



# 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

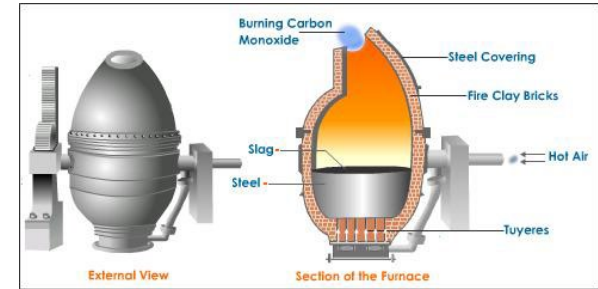


## ● Wrought iron - introduced mid 1800 wall thickness decreased

- 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!**



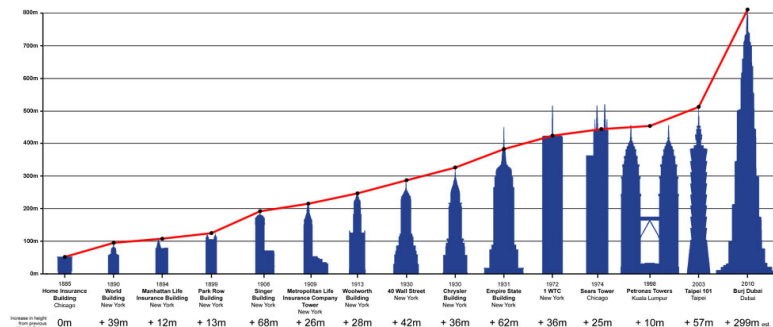
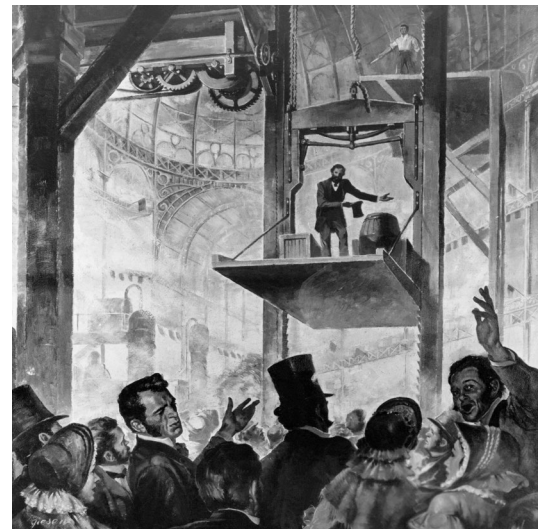
New your city skyline, circa 1876





# Introductory context

- 1853 – Otis safety elevator unveiled at New York worlds fair
  - 1857 first steam powered elevator installed
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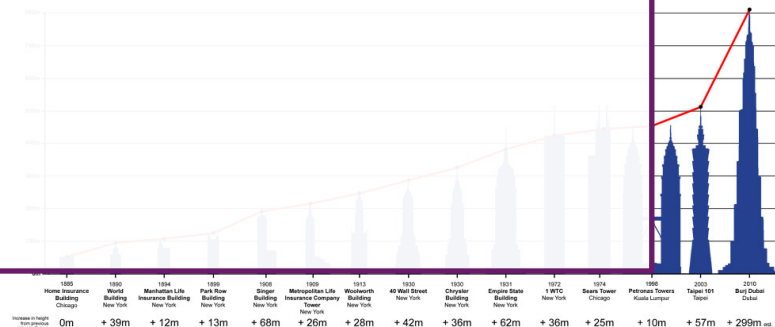
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## Lesson –

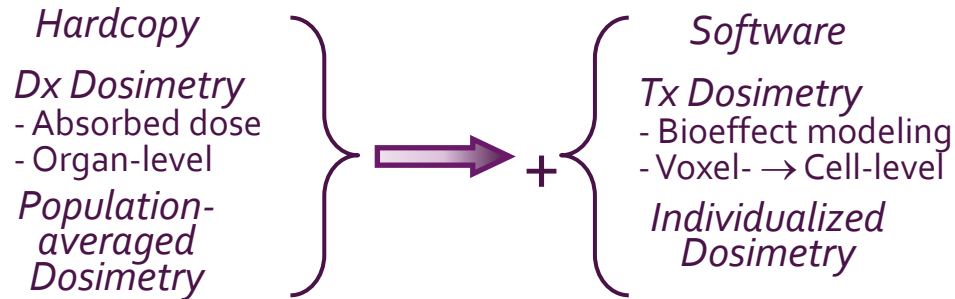
It's easier to reach for the sky when you have a safe, vetted, multifaceted infrastructure to support the aspiration

- After that, the sky's the limit



# SNMMI MIRD committee

- New MIRD initiative to advance the state of the art – [www.MIRDsoft.org](http://www.MIRDsoft.org)
  - Expand format of community resources



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

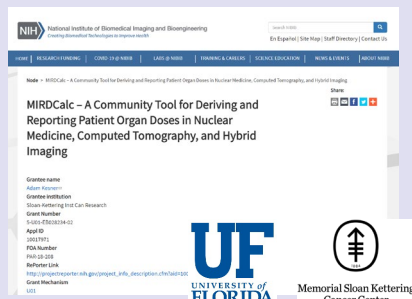
- MIRDsoft.org
  - Software distribution
  - Online community
  - Scalable innovation

## ○ Funding support



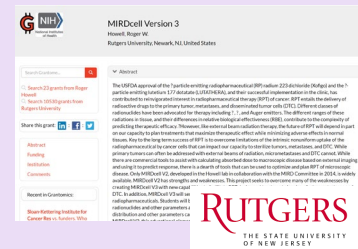
MIRDcalc is a **NIH/NIBIB U01** (Bolch /Kesner) grant supported project to make free dosimetry tools for the community

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



MIRDcell is a **R01** (Howell) grant supported project to build free cellular level dosimetry tool for the community

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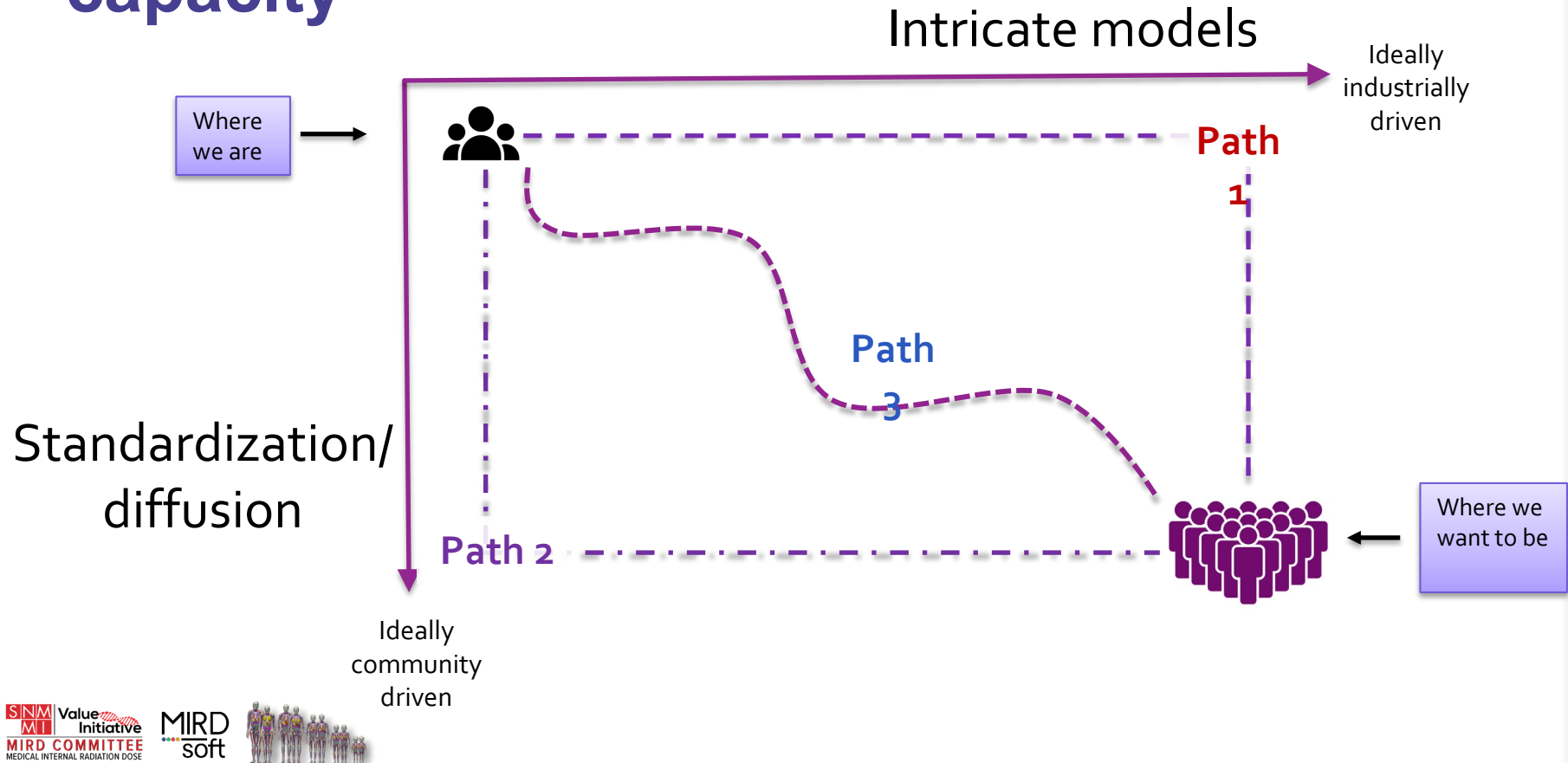


