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Anthropomorphic phantom for deformable lung and liver CT and MR imaging for radiotherapy

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Abstract

In this study, a functioning and ventilated anthropomorphic phantom was further enhanced for the purpose of CT and MR imaging of the lung and liver. A deformable lung, including respiratory tract was 3D printed. Within the lung's inner structures is a solid region shaped from a patient's lung tumour and six nitro-glycerine capsules as reference landmarks. The full internal mesh was coated, and the tumour filled, with polyorganosiloxane based gel. A moulded liver was created with an external casing of silicon filled with polyorganosiloxane gel and flexible plastic internal structures. The liver, fitted to the inferior portion of the right lung, moves along with the lung's ventilation. In the contralateral side, a cavity is designed to host a dosimeter, whose motion is correlated to the lung pressure. A 4DCT of the phantom was performed along with static and 4D T1 weighted MR images. The CT Hounsfield units (HU) for the flexible 3D printed material were –600–100 HU (lung and liver structures), for the polyorganosiloxane gel 30–120 HU (lung coating and liver filling) and for the silicon 650–800 HU (liver casing). The MR image intensity units were 0–40, 210–280 and 80–130, respectively. The maximum range of motion in the 4D imaging for the superior lung was 1–3.5 mm and 3.5–8 mm in the inferior portion. The liver motion was 5.5–8.0 mm at the tip and 5.7–10.0 mm at the dome. No measurable drift in motion was observed over a 2 h session and motion was reproducible over three different sessions for $\sin^2(t)$, $\sin^4(t)$ and a patient-like breathing curve with the interquartile range of amplitudes for all breathing cycles within 0.5 mm. The addition of features within the lung and of a deformable liver will allow the phantom to be used for imaging studies such as validation of 4DMRI and pseudo CT methods.

1. Introduction

Organ motion adversely affects the accuracy of radiation therapy (Rosu *et al* 2003, Shirato *et al* 2004, Seco *et al* 2008, Zhang *et al* 2012) particularly for treatments in the lung, liver and pancreas, where patients' breathing leads to significant intra-fraction anatomical changes. For this reason motion mitigation strategies have to be applied and, recently, the concepts of real-time adaptation during treatment delivery have been explored (van de Water *et al* 2009, Zhang *et al* 2016) and implemented (Verellen *et al* 2010, Poulsen *et al* 2015, Caillet *et al* 2017). The role of non-ionising imaging techniques to facilitate these treatments is of interest due to the lower dose to the patient. These include direct imaging on MR Linacs (Menten *et al* 2016) as well as the use of ultrasound (Sawada *et al* 2004, Harris *et al* 2010) or optical tracking (Fassi *et al* 2014) as a surrogate for target motion along with correlation models (Berbeco *et al* 2005). Motion models built using non-ionising imaging techniques often rely on deformable image registration (DIR) techniques which come

with their own challenges (Kashani *et al* 2008, Ribeiro *et al* 2018) with respect to quality assurance and benchmarking. Digital and physical phantoms are valuable tools for the verification and validation of such techniques and their clinical uses.

Physical phantoms are useful to assess complex imaging techniques and their applications in end-to-end tests performed under clinical conditions. Many imaging phantoms designed for 4D thorax imaging are simple geometric phantoms with moving targets such as commercial phantoms (e.g. QRM Sim4D + Thorax-Phantom (QRM GmbH, Moehrendorf, Germany), Respiratory Gating platform (Standard Imaging Inc. Middleton, WI, USA) and MODUS-QA quasar respiratory motion phantom (Modus Medical Devices Inc. London, CA)) or custom phantoms (Fattori *et al* 2016, Schneider *et al* 2019) generally driven by step motors. Others are anthropomorphic (Nioutsikou *et al* 2006, Followill *et al* 2007, Serban *et al* 2008, Steidl *et al* 2012, Mayer *et al* 2015, Hazelaar *et al* 2018), such as CIRS (Dynamic Thorax Phantom—CIRS Inc. Norfolk, VA, USA) but with only a moving target, these are not necessarily useful for validating all 4D imaging techniques. Some phantoms are intended mainly for imaging purposes such as those relying on porcine lungs (Mann *et al* 2017) which provide realistic lung images (though the surrounding thorax does not move) but are not convenient or reproducible over the long term. Other phantoms also offer the possibility to include dosimeters for dose measurements (Nioutsikou *et al* 2006, Perrin *et al* 2017, Pallotta *et al* 2018). One commercial phantom, the Dynamic Anatomical Respiring Humanoid Phantom (Radiological Support Devices Inc. Long Beach, CA, USA) and some custom phantoms encompass both imaging and dosimetry (Steidl *et al* 2012, Perrin *et al* 2017) but do not suit 4DMRI imaging and DIR of the lung as they miss clear features within the lung.

