

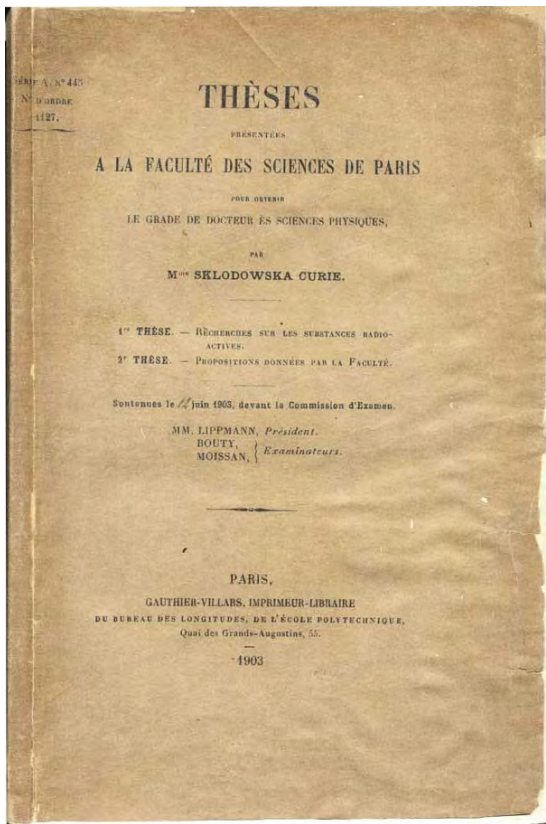
# Radioactive Ion Beams : from large scale facilities to nuclear medicine applications

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# The early days



Marie Skłodowska-Curie  
1867-1934

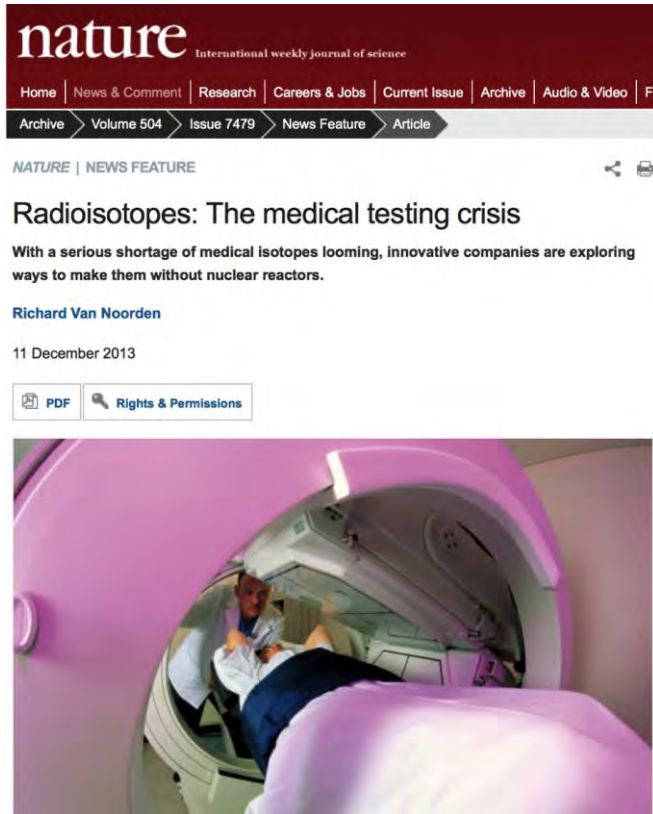


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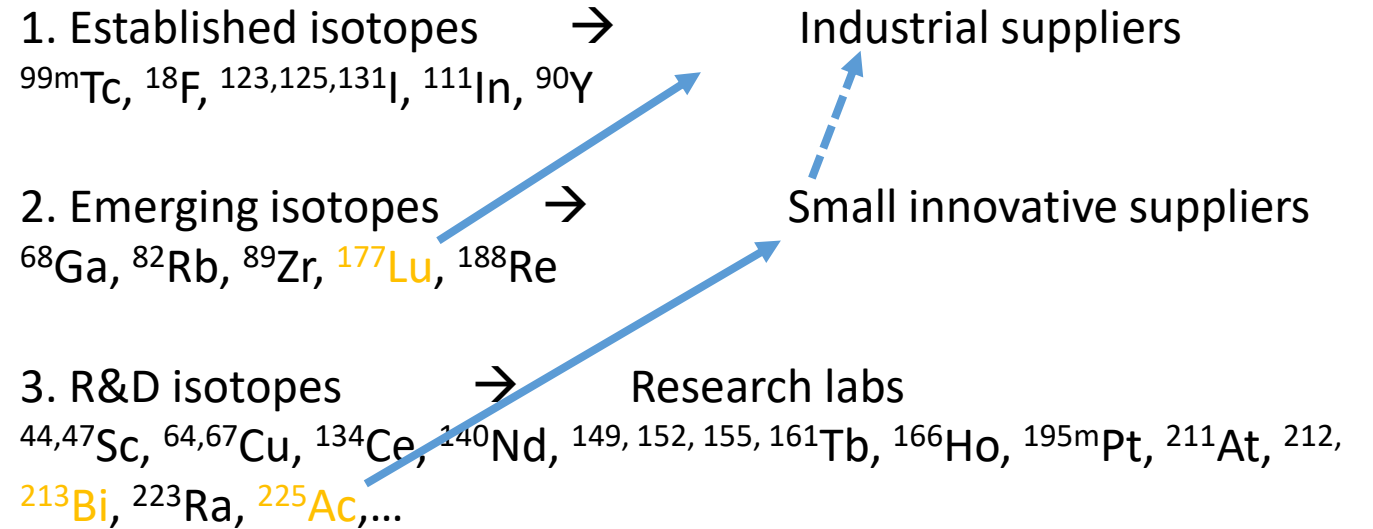


Courtesy prof O. Ratib

# Radioisotopes & Nuclear Medicine



## Classification of isotopes for Medicine:



Courtesy U. Koester





# New treatments in nuclear medicine : a large interest in Europe

Physics & Chemistry Nobel Prizes

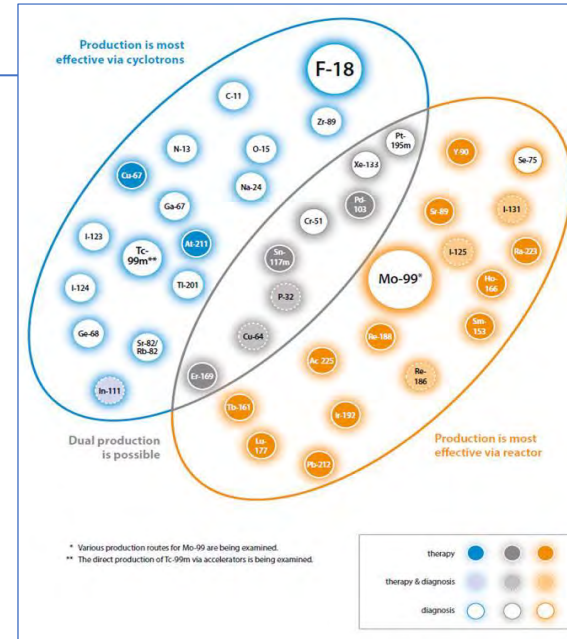


Figure 31 : Main medical radioisotopes production process

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Accelerator Labs Worldwide  
(eg PSI, TRIUMF )

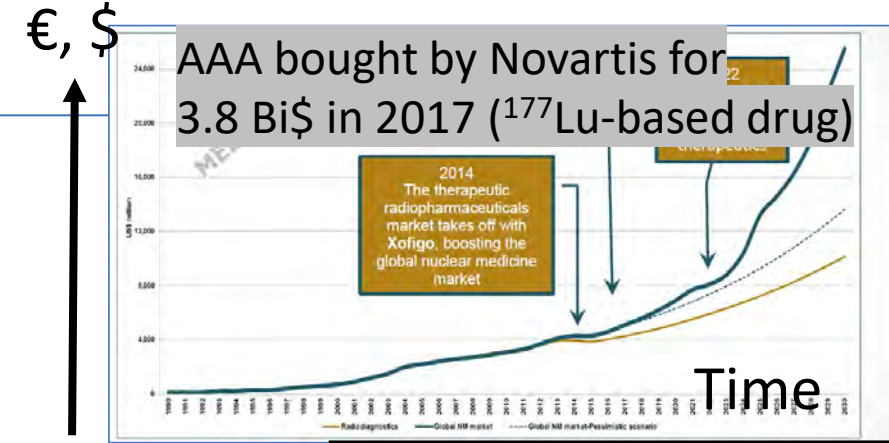


Figure 8: Possible market evolution for radiotherapeutics – source MedRaysIntell (2016)

