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"Internal dosimetry for radiation protection and medicine"

# Uncertainties on internal dosimetry

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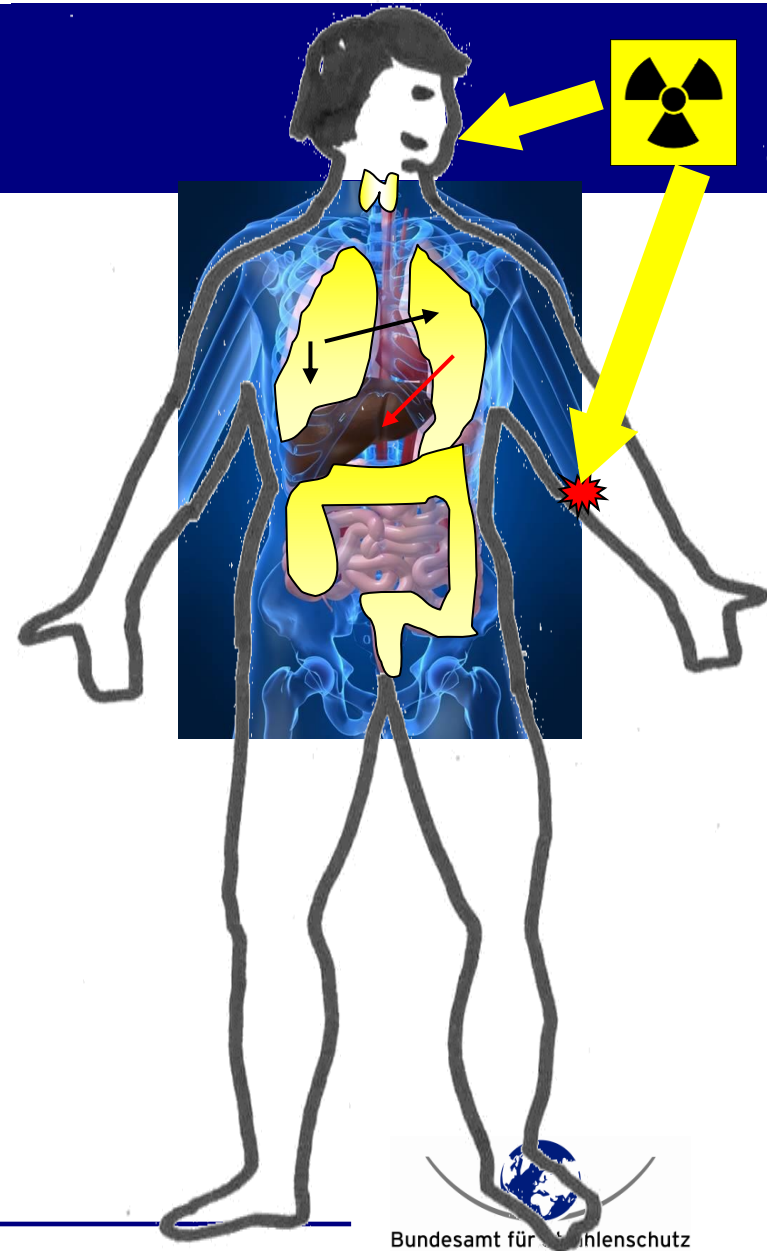
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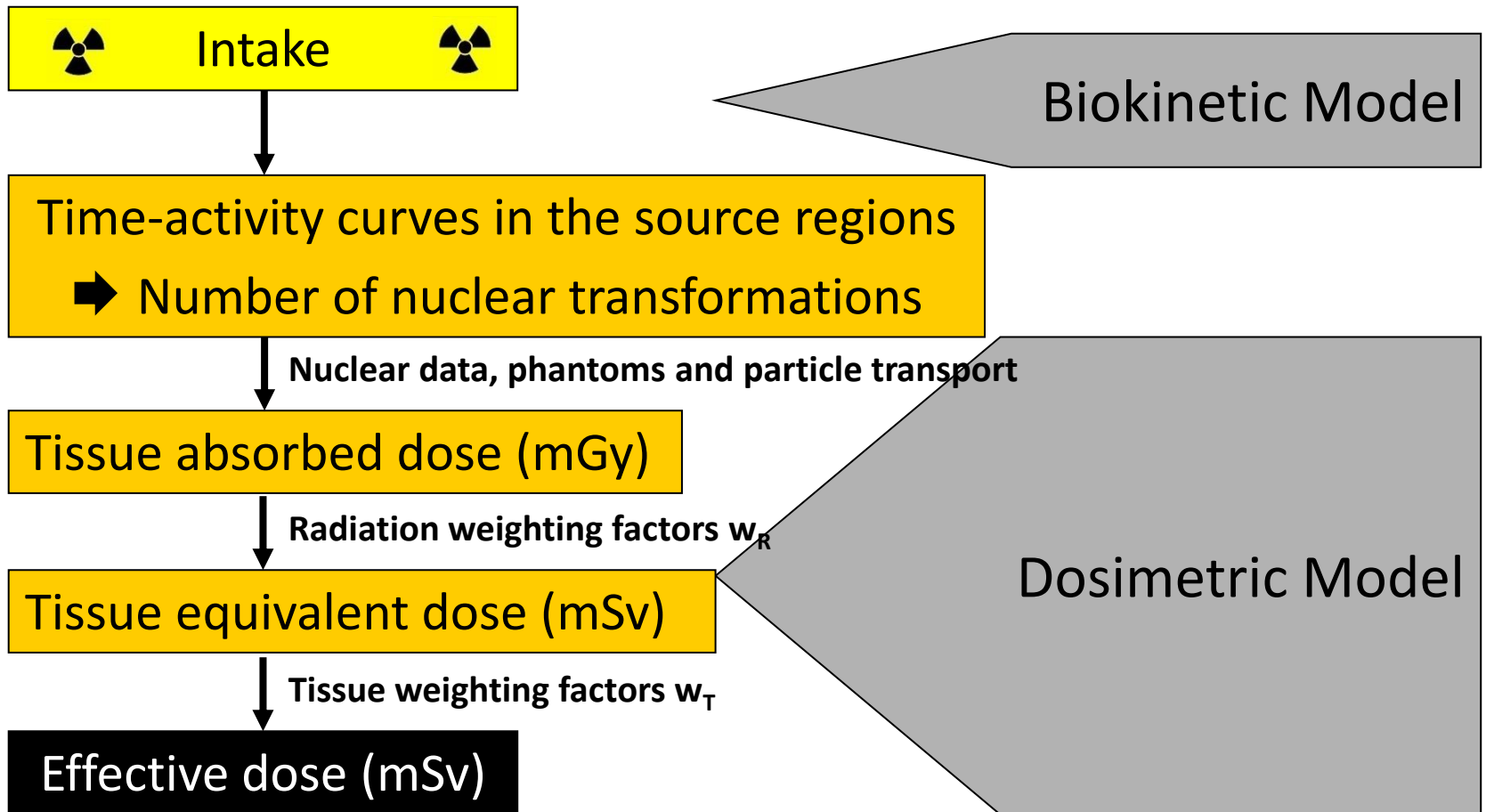
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# Internal dosimetry