In this study, we describe extensions and improvements on an existing anthropomorphic thorax phantom (Perrin *et al* 2017) used at our institute for 4D dosimetry and benchmarking of new motion mitigation techniques (Ehrbar *et al* 2016, Gorgisyan *et al* 2019). The phantom is equipped with skin, rib cage, heart and a lung model, and mimics the anatomy of a patient thorax. The lung's motion, which follows a breathing pattern predetermined and driven via a ventilation system, moves the rib cage, and a tumour target located inside a cylinder in the left lung portion. Such a simplified design makes manufacturing easier but limits the phantom capabilities for systematic investigation of baseline drift effects or, more in general, complex correlations between the target and the external surface motions. Moreover, the realism of the lung filling is limited as it consists of a homogeneous foam material with density close to air, while a patient lung has roughly a third of the density of water, and has many branching structures made up of blood vessels and airways.

Building on our experience with the first iteration, and considering the new requirements for MR-guided radiation therapy of lung and liver tumours, such as the need for complex deformable structures, which have contrast in both CT and MR, we report here on further developments of this phantom focusing on:

- a) Manufacturing of a deformable, anatomically correct, artificial liver
- b) Digital modelling and fabrication of a new lung, designed to mechanically follow a patient's breathing motion, and mimicking the imaging texture of parenchyma
- c) Installation of an independent motion controller for the lung tumour target

The described solution includes a new lung model with increased tissue contrast, allowing for the validation of 4DMR imaging techniques and their use for the generation of simulated 4DCT data sets based on extracted motions (Boye *et al* 2013, Bernatowicz *et al* 2016). Both the lung and liver components have visible features in the CT, and distinguishable structures in T1-weighted MRI images. In this study, methods used in upgrading the phantom are outlined and the new lung and liver assessed for both motion and image contrast characteristics in advanced MR imaging.

2. Methods

2.1. Phantom development

2.1.1. Liver component

The artificial liver is a deformable replica of a three-dimensional anatomical model of the organ commercialised by Erler Zimmer GmbH & Co. KG (Lauf, Germany) as an educational tool. Its manufacturing (figure 1) starts with the creation of a negative mould of the object by immersing the plastic model in an silicon (Elastosil M4601) bath that thicken over 24–48 h. A placeholder was made from modelling clay, Fimo, and placed inside the mould to provide a negative space inside the external liver component casing, to be filled with a more flexible substance. The casing of the liver was made by filling the mould with liquid silicon (RTV Silikon 1703, Suter Kunststoffe). Prior to pouring the silicon mixture, a vacuum pump was used to remove air bubbles in order to avoid imaging artefacts caused by air. Finally, the

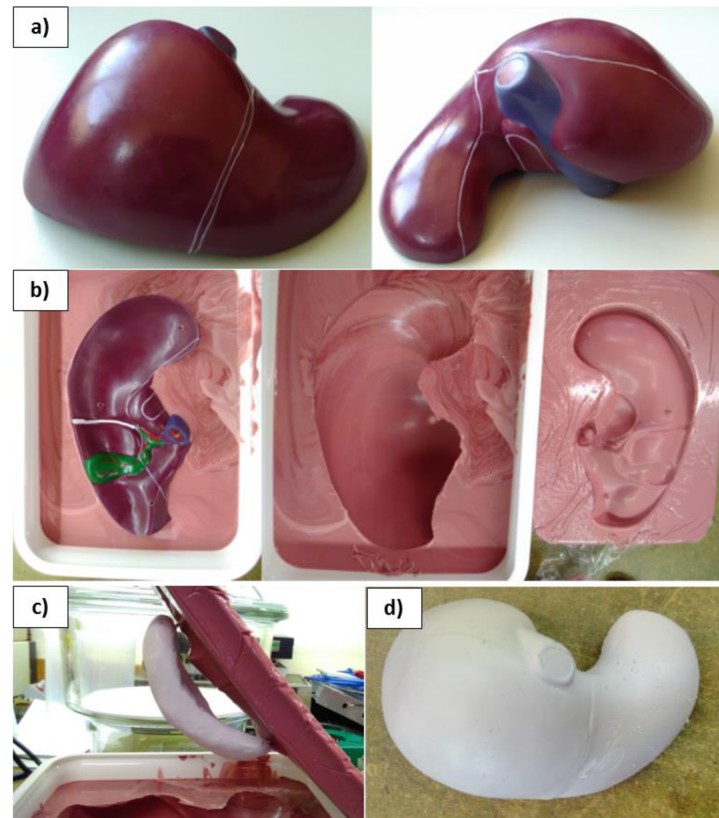


Figure 1. The manufacturing workflow of the liver component: (a) anatomical liver model (b) creation of the negative cast (c) Liver mould with internal placeholder (d) final liver component with silicon casing and polyorganosiloxane-based gel filling and internal plastic features.

