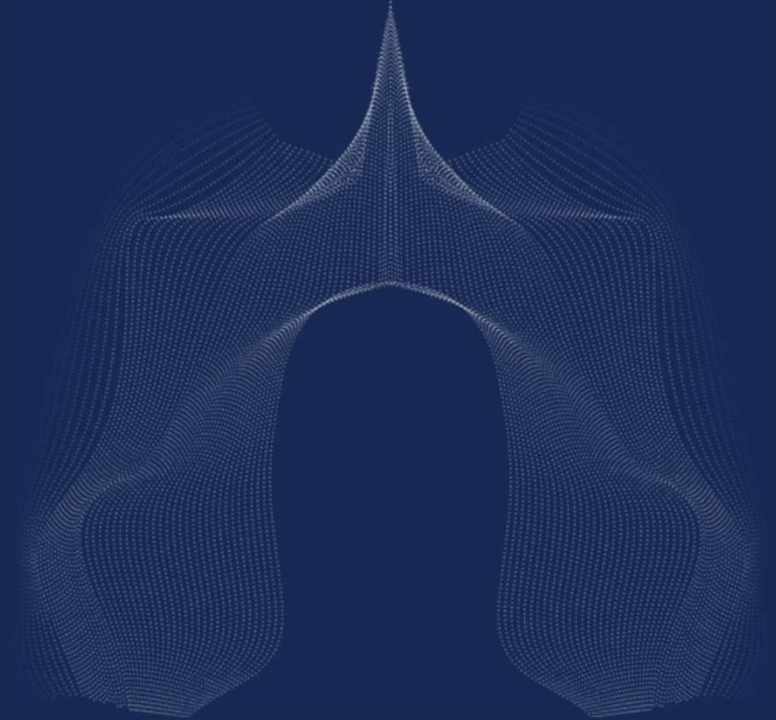


# Present & Future Pulmonary Diagnostics

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## Objectives

- Understanding the current state of pulmonary diagnostics and the drawbacks for each separate modality
- Introduction to the incorporation of imaging modalities as a complementary pulmonary diagnostic tool
- Leveraging imaging modalities through the utilization of mathematical & AI-enhanced algorithms to gain further insights beyond current diagnostic capabilities



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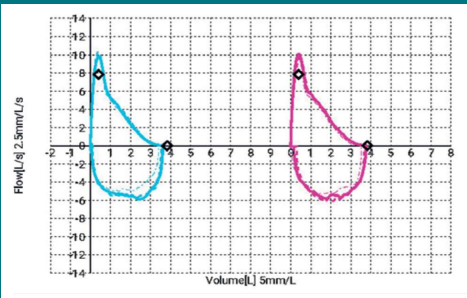
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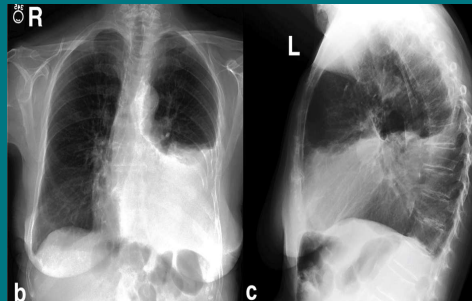
# The Current State of Pulmonary Diagnostics

## Spirometry & PFTs



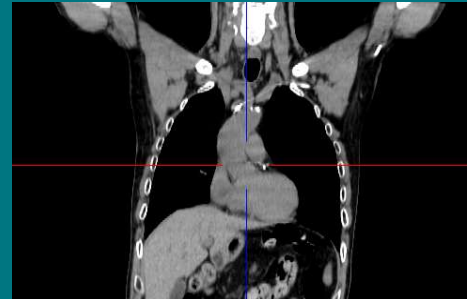
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- ✗ Lung Structure

## X-Ray Technology



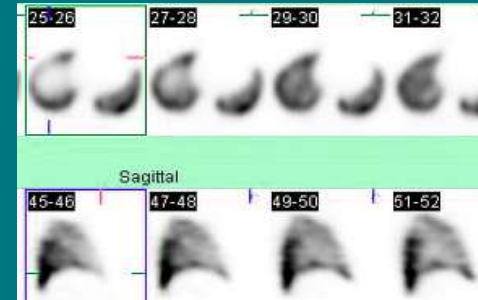
- ✗ Lung Function
- ✓ Lung Structure

## High-Resolution Chest CT



- ✗ Lung Function
- ✓ Lung Structure

## Nuclear Medicine



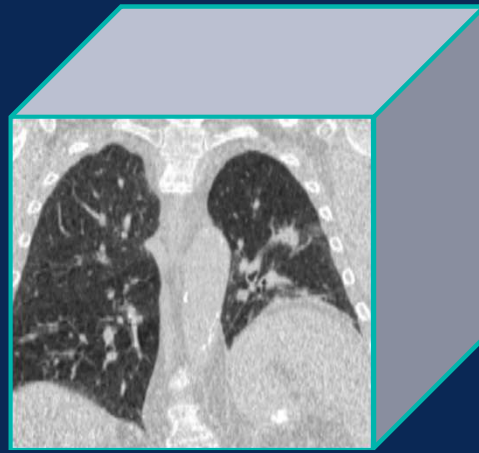
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The above existing imaging modalities don't offer objective insight into lung function

## Current Modalities



CT



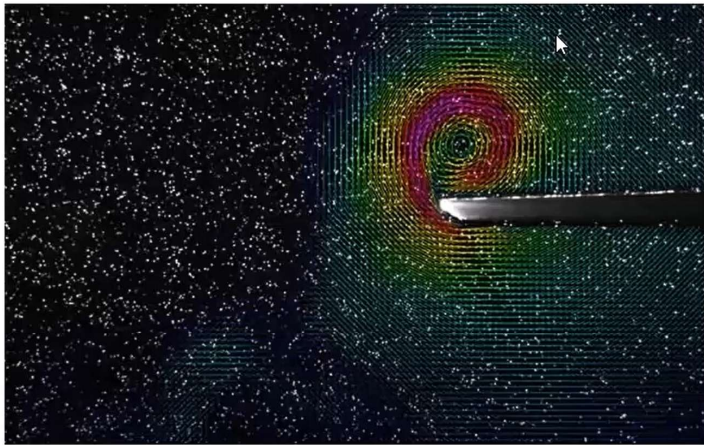
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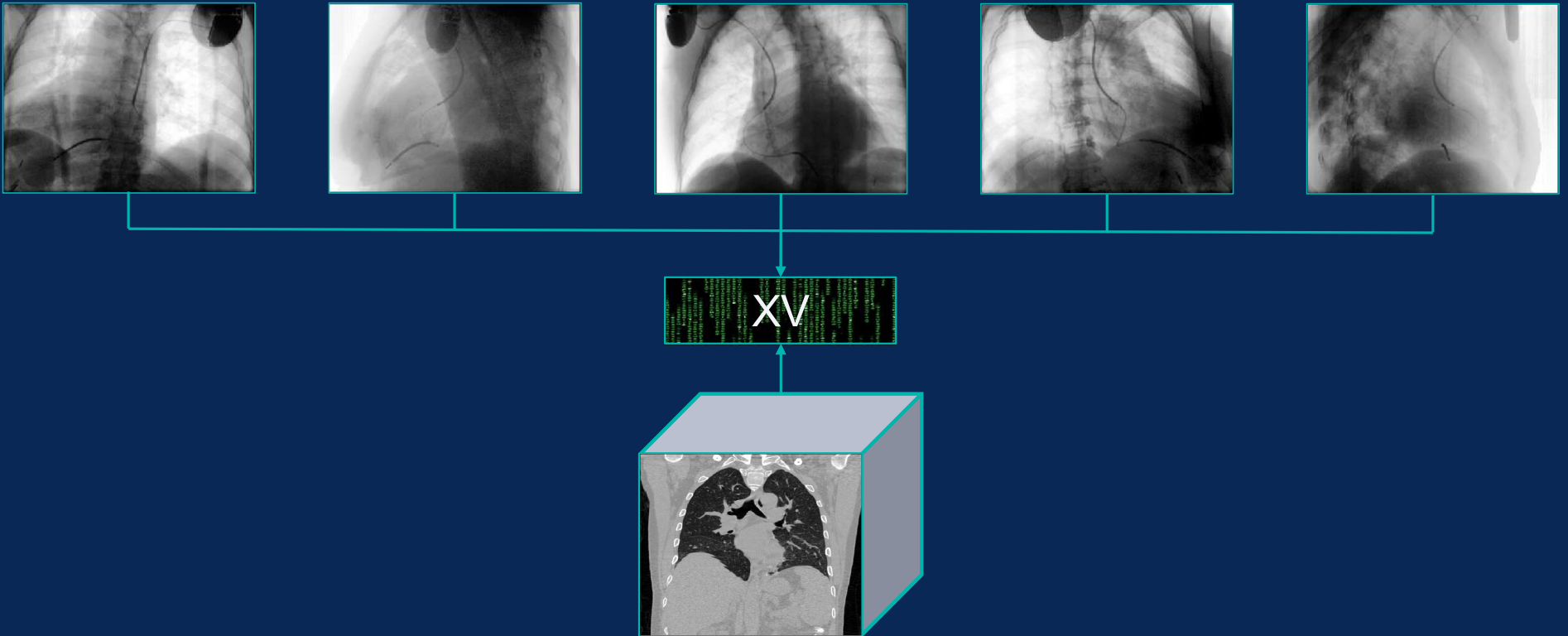
Spirometry

## What is XV Technology?

- XV technology relies on a technique known as *computed tomographic x-ray velocimetry* (CTXV)
- CTXV combines *particle image velocimetry* (PIV) and *computed tomography* (CT)

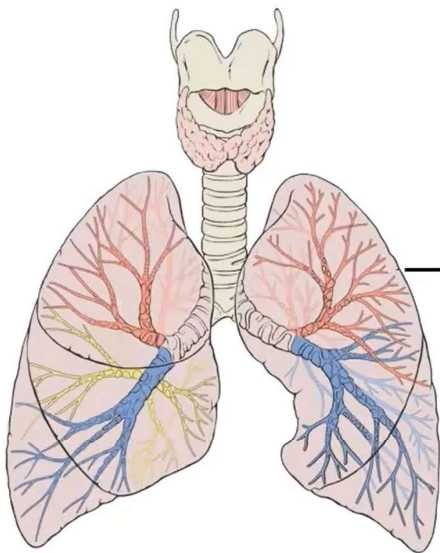


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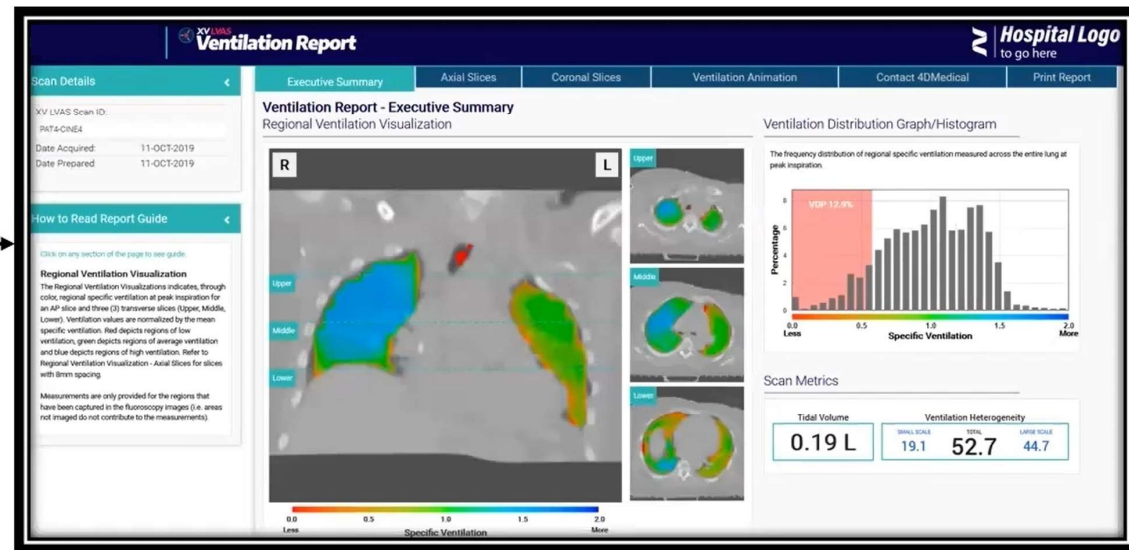


# Mathematical Modelling

- Mathematical modelling attempts to translate the real world into a mathematical language, which can then be solved and interpreted against the real life system



Model



# Image Processing

- Images allow us to data in the real world into pixels
- Each pixel consists of an intensity at a point in space



