

# Multiscale Digital Twins for Precision Medicine and Predictive Cell Survival Outcomes

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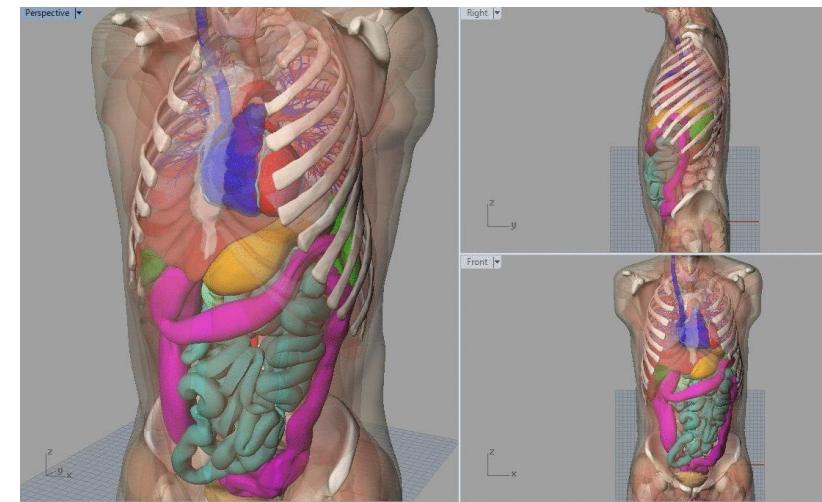
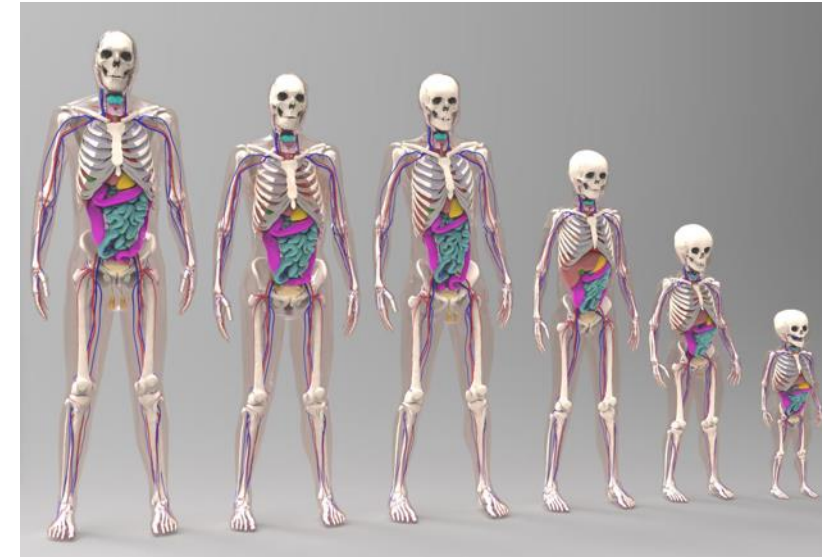
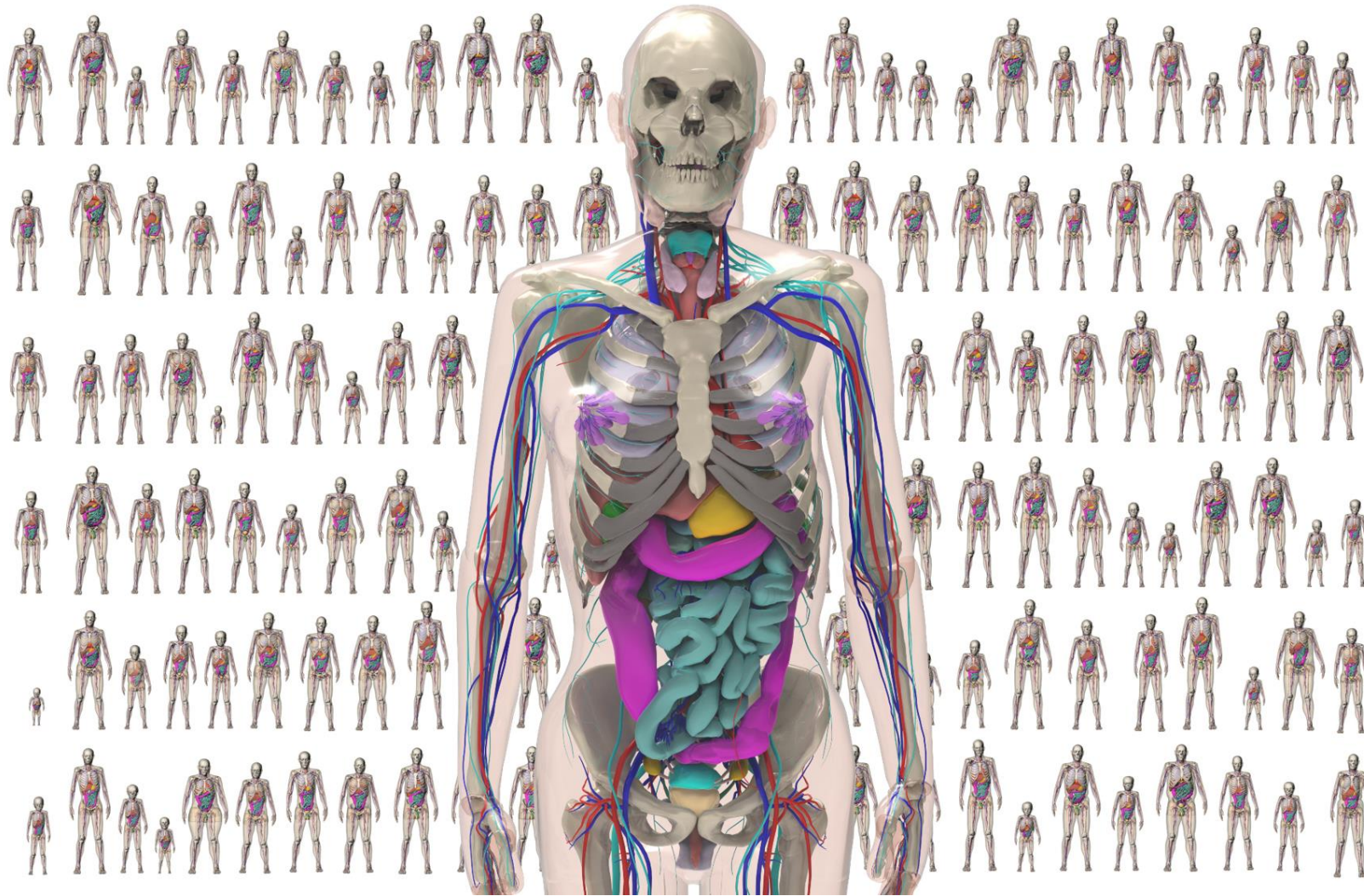
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# Medical digital twins that capture multiple scales

- A virtual representation of ‘you’
- Should behave like a the real human
- Multimodal
  - Anatomy, Physiology, Genotype Phenotype, Biology, (...)
- Multiscale
  - Molecular to whole body
  - Single human to whole population

