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Radiation Protection Research' under Horizon 2020

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**Topic 1: “Improvement of health risk assessment
associated with low dose/dose rate radiation”**

Research interests :

low dose/dose rate exposure

internal contamination

Studies on effects of internal contamination at IRSN laboratory of epidemiology

- French cohort of uranium miners – Estelle Rage/Sophie Ancelet
- French cohort of nuclear fuel cycle workers – Eric Samson/Olivier Laurent
- CURE project – Dominique Laurier and CURE consortium

Key words:

- Low dose/dose rate effects
- Internal contamination
- Health risk assessment
- Shape of the dose-response relationships
- Cancer and non-cancer effects

French uranium miners cohort

Aims

- ▶ to characterise dose-risk relationships for internal contamination
- ▶ cancer-and non-cancer effects



Study design:

- Retrospective cohort of 5,086 uranium miners (Rage et al, IAOEH 2015)
- Follow-up 1946-2012
- Organ doses from radon, uranium and gamma rays estimated
- Smoking, BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol data in nested case-control studies
- Methodological developments (modelling of uncertainties, Bayesian modelling)

Recent results:

- Modelling of measurement error in dose-response analyses (Allodji et al, 2012)
- Direct assessment of radiation quality effect of α particles (Rage et al, 2012)
- Case-control study of cardiovascular diseases (Drubay et al, 2015)

Perspectives:

- Bayesian modelling of dose-response relationships (Sabine Hoffman, PhD student)

French nuclear fuel cycle workers: the TRACY cohort

Aims

- ▶ to characterise dose-risk relationships for internal contamination
- ▶ Focus on cancer-and non-cancer effects



Study design:

retrospective cohort 12,700 fuel cycle workers (Samson et al, BMJ open 2016)

- Follow-up 1968-2012
- Smoking, BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol: repeated data computerized for 4,500 workers
- Reconstruction of internal doses for 4500 workers (in collaboration with IRSN/SDI/LEDI)
- Exposure parameters and other occupational exposures: Job Exposure Matrices

Recent results:

- Exposure/risk relationships based on Job Exposure Matrices (Canu et al 2010, 2011, 2012, Zhivin et al 2015)
- Nested case-control study of cardiovascular diseases (S Zhivin, PhD student)

Perspectives:

- Internal dose /risk analyses (Ségolène Bouet, PhD student)
- Analysis of association between internal dose and blood pressure

CURE «Concerted Uranium Research in Europe»

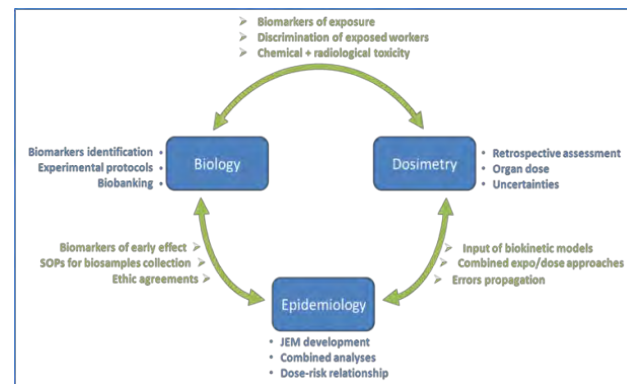
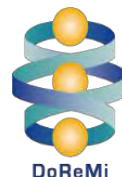
Aims

To elaborate a multidisciplinary research project integrating **epidemiology, biology and dosimetry** to improve the assessment of **risks (cancer and non-cancer)** associated with **occupational uranium exposure**

- **Pooled analyses** of **epidemiological** cohorts (miners/workers)
- **Molecular epidemiology** approach



- **Concerted Action** supported by **DoReMi**
- **9 European partners**
- July 2013 → Dec 2014
- Coordination : IRSN



Results:

A **protocol** has been **produced** (DoReMi 2015, Laurent et al., submitted; Gueguen et al, in preparation)

Perspectives:

Search for funding to implement the developed research project

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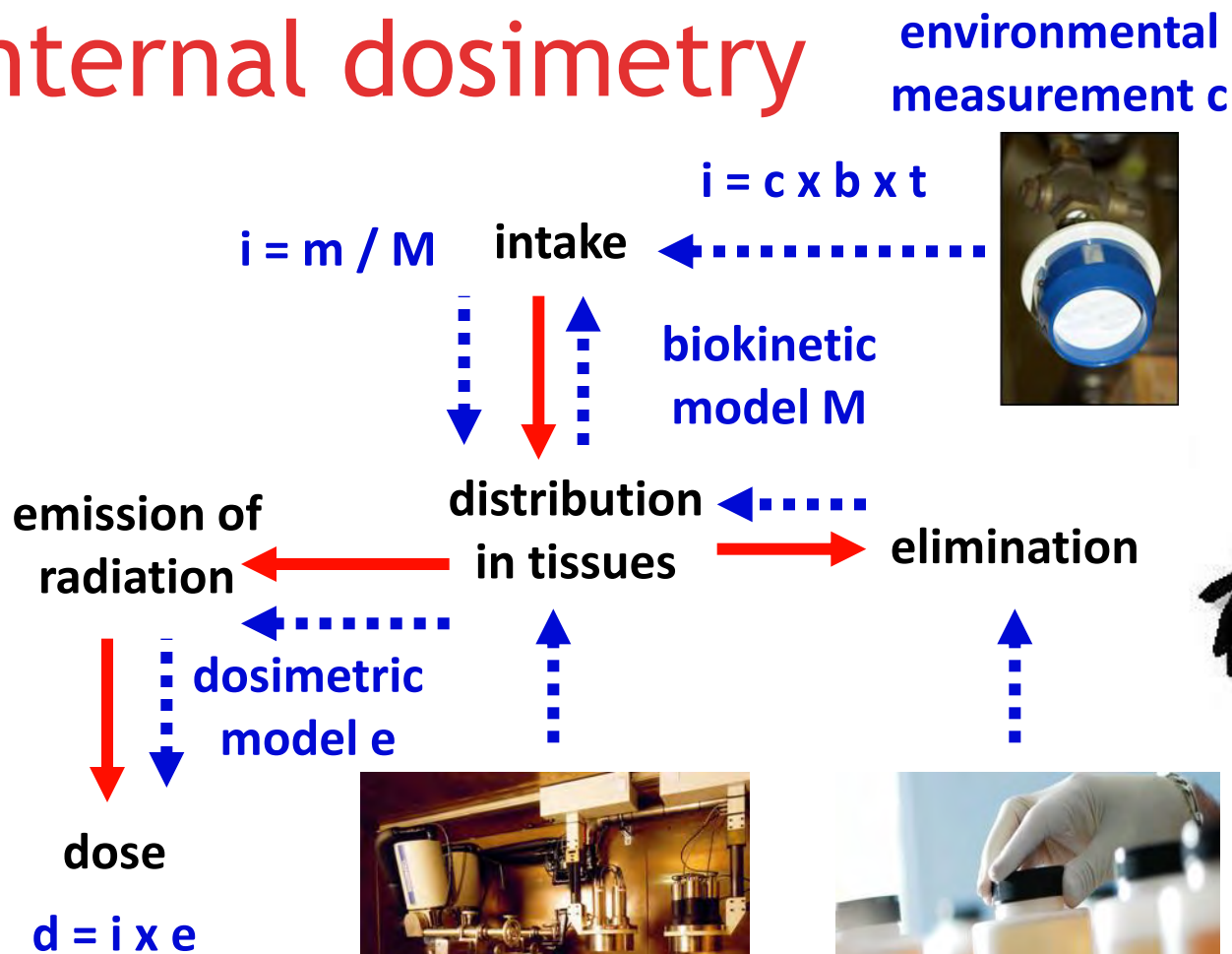
**Radiochemistry
laboratory**

**Laboratory of internal
dose assessment**

Bioassays laboratory

Internal dosimetry department (research team)

Internal dosimetry



in vivo / in vitro measurement m



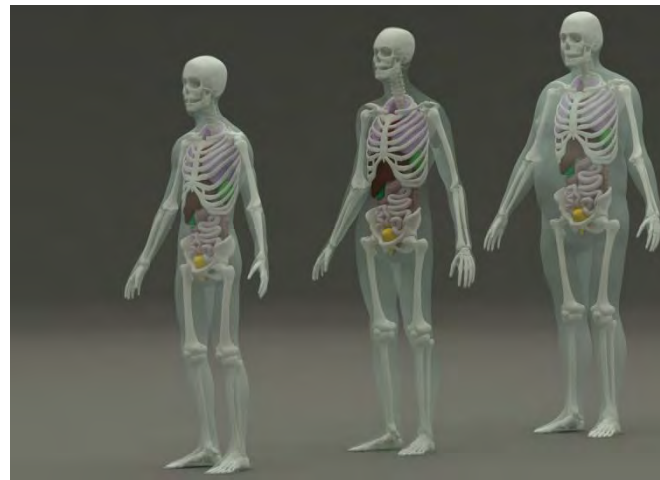
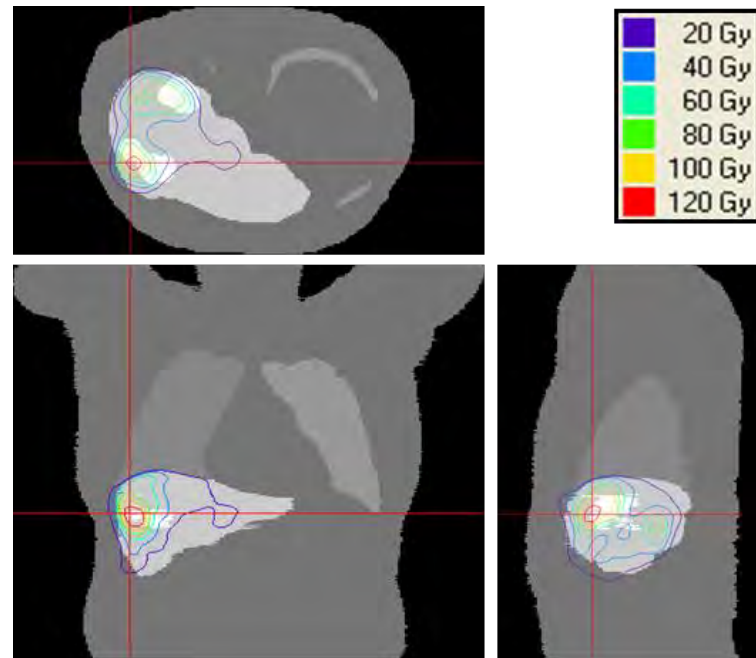
Internal dosimetry main research activities

