



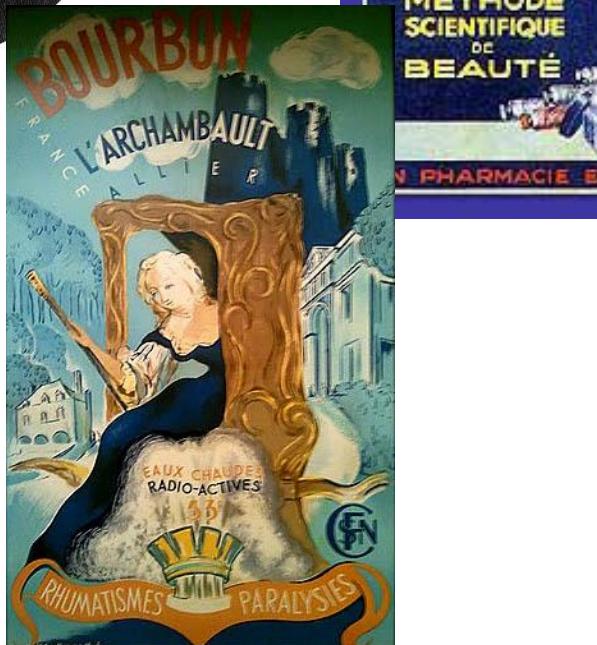
Arronax and Nuclear Medicine Innovations in molecular imaging and targeted radionuclide therapy

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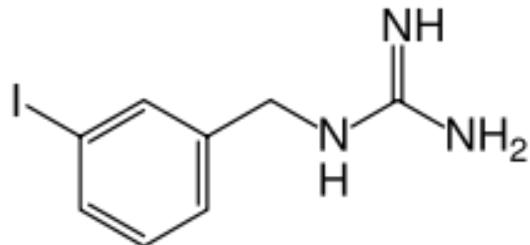
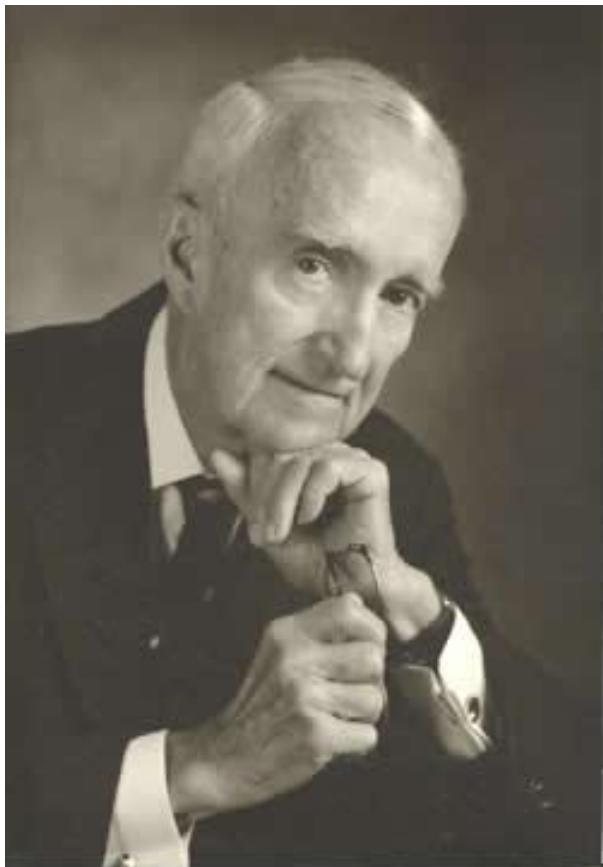
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Radioactivity?



A Nuclear Medicine Pioneer



William H. Beierwaltes (1917 – 2005), Nuclear Medicine pioneer with the use of iodine-131 invented meta-iodo-benzyl-guanidine (MIBG) and was the first to administer antibodies (polyclonal) labeled with iodine-131 to a melanoma patient in 1951.

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Nuclear Medicine

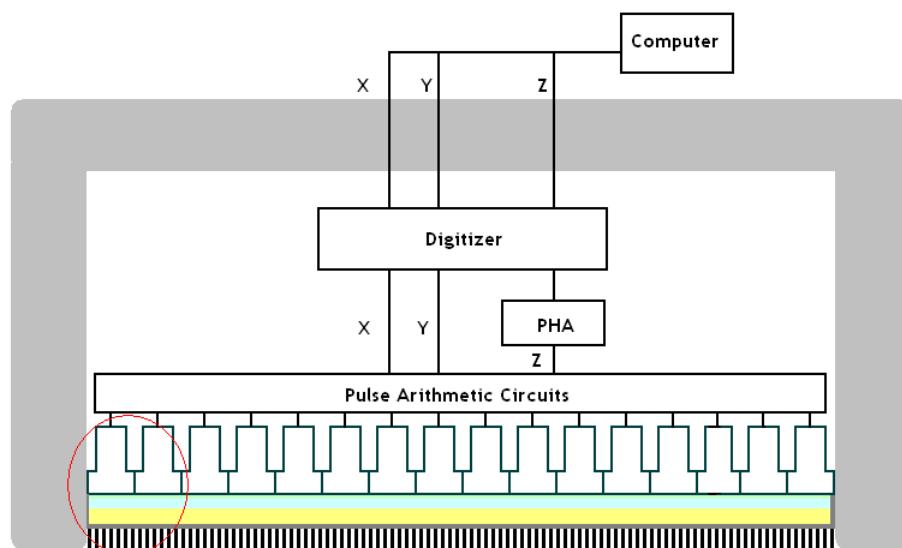
Use of radioactive drugs (radiopharmaceuticals) to:

- Visualize lesions or measure physiological functions
 - by single photon imaging with gamma emitting radionuclides
 - scintigraphy
 - whole body scans
 - Single Photon Emission Tomography (SPET or SPECT)
 - by Positron Emission Tomography (PET) with positron emitting radionuclides
- Kill cancer cells with electron or alpha-particle emitting radionuclides
 - by brachytherapy
 - by targeted radionuclide therapy

Nuclear Medicine deals with all medical domains, particularly oncology, neurology and cardiology. This presentation will be limited to Nuclear Oncology

SINGLE PHOTON IMAGING

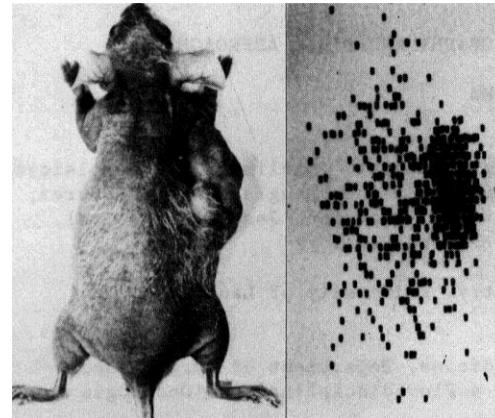
Single photon imaging



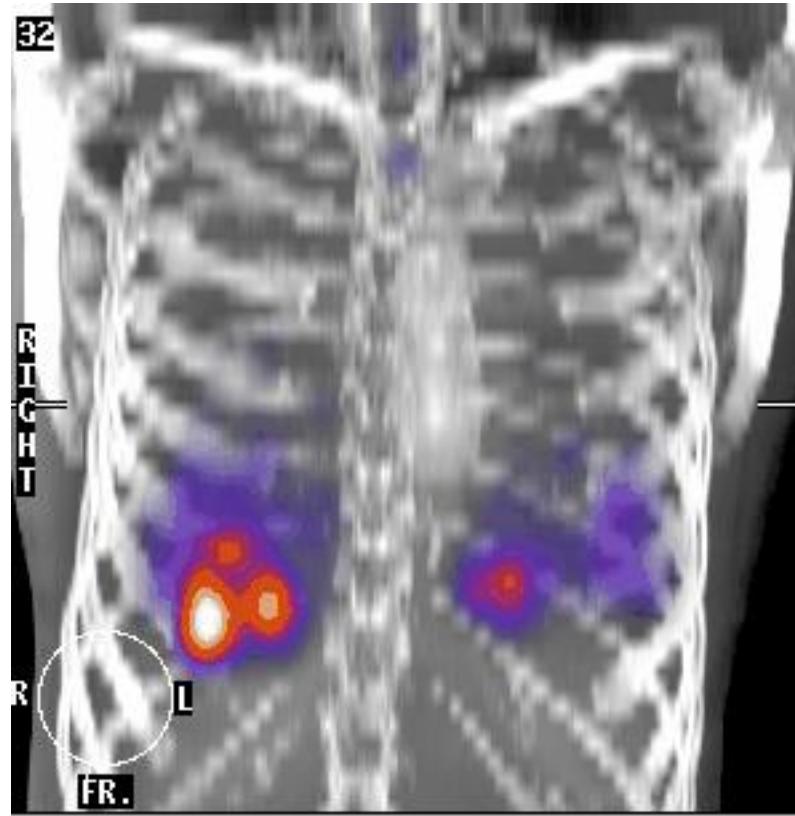
Anger camera

Gamma imaging: planar imaging,
whole body imaging and single photon
emission tomography (SPECT)

Radionuclides: iodine-131, iodine-123,
technetium-99m, indium-111...



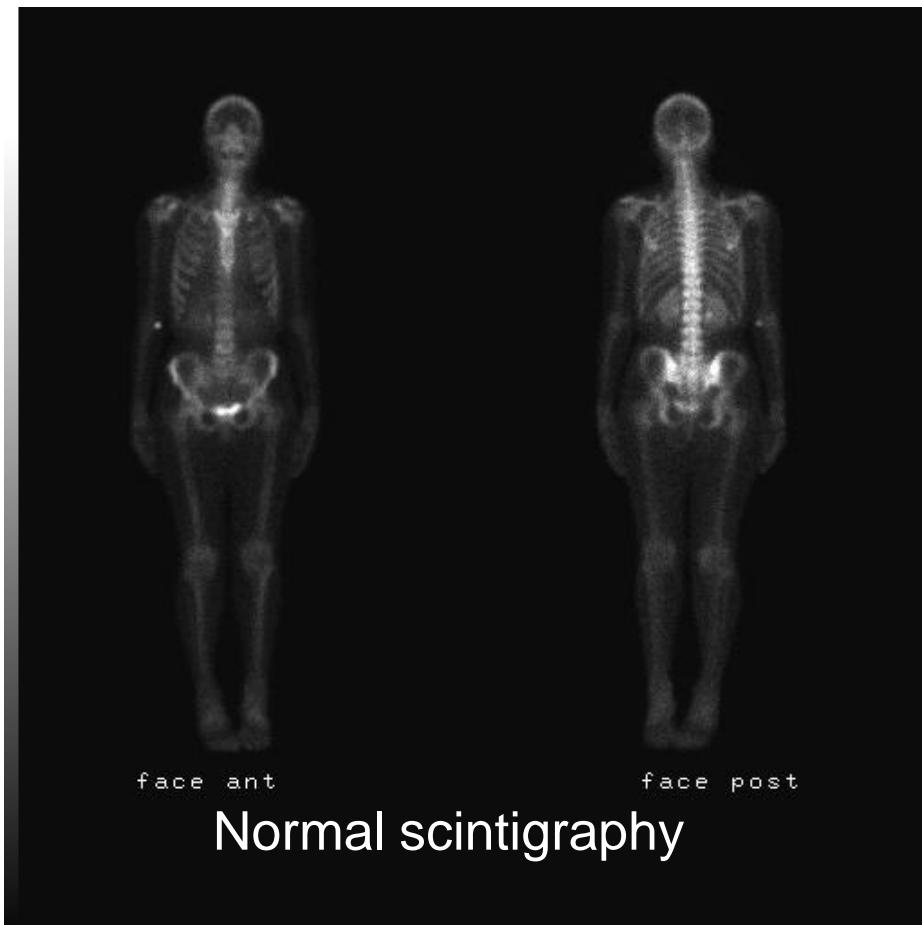
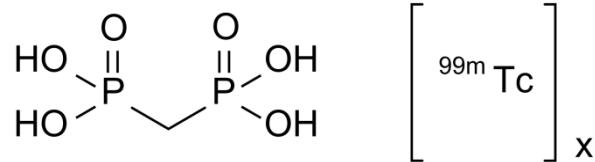
Specific delivery of radionuclides to tumors



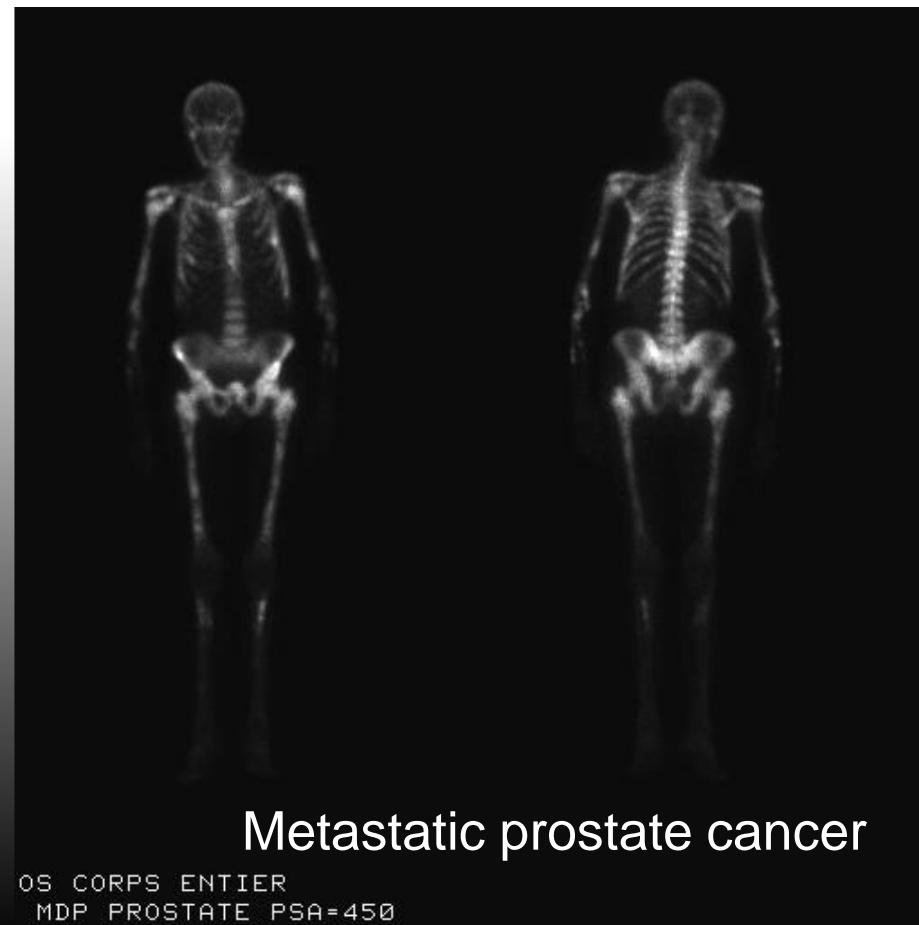
Lung metastases from thyroid carcinoma

Images: courtesy of Dr Glenn Flux, The Royal Marsden, London, UK

Bone scintigraphy



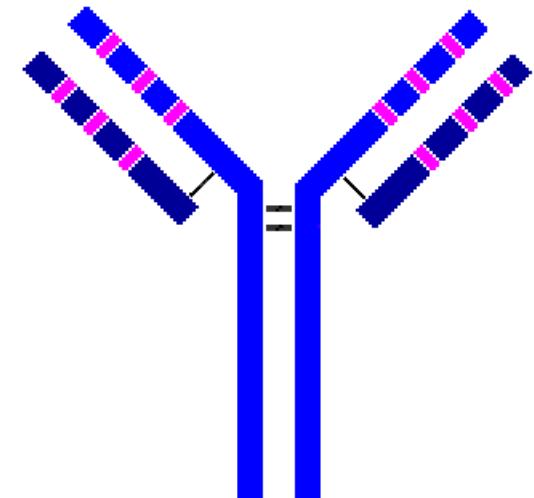
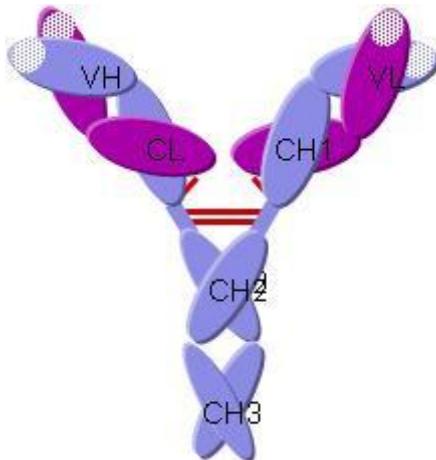
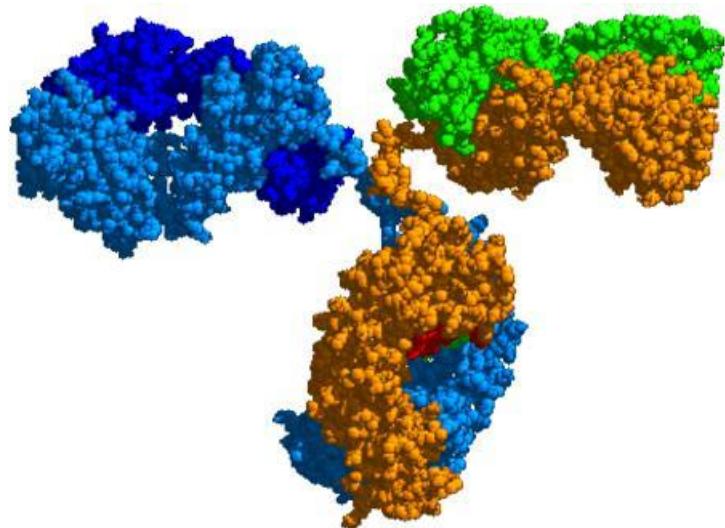
Normal scintigraphy



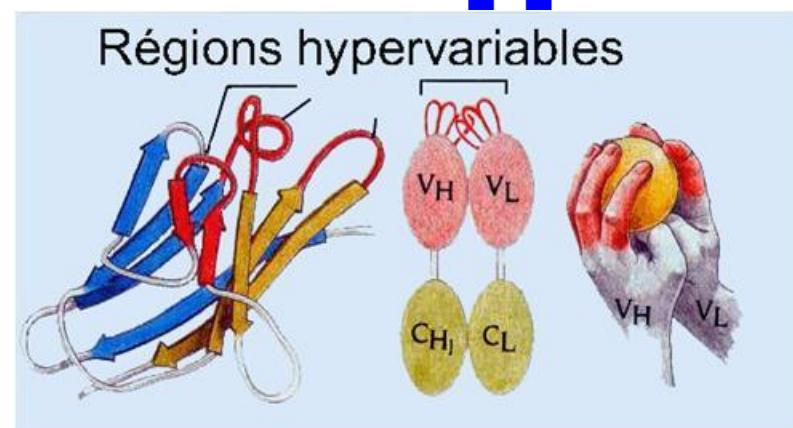
Metastatic prostate cancer

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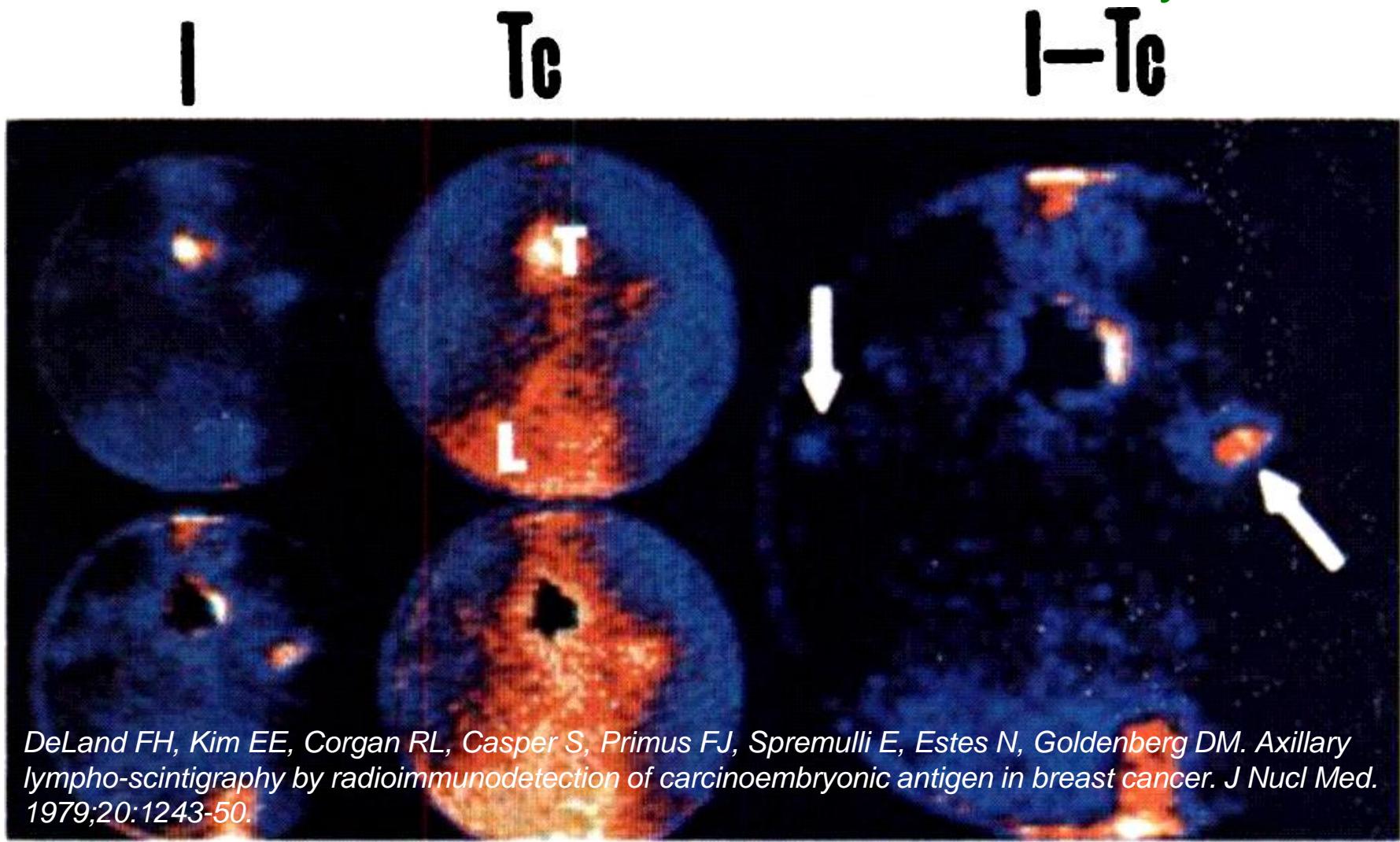
Antibodies



