

**To What Extent Can High Frequency  
Non-invasive Ventilation Reduce  
Breathing Motion for Liver  
Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy?**

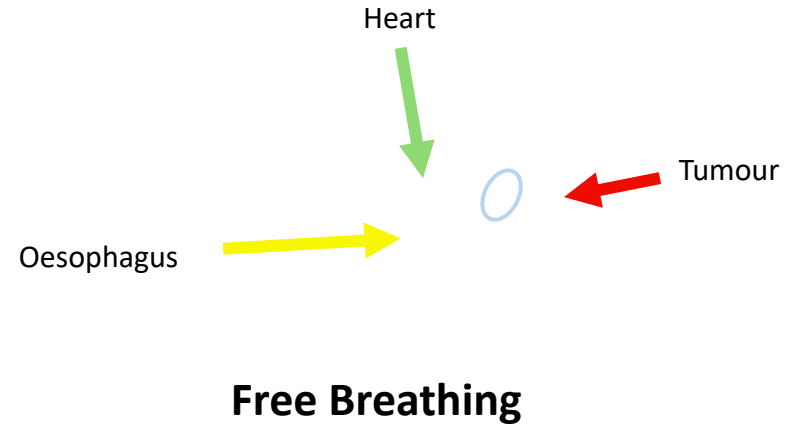
*Preliminary findings*

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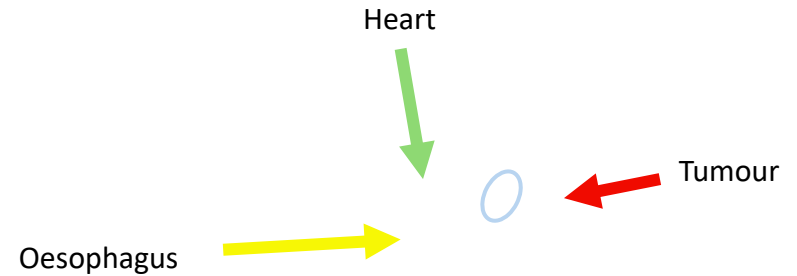
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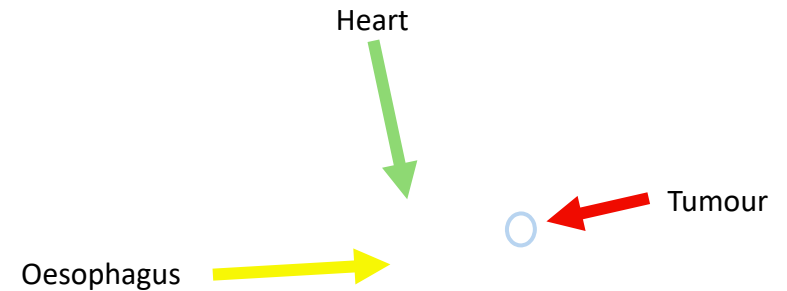
Non-invasive ventilation (NIV) is a promising active management strategy

### Respiratory motion management for external radiotherapy treatment

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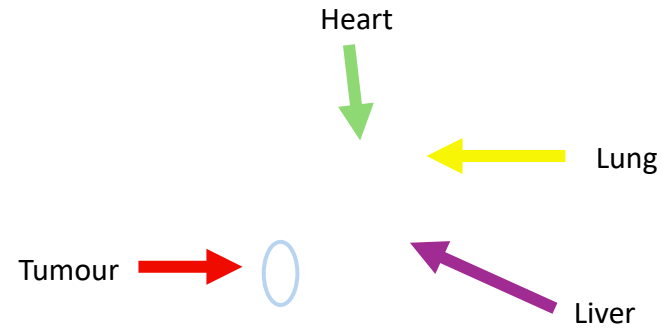
**Free Breathing**