# Internal dose is evaluated with mathematical models



# For regulatory purposes ICRP publications give dose coefficients

 Intake 

$i = 1 \text{ Bq}$

Biokinetic Model

Time-activity curves in the source regions  
➔ Number of nuclear transformations

Nuclear data, phantoms and particle transport

Tissue absorbed dose (mGy)

Radiation weighting factors  $w_R$

Tissue equivalent dose (mSv)

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Effective dose (mSv)

Dosimetric Model

**DOSE COEFFICIENTS**

# Internal dose assessment for regulatory purposes

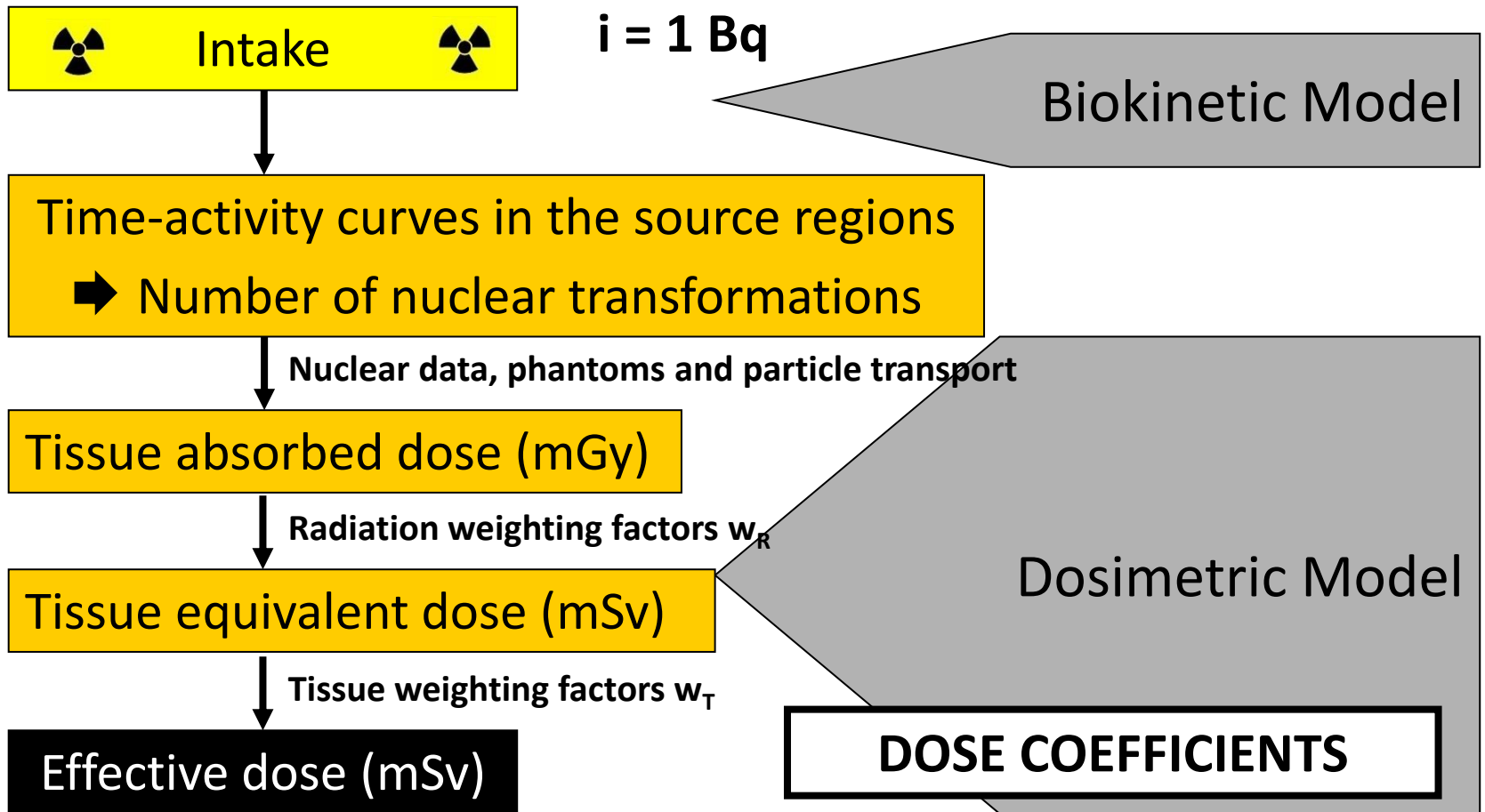
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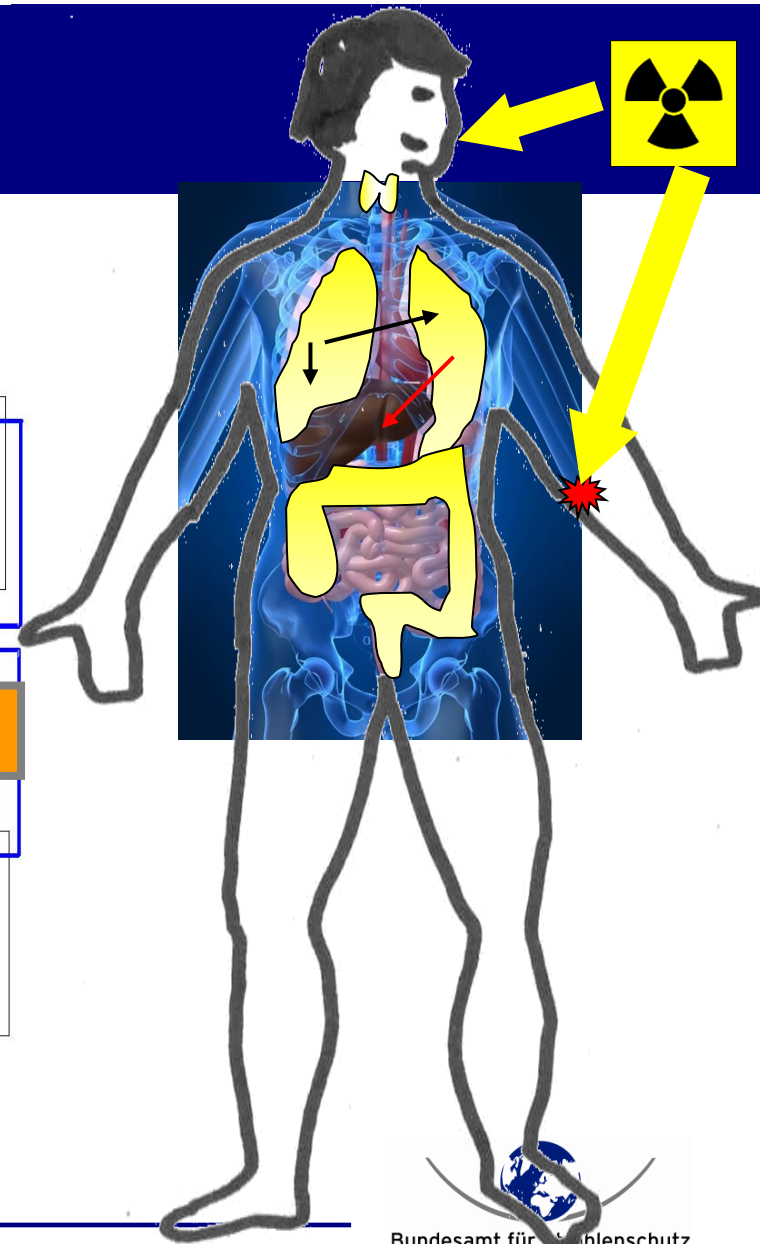
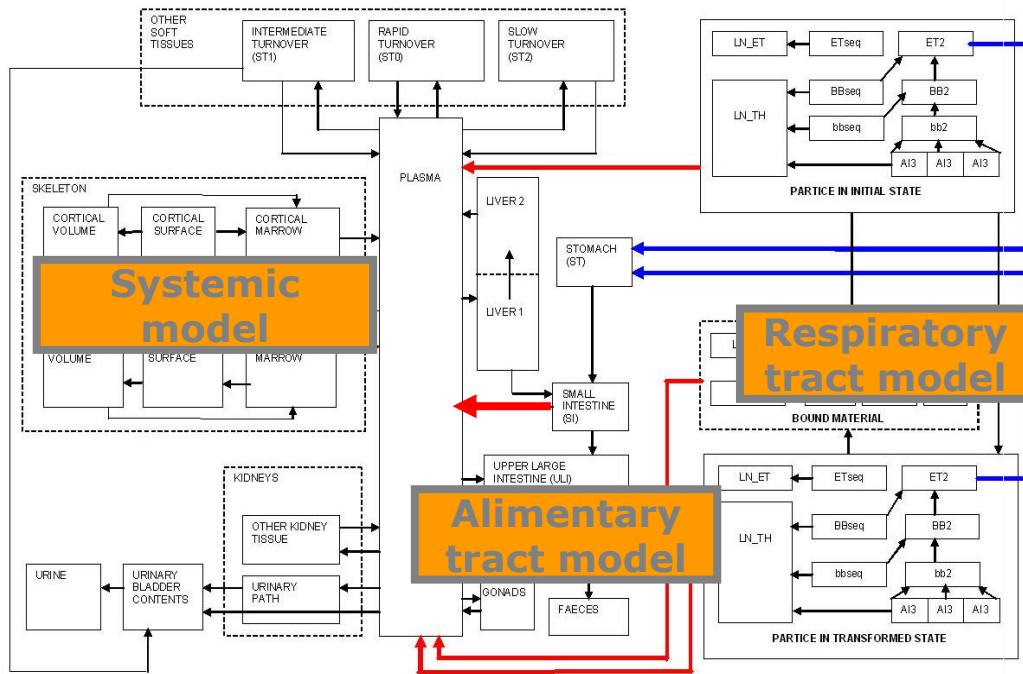
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# Biokinetic models

