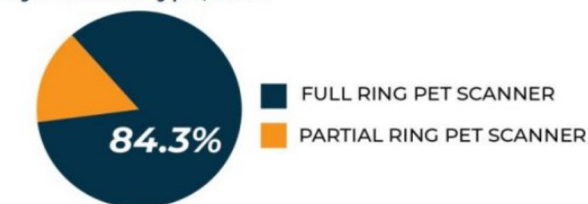
New evolutions on tracers:
Theranostics, PSMA and Fapi

New evolutions in detectors
and AI

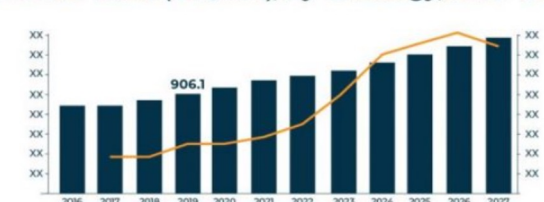
POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY (PET) MARKET ANALYSIS



Global PET Scanners Market Share (%) Value, by Product Type, 2019



Market Value (US\$ Mn), By Oncology, 2016 - 2027

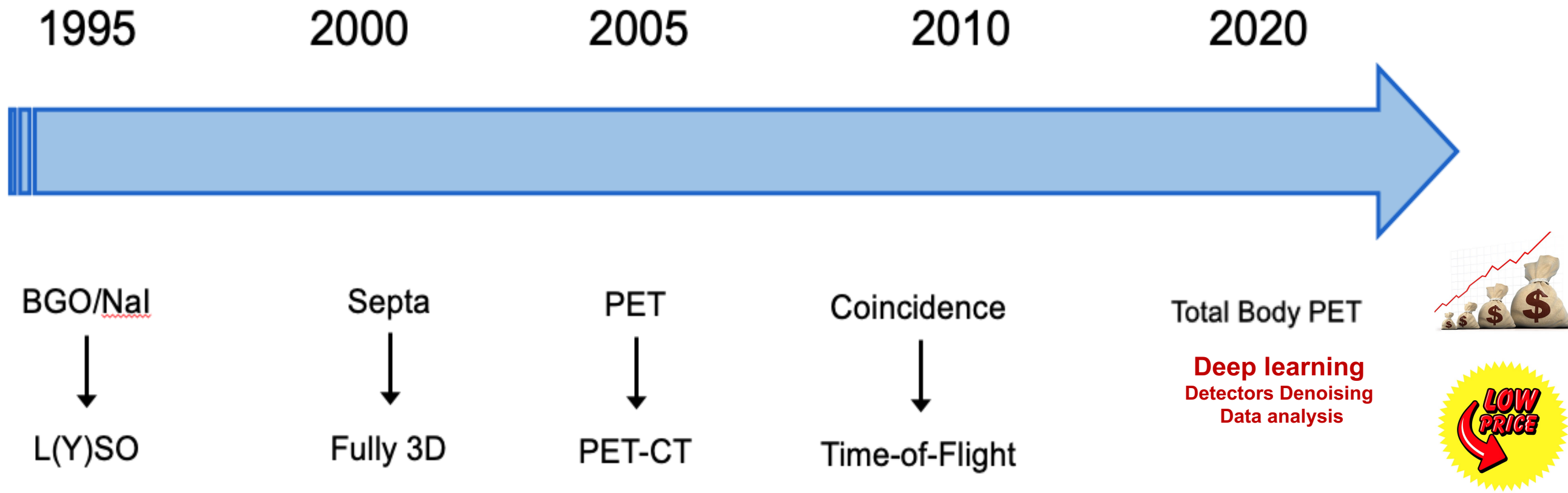


4.2% CAGR (2019-2027)

(Market Size 2020)
US\$ 906.1 MN
(Market Size 2027)
US\$ 1,549.77 MN

LARGE CHANGES IN PET PERFORMANCE

PET detector and system improvements



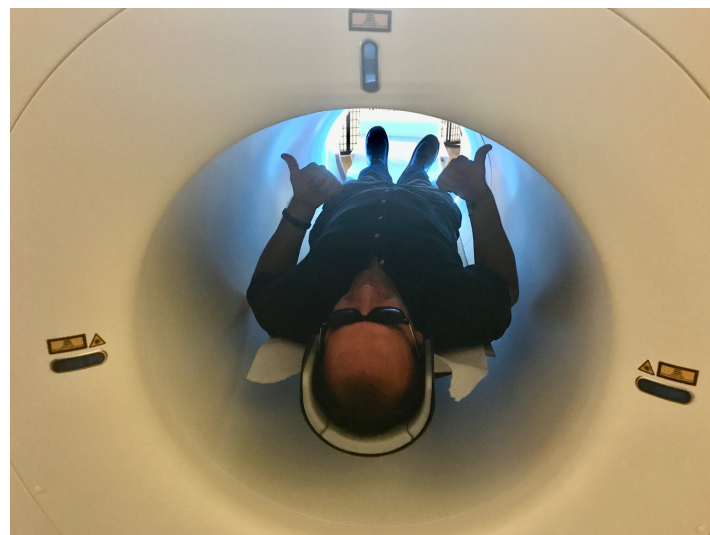
Gradual changes

Longer Axial FOV

Improvements in iterative recon and scatter correction

Increase in computing power, memory and storage

TOTAL BODY PET-CT



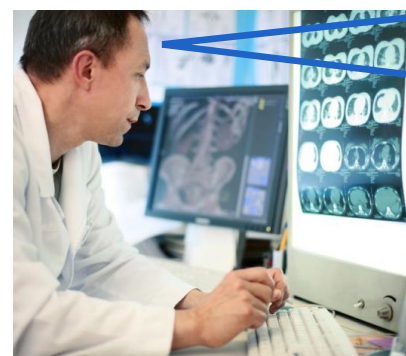
Low dose imaging
Faster
Total Body at once

Very high acquisition cost
8-12 MEuro
Expensive service contract

Research tool
Why would I need it ?
Too expensive
Hospital will never pay this



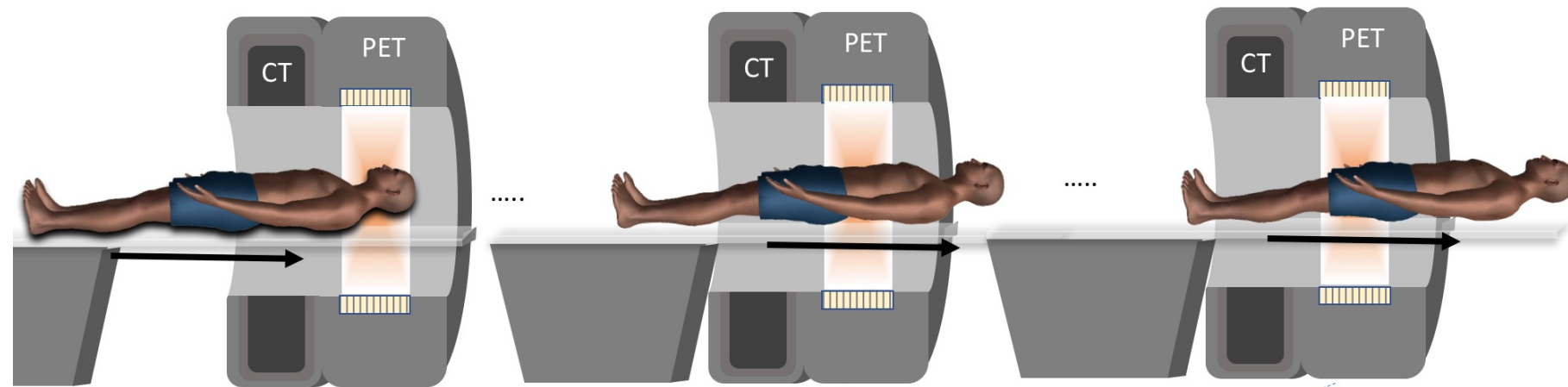
Private



Academic

Interesting/innovative
I want the best
Other academics have it
Grant will pay for it

PET-CT VERSUS TOTAL BODY PET-CT



**10-20 x
Faster torso imaging
And/or lower dose
+
Simultaneous imaging of
organs**

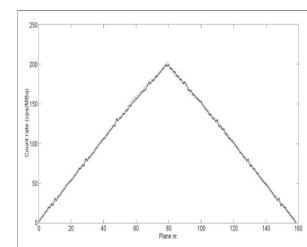
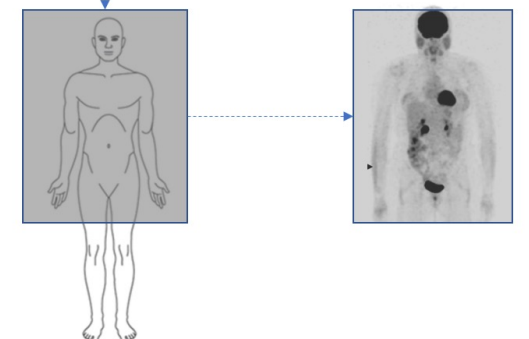
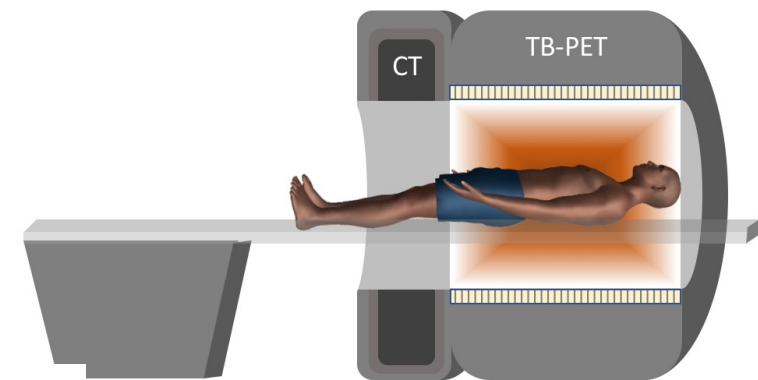
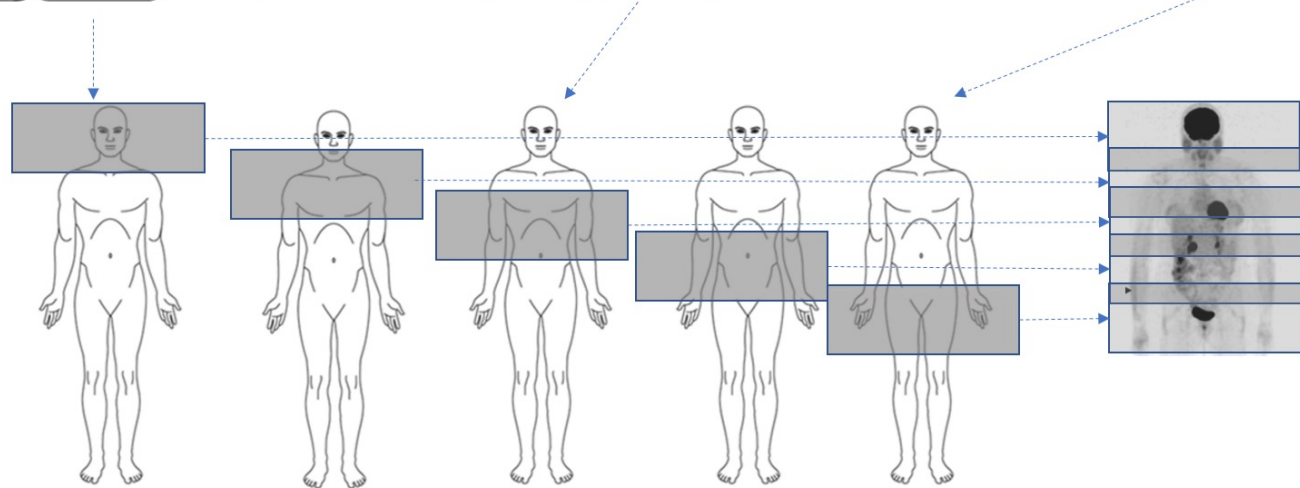
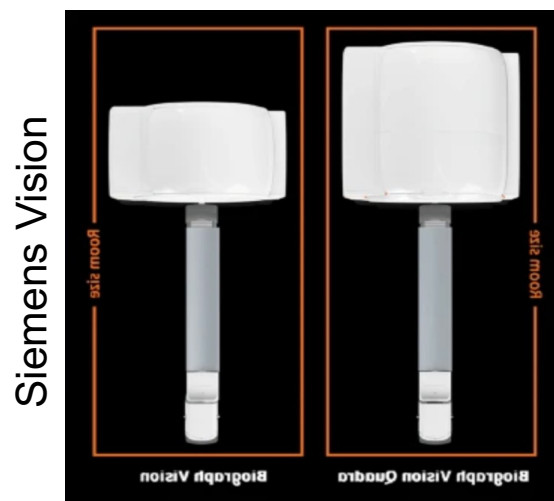
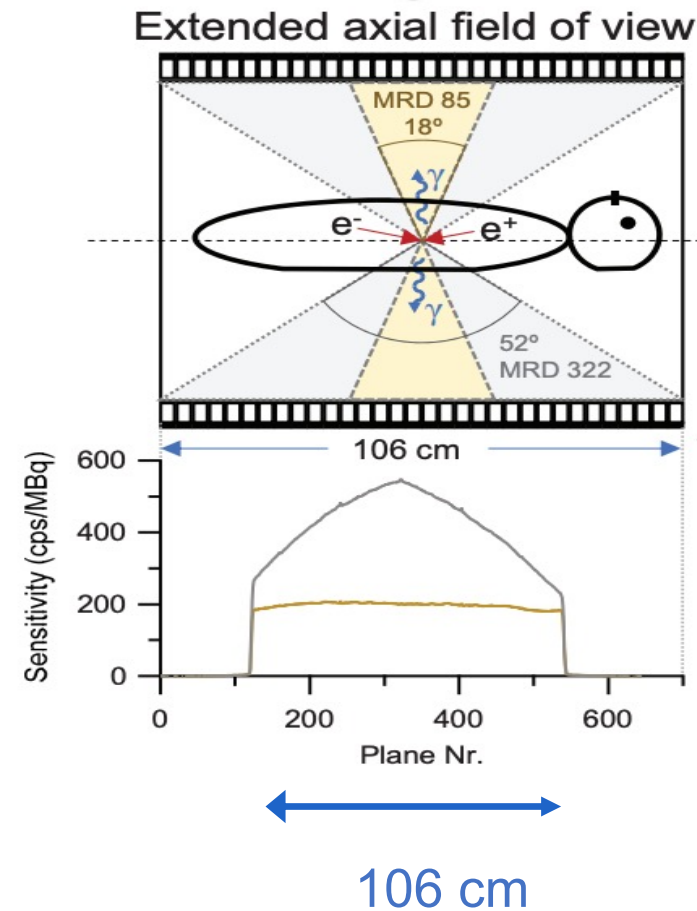


FIGURE 2. Axial sensitivity profiles for both 0-cm off-center position (circles) and 10-cm off-center position (crosses).

24 cm



Siemens Quadra

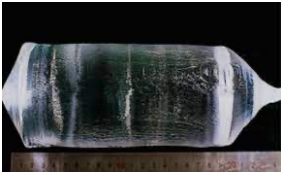


World most sold sedan: 30 kEuro



Lamborghini Huracan: 300 kEuro

PET VS TOTAL BODY PET (ACQ COST)



1 TB PET-CT

or

3 standard PET-CT

PET
Rings

CT



Biograph Vision Quadra



Biograph Vision



Biograph Vision



Biograph Vision

Long Axial FOV= LAFOV

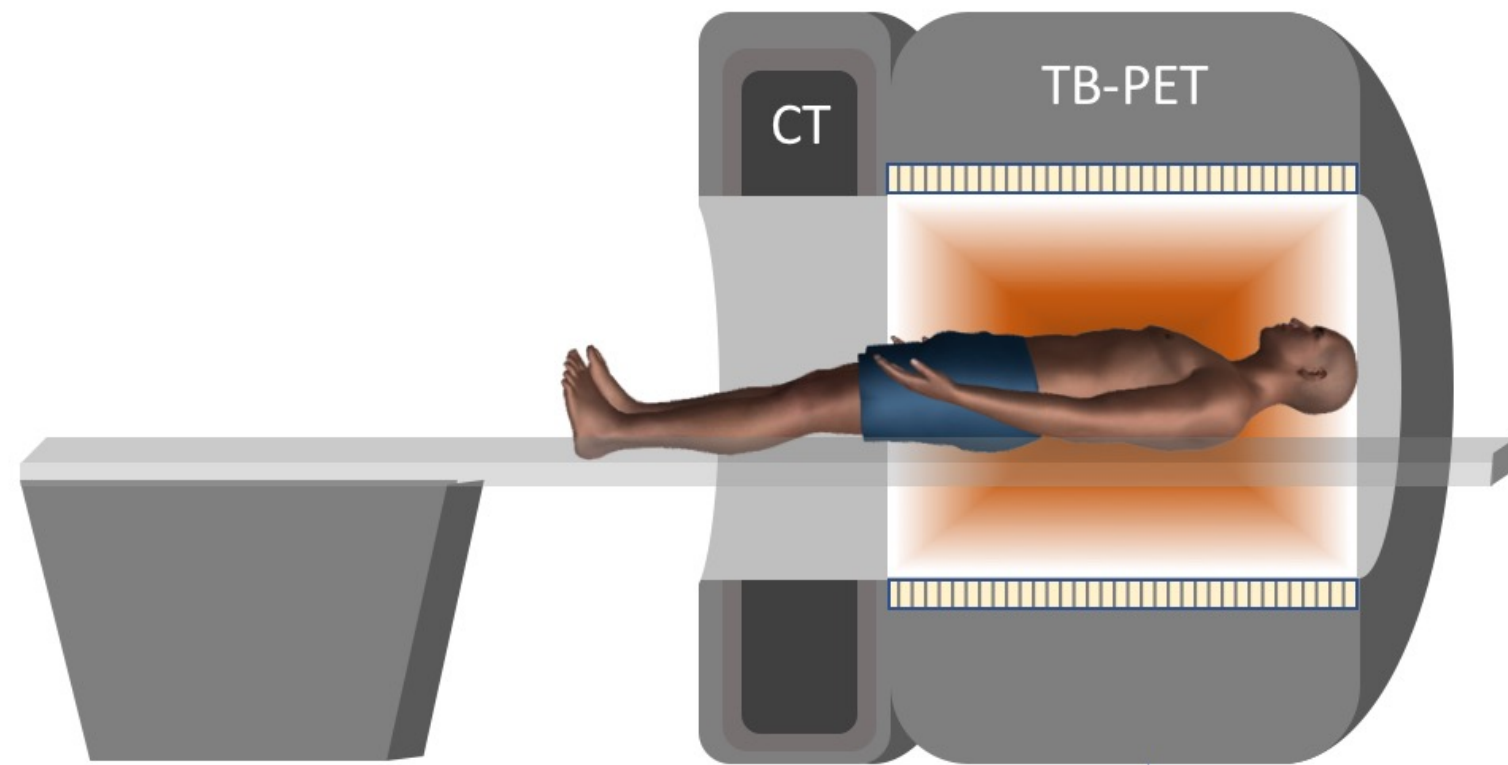
Short Axial FOV= SAFOV

Customer perspective

Best PET scanner possible
at reasonable price

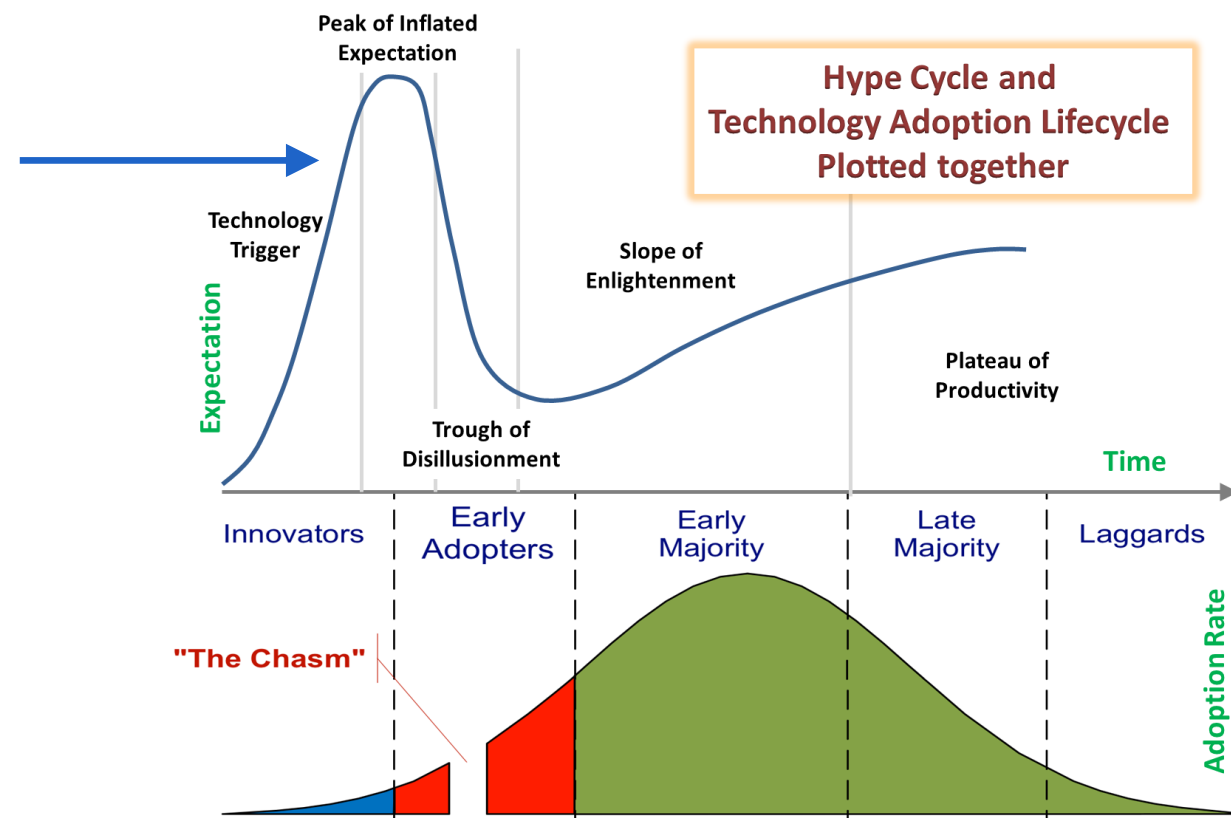
Society perspective

As many PET scanners as possible



Current TB PET

+
 Very sensitive
 Fast scan times
 One bed position
 Dose of PET can be reduced



-
 Expensive
 Slow patient positioning
 CT dose
 Amount of data

EXPECTED INCREASE IN PET(-CT) PATIENTS

Why ?

- New tracers for imaging with large number of patients: PSMA, Fapi....
- Not only detection but more and more (expensive) therapy prediction and follow-up
 - Early detection → improved therapy outcome
 - First PET scan (60%, 20 % normals)
 - Follow-up (40%)
- Future maybe selected screening: genetic, blood test, patient history
→ Fast evolutions towards early diagnosis of cancer
- Even with selected screening there will be a high number of patients and repeat scans
- **How** to deal with this:
 - Lower dose imaging (screening, other populations)
 - Faster imaging + Throughput
 - Lower cost imaging (systems + procedure)
 - Less personnel per scan

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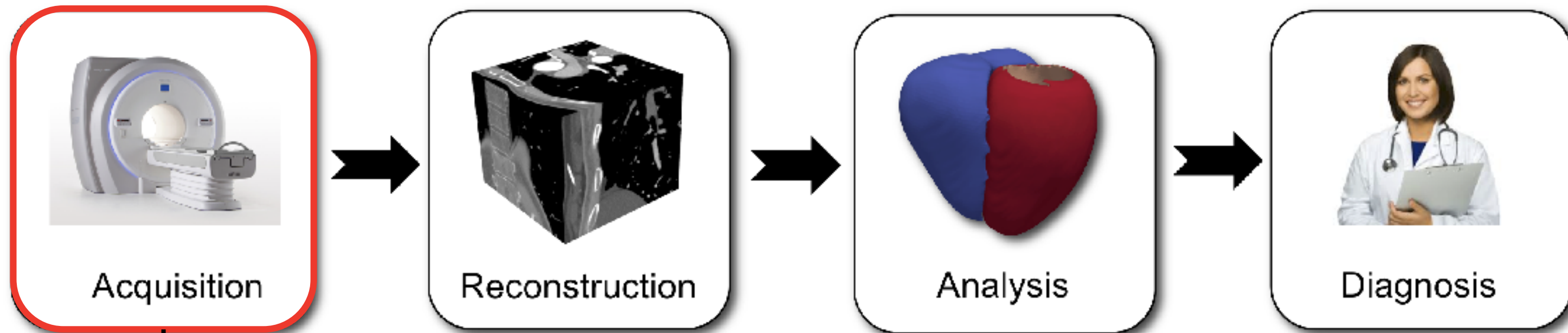
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AI can be employed into the entire imaging pipeline.