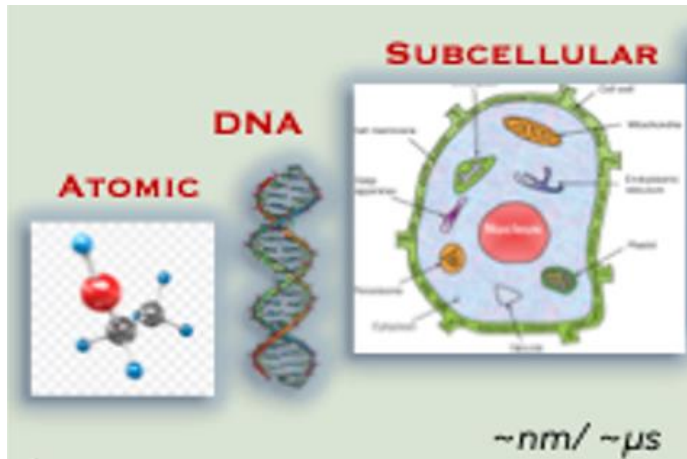


# A virtual human population



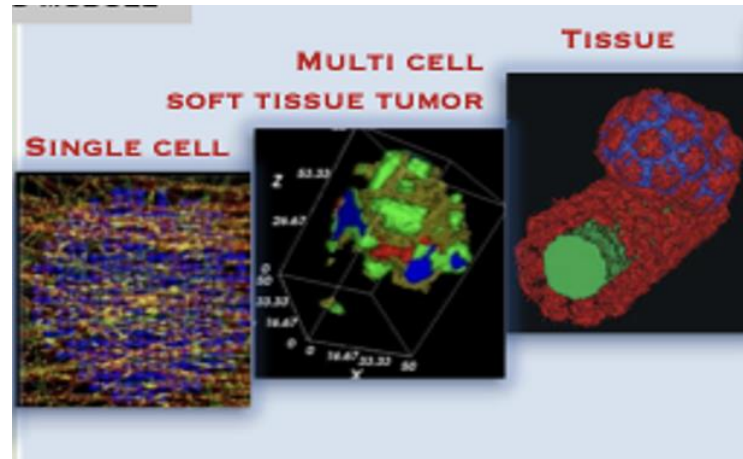
eXtended **C**ardiac **T**orso (XCAT) phantoms, E. Samei and P. Segars, Duke University

# Integrated into a Multiscale Computational Environment



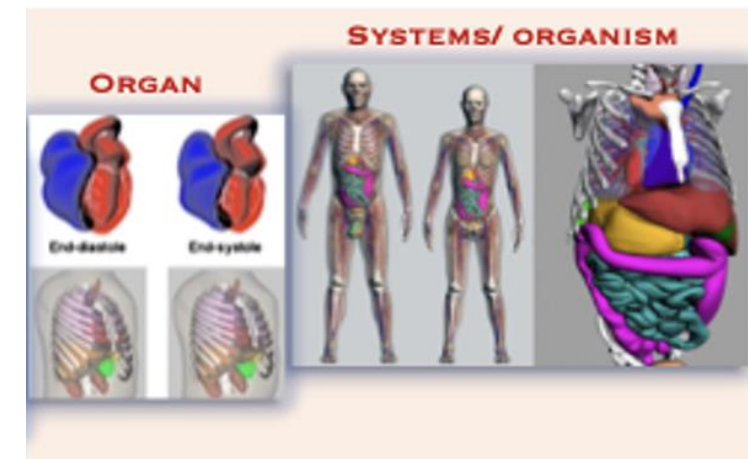
Subcellular

DNA damage, repair  
Cell-specific response



Multi-cell

Inter- and intra-cellular effects  
Biochemical response  
Bystander effect  
Multicellular tumor growth

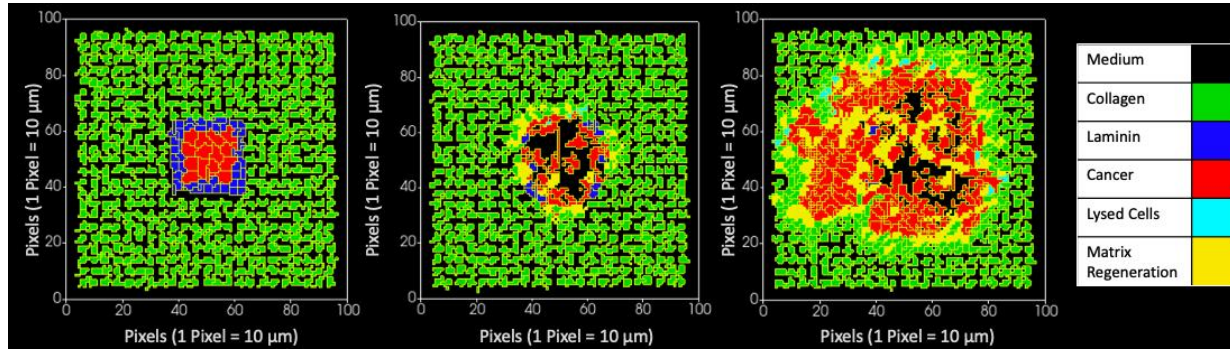


Whole body

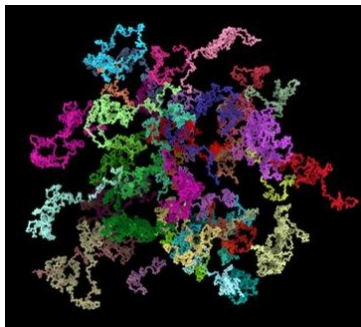
Anatomy, physiology,  
Perfusion, Organ systems  
Absorbed dose

# Illustrative result: External beam tumor irradiation

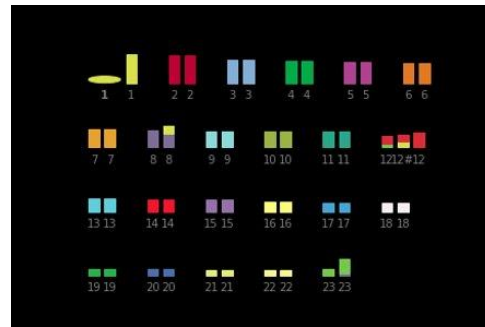
Multicell tumor growth model



Time →

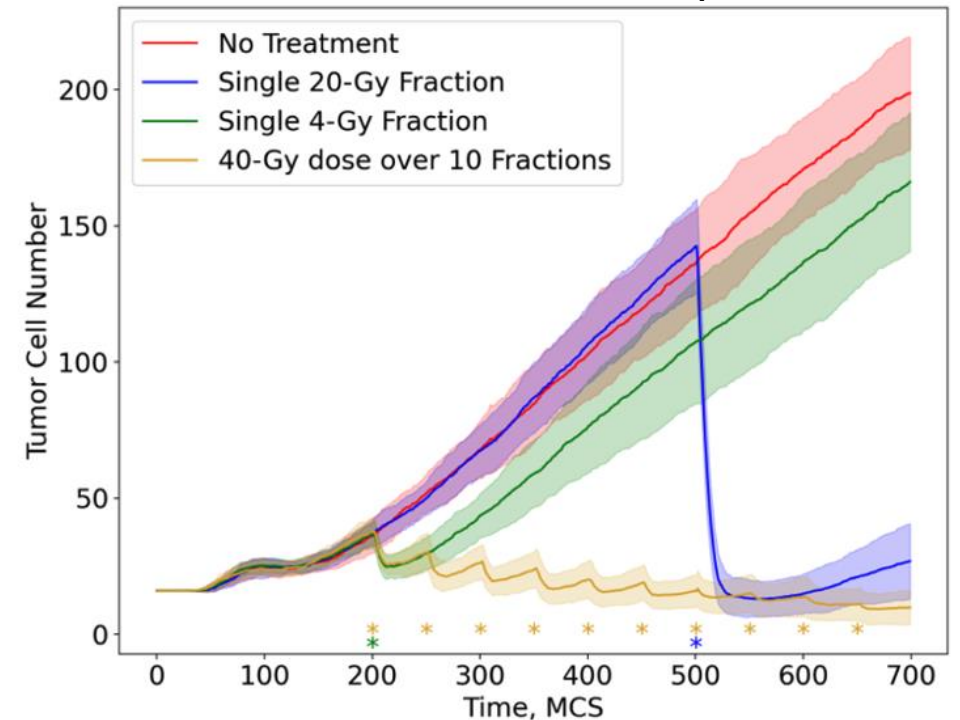


Chromatin structure



Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH) plots showing DNA misrepair


