

Vereos PET/CT

## La Tecnologia PET Full Digital

una reale innovazione a garanzia dei PDTA in Oncologia

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## Precision medicine enabled by clinically proven:

Improved detectability &  
characterization  
**of small lesions** <sup>[1]</sup>

Uncompromised lesion  
detectability & quantification  
**at 1/2 the PET dose** <sup>[2]</sup>

Uncompromised lesion  
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**at 1/10 the time** <sup>[3]</sup>

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[3] Zhang J., *Evaluation of speed of PET acquisition: How fast can we go? - A validation of list mode PET simulation approach with true acquisitions*, SNMMI 2017

Visualization of small lesions is essential for clinicians to diagnose, stage and monitor therapy in oncology patients. The challenge is being able to detect these small lesions reliably<sup>1</sup>.

Vereos, the world's first and only fully digital PET/CT, provides improved detectability and characterization of small lesions<sup>2</sup>.

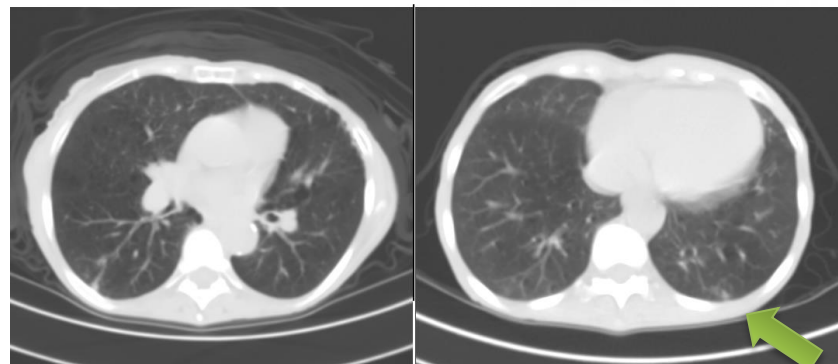
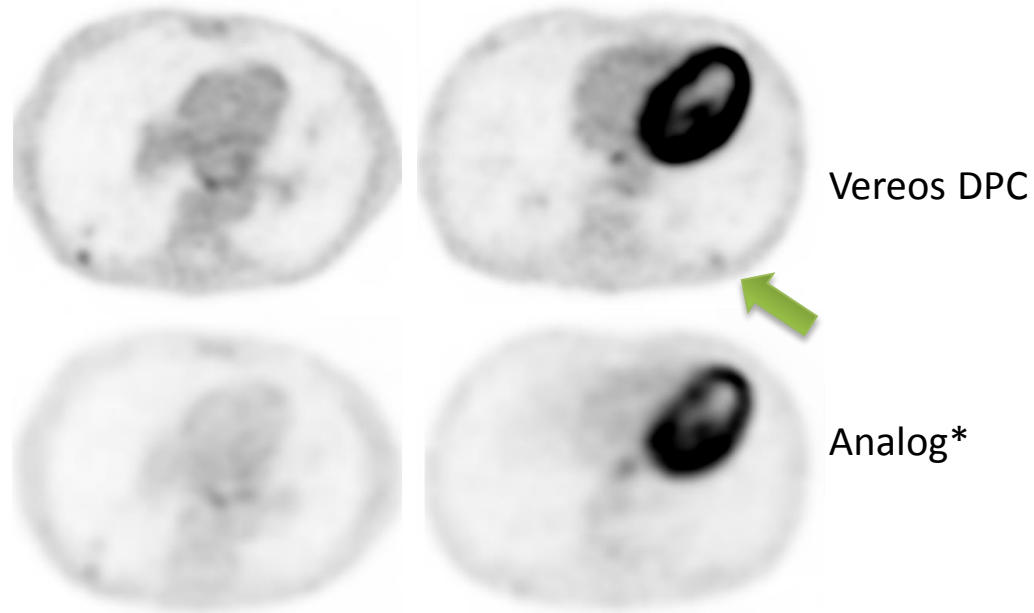
\* "Optimization" refers to the use of strategies and techniques that facilitate the management and control of both image quality and dose.

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# Improved detectability & characterization of small lesions<sup>1</sup>

Improved detectability of small lesions with digital PET/CT, relative to the same patient acquired on analog PET/CT.



Long acquisition time with molecular imaging may result in patient discomfort<sup>1</sup>, and also associated motion artifacts.

**Vereos, the world's first and only fully digital PET/CT, provides uncompromised detectability at 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the time<sup>2</sup>**

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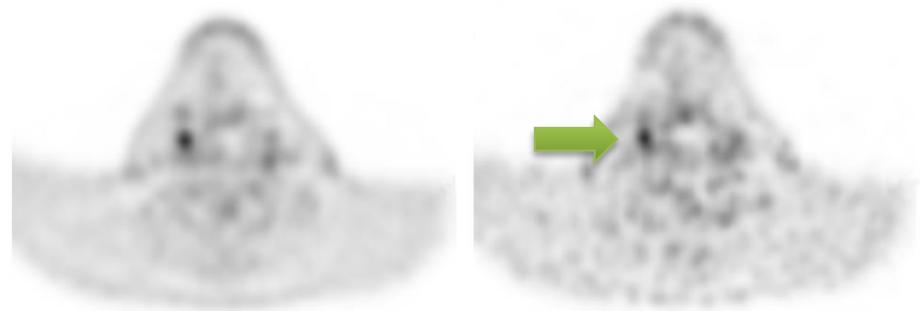
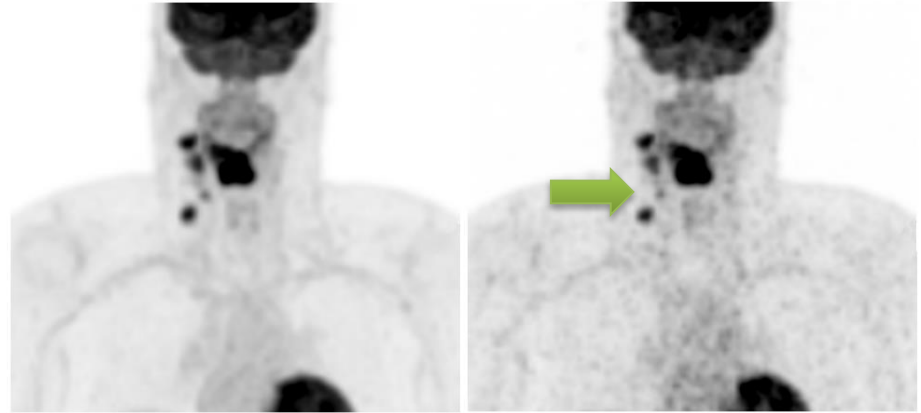
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# Uncompromised lesion detectability at $1/10$ the time<sup>3</sup>

Equivalent detectability of  
neck lesion at 9 sec/bed,  
relative to a 90 sec/bed  
acquisition.

89 kg, 1.79 m  
12.9 mCi / 477 MBq  
F-18 FDG



Vereos DPC 90 sec/bed

Vereos DPC 9 sec/bed

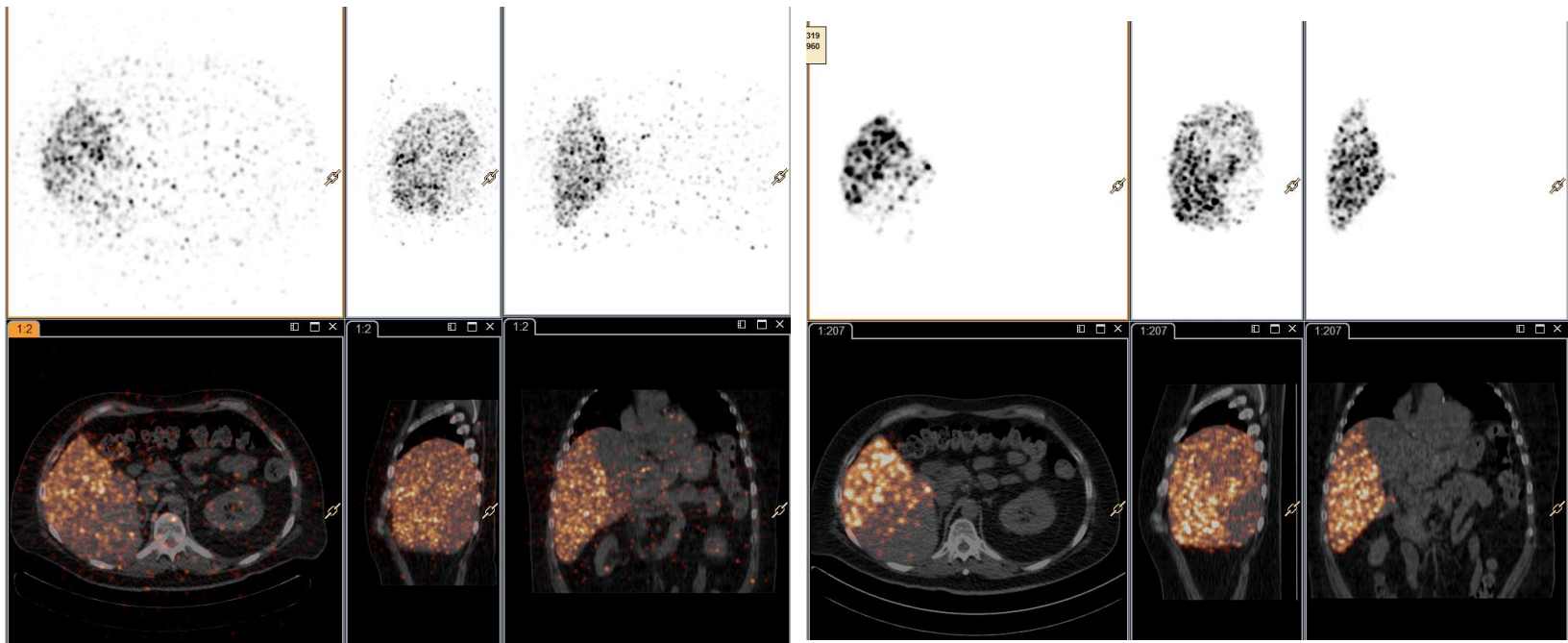
## Era of Theranostics

Theranostics uses specific biological pathways in the human body, to acquire diagnostic images and also to deliver a therapeutic dose of radiation to the patient.

Vereos, the world's first and only fully digital PET/CT, provides uncompromised image quality with all tracers



# Yttrium-90 SIRT Therapy



Analog ( Gemini TF)

Digital ( Vereos)

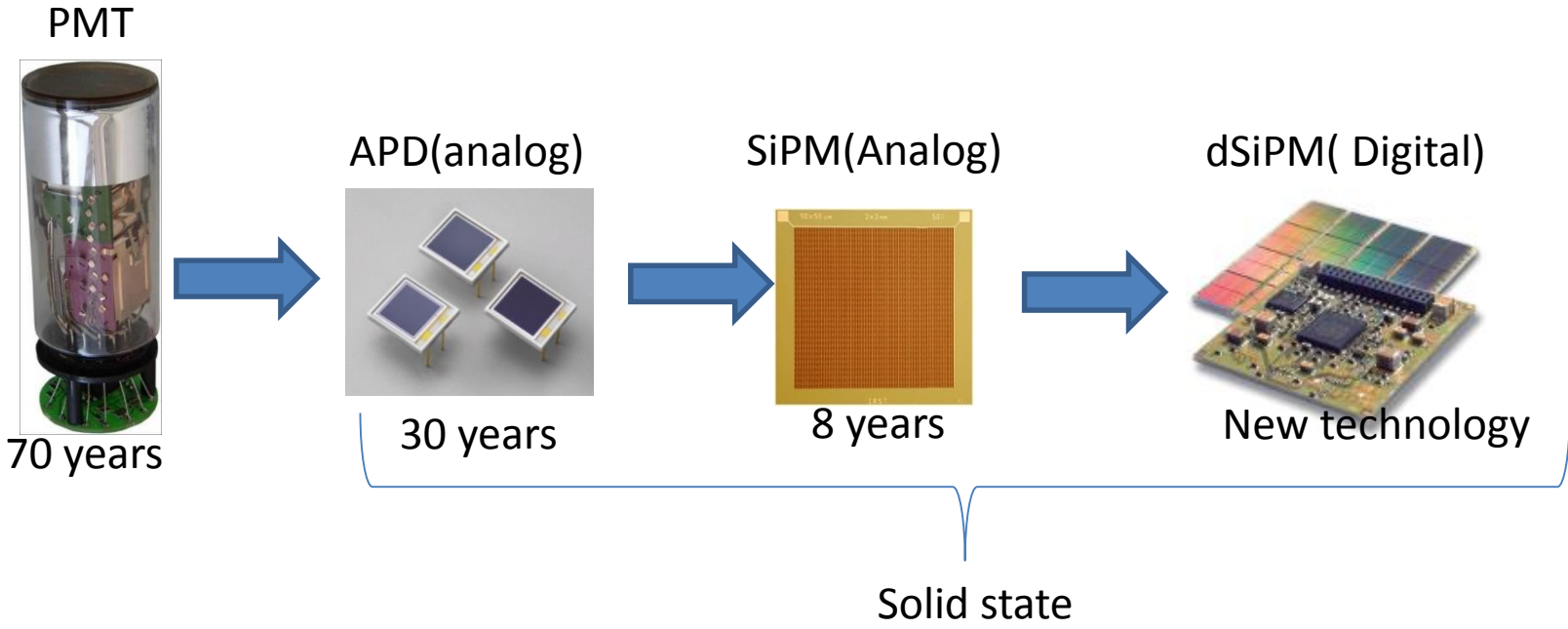


Personalised medicine will require a patient-specific picture of the functional processes associated with disease,” added Pablo Ros, M.D. **“Accurate quantification of processes is therefore an important requirement for functional imaging** in diagnosis, therapy and research.

