

System Enhancements



RF architecture



Gradients



Computers & software

RF General

- Analog RF modules now mounted directly on scanner, with digital communications to/from equipment room (Tim 4G, DirectRF)
- Broadband RF allowing multi-nuclear detection
 - phosphorus, sodium, etc.
- Updated connector design
- Adaptor provided for using old Tim-style coils
 - limited to ≤8 channels

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Multinuclear detection





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RF Receive

- 32 → 64 receive channels
 - higher SNR
 - improved acceleration
 - better coverage of cerebellum, brainstem, cervical spine

RF Transmit

- quadrature transmit → fully independent control of amplitude, phase on two channels
 - RF shimming, parallel transmit
 - reduced SAR, faster readout
 - reduced FOV imaging for high resolution

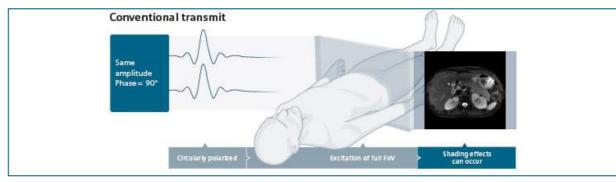
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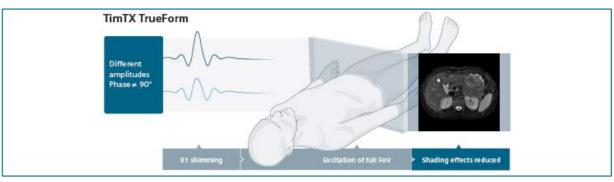
TimTX Trueshape How it works

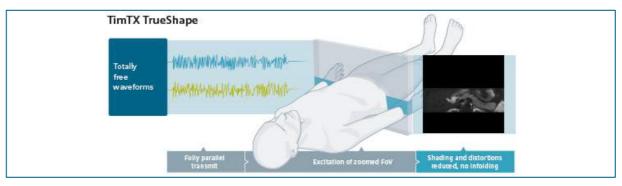
Conventional transmit

TimTX TrueForm
Anatomy-specific B1 shimming

TimTX TrueShape
Parallel transmit enabling new applications like ZOOMit







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A standard set of coils will be included with MAGNETOM Prisma



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MAGNETOM Prisma supports the Tim 4G coil portfolio



* MR scanning has not been established as safe for imaging fetuses and infants under two years of age. The responsible physician must evaluate the benefit of the MRI examination in comparison to other imaging procedure ** Currently under development; is not for sale in the U.S. and other countries. Its future availability cannot be guarantee