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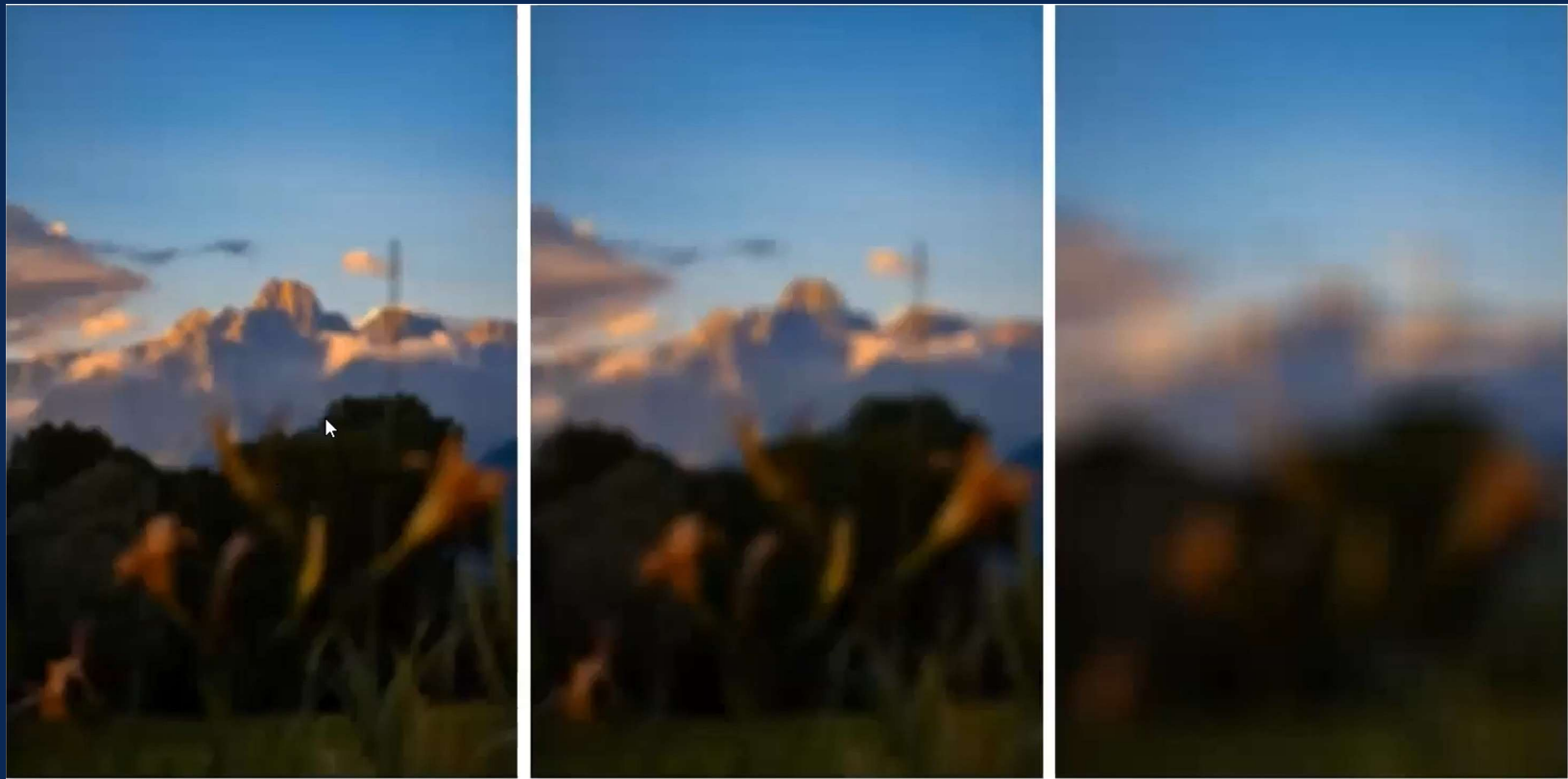
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# Image Processing



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# Image Processing



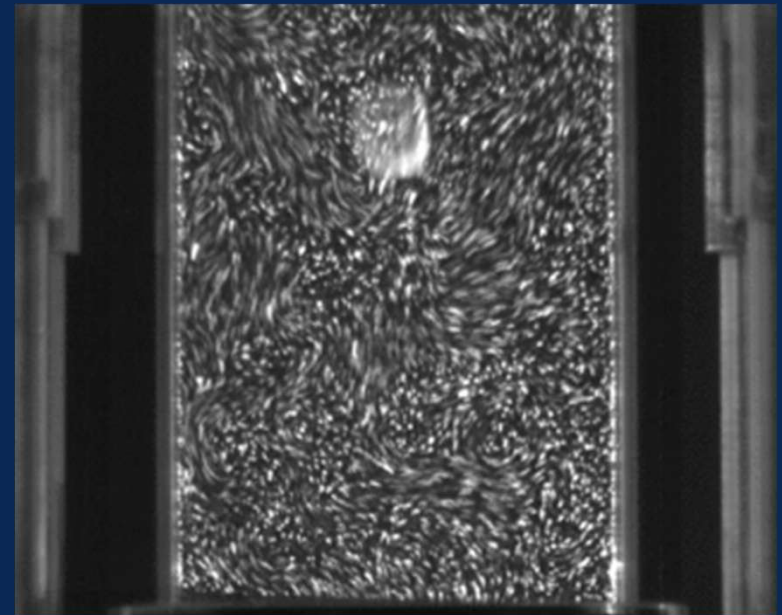
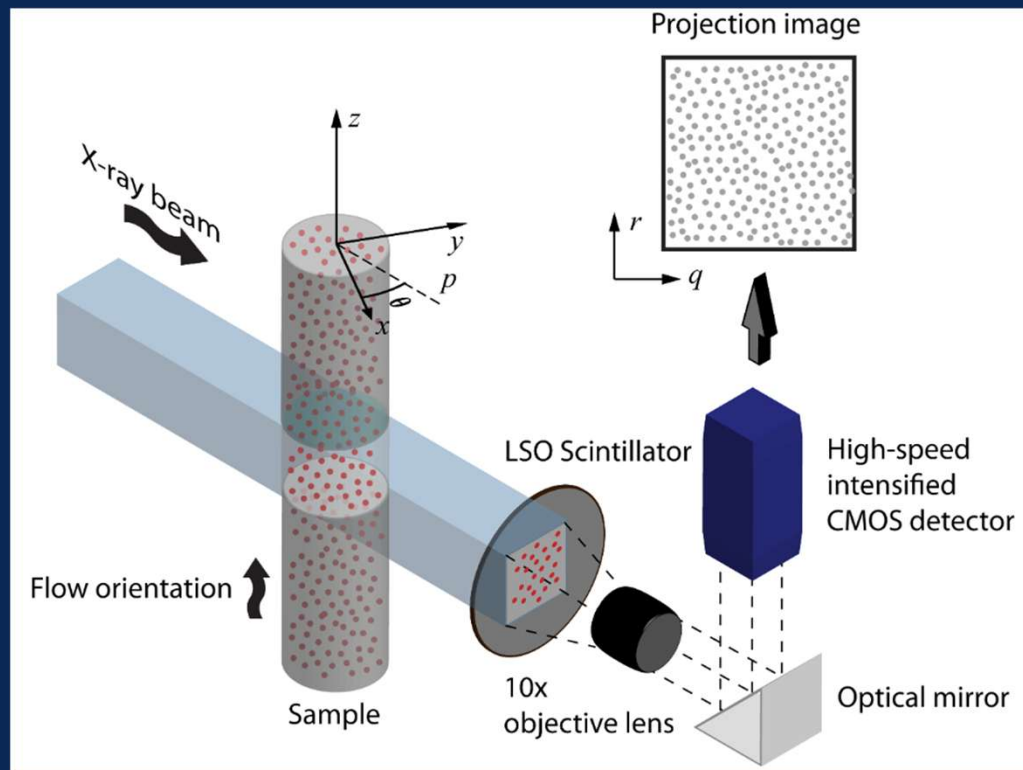
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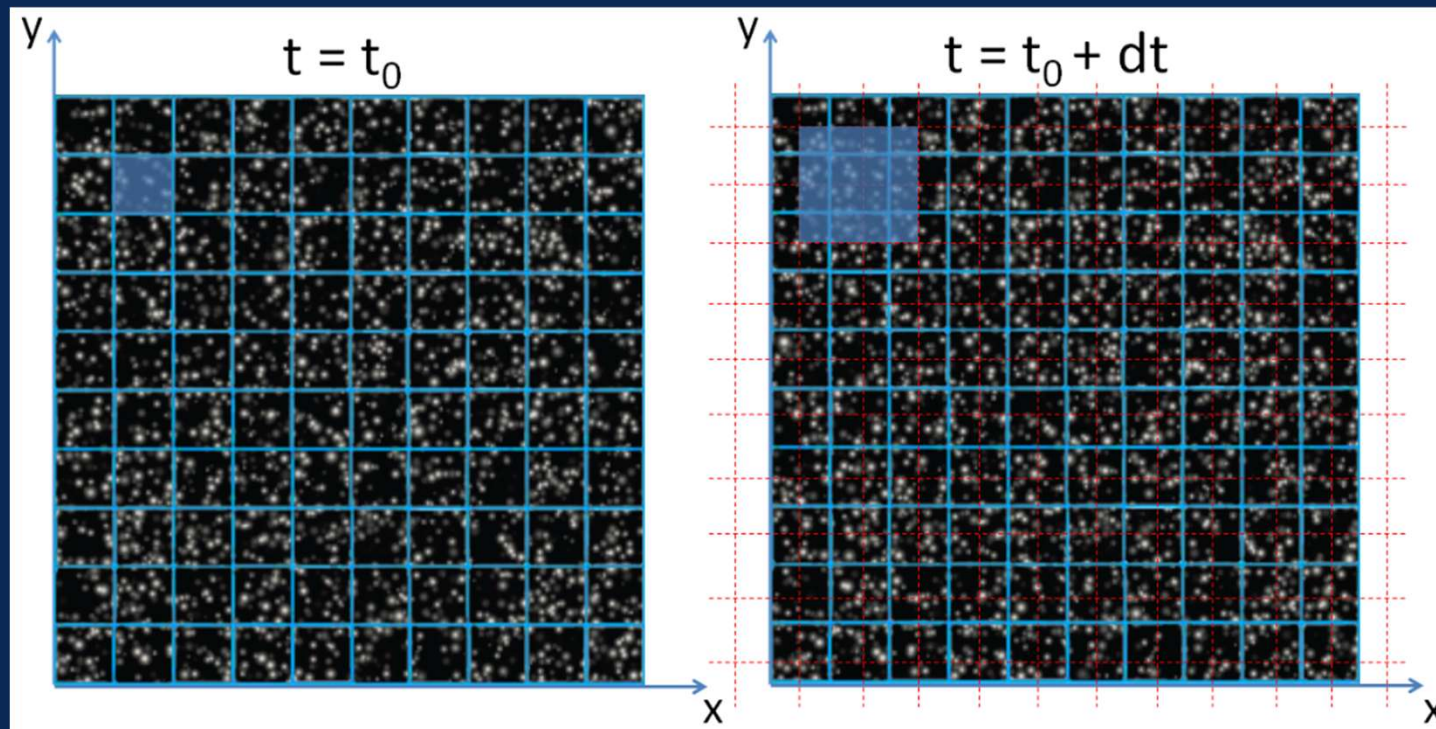
- *Particle Image Velocimetry* (PIV) is a technique used for modelling fluid motion



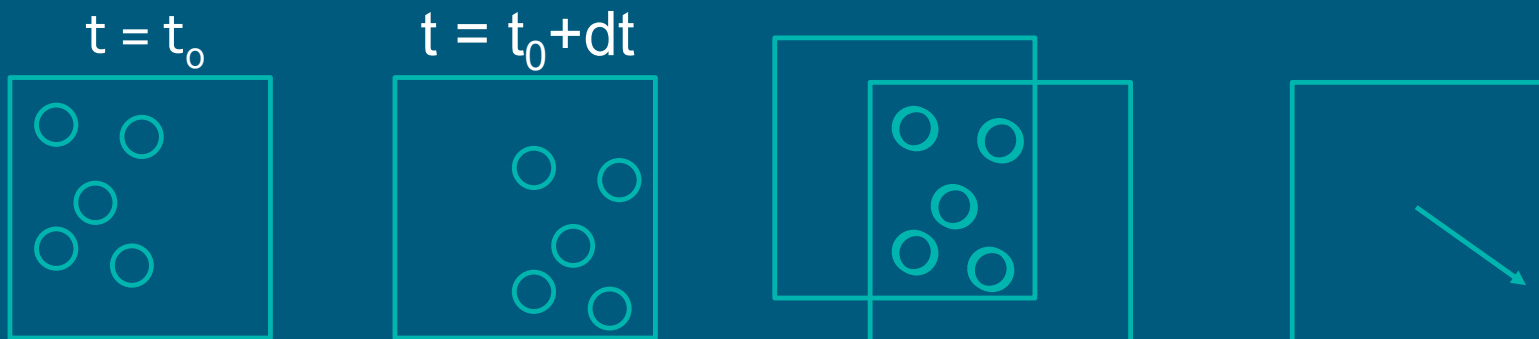
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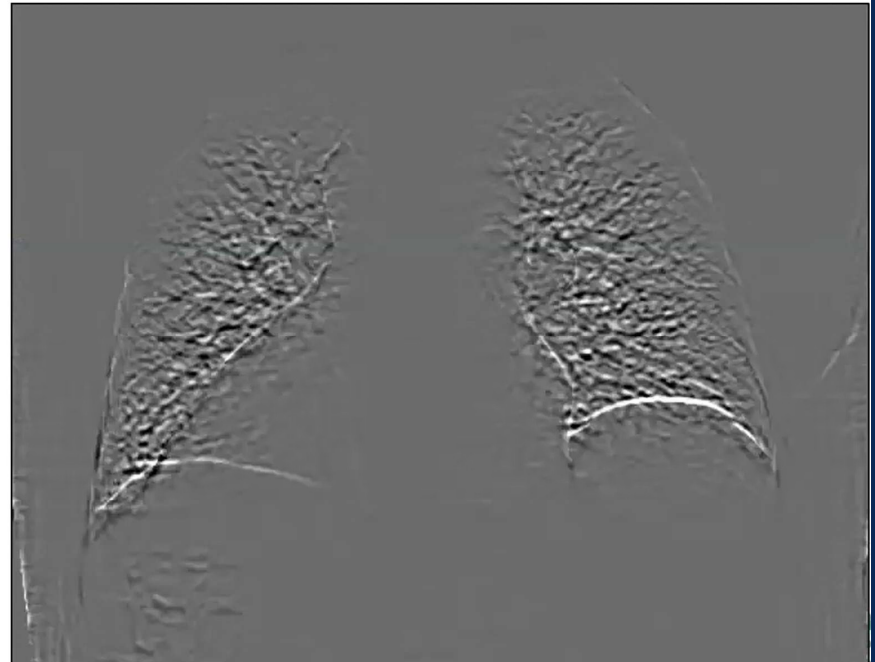


