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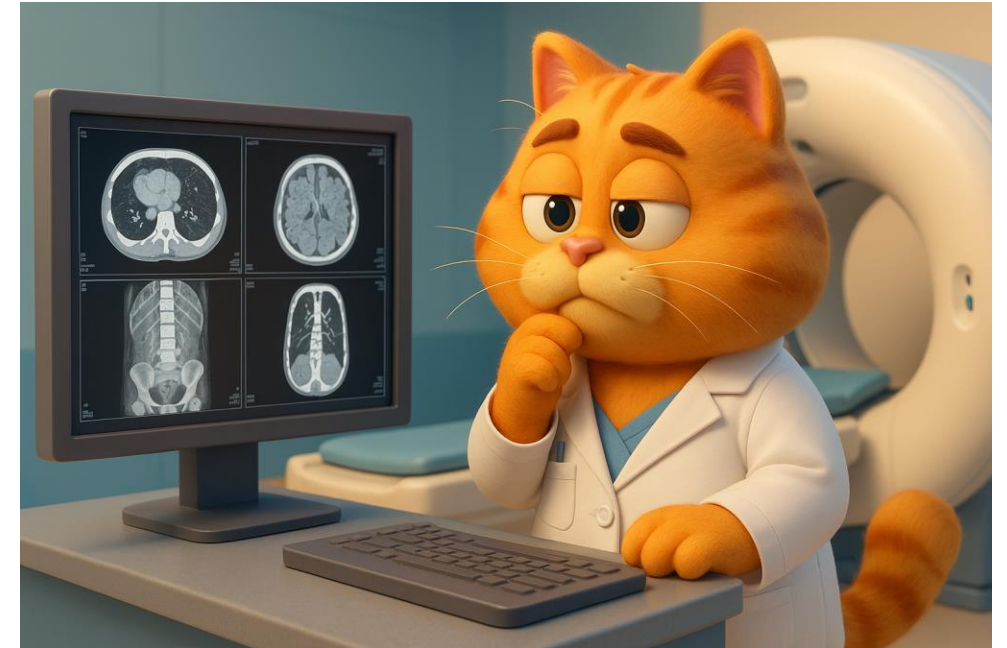
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Applicazioni avanzate dell'I.A. in TC

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“La domanda non è se l’IA sostituirà i radiologi o i TSRM, ma se chi adotterà l’IA sostituirà chi non lo farà”

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KEY-POINTS

1.0 Introduzione

2.0 IA nel pre-scan

3.0 Algoritmo DLR

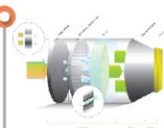
4.0 Post-scan e Radiomica

Cronologia delle scoperte più importanti nell'imaging medico

1895
Discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Roentgen.



1927
Invention of the Image Intensifier.



1963
The gamma camera was introduced by Hal Anger.



1973
Allan Cormack and Godfrey Hounsfield awarded the Nobel Prize for the invention of CT.



1980
The first commercial MRI scanners become available.



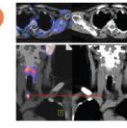
1990
Introduction of functional MRI (fMRI).



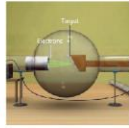
2000
Introduction of PET/CT hybrid imaging.



2007
Introduction of SPECT/CT hybrid imaging.



1913
Invention of the Coolidge tube, a more reliable X-ray source.



1952
Introduction of ultrasound for clinical purposes by Karl Theo Dussik.



1971
Introduction of Computed Tomography (CT) by Sir Godfrey Hounsfield.



1975
The concept of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) was introduced by Paul Lauterbur and Sir Peter Mansfield.



1982
Development of Doppler ultrasound.



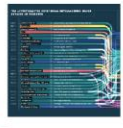
1992
Introduction of 3D ultrasound.



2005
First introduction of 4D (real-time) ultrasound.



2018
FDA approval of AI algorithms for medical imaging.

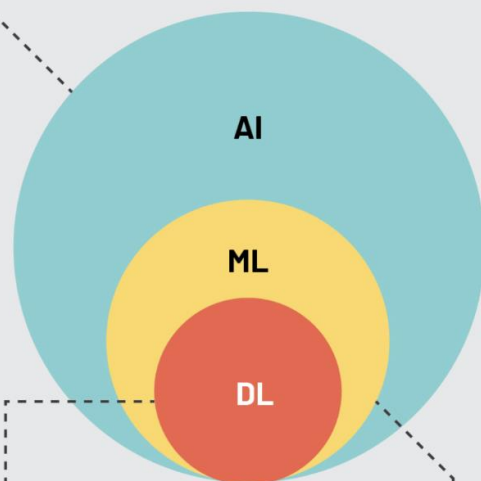


Hierarchy of AI, ML, and DL



Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The development of intelligent machines capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence.



Machine Learning (ML)

Algorithms that enable computers to learn and improve from experience without explicit programming.



Deep Learning (DL)

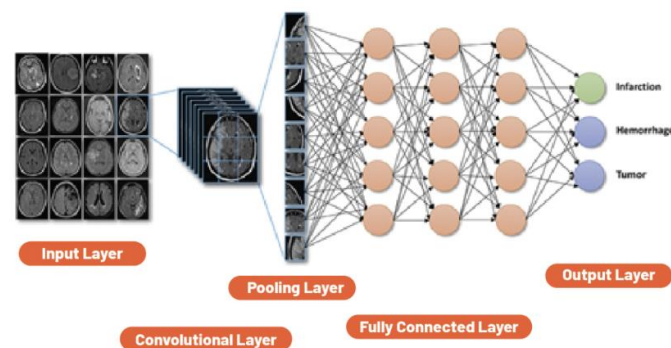
A subset of machine learning that utilises neural networks with multiple layers to automatically learn and extract intricate patterns and features from data.

Types of ML

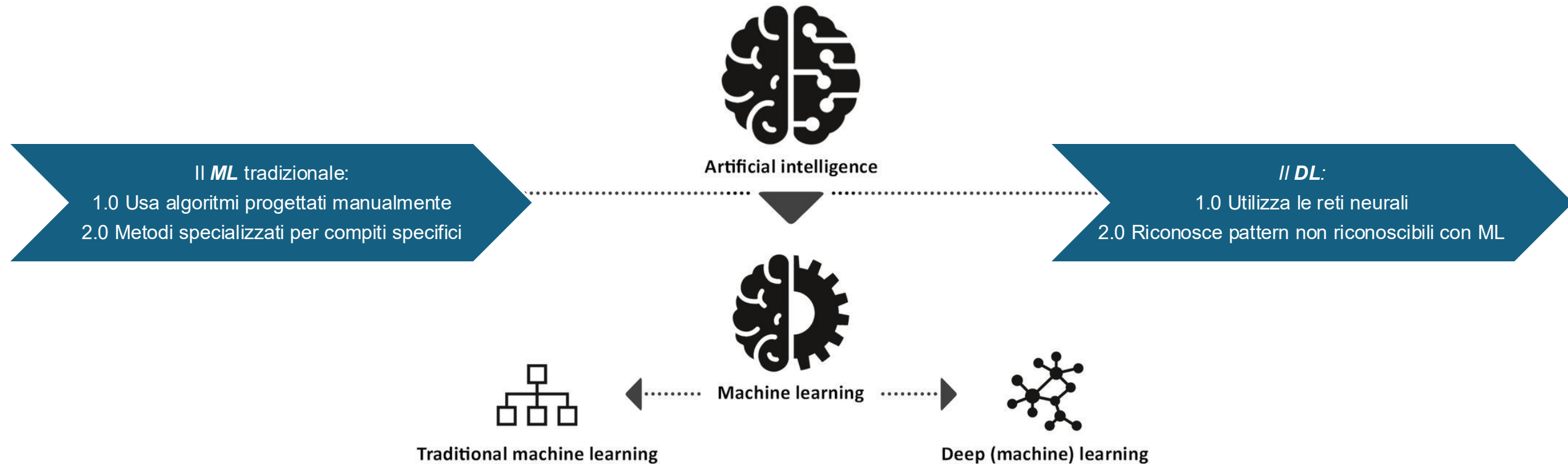
→ **Supervised Learning:** ML algorithm learns from labeled data with known input-output pairs.

→ **Unsupervised Learning:** ML algorithm learns patterns and structures from unlabeled data without predefined outputs.

Neural Network Layers



Il ML permette alla macchina di adattarsi a nuove situazioni, riconoscere ed estrapolare pattern nei dati



Gli algoritmi IA abbracciano l'intero workflow TC

<i>FASE</i>	<i>FUNZIONE</i>
PRE ACQUISIZIONE	• <i>Centraggio automatico</i> • <i>Protocollo e volume di scansione</i>
ACQUISIZIONE	• <i>Algoritmo di ricostruzione dell'immagine</i> • <i>Dose e qualità dell'immagine</i>
POST ACQUISIZIONE	• <i>Applicazioni cliniche avanzate</i> • <i>Radiomica</i>

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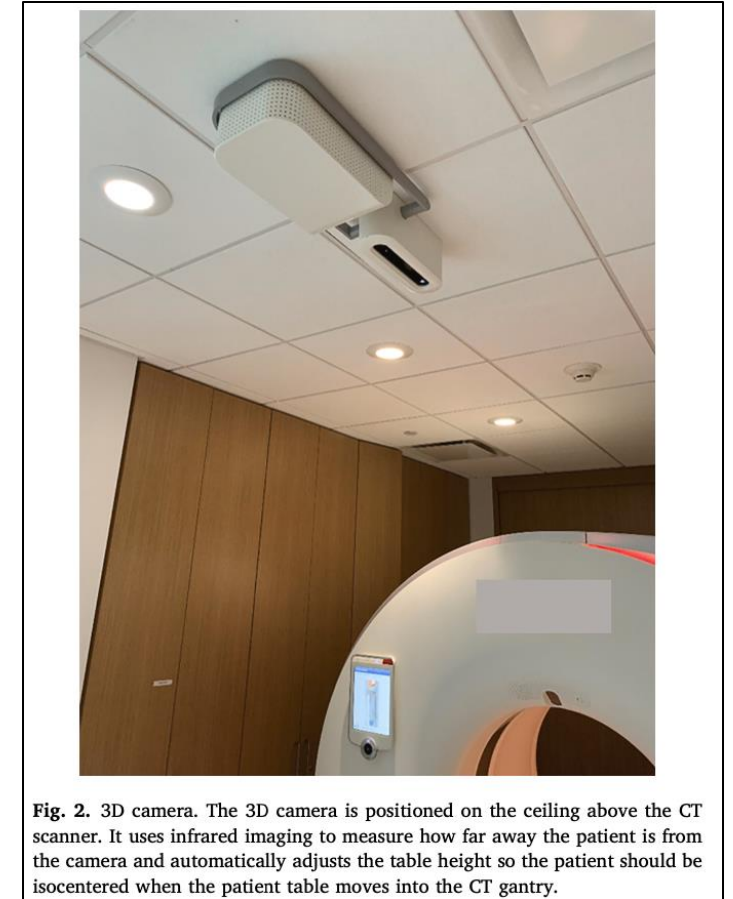
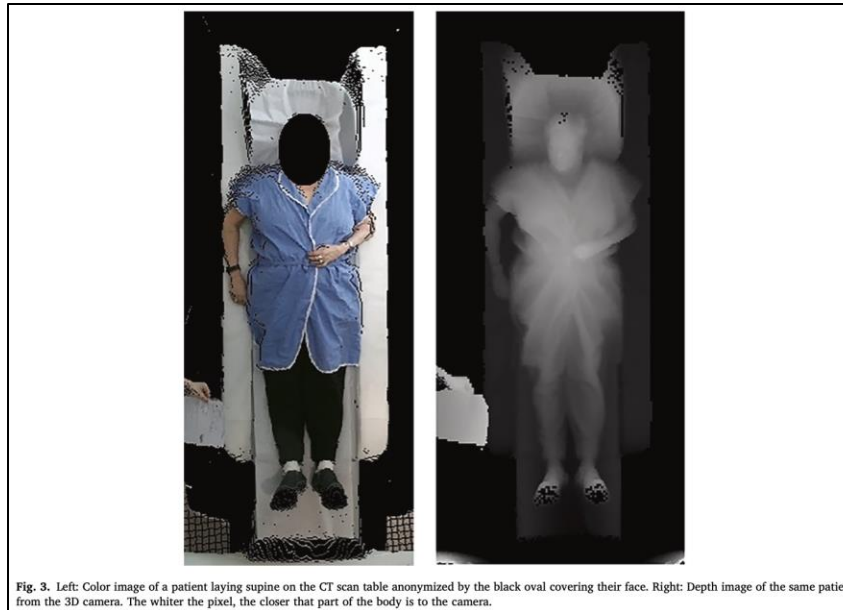
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➤ OBIETTIVO DELLO STUDIO (Dane et al.)

Confrontare **accuratezza dell'isocentro, dose radiante e tempi di scansione** tra TC effettuate con e senza l'uso di una camera 3D per il posizionamento del paziente



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VANTAGGI

➤ Maggiore accuratezza nel posizionamento

Scostamento medio dall'isocentro reale:

- **6.8 mm** con camera 3D
- **16.3 mm** senza camera

Il 93% dei TSRM ha accettato la posizione suggerita dalla camera senza modificarla



Fig. 5. True AP isocenter determination schematic. The red line indicates the AP isocenter along each point of the CT scan volume. The average isocenter along the CT scan volume z-axis indicated by the green line is used to determine true isocenter.

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VANTAGGI

- Riduzione di dose con la camera 3D per i protocolli principali di acquisizione:

da -1.0 a -2.4 mGy, pari a un risparmio di dose dal 17% al 31%

- TC torace (paziente sesso femminile): **-1.4 mGy**
- Entero TC: **-2.1 mGy**
- Uro TC: **-2.4 mGy**

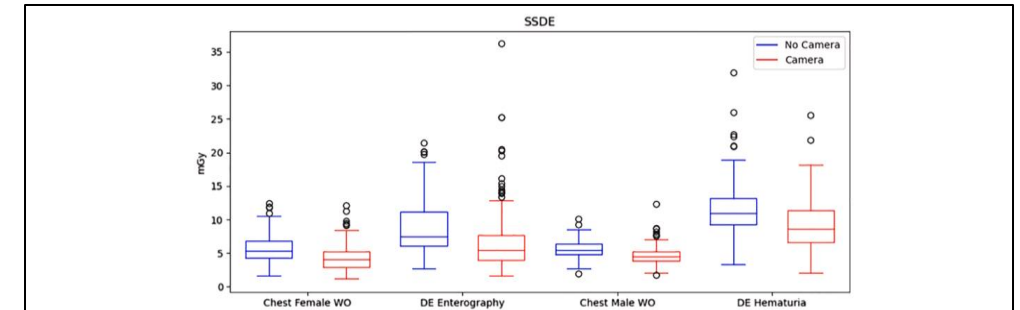


Fig. 6. Box plot showing SSDE for the 4 most common CT examination protocols with (red) and without (blue) the 3D camera.

Table 4

Patient size comparison with and without 3D camera for the 4 most common CT protocols.

Protocol	Cohort	AP thickness (cm)	Weight (kg)	Height (m)	BMI (kg/m ²)
Reduced Dose Chest CT without contrast (Female)	Camera	405.7	68.3	1.61	26.4
	No camera	366.9	67.0	1.61	25.8
	p	<0.01	0.48	0.98	0.39
	Camera	420.6	73.6	1.67	26.4
Abdominopelvic CT Enterography	No camera	408.4	78.6	1.69	27.5
	p	0.13	0.02	0.04	0.11
	Camera	409.7	87.0	1.77	27.9
	No camera	392.4	82.8	1.76	26.6
Reduced Dose Chest CT without contrast (Male)	p	<0.01	0.13	0.99	0.09
	Camera	402.8	75.6	1.7	26.0
	No camera	397.1	81.6	1.7	28.0
	p	0.32	<0.01	0.97	<0.01

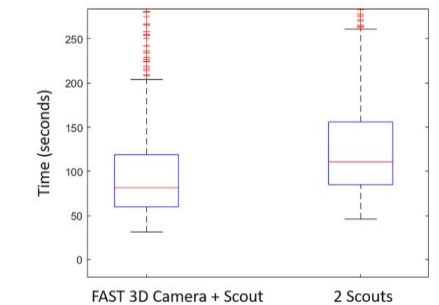


Fig. 8. Box plot comparing scout time of Camera Cohort (left) with No Camera Cohort (right). Scout time is shorter for Camera Cohort (left) compared with No Camera Cohort (right).

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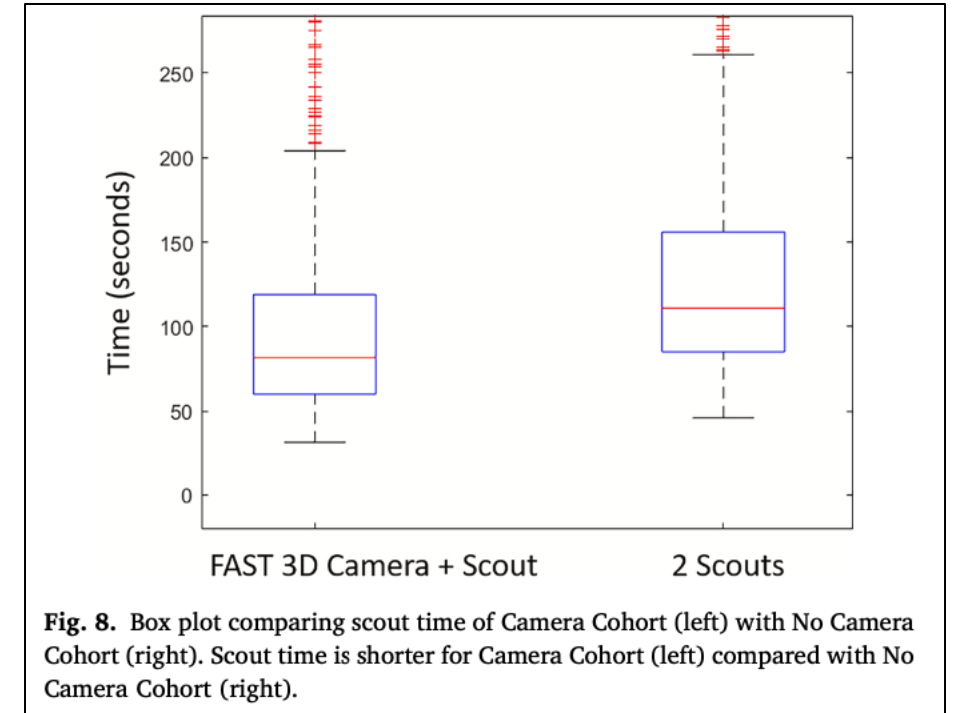
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VANTAGGI

➤ Risparmio di tempo

- Tempo di acquisizione del topogramma ridotto di 32 secondi (1 solo scanogramma)
- Tempo totale scansione: risparmiati 17–19 secondi in media a paziente



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➤ VANTAGGI PER IL TSRM

- Riduzione degli errori di posizionamento
- Possibilità di gestire tutto da tablet, anche fuori dalla sala TC
- Contribuisce a ridurre il carico operativo e aumenta la produttività

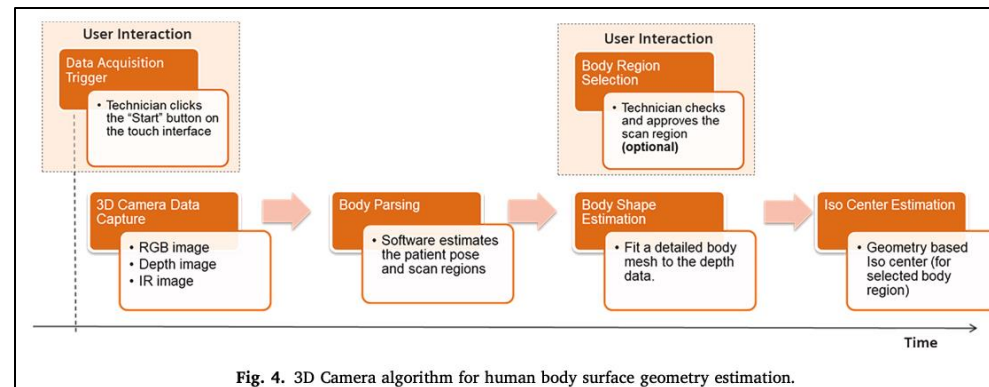
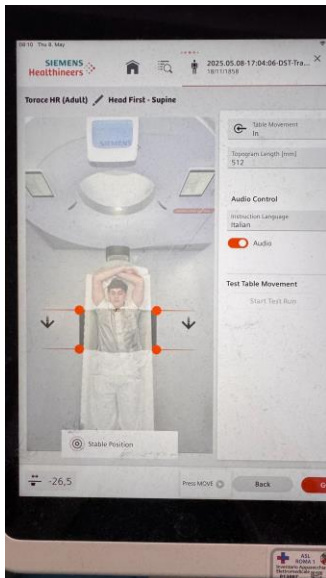


Fig. 4. 3D Camera algorithm for human body surface geometry estimation.



