

# **Gentle Radiotherapy = MRI in RT**

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# MRI in RT workflow

diagnostics

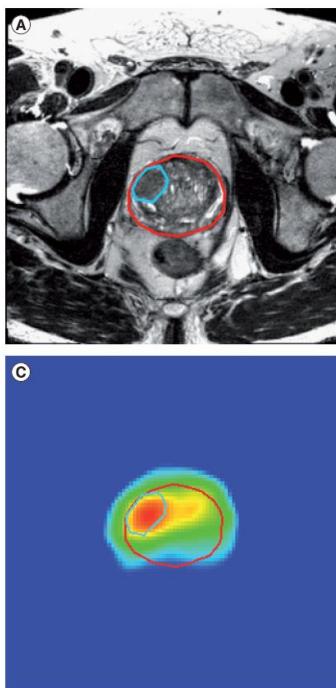
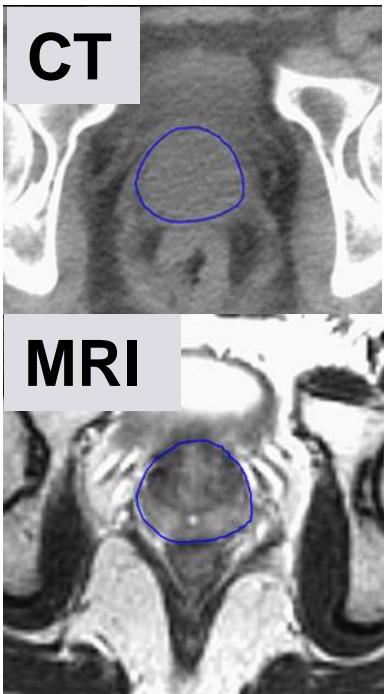
treatment selection

planning

simulation

treatment

treated patient



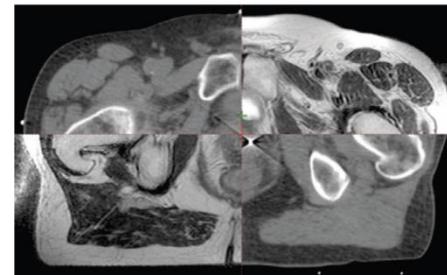
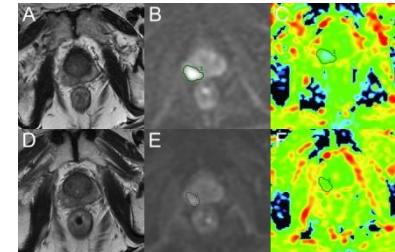
CT, Hounsfield units

DRR images created from CT matched to x-ray scans at accelerator.