Economics, Innovators



Helene Langevin-Joliot at MEDICIS,  
professor in nuclear physics,  
grand-daughter of Marie Curie (2017)



Finally Monsieur et Madame tout le monde

# Example of theranostics concept in pre-clinical research

- PET 152-Terbium radionuclide in antibody-based targeted molecular therapy

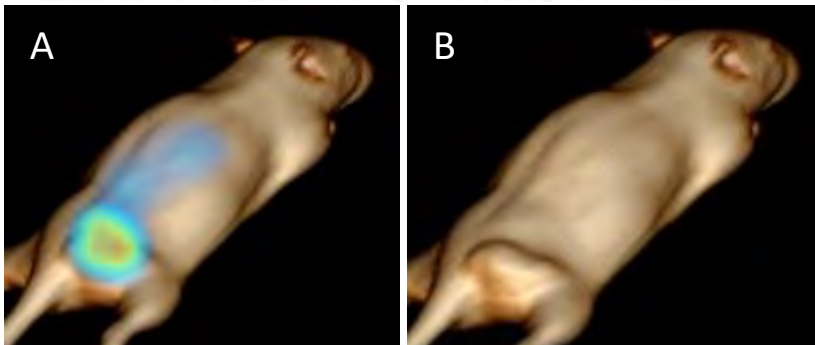
## Diag**n**ostics

Cicone et al. *EJNMMI Research* (2019) 9:53  
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s13550-019-0524-7>

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

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Internal radiation dosimetry of a  $^{152}\text{Tb}$ -labeled antibody in tumor-bearing mice



## THERAPY



Matched therapeutic Tb

<b>Tb 149</b> 4.2 m $\epsilon$ $\beta^+$ $\alpha$ 3.99 $\gamma$ 796; 165...	<b>Tb 152</b> 4.1 h $\epsilon$ $\alpha$ 3.97 $\beta^+$ 1.8 $\gamma$ 352; 165...	<b>Tb 155</b> 5.32 d $\epsilon$ $\gamma$ 87; 105... 180, 262	<b>Tb 161</b> 6.90 d $\beta^-$ 0.5; 0.6... $\gamma$ 26; 49; 75... $\epsilon$
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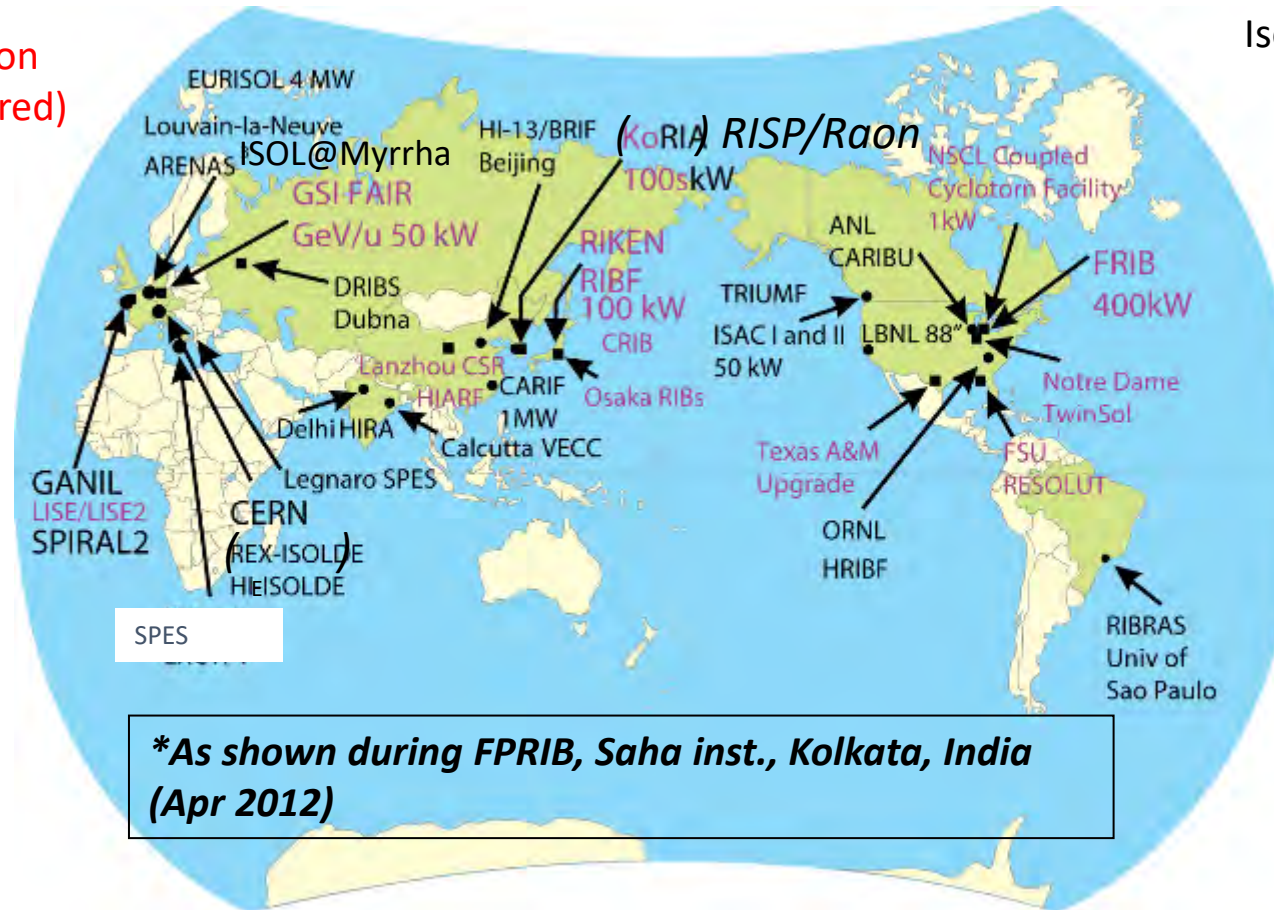
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# World map of radioisotope ion beam facilities\*

