

# MIRD Techniques for Internal Dosimetry

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# Outline

## ⌘ MIRD Schema

- ☒ Simplified MIRD schema
- ☒ Full equations
- ☒ Dose reciprocity theorem
- ☒ Cumulated activity & residence time
- ☒ Voxelized MIRD Schema

## ⌘ Examples :

- ☒ Internal Organ Dosimetry (Zubal Phantom)
- ☒ Radionuclide Synovectomy
- ☒ P-32 Drug eluting stent

# Introduction

## ⌘ Medical Internal Radiation Dosimetry (MIRD)

- ☑ Calculation of absorbed dose to internal organs

- ☑ Ingredients:

  - ☑ Physical property of the radionuclide

  - ☑ Biological data distributions

- ☑ Calculations:

  - ☑ Conversion of activity into energy emitted

  - ☑ Conversion to energy absorbed per unit mass (S-factors)

- ☑ Voxel method extends application to any size and shapes in homogeneous medium

# MIRD Schema (simplified)

**Mean dose to target organ per unit administered activity:**

$$\bar{D}/A_0 = \tau S$$

**$\tau$  : residence time**

**$S$  : dose to target from unit cumulated activity in source organ (S-factor)**

## **Radiopharmaceuticals of major interests in nuclear medicine :**

- electron emitters**
- photon emitters**

**E = mean energy per particle**

**n = number of particles emitted per transition**

**n E = mean energy emitted per transition**

**A = activity (nuclear transition rate)**

**$\tilde{A}$  = activity accumulated over a time interval**

$$\tilde{A} n E$$

**is the radiation energy emitted by the activity in the source during the time interval**

A fraction  $\phi$  of the energy emitted will be absorbed,

$$\tilde{A} = n E \phi$$

is the energy absorbed (imparted to) the target during the time interval of interest.

The mean absorbed dose to the target is,

$$\bar{D} = \tilde{A} n E \phi / m$$

where  $m$  is the mass of the target.

**In more convenient form:**

**Mean energy emitted per nuclear transition:**

$$\Delta = n E$$

**Specific absorbed fraction,**

$$\Phi = \phi/m$$

**The S-factor is defined by,**

$$S = \Delta \Phi$$

**Mean absorbed dose to the target,**

$$\bar{D} = \tilde{A} S$$

Define the residence time,

$$\tau = \tilde{A}/A_0$$

where  $A_0$  is the administered activity.

Mean absorbed dose to the target,

$$\bar{D}/A_0 = \tau S$$



# MIRD Schema (full equations)

**Mean dose to target organ per unit administered activity due to a single source:**

$$\bar{D}/A_0 = \tau S$$

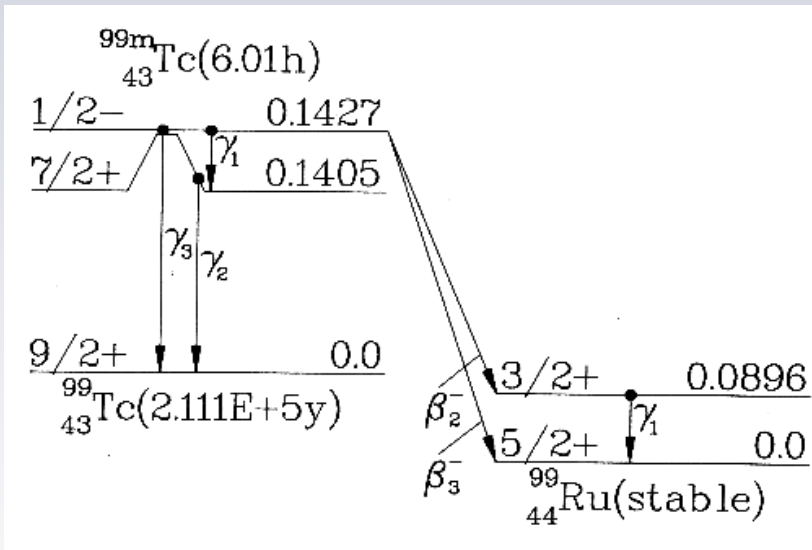
**For multiple sources,**

$$\bar{D}/A_0 = \sum \tau S$$

**where the summation is over all sources (type of radiation, locations).**

# Radiopharmaceutical emits several kinds of radiation.

(Example: Tc-99m)



HALF-LIFE = 6.01 HOURS  
DECAY MODE(S):  $\beta^-$ , IT

RADIATION	PARTICLES/ TRANSITION n(i)	ENERGY/ PARTICLE E(i) MeV	ENERGY/TRANSITION	
			$\Delta(i)$ rad g/ $\mu\text{Ci h}$	$\Delta(i)$ Gy kg/Bq s
ce-M, $\gamma$ 1	9.16E-01	1.748E-03†	3.41E-03	2.56E-16
ce-N <sup>+</sup> , $\gamma$ 1	7.58E-02	2.173E-03†	3.51E-04	2.64E-17
$\gamma$ 2	8.91E-01	1.405E-01	2.67E-01	2.00E-14
ce-K, $\gamma$ 2	8.84E-02	1.195E-01	2.25E-02	1.70E-15
ce-L <sub>1</sub> , $\gamma$ 2	9.72E-03	1.375E-01	2.85E-03	2.15E-16
ce-L <sub>2</sub> , $\gamma$ 2	6.32E-04	1.377E-01	1.85E-04	1.40E-17
ce-L <sub>3</sub> , $\gamma$ 2	3.29E-04	1.378E-01	9.66E-05	7.26E-18
ce-M, $\gamma$ 2	1.94E-03	1.401E-01†	5.79E-04	4.36E-17
ce-N <sup>+</sup> , $\gamma$ 2	3.74E-04	1.405E-01†	1.12E-04	8.43E-18
ce-K, $\gamma$ 3	5.53E-03	1.216E-01	1.43E-03	1.08E-16
ce-L <sub>1</sub> , $\gamma$ 3	9.34E-04	1.396E-01	2.78E-04	2.08E-17
ce-L <sub>2</sub> , $\gamma$ 3	1.94E-04	1.398E-01	5.78E-05	4.34E-18
ce-L <sub>3</sub> , $\gamma$ 3	5.92E-04	1.400E-01	1.77E-04	1.33E-17
ce-M, $\gamma$ 3	3.35E-04	1.422E-01†	1.02E-04	7.64E-18
K $\alpha_1$ x-ray	3.99E-02	1.837E-02	1.56E-03	1.17E-16
K $\alpha_2$ x-ray	2.10E-02	1.825E-02	8.17E-04	6.14E-17
K $\beta_1$ x-ray	6.82E-03	2.062E-02	3.00E-04	2.26E-17
Auger-KL <sub>1</sub> L <sub>1</sub>	1.23E-03	1.487E-02	3.90E-05	2.95E-18
Auger-KL <sub>1</sub> L <sub>2</sub>	2.14E-03	1.512E-02	6.90E-05	5.17E-18
Auger-KL <sub>1</sub> L <sub>3</sub>	1.64E-03	1.524E-02	5.33E-05	4.00E-18
Auger-KL <sub>2</sub> L <sub>3</sub>	6.44E-03	1.547E-02	2.12E-04	1.60E-17
Auger-KL <sub>3</sub> L <sub>3</sub>	2.43E-03	1.559E-02	8.07E-05	6.07E-18
Auger-KL <sub>1</sub> X	1.80E-03	1.755E-02†	6.73E-05	5.05E-18
Auger-KL <sub>2</sub> X	1.42E-03	1.780E-02†	5.39E-05	4.05E-18
Auger-KL <sub>3</sub> X	2.49E-03	1.792E-02†	9.51E-05	7.13E-18
Auger-L <sub>2</sub> MM	1.98E-02	2.125E-03†	8.97E-05	6.74E-18
Auger-L <sub>2</sub> MX	8.37E-03	2.538E-03†	4.53E-05	3.40E-18
Auger-L <sub>3</sub> MM	4.81E-02	2.009E-03†	2.06E-04	1.55E-17
Auger-L <sub>3</sub> MX	2.07E-02	2.422E-03†	1.07E-04	8.03E-18
Auger-MXY	1.11E+00	4.092E-04†	9.68E-04	7.27E-17

Listed x,y and $\gamma$ radiations	2.69E-01	2.02E-14
Omitted x,y and $\gamma$ radiations†	3.22E-04	2.42E-17
Listed $\beta$ ,ce and Auger radiations	3.43E-02	2.58E-15
Omitted $\beta$ ,ce and Auger radiations†	1.22E-04	9.20E-18
Listed radiations	3.03E-01	2.27E-14
Omitted radiations†	4.45E-04	3.35E-17

† Average energy

‡ Each omitted transition contributes

<0.100% to  $\Sigma\Delta(i)$  in its category.

RUTHENIUM-99 daughter, yield 3.70E-05, is stable.

TECHNETIUM-99 daughter, yield 9.9996E-01, is radioactive.

The mean energy of the i-type radiation is,

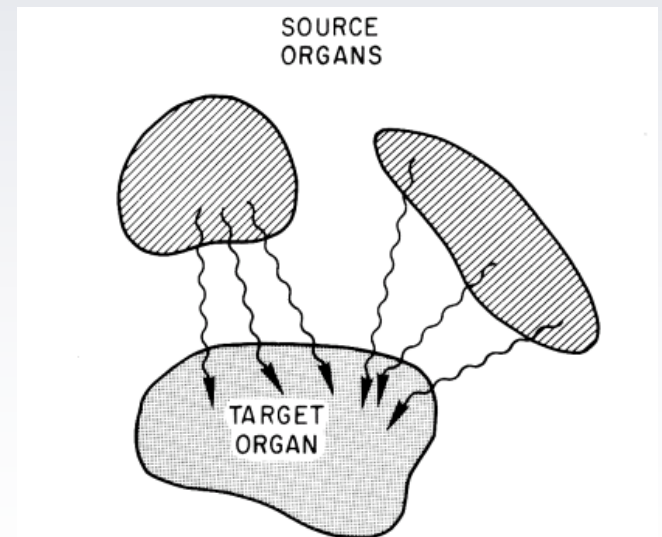
$$\Delta_i = K n_i E_i$$

where **K** is a constant (units).

Several sources organs may contribute to the target organ,

The absorbed fraction in target organ  $r_k$  from source organ  $r_h$  is:

$$\phi_i(r_k \leftarrow r_h)$$



$$\phi_i(r_k \leftarrow r_h) = \frac{\text{i-type radiation energy emitted in source } r_h \text{ and absorbed in target } r_k}{\text{i-type radiation energy emitted in } r_h}$$

**Depends on:**

- **type and energy of the radiation**
- **size, shape and composition of the source and target**

**Value lies between 0 and 1,**

$$0 \leq \phi_i(r_k \leftarrow r_h) \leq 1$$

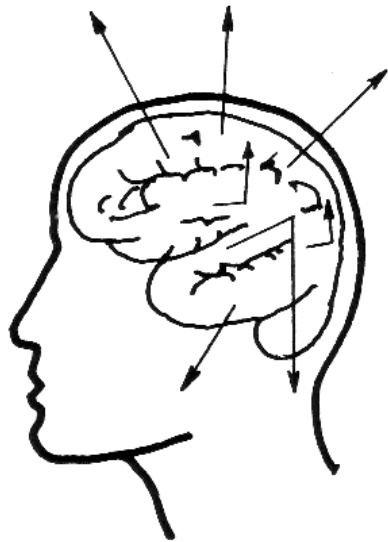
**Non-penetrating (np) radiation:**

$$\phi_{np}(r_h \leftarrow r_h) = 1;$$

$$\phi_{np}(r_k \leftarrow r_h) = 0, k \neq h$$

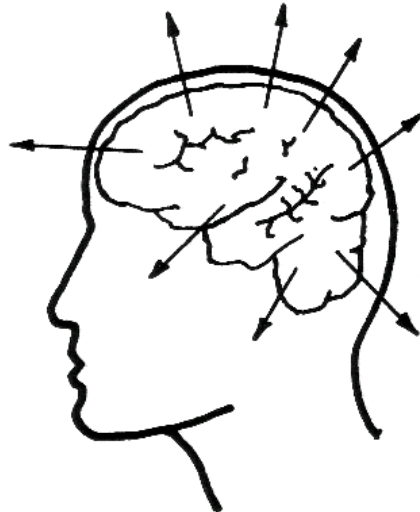
**i.e., the source organ is the only target organ.**

**Beta particles, electrons and low energy photons (< 20 keV) can be considered non penetrating for internal organ dosimetry.**



Iodine-123  
 16% of the photons  
 are absorbed  
 $\phi_{\gamma} = 0.16$

$\gamma$  (159 keV) + low  
 energy electrons



Carbon-11  
 16% of the photons  
 & 100% of the positrons  
 are absorbed  
 $\phi_{\gamma} = 0.16$   
 $\phi_{np} = 1.0$

$\beta^+ + \gamma$  (511 keV)



Carbon-14  
 100% of the  
 electrons are  
 absorbed  
 $\phi_{np} = 1.0$

$\beta^-$  ( $E_{\max} = 156$  keV)

The specific absorbed fraction in target  $r_k$  from source  $r_h$  for i-type radiation is,

$$\Phi_i(r_k \leftarrow r_h) = \phi_i(r_k \leftarrow r_h)/m_k$$

where  $m_k$  is the mass of the target organ.

The mean absorbed dose per unit cumulated activity is for i-type radiation is,

$$S_i(r_k \leftarrow r_h) = \Delta_i \Phi_i(r_k \leftarrow r_h)$$

**S values have been tabulated for monoenergetic electrons and photons and for different source and target organs.**

**S values are also tabulated for specific isotopes for different sources and target organs**

$$S(r_k \leftarrow r_h) = \sum_i S_i(r_k \leftarrow r_h)$$

**MIRDOSE (PC program no longer available)**

**Replaced by OLINDA**

**<http://www.doseinfo-radar.com/RADARphan.html>**



**Mean absorbed dose in target  $r_k$  from source  $r_h$ ,**

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{D}(r_k \leftarrow r_h) &= \tilde{A}_h \sum_i \Delta_i \phi_i(r_k \leftarrow r_h)/m_k \\ &= \tilde{A}_h \sum_i \Delta_i \Phi_i(r_k \leftarrow r_h) \\ &= \tilde{A}_h S(r_k \leftarrow r_h)\end{aligned}$$

**Total dose in target  $r_k$  (summed over all sources) ,**

$$\bar{D}(r_k) = \sum_h \bar{D}(r_k \leftarrow r_h)$$

**Using the residence time,**

$$\tau_h = \tilde{A}_h/A_0$$

**the total dose in target  $r_k$  (summed over all sources) is ,**

$$\bar{D}(r_k)/A_0 = \sum_h \tau_h S(r_k \leftarrow r_h)$$

**In simplest form,**

$$\bar{D}/A_0 = \sum \tau S$$

# Dose Reciprocity theorem

Specific absorbed fraction,

$$\Phi = \phi/m_t$$

= radiation emitted by the source organ that is absorbed by the target organ.

## Dose reciprocity theorem

$$\phi(r_h \leftarrow r_k)/m_h = \phi(r_k \leftarrow r_h)/m_k$$

or,

$$\Phi(r_k \leftarrow r_h) = \Phi(r_h \leftarrow r_k)$$

i.e., energy absorbed per gram is the same for radiation traveling from  $r_k$  to  $r_h$  vs from  $r_h$  to  $r_k$ .

# S, Absorbed Dose per Unit Cumulative Activity (rad/ $\mu\text{Ci} \cdot \text{hr}$ ) for $^{131}\text{I}$

Target Organs	Source Organs										
	<i>Intestinal Tract</i>							Kidneys	Liver	Lungs	Other Tissue (Muscle)
	Adrenals	Bladder Contents	Stomach Contents	SI Contents	ULI Contents	LLI Contents	LLI Contents				
Adrenals	3.1E-02	6.1E-07	6.3E-06	3.9E-06	2.7E-06	1.4E-06	3.2E-05	1.4E-05	6.9E-06	4.2E-06	
Bladder wall	3.3E-07	1.2E-03	1.0E-06	8.5E-06	5.6E-06	1.7E-05	1.0E-06	7.4E-07	1.8E-07	5.0E-06	
Bone (total)	4.1E-06	1.8E-06	1.8E-06	2.5E-06	2.2E-06	3.2E-06	3.0E-06	2.3E-06	3.0E-06	3.0E-06	
GI (Stom. wall)	8.2E-06	8.8E-07	9.7E-04	9.9E-06	1.0E-05	5.0E-06	9.4E-06	5.4E-06	5.2E-06	3.9E-06	
GI (SI)	2.6E-06	7.6E-06	7.3E-06	6.0E-04	4.6E-05	2.6E-05	7.8E-06	4.6E-06	6.9E-07	4.4E-06	
GI (ULI wall)	2.8E-06	6.6E-06	9.5E-06	6.5E-05	1.1E-03	1.2E-05	8.1E-06	7.0E-06	9.1E-07	4.6E-06	
GI (LLI wall)	8.4E-07	2.0E-05	3.6E-06	1.9E-05	8.4E-06	1.7E-03	2.4E-06	8.1E-07	2.6E-07	4.8E-06	
Kidneys	3.2E-05	9.6E-07	9.5E-06	8.7E-06	7.7E-06	2.5E-06	1.5E-03	1.1E-05	<del>2.7E-06</del>	4.0E-06	
Liver	1.4E-05	7.2E-07	5.6E-06	5.1E-06	7.1E-06	9.0E-07	1.1E-05	3.0E-04	6.8E-06	3.1E-06	
Lungs	6.7E-06	1.1E-07	5.0E-06	8.5E-07	8.9E-07	2.8E-07	2.5E-06	6.8E-06	4.5E-04	3.7E-06	
Marrow (red)	7.5E-06	4.1E-06	3.2E-06	7.9E-06	6.9E-06	9.7E-06	7.6E-06	3.3E-06	3.8E-06	4.1E-06	
Other tissue (muscle)	4.2E-06	5.0E-06	3.9E-06	4.4E-06	4.1E-06	4.8E-06	4.0E-06	3.1E-06	3.7E-06	1.9E-05	
Ovaries	1.6E-06	1.9E-05	1.4E-06	2.7E-05	3.4E-05	5.0E-05	3.4E-06	9.6E-07	4.0E-07	5.6E-06	
Pancreas	2.4E-05	7.9E-07	5.0E-05	5.8E-06	5.8E-06	2.0E-06	1.8E-05	1.2E-05	7.5E-06	5.0E-06	
Skin	1.8E-06	1.7E-06	1.5E-06	1.4E-06	1.4E-06	1.6E-06	1.8E-06	1.6E-06	1.8E-06	2.4E-06	
Spleen	1.8E-05	5.6E-07	2.7E-05	4.4E-06	3.7E-06	2.5E-06	2.4E-05	2.7E-06	6.2E-06	4.1E-06	
Testes	1.7E-07	1.4E-05	1.3E-07	1.0E-06	1.2E-06	5.7E-06	3.9E-07	3.0E-07	5.7E-08	3.4E-06	
Thyroid	5.2E-07	2.1E-08	3.9E-07	9.5E-08	1.0E-07	4.1E-08	2.4E-07	5.7E-07	3.0E-06	3.8E-06	
Uterus (nongravid)	3.4E-06	4.3E-05	2.4E-06	2.5E-05	1.3E-05	1.7E-05	2.6E-06	1.2E-06	2.7E-07	5.9E-06	
Total body	1.1E-05	5.9E-06	6.7E-06	1.0E-05	8.2E-06	8.8E-06	1.1E-05	1.1E-05	9.9E-06	9.8E-06	

$$S(r_k \leftarrow r_h) = \sum_i \Delta_i \Phi_i(r_k \leftarrow r_h)$$

# Cumulated Activity and Residence time

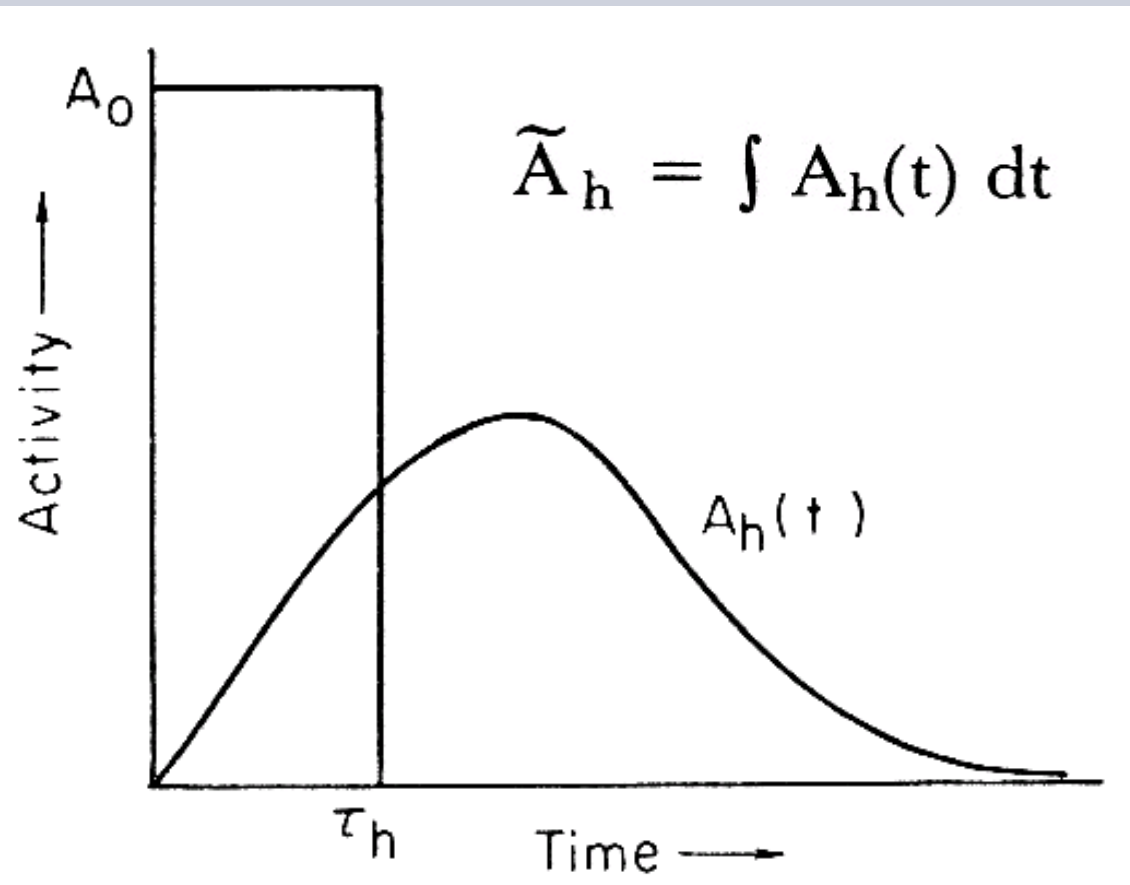
Mean absorbed dose in target  $r_k$  from source  $r_h$ ,

$$\bar{D}(r_k \leftarrow r_h) = \tilde{A}_h S(r_k \leftarrow r_h)$$

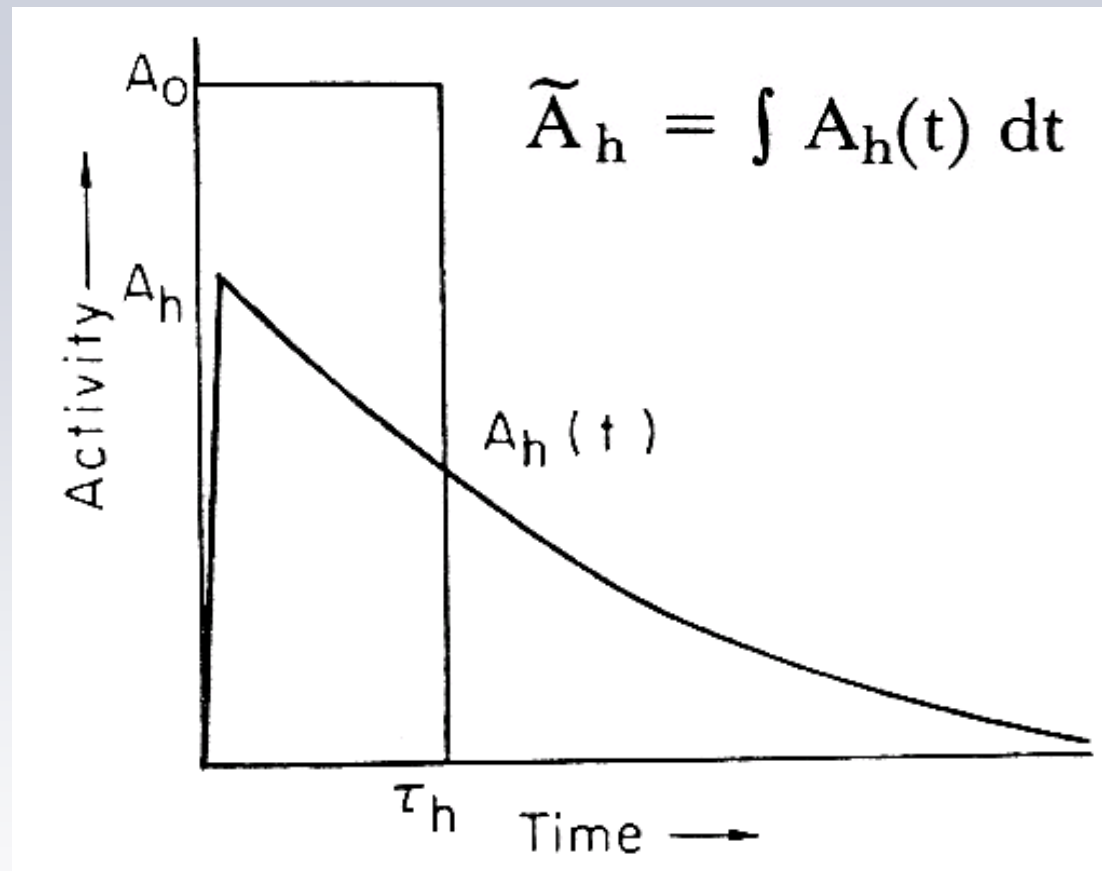
$\tilde{A}_h$  = activity accumulated over a time interval

$\tau_h = \tilde{A}_h/A_0$  = residence time

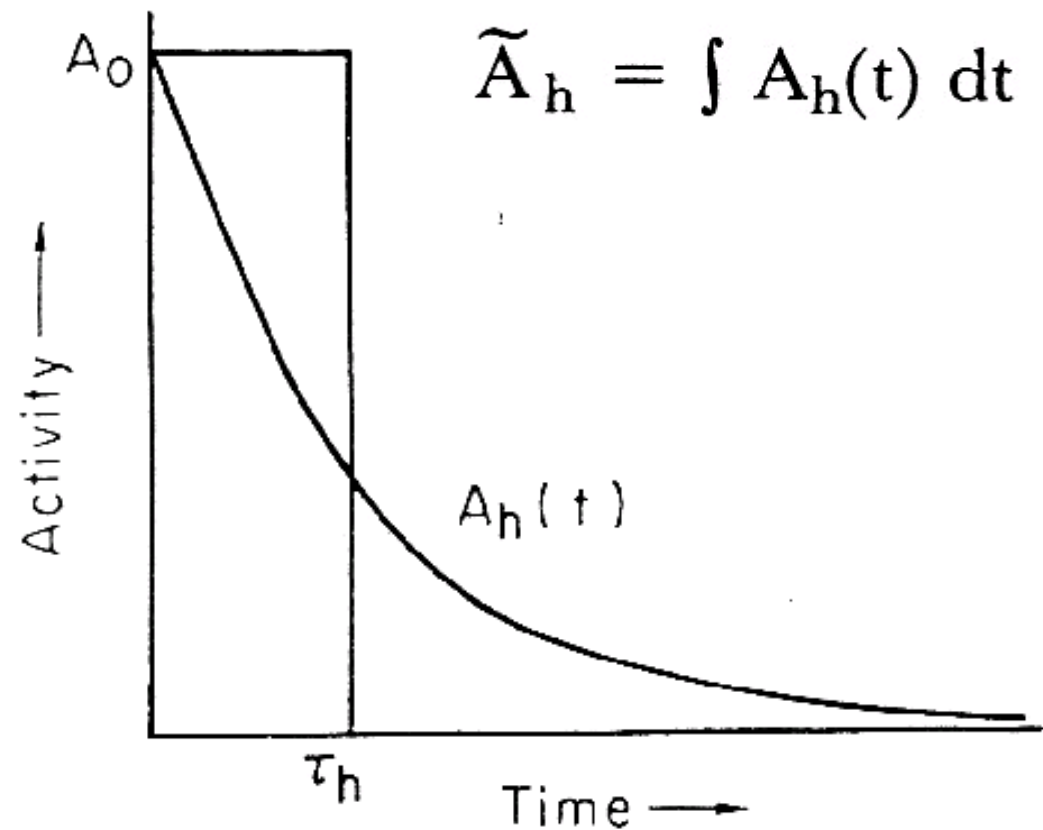
$$\bar{D}(r_k)/A_0 = \sum_h \tau_h S(r_k \leftarrow r_h)$$



The concept of residence time ( $\tau_h$ ) for an organ that has no activity at time  $t = 0$ . The area under  $A_h(t)$  equals the area of the rectangle.



