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Advances in Monte Carlo patient-specific internal dosimetry for ^{90}Y -TARE treatments

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- ◆ Introduction
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 - Investigation and possible corrections of dose misevaluations caused by artefacts in input functional scans
- ◆ Conclusion and perspectives

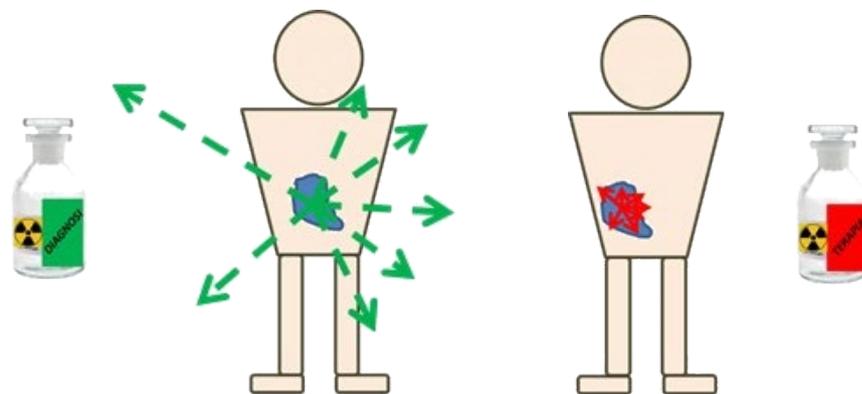
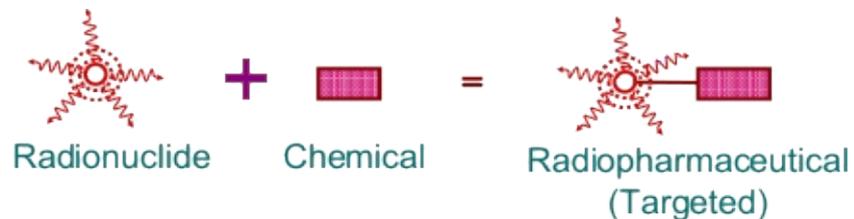
Internal dosimetry in nuclear medicine

- ◆ Nuclear Medicine: employs radionuclides (radiopharmaceuticals) for **diagnostic** and **therapeutic** purposes
- ◆ Internal dosimetry: quantification of **absorbed dose** to internally irradiated organs and tissues



Fundamental role:

- Damage to pathologic tissues
- Risk for healthy tissues
- Deduce dose-effect correlations →
- → Optimize activity administration

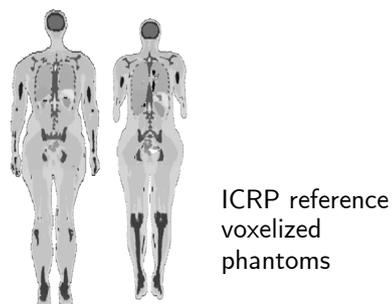
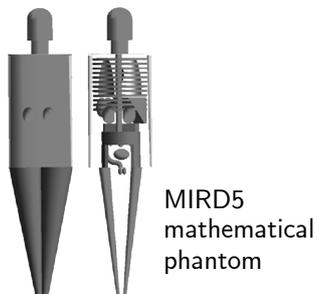


$$D = \frac{dE_{abs}}{dm} \left[\text{Gy} = \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg}} \right]$$

Monte Carlo dosimetry approach

Models needed for:

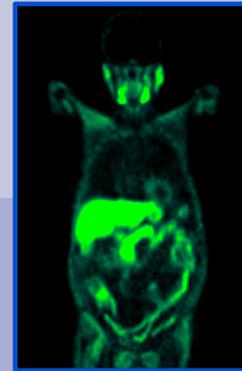
- ◆ 3D antropomorphic anatomy:
 - Mathematical models
 - Voxel level
 - Standard human models
 - Patient-specific



- ◆ Mathematical-physical calculation approach
 - Local energy deposition
 - Dose point-kernels convolution
 - S-factors (MIRD)
 - Direct Monte Carlo (MC) simulation

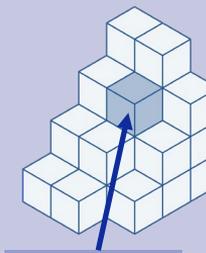


CT scans → model patient's body as voxelized phantom



SPECT or PET scans → model voxelized radionuclide spatial biodistribution

- MC simulation of radionuclide decays and interaction of daughters with matter
- Score absorbed dose in each voxel
- (codes exploiting MC algorithms + e.m., weak and hadronic physics)
- MC + morphological and functional imaging
 - Pro: most accurate and patient-specific method
 - Cons: resources and longer computational time →
 - → not routinely used in clinics but excellent for research

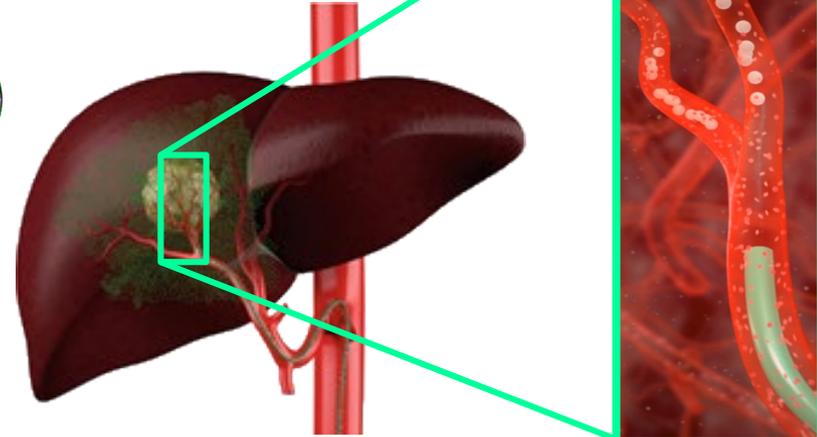


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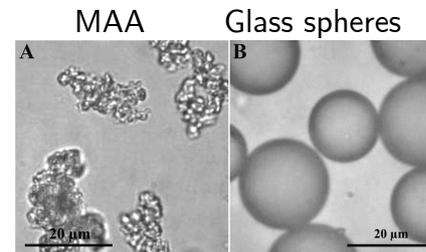
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Trans-Arterial Radio-Embolization (TARE) of HepatoCellular Carcinoma (HCC)

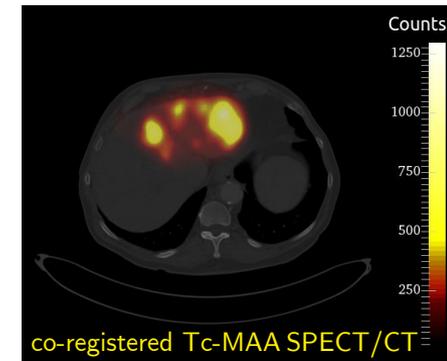
- ◆ Selective administration of ^{90}Y -labelled microspheres (glass or resin):
 - ^{90}Y : high-energy β^- emitter:
 - $\langle E_{\beta^-} \rangle = 932.4 \text{ keV}$, $E_{\beta^- \text{ max}} = 2278.5 \text{ keV}$, $t_{1/2} = 64.1 \text{ h}$
 - Microspheres injected via catheter into hepatic hartery
 - → embolization of capillaires supplying lesion, permanent implant
 - → fixed distribution
- ◆ Eligibility → Pre-therapy $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ MacroAggregated Albumin (Tc-MAA) scintigraphy
 - $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$: γ emitter: $E_{\gamma} = 0.1405 \text{ MeV}$, $t_{1/2} = 6.0 \text{ h}$
 - MAA and microspheres: comparable biodistribution → predict TARE
 - Detect eventual shunts/leakages
 - Quantitative Tc-MAA SPECT/CT → dosimetry



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Topic 1: Optimization of simulation times

- ◆ Optimize simulation times acting on simulation parameters



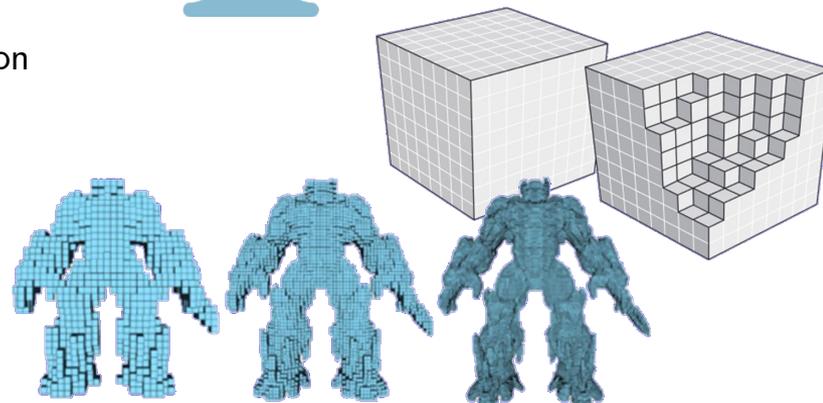
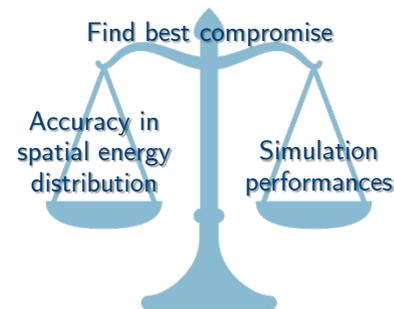
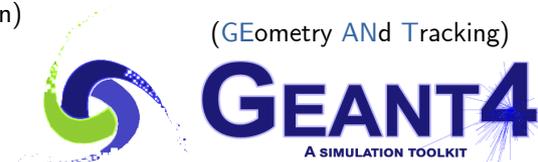
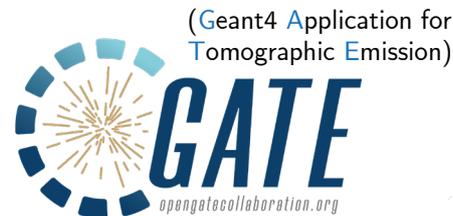
- ◆ Investigate the behaviour of simulation time as a function of:

- Range cuts on production of secondary particles

- Avoid infrared divergence of low energy secondaries (e.g. delta-rays, bremsstrahlung) → poor CPU performance if tracking all until end
- Stop secondaries below a threshold and energy dumped in last point
- Balance to avoid imprecise stopping locations → spatial energy deposition

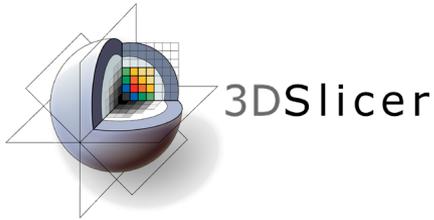
- Resolution of the input CT scan

- The higher the resolution, the greater the number of voxels
- → more sub-volumes in which particles are transported, and related quantities scored → larger matrices (→ larger files)

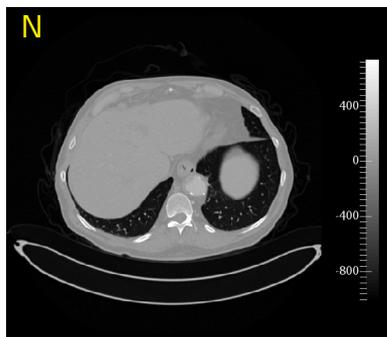
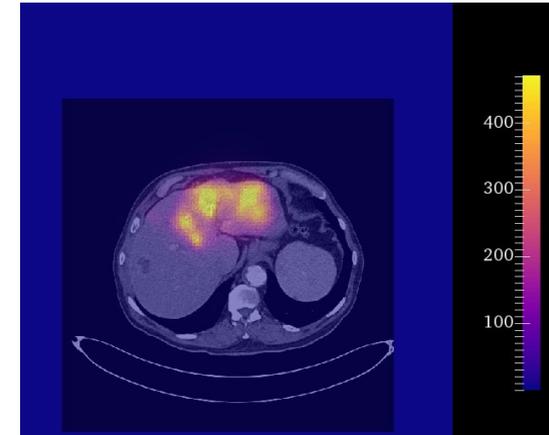


