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Organbewegung und Planungsaspekte bei der SBRT der Niere

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ZAP-X



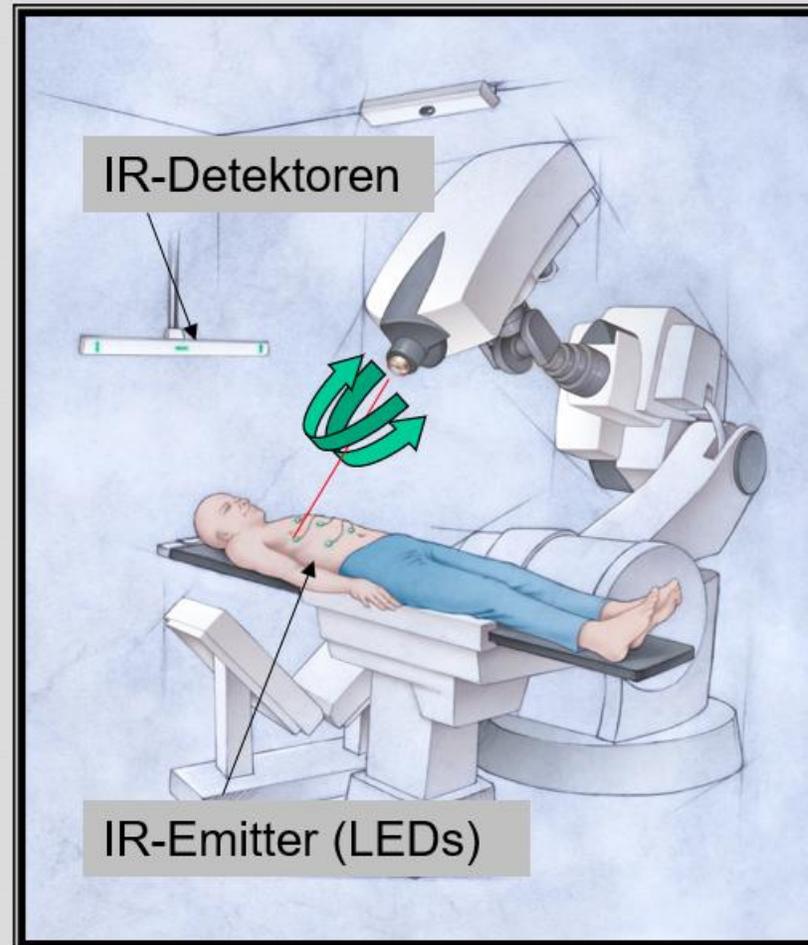
Cyberknife M6

SBRT in der Niere:
Robotergestützte
Kompensation der
Atembewegung...

*Ein "neues"
Konzept?*

Erste Nieren-SBRT
im ERCM: 12/2007

Bewegte Organe: Bewegungsmodell

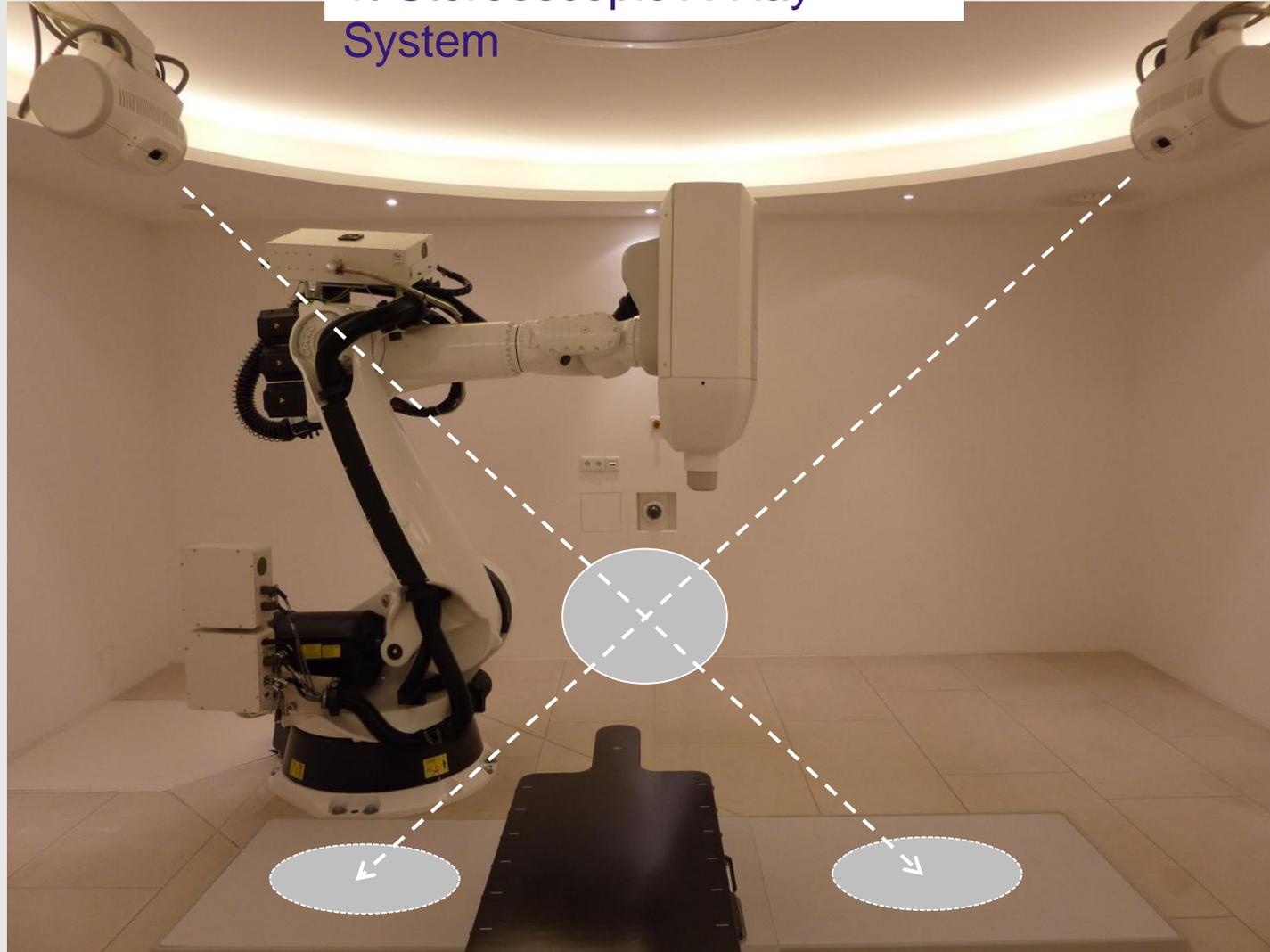


- Definition der Organbewegung (Marker)
- Messung der Atembewegung (IR-LED-system)
- Kalkulation eines Korrelationsmodells (interne/externe Bewegung)
- Iterative Korrektur der Korrelation durch systemisch wiederholte Bildgebungskontrolle

