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CIBM: A brief synopsis

 Mission: Advance state-of-the art functional and metabolic imaging & address important biomedical problems using model systems ranging from transgenic animals to human patients ("from mouse to man")

Disease Focus:

- Neurosciences (Brain diseases)
- Metabolic diseases (Diabetes)
- Oncology

Research Focus:

- Mechanisms of disease;
- Disease onset prior to damage
- Treatment monitoring/planning



Infrastructure for preclinical imaging

MRI in rodents

Procedure is the same as in humans

No informed consent:

Anesthesia to avoid motion

Physiologic monitoring

Temperature

Blood gases, pH_a

EtCO2

Breathing

Blood pressure

Blood glucose, lactate



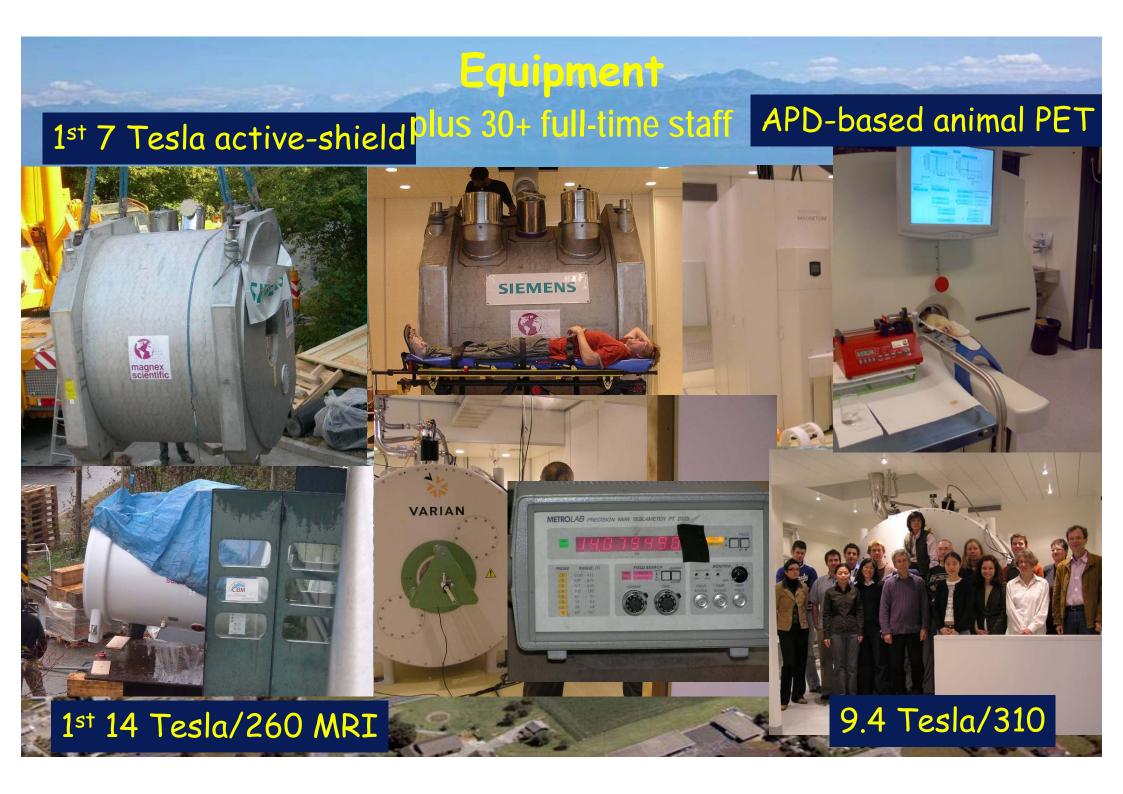


"Blind" anesthesia

Instrument monitoring

Problem of blood volume





Proposed activities for MRPET @ CIBM

- Design guidance (from the end-user)
- PET component testing
 - Availability of large-bore (26cm) 14.1 Tesla scanner (allows placing of PET components into magnet)
 - Susceptibility effects, etc.
- RF interactions
 - Large on-site RF lab with 3 full-time staff
 - Network analyzers, on-site component modifications possible
- PET Prototype testing
 - Humans at 7 Tesla (68cm)
 - Rodents at 14.1 Tesla