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➤ OBIETTIVO DELLO STUDIO (Salimi et al.)

Sviluppare un algoritmo DL per definire automaticamente il range lungo l'asse Z da scout AP e LL

TRICKS: overscanning presente nel 95-99% dei casi, soprattutto in senso caudale → Aumenta la dose agli organi

Confrontare:

- *Range definito dal TSRM*
- *Range automatico ottenuto da segmentazione 3D*

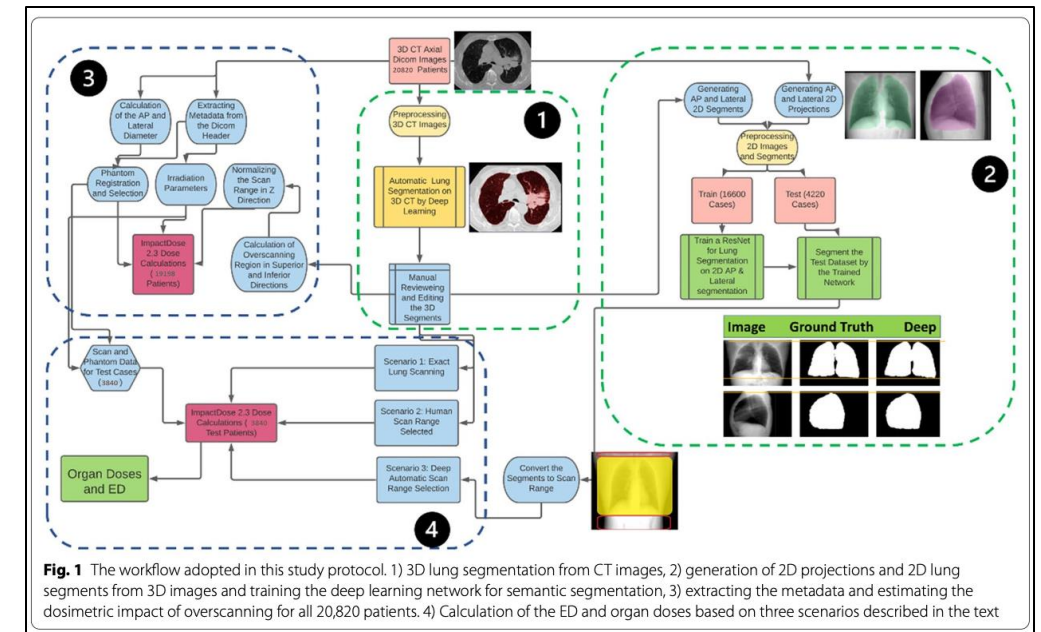


Fig. 1 The workflow adopted in this study protocol. 1) 3D lung segmentation from CT images, 2) generation of 2D projections and 2D lung segments from 3D images and training the deep learning network for semantic segmentation, 3) extracting the metadata and estimating the dosimetric impact of overscanning for all 20,820 patients. 4) Calculation of the ED and organ doses based on three scenarios described in the text

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➤ Risultati principali

- Errore medio DL:

Superiore +0.08 mm
Inferiore: -1.5 mm

- DL più accurato del TSRM ($p < 0.001$)
- Dose efficace totale ridotta del 21% (~1.3 mSv)
- Dose alla tiroide: -67%

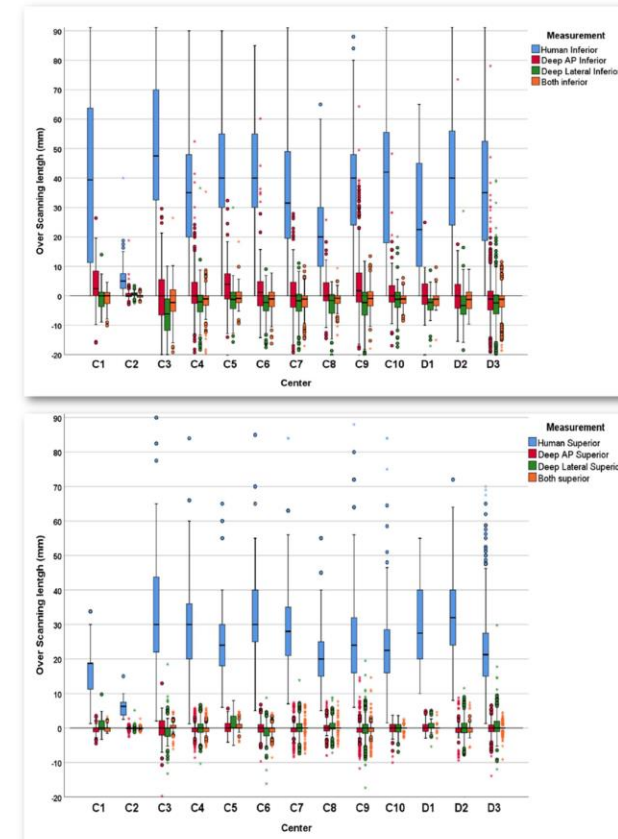


Fig. 4 Error from the desired exact lung coverage in the superior (bottom) and inferior (top) directions according to the technologist (Human) performance and DL approach based on AP, lateral, and both projections for different categories of datasets

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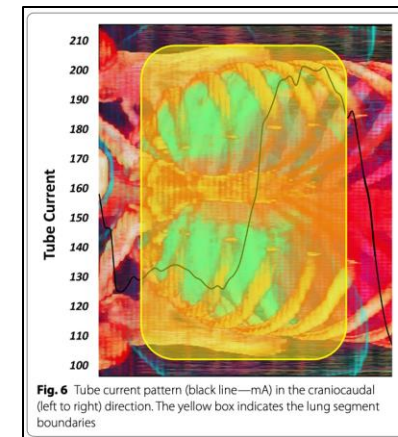
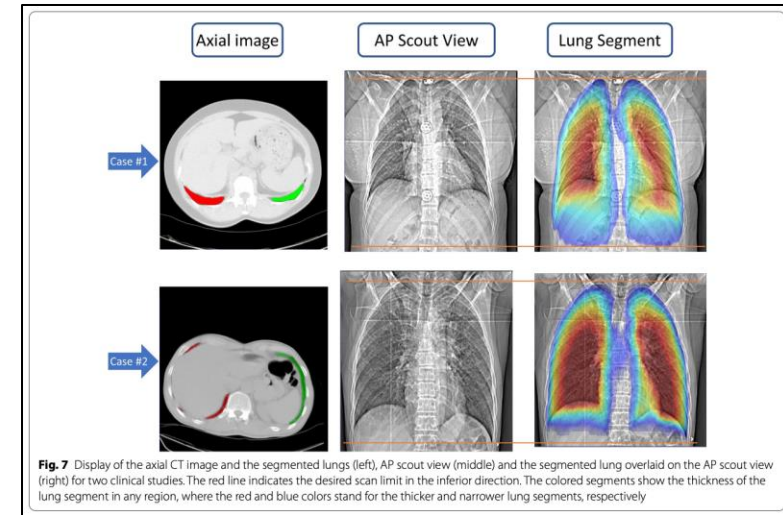
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➤ Vantaggi per il TSRM

- Riduzione dose paziente (tiroide, fegato)
- Supporto decisionale automatizzato
- Accuratezza anche in scarse condizioni cliniche (es. pneumotorace, pz obeso)
- Tempo di scansione ottimizzato

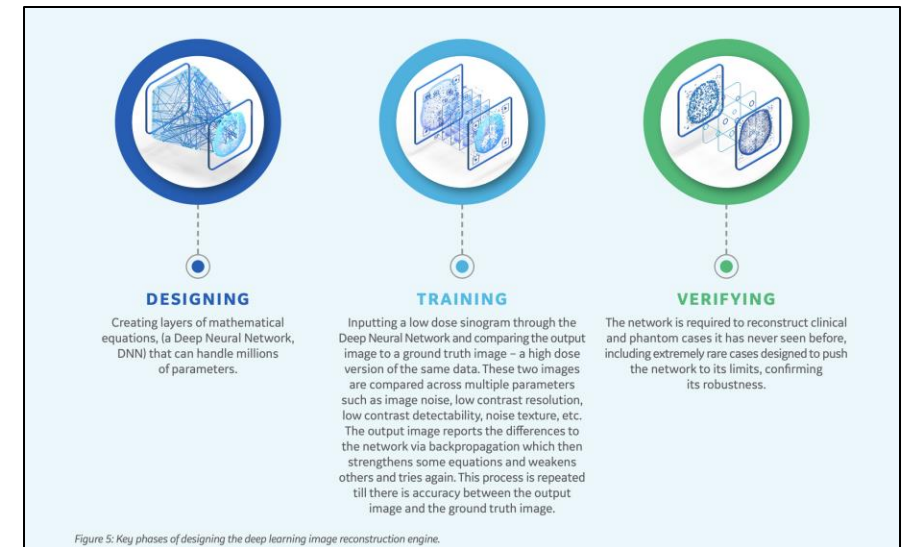


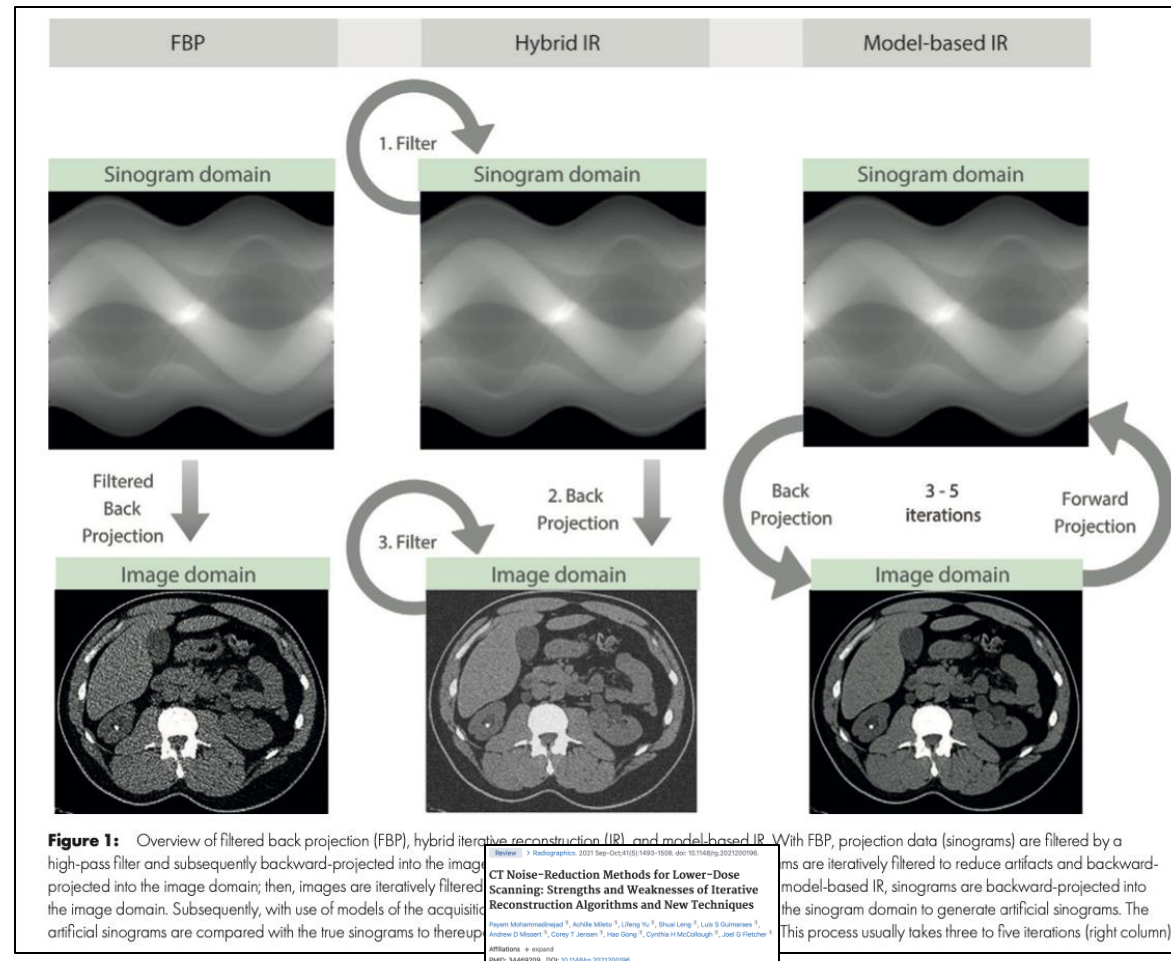
Algoritmo DLR in TC

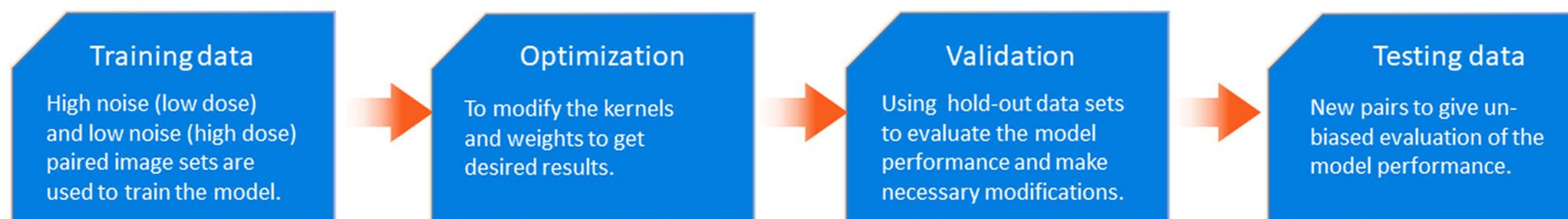
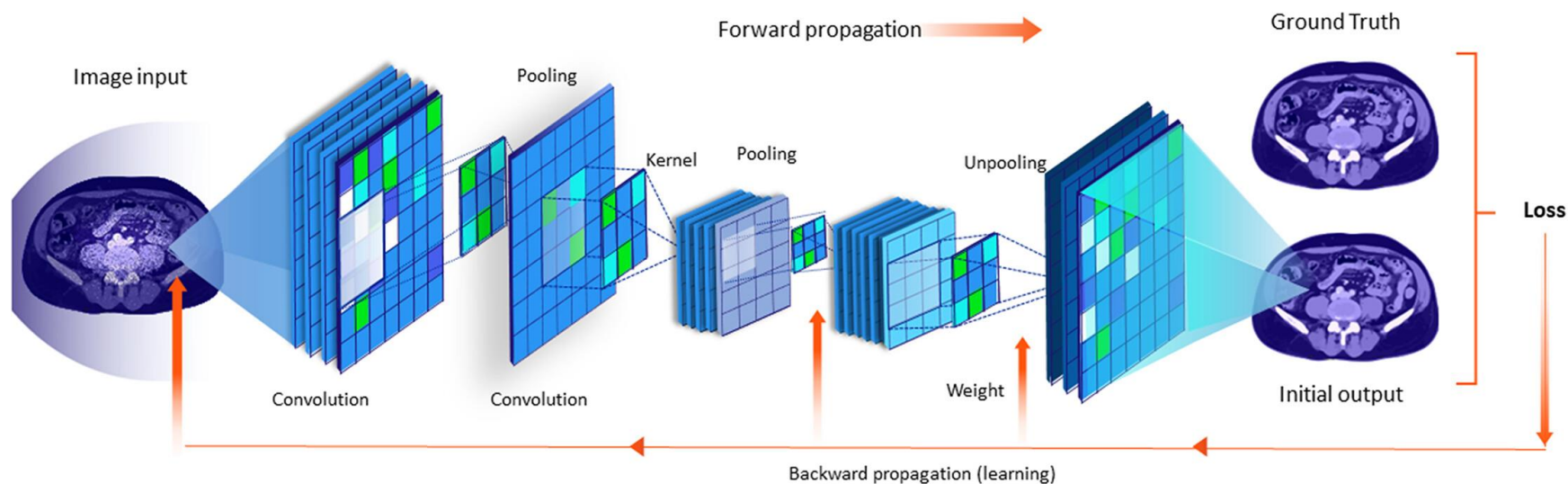
➤ CHE COSA E' L'ALGORITMO DLR

- Tecnica di ricostruzione delle immagini basata su reti neurali
- Supera i limiti di FBP e IR
- Apprende da grandi dataset per ricostruire le immagini TC