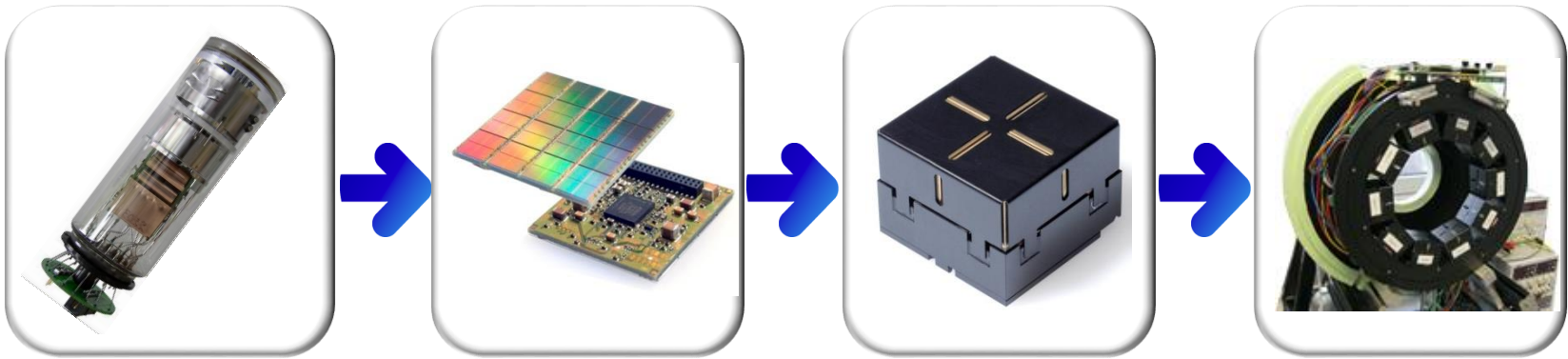
The quantitative accuracy and remarkably clear images that the **new digital PET/CT system delivers are a key step forward.”**

# Digital innovation

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Fully digital SiPM (dSiPM ©)  
invented within Philips Research



© Philips Digital Photon Counting

# The tree of scalable DPC technology

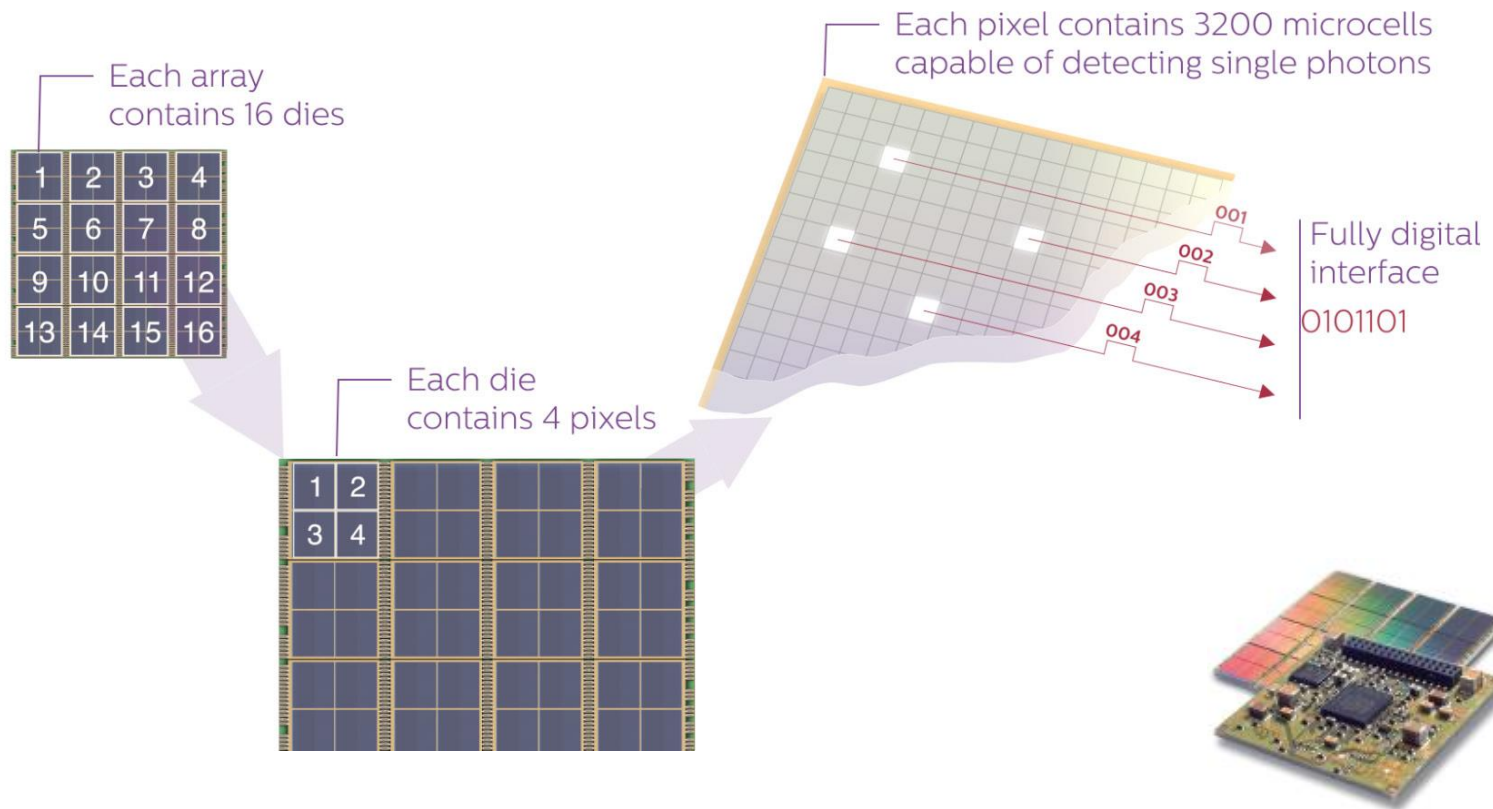
- existing
- planned/prototype
- potential
- component synergies
- skill/workflow synergies





# How Digital Photon Counting works

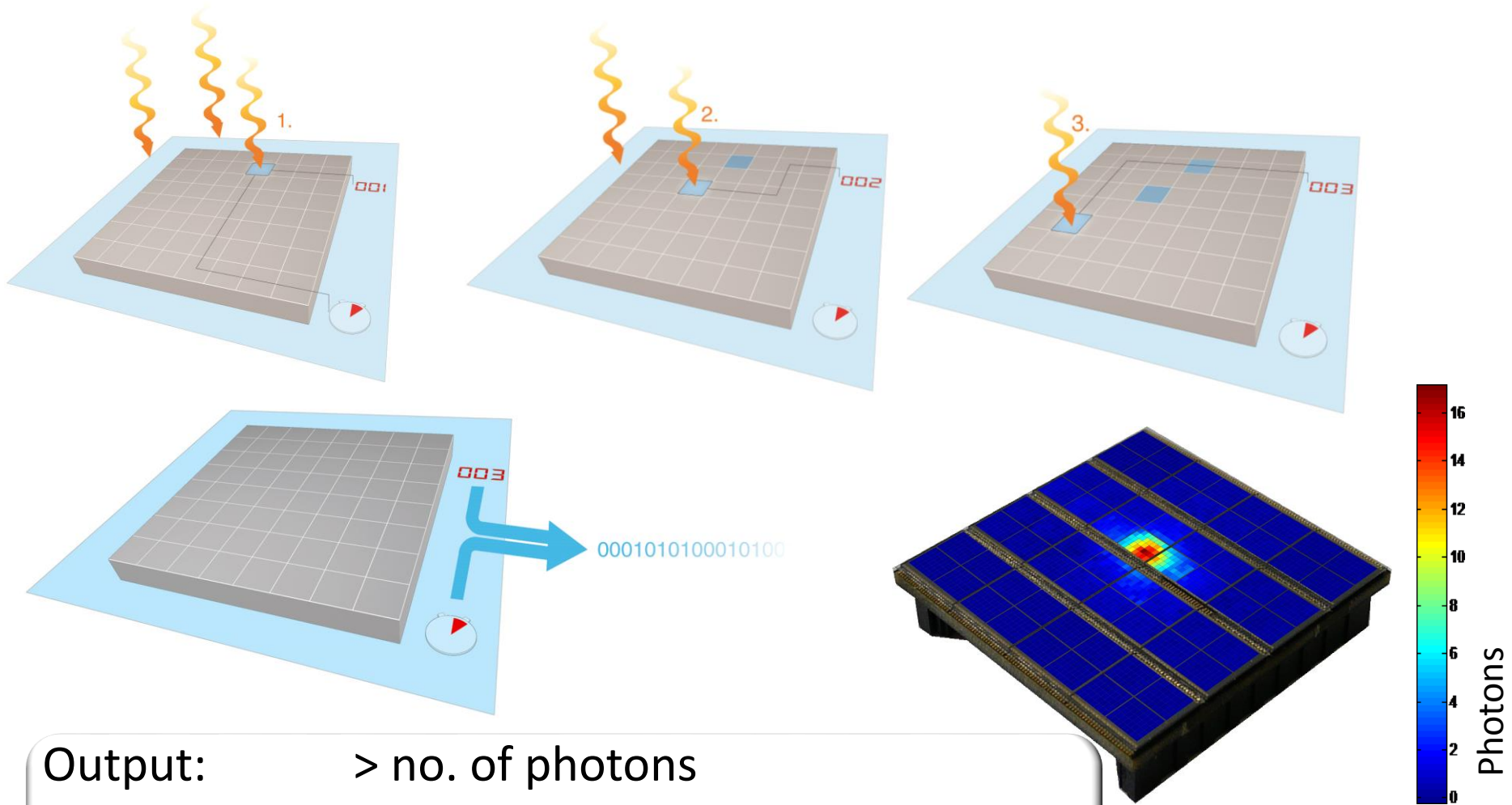
The Digital Photon Counter converts scintillating light directly to a digital signal







# Now Photons are Counted Directly



Output: > no. of photons  
> time stamp(s)

**No analog post-processing necessary!**

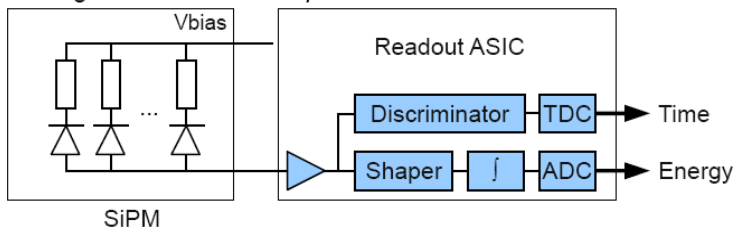


# The dSiPM is an Integrated, Scalable Solution

## Analog SiPM

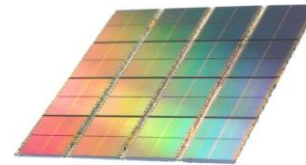


Analog Silicon Photomultiplier Detector

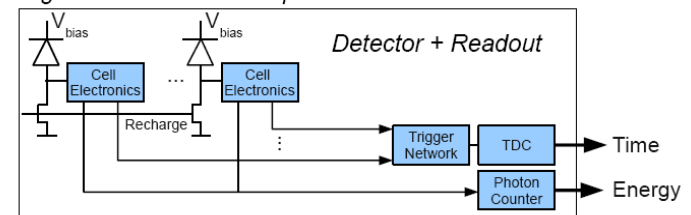


- discrete, limited integration
- analog signals to be digitized
- Dedicated ASIC needed
- not scalable

## Digital SiPM



Digital Silicon Photomultiplier Detector



- fully integrated
- fully digital signals
- no ASIC needed
- fully scalable

ASIC: Application-Specific Integrated Circuit

# Philips Digital Photon Counting

Digital that's really digital



## Redefine light detectors with digital SiPMs

Digital SiPMs create a new class of light detectors for ultra-low light levels down to single photons, by integrating both the sensor and the data processing into a single silicon chip.

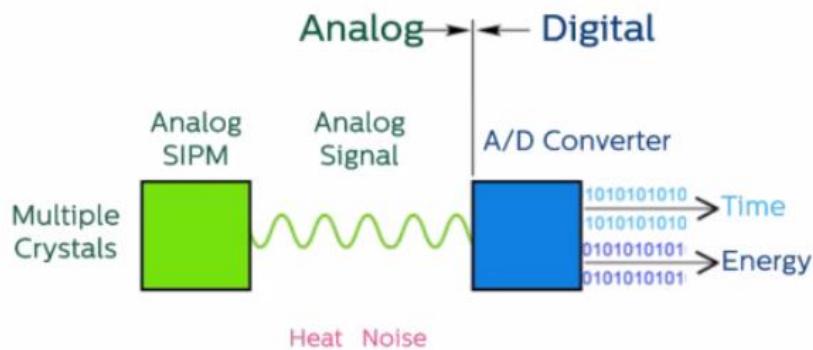
When it comes to scintillation light detectors, **how does technology compare?**

	<b>PMT</b>	<b>APD</b>	<b>Analog SiPM</b>	<b>Digital photon counting Digital SiPMs</b>
<i>TOF capability*</i>	● analog, time-of-flight	● N/A	● analog, time-of-flight	● digital, time-of-flight
<i>Operational stability</i>	● medium	● low	● medium	● high
<i>Signal amplification</i>	● $10^6$	● $10^{2-3}$	● $10^6$	● not needed
<i>Level of Integration</i>	● low	● medium	● medium	● high
<i>Signal readout</i>	● analog	● analog	● analog	● digital

\* Assumes the use of LYSO as the scintillator

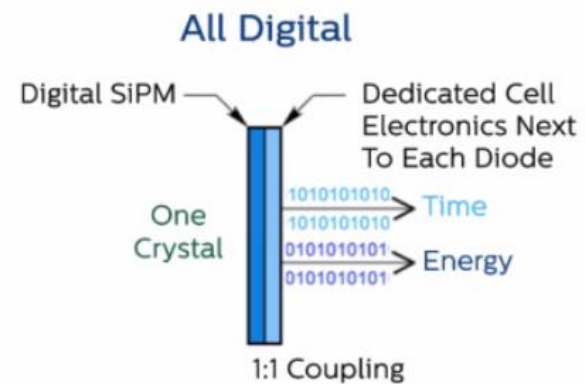
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## Analog SiPM

- Limited Integration
- Analog Signals To Be Digitized
- A/D converter needed



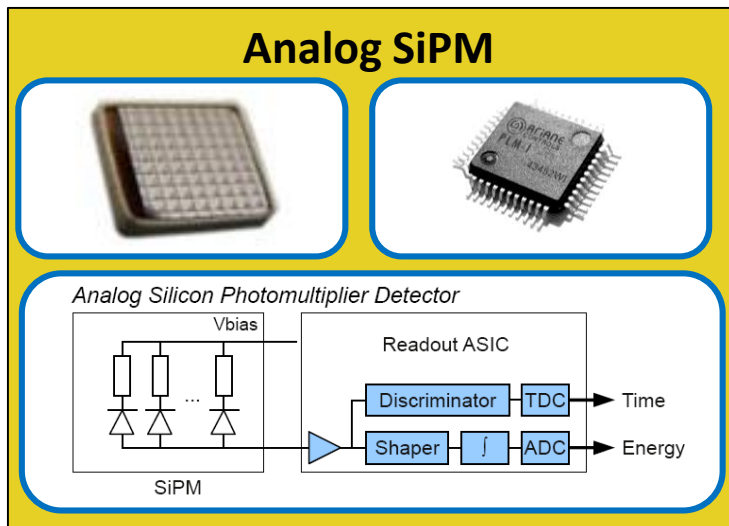
## Digital photon counting Digital SiPMs

- Fully Integrated
- Fully Digital Signals
- No A/D converter

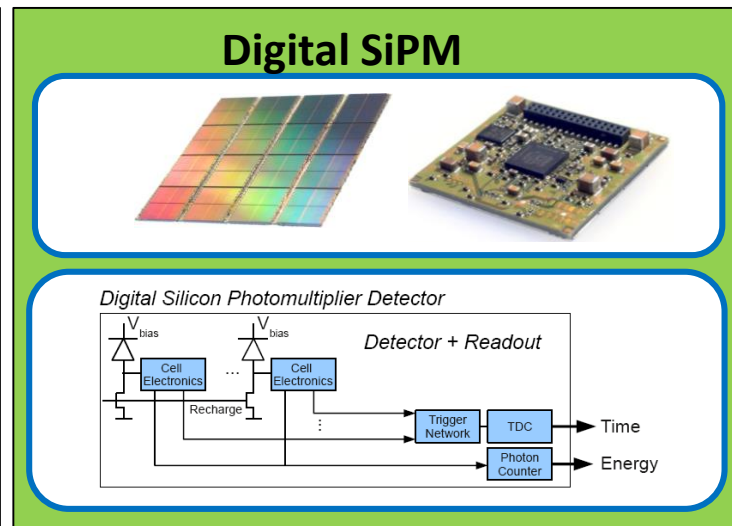
# The dSiPM Takes Advantage of the Binary Nature

Unwanted collateral effect of SiPM that generate noise:

- Dark count
- Afterpulsing
- Crosstalk



No chance to eliminate this noise



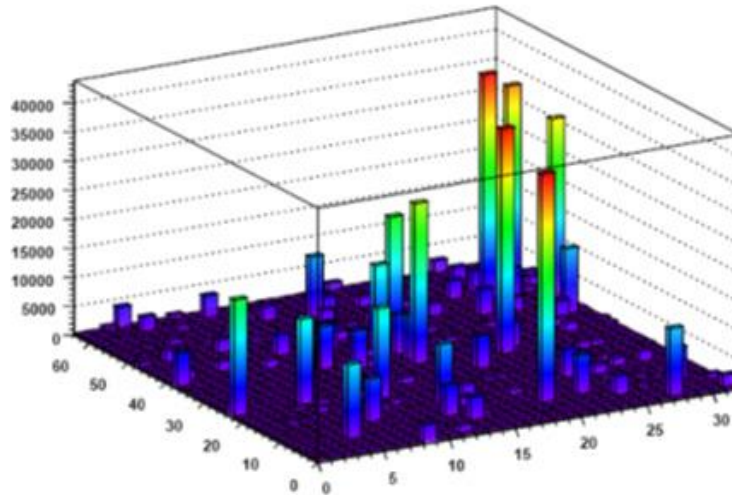
Noise reduced thanks to digitalization



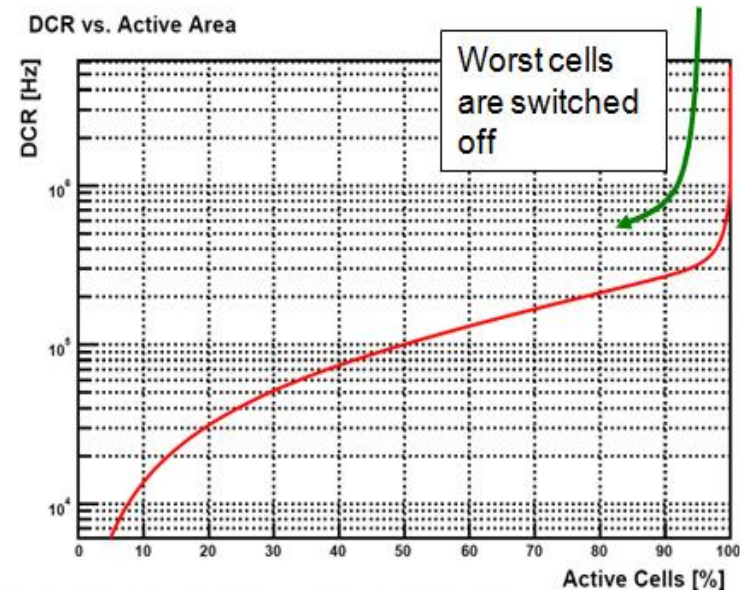
# DPC: dark count management by digitization

Within one pixel you have 3200 micro cell

Dark count rate map

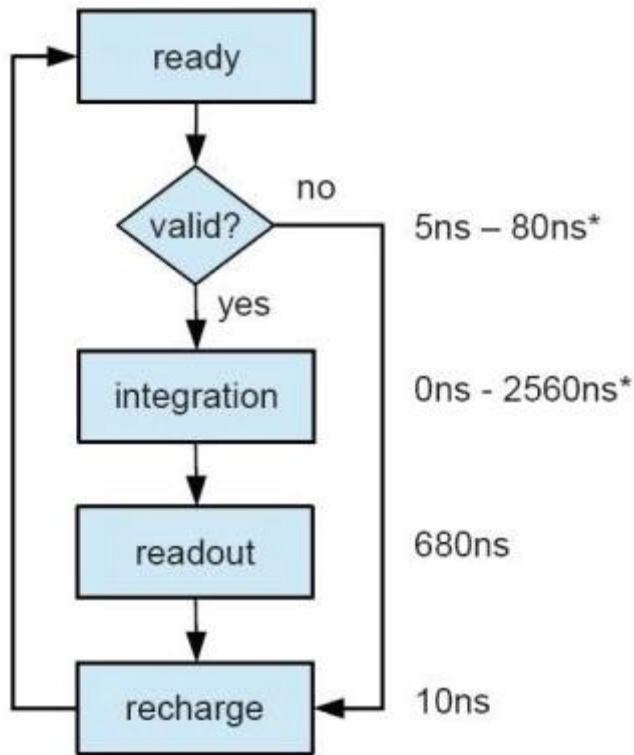


DCR vs. Active Area



- Silicon based light sensors have background noise (dark counts), varying with temperature.
- In digital SiPMs every cell can be addressed individually.
- Cells with high dark counts can be switched off.
- A few cells switched off (1-5%) reduces dark count levels by orders of magnitude.

# DPC: dark count management by digitization



- 200 MHz (5ns) system clock
- Variable light collection time up to 20  $\mu$ s
- Dark count recovery
- Data output parallel to acquisition

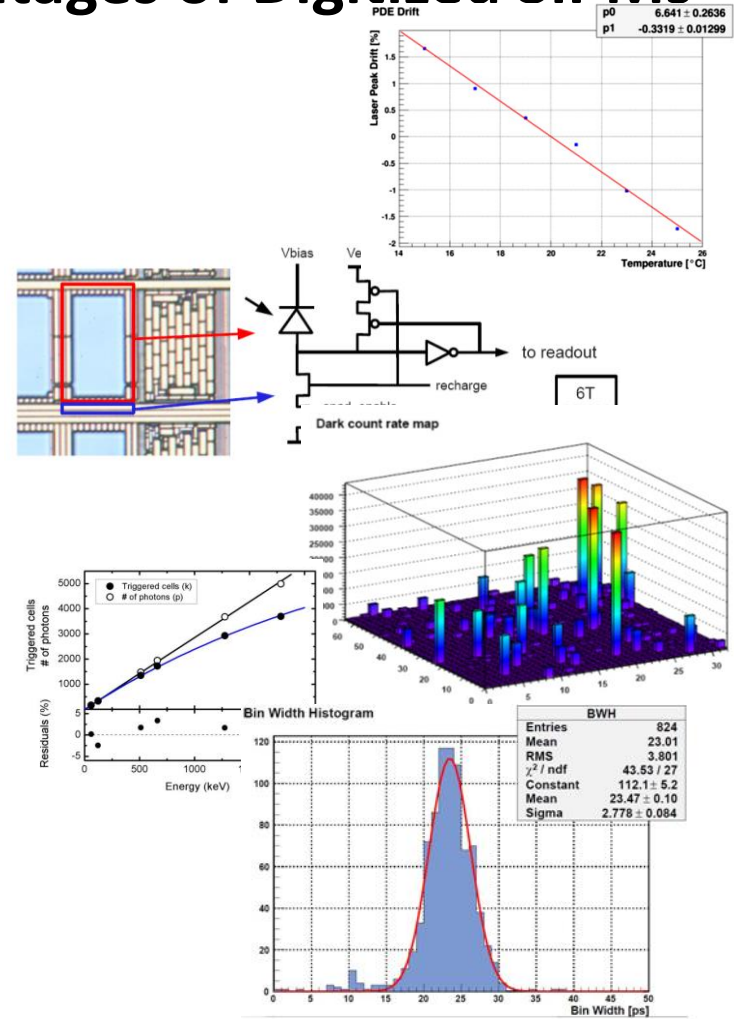
\* Programmable



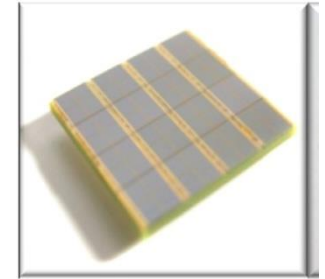
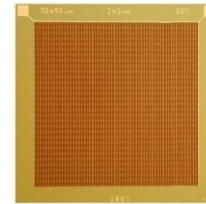
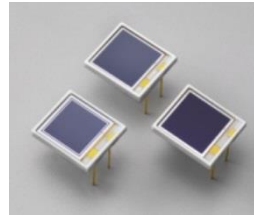


# Sub-Summary: Advantages of Digitized SiPMs

- significantly reduced temperature sensitivity
- active quenching reduces afterpulsing & crosstalk
- individually addressable cells enable DC control
- better linearity (& correction)
- better intrinsic timing resolution due to integrated TDCs
- no analog electronics, no ADCs, no ASICs



# Scintillation light detectors – what is out there?

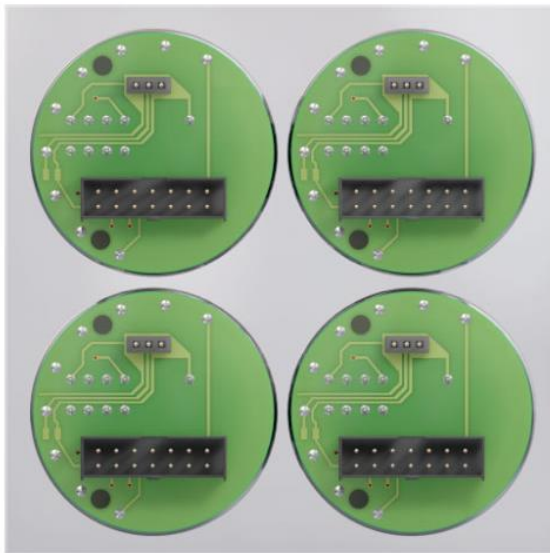


Type	PMT	APD	analog SiPM	dSiPM
MR compliance	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
ToF compliance	limited	No	Yes	Yes
operational stability	medium	low	low	high
amplification	High ( $10^6$ )	Low ( $10^{2-3}$ )	High ( $10^6$ )	meaningless
compactness	bulky	compact	very compact	very compact
power/readout	HV, complex, analog	HV, complex, analog	complex, analog	simple, digital

# Analog vs. Digital Photon Counting

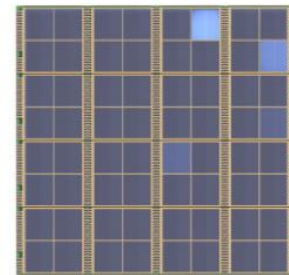
Over 50 times more detectors than analog detection systems.

## Analog



420 detectors

## Digital Photon Counter



23.040 detectors

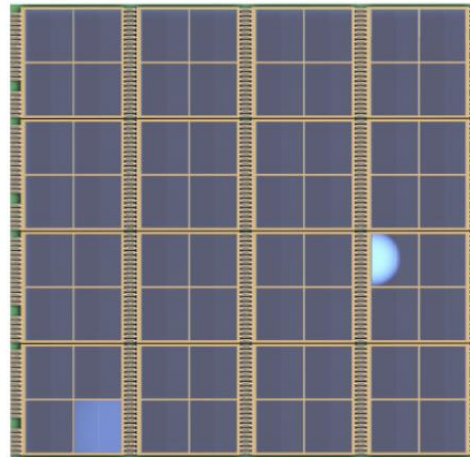
73.728.000 photon counter

# The advantages of Digital Photon Counting



DPC Scintillator

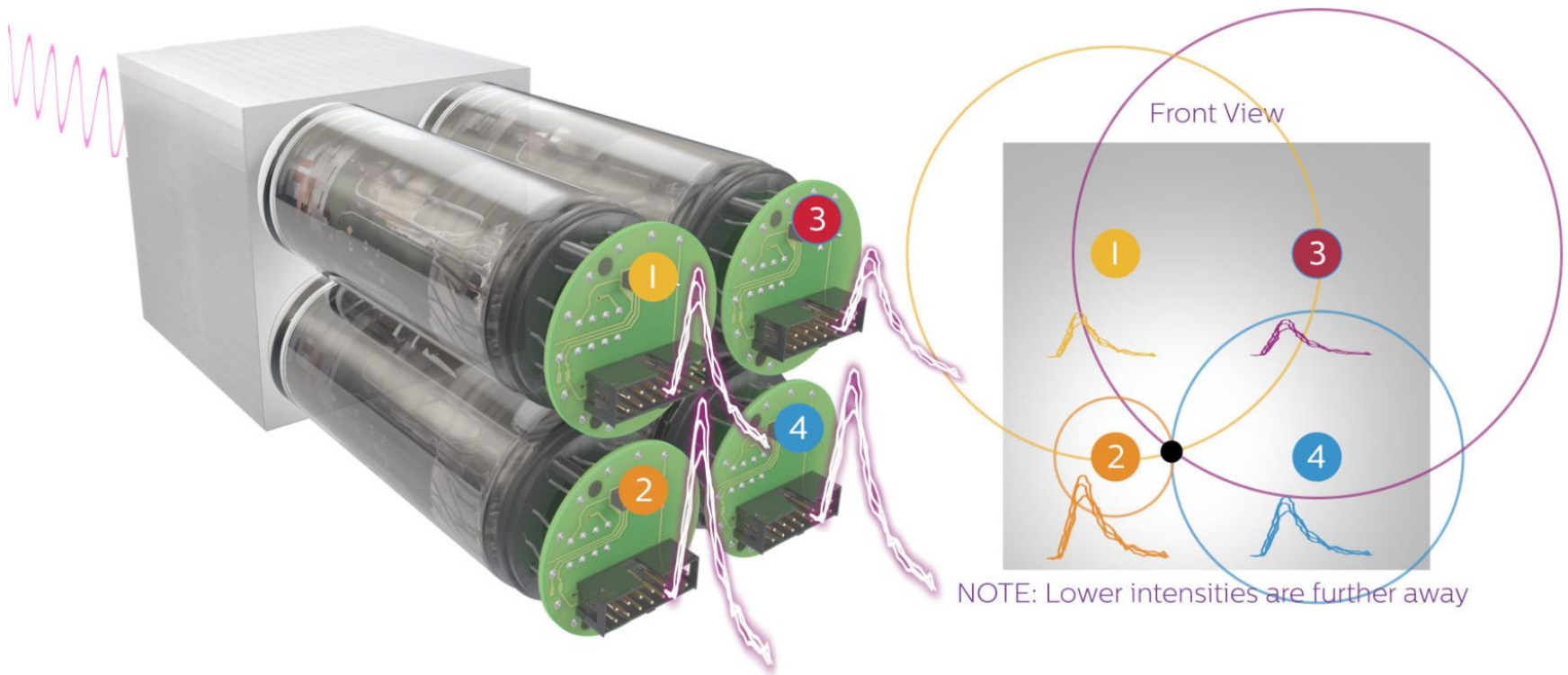
Digital Photon Counter



- 1:1 coupling
- Dramatically higher count rate
- Excellent timing resolution
- Faster Time of Flight performance
- Superb SUV quantification
- Improved contrast resolution

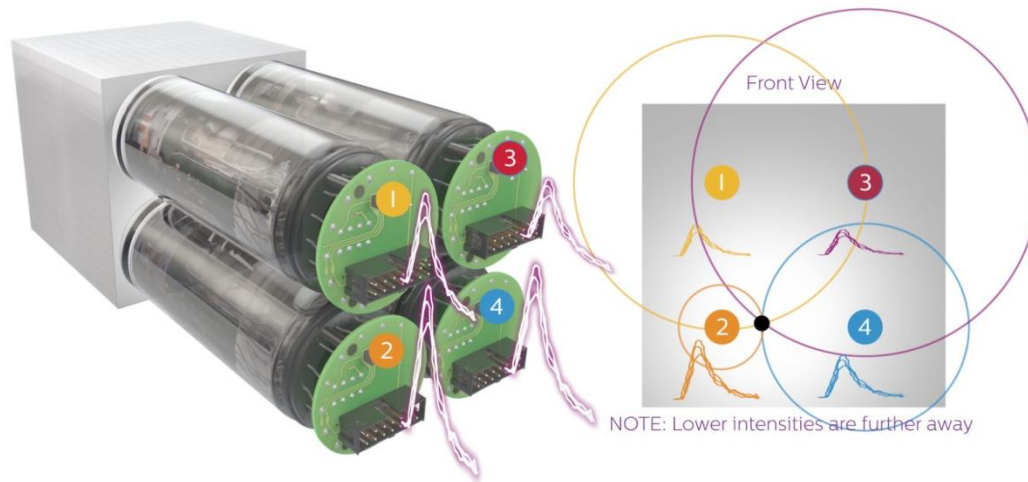
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As the signal is amplified, the electrical noise is also amplified causing a noisy output signal

The intensity of the signals are averaged in order to estimate the origin of the signal.

With a **noisy signal** and an **inaccurate localization** of the signal,  
**the output of the PMT-based system is extremely inaccurate.**

Technology  
to Clinical  
Performance.



