4D Dynamic Contrast-Enhanced Breast CT: Evaluation of quantitative accuracy

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BREAST4D

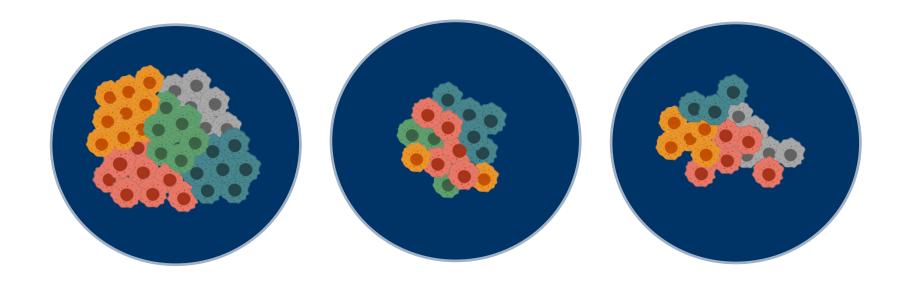




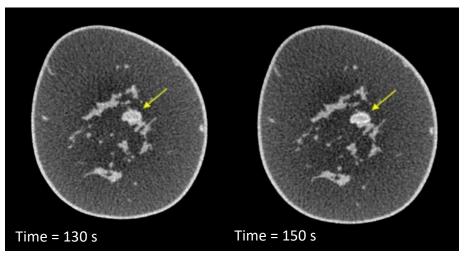


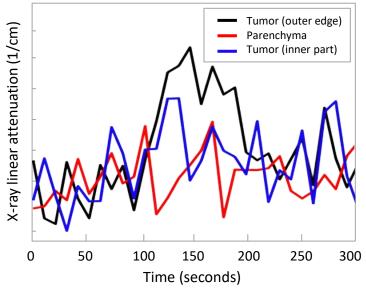


Breast cancer heterogeneity



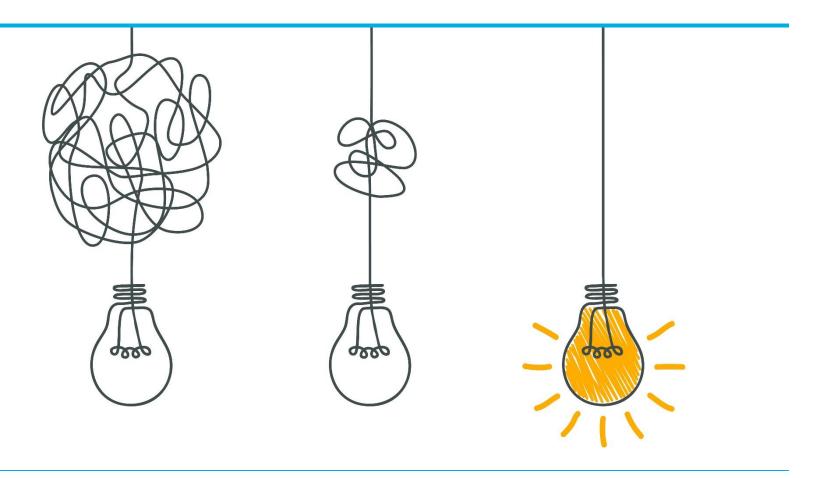






4-dimensional dynamic contrast-enhanced dedicated breast computed tomography





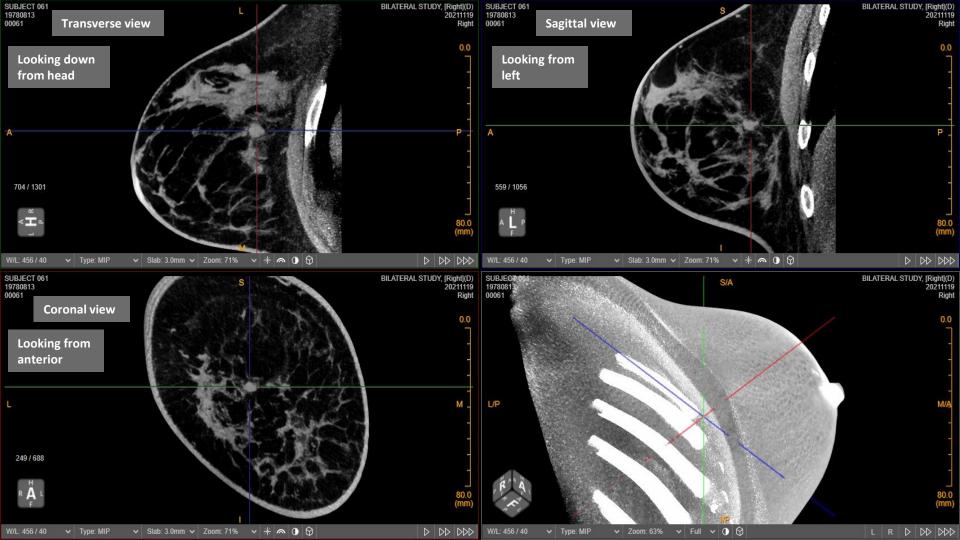


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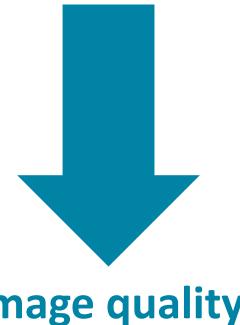
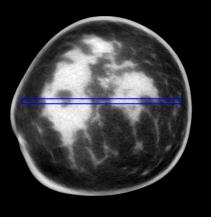


Image quality

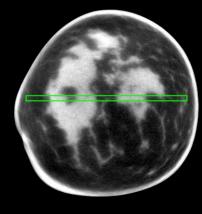
