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IAEA support for accelerator-based radioisotopes and radiopharmaceuticals production

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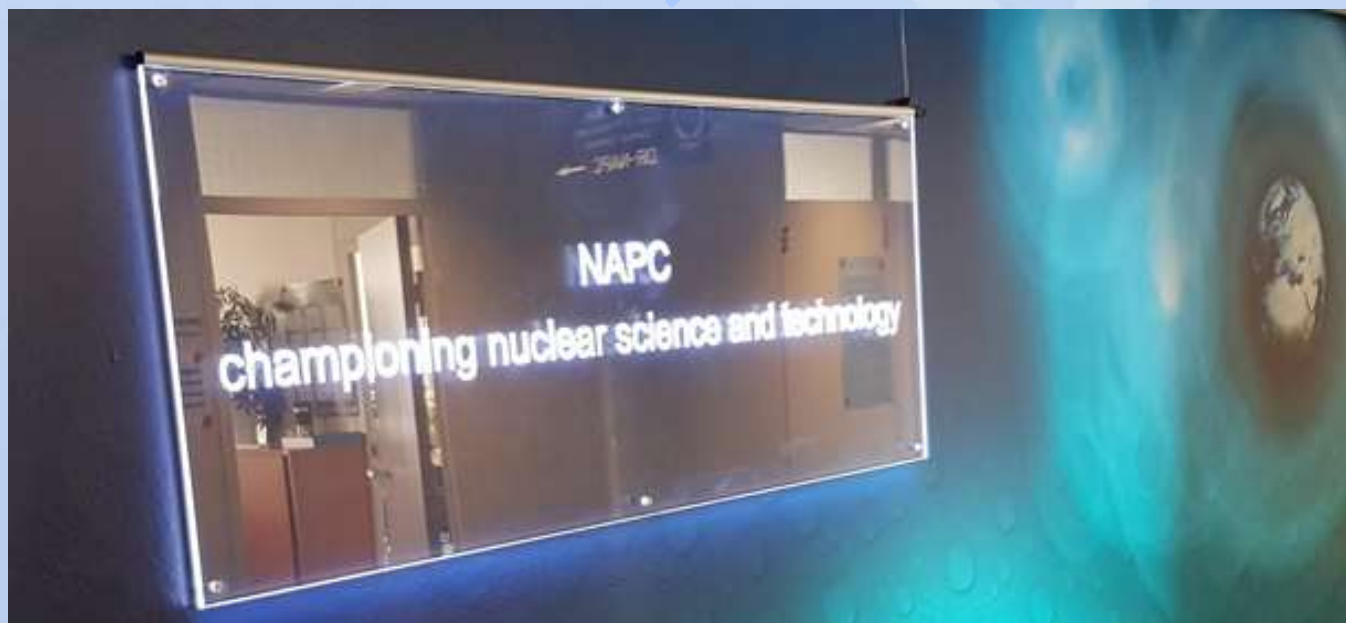
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IAEA Projects: on radioisotopes and radiopharmaceuticals



