



# Achilles Therapeutics

## Precision T cell therapies to treat solid tumors

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# A clinical stage company developing precision T cell therapies to treat solid tumors



NASDAQ: ACHL  
*Precision TIL therapy*



Two open-label Phase I/IIa clinical trials ongoing in NSCLC and melanoma and next program to enter the clinic in 2022



Q4 2021: Interim analysis on 8-10 patients across NSCLC & melanoma (Process 1), highlighting engraftment kinetics, product characterization, and ability to define tumor-reactive component; Open Process 2 high-dose cohort



Designing a closed, automated and scalable manufacturing process to deliver over 1,000 doses annually to supply late stage clinical trials and initial commercial products; GMP modular facility is a blueprint for global commercial supply



Science based on pioneering research led by Profs. Charlie Swanton, Karl Peggs, Mark Lowdell and Sergio Quezada into tumor evolution, immune-regulation and the translation of precision T cell therapies



Team of ~200 employees (HQ in London); fully financed to complete ongoing phase I/IIa clinical trials, expand manufacturing capacity and bring additional programs into the clinic with June 30 cash of \$299M

# Our senior management team & board



## Senior Leadership Team

 <p><b>Iraj Ali</b> CEO &amp; Board Member</p> <p> </p>	 <p><b>Sergio Quezada</b> CSO &amp; Founder</p> <p> </p>	 <p><b>Karl Peggs</b> CMO &amp; Founder</p> <p></p>	 <p><b>Robert Coutts</b> CFO</p> <p> </p>
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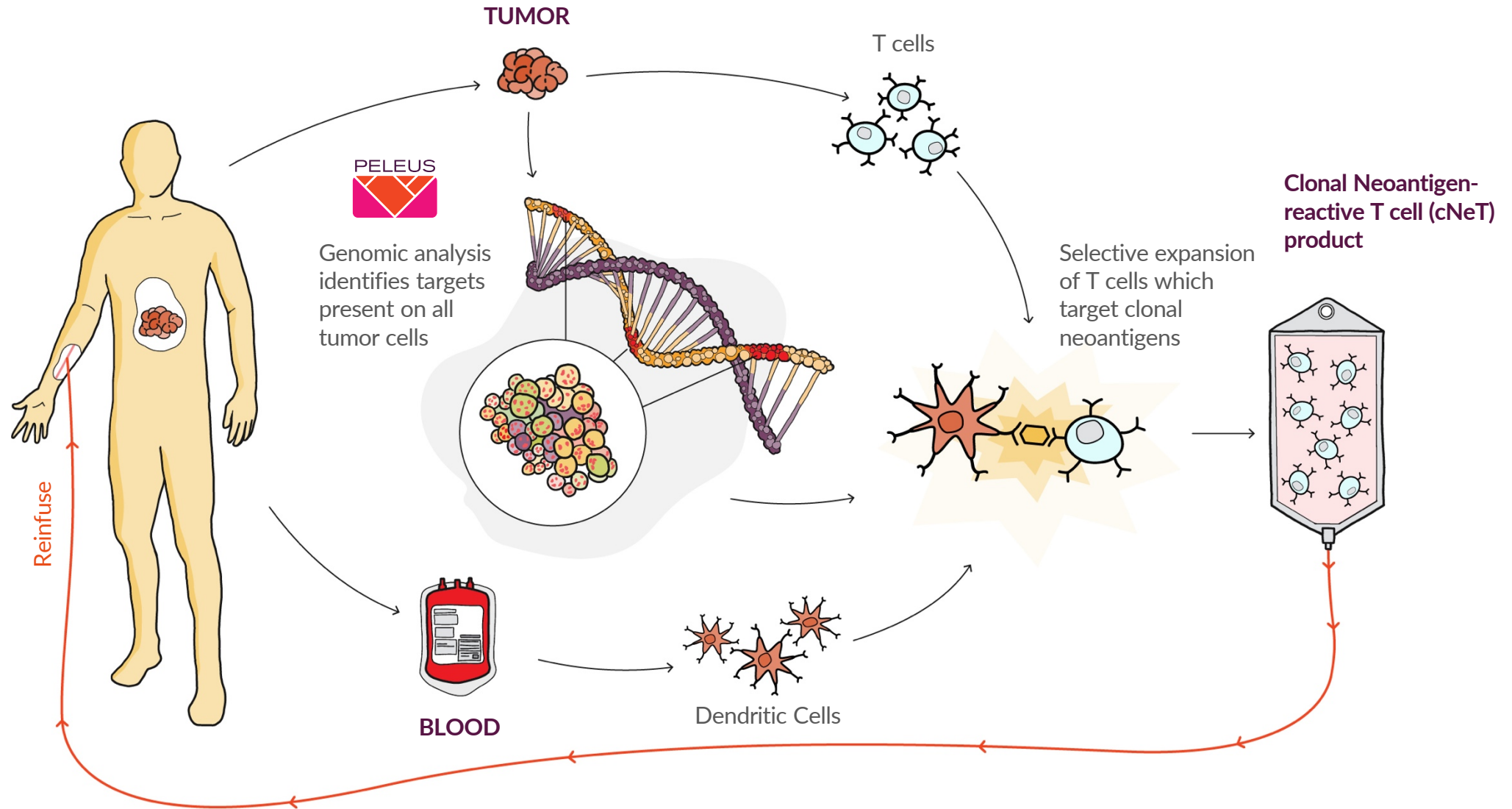
## Non-Executive Board of Directors