- Lower cost systems
- DL-TOF
- Improve detector performance

DEEP LEARNING BASED SYSTEM DESIGN

MEDIUM COST TOTAL BODY PET



Total body PET



Thin crystal TB PET



Sparse crystal TB PET

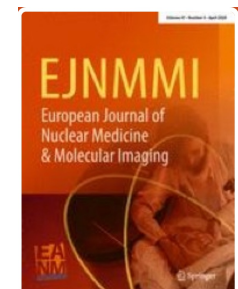
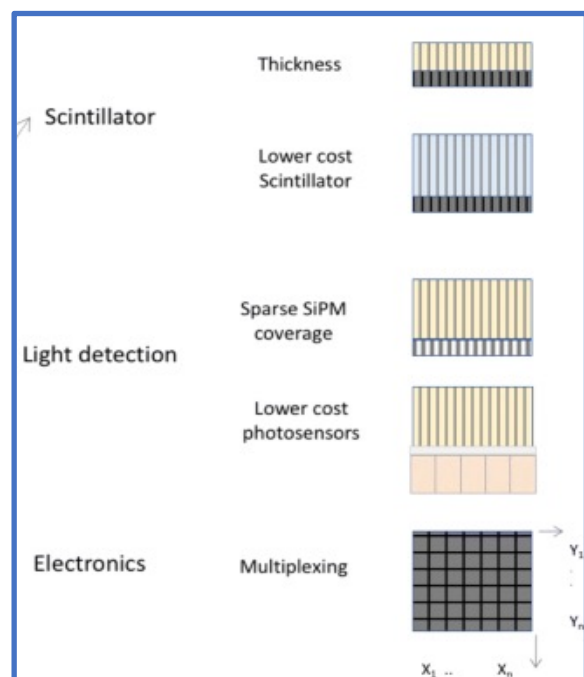


Improved TOF (?)
 Limited DOI
 50 % less scintillator

~ 4 x less counts than full TB PET
 But still 3-4x more than PET

50 % less detectors

Lower cost detector options



The potential of a medium-cost long axial FOV PET system for nuclear medicine departments
 Stefaan Vandenberghe Nicolas A. Karakatsanis Maya Abi Akla, Jens Maebe Suleman Surti Rudi A. Dierckx Othmane Bouhalie Joel S. Karp, accepted for EJNMMI

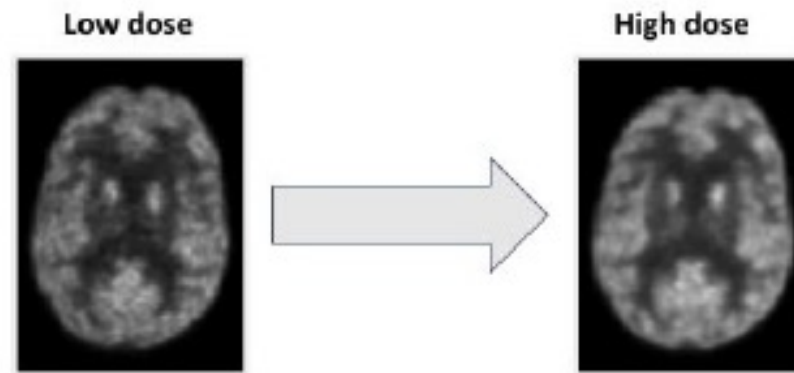
Lower cost TB PET
4-6 Meuro range
 With 2x - 3x higher throughput financially interesting for most centers

ARTIFICIALLY 'BOOST' LOWER COST (TB)-PET



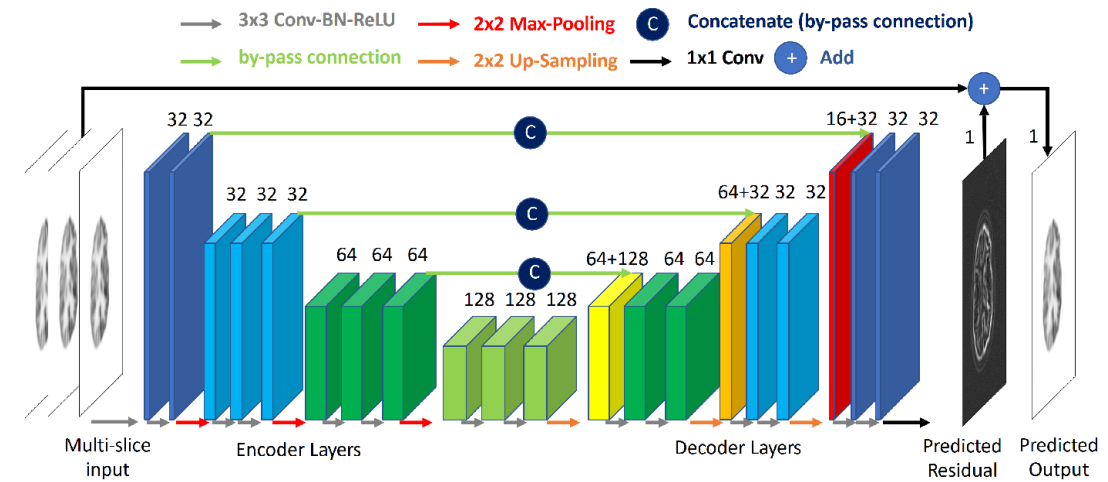
**AI
TO THE
RESCUE**

LOW NOISE
'RECONSTRUCTION'
USING DEEP LEARNING
Train low dose-high dose pairs

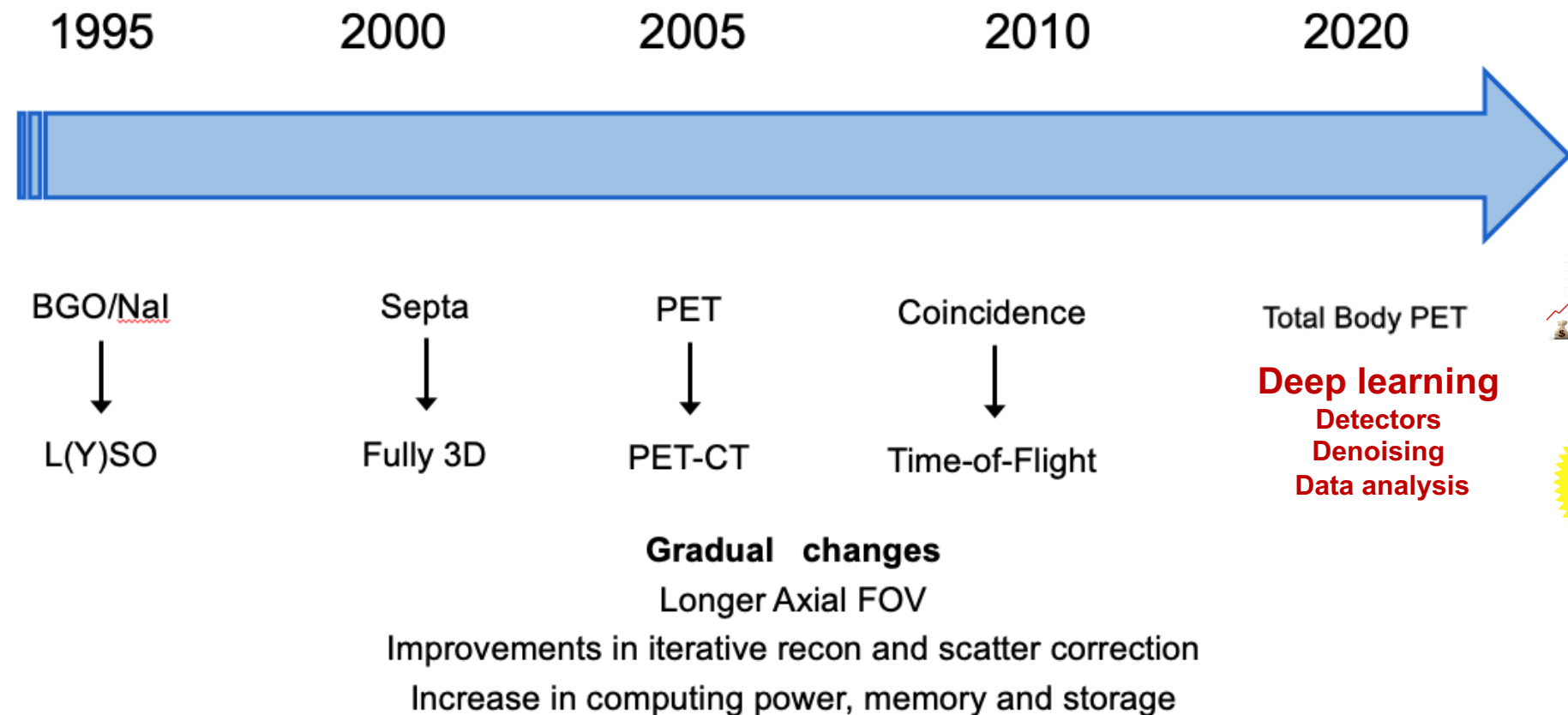


Standard Scan	Faster Scan	AI-enhanced By SubtlePET™
4 minutes per bed	1 minute per bed	1 minute per bed

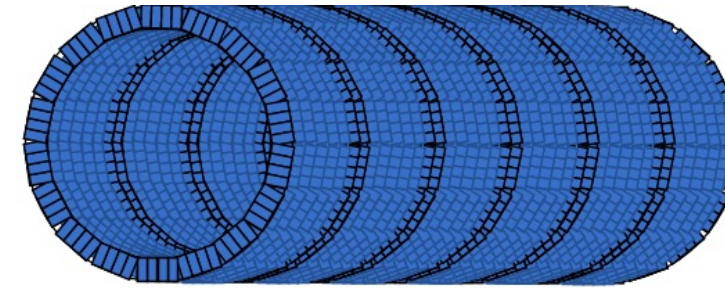
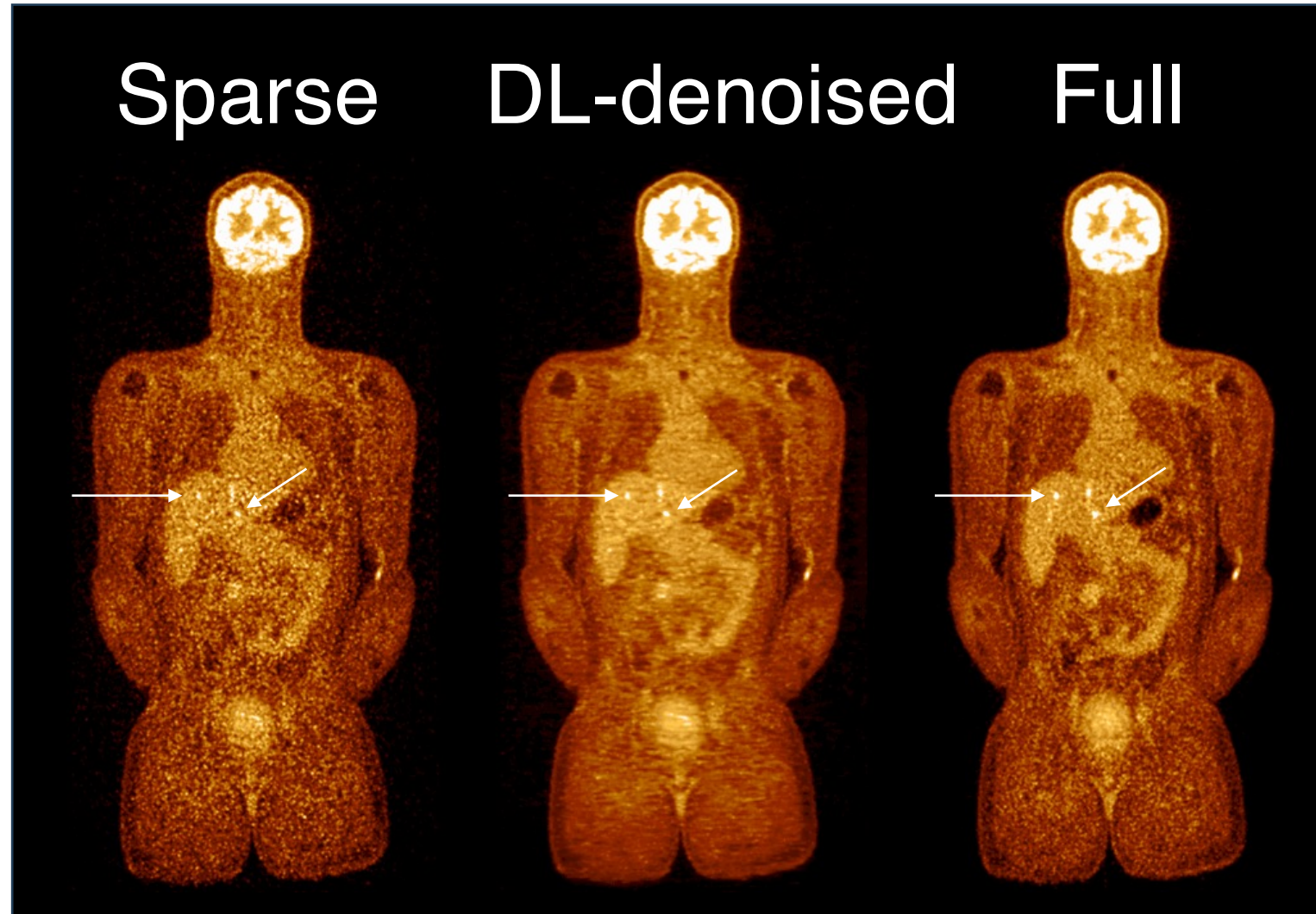
Convolutional Neural networks



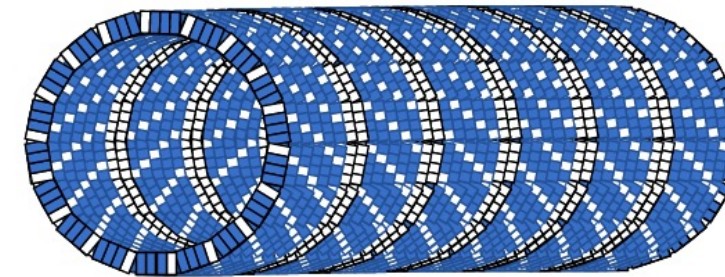
PET detector and system improvements



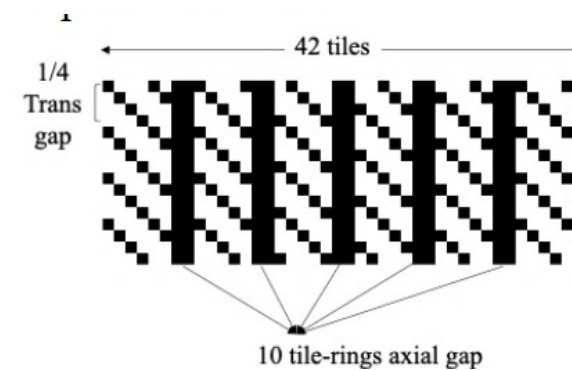
Deep learning denoising of sparse configurations



Full PennPET configuration



Sparse configuration



Around 2/3 of LORs are removed

→ 43% detector savings

Cost-effective Total-Body PET with Axial and Transverse Gaps

Min Gao, Florence M. Muller, Margaret E. Daube-Witherspoon, *Fellow, IEEE*,
Joel S. Karp, *Fellow, IEEE*, and Suleman Surti, *Senior Member, IEEE*

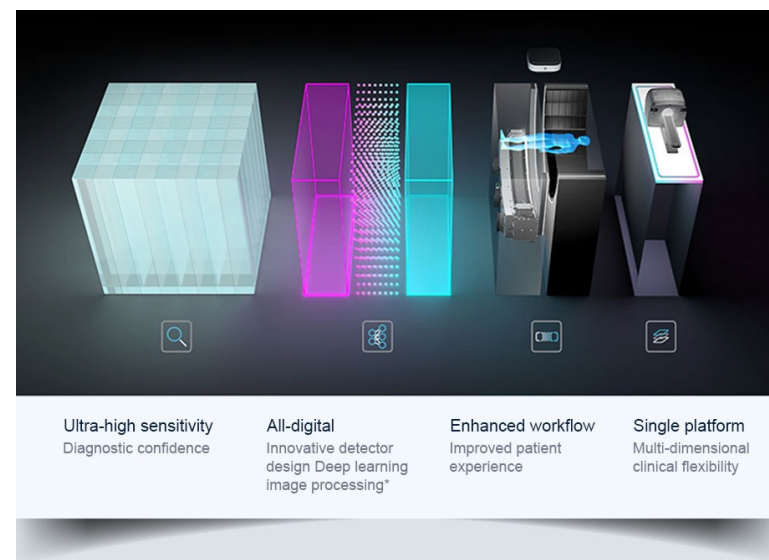
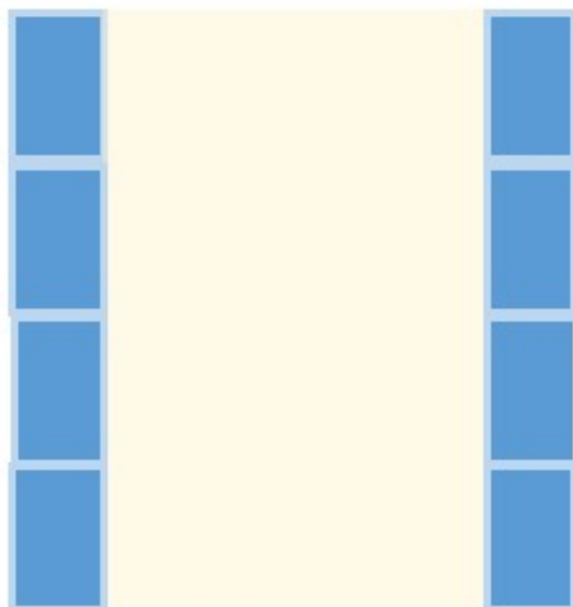
Presented at IEEE MIC 2023

AI to enhance system performance

GE Omni Legend
30 mm thick BGO-non TOF



32 cm or
64 cm or
96 cm or
128 cm or
Axial length
Future
Upgradeable



Non-TOF → lower cost detector/electronics

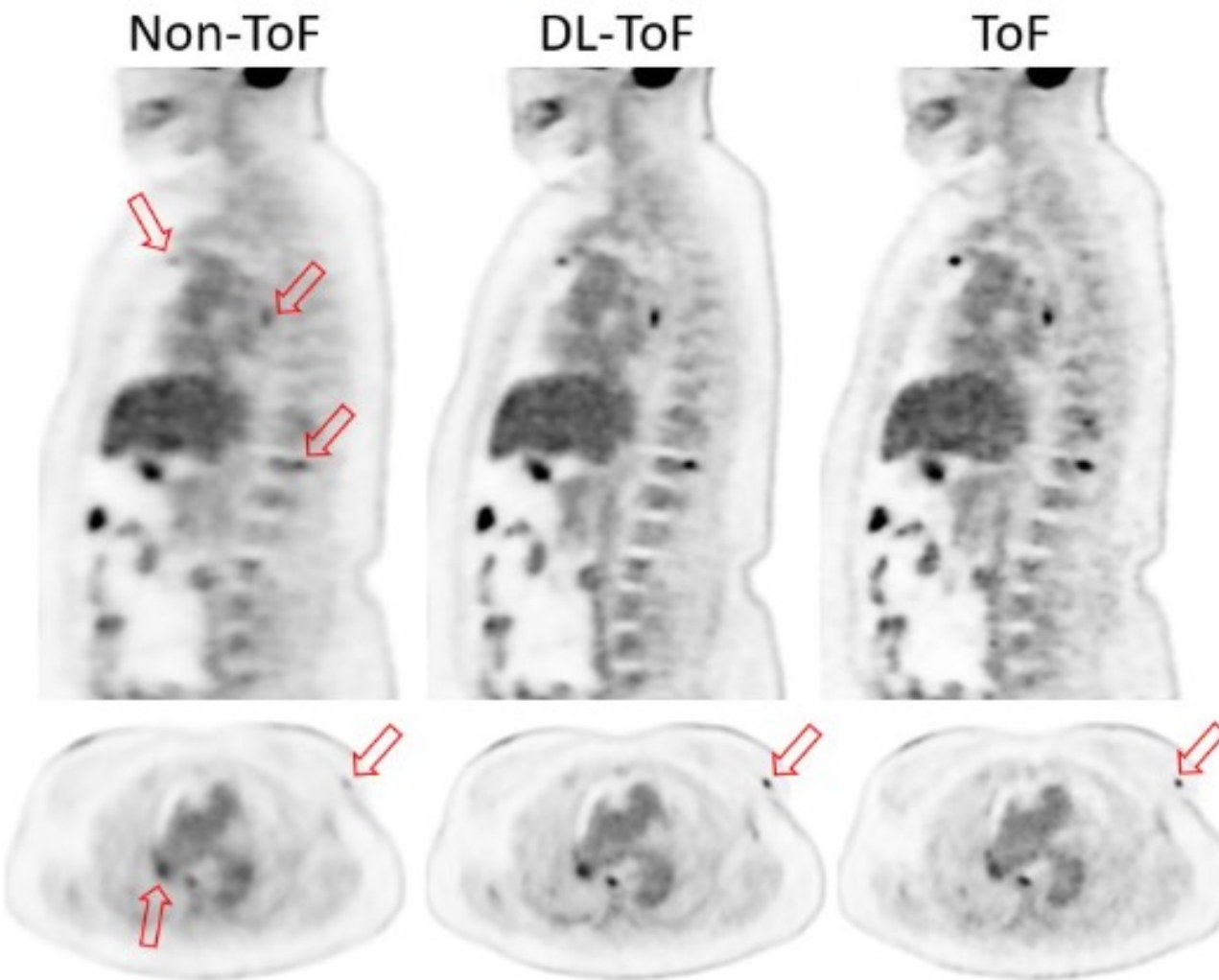
BGO of 30 mm → superior non-TOF sensitivity

DL network trained on non-TOF images and TOF images

No time of flight (ToF)? No problem ;)

In our recent paper, we developed a deep learning based ToF (DL-ToF) algorithm that improves the lesion detectability and diagnostic confidence of non-ToF PET images. Check it out here <https://lnkd.in/eqWVjNa3>

#gehealthcare #oxforduniversity #NCIMI #deeplearning

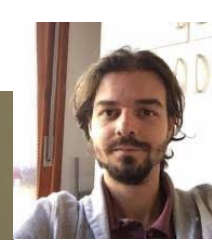


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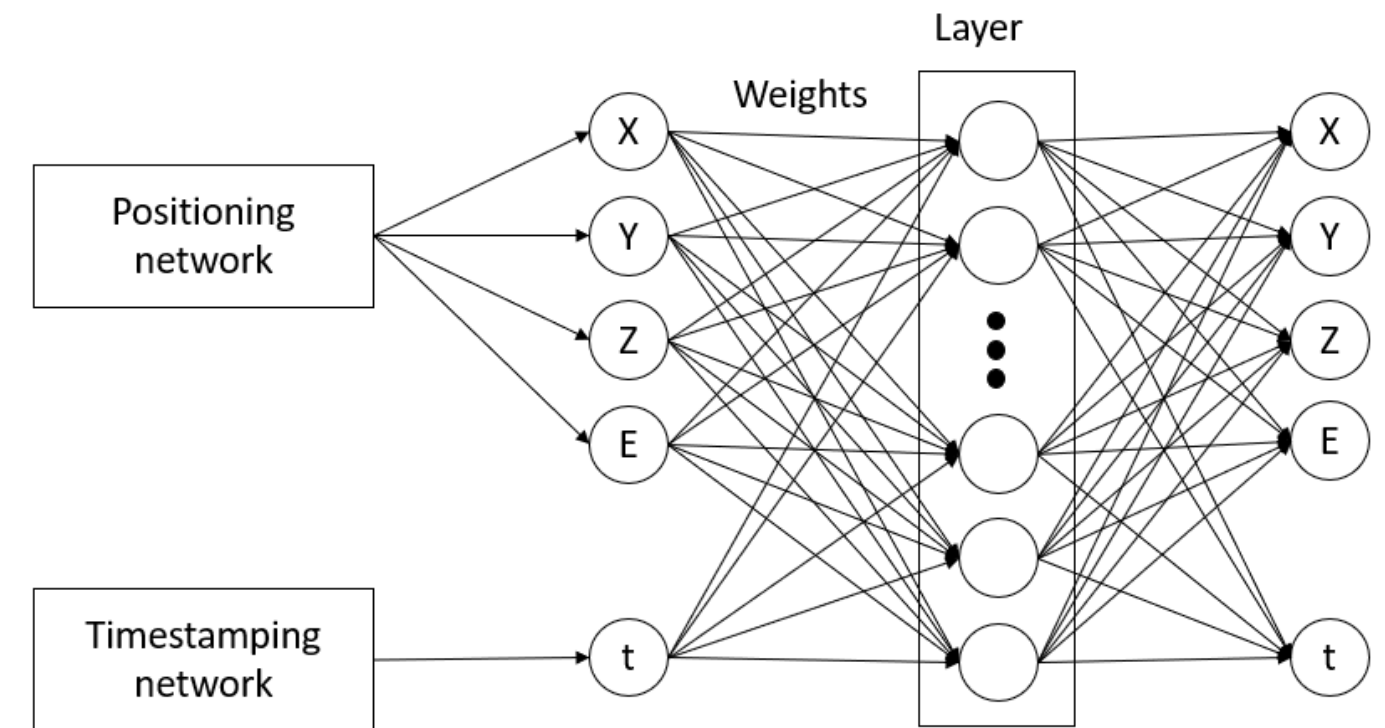
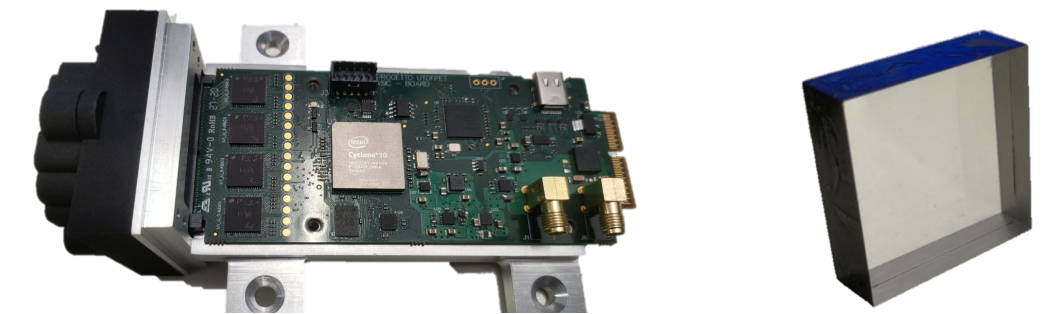
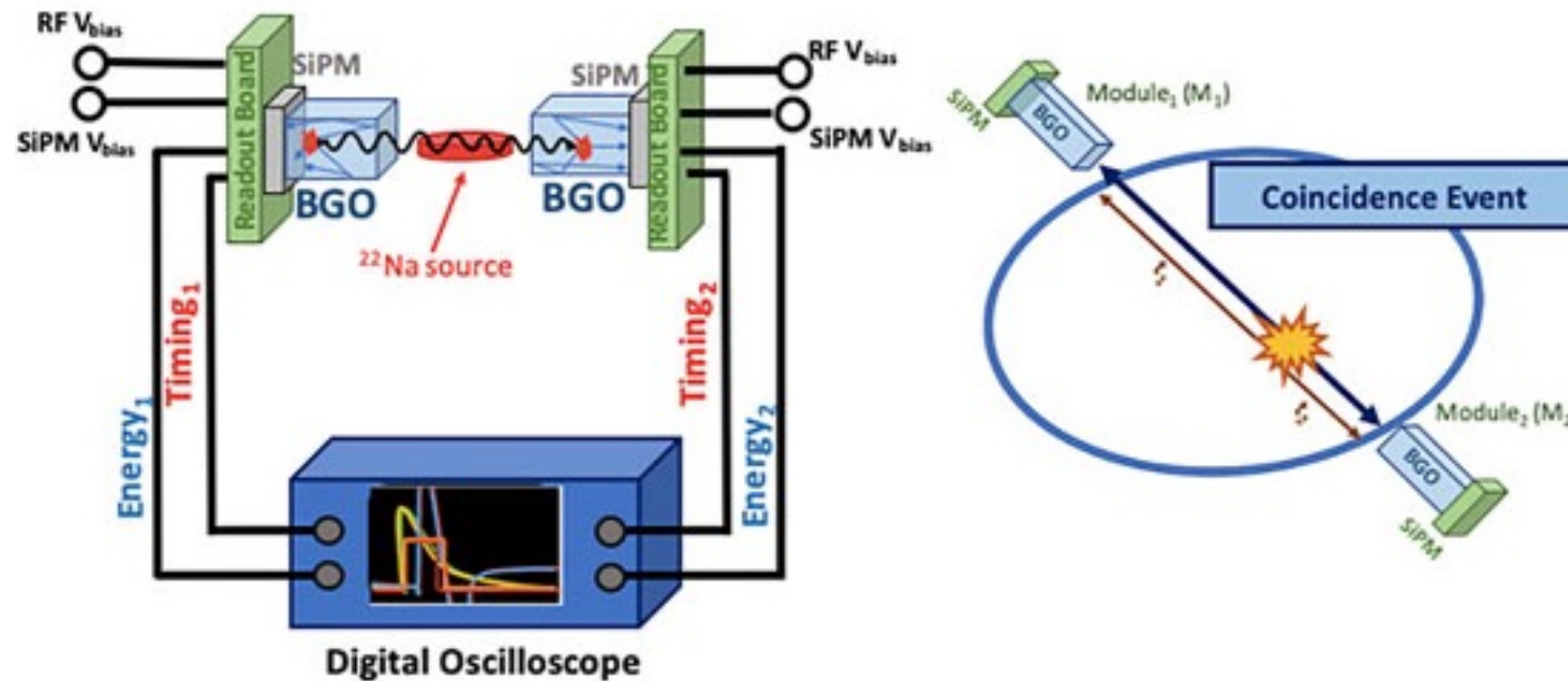


"The proof of the pudding is in the eating"

AI to enhance lower cost detector performance

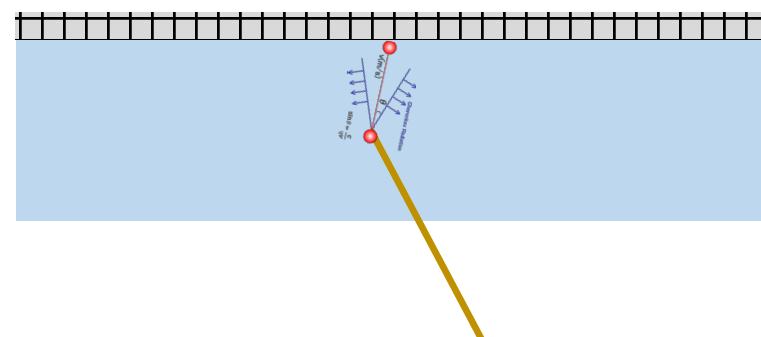


TOF FROM BGO



Cherenkov light = only 0.2% of the scintillation light
 But instant light (20 photons)
 SiPMs around 50-60 % PDE
 Low noise SiPMs

Deep learning based TOF and position
 15 % energy resolution
 1.3 mm spatial resolution
327 ps TOF
 6x6 mm SiPMs → less channels
 12 mm BGO: 3 x cheaper
 ASIC Barcelona