■ Patient dosimetry in nuclear medicine

- Dosimetry at cellular and organ level
- Development of computer codes (OEDIPE)
- Individual patient images and data from French hospitals
- Application to new targeted radiotherapy protocols

■ In vivo measurement calibration

- Development of voxel and NURBS phantoms
- Physical organ phantoms with 3D printers
- Application to thyroid monitoring in nuclear emergency (CATHyMARA project within OPERRA)
- Application to staff monitoring in nuclear medicine



Internal dosimetry main research activities

■ Biokinetic models

- Update of existing models (ICRP-IDC task group)
- Development of computer codes (OPSCI)
- Assessment of uncertainty on dose
- Application to epidemiological studies (Alpha-Risk project in EC FP6, CURE in DoReMi)



■ In vitro measurement of radionuclides

- Localization (SIMS) and speciation of radionuclides in cells and tissues
- Improvement of techniques for actinides measurement
- Application to emergency preparedness (Priodac project, coupling of ICP-MS to calix[6]arene columns for fast and sensitive analysis of U, Pu, Am)



Internal dosimetry department (research team)

Michèle Agarande (head)

Valérie Renaud-Sallis (deputy)

Radiochemistry laboratory

François Rebière (head)

Céline Bouvier

Géraldine Landon

Alexandre Legrand

Annabelle Manoury

Guillaume Phan

David Suhard

Christine Tessier

Laboratory of internal dose assessment

Didier Franck (head)

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Eric Blanchardon

David Broggio

Cécile Challeton-de Vathaire

Estelle Davesne

Aurélié Desbrée

Leila Gharsalli

Nora Hocine

Ana Taborda

**+ 6 non research staff (in vivo
measurement)**

Bioassays laboratory

**Christine Bartizel (head) – 14 staff members, no
research activity**

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Laboratoire d'ECOTOxicologie des radionucléides

Christelle Adam-Guillermin
Head of laboratory



❑ Predictive ecotoxicology

- Role of genetic and epigenetic factors on transgenerational effects
- Drivers of radiosensitivity (DNA damage, protein carbonylation...)
- Consequences of these molecular changes on survival, behaviour, reproduction, development, longevity

❑ Biomarkers as biomonitoring tools (Chernobyl, Fukushima)



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- Energy resources management and fitness of organisms (Dynamic Energetic Budget)
- Prediction of biological effects on population dynamics
- Long term transgenerational effects (genetic adaptation)

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Research interests : biological models

- ✓ Biological models widely used for cellular and molecular studies ; sequenced genome

In vivo



Zebrafish

- ✓ Maximal body size < 4.5 cm
- ✓ Generation time < 3 month
- ✓ Radiosensitive



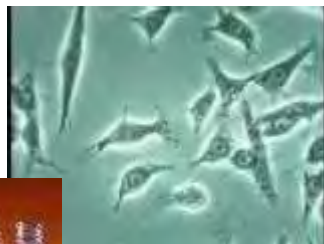
Nematods

- ✓ Maximal body size < 1.5 mm
- ✓ Generation time < 3 days
- ✓ Rather radioresistant



Daphnids

- ✓ Maximal body size < 2 mm
- ✓ Generation time < 21 days
- ✓ Radiosensitive
- ✓ Clonal organism (parthenogenetic reproduction)



In vitro

- ✓ ZF4 zebrafish fibroblasts
- ✓ RTG trout gonad cells
- ✓ Primary cell cultures (hepatocytes and gonads)



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Karine TACK, PhD

Radiotoxicology Laboratory

Study on effects of **ionizing radiations at low doses** on health after :

