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# Evaluation of the radiomic feature robustness with heterogeneous insert simulating CT lung lesions



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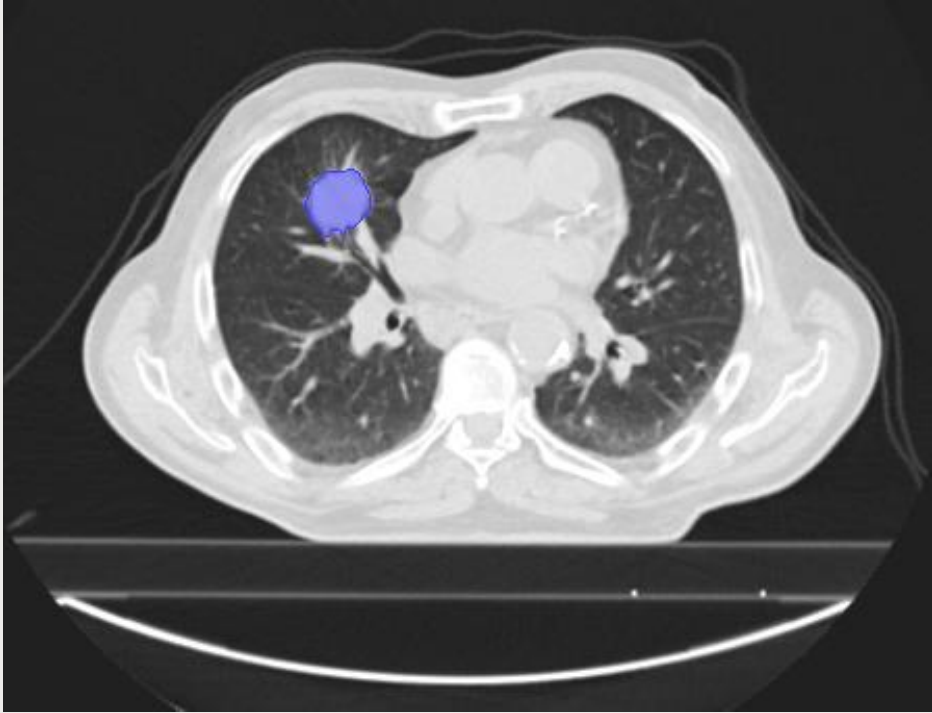
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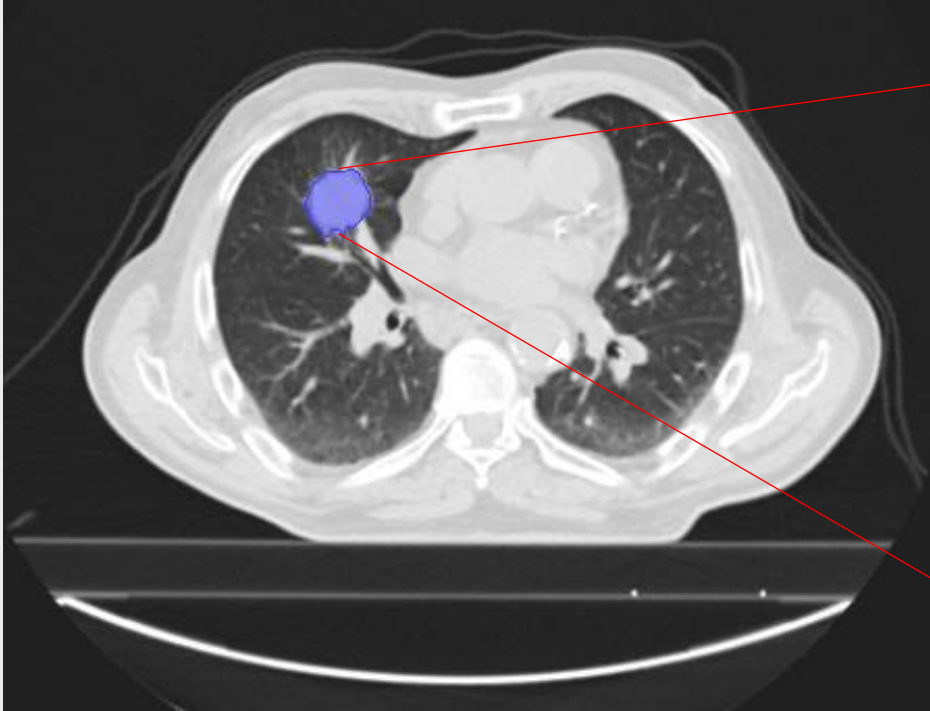
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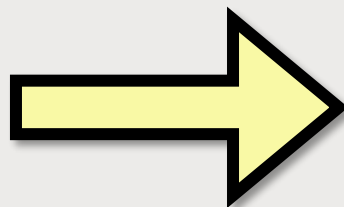






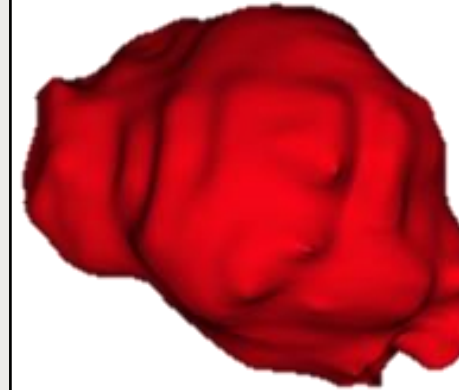
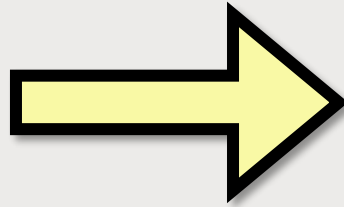
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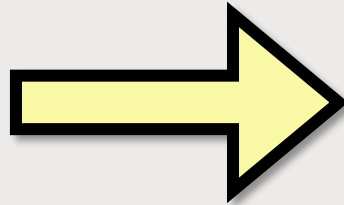