64-channel

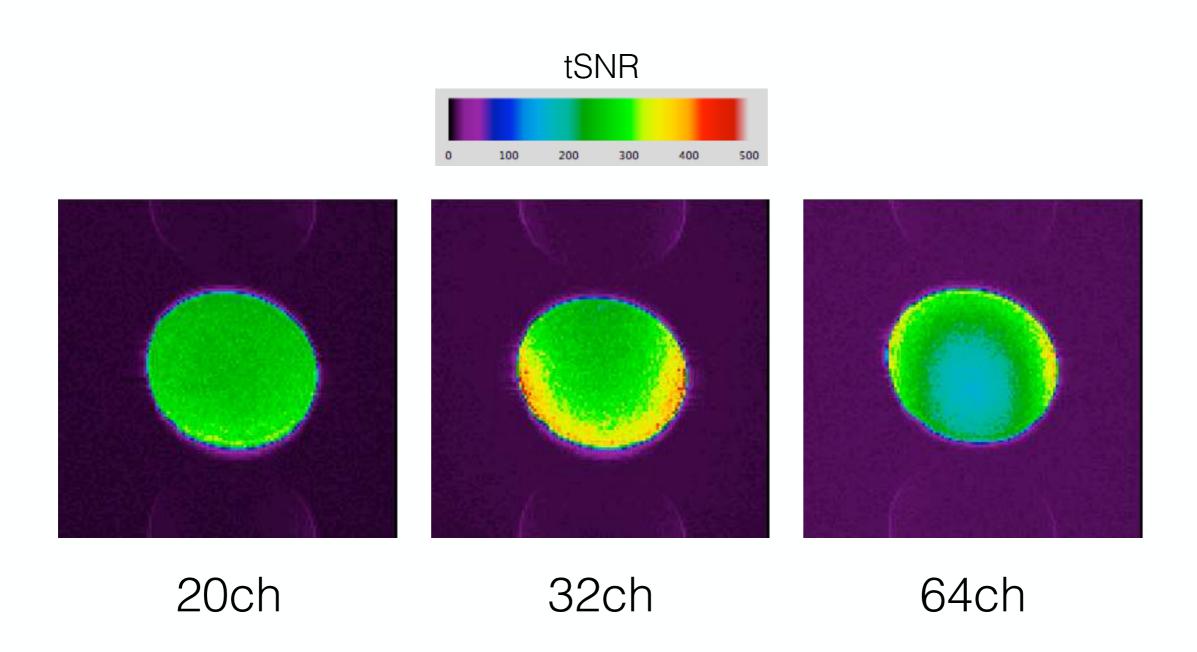


32-channel

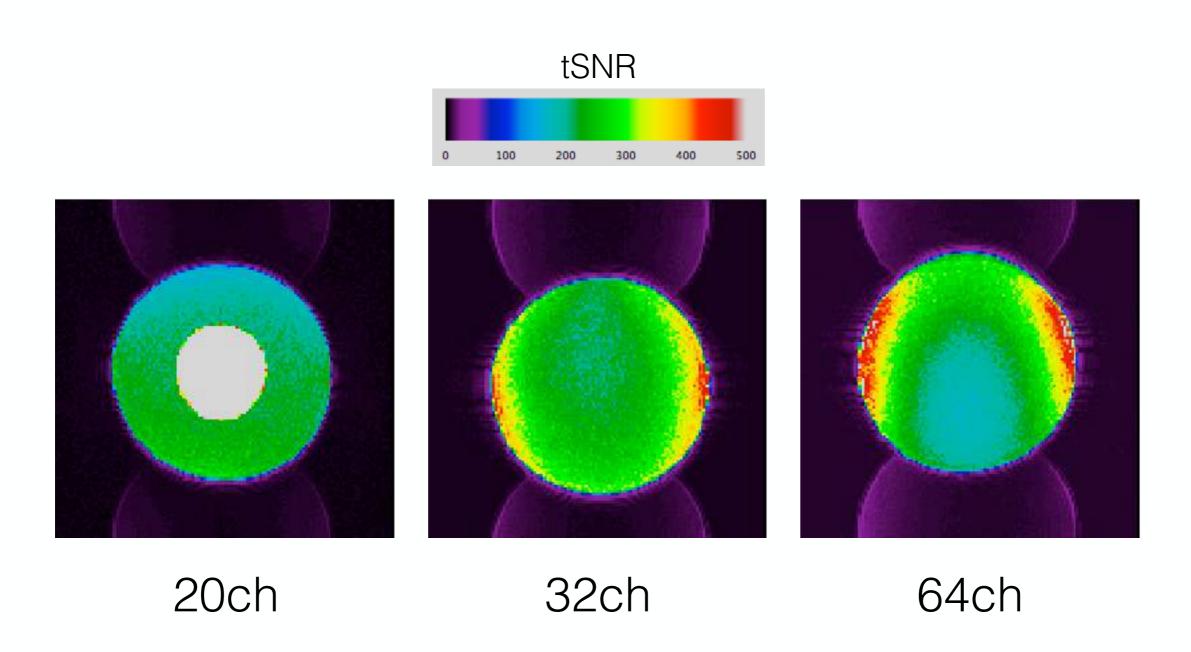


20-channel

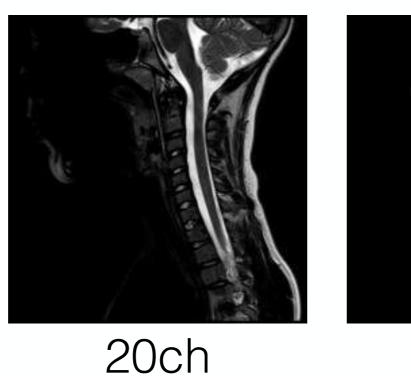
Coil sensitivity profiles

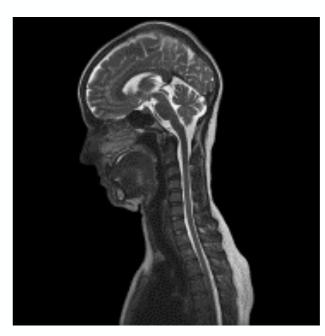


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Volume coverage of new coils



