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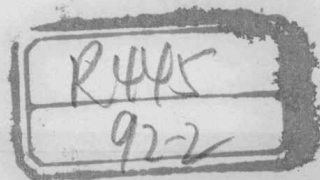
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Imaging Technique

1 Multislice Computerized Tomography

Multislice Computerized Tomography (MSCT) is a recent development in CT technology where the linear array of detector elements used in typical conventional and helical CT scanners has been replaced by a two-dimensional array of detector elements (Fig. 1-1). Using the detector array, MSCT scanners can acquire multiple slices or sections simultaneously and thereby greatly increase the speed of CT image acquisition. In the single section CT scanner, the shape of each detector element facing the X-ray beam is a rectangle (about $1\text{mm} \times 20\text{mm}$) as shown (Fig. 1-2). While scanning, the entire detector element is actively detecting radiation, and the slice thickness is controlled by the width of the collimation of the X-ray beam (Fig. 1-3). In the MSCT scanner, the two-dimensional detector array is divided into smaller elements. In the example shown, the long dimension (20 mm) of the single section CT detector element is divided into 16 elements of 1.25 mm each. In the first release of the MSCT scanners, all vendors provided for the acquisition of four slices simultaneously. To allow for variation in the width of the slices, the signals from multiple rows of detector elements are combined. In the example shown in the bottom of Figure 2, pairs of rows are combined together giving 4 slices that are about 2.5 mm each and the X-ray beam is collimated to cover the full 8 rows of the detector array.

Two types of detector arrays were introduced with the development of MSCT fixed and adaptive arrays. In the fixed array detector, the sub-elements are all the same width (Fig. 1-2, Fig. 1-3), and the slice thickness is varied by changing the number of rows which are combined together for form the acquired sections. It is technically possible to acquire two very thin slices of about 0.5 mm, or four slices of 1.25 mm, 2.5 mm, 3.75 mm and 5.0 mm. In the adaptive array detector (Fig. 1-4), the outer elements are proportionately larger, and the detector allows the acquisition of two 0.5 mm slices and four slices of 1.0 mm, 2.5 mm, and 5.0 mm (Fig. 1-5, Fig. 1-6).

Image reconstruction in MSCT is more complicated than that in single section CT. When the table is stationary during image acquisition, the X-ray source and area detector are seen to form a cone projection. The measurements for any of the slices are not co-planar, and

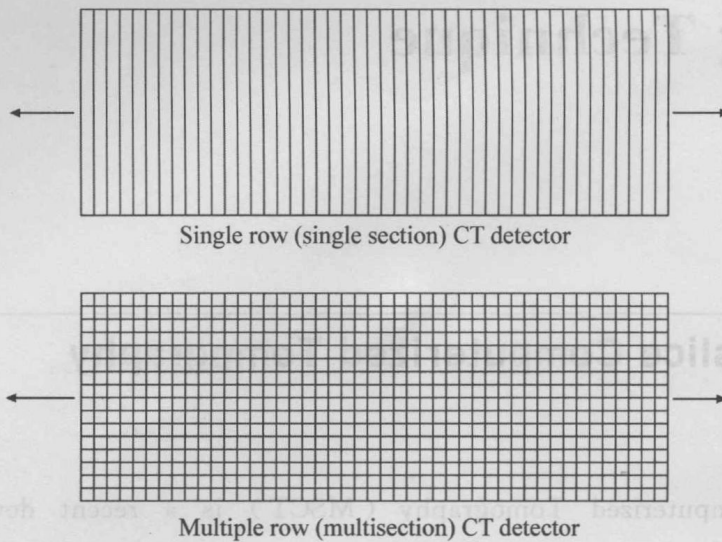


Fig. 1-1 MSCT Single section CT detector (top). Each detector element is about 1mm wide by 20 mm high, MSCT detector (bottom). The single section CT detector is replaced by multiple elements