- internal contamination (U, Cs, Sr, ^3H , ...) for ingestion and inhalation exposure pathways
- external irradiation

Different organs/systems : Central nervous system (CNS), cardiovascular, kidney, hematopoietic, reproduction, metabolic (D Vitamin, xenobiotics, cholesterol, ...) systems

On CNS : neurogenese, neuroinflammation, synaptic transmission, transport/transfer mechanisms (BBB, olfactory nerve), behavior analysis

On cardiovascular system : atherosclerose, inflammation, adaptation mechanism

In vivo studies on Uranium :

- transgenerational study (3 generations)
 - CNS, reproduction, metabolisms, metabolomic and epigenetic analyses
- *in utero* and post-natal study (neurogenesis)
- Nose-only system (micro and nanoparticles) :
 - olfactif nerve transfer / brain effect

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Sophie JACOB, PhD
Radiation epidemiologist

Research interests
Laboratory of Epidemiology - Medical exposure

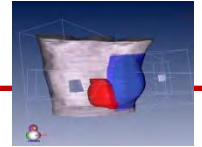
Side effects of radiotherapy

molecular epidemiology

- Heart : BACCARAT study - Sophie Jacob
- Brain: EPIBRAINRAD - Marie-Odile Bernier

Early detection and prediction of cardiotoxicity after radiation therapy for breast cancer: the BACCARAT study sophie.jacob@irsn.fr

*Much before clinical onset of cardiac dysfunction arising 5-10 years after breast RT:
First cardiac changes ?*



Aims:

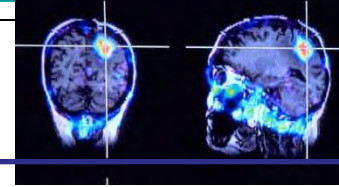
- ▶ to evaluate the occurrence of **subclinical cardiac changes** occurring after RT based on functional and anatomical cardiac imaging,
- ▶ to define the **potential role of circulating biomarkers** in the assessment of RT-related cardiotoxicity (work performed with biologists R Tamarat, F Millat IRSN)
- ▶ to evaluate **heart absorbed doses** : whole heart and substructures (work performed with dosimetrists D Broggio and S Derreumaux IRSN)
- ▶ **dose-response relationships** and normal tissue complication probability (NTCP)

- **Study design** : Prospective monocentric cohort of 120 breast cancer patients treated with 3D-CRT, without chemotherapy, aged 50-70 years, **followed for 2 years** (biomarkers, cardiac imaging)

Results: The study is currently recruiting participants. Inclusions started in October 2015 (20 patients included). End of inclusion in 2017. End of study 2019

Conclusion: improving knowledge on cardiotoxicity and anticipating the cardiac risk after breast RT

Study of Neurological Complication After Radiotherapy for High Grade Glioblastoma EPIBRAINRAD marie-odile.bernier@irsn.fr



To gain further insight in the radiation-induced leukoencephalopathy

Aims

- ▶ to study the **onset and evolution** of leukoencephalopathy using specific cognitive tests, Magnetic Resonance Imagery (MRI) scans of the brain
- ▶ to study predictive **bio-markers** of cognitive impairments (work performed with biologists R Tamarat, F Millat, P Lestavel IRSN)
- ▶ To study the **relation** between the risk of leukoencephalopathy and the received dose to the brain

- **Study design** : a 3-year prospective cohort of 200 adult patients having undergone cerebral radiotherapy for glioma (stage 3-4), who will be followed every 2-3 months for a period **of 3 years** after enrolment (biomarkers, neuro-psychological tests, MRI scans).

Results: The study is currently recruiting participants. Inclusions started in May 2015 (35 patients included). End of inclusion in 2018

Exposure to IR during childhood

Epidemiology

- COCCINELLE study - Hélène Baysson
- Cohorte Enfant-Scanner - Marie-Odile Bernier

The « *cohorte Enfant Scanner* »

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Main objectives:

Assessment of exposure to CT scans in paediatrics

Analysis of cancer risk related to cumulative doses from childhood CT scans

Study population:

- Children born ≥ 1995 without cancer diagnosis at the 1st CT scan exposed in 2000-2011 to a 1st CT scan < the age of 10 years
- 23 radiology departments of major university hospitals in France
- Follow-up of **cancer incidence and mortality** through national registries

► **67 274 children included (≥ 1 year of follow-up)**

Median duration of follow-up = 4 years

► Exposures

Young ages at the first examination

Low cumulative doses ≈ 7 mGy

► Incident cases (> 1 year after the 1st CT scan)

106 incident cases of cancer

27 tumors of the CNS, 25 cases of leukemia, 21 of lymphoma

Included in EPI-CT European project



Soon possible to obtain cardiovascular events based on database from French health Insurance