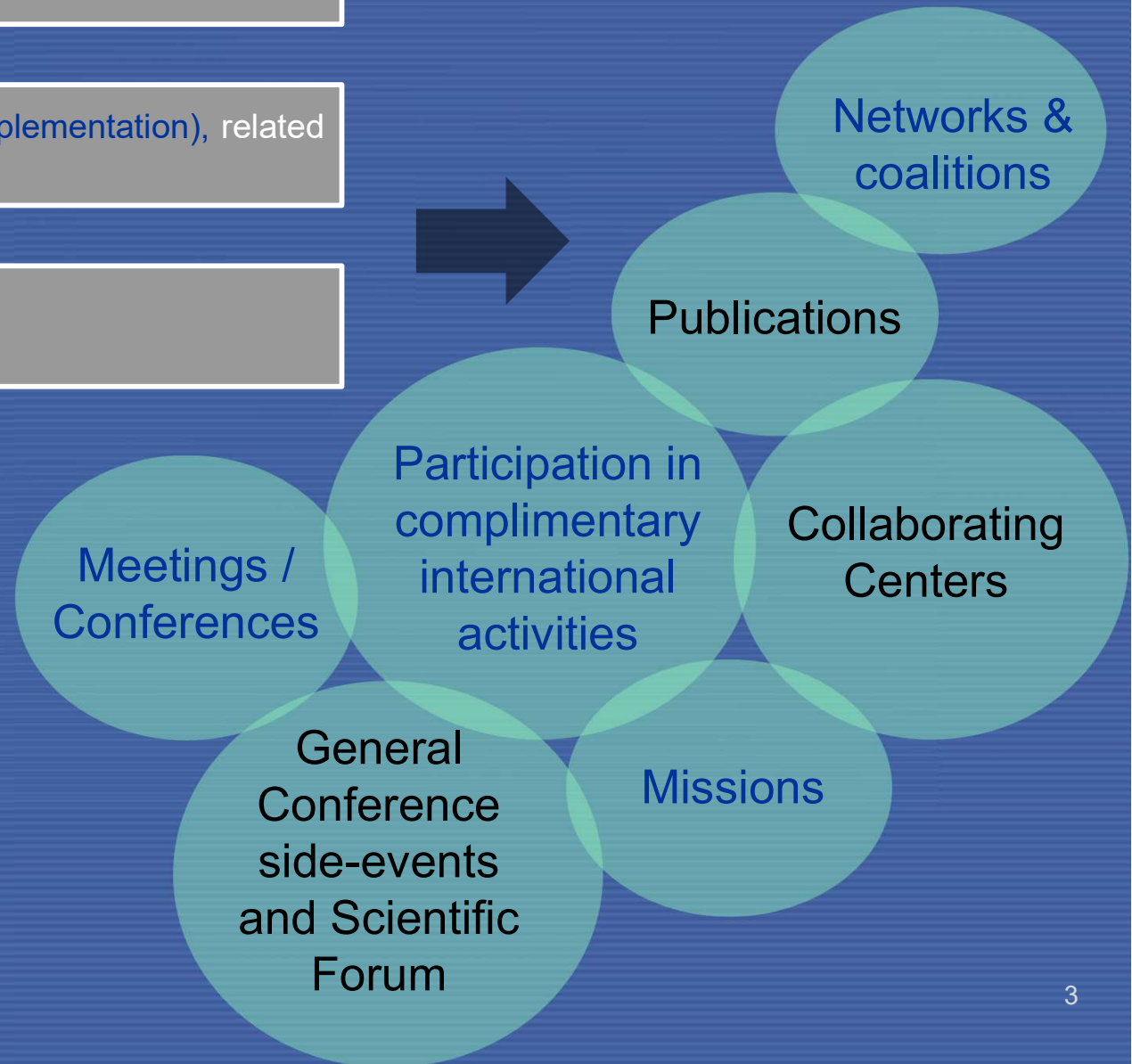
Coordinated Research Projects (R&D) related to radiopharmaceuticals, active 3, closed 35, 2 new, 5 completed, 2 planned



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Regular program activities



Radioisotopes for radiopharmaceuticals

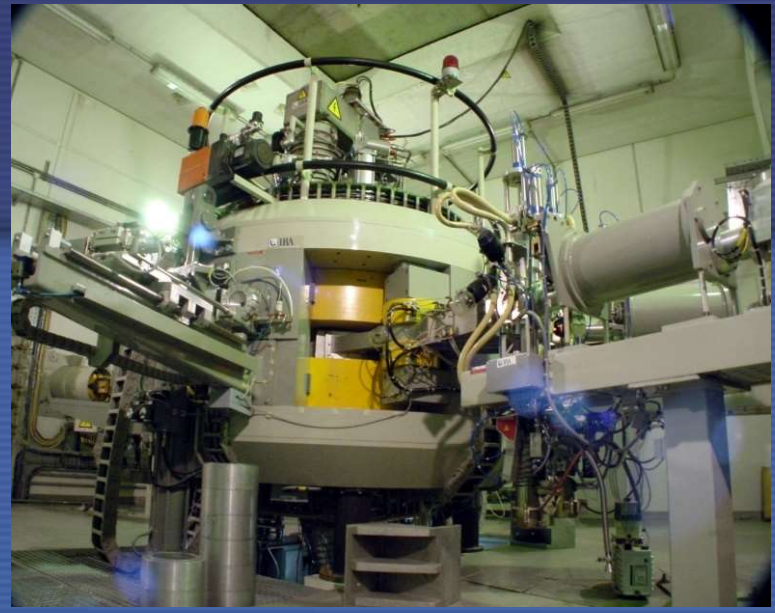
- Diagnostic

Positron emission Tomography (PET)
usually prepared by a Cyclotron



Isotope	^{11}C	^{13}N	^{15}O	^{18}F
Half-life	20 min	10 min	2 min	110 min
Production	$^{14}\text{N}(p,\alpha)^{11}\text{C}$	$^{16}\text{O}(p,\alpha)^{13}\text{N}$	$^{15}\text{N}(p,n)^{15}\text{O}$	$^{18}\text{O}(p,n)^{18}\text{F}$ enriched

