



# In Vivo Imaging in Drug Development

**Decision making in drug discovery/development using in vivo animal imaging**

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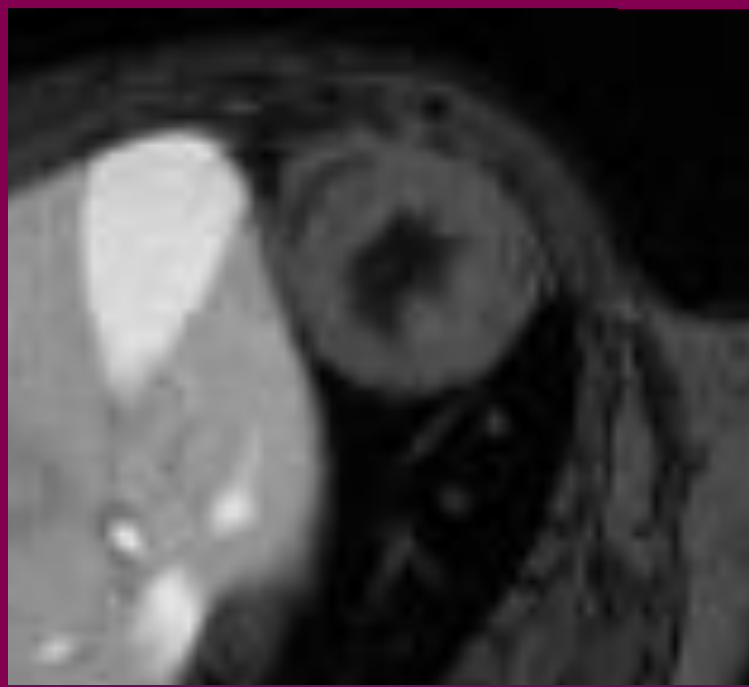
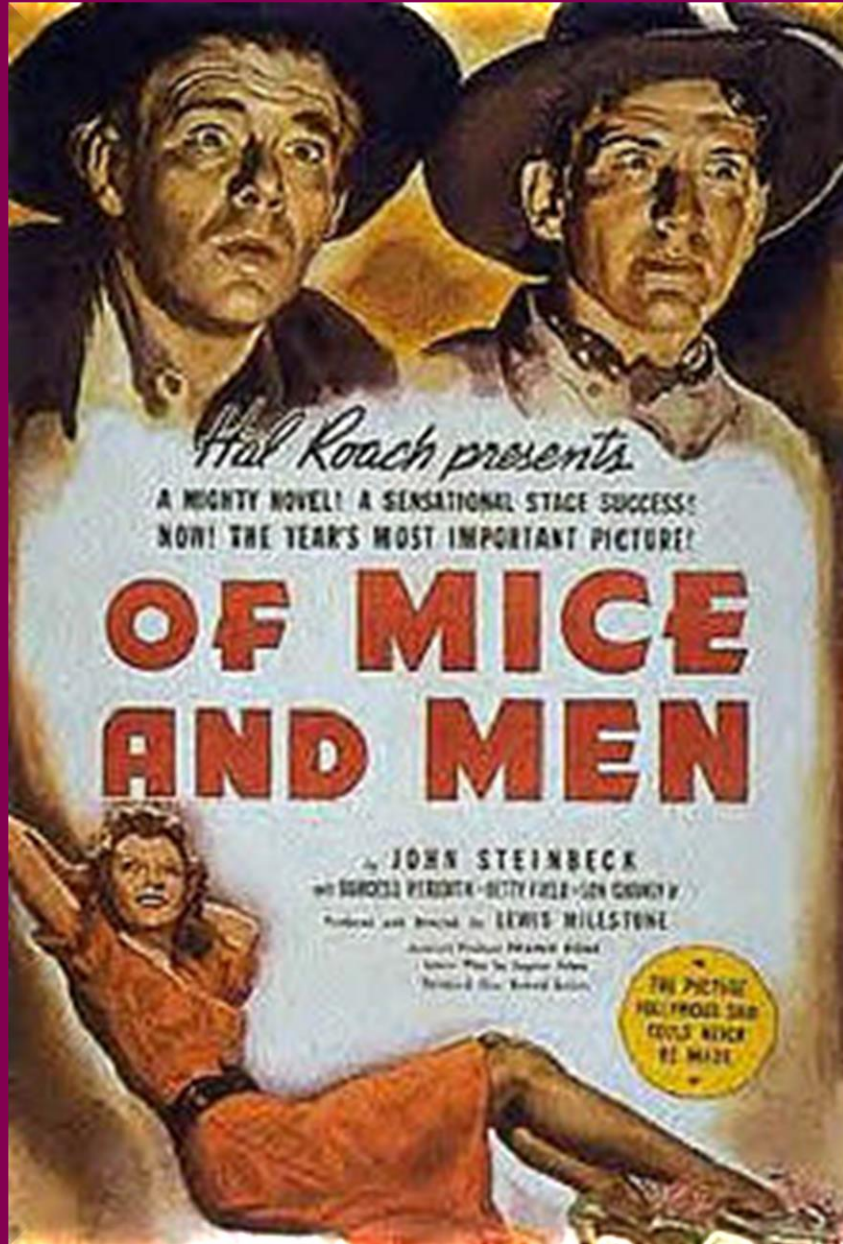


# Clinical Imaging

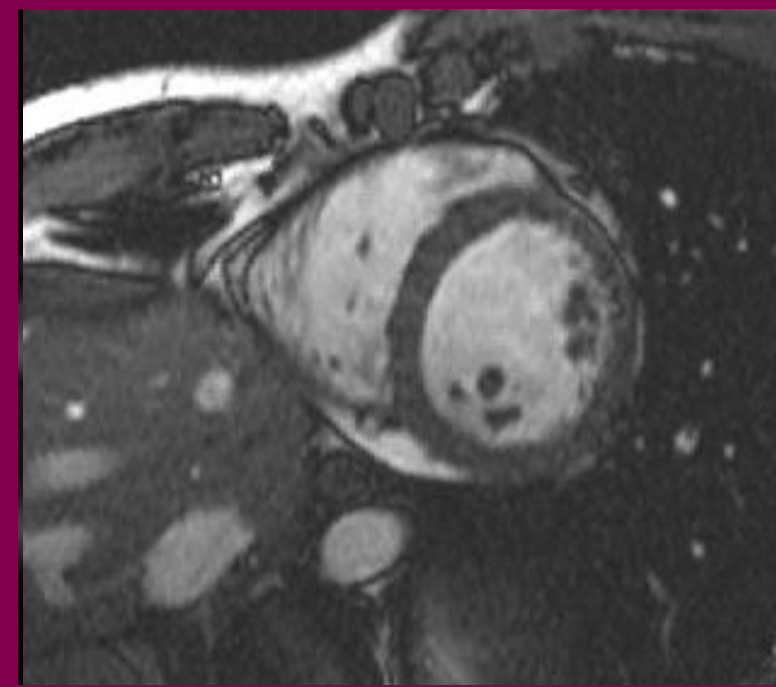
- Diagnostic imaging for detecting and following disease progression and to establish cure of disease.
- Imaging is used in early clinical trials to derisk late stage investment decisions, or to differentiate drugs from competitors.
- Imaging biomarkers are used as inclusion criteria for clinical trials or can act as companion diagnostics.