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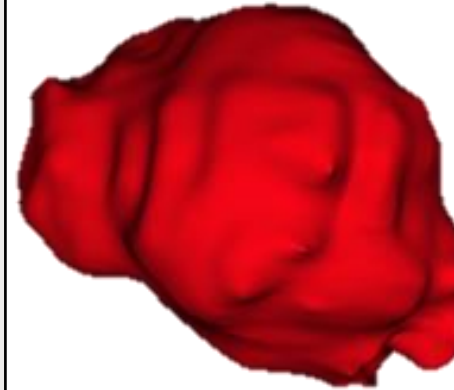
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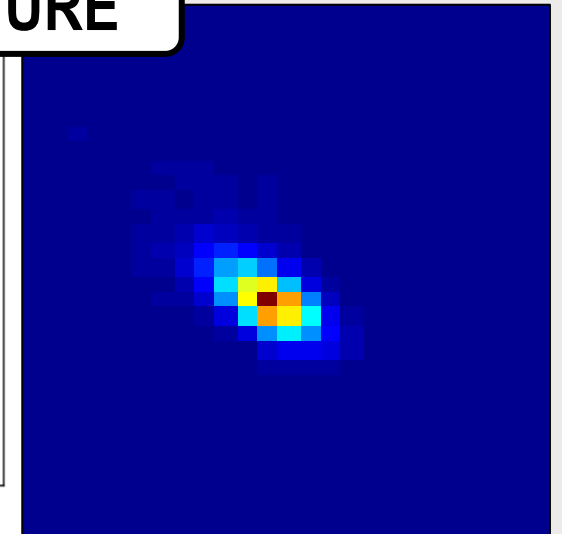
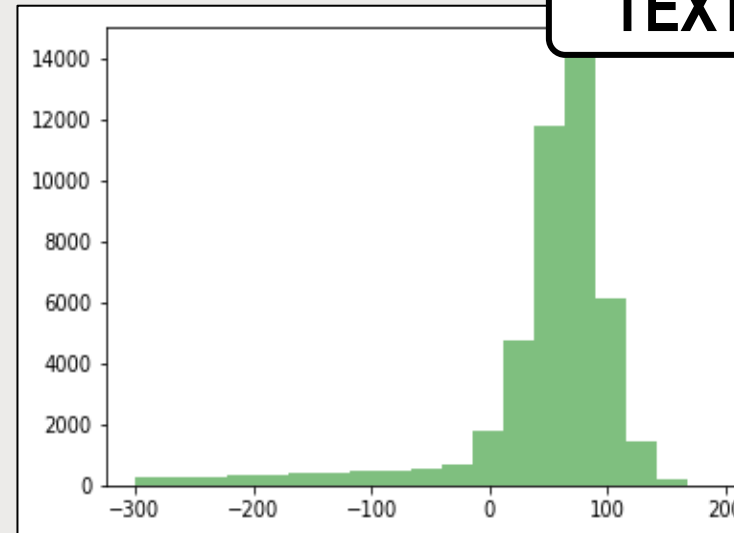
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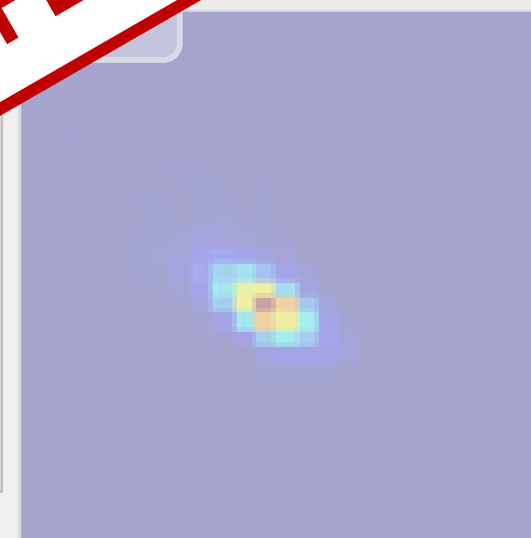
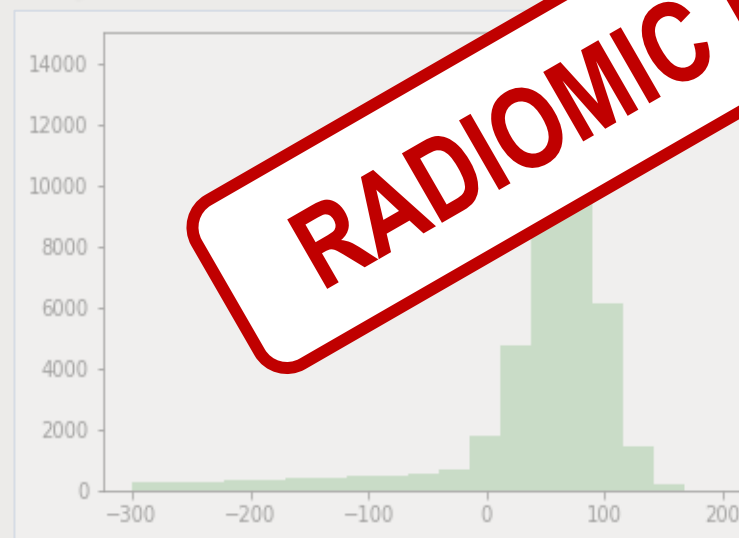
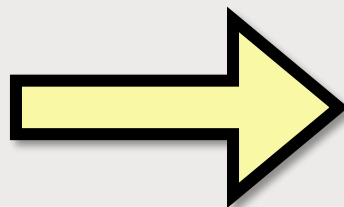


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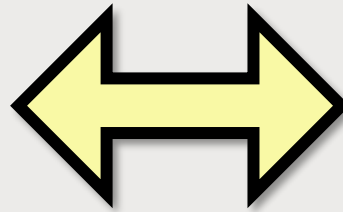


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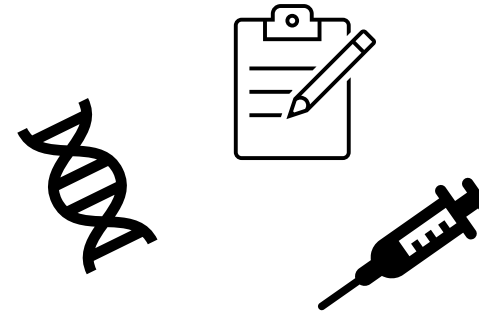
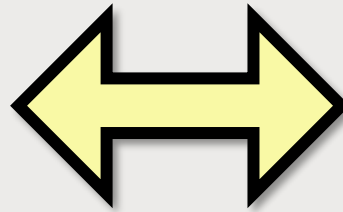


**RADIOMIC FEATURES**

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**PREDICTIVE MODEL**

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## REPEATABILITY

a measurement repeated multiple times on the same object by the same operator with the same procedure and the same experimental apparatus in a short time

## RIPRODUCIBILITY

measurement and/or the investigated object change between a repetition and the other



**FEATURE  
ROBUSTNESS**

# PHANTOMS



## PROS



- limitless repeated acquisition
- inter-scanner variability
- acquisition parameters varied in a controlled way
- no movement effect
- no privacy issues

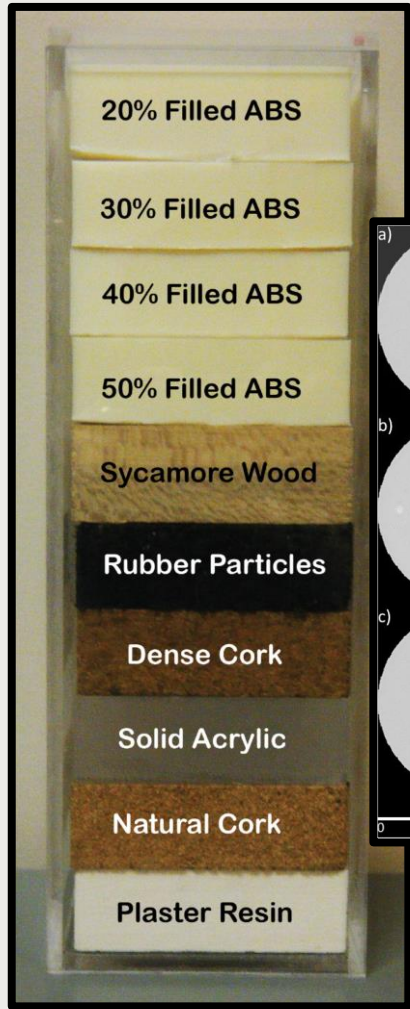
- no tissue heterogeneity
- no patient variability



