

The emerging role of artificial intelligence in internal radiation dosimetry

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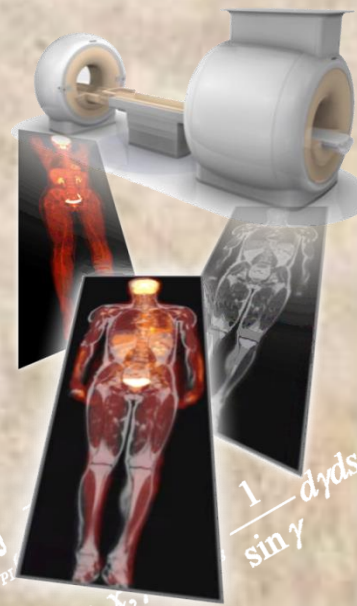
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$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} D_f(y(q), \Theta(s, x_s)) \dots$$

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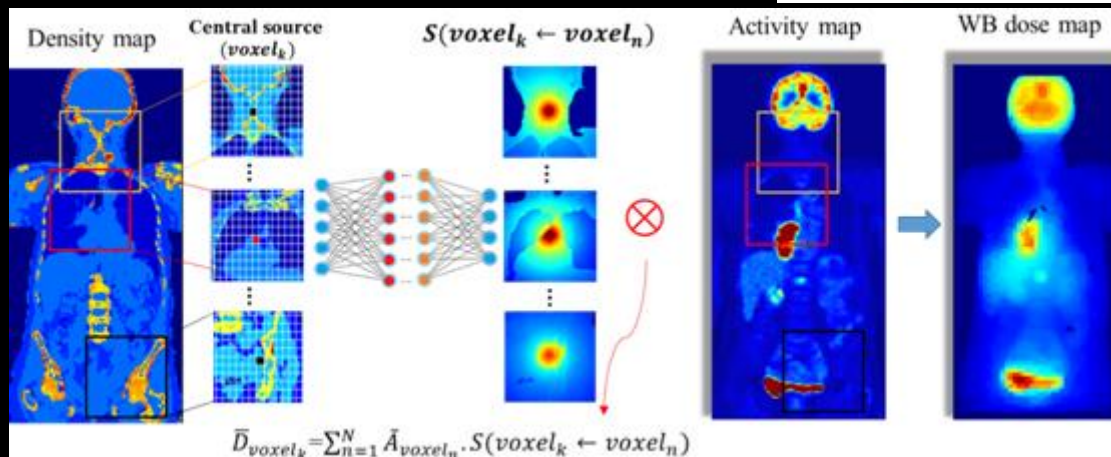
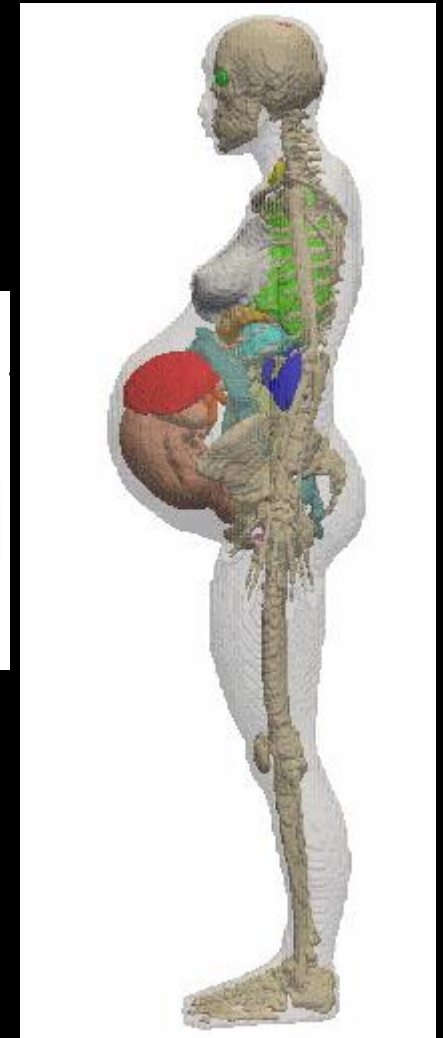
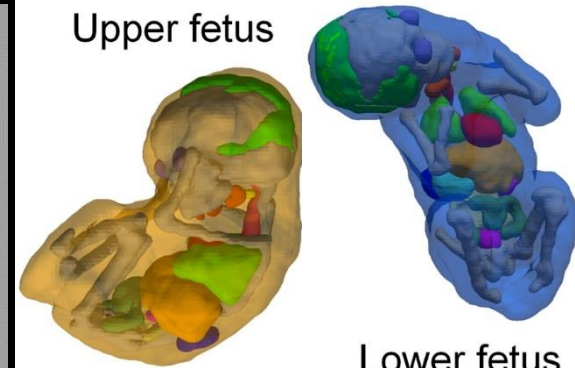
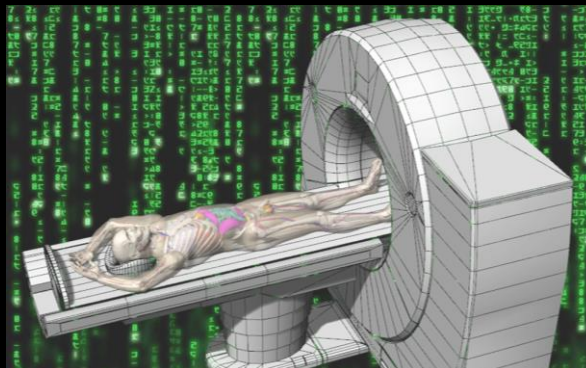


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«Radiation risk appraisal for detrimental effects from medical exposure during management of patients with lymphoma or brain tumours»

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Outline

- Advances in multimodality molecular imaging
- Why do we need AI in radiation dosimetry?
- Promise of AI in internal radiation dosimetry
 - ➔ Low-dose CT/**PET**/**SPECT** imaging (chest/**brain**/**WB**/**cardiac**)
 - ➔ Medical image segmentation (CT and **PET**)
 - ➔ Cross-modality image conversion (MRI→CT)
 - ➔ Quantification (attenuation & scatter correction in PET)
 - ➔ Computational modeling and radiation dosimetry
 - ➔ **Prognostic modeling and outcome prediction**
- Summary and future perspectives

Recent SPECT/CT scanner designs (CZT)



D-SPECT (Spectrum Dynamics)



Discovery 870 CZT (GE)



VERITON-CT (Spectrum Dynamics)

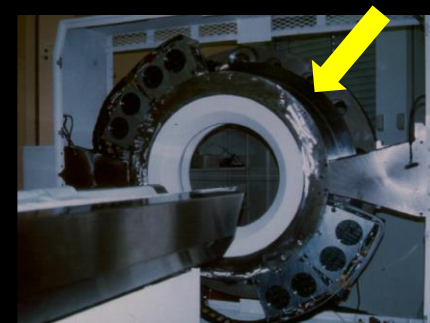
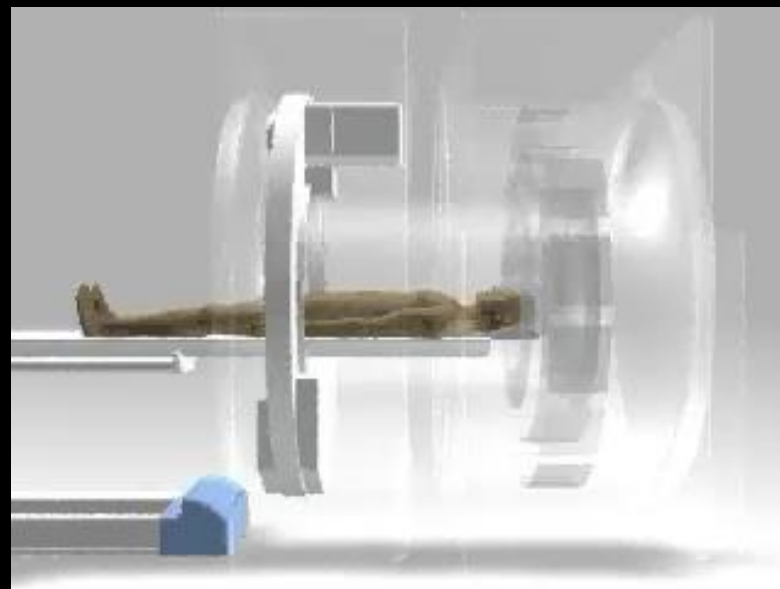
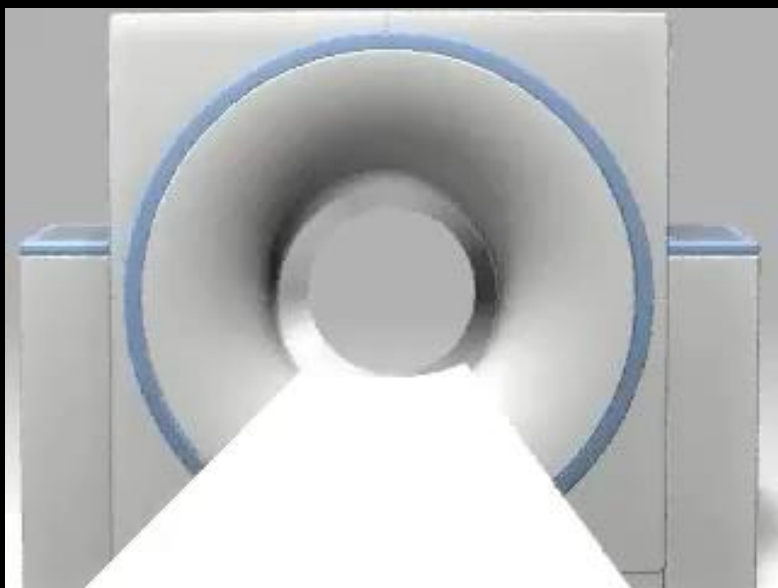


StarGuide (GE)

Veriton-CT SPECT/CT camera



Principles of PET/CT



Scout



Spiral CT



PET



PET/CT

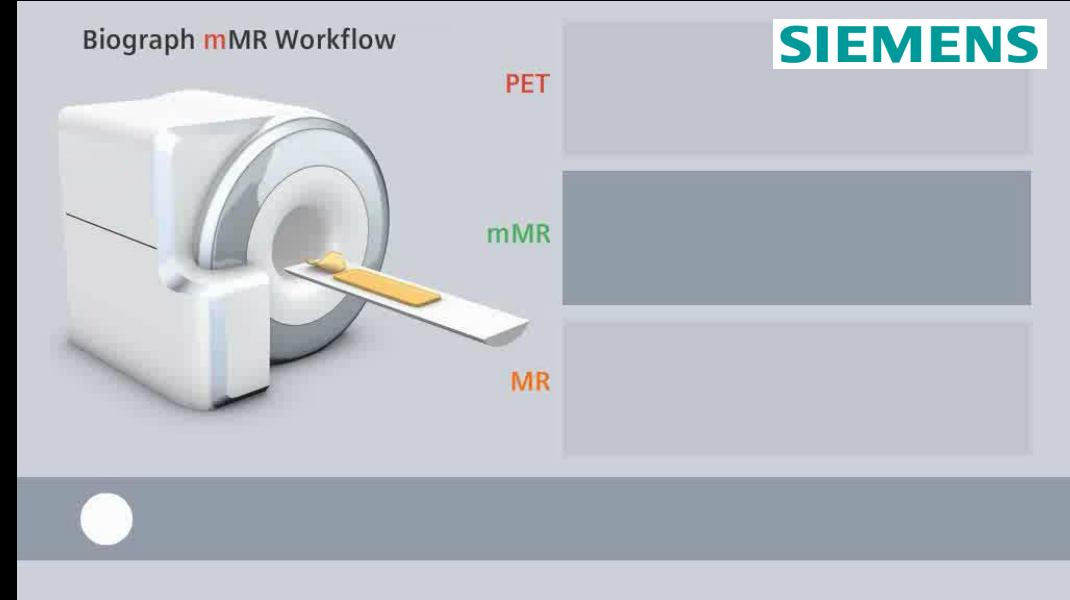


Commercial whole-body PET/MRI systems

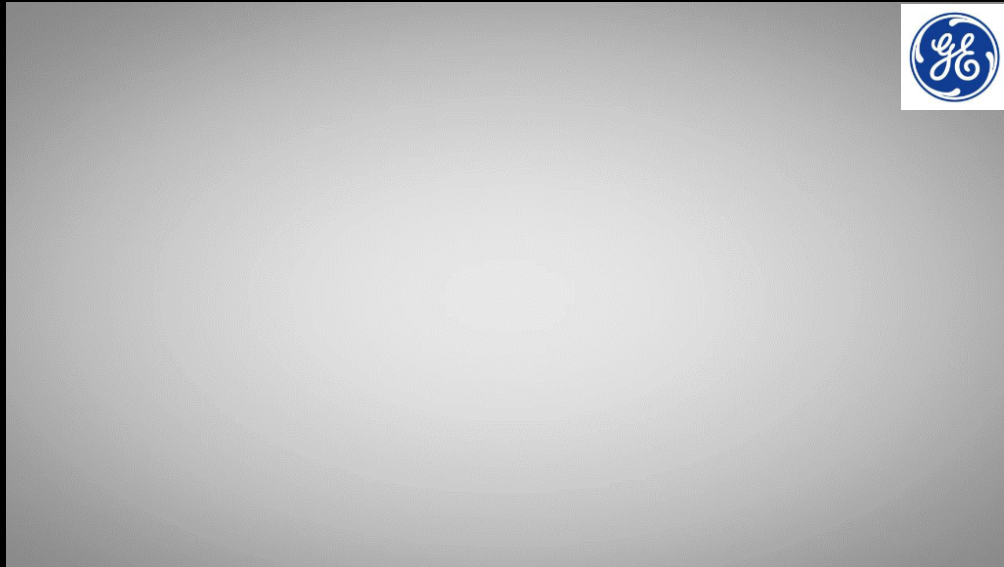
GEMINI TF PET/MR



Biograph mMR



SIGNA PET/MR



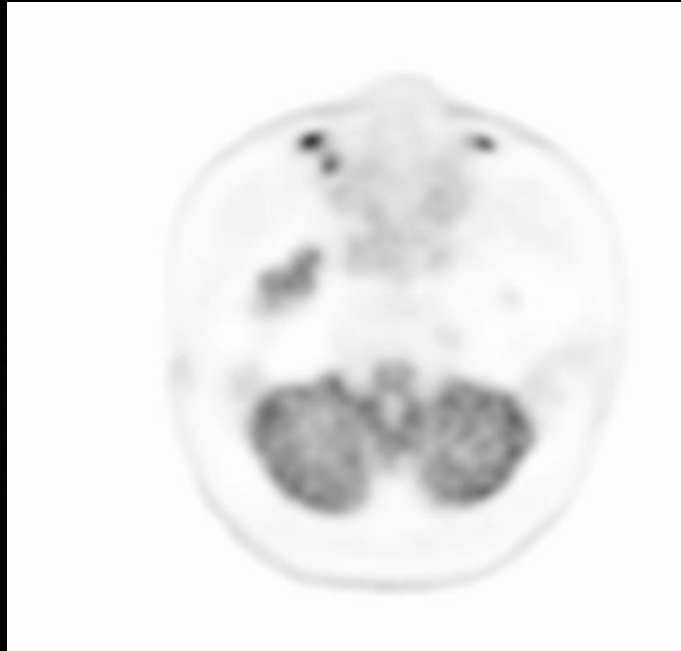
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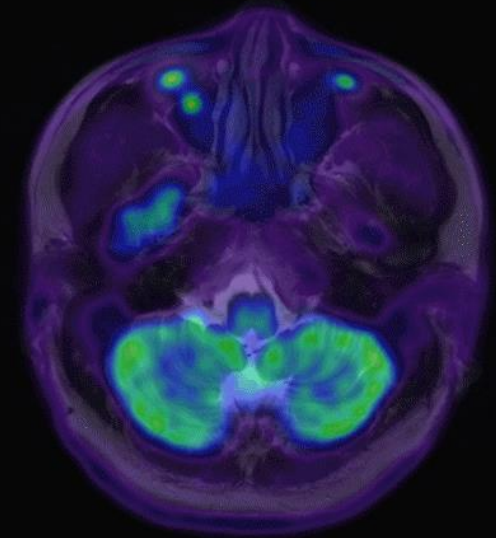
Clinical applications of PET/MRI



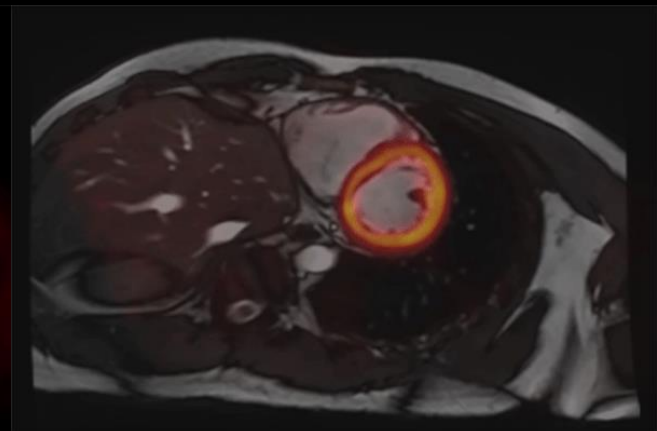
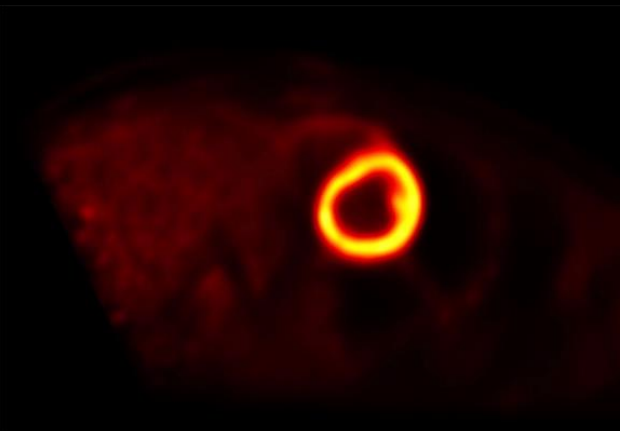
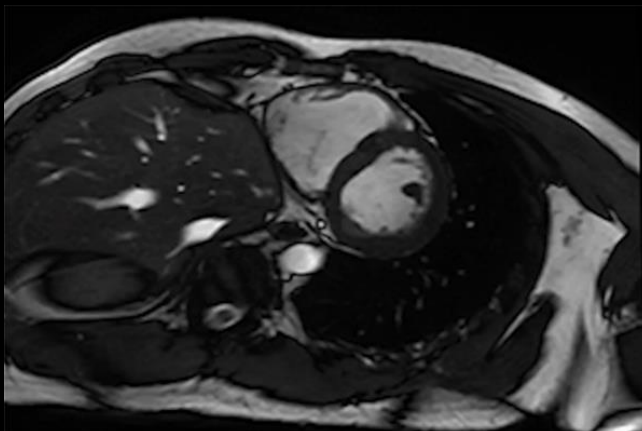
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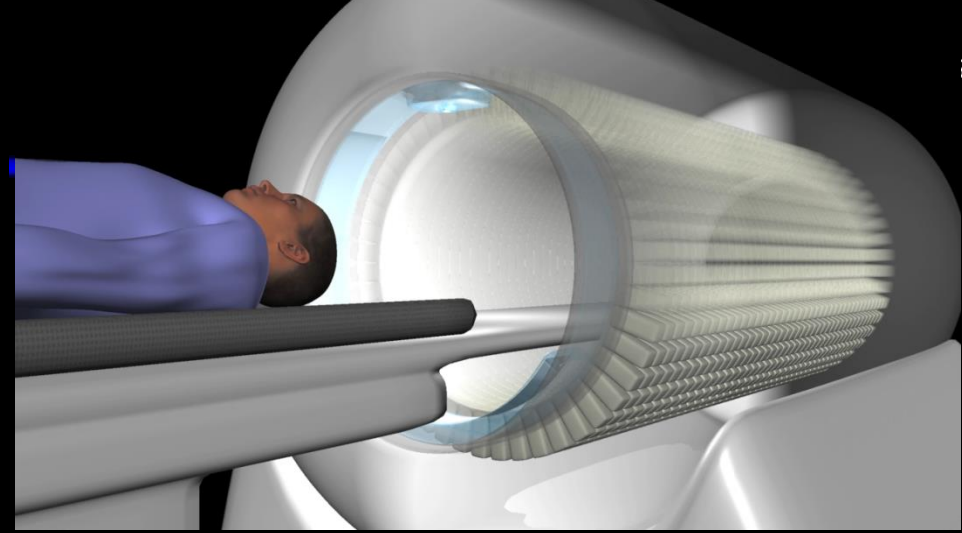
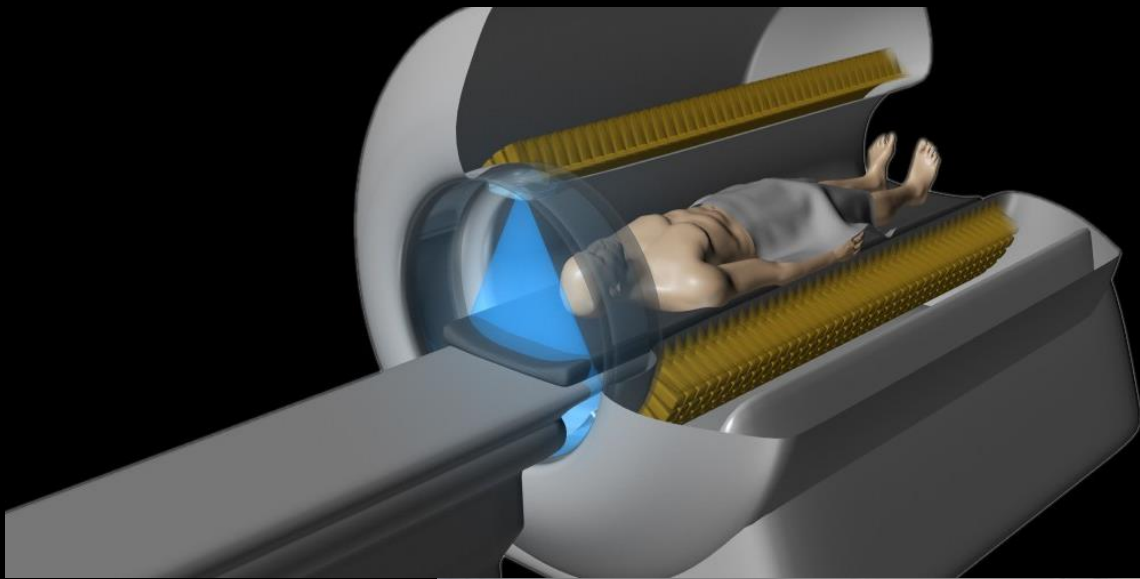