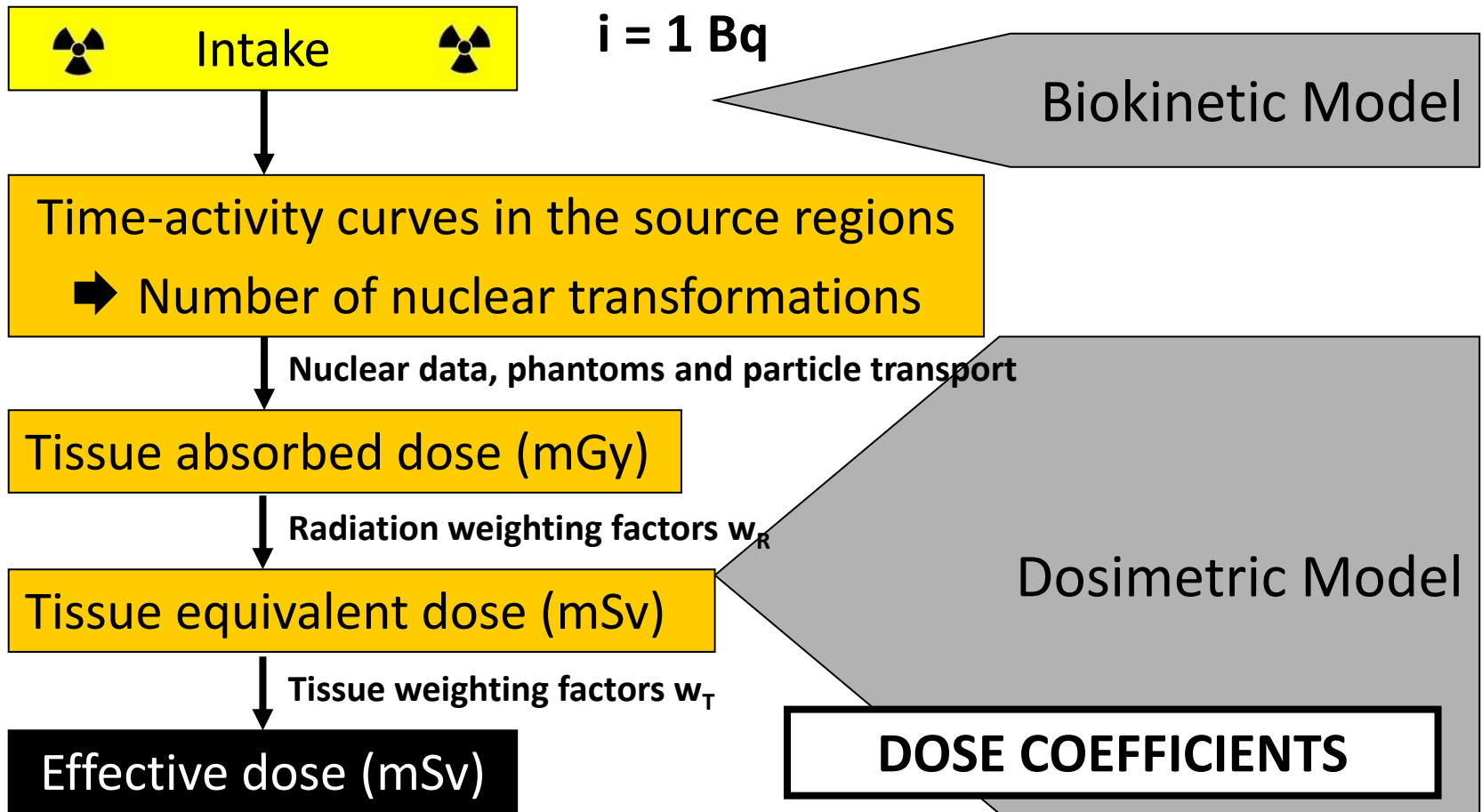


# Sources of uncertainties from the biokinetic models

- Adequacy of the model structure
- Uncertainties in model parameter values
  - Source data
    - Human studies (H1)
    - Other mammalian species (A1)
    - Human studies - Chemical analogues (H2)
    - Other mammalian species - Chemical analogue in (A2)
    - Basic physiological data (P)
      - Correlations
- Physical half-lives are known to a very good degree of accuracy



