

# Reirradiazione

La radioterapia stereotassica ablativa:  
torace

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# Background

- **Stage III NSCLC**

- isolated locoregional recurrence in 25% of pts
- mostly unresectable; low RR with 2<sup>nd</sup> line CT

*Auperin A et al, J Clin Oncol 2010; Curran W et al, J Natl Canc Inst 2011*

- **Second primary lung cancer**

- up to 10% risk within 5 y of tx in early stage
- up to 20% risk within 5 y post pneumonectomy

*Senthi S. et al, Lancet Oncol 2012; Senthi S. et al, J Thorac Dis 2013*

- **Pulmonary oligo-metastatic disease**

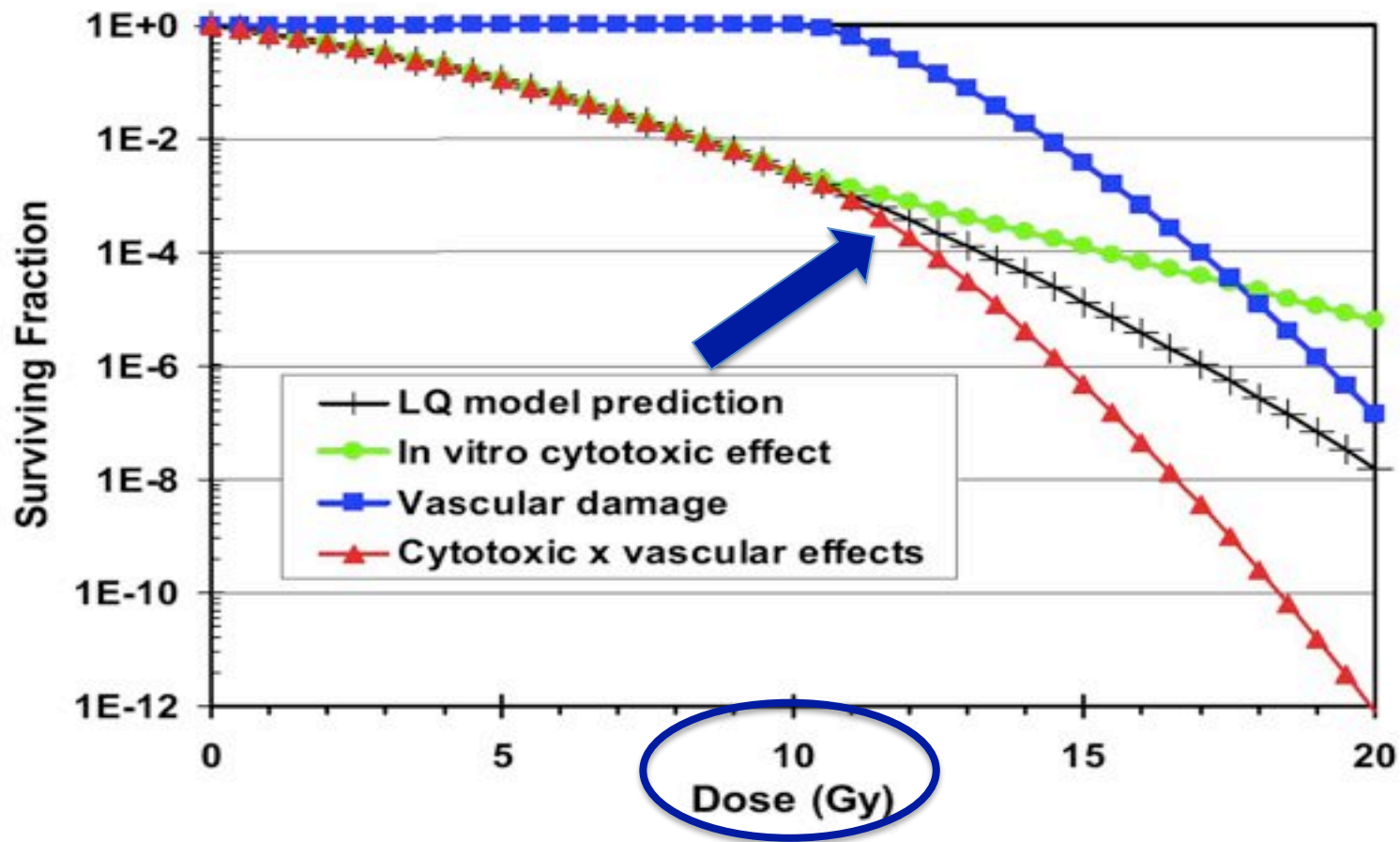
- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> rounds of SABR delivered in selected pts