External beam irradiation protocols




Inman, Hourii, Gounley, Agasthya, Kapadia, AAPM 2022

# Extending digital twins to molecular domains


NMR



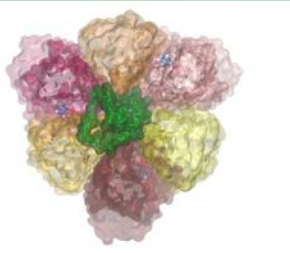
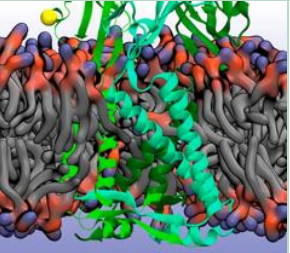
Cryo-EM



X-rays



**Thermodynamics & Kinetics**



Molecular Dynamics

Enhanced Sampling

$\sim nm / \sim \mu s$

Tomogram



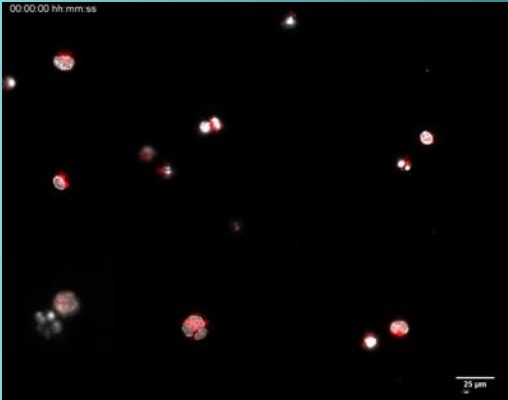
**Subcellular Diffusion**



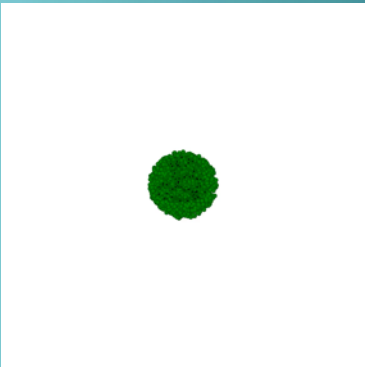
Diffusion Kinetics

$\sim \mu m / \sim ms$

Live-cell Imaging




**Systems Biology**



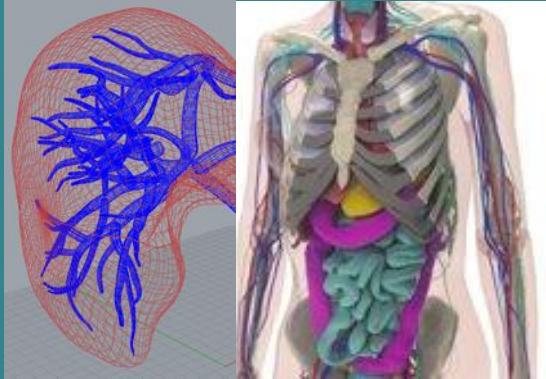
Multicellular Simulations

$\sim mm / \sim s$

CT Scans



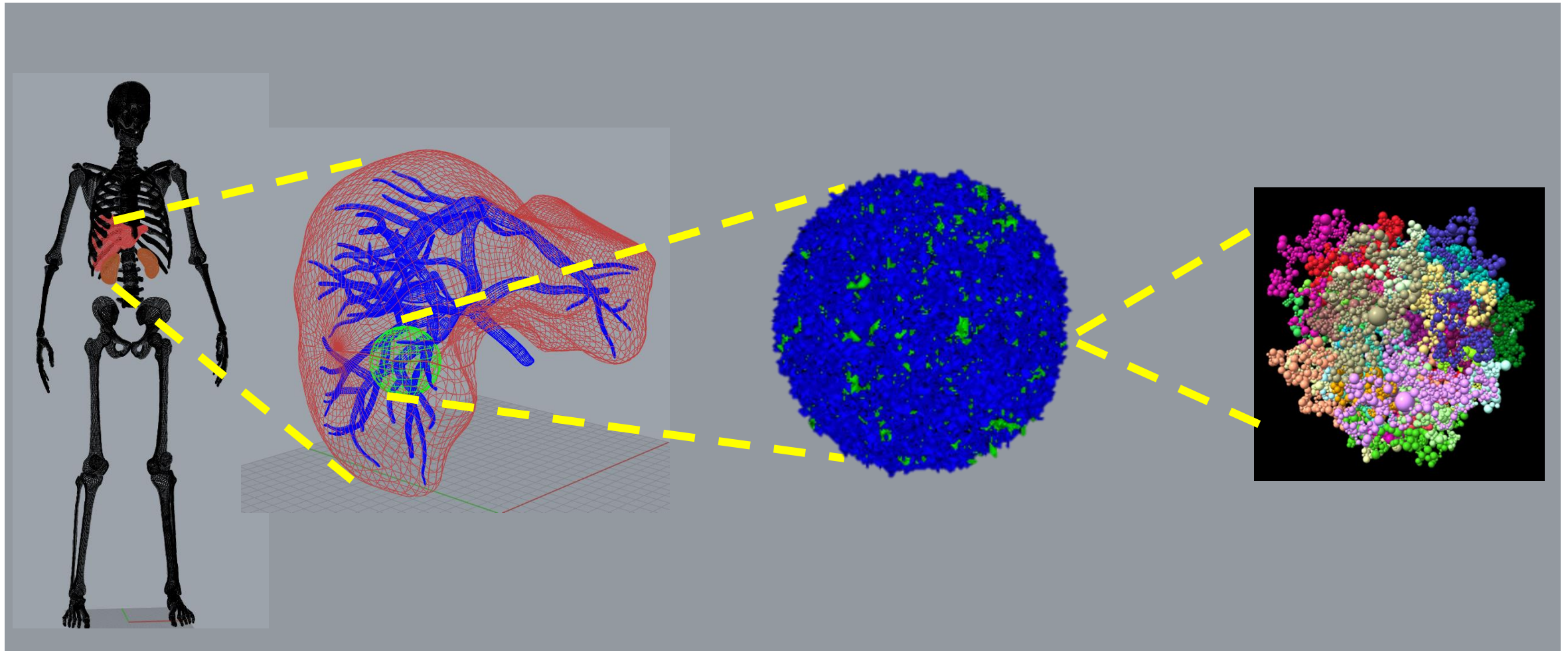
**Physiology**



XCAT Phantom

$\sim cm / \sim min$

# Radiopharmaceutical therapy modeling



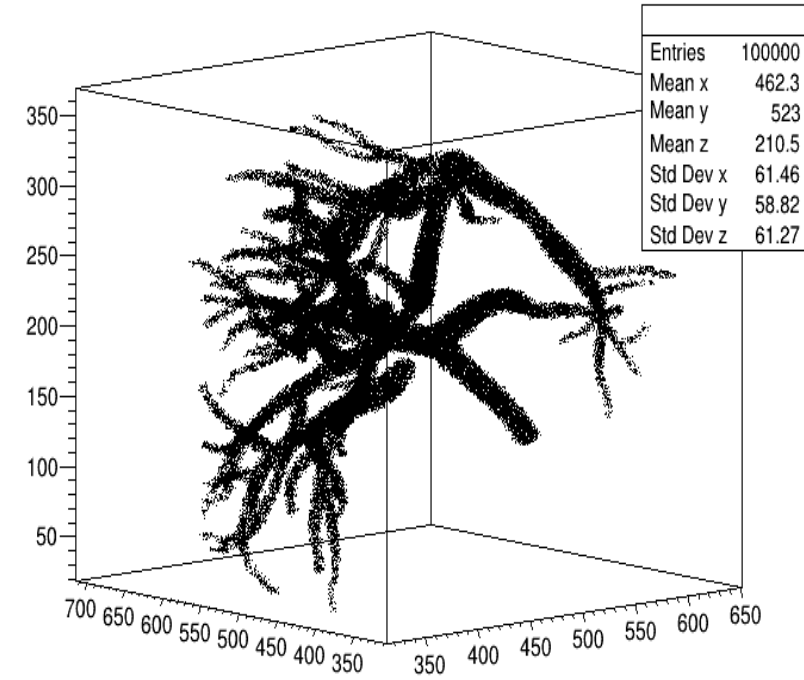
