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***The Science and Physics
of
CT and CBCT***

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Who or what is IDT?

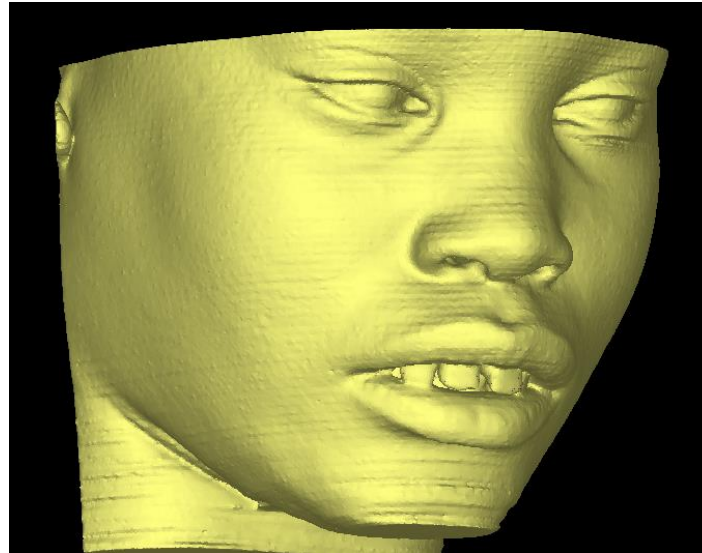
Three Companies in the IDT Group:

Image Diagnostic Technology Ltd

based in UK

specialises in
arranging
CT scans and
3D processing

since 1991



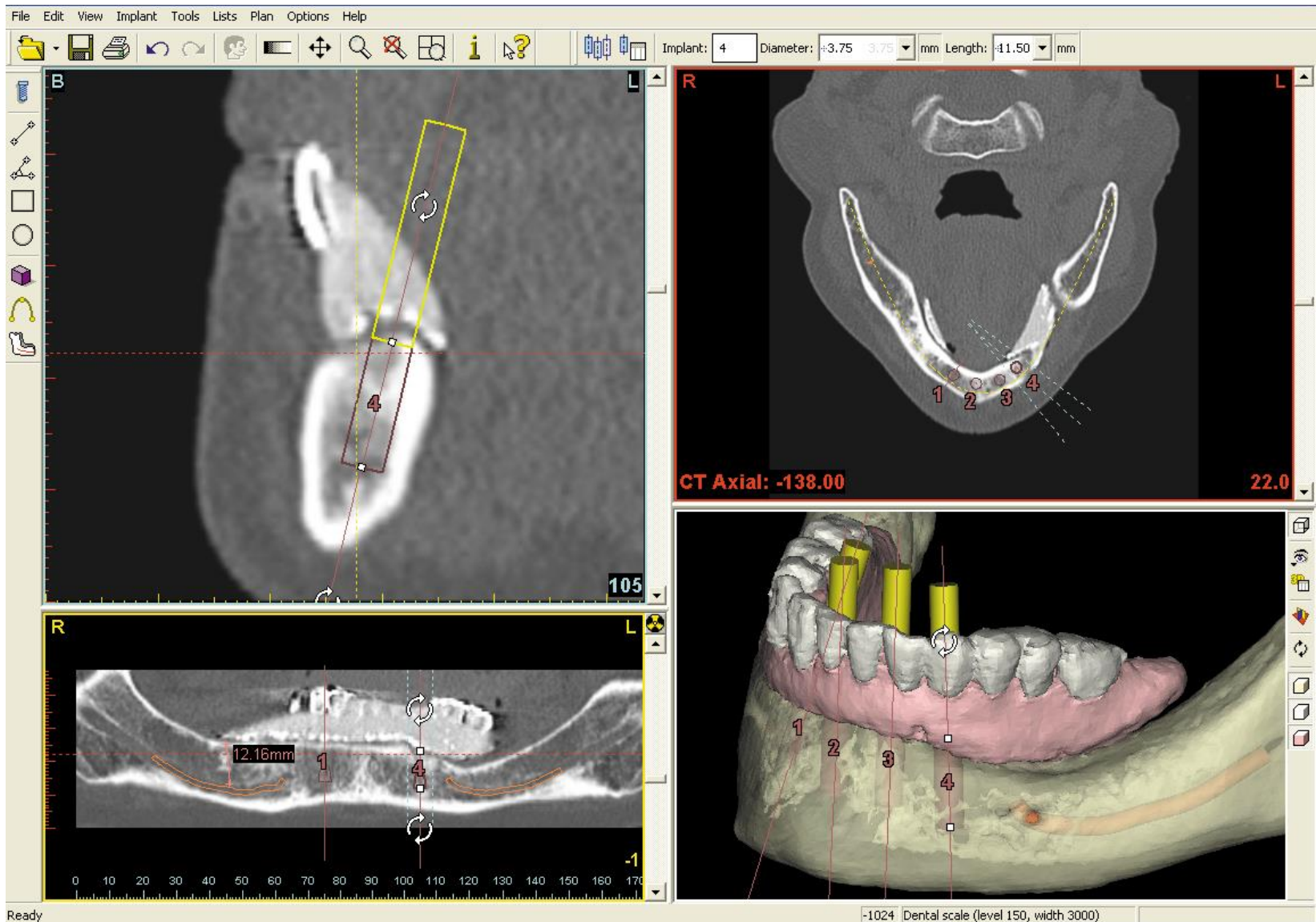
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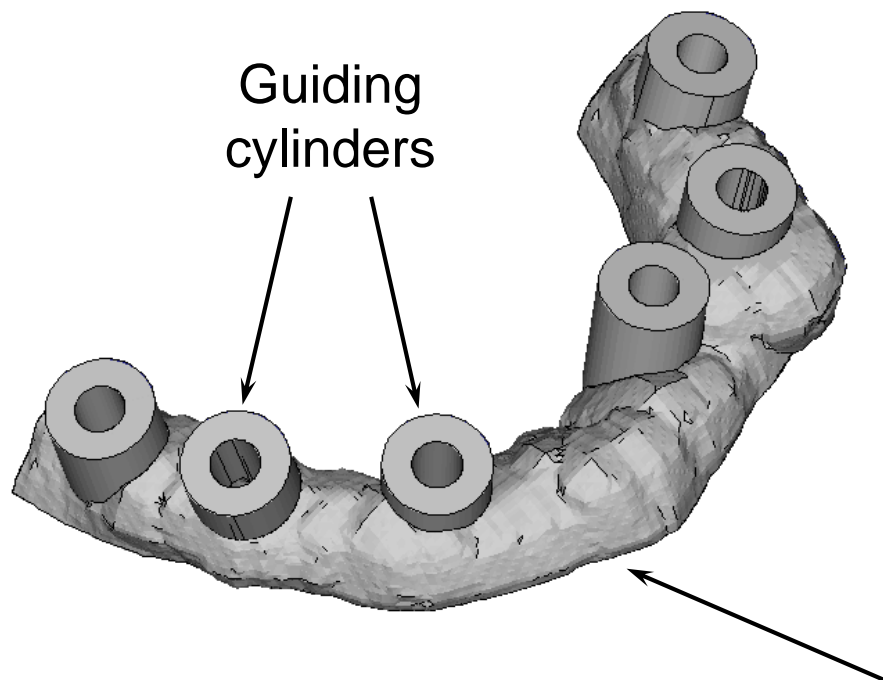
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SIMPLANT drill guide



Guiding
cylinders

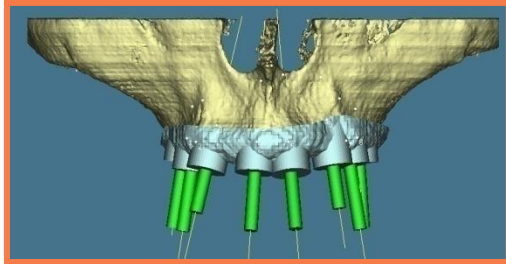
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- Position
- Orientation
- (Depth)

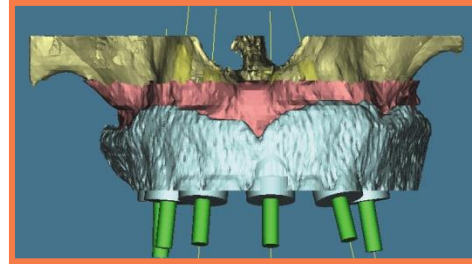
Guide resting on:

- Bone
- Mucosa
- Teeth

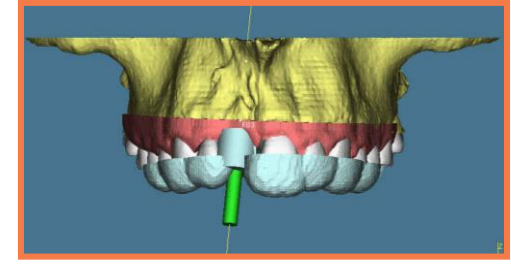
Drill Guides can be supported on



Bone



Mucosa



Teeth

Bone Supported Guides:

- Bone crest must be clearly visible in the CT images and ≥ 3 cm long

Mucosa Supported Guides:

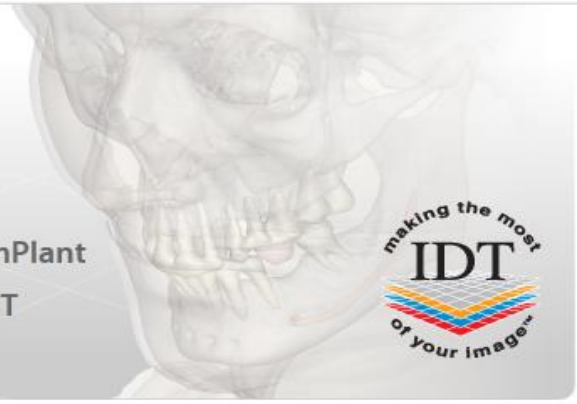
- Patient must be scanned with a radio-opaque scanning stent in place

Tooth Supported Guides:

- Tips of teeth must be clearly visible in the CT images
- A recent and accurate plaster cast will be required

Need to think about the Guide before you request the CT Scan!

- Fast** : 24 hour turnaround available
- Simple** : Online booking & delivery
- Precise** : Get the most out of your 3D
- Unique** : 20 Years of experience with SimPlant
- Flexible** : Data accepted from all CT/CBCT



Find your nearest scanning site



Request a new Dental CT Scan

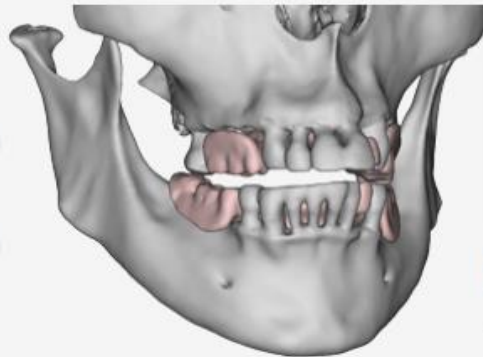
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- SimPlant View**
£45 (single arch)
- With Separate Teeth**
£65 (single arch)
- With Separate Teeth & Skin Surface**
£85 (single arch)



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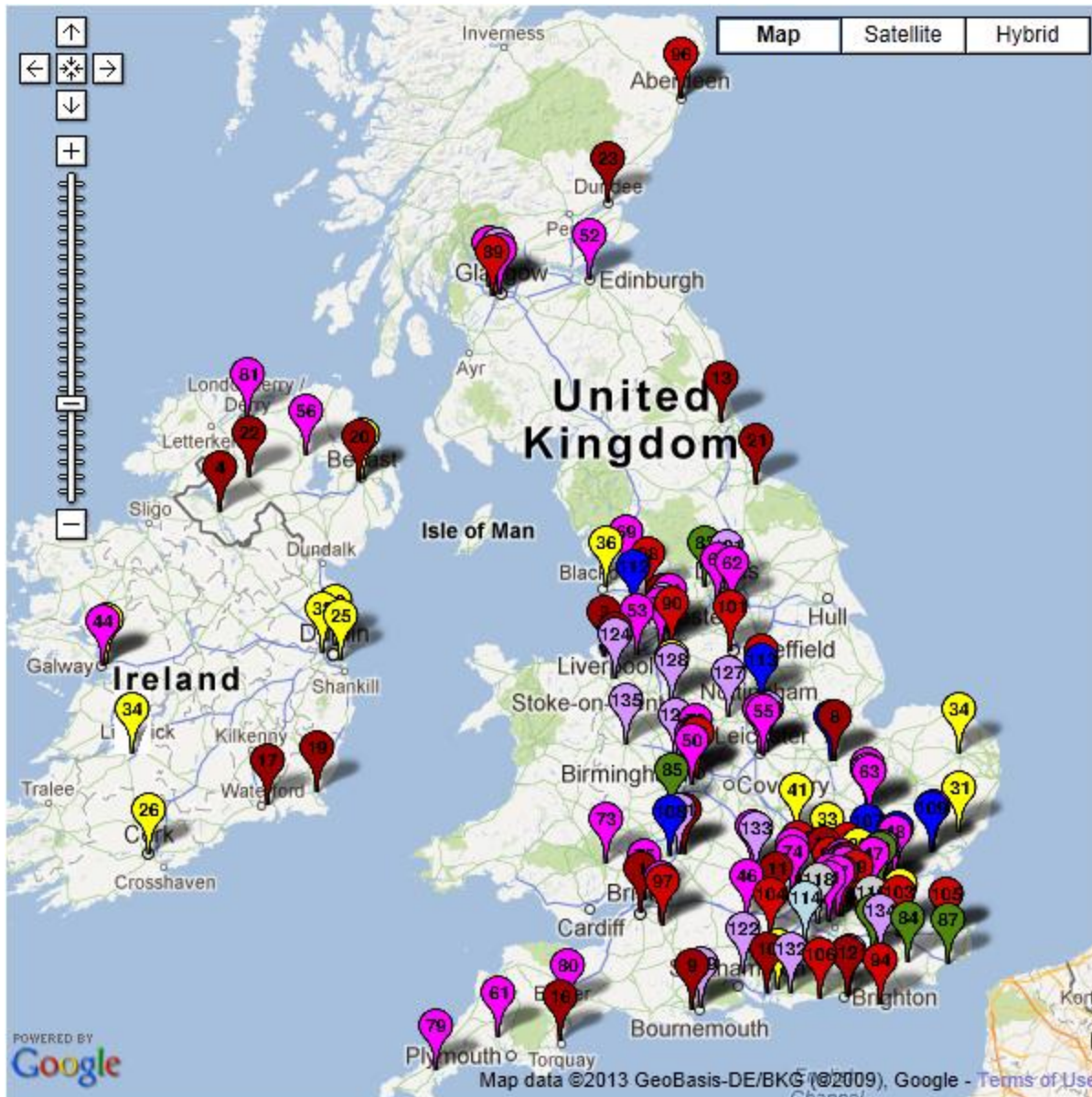
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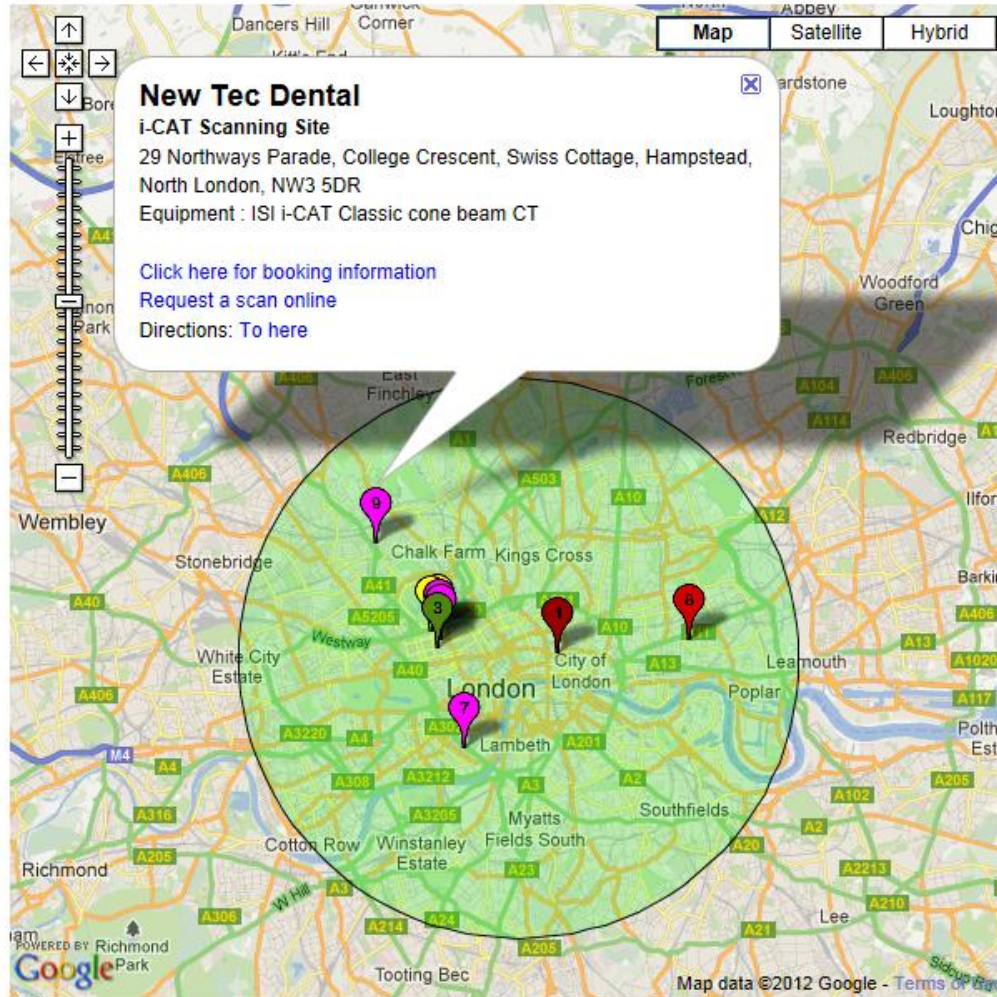
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Key to scanning sites

-  i-CAT Scanning Site
-  Public Hospitals
-  Alliance Medical Sites
-  Private Imaging Centres
-  BMI Hospitals
-  Lifescan Centres
-  Nuffield Hospitals
-  Ramsay Health Care
-  UME Diagnostic Centres



The image shows a Google Map of London with several scanning sites marked by colored pins. A large circular area is highlighted in the center of the map, containing several pins. A popup window is open over one of the pins, providing details for 'New Tec Dental'.

New Tec Dental
i-CAT Scanning Site
29 Northways Parade, College Crescent, Swiss Cottage, Hampstead,
North London, NW3 5DR
Equipment : ISI i-CAT Classic cone beam CT

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Cost Calculator

GBP £ 0.00



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Patient Details:

*Patient's name:

*Patient's address: [Edit](#)

*Date of birth:

*Telephone:

Telephone 2:

Mobile:

Email address:

*Sex: Male Female

Scan Details:

*Region to be scanned: Maxilla Mandible Both

*Preferred Scan Site:

*Patient to wear stent provided by dentist: Yes No



*Clinical question to be answered by the scan:

Special Instructions to Radiographer:

Outline of Presentation

- ✓ **Introduction / Disclosures**
- **Imaging for Dental Implants**
 - Conventional Radiography
 - Cross-Sectional Imaging
- **Radiation Dose and Risk**
- **Dose versus Image Quality**

Imaging for Dental Implants

Need to be able to:

- **Review patient anatomy and pathology**
 - diagnostic quality images
- **Assess bone quantity and quality**
 - quantitative assessment
- **Decide where implants should go**
 - accurate 3D measurements
 - avoid sensitive structures
 - must work mechanically and aesthetically

Restoration-Driven Implant Planning

“Create a model of the desired result, then work backwards to determine how it can be achieved”

- ***Radio-Opaque Scanning Stents***
- ***Treatment Planning Software***
- ***Surgical Drill Guides***

The Ultimate Goal

Place implants so accurately that a (temporary) restoration can be fabricated before the surgery takes place

“The Immediate Smile” – *Materialise Dental*

“Teeth in an Hour” - *Nobel Biocare*

“Smart Implants” - *Dr Siew Lim*

The Ultimate Goal

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- To do this you have to rely on your imaging!

Which Imaging Modalities are best?

✓ Intra-oral radiography

- Occlusal films, bitewings, periapicals

✗ Extra-oral radiography

- AP and Lateral cephs

✗ Conventional tomography

- Dental Panoramic Tomography (DPT)
- Linear / Complex Motion Tomography (CMT)

✗ Magnetic Resonance Imaging

✓ Medical computed tomography (CT)

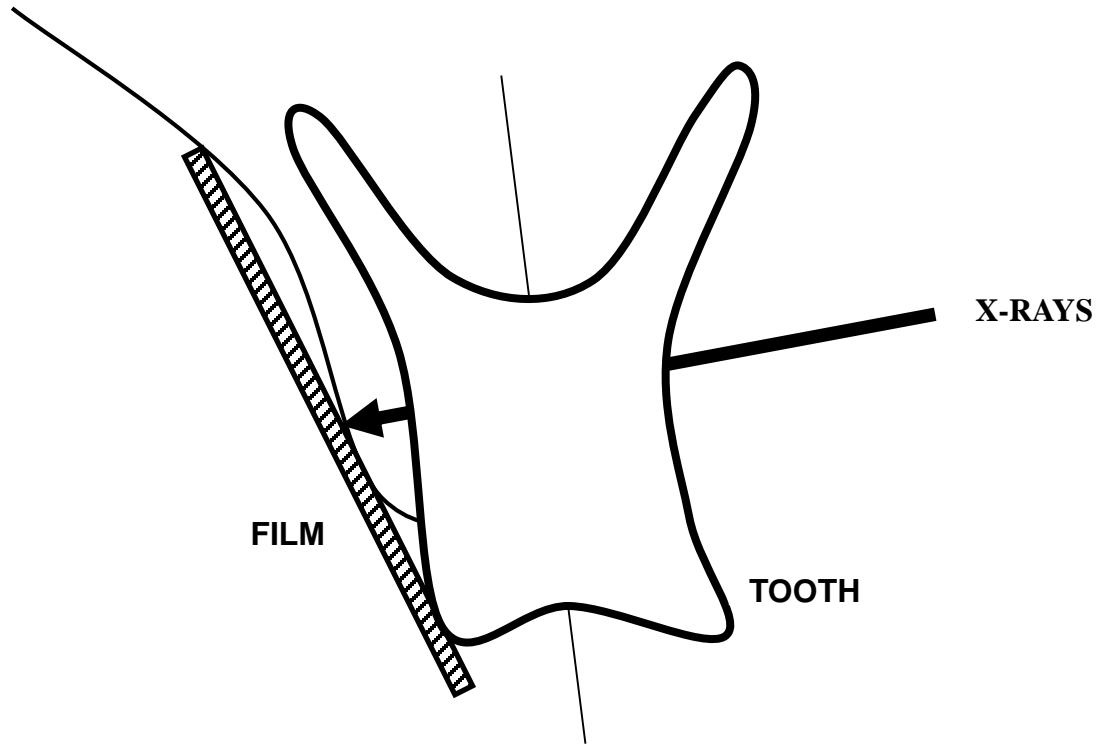
✓✓ Cone Beam computed tomography (CBCT)

Intra-oral Imaging




- + **Very high resolution (20 lp/mm)**
- + **Fast, convenient, low dose**
- **No bone width**
- **No (quantitative) bone quality**
- **Magnification / Distortion**

Distortion in intra-orals



Solutions:

- bisecting angle 
- paralleling technique 

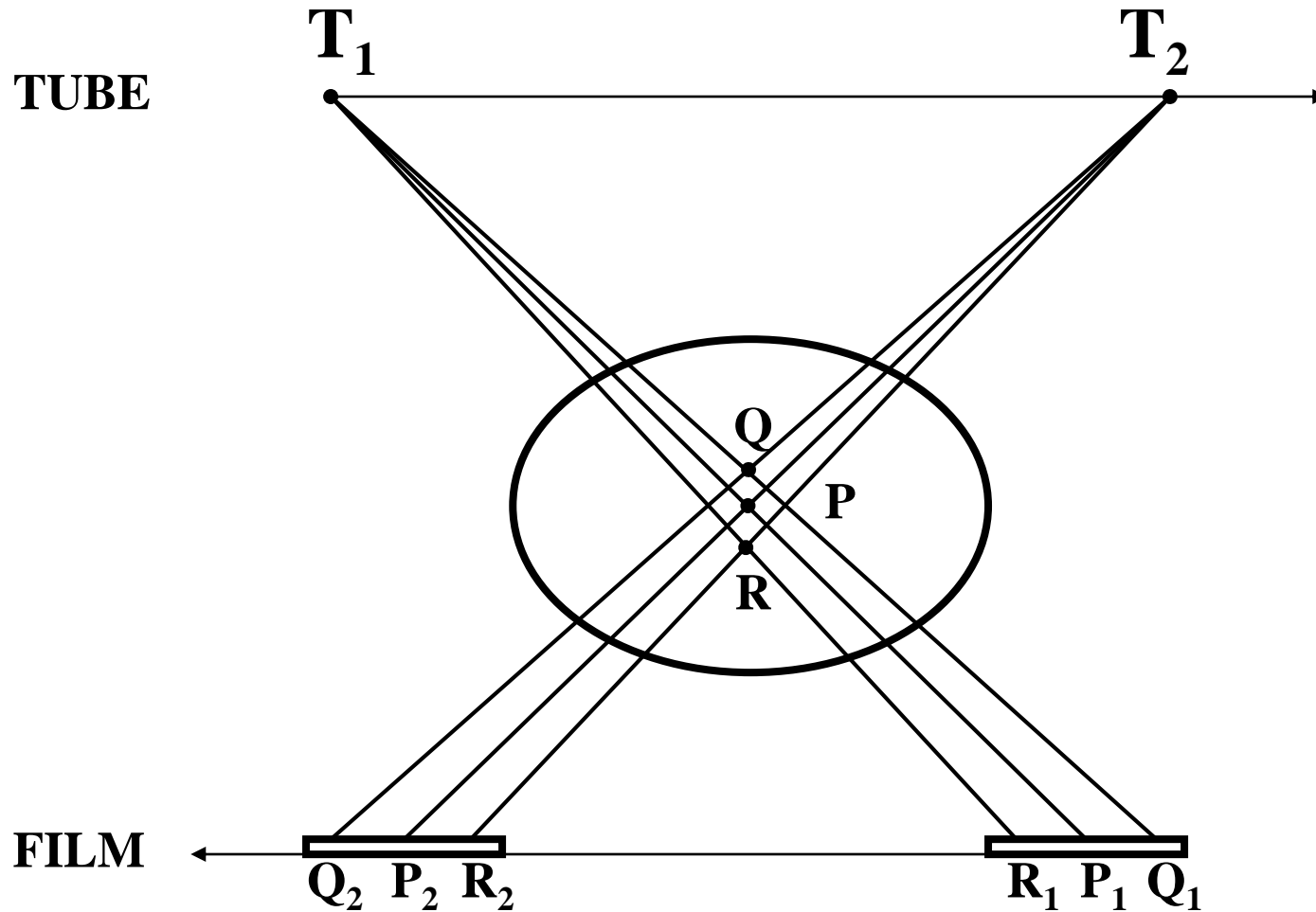
Extra-oral: Lateral Ceph



- + **Good overview**
- **Width and height on midline only**
- **No (quantitative) bone quality**

Conventional Tomography

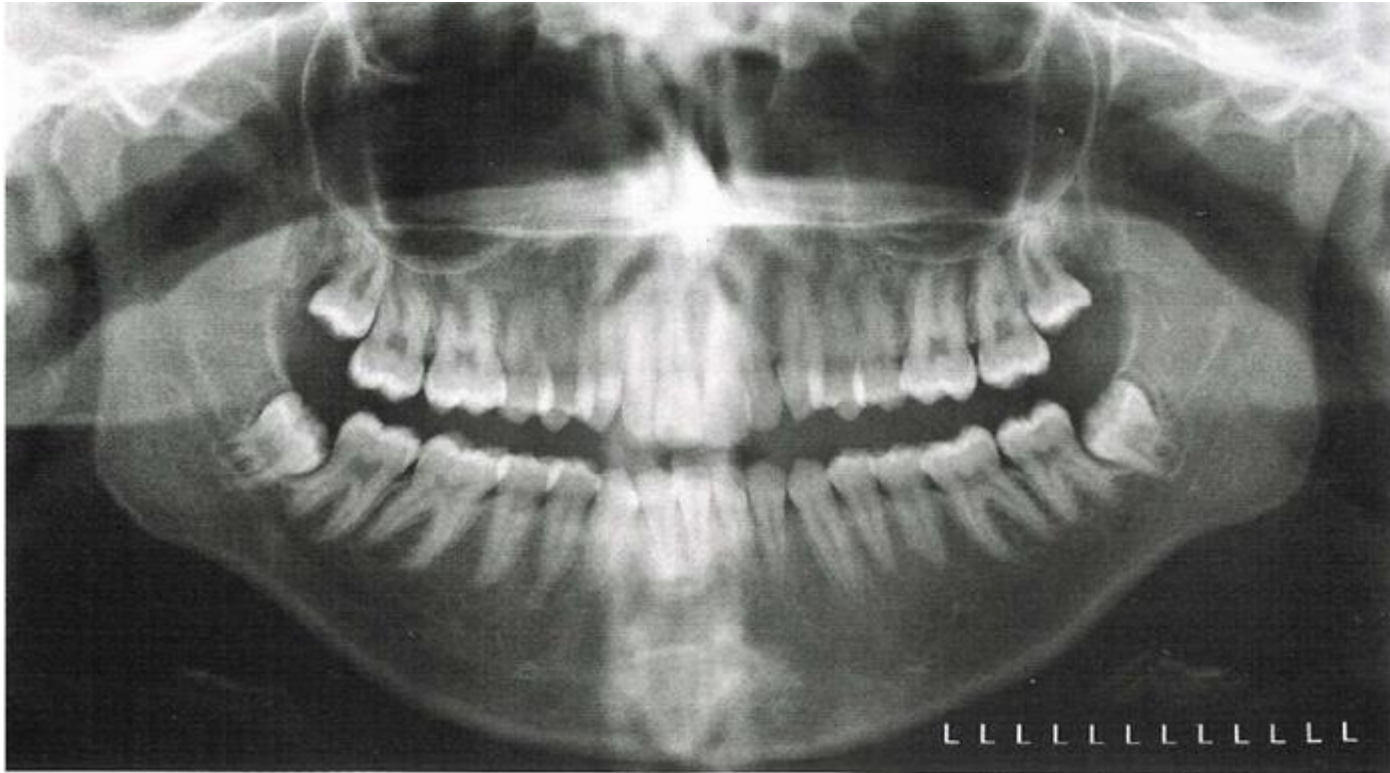
(tomography by blurring)



Dental Panoramic Tomography (DPT)



Dental Panoramic Tomography (DPT, OPG, OPT)



- + Very good overview
- No bone width
- No (quantitative) bone quality
- Variable magnification => distortion
- Patient positioning is crucial

DPTs are useful for:

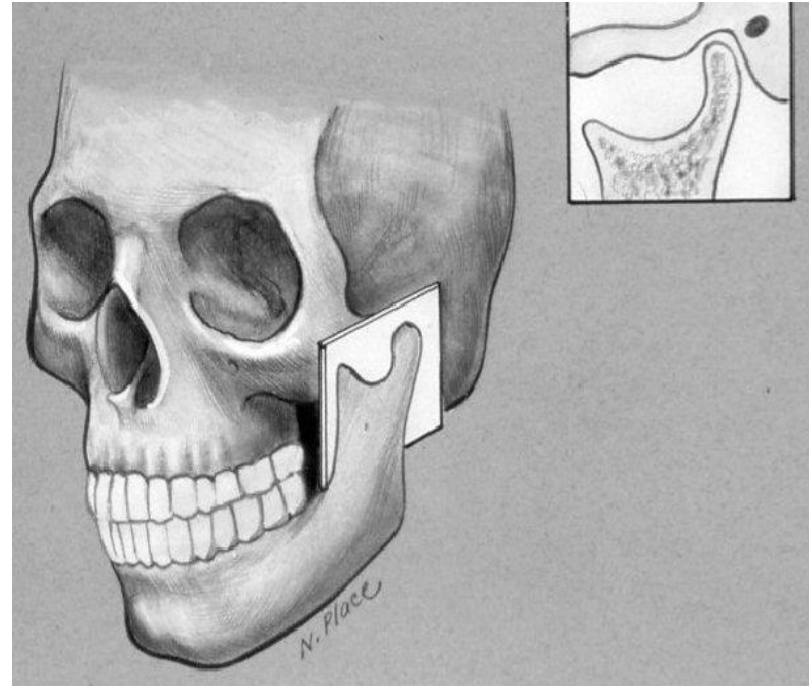
- Overall status of teeth and supporting bone
- Anatomical anomalies and pathological conditions
- Triage between:
 - Sites where placing implants will be straight-forward
 - Sites where grafting or distraction will be needed
 - Sites where implants are not advisable

DPTs are not accurate:

Reddy et al. Clin Oral Implants Res. 1994 Dec; 5(4):229-238

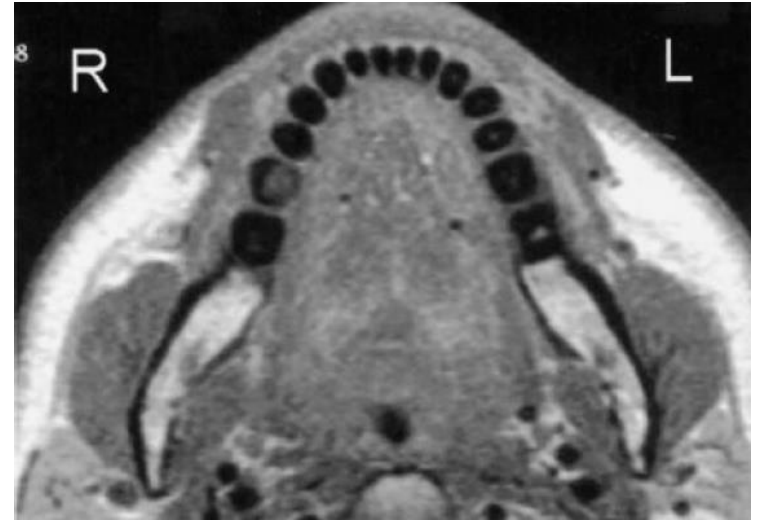
- Errors as large as 30% in estimating bone height from DPTs
- Bone width cannot be estimated at all.

Cross-Sectional Imaging



- **Linear Tomography**
- **Complex Motion Tomography (CMT)**
- **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)**
- **Computed Tomography (CT or CBCT)**

Magnetic Resonance Imaging



- + no radiation dose**
- + no metallic artefact**
- large, expensive machine**
- teeth generate no signal**

Advanced imaging: Magnetic resonance imaging in implant dentistry

A review

Crawford F. Gray, Thomas W. Redpath,
Francis W. Smith, Roger T. Staff

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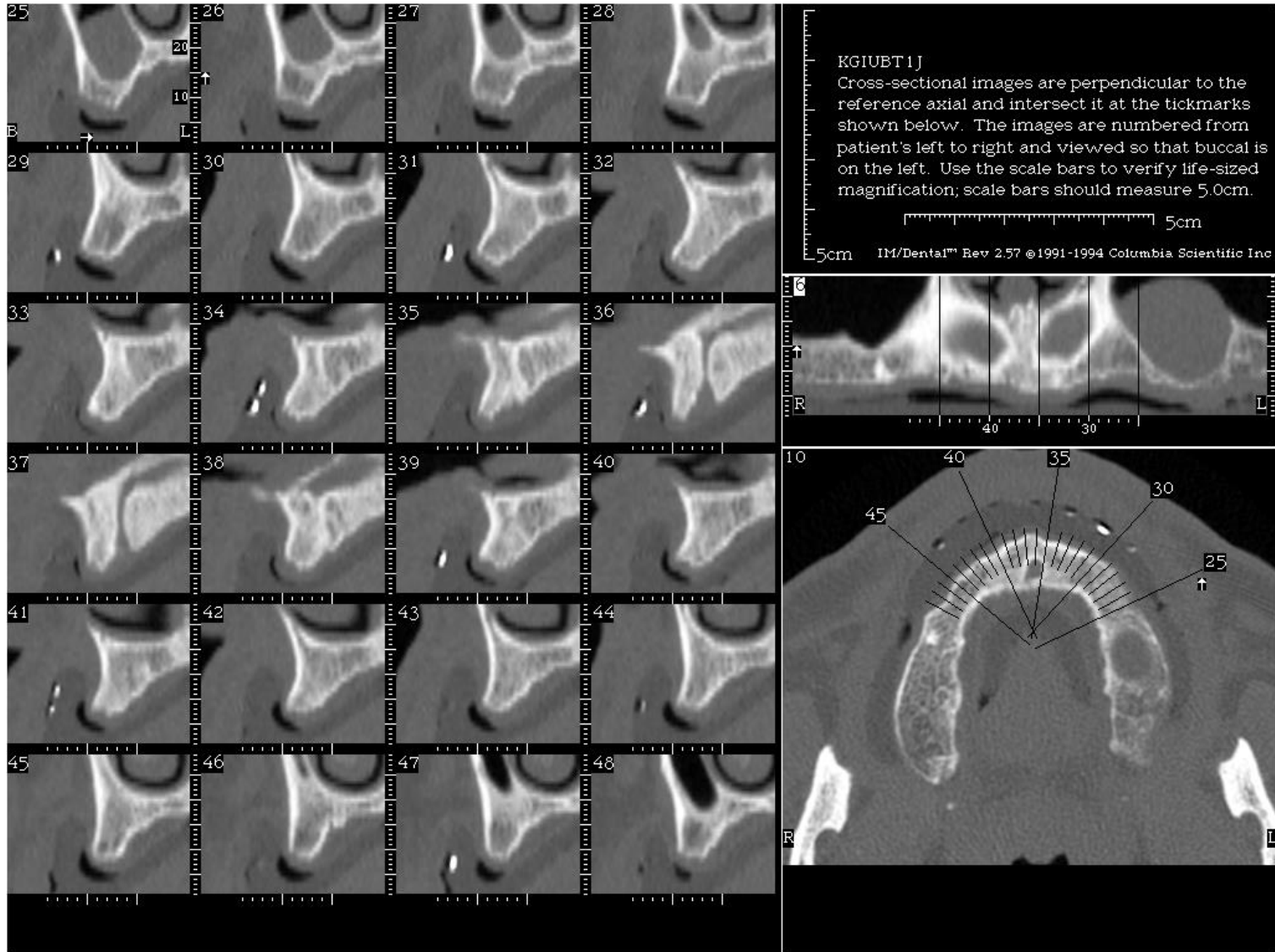


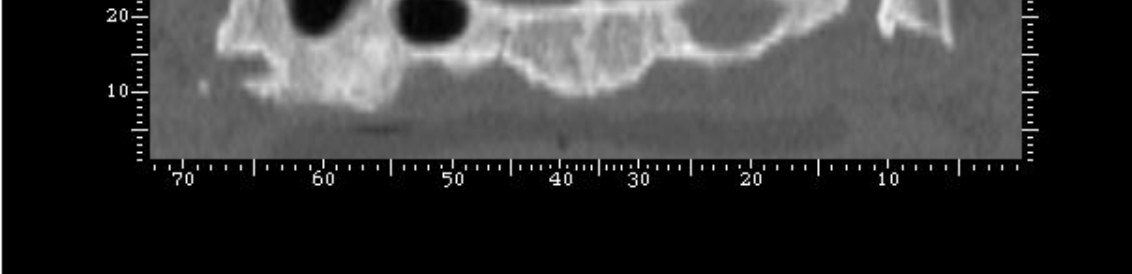
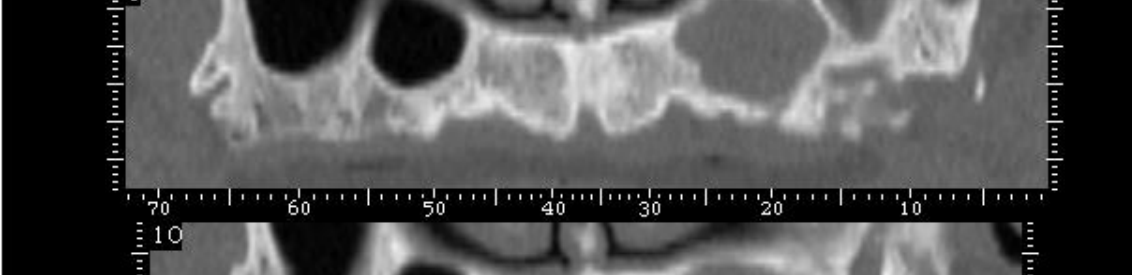
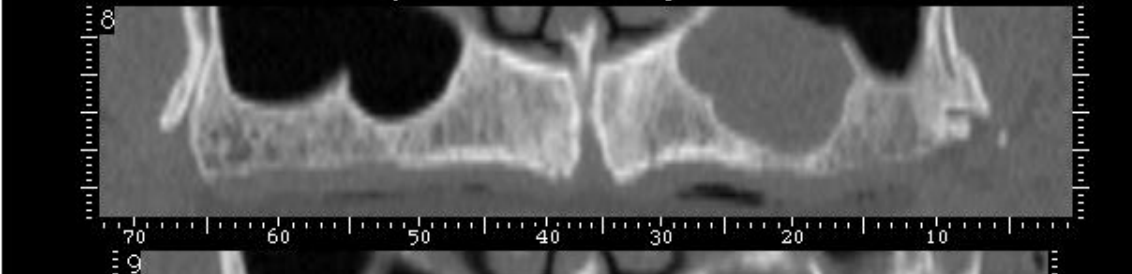
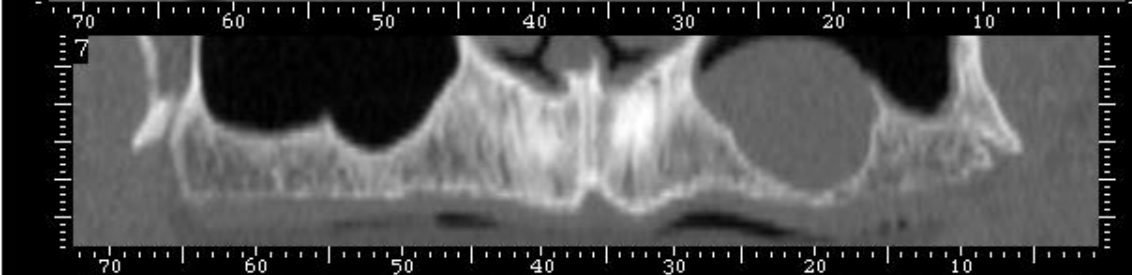
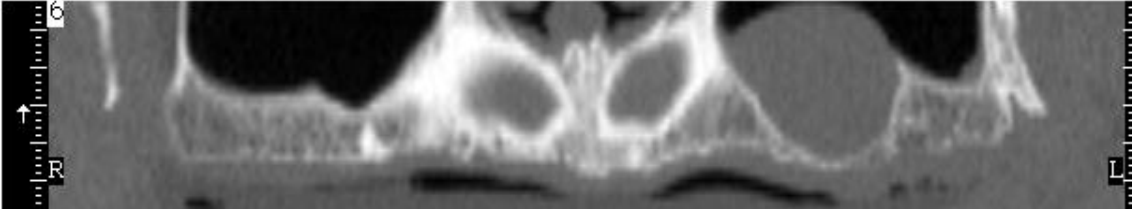
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Computed Tomography (CT)