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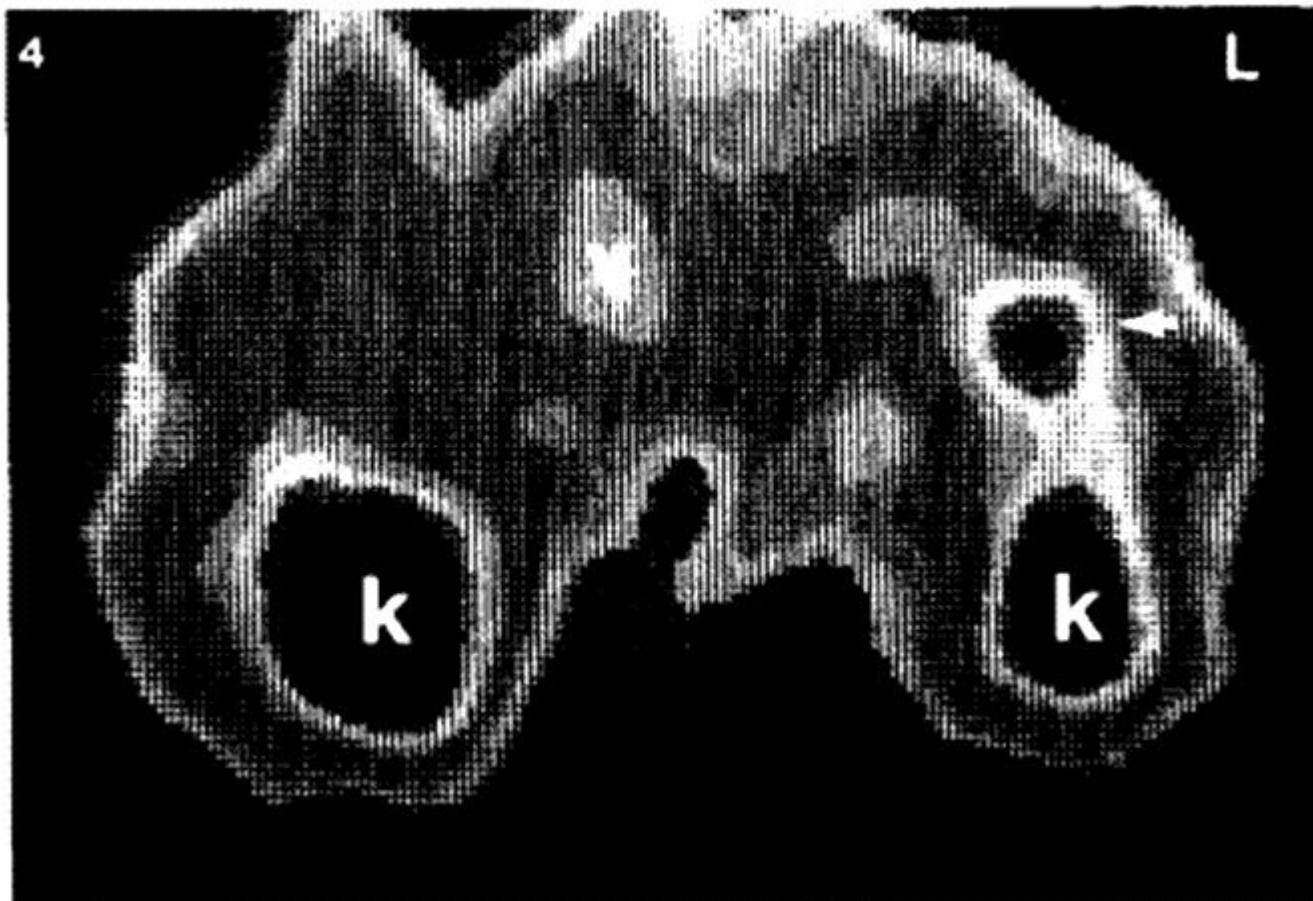


Immunoscintigraphy with an iodine-131-labeled anti-CEA antibody



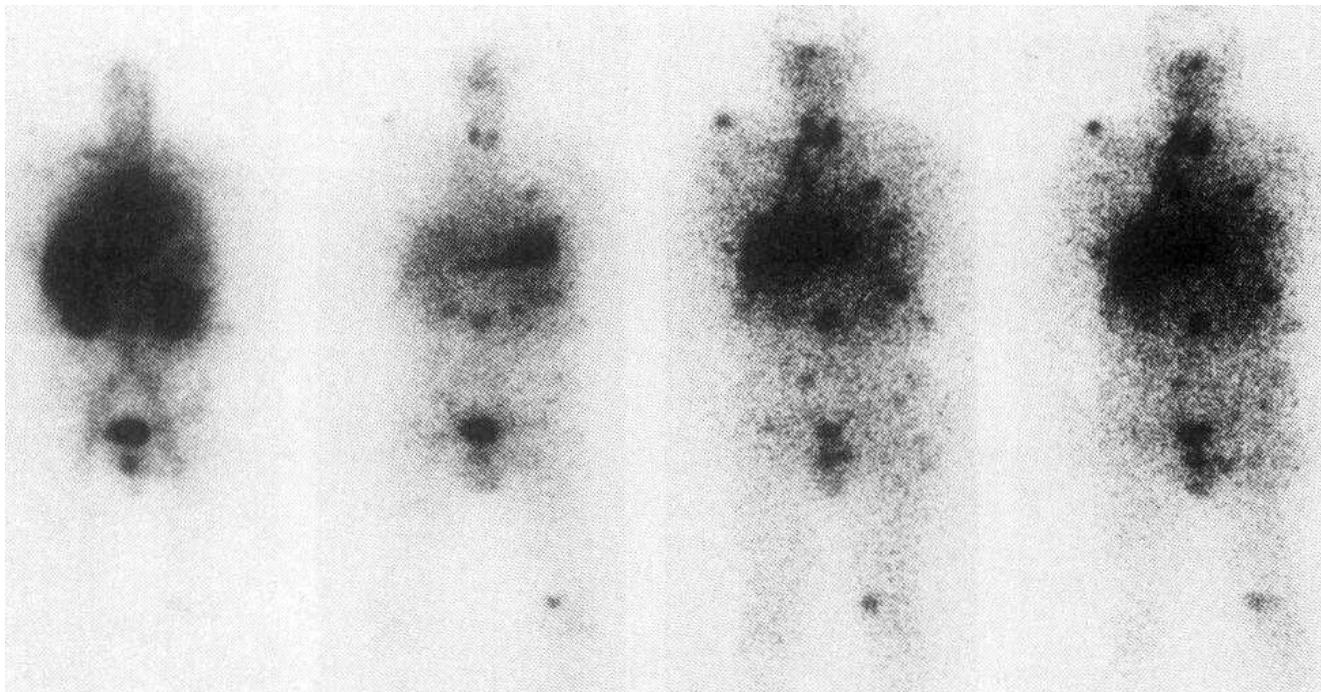
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Immunoscintigraphy with an iodine-123-labeled anti-CEA F(ab')₂ fragment



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Melanoma imaging with an anti-p97 Fab labeled with iodine-131



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2 HR

IMAGING STUDIES

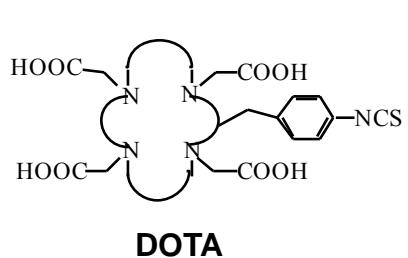
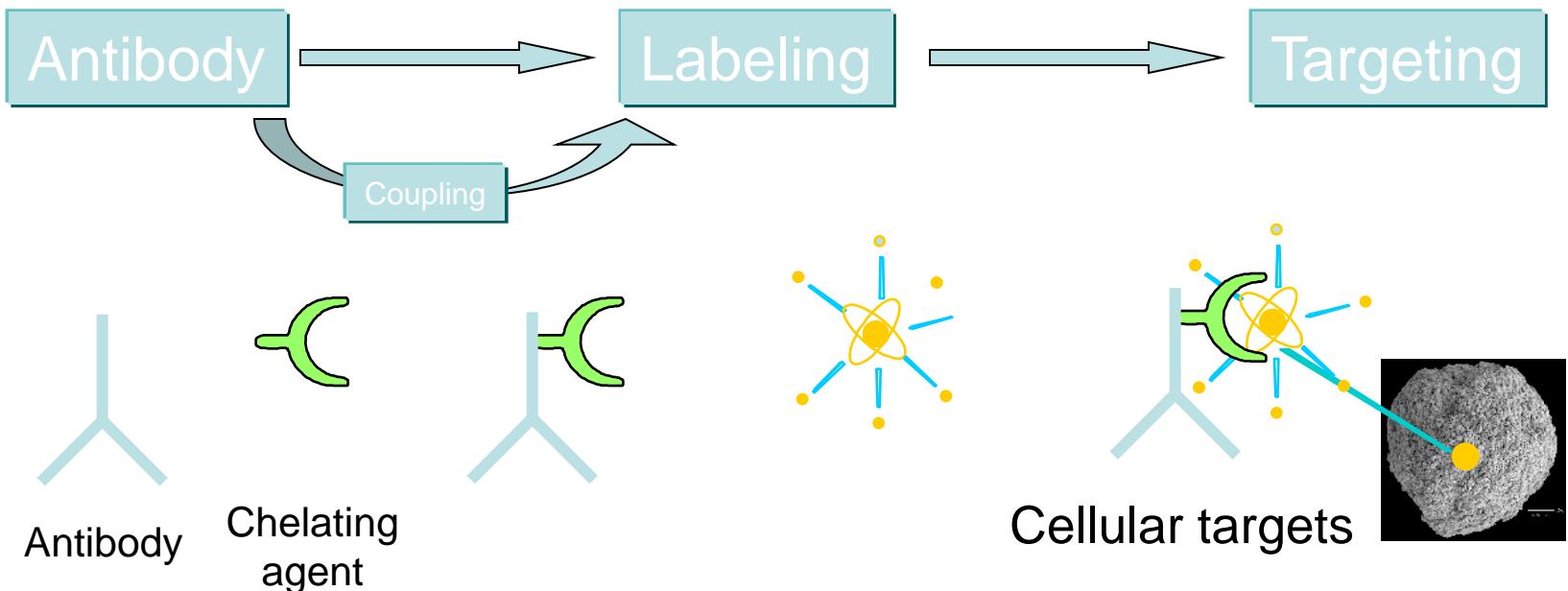
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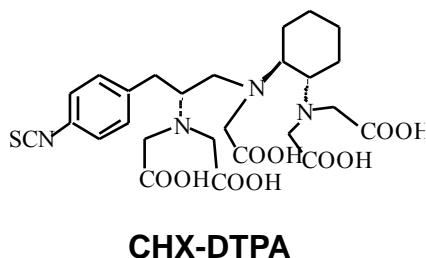
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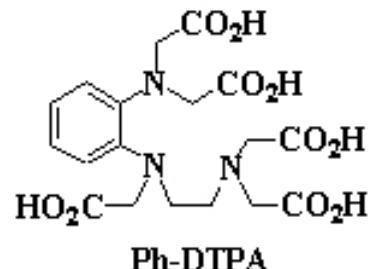
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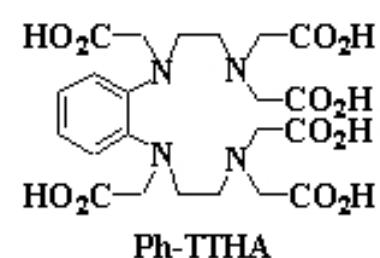
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CHX-DTPA

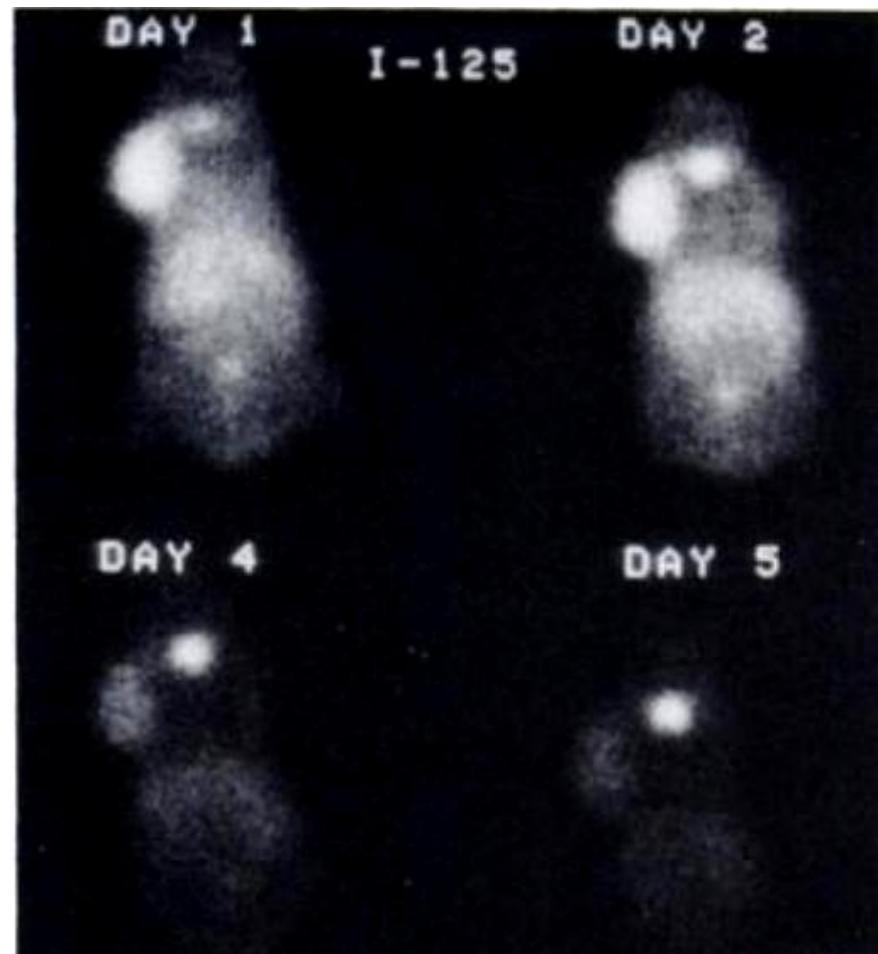
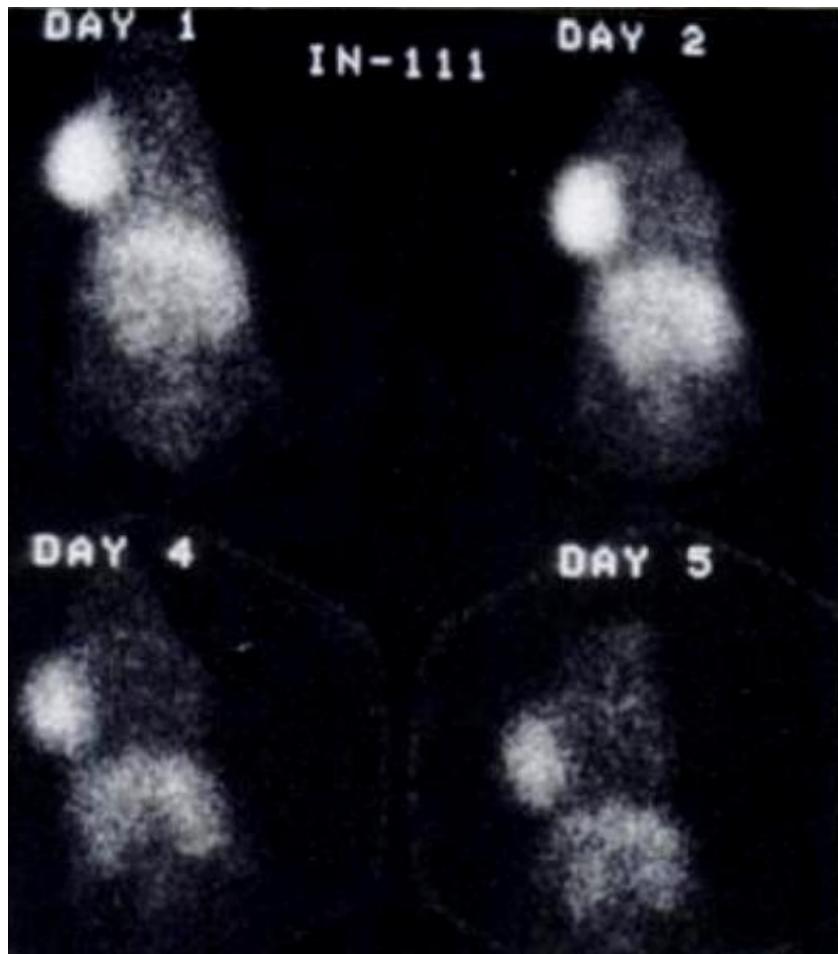


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Ph-TTHA

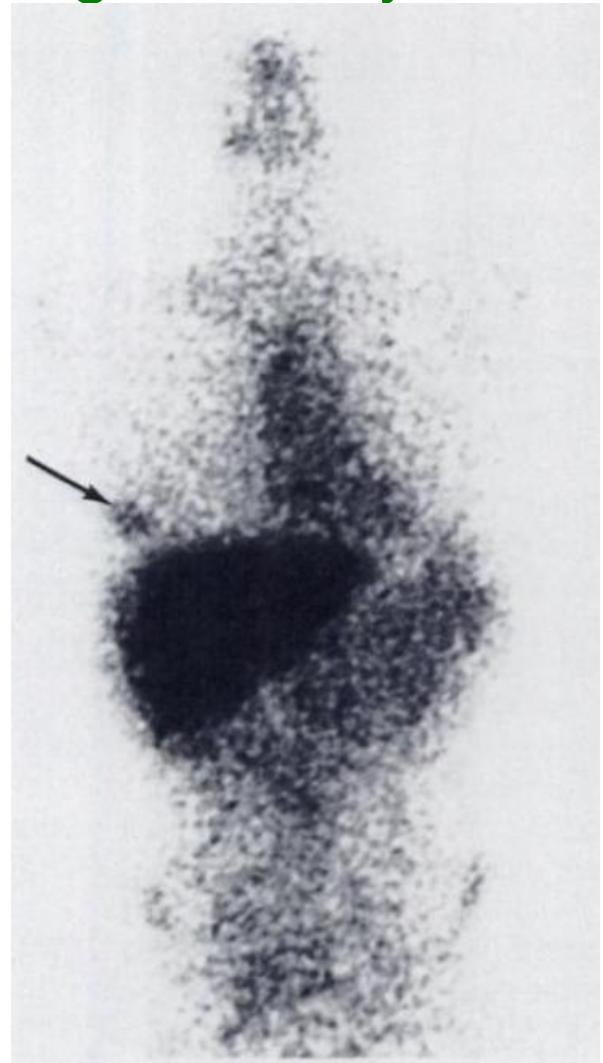
Antibody internalization and catabolism of labeled antibodies



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Melanoma imaging with an indium-111-labeled internalizing antibody

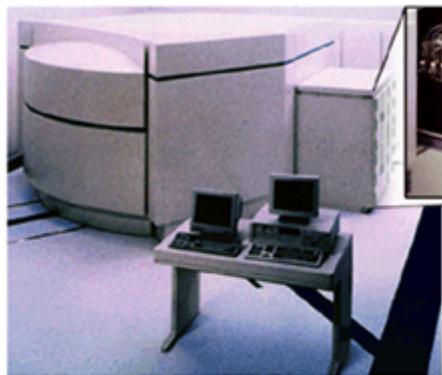
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POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY (PET)

Principle of PET-Scan

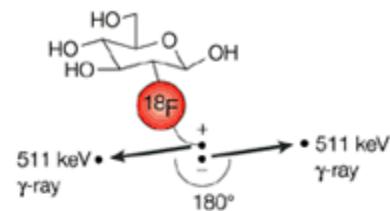
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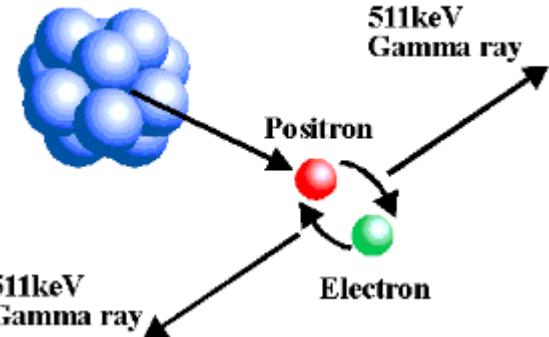
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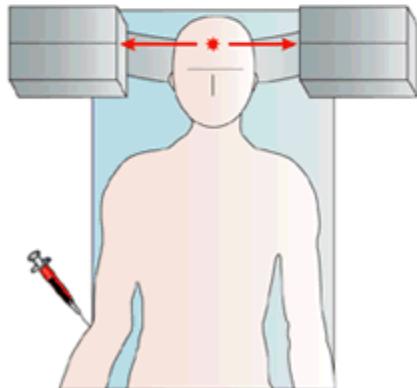
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Positron emitting isotope

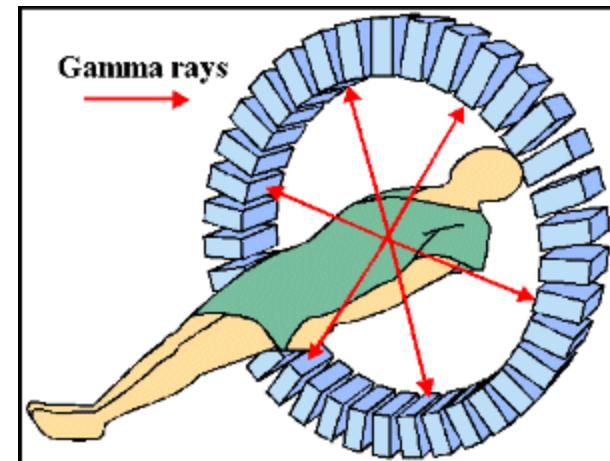


d PET scanner

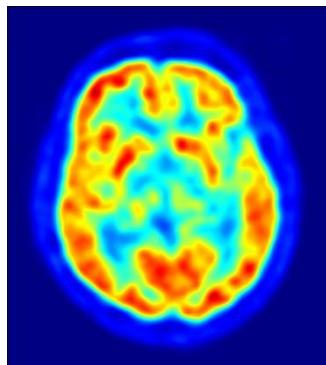
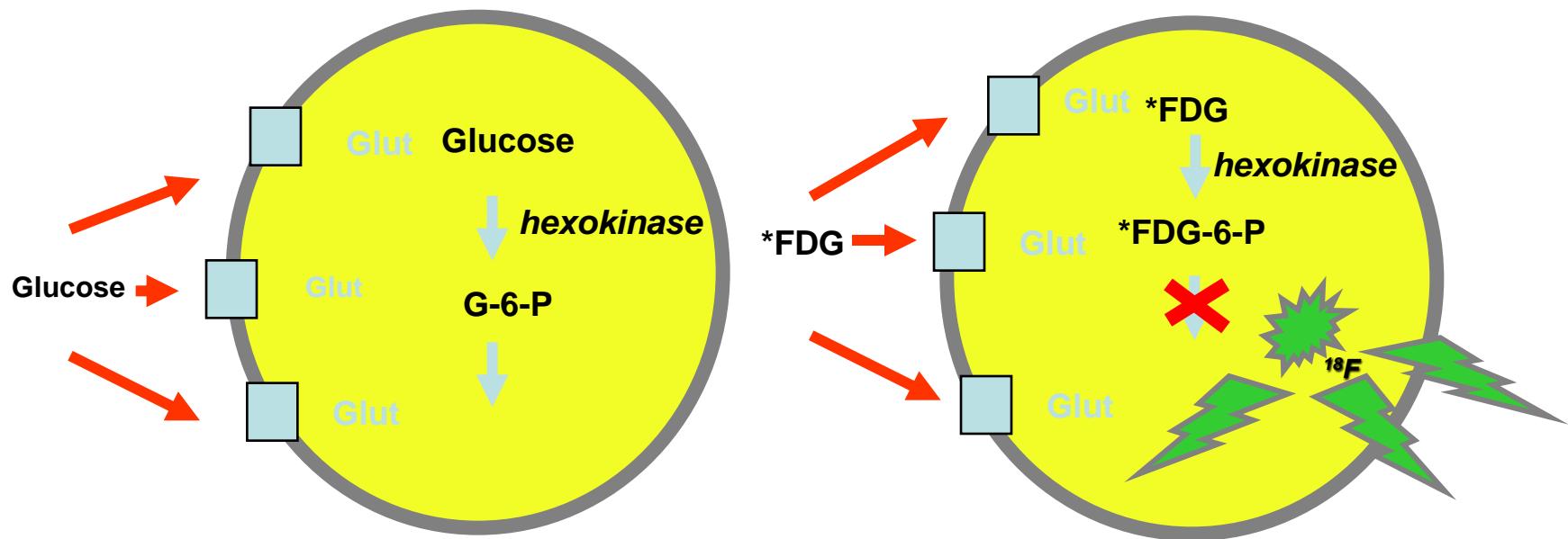


Radionuclides:

- carbon-11
- fluorine-18
- gallium-68
- copper-64
- iodine-124
- zirconium-89



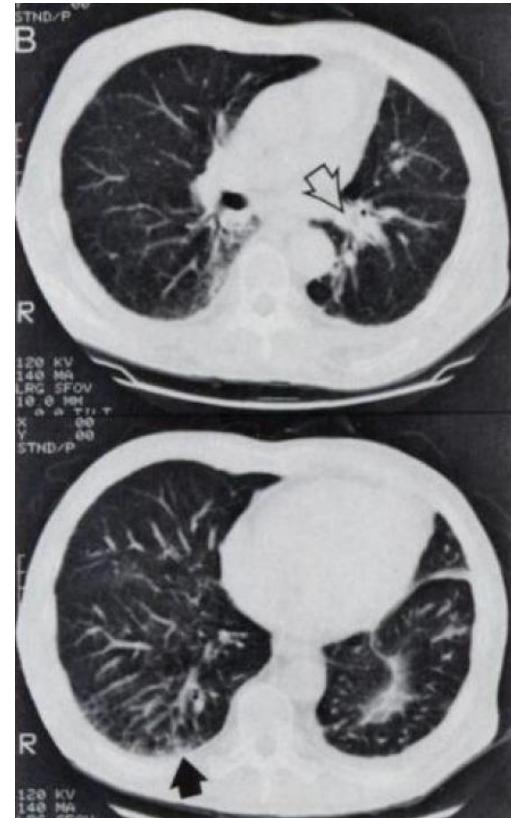
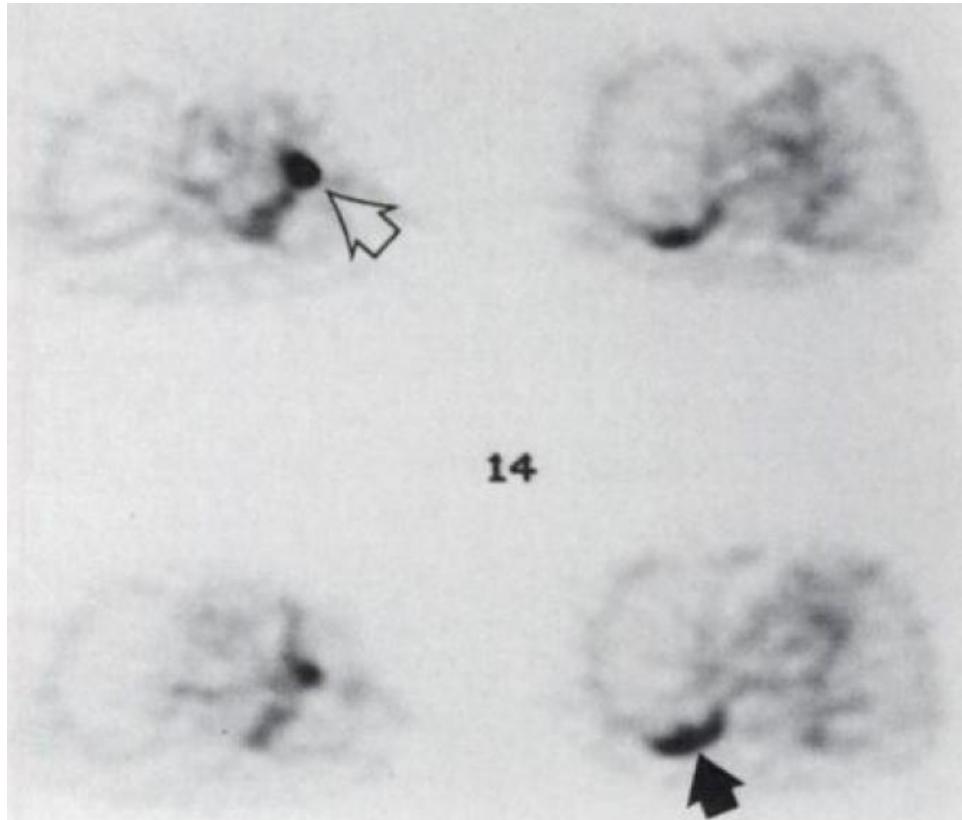
FDG: imaging of GLUT's



Metabolically active cells:

- brain cells
- heart muscle cells (decreased at rest)
- tumor cells
- inflammation cells

PET imaging with ^{18}F -FDG



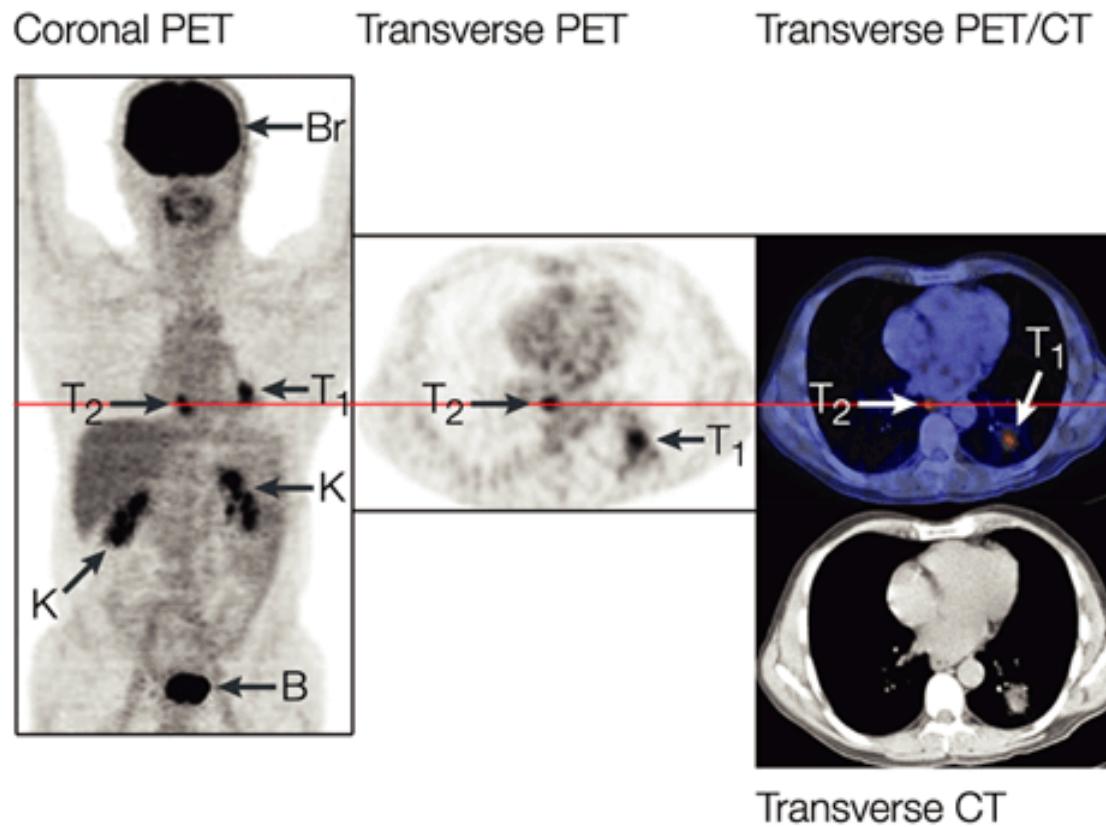
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PET-Scan: image fusion



PET-CT



FDG-PET imaging of tumors

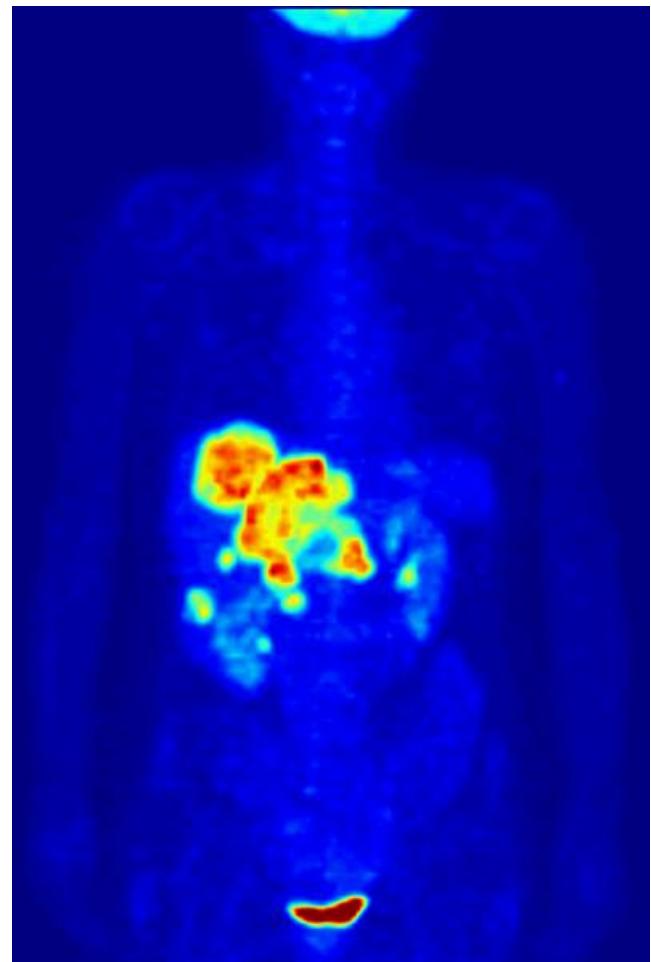
FDG-PET is highly effective at detecting a variety of tumors:

- lung cancer
- Hodgkin's lymphoma
- non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- colorectal cancer
- breast cancer
- ...

Not so good in:

- brain tumors
- prostate cancer

Inflammation as possible false positive



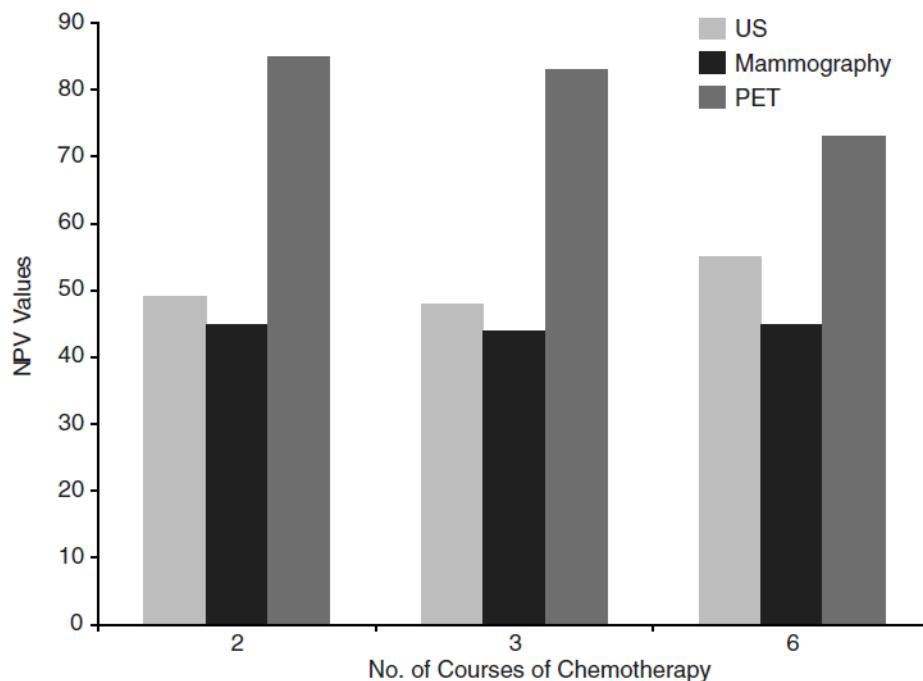
Elli PJ. The contribution of PET/CT to improved patient management. Br J Radiol. 2006;79:32-6. Review.

Response to chemotherapy in breast cancer

Table 3. Relative Changes of FDG Uptake (SUV_{max}) During Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy

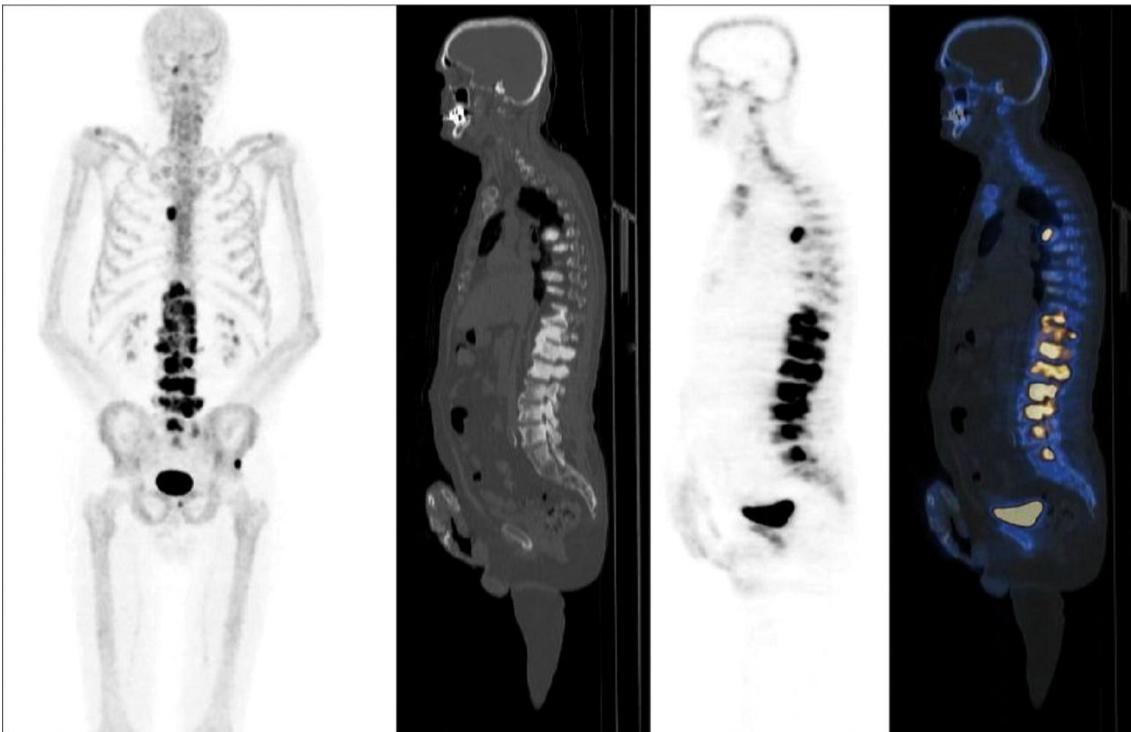
Group	Baseline		After Course 1		After Course 2		After Course 3		After Course 6	
	No.	%	Mean (%)	SD (%)						
Group A	10	100	-59.6	12.6	-78.7	11.4	-86.3	15.8	-90.2	21.7
Group B	25	100	-35.6	16.2	-47.9	18.7	-61.3	26.0	-74.8	30.7
Groups C + D	28	100	-16.3	20.9	-22.6	21.8	-35.6	21.4	-53.2	23.8

Abbreviations: FDG, [^{18}F]fluorodeoxyglucose; SUV_{max} , maximum standard uptake value; SD, standard deviation.



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Bone scintigraphy with ^{18}F -fluoride

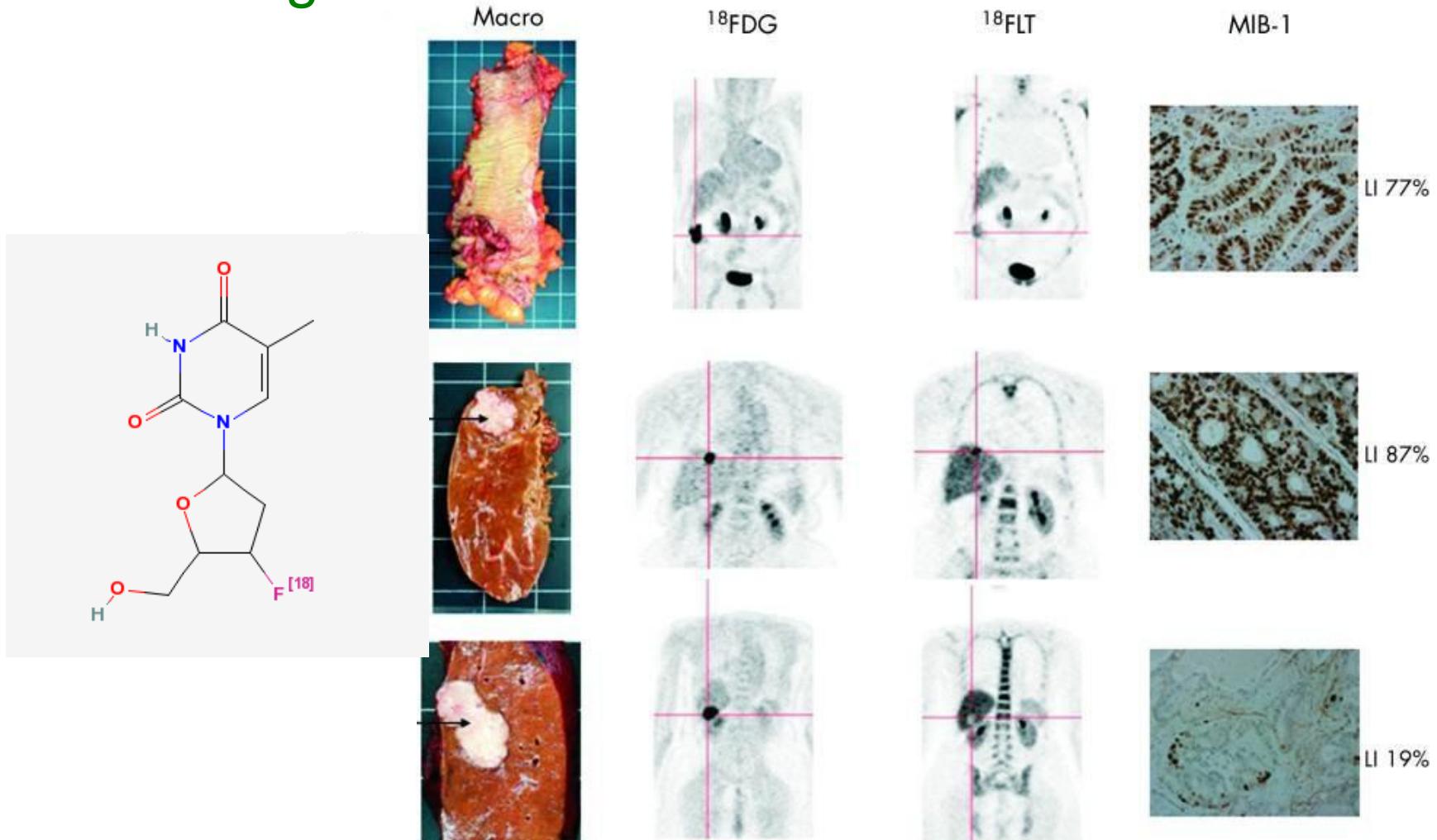


Imaging bone metastases of lung, prostate, breast cancers

Not tumor specific:
marker of osteoblast metabolism

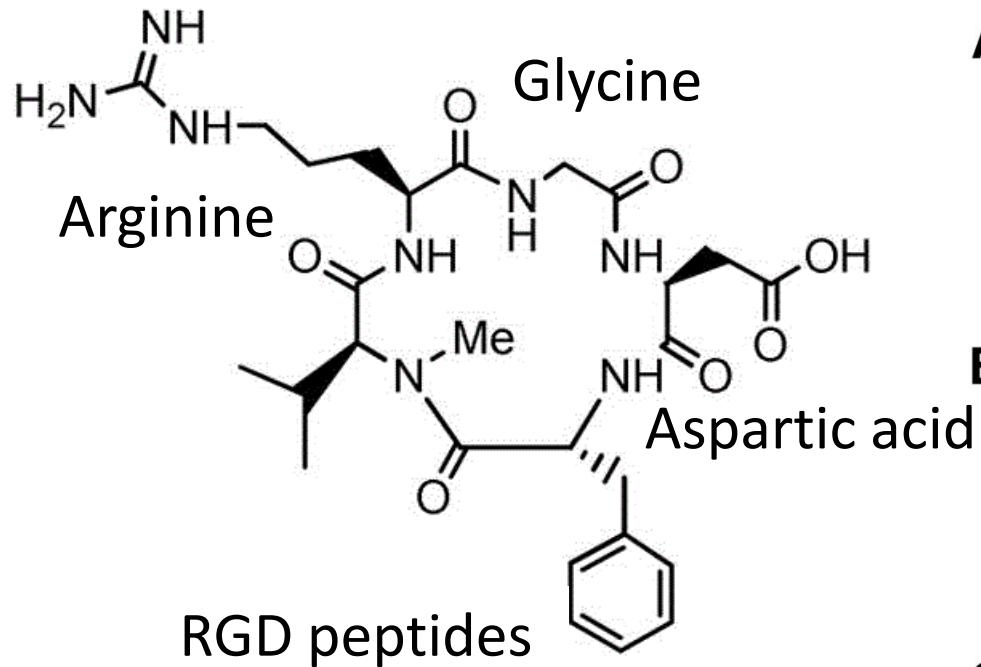
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Imaging tumor proliferation with ^{18}F -FLT

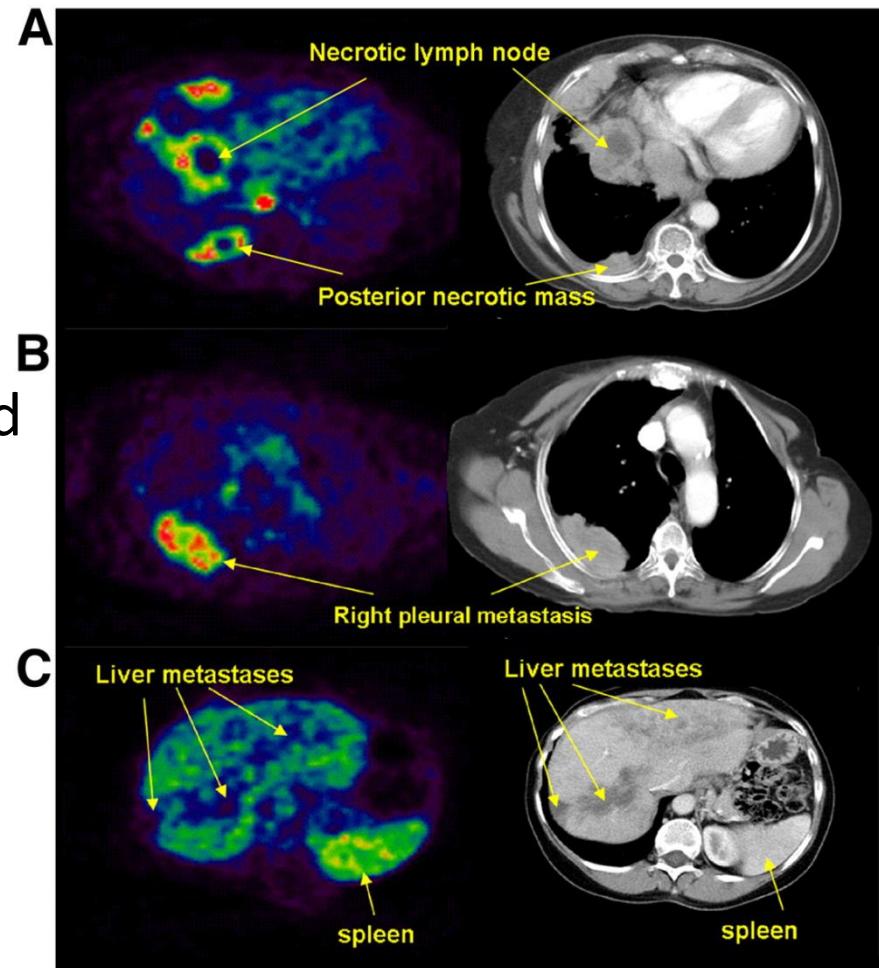


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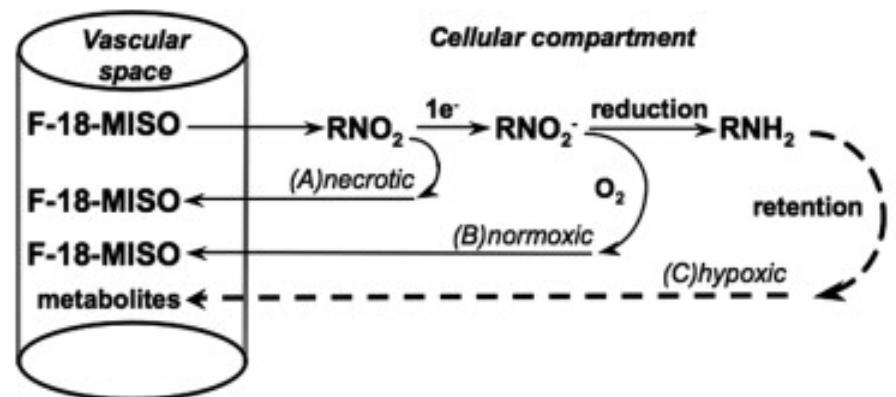
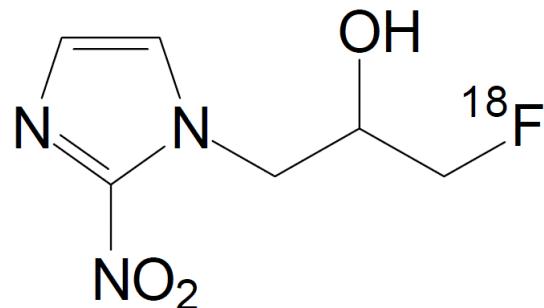
PET imaging of tumor angiogenesis



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Normal scintigraphy with F-18-Fluoromisonidazole (FMISO)