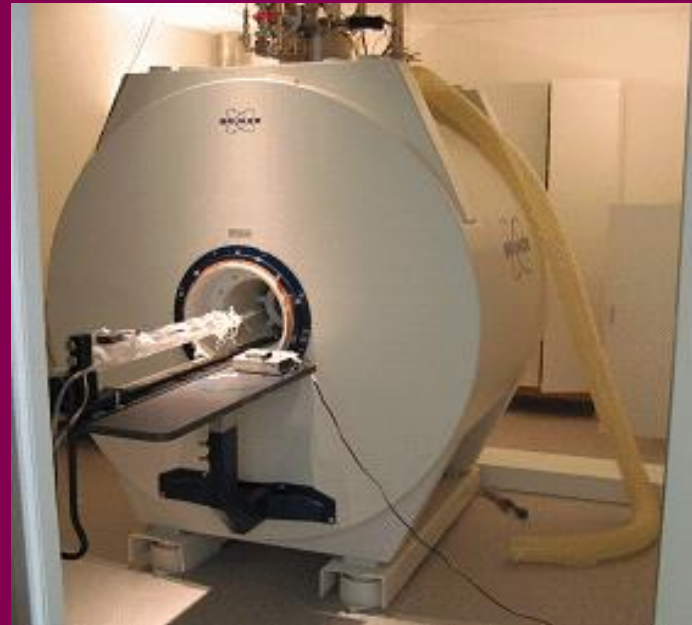
# In vivo Imaging



Mouse



Man

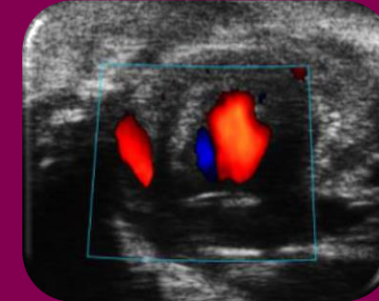


# Preclinical in vivo Imaging: From molecule to patient

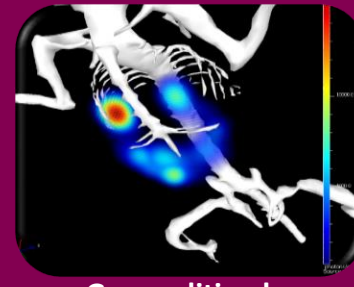
1. Unique non-invasive quantitative functional information.
2. Longitudinal studies of disease progression and therapeutical effects in individual animals.
3. Drug distribution, time course and target engagement.
4. High resolution ex vivo 3D tissue imaging.



Biodistribution by SPECT



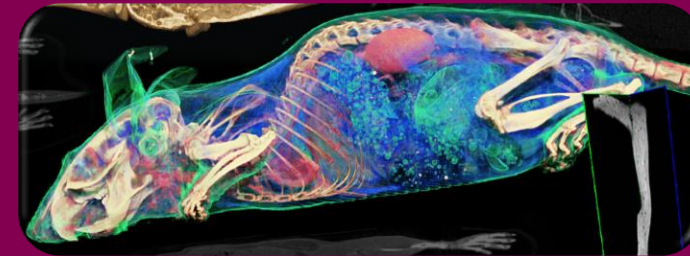
Cardiac function by  
Ultrasound



Gene editing by  
Bioluminescence



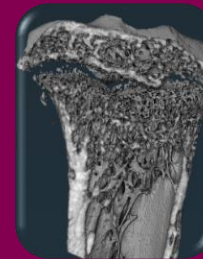
Beating heart in a  
mouse by MRI



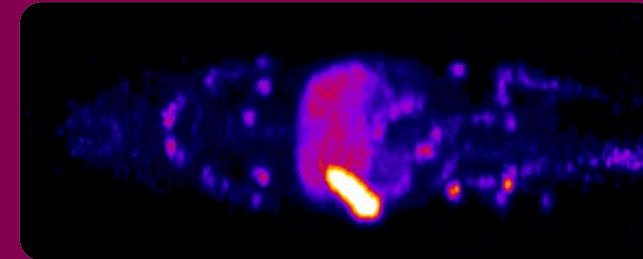
Internal visualization in live animals



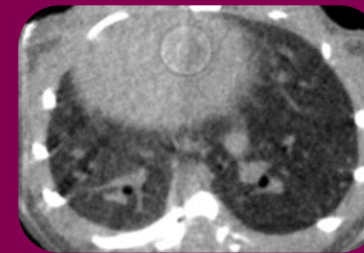
Target delivery by  
BioFluorescence



High resolution *ex vivo*  
3D anatomy by  $\mu$ CT



Quantitative biodistribution and  
cell tracking using PET



High resolution  
anatomy by CT

# Imaging from molecule to man

Biodistribution and kinetics: small molecules, antibodies, LNP, gene- or cell therapy.

