

# The NUKDOS software for treatment planning in MRT

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# NUKDOS

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# Introduction

- ▶ NUKDOS was developed to provide a software tool for therapy planning in molecular radiotherapy
- ▶ Available software packages:
  - include only methods for one or several working steps and/or are only commercially available
  - do not include an estimate of the overall error of the absorbed doses

# Aims

- One software tool for all relevant steps
  - Implementation of robust and objective methods
  - Calculation of an overall error (uncertainty) for the doses
  - User-friendly
- Improve quality and acceptance of dosimetry

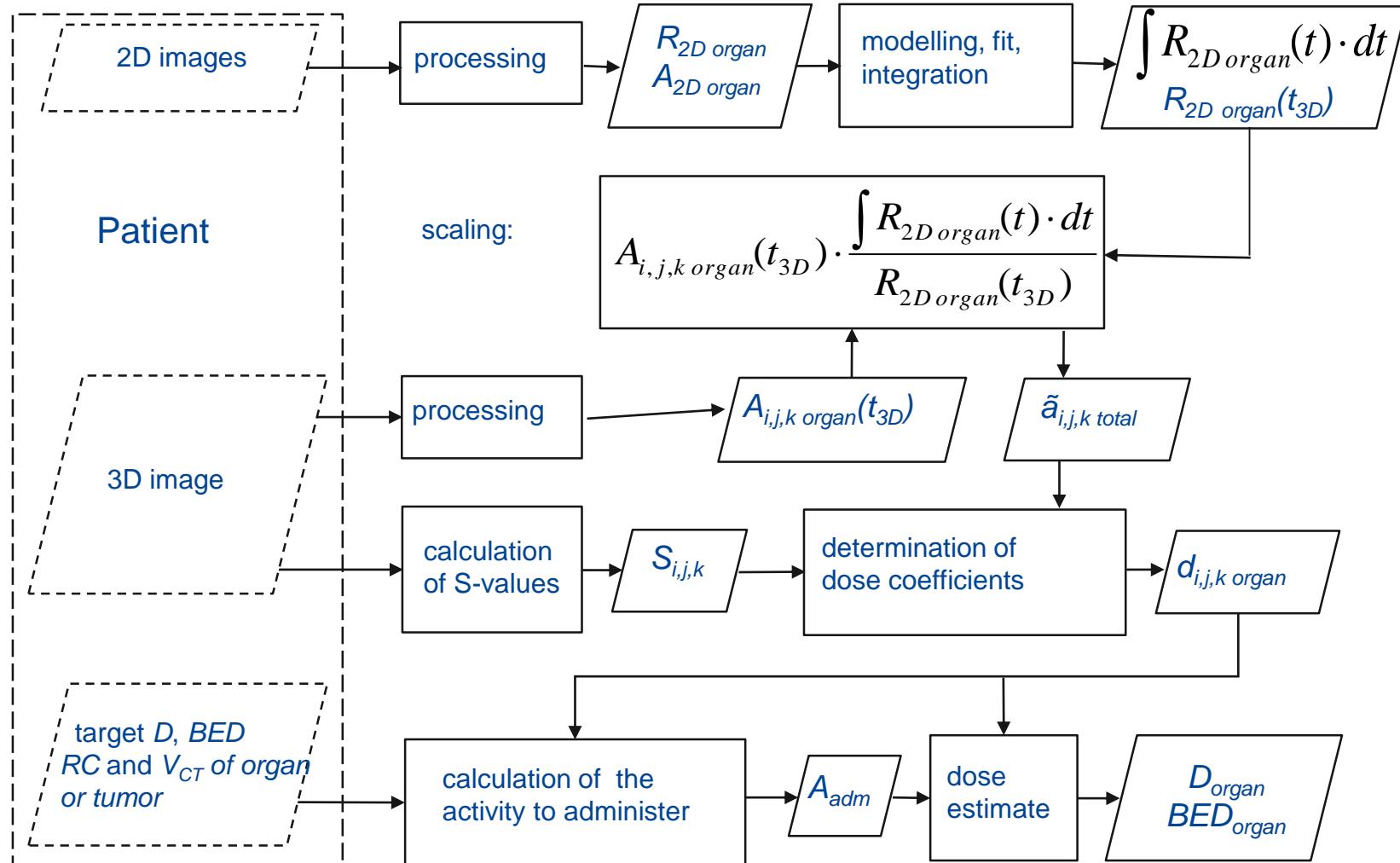
# Methods

- NUKDOS is written in MATLAB

Focus on:

- A series of gamma camera images plus one SPECT/CT (e.g. for PRRT)
- Inclusion of data from
  - External Counting
  - Blood sampling
- MIRD formalism on the voxel level
  - One SPECT/CT (per organ) → voxel based activity
  - Conjugate view gamma camera images → organ/lesion kinetics
  - S values implemented for 3 nuclides →  $^{90}\text{Y}$ ,  $^{131}\text{I}$  und  $^{177}\text{Lu}$
- Includes EANM SOPs for DTC and Benign Thyroid disease