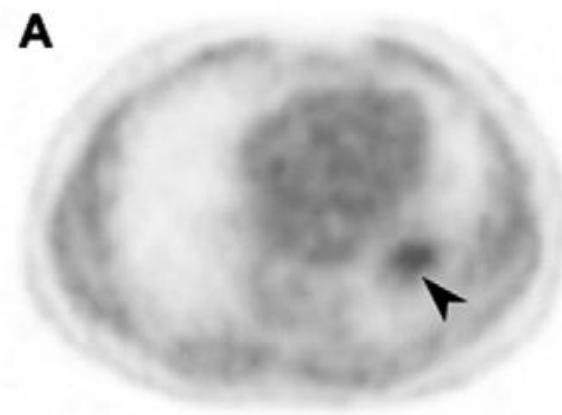


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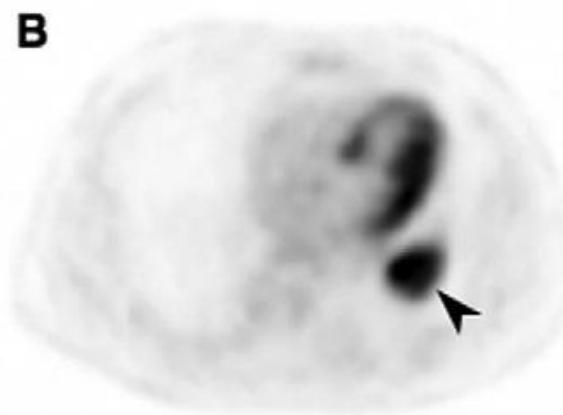
FDG-FMISO comparison

Non-small cell lung cancer

FMISO

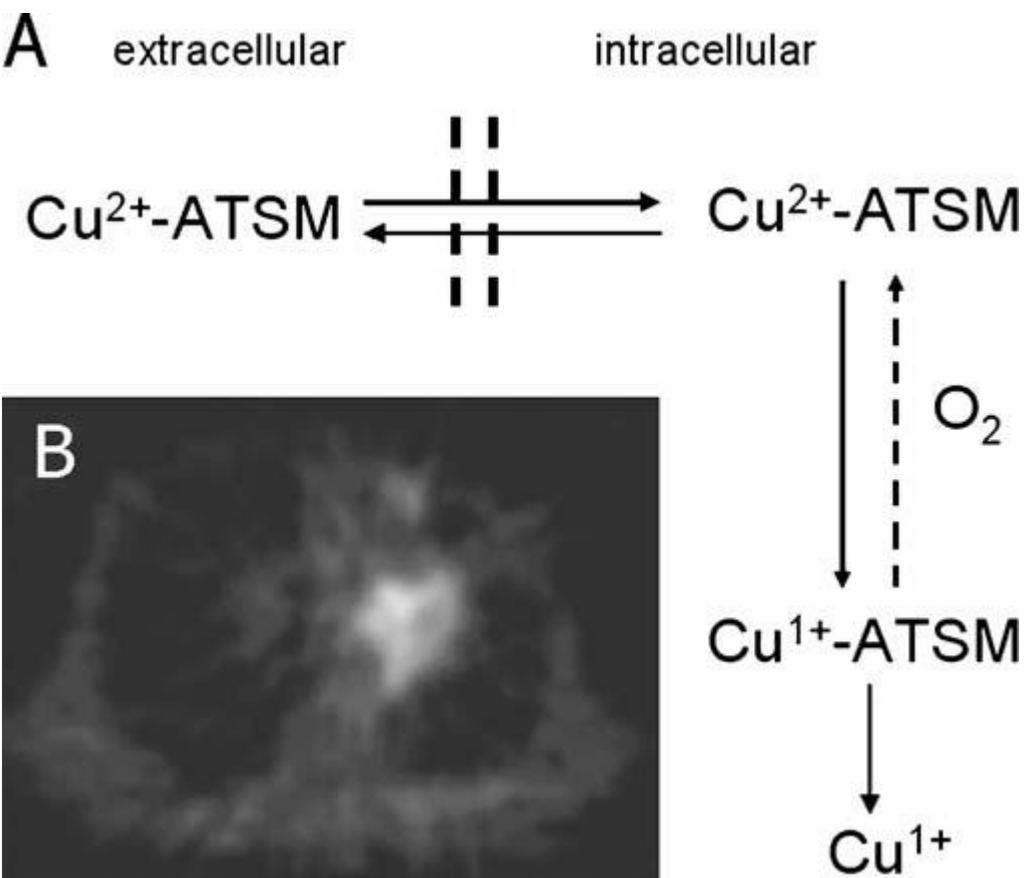
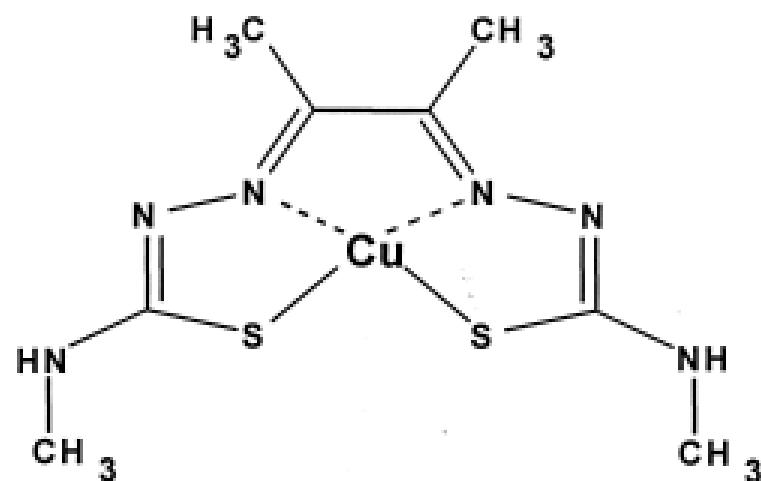


FDG



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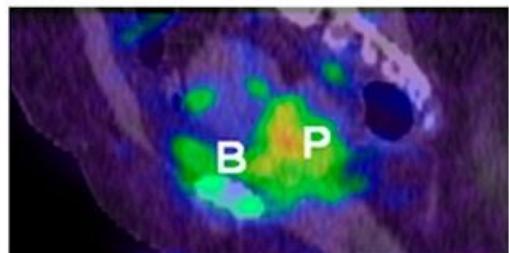
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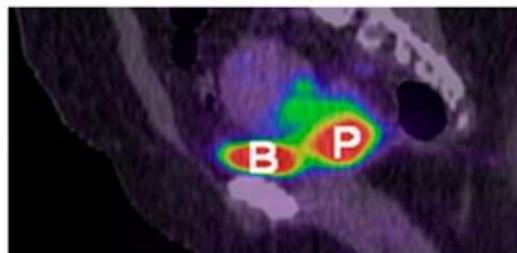
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Tumor hypoxia assessment using Cu-ATSM in cervical cancer

^{60}Cu -ATSM PET

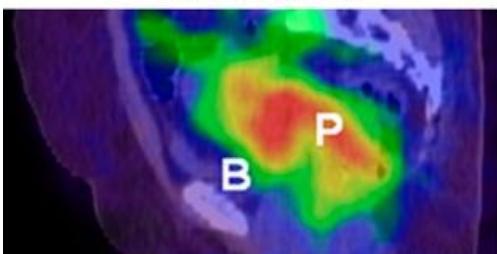


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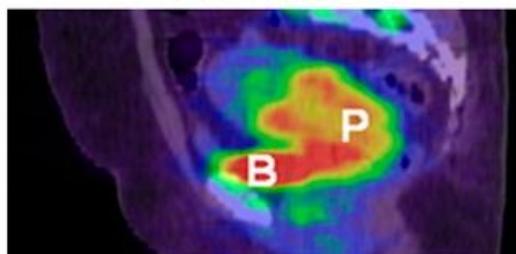


Normoxia

^{60}Cu -ATSM PET

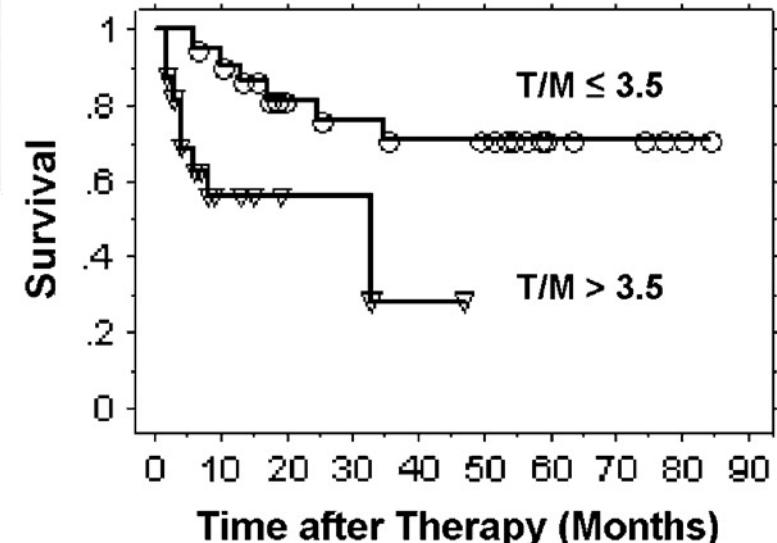


^{18}F -FDG PET



Hypoxia

B = Bladder P = Primary Tumor



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Target volume in external beam radiotherapy

GTV: gross tumor volume

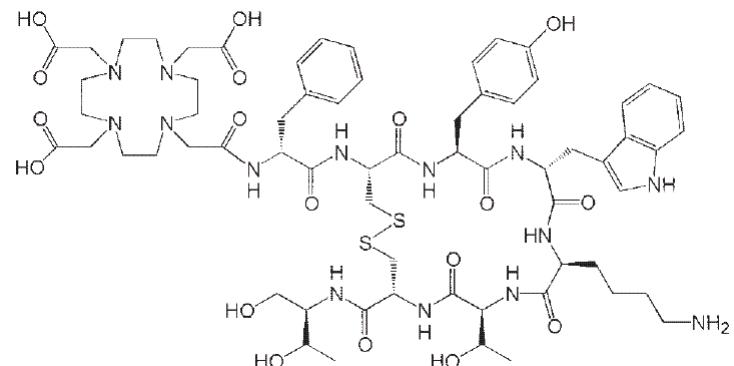
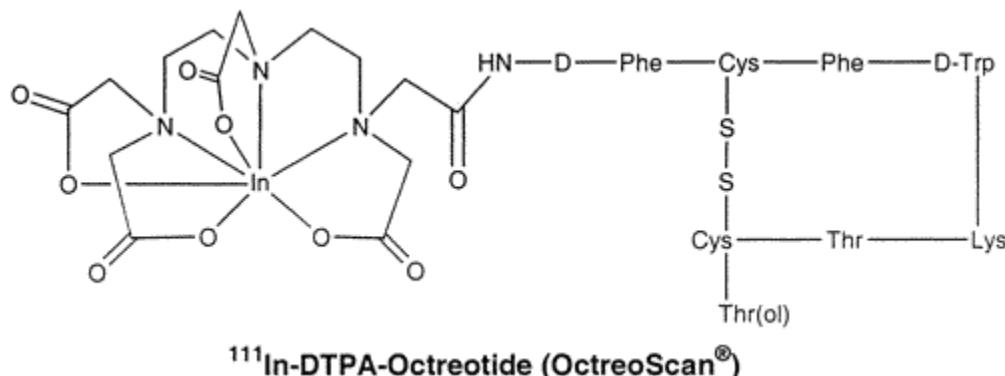
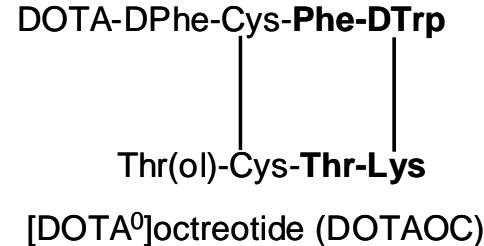
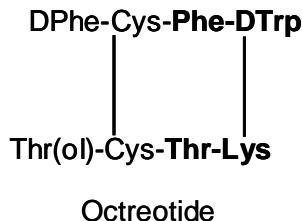
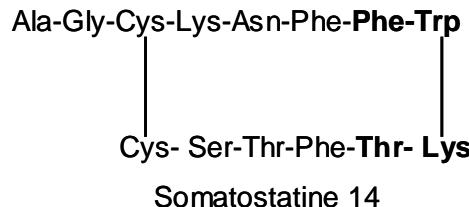
CTV: clinical target volume

PTV: planned target volume

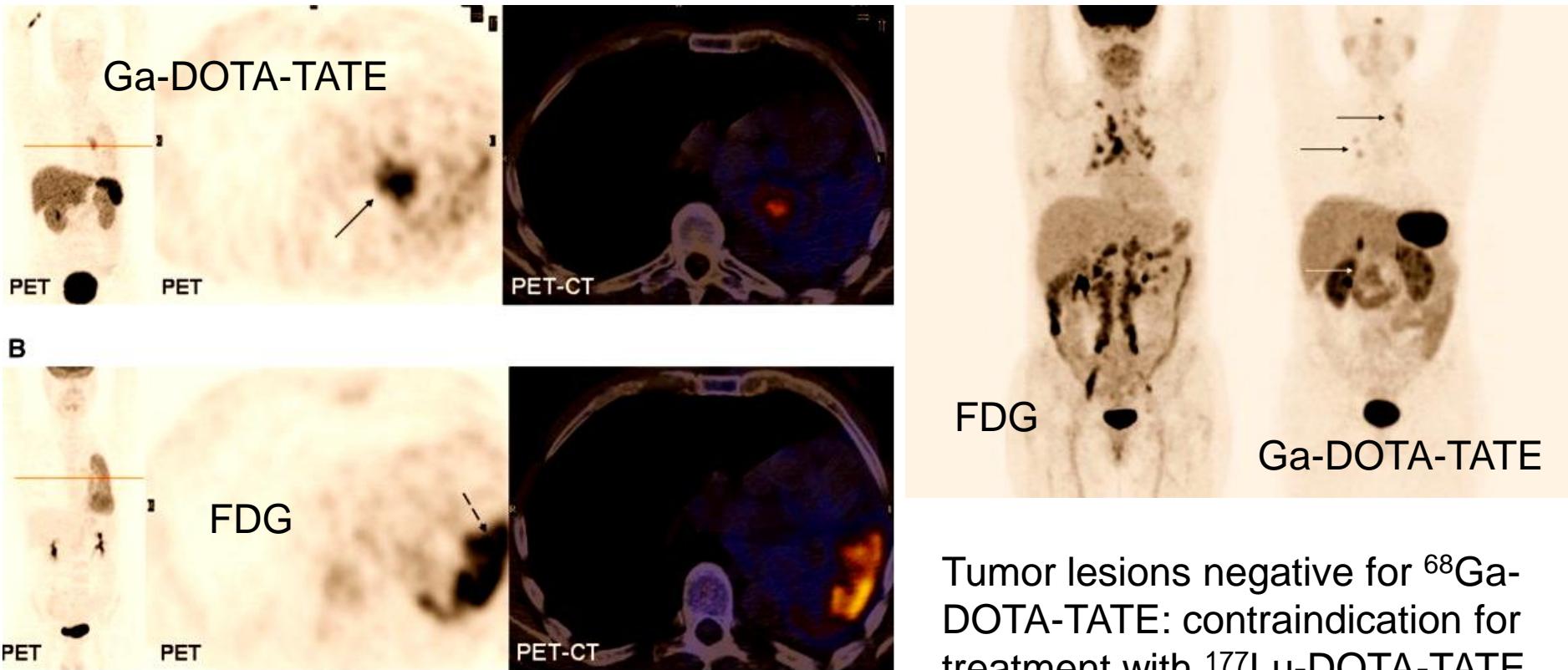


Somatostatin analogues

Targeting neuroendocrine tumors that over-express somatostatin receptors



^{68}Ga -PET (DOTA-octreotate) PET imaging of neuroendocrine tumors

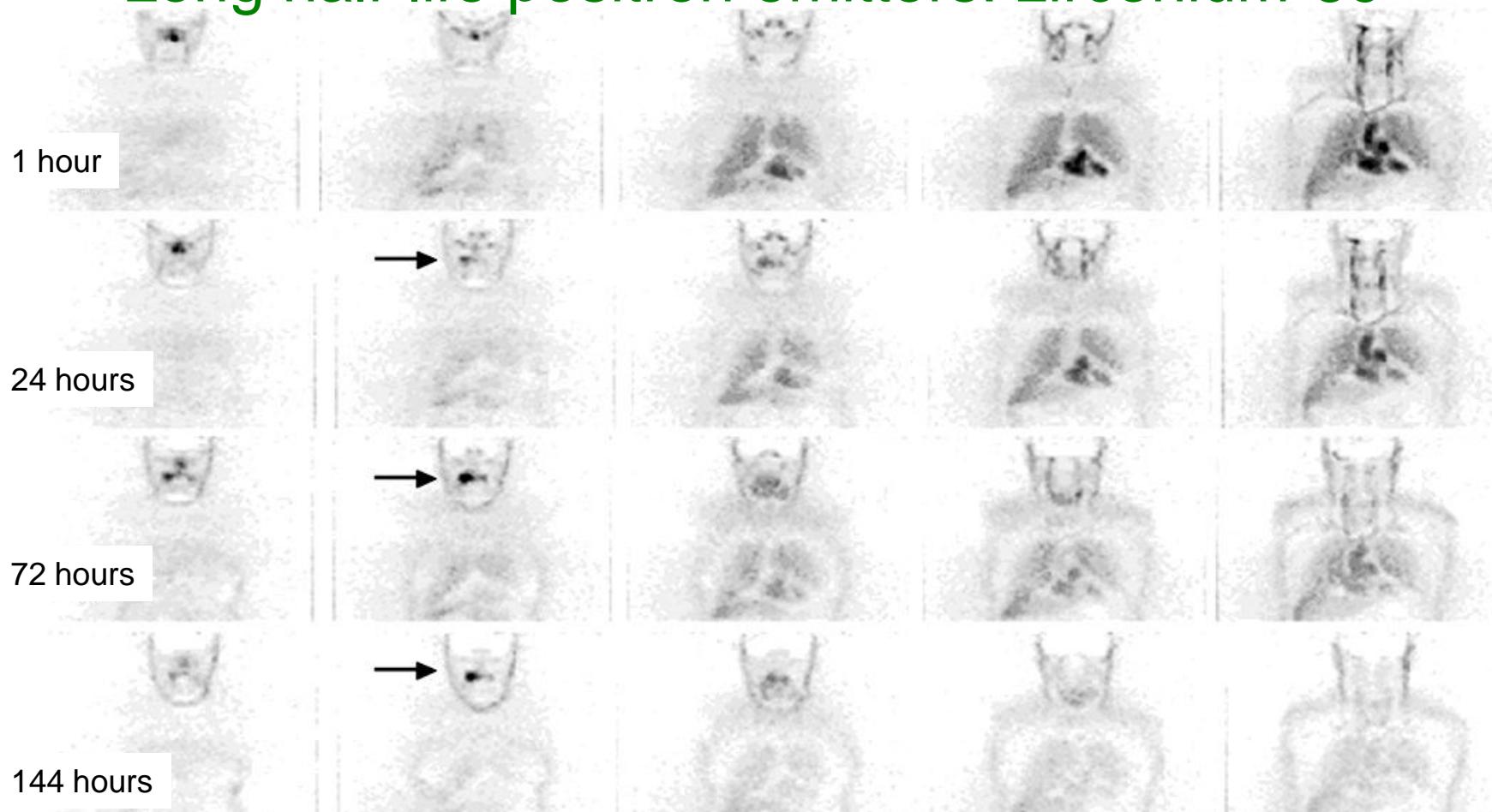


Non-specific uptake of FDG

Tumor lesions negative for ^{68}Ga -DOTA-TATE: contraindication for treatment with ^{177}Lu -DOTA-TATE

Kayani I, Bomanji JB, Groves A, Conway G, Gacinovic S, Win T, Dickson J, Caplin M, Ell PJ. Functional imaging of neuroendocrine tumors with combined PET/CT using ^{68}Ga -DOTATATE (DOTA-DPhe¹,Tyr³-octreotate) and ^{18}F -FDG. *Cancer*. 2008;112:2447-55.

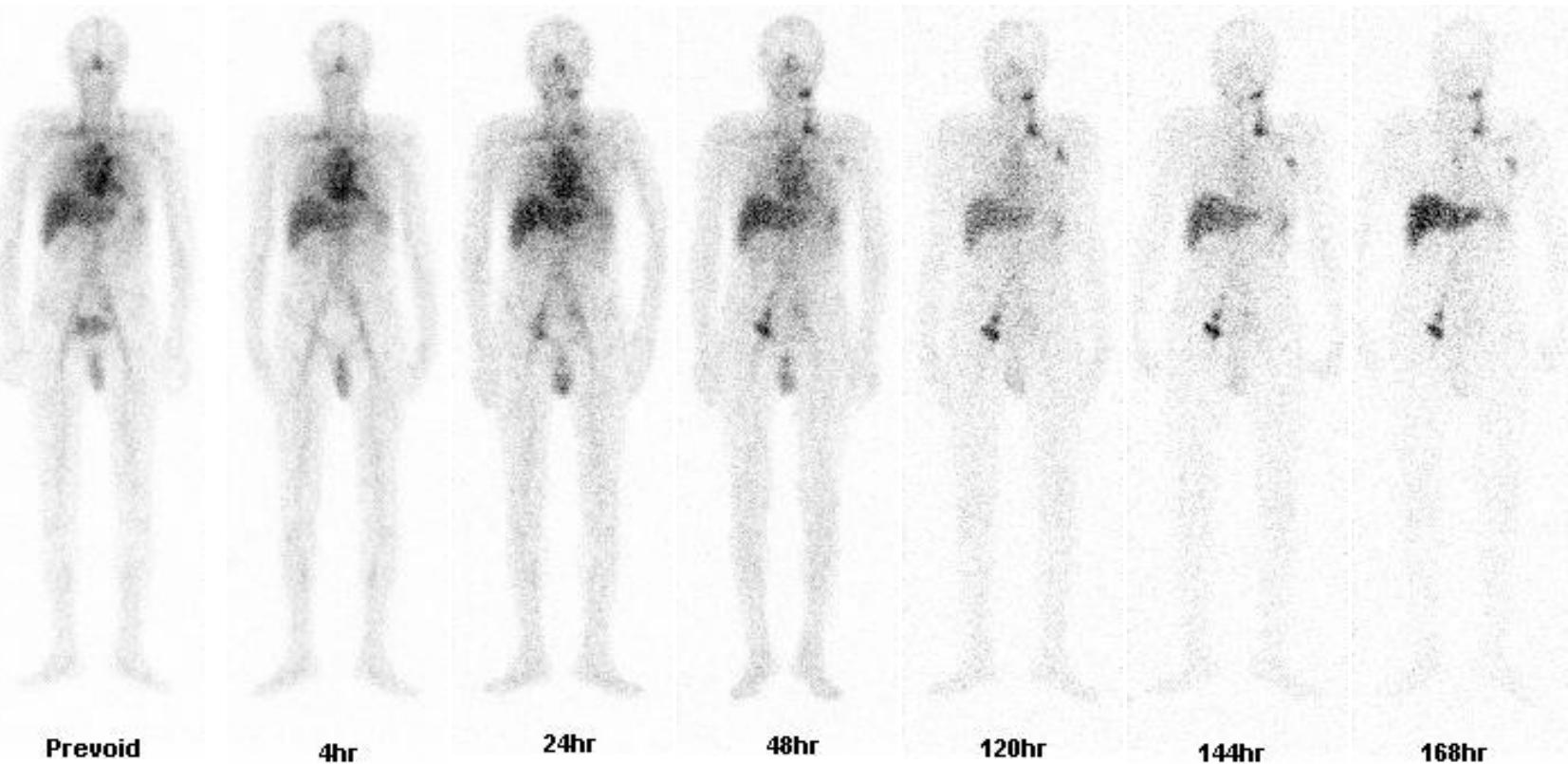
Long half-life positron emitters: zirconium-89



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TARGETED RADIONUCLIDE THERAPY

Magic bullets have nothing magic



Biodistribution of indium-111-labeled epratuzumab (anti-CD22, Immunomedics)

Sharkey RM, Brenner A, Burton J, Hajjar G, Toder SP, Alavi A, Matthies A, Tsai DE, Schuster SJ, Stadtmauer EA, Czuczman MS, Lamonica D, Kraeber-Bodere F, Mahe B, Chatal JF, Rogatko A, Mardirrosian G, Goldenberg DM. Radioimmunotherapy of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma with ^{90}Y -DOTA humanized anti-CD22 IgG (^{90}Y -Epratuzumab): do tumor targeting and dosimetry predict therapeutic response? *J Nucl Med.* 2003;44:2000-18.