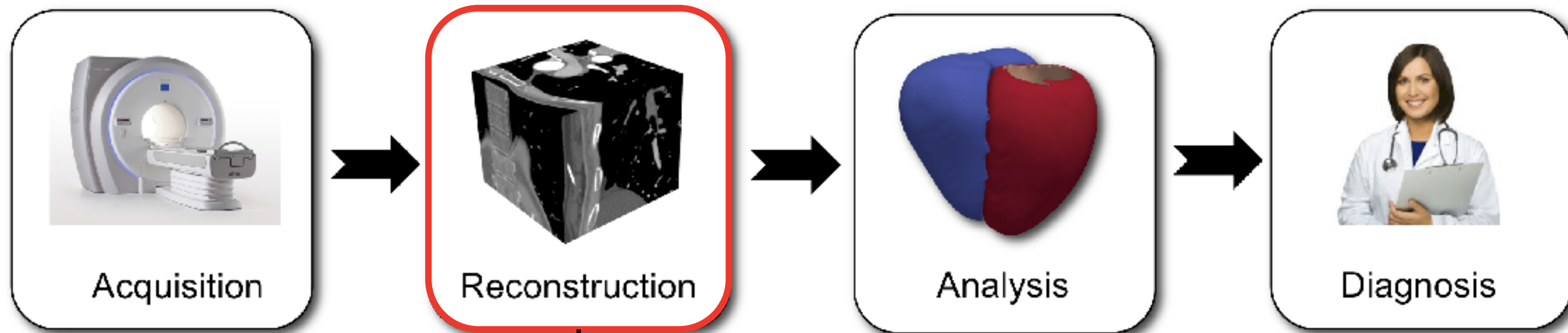


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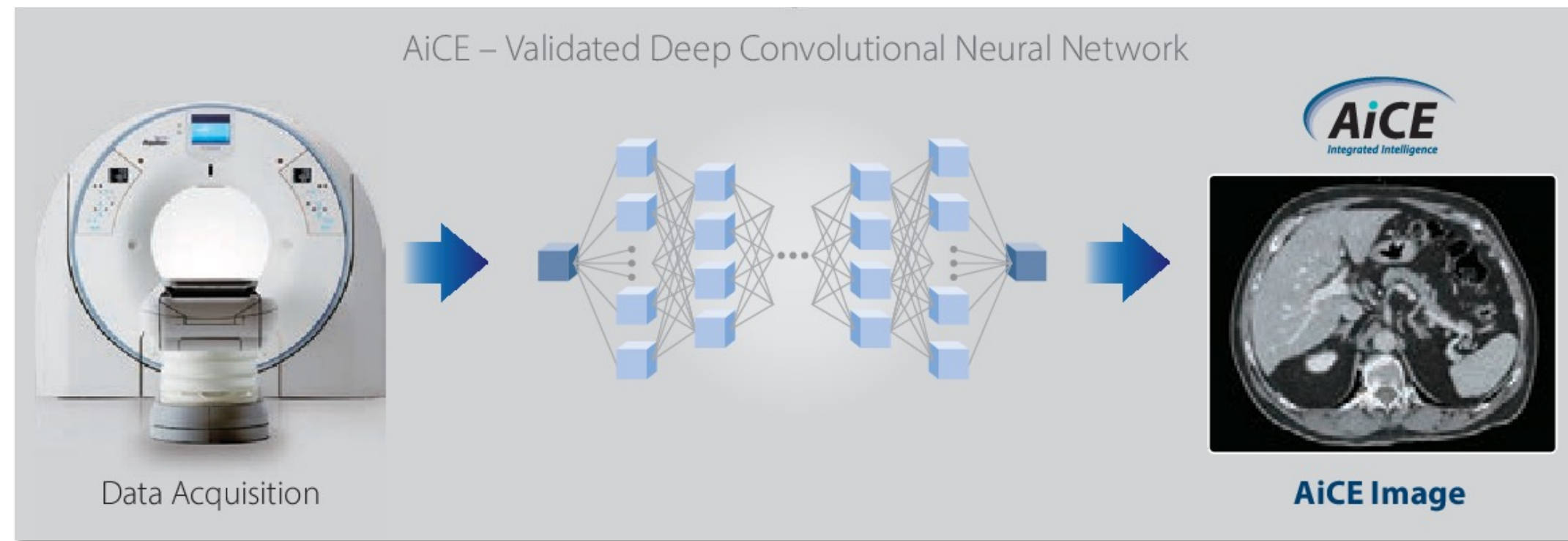


- DL-based Image Reconstruction
- DL for Data Corrections
- DL for Image Quality Enhancement

DL BASED IMAGE RECONSTRUCTION

DL FOR CT IMAGE RECONSTRUCTION

FDA Clears AiCE Image Reconstruction on Canon Aquilion Precision CT



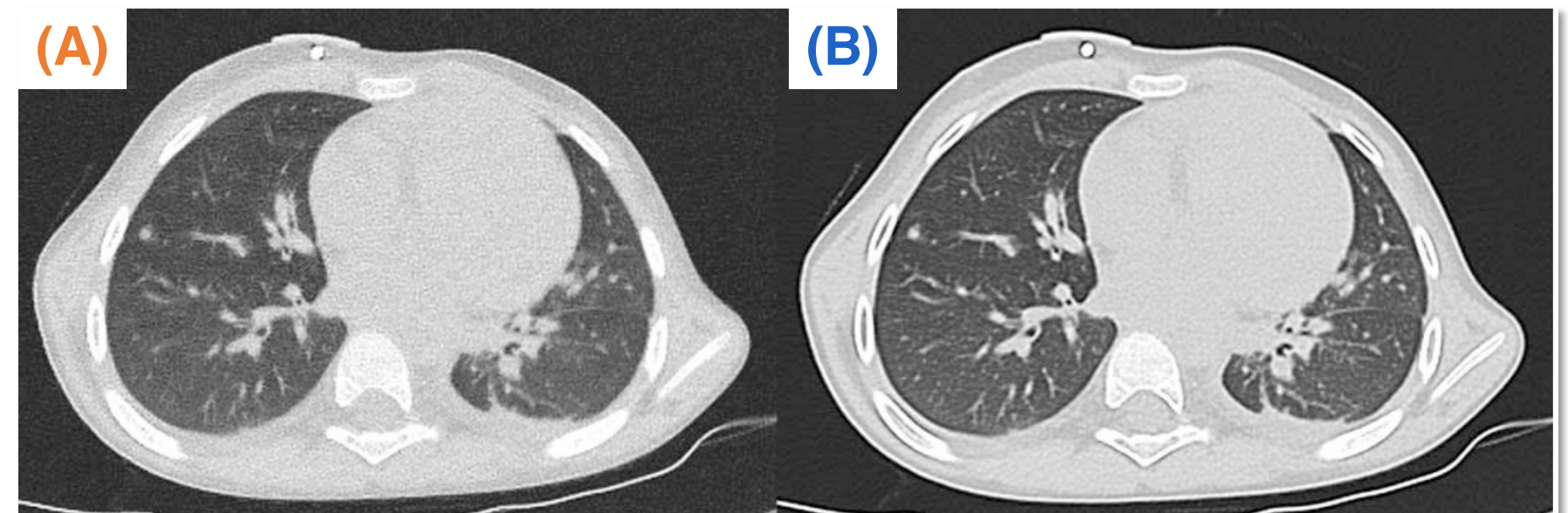
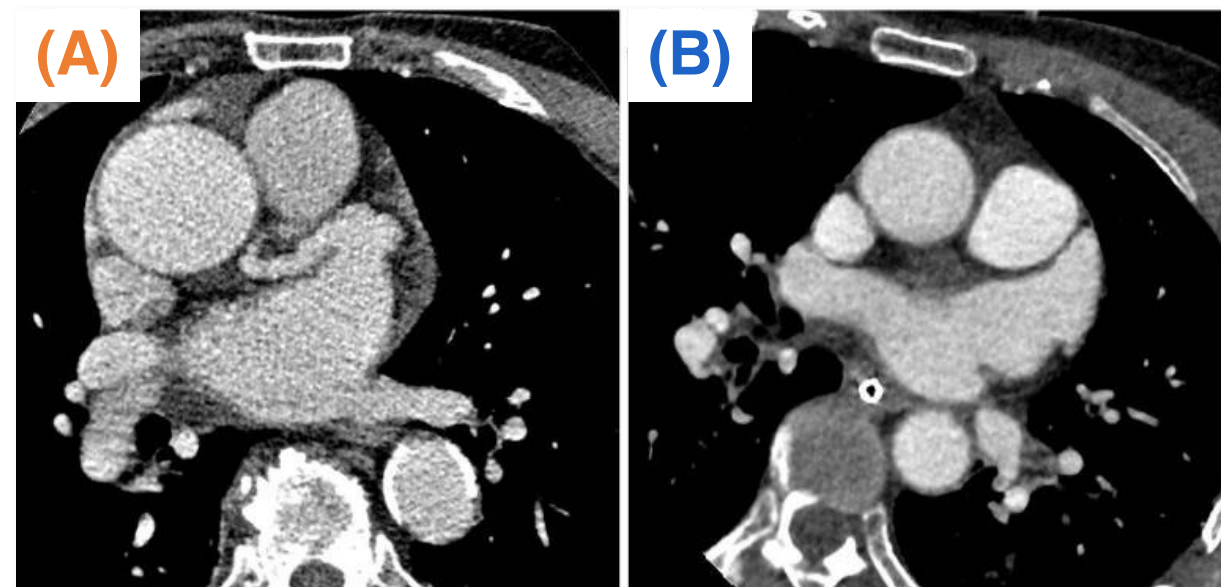
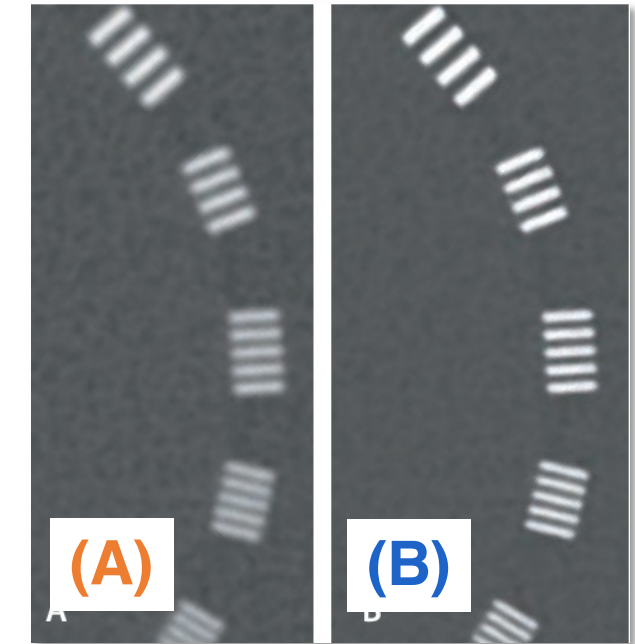
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RESULTS FROM AICE

(A) Low dose CT reconstructed with **iterative algorithm**

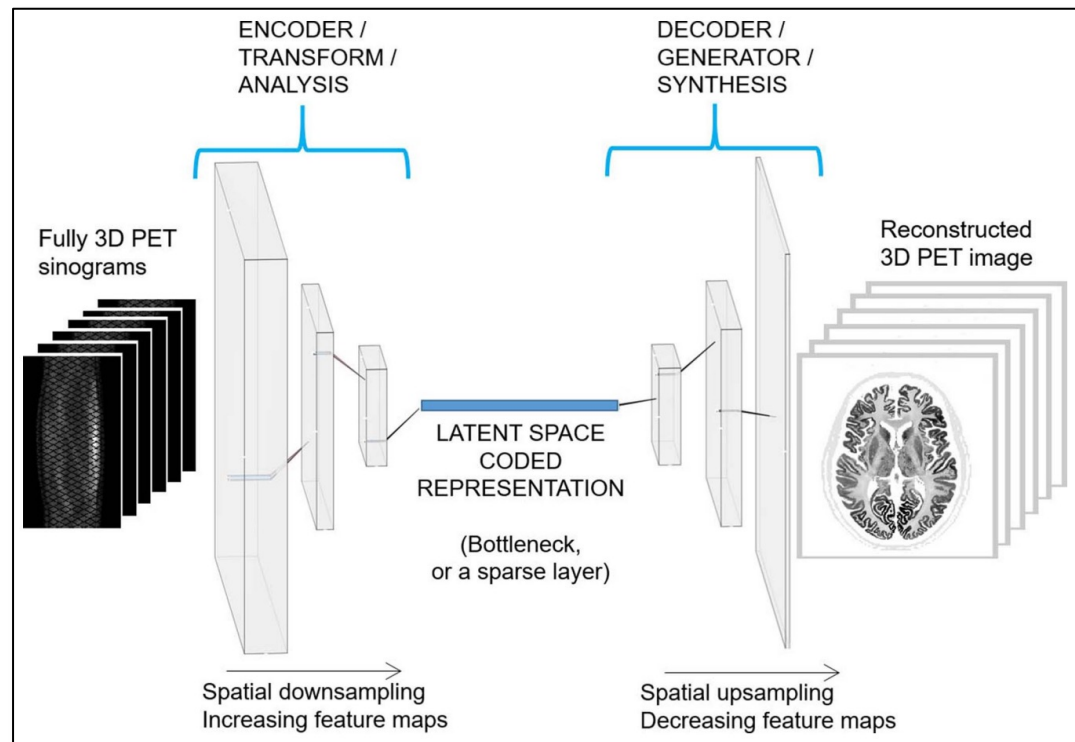
(B) Low dose CT reconstructed with **deep learning algorithm**

- Improved contrast spatial resolution
- Reduced noise

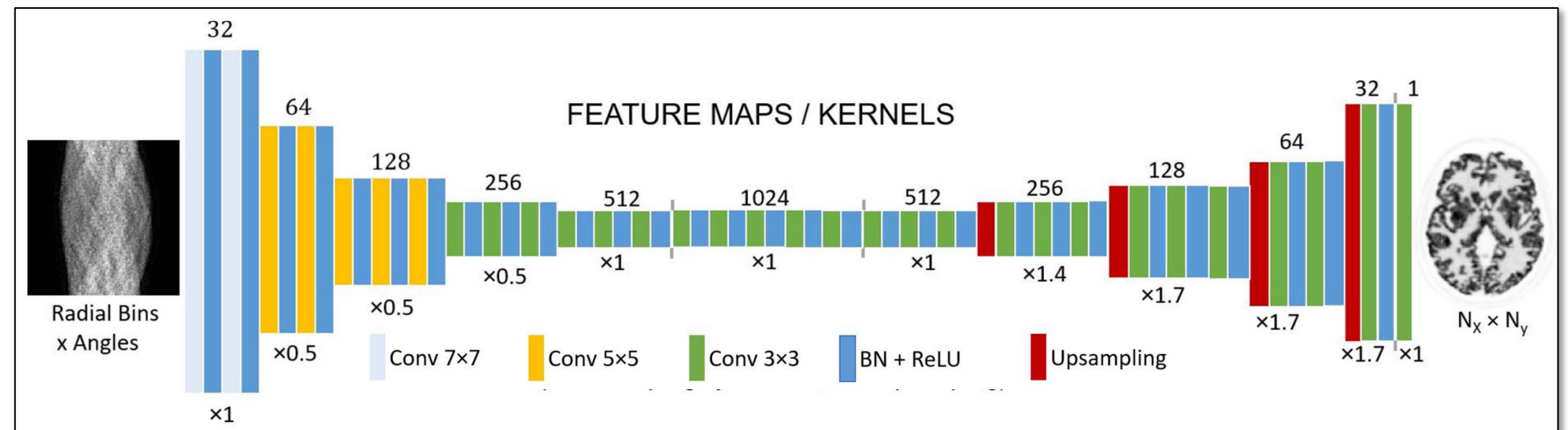


DL FOR PET IMAGE RECONSTRUCTION

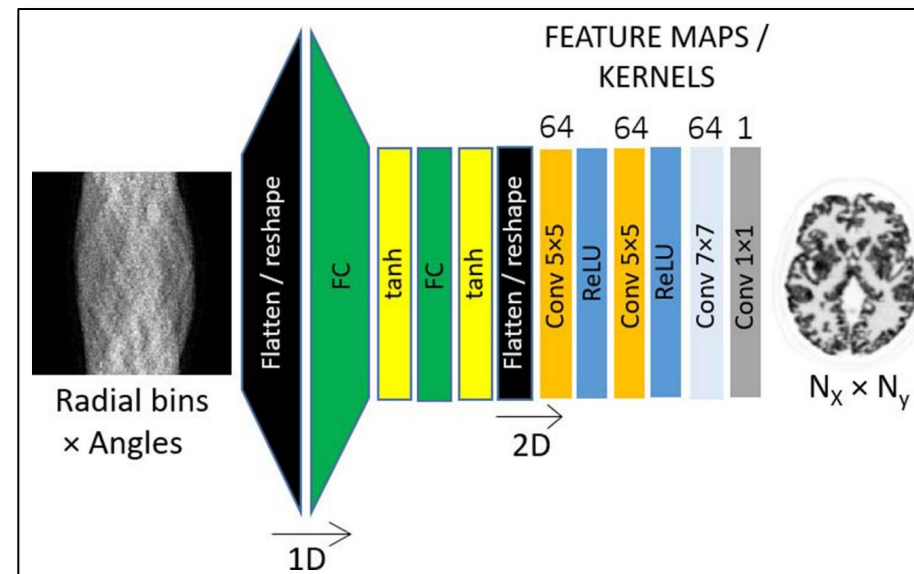
- Multitude of CNN architectures are developed and investigated but the neural network always aims to directly reconstruct an image from acquired data.



Encoder-decoder (Reader A. *et al.*)



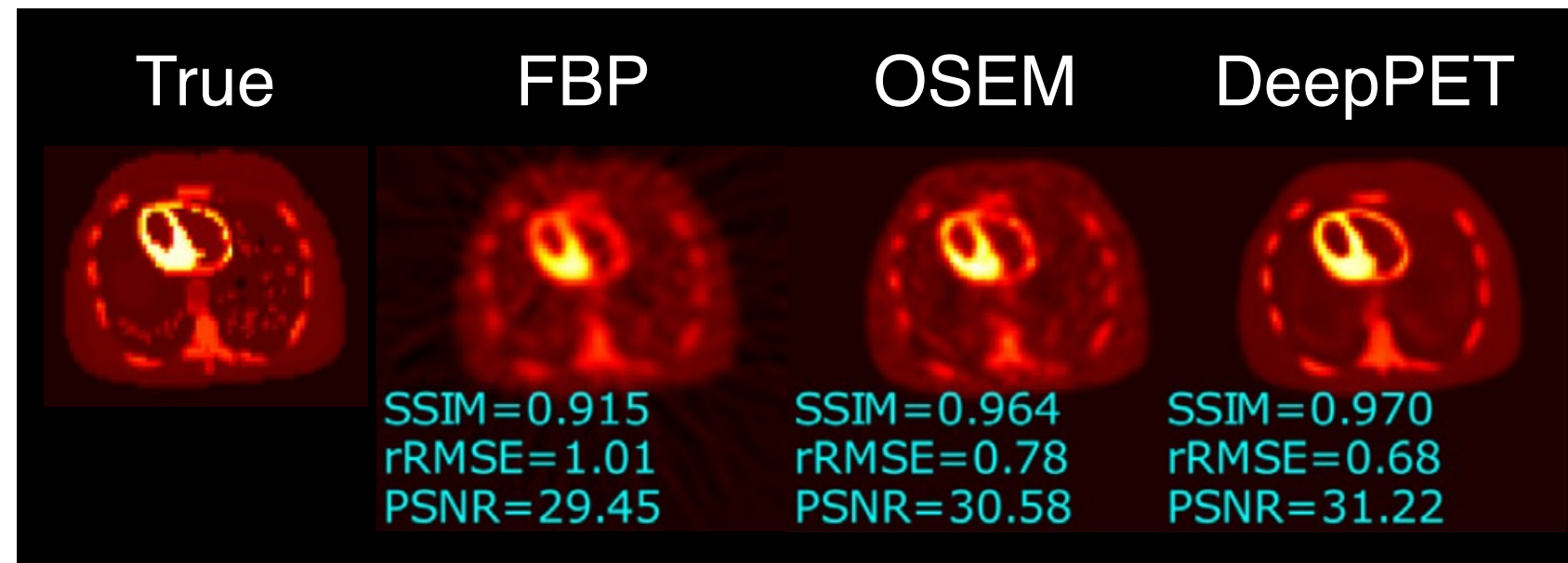
DeepPET (Häggström I. *et al.*)



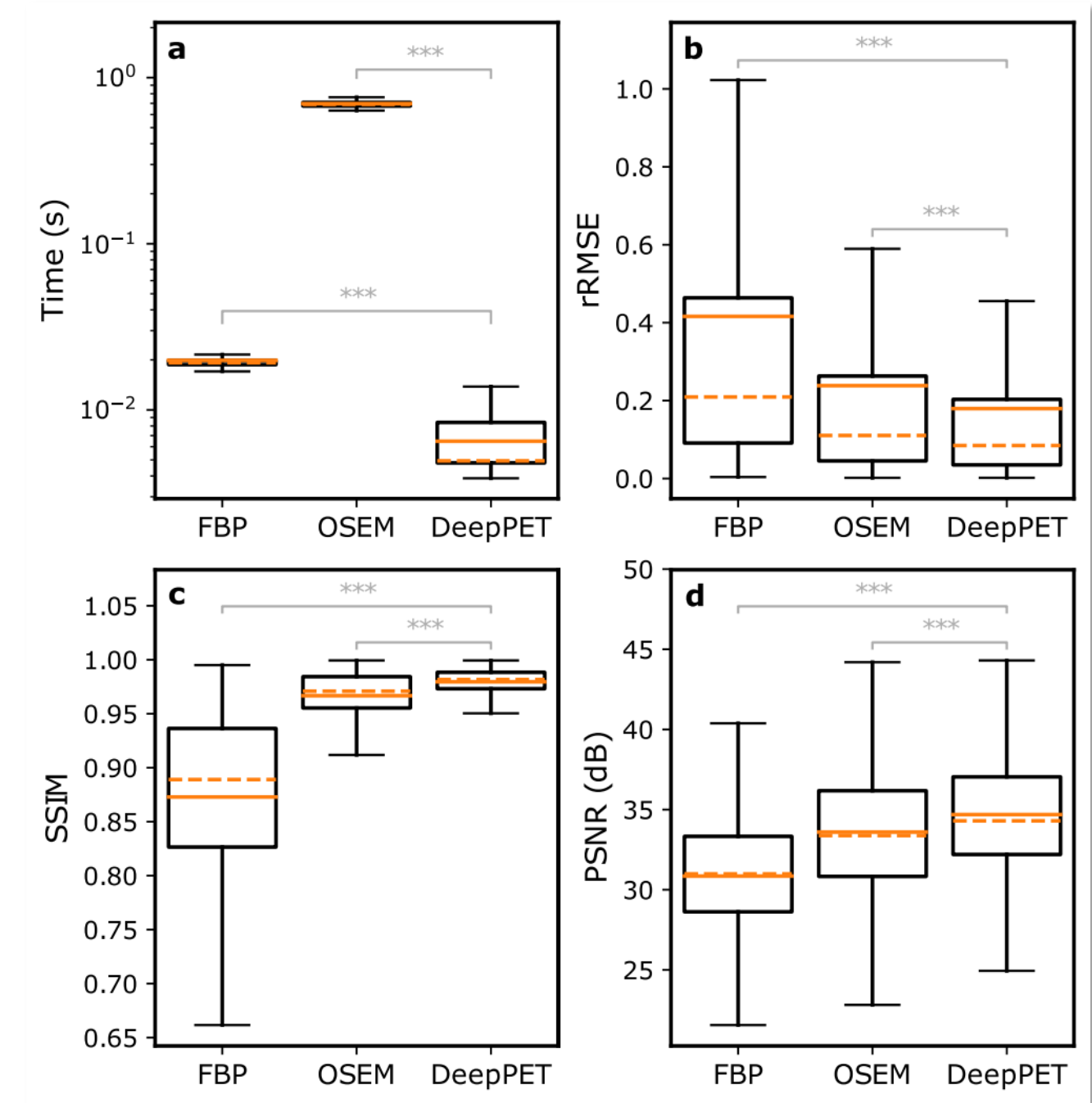
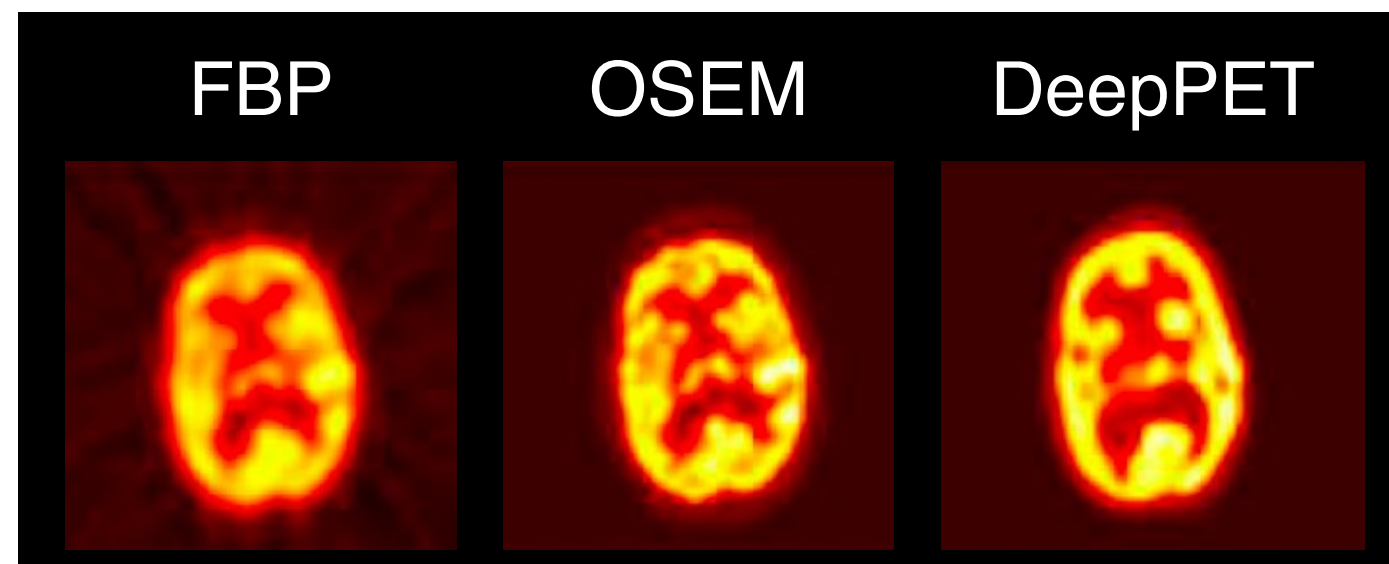
AUTOMAP (Zhu B. *et al.*)

RESULTS: DEEPPET

Simulated data



Real data

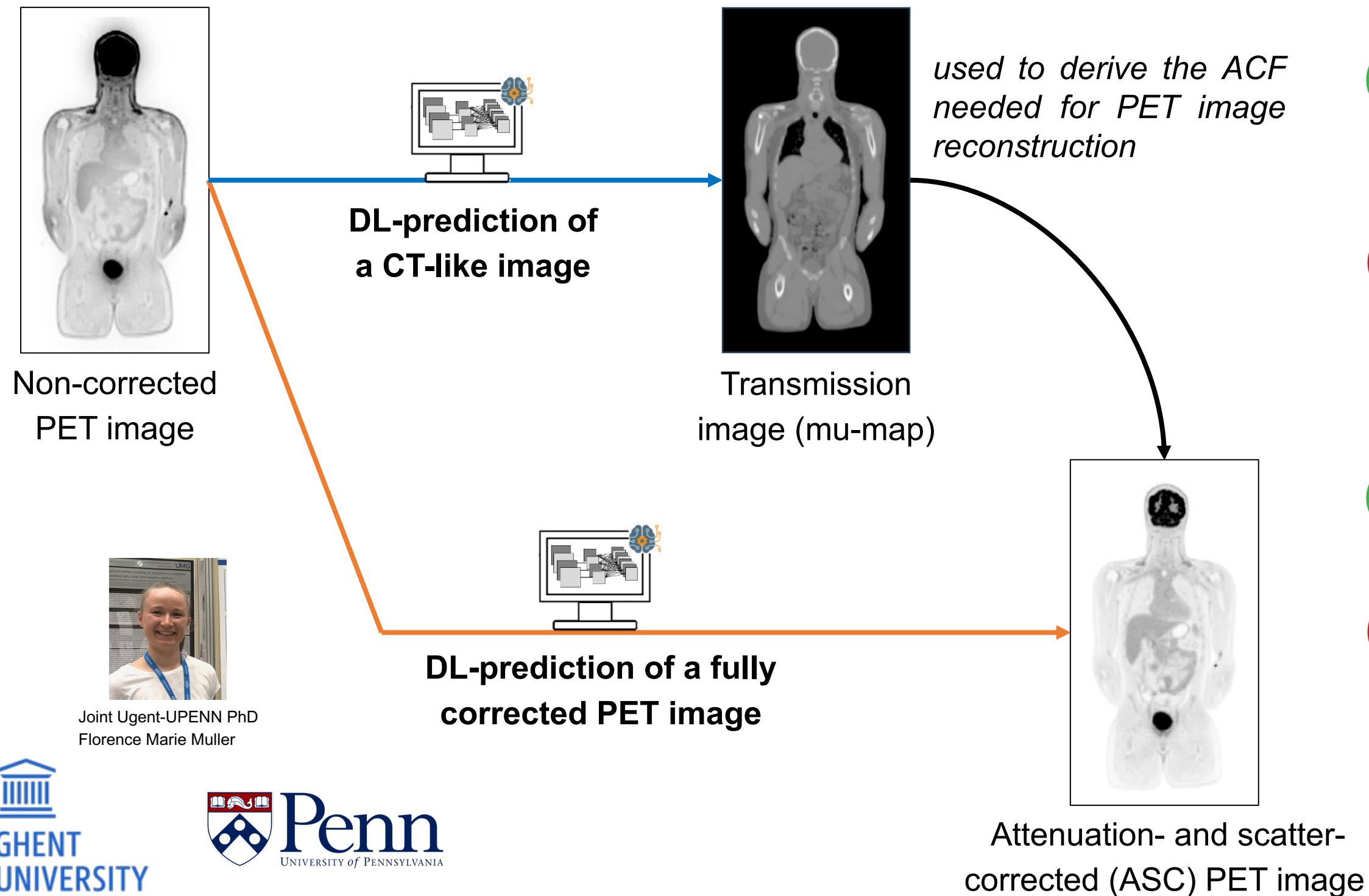


~ 10% lower noise (RMSE) than OSEM
~ 10x faster than OSEM

DL FOR DATA CORRECTIONS

Deep learning (DL) methods have shown promising potential to result in **more accurate and faster** performance of **(CT-less) attenuation and scatter correction (ASC)** in PET imaging [1-3].

