

Exotic cyclotrons for innovative radionuclides

The ARRONAX cyclotron example

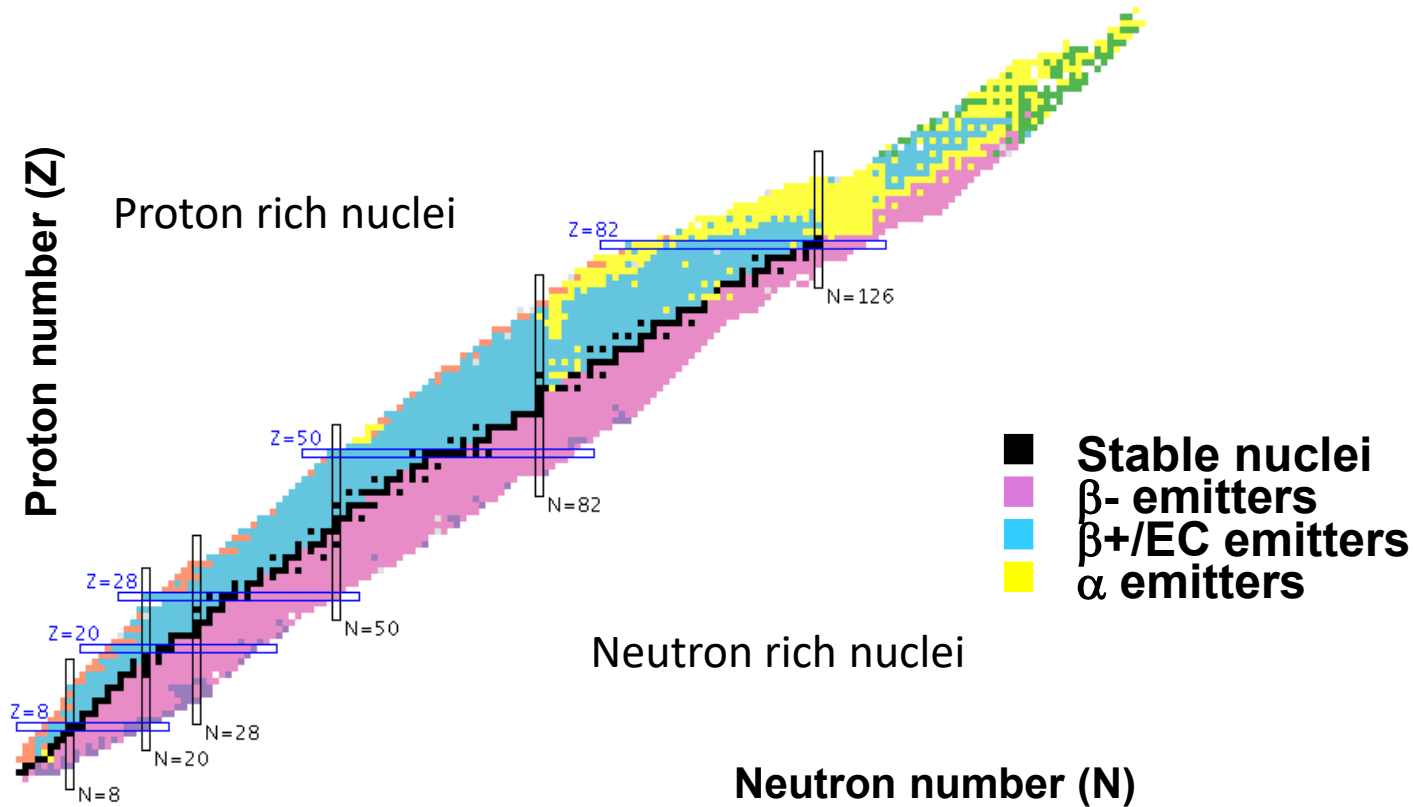
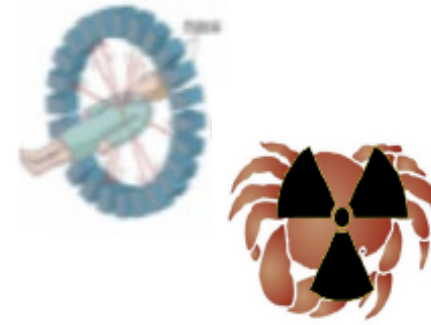
Dr Nathalie Michel on behalf of the ARRONAX team and the PRISMA team



Radionuclides for nuclear medicine

Highly penetrating radiations for diagnostic (X, γ, β^+)

Low penetrating radiations for therapy ($\alpha, \beta^-, \text{Auger } e^-$)



Where medical radionuclides are coming from ?

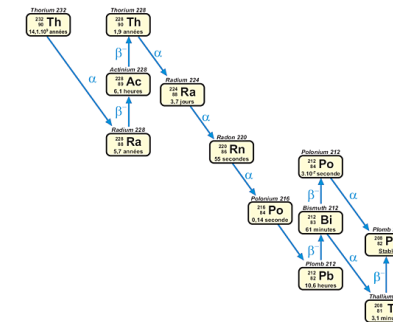
Few can be extracted directly from « nature » :

Those belong to radioactive decay chain of heavy nuclei

^{223}Ra : belongs to the radioactive chain of ^{235}U .
Xofigo[®] (RaCl_2) available for bone metastases.



$^{212}\text{Pb}/^{212}\text{Bi}$: belongs to the radioactive chain of ^{232}Th



^{225}Ac : belongs to the radioactive chain of ^{233}U



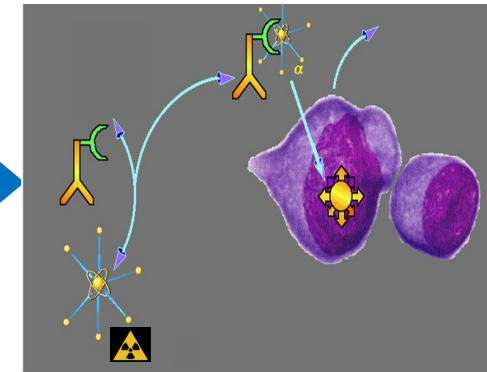
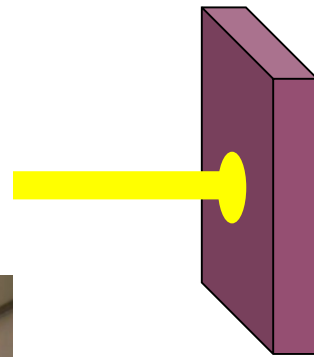
Where medical radionuclides are coming from ?

Otherwise they are artificially produced in reactors/accelerators

Nuclear Reactors



Extraction



Target irradiation

Synthetic drugs

Medical use



Accelerators: Cyclotrons or Lineac



Where medical radionuclides are coming from ?

Reactors vs cyclotrons

- *Reactor advantages*

High yield

Low cost production

Ease of target preparation

- *Cyclotron advantages*

Easier supervision, safety

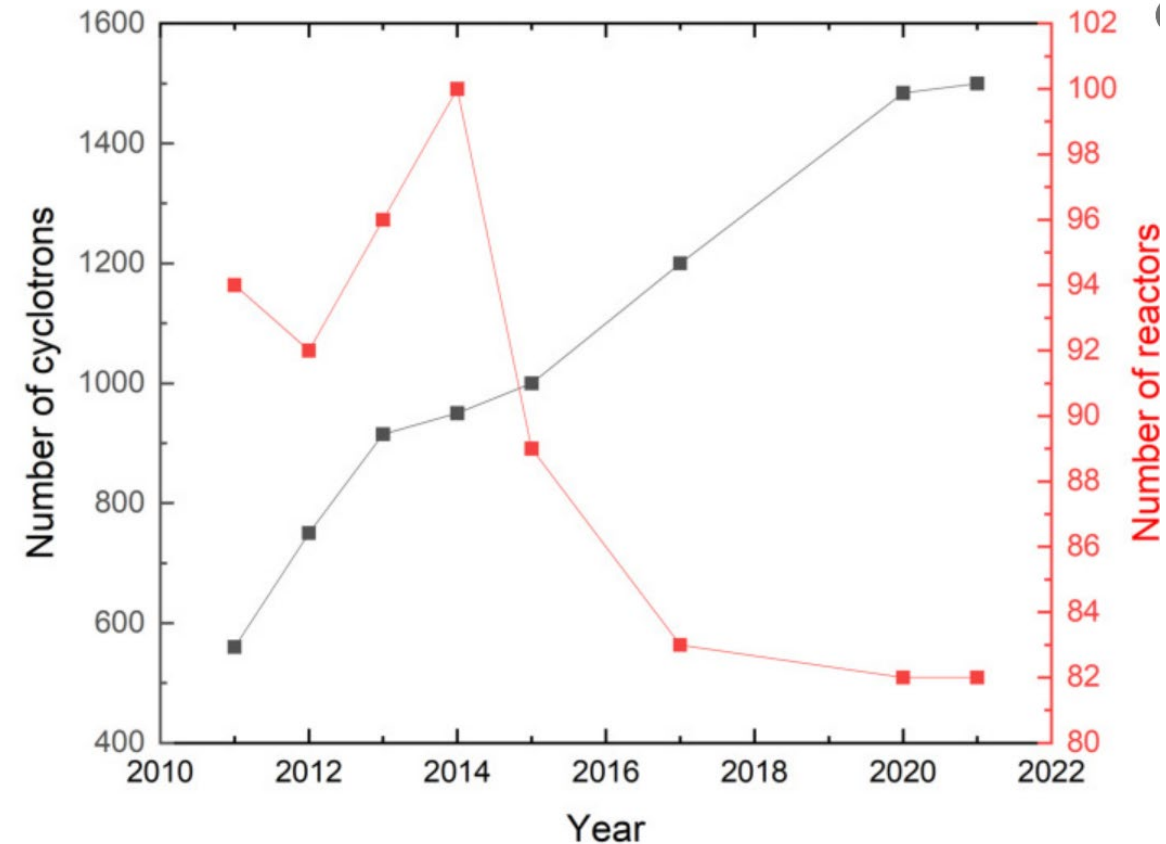
Maintenance and decommissioning costs lower

Radioactive waste less than 10% of the amount by reactor

Lower radiation level

No risk of nuclear proliferation

- *They are complementary*



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How to choose the best irradiation conditions ?



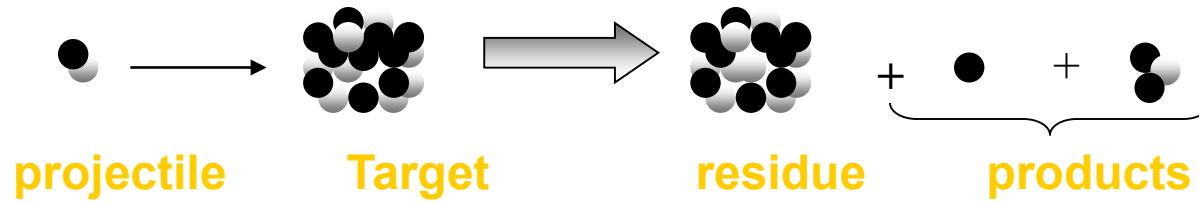
Identify all possible production route: different projectile/energy/target combinations

Select the most promising one based on production yield, contaminants, costs ...

Remark:
 Target material are often chosen amongst stable or very long lived radionuclides.



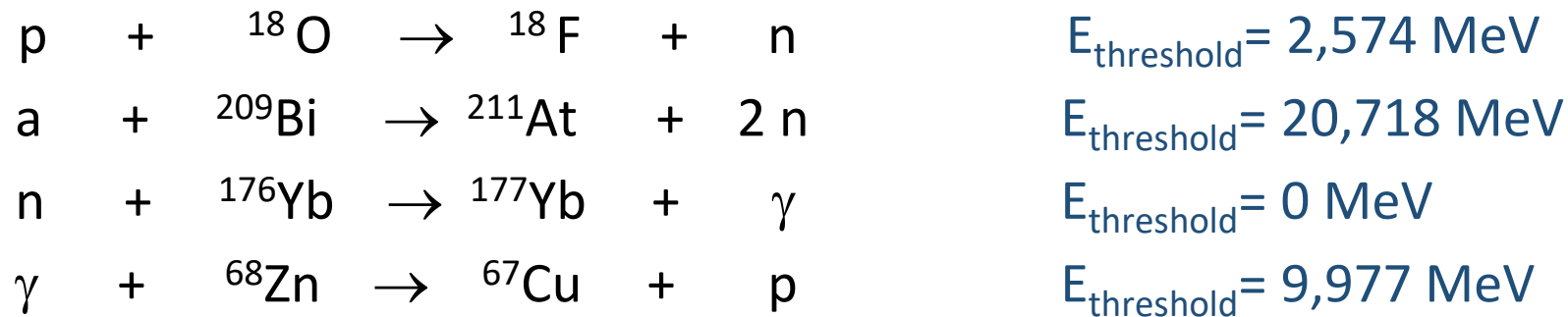
Reminder



It is mandatory to fulfil physics laws:

- Charge conservation and mass conservation
- Energy conservation → an energy threshold exists in most cases

Few examples for medical radionuclides:



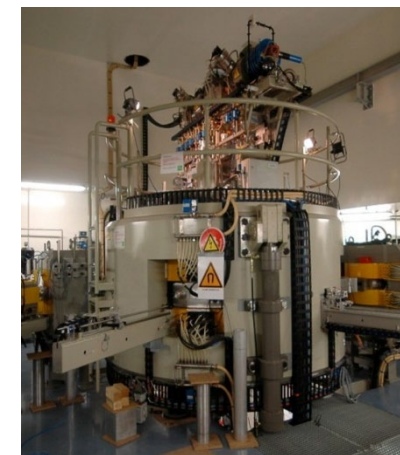
There is not one fit all cyclotrons



^{11}C , ^{13}N , ^{15}O , ^{18}F , ^{64}Cu



^{67}Ga , ^{111}In , ^{123}I , ^{201}Tl , ^{68}Ge



^{82}Sr , $^{117\text{m}}\text{Sn}$

Type	The Energy of Particles [MeV]	Application
Small medical cyclotron	<20	Short-lived radioisotopes for PET
Medium-energy cyclotron	20–35	Production of SPECT and some PET radioisotopes
High-energy cyclotron	>35	Production of radioisotopes for therapy