**SI BASA SU
PROGETTAZIONE, ADDESTRAMENTO, VERIFICA**

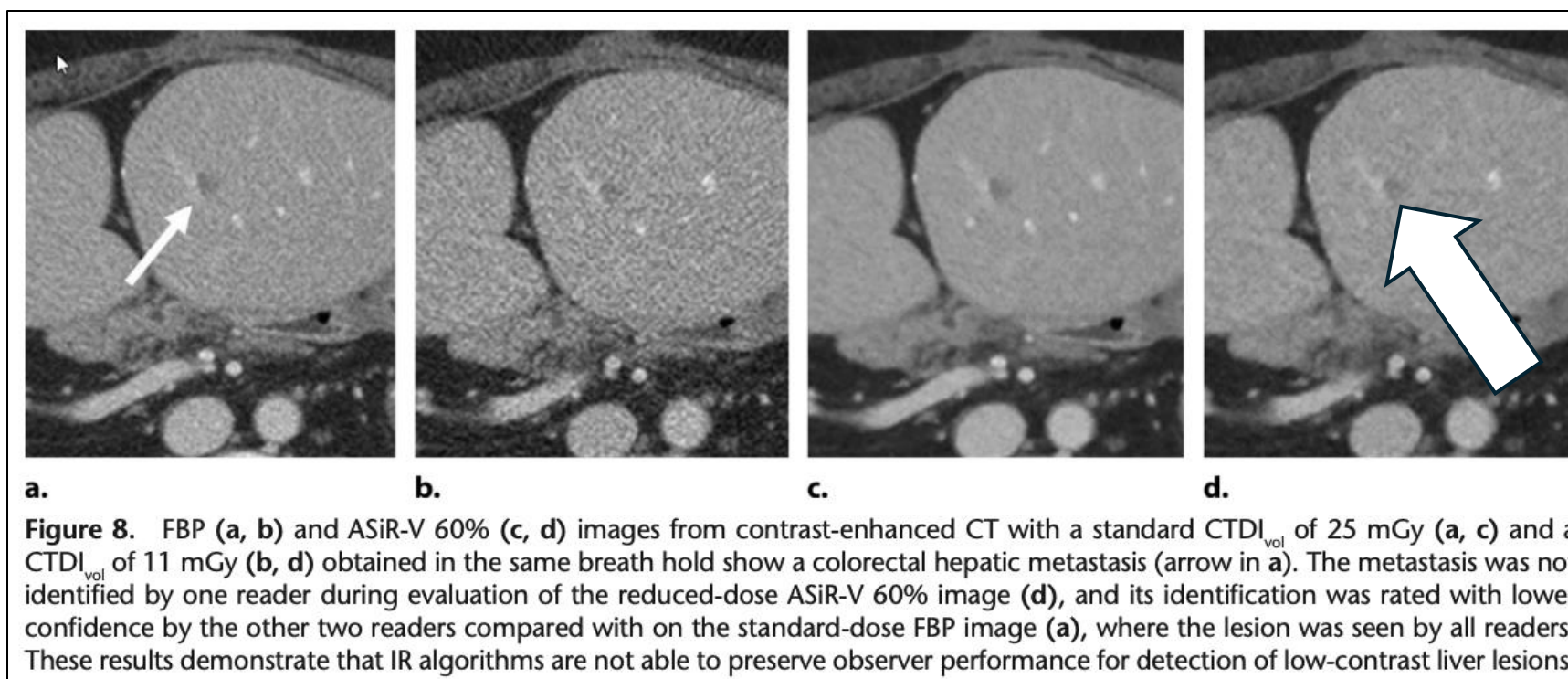


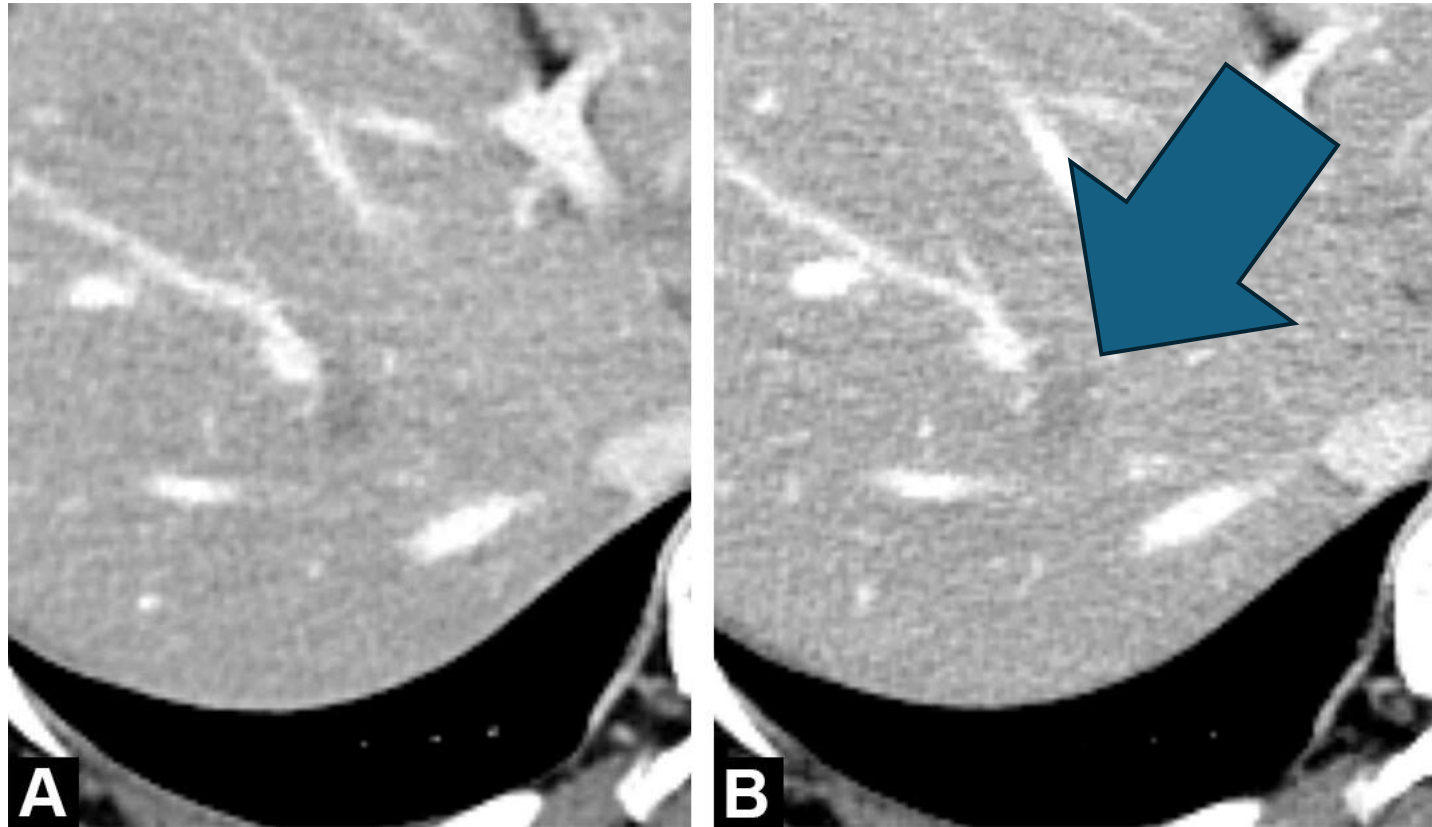




Layout of key steps in the training of a CNN. The network compares output and ground truth images using detected loss of information to iteratively learn and adjust through backward propagation.

- *IR riduce dose e rumore ma le immagini possono risultare meno naturali ('plastic look')*
- **TSRM TRICK: IR modifica la texture e la risoluzione spaziale, rendendo meno affidabili parametri oggettivi come CNR e MTF**





TrueFidelity DLR. Axial contrast-enhanced CT images show a colorectal adenocarcinoma metastasis (arrow in **B**) in the liver of a research participant. The image DLR with TrueFidelity at medium strength (**A**) shows slightly improved lesion conspicuity even at a 66% radiation dose reduction compared with that on the standard-dose FBP image (**B**) obtained in the same breath hold. Interestingly, this lesion was missed by a study reader using the standard-dose FBP images but identified by the same reader using the DLR technique.

- L'algoritmo DLR può agire:
 - *Direttamente al posto di FBP/IR*
 - *Indirettamente prima o dopo di FBP/IR*

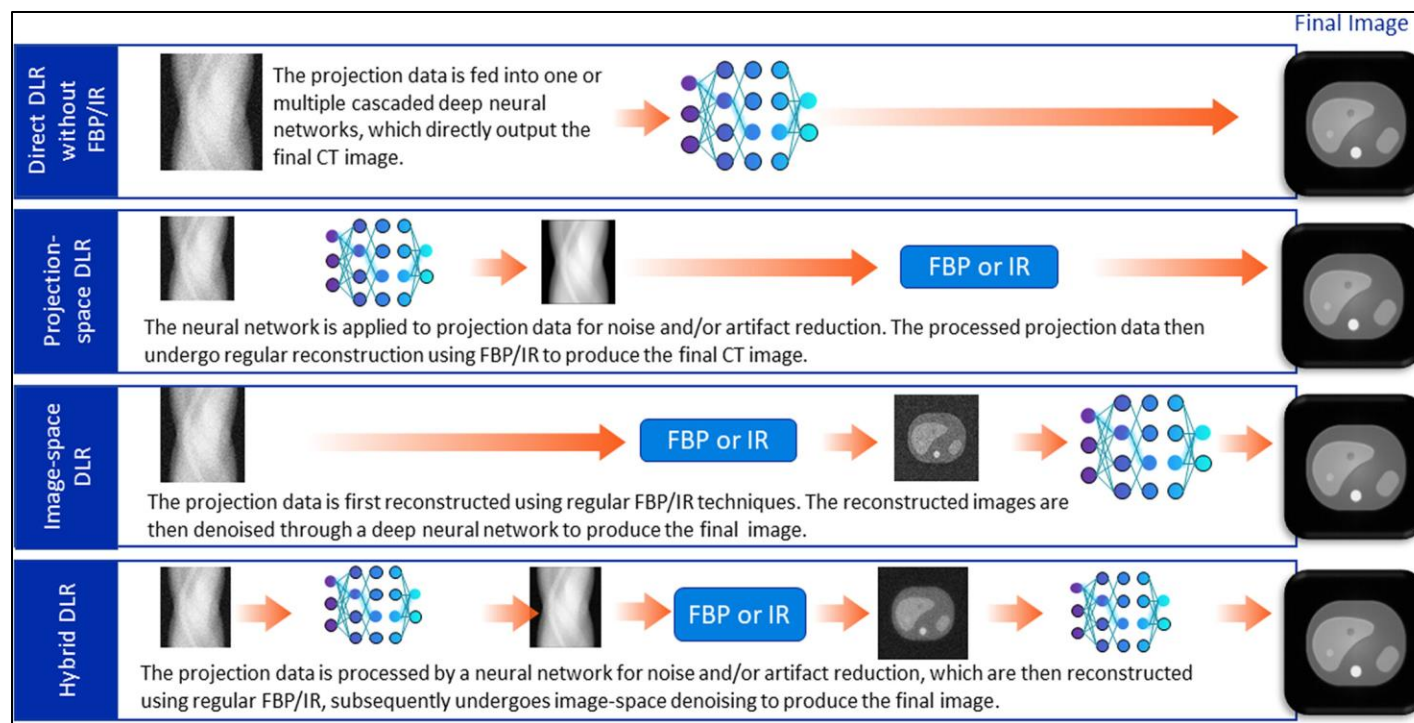


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L'IA IN FASE DI ACQUISIZIONE

- L'algoritmo DLR può agire:
 - *Direttamente al posto di FBP/IR*
 - *Indirettamente prima o dopo di FBP/IR*
- **TSRM TIP: Studia le caratteristiche del tuo DLR (es. TrueFidelity, AiCE, Precise Image)!**

Table 1: Currently Commercially Available Deep Learning Algorithms

Algorithm Name	Algorithm Developer	Algorithm Class	Algorithm Type	Ground Truth Images
TrueFidelity	GE Healthcare	DLR	Direct	FBP
AiCE	Canon Medical Systems	DLR	Indirect, image-based	MBIR
Precise Image	Philips Healthcare	DLR	Direct	FBP
PixelShine	AlgoMedica	DLD	Image denoiser	FBP, HIR, MBIR
ClariCT.AI	ClariPi	DLD	Image denoiser	FBP

Note.—AiCE = Advanced Intelligent Clear-IQ Engine, DLR = deep learning reconstruction, DLD = deep learning–based denoiser, FBP = filtered back projection, HIR = hybrid iterative reconstruction, MBIR = model-based iterative reconstruction.

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➤ TSRM TIPS

- *DLR riduce la dipendenza del rumore dalla dose*
- *Migliore SNR, CNR e minor SD anche in spessori sottili*
- *Texture più naturale rispetto a MBIR, meno “plasticosa”*

Essentials

- Deep learning reconstruction (DLR) algorithms can be applied in the raw data domain, image domain, or both.
- Compared with filtered back projection and hybrid iterative reconstruction (HIR), DLR provides improved image quality.
- DLR potentially allows for radiation dose reductions between 30% and 71% compared with HIR while maintaining diagnostic image quality due to improved noise reduction.
- Deep learning–based metal artifact reduction (MAR) has the potential to remove metal artifacts more accurately than current state-of-the-art MAR methods.

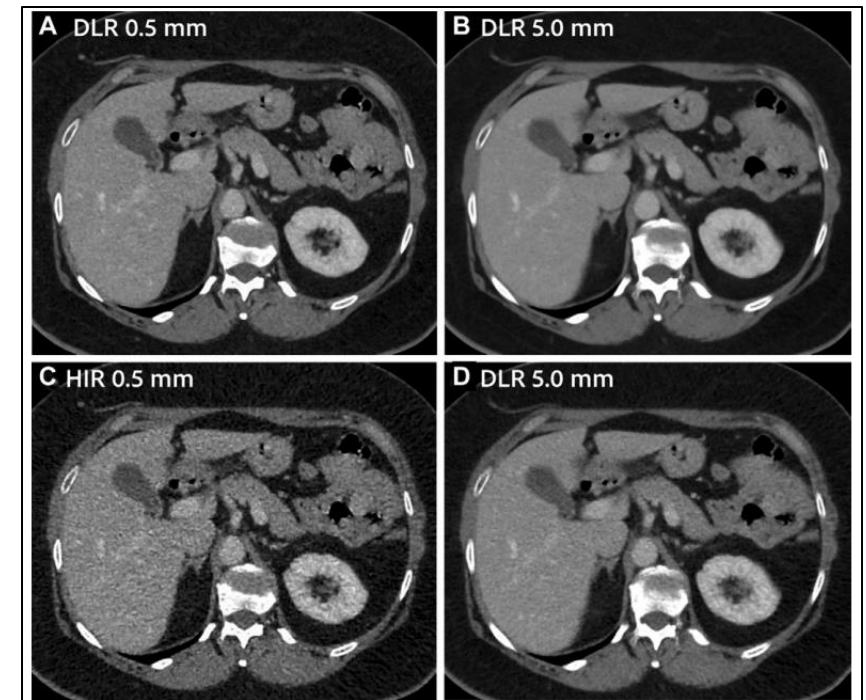


Figure 10: Contrast-enhanced axial abdominal CT images in a 63-year-old woman with recurrent endometrial carcinoma. Images were acquired at 120 kVp and 343 mA and reconstructed with (A) 0.5-mm Advanced Intelligent Clear-IQ Engine (AiCE), (B) 5.0-mm AiCE, (C) 0.5-mm hybrid iterative reconstruction (HIR), and (D) 5.0-mm HIR. AiCE is an indirect image-based deep learning reconstruction (DLR) algorithm. Thin sections in reconstructions A and C preserved spatial resolution but had more image noise compared with thick sections in reconstructions B and D. AiCE keeps image noise low in thin sections, whereas HIR leads to unacceptable higher levels of noise in 0.5-mm images.

TRICKS TECNICI



➤ ***Attenzione alla texture del rumore***

Se il radiologo dice: “immagine plasticosa”, probabilmente è un MBIR spinto

DLR mantiene texture simile a FBP → + confidenza diagnostica

➤ ***Se puoi, spingi su protocolli a bassa dose***

DLR consente riduzioni di dose dal 30% al 71%

Provalo in addome o torace nei follow-up!

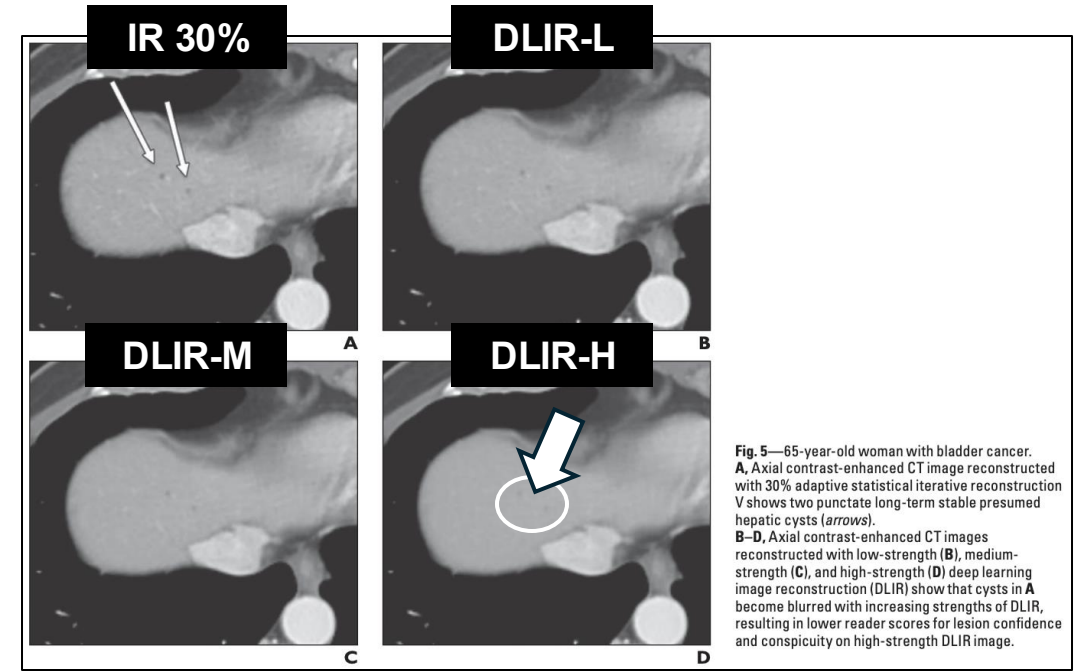
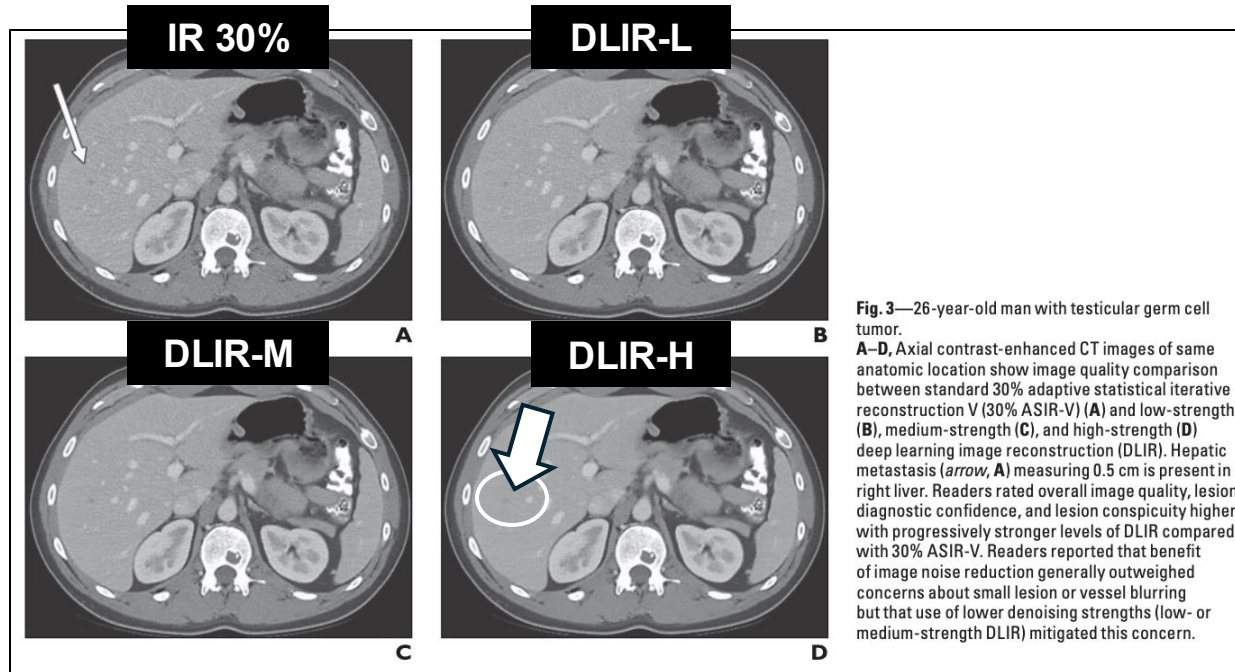
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➤ “ATTENZIONE ALLA FORZA DEL DLR”

DLIR e lesioni < 5 mm (Jensen et al., AJR 2020)

- Con DLR-H si può osservare **blurring** di **lesioni puntiformi ipodense** (< 5 mm) e di **piccoli vasi iperdensi** (post mdc), con valutazioni talora inferiori rispetto a DLIR-M o ASIR-V
- DLR-M rappresenta spesso il **miglior compromesso tra qualità d'immagine e CNR**
- **L'ottimizzazione di Window e Level** può migliorare la visualizzazione di strutture sfocate con DLIR-H



TRICKS TECNICI



➤ *DLR e artefatti metallici: sì, ma con criterio*

La DLR è efficace sui metal artifacts, ma va usata in sinergia con MAR

Le migliori riduzioni si ottengono con pipeline: MAR → DLR

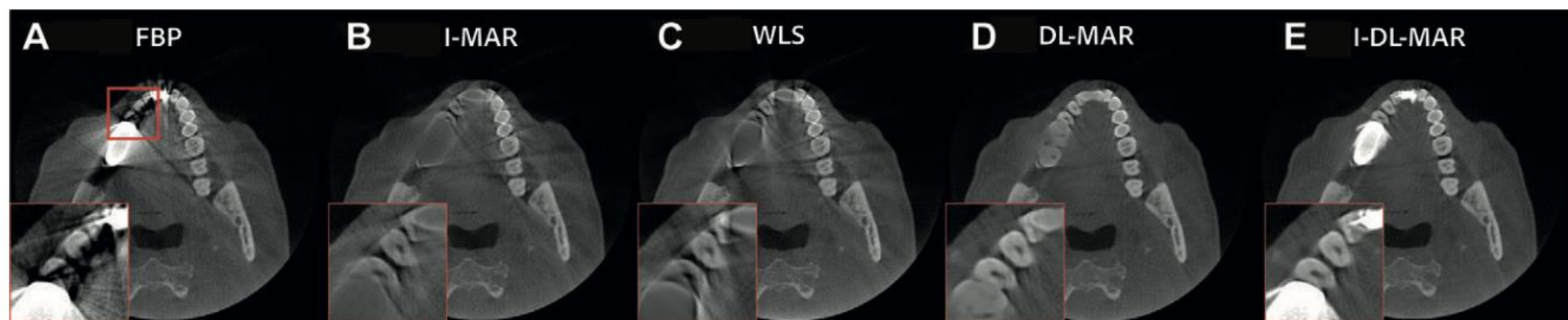


Figure 7: Images in a patient with a metal dental implant. Images were reconstructed with **(A)** filtered back projection (FBP), **(B)** interpolation metal artifact reduction (I-MAR), **(C)** weighted least square (WLS) iterative reconstruction, **(D)** deep learning metal artifact reduction (DL-MAR), and **(E)** sequential combination of I-MAR and DL-MAR (I-DL-MAR). The zoomed-in inset from the upper red box in image **A** shows shading and streak artifacts. The red boxes in images **B**, **C**, **D**, and **E** show the restoration of metal artifacts. Note the clear restoration quality of I-DL-MAR in image **E**. Reprinted, with permission, from reference 56.

