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## **Personal Online DosImetry Using CoMputational Methods**

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## Framework for individual monitoring: why is dosimetry needed

#### **Individual monitoring of workers**



**Control occupational exposure** 

**Dose limits and ALARA principle** 

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Inform workers of their exposure





## Problems with individual dosimetry

- Workers don't like to wear dosimeter
- Workers especially don't like to wear more than one dosimeter
- Still not all parts of body covered
  What if other parts of body need dosimetry in future (brain, heart,...)?
- Not always strict use of dosimeters:
  - Forgetting
  - Not correct place







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#### Uncertainties in personal dosimetry

- Risk is given by effective dose
  - Complicated system of operational quantities to estimate effective dose
  - $H_p(10)$  is only estimation of E
- No dosemeter is perfect for H<sub>p</sub>(10)
  - Non-linearity, fading, ...
  - Energy and angular dependence....
- Loosing dosemeter: all data lost...
- Not wearing correctly
  - Dependent on homogeneity of the field





## Personal Dosimetry: what brings the future?

- More use of active personal dosemeter: direct feedback
- May be no need for physical dosimeters?
- Suppose we can use <u>Monte-Carlo simulations</u> to calculate on-line all doses
- Advantages:
  - No more need for physical dosimeter
  - No more loosing dosimeters
  - No more need for operational quantities
  - No more worries for changing quantities/weighting factors
  - Doses to all organs can be known
  - Personalized dosimetry possible
  - Better accuracy possible
  - Faster feedback to workers



## **Exploiting most advanced technologies**

Monte Carlo Simulations ← Human Computationa Models

Computer Vision Parallel CPU/GPU Computing

Machine Learning



PODIUM: Personal Online DosImetry Using computational Methods

- CONCERT 2nd Call
- EC project
- 24 months, start January 2018
- 7 partners: SCK•CEN (Belgium), UPC (Spain/Catalunya), HMGU (Germany), LU (Sweden), PHE (UK), EEAE (Greece), SJH (Ireland)



- Improve occupational dosimetry via an online dosimetry application using computer simulations: without the use of physical dosemeters
- **Develop an online application** in which we will calculate individual occupational doses
- Apply and validate the methodology for two situations where improvements in dosimetry are urgently needed: **neutron workplaces** and **interventional radiology**
- The legal aspects to introduce this or similar techniques as an official dosimetry method will also be established



## Personal Dosimetry: Interventional Radiology



## Personal Dosimetry: Inhomogeneous fields



## **Dose Simulations Input**







## **RAF: Realistic Anthropomorphic Flexible Phantom**

- Polygonal Mesh Boundary Representation
- Organ and tissue masses adjusted according to ICRP 89
- Computational model with 2900 tissues segmented
- Dosimetric validation in comparison with ICRP 116

**Development and Validation of the Realistic Anthropomorphic Flexible (RAF) Phantom** 

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## Tracking to computational phantom



#### Realistic Anthropomorphic Flexible Phantom (RAF)

## Animation of RAF phantom



## Computational phantom framework





## Geometry Input

## Define of the workplace geometry for the calculations





 Modeling and tracking of important moving objects (shielding) is also needed







## Radiation Source Input: Radiology Case

#### X-Ray spectrum

- Tube potential (kVp value)
- Tube current
- Added filtration
- Target material
- Voltage waveform

#### **Tube Angulation**

• C-arm projections



Interventional Radiology and Cardiology Parameters					
Parameter	Range				
High Voltage	60-120 kVp				
Intensity	5-1000 mA				
Inherent filtration	3-6 mm Al <sub>eq</sub>				
Additional filtration	0.2-0.9 mm Cu				
Energy range of scattered spectra	20 keV – 100 keV				



## Input

- Radiation dose structured report (RDSR) extracted from the X-ray machine
- Time synchronization with tracking
- DAP meter for normalization





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## **Computational dosimetry ... the solution?**

#### Challenge: Make Monte Carlo calculations fast enough



#### Fast Monte Carlo methods for interventional procedures

#### MCGPU-IR

Based on MC-GPU (2009) a MC code for the simulation of photon transport in restricted geometrical set-up's

PENELOPE/penEasyIR

Based on PENELOPE v2014, a standard multi-purpose MC code

## **Optimization Algorithm**



## Optimized simulation time NPS: number of simulated particles

Prioritization of simulations Irradiation event with high dose







## **Model Training**

Scoring



## Validation















### Test at UZ-VUB - Brussels







## Test at CHU-Liège







Validation Case: Angioplasty Procedure

2018-10-02 01:19:37

- Measurement of accumulated dose  $H_p(10)$  of operators with Thermo EPD Mk2.3
- Estimation of dosimeter location by the tracking system







## **Procedure Dose Report**

Total: 15935.6µGym<sup>2</sup> 1990mGy

#### **Procedure parameters:**

- kVp: ٠
- 80 125 kVp -
- DAP: •
- 15935.6 µGy.m2
- **Projections:** ٠
- 0LAO/0CRA -
- 75RAO / 0CRA -
- 27RAO / 0CRA -