Isotope	^{64}Cu	^{68}Ga	^{82}Rb	^{89}Zr
Half-life	12.7 h	68 min	1.25 min	78.4 h
Production	$^{64}\text{Ni}(p,n)^{64}\text{Cu}$ enriched	Generator (^{68}Ge - ^{68}Ga) $^{\text{nat}}\text{Ga}(p,xn)^{68}\text{Ge}$ High energy Cyclotron	Generator (^{82}Sr - ^{82}Rb) $^{85}\text{Rb}(p,4n)^{82}\text{Sr}$ High energy Cyclotron	$^{89}\text{Y}(p,n)^{89}\text{Zr}$



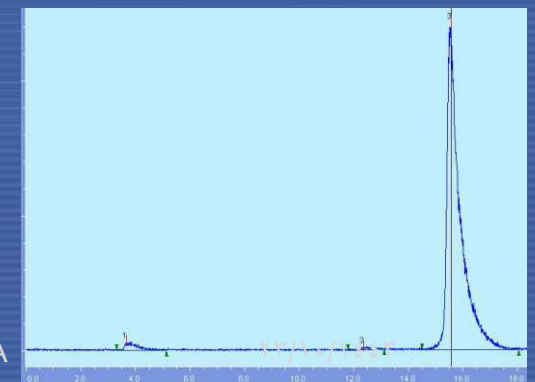
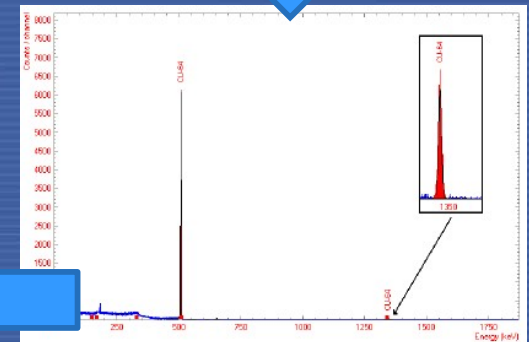
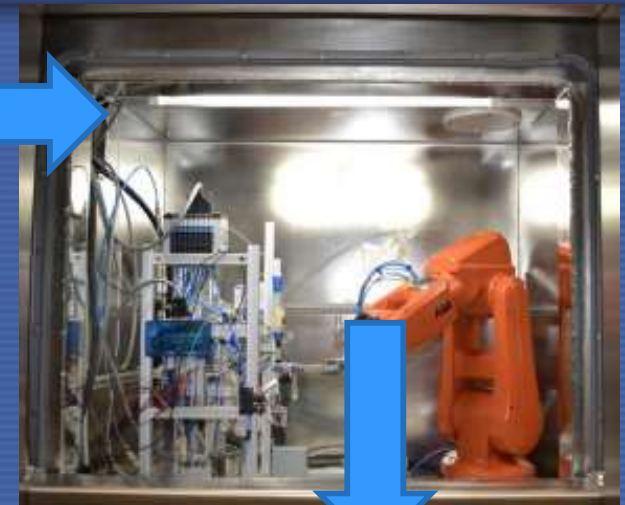
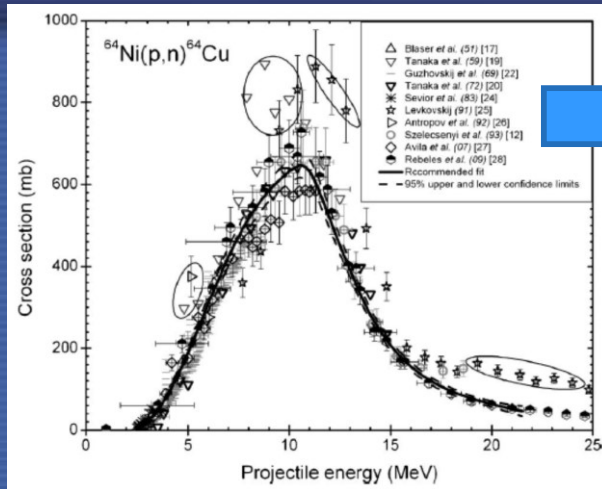
Synthesis module



Layout



A summary of technical steps for radioisotope production in cyclotron using a solid target