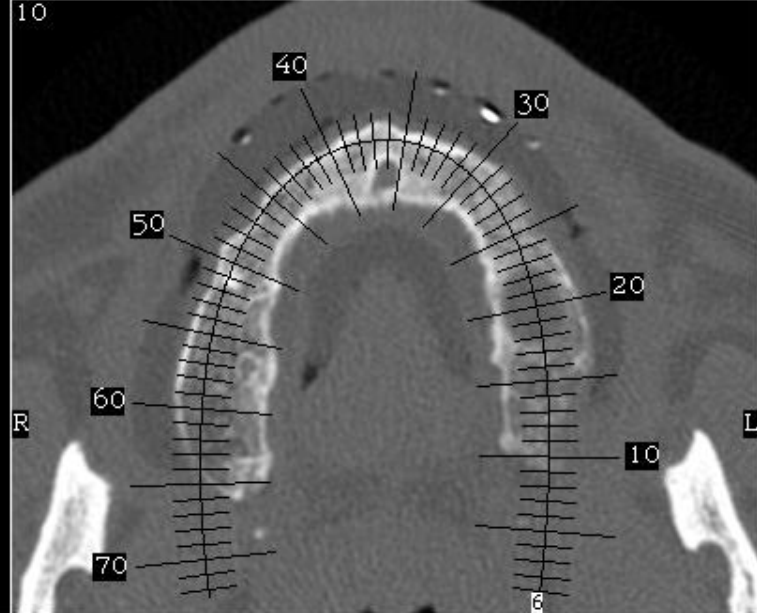
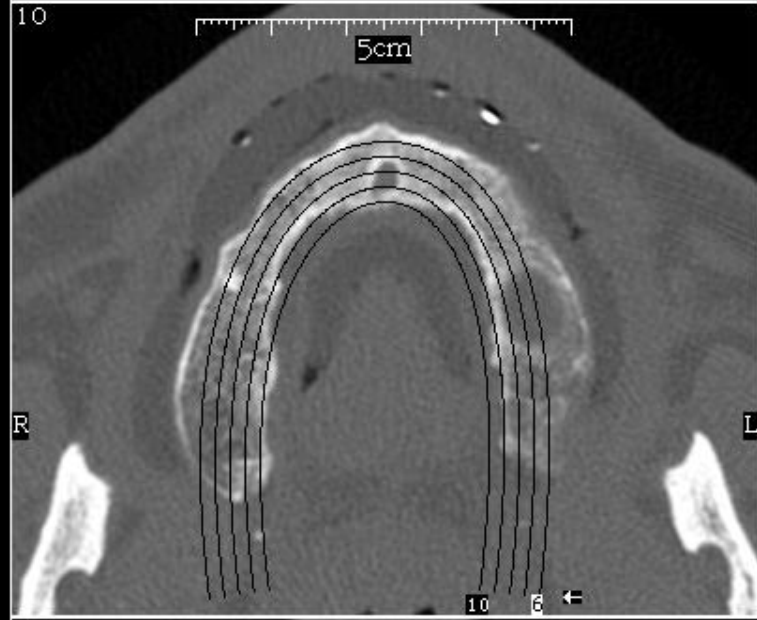
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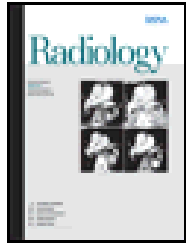


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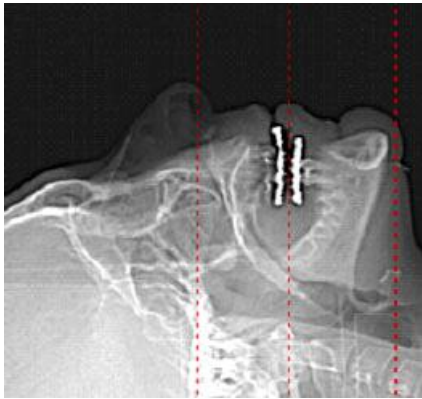
(First paper on dental reformatted CT)



S L Rothman, N Chafetz, M L Rhodes, M S Schwarz and M S Schwartz
**CT in the preoperative assessment
of the mandible and maxilla for
endosseous implant surgery. Work
in progress.**

Radiology July 1988 168:171-175

Dental CT or CBCT Scans



- **Bony anatomy of Mandible, Maxilla or Both**
- **Useful for:**
 - **planning dental implants**
 - **maxillofacial surgery**
 - **TMJ and airway analysis**
 - **impacted and supernumerary teeth**
 - **root canals, root fractures etc**

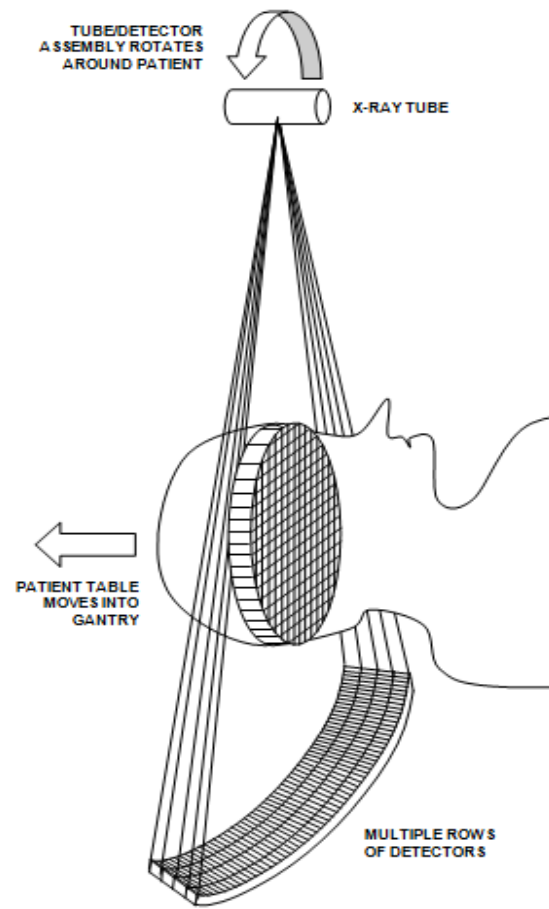
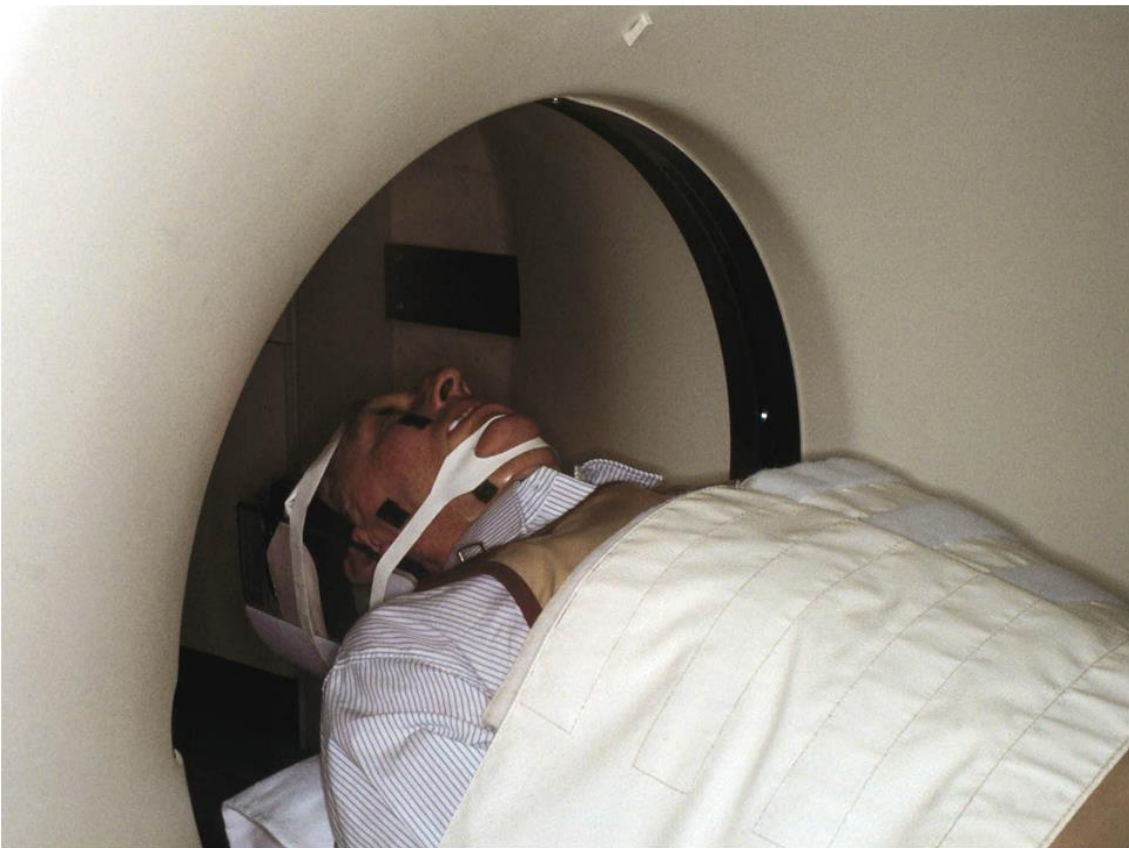


- **High natural contrast**
- **High resolution**
- **Low dose**

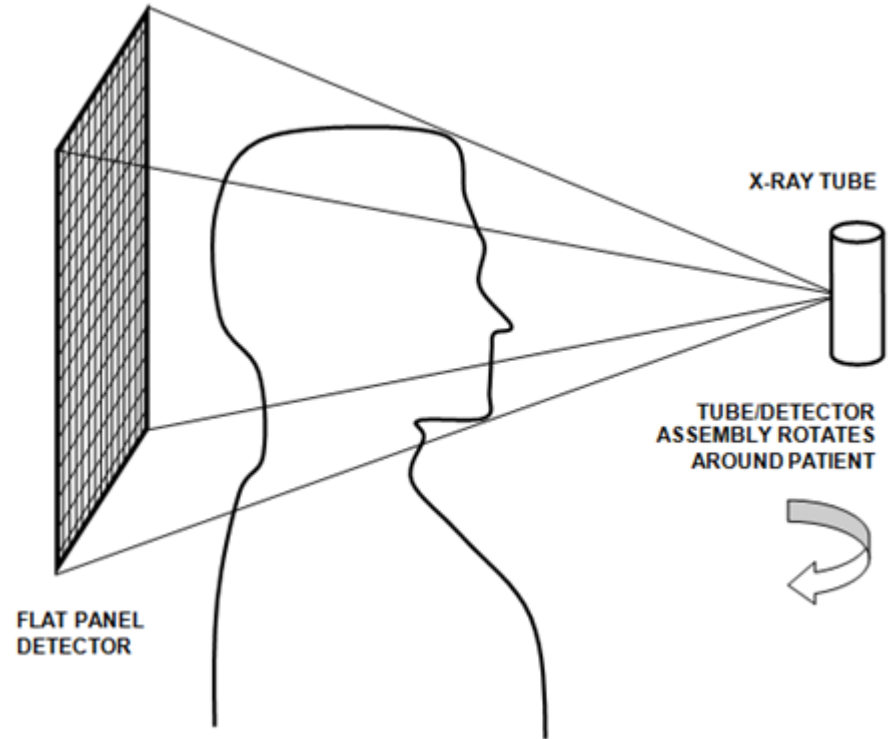


Medical CT Scanner





Cone Beam CT (CBCT) Scanner



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(Review Paper)

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What is Cone-Beam CT and How Does it Work?

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Invited Review Paper
Imaging

Cone-beam computerized tomography (CBCT) imaging of the oral and maxillofacial region: A systematic review of the literature

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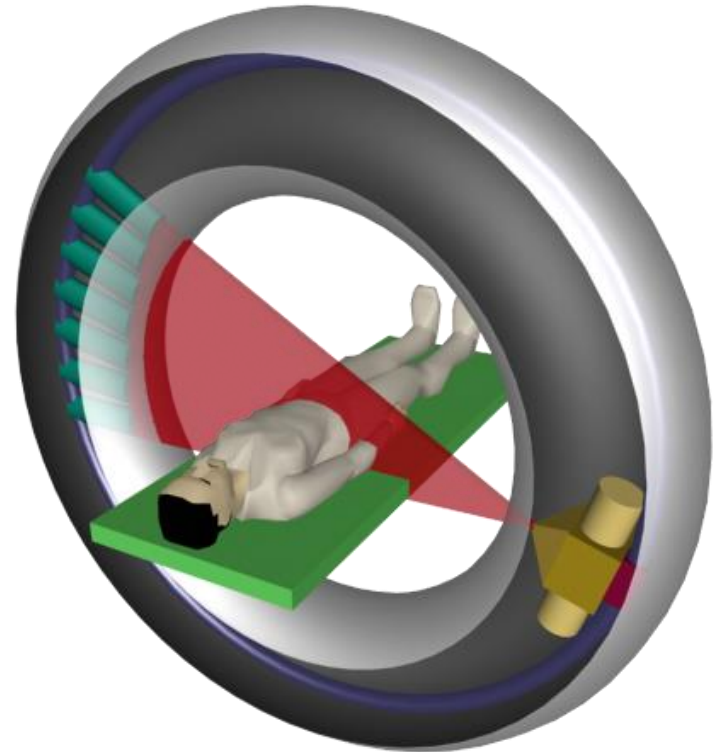
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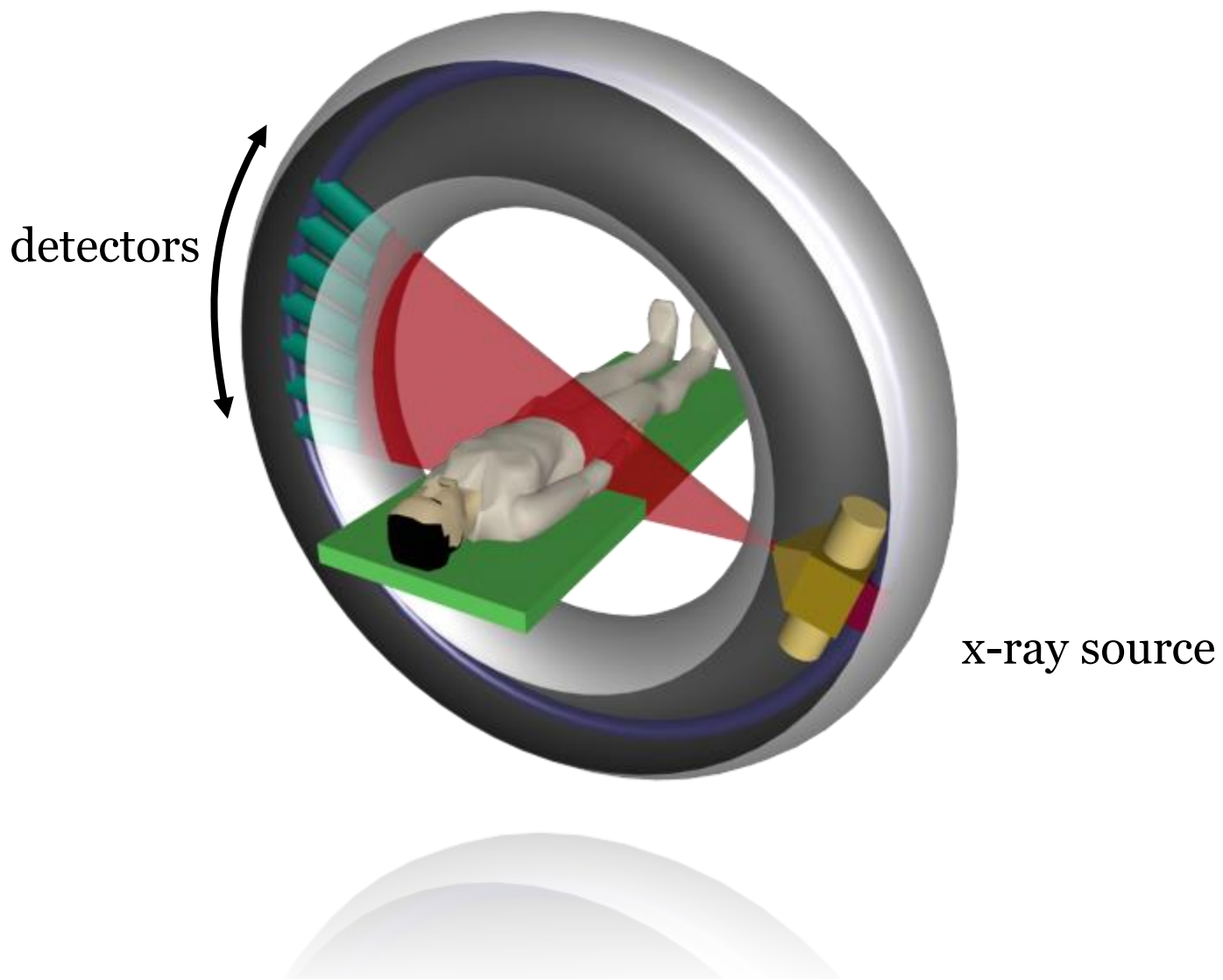
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Allan Cormack

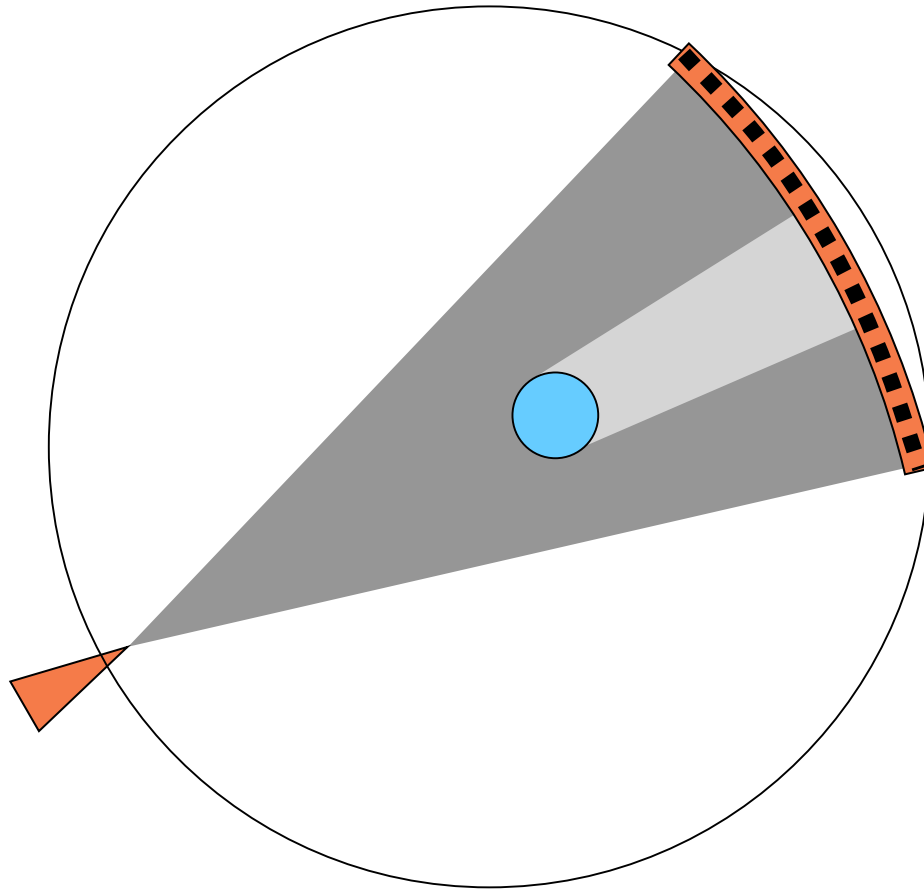
**Nobel prize in Medicine,
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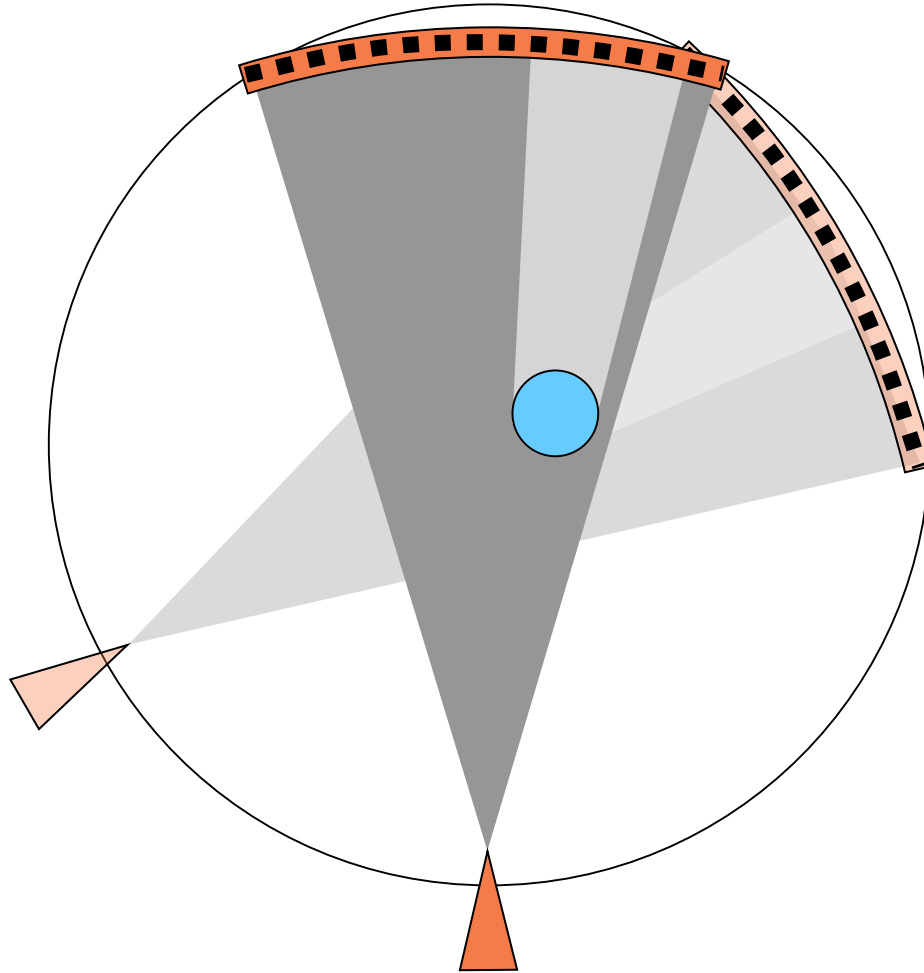


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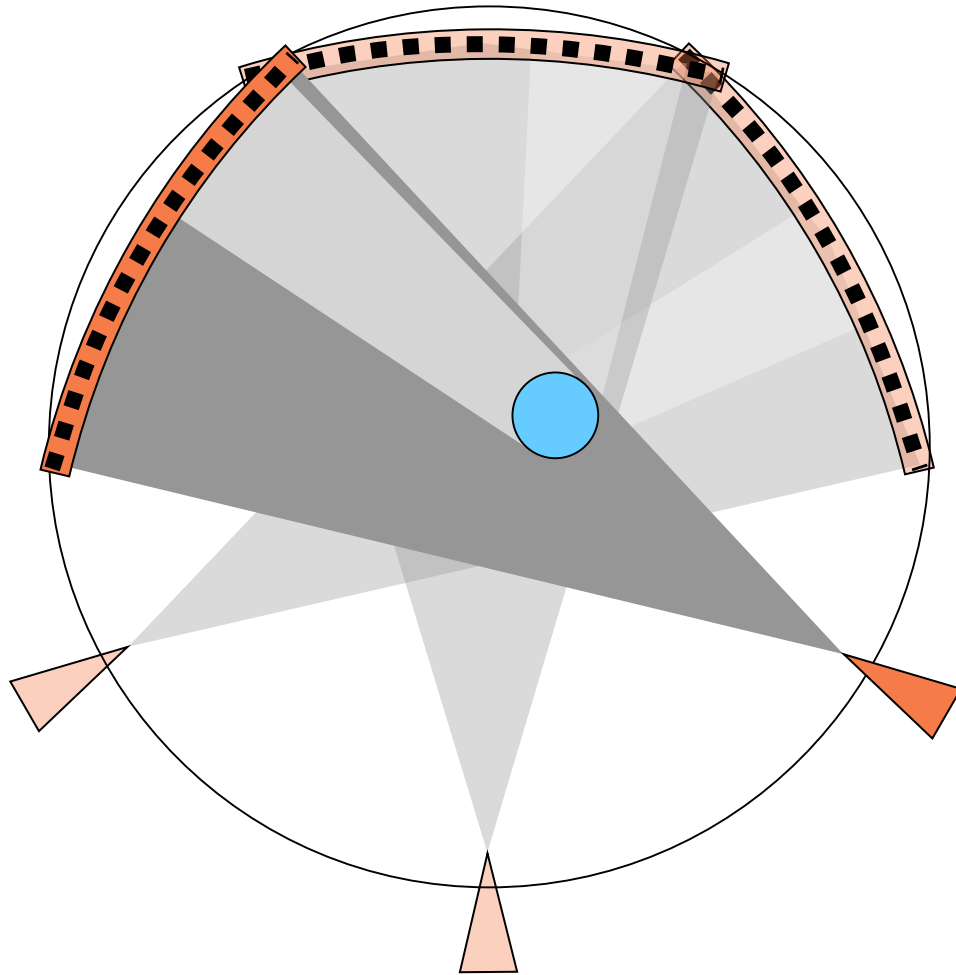
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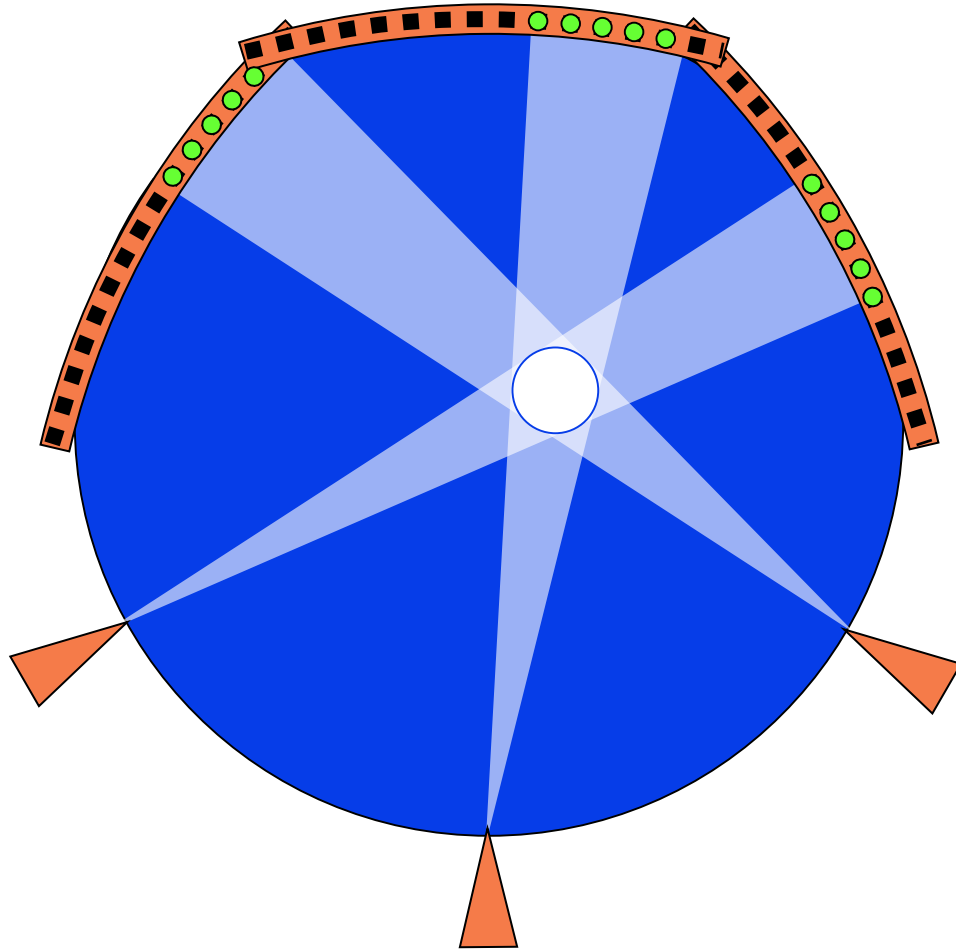
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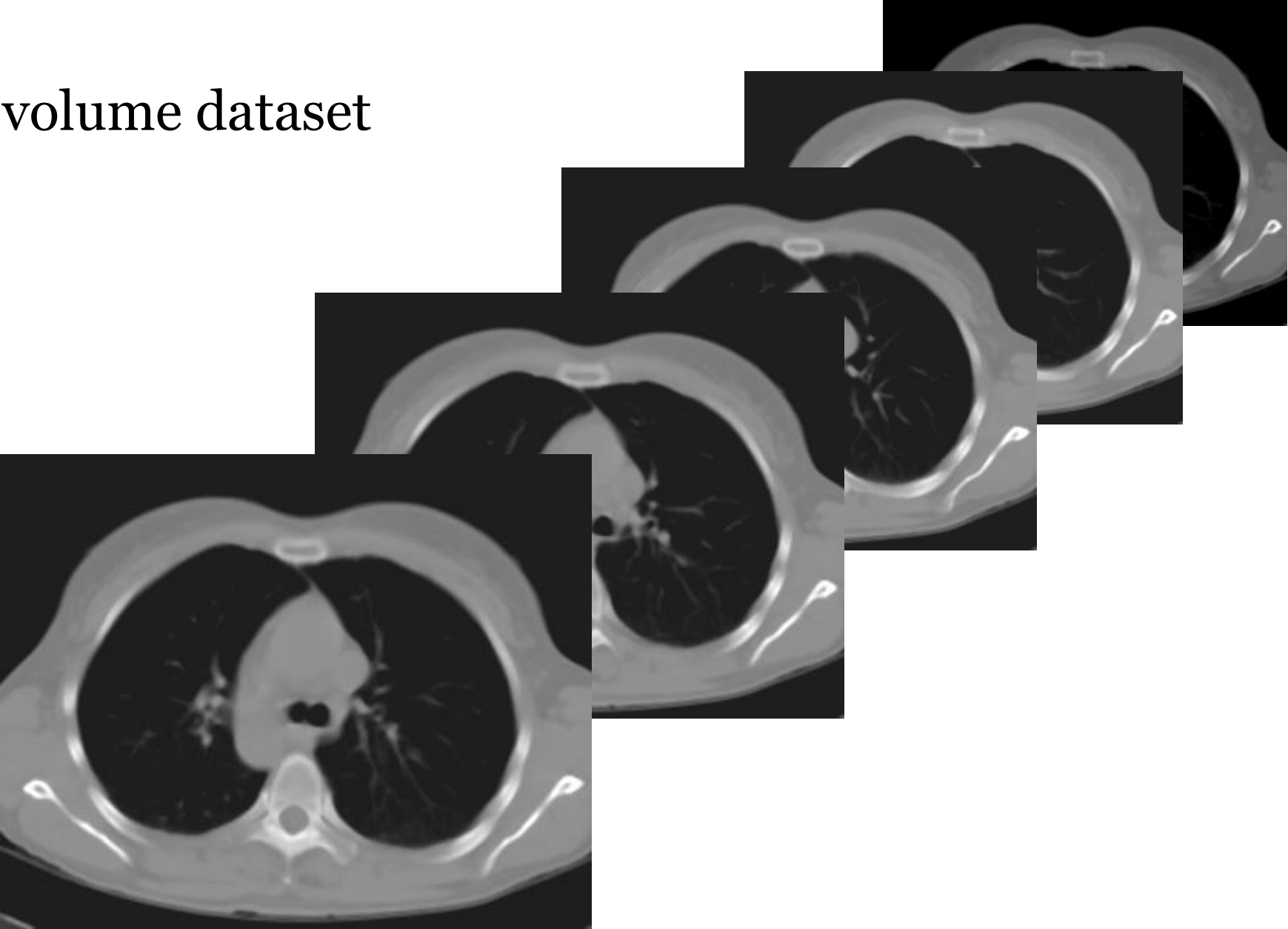
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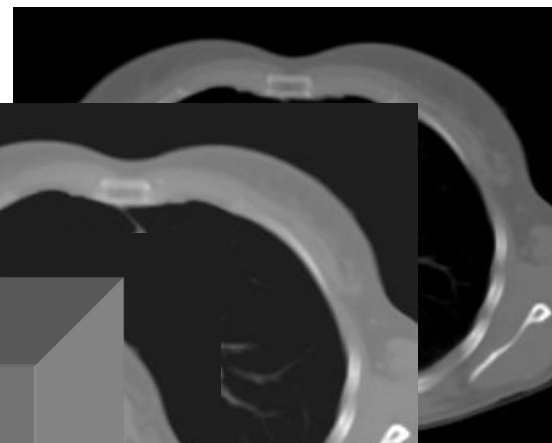
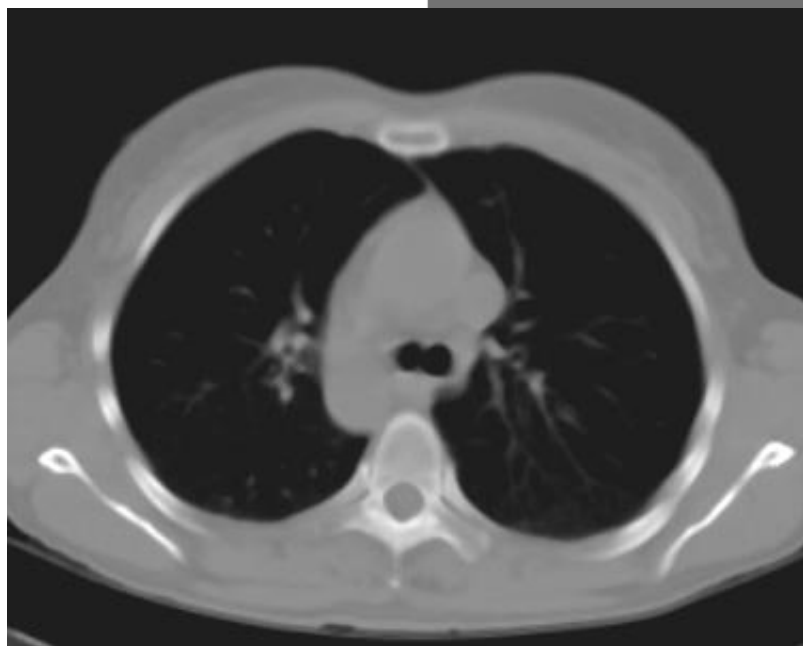


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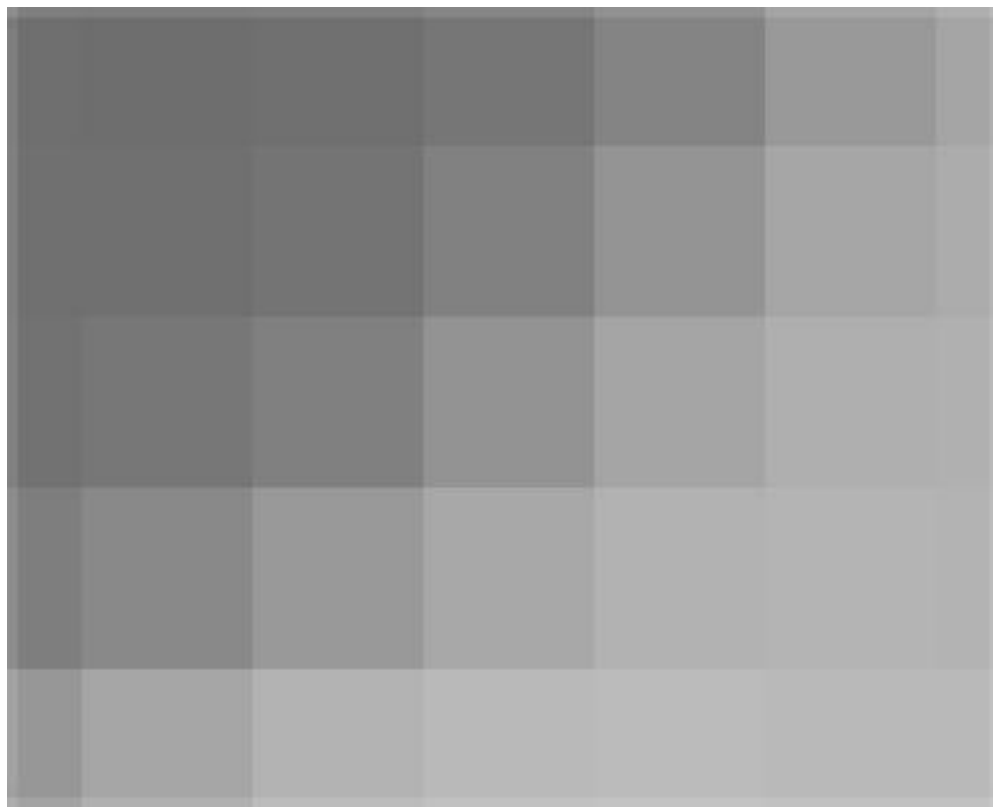
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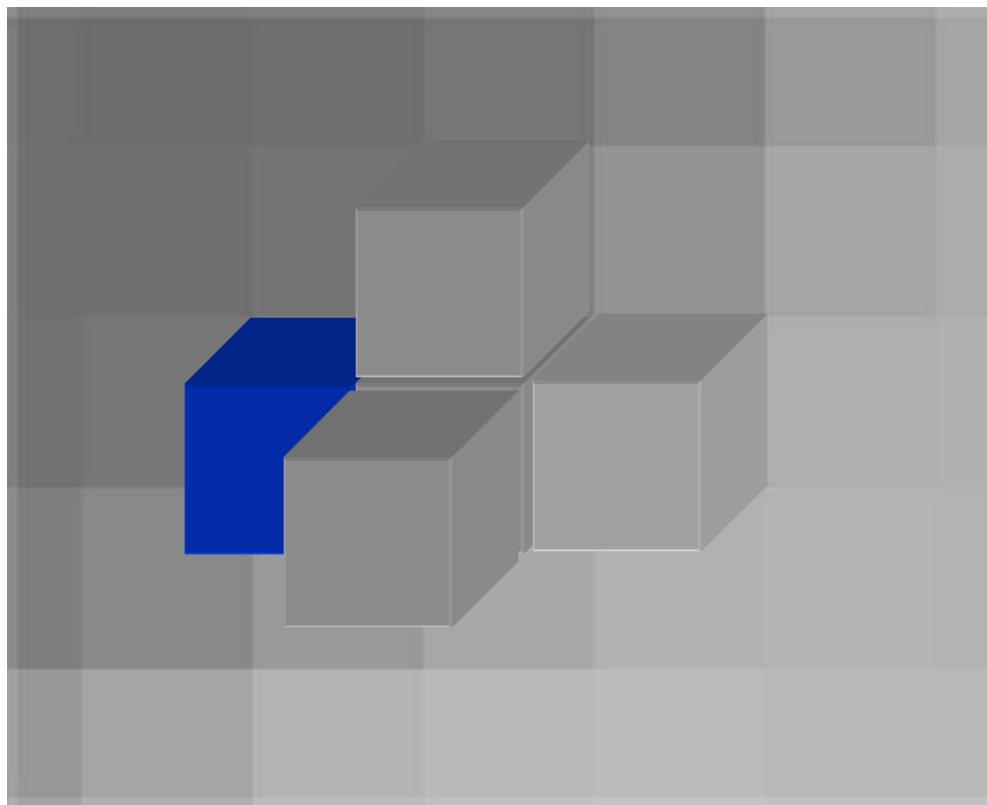
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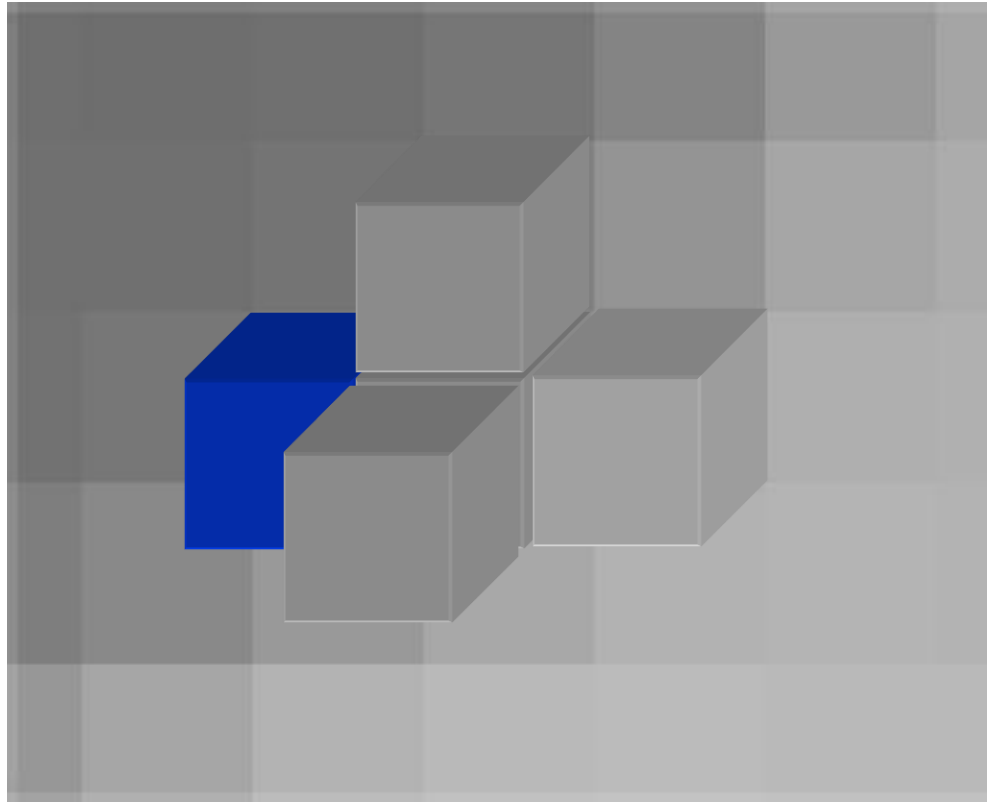


