

CBCT in dentistry

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Introduction

Cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) is an advanced imaging modality that has high clinical applications in the field of dentistry.

CBCT proved to be a successful investigative modality that has been used for dental and maxillofacial imaging.

Radiation exposure dose from CBCT is 10 times or more less than from conventional CT scans during maxillofacial exposure.

Furthermore, CBCT is highly accurate and can provide a three-dimensional volumetric data in axial, sagittal and coronal planes with one rotation



Axial

coronal

sagittale

Basic plans

This imaging technique is based on a cone shaped X-ray beam, 2D detector that performs one rotation around the object, producing a series of 2D images.

CBCT generates 3D images at a lower cost and absorbed dose compared with conventional CT.

PRINCIPLE OF CBCT IMAGING

CBCT is based on fixed X-ray source and detector with a rotating gantry.

A divergent pyramidal or cone-shaped source of ionising radiation is directed through the middle of the region of interest (ROI).

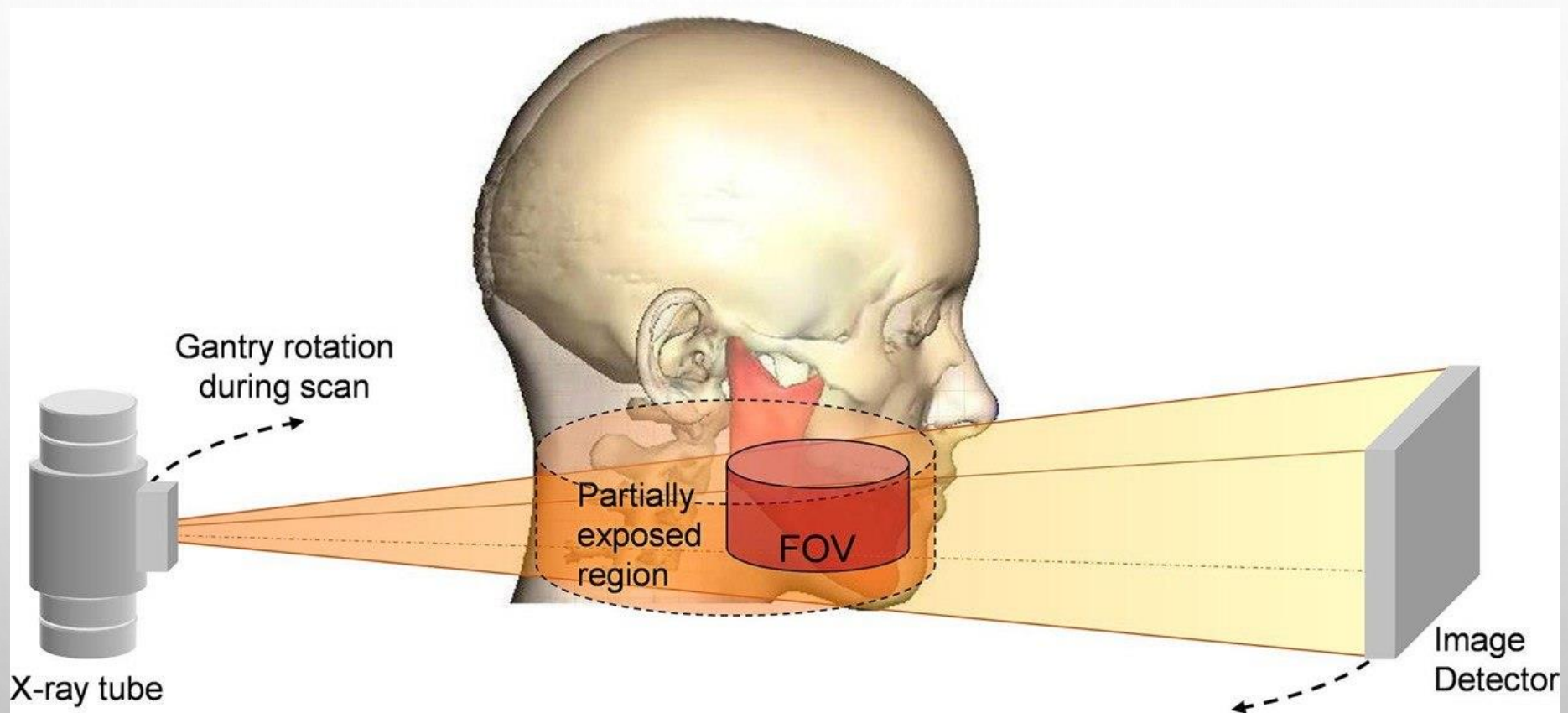
CBCT scanner utilises a 2D X-ray detector on the opposite side, which allows for a single rotation of the gantry to generate a scan.