TRICKS TECNICI



➤ TSRM TIPS:

- ***DLR riduce gli artefatti metallici meglio dei metodi classici***
- ***Occhio alle “hallucinations”: falsi positivi/negativi se la rete non è addestrata correttamente!***

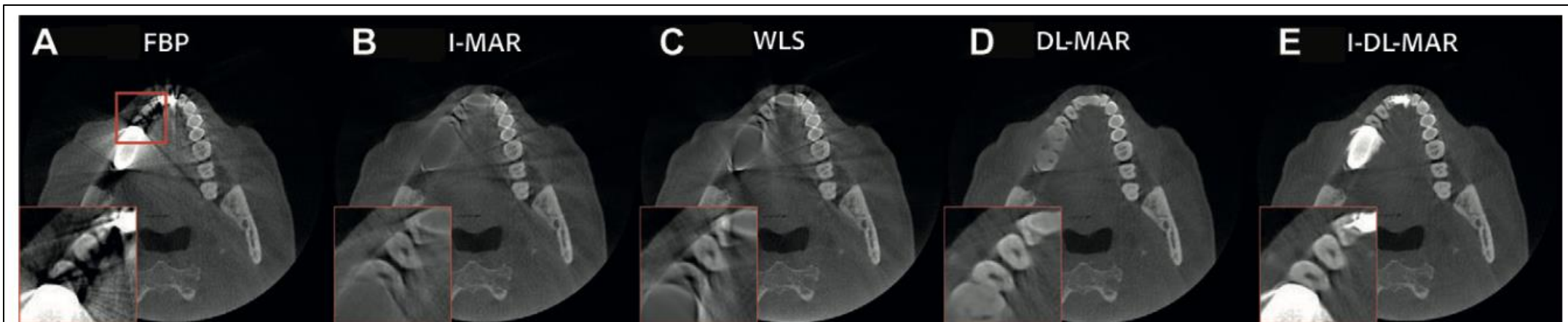


Figure 7: Images in a patient with a metal dental implant. Images were reconstructed with **(A)** filtered back projection (FBP), **(B)** interpolation metal artifact reduction (I-MAR), **(C)** weighted least square (WLS) iterative reconstruction, **(D)** deep learning metal artifact reduction (DL-MAR), and **(E)** sequential combination of I-MAR and DL-MAR (I-DL-MAR). The zoomed-in inset from the upper red box in image **A** shows shading and streak artifacts. The red boxes in images **B**, **C**, **D**, and **E** show the restoration of metal artifacts. Note the clear restoration quality of I-DL-MAR in image **E**. Reprinted, with permission, from reference 56.

TSRM TIPS

➤ *DLR è un game-changer nei bambini*

Alta qualità anche a dosi molto basse.

Usalo sempre se disponibile!

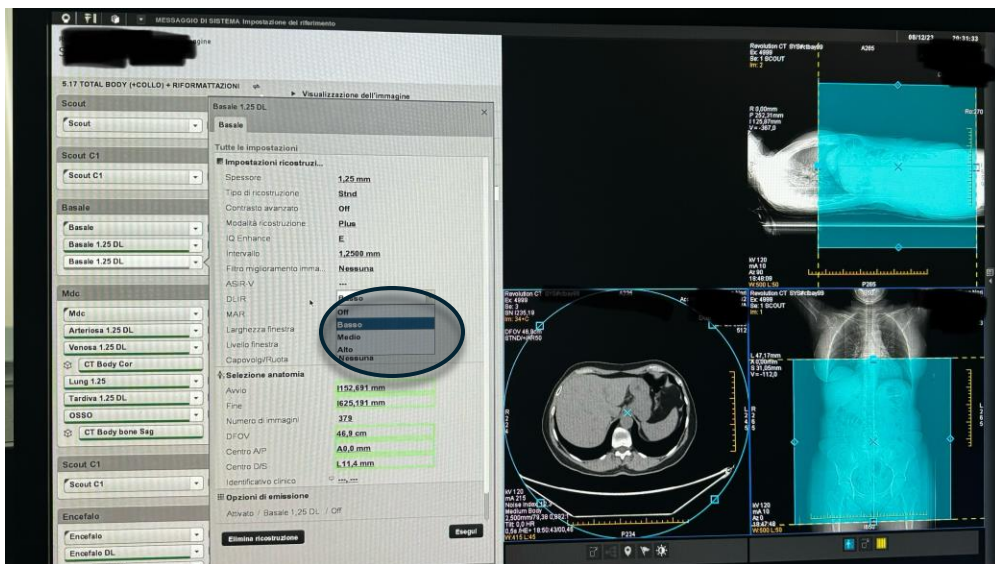


Figure 11: Contrast-enhanced axial abdominal CT images in a 2-year-old boy after chemotherapy for hepatoblastoma show multiple areas of necrosis within the hepatic tumor. Images were acquired at 80 kVp with a volumetric CT dose index of 1.79 mGy and reconstructed with **(A)** 3.75-mm hybrid iterative reconstruction (HIR) standard kernel, **(B)** 1.25-mm HIR standard kernel, and **(C)** 1.25-mm TrueFidelity deep learning reconstruction (DLR)–high weight standard kernel. TrueFidelity is a direct DLR algorithm. Thin-section HIR in image **B** shows reduced low-contrast detectability and lesion delineation due to elevated image noise and deteriorated noise texture. Thin-section DLR in image **C** mimics the thicker-section HIR in image **A** in terms of image noise but shows improved spatial resolution.

L'IA IN FASE DI ACQUISIZIONE

- DLR consente protocolli **ultra-low dose**
- Il TSRM deve conoscere **la forza del DLR** (basso – medio – alto)
- Attenzione alla **selezione del protocollo**: DLR non sostituisce l'esperienza

L'obiettivo è ottimizzare la dose senza compromettere la diagnosi!



DLR in Dual Energy TC

Image Quality Evaluation in Dual-Energy CT of the Chest, Abdomen, and Pelvis in Obese Patients With Deep Learning Image Reconstruction

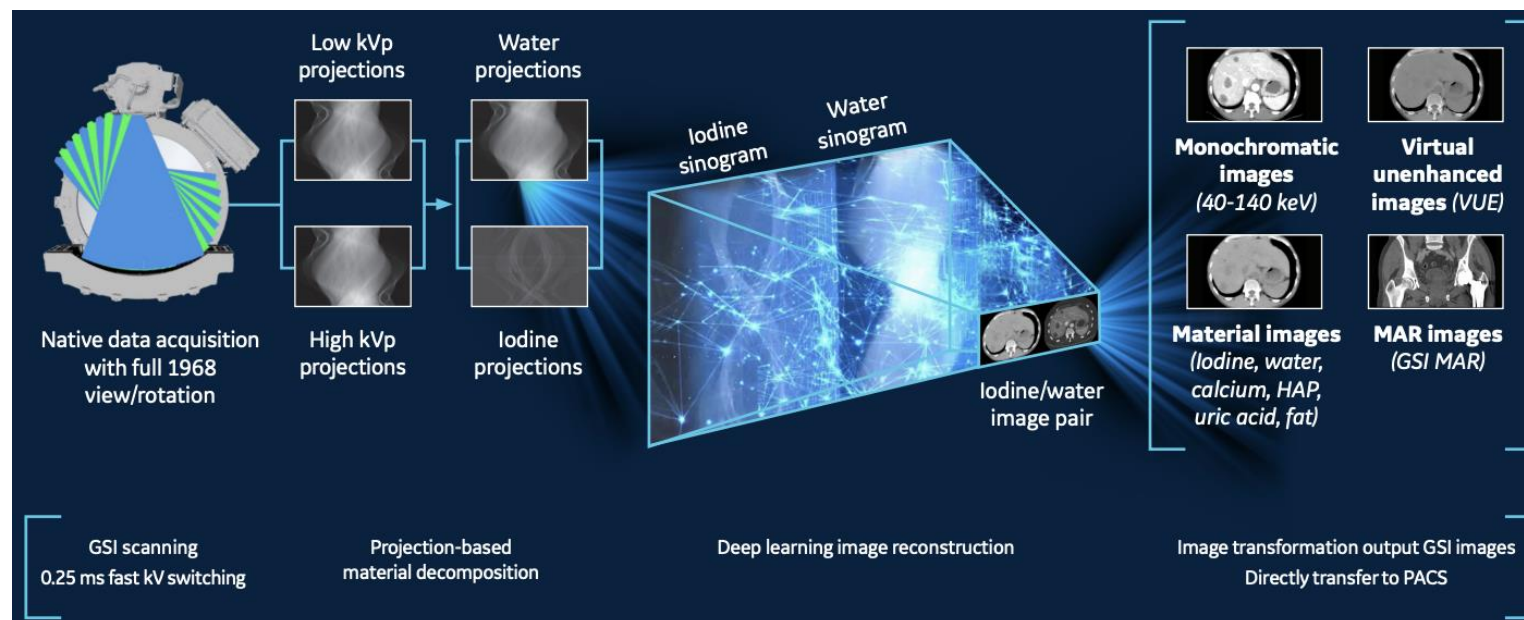
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➤ OBIETTIVO DELLO STUDIO (Fair et al.)

Valutare qualità dell'immagine DECT del torace, addome e pelvi in pazienti obesi, usando algoritmi di ricostruzione:

- **ASIR-V (standard IR)**
- **TrueFidelity DL (media e alta intensità)**



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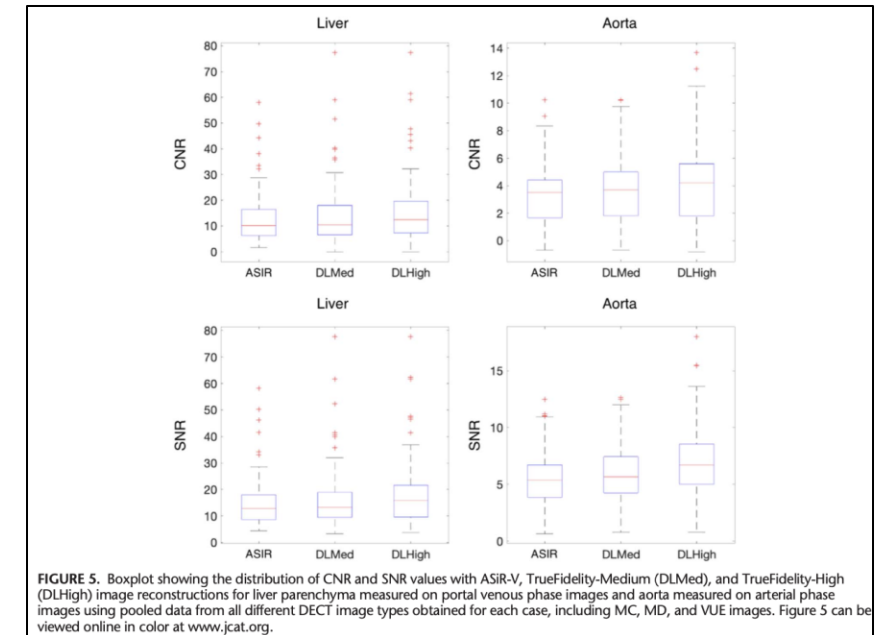
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- Maggiore qualità soggettiva dell'immagine e migliore SNR-CNR
- **CNR AORTA: da 21.3 (ASiR-V) a 27.8 (DL-High)**
- **SNR FEGATO: da 6.5 (ASiR-V) a 8.6 (DL-High)**

TABLE 5. Estimated Marginal Means With CIs for CNR and SNR Values for ASiR-V, TrueFidelity-Medium, and TrueFidelity-High Reconstruction Methods for Aorta and Liver Parenchyma

Variable	ASiR-V	TrueFidelity-Medium	TrueFidelity-High
Aorta CNR	21.285 (16.686–25.884)	23.024 (18.425–27.624)	27.780 (23.179–32.381)
Liver CNR	3.53 (2.482–4.578)	3.847 (2.799–4.895)	4.662 (3.613–5.711)
Aorta SNR	24.309 (19.697–28.921)	26.273 (21.659–30.886)	31.701 (27.087–36.316)
Liver SNR	6.554 (5.373–7.736)	7.095 (5.913–8.277)	8.583 (7.401–9.765)



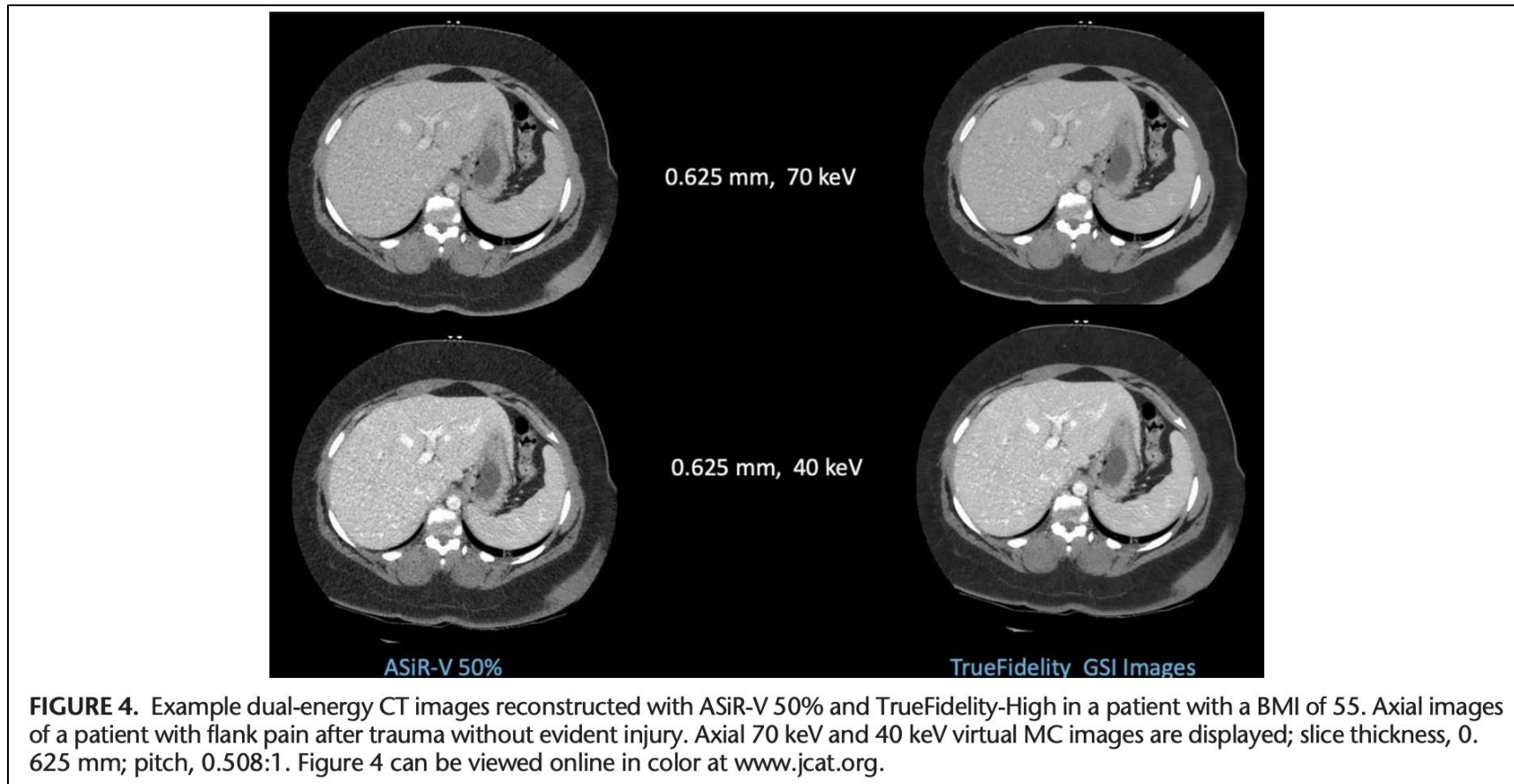
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- L'algoritmo DL mantiene texture omogenee e dettagli anatomici ben delineati rispetto a IR



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- DLR riduce artefatti da indurimento del fascio e rumore, in pazienti con BMI medio pari a 39.5 (fino a 64.8)

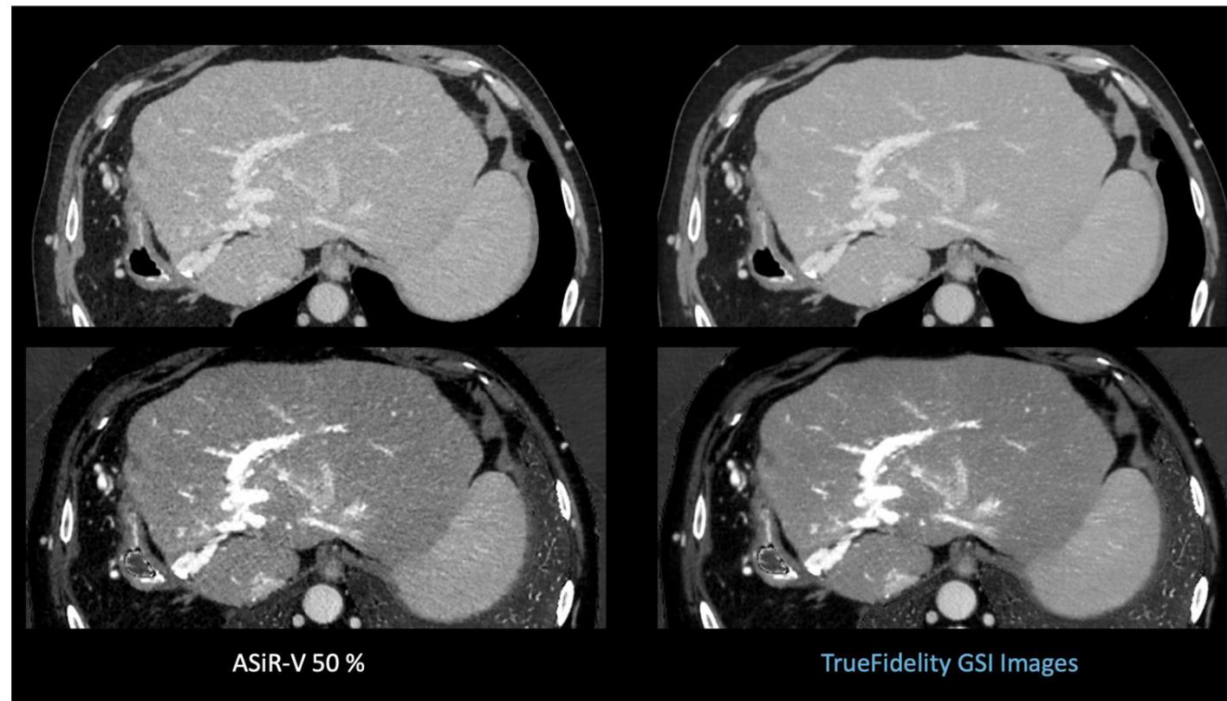
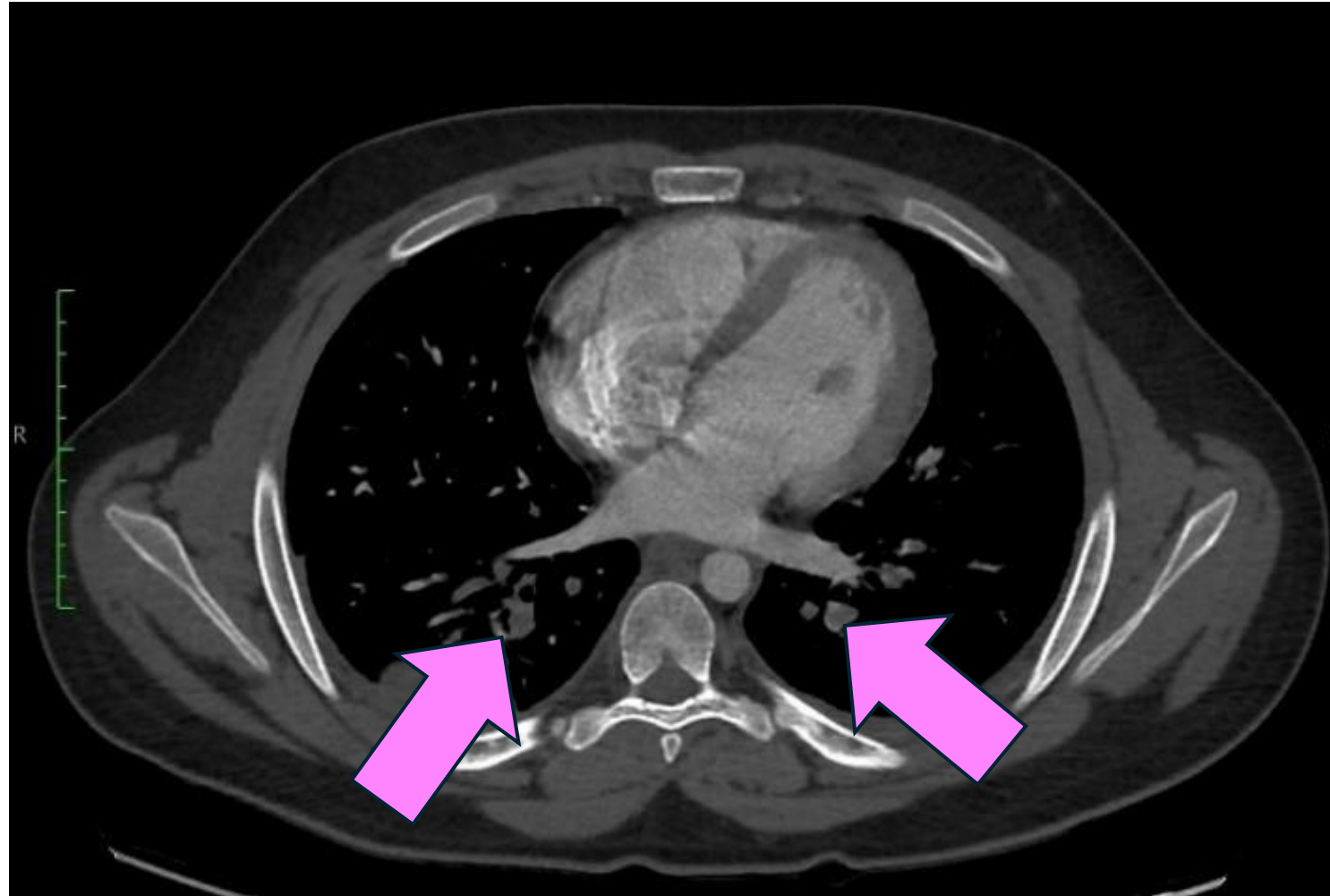


FIGURE 3. Example dual-energy CT images reconstructed with ASiR-V 50% and TrueFidelity-High in a patient with a BMI of 43. Axial images in a patient with history of metastatic colorectal cancer status post right hepatectomy. Axial 40 keV virtual MC images and iodine MD images are displayed; slice thickness, 0.625 mm; pitch, 0.508:1. Figure 3 can be viewed online in color at www.jcat.org.