*Ashworth A et al, Lung Cancer 2013*

# The challenge of thoracic re-irradiation

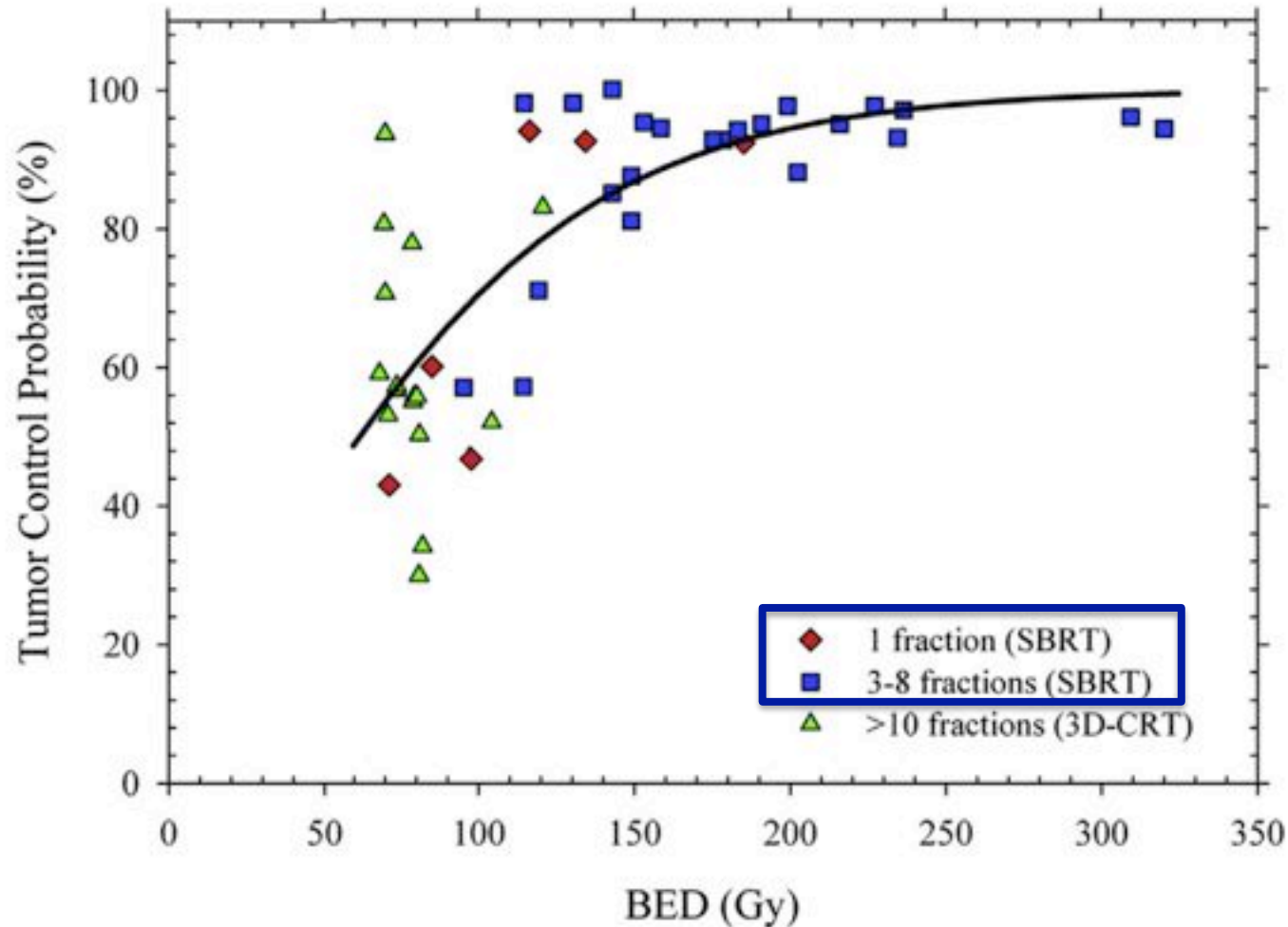
- High-dose re-irradiation is feasible
  - improved treatment planning & delivery techniques
  - conventionally fractionated and stereotactic series have been published
- This is not palliative care!
  - If  $EQD_2 \geq 45$  Gy are given