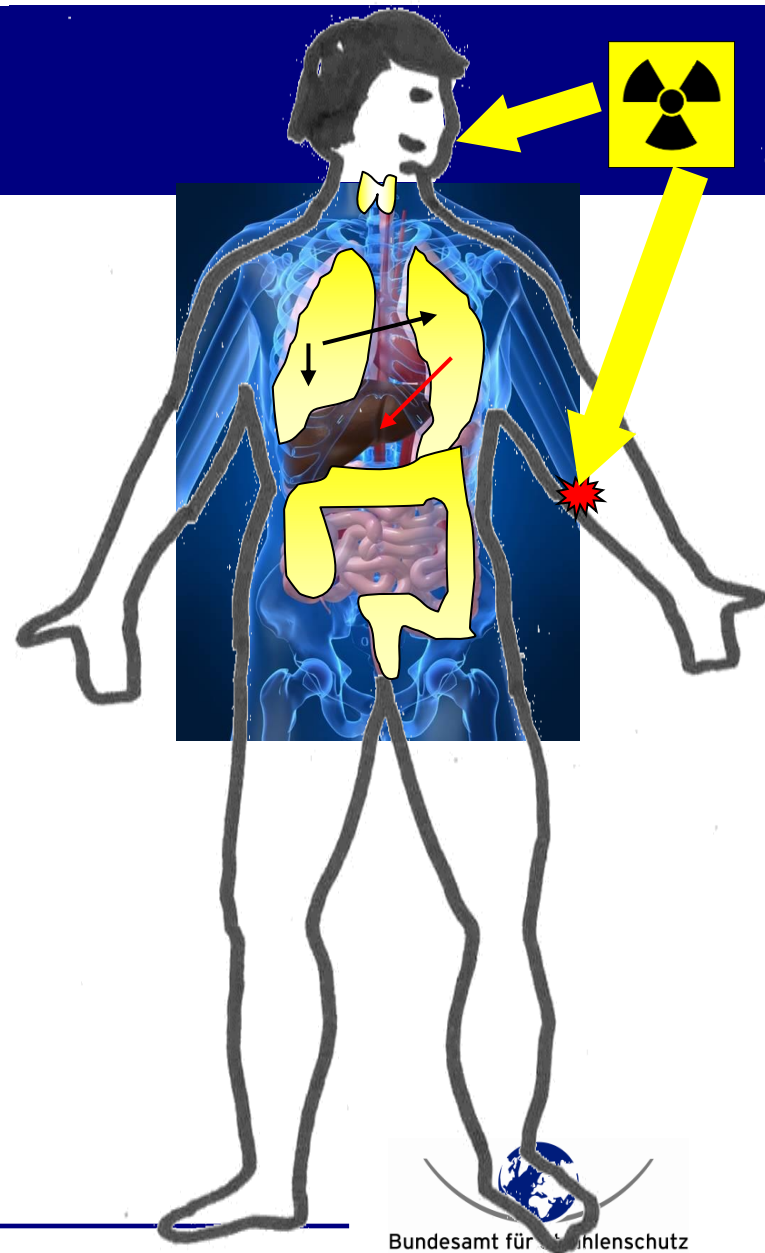
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# Dosimetric models



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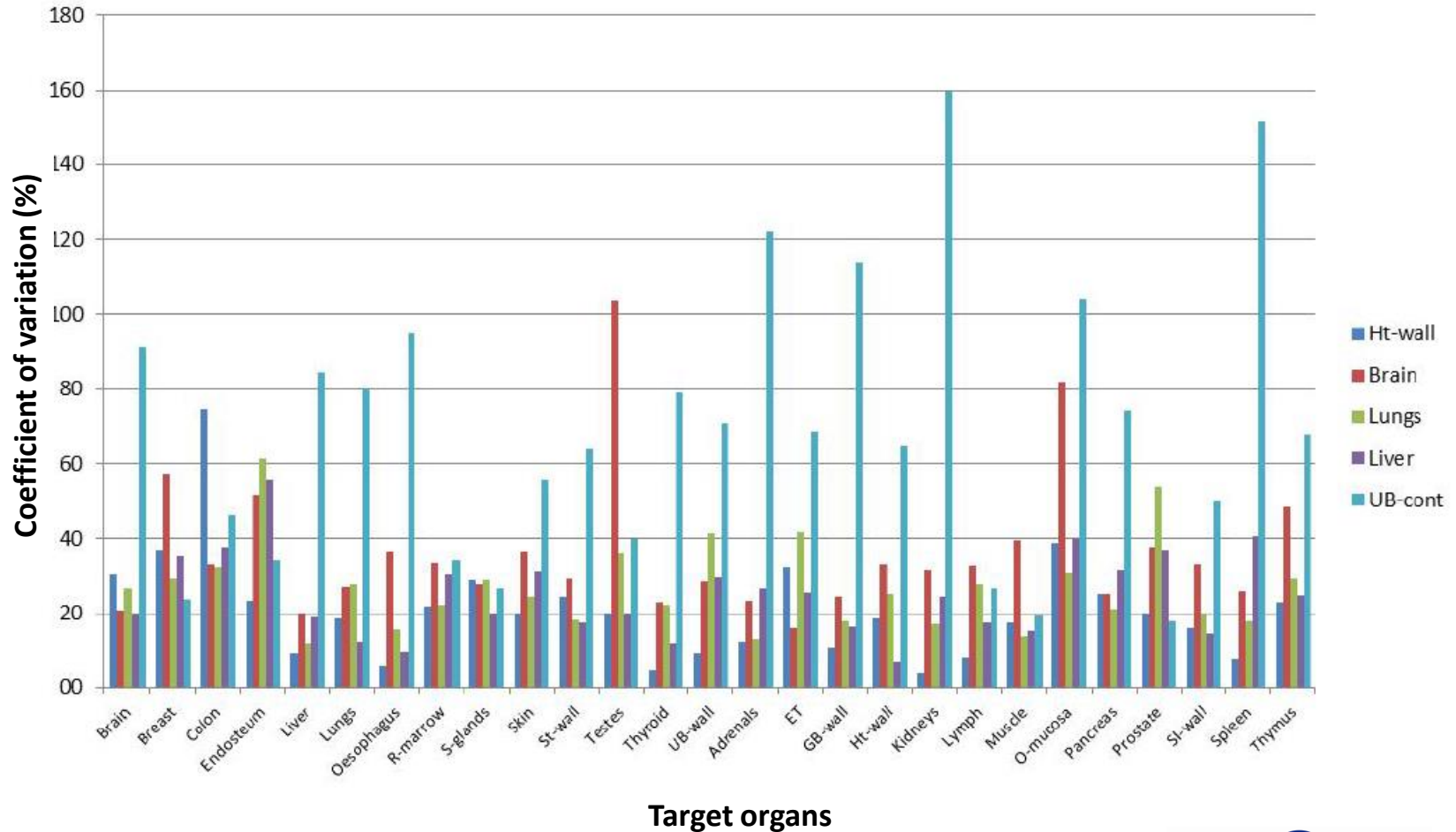
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# Sources of uncertainties from the dosimetric models

