



DBP3: Head and Neck Cancer

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Head & Neck Cancer: Statistics

- Between 4-6% of all new cancer cancers
- About 60,000 new cases per year
- 60% present with advanced disease
- 5 year survival: about 50%
- Multimodal treatment

Head & Neck Cancer Sites

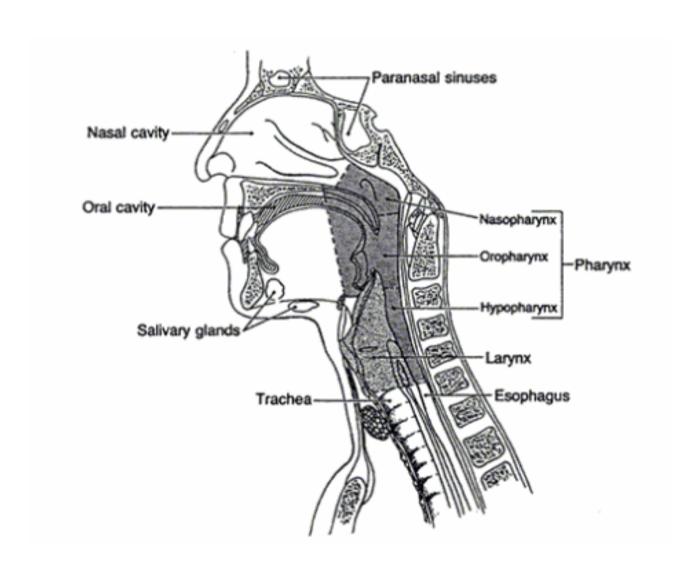
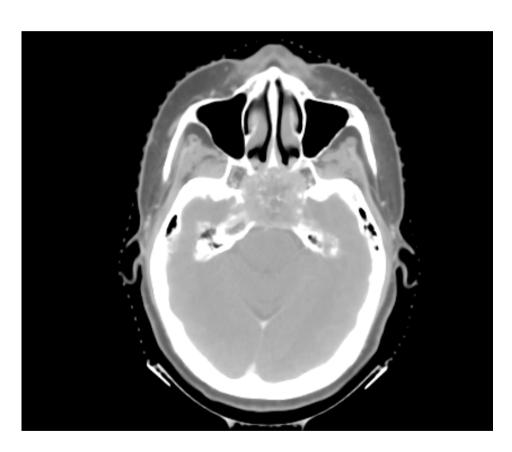
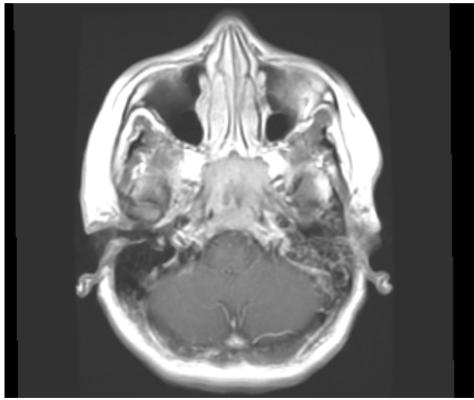


