

# Microdosimetry of Auger emitters in radioimmunotherapy

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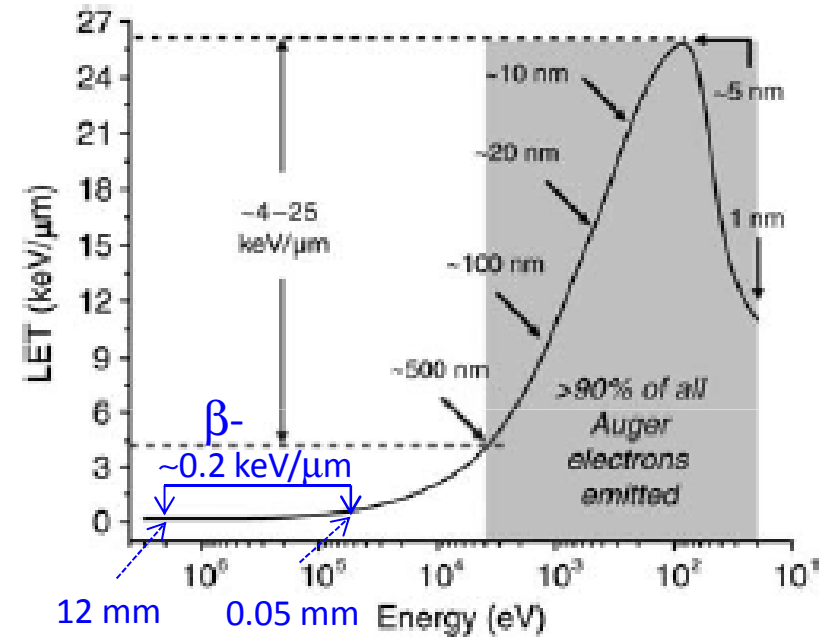
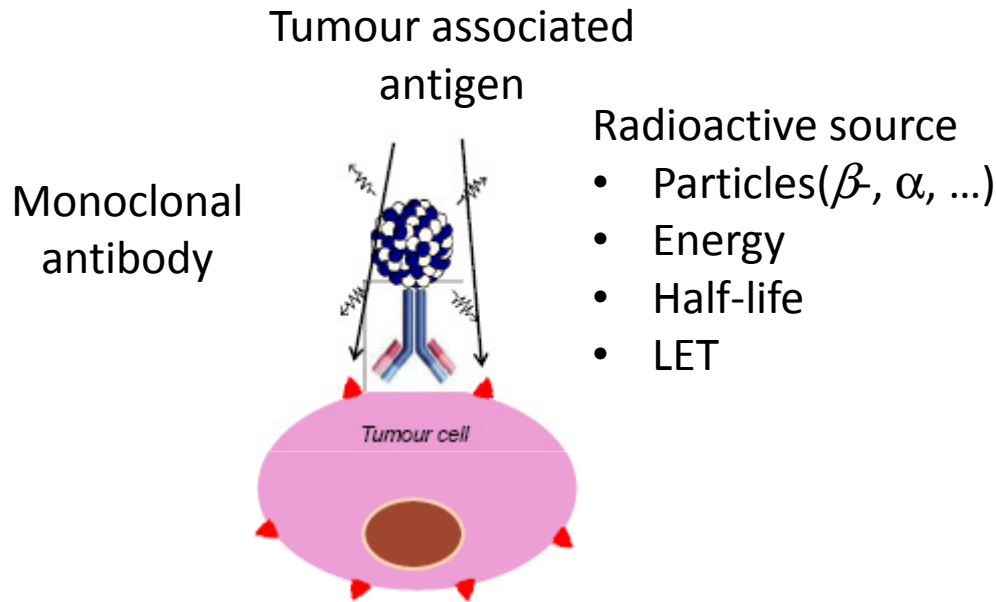
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# General context: RadioImmunoTherapy



Toxicity of surrounded non-targeted cells  
 Ionization density

Auger Electrons

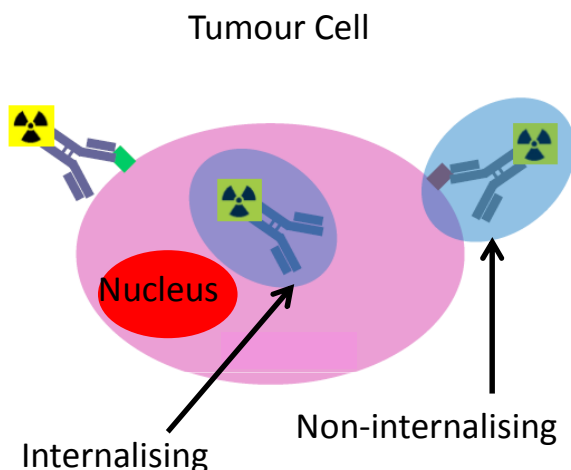
Treatment of solid tumors and single small cells or disseminated residuals tumors

# Radiobiological context

## Study with $^{125}\text{I}$

(A431 vulvar squamous carcinoma cells)

