

## Dosimetric impact of intra-fraction motion during moderate hypo-fractionated prostate radiotherapy treatment: population-based anisotropic margin for CTV-prostate

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**Located in Lyon, France**

# León Bérard Cancer Center (CLB)

1700 employees

+11 500 patients/year

37 050 followed patients

2000 patient/year in clinical trials



Our group (~15 persons) is located at CLB



# CREATIS lab



- Medical Imaging research lab

- ~ 200 persons

- 4 teams:

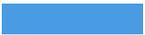
- MYRIAD Modeling & Analysis for Medical Imaging and Diagnosis
    - ULTIM Ultrasound Imaging
    - TOMORADIO Tomographic Imaging and Radiation therapy
    - MAGICS NMR and Optics: from Measure to Biomarker

- Institutions

- CNRS: French National Centre for Scientific Research

- Lyon university





# A bit of statistics...



**Global Cancer Statistics 2020**  
19,3 millions new cases  
10 millions dead



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1 of 5

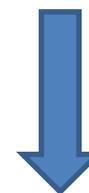


## Cancer treatments

**Radiotherapy**

Chemotherapy

Surgery



+ 2,3 millions breast cancer  
11,7% of new diagnosis  
11,4% lungs  
10% colon  
**7,3% prostate**  
5,6% stomach

**2019 Italy:** 62% treated by radiotherapy  
15% more for 2025

# Radiotherapy workflow

The process of radiation therapy will be customized for patients, depending on which form of radiation therapy patients and their physicians choose as their options.

## 5 steps

- 1) Initial consultation
- 2) Simulation
- 3) Treatment planning
- 4) Treatment Delivery
- 5) Post Treatment Follow-up

# Prostate cancer (1)

## Epidemiology:

In Italy 1 on 8 men is likely to develop prostate cancer during lifetime

2017: 34.800 new cases

2020: 36.074 new cases (19% of male cancers).

## Treatment:

Surgery: prostatectomy

Radiotherapy (also post surgery)

Cryotherapy

Hormone Therapy

Chemotherapy

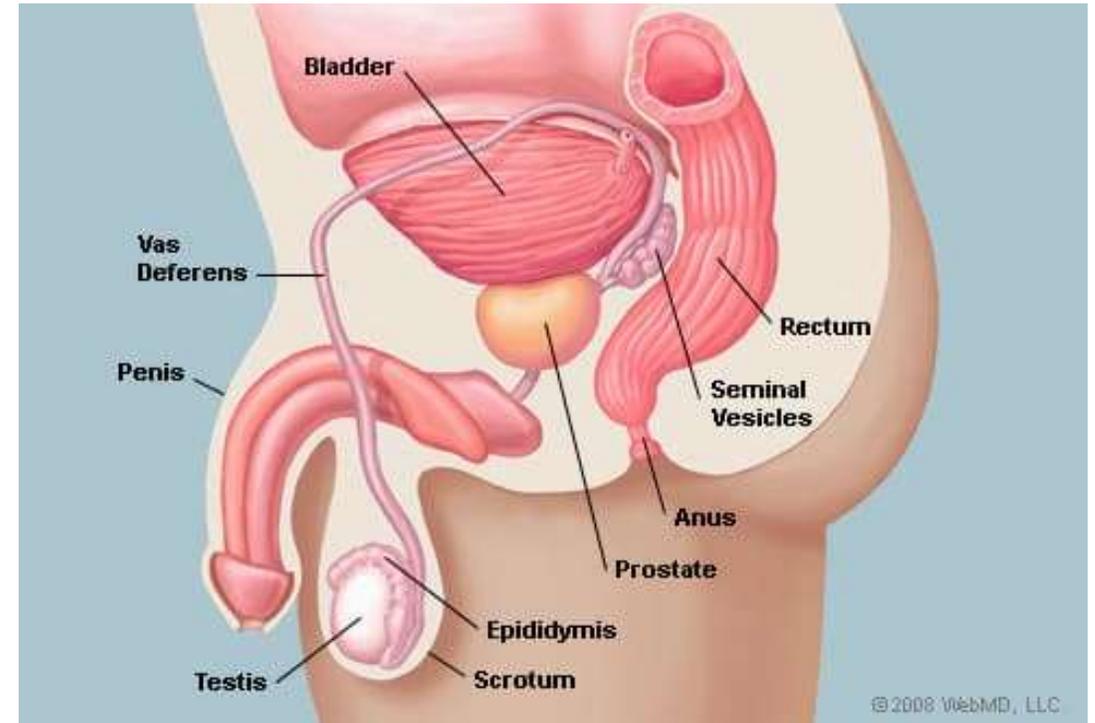
Immunotherapy

## Treatment protocols:

Total dose of 66 Gy (prostatectomy) 74-80 Gy (prostate)