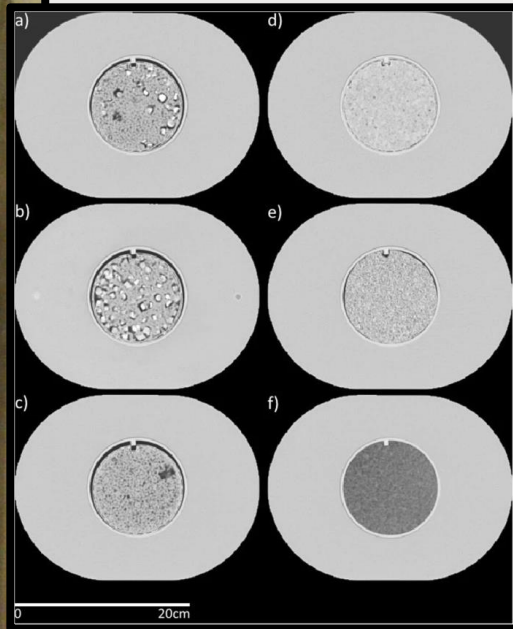
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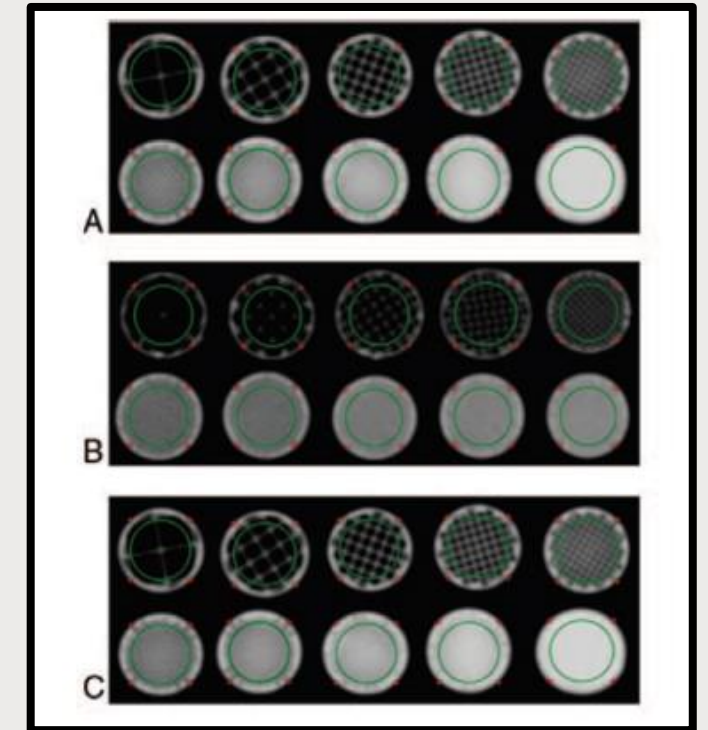
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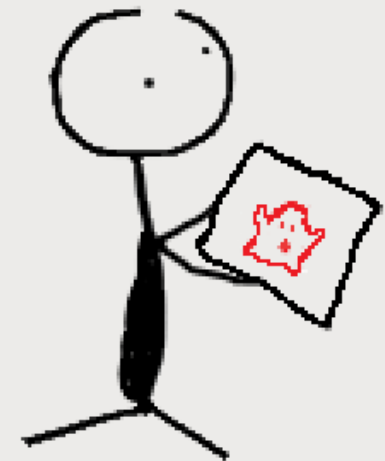


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# PHANTOMS IN RADIOMICS

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## 2 prototypes of lung inserts

1

Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET-G)  
3D printed

2

Powdered sodium polyacrylate  
+ iodinated contrast

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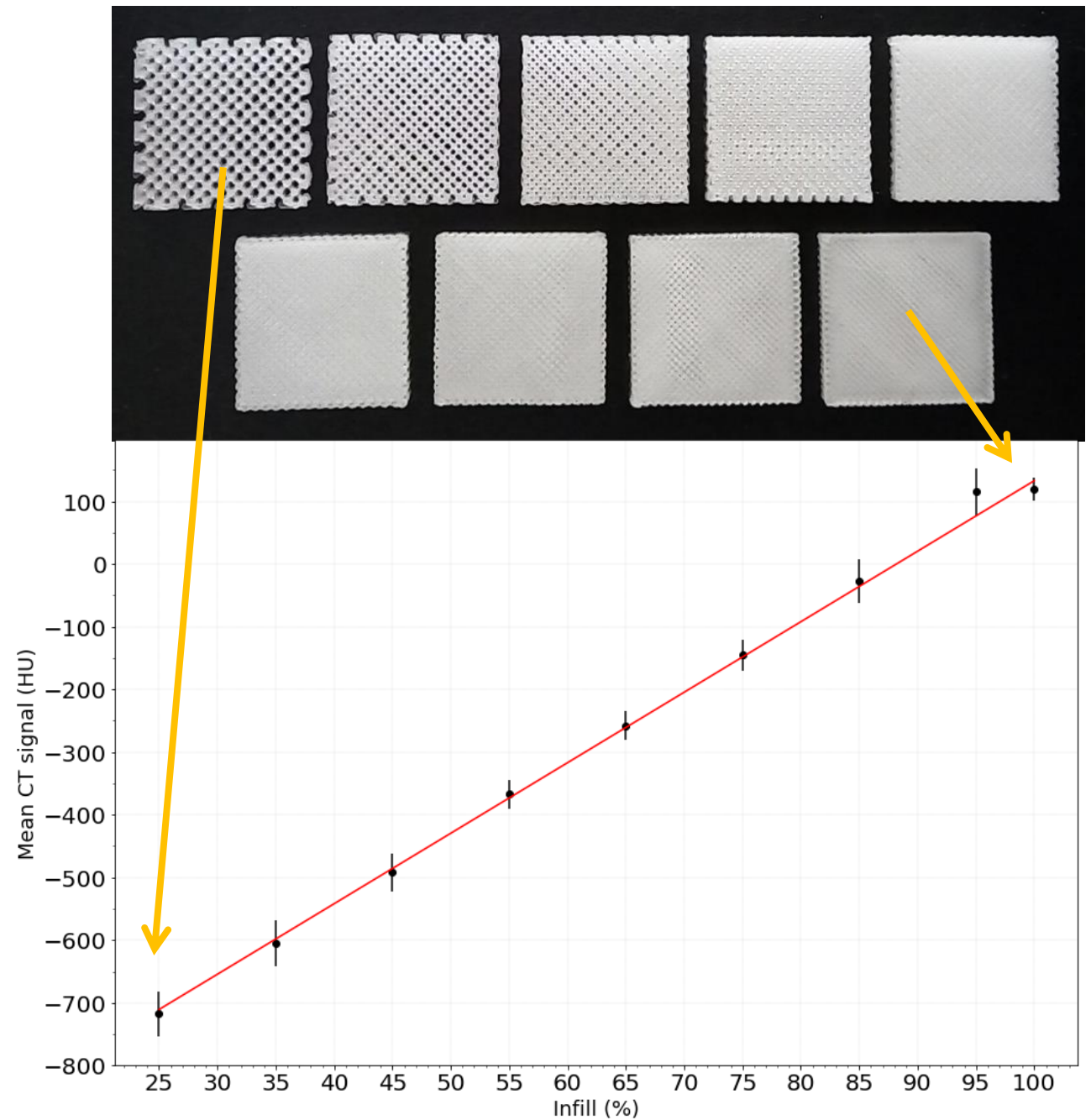
29 NSCLC patients and Catphan® for comparison