liver was filled with polyorganosiloxane-based gel (Raytech SRL, Settimo Milanese, Italy) to provide greater flexibility of the component as well as imaging contrast to the external casing. Small inserts of Visijet M2 EBK deformable 3D printing material (3DSystems, South Carolina, USA) printed using a Project MJP 2500 Plus printer (3DSystems, South Carolina, USA) were suspended in the gel filling, to provide vein-like structures within the liver, two of approximate 3 cm length and two of 1.5 cm ranging non-uniformly in diameter between 2 and 5 mm.

2.1.2. 3D printed lung

The design and printing of the lung was performed by creating a three-dimensional digital model featuring a lung tumour segmented from a patient CT using Velocity (version 3, Varian Medical Systems, Palo Alto, CA) and the respiratory tract of a real patient (Thorax CT patient 001, supplemental data (Reynisson *et al* 2015)), segmented up to the third bifurcation. 3D computer models of the thorax bone structure, the liver phantom, a lung tumour and respiratory tract were utilised in the design of the phantom lung, filling the anthropomorphic thorax phantom's cavity (figure 2). Its internal volume was filled with structures designed to provide the mechanical properties needed for the respiratory motion of the lung, and additionally mimic the lung's parenchyma tissue in section view (figure 3). The structure is a cubic structure of cylinders (lattice), and the cell's dimensions are $15 \times 15 \times 15 \text{ mm}^3$ (225 mm^3).

The patient tumour, placed in the centre of the right side of the lung has increased density compared to the surrounding area, and was fully filled with polyorganosiloxane based gel during the printing process to enhance MR visibility. On the other side, the left side of the lung was modelled with a cut-out cylindrical cavity allocated for dosimetry purposes (see paragraph *Independent lung tumour motion controller*). Finally, the inferior portion of the lung (diaphragm) on the right-hand side was shaped to fit and hold in place the artificial liver.

The lung has been 3D printed using a fused-deposition-modeling (FDM)-based 3D printer FORMBOT T-Rex 2 + (Jinhua Xinke 3DTechnology CO. LTD, China) with a flexible Thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) filament, that is graded with a shore hardness of 85 on the A scale. The accuracy of the printing of this material is within 0.5 mm, as per specifications. The full interior of the model was coated with polyorganosiloxanes-based gel agitating the phantom to evenly disperse a small amount of material poured

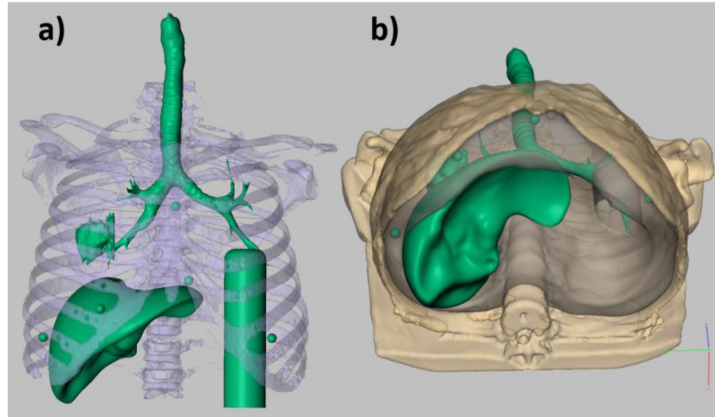


Figure 2. (a) All 3D models, (b) that resulted in shaping the lung for the existing anthropomorphic thorax phantom.

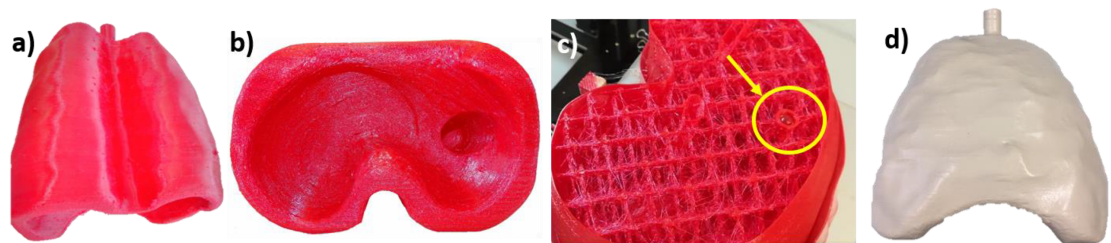


Figure 3. (a) The 3D printed lung from the posterior view, (b) inferior portion (diaphragm) shaped to fit the artificial liver on the right hand side, and (c) the interior during printing with a nitro-glycerine capsule placed on the right hand side, indicated with the yellow arrow (d) the final coated lung.