CT MR registration

Fixation/coils

early response adaptive process



Van der Heide, Future Med 2012

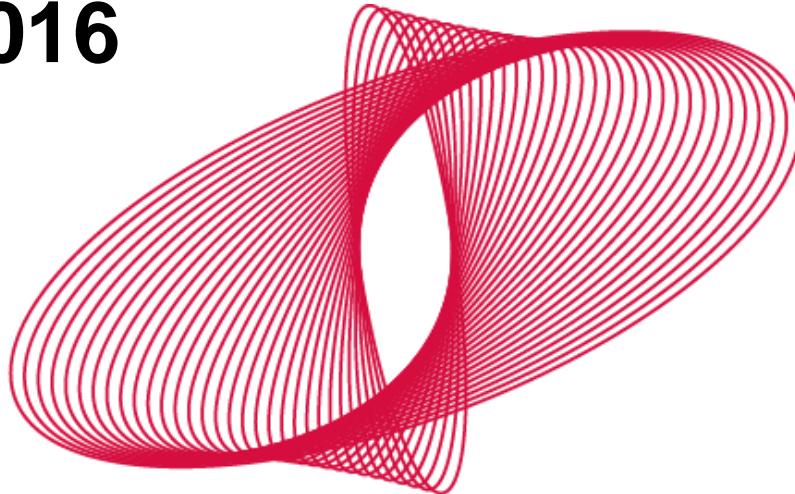
Nationella mötet 2016

Hanvey, Br J Radiol 2012

Liu Br J Radiol 2014

# A Swedish national consortium

2014– 2016



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RADIOT

Utmaningsdriven  
innovation  
Framtidens hälsa och sjukvård



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# Partners

## University Hospitals - Industry



5 WORKPACKAGES



SIEMENS  
Healthcare



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# Work packages

Project leaders, Tufve Nyholm, Umeå & Lars E. Olsson, Lund

- WP1 – Optimisation of sequences and markers for MR imaging for RT
  - Lars Filipsson, Siemens
- WP2 - MR Treatment planning
  - Joakim Jonsson, Norrlands universitetssjukhus
- WP3 - Registering and automatic segmentation
  - Stina Svensson, Raysearch Laboratories
- WP4 - QA och geometric distorsion
  - Peter Lundberg, Linköpings Universitetssjukhus.
- WP5 – Clinical methods/Functional MR
  - Adalsteinn Gunnlaugsson, Skånes universitetssjukhus

# Communication key to success

- Work packages

- TC intra  
● MR in RT (top) of the agenda
- Hospital/Univ collaborate
- Hospital/Univ/Industry collaborate
- Industry/Industry collaborate



- National workshops
- [www.gentleradiotherapy.com](http://www.gentleradiotherapy.com)