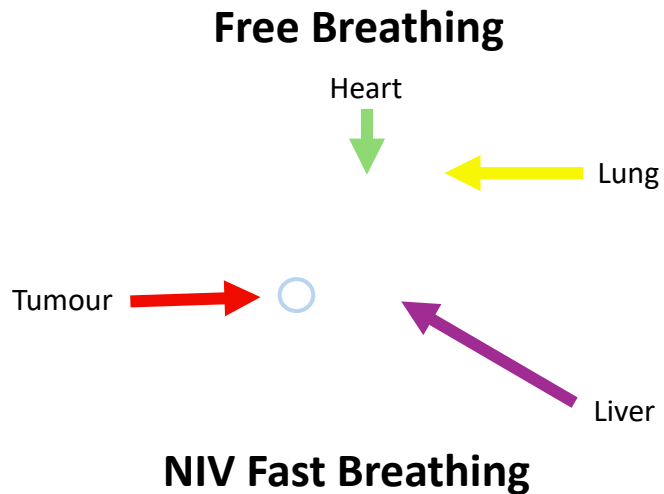
**NIMV Fast Breathing**

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## Motion management is key



Literature has demonstrated efficacy of NIV for liver but has focused on NIV-assisted breath holds.



**Aim: To what extent can high-frequency NIV reduce breathing motion for liver SABR?**



Acronym Library

NIV: Non-invasive ventilation  
SABR: Stereotactic ablative  
radiotherapy

## Methods

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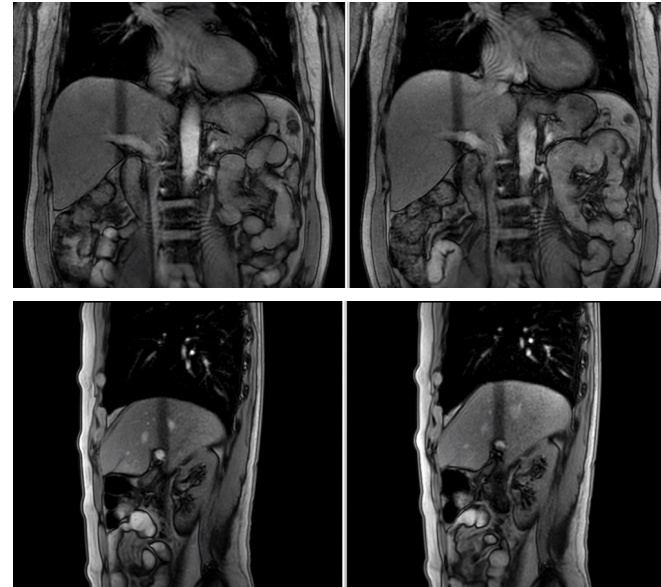
5min Free breathing

5min 35brpm 0 PEEP

5min 45brpm 0 PEEP

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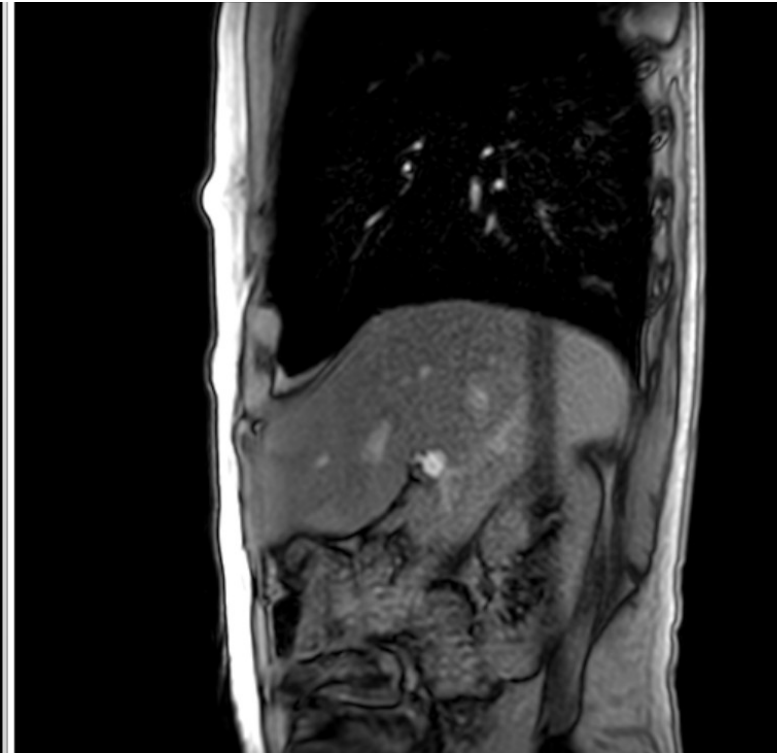
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15 PEEP