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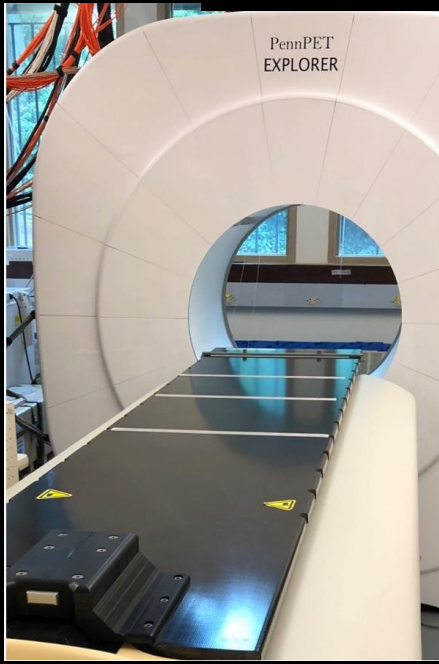


PET-MRI





Penn PET

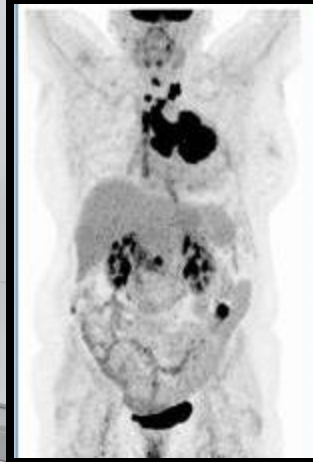


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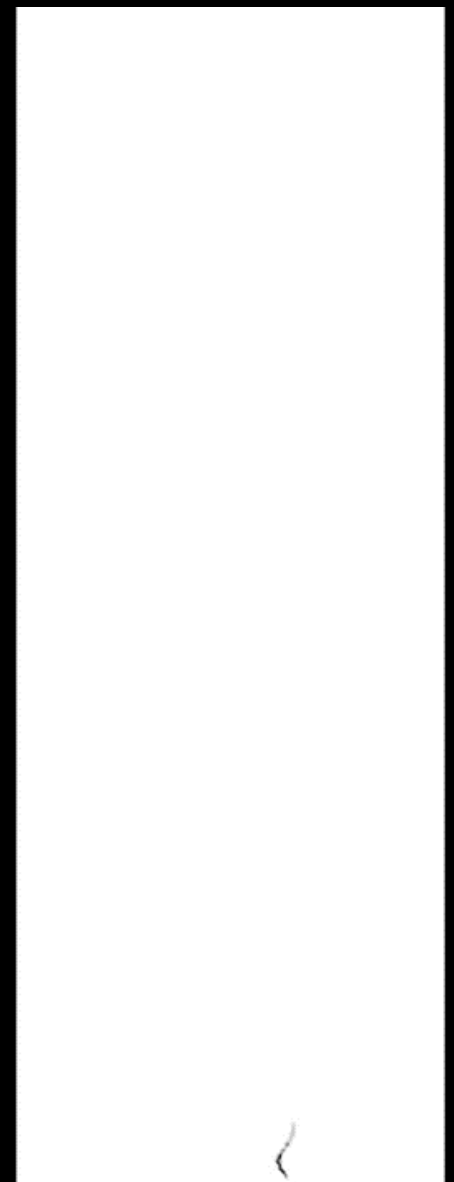
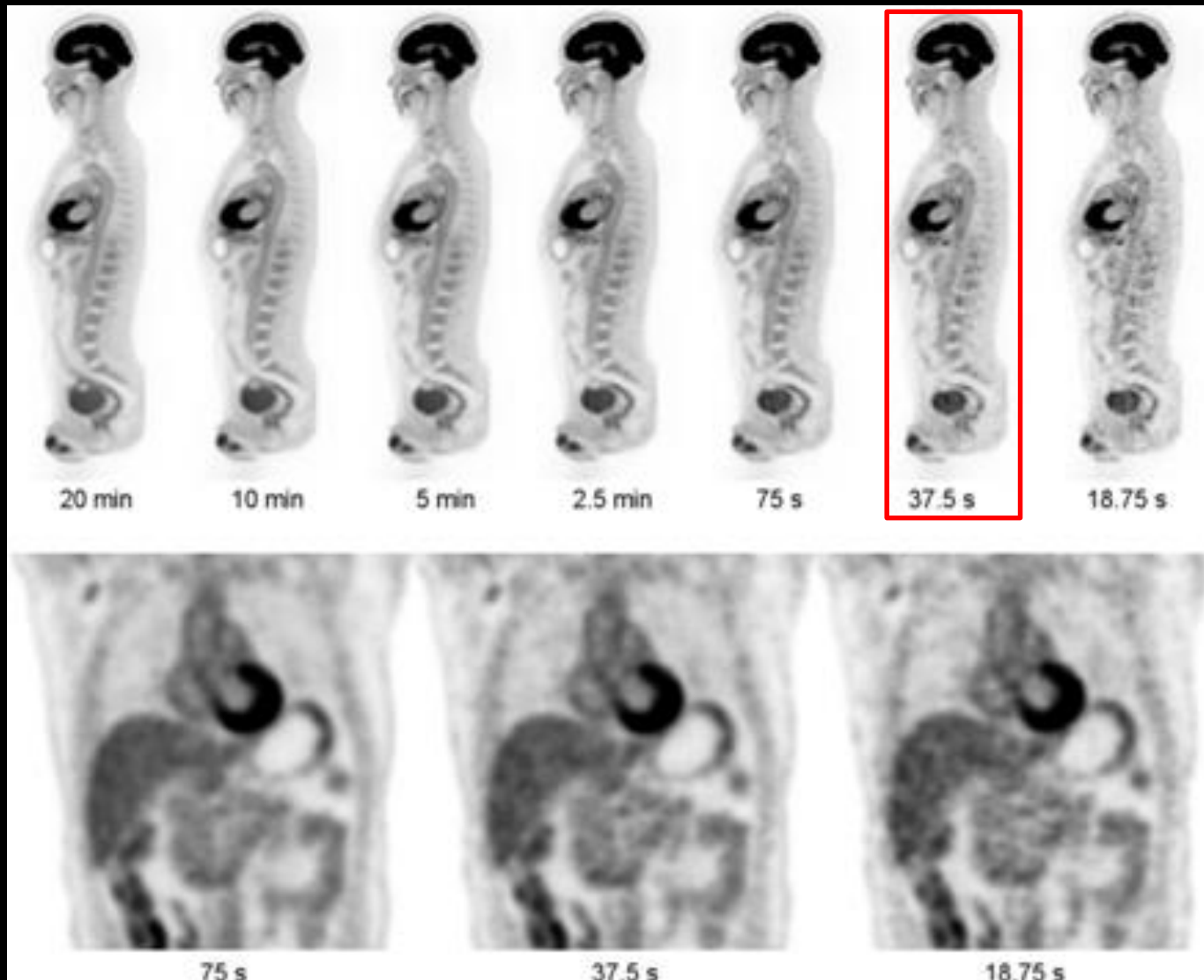
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106 cm AFOV
230 ps TOF CTR



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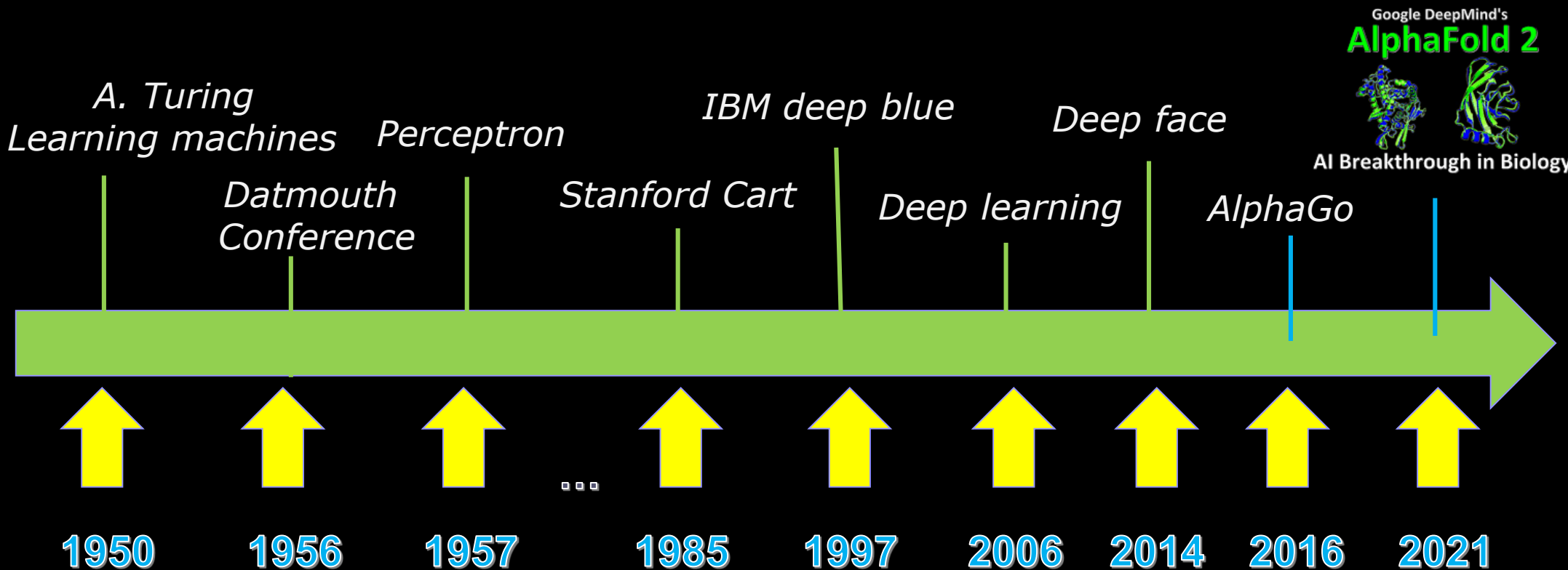
Total-body PET: Towards systemic medicine



Novel detector concepts: Multifunctional PET



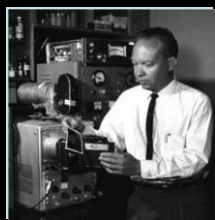
Artificial intelligence in medical physics



Linac



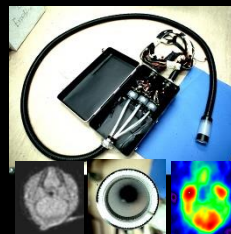
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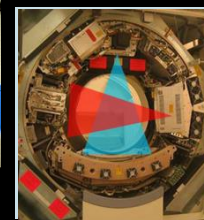
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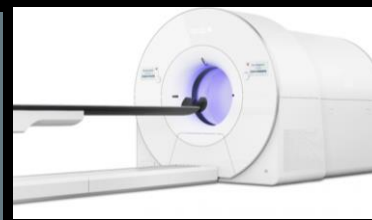
Tomotherapy



PET/MRI



Dual-source CT



CT



PET-Linac

Explorer



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Artificial intelligence should be part of medical physics graduate program curriculum

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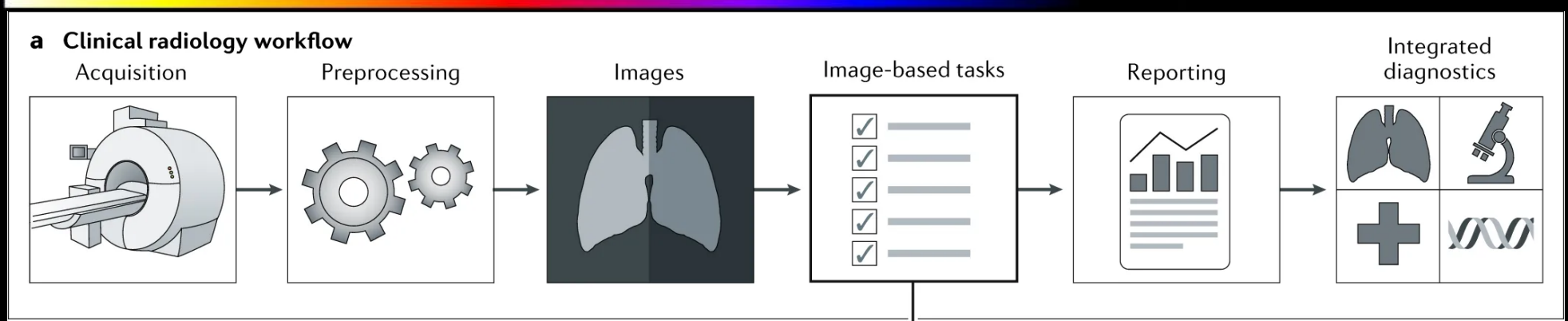
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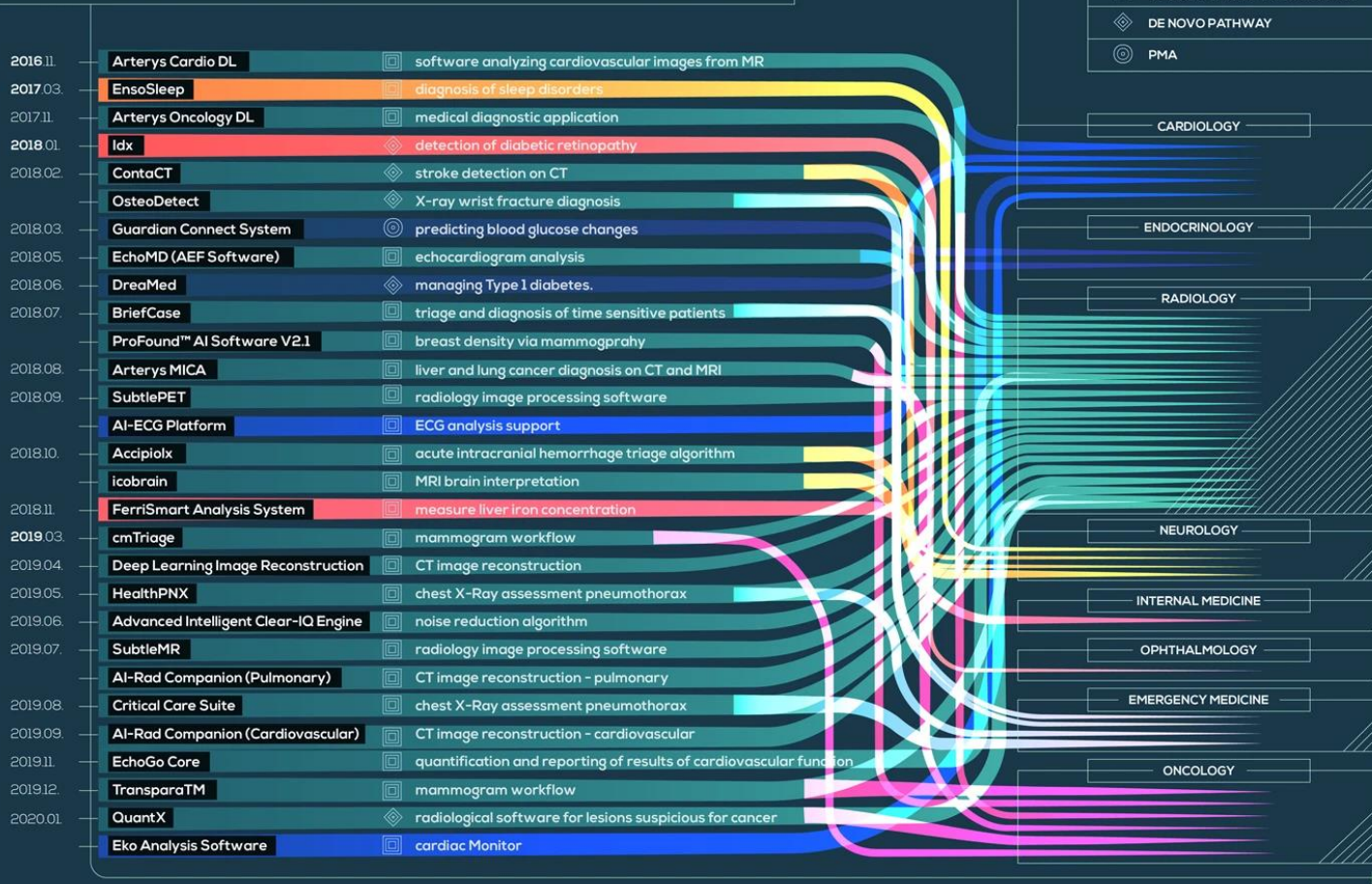
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Artificial intelligence impacting radiology



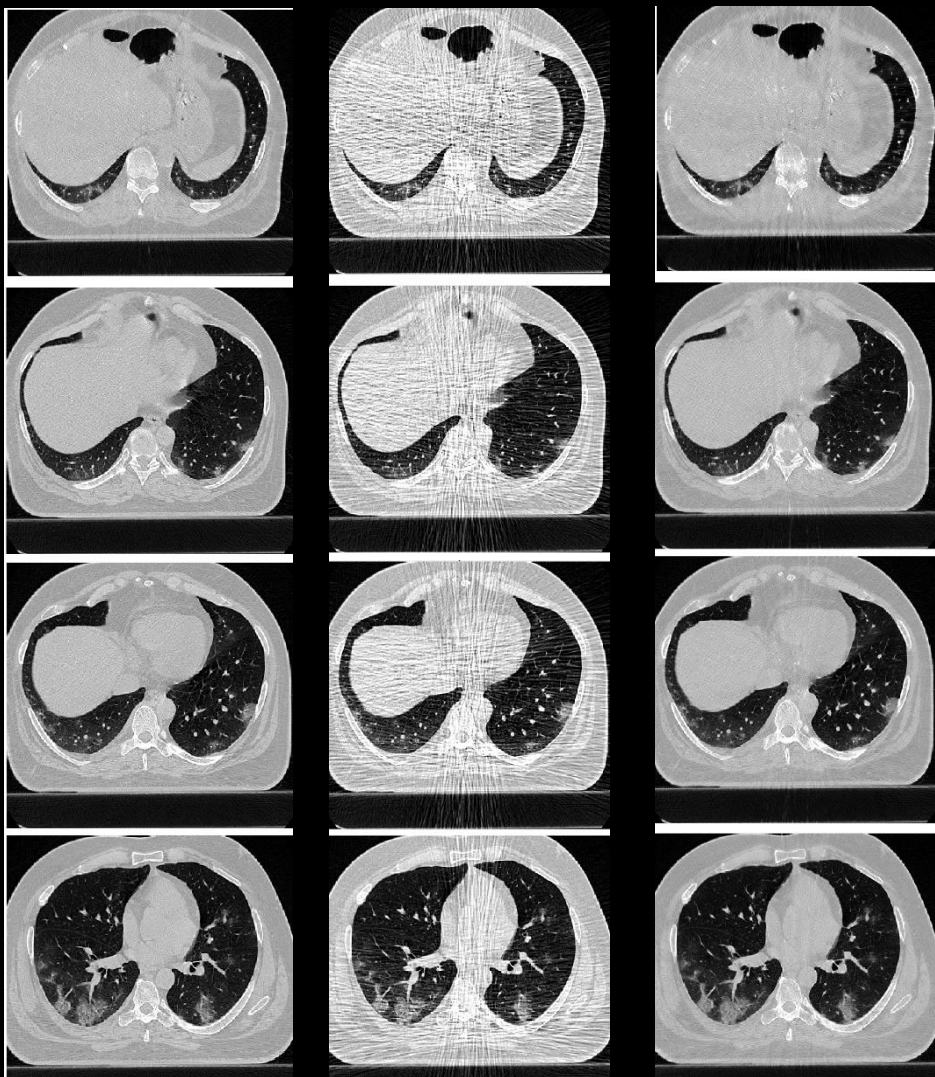
FDA-approved AI medical devices/algorithms

FDA APPROVALS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-BASED DEVICES IN MEDICINE