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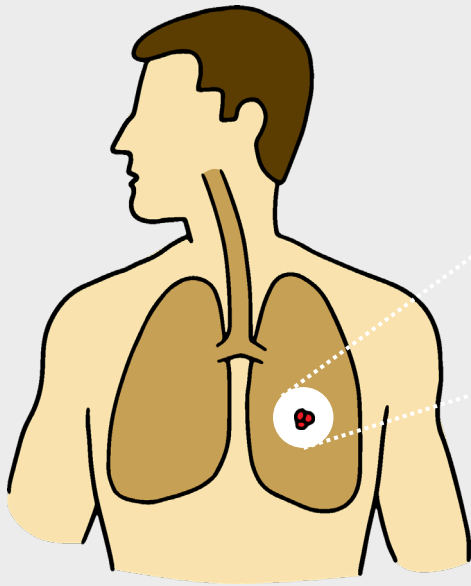


# Precision TIL therapy targeting clonal neoantigens

Using cutting edge personalized genomics to target all cells in a patient's tumor



# Achilles has developed proprietary technology to target all tumor cells



Tumors are **clonal in origin** and originate from a group of cells that are exactly the same



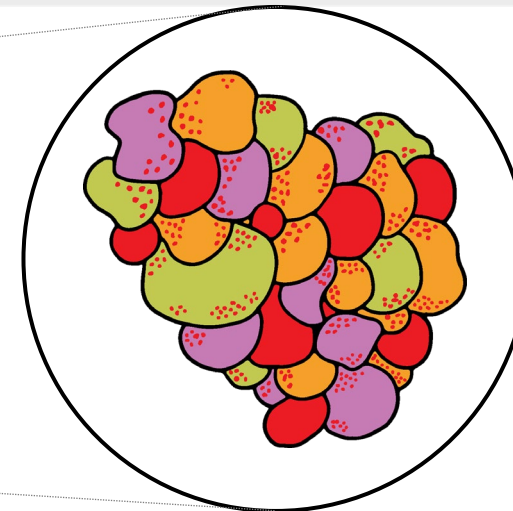
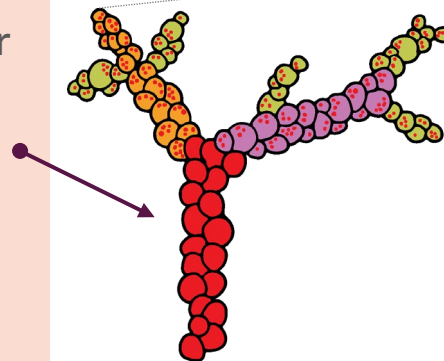
Tumors evolve, developing many new mutations resulting in **heterogeneity** that enables them to evade targeting<sup>1</sup>



To kill all of the tumor cells we believe you need to target the **clonal neoantigens formed early in tumor evolution**

Achilles has developed proprietary technology to identify the original tumor mutations **present on all cancer cells, clonal neoantigens**

We are able to identify and **target multiple clonal neoantigens** with our Clonal Neoantigen-reactive T cell (cNeT) therapy



Clonal neoantigens are present on **primary tumors and all metastases**



## TRACERx

*A clinical study of tumor evolution*

The TRACERx study comprises **multi-region, longitudinal, data from over 780 NSCLC patients** collected over a period of 5 years<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

Over **3,000 tumor region samples**, comprising **one of the largest** bioinformatic data sets of its kind

The learnings from TRACERx **can be applied to other solid tumors**



## PELEUS®

*A proprietary platform to identify clonal neoantigens*

We have developed the proprietary **PELEUS** platform, which can identify the patient's unique clonal neoantigens

The PELEUS platform has been built using the **extensive data from TRACERx** combined with our own **proprietary statistical models**