[1] Lee JS. (2021) IEEE TRPMS. [2] Chen, X., Liu, C. (2023) J Nucl Cardiol. [3] McMillan AB, Bradshaw TJ. (2021) PET Clin



Anatomical image: not of diagnostic quality, but sufficiently realistic to minimize reconstruction bias

Extra recon steps with (SSS) scatter estimate → **Time-consuming**

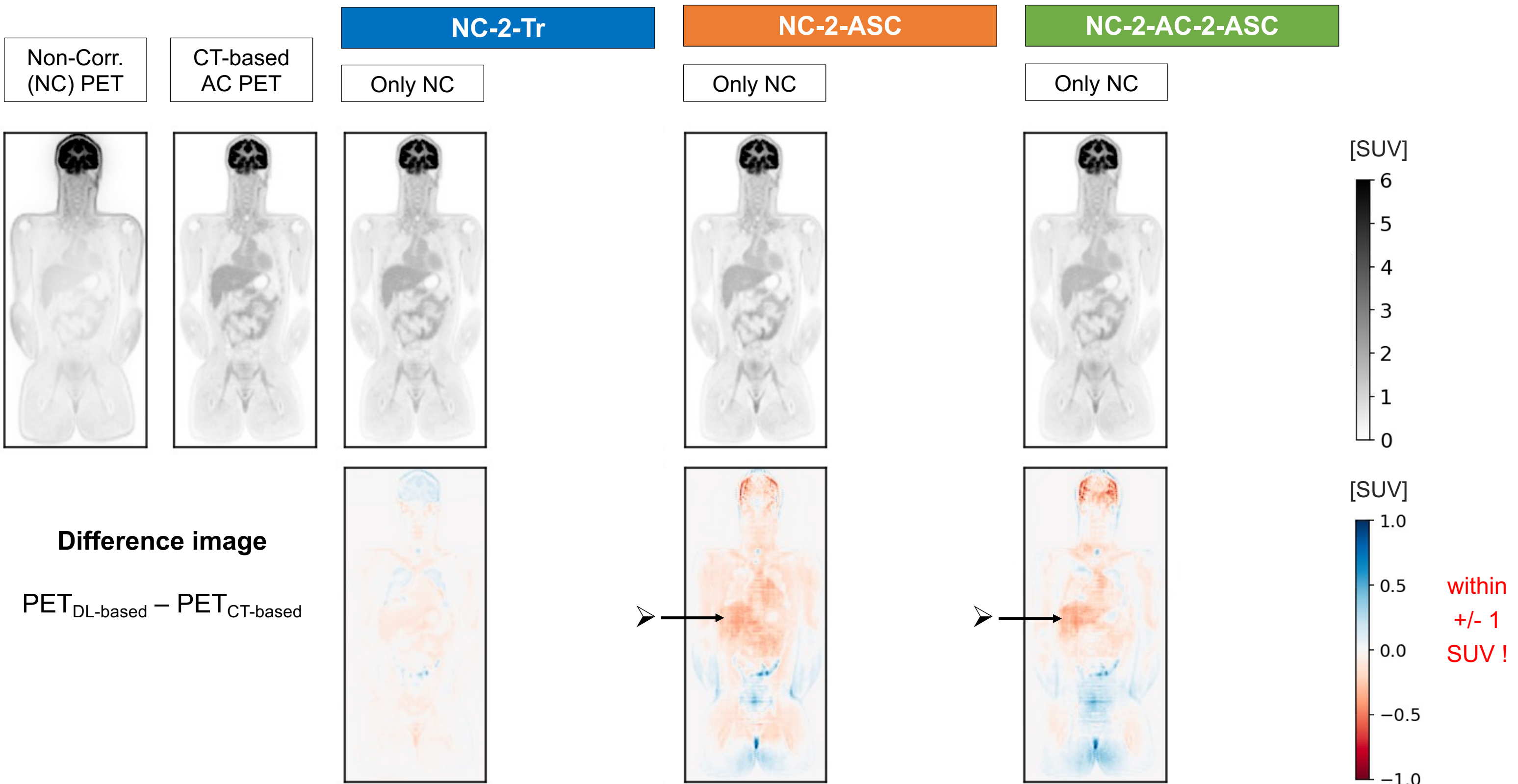
Very fast: directly predicts the final PET image (only requires NAC recon)

One network to jointly predict AC and SC → **Challenge to handle a variety of tracer studies:** needs large training

Joint Ugent-UPENN PhD
Florence Marie Muller



Courtesy of FM Muller



NC-2-Tr model: much lower bias (< 0.2 SUV difference: 3%) compared to the other two DL models (< 1 SUV difference: 15%)

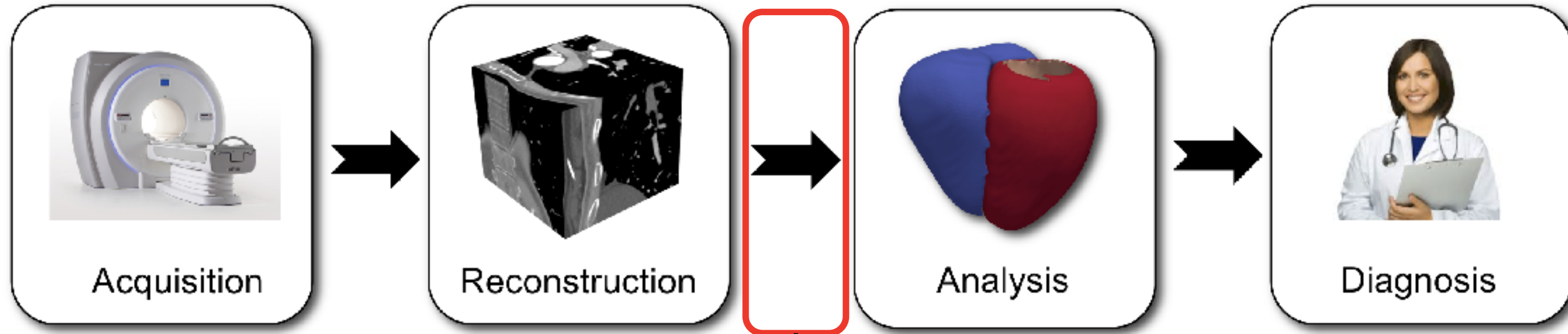
➤ Liver: Negative bias (DL-based < CT-based) → Undercorrected for attenuation

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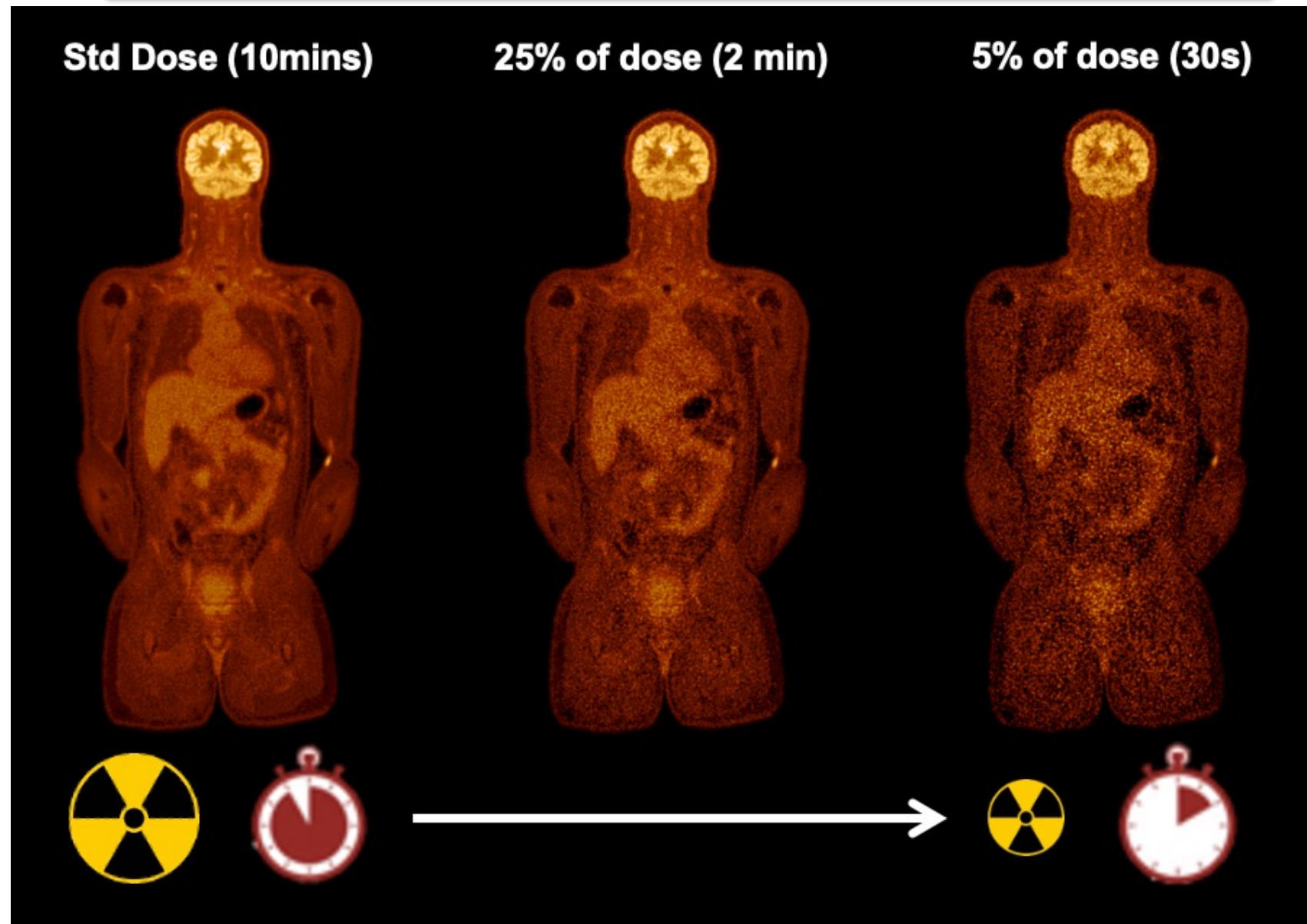
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- Denoising of static data
- Denoising of dynamic data

WHY DENOISING?

Noise inversely related to dose and acquisition time



- **Lower radiation dose**
 - especially for paediatric and non-cancer patients
 - Non-standard tracers for PET can be very expensive
- **Faster imaging**
 - Increased patient throughput
 - Patient moves more during longer scan (-> artefacts)

3 mins

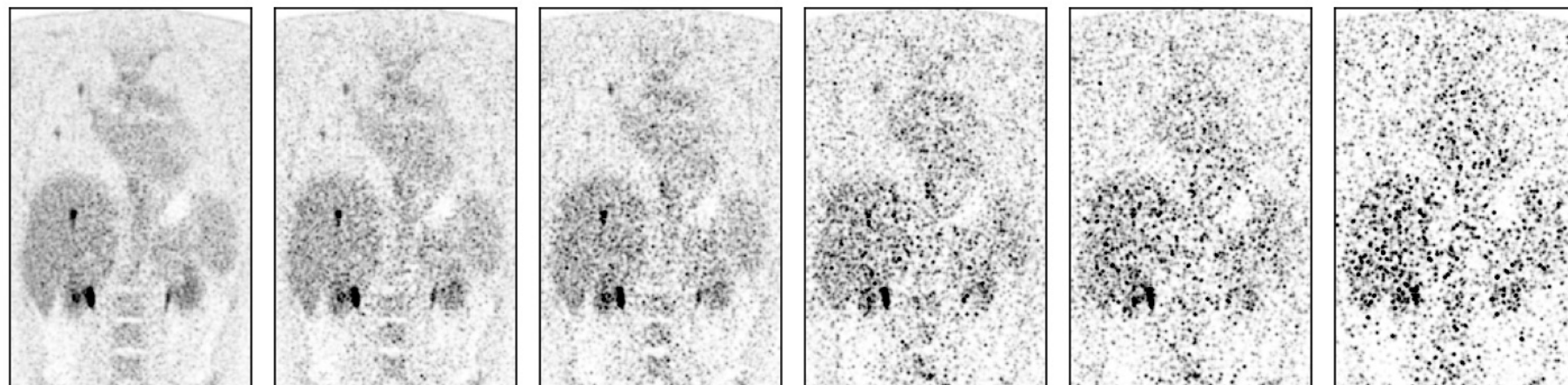
1 min

30 s

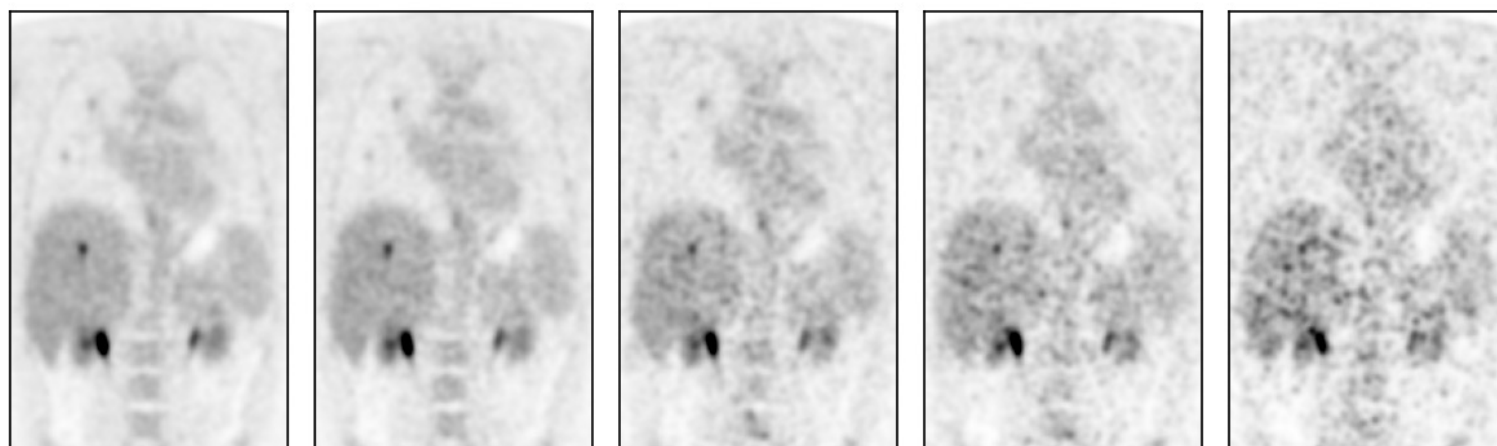
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5 s

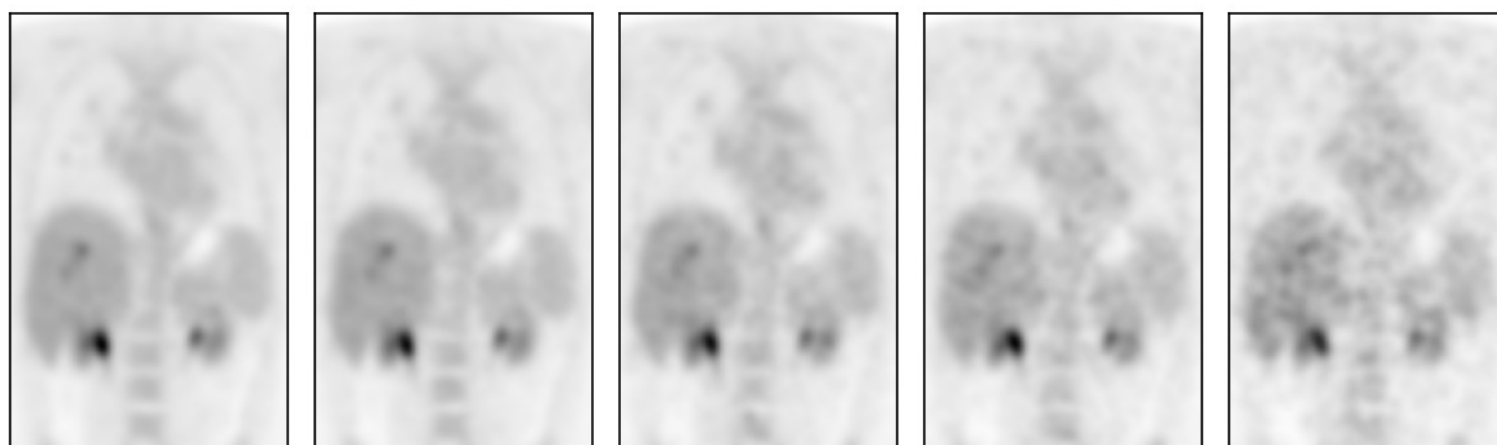
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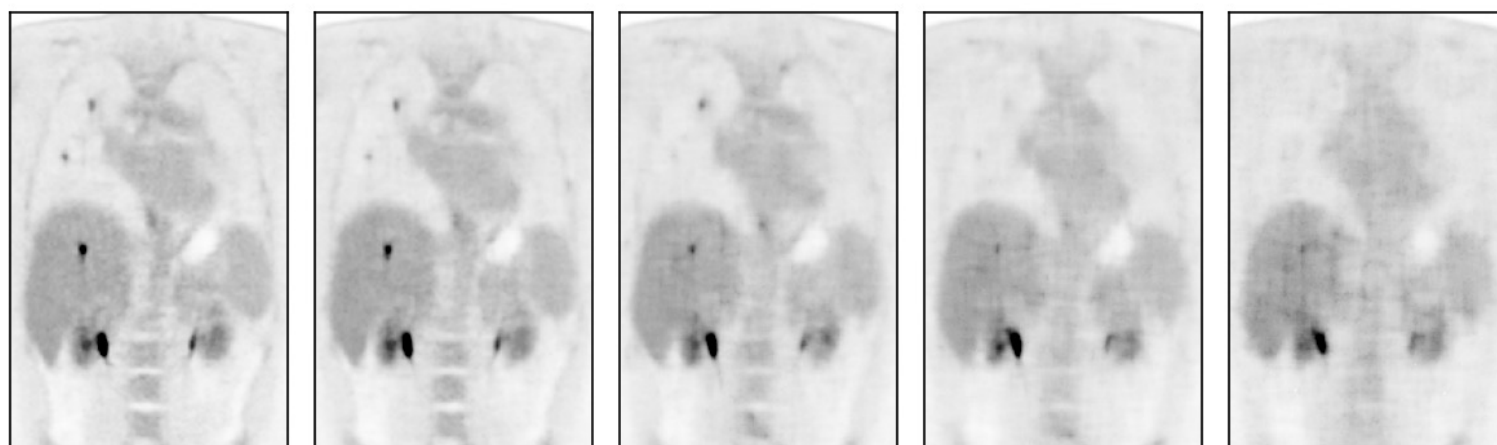
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(FWHM = 4 mm)



Gaussian-filtered
(FWHM = 7 mm)

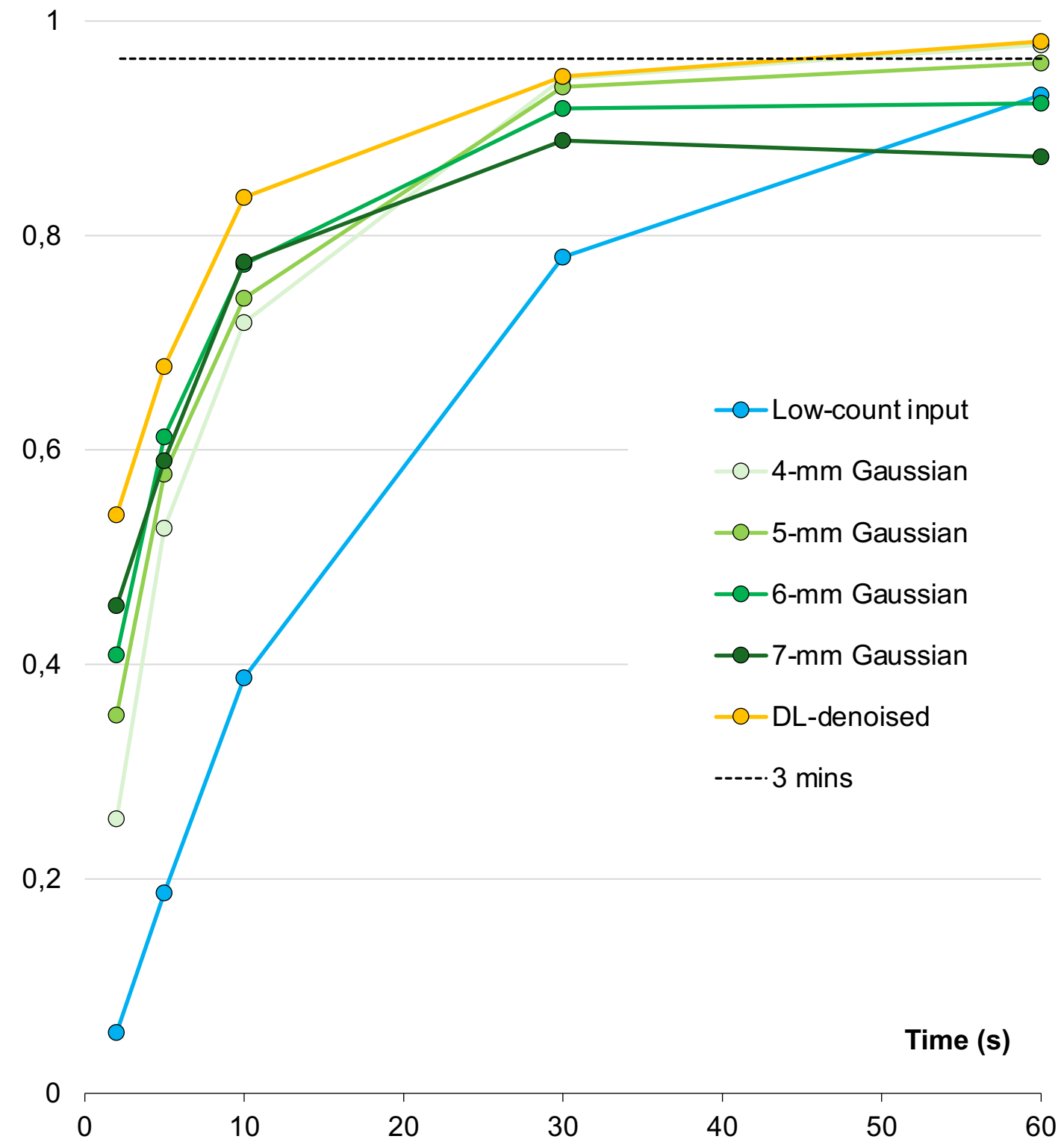


DL-denoised



Lesion Detectability (Numerical Observer)

Lung ALROC

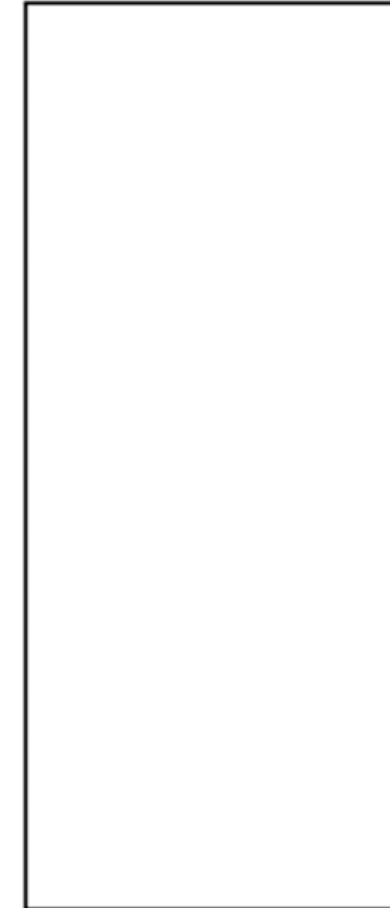
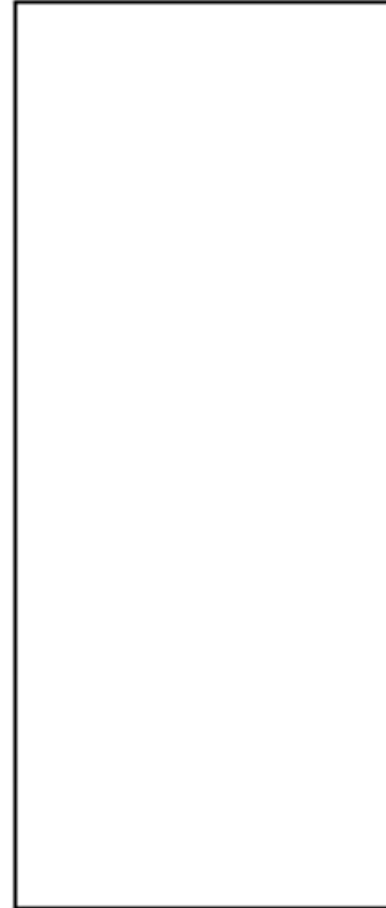


Standard-dose
(9.3 mCi)

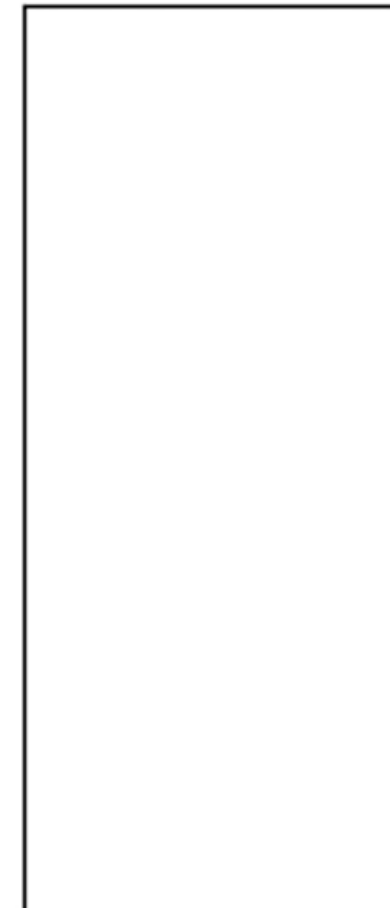
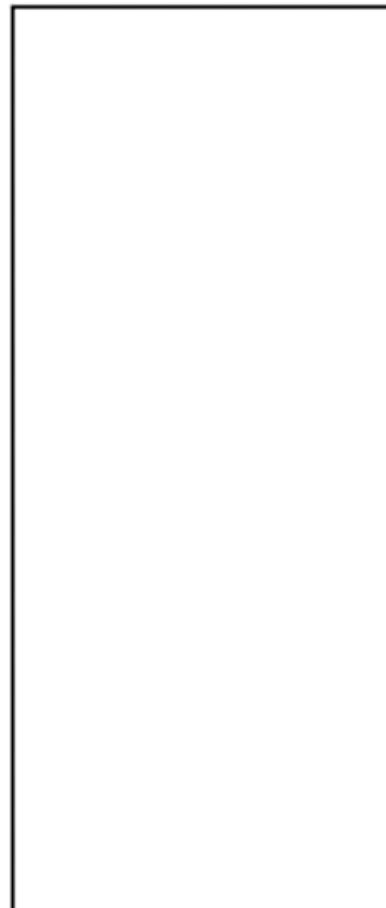
1/2 dose