The concept of residence time ( $\tau_h$ ) for an organ that has no activity at time  $t = 0$ , with an uptake that is rapid compared to decay and removal rates. The area under  $A_h(t)$  equals the area of the rectangle.



The concept of residence time ( $\tau_h$ ) for the organ into which the activity  $A_0$  is administered at time  $t = 0$ . The area under  $A_h(t)$  equals the area of the rectangle.



## Simple exponential decay

$$\lambda = \ln(2) / T_{1/2} \quad (\text{physical half-life})$$

$$\lambda_h = \ln(2) / T_h \quad (\text{biological half-life})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A}_h &= \int_0^{\infty} A_h e^{-(\lambda + \lambda_h)t} dt \\ &= A_h / (\lambda + \lambda_h) \\ &= 1.443 (T_h)_{\text{eff}} A_h \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{T_{\text{eff}}} = \frac{1}{T_{1/2}} + \frac{1}{T_h}$$

$$(\lambda_h)_{\text{eff}} = \lambda + \lambda_h$$

$$(\lambda_h)_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\ln(2)}{(T_h)_{\text{eff}}} = \frac{1}{1.443 (T_h)_{\text{eff}}}$$

$$\tau_h = \tilde{A}_h / A_0$$

$$= 1.443 (T_h)_{\text{eff}} \frac{A_h}{A_0}$$

### Example:

Tc-99m ( $T_{1/2} = 6.02\text{h}$ ) sulfur colloid (liver imaging) is injected to a patient. Assume 85% is uniformly deposited in the liver with no biologic removal.

- Find the residence time
- calculate self-dose to the liver ( $S = 4.6\text{e-}5 \text{ rad}/\mu\text{Ci h}$ ) for 1 mCi injected activity

$$\tau_h = \tilde{A}_h / A_0 \quad \tilde{A}_h = A_h \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} dt = \frac{A_h}{\lambda}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{T} = \frac{0.693}{6.02 \text{ h}} = 0.115 \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$\tau = \frac{\tilde{A}_h}{A_0} = \frac{A_h}{A_0} \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{0.85}{0.115 \text{ h}^{-1}} = 7.39 \text{ h}$$

$$A_0 = 1\text{mCi} = 1000\mu\text{Ci}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{D} &= A_0 \tau S = 1000 \mu\text{Ci} \times 7.39\text{h} \times 4.6\text{e-}5 \text{ rad}/\mu\text{Ci h} \\ &= 0.332 \text{ rad} = 3.32 \text{ mSv} \end{aligned}$$

# Limitations of the Standard MIRD Schema

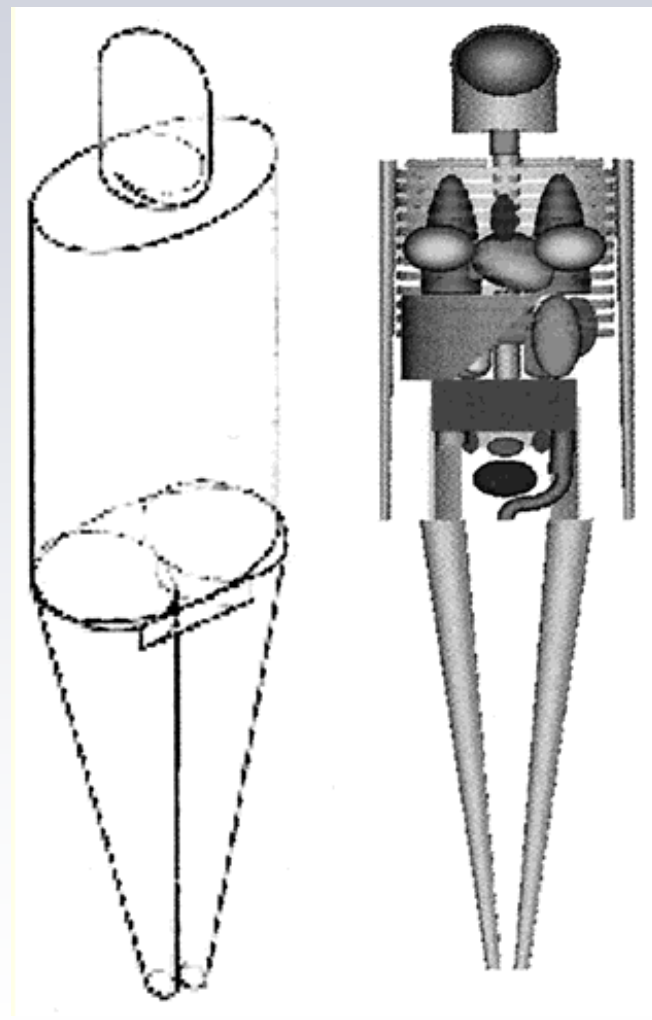
**S-factors are defined for "standard" antropomorphic phantoms.**

**Assumes distribution in organs are uniform**

**Does not allow for "patient specific" characteristics**

**S-factors not tabulated for distributions other than organs**

**Large uncertainties for specific patients**

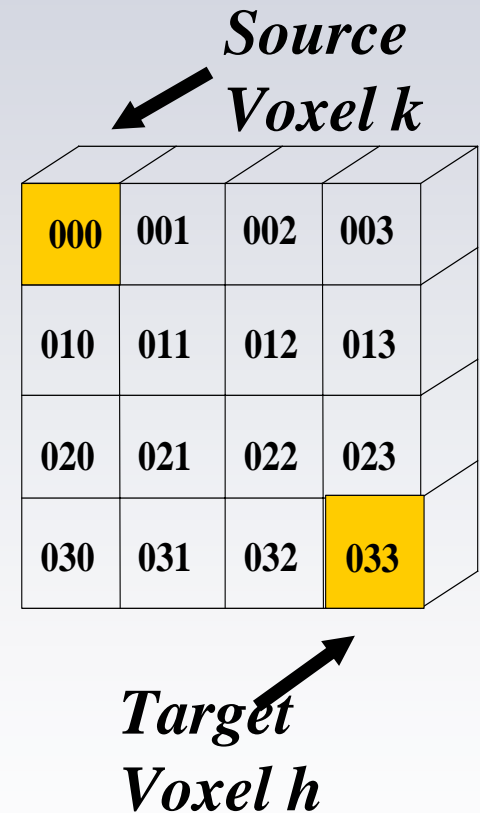


# The Voxel S value approach

Sources and targets are defined as "voxels"

$$\bar{D}(\text{voxel}_k) = \sum_{h=0}^N \tilde{A}_{\text{voxel}_h} \cdot S(\text{voxel}_k \leftarrow \text{voxel}_h).$$

$$S(\text{voxel}_k \leftarrow \text{voxel}_h) = \sum_i \Delta_i \cdot \frac{\phi_i(\text{voxel}_k \leftarrow \text{voxel}_h)}{m_{\text{voxel}_k}}$$



# **The Voxel S value approach**

## **Advantages:**

**Allows for non-uniform distributions**

**Can be adapted to any geometry**

**Allows Patient specific dosimetry**

**Calculation engine for a "treatment planning system"**

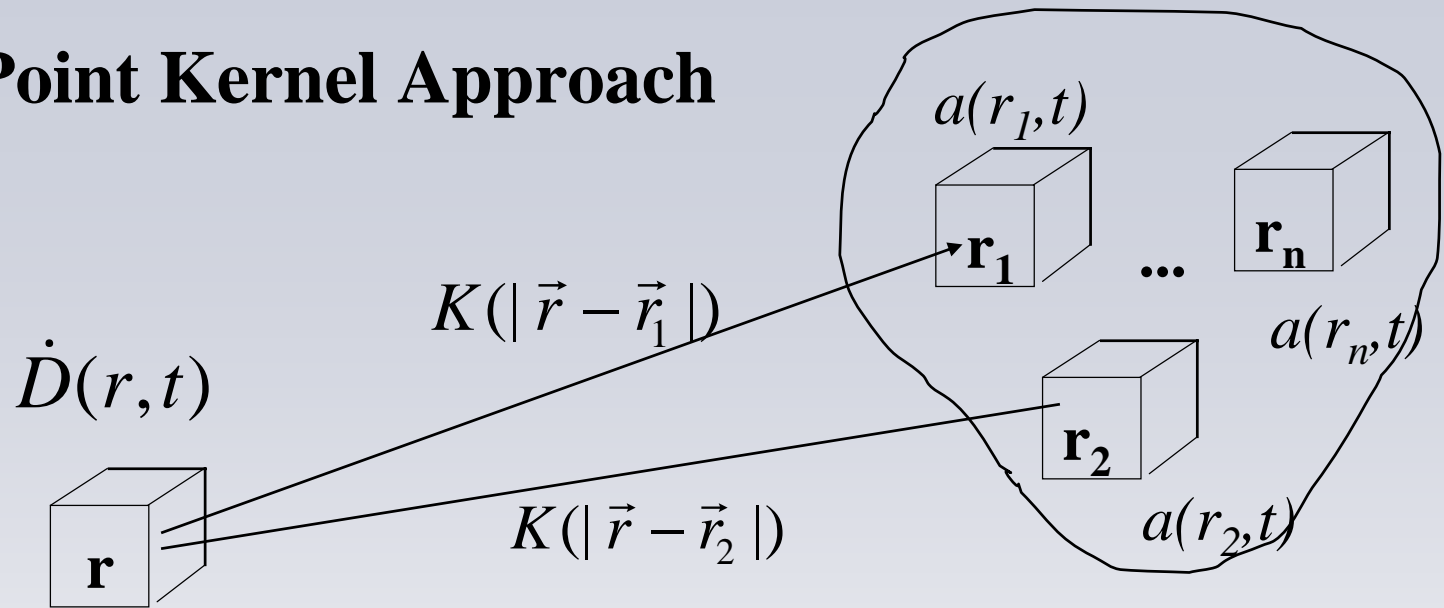
## **Disadvantages:**

**S-tables not available for all isotopes and voxel sizes**

**Requires computer calculations to model organs**

**Treatment planning systems are not commercially available**

# Dose Point Kernel Approach



$a(r', t)$  = Activity density (e.g. Bq/cm<sup>3</sup>) at  $r'$  at time  $t$ .

$K(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|)$  : Dose rate at  $\mathbf{r}$  due to a "Point Source" at  $\mathbf{r}'$  (e.g. mGy/MBq-h).

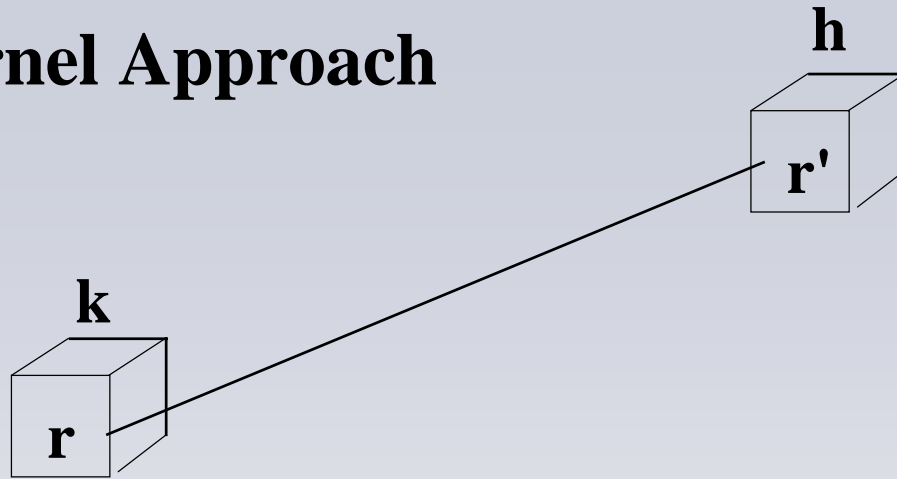
Depends only on distance  $|r - r'|$  if medium is homogeneous.

== "Dose Point Kernel"

The dose rate at point  $\mathbf{r}$  is,

$$\dot{D}(\vec{r}, t) = \int a(\vec{r}', t) \times K(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) d^3 r'$$

# Dose Point Kernel Approach



Consider 2 voxels h and k. The dose rate at a point  $\mathbf{r}$  in voxel k due to a uniform activity  $a_h$  in voxel h is,

$$\dot{D}(\vec{r}, t) = a_h(t) \times \int_h K(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) dV_h$$

The average dose rate in voxel k is (using  $a(t) = A(t)/\Delta V$  with  $A(t)$  the activity),

$$\dot{D}_k(t) = A_h(t) \times \frac{1}{\Delta V_h \Delta V_k} \int_k \int_h K(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) dV_h dV_k$$

# Dose Point Kernel Approach vs MIRD Shema

$$\dot{D}_k(t) = A_h(t) \times \frac{1}{\Delta V_h \Delta V_k} \int_k \int_h K(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) dV_h dV_k$$

Integrating over  $dt$ , we obtain

$$D_{k \leftarrow h}(t) = \tilde{A}_h(t) S_{k \leftarrow h}$$

with,

$$\tilde{A}_h(t) = \int_0^t A_h(t) dt$$

$$S_{k \leftarrow h} = \frac{1}{\Delta V_k \Delta V_h} \iint_{hk} K(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) dV_h dV_k$$



# Dose Point Kernel Approach vs MIRD Shema

The total dose in voxel k is obtained by summing over all voxels h,

$$D_k = \sum_h \tilde{A}_h S_{k \leftarrow h}$$

**This is a "convolution" formula and can be calculated using FFTs.**

The S-factors can be calculated using numerical integration of the Dose-Point-Kernel functions over voxel volume  $\Delta V_k$  and  $\Delta V_h$ ,

$$S_{k \leftarrow h} = \frac{1}{\Delta V_k \Delta V_h} \iint_{h k} K(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) dV_h dV_k$$

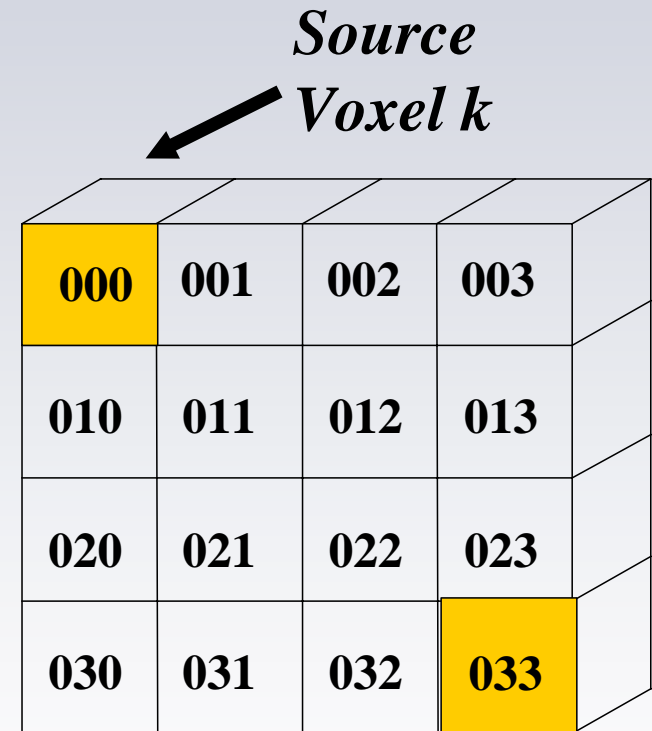
# S-factors at the Voxel Level

$S_{k \leftarrow h}$  at voxel level can be calculated using numerical integration of the DPK :

$$S_{k \leftarrow h} = \frac{1}{\Delta V_k \Delta V_h} \iint_{hk} K(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) dV_h dV_k$$

$\approx K(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|)$  at large distances

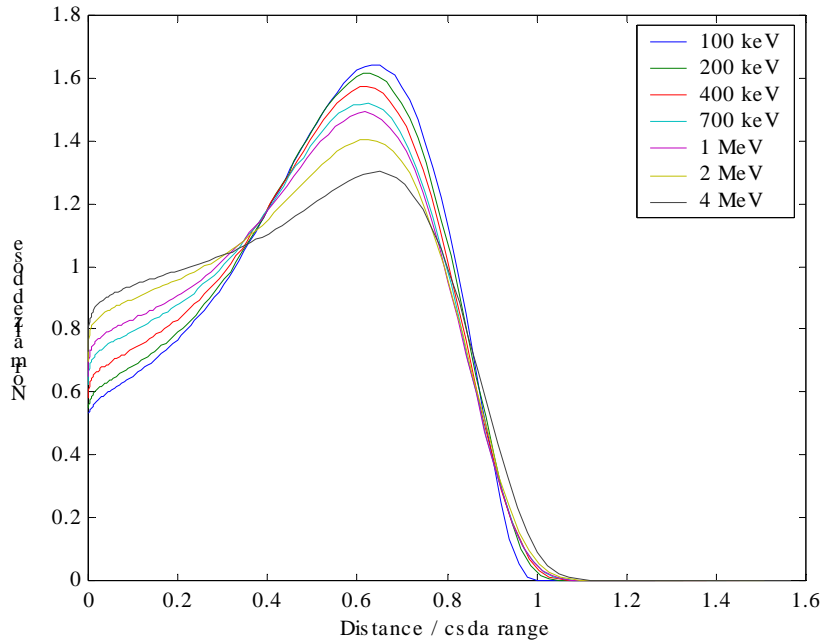
⇒ **Convolution Kernel**



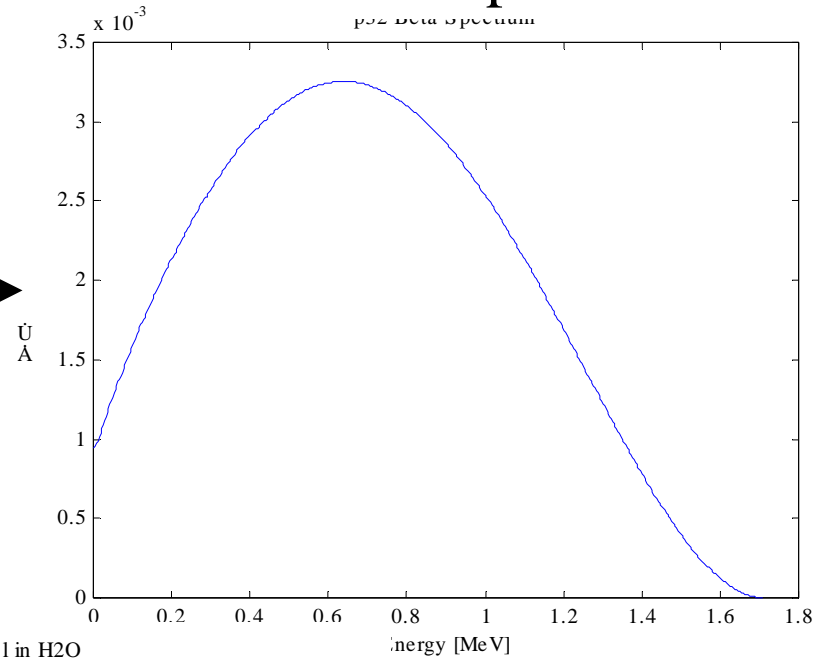
# S-factors at the Voxel Level

- ⌘ MIRD Pamphlet-17 gives tables for P-32, Sr-89, Y-90, Tc-99m and I-131 for cubic voxels sizes of 3 - 6 mm and 0.1 mm (I-131)
- ⌘ For other isotopes or voxel sizes (cubic or non-cubic), no data is available
- ⌘ This work :
  - ⊞ Develop a kernel convolution software to calculate the S-factors for any voxel sizes (cubic and non-cubic)
  - ⊞ Used 6-D numerical integration method to voxelize  $K(r)$
  - ⊞ Use EGSnrc generated Kernels for beta emitters
  - ⊞ Gamma emitters calculated using build-up factors from MIRD-2
  - ⊞ Use ICRP-38 and/or MIRD database (RSIC DLC-172)

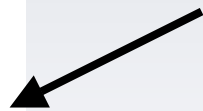
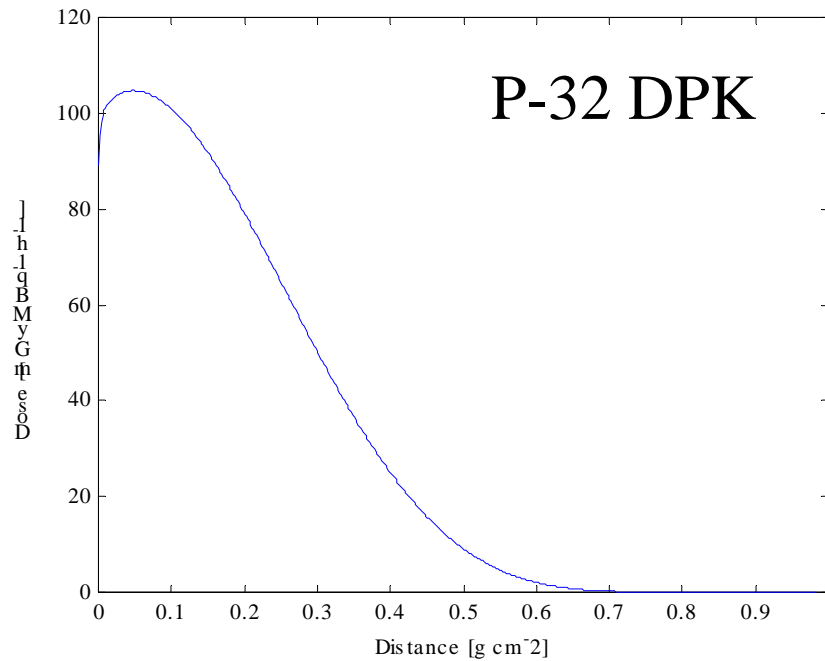
# Monoenergetic DPK's



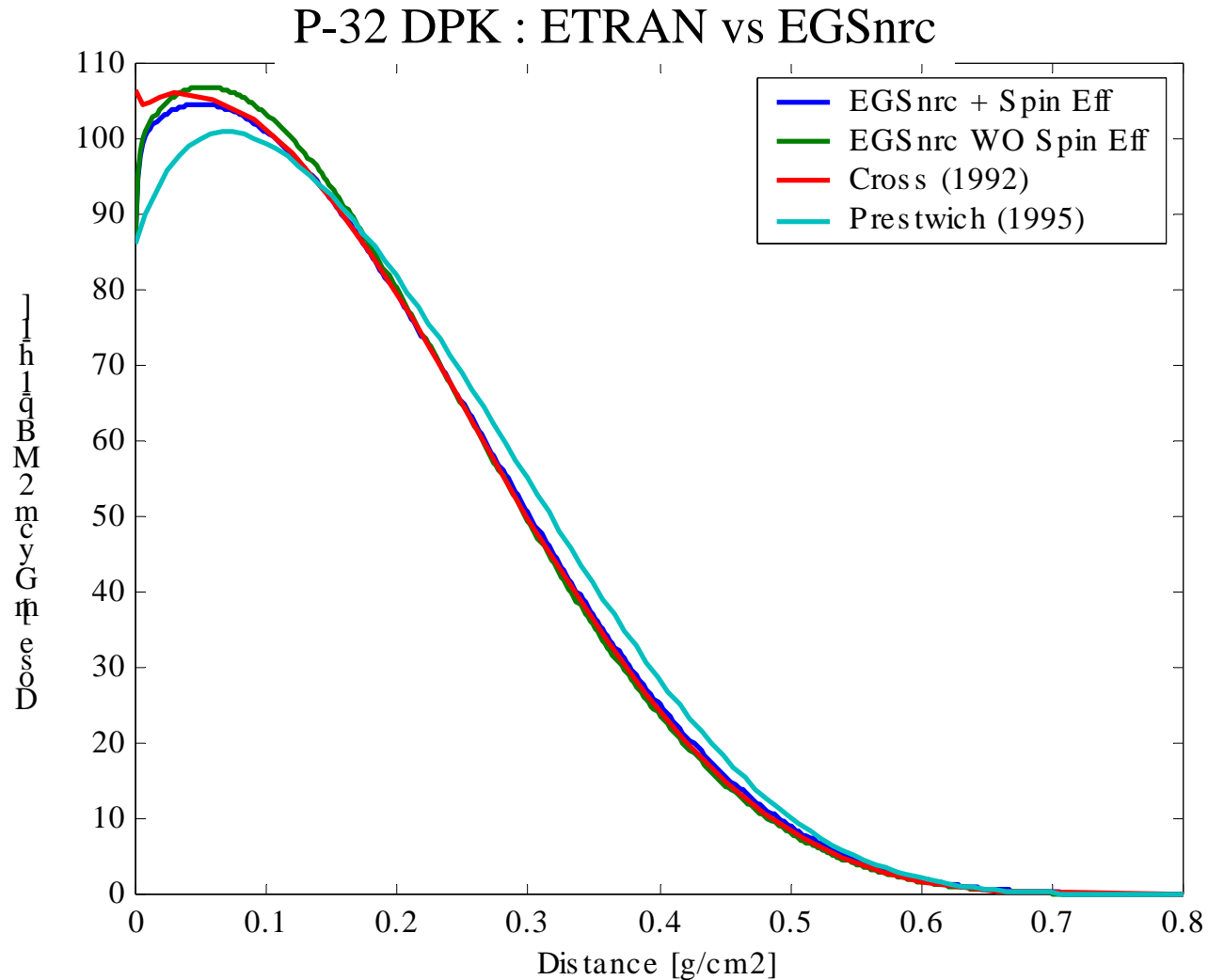
# P-32 beta spectrum



Point-Kernel in H<sub>2</sub>O



# P-32 Dose-Point-Kernel



# Beta Kernel Calculation

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ICRP 38

MIRD

Isotope

Lu-177

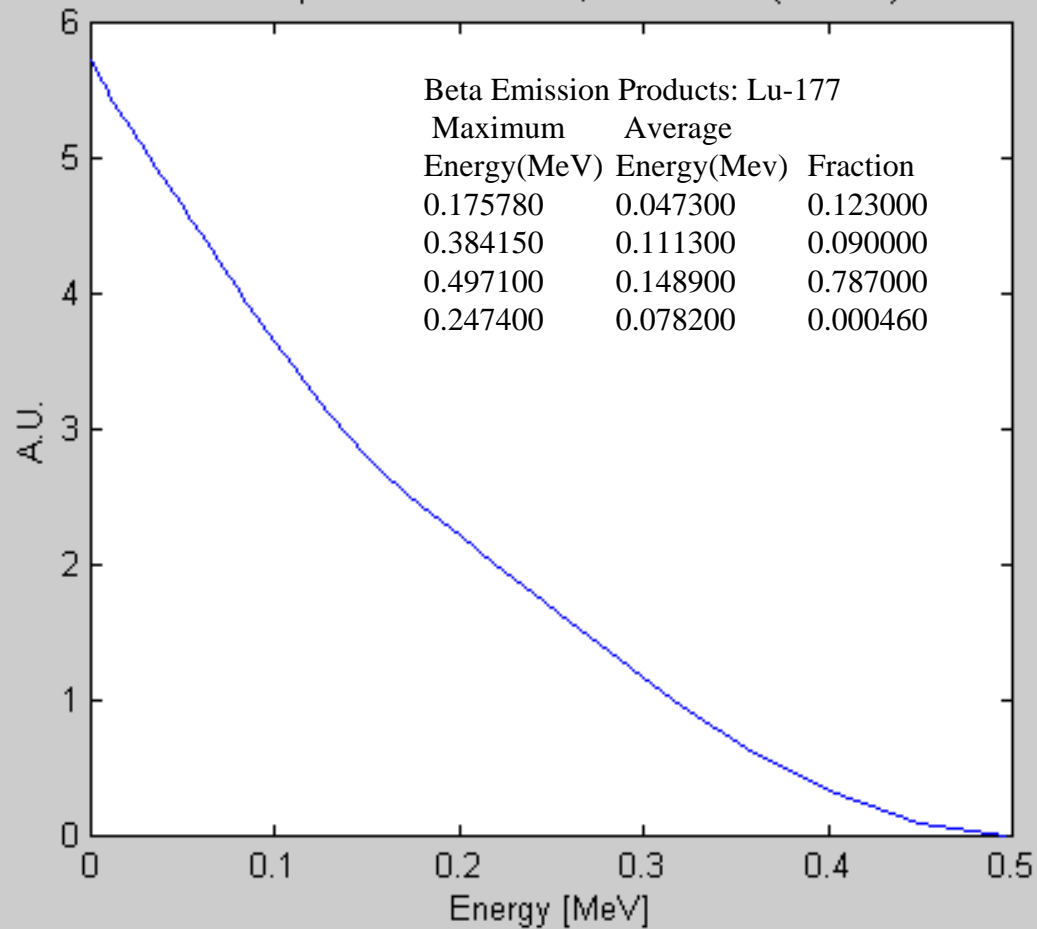
Al-28

Calculate Kernel

SAVE

EXIT

Beta Spectrum for Lu-177 ; P = 1.0017 (ICRP38)