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Cancer in the Base of Skull

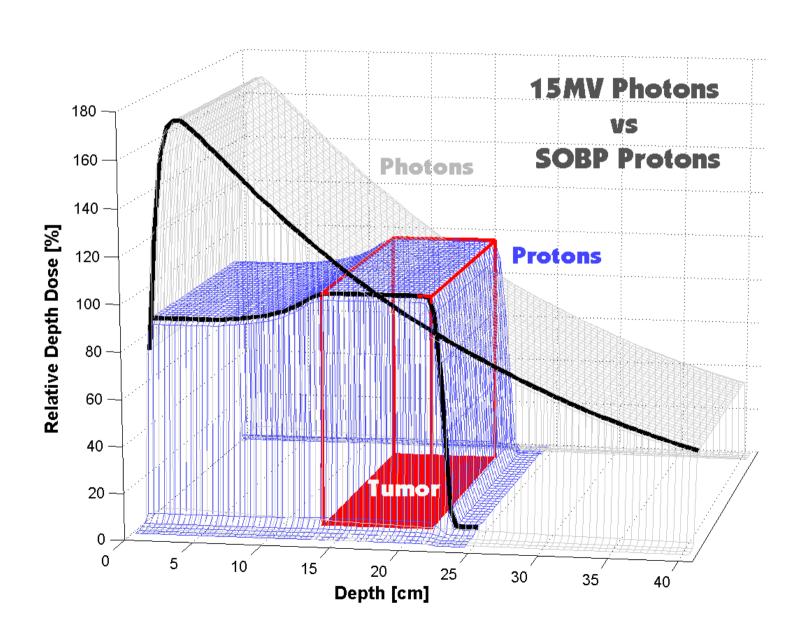




Biology of Radiation Therapy

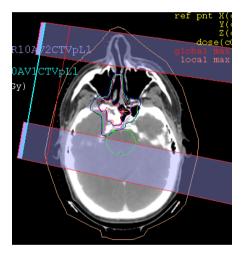
- Physics
 - Ionizing radiation generates free radicals
- Chemistry
 - Free radicals (esp. OH*) bind with molecules
- Biology
 - DNA is damaged, cell cannot reproduce