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Caso clinico embolia polmonare

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GSI embolia polmonare

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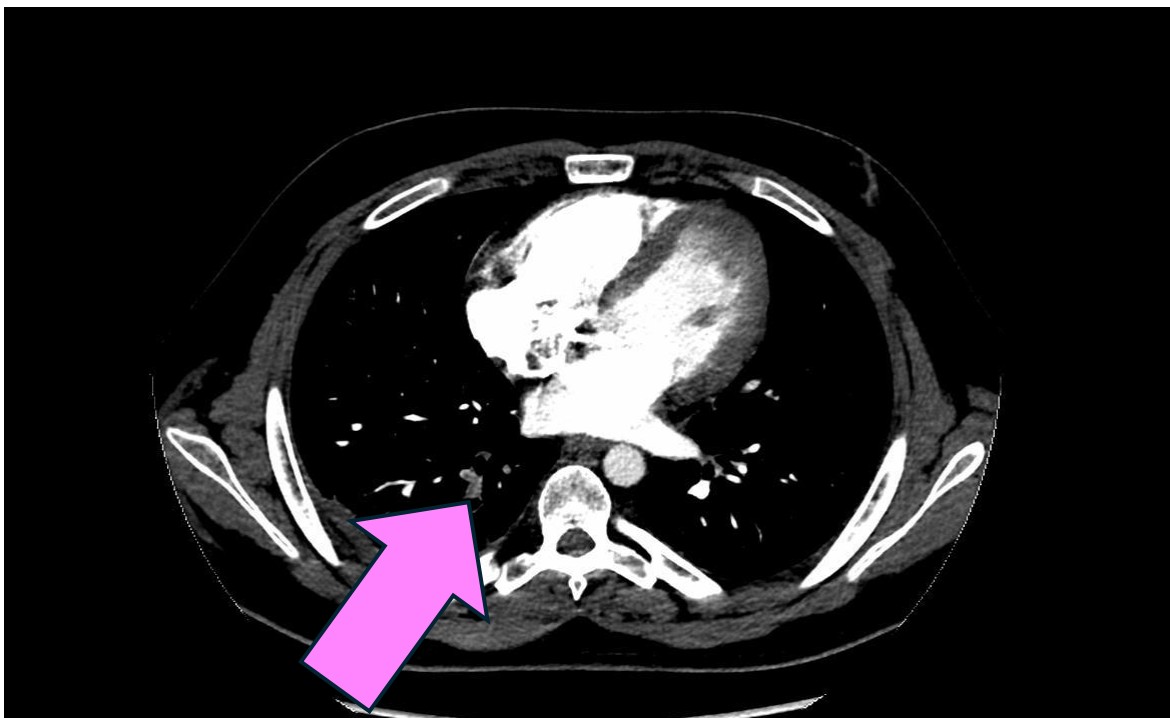


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MONO-ENERGETICA 55 keV

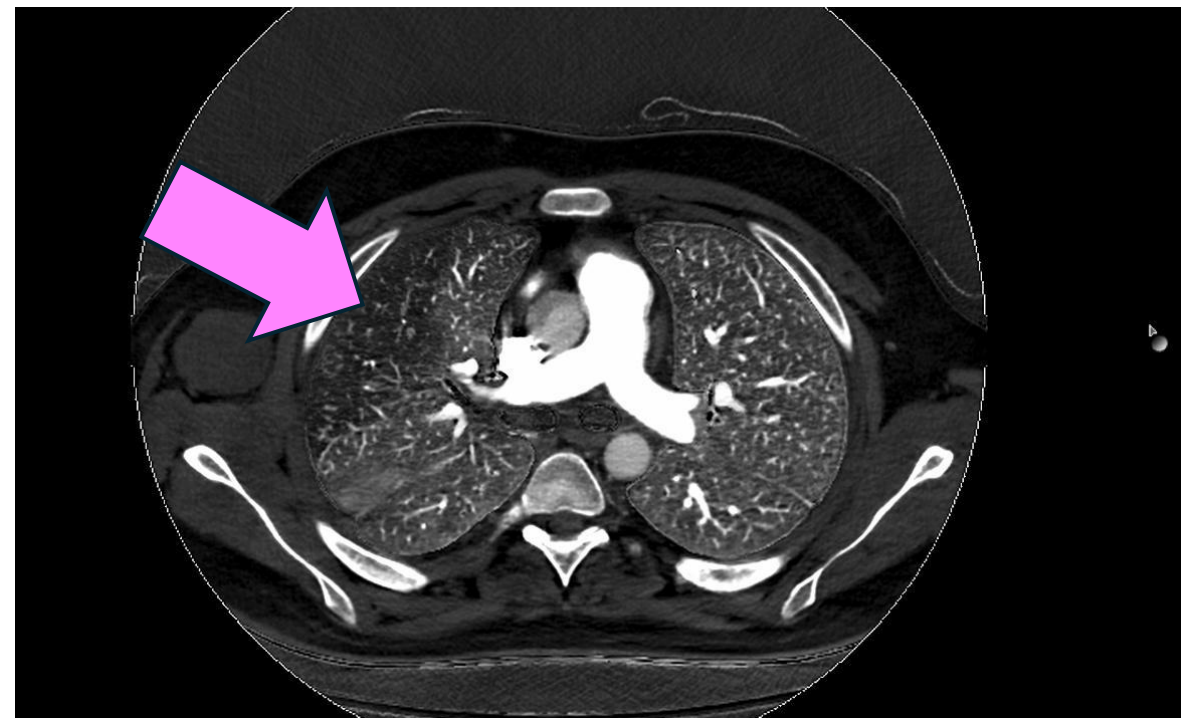


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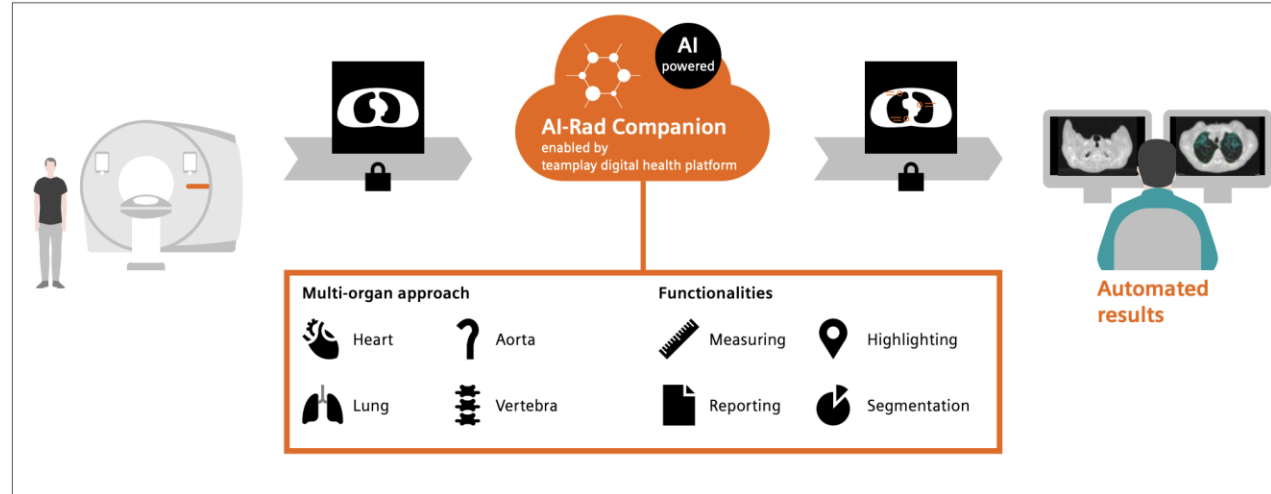
IMMAGINI DECT RICOSTRUITE CON DLIR-M

L'IA NEL POST SCAN TC

➤ AI-Rad Companion Chest CT è un software di supporto decisionale basato su IA che analizza TC torace

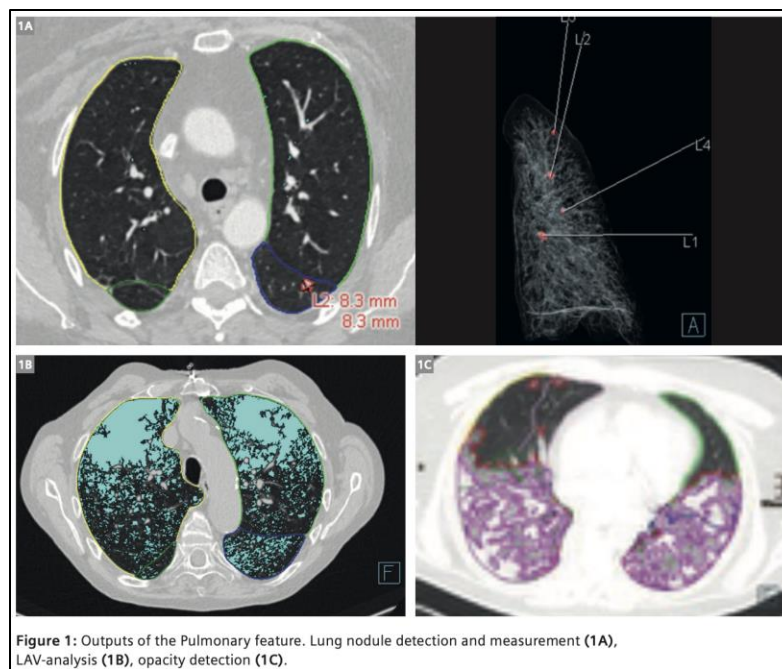
Segmenta automaticamente polmoni, cuore, aorta, vertebre

- Calcola misure chiave (diametri, volumi, HU, ecc.) secondo le linee guida cliniche
- Genera output in DICOM, compatibili col PACS e integrabili nel referto
- Funziona su immagini di qualsiasi vendor (vendor-neutral), offre workflow personalizzabile con risultati in tempo reale



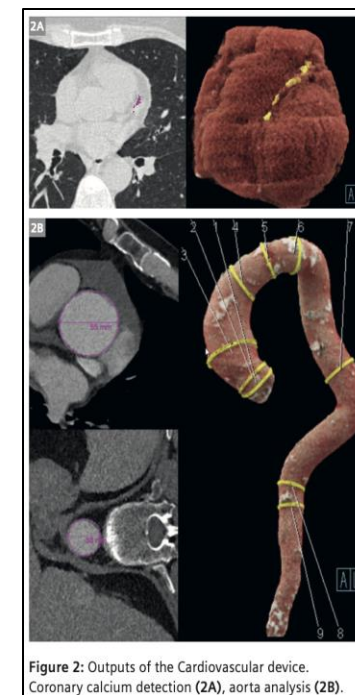
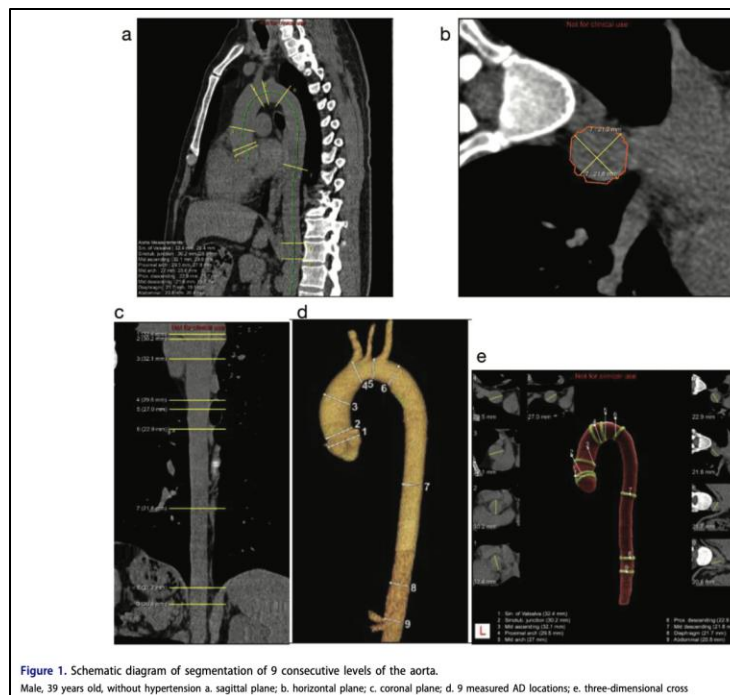
➤ MODULO POLMONARE

- Rileva e misura noduli polmonari secondo linee guida Fleischner
- Quantifica enfisema (LAV < -950 HU) e opacità (es. polmoniti virali)
- Categorizza le anomalie polmonari con colori e soglie standardizzate



➤ MODULO CARDIOVASCOLARE

- Misura il volume cardiaco e le calcificazioni coronariche anche su TC basali e TC NO-ECG gating
- Segmenta e misura l'aorta toracica in 9 punti (AHA guidelines)
- Calcificazioni: volume totale espresso in mm^3 → categorizzazione rischio (es. $V \geq 500$ = rischio alto)



➤ MODULO MUSCOLOSCHIELETICO

- **Segmenta** vertebre T1–T12
- **Misura:**
 - Altezza anteriore/media/posteriore (valuta fratture)
 - Densità trabecolare (HU) per diagnosi di osteoporosi

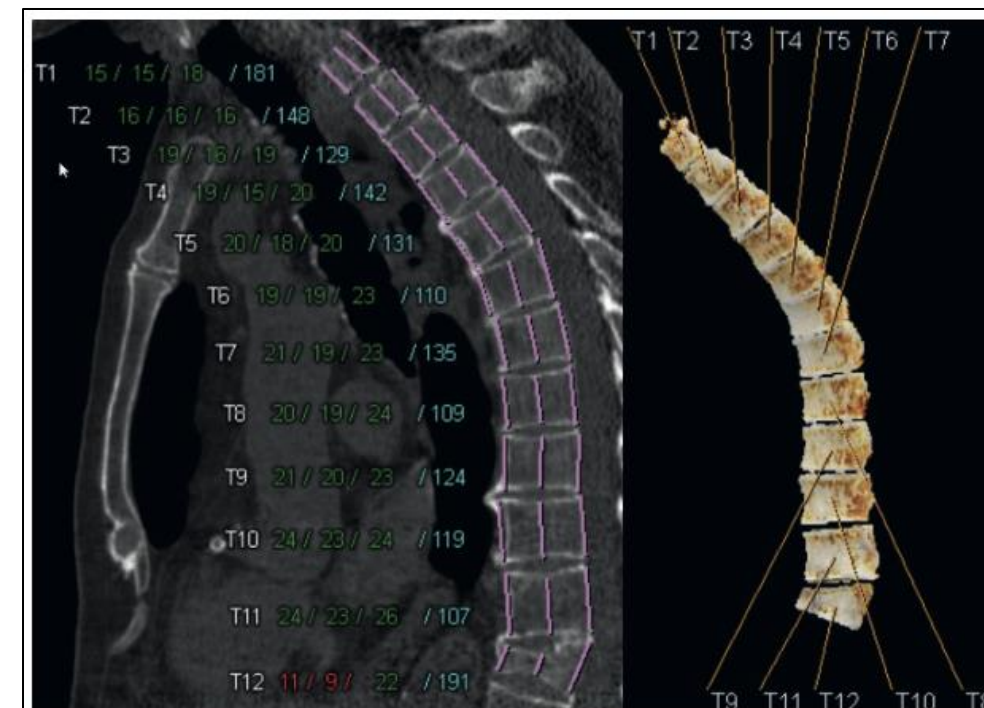
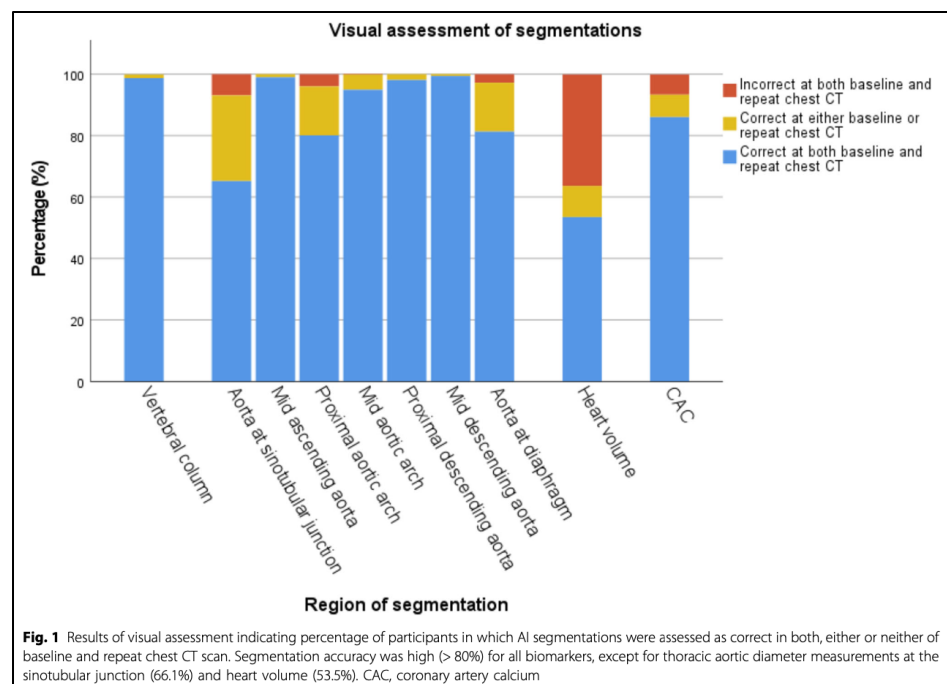


Figure 3: Output of the Musculoskeletal device: Height and density measurements of the thoracic vertebrae.