- **Physical properties (energy and spectra of the emitted radiation) are known to a very good degree of precision**
- **A number of different voxel phantoms are currently available: intraindividual variabilities can be easily assessed and quantified**
- **Significant contributions to the uncertainty can be due to inhomogeneous activity distributions and simplifying assumptions on the location of radiosensitive cells (particularly important for high LET radiation and for walled hollow organs)**

# Uncertainties on the S-values for $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG

V. Spielmann and W. Li, HMGU



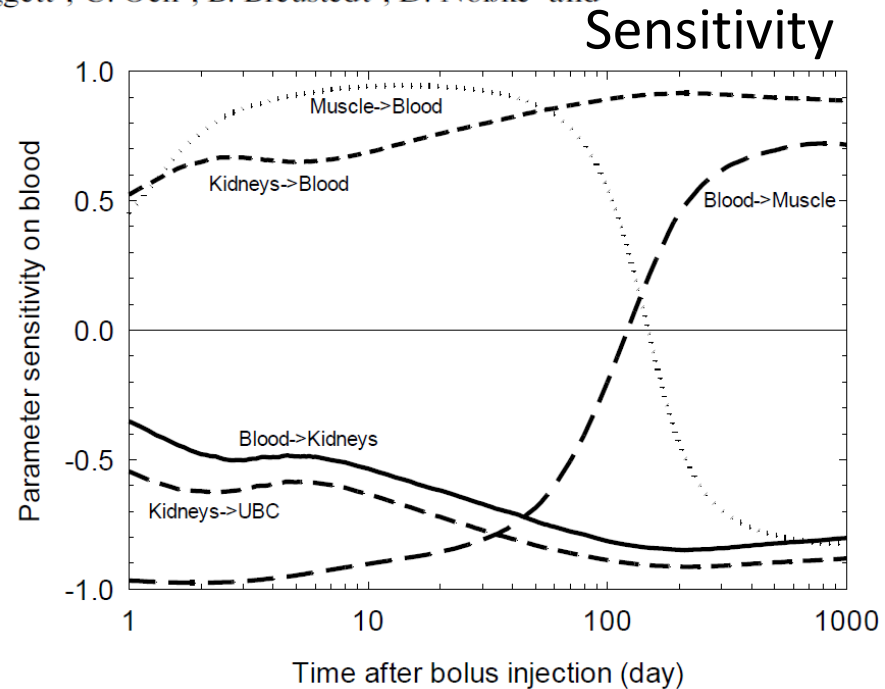
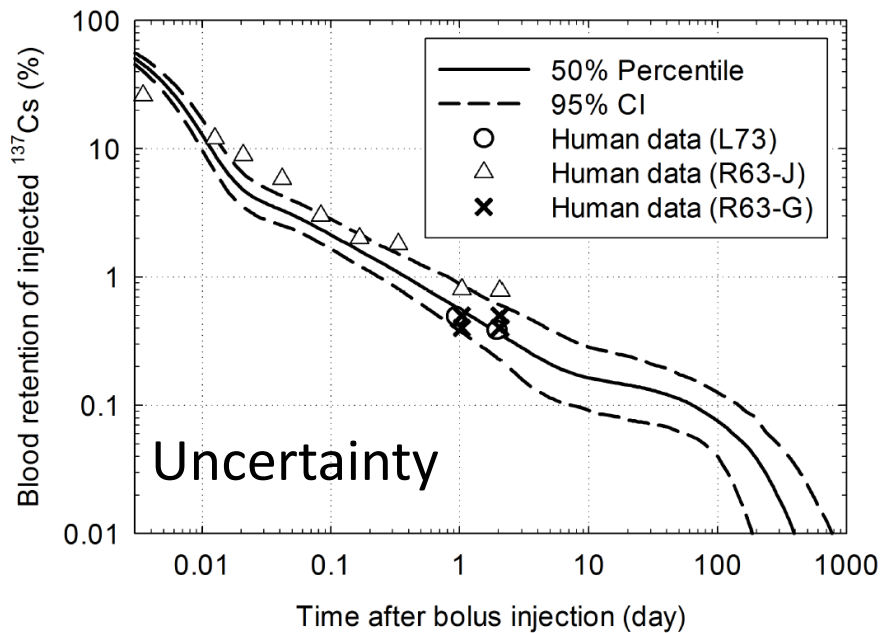
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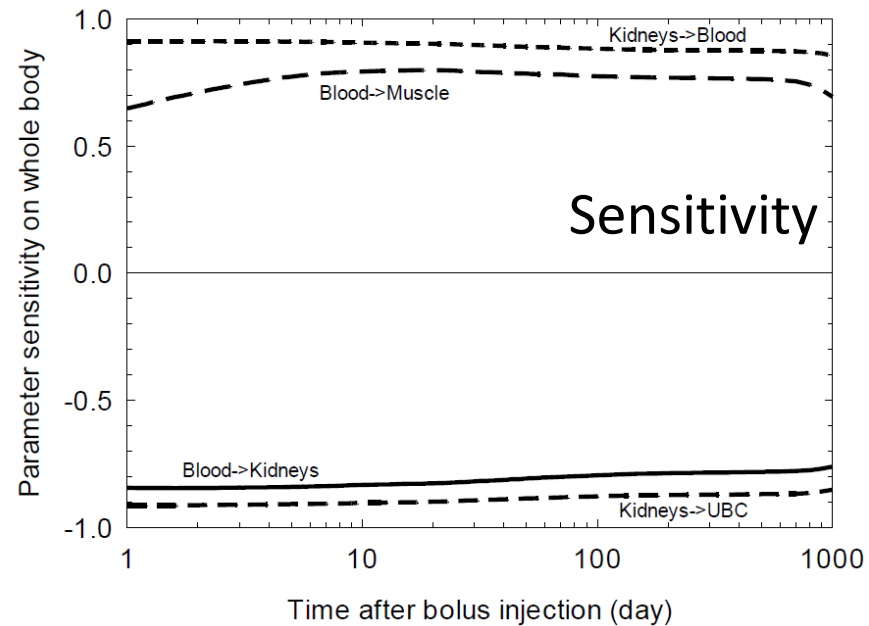
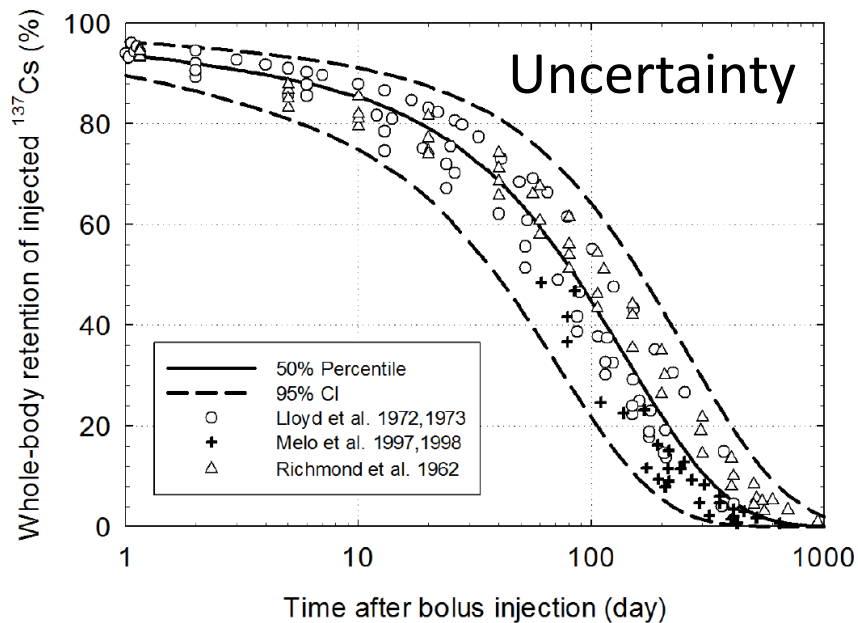
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# Estimating intake from bioassay measurements

