



The MIRDsoft suite, free software for organ-based dosimetry

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Introductory perspective

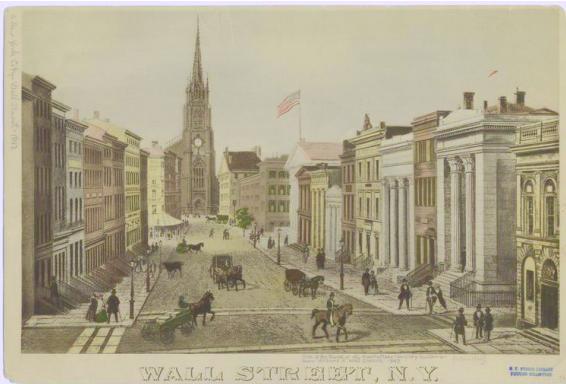
Reaching for the sky – a New Yorker's perspective



Introductory context

○ Building height

- For much of history, masonry used to support upper floors of building
 - Taller building the thicker the wall, less space to use



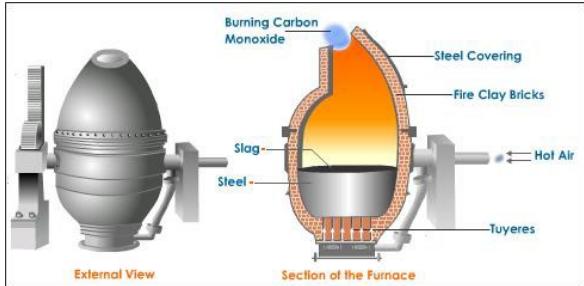
○ Wrought iron - introduced mid 1800 wall thickness decreased

- Material iron had inherent problems, soft and brittle



Introductory context

- 1848 Henry Bessemer process enabled conversion of large amounts of iron to steel
 - Steel great building material: tensile, strong
 - Steel beams can create new building model: “steel skeleton”
 - Taller structure, large windows



- New age - now building could be built to almost any height
 - **Problem – a lot of stairs!**

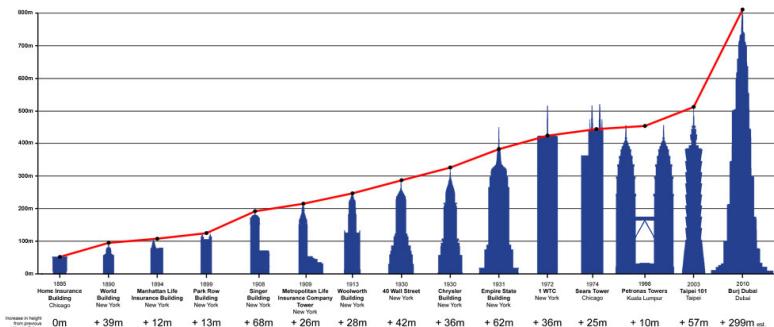


New your city skyline, circa 1876



Introductory context

- 1853 – Otis safety elevator unveiled at New York worlds fair
 - 1857 first steam powered elevator installed
 - 1867 Otis Brothers & Co. incorporated
 - 1898 company sold first electric elevators
- After that, the sky's the limit



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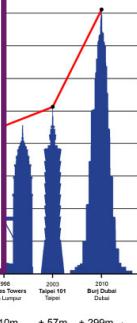
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Lesson –

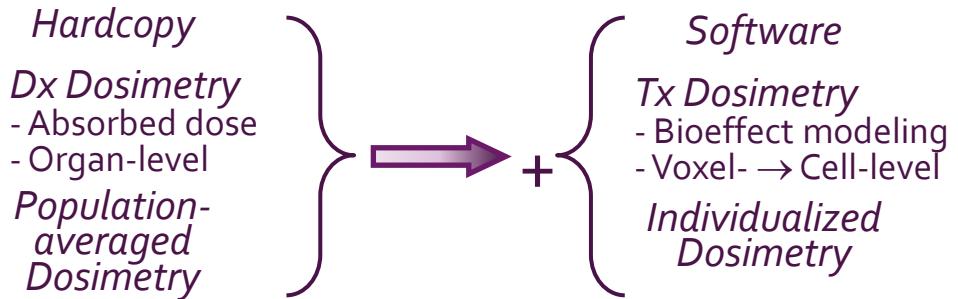
It's easier to reach for the sky when you have a safe, vetted, multifaceted infrastructure to support the aspiration

- After that, the sky's the limit



SNMMI MIRD committee

- New MIRD initiative to advance the state of the art – www.MIRDsoft.org
 - Expand format of community resources



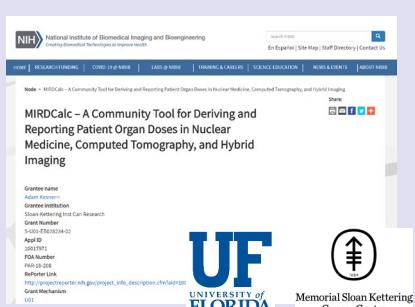
- Webspace supports
 - Accessibility, education, translation and standardization
 - Dosimetry community resource

- MIRDsoft.org
 - Software distribution
 - Online community
 - Scalable innovation

○ Funding support

MIRDcalc is a **NIH/NIBIB U01** (Bolch /Kesner) grant supported project to make free dosimetry tools for the community

- UF and MSK collaboration
- Funded for 5 years
- NM dosimetry, CT dosimetry, Curvfitting, Monte Carlo
- All **free** for community



MIRDcell is a **Ro1** (Howell) grant supported project to build free cellular level dosimetry tool for the community

