

# NO COMPRESSION. NO SUPERIMPOSITION. JUST GREAT IMAGING

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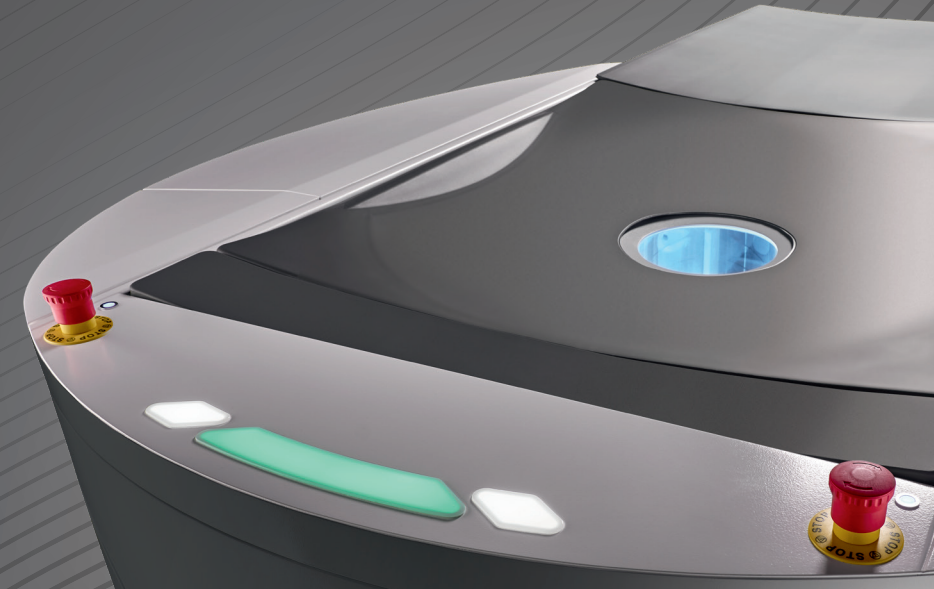
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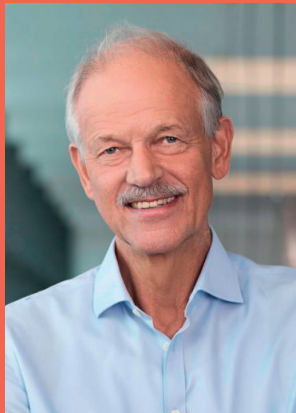
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## nu:view

A DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGY  
IN THE ERA OF BREAST IMAGING

 MADE IN GERMANY





Prof. Dr. Dr. med. h.c. mult.  
**WILLI KALENDER**, Ph. D.  
Founder and Scientific Advisor

*“Dedication to Computed Tomography has driven my professional life for more than 30 years.*

*I am very proud that AB-CT is fully reflecting this dedication — last but not least for the benefit of our customers and patients.”*

## EMPOWERING RADIOLOGISTS

Even with high-tech devices and skilled, qualified radiologists, the early and accurate diagnosis of breast cancer remains challenging. Conventional diagnosis methods, while well-established, are not always reliable. 3D imaging with high isotropic resolution, on the other hand, offers clear advantages.

## DESIGNED FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

**nu:view**, the world's first dedicated breast CT scanner to use spiral CT technology, is the brainchild of Erlangen-based company AB-CT.

What sets **nu:view** apart is the very **high image resolution coupled with low radiation dose and short scan times**. To maximize image quality and dose efficiency at the same time, the leading edge breast CT system uses a unique

state-of-the-art single photon counting detector. In the course of one rotation around the breast, 2000 projection images are created — with a full spiral scan taking as little as 7 to 12 seconds.

Doing all this without breast compression, an **excellent patient comfort** is ensured. For the first time, a CT scanner makes it possible to acquire superimposition-free images of the breast in a single scan —

with superb soft tissue differentiation and in true 3D.