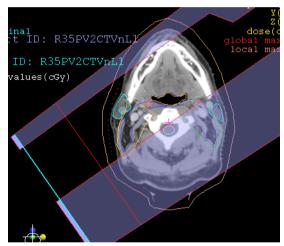
Proton Therapy

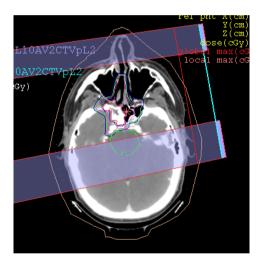


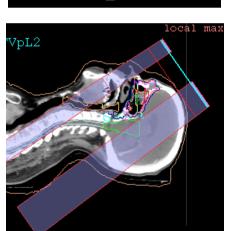
Proton Treatments in the Base of Skull

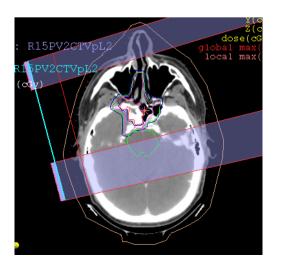
Typical plan ~15 beams

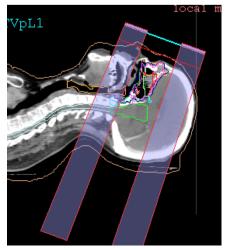


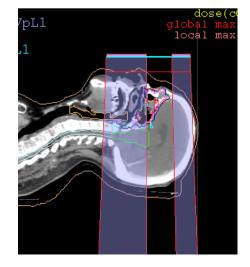


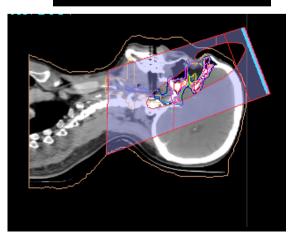


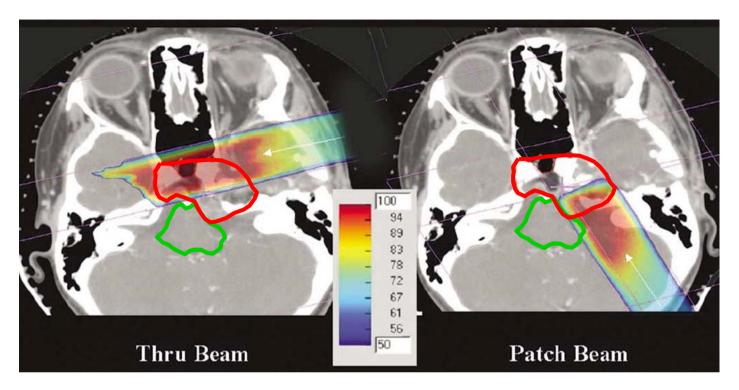


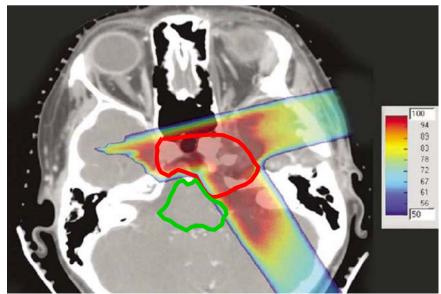




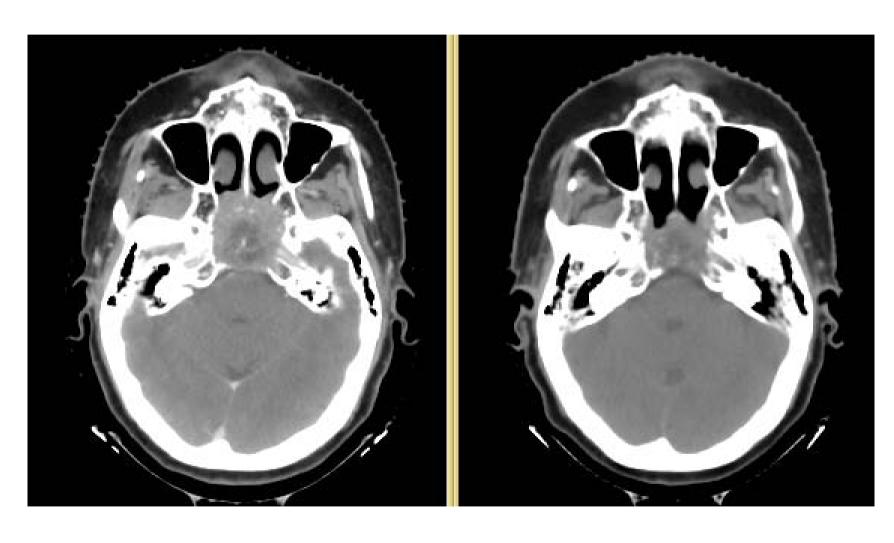








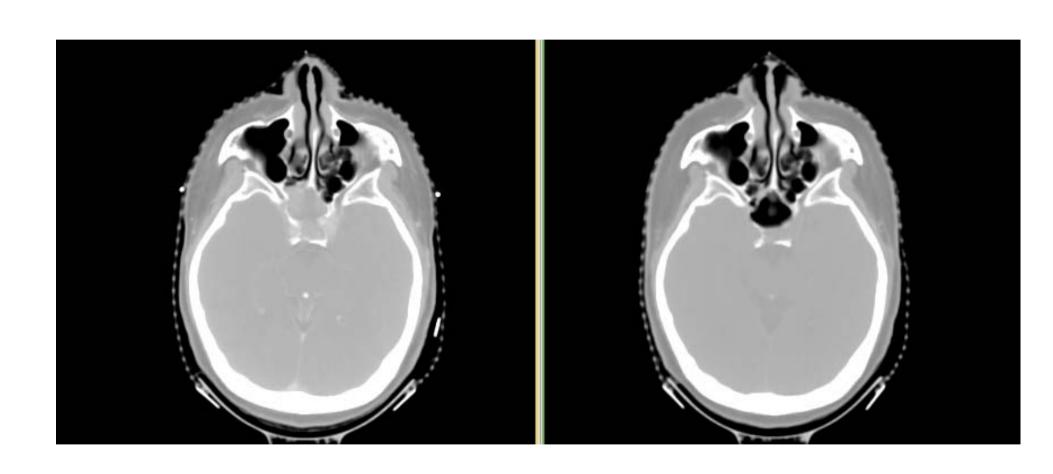
Anatomic Change



Pre-treatment

Mid-treatment