# SABR: a bigger hammer



*Kirkpatrick JP et al, Semin Radiat Oncol 2008*

# Dose Escalation, Not “New Biology,” Can Account for the Efficacy of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy With Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer



*Metha N et al, Practical Radiat Oncol 2012*  
*Brown JM et al, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2013*

# Outline

- Stereotactic re-irradiation in NSCLC
  - **is it safe?**
  - **is it effective?**
- Considerations for clinical practice
- Future directions

# SABR series: a lot of caveats!

- Limited evidence available
  - retrospective; small no. of patients; selection bias; short follow-up, & more
- Technical heterogeneity
  - size & location of targets, fx schemes, prescription isodose, PTV margins, & more
- Dose conversion from SABR to 2-Gy equivalents: reliable?

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**15 mo. median ≥G3 toxicity: 7.5%**



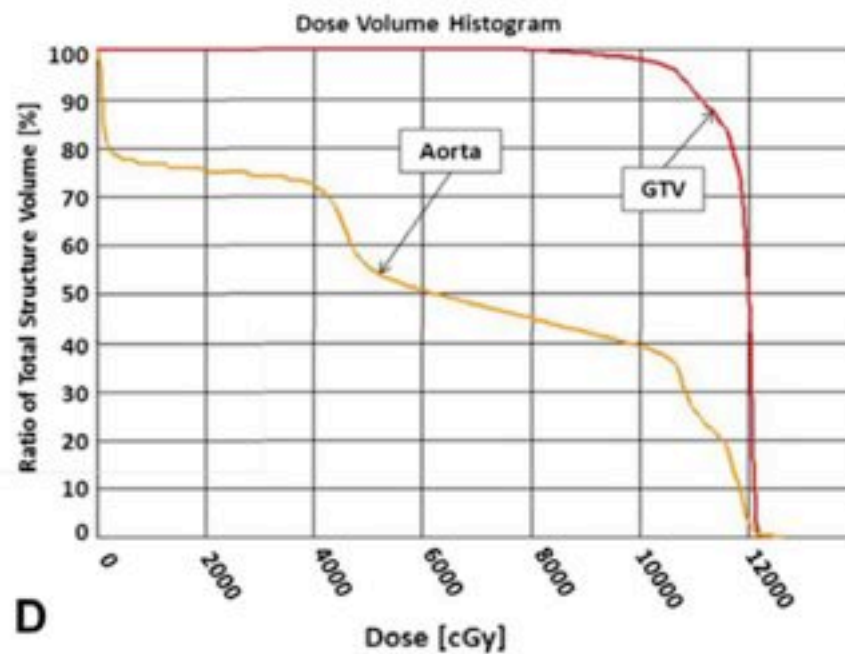
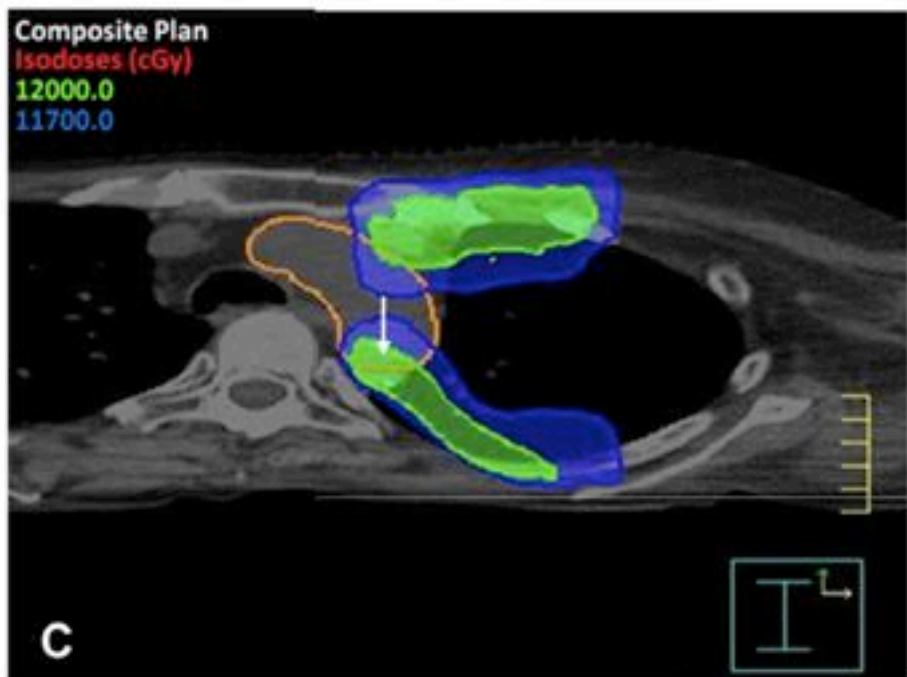
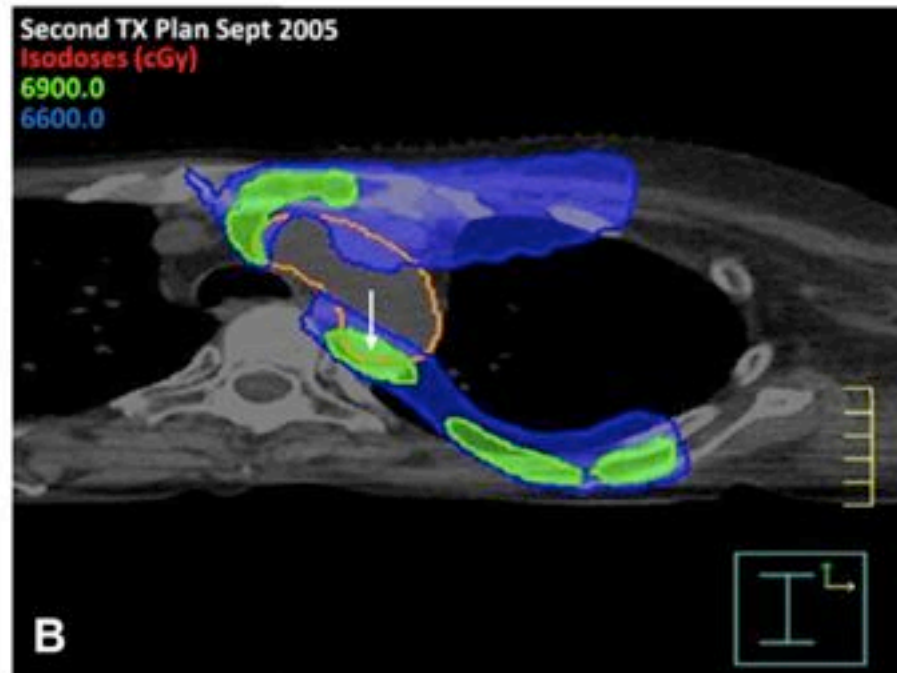
# Dosimetric predictors of toxicity