Target engagement and dose to man prediction

Disease Biology MOA

Validation of disease mechanistic models

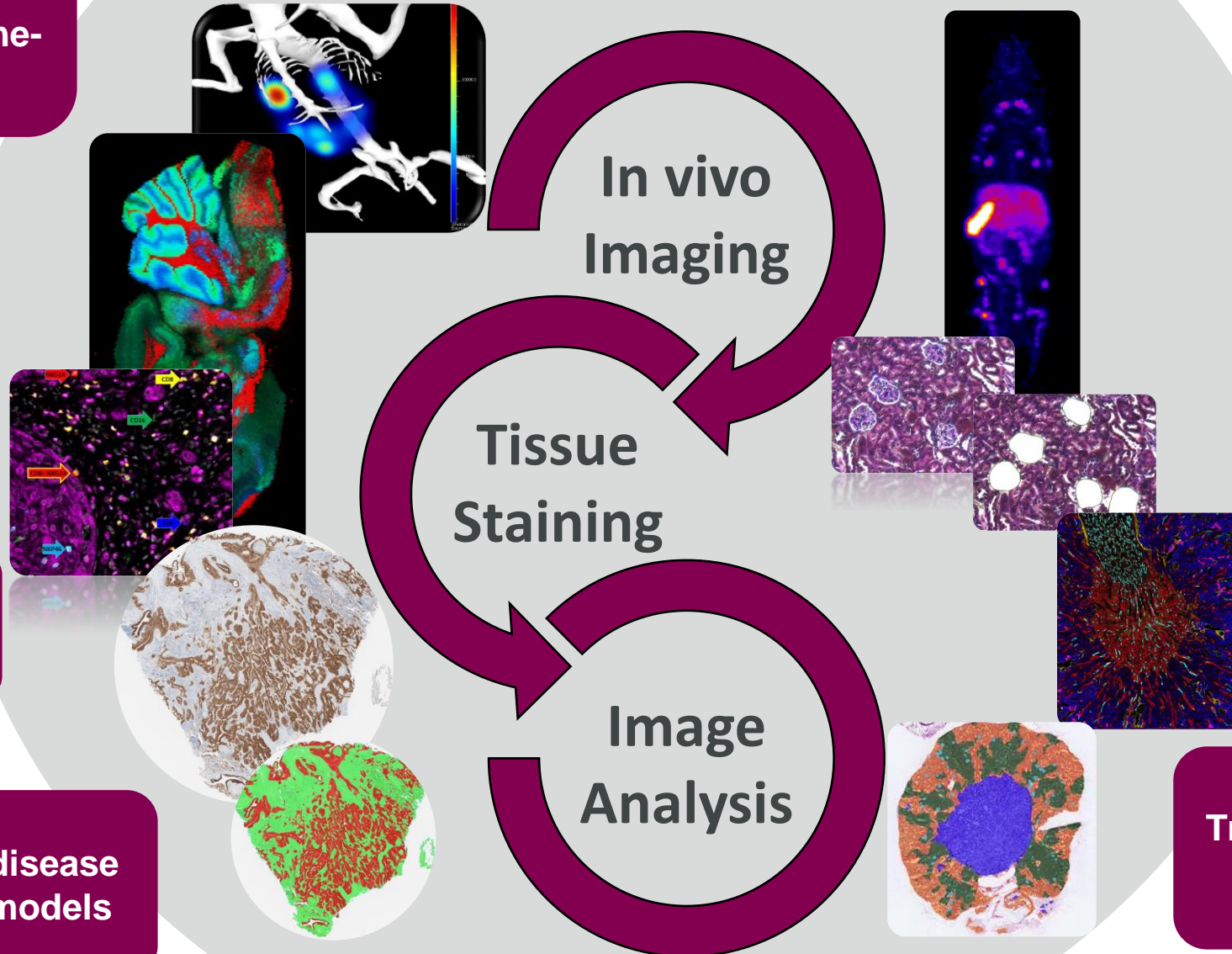
Target Evaluation

Efficacy testing in mechanistic models

Investigative Safety studies

Biomarker Development

Translational Efficacy assessment



# Some Recent Examples:

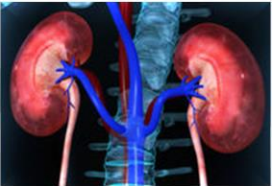


## Heart Failure

- MRI and ultrasound are used as the primary endpoint in all HF projects.
- 31-P MRS PCr/ATP ratio in mice for cardiac energetics and MRI contrasts for fibrosis.

## Chronic Kidney Disease

- Localised renal perfusion in CKD models.
- 3D ex vivo  $\mu$ CT quantification of vasculature



## Respiratory and autoimmune diseases

- Longitudinal MRI of lung remodelling in bleomycin treated rodents.

## NASH and metabolic diseases

- MRI rodent liver fat NASH studies.
- MRI and fluorescence contrasts for fibrosis.

## Oncology and transgenic animals

- MRI studies in GEMM lung cancer mice models.

## Cell and gene therapy.

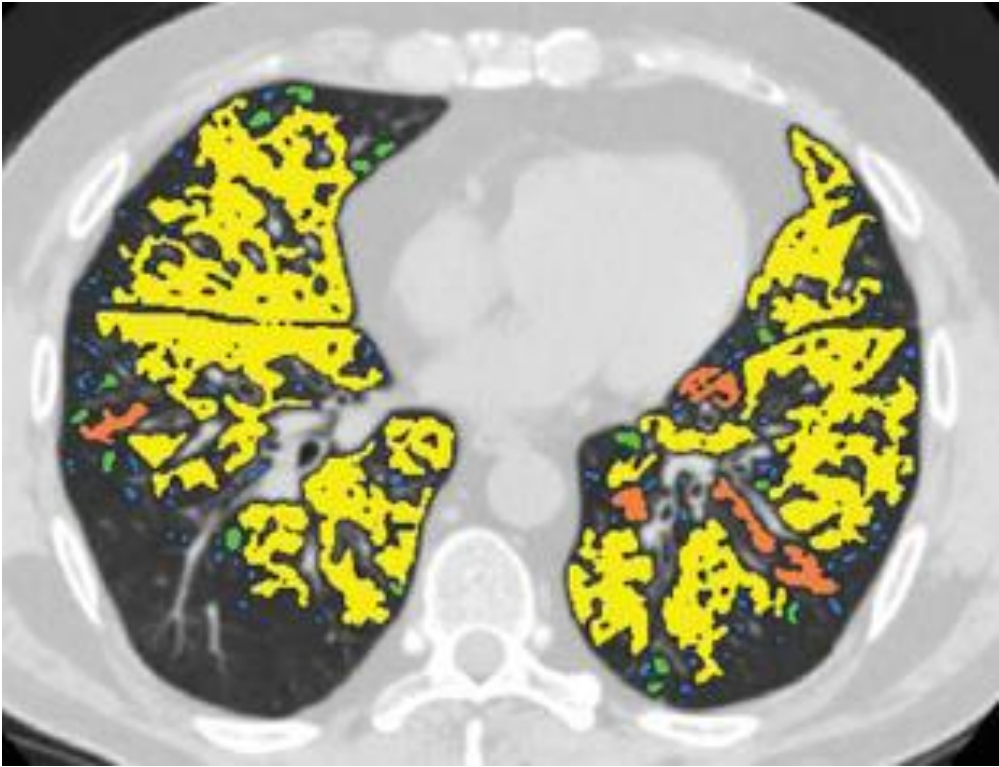
- The fate and distribution of cardiac stem cells. Luciferase cells with IVIS and NIS cells with SPECT.

## Safety.

- Ex vivo  $\mu$ CT of trabecular and cortical bone.