The PELEUS platform is **trained and improved** using new TRACERx data

# Our precision TIL therapy specifically targets clonal neoantigens



## Tumor associated antigens

*Present on some tumor cells and on healthy tissue*

**Fate**  
THERAPEUTICS

**TCR<sup>2</sup>**  
THERAPEUTICS

**MARKER**  
THERAPEUTICS

**T MUNITY**

**Adaptimmune**  
TRANSFORMING T CELL THERAPY

## Neoantigens

*Present on some tumor cells*

**IOVANCE**  
BIOTHERAPEUTICS

**InstilBio**

**BIONTECH**

**neogene**  
THERAPEUTICS

**PACT** pharma

**genocea**

**TAILORED**  
THERAPEUTICS

## Clonal neoantigens

*Present on all tumor cells, absent from healthy tissue*

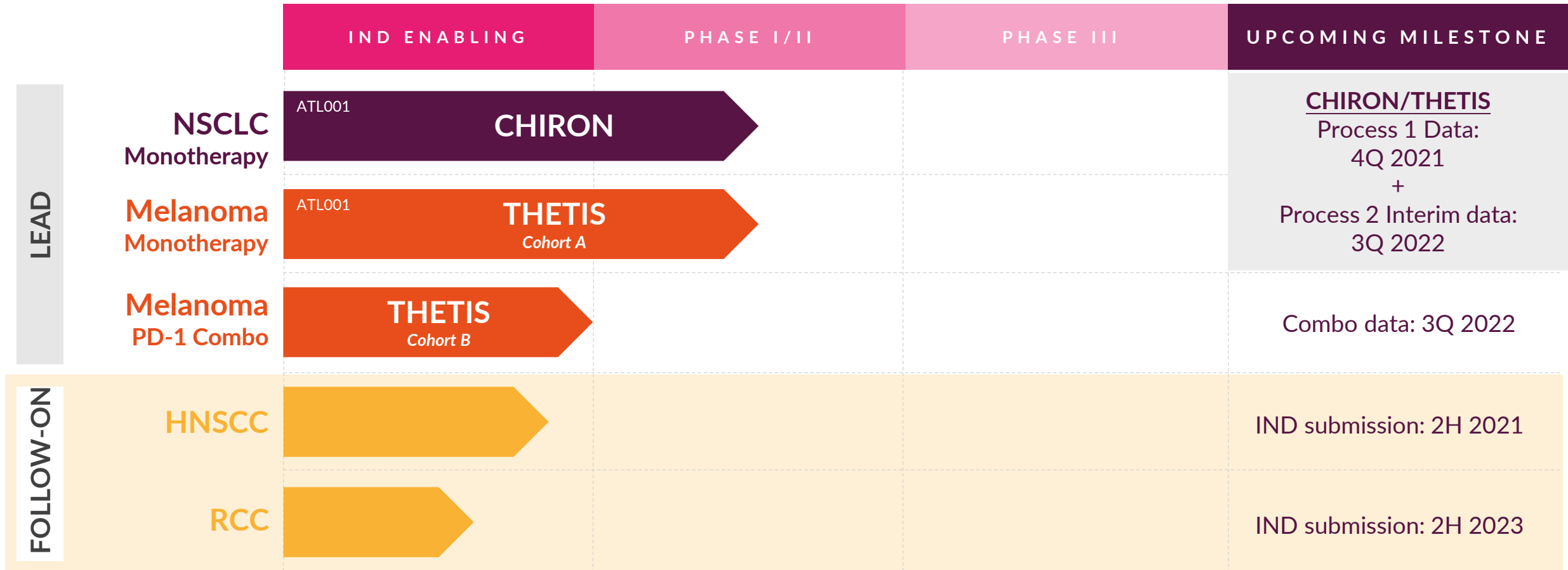


*Achilles has a unique capability to target clonal neoantigens*

*Our process can deliver tumor specificity and potency improvements over standard TIL*



# Our current pipeline



Our proprietary VELOS™ manufacturing process builds on standard TIL therapy but leverages clonal neoantigen targeting to deliver a more precise and potent product



## VELOS

Manufacturing  
process

### Precision platform

*Selective expansion of tumor targeting T cells*

- Prospectively target patient-specific clonal neoantigens shown to correlate with anti-tumor activity<sup>1,2</sup>
- Able to quantify the active component (cNeT) in each product and track post-dosing in blood or tissue
- Enable a mechanistic understanding of cNeT therapy (e.g., dose response) and a path to a robust potency assay

### Potent product

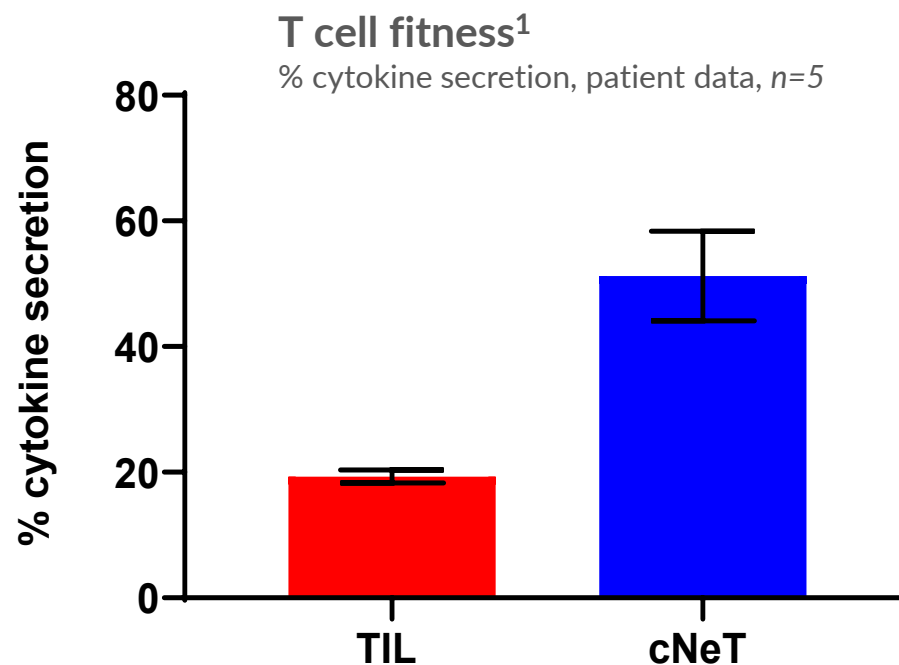
*Potent polyclonal product*

- VELOS process delivers a polyclonal product able to target multiple cancer antigens present on all tumor cells
- Products contain both T helper (CD4+) and cytotoxic T cells (CD8+) subtypes
- Natural dendritic cell process reduces the need for IL-2 in the VELOS process and post-dosing

# cNeT have demonstrated improved T cell fitness compared to standard TIL



- Natural dendritic cell-driven expansion delivers **significant improvement in T cell fitness** for cNeT compared to standard TIL
- The fitness of all T cells can be assessed through the non-specific activation of the CD3+ T cell co-receptor