2 Gy per fraction (> 30 fractions) **Conventional radiotherapy**

> 2 Gy per fractions **Hypofractionation**



## Prostate cancer (2)

### Treatment protocols:

2 Gy per fraction (> 30 fractions) **Conventional radiotherapy**  
3 or 5 Gy per fraction **Hypofractionation**

### Why more fractions?

**PROSTATE:** very sensitive to the dose administered for each fraction  $\alpha/\beta = 1,4$  **LINEAR QUADRATIC MODEL**

Reducing the number of fractions by increasing the dose of each could improve local tumor control

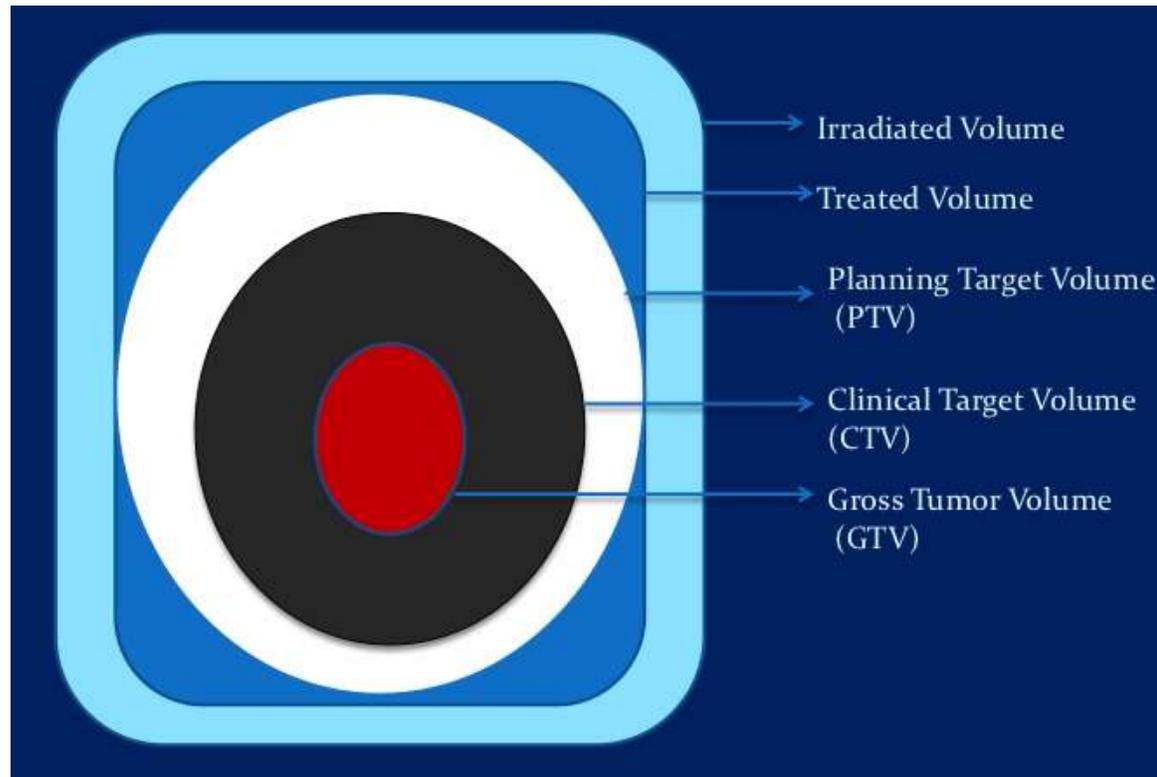
**Hypofractionated** radiation therapy: effective in treating prostate cancer at high risk of recurrence

Higher dose per fraction = 3 to 5 Gy per fraction → shorter treatments

**Need to increase** accuracy in dose delivery while reducing treatment margins, which is inconsistent with increased session time.