through the trachea. Such a thin gel layer is a stable compound that provides enough oxygen for MR imaging contrast. Elastic polyurethane (PUR) coating was applied on the outer surface to ensure that the structure is airtight. During printing, six nitroglycerin capsules of approx. 8.8 mm in diameter were placed within the lung for use as landmarks, as they can be easily seen on MR and CT images.

2.1.3. Independent lung tumour motion controller

The motion controller is independent to the main part of the thorax phantom (figure 4) and moves a dosimetry target in the space in the inferior portion of the lung component. It is designed to execute realistic internal-external correlation patterns observed in patients, typically characterized by shifts in phase and baseline over time. As such, a holder, for dosimetry purposes, has been mounted on an aluminium rod sliding through a linear stage fixed on the phantom support plate. Based on the Arduino EDISON breakout board, the processing units (Honeywell SSCDRN060MDAA5) reads the lung pressure from a derivation of the inlet pipe to set in real time the absolute angular position of a servo motor (Dynamixel MX-28 R) using the equation below:

$$\alpha(P) = P \cdot \text{gain} + \text{offset}$$

where $\alpha(P)$ is the angular position, P is the pressure, the gain refers to the ratio of the pressure magnitude to the angular position. Speed modulation was applied to preserve motion smoothness over a wide range of input pressures. Specifically, the first derivative of the pressure trace is computed over a short history of the signal and a least square algorithm used to proportionally correct the motor's shaft rotating speed.

A pulley translates the rotational motion of the servo motor into a linear displacement of the dosimetry holder and its size defines the achievable range of motion. The controller has been tested operating the phantom under different motion settings to assess the actuation latency. For convenience, a small cantilever has been solidly fixed on the motor shaft to ease the observation of motion output and compare it with the lung expansion using a third party optical position sensor (Polaris SPECTRA, NDI). Two passive infrared markers were used for this measurement, fixed respectively on the tip of the motor shaft and the superior surface of the lung phantom. The latency of the motion controller was quantified by assessing the delay between the lung surface displacement, considered as surrogate of the lung ventilation, and the

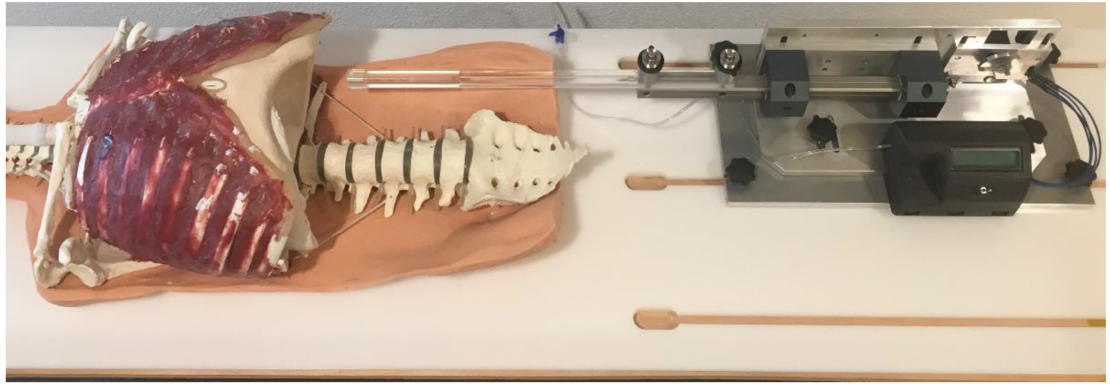


Figure 4. The anthropomorphic phantom (without the upper silicon skin) with new lung and liver components and on the right hand side the independent lung tumour controller.

corresponding position update of the target. By ventilating the model with a sinusoidal breathing waveform, and subsequent Fourier analysis, phase shifts between the two signals (input and measured) could be estimated.

2.2. Lung and liver motion assessment

In order to assess the motion qualities of the lung and liver components, CT and MR images were obtained with and without ventilation. The breathing motion applied by the ventilating system to the lung followed a $\sin^4(t)$ pattern with a period of 4 s with a pressure range from -5 mBar to 25 mBar.