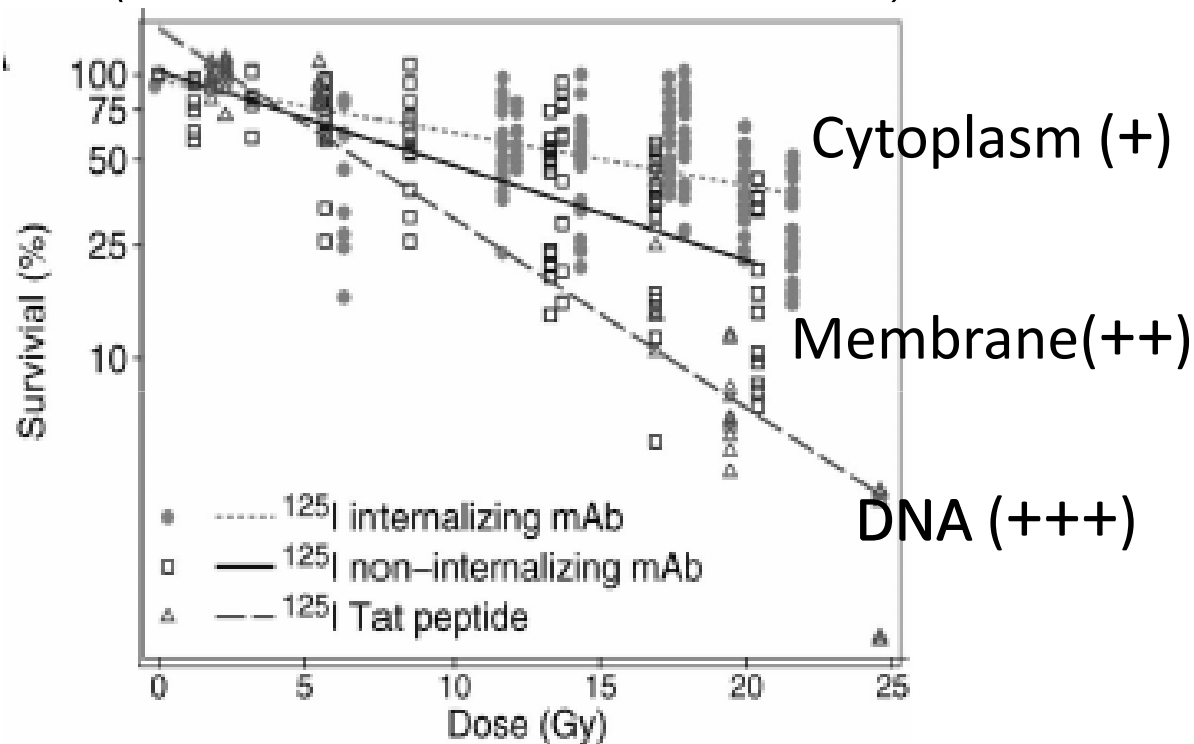
(SKOV3: ovarian carcinoma cells)



$^{125}\text{I}$

Energy: [0.03-34]keV

Half-life: 60 days



Clonogenic survival as a function of the mean nuclear absorbed dose (obtained using MIRD cellular S factors)

# Problematic

Is-it possible to develop realistic cell models  
based on biological data  
to have a better estimation of dose distribution?

**'In vitro' studies**

- Geometry
- Source Distribution

+



**Monte Carlo simulation**

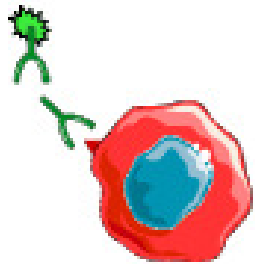
Energy	$N_{<-CS}$
	$S_{\text{sphere}} / S_{\text{ellipsoid}}$
5keV	0.085
10keV	0.713

Goddu *et al.* (1997)

# Method

1

**Biological  
Experiments**



Cell Labelling  
+



Confocal fluorescence  
microscopy

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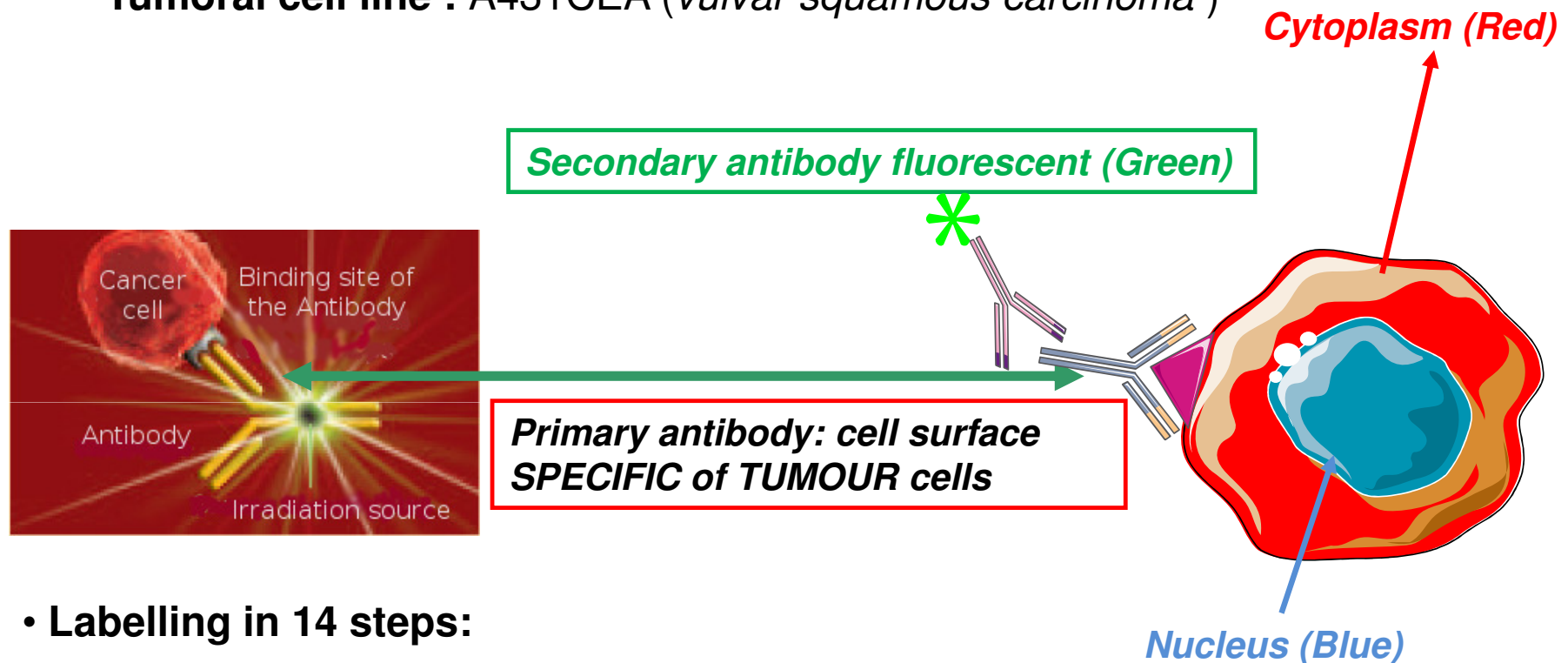
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Incerti S *et al.*, Rad. Prot. Dos., Vol. 133(1), 2 (2009)

Human keratinocyte (HaCaT) line cell (3MeV alpha particles)