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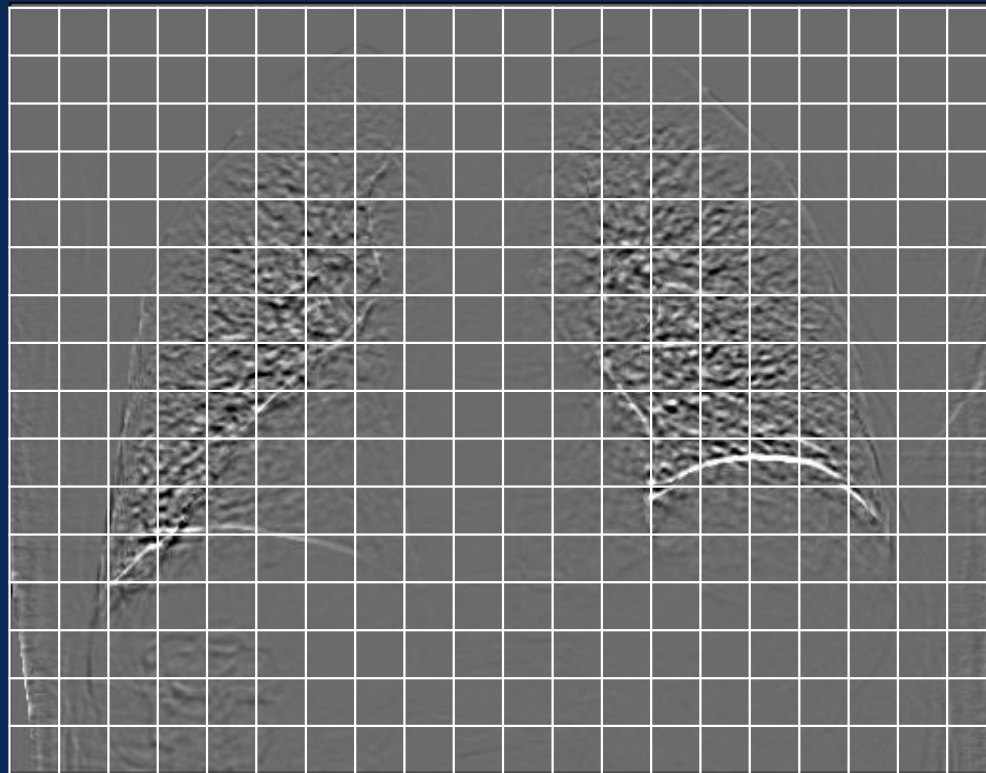
## PIV with Lung Images

- Image processing techniques are used to enhance the lung tissue, which can be tracked using the same technique as for particles in a fluid

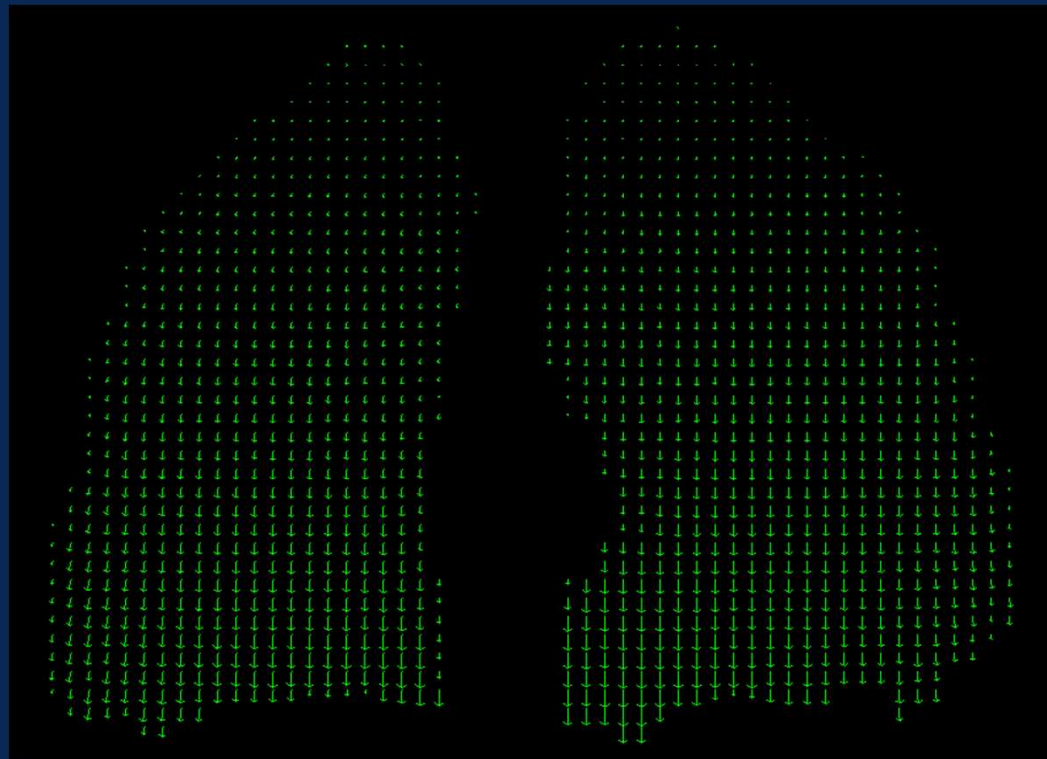


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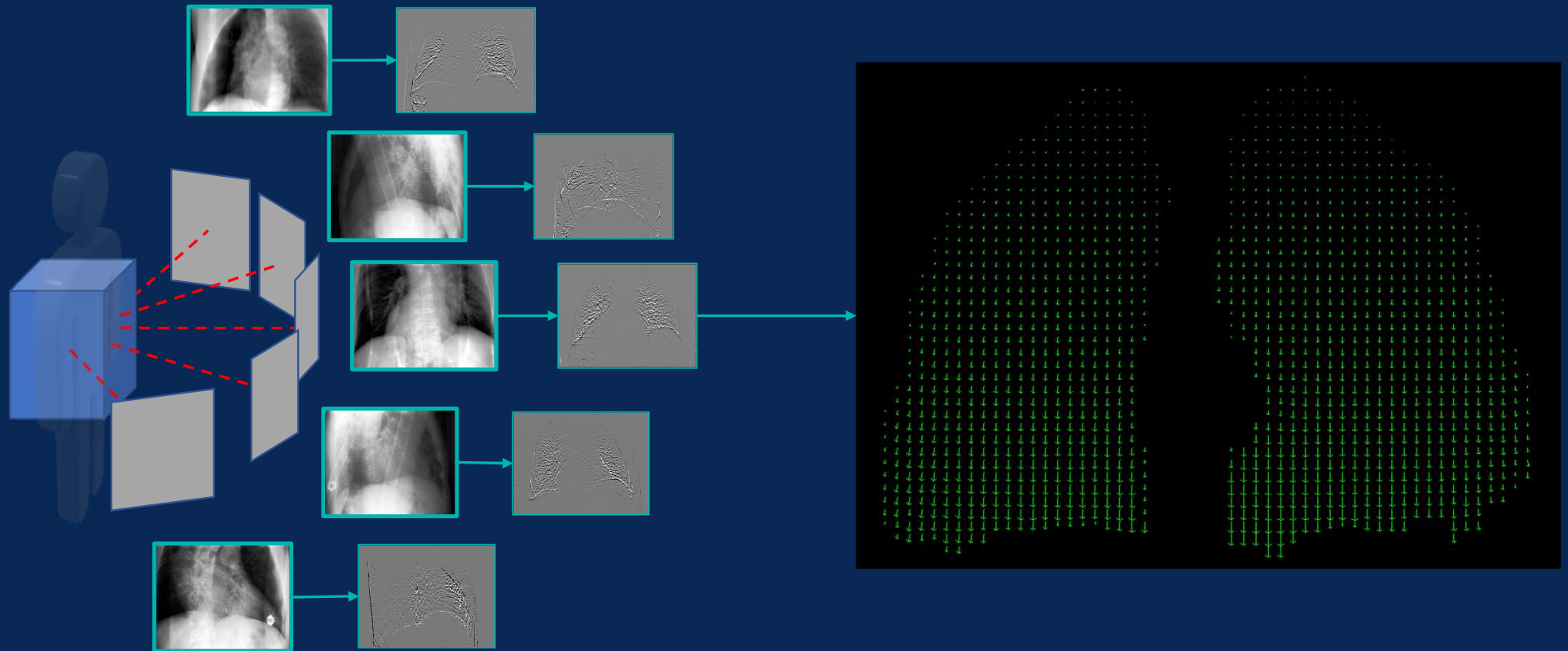
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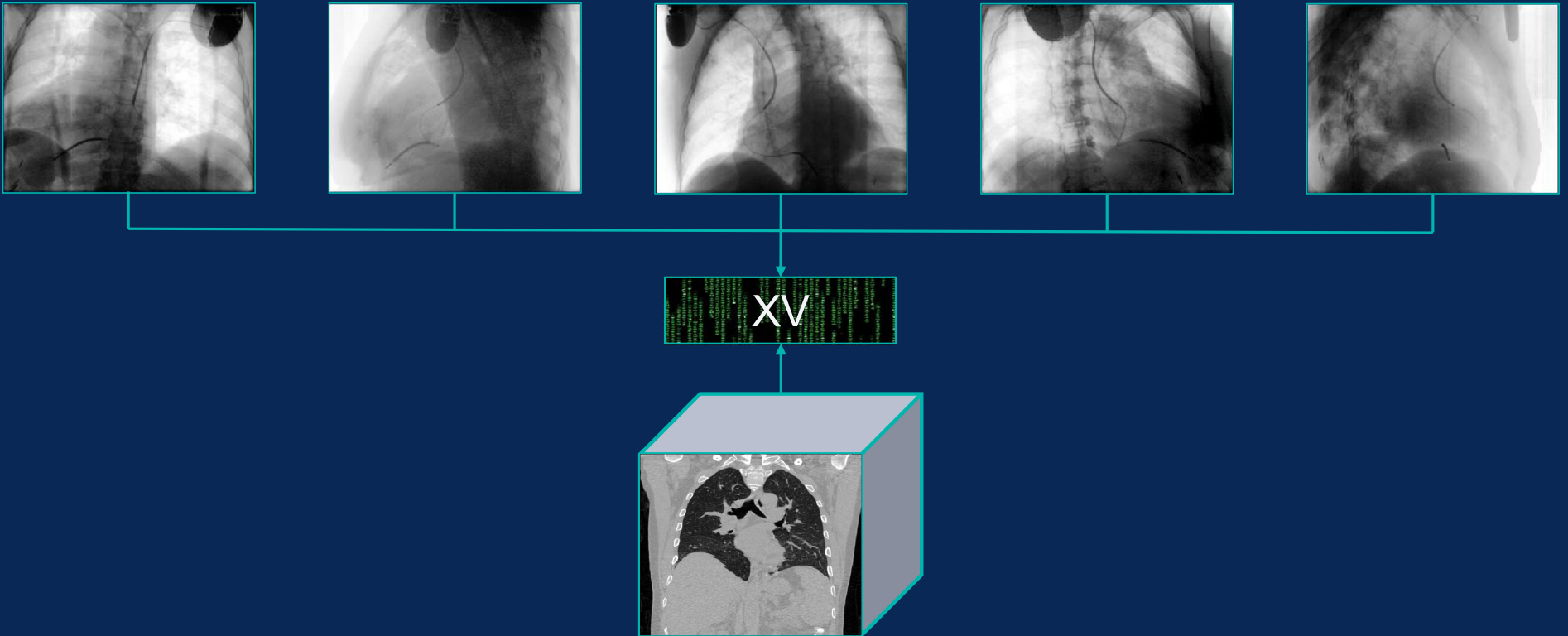
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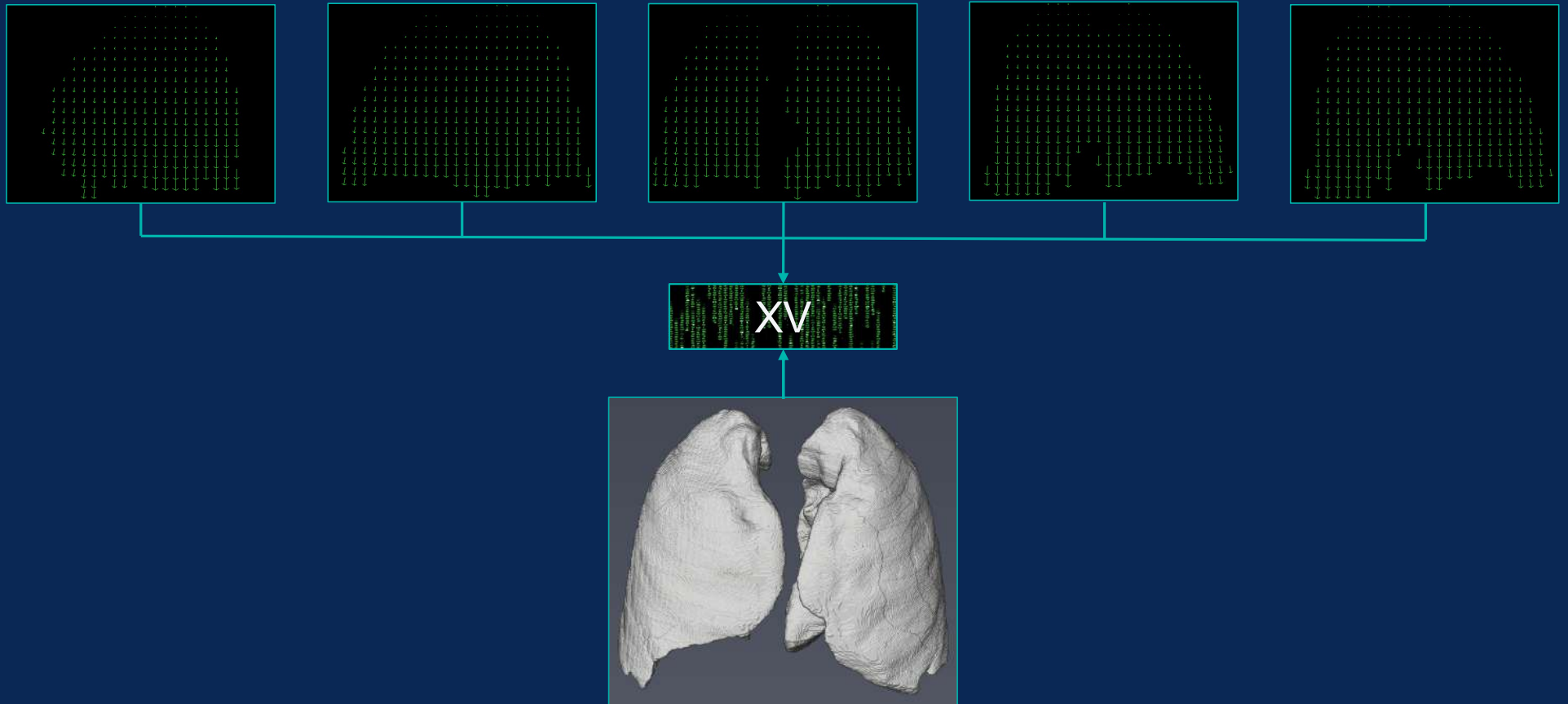
# PIV in XV LVAS