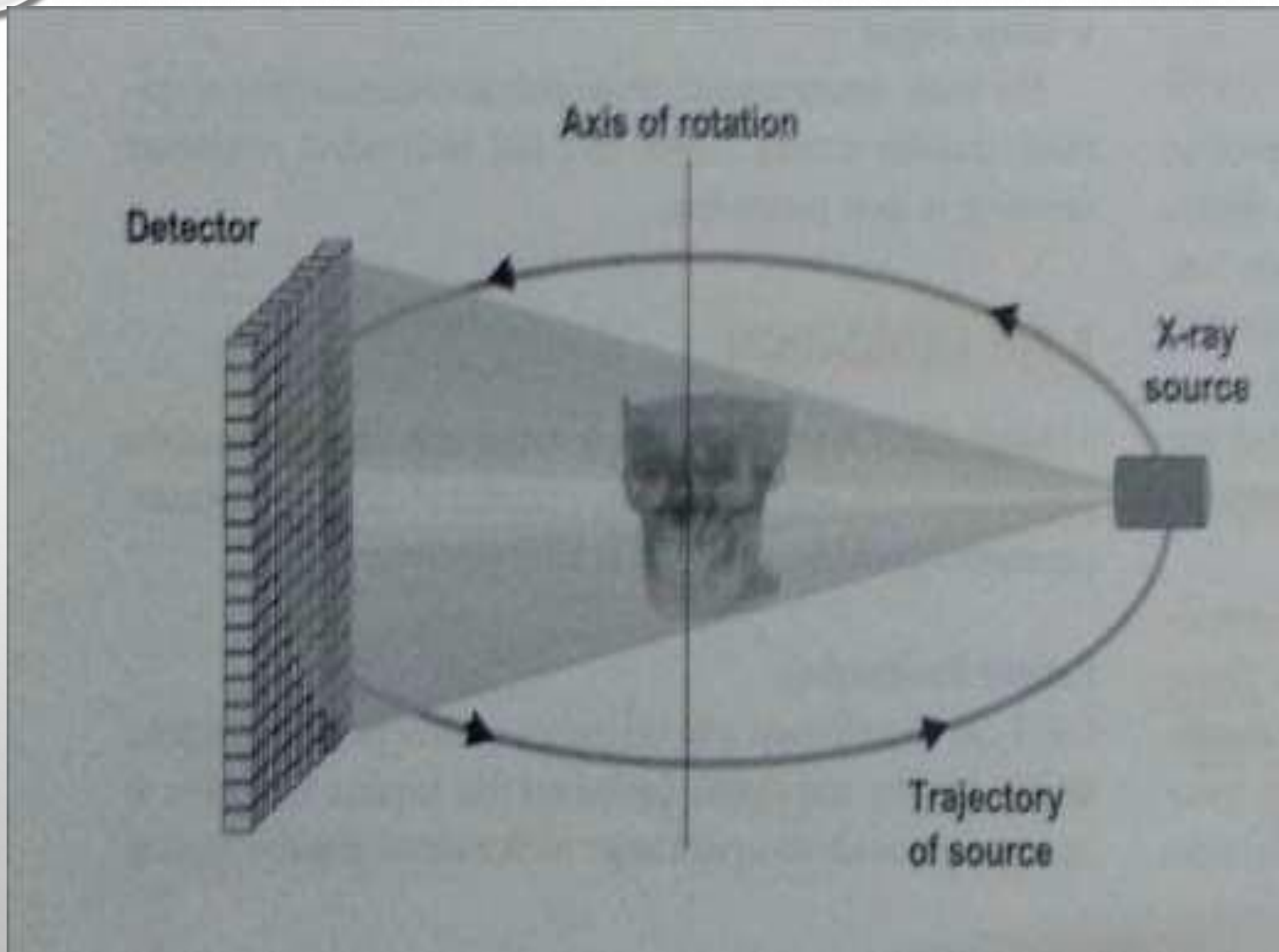
The X-ray source and the detector rotate around a rotation fulcrum fixed within the centre of the ROI.

