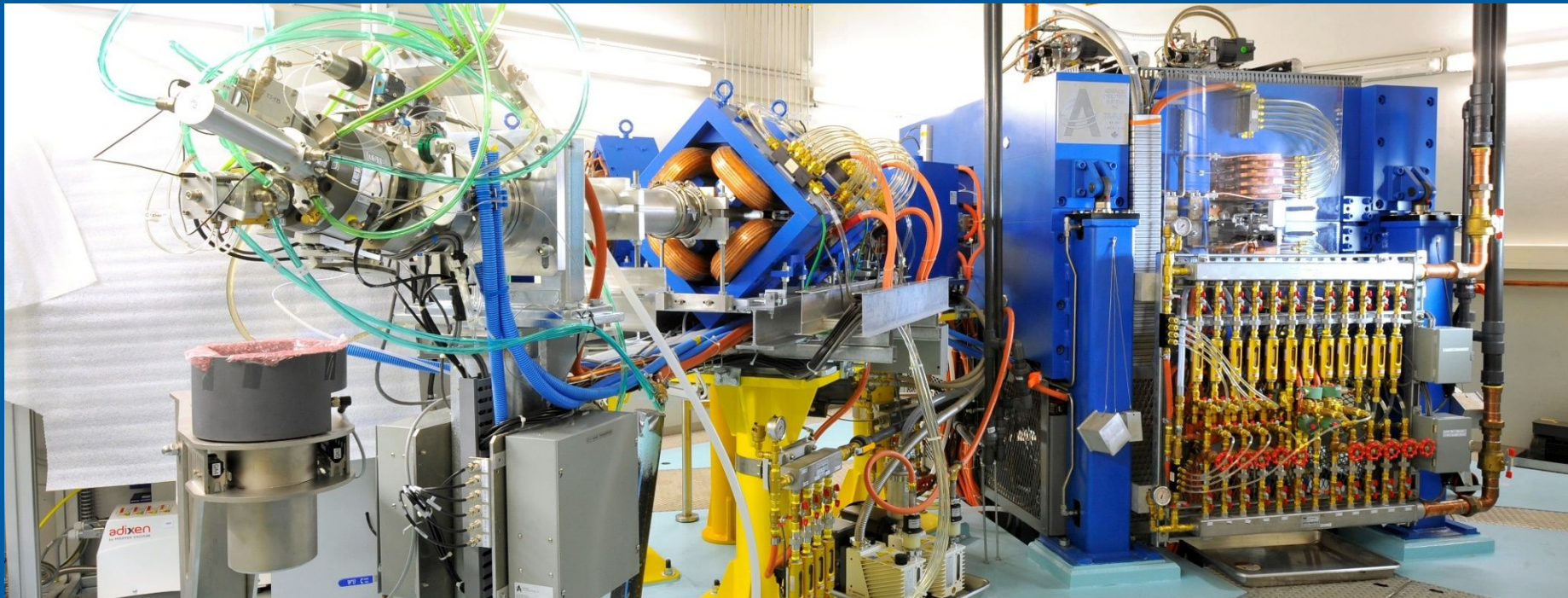


Radionuclide Theranostics through Radiopharmaceutical Sciences

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1923 Distribution of radioactive lead (ThB = ^{212}Pb) in horse-bean, Hevesy G. Biochem J. 1923, 17, 439-445.

LIII. THE ABSORPTION AND TRANSLOCATION OF LEAD BY PLANTS.

A CONTRIBUTION TO THE APPLICATION OF THE METHOD OF RADIOACTIVE INDICATORS IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CHANGE OF SUBSTANCE IN PLANTS.

By GEORGE HEVESY.

From the Institute of Plant Physiology of the Agricultural High School, and Institute of Theoretical Physics of the University, Copenhagen.

(Received May 4th, 1923.)

„By making use of **radioactive indicators** we can label atoms (ions), molecules and even larger units...; subsequently, their **path and fate in the living organism can be followed.**“

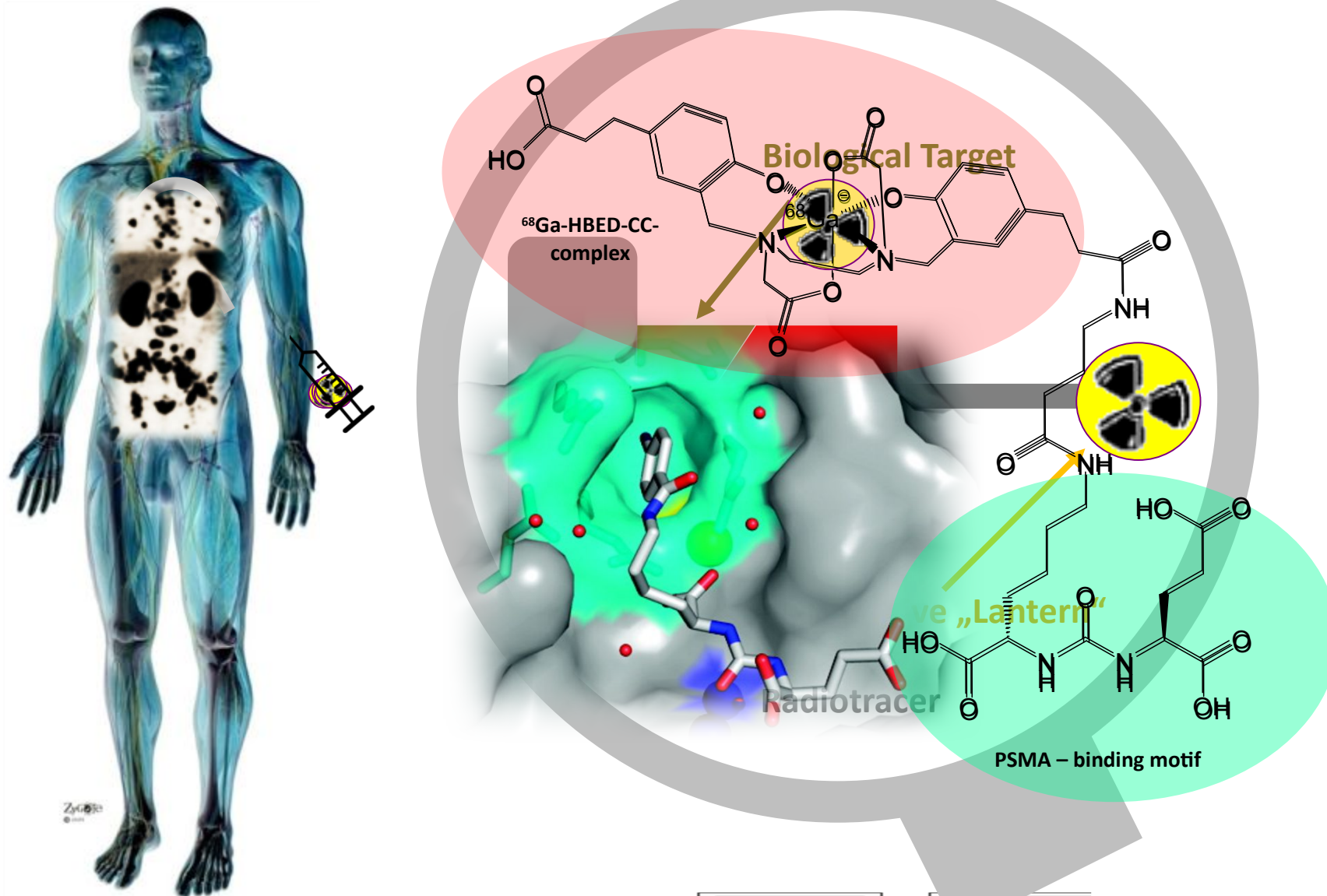


Georg Karl von Hevesy
(György Hevesy)

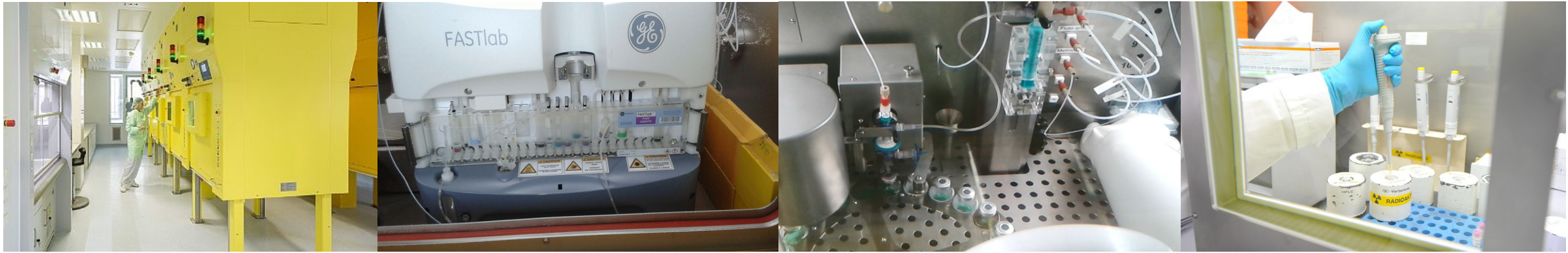
August 1st 1885 – July 5th 1966

Nobel Prize Chemistry 1943

Modern (Radio)Tracer Principle / Radioindicator Principle



GMP-compliant Production of Radiopharmaceuticals@HZDR 2022



GMP

- 200 m² clean room area
- 12 hot cells (class C)
- 2 dispensing cells (class A)
- 8 automated synthesizers
- GMP certificate 2019

Projects with industry

- **GEHC:** approved manufacturing of ¹⁸F-Flutemetamol (Vizamyl®)
- **ROTOP-Radiopharmacy:** cyclotron based production of ¹²³I-iodine as radionuclide

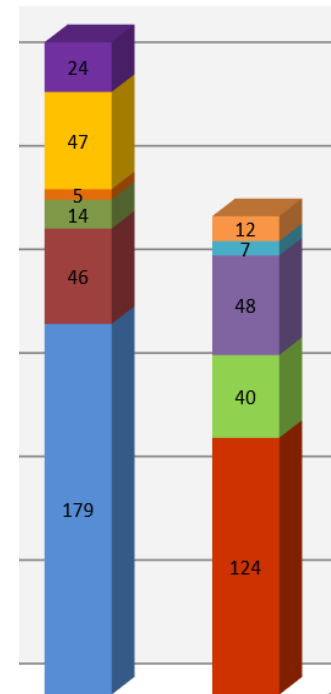
Radiopharmaceuticals produced in 2022 (315 batches)

- [¹⁸F]FDG (Glucos)*) (179)
- [¹⁸F]FDOPA (DOPARos)*) (46)
- Na[¹⁸F]F (NaFRos)*) (5)
- [¹¹C]methionine (47)
- [¹⁸F]PSMA-1007 (24)
- [¹⁸F]Flutemetamol (14)

*) with marketing authorization

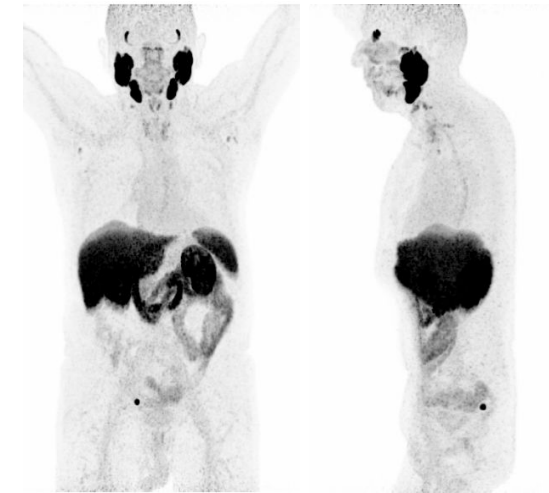
Cyclotron TRFlex (+231 batches)

- ¹²³I (124)
- ⁶⁷Cu (40)
- ⁶⁴Cu (48)
- ¹³³La (7)
- ¹³¹Ba (12)



Recent developments

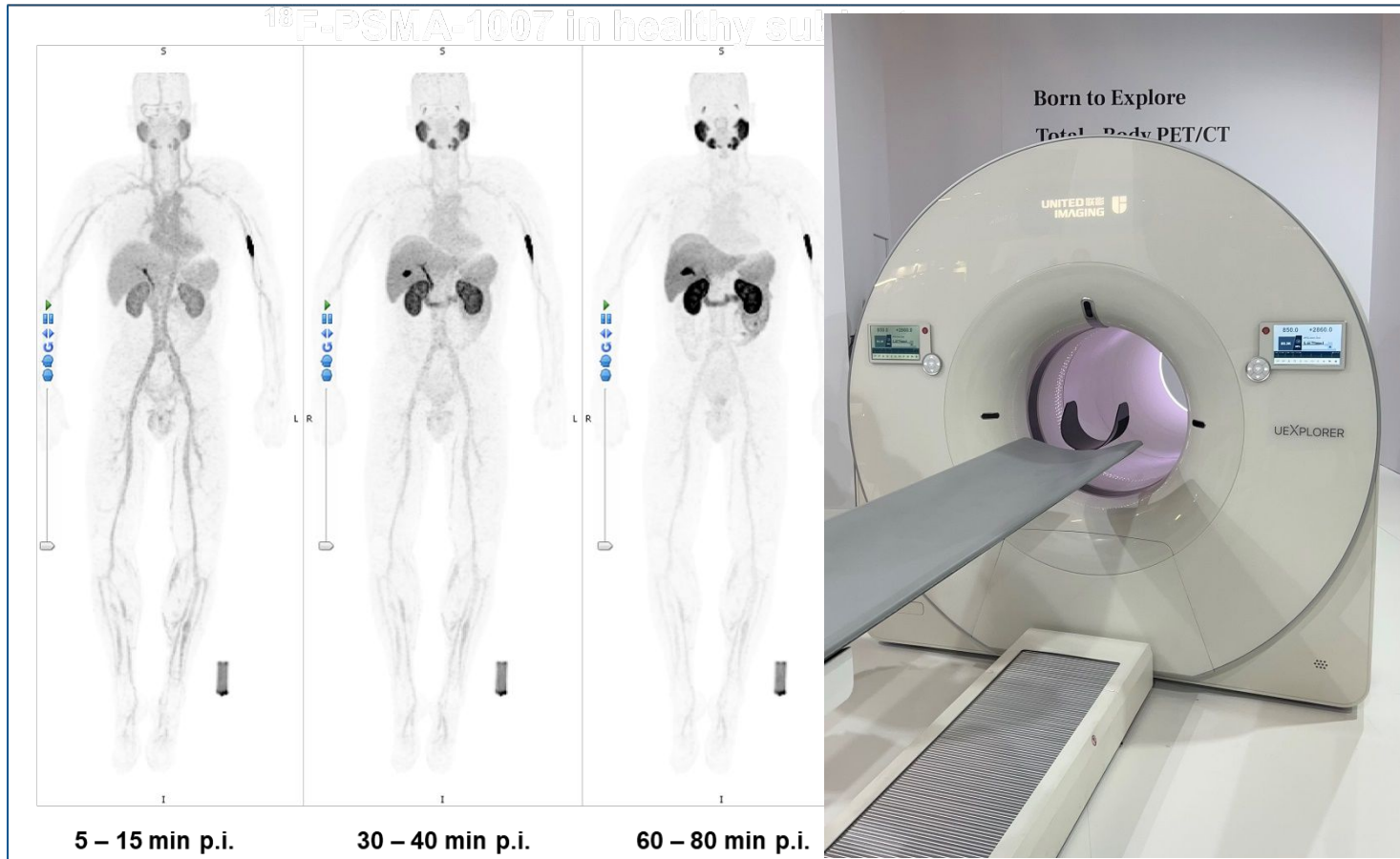
- transfer of [¹⁸F]PSMA-1007 to University Hospital Dresden since 2020 (628 patients)



