

A pure fluid pool in a homogenous magnetic field T2 = T2*

Macromolecular projections (villi) increase irreversible dephasing at boundaries

T2 and T2* reduce

Villous projections cause a static local susceptibility difference (reversible dephasing) as well as causing irreversible dephasing

T2 and T2* reduce differentially

Large susceptibility
differences caused by low
inter-villous saturation
extend into the fluid pool,
enhancing reversible
dephasing
Enhanced T2* reduction in
placental tissue based on
fetal O₂ saturation.