The “COCCINELLE*” study

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*Ladybird

A nationwide cohort (retrospective, prospective) of children who underwent a Cardiac Catheterization Procedure before the age of 10, in 2000-2013 in France [Baysson et al. BMC Pub Health 2013]

- **Evaluation of the doses delivered during CCPs in paediatrics in France**
- **Assessment of the subsequent risk of cancer**
 - Recruitment from all departments of paediatric cardiology (15 hospitals)
 - Expected population size: **8 000 children**
 - Individual dosimetric reconstruction
 - **Mortality and cancer incidence** retrieved through the national registries

Preliminary results for the 2 largest centres (Necker and Marie-Lannelongue Hospitals)

- 6 754 CCPs before the age of 10 in 4 865 children (77% of children with 1 CCP)
- **Mean effective dose (mSv)** (PCXMC 2.0)
 - Diagnostic CCP: 4.8 (min-max = 0.3-23)
 - Therapeutic CCP: 7.3 (min-max = 0.1-48)
- ✓ **First linkage with cancer registries scheduled in 2016**
- ✓ **Evaluation of the potential risk of cancer induced by CCP using a quantitative risk assessment approach**

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Laurence Roy, PhD

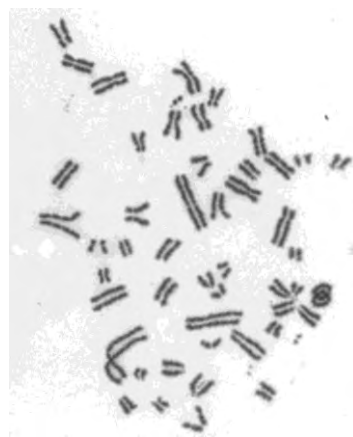
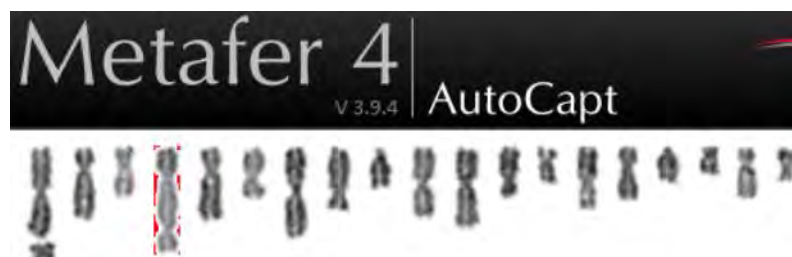
**Radiation biology and epidemiology
department**

Research interests

Biological dosimetry - Biomarkers

Infrastructures

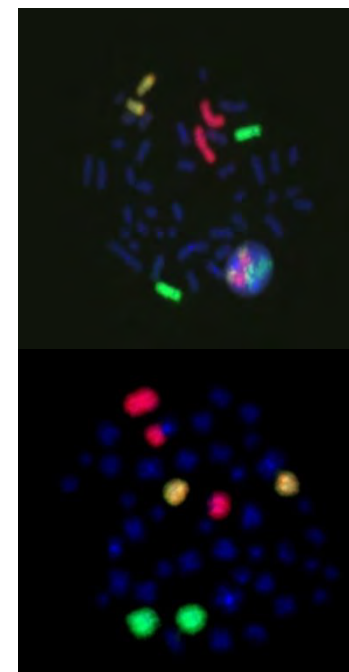
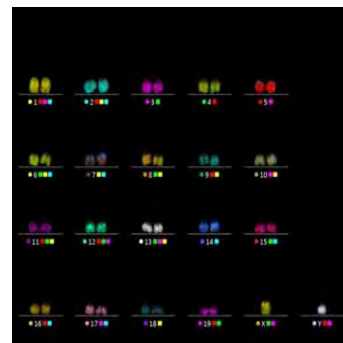
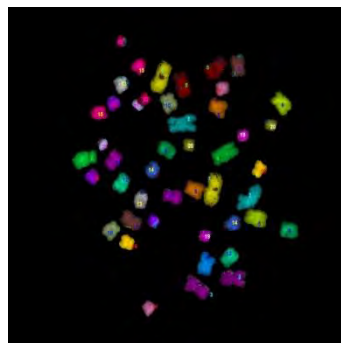
Chromosomal aberration analysis: human and mouse