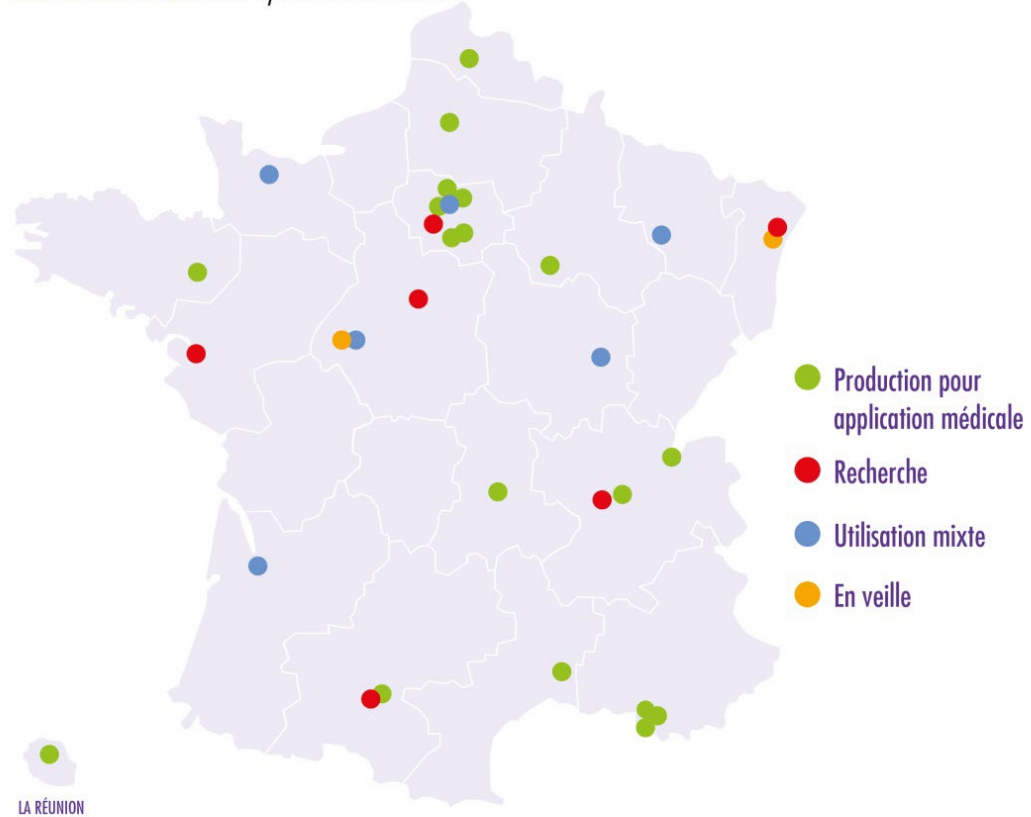
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Medical cyclotrons in France

IMPLANTATION des cyclotrons en France



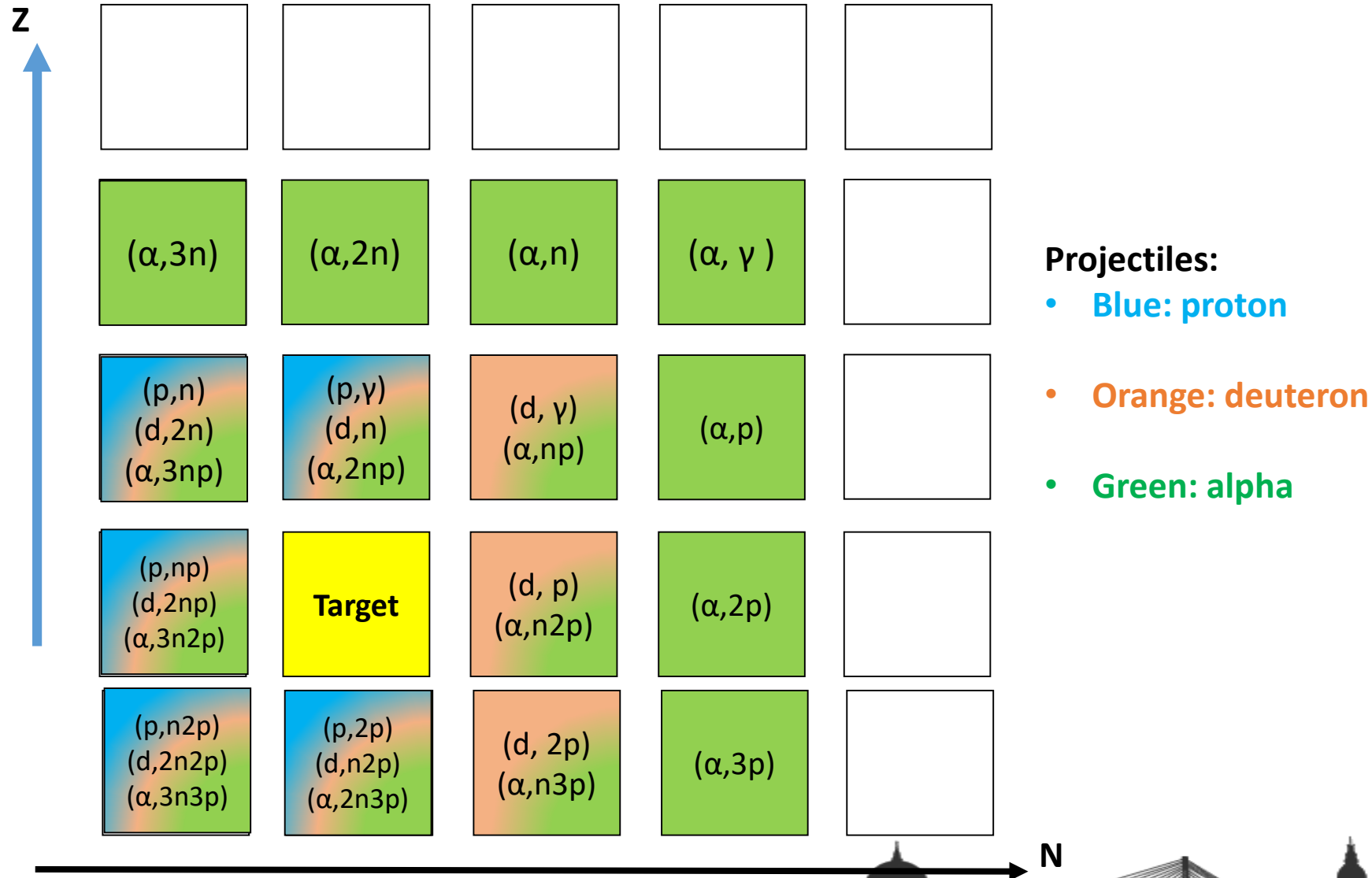
One 70 MeV
Two 30 MeV
Others are 18/24 MeV

Source ASN - 2016



Nuclear reactions

By changing the projectile and its incident energy, one can enlarge the choice of radionuclide that can be produced using a given target/energy couple



Which parameters influence production yield ?

Produced activity (Bq)

Irradiation conditions

Radioactive decay

Cross section

Target properties

$$Act = \Phi \cdot \chi \cdot \frac{Na \cdot \rho}{A} \cdot (1 - \exp(-\lambda \cdot t_{irr})) \cdot \int_{E_{fin.}}^{E_{in.}} \frac{\sigma(E)}{dE/dx} \cdot dE$$



Which parameters influence production yield?

- ✓ Irradiation conditions : particle, beam energy, beam intensity, irradiation time



Projectiles are losing energy in the target

- Target heating

- ✓ Selecting the nuclear reaction and energy range to have the highest cross section value

- ✓ Target properties: increasing number of atoms

- By using a thicker target
- By using enriched material



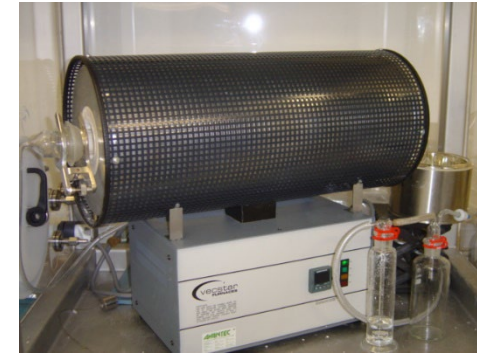
Contaminants are a limiting factor for production

- Non isotopic contaminants can be eliminated by chemistry



Classical chemistry
 (chromatography using resin
 or liquid/liquid extraction ...)

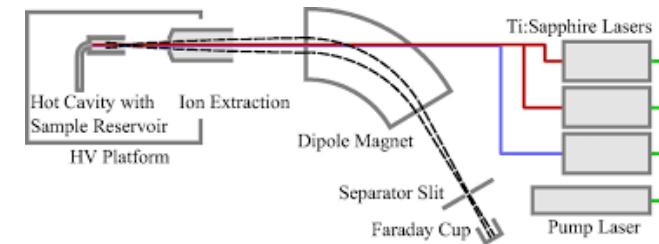
Dry chemistry



- Production of isotopic contaminants are controlled through a combination of
 - The use of highly enriched target material (when possible)
 - Choosing the adequate projectile energy/target thickness
 - Choosing different nuclear reaction as (d,x) , (α,x) ... or even indirect reactions
 - Using decay if half lives are different

However, this is not always sufficient

Mass separation can be another way to gain in purity.



ARRONAX: a cyclotron that enlarges the scope of possible

Beam	Accelerated particles	Energy range (MeV)	Intensity (eμA)	Dual beam
Proton	H-	30-70	<375	Yes
	HH+	17	<50	No
Deuteron	D-	15-35	<50	Yes
Alpha	He ⁺⁺	68	<70	No

Main characteristics:

Multi-particles

High energy

High intensity

enlarge the scope of possible nuclear reactions for isotope production

- low cross section phenomena achievable
- Neutron source with industrial capabilities possible



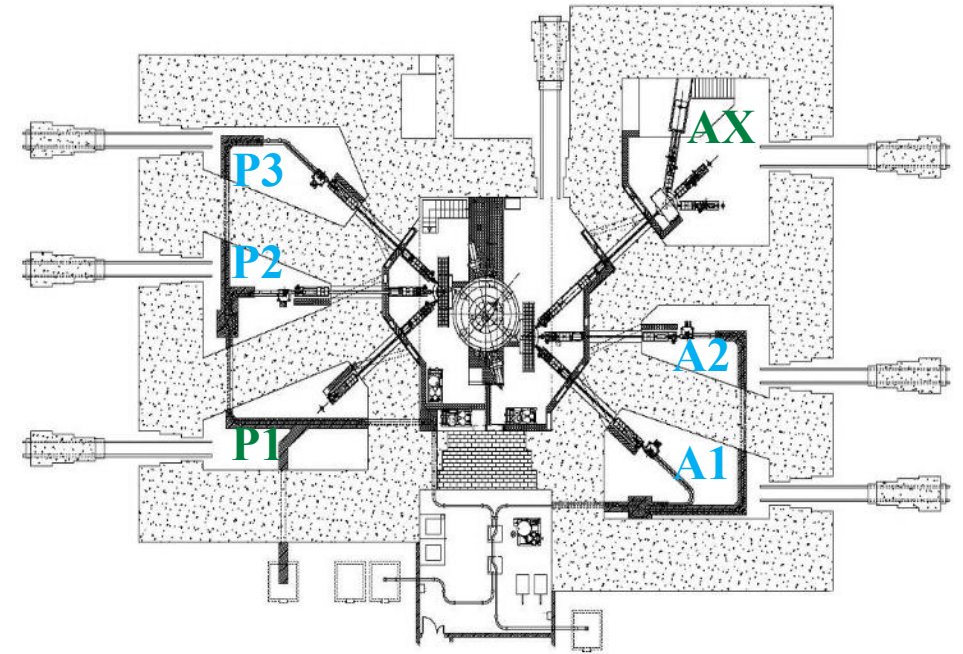
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A versatile facility:

4 **Vaults** devoted to isotope production and connected to **hot cells** through a **pneumatic system**

Vault **P1** to accommodate soon a 18 MeV accelerator for ^{64}Cu production

Vault **AX** devoted to physics, radiolysis and radiobiology experiments



ARRONAX: a cyclotron that enlarges the scope of possible



Neutron activator



Irradiation station



Hot cells

A range of laboratories: radiochemistry, biochemistry, radiolabelling, cell culture, chemical analysis, nuclear metrology, quality control, etc.



Example 1 : the theranostic radionuclide pair ^{64}Cu / ^{67}Cu at ARRONAX



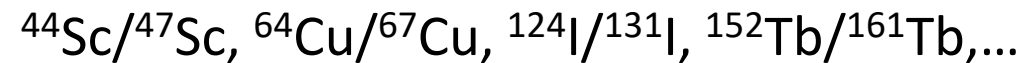
Motivations

A New trend in medicine: **personalized treatment to specific cancer profile**

Theranostic is a treatment strategy that combines therapeutics with diagnostics.

→ Use of a **pair of radionuclides** to make dosimetry prior therapy and/or see patient response

Several pairs have been identified:



Copper isotopes are good candidates with well known chemistry:

${}^{64}\text{Cu}$ ($T_{1/2} = 12.7\text{h}$) can be produced quite easily

${}^{67}\text{Cu}$ ($T_{1/2} = 61.8\text{h}$) is well suited for targeted therapy



Copper 64

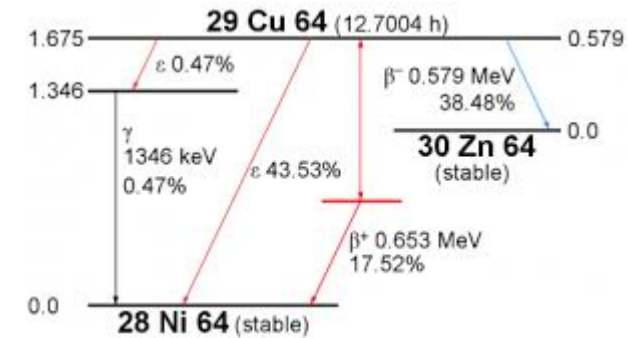
Main characteristics :

- + Positron emission 17.52%
- + $T_{1/2} = 12.7$ h

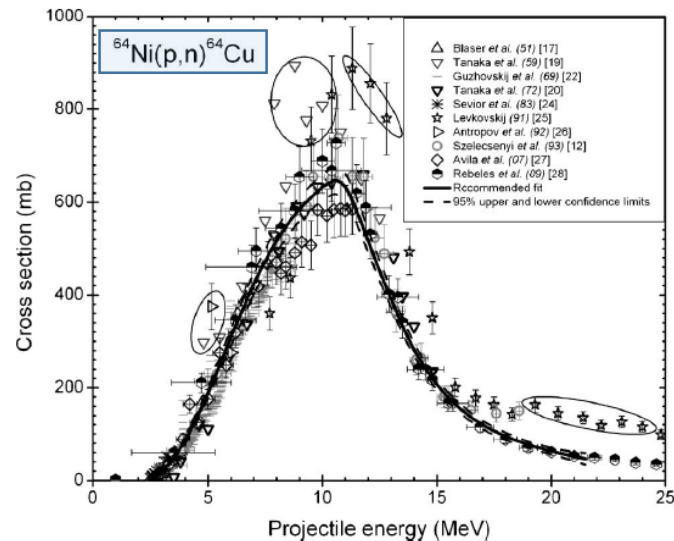
Application : PET imaging, therapeutic applications?

Main Production route : $^{64}\text{Ni} + p \rightarrow ^{64}\text{Cu} + n$

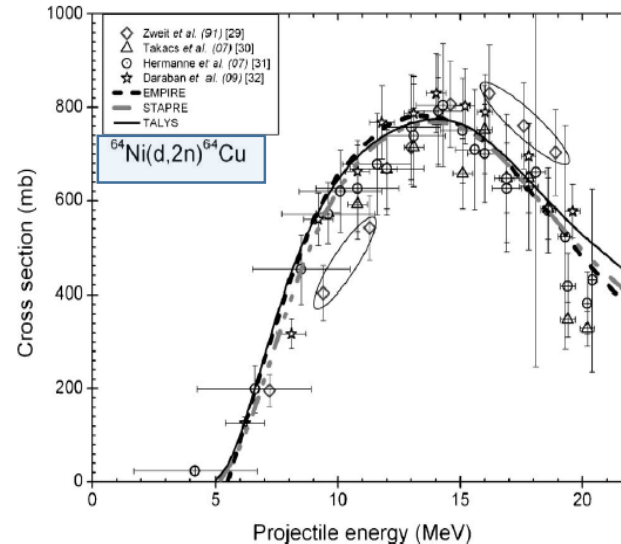
Alternative production route : $^{64}\text{Ni} + d \rightarrow ^{64}\text{Cu} + 2n$



Max cross section around 12 MeV



Max cross section around 15 MeV



Deuteron route $^{64}\text{Ni}(d,2n)$ is competitive with (p,n) and we use it. Irradiation twice a month

We are part of a Cu-64 intercomparison setup by PRISMAP (DTU, PSI, Arronax, Polatom)



Which target for Copper 64 production ?