# Treatment margins (1)

## International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurements (ICRU)

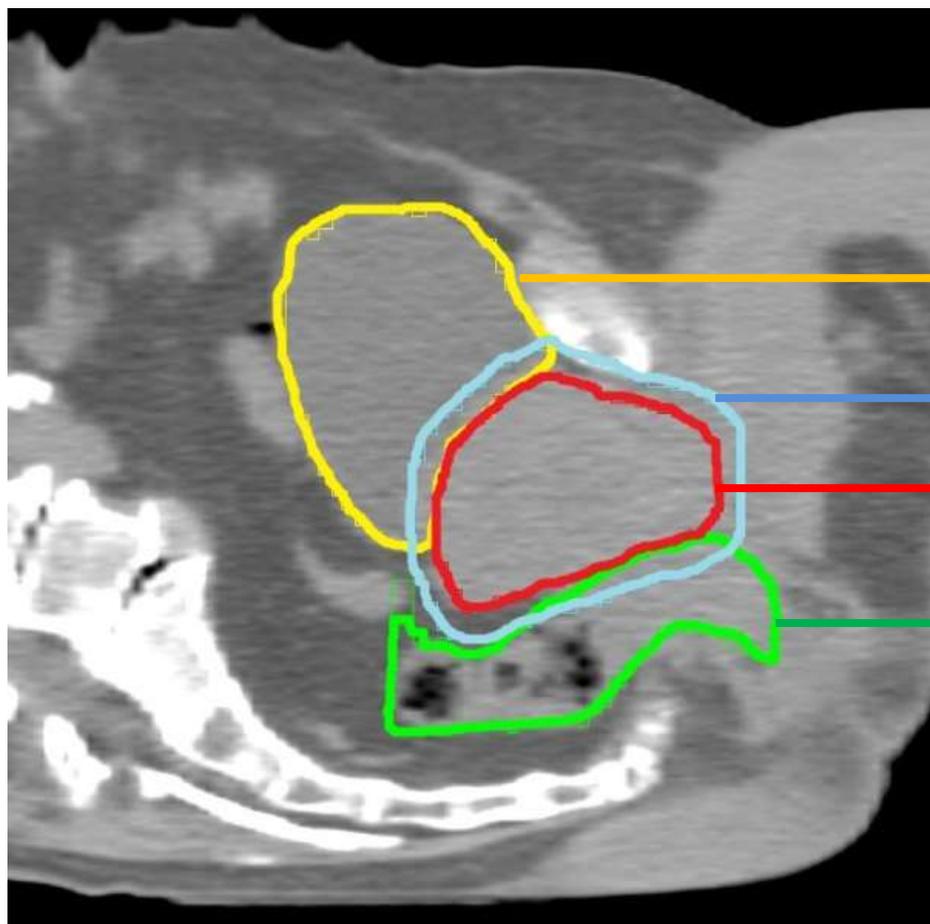


**GTV** = the gross demonstrable location and extent of tumor. It is what can be seen, palpated or imaged

**CTV** = contains the GTV, plus a margin for sub-clinical disease spread which therefore cannot be fully imaged

**PTV** = allows for uncertainties in planning or treatment delivery. It is a geometric concept designed to ensure that the radiotherapy dose is actually delivered to the CTV

## Treatment margins (2)



BLADDER

PTV 7mm margins around CTV

CTV PROSTATE

RECTUM

# Prostate movements

**Inter-fraction motion** = due to patient positioning → target position is not the same position between simulation and delivery days

**Intra-fraction motion** = due to anatomical movements during the treatment → target position is not the same between the beginning and the end of the session

Patient & session's dependent  
Anatomical variations: bladder & rectum  
Directions dependent

**How to monitor those movements?**

# How to monitor movements? (1)

Various techniques have been developed to enable real-time online prostate localization and monitoring:

- implanted electromagnetic transponders
- fiducial markers (FMs)
- real-time X-ray imaging
- MRI-linac imaging

Radiofrequency systems - need to implant transponders inside the target volume:

- Calypso (Varian Medical Systems, Palo Alto, CA)
- RayPilot (Micropos Medical AB)