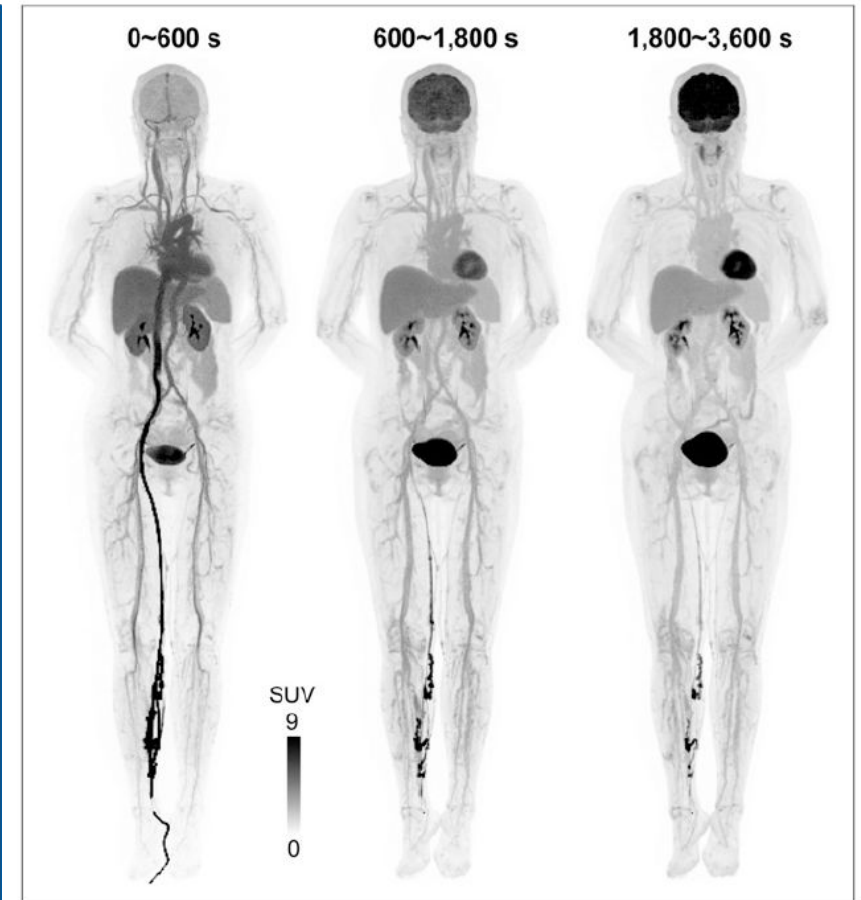
Translation into Total-Body PET/CT

Visionary future Technology: e.g. uEXPLORER

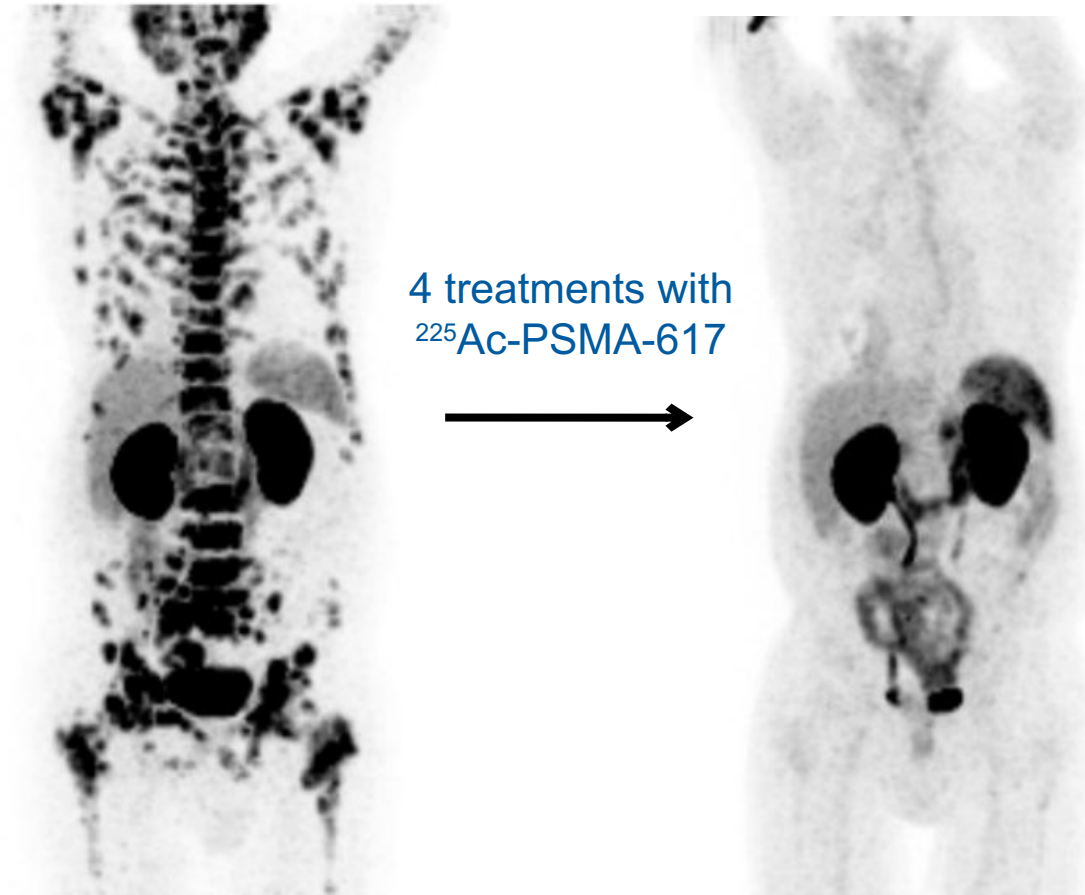
PET Tracer X



PET Tracer Y



Imaging & Therapy (TAT) [^{68}Ga]Ga-PSMA-11 & [^{225}Ac]Ac-PSMA-617



12/2014
PSA = 2923 ng/ml

9/2015
PSA < 0.1 ng/ml

THERANOSTICS

an emerging tool in drug discovery and commercialisation

The term theranostics was probably first used by PharmaNetics president and CEO John Funkhouser in describing his company's business model in developing diagnostic tests directly linked to the application of a specific therapies. In the case of PharmaNetics this takes the form of new generations of point of care coagulation tests supporting coagulation therapies:

Diagnostics – the ability to define a disease state.

Theranostics – the ability to affect therapy or treatment of a disease state.

Some examples of theranostics

CASE STUDY 1: Herceptin® and HercepTest® – the birth of Theranostics?

September 25, 1998 was a key day for theranostics.

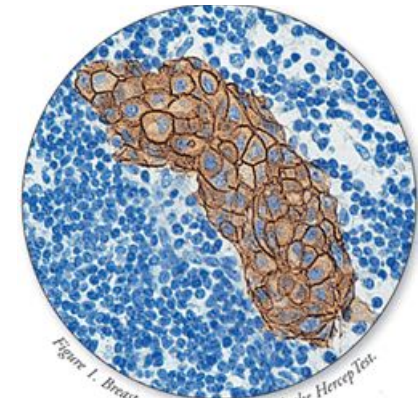
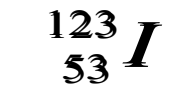


Figure 1. Breast carcinoma stained with the HercepTest.

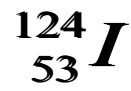
...On that day the FDA granted simultaneous approval for both Genentech's Herceptin® for the treatment of stage IV breast cancer and Dako's HercepTest® for diagnosis of Her2 overexpression..."

“HercepTest is indicated as an aid in the determination of whether trastuzumab treatment may be considered.”

Concept of Radioisotopes (in principle already theranostic approach)

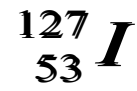


$T_{1/2} = 13.2 \text{ h}$
 γ



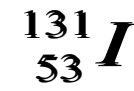
$T_{1/2} = 4.15 \text{ d}$
 $\beta^+ (+ \gamma)$

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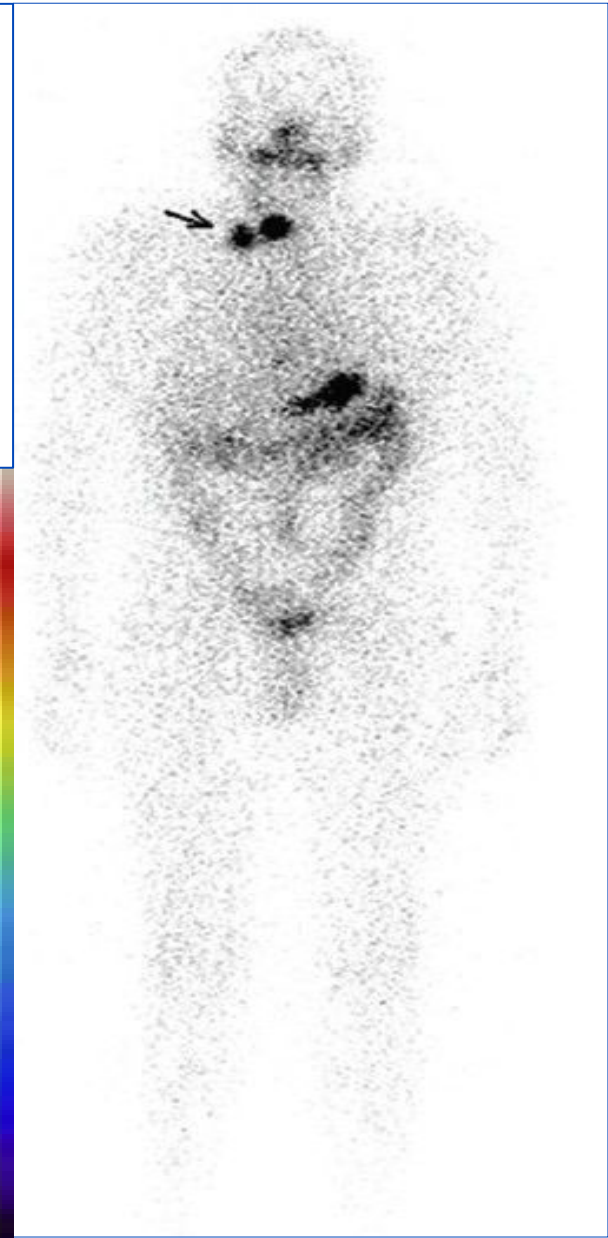
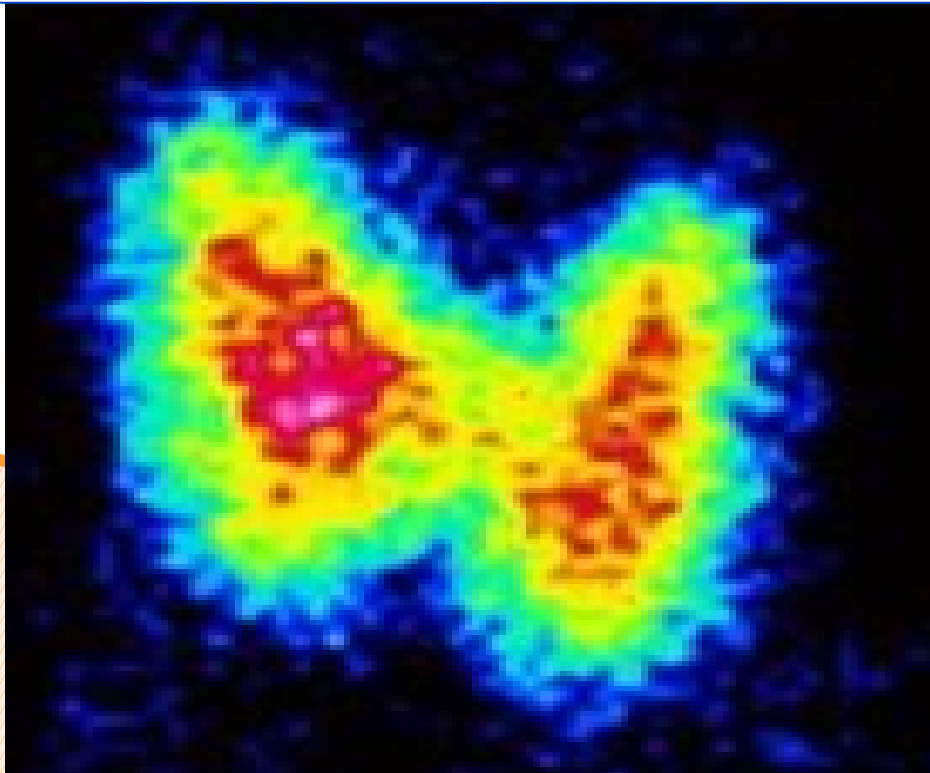
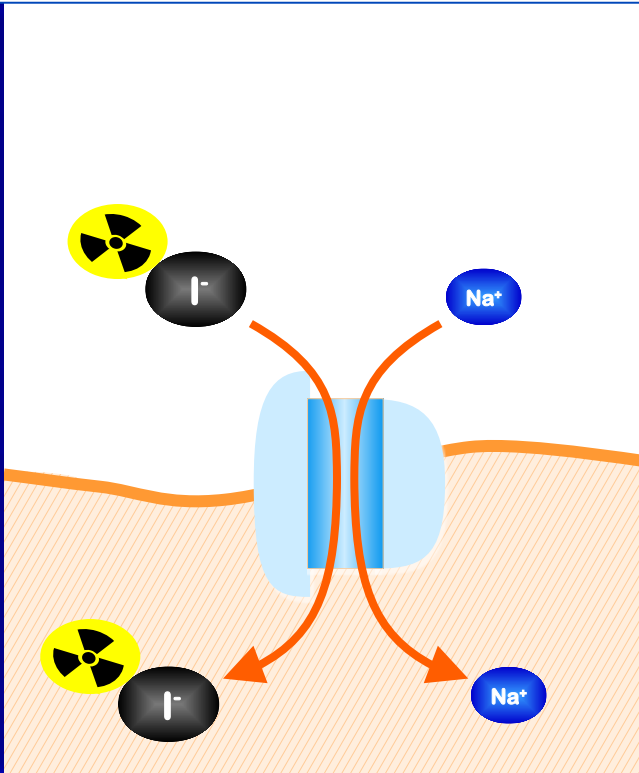
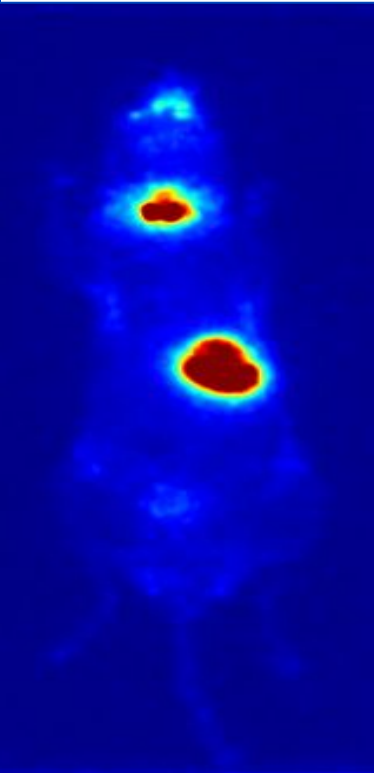


stable

...