CyberKnife[®]: Respiratory Motion Compensation



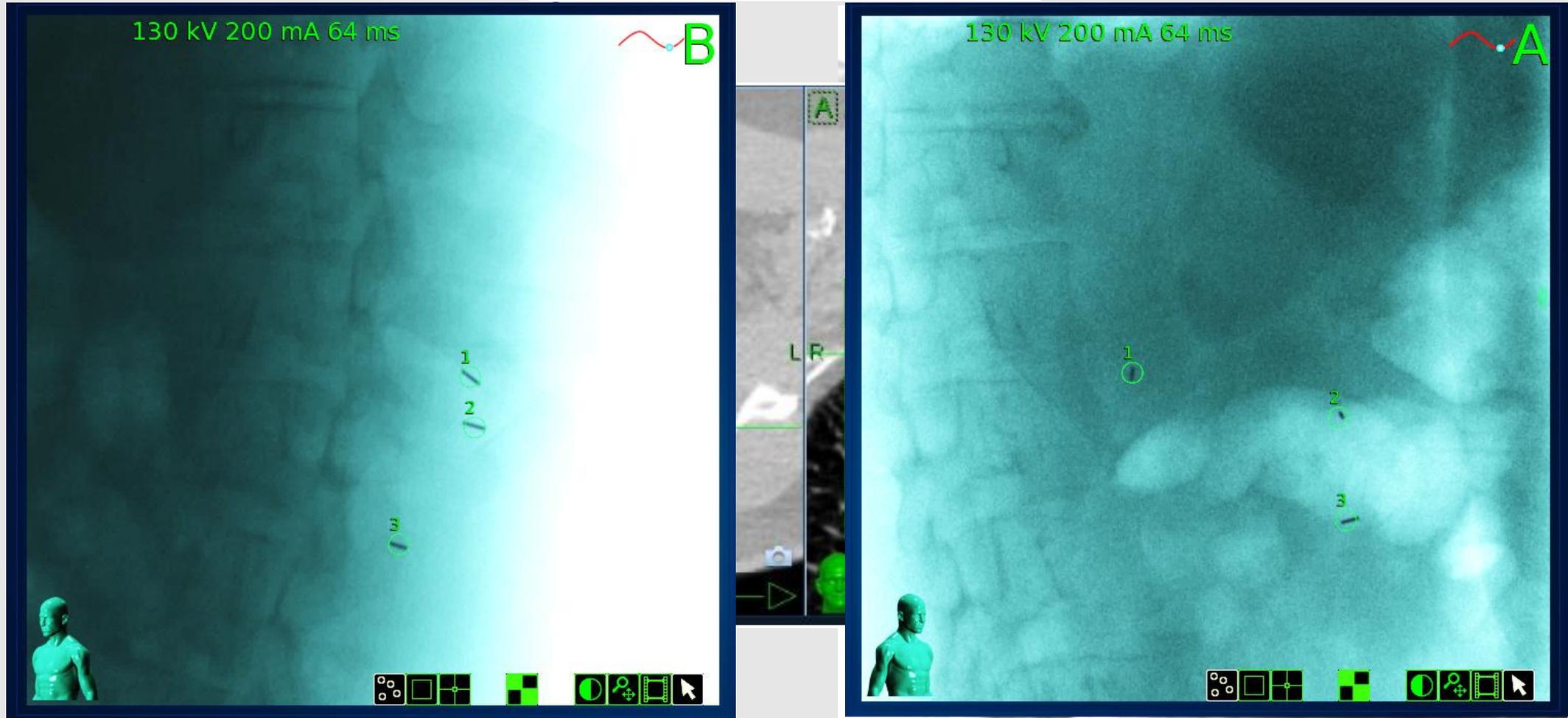
1. Stereoscopic X-Ray System



CyberKnife[®]: Respiratory Motion Compensation



1. Stereoscopic X-Ray

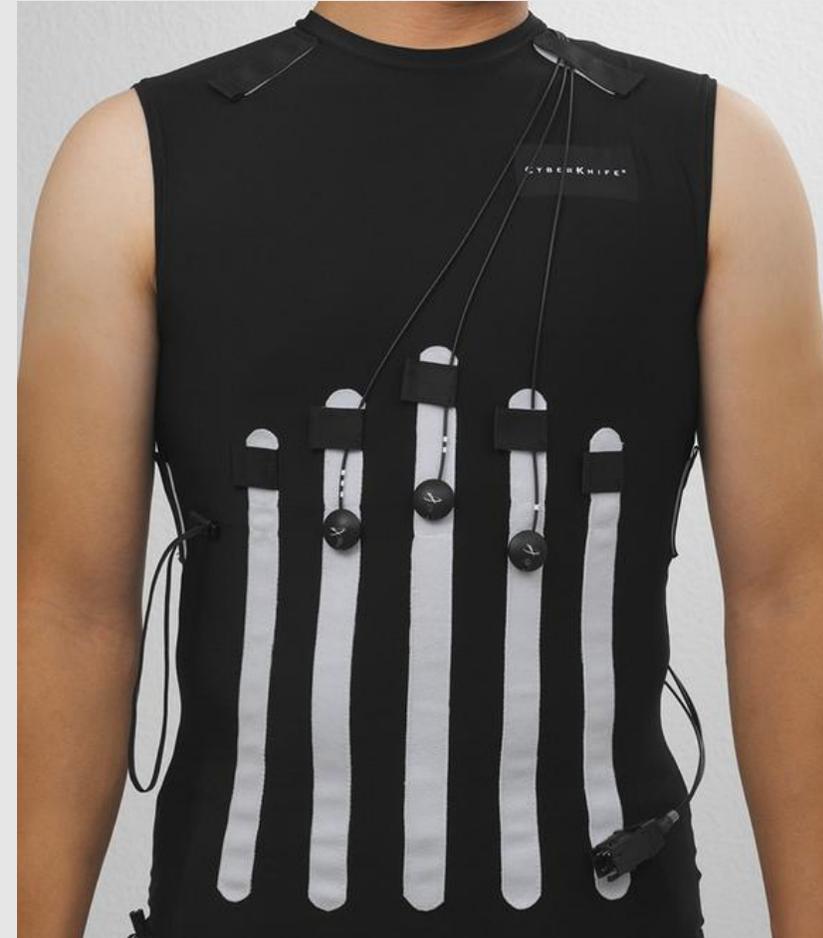


Periodic determination of the target position

CyberKnife[®]: Respiratory Motion Compensation



2. 3D camera array to record the external breathing motion



Continuous breathing signal during treatment

Respiratory Motion Compensation

➤ Continuous breathing signal

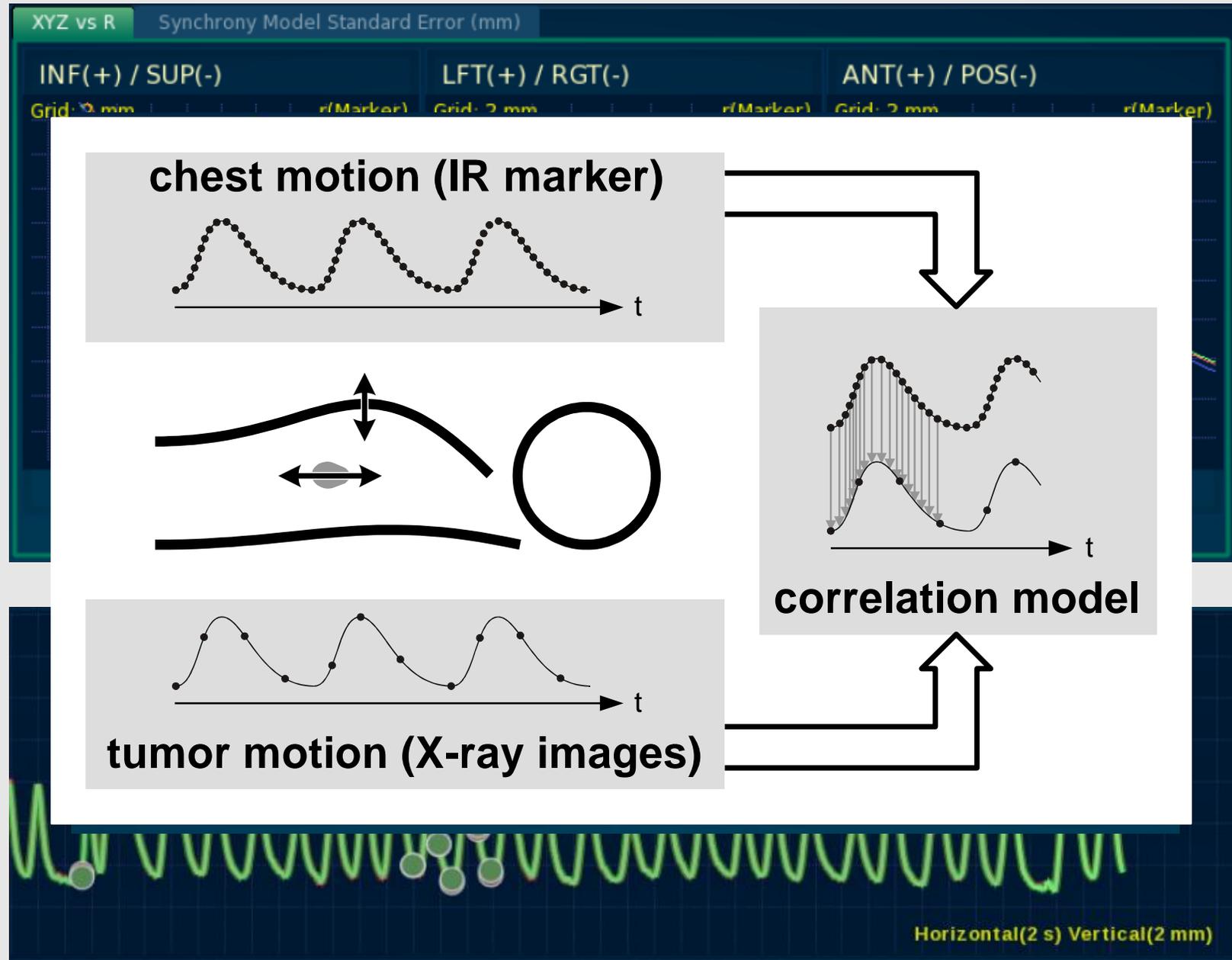


➤ Periodic determination of target position



➤ Correlation Model:

Continuous information about the tumor location to guide the beam



Respiratory Motion Compensation

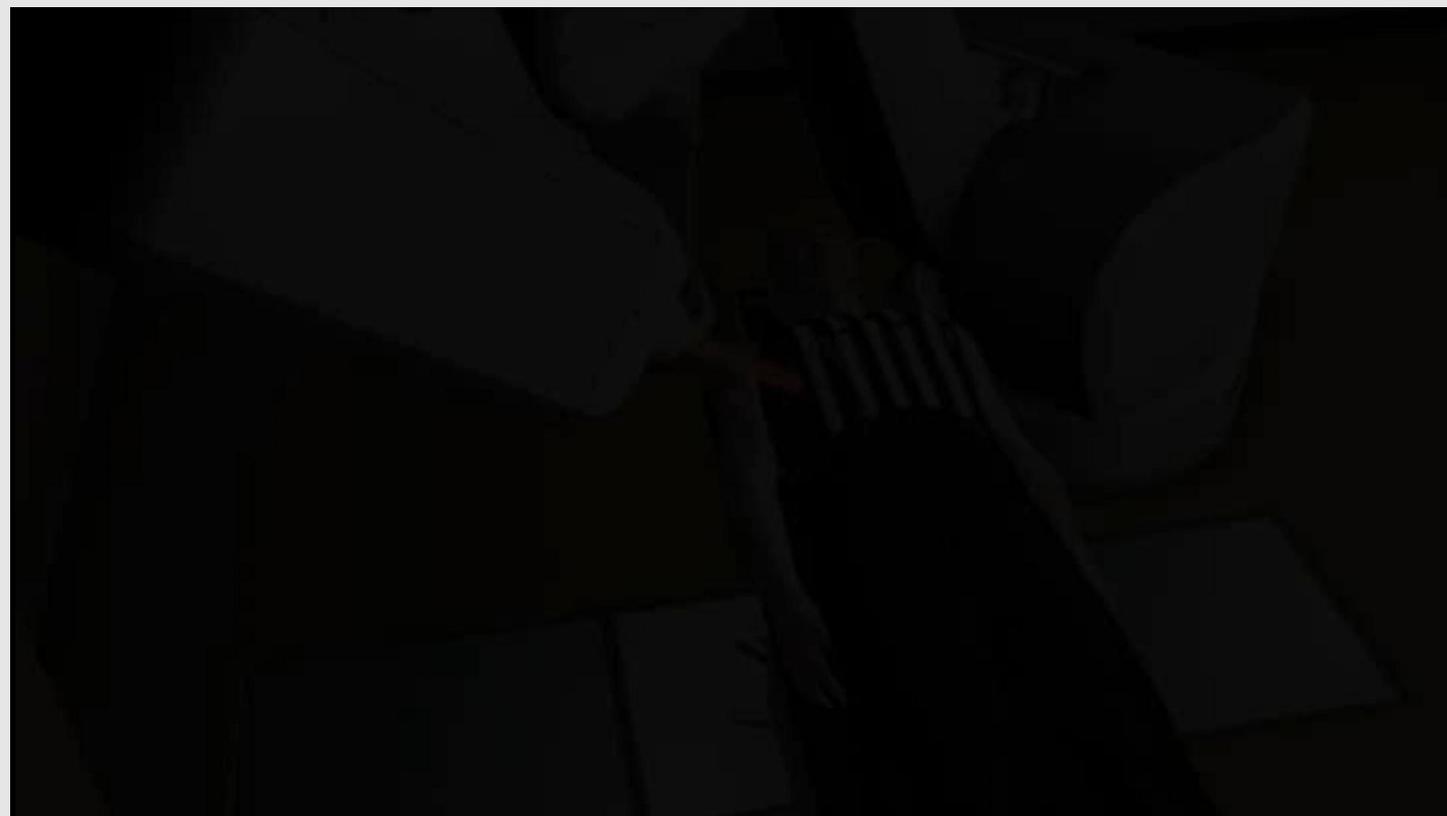
- Continuous breathing signal



- Periodic determination of target position



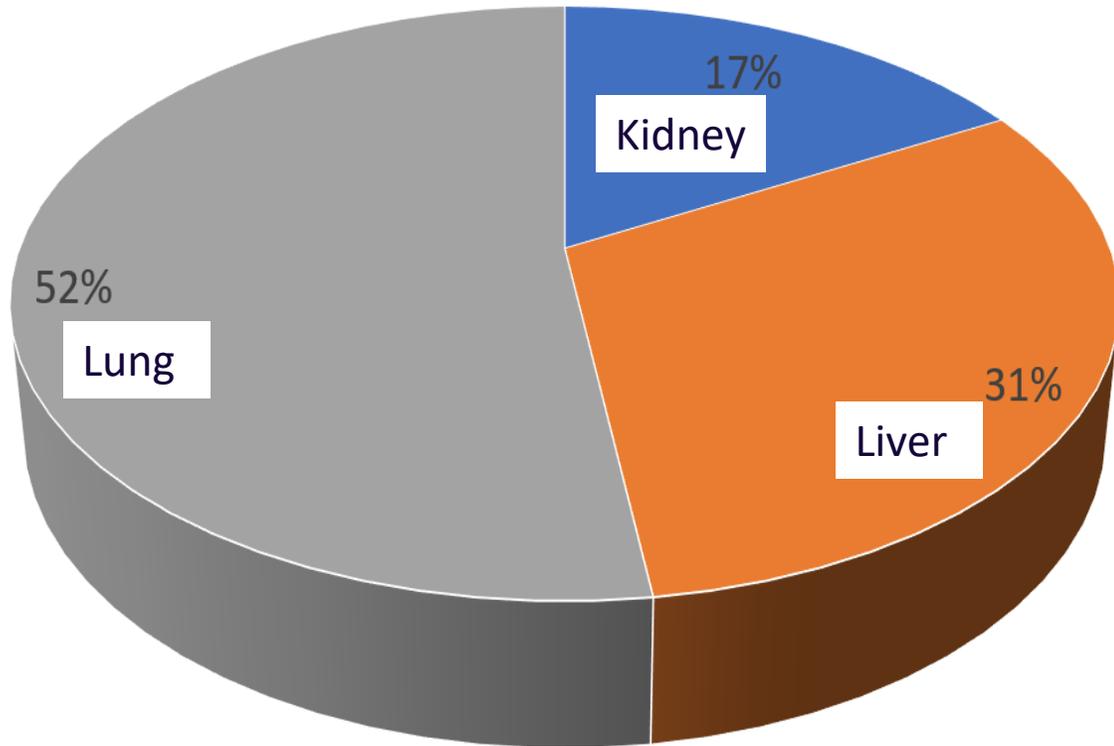
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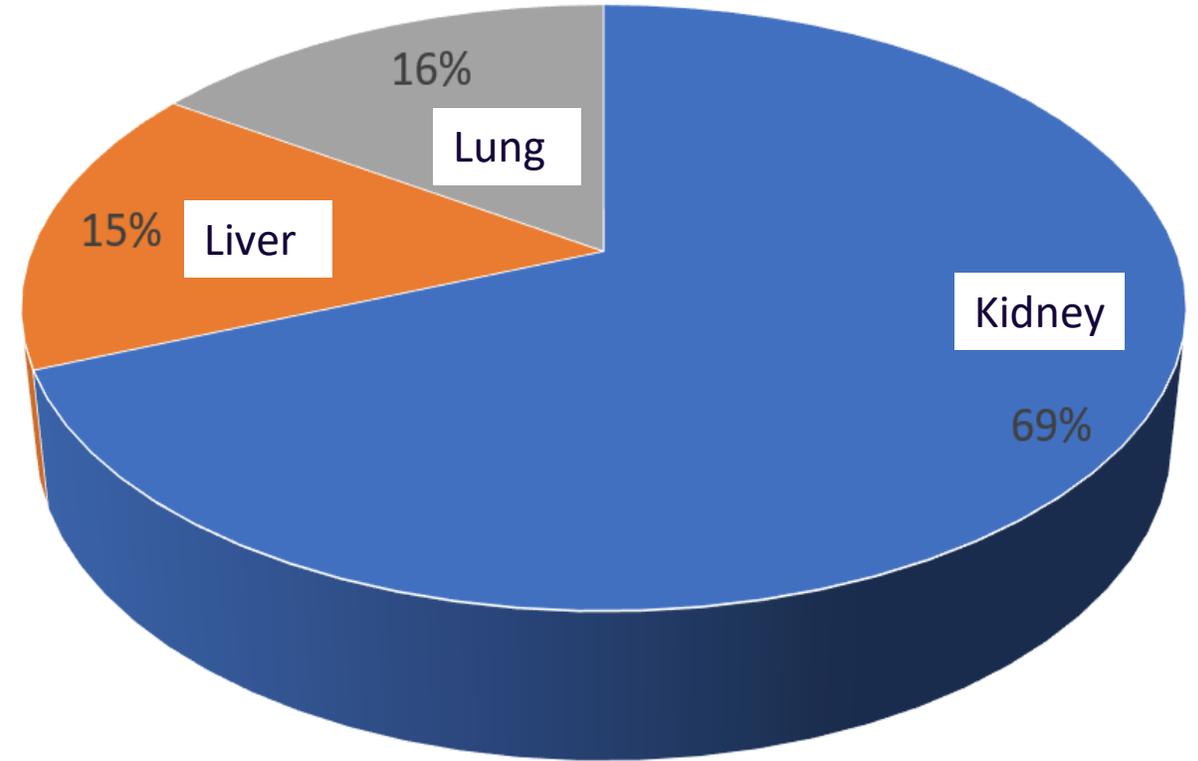
Moving Targets: Treatment Indications



2013



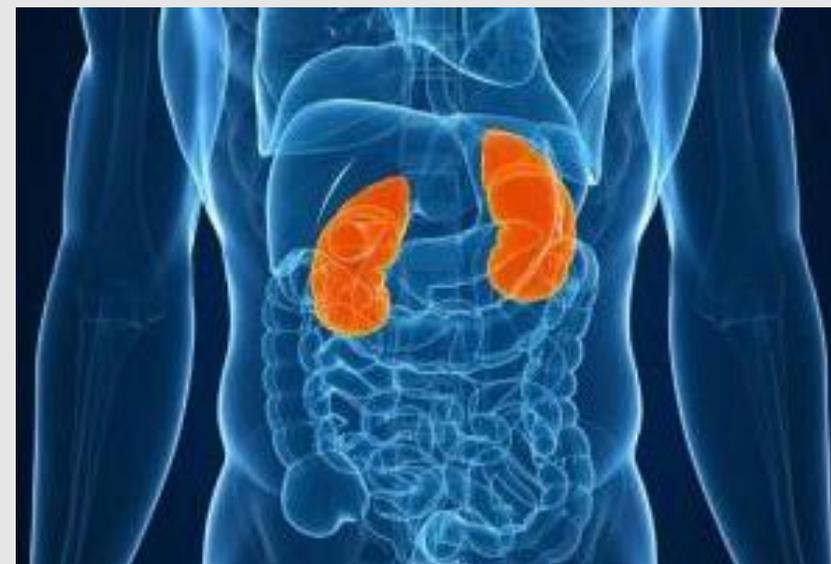
2025



~ 550 renal treatments with robotic SBRT as of Jan 2026

Clinical Accuracy of Robotic Radiosurgery for Renal Lesions

- SBRT: emerging therapy for renal lesions (IROCK)
- However: Inconsistent margins in clinical use¹⁾



<http://www.ngopulse.org/article/2016/12/08/about-our-kidneys>

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Uncertainty / Margins for Robotic SBRT with Respiratory Motion Compensation

- Lung: Hoogeman 2009¹⁾, Lu 2008²⁾, Pepin 2011³⁾, Yang 2017⁴⁾ etc.
- Liver: Winter 2015⁵⁾, Chan 2017⁶⁾, Nakayama 2019⁷⁾ etc.
- **Kidney: ??**

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7) Nakayama M, Uehara K, Nishimura H, Tamura S, Munetomo Y, Tsudou S, Mayahara H, Mukumoto N, Geso M, Sasaki R. Retrospective assessment of a single fiducial marker tracking regimen with robotic stereotactic body radiation therapy for liver tumours. *Rep Pract Oncol Radiother.* 2019 Jul-Aug;24(4):383-391.

Robotic Radiosurgery for Renal Lesions

Accuracy?

- Analysis of system log files
- Simulation of target rotation



Analysis: Patient Cohort

Renal cell carcinoma

165 consecutive treatments

02/2013 – 09/2019

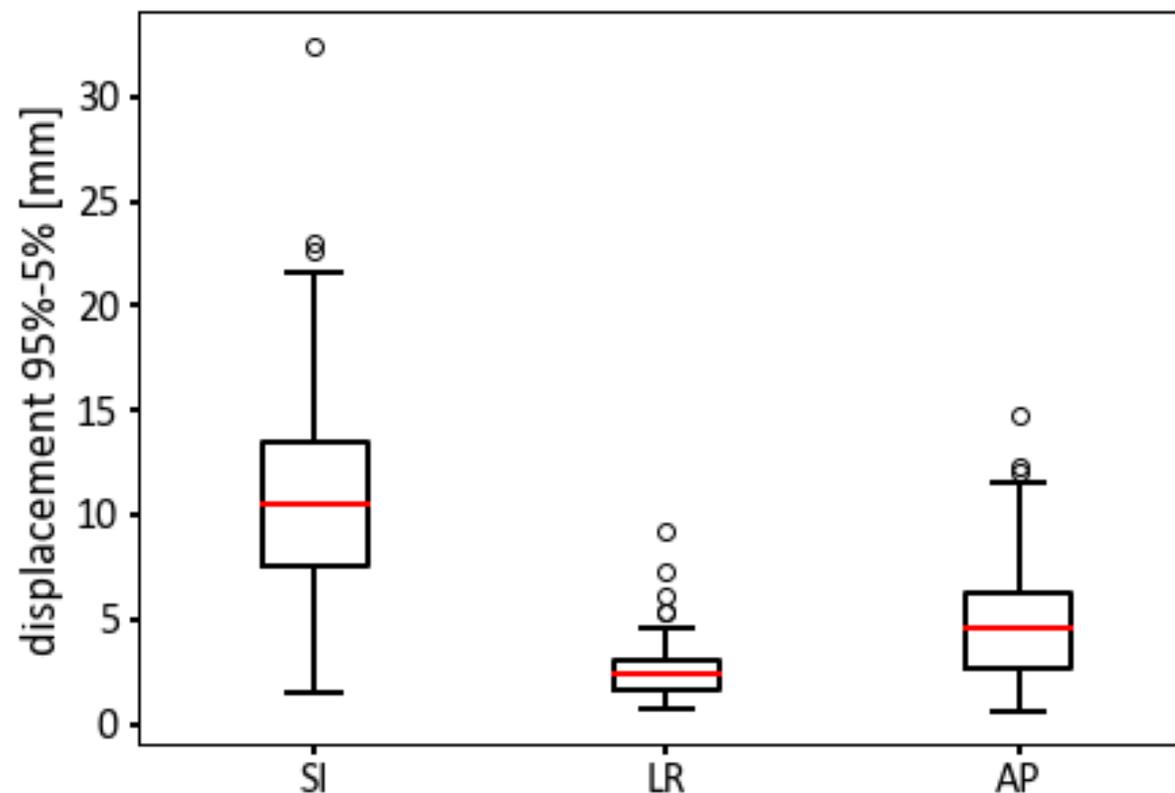
Sex	
Male	110 (66.7 %)
Female	55 (33.3 %)
Side	
Right	90 (54.5 %)
Left	75 (45.5 %)
Pretreatment	
Surgery	62 (37.6 %)
No surgery	103 (62.4 %)