Patient Position: HFS 02-Oct-18 12:55:45							
1 DSA FIXED VCS	2F/s 02-Oct-18 13:17:02 47.6mGy 0LAO 0CRA 13F						
2 DSA FIXED VCS 6s	2F/s 02-Oct-18 13:19:36						
A 125kV 295mA 199.6ms ****** large 0.0Cu 32cm 1655.2µGym <sup>2</sup>	217mGy 75RAO 0CRA 11F						
3      DSA      FIXED      VCS      6s        A      125kV      295mA      199.6ms      *******      large 0.0Cu 32cm      1647.7μGym <sup>2</sup>	2F/s 02-Oct-18 13:20:41 216mGy <mark>75RAO</mark> 0CRA 11F						
4 DSA FIXED VCS 5s	2F/s 02-Oct-18 13:26:03						
A 125kV 295mA 199.6ms ****** large 0.0Cu 32cm 1347.0μGym <sup>2</sup>	177mGy 75RAO 0CRA 9F						
5 DSA FIXED VCS	2F/s 02-Oct-18 13:26:41						
A 125kV 295mA 199.6ms ****** large 0.0Cu 32cm 1646.9µGym <sup>2</sup>	216mGy 75RAO 0CRA 11F						
6 DSA FIXED VCS 6s	2F/s 02-Oct-18 13:27:08						
A 125kV 295mA 199.6ms ****** large 0.0Cu 32cm 1647.1µGym <sup>2</sup>	216mGy 75RAO 0CRA 11F						
7 DSA FIXED VCS 6s	2F/s 02-Oct-18 13:28:58						
A 125kV 295mA 199.6ms ****** large 0.0Cu 32cm 1646.7μGym <sup>2</sup>	216mGy 75RAO 0CRA 11F						
8 DSA FIXED VCS 5s	2F/s 02-Oct-18 13:29:34						
A <mark>125kV 295mA 199.6ms</mark> ****** large 0.0Cu 32cm 1496.8μGym <sup>2</sup>	196mGy 75RAO 0CRA 10F						
9 DSA FIXED VCS 6s	2F/s 02-Oct-18 13:30:46 V						
A 82kV 536mA 160.6ms ***** large 0.0Cu 32cm 1090.2µGym <sup>2</sup>	143mGy 27RAO 0CRA 11F						
***Accumulated exposure data*** 02-Oct-18 14:42:19							
TotalFluoro: 5.4min							

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## Results from CHU-Liège case 4

Validation Case		A	Simulations Accumulated H <sub>p</sub> (10)		Measured EPD Accumulated <i>H</i> <sub>p</sub> (10)	
EndoVasc CHU-Liège Case 4 (PCI)		se 4	39 µSv		23 μSv	
Event Time (s)	FL1 7	FL2	FL3 6	FL4 5	FL5 6	
RDSR DAP ( $\mu$ Gy. $m^2$ ) mGy	536.5 47.6	1655.2 217	1647.7 216	1347 177	1646.9 216	
F6-DOS (MeV/g/#) $H_p(10)$ ( $\mu$ Sv)	3.25E-09 2.36	4.85E-05 9.27E-10 4.84	9.27E-10 4.81	4.85E-05 9.27E-10 4.73	9.27E-10 4.81	
Event Time (s) RDSR DAP (µGy.m <sup>2</sup> ) mGy F6-REF (MeV/g/#) F6-DOS (MeV/g/#)	FL6 6 1647.1 216 4.85E-05 9.27E-10	FL7 6 1646.7 216 4.85E-05 9.27E-10	FL8 5 1496.8 196 4.85E-05 9.27E-10	FL9 5 1090.2 143 9.13E-05 1.35E-09	Total	
$H_p(10)$ (µSv)	4.81	4.81	5.24	2.46	39	





## Conclusion

- Part of the future will be dosimetry without physical dosemeters
  - Although dosimeters still will exist for many applications
- Results show the validity of the method in interventional radiology and some neutron workplaces
- Still some challenges to be solved
  - Shielding tracking, worker identification
- Increasing contribution from AI and ML
  - "prediction" of doses instead of simulating....
- Important aspect of visualisation of radiation
  - ALARA and training tool
- Expanding to other applications





## Other applications with RAF Phantom



## ALARA planning and training tool



Accurate MC simulations using flexible phantoms Planning and analysis dosimetry tool visualizing data in Virtual Reality environment Neural Network based framework for optimizing dose calculations



# Why improve dosimetry service for **nuclear medicine** staff?

- High risk of exceeding legal doses of radiation in the extremities
- Accurate dosimetry is very hard for the hands
  - Higher exposures zones varies from one person to another
  - A single ring dosimeter is not enough to measure the whole hands dose
  - Wearing many ring dosimeters is uncomfortable
  - Multiple dosimeters will make dosimetry service more complex and expensive





# Local data acquisition – object tracking

Tailor PODIUM data acquisition solution to fit NM requirements by **developing specialized** ML-based person, fingers and object tracking.

 We cannot rely on already available tracking algorithms especially for tracking the radioactive source -> vials, syringes

Train our own Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) using Tensorflow











## a acquisition – next steps



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## Thank you!

We are looking for projects and partners to apply this methodology for different applications!

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