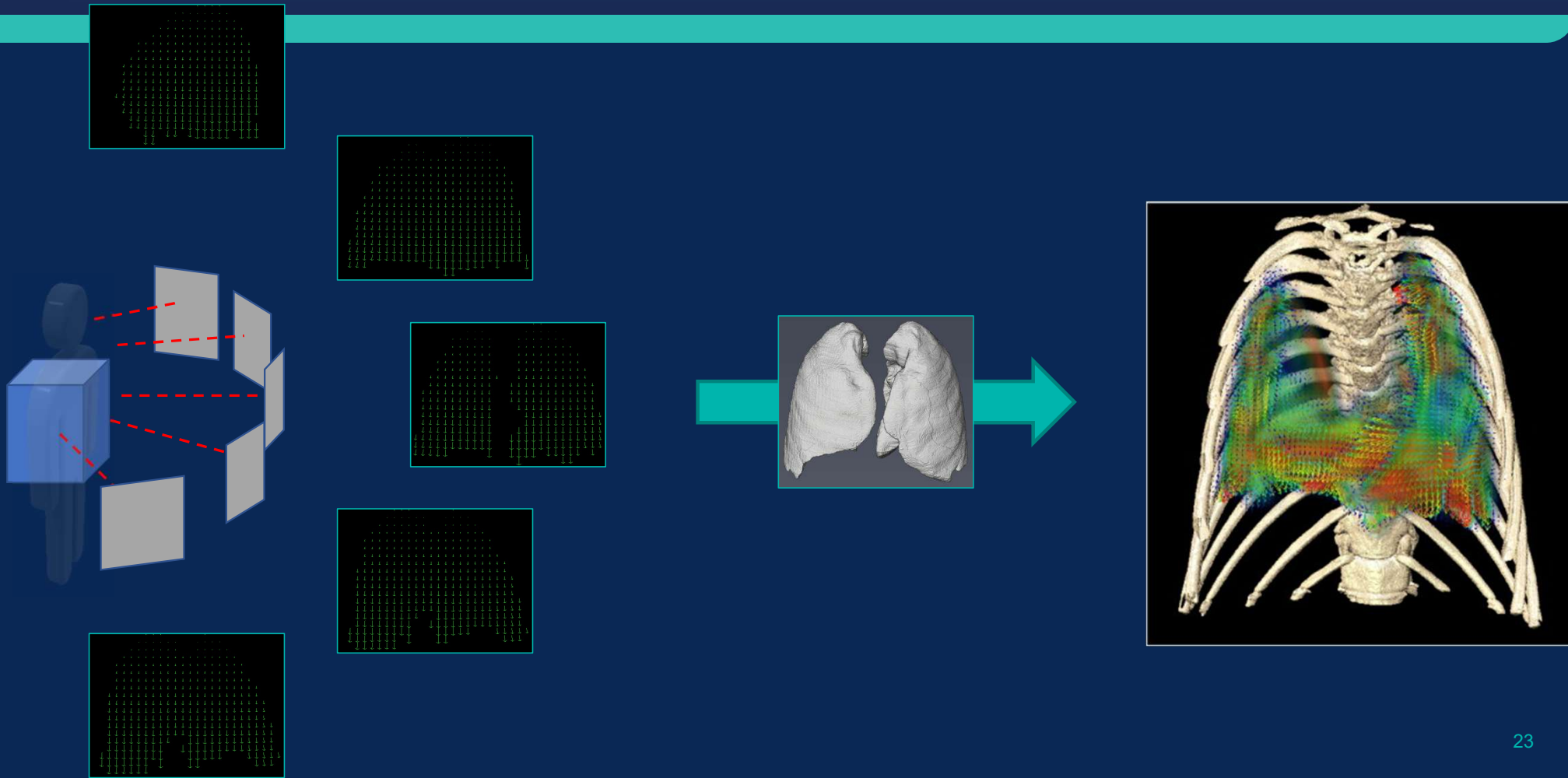
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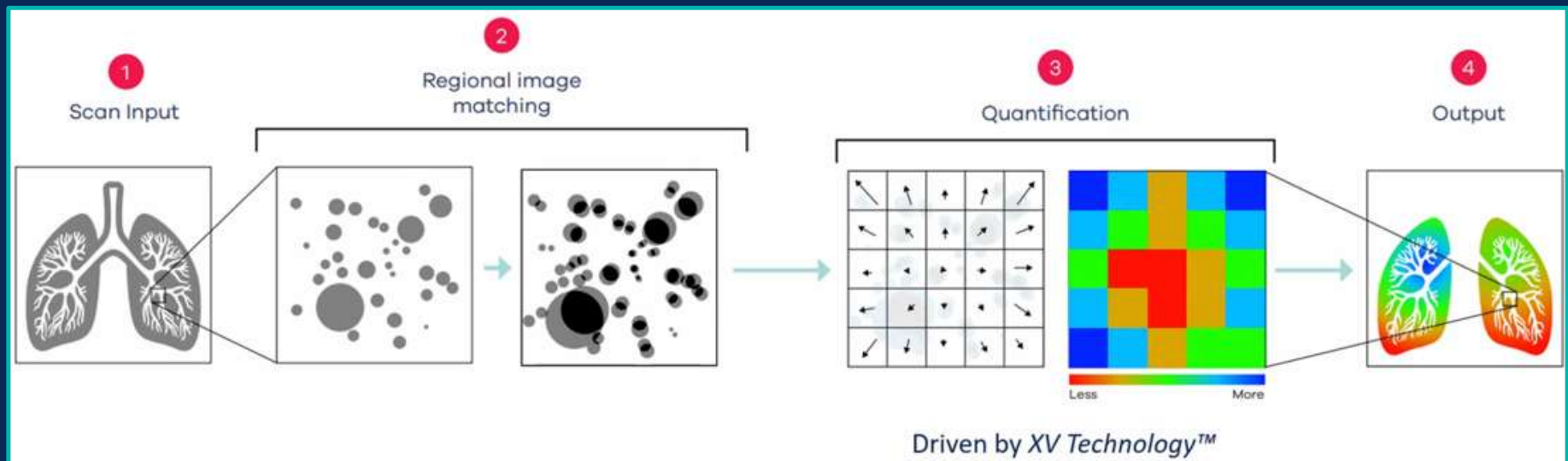
# XV Technology



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# XV Technology



**1**

## Inputs

Utilizes fluoroscopic X-ray at 5 angles during tidal breathing

**2**

## Regional Image Matching

Lung segmentation, image voxel-wise registration

**3**

## Quantification

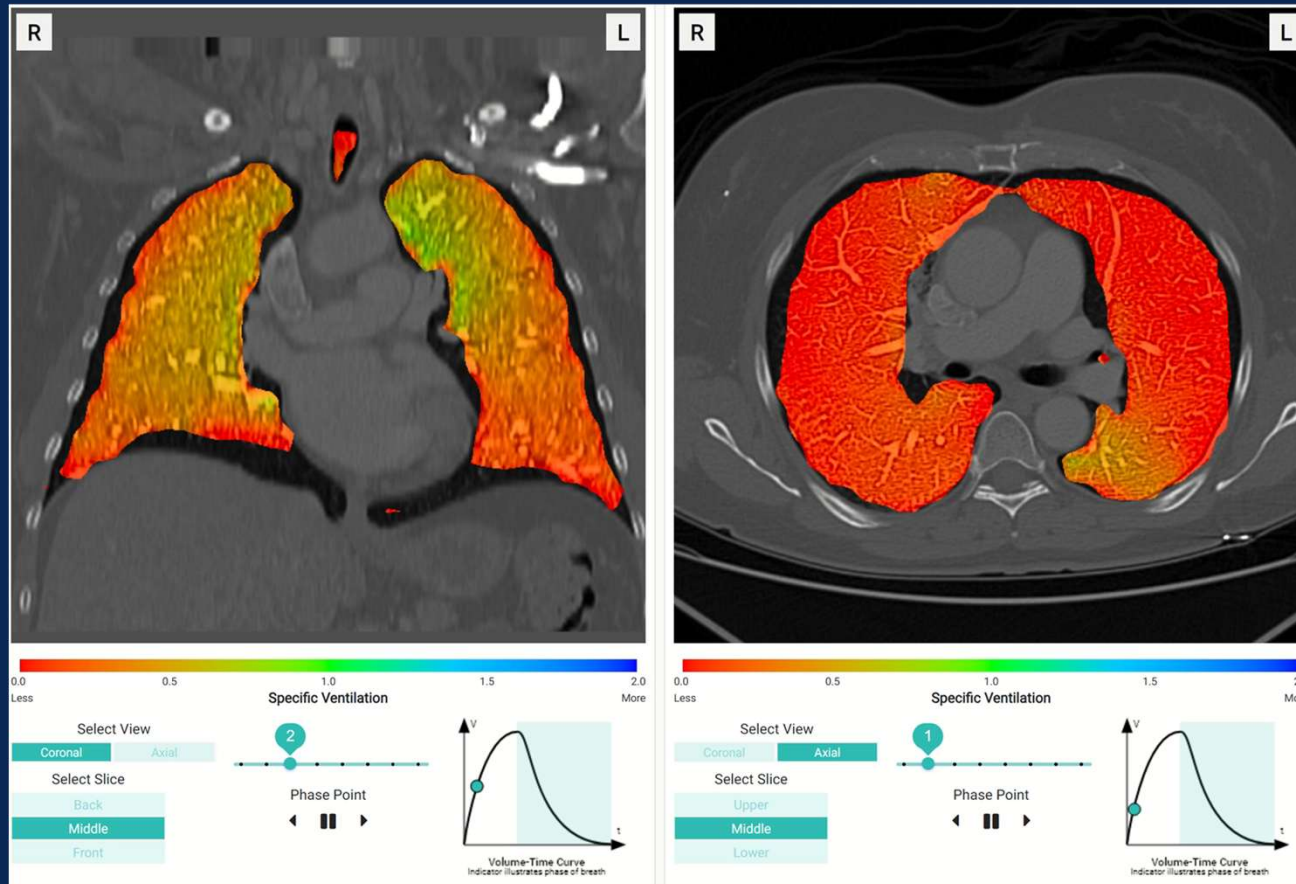
X-ray velocimetry-based technique for motion field generation (XV Technology™)

**4**

## Output

Dynamic lung expansion maps are generated, and regional lung ventilation metrics reported