$T_{1/2} = 8 \text{ d}$
 $\beta^- (+ \gamma)$



Color-coded periodic table with current or potential radionuclide applications

● PET

● SPECT

● Beta Therapy

● Alpha Therapy

● Auger e⁻ Therapy

1 H Hydrogen 1.008																	2 He Helium 4.0026						
3 Li Lithium 6.94	4 Be Beryllium 9.0122																	5 B Boron 10.81	6 C Carbon 12.011	7 N Nitrogen 14.007	8 O Oxygen 15.999	9 F Fluorine 18.998	10 Ne Neon 20.180
11 Na Sodium 22.990	12 Mg Magnesium 24.305																	13 Al Aluminium 26.982	14 Si Silicon 28.085	15 P Phosphorus 30.974	16 S Sulfur 32.06	17 Cl Chlorine 35.45	18 Ar Argon 39.948
19 K Potassium 39.098	20 Ca Calcium 40.078(4)	21 Sc Scandium 44.956	22 Ti Titanium 47.867	23 V Vanadium 50.942	24 Cr Chromium 51.996	25 Mn Manganese 54.938	26 Fe Iron 55.845(2)	27 Co Cobalt 58.933	28 Ni Nickel 58.693	29 Cu Copper 63.546(3)	30 Zn Zinc 65.38(2)	31 Ga Gallium 69.723	32 Ge Germanium 72.630(6)	33 As Arsenic 74.922	34 Se Selenium 78.971(8)	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 83.798(2)						
37 Rb Rubidium 85.468	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.906	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224(2)	41 Nb Niobium 92.906	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.95	43 Tc Technetium	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07(2)	45 Rh Rhodium 102.91	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.87	48 Cd Cadmium 112.41	49 In Indium 114.82	50 Sn Tin 118.71	51 Sb Antimony 121.76	52 Te Tellurium 127.60(3)	53 I Iodine 126.90	54 Xe Xenon 131.29						
55 Cs Caesium 132.91	56 Ba Barium 137.33	57-71 *	72 Hf Hafnium 178.49(2)	73 Ta Tantalum 180.95	74 W Tungsten 183.84	75 Re Rhenium 186.21	76 Os Osmium 190.23(3)	77 Ir Iridium 192.22	78 Pt Platinum 195.08	79 Au Gold 196.97	80 Hg Mercury 200.59	81 Tl Thallium 204.38	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.98	84 Po Polonium	85 At Astatine	86 Rn Radon						
87 Fr Francium	88 Ra Radium	89-103 **	104 Rf Rutherfordium	105 Db Dubnium	106 Sg Seaborgium	107 Bh Bohrium	108 Hs Hassium	109 Mt Meitnerium	110 Ds Darmstadtium	111 Rg Roentgenium	112 Cn Copernicium	113 Nh Nihonium	114 Fl Flerovium	115 Mc Moscovium	116 Lv Livermorium	117 Ts Tennessine	118 Og Oganesson						

*Lanthanoids

57 La Lanthanum 138.91	58 Ce Cerium 140.12	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.91	60 Nd Neodymium 144.24	61 Pm Promethium	62 Sm Samarium 150.36(2)	63 Eu Europium 151.96	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25(3)	65 Tb Terbium 158.93	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.50	67 Ho Holmium 164.93	68 Er Erbium 167.26	69 Tm Thulium 168.93	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.05	71 Lu Lutetium 174.97
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**Actinoids

89 Ac Actinium	90 Th Thorium 232.04	91 Pa Protactinium 231.04	92 U Uranium 238.03	93 Np Neptunium	94 Pu Plutonium	95 Am Americium	96 Cm Curium	97 Bk Berkelium	98 Cf Californium	99 Es Einsteinium	100 Fm Fermium	101 Md Mendelevium	102 No Nobelium	103 Lr Lawrencium
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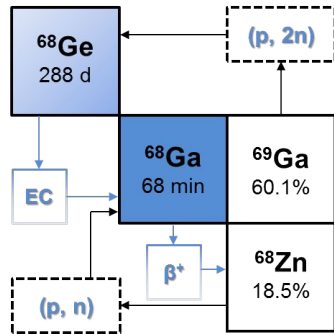


Availability of theranostic Radionuclides



Challenge Radionuclide Availability [for *in vivo* theranostic approach]

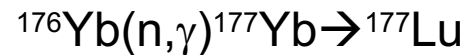
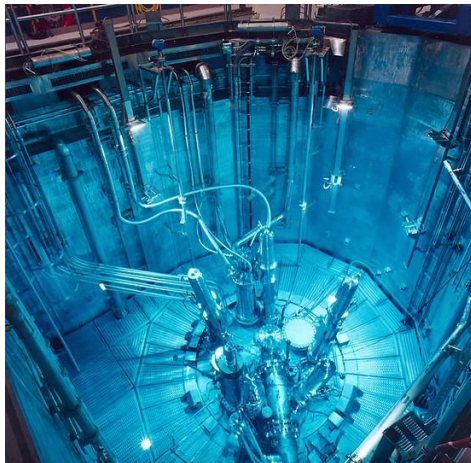
*Positron Emitter Gallium-68 (^{68}Ga)



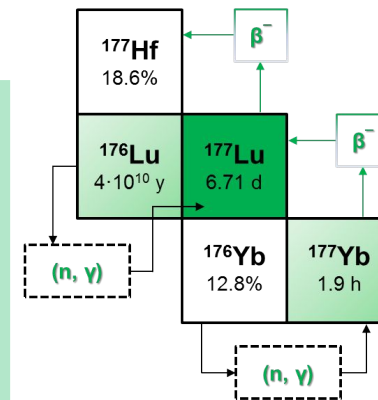
Gallium-68 (^{68}Ga)
 $T_{1/2} = 68 \text{ m}$
 $E_{\text{mean},\beta^+} = 0.830 \text{ MeV (89\%)}$
 $E_{\gamma} = 511 \text{ keV (Annihilation)}$



$^{68}\text{Ge}/^{68}\text{Ga}$ -Generator



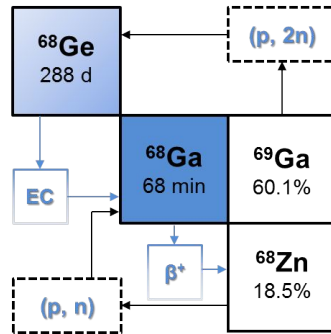
Lutetium-177 (^{177}Lu)
 $T_{1/2} = 6.71 \text{ d}$
 $E_{\text{mean},\beta^-} = 0.134 \text{ MeV (100 \%)}$
 $E_{\gamma} = 208 \text{ keV (10.4 \%)}$
 $R_{\text{max}} = 2.0 \text{ mm}$



*Beta-Minus Particle Emitter Lutetium-177 (^{177}Lu)

Challenge Radionuclide Availability [Feasibility of *in vivo* theranostic approach]

*Positron Emitter Gallium-68 (^{68}Ga)



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$^{68}\text{Ge}/^{68}\text{Ga}$ -Generator

*Positron Emitter Fluorine-18 (^{18}F)

^{17}N	^{18}O	^{19}F	^{20}Ne
^{16}N	^{17}O	^{18}F	^{19}Ne
^{15}N	^{16}O	^{17}F	^{18}Ne
^{14}N	^{15}O	^{16}F	^{17}Ne

Fluorine-18 (^{18}F)

$$T_{1/2} = 109.8 \text{ m}$$

$$E_{\text{mean},\beta^+} = 0.249 \text{ MeV (97\%)}$$

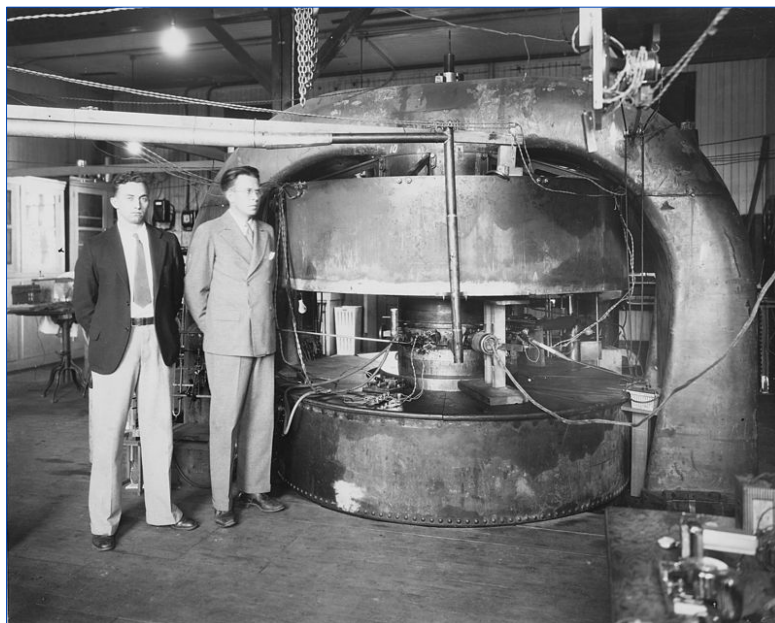
$$E_{\gamma} = 511 \text{ keV (Annihilation)}$$



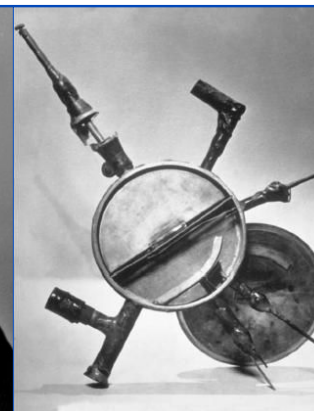
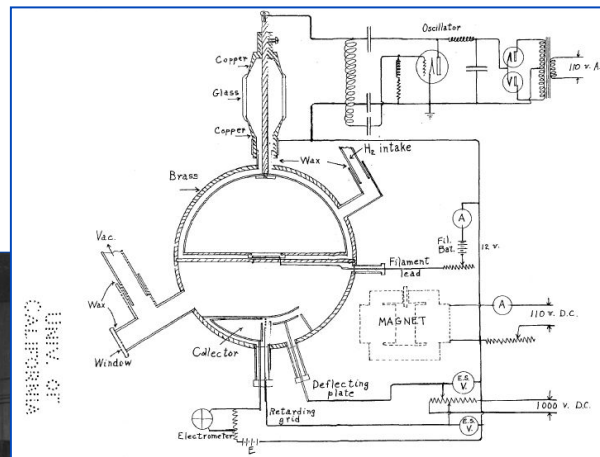
$^{18}\text{O}(p,n)^{18}\text{F}$

1930 Ernest Orlando Lawrence realises a cyclotron (together with Milton Stanley Livingston)

Nobel Prize Physics 1939
„...especially with regard to
artificial radioactive elements”



27 inch cyclotron 1935



4.5 inch cyclotron 1930



IBA film

Medical Cyclotron Infrastructure in the D-A-CH Region

...not enough!

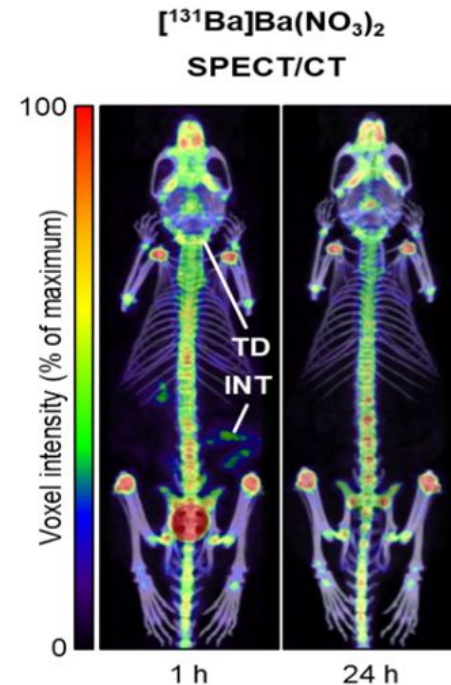
HZDR + Local Partners
Top Nucleus for
for NextGen Radionuclide Availability

Her- steller MeV	GE HEALTHCARE		IBA		Weitere (ACSI, TCC, Siemens usw.)		Gesamt	
	absolut (n)	relativ	absolut (n)	relativ	absolut (n)	relativ	absolut (n)	relativ
≤ 10 MeV	5	12%					5	12%
11-20 MeV	19	45%	7	17%	6	14%	32	76%
20-30 MeV			1	2%	2	5%	3	7%
≥ 30 MeV					2	5%	2	5%
Gesamt	24	57%	8	19%	10	24%	42	100%





TR-FLEX-Cyclotron: ^{131}Ba via $^{131}\text{Cs}(p,3n)^{131}\text{Ba}$



nanoScan SPECT/CT
free barium-131

HZDR

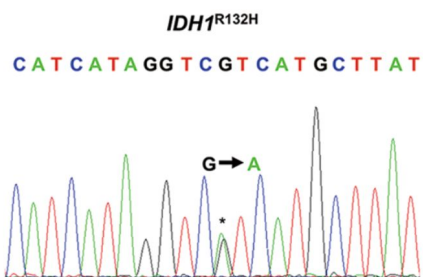
Production of ^{123}I at the cyclotron TR-Flex

$$^{124}\text{Xe}(p, pn)^{123}\text{Xe} \xrightarrow[T_{1/2}=2,08\text{ h}]{\text{EC}/\beta^+} ^{123}\text{I}$$

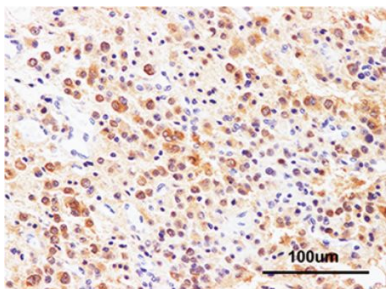
Rinsing of the radionuclide into the transport container and transfer to ROTOP-Radiopharmacy

KIPROS-200 adapted to
TR-FLEX-Cyclotron:
 ^{123}I via $^{124}\text{Cs}(p,pn)^{123}\text{Xe}$

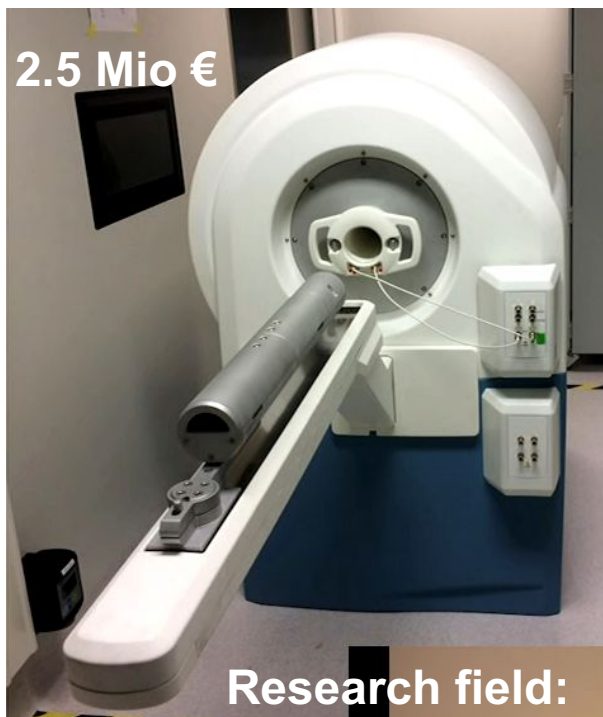
Genomics



Proteomics



In vivo Molecular (multimodal) Imaging



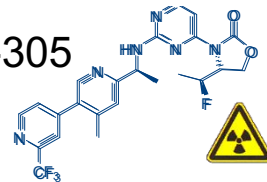
Cryogen-free 7.0T MR/PET scanner

Simultaneous and sequential small animal imaging

Translational research: Tumor-specific imaging biomarkers

PET Radiotracer

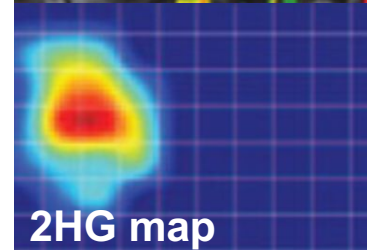
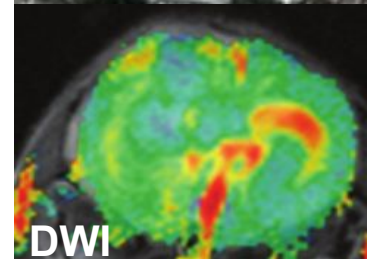
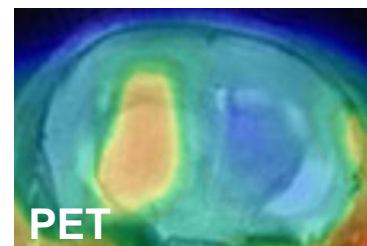
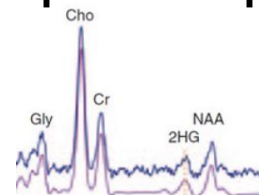
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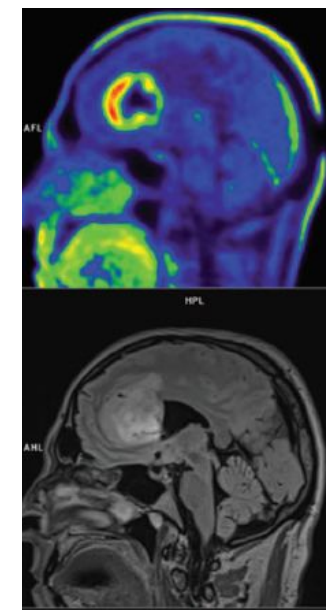
Structural MRI