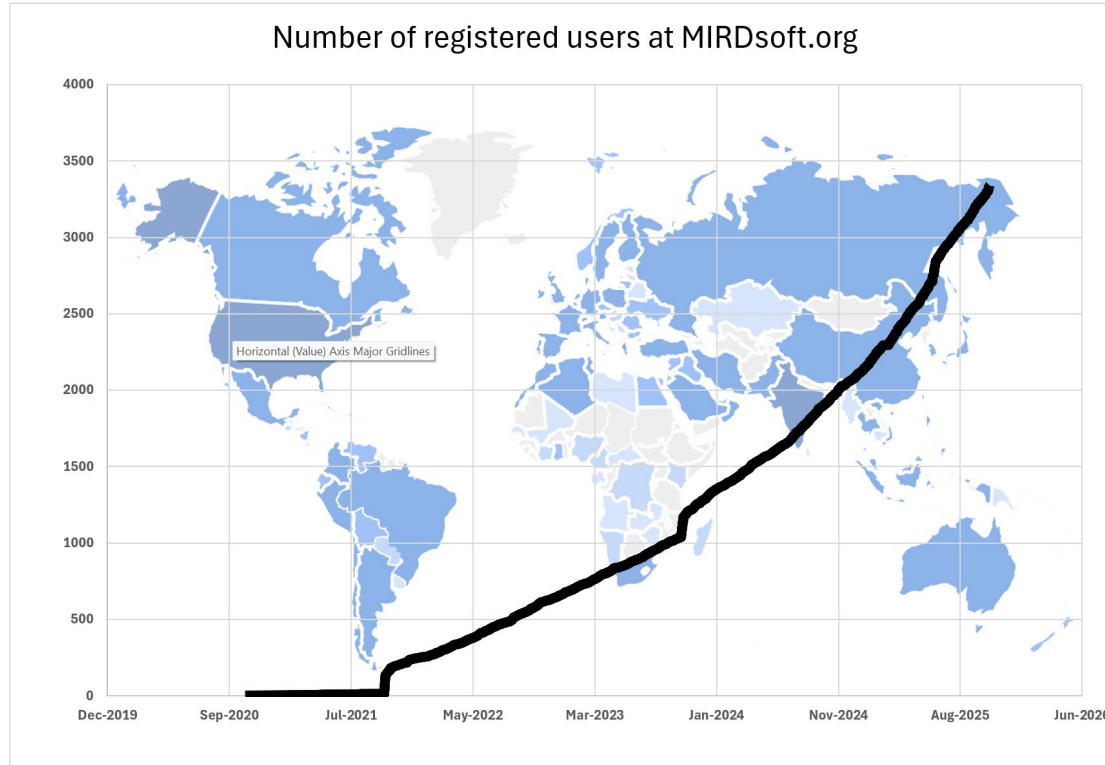


- Website status: **live**
- Available now
  - MIRDcalc v1 – organ-level internal dosimetry
  - MIRDcell v4 – cell-level dosimetry
  - MIRDy90 – microsphere planning worksheet
  - MIRDdcm – dosimetry report converter
  - MIRDfit – biodistribution fitting/statistical analysis **new**
  - MIRDct – CT dosimetry **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

- Gateway software
- Open/Functional/clunky
- Can support standardization
- Sets bar for commercial software to clear
- Can be used to benchmark vendor software

## Commercial software

- 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

MIRD SCHEMA ORGAN LEVEL DOSIMETRY SPREADSHEET

MIRDCalc\_v3.0-Genesis (cert) **Biodistribution Model INPUT** **MIRD Calc** **Dosimetry Estimate OUTPUT**

Element: Ho, I, In, Ir, K, Kr, La, Lu, Mg

Isotope: Lu-176, Lu-177

Sex: Female, Male

Phantom: 57 kg (interp), 58 kg (interp), 59 kg (interp)

subject ID: Lu-177 test patient

Input parameters:

Phantom: 58 kg (interp) % injection accounted for: 32%

Isotope: Lu-177 Input S value uncertainty: 20%

Half-life: 1.5953E+02 [hours] # organs with nonzero TIACs: 7

Subject ID: Lu-177 test patient Input isotope/organ UID: MIW

Estimated dosimetry (absorbed dose) - 37/50 displayed here

Organ: Adipose tissue, Adrenals, Bone - endosteal cells, Bone marrow - red (act), Brain, Breast tissue, Bronchial basal cells, Colon - ICRP133, Esophagus, Extrathoracic region, Eye lens, Gallbladder wall, Heart wall, Kidneys, Liver, Lungs, Major blood vessels, Muscle, Oral mucosa, Ovaries, Pancreas, Rest of blood, Rest of parenchyma, Salivary glands, Spleen, Thymus, Thyroid, Tumors\_300cc\_10c, Tumors\_38cc\_50%, Urinary bladder con, Whole body

Time integrated activity coefficients\* (Std. Dev. optional) [hours] [hours]

Organ name: Adipose tissue, Adrenals, Bone - cortical volu, Bone - trabecular vc, Brain, Breast tissue, Cartilage, Esophagus wall, Heart wall, Kidneys, Liver, Lungs, Major blood vessels, Muscle, Oral mucosa, Ovaries, Pancreas, Rest of blood, Rest of parenchyma, Salivary glands, Spleen, Thymus, Thyroid, Tumors\_300cc\_10c, Tumors\_38cc\_50%, Urinary bladder con, Whole body

Patient organ mass (optional) [grams]

Calculation organ mass

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Abs Dose [mGy / MBq]

Uncertainty (SD) [mGy / MBq]

Detriment Weighted & Effective Dose\*<sup>10</sup>

MIRD Calc [mSv / MBq]

EDW Dose Weight Dose [mSv / MBq]

E Effective Dose [mSv / MBq]

Dose per injection (top organs)

Injected activity: 370 [MBq]

Est. dose for injection: 370 MBq

10.00 mCi

mGy / injection

Tumors\_300cc\_10c, Tumors\_38cc\_50%, Spleen, Kidneys, Liver, Oral mucosa, Tongue, Gallbladder wall, Uterus, Adrenals, Adipose tissue, Testis, Salivary glands, Bone marrow - red, error bars = SD of total dose

Projected EDW / 370 MBq injection

EDW: 3.54E+01 ± 1.67E+00

Whole body target

Uncertainty values are solely derived from propagating user entered biodistribution uncertainties.

E and EDW calculated using ICRP 103 radiation and tissue weighting factors.

Total TIAC entered into table: 72.93

Total TIAC required to account for 100% emissions: 230.15

% theoretical activity accounted: 32%

\* Time integrated activity coefficients (TIACs) in units [hours] x time-integrated activity [dSv] divided by the administered activity [dSv]

Internal dosimetry spreadsheet

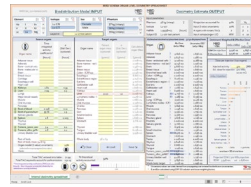


Data base with S values (protected, versioned)

$$D(r_T) = \sum_{r_S} \tilde{A}(r_S) \cdot S(r_T \leftarrow r_S)$$



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> party
  - And more...

