

## PediDose

A pediatric simulated dosimetry platform for clinical use

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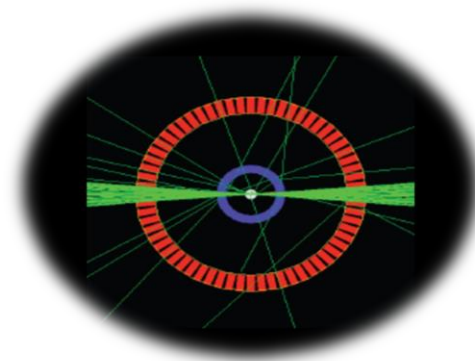
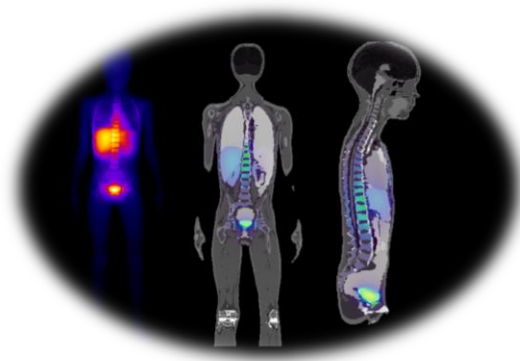
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# Background (a bit of history...)

- 2003-2009: BSc in Applied Physics (NTUA)
- 2009-2011: MSc in Medical Physics (UPAT)
- 2011-2015: PhD in Medical Physics (UPAT)
- 2013-Today: Co-founder & Project Director (BIOEMTECH)

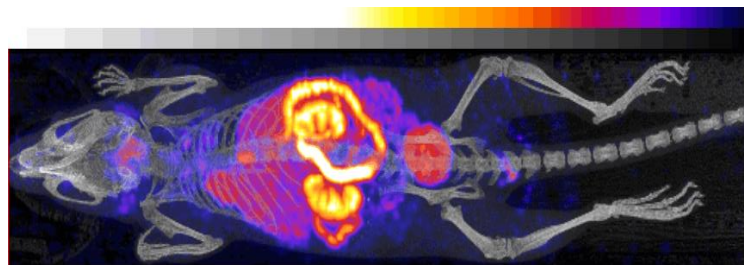
*Evaluation of Diagnostic, Therapeutic and Dosimetric Protocols in Nuclear Medicine, with the Development of Computational Models and the Use of Monte Carlo Simulations*



**BIOEMTECH** develops and offers innovative solutions in pharmaceutical, medical physics and biotechnology research.

We focus on **molecular imaging, dosimetry & biomedical engineering**:

- ✓ Design and construction of low-cost benchtop imaging devices
- ✓ Performance of preclinical imaging services in our imaging platform
- ✓ Computational solutions using MC simulations & AI techniques



## Intensive Monte Carlo simulations for medical purposes using anthropomorphic computational models with the GATE toolkit



✓ 2011 – Access in MareNostrum HPC  
(1 month visit)



✓ 2017 – Access in ARIS HPC  
(Application for projects involving industry - Pilot Call)

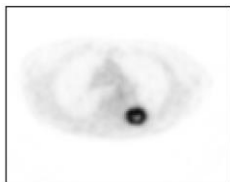


Figure 1: Clinical PET image

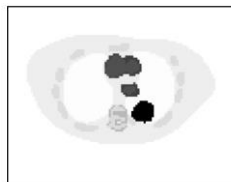


Figure 2: NCAT phantom, adapted to the clinical data with homogeneous tumor

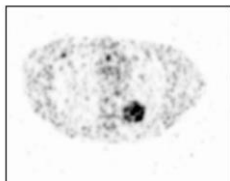


Figure 3: Simulated reconstructed image from the NCAT phantom in HPC (MareNostrum).

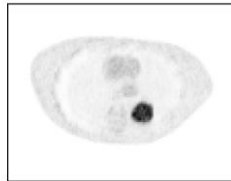


Figure 4: Simulated reconstructed image from the NCAT phantom in GateLab.



## FF4EUROHPC CONNECTS BUSINESS WITH CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGIES

FF4EuroHPC is a European initiative that helps facilitate access to supercomputers and all high-performance computing-related technologies for SMEs.