Functional MRI

MR-Spectroscopy



Biology-guided radiotherapy (BgRT)



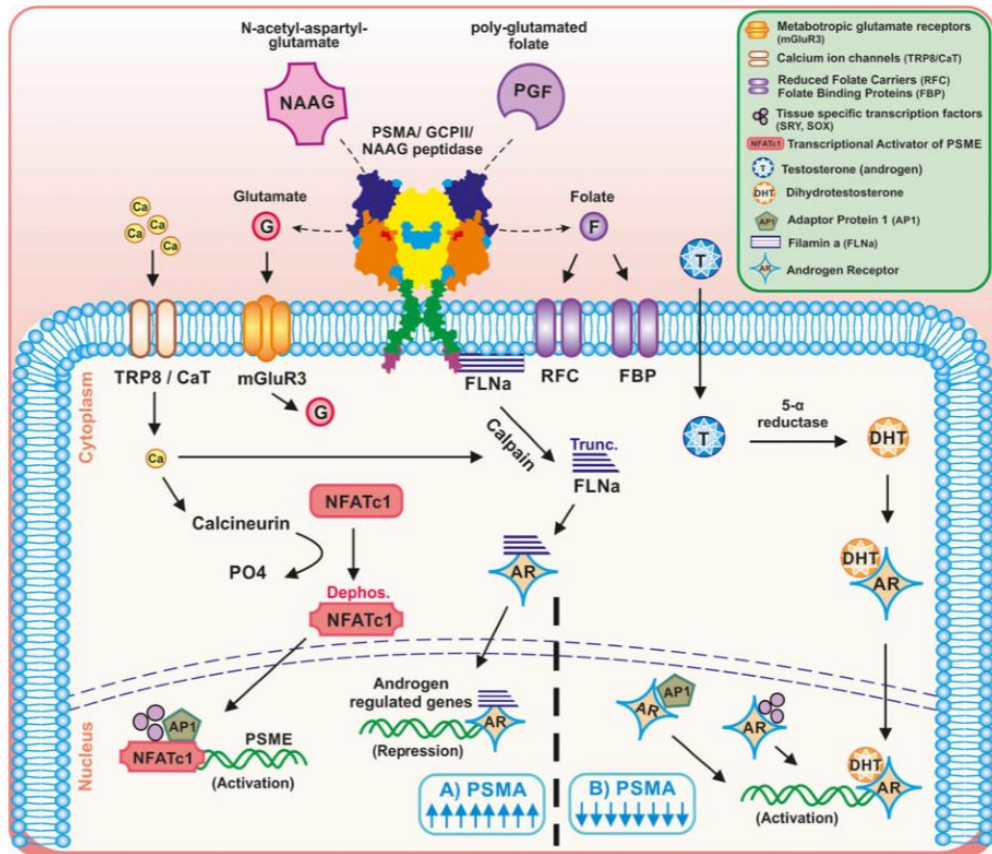
The therapeutic and diagnostic potential of PSMA in cancer

PSMA / GCP II / FOLH1

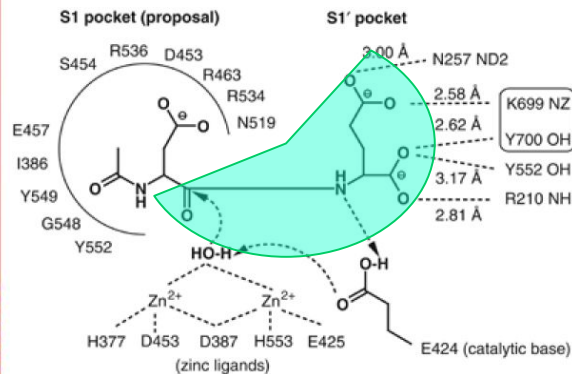
750-amino acid cell surface glycoprotein (100 kDa)

Membrane-bound zinc metallopeptidase

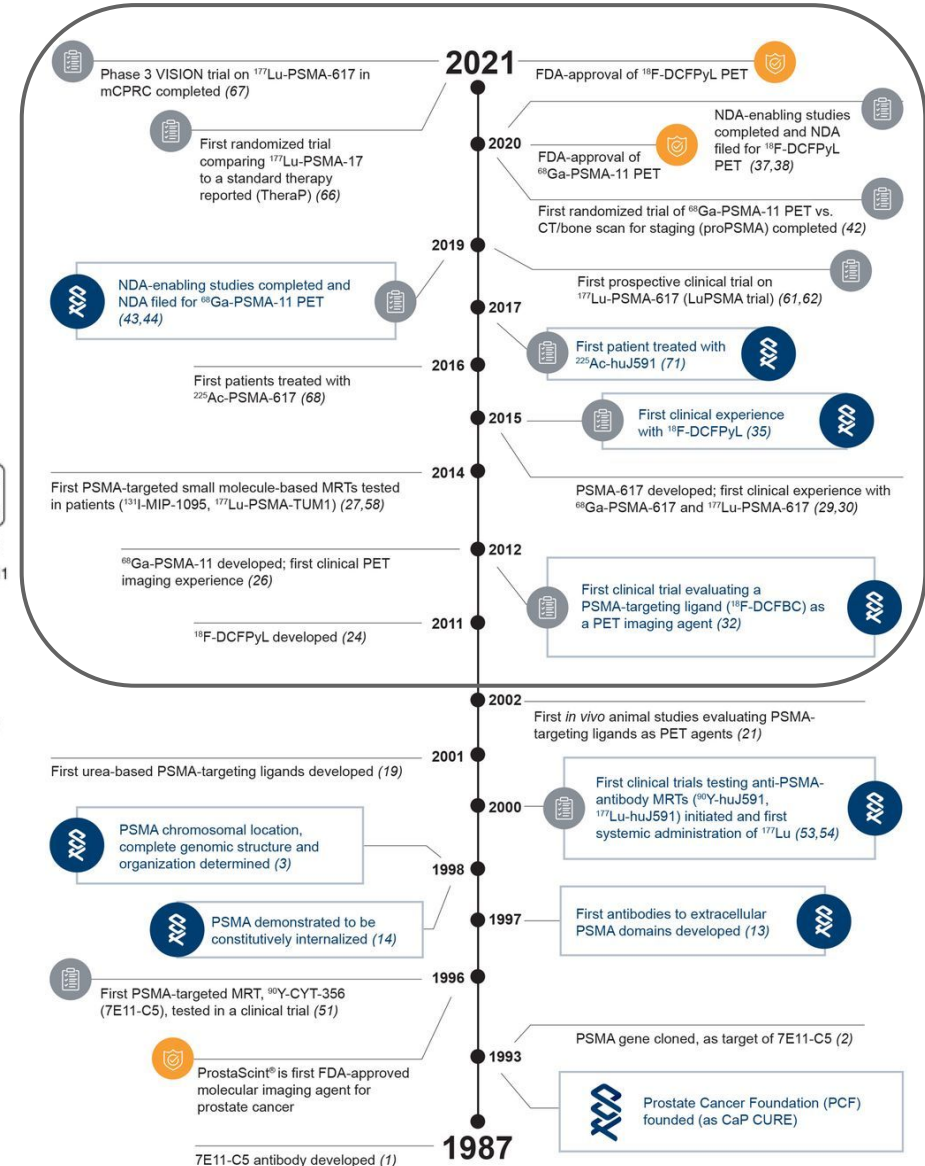
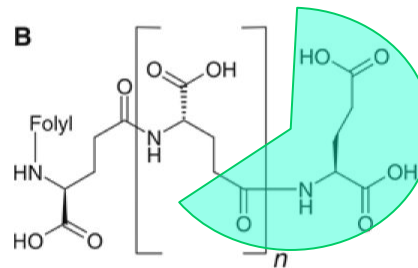
brain, kidney, spleen, intestine, salivary glands, prostate



NAAG

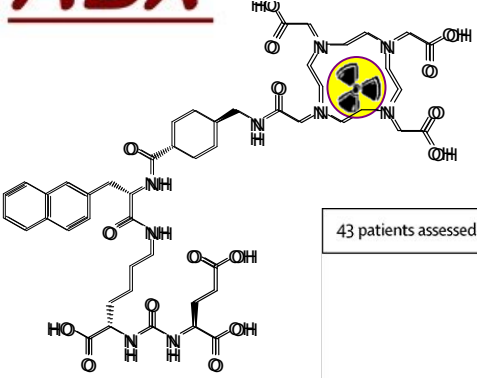


folyl-poly-γ-glutamate

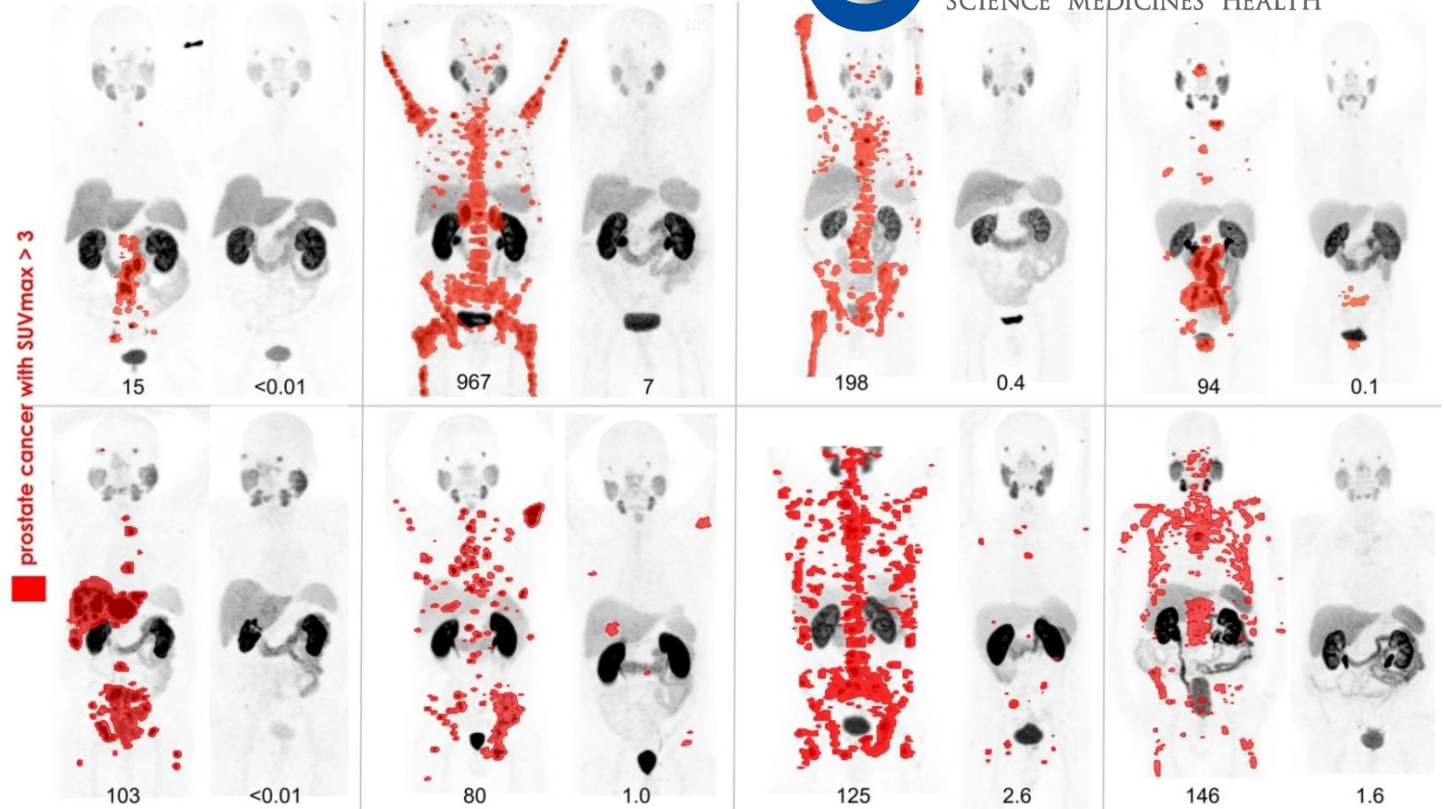
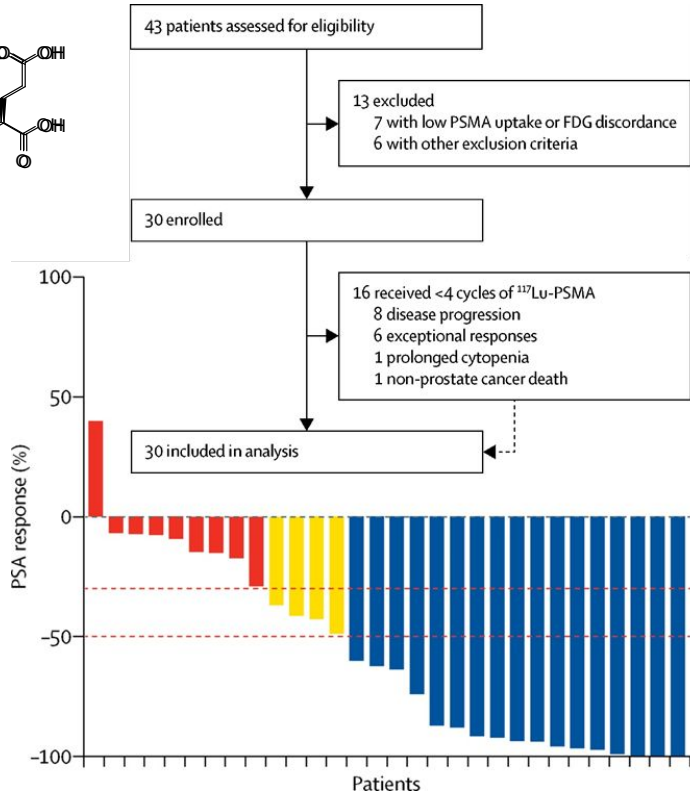