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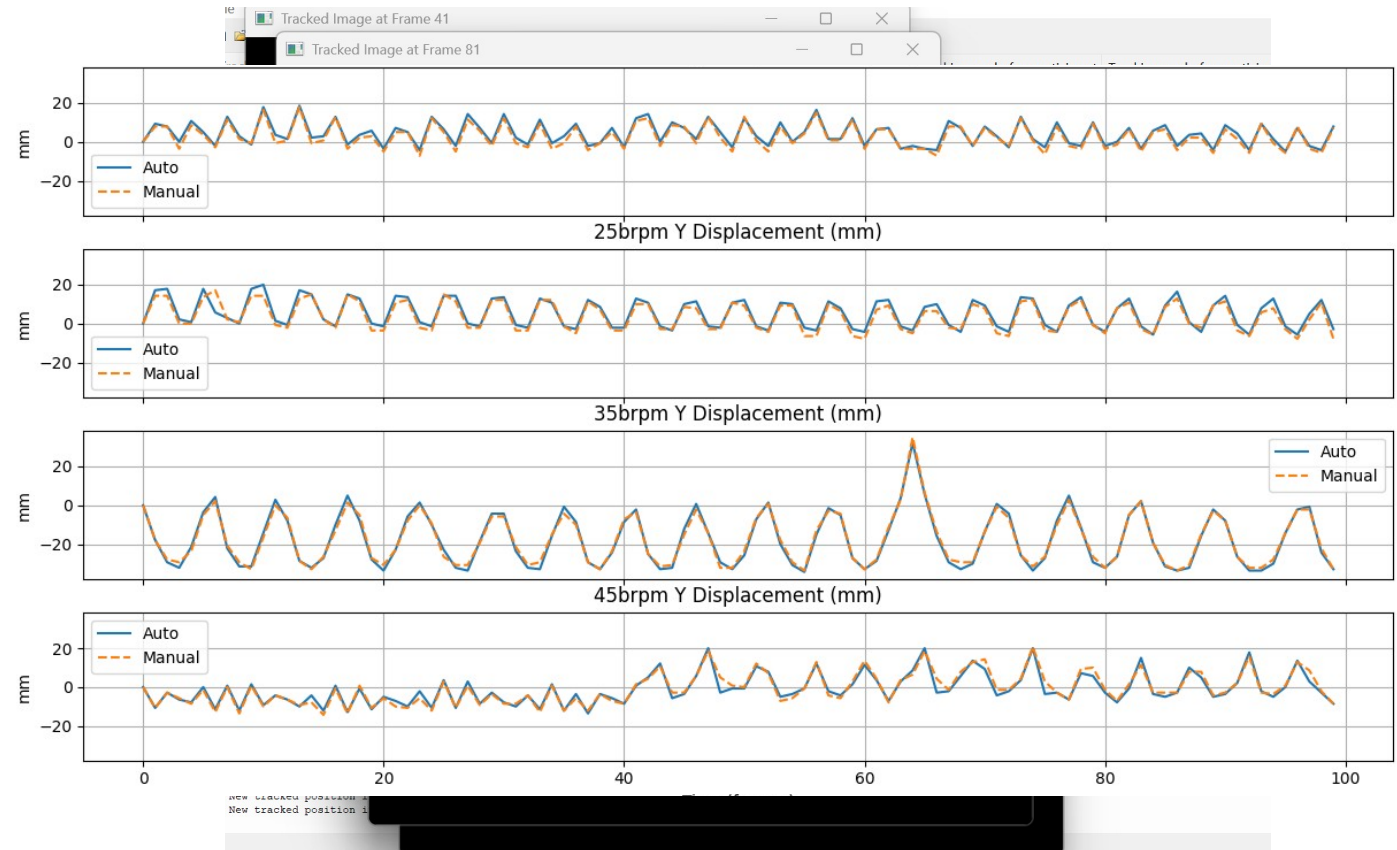
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## Data analysis

Images centred over the portal vein in the liver to facilitate tracking.

Portal vein tracked via an in-house python code which utilises OpenCV's template matching. Peak and trough detection enables calculation of the max amplitude.