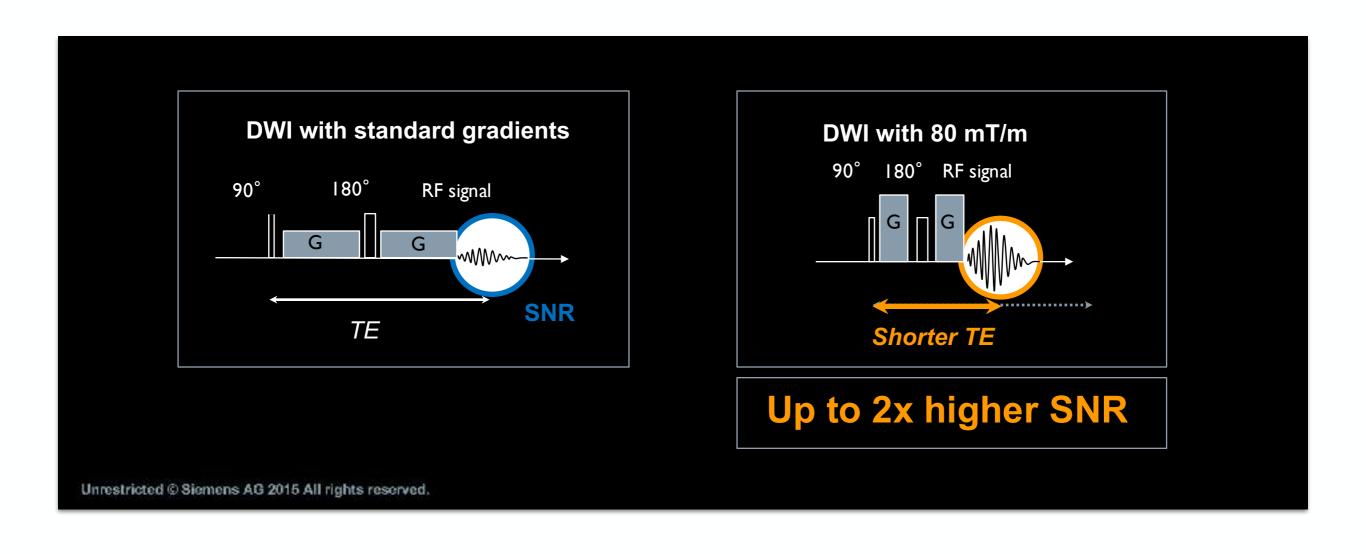


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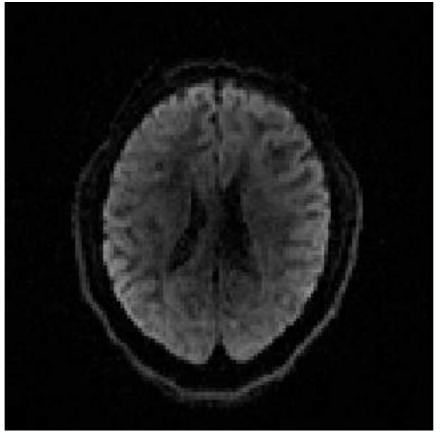
Gradients

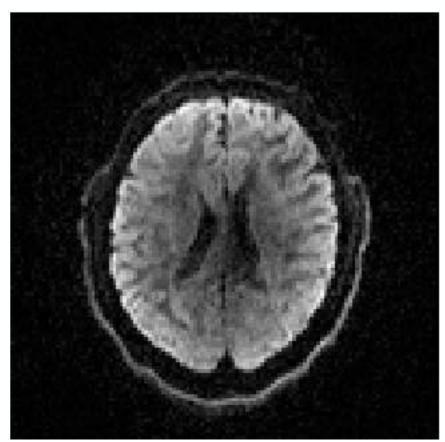
- 80 mT/m
 - shorter echo time in DTI, improved SNR/resolution
- 200 mT/m/s slew (no change from Trio)
- water cooling
 - updated design, possible improvements in stability
- force-balanced windings
 - updated design, possible reduction in sounds levels and vibration

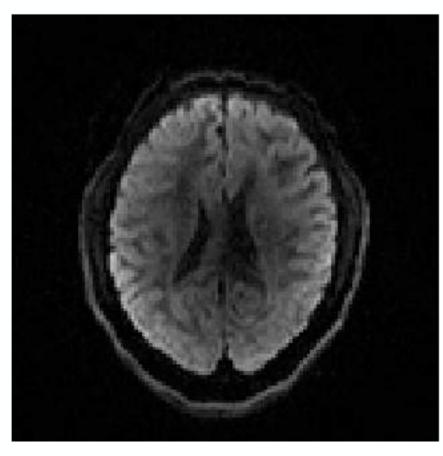
Potential benefits for DWI of 80 mT/m @ 200 T/m/s simultaneously