Input data and CT resamplings

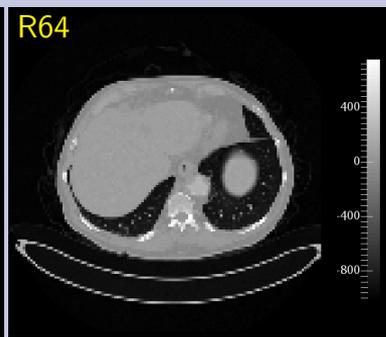
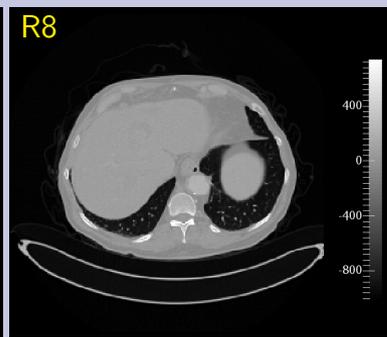
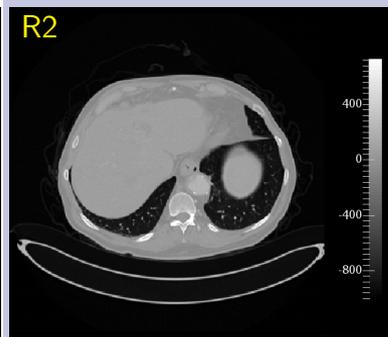
- Starting data: co-registered ^{99m}Tc -MAA SPECT and CT for a patient suffering from HCC enrolled for TARE
- CT resamplings performed: 3D Slicer, *Resample Scalar Volume* and *Resample Image (BRAINS)* modules using Laczos interpolation



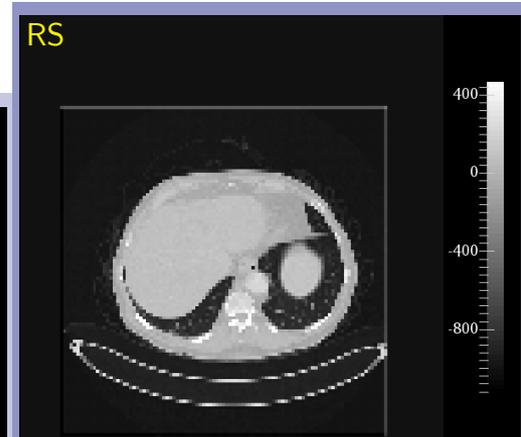
CT name	v_R/v_N	Resolution	Voxel dimensions (mm ³)
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R2	2.4	384×384×110	1.19×1.19×2.65
R8	8.0	256×256×73	1.79×1.79×4.00
R64	64.9	128×128×36	3.58×3.58×8.11
RS	63.4	128×128×105	4.66×4.66×4.66



Native CT



Same total volume as N CT



Same tot. vol and resol. as SPECT

Range cuts and other simulations settings

- For each CT resampling, multiple independent simulations with different production cuts on electrons, positrons and photons

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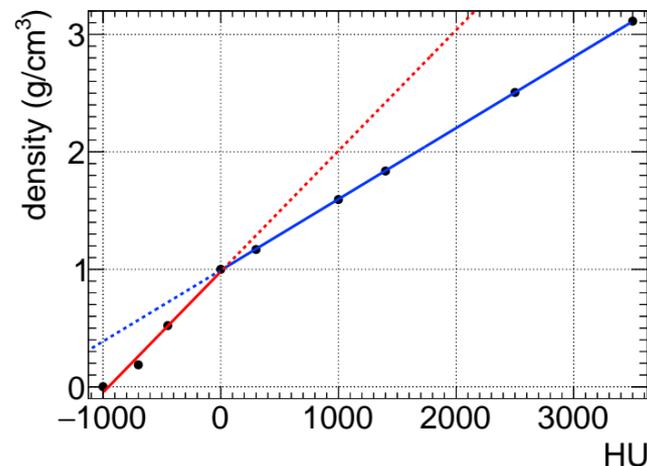
- Each simulation was run with the following settings:

- GATE v9.0, relying on GEANT4 v10.05p01
- Phantom definition: density intervals → HU conversion with density tolerance 0.01 g/cm³, materials → Table below
- Source definition: Tc-MMA SPECT to simulate ⁹⁰Y-microspheres distribution
- Physics: *G4EmStandard_opt3* + *G4RadioactiveDecay*
- Primaries: ⁹⁰Y ions at rest (2·10⁸ histories)

Material	HU intervals	ρ (g/cm ³)
G4_AIR	HU ≤ -855.75	$\rho \leq 0.10$
G4_LUNG_ICRP	-855.75 < HU ≤ -126.50	0.10 < $\rho \leq 0.85$
G4_ADIPOSE_TISSUE_ICRP	-126.50 < HU ≤ -38.98	0.85 < $\rho \leq 0.94$
G4_TISSUE_SOFT_ICRP	-38.98 < HU ≤ 343.61	0.94 < $\rho \leq 1.2$
G4_BONE_CORTICAL_ICRP	HU > 343.61	$\rho > 1.2$

All the examined combinations

Production cut (mm)	CT				
	N	R2	R8	R64	RS
0.01	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
0.05	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
0.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
0.5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.0	✓				
1.5		✓			
2.0			✓		
4.0				✓	✓



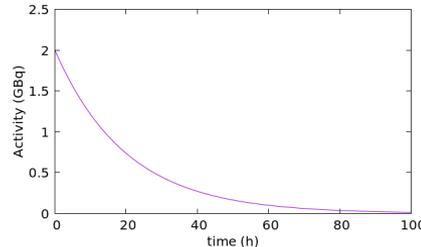
Dose calculations

- For each simulations dose maps were scored, with same resolution as corresponding CT used

- Correct values in each voxel deduced as: $D^{ijk} = \frac{D_{out}^{ijk}}{N_{evts}} \cdot \tilde{A}$

Assuming (reasonable for TARE):

- monoexponential behaviour with
- instantaneous uptake
- no biological clearance →
- effective decay time = physical nuclide decay time



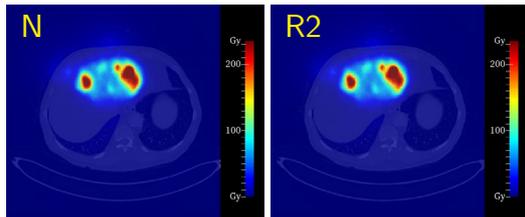
$$\tilde{A} = A(0) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t/\tau_{90Y}} dt = \boxed{A(0)} \cdot \tau_{90Y}$$

Total injected activity

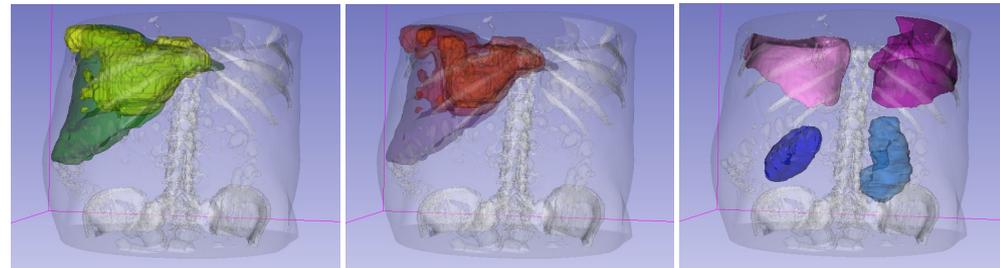
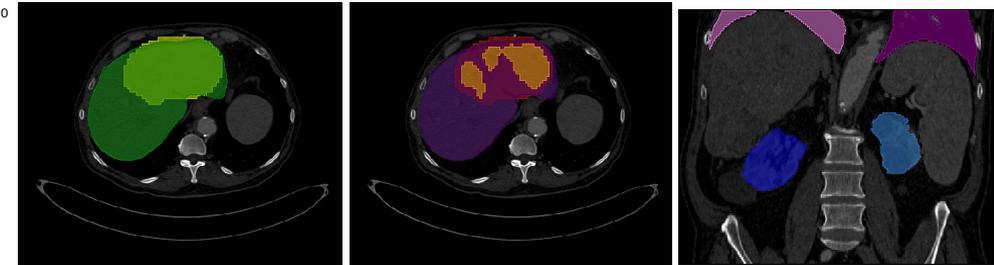
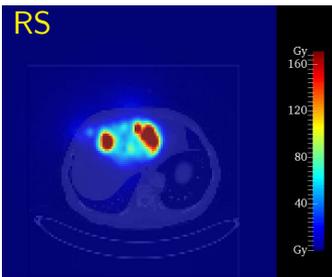
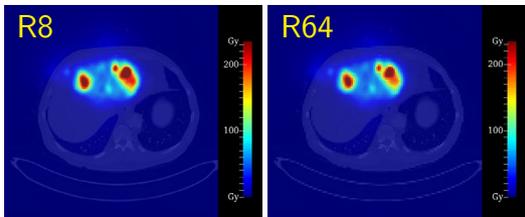
- Then, average doses calculated in Volumes Of Interest (VOIs):

- Liver, lesions, liver perfused, healthy liver, healthy liver perfused, right lung, left lung, right kidney left kidney

$$\langle D \rangle_{VOI} = \frac{1}{N_{VOI}^{vox}} \sum_{i,j,k \in VOI} D^{ijk}$$



dose maps for range cut = 0.01 mm

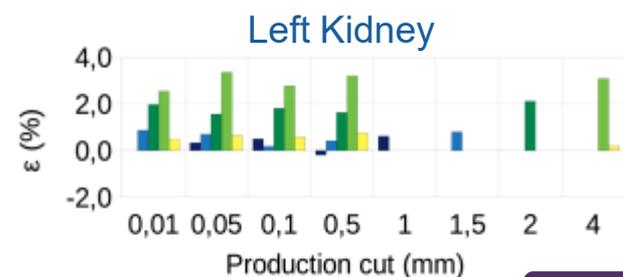
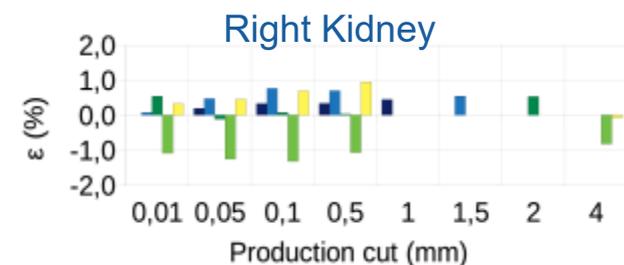
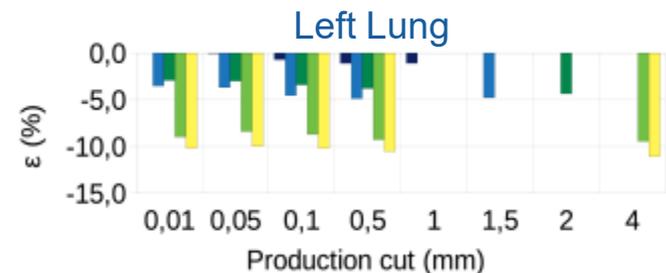
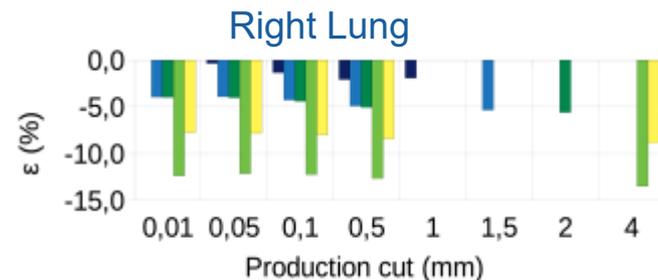
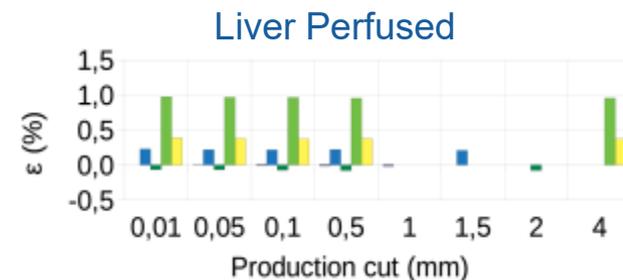
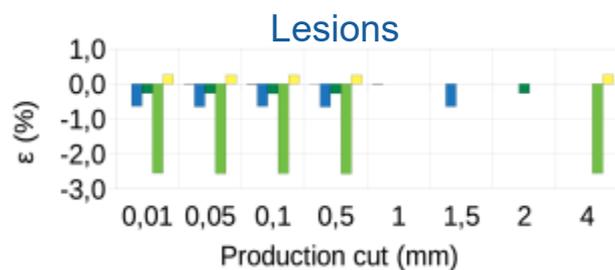
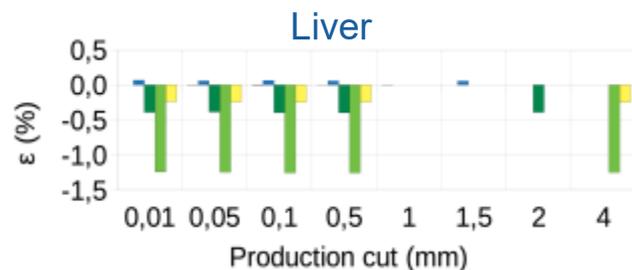