**62 ± 22 HU**

# PET-G

## Characterisation

- 3D printed (FFF)
- Range infill: 25-100 %



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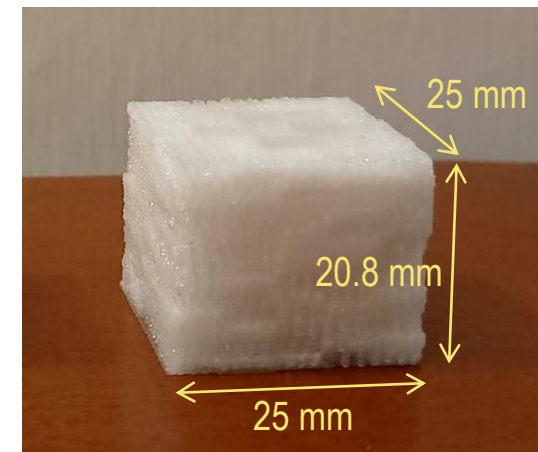
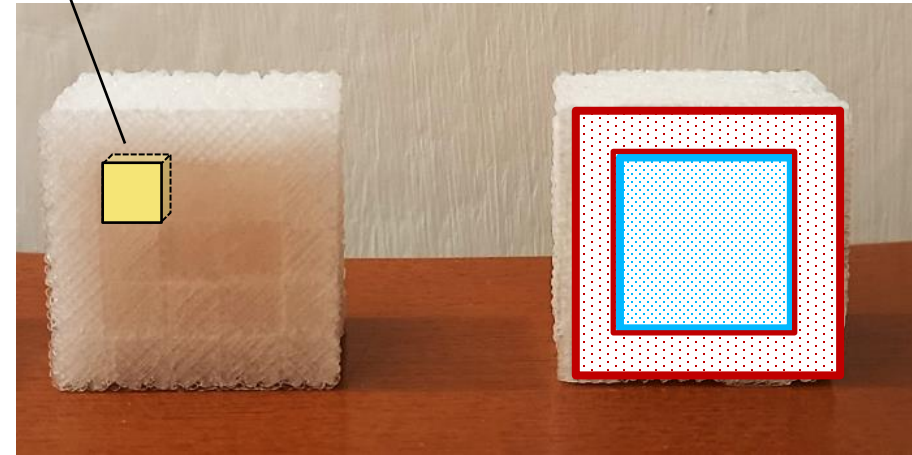
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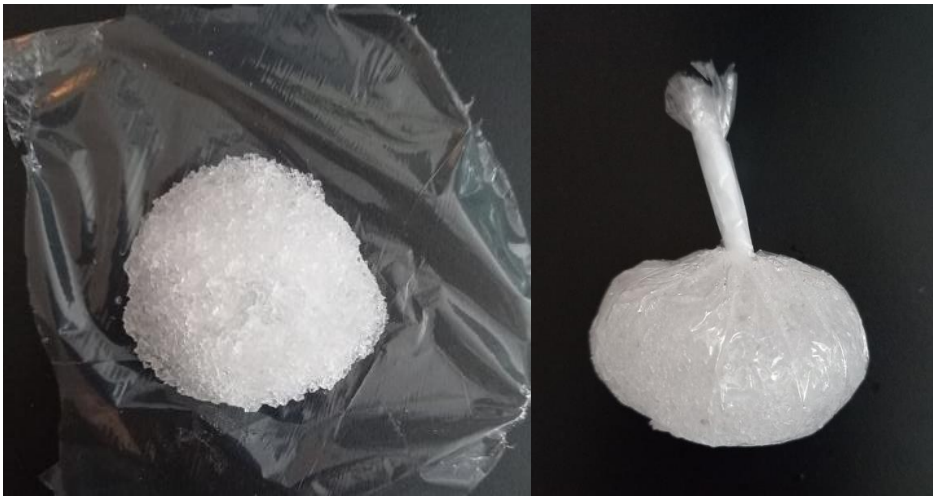
- Range infill