- Funded for 5 years
- **Free** for community



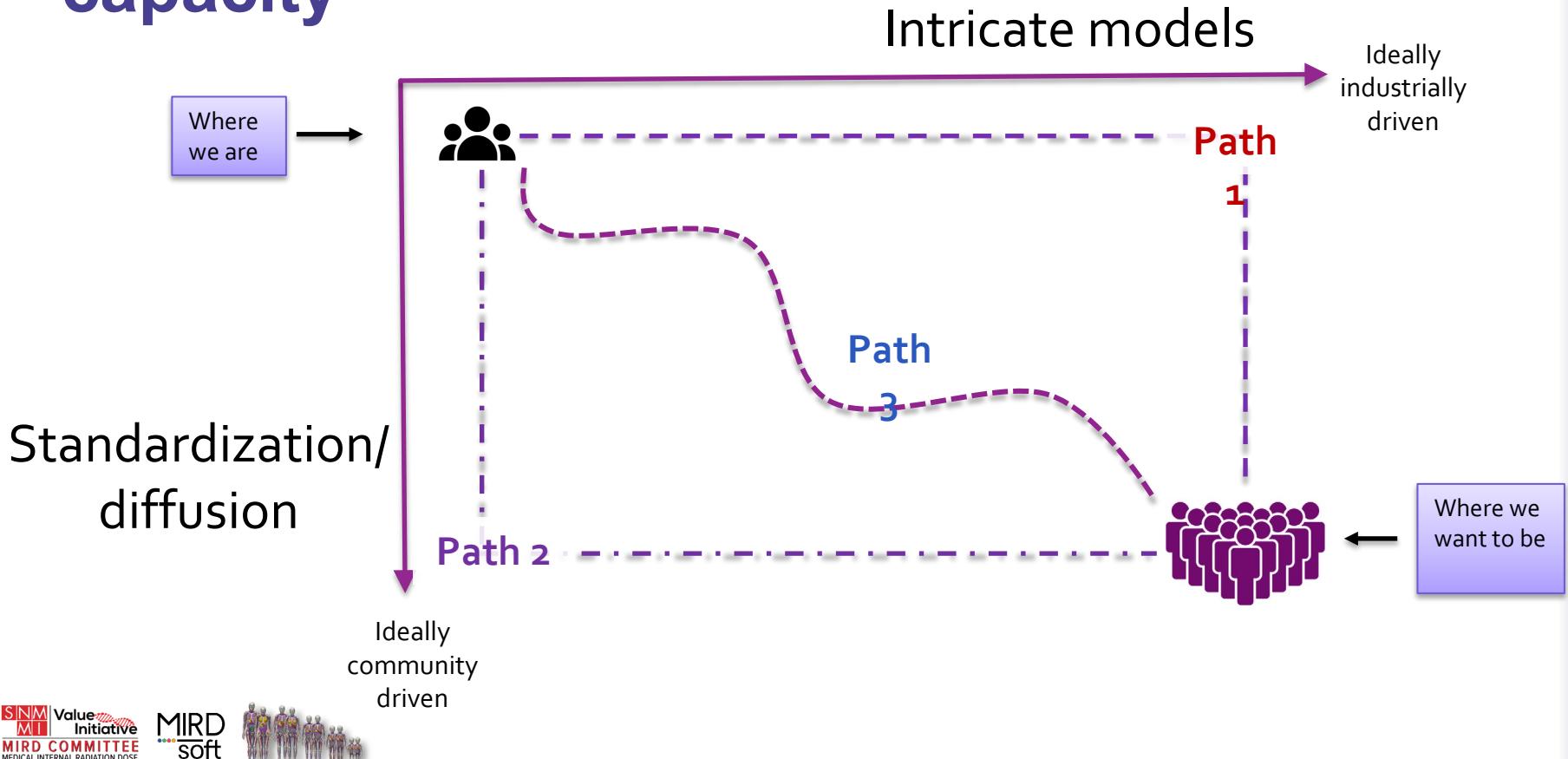


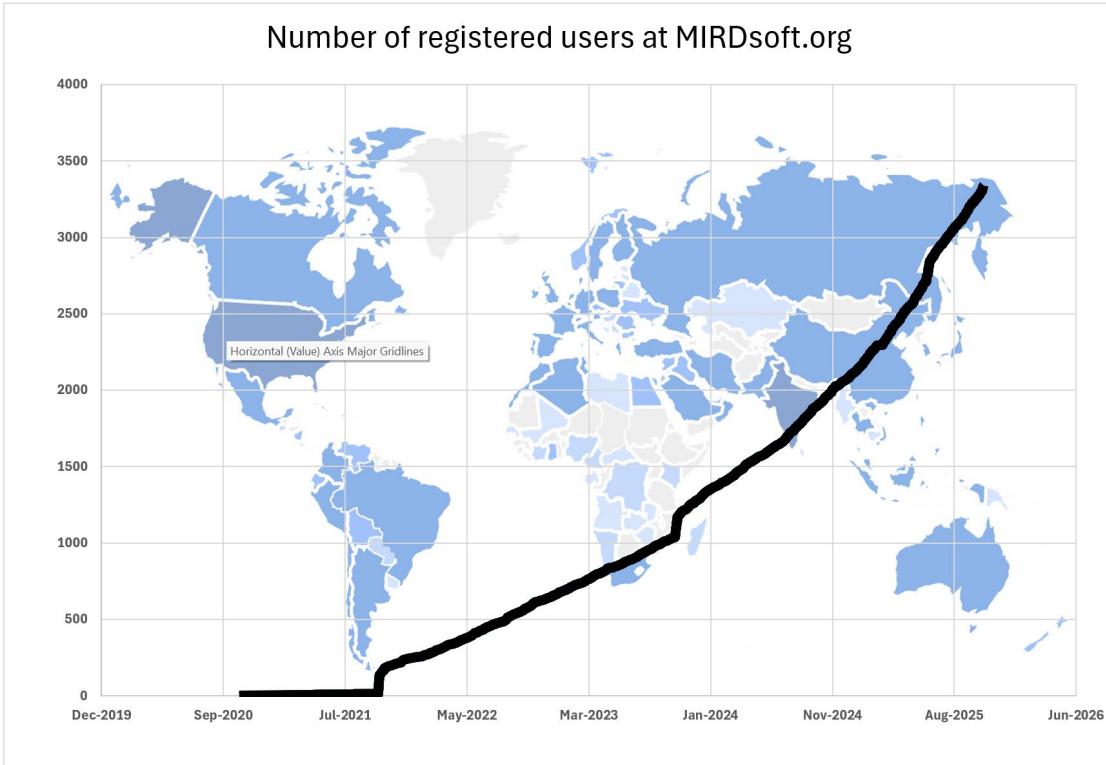
MIRDsoft.org

- Website status: **live**
- Available now
 - **MIRDcalc v1 – organ-level internal dosimetry**
 - **MIRDcell v4 – cell-level dosimetry**
 - **MIRDy90 – microsphere planning worksheet**
 - **MIRDdcm – dosimetry report converter**
 - **MIRDfit – biodistribution fitting/statistical analysis** new
 - **MIRDct – CT dosimetry** new
 - **MIRDspecs – Isotope information database** new
 - **MIRDcalc S value database** new
 - **MIRDpvc – partial volume correction tool** new
- Coming soon
 - MIRDrelease – patient release worksheets
 - Digital phantom libraries – opening to large populations
 - And more...



Current status of personalized dosimetry capacity





- We have developed a recipe for creating tools
 - We identify need in the community for tool
 - Most solutions built in Microsoft Excel (with VB code + compiler)
 - Easy to install, navigate
 - Significant capacity for graphics, usability
 - Capable of thorough single screen interfaces
 - All calculations transparent to users
 - UF develops back end (computational phantoms, dose libraries)
 - MSK develops front end (user interface and user interactions)
 - MIRD committee advises and vets
 - Ultimately tools are released freely
 - With aim to help clinicians, physicists, technologists, industry, patients, students, educators



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MIRDsoft products

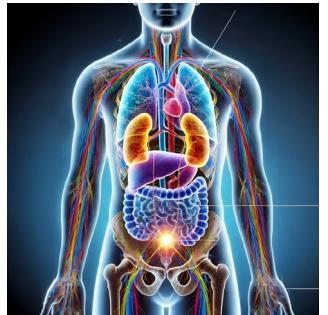
- **IDEA**: accessible, vetted, easy-to-use software solutions can translate academic ideas and have a large impact on the field.
- **SCOPE** of MIRDsoft products
 - Complex enough to provide utility in reducing tasks to achieve standardized model processing
 - Simple enough to work as stand-alone solutions

Community software	Commercial software
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gateway software• Open/Functional/clunky• Can support standardization• Sets bar for commercial software to clear• Can be used to benchmark vendor software	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develops user experience• Provides user training/support• Regulatory cleared• Can invest in innovation• Can promote use/sales/billing

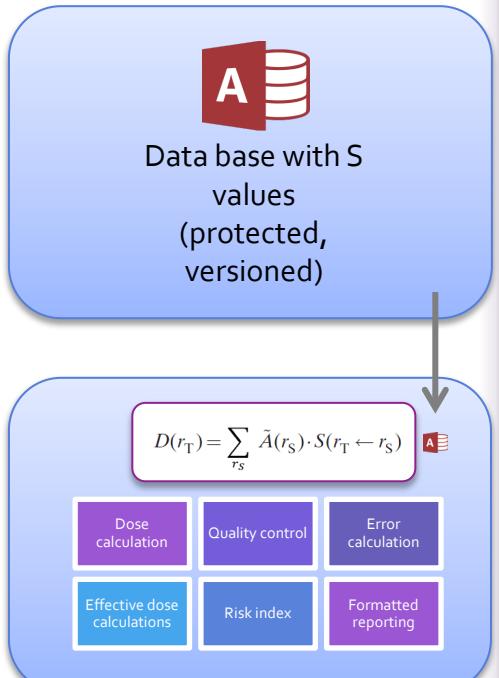
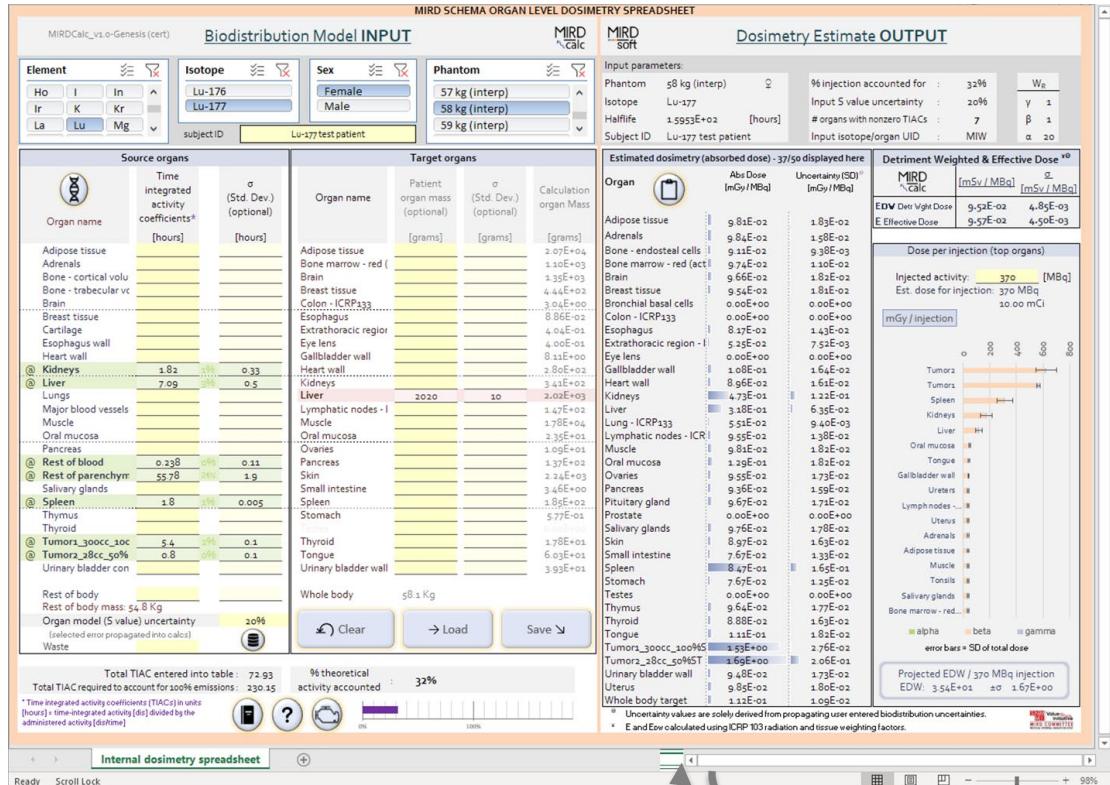


MIRDcalc

- MIRDcalc project
 - Organ-level dosimetry calculation software tool
 - Scope: biodistribution-to-dosimetry
 - Calculations based on MIRD formalism
 - Created to meet needs of community
 - Vetted software
 - Open source
 - Free distribution
 - Looking towards future – a platform to innovate
- MIRDcalc architecture
 - Excel platform
 - Easy to install
 - Intuitive, easy to use
 - Reviewable/open source (supports QC, education, community development)
 - Includes patches with Visual Basic, compiled to .exe



MIRDcalc screenshot



MIRDcalc



● Innovations

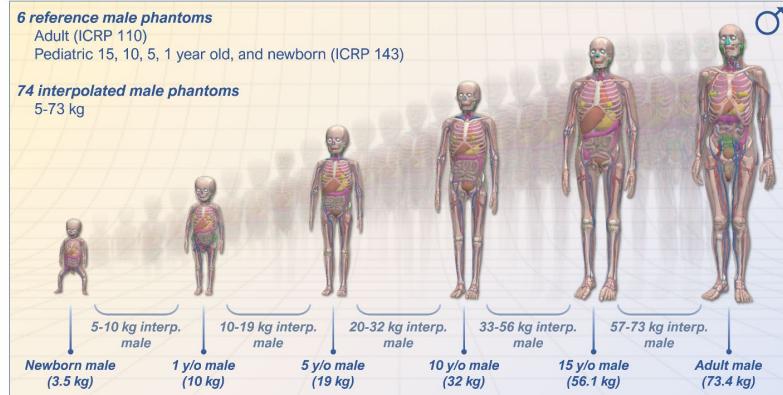
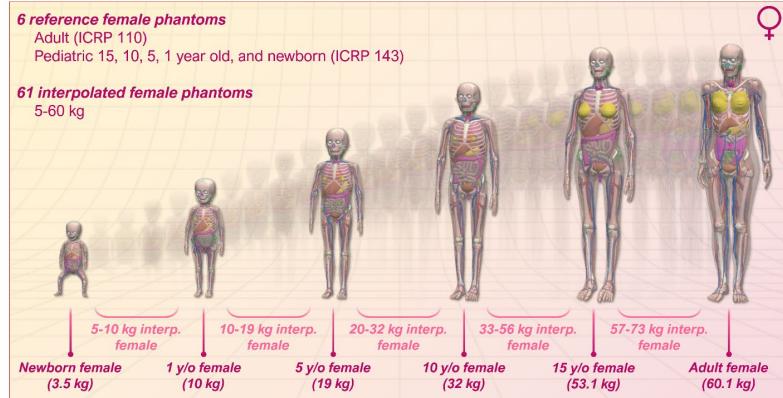
- 81 source regions, 48 target regions, 333 isotopes
- Single screen user interface
- Real time processing
- Graphical quality control checks
- Modern ICRP digital phantoms
 - Well documented
- **Spectrum of phantom models (m/f, pediatric to adult, 1 kg steps)**
- **Dynamic source regions**
 - Rest of body
 - Rest of blood
 - Rest of Parenchyma
- **(New) blood models**
- **Uncertainty propagation**
- **Integrated tumor dosimetry model**
- Output: Organ dose, effective dose, detriment weighted dose, risk index
- Thorough case documentation
 - Highly detailed output text files
 - Default screen capture
- Command line execution
 - Supports batch processing, possibly 3rd party
- And more...