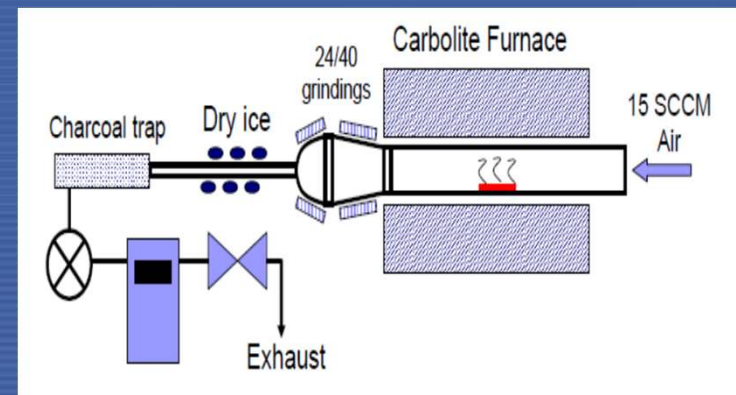
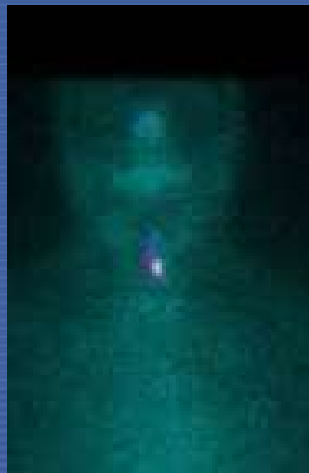
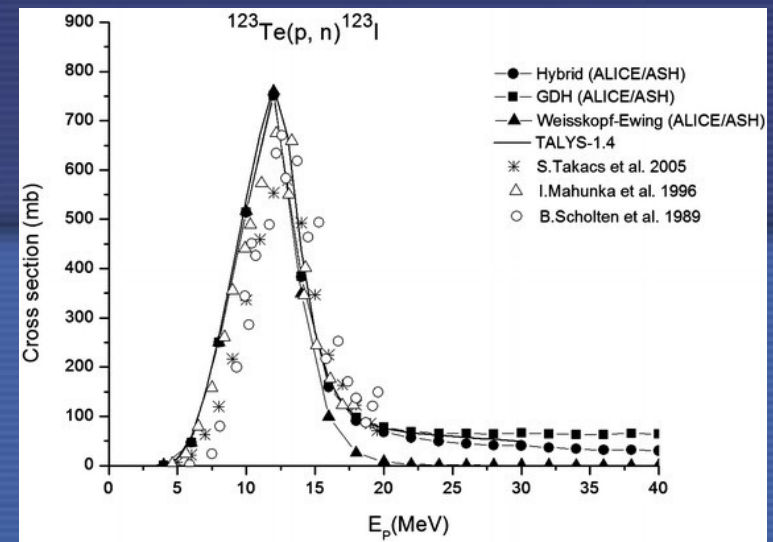
Radioisotope Solution for radiopharmaceuticals development

Recovery process

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gas/solid target; I-123

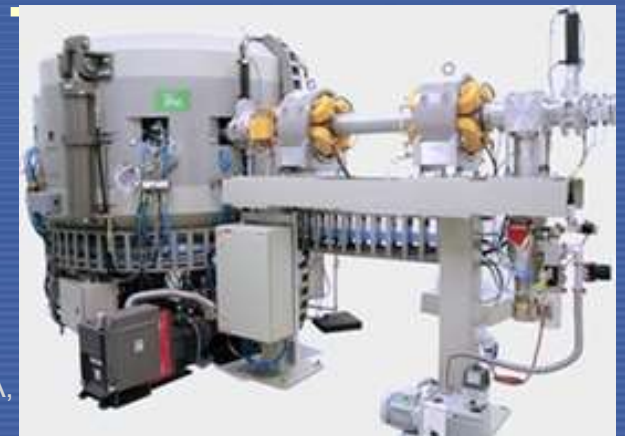
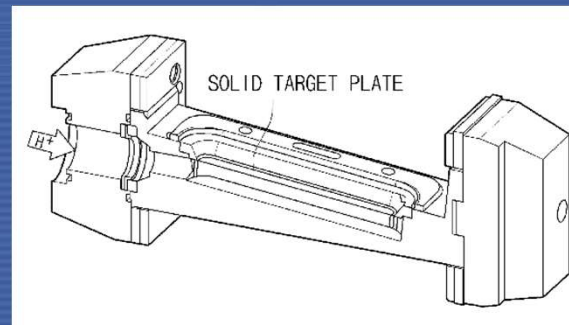
- 12.7 half life
- commonly production method
- One photon decay
- Low dose needed in human
- Used as
 - Radiopharmaceutical; **NaI**
 - precursor