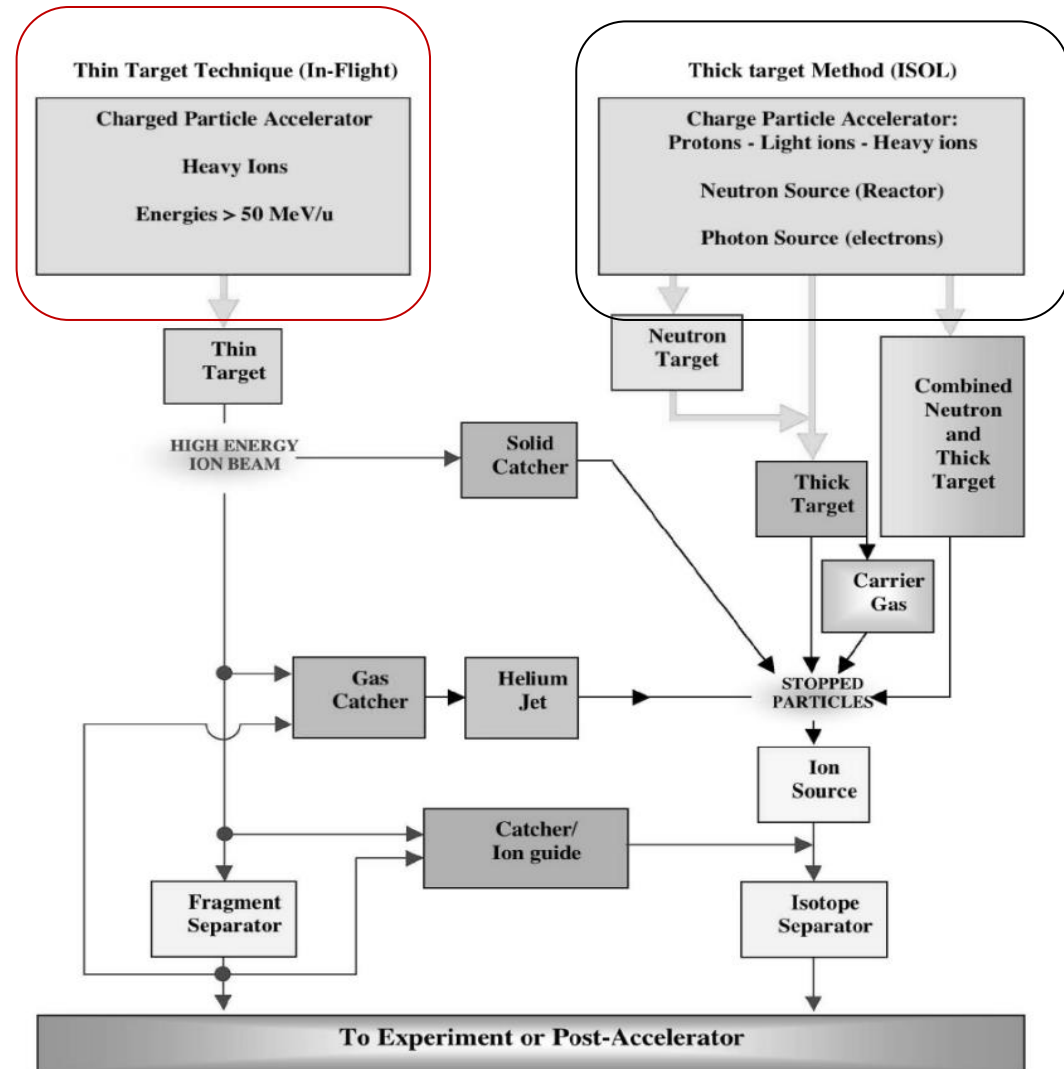
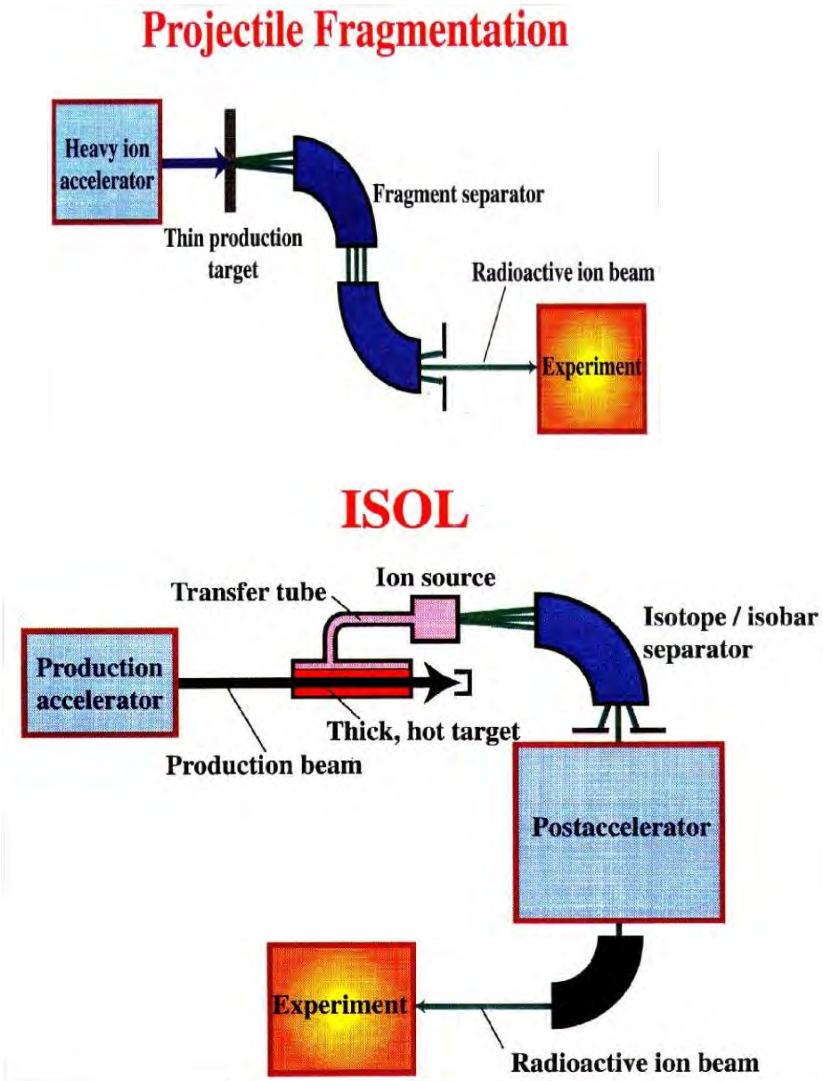
In-flight  
Fragmentation  
Facilities (in red)

Isotope Separation  
OnLine Facilities  
ISOL (in black)



RAON is expected to start this year  
SPES is expected to start  
ISOL@Myrrha project has started construction

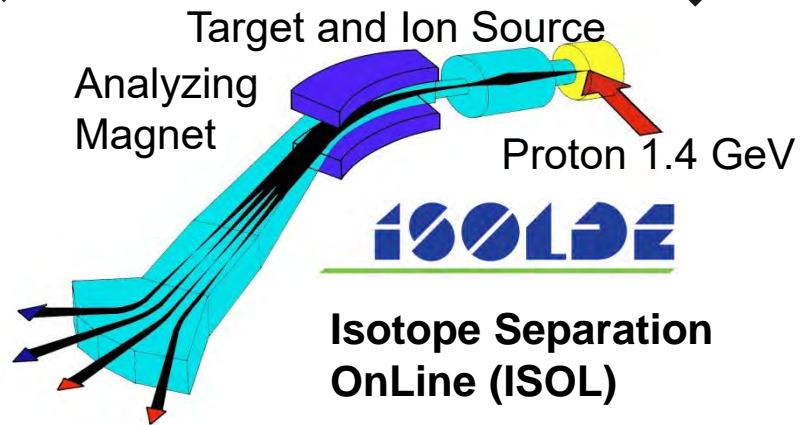
# The main ingredients :An accelerator for isotope production + mass purification



# Radioisotope Beam Production at ISOLDE

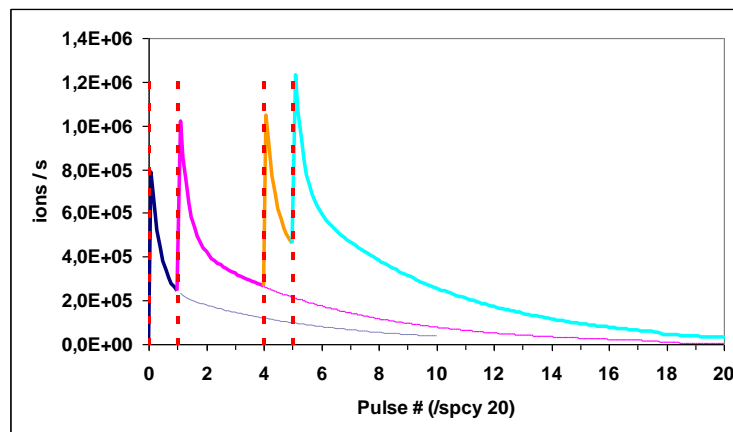
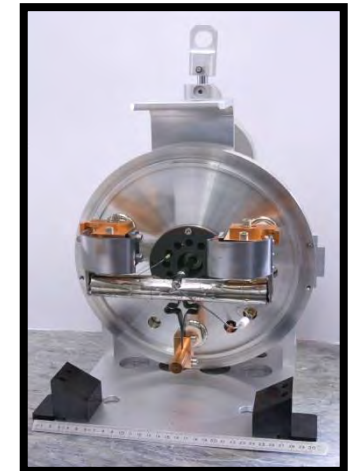
$$I_{[\text{pps}]} \sim \Phi_{[\text{pps}]} \sigma_{[\text{barn}]} N_{[\text{g/cm}^2]} \varepsilon [\%]$$

10-100m



**Intensity**  
**Purity (quality)**  
**Reliability**

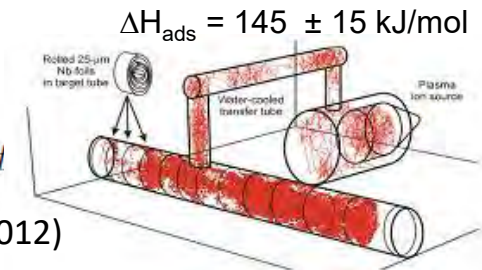
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Diffusion  
Physical Chemistry