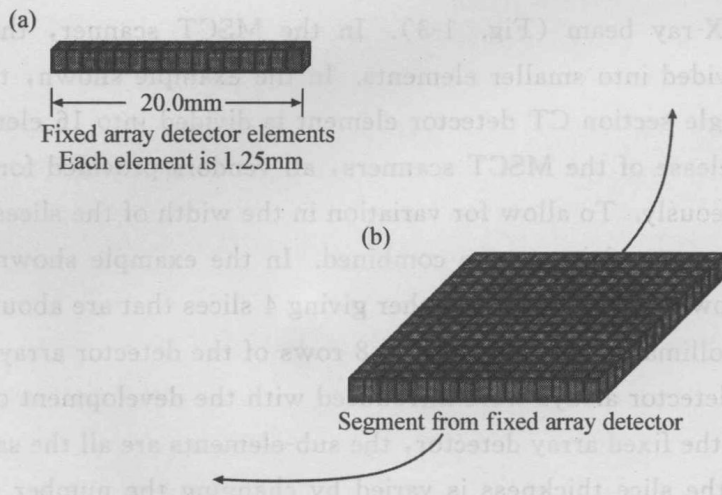
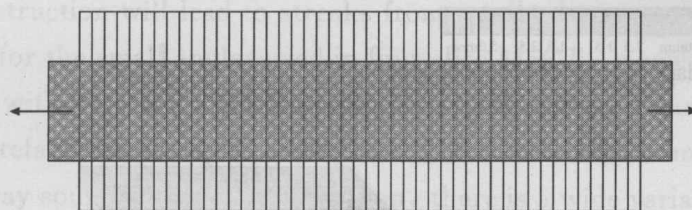
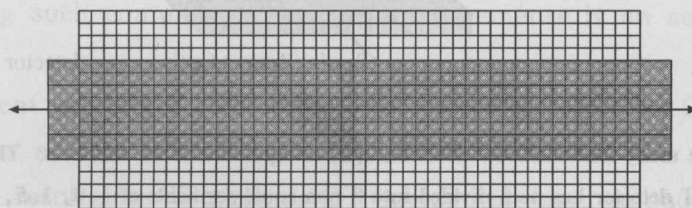


Fig. 1-2 MSCT Fixed array MSCT detector. (a) Single column of elements. The 20 mm length of the single section CT detector has been divided into 16 equal segments of 1.25 mm each. (b) The columns of the fixed array detector are packed together to form a curved 2D detector array



Single row (single section) CT detector



Multiple row (multisection) CT detector

Fig. 1-3 MSCT Example of slice thickness control. In the single section CT detector (top), the slice thickness is totally controlled by the X-ray beam collimation. With the MSCT detector (bottom), slice thickness is controlled by the width of the X-ray beam collimation, the number of rows of the multislice detector that are selected and the reconstruction algorithm