# Clinical respiratory imaging



Density mapping



360° Visualizer

# $\mu$ CT of Emphysema in Pallid mice



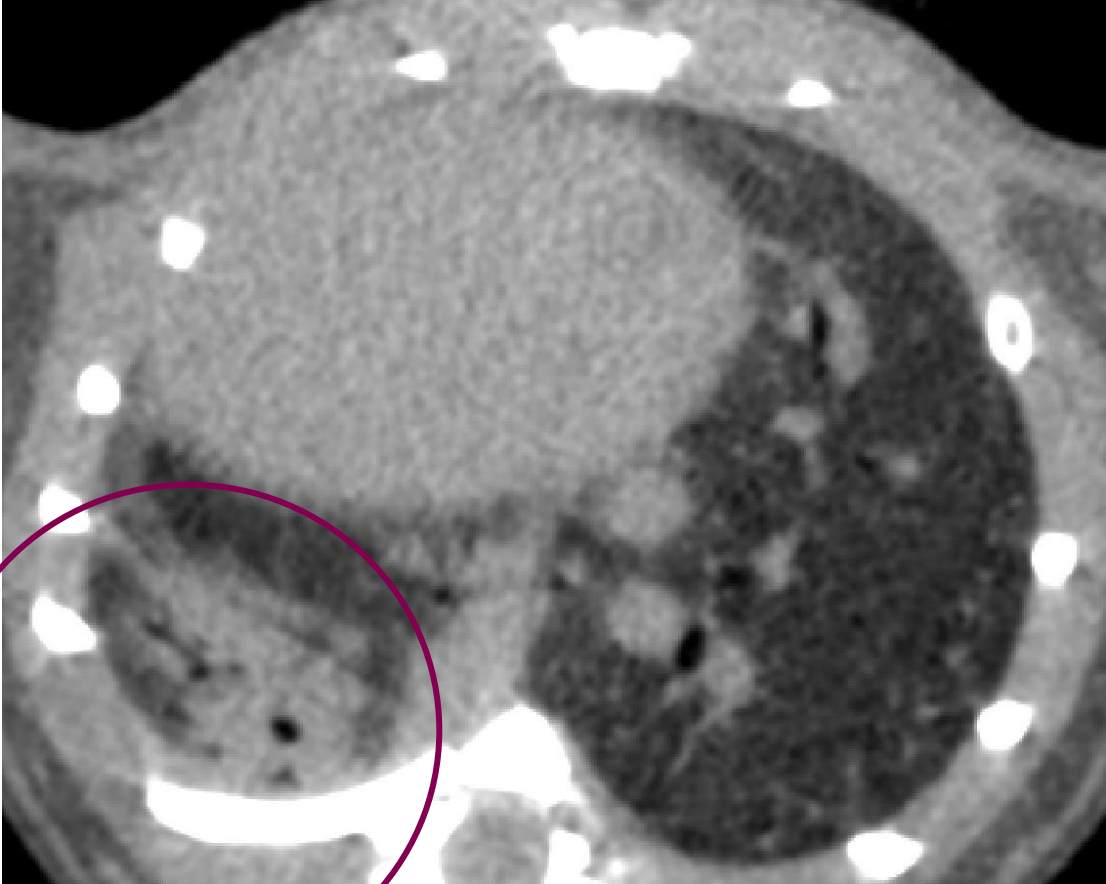
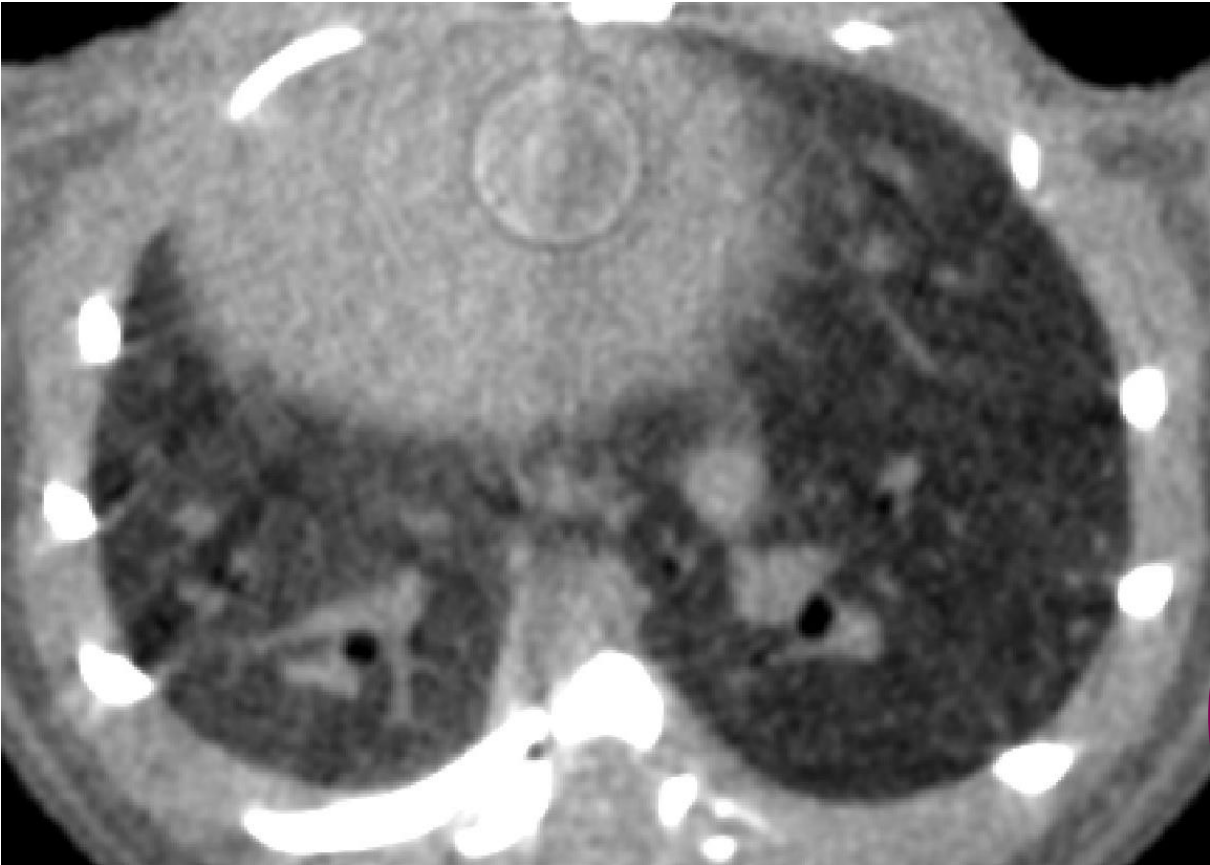
Control