1/10 dose

Input



DL-denoised



Coronal slice is shown

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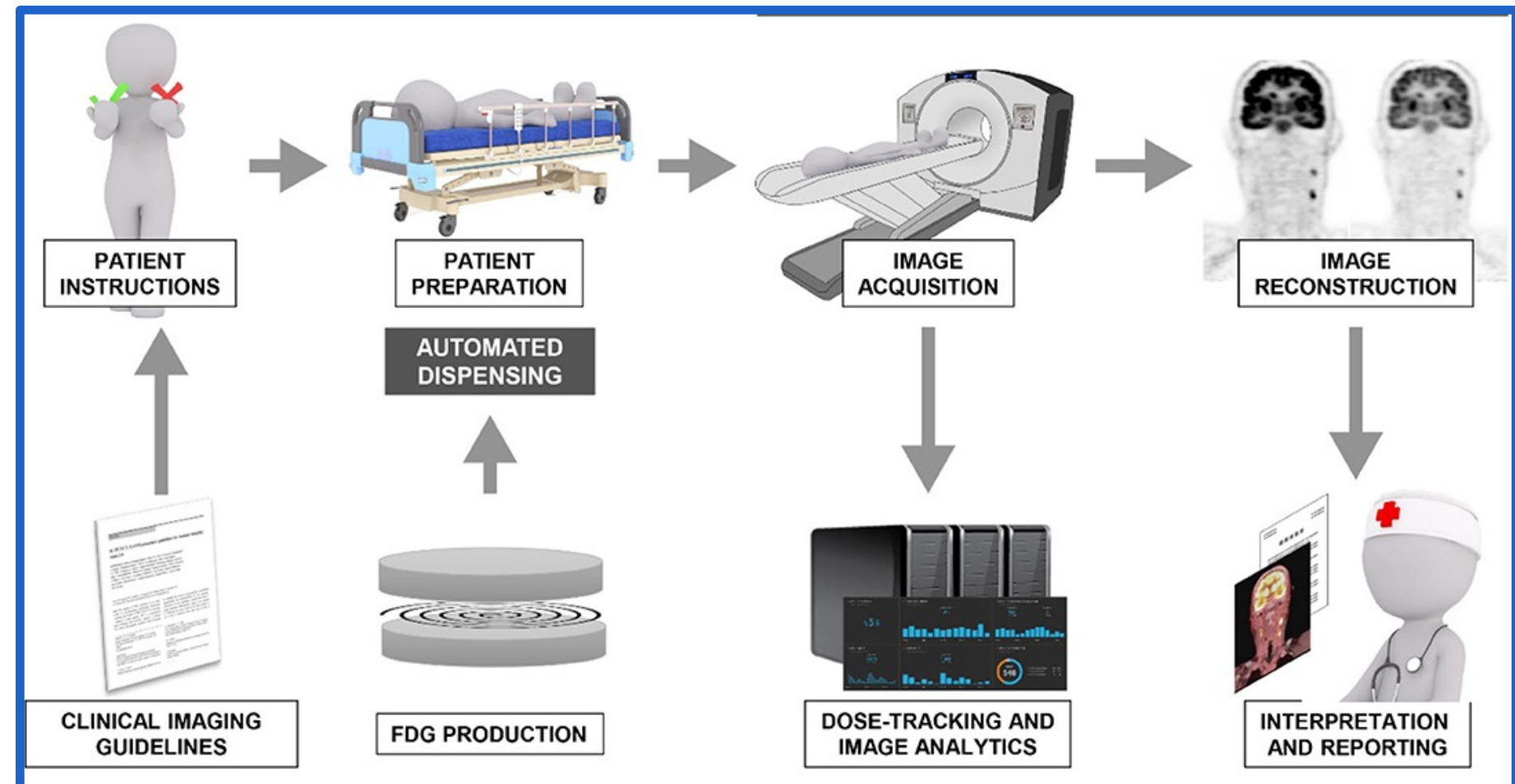
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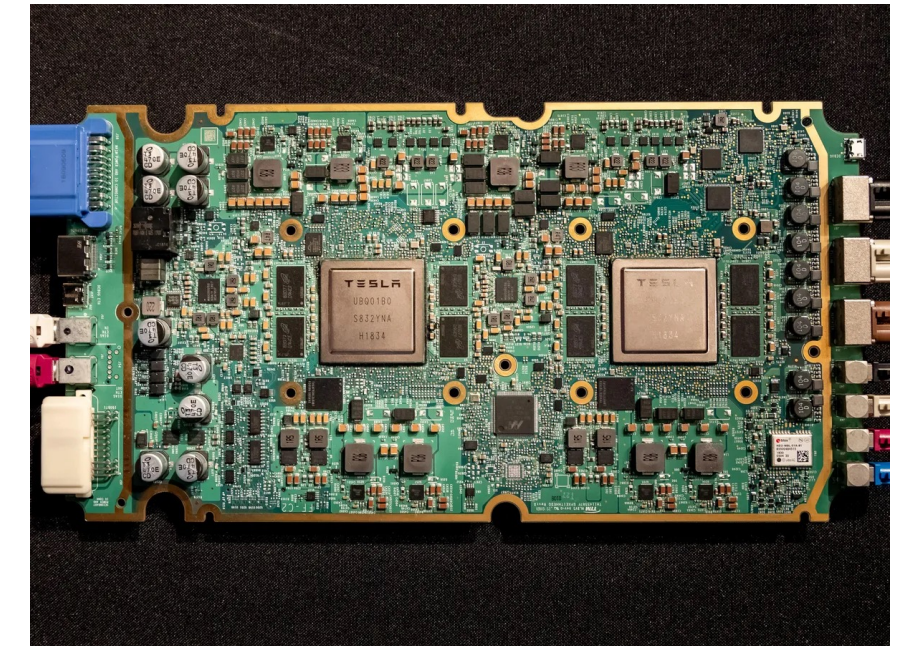
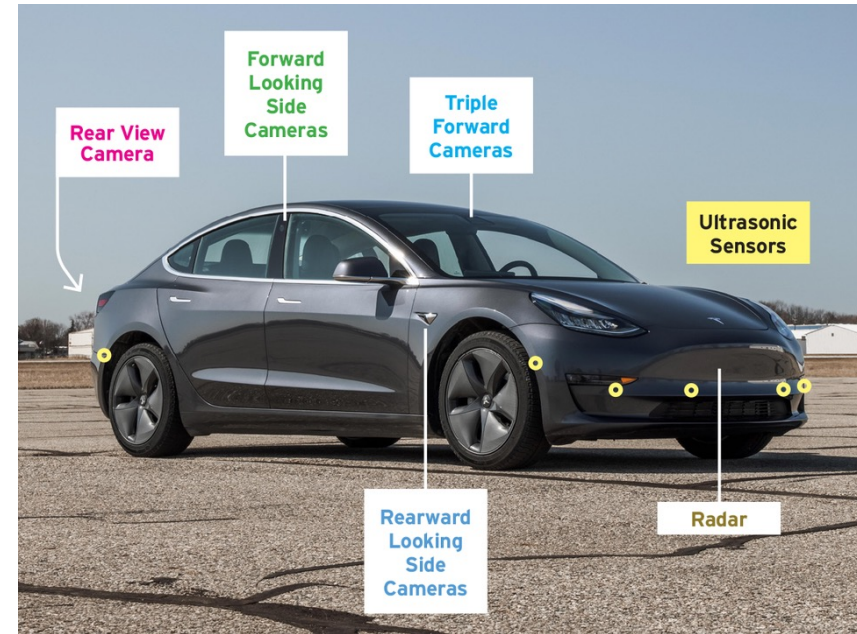
WHAT IS THE CURRENT CHALLENGE IN IMAGING

- Very good systems available but quite expensive
- Real world challenges (indicated by NM physicians and radiologists)
 - Accurate quantification (therapy prediction/follow up) ~ spatial resolution
 - Cost reduction of the systems without loss of quality
 - Personnel availability
 - Enhance the throughput/ number of patients
 - Aid the physician in handling all the data



INTRODUCTION OF AI

AI is an essential component for new cars

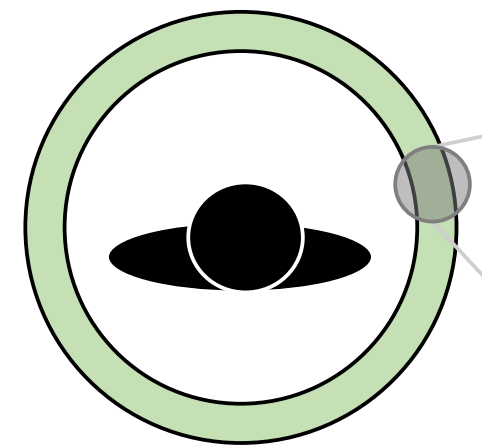
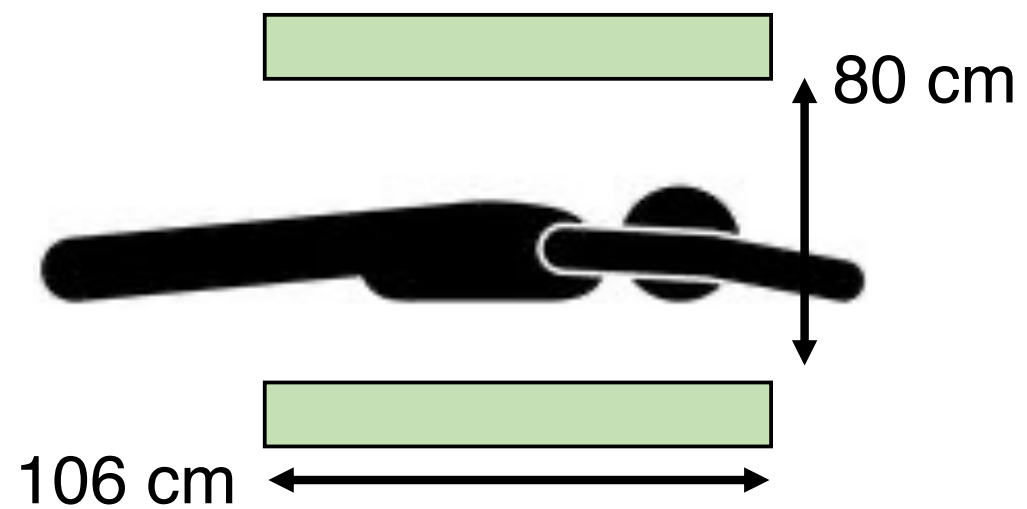


Noisy
No updates
Only hardware problems

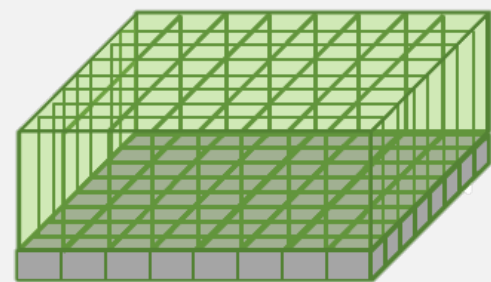
More quiet
Can (must) be updated
Almost self driving
Software and hardware problems

Walk-Through Total-Body PET

Cylindrical long AFOV PET
(Siemens Quadra)

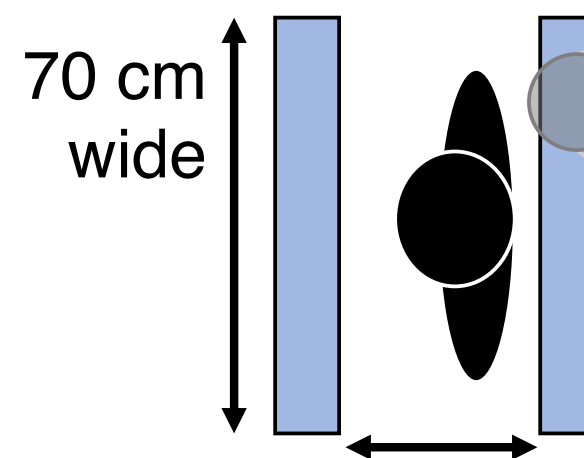
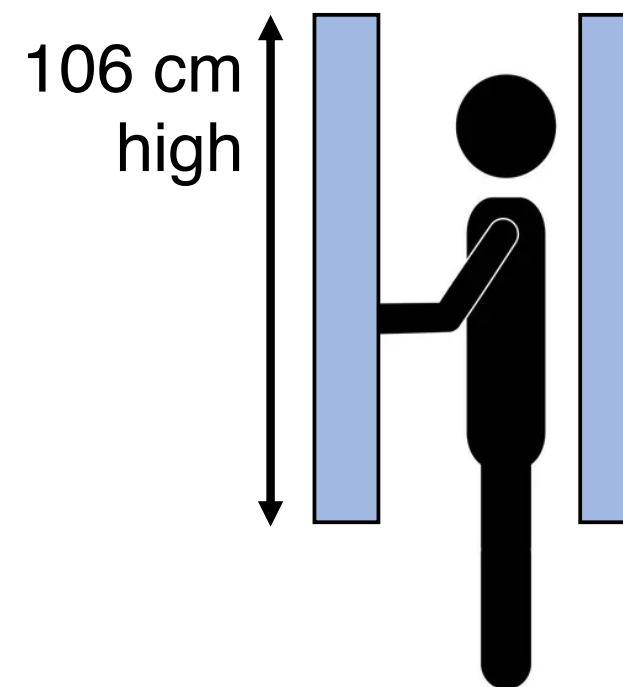


80 cm diameter



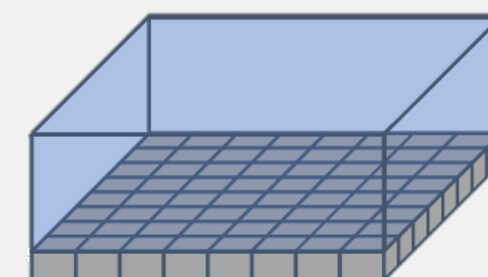
Pixelated detectors

Walk-Through Total-Body PET
(WT-TB-PET)



50 cm gap

- ▶ Detectors much closer to patient
 - **Smaller footprint**
- ▶ Fewer detectors with same AFOV
 - 1.9x less detector surface
 - **Lower system cost**



Monolithic detectors

PATIENT CENTERED DESIGN

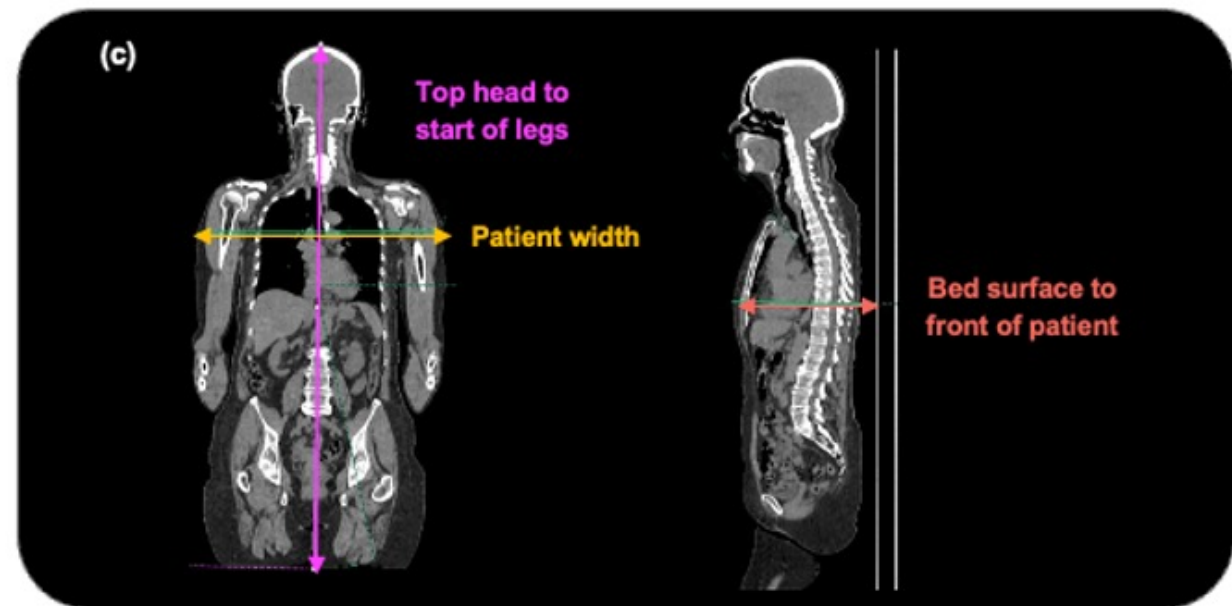
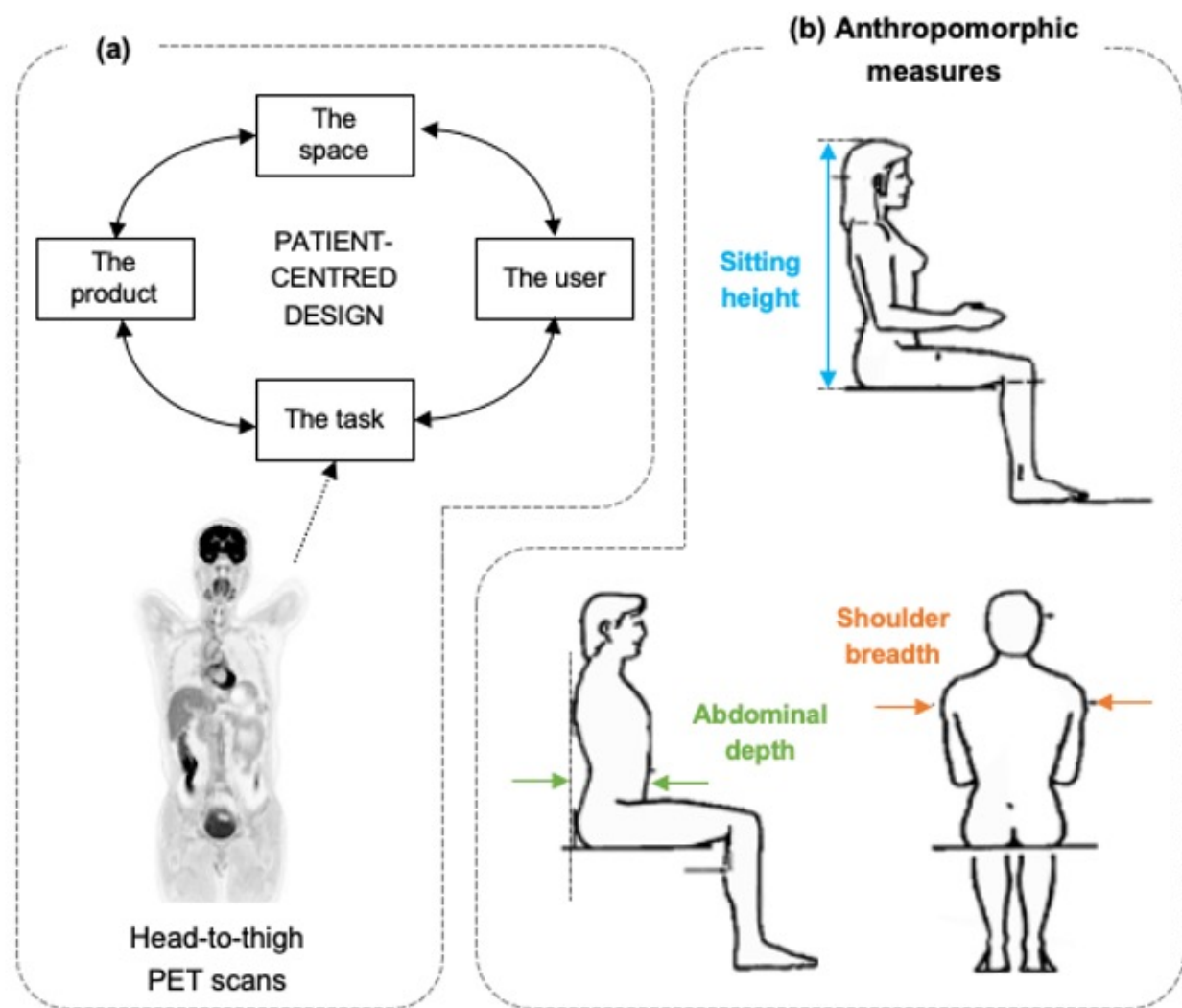


Fig. 1 (a) System design concept (b) Anthropomorphic measures (c) Measures from CT of PET-CT patients

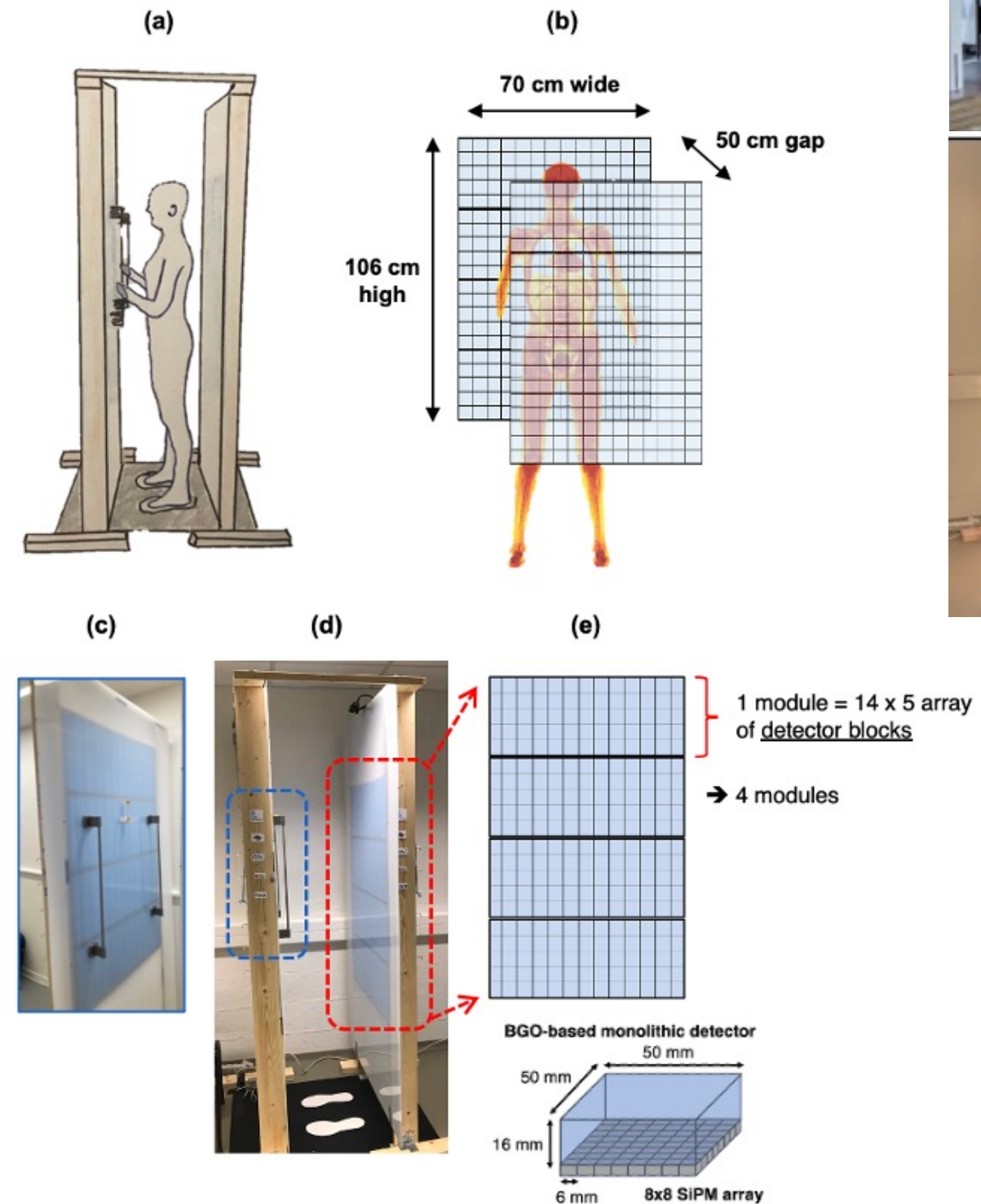


Fig. 2: (a) Artist view of the Walk-Through TB-PET (b) Flat panel dimensions and design (c) One side of the mock-up with the handlebars installed to reduce the body motion. (d) Side view of the WT-TB-PET mock-up used for patient throughput measurements. Prints of feet are used to let the patient position themselves between the flat panels. (e) The four blue modules on each panel side can manually be adjusted to the right height.

COMPARISON QUADRA VS WT-PET

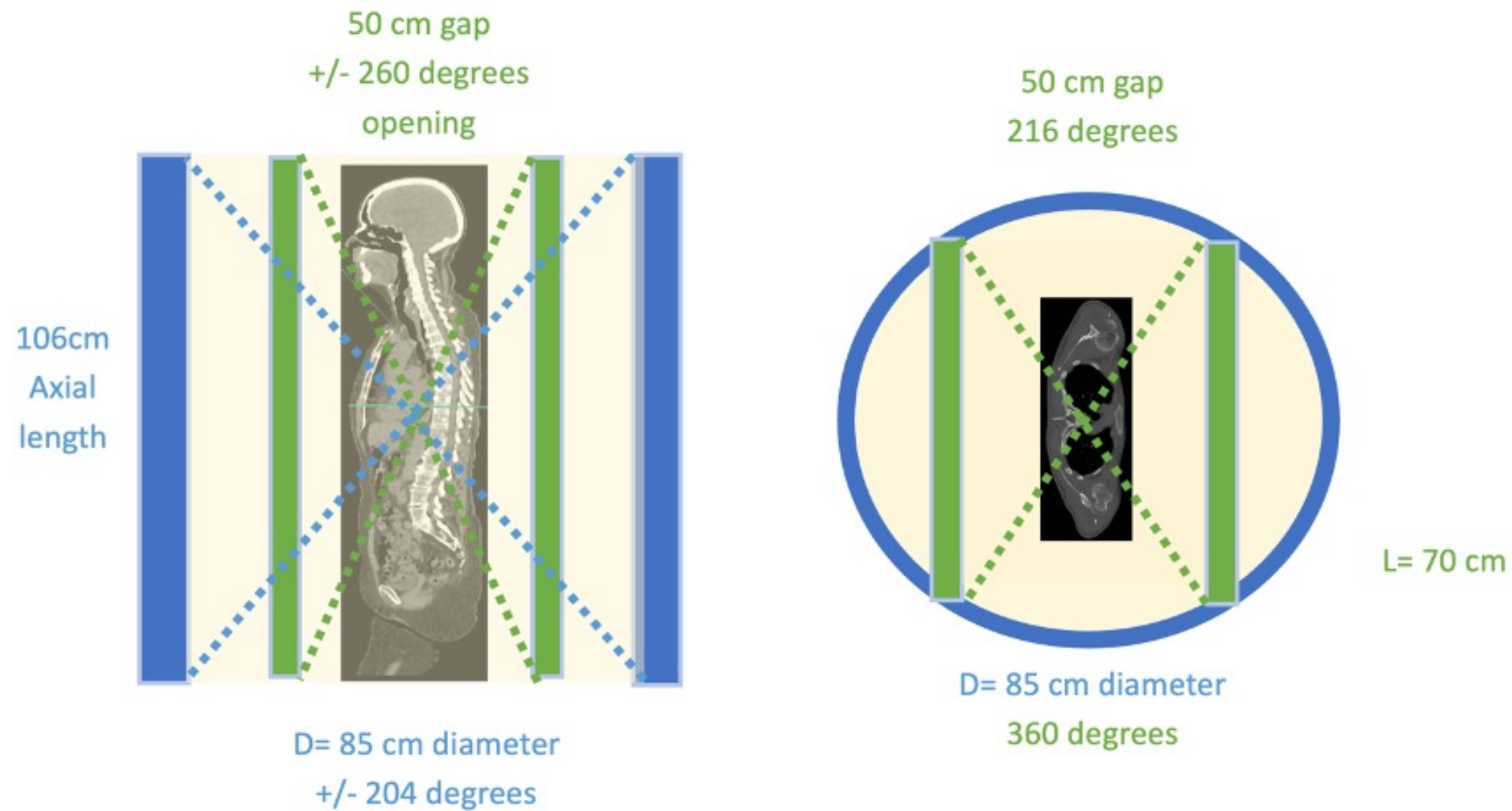
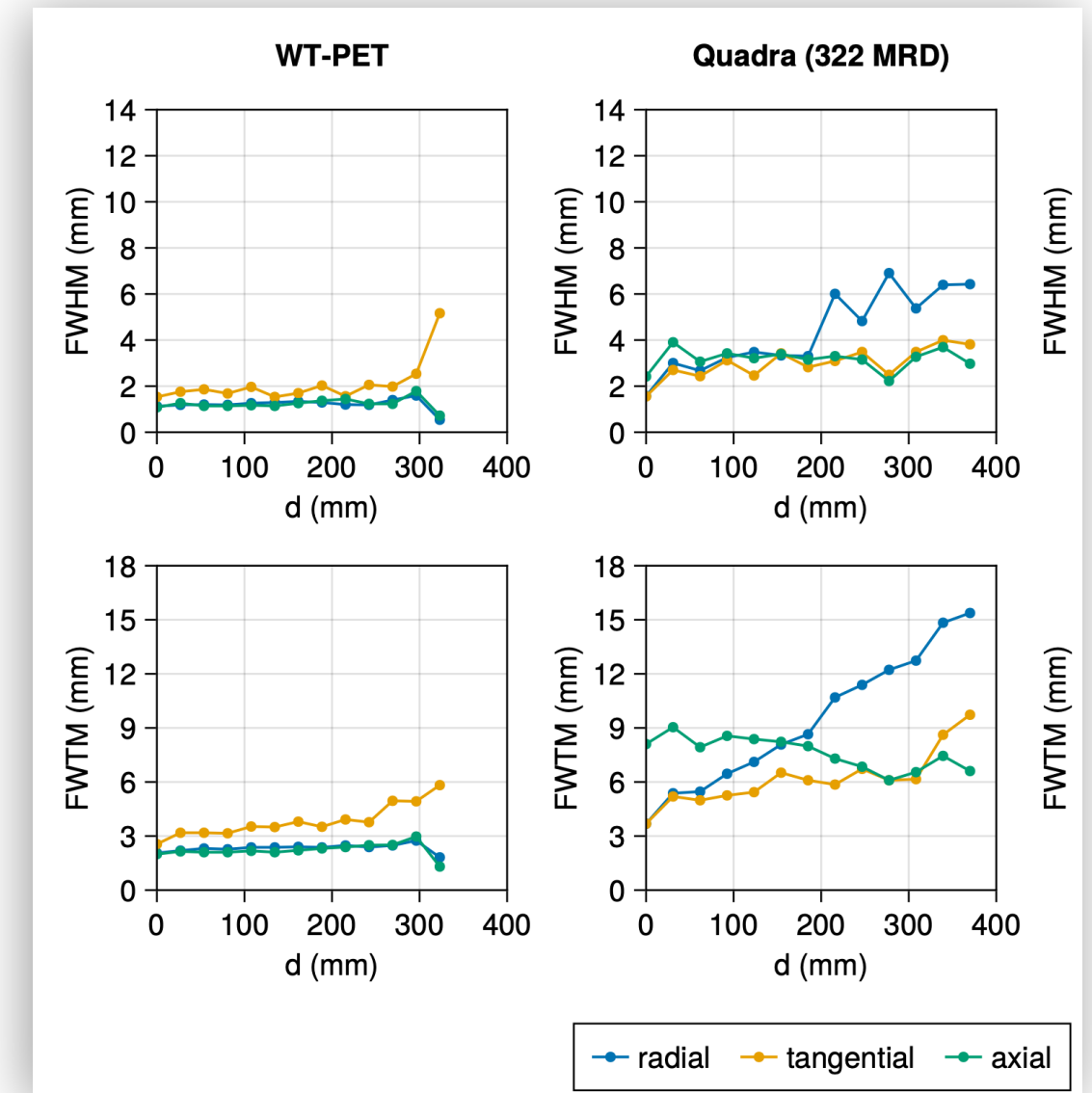


Fig. 3: Comparison between the Siemens Vision Quadra design in blue and the Walk-Through TB-PET design in green.