# Evolution of PET

Today  Personalized  
Diagnosis & Treatment

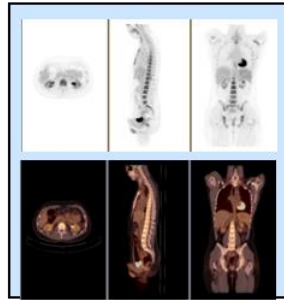
PET



Research - era of  
discovery  
The "basement"  
era



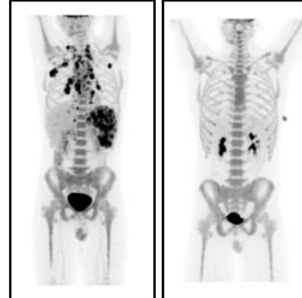
PET/CT



Era of image  
quality,  
and integration  
with CT  
Era of lesion  
detection and  
localization  
Image  
"Beautification"



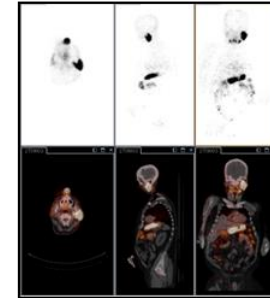
PET/CT



Era of quantitative  
accuracy and  
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MRI



Personalized  
Diagnosis & Treatment



Era of targeted  
therapy and  
imaging  
Individual  
patient  
management

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A Breakthrough Technology

**Earlier Detection, Better IQ,  
Quantitation, Dynamic Imaging**

**Sensitivity**

**Volumetric Resolution**

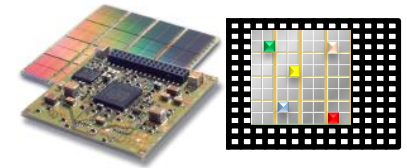
**Accuracy**

**Digital SiPM**

**TOF**

**One-to-One  
Coupling**

**PHILIPS**



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**Accuracy**

**Better Resolution Shape-  
No dead time**

**Better Detector Resolution**

**Uniform Detector Resolution**

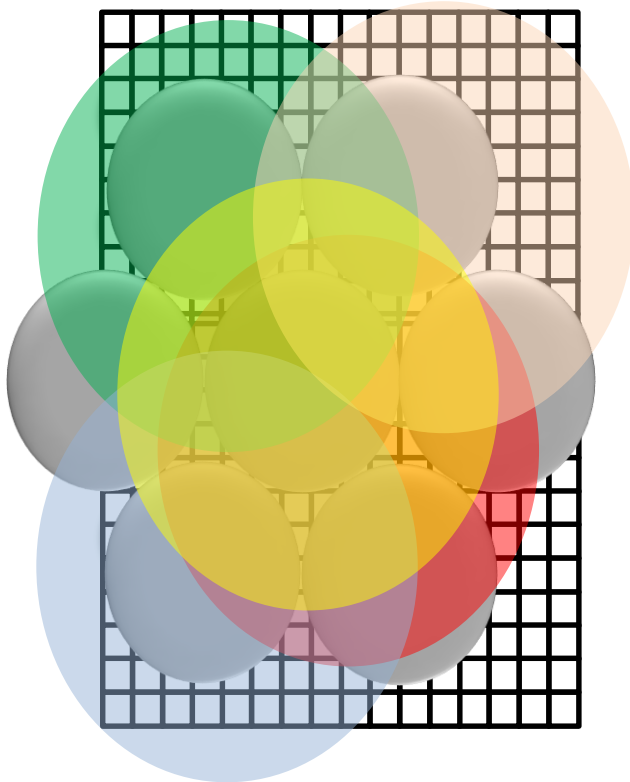
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# Digital Photon Counting

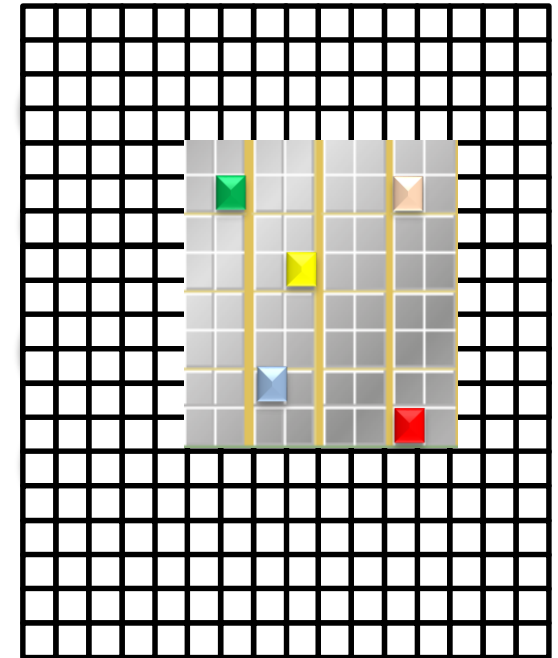
1:1 coupling.



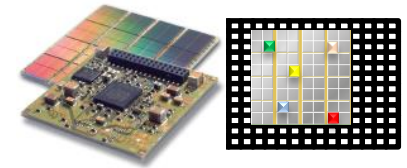
**DPC reduces the traditional tradeoffs between sensitivity gains and resolution gains.**

Conventional block detector limitations

- Optically isolated for surrounding blocks
- PMTs are used to localize
- Light collection dropoff at edges of blocks
- Light collection variability with position



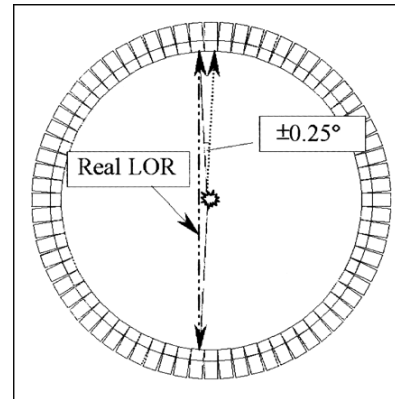
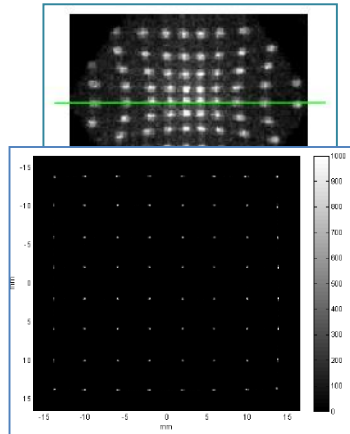
# 1:1 Coupling: Spatial Resolution



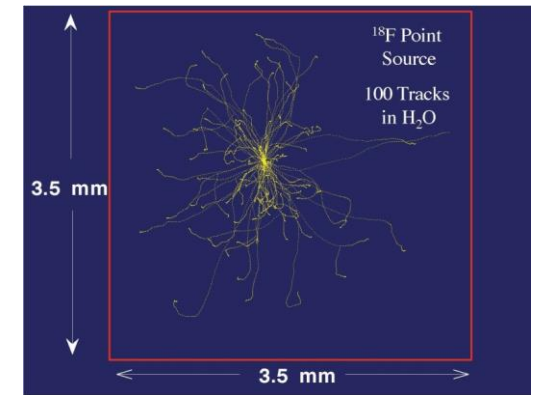
$$FWHM = a\sqrt{\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2 + \cancel{b^2} + (0.0022D)^2 + r^2}$$



Crystal Size



Noncolinearity

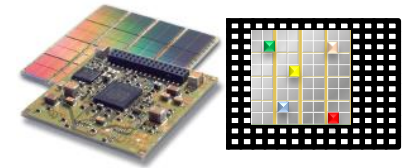


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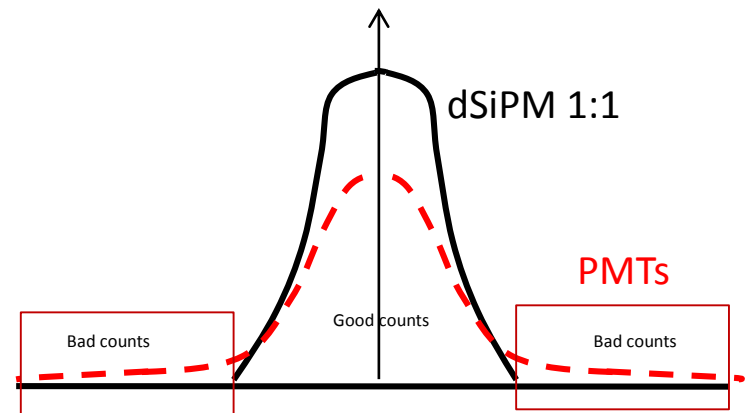
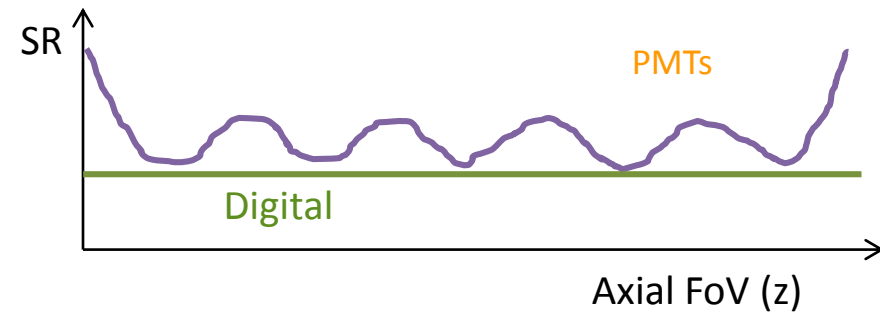
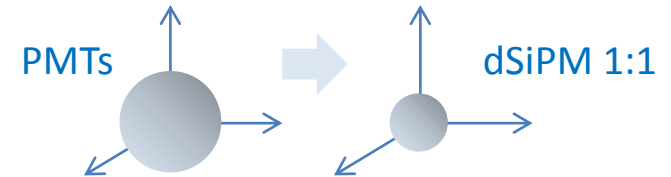
The final spatial resolution of the PET image results from various factors, some intrinsically related to the  $\beta^+$ -annihilation interaction, noncolinearity of annihilation photons and positron range) and some related to the detection system, such as the scintillation crystal performance and electronics used.

PET Instrumentation and Reconstruction Algorithms in Whole-Body Applications, Gabriele Tarantola et al, J Nucl Med May 1, 2003 vol. 44 no. 5 756-769

# 1:1 Coupling – Resolution

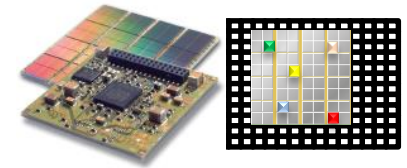


- **Factor of 2 volumetric resolution gain**
  - 3D, (axial\*radial\*tangential)  
61 mm<sup>3</sup>
- **Uniform detector resolution across all detector surface**
  - Digital: Constant in axial direction
  - PMT Tubes: worse resolution under the tubes and at the edges
- **Bad counts vs. good counts**
  - No “bad tail”; all are good counts for Vereos



# 1:1 Coupling – Resolution

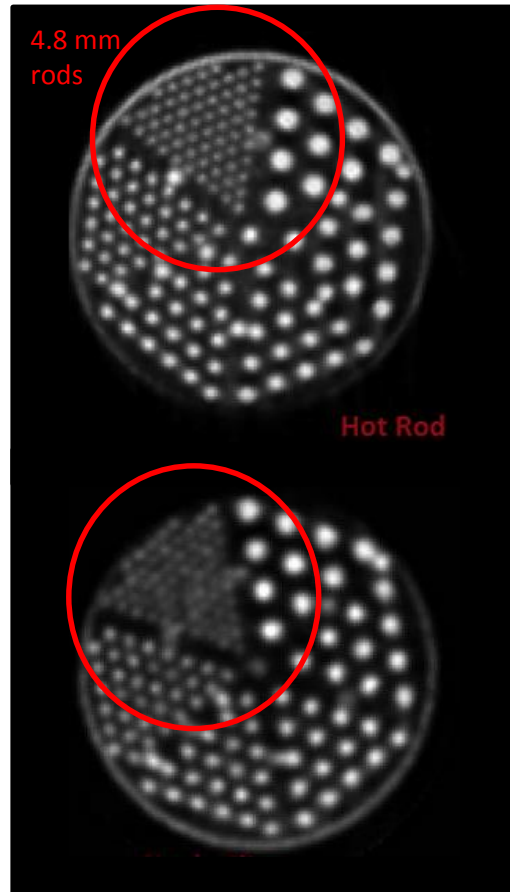
Improved spatial resolution seen with conventional clinical phantoms.



Digital



Analog\*



\*GEMINI TF 16

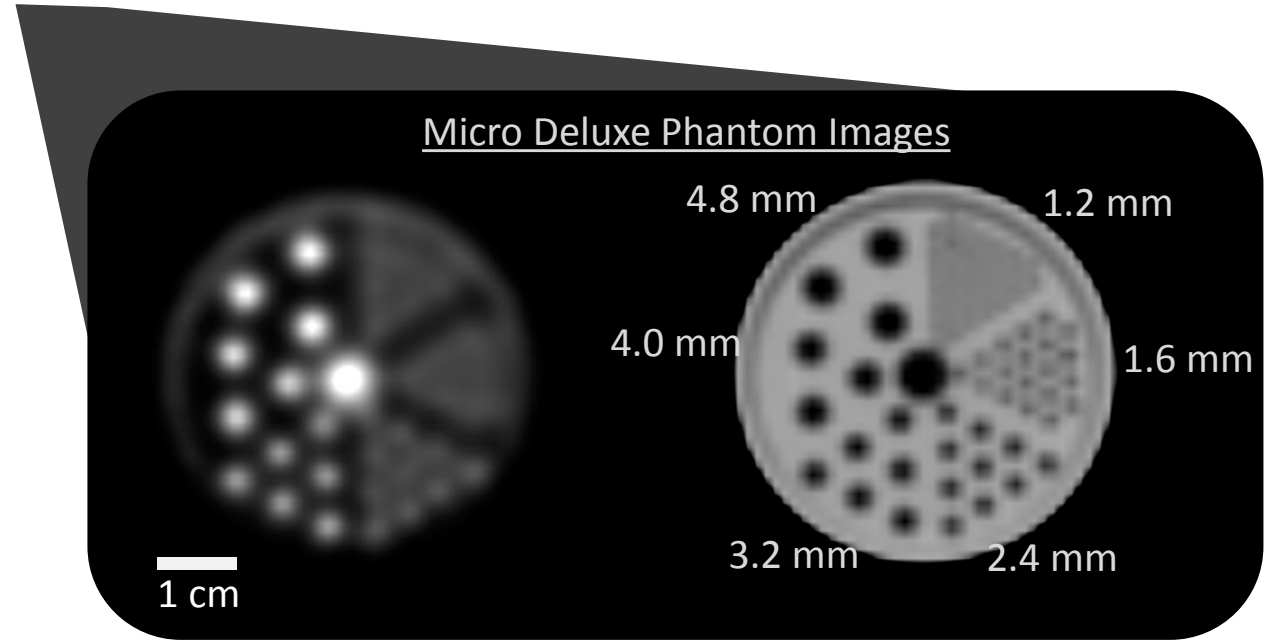
Deluxe Jaszczak Phantom



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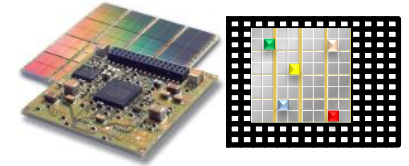
# Spatial Resolution



Standard brain imaging protocol (10 min acq) with TOF reconstruction with resolution recovery

# 1:1 Coupling – Sensitivity

Improved quantitative performance.