CORE: 75-100%

BORDER: 50-75%

5 x 5 x 1.6 mm<sup>3</sup>



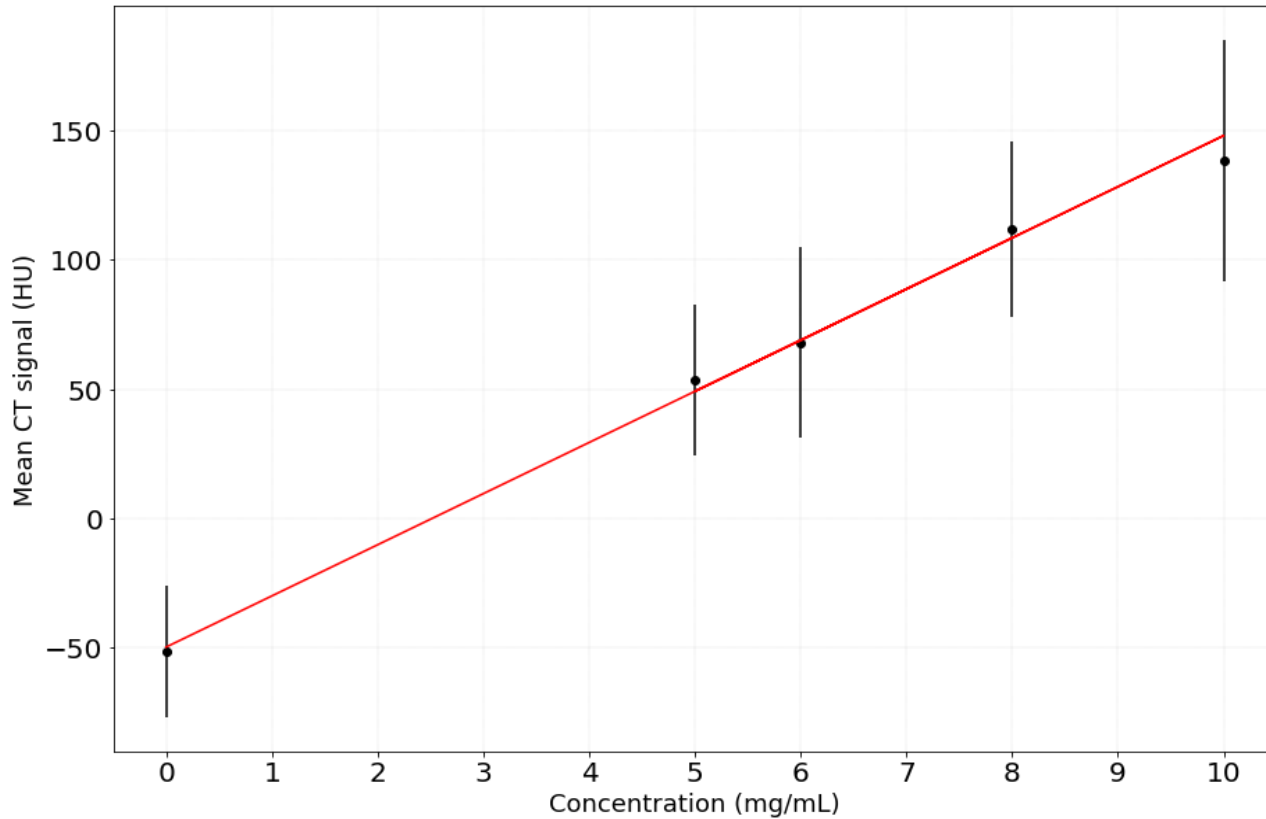


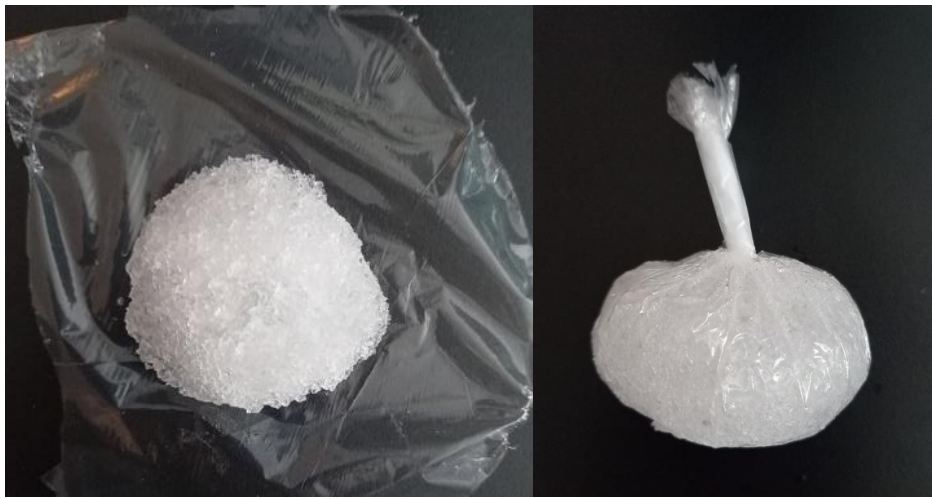
# Sodium polyacrylate

## Characterisation

- + Water
- + Iodinated contrast medium

different contrast concentration





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### 9 inserts:

5 mg/mL

6 mg/mL

8 mg/mL

0 mg/mL + 5 mg/mL + 10 mg/mL

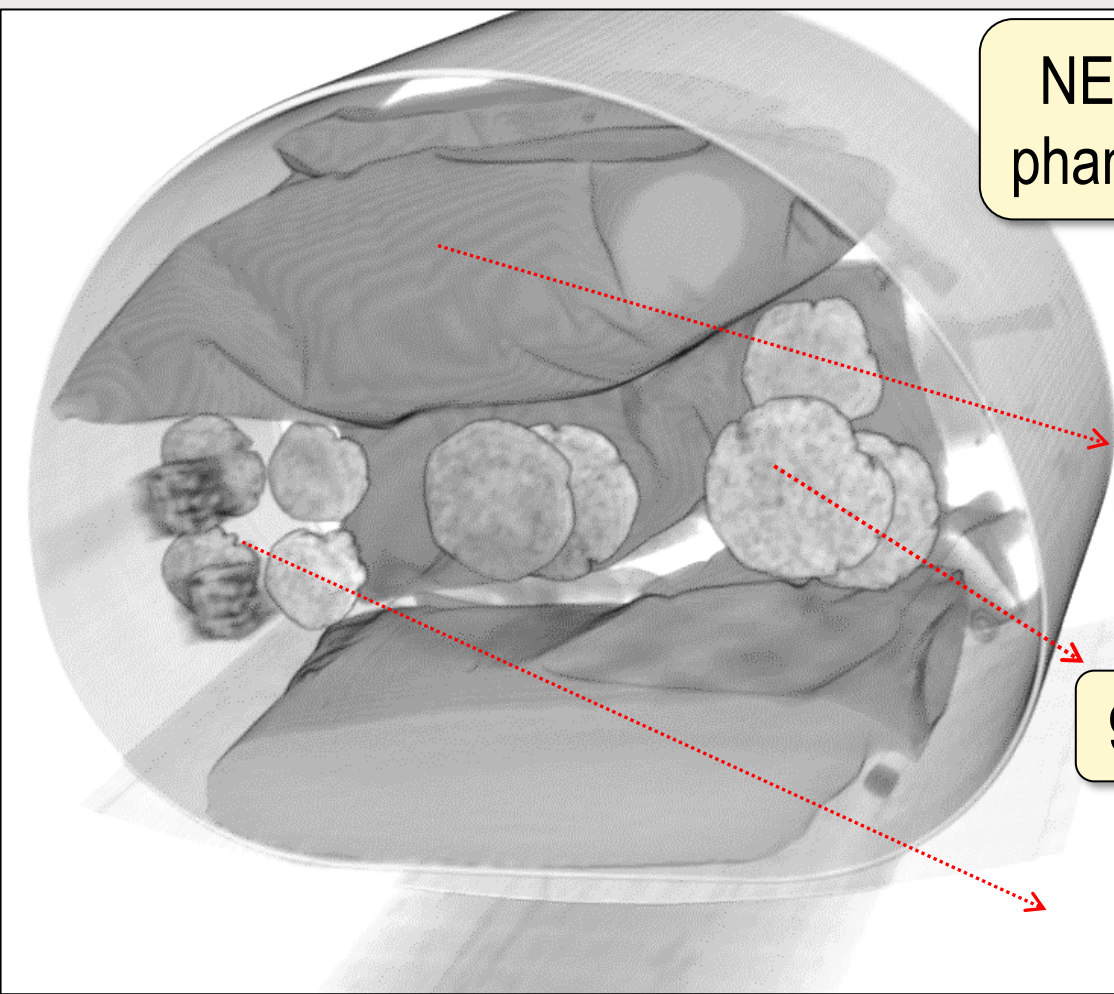
0 mg/mL + 7 mg/mL + 10 mg/mL

0 mg/mL + 5 mg/mL + 8 mg/mL

0 mg/mL + 8 mg/mL + 10 mg/mL

6 mg/mL + 2mL water

0 mg/mL + 4.5 mg/mL + 7 mg/mL



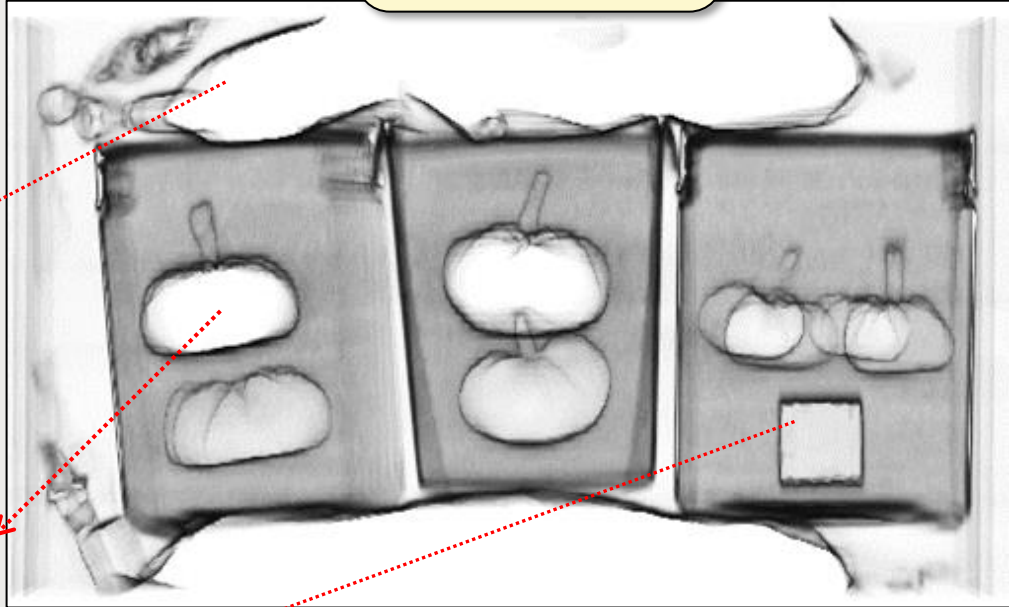
NEMA phantom

saline bags

9 polyacrylate

2 PET

3 containers with cork





**10 repeated** CT acquisitions

3D VOI for each insert

**Pyradiomics** software: 153 features

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Similarity with real lesions