	<i>Mean / median</i>	<i>Range (min to max)</i>
Patient age [years]	– / 76	40 to 93
Treatment volume	45.5 cm ³ / 31.1 cm ³	4.9 cm ³ to 318.4 cm ³
Prescribed Dose		
1 fraction (n = 141)	24.5 Gy / 25 Gy	18 Gy to 25 Gy
3 fraction (n = 22)	13 Gy / 13 Gy	13 Gy to 14 Gy
5 fraction (n = 2)	9 Gy	9 Gy
Prescription isodose line	68.6 % / 70 %	50 % to 75 %
Number of implanted fiducials	3.2 / 3.0	1 to 6

Results: Tumor Motion

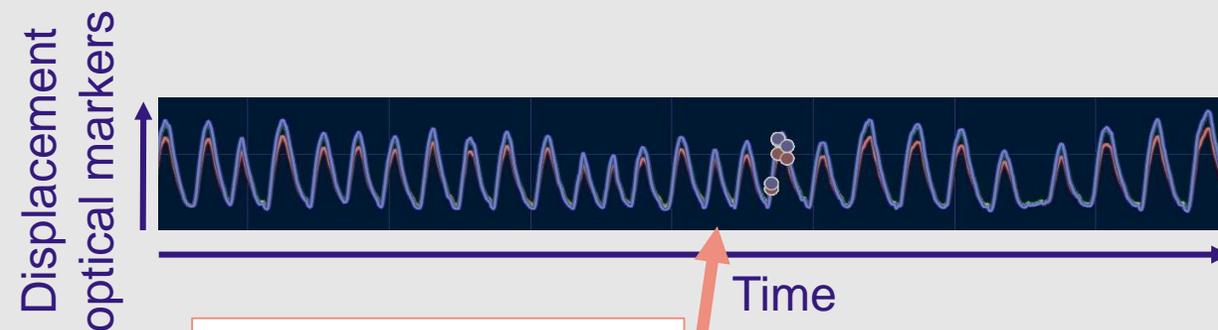
Tumor motion:

- mostly sup/inf
- ~ 2 cm excursion



Treating Renal Targets: Sources of Uncertainty

1. Correlation model error

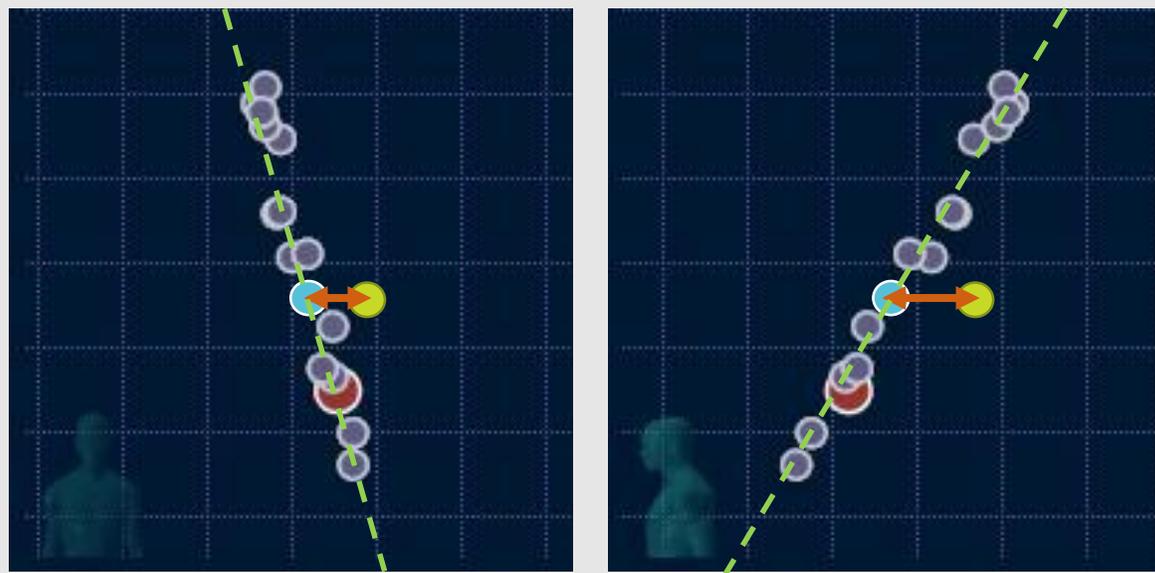


3D fiducial positions from kV images



Treating Renal Targets: Sources of Uncertainty

1. Correlation model error



Correlation error = Absolute distance between **expected** position and **measured** position