# Triple cell labelling

Tumoral cell line : A431CEA (*vulvar squamous carcinoma*)



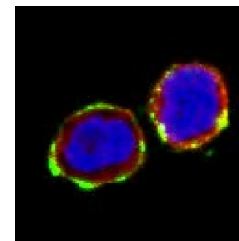
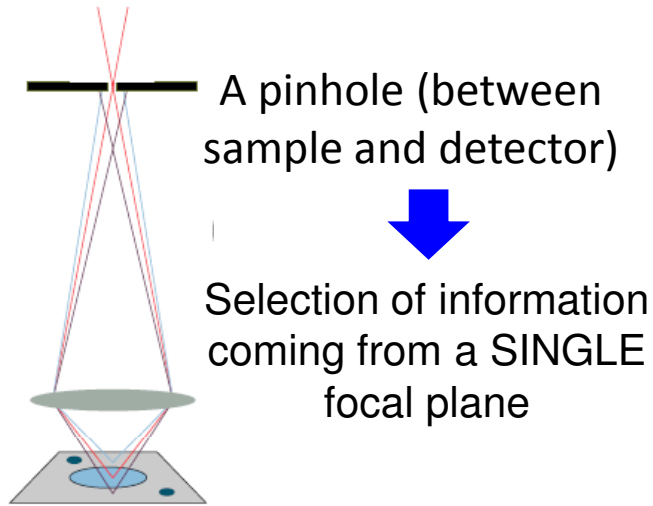
## • Labelling in 14 steps:

- Incubation with antibodies
- Cells are washed between each step
- Uptake
- Permeabilization of cell membrane
- ...

35A7 : non-internalising antibody  
m225 : internalising antibody

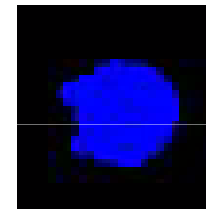
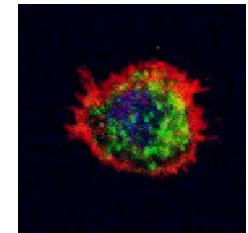
(Transfected with Carcino-Embryonic Antigen CEA)

# Confocal Imaging

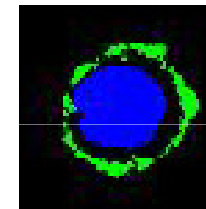


*A431 CEA cell*  
*Blue (470nm): nucleus*  
*Red (630nm): cytoplasm*  
*Green (530nm): source*

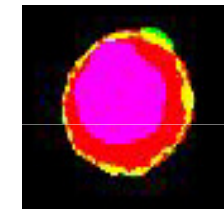
12  $\mu$ m



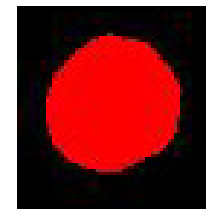
*Nucleus*



*N+Non-Int*



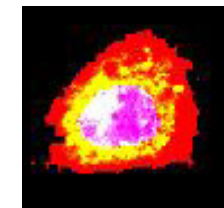
*N+Cy+Non-Int*



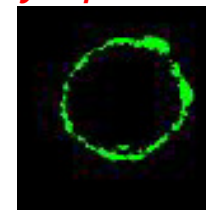
*Cytoplasm*



*N+Cy*



*N+Cy+Int*



*Non-Internalizing source*

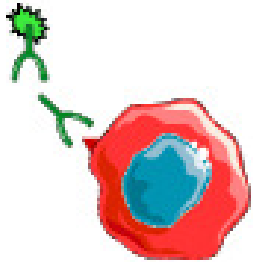
## ADVANTAGES / wildfield

- ↗ Lateral resolution
- To see signals from 1 or several probes
- To built 3D images

# Method

1

**Biological  
Experiments**



Cell labelling  
+

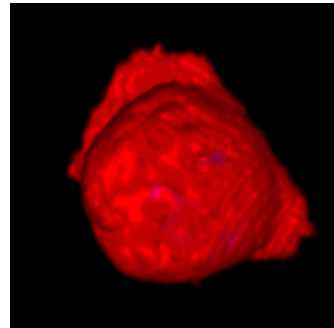
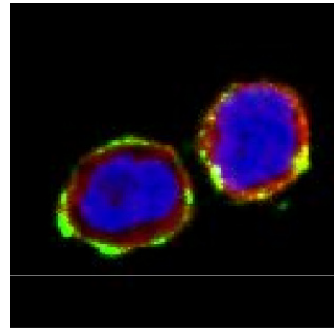


Confocal fluorescence  
microscopy



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**Image treatment  
Geant4 reconstruction**



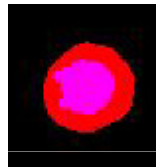
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# Image processing

## Geometry

- Noise subtraction
- Suppress isolated pixels
- Fill holes for lack of labelling areas
- Suppress 'overlap'



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0.369 0.369 0.186
0 0 0
-34 12 0 1
-33 12 0 1
-32 12 0 1
-31 12 0 1
-30 12 0 1
-29 12 0 2
-28 12 0 2
-27 12 0 2
-26 12 0 2
    
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Voxel coordinates

## Source

- Noise subtraction



10566			
12	-13	-6	2
-17	-12	-6	1
-16	-12	-6	3
-15	-12	-6	3
0	-12	-6	2
1	-12	-6	5
2	-12	-6	9
3	-12	-6	10
4	-12	-6	6
5	-12	-6	1
7	-12	-6	4
8	-12	-6	9
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GreenSignal  
intensity  
 $\propto$   
Relative quantity  
of primary  
antibody