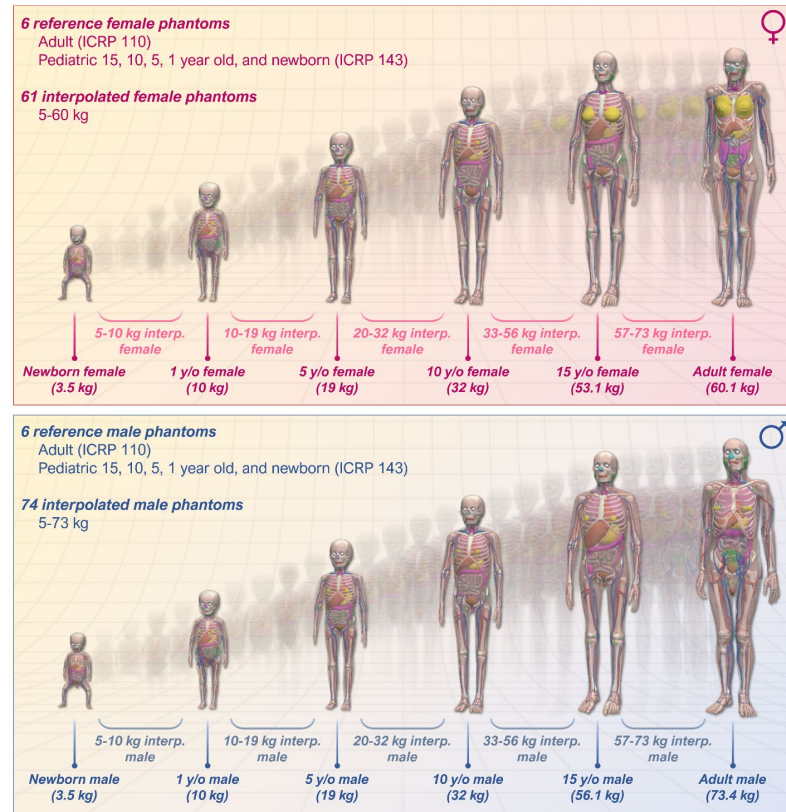




# MIRDcalc phantoms

## Phantom models

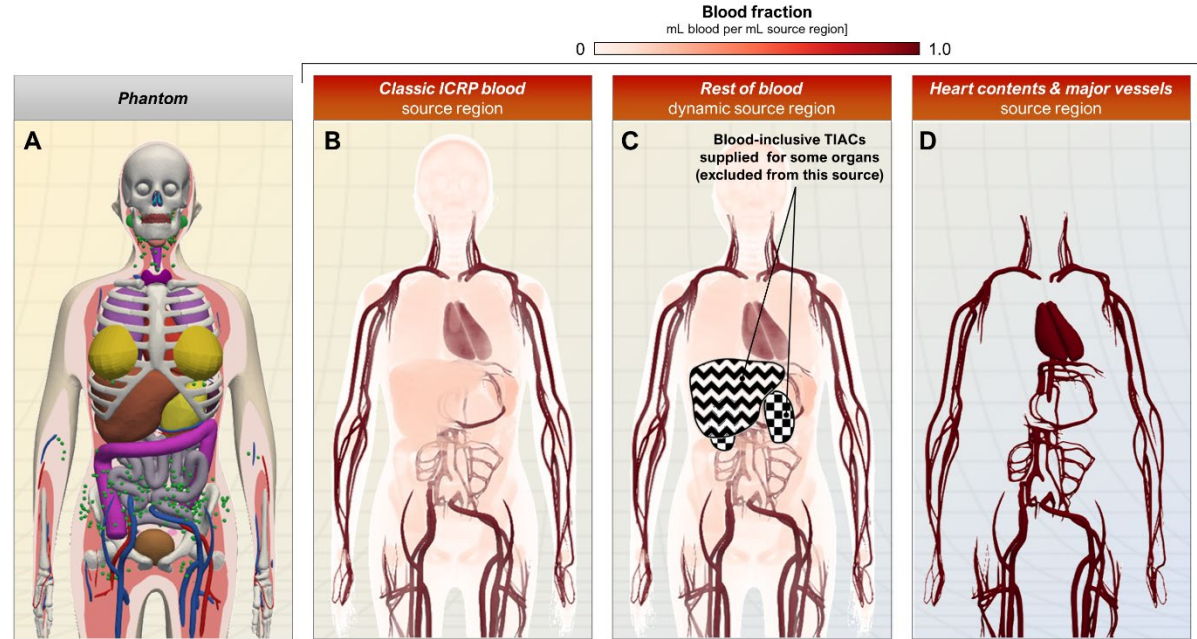
- ICRP reference phantoms (reports 110 and 143)
  - Newborn (m/f)
  - 1 year-old (m/f)
  - 5 year-old (m/f)
  - 10-year old (m/f)
  - 15-year old (m/f)
  - Adult (m/f)
- MIRDcalc interpolation feature
  - Organ masses interpolated linearly relative to whole body mass
  - S values interpolated log-log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



Visualization of MIRDcalc phantom library

# MIRDcalc blood model

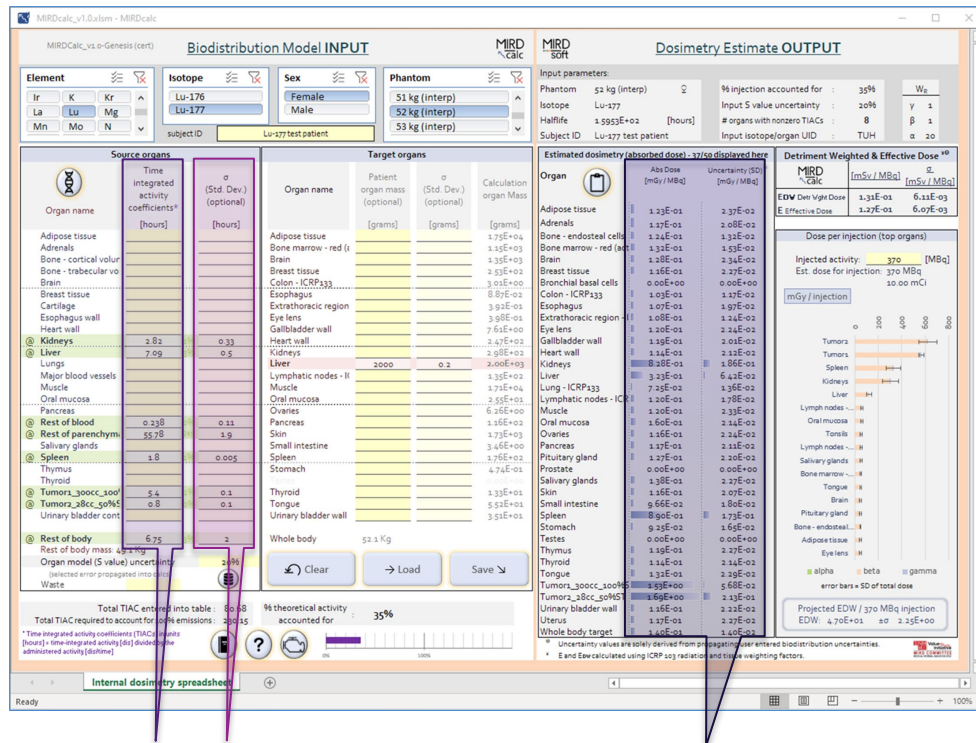
- User has multiple options for modelling blood source activity



MIRDcalc blood source options

# 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



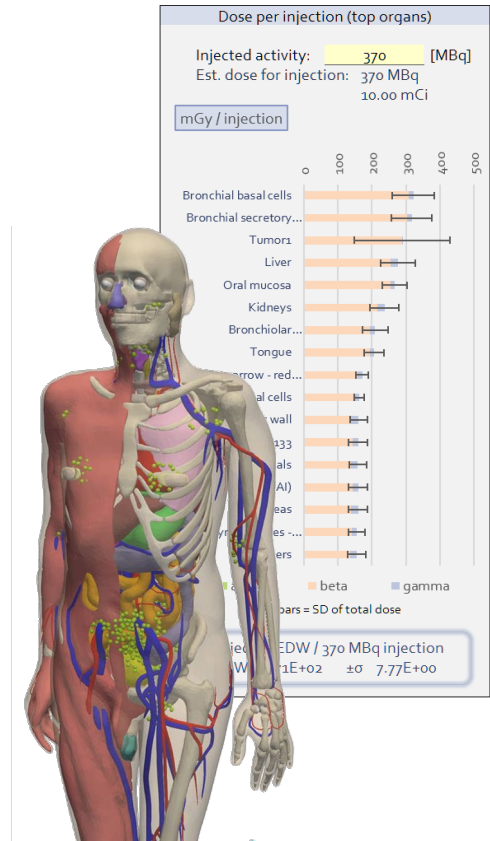
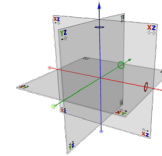
TIAC  $\sigma_{\text{TIAC}}$

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 dosimetry
    - Self dose (no cross dose)
    - Integrated TIAC accounting

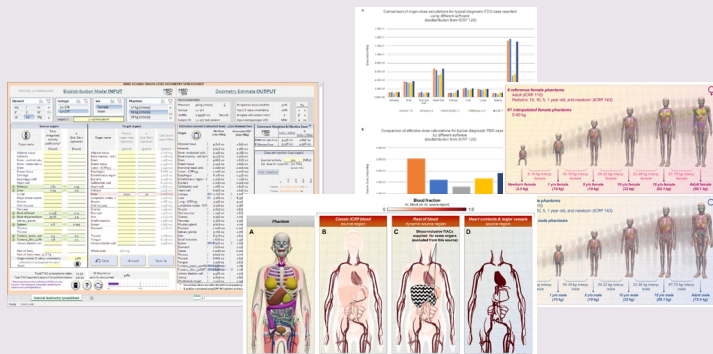




# MIRDcalc publications

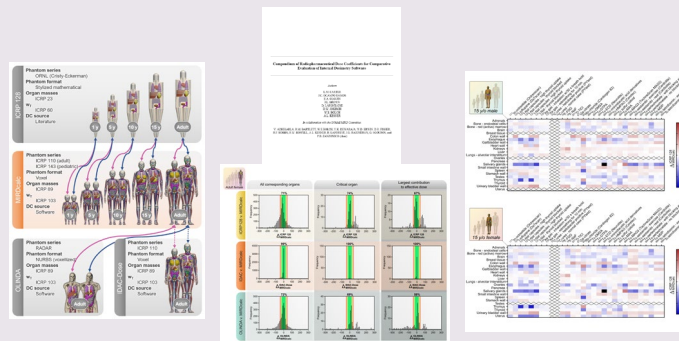
MIRD Pamphlet No. 28, Part 1: MIRDcalc – a software tool for medical internal radiation dosimetry \*

- 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)