The analysis script was validated against manual inputs for 100 frames



# Results

All 6 patients tolerated 5 minutes of both frequencies (35,45brpm)

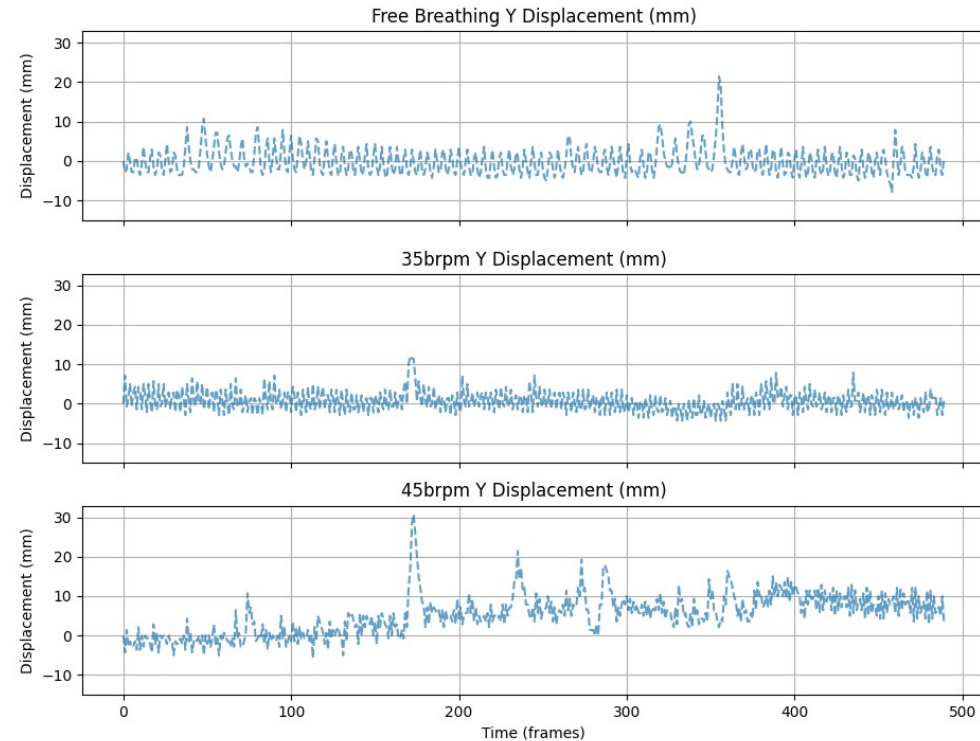
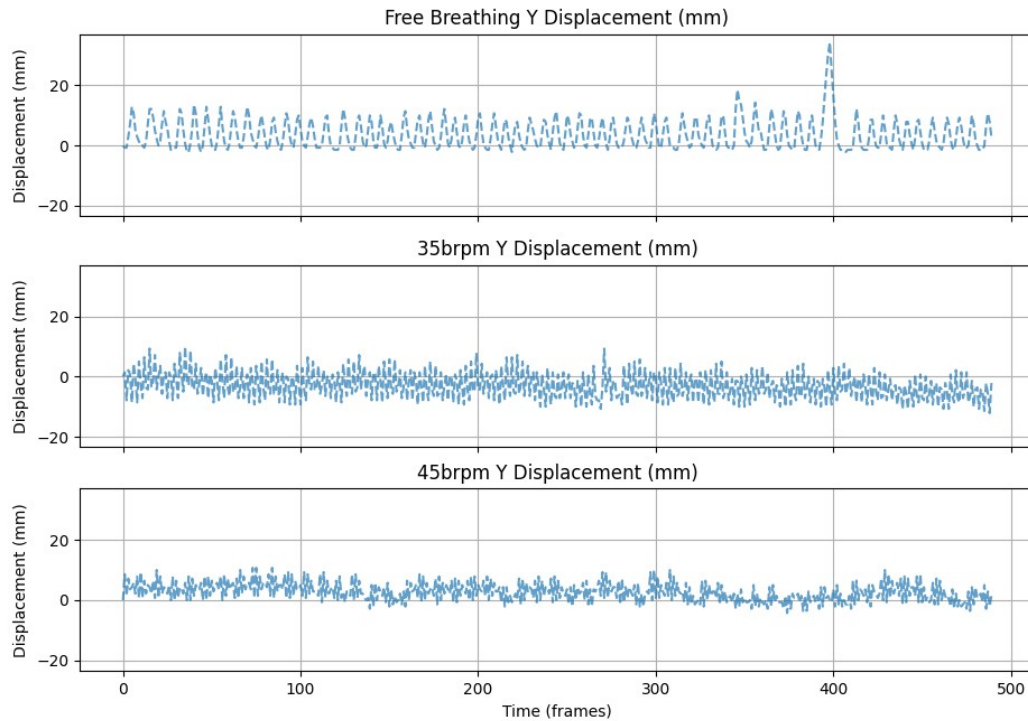
1 participant struggled to synchronise to ventilator for all frequencies