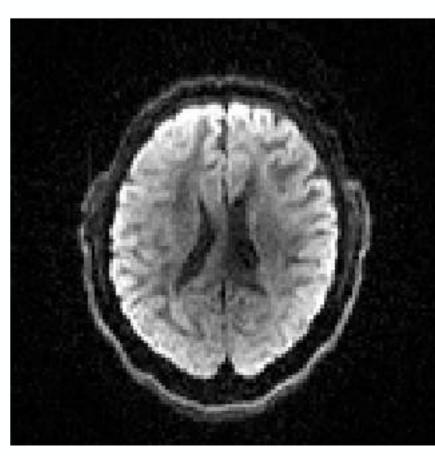


Old TE







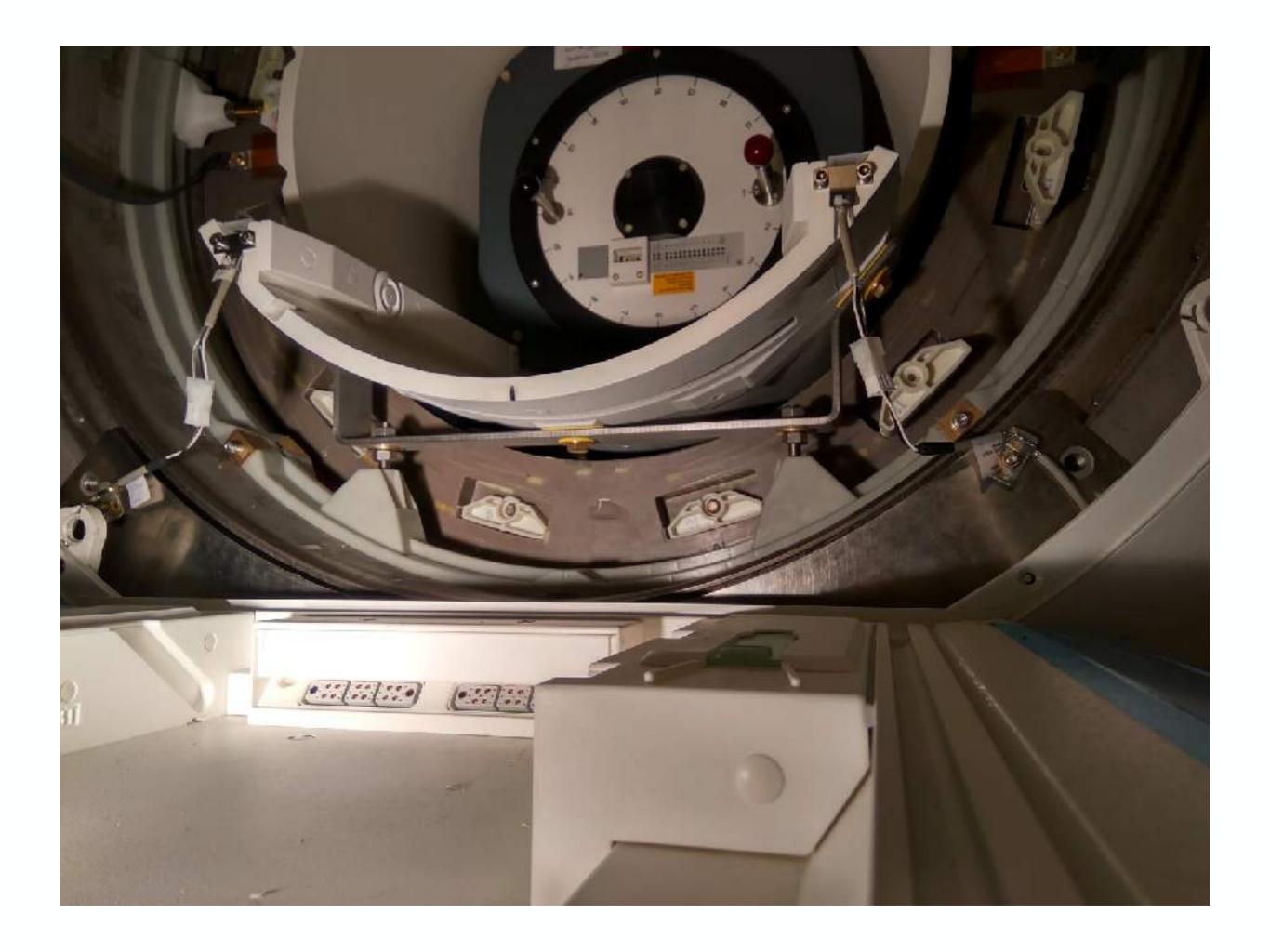


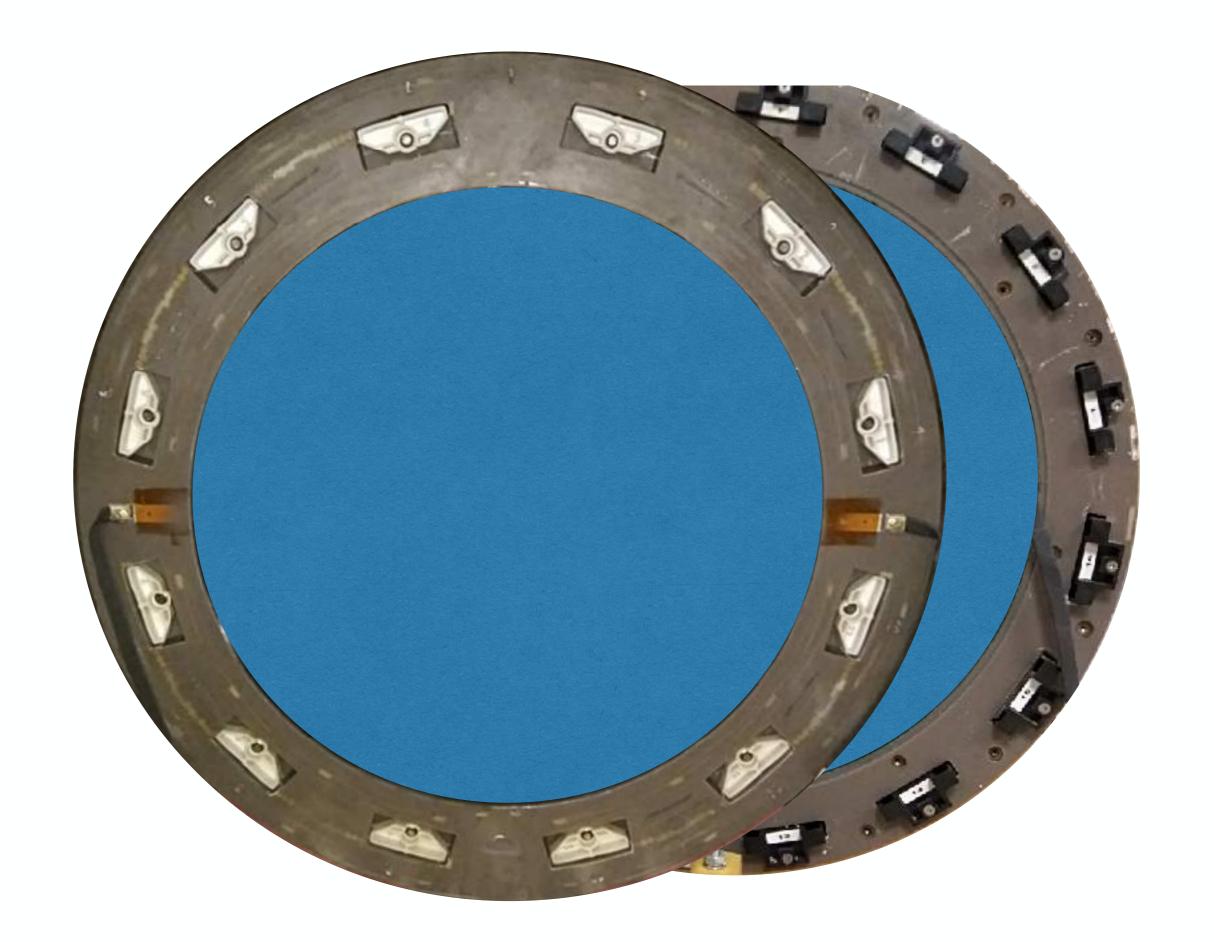
'New' TE

32 channel

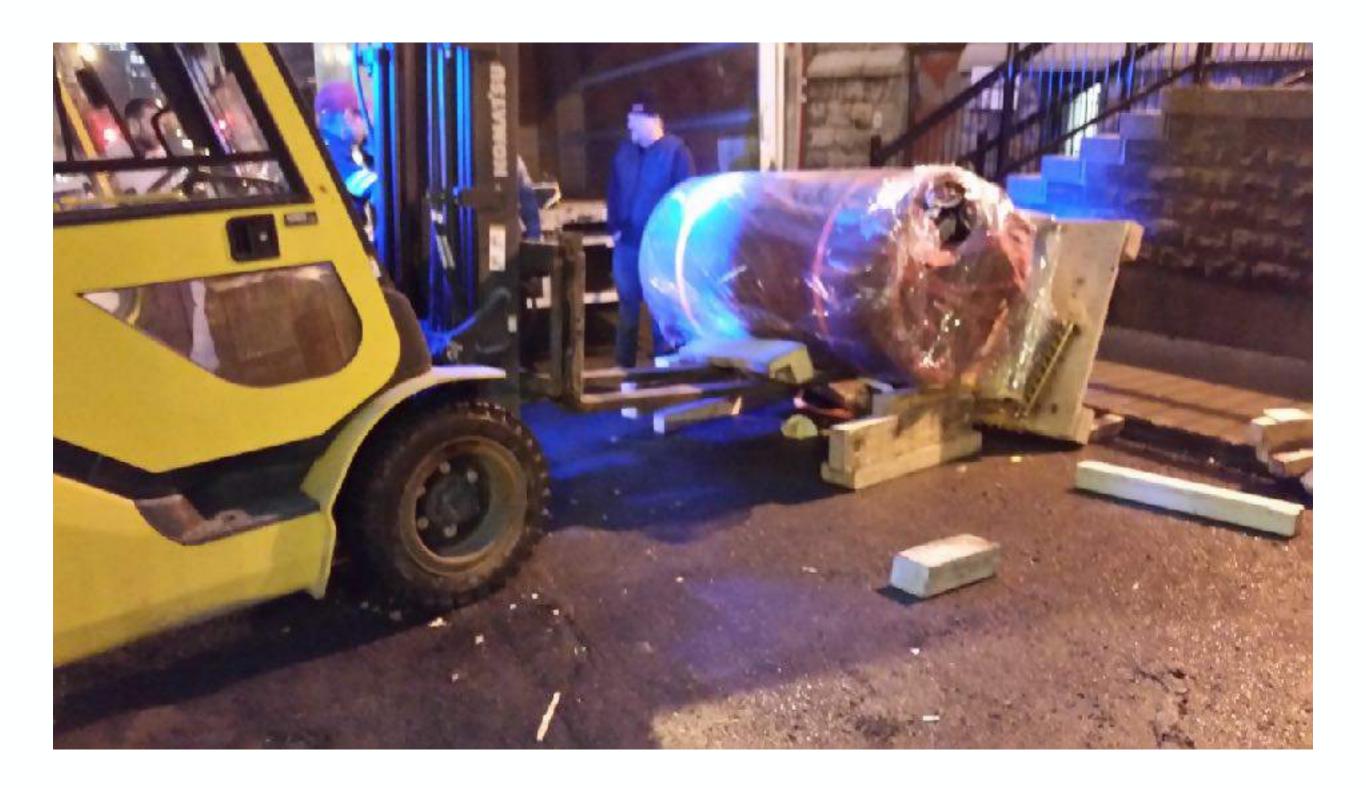
64 channel

















Shimming

- 2nd-order shimming (5 channels; max. available, same as Trio)
- upgraded from 5 → 10 amperes/channel
 - potential improvements in frontal, ventral regions
 - improved spectroscopy