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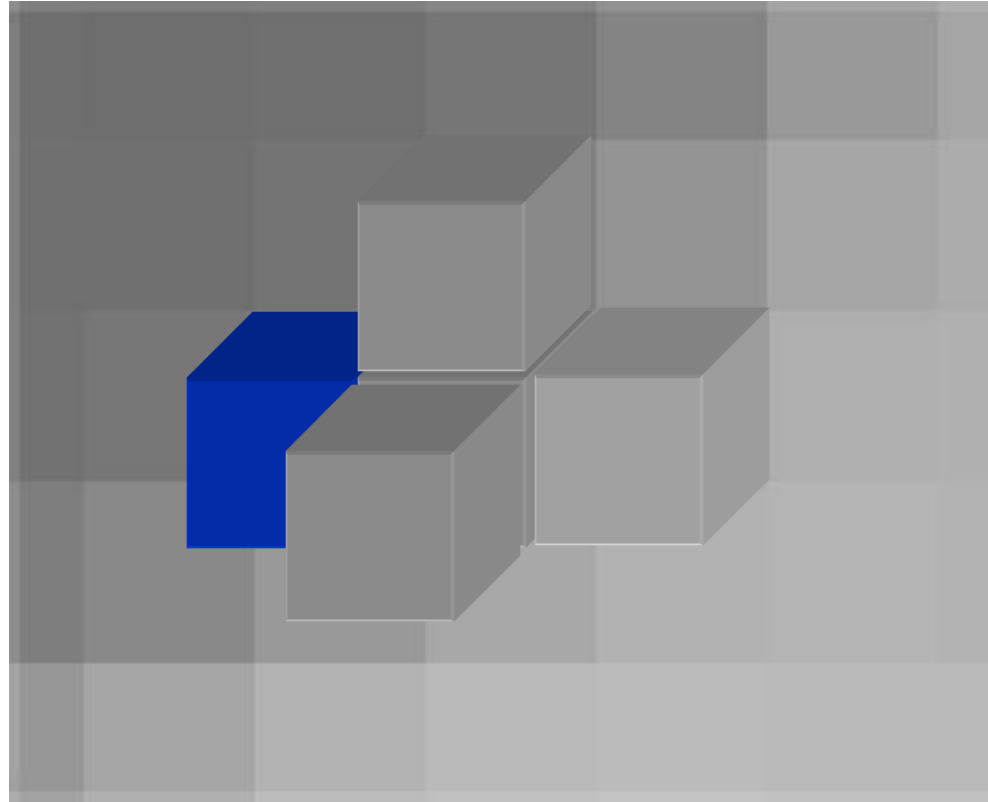
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Voxels (Volume elements)



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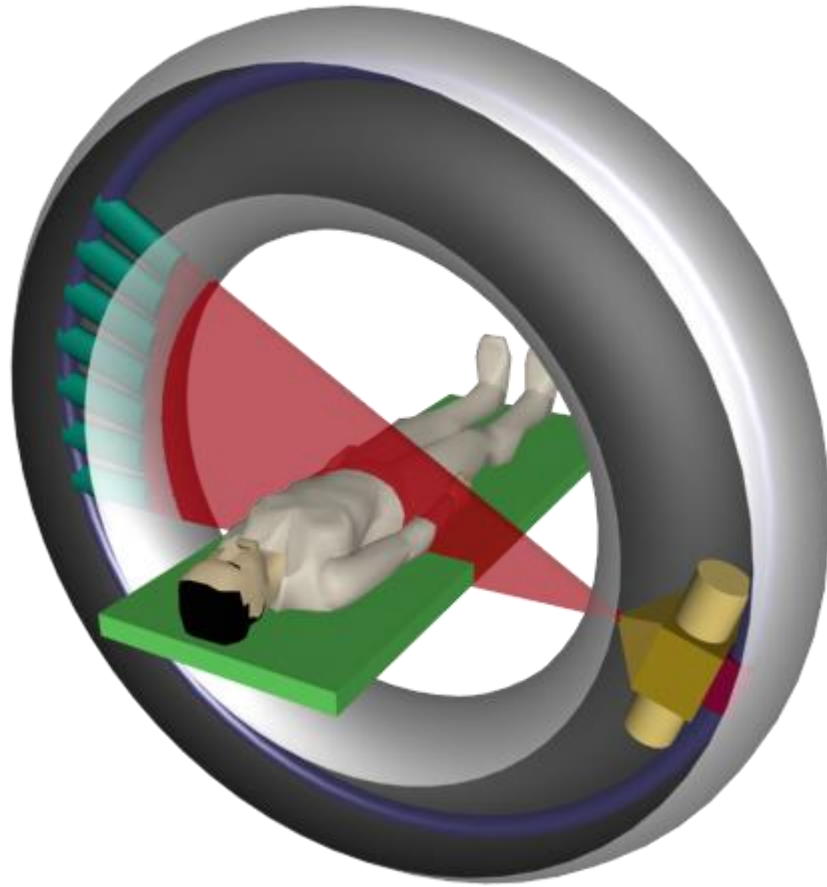
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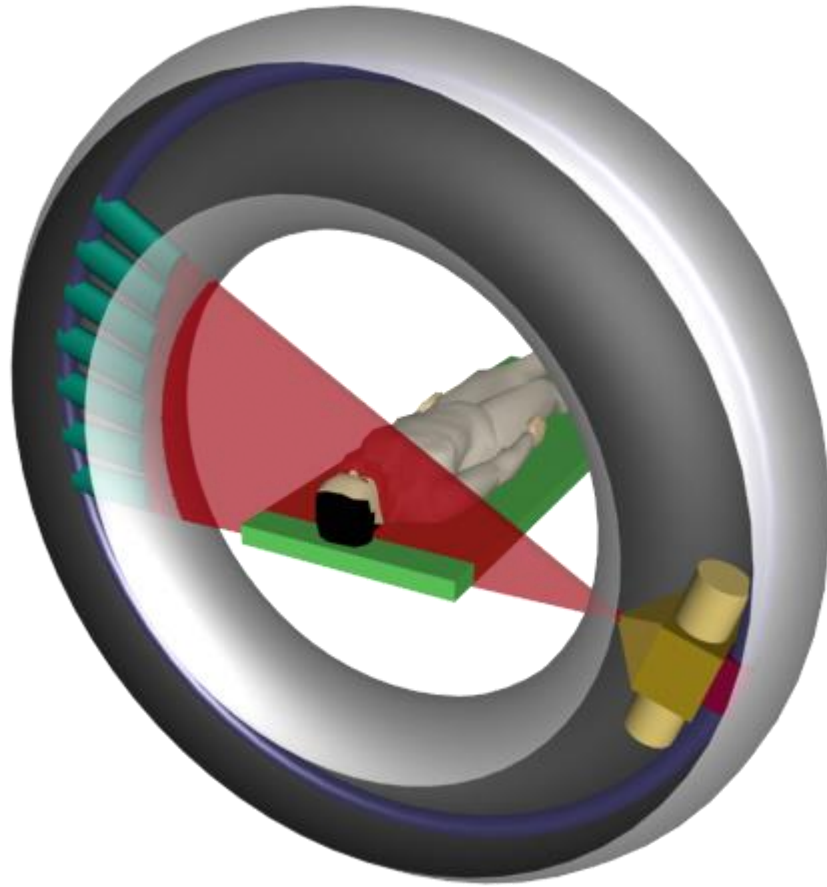
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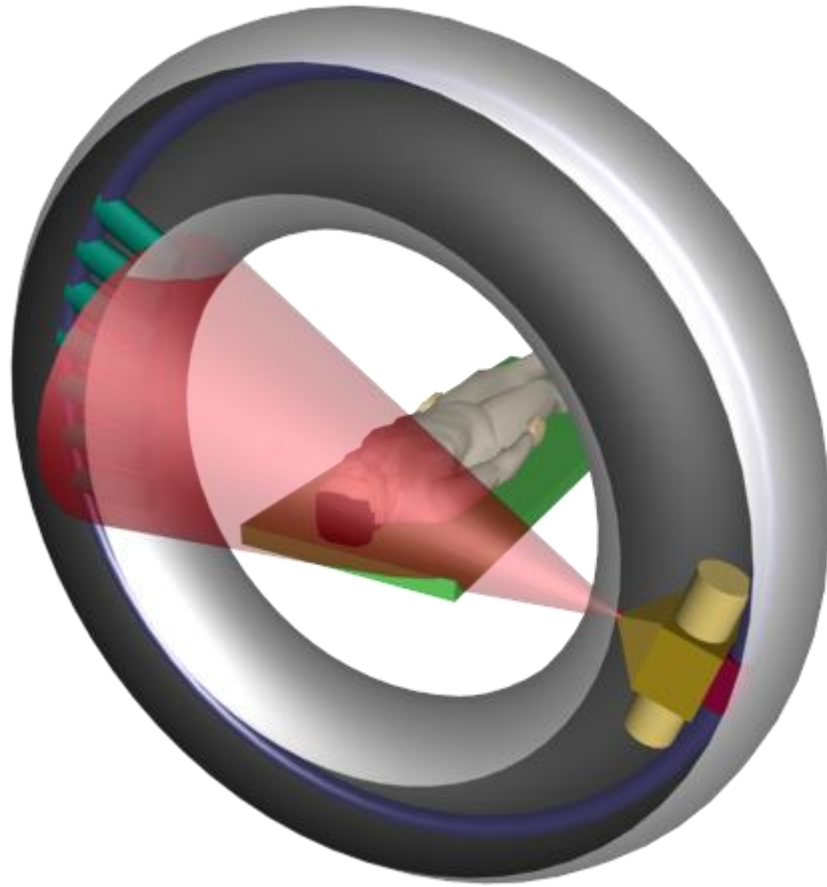
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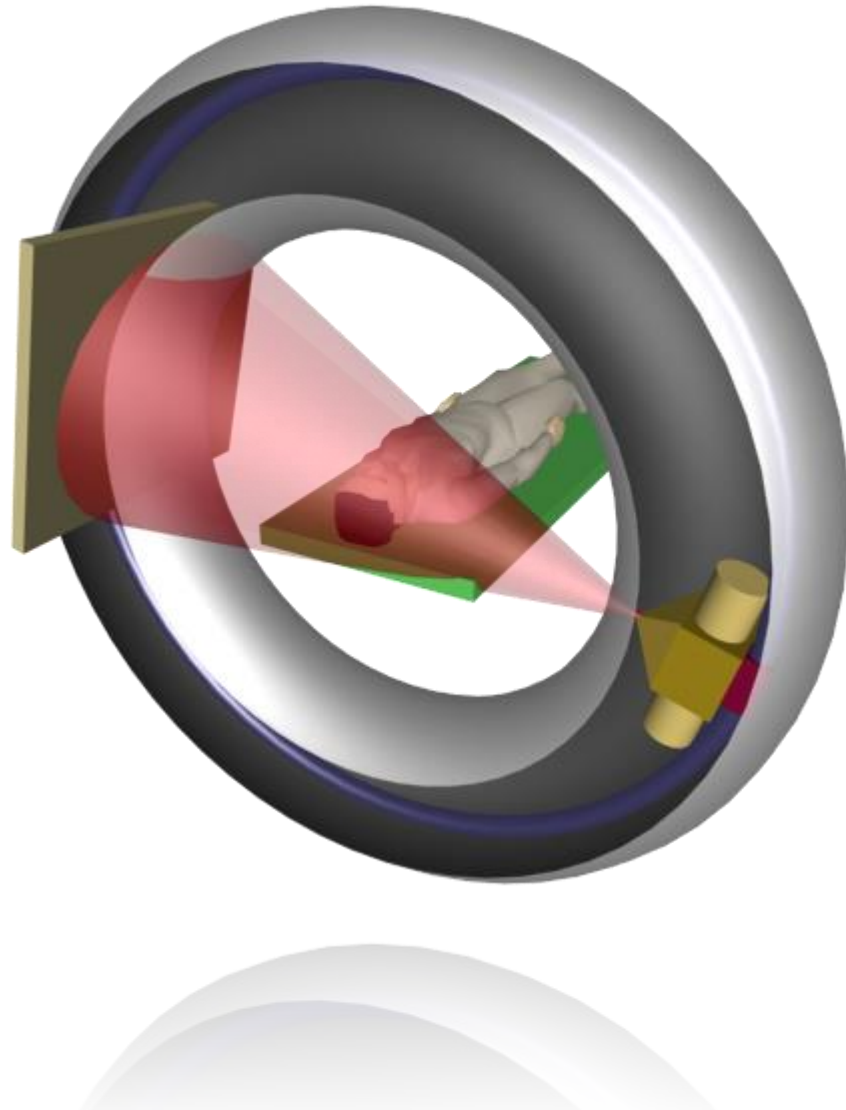
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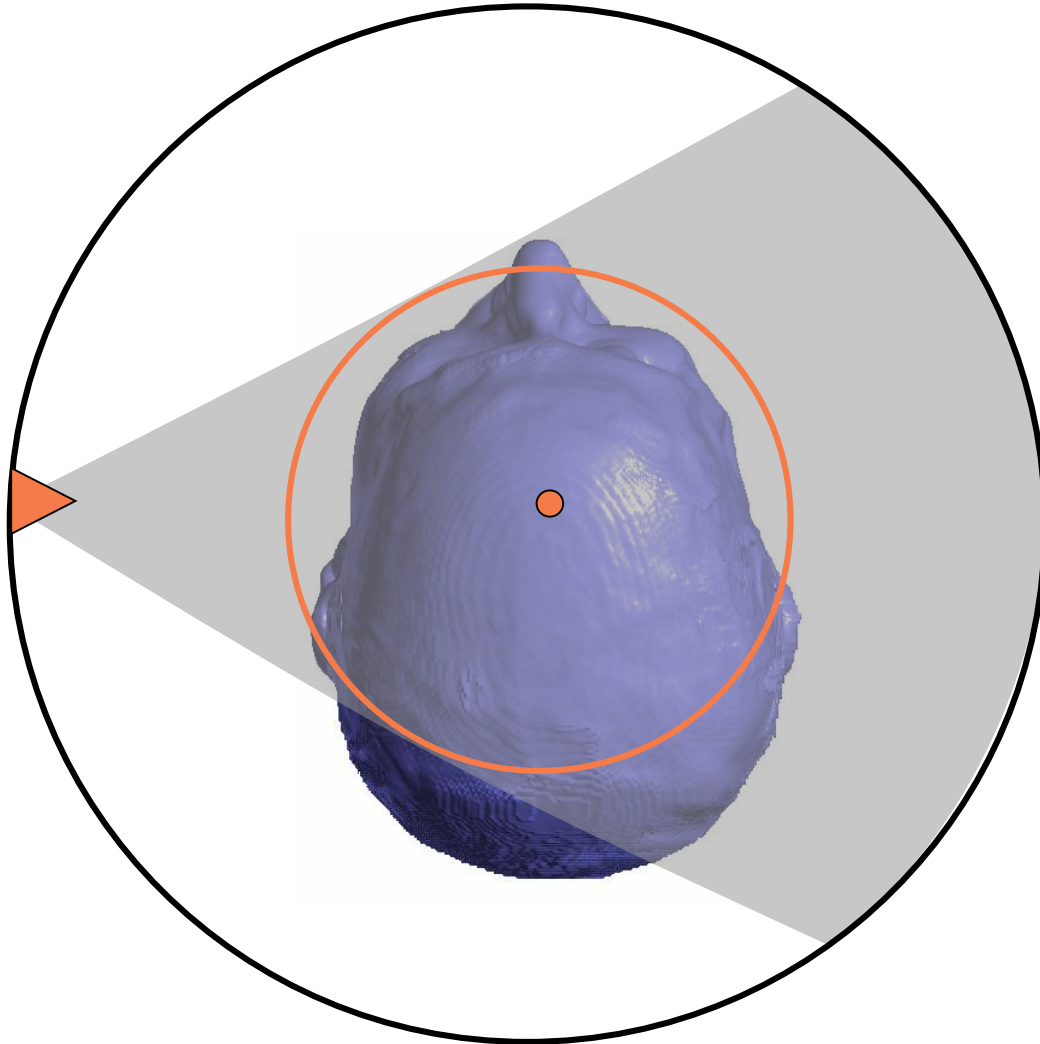
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i-CAT Cone Beam CT Scanner

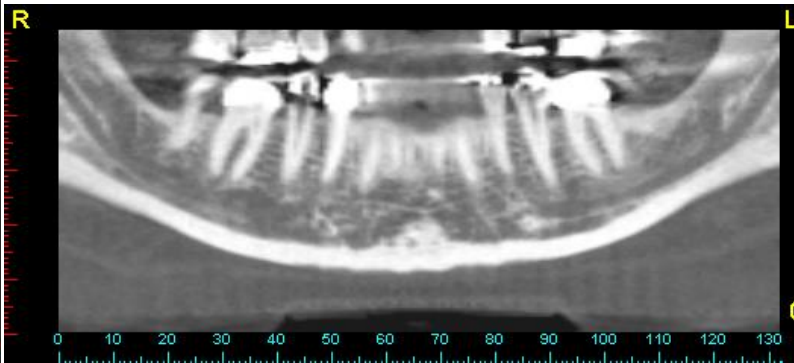


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Basic CT images



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Cross Sections



Sagittal

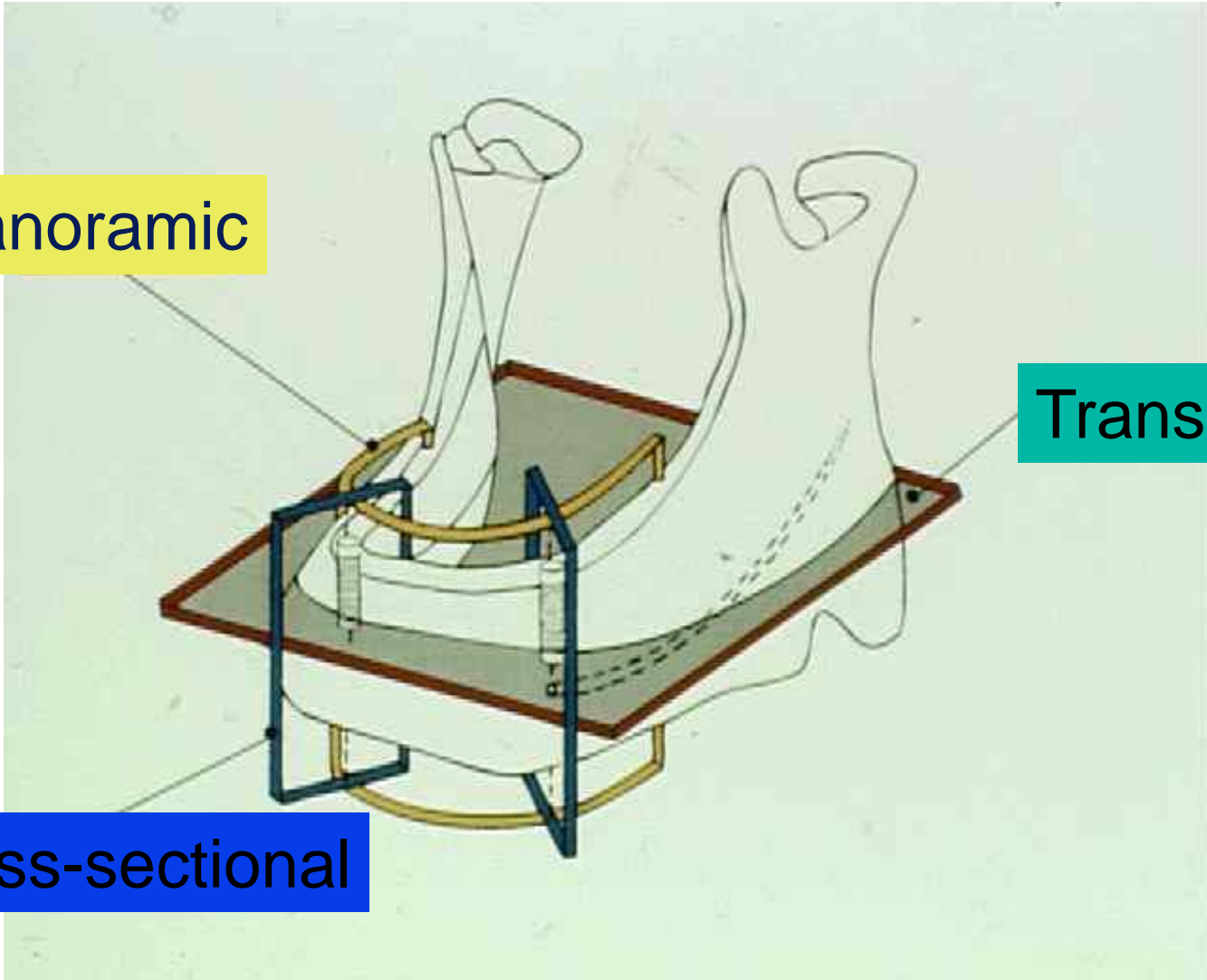


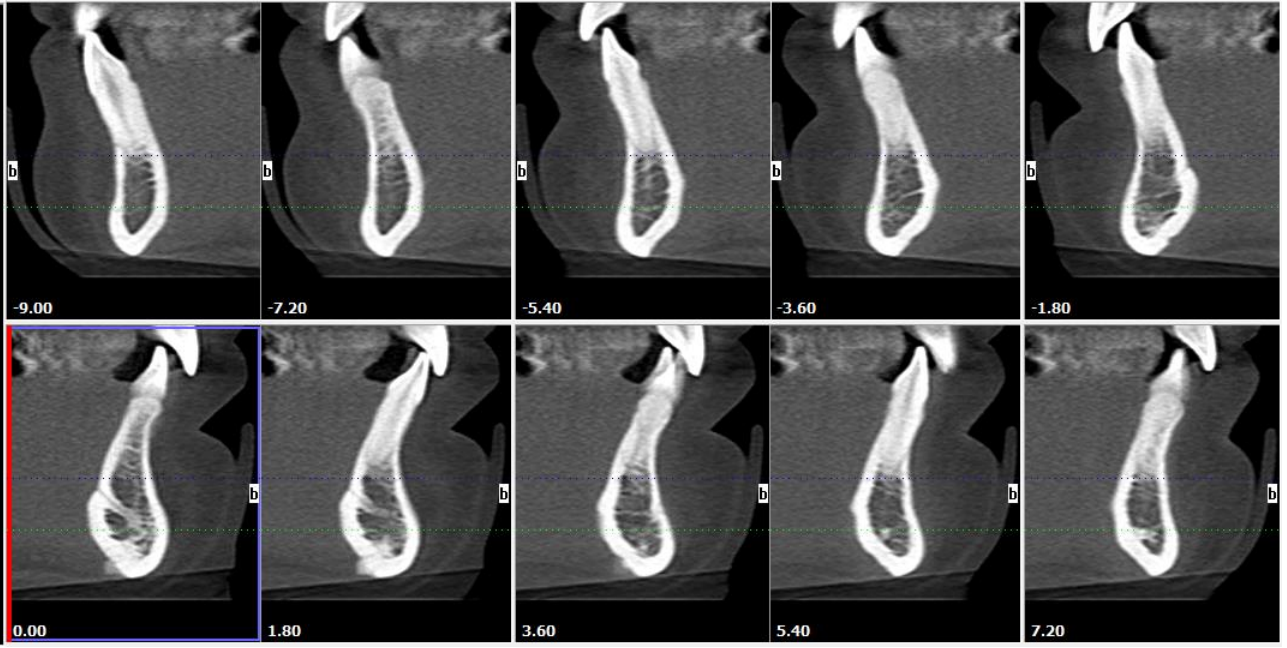
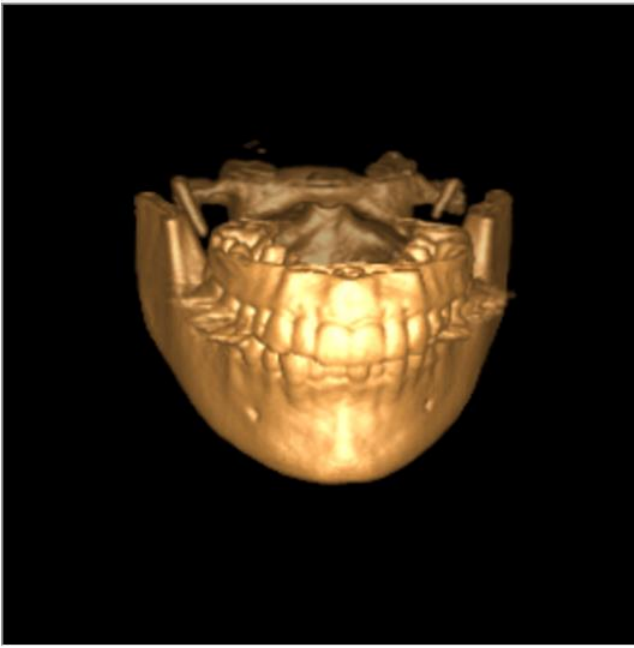
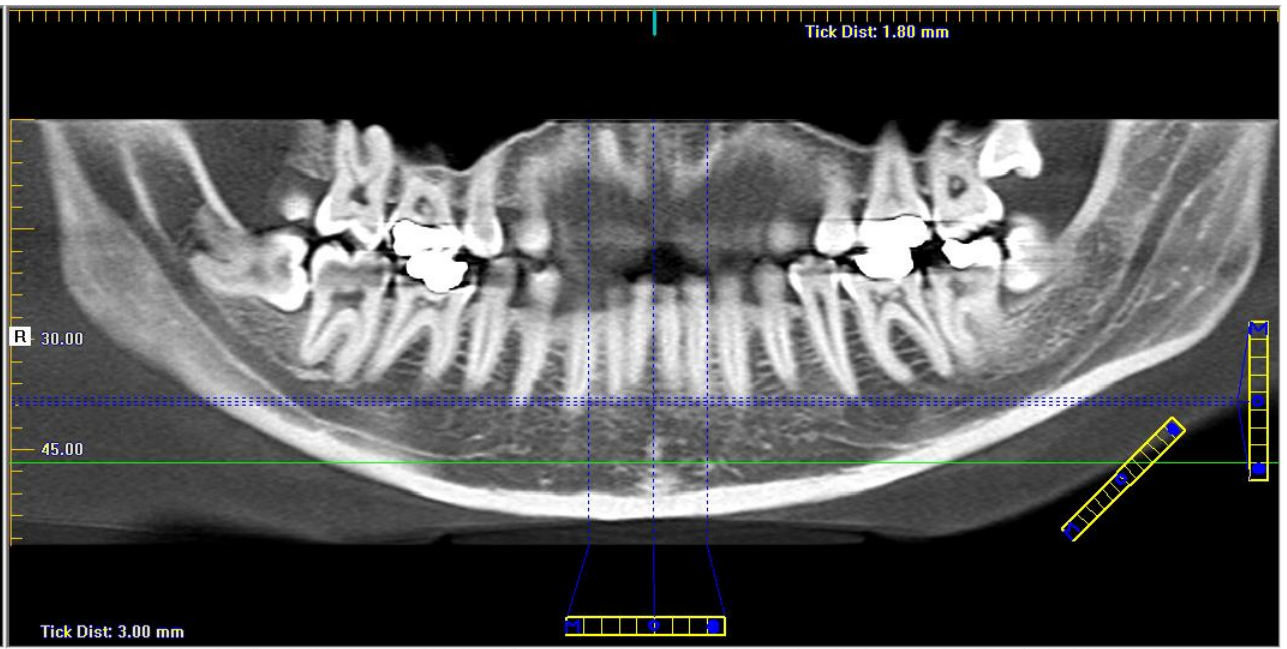
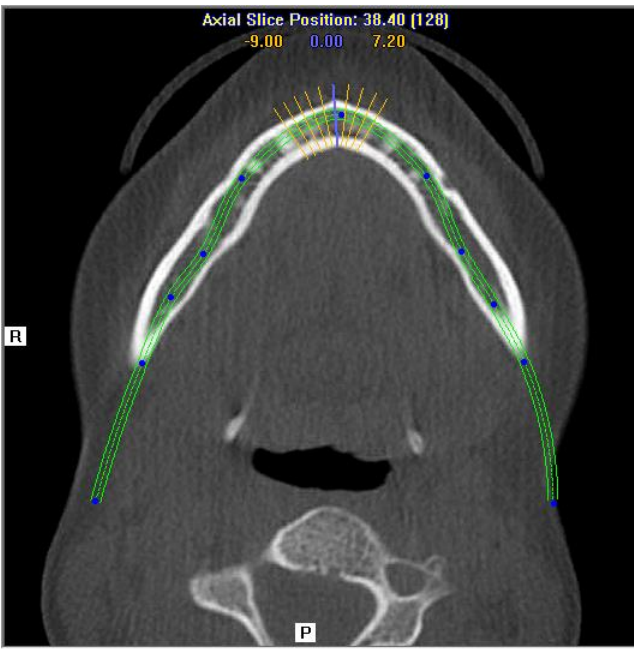
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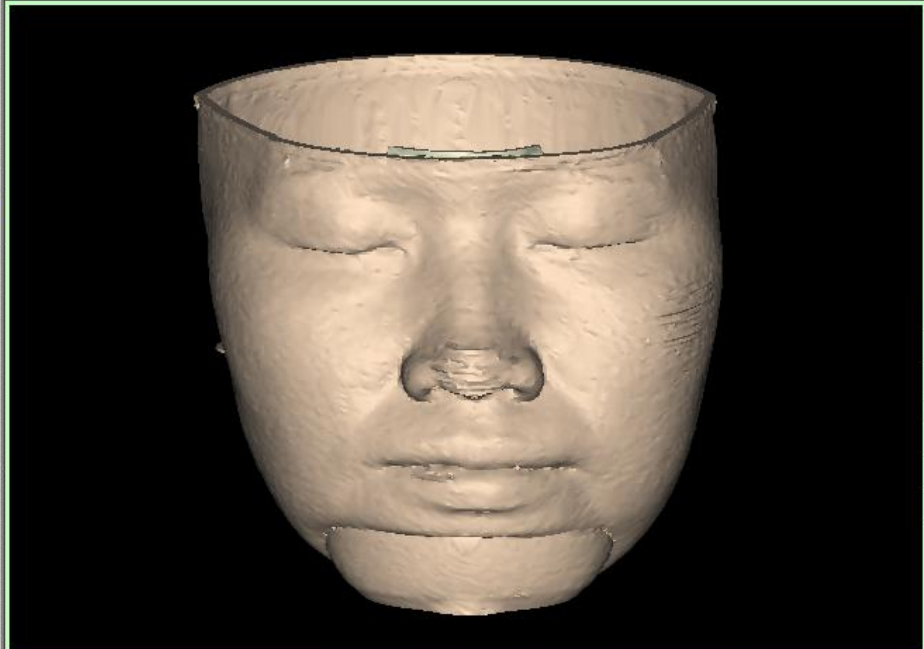
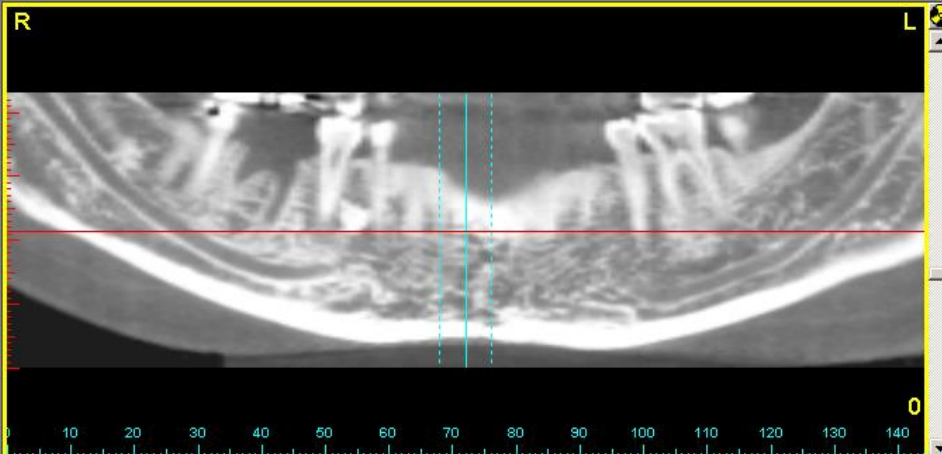
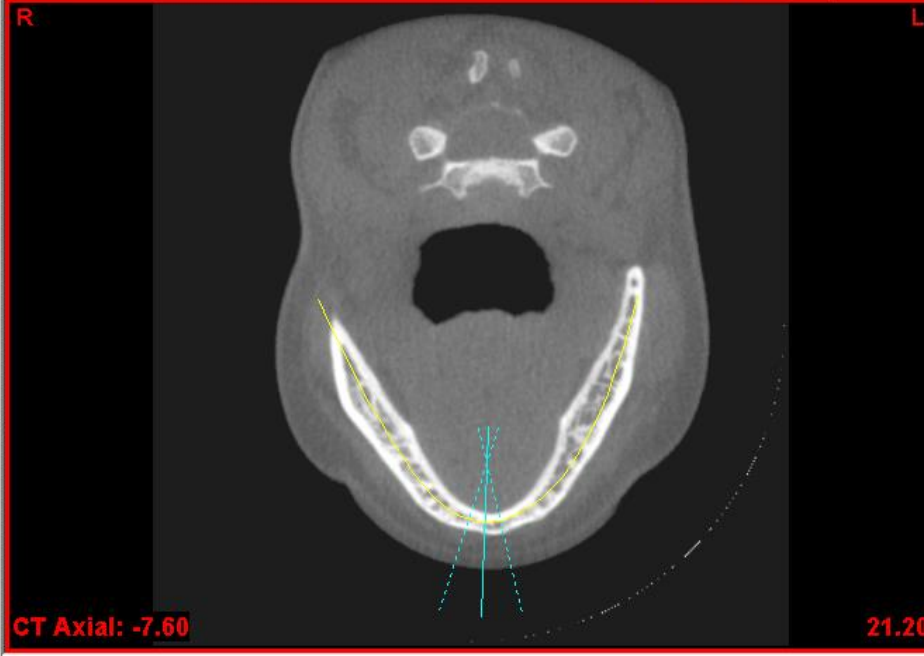
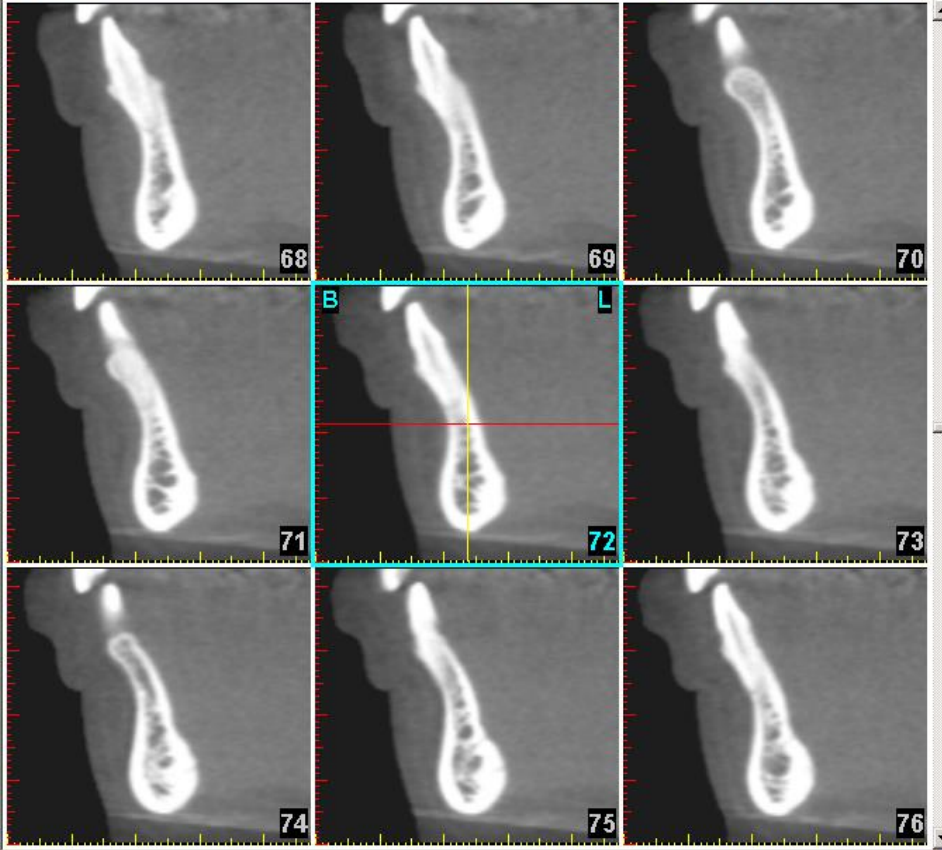
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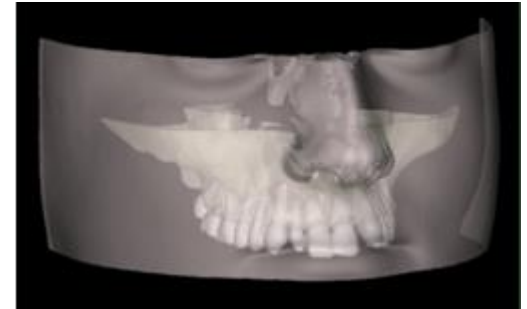
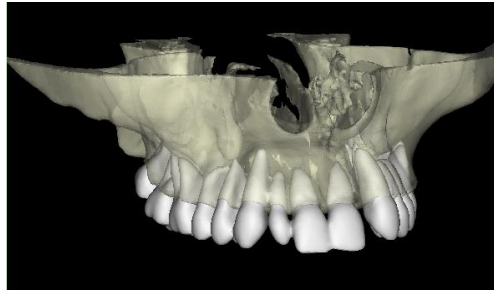
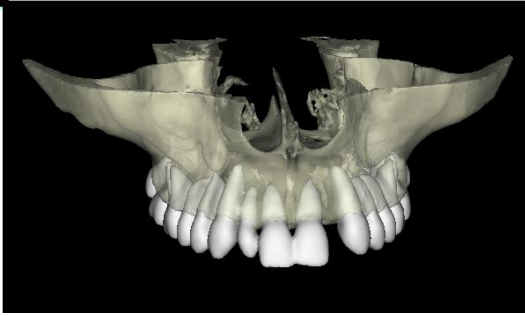
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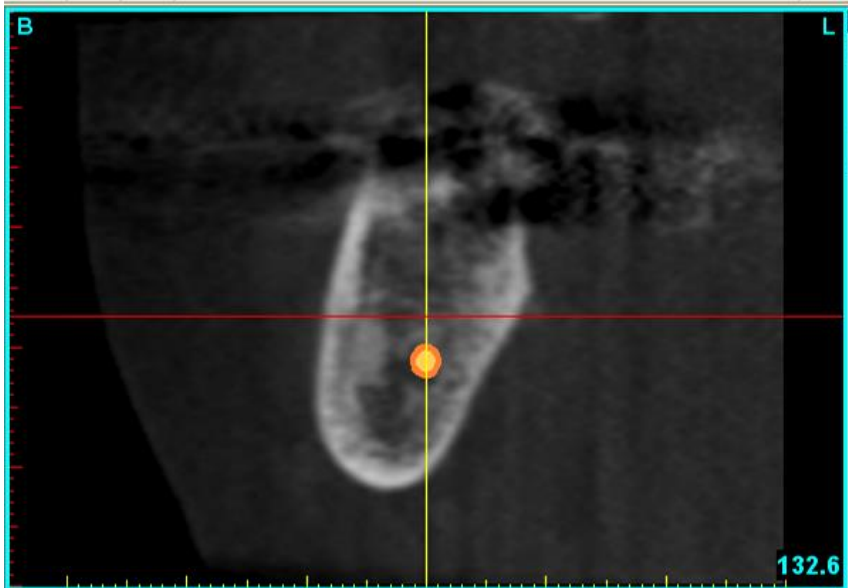