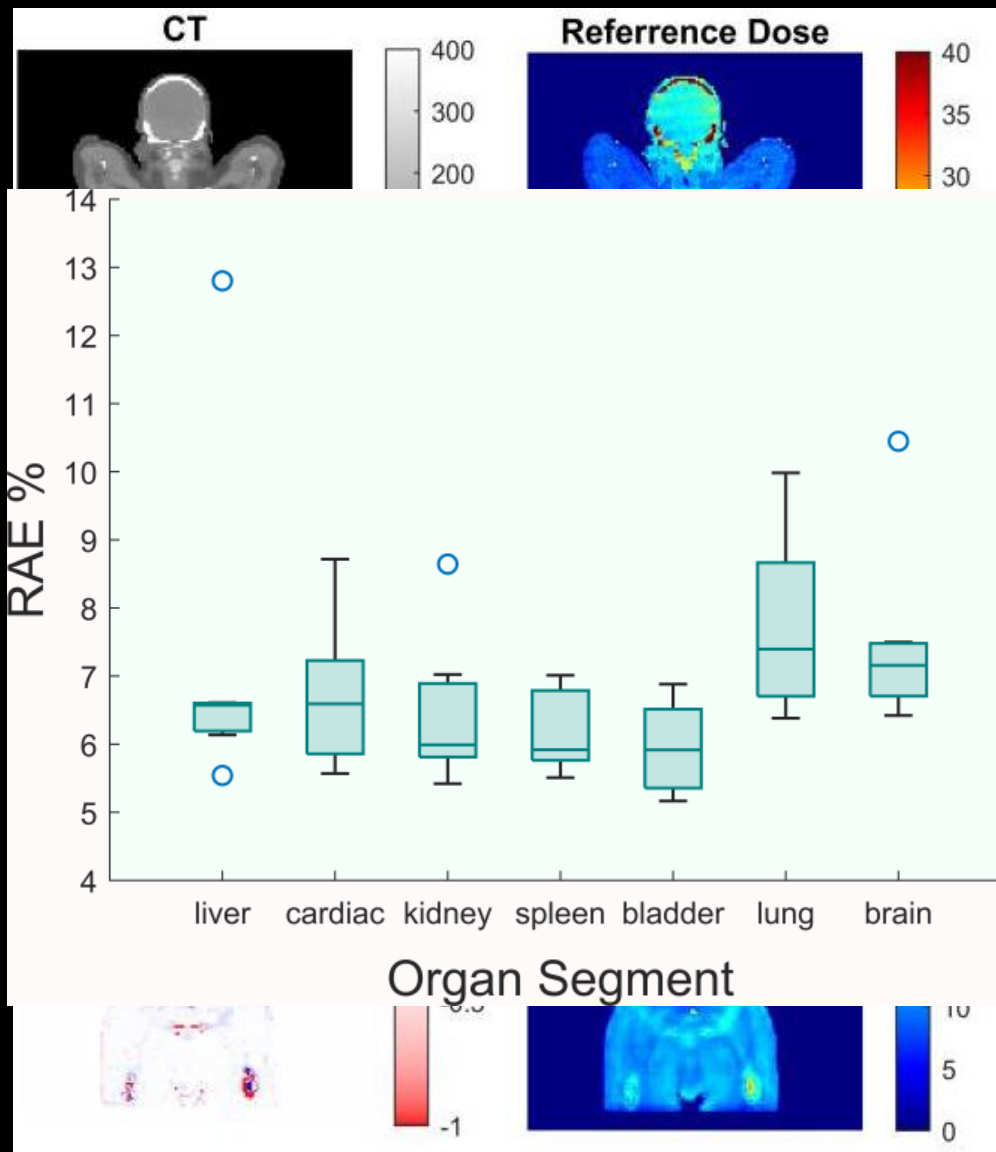


Deep learning-guided low-dose CT imaging

Full-dose Low-dose Predicted full-dose

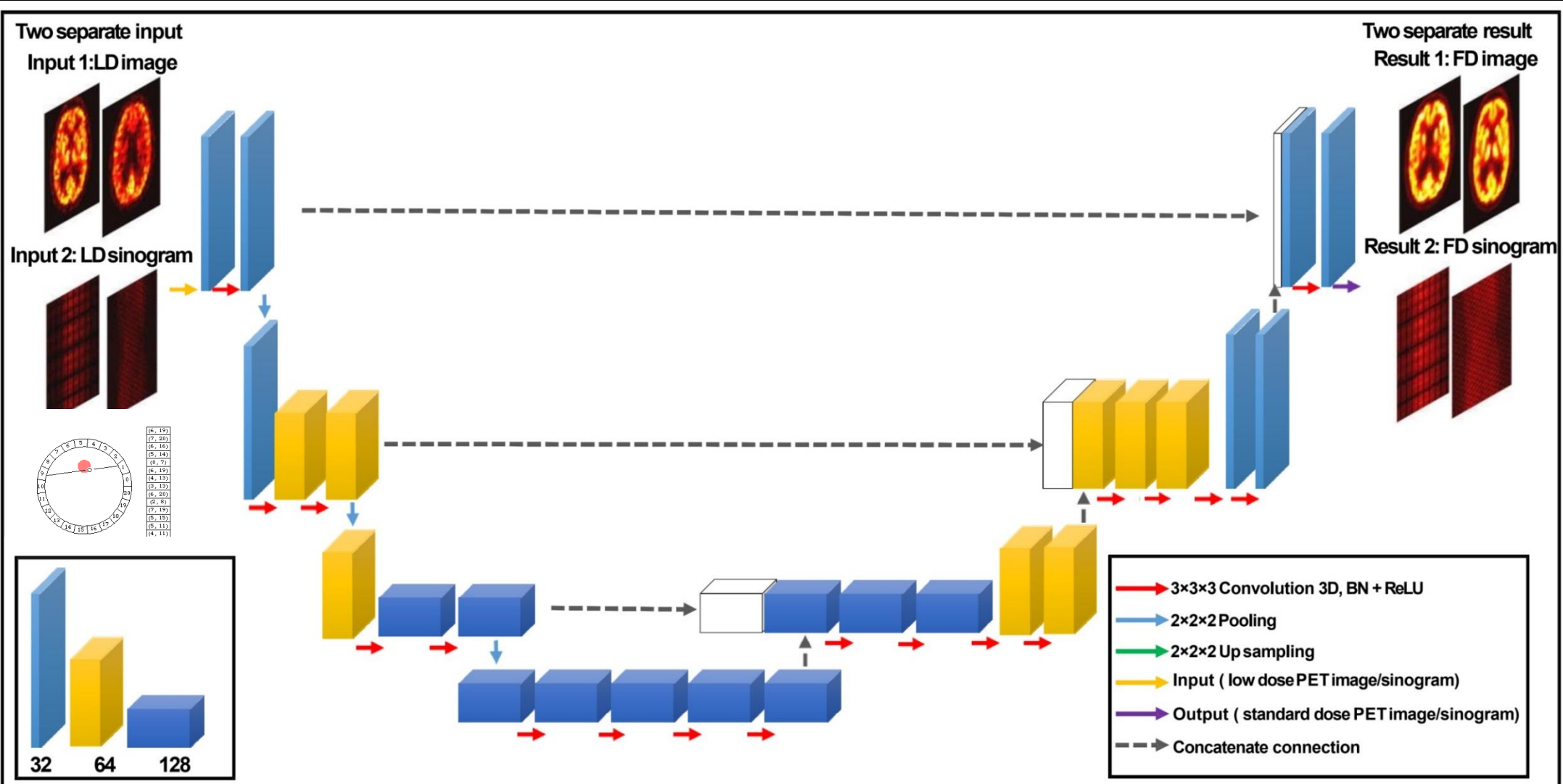


Shiri et al. (2021) *Eur Radiol*

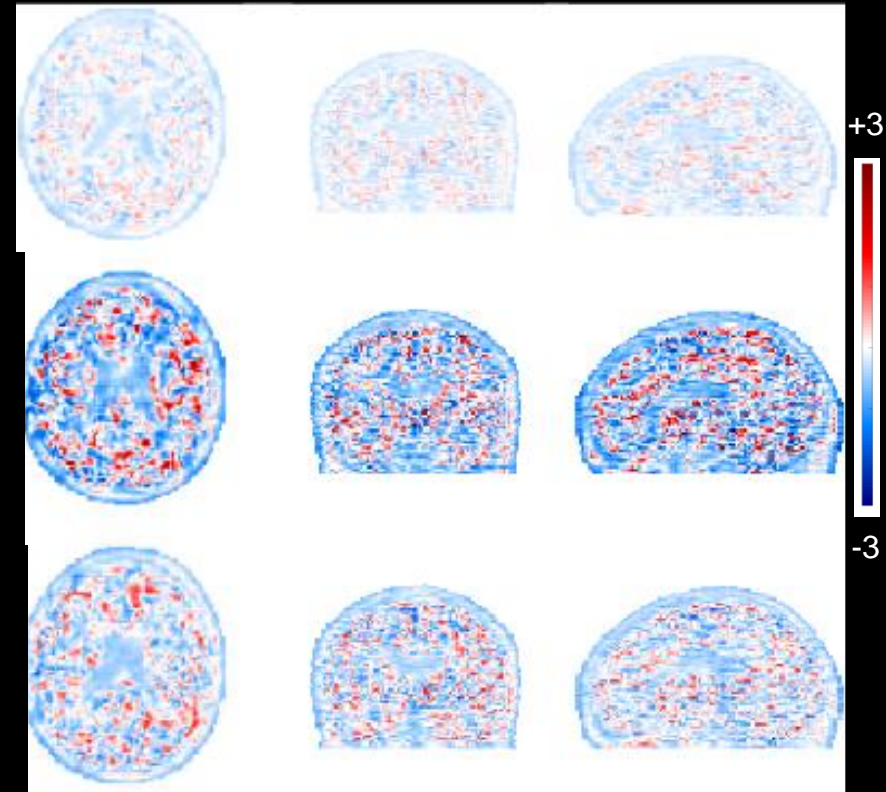
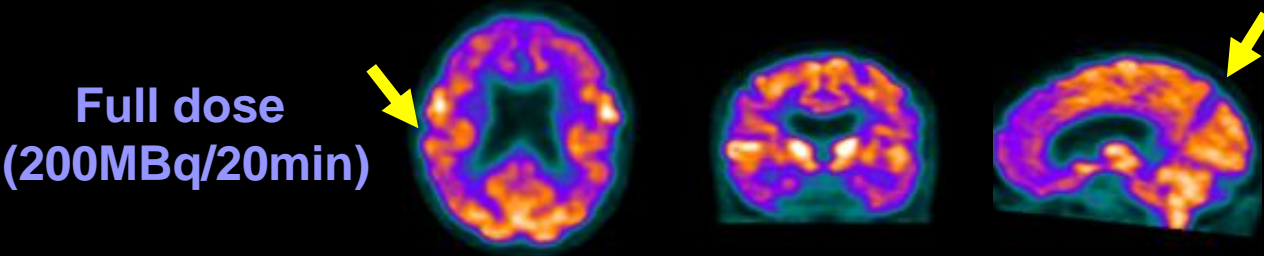


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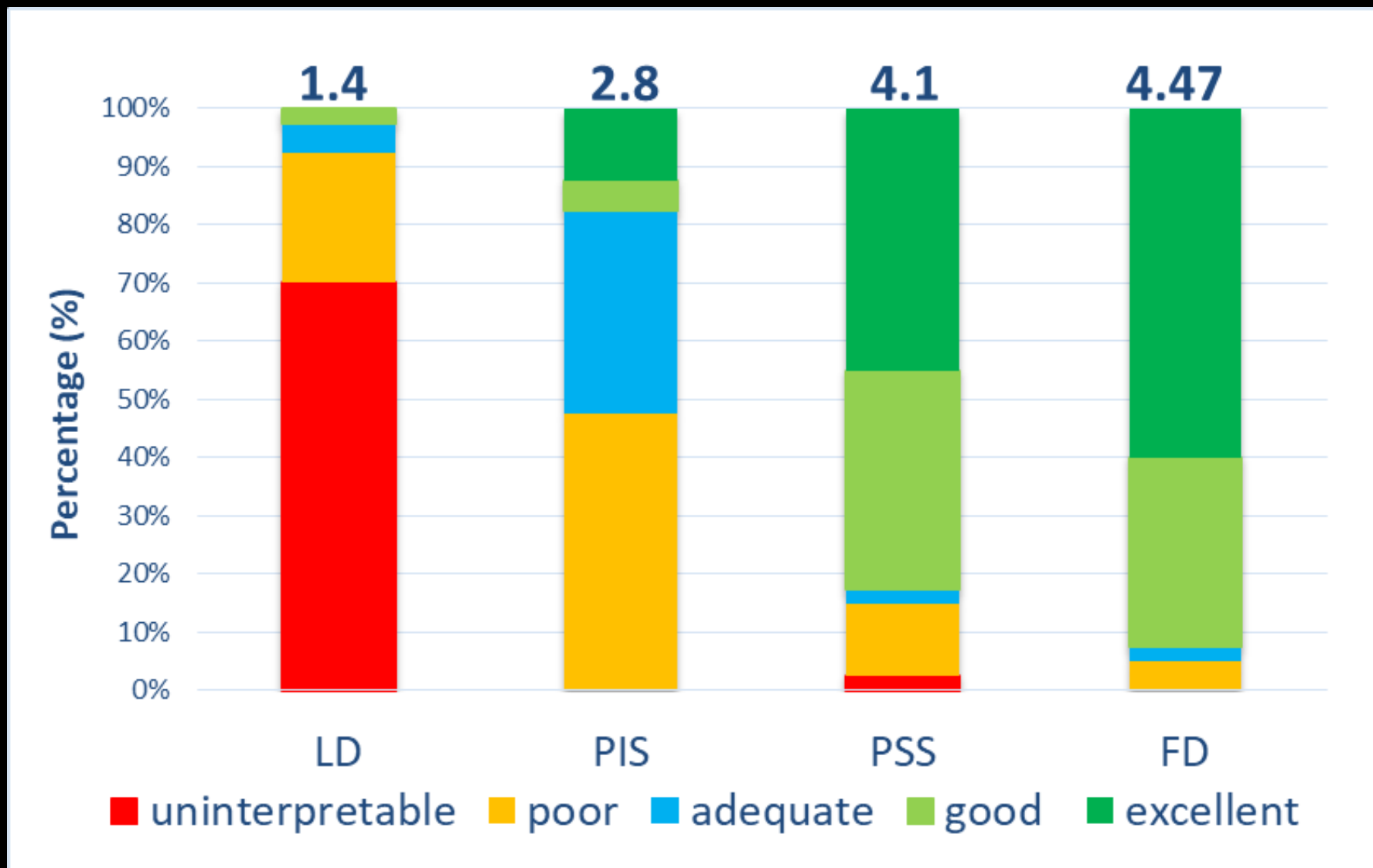
Deep learning for low-dose PET reconstruction



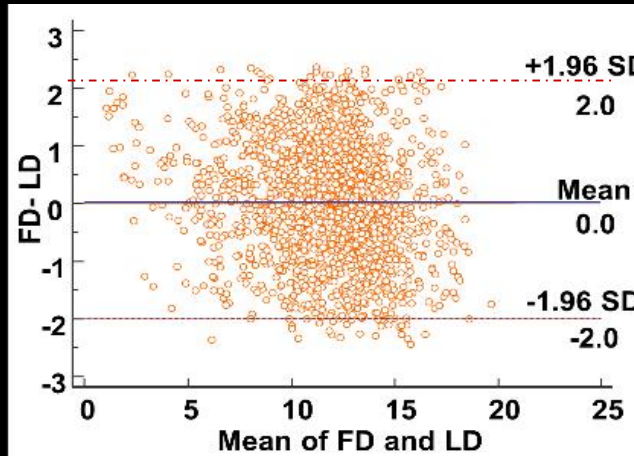
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Bland-Altman analysis (Regionwise)



Low Dose

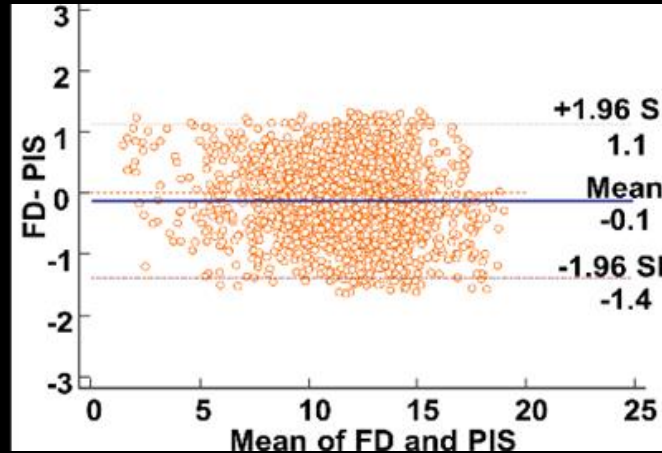
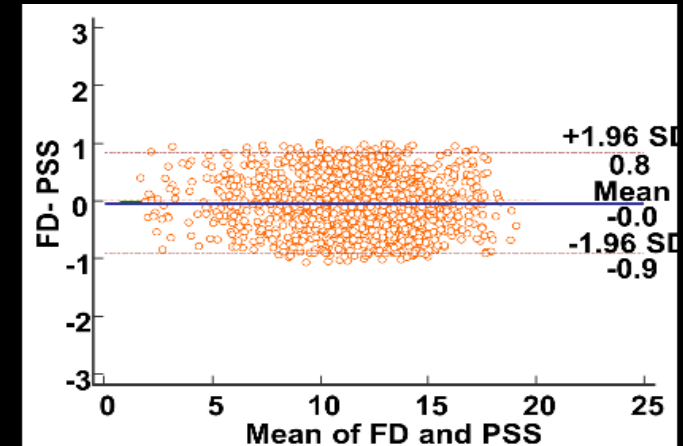


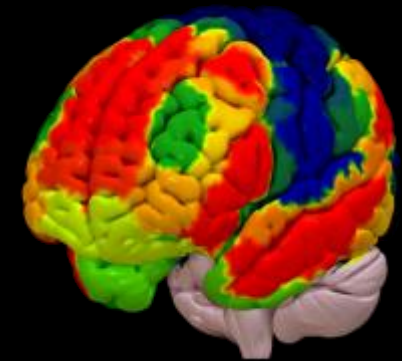
Image Space



Sinogram Space

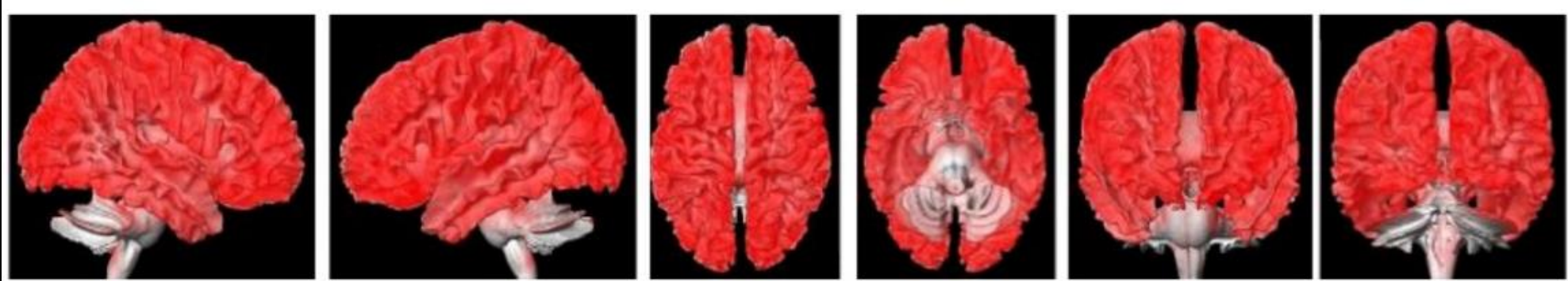
SUV_{mean} of 83 Regions

Based on "Hammersmith atlas"; n30r83

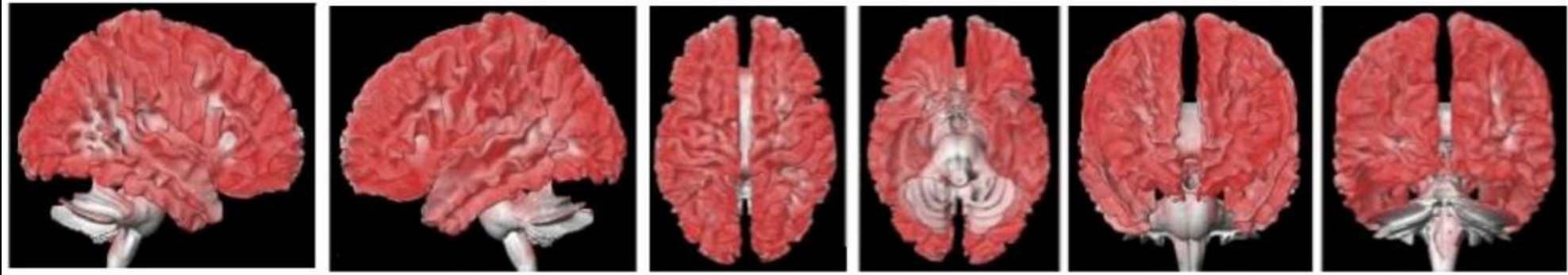


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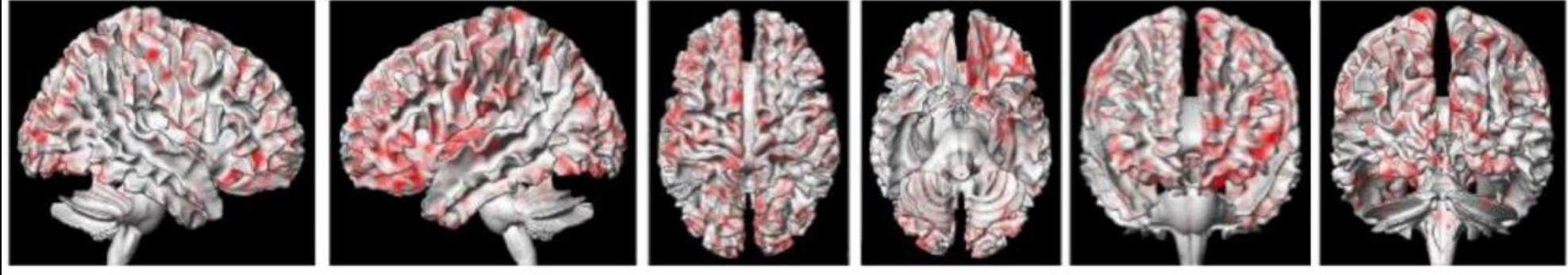
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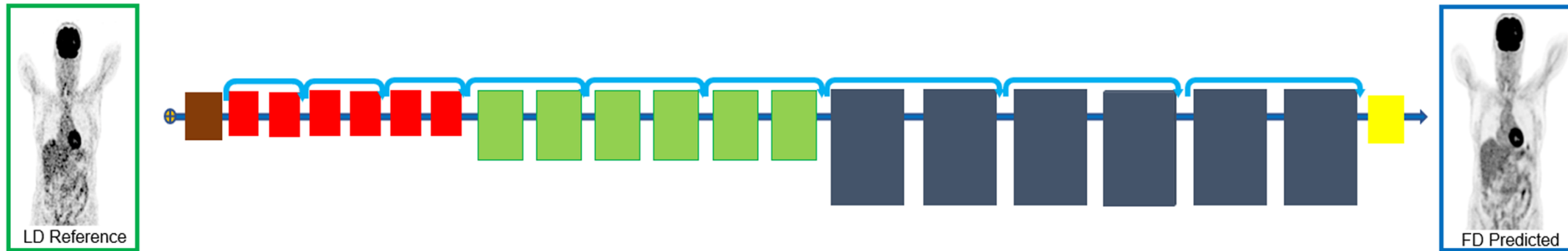
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Deep learning-guided low-dose PET imaging