*“Helps facilitate access to all high-performance computing-related technologies for SMEs and thus increases the innovation potential of EU industry. Whether it is **running high-resolution simulations, doing large-scale data analyses, or incorporating AI applications into SMEs’ workflows**”*

*“The key concept behind FF4EuroHPC is to demonstrate to SMEs how they can strongly benefit from the use of advanced HPC services and thereby take advantage of these innovative ICT solutions for business benefit.”*

- ✓ Simple procedure
- ✓ Clear definition of the problem addressed
- ✓ Identification of the best partners in order to cover:

*Domain Expertise – End User – HPC expertise / provider*

## Attention:

**Strong impact with industrial relevance**

**Exploitation of the results**

**Justification of the resources**

**Clear use and benefit of the HPC**

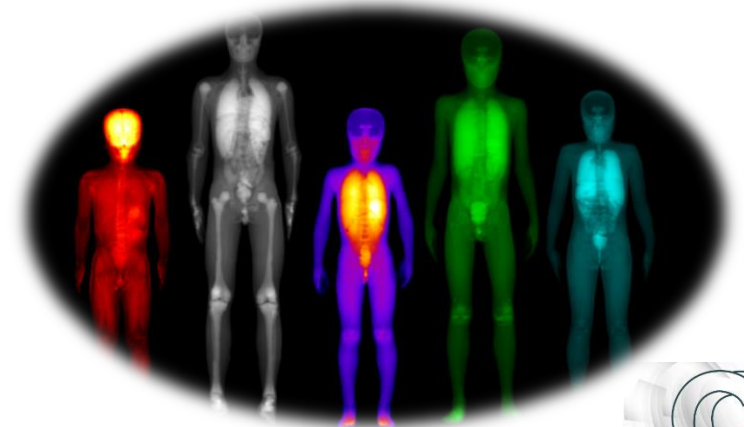
**Innovation of the idea**

**Quality of the consortium**

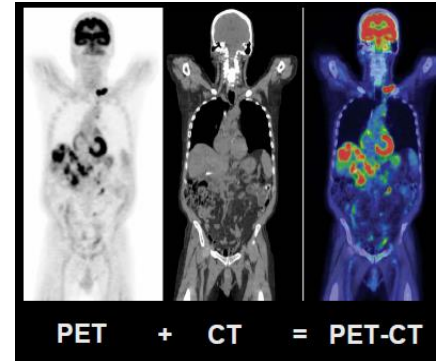
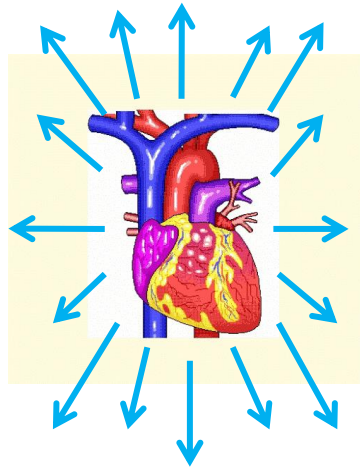
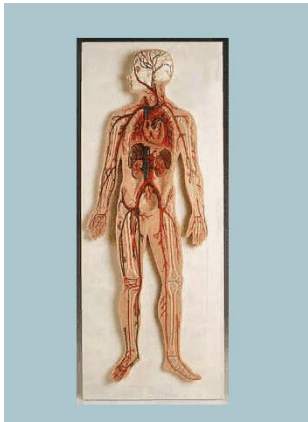
## *A pediatric simulated dosimetry platform for clinical use*

Aim to develop a realistic simulated dosimetry database using a pediatric digital phantoms' population. The goal is to exploit the database for the creation of a novel software tool that will offer the clinician to assess internal radiation dosimetry considering personalized characteristics of the patients

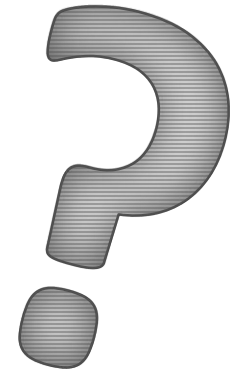
- Call: FF4EuroHPC Call-1 (Deadline end of January)
- Consortium: 2 SMEs & 1 HPC expert (**BIOEMTECH – iKnowHow – GRNET**)
- Duration: 15 months
- Start Date: 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2021



# The problem...



- Nuclear Medicine procedures involve radioactivity
- No way to measure the absorbed dose in each organ (internal dosimetry)
- Ionizing radiation can lead to cancer
- Estimations based on the images
- Pre-calculations with MC simulations based on standard models
- Pediatric patients are higher radiosensitive than adults
- Optimization of pediatric dosimetry based on personalized patient's characteristics