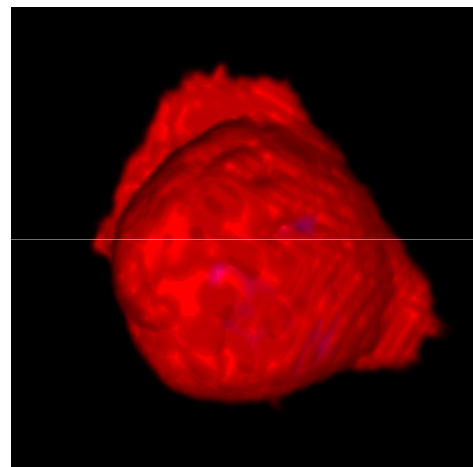
Voxel coordinates

+ Position shift

ImageJ software

<http://rsbweb.nih.gov/ij>

# Image treatment and G4 reconstruction

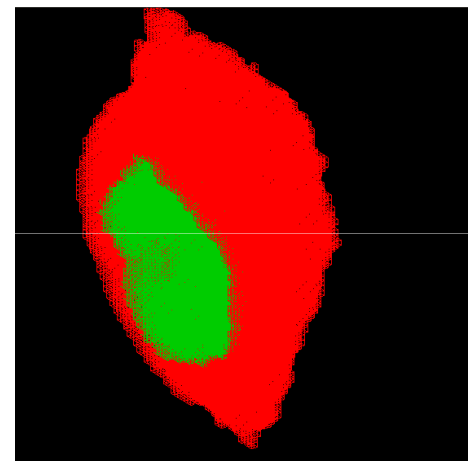


3D cell representation (ImageJ)

GEANT4



view



*Green : nucleus*

*Red : cytoplasm*

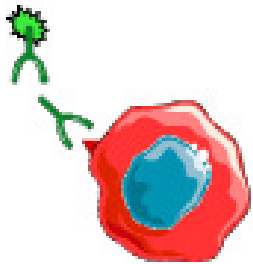
*1 voxel =*

*0.3\*0.3\*0.2  $\mu\text{m}^3$*

# Method

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Experiments



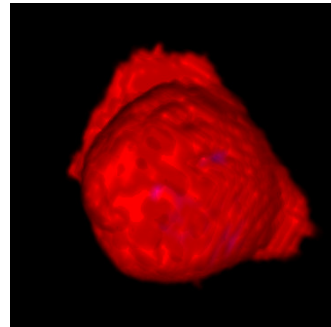
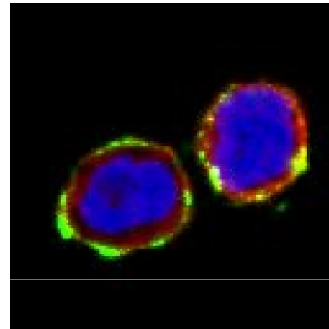
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Image treatment  
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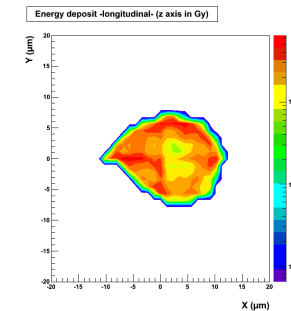
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Calculations

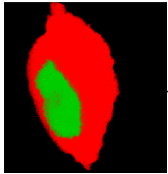
- Source position
- Monte Carlo Simulation

*Example: monoenergetic e- source  
E=30keV*

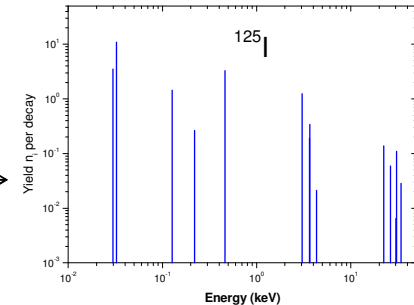
*Absorbed dose (given z)*



# Calculations

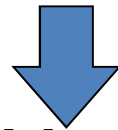


- Reconstruction of the geometry
- One isolated cell: A431CEA
- Location of the source  $^{125}\text{I}$  (AAPM Spectrum)
- Medium: Liquid water ( $\rho = 1\text{g/cm}^3$ )

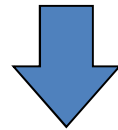


**Monte Carlo simulation (Geant4 code)**

Low energy Physics List  
Livermore



**Energy deposition in each voxel**



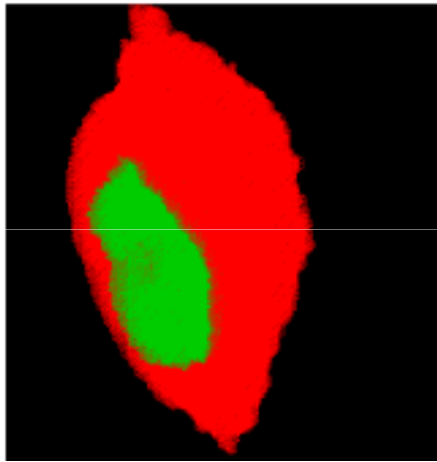
**For nucleus and whole cell, comparisons based on :**

- Absorbed Fraction
- S Factor
- Spectrum of deposited energy
- Energy/Volume Histogram

# Geometry effect : Conditions

Single isolated A431CEA Cell

- Complex cell geometry

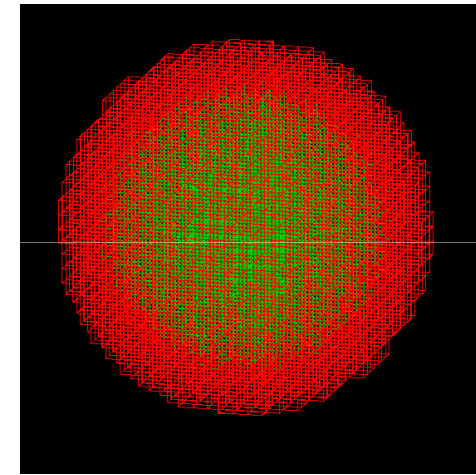


- *Equivalent volumes: nucleus and cell (error <1%)*
- *~ 80000 voxels in a cell of  $0.3*0.3*0.2 \mu\text{m}^3$*
- *Homogeneous source distribution at the cell surface*
- *10 000 000 primary electrons*