# Beta Kernel Calculation

ICRP 38

MIRD

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Isotope

Lu-177

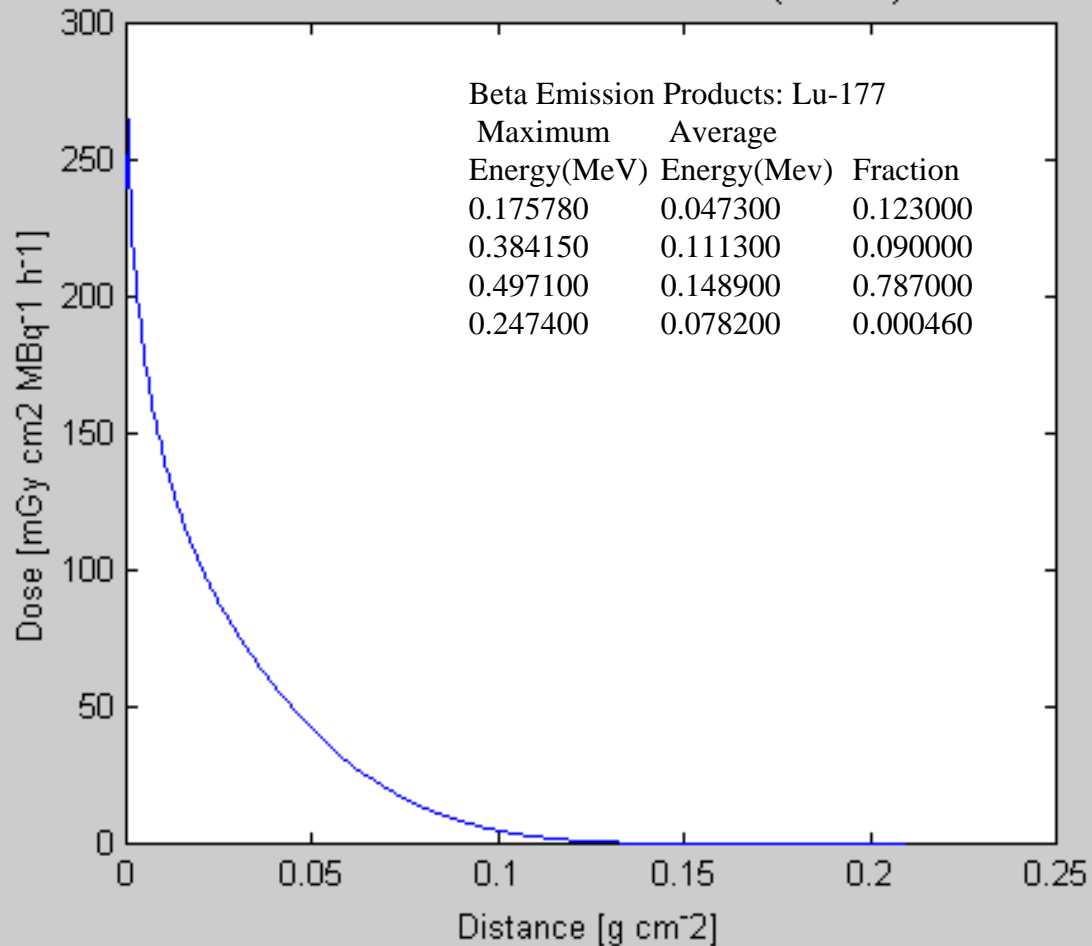
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Calculate Kernel

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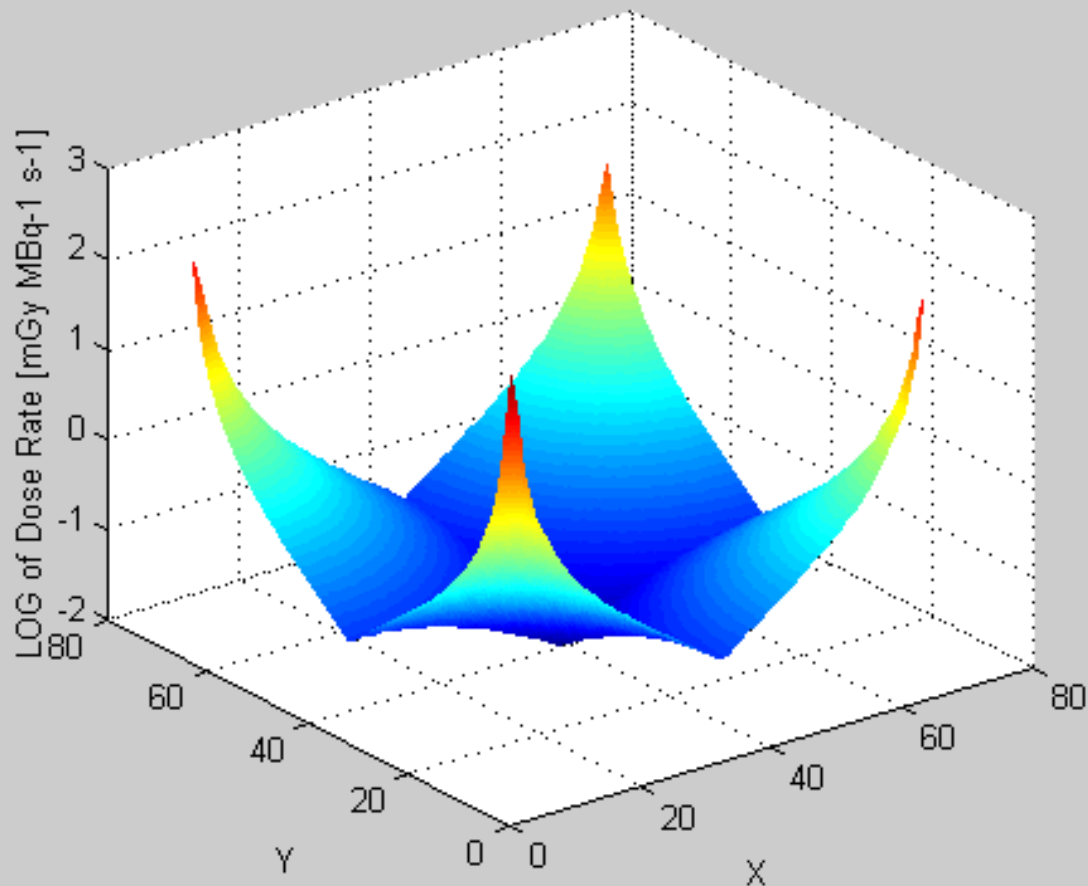
Lu-177 Dose-Point-Kernel in H2O (ICRP38)



# S-Voxel Kernel Calculation

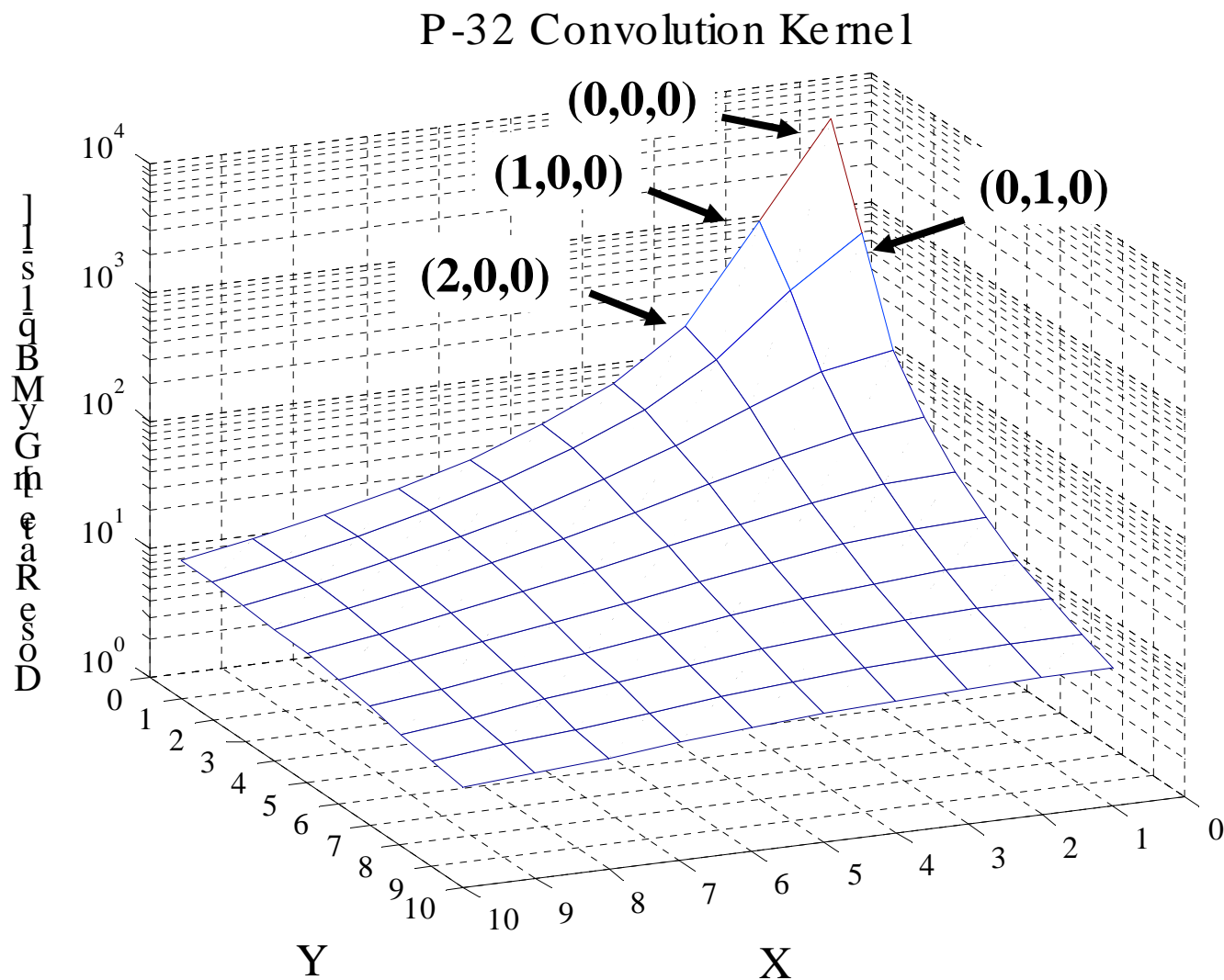
	X	Y	Z	Isotope	P-32
Grid Size	64	64	64		
Pixel size (cm)	0.01	0.01	0.02	Calculate S-voxels	

P-32 Convolution Kernel



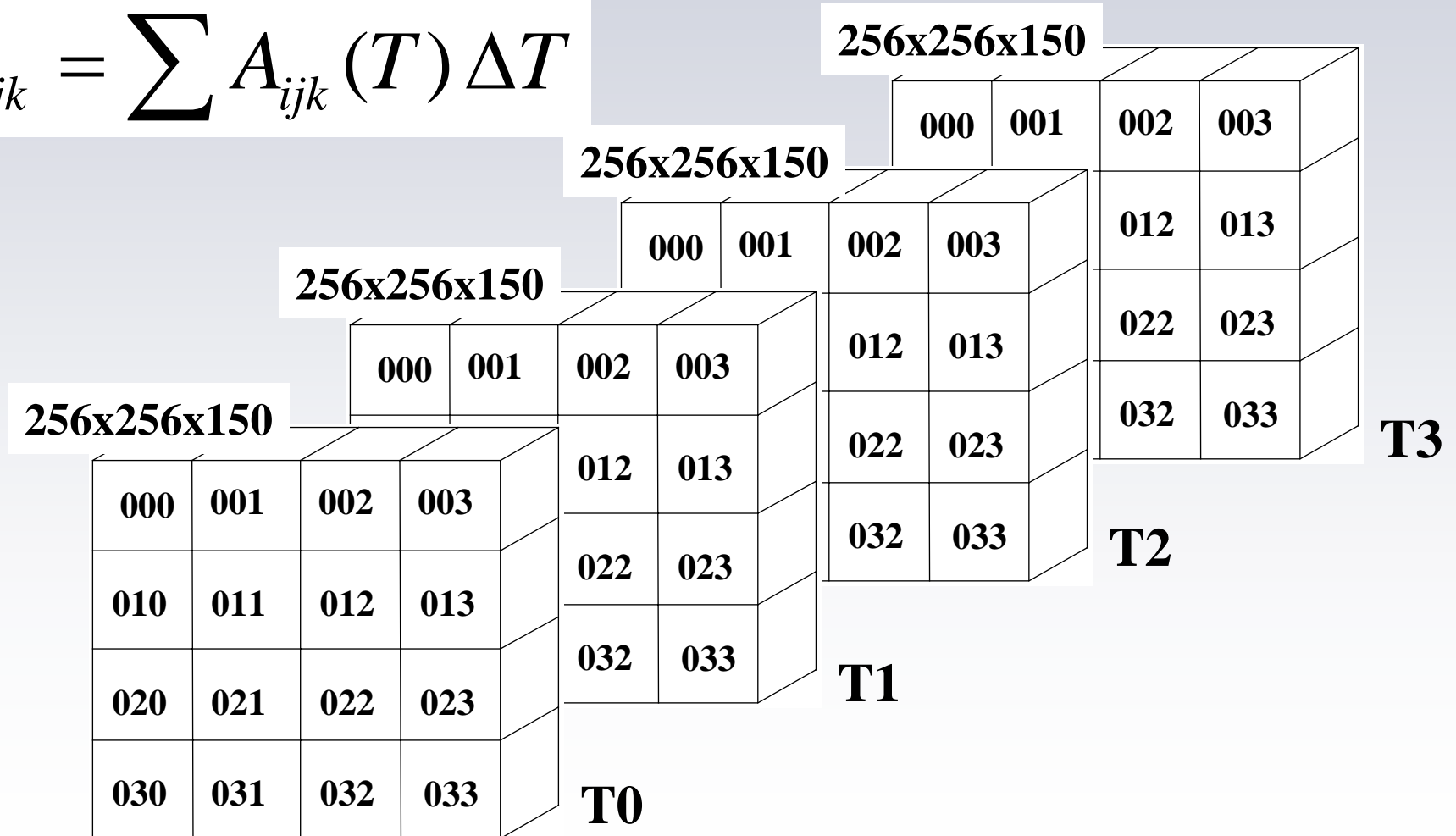


# Voxel based P-32 Convolution Kernel $S_{ijk}$

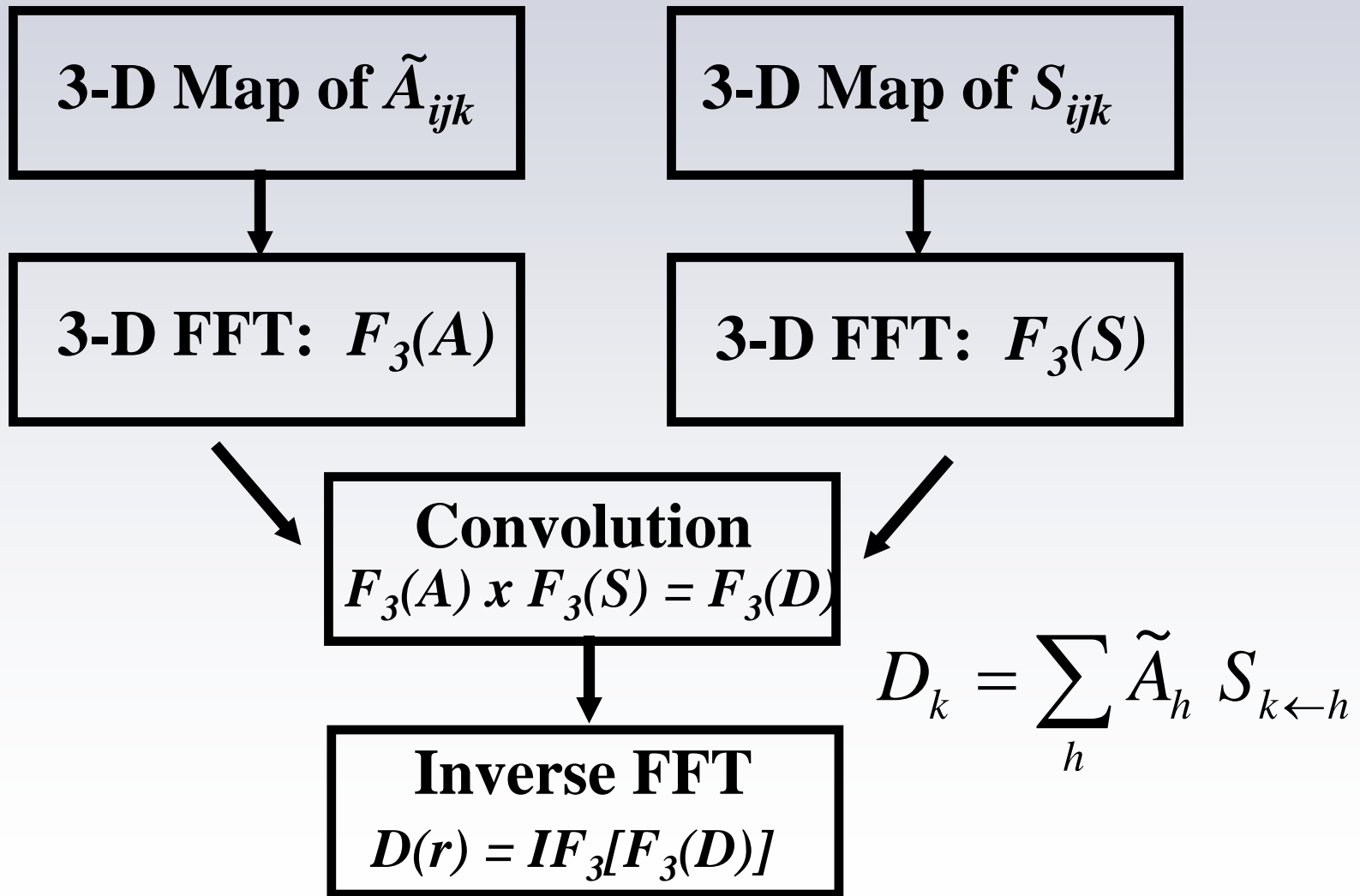


# TAC at the Voxel Level

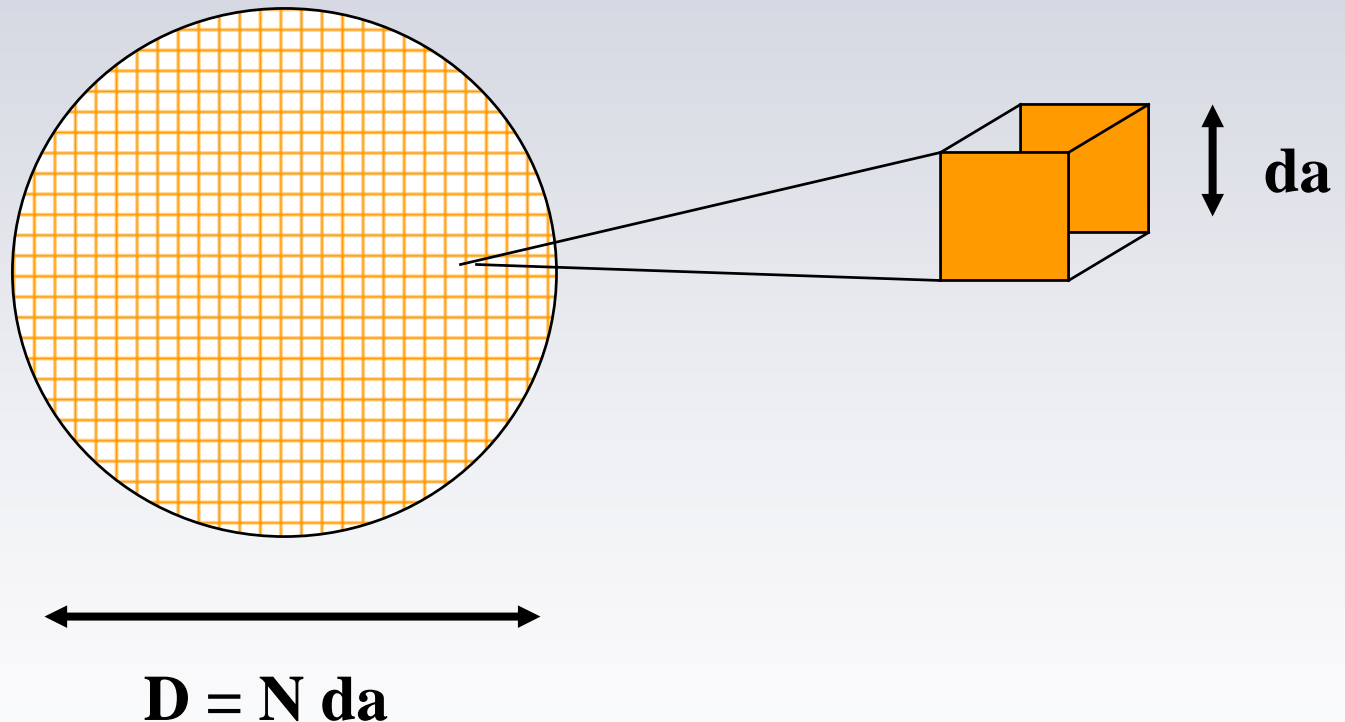
$$\tilde{A}_{ijk} = \sum A_{ijk}(T) \Delta T$$



# Dose-Point-Kernel Convolution using FFTs



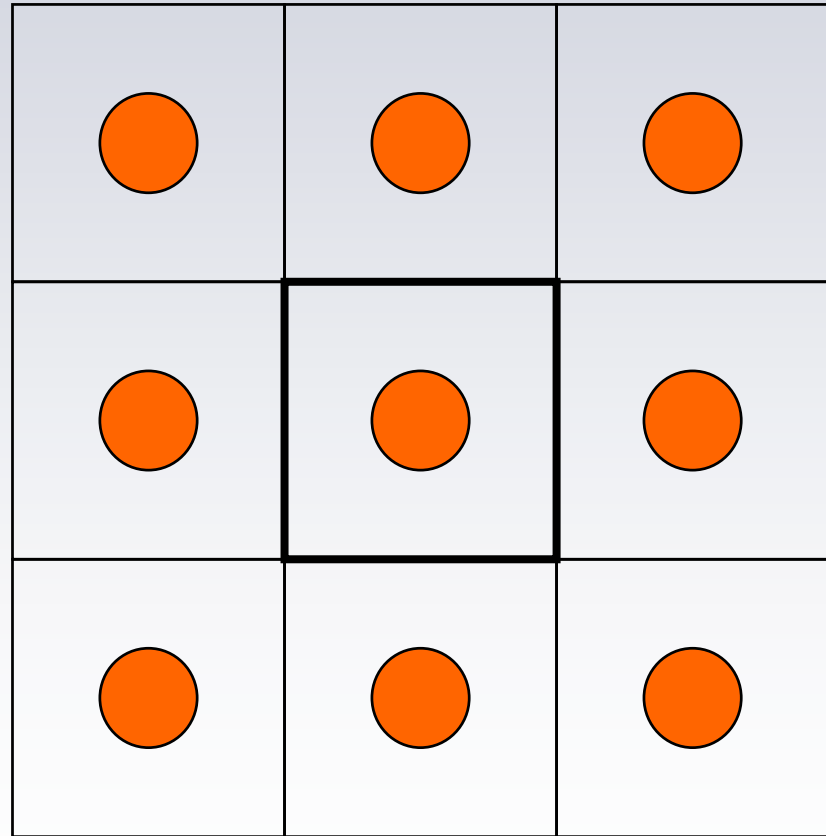
# Dose from a Small Sphere



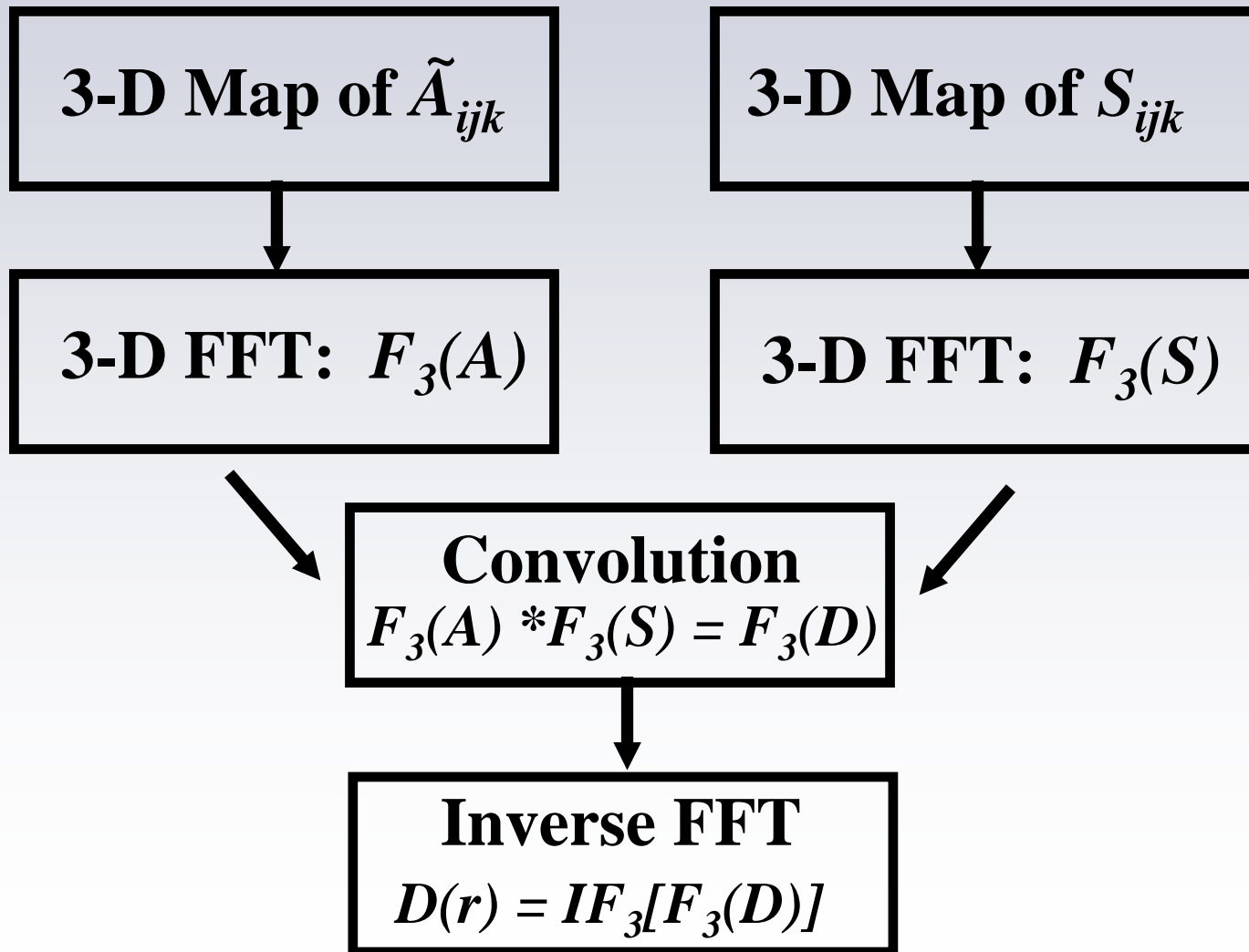
- Sphere diameter is changed by varying the "voxel size"
- Activity can be defined for each voxel (non-uniform)

# FFT Cyclic Convolution

- **Discrete FT makes object "periodic" in space**
- **Dose from virtual sources can be important**
- **Need to chose box size to avoid overlapping effects**

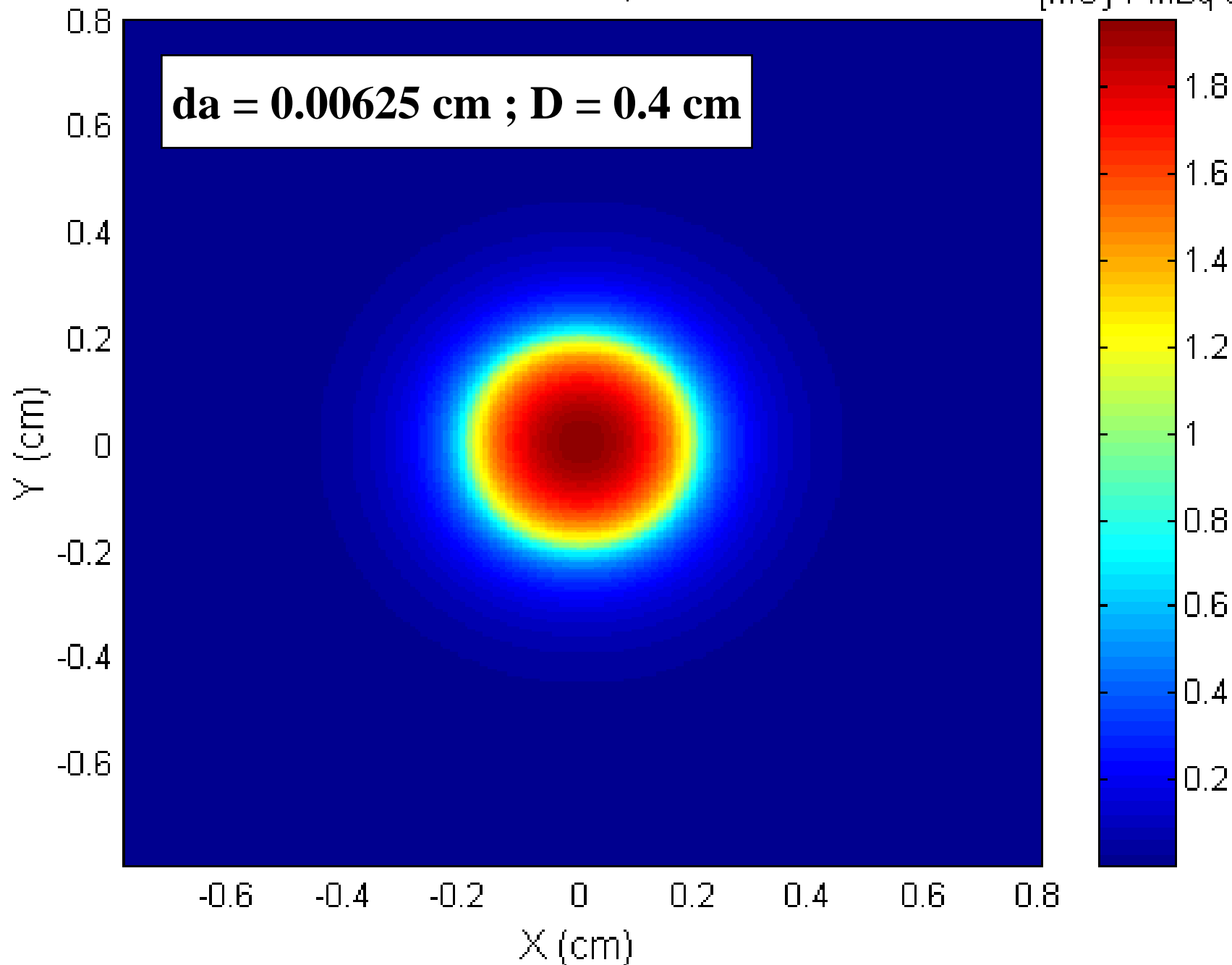


# DPK Convolution using FFTs



# Dose from a P-32 Sphere in Water

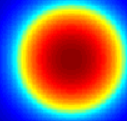
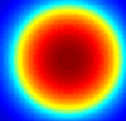
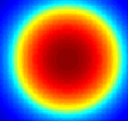
[mGy / MBq-s]