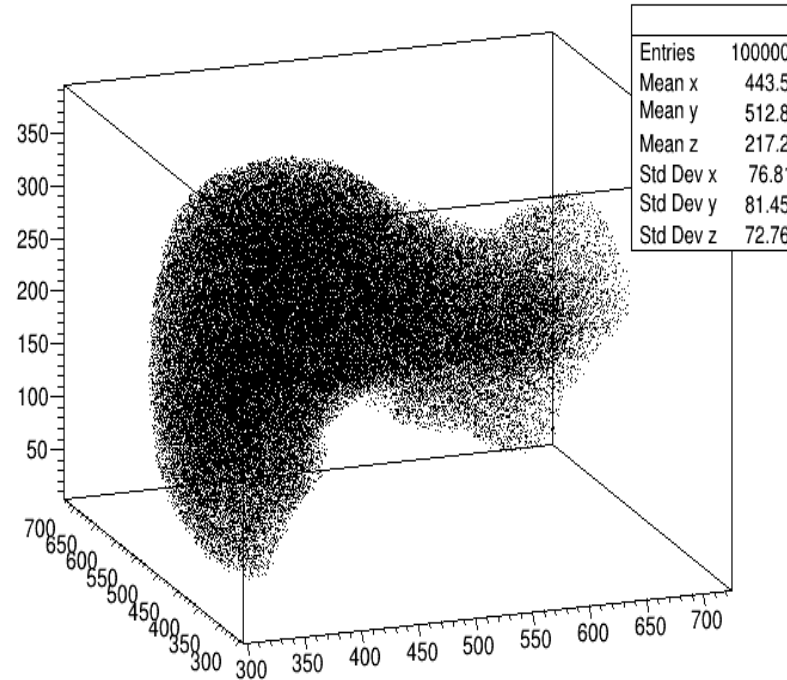
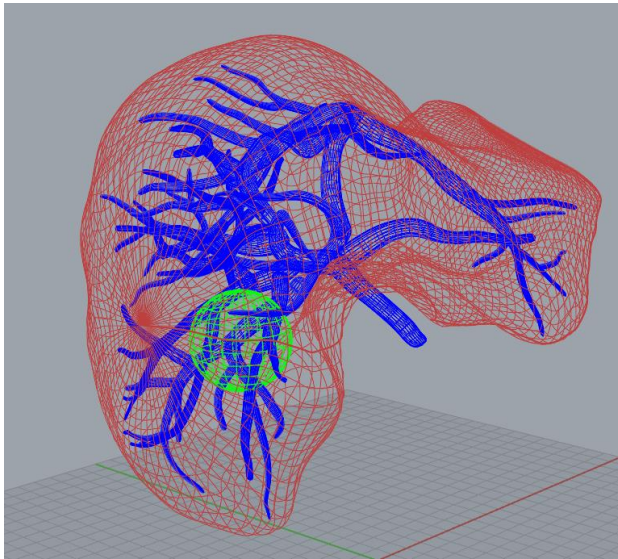
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Hepatic vasculature  
for open FOAM

Embedded 3D  
tumor volume

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chromatin structure

# Radionuclide flow throughout the organ using CFD



Ac225 spatial distribution reconstruction in the liver volume (left) and liver vasculature (right)



# Modeling goals in radiopharmaceutical therapy



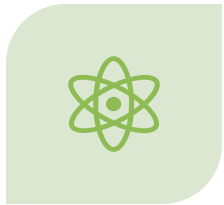
**CELL TARGET SPECIFICITY**



**CELLULAR BARRIERS**



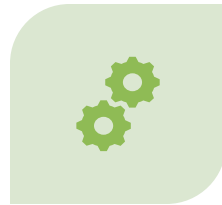
**TARGETING COMPLEX PROCESSES IN CELLS**



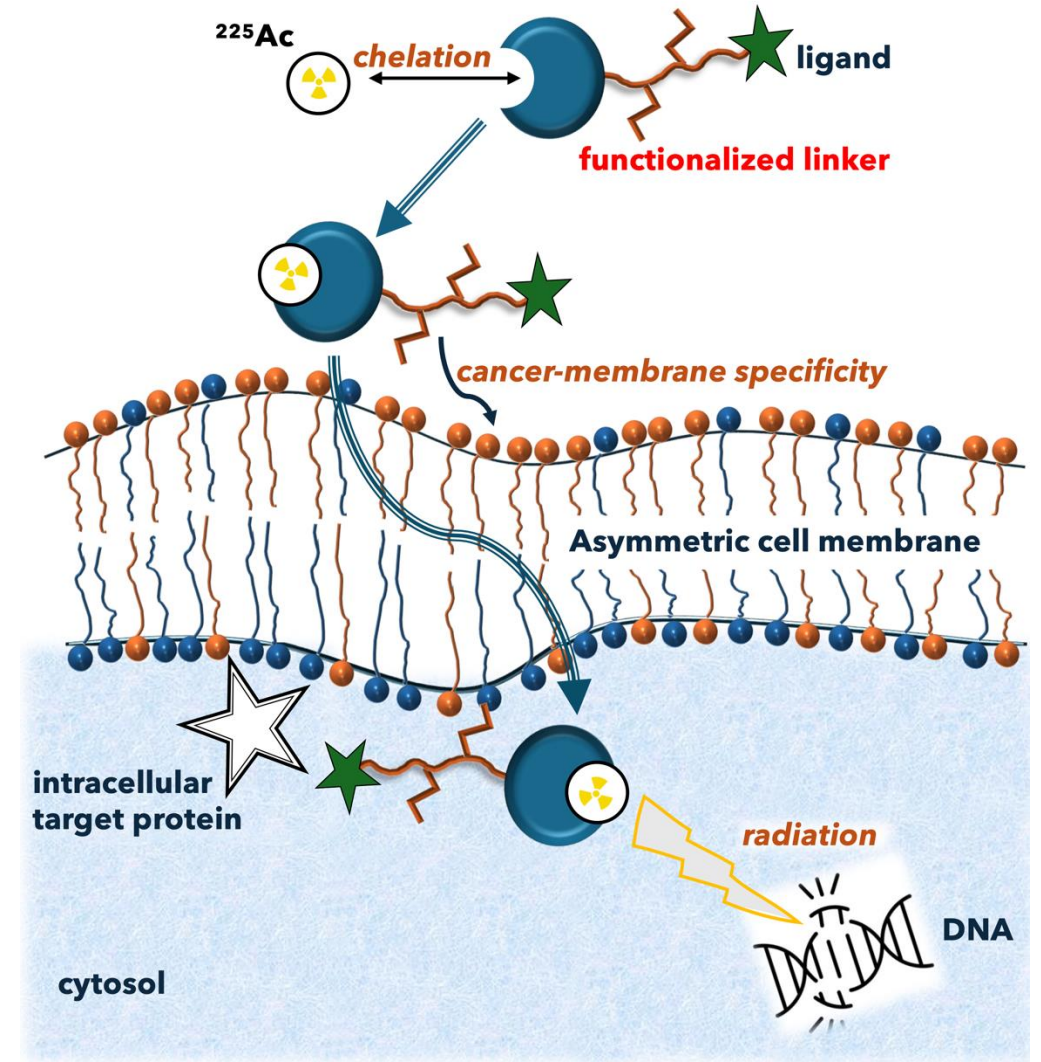
**CANCER CELL SHUTDOWN**



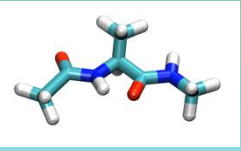
**EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT**