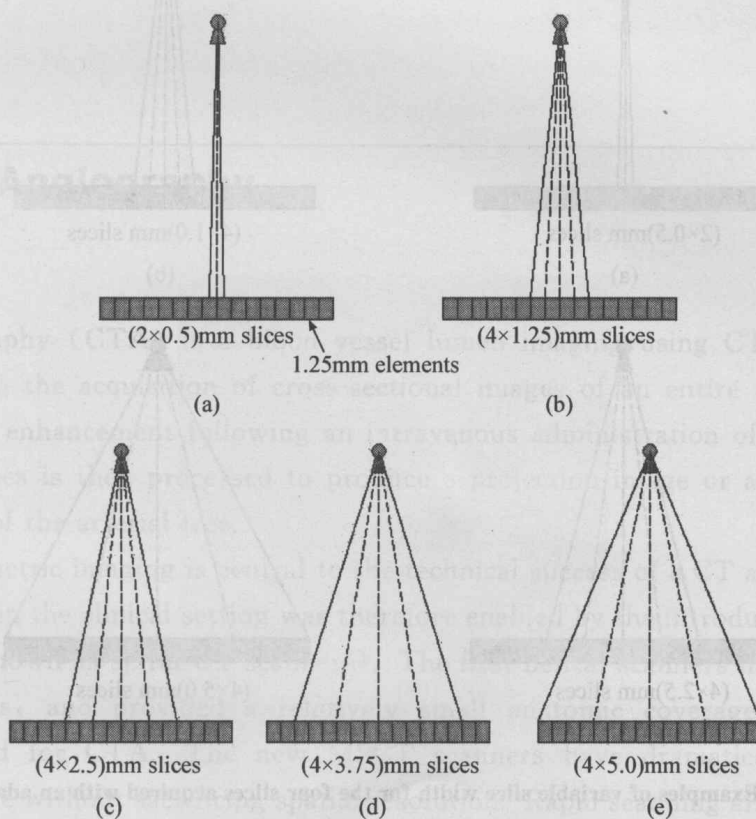


Fig. 1-4 MSCT Examples of variable slice width for the four slices acquired with a fixed width multislice CT detector. (a) The two central detectors are irradiated with a fraction of the X-ray beam forming two 0.5 mm slices. For the remaining figures (b-e), the beam width is increased to produce four slices, and the slices are combined in groups of 1, 2, 3 and 4 rows to give slice widths of (b) 1.25 mm, (c) 2.5 mm, (d) 3.75 mm, and (e) 5.0 mm

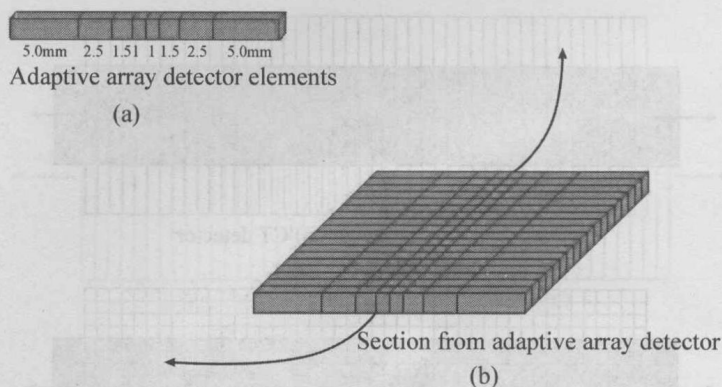


Fig. 1-5 MSCT Adaptive array multislice CT detector. (a) Single column of elements. The 20 mm length of the single section CT detector has been divided into 8 non-equal segments of 1.0, 1.5, 2.5 and 5.0 mm each. (b) The columns of the adaptive array detector are packed together to form a curved 2D detector array

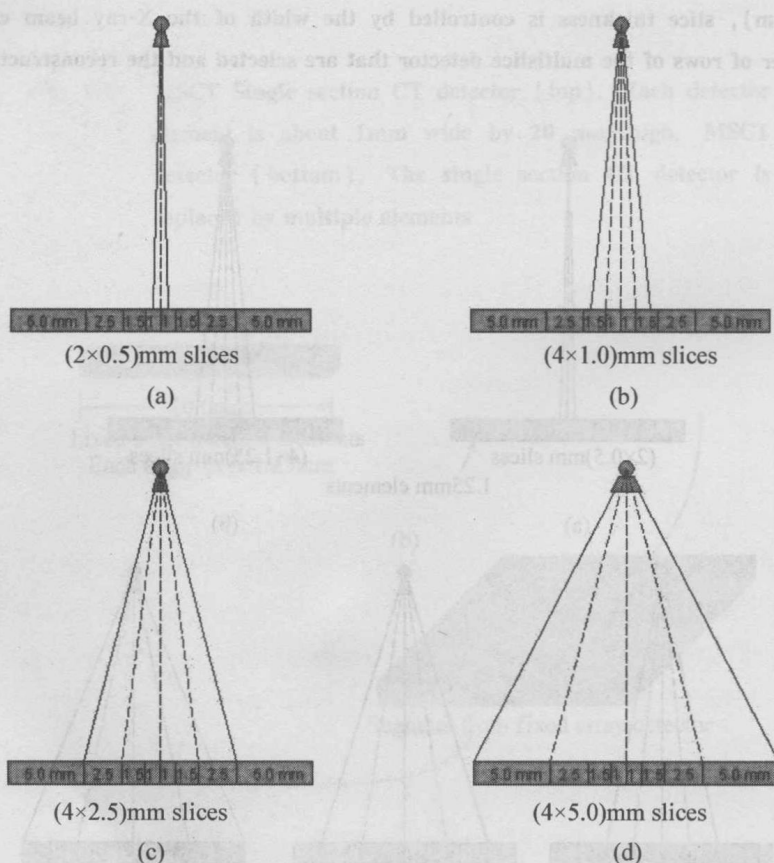


Fig. 1-6 MSCT Examples of variable slice width for the four slices acquired with an adaptive multislice CT detector. (a) The two central detectors are irradiated with a fraction of the X-ray beam forming two 0.5 mm slices. For the remaining figures (b-d), the beam width is increased to produce four slices, and the slices are combined to give slice widths of (b) 1.0 mm, (c) 2.5 mm, and (d) 5.0 mm