# Workflow: Series of planar gamma camera images and one SPECT/CT

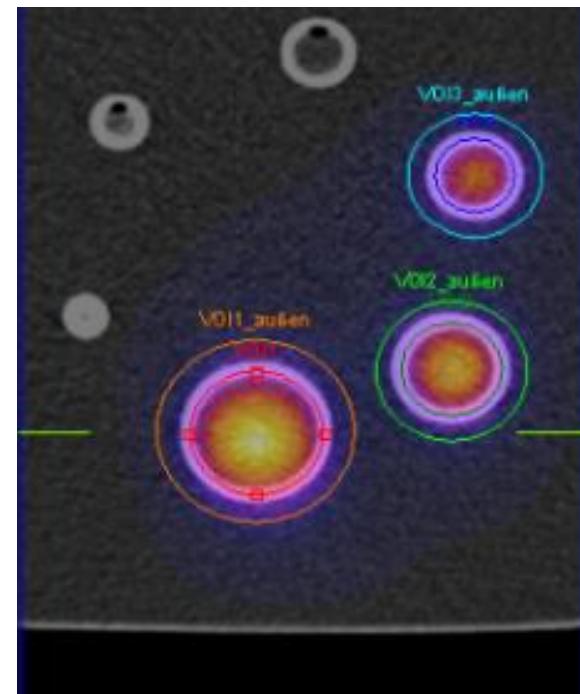
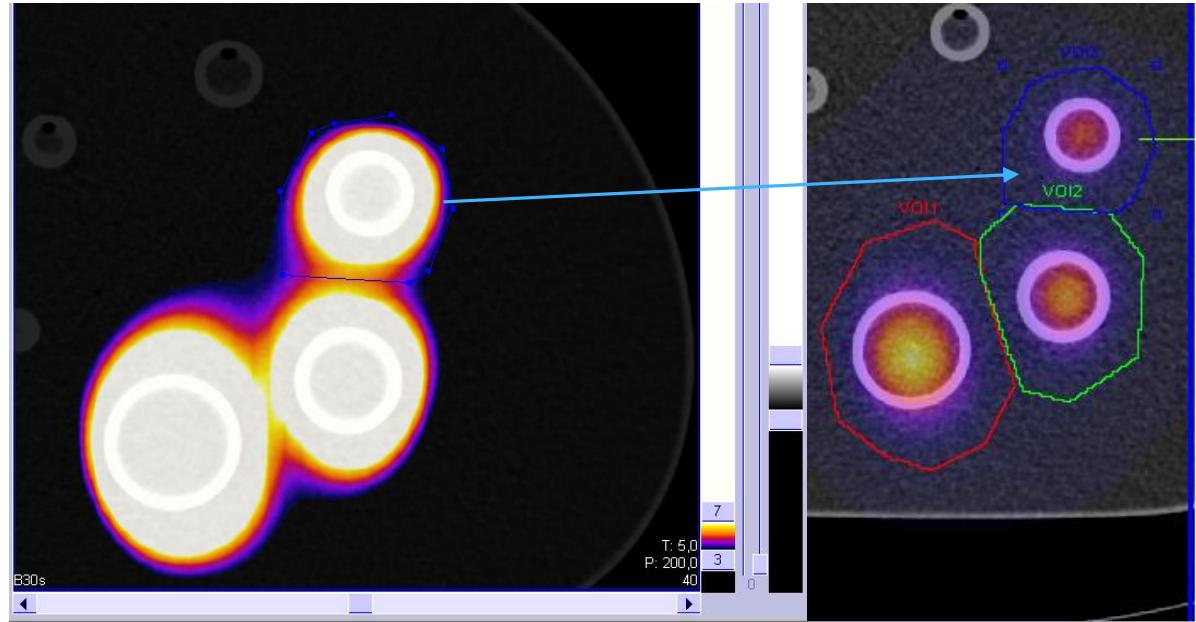