MIRDcalc phantoms

○ Phantom models

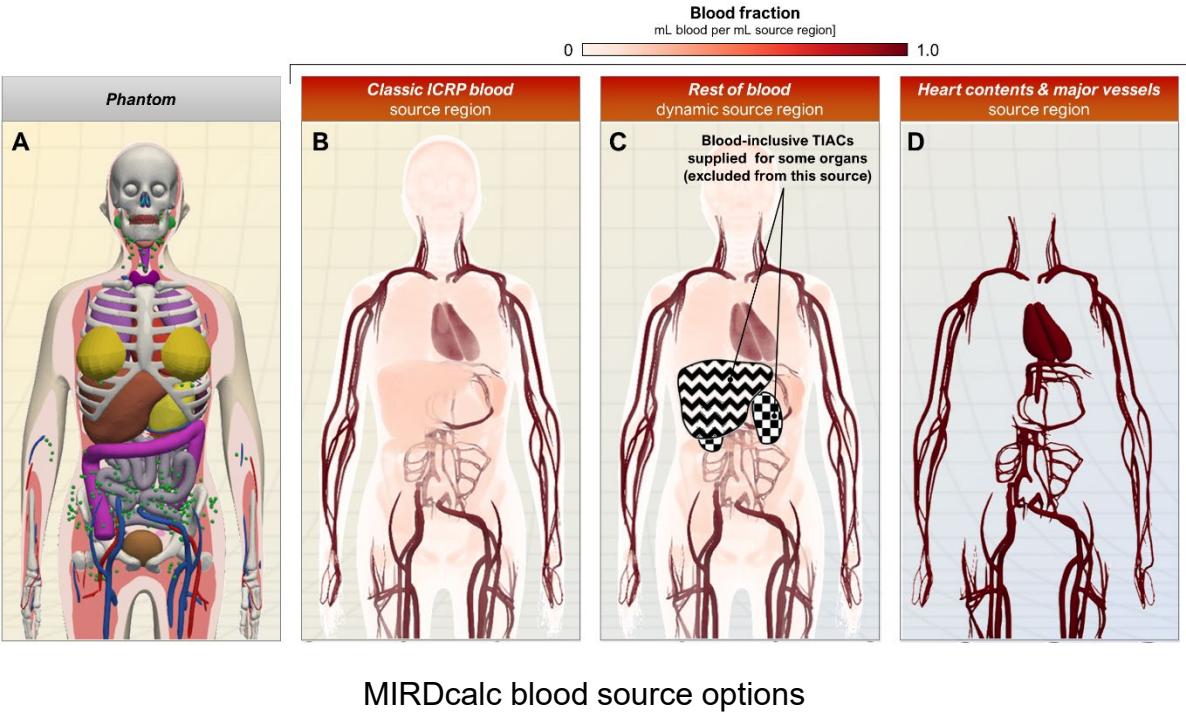
- ICRP reference phantoms (reports 110 and 143)
 - Newborn (m/f) • 10-year old (m/f)
 - 1 year-old (m/f) • 15-year old (m/f)
 - 5 year-old (m/f) • Adult (m/f)
- MIRDcalc interpolation feature
 - Organ masses interpolated linearly relative to whole body mass
 - S values interpolated log-log
- Additional source regions generated
 - Heart contents
 - Major blood vessels



Visualization of MIRDcalc phantom library

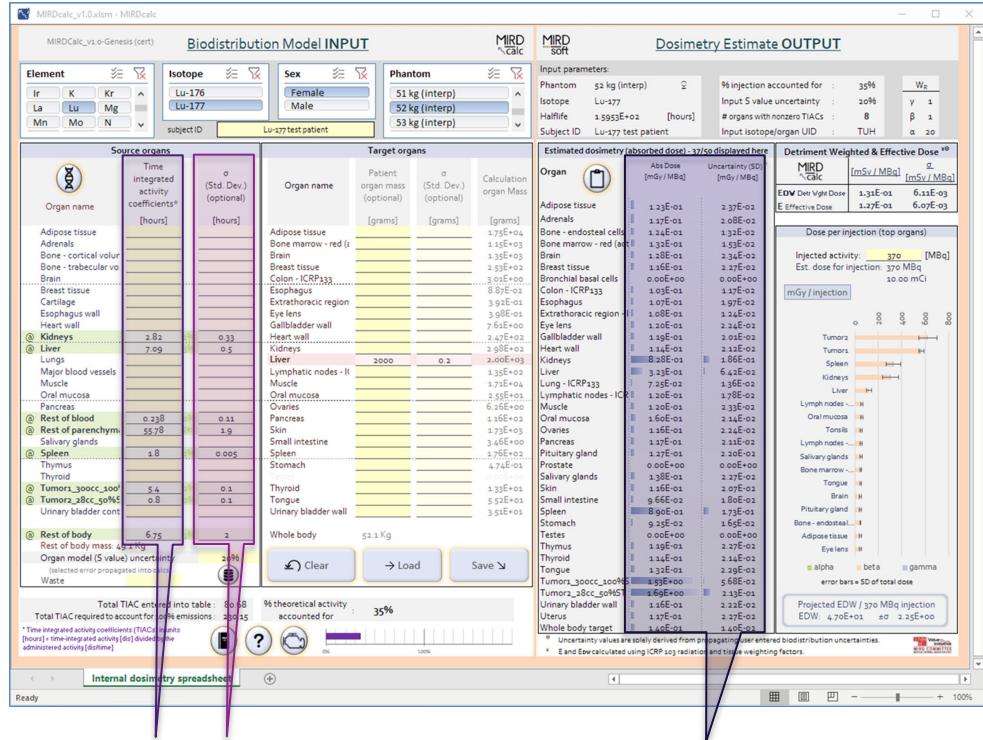
MIRDcalc blood model

- User has multiple options for modelling blood source activity



MIRDcalc uncertainty propagation

- Significant interest in dosimetric uncertainty estimation
- MIRDcalc can propagate uncertainty in user input into dose estimation
 - TIAC, mass, global S value
- Aligned with
 - EANM guidelines (Gear et al, 2018)
 - GUM guidelines (2008)
- Integrates with MIRDfit, which assists in deriving uncertainty in curve fits



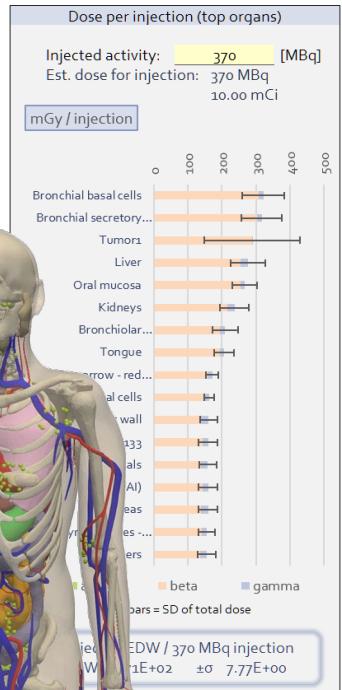
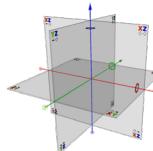
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Dose $\pm \sigma_{\text{Dose}}$

MIRDcalc tumor dosimetry

- MIRDcalc tumor dose model

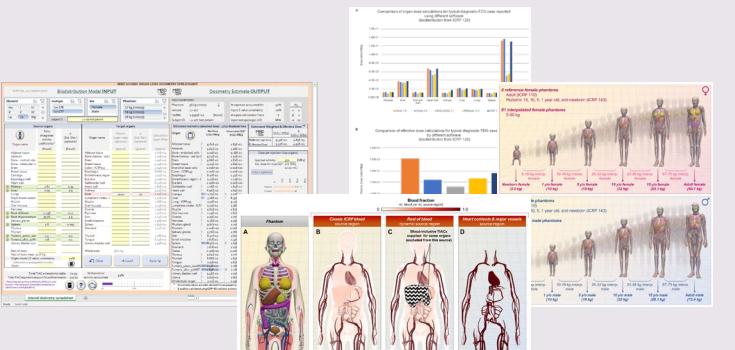
- Spherical tumor model
 - Olguin et. al, PMB, 2020
- Model parameters
 - Sphere volume (optional uncertainty)
 - TIAC (optional uncertainty)
 - Tissue composition (bone/soft tissue)
- Dosimetry semi-integrated with organ
 - Self dose (no cross dose)
 - Integrated TIAC accounting



MIRDcalc publications

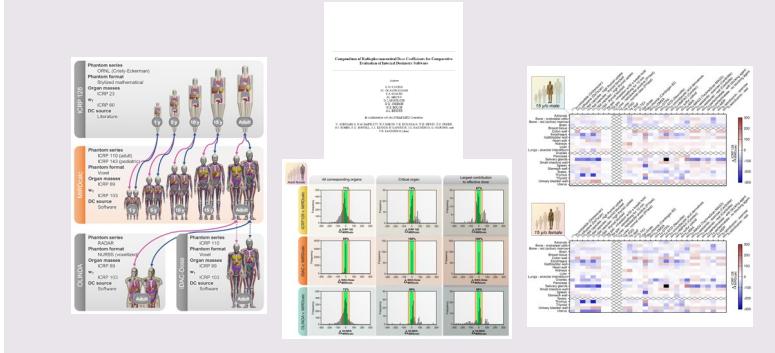
MIRD Pamphlet No. 28, Part 1: MIRDcalc – a software tool for medical internal radiation dosimetry *

- Introduction of software and features
- Supplemental phantom data and practice cases



MIRD Pamphlet No. 28, Part 2: Comparative evaluation of MIRDcalc dosimetry software across a compendium of diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals*

- Benchmark MIRDcalc with existing software
- Dose compendium (120 radiopharmaceuticals)