- $\geq$  G3 pneumonitis when
  - ECOG PS = 2-3 (pre SABR)
  - $FEV_1 \leq 65\%$  (pre SABR)
  - $V20 \geq 30\%$  in the composite plan

*Liu H et al, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2012*

- 25% risk of G5 bleeding when
  - composite dose  $\geq 120$  Gy to 1 cc of the aorta

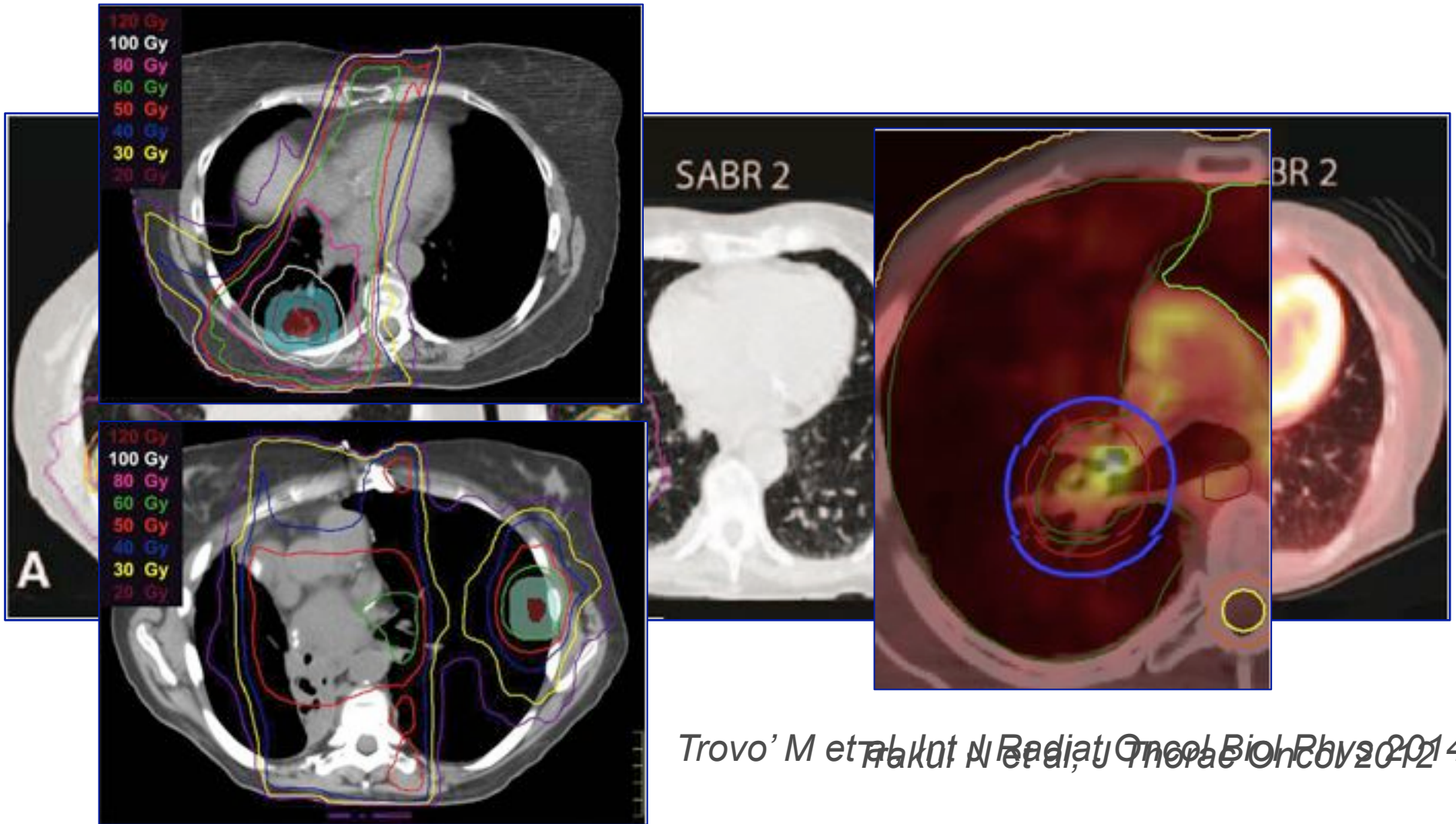
*Evans JD et al, Radiother Oncol 2013*



# Is it safe?

- **Large uncertainty** about the tolerance of OAR's to high-dose retreatment
- **Possibly safe** when conservative constraints are used
- **Repair capacity** of late responding tissues?
- Influence of **comorbidities**? chemotherapy?