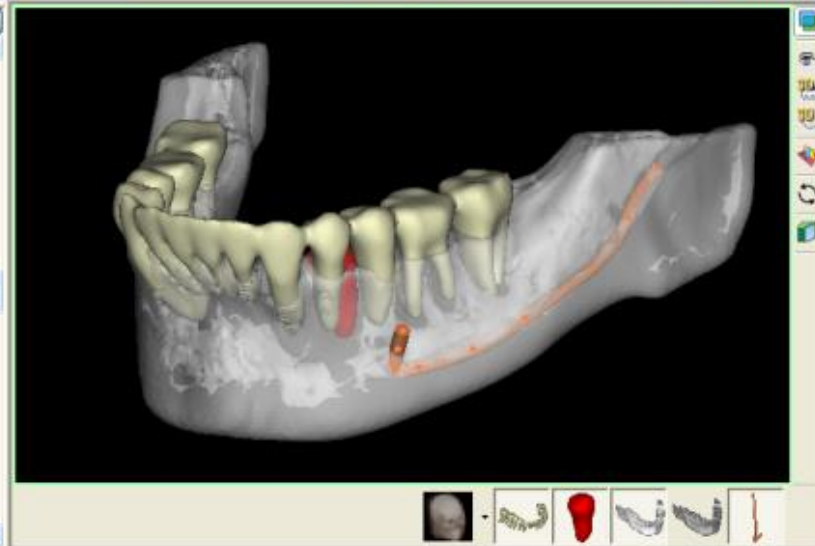
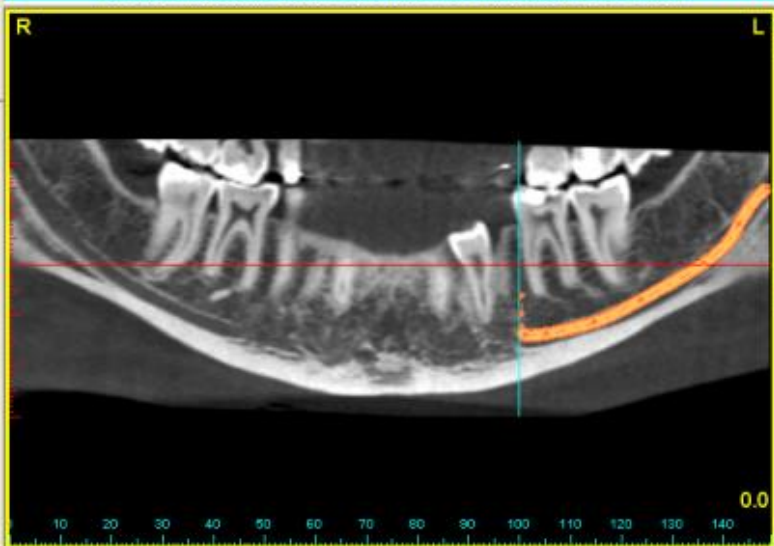


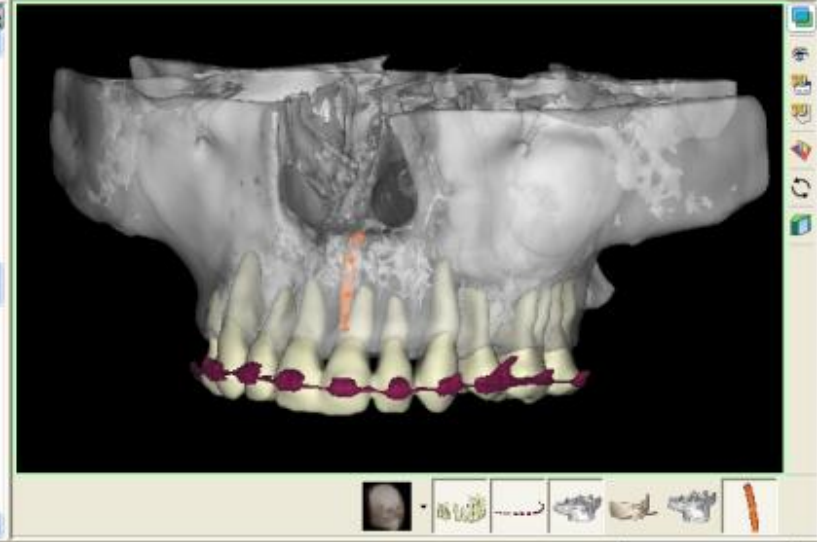
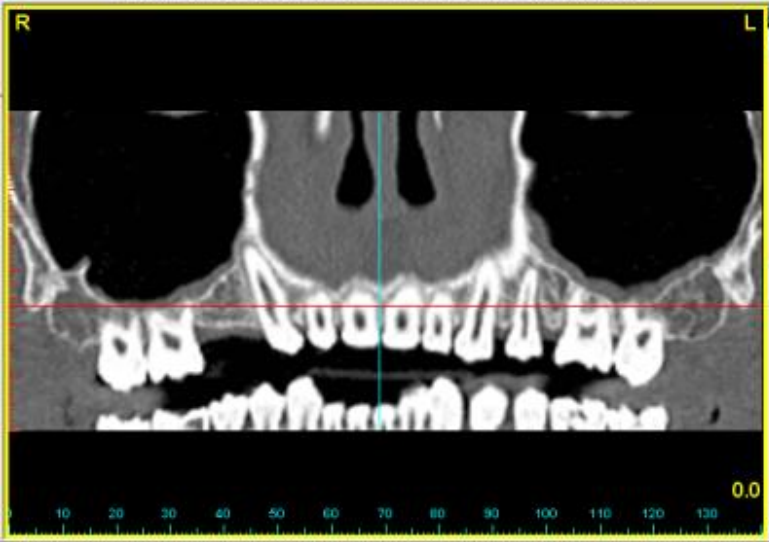
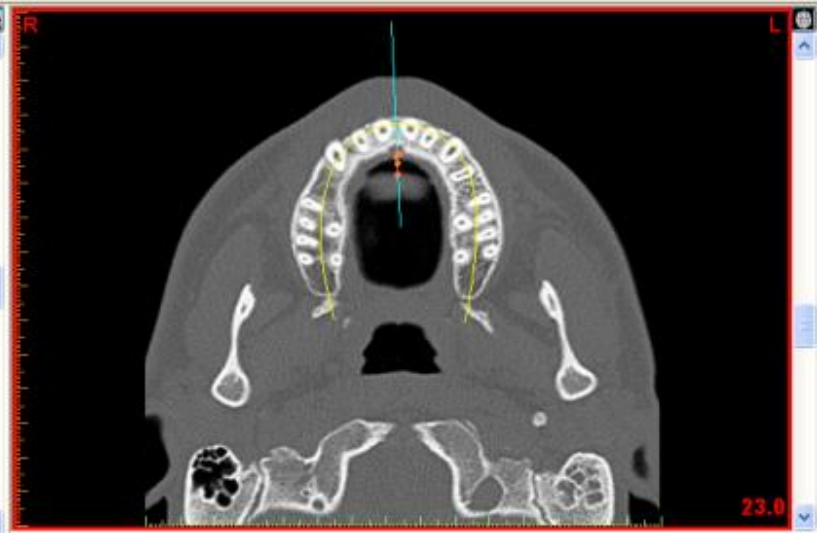
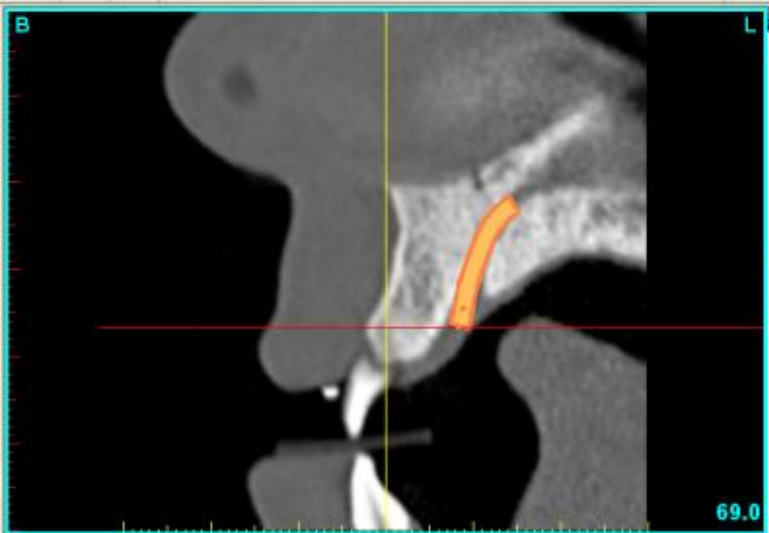


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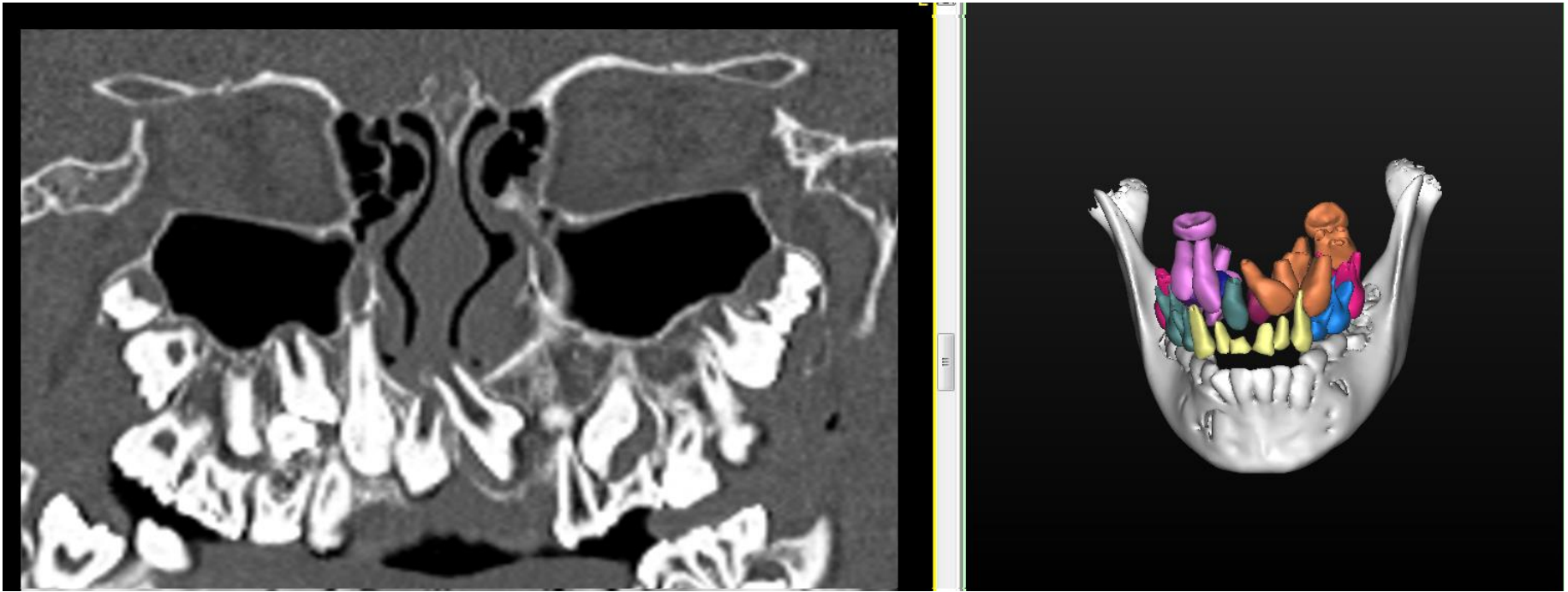




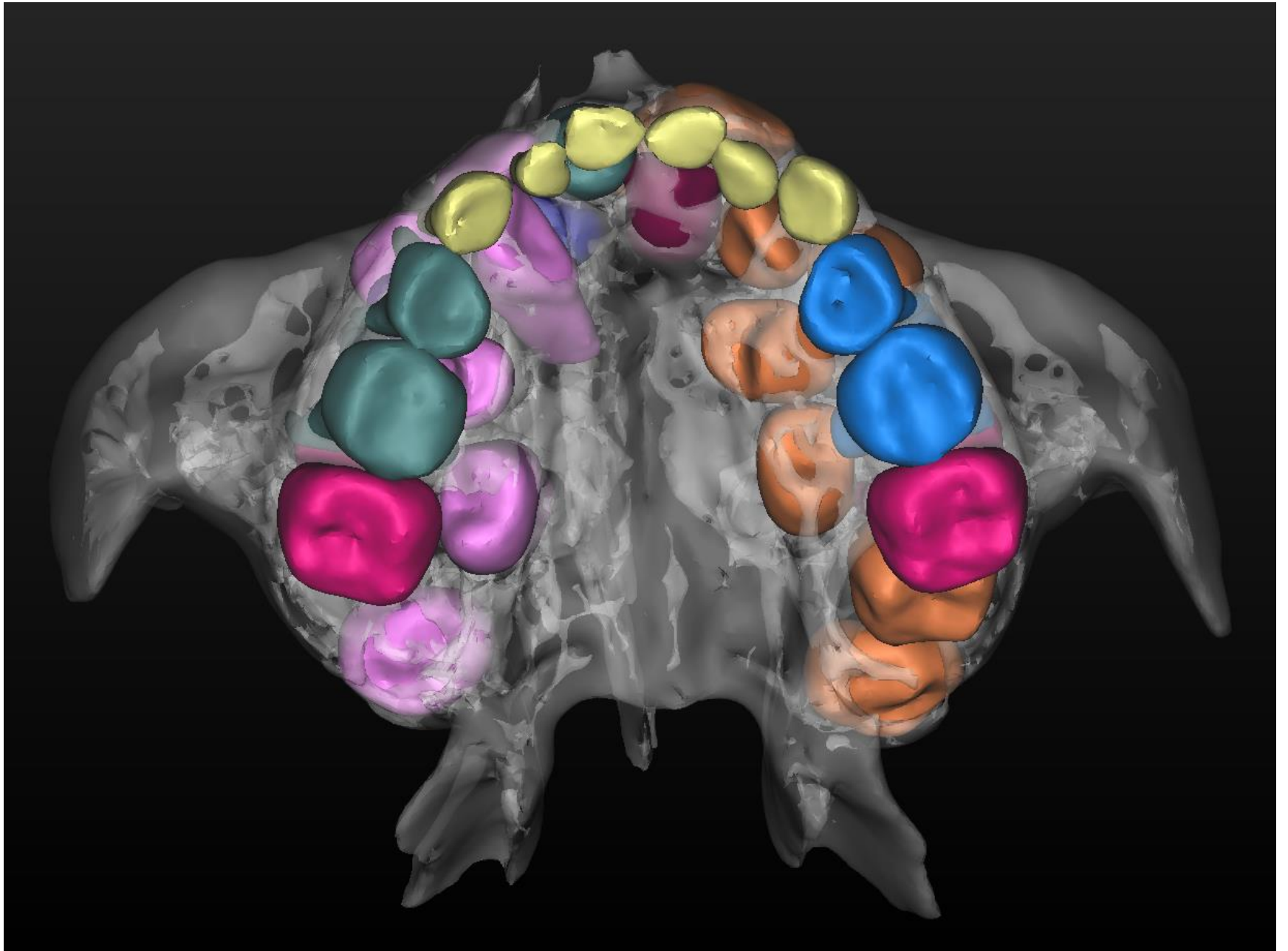


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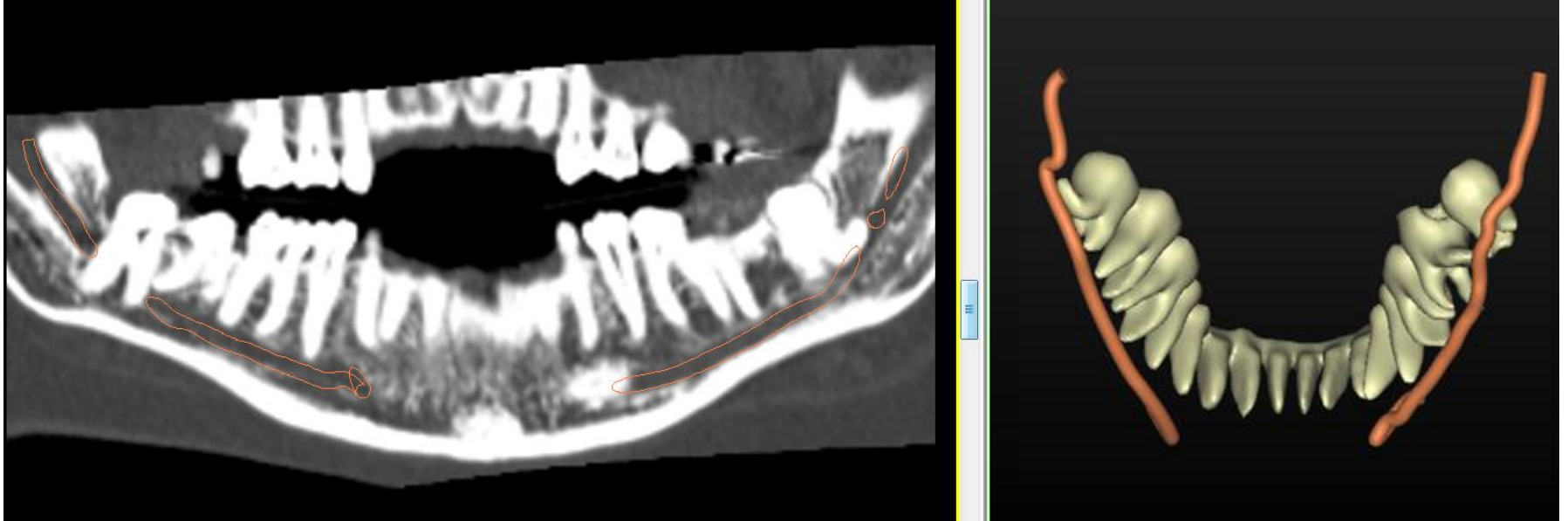
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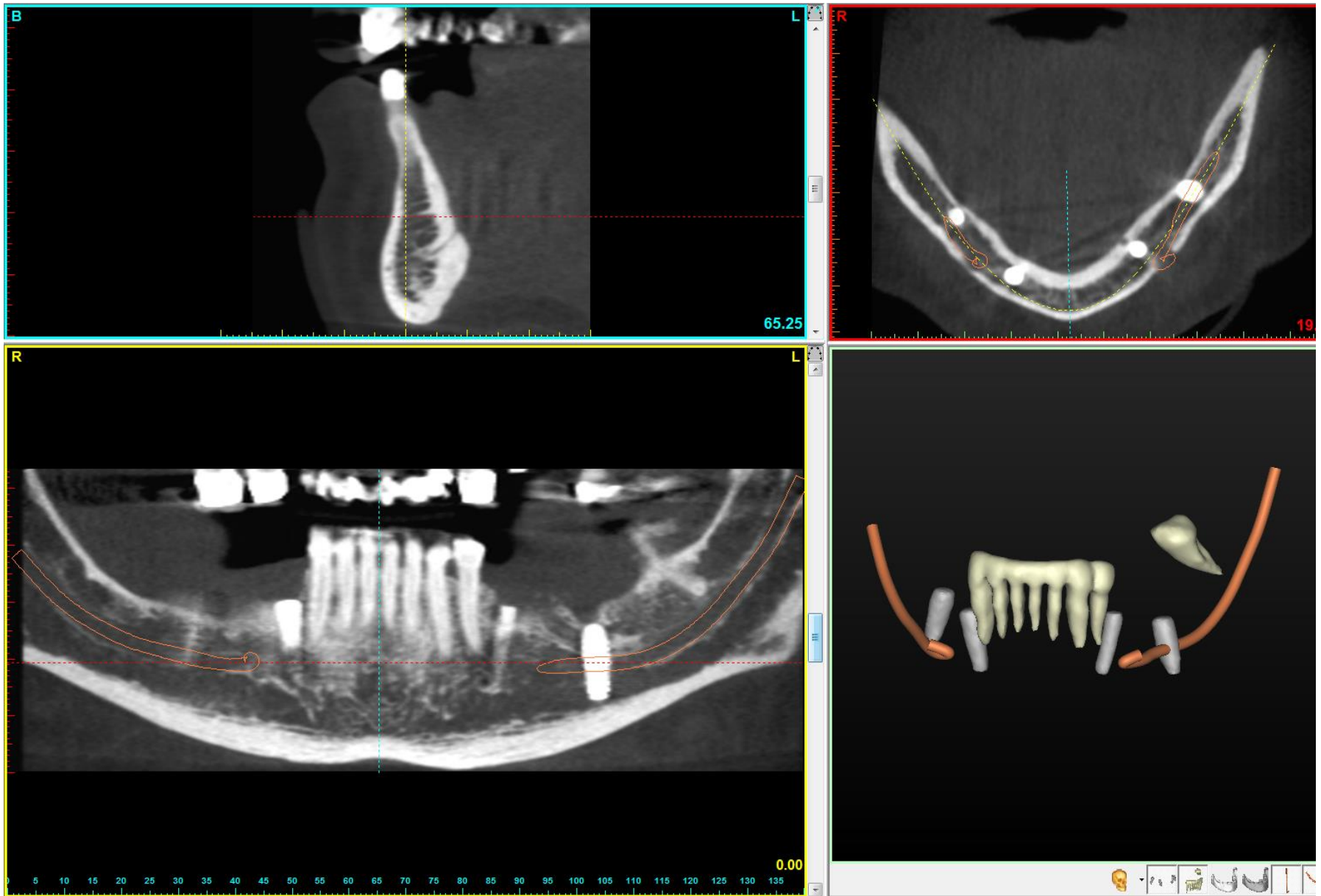
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Third Molars



Courtesy of Barry Dace



Take the CT Scan first, do the surgery second (not the other ways around)!

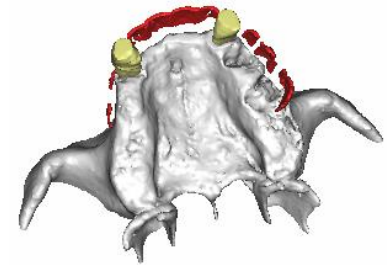
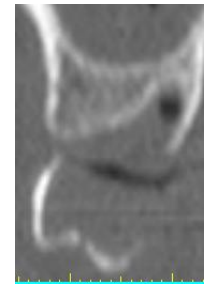
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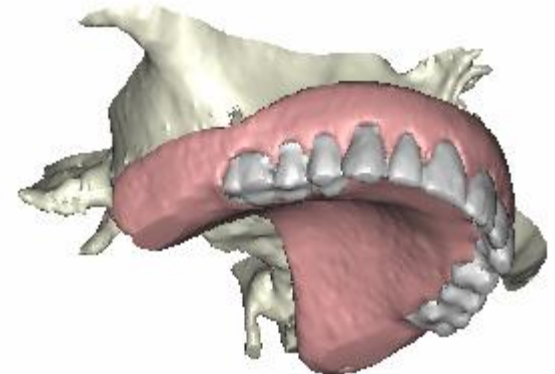
- **Gives inter-arch stability for the patient during the scan**
- **Opens the bite slightly (a few mm) using occlusal stops**
- **Position and size of the desired restoration can be visualised in the CT images**
- **If the maxilla and mandible are scanned together the 3D image will illustrate the inter-arch relationship.**

Making a Scanning Stent

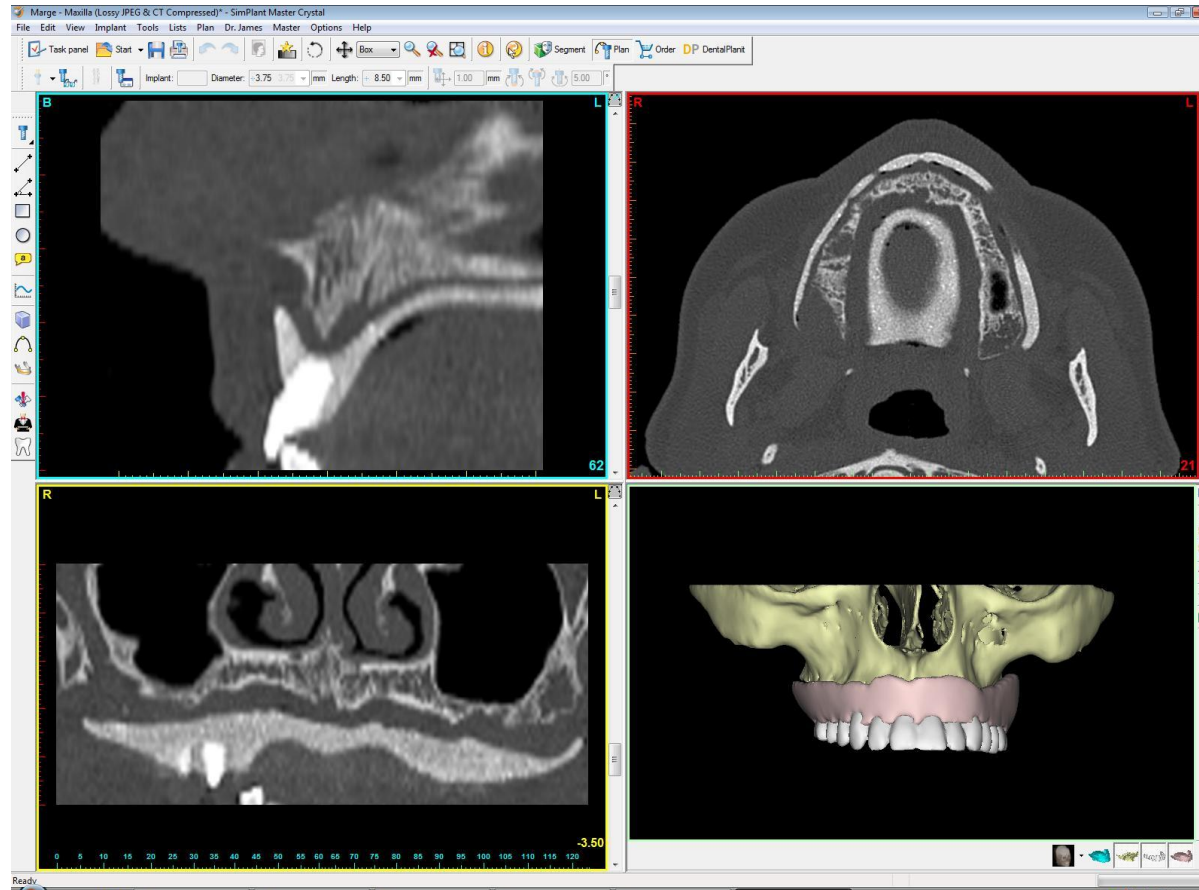
- Plastic and clear acrylic does not show up on a CT scan.
- To make it show up, you can:
 - mix barium sulphate with the acrylic
 - paint barium sulphate on the surface
 - use radio-opaque teeth
 - use markers made from a radio-opaque material
 - lab putty
 - gutta percha
 - glass ionomer
- use a dual-scan technique.



- **We recommend using a barium sulphate-acrylic mix for both the radio-opaque teeth and the baseplate.**
- **Use 15% barium sulphate in the teeth and 10% barium sulphate in the baseplate. This allows the teeth to be picked out separately.**
- **An accurate fitting stent with radio-opaque baseplate is usually the best option for mucosa-supported surgical drill guides.**



Good Stent



Bad Stent



**Worse
Stent**

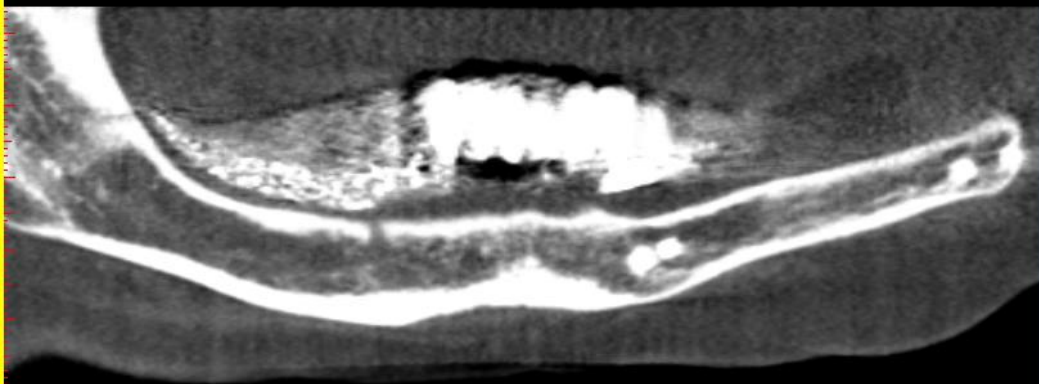


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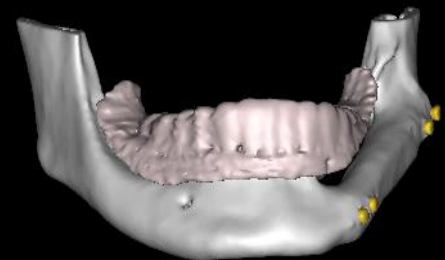
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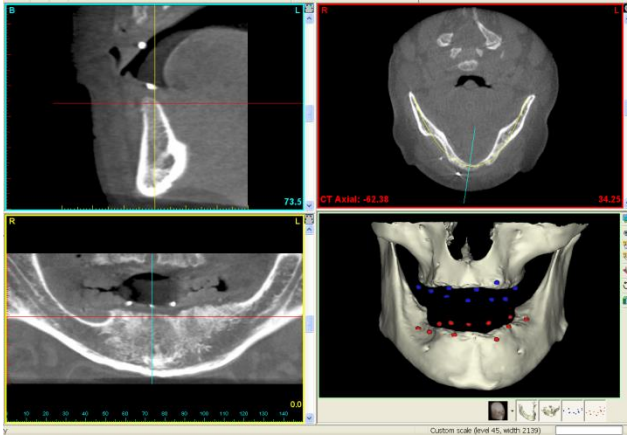
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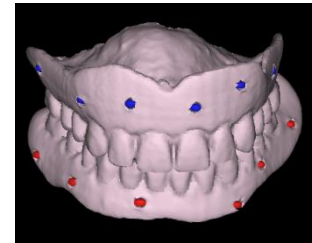
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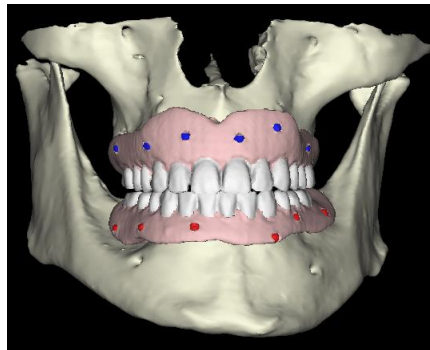
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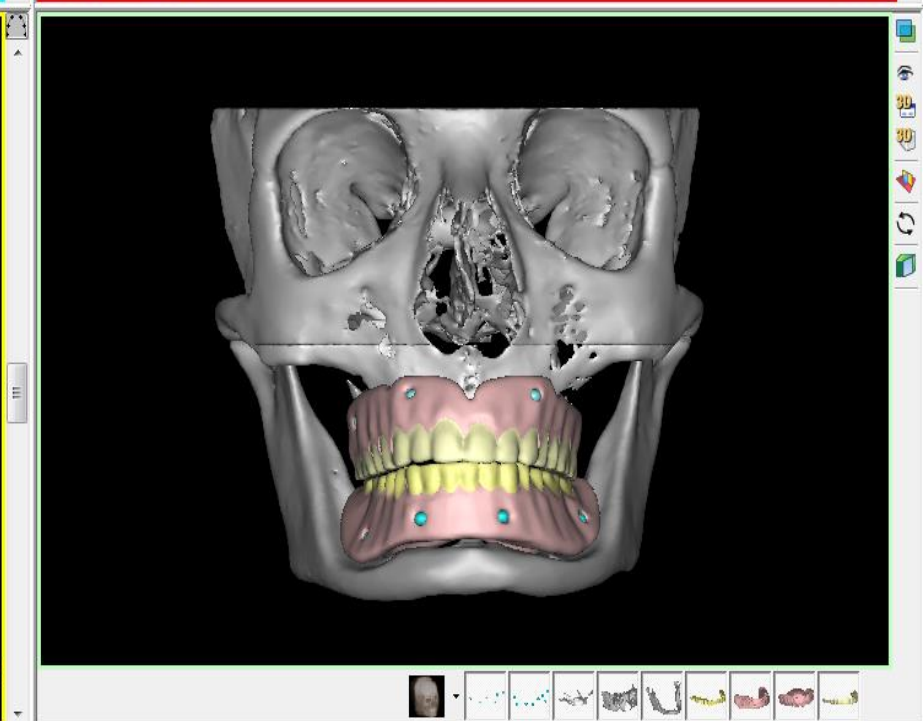
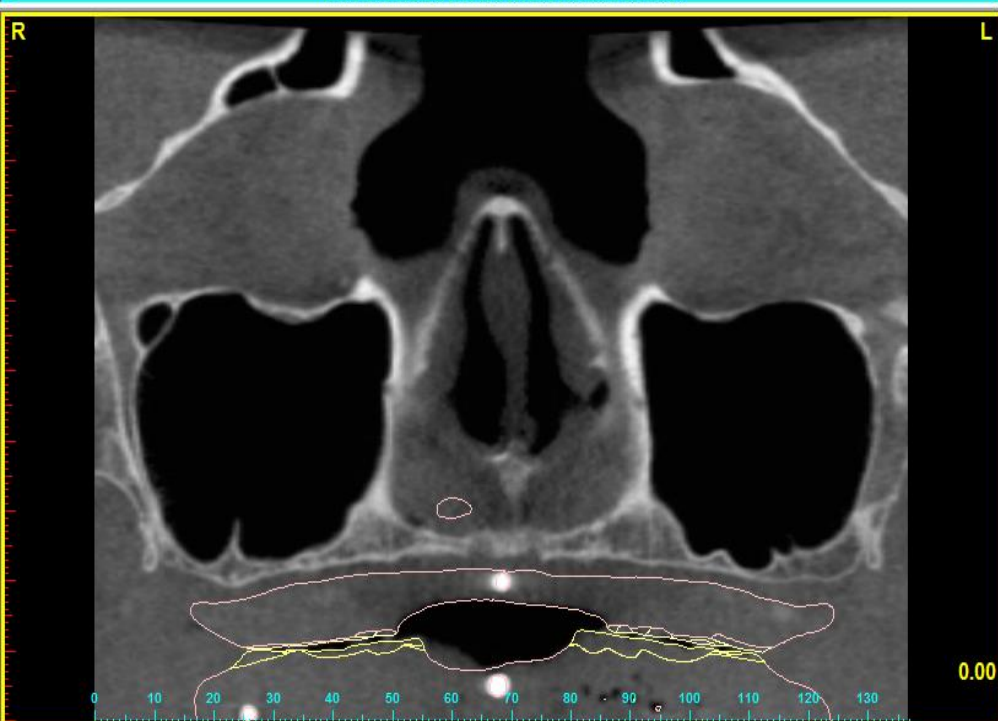
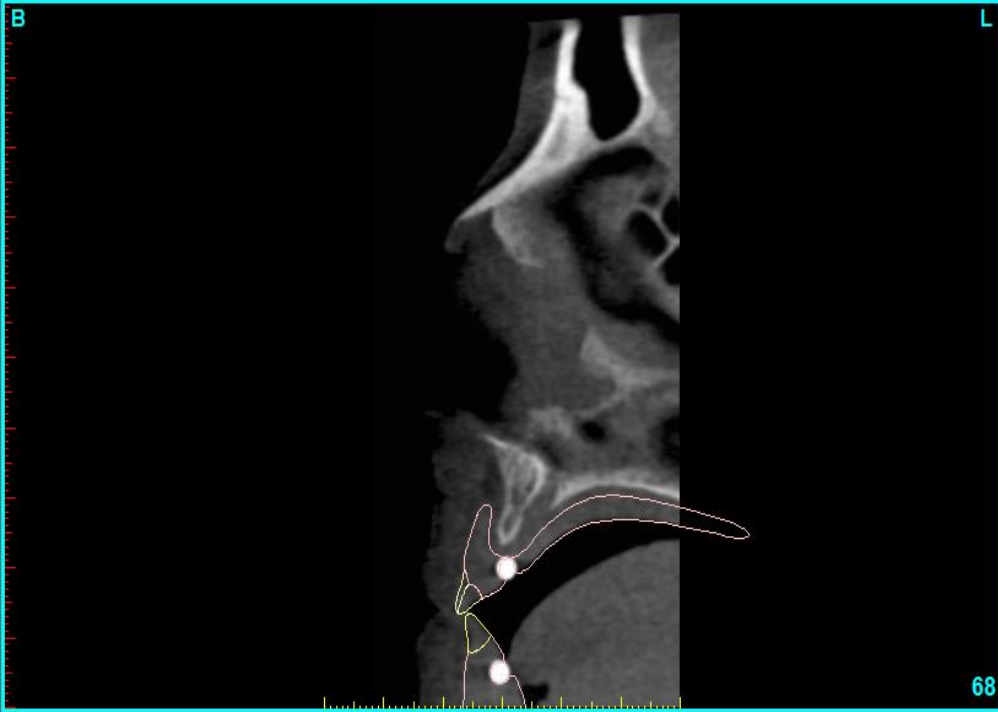


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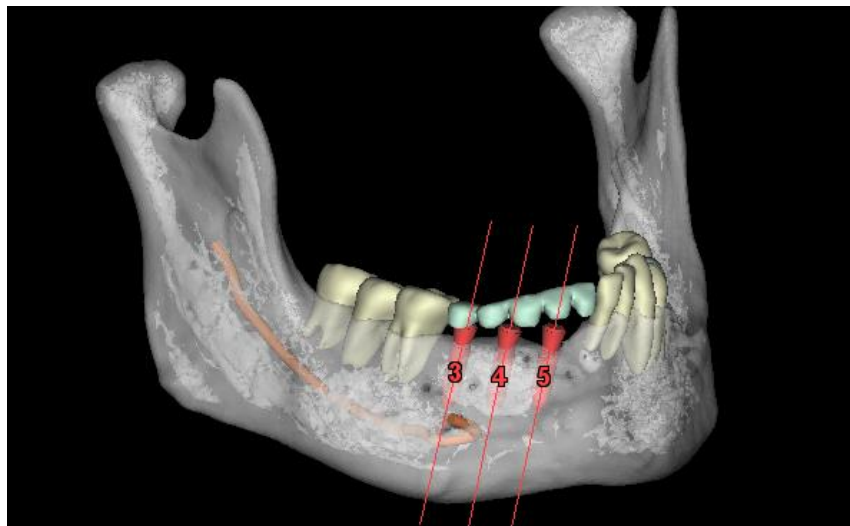
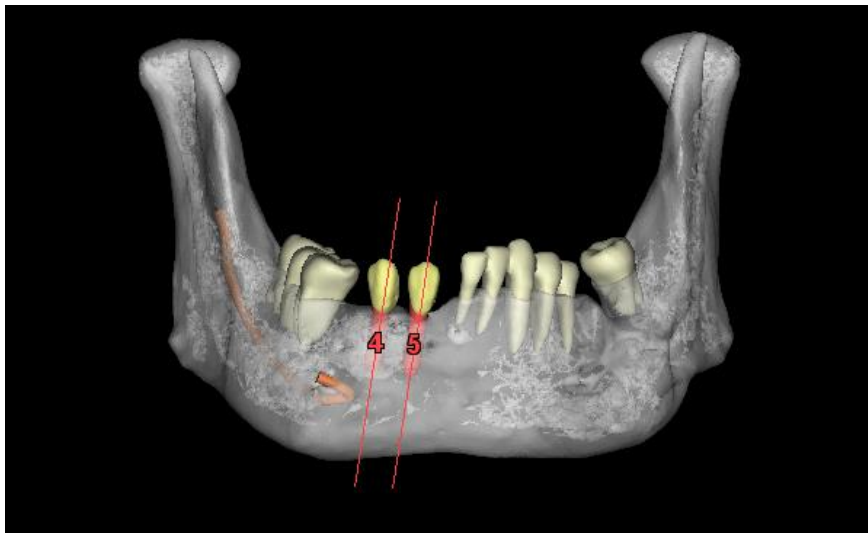
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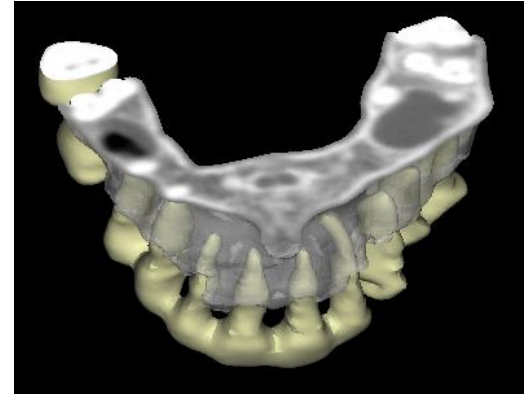
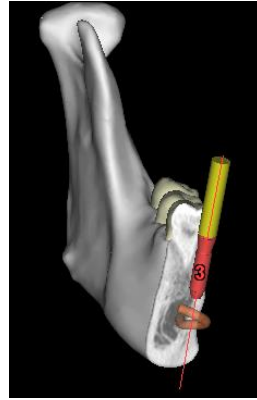