- ✓ **Out-of-the-box protocols for acquisition and reconstruction**
- ✓ **Continue working in your familiar reporting environment — no custom viewer required**
- ✓ **Ease of use, flexible support of clinical workflows**

# LEADING EDGE



- 1 True 3D images with a very high isotropic resolution
- 2 Superimposition-free and superb soft tissue differentiation
- 3 Low dose in the range of mammograms
- 4 No breast compression, short scan times
- 5 Seamless clinical integration to RIS & PACS (DICOM)



X-RAY TUBE

- Focal spot size: 0.4 (IEC 60336)
- Tube voltage: 60 kV
- Tube current: 5–125 mA
- Power: 7.5 kW



DETECTOR

- Type: Photon counting detector (direct conversion)
- Sensor: CdTe, 0.75 mm thick
- Pixel size:  $(100 \mu\text{m})^2$
- Detector area: about  $280 \times 50 \text{ mm}^2$
- Detector rows: 512
- Frame rate: up to 1000 Hz



SCAN

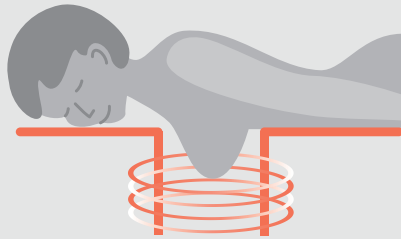
- Spiral CT scan
- Up to 2000 projections per 360° rotation
- Acquisition times of 7–12 s per scan
- Low patient dose levels in the range of mammograms



RECONSTRUCTION

- Fully isotropic high spatial resolution
- Field of measurement:  $\varnothing 200 \text{ mm} \times 160 \text{ mm}$
- Voxel size:  $(150 \mu\text{m})^3$
- Filtered back-projection reconstruction algorithm

## RESPECTING PATIENTS



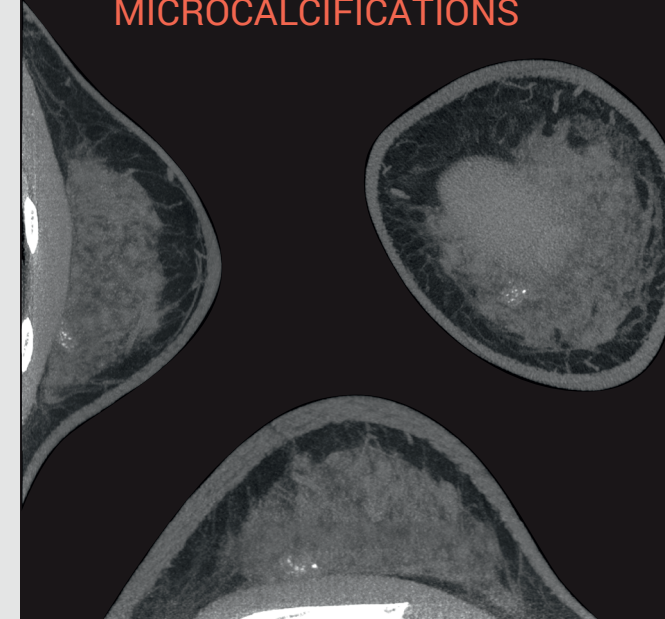
It's not just the unrivalled technology **nu:view** impresses with – our dedicated breast CT has also been developed with the highest level of patient comfort in mind.

During the image acquisition process, the patient lies prone on the scanner table with the breast to be examined conveniently placed into the opening. **No compression** is applied, making the process pain-free and helping that little extra for patients to feel reassured in a situation that may be perceived as highly distressing.

The scan parameters are adjustable to accommodate **various clinical requirements and patient types**. There are no restrictions regarding age or gender. Even patients with small breasts and dense breast tissue, mastodynia or implants are able to experience the comfort, convenience, and peace of mind **nu:view** offers.

- ✓ **No squeeze, no touch positioning**
- ✓ **Keeps the female breast in its natural shape**
- ✓ **High patient comfort**

## SUSPICIOUS REGIONAL MICROCALCIFICATIONS

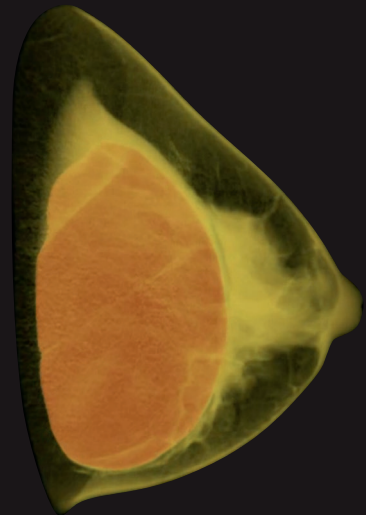


## CLINICAL CASES

Selection of clinical cases to illustrate some of **nu:view's** amazing imaging capabilities