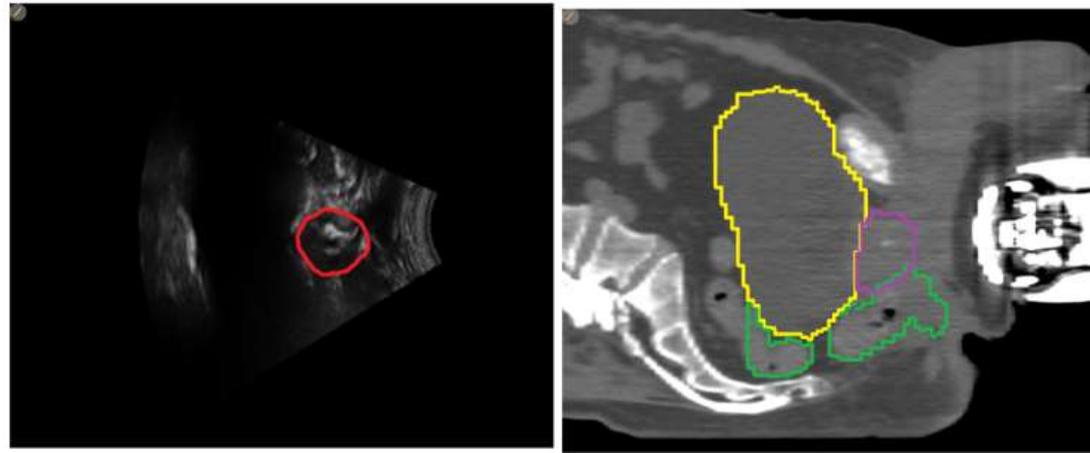
Ultrasound systems - don't need to implant transponders inside the target volume:

- Clarity (Elekta Inc., Stockholm, Sweden)

## How to monitor movements? (2)

### Clarity<sup>®</sup> TPUS

- TransperiNeal (TP) ultrasound (US) probe allowing the pelvic area to be viewed during treatment without interfering with the beam
- Real-time reconstruction of 3D prostate's images
- A reference US image is acquired during the treatment simulation stage, with the patient in the same position as the CT image. During the treatment sessions, a US acquisition is performed and then re-aligned to the reference US image



# Our objective (1)

2000

THE PROBABILITY OF CORRECT TARGET DOSAGE: DOSE-POPULATION HISTOGRAMS FOR DERIVING TREATMENT MARGINS IN RADIOTHERAPY

MARCEL VAN HERK, PH.D., PETER REMEIJER, PH.D., COEN RASCH, M.D.,  
AND JOOS V. LEBESQUE, M.D., PH.D.

According to the literature, large displacements (>1cm) can occur during the treatment session.

2018

Determination of Intrafraction Prostate Motion During External Beam Radiation Therapy With a Transperineal 4-Dimensional Ultrasound Real-Time Tracking System

Dwi Seno Kuncoro Sihono<sup>1</sup>, Michael Ehmann<sup>2</sup>, Sigrun Heitmann<sup>2</sup>, Sandra von Swietochowski<sup>2</sup>, Mario Grimm<sup>2</sup>, Judit Boda-Heggemann<sup>2</sup>, Frank Lohr<sup>3</sup>, Frederik Wenz<sup>2</sup>, Hansjörg Wertz<sup>2</sup>

Prostatic movements are generally more important in AP and SI directions

Numerous "margin recipes" for the correction of inter-fraction movement have been proposed in the literature but these do not always consider intra-fraction movement.

2020

Duration-dependent margins for prostate radiotherapy—a practical motion mitigation strategy

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## Our objective (2)