Cell volume:  $1776 \mu\text{m}^3$

Nucleus volume:  $437 \mu\text{m}^3$

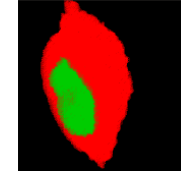
- Spherical cell geometry



Cell radius:  $7.49 \mu\text{m}$

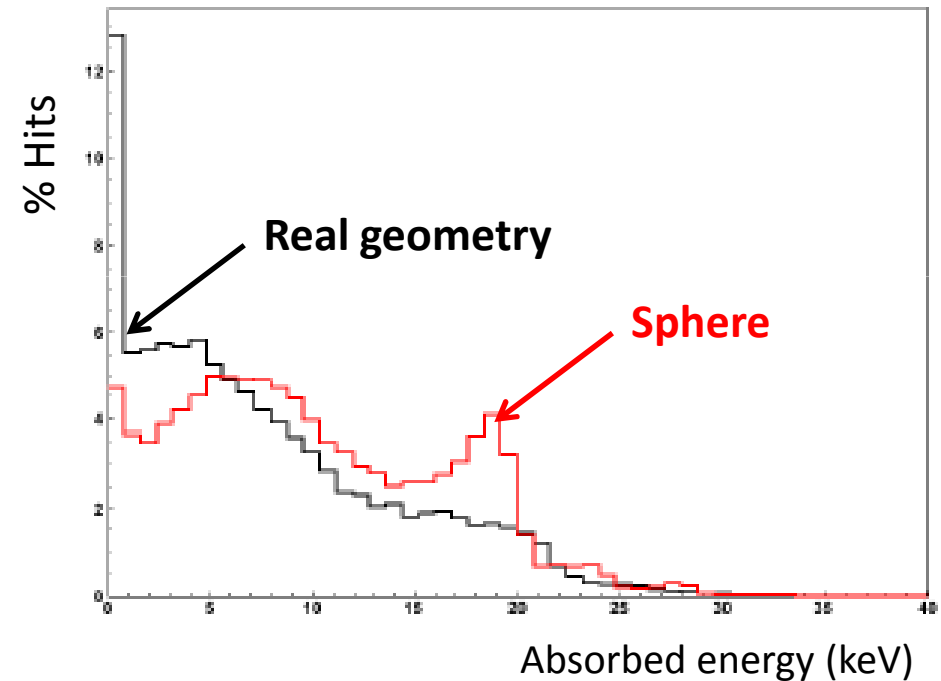
Nucleus radius:  $4.70 \mu\text{m}$

# Geometry effect : Results



## Homogeneous cell surface radioiodine

Geometry effect	Deposited Energy	
	Nucleus	Cell
Complex / sphere	0.88	0.96



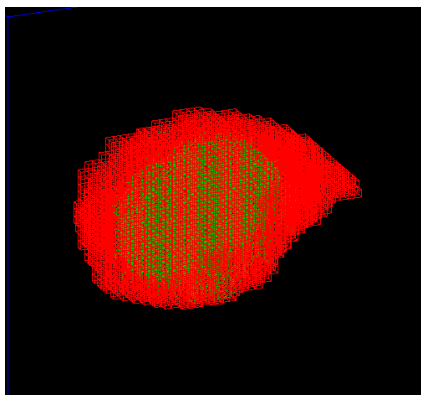
# Source distribution: Conditions

Single isolated A431CEA Cell

- Heterogeneous source distribution

- Same complex geometry
- Same voxel size
- For non-internalising and internalising antibody configurations