ABX



**[¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PSMA-617
(vipivotide tetraxetan)**



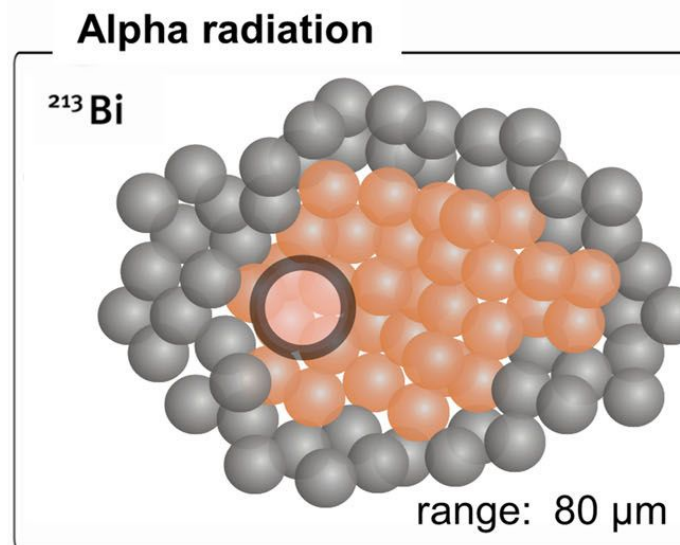
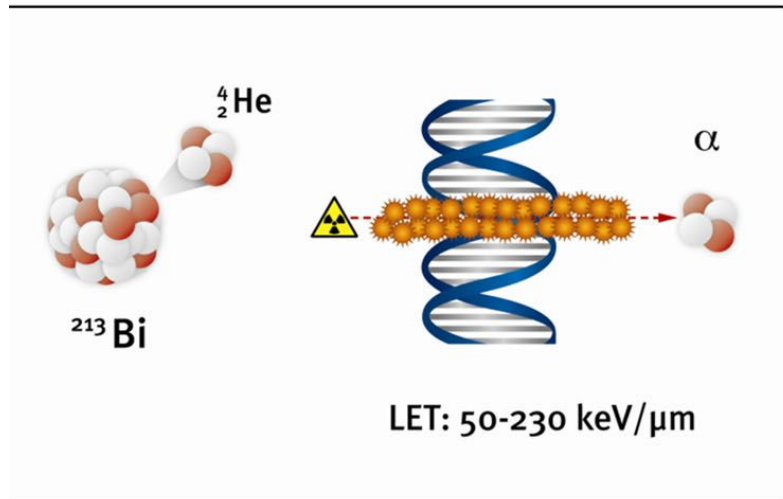
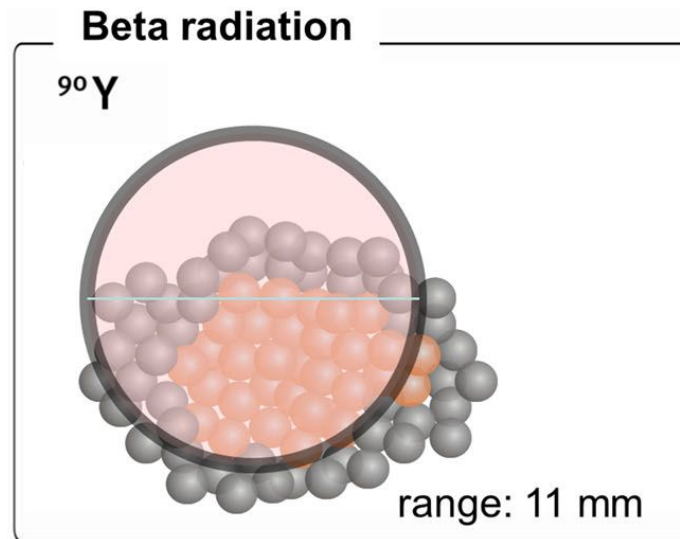
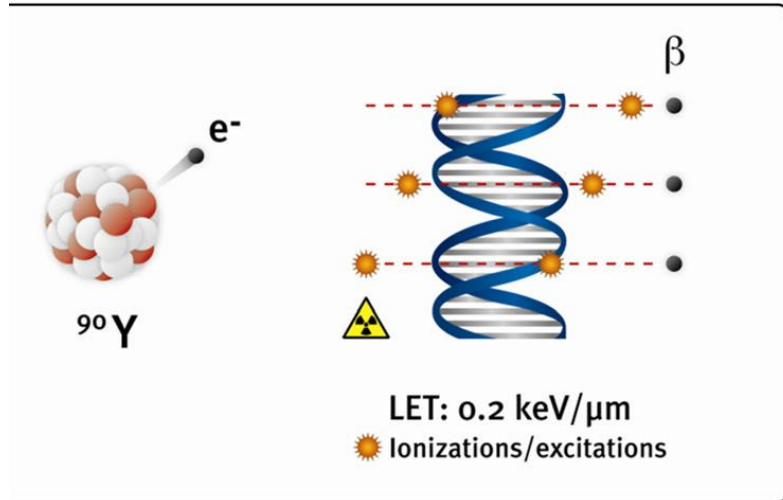
Michael S. Hofman *et al.*, 2018 Henry N. Wagner, Jr, MD, Image of the Year Award of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging.



Late Stage Radionuclide Theranostics [beyond Targeted beta-Therapy]

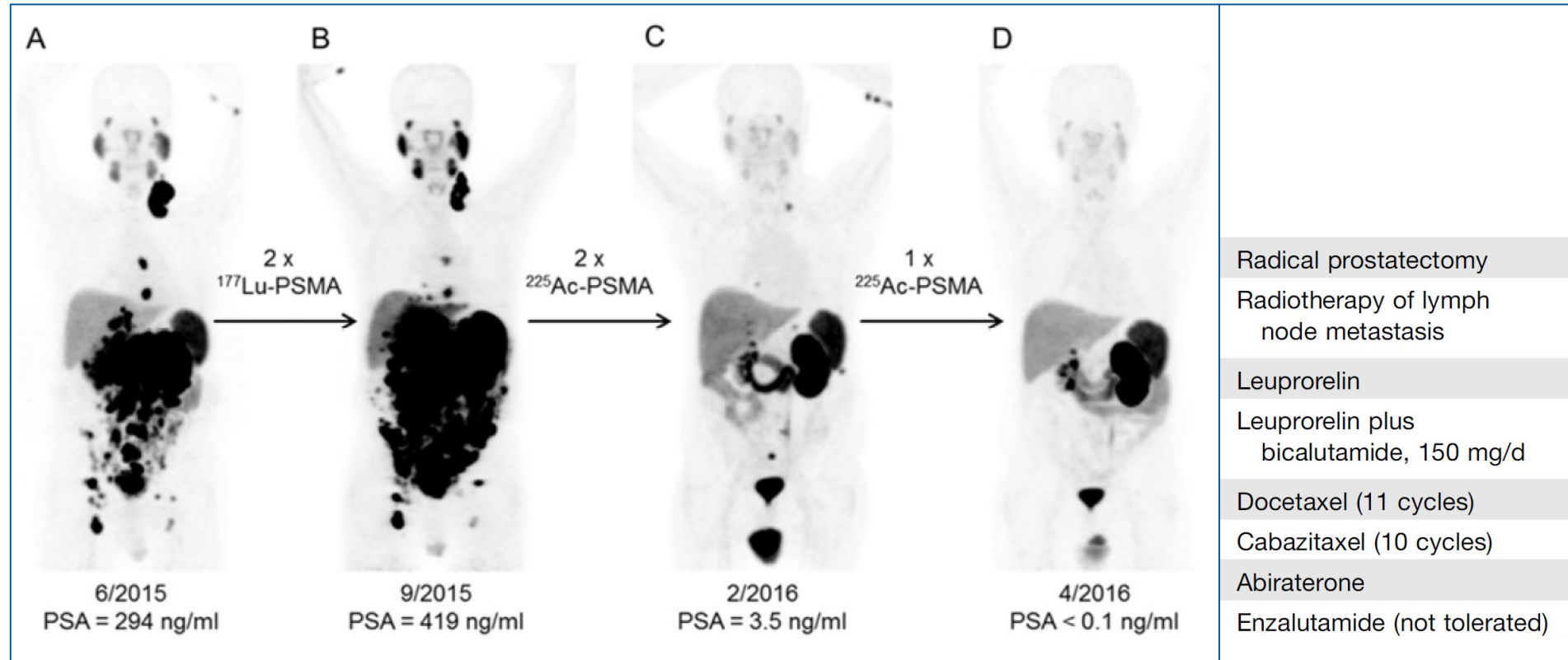


Discussion of alpha emitters for targeted alpha therapy (TAT) vs. beta emitters



Imaging & Therapy (with TAT) [⁶⁸Ga]Ga-PSMA-11 & [²²⁵Ac]Ac-PSMA-617

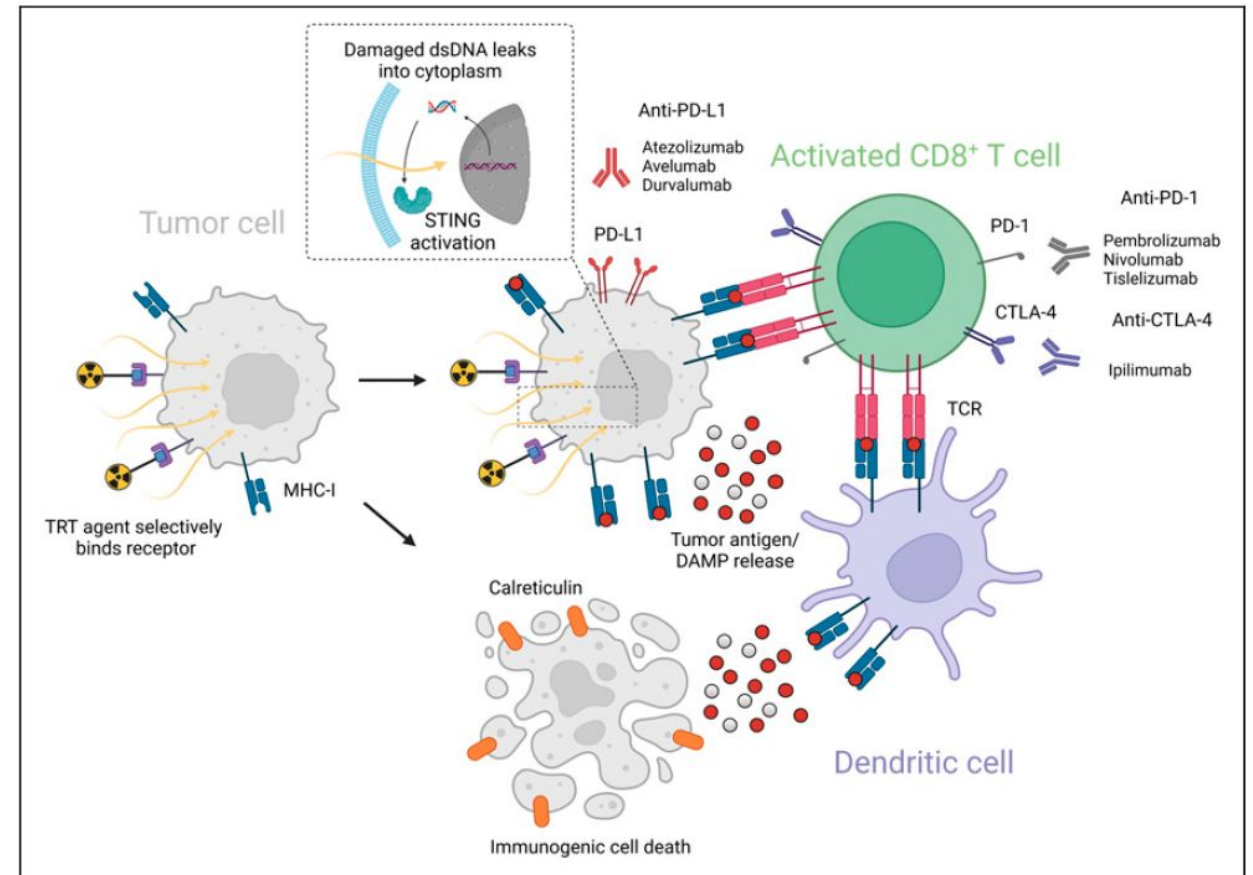
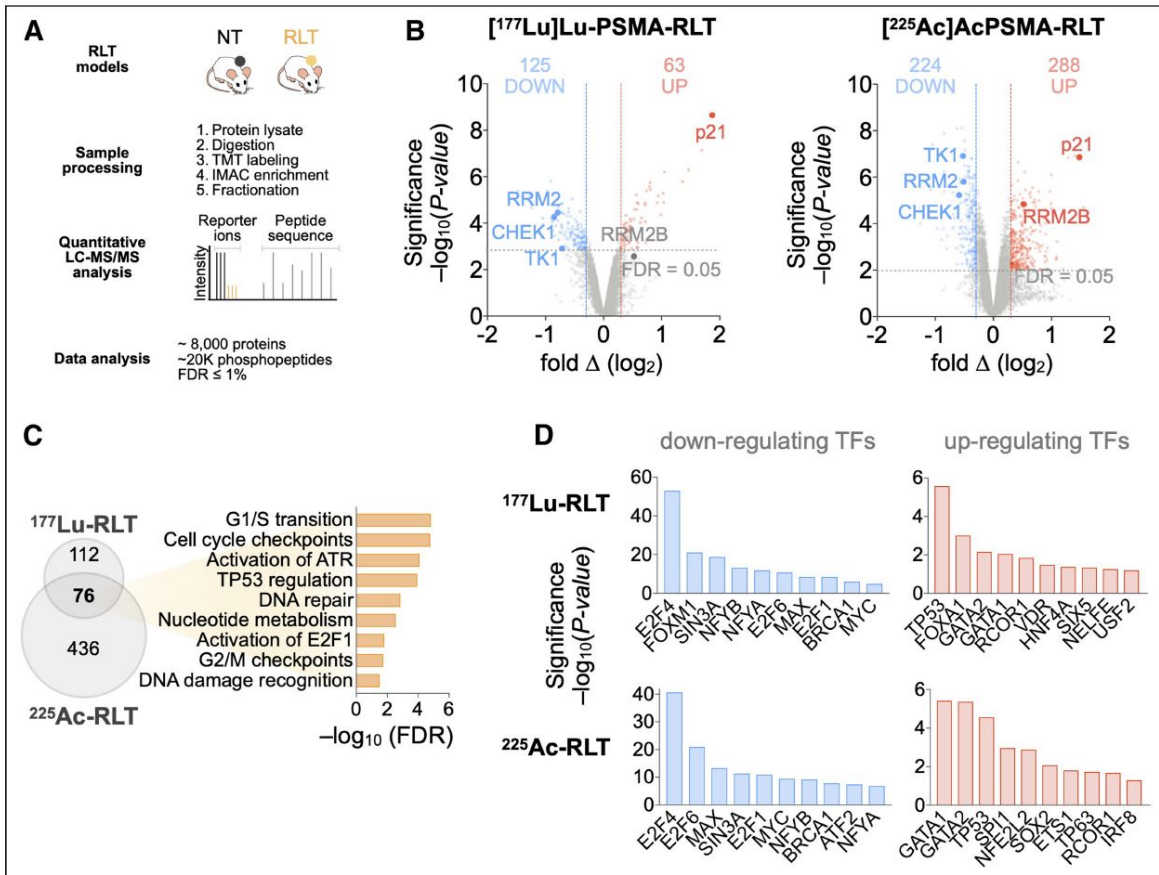
... overcoming resistance?



Paradigm: Targeted Radioligand Therapy (RLT) and Immune Checkpoint Blockade in Combination?

Understanding mechanisms...

... to overcome resistance?