1 participant struggled to synchronise to 45brpm



What is 'synchronised'?

Participant has accepted ventilation and has a synchronised breathing trace.



# Results

**Mean amplitude reduction for 45brpm across fully synchronised participants was 37%**

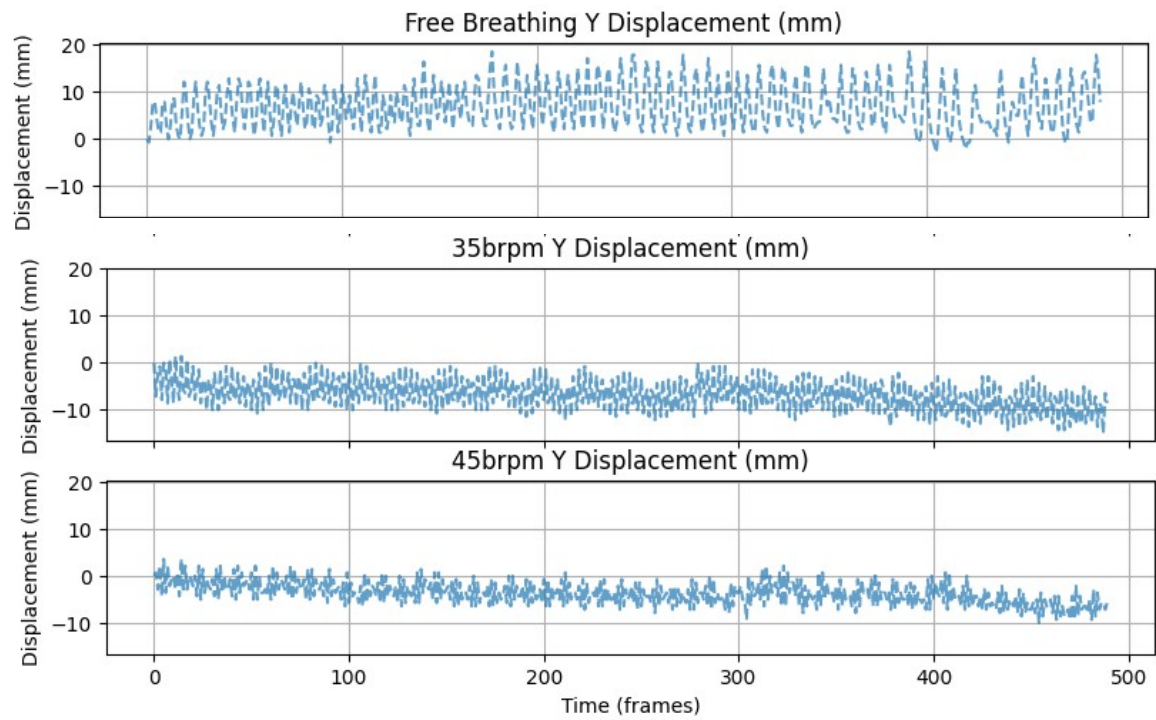
**For 1 participant 35brpm reduced max amplitude from free breathing baseline by 44%**

Lack in synchronicity with the ventilator at 45brpm resulted in a 24% increase in max amplitude from baseline.

## **Preliminary conclusion:**

- High frequency NIV **can** be used to minimise breathing motion
- These benefits are maximised when participants are comfortably synchronised with ventilator.
- Demonstrates the possible benefit of a more bespoke approach towards implementation

# Any Questions?



Free



45brpm 0 PEEP