The 4DCT images were acquired, using the clinical protocol (mAs: 80, kVp:120, CARE Dose4D), on a Siemens Somatom Sensation Open CT on sliding rails with 0.9766 mm in-plane resolution and 2 mm slice thickness, in cranio-caudal direction with a CTDI_{vol} of 16–19 mGy. In total, 8 respiratory phases, sorted in amplitude were reconstructed retrospectively using the respiratory surrogate signal measured with the low-sensitivity load cell of the Anzai Gating System AZ-733 V (Anzai Medical Co., Ltd, Tokyo, Japan).

Under the same motion settings, MR images were acquired using a Siemens Aera 1.5 T MRI. For the 4DMRI, an interleaved navigator-based retrospectively sorted sequence described by (von Siebenthal *et al* 2007) was used with parameters: TE: 0.95 ms, TR: 149.51 ms, flip angle: 49, resolution: 2.08 mm, slice thickness: 5 mm, slice spacing: 3.35 mm, acquisition direction: sagittal. After reconstruction this 4DMR sequence results in a series of 3D volumes, at frequency of 3.33 Hz, created from stacked 2D sagittal images. Static images were acquired at end exhale and full inhale using an abdominal T1 weighted sequence with parameters: TE: 11 ms, TR: 768 ms, flip angle: 150, resolution: 0.4883 mm, slice thickness: 3.5 mm, slice spacing: 4.375 mm, acquisition direction: coronal.

In order to quantify the overall range of motion within the phantom, a B-Spline based deformable image registration (Velocity™, Varian Medical Systems, Inc) was performed between the end-exhale and full-inhale phases of the 4DCT, the static MRIs and 4DMRI. The maximum and minimum magnitudes of the deformable vector fields were calculated for different regions of the lung and liver between the exhale and inhale of all three data sets.

The drift in phantom motion after cold start has been assessed over 2 h by tracking the position of the inferior nitro-glycerine marker in the lung over the phases of 4DCT images (using the same protocol described above) with deformable image registration. The measured range of motion at the session start is compared with the marker displacement after one and two hours of continuous breathing with sinusoidal pattern. In addition, the day-to-day reproducibility has been assessed on sagittal 2D cine MR images with 1.28 mm pixel spacing acquired at 5 Hz. The in-plane displacement of a central marker has been measured ventilating the phantom in the $(-5, 20)$ mBar pressure range for three different motion curves, $\sin^2(t)$ and $\sin^4(t)$ with 4 s period and a patient breathing trajectory with average period 6 s and variability in amplitude of 15%. Results are reported for three measurements over 2 weeks and the median and interquartile range (IQR) of the all breathing cycles for each motion type was calculated.

2.3. Image contrast assessment

The image contrast of the different materials used in the construction of lung and liver components was assessed on the 4DCT, the static MRI and 4DMRI images described above. The given HU and MR intensity units for the silicon are the range of values within eight regions of interest (ROIs) of 20×20 pixels (CT: 19.5×19.5 mm, MR: 9.8×9.8 mm) on 4 slices (8 mm for CT and 14 mm for MR). For the