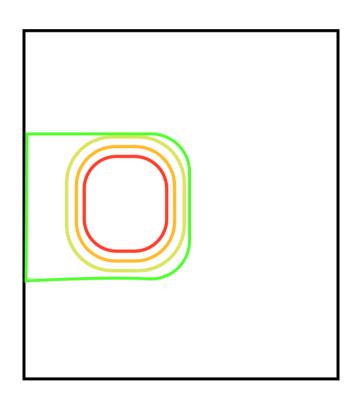
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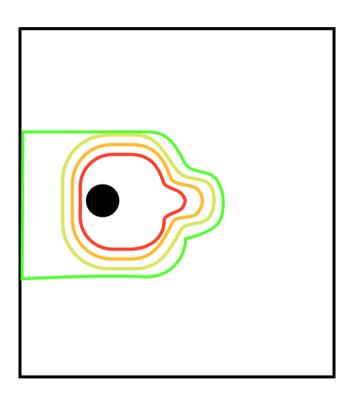


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Implications of Anatomic Change



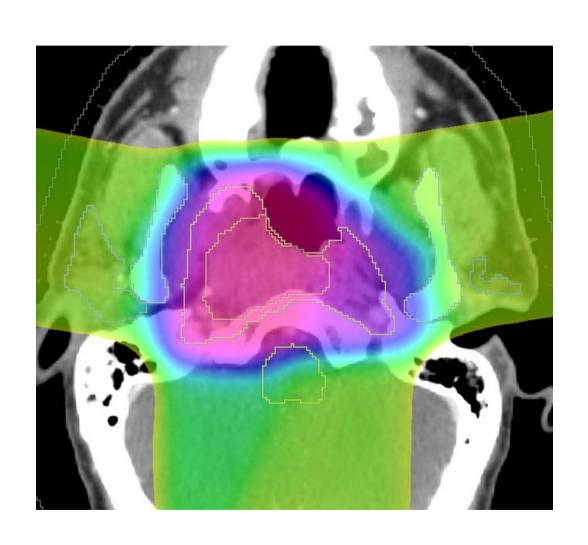


Engineering Plan

- Support for adaptive radiotherapy in NA-MIC
- Four goals
 - DICOM-RT interchange
 - Structure and dose warping
 - Interactive deformable registration
 - Plan review

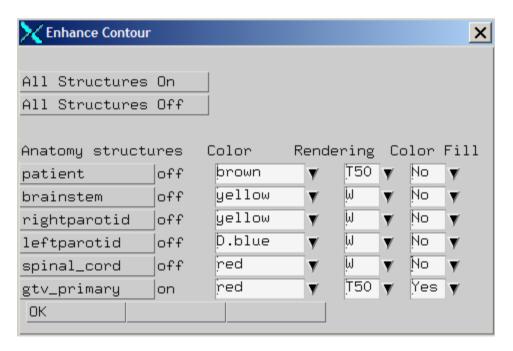
DICOM-RT Interchange

- RT Dose
 - Dose in Gray
- RT Structure Sets
 - Polyline contours of organs of interest
- RT Plan
 - Beam arrangements