(quantitative information)



DEEP LEARNING CORRECTED



UNCORRECTED



0.45 DEEP LEARNING CORRECTED UNCORRECTED Linear attenuation (cm^{-1}) Fibroglandular tissue 0.40 -0.35 0.30 Adipose tissue 0.25 50 100 150 200 250 300 Distance (pixels)

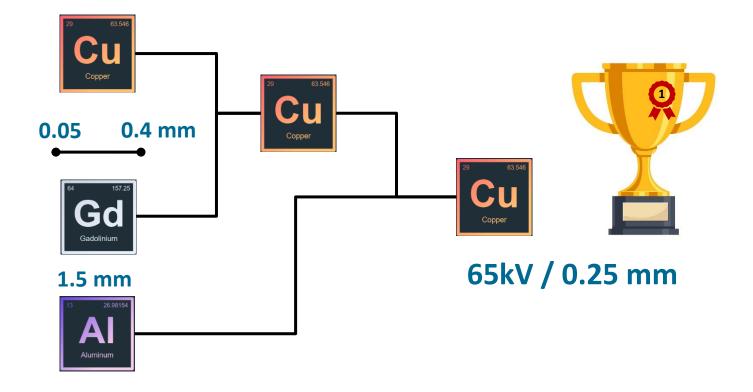
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WW/WL: 0.01/0.03 mm⁻¹

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Optimal settings for imaging



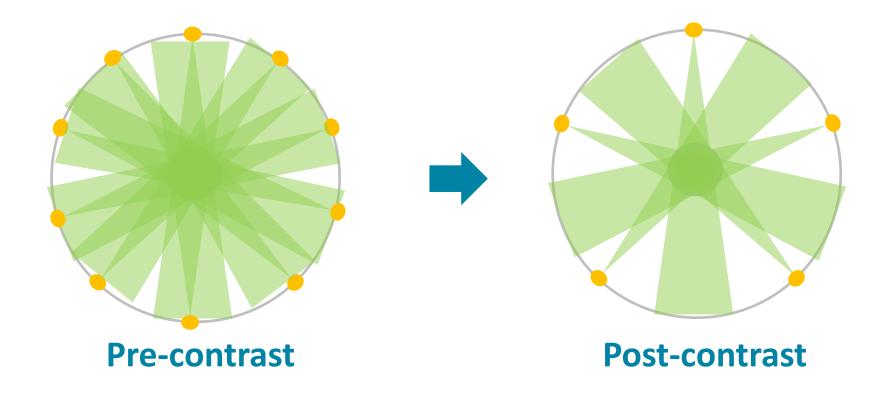
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4D DCE-bCT protocol









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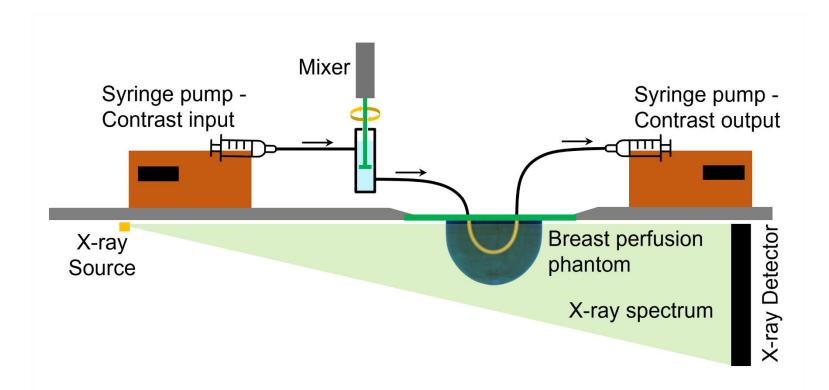