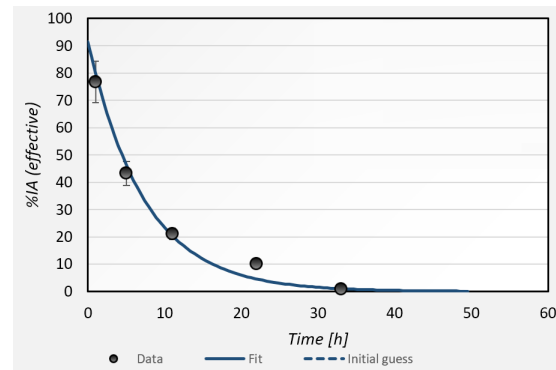


# MIRDfit curve fitting tool

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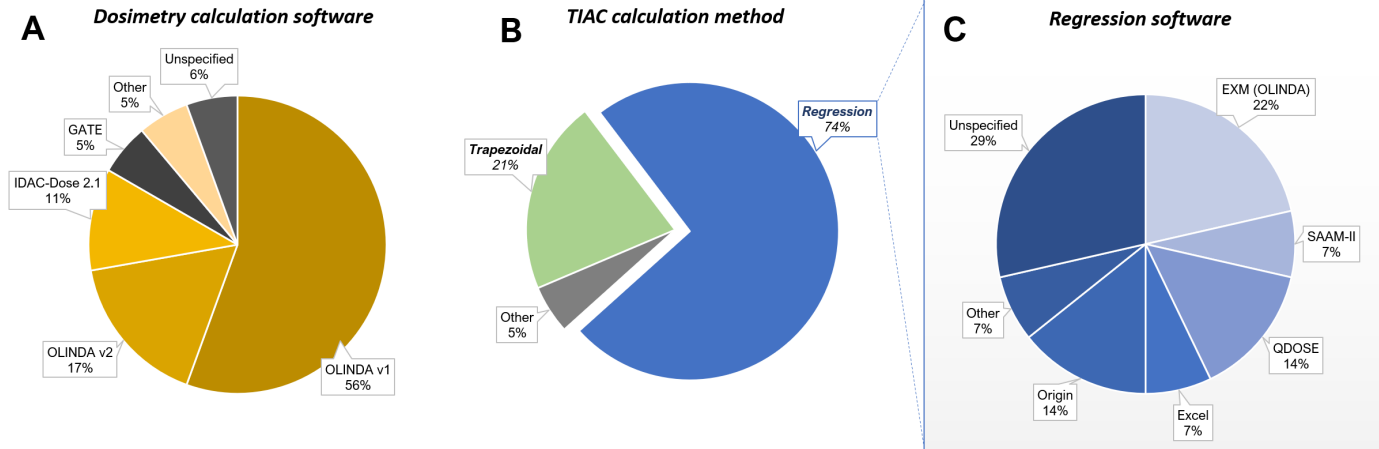


- MIRDfit is a biodistribution fitting software
  - Curvefitting fundamental part of the dosimetry workflow
  - Software helps user compute time-integrated activity coefficients (TIACs) (to be used in nuclear medicine dosimetry)
  - Workflow can be readily integrated with MIRDcalc
- Features
  - Single-screen 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



Value Initiative

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New case

Documentation

Study setup

Subject ID (optional)

652-peptide

Notes (optional)

Adult male reference dosimetry estimate

Select an elem...

Se Si Sm Sn

Sr Ta Tb Tc

Te Th Ti Tl

Tm U V W

Xe Y Yb Zn

Zr

Zr-85

Zr-86

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Zr-88

Zr-89

Zr-90m

Zr-93

Zr-95

Zr-96

Select an phan...

ICRP 00 Newborn fe...

ICRP 00 Newborn m...

ICRP 01 year old fem...

ICRP 01 year old male

ICRP 05 year old fem...

ICRP 05 year old male

ICRP 10 year old fem...

ICRP 10 year old male

ICRP 15 year old fem...

ICRP 15 year old male

ICRP Adult Female

ICRP Adult Male

Biodistribution input

Biodistribution toolbox

Viewer

Select a source region

Adrenals

Alveolar-interstitial (sub lungs)

Blood (classic ICRP)

Bone - cortical surface (sub volume)\*\*\*

Bone - cortical volume

Bone - trabecular surfaces (sub volume)

Bone - trabecular volumes

Bone marrow - red (active)\*\*

Bone marrow - yellow (inactive)

Brain

Breast tissue

N/A activities are

Biological uptake/leakage

Effective uptake/leakage

Format for input variables of N/A data (weighting scheme)

Standard deviation

Relative standard deviation (coefficient of variation)

Weight (direct entry)

Clear time

Clear %IA

Time, t [h]	%IA
4	6.889637891
24	2.07878333
48	0.638076123
72	0.234590006
120	0.030694386

Trapezoidal input

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MIRD Pamphlet No. 30: MIRDfit—A Tool for Fitting of Biodistribution Time–Activity Data for Internal Dosimetry

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is crucial for treatment planning, treatment optimization, and risk assessment, as it enables evaluation of the potential variations in radiation dose and the corresponding implications on patient safety and treatment effectiveness.

Routine nuclear medicine dosimetry is often performed using the open-source MIRDtoolkit (1), which is implemented in both commercial and open-source software, including the recently-released MIRDfit (2) endorsed by the MIRD Committee of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging. The input for each software typically comprises time-integrated activity coefficients (TIACs) for source regions (e.g., tumor, organ, or other tissues) of a computational anthropomorphic phantom. The TIAC represents the cumulative number of radioactive decays that occur in a source region, normalized to the administered activity. MIRDfit estimates uncertainties in the input TIACs and propagates these to obtain the uncertainties in the absorbed doses calculated from them, consistent with prevailing software applications (4,5) and the recommendations of the European Association for Nuclear Medicine dosimetry committee for dosimetry uncertainty analysis and reporting (6,7).

Estimation of the TIAC is conceptually simple—one must compute the time integral of the fraction of administered activity in each source region. However, several approaches exist for TIAC estimation from time-activity curve data, including numeric methods such as trapezoidal integration, regression-based methods such as analytic integration of fitted time-activity functions, and compartmental modeling strategies. To characterize which methods are in common use in the field of nuclear medicine dosimetry, original research articles published in *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* during 2020 and 2021 that contained the keyword dosimetry in the title were surveyed, and the results were filtered to include articles that pertained to specific radiopharmaceutical biodistribution and safety studies (Fig. 1). Of these 17 publications, 75% used regression, 21% used the trapezoidal method, and 4% used an unspecified integration method. For regression analyses, a variety of standard software applications were used, including GENIE (58%) (9), MATLAB (19%) (9), Origin (14%), Microsoft Excel (7%), and SAAM II (10) (9). Notably, we found no attempts to objectively determine which model best characterized the data, and only 1 case considered propagation of uncertainty.

MIRDfit, the software described in this article, is a nuclear medicine-specific biodistribution-fitting software companion to MIRDtoolkit (1,2), which together enable reproducible dosimetry calculations with associated uncertainties. Features of MIRDfit include nuclear medicine-appropriate fit functions, objective criteria for guiding best fit function selection; TIAC uncertainty estimation; an option for trapezoidal integration, with standardized options for

Monoeponential

$$\%IA(t) = A_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t}$$

Parameter  $A_1$   $\lambda_1$

Initial guess 6.889638 0.000894

Parameter  $A_1$   $\lambda_1$

Value 8.18102 0.0433

Std Err. 0.32601 0.00119

Summary report

TIAC 1.57E-08 [h]

TIAC Std. Err. 4.51E-02 [h]

TIAC-SDCV 2.7%

R<sup>2</sup> 0.9911

ΔIC<sub>0</sub> 14.13

ΔIC<sub>0</sub> 100.0%

1 model-dependent Abvts 0.34

Abvts None.

Time [h]

%IA [h]

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Journal of Nuclear Medicine, September 2024

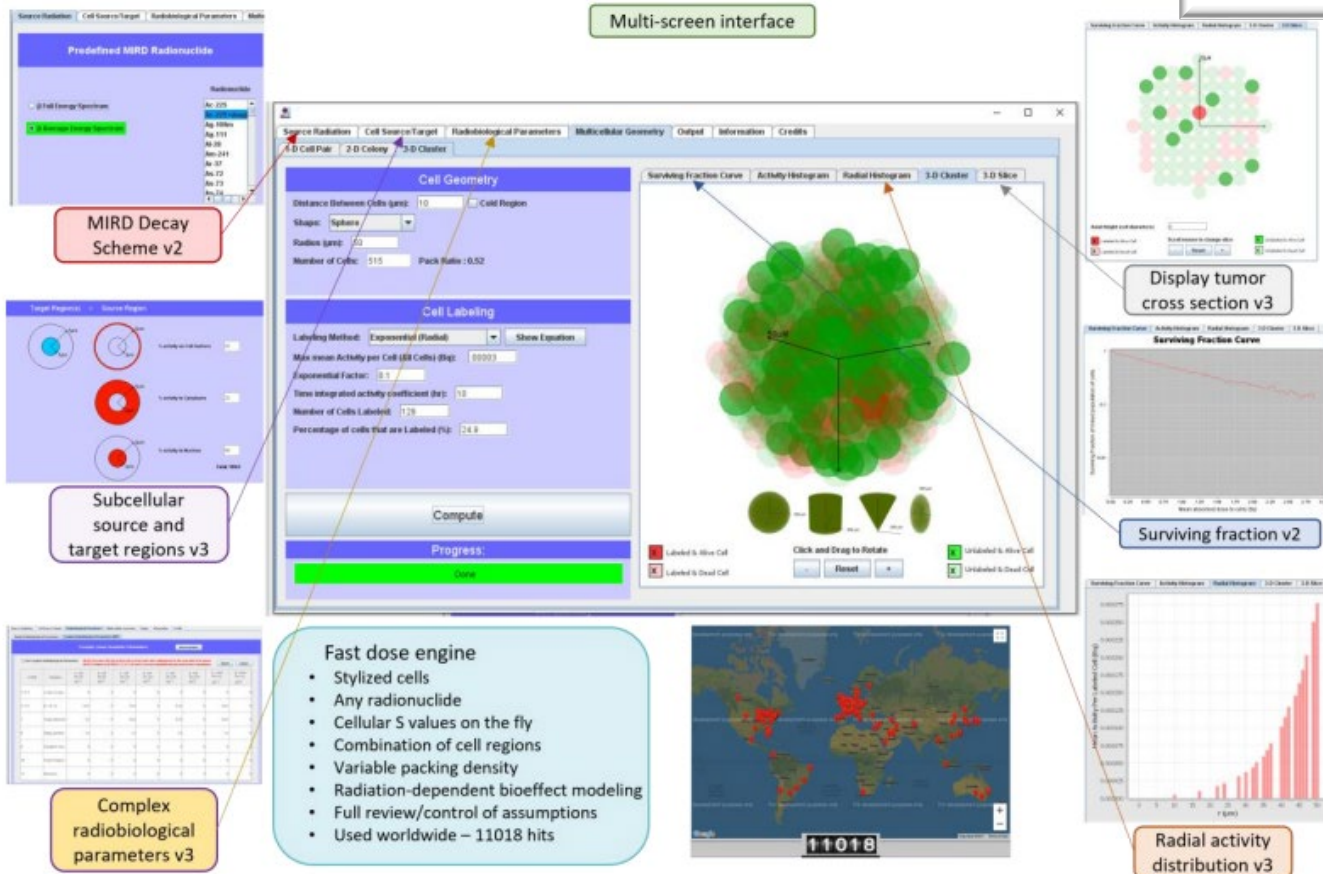
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# MIRDcell