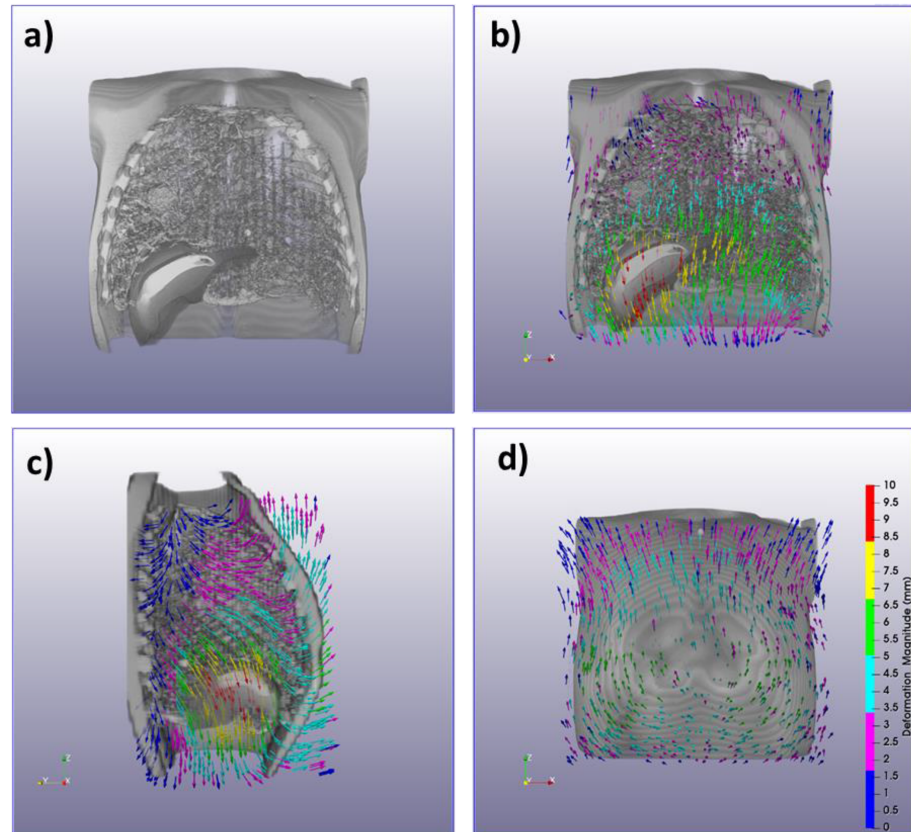


Figure 5. (a) 3D rendering of the MR image volume of the phantom in a coronal slice (b), sagittal slice (c) and anterior surface (d). The motion vector field from the inhale to exhale phases of the static MR is overlaid.

polyorganosiloxane gel, five, 10×10 pixel (CT: 9.8×9.8 mm, MR: 4.9×49 mm) ROIs were defined, on 4 slices within the internal filling of the liver. The 3D printed plastic structures within the liver were assessed using one ROI of 5×5 pixels (CT: 4.9×4.9 mm, MR: 2.4×2.4 mm) on 4 slices and 30 ROIs of 1×1 pixels (CT: 0.98×0.98 mm, MR: 0.49×0.49 mm). The 3D printed material of the lung, which was printed thickness of approximately 1.6 mm, was assessed in the area at the top of the respiratory tract, in the CT, which was not coated in polyorganosiloxane gel, and surrounding the tumour in the MRI using 30 ROIs of 1×1 pixels. Background air values were taken using six ROIs of 30×30 pixels on 4 slices (CT: 39.1×39.1 mm, MR: 14.6×14.6 mm) in the space below the liver compartment and above the shoulders. The Hounsfield units were extracted from the CT images, and MR intensities of the lung and liver, relative to air, were assessed in the static MR and 4D MR images. Additionally, the HU and MR intensity units of patient images using the same imaging protocols were also assessed for the lung and liver.

3. Results

3.1. Phantom development

The 3D printed lung fits in to the original phantom rib cage attached to a base plate and is designed so that the moulded liver compartment fits into the bottom of the lung (figure 4). The independent tumour controller (used to control a dosimetry tumour, rather than the internal imaging tumour) is attached inferior to the phantom aligned with the dosimetry cavity on the left phantom lung. The dosimeter motion controller, which is not MR compatible, can be easily removed for MR imaging.

The pulley of the independent tumour controller has a 30 mm diameter, allowing for a maximal 30 mm motion range for the dosimeter. Through comparison of the lung surface motion curve and that of the target position, the latency was measured to be on average 77.67 ± 17.52 ms.

3.2. Lung and liver motion

The motion between the full inhale and full exhale static MR volumes in the superior and posterior portions of the lung was primarily in the anterior direction with a range of 1–3.5 mm (figure 5). The inferior lung was seen to move in an anterior-inferior direction of approximately 45° with a range of 3.5–8 mm. The