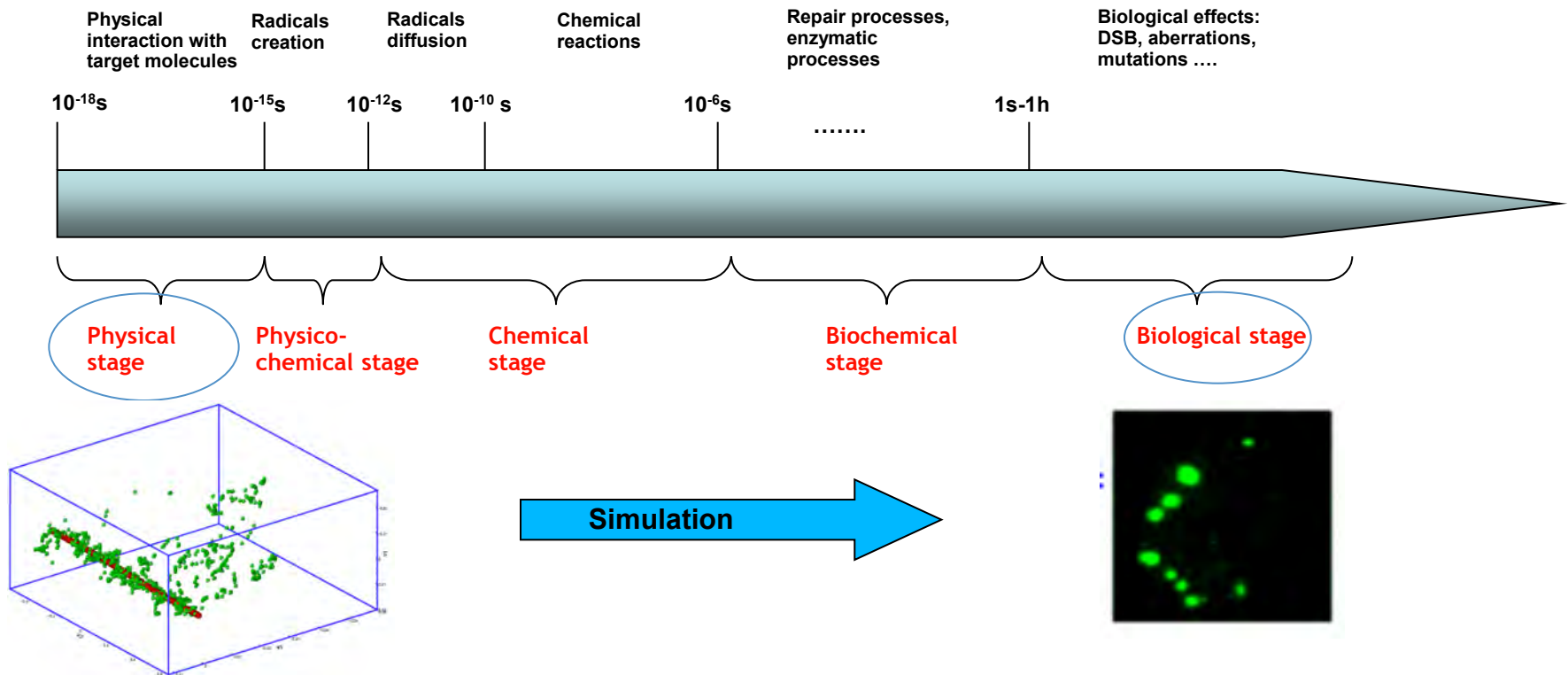
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Nanodosimetry : Track structure simulations using Monte Carlo



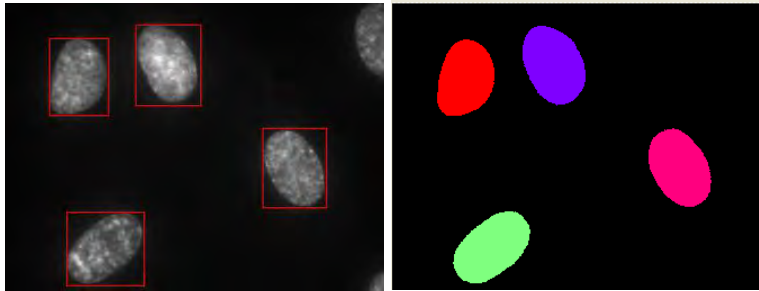
Dedicated biological data are measured using **microbeam** facilities (PTB, Surrey university)