- 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  
Varizi et al. JNM 55: 1-8, 2014

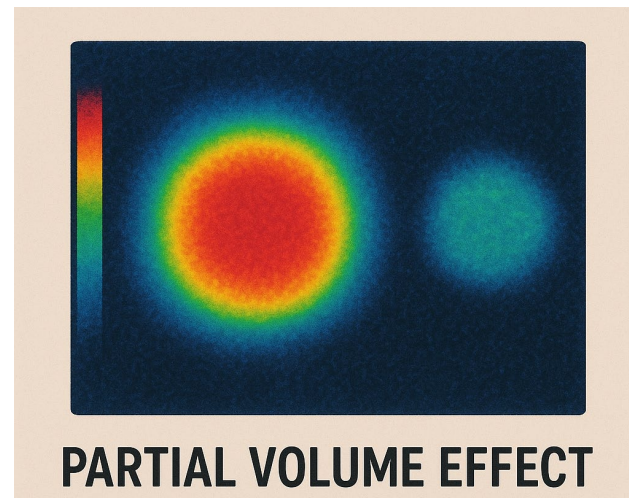
MIRD Pamphlet No 27: MIRDcell V3, a revised software tool for multicellular dosimetry and bioeffect modeling  
Katugampola et al. JNM 63, 2022

# 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.





# MIRDpvc – The RC Model

- Theoretical recovery coefficients for spheres:

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

Presented by De Nijs, Physica Medica, 2023

Reformulated from Gabiña et al, PMB, 2023

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

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

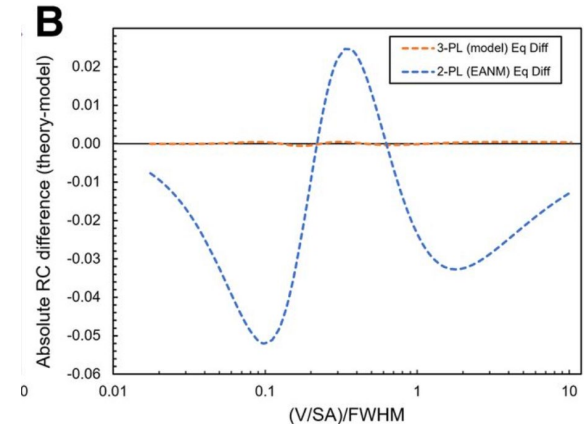
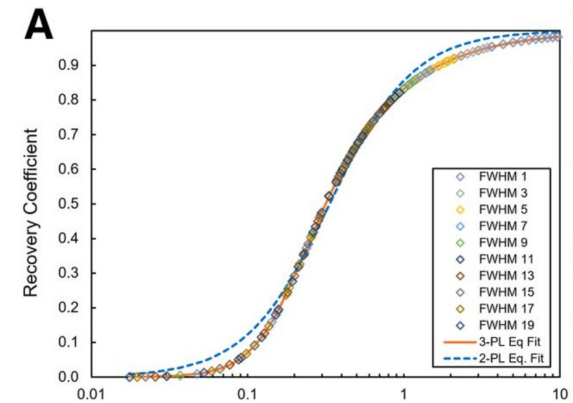
- Beta, gamma, & “L”, are the fitting parameters → **Excellent** fit to theory allows us to measure RCs and solve for FWHM:

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

where R is the radius of the sphere

## Main takeaway point:

Our approach finds the resolution (Gaussian – FWHM mm) that is required 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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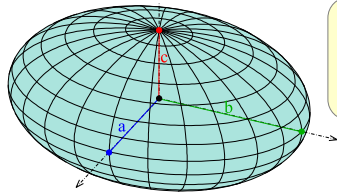
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# MIRDpvc – RECOVER-GM

## 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:

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

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

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

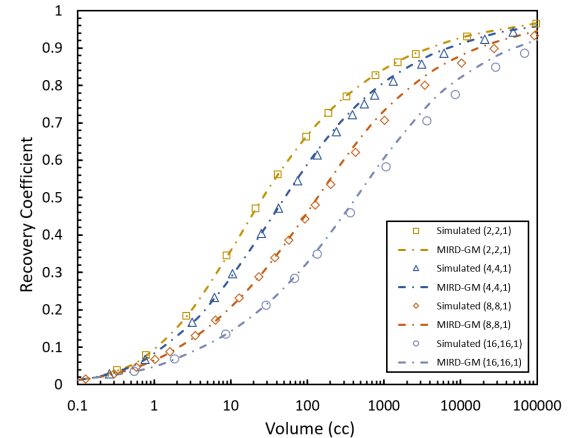
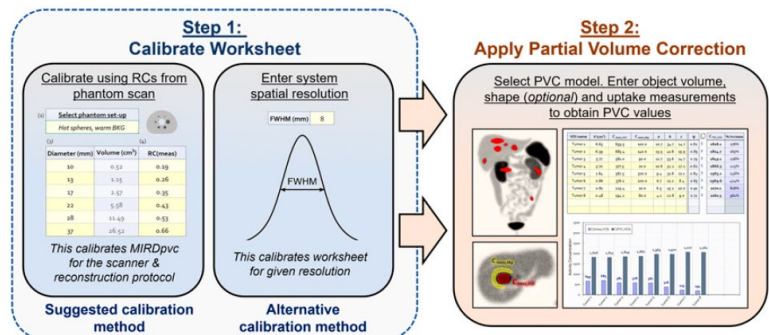


Figure 6: Simulated RC for spheres, prolate (1,1,4) & (1,1,8), and oblate (4,4,1) & (8,8,1) as a function of V:SA/FWHM (left) and its inverse (right) showing the linear regime.



# MIRDpvc – Worksheet overview

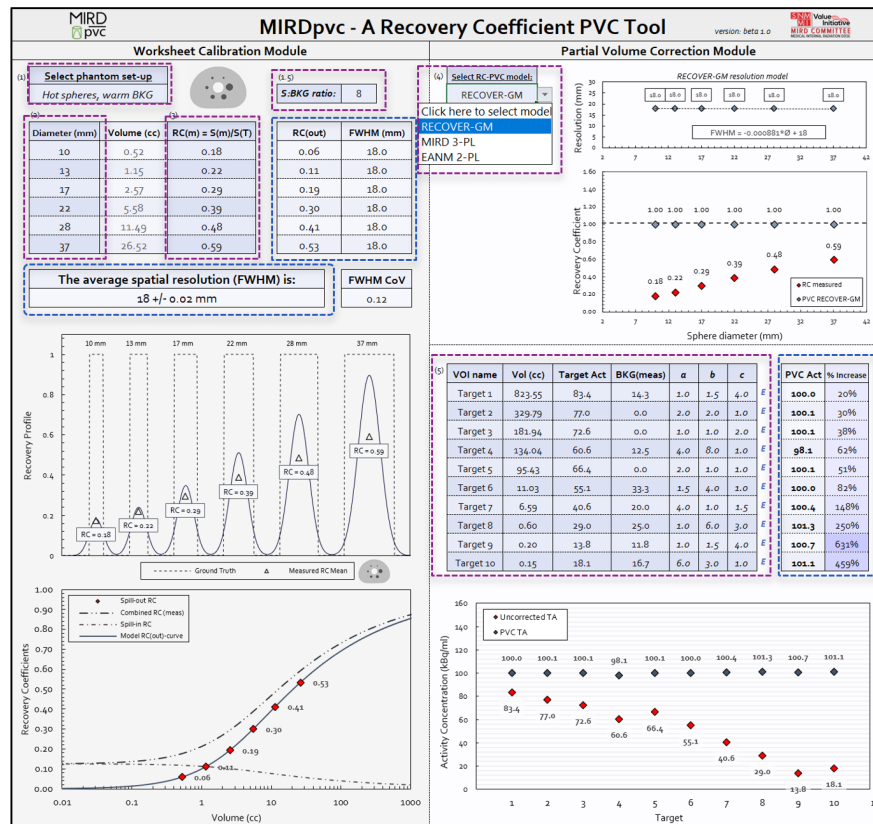


SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

## 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

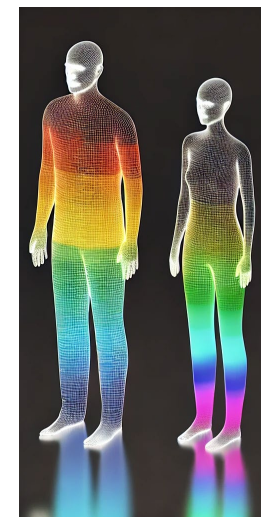


- MIRDct has been developed to provide organ model-based CT dosimetry



- The software enables quick estimation of organ absorbed dose and whole body effective dose

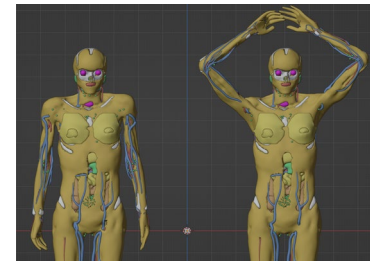
- MIRDct is intended to support:
  - Evaluation of CT dosimetry
  - Optimization of CT protocols, techniques, and procedures
  - Comparison of CT techniques, procedures, technologies
  - Numerical quantification of risk for providers and patients
  - Support for diagnostic reference levels (DRLs)
  - 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

Graphical selection/guidance

Dosimetry estimate output

Vendor

Canon

Model

Genesis

Filter

Large

kVp

100

Coll...