conventional reconstruction will lead to streaks from small, dense, points and edges. These artefacts are small for the small angles used in four slice MSCT. However, as the number of slices will increase with new technical improvements, the width of the cone angle will also increase and the artefacts may not be negligible. When the table is moved continuously in synchrony with X-ray source and detector rotation, there is a wide variation in the angulation of the measurements available for reconstruction of any given slice location. Image reconstruction using such complicated sets of measurements is an active area of ongoing research.

The development of MSCT has opened a new dimension to CT technology. The introduction of four slice simultaneous acquisition has allowed the development of new possibilities in high resolution CT such as CT angiography and colonoscopy. Coupled with half acquisition times of 0.25 seconds, CT images of the heart have become possible. All manufactures are moving beyond four slice imaging to eight, sixteen and even greater numbers of slices. Although such scanners will be more expensive, the greatest component of the cost will be in the digital electronics which will continue to increase in power and decrease in cost for the foreseeable future.

2

CT Angiography

CT angiography (CTA) is a blood vessel lumen imaging using CT data. Typically, CTA begins with the acquisition of cross-sectional images of an entire volume during the arterial phase of enhancement following an intravenous administration of a contrast agent. The stack of slices is then processed to produce a projection image or a three-dimensional (3D) rendering of the arterial tree.

Rapid volumetric imaging is central to the technical success of a CT angiography study. CT angiography in the clinical setting was therefore enabled by the introduction of helical CT scanners (also known as spiral CT scanners). The first helical scanners had only one row of detector elements, and provided a relatively small anatomic coverage with the spatial resolution needed for CTA. The new MSCT scanners have dramatically increased the anatomic coverage without sacrificing spatial resolution. Rapid scanning allows the volume of interest to be imaged during uniform arterial enhancement and prior to venous enhancement. In addition, rapid imaging may allow more rapid infusion of contrast and therefore a higher contrast between the vessel lumen and the surrounding tissues.

Timing of the data acquisition with respect to the contrast administration is also important. The optimal delay between infusion and scanning can be patient dependent,

especially in subjects with poor cardiac output or vascular disease. While the delay is generally selected based on clinical experience, the optimal timing for a particular patient can be measured using a test injection during repeated scanning of a single section in the volume of interest. Automated techniques are also available; with these, the attenuation number is measured continuously in a vessel of interest, and when the attenuation has increased to a predetermined value, scanning is started automatically (after a small delay to allow for breath-hold instructions).

Viewing of single sections is tedious since a single study may involve hundreds of slices. In addition, appreciation of the continuity of vessels can be difficult when images are viewed in this mode. Therefore, simultaneous evaluation of the data for an entire volume is essential to proper and efficient image analysis. Several three-dimensional rendering (TE) techniques are available for CTA. Until recently, surface rendering and maximum intensity projection (MIP) were the most commonly used algorithms with CTA. Surface rendering is the least accurate technique of the two. MIP is extensively used in magnetic resonance angiography (MRA), but CT data is less well suited for MIP than magnetic resonance (MR) data because in CT there are likely to be non-vascular structures (*e. g.* bones and calcifications) with higher CT numbers than the vessel lumen. Spatial editing (manual, semiautomatic, or automatic) can be used to remove potentially confusing structures prior to MIP processing (Fig. 1-7). Today, volume rendering has become the algorithm of choice for CTA. Volume rendering renders the entire volume of data and obviates the tedious editing often necessary with MIP.