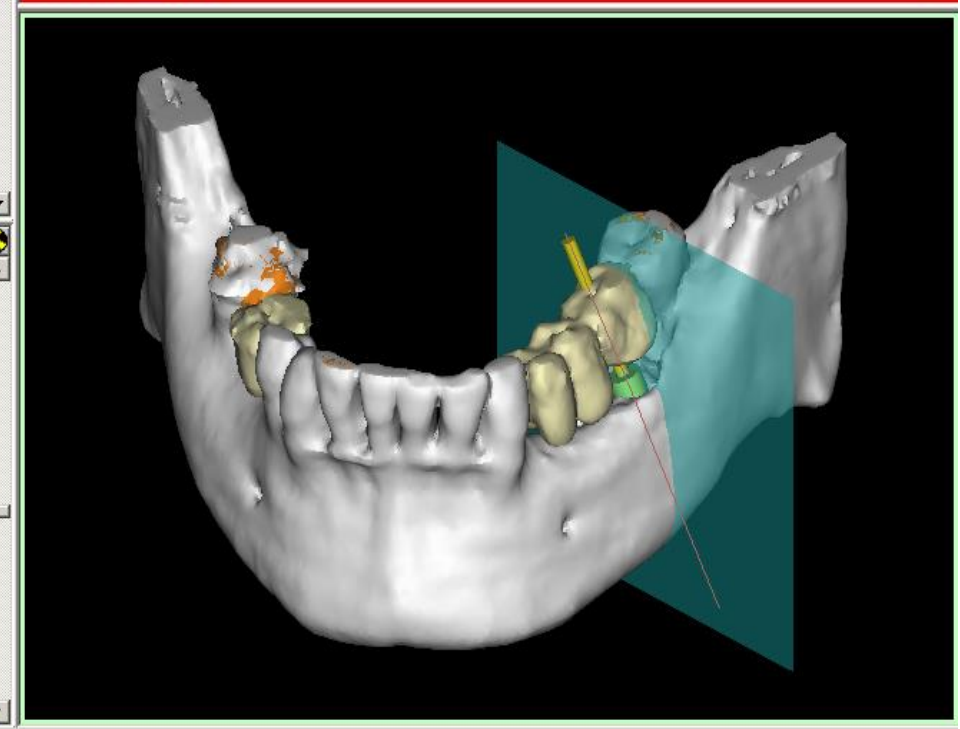
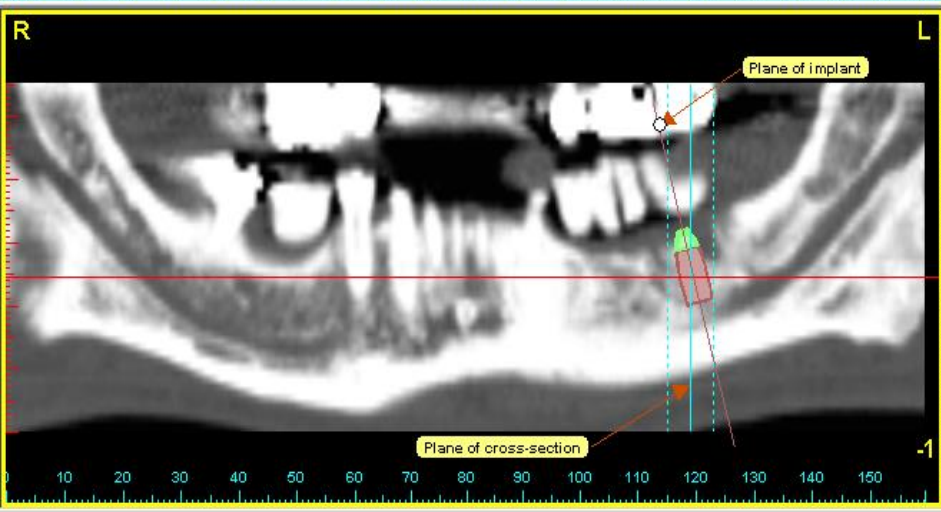
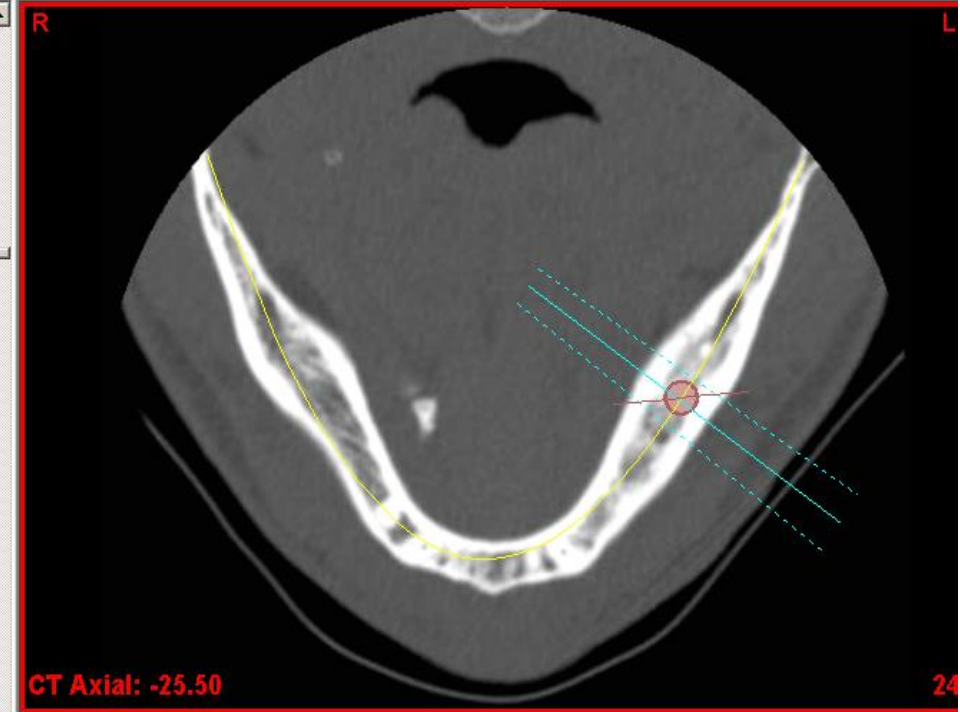
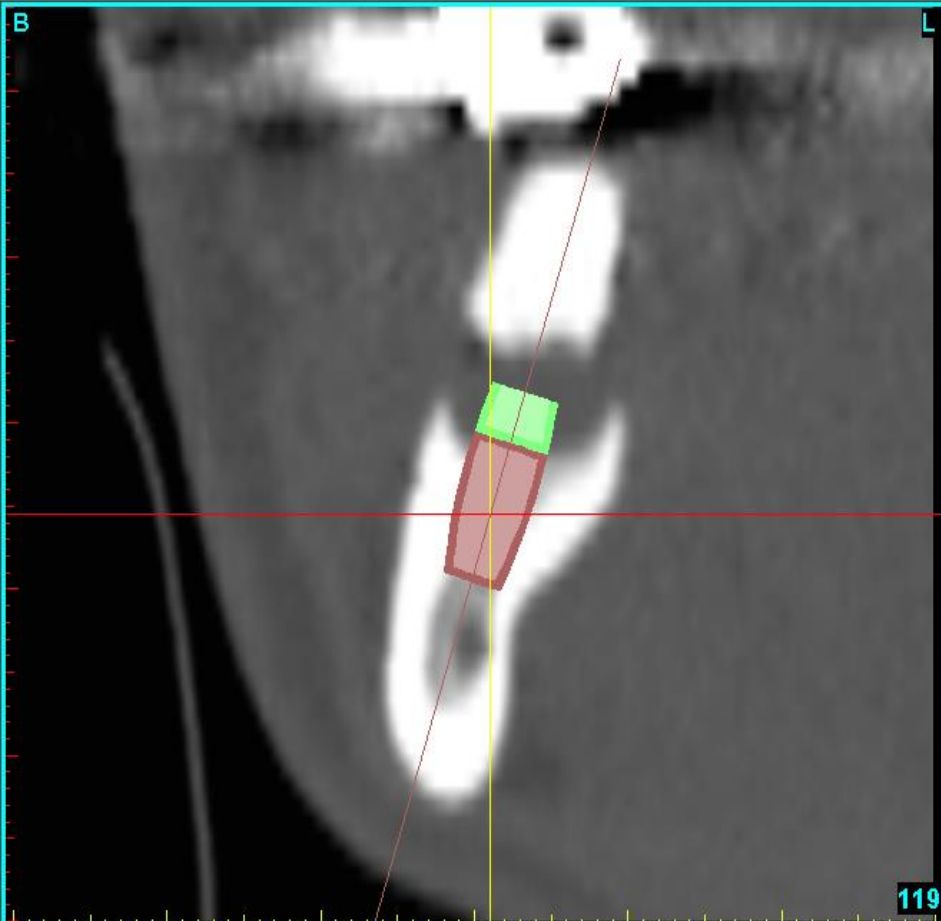


Software for planning Dental Implants

- **SIMPLANT (DENTSPLY Implants)**
- **NobelGuide (Nobel Biocare)**
- **coDiagnostiX (Straumann)**
- **In Vivo Dental (Anatomage)**
- **Blue Sky Plan (Blue Sky Bio)**
- **Easyguide (Keystone Dental)**
- **ImplantMaster (iDent)**
- **VIP (Biohorizons)**







Outline of Presentation

- ✓ **Introduction / Disclosures**
- ✓ **Imaging for Dental Implants**
 - Conventional Radiography
 - Cross-Sectional Imaging
- **Radiation Dose and Risk**
- **Dose versus Image Quality**

Radiation Dose and Risk

- **What are the risks from low radiation doses?**
- **How can we estimate the risks to our patients?**
- **What are the tradeoffs governing dose versus image quality?**

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The Problem

- **Under IR(ME)R 2000 we have a duty to ensure the benefits of exposing the patient to radiation outweigh the risks.**
- **But how do we know what the risks are?**
- **How do we manage the tradeoffs between benefits and risks?**

How do we know that exposure to radiation results in harm?

Deterministic Effects are reproducible

- severity of the effect increases with the dose
- not observed below a threshold dose of about 500mSv

Stochastic Effects are random

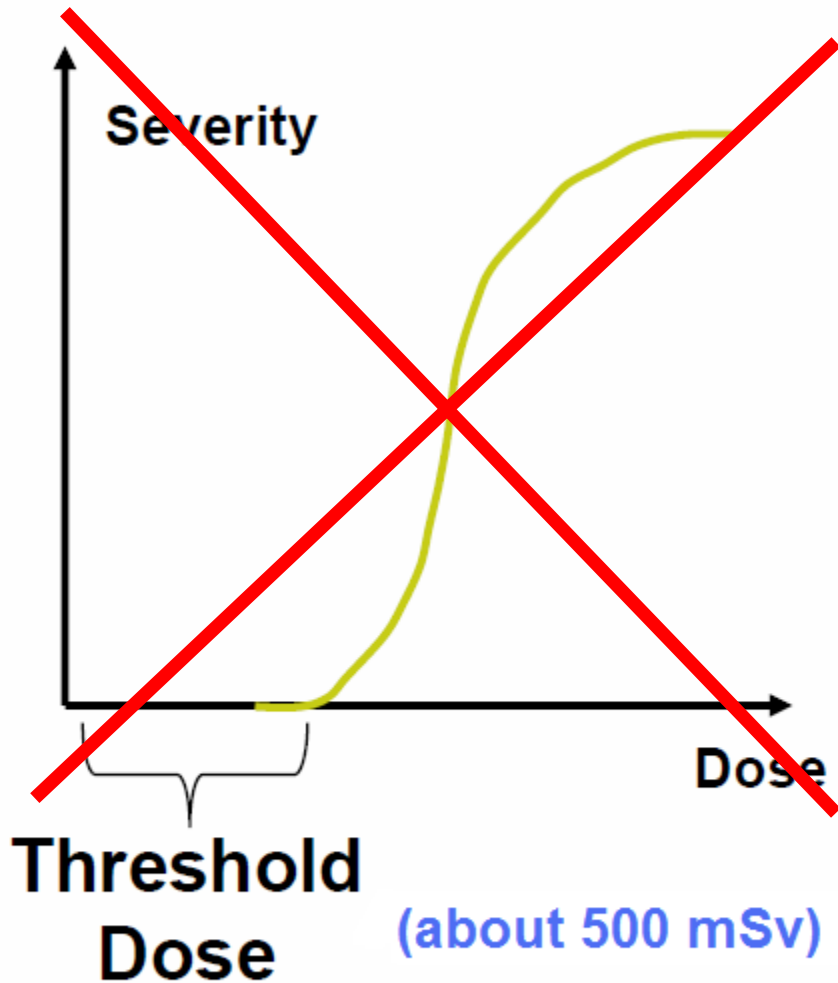
- the risk (not the severity) increases with the dose
- known to occur above 20mSv or so
- below about 20mSv we don't know if they occur or not

Hereditary Effects are random but the incidence is very low

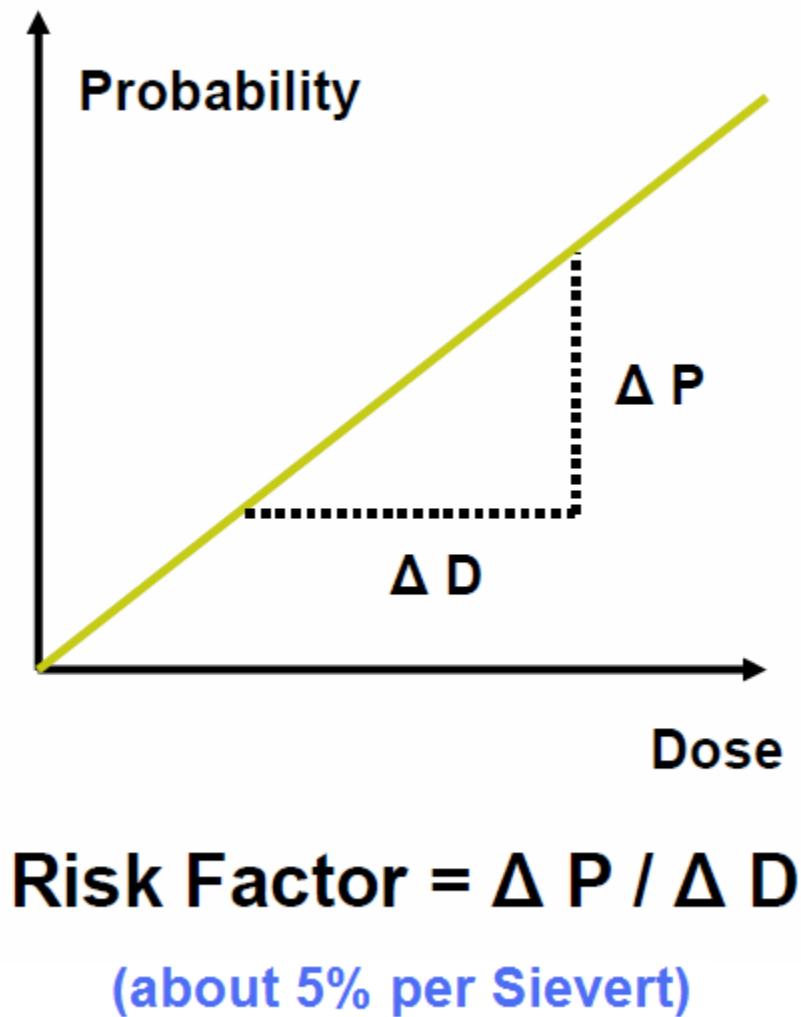
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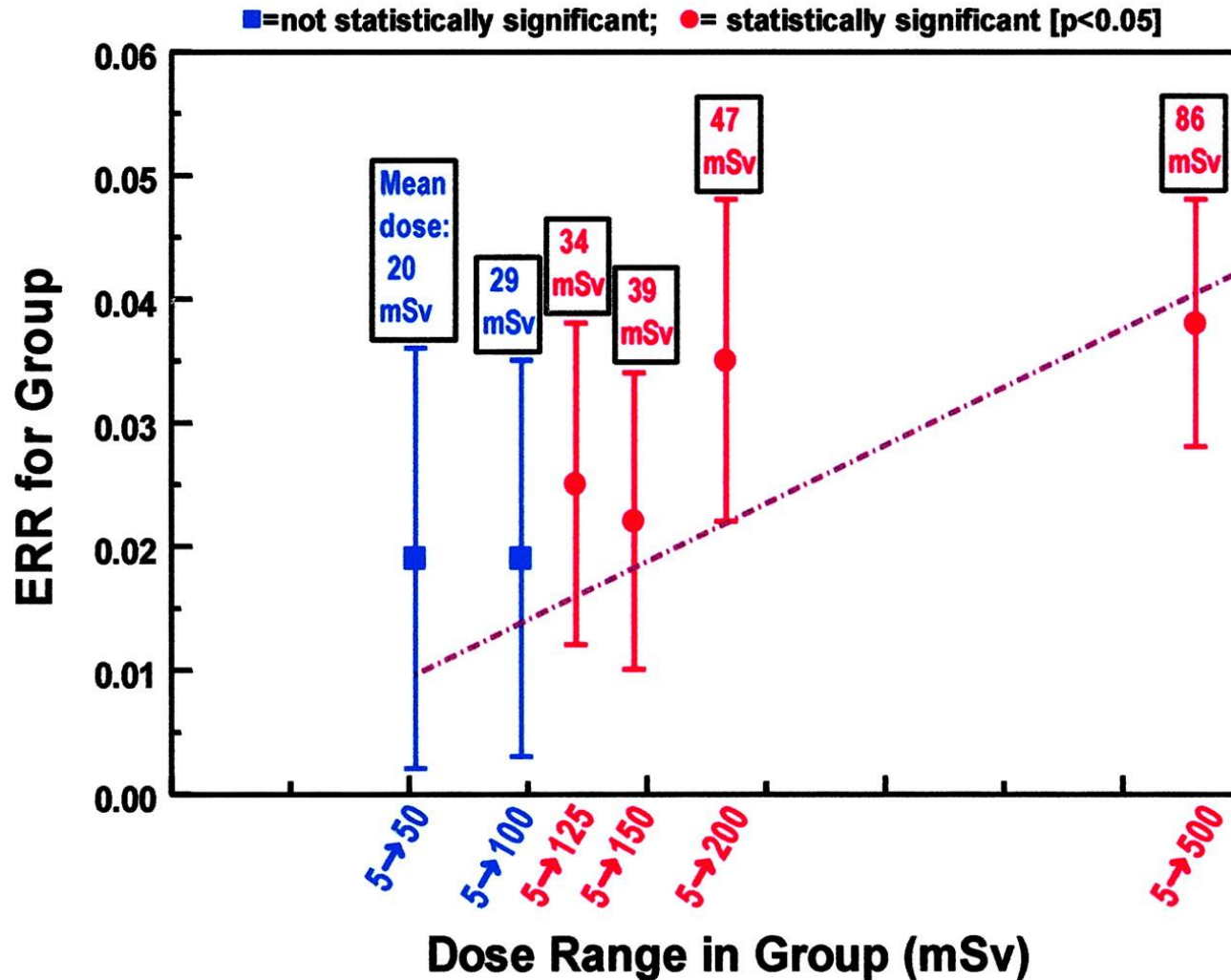
Deterministic Effects



Stochastic Effects



Estimated excess relative risk (± 1 SE) of mortality (1950–1997) from solid cancers among groups of survivors in the LSS cohort of atomic bomb survivors, who were exposed to low doses (<500 mSv) of radiation (2).



Brenner D J et al. PNAS 2003;100:13761-13766

The concept of Effective Dose

We know the risks from high doses of radiation

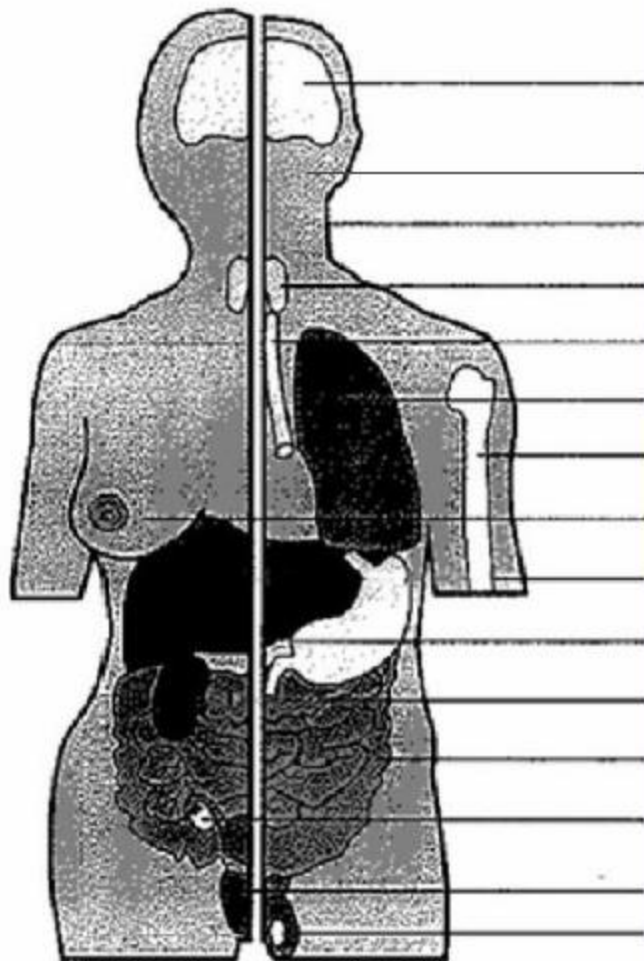
- e.g. Atom Bomb survivors
- Atom Bomb survivors received whole body doses
- Dental patients receive doses to a very small region
- How can we relate the risks?

Effective Dose is a way of describing the dose to a limited region in terms of the whole body dose that would result in the same risk to the patient

Effective Dose is a measure of risk!

More about Effective Dose

The Effective Dose calculation takes the size of the region and the body parts irradiated into account.



w_T value ICRP103

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<i>Skin</i>	0.01
<i>Thyroid</i>	0.04
<i>Oesophagus</i>	0.04
<i>Lung</i>	0.12
<i>Red bone marrow</i>	0.12
<i>Breast</i>	0.12
<i>Bone surface</i>	0.01
<i>Liver</i>	0.04
<i>Stomach</i>	0.12
<i>Colon</i>	0.12
<i>Ovary</i>	0.08
<i>Bladder</i>	0.04
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Effective Dose (E)

$$E = \sum_T H_T w_T$$

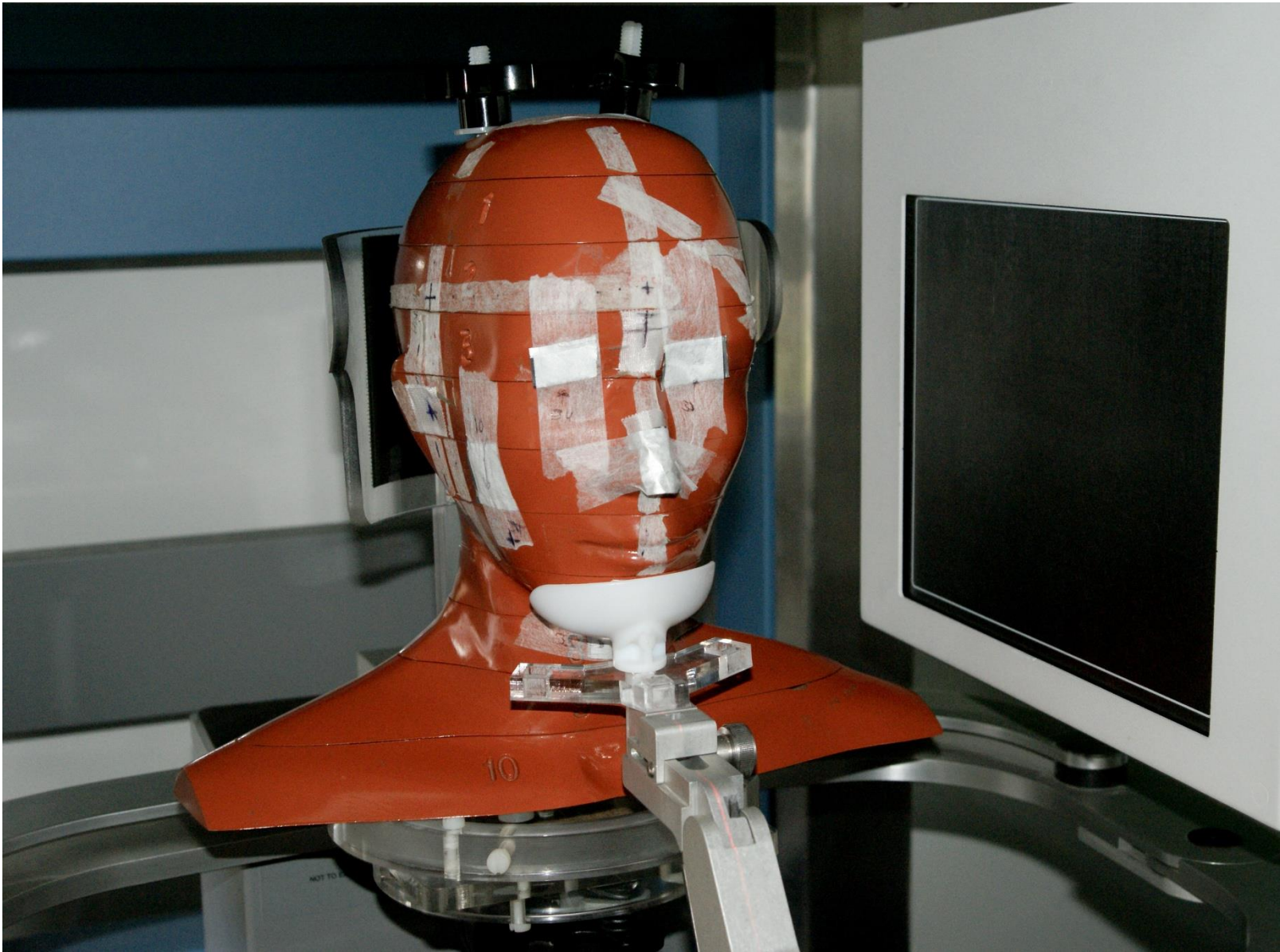
H_T = Organ Equivalent Dose

w_T = Tissue weighting factor

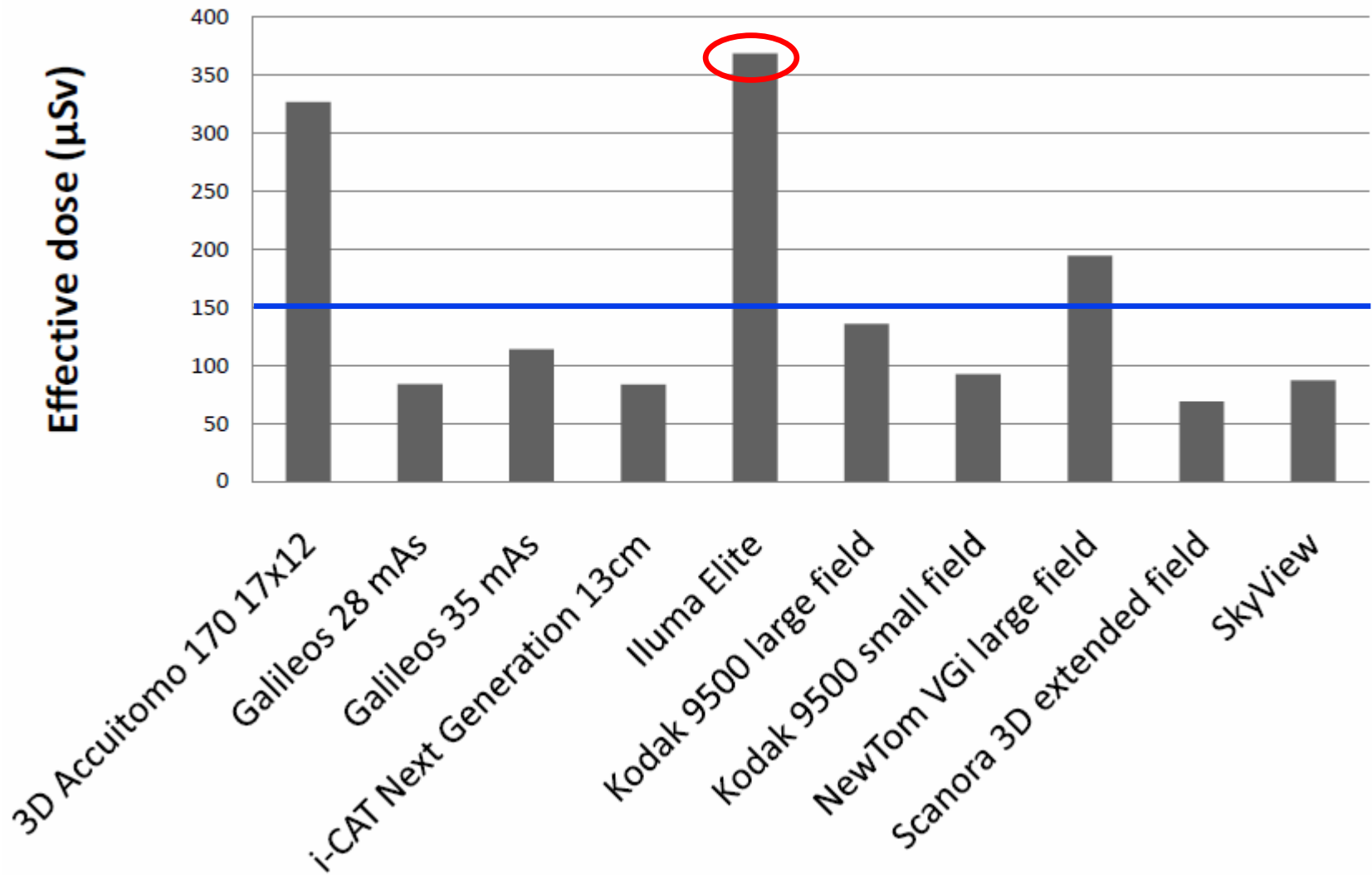
Unit = (Sv) Sievert

Effective Dose is proportional to
risk of fatal cancer

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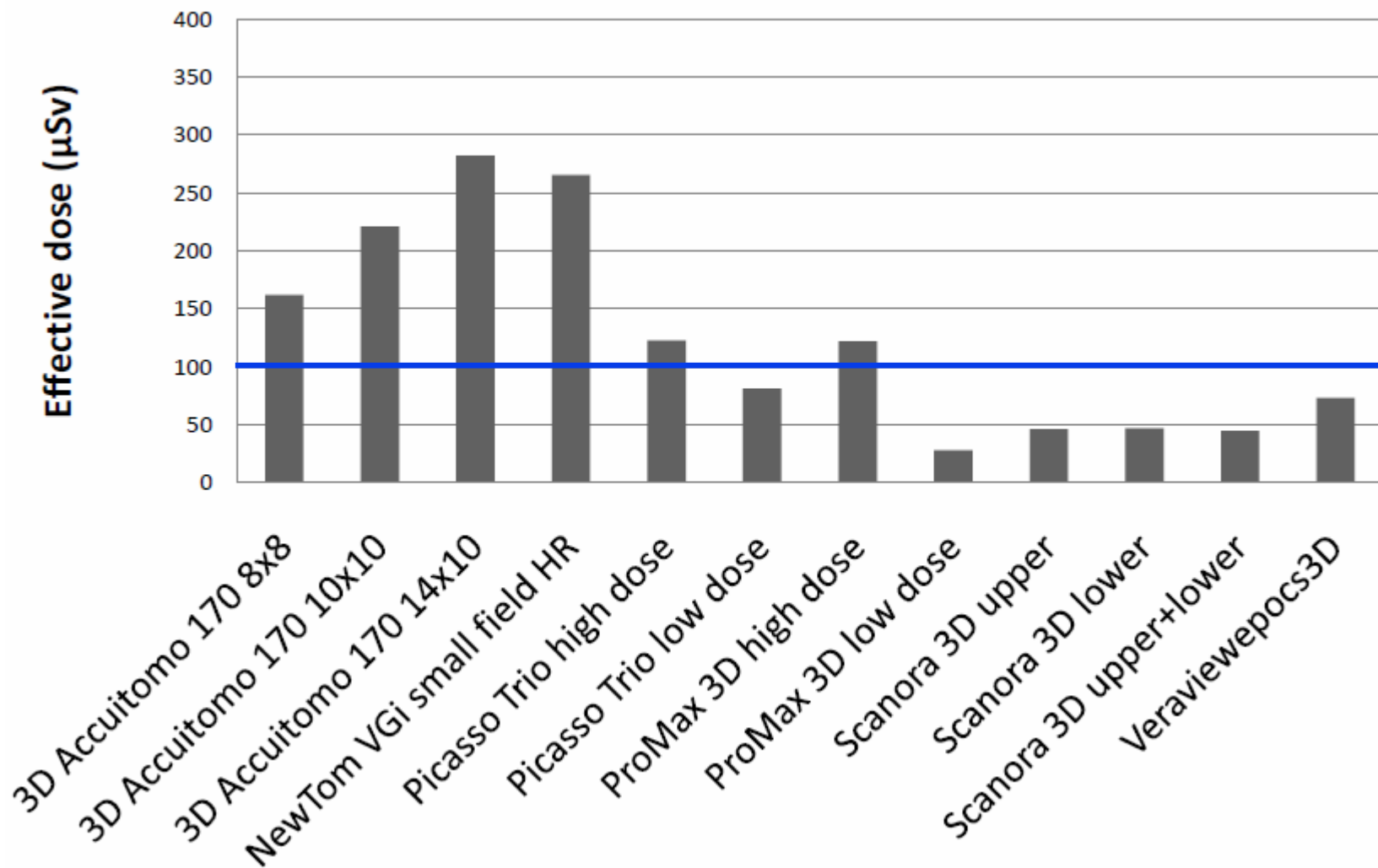


Effective dose for large field CBCTs

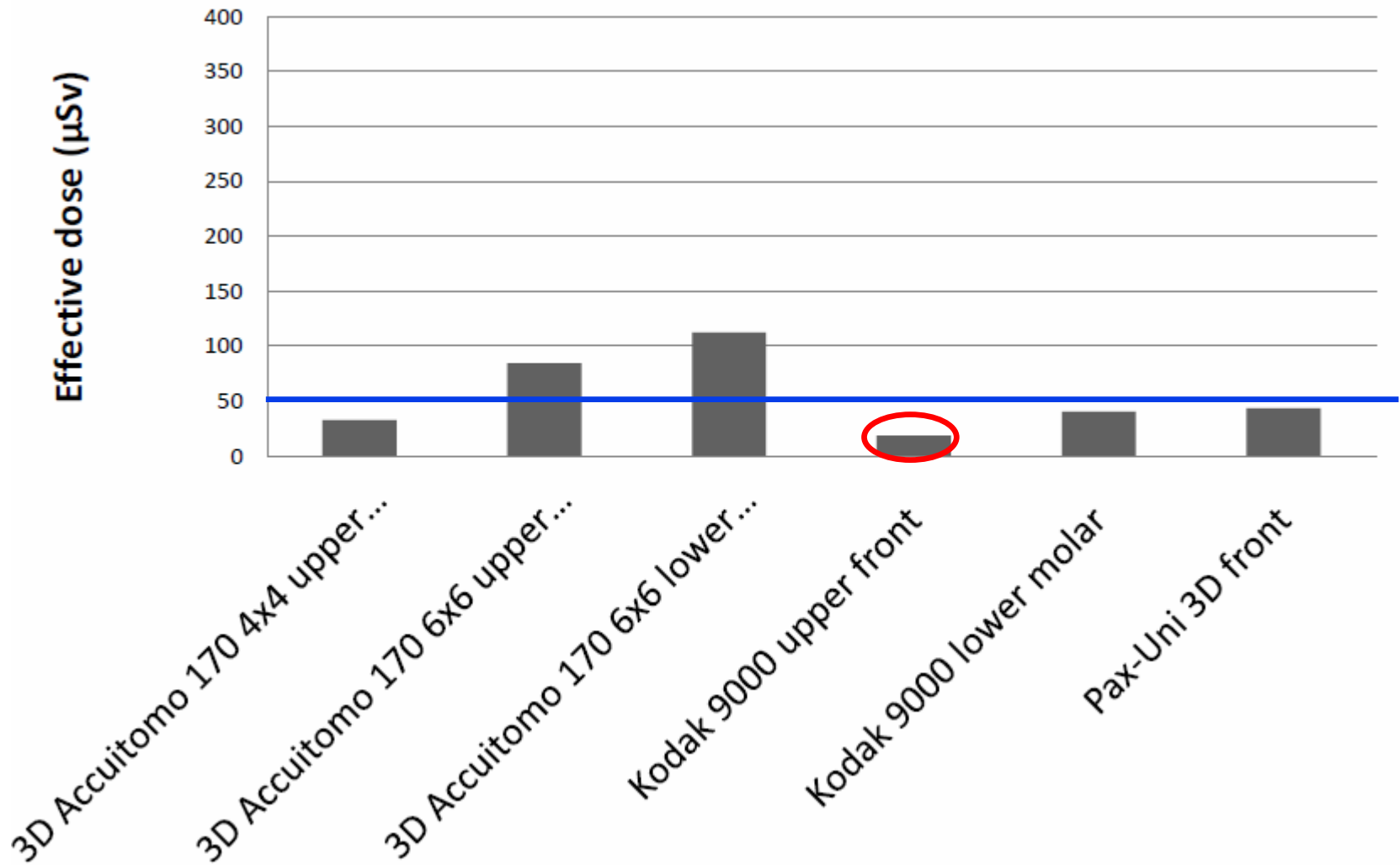


Prof. Ria Bogaerts, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, March 2011

Effective dose for medium field CBCTs



Effective dose for small field CBCTs





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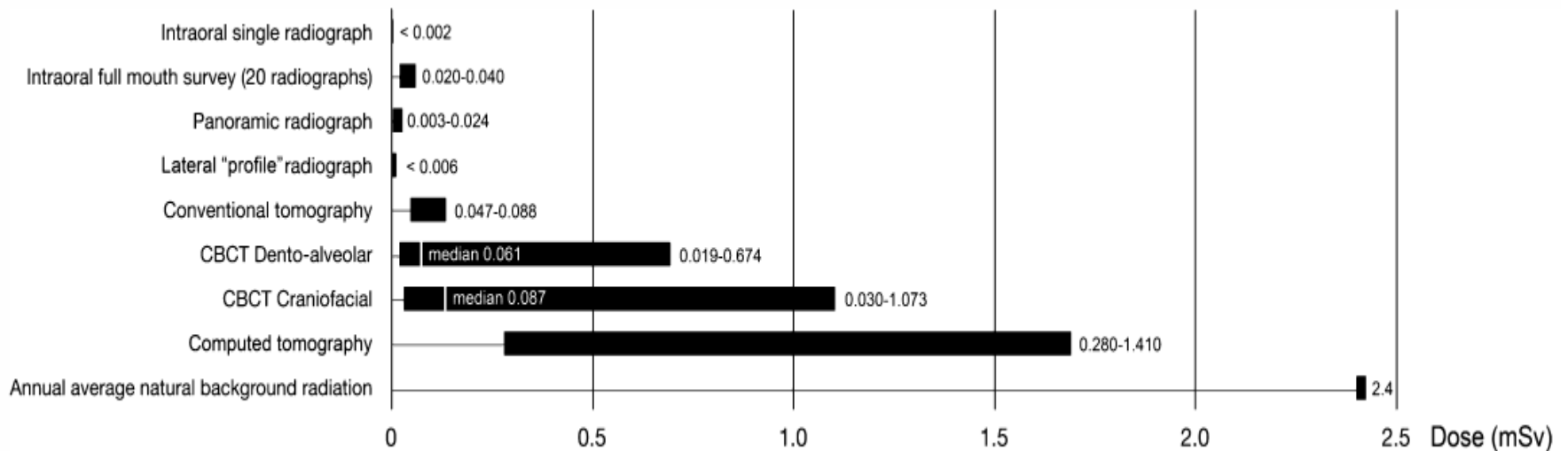


Fig. 1. Ranges of effective dose for the imaging modalities used in implant dentistry.

Typical Doses from Dental X-Rays

	Effective Dose (μSv)
Intraoral (F speed, rect coll)	2
Intraoral (E speed, round coll)	6
Lateral Ceph	10
Panoramic	3 to 24
Cone Beam CT	19 to 1073
Medical CT	280 to 1410

What is the Risk from an Intraoral x-ray?

- **Assume adult patient, F speed, rectangular collimation**
- **Effective Dose might be 2 microSieverts approx.**
- **Risk that patient might develop fatal cancer in 20 years time**
 - = 5% (1 in 20) per Sievert (from ICRP103)**
 - = 1 in 20 million for 1 microSievert**
 - = 2 in 20 million for 2 microSieverts**
 - = 1 in 10 million for 2 microSieverts**

**Health & Safety people
would call this a
“Negligible Risk”**

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The Risk from an Intraoral x-ray



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Lightning: the risk is negligible

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	Effective Dose (μSv)	Risk	
Intraoral (F speed, rect coll)	2	1 in 10 million	Negligible
Intraoral (E speed, round coll)	6	1 in 3.3 million	Negligible
Lateral Ceph	10	1 in 2 million	Negligible
Panoramic	3 to 24	1 in 6.7 million to 833 thousand	Negligible to Minimal
Cone Beam CT	19 to 1073	1 in 1.05 million to 1 in 19 thousand	Mimimal to Very Low
Medical CT (using dental protocol)	280 to 1410	1 in 71 thousand to 1 in 14 thousand	Very Low

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Risk varies with Age

Age group (years)	Multiplication factor for risk
<10	x 3
10-20	x 2
20-30	x 1.5
30-50	x 0.5
50-80	x 0.3
80+	Negligible risk

5% per Sievert at age 30

Implant Surgery Complications: Etiology and Treatment

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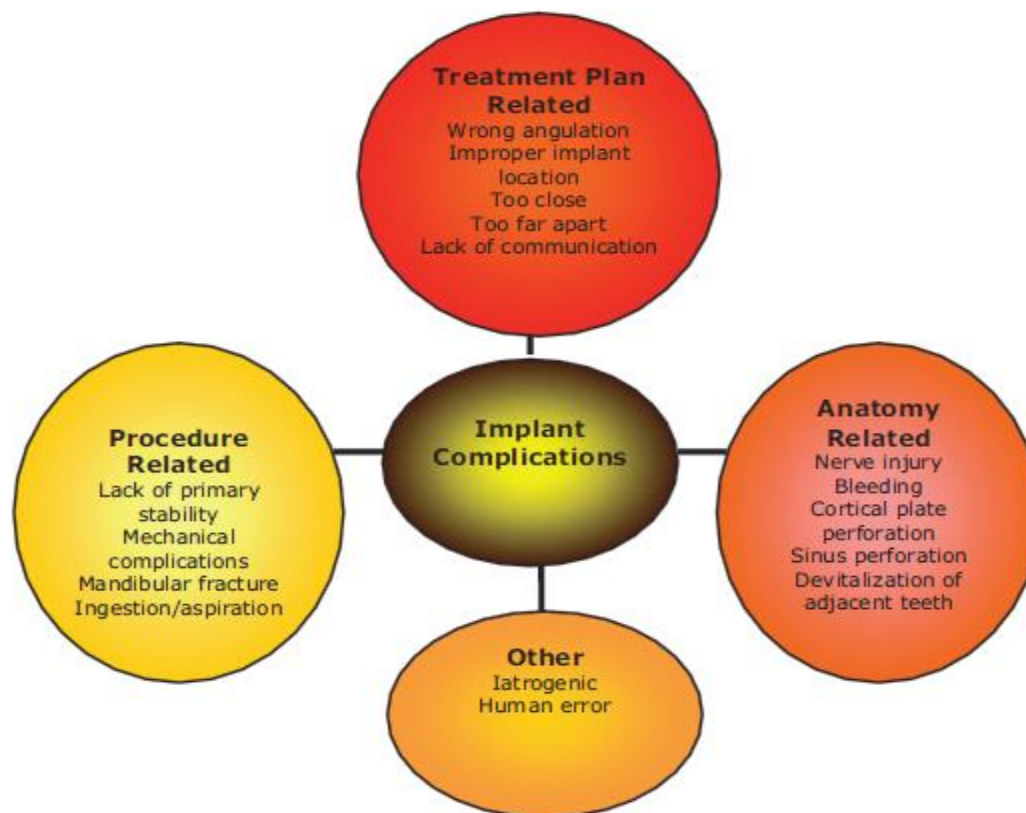


Fig. 1. Outline of common complications during implant surgery.