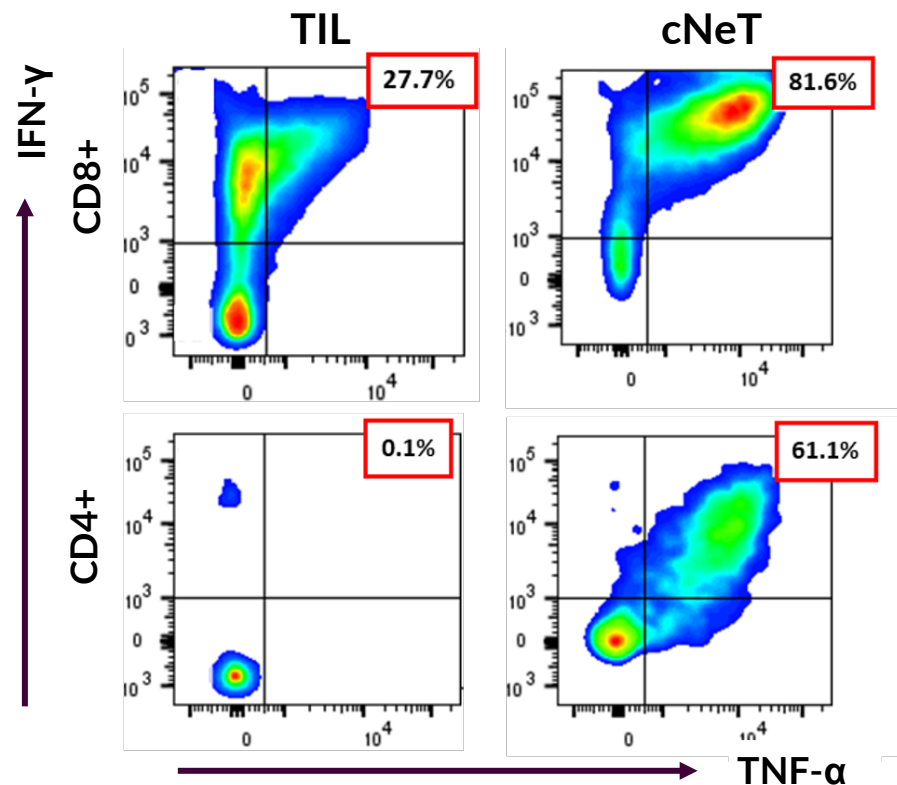
# cNeT have demonstrated improved specificity and potency compared to standard TIL



The cNeT process (VELOS™) selectively expands tumor reactive T cells that can deliver a product with improved **specificity and potency** as defined by their ability recognize tumor clonal neoantigens

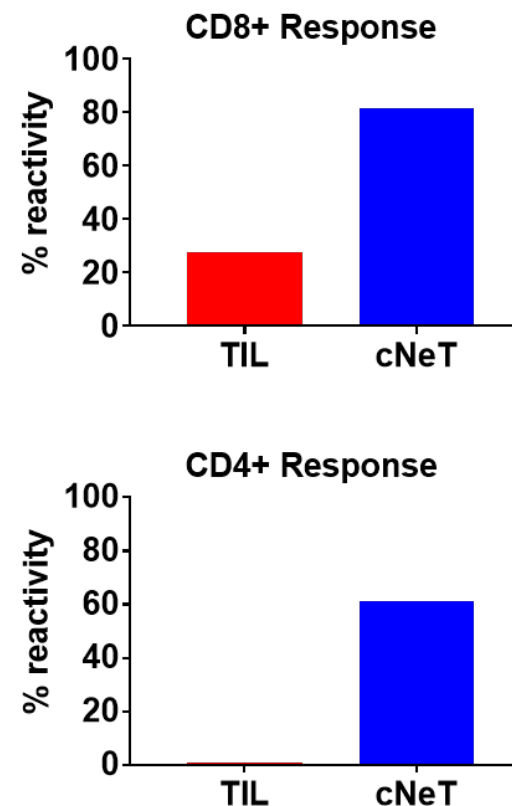
## T cell specificity and potency<sup>4</sup>

Cytokine secretion measured through flow cytometric analysis, n=1



## T cell specificity and potency<sup>4</sup>

% reactivity, n=1



VELOS manufacturing process has been shown to produce both **CD4+** and **CD8+** T cell populations. There is a strong body of pre-clinical data which shows **CD4+** and **CD8+** T cells can work in concert to deliver **robust and durable responses**<sup>1-3</sup>





## Potency Assay

- Regulatory authorities require demonstration that the product contains an active component **of a specific identity and potency**
- Potency can be defined as the specific ability of the product to **effect a given result** that should take effect through the product's **mechanism of action**
- Timeline for interaction with regulatory authorities established and **will have an agreed upon plan prior to registrational studies**

## Achilles cNeT

- With our platform **we can quantify the cNeT** component as a percentage of the total T cells (cNeT reactivity) and **calculate the cNeT dose** of each product
- cNeT reactivity can be used as both a **release criterion and potency measure**
- We believe that cNeT is the active component of TIL and will **correlate with anti-tumor effect**
- Further **phenotypic and functional characteristics** of cNeT can be measured to develop potency assays