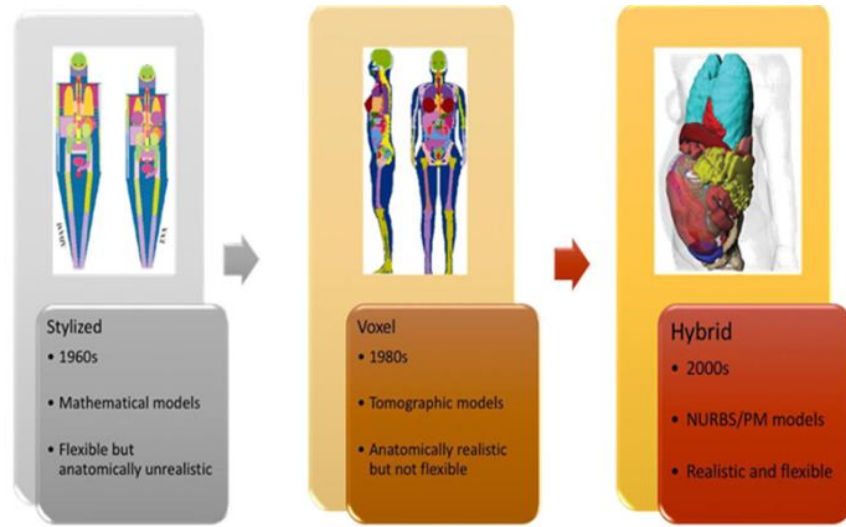




# Current solution...

*“Monte Carlo method is a statistical approach to solve deterministic problems and define a specified system using random number generators”*

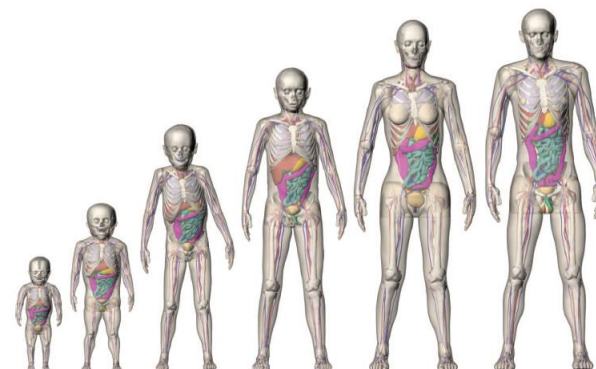
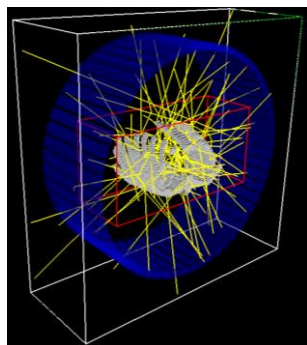
- MC techniques took their name from the Monte Carlo Casino.
- >40 years MC techniques are applied in Medical Physics.
- MC simulations serve as ground truth for dosimetry.
- Calculations of doses per/organ from a specific adult phantom (rescaling for pediatrics)



- Non IT experts
- Develop a new product – clinical software tool – assist clinicians
- Personalized pediatric dosimetry prediction
- Based on a methodology previously developed  
(H2020-MSCA-RISE ERROR project (<https://error.upatras.gr/>))

## All the appropriate tools and technology exist

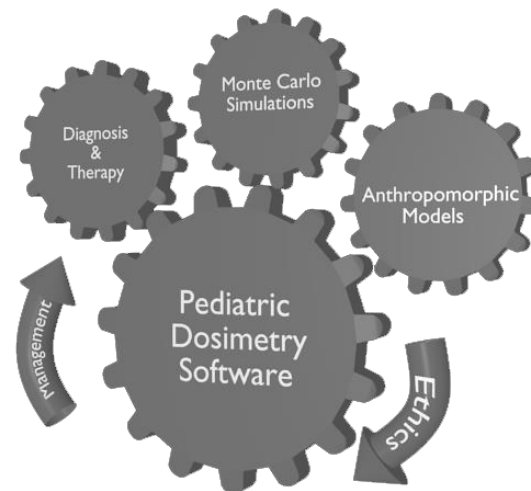
- MC tools well validated (high accuracy)
- Advanced computational anthropomorphic models
- HPC resources (highly demanding in computational time)



## Development of a platform for personalized pediatric dosimetry

### Creation of a product: support tool for clinicians

- Develop a platform with a Graphical User Interface (GUI), using computational tools and MC simulations, for the calculation of the absorbed dose / organ before the acquisition of NM examinations.
- Exploit Artificial Intelligence: ML/DL techniques
- The clinician will have a good estimation and could reconsidered the applied protocol.