How can we estimate the Effective Dose in practice?

kVp, mAs etc

- only works for comparing scans on the same machine

Dose Length Product (DLP)

- works very well for comparing medical CT scans

Dose Area Product (DAP)

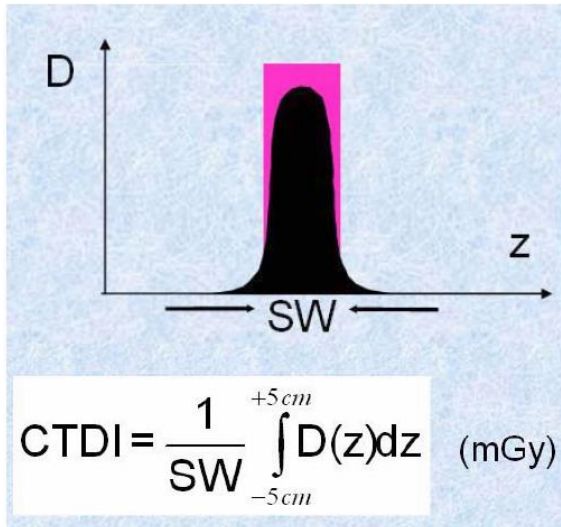
- works reasonably well for comparing cone beam CT scans

Dose Length Product (DLP)

CTDI_{vol} is the dose per cm

DLP = CTDI_{vol} x Irradiated Length

Effective Dose = DLP x F (where F is a conversion factor)



- works well for medical CT
- most CBCT manufacturers don't display CTDI_{vol} (exception: J.Morita, NewTom)

Conversion Factor F

Tab. 3.1
Average values f_{mean} of conversion factor (in mSv/mGy·cm) to convert from dose free-in-air on the axis of rotation into effective dose for different regions of the body and patient groups (beam quality: 125 kV, 9 mm Al-equivalent); demarcation of the body regions was made according to (Hidajat96/2) (see also fig. 3.1 - 3.3).

Body region	Adults		Children (7 year-old)		Babies (8 week-old)	
	(female)	(male)	(female)	(male)	(female)	(male)
Head	0.0022	0.0020	0.0028	0.0028	0.0075	0.0074
Neck	0.0051	0.0047	0.0056	0.0055	0.018	0.017
Chest	0.0090	0.0068	0.018	0.015	0.032	0.027
Upper abdomen	0.010	0.0091	0.020	0.016	0.036	0.034
Pelvis (*)	0.011	0.0062	0.018	0.011	0.045	0.025
Entire abdomen (*)	0.010	0.0072	0.019	0.014	0.041	0.031

Table from “Radiation Exposure in Computed Tomography” edited by Hans Dieter Nagel
F can also be calculated from ImPACT CT Dosimetry calculator www.impactscan.org

Roughly speaking, $F = 0.002 \text{ mSv} / \text{mGy}\cdot\text{cm}$ for Maxilla and $0.003 \text{ mSv} / \text{mGy}\cdot\text{cm}$ for Mandible

$2 \mu\text{Sv}$

$3 \mu\text{Sv}$

Accuracy: $\pm 50\%$

Effective Dose for Medical CT Scanners

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Patient's Age : 58Y
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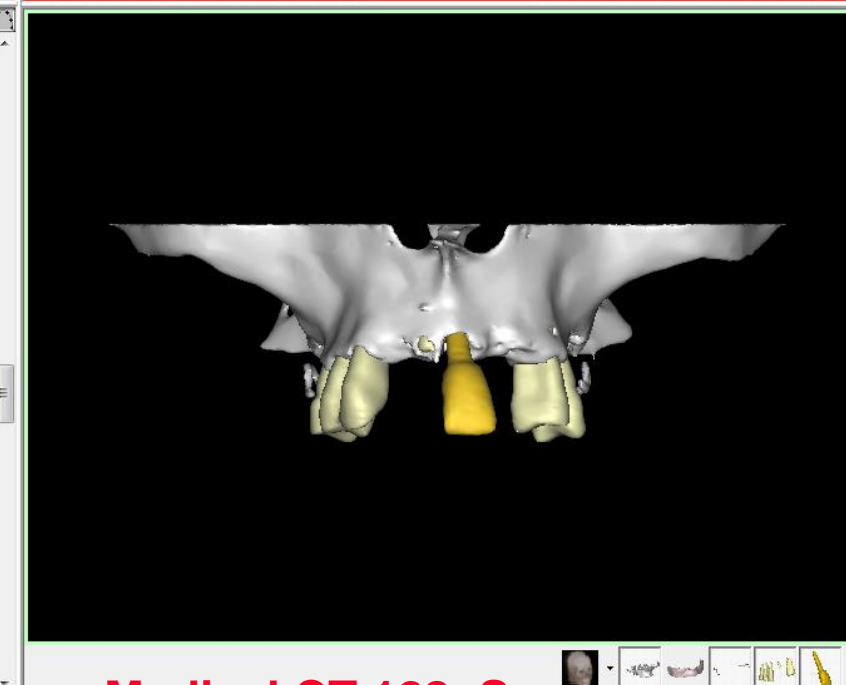
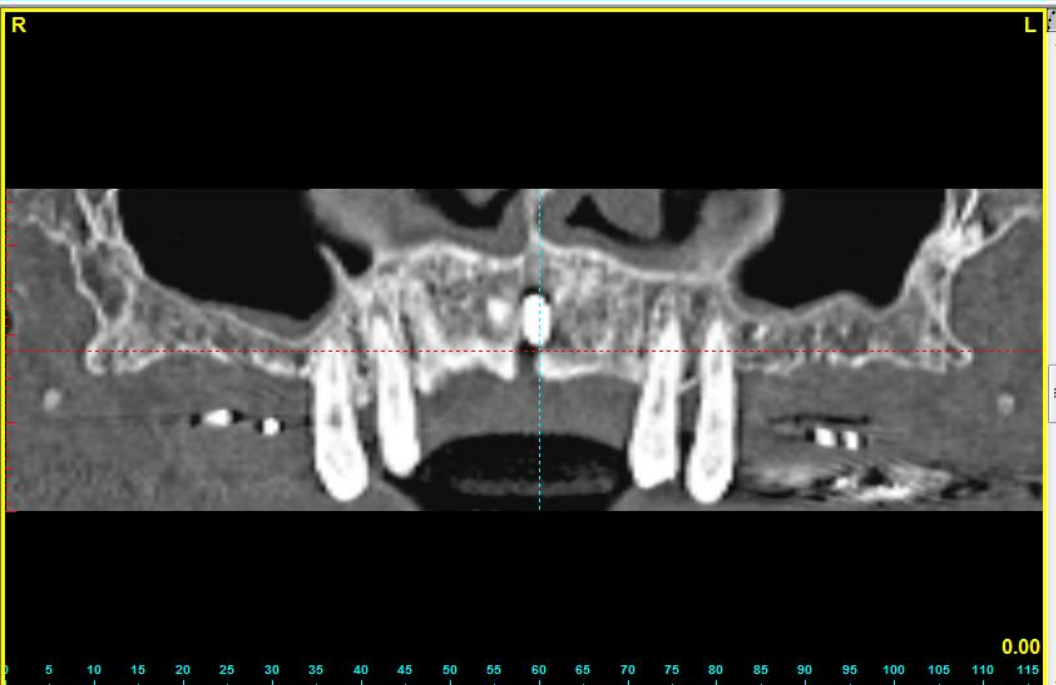
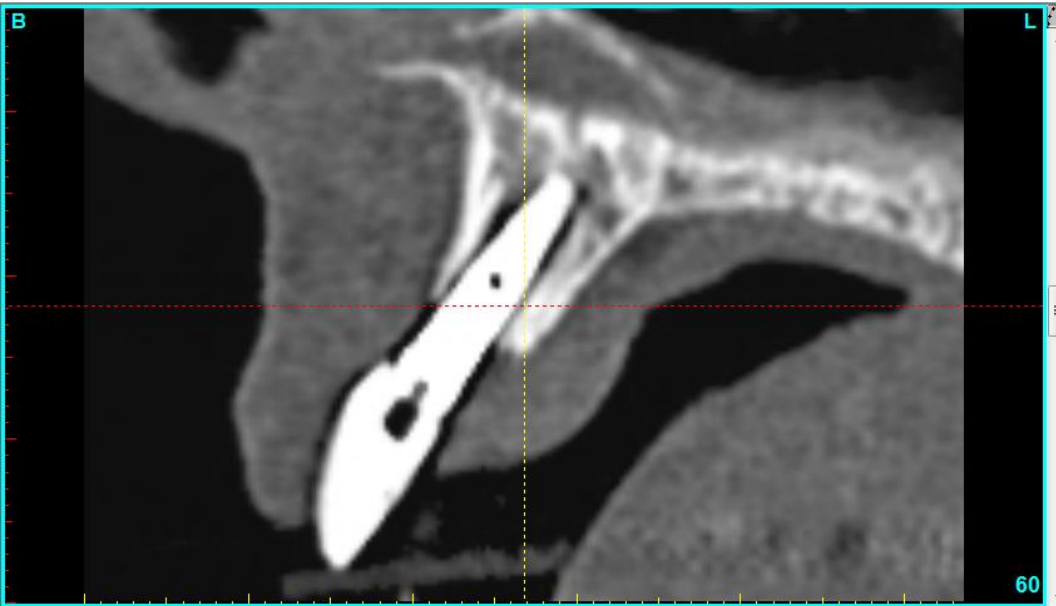
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Contrast Enhance : NONE
Contrast/Bolus Volume :    Contrast density :
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Referring Physician's Name :
Name of Physician Reading Study :
Operators Name :
Total mAs in Study :      652
Total Scan time in Study : 10.85
Total DLP mGycm : 64.00
Total slice : 5
Scanning Sequence : HELICAL_CT
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**Multiply DLP by 2 for Maxilla or 3 for Mandible
to get the Effective Dose in microSieverts (μSv)**

Accuracy: $\pm 50\%$

Mx 128 μSv

ROUGHLY



Medical CT 128 μ Sv

IDT Physics Report

Patient ID 23416

Gender Male

Date of Birth 1953-06-12

Scanning Date 2012-08-16

Region Scanned Maxilla

Reason for Scan Proximity of implant to incisive canal

Scanning Site Bath Clinic

Equipment Toshiba Aquilion (64 slice)

Scan Duration 12 seconds

FOV (diameter) 15 cm

FOV (length) 4.2 cm

Dose Length Product (DLP) 64 mGy.cm

Effective Dose 128 microSv approx (calculated from DLP)

Cone Beam Computed Tomography radiation dose and image quality assessments

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Table 5. Most commonly used exposure parameters in three specified regions and corresponding dose-area product (DAP) value and effective dose according to ICRP 60 (1991)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Volume size (mm x mm)</i>	<i>Tube voltage (kV)</i>	<i>Tube current (mA)</i>	<i>DAP value (mGy cm²)</i>	<i>Effective dose (μSv)</i>
Upper jaw					
Cuspid	30 x 40	80	5.0–6.0	263–316	21–25
	40 x 40	75	4.0–5.0	260–325	21–26
	60 x 60	75	4.5–5.5	645–788	52–63
Lower jaw					
Second premolar–first molar	30 x 40	75–80	3.0–6.0	140–316	11–25
	40 x 40	75	4.0–6.0	260–390	21–31
	60 x 60	75	5.0–6.0	716–859	57–69
Lower jaw					
Third molar	30 x 40	75–80	3.0–6.5	140–342	11–27
	40 x 40	75–80	4.0–5.0	260–366	21–29
	60 x 60	75–80	4.5–6.0	645–967	52–77

Effective Dose (μSv) = 0.1 x DAP (mGy.cm²) Maxilla
 0.15 x DAP (mGy.cm²) Mandible

ROUGHLY

Dose Area Product (DAP) for Cone Beam CT Scanners

Patient Name:	Test Dose
Patient ID:	ICU080898Dose
Scan Type:	CT
Scan Date:	16/02/2011
Primary Scan:	302.9 mGy*cm ²
Number of Previews:	0
Total Preview:	0.0 mGy*cm ²
Total Study:	302.9 mGy*cm ²

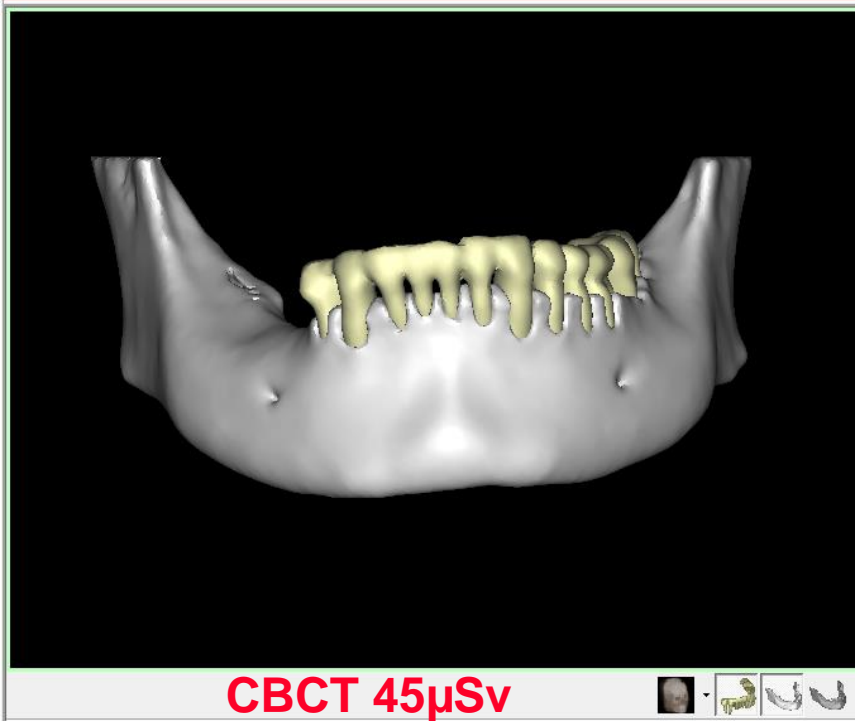
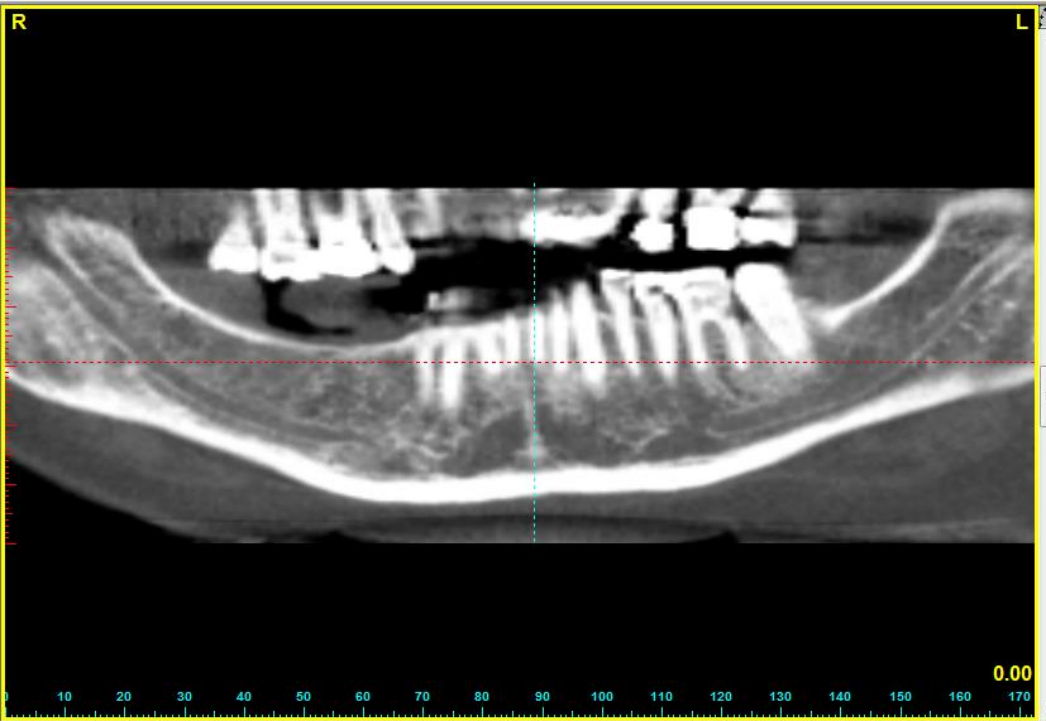
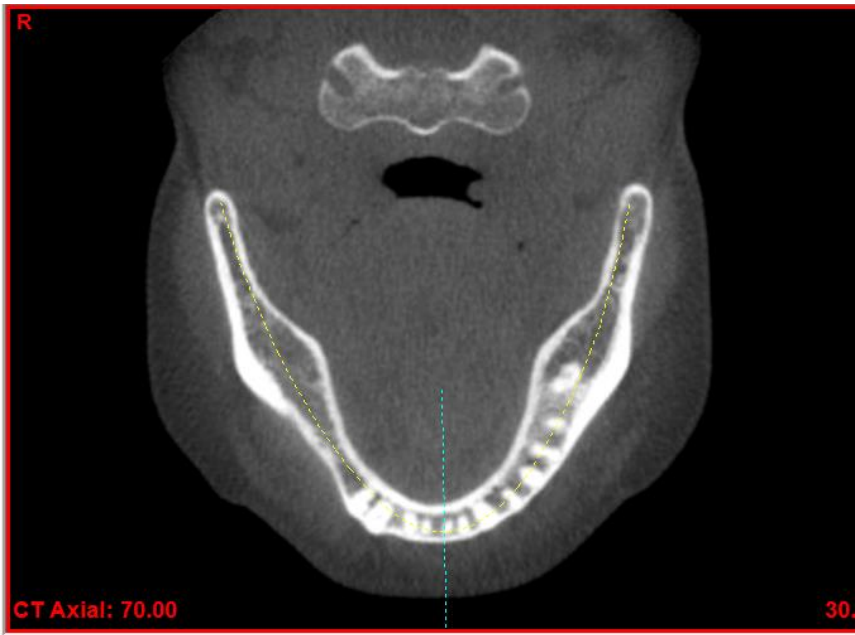
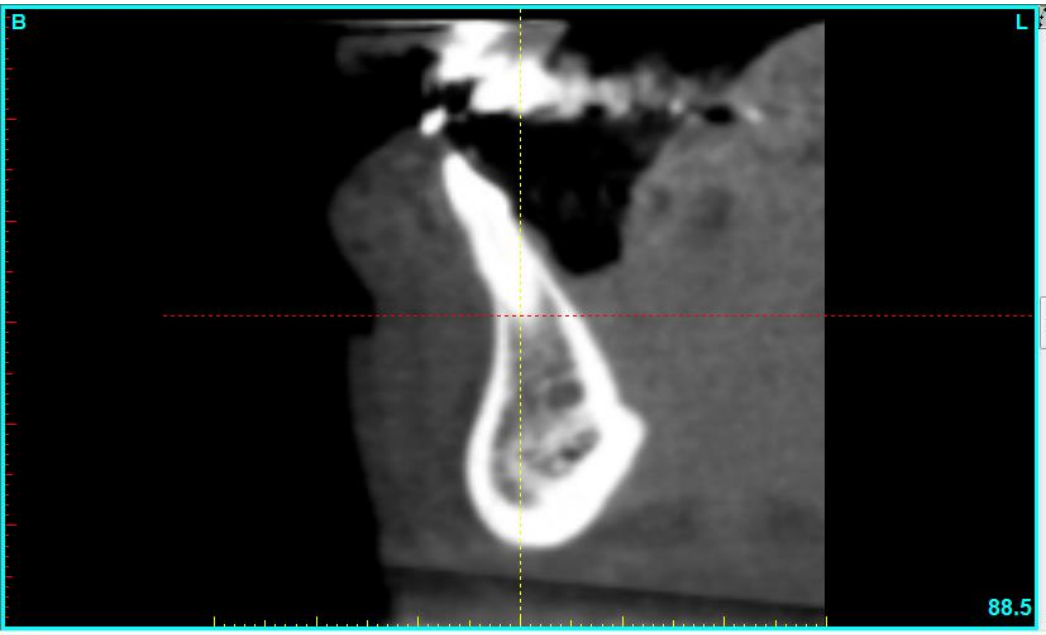
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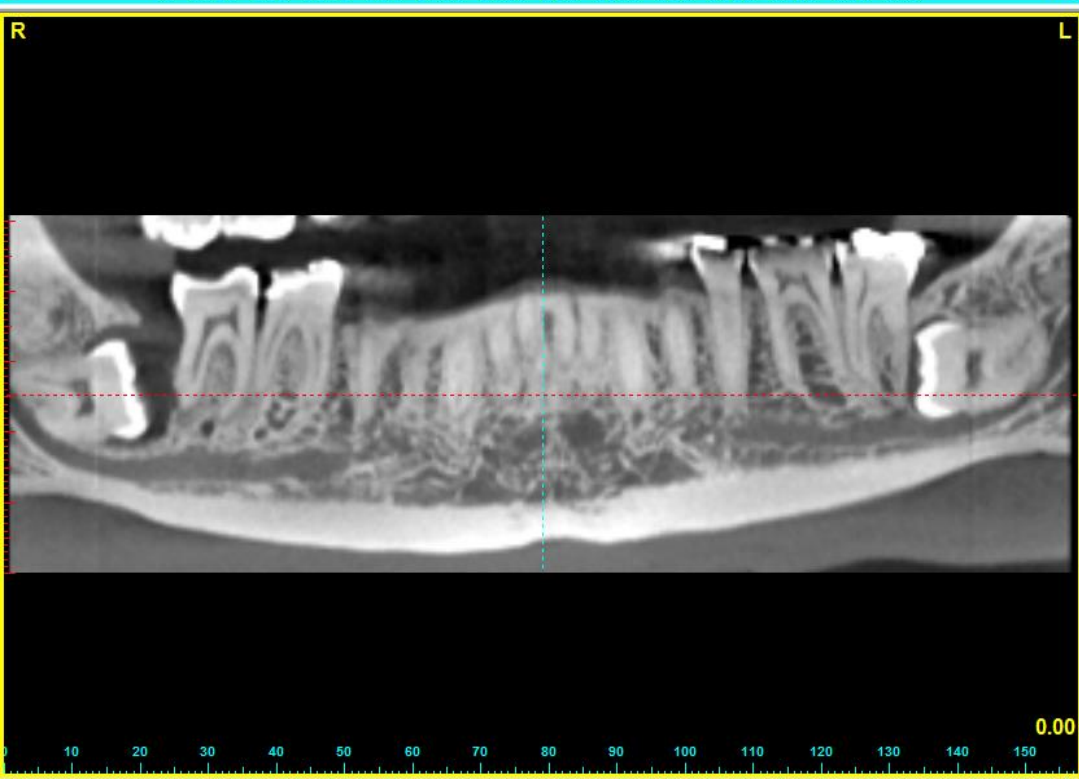
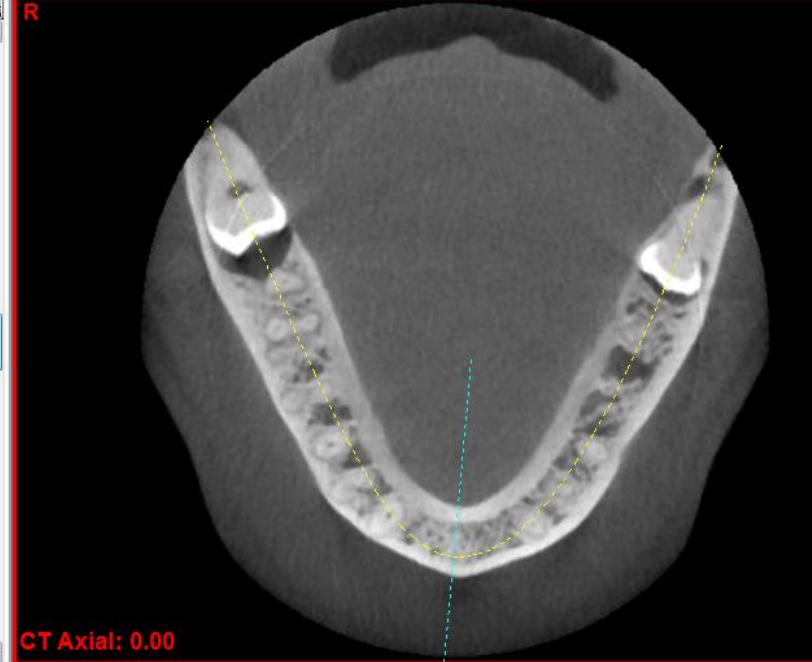
**Multiply DAP by 0.1 for Maxilla or 0.15 for Mandible
to get the Effective Dose in microSieverts (μSv)**

Accuracy: $\pm 50\%$

Mn $45\mu\text{Sv}$

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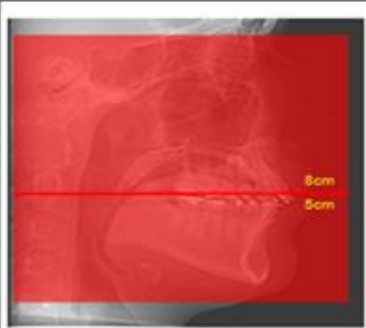






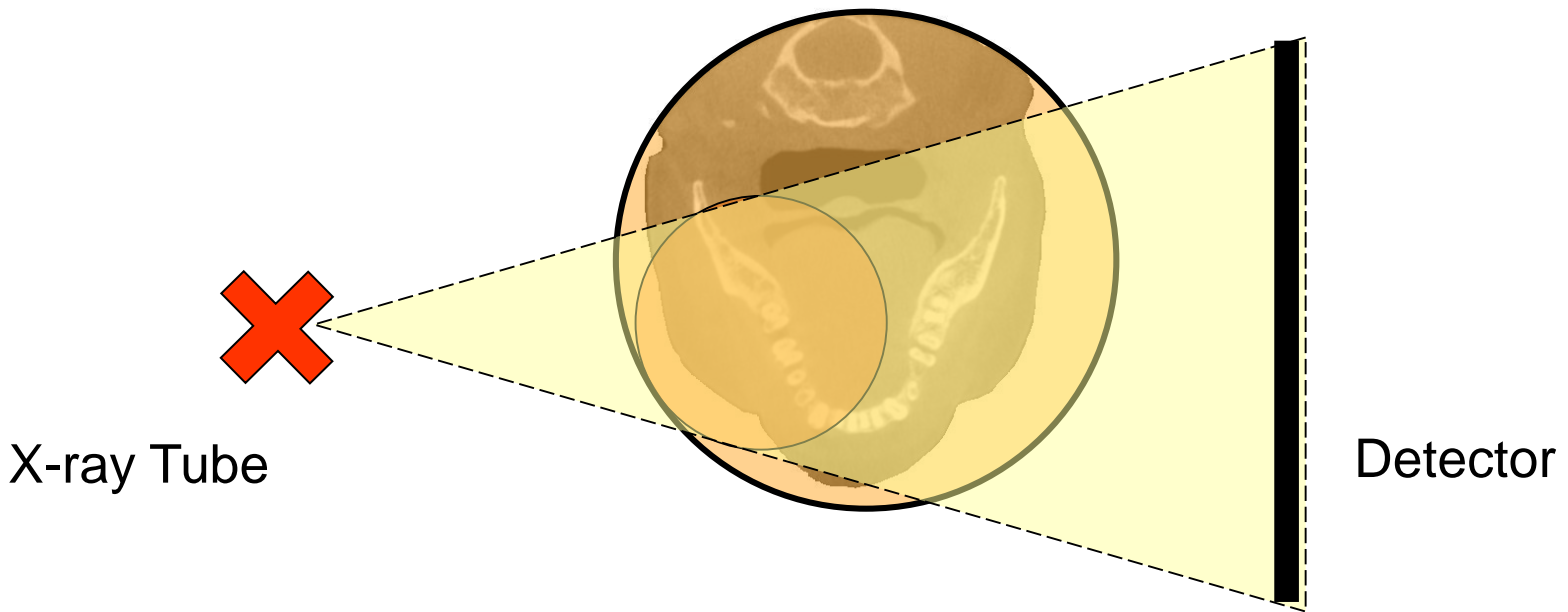
How to Reduce the Dose

1. Reduce the mAs (tube current, scan time)

2. Reduce the Height (vertical collimation)

	<p>Full face 13cm height x 16cm diameter 83 microSieverts</p>
	<p>Both arches 8cm height x 16cm diameter 56 microSieverts (interpolated)</p>
	<p>Mandible 6cm height x 16cm diameter 45 microSieverts</p>

3. Reduce the Width (horizontal collimation)



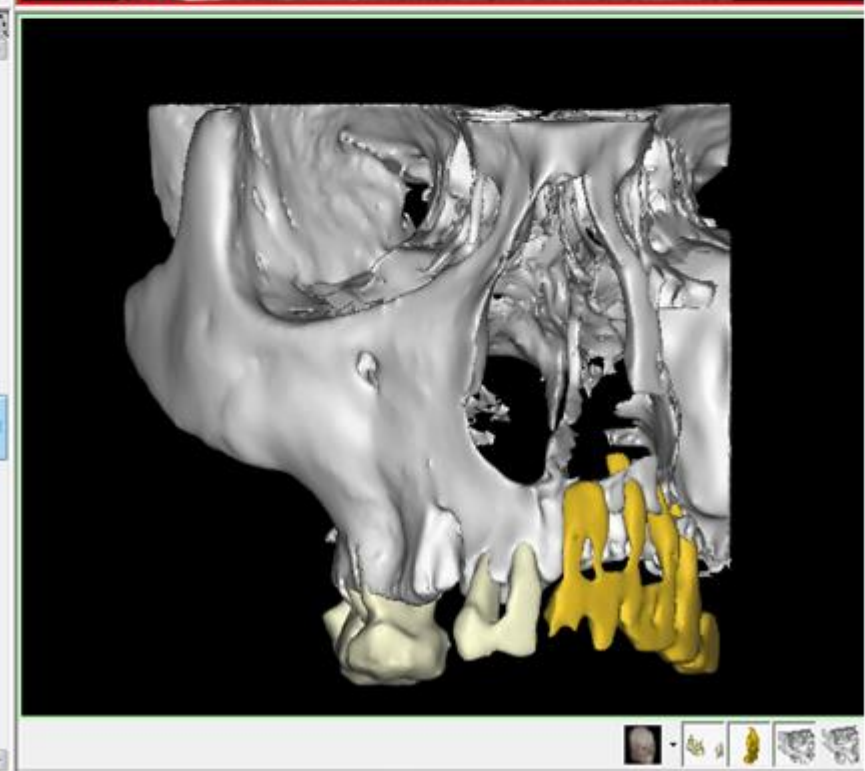
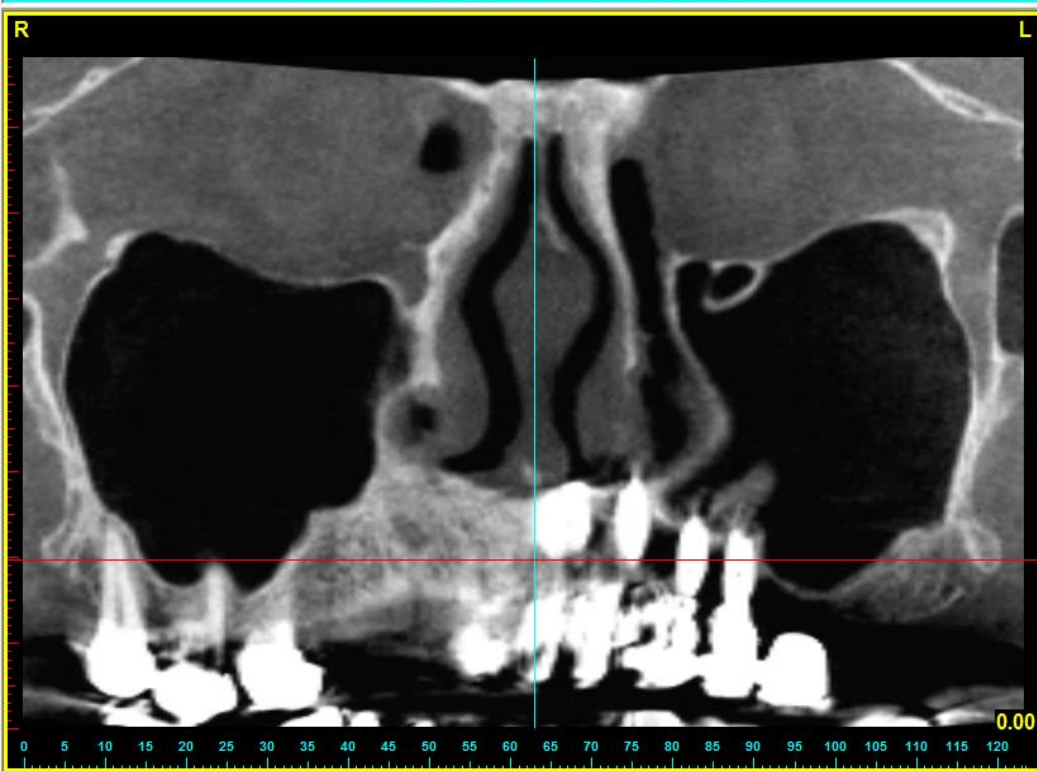
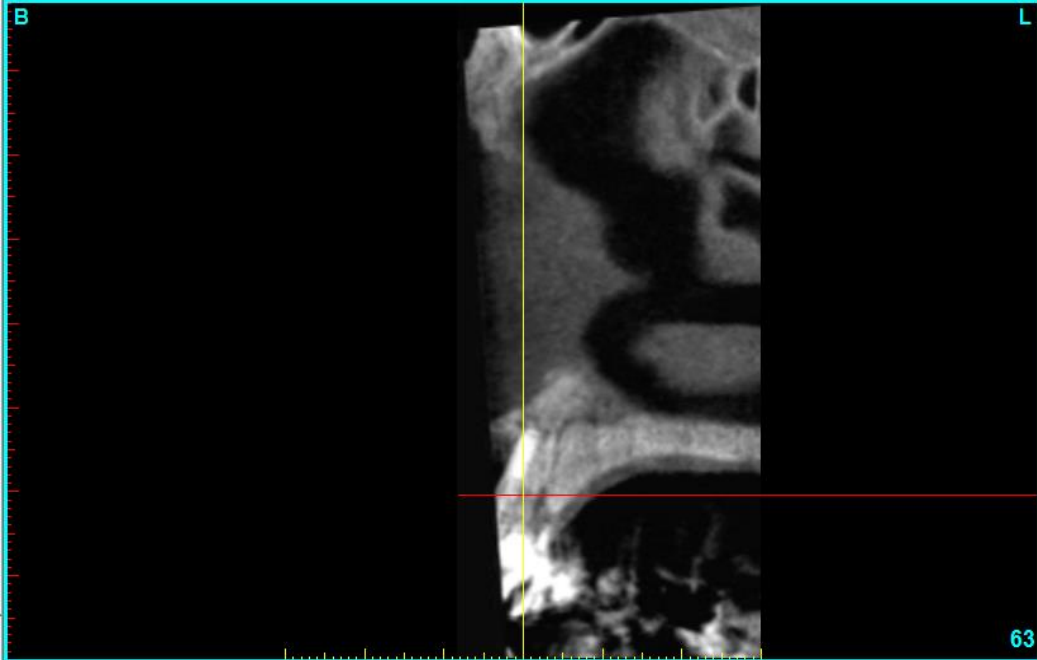
- Reducing the beam height by 50% reduces the dose by 50%
- Reducing the beam width by 50% reduces the dose by 50% at most.