# Calibration – measurement set-up

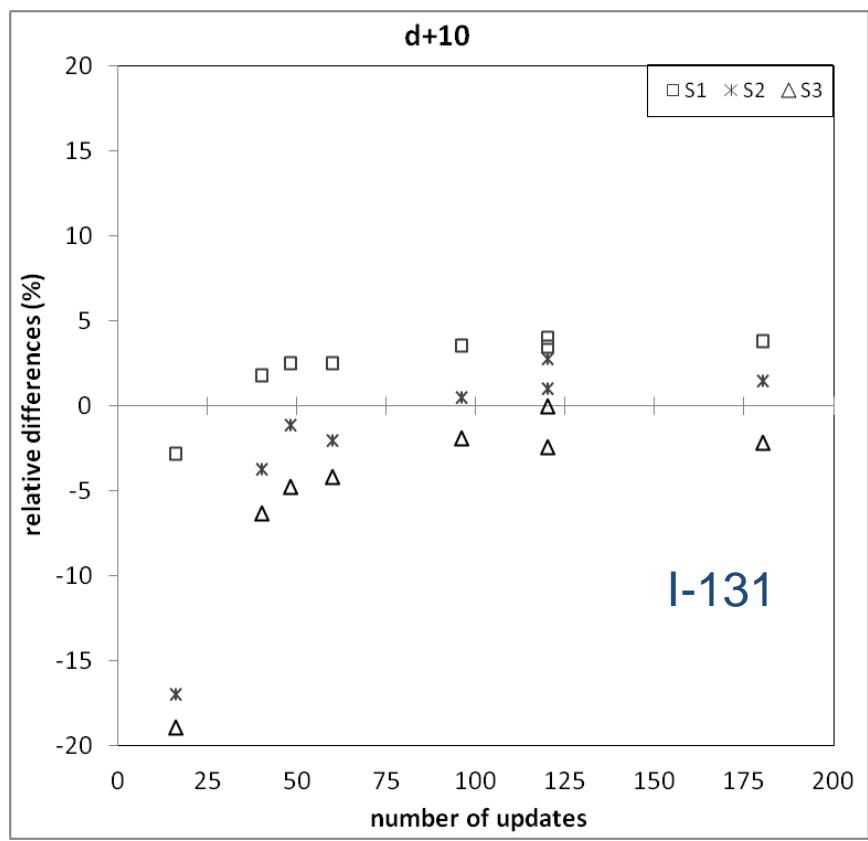
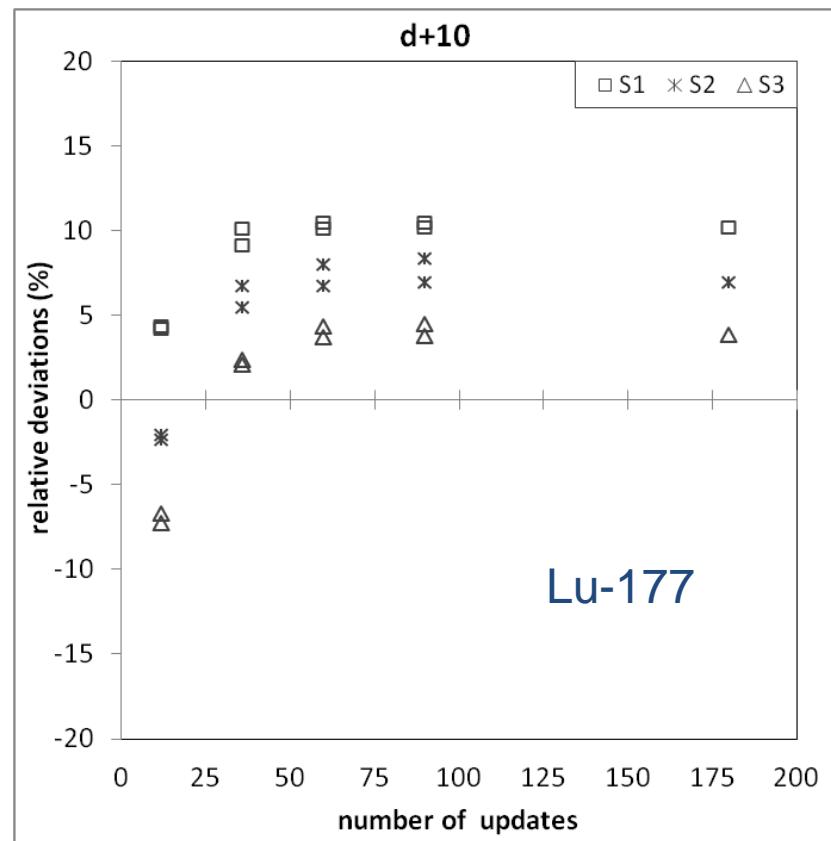


**SPECT/CT: Symbia T2 (Siemens)**

# Calibration and quantification



# Calibration – Reconstruction



Relative deviations as a function of the effective number of iterations for Lu-177 and I-131