Results: Correlation Model Error



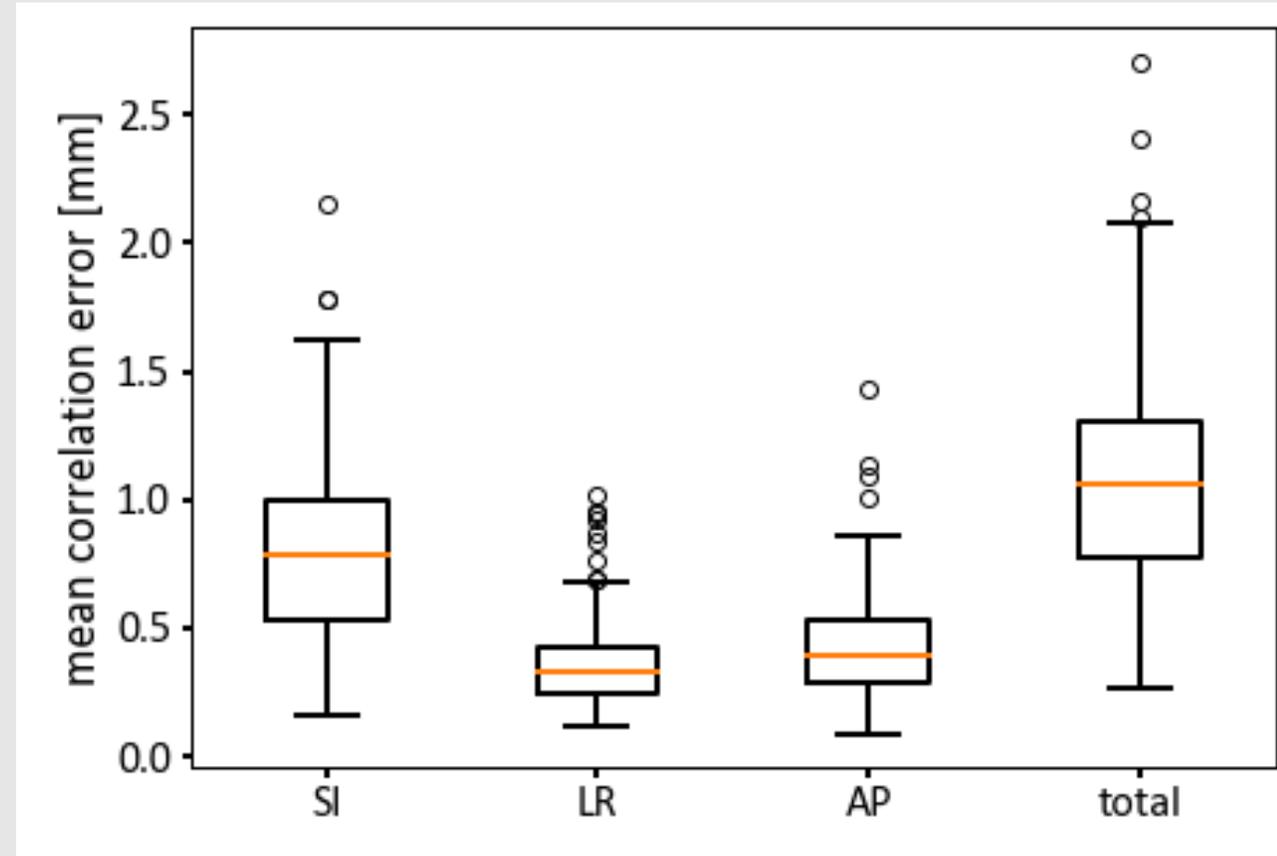
95th percentile

SI: 2.0 mm

LR: 0.8 mm

AP: 0.9 mm

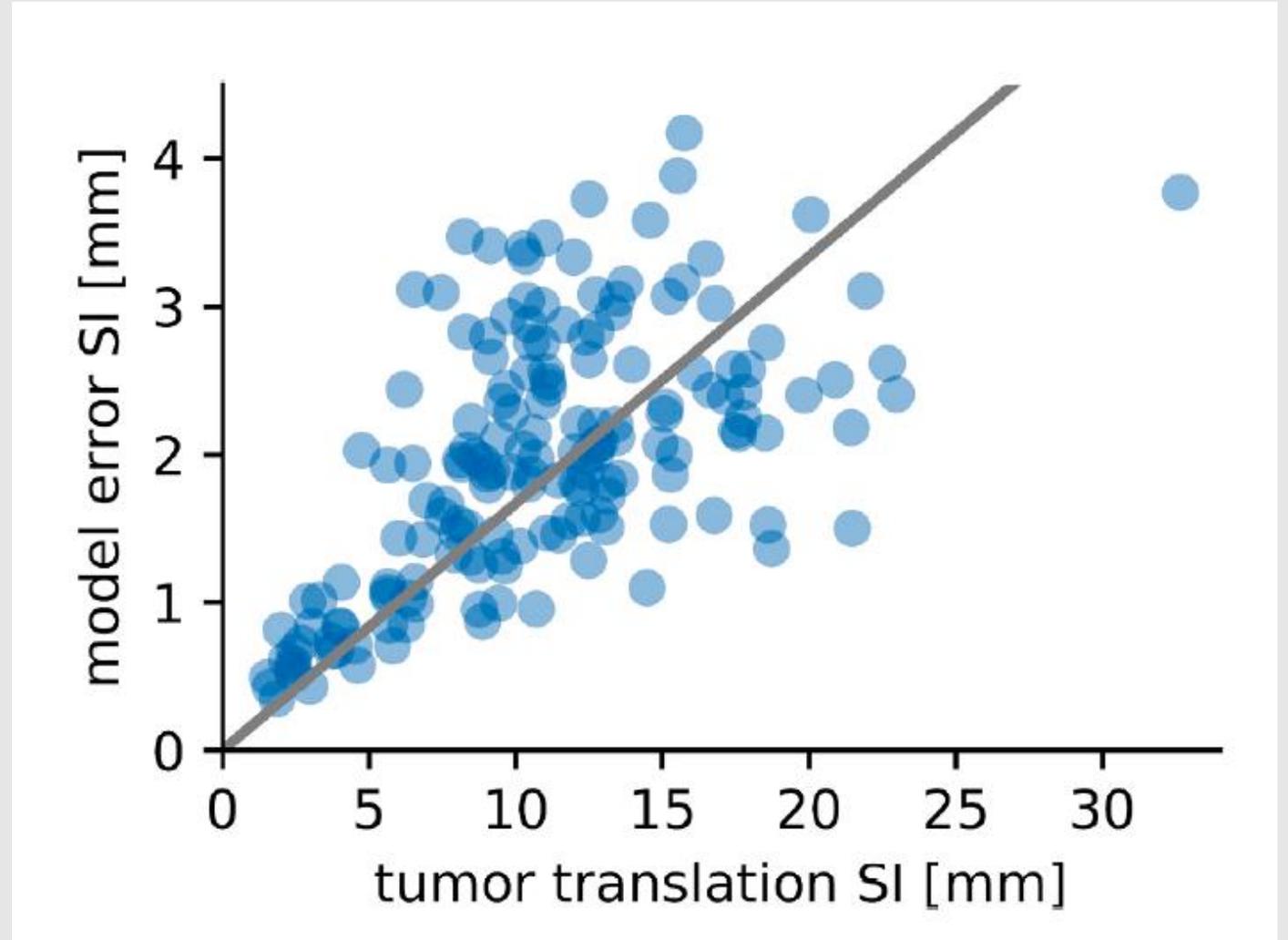
Total: 2.9 mm



Results: Correlation Error vs Motion



95th percentile
SI: 2.0 mm
LR: 0.8 mm
AP: 0.9 mm
Total: 2.9 mm



Treating Renal Targets: Sources of Uncertainty

1. Correlation error
2. Prediction error



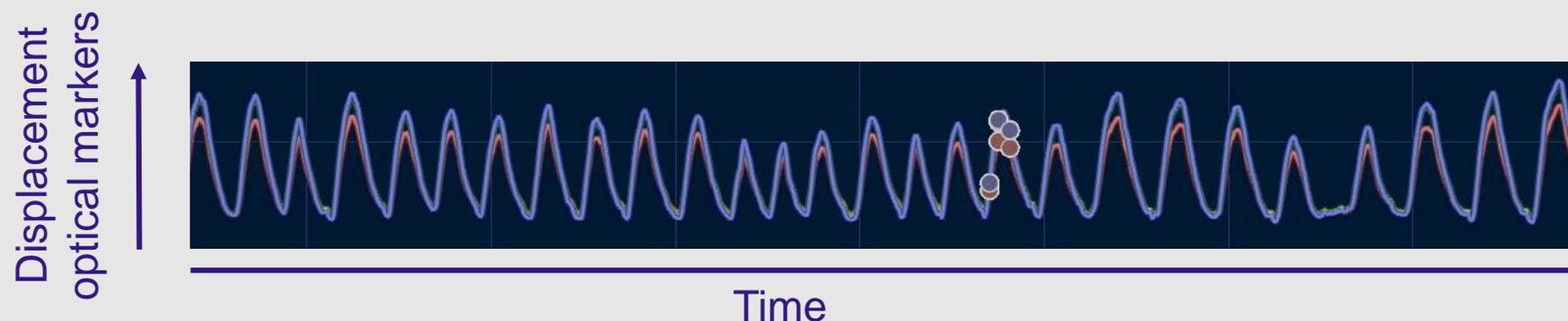
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Treating Renal Targets: Sources of Uncertainty

2. Prediction error

- System latency of 115 ms
- Compensation: Prediction algorithm

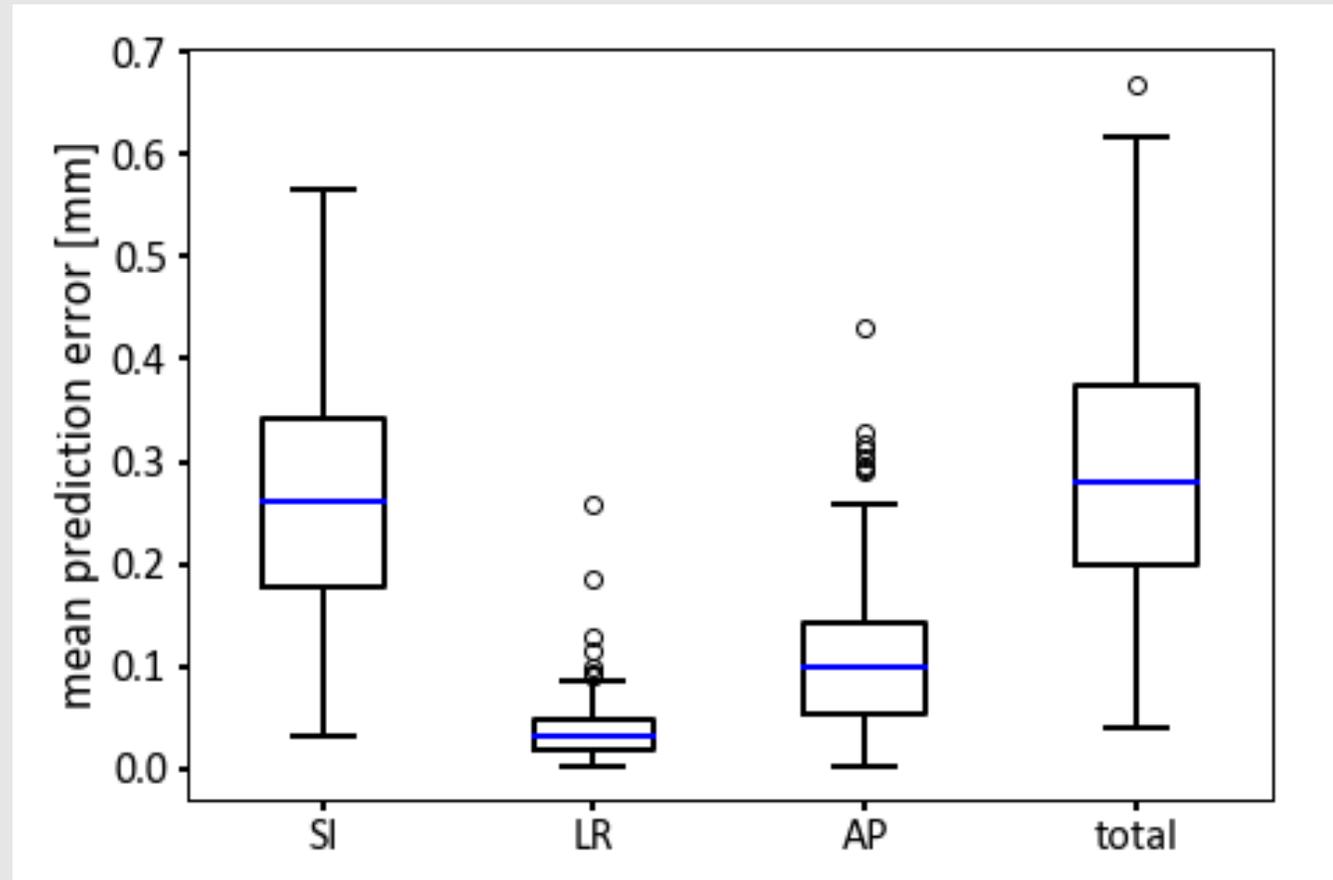
Prediction error = Absolute difference between **current target position** and the **position predicted 115 ms ago**