Conv: Convolution, LReLU: Leaky ReLU,

Deep learning-guided low-dose PET imaging

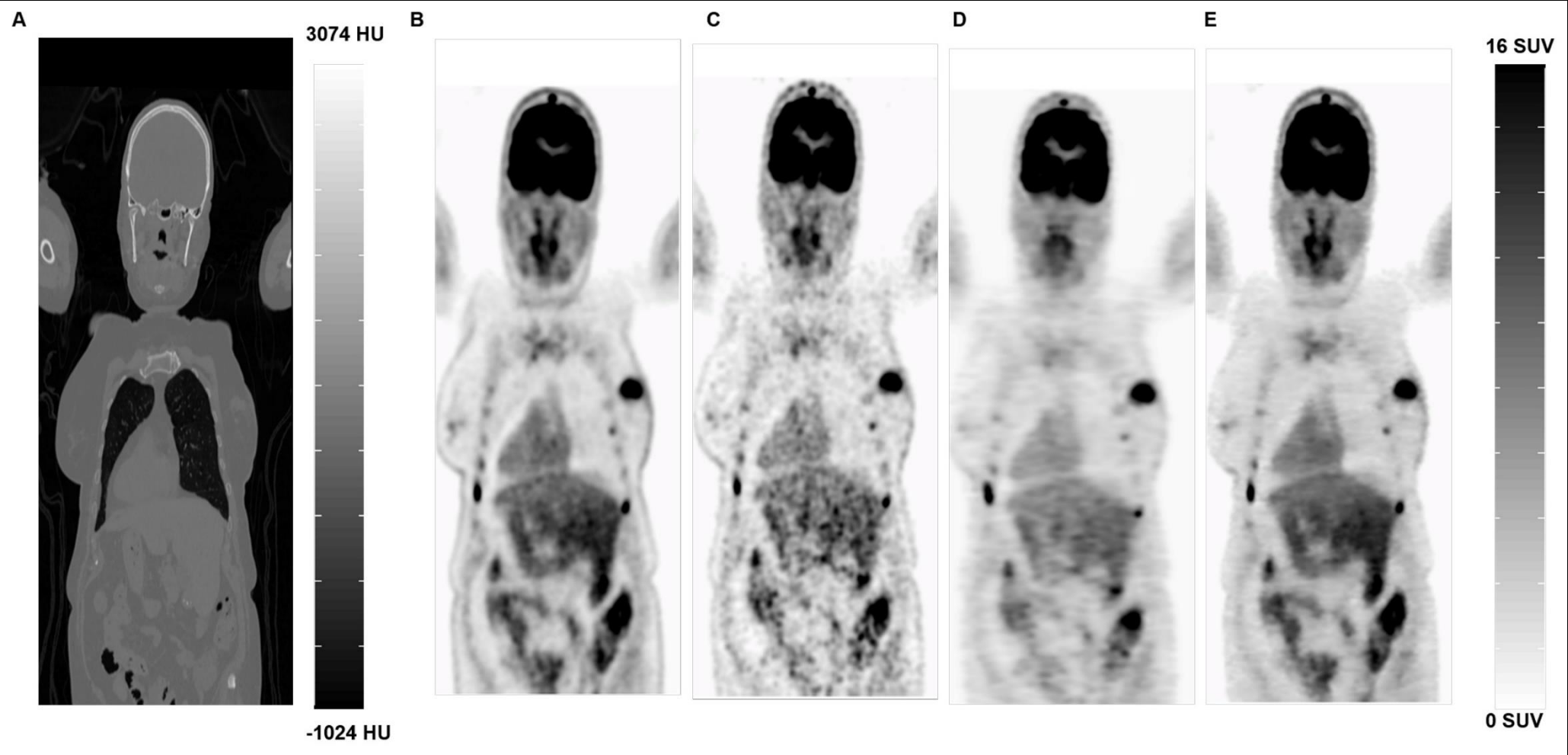
Low-dose CT

Full dose PET

Low dose PET

Pred. PET (RNET)

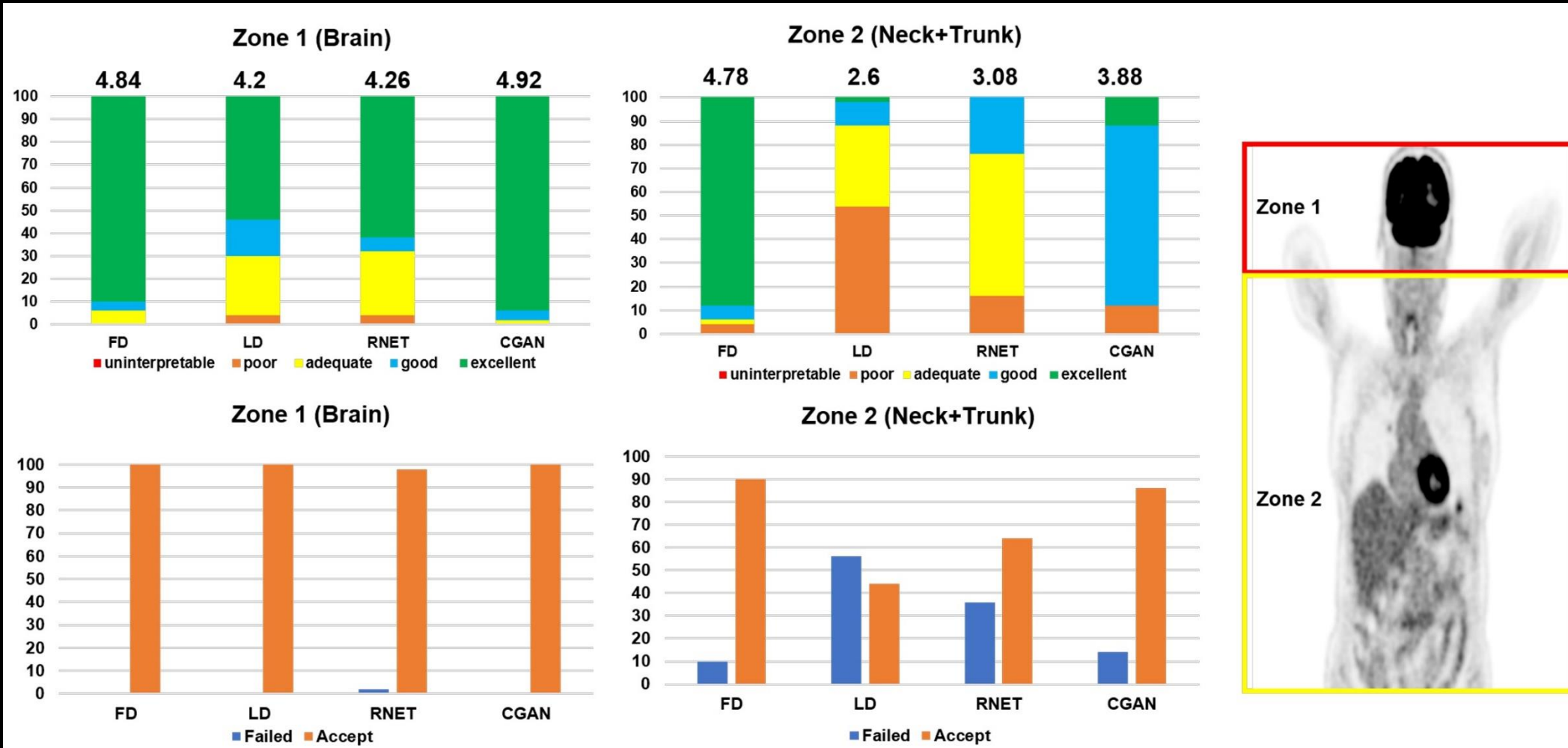
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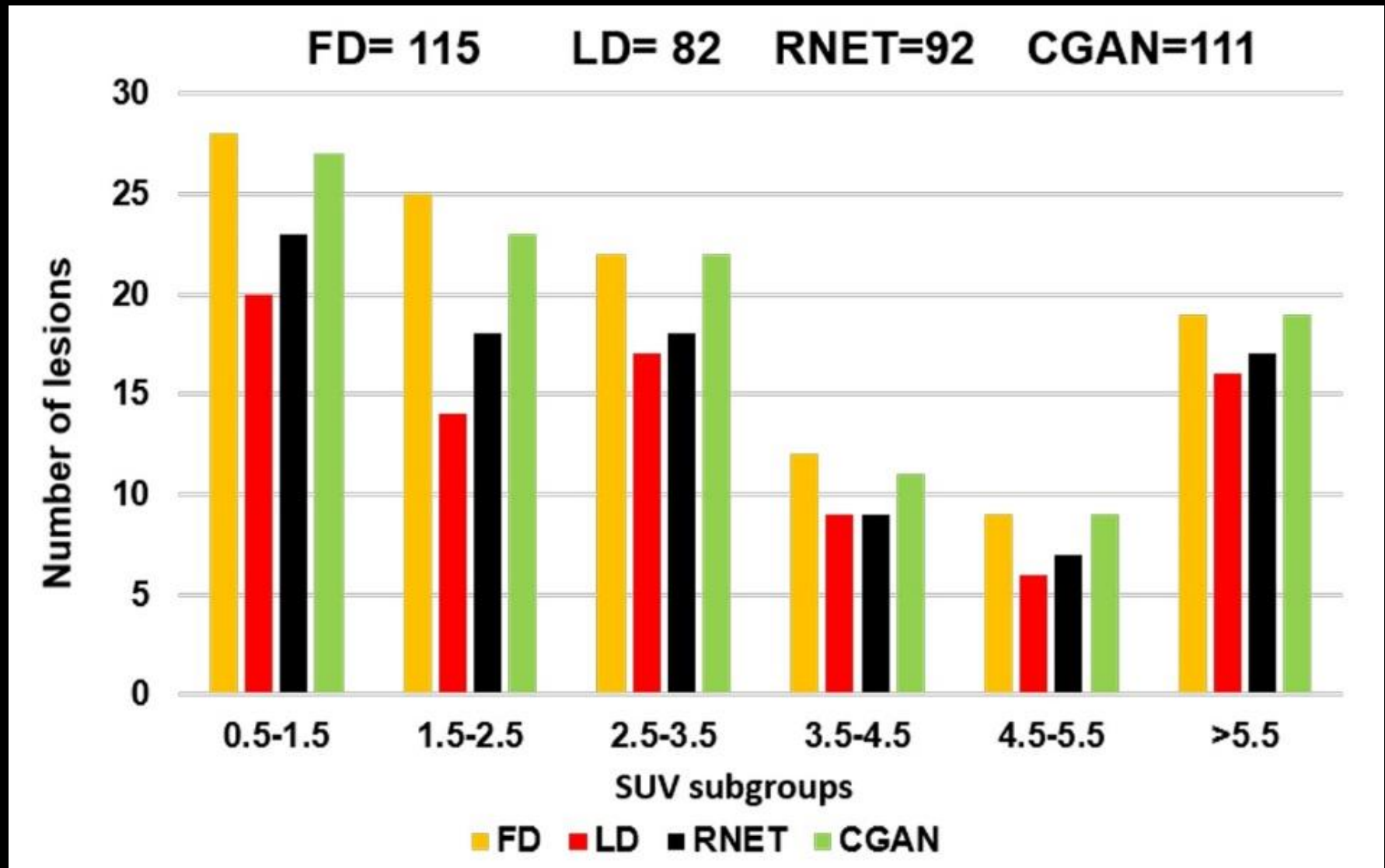
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(3 min/bed)

5 mm/s
(25 sec/bed)

Deep learning-guided low-dose PET imaging



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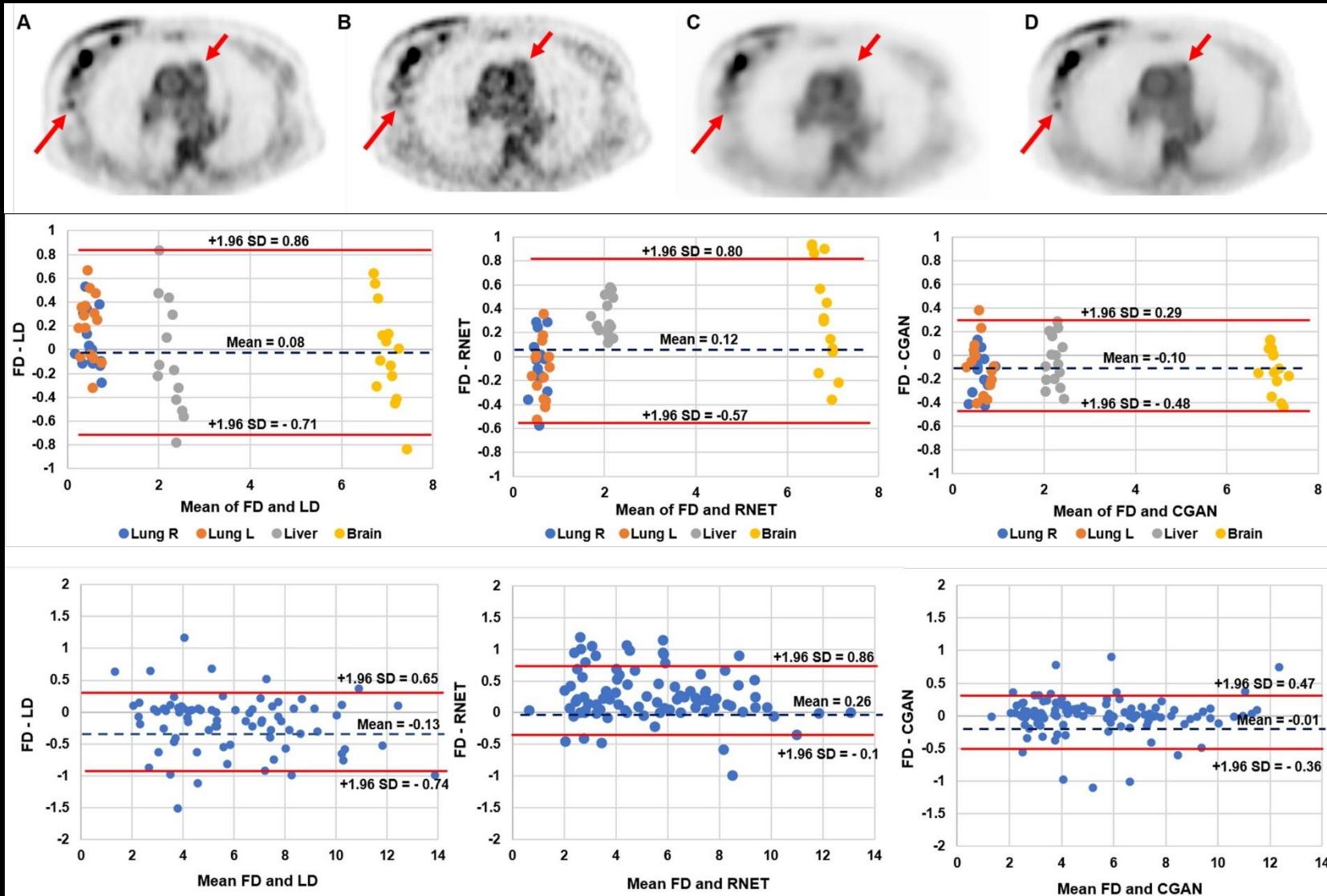
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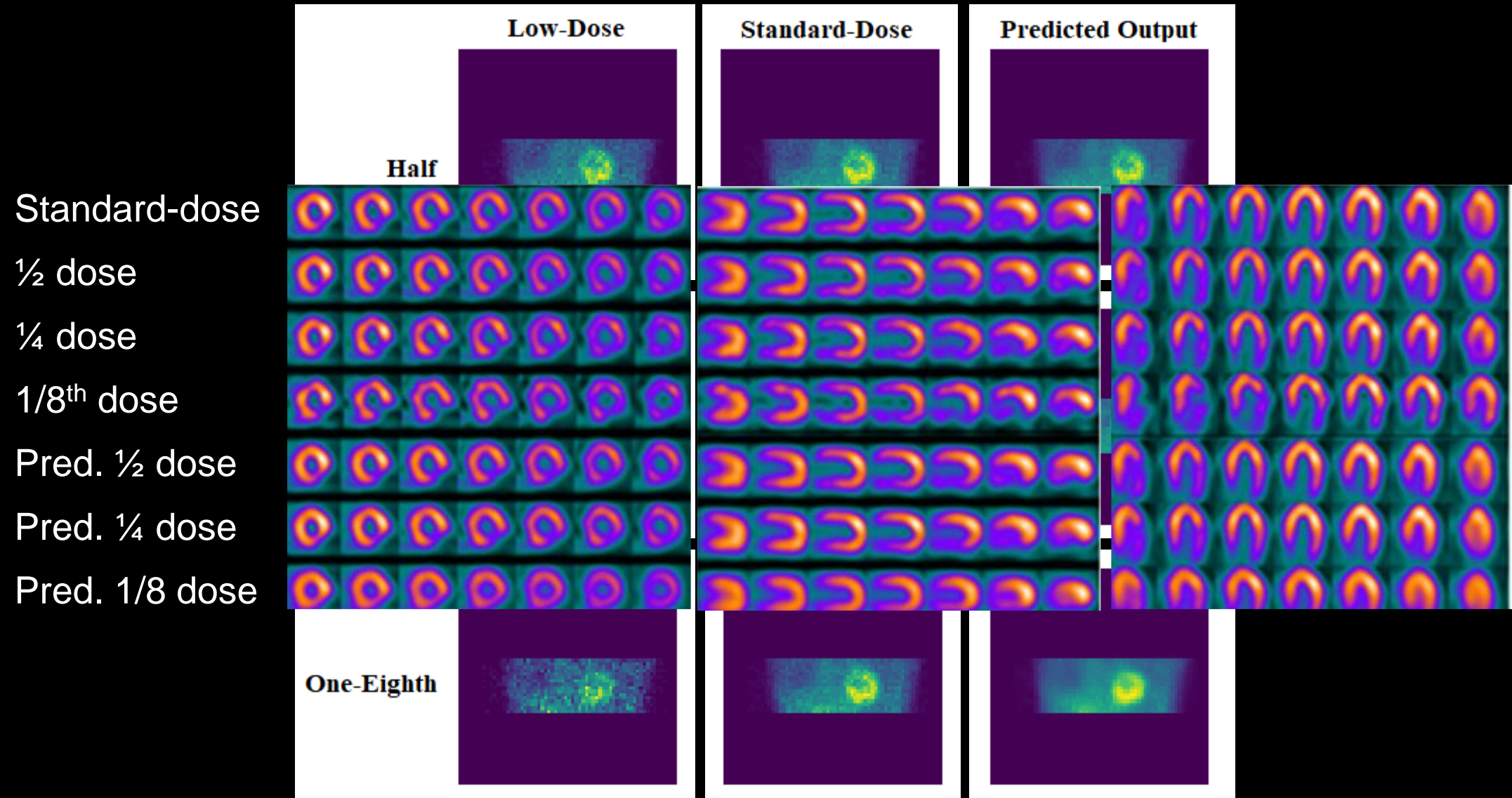
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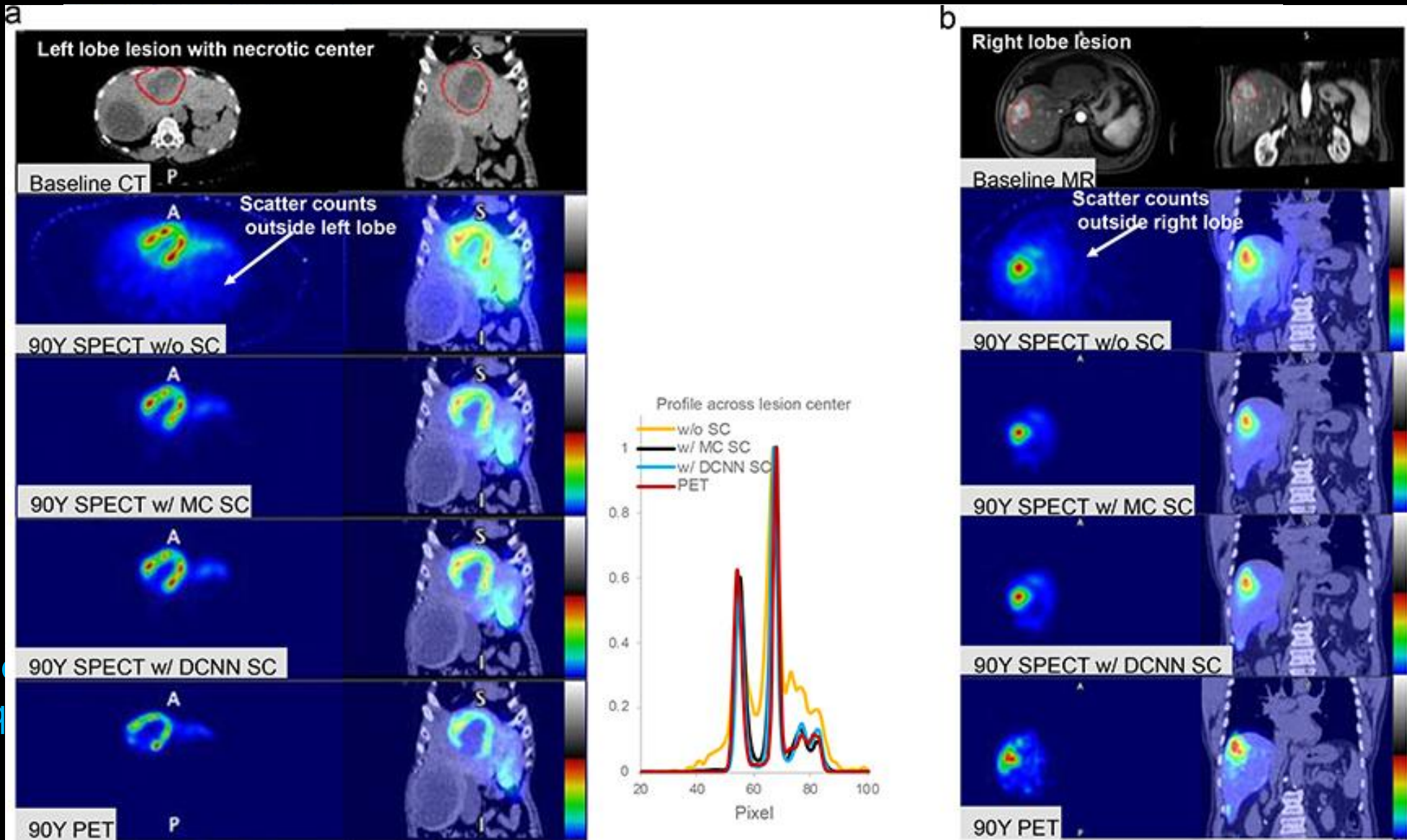
Pred. PET (CGAN)



