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State-of-the-Art Technology in Cardiac CT

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Next Step – Evolution or Revolution?

Major Innovations in CT

The 80's Axial CT

The 90's Spiral CT

CT in 2000 Multislice CT

Rotation Time

Head Lung Body

Body Regions

4 16 64 Slice-Number

2s 1s 0.75s

Time

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Technical Progress of MSCT

Moore's Law Valid for CT ... ?
... Doubling of Slices/Rotation every 2.5 Years

Year	Number of Detector Rows
1990	1 (Plus Classic)
1992	2 (Volume Zoom)
1998	4 (Sensation 16)
2006	8 (64)
2010	16 (1.5 years)

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From Slices to Applications

Diagnostic Oncology

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Cardio-Vascular

Acute Care

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Patient Transfer Edit View Image Tools Scroll Options Help

SOMATOM Sensation
64-slice config.
with z-sharp
9 mm x 0.75 mm
64 x 0.6 mm
Resolution < 0.4 mm
Rotation 0.33 sec
120 kV
200 Effective mAs

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Our Vision for the Future of CT

Make CT the first imaging test in management of CAD patients

Establish CT as the „first line“ test choice in acute care

Exploring ways to add new contrasts to CT

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More and More Slices?

4 16 32 64 128 256

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SOMATOM Definition

The World's First Dual Source CT

Faster than Every Beating Heart
Full Cardiac Detail at Half the Dose
One-Stop Diagnosis in Acute Care
Beyond Visualization with Dual Energy

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SOMATOM Definition Already 14 Installations in Leading Institutions

June 2006

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150 installations by the end of the year

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Scientific Evaluation

- Thomas Flohr, Ph.D.
First performance evaluation of a Dualsource CT system
- Stephan Achenbach, M.D.
Contrast-enhanced coronary artery visualization by dual-source CT
- Thorsten Johnson, M.D.
DSCT – cardiac imaging, initial experience

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SOMATOM Definition

Excellence in CT

The idea behind SOMATOM Definition is as simple as ingenious. It uses two X-ray sources and two detectors at the same time.

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SOMATOM Definition
0.33 seconds rotation speed of 1.6 tons

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Faster than Every Beating Heart

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Single Source CT
Temporal resolution of maximum 165 ms

Temporal Resolution =
 $\frac{\text{Rotation Time}}{2}$ = 165 ms

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Single Source CT
Technical challenge with high heart rates

60 bpm 100 bpm

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Single Source CT with Multisegment Recon.
Software attempt to increase temporal resolution

Temporal Resolution =
(2 Segment Recon)
varies between = 83 and 165 ms

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Dual Source CT
Heart rate independent temp. resolution of 83 ms

Temporal Resolution =
 $\frac{\text{Rotation Time}}{4}$ = 83 ms

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Dual Source CT
Reliable imaging of all heart rates

60 bpm 100 bpm

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SOMATOM Definition
World's first DSCT

HR independent temp Res. 83 msec
Spatial Res. 0.33 mm
8 sec for 150 mm
Rotation 0.33 sec
120 kV
380 mA/rot
HR 65 bpm

Accurate visualization of valve motion, enabling exact surgery planning of valve replacement

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Excellent visualization in both, end systolic and end diastolic phase.

End Systolic

End Diastolic

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Precise RCA and LAD in-stent visualization with dramatically reduced blooming and without any motion artifacts.

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Excellent image quality of arrhythmic, lama bypass patient with a rapidly changing heart rate between 48 and 90 bpm.