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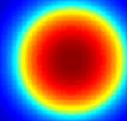
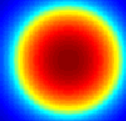
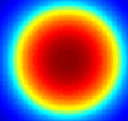
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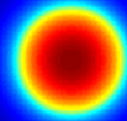
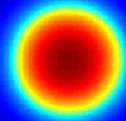
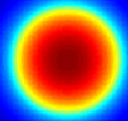
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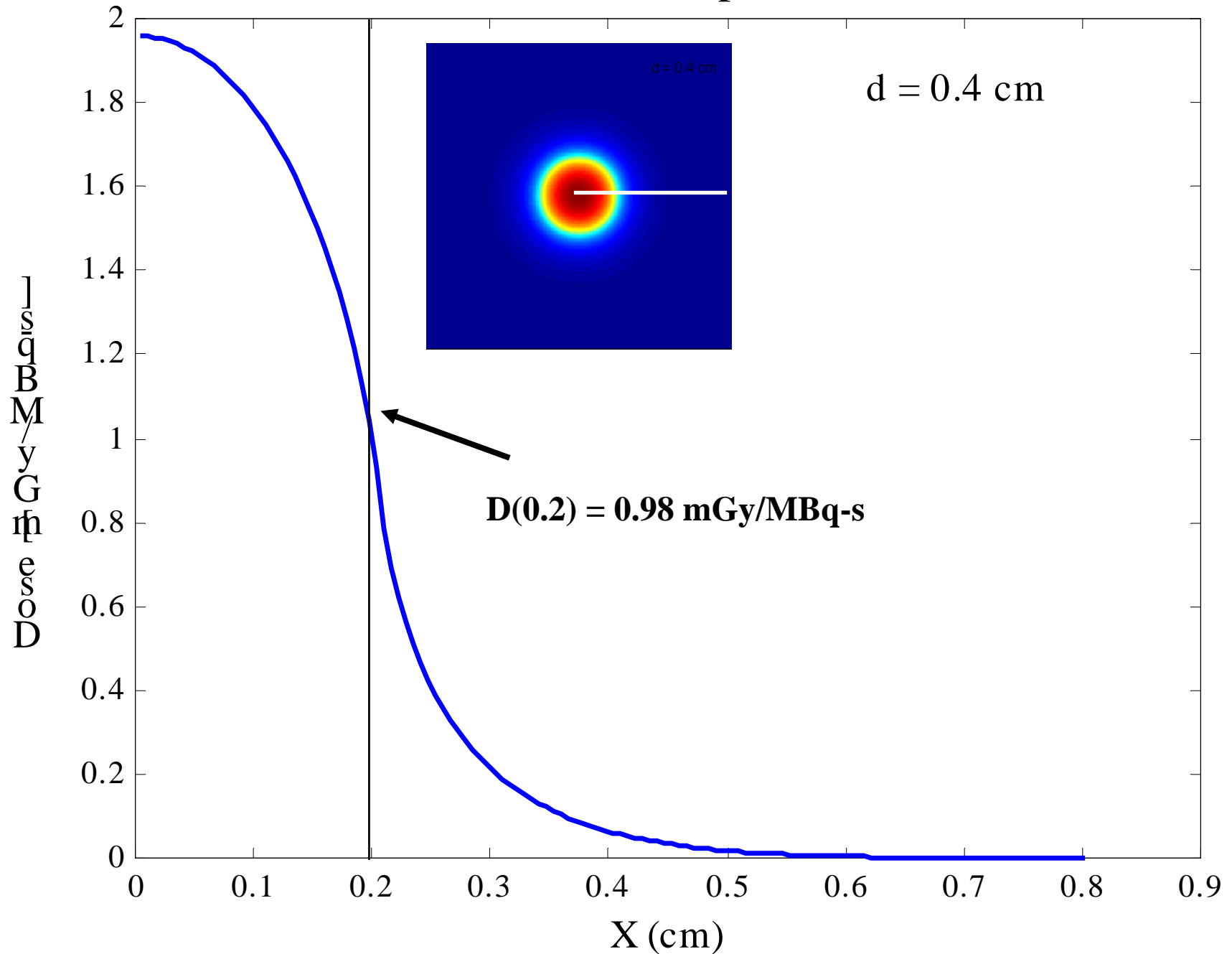
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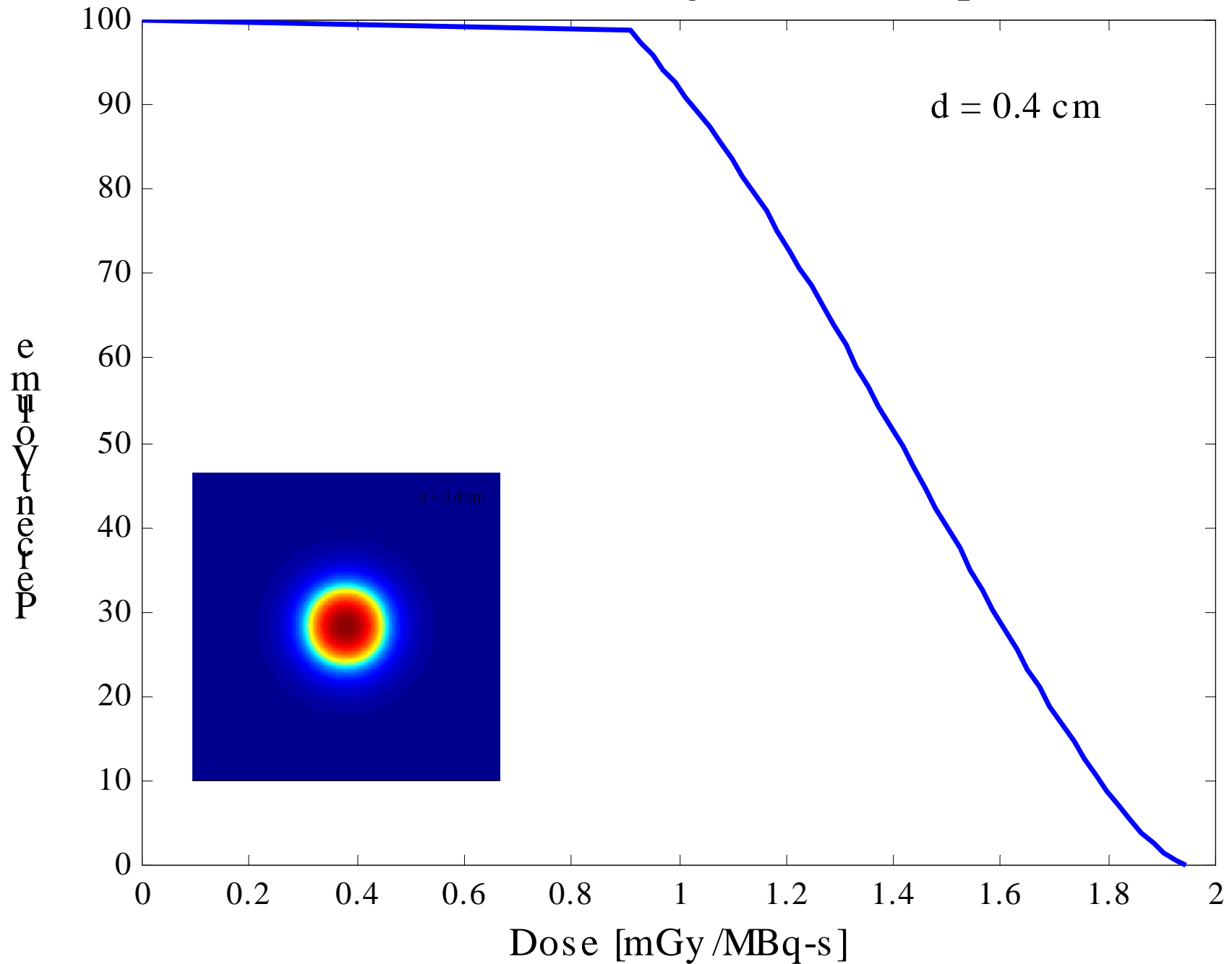




# Dose from a P-32 Sphere in Water



# Dose Volume Histogram : P32 Sphere



## P-32 Colloid treatment for cystic tumors :

Cyst Diameter (cm)	Cyst Volume (ml)	Taasan 1985 *	Loevinger, Eq.(9)	DPK Model	EGSnrc *
		Act ( $\mu$ Ci)	Act ( $\mu$ Ci)	Act ( $\mu$ Ci)	Act ( $\mu$ Ci)
0.2	0.0042	<b>0.220</b>	0.713	0.719	0.721
0.4	0.0335	<b>2.050</b>	3.448	3.298	3.280
0.6	0.1131	<b>7.110</b>	9.032	8.953	8.843
0.8	0.2681	<b>17.660</b>	19.732	19.142	18.942
1.0	0.5236	34.010	35.792	35.229	34.968
1.2	0.9048	58.820	60.205	58.597	58.128
1.4	1.4368	91.990	92.957	90.631	90.385
1.6	2.1447	135.14	135.76	132.69	132.37
1.8	3.0536	189.13	189.51	186.17	184.65
2.0	4.1888	255.78	256.01	252.42	249.65
2.2	5.5753	339.12	339.26	332.82	334.04
2.4	7.2382	437.10	437.19	428.73	428.88
2.6	9.2028	553.01	553.07	541.52	539.88
2.8	11.494	686.75	686.75	672.58	668.45
3.0	14.137	840.75	840.75	823.26	825.66
3.2	17.157	1009.40	1009.40	994.95	993.09
3.4	20.580	1202.80	1202.80	1189.00	1186.30
3.6	24.429	1421.80	1421.80	1406.90	1401.40
3.8	28.731	1672.10	1672.10	1649.80	1632.80
4.0	33.510	1937.40	1937.40	1919.30	1912.40
4.2	38.792	2233.90	2233.90	2216.70	2214.50
4.4	44.602	2552.40	2552.40	2543.40	2537.50
4.6	50.965	2917.00	2917.00	2900.70	2888.50
4.8	57.906	3300.40	3300.40	3289.90	3294.10
5.0	65.450	3707.00	3707.00	3712.60	3719.20

\*Taasan V, Shapiro B, Taren JA, et al : J Nucl Med 26: 1335-1338, 1985  
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# Standard Man Dosimetry

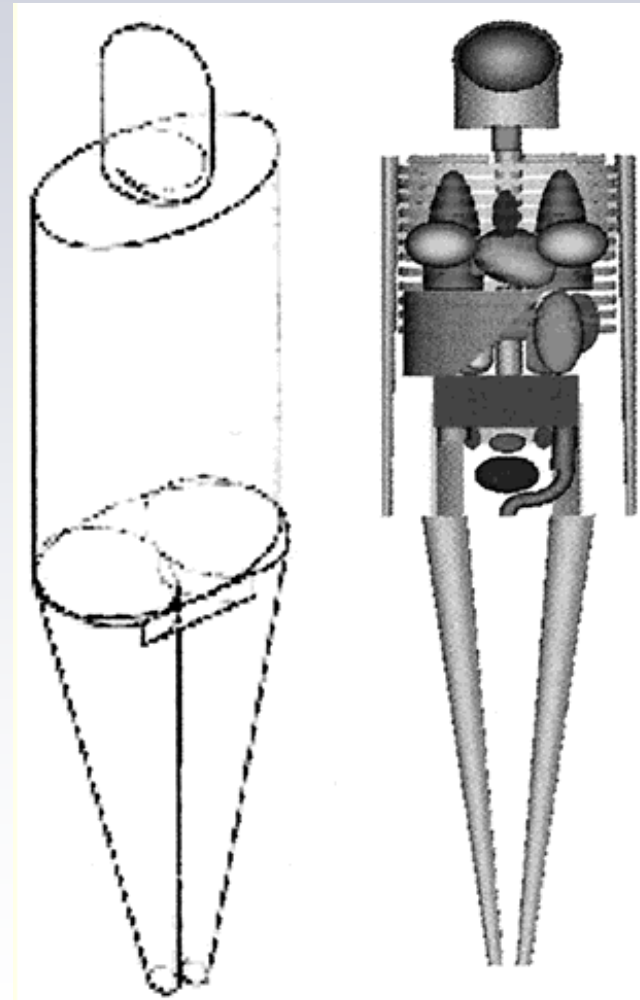


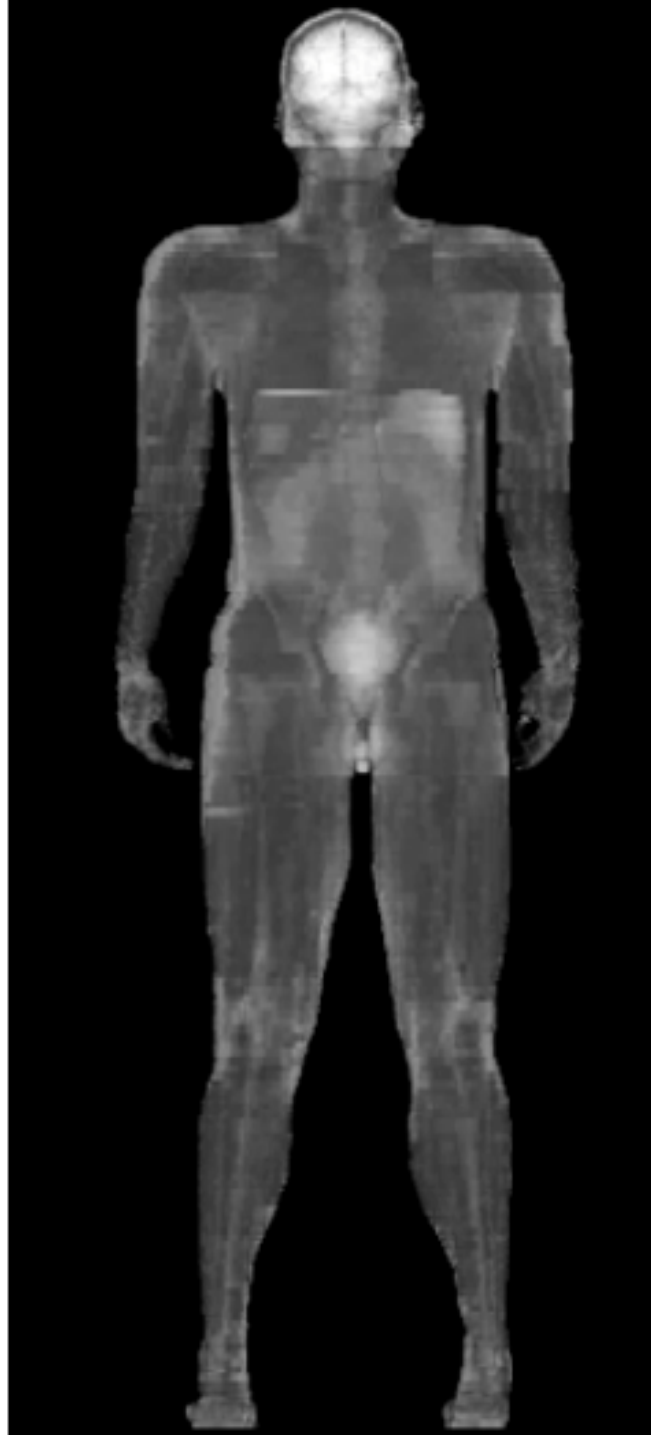
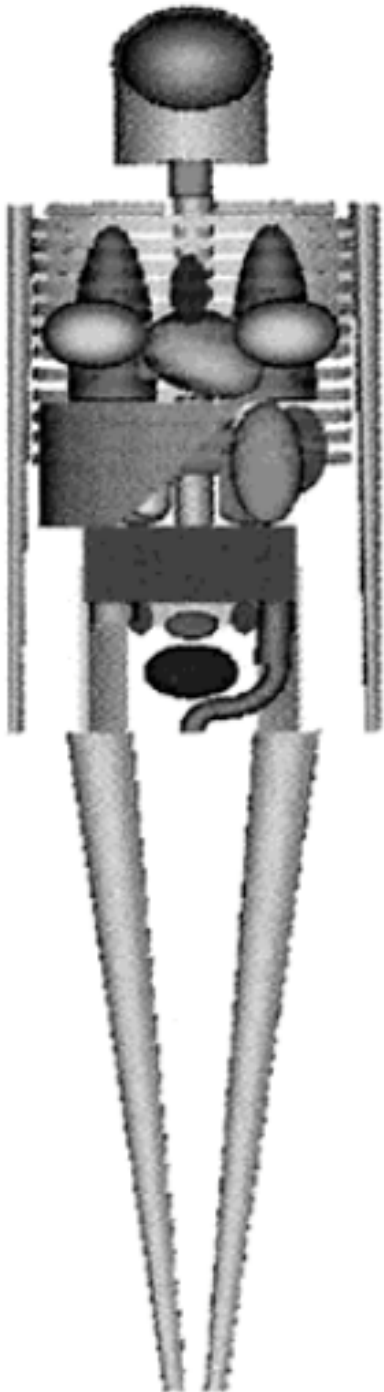
- ⌘ Organ dose usually estimated using the "standard man"
- ⌘ MIRDOSE3 is a popular program based on the standard MIRD formalism
  - ☑ Used recently for the dosimetry of Zevalin (1st FDA approved radiopharmaceutical to treat Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma)
- ⌘ MIRDOSE3 gives only an "average dose" for an "average man" or population
- ⌘ **Voxel-based MIRD** can be used for "**patient specific dosimetry**"

# Standard Man

- ⌘ Originally defined as a 20-30 y-old Caucasian, 70 Kg, 170 cm height
  - ☑ Elliptical cylinder and cones used to define Arm, Torso, Hips, Legs, Feet, Head & Neck
  - ☑ > 40 organs & tissue specified
  - ☑ 3 media : bone, tissue, lungs
- ⌘ Family of phantom (both sex) at various ages also constructed\*

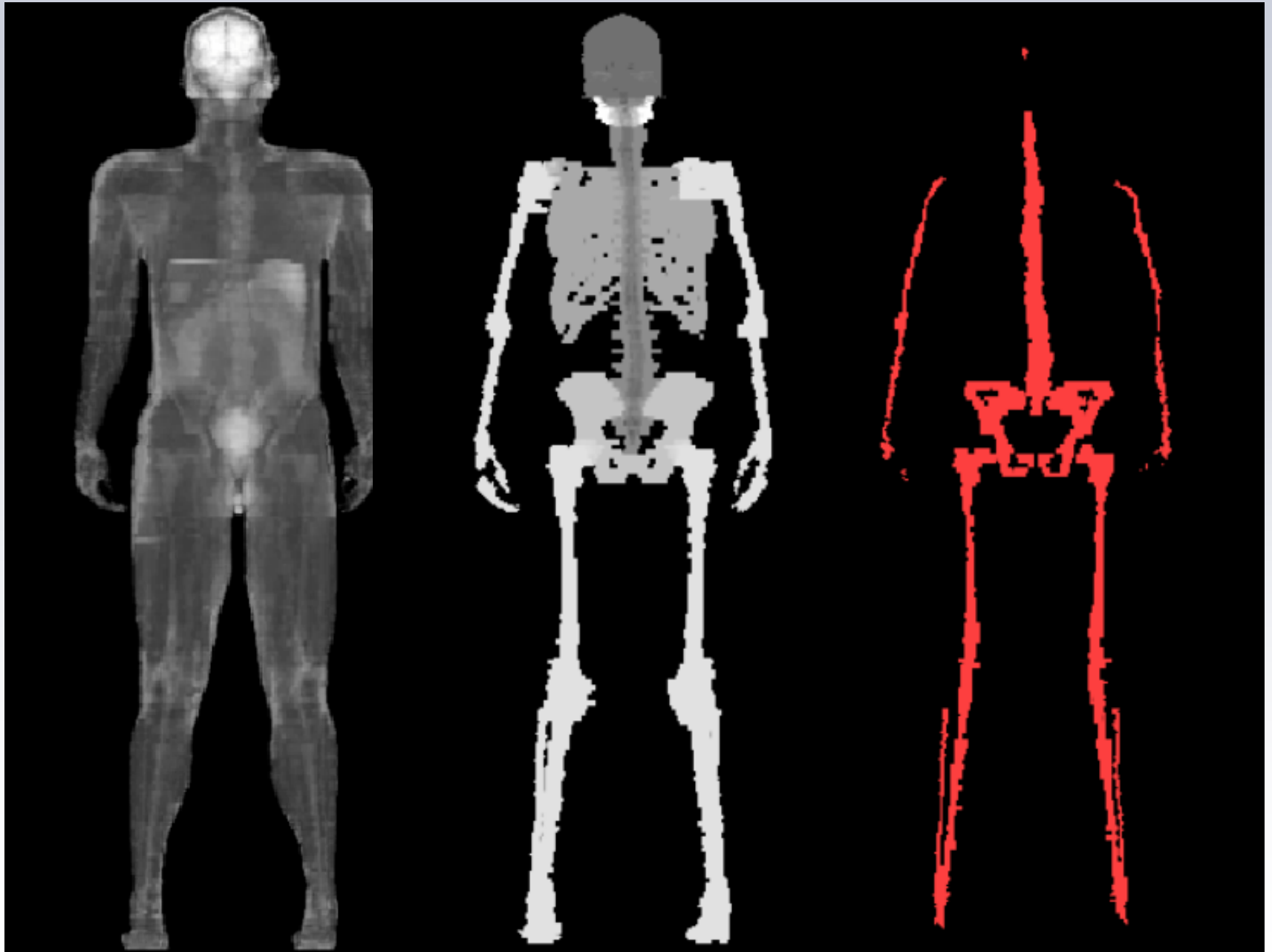
\* **Cristy and Eckerman, ORNL/TM-8381/VI; 1987.**



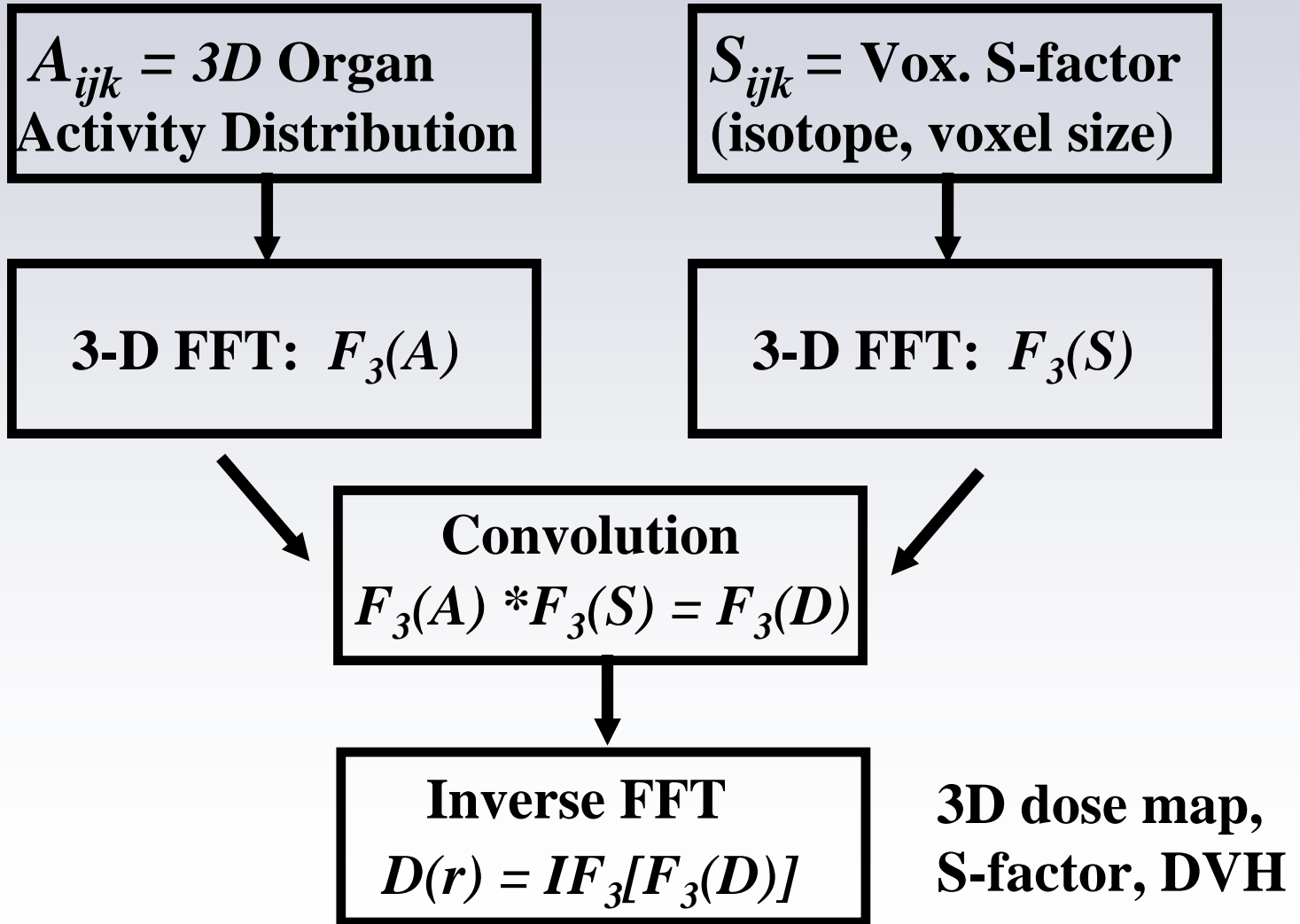


## Zubal Phantom

voxel (cm)	Mass (Kg) with Fat	Mass (Kg) w/o Fat
0.32	58.2	47.5
0.33	63.9	52.1
0.34	69.8	57.0
0.35	76.2	62.1
0.36	82.9	67.6
<b>0.37</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>73.4</b>
0.38	97.5	79.5
0.39	105.4	86.0
0.40	113.7	92.7
0.41	122.5	99.9
0.42	131.7	107.4
0.43	141.3	115.2
0.44	151.4	123.4
0.45	161.9	132.1
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<b>~ 9 MB</b>		



# Kernel Convolution for Organ Dose using FFTs







# VIRTUAL MAN ORGAN DOSE CALCULATOR

Isotope

P-32

Weight (Kg) :

93

Source Organ

Liver

Target Organ

Liver

S-factor [mGy/MBq-s]