Because of its use of intravenous contrast administration, CTA is less invasive than

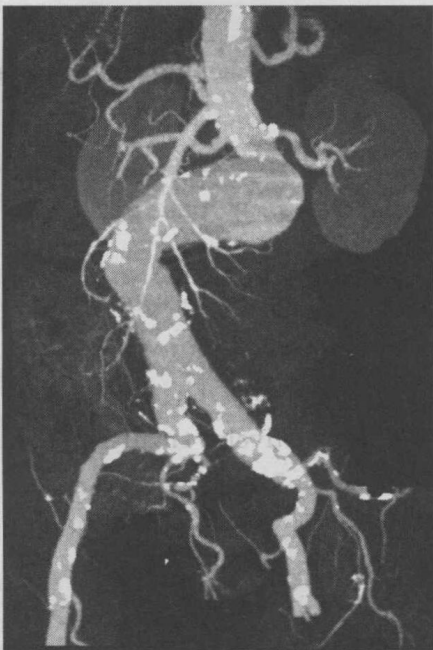


Fig. 1-7 CT angiography MIP projection of abdominal aortic aneurysm. Bone (vertebral column, pelvis) has been edited away

conventional angiography. It is also far more rapid (a typical exam might take only 15 minutes) and much less expensive. An additional advantage that should not be overlooked is that the CT images provide 3D information, for example of plaque morphology, they can help unravel overlapping structures, and they also provide soft tissue information. However, CTA does not provide the level of in-plane spatial resolution that conventional angiography achieves. As compared to MRA, CTA is more widely available and probably more robust, at least as compared to MR techniques that do not use contrast agents. Drawbacks of CTA as compared to MRA are use of ionizing radiation and iodinated contrast media which contrary to the gadolinium-containing MR contrast media, are potentially nephrotoxic.

3 Cerebral Angiography

Despite the advances of CT angiography, MRA, and Doppler ultrasound techniques, there are still numerous indications for angiography of the supra-aortic branches. However, many of the indications are connected to the possibility of catheter interventions such as embolization, percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA) and stenting, and local thrombolysis.

The main indications for cerebral angiography are: a) stenosis and occlusion; b) aneurysms of the neck vessels and intracerebral arteries, c) arteriovenous malformations (AVM) and fistulae (AVF), and d) highly vascular extra- and intracranial tumors (meningioma, glomus tumor, angiofibroma).

Cerebral angiography may be performed as non-selective arch angiography to demonstrate the origin of the supra-aortic branches. This method may also serve to evaluate atherosclerotic lesions at the carotid bifurcation [Fig. 1-8 (a)]. Selective cerebral angiography is divided into carotid and vertebral arteriography.

Carotid arteriography is today routinely performed via a percutaneous femoral approach using preformed catheters (headhunter etc.). According to the indication and suspected lesion, the common carotid artery [Fig. 1-8 (b)] or the internal and external carotid arteries are injected super-selectively. Alternatively, the right carotid artery may be visualized by retrograde filling of the subclavian artery via a transbrachial approach (counterflow angiography). On the left the same method will show the left vertebral artery. Direct carotid puncture today is practically obsolete.

Vertebral arteriography is also performed via a transfemoral approach, or alternatively the less risky counterflow injection via uni- or bilateral brachial approach may be used. Indications for vertebral arteriography are investigation of lesions of the vertebral arteries,

the cerebellar arteries, the basilar artery, the posterior cerebral arteries and the function of the circle of Willis.