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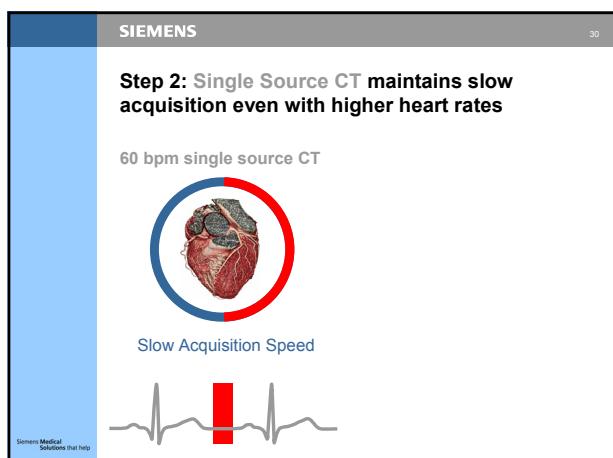
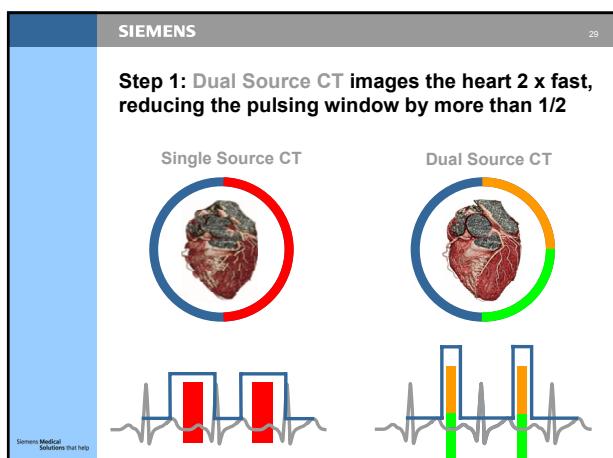
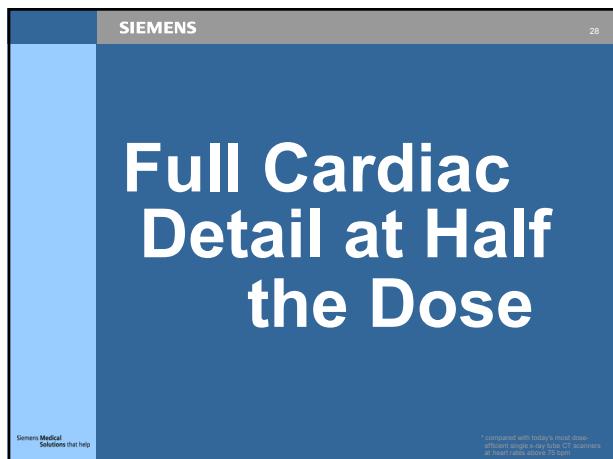
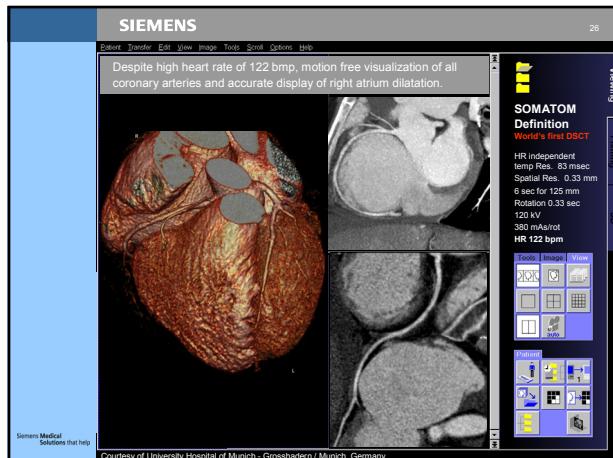
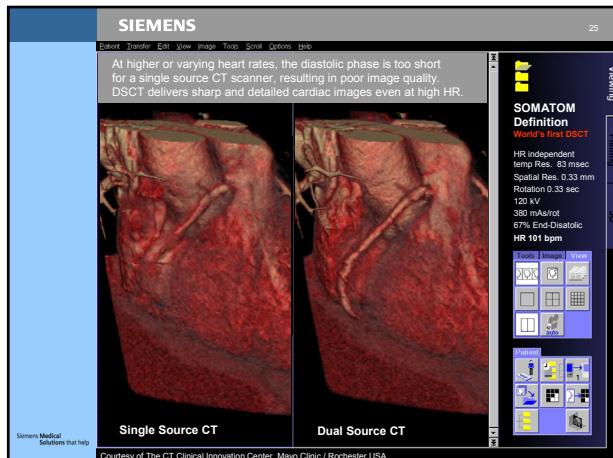
At higher or varying heart rates, the diastolic phase is too short for a single source CT scanner, resulting in poor image quality. DSCT delivers sharp and detailed cardiac images even at high HR.