Observations

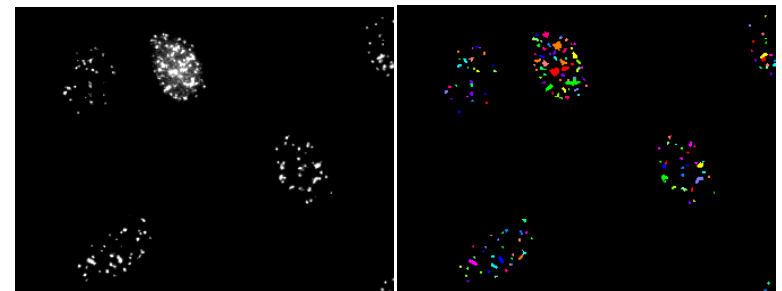


■ Méthodologie

- Logiciel d'analyse d'image basé sur LabVIEW



Détection des Noyaux



Détection des Foci

Plusieurs milliers de noyaux analysés par condition

Plusieurs dizaines de milliers de foci analysés par condition

IRSN Infrastructures





Internal contamination Platform: Parisii 5 000 animals - rats and mice

- Animal experiments : contamination via ingestion and μ and nP inhalation (glovebox)
- Radionuclides : U, Sr, Cs, ^3H , ^{14}C Co, Pb, I, Fe, Na, Ca,...
- Different labs covering:
 - physical measurements (spectrometry α , β , γ),
 - radiochemistry,
 - electron microscopy lab
 - electrophysiology laboratory,
 - behavior laboratory: (Open field, Water Morris maze, Y maze, Porsolt-Test, elevated plus maze, telemetry method)
 - biological analysis laboratories : histology, 2 P2 laboratories for cultured cells contaminated, molecular biology, biochemistry physiology

❑ Gamma irradiator MICADO (Cs-137)



Min dose rate :
control 0.1 $\mu\text{Gy/h}$

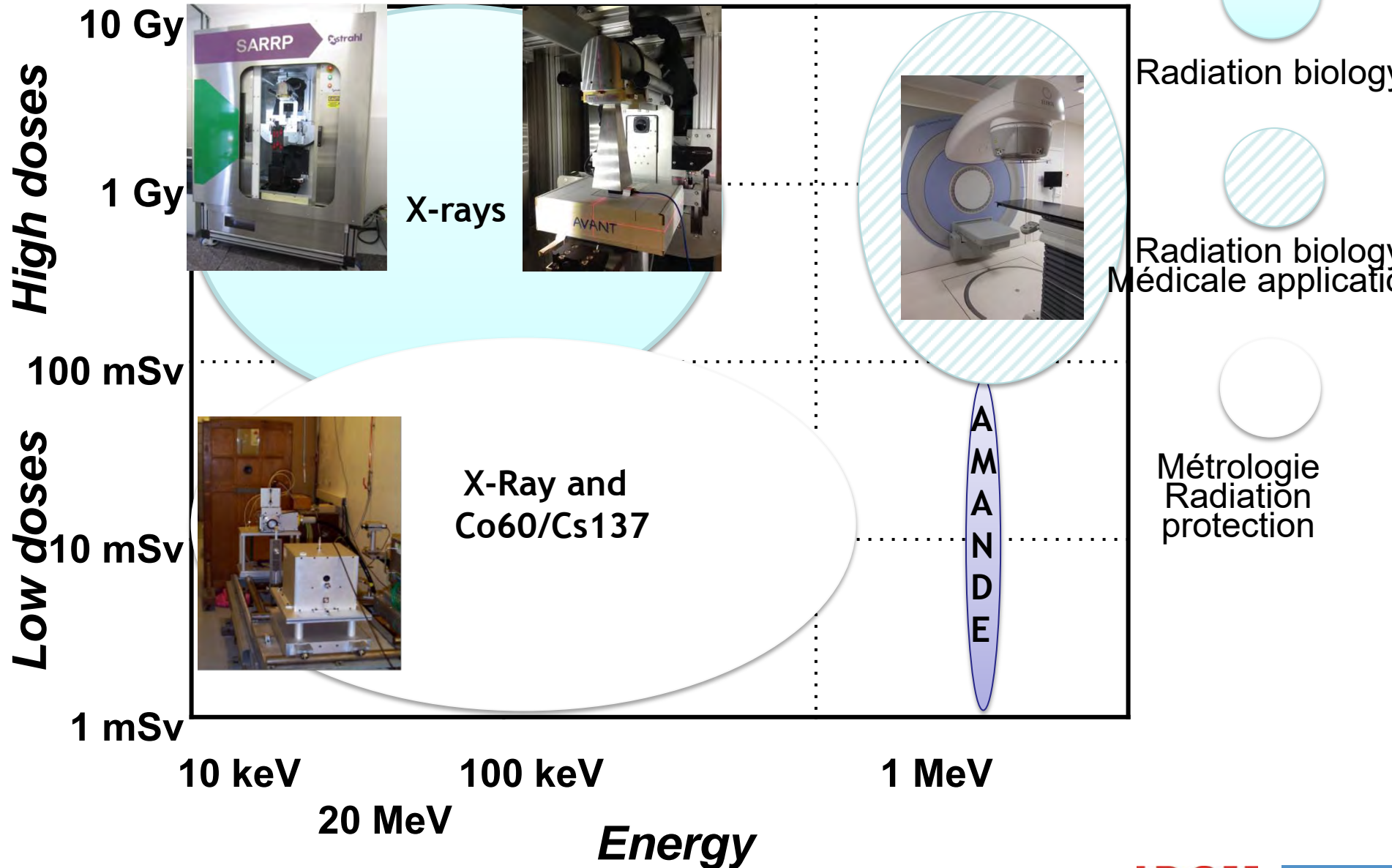
Max dose rate :
100 mGy/h

❑ Contamination area

- Depleted and enriched uranium

- Gamma, beta (e.g. glovebox for tritium), alpha emitters (e.g. Am 241)