# Achilles has two ongoing Phase I/IIa clinical trials



## CHIRON

Advanced non-small cell lung cancer  
(Stage III-Stage IV)  
Open-label

- Up to 40 patients with advanced unresectable or metastatic NSCLC
- Never-smokers and EGFR/ALK/Ros-1 mutations excluded
- cNeT monotherapy with option for PD-1 inhibitor combination cohort
- Evaluating safety, tolerability and activity (RECIST), biomarkers of clinical activity and bespoke ctDNA assay
- Ongoing in UK, EU and US

## THETIS Cohort A

Recurrent or metastatic malignant melanoma; monotherapy  
Open-label

- Up to 40 patients with metastatic or recurrent melanoma (monotherapy)
- Acral, uveal and mucosal melanoma excluded
- Evaluating safety, tolerability and activity (RECIST)
- Ongoing in UK, EU and expanding to US

## THETIS Cohort B

Combination with checkpoint inhibitor  
Open-label

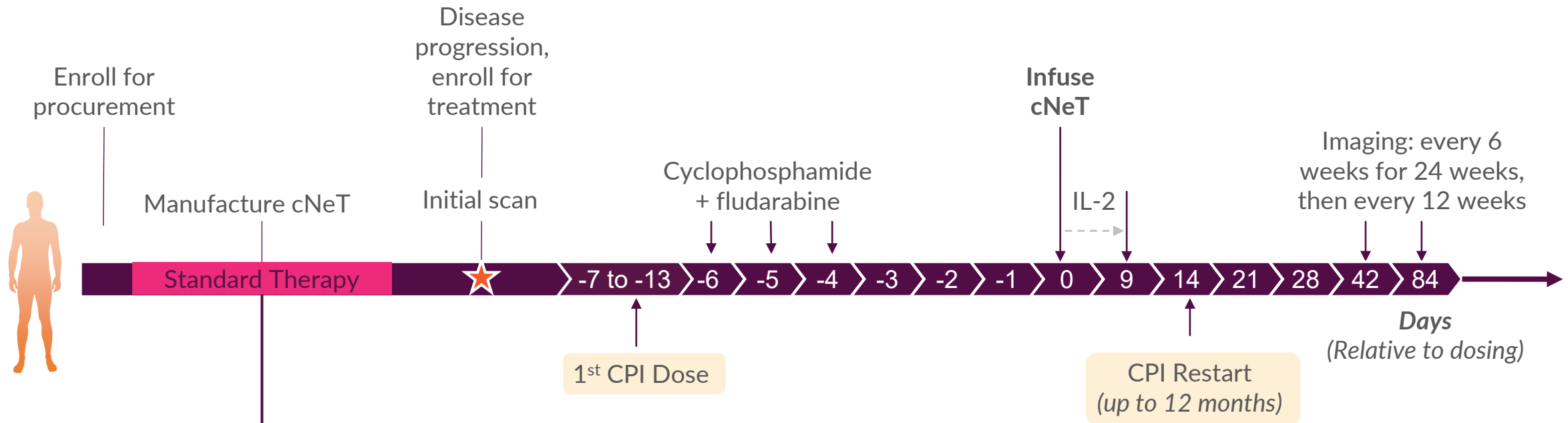
- Up to 20 checkpoint refractory patients in combination with PD-1 inhibitor (nivolumab)
- Checkpoint dosed prior to cNeT dosing (~7-13 days) and restarted at day 14 post-dosing

# CHIRON and THETIS trial design

cNeT therapies can be readily delivered within standard treatment pathways



Key: Cohort B only



- Option to procure tissue before, after and during systemic therapy
- cNeT can be manufactured during checkpoint therapy

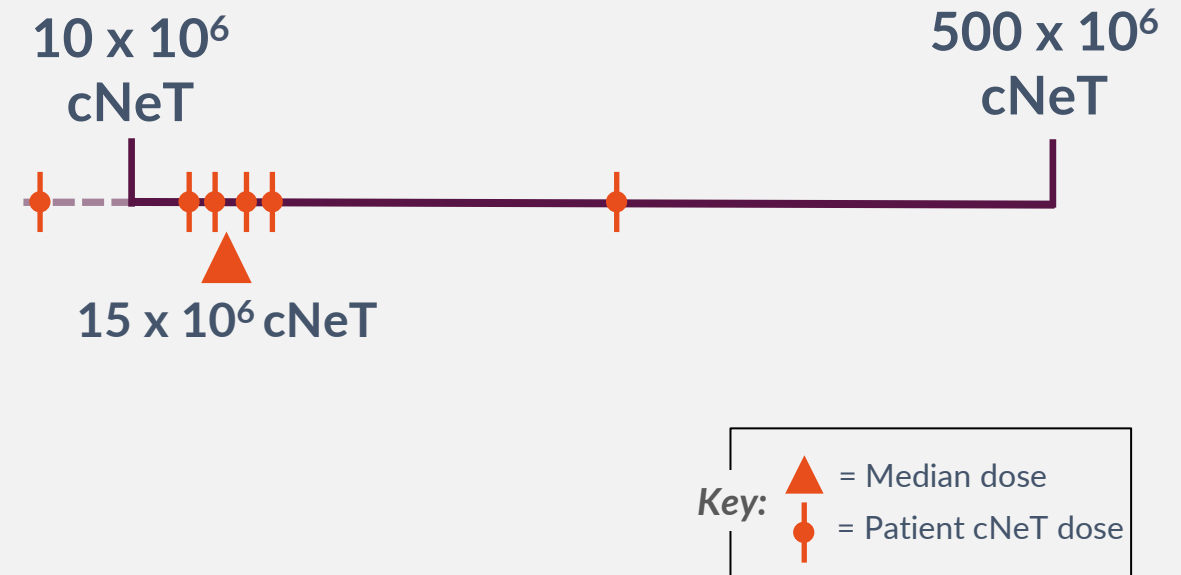
- Well-tolerated pre-conditioning and IL-2 regimens (vs. existing TIL therapy)
- Lower cyclophosphamide and IL-2 dose delivered over a longer period