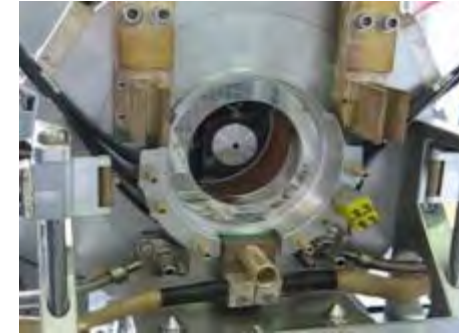
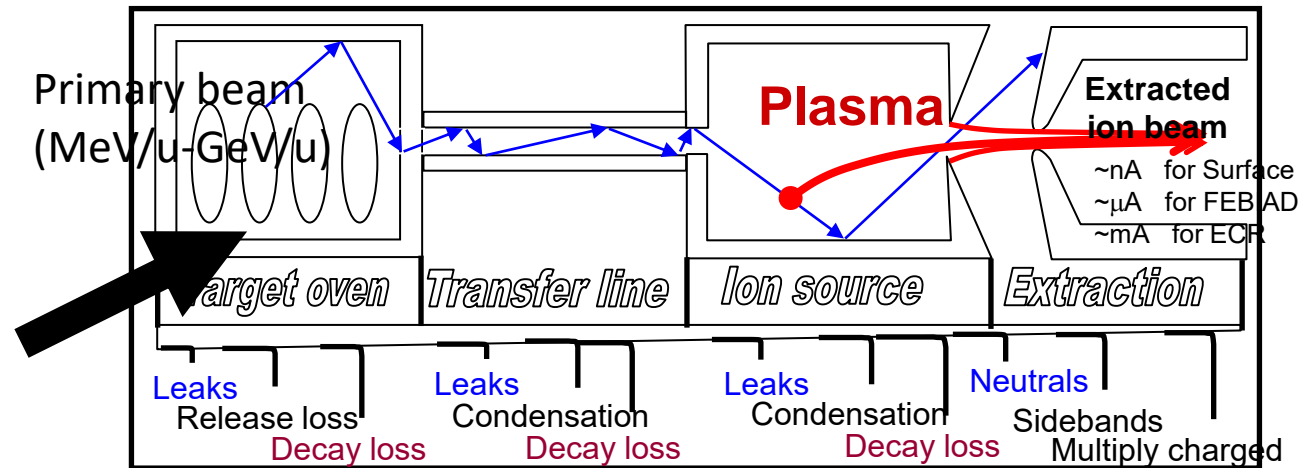
$$p(t) \propto p_{eff}(t) \star p_{diff}(t)$$

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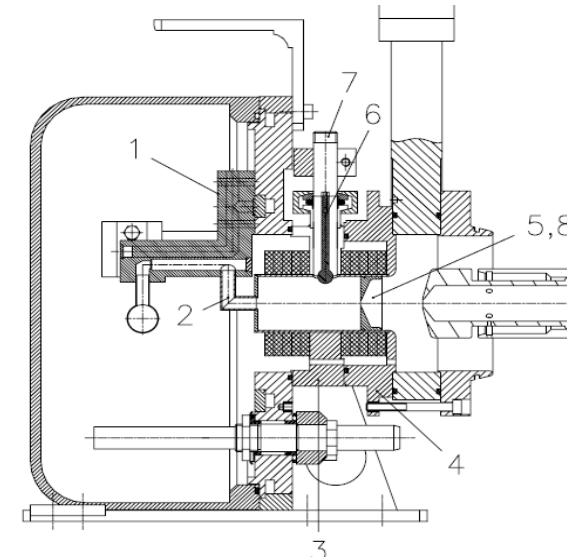
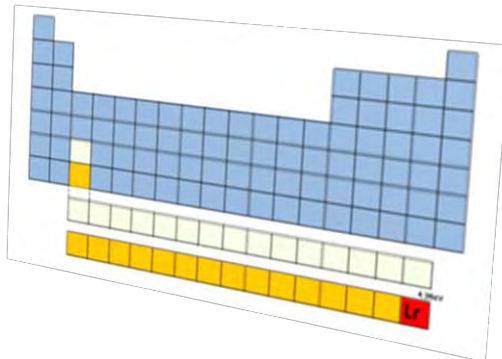




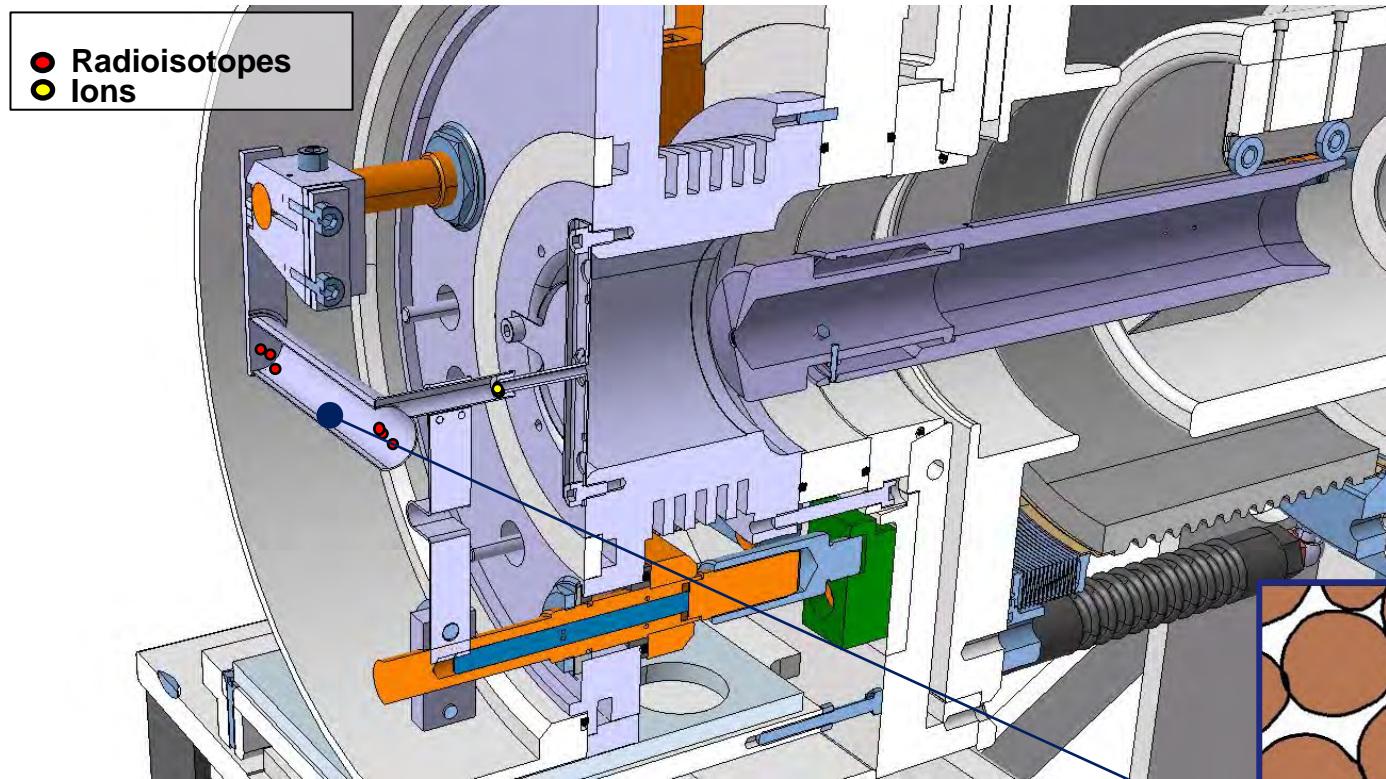
# Principles of radioactive beam production



Ion sources: compact, simple and withstand 1 MGy  
 Ionize trace radioelements in larger impurities loads  
 Used to measure Ion. Pot. Lr (Z=103)  
 at "1 atom at a time" rate



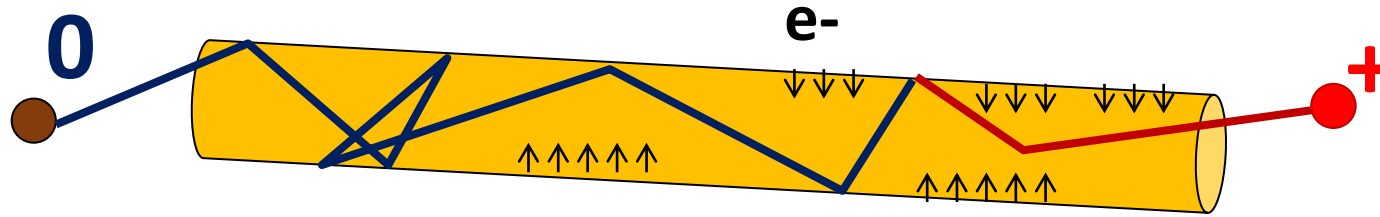
# Principle of isotope production, release and acceleration