Deep learning-guided low-dose MPI SPECT

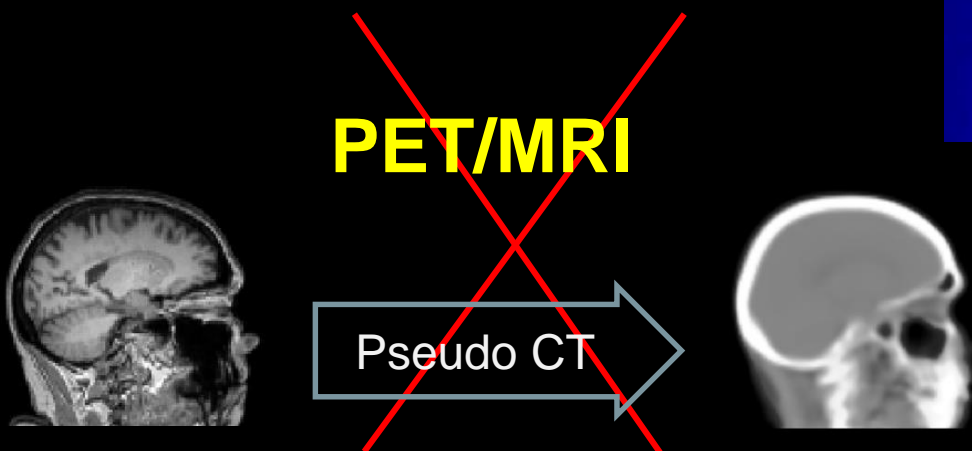
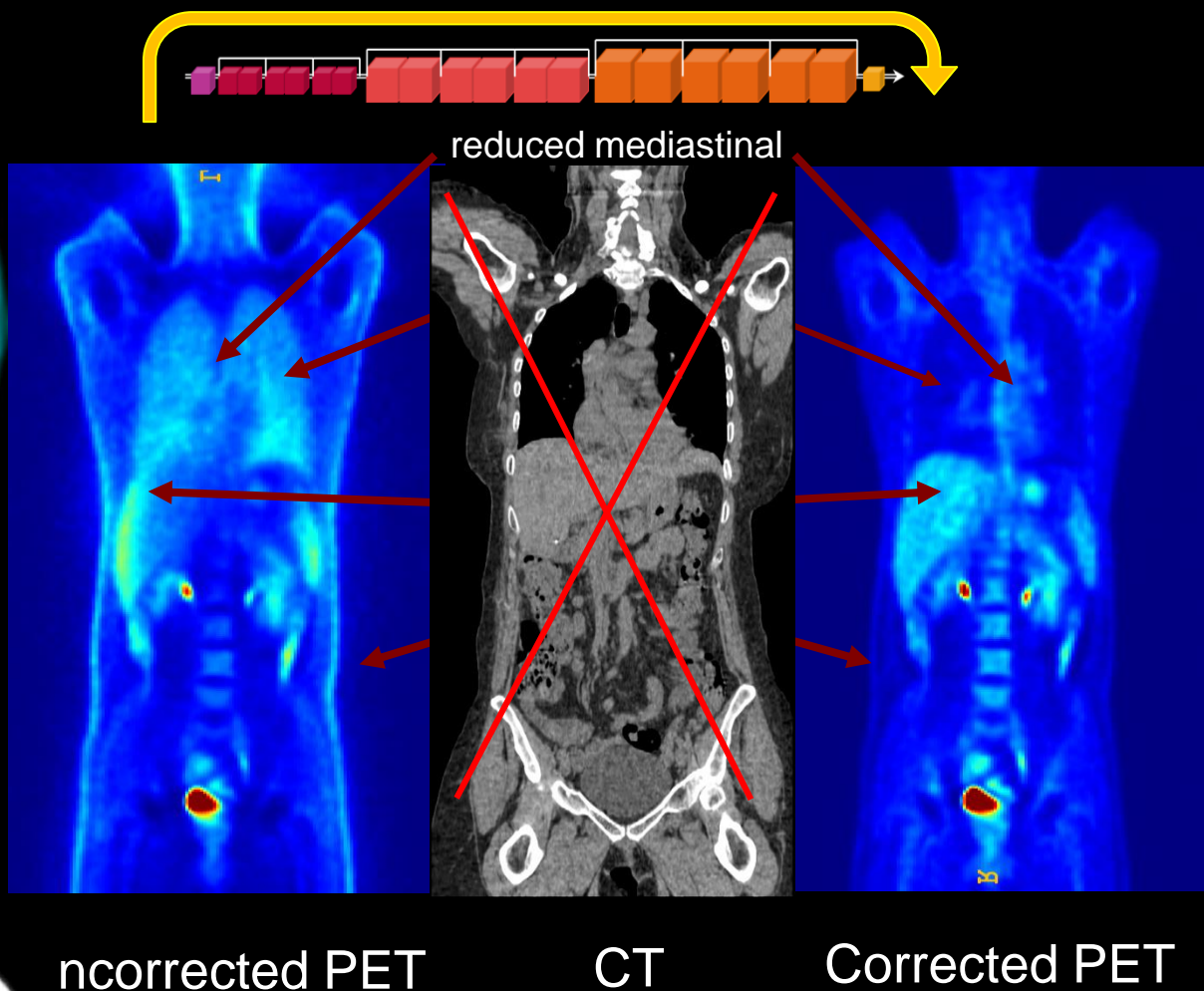
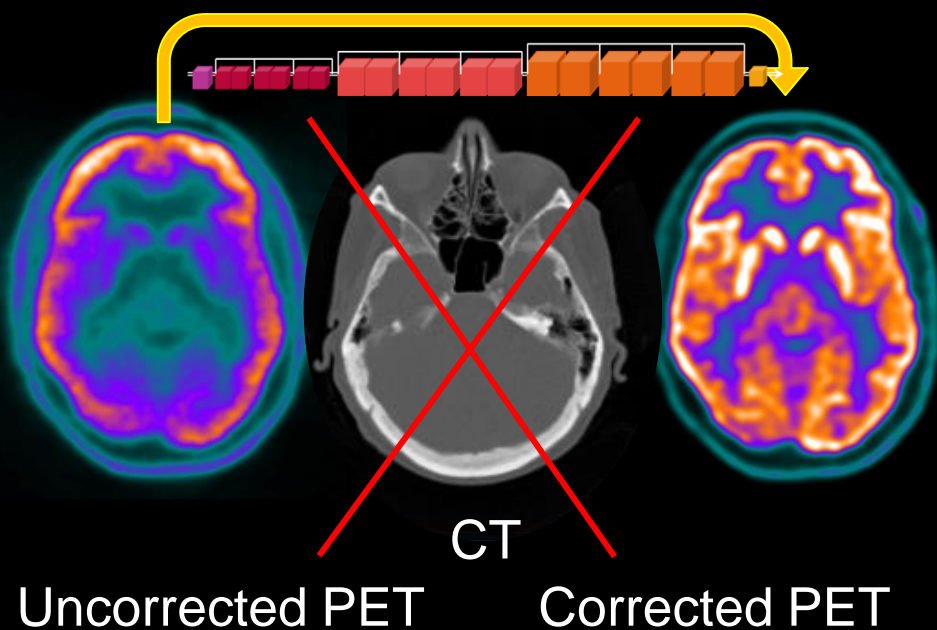


Deep learning-guided scatter correction

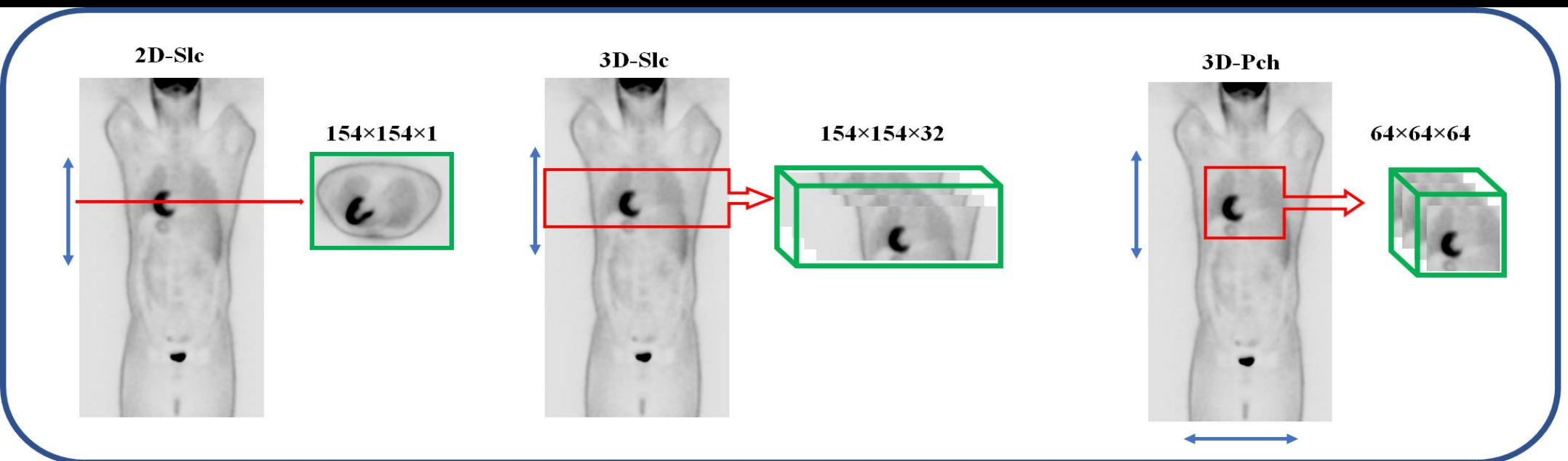
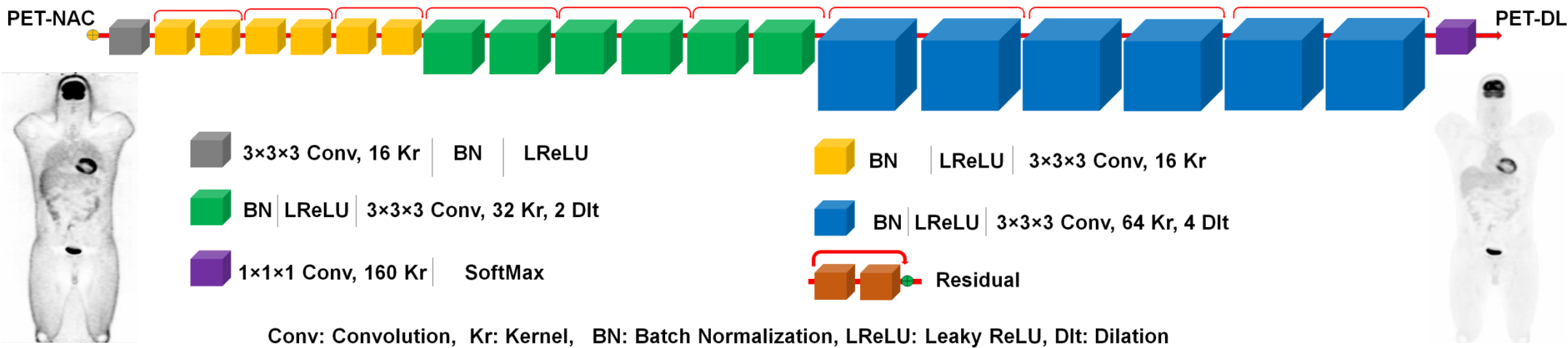


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CT-based attenuation correction (Reference)

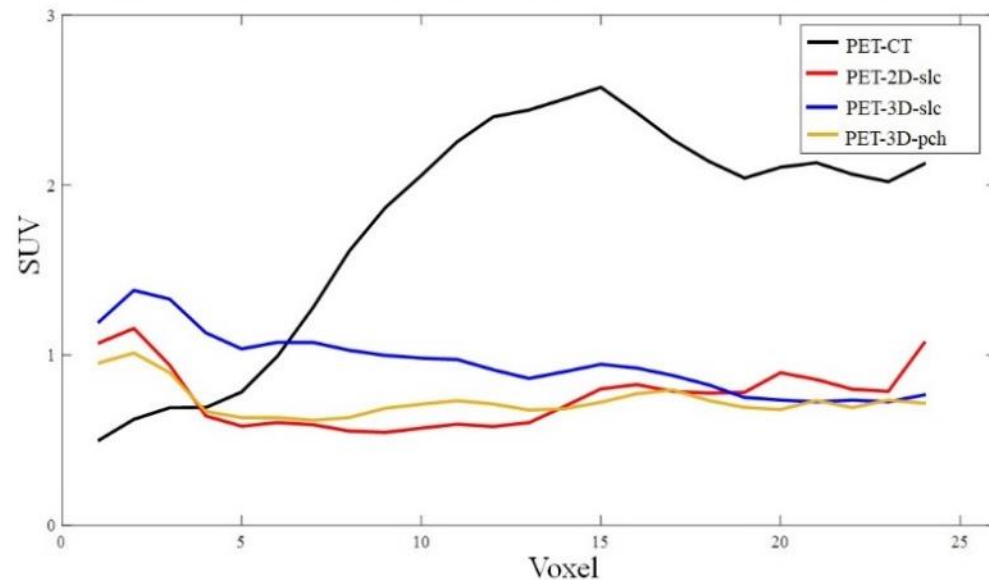
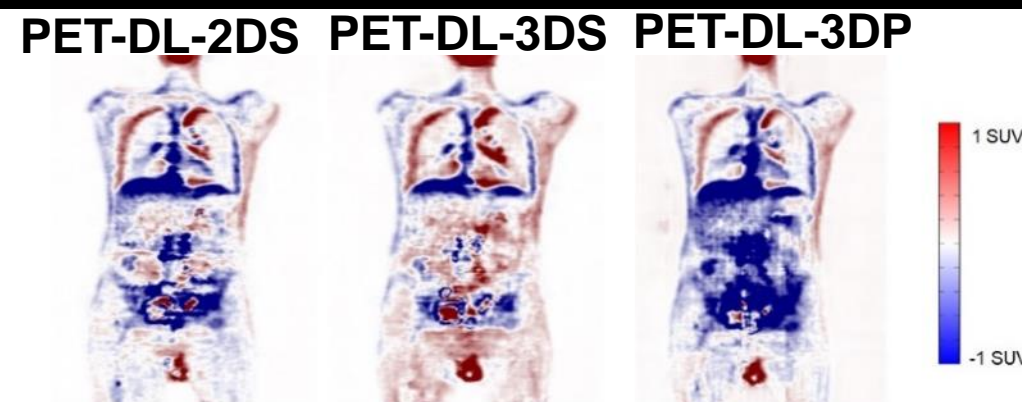
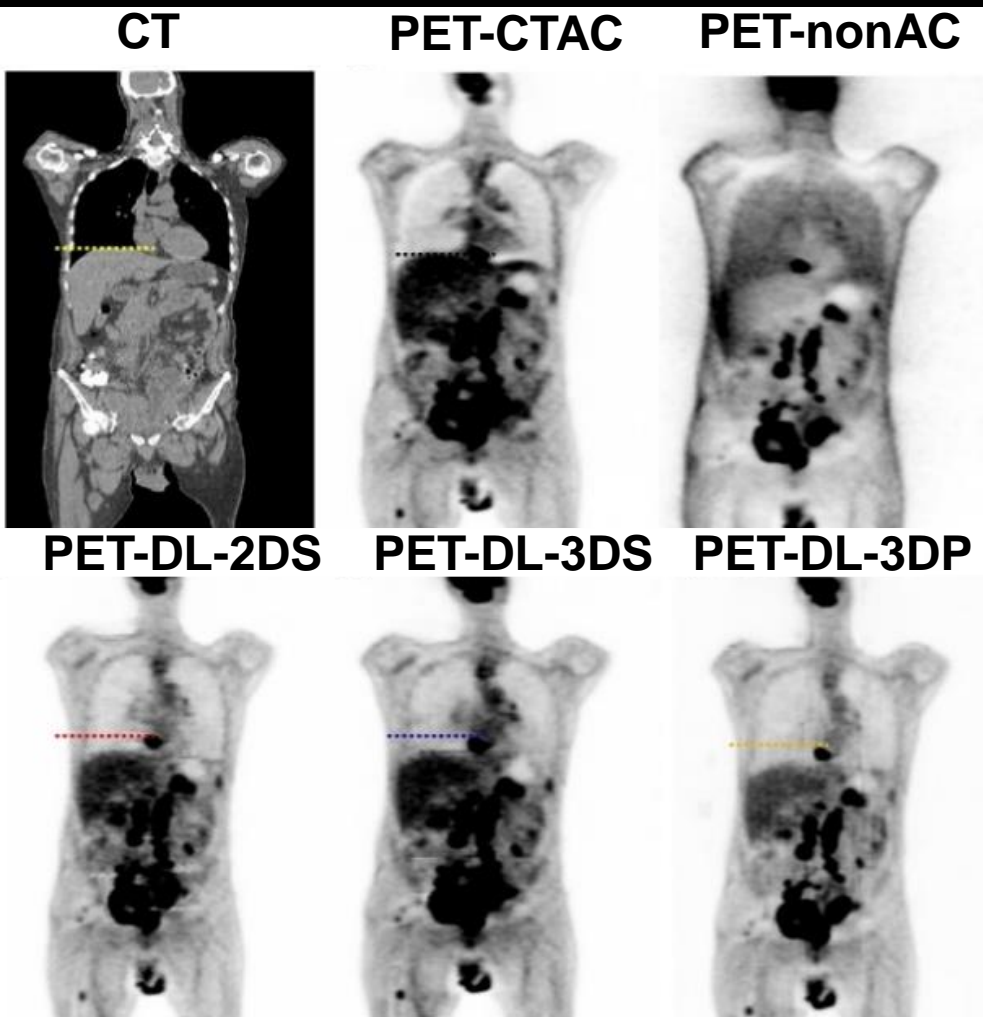


Deep learning-guided PET attenuation correction



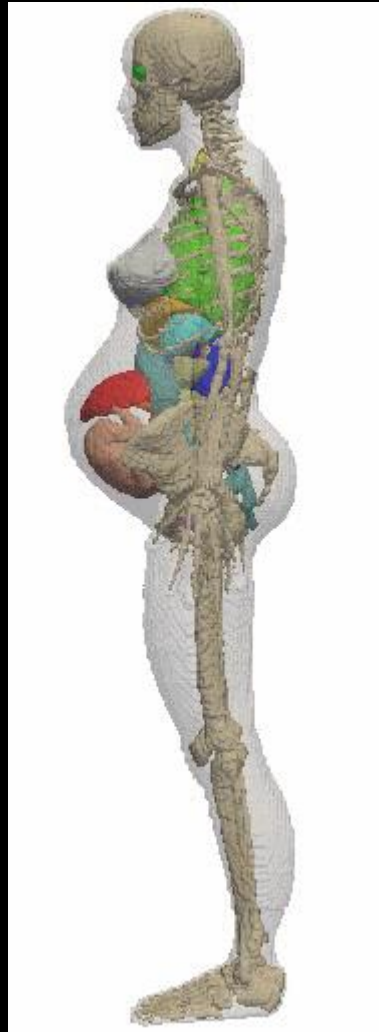
Deep learning compensates motion artifacts