Patient specific Monte-Carlo dosimetry

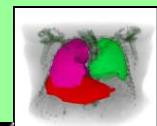
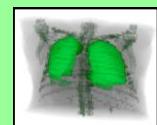
SPECT



CT

OEDIPE software

- Specific voxel-based geometry
- Automatic segmentation (lungs, bone, soft tissue and air)
- Manual segmentation

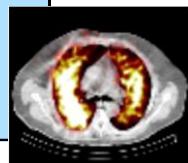


➤ Corrections:

- dead time
- attenuation
- scatter

➤ Registration

➤ Calculation of \tilde{A} map at the voxel level

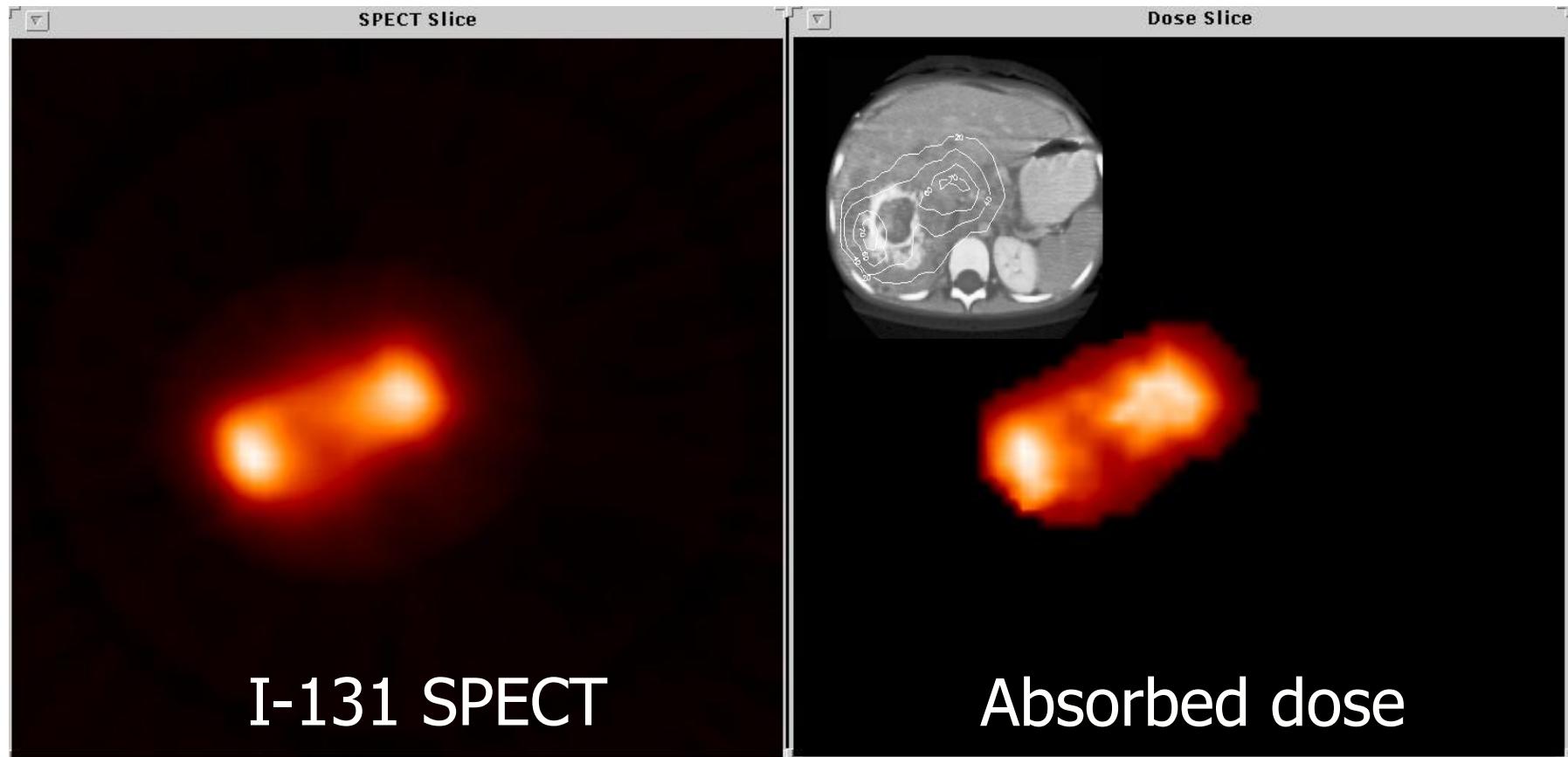


MCNPX

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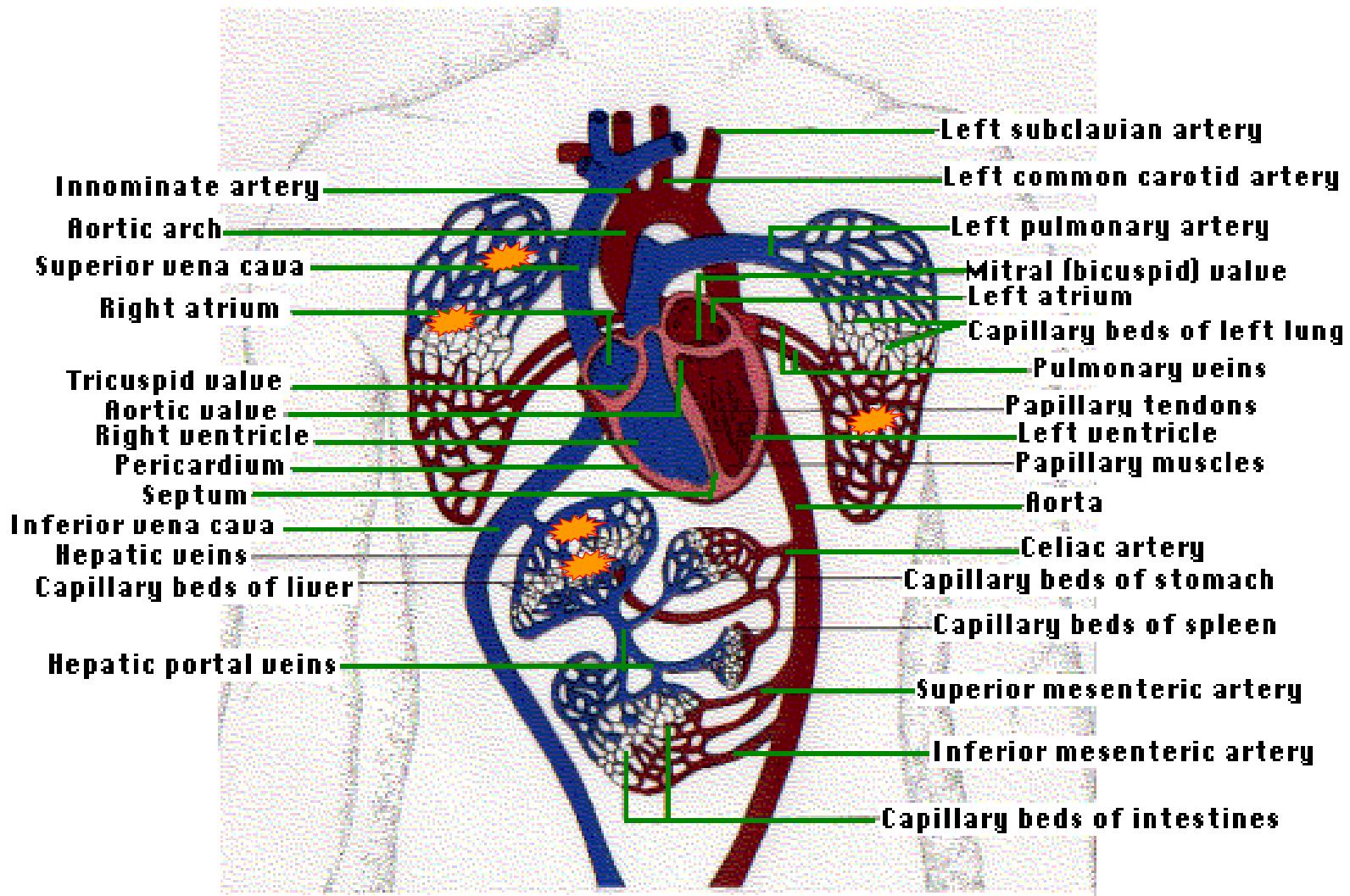
Dosimetry

Radionuclide therapy is the only treatment modality that allows the agent delivering treatment to be directly imaged

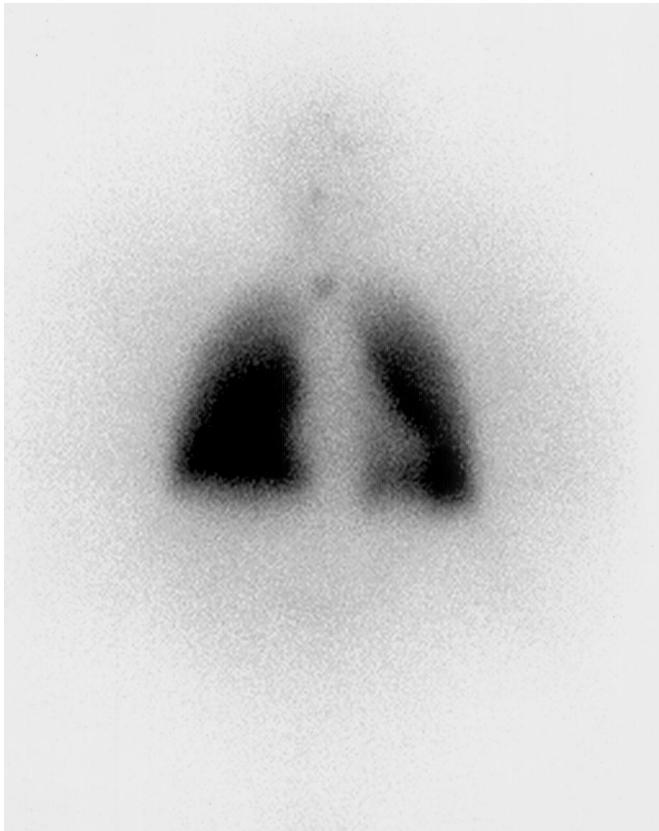


Images: courtesy of Dr Glenn Flux, The Royal Marsden, London, UK

Targeted radionuclide therapy: coping with disseminated diseases



Radiotherapy of metastatic thyroid cancer with ^{131}I -iodide

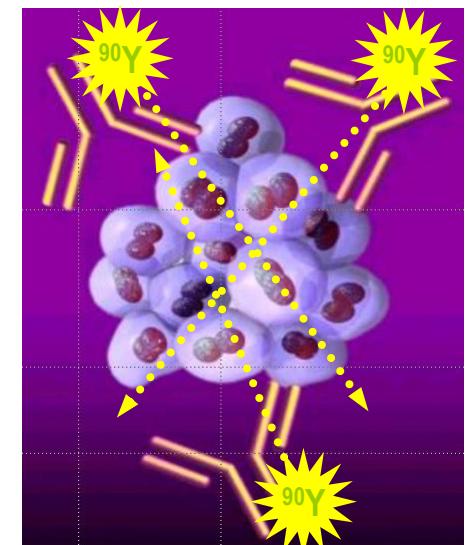


Lung metastases	Response rate	10-year survival
Microscopic (normal CT)	83 %	91 %
Microscopic (abnormal CT)	53 %	63 %
Macroscopic	14 %	11 %

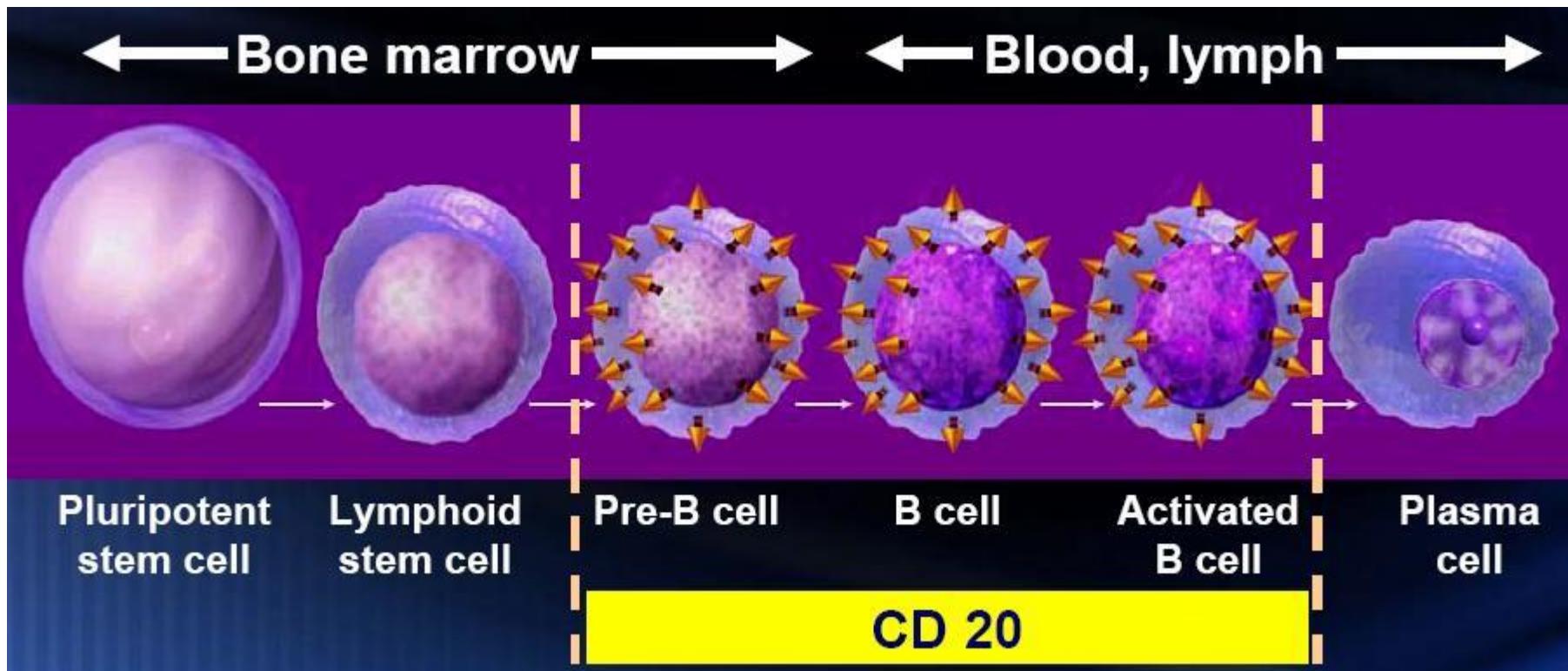
Schlumberger M, Challeton C, De Vathaire F, Travagli JP, Gardet P, Lumbroso JD, Francese C, Fontaine F, Ricard M, Parmentier C. Radioactive iodine treatment and external radiotherapy for lung and bone metastases from thyroid carcinoma. *J Nucl Med*. 1996;37:598-605.

Radioimmunotherapy

- Radioimmunotherapy (RIT) has been developed for more than 20 years
- With important improvements: new stable chelates, humanized antibodies and pretargeting methods
- Effects of RIT result from both radiobiological and immunological mechanisms (ADCC, CDC, Apoptosis)
- RIT may destroy tumour cells that do not bind by the drug through a cross-fire effect



Expression of the CD20 antigen



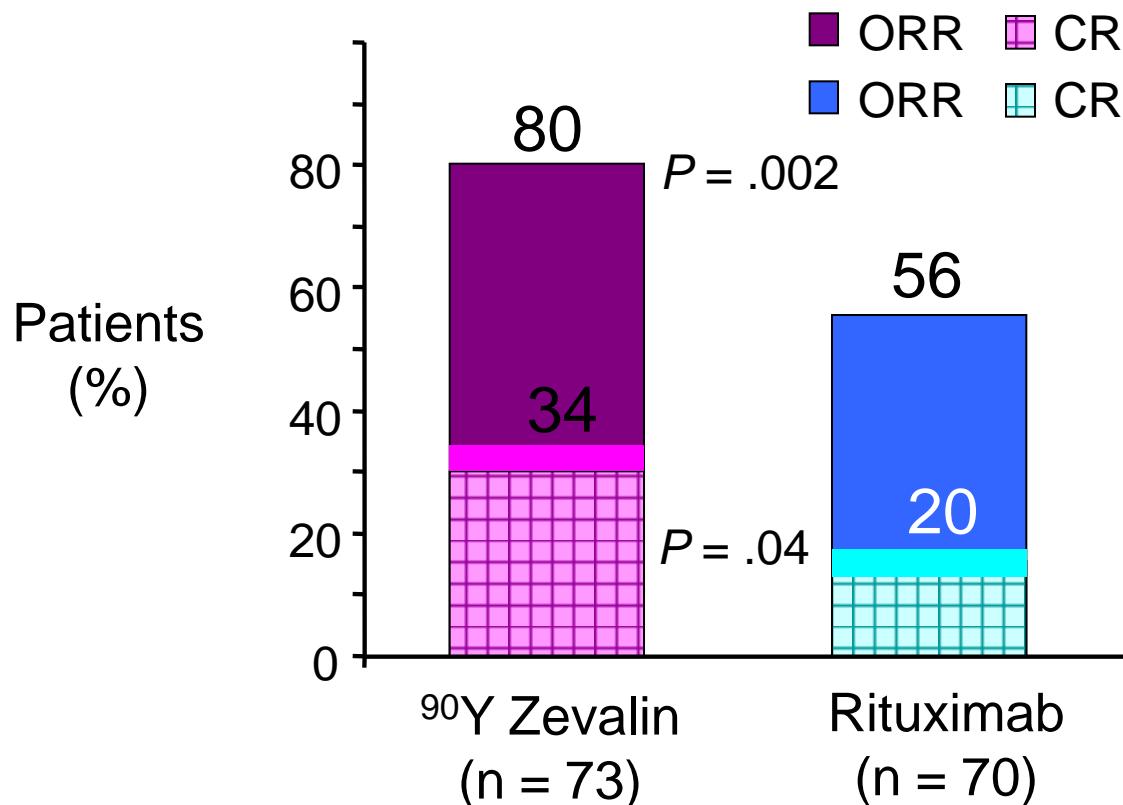
Rituximab (Rituxan®), chimeric
Tositumomab (Bexxar®), ^{131}I -Murine
Ibritumomab (Zevalin®), ^{90}Y -Murine

Press. Semin Oncol. 1999;26 (Suppl 14):58.

Zevalin® vs Rituximab in non-Hodgkin's malignant lymphoma

Zevalin: yttrium-90-labeled anti-CD20 antibody

Rituximab: unlabeled anti-CD20 antibody



*Witzig TE, Flinn IW, Gordon LI,
Emmanouilides C, Czuczmar MS,
Saleh MN, Cripe L, Wiseman G,
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Treatment with ibritumomab
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patients with rituximab-refractory
follicular non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
J Clin Oncol. 2002;20:3262-9.*

CRu, unconfirmed complete
response

^{18}F -FDG imaging in Zevalin therapy (^{90}Y -labeled anti-CD20 antibody)



Pre-RIT

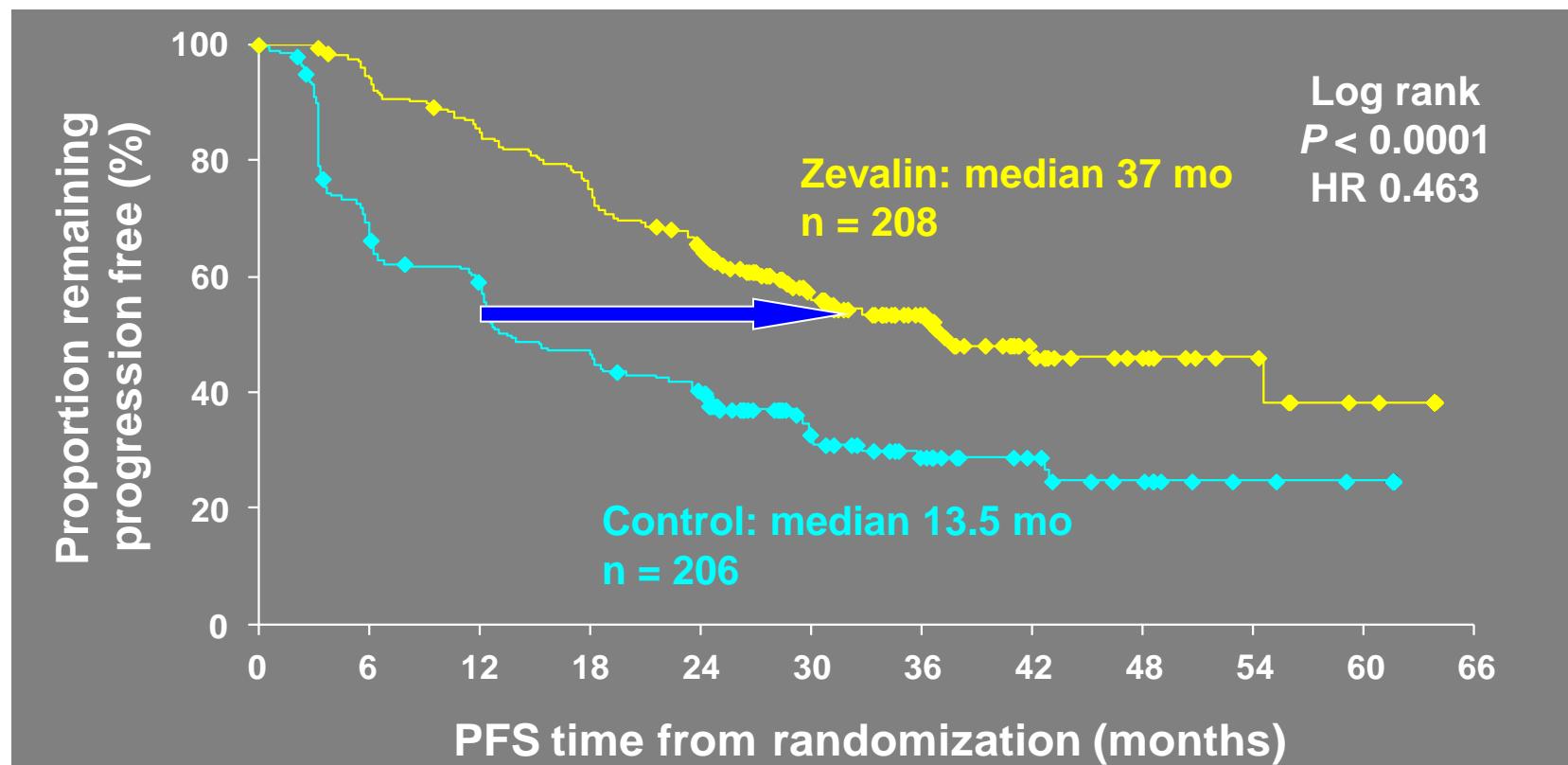


After 1 injection of Zevalin

Courtesy of Françoise Kraeber-Bodéré, Médecine Nucléaire, CHU de Nantes

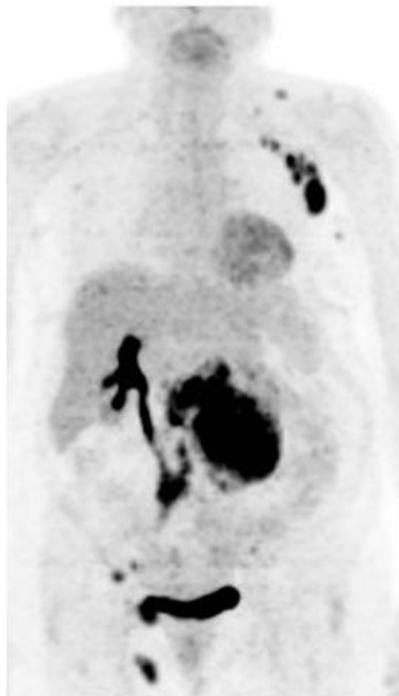
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Consolidation radioimmunotherapy of follicular lymphoma