## MC simulations

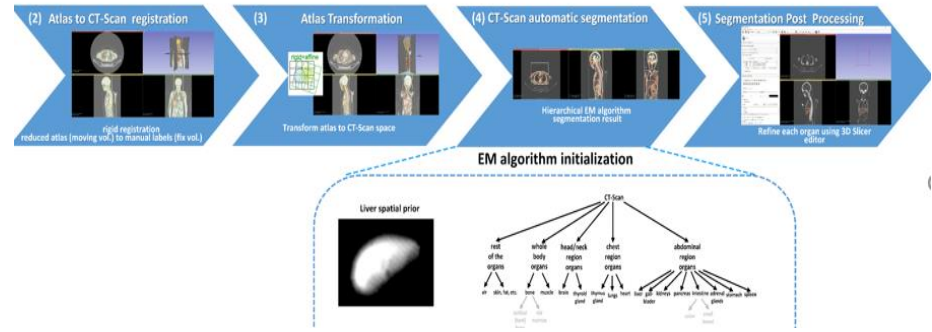
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5 boy 10.76 Kg	TIME	22.6	41.1	31.7	34.9	32.4	16.6	27.4	37.9	42.3	229.5	89.6	19.1	19.5	71.9	25.4	18.5	49.5	15.0	21.7	18.1	
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Use clinical data to create dosimetry databases for all organs of interest on a population of pediatric phantoms with different anatomies.