Standard ISOLDE target unit with **surface** ion source

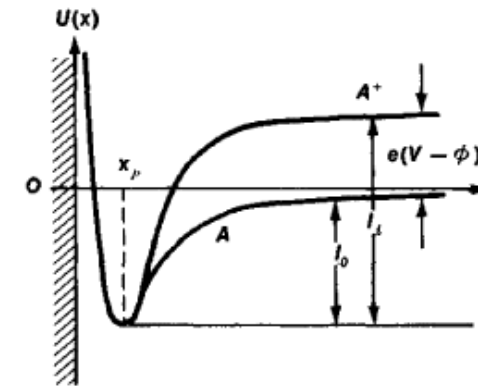
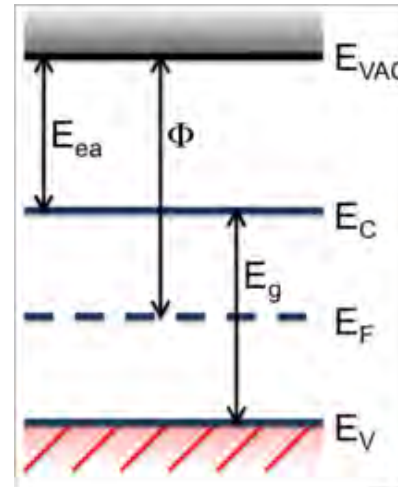
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# Surface Ion Sources



## Hot tube

Material work function  $\Phi$   
Isotope 1<sup>st</sup> Ion. Pot. :  $W_i$



## Saha-Langmuir Equation

$$\varepsilon_{\text{surface}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{g_0}{g_+} \exp\left(\frac{W_i - \Phi}{kT}\right)}$$

For Alkalis,  
 $g_0=2$  (2S1/2, degeneracy 2),  $g_+=1$

Some additional correction factors such as applied electrical potential or surface coverage

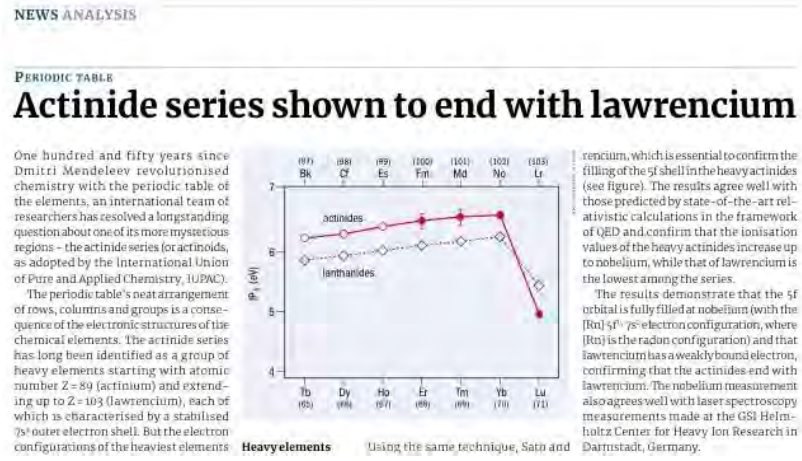
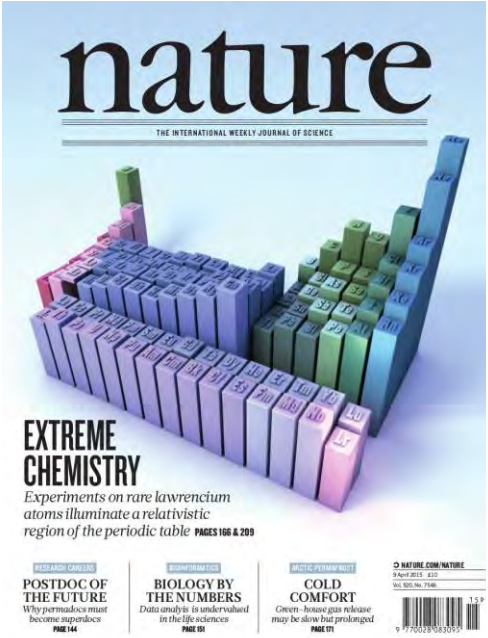
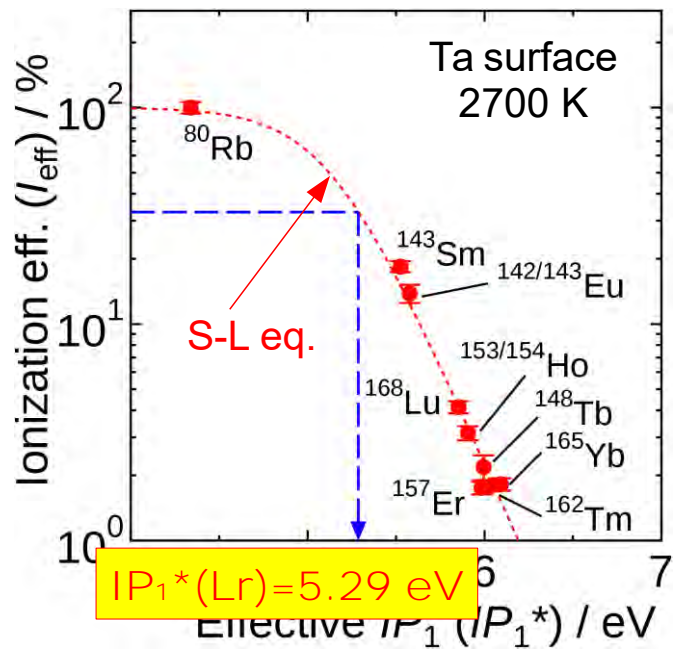


Meghnad Saha, 1920



# Clever use of Surface Ion Sources

2015



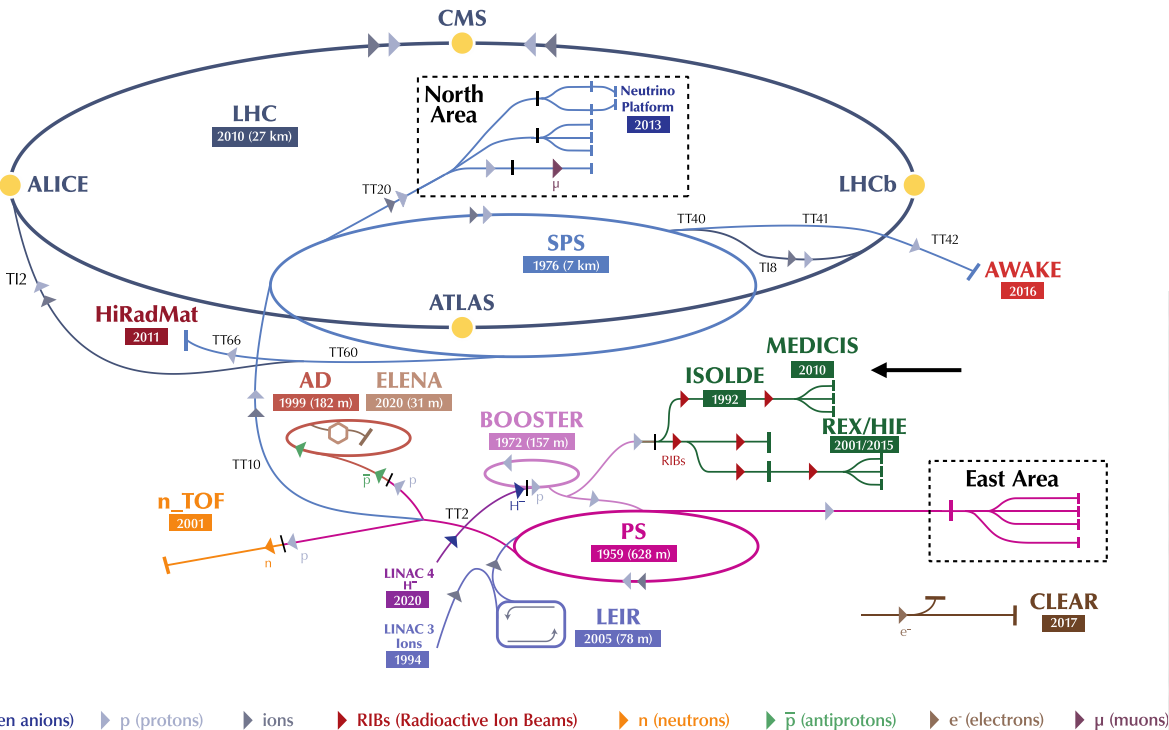
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Ideas to measure ionization potential on element  $Z=104$  have started

