

Supplementary material

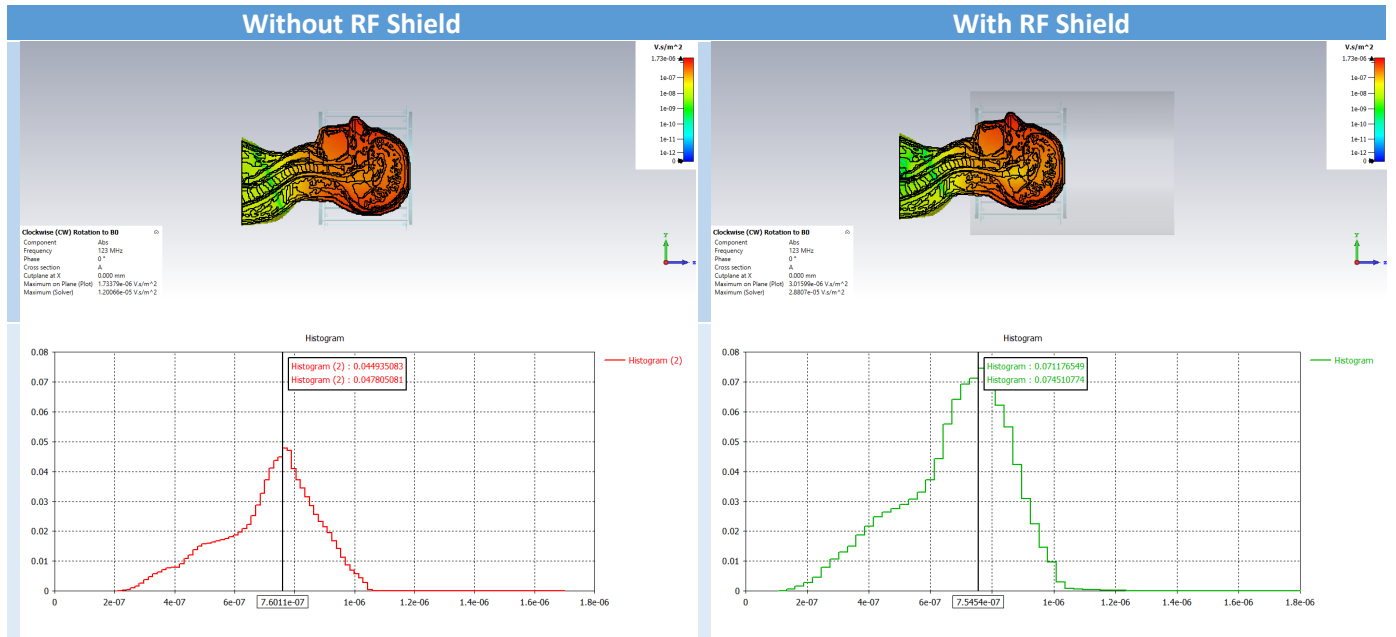


Fig. S1 Simulations of the B_1^+ distribution of the proton channel of the unshielded (*left*) and shielded (*right*) double-tuned, PET compatible RF coil: (*top row*) B_1^+ distribution in the central sagittal slice and (*bottom row*) histograms of the B_1^+ values in the head down to the neck, excluding the shoulder regions. Numerical evaluation of the magnitude distribution of the B_1^+ yields a mean value of $7.101\text{e-}7\text{ Vs/m}^2$ with a standard deviation of $1.613\text{e-}7\text{ Vs/m}^2$, whereas the respective values for the identical but shielded design are $6.818\text{e-}7\text{ Vs/m}^2$, with a standard deviation of $1.1789\text{e-}7\text{ Vs/m}^2$.

	MR-PET Coil with shield 1H	RAPID Coil 1H	MR-PET Coil with shield 31P	RAPID Coil 31P	
Global SAR					
Head Global SAR Limit	3,2 W/kg	3,2 W/kg	3,2 W/kg	3,2 W/kg	6 min. average
Minimally Exposed Mass	4 kg	4 kg	4 kg	4 kg	
Maximally Absorbed Power	12,8 W	12,8 W	12,8 W	12,8 W	
Total SAR per 1W accepted according to CST Simulation (Whole Head)	0,173034 W/kg	0,129685 W/kg	0,156351 W/kg	0,150011 W/kg	Total SAR [W/kg]
Max. CW power Limit (Global) for actual head weight	18,49347527 W	24,67517446 W	20,46677028 W	21,331769 W	
Head Weight According to CST Simulation	5,34377 kg	5,74822 kg	5,34313 kg	5,748057 kg	Tissue mass [kg]
Absorbed Power per 1W accepted according to CST Simulation (Whole Head)	0,924654 W	0,748609 W	0,835402 W	0,867148 W	Absorbed power [W]
Max. CW power Limit (Global) for minimal head weight	13,84301587 W	17,07556873 W	15,32196475 W	14,76103272 W	
Local SAR					
Head Local SAR Limit	10 W/kg	10 W/kg	10 W/kg	10 W/kg	6 min average
Absorbed Power per 1W accepted according to CST Simulation (Max. Local 10g)	0,895125 W/kg	0,465794 W/kg	0,736527 W/kg	0,589811 W/kg	Max SAR (10g) [W/kg]
Max. CW power Limit (Local)	11,17162407 W	21,46871793 W	13,57723478 W	16,95458376 W	
Max allowed power (6 min)	11,17162407 W	17,07556873 W	13,57723478 W	14,76103272 W	
B1+					
Mean B1+ per 1 W accepted in the head according to CST Simulation	6,718031E-07 Vs/m²	6,34E-07 Vs/m²	1,875688E-06 Vs/m²	1,899626E-06 Vs/m²	
Gyromagnetic Ratio	2,675200E+08 rad/s/T	2,675200E+08 rad/s/T	1,082910E+08 rad/s/T	1,082910E+08 rad/s/T	
Pulse duration	1,000000E-03 s	1,000000E-03 s	1,000000E-03 s	1,000000E-03 s	
Target B1+	2,000000E-05 T	2,000000E-05 T	2,000000E-05 T	2,000000E-05 T	Head Coil Target B1
Required Drive Power for Target B1+	886,290223 W	995,558920 W	113,694290 W	110,8466959 W	
Required B1+ for 90 degree flip with 1ms rect pulse	5,871697E-06 T	5,871697E-06 T	1,450533E-05 T	1,450533E-05 T	
Required Drive Power 90 degree flip with 1ms rect pulse	76,391178 W	85,809272 W	59,804476 W	58,306747 W	
Average Required Power (10s)	8,862902E-02 W	9,955589E-02 W	1,136943E-02 W	1,108470E-02 W	