IRSN: photons installations



A fleet of mobile units for Accident Monitoring of Internal Contamination

Sending the most appropriate mobile unit to the field (10 hours)

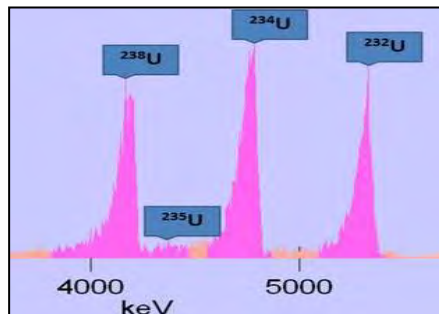
- 4 fast truck labs with whole body and thyroid contamination counters (400 p/d, 10 min counting time, NaI(Tl) detectors)
- 4 shelters with quick whole body and thyroid contamination counters (1000 p/d, 10 min counting time, NaI(Tl) detectors)
- 2 heavy trucks for expertise of internal contamination (80 p/d -GeHP detectors)



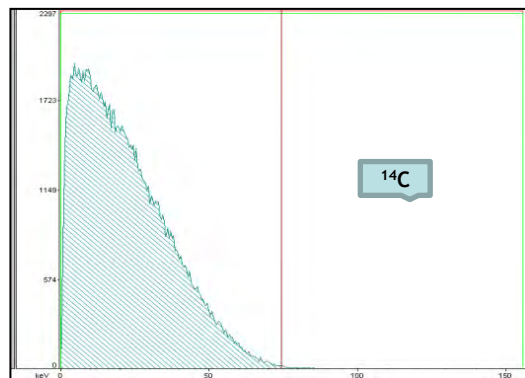
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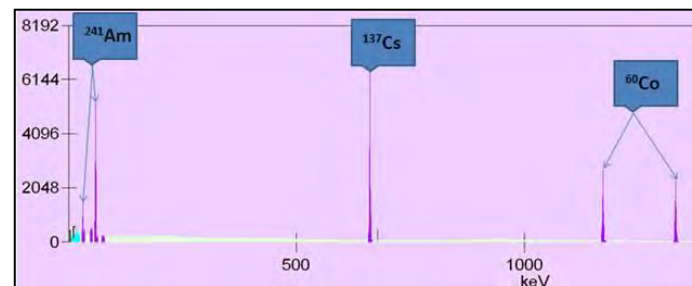
Alpha spectrometry



Liquid scintillation



Gamma spectrometry



α emitters

$^{238-239}\text{Pu}$, $^{241-243}\text{Am}$, $^{228-230-232}\text{Th}$, ^{226}Ra , $^{234-235-238}\text{U}$

β emitters

^3H , ^{14}C , $^{32-33}\text{P}$, ^{35}S , ^{36}Cl , ^{45}Ca , ^{55}Fe , ^{63}Ni , $^{89-90}\text{Sr}$, ^{90}Y , ^{169}Er

directs γ spectrometry

$^{123-125-131}\text{I}$, $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$, ^{67}Ga , ^{201}Tl , ^{111}In , ^{51}Cr , $^{58-60}\text{Co}$, ^{137}Cs

Competencies and research interests

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Competences (1)

- Extensive epidemiological and clinical research on Chernobyl nuclear power plant clean-up workers' health conditions has been done in Latvia during more than 20 last years.
- The comprehensive data on health observations in Chernobyl NPP clean-up workers from Latvia (approximately 6000 people) were collected since the disaster time (1986) till now in the State Register of Persons Exposed to Ionizing Radiation in Chernobyl Accident.

Competences (1)

■ Previous studies included the analysis of late aftereffects of prolonged exposure to low doses of ionizing radiation after nuclear power plant disaster:

- immunological evaluation of changes in the immune system (including immunosenescence),
- biochemical studies of oxidative stress and other molecular disturbances followed the exposure,
- retrospective biodosimetry (from teeth enamel),
- morphological features of thyroid gland diseases,
- electroneurological and psychological evaluation,
- genetic studies (telomere length analysis),
- cause specific morbidity and mortality of CNPP clean-up workers from Latvia compared with general Latvian population.

Research interests in the future

- Collaboration study in field of molecular epidemiologic evaluation to compare populations from different countries previously exposed to ionizing radiation (e.g., Chernobyl accident clean-up workers from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, A-bomb survivors in Japan).
- The retrospective biodosimetry based on the analysis of immune and genetic parameters supported by epidemiological data from previous health observations and data bases.
- Epidemiological data on oncological morbidity and cause specific mortality in whole exposed population.

Thank You for Your Attention and Welcome to Riga (Latvia)!