Difference images: PET-DL – PET-CTAC



Computational pregnant female phantoms

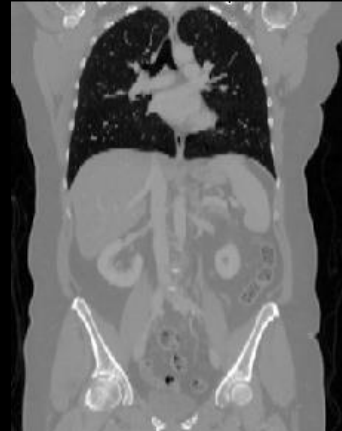
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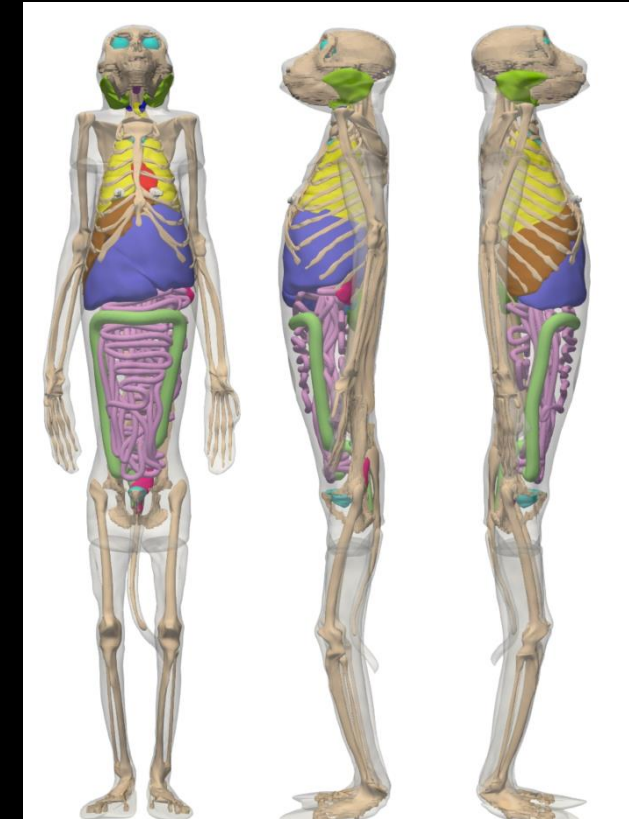
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Thorax-abdo



Non-human primate



Automated generation of anatomical models

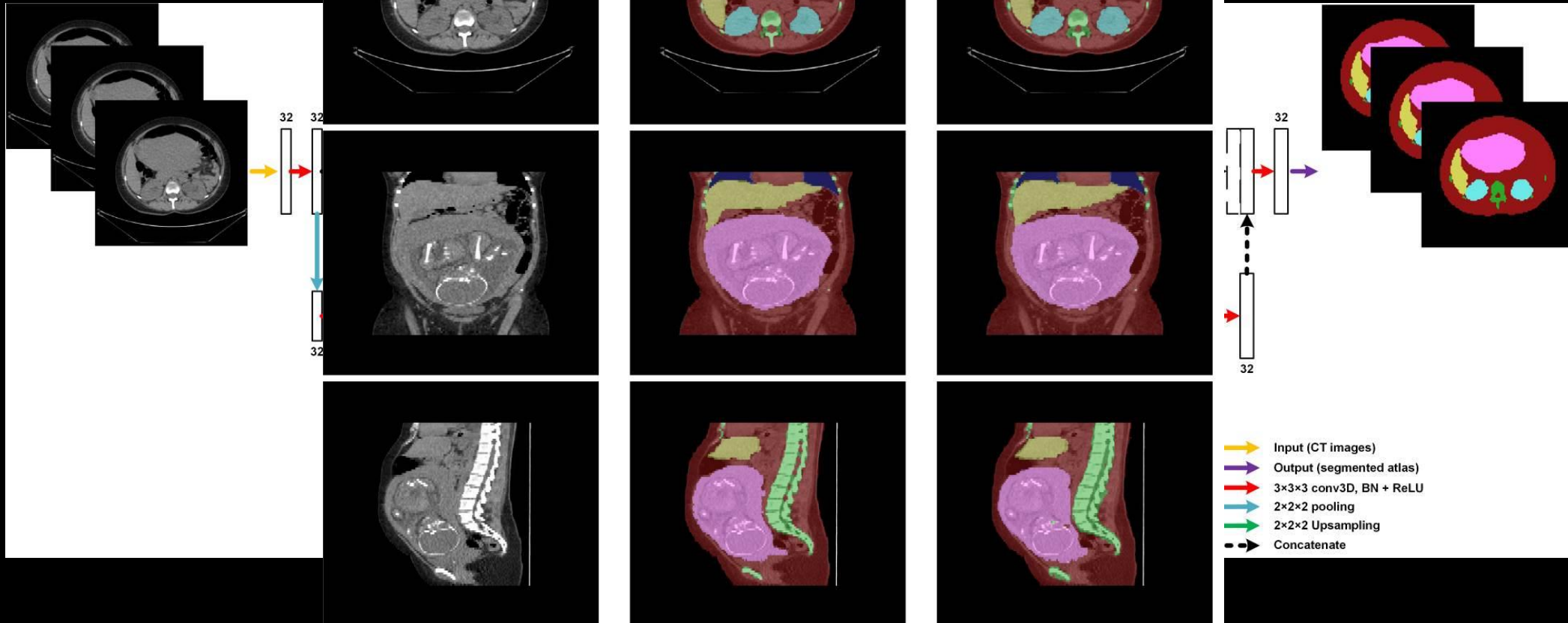
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Manual segmentation

Automatic segmentation

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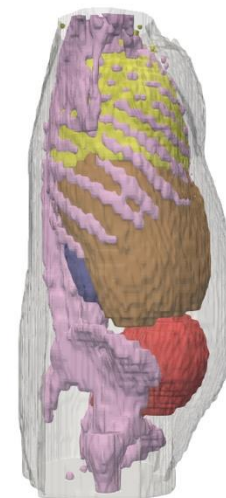
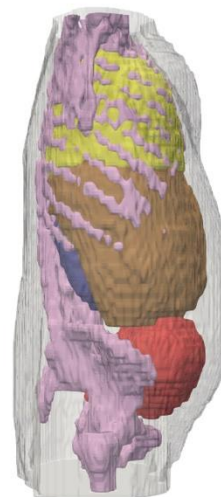
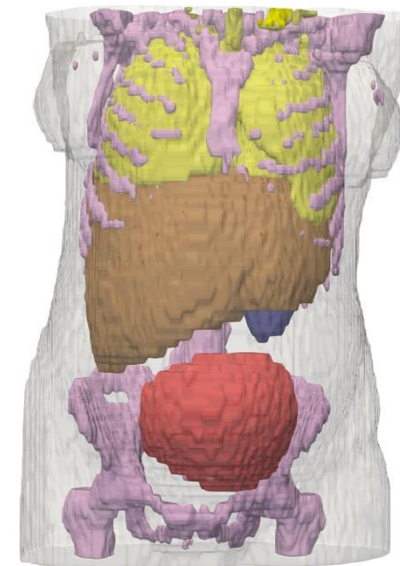
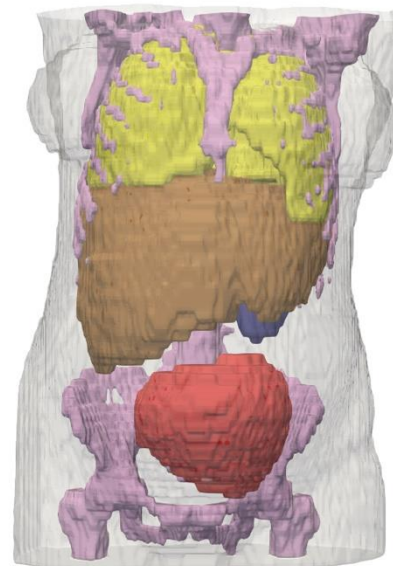
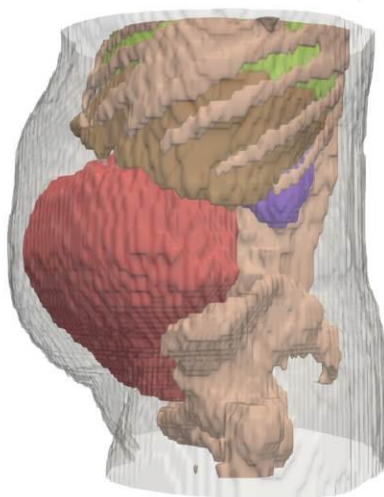
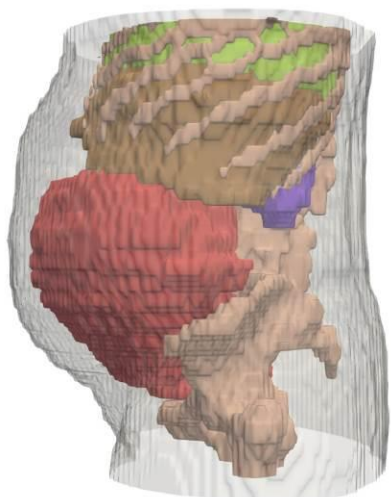
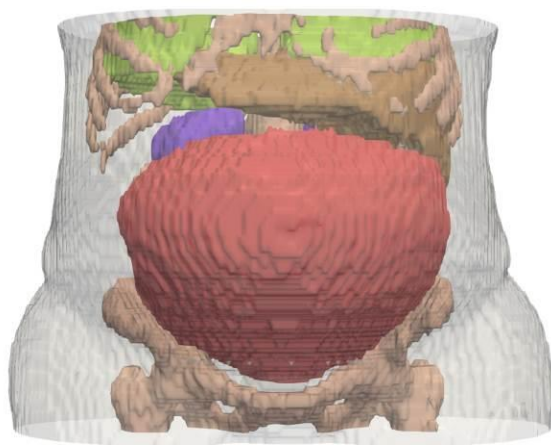
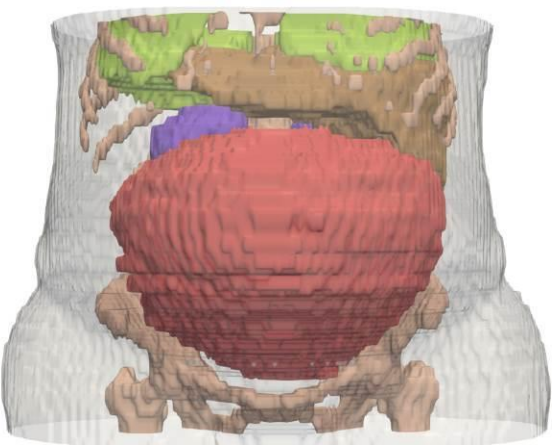
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Why rankings of biomedical image analysis competitions should be interpreted with care

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International challenges have become the standard for validation of biomedical image analysis methods. Given their scientific impact, it is surprising that a critical analysis of common practices related to the organization of challenges has not yet been performed. In this paper, we present a comprehensive analysis of biomedical image analysis challenges conducted up to now. We demonstrate the importance of challenges and show that the lack of quality control has critical consequences. First, reproducibility and interpretation of the results is often hampered as only a fraction of relevant information is typically provided. Second, the rank of an algorithm is generally not robust to a number of variables such as the test data used for validation, the ranking scheme applied and the observers that make the reference annotations. To overcome these problems, we recommend best practice guidelines and define open research questions to be addressed in the future.

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Automatic functional volume segmentation in PET images is a challenge that dressed using a large array of methods. A major limitation for the field has been the lack of dataset that would allow direct comparison of the results in the various publications. In the we describe a comparison of recent methods on a large dataset following recommendations of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) task group (TG) 211, which was carried out at MICCAI (Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention) challenge.

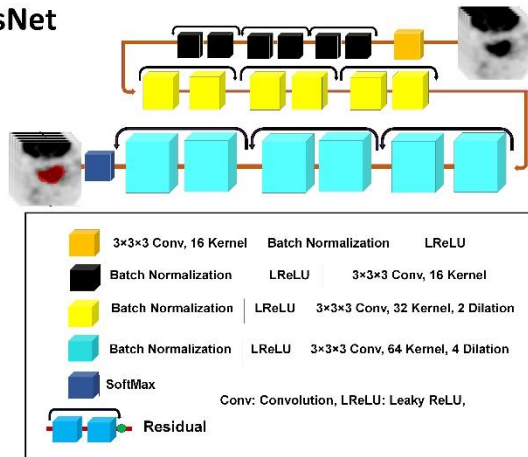
Materials and methods: Organization and funding was provided by France Life Imaging (FLI) of 176 images combining simulated, phantom and clinical images was assembled. A website participants to register and download training data ($n=19$). Challengers then submitted pipelines on an online platform that autonomously ran the algorithms on the testing data evaluated the results. The methods were ranked according to the arithmetic mean of sensitive predictive value.

Results: Sixteen teams registered but only four provided manuscripts and pipeline(s) for methods. In addition, results using two thresholds and the Fuzzy Locally Adaptive Bayesian generated. All competing methods except one performed with median accuracy above 0.8. **with the highest score was the convolutional neural network-based segmentation, which significantly outperformed 9 out of 12 of the other methods, but not the improved K-Means, Gaussian Model Mixture and Fuzzy C-Means methods.**

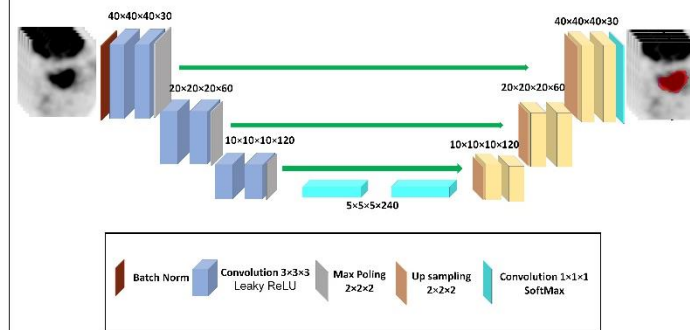
Conclusion: The most rigorous comparative study of PET segmentation algorithms to date was carried out using a dataset that is the largest used in such studies so far. The hierarchy amongst the methods in terms of accuracy did not depend strongly on the subset of datasets or the metrics (or combination of metrics). All the methods submitted by the challengers except one demonstrated good performance with median accuracy scores above 0.8.

Deep learning-guided PET segmentation

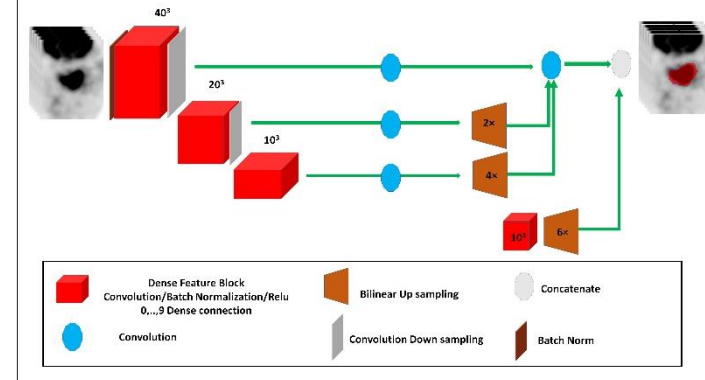
ResNet



NN-UNet

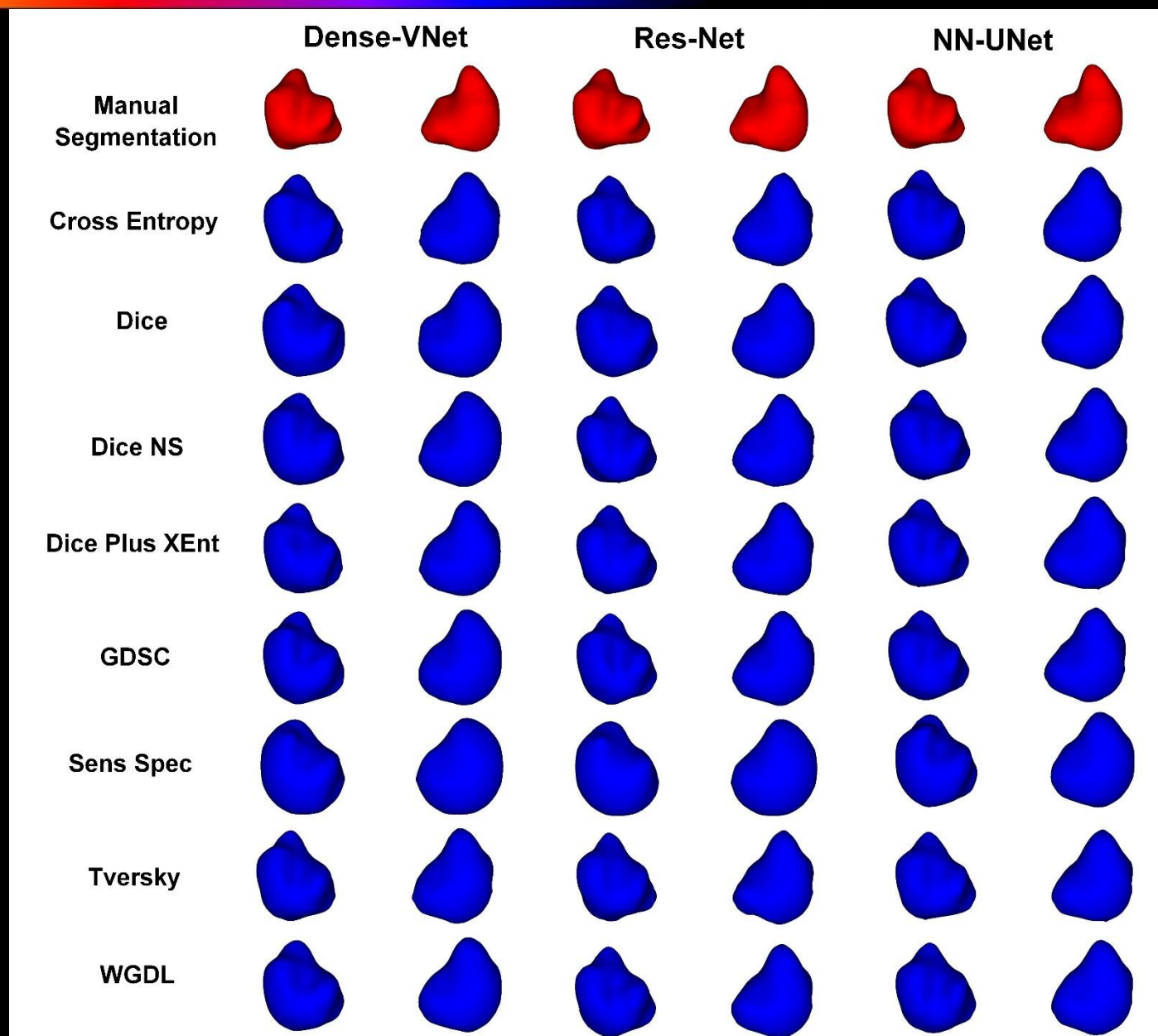


Dense-VNet



➡ Evaluate 3 state-of-the-art deep learning algorithms (ResNET, NN-Unet, Dense-Vnet) combined with 8 different loss functions (Dice, generalized Wasserstein Dice loss, Dice Plus Xent loss, generalized Dice loss, cross-entropy, sensitivity-specificity, and Tversky) for PET image segmentation using a comprehensive training set (340) and evaluated its performance on an external validation set (100) of head and neck cancer patients.