Average doses comparison

- Dosimetric accuracy evaluated in terms of relative percent difference ε w.r.t. reference simulation (N CT, 0.01 mm cut)

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■ N ■ R2 ■ R8 ■ R64 ■ RS

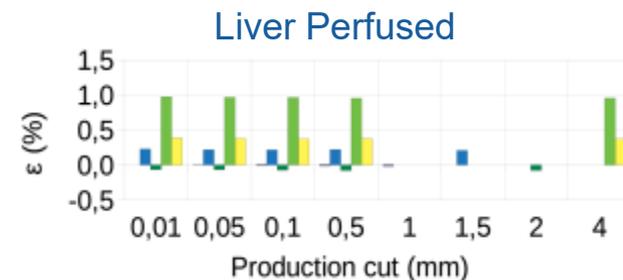
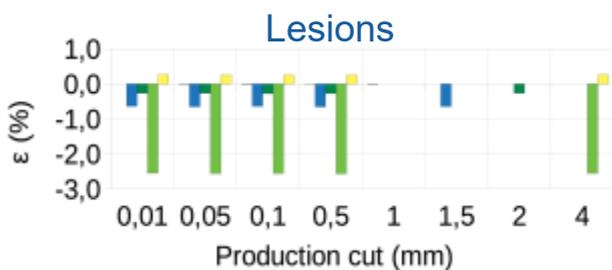


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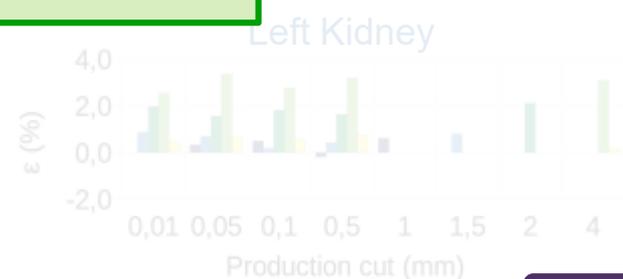
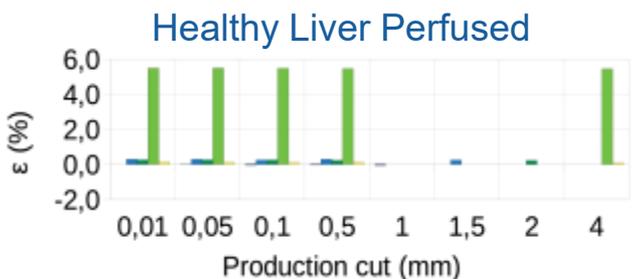
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Liver-related VOIs:

- > For a fixed resampling no appreciable differences varying cuts
- > $|\varepsilon| < 1\%$ for all resamplings except R64 (and RS only for healthy liver)

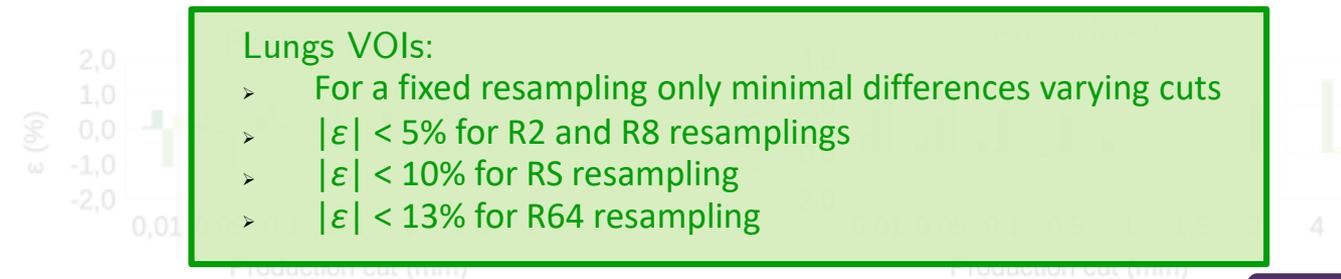
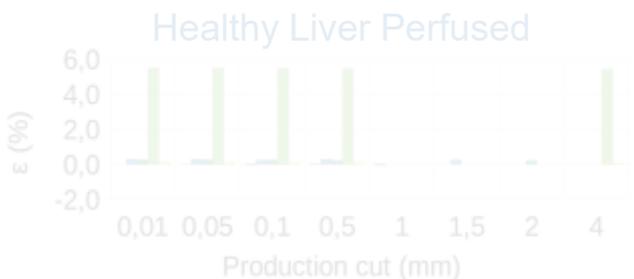
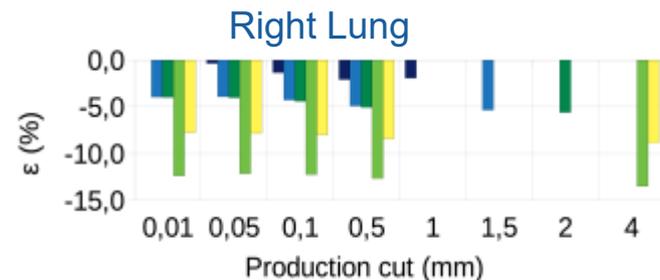
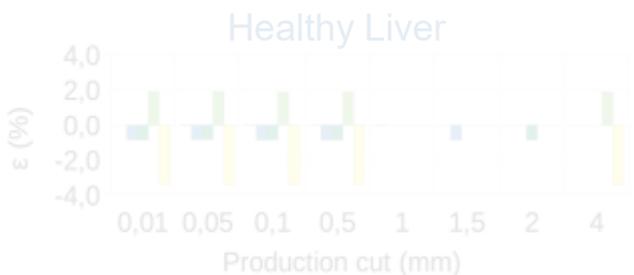
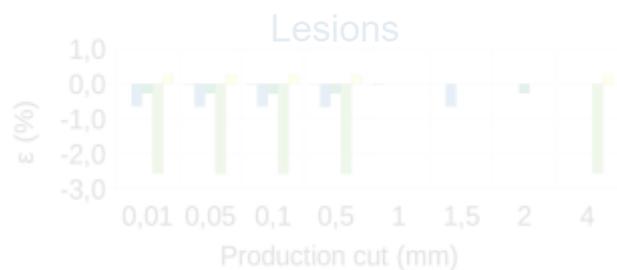
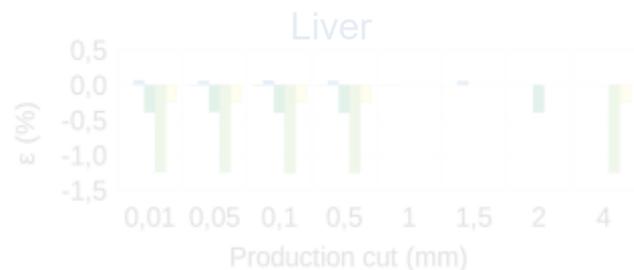


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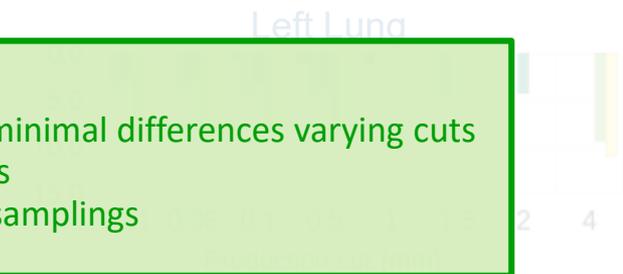
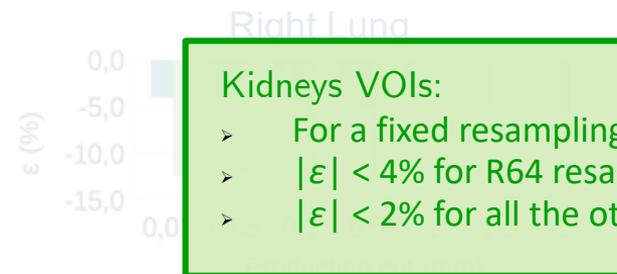
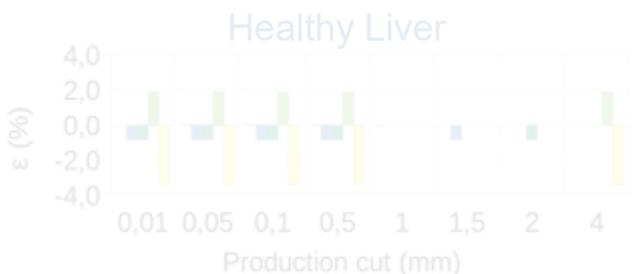
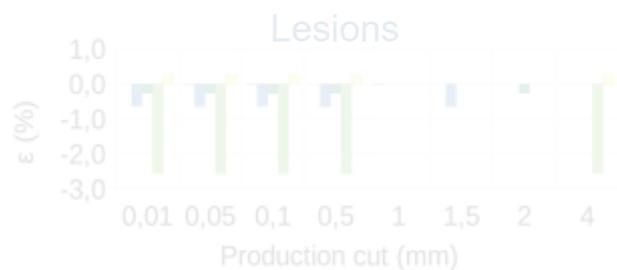
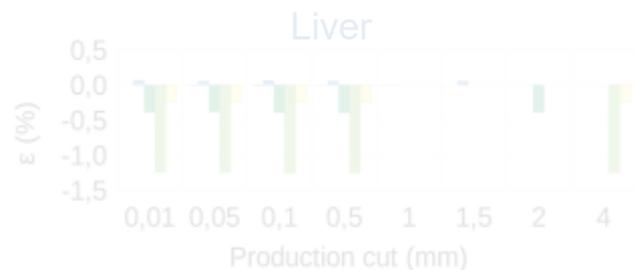
> For a fixed resampling only minimal differences varying cuts
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 > $|\varepsilon| < 10\%$ for RS resampling
 > $|\varepsilon| < 13\%$ for R64 resampling

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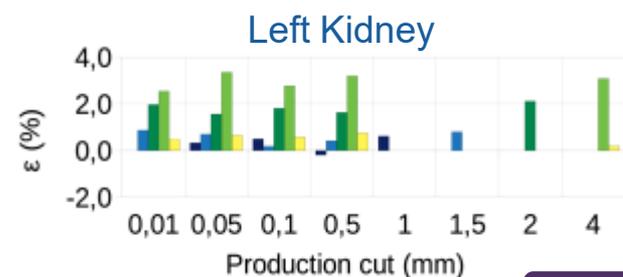
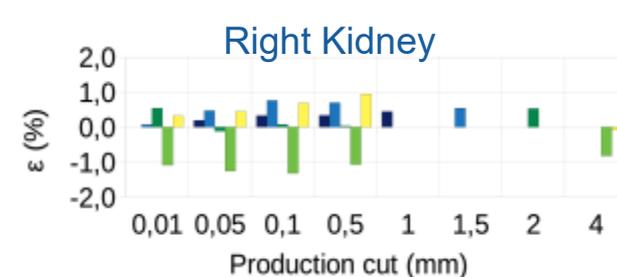
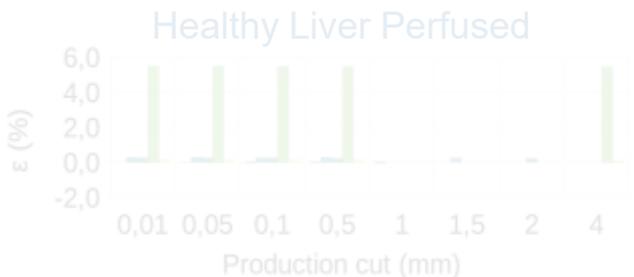
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Kidneys VOIs:

- For a fixed resampling only minimal differences varying cuts
- $|\varepsilon| < 4\%$ for R64 resamplings
- $|\varepsilon| < 2\%$ for all the other resamplings



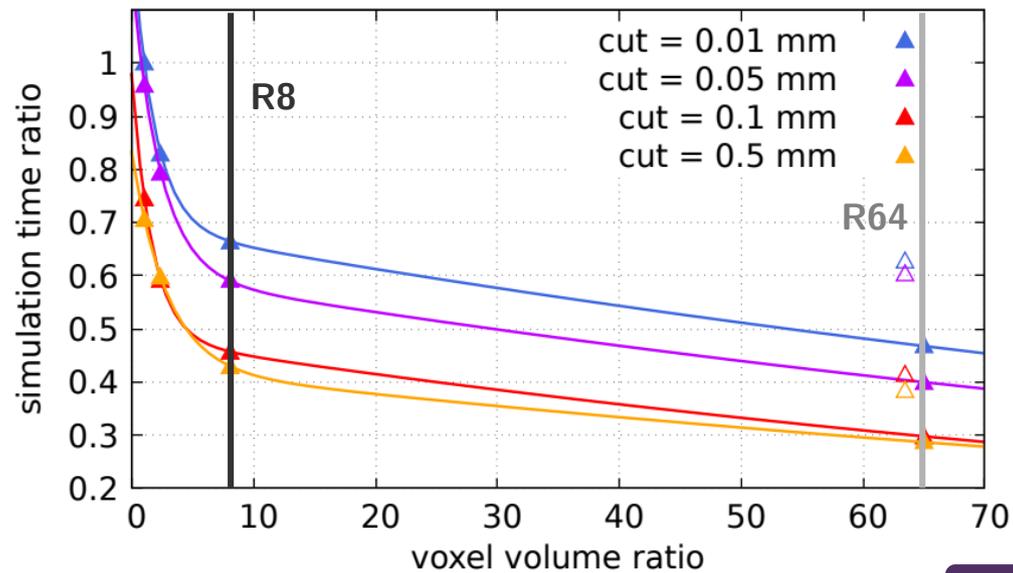
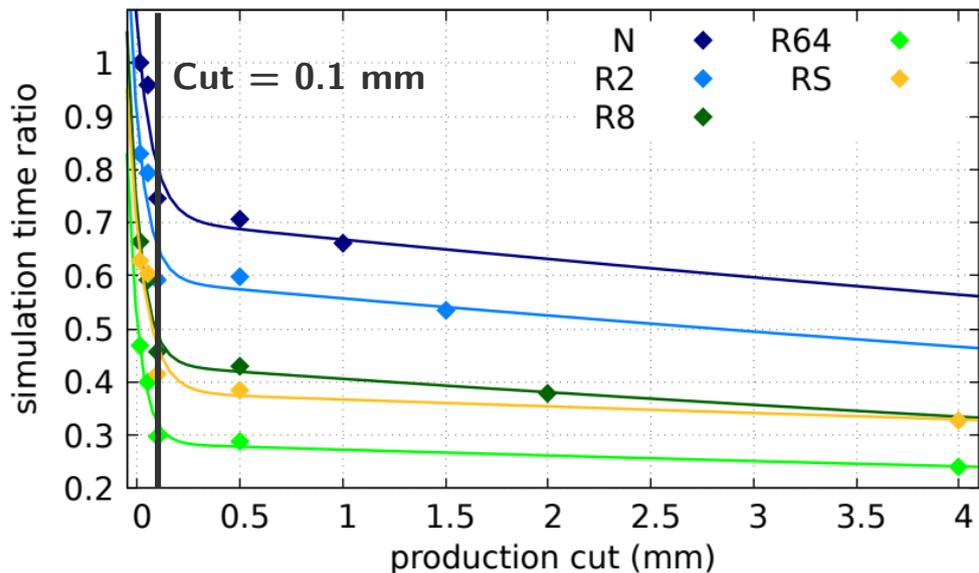
Simulation times vs parameters values

- All simulations run in single cores of a Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2620 v4 @ 2.10GHz processor
- Simulation times registered as GATE variable *ElapsedTimeWolnit*
- and compared in terms of ratio with reference simulation

- Increasing cut length and reducing CT resolution (voxel volume ratio w.r.t. reference, in plots): $f(x) = ae^{-bx} + ce^{-dx}$
 - Early rapid decrease + late slow decrease, well described by biexponential
 - But excluding RS results in right plot (open triangles) → do not conserve N CT's total volume

➢ Given a CT resol., cuts > 0.1 mm reduce only slightly time

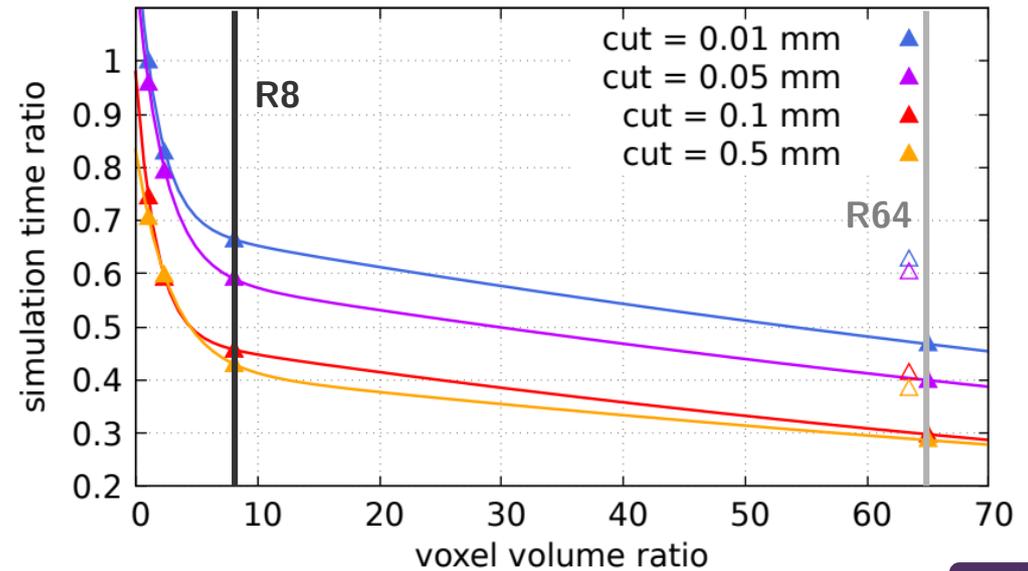
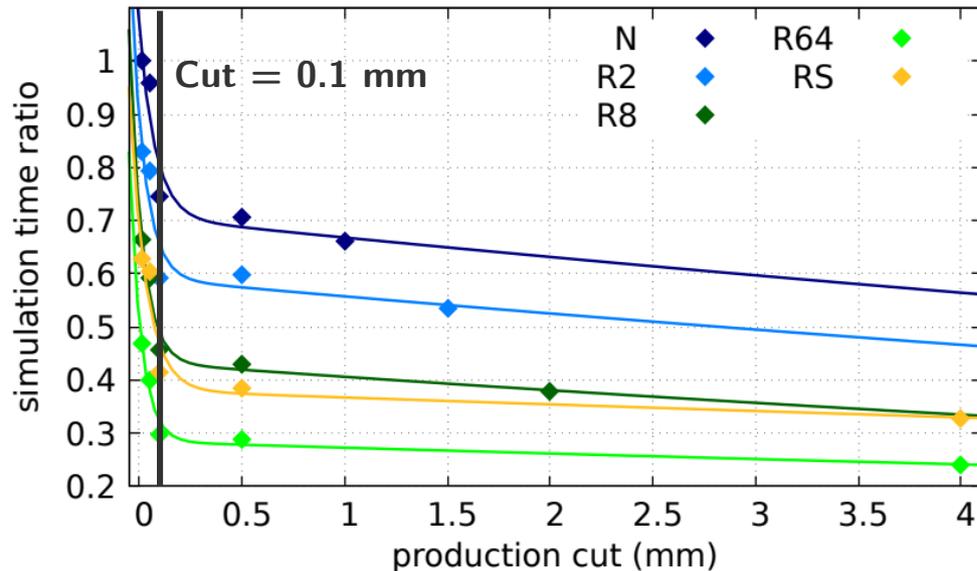
➢ Given a cut, R64 does not reduce much time w.r.t. R8



Simulation times vs parameters values

Taking into account both dosimetric accuracy and time saving

- Best combination of parameters:
 - R8 resampling (doubling voxel dimensions) + 0.1 mm cut →
 - Simulation time reduced to 45-50% of reference
 - Ensures agreement ($|\epsilon|$) of 1% in liver-related VOIs, 4% in lungs, 2% in kidneys
- Fastest simulations:
 - R64 resampling, cuts 0.1-0.5 mm
 - Agreement of 6% in healthy liver perf., 3% in other liver sections, while reducing simulation time to 30% of reference
 - Acceptable for liver-related VOIs alone



Topic 2: Dose misvaluations due to artefacts in input scans

As already said

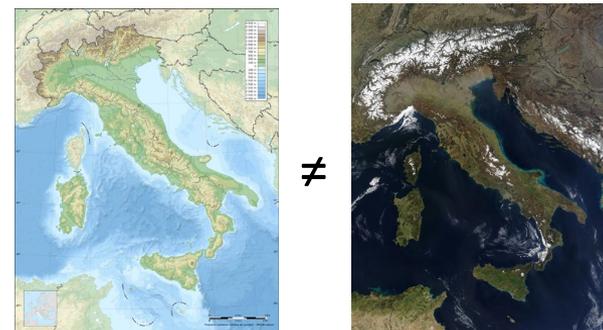
- Direct Monte Carlo + patient-specific input data = gold standard for internal dosimetry

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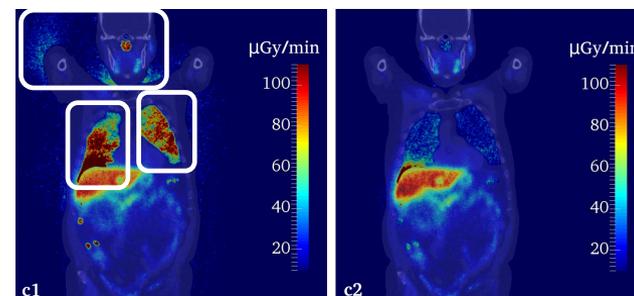
- **Provided that** simulated system reproduces precisely the real system
- Possible **dose misvaluations** in **low-density regions** (e.g. **lungs**) due to functional imaging artefacts (background noise, reconstruction noise, motion blurring)
 - Observed in our recent studies on diagnostic dosimetry for ^{18}F -choline PET

Aim

- Investigate such misvaluations and find corrections for ^{90}Y TARE dosimetry via SPECT filtering techniques