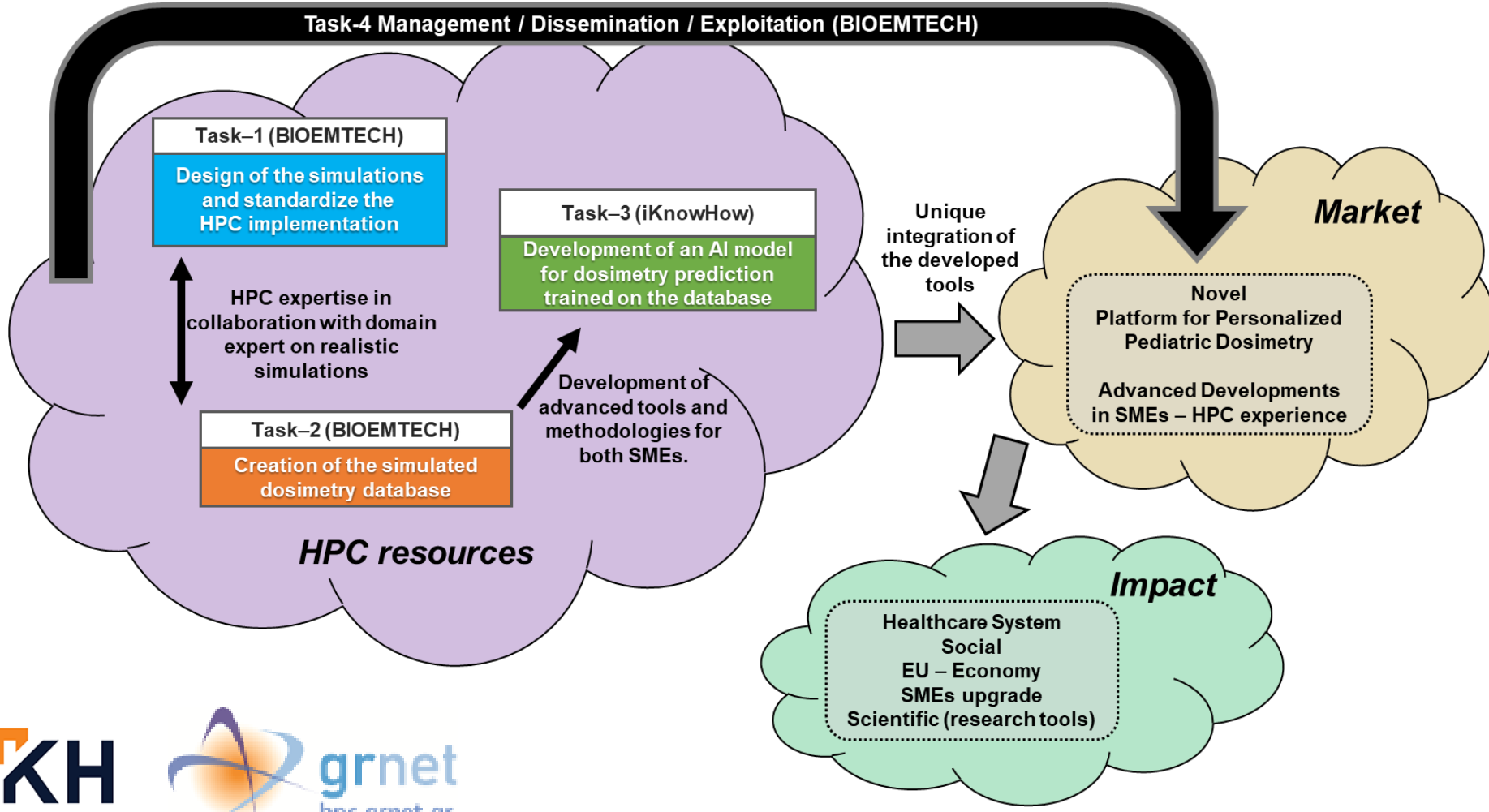
## ML techniques

Develop techniques to predict dose from organs with different anatomies. Algorithms will be trained on the dosimetry database.

Auto segmentation procedures...



# Project Implementation



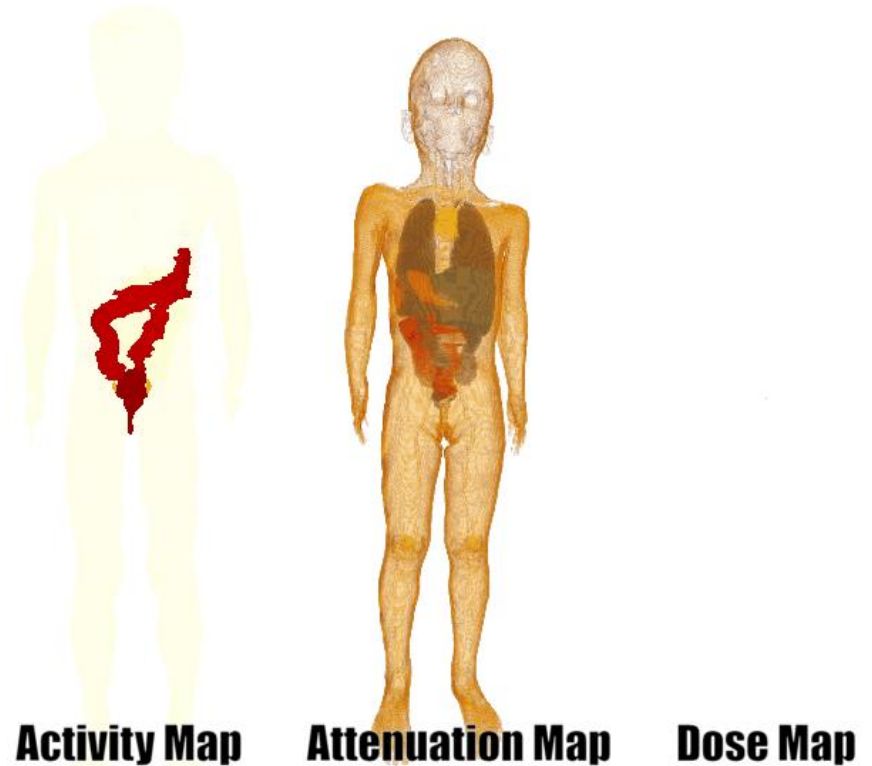
➤ Large number & Intensive simulations:

- There is ~25 pediatric models (2-15 years old)
- Test at least 5 most common radiopharmaceuticals
- To have an accurate dosimetry assessment, 4 time points will be used.

**~500 different simulations.**

➤ Machine Learning training models:

- Training of the models will be tested in HPC to investigate their speed up



The clinician will have a good estimation and could reconsidered the applied protocol

**Nuclear Medicine Dosimetry**

NM Dosimetry

Colormap: **Segmentatio** **Anatomy**

Patient Information:

Gender: **Female**

Age: **6**

Total Height: **1.2** m

Weight: **16** Kg

BMI: **15** kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Height Torso to Top: **34** cm

Lung: **13** cm

Anteroposterior Thickness: **8** cm

LAT: **9** cm

Effective Diameter: **8.8** cm

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- Years of thoughts for an in-house cluster



- HPC could be considered a daily tool for business

- ✓ Developers daily use (like cloud services – Share files etc.)
- ✓ Many tasks could benefit from HPC (image processing, simulations, AI)



- Industrial access on HPC???