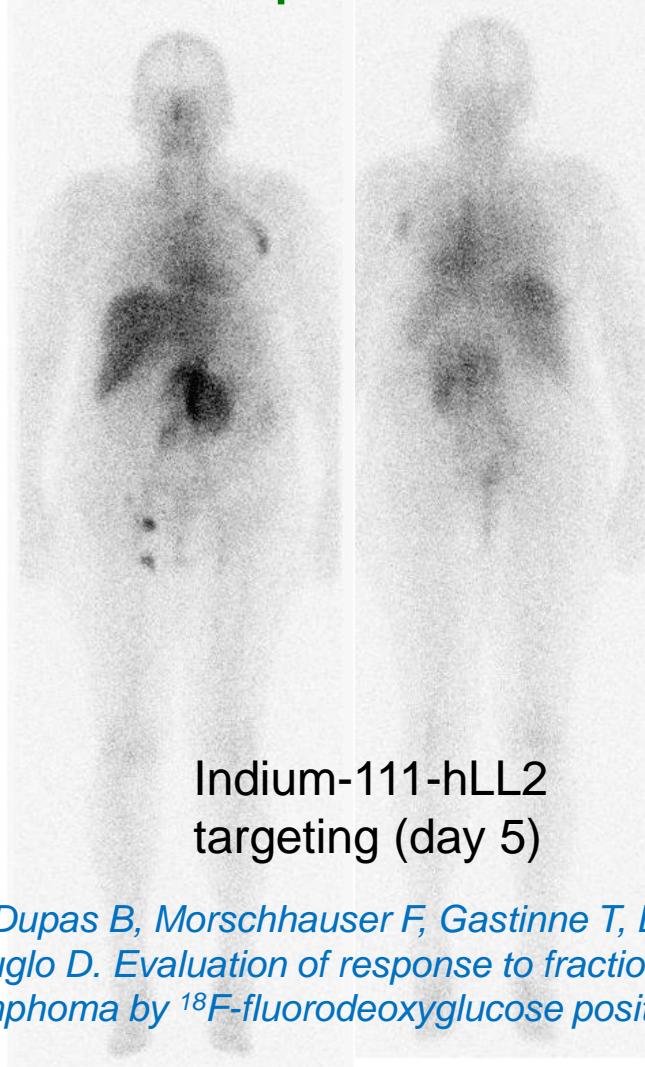


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Targeting of other antigens than CD20: ^{90}Y -labeled epratuzumab (hLL2)



Baseline PET



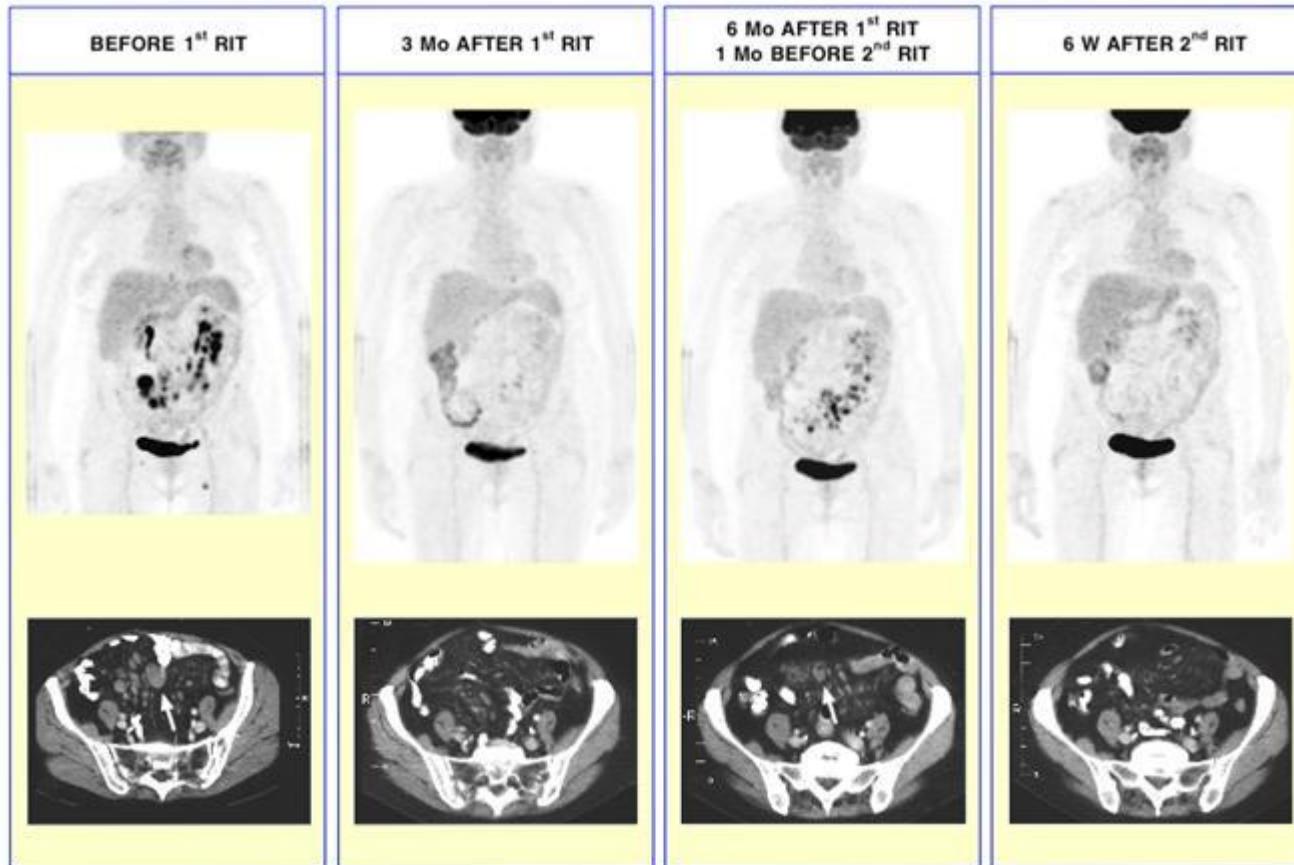
Indium-111-hLL2
targeting (day 5)



PET 6 weeks post RIT

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Repeated injections of ^{90}Y -labeled epratuzumab

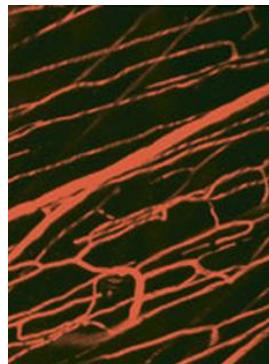


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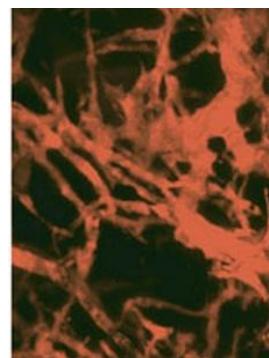
Solid tumors

- Example:
 - Lack of Efficacy of Two Consecutive Treatments of Radioimmunotherapy With ^{131}I -cG250 in Patients With Metastasized Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma. Brouwers AH, Mulders PF, de Mulder PH, van den Broek WJ, Buijs WC, Mala C, Joosten FB, Oosterwijk E, Boerman OC, Corstens FH, Oyen WJ. *J Clin Oncol.* 2005, 23:6540-8.
- However: 5 disease stabilizations for 29 treated patients

Capillaries in normal tissues are well-organized

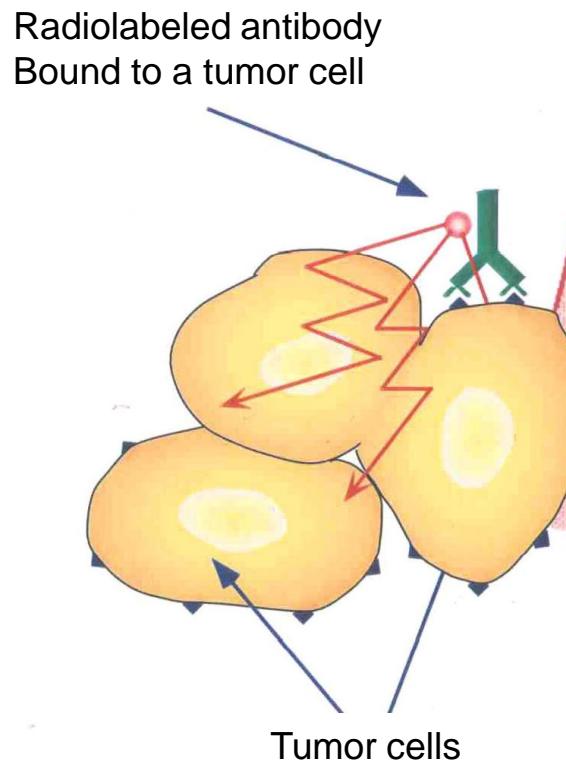


Capillaries in tumor are ill-organized: blood flow is slow and chaotic



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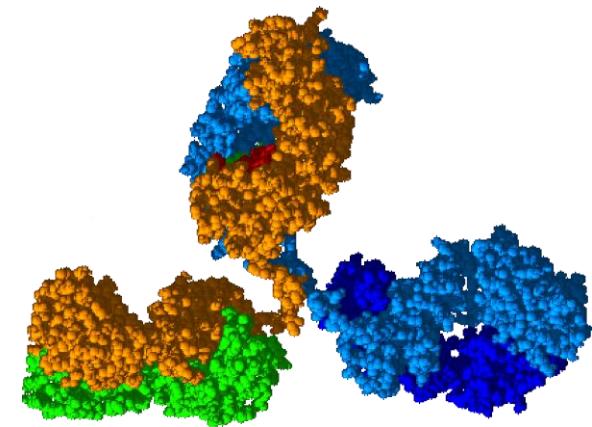
Physiological constraints: antibody extravasation



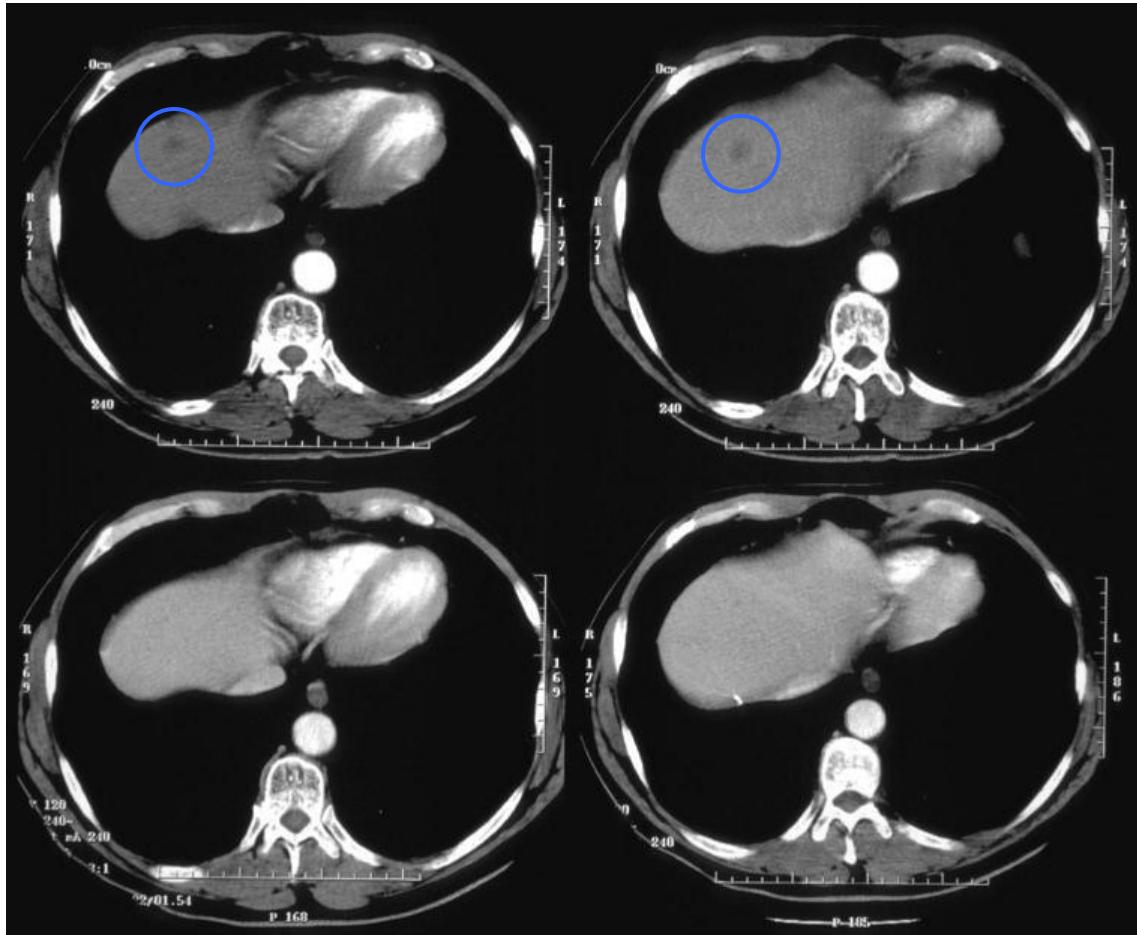
Radiolabeled antibody

Blood vessel

Tumor cells

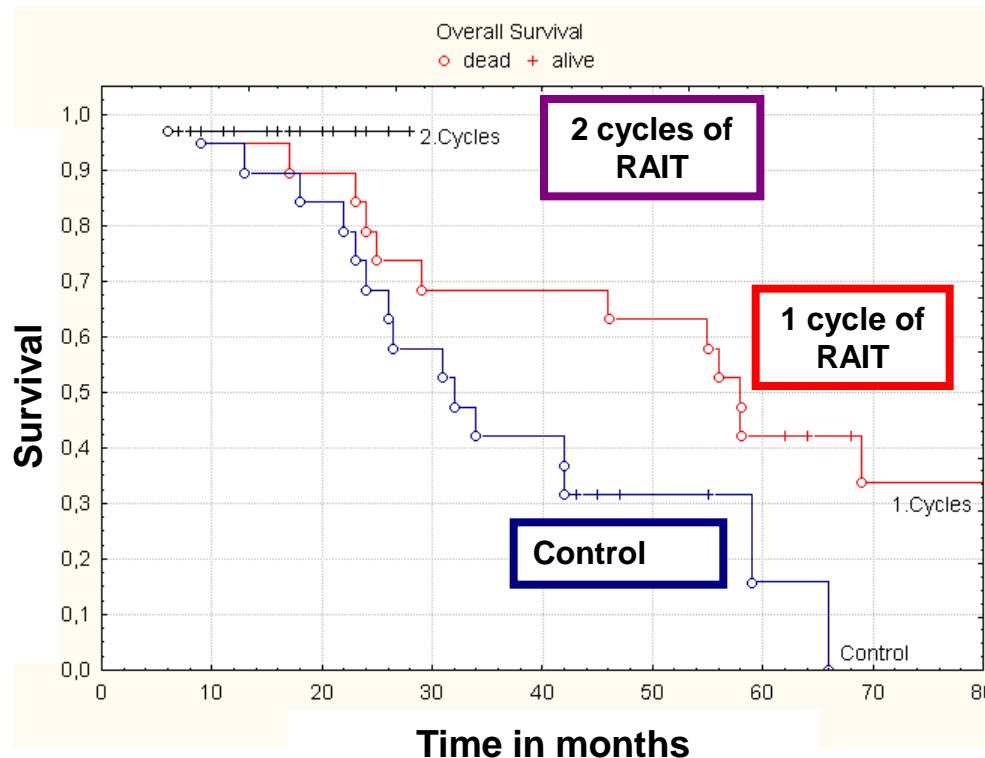


Small size tumor lesions



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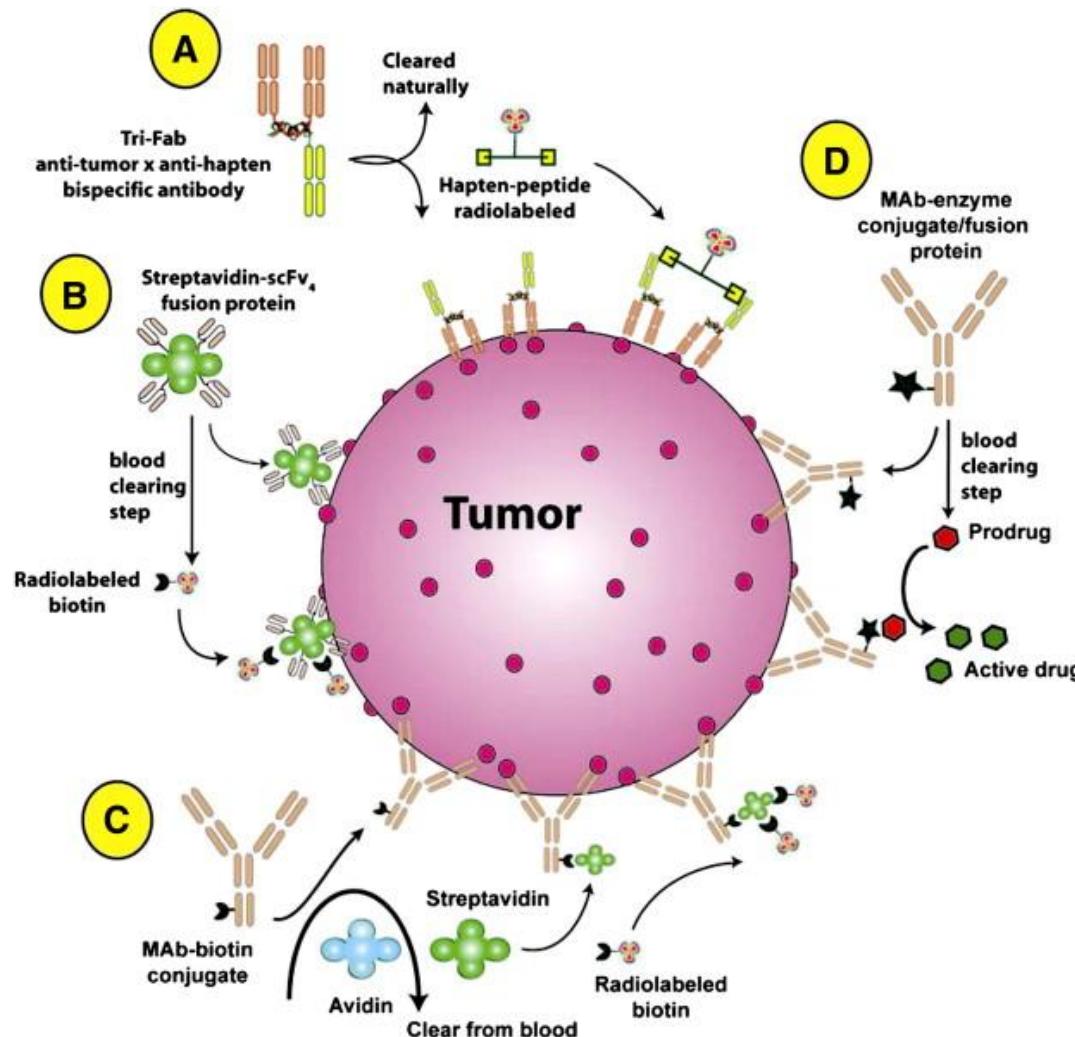
Radioimmunotherapy of residual disease in colon cancer



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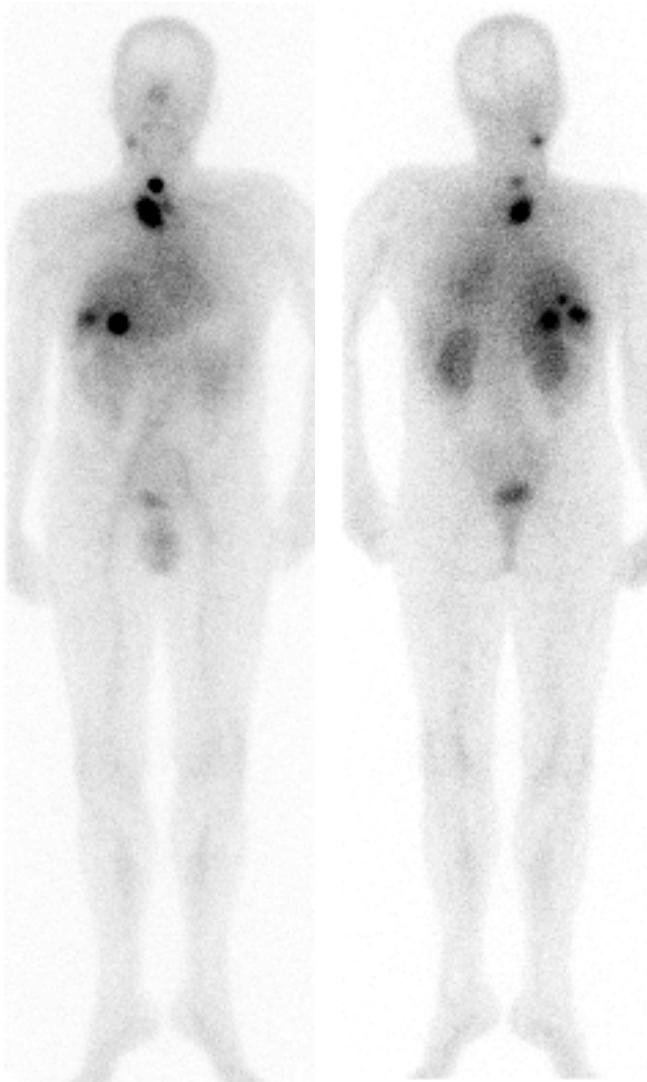
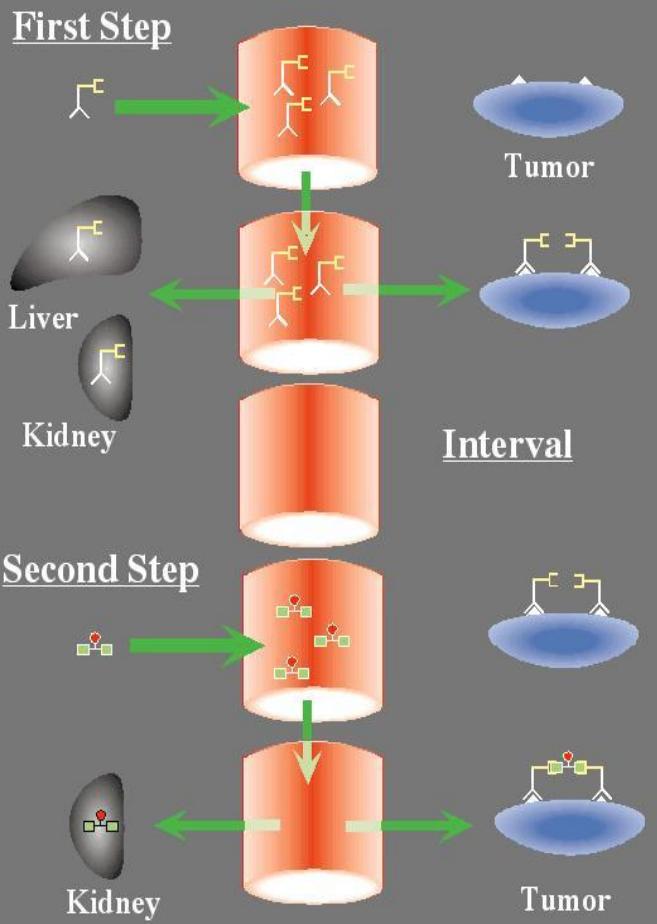
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Examples of pretargeting methods



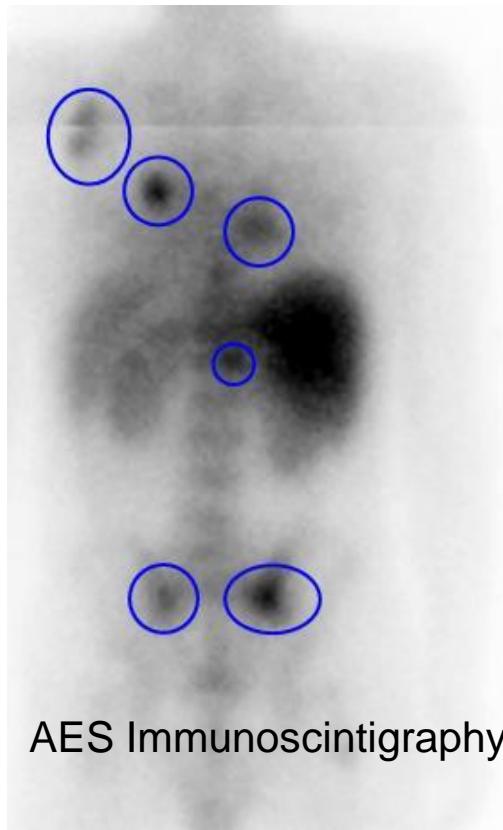
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AES Pretargeting