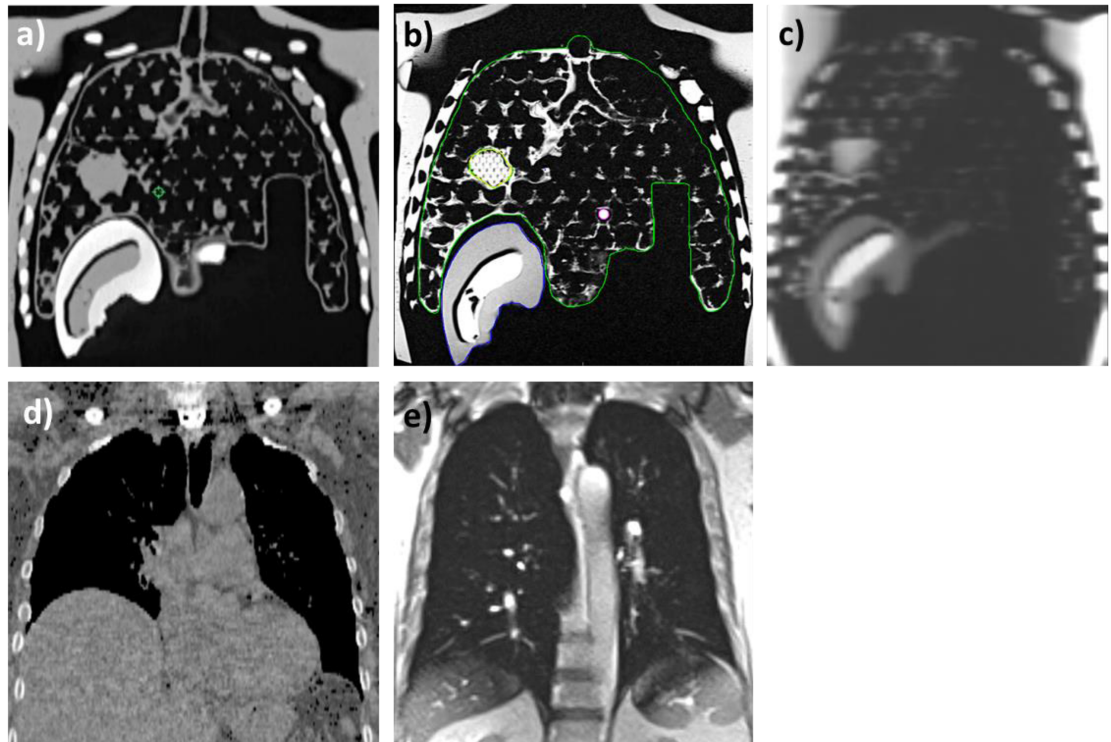


Figure 6. (a) Coronal view of a single phase of the 4DCT image, (b) coronal view of T1 MRI scan with the lung (green), liver (blue), imaging target (yellow) and the nitro-glycerine marker (purple) contoured, and (c) the coronal view of a single 4DMRI volume (stack of 2D sagittal slices) representing inhale (d) a patient 4DCT single phase image (e) single slice of a coronal patient 4DMRI.

right-lung tumour lesion moved 3.5–6.0 mm mostly in the AP direction with the bottom of the target moving more than the top showing that there is some deformation of the target itself. Motion of the liver is generally in the inferior direction with a smaller amount of anterior motion. Motion of the ranges of 5.5–8.0 mm were observed at the tip and 5.7–10.0 mm at the lobe of the liver phantom; posteriorly the motion is slightly smaller with 2.5–3 mm.

The 4DMRI reconstruction was performed and the resultant stacked 3D images assessed; no obvious artefacts were seen in the stacking of the 2D images. Figure 6(c) shows a coronal view of a 3D stack representing the inhale phase of a single breathing cycle of the 4DMRI. The motion between end-exhale and full-inhale breathing phases of the reconstructed 4DMRI and 4DCT agrees to MRs acquired holding the phantom stationary in the respective states (figure 5) with maximum and minimum magnitude of vector fields within 1 mm for each of the regions (superior lung, posterior lung, inferior and anterior lung, tip and lobe of liver).

The repeated 4DCTs over a 2 h session ventilating the phantom with a sinusoidal driving curve (\sin^4) showed remarkable motion reproducibility with the most inferior marker consistently moving by 2.5 mm range. Similarly, DIR between corresponding breathing phases in subsequent acquisitions did not show systematic drifts in end-exhale and full-inhale lung states with < 0.1 mm difference in the three-dimensional vector fields. Day-to-day variations were assessed on sagittal MR images aligned at the inferior central nitro-glycerine marker for sinusoidal ($\sin^2(t)$, $\sin^4(t)$) and patient-like breathing curve. The median and IQR of the marker motion amplitude for the cycles imaged over three imaging sessions were 1.7 ± 0.2 mm (24 cycles), 1.5 ± 0.4 mm (25 cycles) and 1.3 ± 0.4 mm (13 cycles) respectively.

3.3. Material contrast

The materials used for construction of the lung and liver components each provide contrast in both CT and MR images (figure 6). The T1 MR intensity values, taken from the static MR, relative to air and the CT HU for the 3D printed plastic structures inside the liver and forming the lung structure, the polyorganosiloxane gel and the silicon encasing the liver along with those of a corresponding patient image are shown in table 1. The lung 3D printed material was thin and coated in polyorganosiloxane gel in most places, for this reason 30 single pixel ROIs were used and the calculated mean (standard deviation) were -115 (53) HU and 11 (10.6) MR intensity units. The T1 MR intensity units relative to air obtained from the 4DMRI images were in

Table 1. The mean (and range) of the raw CT Hounsfield Units and T1 MR intensity values relative to air (from static MR) for the materials used in construction along with those for patient anatomy.