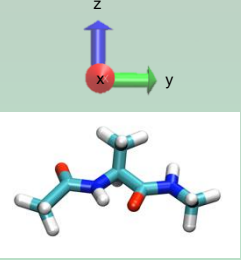
**IN-SILICO PIPELINE**



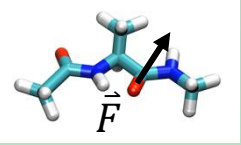
# Molecular Dynamics



Initial atomic model  
 $\vec{r}^{(i=0)}$  and  $\vec{v}^{(i=0)}$   
 Set  $\vec{a} = 0.0$ ,  $t = 0.0$ ,  $i = 0.0$

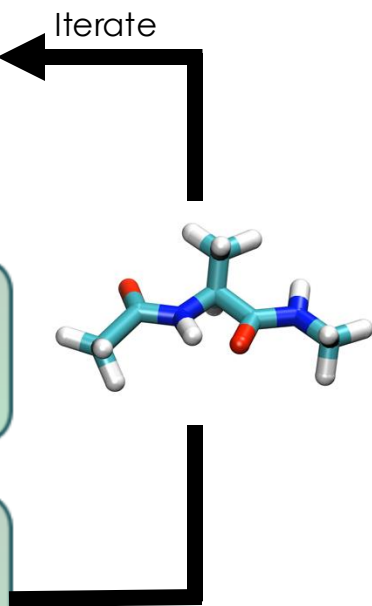


Predict atom position  
 $\vec{r}^p = \vec{r}^i + \vec{v}^i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} \Delta t^2$   
 Update velocity  
 $\vec{v}^p = \vec{v}^i + \vec{a} \Delta t$



Get Force  
 $\vec{F} = -\nabla V(\vec{r}^p) + \vec{a} \Delta t$  and  $\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}}{m}$

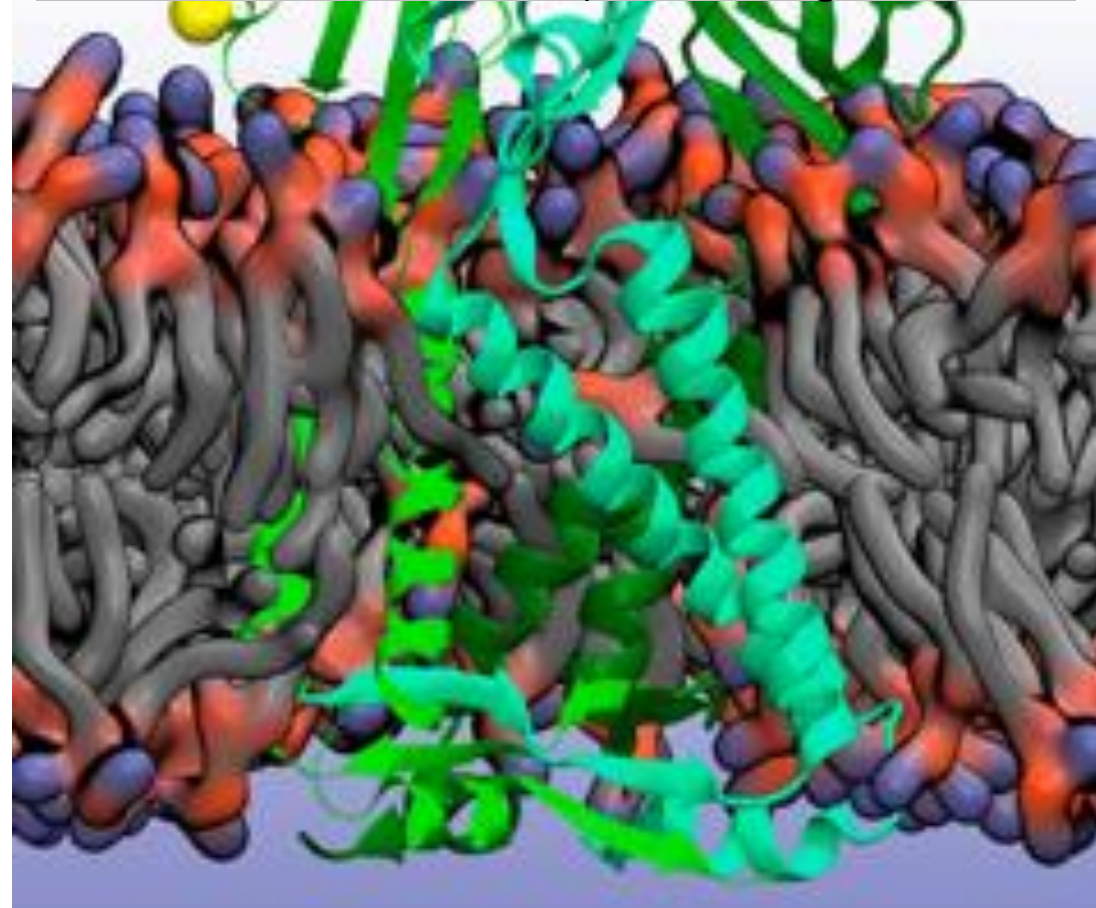
Update position and velocities  
 $\vec{r}^{(i+1)} = \vec{r}^p + \text{function}(\vec{a}, \Delta t)$   
 $\vec{v}^{(i+1)} = \vec{v}^p + \text{function}(\vec{a}, \Delta t)$