 Intake 

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Measurement(s)  $M$

$m(t)$   $M/m(t) = I$

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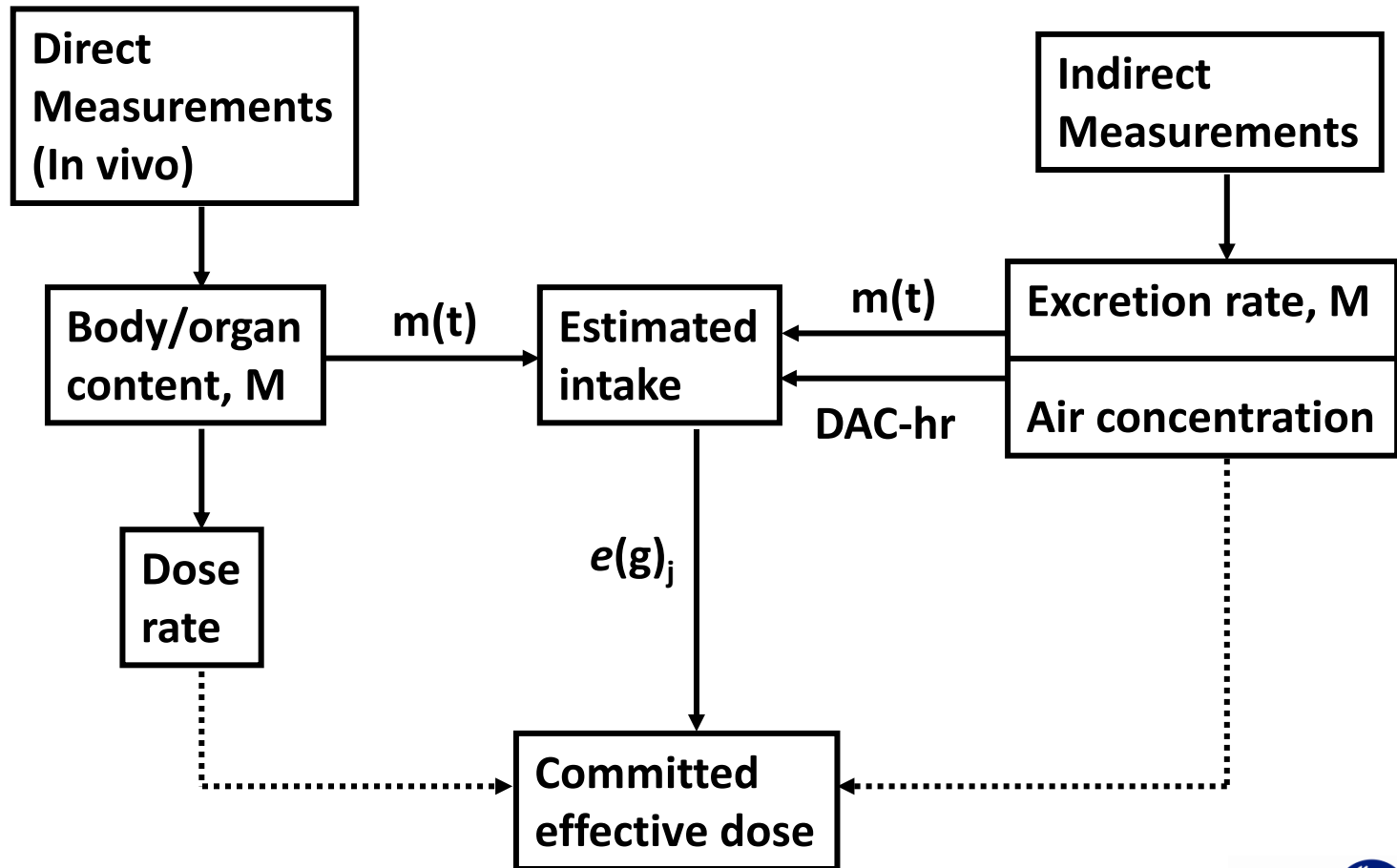
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Effective dose (mSv)

