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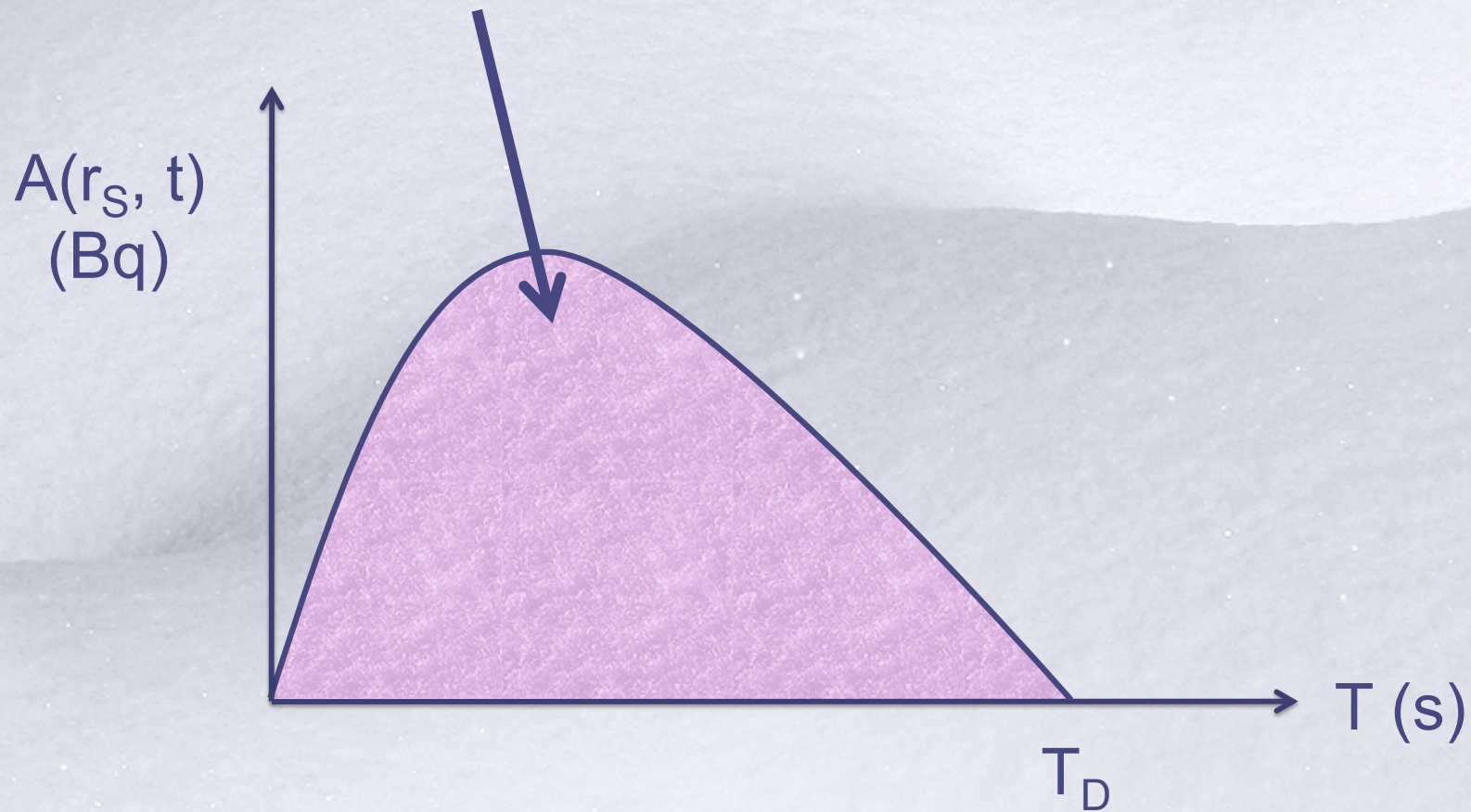
$$D(r_T, T_D) = \sum_{r_S} \tilde{A}(r_S, T_D) S(r_T \leftarrow r_S)$$

$$\tilde{A}(r_S, T_D)$$

- “Time-integrated activity”
 - In source region R_S
 - Over dose-integration period T_D
- Formerly: cumulated activity \tilde{A}_h
- Expressed in Bq.s: $[\text{Trans.s}^{-1}.\text{s}] = [\text{Trans}]$

Time-integrated activity

$$\tilde{A}(r_S, T_D) = \int_0^{T_D} A(r_S, t) dt$$

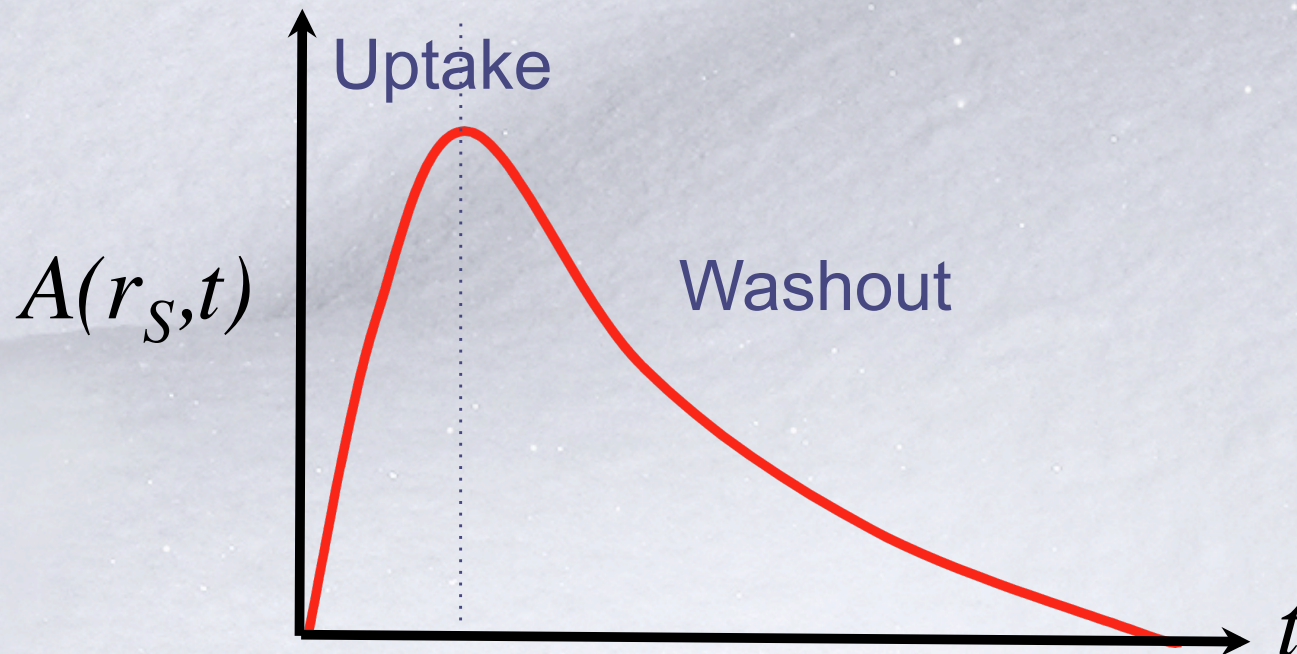


Variation of activity in r_s with time

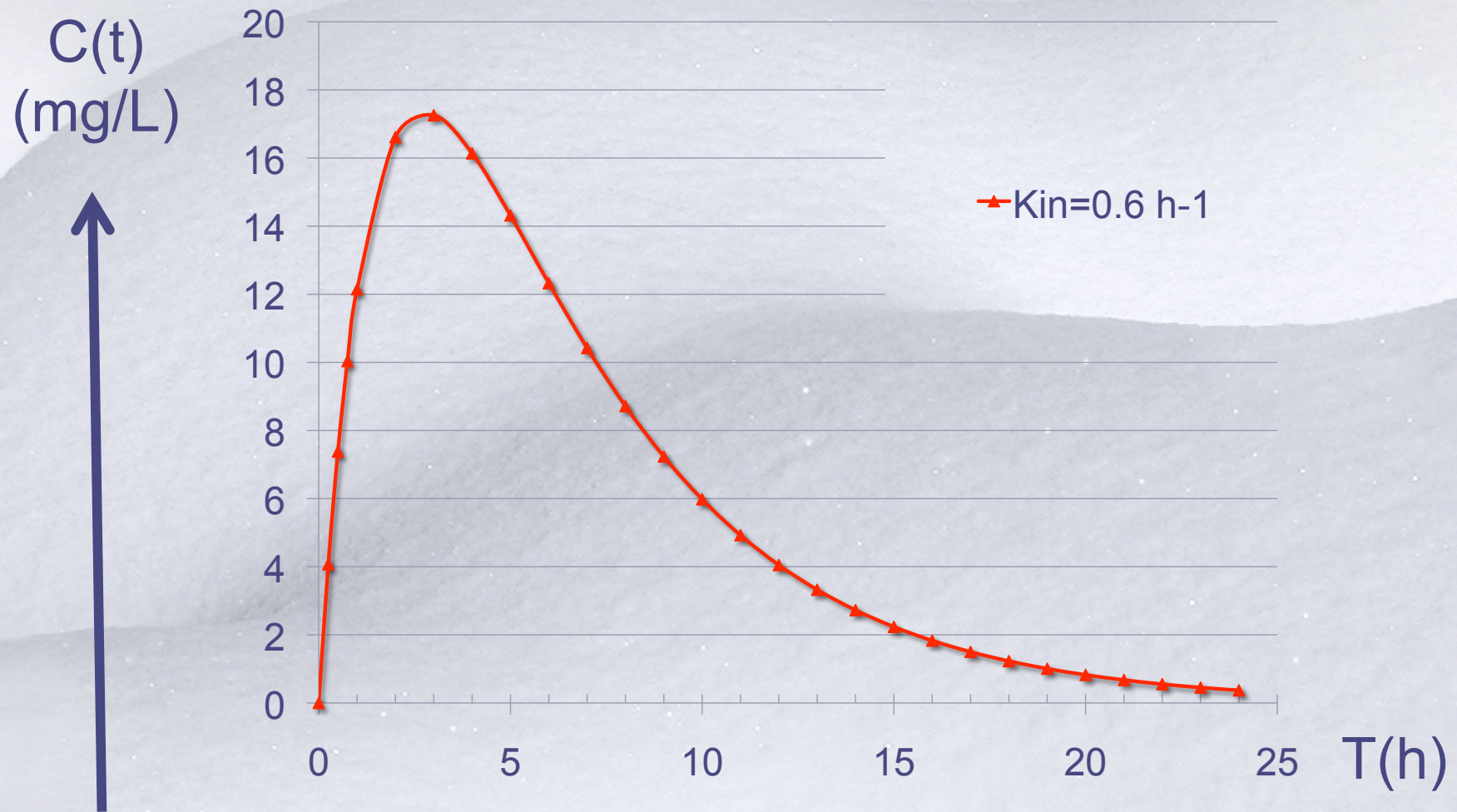
General situation:

- Uptake phase
- Washout phase

+ « normal » radioactivity decay with T_{phy}



Example:

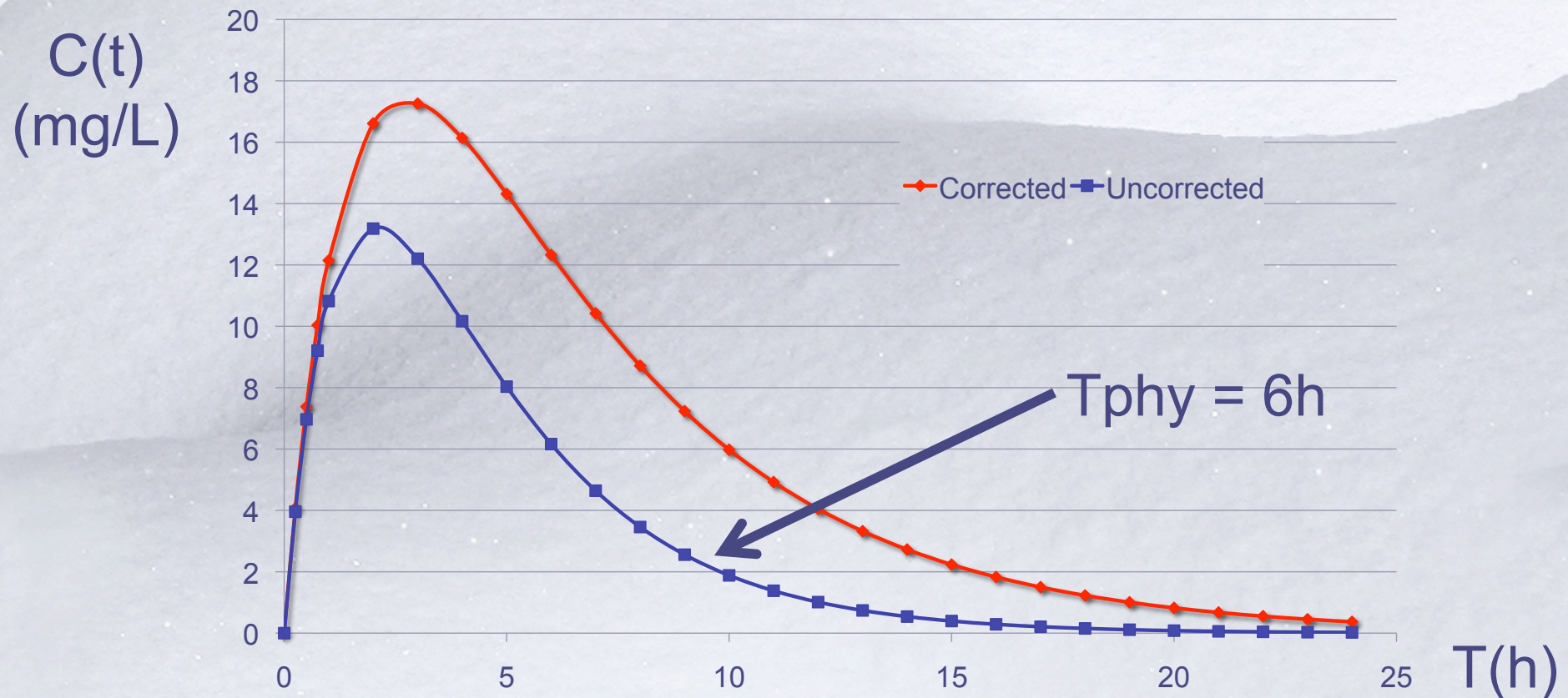


Temporal variation of *drug* concentration

Example:

If the drug is labelled with a radioactive isotope, what is detected/measured: activity

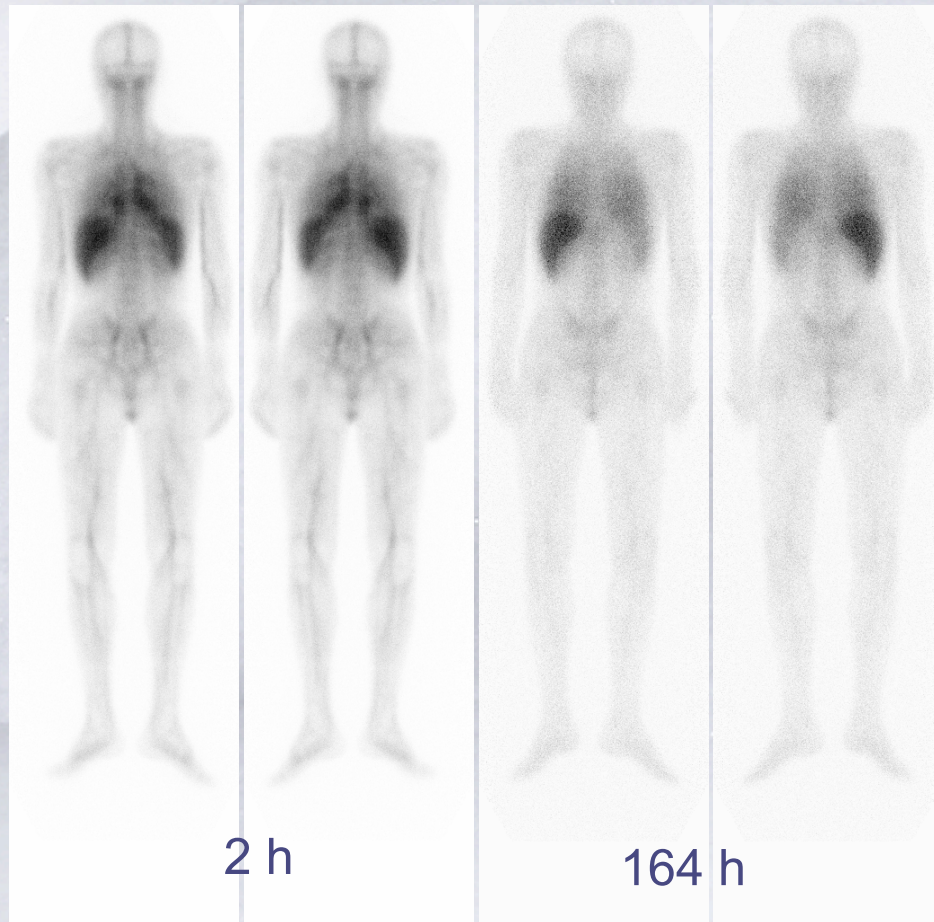
Need to take into account radioactive decay!



Quantitative imaging:

Measure/calculation of the *activity*.

^{111}In -hLL2



This is what is needed for dosimetry...

Blood sampling:

Measure/calculation of the *drug concentration*:

- One calibration sample (i.e. X MBq at day 0)
- Several blood samples taken at day 1, 2, etc.
- All samples are read the same day (i.e. day 8)

What is measured is the *biologic* behaviour of the compound (it is implicitly decay-corrected)

For dosimetry calculation, one should “un-correct” for radioactive decay...

Effective half-life

If the measured activity decreases exponentially:

$T_{\text{Eff}} = \text{Ln}2/\lambda_{\text{Eff}}$ is the *effective* half-life

$$A(r_S, t) = A_0 \times e^{-\lambda_{\text{Bio}} t} \times e^{-\lambda_{\text{Phy}} t}$$

$$= A_0 \times e^{-(\lambda_{\text{Bio}} + \lambda_{\text{Phy}}) t}$$

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With: $\frac{1}{T_{\text{Eff}}} = \frac{1}{T_{\text{Bio}}} + \frac{1}{T_{\text{Phy}}}$

And $\tilde{A}(r_S, \infty) = \frac{T_{\text{Eff}}}{\text{Ln}2} \times A_0 = 1.443 \times A_0 \times T_{\text{Eff}} = \frac{A_0}{\lambda_{\text{Eff}}}$

Effective half-life

General situation

$$A = \sum_j A_j \times e^{-(\lambda_j + \lambda_{Phy})t}$$

With:

$$\frac{1}{(T_j)_{Eff}} = \frac{1}{T_j} + \frac{1}{T_{Phy}}$$

And: $\tilde{A}(r_S, \infty) = 1.443 \sum_j A_j (T_j)_{Eff}$

Playing with T_{Eff}

$$\frac{1}{T_{\text{Eff}}} = \frac{1}{T_{\text{Bio}}} + \frac{1}{T_{\text{Phy}}}$$

- T_{Eff} is ALWAYS smaller than the smallest half-life

Ex: $T_{\text{Phy}} = 8\text{d}$, $T_{\text{Bio}} = 2\text{d}$ $T_{\text{Eff}} = 1.6\text{d}$

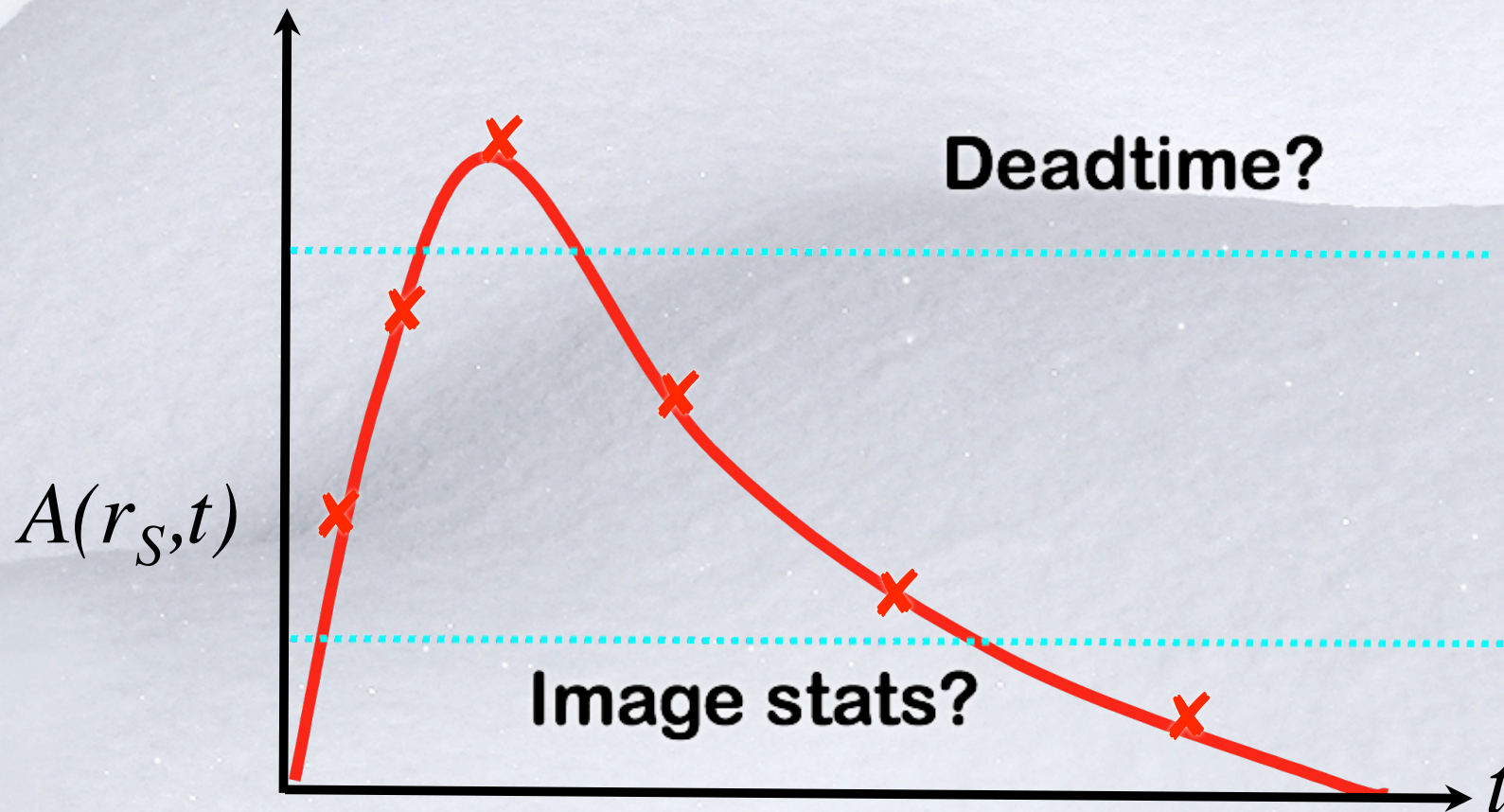
- If $T_{\text{Bio}} \gg T_{\text{Phy}}$ $T_{\text{Eff}} \rightarrow T_{\text{Phy}}$

and vice-versa:

- If $T_{\text{Bio}} \ll T_{\text{Phy}}$ $T_{\text{Eff}} \rightarrow T_{\text{Bio}}$