Single Source CT Dual Source CT

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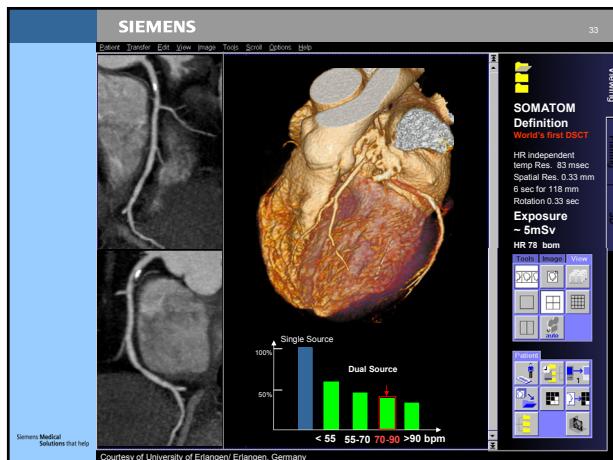
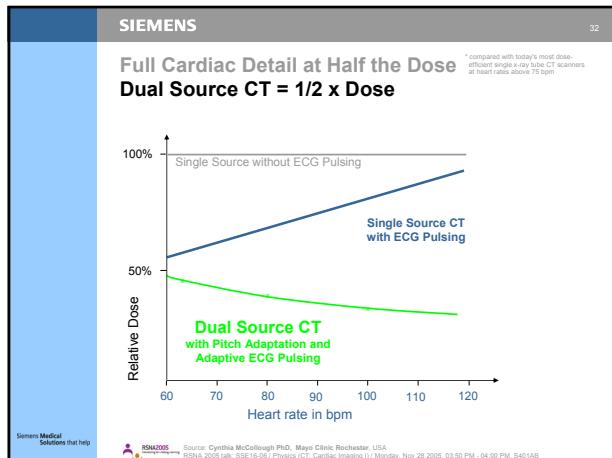
Step 2: Dual Source CT increases the table speed and reduces the exposure at higher heart rates

60 bpm Dual Source CT

Normal Acquisition Speed

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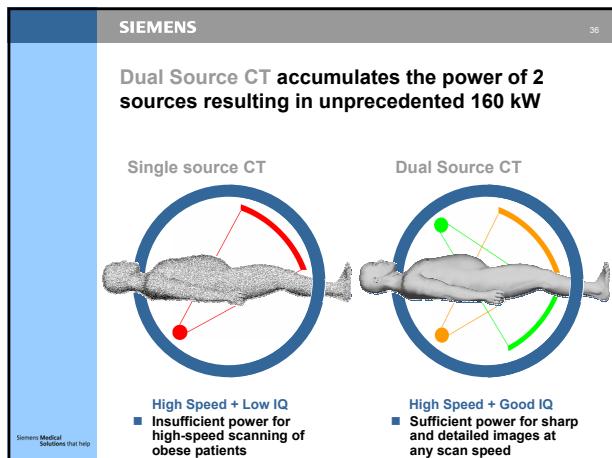
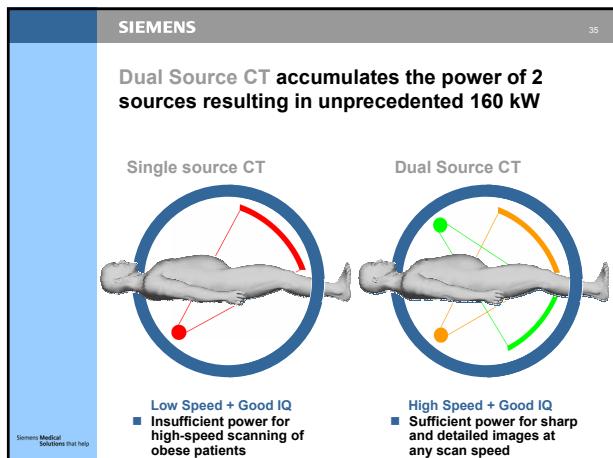


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One-Stop Diagnosis in Acute Care

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One-Stop Diagnosis in Acute Care

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- Heart rate independent temporal resolution of 83 msec
- 87 mm/sec scan speed with 0.33 mm isotropic resolution
- 78 cm gantry opening and Field of View
- 200 cm scan range
- 160 kW power



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Patient was scanned to obtain a vascular status. Calcifications along the whole aorta were found as well as a horse shoe kidney.