## Patient summary

- Data from first six dosed patients following scan 6 weeks post-cNeT infusion
  - 3 in CHIRON, 3 in THETIS
- Median 2.5 lines of prior therapy
- All had progressive disease at time of lymphodepletion
- Median dose at the low end of prospectively targeted therapeutic range
- cNeT doses manufactured using VELOS Process 1
  - Generated doses of 0.1M to 287M cNeT with high specificity and fitness

## Prospectively Targeted Therapeutic cNeT range (VELOS Process 1)







## Tolerability

- **IDSMC** recommended that both clinical trials **continue as planned** with no modification
- **Tolerability similar to standard TIL** products not enriched for cNeT reactivities
  - Most higher-grade AEs from lymphodepletion regimen
- **No grade 3 or 4 IL-2 related toxicities**
- **Two SAEs observed**
  - One deemed unlikely related to cNeT
  - One deemed possibly related to cNeT

## Activity

- **Stable disease** at 6 weeks post-dosing in 4 of 6 patients and progressive disease in 2 of 6<sup>1</sup>
- **Tumor reduction** in 2 of 4 lesions of approx. 55% and 90% in patient that received the highest cell dose
- **Evidence of engraftment** in 3 of 6 patients, with highest dose associated with highest engraftment
- **Ability to characterize** infused cells at level of individual cNeT reactivities, in contrast to standard TIL

## Key Next Steps

Explore higher cNeT monotherapy doses and combination with PD-1 inhibitor  
Incorporate additional cytokines to boost TILs extracted & cNeT generated (VELOS Process 2)

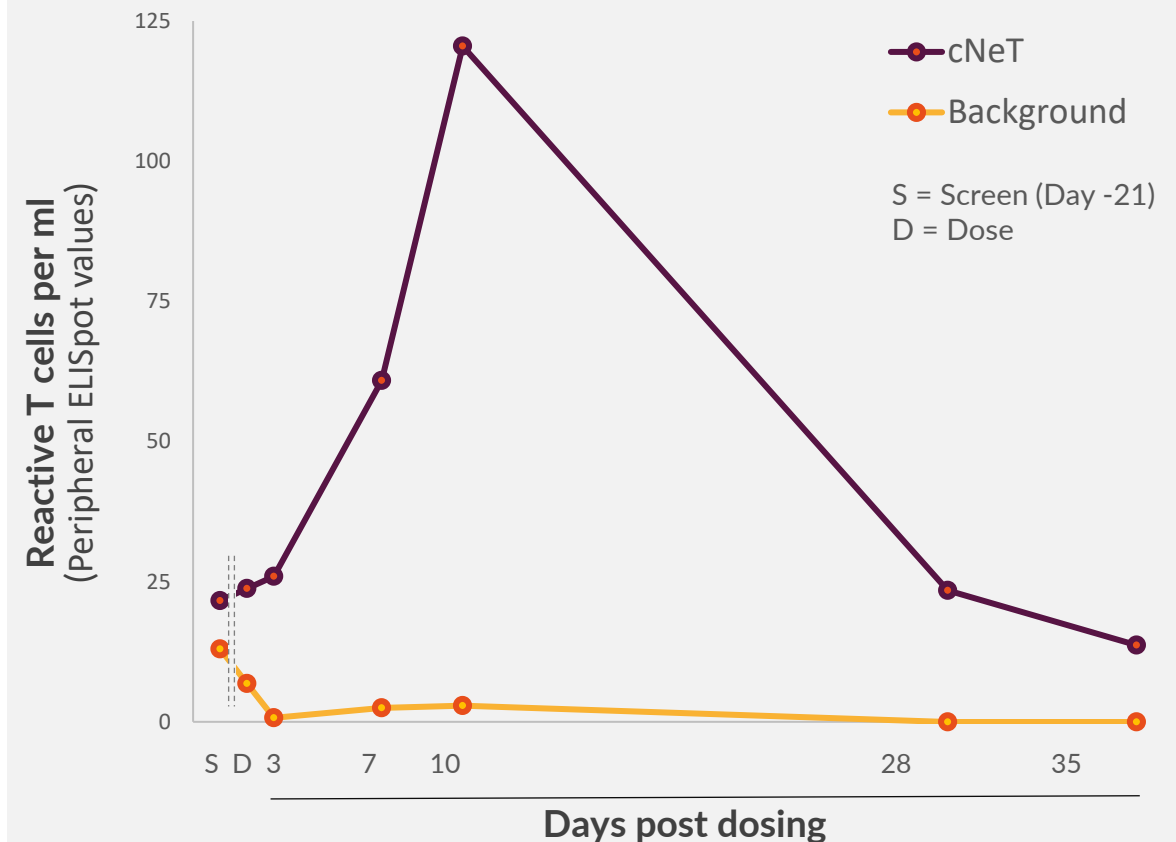


## Detection of cNeT engraftment

- We specifically expand T cells (cNeT) that will **target patient specific clonal neoantigens**
- cNeT can be detected in the patient's blood post-dosing revealing **cNeT expansion kinetics**
- In contrast, it is not possible in **standard TIL** to readily characterize the tumor-reactive component, nor track engraftment and persistence post-infusion - there is **no demonstrated correlation** between T cell dose and response<sup>1</sup>
- We believe that **increasing dose will lead to improved T cell persistence and efficacy**, as seen in other T cell modalities e.g., CAR-T<sup>2,3</sup>