Results: Prediction error



	95th percentile
SI:	0.6 mm
LR:	0.1 mm
AP:	0.3 mm
Total:	0.6 mm



Treating Renal Targets: Sources of Uncertainty

1. Correlation error
2. Prediction error
3. E2E accuracy



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Results: E2E Accuracy

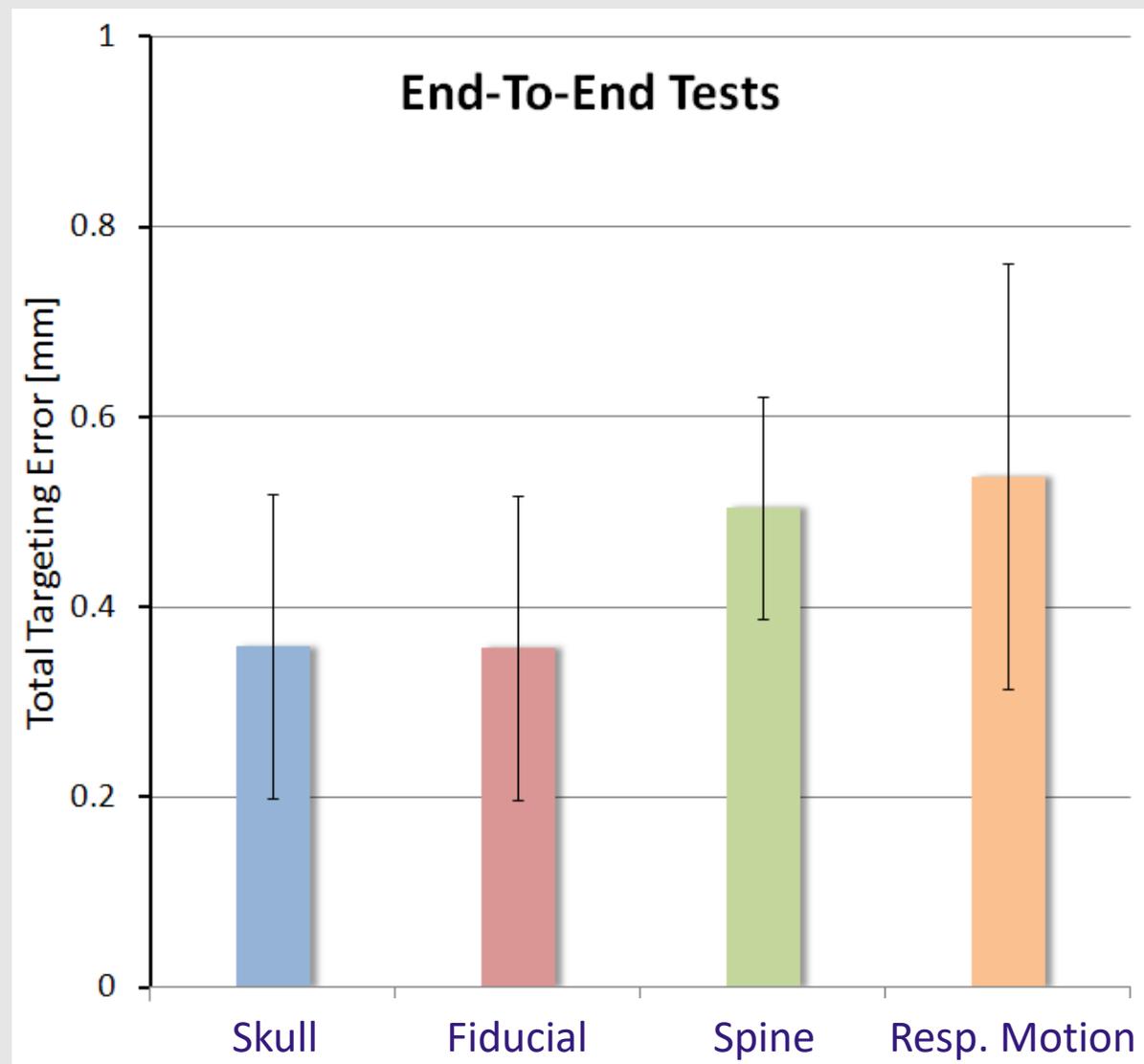
Realistic delivery,
film exposure

Total targeting error
(radial, respiratory
motion phantom):

0.52 ± 0.24 mm

Manufacturer
specification:

< 0.95 mm



Clinical Accuracy of Robotic Radiosurgery for Renal Lesions

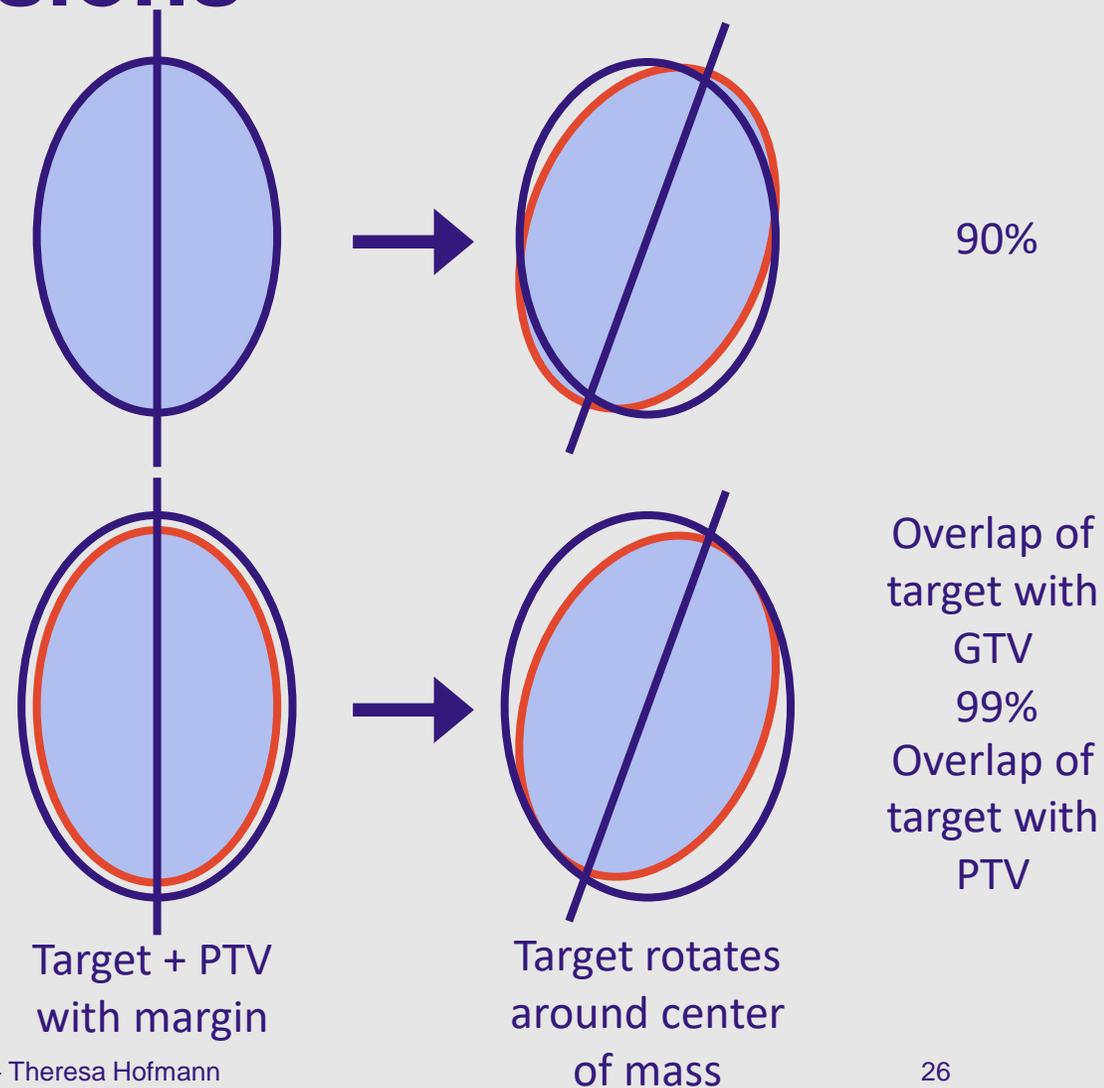
1. Correlation error
2. Prediction error
3. E2E accuracy
4. Target rotation error



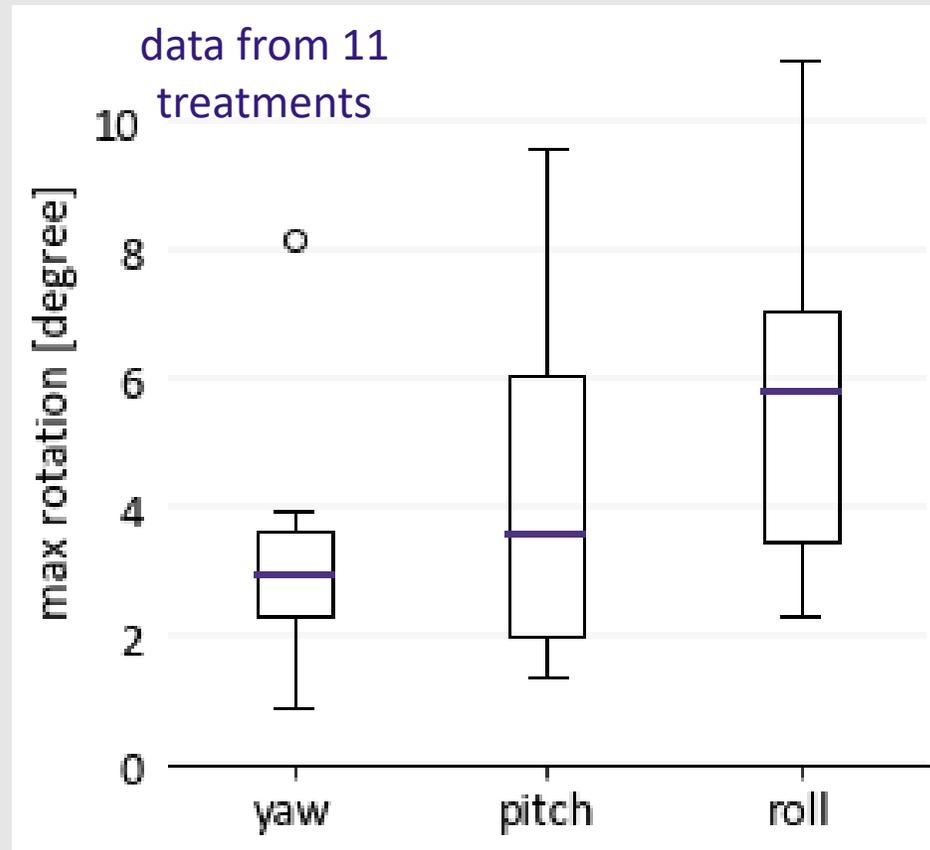
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Results: Organ Rotation