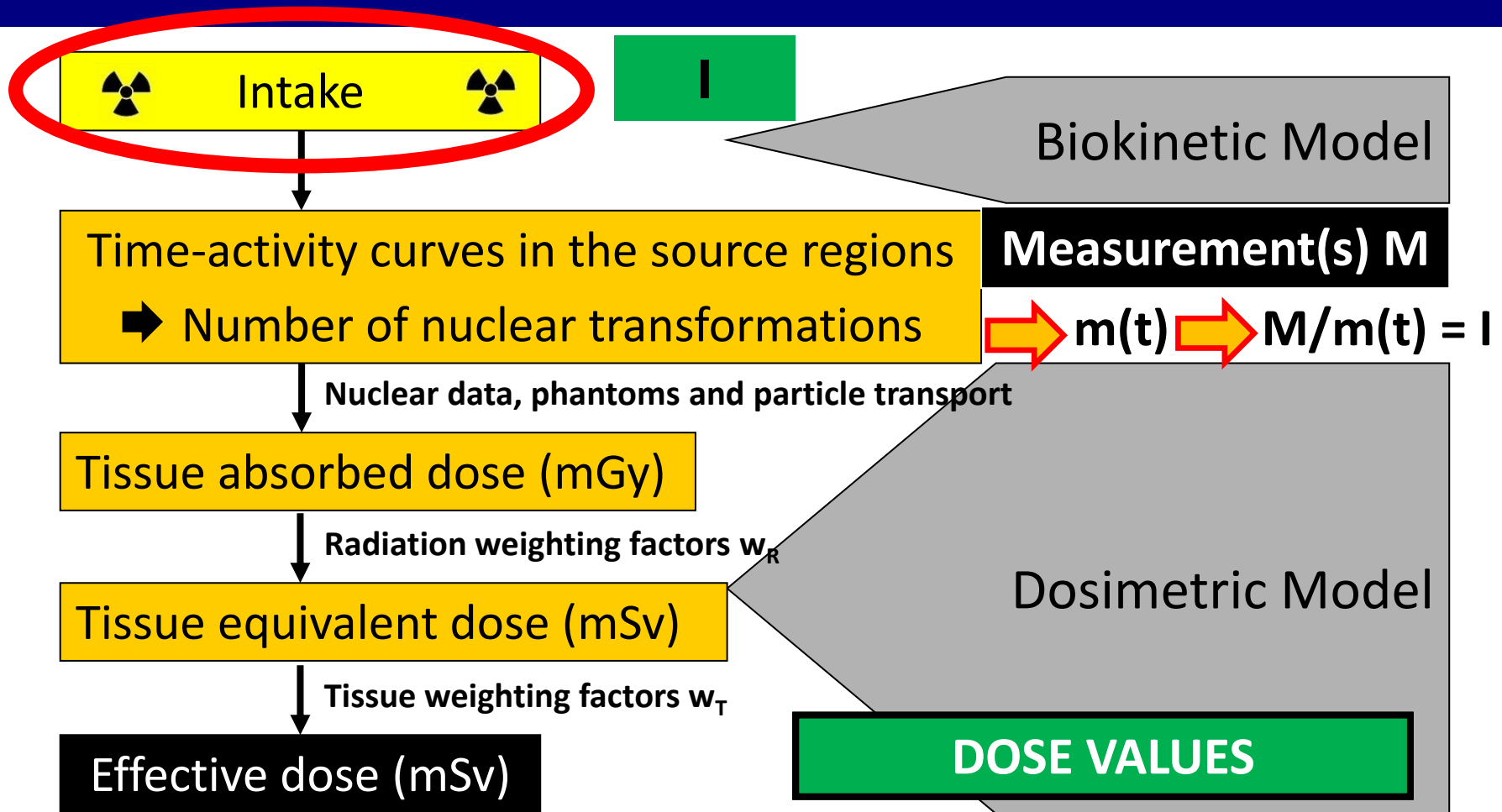
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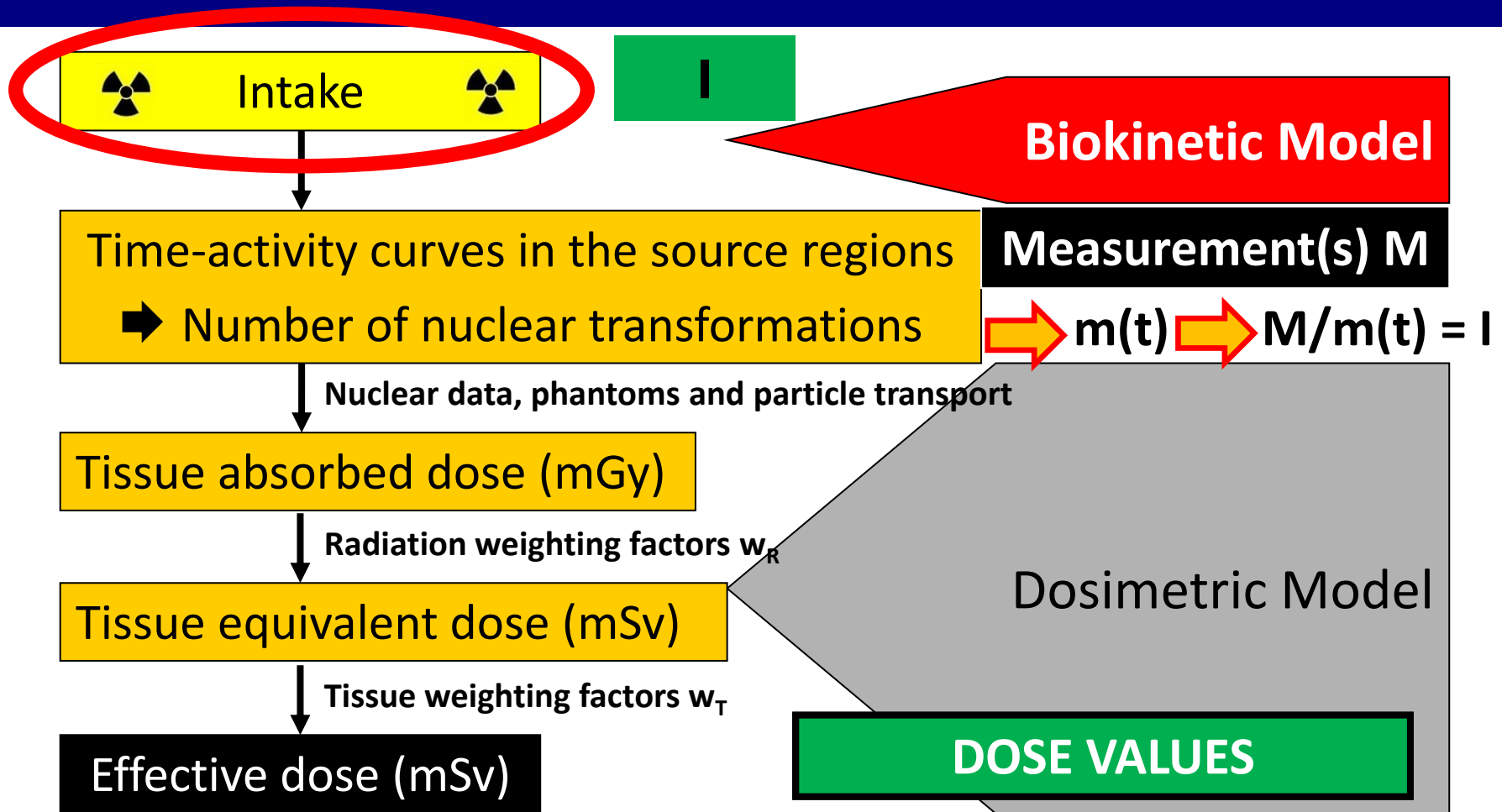




# Estimating intake from bioassay measurements



# The biokinetic model is used twice.



# Uncertainty sources in dose assessment based on bioassay data.

- **uncertainties associated with measurements used to determine the activity of a radionuclide in vivo or in a biological sample;**
- **uncertainties in the exposure scenario used to interpret the bioassay results:**
  - **route of intake,**
  - **time pattern of intake**
  - **specific radionuclide(s) taken into the body**
  - **chemical and physical form of the deposited radionuclide(s).**