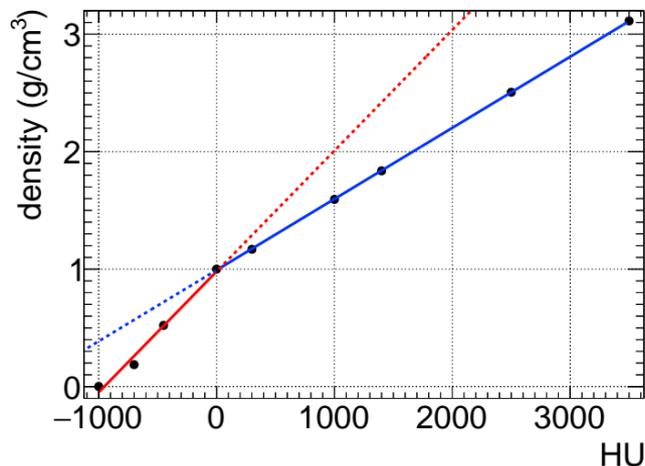
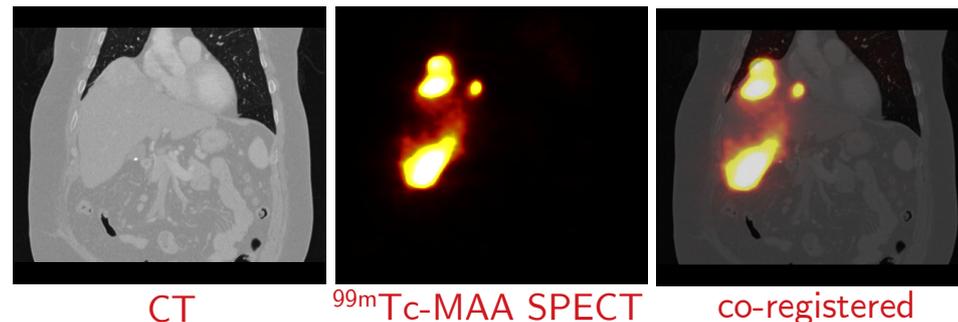
The map is not the territory



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Data and simulations settings

- Simulations run with the following settings:
 - Software: GATE v9.0 and independently GAMOS v6.0.0
 - Input data: co-registered ^{99m}Tc -MAA SPECT and CT
 - Phantom definition: density intervals \rightarrow HU bilinear conversion, materials \rightarrow Table below
 - Source definition: Tc-MMA SPECT to simulate ^{90}Y -microspheres distribution
 - Physics: *G4EmStandard_opt3* + *G4RadioactiveDecay*
 - Primaries: ^{90}Y ions at rest ($2 \cdot 10^8$ histories)



Material	HU intervals	ρ (g/cm ³)
G4_AIR	HU \leq -855.75	$\rho \leq 0.10$
G4_LUNG_ICRP	-855.75 < HU \leq -126.50	0.10 < $\rho \leq 0.85$
G4_ADIPOSE_TISSUE_ICRP	-126.50 < HU \leq -38.98	0.85 < $\rho \leq 0.94$
G4_TISSUE_SOFT_ICRP	-38.98 < HU \leq 343.61	0.94 < $\rho \leq 1.2$
G4_BONE_CORTICAL_ICRP	HU > 343.61	$\rho > 1.2$

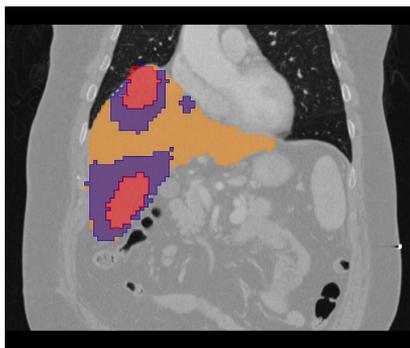
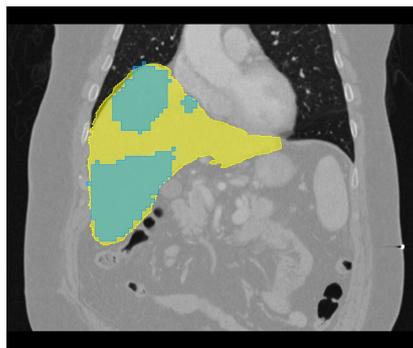
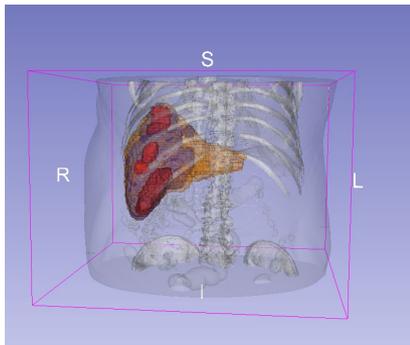
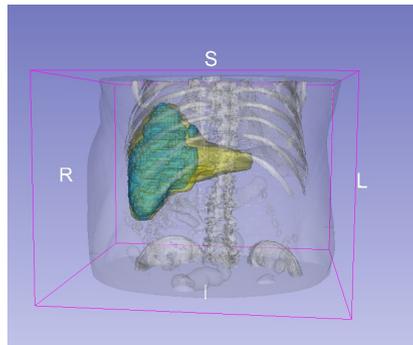
Volumes of interest (VOIs)

Liver, Lesion (segmented on CT, manual)

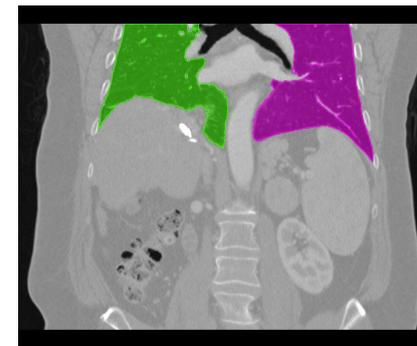
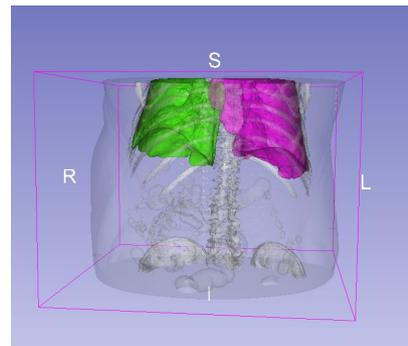
Liver Perfused (segmented on SPECT, threshold based)

Healthy Liver (= Liver - Lesion)

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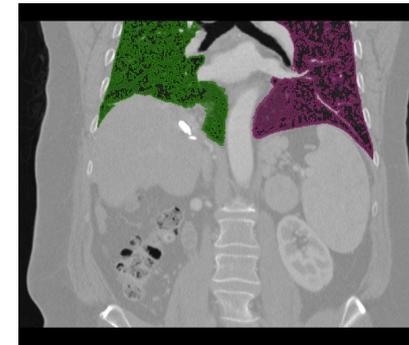
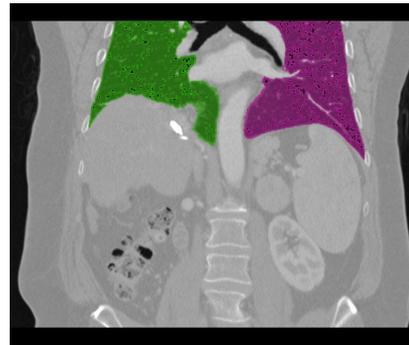
Visible sections of **Right Lung** and **Left Lung** in the FOV of the CT
(segmented on CT, threshold based: HU < -150)



Alternative lungs segmentations: air removal

1) **R. L., L. L.** -air (HU < -900)

2) **R. L., L. L.** -air (HU < -855)

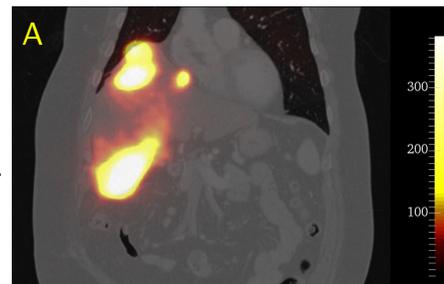


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SPECT filtering techniques

- To investigate the effect of SPECT artefacts

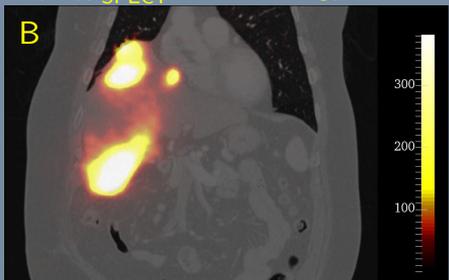
Starting from Native Tc-MAA SPECT



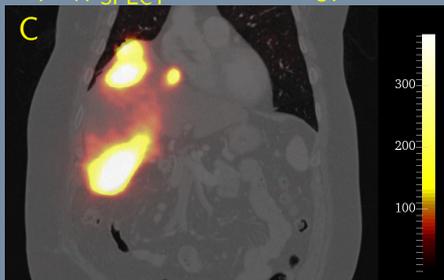
Filtered SPECTs

Setting decay probability = 0 in air

1) $c_{A \text{ SPECT}} = 0$ if $HU_{CT} < -855$

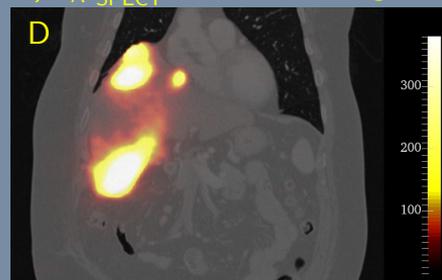


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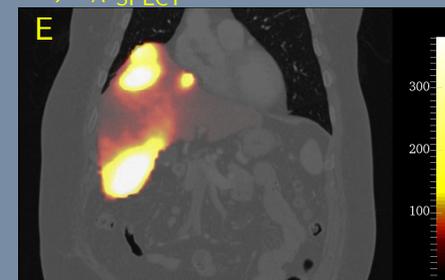
Setting decay prob. = 0 in lungs

3) $c_{A \text{ SPECT}} = 0$ within lungs VOIs

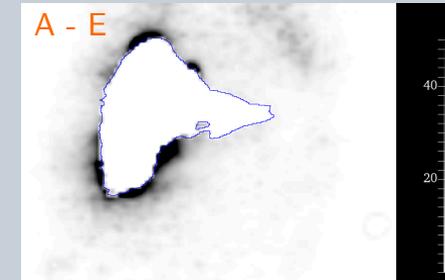
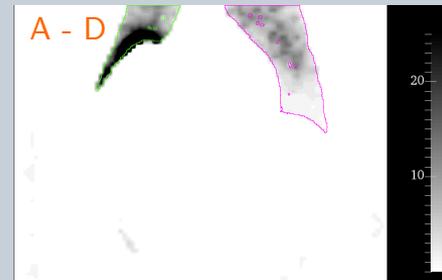
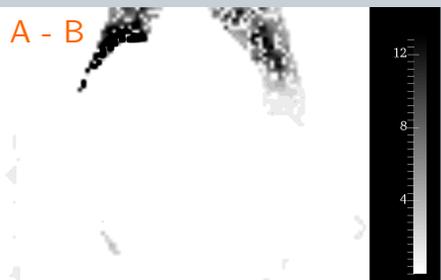


Setting decay prob. = 0 outside liver

4) $c_{A \text{ SPECT}} = 0$ outside liver VOI



Difference with respect to native (native SPECT - filtered SPECT)



Dose calculations

- Independent simulations run for native SPECT and each filtered SPECT described, both with GATE and GAMOS

For each simulation
Dose in each voxel:

$$D^{ijk} = \frac{D_{MC\ output}^{ijk}}{N_{evts}} \tilde{A}$$

Assuming:

- instantaneous uptake
- no biological clearance → effective decay time = physical nuclide decay time

$$\tilde{A} = \int_0^{\infty} A(t) dt = A(0) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{90Y} t} dt = \boxed{A(0)} \cdot \tau_{90Y}$$

Total injected activity

Additional calculation:

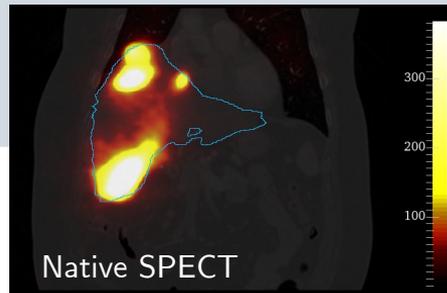
Native SPECT with post-simul. background correction factor

$$D_{bkg\ corr}^{ijk} = D_{native}^{ijk} \cdot b$$

$$b = \frac{A_{whole\ SPECT}}{A_{liver\ VOI}}$$

Average dose in a VOI:

$$\bar{D}_{VOI} = \frac{1}{N_{voxels \in VOI}} \sum_{ijk \in VOI} D^{ijk}$$



- Single voxel dose stat. uncert.: standard deviation of the mean

$$\sigma^{ijk} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N_{evts} - 1} \left(\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N_{evts}} (d_n^{ijk})^2}{N_{evts}} - \left(\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N_{evts}} d_n^{ijk}}{N_{evts}} \right)^2 \right)}$$

d_n^{ijk} = deposited dose in a single primary event n

- Quantity used for stat. unc. on average doses in VOIs: average value of σ^{ijk} within VOI

$$\bar{\sigma}_{VOI} = \frac{1}{N_{voxels \in VOI}} \sum_{ijk \in VOI} \sigma^{ijk}$$

- Native-filtered SPECT simul. comparison: relative percent difference of dose average values

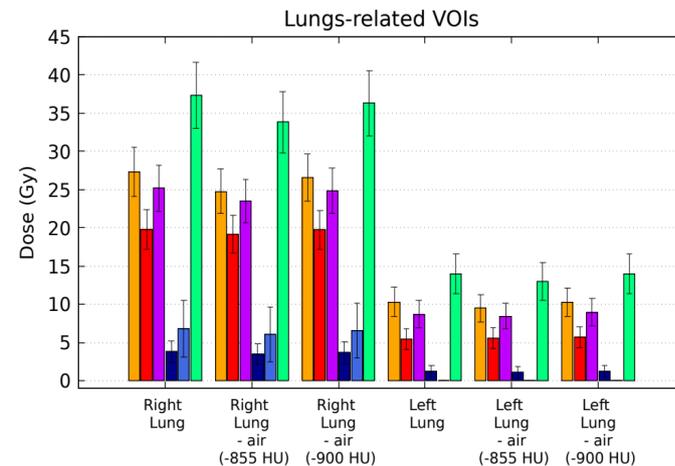
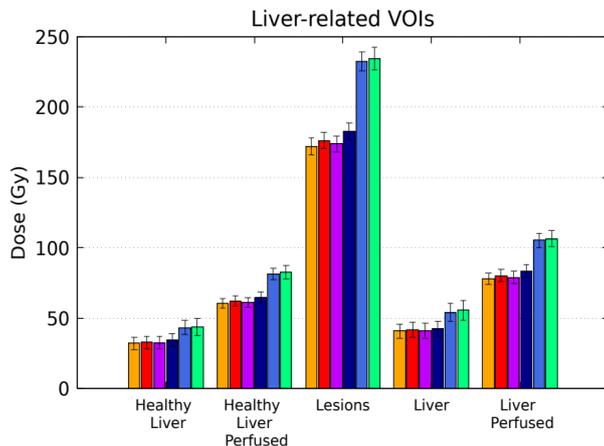
$$\delta_{VOI} = 100 \cdot \frac{\bar{D}_{VOI}^{filtered} - \bar{D}_{VOI}^{native}}{\bar{D}_{VOI}^{native}}$$

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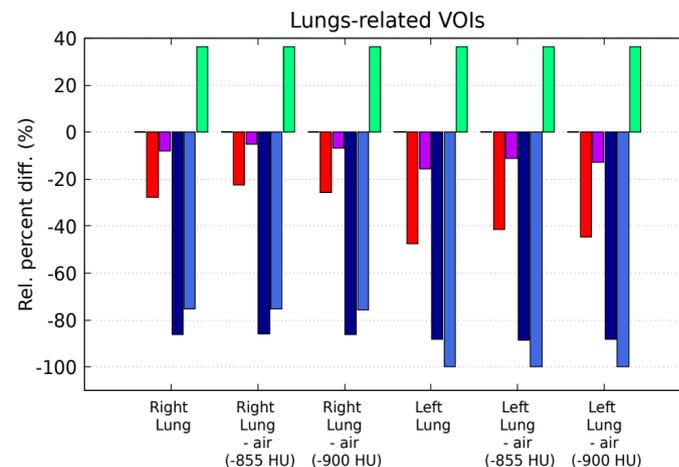
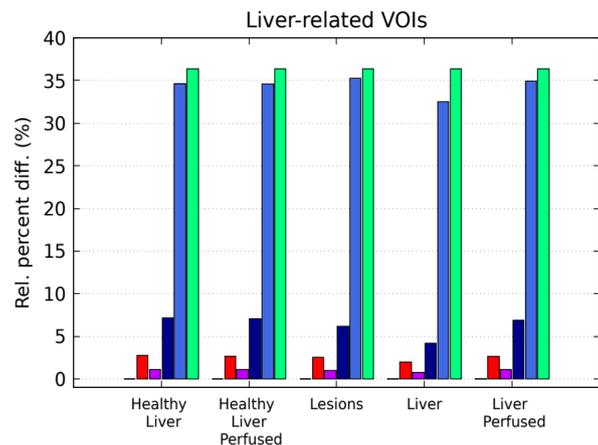
Average doses comparison

GATE simulations



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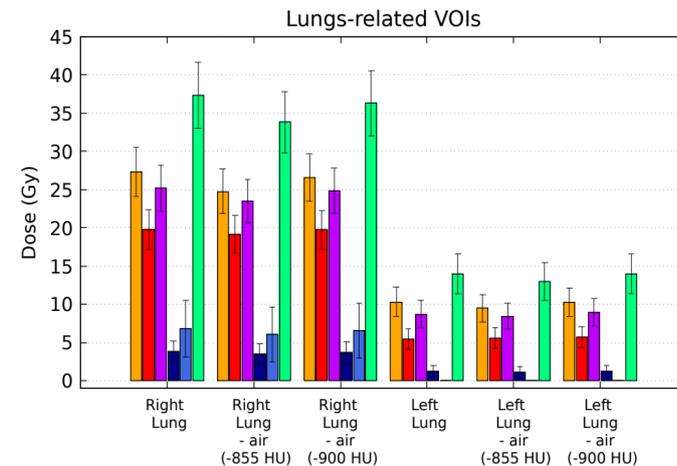
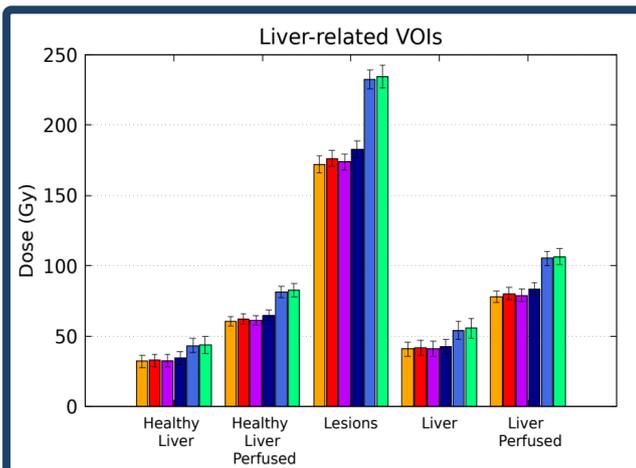


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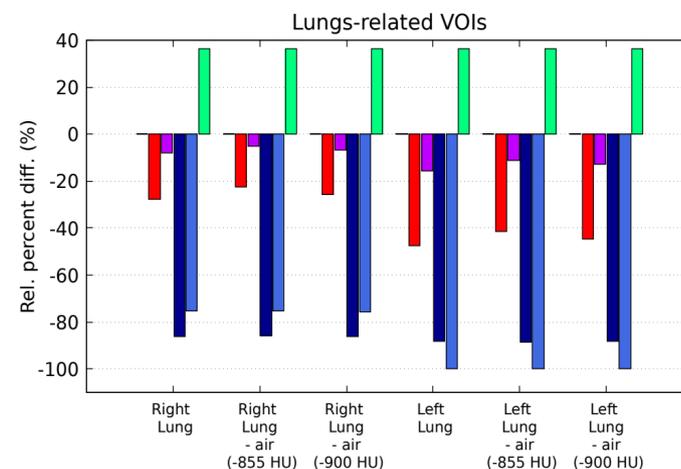
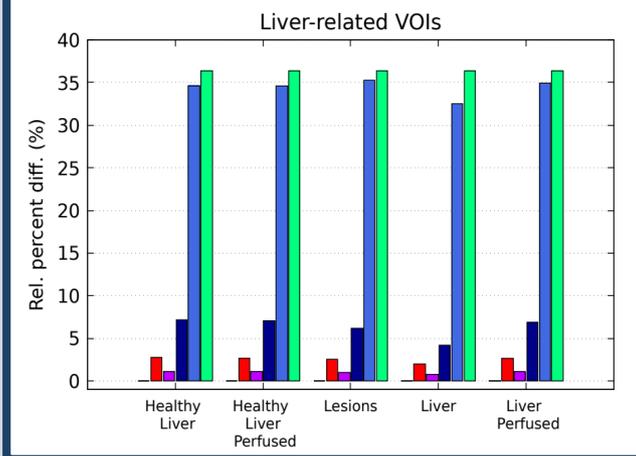
Liver-related VOIs

- Dose increase with filters
- $|\delta| < 7\%$ for air and lungs filters
- $|\delta| < 35\%$ for liver filter and native rescaled



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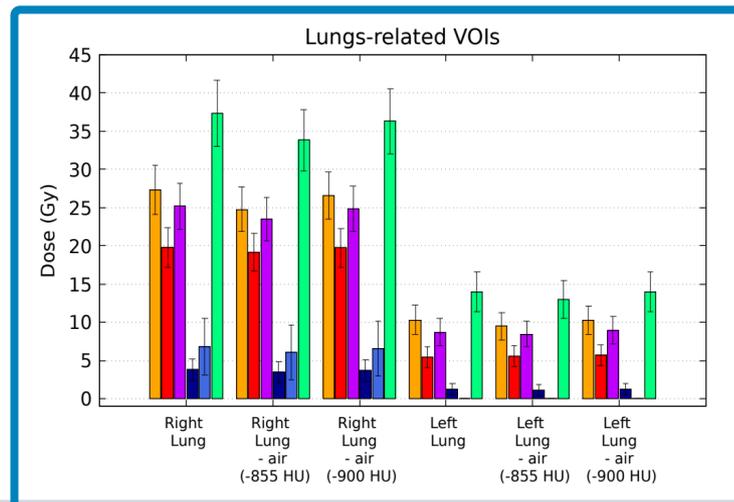
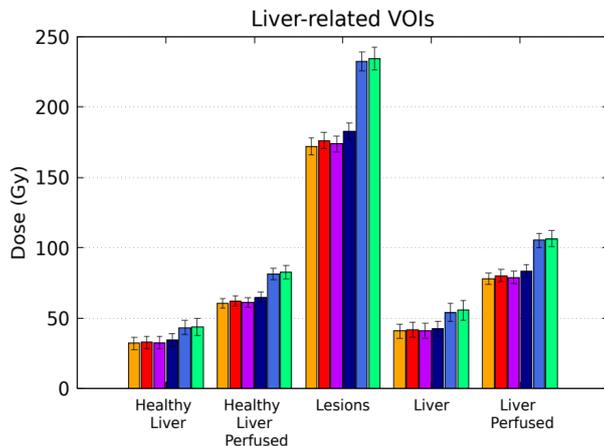