### We want to propose

**Population-based study**

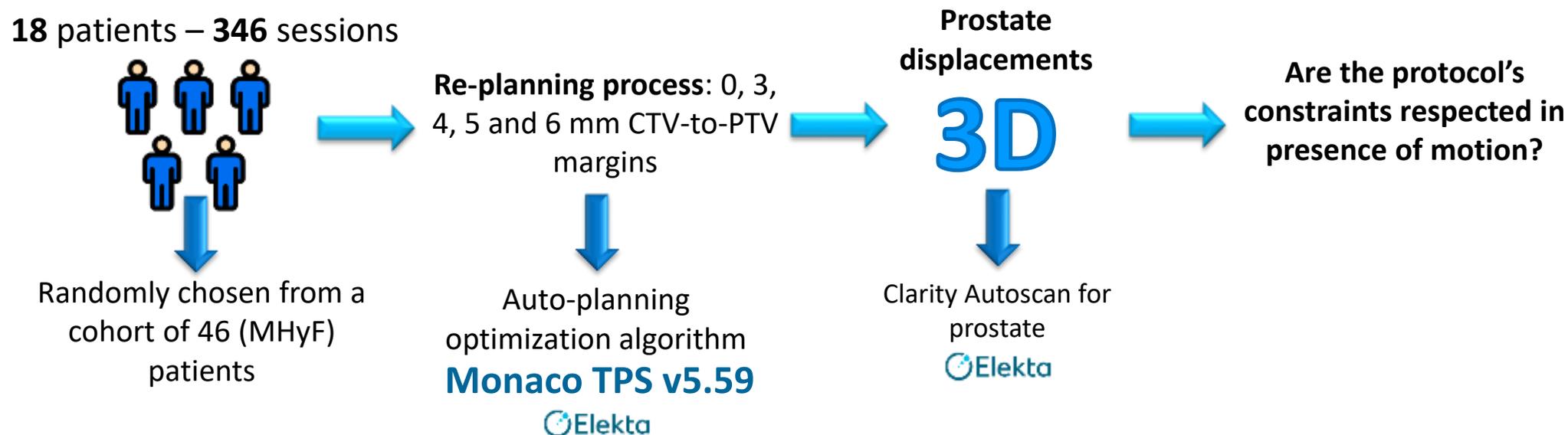
To retrieve

**Non-isotropic margins**

Using

**A real-time intrafraction monitoring device**

# Mat & Met (1)



**Moderate hypo-fractionated radiation treatment:** 60 Gy in 20 fractions to the CTV

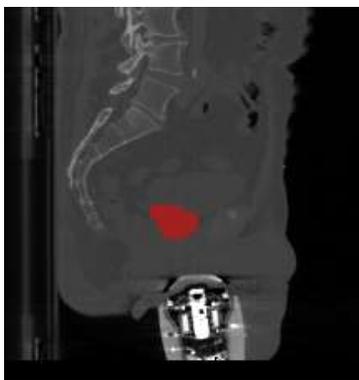
**Treatment goal:** 100% of the prescribed dose must cover 99% of the CTV-target (prostate)

**PROFIT clinical trial**

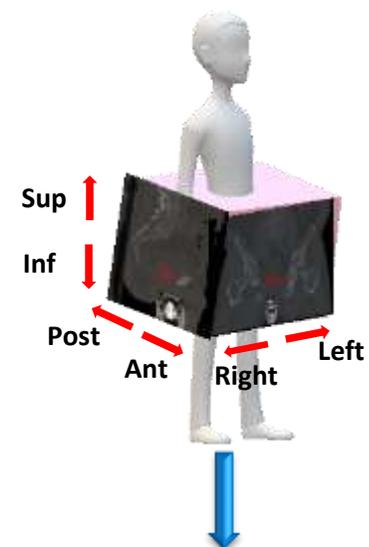
# Mat & Met (2)

- [1] **Voxel shifting method:** evaluate the robustness of the treatment plan moving the structures with the shifts observed during the treatment process.

CTV Prostate structure  
No motion



Displace the CTV in 3D  
(LR SI AP directions)