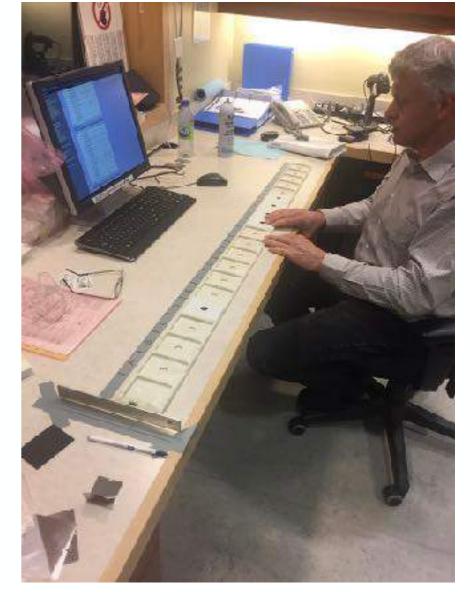
Active shimming

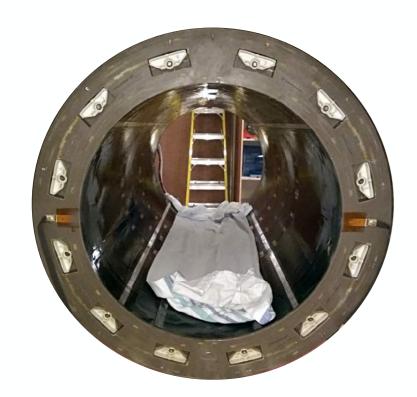




Passive shimming





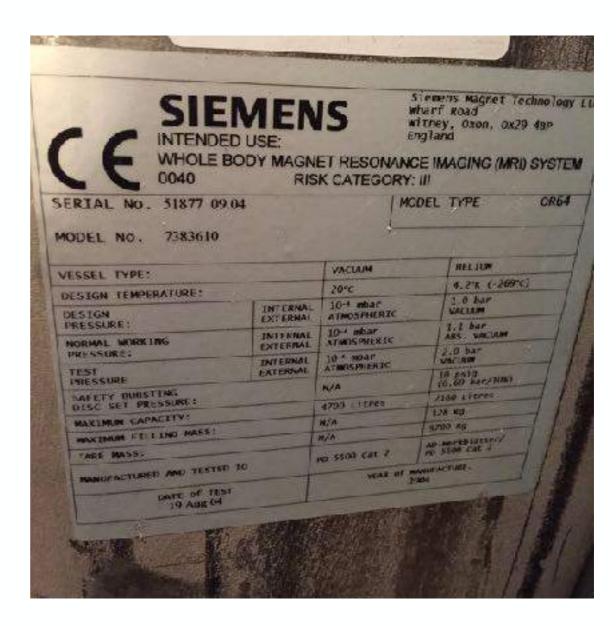


Updated computers

- Scanner PC: Windows XP → Windows 7
 - VE11c MRI software
 - compatibility with future sequence developments
- Recon PC:
 - multiple hexacore 3.46 GHz Intel CPUs
 - ≥128 GB RAM
 - Tesla GPGPU
 - rapid recon for multiband