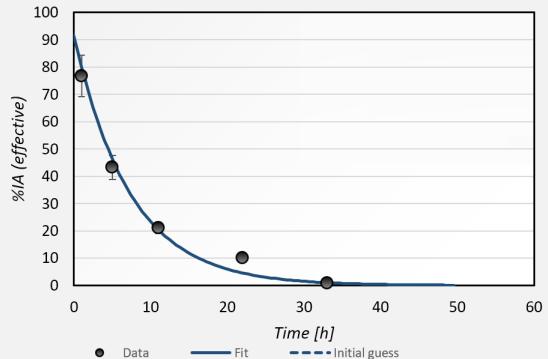


MIRDfit curve fitting tool

Module driven by
Lukas Carter, PhD
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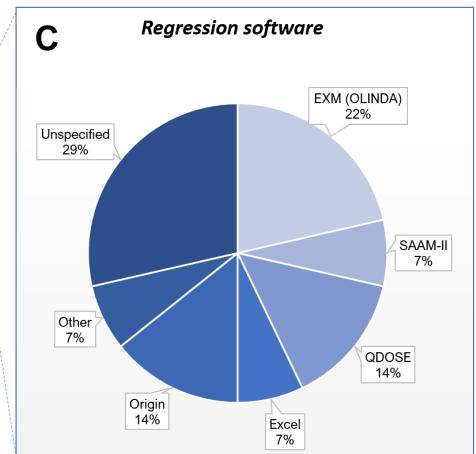
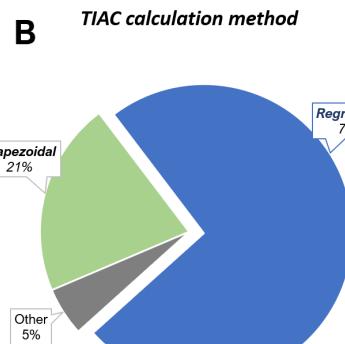
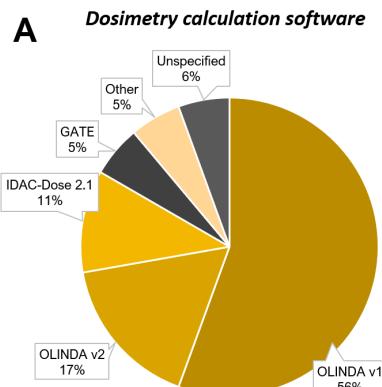

- MIRDfit is a biodistribution fitting software
 - Curvefitting fundamental part of the dosimetry workflow
 - Software helps user compute time-integrated activity coefficients (TIACs) (to be used in nuclear medicine dosimetry)
 - Workflow can be readily integrated with MIRDcalc
- Features
 - Single-screen interface
 - Pre-populated ICRP/MIRDcalc organ regions, tumors
 - User regions also possible
 - Uncertainty propagations
 - Supports multi-model comparisons
 - Quality control checks
 - Robustly described output





Uncertainty estimation in TAC fitting

- State of the field: all JNM publications with “dosimetry” in the title and filtered for biodistribution studies
 - Of 19 articles, 74% utilized regression, 21% utilized the trapezoidal method, and 5.1% did not specify
 - For regression analyses: EXM module of OLINDA (21%), QDOSE (14%), Origin Pro (14%), Microsoft Excel (7%), and SAAM-II (7%).
 - No publications objectively compared fitting models
 - Only 1 publication considered uncertainty



MIRDfit interface

MIRD Pamphlet No. 30: MIRDfit—A Tool for Fitting of Biodistribution Time–Activity Data for Internal Dosimetry
Carter et. al.
Journal of Nuclear Medicine, September 2024

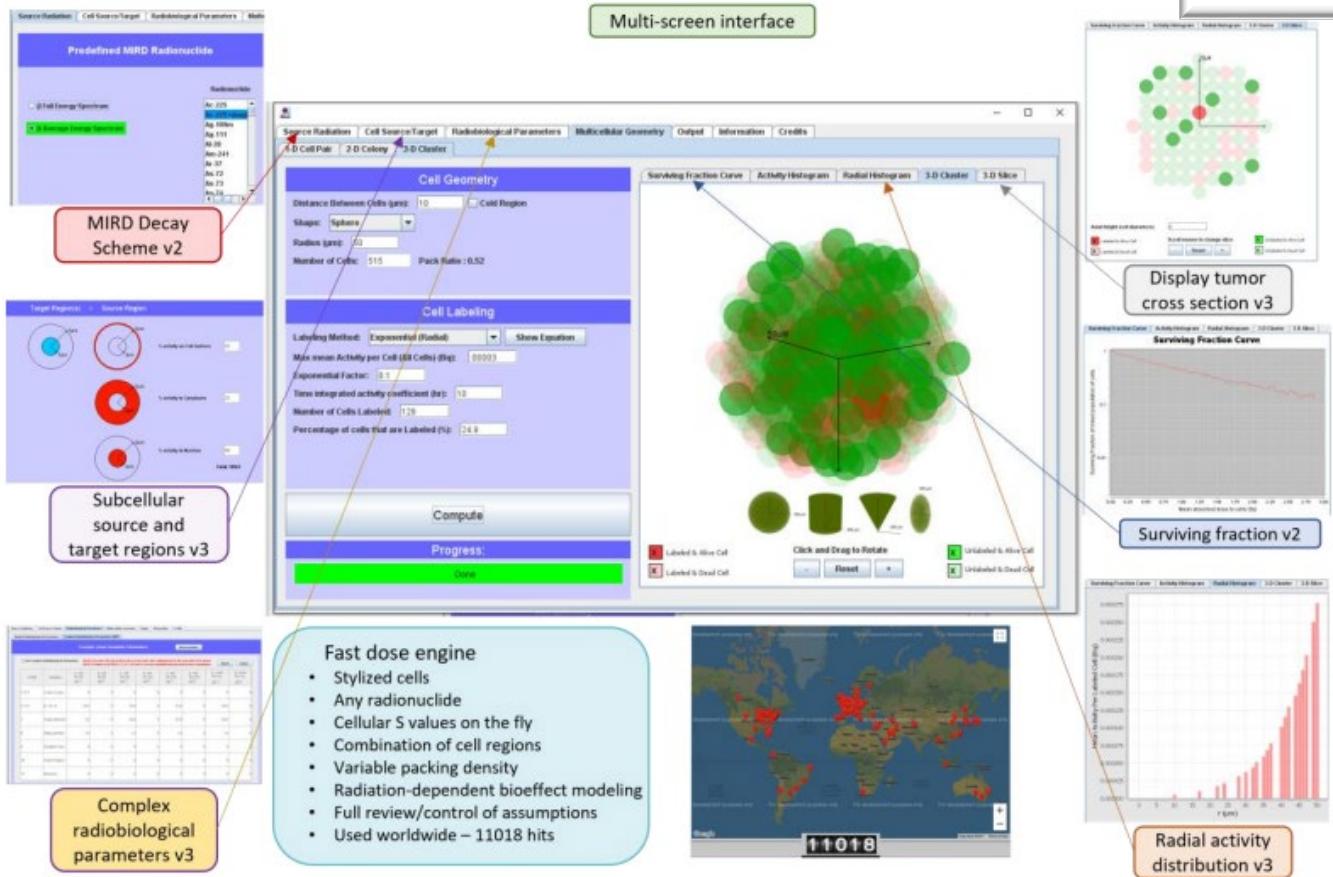


MIRDcell

- PI – Roger Howell
(Rutgers)
- Radionuclide Cell-level dosimetry and bioeffect modeling software
 - Sub-cell, single cells, multi-cell clusters - Sources and Targets
 - B particles: Average E or Full E spectrum
 - LQ modeling
- Available now for download

MIRD Pamphlet No 25: MIRDcell V2, Software Tool for Dosimetric Analysis of Biologic Response of Multicellular Populations

MIRD Pamphlet No 27: MIRDcell V3, a revised software tool for multicellular dosimetry and bioeffect modeling Katugampola et al. JNM 63, 2022

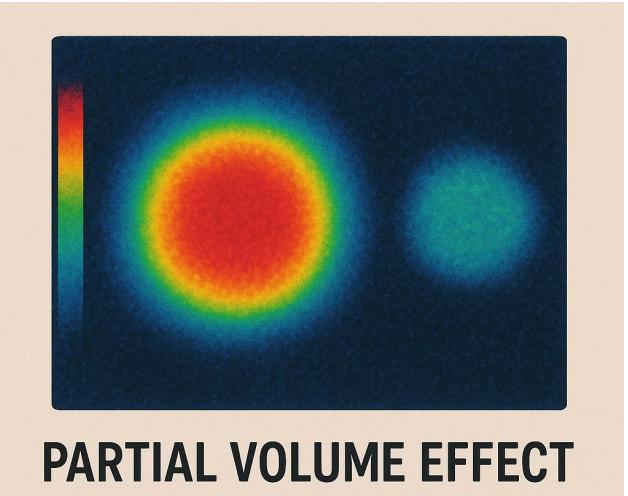


MIRDpvc - A Software Tool for PET & SPECT Resolution Characterization and Shape-Specific Partial Volume Correction

Module driven by
Harry Marquis, PhD



- The partial volume effect (PVE) is a significant factor prohibiting accurate dosimetry of target volumes in radiopharmaceutical therapy (RPT)
- The PVE is a phenomenon that results in the loss of apparent activity in small objects or regions
- Partial volume correction (PVC) methods aim to restore the loss in signal due to limited resolution of our imaging systems
- Why PVC? Improved quantitative accuracy will allow us to better understand treatment responses and outcomes from RNT – and will facilitate personalized therapies in RNT.