BI-RADS 4 | HISTOLOGY: SCLEROSING ADENOSIS  
SAGITTAL (left), CORONAL (right), TRANSVERSE (below) VIEW

## SILICONE IMPLANT



BI-RADS 2 | 3D VOLUME RENDERING

*“I cannot emphasize enough the importance of this method being completely compression-free. Some women had missed their breast checks for years because they feared compression. **nu:view** really solves their dilemma.*

*And with high resolution, real 3D images at dose levels comparable to mammography, us radiologists clearly benefit from breast CT as well. The multiplanar pictures decrease the number of recalls caused by superimposed structures.”*

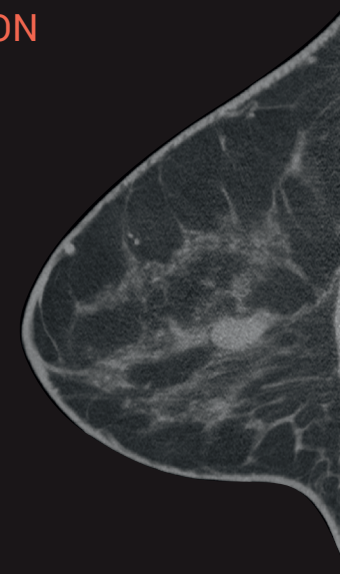
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## EARLY DETECTION

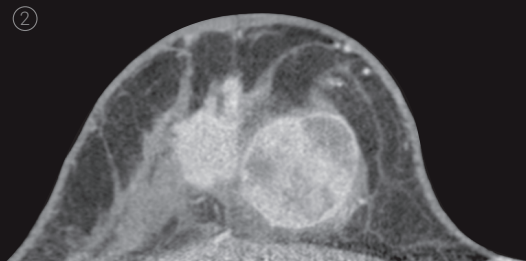
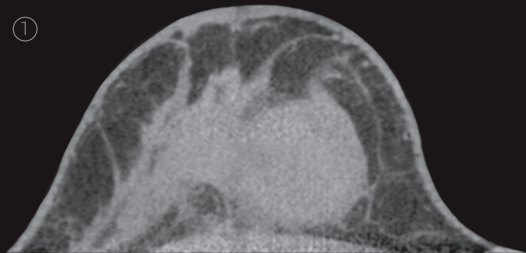
Since women can choose breast CT instead of screening mammography at the University Hospital Zurich (USZ), breast cancer detection rates have notably increased. Prof. Dr. Dr. med. Andreas Boss is not only happy about **nu:view**'s image quality. He attributes the augmented findings primarily to the fact that women who had refused routine check-ups in the past feel now encouraged to have this potentially life-saving examination.

Women from all over Switzerland come to Zurich for a non-compressive scan with **nu:view**. Breast CT is also an excellent fit for women with implants.

## LESION



BI-RADS 3 | SAGITTAL VIEW



BI-RADS 5 | TRANSVERSE VIEW  
1. PRE-CONTRAST | 2. POST-CONTRAST

Previous mammography had depicted a single mass only. On sonography, the round, circumscribed lesion had cystic and solid components; several other suspicious lesions were also detected. Breast CT was performed to confirm multicentric breast cancer.

**Pre-contrast:** Round mass lesion with hypodense (necrotic/liquid) centre. Pre-contrast images are suspicious for more than one lesion.

**Post-contrast:** The palpable mass enhances the contrast material inhomogeneously. Several other contrast enhancing masses with irregular and smooth margins in more than one quadrant of the breast are delineated.

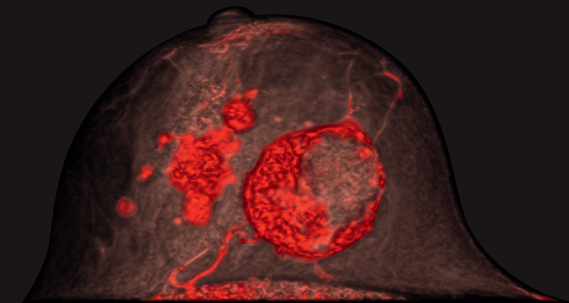
## FUNCTIONAL IMAGING

Complementing breast CT with contrast enhancement, radiologists in Erlangen are taking **nu:view**'s potential even further, e.g. for the subtly nuanced pre-op depiction of multicentric disease. Isotropic 3D reconstructions help with tumour visualizations for surgical intervention, while contrast agent added to the native scan facilitates the differentiation between benign and malignant lesions.