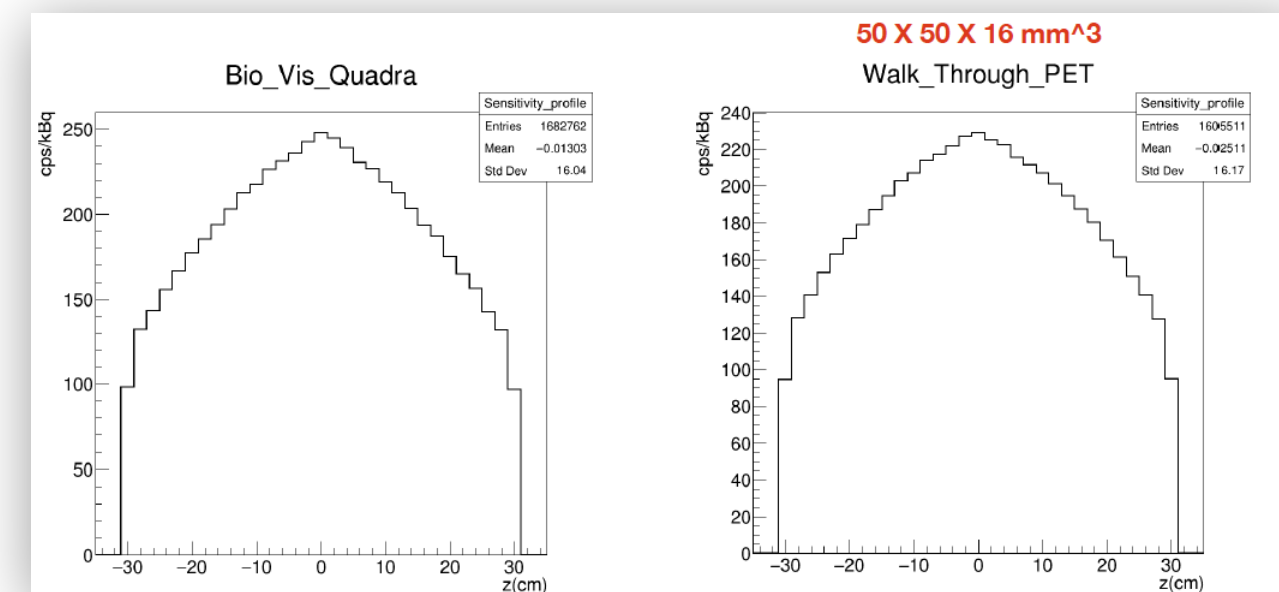
Excellent spatial resolution:

- High intrinsic resolution of monoliths
- 6 layer DOI
- Large opening angle in transverse and axial direction

2-3 x better spatial resolution



Comparable sensitivity



FULL SYSTEM SIMULATION/RECON

GATE MC-SIM

Xcat 3 MBq/kg - 56 kg
 1m72 cm height
 Lesions of 10, 7 and 5 mm
 8:1 contrast

30 sec stationary acquisition !!

RECON

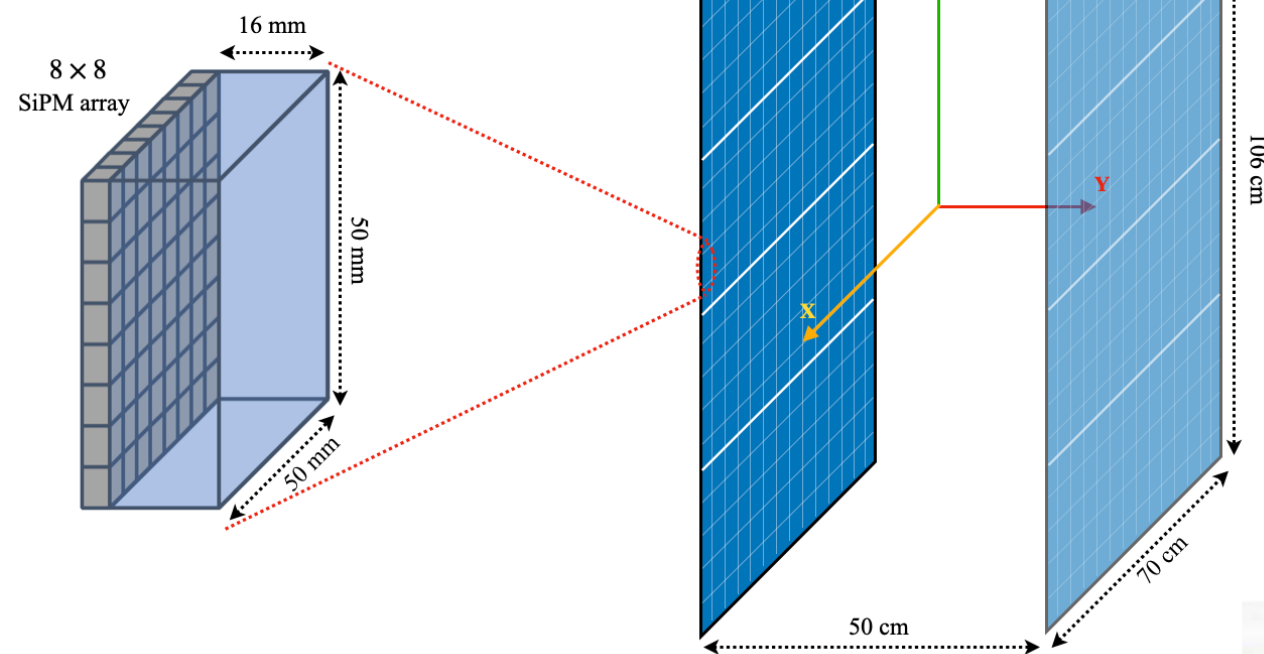
TOF-listmode ML-EM
 2 mm voxels
 327 ps
 10 iterations

Transverse/coronal/Sagittal slice show excellent contrast/image quality

120 M detected Trues

Two opposed panels with 280 Monolithic BGO Blocks

Monolithic BGO block
 size:50x50x16 mm
 1.3 mm intrinsic resolution
 2 mm DOI



50 cm gap, 70 cm wide, 106 cm high



Some limited angle artefacts close to detectors

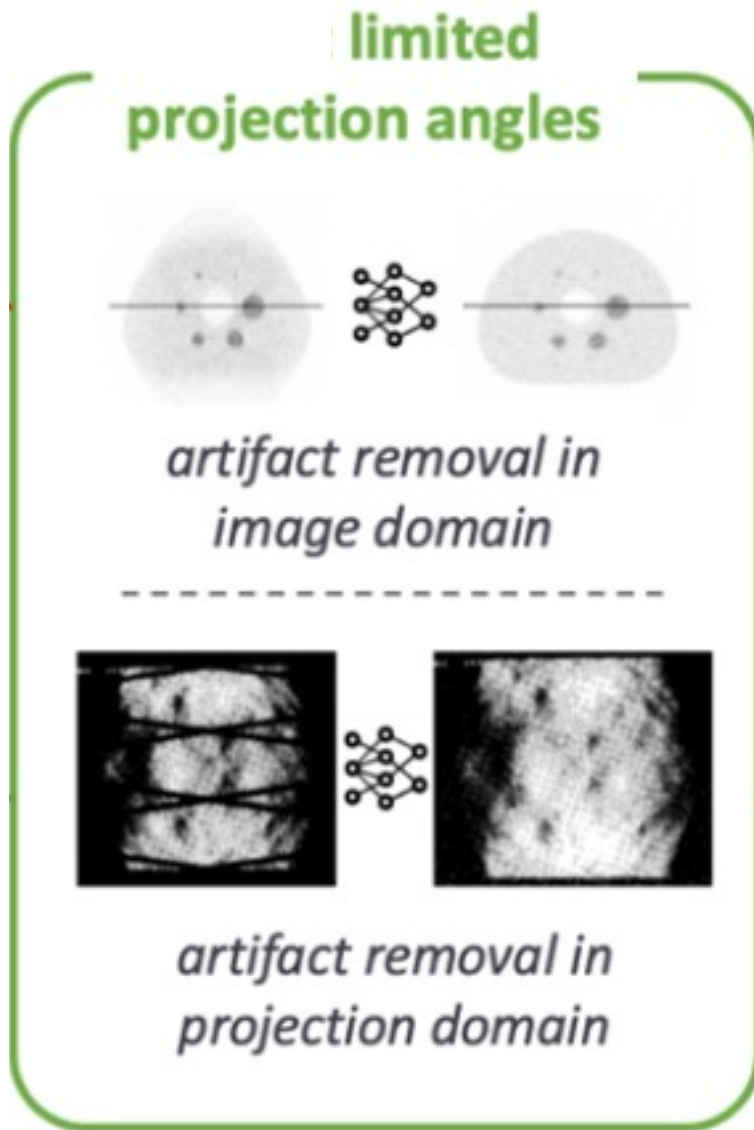


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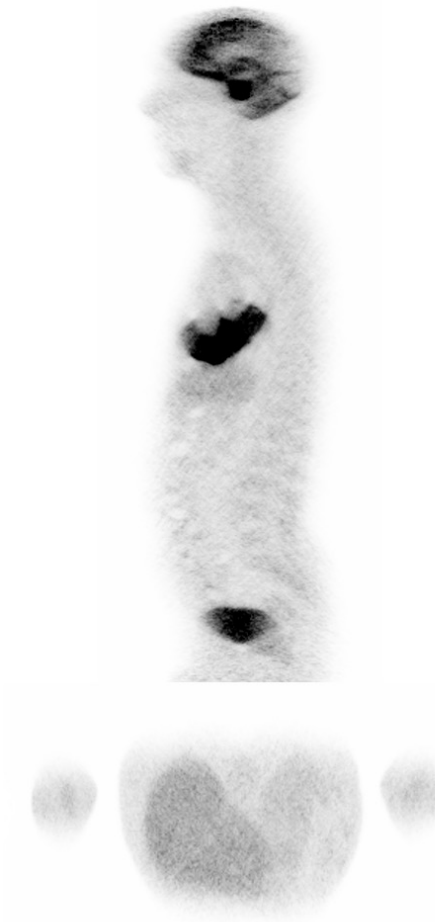
LIMITED ANGLE EFFECTS



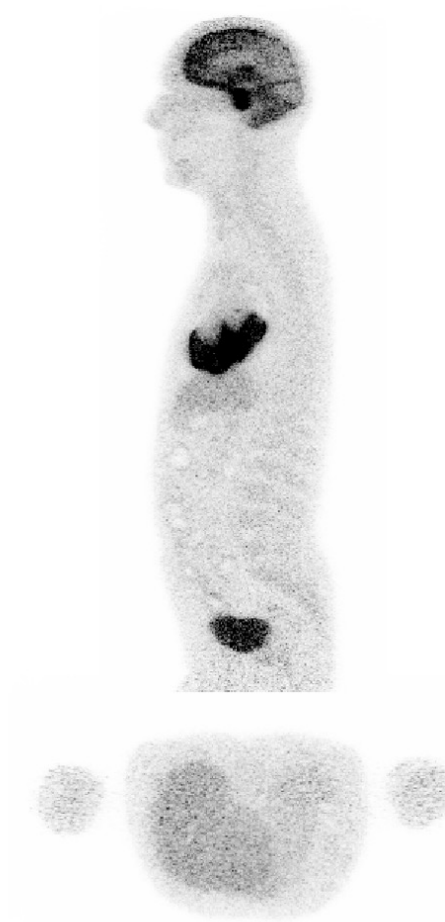
Approaches

- Sinogram completion with Fourier methods**
- Deep learning based image restoration**
Learn from image pairs of complete/incomplete data
- Deep learning image restoration inside recon**

Input:
fixed WT-PET configuration



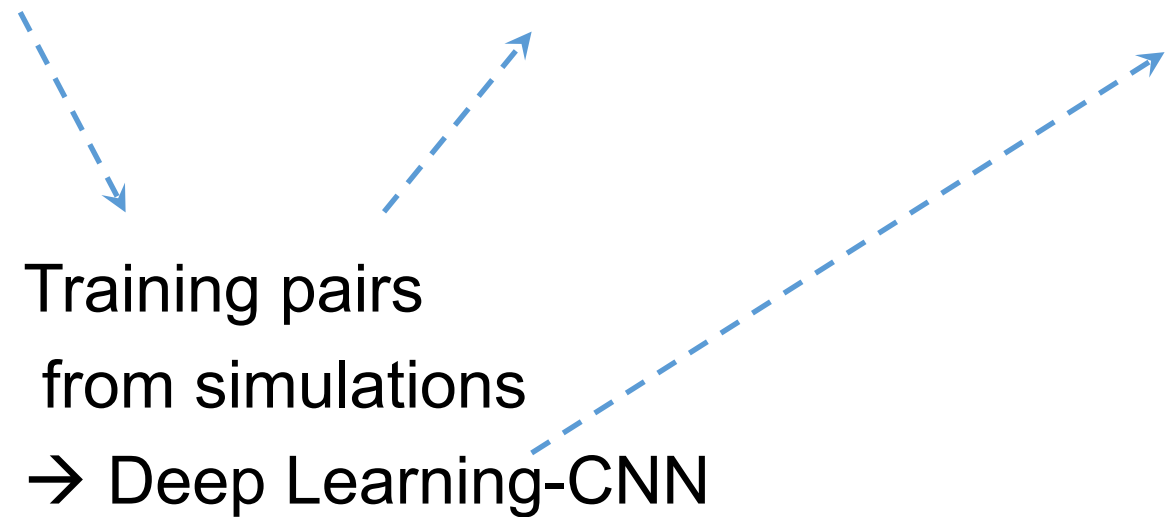
Target:
rotating WT-PET configuration



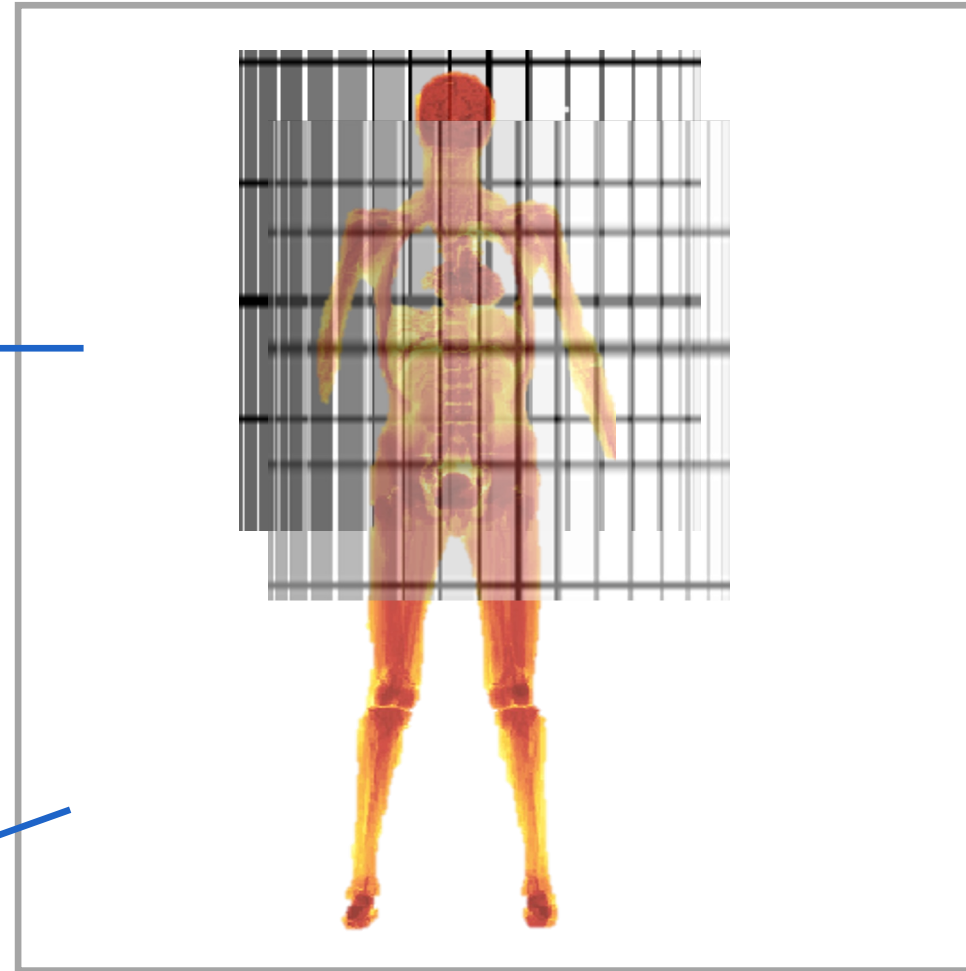
DL artefact corrected image



First results for
IEEE MIC 2023
Jens Maebe



BENEFITS OF WALK-THROUGH PET



Lower cost

BGO is 1/3 price of L(Y)SO
BGO: 30 % more coincidences
BGO 2x worse TOF
Close to the patient
1.9 x Less detectors

Very compact footprint

About 2-4 m²
Semi-mobile
More space for patients in dept

Spatial resolution

Monolithic detectors
Uniform over whole FOV
thanks to 6-layer DOI
Less motion of patient

Patient throughput

Avoids patient positioning+
scout-view and CT
Aim:
PET in breath-hold of 30 sec
Patient throughput of 3-5 min

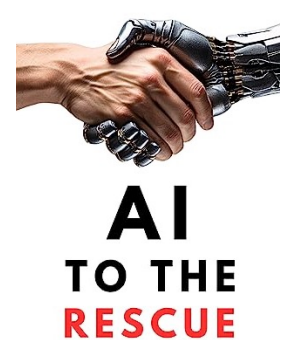
Less personnel

Most patients can position
themselves

Disadvantages

No anatomical CT quality
How to scan bedridden patients?

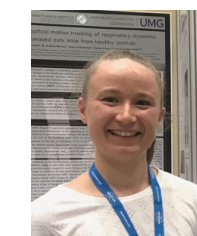
WIP 😊



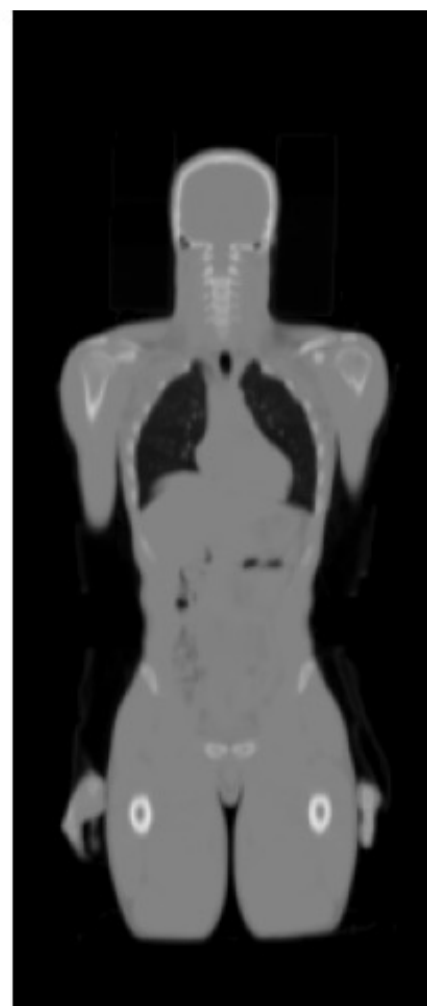
QUANTITATIVE PET WITHOUT CT



Penn-PET LAFOV Explorer



Joint Ugent-UPENN PhD
Florence Marie Muller



DL-generated
transmission
image

Quantitative
reconstruction



Input-output training
Pairs of NAC-PET and
CT of patients

To Be checked
Robustness ?
Other objects ?

Using domain knowledge for robust and generalizable deep learning-based CT-free PET attenuation and scatter correction

[Rui Guo](#), [Song Xue](#), [Jiaxi Hu](#), [Hasan Sari](#), [Clemens Mingels](#), [Konstantinos Zeimpekis](#), [George Prenosil](#), [Yue Wang](#), [Yu Zhang](#), [Marco Viscione](#), [Raphael Sznitman](#), [Axel Rominger](#), [Biao Li](#) & [Kuangyu Shi](#)

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TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP IS KEY

- PET scanner is more than acquisition cost & service contract
 - Throughput !
 - Daily tracer/radiopharmacy costs
 - Personnel cost + hospital space
- Average cost per (quality) scan is what 'counts'
(Physicists think too often it are the number of counts or TOF that 'counts')



AUDI A4

Quoted Price

488 £

Energy Cost

118 £

TCO Price

607 £



Higher lease cost
But lower consumption
and service costs
and higher resell value

Tesla Model 3 SR+

Quoted Price

520 £

Energy Cost

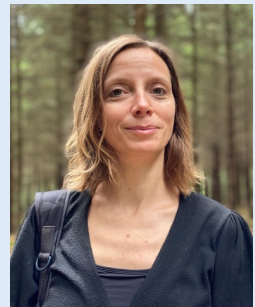
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TCO Price

559 £



HOW TO ESTIMATE EXPECTED THROUGHPUT ?



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NM CHU

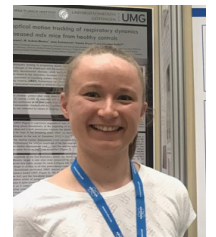
One day of recording on Siemens Vision at CHU-Liege
Average PET scan/transfer/scout/CT times for 3MBq/kg patients

Steps in this process

1. **Measure throughput** in a real setting on an existing Siemens Vision
2. **Simulate** systems to determine **sensitivity** difference
3. Use Simulated sensitivity + TOF to **predict scan times** on other systems
4. **Estimate setup/transfer time of WT-PET** with a mockup
5. Calculate throughput based on PET scan times and setup/transfer time
6. Calculate the component cost of systems (based on quotes)
7. Calculate how much tracer is required to inject all patients
 - Account for time between patients
 - Account for decay



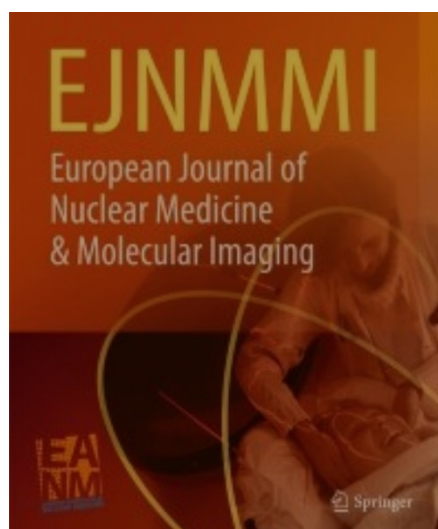
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Mockup measurements
Florence Muller,



System config	SAFOV LSO 210 ps	LAFOV (limited) LSO 210 ps	LAFOV LSO 210 ps	WT-PET BGO 400 ps
Sensitivity	15 kcps/MBg	83 kcps/MBg	176 kcps/MBg	152 kcps/MBg
PET acquisition time	600 sec	108 sec	51 sec	112 sec
Time for Transfer/setup/CT	420 sec	420 sec	420 sec	210 sec
# of possible scans in 8hr	28	54	61	89
Relative cost of PET system	1	4	4	1.4
Reduction in tracer cost vs SAFOV	0%	39 %	46 %	66 %



Walk-through flat panel total-body PET: a patient-centered design for high throughput imaging at lower cost using DOI-capable high-resolution monolithic detectors

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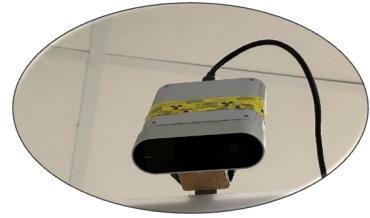
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WT-PET

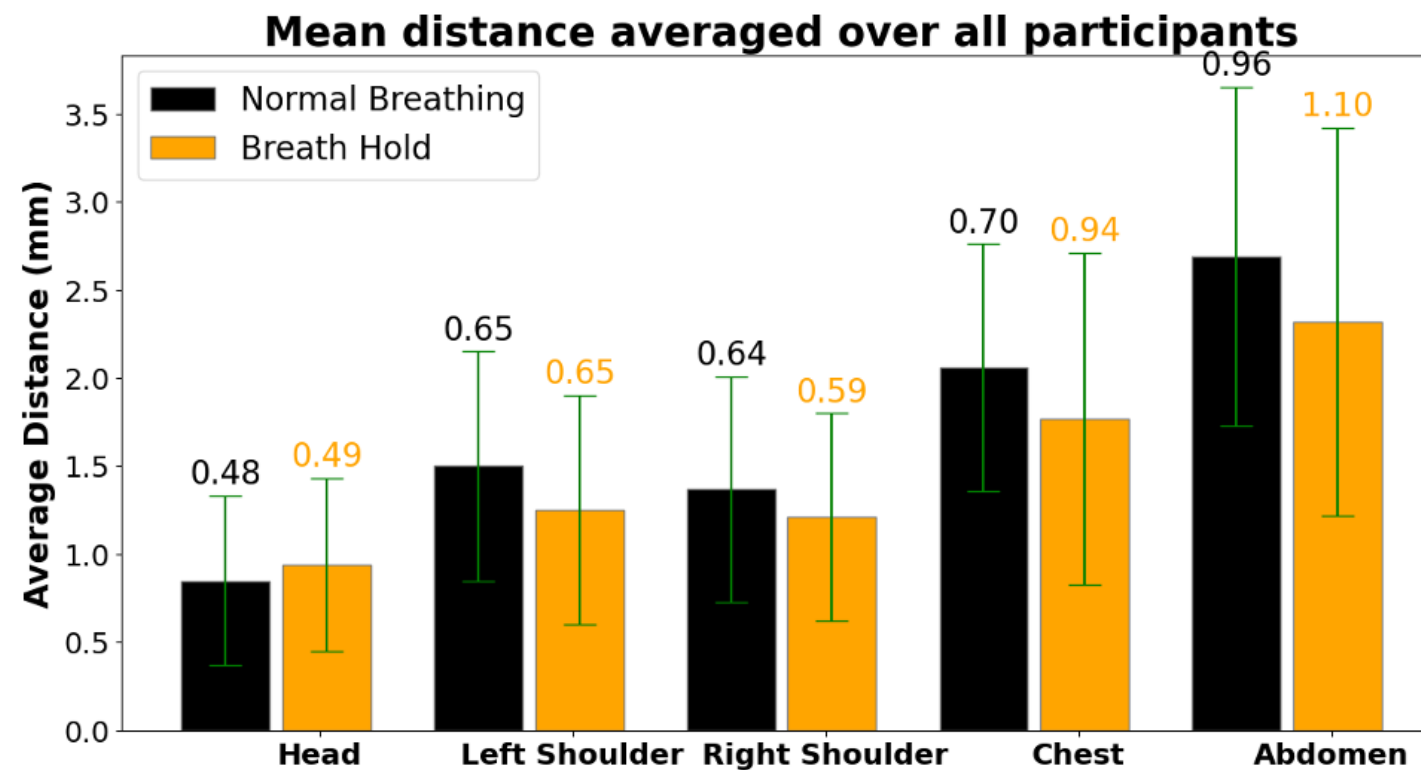
- 2.85 x lower component cost than Quadra
- Lower sensitivity + TOF than Quadra
- But has potential to scan
 - 1.3 x more patients than Quadra
 - 3.1 x more patients than Vision
- At 66% lower dose cost/patient than Vision