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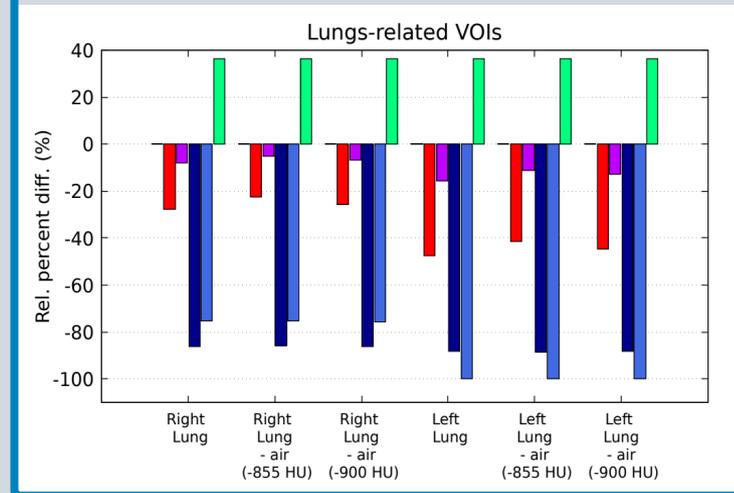
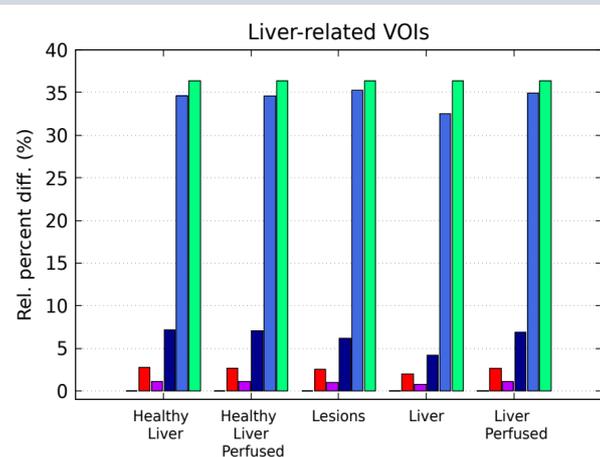
Lungs-related VOIs

- Dose reduction, strongly dependent on filter
- $|\delta| < 85\%$ for lungs filter
- $|\delta| < 99\%$ for liver filter in left lung



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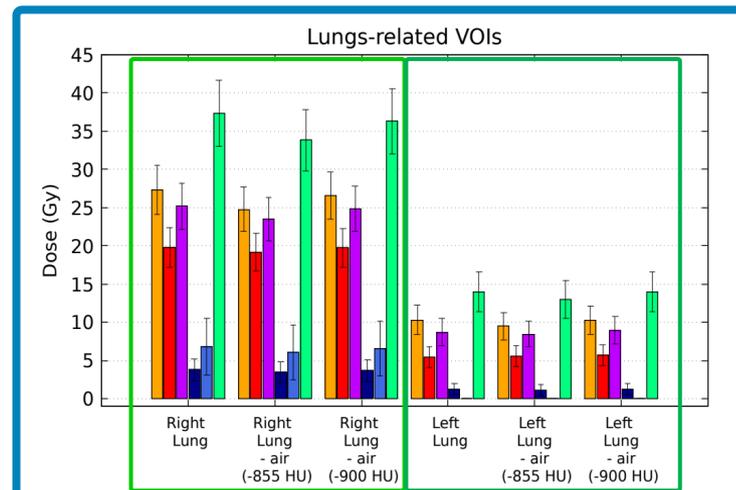
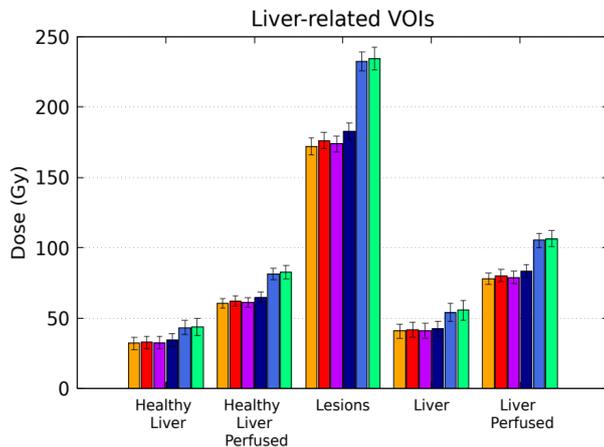


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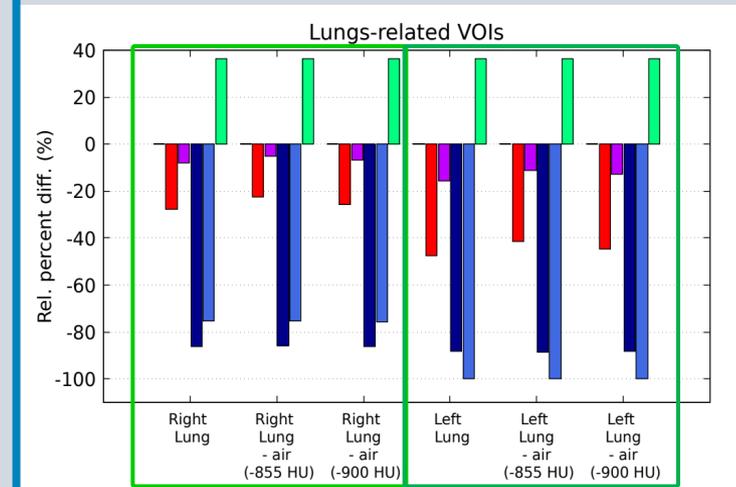
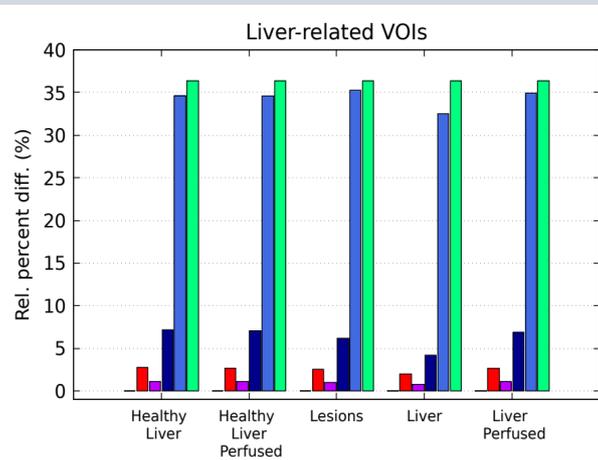
Lungs-related VOIs

- No significant difference between standard lung VOIs and VOIs with air voxels removed



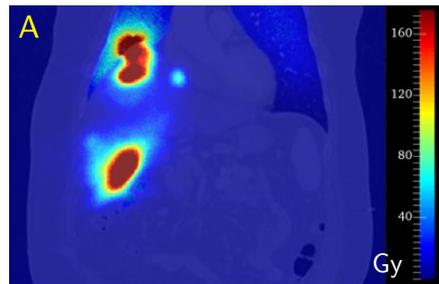
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Dose maps comparison

GATE simulations



Native SPECT simulation dose map (fused with CT)

Filtered SPECT simulations dose maps (fused with CT)

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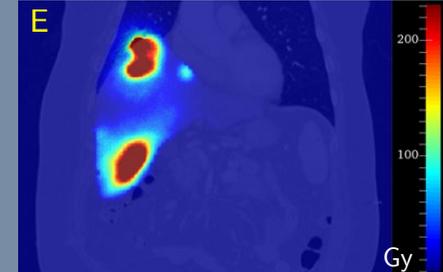
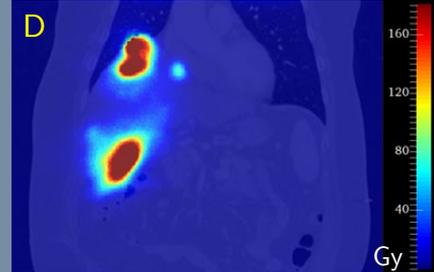
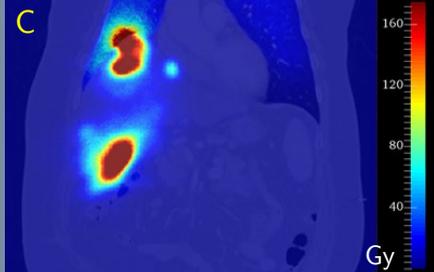
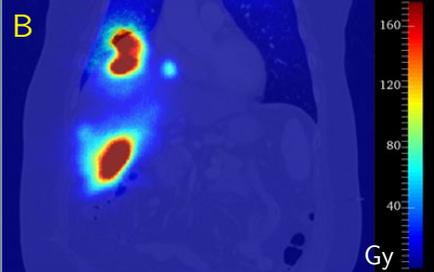
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Setting decay prob. = 0 in lungs

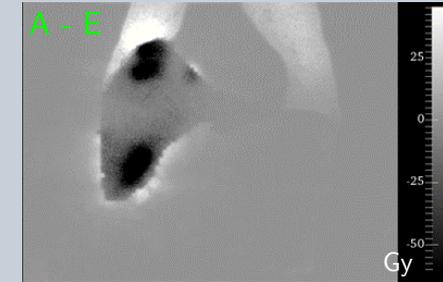
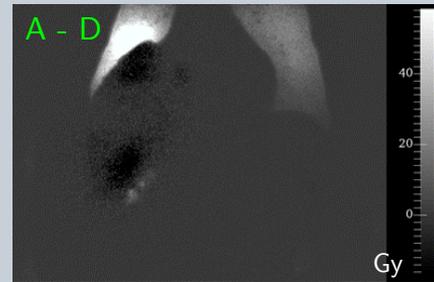
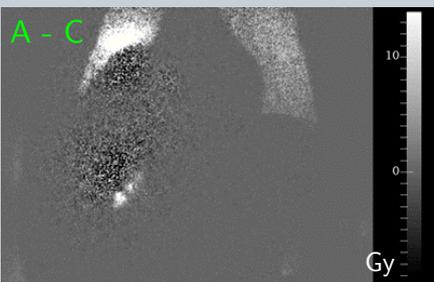
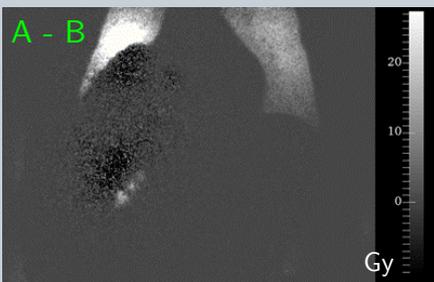
3) $c_{A \text{ SPECT}} = 0$ within lungs VOIs

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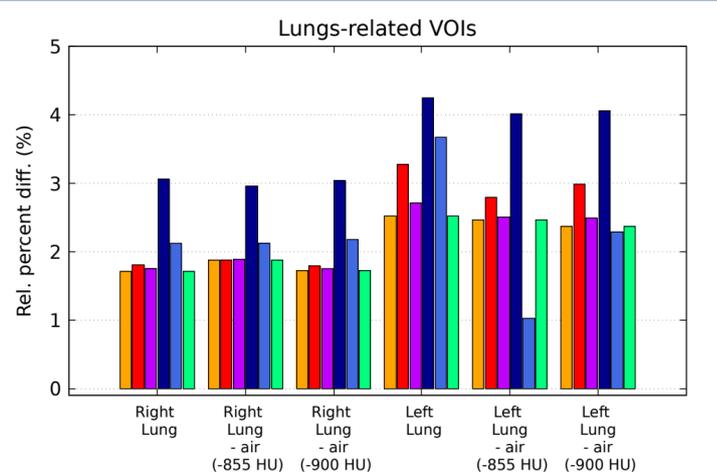
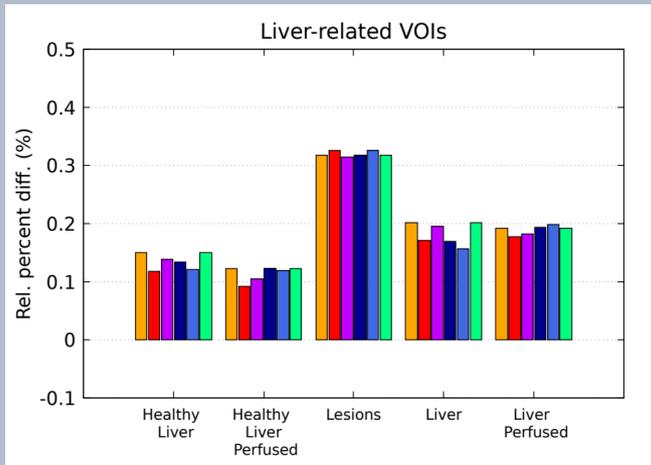
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Difference with respect to native (native SPECT sim. dose map – filtered SPECT sim. dose map)