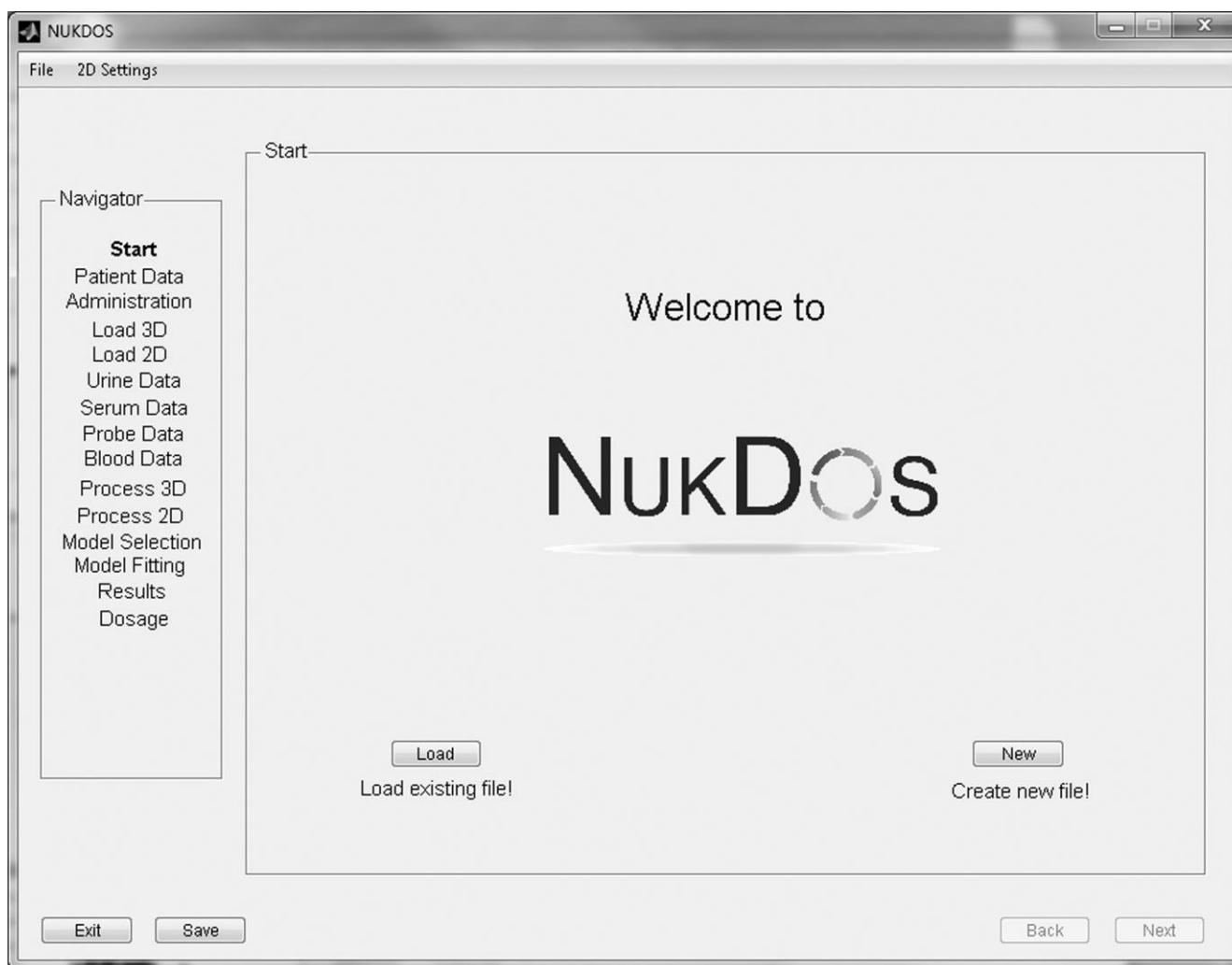
# Example: Application of NUKDOS in PRRT

- ▶ Case:
- ▶ Patient with meningioma
- ▶ Therapy with  $^{90}\text{Y}$ -DOTATATE
- ▶ Pre-therapeutic dosimetry with  $^{111}\text{In}$  -DOTATATE
  
- ▶ Limit: 12 Gy to kidneys
  
- ▶ Activity to administer: ?
- ▶ Dose to spleen, tumour and RM: ?