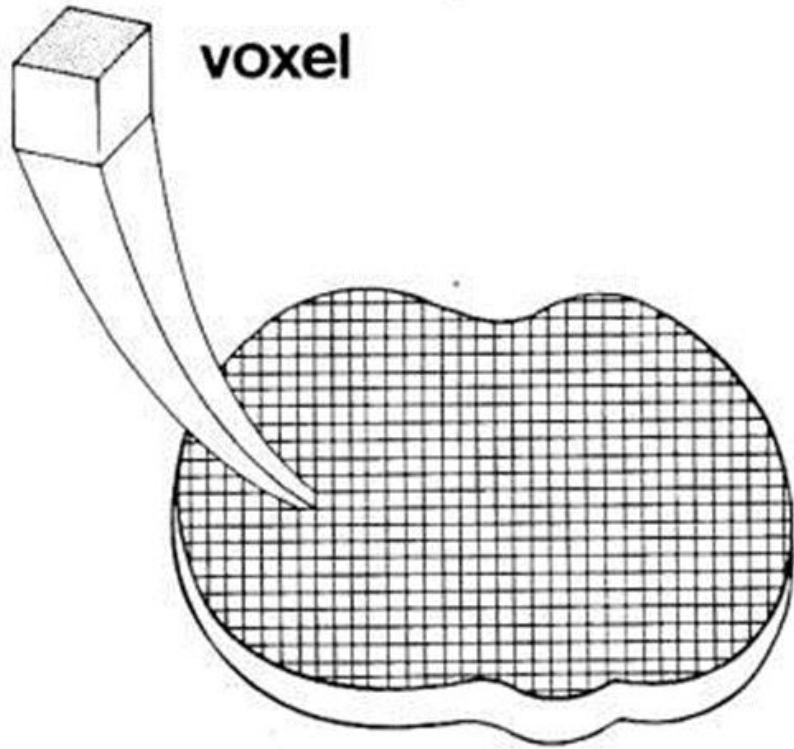
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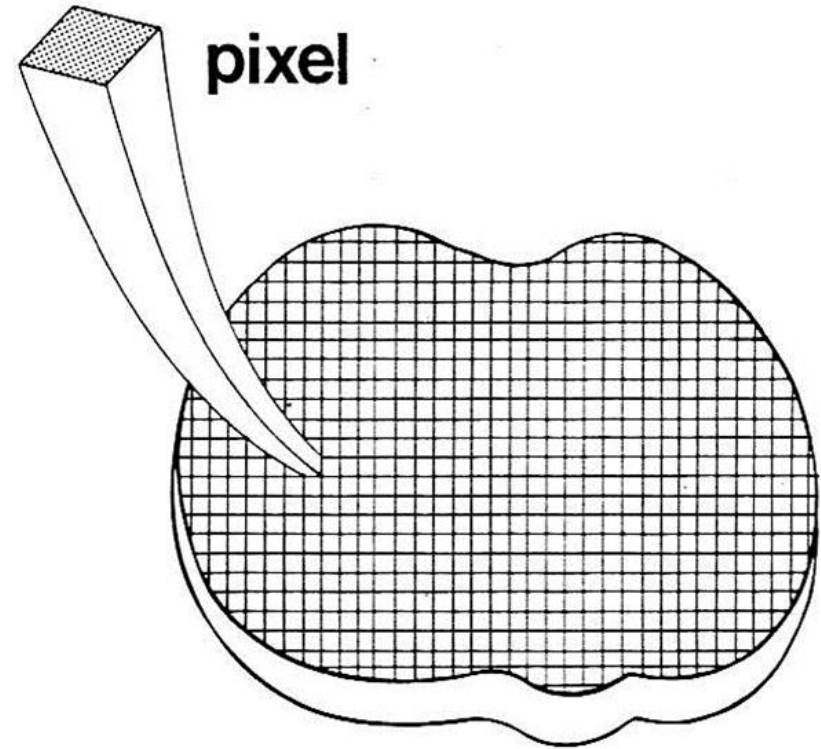