# What about efficacy?



Trovo' M et al, *Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys* 2014

Kelly P et al, *Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys* 2010

<b>Author</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Interval</b>	<b>Local control (1 year)</b>	<b>Med OS</b>	<b>Med PFS</b>
Peulen 2011 Karolinska	29	14 mo.	52% (@ 5 mo.)	19 mo.	NS
Liu 2012 MDACC	72	21 mo.	95%	26 mo.	12 mo.
Trakul 2012 Stanford	15	16 mo.	65%	NS	NS
Meijneke 2013 Rotterdam	20	17 mo.	75%	15 mo.	10 mo.
Reyngold 2013 MSKCC	39	37 mo.	77%	22 mo	13 mo.
Kilburn 2014 Wake Forest	33	18 mo	67%	21 mo	16 mo.
Trovo' 2014 Aviano	17	18 mo	86%	19 mo.	NS

**18 mo.**

**75%**

**20 mo.**

**12,5 mo.**

# Is it effective?

- **Encouraging data regarding local control**
  - lower with conventionally fx retreatment ( $\leq 55\%$ )
  - no data on QoL & symptoms control
- **OS: unclear benefit**
  - long interval between primary RT and ReRT
  - most pts receive sequential CT
- **PFS: possible benefit**
  - median PFS: 12.5 months
  - deferral of CT: true endpoint!

# Considerations for clinical practice

## 1) Patients' selection

- PS 0 – 1
- cM0 at whole body scan, FDG-PET
- biopsy confirmation whenever possible
- time interval from first RT  $\geq$  9 mo.

## 2) Dose prescription

- choice of dose/fx according to size & location
- max diameter 4 cm?
- peripheral vs central; recurrence vs 2<sup>nd</sup> primary?

# Considerations for clinical practice

- 3) Account accurately for the primary treatment
  - in-field vs out-of-field lesion?
  - convert to 2-Gy equivalents
  - assess degree of PTV and dosimetric overlap
  - rigid & deformable registration for cumulative doses
  
- 4) **Be cautious!**
  - try to keep OAR's below constraints of primary tx
  - see what others have published
  - **inform the patient about the lack of evidence!**



# Future directions

- Clear need of prospective data
- Main endpoints should be:
  - correlate cumulative DVH parameters to acute & late toxicities
  - evaluate dose-response relationship for OAR's and targets in the re-irradiation setting
  - in progress: dutch phase II trial (RETHO protocol)
- Proton beam therapy
  - potential therapeutic option (MDACC series)

# Summary

- **Selected patients may benefit from high-dose thoracic re-irradiation**
- **Overall toxicity seems acceptable – but higher risk for central tumors**
- **Highly individualized risk – benefit decision**
- **Reliable normal tissue tolerance parameters remain to be defined prospectively**