Dedicated target station



Processing hot cells



Pneumatic
transportation



Target tilted at 15°
Beam diameter is 20 mm \rightarrow target area 14 cm^2



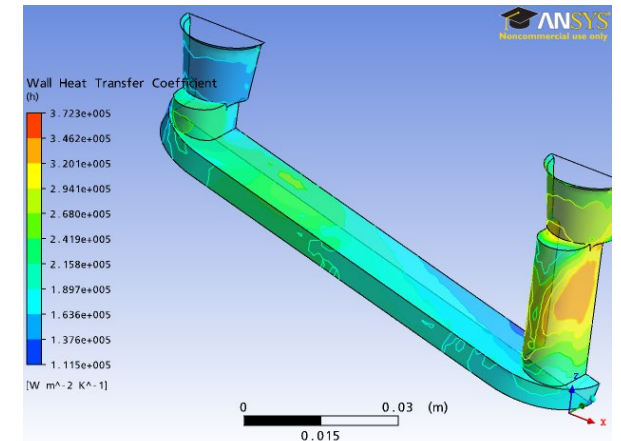
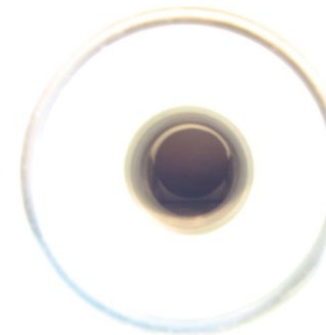
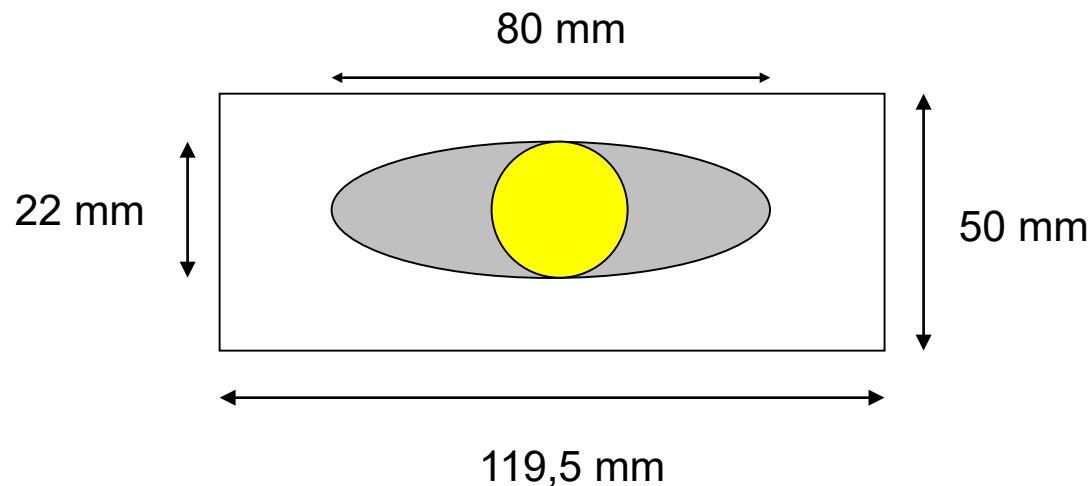
Which target for Copper 64 production ?

Target at 15° allows to increase the heat exchange surface area

$$\begin{aligned}
 [W/mm^3] \quad P &= \frac{dE}{dx} \cdot i & \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{moyen} & [MeV/mm] \quad (\text{obtained by SRIM}) \\
 i &= I/S & i & [\mu A/mm^2]
 \end{aligned}$$

Power deposition decreases if target is tilted

Target area = 14 cm² instead of 4 cm² with same amount of material



Which target for Copper 64 production ?

Thickness deposit - (p,n) vs (d,2n) : Production yields

Nuclear reaction	Energy range (MeV)	Calculated Yield (MBq/μAh)	Target thickness (μm)	Target thickness at 15°(μm)
$^{64}\text{Ni}(p,n)^{64}\text{Cu}$	12→9	228	120 μm	31.05 μm
$^{64}\text{Ni}(d,2n)^{64}\text{Cu}$	16→13	206	90 μm	23.29 μm

Comparable production yield can be achieved with thinner deposit of ^{64}Ni in the deuteron case
 → a lower initial cost of ^{64}Ni

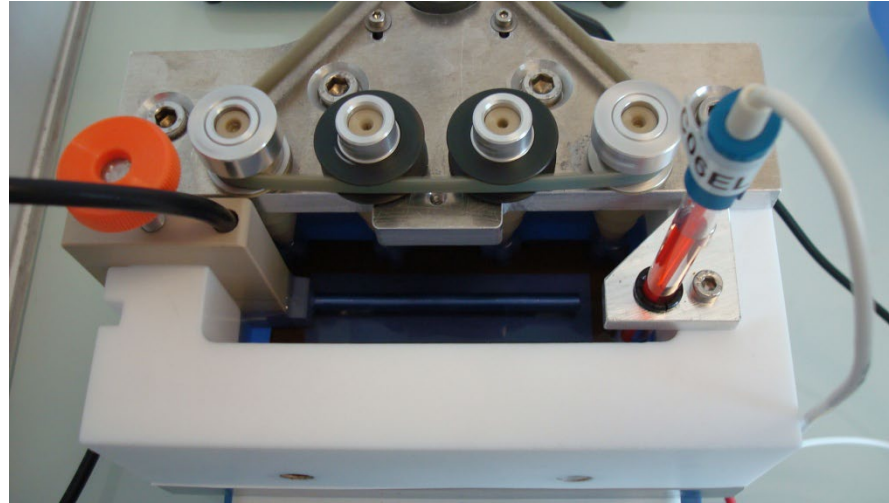


Copper 64: target

Electroplating :

[Ni] at 8g/L

Adjusted pH with NH_4OH



Target:

Enriched (>99%) ^{64}Ni

Electroplated on a gold backing (99,99% purity)

Thickness possible until 50 μm



Co-produced isotopes are different:

For the (d,2n) → (d,n)⁶⁵Cu
(d,3n)⁶³Cu
(d,p)⁶⁵Ni ($T_{1/2} = 2.52h$)
decays to ⁶⁵Cu

⁶³ Cu STABLE 69.15%	⁶⁴ Cu 12.701 H ε: 61.50% β ⁻ : 38.50%	⁶⁵ Cu STABLE 30.85%	⁶⁶ Cu 5.120 M β ⁻ : 100.00%
⁶² Ni STABLE 3.6346%	⁶³ Ni 101.2 Y β ⁻ : 100.00%	⁶⁴ Ni STABLE 0.9255%	⁶⁵ Ni 2.5175 H β ⁻ : 100.00%
⁶¹ Co 1.650 H β ⁻ : 100.00%	⁶² Co 1.50 M β ⁻ : 100.00%	⁶³ Co 27.4 S β ⁻ : 100.00%	⁶⁴ Co 0.30 S β ⁻ : 100.00%

To determine the impact of these isotopes on the final product we use:

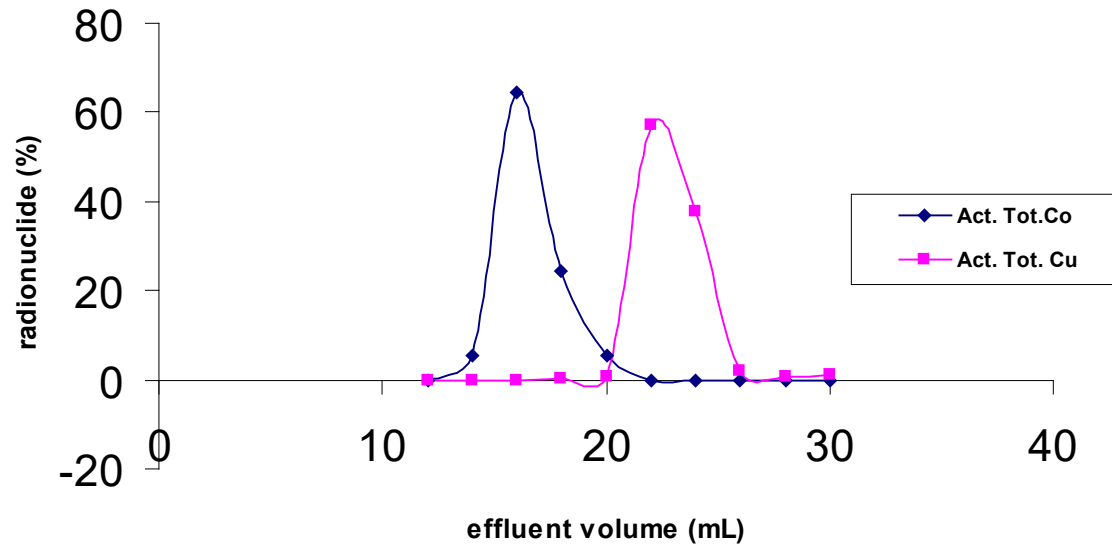
- Data from NNDC for radioactive isotopes
- TALYS code calculation for stable isotopes

<http://www.talys.eu/>

For (d,2n) at 16 MeV, 1h, 1μA, we calculate **3.8 atoms of ⁶⁴Cu** for 1 atom of cold copper (EOB) → **Acceptable**

Chemistry: *dissolution in HNO_3 , purification using chromatographic resin AG1X8*

elution profile of the irradiated target



^{64}Ni is recovered (the recovery yield around 95%) for reprocessing.



Copper 64: quality control

Typical irradiation conditions :

90 μ A deuteron beam on target

16 MeV

Deposit thickness: 10 μ m

Duration: one night

Radioisotopic purity: >99.90%

concentration: >890 MBq/mL

Radiochemical purity: Molar activity vs all metals (>10 MBq/nmol)

Main contaminants: Ni, Cu, Fe, Zn, Co

Activity distributed @ calibration time (26H after EOB) : 15 GBq



Certificate of analysis provided to the final user for $^{64}\text{CuCl}_2$

Certificat d'analyse



Solution radiochimique de chlorure de cuivre-64

Site de production : CYCLOTRON ARRONAX, 1 rue aronnax CS 10112, 44817 Saint-Herblain cedex, France

La cuivre-64 est un radiochimique. Non destiné à l'usage humain

Definition

Solution de HCl 0.10 ± 0.01 N, contenant du cuivre-64 sous forme de chlorure, dans un flacon de 3 mL

Production

Le cuivre-64 est produit par irradiation de deutons ($^{64}\text{Ni}(d,2n)$) d'une cible de nickel-64 enrichi (minimum >98%) électrodéposé

Half-Life

12.701 heures

Numéro de lot : Cu64_220202

EOB (date/time) 1/2/22 6:37

Calibration Time (CT) : 2/2/22 8:00

Our reference time

Needed because we are dealing with radioactive species. Other reference time often defined :

- EOB : end of beam
- EOS : end of synthesis

Activity but also all derived quantities are dependent on that reference

Be careful when comparing products

Final media

Irradiation conditions :

- nuclear reaction used
- Target enrichment



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Caractéristiques	
Radioactive concentration	1250-3500 MBq/mL
Identification	présence du pic photoélectrique ayant une énergie de 1345,77 keV
Radionucléidic purity	$^{65}\text{Ni}/^{64}\text{Cu}$ $^{57}\text{Co}/^{64}\text{Cu}$ $^{58}\text{Co}/^{64}\text{Cu}$ $^{61}\text{Co}/^{64}\text{Cu}$
Chemical purity	Concentration totale des contaminants métalliques (<50ppm)
	Concentration totale en cuivre (<25ppm)
Activité spécifique / Σ métaux	>10 MBq/nmol
Activité spécifique / Cu	>15 MBq/nmol
Apparence	limpide et incolore

Potential dosimetry impact
(staff or patient)
Waste management



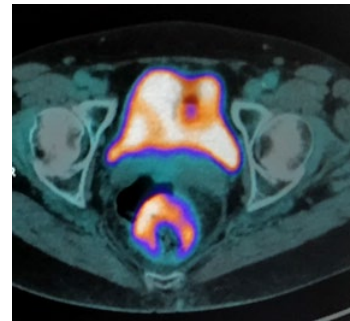
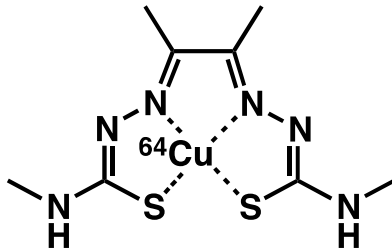
Copper 64: clinical trial

^{64}Cu -ATSM, a potential marker of hypoxia

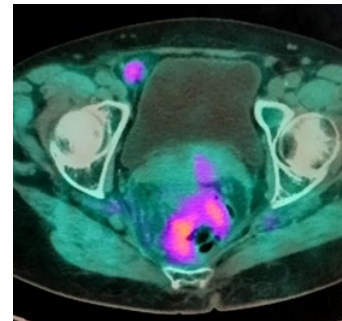
Clinical trial: Evaluation of ^{64}Cu -ATSM PET-CT as a predictor of response to neoadjuvant therapy in locally advanced rectal cancers

29 patients included to date

5 French clinical centers: Nantes, Angers, Rennes, Brest, Rouen



^{18}F -FDG



^{64}Cu -ATSM



^{18}F -FDG
 ^{64}Cu -ATSM
 ^{18}F -FDG / ^{64}Cu -ATSM

Work in progress

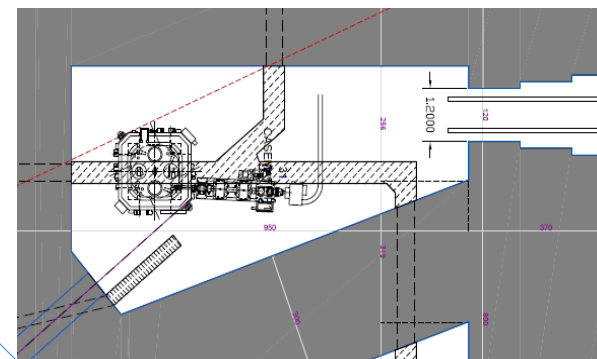
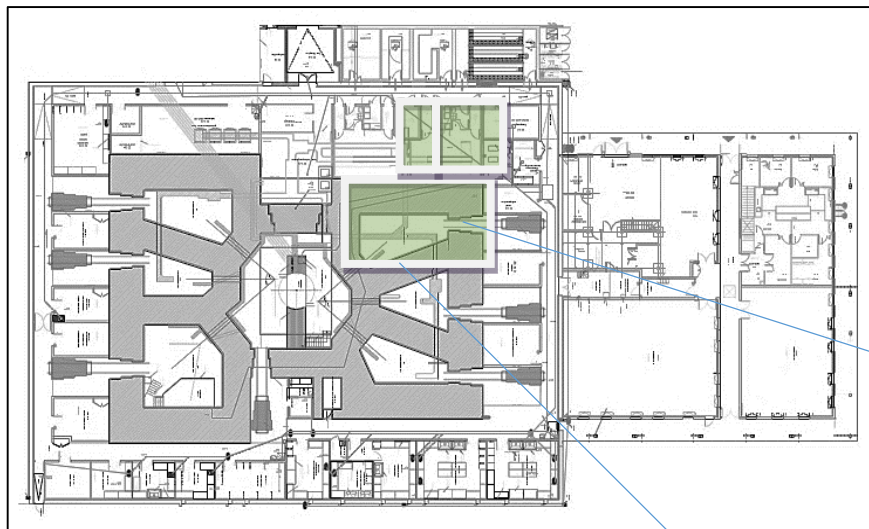


Copper 64: IK18 project

Acquire a 18 MeV accelerator to enlarge our production capabilities and free up beam time on the C70.