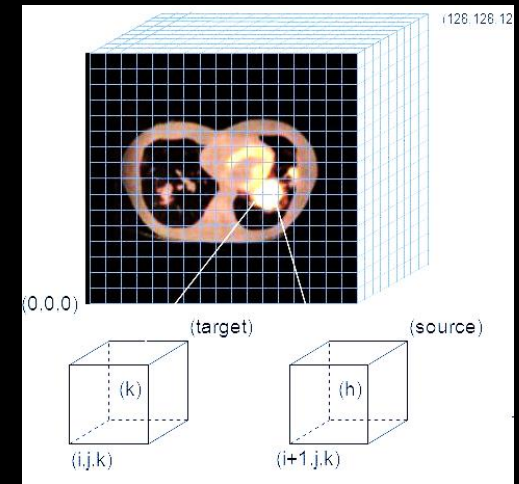
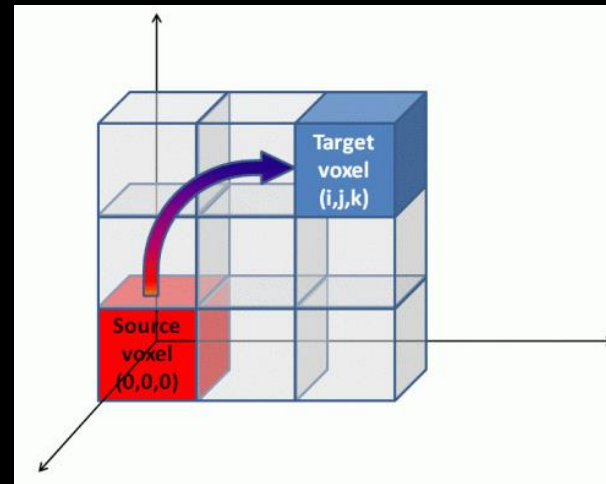
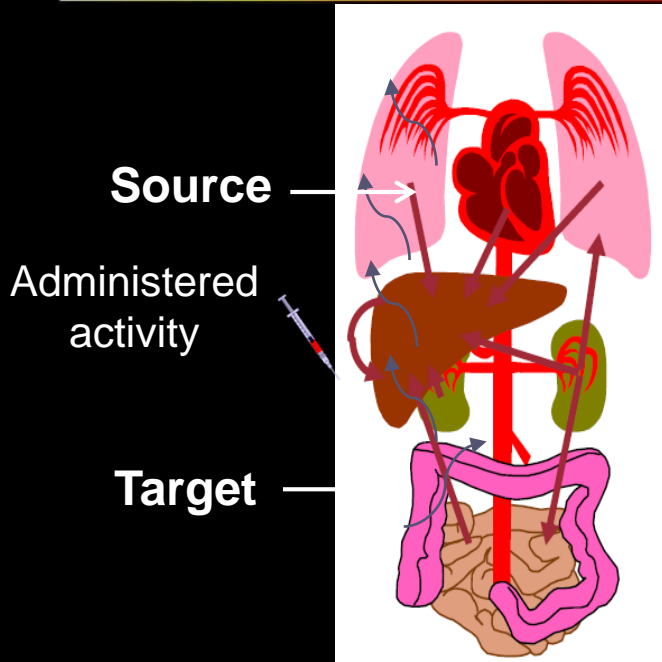
Deep learning-guided PET segmentation



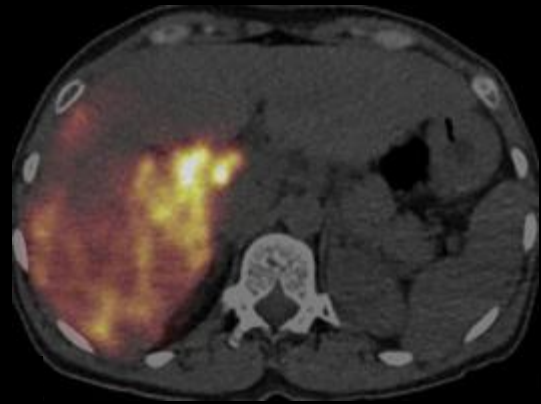
Deep learning-guided PET segmentation

Method	Loss Function	Dice	Jaccard	False Negative	False Positive	Volume Similarity	Mean Surface Distance	Std Surface Distance	Max Surface Distance
Dense-VNET	Cross Entropy	0.82 - 0.85	0.71 - 0.74	0.10 - 0.14	0.16 - 0.20	0.03 - 0.11	0.17 - 0.2	0.40 - 0.45	2.1 - 2.4
	Dice	0.75 - 0.78	0.61 - 0.65	0.05 - 0.09	0.30 - 0.34	0.26 - 0.35	0.26 - 0.30	0.51 - 0.56	2.6 - 3.0
	Dice NS	0.76 - 0.79	0.62 - 0.66	0.04 - 0.08	0.29 - 0.33	0.27 - 0.36	0.25 - 0.28	0.48 - 0.52	2.4 - 2.7
	Dice Plus XEnt	0.80 - 0.82	0.67 - 0.71	0.05 - 0.08	0.24 - 0.28	0.19 - 0.27	0.20 - 0.23	0.43 - 0.48	2.2 - 2.5
	GDSC	0.75 - 0.78	0.61 - 0.65	0.05 - 0.09	0.30 - 0.34	0.27 - 0.36	0.27 - 0.30	0.51 - 0.56	2.7 - 3.0
	Sens Spec	0.70 - 0.72	0.54 - 0.57	0.03 - 0.06	0.40 - 0.44	0.45 - 0.53	0.35 - 0.38	0.61 - 0.65	2.9 - 3.2
	Tversky	0.82 - 0.85	0.71 - 0.74	0.11 - 0.15	0.16 - 0.19	0.01 - 0.09	0.17 - 0.20	0.40 - 0.45	2.0 - 2.3
	WGDL	0.74 - 0.76	0.59 - 0.63	0.04 - 0.07	0.34 - 0.38	0.34 - 0.42	0.29 - 0.32	0.53 - 0.57	2.6 - 2.9
Res-Net	Cross Entropy	0.84 - 0.86	0.73 - 0.76	0.1 - 0.14	0.14 - 0.17	0.00 - 0.07	0.16 - 0.19	0.38 - 0.43	1.9 - 2.3
	Dice	0.83 - 0.85	0.71 - 0.74	0.06 - 0.09	0.20 - 0.23	0.13 - 0.20	0.17 - 0.20	0.39 - 0.43	2.0 - 2.3
	Dice NS	0.83 - 0.85	0.71 - 0.75	0.07 - 0.11	0.18 - 0.22	0.08 - 0.16	0.17 - 0.20	0.40 - 0.45	2.1 - 2.4
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	GDSC	0.82 - 0.84	0.71 - 0.74	0.06 - 0.09	0.20 - 0.24	0.13 - 0.20	0.17 - 0.20	0.40 - 0.45	2.1 - 2.4
	Sens Spec	0.71 - 0.73	0.55 - 0.58	0.03 - 0.06	0.38 - 0.42	0.41 - 0.50	0.33 - 0.37	0.59 - 0.63	2.8 - 3.1
	Tversky	0.83 - 0.86	0.72 - 0.75	0.099 - 0.14	0.15 - 0.18	0.02 - 0.09	0.16 - 0.19	0.38 - 0.43	2.0 - 2.3
	WGDL	0.83 - 0.85	0.72 - 0.75	0.061 - 0.09	0.19 - 0.23	0.12 - 0.19	0.16 - 0.19	0.38 - 0.43	1.9 - 2.3
NN-UNet	Cross Entropy	0.81 - 0.83	0.69 - 0.72	0.06 - 0.1	0.21 - 0.25	0.13 - 0.21	0.19 - 0.22	0.43 - 0.5	2.2 - 2.7
	Dice	0.82 - 0.85	0.71 - 0.74	0.06 - 0.09	0.20 - 0.24	0.13 - 0.20	0.18 - 0.21	0.41 - 0.46	2.1 - 2.4
	Dice NS	0.82 - 0.85	0.71 - 0.74	0.05 - 0.08	0.21 - 0.24	0.15 - 0.22	0.17 - 0.21	0.40 - 0.45	2.0 - 2.3
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	GDSC	0.82 - 0.85	0.71 - 0.74	0.06 - 0.1	0.19 - 0.23	0.11 - 0.19	0.17 - 0.21	0.40 - 0.46	2.0 - 2.4
	Sens Spec	0.71 - 0.74	0.56 - 0.59	0.04 - 0.07	0.37 - 0.41	0.39 - 0.48	0.32 - 0.36	0.58 - 0.62	2.9 - 3.2
	Tversky	0.80 - 0.83	0.68 - 0.72	0.09 - 0.13	0.20 - 0.23	0.08 - 0.17	0.20 - 0.24	0.45 - 0.52	2.3 - 2.8
	WGDL	0.82 - 0.85	0.71 - 0.74	0.05 - 0.08	0.20 - 0.24	0.15 - 0.22	0.17 - 0.20	0.40 - 0.45	2.0 - 2.4

Voxel-based internal dosimetry (MIRD)

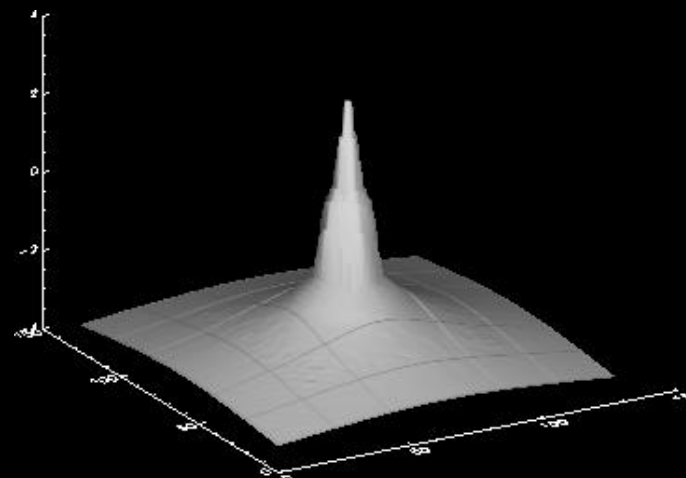


$$\bar{D}_{voxel_k} = \sum_{n=1}^N \tilde{A}_{voxel_n} \cdot S(voxel_k \leftarrow voxel_n)$$



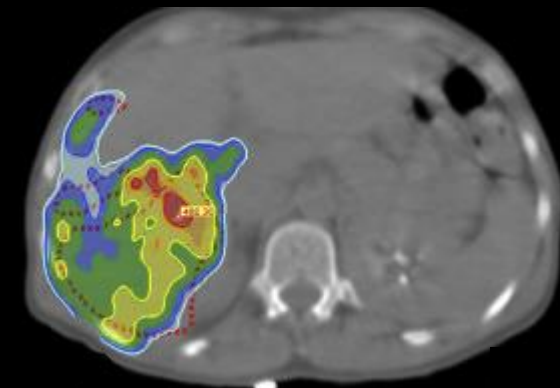
Activity map

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Dose point kernel

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3D dose map

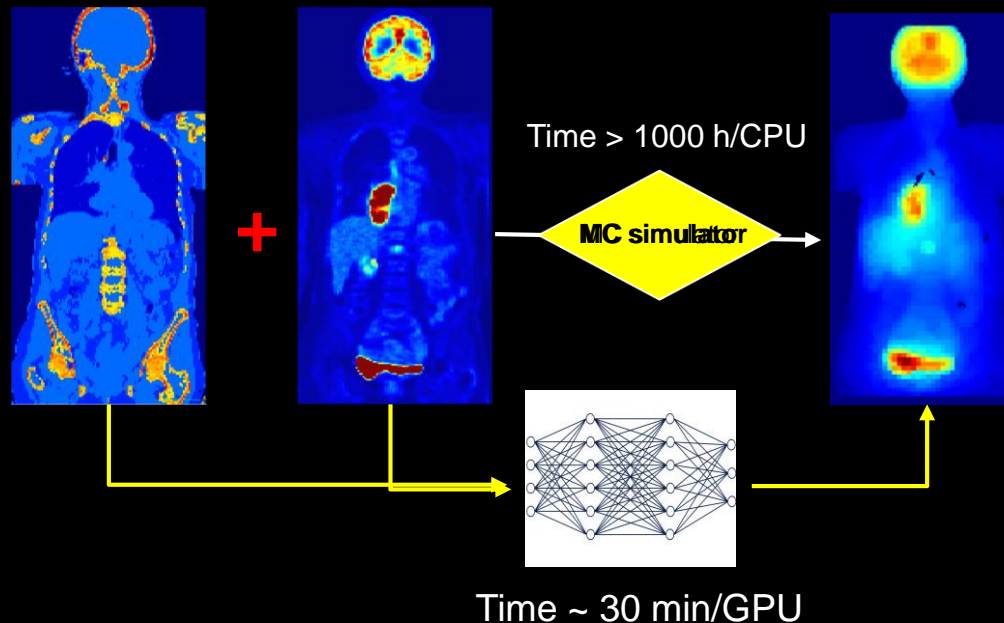
AI-guided internal radiation dosimetry

Monte Carlo \rightarrow Reference (gold Standard)

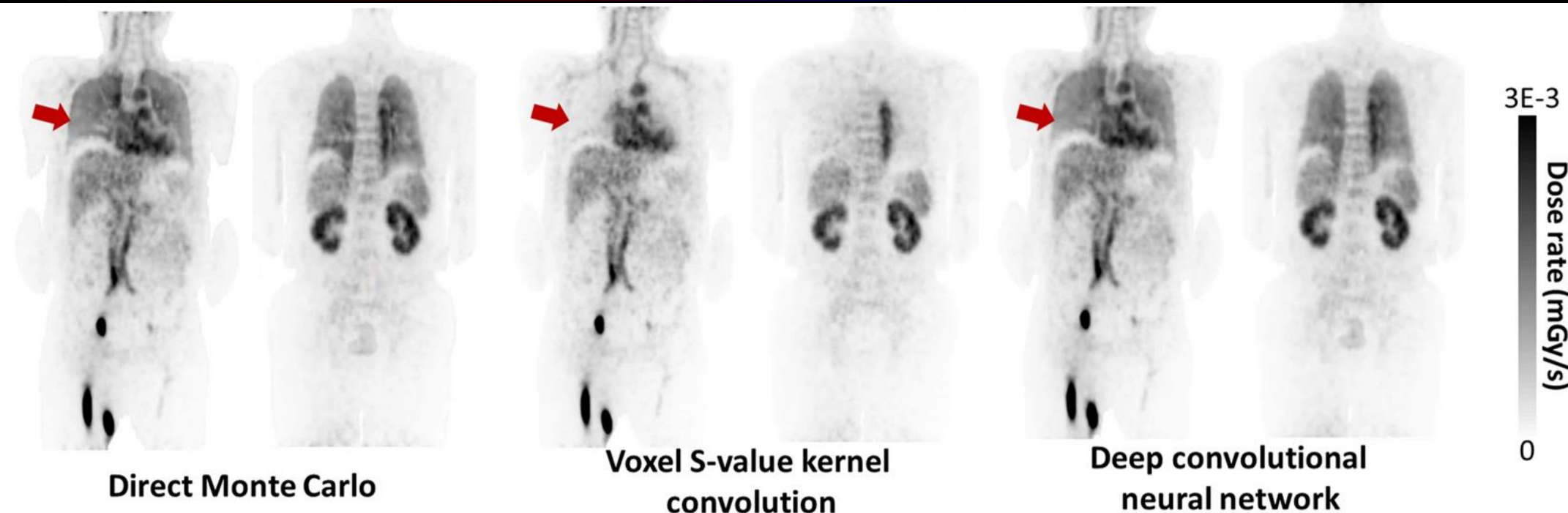
But heavy computational burden!!!



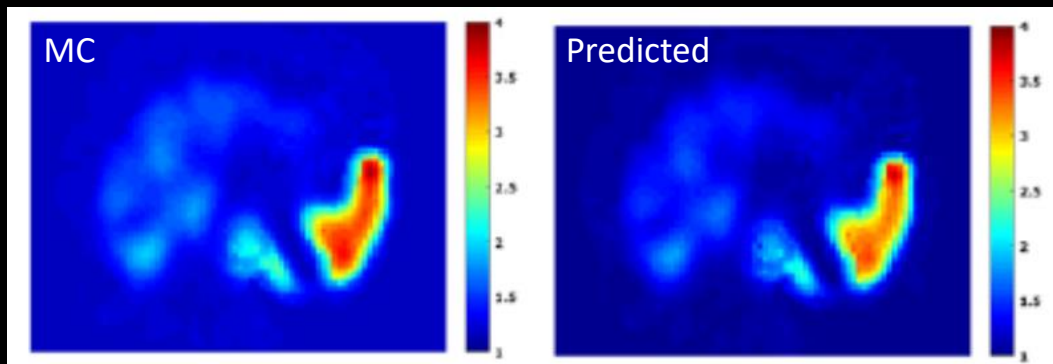
Monte Carlo-based dose mapping could be formulated as a regression problem to be solved through deep learning algorithms



Deep learning-based internal dosimetry



Lee et al. (2018) *Sci Rep*

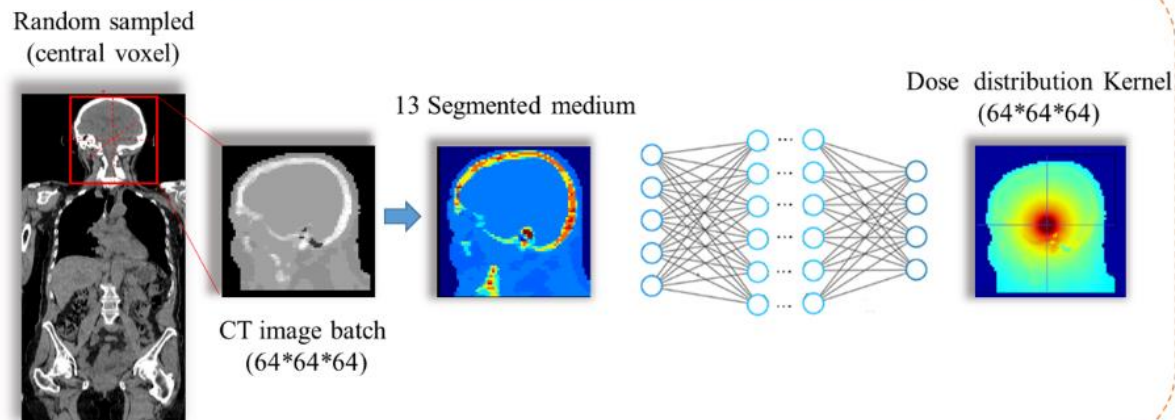


- ✓ SPECT/CT data set of ^{177}Lu -PSMA
- ✓ 2.5D network training (UNet)
- ✓ 2 input channels: MIRD-based dose/CT
- ✓ Output: Whole body dose map

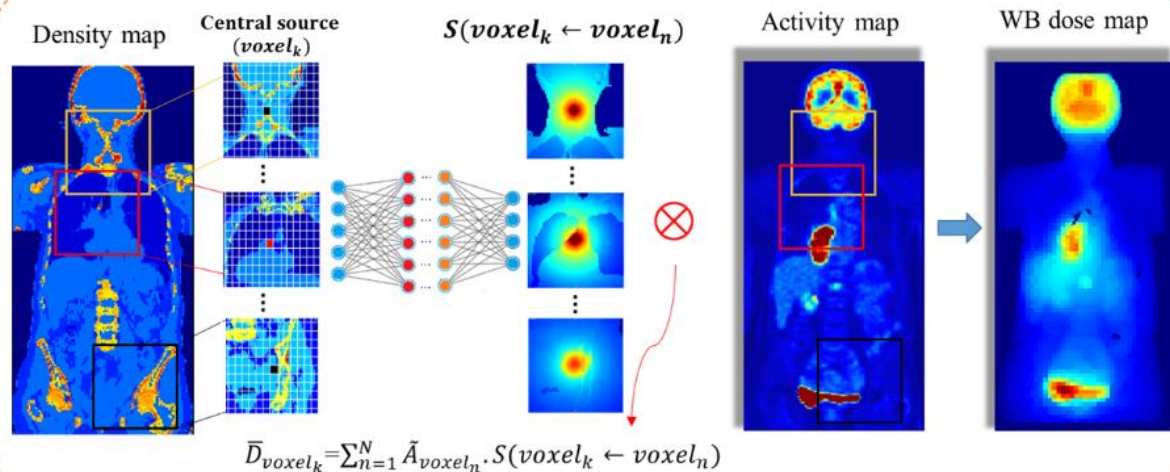
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Deep learning-guided internal dosimetry

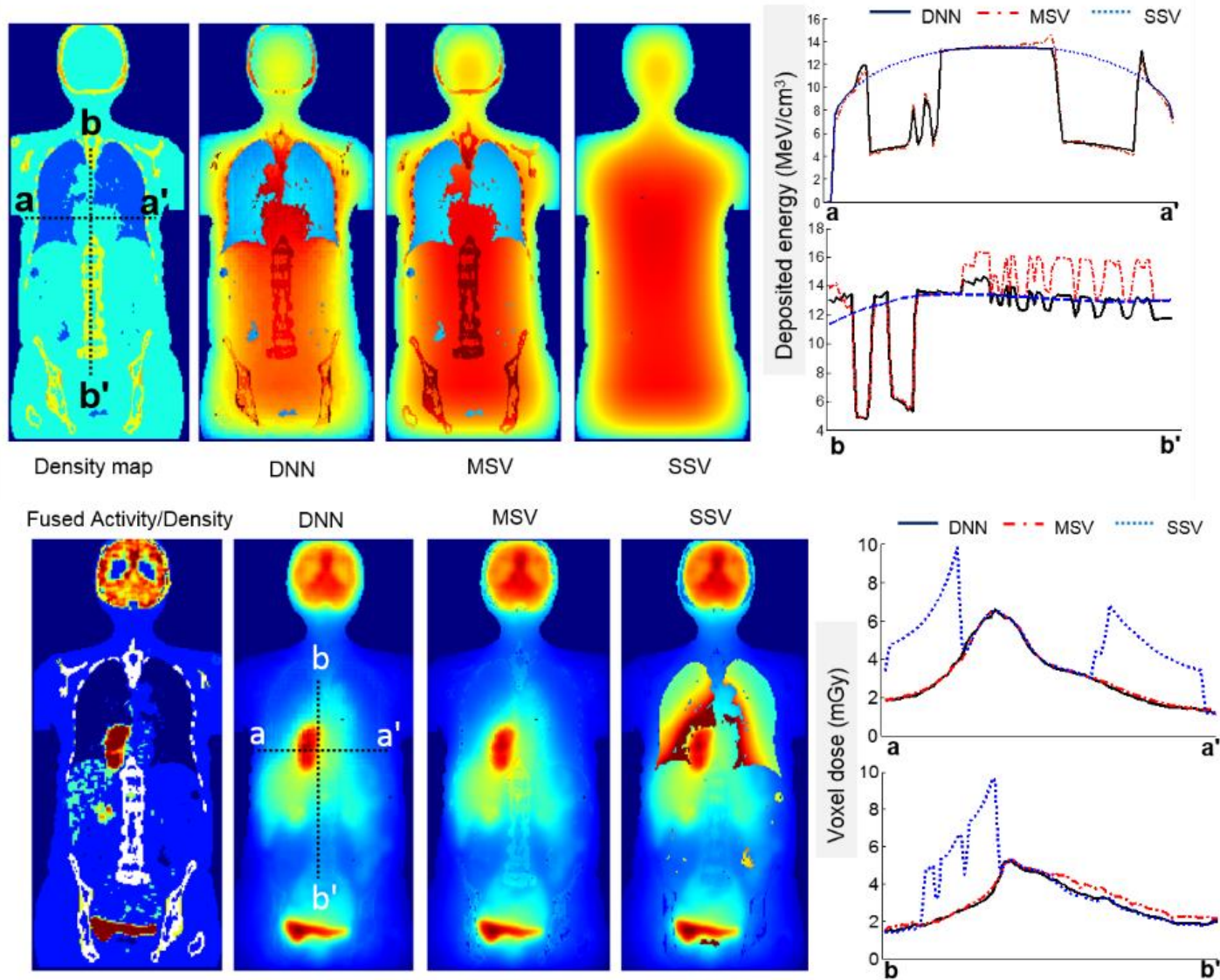
Step 1: Specific S-value kernel prediction