Early Stage Combining Imaging with Surgery



Surgery: Translational Research Pipeline, Dual-labelled Tracers

European Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00259-020-05184-0>

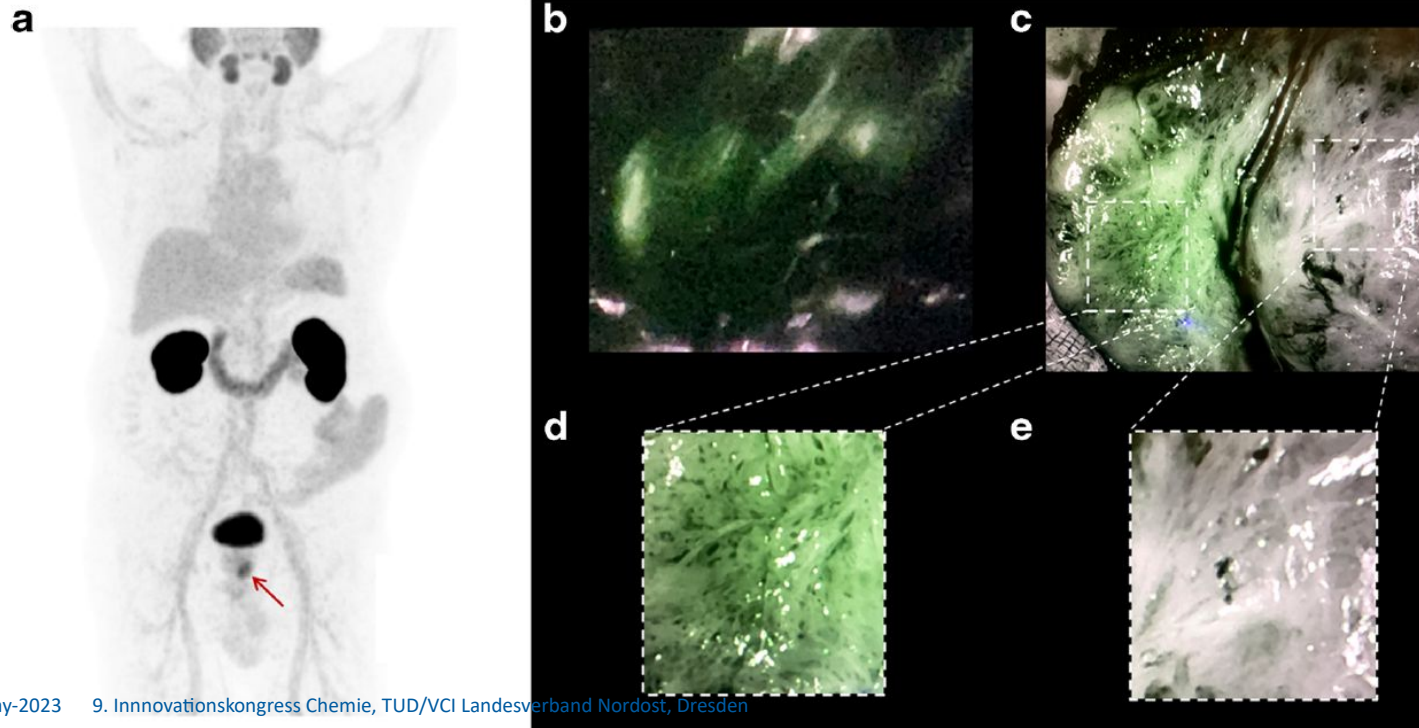
IMAGE OF THE MONTH



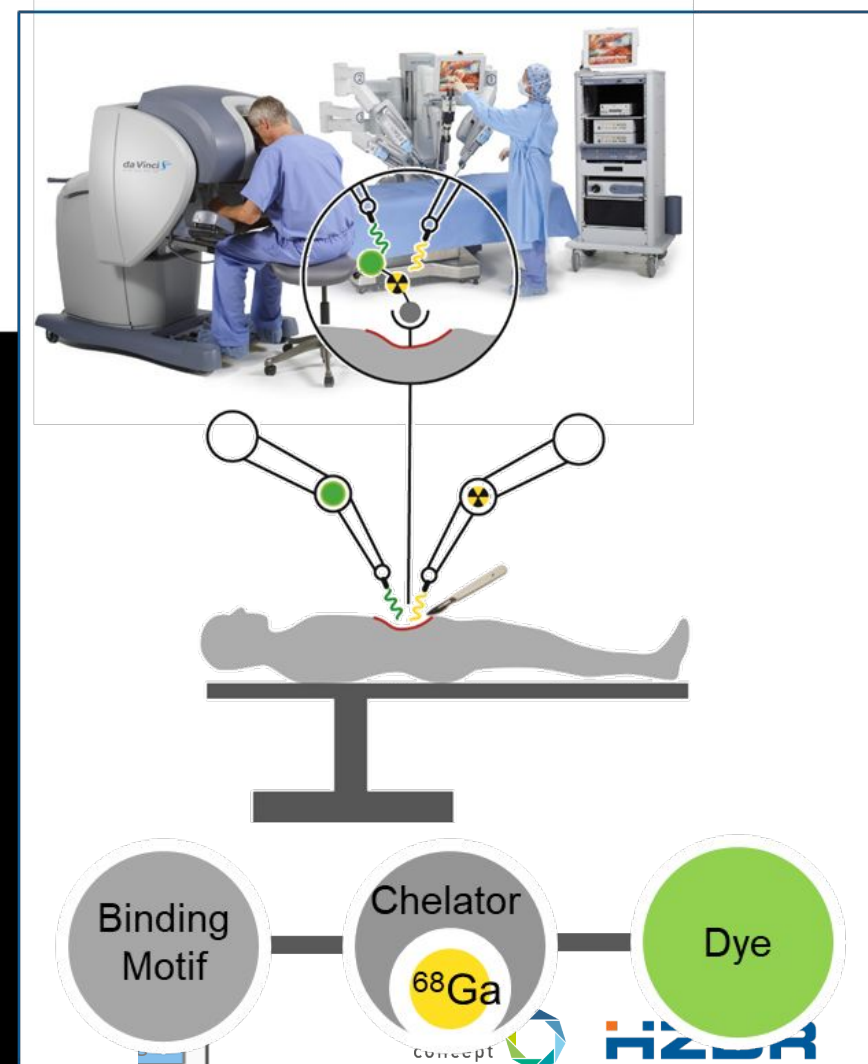
The PSMA-11-derived hybrid molecule PSMA-914 specifically identifies prostate cancer by preoperative PET/CT and intraoperative fluorescence imaging

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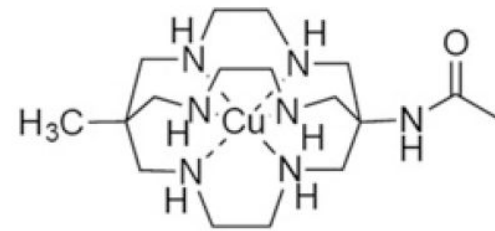


Fluorescence-guided Surgery



When producing a radiometal be sure you
have a complexing agent in the pocket!





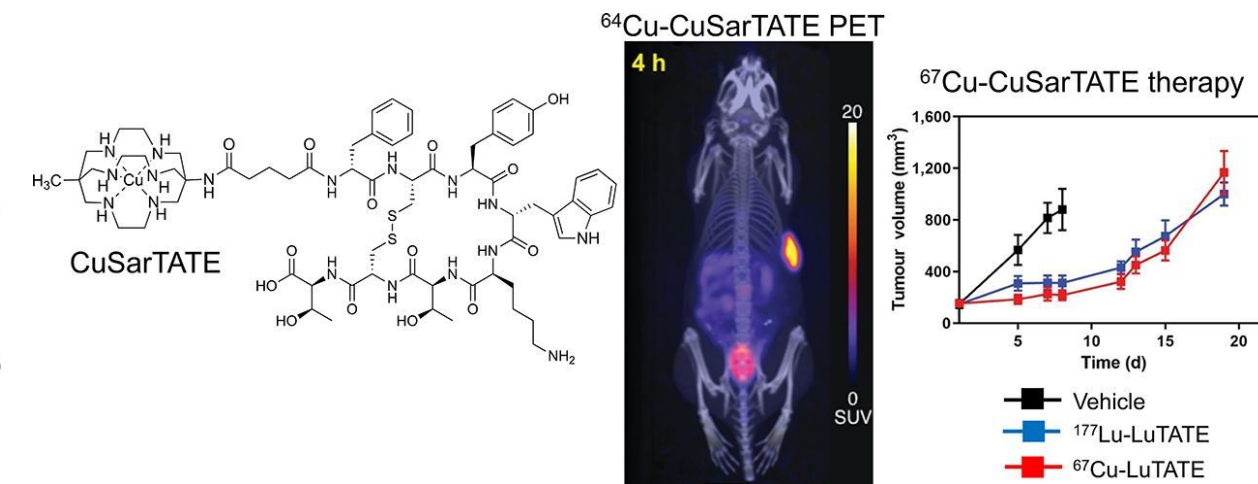
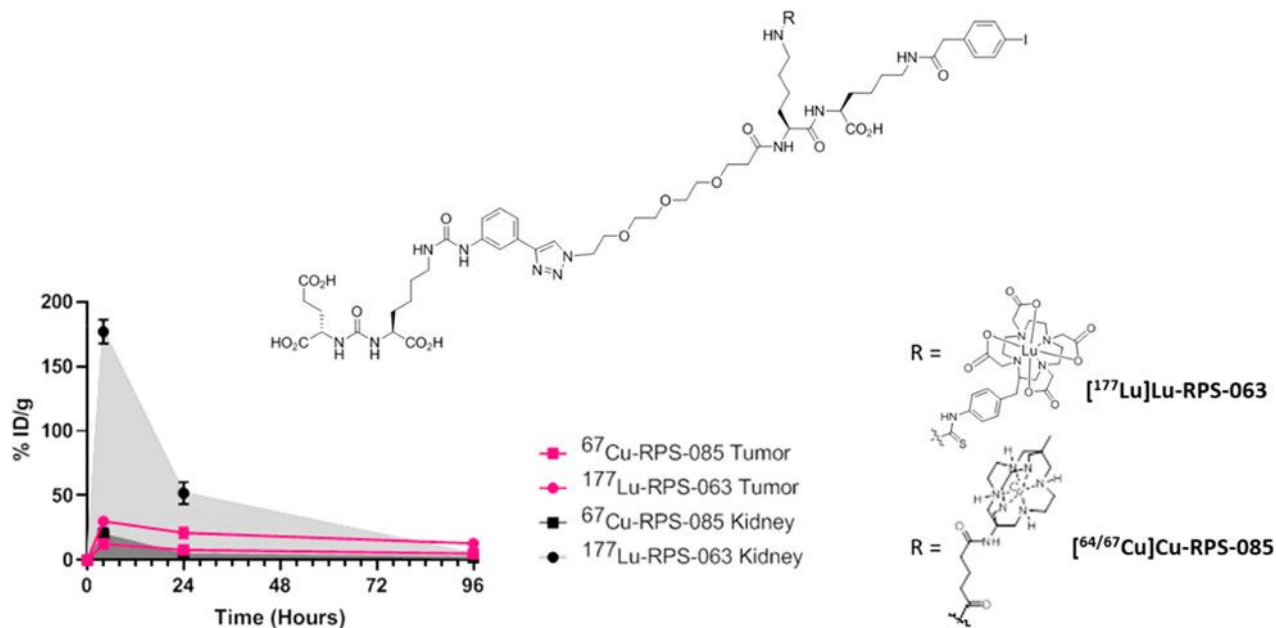
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One chelator for imaging and therapy with ^{177}Lu and ^{225}Ac , not that easy...

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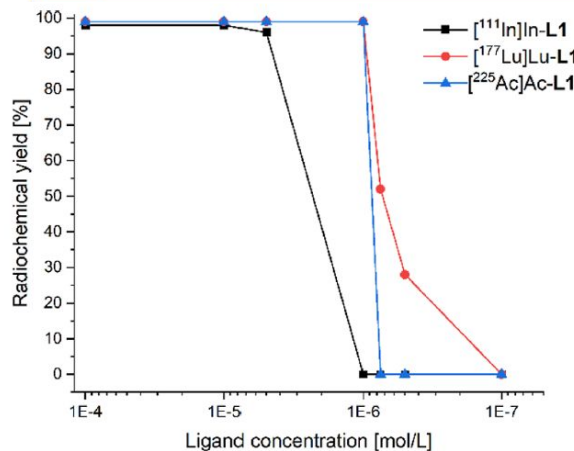
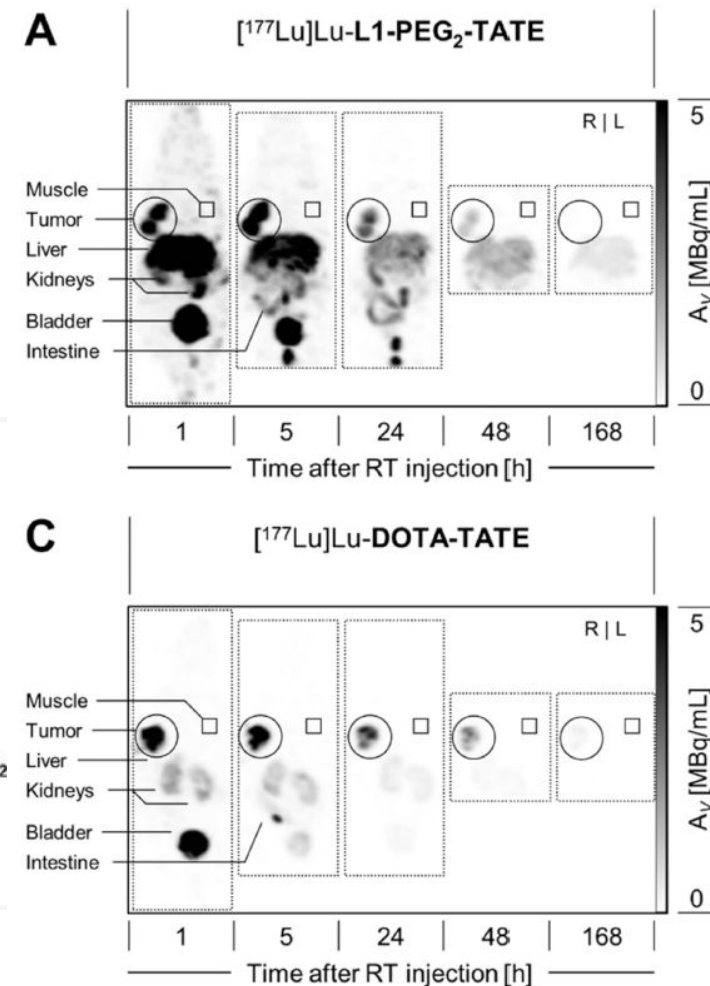
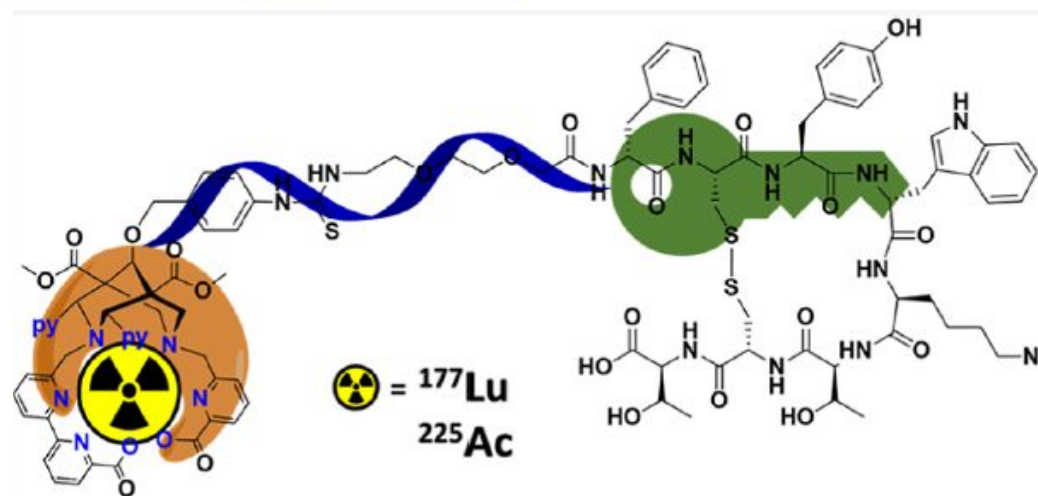
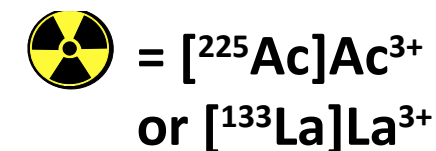
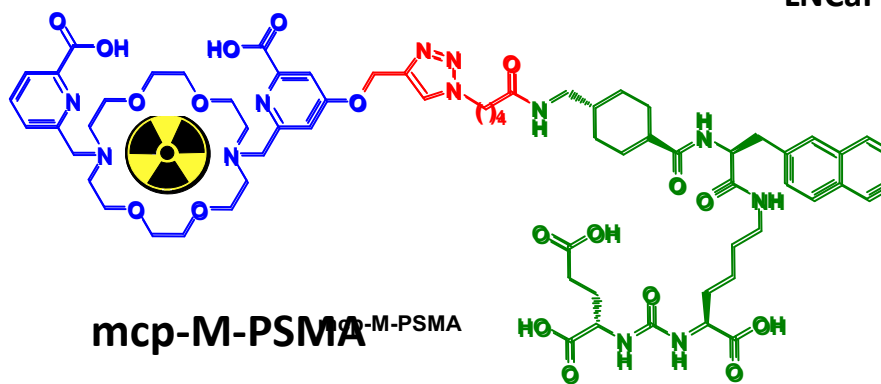
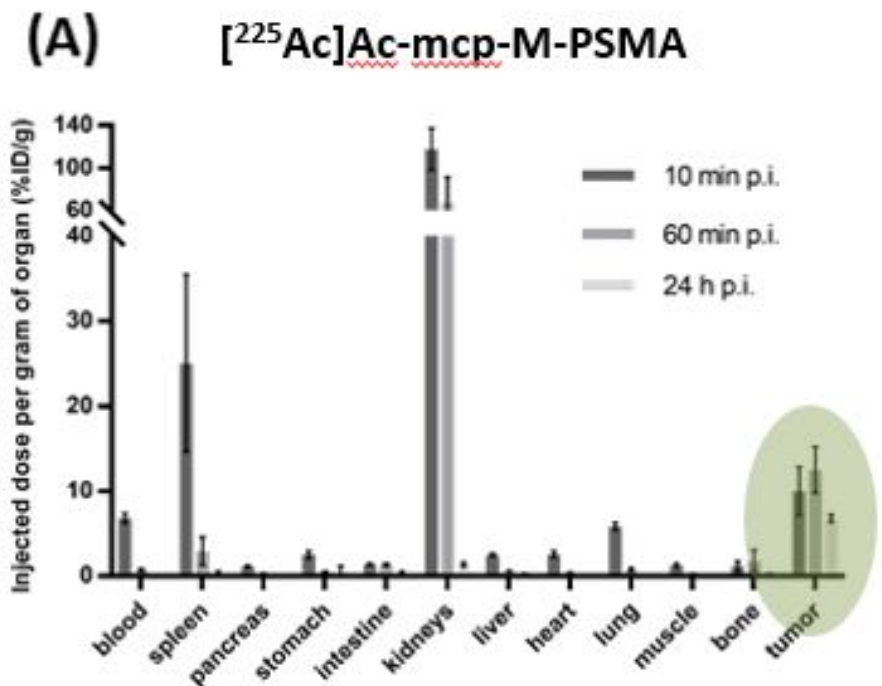
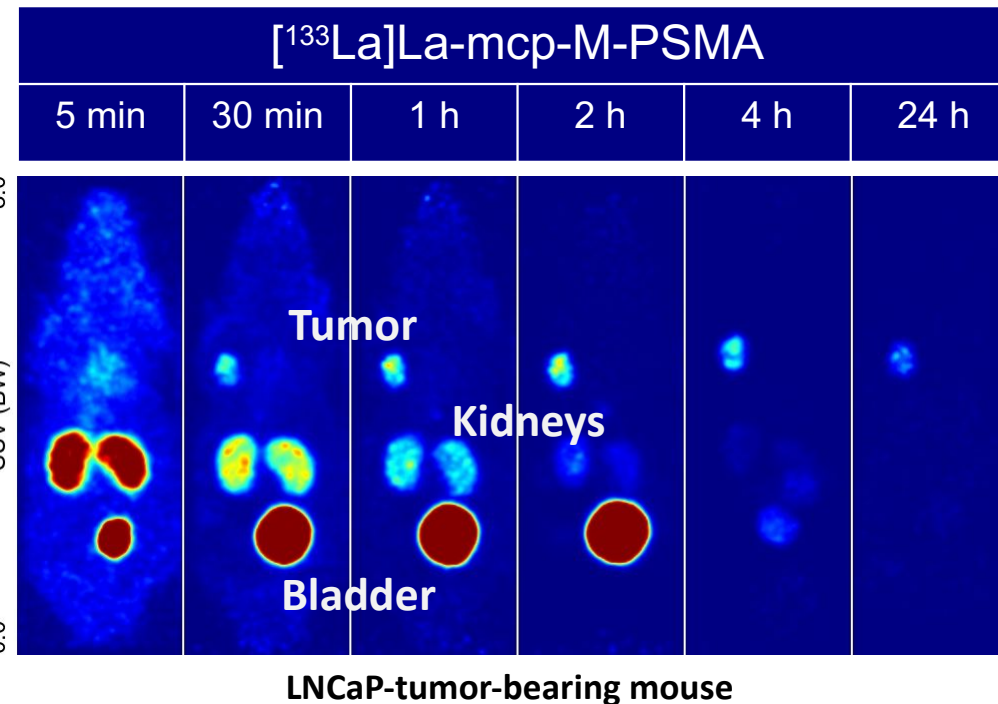