Pallid

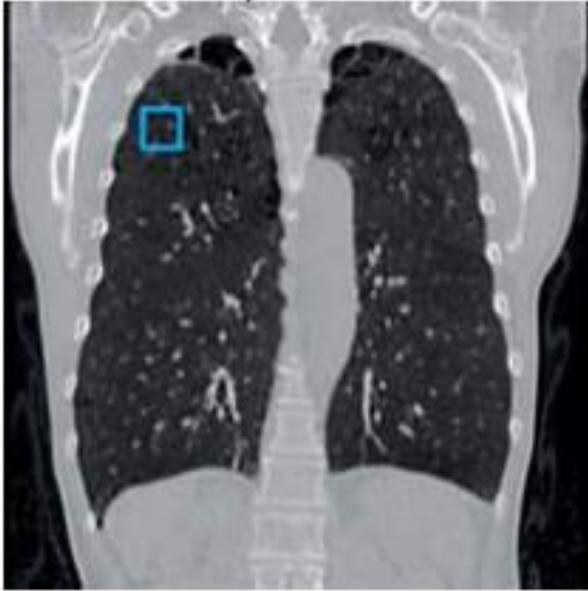


# $\mu$ CT of Unilateral Bleomycin Mice Model



# Parametric Response Mapping

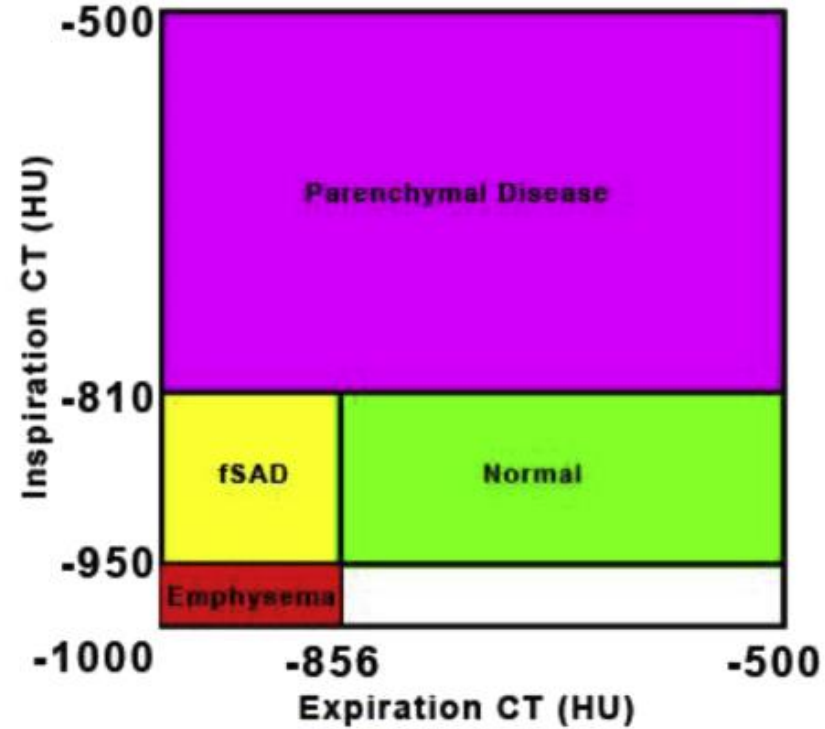
Inspiration



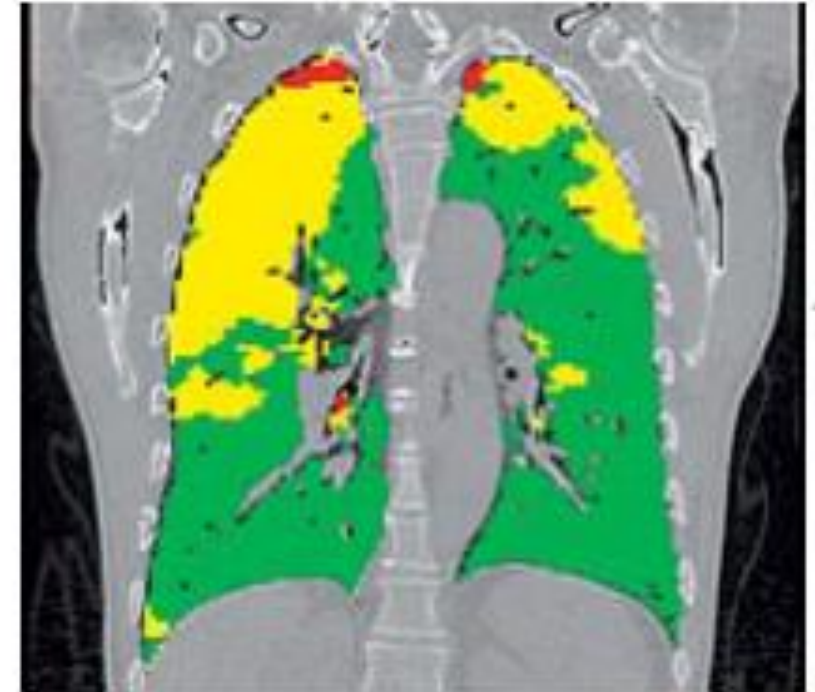
Expiration



### 3. Classification Model

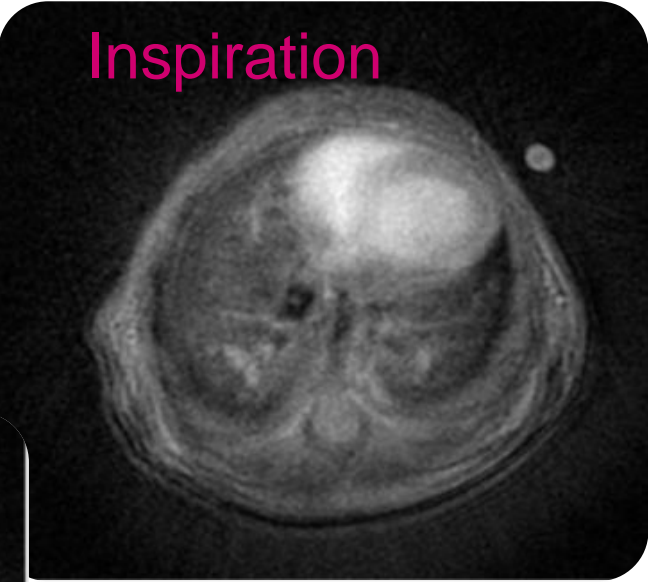
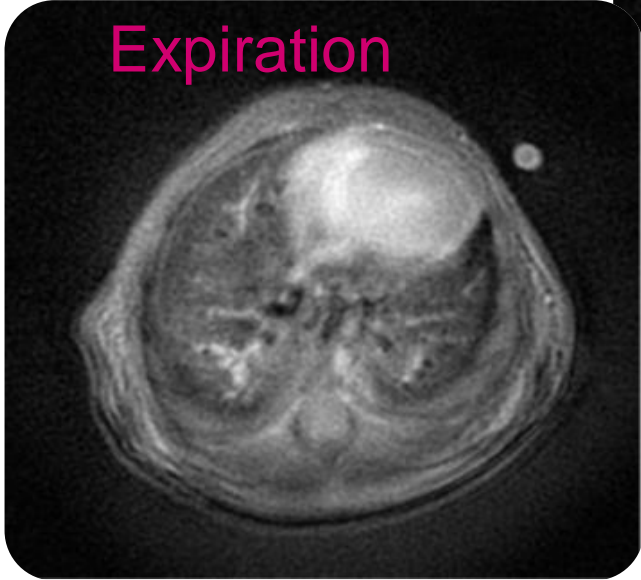
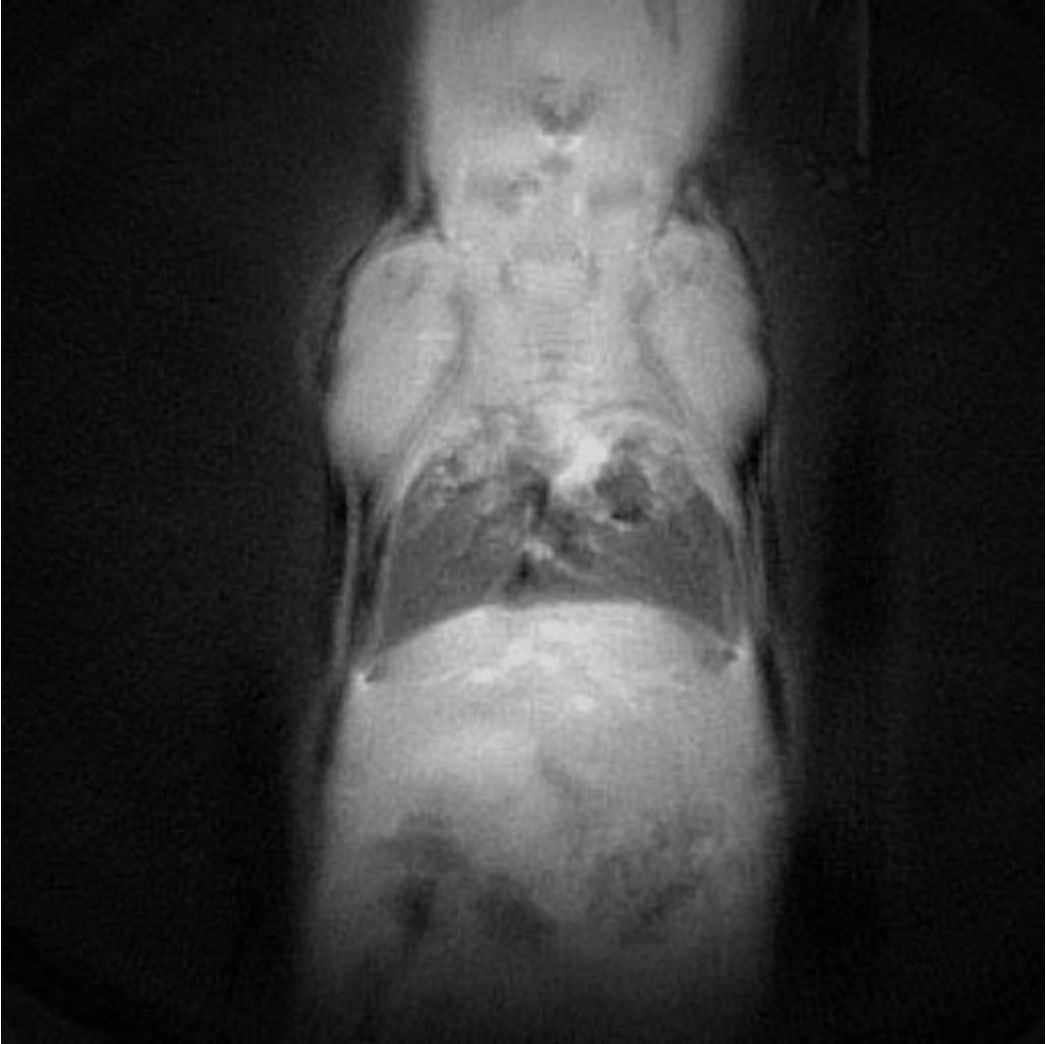