Cost effective :

- Use of an existing vault (P1)
- Use of existing radioprotection apparatus
- Use of existing hot cells



IBA Kiube selected
 180 μ A version
 1 solid target station compatible
 with the existing system



Copper 67

Properties

- Half-life to match the **bio-distribution** time: 61.8 hours
- Chemical properties to attach to the **vector molecule**
- **Radiation types, energies and intensities** suitable for applications:
SPECT, vectorized internal radiation therapy

$\langle E_{\beta} \rangle$ (keV)	$E_{\beta\max}$ (keV)	I_{β} (%)	E_{γ} (keV)	I_{γ} (%)
121	377	57	91.3	7.0
154	468	22	93.3	16.1
189	562	20	184.6	48.7

Production routes

Balance between :

- Cross section
- Impurities coproduction : molar activity
- Target manufacturing and chemistry

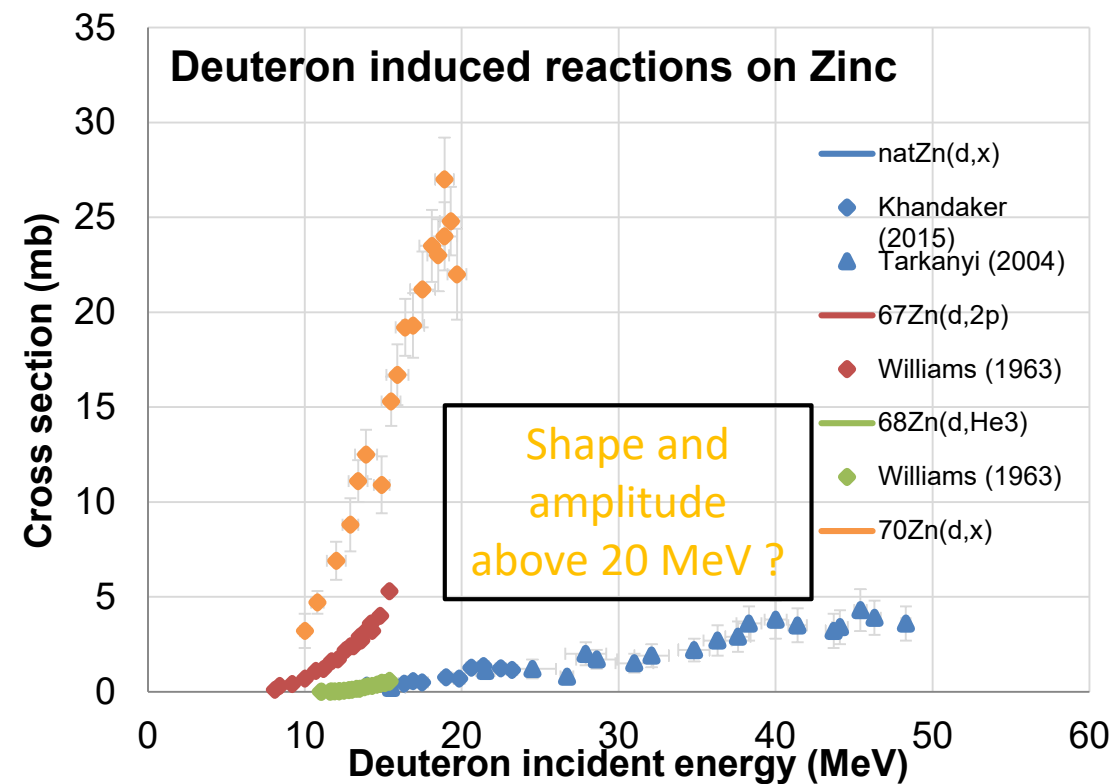
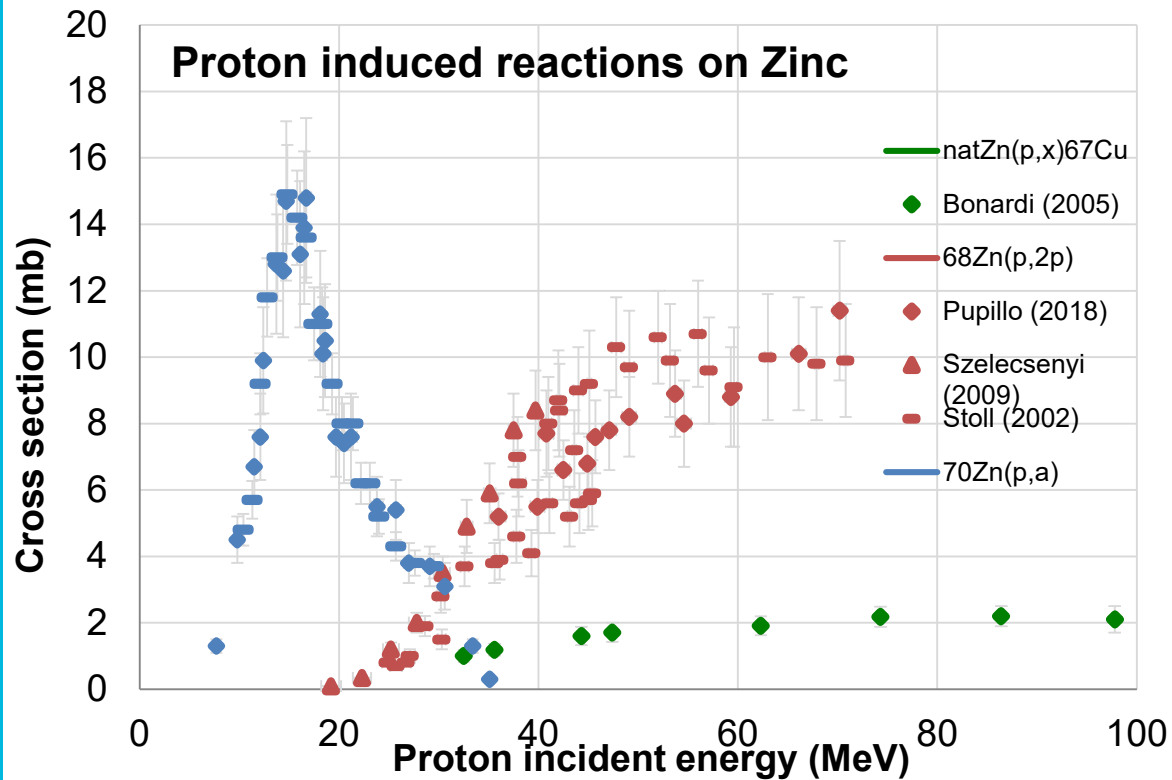
60	61	62	63	64	65
23.7 mn	3.3 h	9.7 mn	Stable	12.7 h	Stable
66	67	68	68m	69	
5.1 mn	61.8 h	30.9 s	3.7 mn	2.9 mn	



^{67}Cu production routes

Main possible production route on Zinc

^{64}Zn	^{66}Zn	^{67}Zn	^{68}Zn	^{70}Zn
48.3%	28%	4.1%	19%	0.6%



Low σ 2 mb, impurities $^{63,64,65}\text{Cu}$
 Better σ 10 mb, impurities $^{63,64,65}\text{Cu}$
 Low isotopic abundance, impurities $^{63,64,65}\text{Cu}$

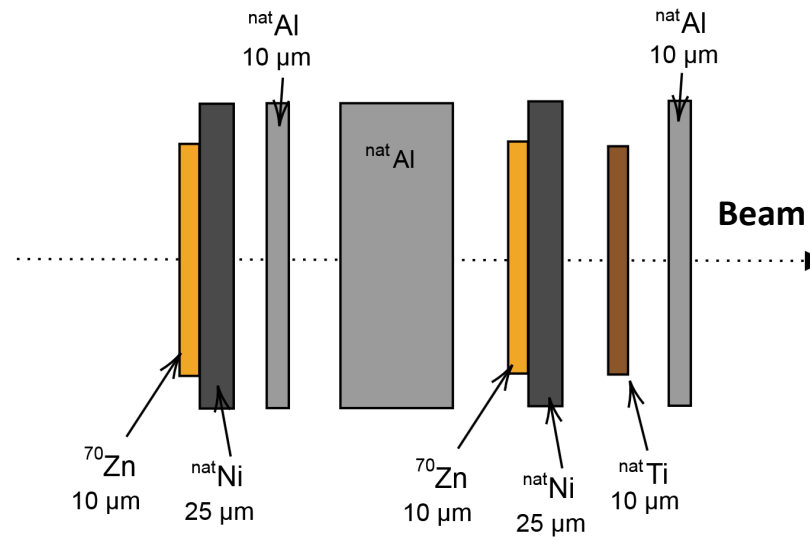
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Target preparation and experiments

Electrodeposition of ^{70}Zn from ISOFLEX company on a $^{\text{nat}}\text{Ni}$ sheet @ GIP ARRONAX by T. Sounalet, PRISMA Team

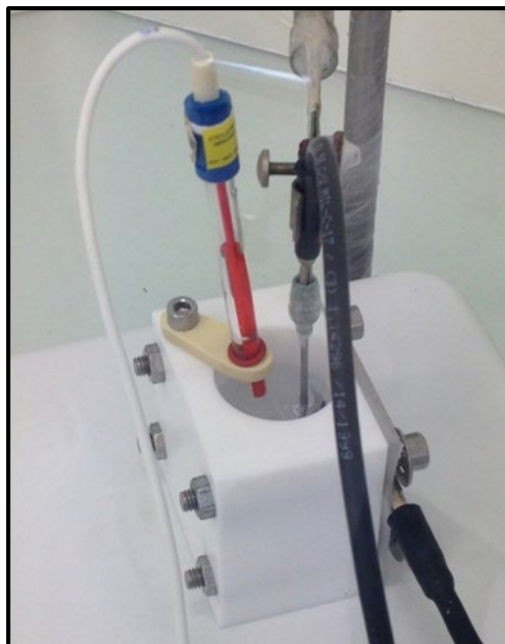
Surface: 20x20 mm Thickness: approx. 10 μm

^{64}Zn	^{66}Zn	^{67}Zn	^{68}Zn	^{70}Zn
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0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	2.2%	97.5%

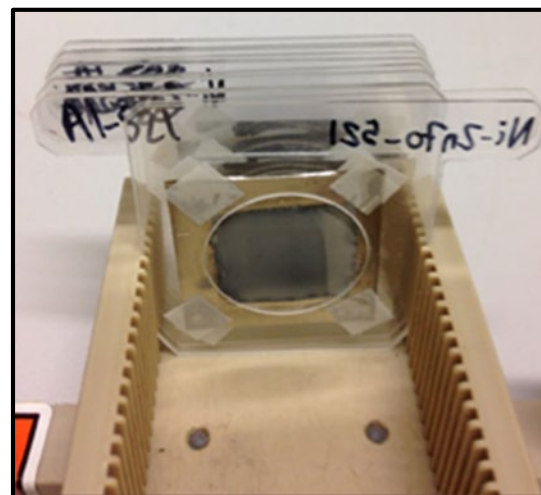


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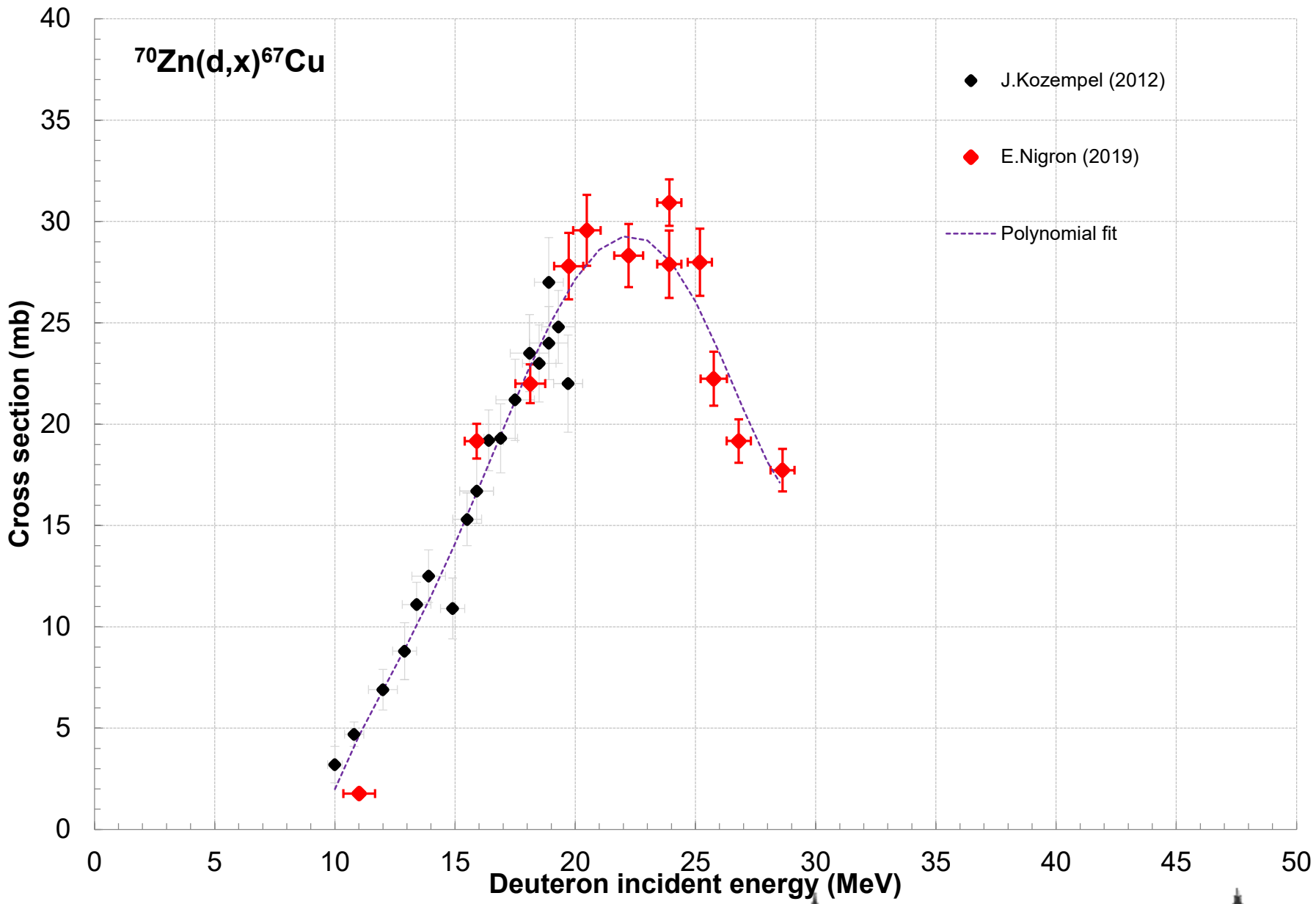
- 6 irradiations of 2 patterns
- under vacuum
- Faraday cup used for flux measurements
- 12 cross section values