- Funds? National support – resources?
- Training – internal/external expert?



- Next steps – enhance quality of results and daily workflow

- Attract interest of SMEs / Start-ups
- Training & Dissemination activities (create awareness)
- Industry should identify their needs!





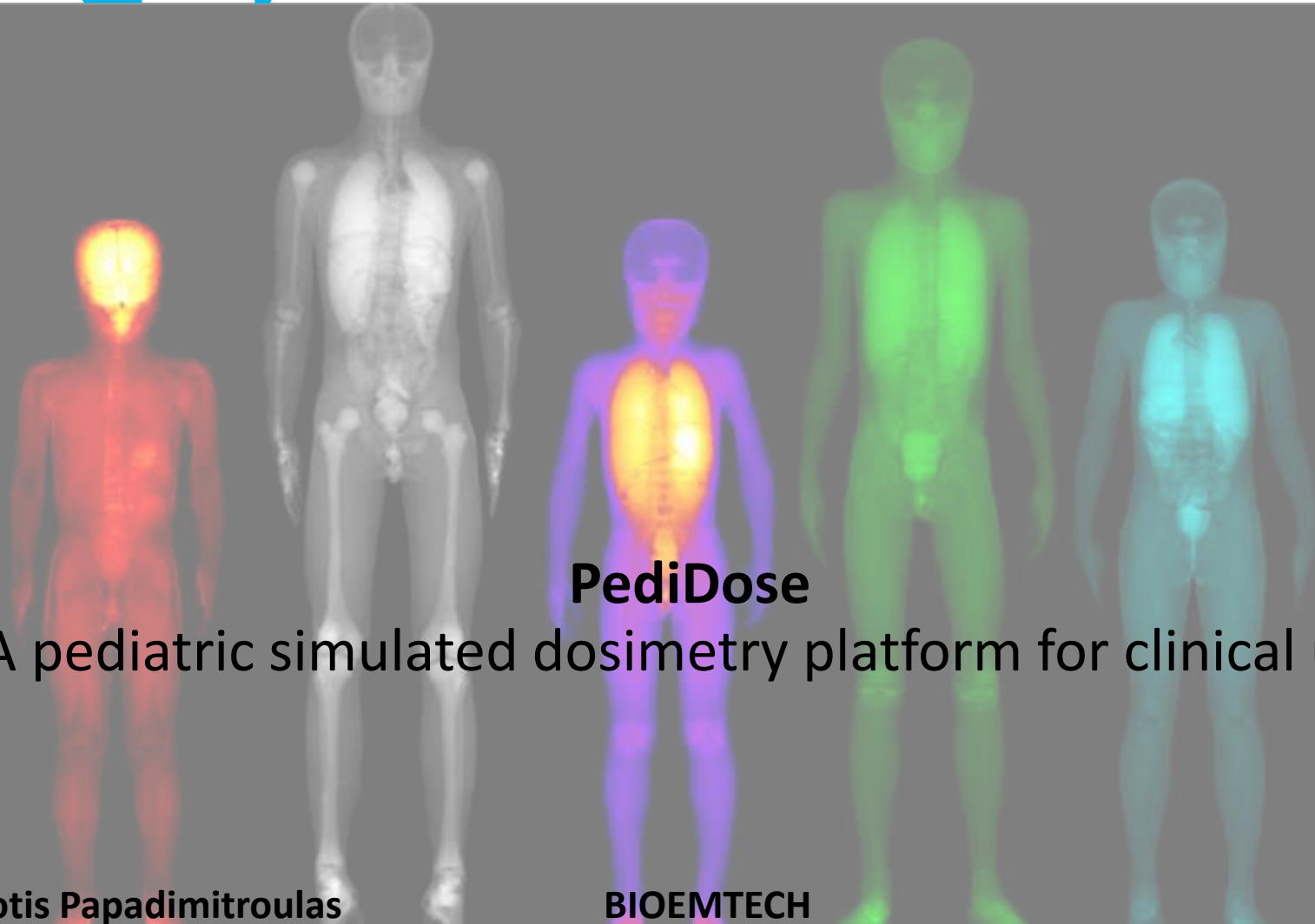
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