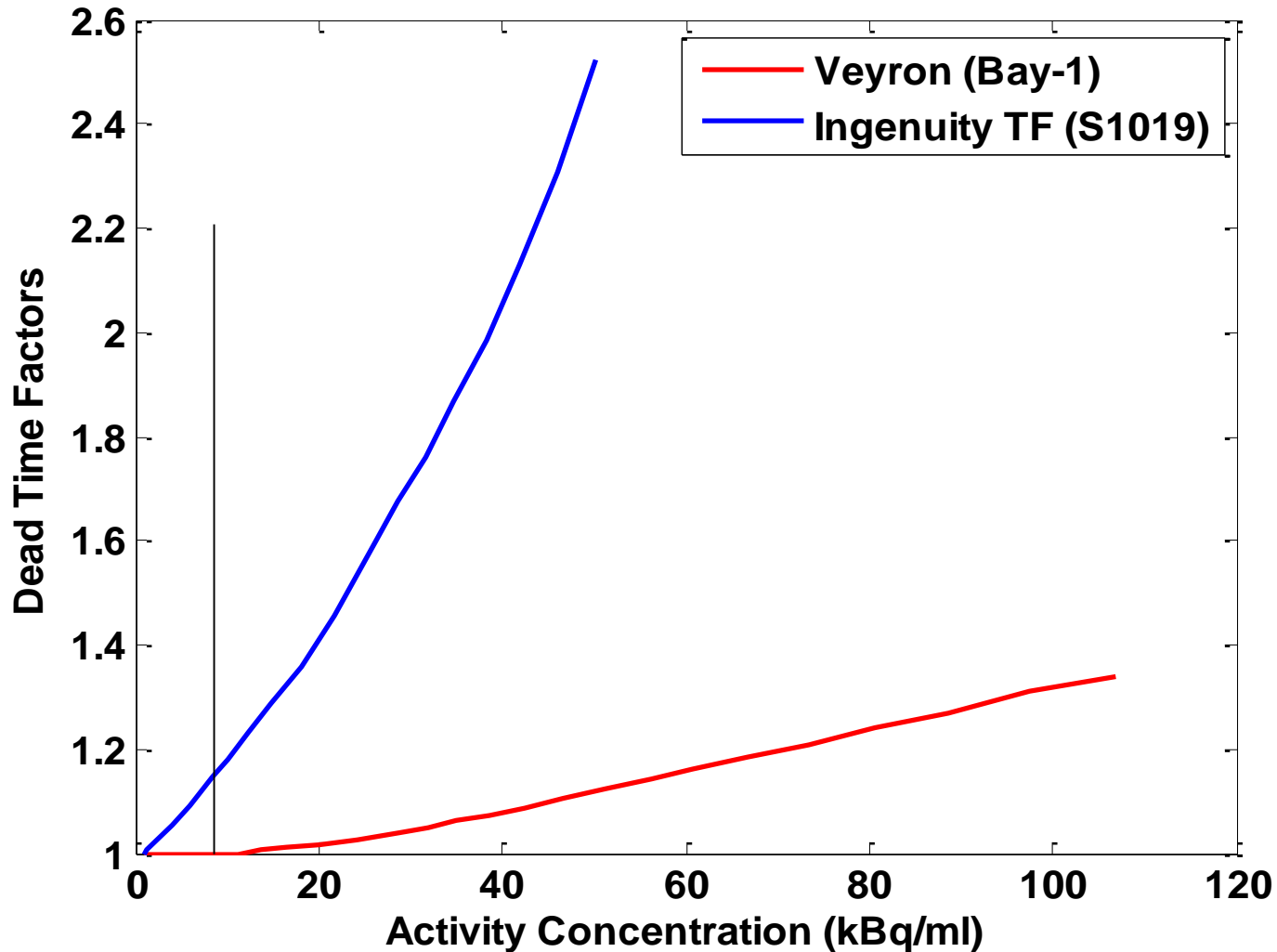
Very minimal to none dead-time → Increased sensitivity

- Typical whole body scans with analog technology operate at 10-20% dead time,
- Typical dynamic studies with analog technology operates at 30-50% dead time



# One-to-one Coupling – Benefits

Preliminary: Deadtime Comparison



Most whole body studies are below 10kBq/ml

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Less Dispersed data (H)

Improved Resolution (L)

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TOF

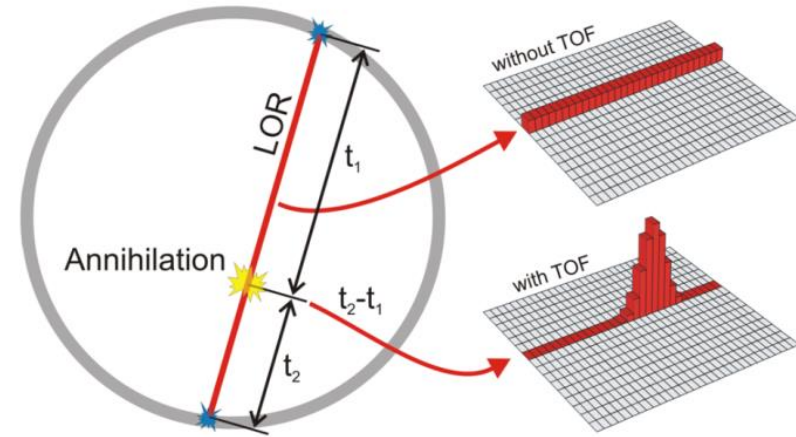
One-to-One  
Coupling

# Time of Flight

$\Delta x = \text{position uncertainty along LOR} = c \cdot \Delta t / 2$

**Effective Sensitivity gain =  $D / \Delta x$**

$\Delta t$  – Time Resolution,  $D$  – Diameter of Object;  
 $c$  – light speed;  $\Delta x$  - position uncertainty



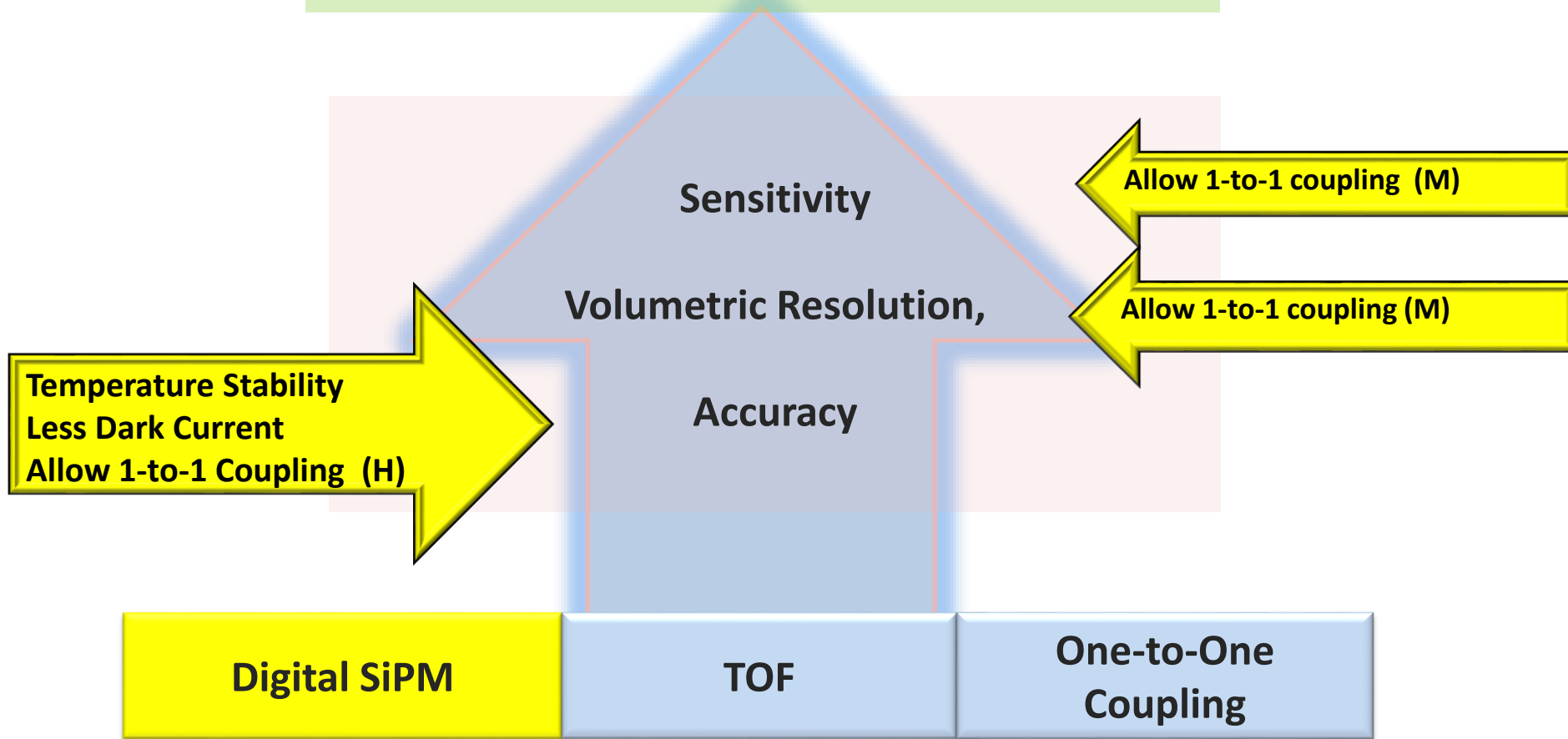
Time Resoltuion (ps)	Non-ToF	1000	550	495	310	300	100
Spatial Unceternity (cm)		15.0	8.3	7.4	4.4	4.5	1.5
Sensitivty Gain for 20 cm	1	1.3	2.4*	2.7*	4,3	4.4	13.3
Sensitivty Gain for 30 cm	1	2.0	3.6*	4.0*	6,5	6.7	20.0
Sensitivty Gain for 40 cm	1	2.7	4.8*	5.4*	8,7	8.9	26.7

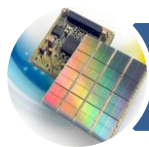
\*Sensitivity gains for analog technology need to be corrected for dead times

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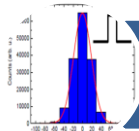
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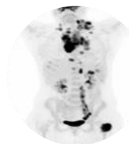
≈ 2x improved volumetric resolution\*



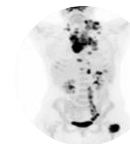
? Earlier detection



Digital Time of Flight



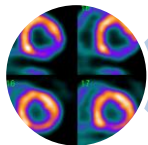
≈ 2x sensitivity gain\*



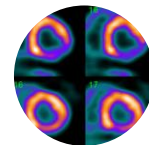
? Lower dose



1:1 Coupling



≈ 2x improved quantitative accuracy\*



? Responders vs non-responders

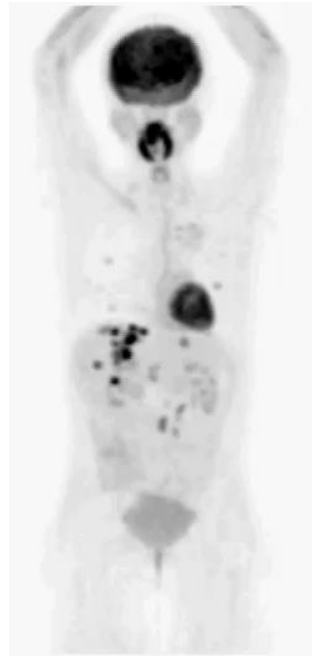
\* Analog (GEMINI TF) to digital comparison



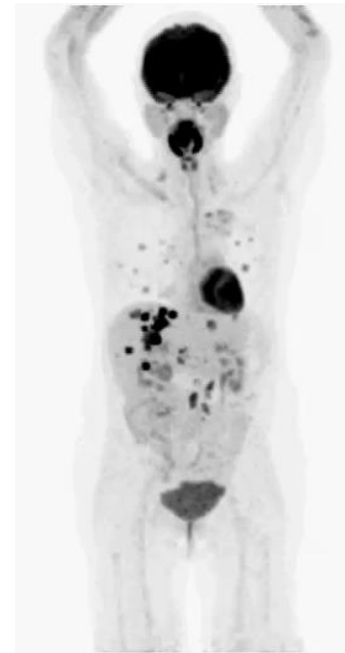
Clinical  
Performance.



Analog \*  
Time of Flight



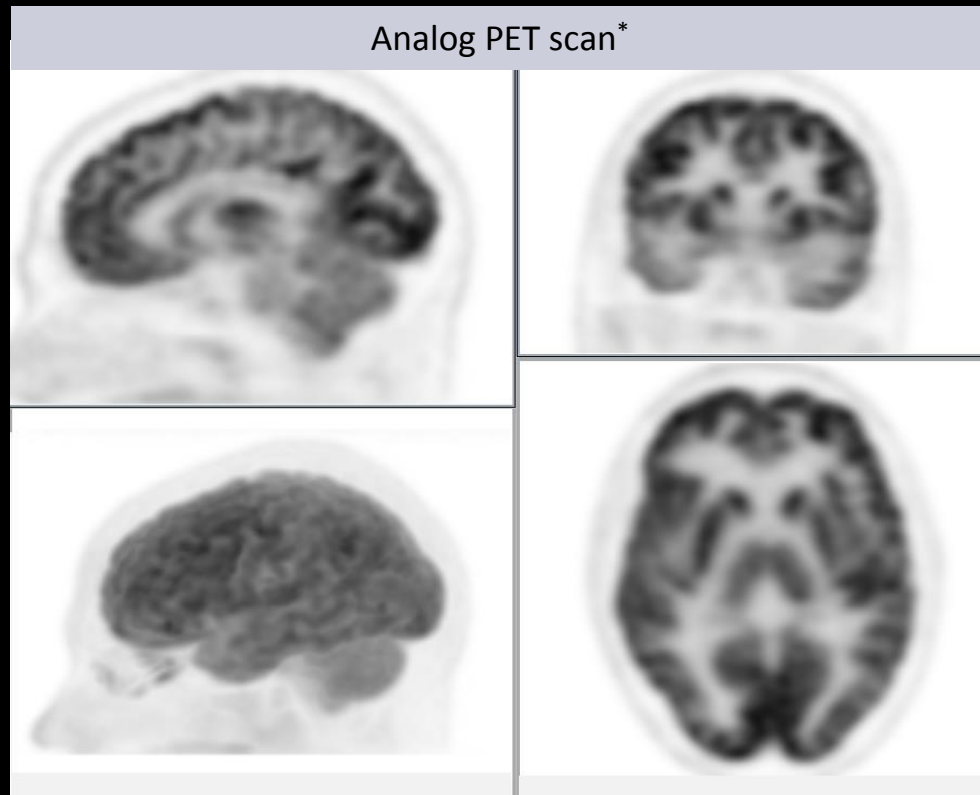
Digital  
Time of Flight



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Patient data courtesy of Dr. M. Knopp  
"Results from case studies are not predictive of  
results in other cases. Results in other cases may  
vary."