Treatment duration: 200-600s  
Structure motion: each 5 s

Moved CTV structure

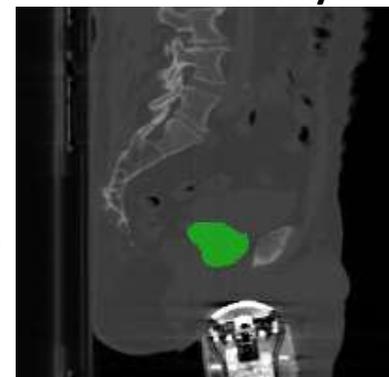


## Mat & Met (3)

Moved CTV structure



Isodose 60 Gy



Superimpose the two structures  
to study CTV's coverage



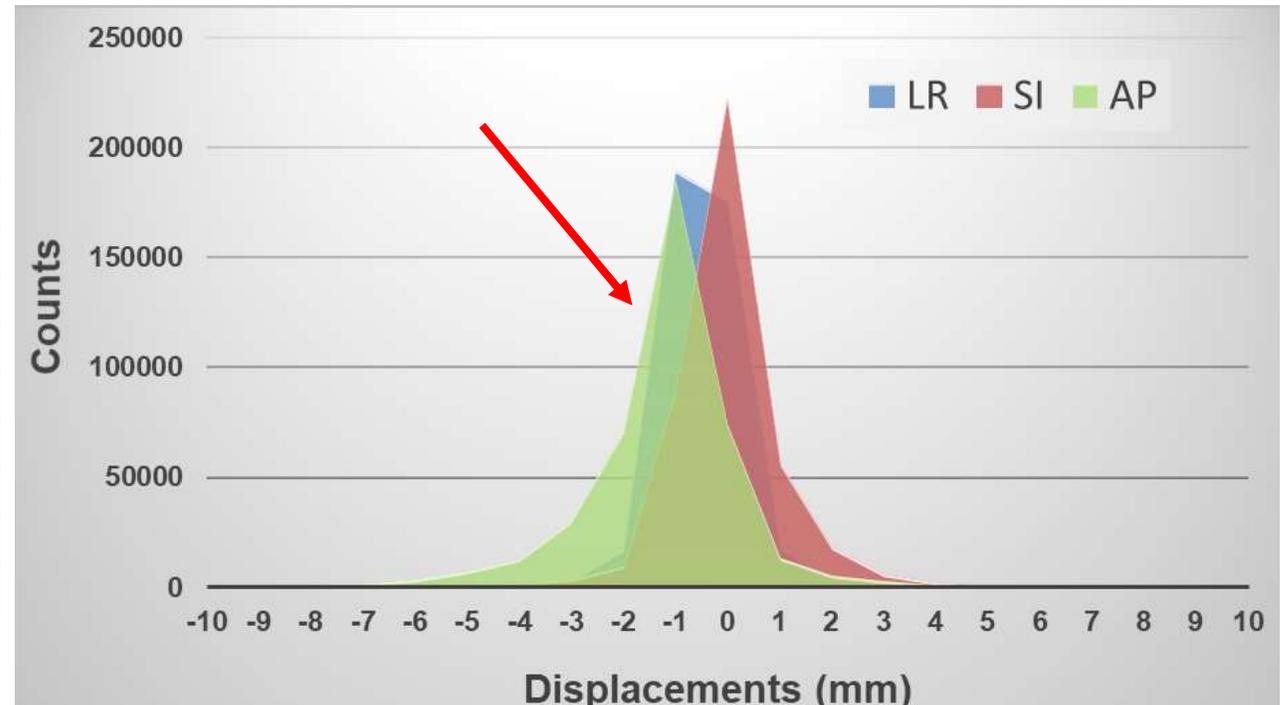
% of CTV outside the ISO  
60Gy

# Results (1)

Tot # of patient = **46**  
Tot # of sessions = **876**

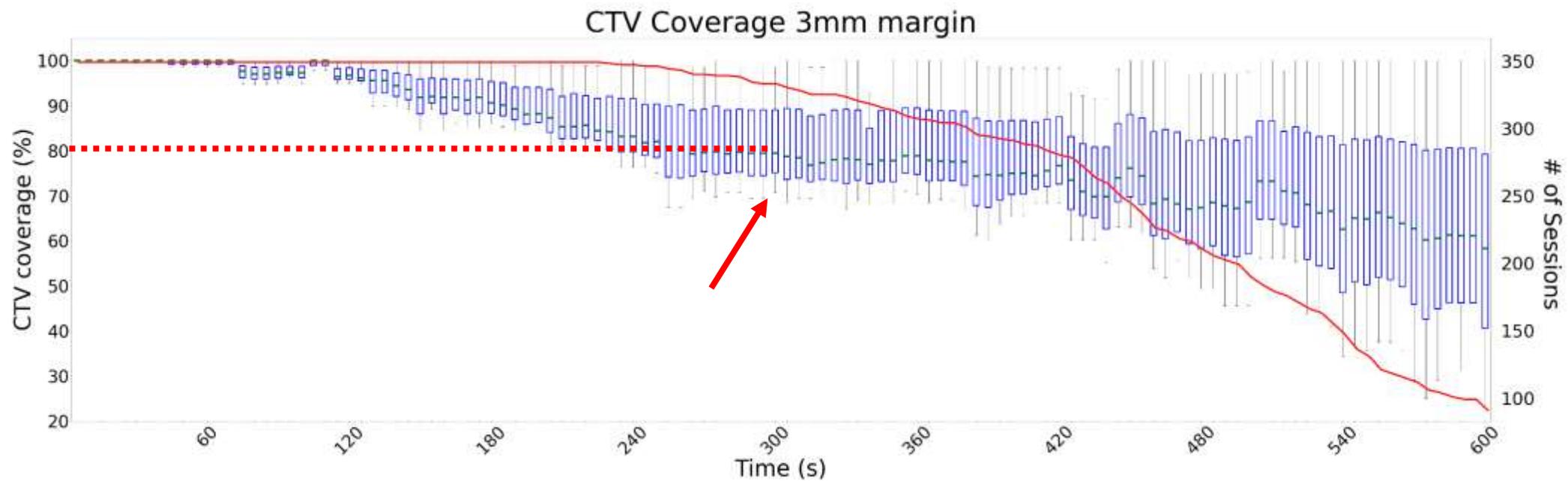
Cumulative intra-fractional prostate displacements