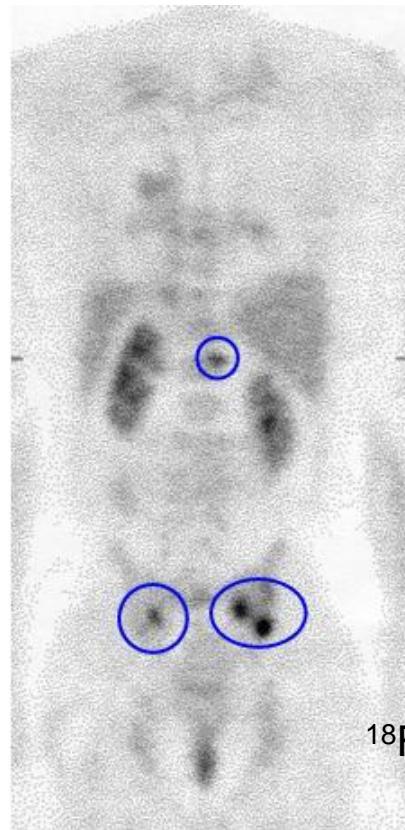


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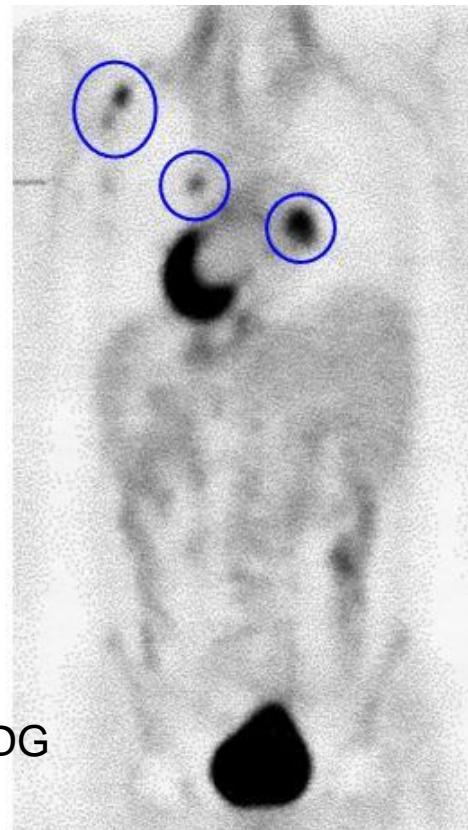
Immunoscintigraphy versus TEP



AES Immunoscintigraphy



¹⁸FDG

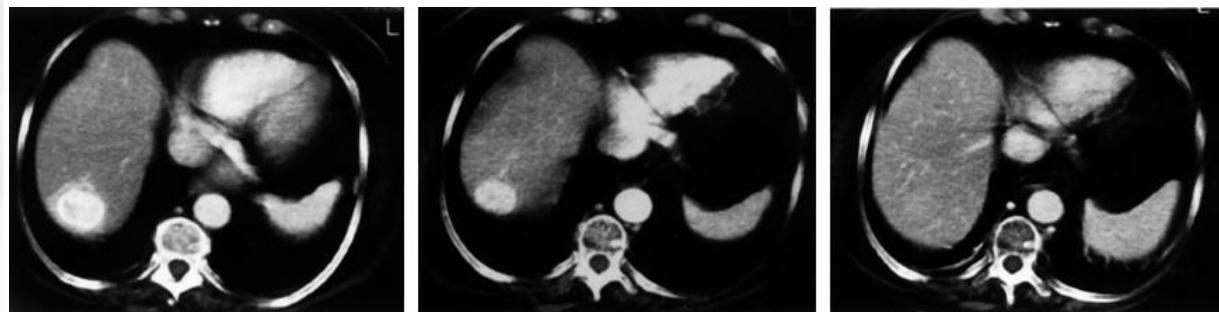


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AES radioimmunotherapy of Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma

80 mCi of ^{131}I -hapten

Toxicity: grade 0 (WBC, PLT)



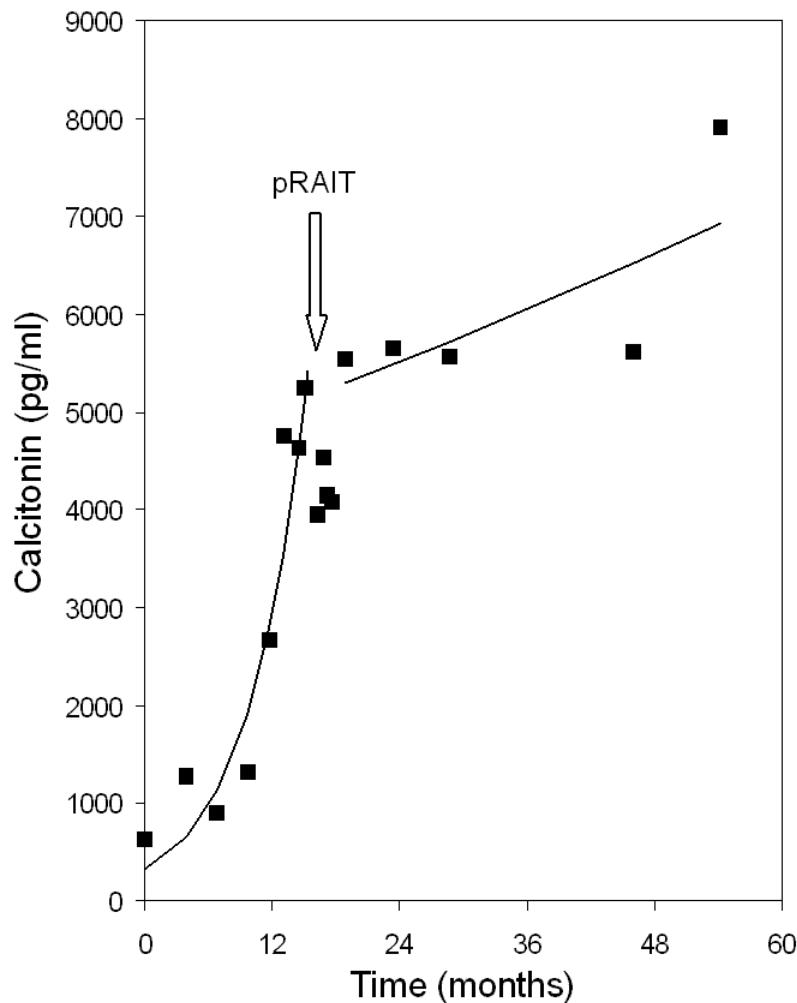
Before RIT

6 months

12 months

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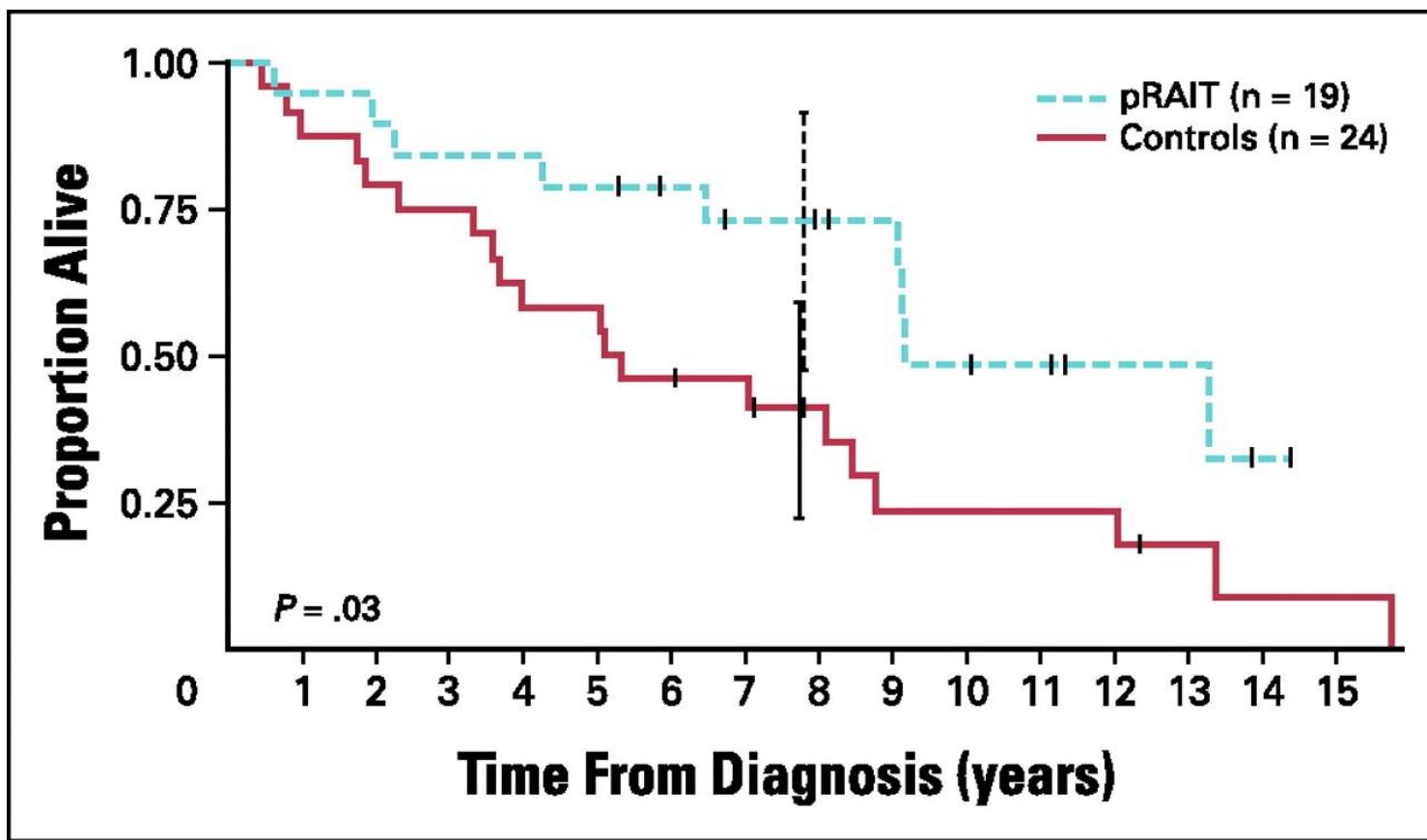


Disease stabilization

Beneficial to cancer patients ?

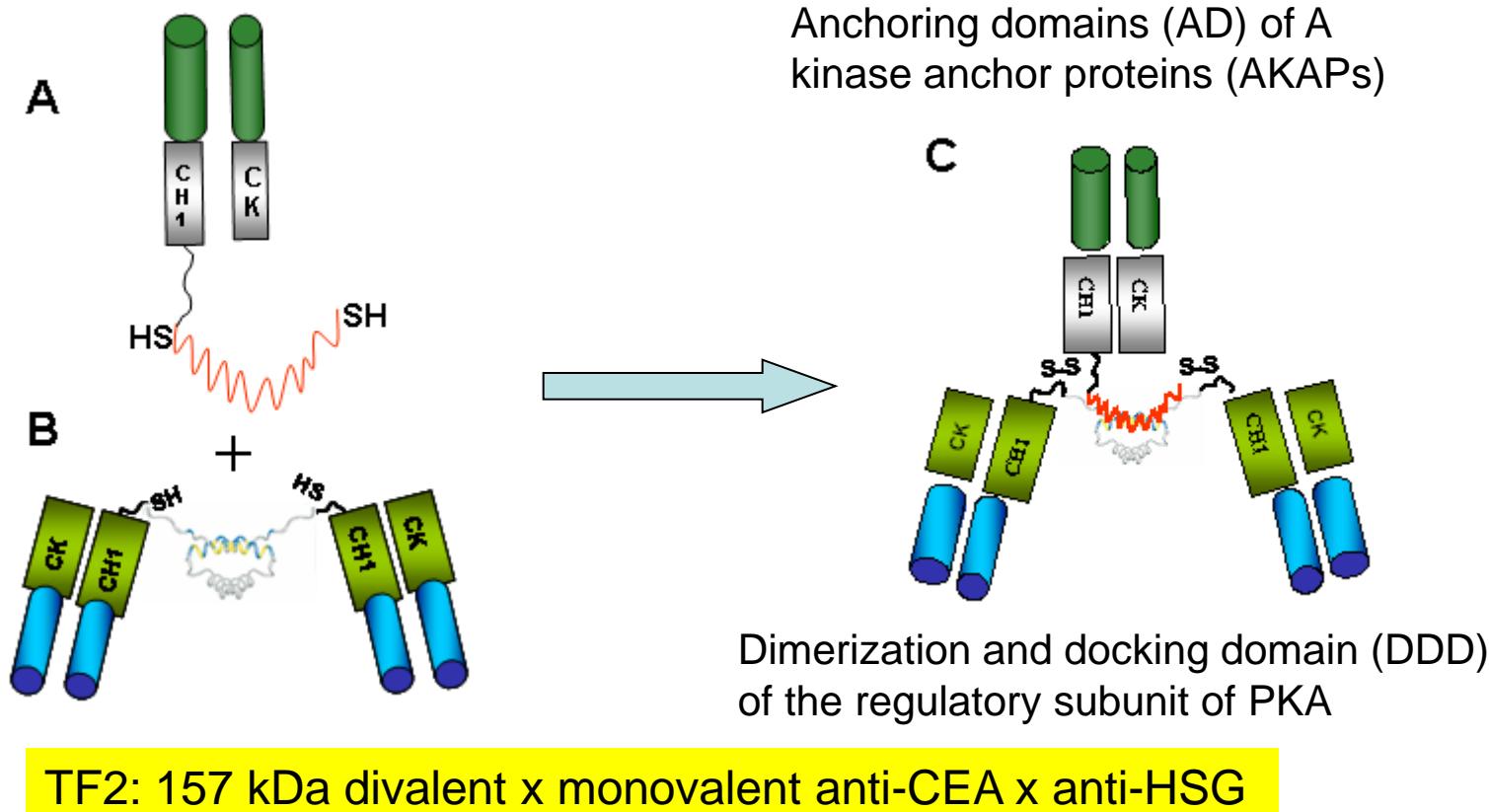
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The "Dock and Lock" system



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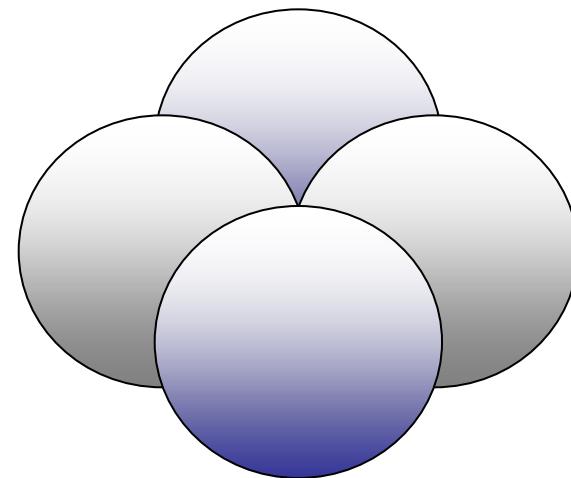
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Electrons and alpha particles

Positron , Electron



Helium nucleus



Mean range
Energy
LET
Half-life

iodine-131
360 μm
0.182 MeV
0.5 keV/ μm
8 days

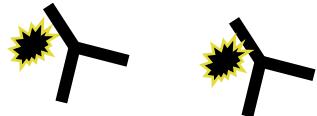
bismuth-213
60 μm
5.9 MeV
100 keV/ μm
46 min

Alpha-immunotherapy

^{131}I , ^{90}Y ,

^{177}Lu ,

^{67}Cu , ^{47}Sc

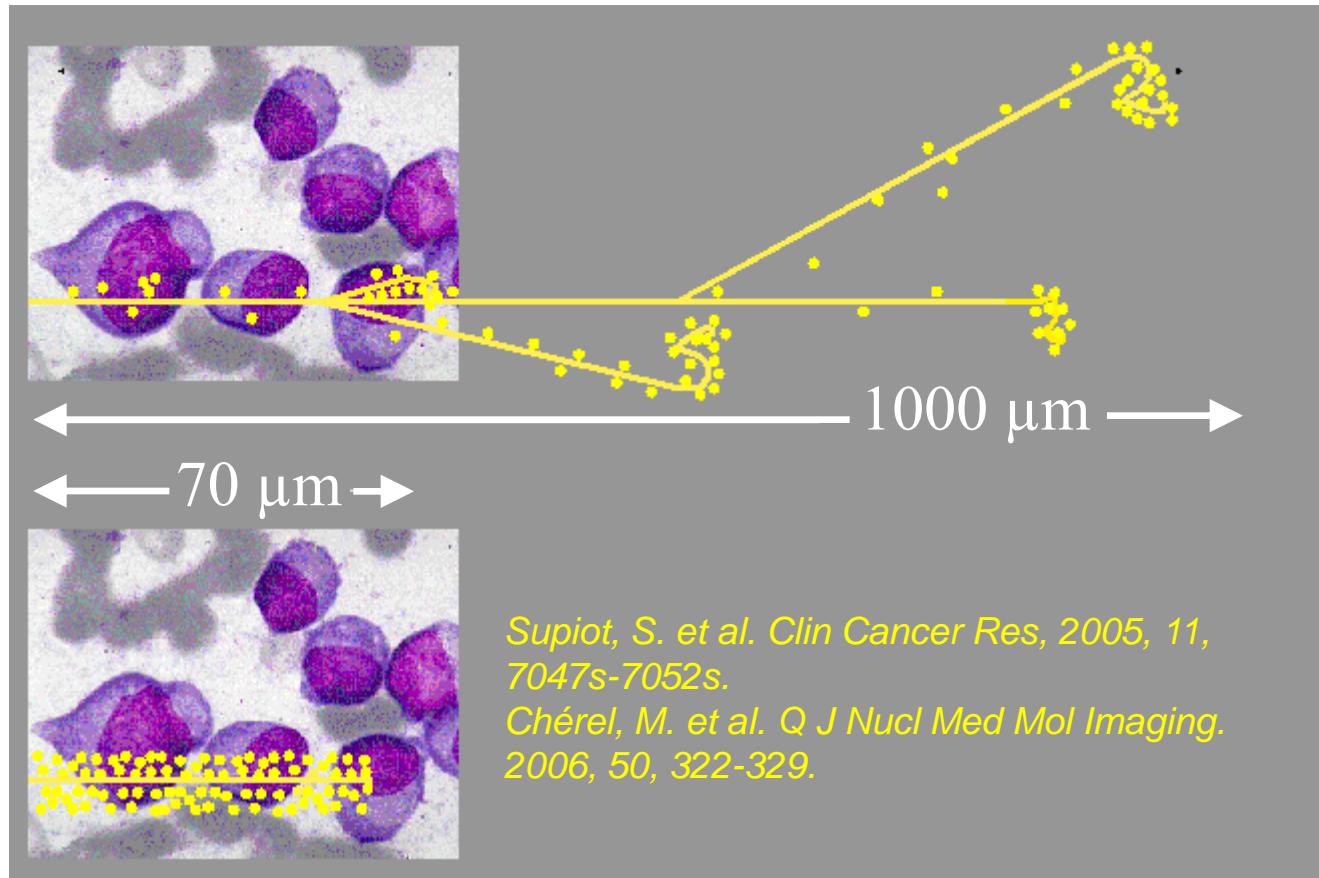
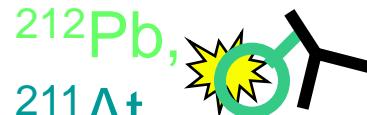


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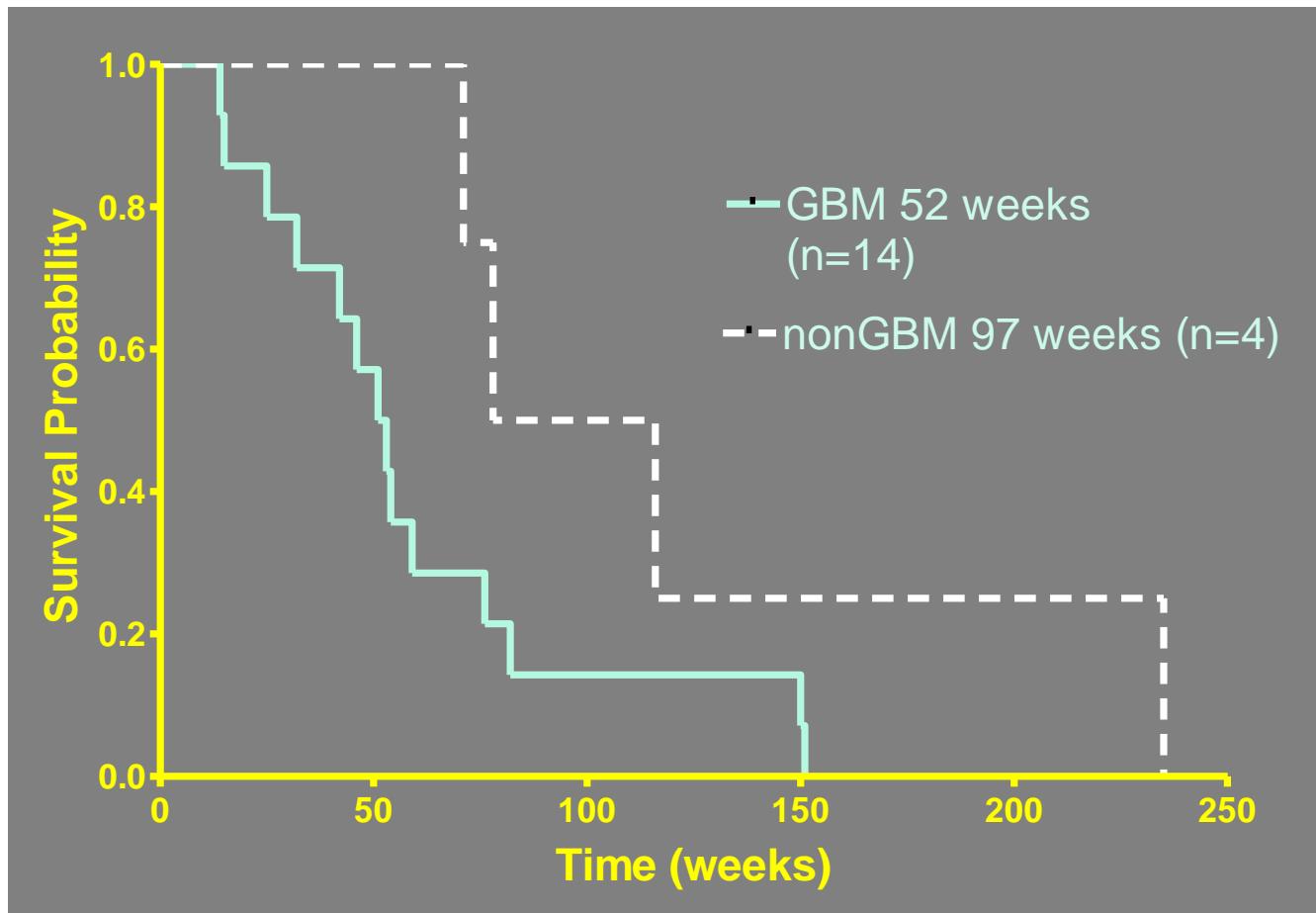
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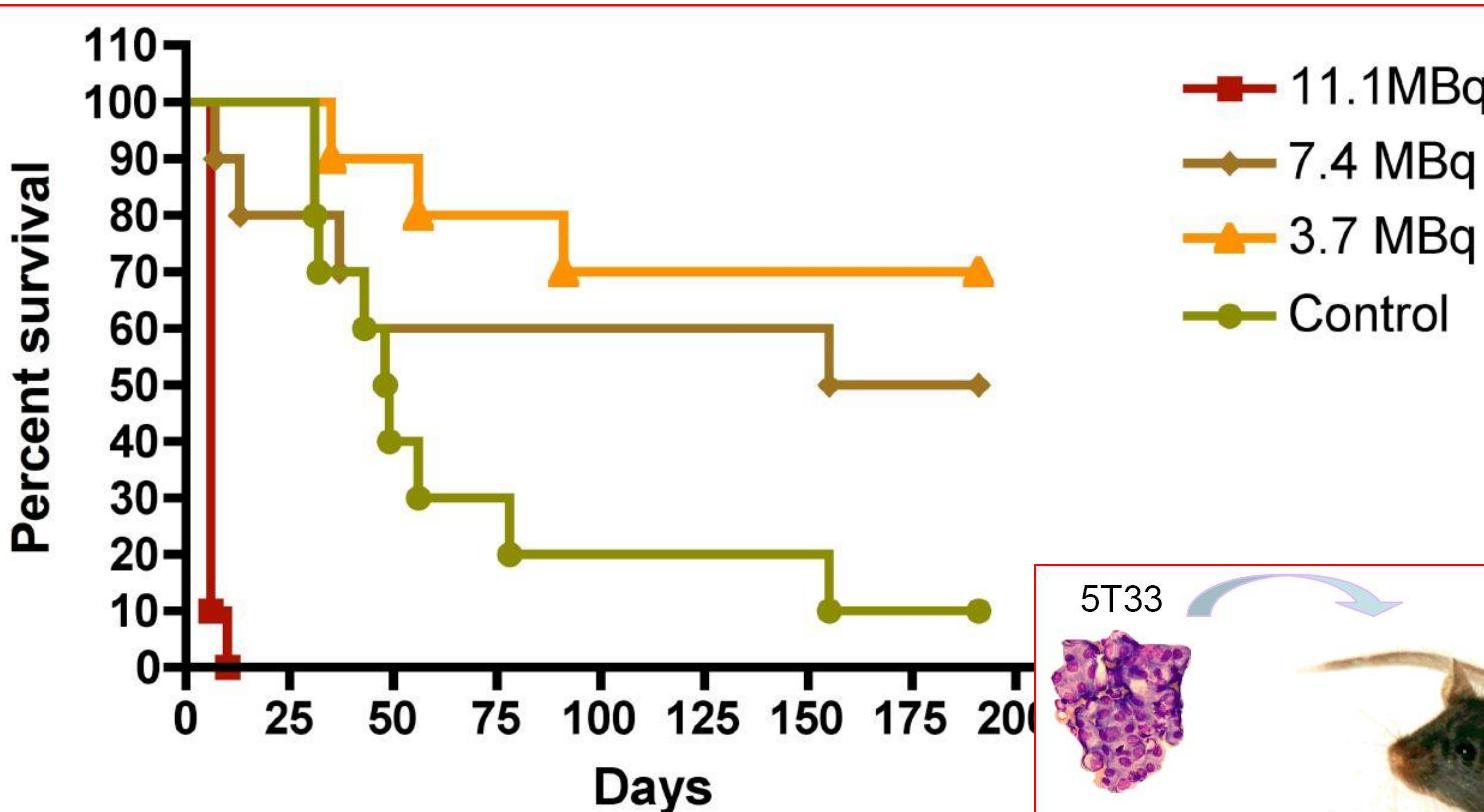


Phase 1 ^{211}At -labeled chimeric 81C6 in recurrent brain tumor patients



Historical Control: 23 weeks: Brem H et al., Lancet. 1995, 345, 1008-12.
Zalustky MR, Nuclear Medicine Tomorrow, 2008, Nantes, France

Alpha-immunotherapy of multiple myeloma



Courtesy of Michel Chérel and François Davodeau

Bismuth-213-labelled anti-CD138 injected i.v.