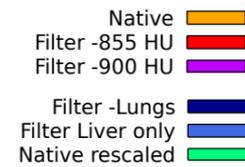


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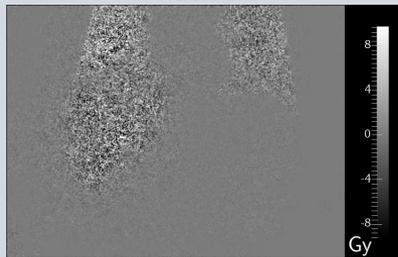
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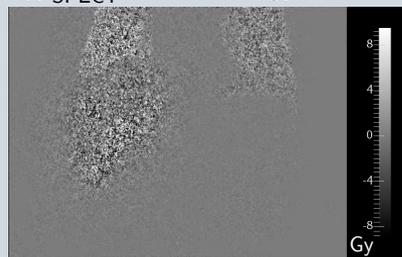


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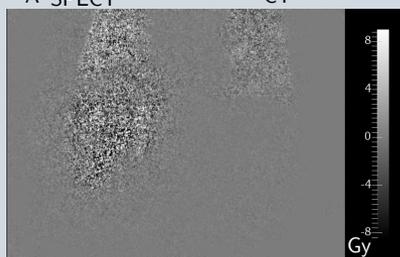
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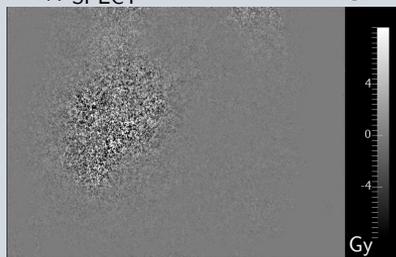
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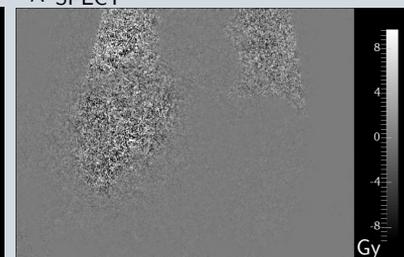
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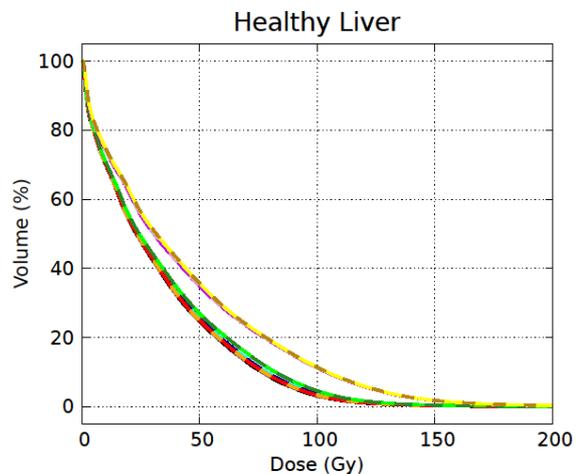
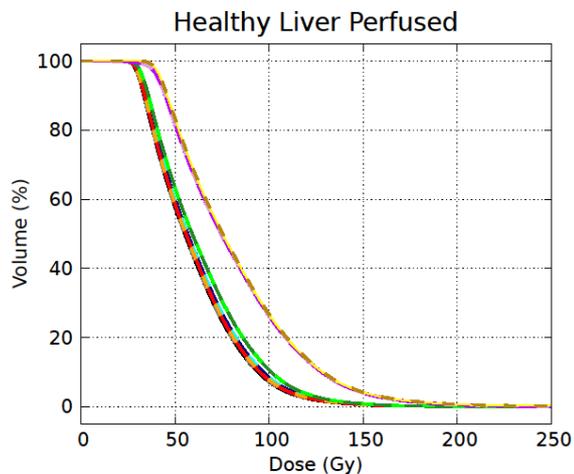
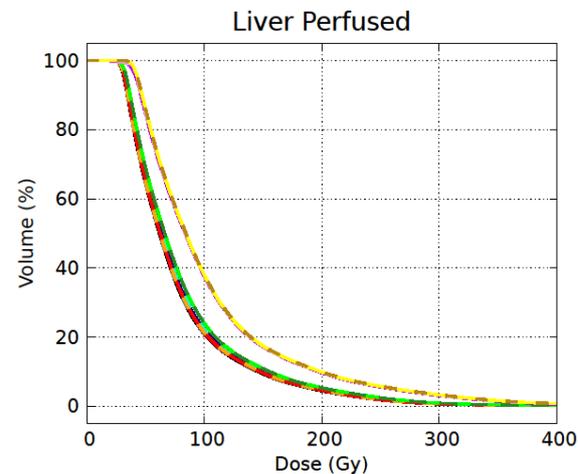
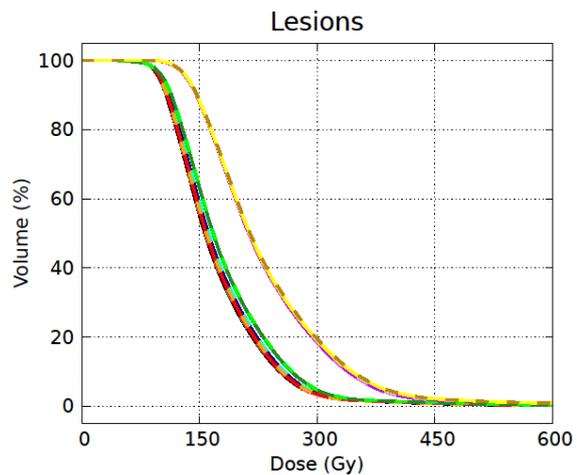
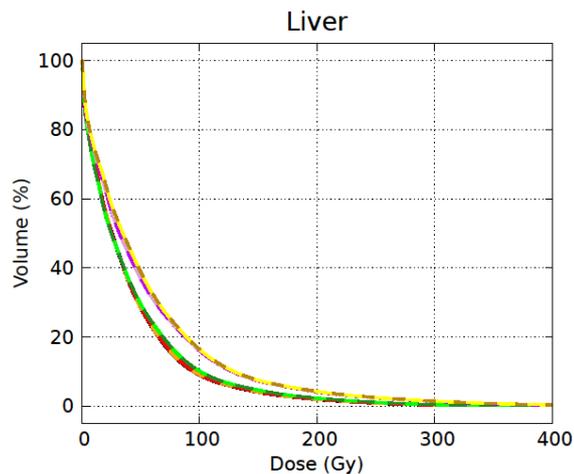
$c_{A \text{ SPECT}} = 0$ within lungs



$c_{A \text{ SPECT}} = 0$ outside liver VOI



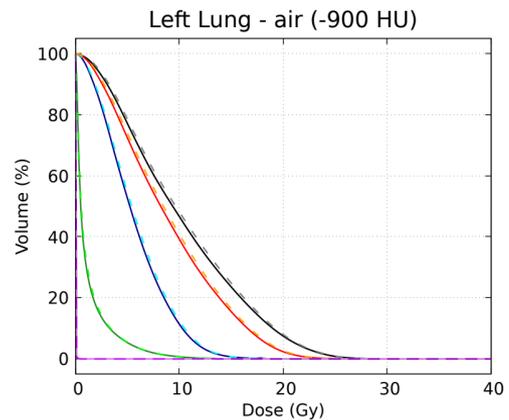
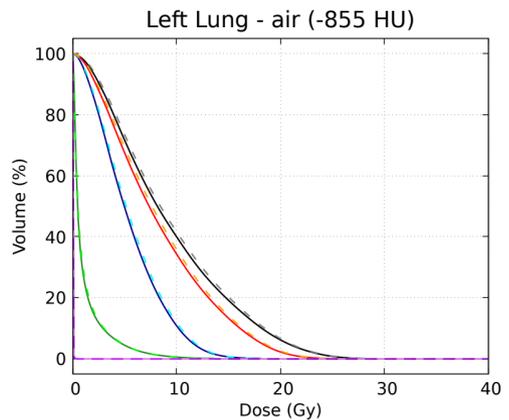
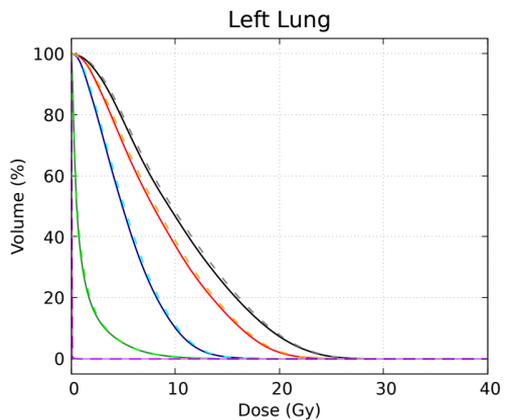
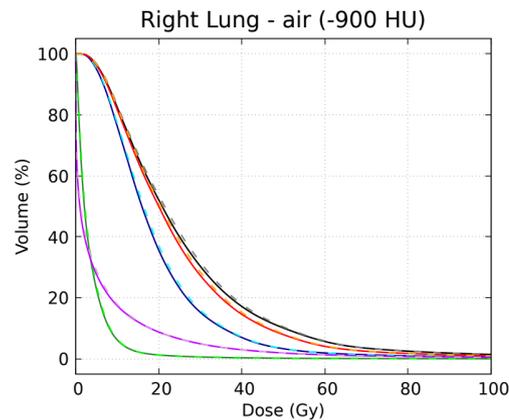
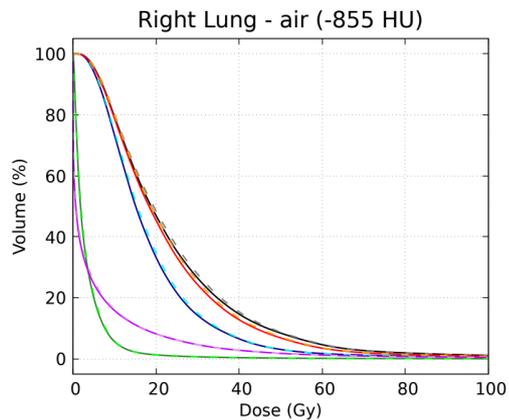
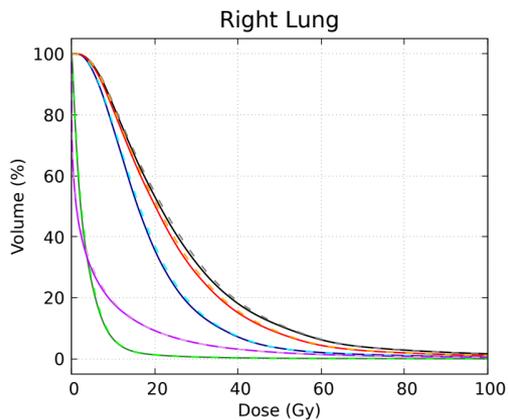
Dose-Volume Histograms (DVHs)



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- Gamos native - - -
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Liver-related VOIs

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Conclusion

- ◆ Two main studies reported, aimed at optimizing voxel-level patient-specific MC internal dosimetry for ^{90}Y TARE treatments
- ◆ 1) Behaviour of simulation time vs CT resolution and production range cuts
 - Best parameters combination: resampling giving CT voxels of the order of $2.0 \times 2.0 \times 4.0 \text{ mm}^3$ (dimensions $\approx 2 \times$ conventional CT voxels) + 0.1-0.5 mm cuts
- ◆ 2) Investigation and correction of dose misestimations due to artefacts in input functional scans (background noise, reconstruction noise, motion blurring)
 - Even if MC is gold standard for internal dosimetry, must be used with criterion!
 - Using merely native SPECTs as input can produce:
 - Overestimation of lungs doses
 - Underestimation of liver doses
 - Appropriate filtering procedures (thresholds + logical operations) of functional scans could lead to more realistic simulations → more reliable results
- ◆ Perspectives:
 - Extend the studies to further cases (ongoing)
 - Possible experimental + MC studies on phantoms



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