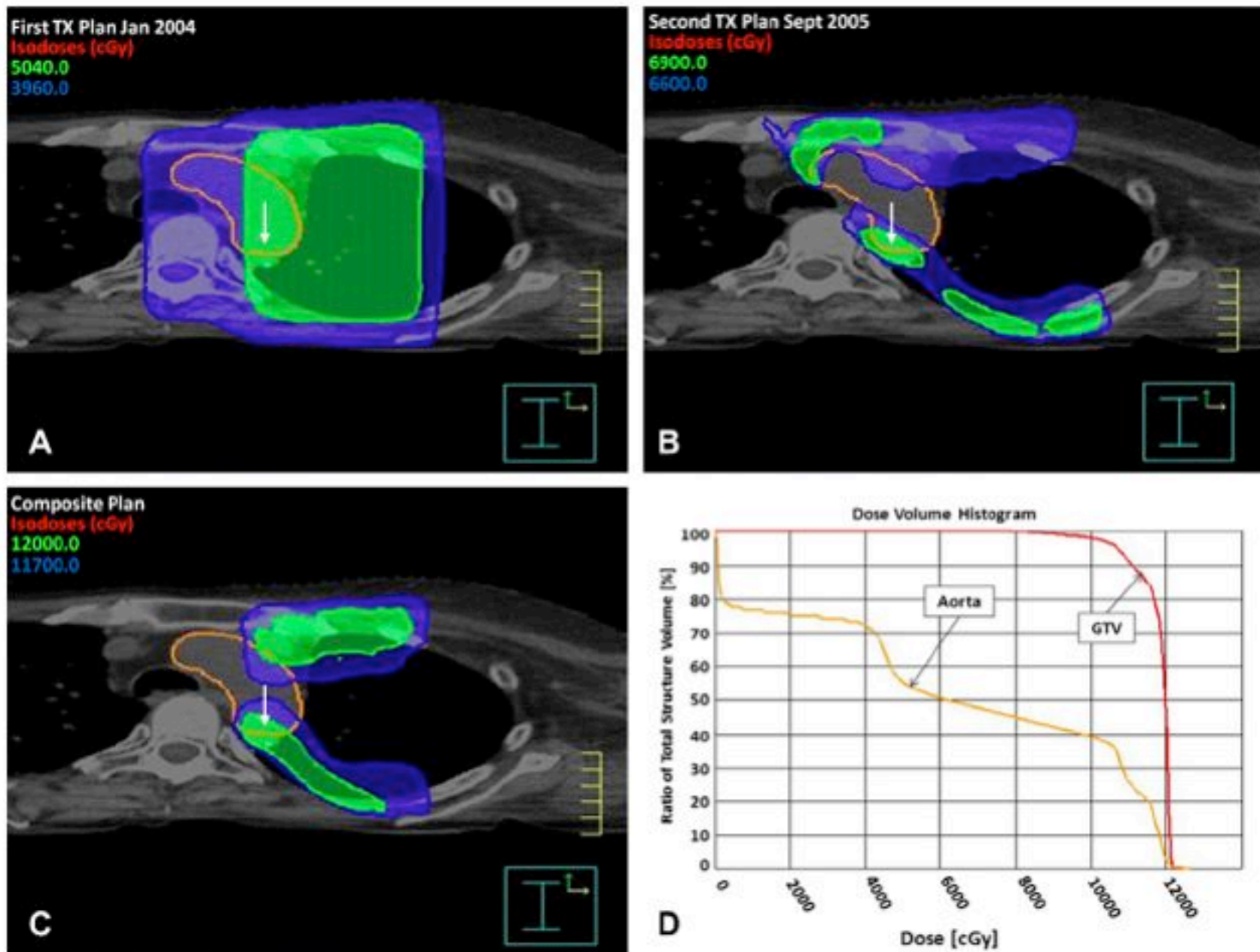
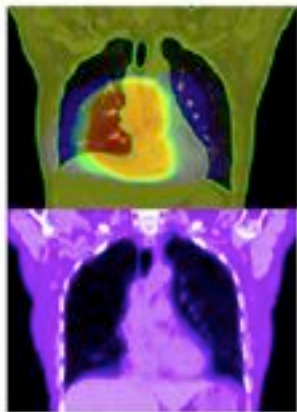
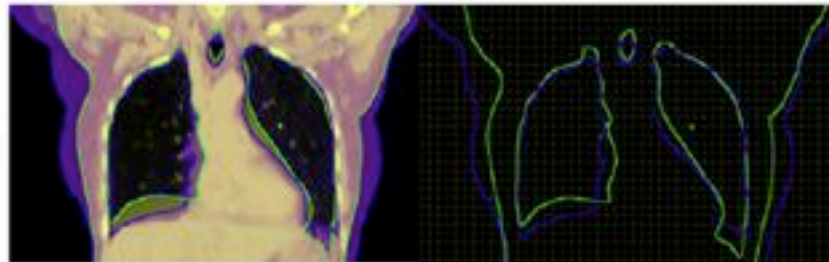