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SOMATOM Definition World's first DSCT

Spatial Res. 0.33 mm
9 sec for 490 mm
Rotation 0.33 sec
120 kV
2 x 150 effective mAs

Tools | Image | View



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A non-gated scan was performed showing excellent visualization of the whole aorta without motion artifacts. The LAD showed severe calcifications in the proximal segment.




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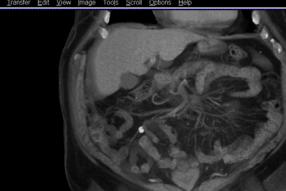
Excellent display of obese patient staging post status rectum carcinoma.

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SOMATOM Definition World's first DSCT

Spatial Res. 0.33 mm
22 sec for 445 mm
Rotation 0.5 sec
120 kV
2 x 250 effective mAs
Weight: 287 lbs / 130 kg

Tools | Image | View





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Fast visualization of the complete human anatomy in only 42 sec. with 0.33 mm isotropic resolution.




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Excellent visualization of the complete peripheral artery tree with 0.33 mm isotropic resolution, showing an occlusion of the left iliac artery

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Spatial Res. 0.33 mm
31 sec for 1380 mm
Rotation 0.5 sec
120 kV
200 effective mAs

Tools | Image | View





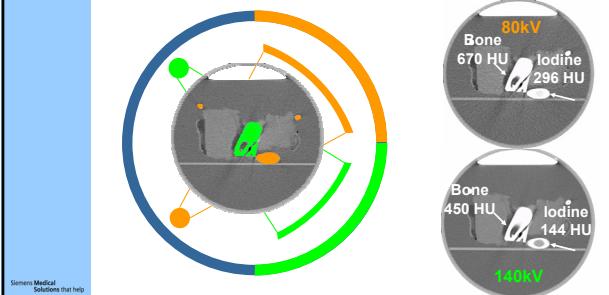
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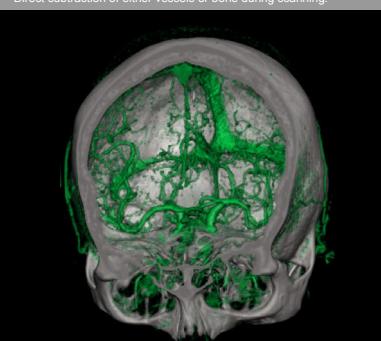
Beyond Visualization with Dual Energy

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Dual Source CT Beyond Visualization with Dual Energy



Potential clinical application and research area:
Direct subtraction of either vessels or bone during scanning.

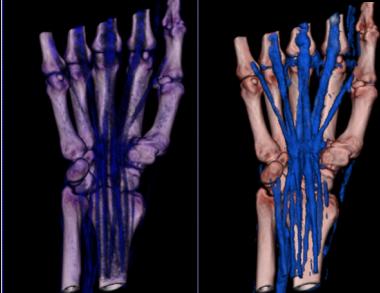


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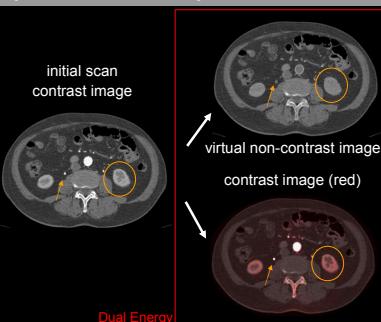
Potential Clinical Application and Research Area: Improved identification of cartilage and ligaments.



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Potential Clinical Application and Research Area:
Iodine removal from liver/kidney images with contrast medium to generate a virtual unenhanced image.



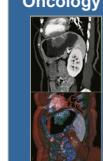
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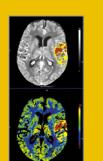
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