PARTIAL VOLUME EFFECT



Adam Kesner, PhD

MIRDpvc – The RC Model

- Theoretical recovery coefficients for spheres:

$$RC_{out} = \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{R\sqrt{2}}{\sigma}\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}R} \sigma \left(3 - e^{-\frac{2R^2}{\sigma^2}}\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\frac{\sigma}{R}\right)^3 \left(1 - e^{-\frac{2R^2}{\sigma^2}}\right)$$

Presented by De Nijs, *Physica Medica*, 2023

Reformulated from Gabiña et al, *PMB*, 2023

- 3-PL function (empirical model) fit to theoretical RCs:

$$RC_{out} = 1 - \frac{1}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{Vol}{SA \times FWHM \times \beta}\right)^\gamma\right]^L}$$

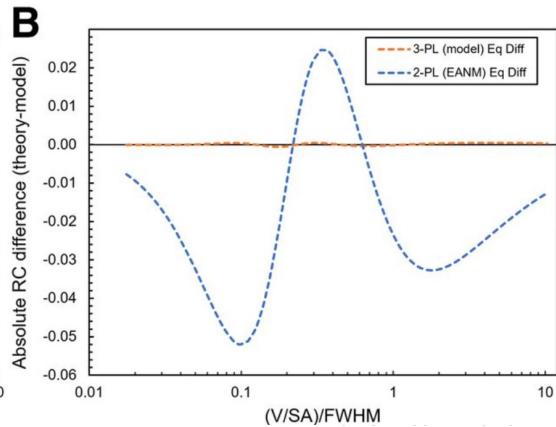
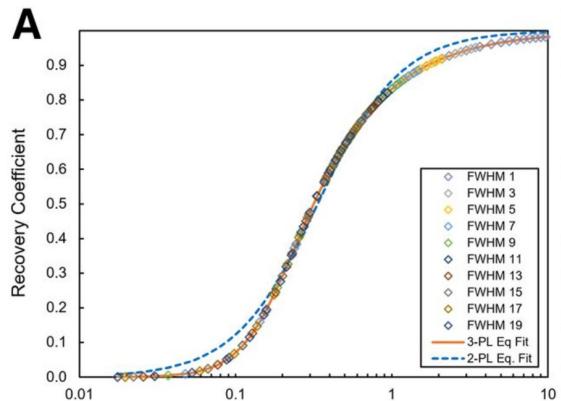
- Beta, gamma, & “L”, are the fitting parameters → **Excellent** fit to theory allows us to measure RCs and solve for FWHM:

$$\rightarrow FWHM = \frac{R}{3\beta \left[\left(\frac{1}{1-RC_{out}} \right)^{\frac{1}{L}} - 1 \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}}$$

where R is the radius of the sphere

Main takeaway point:

Our approach finds the resolution (Gaussian – FWHM mm) that is required to produce the measured recovery given the known volume and SBR



MIRD Pamphlet No. 32: A MIRD Recovery Coefficient Model for Resolution Characterization and Shape-Specific Partial-Volume Correction

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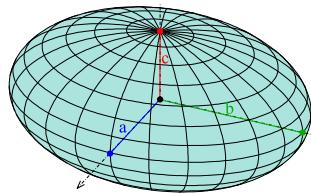
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MIRDpvc – RECOVER-GM

- Extending the model to non-spherical shapes:

- When RCs for ellipsoids are plotted as Vol/SA vs RC, the data collapses onto a single curve (for RCs>0.7)
- Through simulations of ellipsoids, and prolate/oblate spheroids we were able to extend the model



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REcovery COefficient equiValEnt Resolution (RECOVER)

$$RC_{abc} \approx (RC_a \cdot RC_b \cdot RC_c)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

^ Geometric
mean of:

$$RC_a = \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{a\sqrt{2}}{\sigma}\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\sigma}{a} \left(3 - e^{-\frac{2a^2}{\sigma^2}}\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\frac{\sigma}{a}\right)^3 \left(1 - e^{-\frac{2a^2}{\sigma^2}}\right),$$

$$RC_b = \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{b\sqrt{2}}{\sigma}\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\sigma}{b} \left(3 - e^{-\frac{2b^2}{\sigma^2}}\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\frac{\sigma}{b}\right)^3 \left(1 - e^{-\frac{2b^2}{\sigma^2}}\right),$$

$$RC_c = \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{c\sqrt{2}}{\sigma}\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\sigma}{c} \left(3 - e^{-\frac{2c^2}{\sigma^2}}\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\frac{\sigma}{c}\right)^3 \left(1 - e^{-\frac{2c^2}{\sigma^2}}\right),$$

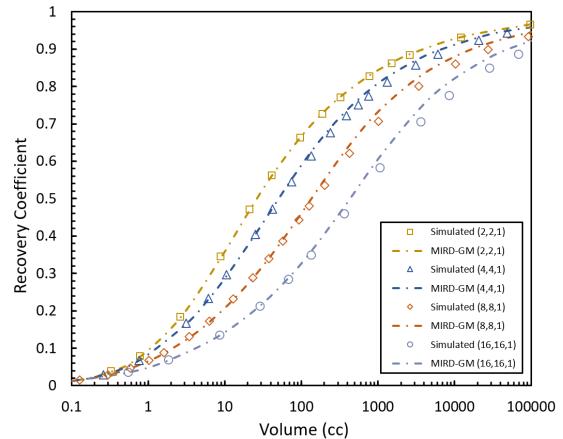
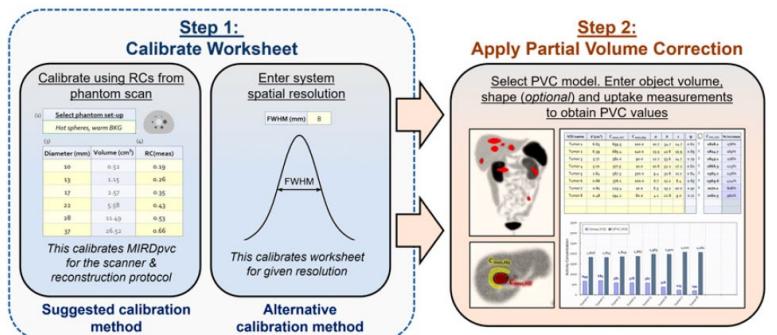


Figure 6: Simulated RC for spheres, prolate (1,1,4) & (1,1,8), and oblate (4,4,1) & (8,8,1) as a function of V:SA/FWHM (left) and its inverse (right) showing the linear regime.



MIRDpvc – Worksheet overview

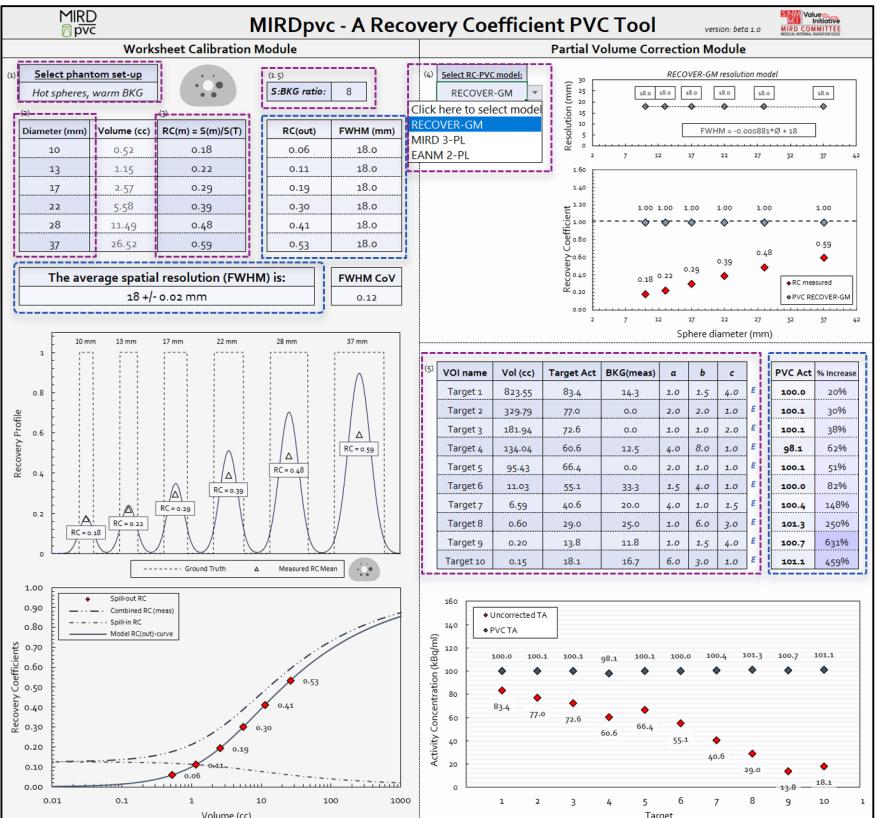


SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

MIRD Pamphlet No. 33: MIRDpvc—A Software Tool for Recovery Coefficient-Based Partial-Volume Correction

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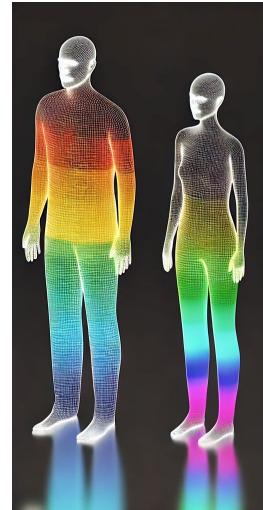


MIRDct CT dosimetry software

Front end module driven
by Dr. Ocampo Ramos
backend supported by UF



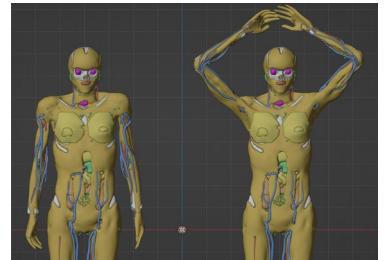
- MIRDct has been developed to provide organ model-based CT dosimetry
- The software enables quick estimation of organ absorbed dose and whole body effective dose
- MIRDct is intended to support:
 - Evaluation of CT dosimetry
 - Optimization of CT protocols, techniques, and procedures
 - Comparison of CT techniques, procedures, technologies
 - Numerical quantification of risk for providers and patients
 - Support for diagnostic reference levels (DRLs)
 - Educational use



MIRDct CT dosimetry software

- Key components:

- Realistic anatomical models
 - ICRP Publication 145 – Adult mesh-type phantoms
 - ICRP Publication 156 – Pediatric mesh-type phantoms
 - arms up/down
- New dose coefficient database
 - Heavy processing pre-calculated
- Robust model options:
 - 1 cm CT-slice-specific organ dose coefficients, CT manufacturer, model, collimations, kVp, bowtie filters, and support for Tube Current Modulation (TCM).
- Single screen graphical user interface
- Uncertainty evaluation:
 - Software identifies and quantitates sources of error and allows users to propagate these into the calculational results (optional).