# See further



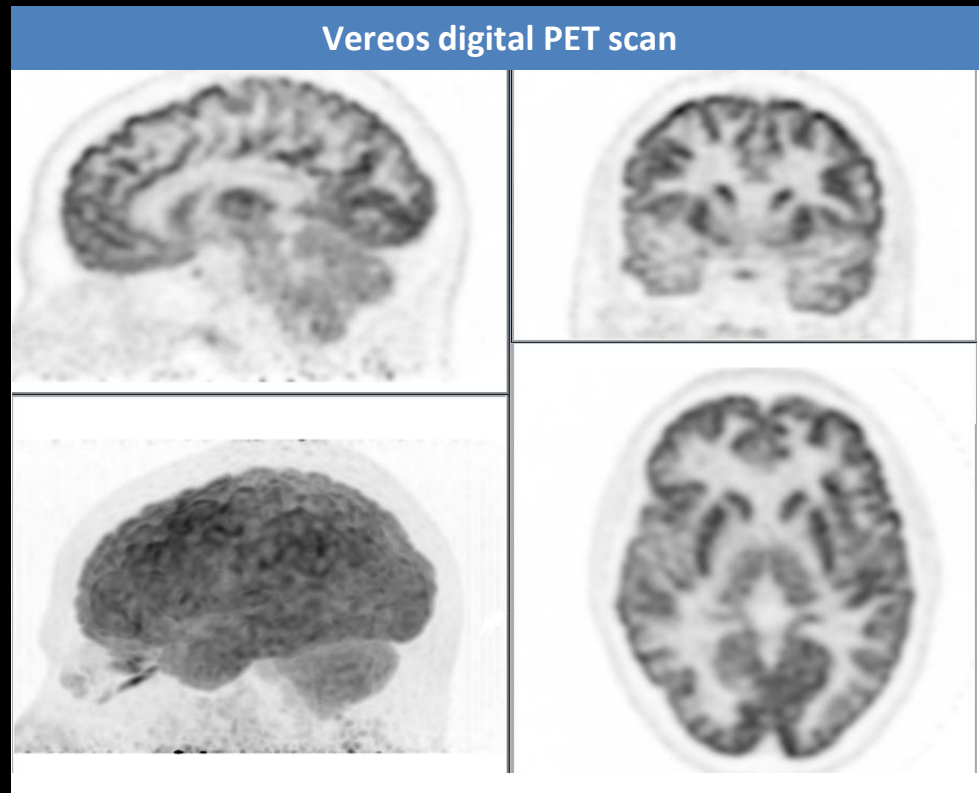
\*GEMINI TF 16

Images courtesy of University Hospitals Cleveland



# See further

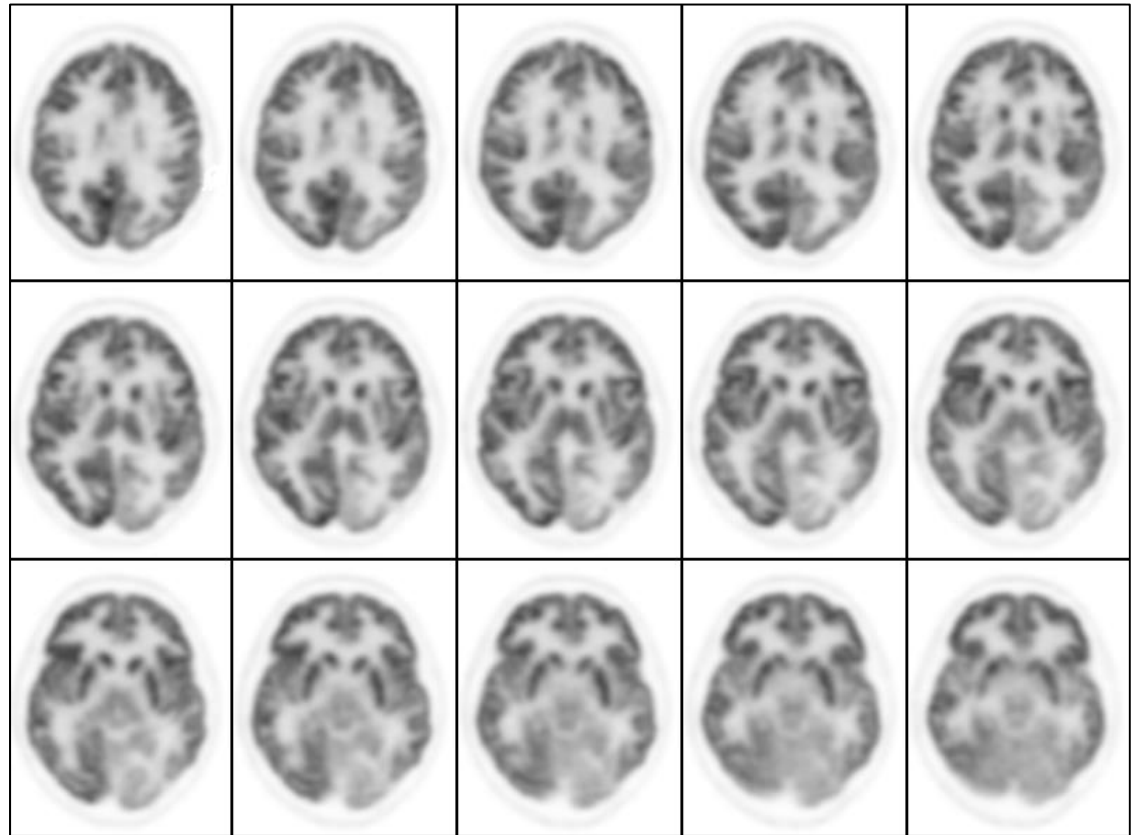
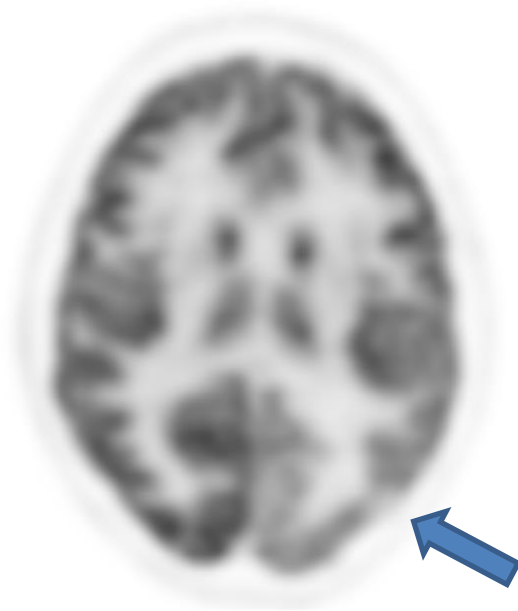
Superb spatial resolution provides exceptional detail in brain images.



# See further

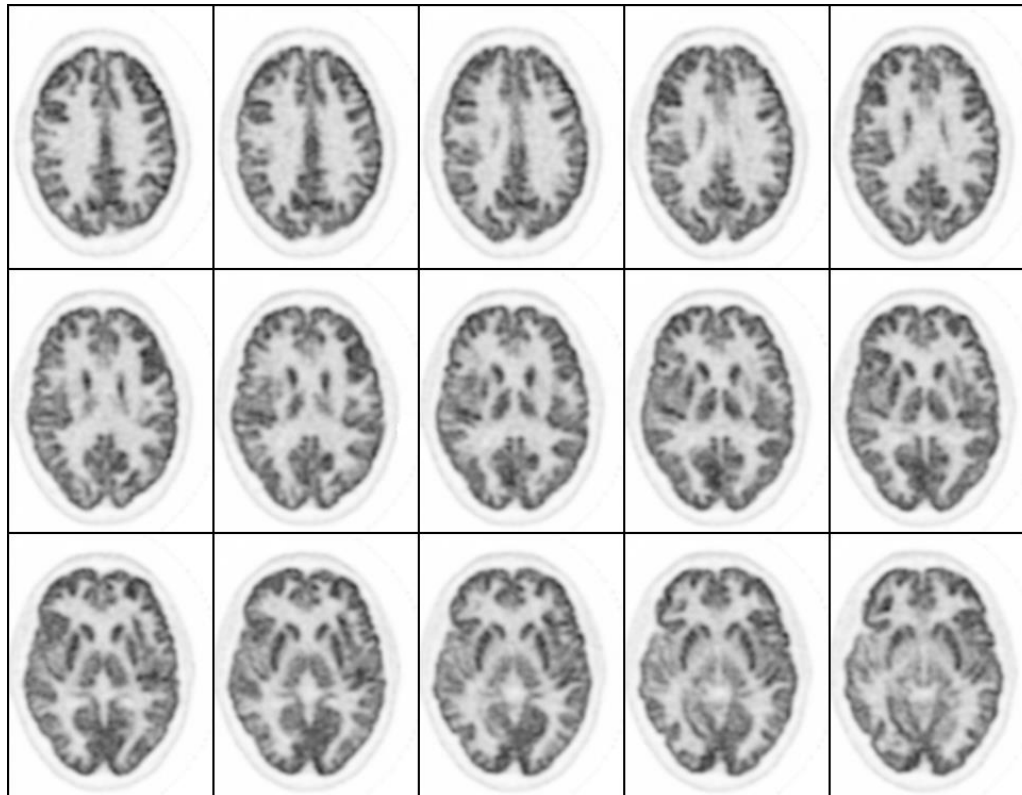
Improved image contrast in evaluation of post-operative changes.

Analog PET scan\*

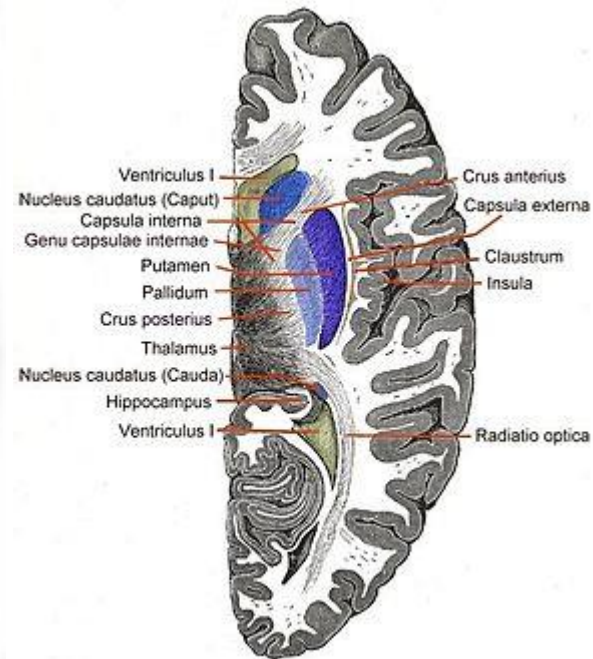


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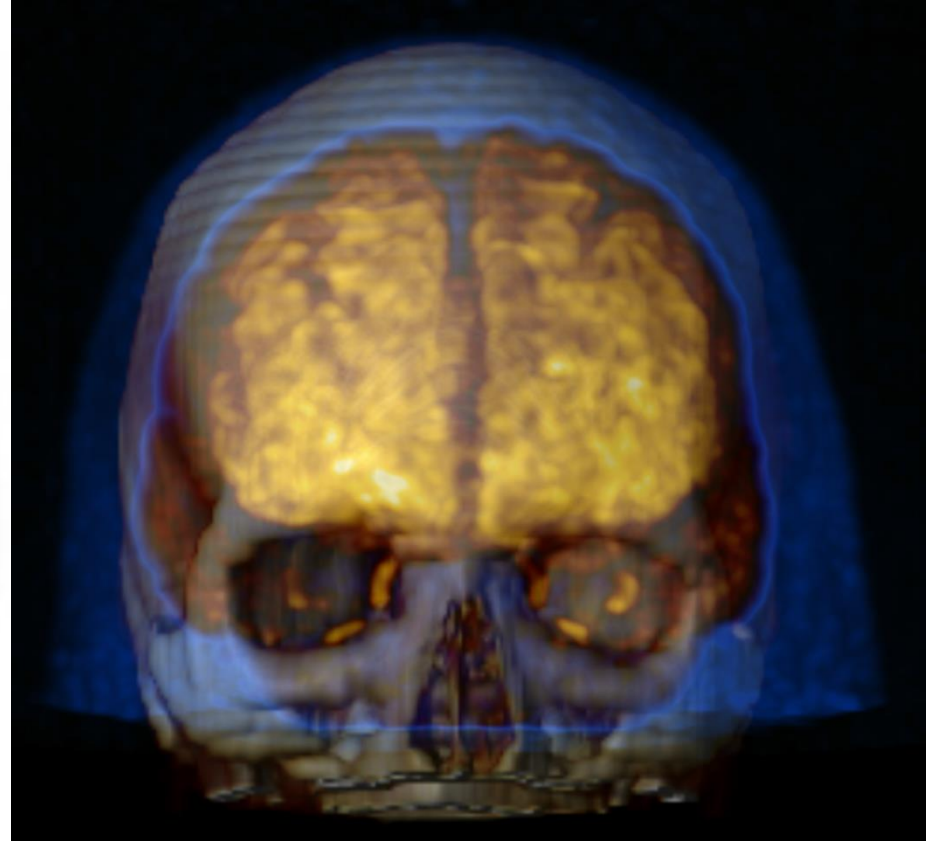
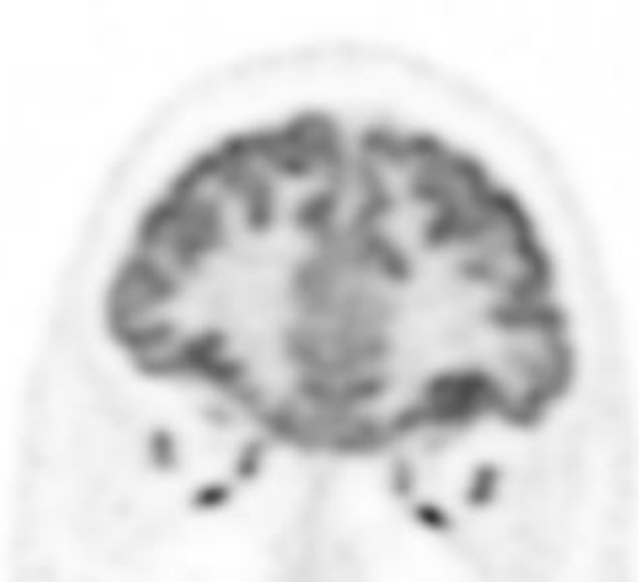
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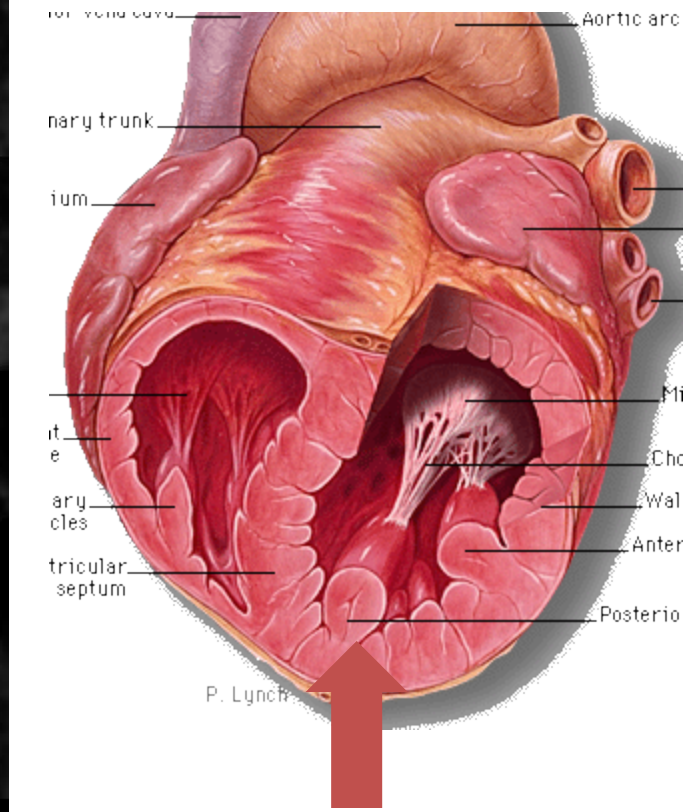
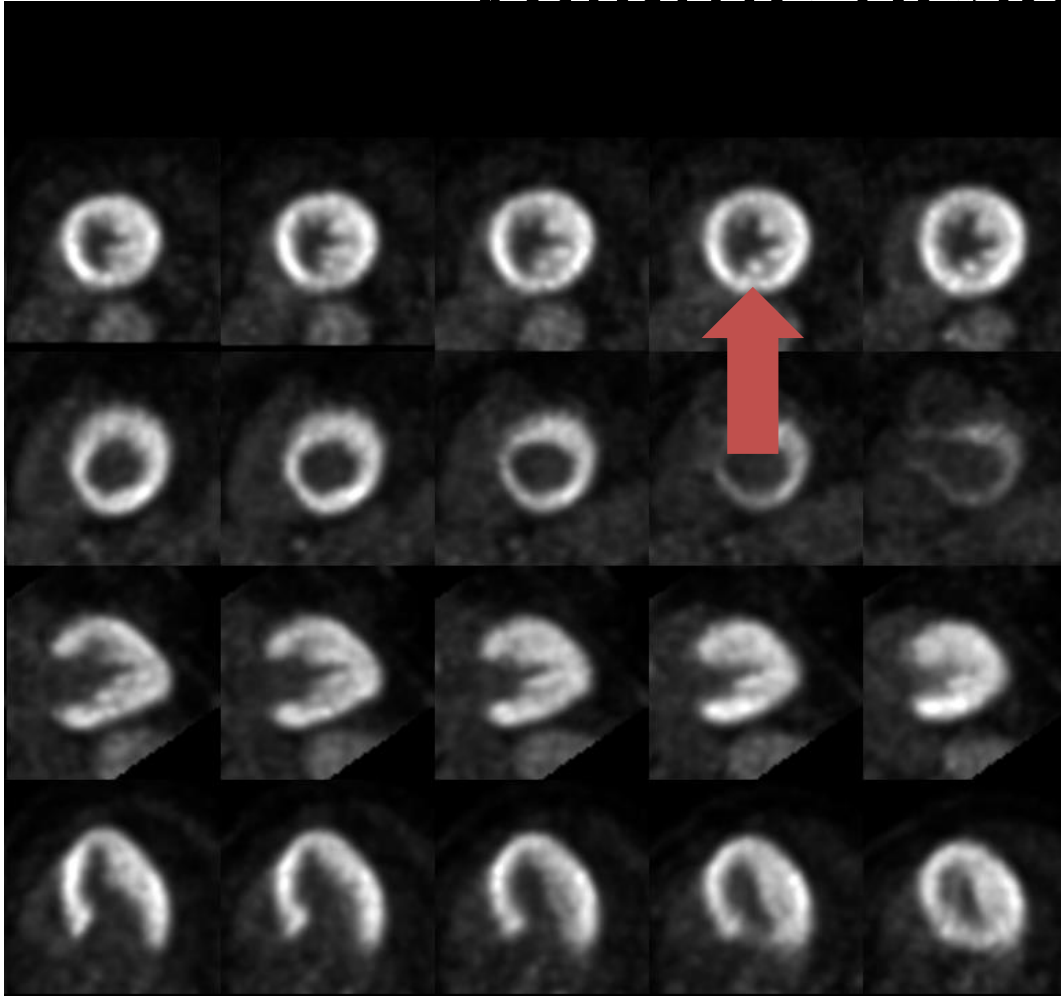
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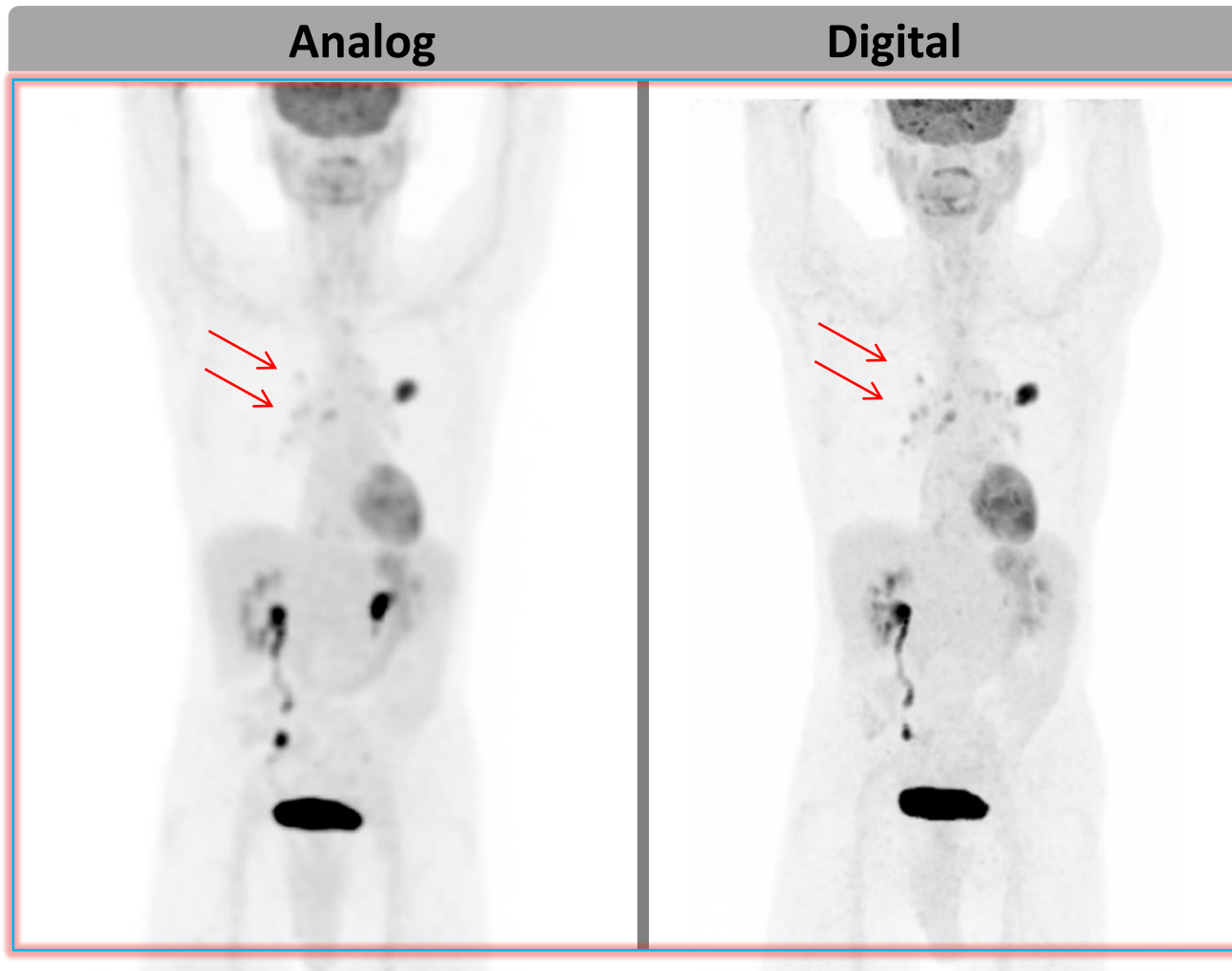