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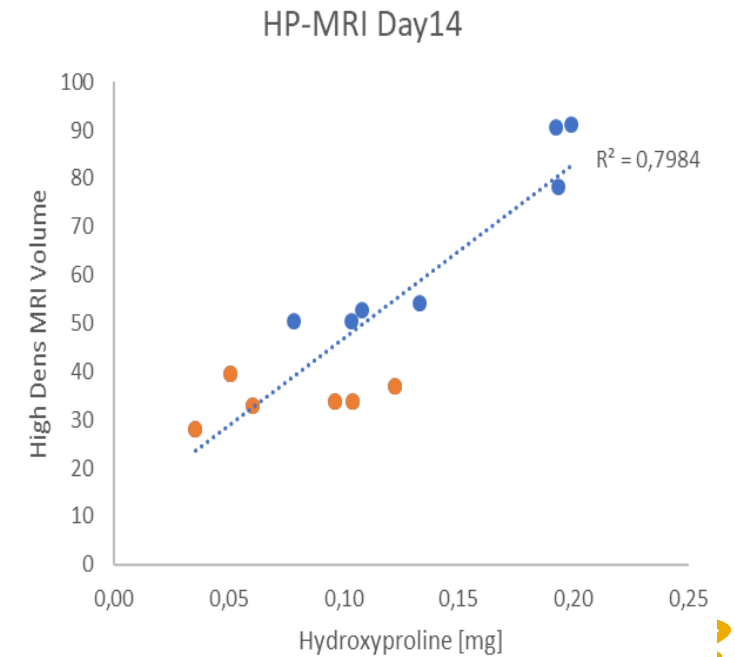
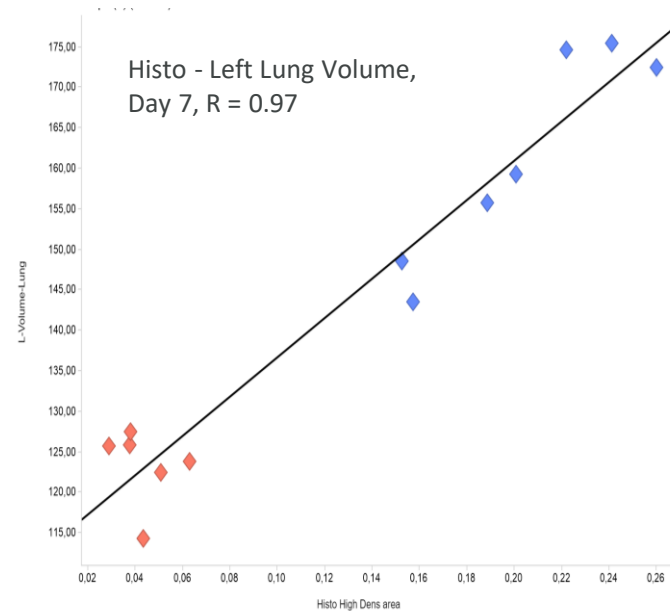
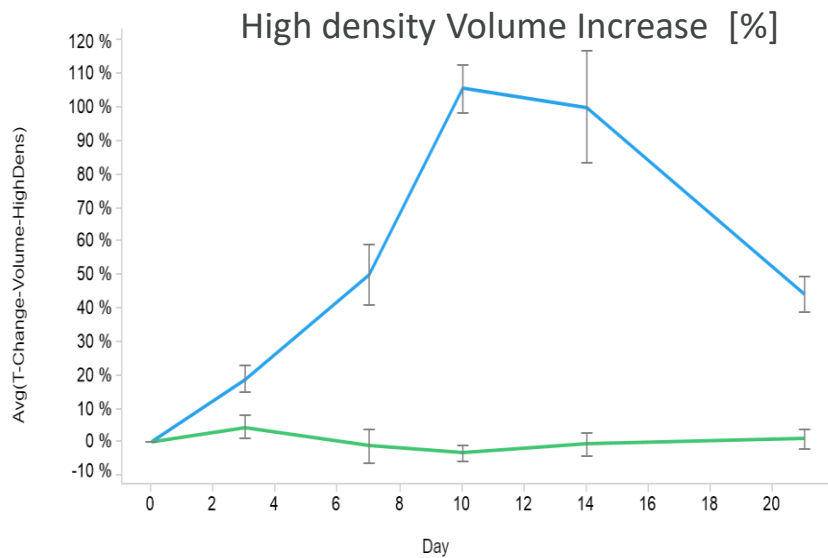
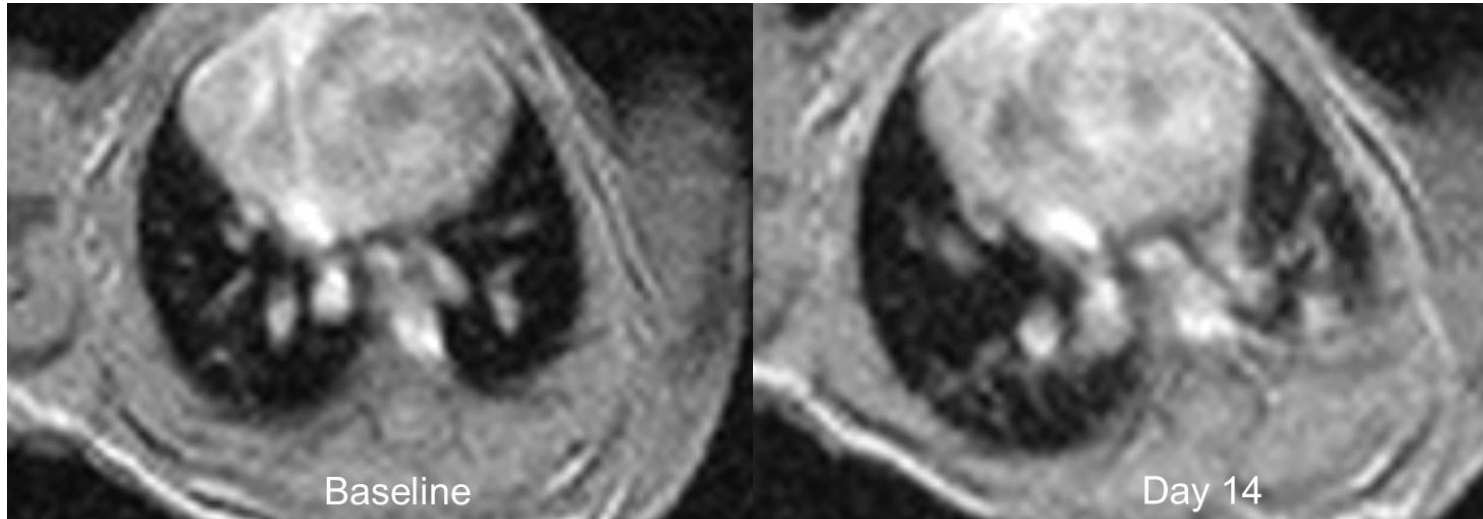