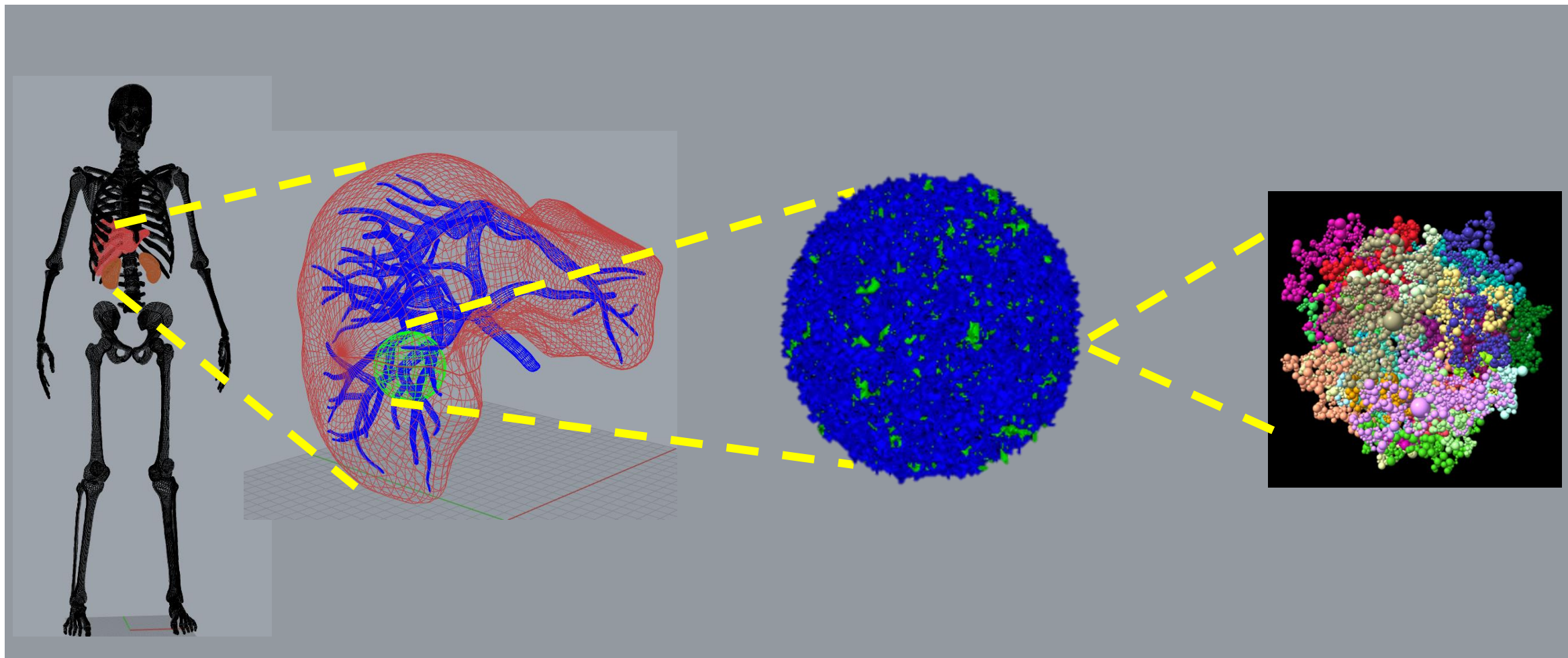
## Interaction Energy

$$V = \sum_{\text{bonds}} K_r (r - r_{eq})^2 + \sum_{\text{bonds}} K_\theta (\theta - \theta_{eq})^2 + \sum_{\text{bonds}} \frac{V_n}{2} [1 + \cos(n\phi - \gamma)] + \sum_{i < j} \left[ \frac{A_{ij}}{R_{ij}^{12}} - \frac{B_{ij}}{R_{ij}^6} + \frac{q_i q_j}{\epsilon R_{ij}} \right]$$

Simulation of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transport through channel



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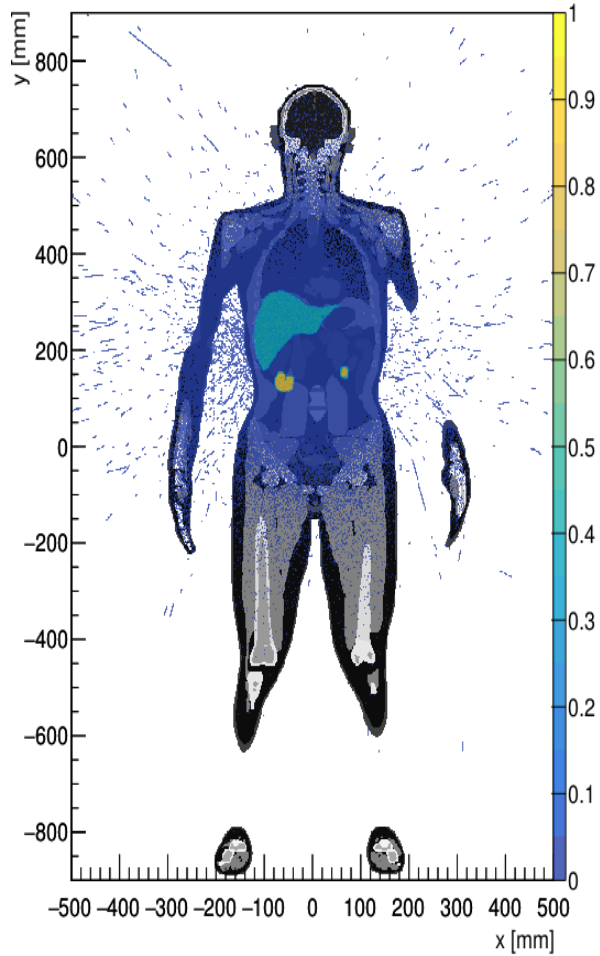
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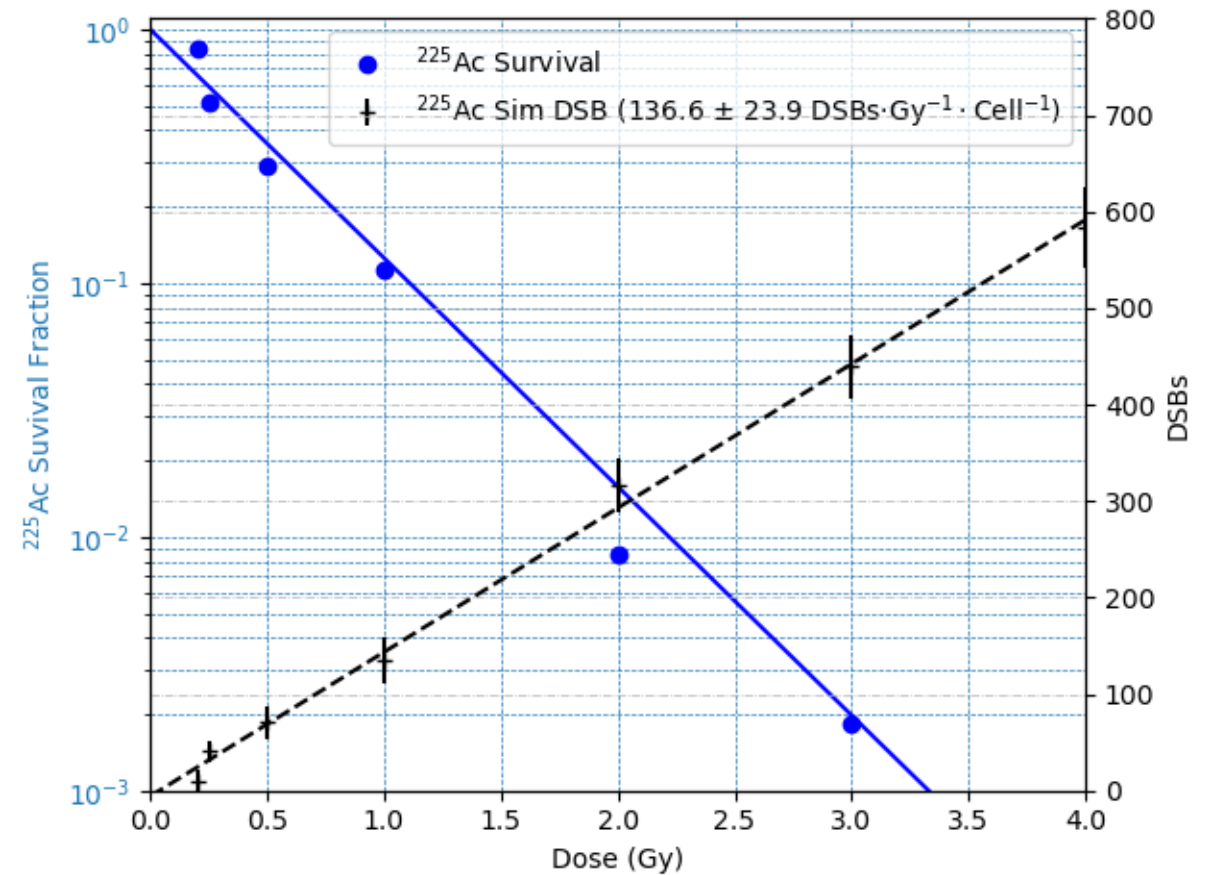
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3D dose map of Ac-225