Average

5.58e-5

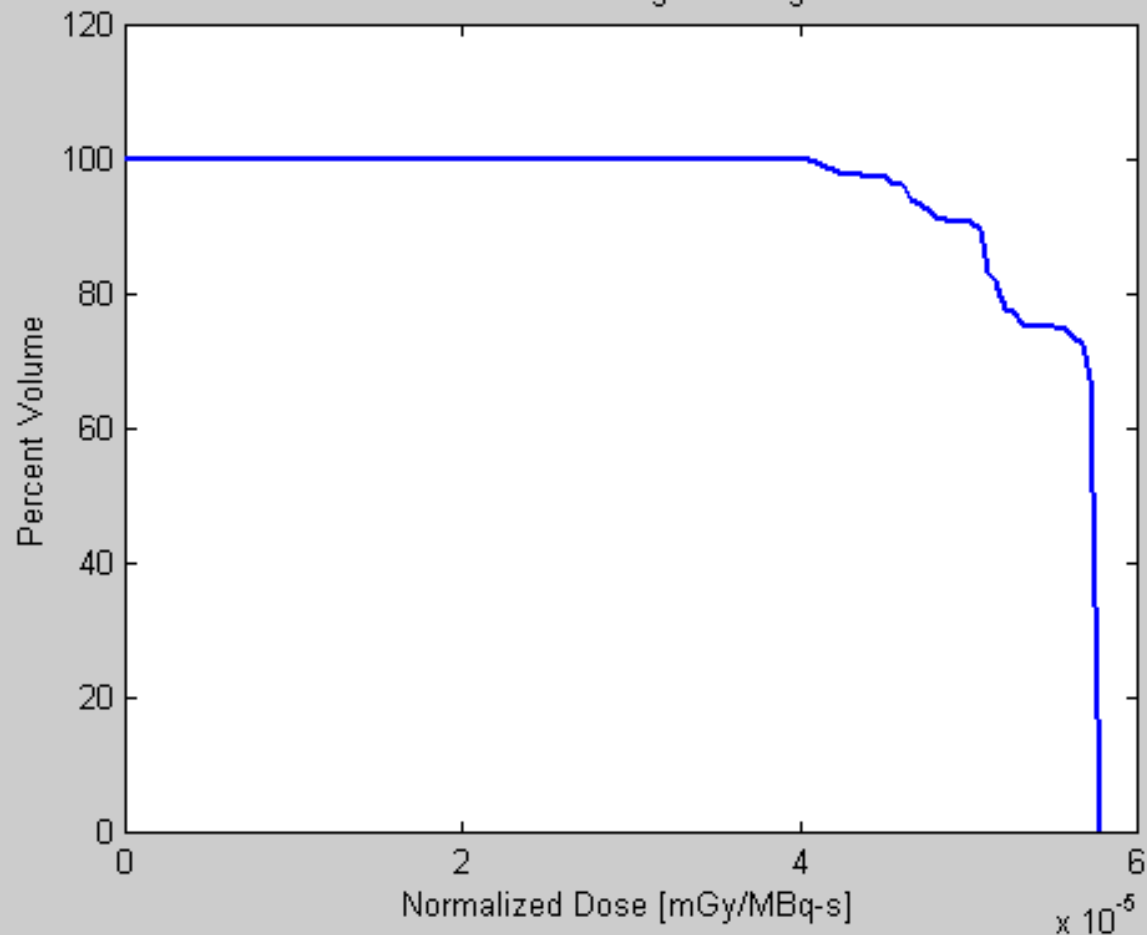
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Max

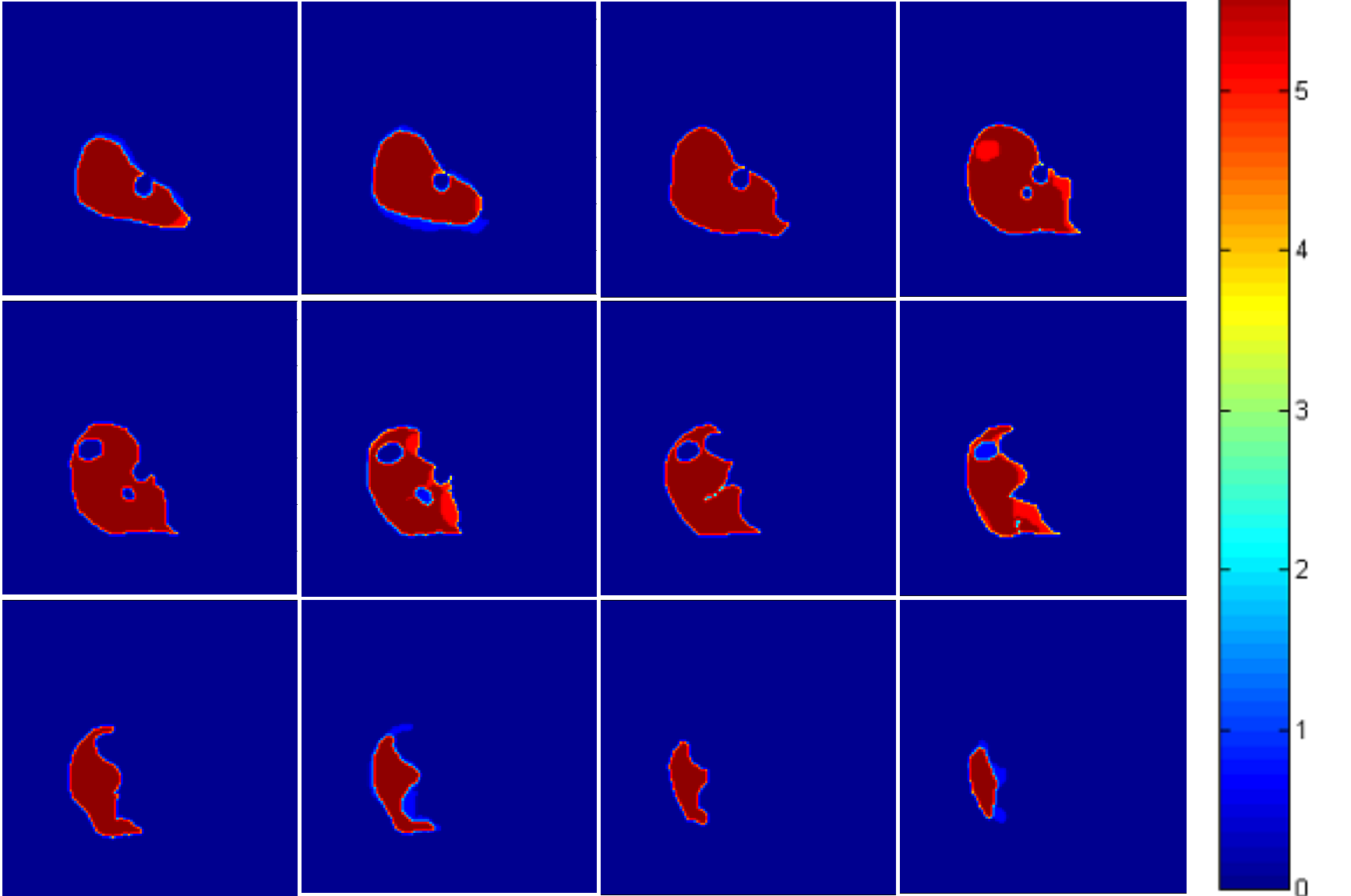
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Dose Volume Histogram : Organ 12



[mGy/MBq-s]

# Self-Dose to Liver for 93 Kg Zubal Phantom (P-32)



# Radiation Synovectomy

- ⌘ Used to treat rheumatoid arthritis (RA)
- ⌘ Treatment : drugs, surgery
- ⌘ **RS** consists in injection of beta-active radionuclide in joint capsule to destroy diseased tissue lining
- ⌘ Regenerated tissue free of symptoms for ~2-5 y reducing pain and swelling

**Collaborator: George Mawko**  
**Queen Elizabeth II health Center, Halifax, Canada**

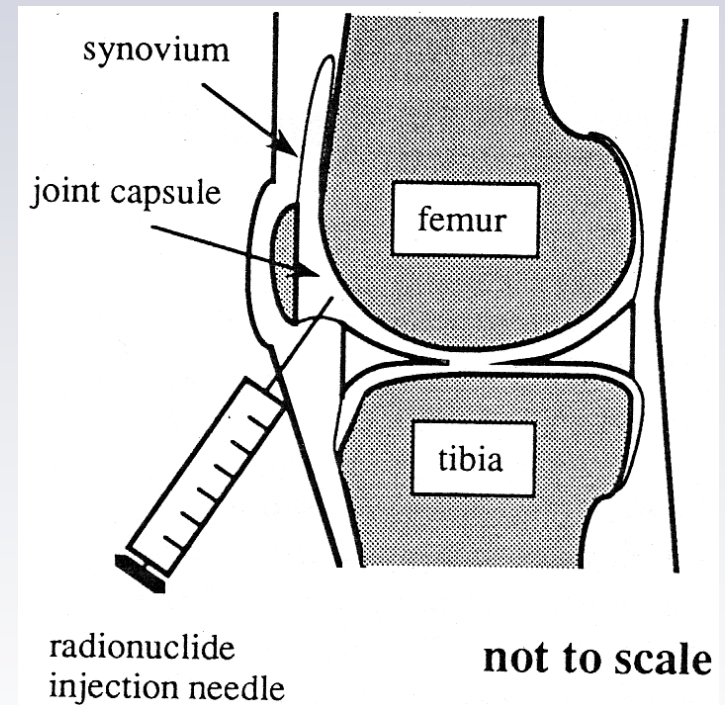


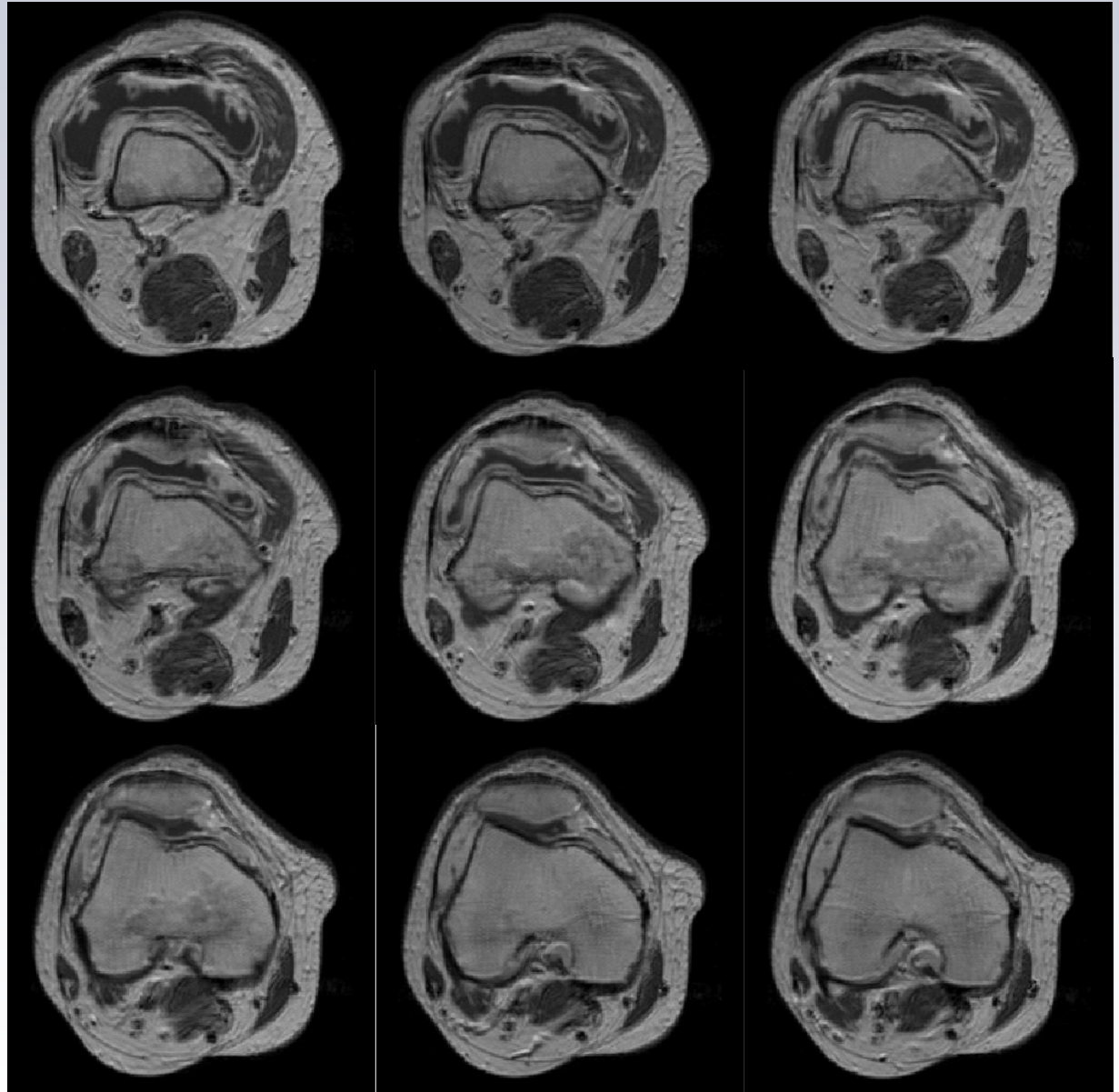
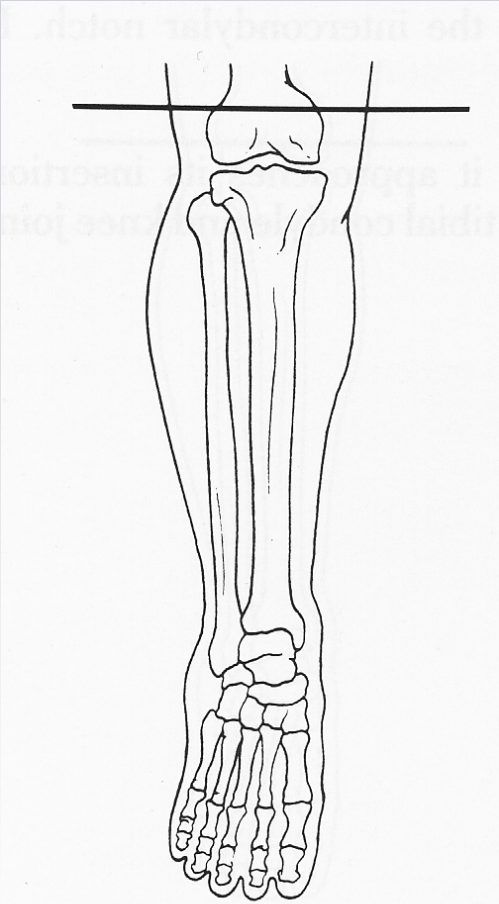
Figure from Johnson, L.S., et al., *Beta-particle dosimetry in radiation synovectomy*. Eur J Nucl Med, 1995. **22**(9): p. 977-88.

# RS Dosimetry



- ⌘ Therapeutic dose to synovium not clearly established
- ⌘ Absorbed dose depends on
  - ⊞ Radionuclide (P-32, Y-90, Au-198)
  - ⊞ Injected activity (mCi range)
  - ⊞ Final distribution of radioactivity (shape + volume)
- ⌘ Monte-Carlo (EGS4) model have been developed for specific geometry (source thickness 0.74 mm)\*
- ⌘ Inadequate for patient specific studies
- ⌘ **This Work : Develop a treatment planning system based on MRI imaging & segmentation of joint capsule**

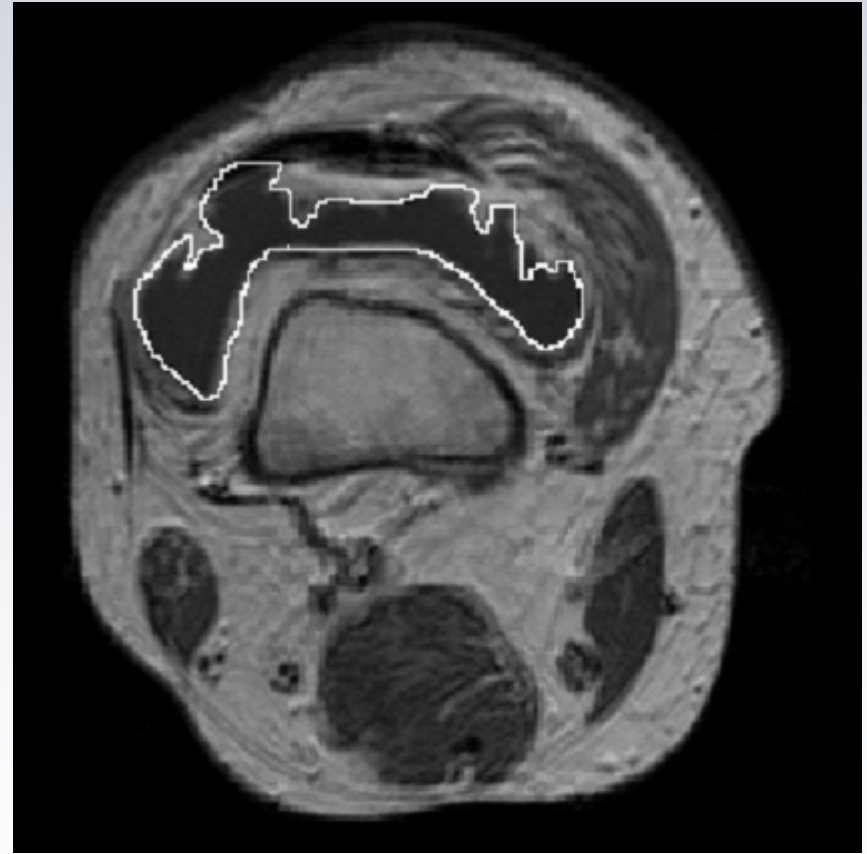
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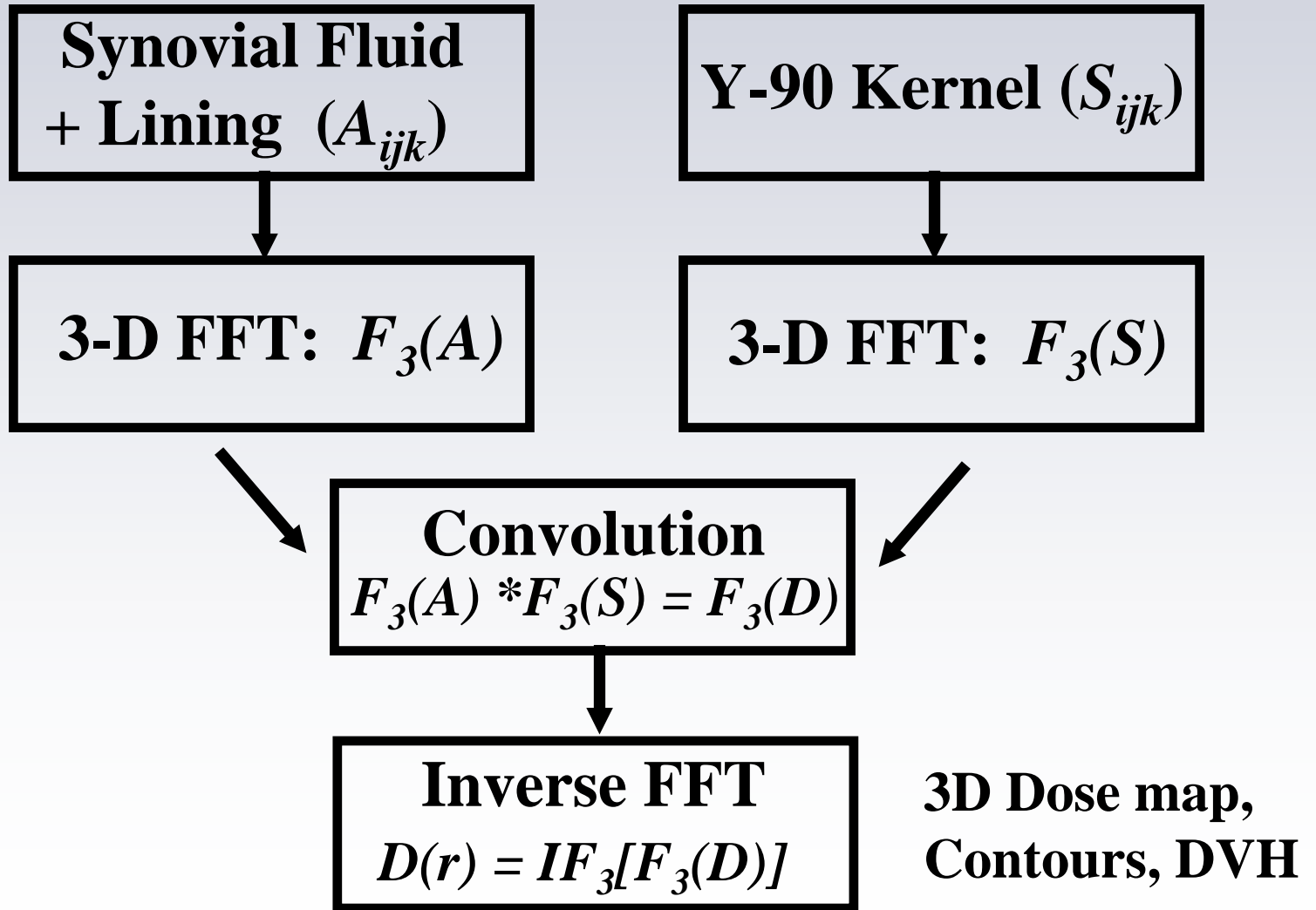
**Axial T1 image above the knee shows synovial space distended with fluid**

# RS Dosimetry

- ⌘ Use ROI techniques to determine volume of joint cavity + lining
- ⌘ Assume uniform activity distribution in volume + lining
- ⌘ Use Voxelized MIRD techniques to calculate dose to lining



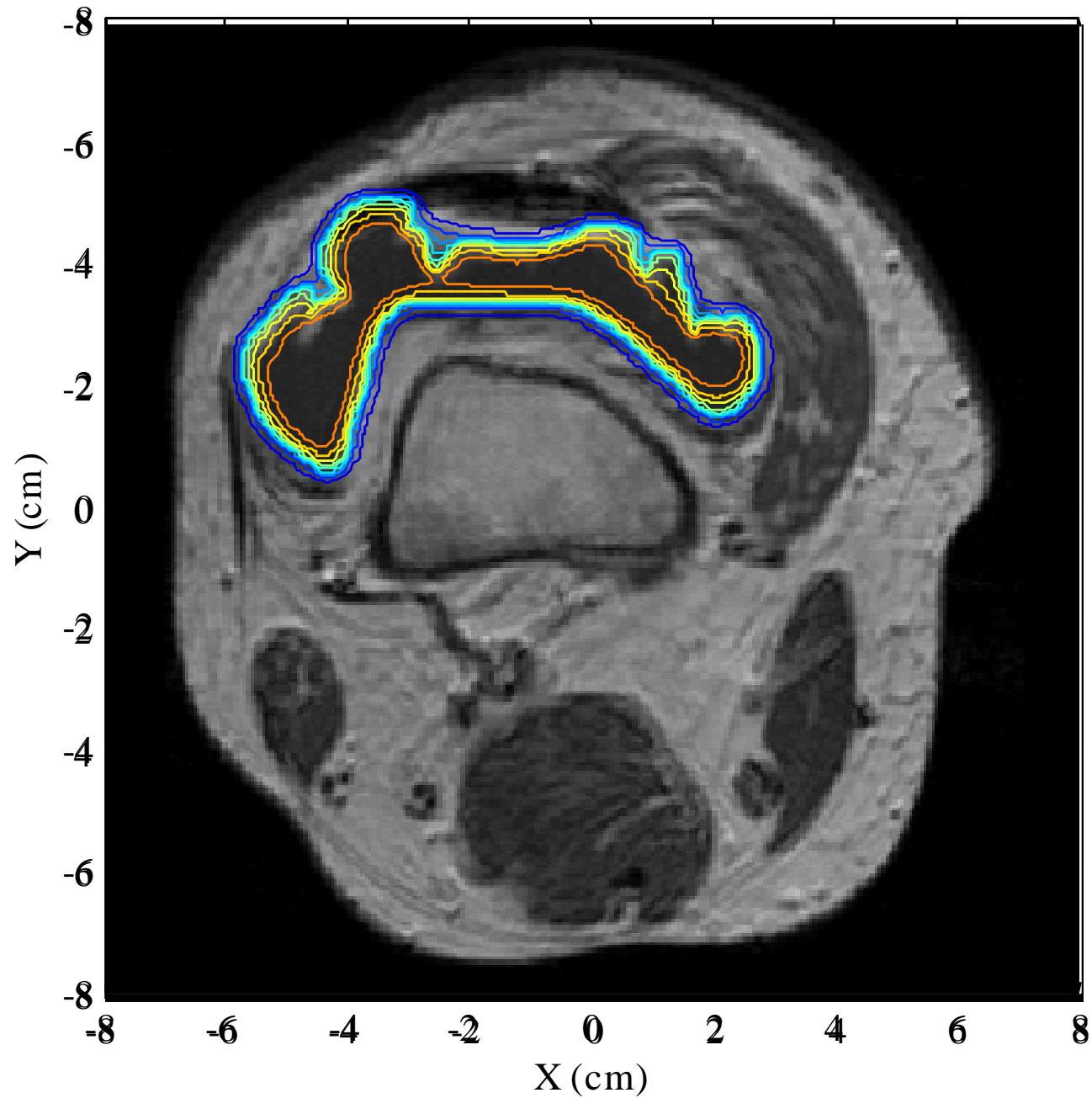
# Kernel Convolution for Synovium using FFTs



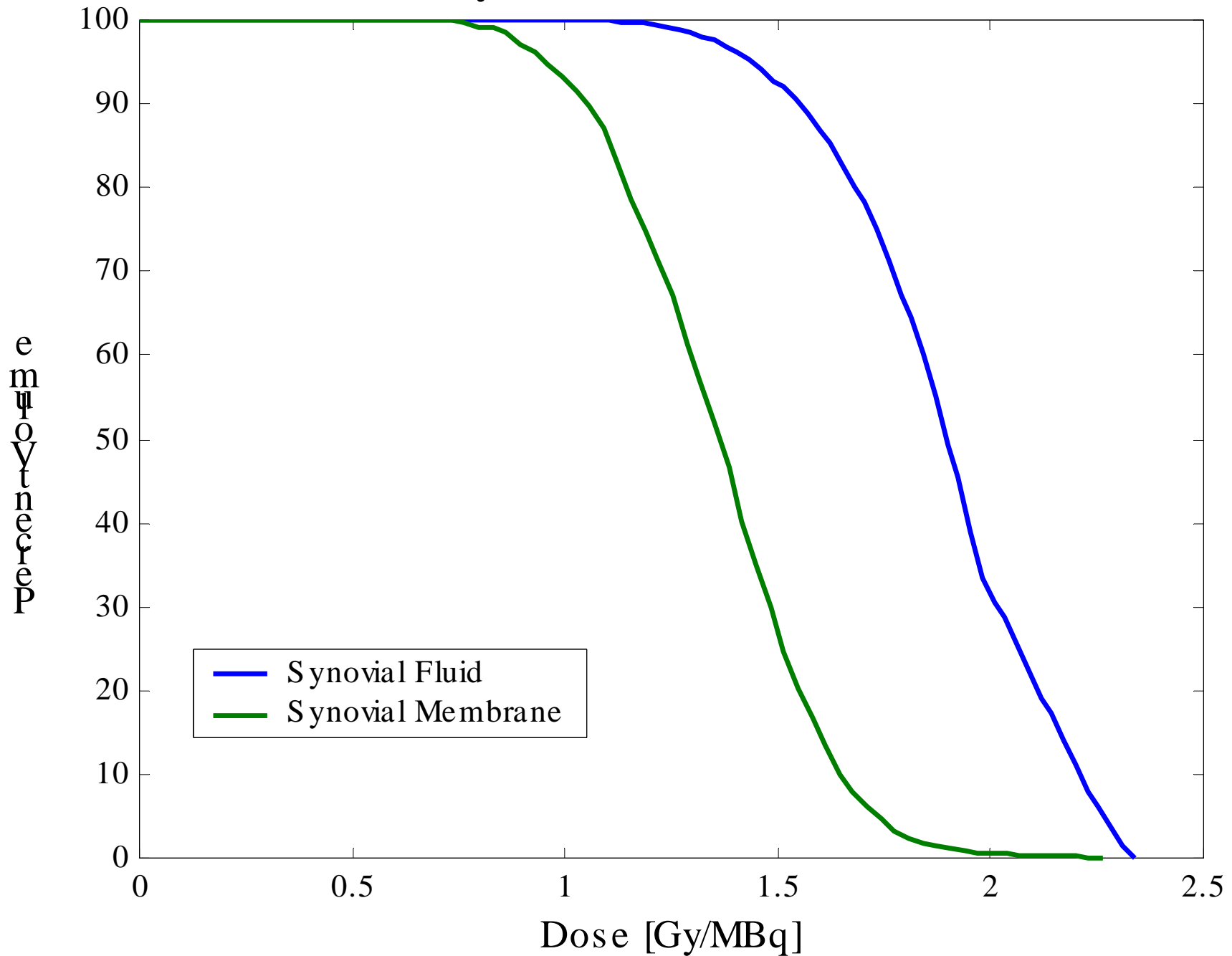


Dose [Gy/MBq] from Y-90 colloid : Frame 1

[Gy/MBq]



# DVH for Synovium : Volume Distribution



# Radiolabeled Drug Eluting Stent for Restenosis

**Collaborators :**

**Chao-Wei Hwang, Elazer Edelman**

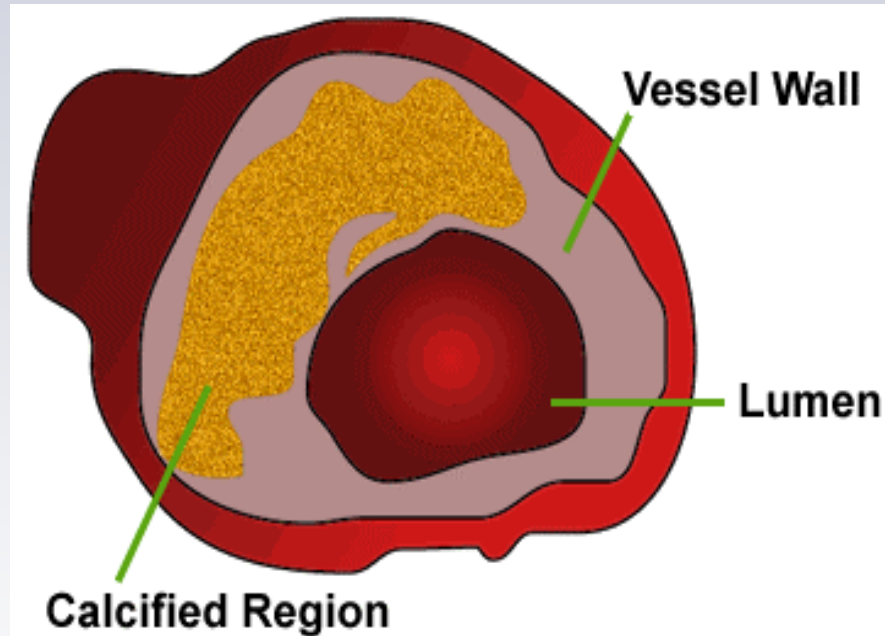
Harvard-MIT Biomedical Engineering Center