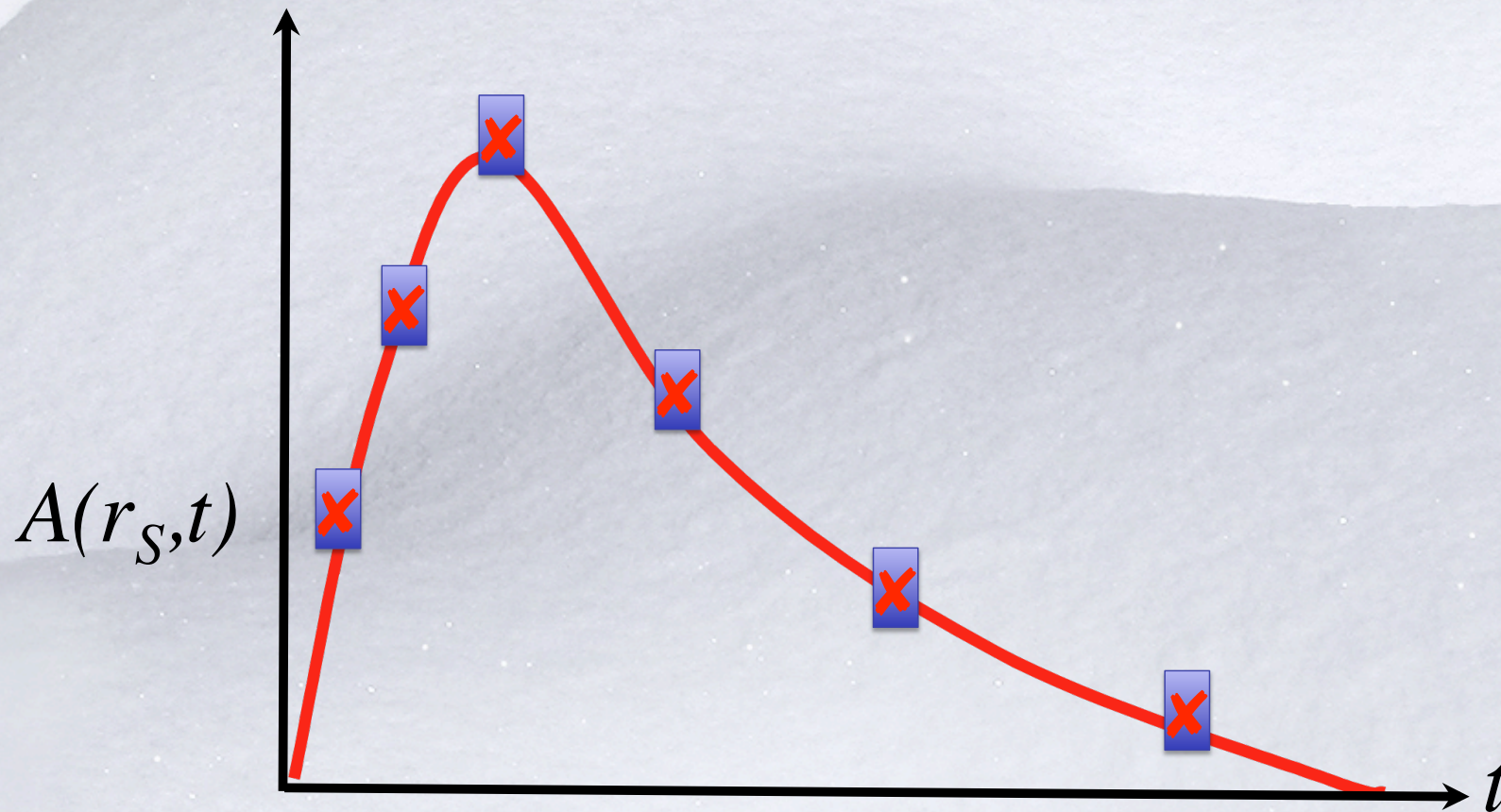
Time-integrated activity

Quantitative Imaging at \neq time-points...



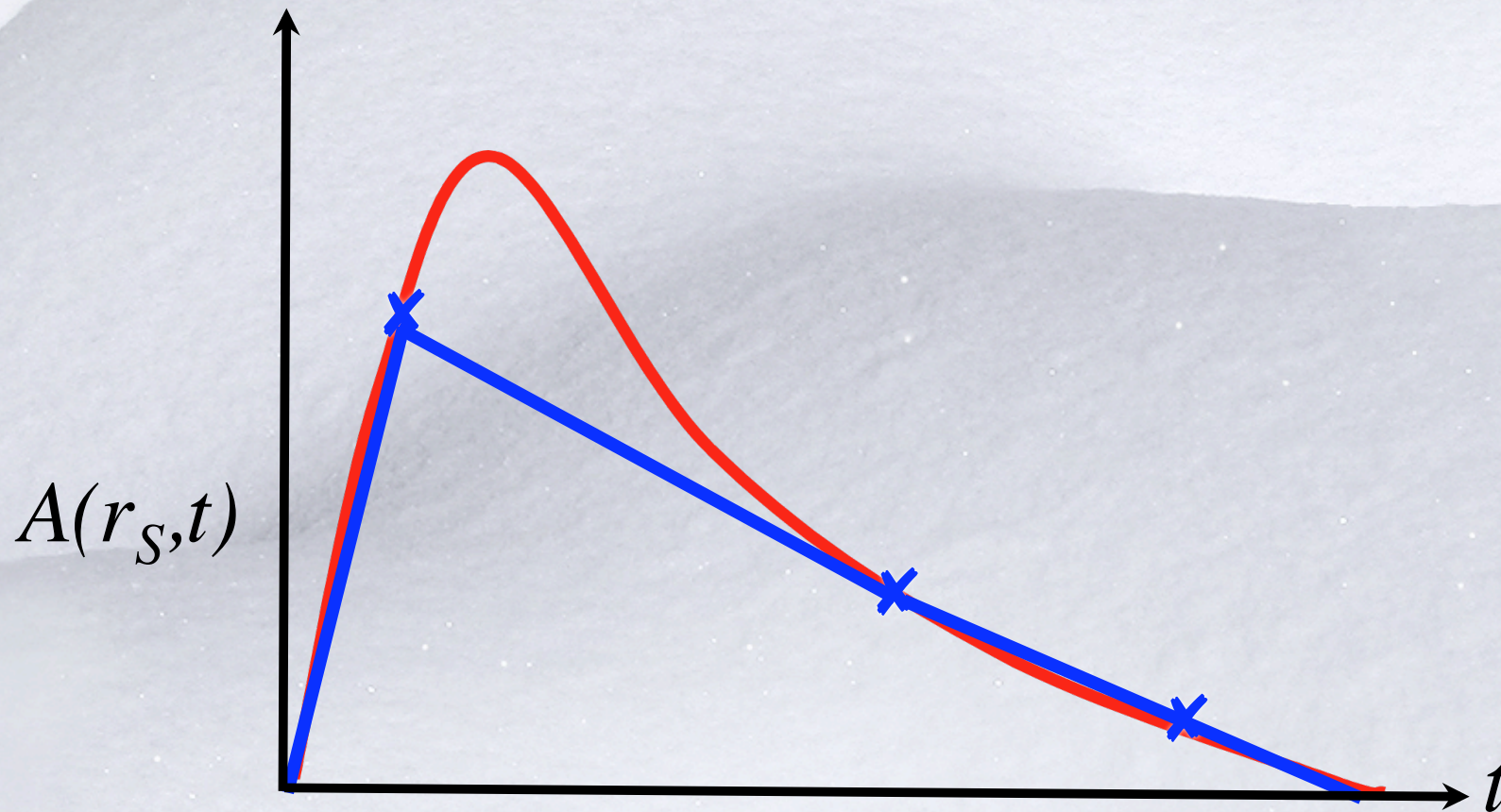
Time-integrated activity

❄ Importance of temporal sampling...



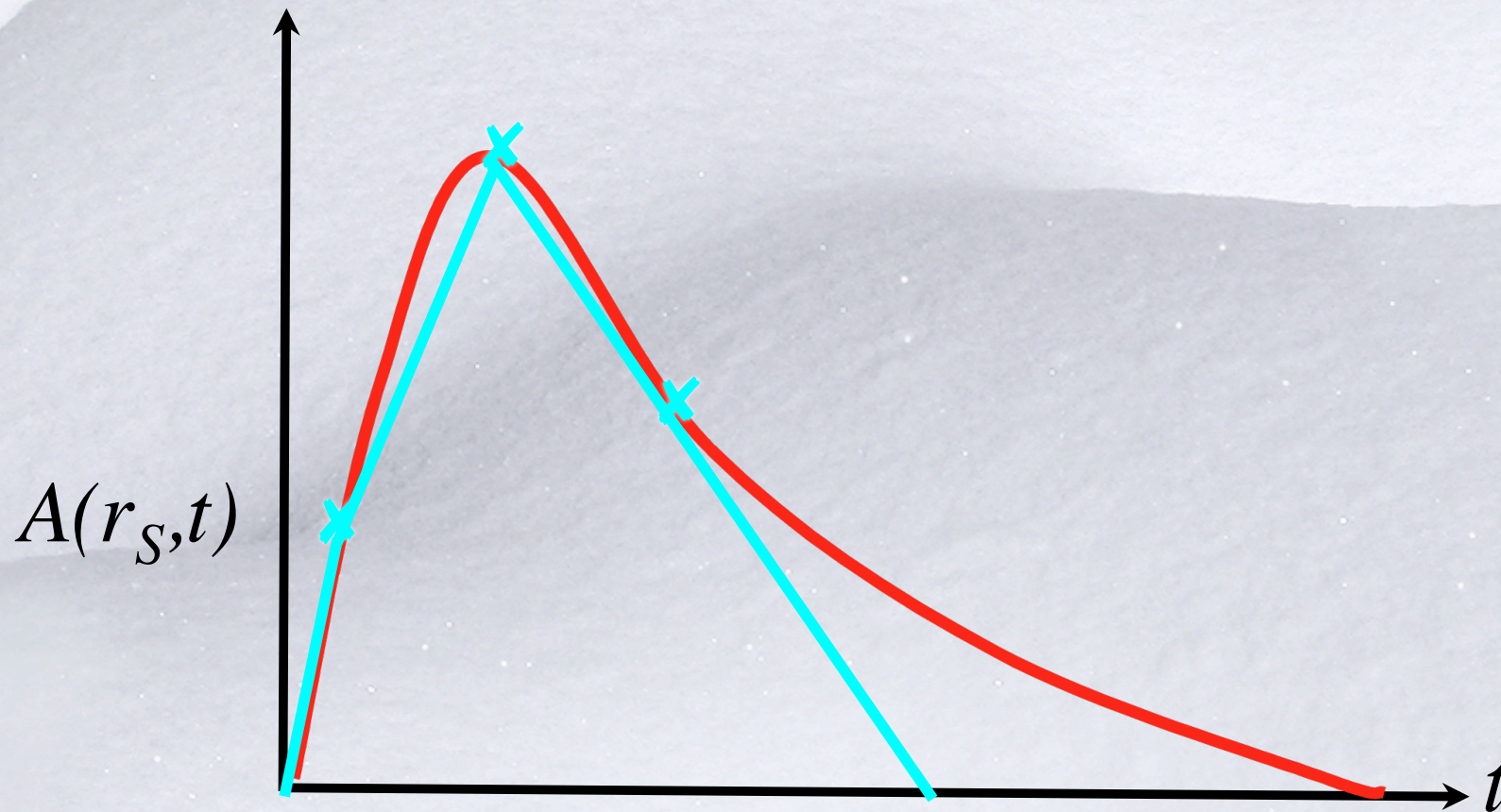
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❄ Importance of sampling...