20

TCM

No

Simulation parameters

mAs: 100 mAs custom CTDI vol (opt): mGy

Pitch: 1 CTDIvol used in calc:

Case ID (opt):

Protocol selection

Protocol Name

Midl Chest

Midl Cardio

Midl Abdomen - Pelvis

Midl Abdomen

Lowerl Thigh

Optional uncertainty propagation (see manual for details)

Glo... 0%

St... 0

MC No

Scanner tran... Maximum: 9%

Sex

Female

Phantom

ICRP 00 Newborn male

ICRP 01 year old male

ICRP 05 year old male

ICRP 10 year old male

ICRP 15 year old male

ICRP Adult male

End (cm): 100

Length (cm): 25

Start (cm): 125

Scan Range (cm)

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160 170 180 190

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0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160 170 180 190

Detriment

3.33

Detr Weight Dose

3.33

AD(mGy)

SD (mGy)

Organs

Red (active) marrow 3.58 0.43

Stem cells of colon 8.64 1.04

RLung = LLung 0.70 0.08

Stem cells of stomach 7.16 0.87

Breast-a = Breast-g 0.49 0.06

ROvary = LOvary 0.00 0.00

Testes 0.05 0.03

Urinary bladder basal cells 1.28 0.19

Oesophagus basal cells 0.73 0.09

Liver 6.04 0.73

Thyroid 0.08 0.03

goum endosteal region 1.43 0.17

Brain 0.04 0.00

Salivary glands 0.02 0.00

Skin 1.49 0.18

RArenal = LArenal 7.05 0.89

ET region 0.02 0.00

Gall bladder wall 8.68 1.04

Heart wall 1.01 0.12

RKidney = LKidney 8.71 1.05

Systemic lymph nodes 5.20 0.62

Muscle 1.42 0.17

Oral mucosa 0.02 0.00

Pancreas 8.73 1.05

Prostate 0.42 0.05

Stem cells of small intestine 8.68 1.04

Spleen 4.86 0.59

Thymus 0.16 0.02

Uterus/cervix 0.00 0.00

Simulation parameters

Canon+Genesis+MediumBF+120kV+20mm

Male+ICRP Adult male+Midl Abdomen

Absorbed dose (mGy)

Bar chart showing absorbed dose for various organs

Slice-by-slice dose profile

Bar chart showing slice-by-slice dose profile

% Contribution to detriment weighted dose

Radar chart showing % contribution to detriment weighted dose

Uncertainty for error propagation

Control panel

Informative graphical results

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Value Initiative

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## Yttrium 90 microsphere radioembolization

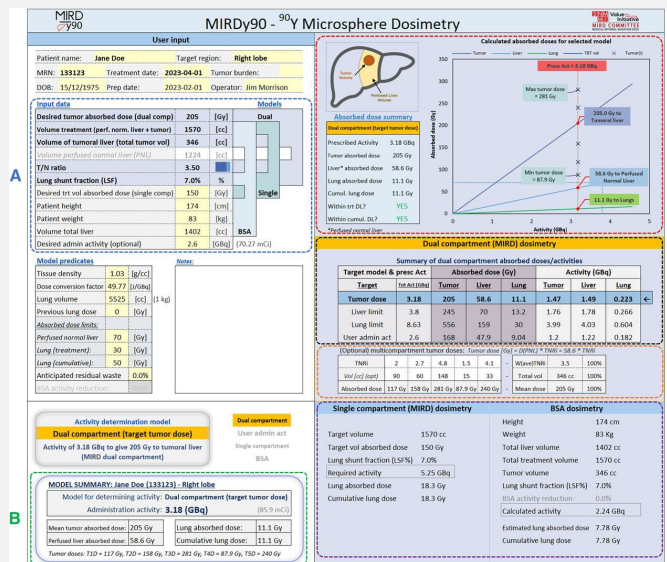


## Implements 3 models for dose prescription

- BSA 
- Single compartment 
- Partition model (dual, multi compartment)



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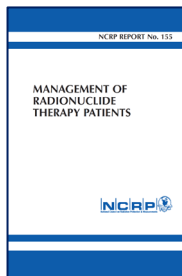
**S**keletal mineral calcification (SOMC), or "osteoporosis" (osteoporosis), is a therapy indicated for primary or secondary hyperparathyroidism. Treatment results of a randomized prospective in a hepatic study under haemodialysis provided to deliver the active metabolite of calcitriol, 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D<sub>3</sub> (1,25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D<sub>3</sub>) to patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) who become calcipenally cramped within the latter microcirculation to impact the bone metabolism to the microcirculation adjacent tissue.





## ● MIRDrelease

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



### Operational Equation

$$\dot{E}(r_j, t) = \dot{K}_a(r_j, t) (E/K_a) = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{K}_a(r_j, 0)_i (E/K_a)_i e^{-\frac{(ln2)t}{T_{e_i}}} \quad (5.7)$$

- $\dot{E}(r_j, t)$  is the effective dose rate (mSv/h) at index distance  $r_j$  (meters) from patient at time  $t$  post-administration (days),
- $\dot{K}_a(r_j, t)$  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),
- $\dot{K}_a(r_j, 0)_i$  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** MIRD  
release

Instructions - complete all yellow cells

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Clinic</b>
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	
Radionuclide: Lu-177	
Radio pharmaceutical: Lu-177 DOTATATE	

Patient Releaseable Dose Limits (regulations)	
Adult family:	125 mrem
Child/pregnant woman/public:	25 mrem

**Physics calculations**

<b>Administered activity:</b>	<b>Assumed Exposure Factors: E(n) [units: fraction, 0-1]</b>
7400 [MBq]	Family member (1m) 0.35 Co-Worker (1m) 0.33
200.0 [mCi]	Sleeping partner (0.3m) 0.33 Held child (0.3m) 0.2

<b>Exposure rate at time zero</b>	<b>Total-Body-Activity-Retention</b>	<b>[units: days]</b>
mR/h at 1 m		
5.66	62.888889	

Release day: 0 (select from dropdown)

**Release Instructions**

Days (post administration)
2 Days
15 Days
3 Days
7 Days
16 Days

**Patient Activity vs Time**

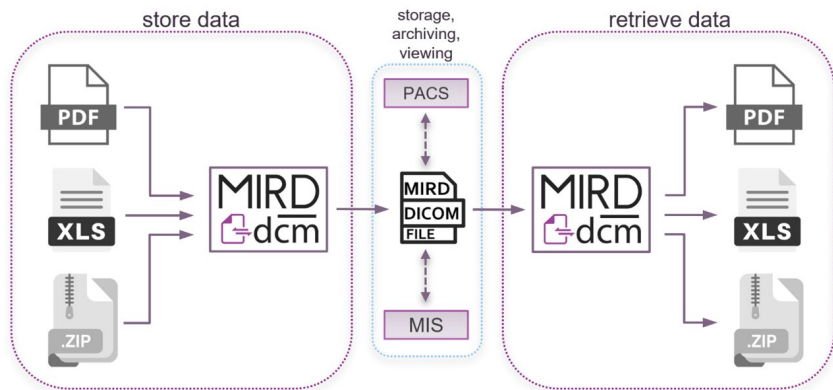






## MIRDdcm

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



## MIRDdcm

The screenshot shows the MIRDdcm tool window with the following sections:

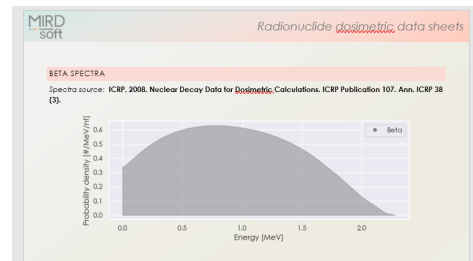
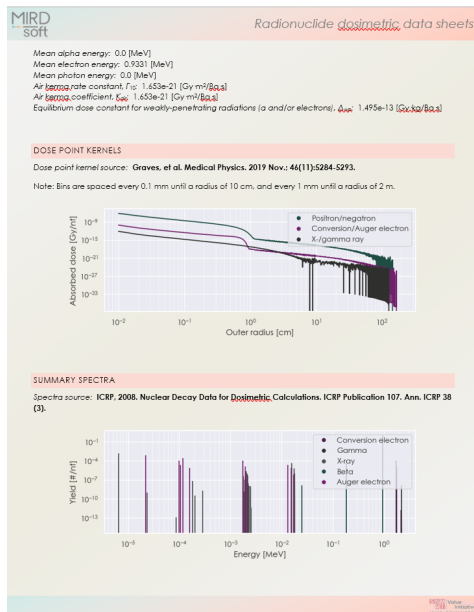
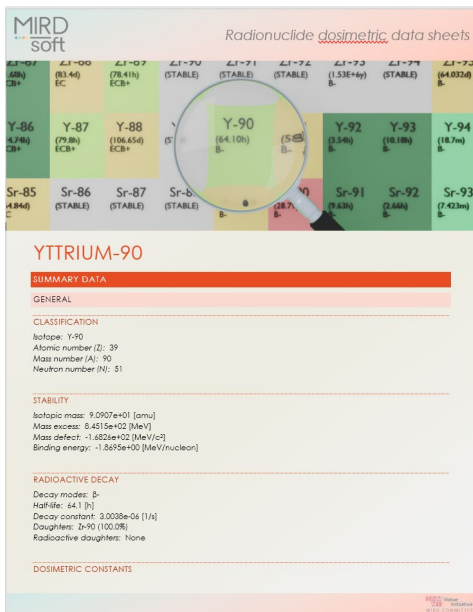
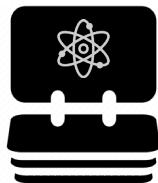
- PDF & Data to DICOM:**
  - Data files - PDF/csv/xlsx/zip:** Input fields for PDF, CSV/XLSX, and ZIP files.
  - DICOM tags:** A dropdown menu to select tags from an existing DICOM file.
  - Enter patient information manually:** Fields for Patient Name, Patient ID, Patient Sex, Study Date, and Series Description.
  - Generate DICOM:** A button to generate the DICOM file, with a checkbox for "Single File".
- DICOM to PDF & Data:**
  - Retrieve PDF and Data from DICOM:** A dropdown menu to select a DICOM file.
  - Stored PDF, Stored Data, Stored ZIP:** Checkboxes to select which data to retrieve.
  - Retrieve Stored Files:** A button to retrieve the selected data.
  - Visual representation:** A diagram showing a PDF and CSV file being converted into a DCM file.
  - Clear All Fields:** A button to reset the form.





## MIRDspecs

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



**MIRDsoft** Radionuclide dosimetric data sheets

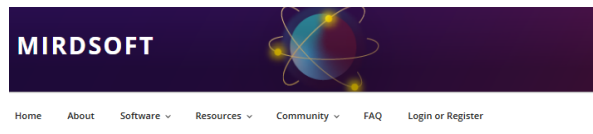
**SUMMARY SPECTRA (TABLE)**

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

Energy [MeV]	Yield [1/n]	Radiation type
4.52413e-04	1.308e-03	X-ray
2.37098e-05	9.748e-10	X-ray
8.73999e-06	1.308e-13	X-ray
1.80157e-04	6.127e-08	X-ray
2.02400e-04	3.187e-10	X-ray
2.89800e-04	1.991e-09	X-ray
1.80274e-03	3.801e-07	X-ray
1.97979e-03	1.823e-09	X-ray
1.89316e-03	1.056e-07	X-ray
1.89392e-03	1.440e-09	X-ray
1.98132e-03	9.811e-10	X-ray
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2.03430e-03	2.096e-06	X-ray
2.11111e-03	9.704e-07	X-ray
2.14886e-03	1.740e-08	X-ray
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2.16372e-03	6.447e-08	X-ray
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2.18806e-03	3.795e-11	X-ray
2.21813e-03	2.869e-09	X-ray
2.21828e-03	2.641e-08	X-ray
2.25224e-03	7.589e-09	X-ray
2.27546e-03	3.929e-11	X-ray
2.30552e-03	1.215e-08	X-ray
2.32150e-03	2.842e-10	X-ray



## MIRDcalc S value database



### 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.

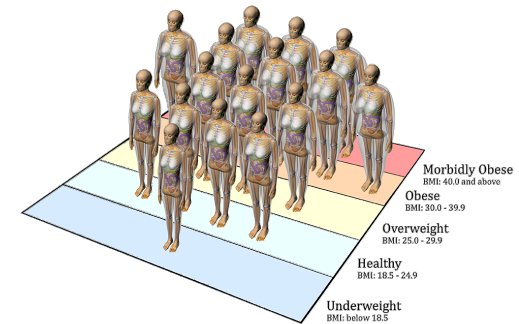


[Download the S Value Database \(ZIP file, contains 352 CSV files\)](#)

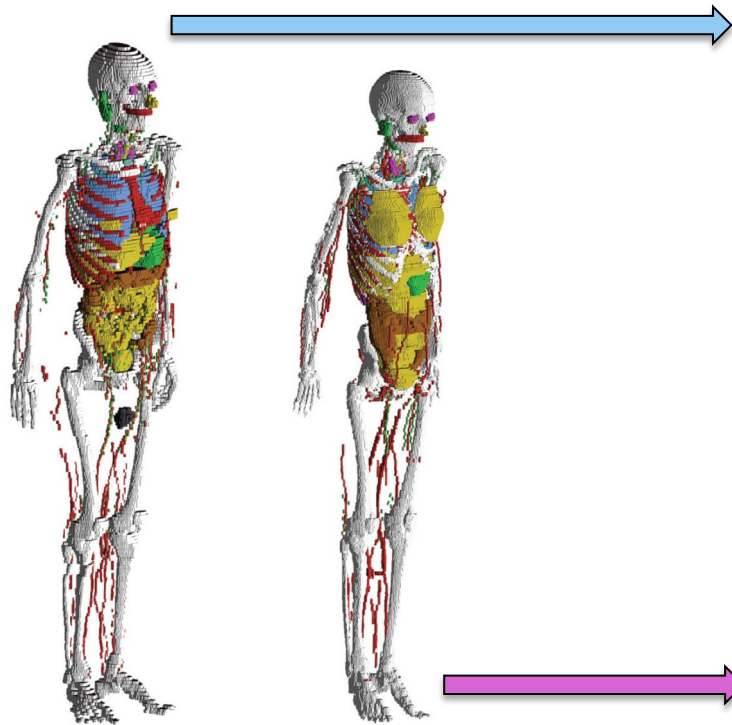


# Development of computational phantoms

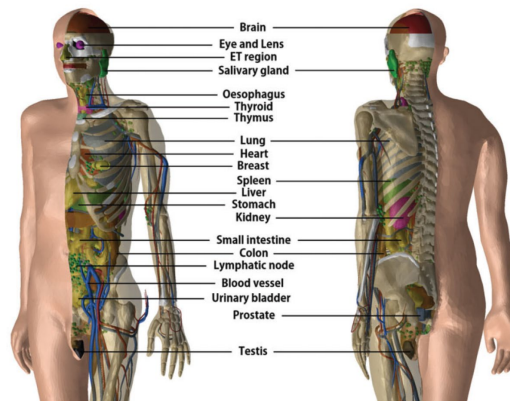
- Grant effort powered by MSK/UF partnership
  - Co-PI Wes Bolch, PhD
- Bolch lab has significant experience with developing computational phantoms
- As (significant) part of grant we are creating the UF/MSK computational phantom library
  - Powers MIRDsoft tools
  - Many other uses



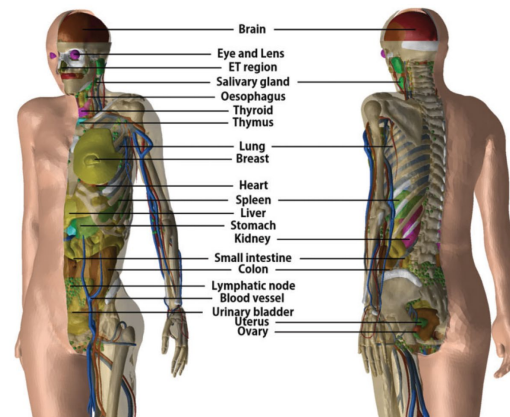
# Changes in phantom technology: Voxel → Mesh



**ICRP Publication 110**



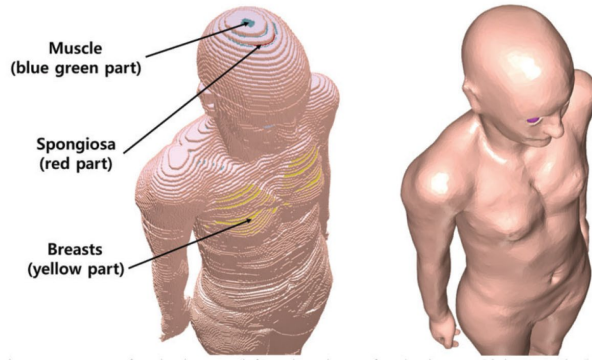
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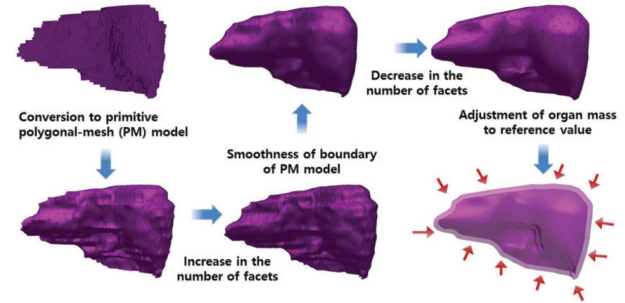
**Note - In 2023, ICRP will release a companion document on the pediatric mesh-based reference phantom series**

