

#### SPECTRAL PHOTON-COUNTING COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (SPCCT): *IN-VIVO* MULTI-PHASE LIVER IMAGING WITH A DUAL CONTRAST AGENT PROTOCOL

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- Dual phase liver imaging within **MULTIPLE** acquisitions



- Spectral photon-counting computed tomography (SPCCT) technology
  - New and promising imaging modality
  - Development of energy resolving detectors called photon-counting detectors <sup>(1)</sup>
    - K-edge imaging
    - Dual contrast imaging
  - Improved intrinsic spatial resolution <sup>(1)</sup>



<sup>(1)</sup> Si-Mohamed et al. NIMAA. 2017



#### **"K-edge imaging**"<sup>(1)</sup> 33.2 K-edge lodine Absorption K-edge cm²/g Gadolinium 50.2 K-eckie **Absorption K-edge** 120 40 60 80 100 Energy (keV)

- Advantages:
  - Material specific K-edge imaging
  - Absolute quantification of specific materials
  - Dual contrast imaging

- (1) Si-Mohamed et al. Eur Rad. 2018
- (2) Si-Mohamed et al. NIMAA. 2017
- (3) Si-Mohamed et al. Sci Rep. 2017
- (4) Si-Mohamed et al. Nanoscale. 2017



- Dual phase liver imaging within ONE acquisition



# MATERIALS/METHODS

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- Spectral photon-counting CT system (SPCCT)
  - 5 bins photon-counting detectors system
  - Conventional X ray tube with a FOV of 160 mm
  - Spatial resolution: 250 μm
  - Parameters used: 120 kVp, 100 mAs
- 4 NZW rabbits (3.3 ± 0.4 kg)



Philips Spectral Photon Counting CT pre-clinical prototype UCBL, CERMEP, Lyon, France



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- **Qualitative differentiation** between the arterial and portal phases





#### **RESULTS IN VIVO**

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The Spectral Photon-Counting CT scanners allows a multi-phase liver imaging with a dual contrast agent protocol within only one acquisition thus allowing

- Reduction of scans number
- Reduction of mis-registration artifacts





#### Thank you for your attention