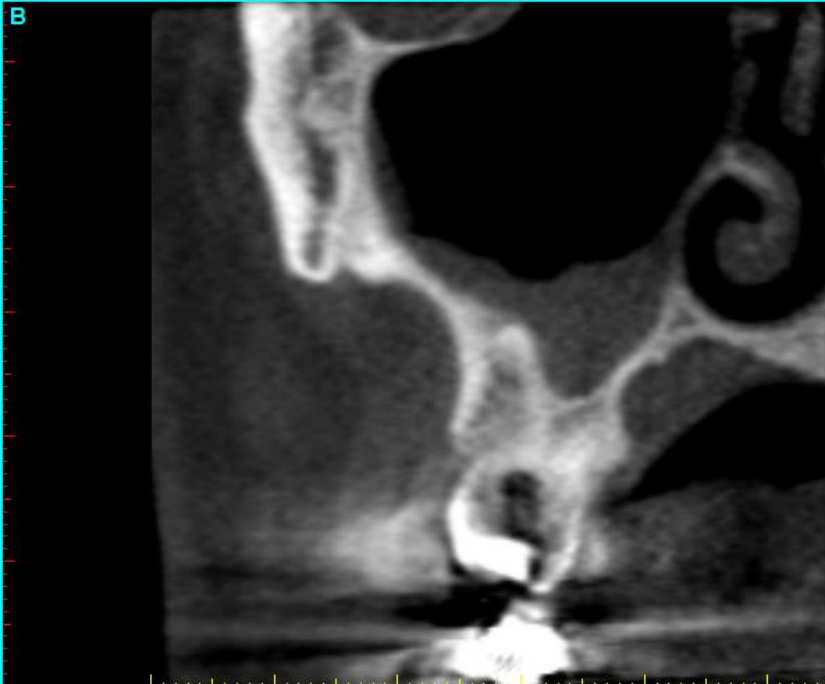
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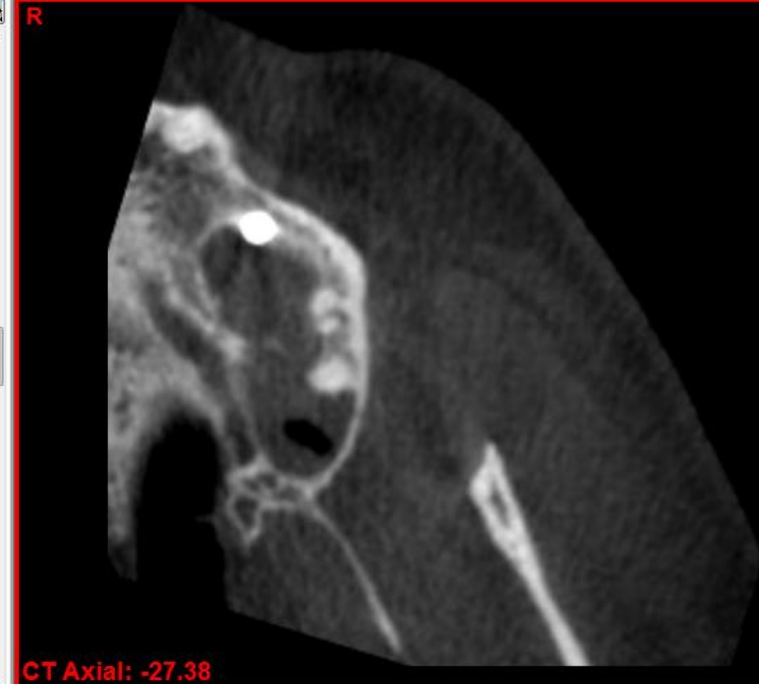
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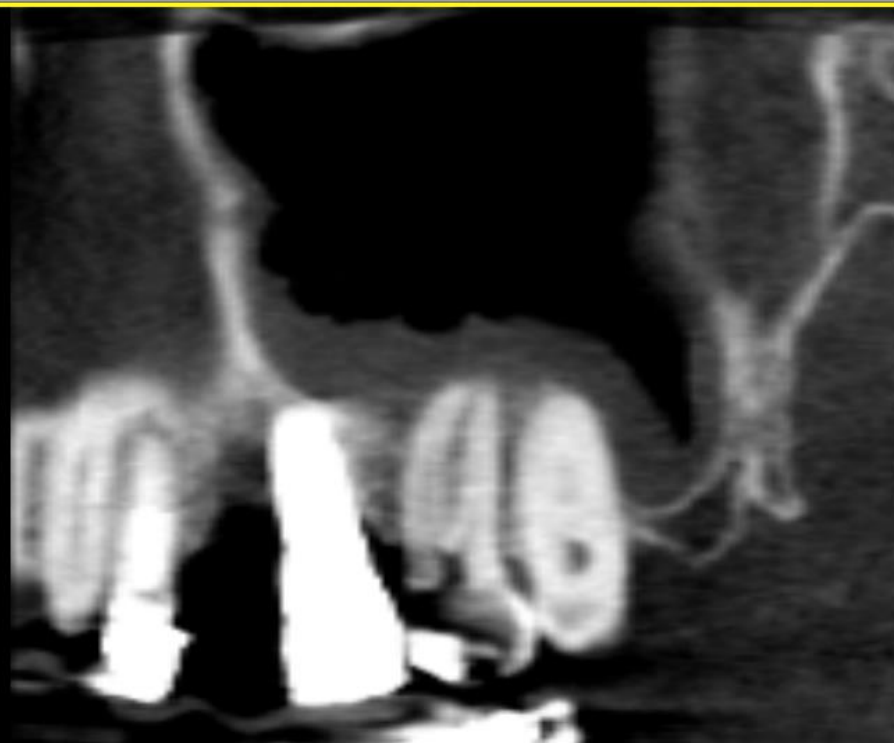


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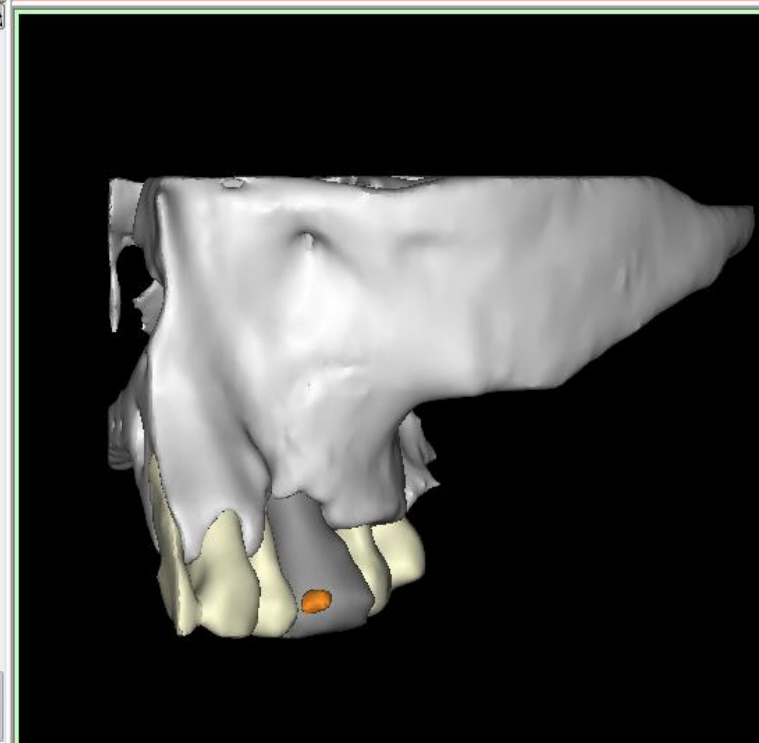
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Dose versus Image Quality in CBCT scans

- Noise

- *depends on radiation dose*

- Artefact

- *metal objects within the patient*
- *depends on machine calibration and operator technique*

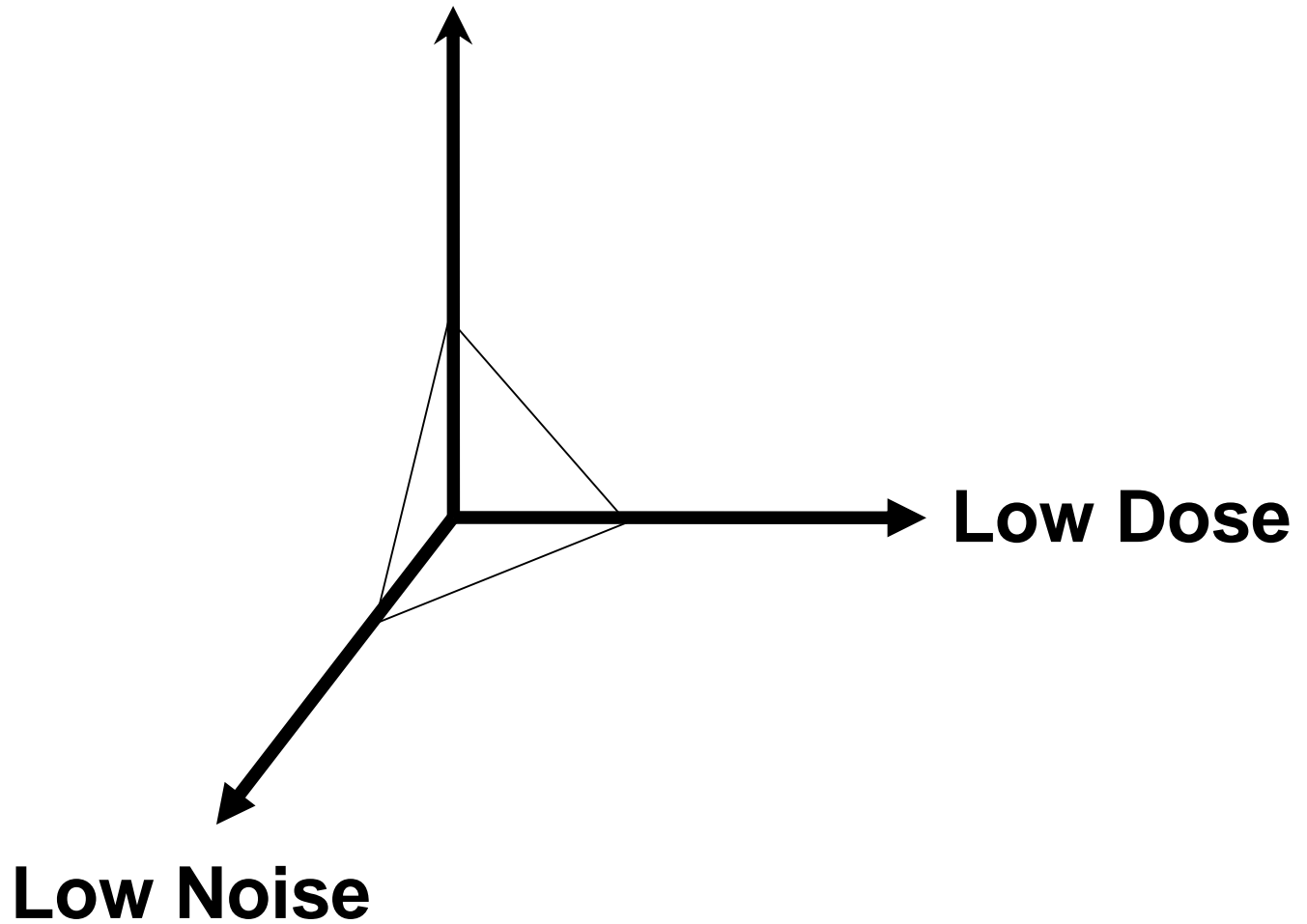
- Spatial Resolution (resolution at high contrast)

- *depends on machine design
(focal spot size, detector elements, sampling, mechanical stability)*
- *voxel size can only limit the resolution – cannot increase it!*

- Contrast Resolution (resolution at low contrast)

- *depends on machine design (filtration and kVp)*

High Resolution



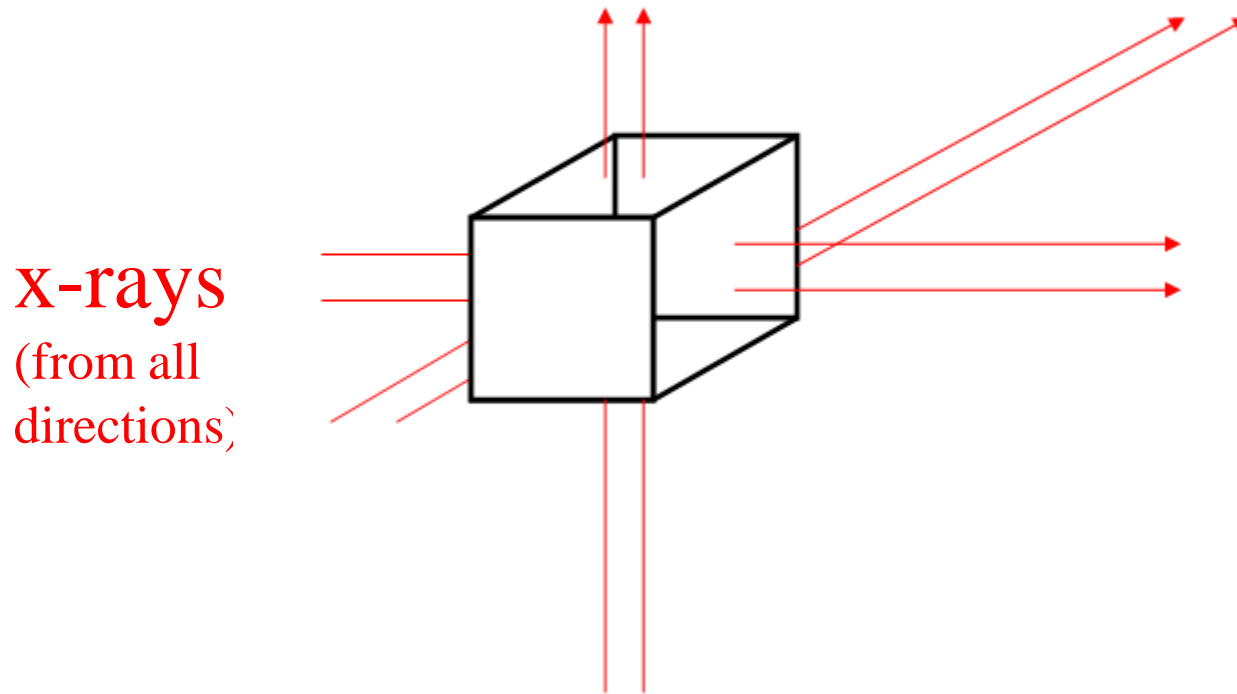
Noise in CT / CBCT images

**Noise = unstructured contribution to the image
which has no counterpart in the object.**

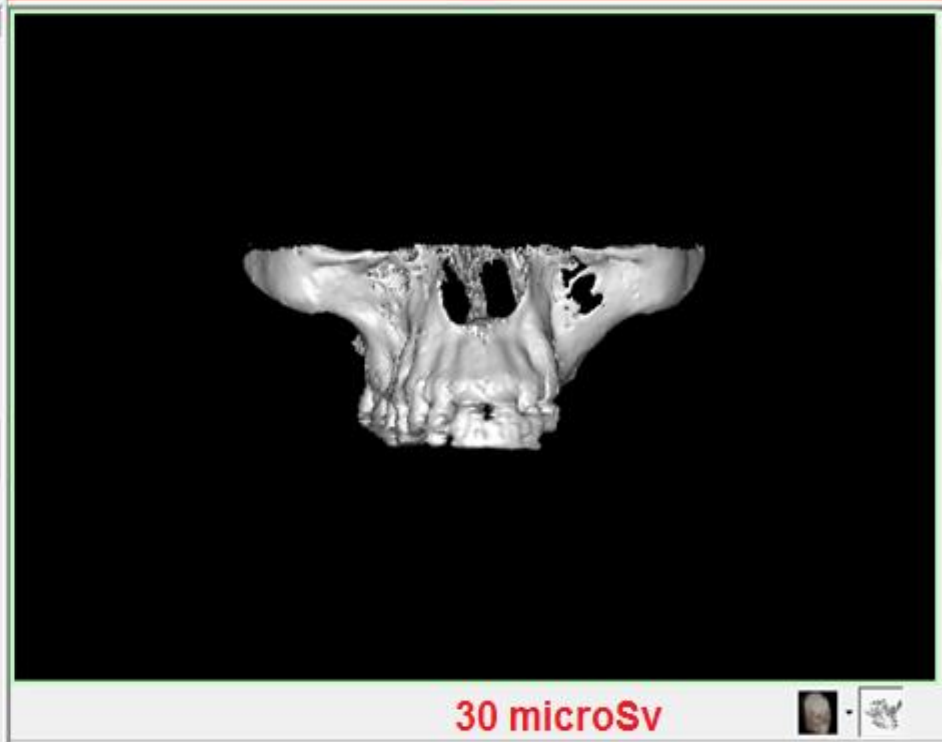
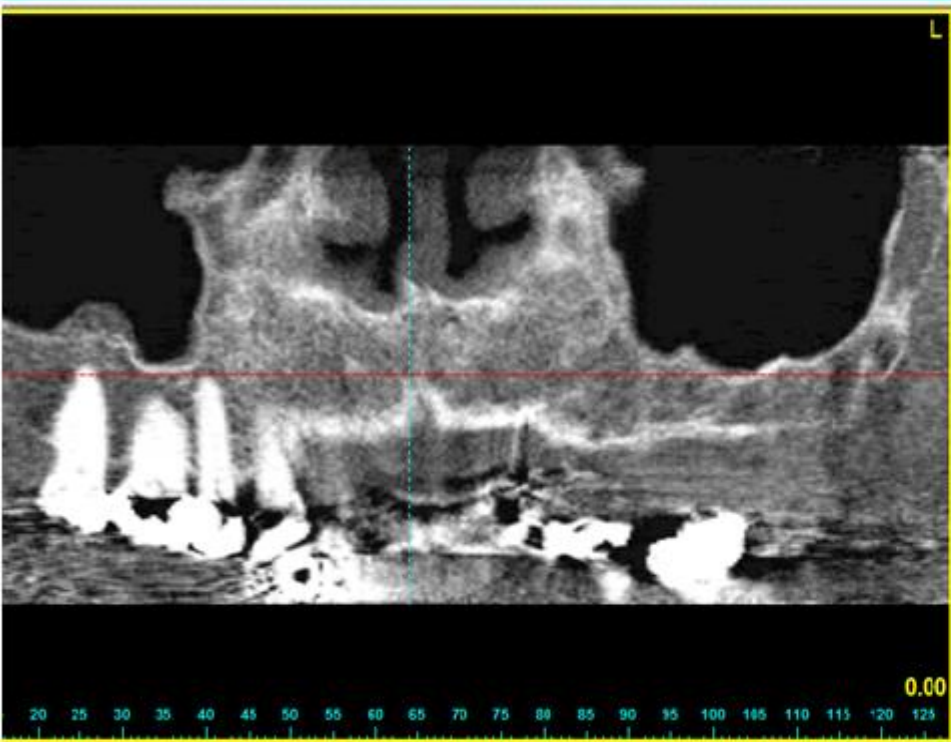
Photon noise (not enough x-rays)

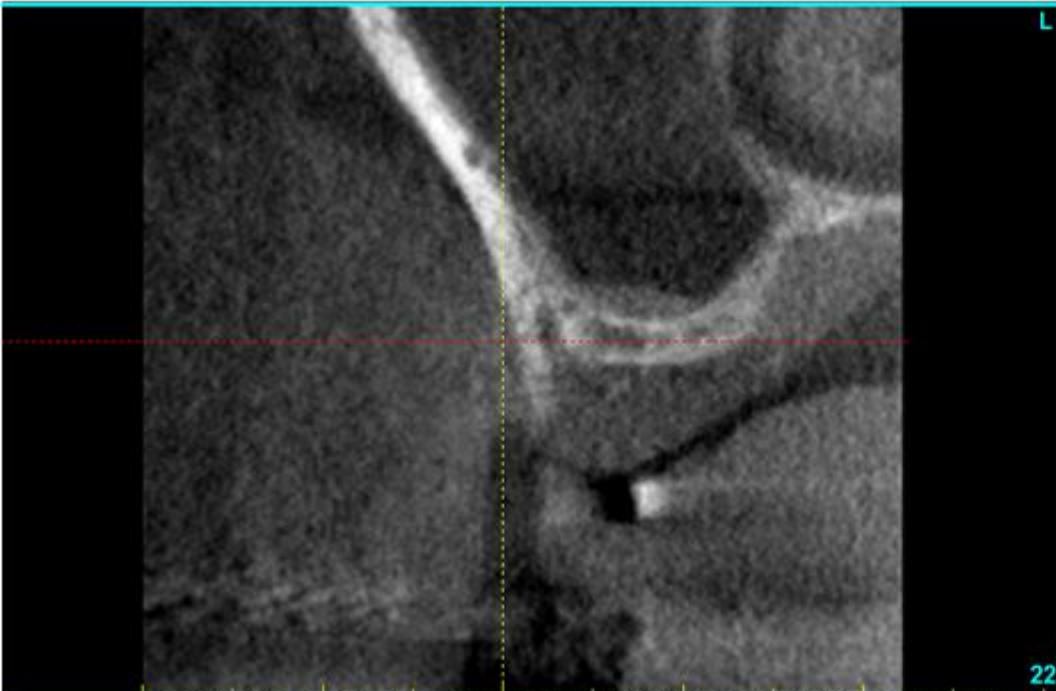
- Signal-to-Noise Ratio is proportional to \sqrt{n}**
- Where n is the number of x-ray photons**

Noise depends on voxel size

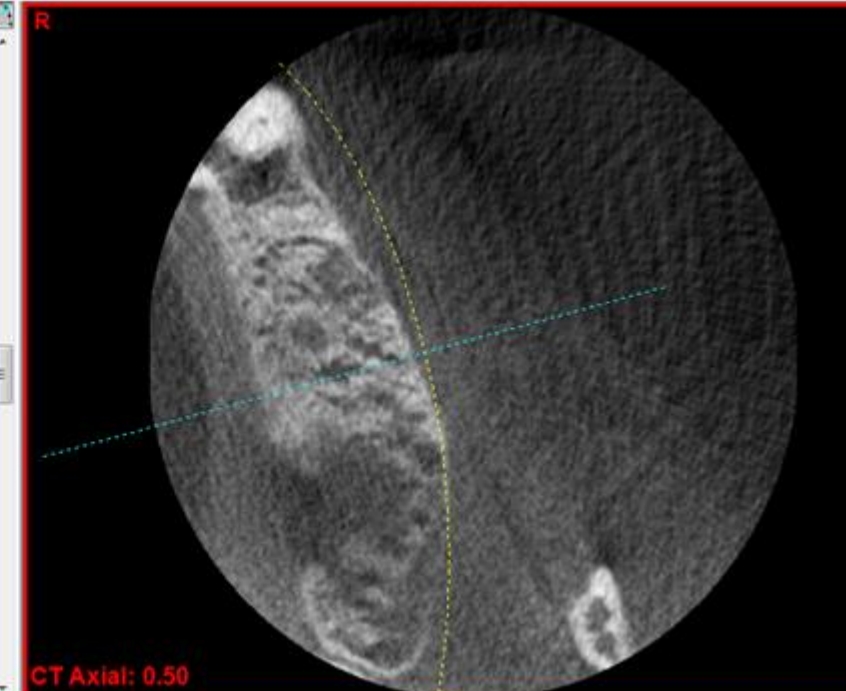


If you halve ($1/2$) each side of a cube e.g. from 0.4mm to 0.2mm
Number of x-ray photons passing through it goes down by 8 (i.e. $1/8$)
Noise goes up by $\sqrt{8} = 2.83$
mAs (dose) may have to be increased to compensate

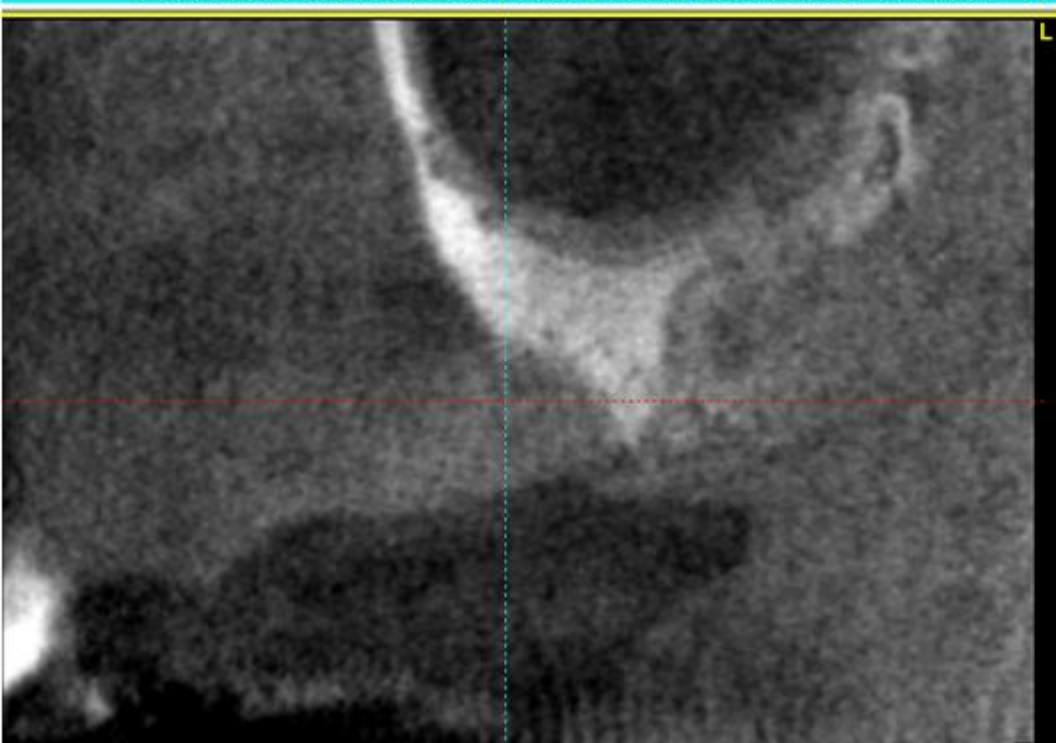




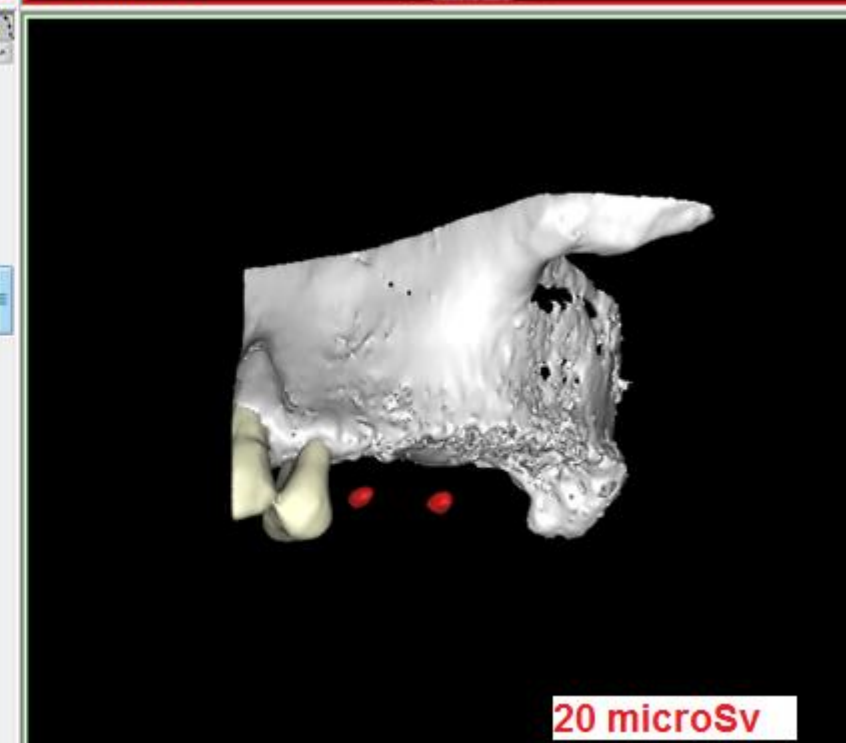
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CT Axial: 0.50



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20 microSv



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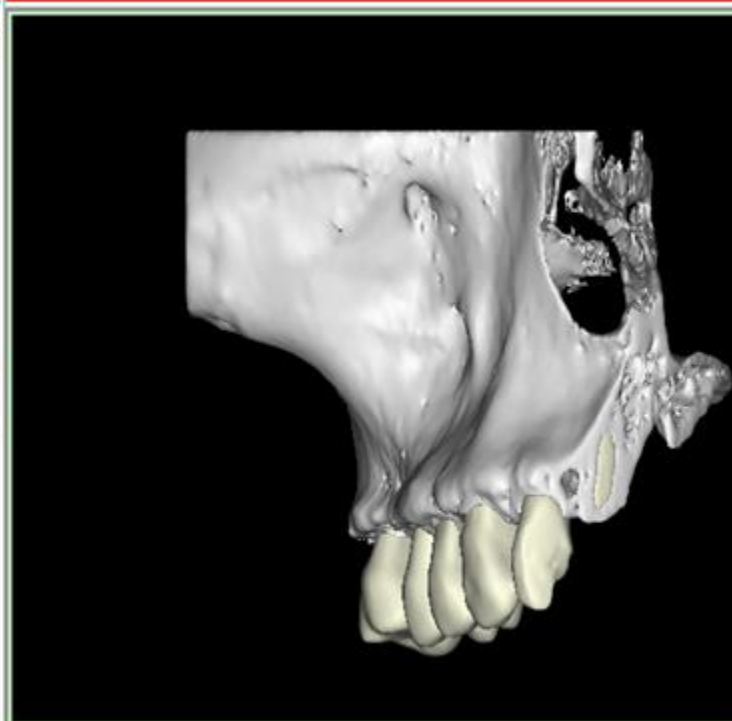


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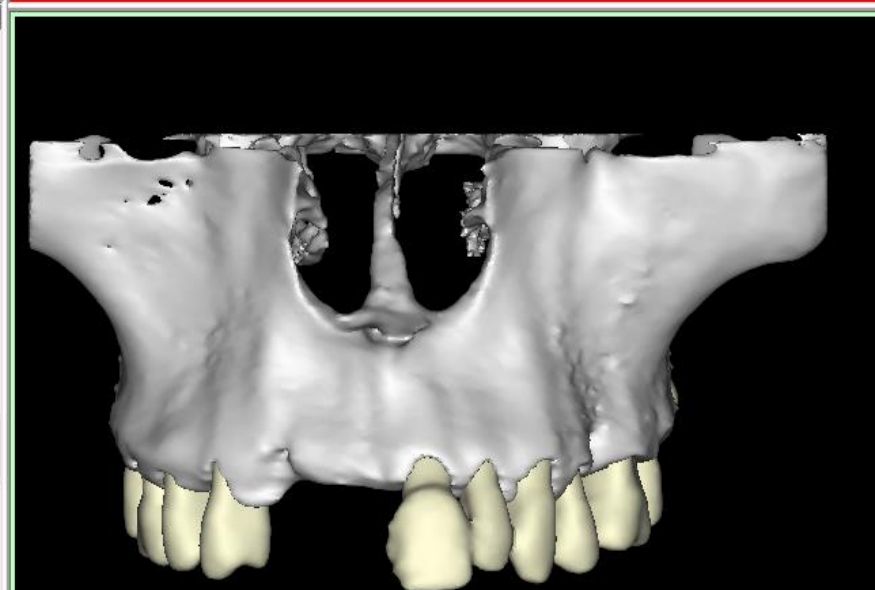
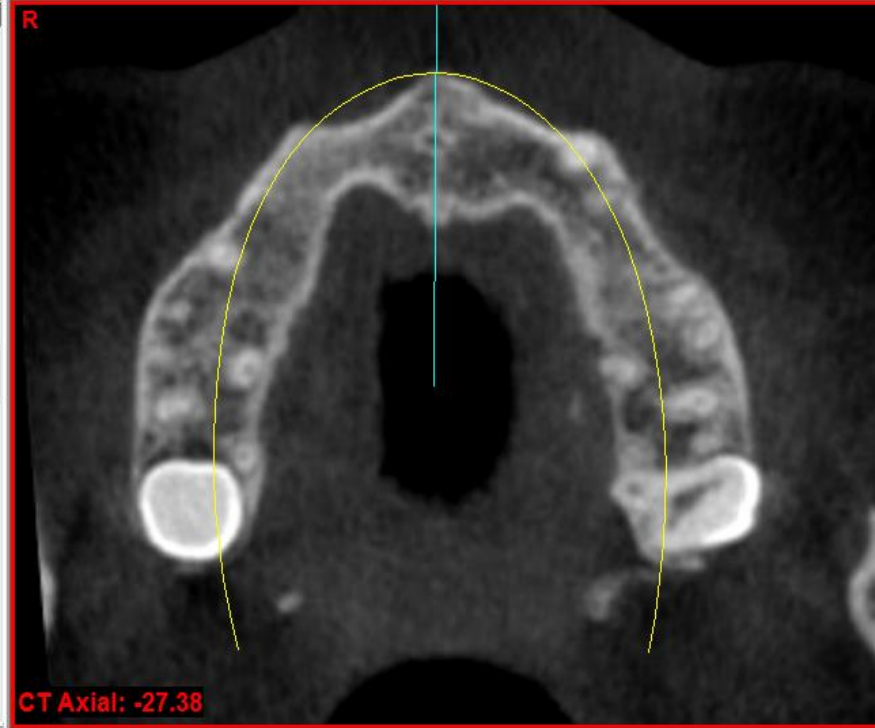
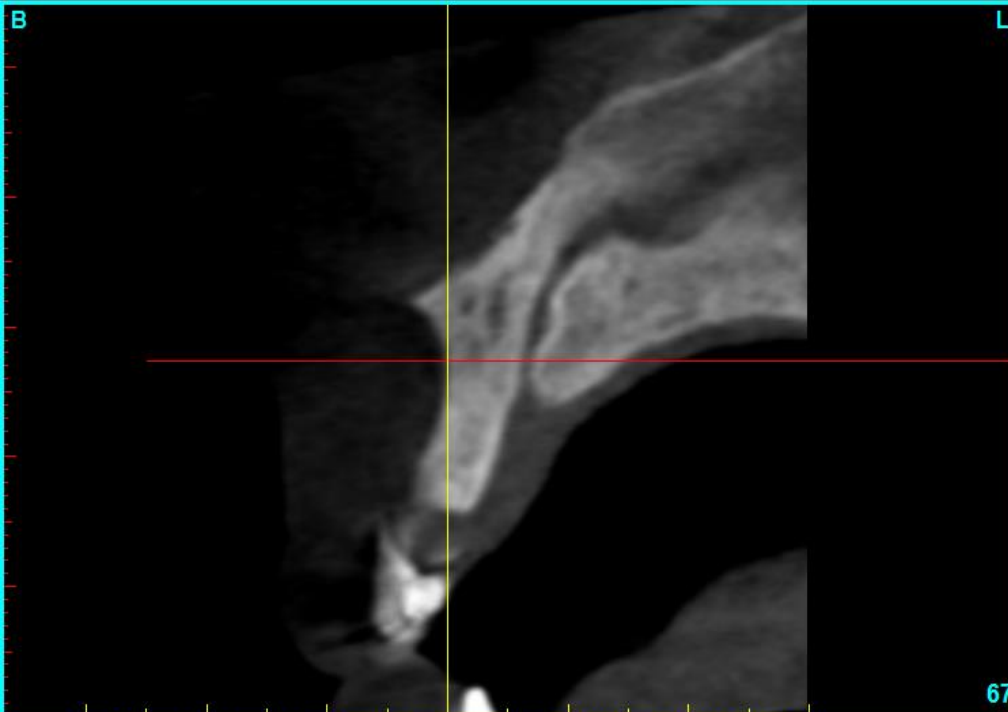


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70 microSv



45 microSv

Artefacts in CT / CBCT images

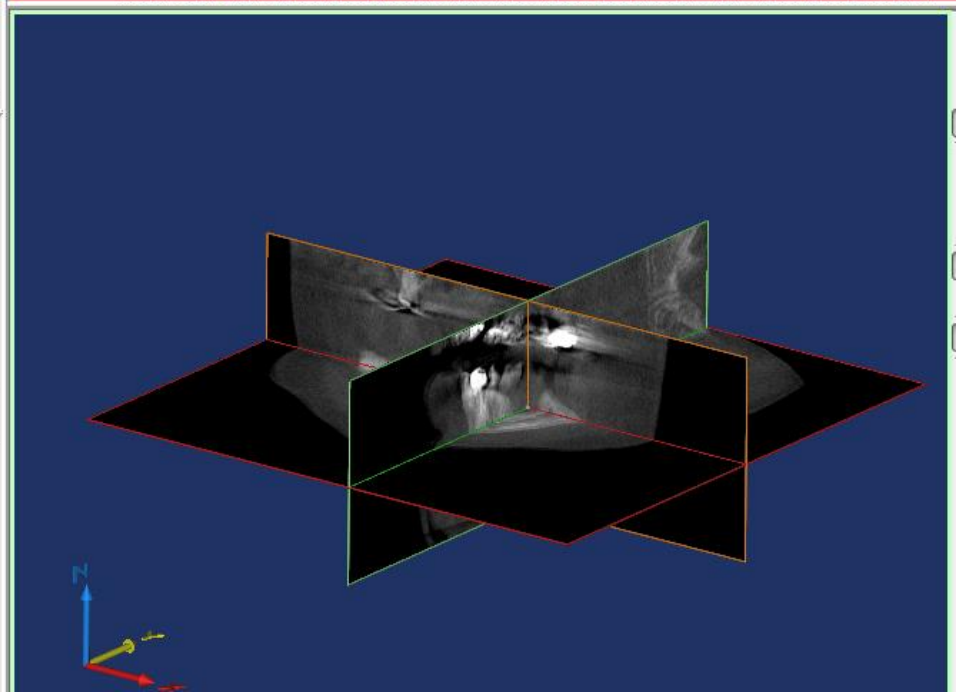
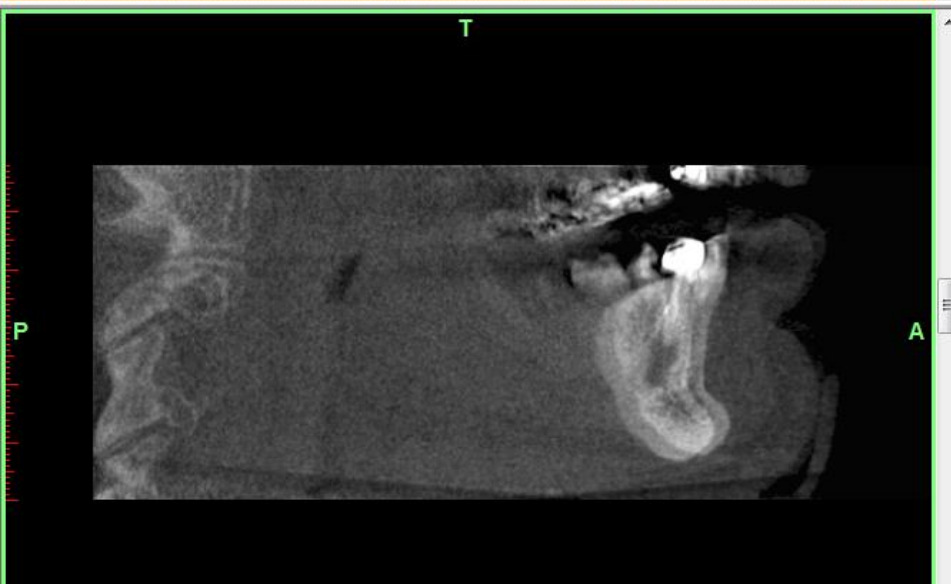
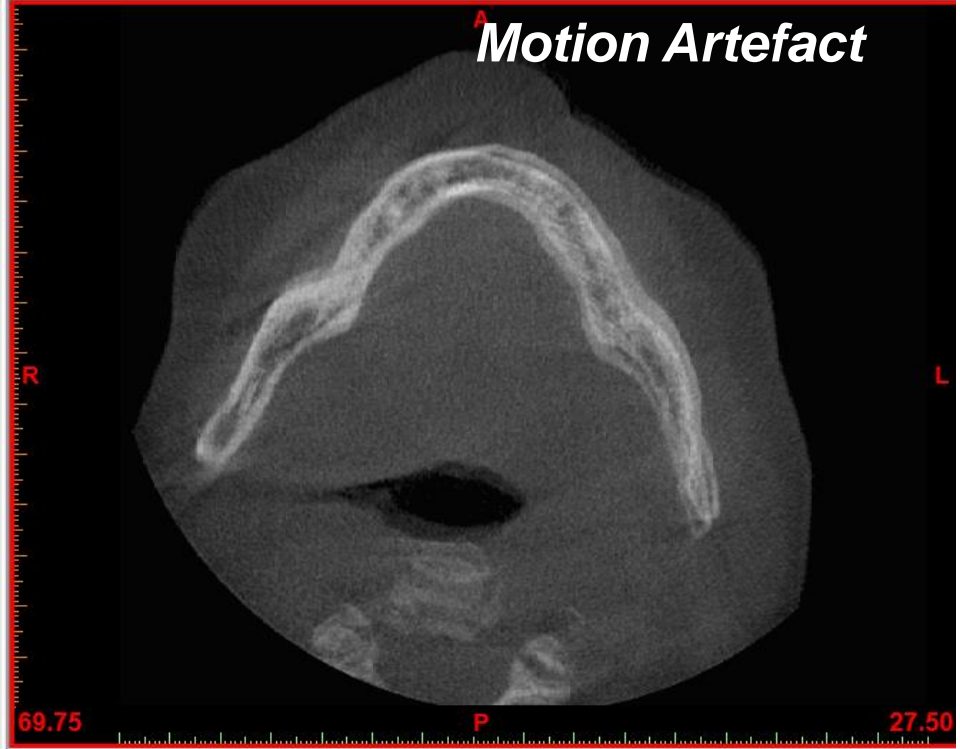
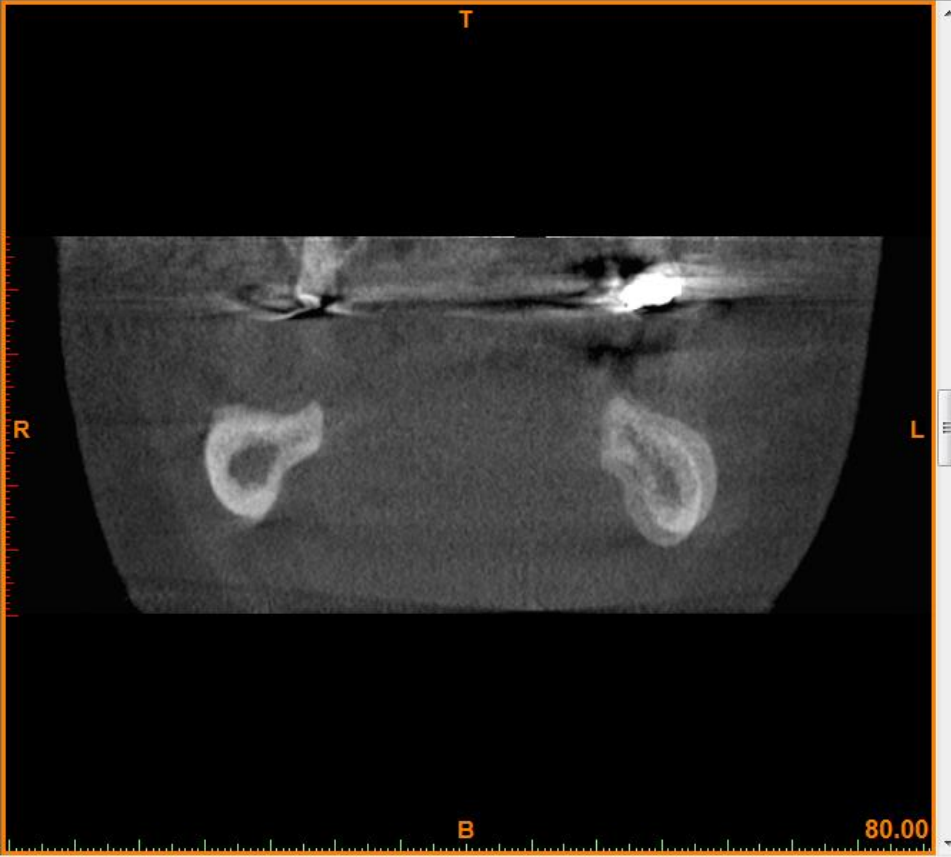
**Artefact = structured contribution to the image
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- **Motion artefact**
- **Cone beam artefacts**
- **Ring artefacts**
- **Starburst (streak) artefact**
- **Beam hardening**