Predicting cell survival and double strand breaks (DSB) as a function of alpha-particle dose

# Radionuclide exposures outcomes using $^{177}\text{Lu}$ and $^{90}\text{Y}$

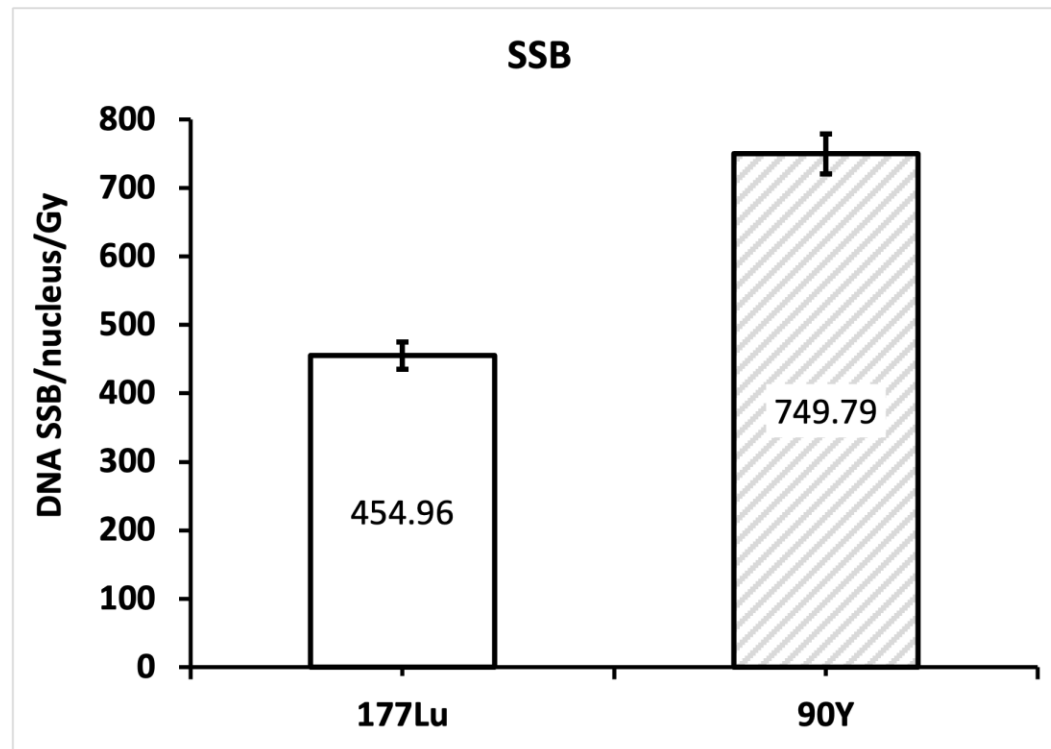


Fig 1: Comparison of single strand breaks for two therapeutic radionuclides  $^{177}\text{Lu}$  and  $^{90}\text{Y}$

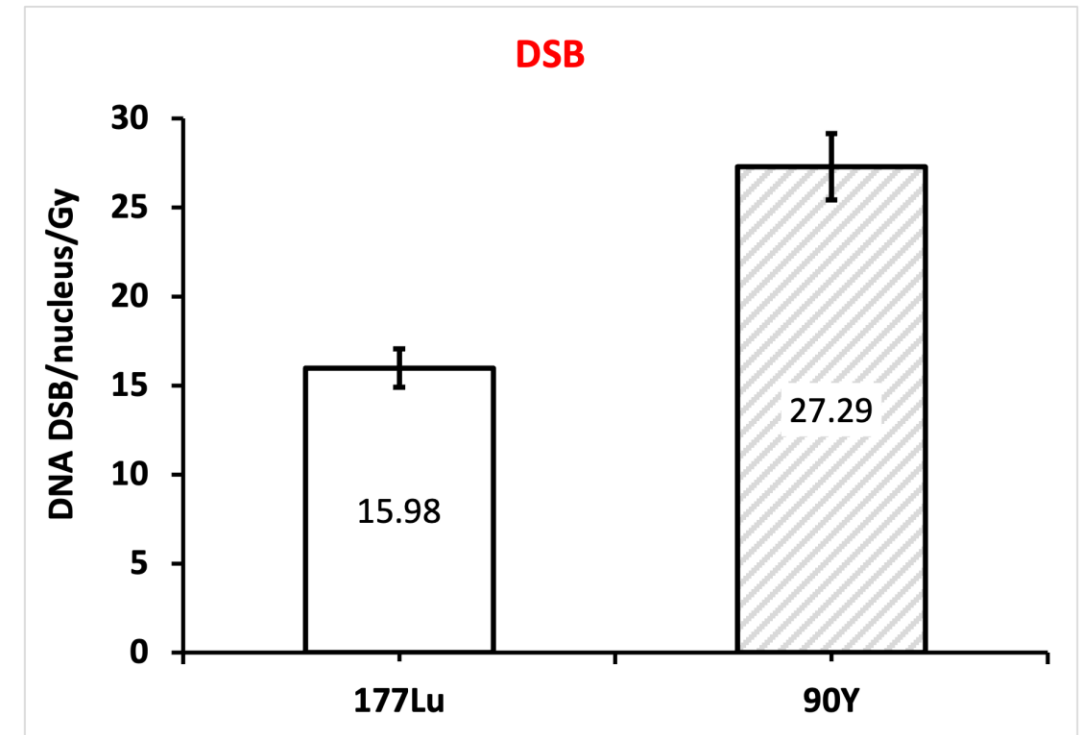


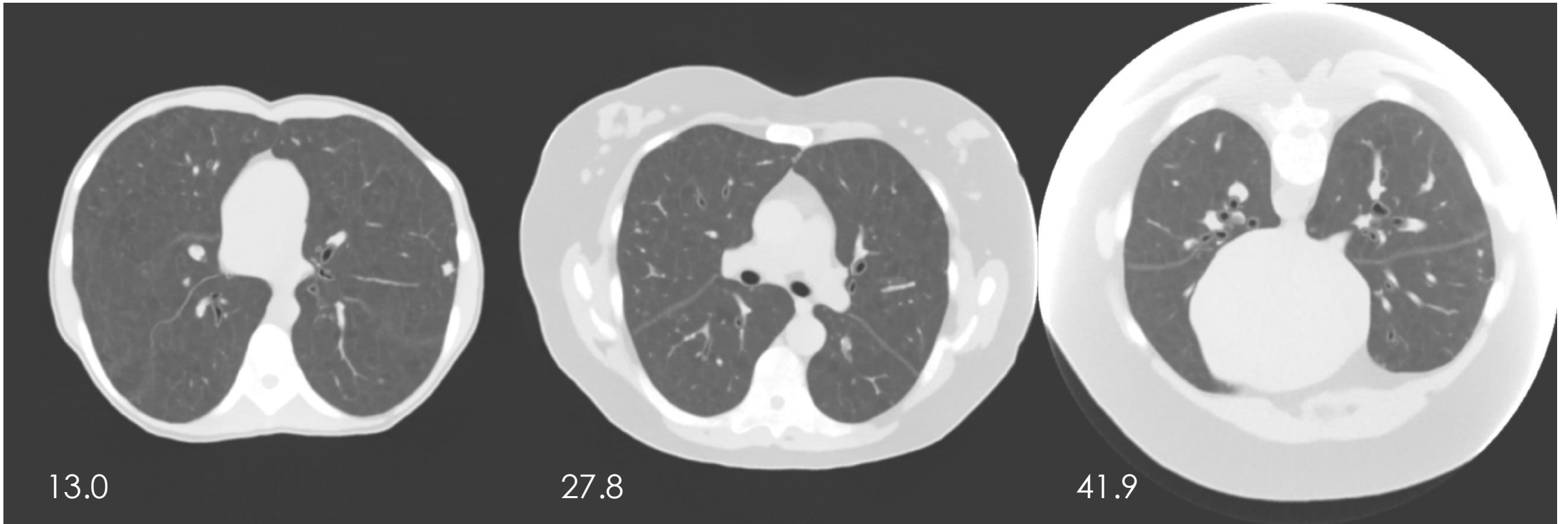
Fig 2: Comparison of double strand breaks for two therapeutic radionuclides  $^{177}\text{Lu}$  and  $^{90}\text{Y}$