ONGOING WORK: STANDING MOTION CHALLENGE

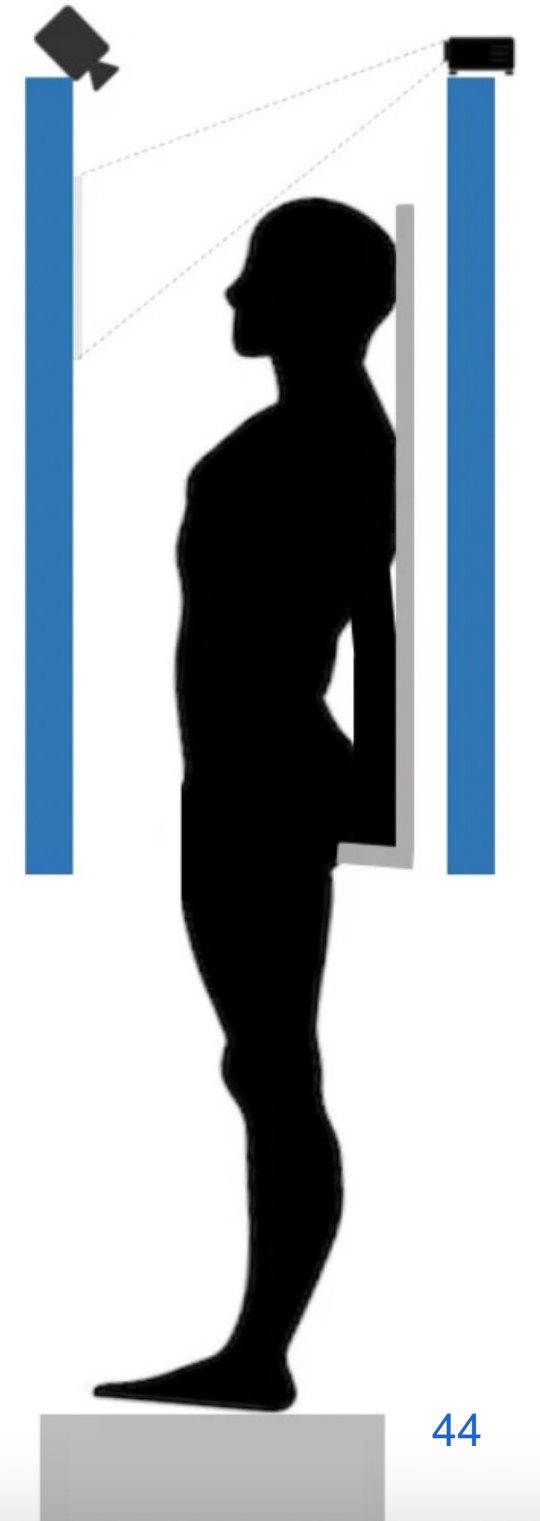


Support from back + handle bars
Projection from back → instruct minimal motion
Scan fast (30 sec) to minimize motion
Camera to capture patient motion
Track motion during 30 sec
IR markers on head/shoulders/chest/abdomen

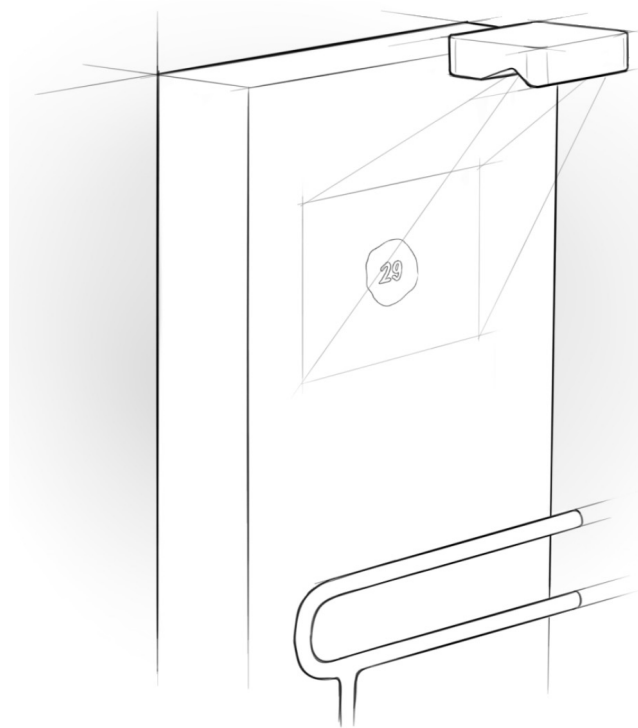
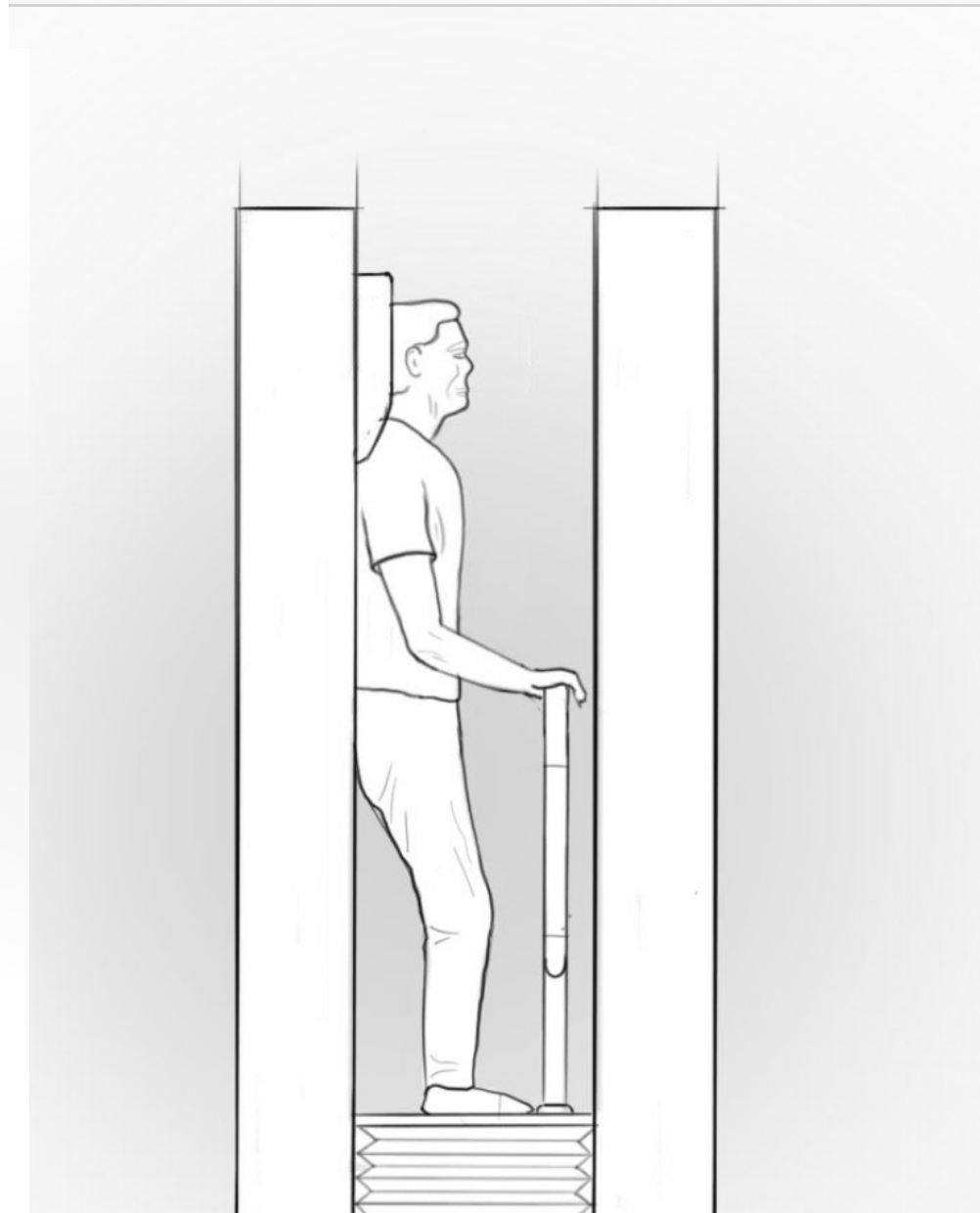
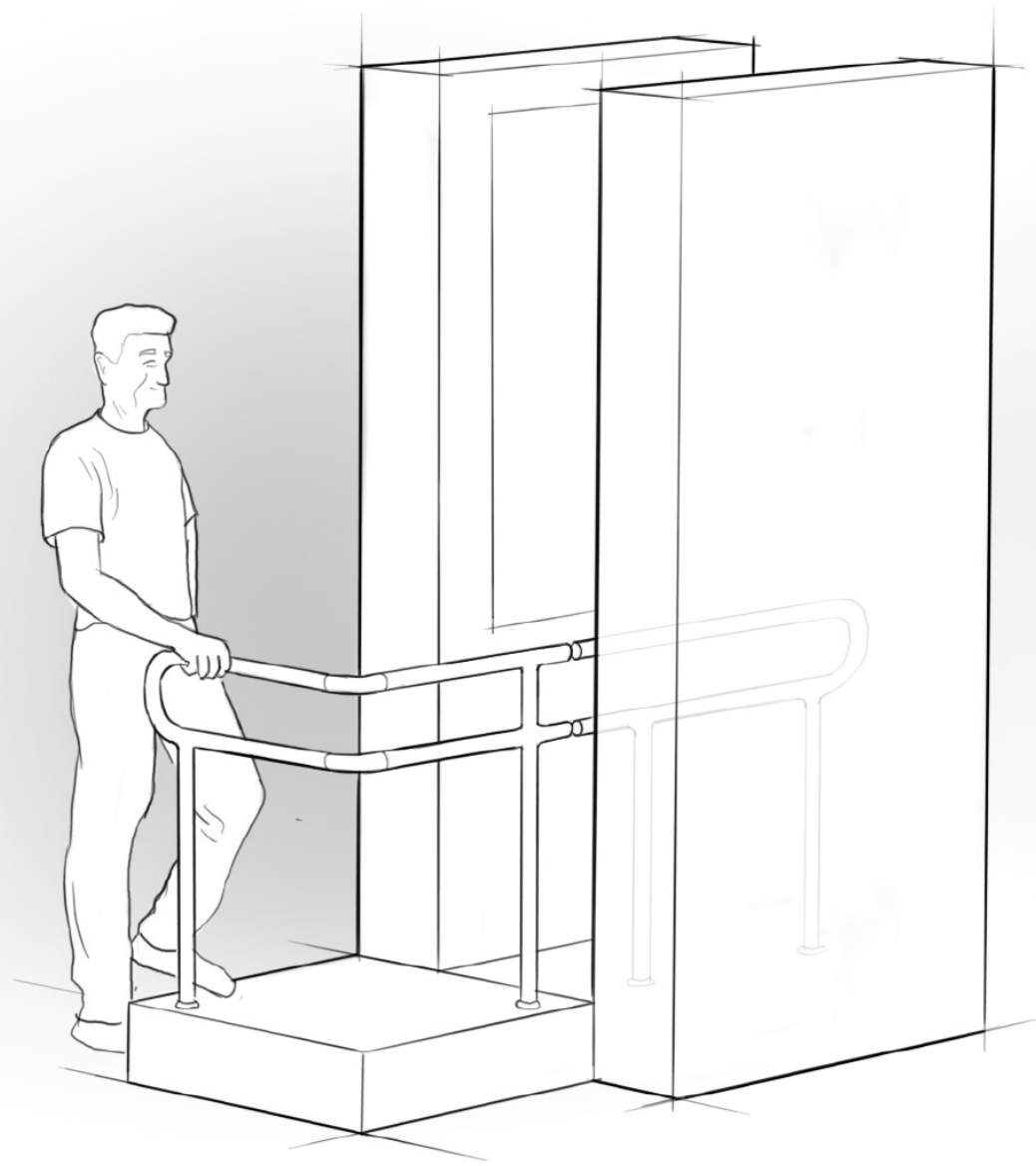
Normal breathing vs breath-hold



PhD Rabiya Aziz: AI for motion correction

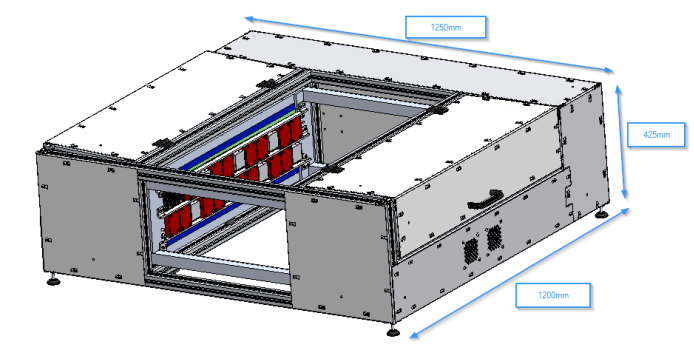
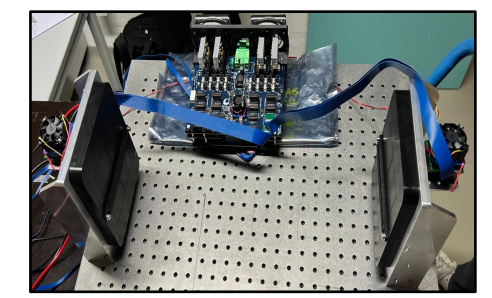


FIRST DESIGN CONCEPTS



SHORT THROW BEAMER
FOCUS POINT
+ PROGRESS

COMATE

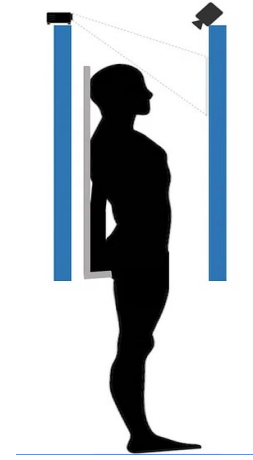
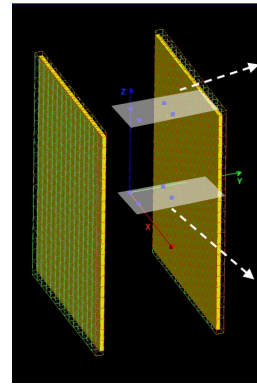


Project timing (2022-2025)

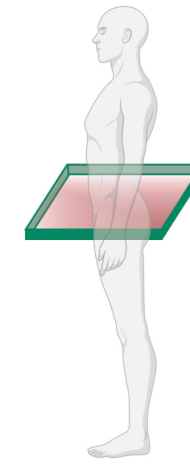
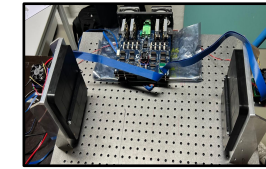
Concept & Early tests
Q3-Q4 2022



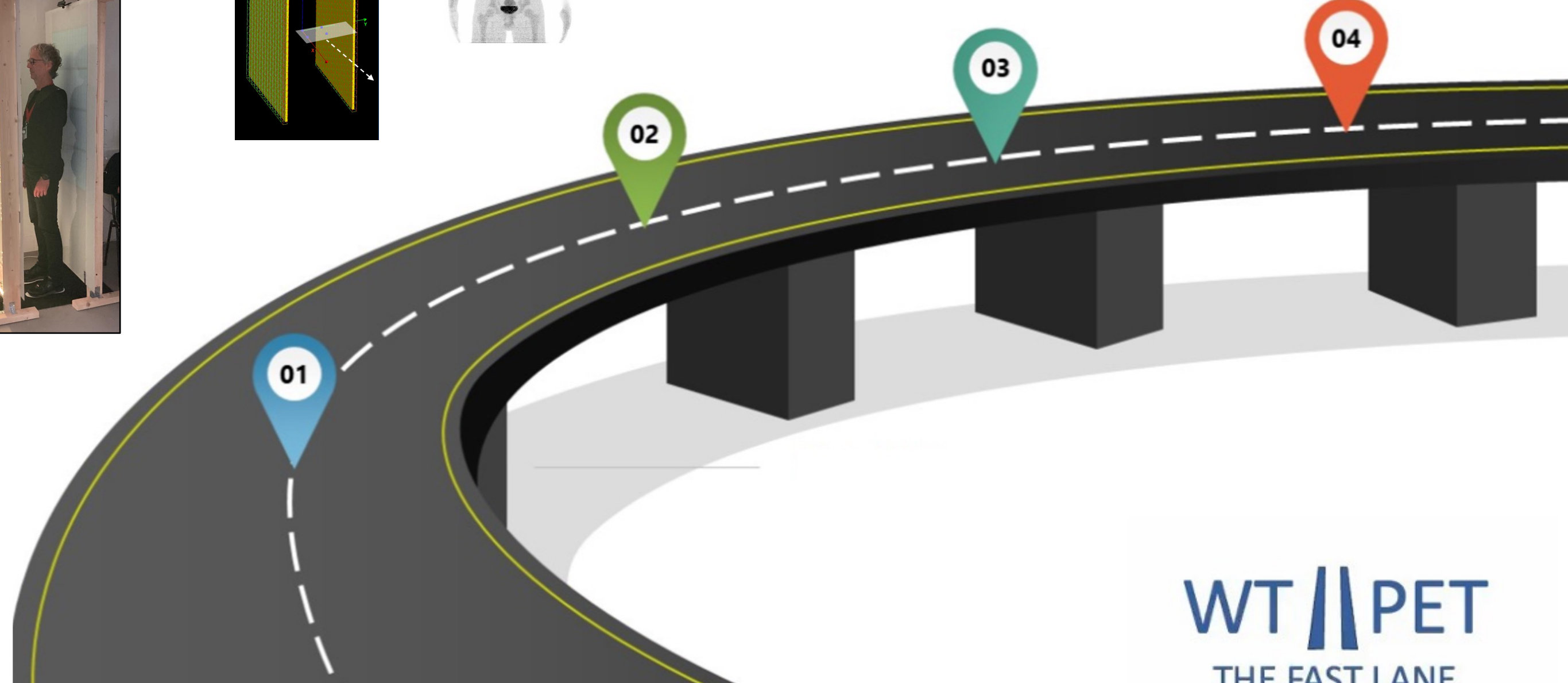
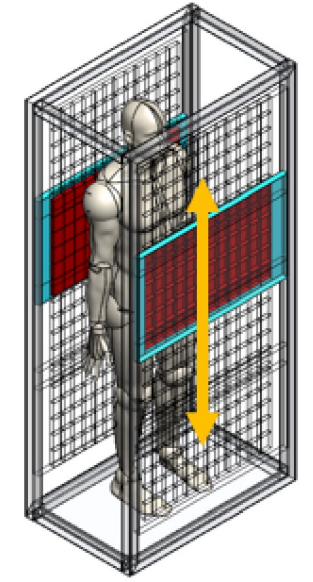
Simulations & Recon& Motion
Q1-Q4 2023



Detector & CT design
Q1-Q4 2024



First prototype
Q1-Q2 2025

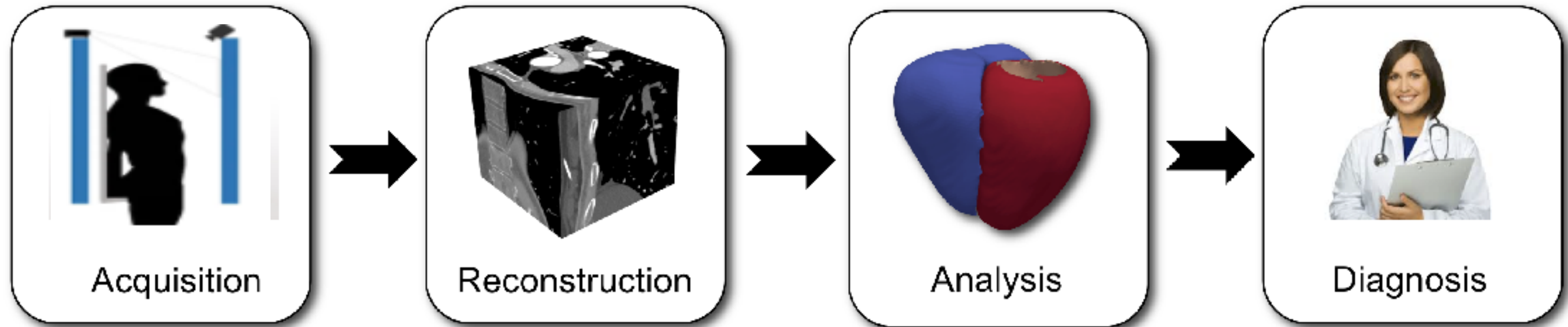


Project Partners



OVERVIEW

AI will be employed into the entire imaging pipeline.



DL for TOF
and positioning

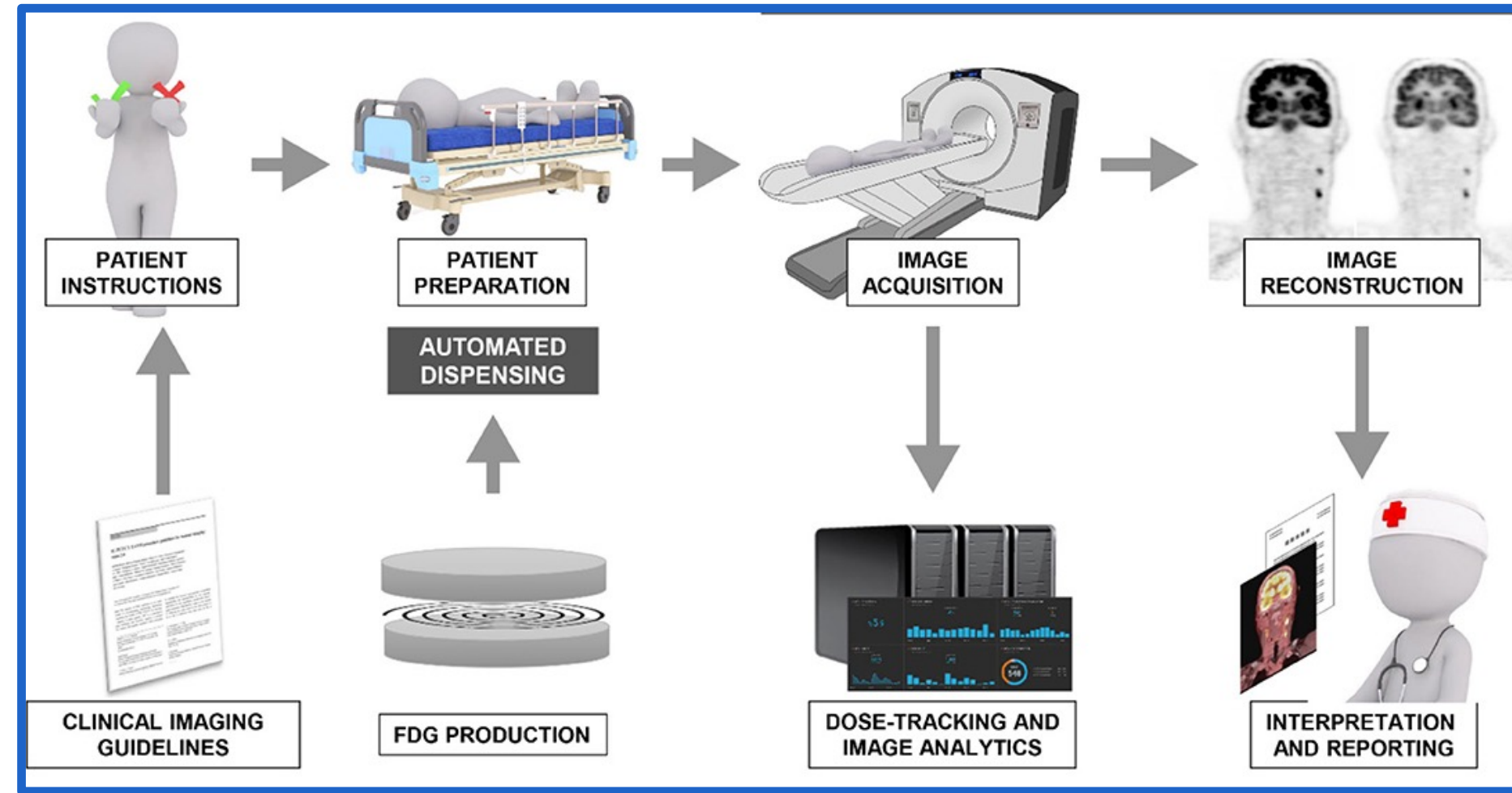
Motion detection

CNN for ultrafast
reconstruction
and corrections

Image
denoising

Efficient reporting

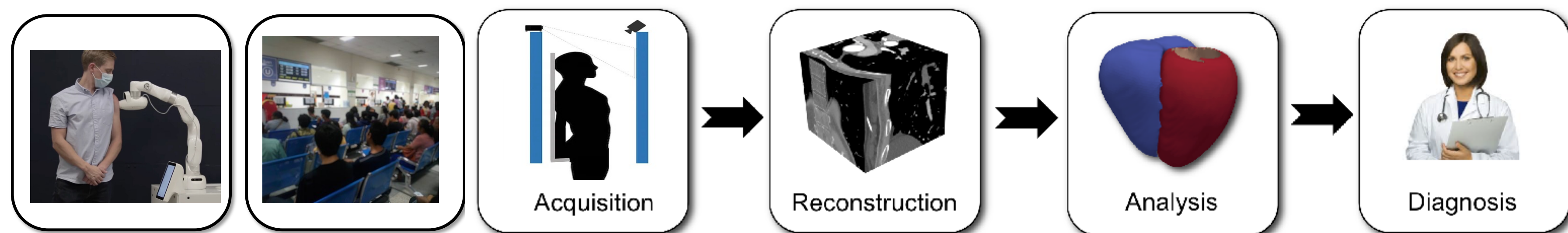
Gains in chain may enhance each other → Faster molecular imaging systems



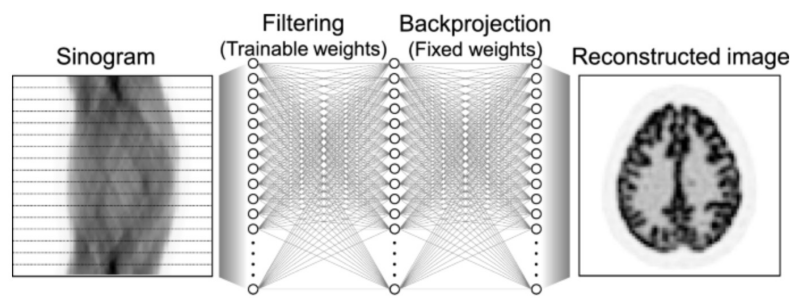
Not only scanner but whole chain needs optimization

Long term vision:

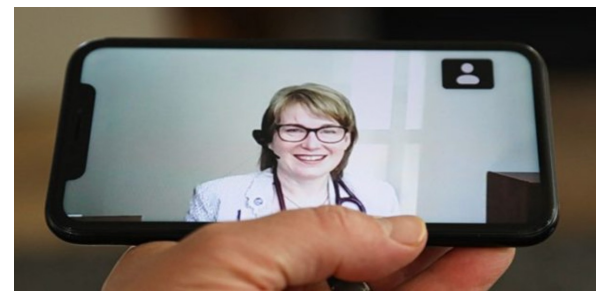
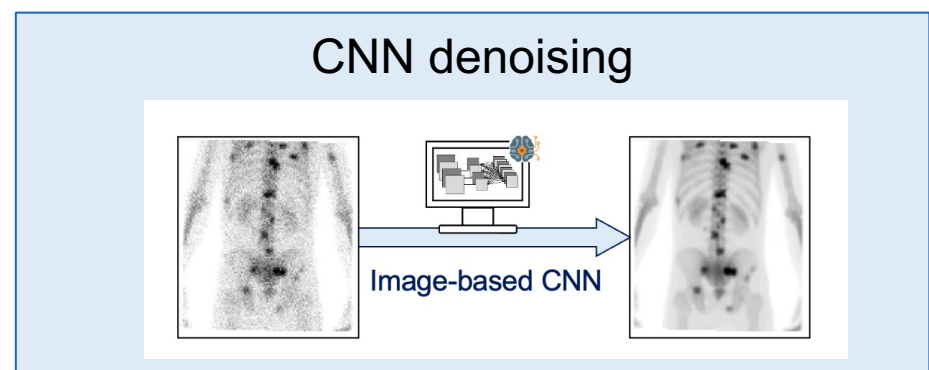
Make nuclear medicine more efficient, less personnel, more accurate and lower cost