Time (min)	Mean (mm)		
	LR	SI	AP
1	0.0 ± 0.4	0.0 ± 0.7	-0.1 ± 0.6
2	0.0 ± 0.4	0.1 ± 0.7	-0.2 ± 0.6
3	0.0 ± 0.4	0.2 ± 0.7	-0.2 ± 0.6
4	0.0 ± 0.4	0.2 ± 0.7	-0.3 ± 0.6
5	0.0 ± 0.4	0.3 ± 0.7	-0.4 ± 0.6
6	0.0 ± 0.4	0.3 ± 0.7	-0.5 ± 0.7
7	0.0 ± 0.4	0.4 ± 0.8	-0.6 ± 0.7
8	0.0 ± 0.4	0.4 ± 0.8	-0.6 ± 0.7
9	0.0 ± 0.4	0.4 ± 0.8	-0.7 ± 0.7
10	0.0 ± 0.4	0.4 ± 0.8	-0.7 ± 0.7



Greater displacements in INFERIOR and POSTERIOR directions

## Results (2)



## Results (3)

% of fractions well-covered by ISO100 for different isotropic margins, at different time

Time (min)	0 mm	3 mm	4 mm	5 mm	6 mm
<b>1</b>	97	99	100	100	100
<b>2</b>	93	97	99	99	100
<b>3</b>	83	91	95	98	100
<b>4</b>	76	83	89	96	98
<b>5</b>	70	79	84	91	97
<b>6</b>	71	79	84	92	96
<b>7</b>	69	77	81	91	95
<b>8</b>	60	67	74	81	95
<b>9</b>	58	63	72	81	92
<b>10</b>	58	58	69	78	90

# Results (4)

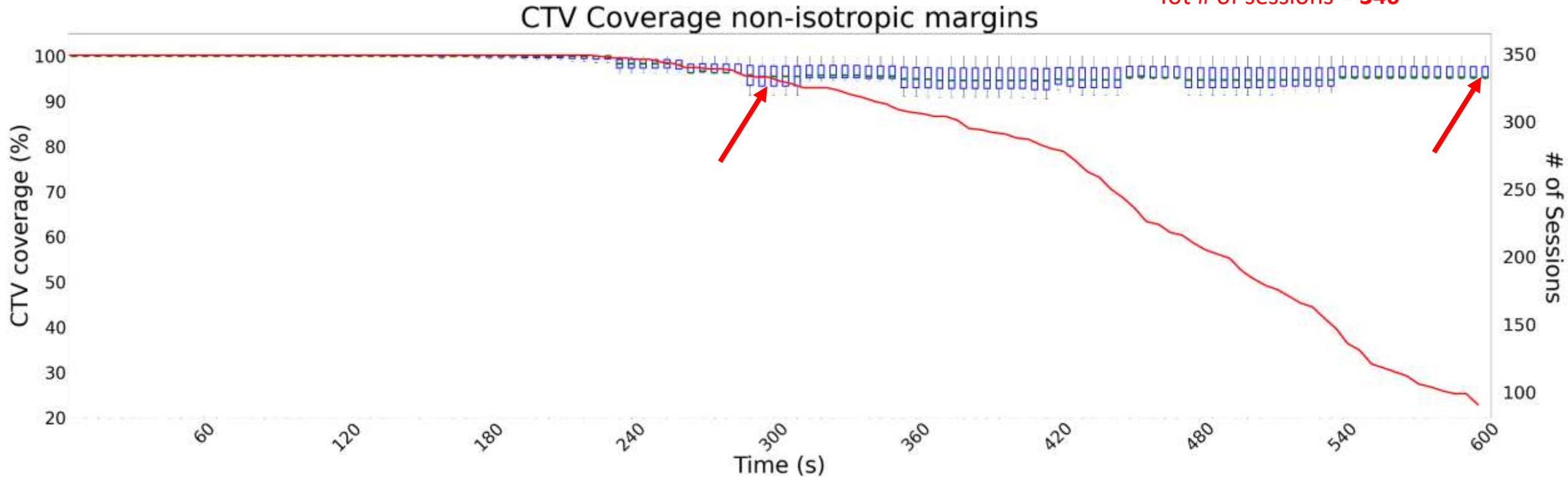
Necessary non-isotropic margins (mm) for meeting 95%/99% coverage criteria