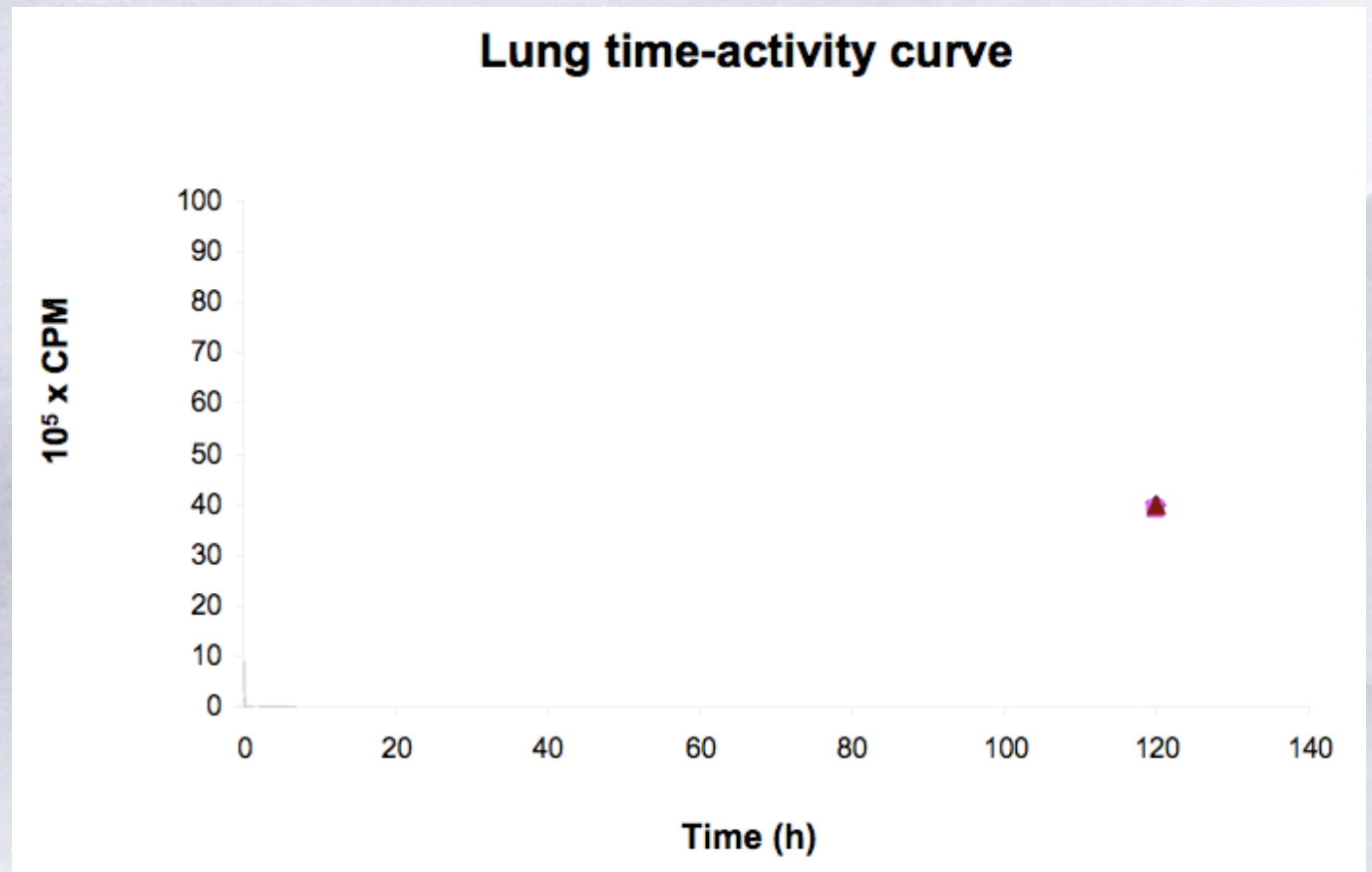
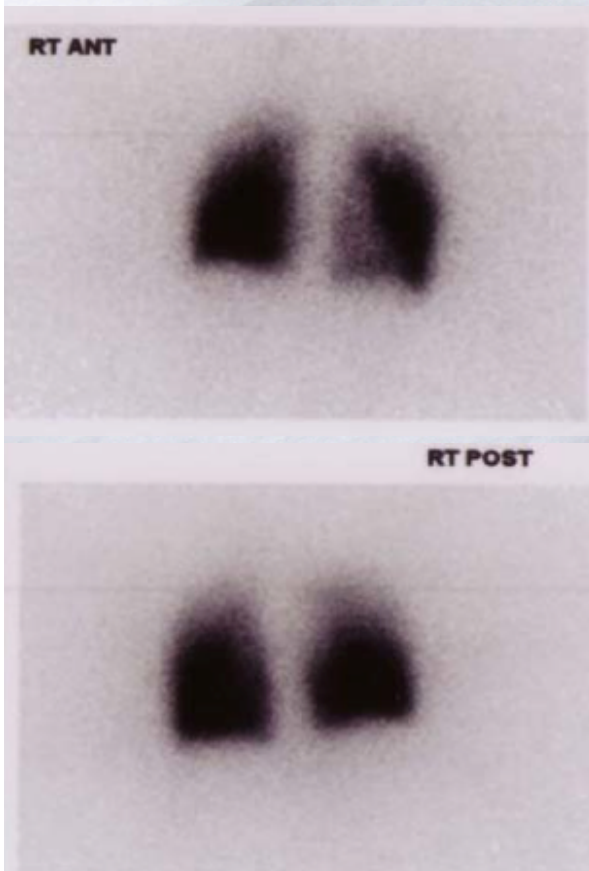
Time-integrated activity

❄ Importance of sampling...



Time-integrated activity

❄ Extreme time sampling...



Remember:

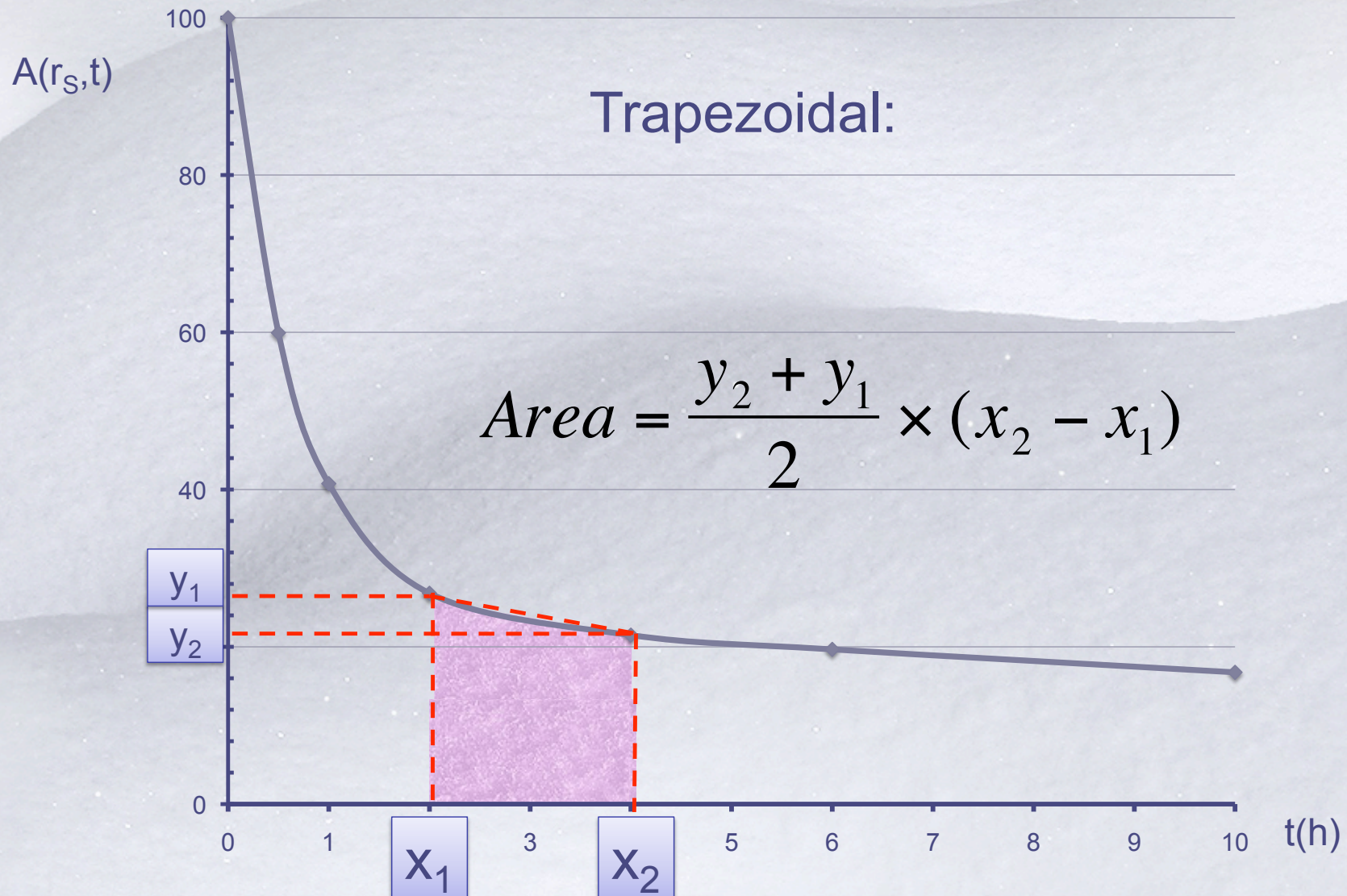
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Absorbed dose calculation is a 3 step process:

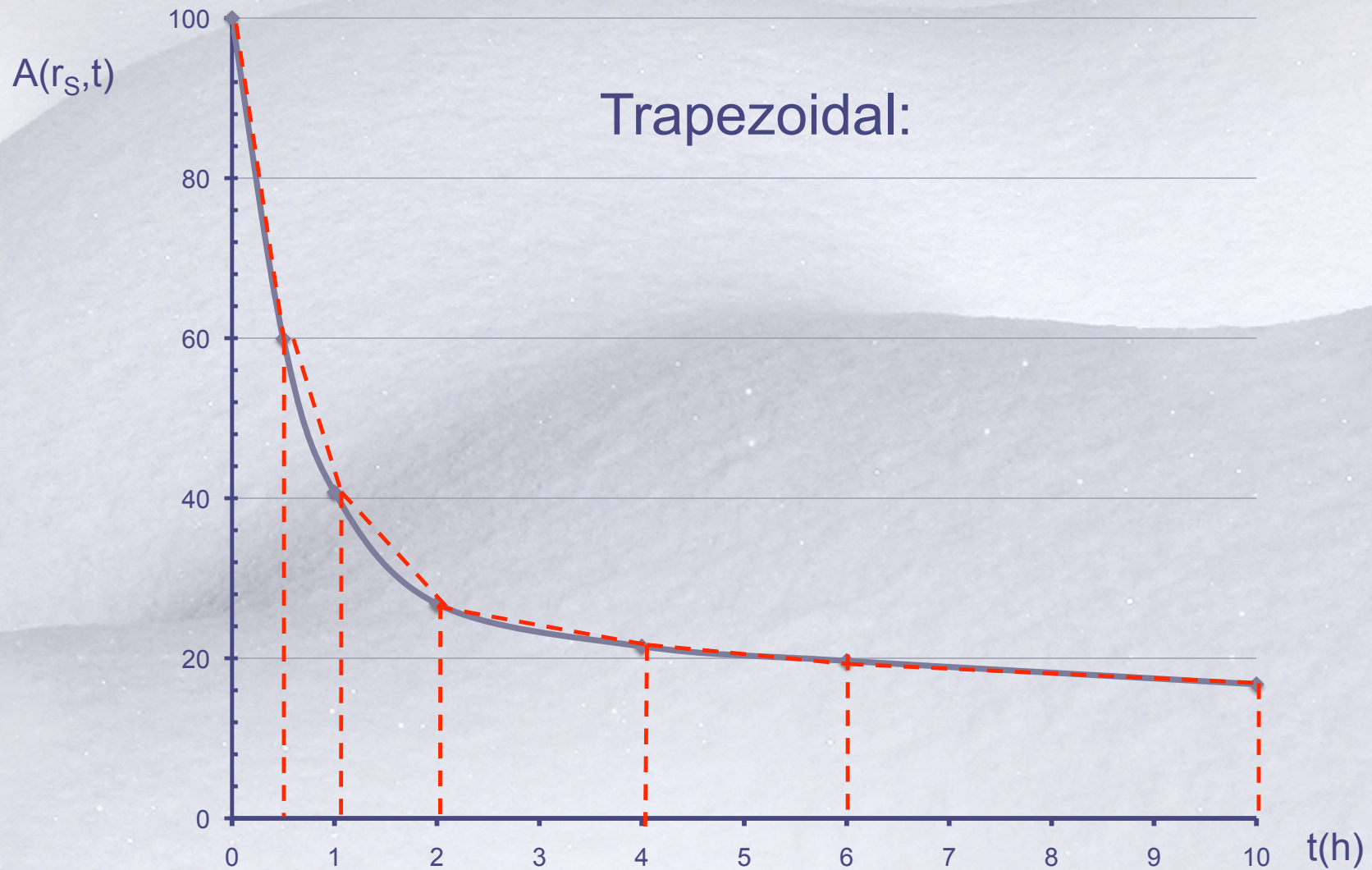
- Quantitative imaging
- Time-integrated activity determination
- S factor calculation

Each step matters for the final result...