Electrodeposition setup

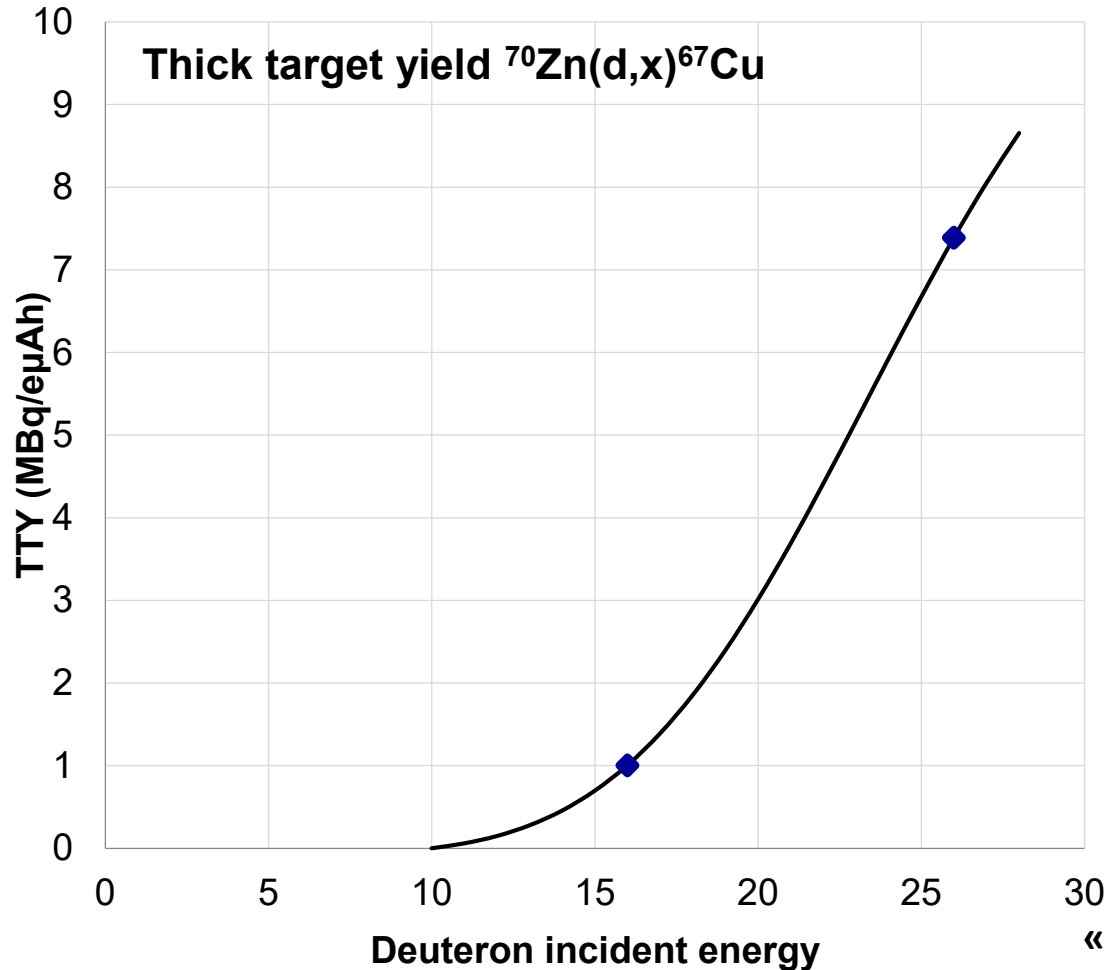


^{67}Cu production cross section



^{67}Cu Thick Target Yield

To optimise production, considering ^{64}Cu threshold production at 26.4 MeV and the ^{70}Zn price, the energy range from 16 to 26 MeV is chosen, corresponding to a thickness of 575 μm of ^{70}Zn



Irradiation scenario C70XP:

- A beam intensity of 100 μA - 97.5% target purity
- 72 hours of irradiation - TTY = **30.9 GBq EOB**
- Clinical trials possible

« Is $^{70}\text{Zn}(d,x)^{67}\text{Cu}$ the Best Way to Produce ^{67}Cu for Medical Applications? »
E. Nigrón et al., *Font. Med.* 8 (2021) 674617

TTY calculations done with RYC developed @ GIP ARRONAX by M. Sitarz,
<https://www.arronax-nantes.fr/outil-telechargement/outils-radionuclide-yield-calculator/>

Example 2 : Astate-211 (^{211}At) from alpha particles at ARRONAX



Why α -emitters are of interest ?

Deposited energy: $E_{\alpha} \sim 5 - 9 \text{ MeV}$

- Highly cytotoxic
- Potentially more efficient than β radiation



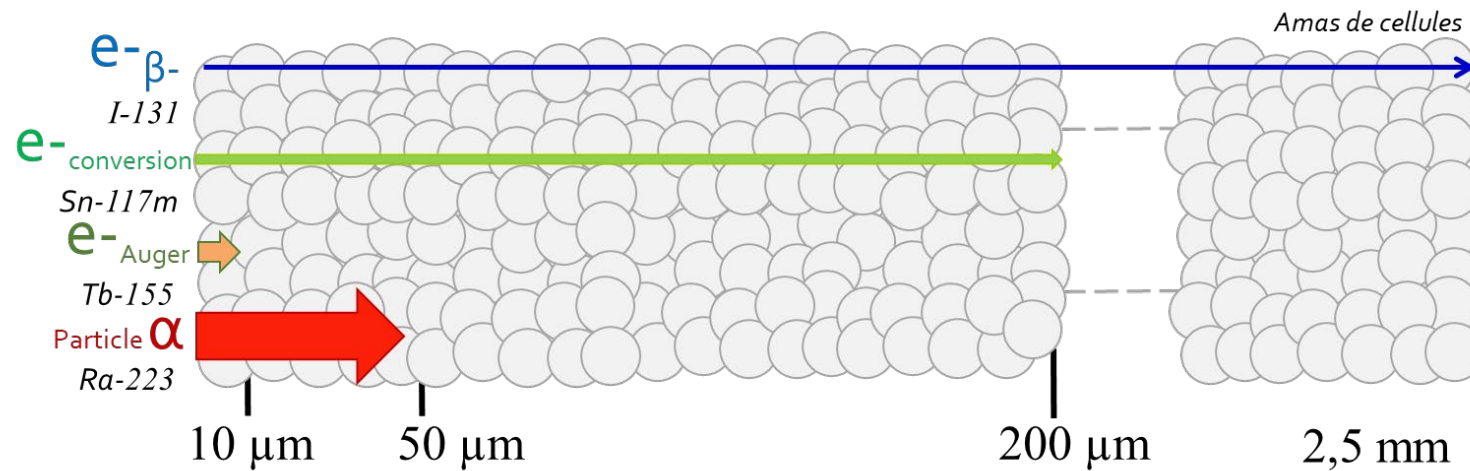
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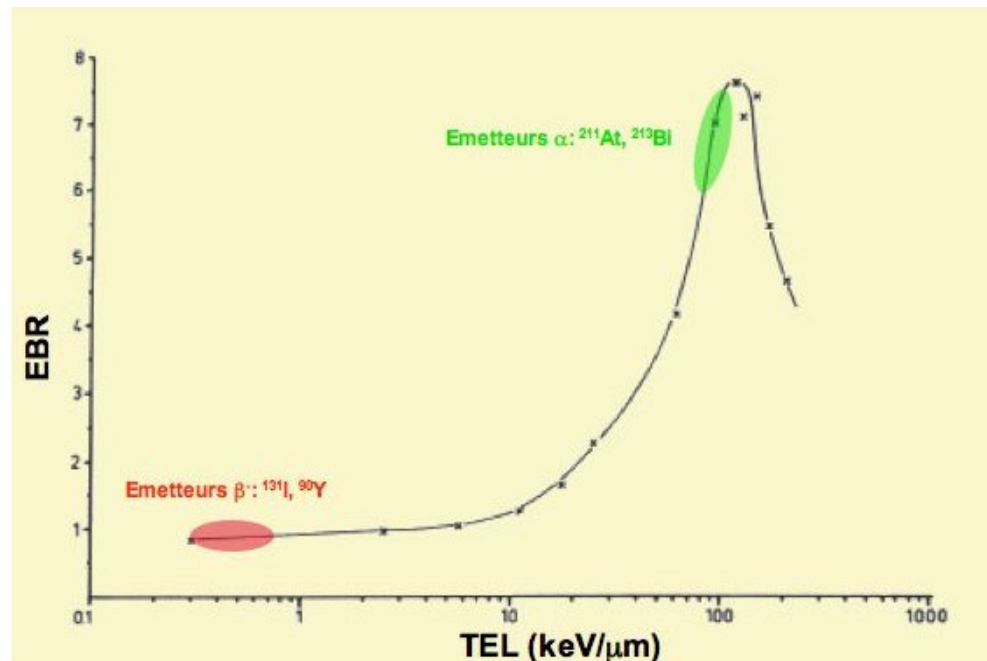
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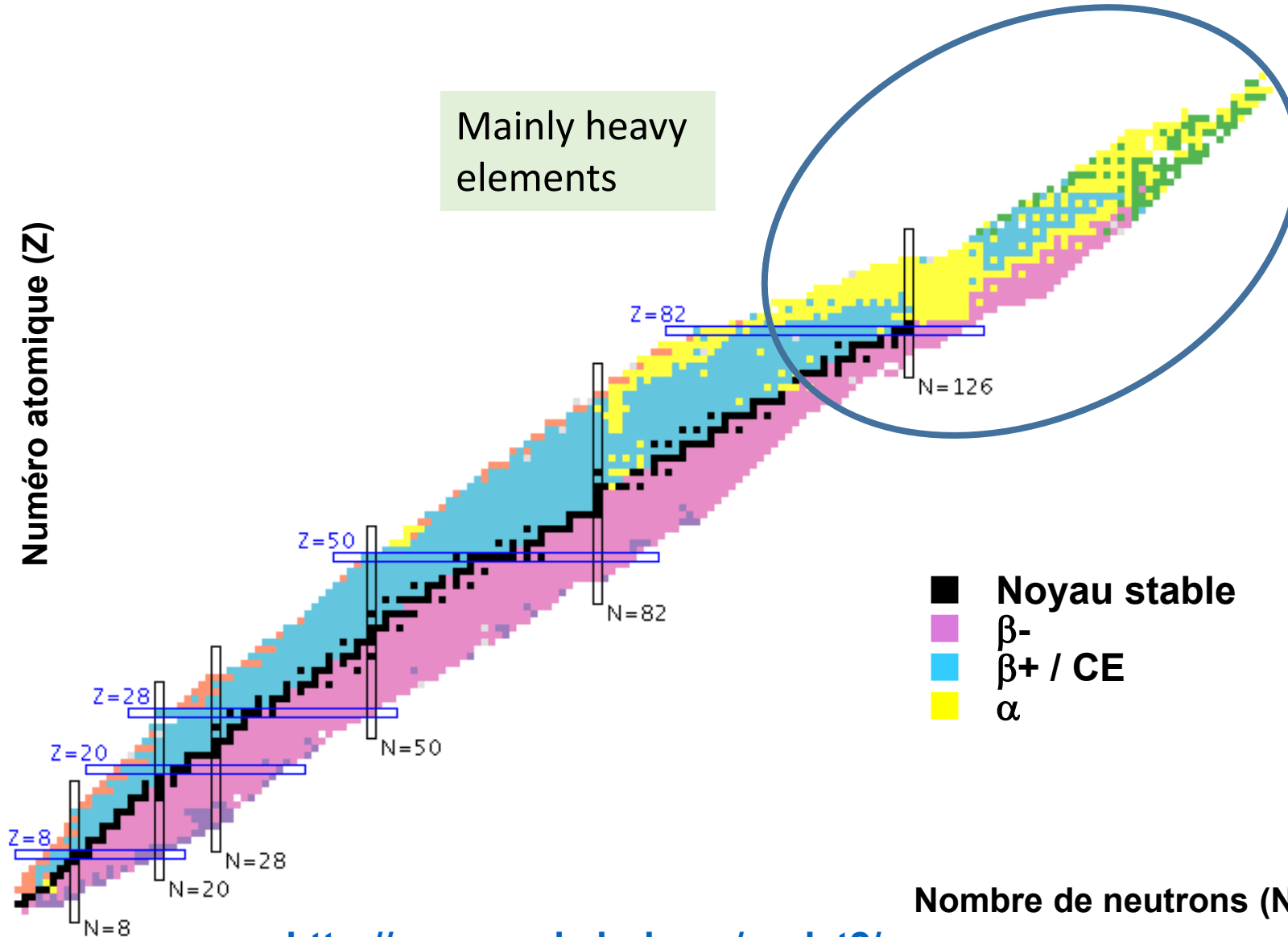
High Linear Energy transfer ($\sim 80 \text{ keV}/\mu\text{m}$)

- High biologic effectiveness (EBR)



- Less dependant on oxygen depletion
- Less impact of the cellular cycle

In radionuclide chart



<http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nudat2/>



Main α -emitters of medical interest

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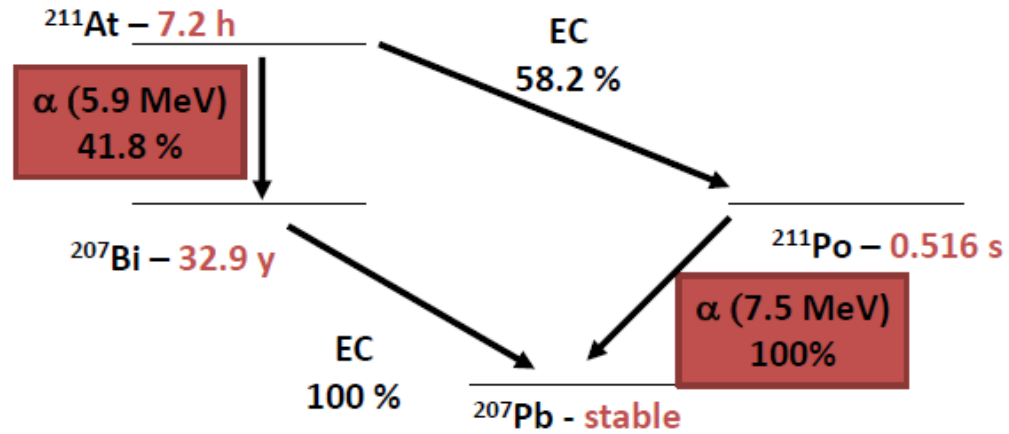
Only 4(+1) can be produced using accelerators.