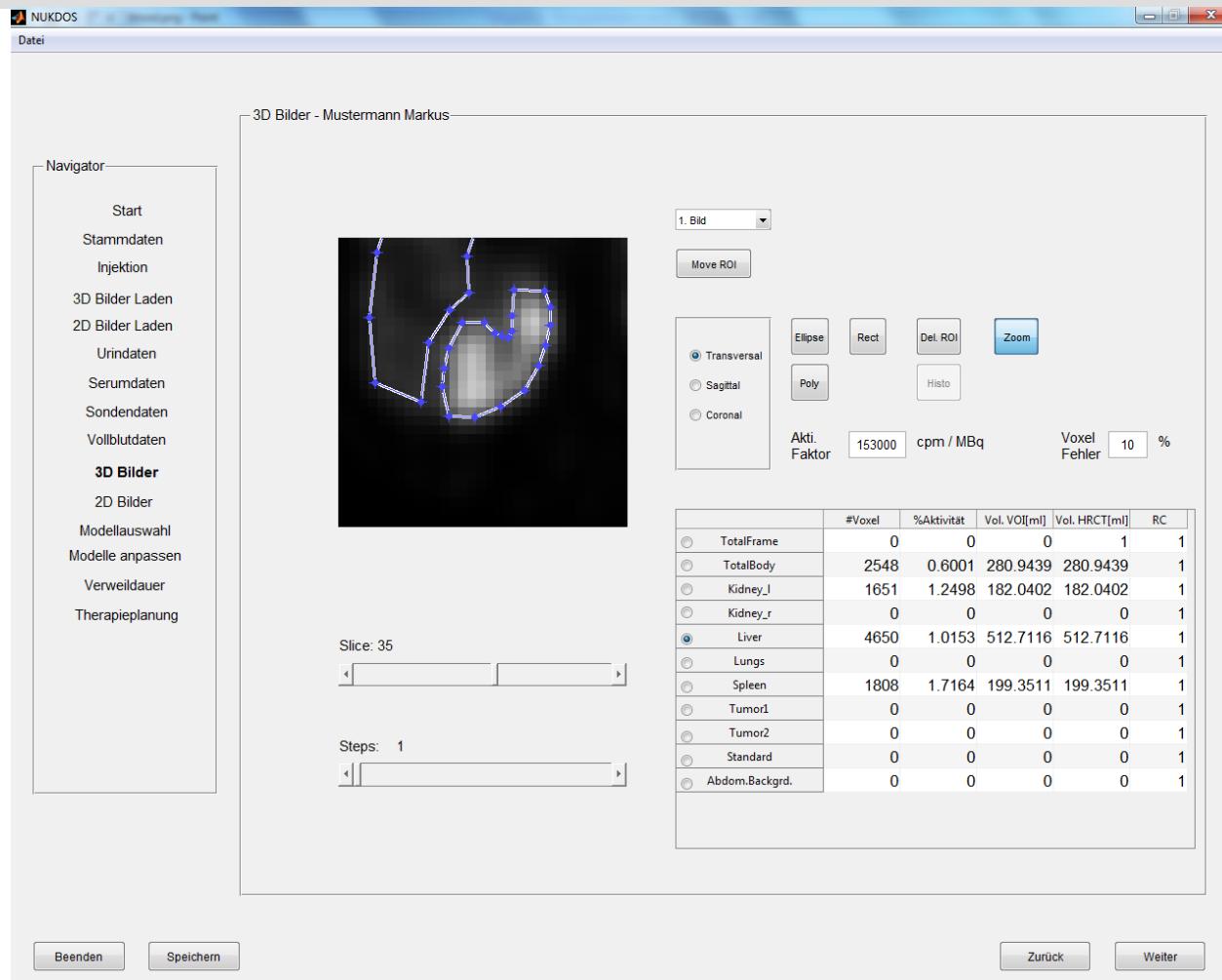
# NUKDOS-Input

- Basic patient data (name, date of birth, height, weight, sex, notes)
- Administered activity (full/empty syringe, dates, times)
- 3D images (SPECT/CT)
- Gamma camera images
- External counting data
  - Blood/serum samples
  - Urine samples

# Starting GUI



# 3D Image Processing



CT measured:

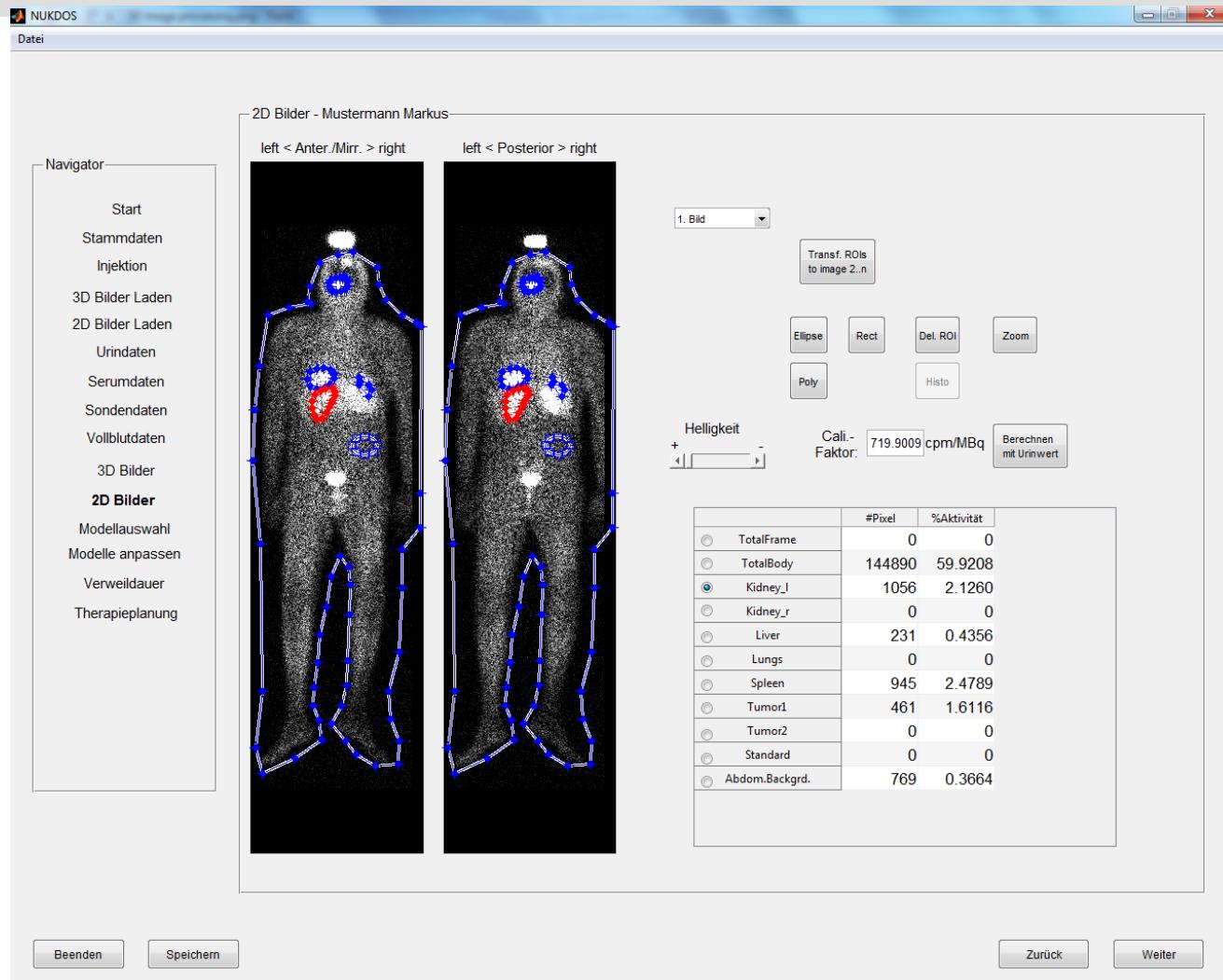
Kidney(l.): 194 ml  
Spleen: 198 ml  
Liver: 1811 ml  
Tumour caudal: 87 ml