Fig. 2. Axial views of thoracic treatment plans for a woman who died of radiation-induced aortic damage. The aorta is contoured in yellow. (A) The initial plan involved treatment to 50.4 Gy (green isodose line; blue isodose line is 39.6 Gy). (B) The second plan involved treatment to 66.0 Gy (blue isodose line; green isodose line is 69.0 Gy). (C) The composite plan illustrates a green hot spot in the aorta (arrow) that received 120.0 Gy. (D) Dose volume histogram for the composite plan. GTV, gross tumor volume.

Initial planning CT (CT1)  
with planned dose (D1)



Rigid image  
registration (RIR)

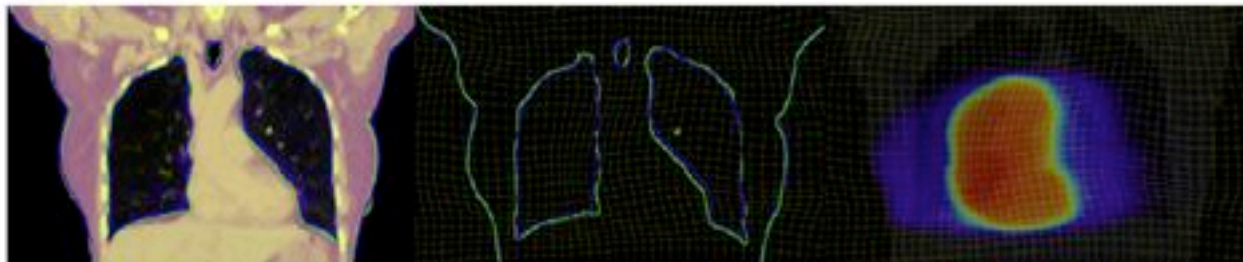


Alignment of CT1  
and CT2 after RIR

Underlying RIR map, with the  
resultant alignment of contours

Subsequent planning CT (CT2)

Deformable image  
registration (DIR)



Alignment of CT1  
and CT2 after DIR

Underlying DIR map, with the  
resultant alignment of contours

Same DIR map applied to contours,  
being applied to dose D1.

igid (RIR) and deformable (DIR) image registration and the resulting registration maps being applied to manual clinician contours and planned radiotherapy doses.

# Comment & clinical practice

- registration

Author	N	Dose/fx	PTV (cc)	Med FU	≥ G3 Toxicity
Kelly 2010 MDACC	36	50 Gy/4fx	Med size 1.7 cm	15 mo.	G3 pneumonitis: 28% G3 esophagitis: 8%
Peulen 2011 Karolinska	29	# doses (15x2, 8x5)	Med 76 cc	12 mo.	G3 pneumonitis: 20% G4-G5 13% (all central): - 1 pt G4 tracheal fistula - 3 pts G5 bleeding
Liu 2012 MDACC	72	50 Gy/4fx	Med 46 cc	16 mo.	G3 pneumonitis: 19% - 1 pt G5 pneumonitis
Trakul 2012 Stanford	15	# doses (20x1, 8x5)	Med 31 cc	15 mo.	None
Meijneke 2013 Rotterdam	20	# doses (10-12x5)	Med 69,5 cc	12 mo.	None
Reynold 2013 MSKCC	39	# doses (12x4)	Med 67 cc	12 mo.	G3 pneumonitis: 5% G4 skin: 2.5%
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Trovo	17	18 mo	18 mo.	100% central	86% 1 year	19 mo. 2 y 29%	NS