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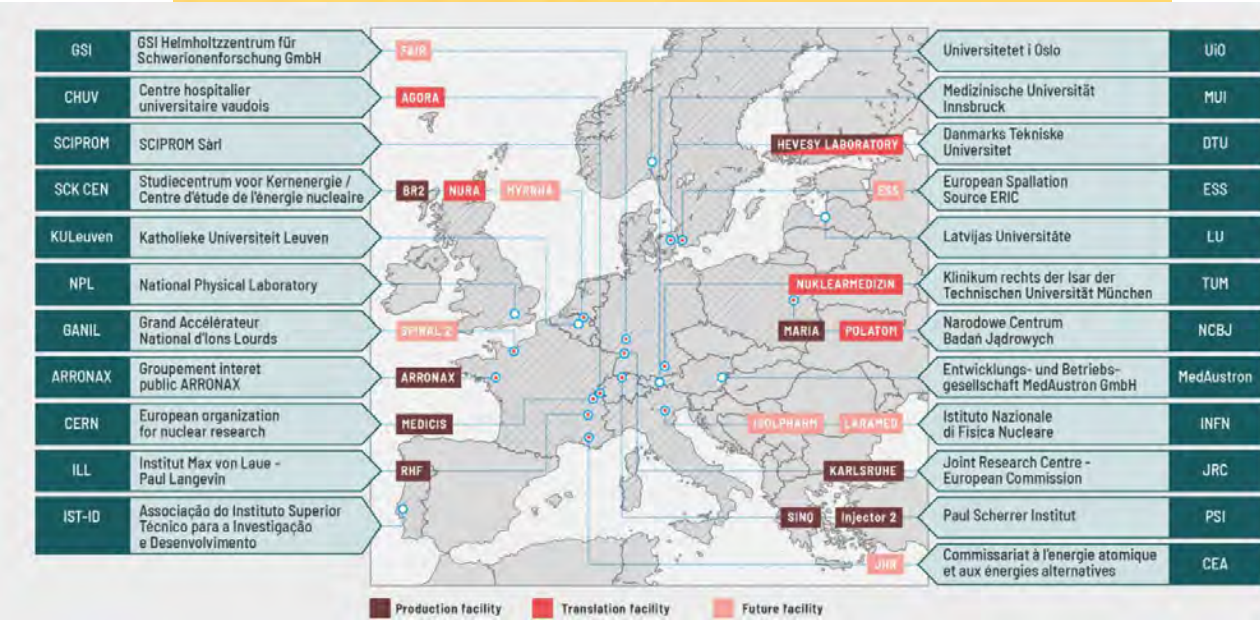


The CERN accelerator complex  
*Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN*



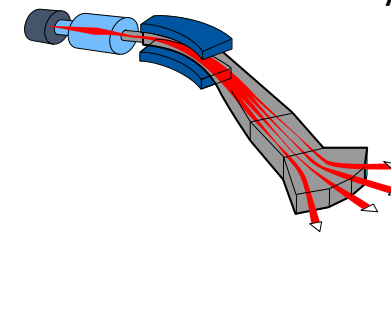
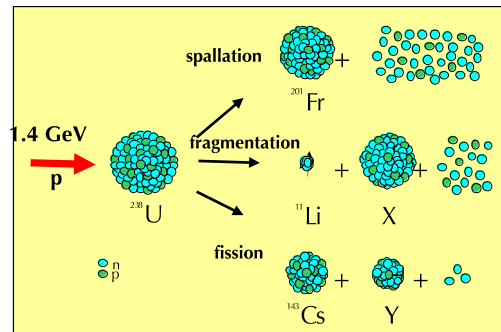
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# Equation to express production and mass separation yields

$$I = \int \underbrace{\sigma(E)}_{\text{Cross section [cm}^2\text{]}} \underbrace{\Phi(E, x)}_{\text{RIB intensity [s}^{-1} \mu\text{A}^{-1}\text{]}} \underbrace{\rho(x)}_{\text{Proton beam Intensity [s}^{-1} \mu\text{A}^{-1}\text{]}} \underbrace{N/A}_{\text{Avogadro Numb.}} \underbrace{dx}_{\text{Target Atomic Mass [g]}} \underbrace{\varepsilon_{\text{diff + eff}}}_{\text{Diffusion+ Effusion Efficiency}} \underbrace{\varepsilon_{\text{ion}}}_{\text{Ionization Efficiency}}$$



Low specific activity  
Impurities

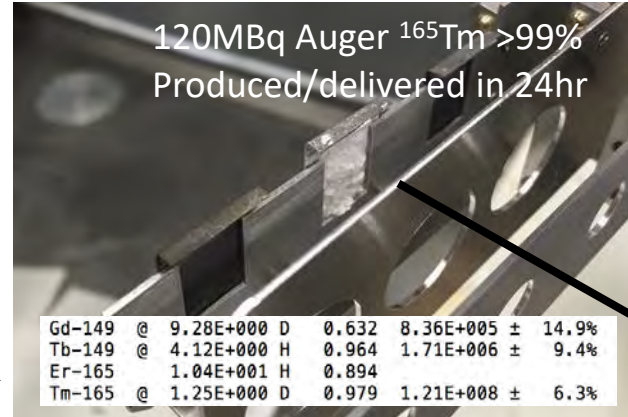
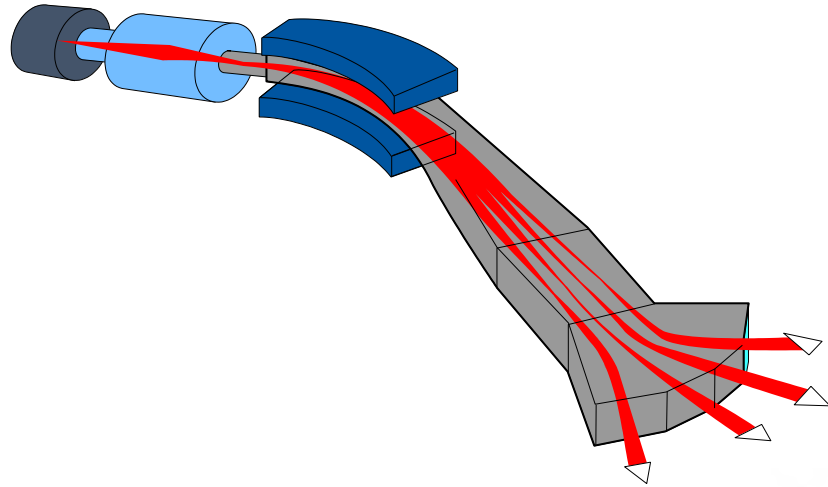


High specific activity  
And purity

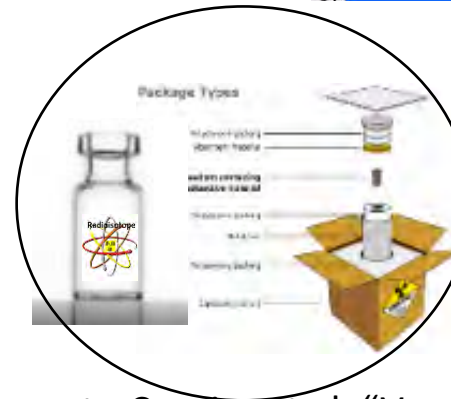
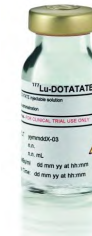
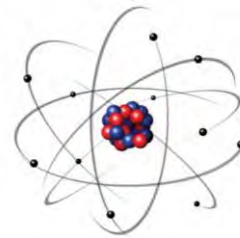
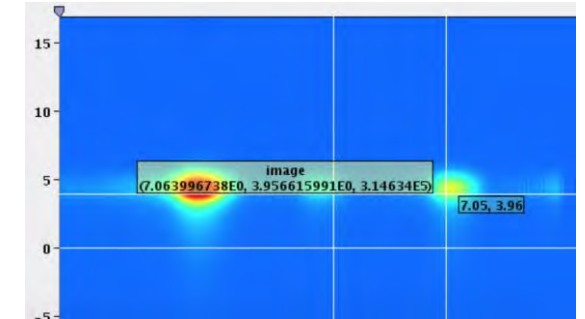


# From CERN- MEDICIS to the lab/Hospital

## 1<sup>st</sup> results from MEDICIS operation in 2018



1<sup>st</sup> Production of 20MBq of non carrier added  $^{169}\text{Er}$   
(pure  $\beta^-$  emitter)



1000+ isotopes of 70+ chemical elements

MELISSA (Laser Ion Source) started in 2019

MED011 : R. Formento Cavaier et al, "Very high specific activity Er-169 production at MEDICIS from external ILL target",  $^{168}/^{169}\text{Er}_2\text{O}_3$   
<http://cds.cern.ch/record/2632033>

# How to supply “novel” radionuclides with mass separation

- PRISMAP proposes to federate a consortium of high energy cyclotrons, research reactors, and isotope mass separation facilities in Europe.