➤ VALIDAZIONE SCIENTIFICA (studio ImaLife 2025)

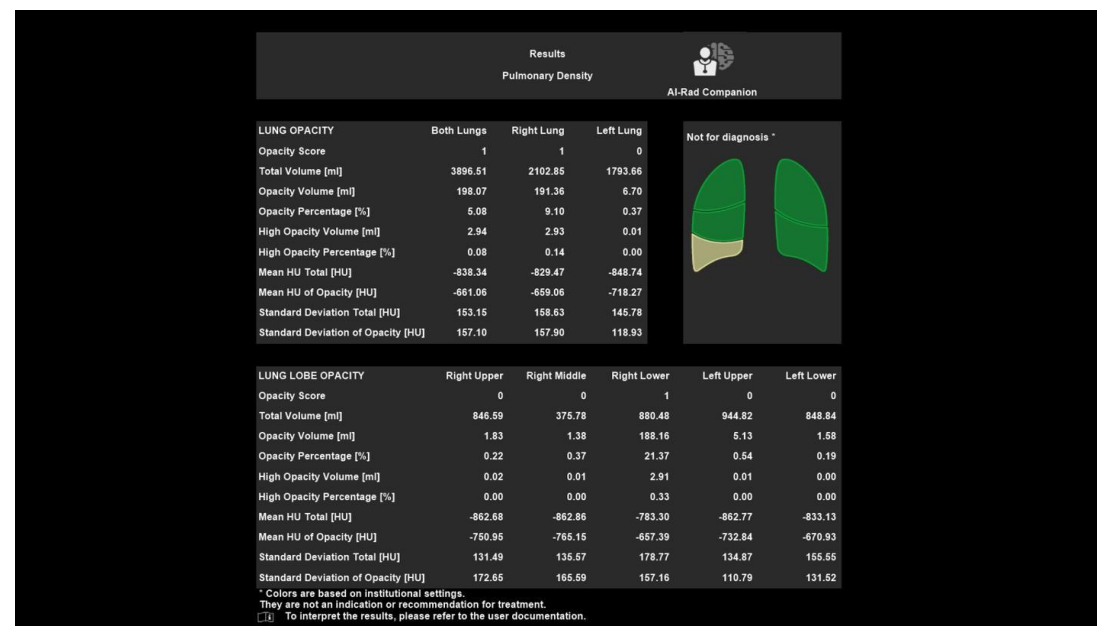
- **Accuratezza segmentazione** > 80% per vertebre, aorta, calcio coronarico
- **Ripetibilità eccellente** (ICC > 0.9) per vertebre e aorta
- **Concordanza del rischio CAC**: 81.2% su TC ripetute a 4 mesi

TRICK: Maggiore variabilità sul volume cardiaco per difficoltà a tracciare il pericardio!



➤ TIPS PER TSRM E MEDICI RADIOLOGI

- Automatizza misurazioni complesse → riduce l'errore umano
- Supporta screening multipatologia su una singola TC
- Favorisce la standardizzazione → referti più rapidi e confrontabili
- Permette verifica finale rapida prima del referto (“IA come spell-checker”)



➤ LEARNING POINTS (Jeong et al.)

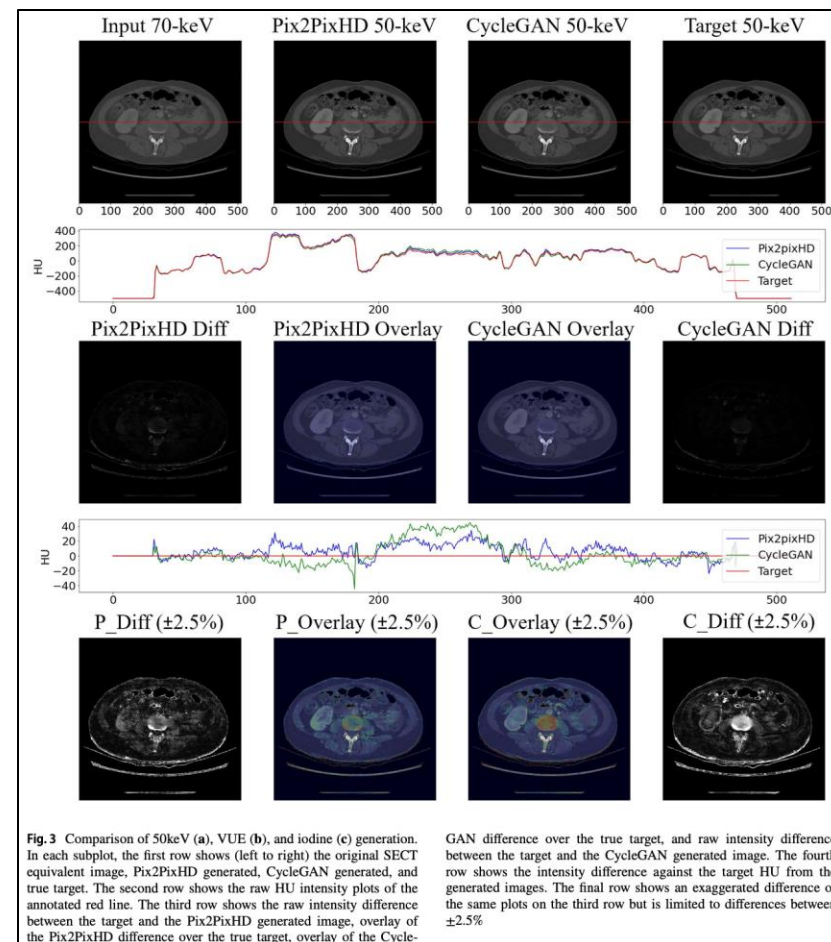
L'IA può creare sDECT (synthetic Dual Energy CT) a partire da esami convenzionali Single Energy (SECT)

Si usano reti GAN (Generative Adversarial Networks):

- Pix2PixHD → usa immagini accoppiate SECT+DECT
- CycleGAN → lavora con immagini non accoppiate

L'IA “impara” a generare:

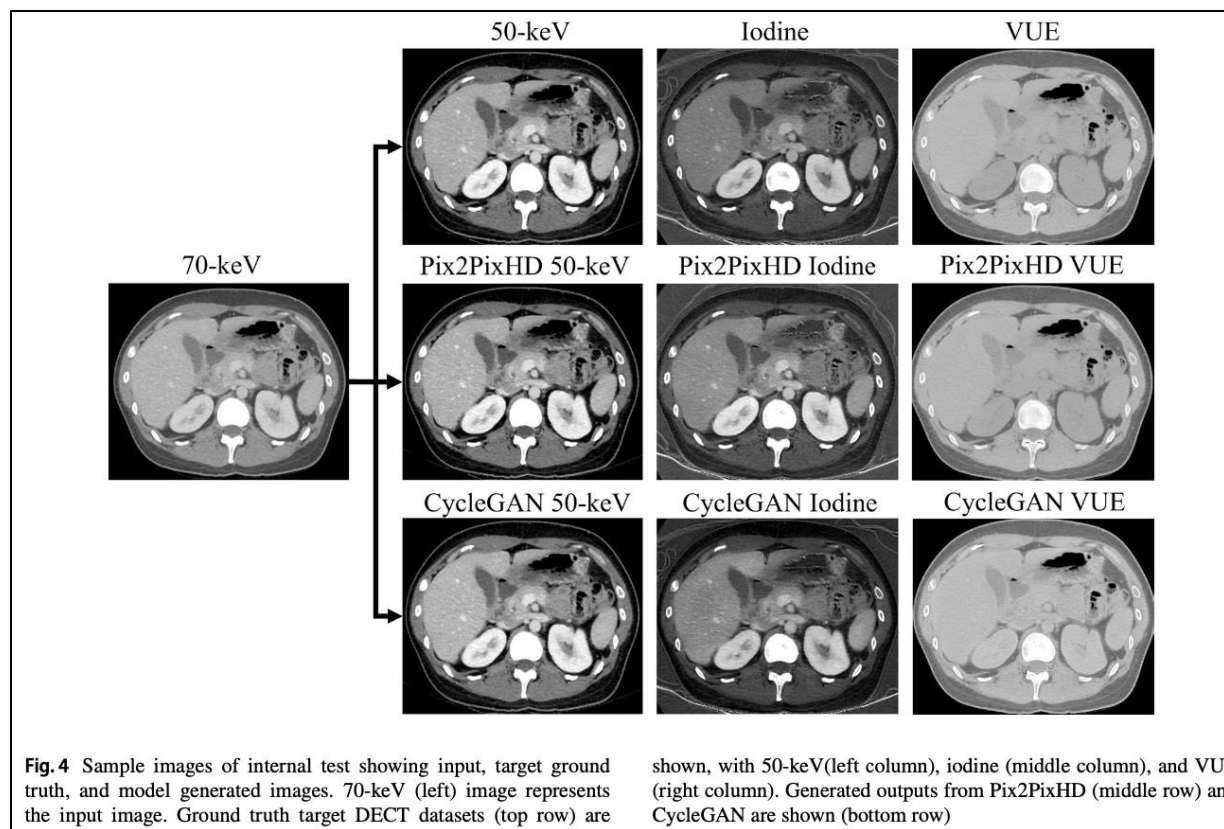
- ✓ **Immagini 50-keV**
- ✓ **Mappe iodiche**
- ✓ **VNC**



➤ Perché usare sDECT?

Le immagini sDECT sono diagnosticamente confrontabili alle vere DECT

- Aumentano la **"conspicuity"** dei sanguinamenti e delle piccole lesioni
- Le immagini VNC permettono la rimozione virtuale del mezzo di contrasto



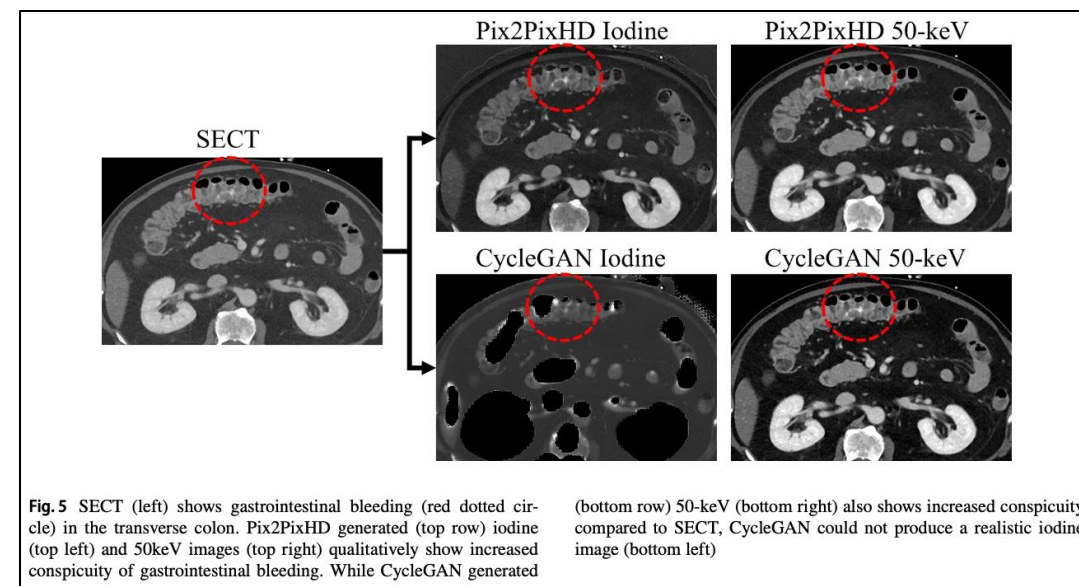
➤ TAKE-HOME MESSAGES

- ***L'IA può estendere le applicazioni della DECT a scanner convenzionali***
- ***sDECT migliora l'accuratezza diagnostica***
- Pix2PixHD è più affidabile quando abbiamo immagini accoppiate SECT/DECT

Immagini accoppiate = stessa sezione anatomica del corpo acquisita:

- ***una volta con SECT***
- ***una volta con DECT***
- Sono immagini perfettamente allineate, pixel per pixel, come prima e dopo della stessa fetta, ma con modalità diverse

Il TSRM ha un ruolo centrale: TSRM + gestore dell'IA clinica



➤ Radiomica & Radiogenomica (Zeng et al.)

Nuove frontiere nella diagnosi e prognosi dei tumori (es. carcinoma ovarico)

- **Radiomica** = estrazione quantitativa di dati da immagini
- **Radiogenomica** = integrazione tra immagini e dati genetici

Obiettivo: diagnosi più precisa e medicina personalizzata

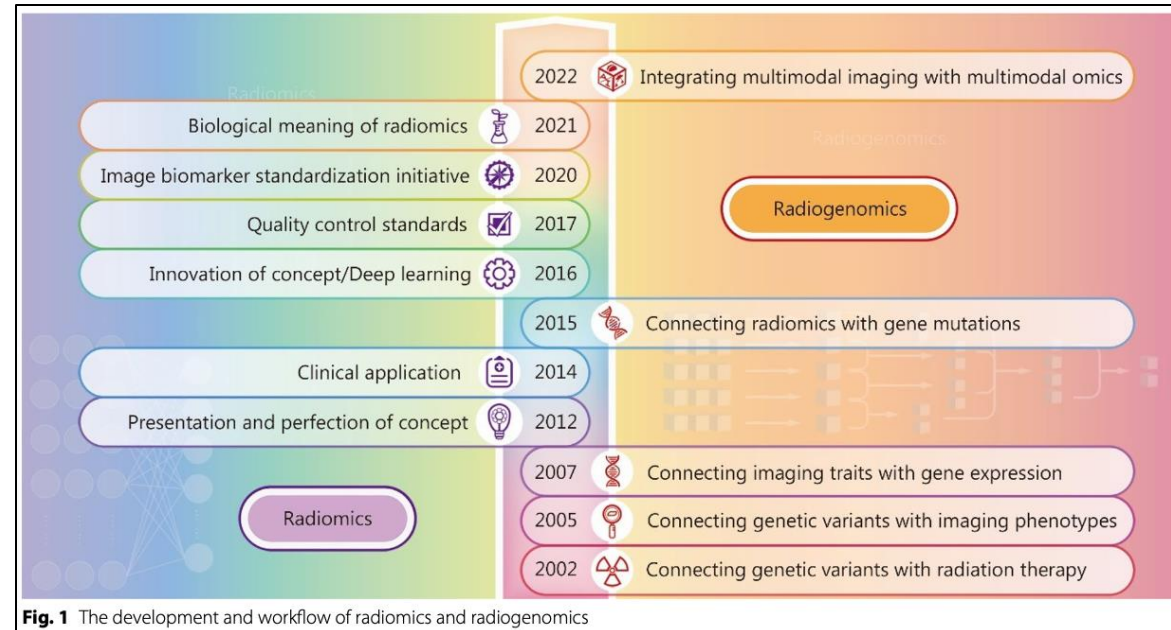


Fig. 1 The development and workflow of radiomics and radiogenomics

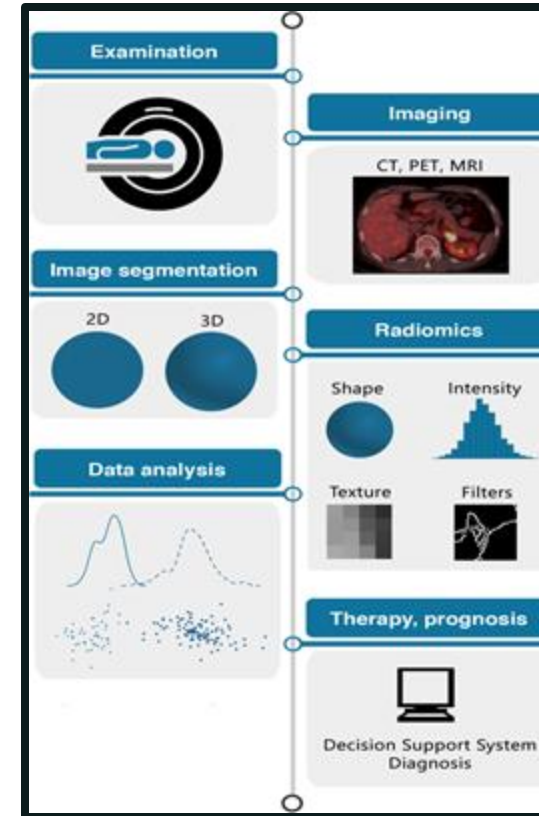
*Gli esami **TC, RM, SPECT e PET** producono un enorme patrimonio di dati numerici che l'uomo non riesce ad elaborare*

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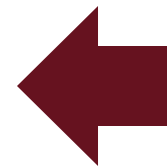
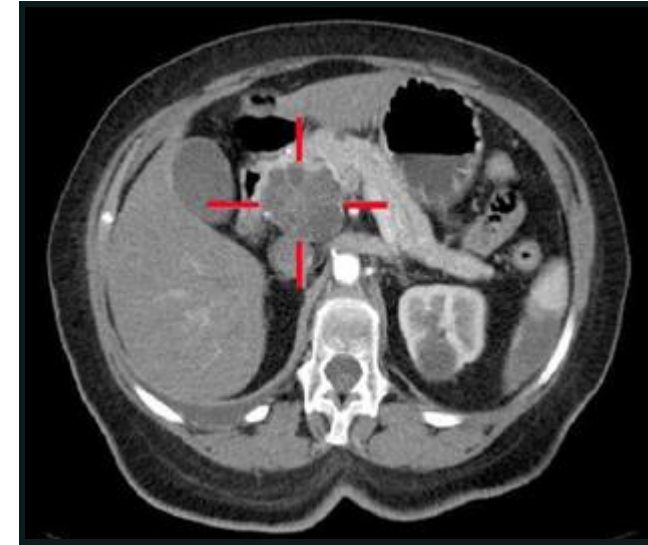
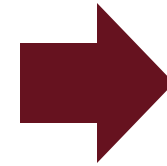
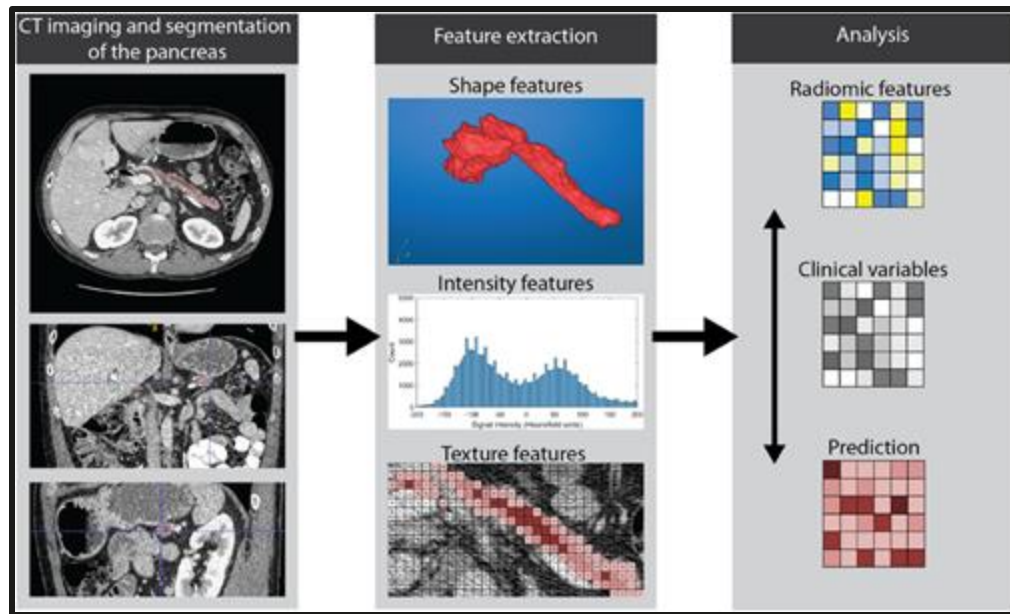
L'analisi visiva riesce a estrarre solo circa il 10% delle informazioni contenute in un'immagine digitale

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Con un esame TC siamo in grado di rilevare la presenza di una lesione