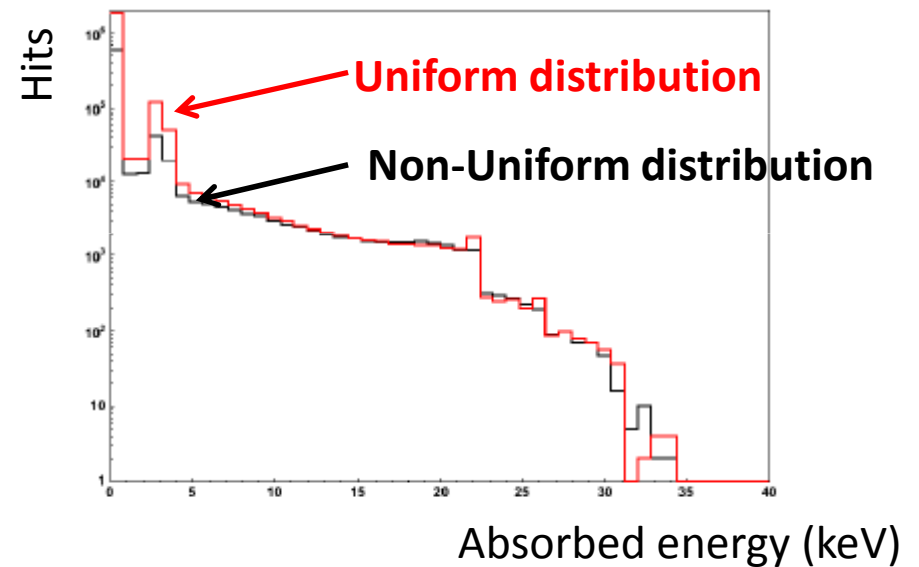
- Homogeneous source distribution



# Source distribution : Results

## Non internalising primay antibody distribution

Source distribution	Deposit Energy	
	Nucleus	Cell
Non uniform/ uniform	0.63	1.10



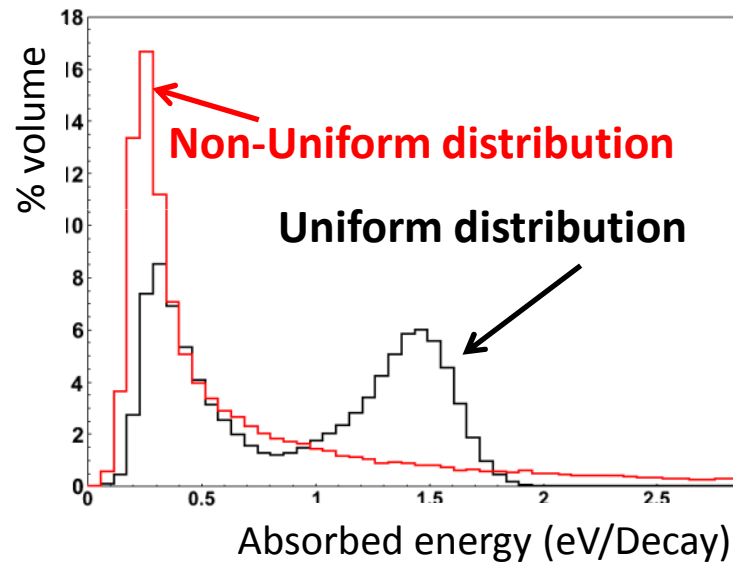
Absorbed Energy Spectrum in the nucleus



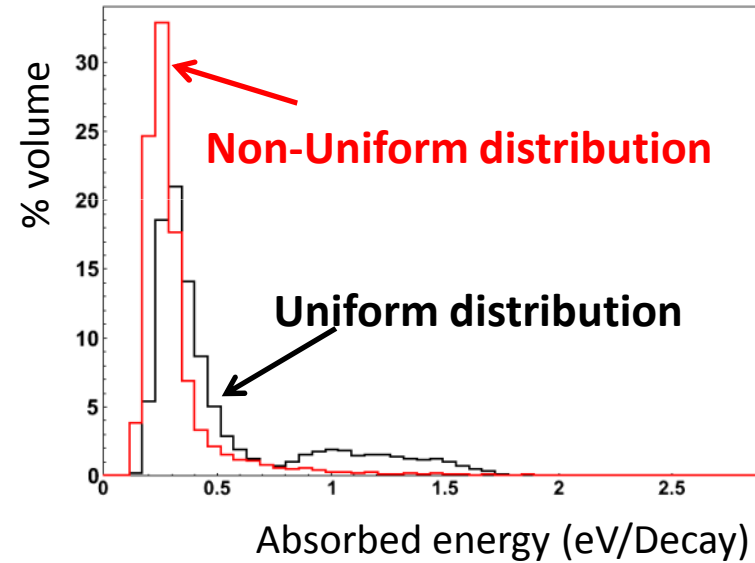
# Source distribution : Results

## Non internalising primay antibody distribution

Energy-Volume Histogram



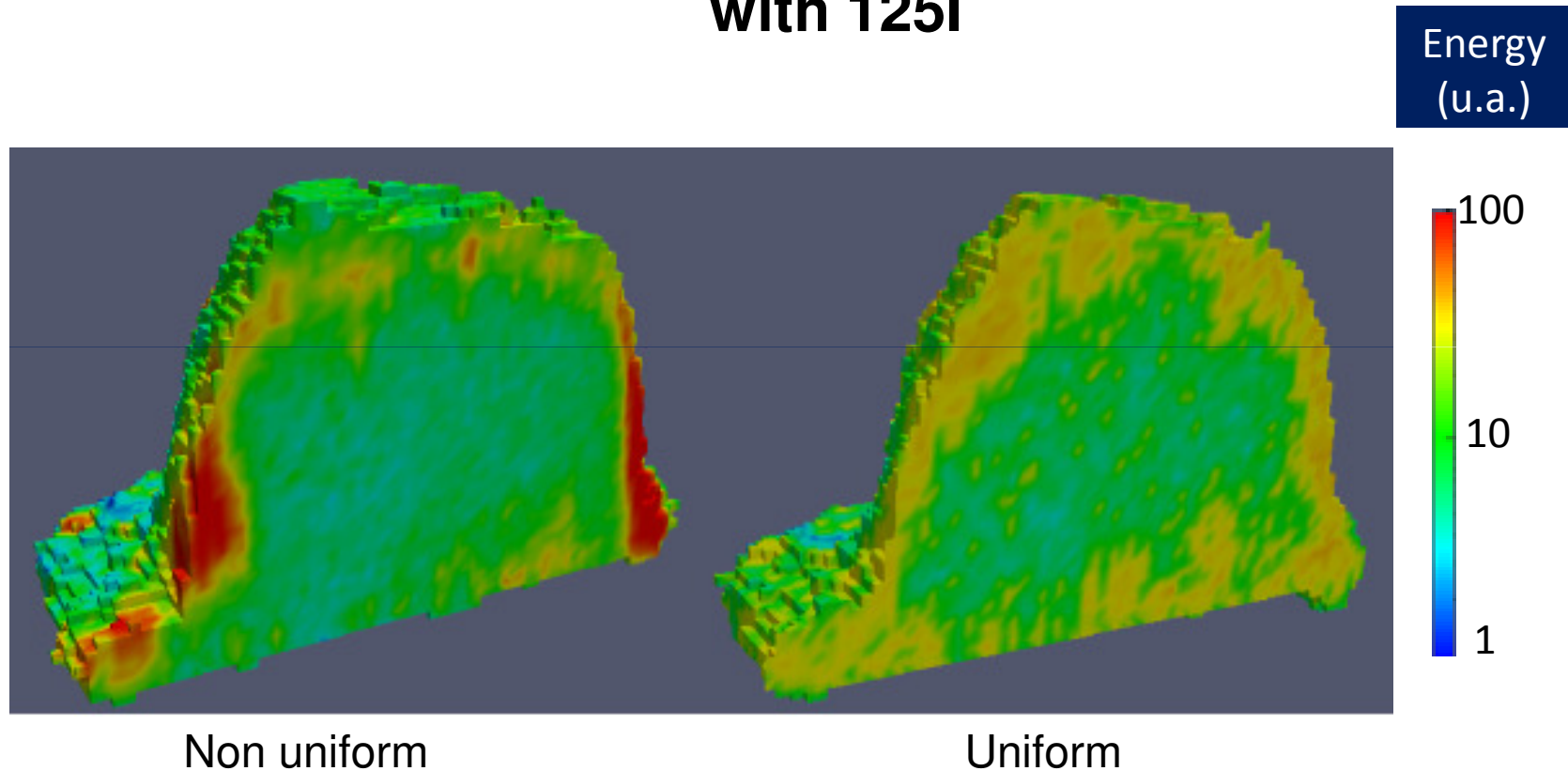
In the whole cell



In the nucleus

# Source distribution : Results

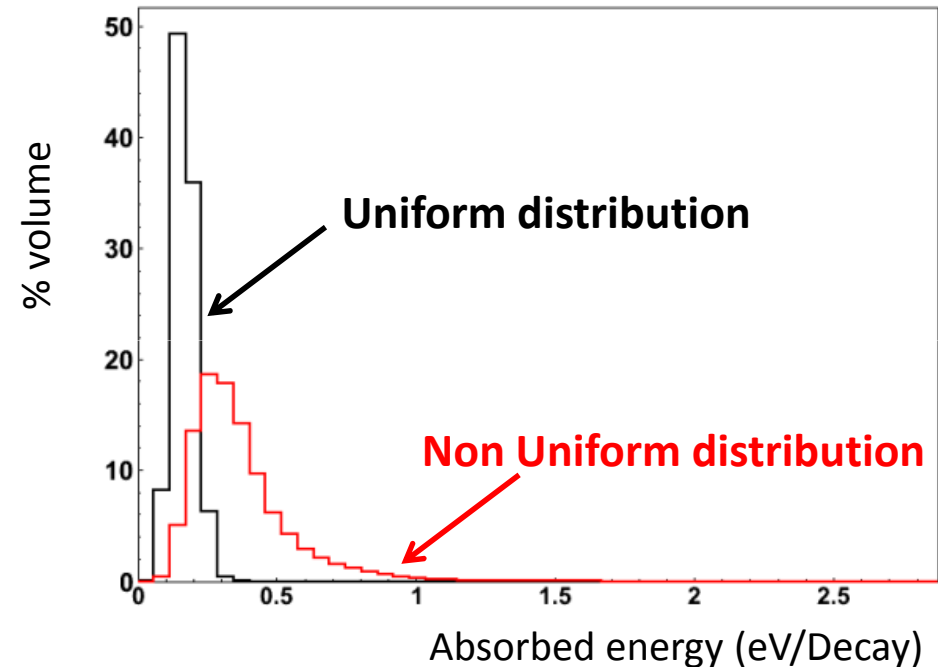
**Non internalising primay antibody distribution labelled  
with 125I**



# Source distribution : Results

## Internalising primary antibody distribution

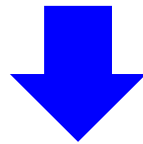
Source distribution	Deposit Energy	
	Nucleus	Cell