### Patient Case Study<sup>4</sup>

Expansion and detection of cNeT post-dosing THETIS patient  
16M cNeT dosed (65% reactivity)



# VELOS Process 2 is expected to yield higher cNeT doses

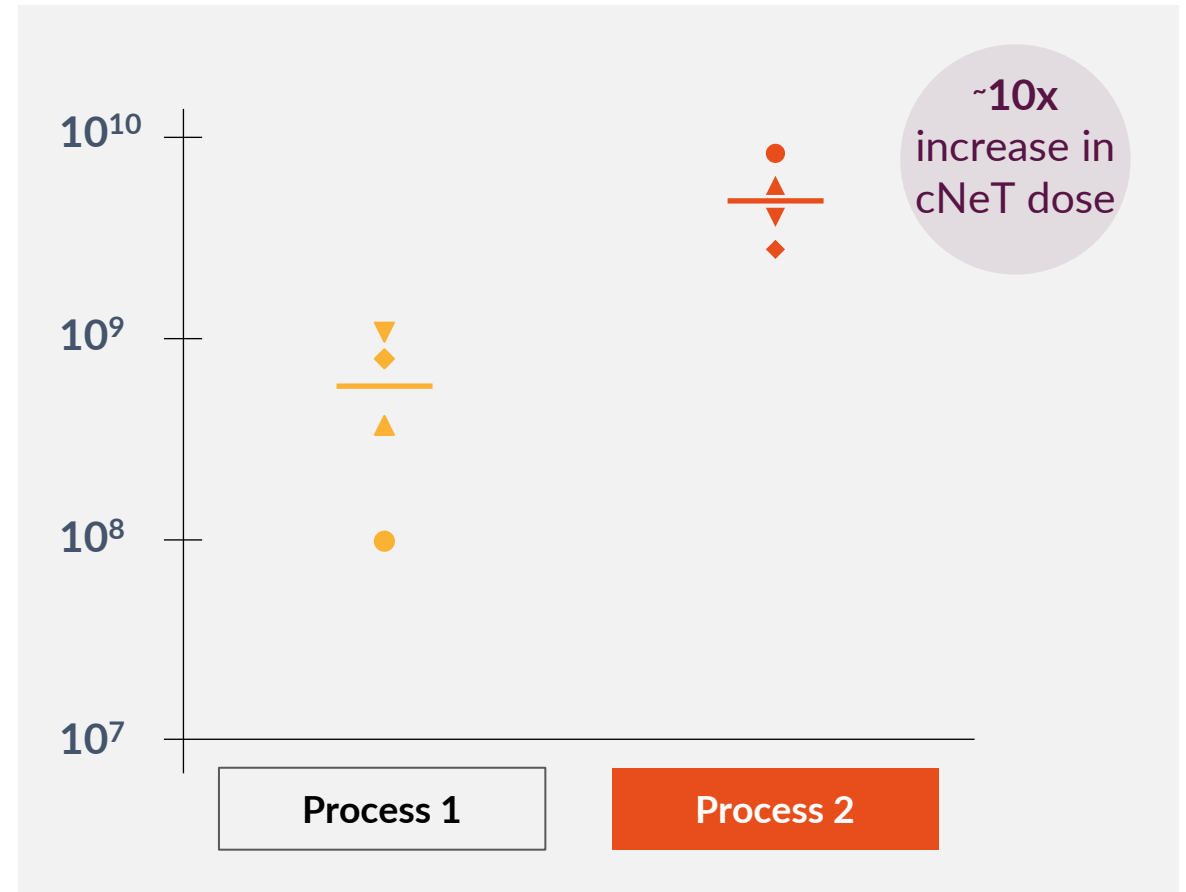
Targeting pre-expansion and expansion steps provides a consistent boost in TIL and cNeT



	Pre-Expansion	Expansion
Process 1	T cells are harvested from the tumor	Dendritic cells loaded with clonal peptides activate and drive cNeT expansion
Process 2	Additional cytokines boost the harvest of tumor reactive cells	Optimized DC-driven co-culture followed by short T cell boost increases final cNeT dose
Timelines for both processes are identical		

## cNeT dose by process\*

cNeT reactivity as measured by our potency assay (IFN $\gamma$ /TNF $\alpha$  positive cells)



# Scale-up of GMP manufacturing for late stage clinical trials and commercial launch



## Royal Free Hospital



GMP facility operated by Achilles staff to support FiH studies

## Cell & Gene Therapy Catapult



Supports both open and fully closed manufacturing process

## Hayes



- GMP modular facility utilizing PODs
- Support multiple indications for late stage clinical studies and commercial supply
- Includes in-house peptide manufacturing

Online

2019

Peak Dose Capacity

50

2021

200

2023

1,000





## End-to-end closed process enables operation in simplified (lower cost) GMP facility



### Tumor collection device

Tumor is collected in our bespoke device to **close the process from procurement**