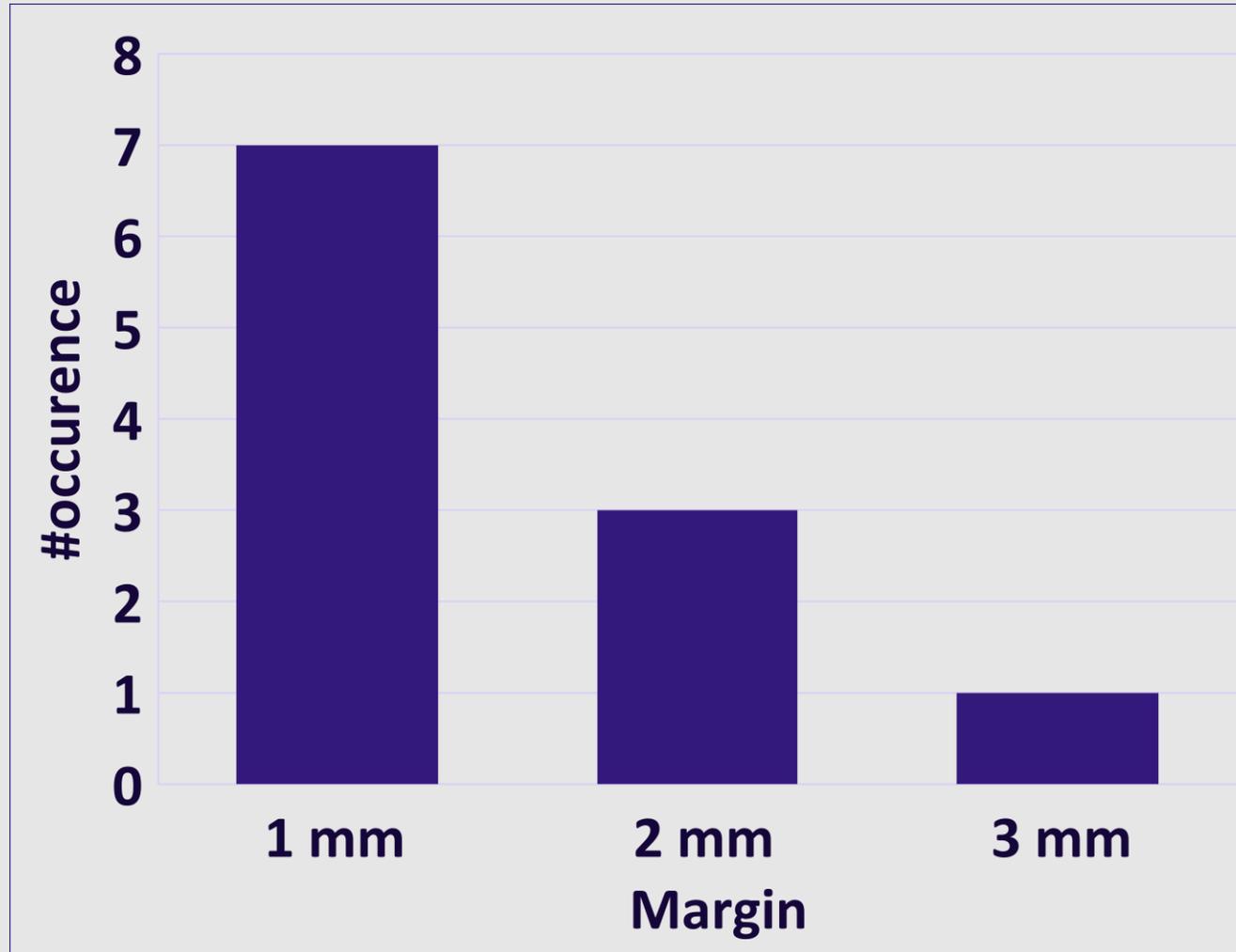


Results: Target rotation

#Pat	2D slice	Volume [cm ³]	Margin for rotation up to 15°
1		6	1 mm
2		82	1 mm
3		30	1 mm
4		14	1 mm
5		116	1 mm
6		13	1 mm
7		5	1 mm
8		6	2 mm
9		9	2 mm
10		2	2 mm
11		42	3 mm



Results: Target rotation



**Margin to
account for
target rotation:
2 mm**

Renal Targets: Margins



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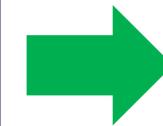
Accuracy of robotic radiosurgery in renal cell carcinoma

Theresa Hofmann^{a,*}, Nadja Kohlhase^a, Dochka Eftimova^a, Michael Martin Eder^a,
Michael Staehler^b, Maximilian I. Ruge^c, Alexander Muacevic^a, Christoph Fürweger^{a,c}

Total margin estimation
(Hofmann et al., F

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4. Target rotation

... or anisotropic:
4.3 mm Sup/Inf
2.6 mm L/R
3.0 mm Ant/Pos



ERCM:
4 mm Sup/Inf
3 mm L/R
3 mm Ant/Pos

Minimum PTV margin estimation

3.7 mm (isotropic)

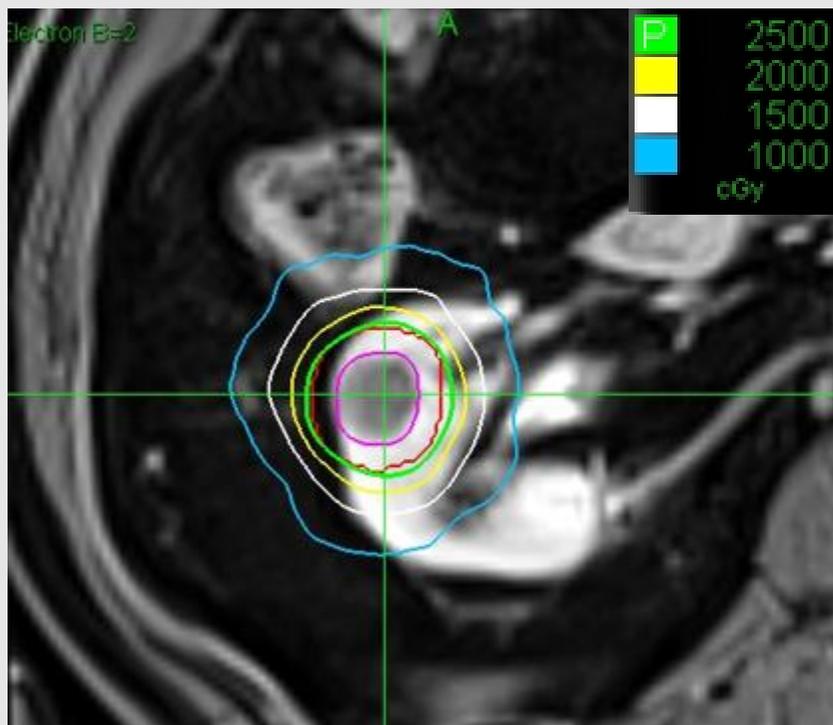
Clinical Consequences: Does Margin Size Matter?

To be determined, but... Tan et al. 2024 (IROCK)¹:

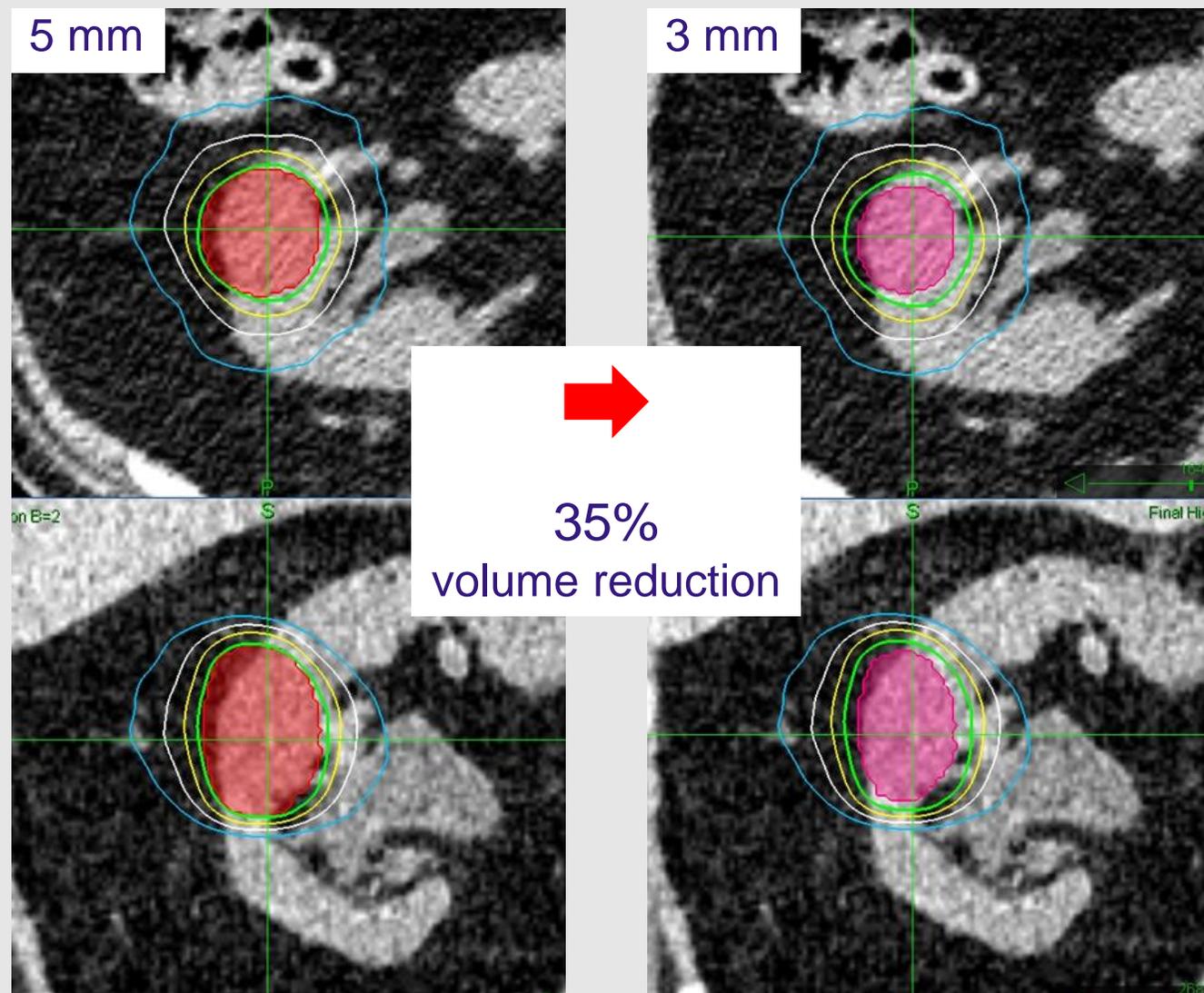
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Does Margin Size Matter?



5 mm margin → +1 cm diameter



Patient-Specific Margins

Hofmann et al., Phys Med 2024:

“...tumor movement in patients without prior surgical treatment was larger [..]. This difference in tumor motion between previously operated and non-operated patients is significant with Mann-Whitney U test p-values of $p < 0.0005$ in the SI, LR and AP directions.”