Non uniform / uniform	2.32	2.29



Energy-Volume Histogram  
in the cell

# Conclusions

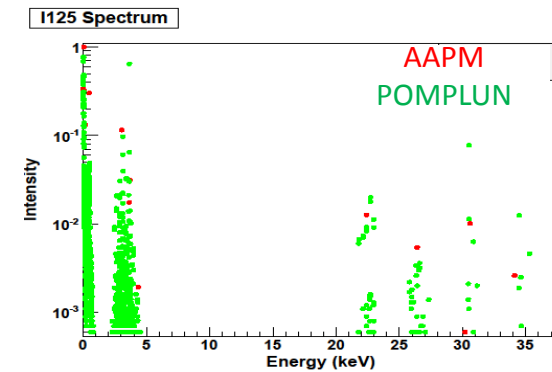
- First study:
  - Biological data
    - Realistic geometry +
    - Heterogeneous distribution (internalising/non-internalising antibodies)
  - Introduced in Monte Carlo simulation
- Tumoral isolated cell
- These first results: differences



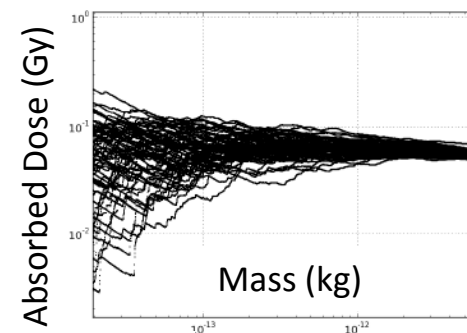
More cells in the cell line

# Perspectives

- Spectrum
- Other Auger emitters
  - Like  $^{67}\text{Ga}$ ,  $^{111}\text{In}$ ,  $^{123}\text{I}$ ,  $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ ,  $^{201}\text{Tl}$  ...
- Other cell lines (SKOV3, ...)
- Time dependant biodistribution of the radionuclide in the cell
- Correlation with biological effect:
  - More cells in the same line to obtain the survival as a function of absorbed dose in the nucleus