### Closed tumor processing

Closed processing at our GMP facilities reduces COGs, **eliminates human operator steps** and drives scale-up

Targeting a 6 - 8 week process at commercial stage (collection to dosing)



## Alternative starting materials (e.g. blood)

Manufacture of cNeT from  
blood and other sources



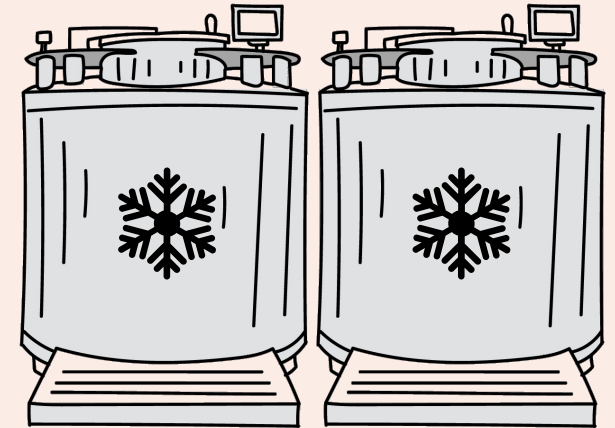
## Gene-edited products

Targeted gene knock-down  
in cNeT

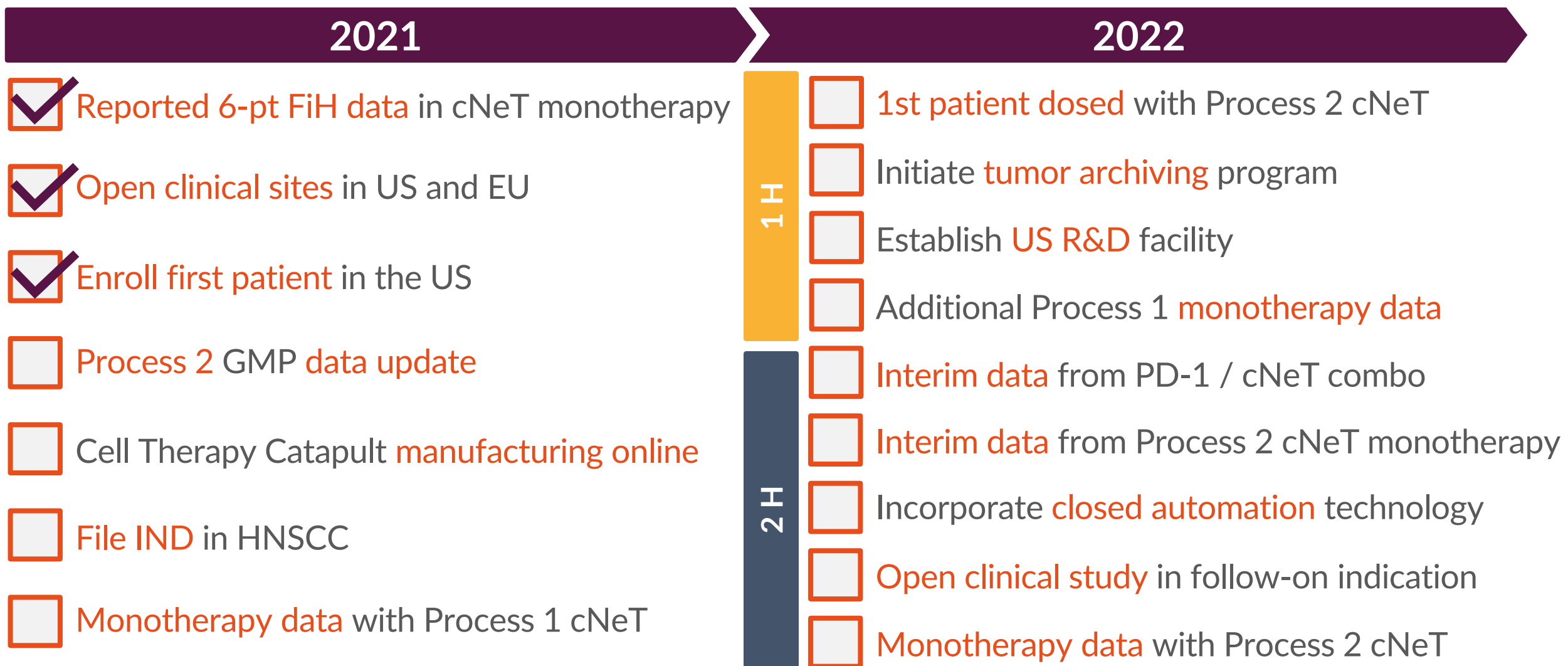


## Early tumor sample archiving

Banking of tumor from earlier  
stage patients









# Key anticipated milestones



*Business is financed to complete phase I/IIa CHIRON and THETIS studies (2H 2023)*

# Achilles is building a transformative oncology business



-  Two ongoing clinical trials with near-term data readouts and plans to add new indications
-  Exclusive access to TRACERx, which gives the unique capability to address clonal neoantigens
-  cNeT platform can target multiple cancer antigens present in all tumor cells
-  Technology allows us to develop a potency-based release assay
-  Robust and commercially scalable manufacturing process designed to be fully closed and automated
-  Cash to complete planned I/IIa clinical trials, expand manufacturing capacity, and broaden pipeline





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