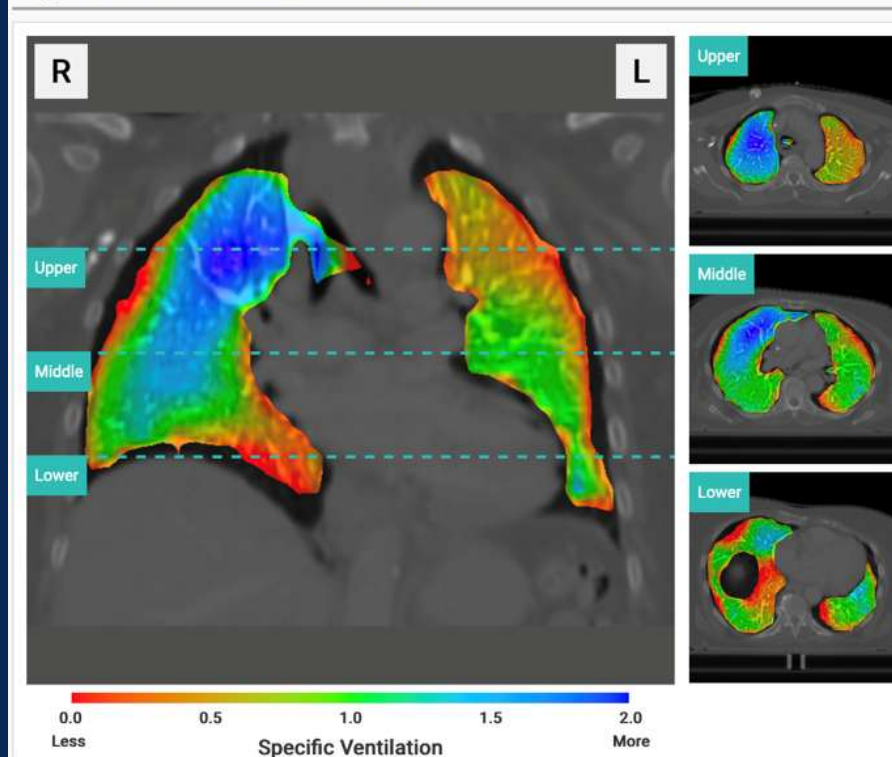
# XV Technology in Motion



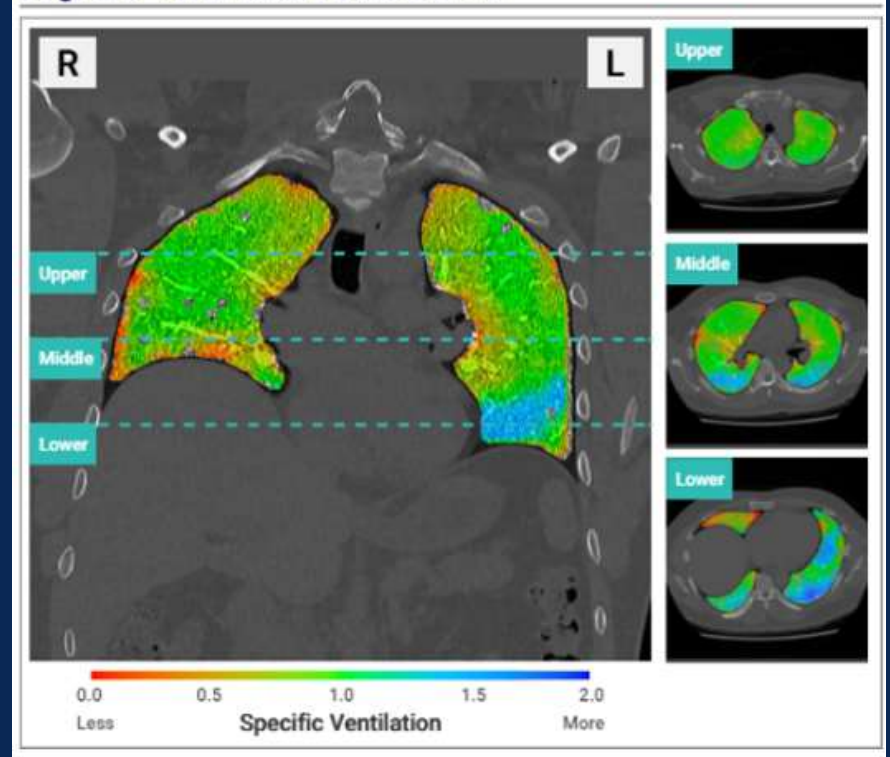
# XV LVAS

# CT LVAS

## Ventilation Report - Executive Summary Regional Ventilation Visualization



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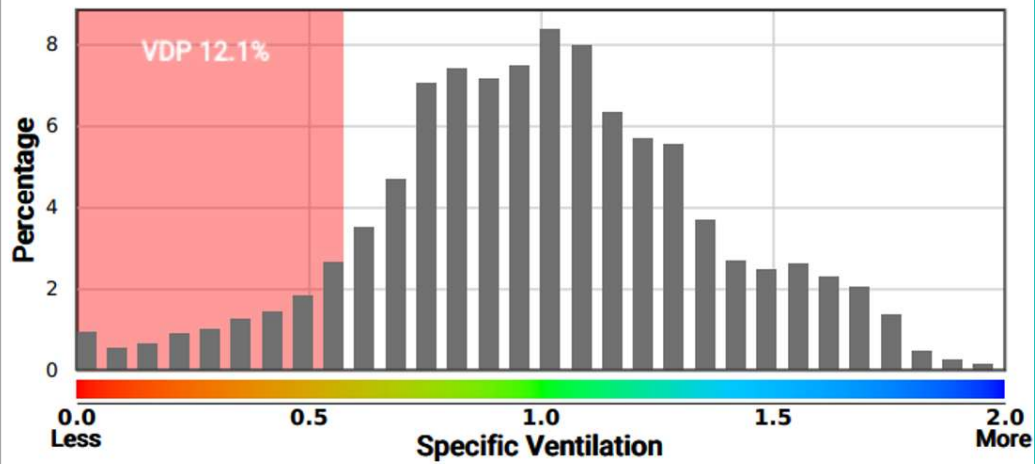


# XV LVAS

# CT LVAS

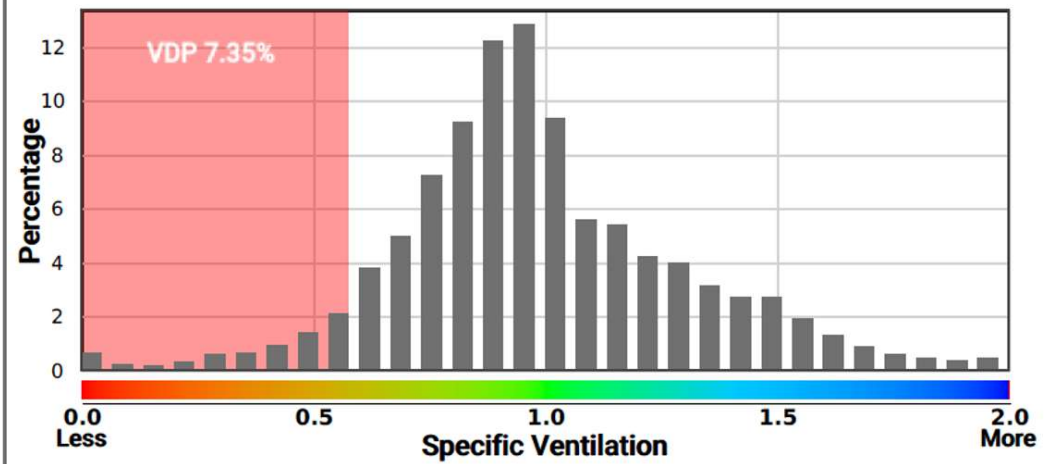
## Ventilation Distribution Graph/Histogram

The frequency distribution of regional specific ventilation measured across the entire lung at peak inspiration.



## Ventilation Histogram

The frequency distribution of regional specific ventilation measured across the entire lung at peak inspiration.



## XV LVAS

### Scan Metrics

Tidal Volume

**0.45 L**

Ventilation Heterogeneity

SMALL SCALE	TOTAL	LARGE SCALE
25.0	46.3	33.0

## CT LVAS

### Scan Metrics

Inspiration Volume

**4.65 L**

Expiration Volume

**2.21 L**

Change in Volume

**2.44 L**

Ventilation Heterogeneity

SMALL SCALE	TOTAL	LARGE SCALE
20.9	35.8	22.0

# Clinical Utility

1

Validated assessment of regional lung function

2

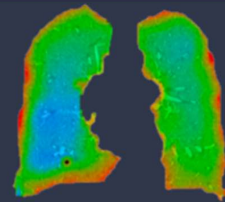
Reliable repeatability of findings

VH: Ventilation Heterogeneity  
VDP: Ventilation Defect Percentage

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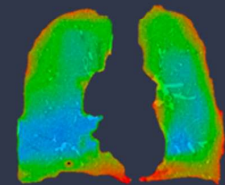
Healthy Male, Mid30s

INITIAL SCAN



VH	VDP
42.8	13.0

FOLLOW-UP SCAN (3 months later)



VH	VDP
44.5	13.8

# Clinical Utility

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Validated assessment of regional lung function

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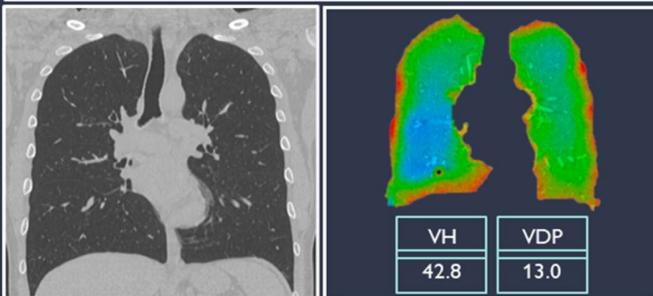
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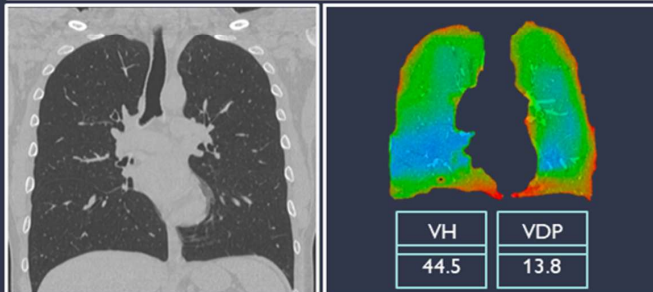
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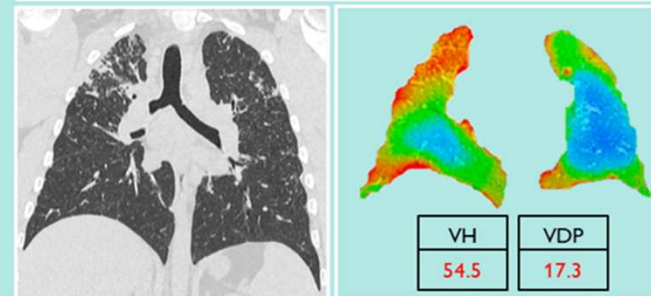
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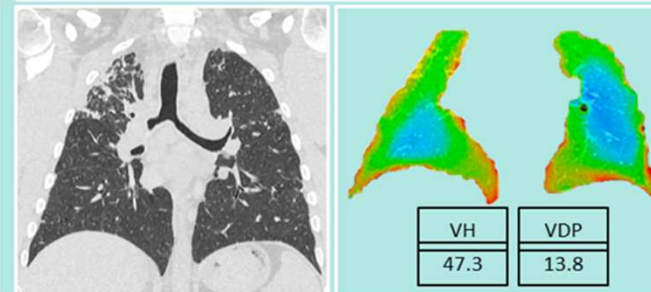
## DISEASE

36-year-old man with Severe, Progressive Silicosis

INITIAL SCAN



FOLLOW-UP SCAN (3 months post-treatment)



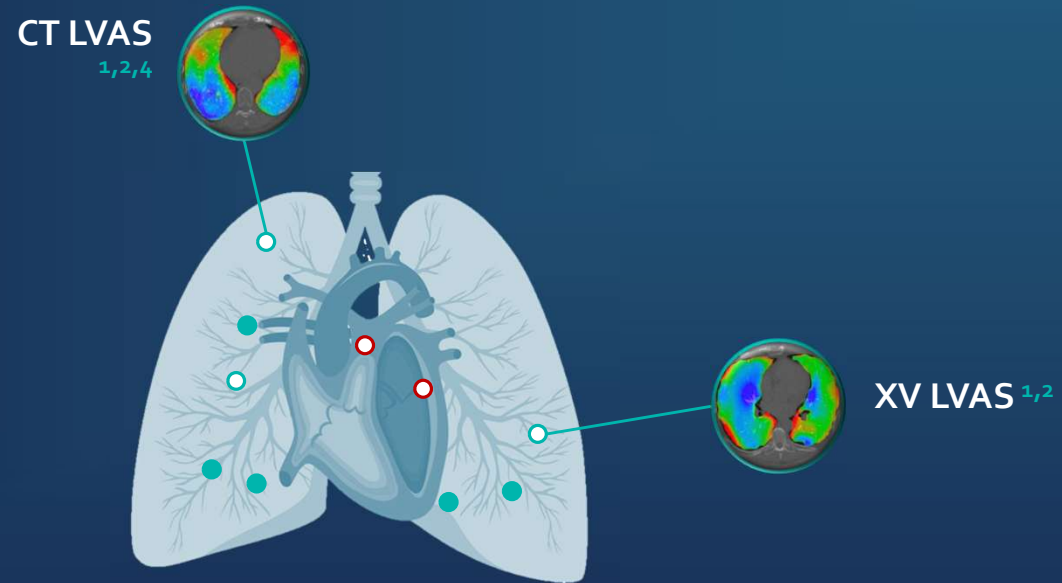
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Quantification of regional ventilation defects