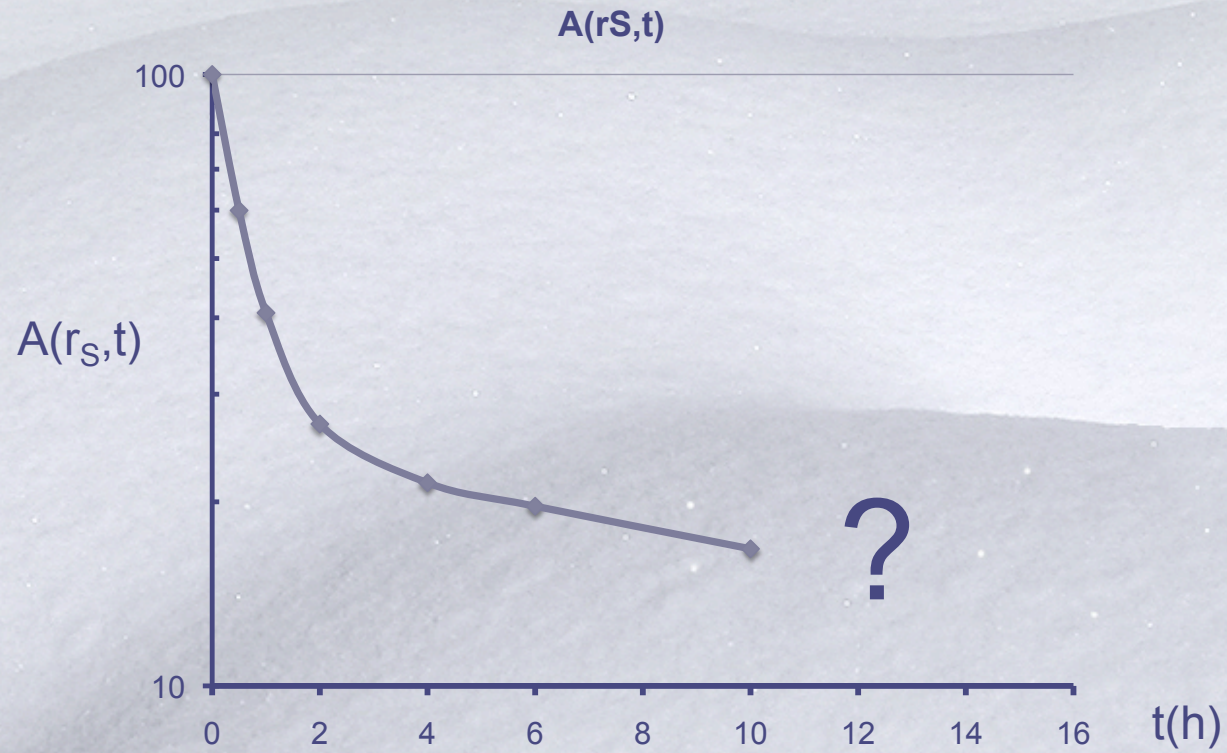
Direct integration



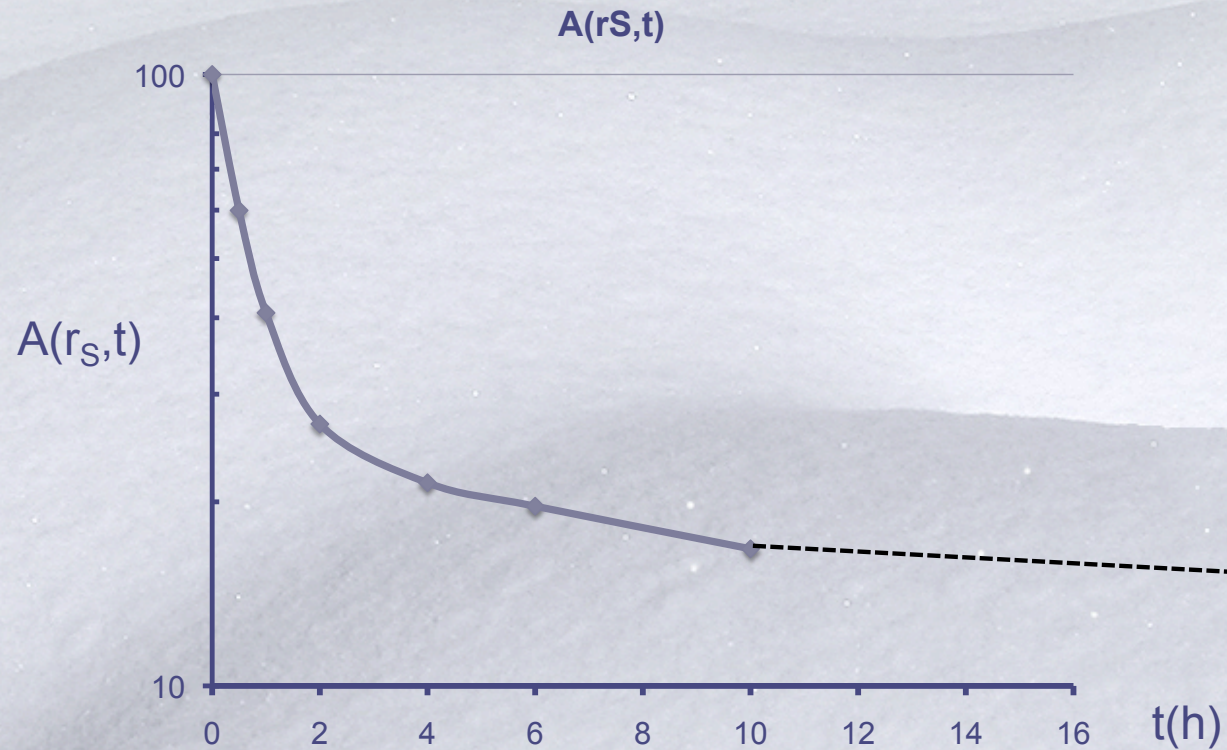
Direct integration



Extrapolation



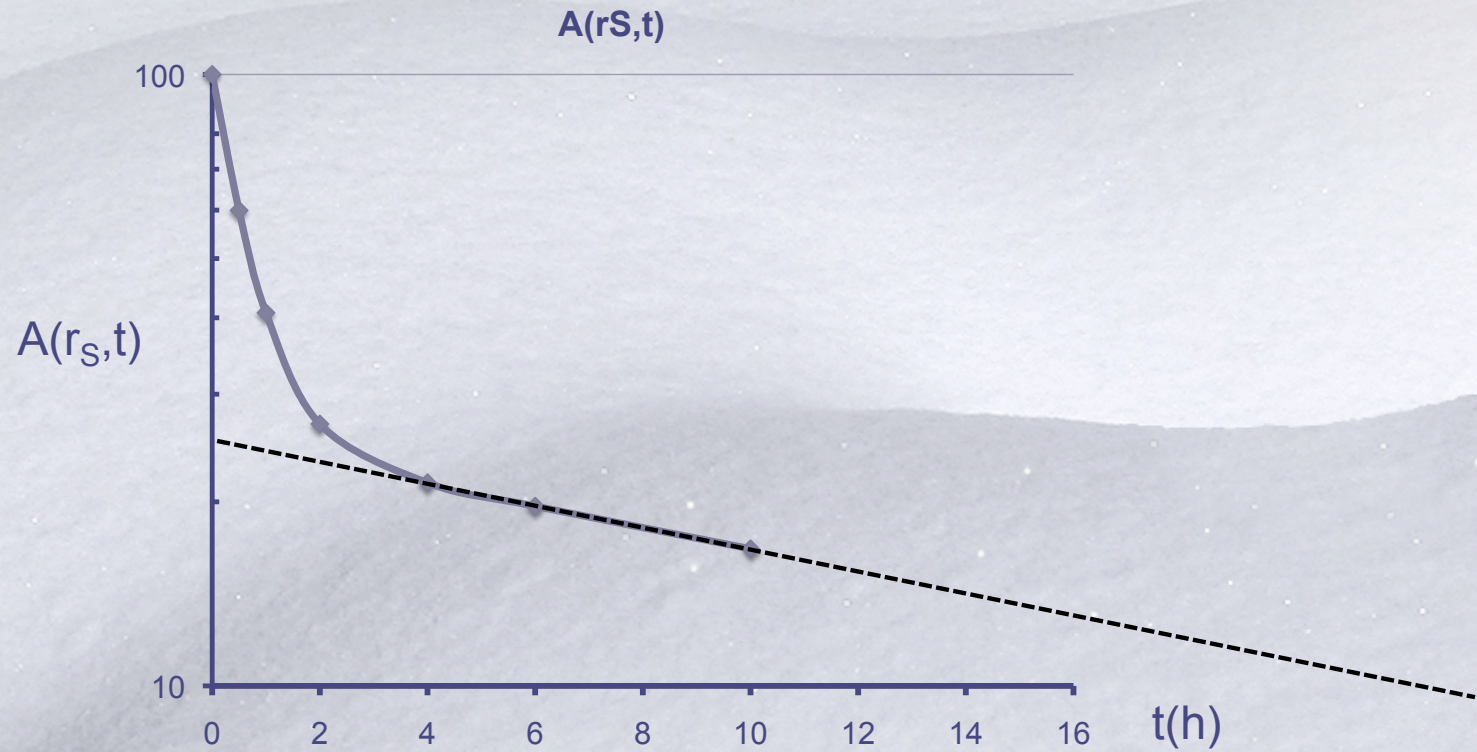
Extrapolation



Use T_{phy} from last experimental time-point

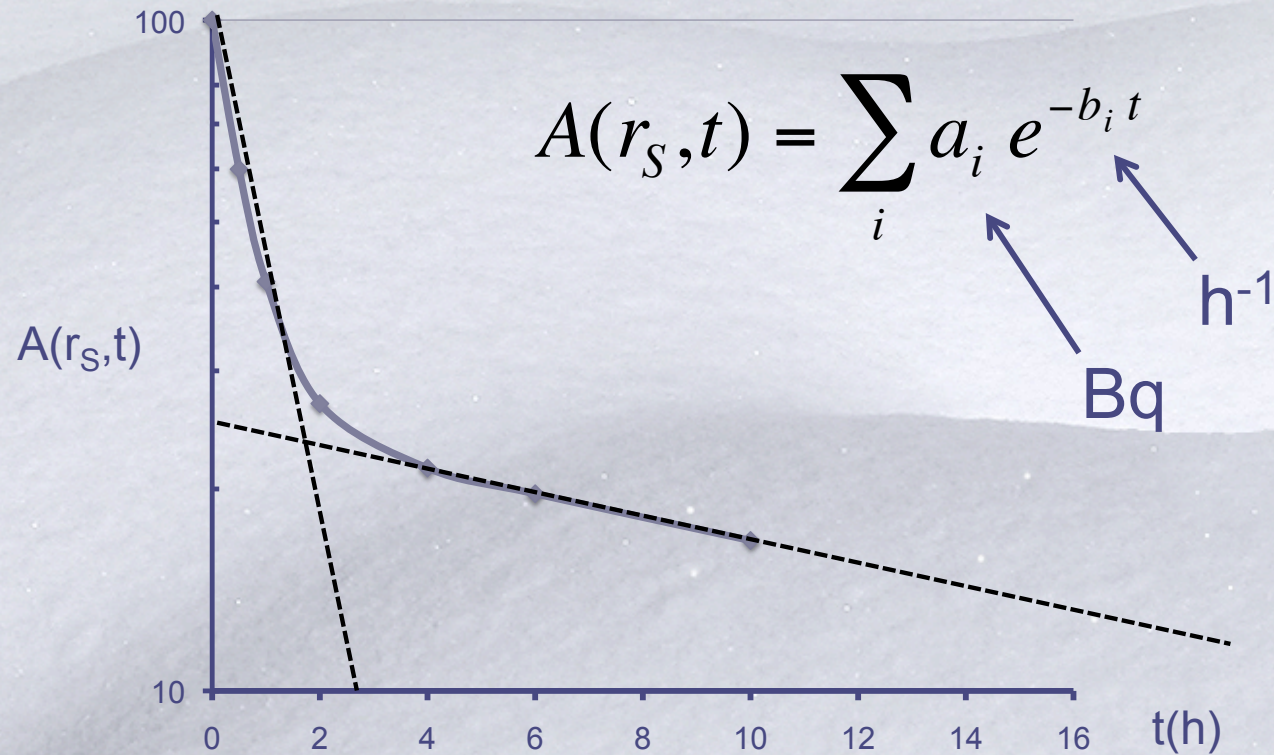