Total (uncertainty and bias)

Voxel error: 10%

Conditions: quantitative image

# 2D Image Processing



Validated  
using UlmDos

According to MIRD Pamphlet 16

# Fitting and Model Selection

- Data error (model) specification
- Semi- or fully automated search for starting parameters
- Specification of a priori knowledge of parameter values
- Fit functions (sums of exponentials)
- Model selection using the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)

Kletting P et al. Molecular radiotherapy: The NUKFIT software for calculating the time-integrated activity coefficient. Med Phys 2013; 40: 102504.

# Molecular radiotherapy: The NUKFIT software for time-integrated activity coefficient calculation

- Provides a realistic set of functions for NM data
- Minimizes a given objective function
- Provides parameters to determine the quality of the fit
- Provides statistical criteria for choosing the best fit function
- Integrates analytically
- Determines the standard error of the result
- Validated using SAAM2 as comparison



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## Choice of fit functions

Kletting et al., Med Phys, 2013

$$f_1(t) = A_1 e^{-\lambda_{phys} t}$$

$$f_2(t) = A_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t}$$

$$f_3(t) = A_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t} + A_2 e^{-\lambda_{phys} t}$$

$$f_4(t) = A_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t} + A_2 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t}$$

$$f_5(t) = A_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t} + A_2 e^{-(\lambda_2 + \lambda_{phys})t} + A_3 e^{-\lambda_{phys} t}$$

$$f_6(t) = A_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t} + A_2 e^{-(\lambda_2 + \lambda_{phys})t} + A_3 e^{-(\lambda_3 + \lambda_{phys})t}$$

$$f_{4A}(t) = A_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t} - A_1 e^{-(\lambda_2 + \lambda_{phys})t} = A_1 [e^{-\lambda_1 t} - e^{-\lambda_2 t}] e^{-\lambda_{phys} t}$$

$$f_{6A}(t) = A_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t} + A_2 e^{-(\lambda_2 + \lambda_{phys})t} - (A_1 + A_2) e^{-(\lambda_3 + \lambda_{phys})t}$$

$$f_{4B}(t) = A_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t} + (1 - A_1) e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t}$$

$$f_{6B}(t) = A_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_{phys})t} + A_2 e^{-(\lambda_2 + \lambda_{phys})t} + (1 - A_1 - A_2) e^{-(\lambda_3 + \lambda_{phys})t}$$

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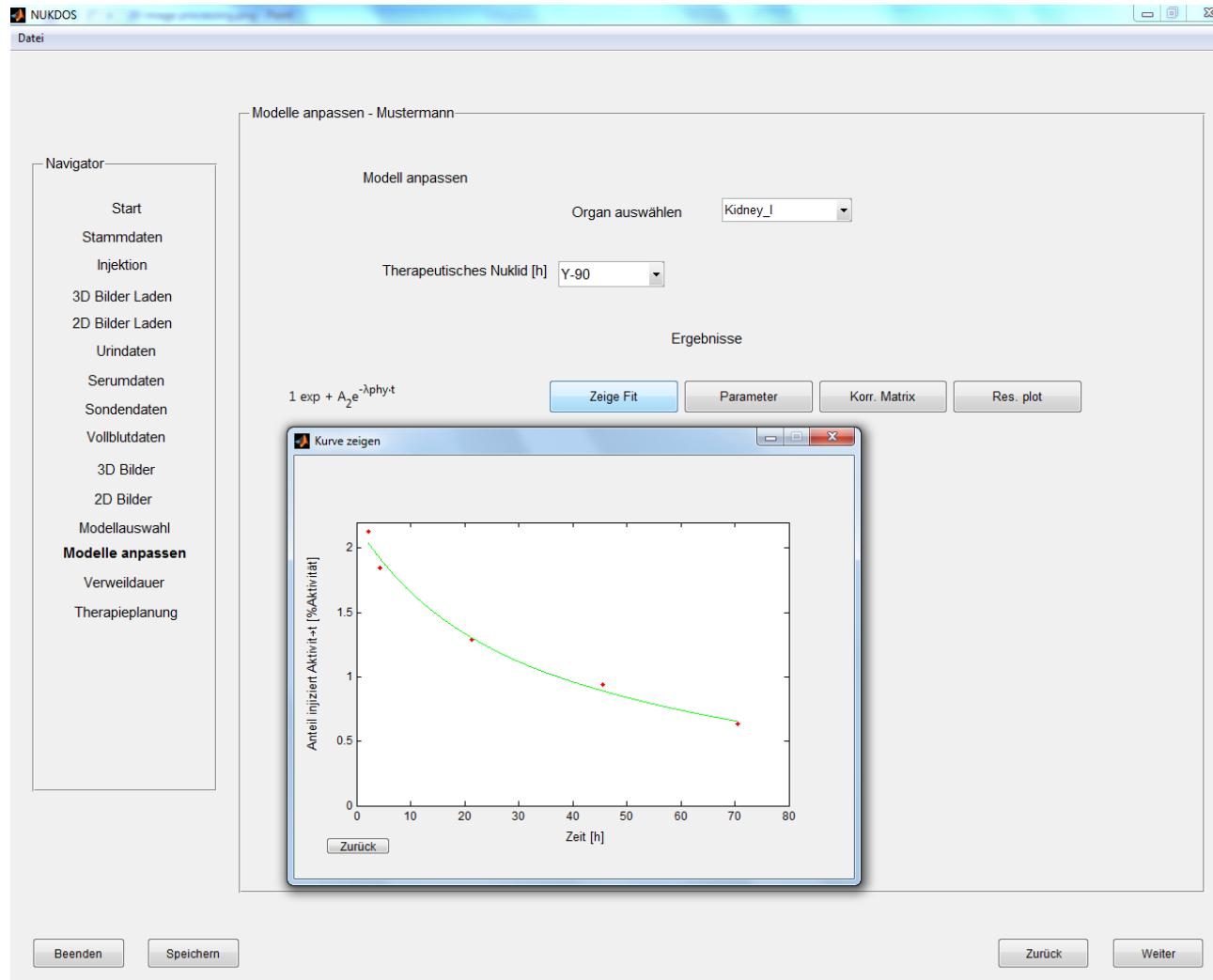
Parameters to determine the quality of the fit