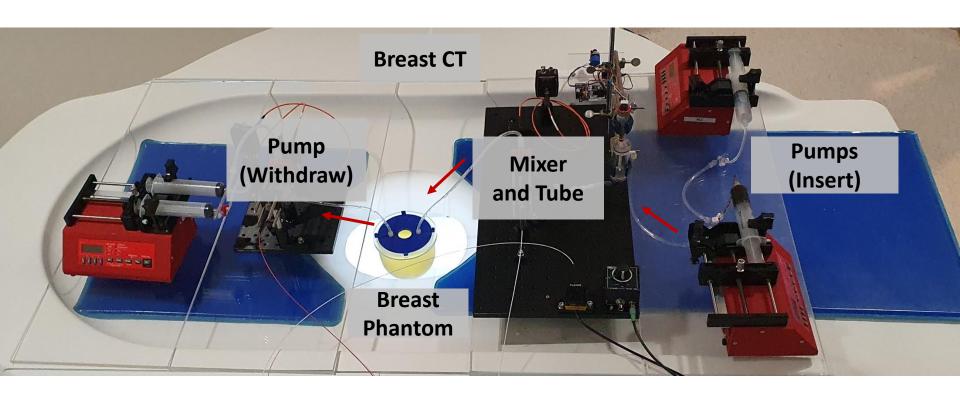
Mean glandular dose in 4D DCE-bCT protocol