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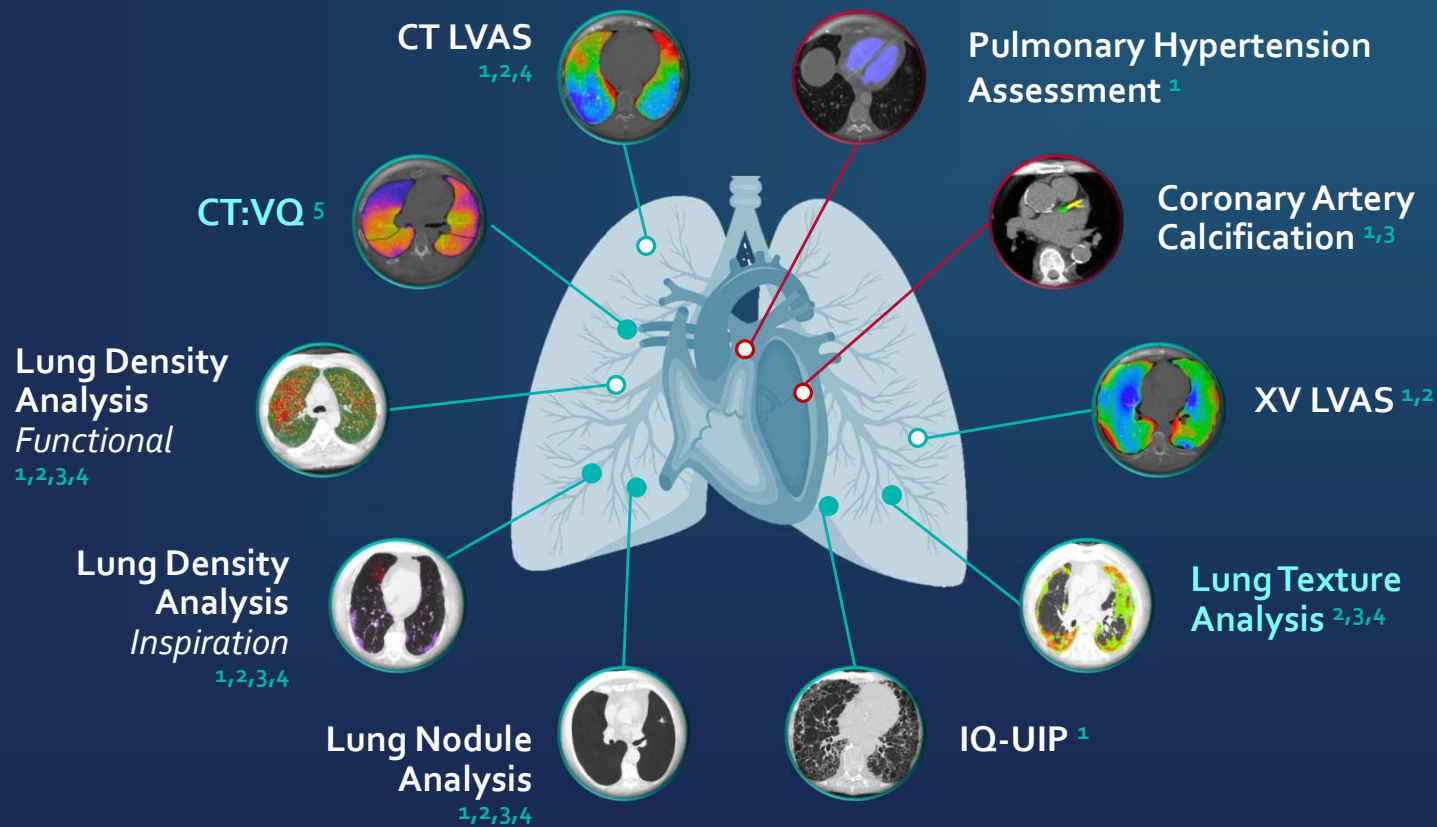
Effective monitoring of disease and treatment effects

# Functional Lung Analysis



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- 2. TGA approved
- 3. CE Approved
- 4. CEMDR Canada
- 5. FDA clearance pending

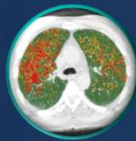
# Functional & Structural Lung Analysis



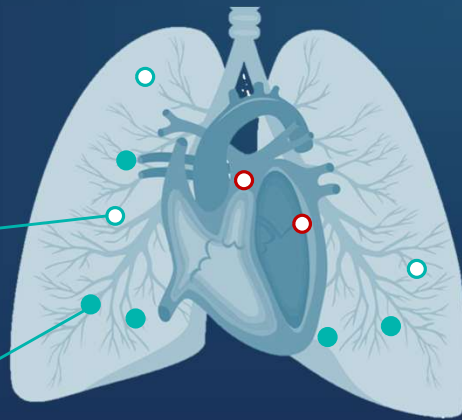
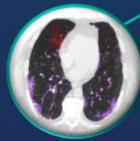
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# Structural Lung Analysis

**Lung Density Analysis**  
*Functional*  
1,2,3,4

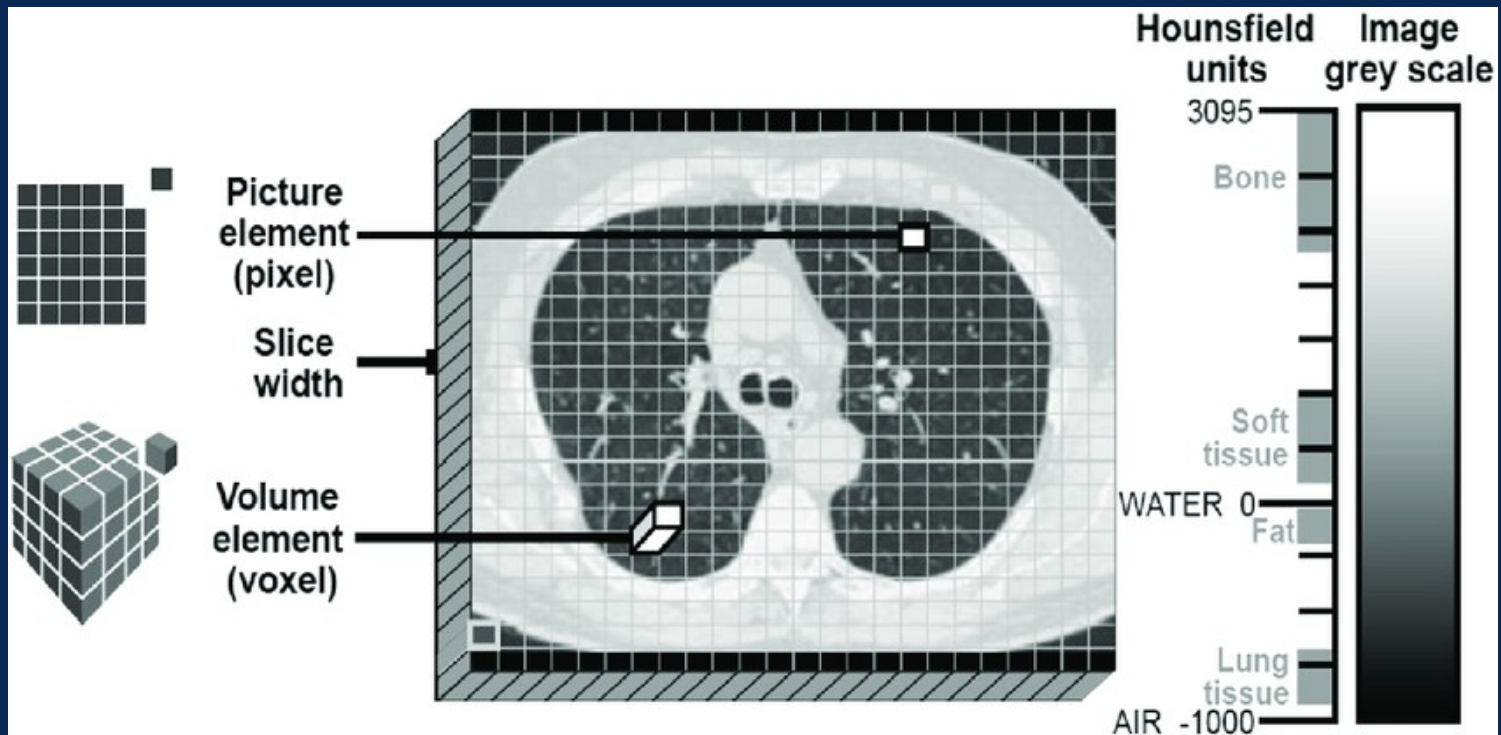


**Lung Density Analysis**  
*Inspiration*  
1,2,3,4



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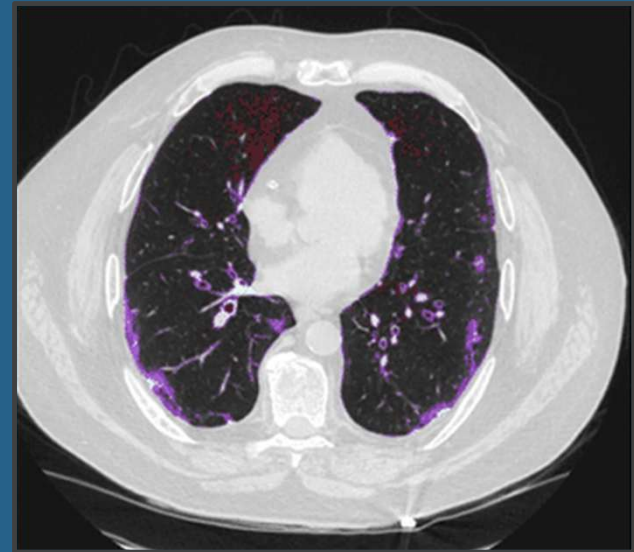


## Lung Density Analysis – Inspiration (LDAi)

Fully-automated detection and quantification of EMPHYSEMA and High Attenuation (HAA)



Original CT Series



LDAi Analysis Series

- LAA (emphysema) < -950 HU
- HAA (GGO & Reticulation) -700 to -200 HU
- VHA (consolidation) > -200 HU

## LDAi Gaining Additional Insights

% of NLST participants with major smoking-related conditions

**2.5%**

**Lung Cancer<sup>1</sup>**

> 70% detected  
stage I or II

**30.7%**

**Emphysema<sup>2</sup>**

> 82% with no prior  
diagnosis of COPD

**6.7%**

**CAC<sup>3</sup>**

Majority with no  
prior diagnosis

1. The National Lung Screening Trial Research Team. N Engl J Med 2011;365:395-409
2. Mulshine JL et al. Ann Am Thorac Soc. 2023 Apr;20(4):499-503.
3. Gareen et al. JAMA Intern Med. 2023;183(7):677-684.

# LDAi Adding Quantifiable Analysis to CT Scans & Reports

## Custom Designed

A custom algorithm designed for Olympus Spiration valve system including a customized and branded report and overall branded SeleCT QA service



# LDAi Customized Reports for Patients

## Patient LungMap™ for Smoking Cessation Counseling

Simple yet powerful visual

Quantification for easy comparison on future screenings

Emphasizes the benefits of quitting smoking

Provides help-line information

Customizable logo and help line number

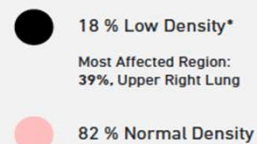
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LungMap™ Report

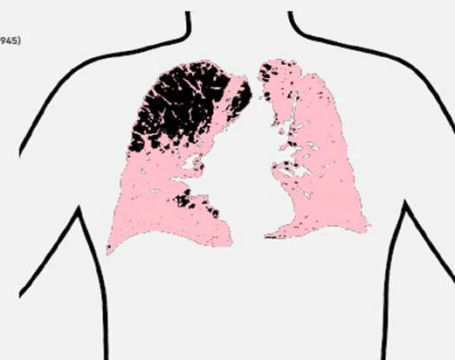
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**Larry Doe,**  
here are your lungs today:

CT scan performed on January 15, 2009 (DOB: September 7, 1945)

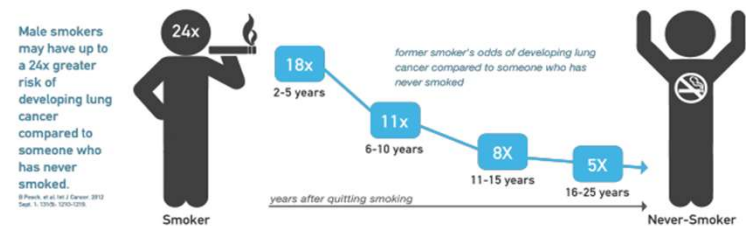


Most Affected Region:  
39%, Upper Right Lung



\*Low Density tissue is defined as the % of lung tissue (by volume) below -950 Hounsfield Units. Please consult your physician for more information regarding what this may mean for your health.

Good news Larry, the longer you remain a non-smoker, the more your odds of getting lung cancer keep going down.



We're here to help. Successfully quitting and staying off tobacco can be very difficult, but people who keep trying are very likely to succeed. Please call the help center at 555-555-5555 to speak with someone who is ready to listen and can connect you with smoking cessation resources.

# Development and Impact of a Patient-Centered, CT Image Data-Enhanced Lung Cancer Screening CT Report on Smoking Cessation Behaviors

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## Purpose

To develop a patient-centered lung cancer screening (LCS) CT report (Report) using data from each individual patient's specific screening CT exam to describe the impact of smoking cessation on current and future smoking-related disease risks, short and long-term health outcomes, and evaluate the report's impact on smoking cessation behaviors.

## Methods

### Study Details

Patients scheduled for Lung Cancer Screening at HealthPartners (Minneapolis, MN) and Michigan Medicine (Ann Arbor, MI) were approached for participation in this study.

### Inclusion Criteria

- Age 55-74
- Smoking history ≥ 30-pack years
- Currently actively smoking cigarettes
- Ability to read, write and communicate in English
- Screening CT scheduled at either HealthPartners or Michigan Medicine
- Available by telephone for counseling and/or follow-up communications

### Exclusion Criteria

- Clinically significant health problems that make projected lifespan ≤ 2 years
- LungRads Category 3 or 4 resulted out on screening CT

Patients who provided informed consent were randomized to one of three arms:

	Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 3
Usual Care*	✓	✓	✓
Personalized Report		✓	✓
Counseling**			✓

\* Usual Care: Receiving a screening results letter in the mail notifying them of their results and providing information on where to get a quitline number for regional Quitline.