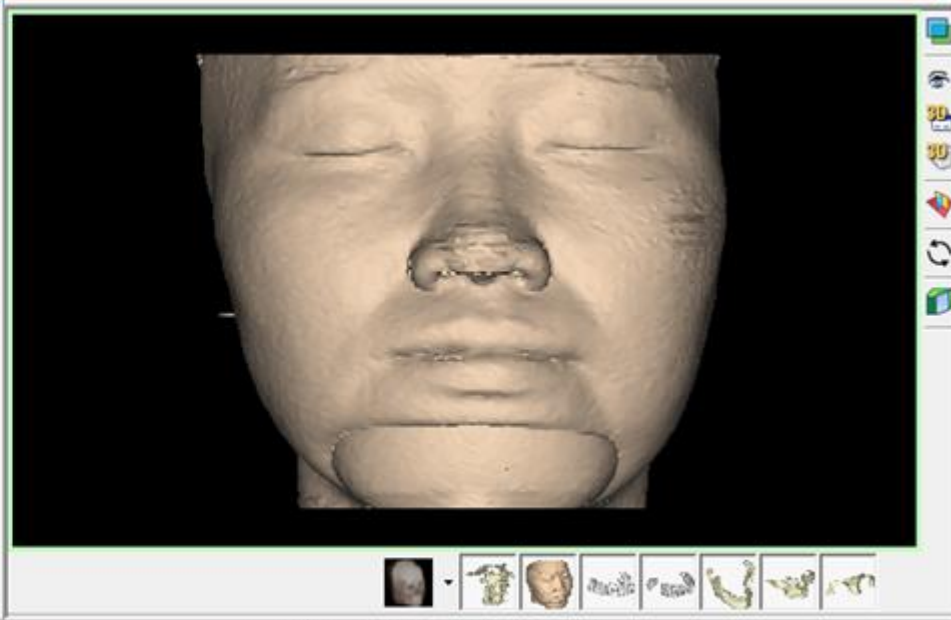
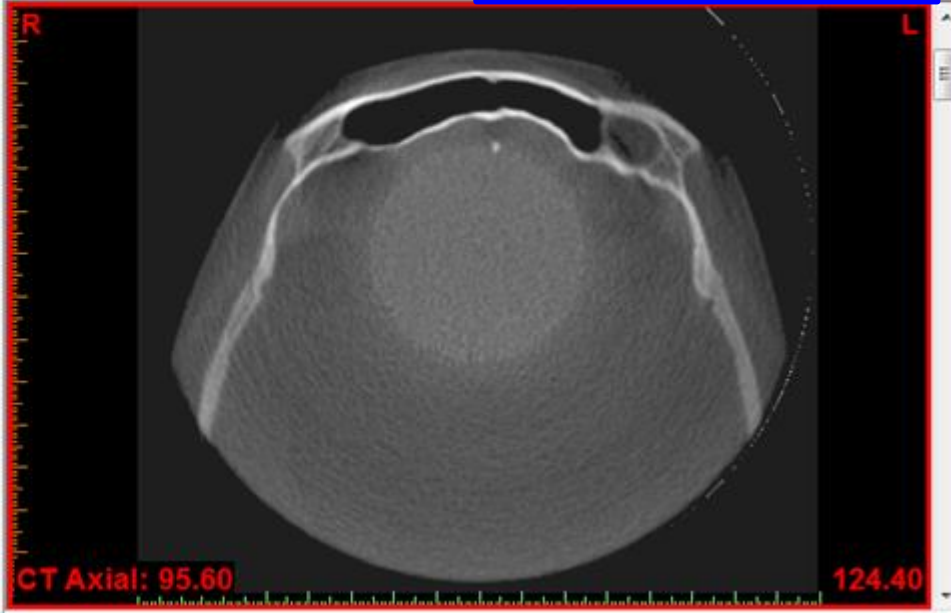
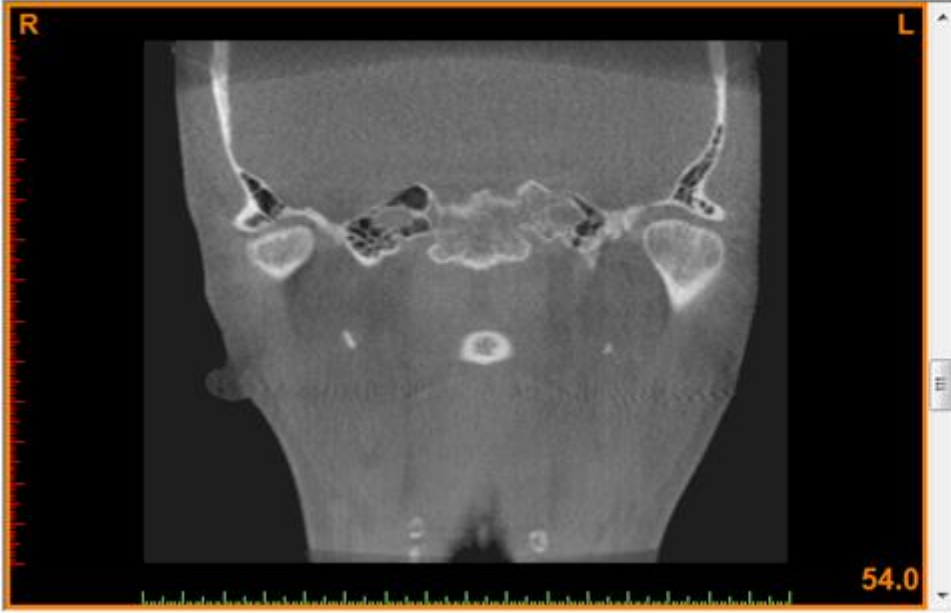
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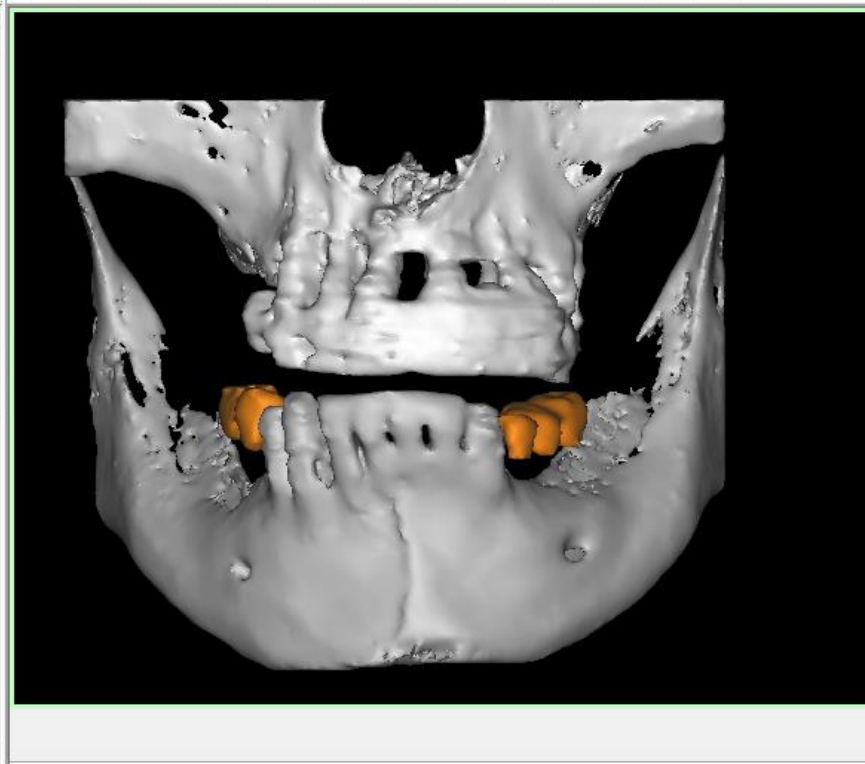


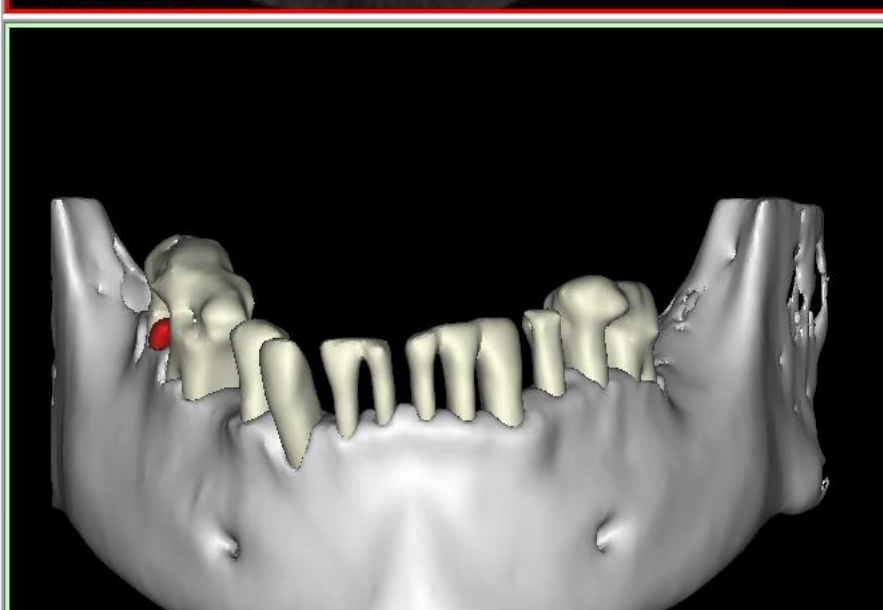
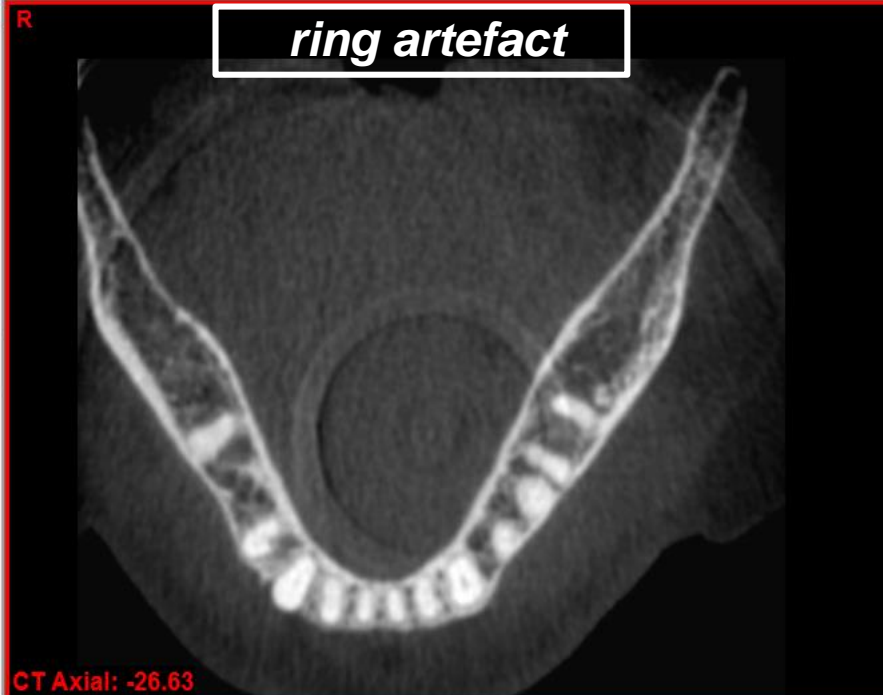
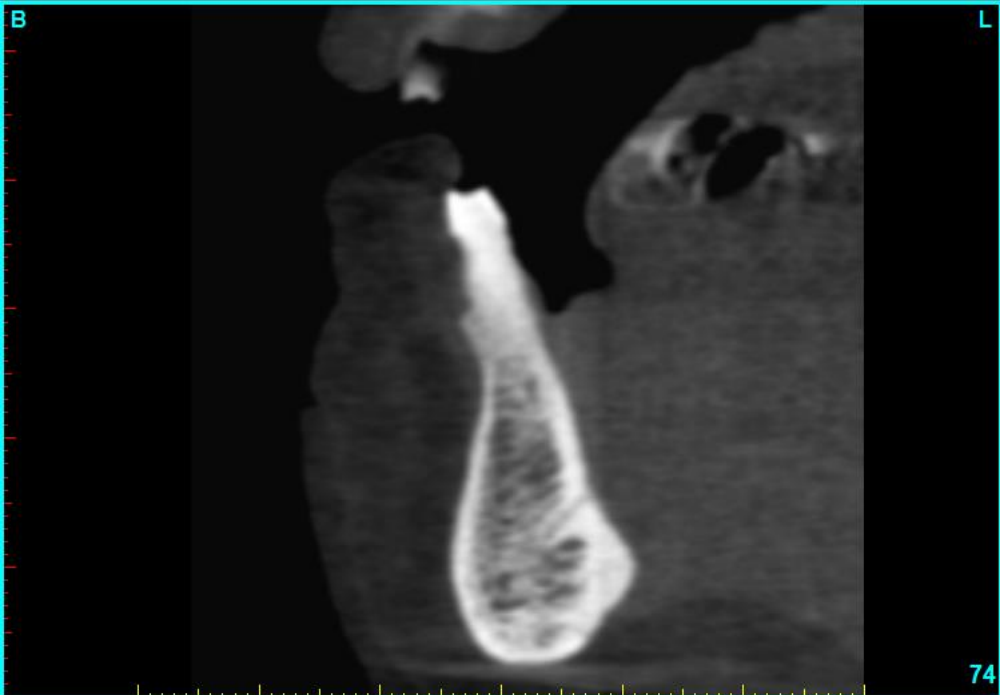
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cone beam artefact

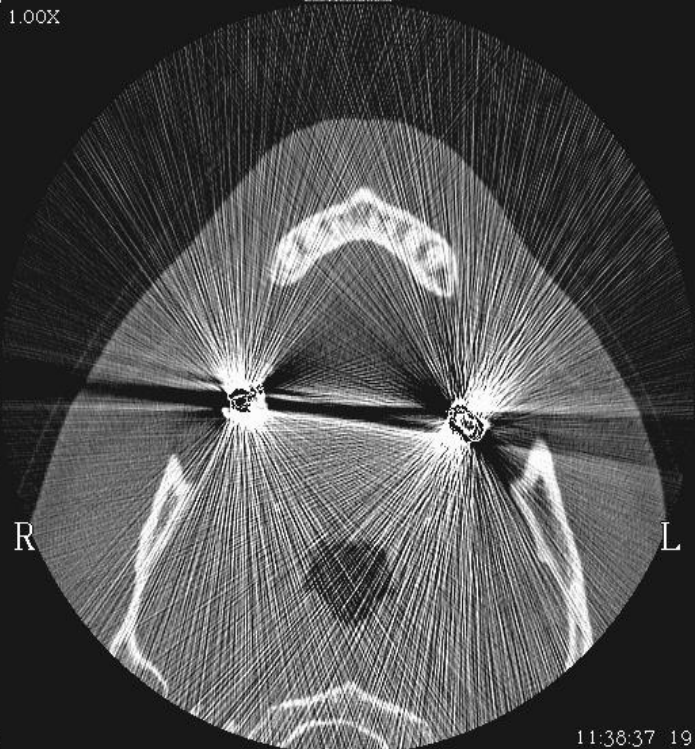
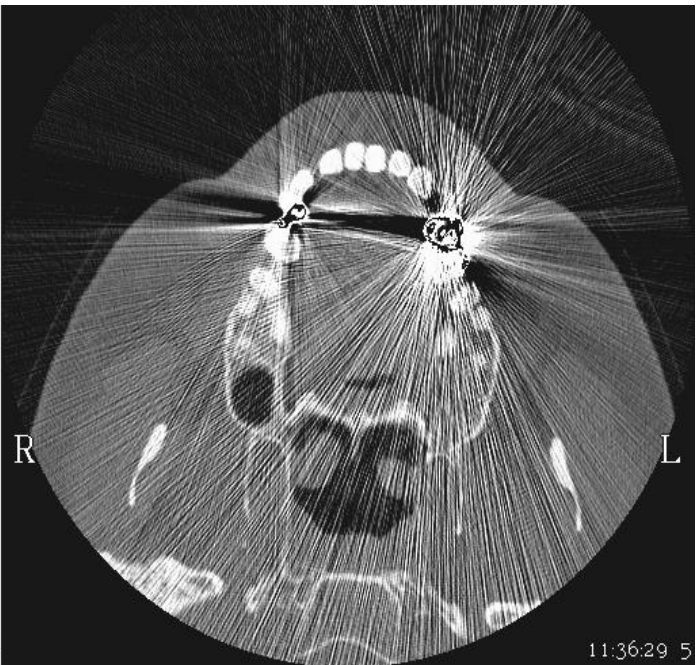
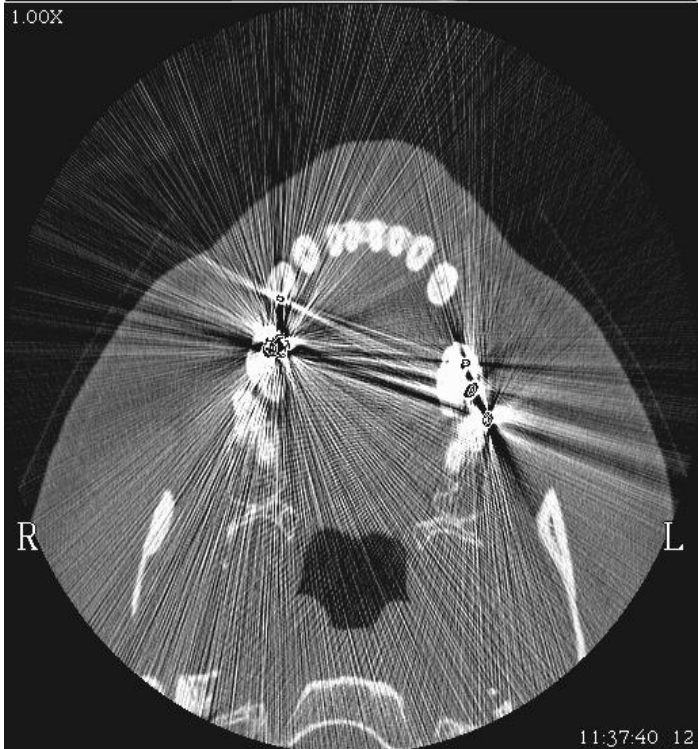
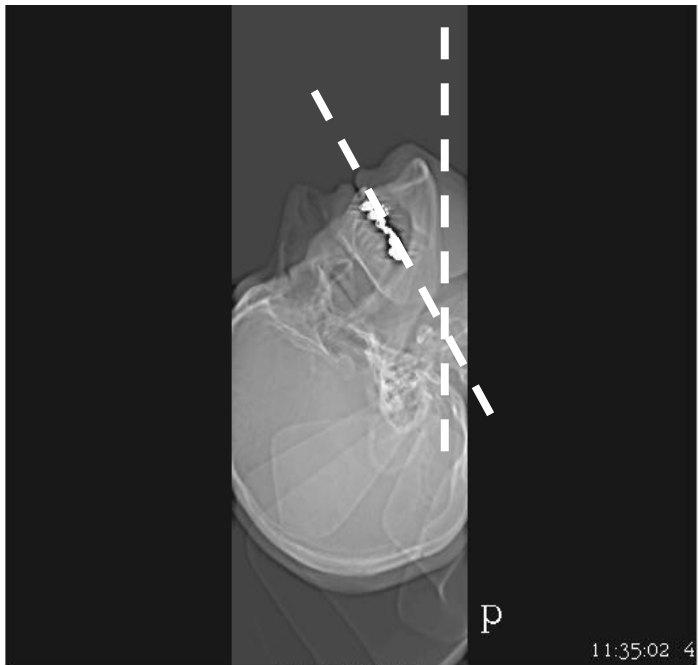






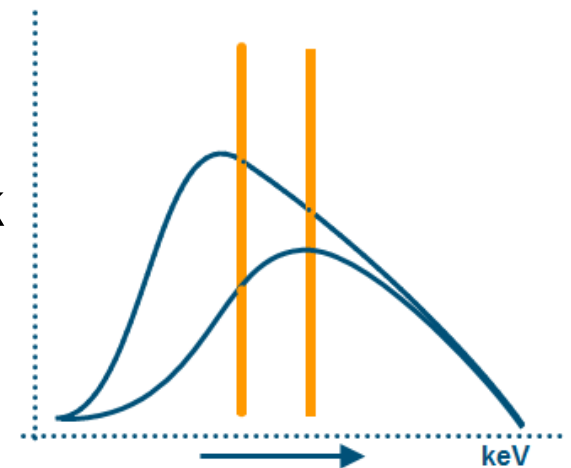
STARBURST ARTEFACT

- **Starburst (streak) artefacts arise in CT scans when sharp changes in density are present, e.g. between air and bone or between bone and dense metals**
- **Starburst artefacts are caused by limitations in high frequency sampling**
- **Starburst artefacts are not caused by scattered radiation**



BEAM HARDENING ARTEFACT

- **Beam Hardening artefacts also occur in CT scans when metals are present**
- **Metals cause the low energy x-rays to be filtered out of the x-ray beam**
- **The average energy becomes higher**
- **The CT numbers become lower**
- **Parts of the image appear black**



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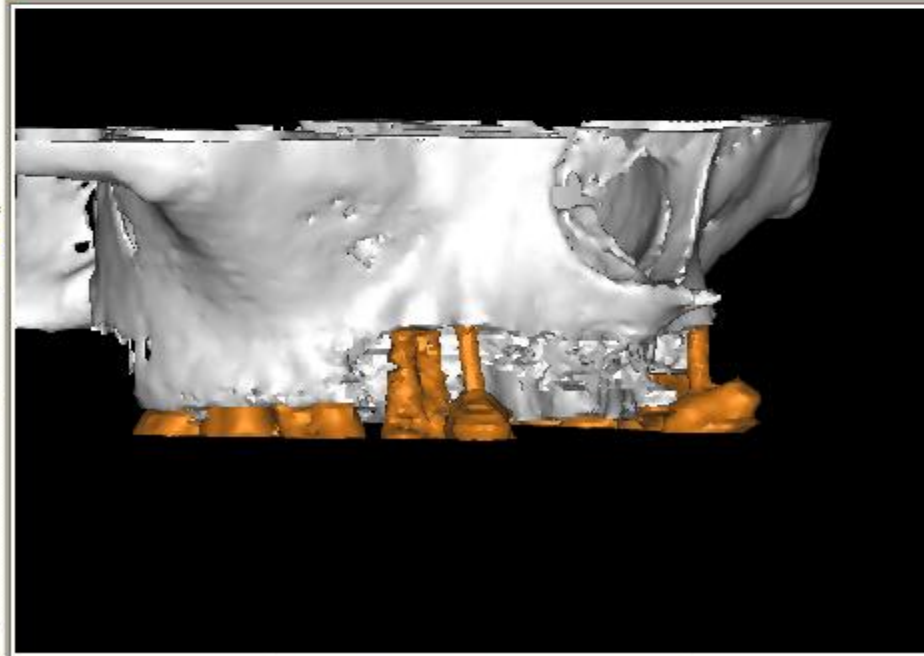
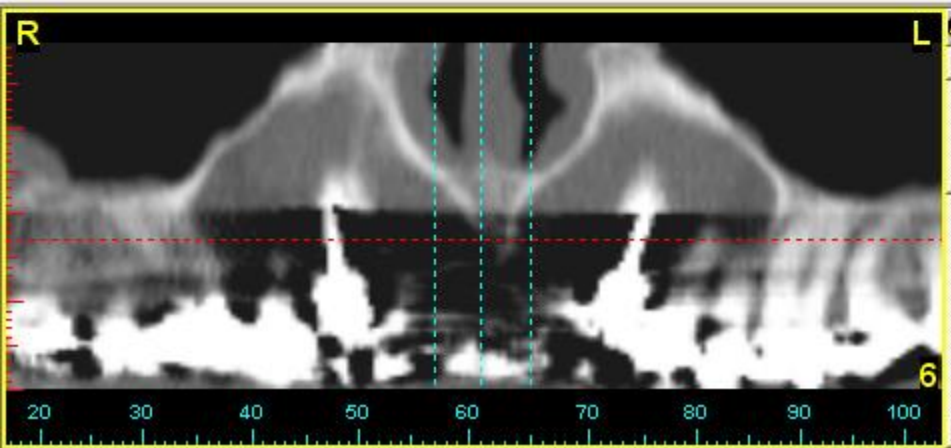
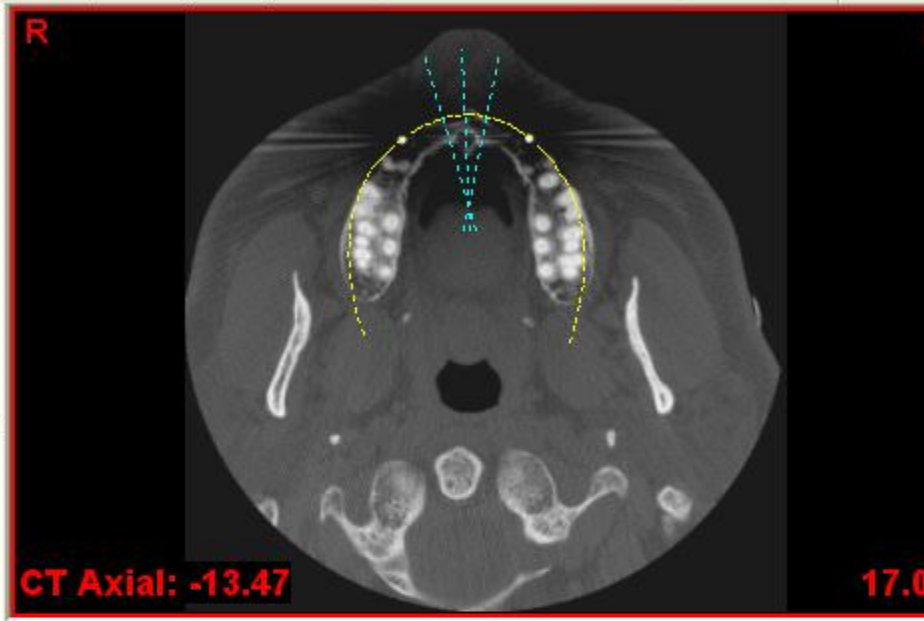
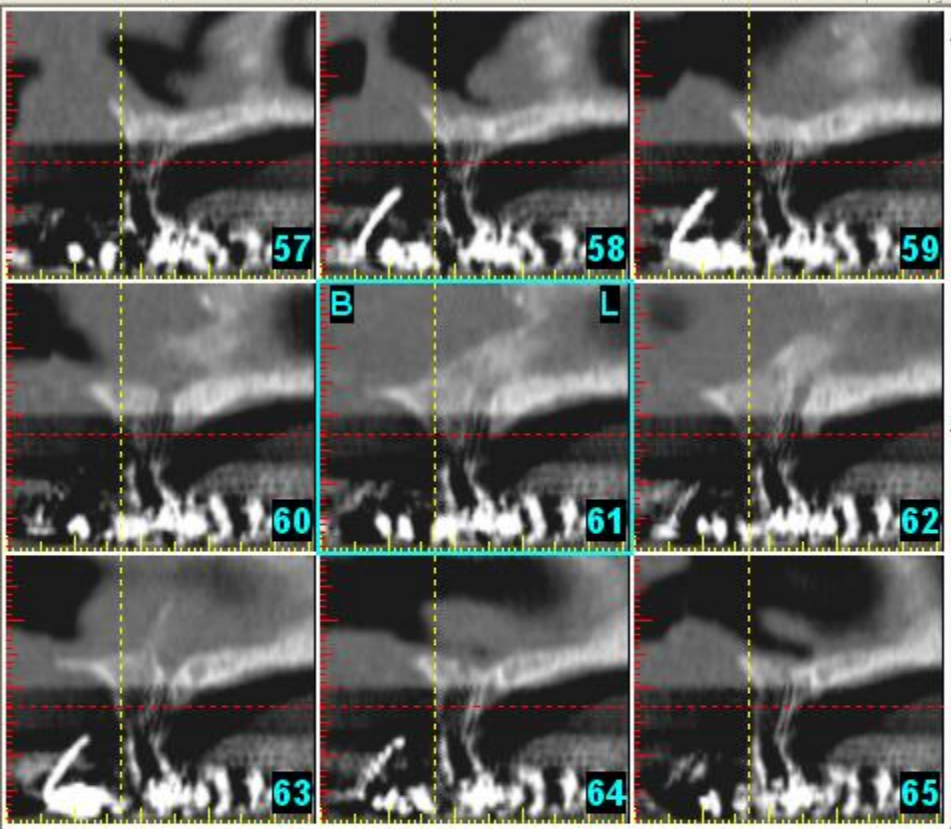
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High-Z materials cause the worst artefacts

Periodic Table of the Elements

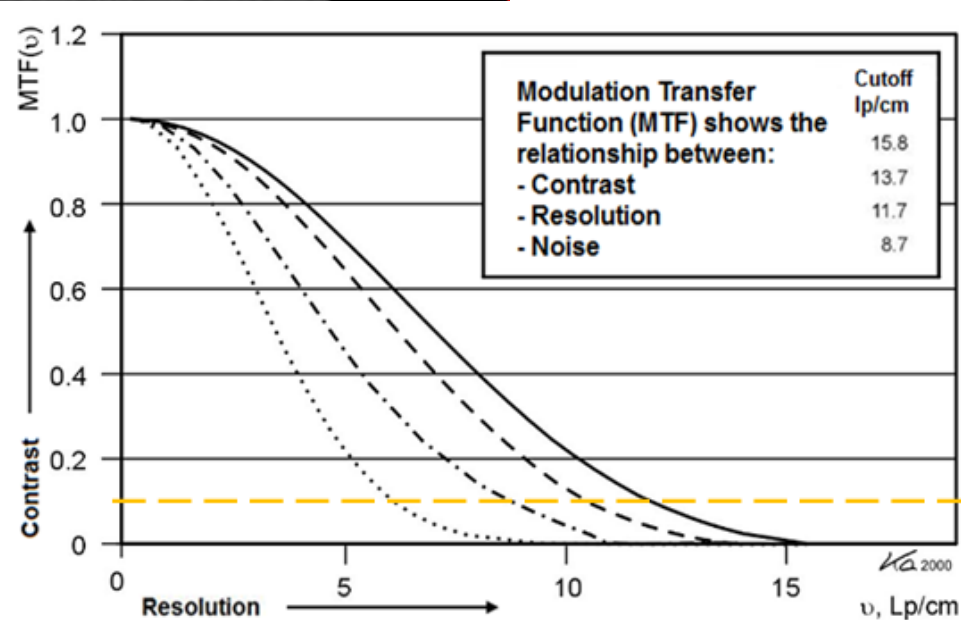
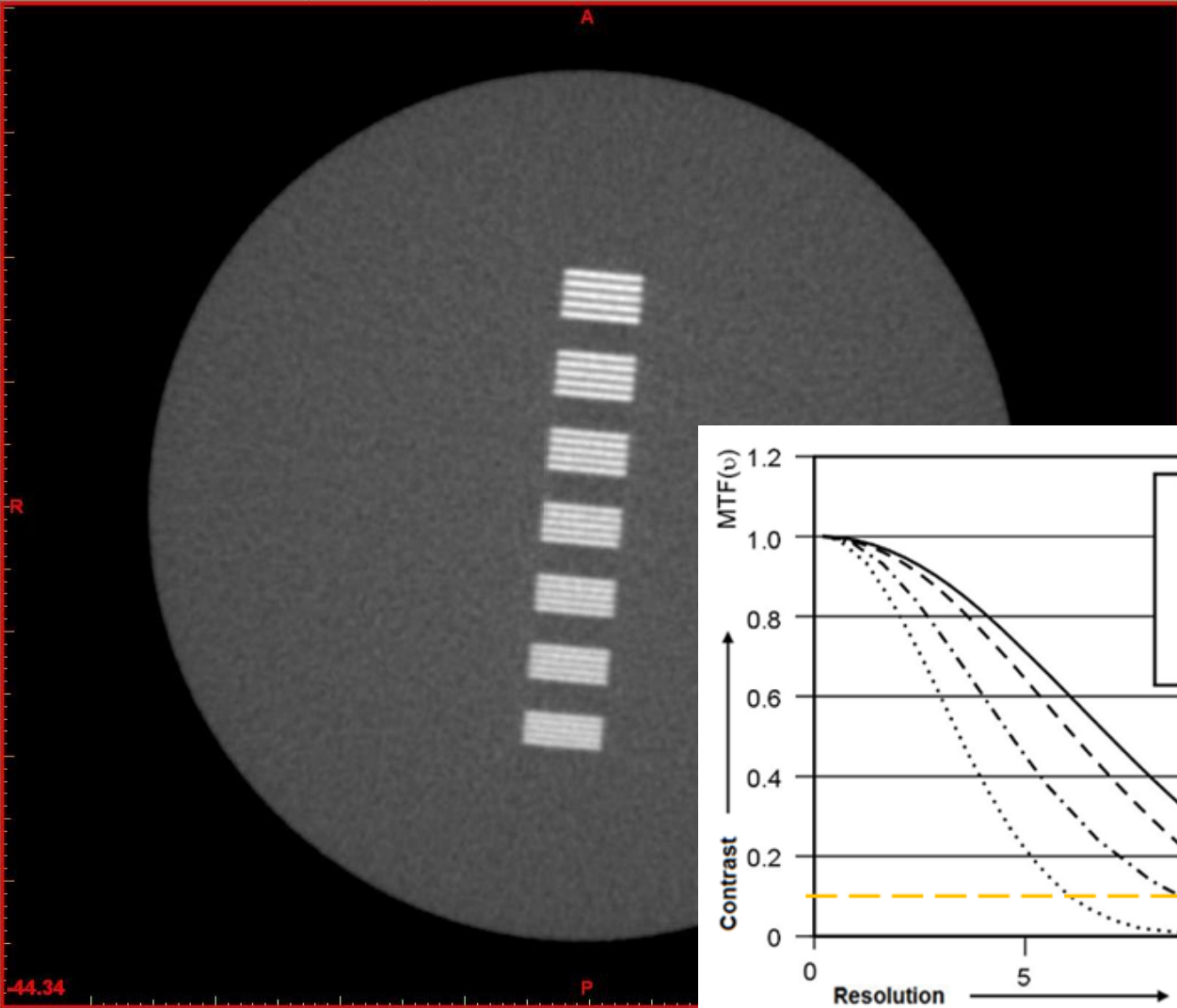
The periodic table shows elements arranged by atomic number (1-113) and grouped into columns labeled IA through VIIIA. The elements Ti (atomic number 22) and Au (atomic number 79) are circled in red. The lanthanide and actinide series are shown at the bottom.

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1 H										5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne													
2 Li	4 Be									13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar													
3 Na	12 Mg									19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr	
4 K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr											
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7 Fr	Ra	+Ac	Rf	Ha	Sg	Ns	Hs	Mt	110	111	112	113																

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+ Actinide Series	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr

Spatial Resolution

Detail at high contrast



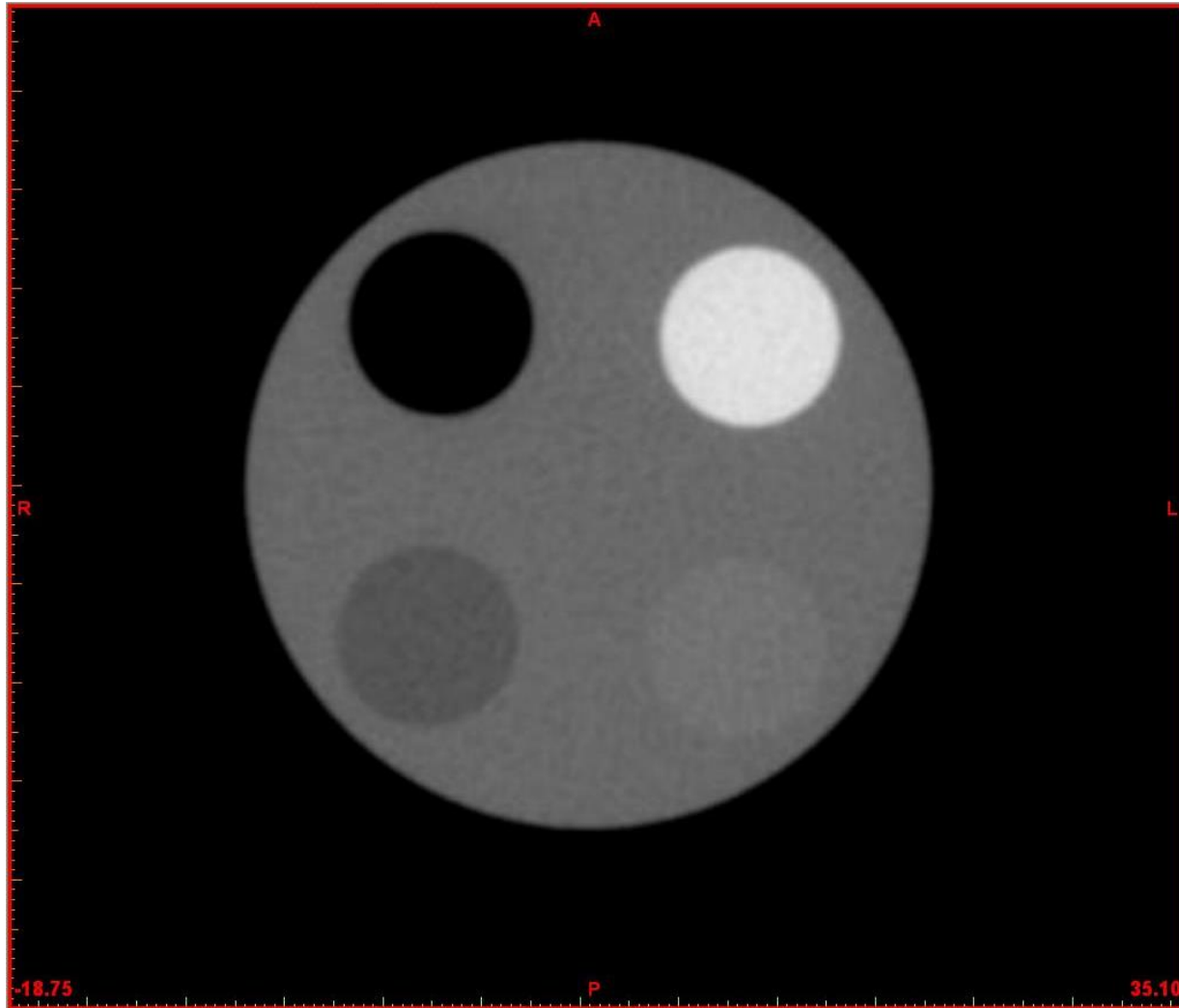
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Contrast Resolution

Detail at low contrast



Spatial and Contrast Resolution



Spatial and Contrast Resolution are both important

Basic Research—Technology

Comparison of Five Cone Beam Computed Tomography Systems for the Detection of Vertical Root Fractures

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Abstract

Introduction: This study compared the accuracy of cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) scans made by five different systems in detecting vertical root fractures (VRFs). It also assessed the influence of the presence of root canal filling (RCF), CBCT slice orientation selection, and the type of tooth (premolar/molar) on detection accuracy. **Methods:** Eighty endodontically prepared teeth were divided into four groups and placed in dry mandibles. The teeth in groups Fr-F and Fr-NF were artificially fractured; those in groups control-F and control-NF were not. Groups Fr-F and control-F were root filled. CBCT scans were made using five different commercial CBCT systems. Two observers evaluated images in axial, coronal, and sagittal reconstruction planes. **Results:** There was a significant difference in detection accuracy among the five systems ($p = 0.00001$). The presence of RCF did not influence sensitivity ($p = 0.16$), but it reduced specificity ($p = 0.003$). Axial slices were significantly more accurate than sagittal and coronal slices ($p = 0.0001$) in detecting VRF in all systems. Significantly more VRFs were detected among molars than premolars ($p = 0.0001$). Conclusions: RCF presence reduced specificity in all systems ($p = 0.009$) but did not influence accuracy ($p = 0.79$) except in one system ($p = 0.012$). Axial slices were the most accurate in detecting VRFs ($p = 0.0001$). *J Endod* 2010;36:126–129

Key Words

Cone beam computed tomography scan, diagnosis, root canal filling, vertical root fracture

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The clinical and radiographic diagnosis of vertical root fractures (VRFs) is often complicated. A local deep pocket, dual sinus tracts, and a halo type of lateral radiolucency are among the symptoms (1–8). Often these symptoms are not convincing to justify tooth extraction, which usually is the elected treatment because the prognosis of VRFs is poor. Therefore, the exact diagnosis of a VRF is crucial to avoid erroneous extraction. However, because of the two-dimensional nature of periapical radiographs (PRs) and the inherent superimposition projection artifacts, visualizing a VRF is difficult, especially when the fracture line is mesiodistally oriented (9). The presence of a VRF is only confirmed by direct visualization (10). This may sometimes be accomplished by means of a surgical diagnostic flap, which is quite invasive.

Cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) scans specifically designed for the maxillofacial region have become largely accessible to clinicians and have replaced conventional computed tomography scans for dentomaxillofacial applications because of their reduced radiation dose and installation and maintenance costs (11–13). Prototype flat-panel CBCT systems were found useful in detecting VRFs (14, 15). Those systems, however, cannot be used to scan patients. Recently, a CBCT system was found more accurate than PR in detecting VRFs in root-filled teeth (16). The superiority of CBCT over PR is primarily because of the high contrast and three-dimensional nature of tomographic imaging, which permits direct visualization of fracture lines otherwise masked in PR.

Several dentomaxillofacial CBCT systems are currently on the market. Those systems differ from each other in detector design, patient scanning settings, and data reconstruction parameters (17–21). Several scanning and reconstruction factors including scan field of view (FoV) selection and voxel size, the number of basis projections (acquisitions) used for reconstruction, and image artifacts have significant influence on image quality in CBCT. CBCT systems vary in their image quality and ability to visualize anatomic structures (22–27). This variation is most prominent with small and delicate anatomic structures such as periodontal ligament and trabecular bone (28). It is, therefore, probable that different CBCT systems vary in their ability to detect VRFs because the fractures are small. The influence of the presence of root canal filling (RCF) on VRF visibility could also vary among the different scanners. Additionally, the selection of the reconstruction plane (axial, sagittal, or coronal) used for the detection or the type of tooth could have an influence on VRF detection. This study aimed to compare the accuracy of five clinical CBCT systems for detecting VRFs in endodontically prepared teeth and to assess the influence of the presence of a RCF, slice orientation selection, and the type of tooth on accuracy for detecting VRF in each system.

Material and Methods

Sample Preparation

We used the method described by Hassan et al (16). Briefly, 40 extracted premolars and 40 molars were inspected on a stereomicroscope (Wild Photomicroscope M400; Wild, Heerbrugg, Switzerland) for the absence of VRFs. Endodontically prepared root canals (size F3, ProTaper; Dentsply Maillefer, Tulsa, OK) were divided into two experimental (Fr-F and Fr-NF) and two control groups (control-F and control-NF). Each group consisted of 10 premolars and 10 molars ($n = 20$). The teeth were decorated to eliminate a bias of enamel fractures.

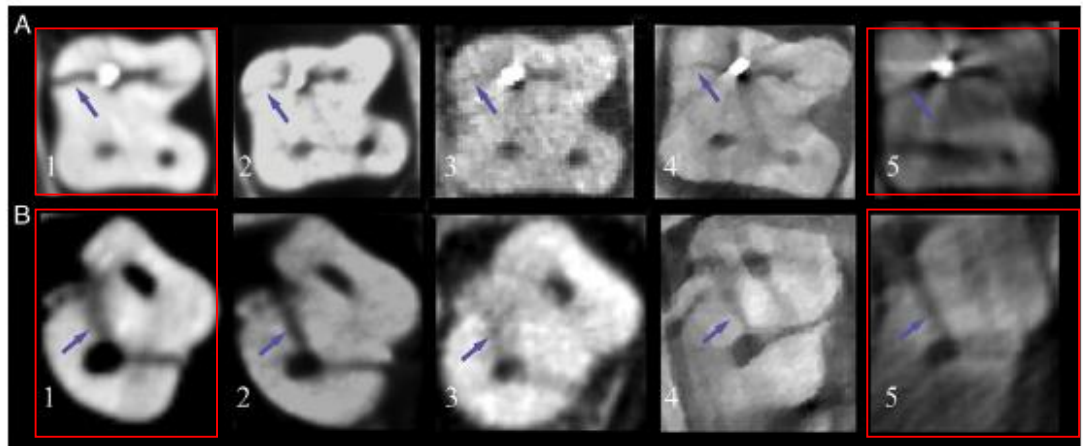


Figure 1 An example of an axial cross-section showing a vertical root fracture line (arrow) in an endodontically filled root (row A) and in a nonfilled root (row B). CBCT systems from left to right: (1) Next Generation i-CAT, (2) Scanora 3D, (3) NewTom 3G, (4) AccuTomo MFC-1, and (5) Galileos 3D.

Image 1 has good Spatial Resolution and good Contrast Resolution
Image 5 has poor Spatial Resolution and poor Contrast Resolution

Conclusions

- **If your patient will truly benefit from a CT or CBCT Scan the risks are likely to be minimal or very low compared to the benefits.**
- **A certain amount of Dose is essential for good image quality but Spatial Resolution, Contrast Resolution and freedom from artefacts are important too.**

Thank You!

- **Any Questions?**