Figure 3. Radiochemical yields at different ligand concentrations (40 °C, 0.15 mM NH_4OAc , pH 6, 5 min, initial A (^{111}In) In^{3+} and [^{177}Lu]Lu $^{3+}$ = 5 MBq), initial A (^{225}Ac) Ac^{3+} = 50 kBq, $n = 2$).



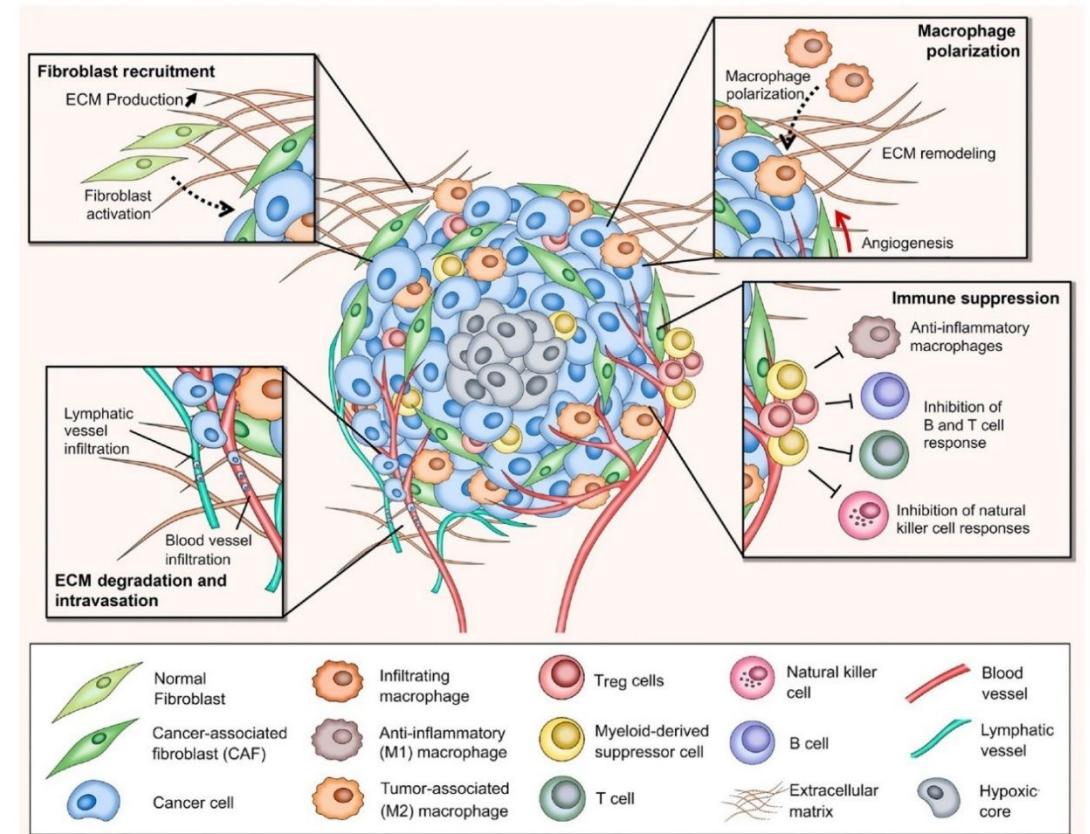
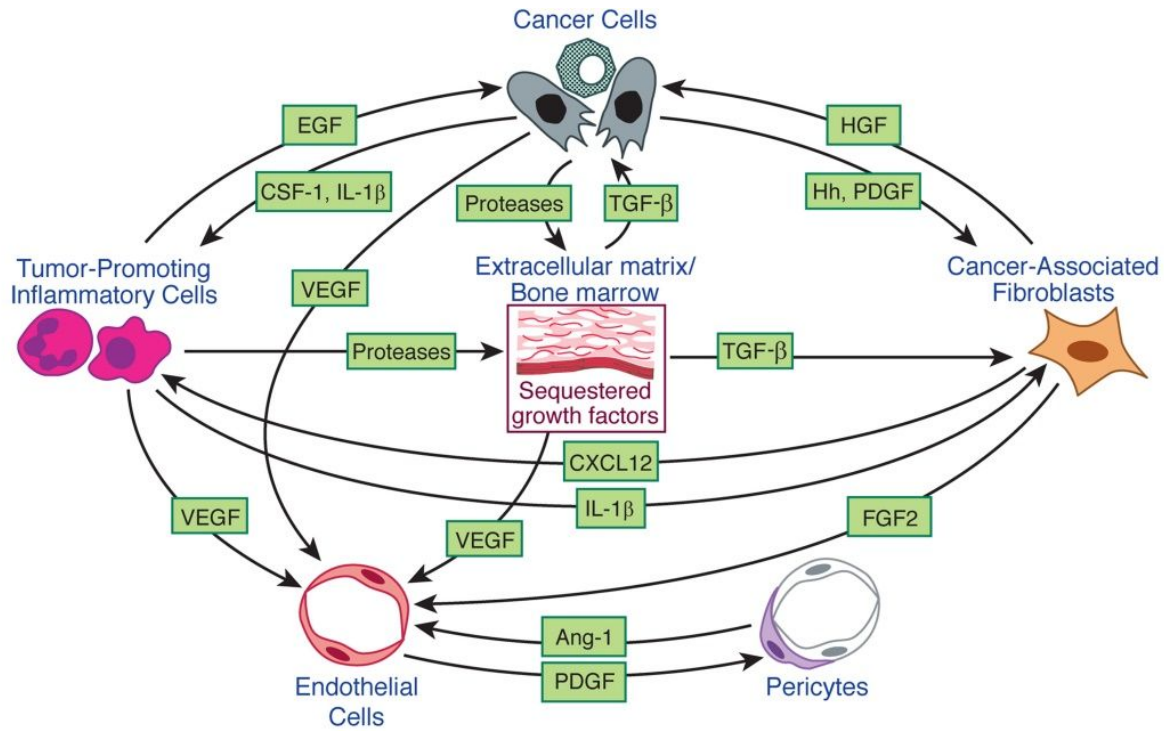
Theranostic Concept: the $^{225}\text{Ac}/^{133}\text{La}$ matched pair for Radioconjugates

- **easy and mild labeling:** macropa as excellent chelator and target molecule with **high affinity** to PSMA
- **Stability:** no dissociation **over 10 days**
- **Cell binding:** **high binding affinity**
- **High Tumor uptake:** comparable to PSMA-617

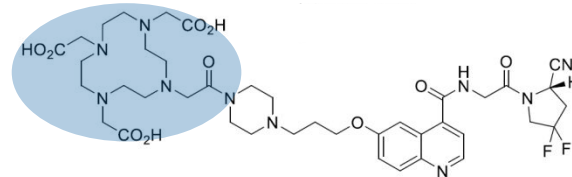
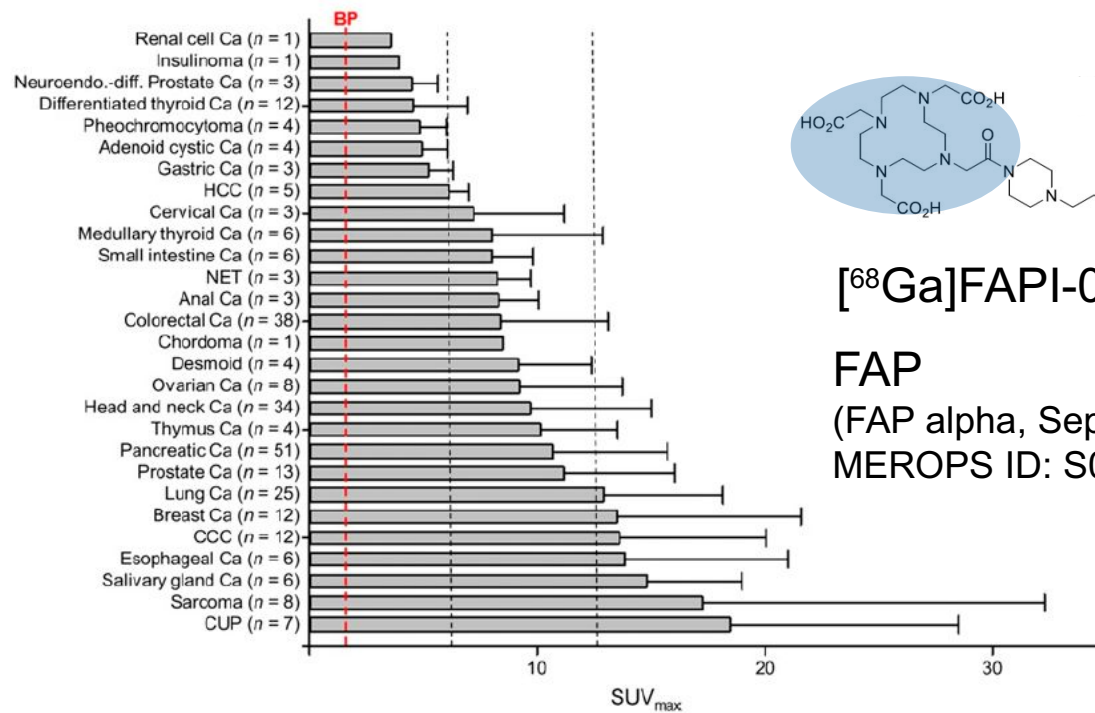
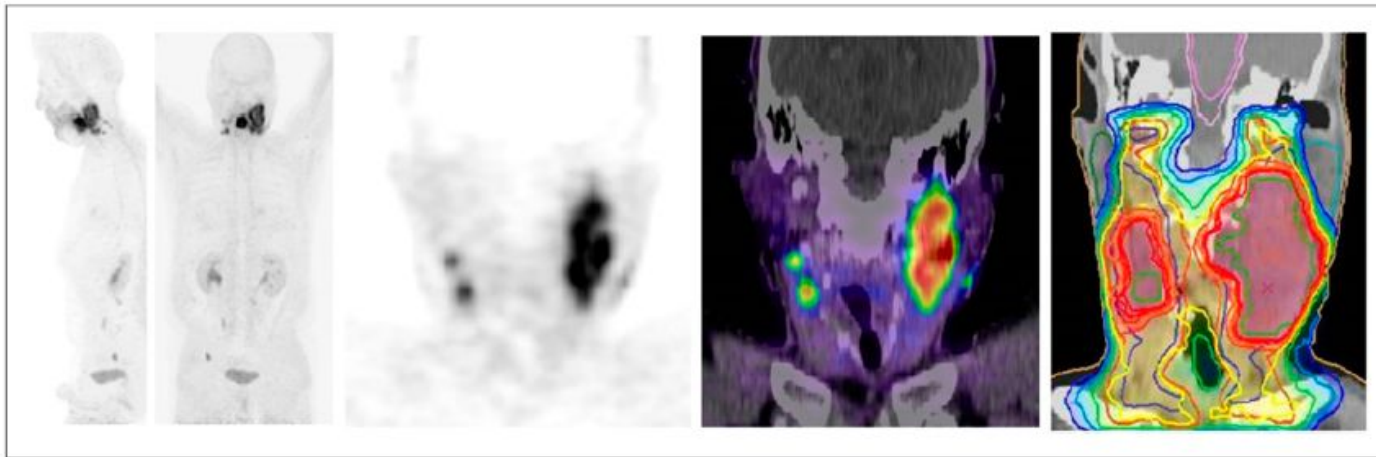


Targeting the tumor microenvironment (TME)