\*\* Counseling: 45 minute telephone smoking cessation counseling session with a trained counselor. In the event that the participant is in Arm 4 and receives a personalized report, the counseling protocols were updated to incorporate review by Tobacco Treatment Specialists.

### Primary outcomes included

- Follow-up calls at 3 weeks
- 3 months and 6 months to assess self-reported calls to the Quitline
- Readiness to quit among those who had not stopped smoking
- Quit attempts
- Use of cessation aids (programs and medications)
- Self-reported current tobacco use status.

### Secondary outcomes included:

- Use of cessation services at 3 weeks, 3 months and 6 months.

Thinking about quitting was analyzed using logistic regression analysis, and readiness to quit (5-point Likert scale) was analyzed using a two-sample t-test.



## Results

### Cohort

Arm	Total Number	Sex F/M	Age Mean (STD)
1	79	38/41	67 (6)
2	80	38/42	65 (6)
3	82	52/30	65 (5.45)
4	90	38/42	54 (6)

### Outcomes Details

CTQUIT: "Are you thinking about quitting cigarettes permanently?" Yes/No. \*Haldane-Anscombe correction used  
Readiness: "How ready are you to quit smoking?" 4-level Likert scale. 4 = Very Ready  
Likely to get CA: "In your opinion, how likely are you to get lung cancer in the next 10 years if you continue smoking?" 4-level Likert scale. 4 = Very Likely

### Outcomes

Arm	Call Response Rate			CT QUIT Odds Ratio			Readiness Average Score			Likely to get CA Average Score		
	3 W	3 M	6 M	3 W	3 M	6 M	3 W	3 M	6 M	3 W	3 M	6 M
1	75	2.85	2.85	2.94	2.95							
2	08	3.0	3.27	3.19	3.14							
3	61	2.80	3.24	3.06	3.09							
4	07	3.07	3.22	3.34	3.08							

## Conclusions and Clinical Implications

A novel, patient-centered, automatically generated Lung Cancer Screening CT informed report was equivalent to a 45-minute tobacco cessation treatment visit at increasing thinking about quitting, and increased readiness to quit up to 3-months later. This report may enhance Lung Cancer Screening health outcomes by providing both screening results and other smoking-related health risks to promote cessation behaviors.

### Reports development

- Multiple rounds of interviews and focus group discussions with individuals eligible for LCS.

The final Report reflects the constructs of the Health Belief Model

1. Image Section, visual feedback and quantitative results,
2. Comparative Section, mapping of the patient's lung status to a corresponding cohort of participants,
3. Health Outcomes Section, information about the long-term health outcomes for the associated participant cohort,
4. Quit Now Section, benefits of making a quit attempt, and
5. Outreach Section, contact information for smoking cessation support

cancer in the next 10 years than participants who did not (p<0.05).

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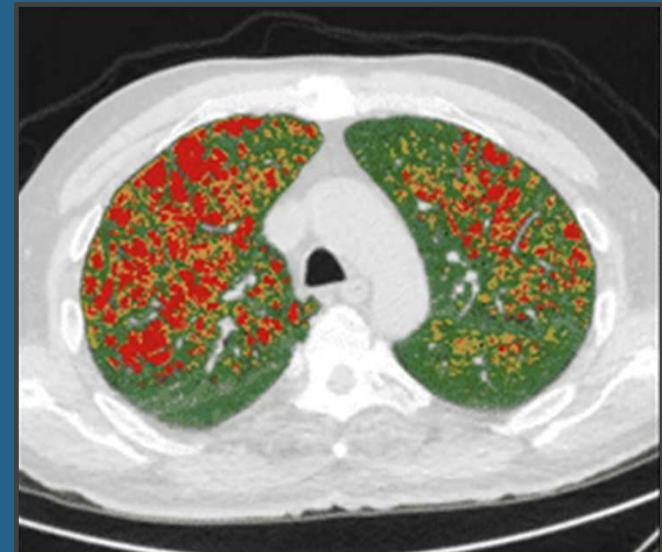
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## Lung Density Analysis – Functional (LDAf)

Advanced COPD analysis of early-stage AIR TRAPPING and late-stage EMPHYSEMA



Original CT Series



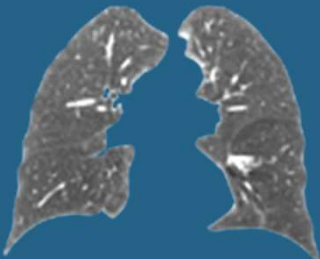
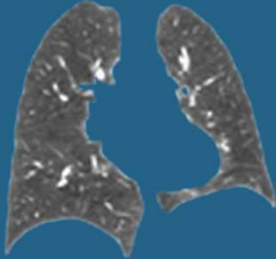
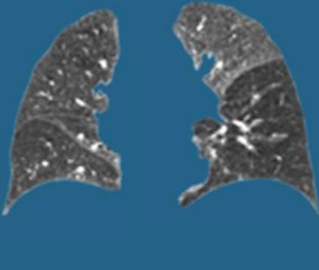
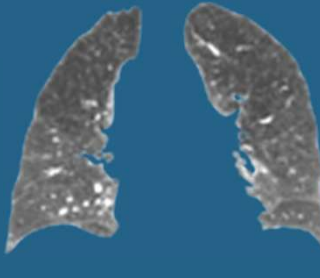
LDAf Analysis Series

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Early Disease  
Advanced Disease

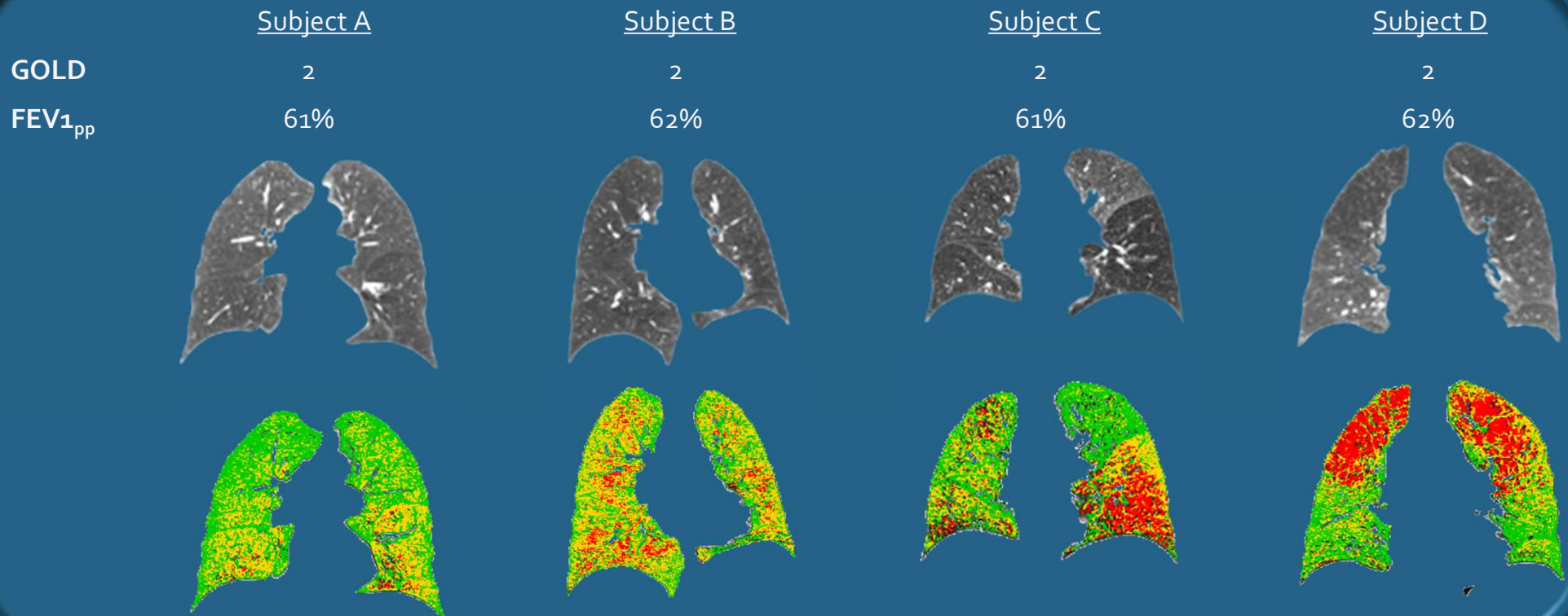
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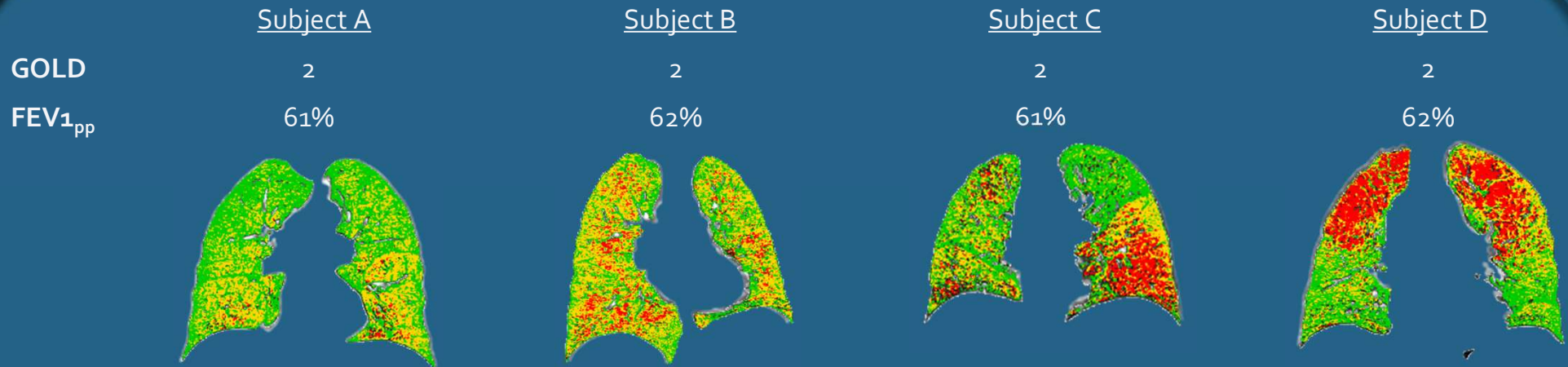
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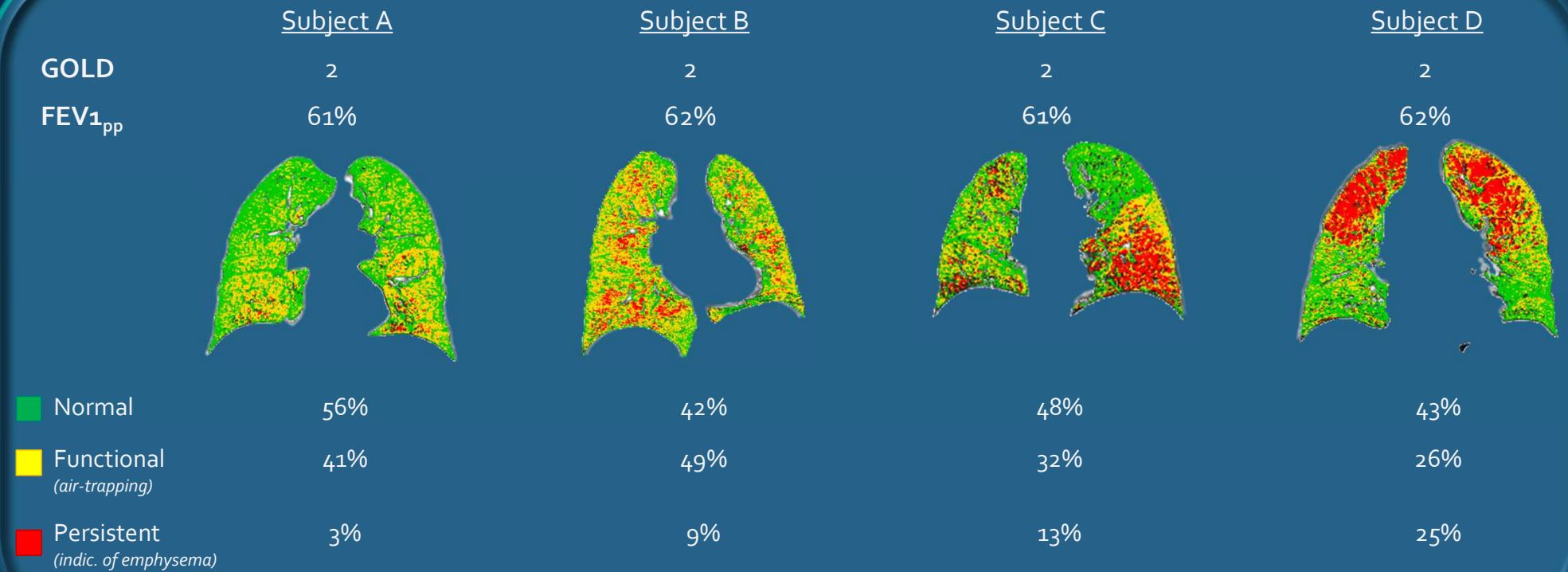
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# LDAf Adding Quantifiable Analysis to CT Scans & Reports