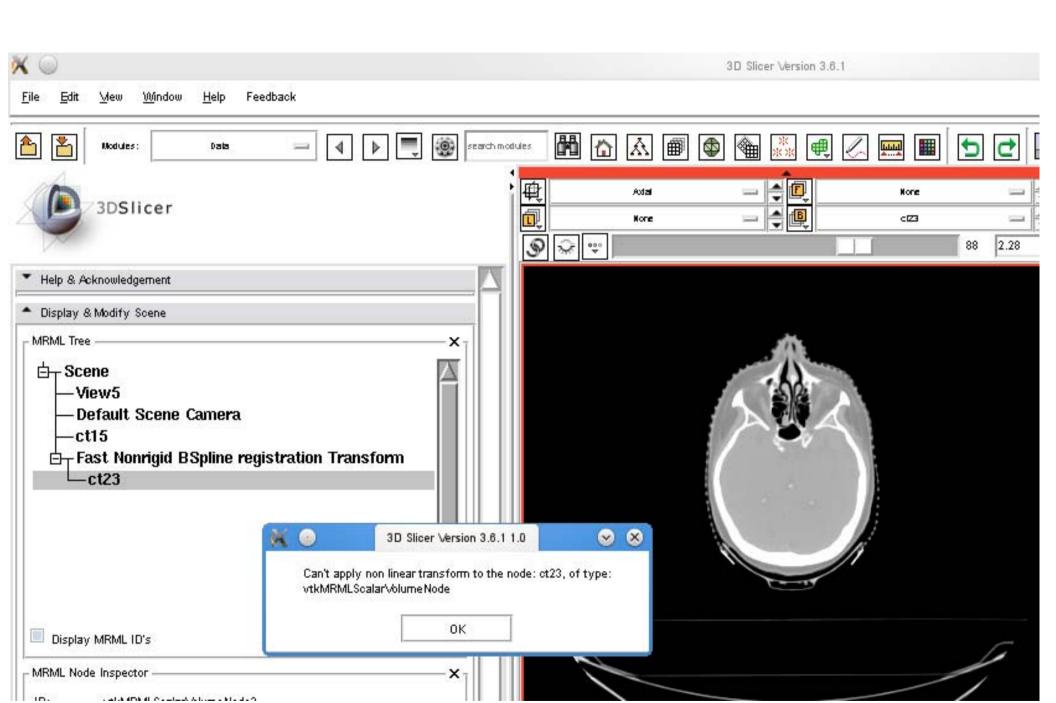
Structure Set Manipulation

- Overlapping structures
- Individual control of visibility, style
- Names and colors grouped with structures



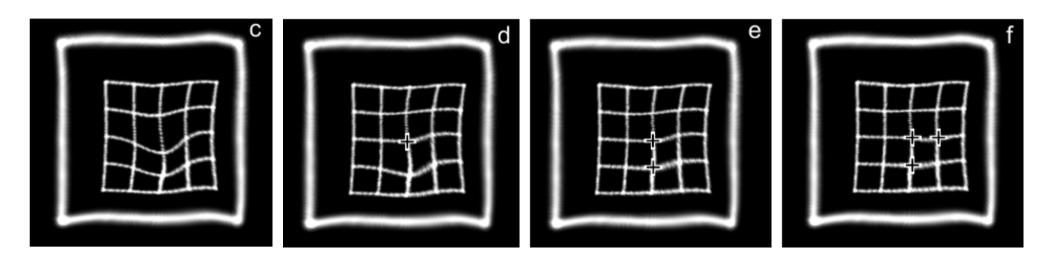
Structure and Dose Warping

- Evaluate registration algorithms for CT
- Workflow for structure and dose warping