MIRDct – GUI

Input parameters panel

(1) Scanner model

Vendor	Canon
Model	Genesis
Filter	Large
	Medium
Coll...	20
	40

(1) Scanner model

kVp	100
	120
TCM	No
	Yes

(3) Simulation parameters

mAs:	100	mAs
Pitch:	1	custom CTDI vol (opt)

custom CTDI vol (opt)
CTDIdvol used in calc

Case ID (opt):

(4) Protocol selection

Protocol Name	Mid Chest
	Mid Cardiac
	Mid Abdomen - Pelvis
	Mid Abdomen
	Lower Thigh

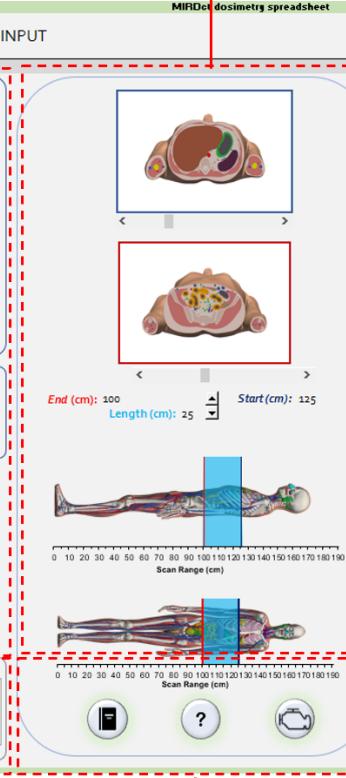
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Lower | Thigh

(5) Optional uncertainty propagation (see manual)

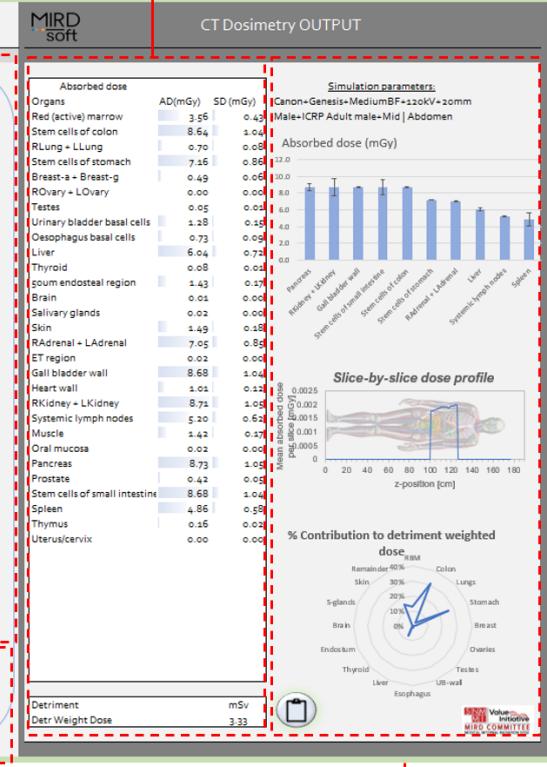
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Yes

Graphical selection/guidance



Dosimetry estimate output



Uncertainty for error propagation

Control panel

Informative graphical results

MIRDrelease



Module driven by
Juan Camilo
Ocampo Ramos,
PhD and Harry
Marquis, PhD



MIRDrelease

- Safe release of patients
 - Safety
 - Regulations
- NCRP report 155 patient release guidelines



Operational Equation

$$\dot{E}(r_j, t) = K_a(r_j, t) (E/K_a) = \sum_{i=1}^n K_a(r_j, 0)_i (E/K_a) e^{-\frac{(ln 2)t}{T_{e_i}}} \quad (5.7)$$

- $\dot{E}(r_j, t)$ is the effective dose rate (mSv/h) at index distance r_j (meters) from patient at time t post-administration (days),
- $K_a(r_j, t)$ is the air kerma rate (Gy/h) at an index distance r_j (m) from the patient at time t (days) post-administration,
- (E/K_a) is the effective dose per air kerma coefficient (Sv/Gy),
- $K_a(r_j, 0)_i$ is the zero-time intercept of the exponential component i of the time-dependent air kerma rate,
- T_{e_i} is the effective half-life (days) of the non-decay corrected total-body activity for compartment i of a multi-exponential function,
- n is the number of exponential compartments required to describe the time-dependent total-body activity.

MIRDrelease

Single screen patient release worksheet

MIRDrelease patient release calculation worksheet

Instructions - complete all yellow cells	
Treatment	Clinic
Patient Name: John Q. Patient	Institution : AAPM
Patient Number: 222-22-222	Physician: Doc Holiday
Disease/Condition: Neuroendocrine Tumors	Contact phone : 555-5555
Treatment date: 6/1/2024	Patient Releasable Dose Limits (regulations)
Radionuclide: Lu-177	Adult family: 125 mrem
Radiopharmaceutical: Lu-177 DOTATATE	Child/pregnant woman/public: 25 mrem

Physics calculations

Administered activity:	Assumed Exposure Factors, E(i) [units: Fraction, 0-1]
7400 [MBq]	Family member (1m) 0.25 Co-Worker (1m) 0.33
200.0 [mCi]	Sleeping partner (0.3m) 0.33 Held child (0.3m) 0.2

Exposure rate at time zero

mR/h at 1 m mR/h at 3 m

5.66 62.88889

$$A(t) = \frac{F_1 \exp\left(\ln(2)/T_{e1}\right) + F_2 \exp\left(\ln(2)/T_{e2}\right) + F_3 \exp\left(\ln(2)/T_{e3}\right)}{T_{e1} + T_{e2} + T_{e3}}$$

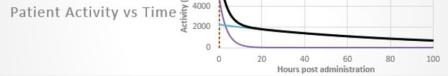
amplitude half time [days]

F1 0.7 T_{e1} 0.1

F2 0.3 T_{e2} 2.4

F3 T_{e3}

Release day: 0 (select from dropdown)



Release instructions

Days (post administration)

- Avoid close contact [less than 1 meter (3 feet) away] from pregnant women and children until 2 days after the administration of the radionuclide therapy; that is, there are no restrictions on such activity. **2 Days**
- Do not hold or embrace children for more than 10 minutes a day until 15 days after the administration of the radionuclides. **15 Days**
- Do not return to work until 3 days after the administration of the radionuclide therapy; that is, you may return to work immediately. **3 Days**
- Do not sleep in the same bed with your adult sleeping partner until 7 days after the administration of the radionuclide therapy. **7 Days**
- If your sleeping partner is pregnant, do not sleep in the same bed with your sleeping partner until 16 days after the administration of the radionuclide therapy. **16 Days**



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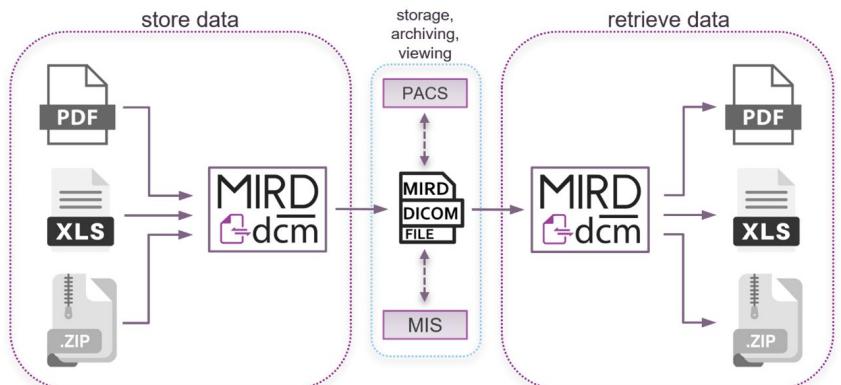


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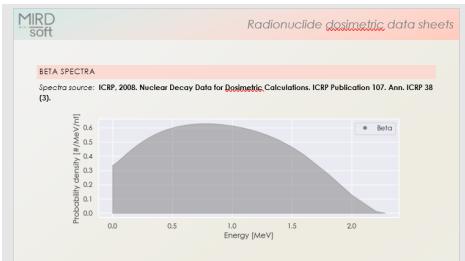
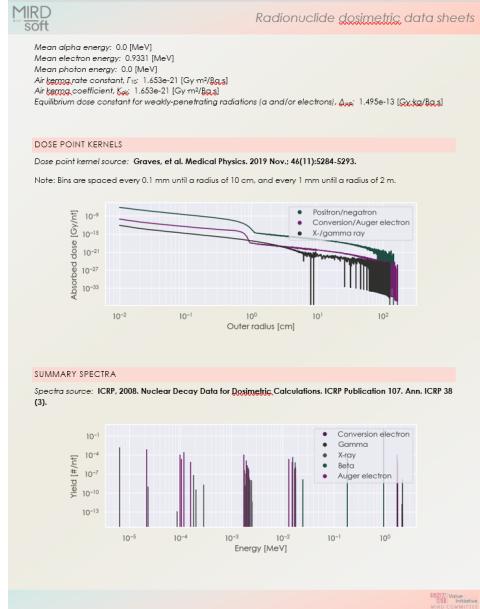
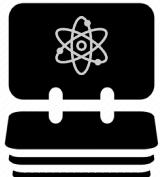
- Compile (dosimetry) reports to DICOM format
 - Data -> Single DICOM file
 - Software also reverts DICOM-> data





MIRDspecs

- Reference material for MIRDsoft.org website
- 1000+ isotopes



MIRD soft

Radionuclide dosimetric data sheets

SUMMARY SPECTRA (TABLE)

Spectra source: ICRP, 2008. Nuclear Decay Data for Dosimetric Calculations. ICRP Publication 107. Ann. ICRP 38 (3).

Energy [MeV]	Yield [s ⁻¹]	Excitation type
6.5241e-04	1.388e-03	X-ray
2.7709e-05	9.749e-10	X-ray
8.7339e-05	1.308e-13	X-ray
1.8015e-04	6.137e-08	X-ray
2.0240e-04	3.137e-10	X-ray
2.8980e-04	1.911e-09	X-ray
1.80224e-03	3.801e-07	X-ray
1.87987e-03	1.523e-09	X-ray
1.89014e-03	1.105e-07	X-ray
1.83939e-03	1.440e-09	X-ray
1.91832e-03	9.811e-10	X-ray
2.03171e-03	2.303e-07	X-ray
2.03430e-03	2.096e-06	X-ray
2.11911e-03	9.704e-07	X-ray
2.14486e-03	1.740e-08	X-ray
2.16947e-03	3.704e-08	X-ray
2.18372e-03	6.474e-08	X-ray
2.18417e-03	3.958e-11	X-ray
2.18860e-03	3.795e-11	X-ray
2.21813e-03	2.869e-09	X-ray
2.21828e-03	2.541e-08	X-ray
2.25224e-03	7.589e-09	X-ray
2.27546e-03	3.293e-11	X-ray
2.30552e-03	1.219e-08	X-ray
2.23150e-03	2.842e-10	X-ray



MIRDtools



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MIRDcalc S value database



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S VALUE DATABASE

MIRDcalc S Value Database

This downloadable ZIP archive contains a comprehensive set of reference S values used in the MIRDcalc software, supporting organ-level internal dosimetry calculations based on the MIRD schema. Developed using data and methods aligned with ICRP Task Group 96 publications and recommendations, as well as radionuclide decay data from *ICRP Publication 107, Supplementary Material*, the database includes:

- 333 radionuclides with detailed decay spectra
- Reference phantoms for adults and children (ICRP Publications 110 and 143)
- Over 80 source regions and 40+ target regions
- Full energy spectrum integration for beta emitters
- Support for alpha and alpha-recoil contributions
- CSV format for easy integration into research pipelines

Each CSV file is named according to the radionuclide, phantom type, and age/sex group it applies to.