- Normal
- Emphysema
- Gas trapping

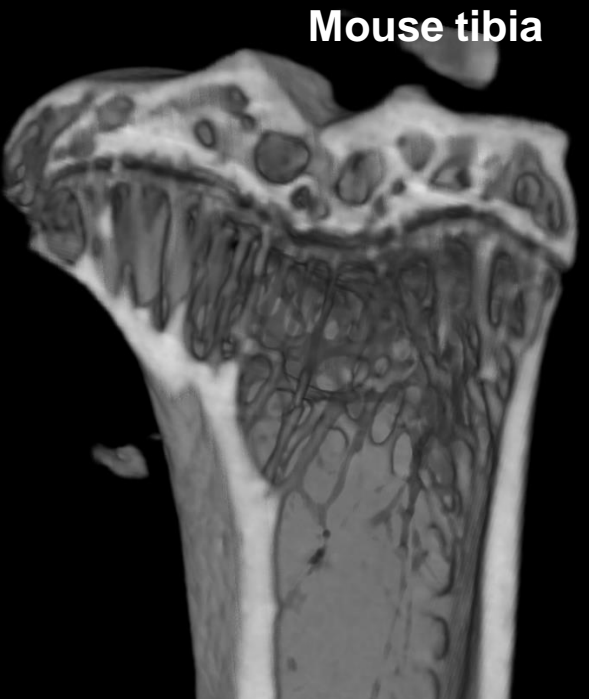
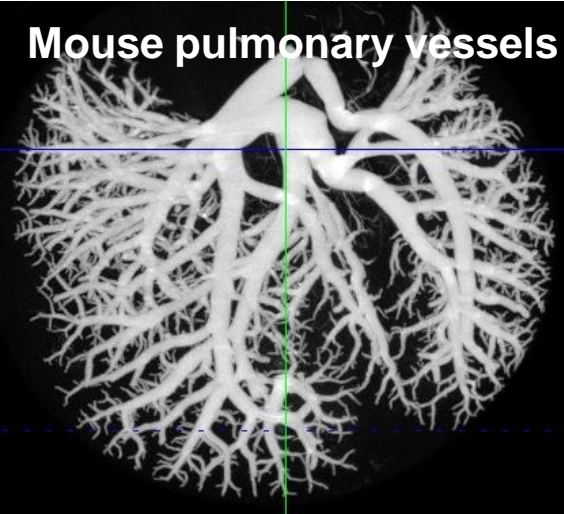
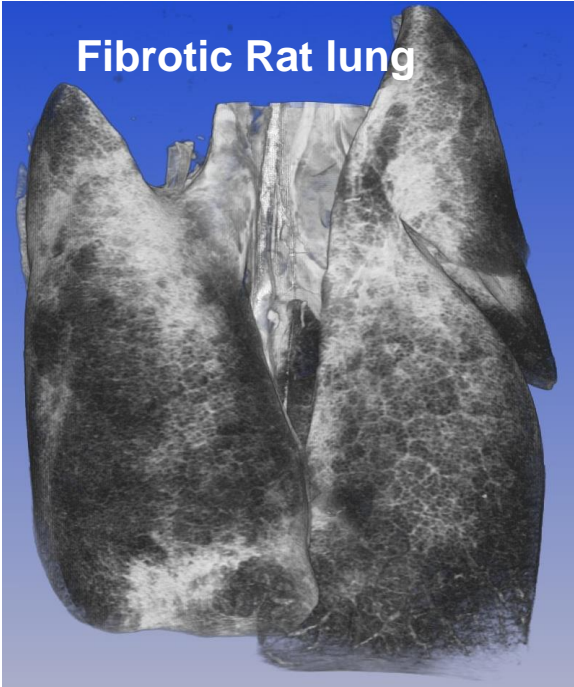
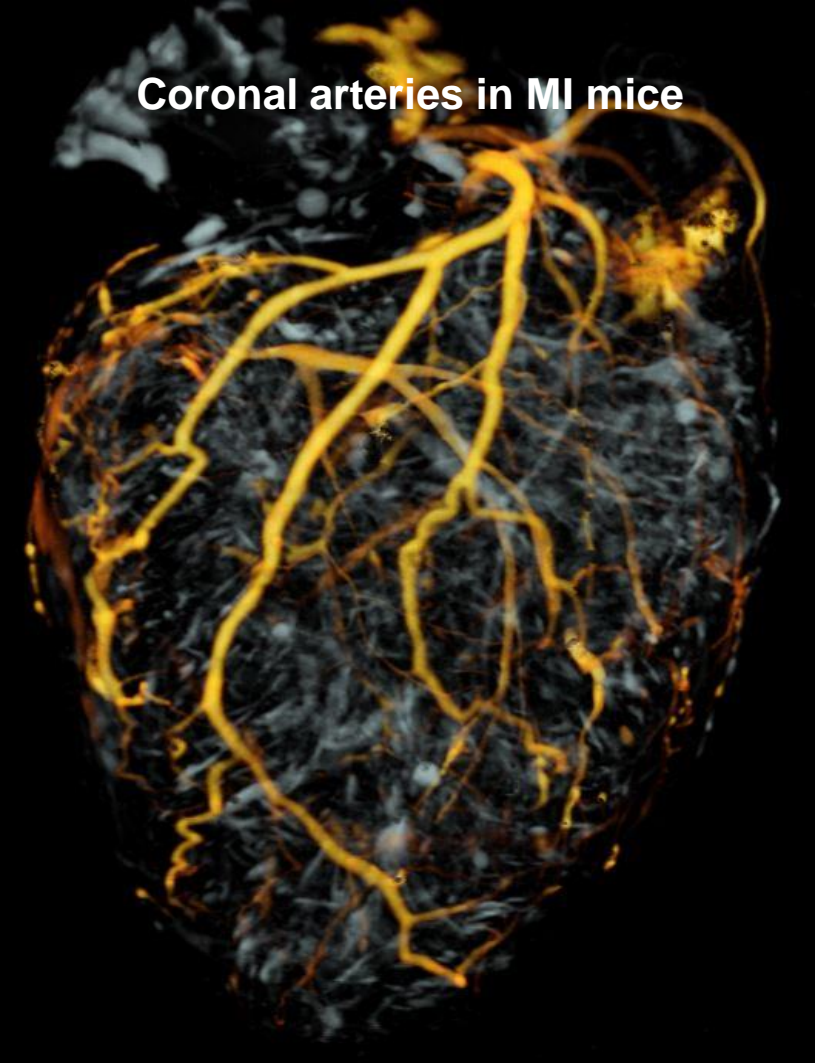
# Dynamic Lung compliance