# Computational speedup and acceleration

- Accelerate simulations
  - High-performance computing
  - AI methods
  - GPU acceleration
  - Simulation time in minutes, not days
- DOE leadership computing systems
  - Frontier (Oak Ridge)
  - Aurora (Argonne)



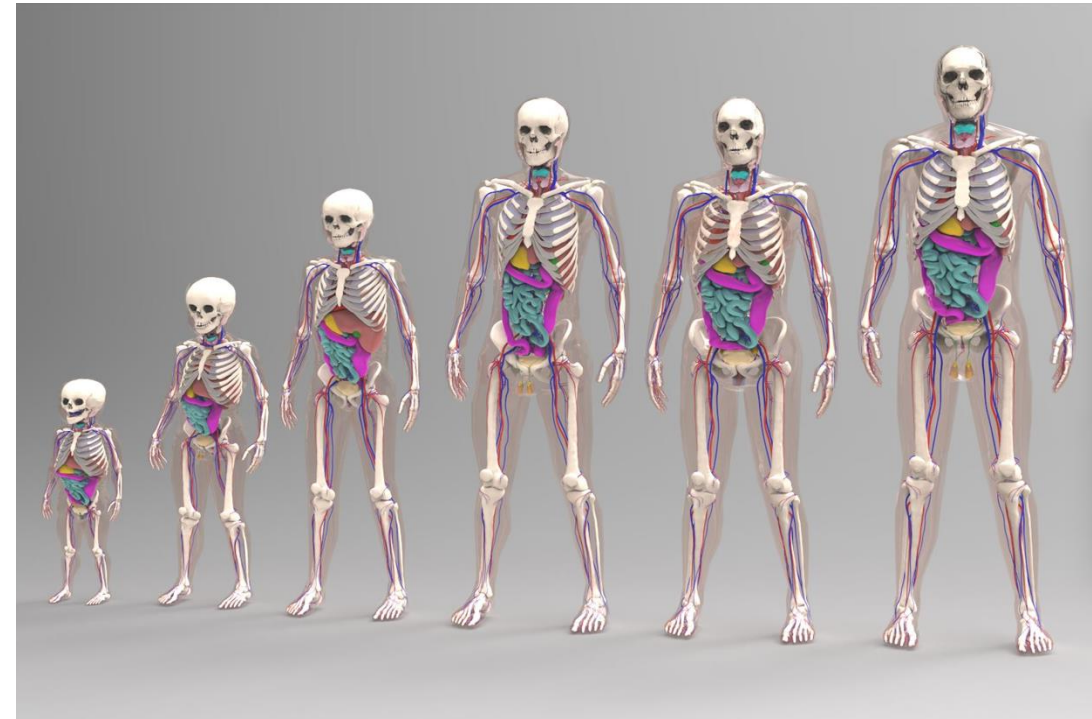
# Synthetic data generation – Virtual CT scans



Synthetic CT scans generated for three virtual XCAT patients with different BMI values (shown)

# Where do we go next?

- Multimodal data integration
  - Data from multiple modalities and at multiple scales
  - Whole body (CT, MRI), perfusion and vascular flow, microscopy
  - Genotype and phenotype data
- Clinical validation
  - Extend beyond cellular irradiation in controlled environments
  - Clinical outcomes data

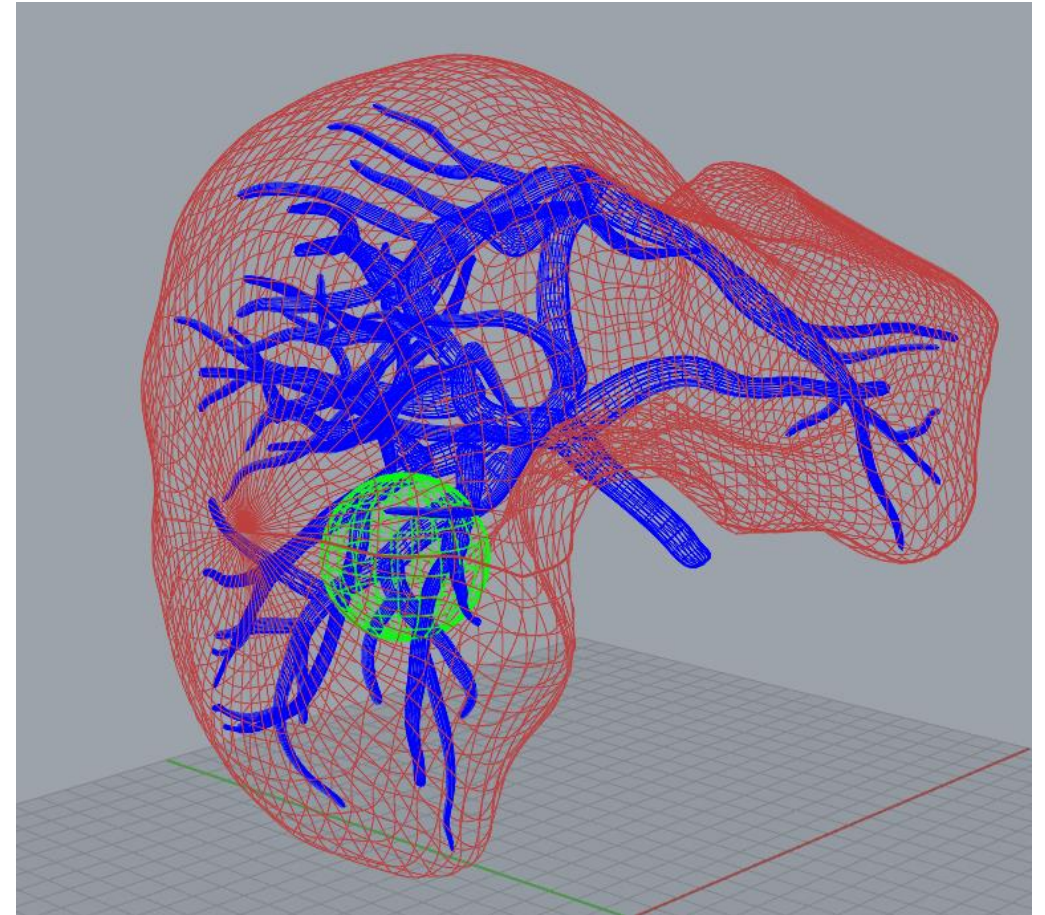


XCAT Phantoms, Duke University



# Where do we go next?

- Integration with other digital twin systems
  - Evaluation of composite effects on human health
- Enable discoveries in medicine
  - Drug discovery
  - Chemotherapeutics
  - Combinatorial treatments



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