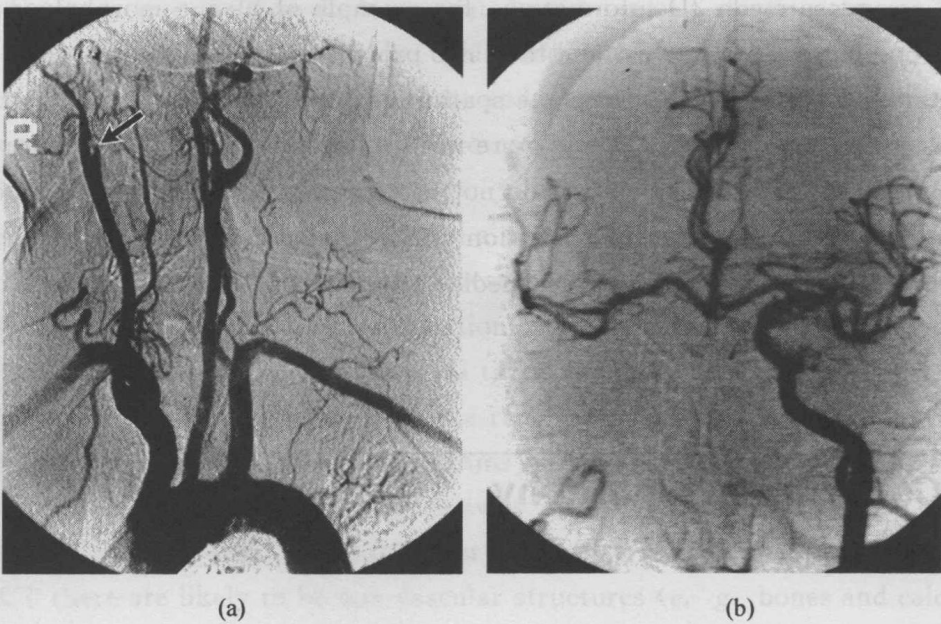


Fig. 1-8 Cerebral angiography Injection of the aortic arch (a) demonstrates the supraaortic branches. Note occlusion of right internal carotid artery (arrow). Selective injection of left carotid artery (b) in same patient shows cross filling of right anterior and middle cerebral artery across the anterior communicating artery

Vocabulary

array [ə'rei]
rectangle ['rektæŋgl]
helical ['helikəl]
collimation [kəli'meiʃən]
algorithm ['ælgəriðəm]

n. 阵列
n. 矩形
adj. 螺旋形的, 螺旋线的
n. 瞄准, 调整
n. 运算法则, 算法



1

Intracranial Hematoma

(1) Epidural hematoma

Epidural hematoma is an extra cerebral blood collection, located between the dura and the inner table of the skull. Usually arterial, the lesion is almost invariably post-traumatic and associated with a skull fracture and tearing of the meningeal vessels. An epidural hematoma may result from a tear of the dural sinus and then be venous in origin (Fig. 2-1). This type of hematoma is more common in the posterior fossa and results from a tear of the transverse or sigmoid sinus.

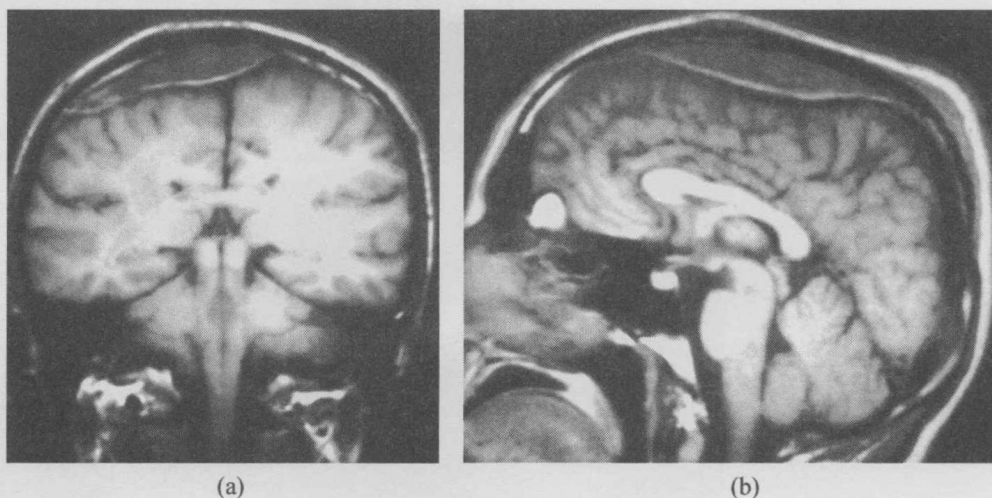


Fig. 2-1 Epidural hematoma T₁ WI in coronal (a) and sagittal (b) planes of a venous epidural hematoma due to tear of the superior sagittal sinus following a fracture of the parietal bone at the vertex. The hematoma crosses the midline, the dura and the sinuses are detached from the inner table and displaced downward

The shape is usually biconvex and not crescentic, unlike the majority of subdural hematomas.

An epidural hematoma, frontal, occipital or at the vertex, may cross the midline;