	95% PP - 99% D					
Time (min)	Left	Right	Superior	Inferior	Anterior	Posterior
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	0	0	0	2	2	4
5	0	0	0	3	2	5
6	0	0	2	3	3	5
7	0	0	2	3	3	5
8	0	1	2	3	3	6
9	0	1	3	4	4	7
10	0	1	3	4	4	8

Tot # of patient = **46** Tot # of sessions = **876**

# Results (5)

Tot # of patient = 18  
 Tot # of sessions = 346



Constraints on CTV prostate were achieved in 95% of fractions after 5 minutes treatment. We obtain the same mean target coverage as a homogeneous margin of 5 mm but by drastically reducing margins in LR, SI and anterior directions.

Same situation after 10 minutes treatment.

# Results (6)

Non Isotropic Margins						
Authors	# of patients	Observation time (min)	Margins LR (mm)	Margins SI (mm)	Margins AP (mm)	Notes
Pang et al. (17)	55	8	1.02	2.41	2.65	Prostate monitoring: Clarity 4D TPUS Margins calculation: Van Herk's formula
		15	1.84	4.29	4.63	
Sihono et al. (8)	38	4	1.25	1.10	1.33	Prostate monitoring: Clarity 4D TPUS Margins calculation: Van Herk's formula
Steiner et al. (23)	17	15	2.3	3.9	6.2	Prostate monitoring: Fiducials Margins calculation: Van Herk's formula
di Franco et al.	46	4	0.6	1.3	2.4	Prostate monitoring: Clarity 4D TPUS Margins calculation: Van Herk's formula
		8	1.2	2.7	5.2	
		10	1.5	3.2	6.2	
Asymmetric Margins						
Pang et al. (13)	60	8	0.8 left 0.8 right	1.7 sup 2.7 inf	1.7 ant 2.9 post	Prostate monitoring: Clarity 4D TPUS Margins calculation: Van Herk's formula 90PP – 95D
di Franco et al.	46	8	0.4 left 0.5 right	0.7 sup 1.5 inf	0.9 ant 3.2 post	Prostate monitoring: Clarity 4D TPUS Margins calculation: Van Herk's formula 90PP – 95D
di Franco et al.	46	8	0 left 1 right	3 sup 3 inf	3 ant 6 post	Prostate monitoring: Clarity 4D TPUS Margins calculation: voxel shifting 95PP – 99D
		10	0 left 1 right	3 sup 4 inf	4 ant 8 post	

Our results are in line with recent literature.

The greatest differences are in AP directions:

- patients' diet
- dosimetric criterion
- treatment protocol

# Conclusions

Prostate movements impact dose distribution and target coverage

Prostate shifts are not isotropic: larger shifts in posterior & inferior directions

Increasing treatment time, larger prostate displacements could be observed

Anisotropic and non-symmetric margins would be required to optimally take into account intra-fraction motion especially during hypofractionated treatments

## Ongoing studies



**WHAT'S  
NEXT?**

- Influence of patient anatomical changes (bladder and rectal filling) on the dose delivered during HF radiotherapy treatments
- Influence of patient anatomical changes (bladder and rectal filling) on prostate displacements
- Exploring the dose delivered to the OARs using asymmetric margins



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