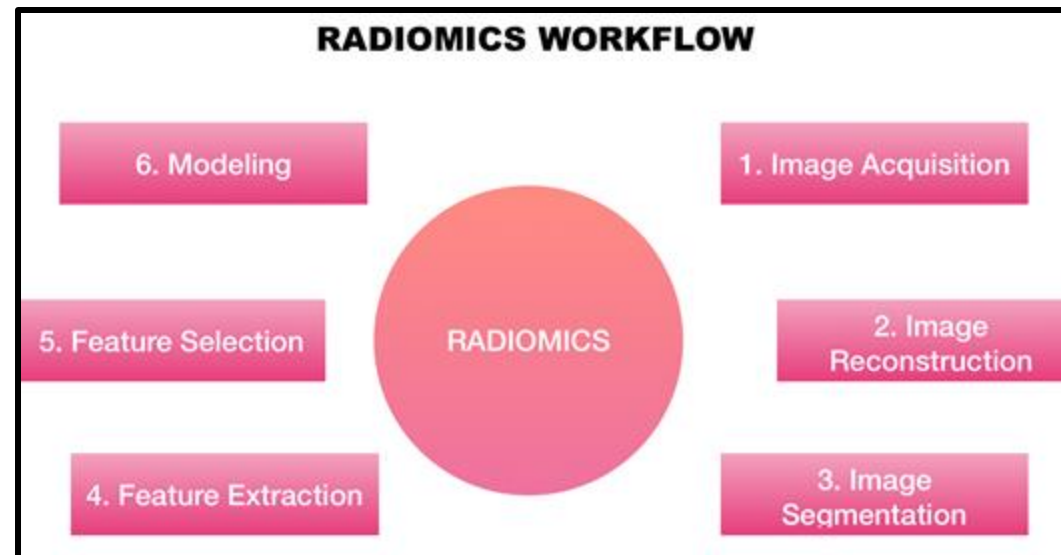
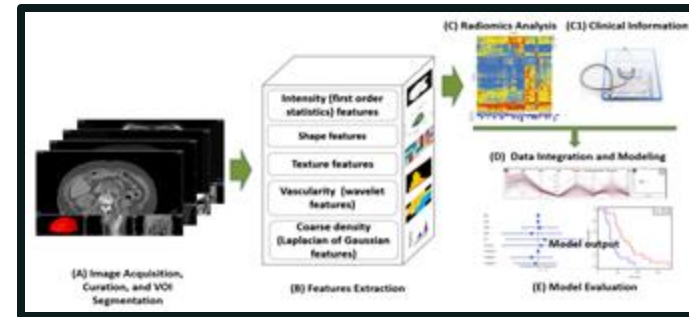
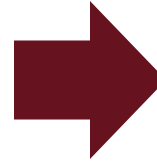
Definiamo qualitativamente la morfologia, i margini, la localizzazione anatomica e l'eventuale estensione tumorale



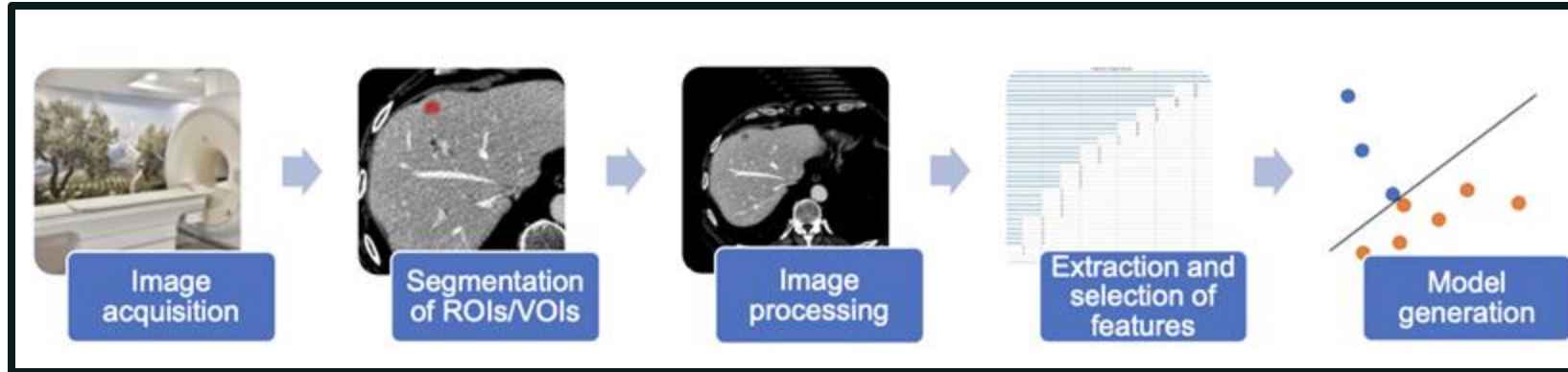
Se le immagini sono analizzate dall'IA, è possibile ottenere dati quantitativi oggettivi, in grado di fornire informazioni sui sottostanti fenomeni patofisiologici, inaccessibili all'occhio umano

La radiomica è una branca interdisciplinare che unisce le scienze informatiche e le scienze radiologiche. Termine coniato nel 2012 da P. Lambin (MAASTRO Clinic, NL)

Riusciamo ad estrarre informazioni quantitative e pattern nascosti dalle immagini radiologiche (TC)



Workflow radiomico



1.0 Segmentazione delle immagini acquisite

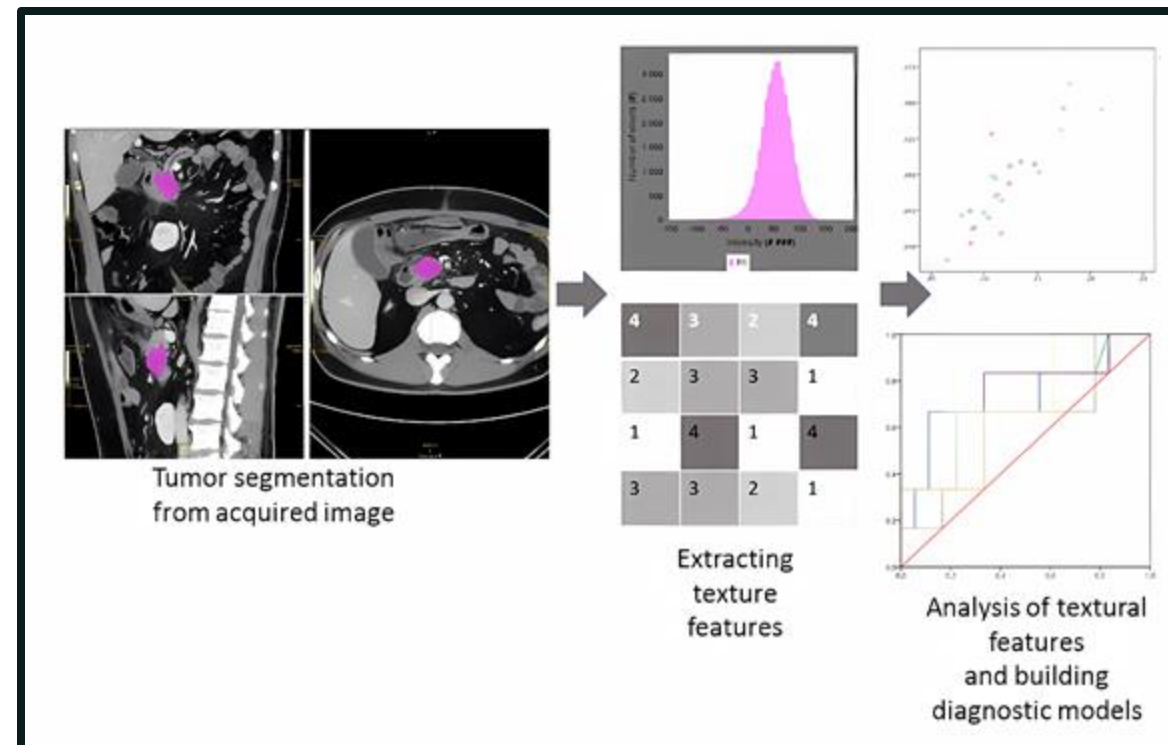
2.0 Estrazione e selezione delle features (parametri misurabili)

3.0 Modellazione

Le features vengono utilizzate per costruire modelli statistici in grado di predire, ad esempio, la natura benigna o maligna di una lesione, la sua aggressività o la risposta alla terapia

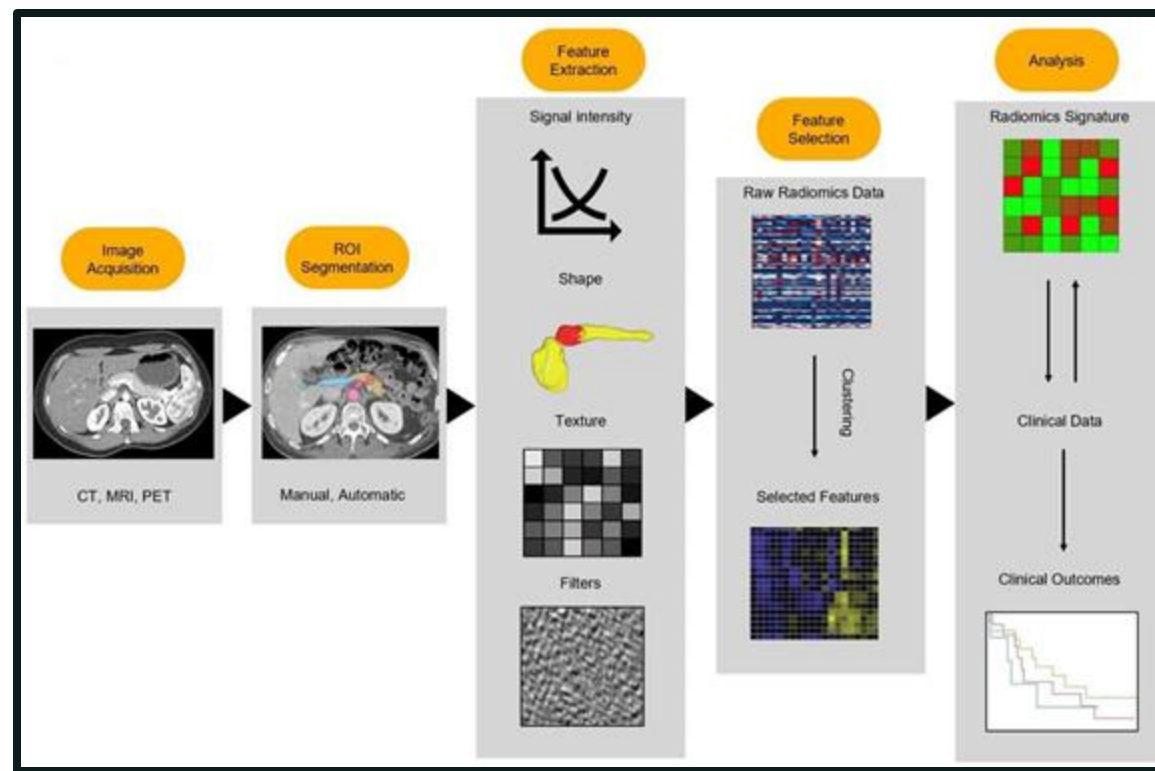
Solo con un esame TC ***non possiamo prevedere*** se un tumore risponderà alla terapia

Invece con l'analisi quantitativa della texture dell'immagine, può consentire di prevedere quali pazienti beneficeranno della terapia rispetto a quelli che non risponderanno al trattamento



Ciò significa inviare subito i **Pazienti non responsivi alla terapia ad un trattamento diverso** da quello pianificato...

*...senza aspettare di osservare in vivo la mancata risposta, fondamentale ad es. nel cancro del pancreas;
ciò può migliorare gli outcome di sopravvivenza e consentire una riduzione della mortalità e della spesa sanitaria*

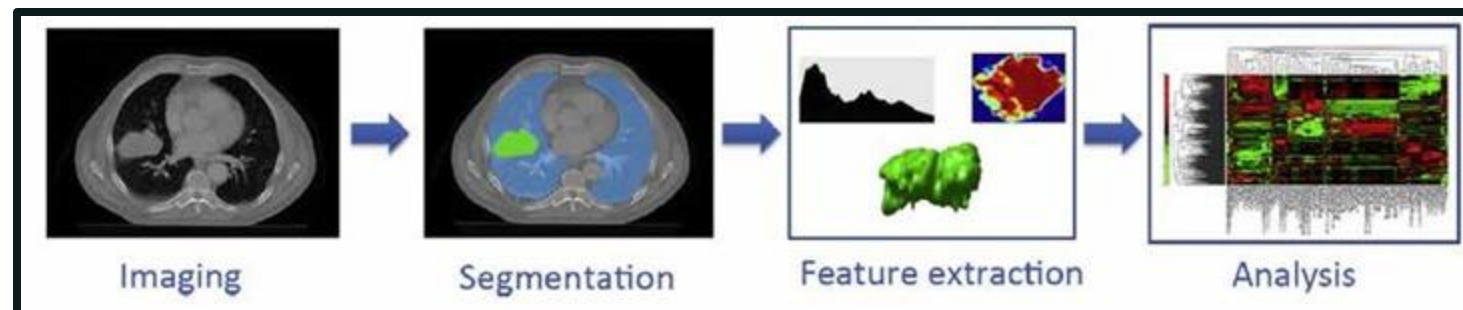


In un tipico workflow radiomico sono coinvolti ***diversi operatori*** volti alla gestione dei dati e alla ***costruzione del modello predittivo*** di cura

I TSRM hanno un ruolo centrale in tutti i processi di imaging essendo in prima linea nel determinare i parametri di acquisizione, di elaborazione e sono responsabili dell'archiviazione delle immagini..

...lo stesso vale per la radiomica !

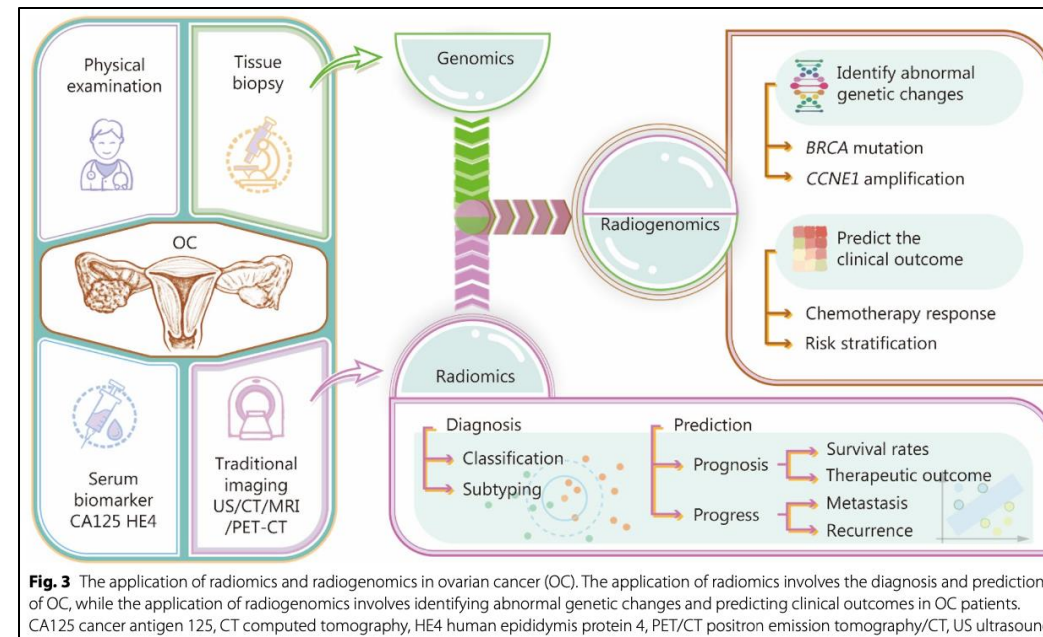
Medical Imaging & Radiomics Challenges	
Radiology	• Exposure parameters, Type of machine, Filtration, Tube angle, Type of film/detector, Image processing
CT	• Exposure parameters, Scanner type, Image Reconstruction, Image processing, Matrix size, Slice thickness, Pitch factor, Pixel spacing, FOV, Noise, Artifacts, Contrast agents, Scanner calibration
MRI	• Scanner type, Repetition Time, Echo time, Image reconstruction, Image processing, Matrix size, Slice thickness, Magnetic field strength, Pixel spacing, Flip angle, Band width, Scan duration, Pulse sequence, FOV, Noise, Artifacts, Contrast agents, Scanner calibration
PET/SPECT	• Patient situation, Activity concentration, Scanner type, Image reconstruction, Image processing, Slice thickness, FOV, Scan time, Volume of interest, Noise, Artifacts, Scanner calibration



➤ Applicazioni cliniche radiomiche (Zeng et al.)

Diagnosi, sottotipi e previsione dell'outcome

- ***Radiomica utile per distinguere tumori benigni, borderline, maligni***
- ***Identifica sottotipi (HGSOC, LGSOC, OCCC...)***
- ***Prevede sopravvivenza, metastasi e recidiva***



➤ Radiogenomica e Terapia (Zeng et al.)

Dati genetici al servizio del trattamento

- ***Prevede mutazioni BRCA e amplificazioni CCNE1***
- ***Predice rischio di recidiva***
- ***Riduce necessità di biopsie invasive***

Table 1 The relationship and difference between machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL)		
Characteristics	ML	DL
Data dependency	It can work with less data	It requires a large amount of data input to achieve good performance
Type of data	Only structured data can be processed	Both structured and unstructured data can be processed
Image segmentation	Manual	Automatic
Feature extraction	Experts are required to perform feature extraction before proceeding further	There is no need to develop a feature extractor for every problem; instead, it tries to extract features from the data on its own
Feature categories	Typically predefined	Allow the creation of new features
Model construction	Models incorporating radiomics features are trained through algorithms	Simultaneously train model when learning features
Approach of operation	The problem is broken down into subparts and a result is produced after solving each part	Take input from a given problem and produce the result. Therefore, it follows an end-to-end approach
Execution time	Requires less time than DL to train models but a long time to test them	Requires a long time to train the model, but less time to test the model
Interpretation of results	Interpretation of the results for a given question is relatively easy	Interpreting the results for a given problem is very difficult because of the cryptic reasoning processes involved
Problem solved	Suitable for solving simple problems	Suitable for solving complex problems
Hardware dependency	Because ML models do not require large amounts of data, they can be run on low-end machines	Large amounts of data are required to work effectively, hence the need for high-end machines
Cost	Low	High

- Come integrare la radiomica nei flussi clinici (Zeng et al.)
 - **Acquisizione immagini + segmentazione ROI**
 - **Estrazione e selezione feature → costruzione modello**
 - **Validazione su dati multicentrici necessaria**
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- Tips operativi:
 - **Combinare imaging con clinica e genomica**
 - **Usare DL per automatizzare processi e ridurre soggettività**

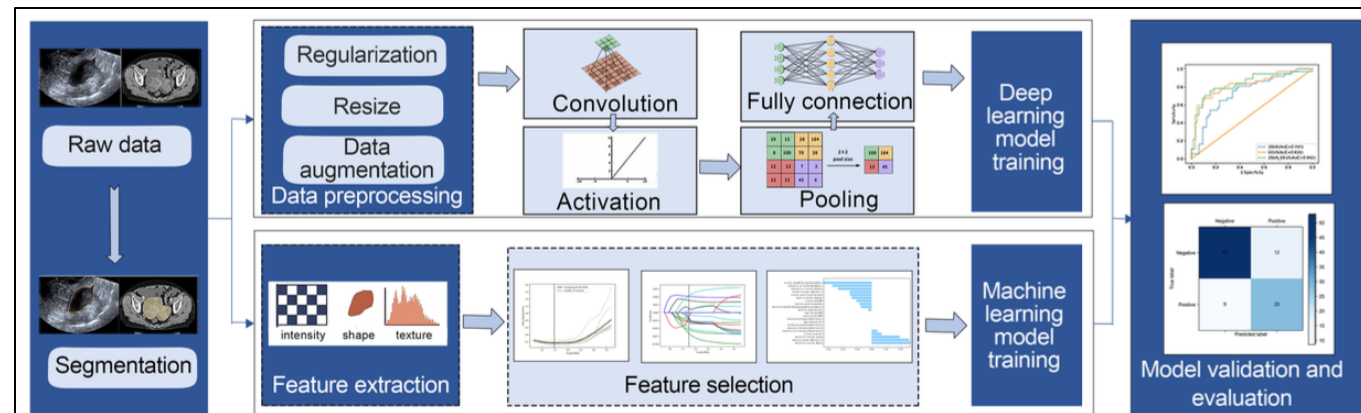
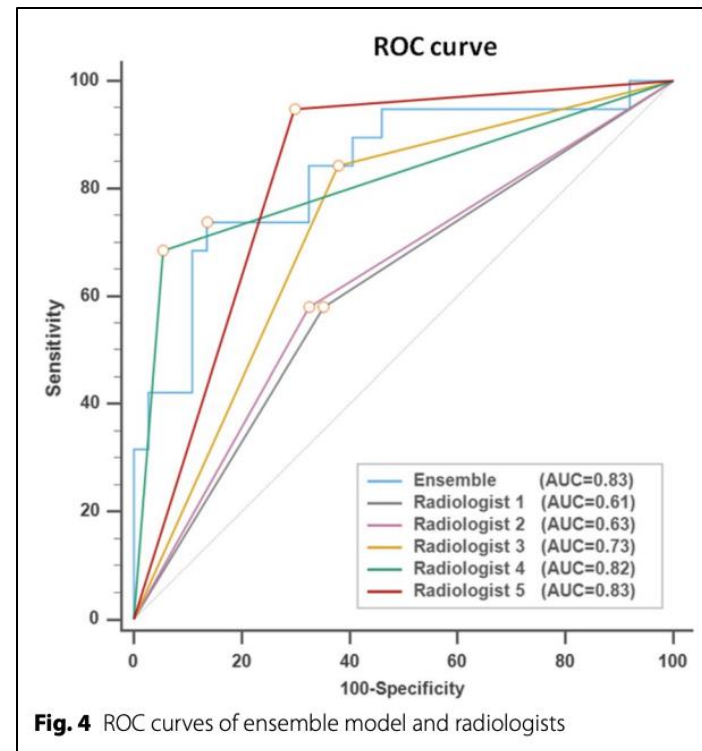