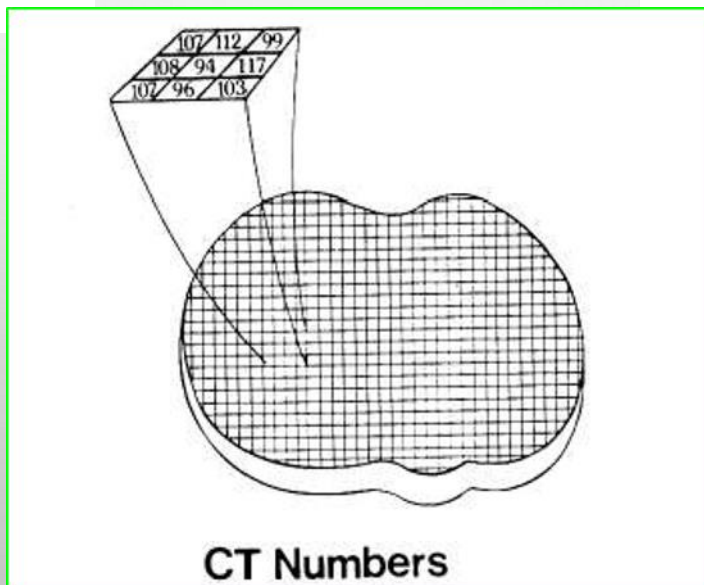
voxel

Matrix



pixel

Matrix

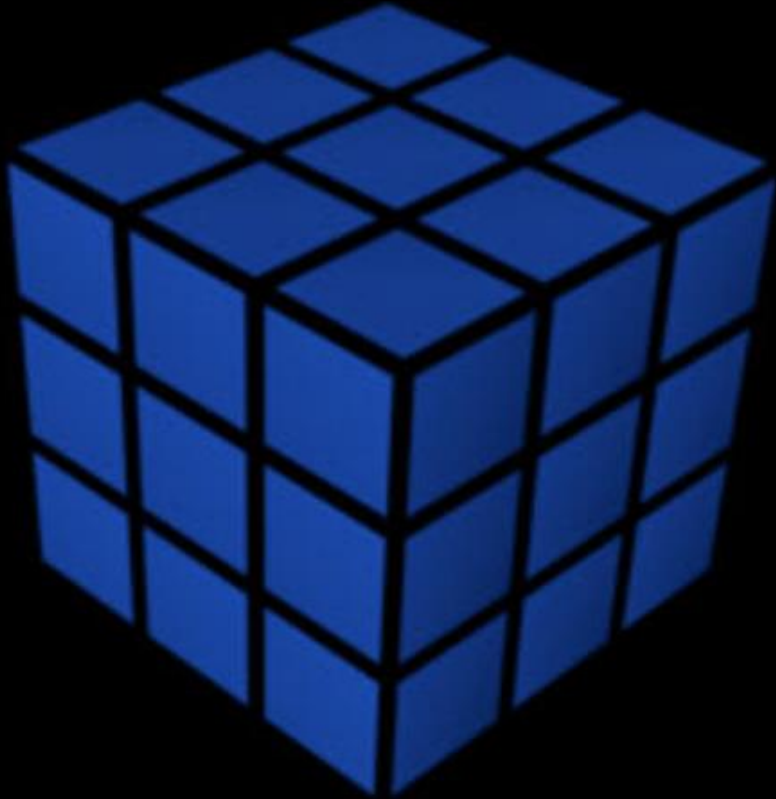


107	112	99
108	94	117
107	96	103

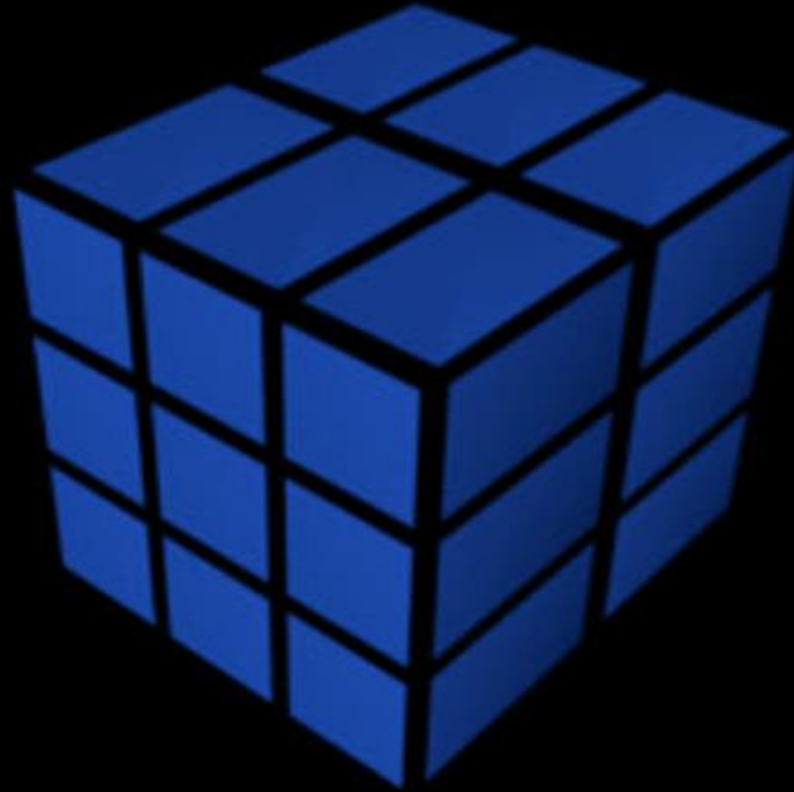
CT Numbers

The voxel on CBCT images is isotropic, which means that all the sides are the same dimension with uniform resolution in all directions.

In contrast, an MDCT voxel is in general nonisotropic meaning that one side of the voxel is different in dimension



CBCT (Isotropic) voxel



MDCT (Non-isotropic) voxel

The small field of view units may use a small voxel size of 0.076 mm, which enables visualization of very small changes to structures.

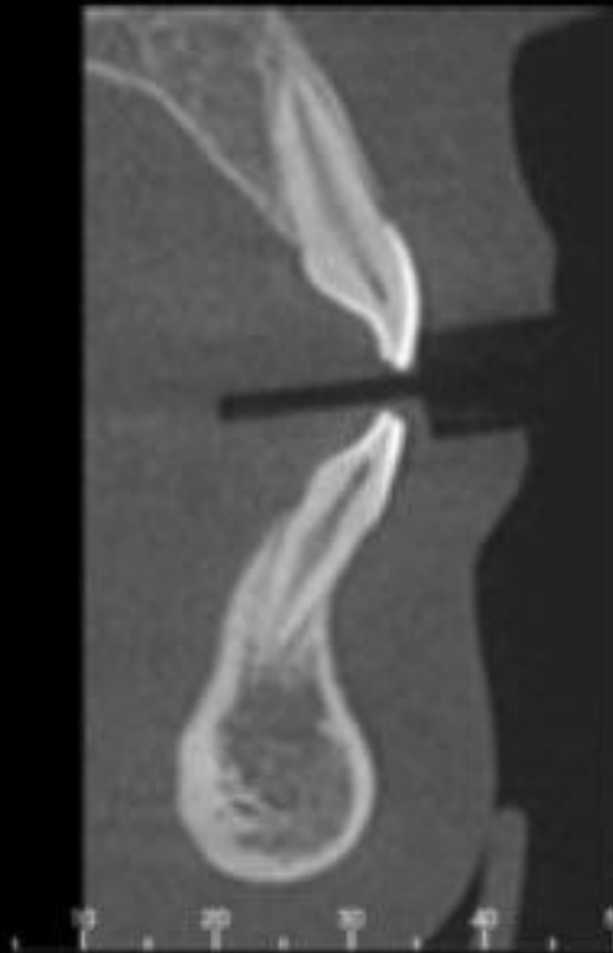
Other voxel sizes available for CBCT units are variable, such as 0.2 mm, 0.3 mm, and 0.4 mm.

It is important to note that the larger the voxel size, the less resolution the image will have and less capability to differentiate between small structures

*In our device Dentium CBCT the
voxel size is ~ 100 micrometer which
equal 0.1 mm*



Voxel size 0.2 mm



Voxel size 0.3 mm



Voxel size 0.4 mm

FOV

The FOV or the region of interestselected can be small, medium and large.

*Small FOV(5*5 cm) endodontic diagnosis, periapical conditions, root fracture and implant planning*

Single arch, FOV is 5–7 cm

Interarch, 7–10 cm

maxillofacial, 10–15 cm

craniofacial, greater than 15 cm.

In our device there are 3 FOV
*5*5 for Endodontic and periapical assessment*
*10*16 for Maxillofacial (interarch area, max sinus and TMJ)*
*16*18 for Craniofacial region*

Dose of radiation

Radiation dose is a measure of how much energy is absorbed when something or someone is exposed to X-rays.

