

Phantoms – PSAG^(v)
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Requirements for new types of phantoms

- Different textures
- Simple preparation and stability
- Low cost
- Sufficient contrast and resolution
- No air bubbles

We tested: agar + spheres

- Glass spheres of various diameter
- Polystyrene spheres of various diameter



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Polystyrene+agar (various diameter)

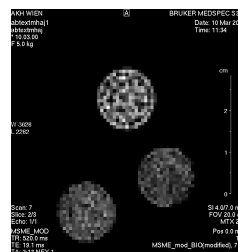
- 4% agar
- PS spheres of different diameter
- Tubes of different diameter



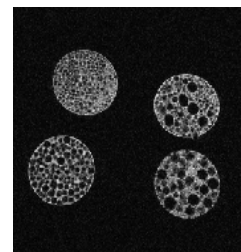
Phantoms – PSAG^(0.2-3)

- Different textures can be reached by the choice of spheres ($\varnothing$ 0.1 – 4 mm)
- Sufficient contrast and changed by the agar contamination (DyCl_3)
- T2: 40- 240 ms
- Simple preparation and stability
- Low cost
- No air bubbles

3T



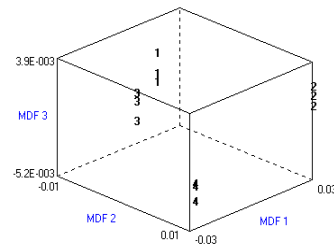
4.7T



Basic TA Parameters

TA parameters	Spheres (0.8-1.25)	Spheres (1.25-2.0)	Spheres (2.0-3.15)	Random Spheres
Skewness	0.307	0.874	0.914	0.549
Grad. Skewness	0.675	0.843	1.336	0.913
Contrast	223.9	198.5	128.2	171.8

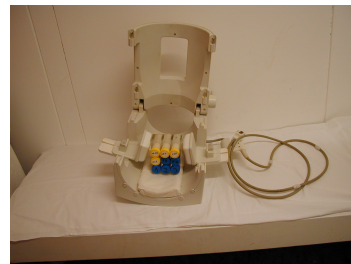
TA Parameters – Separation of Gels



Samples for a Whole body Imager



Vision Head Coil



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There is a lot of data

- **Images and phantoms were tested in:**
- Prague: – 1.5T Vision and 4.7 T Biospec
- Vienna: 3T Medspec
- Heidelberg: 1.5 T Vision
- Dundee: 1.5T Symphony
- NIH: V.Herynek – T1 a T2 relaxometer

Next steps

- We prepared 6 sets of phantoms which can be used for answering these questions
- **Why we need phantoms?**
 - Experiments to differ the texture -MODELS
 - Quality Assurance –of texture or of imagers?
 - Do we really need Phantoms for the simultaneous measurement with the tissue?
- MS of the paper