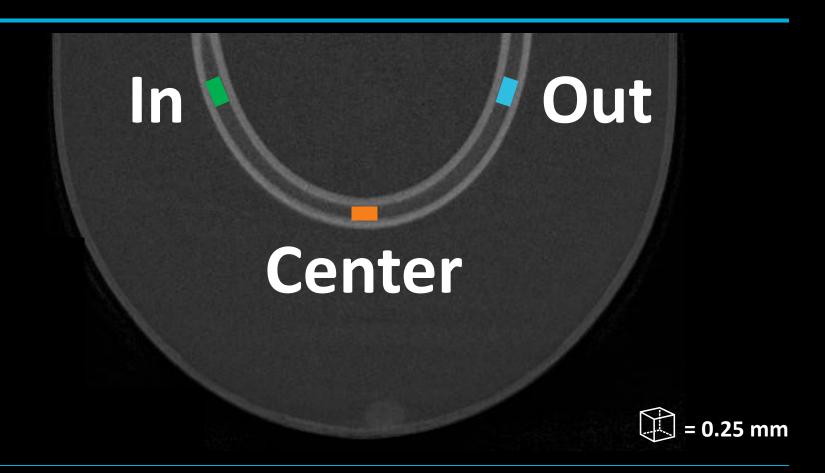




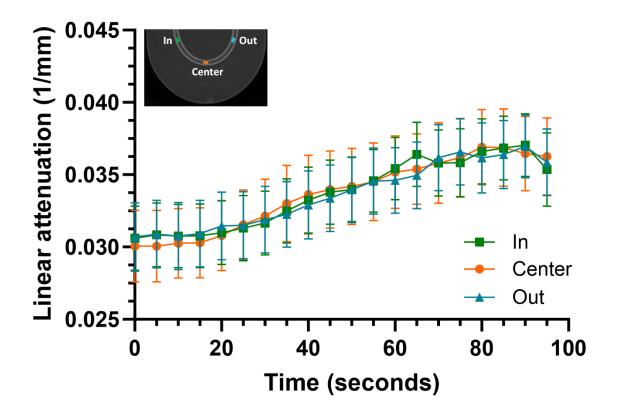




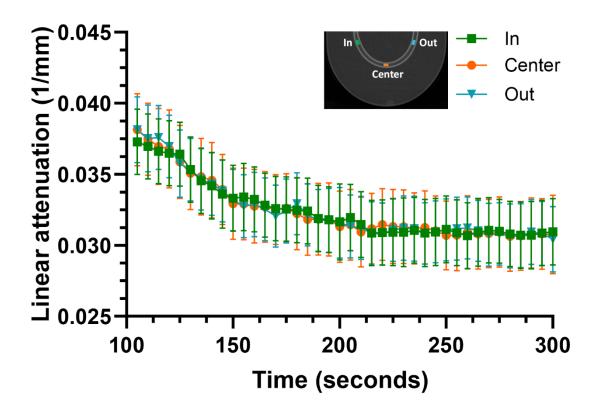




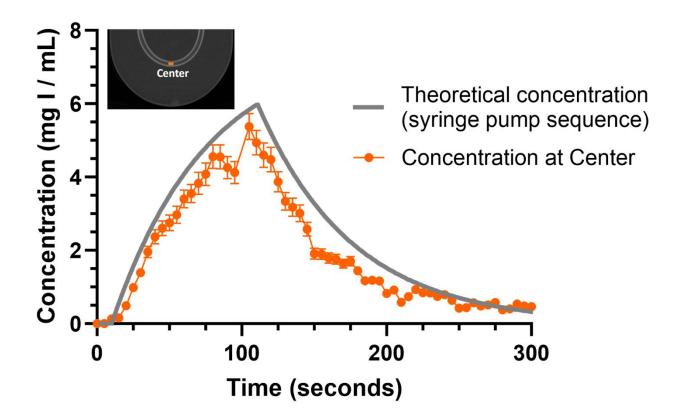






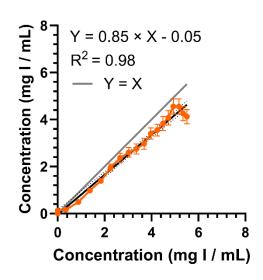




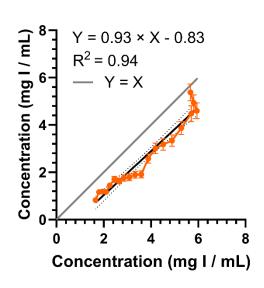




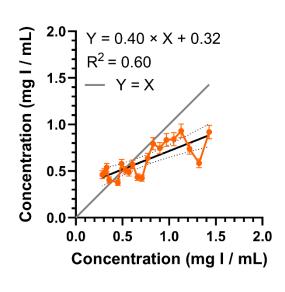
Post-contrast analysis (100-second Intervals)



Post-contrast 1



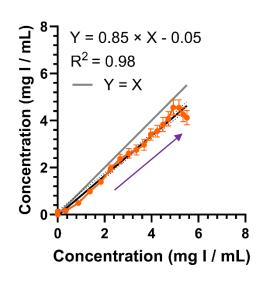
Post-contrast 2



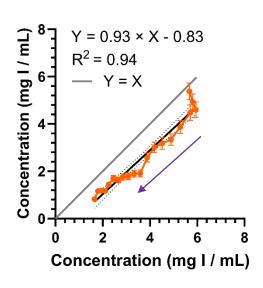
Post-contrast 3



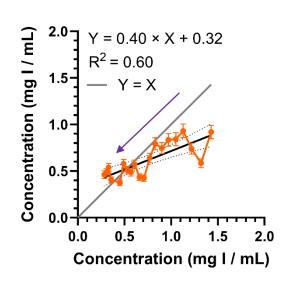
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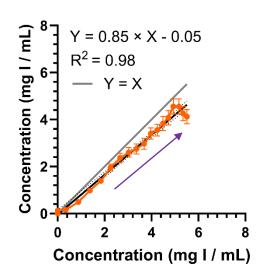
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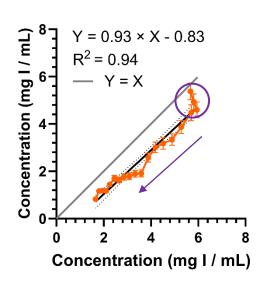
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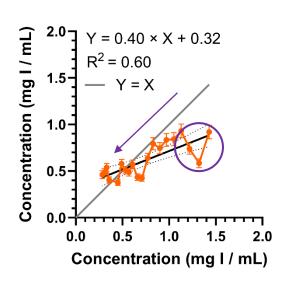
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Post-contrast 1



Post-contrast 2



Post-contrast 3



Limitations



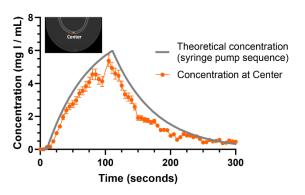
Timing of peak capture



Fluid bolus behavior



Conclusion



4D DCE-bCT has the potential to provide quantitatively accurate estimates of iodine concentration