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Advantages of ^{211}At :

- $T_{1/2}$: neither too short nor too long (7,2 h)
- One α -particle emitted per decay
- Production is made using accelerator (28 MeV)
→ easy **scale-up by adding new facilities**



Astate 211 production

Which nuclear reaction?



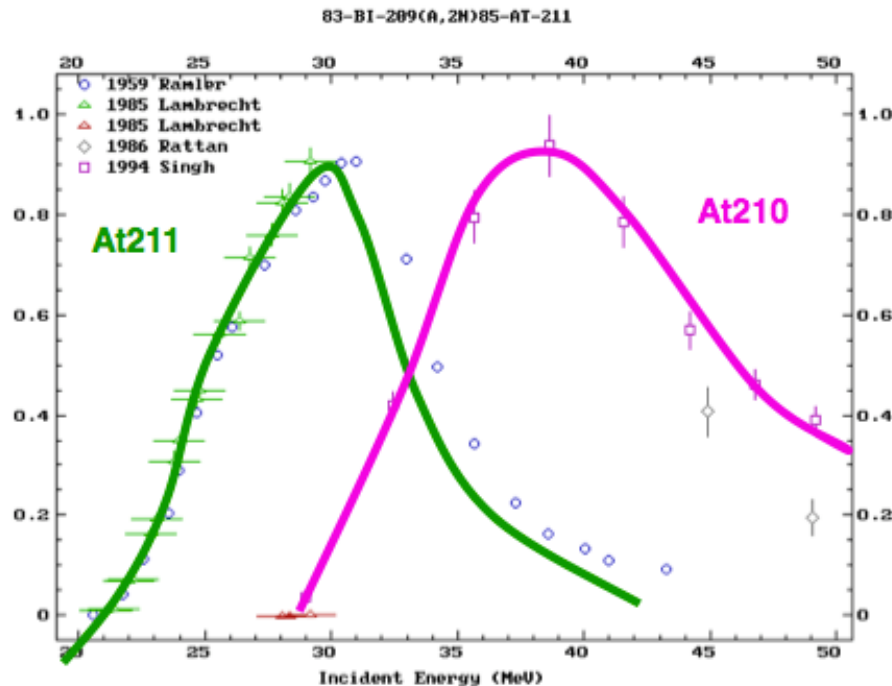
$$E_{\text{threshold}} > 20,718 \text{ MeV}$$



$$E_{\text{threshold}} > 28,613 \text{ MeV}$$

^{210}At 8.1 H ϵ : 99.82% α : 0.18%	^{211}At 7.214 H ϵ : 58.20% α : 41.80%	^{212}At 0.314 S α : 100.00% ϵ : < 0.03%	^{213}At 125 NS α : 100.00%
^{209}Po 124 Y α : 99.55% ϵ : 0.45%	^{210}Po 138.376 D α : 100.00%	^{211}Po 0.516 S α : 100.00%	^{212}Po 0.299 μ S α : 100.00%
^{208}Bi 3.68E+5 Y ϵ : 100.00%	^{209}Bi STABLE 100%	^{210}Bi 5.012 D β^- : 100.00% α : 1.3E-4%	^{211}Bi 2.14 M α : 99.72% β^- : 0.28%

Which energy to chose?

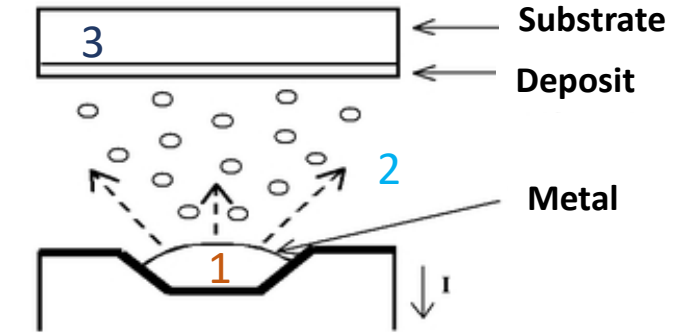
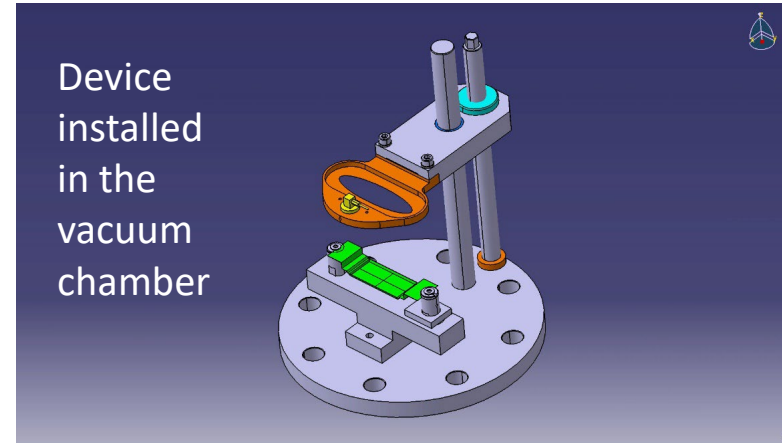


Maximum is around 30 MeV

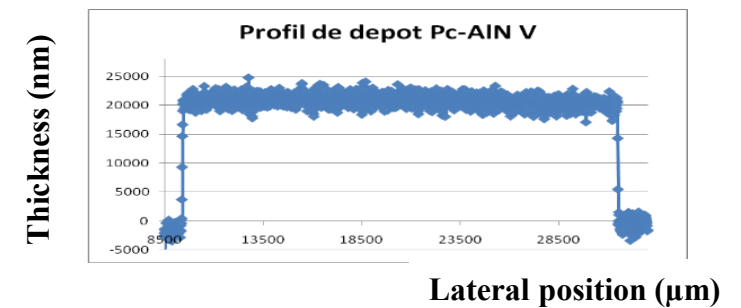
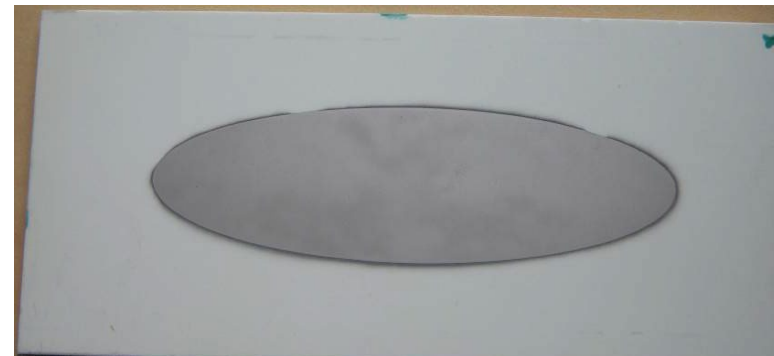
At210 impurities starts to be produced above $E_{\alpha} < 28,613 \text{ MeV}$

Balance to be found to maximize production and minimize contaminants

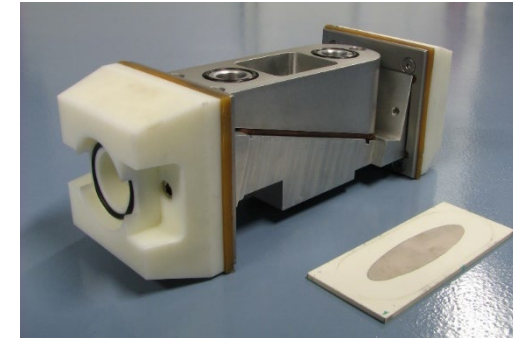
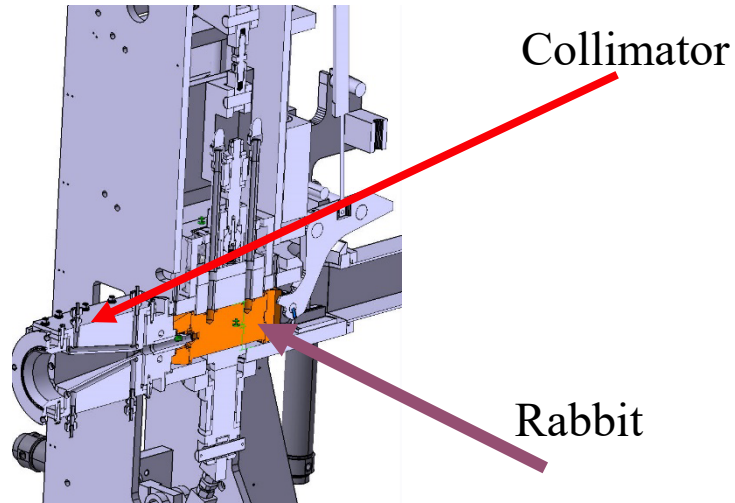
Bi target manufacturing



- 1) Vaporization: transition from the condensed phase (s/l) to the gas phase
- 2) Transit: transport of the gas phase
- 3) Condensation: construction of substrate layers



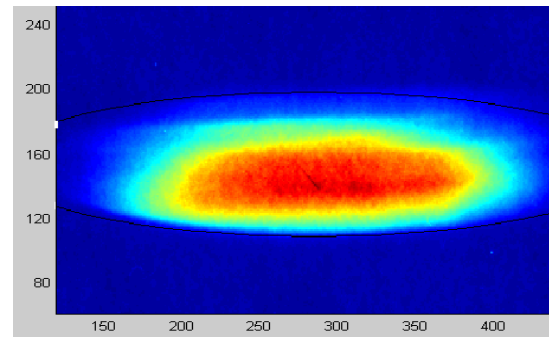
²¹¹At production @ Arronax



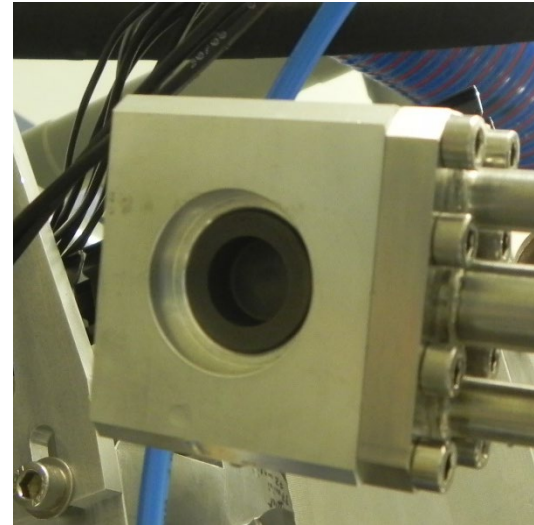
The IBA rabbit system (left) and a target for astatine production (right) to be used at ARRONAX.

Beam profile extracted from an irradiated EBT2 Gafchromic

*Red color → high irradiation
 Blue color → area not irradiated*



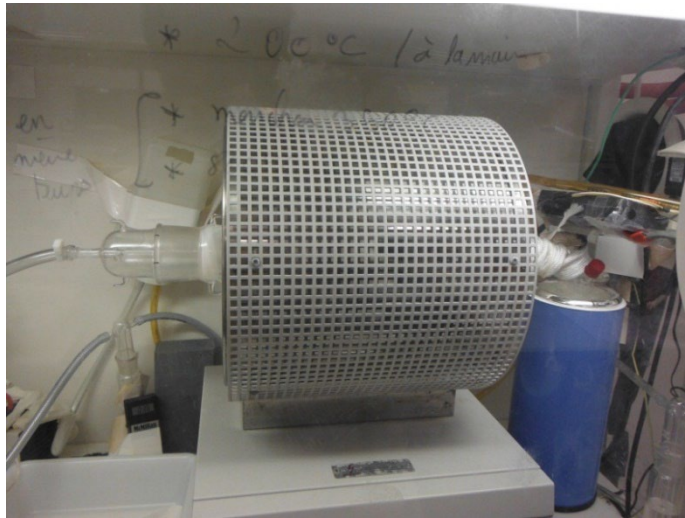
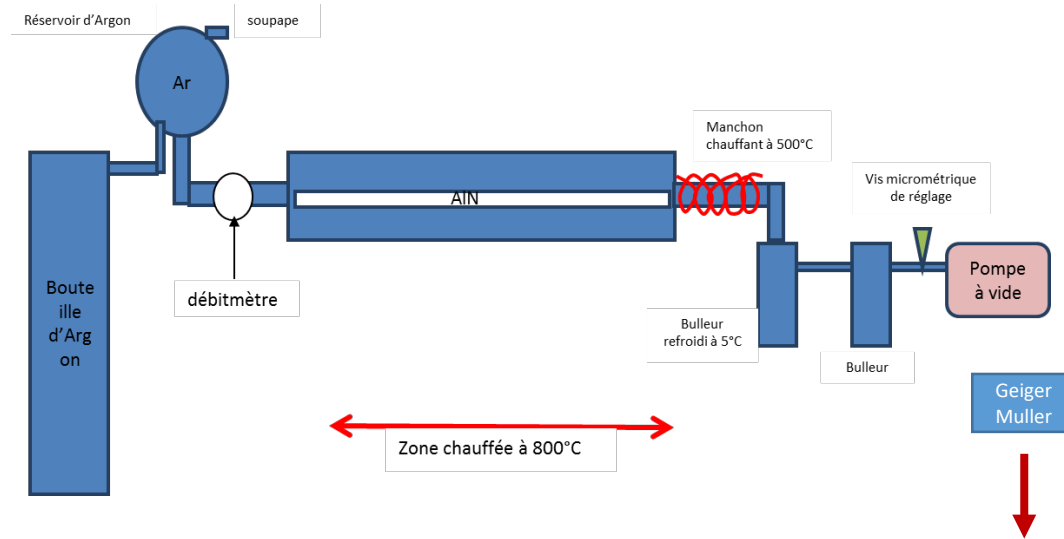
A beam energy degrader is required



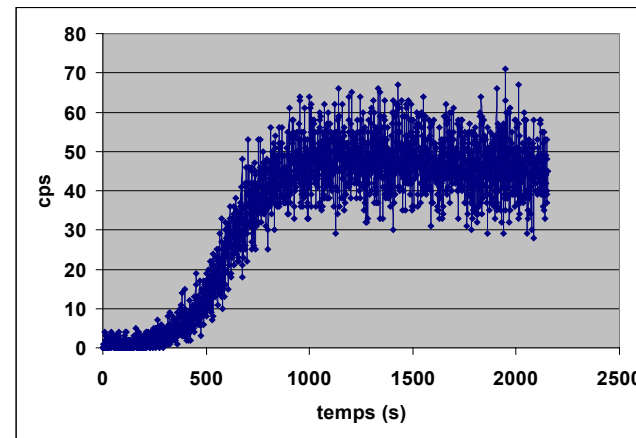
Graphite



^{211}At extraction using dry chemistry



$T = -40^\circ \text{C}$



Astatine output: few minutes
Extraction yield: >80%

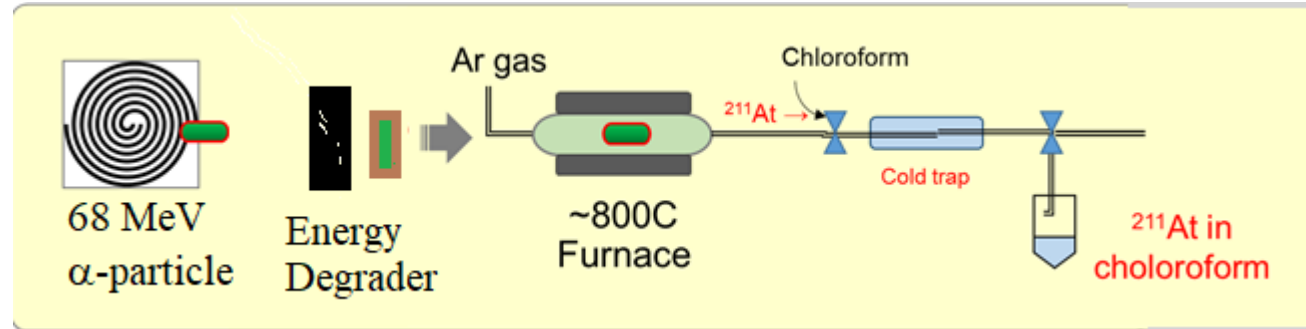


^{211}At : Production à ARRONAX

Astatine-211 production route:

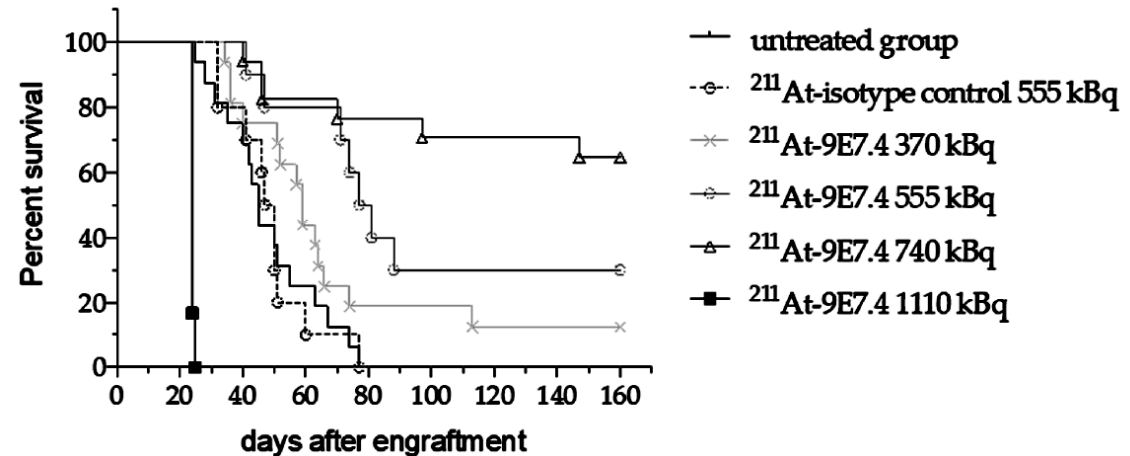


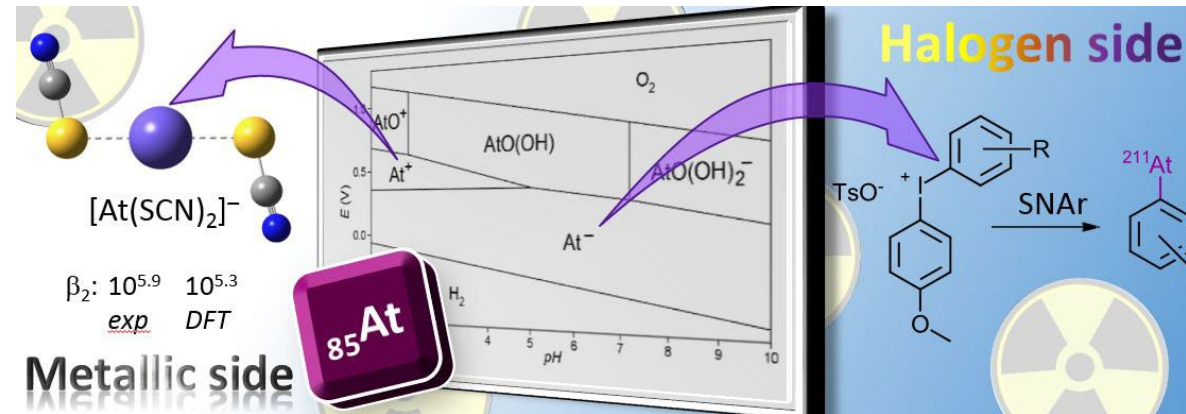
Production scheme @Arronax :



Astatine-211-labeled anti-mCD138 in mouse syngeneic multiple myeloma

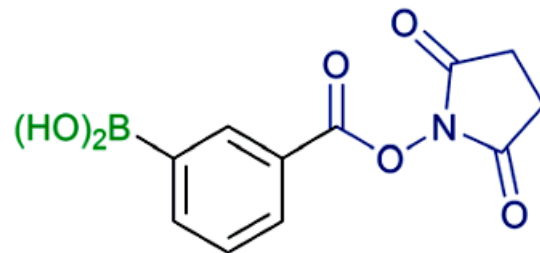
Gouard S et al. *Cancers (Basel)*. 2020 Sep 22;12(9):2721





Chemical properties and quantum chemistry of astatine-211

Review: Guérard F et al. *Acc Chem Res.* 2021, 54, 16: 3264–3275



A new astatine-211 radiolabeling method based on boronic acids

Berdal M et al. *Chem Sci.* 2020 Nov 23;12(4):1458-1468

Arronax is producing 3-4 times a month At-211 (0.9-1.2GBq EOB)

²¹¹At production sites in the world

We are part of the COST NOAR network:



²¹¹At production facility in the world

- Running
- Potentially usable

Pour participer à NOAR : <https://astatine-net.eu/>



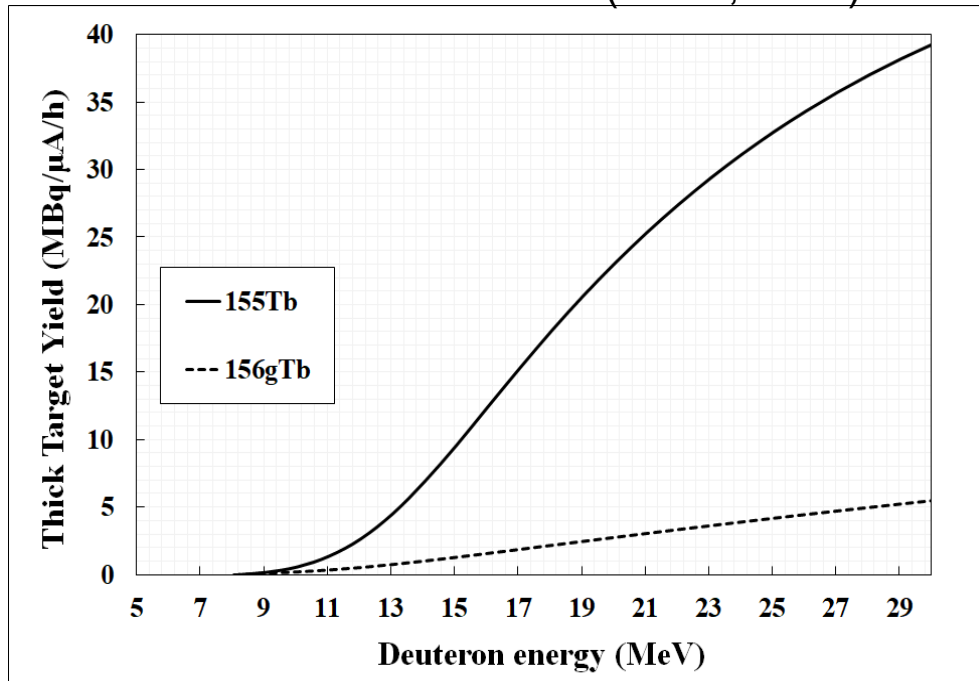
Example 3 : Studies on Tb 155 production



Contaminants are a limiting factor for production

Terbium-155 production from ^{155}Gd (d,x) – 93 % enrichment

Thick target yield (TTY) of ^{155}Tb and $^{156\text{g}}\text{Tb}$
- RYC calculation tool (Sitarz, 2019)



Comparison between proton and deuteron

Particle	Proton	Deuteron
Target thickness (μm)	300	390
Energy (MeV)	10.4	15.1
TTY (MBq/ $\mu\text{A}/\text{h}$)	3.4	10.2
Purity (%)	93	88

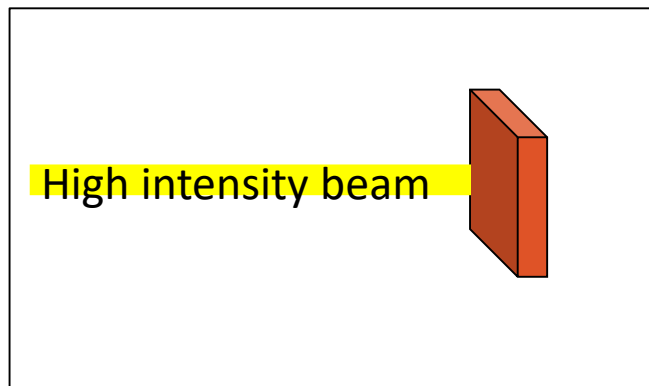
^{156}Tb always co-produced $T_{1/2}$ similar to ^{155}Tb

Contaminants are a limiting factor for production

We want to explore the possibility to couple chemical and physical separation methods (off-line).

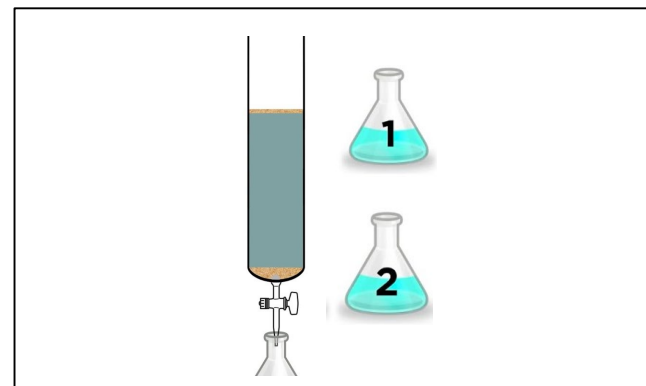
Schematical view:

Irradiation step



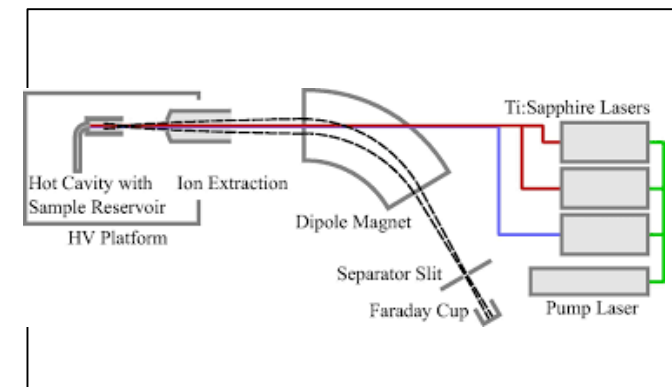
appropriate combination
target/projectile/energy
lead to few isobaric contaminants
and high production

Chemical Step



remove a large part of the matrix to
limit its impact on the mass
separation step and ease recycling

Mass separation step



Operation of the accelerator and the
mass separation are decorrelated

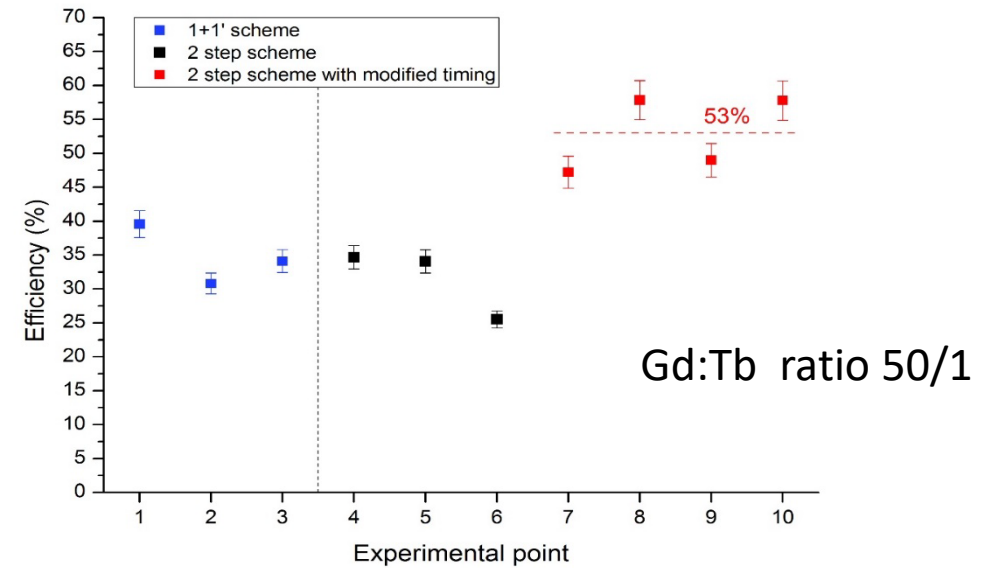


First experiences on off-line mass separation

1. Part of the PhD work of R. Formento (PhD 2019) - Collaborations : AAA, Arronax, Mainz, ILL, CERN-MEDICIS

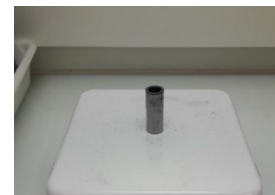


Studies conducted in Larissa (Mainz) on
Resonant laser ionization for Terbium



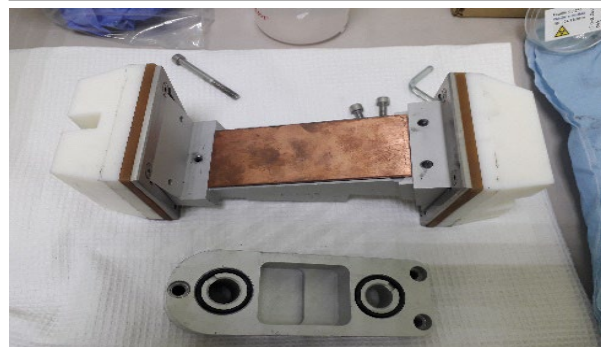
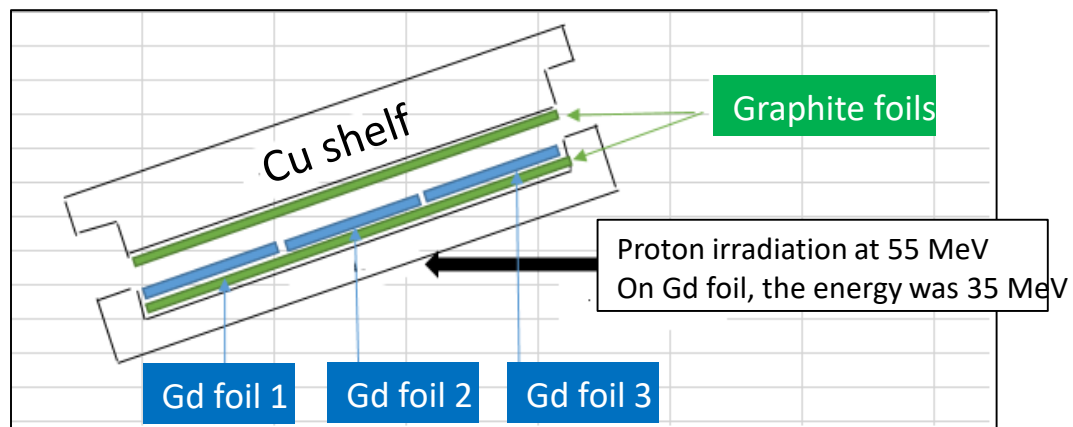
First experiences on off-line mass separation