Material	HU	T1 MR intensity
Phantom materials		
Lung 3D printed TPU	−115 (−200– −50)	11 (0–40)
Liver Visijet M2 EBK	−203 (−600–100)	13 (0–25)
Silicon casing	735 (650–800)	108 (80–130)
Polyorganosiloxane gel	68 (30–120)	249 (210–280)
Patient anatomy		
Lung	−880–110	-
Liver	35–230	-

the same range for the two 3D printed materials but lower for the silicon casing and the Polyorganosiloxane gel with 10–30 and 50–110 respectively.

4. Discussion

In this study a dynamic anthropomorphic thorax phantom has been modified to allow enhanced MR and CT imaging of lung and liver. The image qualities of the lung and liver additions have been investigated along with the nature of the motion present. While the motion of the inner tumour target of this phantom is not as large as many other geometric or anthropomorphic phantoms, the complexity of the motion and deformation of other portions of the phantom (such as ribs liver and lung structures) is greater, increasing the usefulness of this phantom for imaging studies involving deformable image registration. Moreover, on the left-side inferior surface of the lung is a space for a dosimetry target which moves independent of, but correlated with, the ventilation of the lung itself.

Selection of a material for use in a 3D printing of the lung that is flexible is a challenge, as 3D printing materials are usually rigid and not flexible enough for our intended purposes. To enhance the lung's deformability, a designated structural pattern design, inside the lung, was applied. The flexible TPU filament was selected because of its flexibility even though it is not visible in MR images. Due to this trait, different structures are prominent on the CT and MR images, such as internal structures of the tumour (figure 6).

During the manufacture of the liver component, several challenges were encountered including difficulty with air bubbles in the silicon used for the external casing, which were successfully over-come using a vacuum pump. The thickness of the casing was also not consistent, which resulted in leakage of air into the component. This inconsistent case thickness was due to the challenge of creating the internal placeholder using moulding clay. The materials used for the liver are compatible with US imaging (Maggi *et al* 2009) and it is possible to find features in the liver when the probe was placed directly on the liver itself, which suggests feature motion tracking will be possible in the future.

The range of motion of the lung and liver components in the phantom (10 mm) are smaller than the average amplitude of the diaphragm for patients (16.4 mm) (Rit 2012). However, the motion is not unrealistically small for a patient and the amplitude and deformation of the components are adequate for use with 4DMRI and DIR.

This is the first version of the updated phantom with 3D printed flexible components, and therefore durability and resistance is still to be seen over the long term. However, the polyorganosiloxane gel has an intended use in insulation of electrical circuits for which it is claimed to have an indefinite shelf life. The 3D printed structures within the liver were made using Visijet M2 EBK (3DSystems, South Carolina, USA) which is a rubbery elastic type substance, and these were encased in flexible polyorganosiloxane gel. Mechanical durability of the lung model has been observed during the manufacturing process. The 3D printed lung structure itself is covered externally by a sealant and internally coated in polyorganosiloxane gel, meaning there will be very little exposure to light or air.

As the intention of the addition of the lung and liver were to develop the existing phantom primarily into an imaging phantom, focusing on motion and deformation, it was not a requirement for our institute to use tissue equivalent materials. The materials were selected rather to ensure image contrast in MR and CT imaging rather than replicate the density of human tissues. This is evident with the 3D printed lung material and the polyorganosiloxane gel having higher HU than that of lung tissue. If the research activity utilising the phantom was to begin to focus on noise and lesion detection or dosimetry, then the tissue equivalence would be of larger concern and could be improved in future iterations using more sophisticated 3D printed materials (Bustillo *et al* 2018). Various 3D printed anthropomorphic phantoms exist for the purpose of medical imaging (Hazelaar *et al* 2018, Filippou and Tsoumpas 2018), a quickly expanding field of research

(Tino *et al* 2019). Some phantoms have image contrast very similar to that seen in CT (Hernandez-Giron *et al* 2019, Hazelaar *et al* 2018, Zhang *et al* 2019, Bustillo *et al* 2018) and MR (Wake *et al* 2019, He *et al* 2019).

The motion controller for the independent dosimetry lung tumour, which is correlated with the pressure of the ventilated lung with a slight latency, will allow for the end-to-end use of the phantom through imaging and treatment delivery. The motion range of the target is currently 30 mm but there is the possibility of increasing this with the change of the pulley to one with a larger diameter.

The developments to the existing anthropomorphic phantom outlined in this manuscript, including the addition of a 3D printed lung, moulded liver component and independent tumour, means that it is now compatible with CT, MR, Ultrasound and optical surface imaging. This allows for validation of advanced image processing procedures such as DIR, combining different imaging techniques, and their applications, along with dosimetry assessment in the radiation therapy workflow.

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