Deep Learning based TOF+ positioning



Large Language Models in Healthcare



Shifting tasks of nuclear medicine physicists

Manual quality control

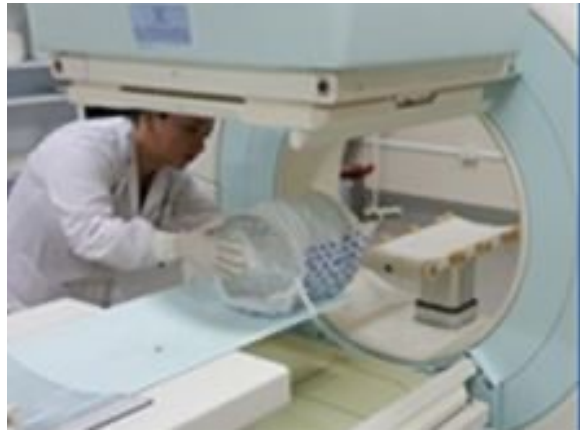
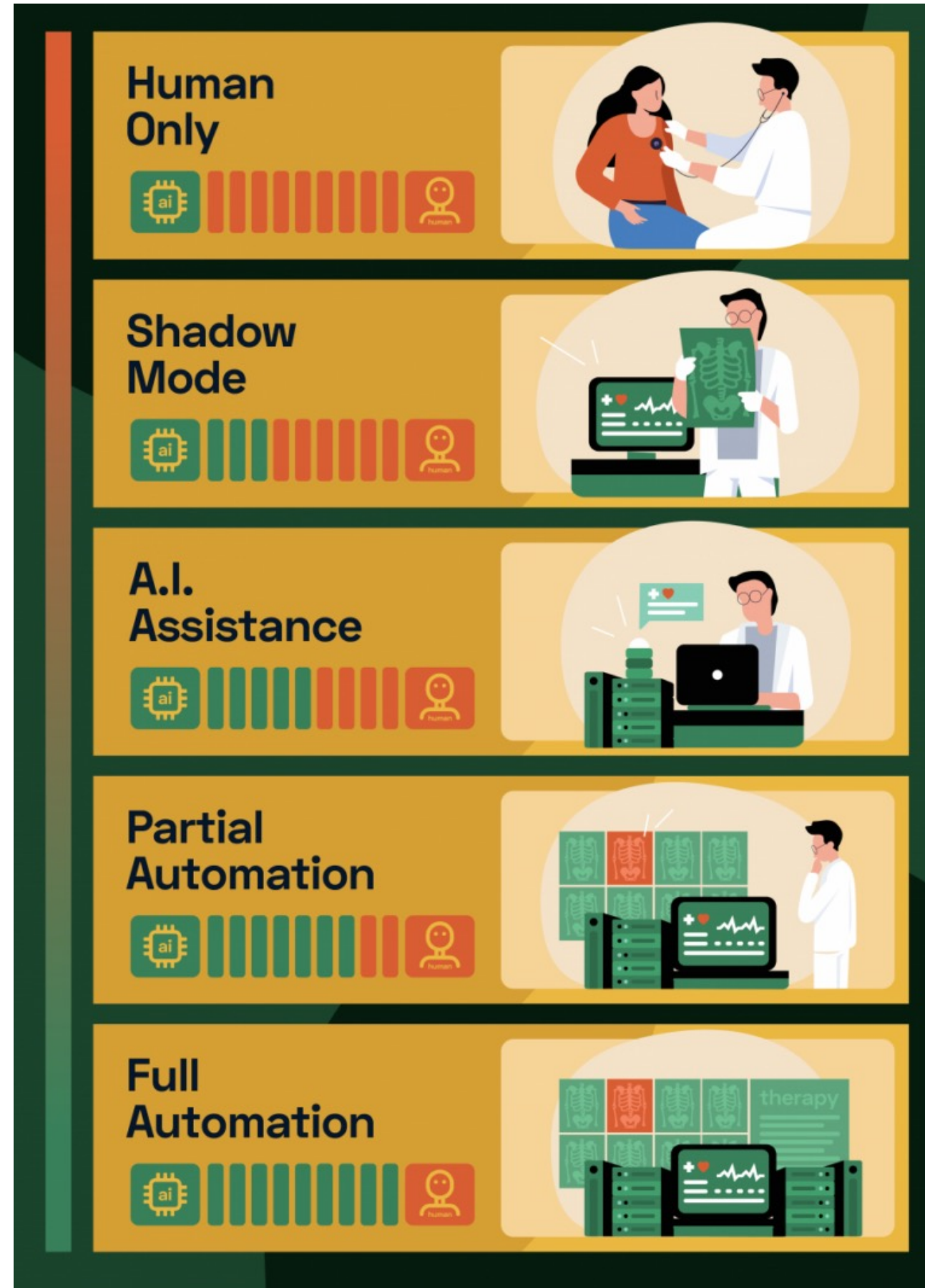
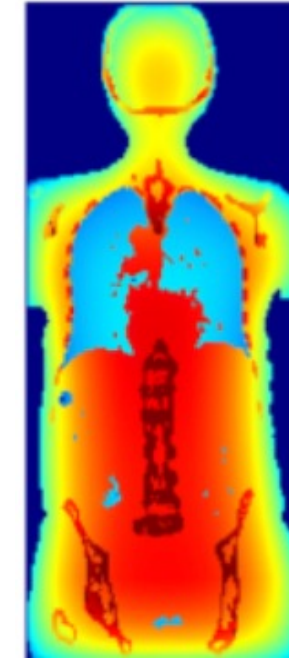


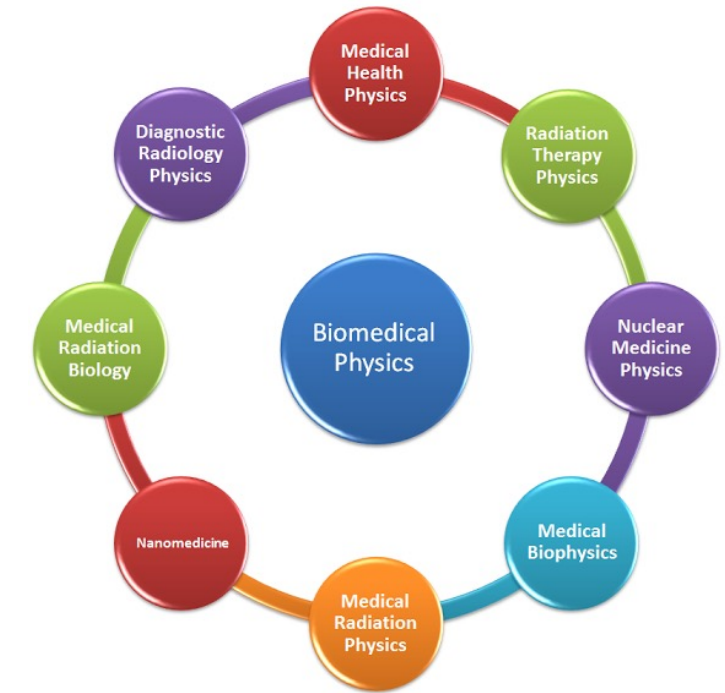
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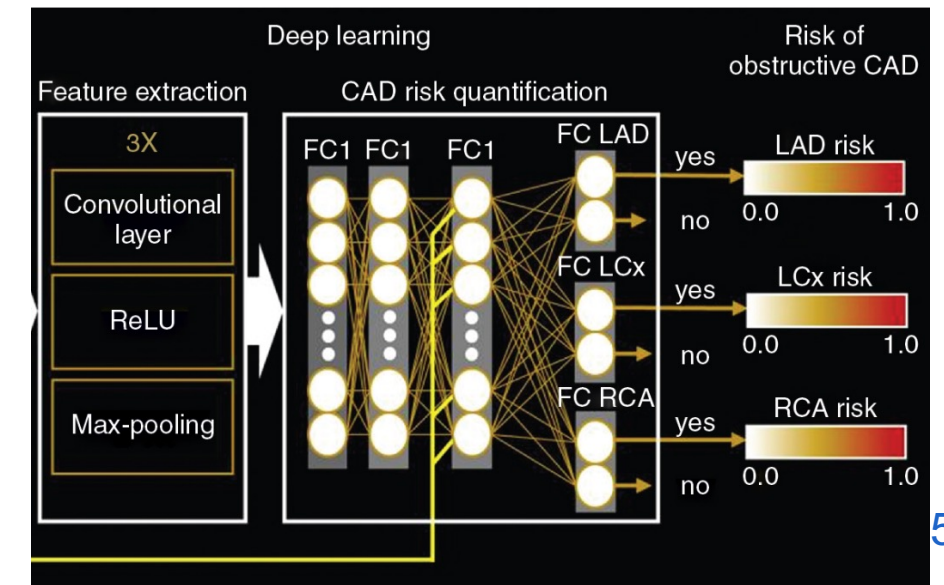
Voxel based dosimetry



Data exchange with other departments (Radiotherapy, radiology, oncology..)



AI training and testing



Shifting tasks of nuclear medicine physicians

Patient care



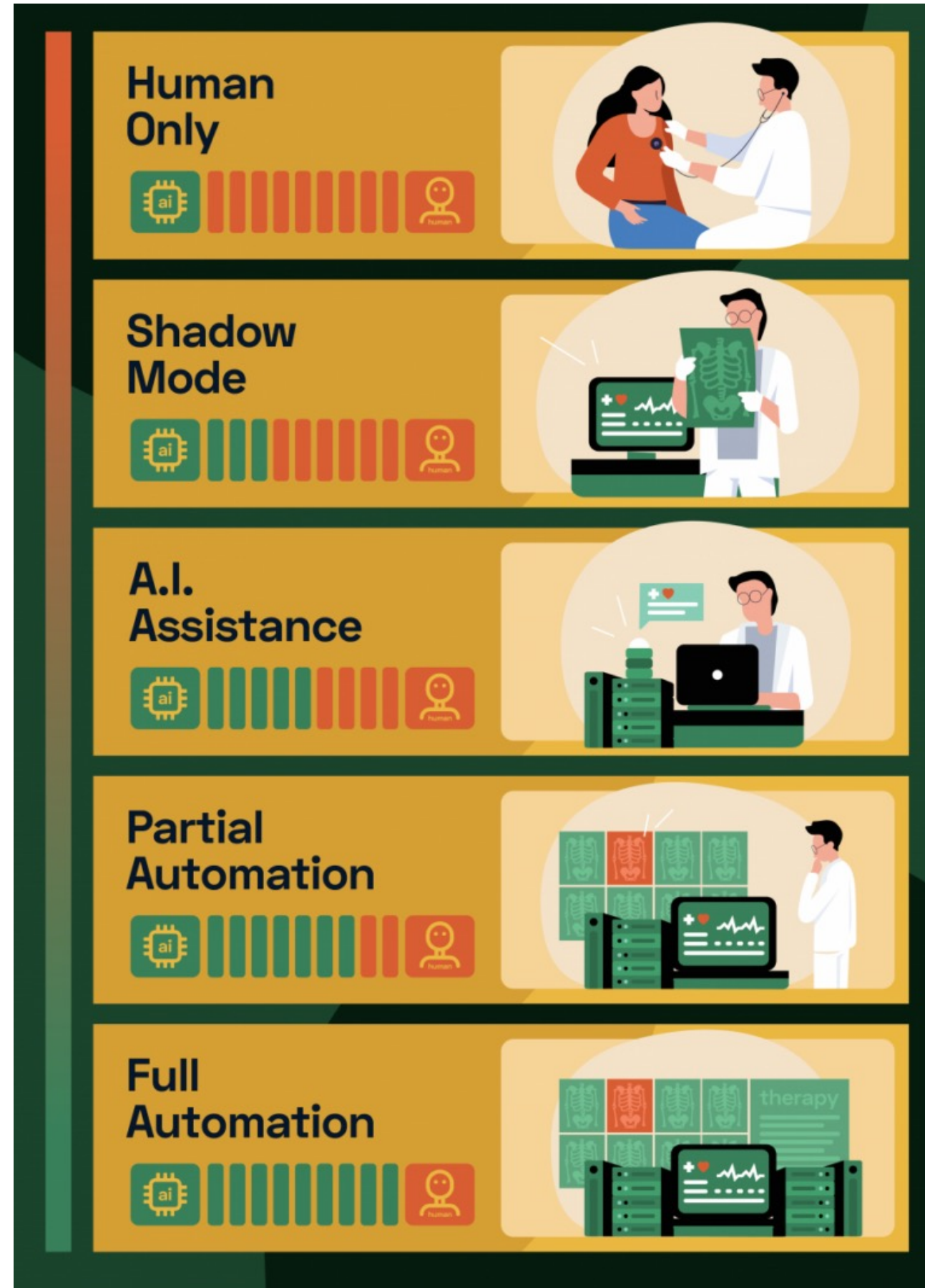
Patient care



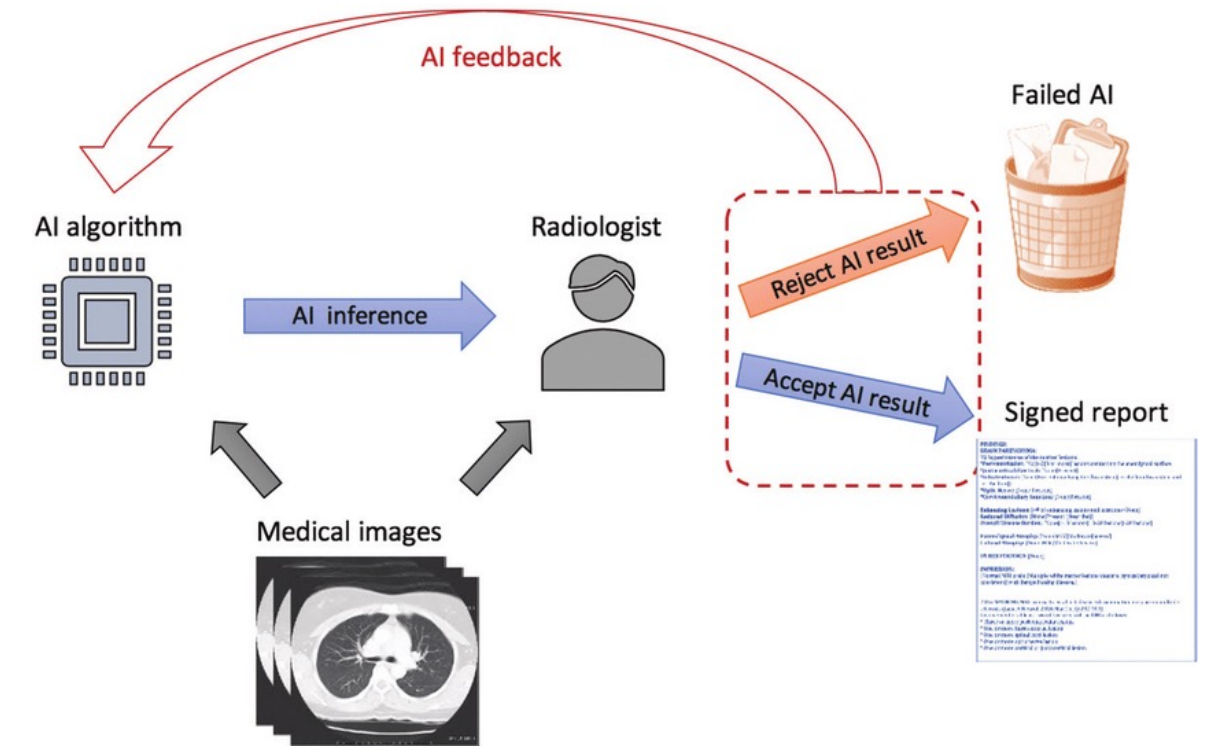
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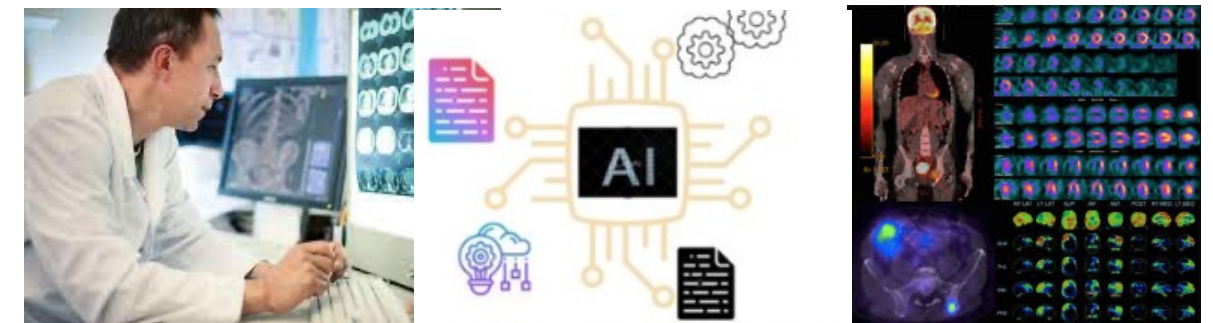
Training staff members



Testing/learning to use AI



Training AI for diagnosis and prediction



SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

- AI has the potential to speed up imaging and impact system design
- Quite safe and predictable for simple tasks (positioning, denoising)
- AI seems to be used gradually in reconstruction and denoising (CT, MRI, PET, SPECT)
- Future higher throughput/low-cost design based on Walk-Through PET with AI
- AI can/should be used for diagnosis/prediction but carefully especially for complex tasks
- Clear standardized training data with gold standard for training are key for further progress



AI is like a complex toolbox/equalizer with many knobs and settings to train input to output, it does it faster and probably better but maybe also sometimes worse and unpredictable.



AI-powered object detection just identified the longest cow on earth



Thanks!



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Expert in molecular imaging, PET system development.



Ir. Jens Maebe,
Master of Science in Engineering
Physics: Expert in the use of artificial intelligence in PET and CT



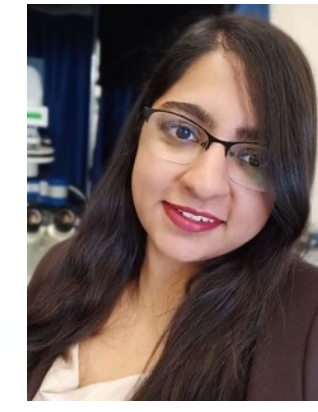
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Patient centered design



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Motion minimization, detection and correction



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Lab leader



Prof Joel Karp
Senior advisor
Experience in bringing clinical PET prototypes to market (UGM/ADAC/Philips)



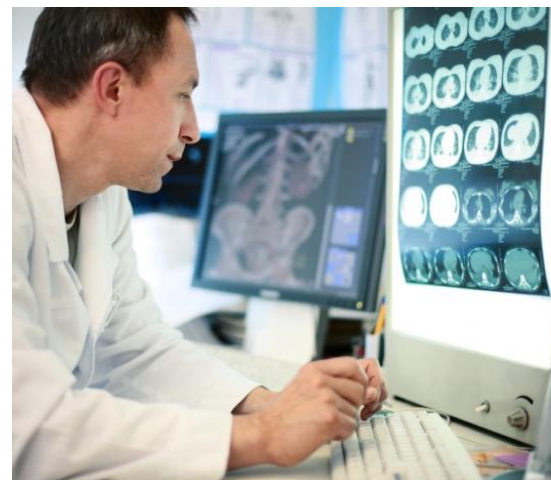
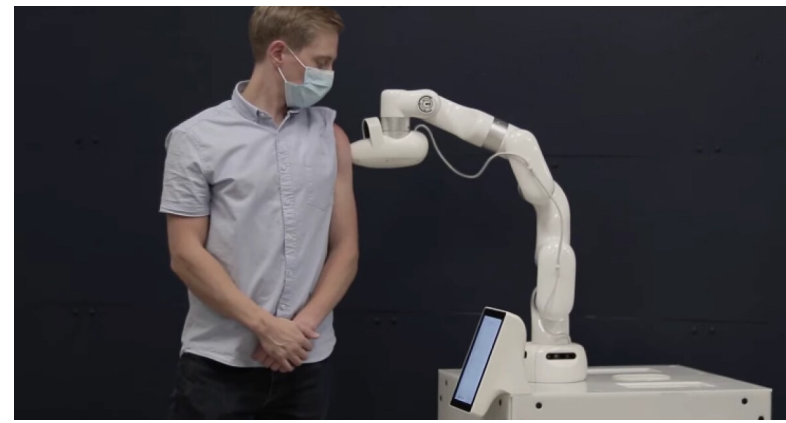
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- Francois Benard (Vancouver)

Website: WT-PET.org

Possible future for efficient NM

- Patient preparation/injection
- Walk to waiting rooms
- Video instructions for patient scan
- Patients walk in the scanner.
- Fast positioning and acquisition
- High throughput
- Fast deep learning based
 - Image reconstruction
 - Motion correction

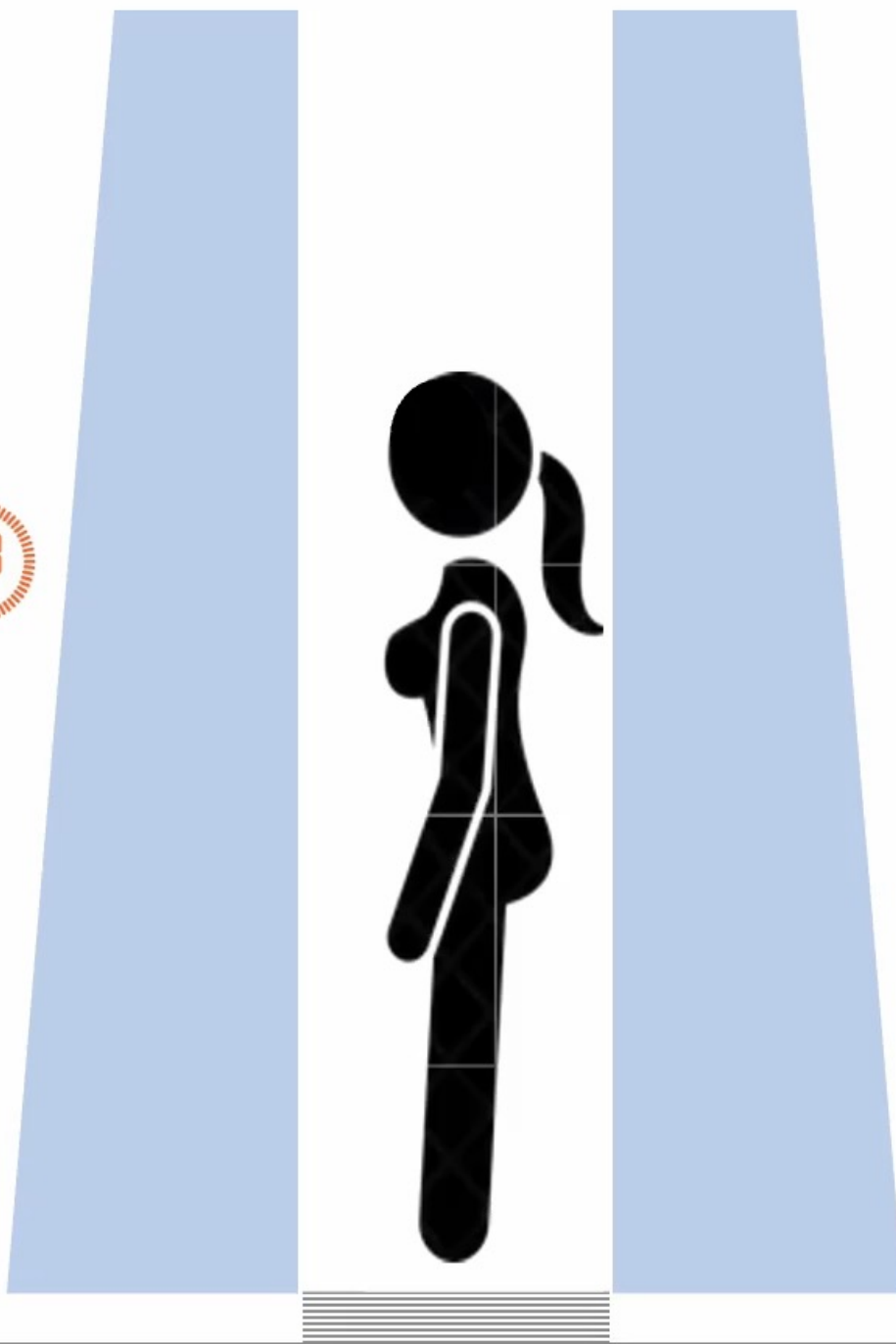


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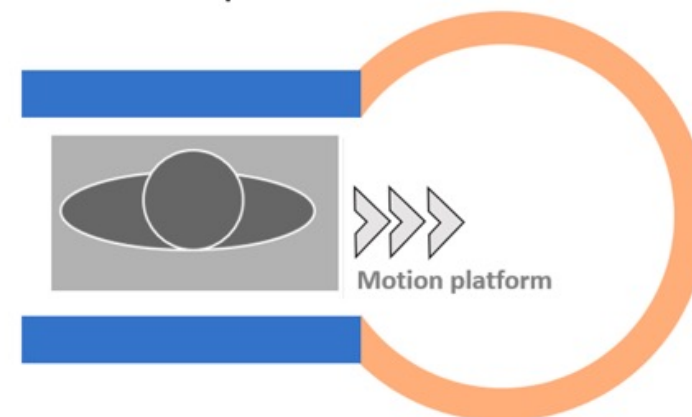
WT | PET
THE FAST LANE

- PhD Boris Vervenne (1st october 2023)
- Design CT scanner for
 - Scanning torso while patients are standing upright
 - Sufficiently fast (< 1min for full torso)
 - Reliable detector technology

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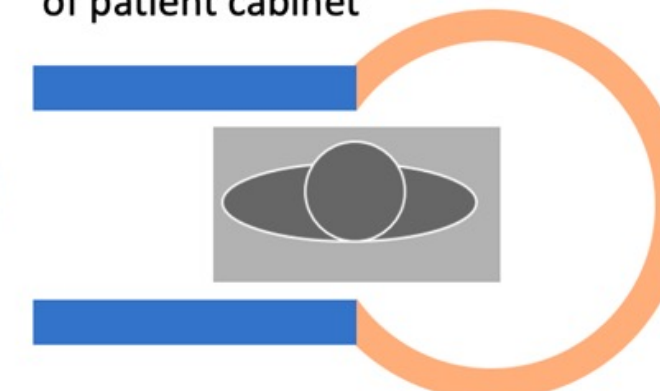
1. PET acquisition



WT-PET

WT-CT

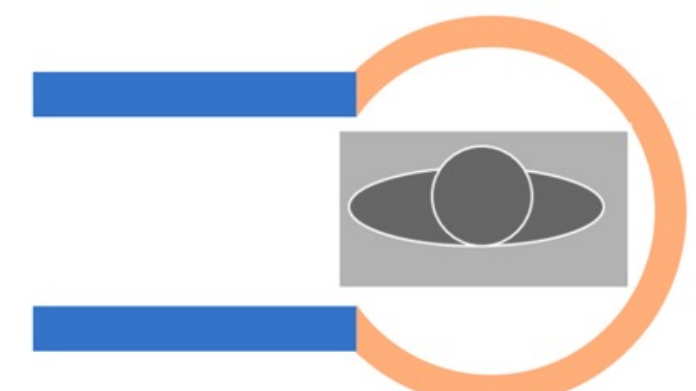
2. Sideways transfer of patient cabinet



WT-PET

WT-CT

3. CT acquisition



WT-PET

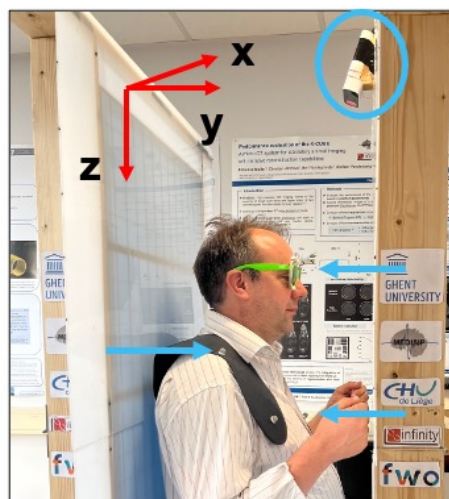
WT-CT



0.2 km/hr
=
about 10 s for 50 cm

MOTION: LEAN BACK AGAINST SURFACE

- ▶ **Kinect camera**
- ▶ **IR markers** are positioned: on shoulders, on glasses (head), chest level, abdomen
- ▶ Record in x (left-right), y (front-back), z (vertical)



Mockup measurements
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Motion in standing position

→ Limited due to short 30 s scan

→ Mostly head forward and back

x-movement (left-right) // Volunteers