2. Production of ^{155}Tb as part of the MEDICIS program during Long shut down
 Collaborations : Arronax, CERN-MEDICIS
 Irradiation and Gd/Tb chemistry in Nantes
 Mass separation at CERN-MEDICIS

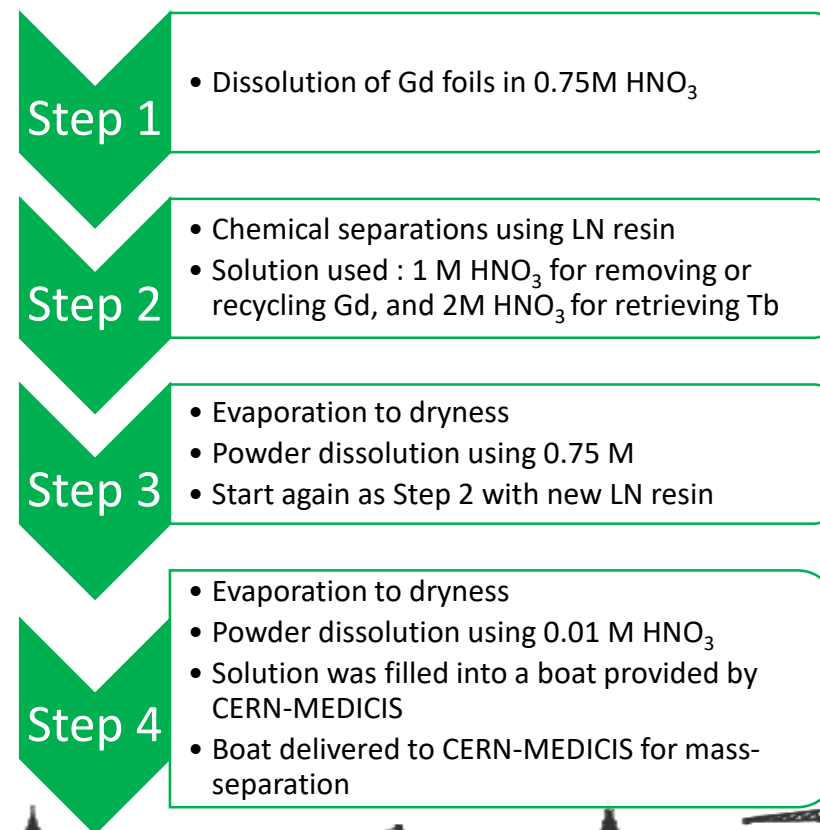


Boat sending to CERN-MEDICIS

Yield obtained 6.1% (decay corrected)

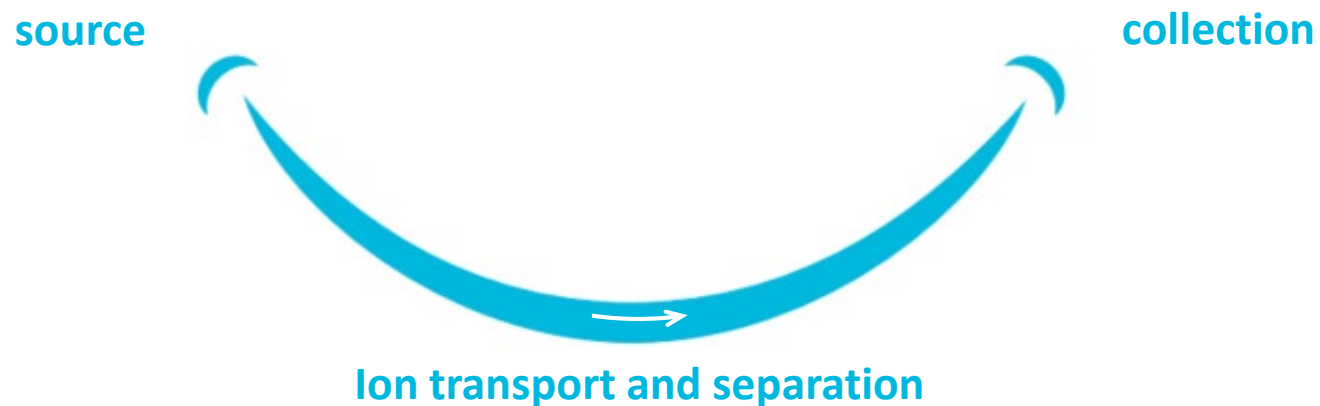


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The SMILES project at Nantes

Séparation en Masse couplée à l'ionisation Laser pour des applications Environnementales et en Santé



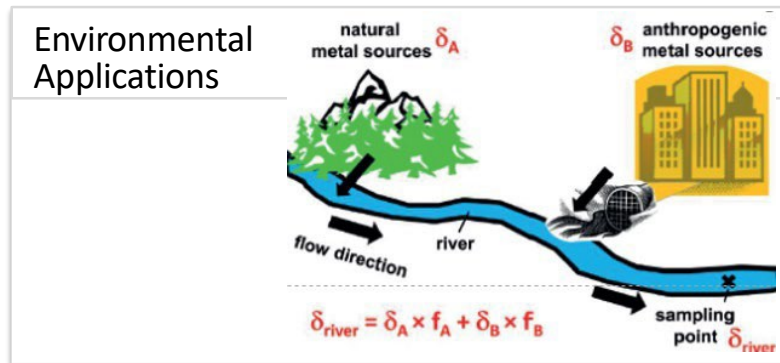
Laser ionization and mass separation for environmental and health applications



The Smiles project at Nantes

Our main objectives are to:

- Develop a mass separation device that includes resonant laser ionisation
- Be able to make analytical measurements on environmental sample (as for example from old uranium mines)
- Build expertise on these techniques and on simulation tools
- Prepare for off-line mass separator for radionuclide production



Stable element: Cu65/Cu63
Isotopic analysis : Pb , Am, Pu, Ra226/228
Ultra trace analysis: Pb210, Th230,U-236

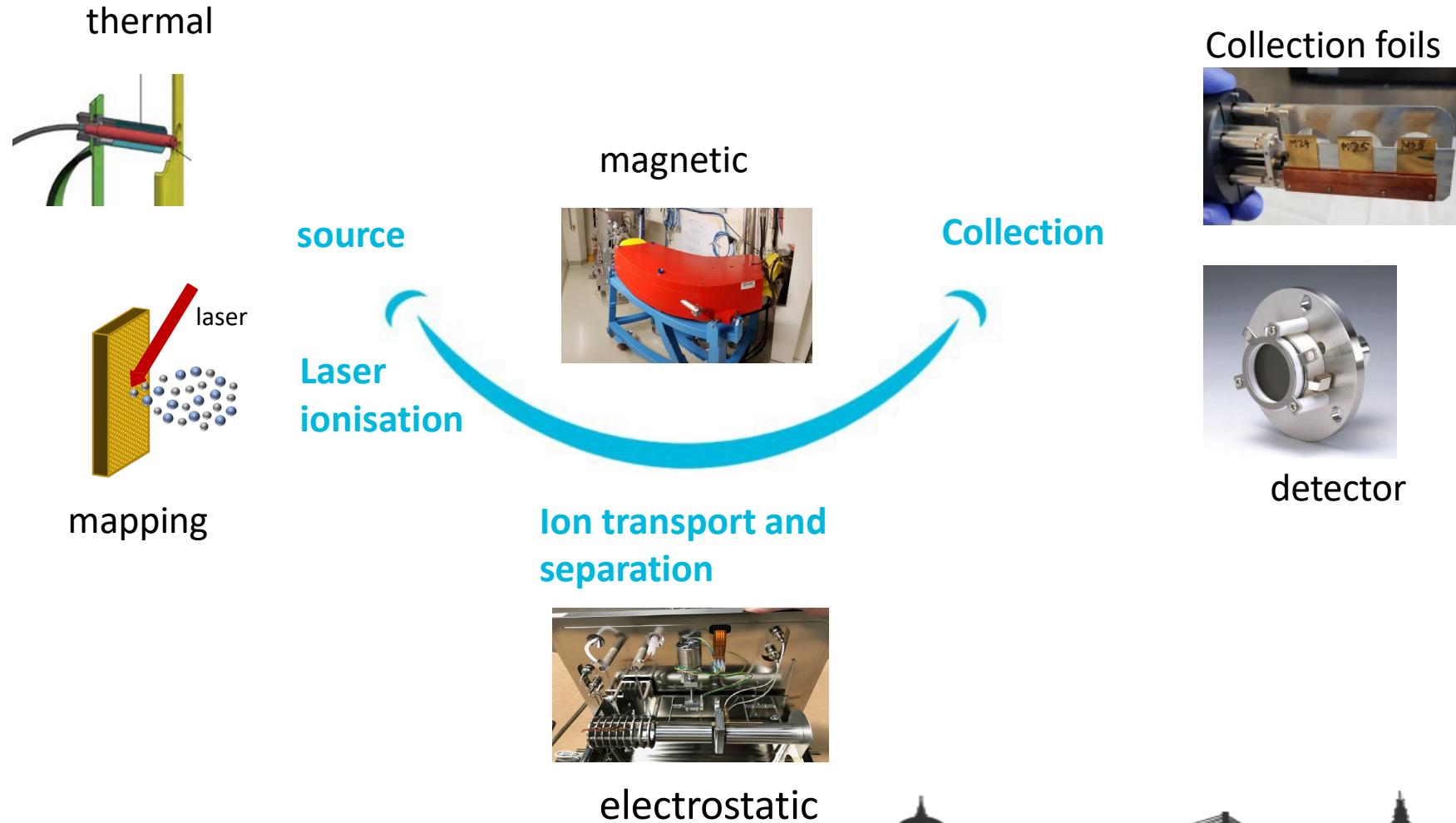
Health Applications



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The Smiles project at Nantes

The constructed devices will be installed in subatech (limited authorization to manipulate radioactive material)
 We will explore different configurations:



Conclusion

A multi-particle, high energy and high intensity machine is a very versatile tool for isotope production that allow:

use of p, d, alpha at different energies with different kinds of target (Tb 155 target with inside degrader)

Improve production capability and availability for clinical trials

Availability of particles and wide range of energy allow cross section studies to choose the best production routes

Technological improvement can be tested

Cu 64: A new accelerator will be installed in Arronax (**IK18 project**)

At211 : **Internal target** design is underway to use the right energy on target

Tb 155: development of mass separation tool

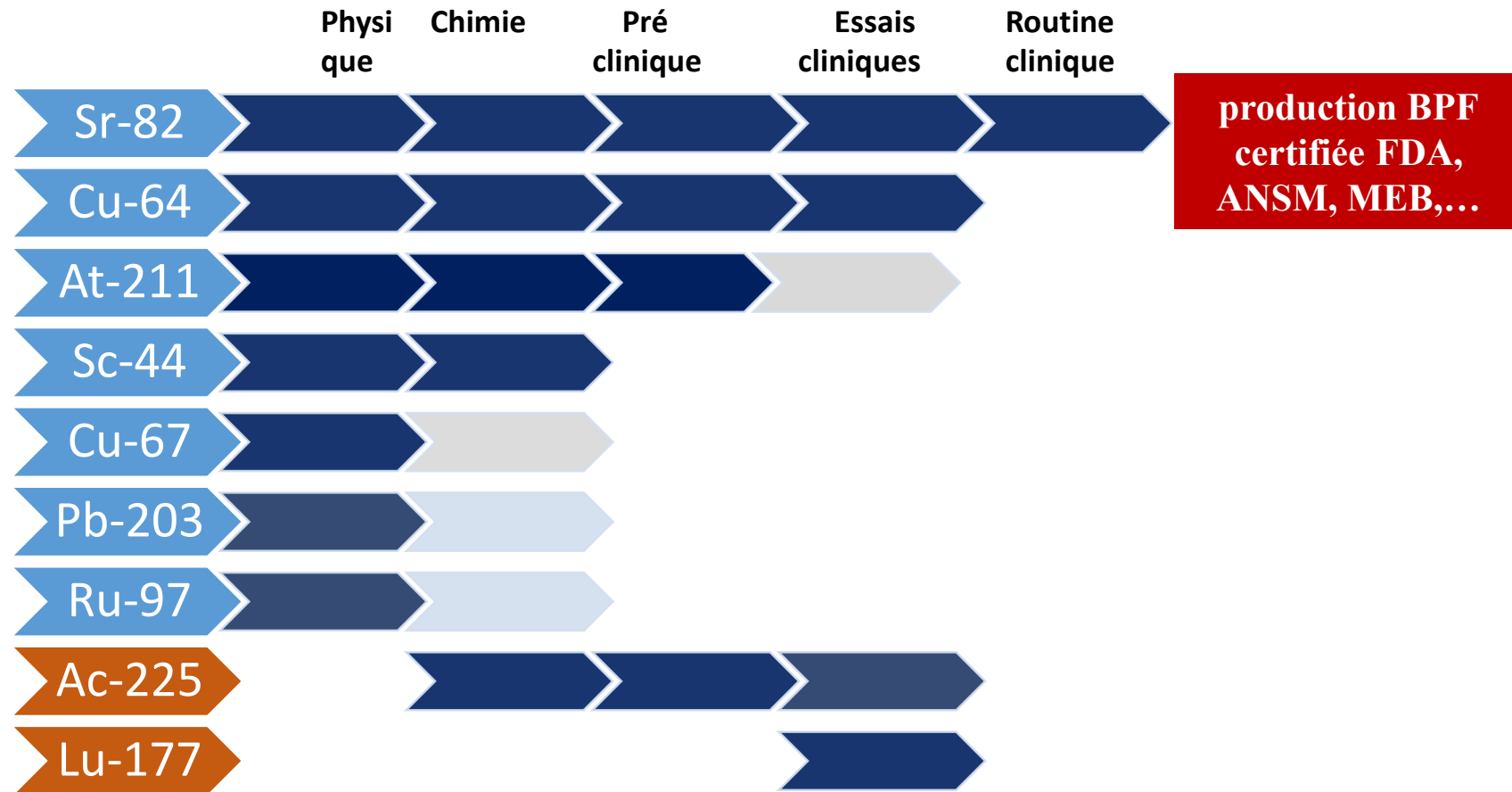
We explore other radionuclides

- ^{44}Ti to make available $^{44}\text{Ti}/^{44}\text{Sc}$ generator
- ^{97}Ru
- ^{203}Pb interesting for imaging associated to ^{212}Pb



Conclusions

Pipeline Arronax

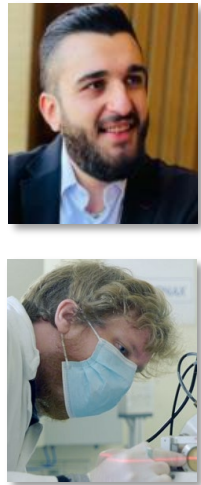


PRISMA Team

Permanent positions



Post- doctoral fellows



PhD students



Thank you for your attention