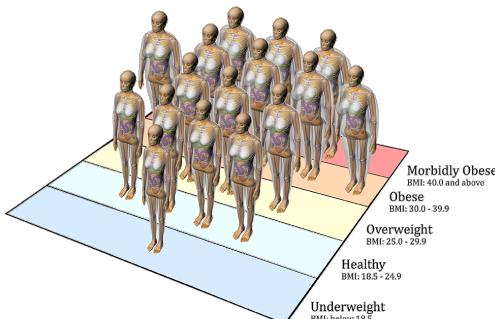


[Download the S Value Database \(ZIP file, contains 352 CSV files\)](#)

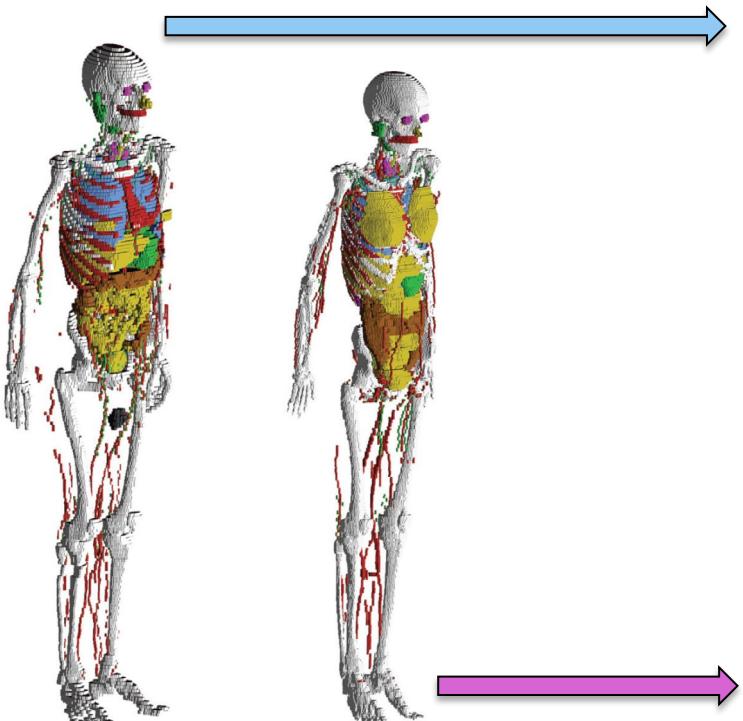


Development of computational phantoms

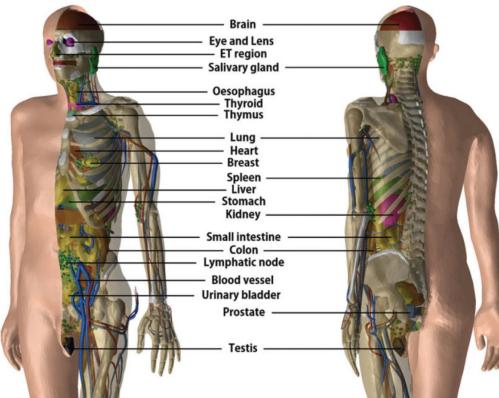
- Grant effort powered by MSK/UF partnership
 - Co-PI Wes Bolch, PhD
- Bolch lab has significant experience with developing computational phantoms
- As (significant) part of grant we are creating the UF/MSK computational phantom library
 - Powers MIRDsoft tools
 - Many other uses



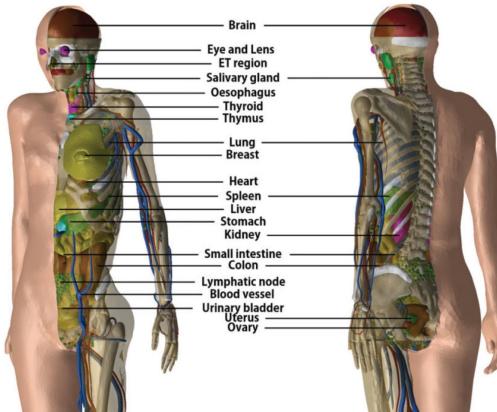
Changes in phantom technology: Voxel → Mesh



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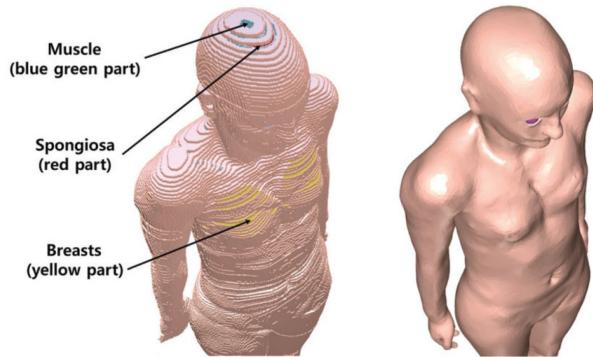
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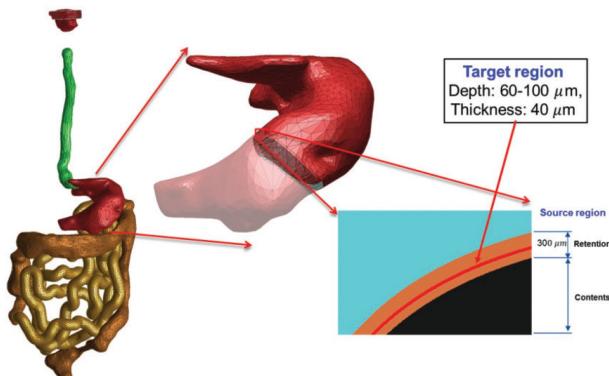
Note - In 2023, ICRP will release a companion document on the pediatric mesh-based reference phantom series

Key advantages of mesh-based over voxel-based phantoms

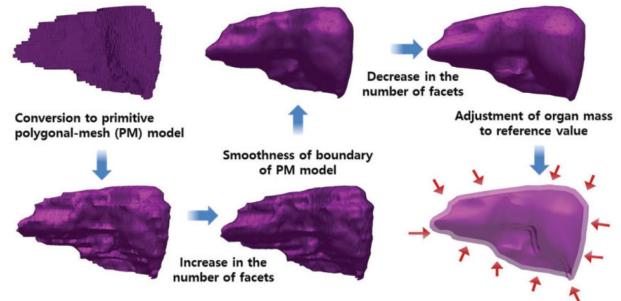
1. Avoidance of stair-step artifacts



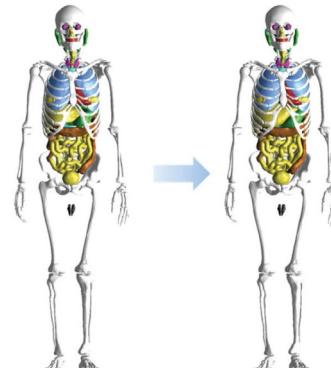
3. Ability to model very thin tissue layers



2. Nonuniform scaling of mesh surfaces



4. Proper accounting of in-vivo organ volumes

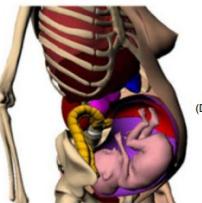
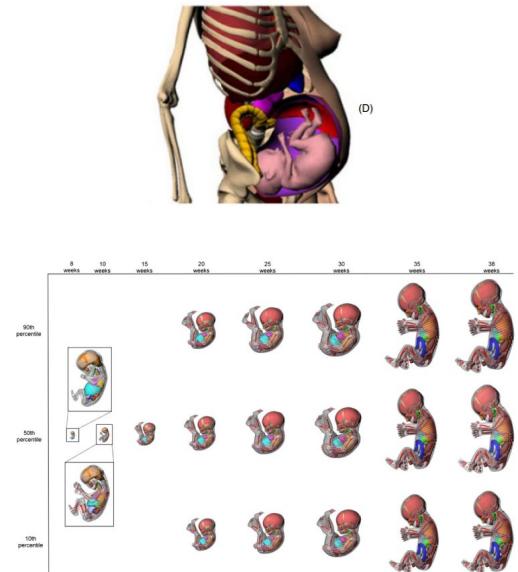
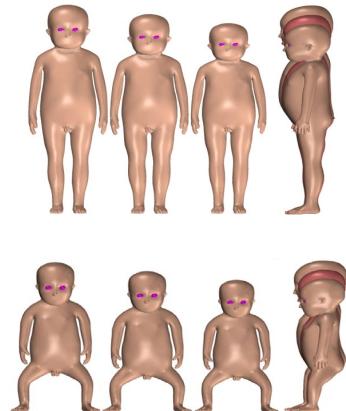
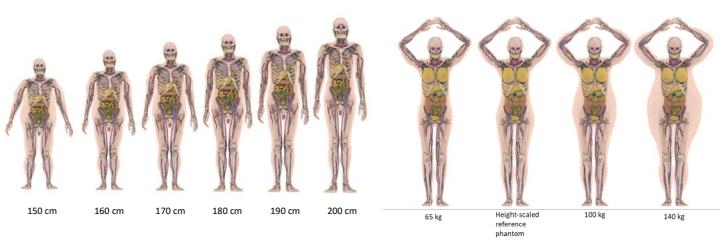


Previously, phantom modelers assumed that ICRP reference masses were inclusive of blood content – they were not!