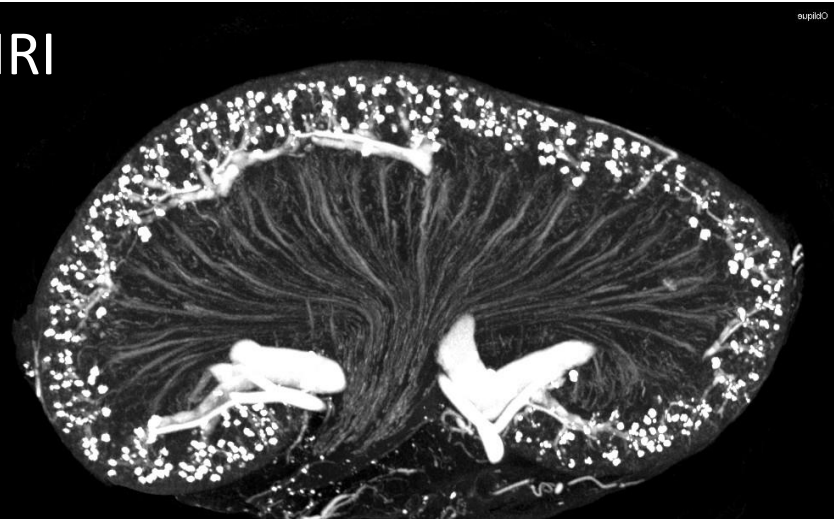
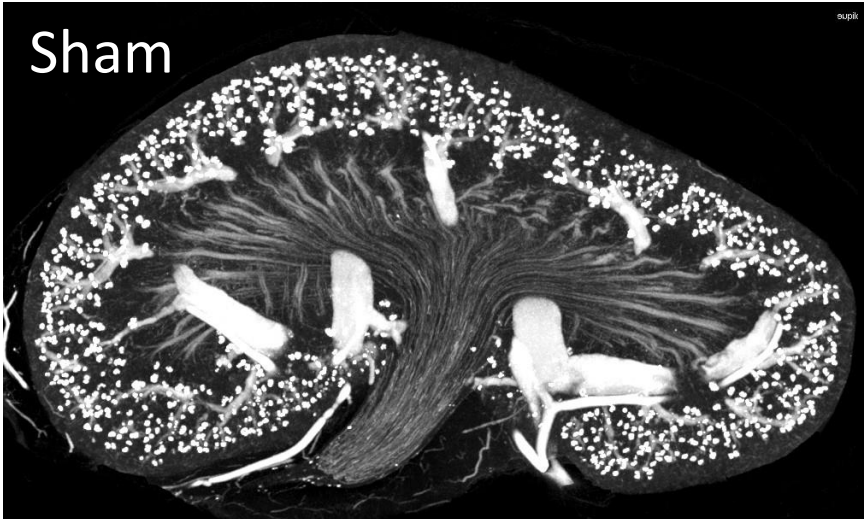
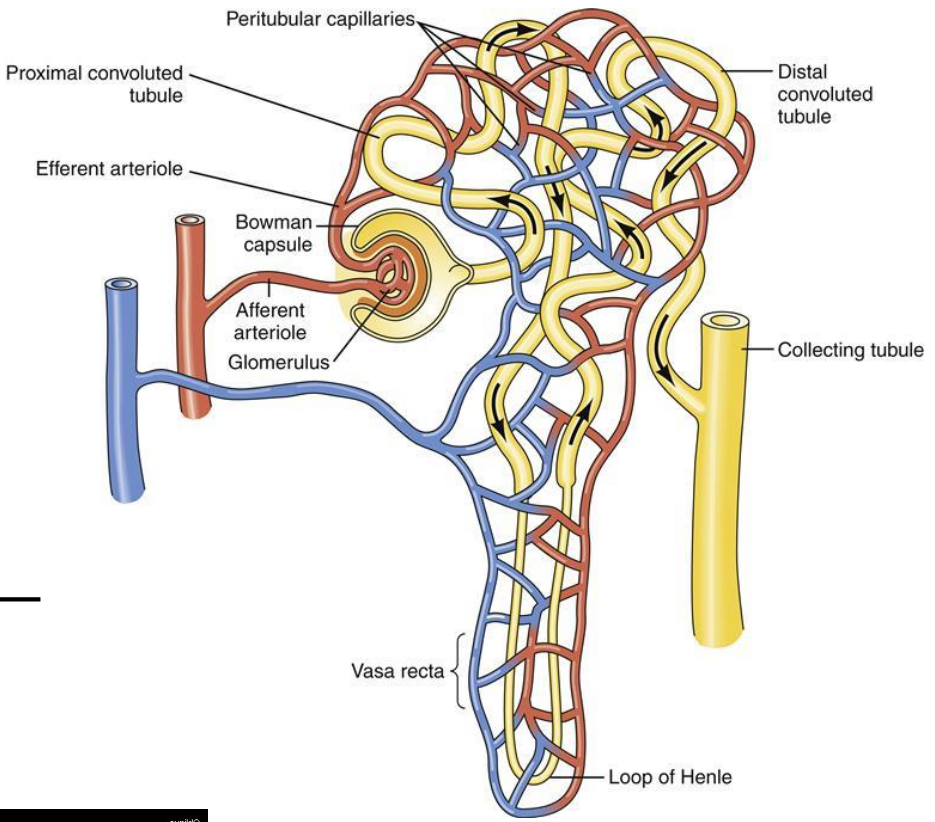
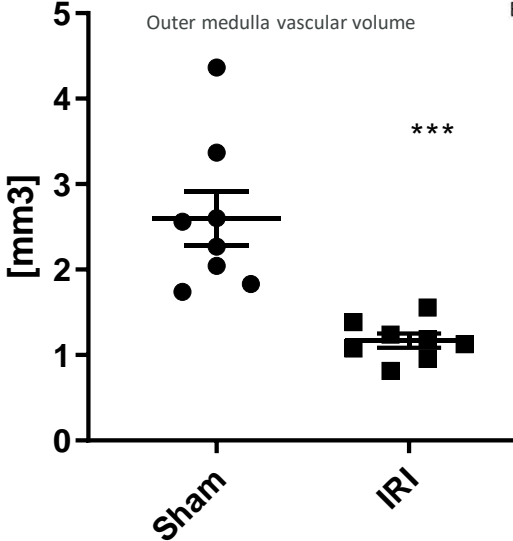
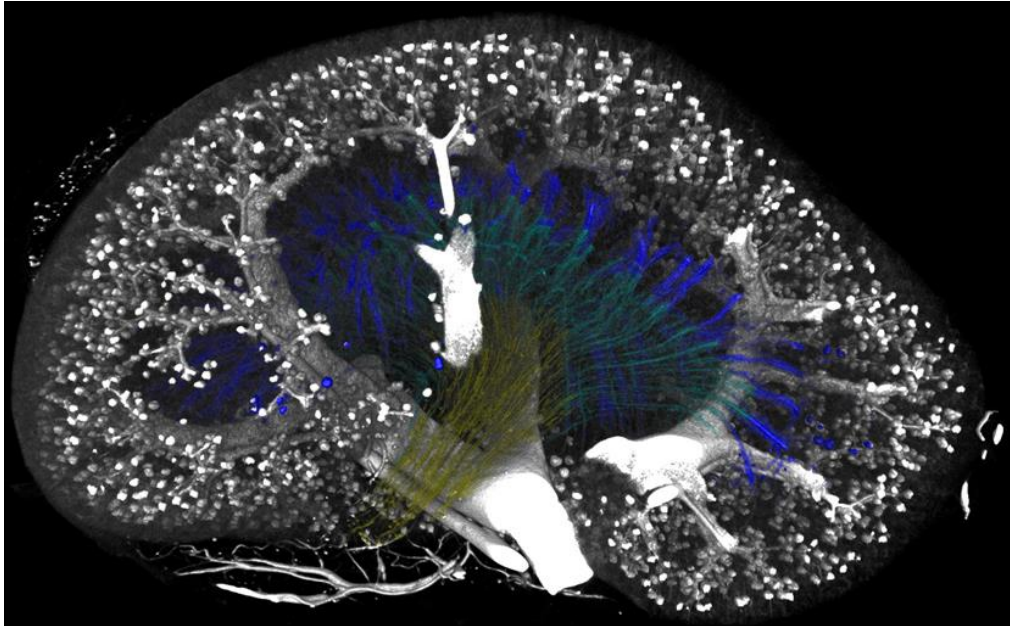
# Longitudinal MRI in Bleomycin Mice Model



# Ex vivo $\mu$ CT 3D assessment



# Renal vascularization



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- When it provide unique non-invasive quantitative functional information.

And/Or

- In longitudinal therapeutic studies.

And/Or

- IF it provides critical information on drug distribution, time course or target engagement.

And/Or

- High resolution ex vivo 3D structures are chritical.