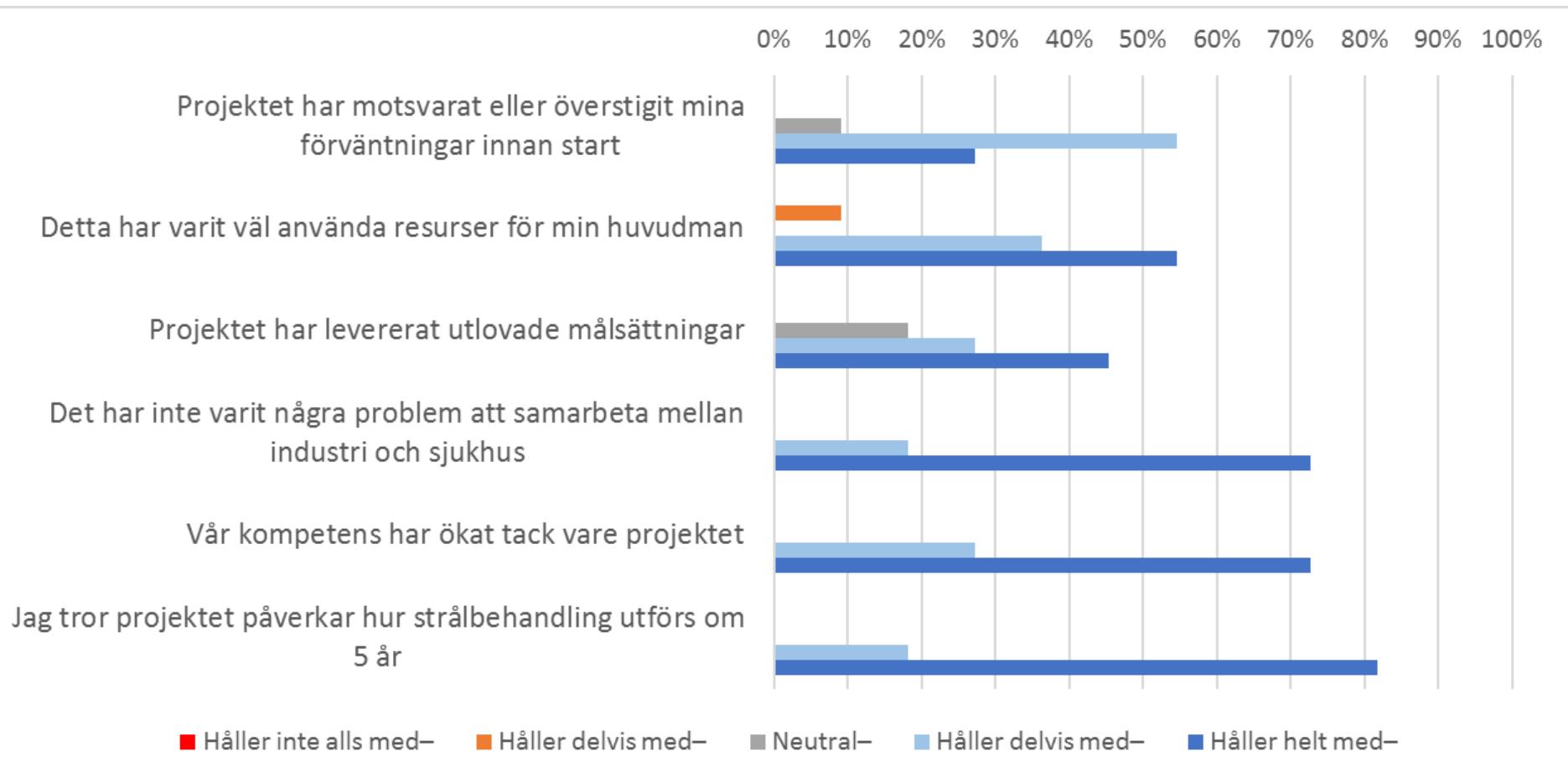
# Outcome

- Industrial products
  - synthetic CT (Spectronic)
  - new and improved fiducial markers (Naslund)
  - new and improved computer algorithms (RaySearch)
  - improved design and workflow of RT MRI-suite (GE, Siemens)
  - MICE, image analysis software (TBD)
  - GOLD atlas
- Health Products
  - Manual for MR in RT procedures
  - MIQA, RT patient data base for research and QA
  - Standardized data base nomenclature

# Outcome - 2

- Research groups
- Conference
  - 1 organized international meeting
  - ~30 invited talks
  - ~30 abstracts on meetings
- Papers
  - ~20 papers in peer reviewed journals
- MSc-exams, other reports

# Feedback

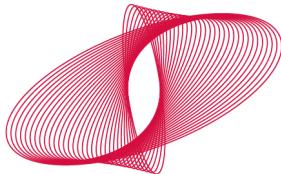


# Next step

- Gentle radiotherapy – step 3
- Implementation of MR-only RT
  - Lund, prostate
  - Umeå, rectum, cervix
  - Uppsala, brain
  - Göteborg, head&neck
- Funded VINNOVA project (11/11 2016)
  - 11.2 Mkr

# Conclusion

- A national consortium
    - framework for collaboration
    - highlights a common goal
    - creates a competitive environment
    - increases innovation
  - Industry
    - mutual benefit for both products and development
    - shorter time between clinical needs and product development
    - more competitive products
    - national standardization
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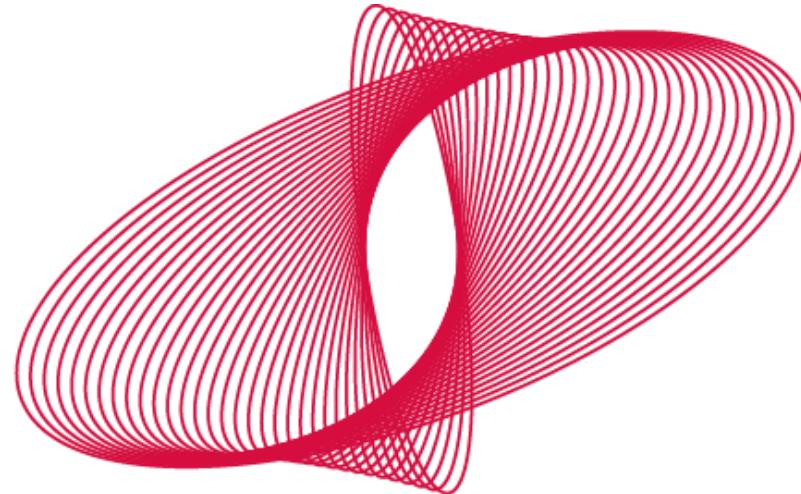
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