Accelerator



Isotope mass separation



Research reactor

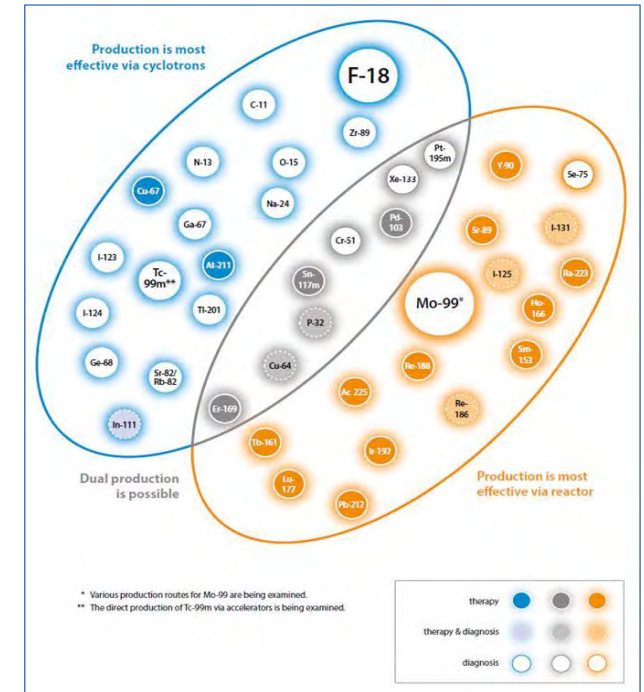
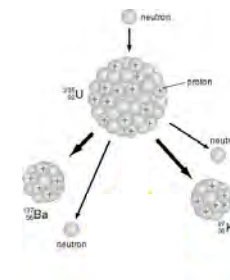
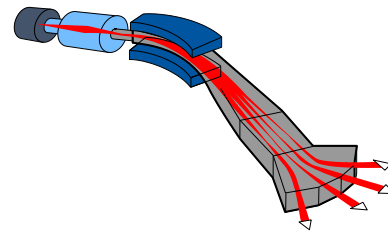
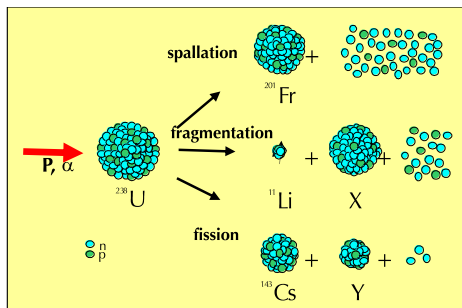


Figure 31 : Main medical radioisotopes production process

European Commission  
 ENER/17/NUCL/SI2.755660  
 (2018)

$$\frac{dN'}{dt} = n v \sigma_{act} N_T$$

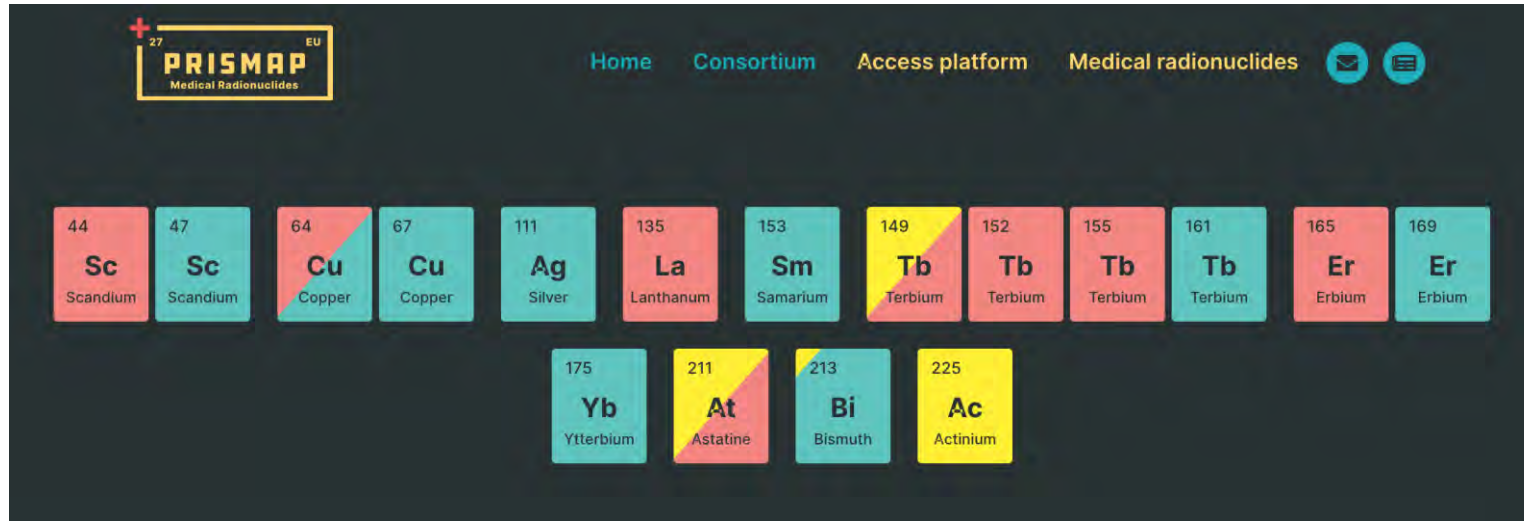


$$I_{[pps]} \sim F_{[pps]} S_{[barn]} N_{[g/cm^2]} \quad \text{production rate}$$

$10^{10}\text{pps}$   $100\mu\text{A}$  ( $6 \cdot 10^{14}$ )  $1\text{mbarn}$   $1\text{g/cm}^2$  for  $A_{\text{target}}=30\text{g/mol}$

$$I_{[pps]} \sim F_{[pps]} S_{[barn]} N_{[g/cm^2]} e \text{ [%]}$$

# Day-1 radionuclides from PRISMAP



specification sheet for Er-169

Parameter	Specifications
Half-life	9.39 d
Daughter	Stable Tm-169
Branching Ratio/Decay	100% $\beta^-$
Production	Er-168( $n,\gamma$ ) Er-169
Purification	Off-line mass separation + 2-step column separation
Chemical Form	In 0.05 M HCl
Specific Activity	n.a.
Radionuclidic Purity	>99%
Radiochemical Purity	n.a.
Chemical Purity	n.a.
Identification	Presence of 109.8 keV gamma line
Appearance	Clear solution
pH	1-2
Activity available	100 MBq
Availability	Few times per year (planning in advance), depends on reactor and MEDICIS schedule
Grade	preclinical, n.c.a.
Other information	Research grade implanted in Al, Zn or NaCl layer on Au foil also possible

Half-life determination of  $^{155}\text{Tb}$  from mass-separated samples produced at