Development of computational phantoms

Summary

- Phantom development under MIRDsoft initiative will set new standard for digital phantoms
- UF/MSK (combined with UF/NCI) library is now **732** phantoms in total
- Include variety of sizes/shapes/postures
- Powers MIRDsoft products
- To be distributed on MIRDsoft.org



Presentation overview

1. MIRDsoft.org platform

Projects hosted on MIRDsoft.org

2. MIRDcalc - organ level dosimetry
3. MIRDfit - curve fitting
4. MIRDcell - cell level dosimetry
5. MIRDpvc - partial volume correction
6. MIRDct - CT dosimetry
7. MIRDy90 - Y90 treatment planning
8. MIRDrelease - patient release
9. MIRDtools
10. UF/MSK computational phantoms

11. Closing remarks



Future of MIRDsoft - grant renewal

● Specific aims:

1. Enhancing MIRDcalc and MIRDct to Accommodate Variable Human-Body Morphometry
2. Development of a Mouse and Rat Phantom Library for Preclinical Dosimetry
3. Development of Advanced Model-Based Tumor Dosimetry
4. Simplified Bioeffect Modeling Tools for Clinical Dosimetry



MIRDsoft presentation summary

- **MIRDsoft.org** is a new initiative from the SNMMI MIRD committee to support accessible electronic infrastructure for NM community
- Projects address gap in idea translation
 - Community access tools not profitable, but crucial for education, benchmarking standards, innovation
- Projects/accomplishments have been true collaborative effort
- Currently available for download:
 - MIRDcalc, MIRDcell, MIRDy90, MIRDdcm, MIRDfit, MIRDct, MIRDspecs
- **More innovations to come**
 - Efforts currently underway
 - Application for funding renewal has been submitted

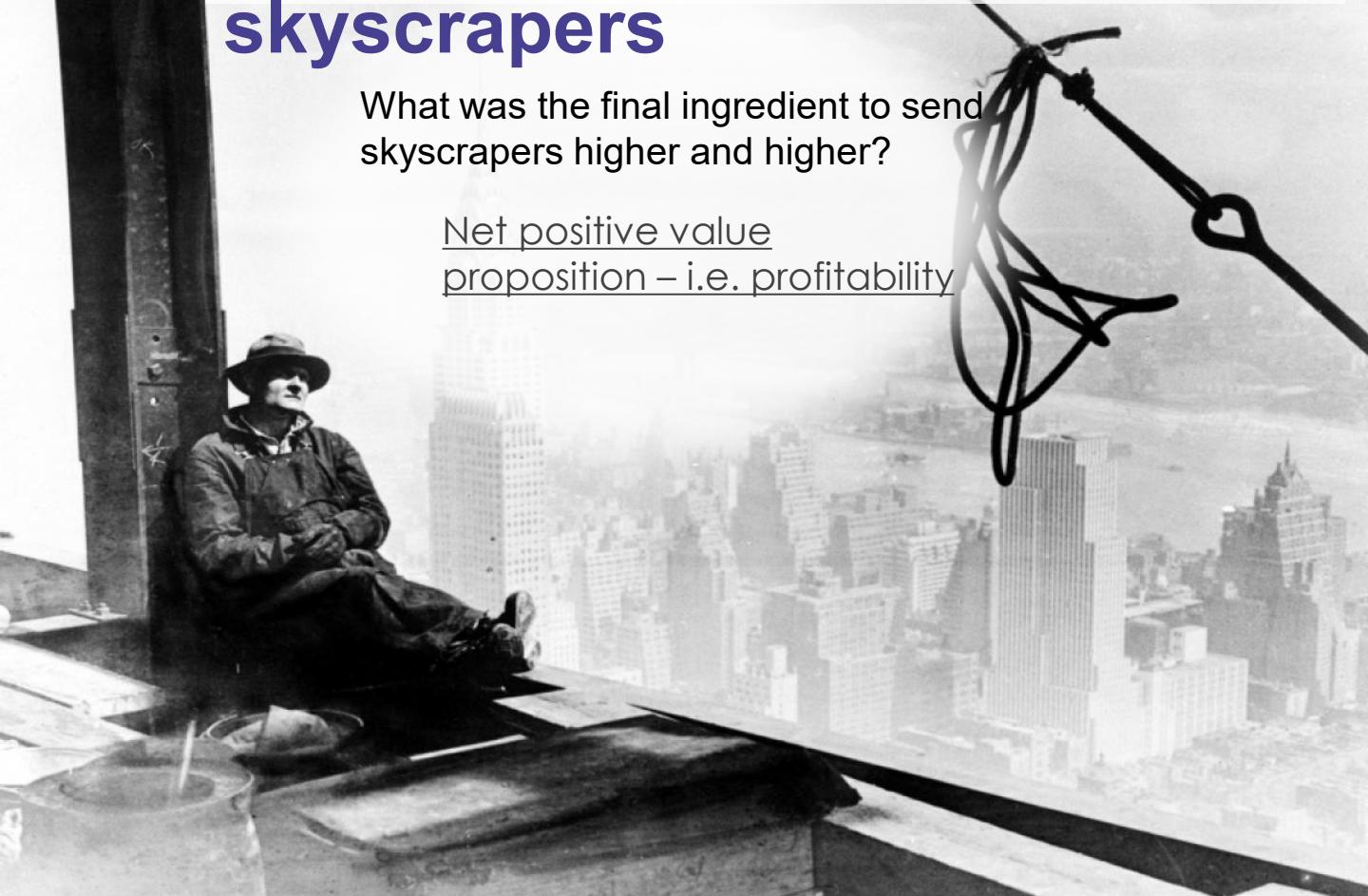




Closing remarks on skyscrapers

What was the final ingredient to send skyscrapers higher and higher?

Net positive value
proposition – i.e. profitability



Closing remarks on being relevant

- What if there is a “Bessemer process” for radiopharmaceutical dosimetry?



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EDITORIAL

A Cures Act-Forged Pathway to Patient-Tailored Radiopharmaceutical Therapy and Call for Regulatory Transparency

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Radiopharmaceutical therapy (RPT) offers molecular-targeted treatment strategies and represents an ideal model for advancing precision medicine. As the field grows, a long-standing question has renewed relevance: What will personalized dosimetry gain in shaping its future? Dosimetry-guided patient management has long been recognized as a key objective in therapeutic nuclear medicine, but the specific optimization of dosimetry is a relatively new priority. The promise of therapeutic dosimetry is knowing what we treat and using that information to tailor the treatment of what we see (1)—largely hinges on this capability. Yet despite decades of technical advancements, including the development of dosimetry software tools, their use in guiding treatments remains largely outside the research domain and has been limited to a fraction of clinical care.

Implementing personalized dosimetry in RPT depends on practical, clinically integrated software that can translate quantitative data into actionable decision support. Although the intent of software as a Medical Device (SaMD) regulation is laudable—protecting patients with the same level of reliability as medical devices—there is no Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-clarity for prospective dosimetry planning, even as guidelines increasingly endorse dosimetry-guided management; it leaves planning to in-house or nonclinical solutions; limiting standardization; it imposes opaque, costly clarity pathways that raise barriers for clinicians and patients; and it limits the use of software to a fraction of the clinical care environment, professionally governed tools proved safe and suitable only because they operated outside the current SaMD pathway and where widespread, iterative use in routine care generated real-world evidence (RWE) that strengthened clinical confidence and informed best practice. In 2016, the U.S. Congress provided a mandate to the FDA to make medical devices subject to the 21st Century Cures Act (2) and later codified in the FDA's 2022 Clinical Decision Support (CDS) guidance (3)—providing a route by which qualifying dosimetry calculations could be translated to the community, supporting individualized care and the generation of RWE—a pathway still underrecognized and unused.

This gap underscores the need for a constructive, field-wide effort to ensure that RPT has access to safe, scalable, and

standardized tools for individualized treatment planning. We propose a pragmatic distinction between full-blown dosimetry platforms and transparent model calculators, and we explore how FDA classification—already available under current regulations—offers a viable means to enable such calculators to support individualized care through assessment-based dosing. This is not a call to abandon the current model, but a selective intervention over the current default in which many RPT's proceed without any dosimetry guidance.

FACTO BARRIERS TO DOSIMETRY SOFTWARE IN RADIOPHARMACEUTICAL THERAPY

Under current regulations, RPT dosimetry software is classified as SaMD (4), despite the fact that estimator tools have generally been cleared as moderate-risk class II devices through the 510(k) premarket notification pathway (5)—“clearance” being distinct from formal “approval” in regulatory terminology—whereas prospective treatment-planning tools are presumed to fall into the high-risk class III category, triggering the most stringent regulatory review. This classification has added dimensionality of regulation (spanning drug, radioactive material, and software domains), combined with the complexity of internal dose calculations, sets apart the translation of RPT dosimetry software from analogous tools in radiation oncology (Supplemental Table 1; available at <http://jnm.snmjournals.org>). Consequently, regulatory pathways used in other fields are not available for RPT dosimetry software. The current 510(k) pathway, though less costly than class II de novo or class III premarket approval—all poses significant hurdles, especially for smaller companies and academic institutions. Its requirement to demonstrate “substantial equivalence” to an existing marketed device is particularly problematic when it will be required to be the regulatory community (6,7). These hurdles, together with high development costs and overlapping requirements across the 3 domains, incentivize simplified “one-size-fits-all” dosing strategies, as seen in recent approvals such as Lutathera and Plavix (both Novartis) (8,9).

Given the complexity of RPT dosimetry, it is a presumption that prospective treatment planning requires high-risk software and that population-based dosing—the one-size-fits-all protocols designed to minimize toxicities in the average patient populations—provides an adequate lower-risk default. This approach supplants patient-specific biokinetics and personal priorities—and the goal of optimizing therapy

Table 1 - Comparison of FDA-defined regulatory pathways for medical software: CDS, Class II (510(k)) clearance, and Class III (Premarket Approval).

CHARACTERISTIC	CLINICAL DECISION SUPPORT (CDS)	CLASS II 510(k) CLEARANCE	CLASS III (PREMARKET APPROVAL)
REGULATORY CLASSIFICATION	Supportive, not standalone medical devices	Moderate-risk medical devices	High-risk medical devices
PRIMARY FOCUS	Assist clinicians with decision-making	Independent diagnostic or treatment devices	Standalone treatment or diagnostic tools with significant risk
APPROVAL PROCESS	Exempt if meeting FDA criteria	Requires 510(k) premarket notification	Requires PMA
TIMELINE FOR CLEARANCE	No formal review timeline—tools meeting CDS exemption criteria can be implemented without FDA review.	Longer (~12-18 months)	Longest (~1.5-3 years)
COST TO DEVELOPERS	Lower	Higher	Highest
FLEXIBILITY FOR UPDATES	High, iterative updates allowed	Low, requires regulatory re-approval for updates*	Very low, requires new PMA for any changes*
INNOVATION POTENTIAL	High, promotes faster integration	Moderate, constrained by approval process	Low, due to high regulatory barriers
CLINICAL ADOPTION	Promotes adoption via lower barriers	Slow adoption due to regulatory hurdles	Slowest, with limited use due to costs and complexities

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