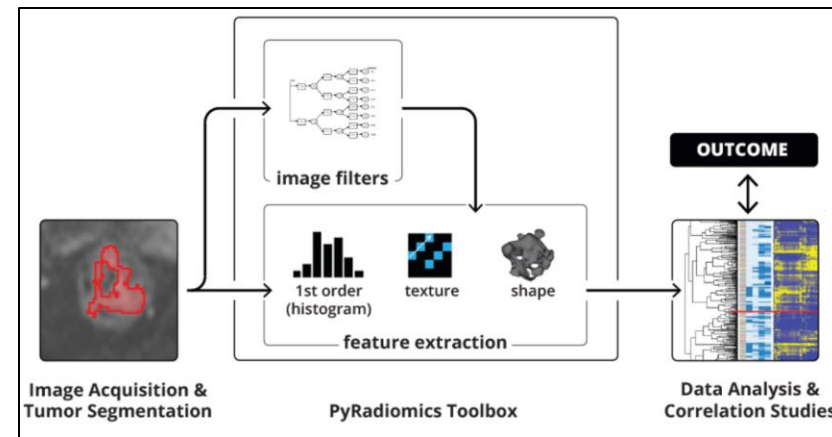
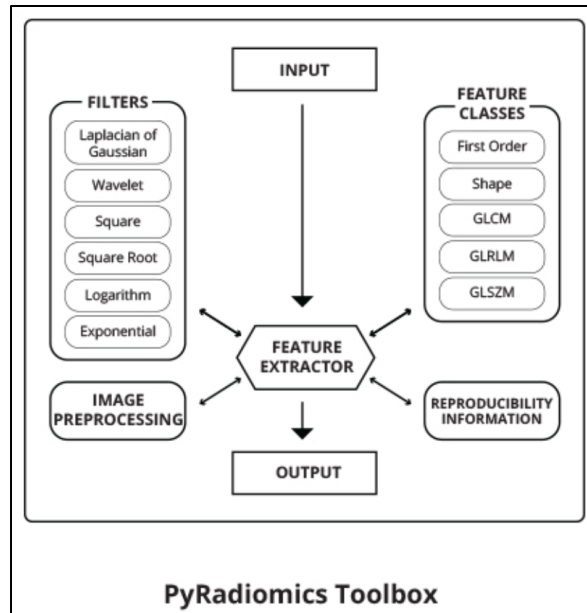
Fig. 2 General framework of radiomics. The process for radiomic research applying the machine learning (ML) method includes image acquisition, regions of interest (ROI) segmentation, feature extraction, feature selection, model training, and validation, whereas the deep learning (DL) method includes data preprocessing, convolution, activation, pooling, and full connection

- Dalla teoria alla pratica: casistiche e vantaggi (Zeng et al.)
- **Diagnosi: modelli radiomici distinguono borderline/maligni con AUC fino a 0.97**
- **Prognosi: predizione di sopravvivenza e risposta alla chemio**

Riduzione della variabilità soggettiva e supporto alle decisioni terapeutiche



- PyRadiomics: la radiomica in pratica
 - *Libreria open-source per estrarre dati da immagini mediche*
 - *Estrae automaticamente caratteristiche quantitative da TC, RM, PET*
 - *Analizza forma, intensità, texture della lesione segmentata*
 - *Usato per creare modelli predittivi con l'IA*

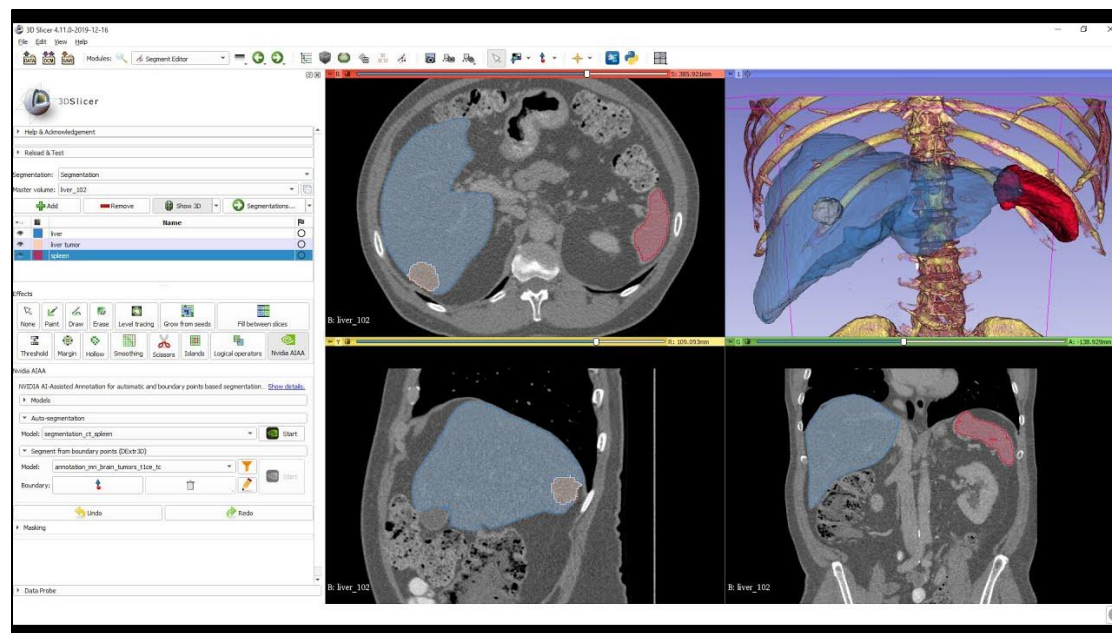


Il TSRM e la Segmentazione: competenze chiave per l'analisi radiomica

➤ Il TSRM può ricoprire un ruolo cruciale nella segmentazione manuale/semi-automatica delle ROI

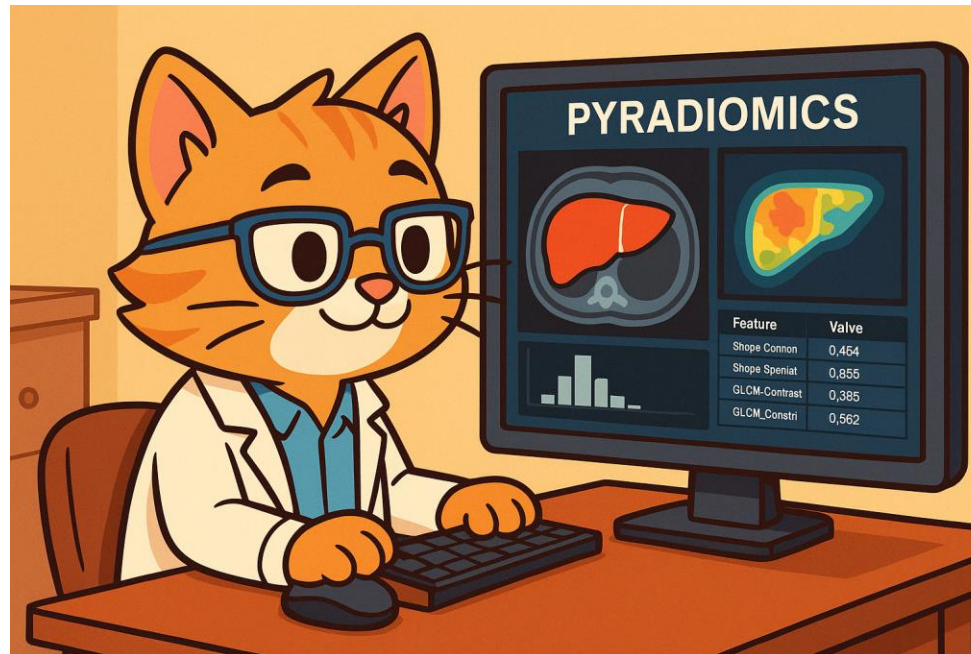
CORE COMPETENCE:

- *Segmenta le ROI per l'analisi quantitativa delle immagini*
- *Collaborazione in team multidisciplinari con radiologi, bioingegneri, data scientist*
- *Necessaria formazione avanzata su IA, DL e software di image analysis*



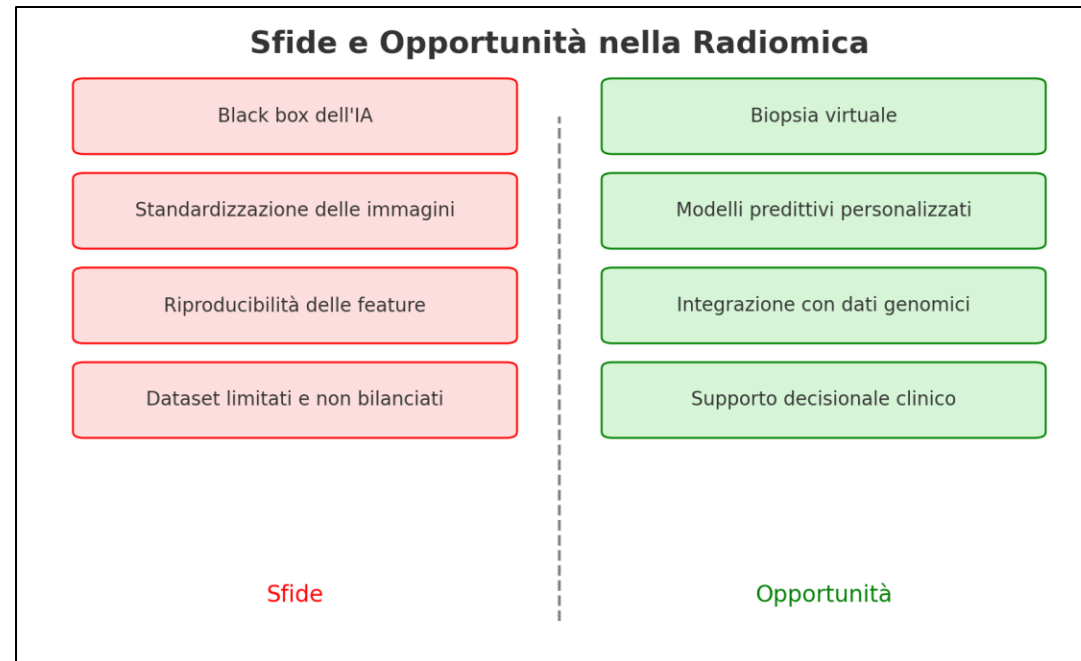
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- PyRadiomics e il ruolo del TSRM
 - *Estrae feature da TC, RM, PET via segmentazione*
 - *TSRM può generare dataset e collaborare a modelli predittivi*
 - *Strumento chiave per la medicina personalizzata*



➤ Limitazioni e direzioni future per la radiomica

1. **Sfide:** riproducibilità, standardizzazione dei protocolli e necessità di dataset multicentrici
2. **Prospettive future:** integrazione con altre "omics" (es. proteomica) e virtual biopsy
3. **Ruolo TSRM:** aggiornamento universitario, formazione continua su IA e validazione clinica dei modelli

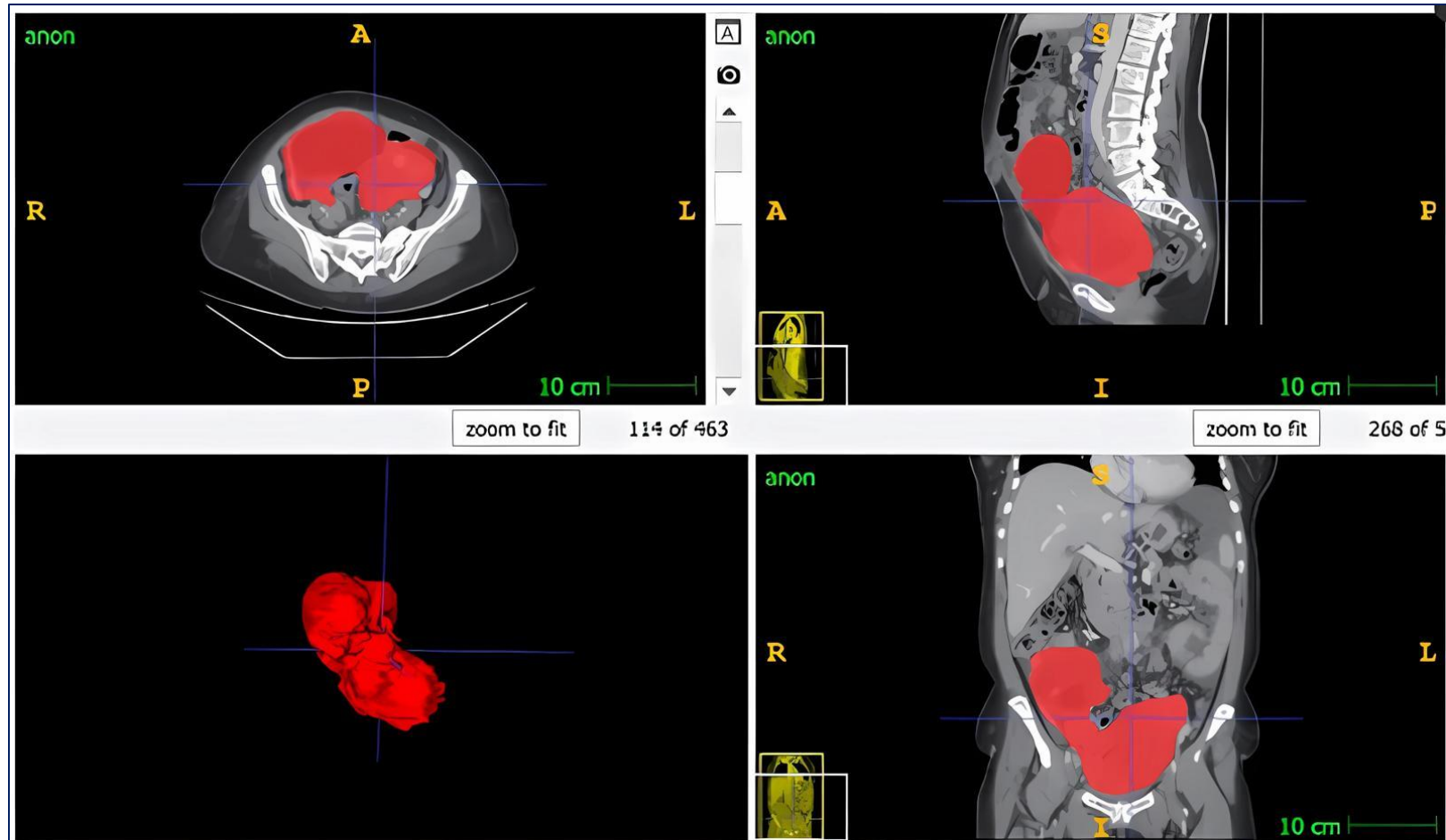


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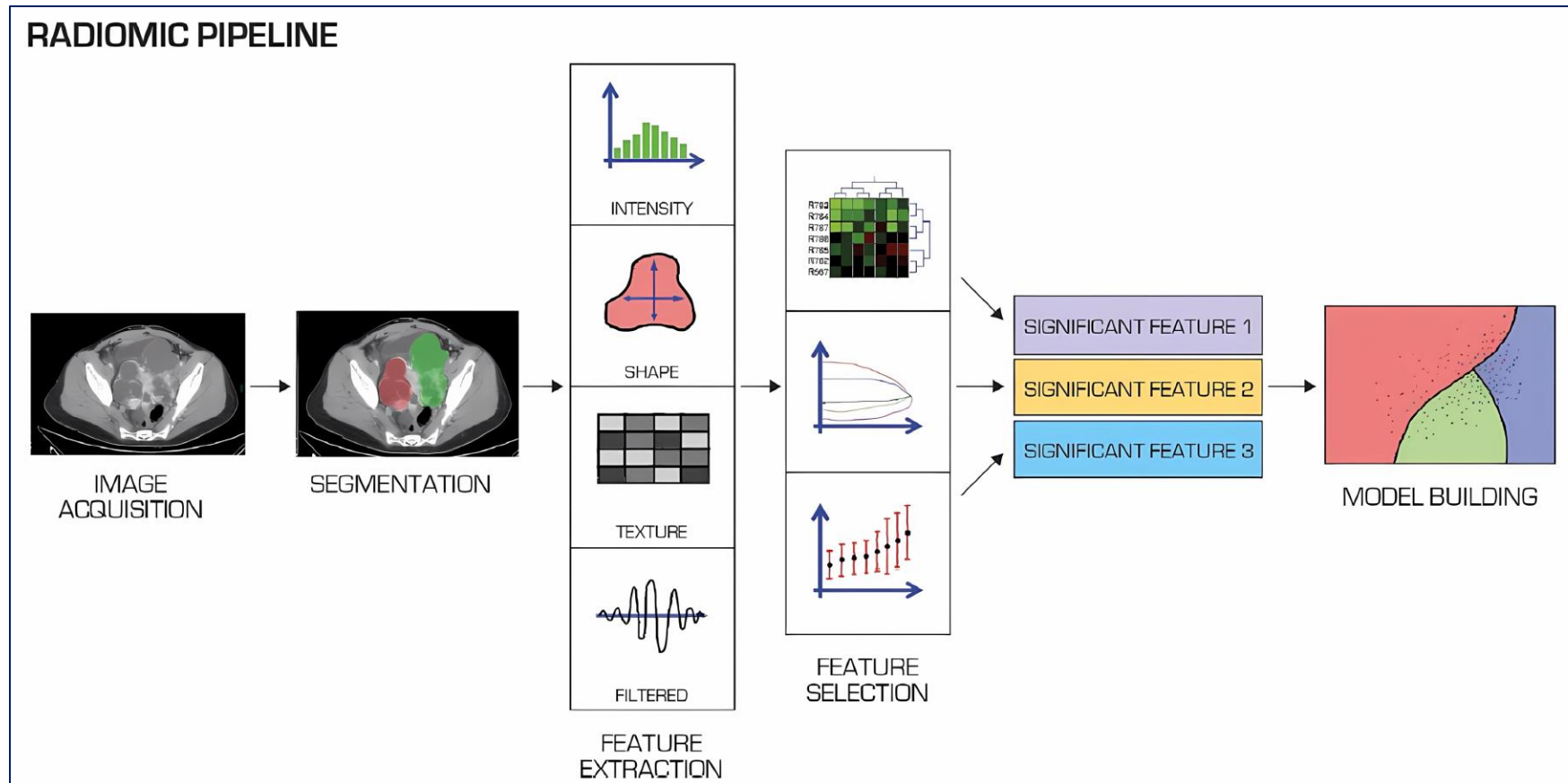
Segmentazione di lesione ovarica (rosso a destra, verde a sinistra) mediante software 3D slicer

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Massa ovarica segmentata e riprodotta in 3D tramite software ITKsnap

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Flusso Radiomico - Implications for Treatment Monitoring and Clinical Management.
Radiol Clin North Am. 2023 Jul;61(4):749-760. doi: 10.1016/j.rcl.2023.02.006. Epub 2023 Mar 31. PMID: 37169435

“L’IA NON SOSTITUISCE IL TSRM: LO POTENZIA”

- In questo scenario, il TSRM 4.0 diventa una figura strategica, capace di comprendere e ottimizzare le tecnologie avanzate — **dall’acquisizione alla radiomica** — per garantire il miglior imaging possibile, la massima radioprotezione e percorsi di cura sempre più personalizzati
- Ma **accanto alla tecnologia**, restano centrali **la figura umana e l’empatia**, che nessun algoritmo potrà mai replicare





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«La tecnologia non tiene lontano l'uomo dai grandi problemi della natura, ma lo costringe a studiarli più approfonditamente»

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