# Key advantages of mesh-based over voxel-based phantoms

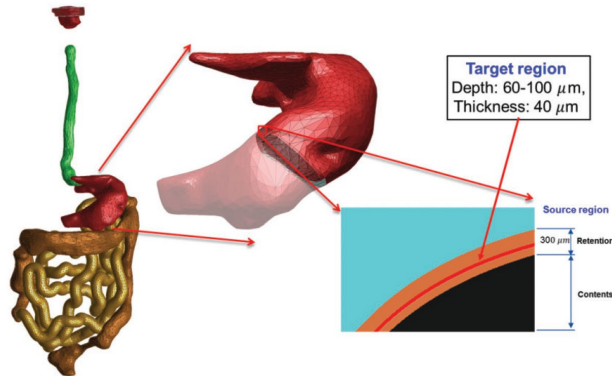
## 1. Avoidance of stair-step artifacts



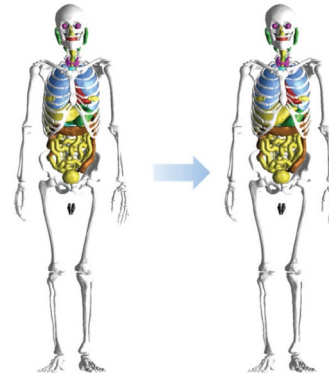
## 2. Nonuniform scaling of mesh surfaces



## 3. Ability to model very thin tissue layers



## 4. Proper accounting of in-vivo organ volumes



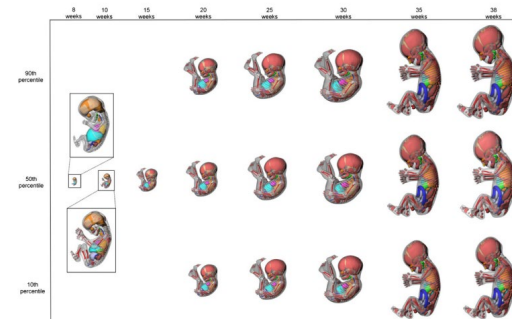
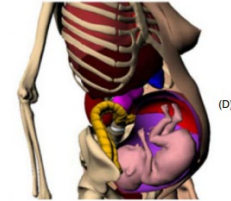
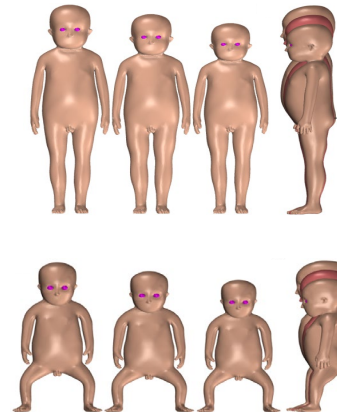
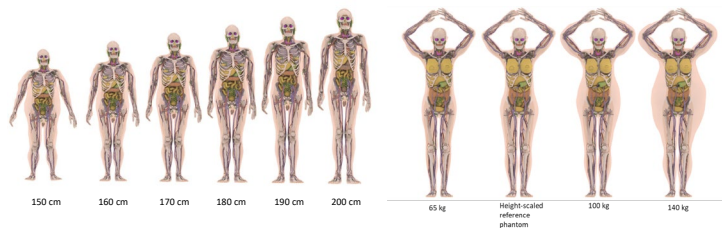
Previously, phantom modelers assumed that ICRP reference masses were inclusive of blood content – they were not!



# 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



# Coming soon MIRDrpt series

Module driven  
by Gunjan  
Kayal, PhD



MIRDsoft.org collaboration

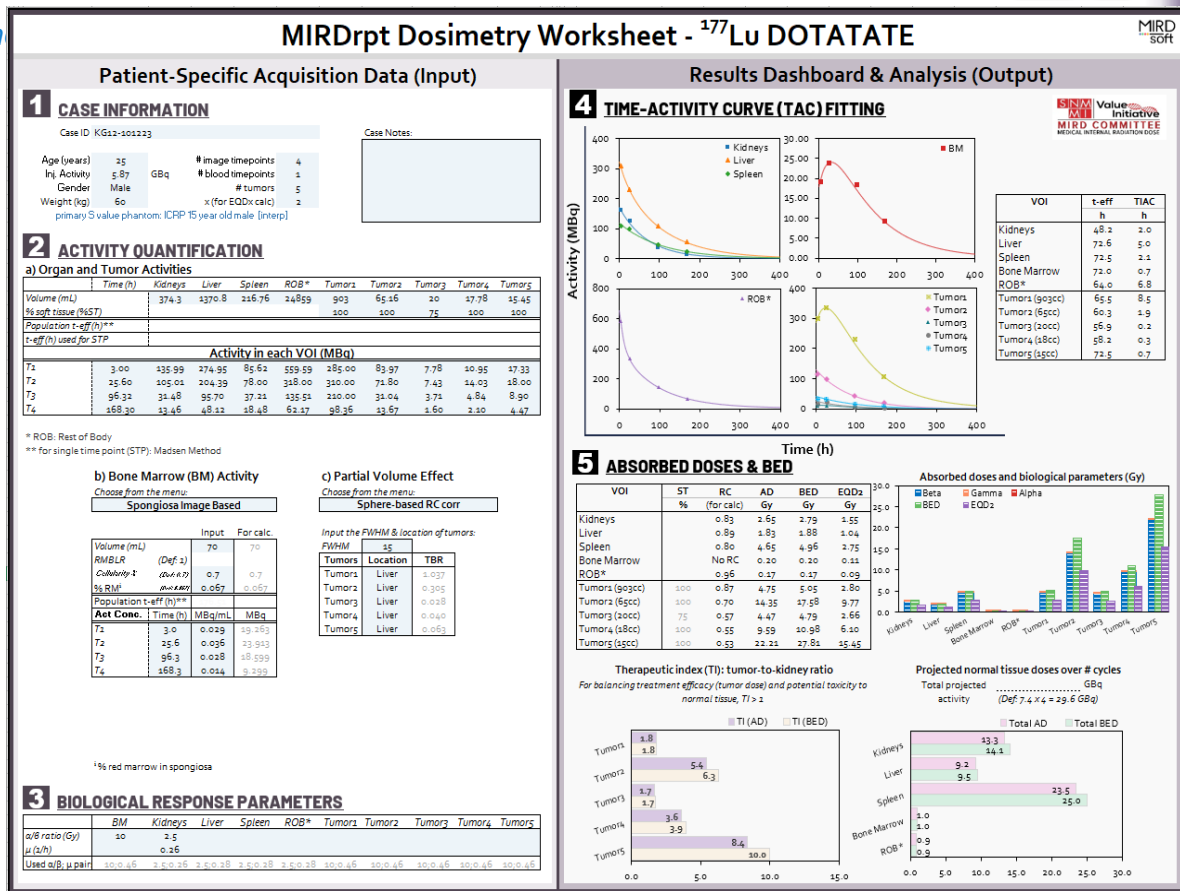
A *radiopharmaceutical - specific organ level dosimetry worksheet* developed to perform patient-specific dosimetry in RPT

- Single page calculation workflow
  - Minimal inputs & user complexity
  - Standardized parameters

- Effort to support
  - Access
  - Standardization
  - Transparency

- Integrates
  - Single/multi timepoint dosimetry
  - Partial volume correction
  - Automatic curve fitting
  - Tumor dosimetry
  - Bone marrow (BM) dosimetry
  - Absorbed dose, BED (EQD0), EQDx

- To be freely distributed at [MIRDsoft.org](http://MIRDsoft.org)



Gunjan Kayal



# 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?







# Closing remarks on being relevant

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

### 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 presents an ideal model for advancing precision medicine. As the field grows, a long-standing question gains renewed relevance: What role will personalized dosimetry play in shaping its future? Dosimetry-guided patient management has long been recognized as a key objective in therapeutic nuclear medicine, enabling patient-specific optimization of radiation delivery. The promise of theranostics—using 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 limited to research domains and has yet to become a routine element 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 and ensuring reliability—the current framework may be misaligned with the realistic capacity of routine RPT. In practice, it has produced no Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–cleared tools for prospective planning, even as guidelines increasingly endorse dosimetry-guided management; it leaves planning to in-house or over-the-counter solutions, limiting standardization; it imposes opaque, costly clearance pathways that raise barriers for clinicians and patients; and it stands in contrast to “Y” radioisotopes, where simple, transparent, professionally governed tools proved safe and scalable 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 informal best practices. In parallel, the U.S. Congress provided a mandate to modernize medical device regulation—via 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 calculators 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 CDS classification—already available under current regulations—offers a viable means to enable such calculators to support individualized care through assumption-based modeling. This is not a perfect solution, but it could represent a substantial improvement over the current default in which many RPTs proceed without any dosimetry guidance.

#### DE FACTO BARRIERS TO DOSIMETRY SOFTWARE IN RADIOPHARMACEUTICAL THERAPY

Under current policies, RPT dosimetry software is classified as SaMD (4). Retrospective dose estimation 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 requirements.

The 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.sagepub.com>). Consequently, regulatory pathways used in other fields are not directly transferable, and the commonly used 510(k) pathway—though less costly than class II de novo or class III premarket approval—still poses significant hurdles, especially for smaller companies and academic providers. Its requirement to demonstrate “substantial equivalence” to an existing marketed device is known to discourage innovation—an effect well recognized in the regulatory community (6,7). These barriers, 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 Pluvicto (both Novartis) (8,9).

Explicitly, there 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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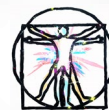


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