# Atherosclerosis

- Degeneration of the vessel wall due to **fatty plaque** and **scar tissue** accumulation
- Limits blood circulation
- Predisposes to angina pectoris or heart attack

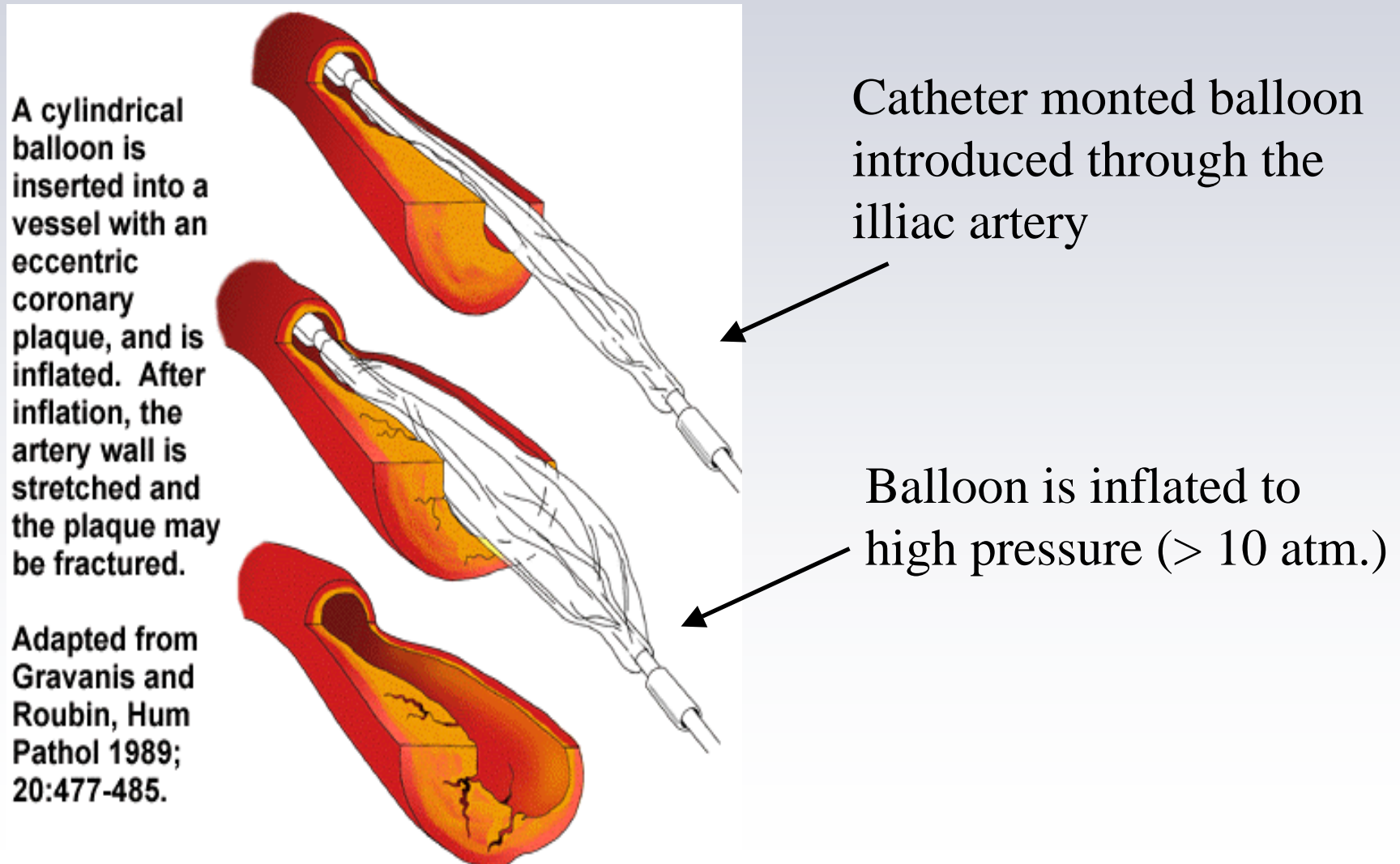
## Causes :

Diet rich in animal fat (cholesterol), cigarette smoking, obesity, inactivity ...

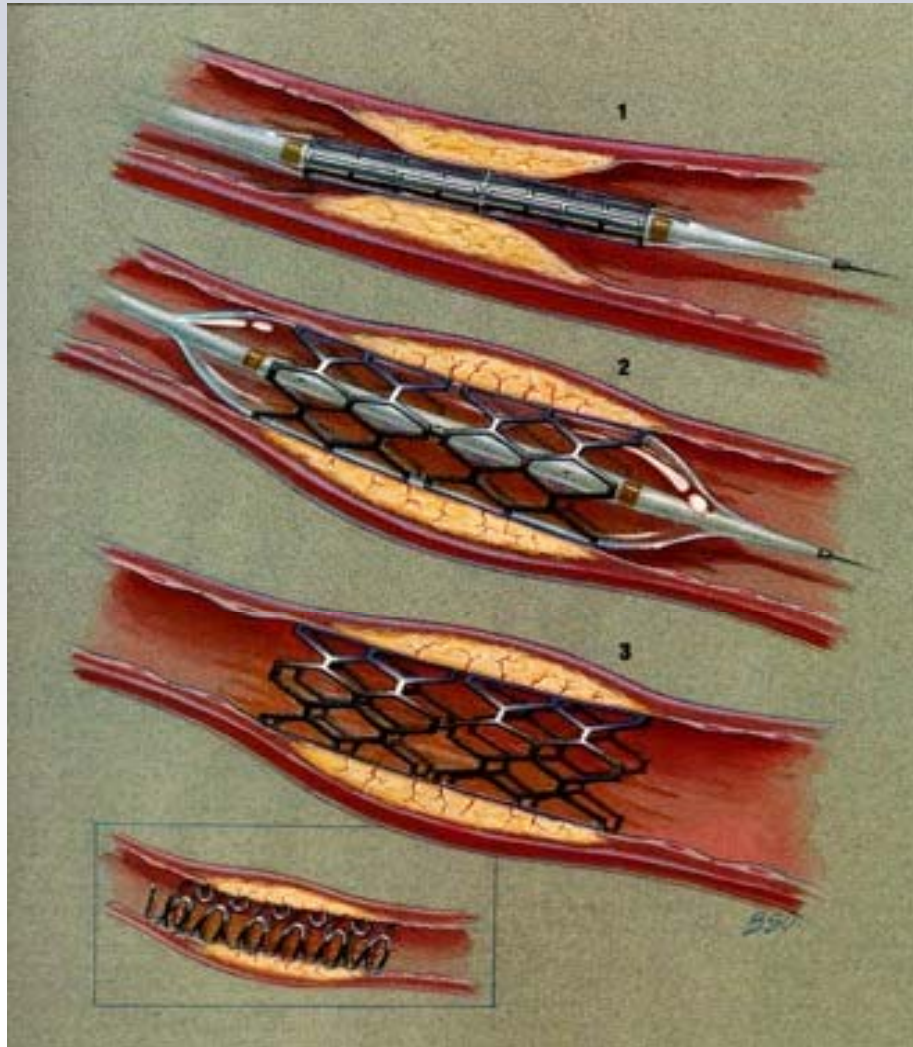


Cross-section of a coronary artery.  
Adapted from Kimura et al.,  
*Am Heart J* 1995; 130:386-96.

# Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty (PTCA)



# PTCA and Stenting



**Stent is crimped to the balloon and inserted at the injured site**

**Balloon is inflated and stent is expanded**

**Balloon is retracted. Stent is deployed permanently**

# Restenosis



- ⌘ During PTCA, the **arterial wall is stretched** causing injury
- ⌘ **Repair process is initiated** (cell proliferation and migration, fibrosis)
- ⌘ Formation of **proliferative neointima**
- ⌘ **Remodeling** (wound contraction) due to adventitial fibrosis
- ⌘ In **~40% cases, restenosis** occurs and sometimes results in more narrowing of the lumen than was resolved by angioplasty

# Intravascular Radiation Therapy (IVB)



- ⌘ Beta and gamma **radiation** successful in reducing **restenosis** in numerous clinical trials
- ⌘ Radiation responsible for **inhibition of cell proliferation** (media, adventitia) into the lumen
- ⌘ Only **approved** therapy for this disease (in-stent restenosis)
- ⌘ Therapeutic dose is in the range between **10-50 Gy** typical
  - ⊠ < 10 Gy may lead to stimulatory response
  - ⊠ > 50 Gy may be associated to aneurysm formation



# IVB Devices



## **FDA Approved catheter based system :**

- ⌘ **Cordis** Checkmate IRT system (Ir-192 ribbon)
- ⌘ **Novoste** Beta-Cath System (Sr/Y-90 ribbon)
- ⌘ **Guidant** GALILEO (P-32 wire + spiral centering balloon)

## **Under development or abandoned systems :**

- ⌘ **Isostent** (P-32 stents, gamma stents)
- ⌘ **Angiorad/US** surgical system (Ir-192 wire)
- ⌘ **Boston Scientific/Schneider** IR System (Y-90 wire)
- ⌘ **Columbia University**/Re-188 liquid filled balloon
- ⌘ **Angiogene** (Local Injection of P-32 labeled 15-mer ODN)

# Local Drug Injection (LDI)

- ⌘ **Intramural Injection** of radio-labeled substances (Tc-99m Liposomes, P-32 ODNs) proposed to reduce restenosis (Waksman, 1999; Fareh *et al.* 2000)
- ⌘ Use **infiltrating catheter** (*Infiltrator<sup>TM</sup>*, Boston Scientific/Interventional Technologies) to deliver the drug directly into arterial wall
- ⌘ **Drug Eluting Stent** also proposed as a delivery device for P-32 ODNs (Gobeil *et al.*, 2001)
- ⌘ **Potential difficulties**
  - ⌘ **Delivery Efficacy and Variability (biological factors)**
  - ⌘ **Systemic fraction and dose to organs**

# IVB vs LDI



⌘ IVB uses "**sealed sources**"

⌘ **Physical parameters** affecting dosimetry

☑ Source Isotope

☑ Source activity

☑ Source geometry

☑ Source position

☑ Dwell time

} **system design**

} **Treatment planning**

⌘ **Accurate dosimetry** is possible with control of the **source position** and **dwell time** (physical parameters)

# IVB vs LDI

- ⌘ LDI uses "**unsealed sources**"
- ⌘ **Physical & Biological** parameters affecting dosimetry
  - ☑ drug labeling isotope
  - ☑ Injected activity
  - ☑ Target Tissue uptake
  - ☑ Target geometry
  - ☑ Residence time
- ⌘ Only the **injected activity** can be controlled at the time of treatment
- ⌘ **Can we predict the dose to target accurately ?**
- ⌘ **What is the dose to organs ? Is it safe ?**

# Error in the Delivered Dose to the Arterial Wall

Total activity Injected into Patient (PLANNING) :

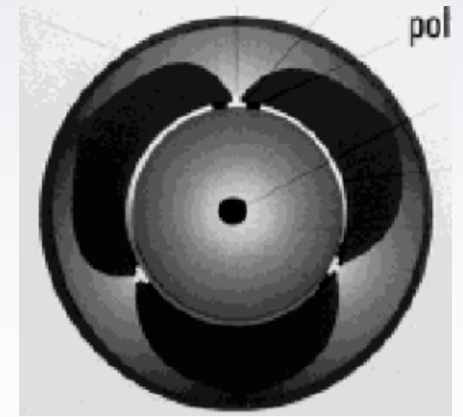
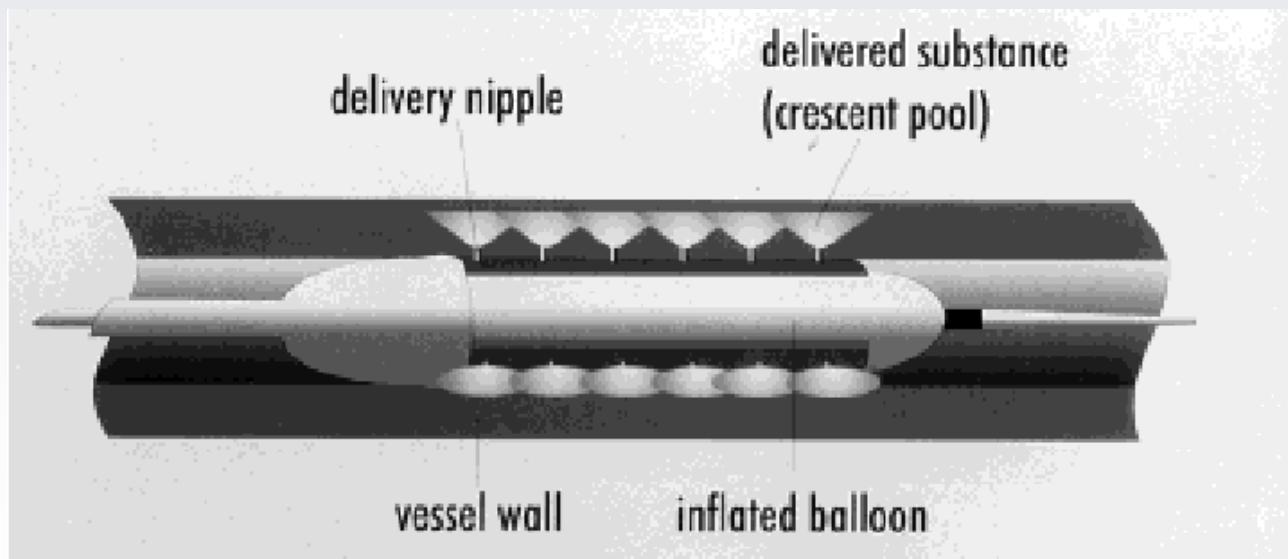
$$A_{TOT} = \frac{D}{E \times \tau \times S(w)}$$

**Uncertainty** in the prescribed **dose to artery** :

$$\frac{\delta D}{D} \cong \left[ \underbrace{\left( \frac{\delta E}{E} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\delta \tau}{\tau} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\delta w}{w} \right)^2}_{\text{Biological}} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{\delta A_{TOT}}{A_{TOT}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\delta S}{S} \right)^2}_{\text{Physical}} \right]^{1/2} w$$

# Infiltrator™ Angioplasty Balloon Catheter

Infiltrator™ Angioplasty Balloon Catheter or IABC  
(*Boston Scientific/IVT*) with **three longitudinal strips**  
**of seven injection needles**, which on inflation stands  
0.01 inch (~0.25 mm) high



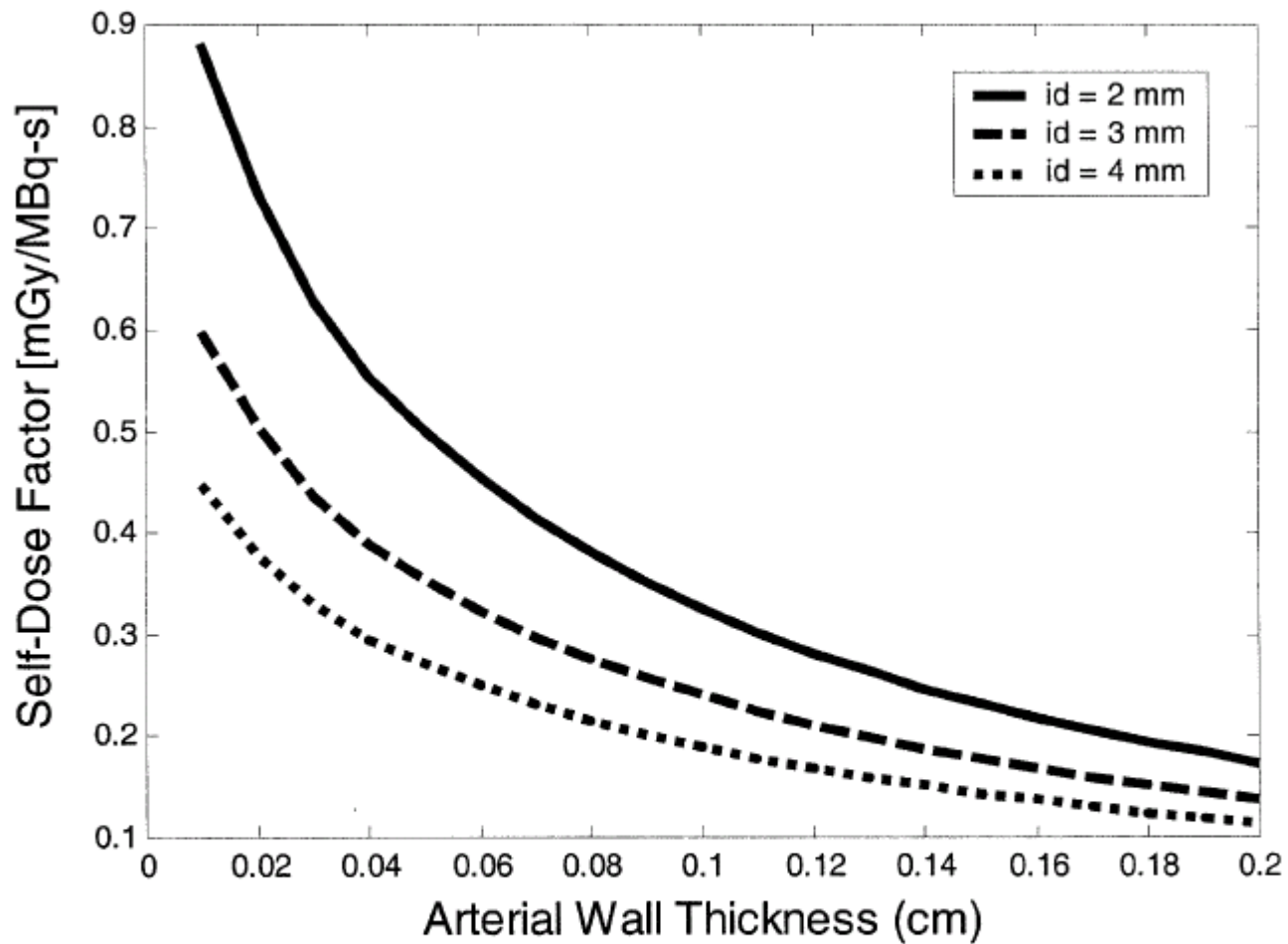


Fig. 1. Self-dose factor  $S$  in [mGy/MBq-s] to the arterial wall assuming uniform distribution of a P-32 labeled ODN inside the target volume. The  $S$ -factors are plotted for a wall thickness varying between 0.1 and 2 mm and inside lumen diameters (id) of 2, 3 and 4 mm.

# Infiltrator-P-32 ODN Experiment

⌘ *Le Bail et al., 44th COMP Meeting, London, Canada, 1998 (Abstract) :*

⊞  $\tau = 18\text{h}$

⊞  $D \sim 1 \text{ Gy}/\mu\text{Ci}$

} arterial wall

⌘ Consistent with MCNP model (this work) for  $w \sim 0.6 \text{ mm}$

$$A_{TOT} \sim 1 \text{ mCi of P-32}$$

⌘ for  $D \sim 10\text{-}50 \text{ Gy}$  to the artery assuming  $E = 1\text{-}5\%$

⌘ Angiogene Phase I/II trial:

⊞ 6 Patients injected with P-32 labeled ODN with activities in the range of 1 mCi in 2001-2002 (Montreal)

⊞ Experiments discontinued in late 2003 ?!



# Dose to Organs for P-32 ODN Experiment

⌘ Pharmacokinetic In-111 ODN published **independently** by Dewanjee (JNM, 1994)

⌘ Methodology :

- 1 - Data (% injected dose) scaled from **mouse model** to **humans**
- 2 - Exponential fit of TAC  $\Rightarrow \lambda_{biol}$  for each organ
- 3 - (1) and (2) yields the residence time ( $\tau$ ) for the P-32 labeled ODN for each organs
- 4 - *S-factors* (MIRD) yields dose to organs per unit activity administered in "standard man"

# Animal Studies



- ⌘ Radiopharmaceutical administered to an animal model (mouse, rat, pig, ...)
- ⌘ Animal sacrificed at different times
- ⌘ Organs harvested and counted (imaged) for activity
- ⌘ Decay correction yields % of injected activity per organs
- ⌘ Results are extrapolated to humans

# Scaling to Humans

- ⌘ Extrapolation to humans **NOT an exact science**
- ⌘ May or may not work
- ⌘ Useful for INITIAL dose assessment
- ⌘ Validation on human subjects required (using small dosage)

$$\left( \frac{\%}{organ} \right)_H = \left( \frac{\%}{organ} \right)_A \times \left( \frac{kg_{TB\ weight}}{g_{organ}} \right)_A \times \left( \frac{g_{organ}}{kg_{TB\ weight}} \right)_H$$

## Biodistribution of In-111 c-myc Antisense Probes (Mouse Model)

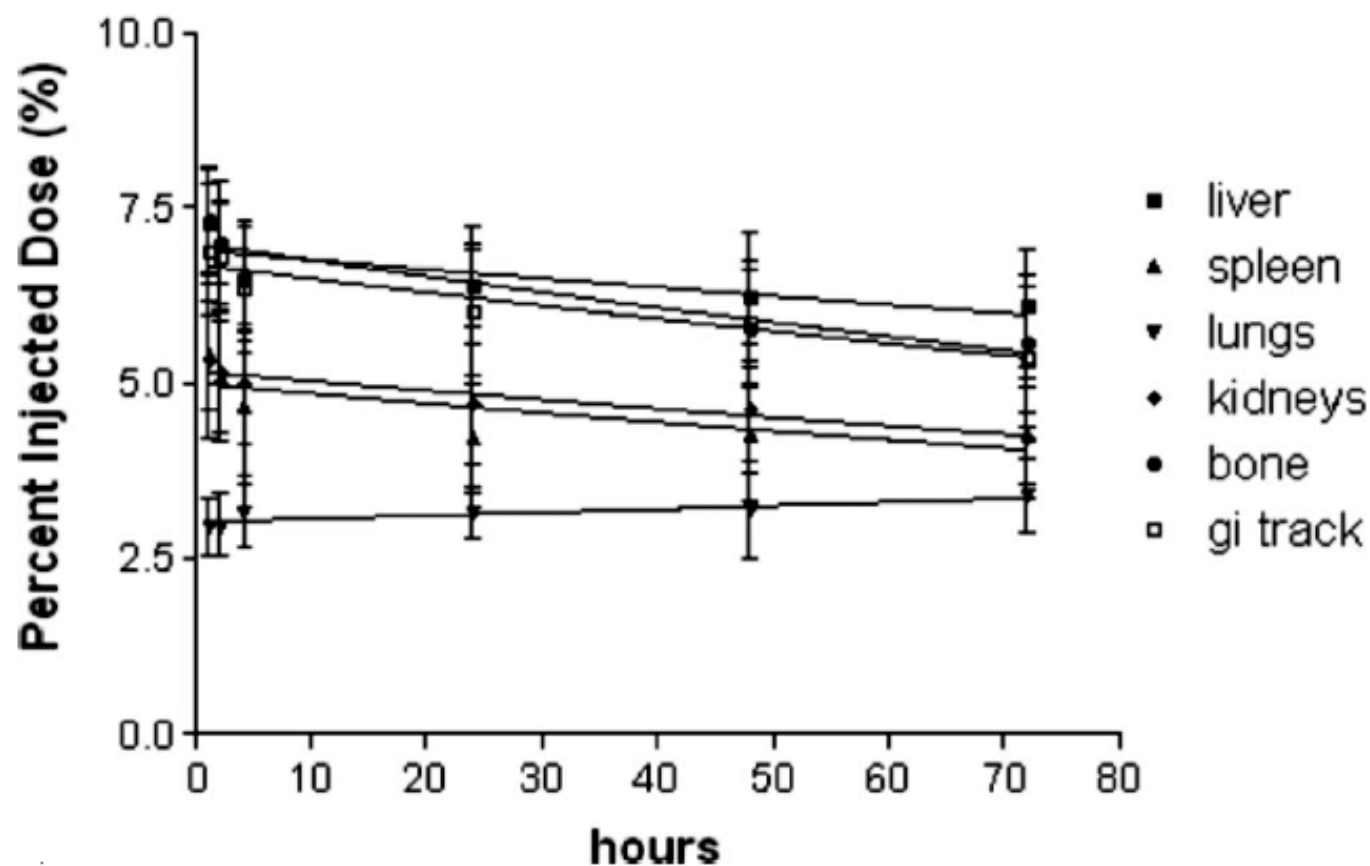


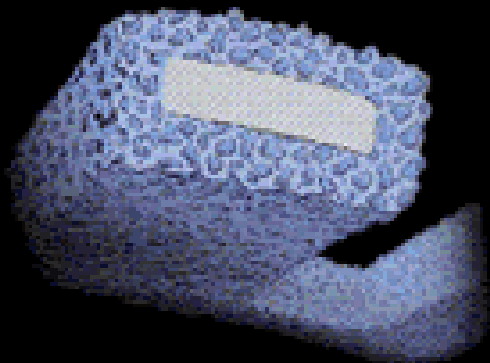
FIG. 8. Pharmacokinetic for the c-myc 15-mer phosphorothioate oligonucleotide in the mouse model. The data are decay corrected and scaled to humans to yield the TAC and the cumulated activities  $A$  for the P-32 ODN in organs [adapted from Dewanjee *et al.*, (1994)].

Organs (human)	$A_0$ (%/organ)	$\tau$ (h)	$S$ [mGy/MBq s]	$D$ [mGy/MBq]
Liver	4.62	181–488	$5.83E-05$	1.80–4.75
Spleen	3.03	128–495	$5.88E-04$	8.21–31.8
Kidneys	1.74	172–320	$3.62E-04$	3.89–7.25
Lungs	5.60	465–495	$1.11E-04$	10.4–11.1
Bone	2.50	117–495	$4.42E-05$	0.47–1.97
GI track	1.47	155–320	$1.32E-04$	1.09–2.23

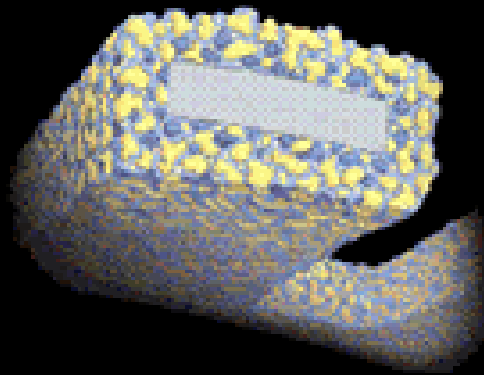
TABLE I. Dose to organs from a P-32 labeled c-myc antisens ODN (15-mer phosphorothioate) per MBq injected.  $A$  is the percent of total injectate per organs (scaled to humans) and  $\tau$  is the residence time (min, max range for 95% confidence interval) for the P-32 ODN, using the biological half-life determine by curve fitting the results of Fig. 6. The  $S$  factors are for the 70 kg standard man and  $D$  is the dose (min, max range) in mGy/MBq.