$$range_{i,pts} = [10^{th} percentile, 90^{th} percentile]_{i,pts}$$

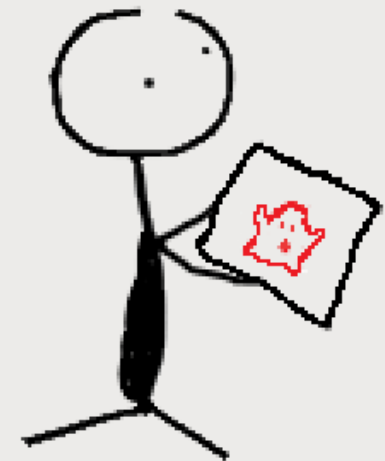
$$P_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & feature_{ij} \in range_{i,pts} \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Repeatability

$$CV_{ij} = \left| \frac{\text{standard deviation}_{ij}}{\text{mean}_{ij}} \right|_{10rep}$$

**CV ≤ 0.10 for repeatability**

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PATIENTS

Mediastinal  
window

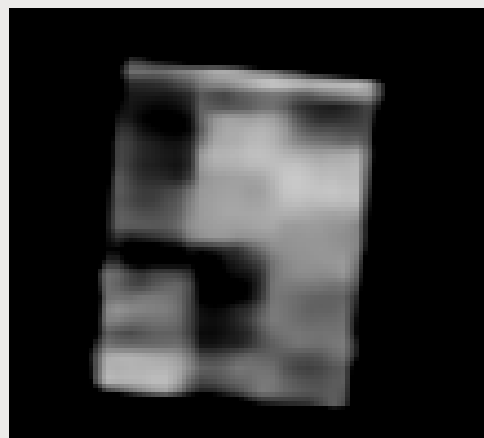
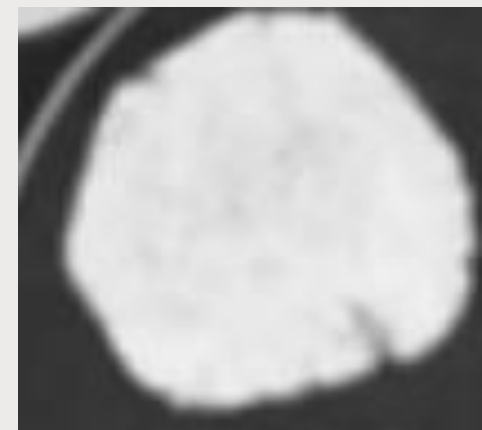
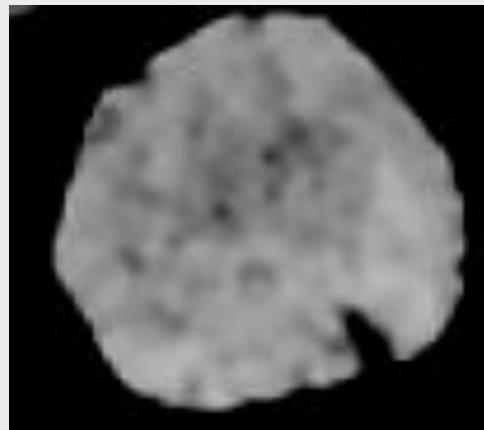
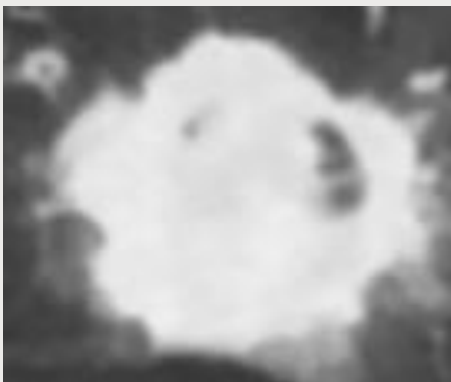
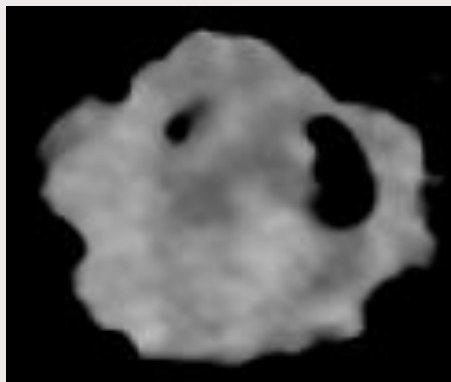
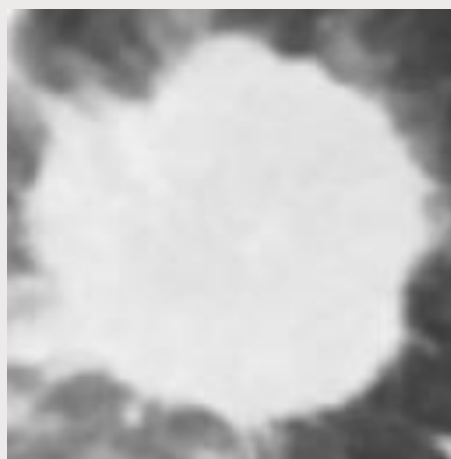
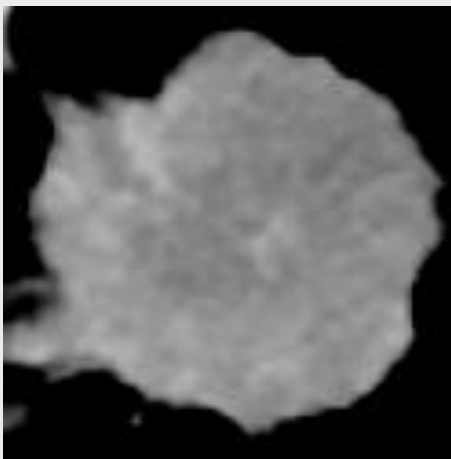
Lung  
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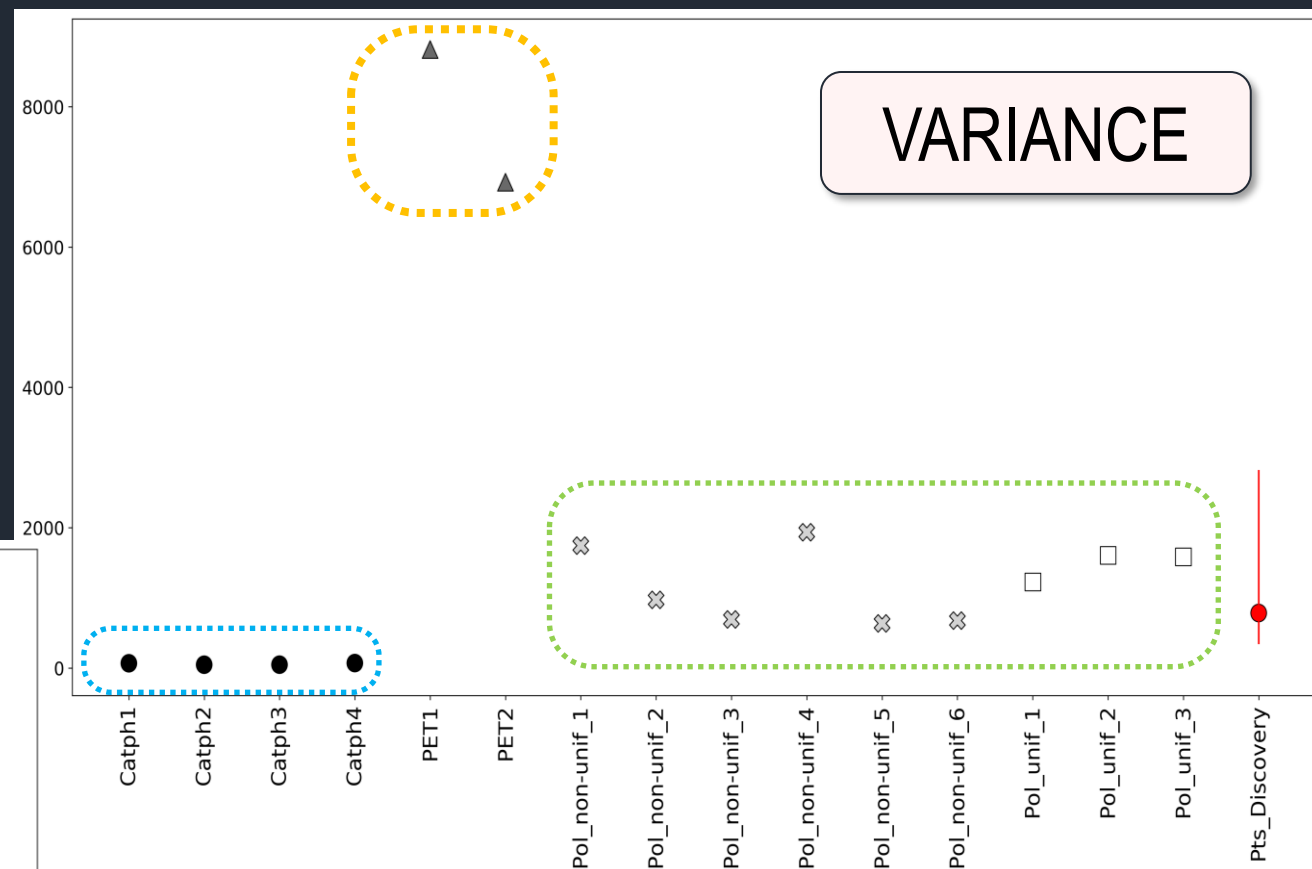
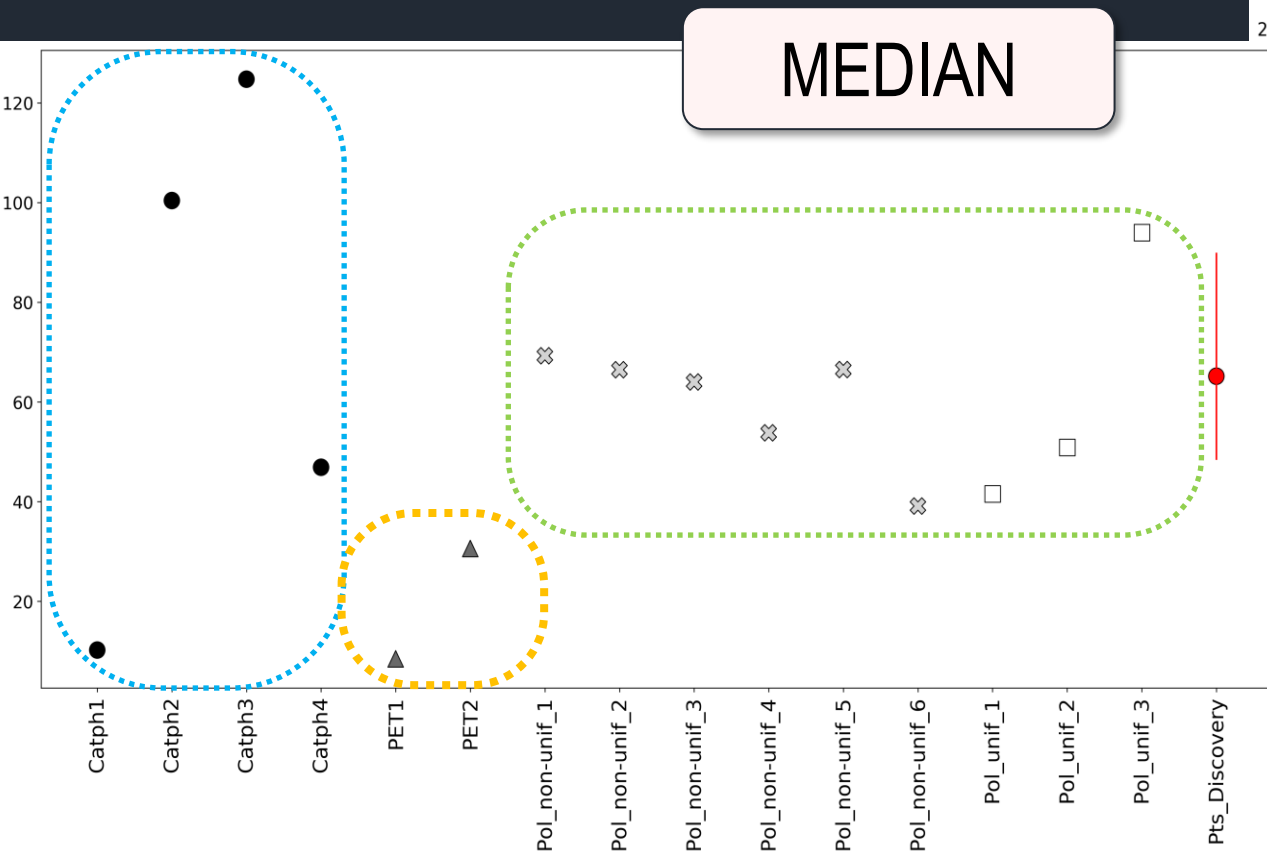
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POLYACRYLATE