C57 BI/KaLwRij mice



Use	Radionuclide	T1/2 (hr)	Emission	Emax (keV)	Production
Gamma Imaging	Iodine-131	193	β^- , γ	610, 362	Reactor
	Iodine-123	13.3	γ	159	Cyclotron
	Technetium-99m	6.0	γ	141	Reactor (Generator)
	Indium-111	67	γ	171, 245	Cyclotron
PET	Gallium-67	78	β^- , γ	607-907, 93	Cyclotron
	Carbon-11	0.34	β^+	961	Cyclotron
	Fluorine-18	1.8	β^+	633	Cyclotron
	Scandium-44/44m	3.9/59	β^+	1474	Cyclotron (Generator)
Therapy	Gallium-68	1.1	β^+	1899	Cyclotron (Generator)
	Copper-64	12.7	β^+ , β^-	653, 1675	Cyclotron
	Iodine-124	100.2	β^+	1535 and 2138	Cyclotron
	Zirconium-89	78.4	β^+ , γ	897, 909	Cyclotron
	Iodine-131	193	β^- , γ	610, 362	Reactor
	Yttrium-90	64	β^-	2250	Reactor
	Rhenium-188	17	β^- , γ	2120, 155	Reactor (Generator)
	Lutetium-177	161	β^- , γ	498, 208	Reactor
	Copper-67	61.8	β^- , γ	392-577, 185	Cyclotron
	Scandium-47	80	β^- , γ	441, 159	Cyclotron
	Bismuth-213	0.76	α , γ	5869 and 8376	Nuclear waste (Generator)
	Astatine-211	7.2	α , X	5869 and 7450	Cyclotron



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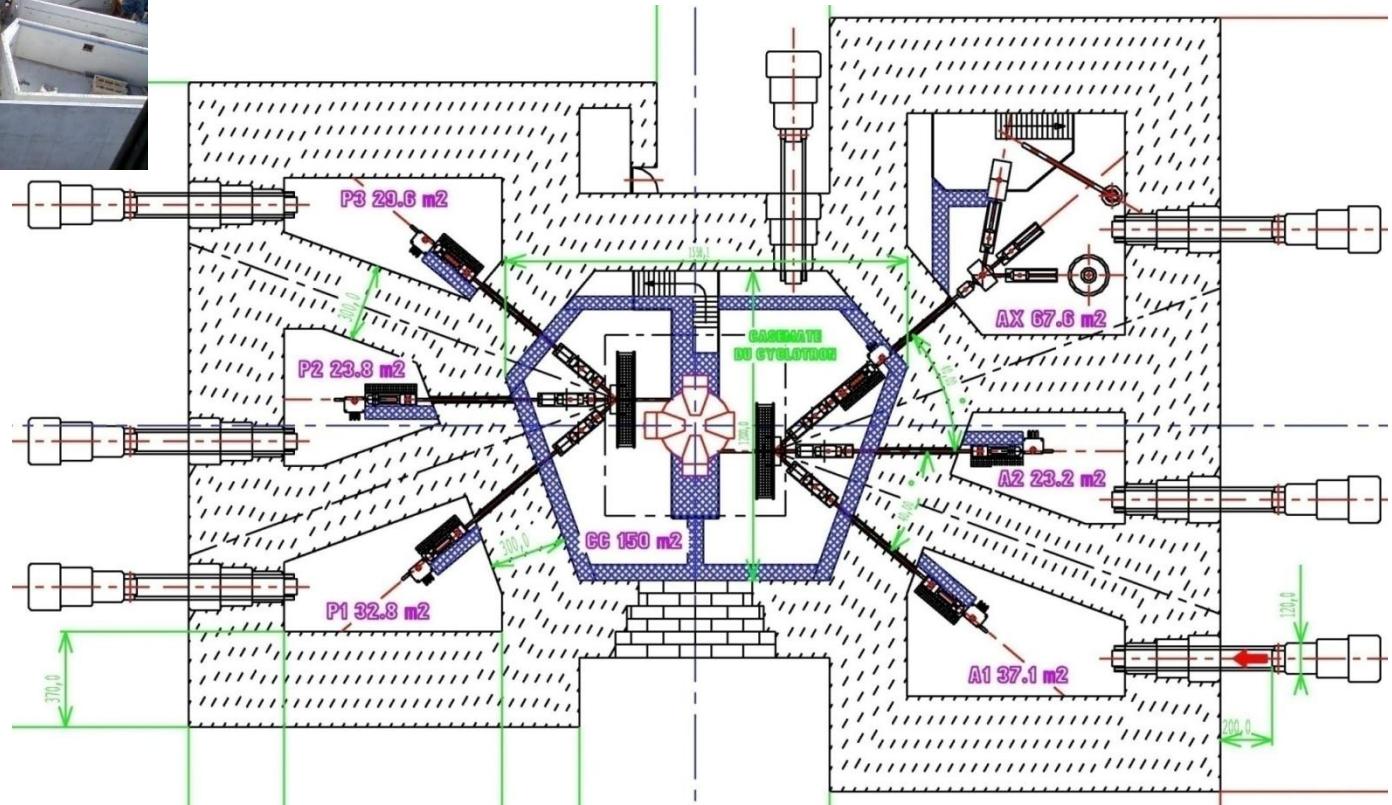
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The Arronax building



Vaults and beam lines



The cyclotron (Vault CC)



Vault doors



Motorized door on rails (35 t)

Beam switches



AX Vault: radiolysis and radiobiology



Radionuclide production beam line

Targetry system



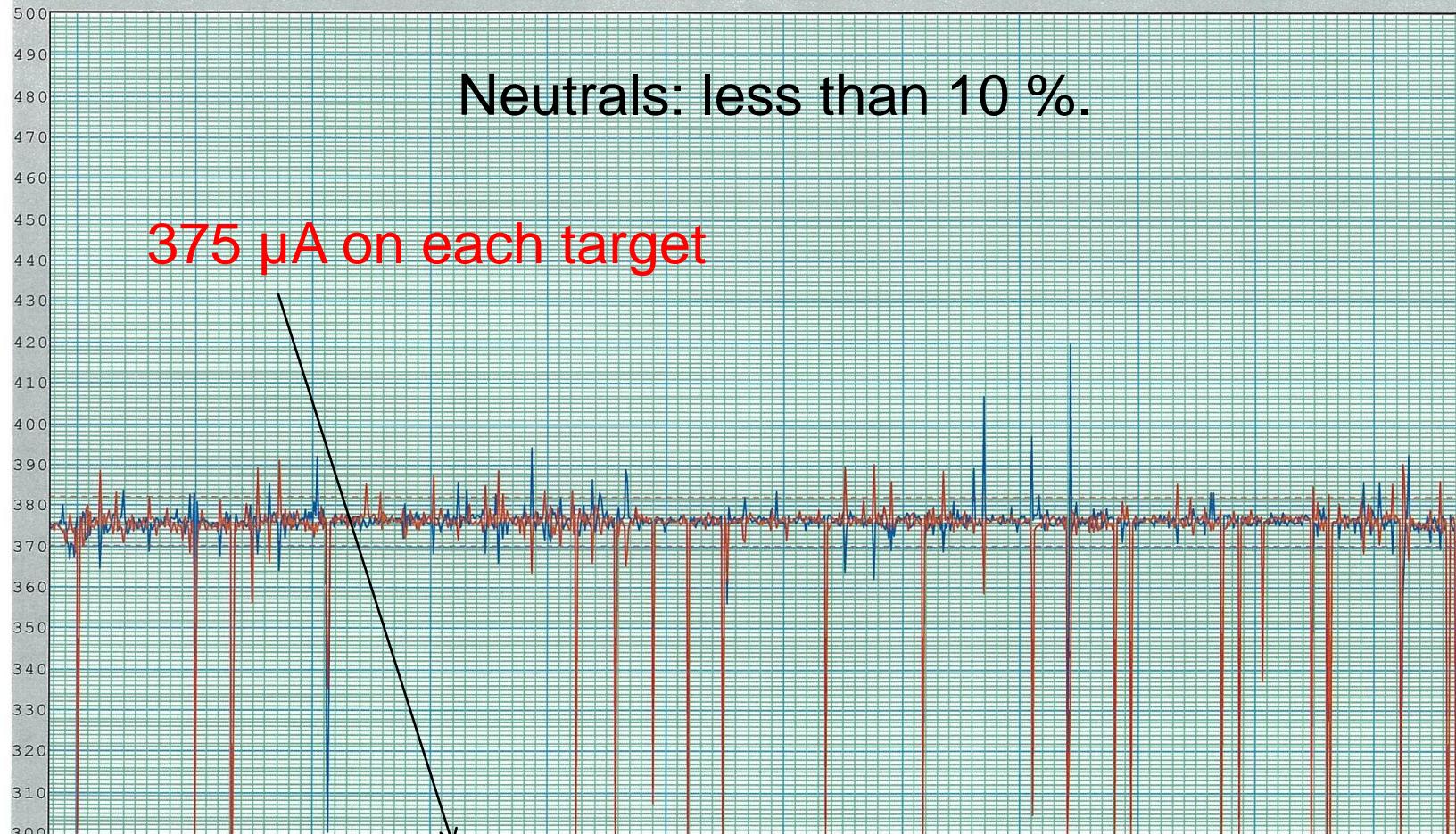
Shielded hoods



Main characteristics: High energy - High intensity

Beam	Accelerated particles	Energy range (MeV)	Intensity (μA)	Dual beam
Proton	H ⁻	30- 70	<375	Yes
	HH ⁺	17	<50	No
Deuteron	D ⁻	15-35	<50	Yes
Alpha	He ⁺⁺	68	<70	No

Specifications have been achieved and the cyclotron is fully operational since January 2011



24 hours

Arronax missions

- To produce radionuclides for research purposes (Nuclear Medicine)
 - Not suitable to produce fluorine-18 or carbon-11. A priority list of radionuclides has been set.
- To serve as an irradiation facility for radiolysis and radiobiology research projects
 - Alpha particle pulsed beam, protons, gammas (cesium-137 source), even neutrons (Adiabatic Resonance Crossing system with AAA).
- To produce radionuclide for commercial purposes and help regional economy development
- To participate in student (University and Ecole des Mines) and professional training

Haddad F, Ferrer L, Guertin A, Carlier T, Michel N, Barbet J, Chatal JF. ARRONAX, a high-energy and high-intensity cyclotron for nuclear medicine. Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2008;35:1377-87.

Major projects

- Alpha-immunotherapy (cooperation with the Oncology Research team of the Nantes-Angers Cancer Research Center, Chelatec and Atlab Pharma)
 - Production of astatine-211
 - Treatment of multiple myeloma and prostate cancer (AlphaRIT consortium)
- Brachytherapy (cooperation with AAA)
 - Neutron activation for the production of holmium-166
 - Treatment of liver cancer (Theranean consortium)
- Pairs of electron/positron emitters for targeted radionuclide therapy
 - Copper-67/copper-64
 - Scandium-47/scandium-44
- Studies of water radiolysis with the pulsed alpha-beam in the context of nuclear waste storage
- Pulsed alpha-beam for radiobiology studies
- Industrial projects
 - Strontium-82 for strontium-82/rubidium-82 generators (TEP in cardiology)
 - Germanium-68 for germanium-68/gallium-68 generators (TEP in oncology)

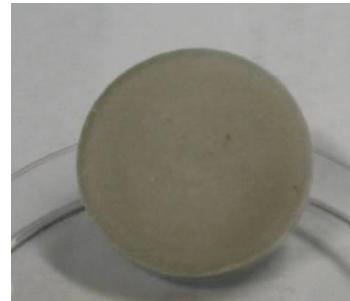
Strontium-82 production: target



- Pressed pellet of RbCl

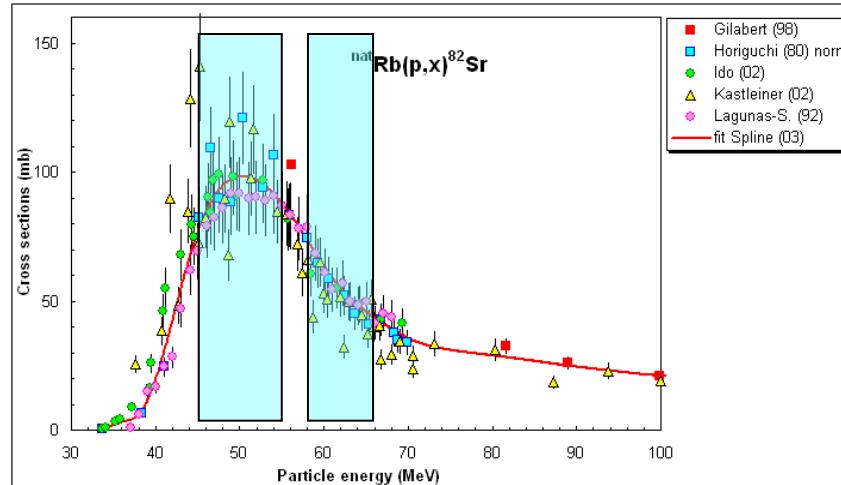
Purity > 99.8%

mass = 4.0 g



- Encapsulated in laser welded stainless steel

- Dual target



Encapsulation

Specifications of the final product

- Total Radioactivity at Calibration Time
- Specific Activity* $\geq 925\text{MBq/mg}$ ($\geq 25\text{mCi/mg}$)
- Activity concentration* $\geq 1850\text{MBq/mL}$ ($\geq 50\text{mCi/ml}$)
- Radionuclide identity

Energy of major photoelectric peak having energy of 776.5keV via the Rb-82 daughter at the equilibrium

- Radionuclide purity*

$^{85}\text{Sr} \leq 5\text{ GBq/GBq}^{82}\text{Sr}$ ($\leq 5\text{mCi } ^{85}\text{Sr}/\text{mCi } ^{82}\text{Sr}$)

$^{83}\text{Rb} \leq 0.0015\text{ GBq/GBq}^{82}\text{Sr}$ ($\leq 0.0015\text{ mCi } ^{83}\text{Rb}/\text{mCi } ^{82}\text{Sr}$)

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All other radiocontaminants $\leq 0.01\text{ GBq/GBq}^{82}\text{Sr}$ ($\leq 0.01\text{ mCi/mCi } ^{82}\text{Sr}$)



- Appearance: Clear, colorless solution

*specifications are given at the calibration time (7 days after ship date)

This radiochemical is not tested for sterility or pyrogenicity.

Copper-64 production



Target: electroplated nickel-64 on a gold support

Extraction yield: >90%
Radionuclide purity > 99.9%
Ni recovery >90%

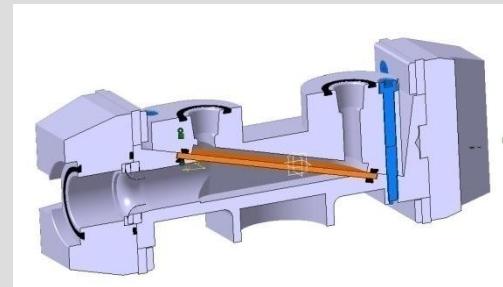


Production started at Arronax in September 2011

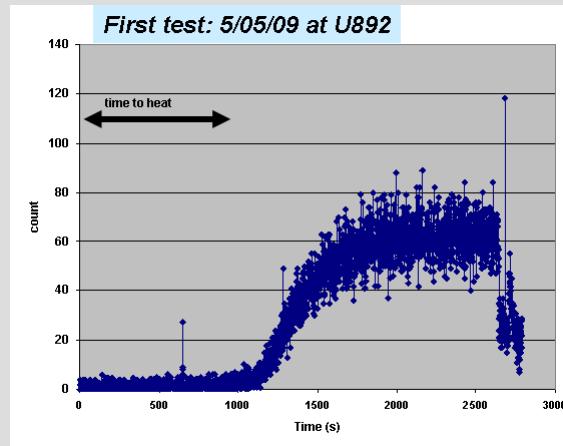
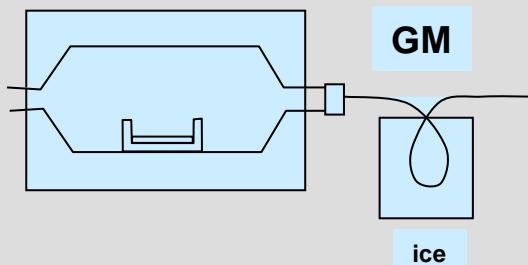
Astatine-211 production



Bismuth deposited under vacuum on AlN



Extraction by distillation



Monitoring the extraction

Production: 200-300MBq /week at CEMHTI/CNRS (Orléans, France)

Yield: around 80%

Production is expected to start at Arronax 1^{er} semester of 2012

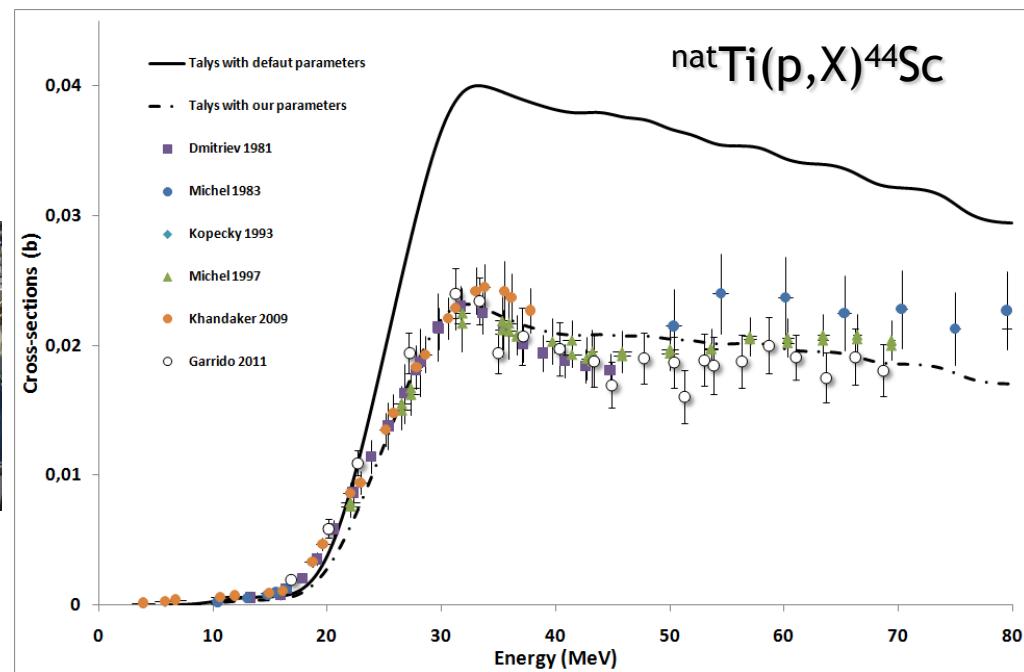
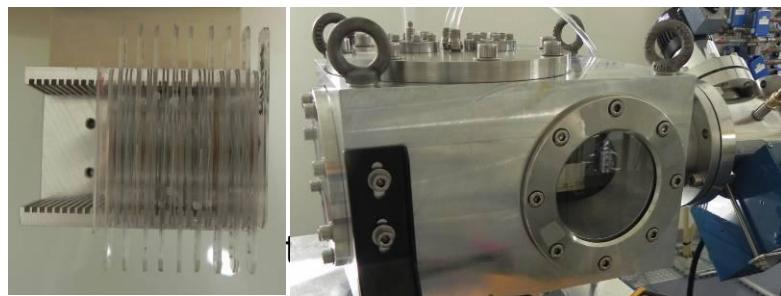
Optimisation of radionuclide production

- To calculate expected activities
 - development of an analytical calculation code
 - use of Monte-Carlo codes

$$A_{ct} = \phi \frac{N_A \cdot \rho}{A} (1 - e^{-\lambda t}) \int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} \frac{\sigma(E)}{dE/dx} dE$$

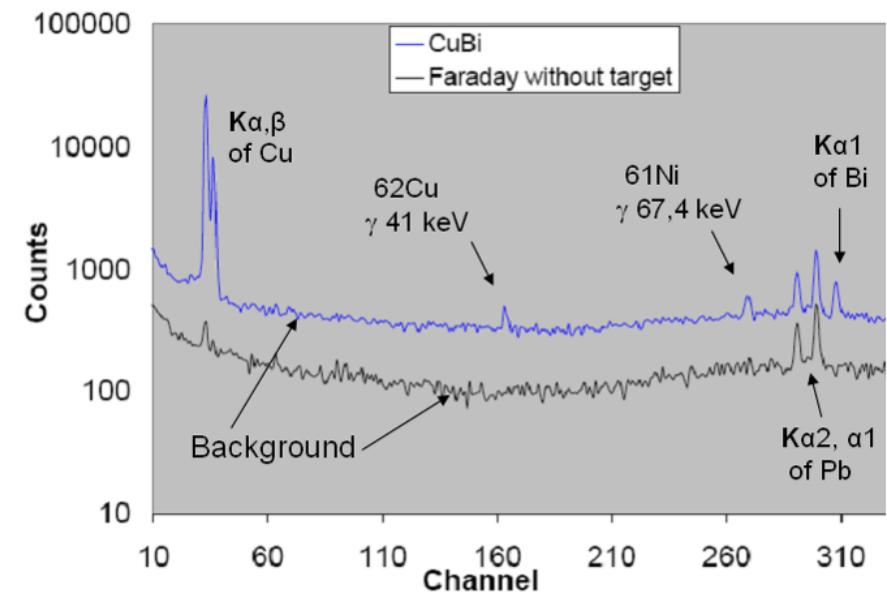
reaction cross section

- Measurement of production cross section
 - Development of an experimental device on ARRONAX (stacked foils)



Proton Induced X-ray Emission at ARRONAX

- High energy PIXE at ARRONAX (up to 70MeV)
 - information deeper than the surface
 - multi layer analysis (RX and gamma information)
 - various type of incident particles (p, d, alpha)
- Feasibility studies in progress



Conclusion

- Nuclear Medicine is making progress in imaging (PET) and therapy (Targeted Radionuclide Therapy)
- Radionuclides other than the traditional ones are needed
- Arronax will supply some of these as it is now running with the original specifications met
- Production of radionuclides and radiochemistry experiments have started
- We still need a few months to deliver radionuclides to research teams and industry
- One challenge will be for us to be capable of producing radionuclides such as strontium-82 or copper-67 at the very high intensities that the cyclotron can deliver
- Another challenge will be to meet GMP standards

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