# "Radiolabeled" Drug Eluting Stent (P-32 ODN)

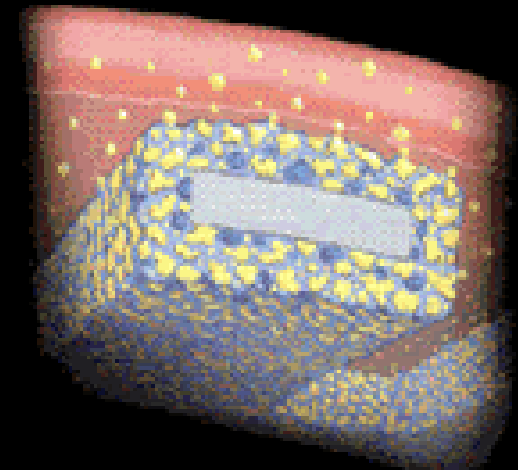
**1** Before Loading  
BiodivYsio Matrix LO Coating  
is designed to act as a sponge



**2** After Loading  
Drug is absorbed into  
BiodivYsio Matrix LO  
Coating



**3** Elution of Drug  
After the Stent is deployed,  
the drug elutes into the vessel  
wall in a controlled fashion



# P-32 ODN Eluting Stent

- ⌘ Proposed by Gobeil et al (2001)\*
- ⌘ 32 PC-coated stent implanted in 32 adult farm pigs
- ⌘ animals sacrificed at time points (T) between 0 - 672 h
- ⌘ Artery segments harvested, homogenized and radioactivity level measurements performed
- ⌘ Initial pre-implantation balloon-stent activity was **167 ± 6 uCi**
- ⌘ Claims that total dose delivered was **25 Gy** mostly within 72h

**\*Canadian Cardiovascular Congress 2001**

Ref. : <http://www.ccs.ca/society/congress2001/abstracts/abs/a499.htm>

# Dosimetry for drug eluting stent (non-uniform model)

⌘ Dose at P in the target tissue evaluated at the voxel level

$$\tilde{A}_{wall} S_{wall} \Rightarrow \sum_j \tilde{A}_j S_{i \leftarrow j}$$

$\tilde{A}_j =$  *TAC in voxel j (obtained from 3D diffusion-convection model)*

$S_{i \leftarrow j} =$  *S factor for dose in voxel i from activity in voxel j (obtained from DPK or Monte Carlo)*



# Dosimetry for drug eluting stent (uniform elution model)

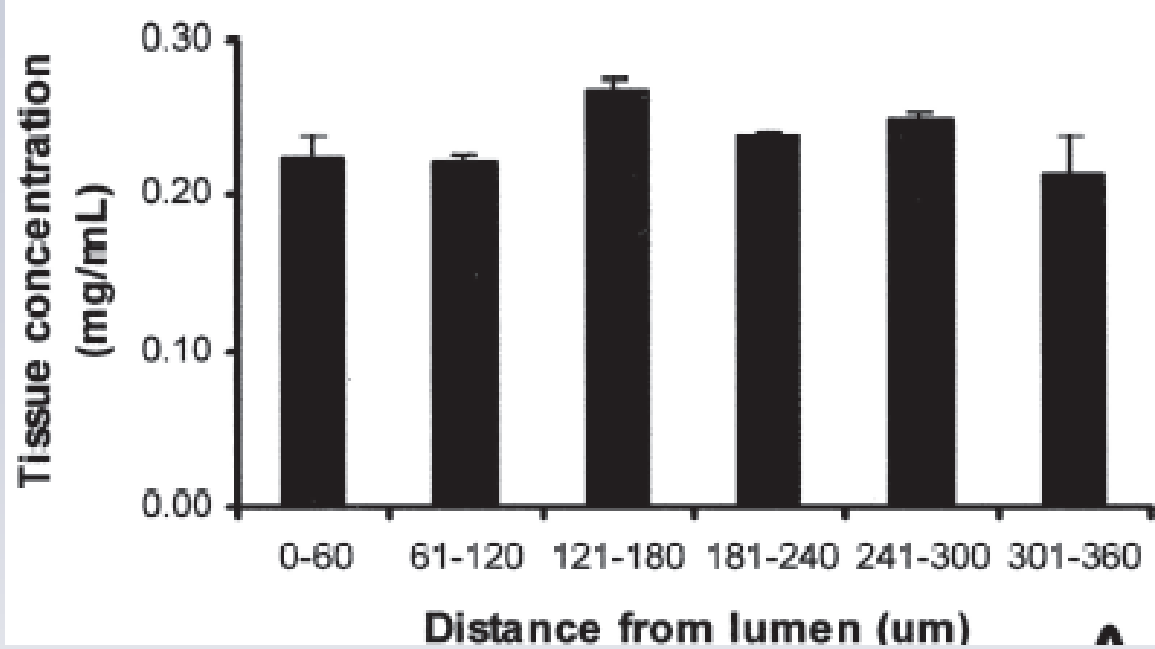
⌘ Dose at P in the target tissue will be the sum of 2 contributions

☑ Self-dose from drug within target wall (eluted fraction + TAC) :  $S_{wall}$

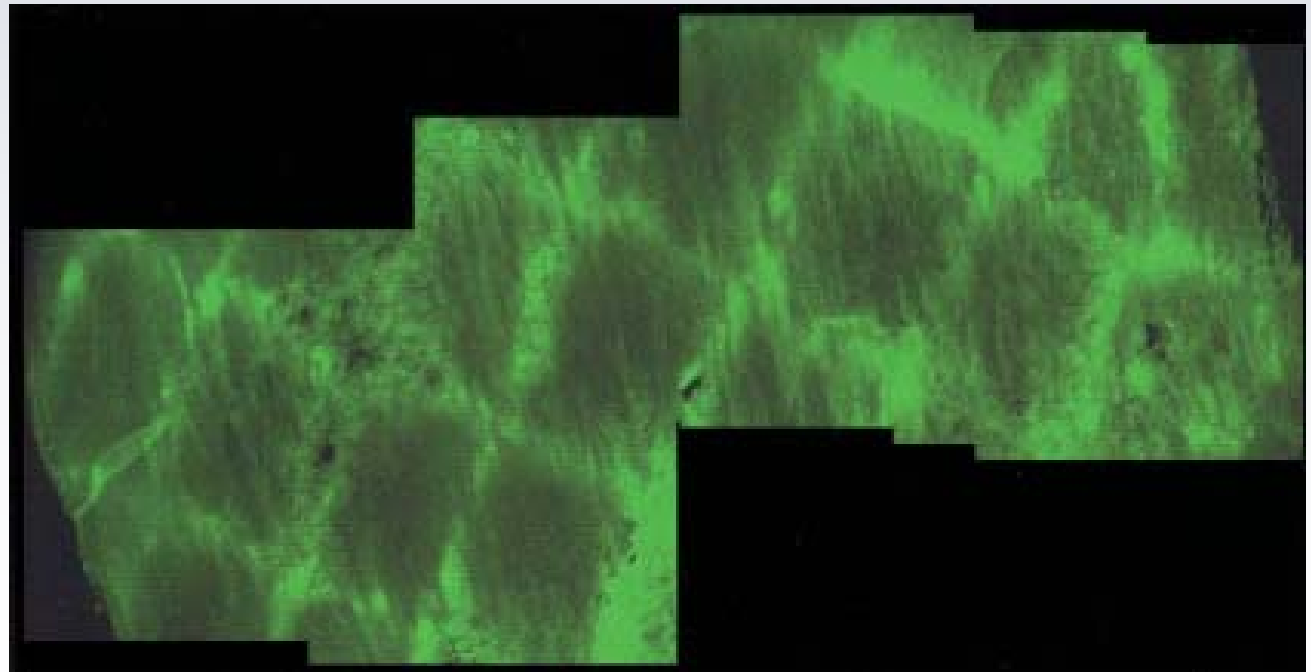
☑ Dose in target wall from activity residing on the stent surface :  $S_{wall \leftarrow stent}$

$$D_{wall} = \tilde{A}_{wall} S_{wall} + \tilde{A}_{stent} S_{wall \leftarrow stent}$$

*Concentration profile  
from **bulk elution** of  
serial en face sections*



*Fluorescein  
distribution @ 200  $\mu$ m  
from luminal surface of  
bovine carotid artery*



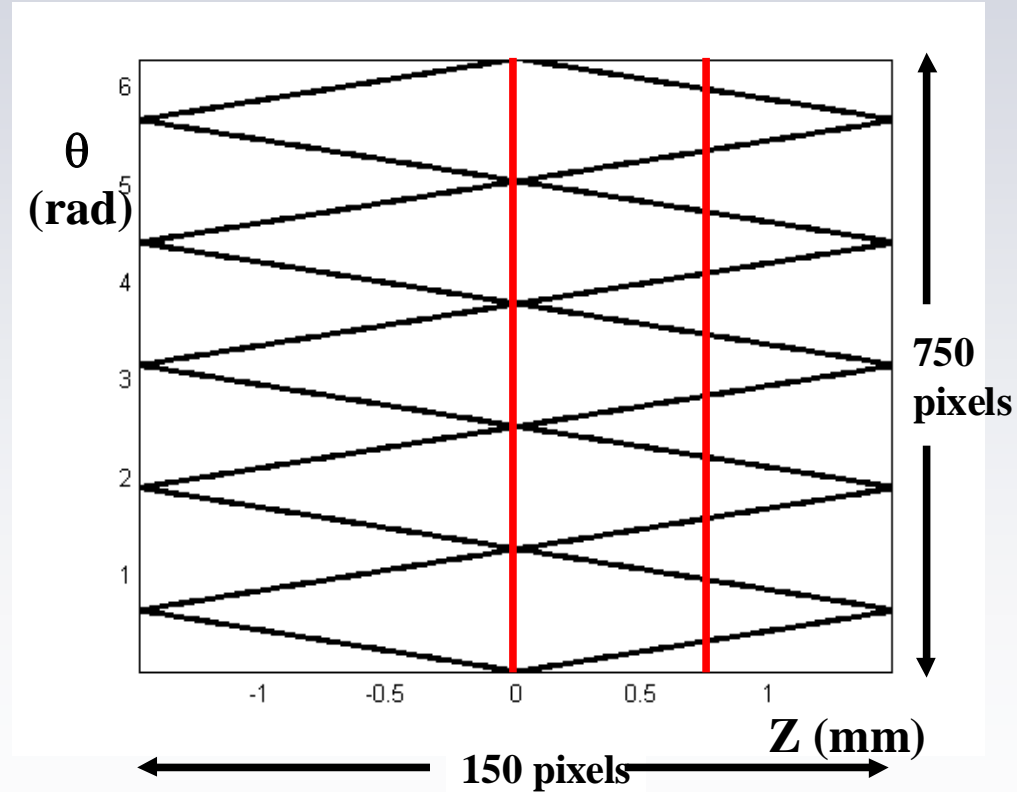
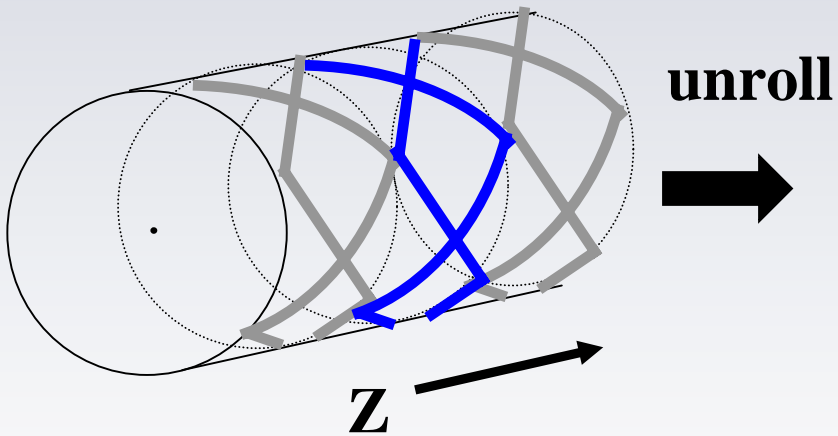
# Drug elution from stent and cumulated activity $A_{ijk}$

- ⌘ Use simple wire mesh stent model coated with Heparin
  - ☑ Stent dimensions :  $D=4.78$  mm,  $L = 3$  mm
- ⌘ Use 3D diffusion-convection model\* to simulate drug elution in tissues
  - ☑ Use experimentally measured diffusion coefficients
  - ☑ Assume 7 day half-life for source term decay

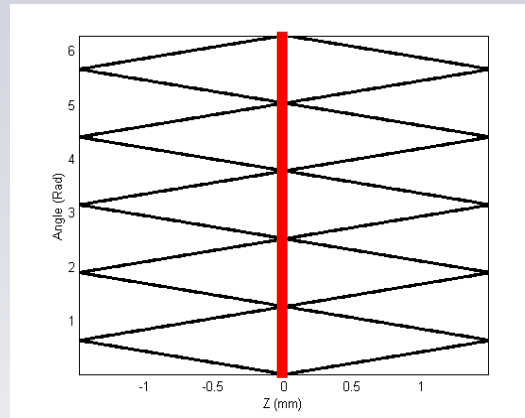
\**Hwang CW, Wu D, Edelman E, Circulation, 2001;104:600-605*

# Stent Model: $D=4.776$ mm ; $L=3$ mm

**Diamond shape is periodic  
in  $Z$  and  $\theta$**



# Diffusion of Heparin from Stent

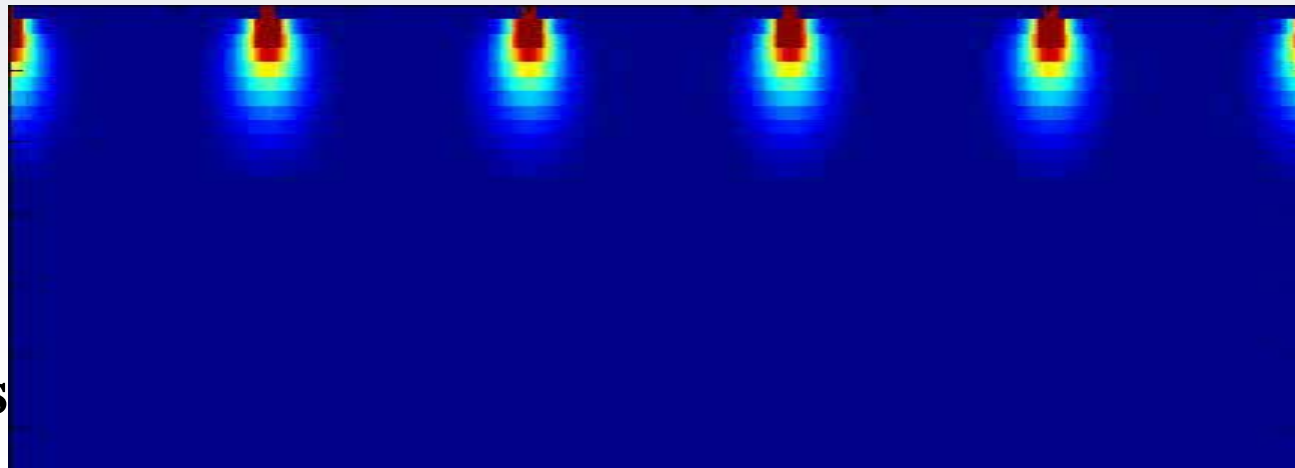


**Z position**

**x 150**

$\theta$  (rad)  $\longrightarrow$  750 pixels

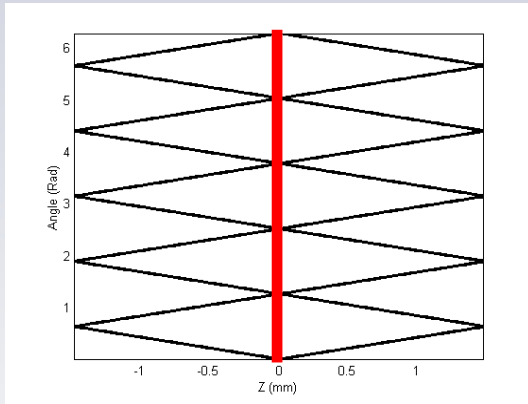
**Depth**  
 $\downarrow$   
**31 pixels**



**0 mm**

**0.620 mm**

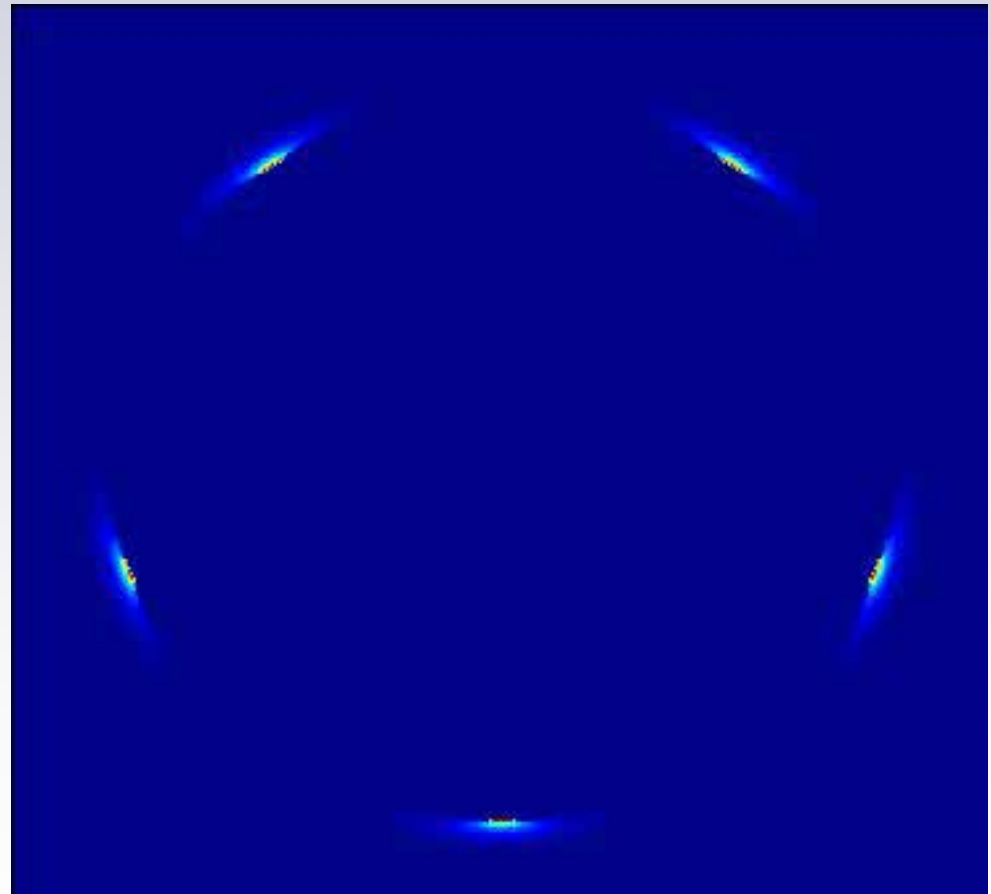
# Diffusion of Heparin from Stent



**Transform to cartesian  
coordinates (X,Y,Z)**

**256 x 256 x 150**

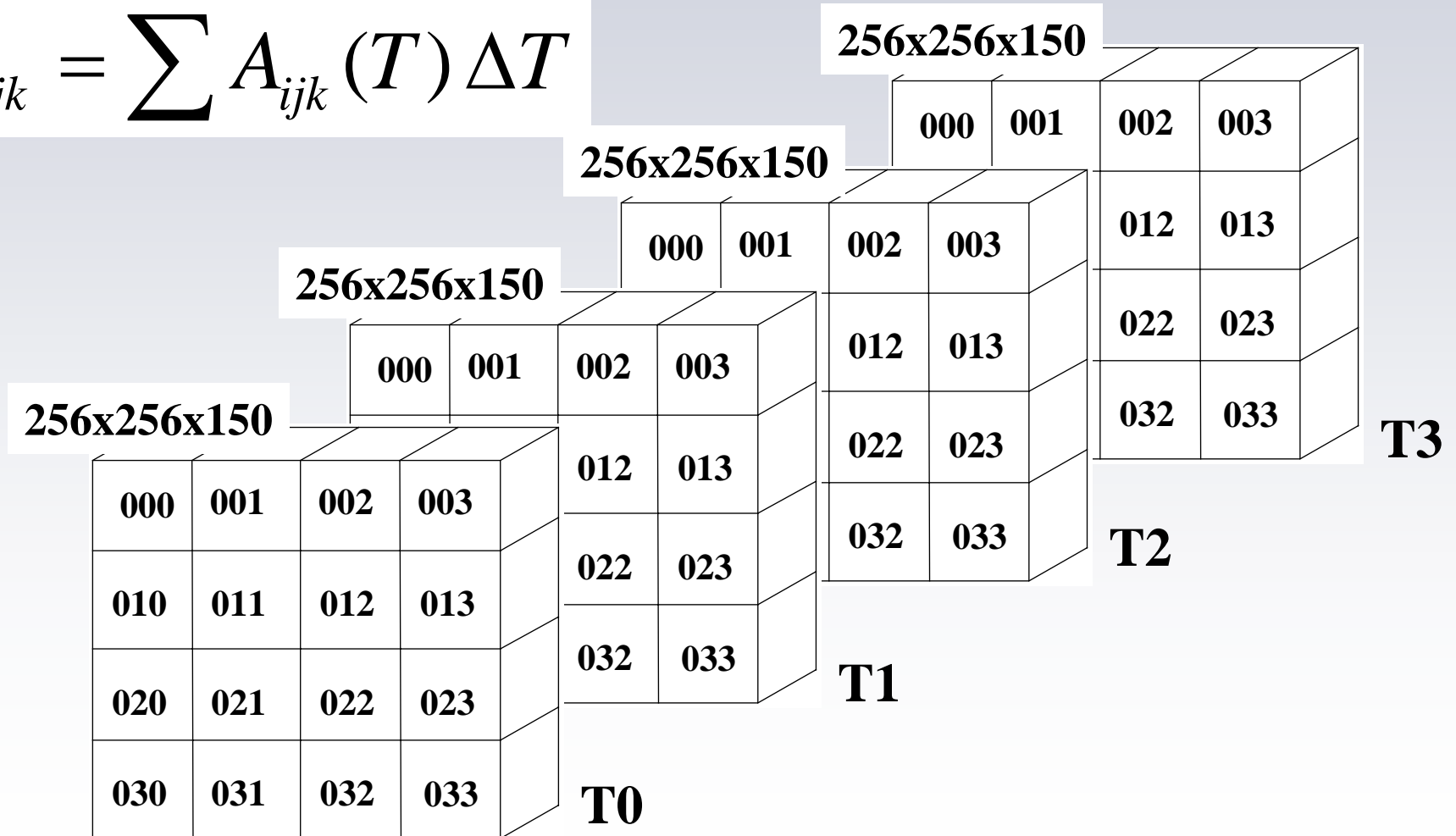
**256 pixels**  
↑  
**Y (mm)**



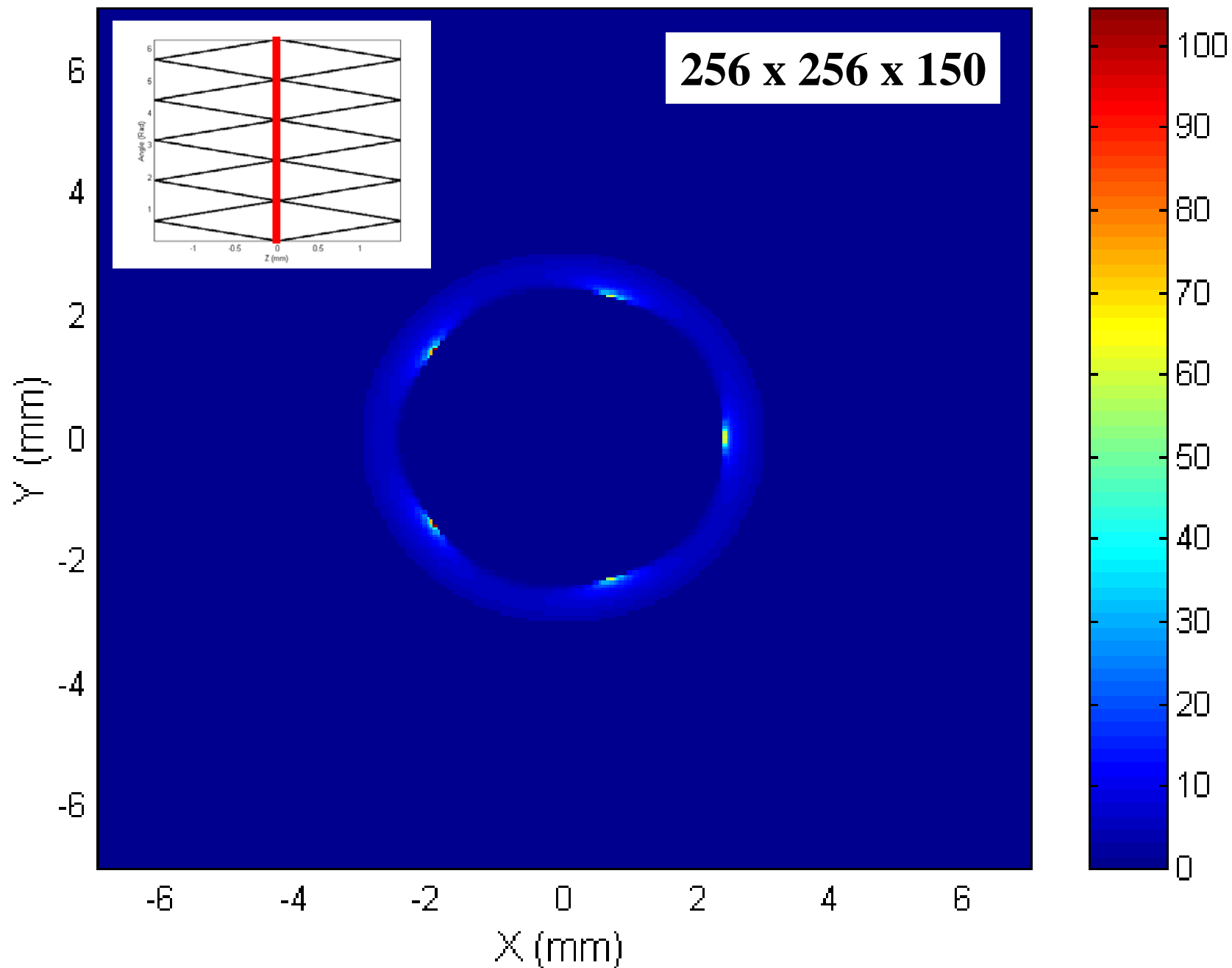
**X (mm)** → **256 pixels**

# TAC at the Voxel Level

$$\tilde{A}_{ijk} = \sum A_{ijk}(T) \Delta T$$



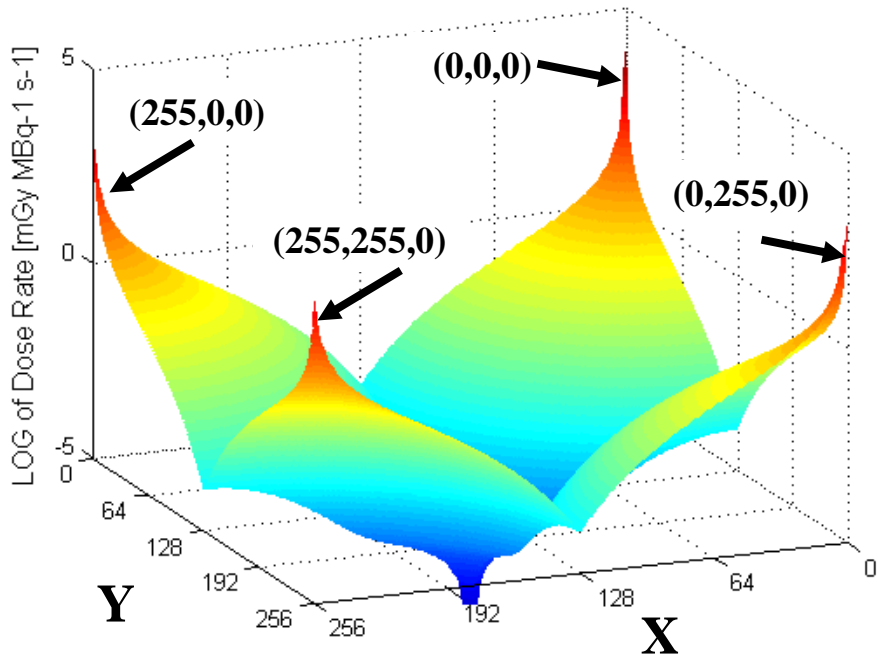
# Cumulated Activity @ 7 days : Z = 0 mm