Table S1: Detailed numerical data from the CST simulations to establish the SAR burden and average $|B_1^+|$ for both coil systems and both nuclei. Note that, in order to directly compare the coil systems, simulations for both coils were carried out with dedicated tuning for the voxel head model, independent of the actual tuning and matching setup.

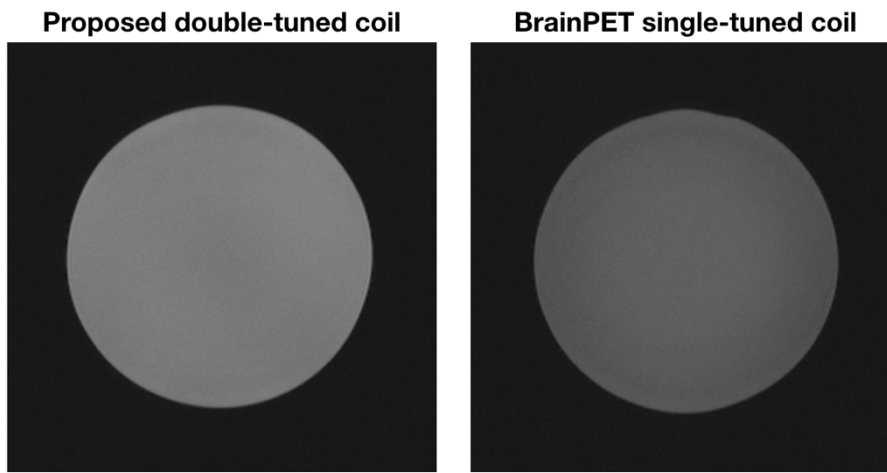


Fig. S2: Example MR images acquired using a standard turbo spin echo sequence on a 3 T MR-PET scanner. This scanner incorporates the BrainPET insert (Siemens Healthineer). The SNR of our proposed coil ($2314/24 = \sim 96$) is better than the BrainPET coil ($1551/24 = \sim 65$). The scan parameters used were TR = 4000 ms, TE = 11 ms, NEX = 2, Slice thickness = 1 mm, FOV = 256 mm x 256 mm, matrix size = 256 x 256, TA = 3:18 minutes.

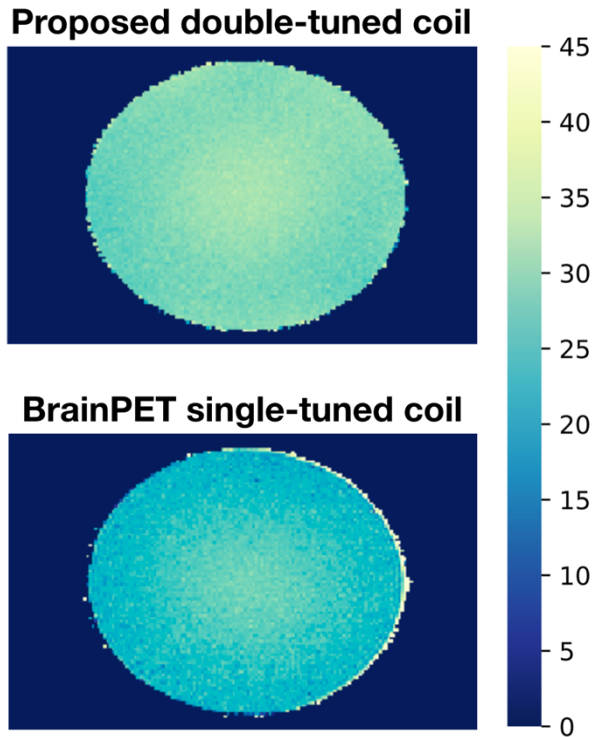


Fig. S3: Flip angle maps acquired with the double-angle method ($FA_1=30^\circ$, $FA_2=60^\circ$) for the proposed $^1H/^{31}P$ MR-PET coil (*top*) and the commercially available BrainPET coil, which uses a slightly larger birdcage for excitation (*bottom*). The scan parameters were TR = 4000 ms, TE = 2.15 ms, NEX = 1, Slice thickness = 3 mm, FOV = 180 mm x 180 mm, matrix size = 128 x 128, TA = 11:10 minutes. The mean and standard deviation of the $^1H/^{31}P$ MR-PET coil are $29.84 \pm 1.79^\circ$ for a target flip angle of 30° . The same values for the commercially available transmitter are $24.50 \pm 5.44^\circ$.