# EURADOS exercise on dose reconstruction

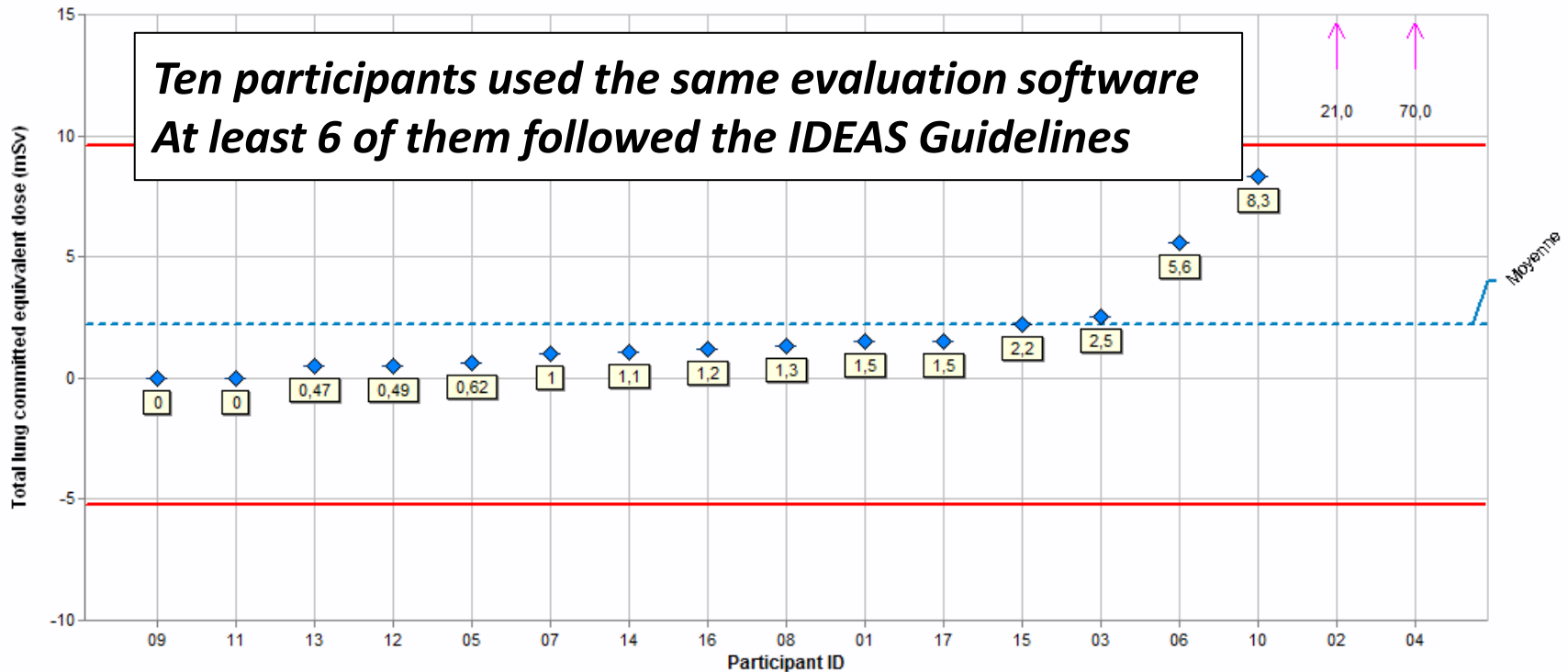
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- No faeces bioassay
- 47 urine bioassay from 1968 to 1981
  - all values below LOD
  - No indication of sampling period
  - 28 urine samples measured by both mass and activity techniques
  - 15 samples measured only by activity
  - 4 samples measured only by mass
- Exposure from JEM
  - Potential exposure to Type F natural U between 1965 and 1981
  - No identified incidents

# EURADOS exercise on dose reconstruction

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## Total committed lung doses



➤ Robust mean = 2.2 mSv, Robust SD = 2.5 mSv

➤ Relative SD > 1

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# EURADOS exercise on dose reconstruction

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- Definition of intake pattern for daily exposure: acute at the middle of the internal vs chronic
- Definition of exposure time: from bioassay? from JEM?
- Treatment of data below LOD: to be integrated in dose assessment? to be imputed? Which value?
- Absorption into blood: reference Type? Mixture? Specific?

➔ All hypotheses are reasonable. Which influence of each hypothesis on dose estimates?



# Estimating intake from Job-Exposure-Matrix

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DOSE VALUES

# Exposure of uranium miners (CURE Project)

☢ Radon gas ( $\text{Bq}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ )

Radon progeny

F = equilibrium factor

☢ (e.g., ventilation)

☢  $f_p$  = unattached fraction

Aerosol characteristics  
(e.g., use of diesel  
motors)

☢☢☢ Uranium ore dust

☢☢☢ (Long lived  
radionuclides)





# Sources of exposure for the miners

## Gamma (low LET):

External (radionuclides in the ores)

~ homogeneous exposure of all organs

Internal (radon progeny, LLR in the ore dust)

## Alfa and beta (high/low LET):

Internal (radon gas, radon progeny, LLR in the ore dust)

Very inhomogeneous, depending on the deposition pattern



# Setting up the Job-Exposure-Matrix: characterization of the intake

- **Individual exposure data**
  - Radon progeny ( $\text{h.J.m}^{-3}$  or WLM)
  - Radon gas ( $\text{h.Bq.m}^{-3}$ )
  - Long-lived radionuclides including uranium ( $\text{h.Bq.m}^{-3}$ )
  - External gamma radiation (mGy)
- **Parameters of exposure**
  - Breathing rate ( $\text{m}^3.\text{h}^{-1}$ )
  - Radon progeny : equilibrium factor F, unattached fraction  $f_p$
  - Long-lived radionuclides: isotopic composition
  - Particles sizes: median diameter AMTD/AMAD and standard deviation  $\sigma_g$
  - Absorption in lung ( $f_r, s_r, s_s$ )
- **Job types**
  - Wet/dry drilling, ventilation, diesel, physical activity

# Setting up the Job-Exposure-Matrix: definition of job types.

- 0: Hewer + wet drilling + diesel + good ventilation
- 1: Hewer + wet drilling + no diesel + good ventilation
- 2: Hewer + wet drilling + no diesel + medium ventilation
- 3: Hewer + wet drilling+ no diesel + bad ventilation
- 4: Hewer + dry drilling + no diesel + bad ventilation
- 5: Other (underground) + diesel+ good ventilation
- 6: Other (underground) + no diesel + good ventilation
- 7: Other (underground) + no diesel + medium ventilation
- 8: Other (underground) + no diesel + bad ventilation
- 9: Other (surface)
- 10: Miller (ore) + good ventilation
- 11: Miller (ore) + medium ventilation
- 12: Miller (ore) + bad ventilation
- 13: Miller (non-calcined samples) + good ventilation
- 14: Miller (non-calcined samples) + medium ventilation
- 15: Miller (non-calcined samples) + bad ventilation
- 16: Miller (ore and non-calcined samples) + good ventilation
- 17: Miller (ore and non-calcined samples) + medium ventilation
- 18: Miller (ore and non-calcined samples) + bad ventilation
- 19: Miller (calcined samples) + good ventilation
- 20: Miller (calcined samples) + medium ventilation
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- 19: Miller (calcined and non-calcined samples) + good ventilation
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- 22: Miller (ore and calcined samples) + good ventilation
- 23: Miller (ore and calcined samples) + medium ventilation
- 24: Miller (ore and calcined samples) + bad ventilation
- 25: Miller (ore, calcined and non-calcined samples) + good ventilation
- 26: Miller (ore, calcined and non-calcined samples) + medium ventilation
- 27: Miller (ore, calcined and non-calcined samples) + bad ventilation



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