Magnet - original retained



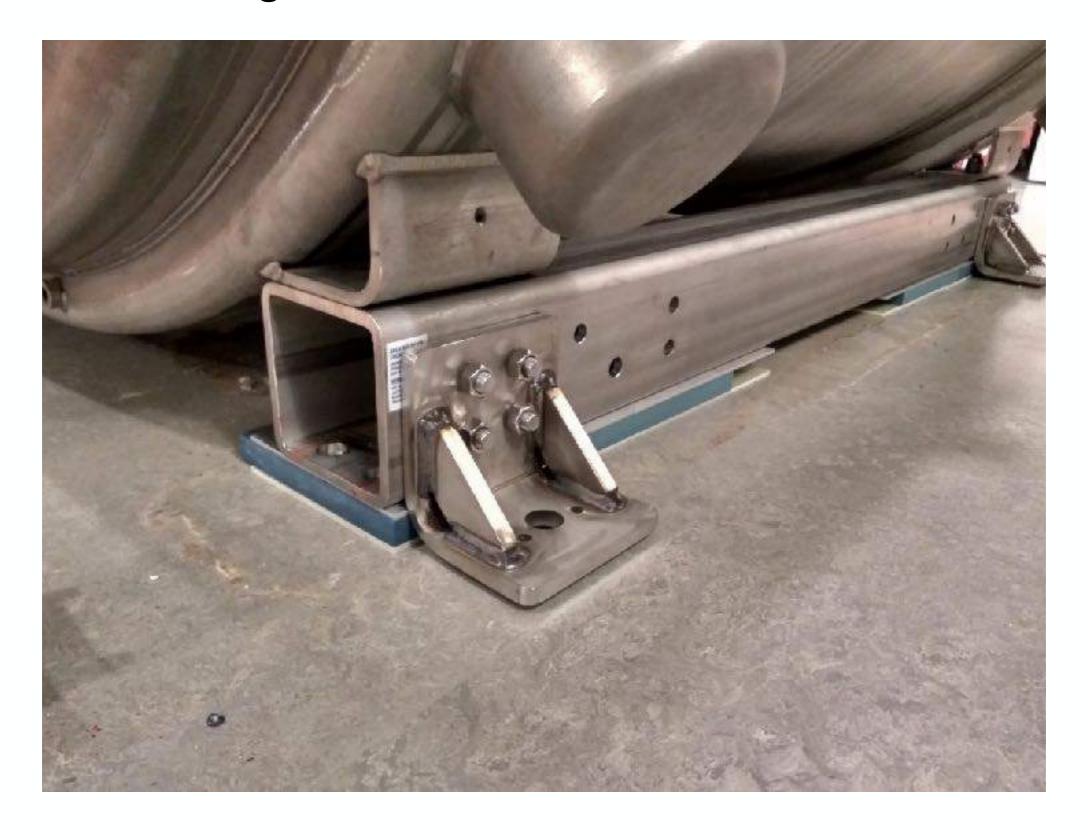


Building and room upgrades

- RF shielding
- Quench safety
- Seismic mounting
- Acoustic decoupler

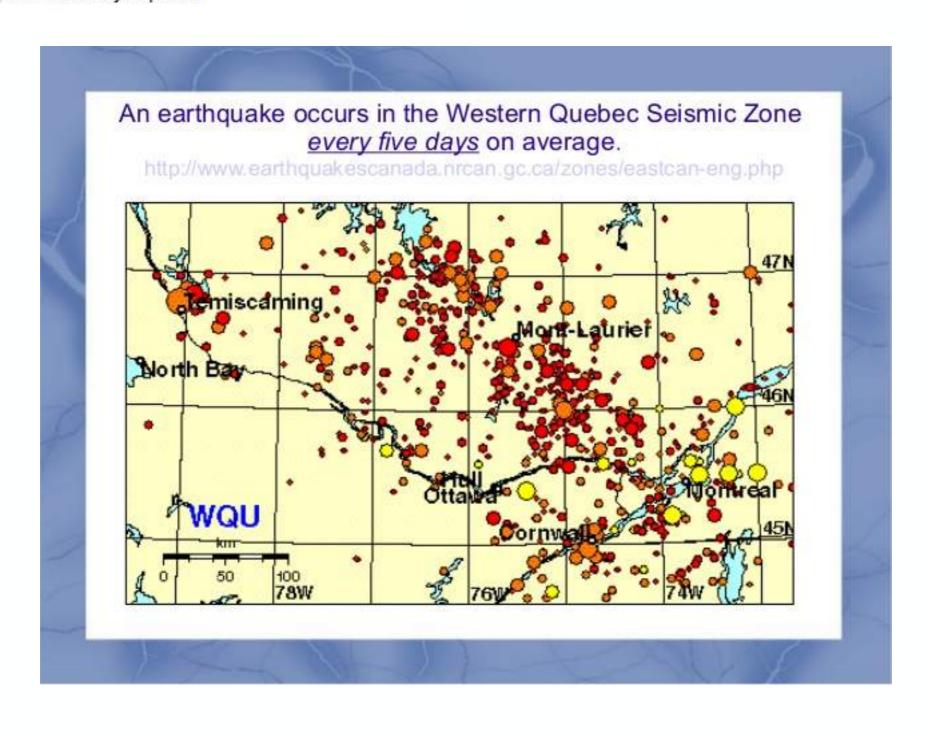


Seismic mounting



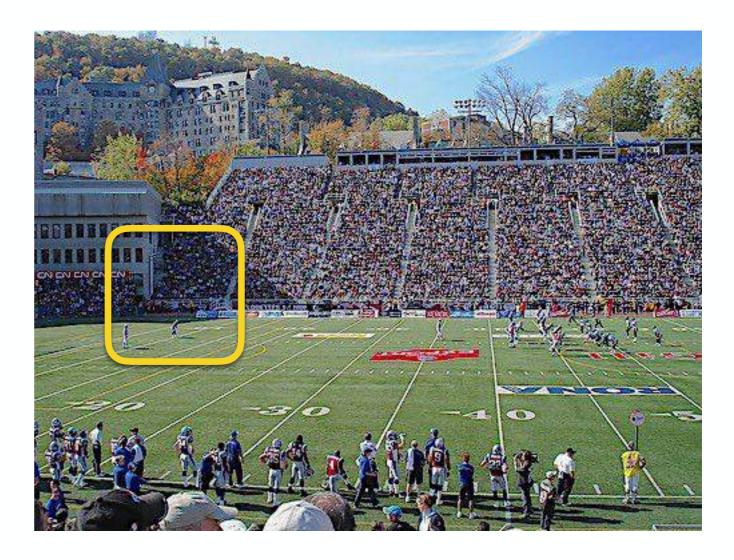
Western Quebec Seismic Zone

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



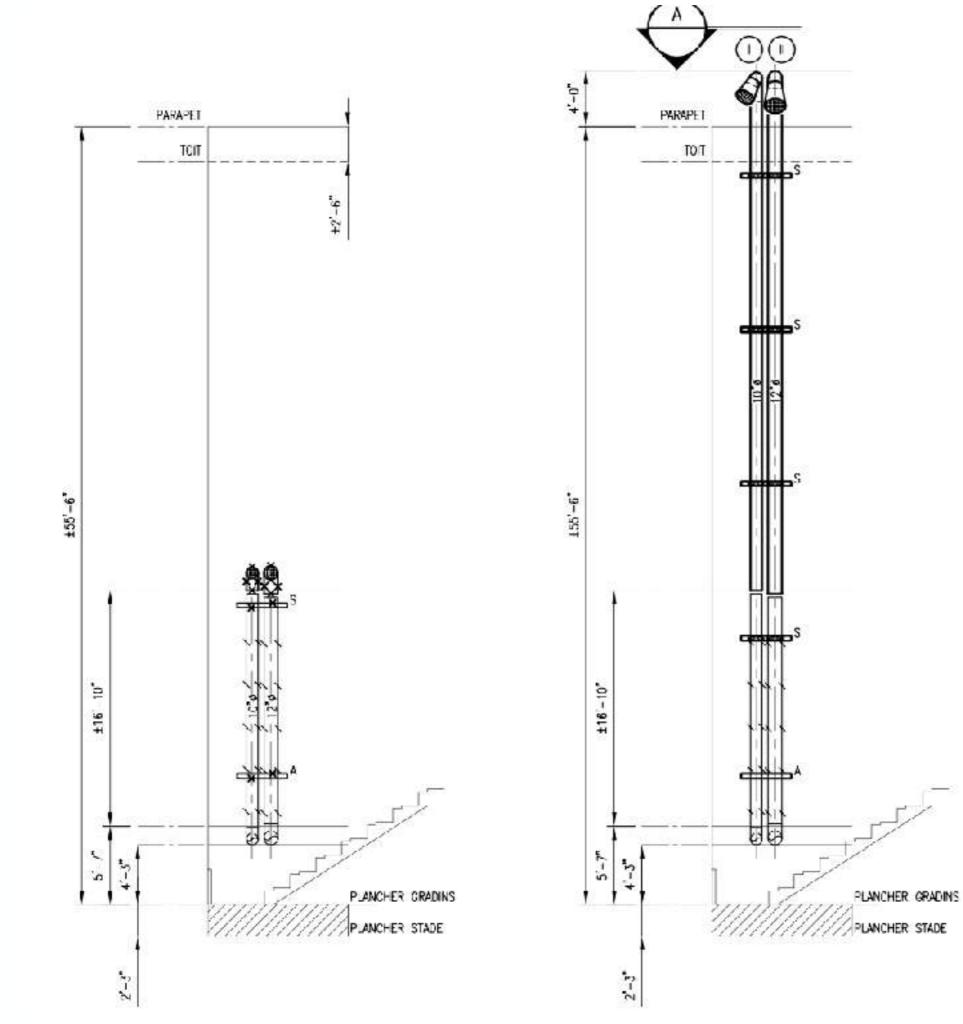


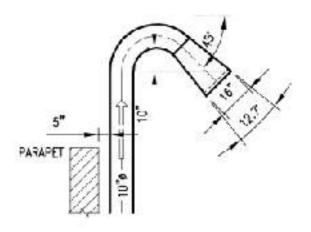




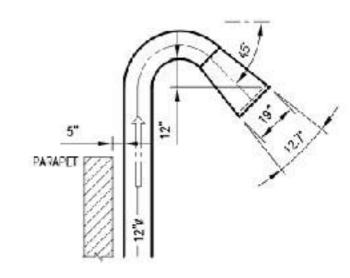




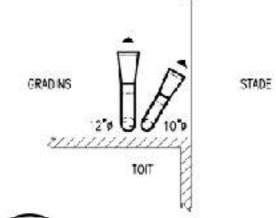




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Peripherals

- Prisma includes camera for monitoring patient and dedicated display in console room
- Stimulus projection with backprojection/mirrors is now functional
- Button boxes working
- Some issues with scanner trigger pulse

Timeline

- Scanner upgrade:
 - started February 24
 - completed March 31
- Quench pipe work:
 - May 2-9



Other MR News

- RF Coil Lab (also funded by CFI; coming May 2017)
- New faculty recruitments:
 - Christine Tardif, Ph.D.
 - David Rudko, Ph.D.
- Small animal 7T at Genome
 - ACC approval received last week, open for business
- Human 7T
 - Procurement underway
 - Site planning

General Recommendations

- consider coil most appropriate for study
 - coverage vs. peak sensitivity vs. acceleration
- avoid interleaved EPI for fMRI (ok for DTI)
- adopt SMS EPI for fMRI and DTI
- migrate to product sequences when possible
 - C2P → WIP → Product

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