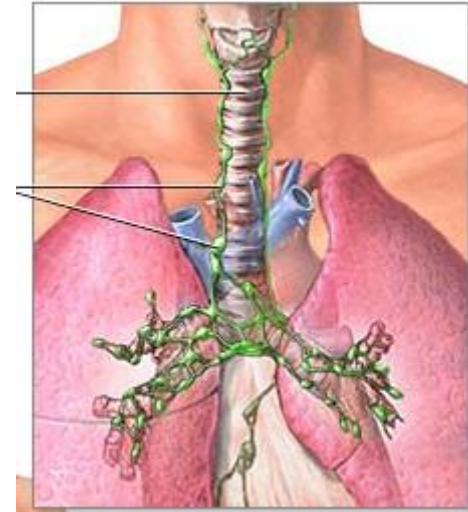
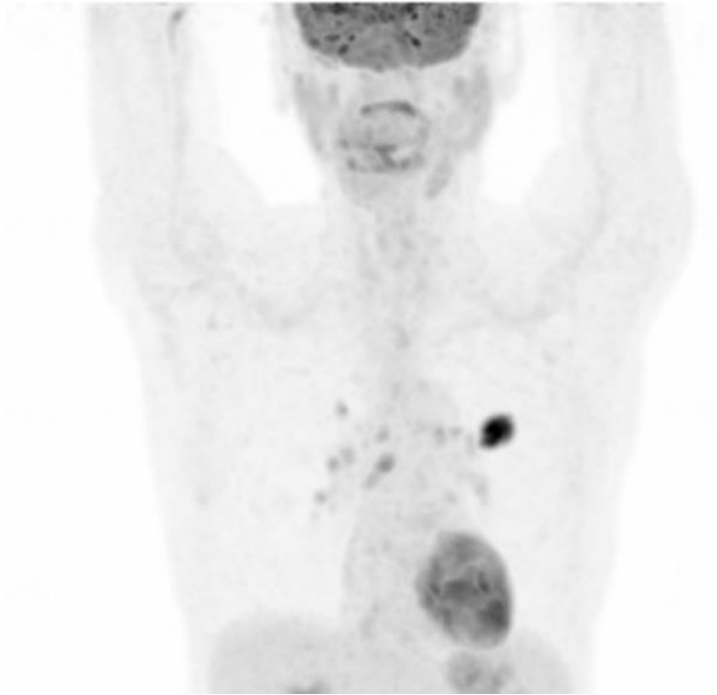


# Volume Resolution

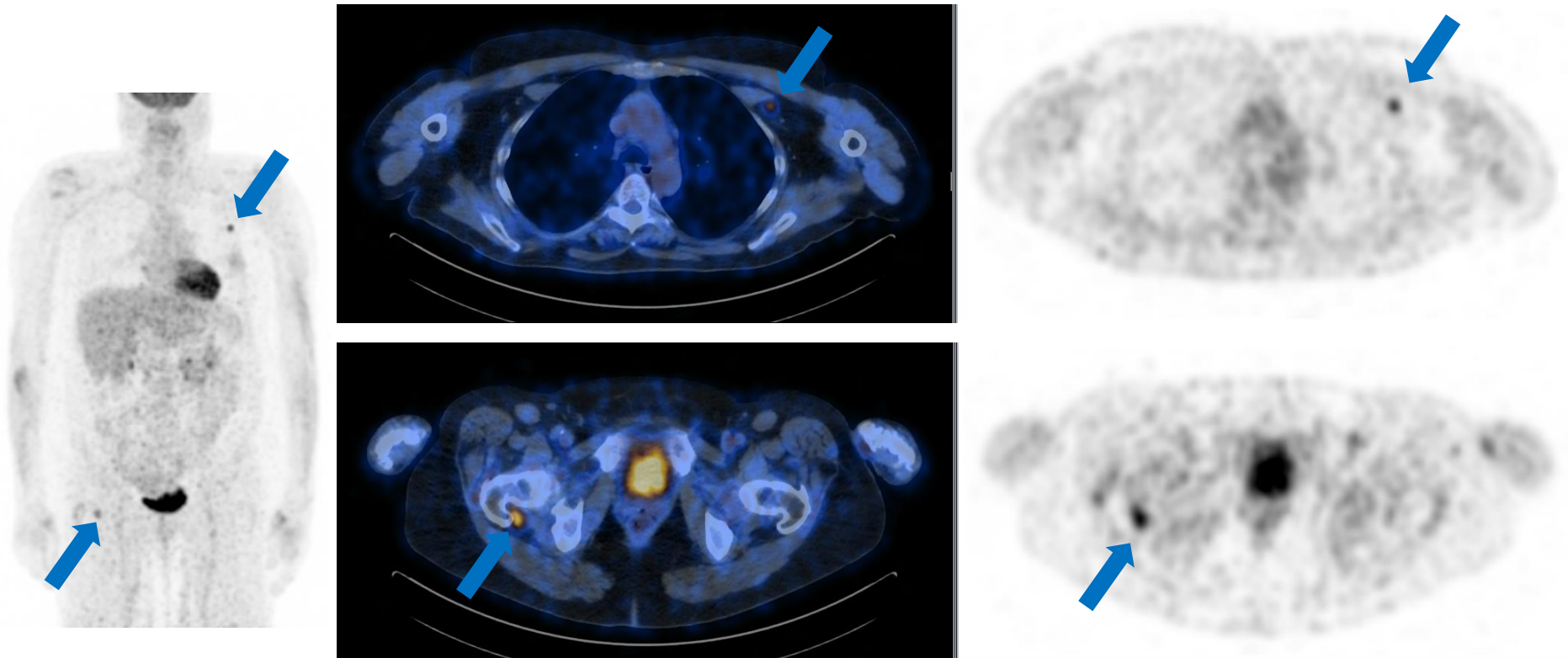


# Digital Photon Counting





# Oncology case 418

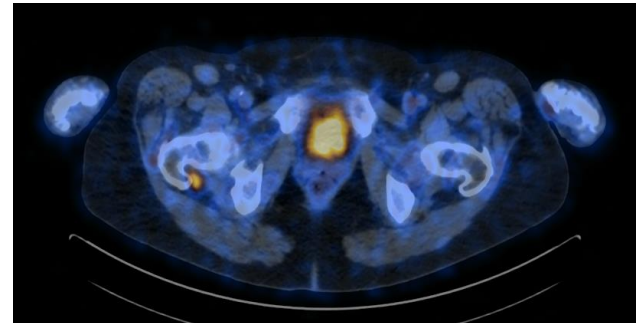
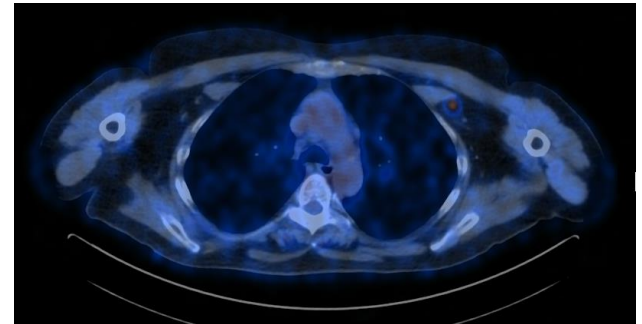


Total Body PET acquisition time: 81 seconds

# Oncology case 418

## Acquisition time

- 81kg, 1.73m
- 13 mCi / 481 MBq
- F-18 FDG
- 61 min delay
- 9 sec/bed, 9 beds
- 81 sec acquisition time

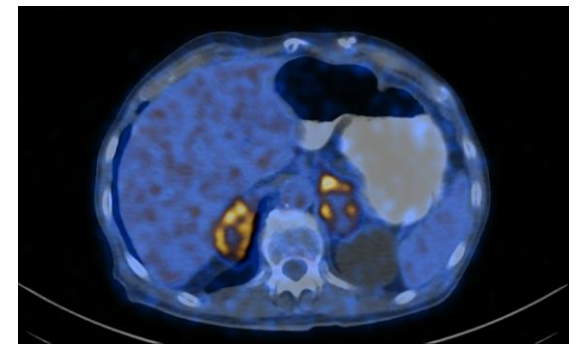
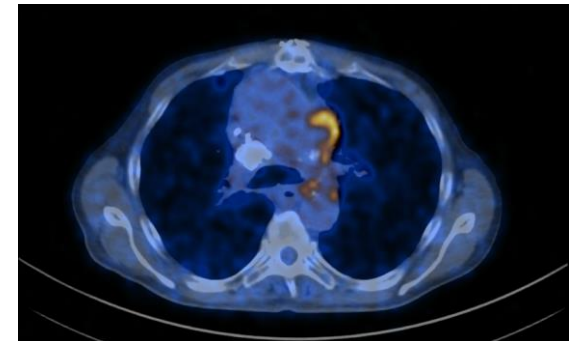
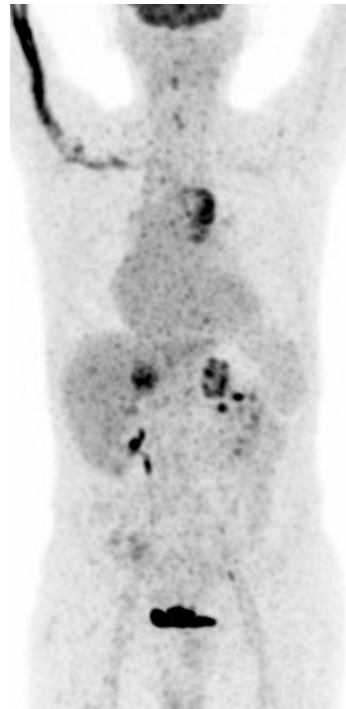