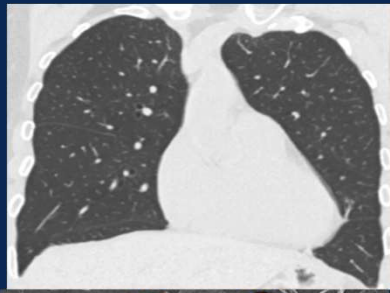
# Combining Lung Function & Structure

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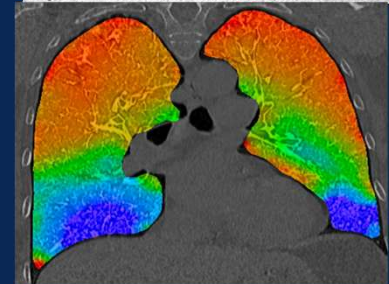
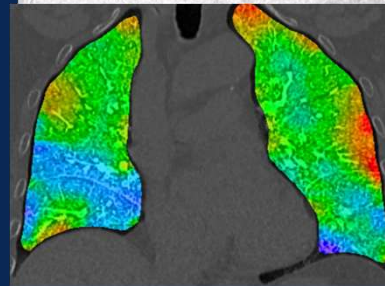
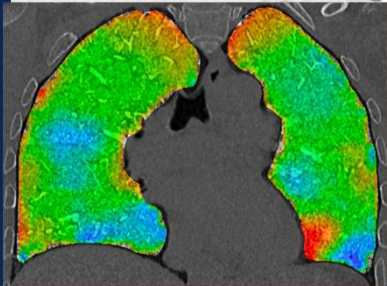
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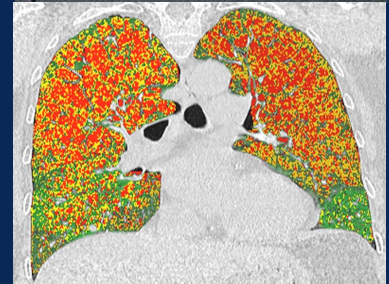
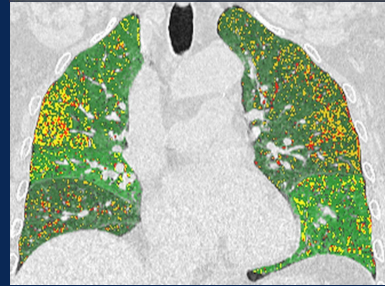
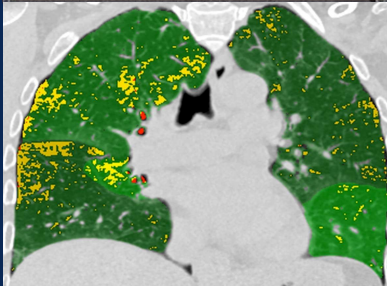
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Regional  
Ventilation  
Analysis



Quantitative  
Structural  
Analysis



# Solving the Clinical Conundrum

## The Conundrum in Lung Assessment

A mismatch between clinical tests and imaging often occurs, whereby anatomic findings can overlap, lag, or precede clinical symptoms.

Need **structural** and **functional** to make a better, informed clinical decision.

**Not solved by historical standard** of care testing (Spirometry, X-ray, CT scans)

## Clinical Tools Needed to Solve the Conundrum

**Functional** lung analysis providing visual qualitative and quantitative assessment of **ventilation**



**Structural** lung analysis providing visual qualitative and quantitative assessment of lung **anatomy**



## Applications for Technologies in Clinical Practice

### Breathlessness

A complex clinical presentation

- Is it Lung related?
- Is it Cardiac related?
- Is it other causes or psychosomatic?

### Restrictive diseases

*DRRD / CB* Deployment-related respiratory disease/ Constrictive bronchiolitis | *ILD* Interstitial Lung Disease | *IPF* Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis | **Dust Exposures** — Silicosis, asbestosis, pneumoconiosis

### Obstructive diseases

*COPD* Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease— Emphysema, Chronic Bronchitis | **Asthma** | *CF* Cystic Fibrosis

### Intervention and pharmaceutical

Lung Reduction therapies | Disease progression / regression | Compliance

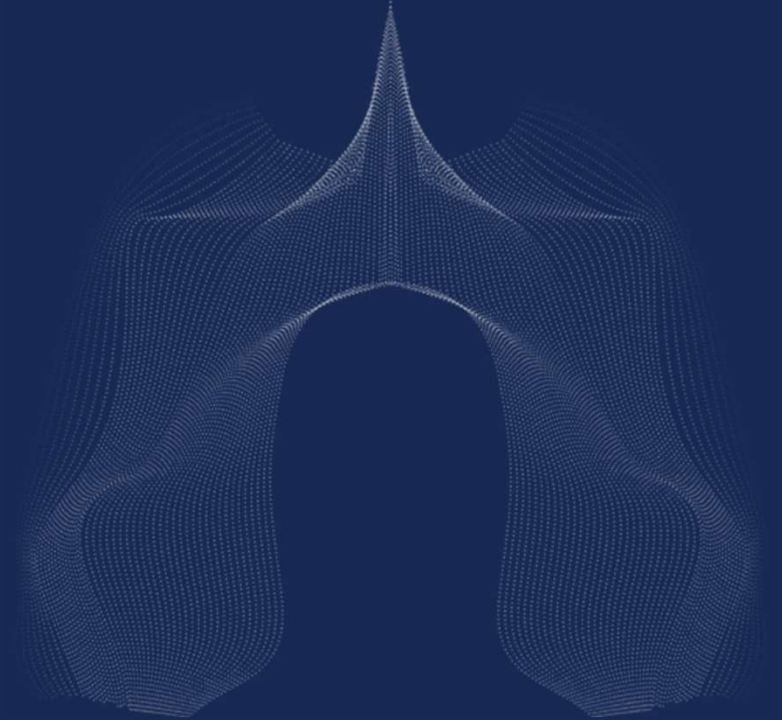
## Potential Use Cases

- Acute Bronchitis
- Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AATD)
- ARDS
- Asthma
- Asthma/COPD Overlap
- Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia
- Bronchoscopic Lung Volume Reduction
- COPD
- COVID-19
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Emergency Room
- General anaesthesia
- HIV-related Lung Diseases
- Hospital 30 day readmission
- Implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD)
- Inability to comply with PFT requirements
- IPF
- Lung Transplant
- Medical Devices
- Neuromuscular Lung Disease
- Occupational Lung Disease
- Other lung cancer
- treatment options
- Pneumonia
- Pulmonary edema
- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- Radiation for Lung cancer
- Radiation Therapy
- Sarcoidosis
- Sepsis
- Surgical Planning
- Thoracic Surgery
- Tuberculosis (TB)

# Thank You!

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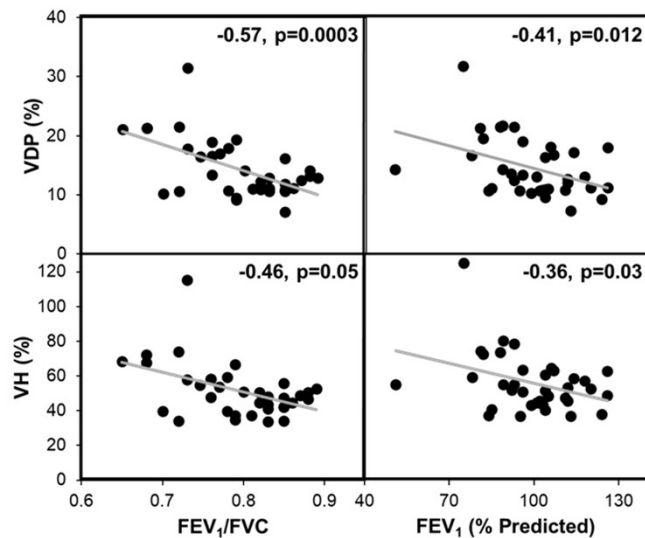
# Appendix

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# Clinical Trial Results: Cedars Sinai (FDA Validation study)

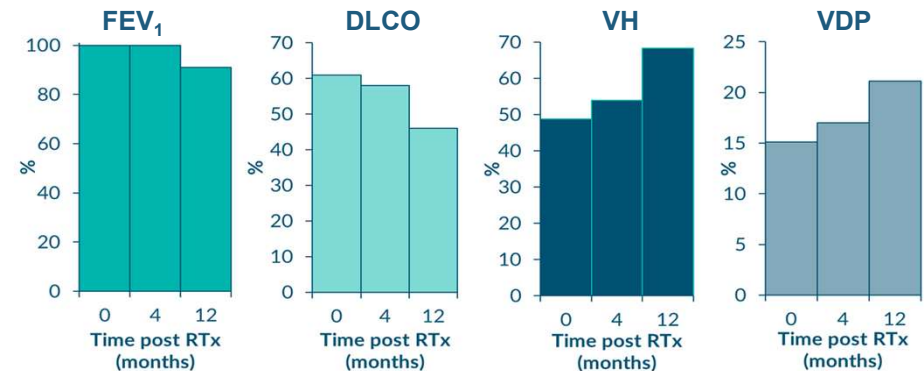
## Ventilation Heterogeneity as a biomarker of disease

- Patients undergoing thoracic radiotherapy for non-lung cancer malignancies were assessed using PFTs and functional lung imaging before treatment and at 4- and 12-months post treatment.
- Results revealed correlation between VDP and VH—and spirometry ( $FEV_1$  and  $FEV_1/FVC$ ).\*



## Case Study

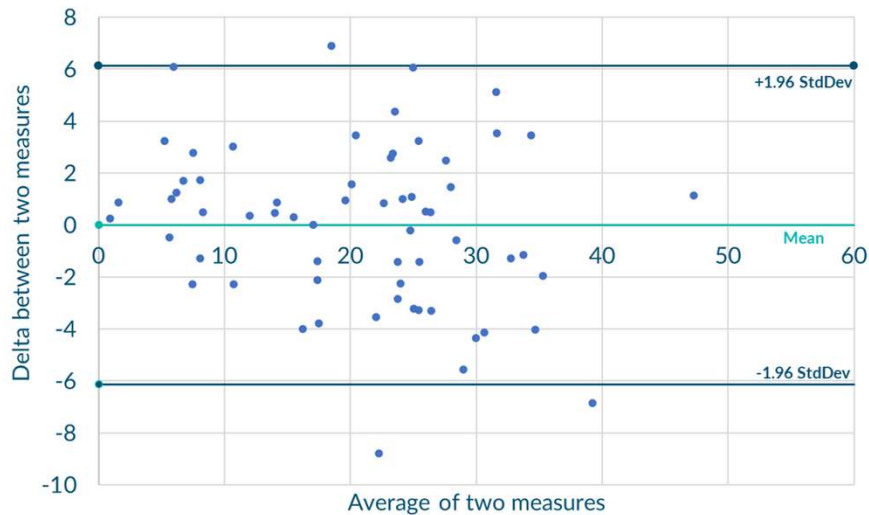
This case study demonstrates the capability of functional lung imaging to detect subtle changes in lung function which are otherwise undetectable or delayed using PFTs. A decline in lung function assessed by VDP and VH was observed at 4-months post-treatment, whereas PFT outputs remained largely unchanged until 12-months post radiotherapy treatment.



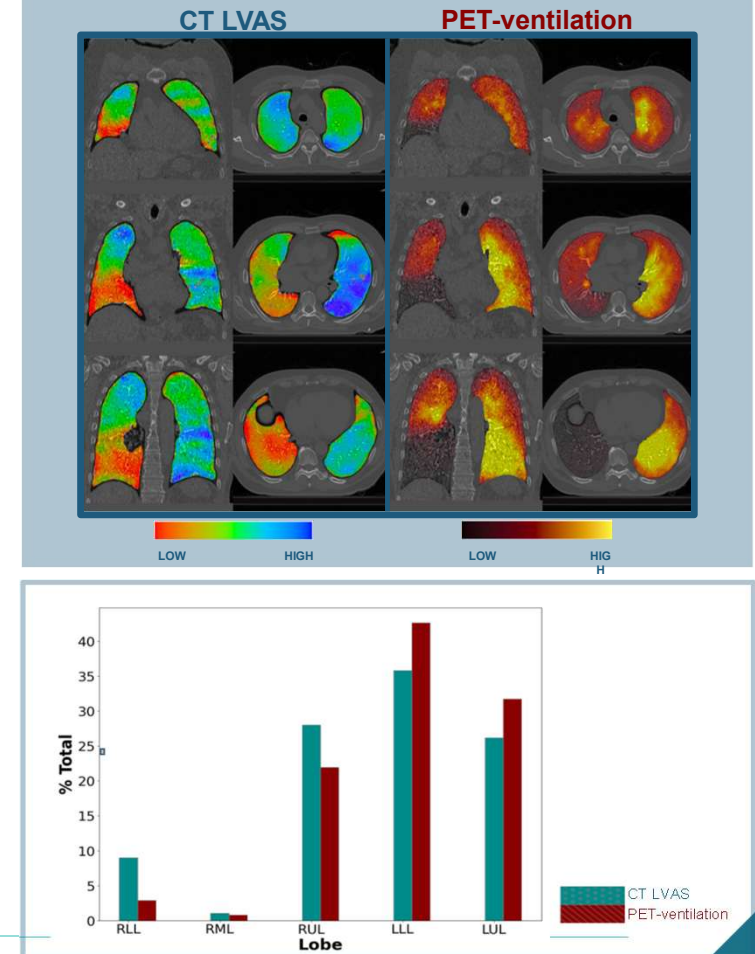
# Clinical Validation of CT LVAS

- Lung cancer patients underwent ventilation imaging using PET-ventilation and CT LVAS\* scans.
- CT LVAS demonstrated good agreement with PET-ventilation in the assessment of ventilation at a lobar level.
- CT LVAS offers benefits of improved spatial resolution, avoidance of exogenous contrasts and wide availability making it a powerful imaging tool for a range of applications, including surgical or targeted treatment planning, disease characterization, and general lung health assessment.

CT LVAS vs PET Bland-Altman Plot



## Case Study



4DMedical Partnership Presentation

\*CT LVAS ARTG listing number: 344948

\*Results accepted for presentation at ATS meeting (May 19-24, 2023, Washington, DC)