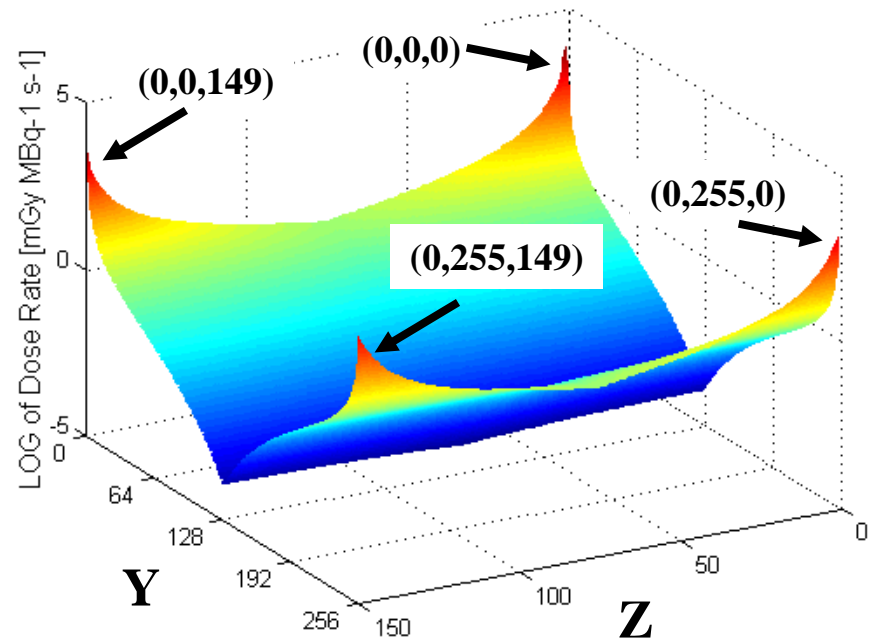
# P-32 Convolution Kernel $S_{ijk}$

P-32 Convolution Kernel



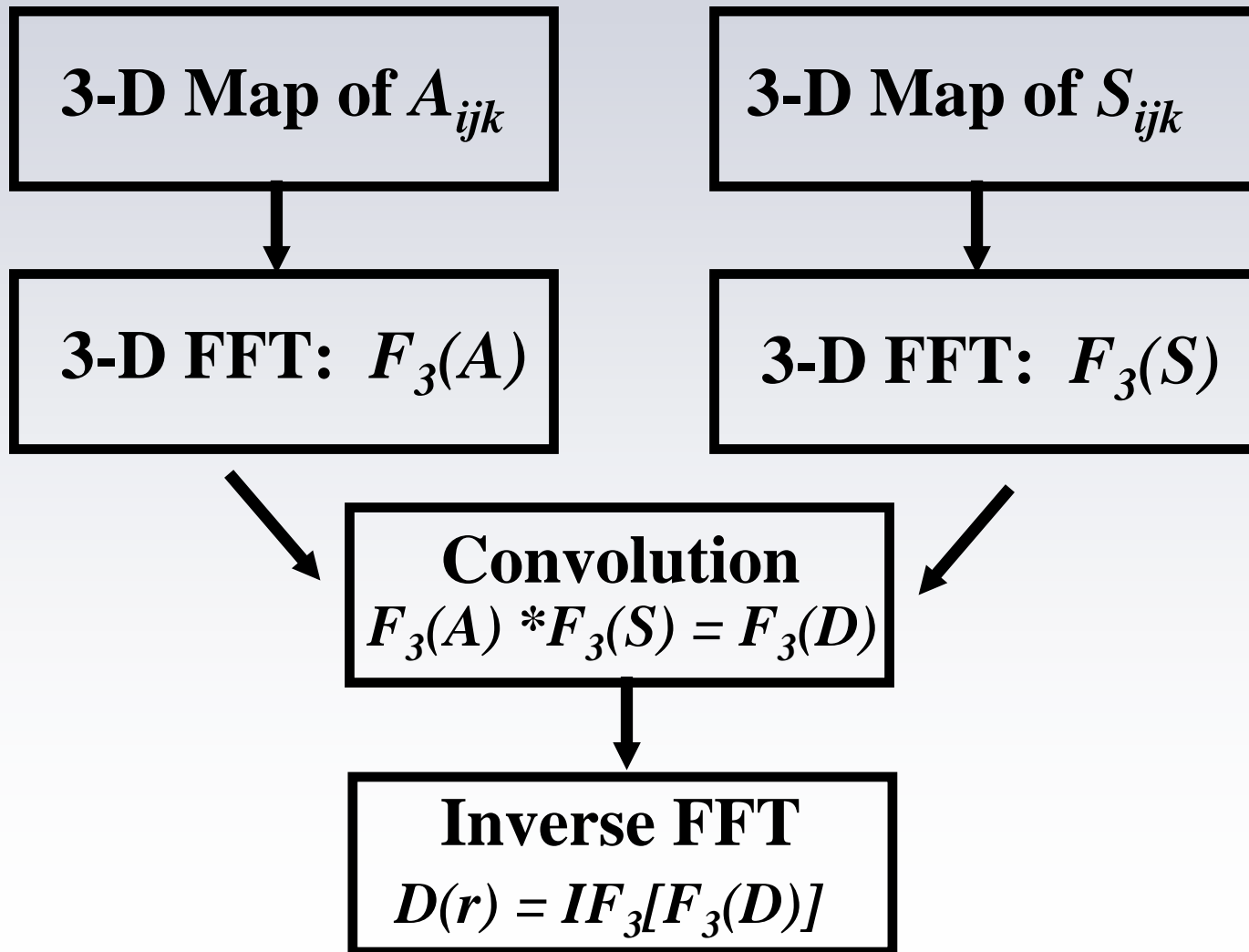
**X-Y Plane (Z=0)**

P-32 Convolution Kernel



**Y-Z Plane (X=0)**

# Dose-Point-Kernel Convolution using FFTs

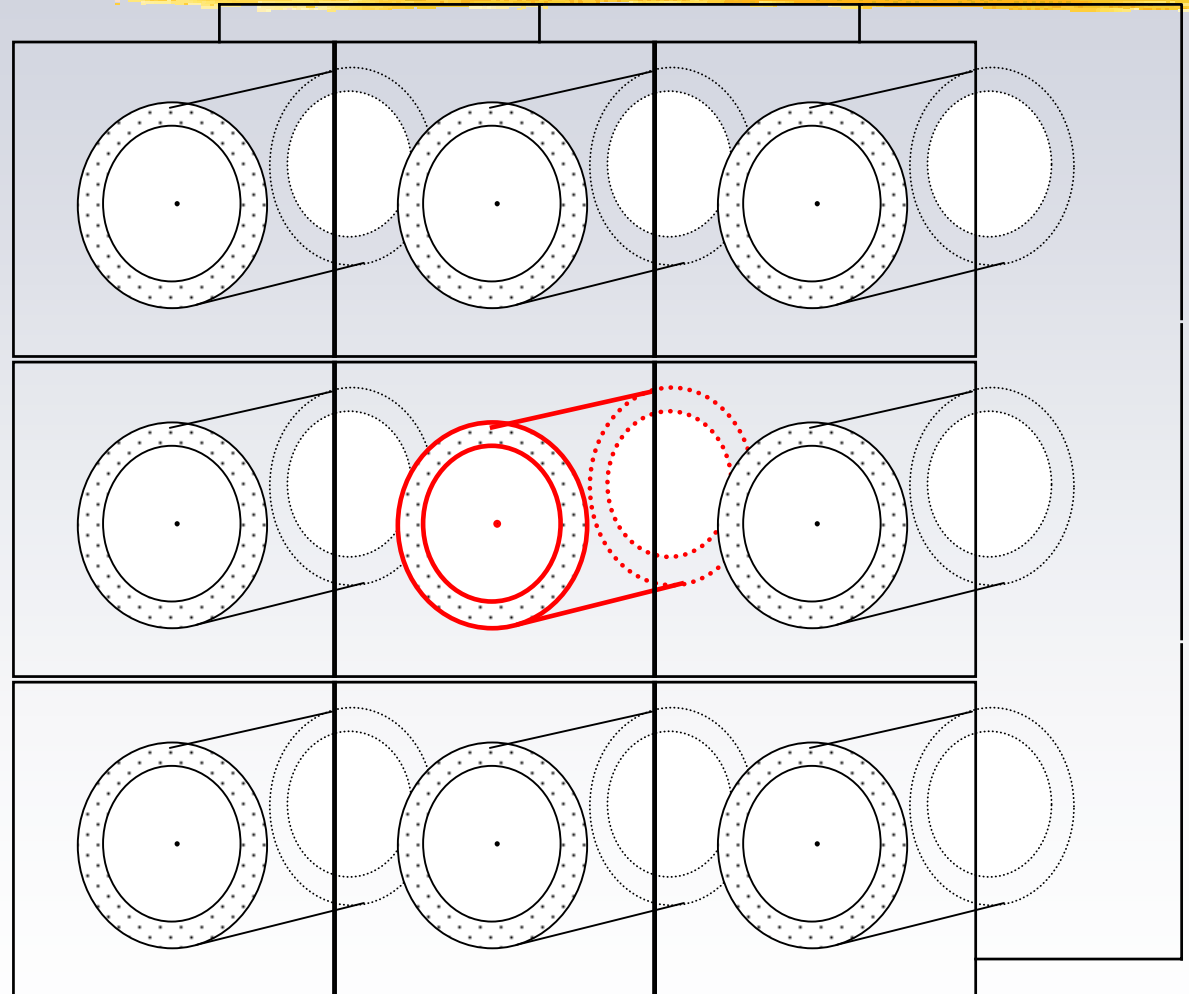
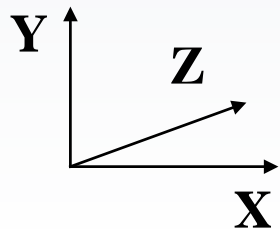


# Dose-Point-Kernel Convolution

**FFT Convolution**  
→ **periodicity**

Set X-Y large enough  
to minimize aliasing

Keep periodicity in Z  
to model an infinite  
long stent



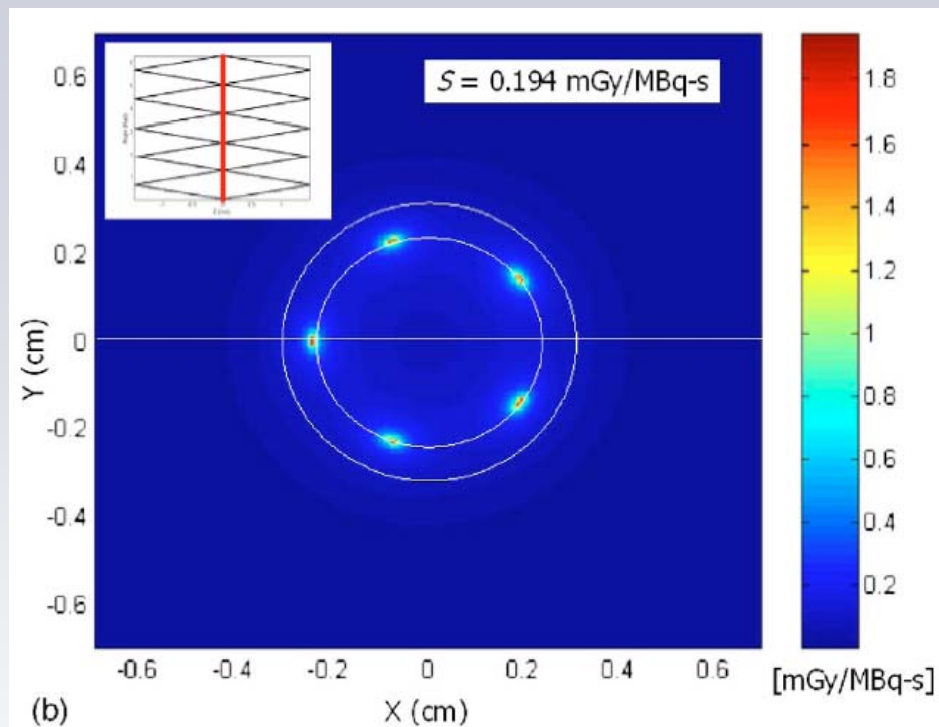
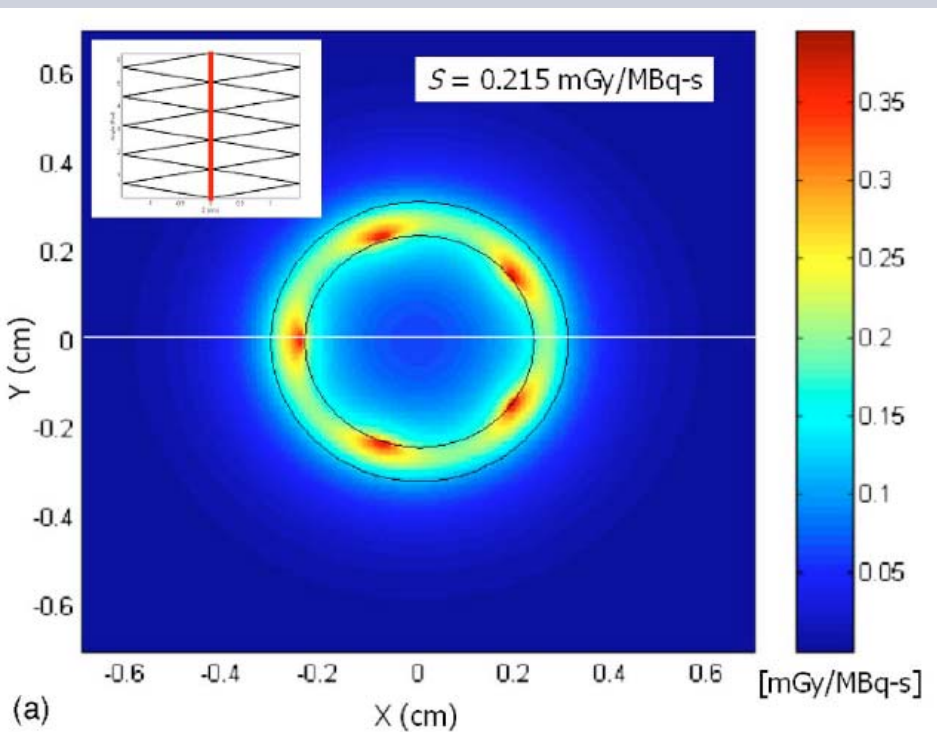
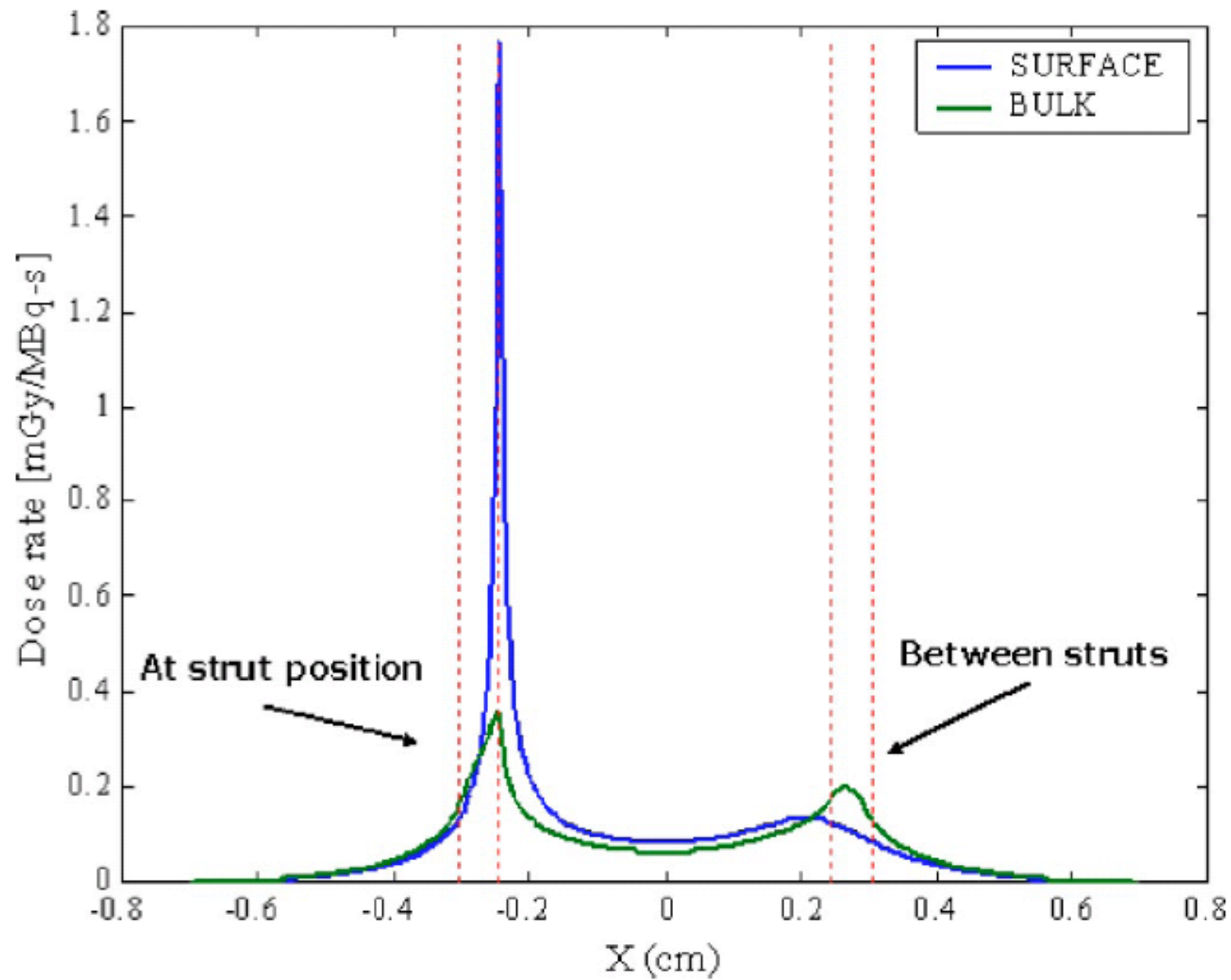
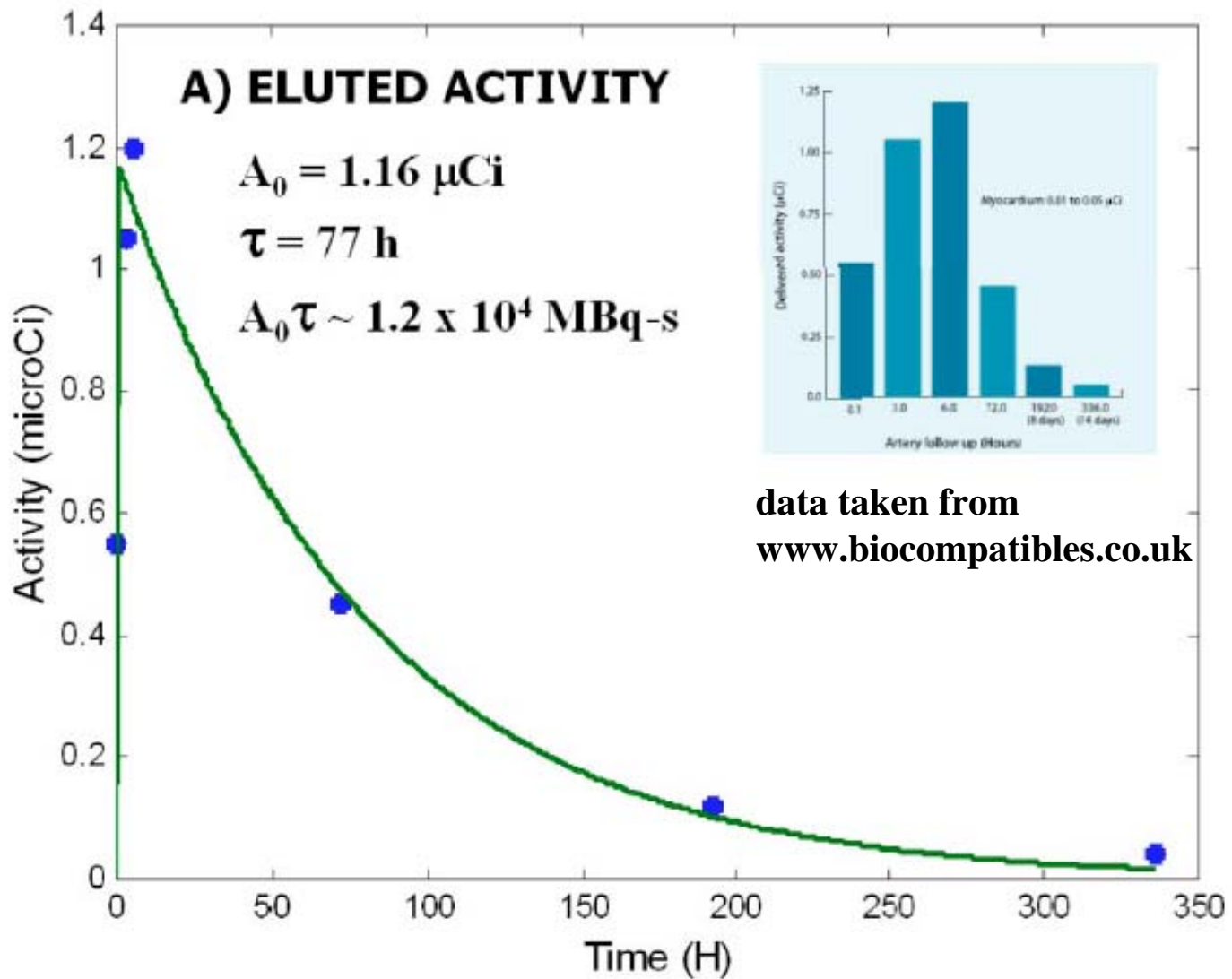
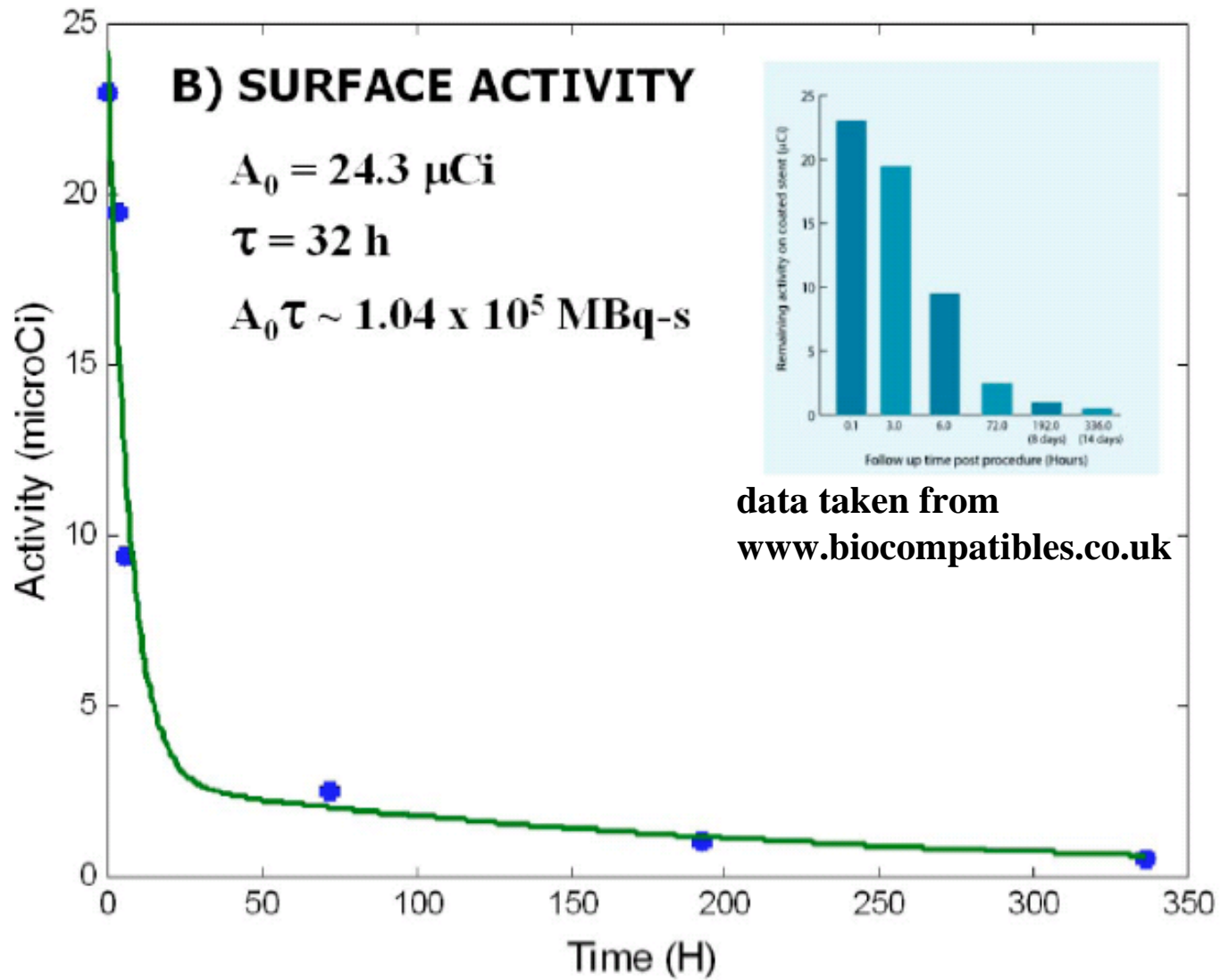


FIG. 3. Dose distribution through the middle plane of the 3 mm stent section due to (a) the P-32 ODN drug eluted from the stent into the arterial wall and (b) the drug activity at the surface of the stent. The doses are normalized per MBq s of cumulated activity for the respective sources. The average  $S$  factors to the target media for the eluted drug and the surface drug distributions are 0.21 and 0.19 [mGy/MBq s], respectively.







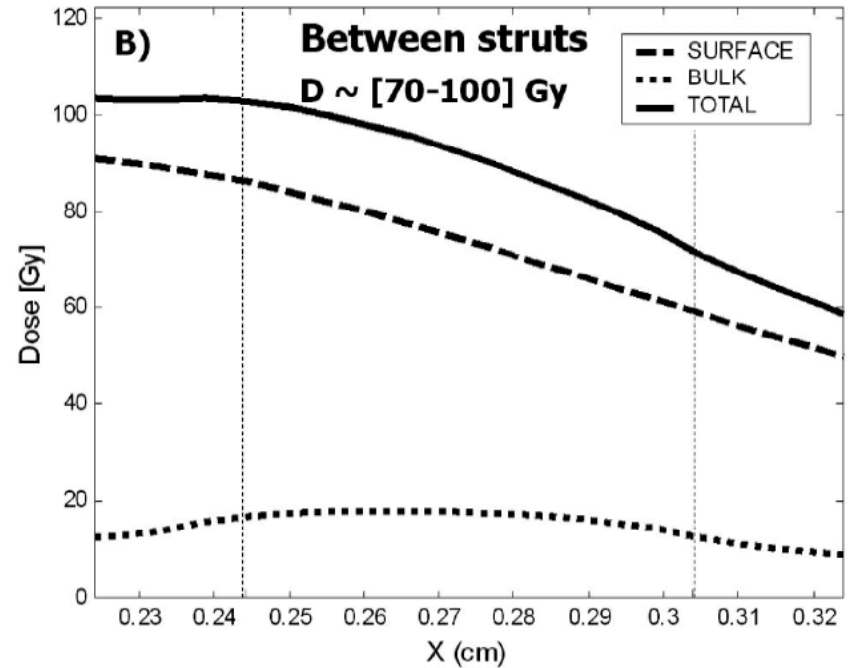
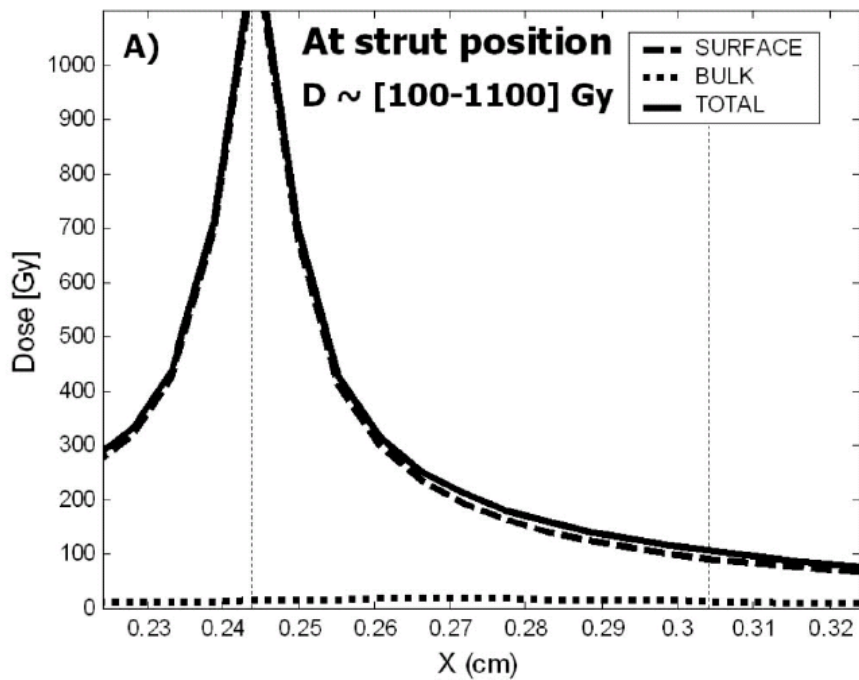


FIG. 6. Radial dose profile at 14 days for a 6.1 MBq (165  $\mu\text{Ci}$ ) P-32 ODN with non-uniform drug elution (transport model) (a) at the strut position and (b) between the stent struts (see Fig. 3). The target media is delimited by the dotted lines. The dose from the eluted drug (BULK) contributes to less than 15% of the total dose throughout the media.



# P-32 ODN Eluting Stent



- ⌘ Low Delivery Efficiency (Typically  $< 5\%$ )
- ⌘ Biological residence time in artery comparable to washout time from stent surface (77h vs 25h)
- ⌘ Dose to arterial wall @ 0.5mm is due mainly to activity **residing at surface of stent**
- ⌘ Dose enhancement from drug elution is minimal (less than  $\sim 10\%$ )
- ⌘ Dose to organs is of concern (P-32 washout is  $\sim 80\%$  after 24h)

# Infiltrator™ Angioplasty Balloon Catheter

- ⌘ Variables which may affect the Infiltrator's intramural delivery efficiency \* :
  - ☒ All InjectorPorts (IP) embedded in the target tissue (penetrating IEL)
  - ☒ No InjectorPorts in side branch vessels
  - ☒ Sufficient pressure during delivery to force injectate through all IP
  - ☒ Sufficient time is allowed for the drug delivery lumen to reach equilibrium pressure post injectate delivery
- ⌘ Assuming the above scenario, fluid delivery efficiency can be ~ 90% \*
- ⌘ Quantity taken up by the target tissue is function of the properties of the injectate\* (~ 1-5% at most\*\*)

\*SC Thornbury (Boston Scientific/IVT), personal communication, 2002.

\*\*N Kipshidse (Lennox Hill, NY), personal communication, 2002.

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## **ESTIMATES OF SPECIFIC ABSORBED FRACTIONS FOR PHOTON SOURCES UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED IN VARIOUS ORGANS OF A HETEROGENEOUS PHANTOM**

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