Will OVERESTIMATE $\tilde{A}(r_S, T_D)$

Extrapolation



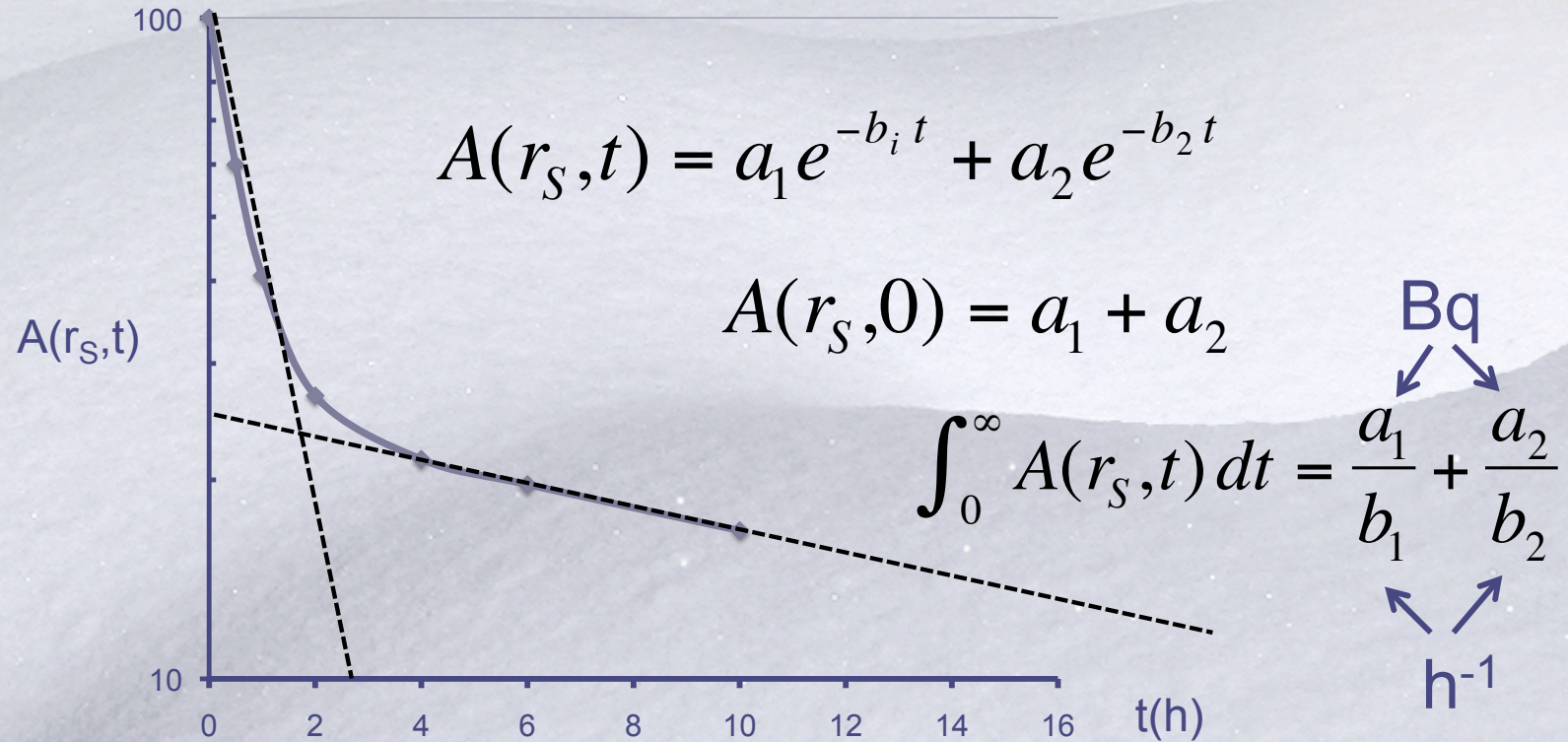
Exponential fit from last experimental time-points
Probably better

TAC fitting



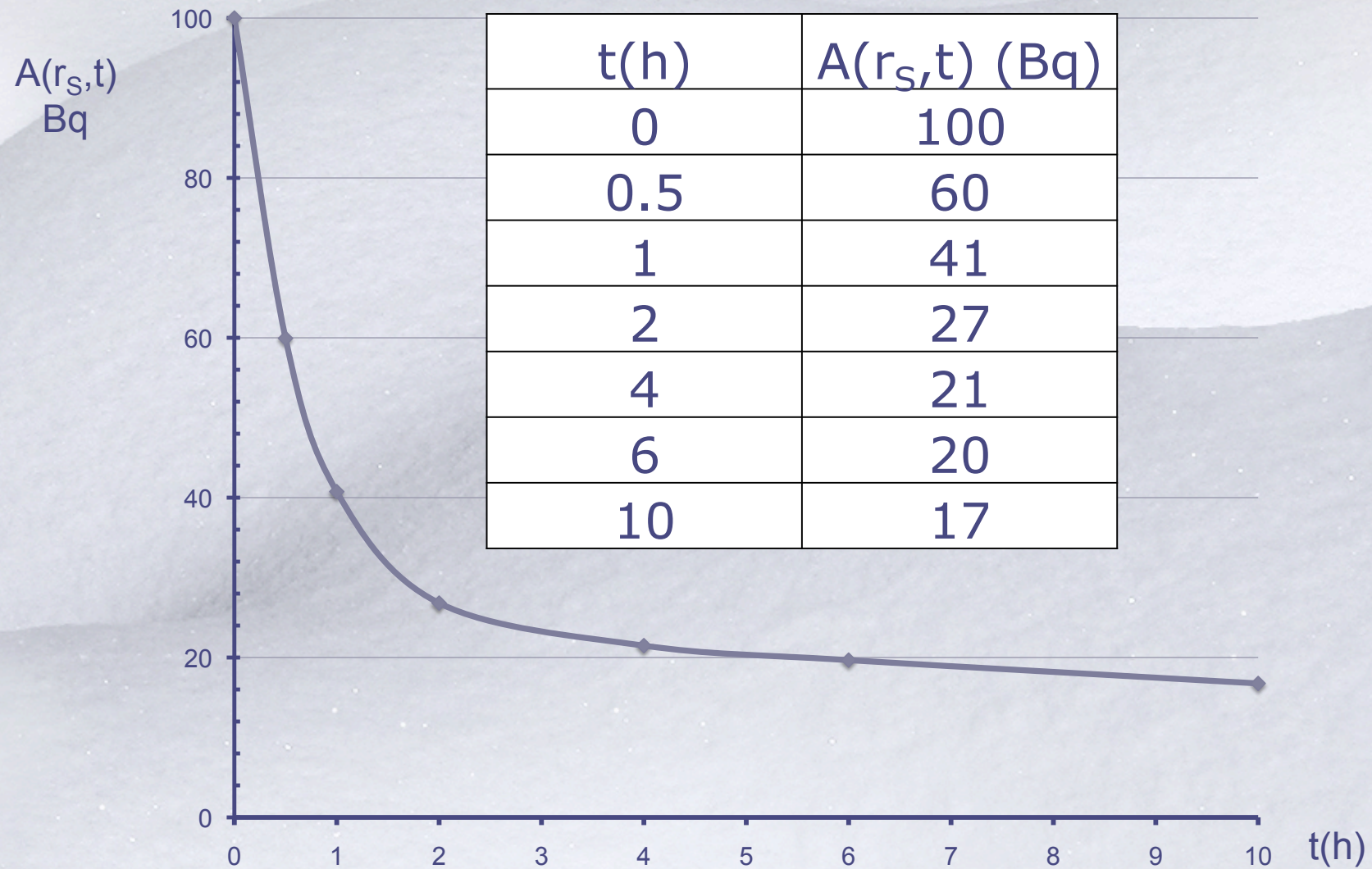
Fit experimental data to a series of exponential components (2 in this example)