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Results	Condition	Quality control
Plot	...	Visible inspection
$R^2$ <sup>a</sup>	...	Close to 1
AIC <sup>b</sup>	...	Compare with values of other functions
AICc <sup>c</sup>	$J^d + 2 \leq N^e$	Compare with values of other functions
$w_{\text{AICc}}$ <sup>f</sup>	All functions $J + 2 \leq N$	If $w_{\text{AIC}} > 0.01$ function is used for inference
Parameter	$J \leq N$	Plausible values
Parameter SE	$J + 1 \leq N$	$\text{CV} < 25\%$ precise <sup>g</sup> ; $\text{CV} < 50\%$ acceptable <sup>h</sup>
Correlation matrix	$J + 1 \leq N$	$-0.8 < \text{each element} < 0.8$ <sup>i</sup>
Weighted residuals	...	Random distribution

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# Fitting

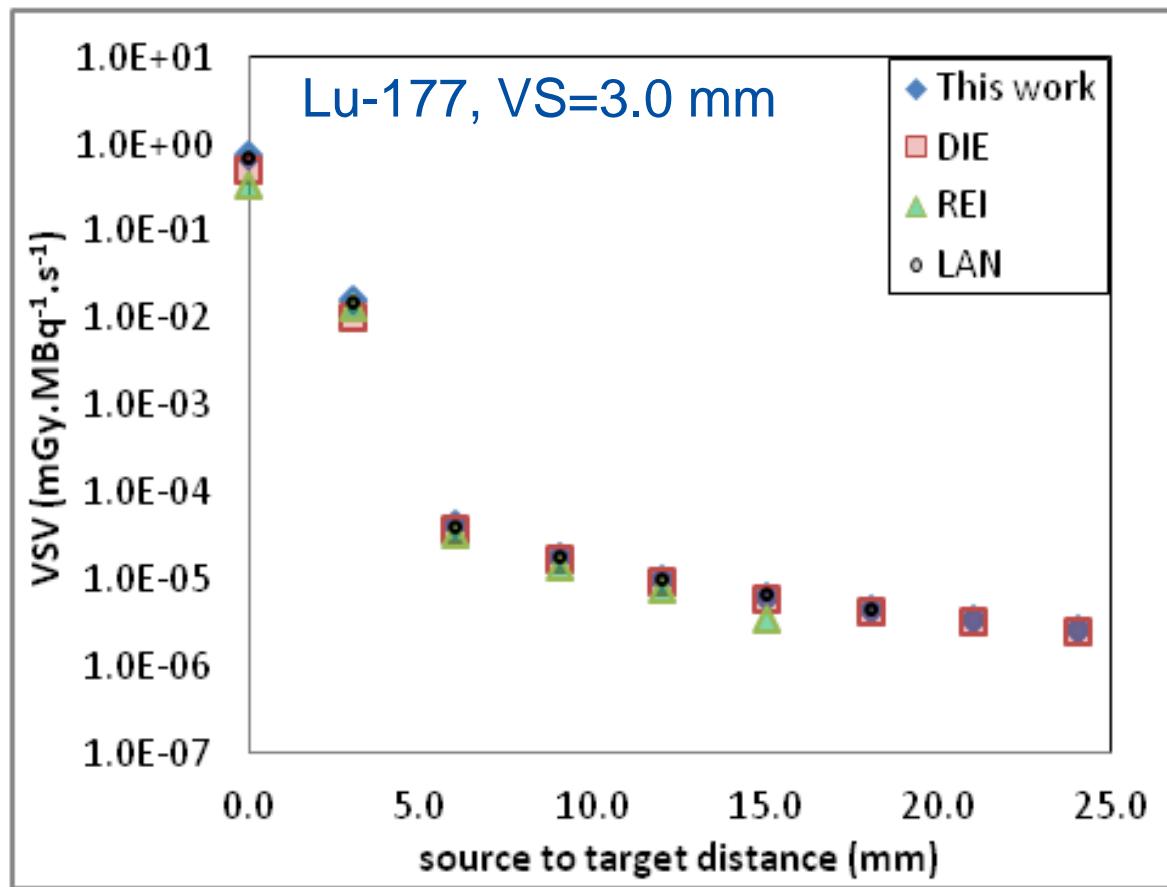