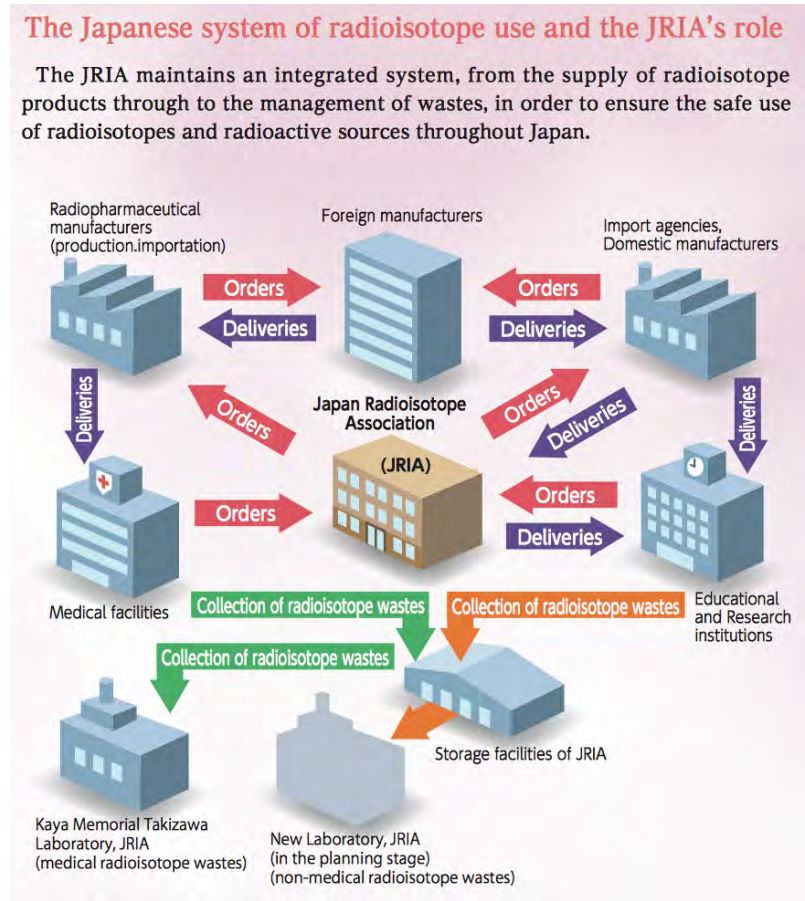
CERN-MEDICIS

S. M. Collins et al, in preparation

(Some more information at [www.prismap.eu](http://www.prismap.eu))



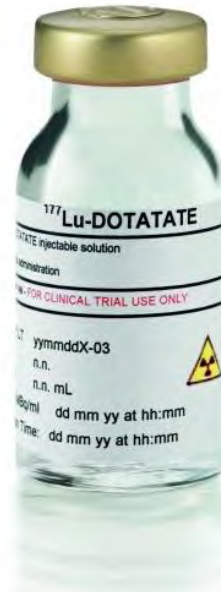
# Other examples of isotope supply



# From low to high specific activity radiobioconjugates



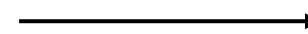
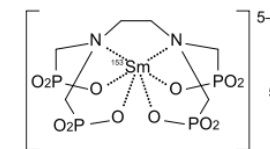
$^{223}\text{RaCl}_2$



$^{177}\text{Lu}$ -DOTATATE



$^{153}\text{Sm}$ -EDTMP  
(low specific activity)



Production of Sm-153 with high specific activity for targeted radionuclide therapy

M. van Voorde et al.,  
European Journal Of Nuclear  
Medicine And Molecular  
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$^{153}\text{Sm}$ -DOTATATE or other ?

## Expected scope of projects to be received in the consortium

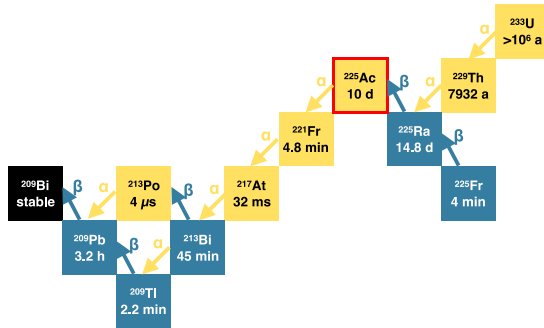
- Biomedicine at large
- Protocols, technology (imaging, pharma targets, whole body PET)
- Radionuclide grade (non carrier added, isotope decay chain)
- Innovative isotopes for imaging and treatment in theranostics

Field of Application	Radiation	Chemical elements	Half lives
PET	$\beta^+$	Alkaline earth Halogen Lanthanide Transition metals ...	Hours Days Months
SPECT	$\gamma$		
TAT	$\alpha$		
Beta therapy	$\beta^-$		
Auger therapy	$e^-$		

- Studies on cells, animals « preclinical », *possibly pilot clinical phases*



# Where are the needs ? Example of Targeted Alpha Therapy

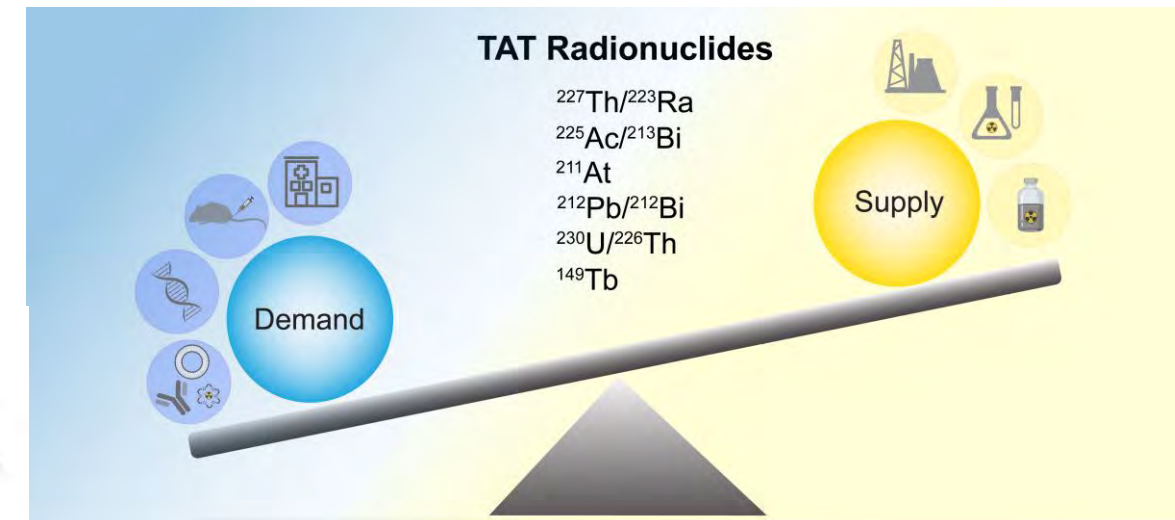


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## Production and supply of alpha particles emitting radionuclides for Targeted Alpha Therapy (TAT).

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# Earth alkali in nuclear medicine



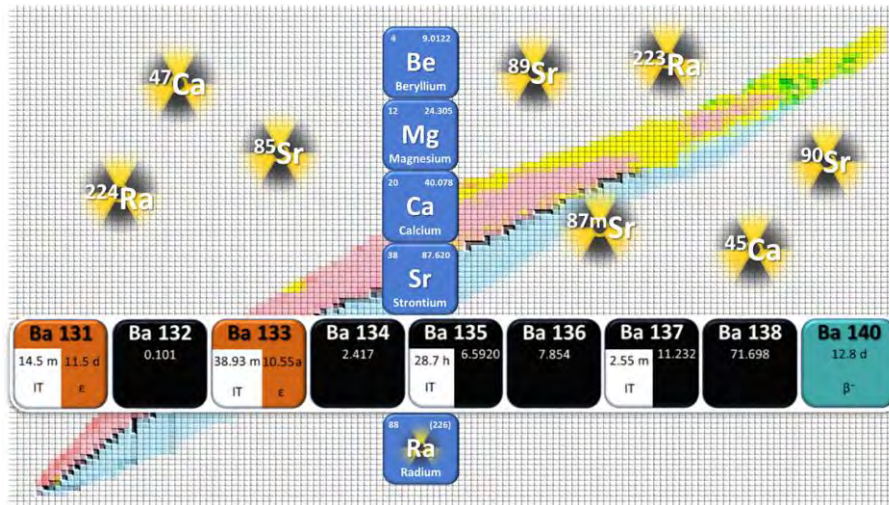
The impact of barium isotopes in radiopharmacy and nuclear medicine – From past to presence

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MED-028 :

Study of the  $^{128}\text{Ba}/^{128}\text{Cs}$  in vivo generator in a preclinical model of osteosarcoma

D. Viertl et al, CHUV

<https://medicis.cern/approved-projects>

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/16233/>  
(advances in radioactive ion beams for nuclear medicine)

<https://www.prismap.eu/radionuclides/user-forum/>  
<https://www.prismap.eu/news/events-feed/2022-public-event/>



# 15<sup>th</sup> June

## Thank You !!!

## Question ?!\*



- Do you need some new isotopes ?

- **1667 The first human blood transfusion is administered**
- Jean-Baptiste Denys, physician to King Louis XIV of France, transfused sheep blood into a 15-year-old boy. He survived!
- **1844 Charles Goodyear patents vulcanization**
- **1954 The Union of European Football Associations is founded**
- **1977 Spain holds the first free elections since 1936**
- **1991 Mount Pinatubo explodes**
- most violent eruption of the 20th century

• **2022 : PRISMAP Public Event (hybrid)**  
1<sup>st</sup> projects received  
in the European Medical Radionuclide programme

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