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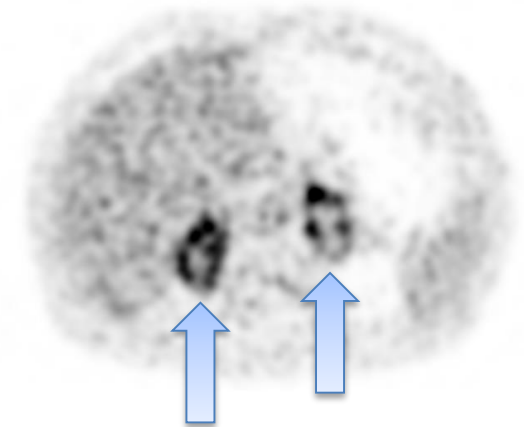
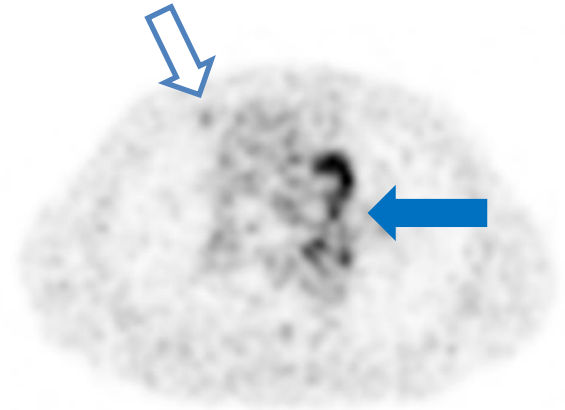
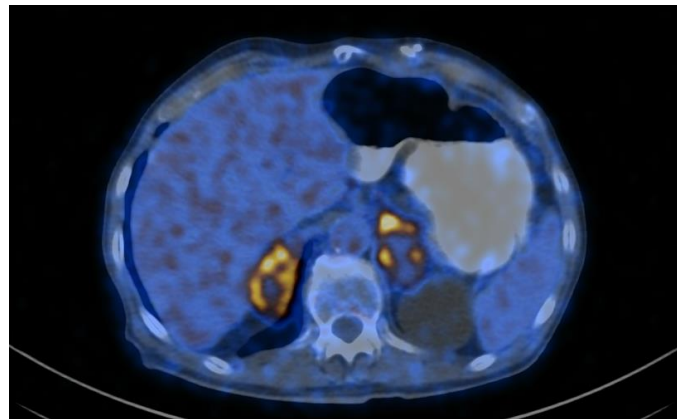
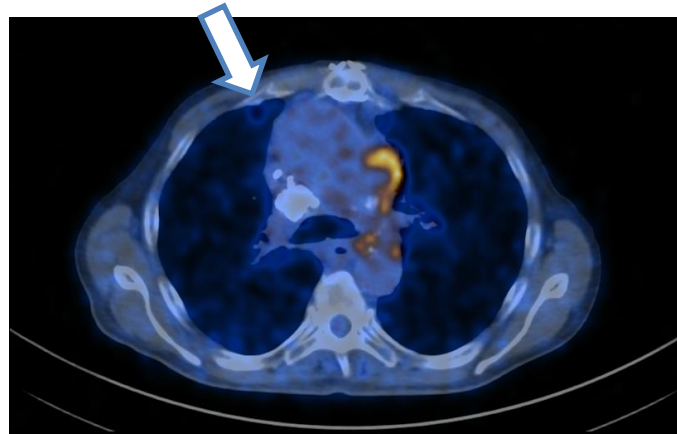
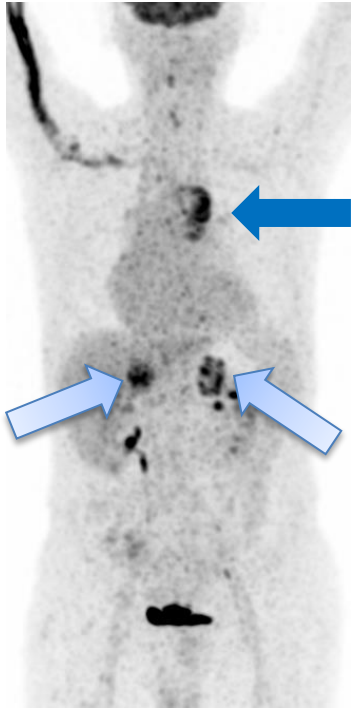
## Acquisition time

- 75 yo M
- 58 kg, 1.7 m
- 13.8 mCi / 510 MBq
- F-18 FDG
- 50 min delay
- 9 sec/bed, 9 beds
- 81 sec acquisition time

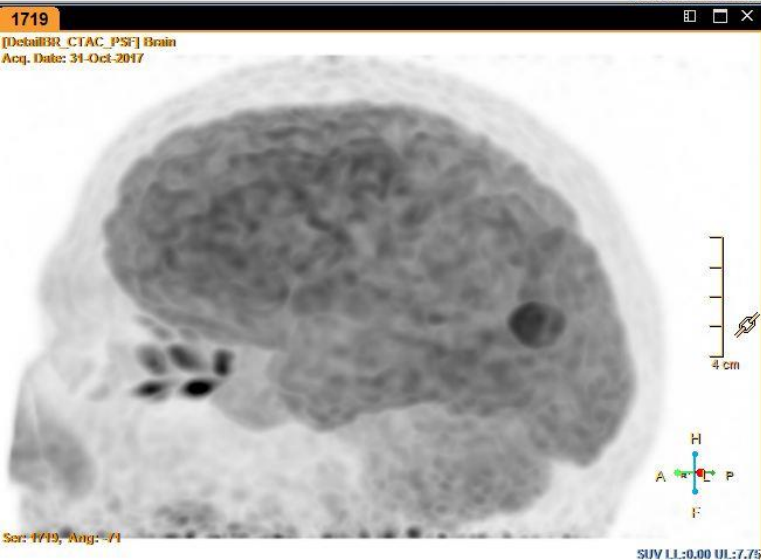
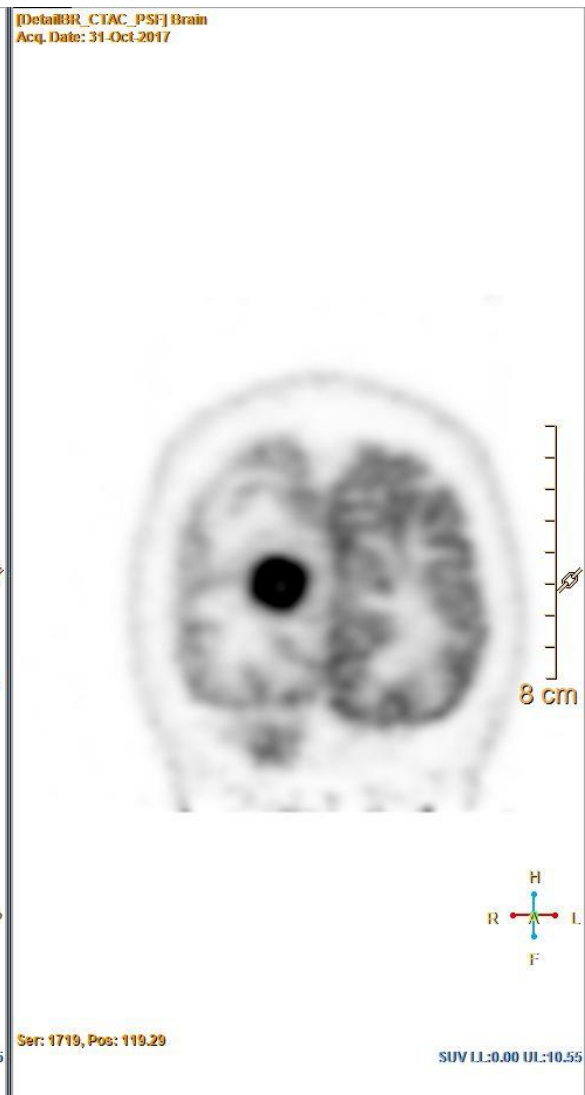
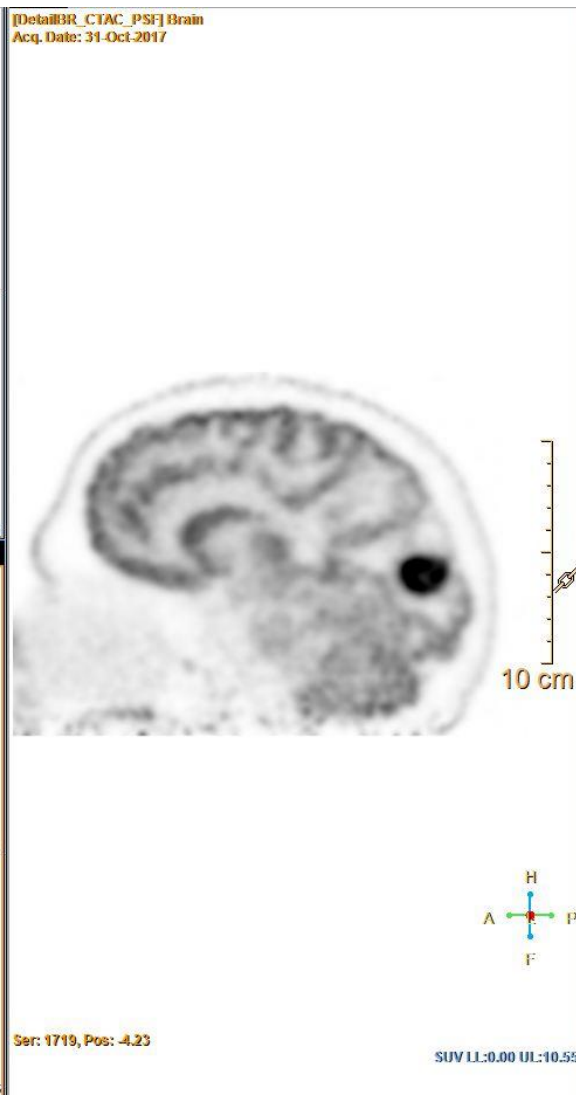
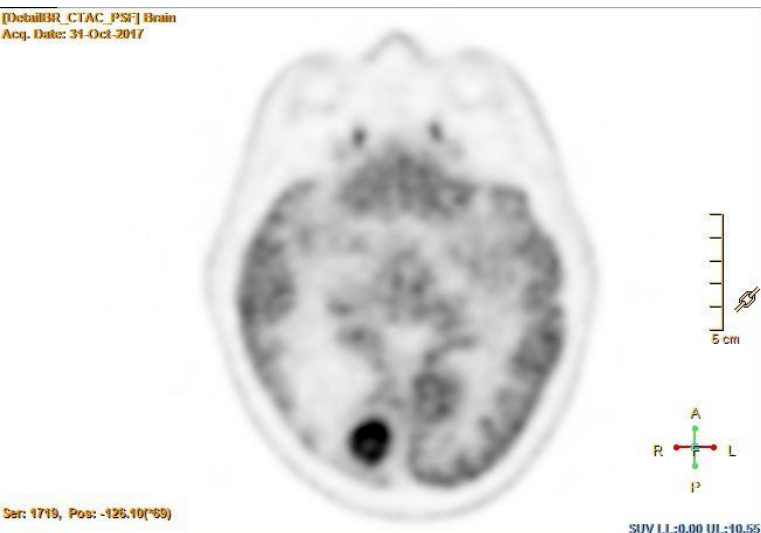




# Oncology case 416

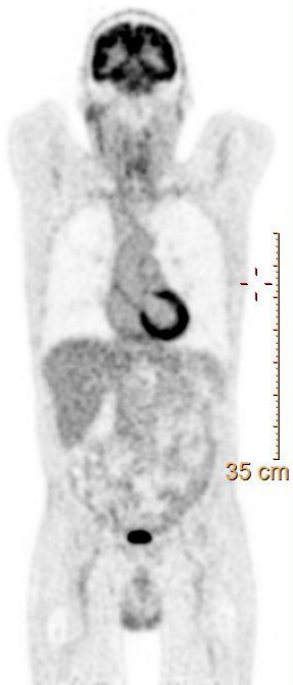


Total Body PET acquisition time: 81 seconds  
2mm PET voxel reconstruction



65kg 179cm 186MBq cerveau 8min Nancy

[MR\_CTAC] Body  
Acq. Date: 17-Oct-2017



Sc: 1565, Pos: 91.41



Pos: 95.41



Pos: 99.41



Pos: 103.41



Pos: 107.41



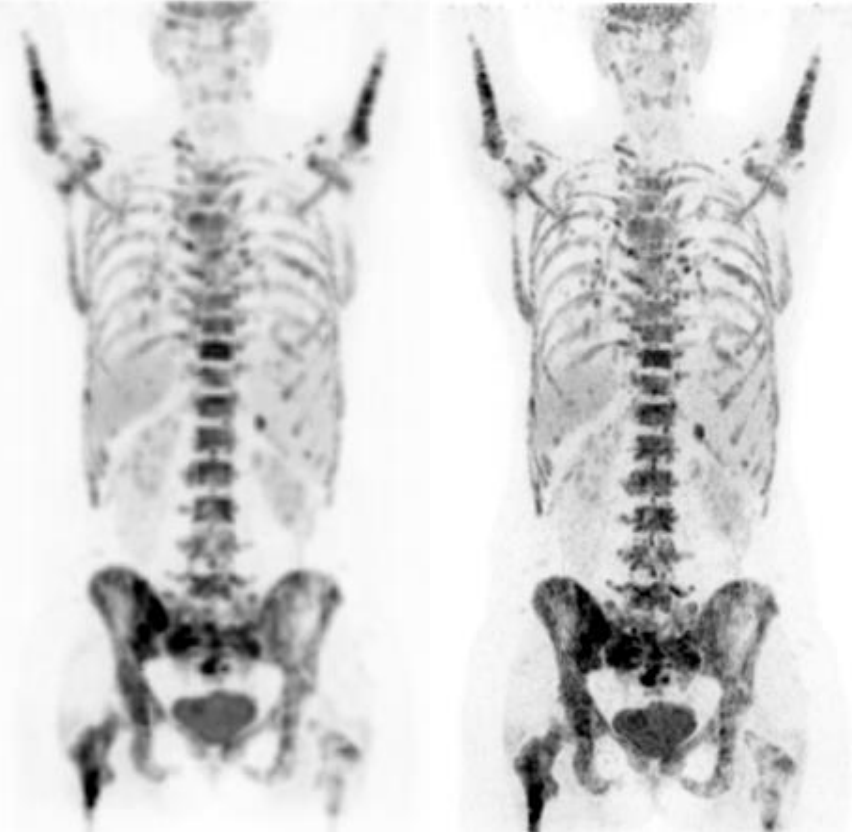
Pos: 111.41

SUV L1:0.00 UL:5.00

102MBq 120s-pas 4mm 65kg 173cm Genolier

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# Vereos... the dawn of a new truth



**State-of-the-art  
analog PET**

**Philips Vereos  
Digital PET**

- What if you could **double your diagnostic confidence** and **detect cancer six months earlier**?
- Vereos **Digital PET** with DPC<sup>1</sup> completely redefines performance point for PET with
  - **2x volumetric resolution**
  - **2x sensitivity gain**
  - **2x quantification accuracy**

Designed for patient comfort



## Vereos PET/CT Wins Global Design Award

Praise for digital PET continues...

**Vereos PET/CT wins iF product design award 2014!**

Fondly nicknamed in the industry as the “Design Oscars,” the iF Product Design is awarded annually by the iF International Forum Design after reviewing more than 2,000 applications. In its 61st year, the iF seal of good design is independently awarded to outstanding achievements in product, communication, and packaging design.

Philips Design was instrumental in the new industrial product design of Vereos PET/CT. The design team utilized a whiter, fresher palette in order to create a new identity. Vereos PET/CT stands apart from the crowd with its patient-focused design elements such as the light ring around the system parameter, table elements including arm rests, and a rear zone where clinical staff can store and attach accessories. This project took almost two years to complete. The result is a simplified design that improves patient comfort and increases clinical staff pride.











## Precision medicine enabled by clinically proven:

Improved detectability &  
characterization  
**of small lesions** <sup>[1]</sup>

Uncompromised lesion  
detectability & quantification  
**at 1/2 the PET dose** <sup>[2]</sup>

Uncompromised lesion  
detectability  
**at 1/10 the time** <sup>[3]</sup>

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