*“The exceptional sensitivity of contrast-enhanced breast CT makes it perfect for tumour detection, staging and pre-operative planning.”*

Prof. Dr. med. EVELYN WENKEL  
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## MULTICENTRIC BREAST CANCER



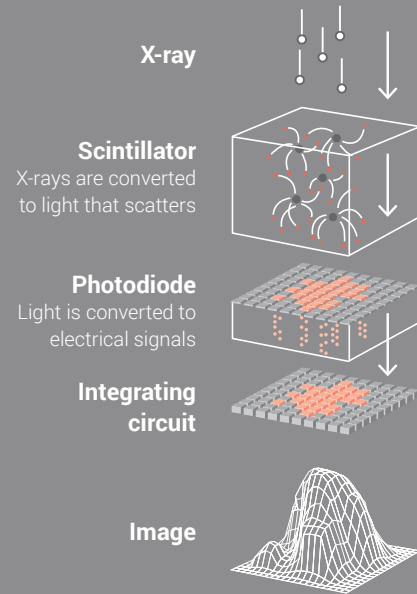
BI-RADS 5 | 3D VOLUME RENDERING  
WITH CONTRAST AGENT



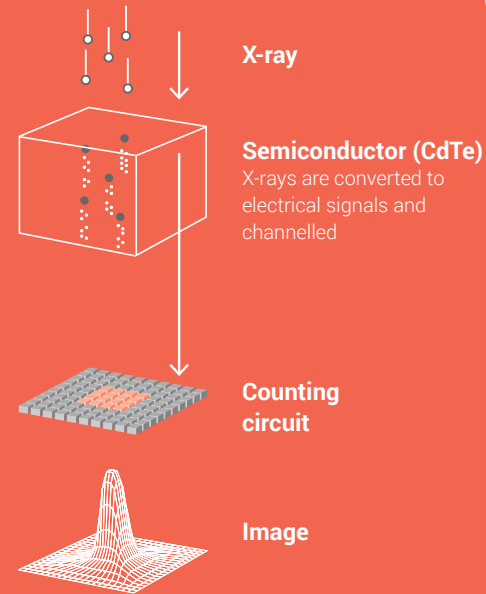
# EVERY SINGLE PHOTON COUNTS

Using the latest detector technology, nu:view combines excellent image quality with low dose.

## Standard Clinical CT



## nu:view



One of **nu:view**'s key technologies: a unique detector. The ground-breaking innovation is the result of AB-CT's long-term collaboration with Direct Conversion, a global expert in quality detector solutions.

The special, concavely shaped **single photon counting** hybrid detector made of highly sensitive material (CdTe) converts x-rays directly into electrical signals. Using the photon counting and energy thresholding capability, it features an unrivalled combination of geometric and absorption efficiency in clinical breast imaging. The resulting images are of **truly impressive** levels of detail and can be acquired at **low dose**.

- ✓ **Direct converting**
- ✓ **Single photon counting**
- ✓ **High geometric and absorption efficiency**

# CERTIFIED

**nu:view** — the leading edge breast CT — has received CE approval in 2018.

AB-CT maintains a quality management system for medical products in accordance with **EN ISO 13485:2016**. It has been certified by the Certification Body TÜV Rheinland LGA Products GmbH, Germany.



**nu:view** cannot be purchased worldwide yet.  
Please contact AB-CT to check availability in your territory.

# WE ARE AB-CT

**AB-CT is a pioneering medical technology company specialising in quality diagnostic breast imaging.**

With **nu:view**, our expert team of genius medical physicists, software and design engineers did not just develop another CT device, but a **disruptive technology designed to leverage clinical excellence**.

Our vision is to **empower radiologists** all over the world to diagnose breast cancer at the earliest possible stage.

## LEARN MORE

Want to learn more about real 3D breast imaging with **nu:view** and explore the possibilities? Please contact us. We are happy to help.



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