TAC fitting



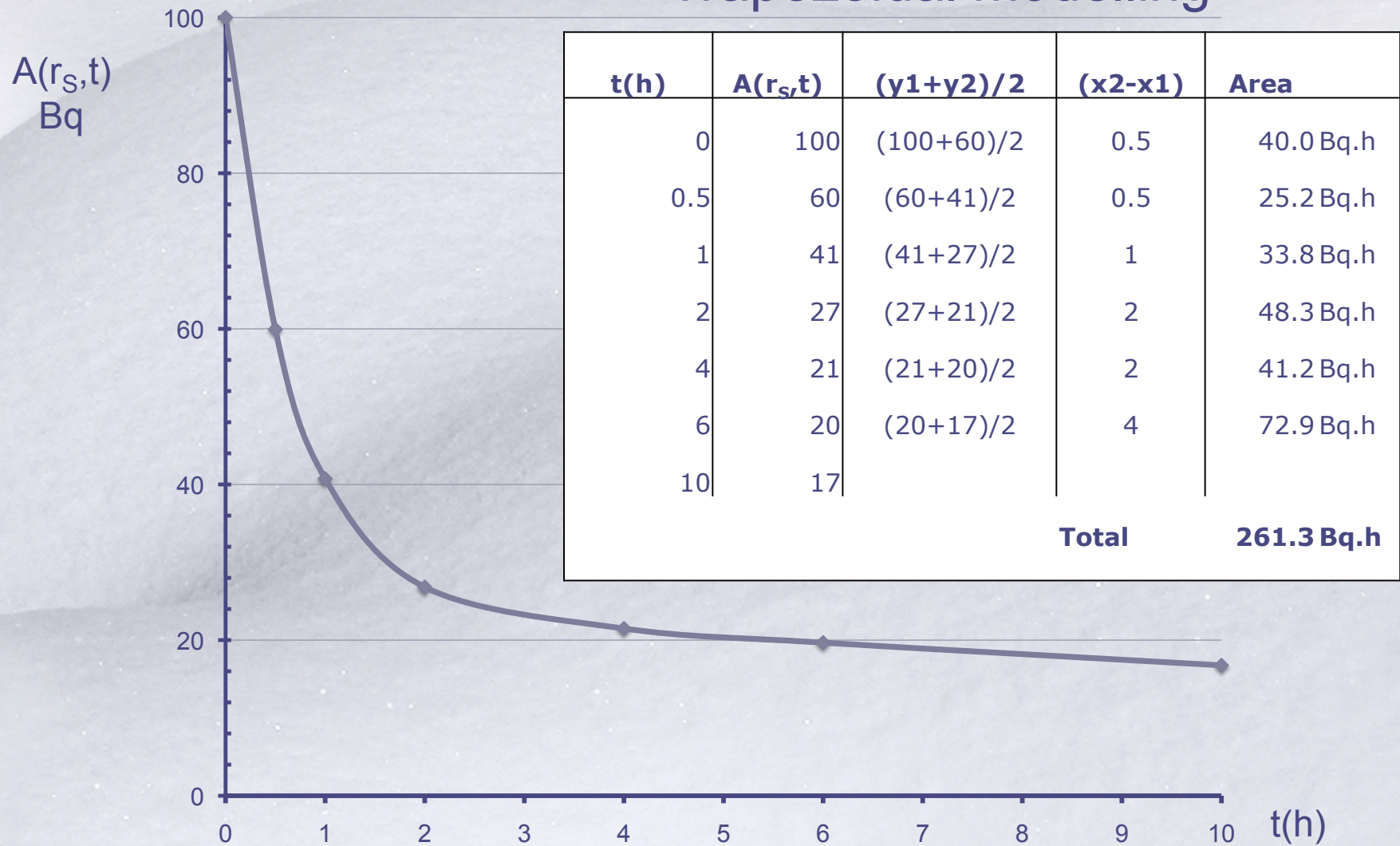
Fit experimental data to 2 exponential components

Numerical example



Numerical example

Trapezoidal modelling



Numerical example

Extrapolation from 10h to infinity:

Using the “slow decay” constant (0.04 h^{-1})

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A}(r_S, 10h \rightarrow \infty) &= 1.443 \times A(10h) \times T_{Eff} \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln 2} \times A_0 \times \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda_{Eff}} = \frac{A(10h)}{\lambda_{Eff}} \\ &= \frac{17}{0.04} = 425 \text{ Bq.h}\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{A}(r_S, \infty) = 261.3 + 425 = 686.3 \text{ Bq.h}$$

Numerical example

Extrapolation from 10h to infinity:

Using the physical decay constant (i.e. h^{-1} for ^{131}I)

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A}(r_s, 10h \rightarrow \infty) &= 1.443 \times A(10h) \times T_{Phy} \\ &= 1.443 \times 17 \times 8.04 \times 24 \\ &= 4733.5 \text{Bq.h}\end{aligned}$$

This highlights how extrapolating with the physical decay constant can be REALLY wrong...

Numerical example

A bi-exponential fit yields:

$$A(r_S, t) = 25e^{-0.04t} + 75e^{-1.5t}$$

With:

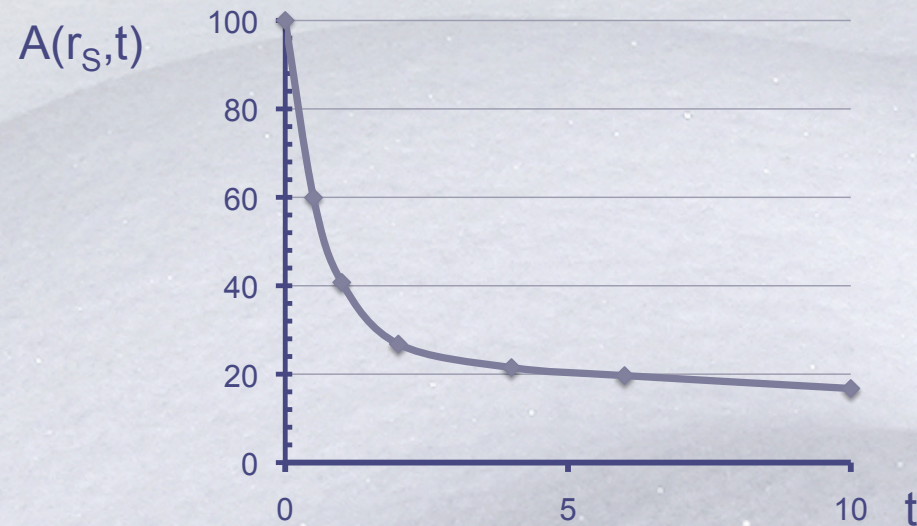
$$T_1 = \frac{\text{Ln}2}{0.04} = 17.3h$$

$$T_2 = \frac{\text{Ln}2}{1.5} = 0.46h$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} A(r_S, t) dt = \frac{25}{0.04} + \frac{75}{1.5} = 675 \text{ Bq.h}$$

And 675 ~ 686.3 Bq.h...

TAC fitting



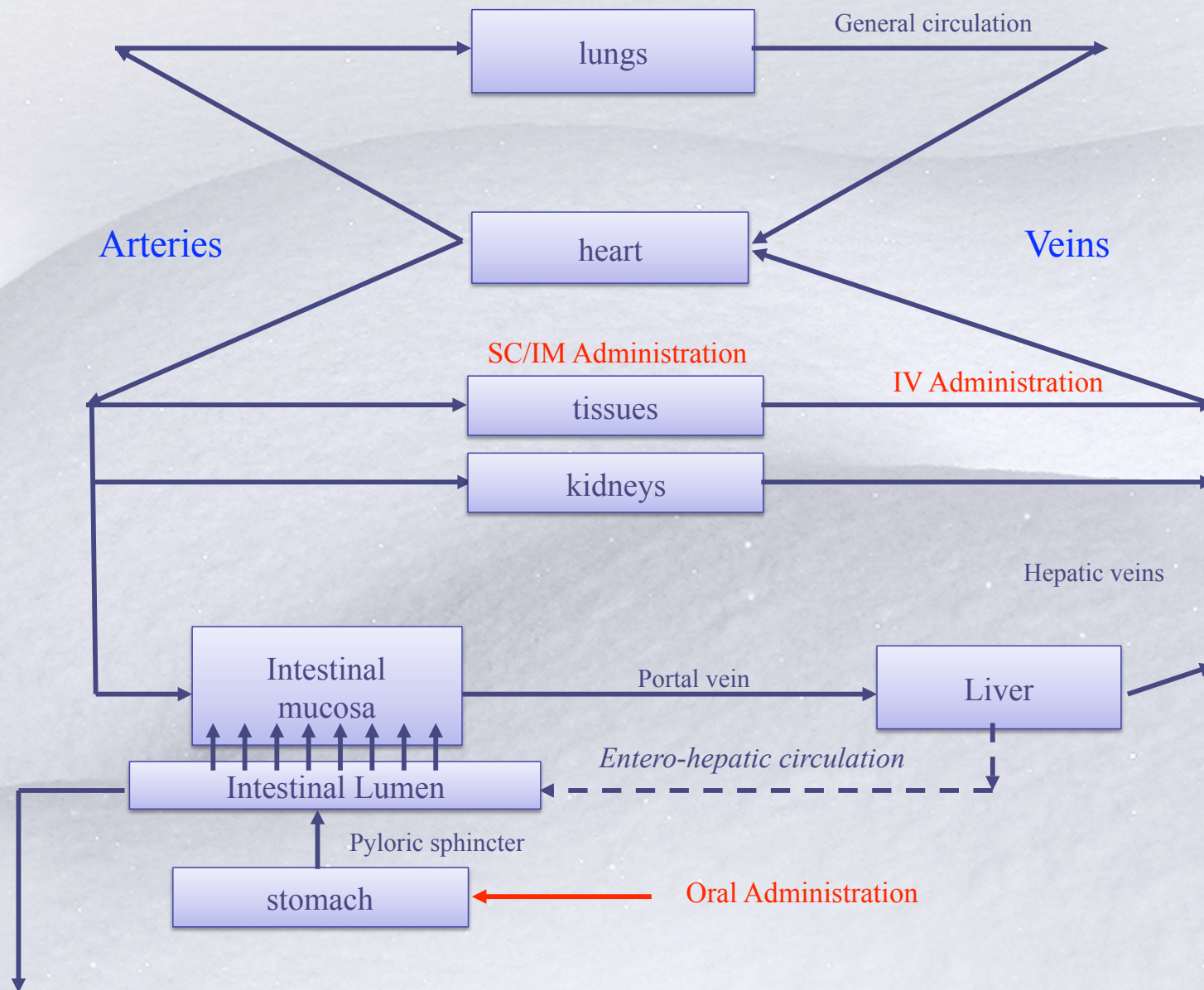
In the previous example:

$A(r_S, t)$ « looks » bi-exponential.

Is there a relevance in trying to fit experimental data with exponentials?

Introduction to *compartmental analysis*

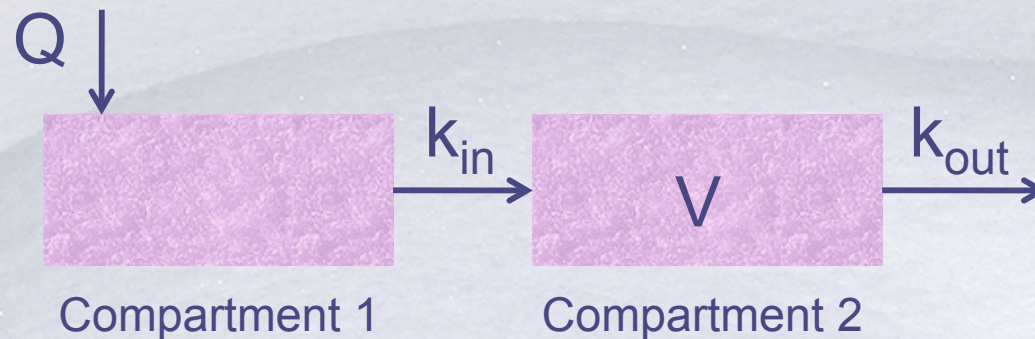
ADME: Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion



Compartmental analysis

- A system is described as a group of compartments
 - Opened or closed
 - One, 2, many compartments
 - Topology: catenary, mammillary
- The behaviour of the substance of interest in each compartment is unique (homogeneous).
- A compartment has a volume that may or may not be relevant from a physiology point of view...
- Compartments are linked through transfer rate coefficients