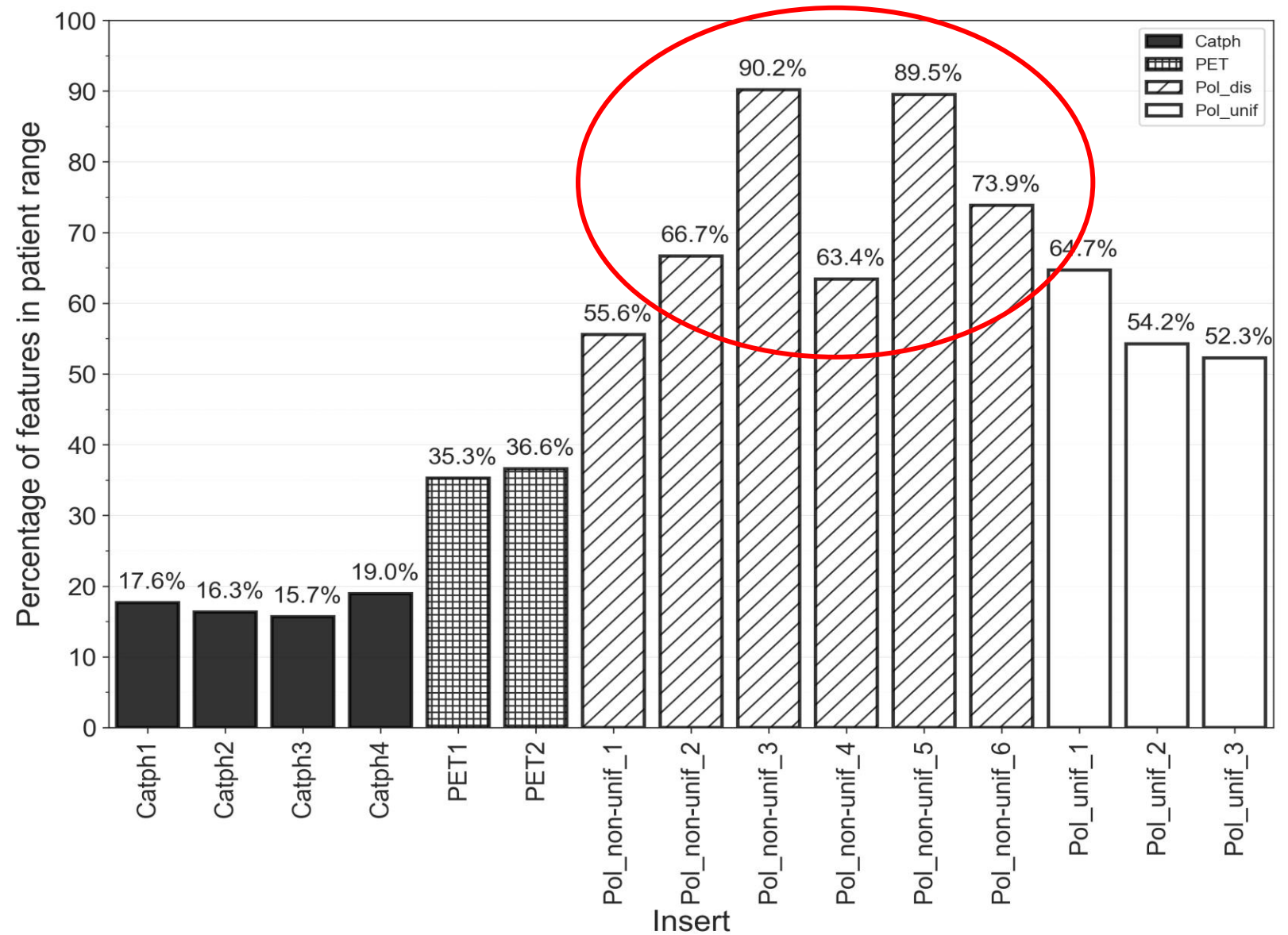
PET



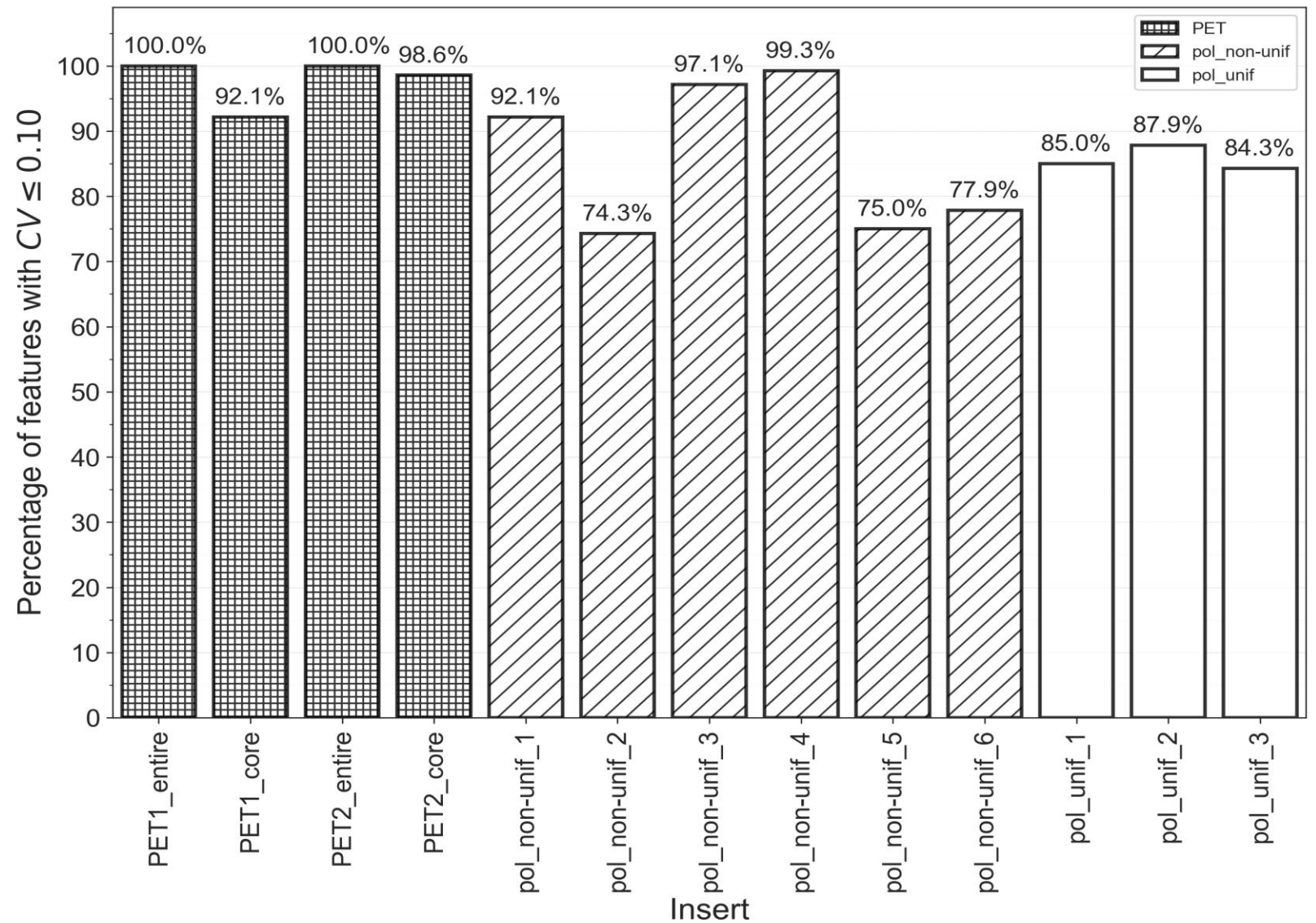
# Basic CT properties



# Similarity with real lesions



# Repeatability



# FUTURE

- Compare different scanners and acquisition parameters
- New PET inserts more similar to real tumours

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