...smaller margins for specific patients or groups

Beispiel #1

Kleines RCC re:

PTV 23.0 cm³

1 Fraktion

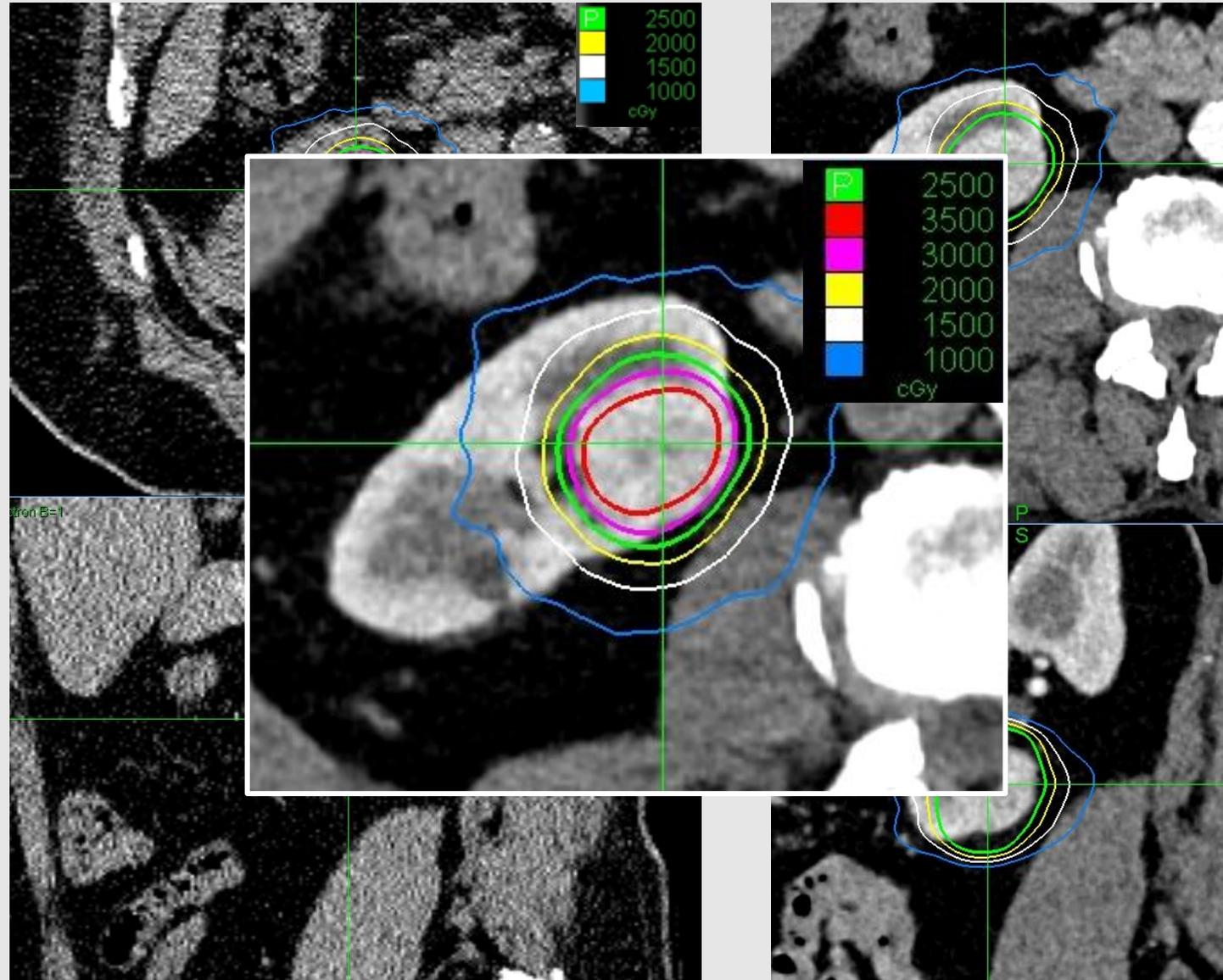
25 Gy @ 65% IDL

nCI 1.10

GI 3.27

30 min

Behandlungszeit



Beispiel #2

Großes RCC li:

PTV 117 cm³

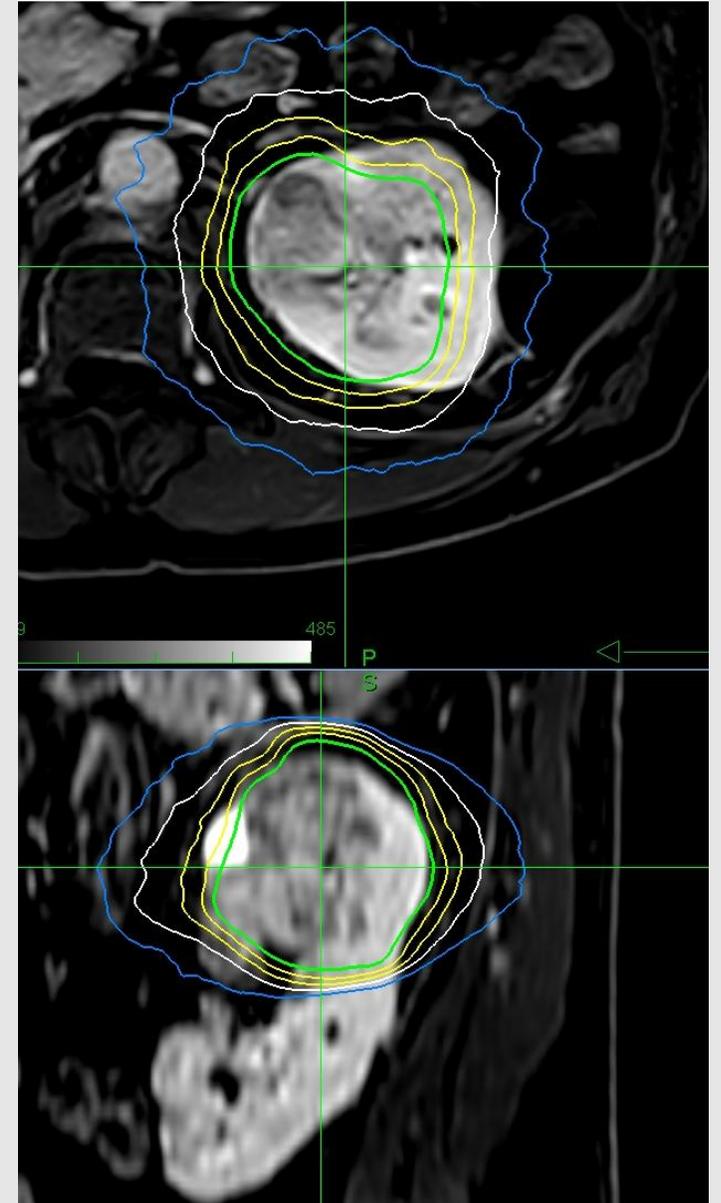
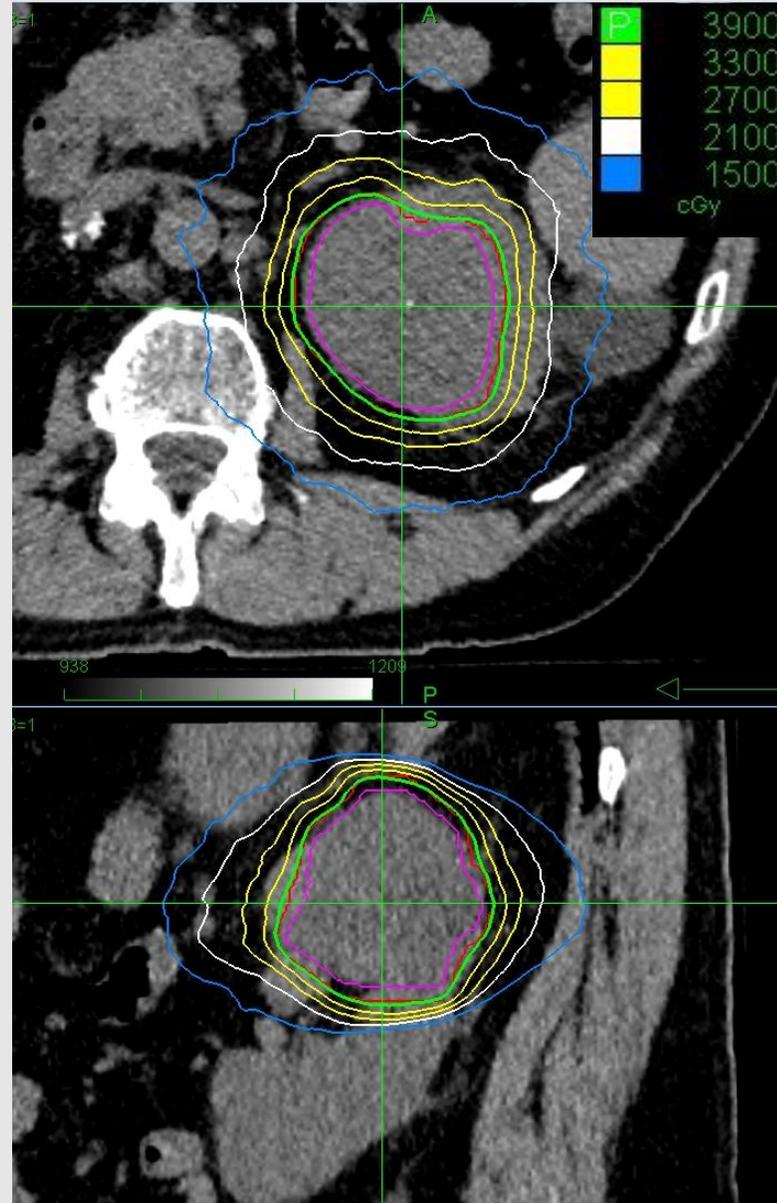
3 Fraktionen

3 x 11 Gy @ 65% IDL

nCI 1.06

GI 3.01

30 min / Fraktion
Behandlungszeit



Bestrahlungsplanung in der Niere



ERCM Richtwerte zur Dosierung in der Niere:

- PTV < 80 cm³: 25 Gy @ 65-70% IDL
- PTV > 80 cm³: 3 x 13 Gy @ 65-70% IDL

Randbedingungen:

- Anliegende Risikoorgane gem. Timmermann IJROBP 2021
- Nierenbelastung so gering wie erreichbar

Timmerman R. A Story of Hypofractionation and the Table on the Wall. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2022 Jan 1;112(1):4-21.

Zusammenfassung

- **Roboter-gestützte Nieren-SBRT wird seit fast 20 Jahre durchgeführt**
- **Neue, evidenzbasierte PTV-Margins: 4 mm SI, 3 mm LR, 3 mm AP**
- **Unsicherheiten hängen von Bewegung, Tumorform und von vorheriger Operation ab -> *patientenspezifische Margins?***
- **ERCM Behandlungskonzept: 1 x 25 Gy bzw. 3 x 13 Gy @ 65-70%**