# Voxel S Values (VSVs)

- 3 nuclides are supported:  $^{90}\text{Y}$ ,  $^{177}\text{Lu}$  and  $^{131}\text{I}$
- Images with cubical voxels of arbitrary size
- On-the-fly rescaling of pre-tabulated fine-grid Monte-Carlo simulation data obtained with MCNPX

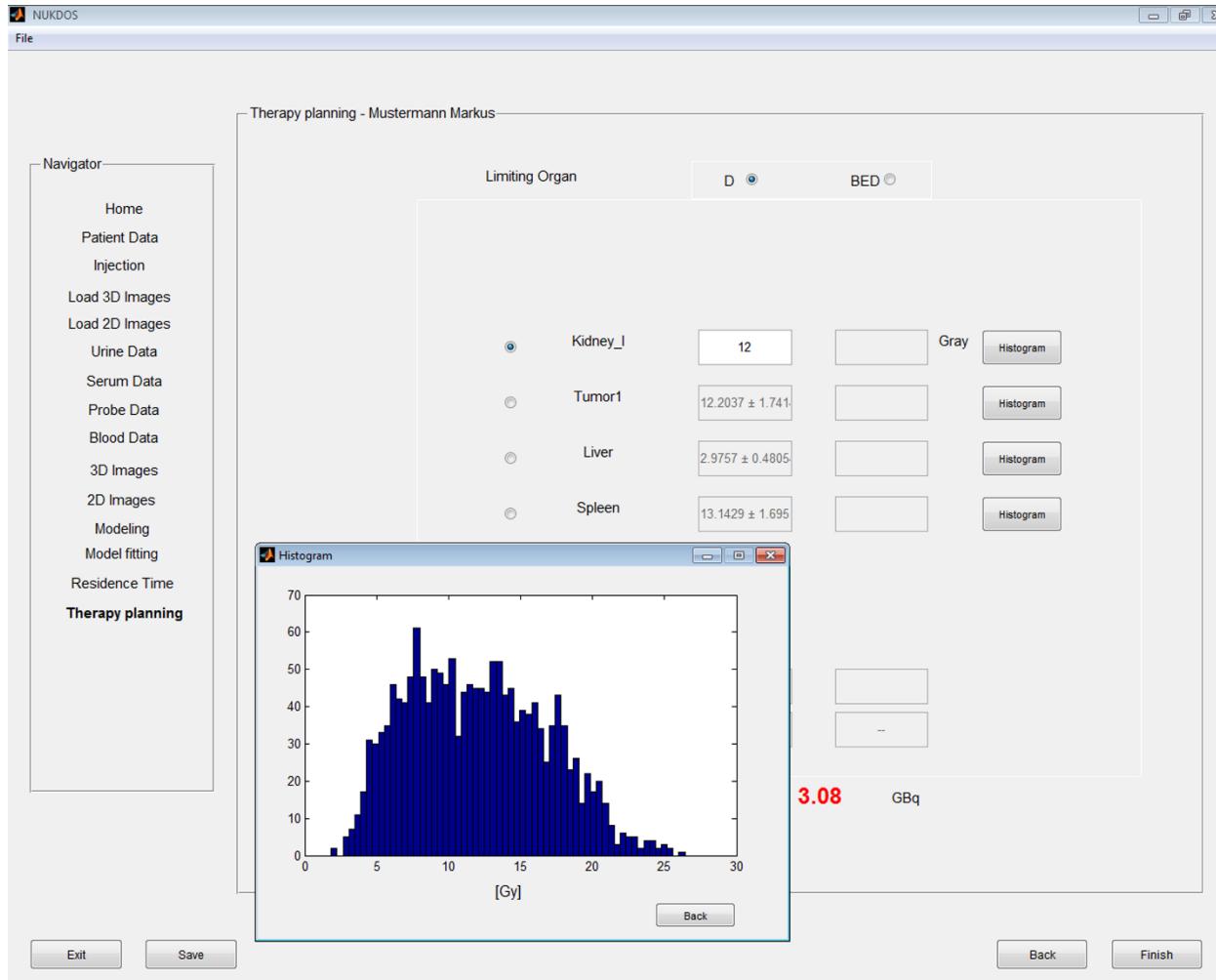
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# Therapy Planning



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# Conclusion

- ▶ NUKDOS can be applied for Dosimetry in PRRT using a series of planar gamma camera images and one SPECT/CT. NUKDOS:
  - allows voxel-based dosimetry
  - provides an error estimate for the calculated absorbed doses
  - allows seamless workflow, no additional software is required
  - is freely available (January 2015)
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