Step 2: Patient-specific dose map calculation

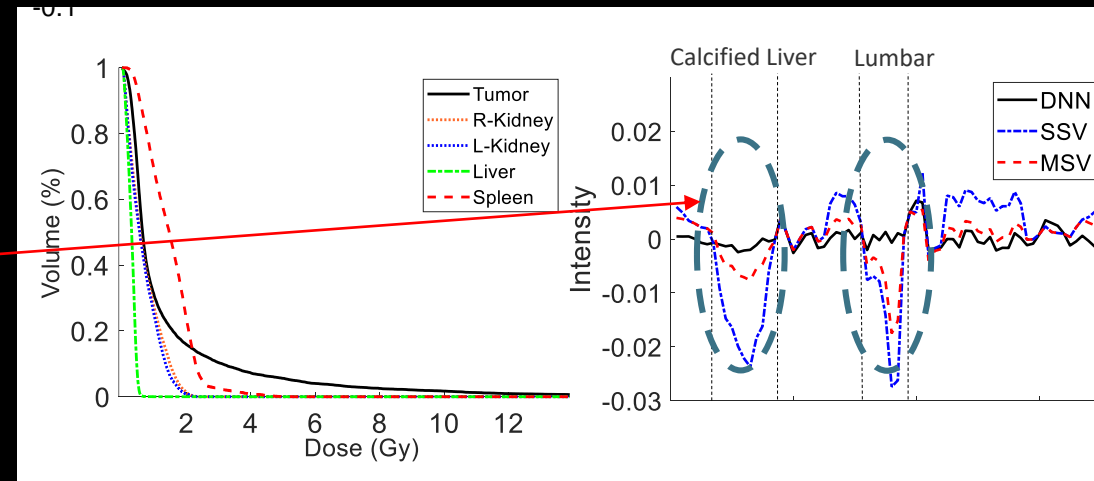
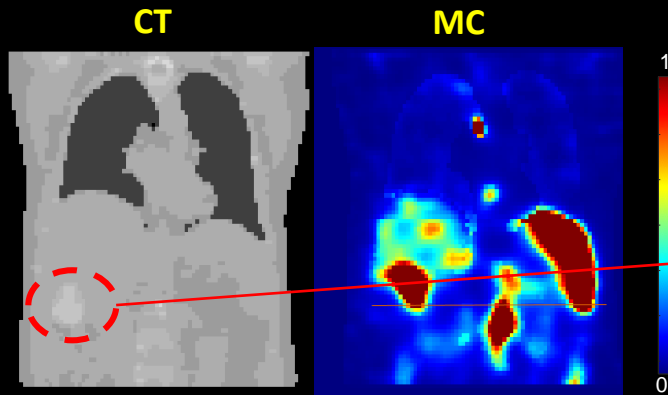


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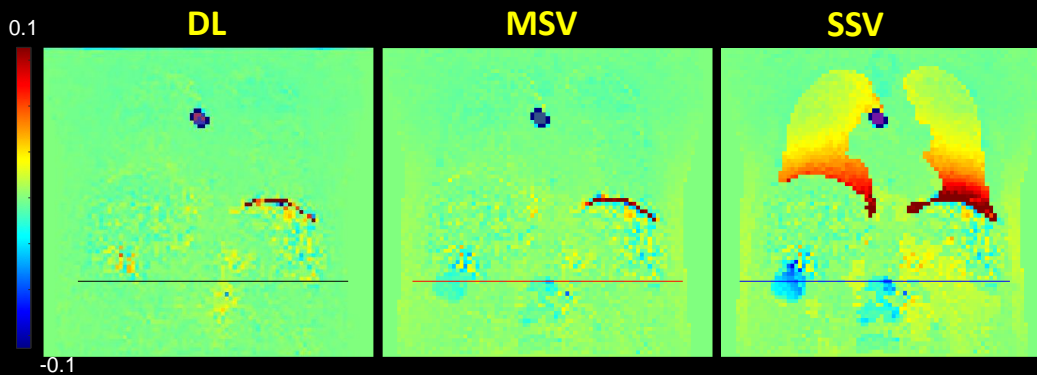


Deep learning-guided internal dosimetry

^{177}Lu -
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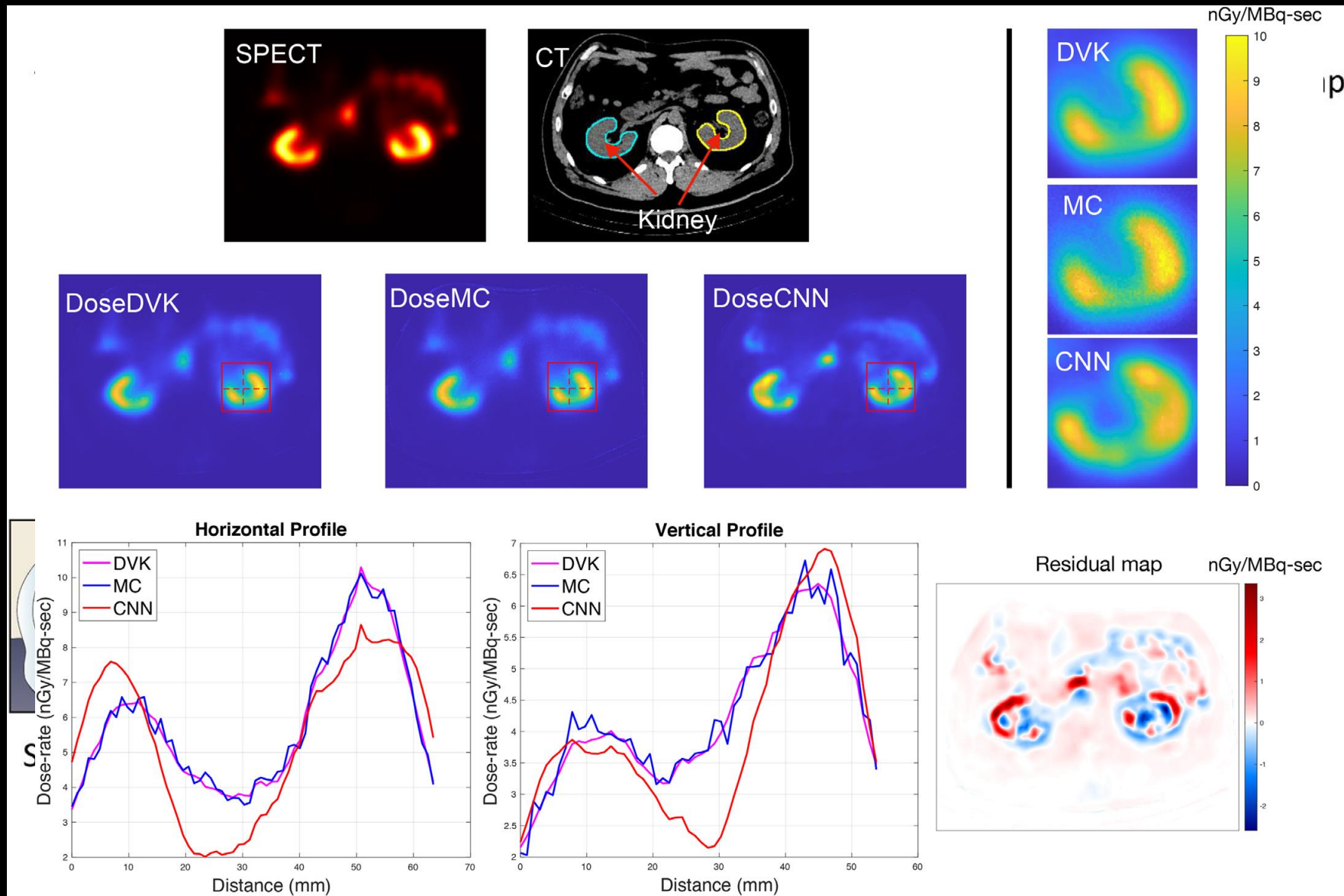
Line profile passing through a calcified liver mass



Mean absorbed dose in the segmented ROIs

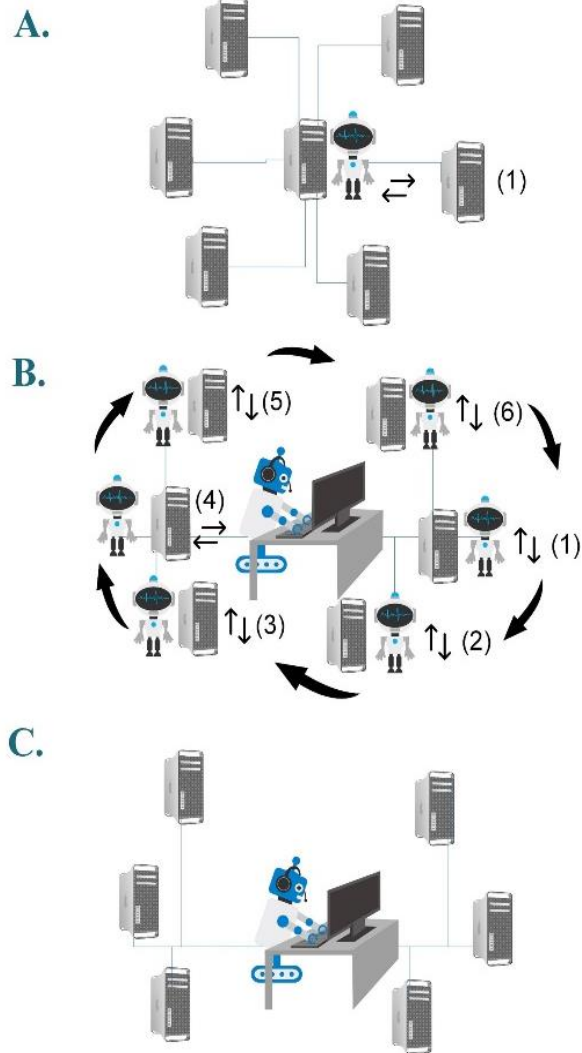
ROIs	MC	DL	MSV	SSV
Tumors	1.38	1.39	1.36	1.36
R-Kidney	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72
R-Kidney	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68
Liver	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31
Spleen	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.50

Deep learning-guided internal dosimetry



Federated learning for PET AC/segmentation

Federated Learning Sequential



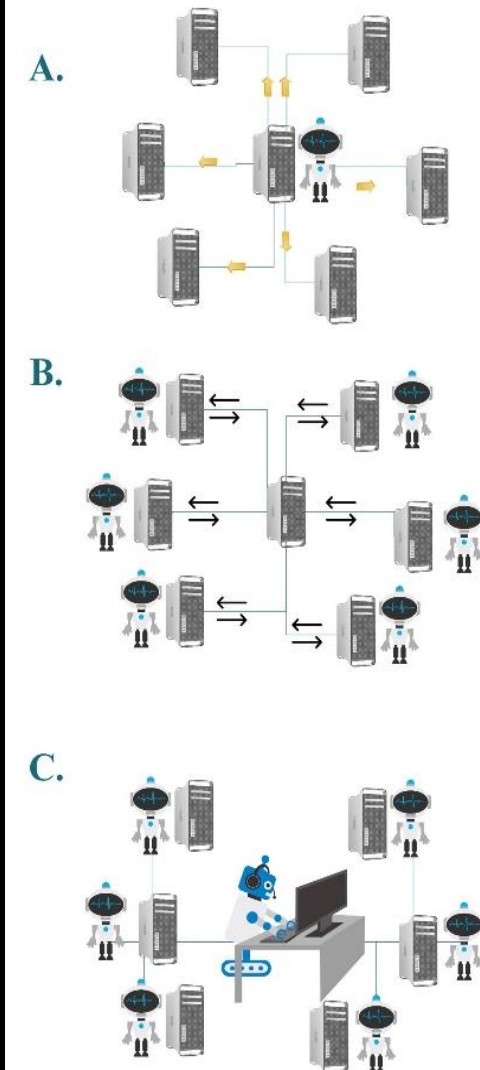
300 patients from
6 different centers

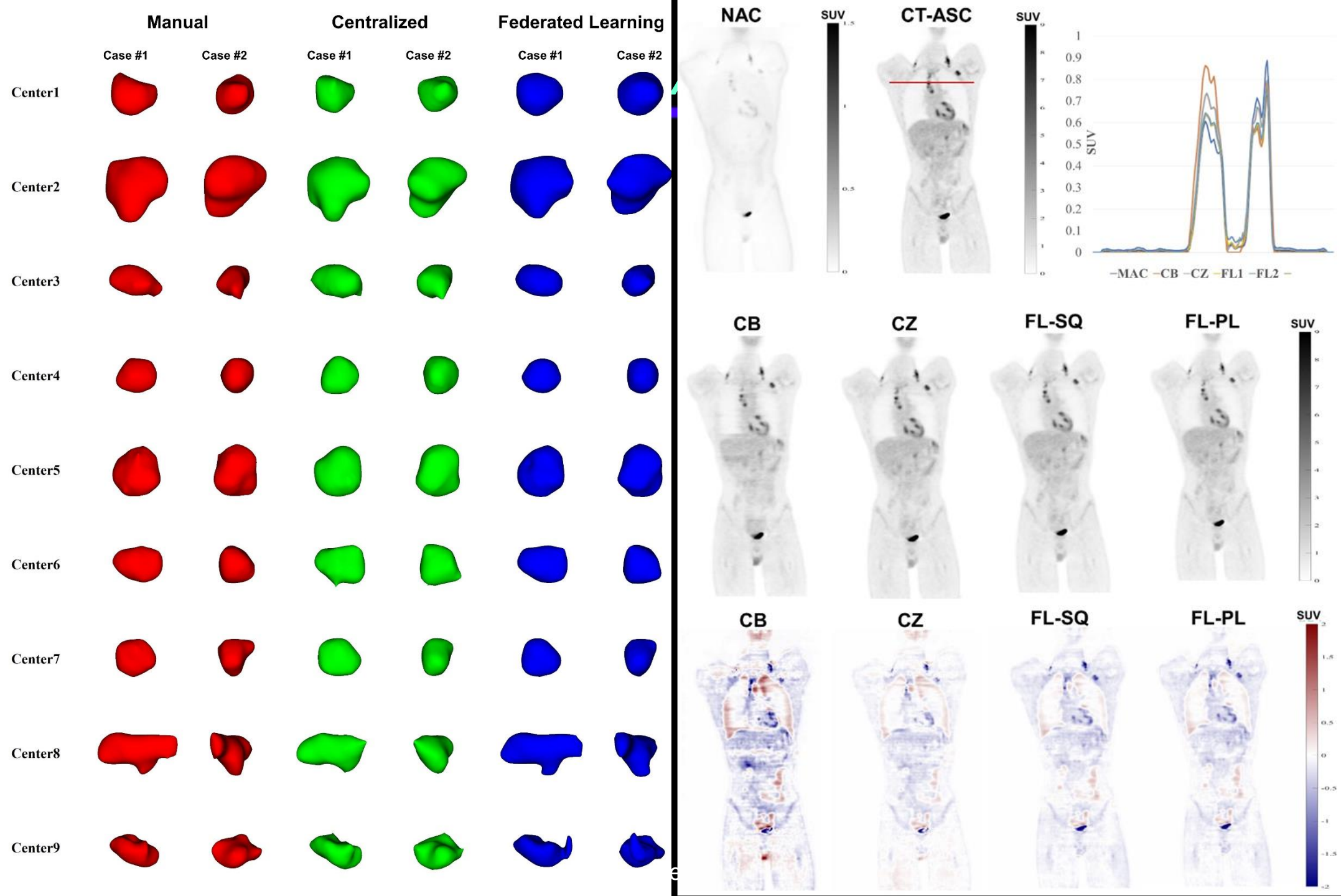
Require: num_federated_rounds T

- 1: **procedure** AGGREGATING
- 2: Initialise global model: $W^{(0)}$
- 3: **for** $t \leftarrow 1 \dots T$ **do**
- 4: **for** client $k \leftarrow 1 \dots K$ **do** \triangleright Run in parallel
- 5: Send $W^{(t-1)}$ to client k
- 6: Receive model updates and number of local training iterations $(\Delta W_k^{(t-1)}, N_k)$ from client's local training with $\mathcal{L}_k(X_k; W^{(t-1)})$
- 7: **end for**
- 8: $W^{(t)} \leftarrow W^{(t-1)} + \frac{1}{\sum_k N_k} \sum_k (N_k \cdot \Delta W_k^{(t-1)})$
- 9: **end for**
- 10: **return** $W^{(t)}$
- 11: **end procedure**

Sequential (**FL-SQ**) and parallel (**FL-PL**) models were compared with **centralized (CZ)** approach (data are pooled to one server), and **center-based (CB)** approach (model built separately)

Federated Learning Parallel





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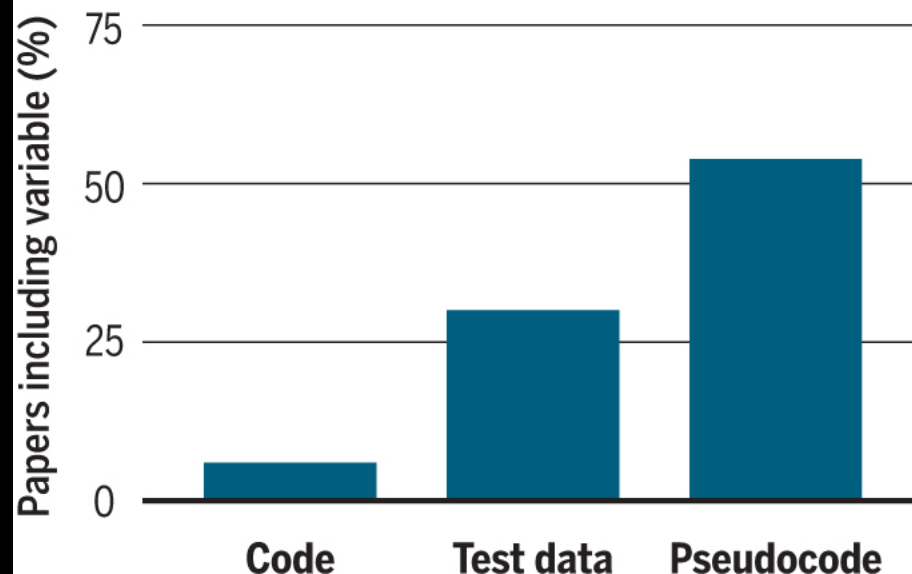
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Code break

In a survey of 400 artificial intelligence papers presented at major conferences, just 6% included code for the papers' algorithms. Some 30% included test data, whereas 54% included pseudocode, a limited summary of an algorithm.



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EDITORIAL

MEDICAL PHYSICS

AI in *Medical Physics* Guidelines for publication

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Nuclear Medicine and Artificial Intelligence: Best Practices for Evaluation (the RELAINCE guidelines)

Summary

- Imaging biomarkers are a major component of Big Data driven medical knowledge and decision making
- Nuclear medicine physicians and Radiologists who use AI and deep learning will replace those who don't ...
- AI/deep learning are producing challenges in terms of validation in clinical setting but also plenty of research opportunities.
- Is there a future for AI/deep learning in molecular imaging? **YES**
- If artificial intelligence is possible, so is artificial stupidity ...
- Wide and specific participation by industry and research communities, planning for long term sustainability

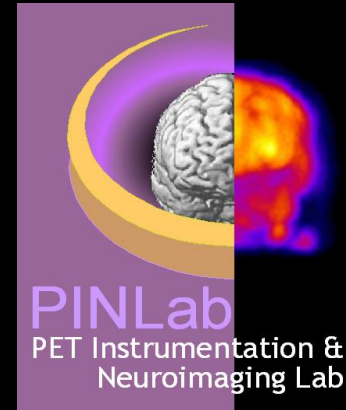
Take home message ...

“Machine learning works very well, and we don’t know why it works so well. I consider that a challenge for mathematicians is to understand it better. I believe if something works, there is a reason. We have to find the reason”

Prof. Ingrid Daubechies, Duke University



Thank you!

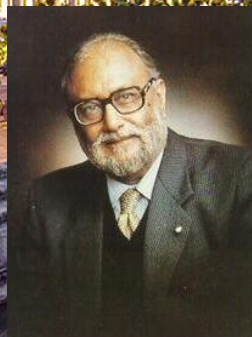


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"Scientists are very happy people because their job is also their hobby"



*Prof. Abdus Salam
1979 Nobel Laureate - Physics*