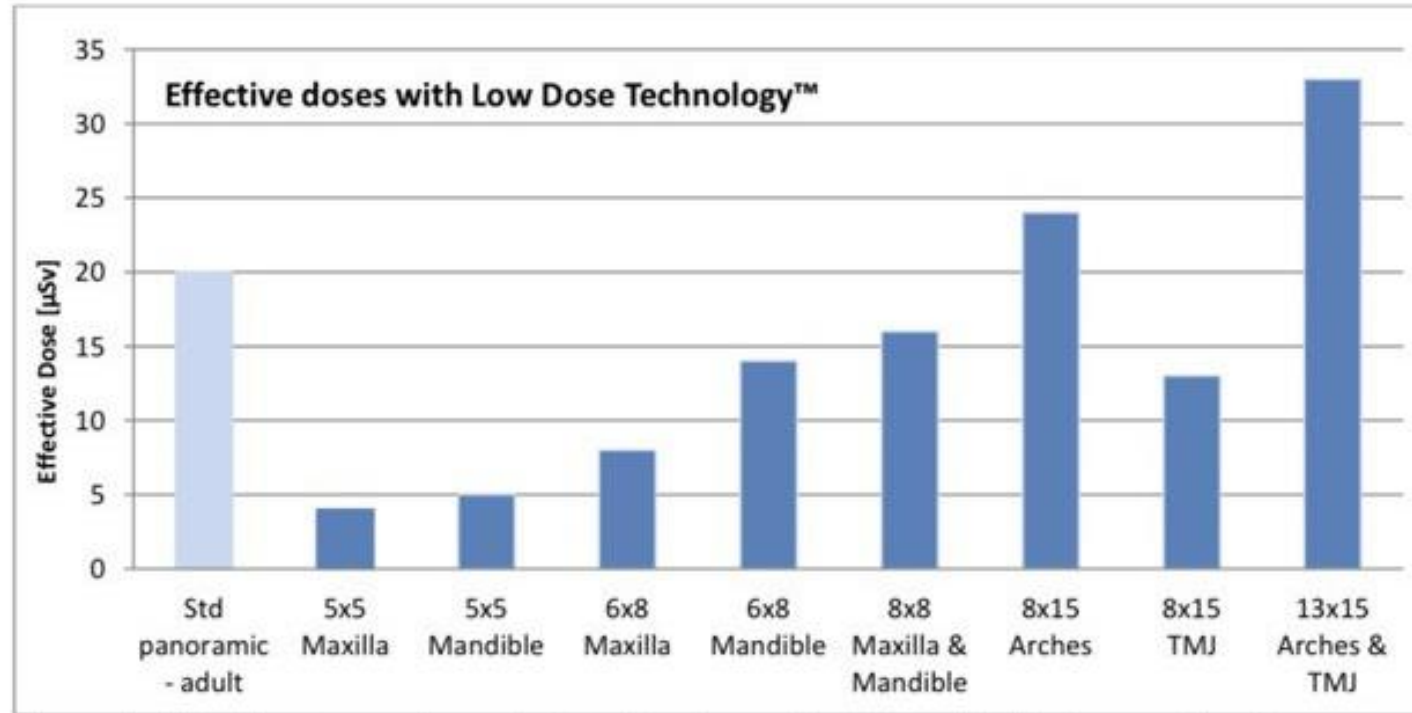
A commonly used quantity to express the dose to a person is effective dose which measured eith

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Milli S

Micro S.

Results



Effective Dose Reduction Standard, High and ENDO resolutions compared to Low Dose Technology™	Low Dose Technology™	Standard	High	ENDO
5x5 - Maxilla	4 µSv	80 %	90 %	93 %
5x5 - Mandible	5 µSv	81 %	91 %	93 %
6x8 - Maxilla	8 µSv	80 %	90 %	
6x8 - Mandible	14 µSv	79 %	90 %	
8x8 - Maxilla & Mandible	16 µSv	79 %	90 %	
8x15 - Arches	24 µSv	80 %	83 %	
8x15 - TMJ	13 µSv	80 %	83 %	
13x15 - Arches & TMJ	33 µSv	60 %	74 %	

Table 1. Dose reduction [%], standard, high and ENDO resolutions compared to Low Dose Technology™.

From the above table it can be concluded that in general, dose reduction between Low Dose Technology™ and standard resolution is 77% and high resolution 86%.

The low dose protocol for the ORTHOPANTOMOGRAPH® OP 3D Pro results in statistically significant and clinically impressive reductions in patient dose for equivalent fields of view.



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