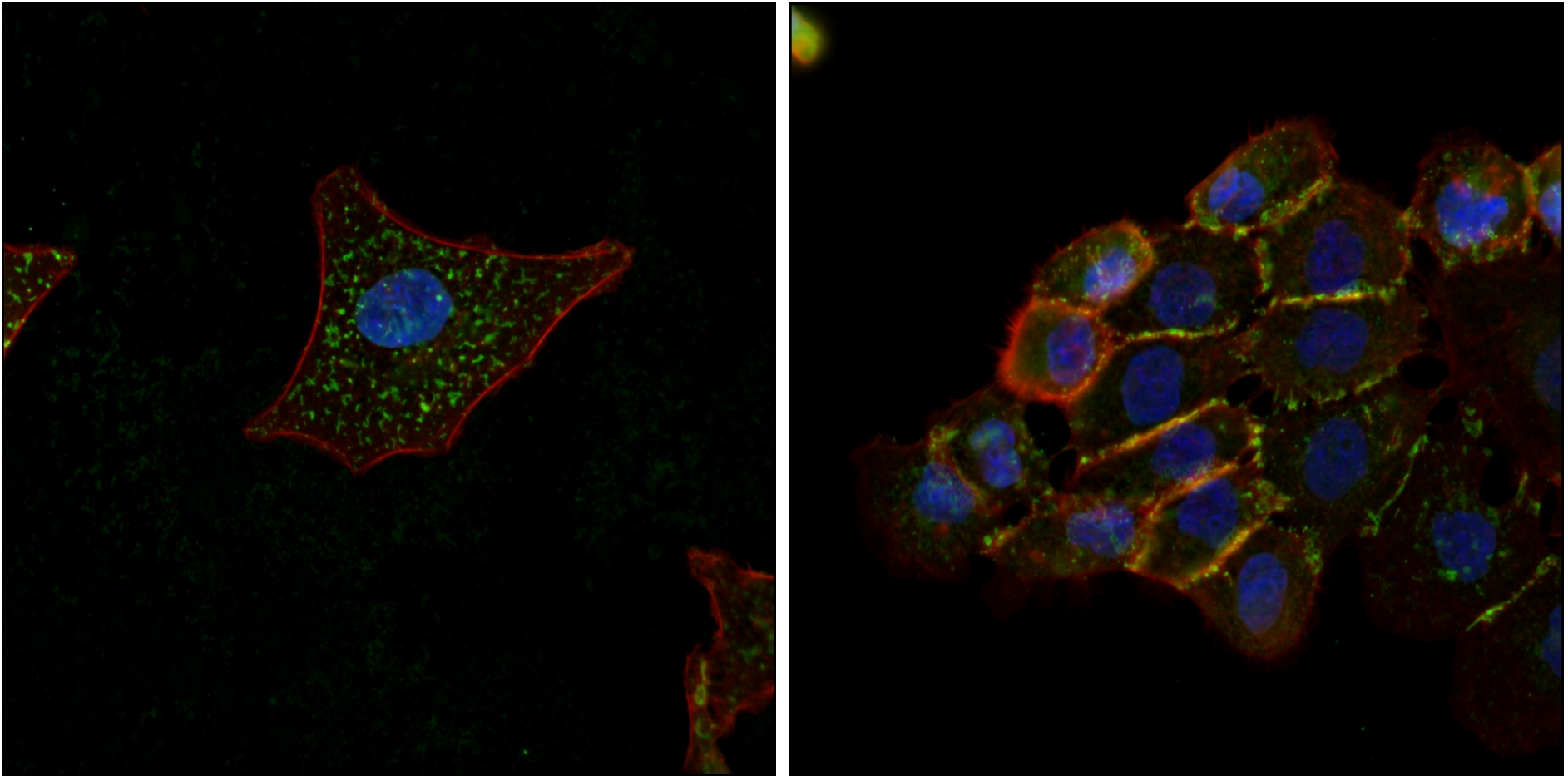


- Microdosimetry data



Sphere  $r=12\mu\text{m}$ ,  
Liquid water  
 $^{125}\text{I}$   
4000 electrons

# Exemples of 'beautiful' cells

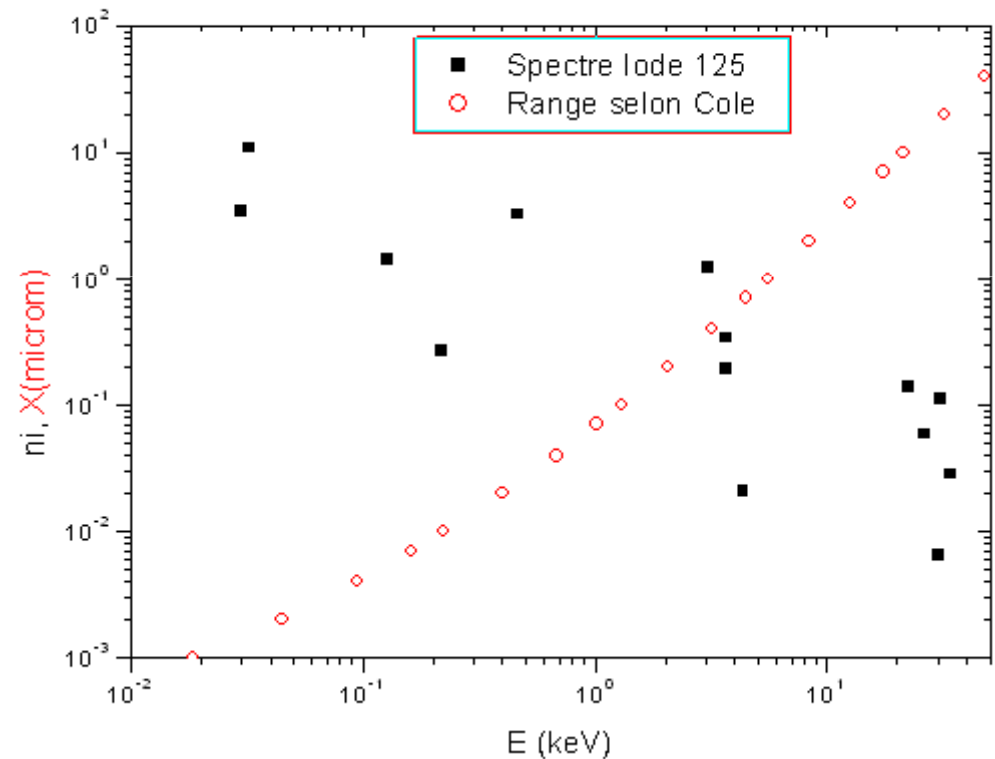


Thank you to Salome Paillas (IRCM)



# Iodine 125

<sup>125</sup> I		
Process	$E_i$	$n_i$
CK NNX	0.0299	3.51
Auger NXY	0.0324	10.9
CK MMX	0.127	1.44
CK LLX	0.219	0.264
Auger MXY	0.461	3.28
Auger LMM	3.05	1.25
IC 1 K	3.65	0.191
Auger LMX	3.67	0.340
Auger LXY	4.34	0.0211
Auger KLL	22.4	0.138
Auger KLX	26.4	0.059
Auger KXY	30.2	0.0065
IC 1 L	30.6	0.110
IC 1 M,N...	34.1	0.0284





Radionuclide: I-125

Half-Life: 60.14 d

Decay Mode: EC

$R_C$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$R_N$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$S(C \leftarrow C)$ (Gy/Bq s)	$S(C \leftarrow CS)$ (Gy/Bq s)	$S(N \leftarrow N)$ (Gy/Bq s)	$S(N \leftarrow Cy)$ (Gy/Bq s)	$S(N \leftarrow CS)$ (Gy/Bq s)
3	2	1.52E-02	7.93E-03	4.83E-02	2.79E-03	6.08E-04
3	1	1.52E-02	7.93E-03	3.42E-01	3.91E-03	5.64E-04
4	3	6.67E-03	3.50E-03	1.52E-02	1.15E-03	3.68E-04
4	2	6.67E-03	3.50E-03	4.83E-02	1.24E-03	3.41E-04
5	4	3.54E-03	1.87E-03	6.67E-03	6.18E-04	2.53E-04
5	3	3.54E-03	1.87E-03	1.52E-02	6.12E-04	2.34E-04
5	2	3.54E-03	1.87E-03	4.83E-02	7.35E-04	2.25E-04
6	5	2.12E-03	1.14E-03	3.54E-03	3.90E-04	1.91E-04
6	4	2.12E-03	1.14E-03	6.67E-03	3.72E-04	1.77E-04
6	3	2.12E-03	1.14E-03	1.52E-02	4.12E-04	1.69E-04
7	6	1.38E-03	7.47E-04	2.12E-03	2.73E-04	1.51E-04
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7	4	1.38E-03	7.47E-04	6.67E-03	2.73E-04	1.38E-04
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