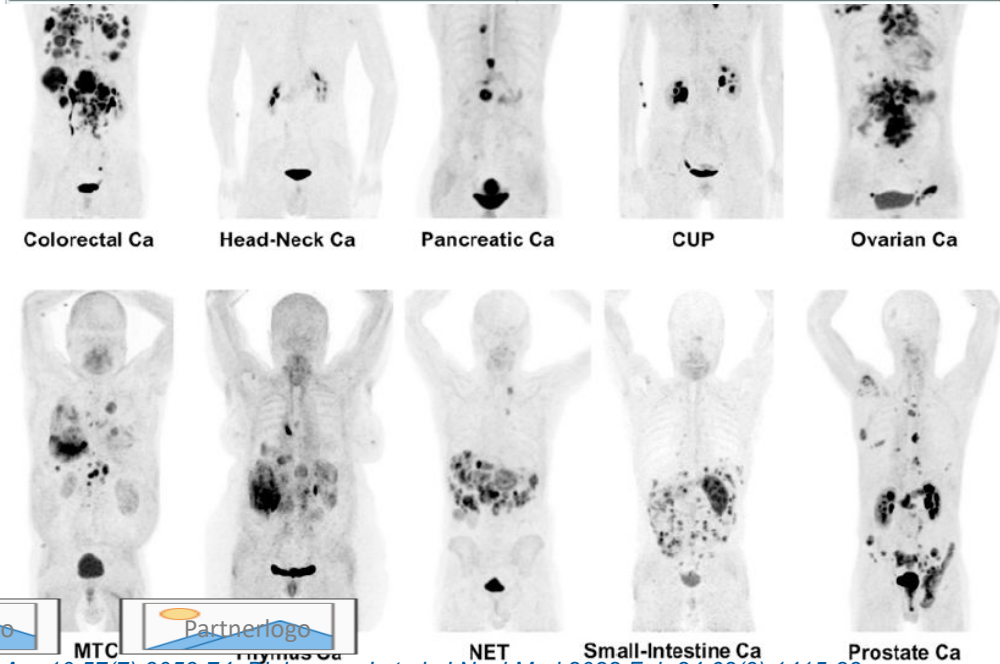
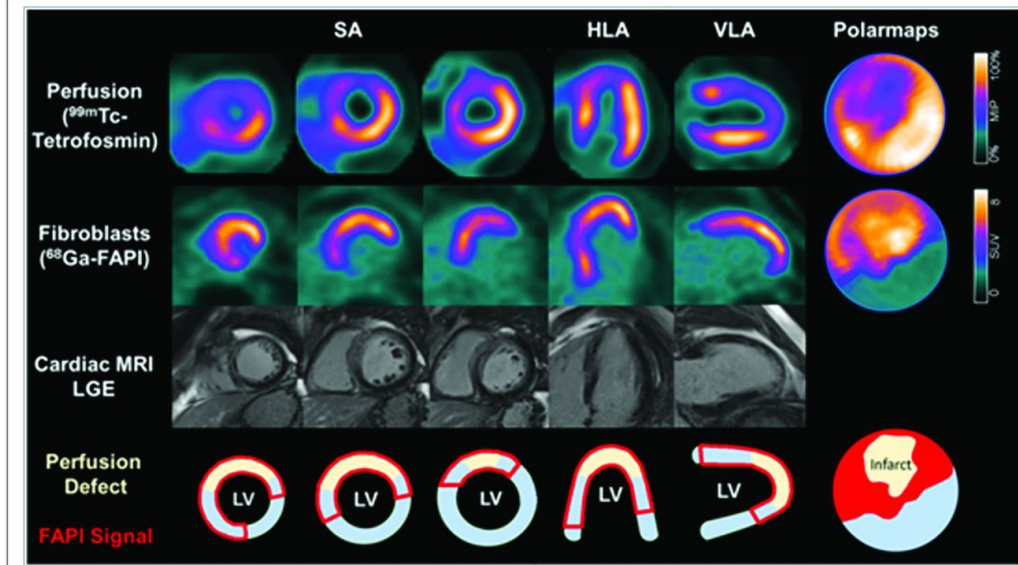


FAPI PET/CT: Tracer uptake in 28 different kinds of cancer vs. prognostic marker after MI

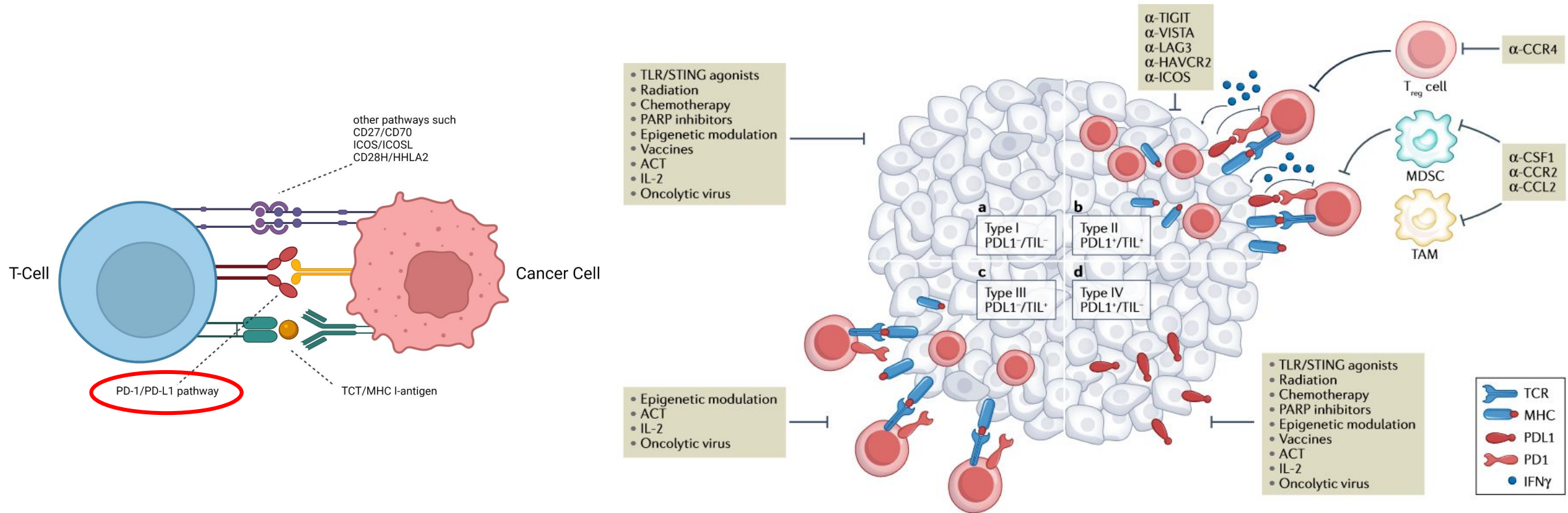


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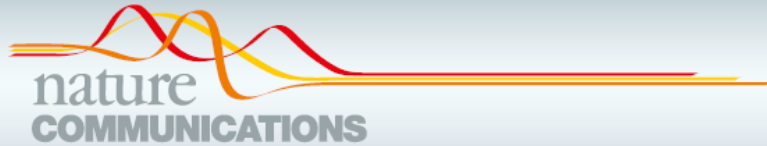


Clinical need for molecular imaging of PD-1/PD-L1 axis within the TME



- Overexpressed in several cancer types, e.g. lung, colorectal, breast and ovarian cancer, melanoma
- Immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI) **monotherapy**: only ca. 30% response rate, understanding of **adaptive immune resistance** needed
- Clinicians need a tool for **therapy decision** and **monitoring** of target expression and dynamics over the course of the disease

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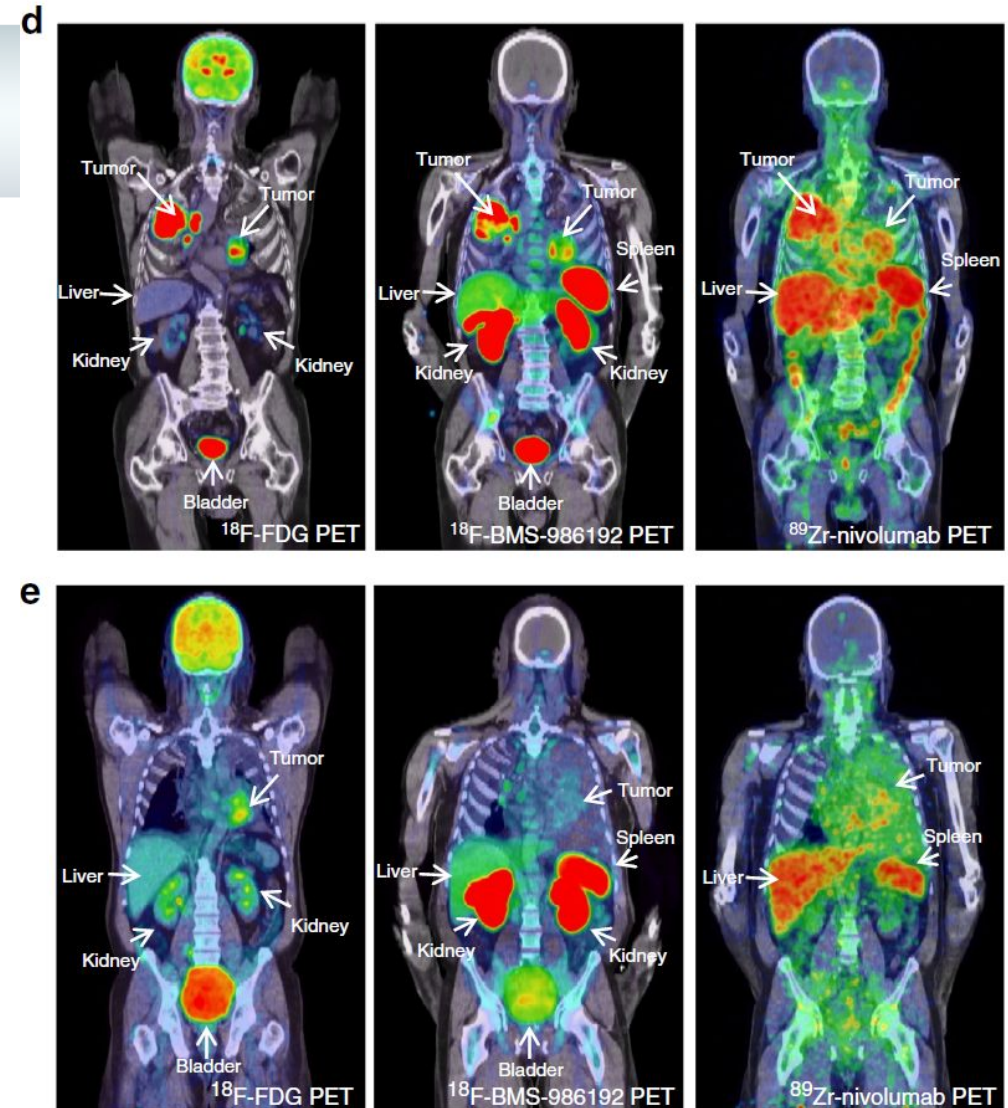
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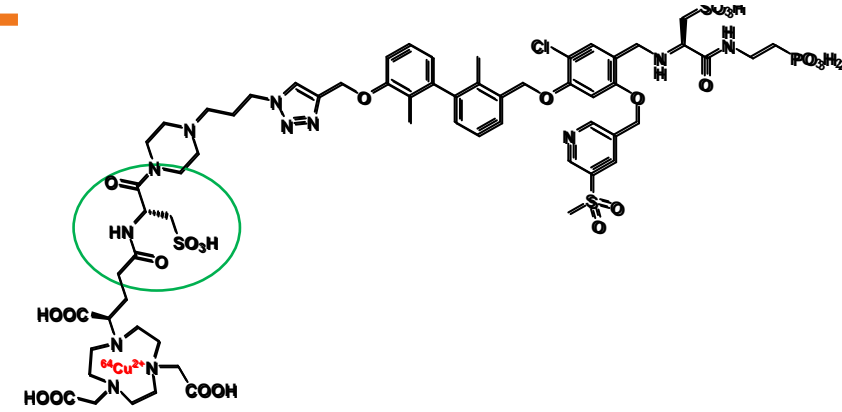
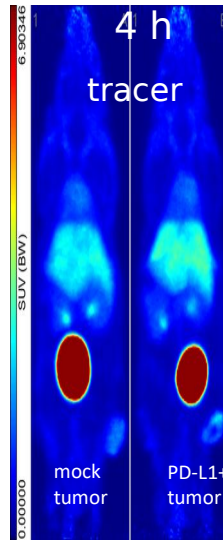
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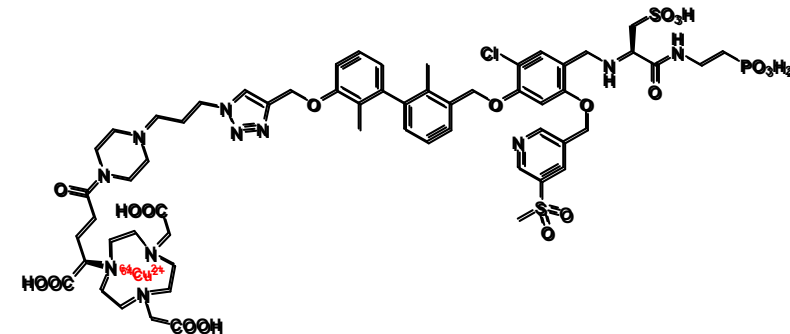
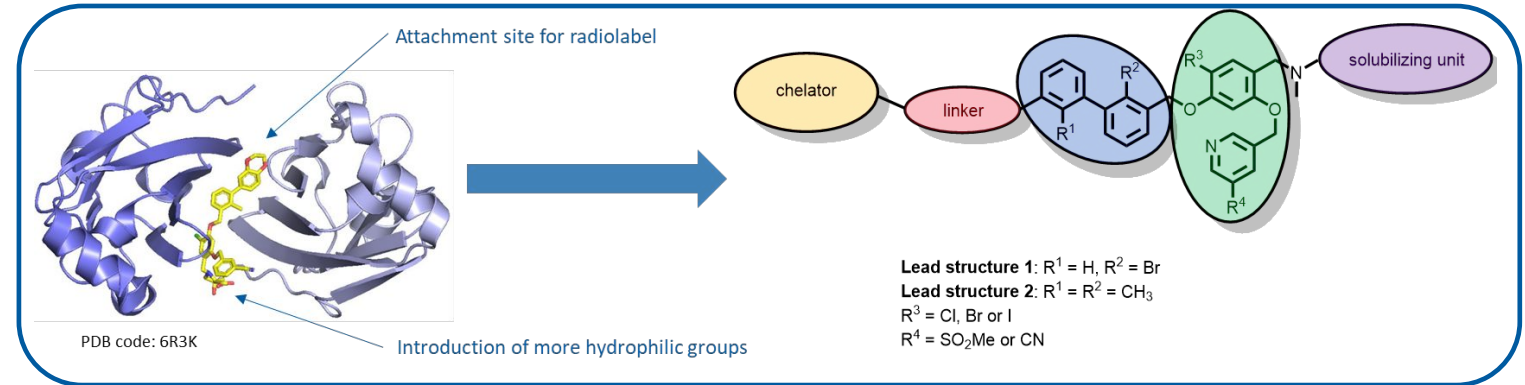
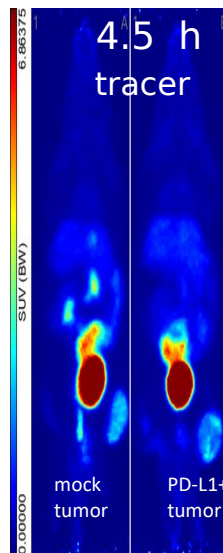


In vivo evaluation of PD-L1 Tracer pipeline

→ renal clearance
→ low tumor uptake



→ renal clearance
→ increased tumor uptake



We should not forget the other Classes of Theranostic Tracers...

- **Somatostatin Receptor (SSTR)-**targeting antagonists
- **Norepinephrine (NE)** analogs
- **C-X-C chemokine receptor 4 (CXCR4)-**targeting ligands
- **Carbonic anhydrase IX (CA-IX)-**targeting inhibitors
- **Glucagon-like peptide-1** (GLP-1) receptor agonists
- **$\alpha_v\beta_6$ -integrin** targeting ligands
- **Gastrin-Releasing Peptide Receptor (GRPr)-**targeting peptides
- **Cholecystinin 2 receptor (CCK2R)/gastrin receptor** analogs
- **and more...**

Thank You!