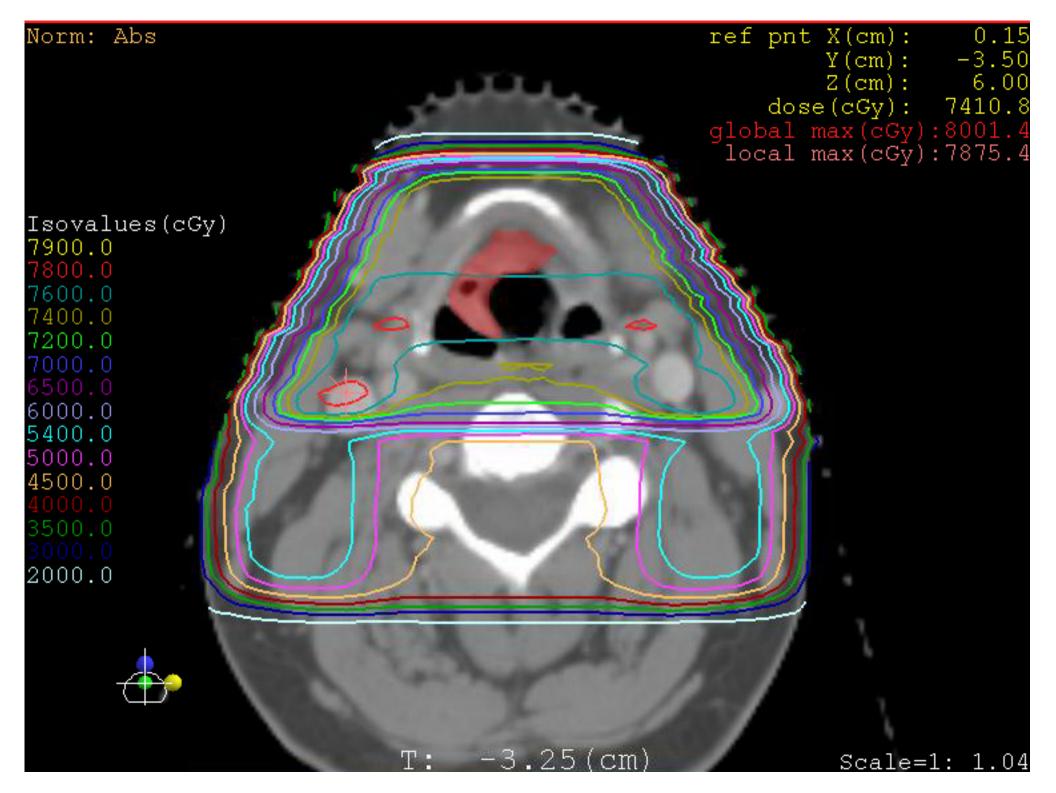
Interactive Deformable Registration

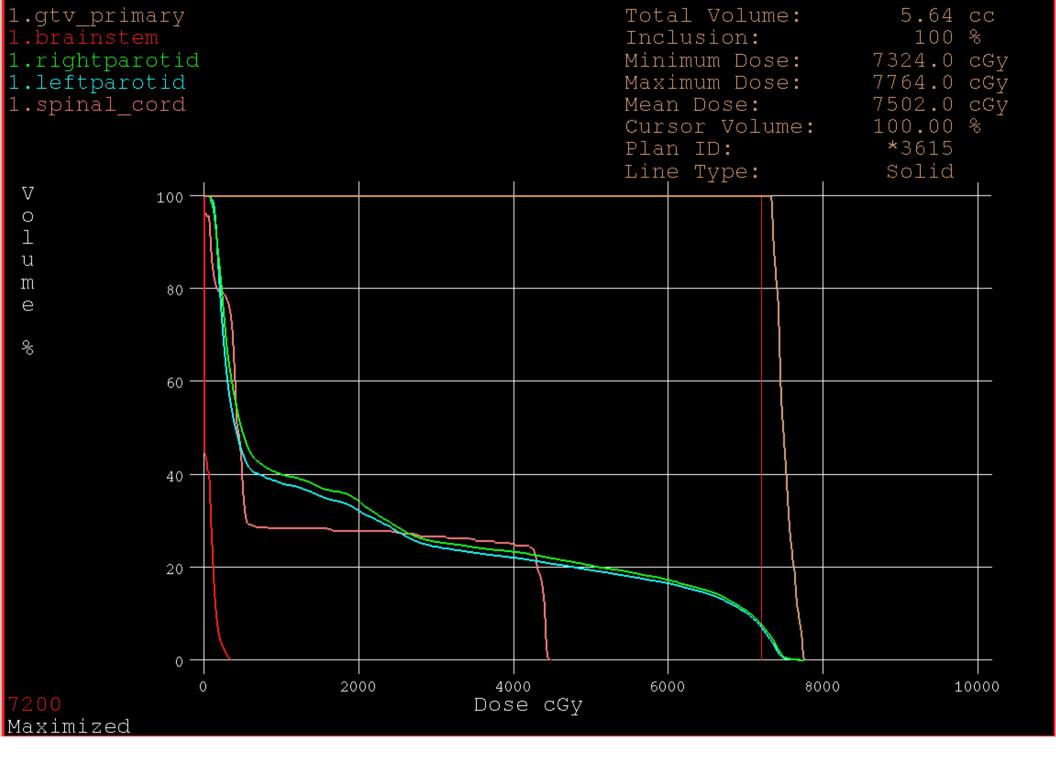
- Landmark-based method
- Make local corrections to registration results



Plan Review

- Isodose display
- Dose volume histograms (DVH)
- Dose comparison tools





Thank you for your attention,

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