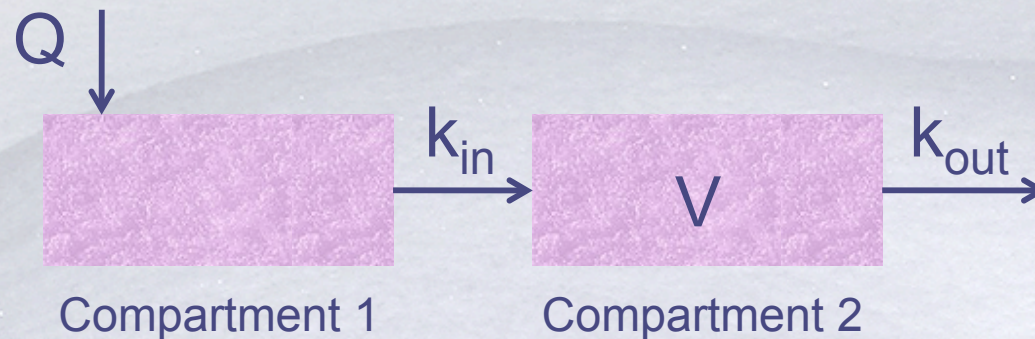
Example: 2 compartments, open model



- Bolus injection (IV) of Q (mg) of drug
- Transfer from compartment 1 to 2 with k_{in} (s⁻¹)
- Input rate in compartment 2: $e(t)$

$$e(t) = Q \times k_{in} \times e^{-k_{in}t}$$

Example: 2 compartments, open model



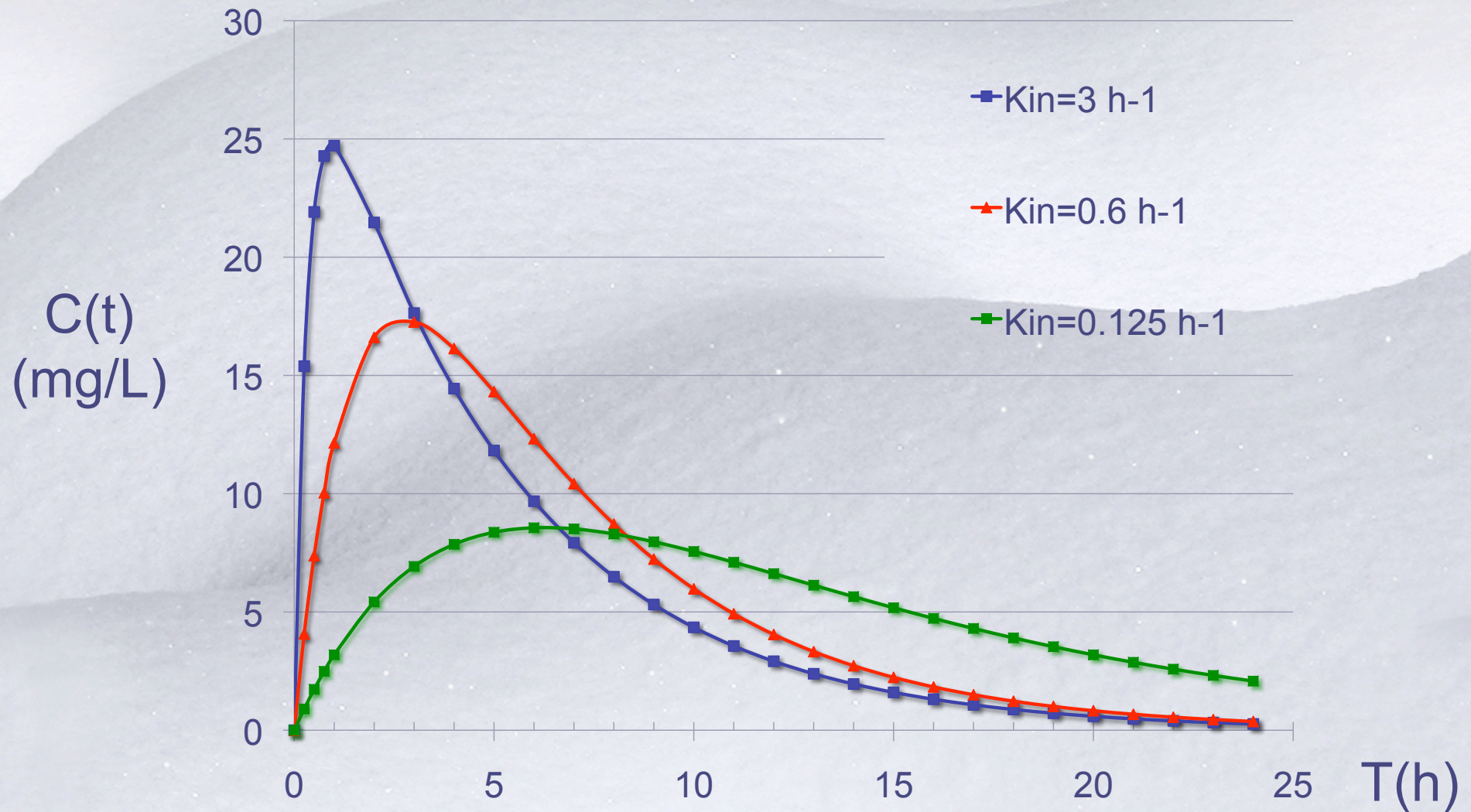
$$C(t) = \frac{Q}{V} \times \frac{k_{in}}{k_{in} - k_{out}} \times \left(e^{-k_{out}t} - e^{-k_{in}t} \right)$$

C(t): concentration in compartment 2 at time t:

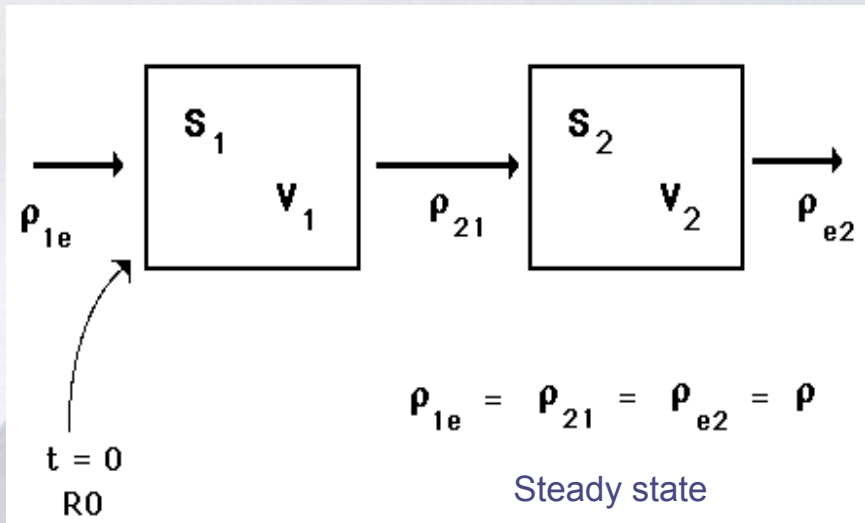
C(t) in mg/L

Numerical application:

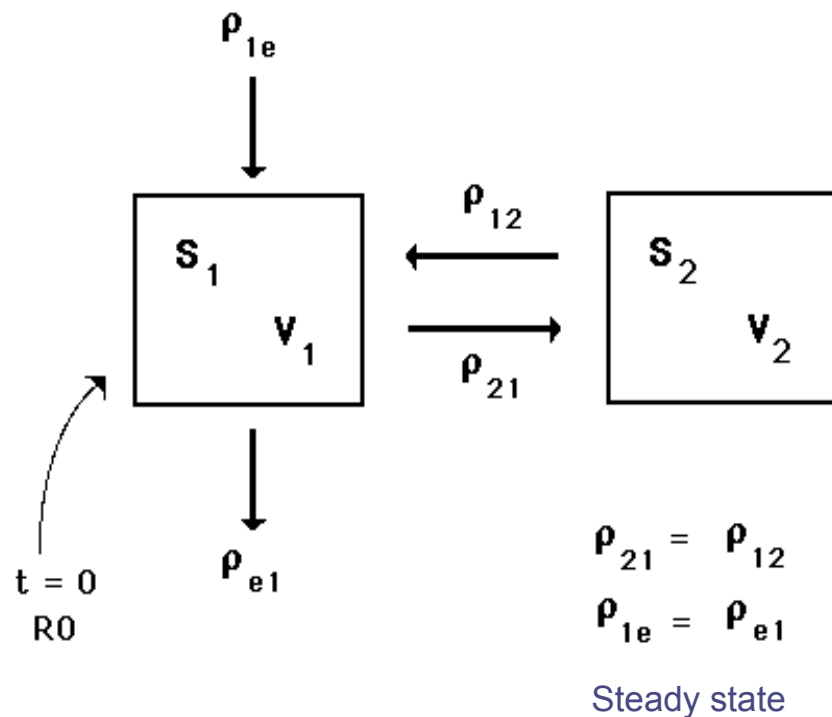
Influence of k_{in} : $Q = 600 \text{ mg}$; $k_{out} = 0.2 \text{ h}^{-1}$; $V = 20 \text{ L}$



Other examples



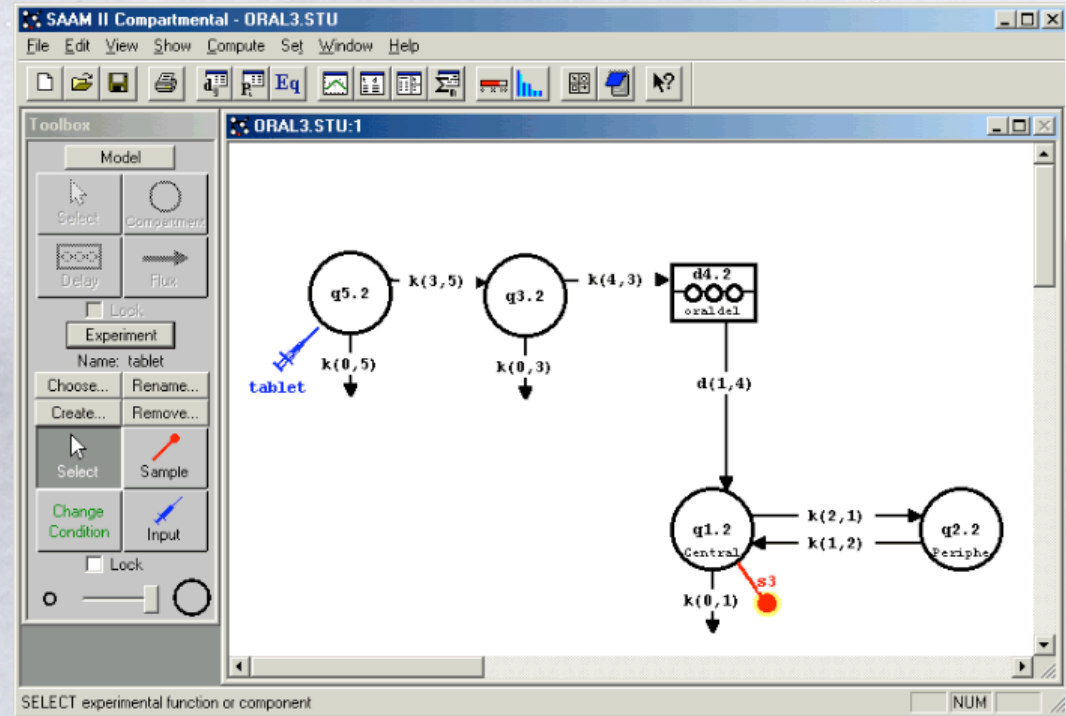
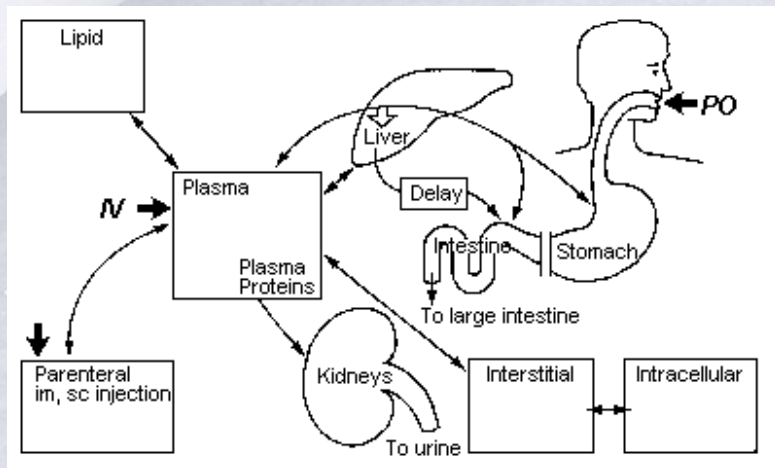
Catenary:
Exchange with outside world through the 2 compartments



Mammillary:
Exchange with outside world through one compartment only (central compartment)

Softwares

❄ Many possibilities...



❄ Check bibliography...

❄ TEST the software!

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