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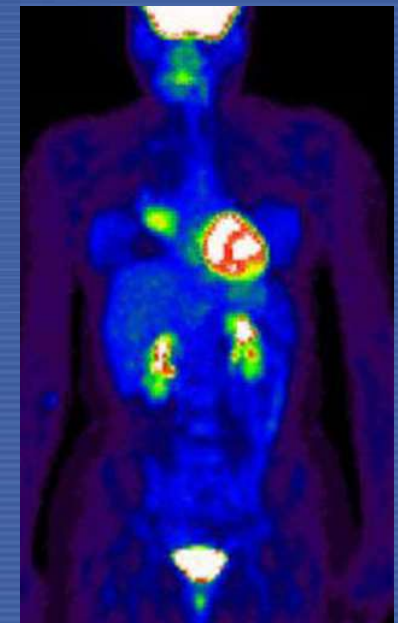
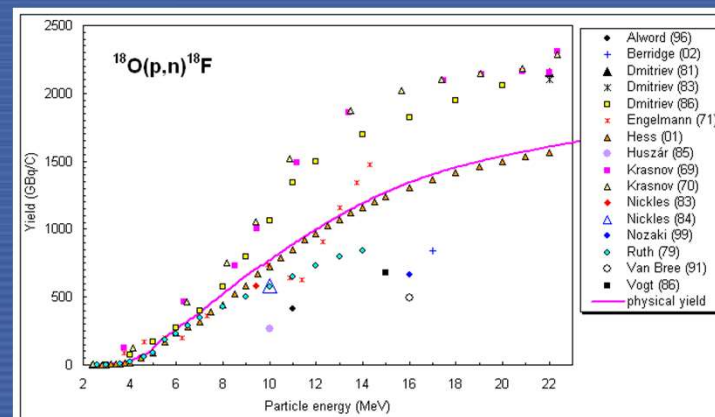
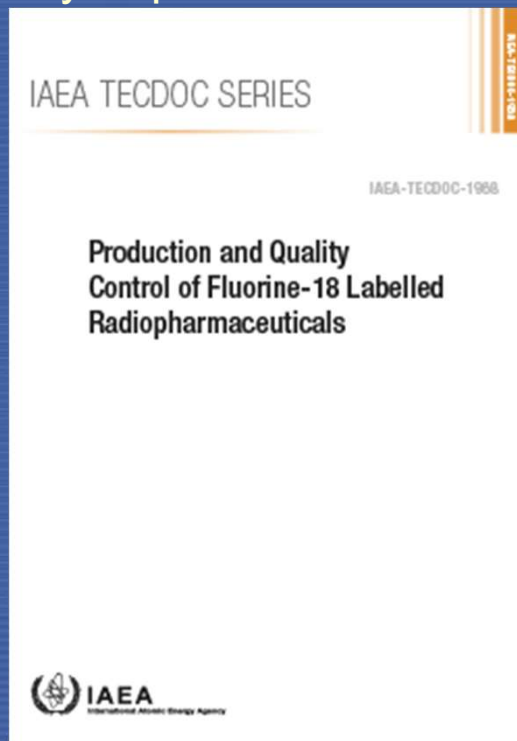
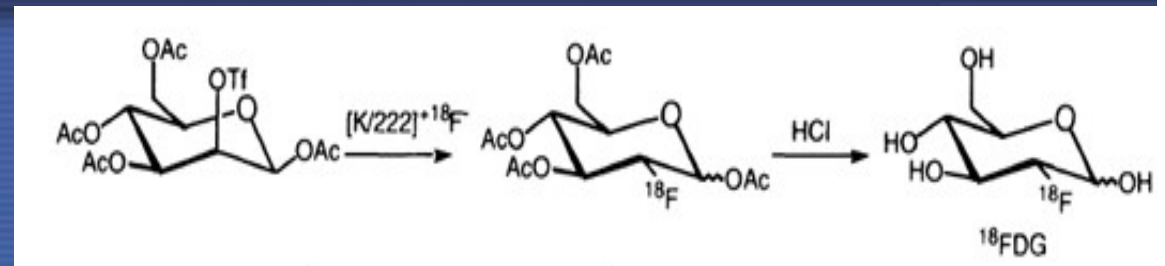
Metal radionuclides produced in cyclotron using solid targets

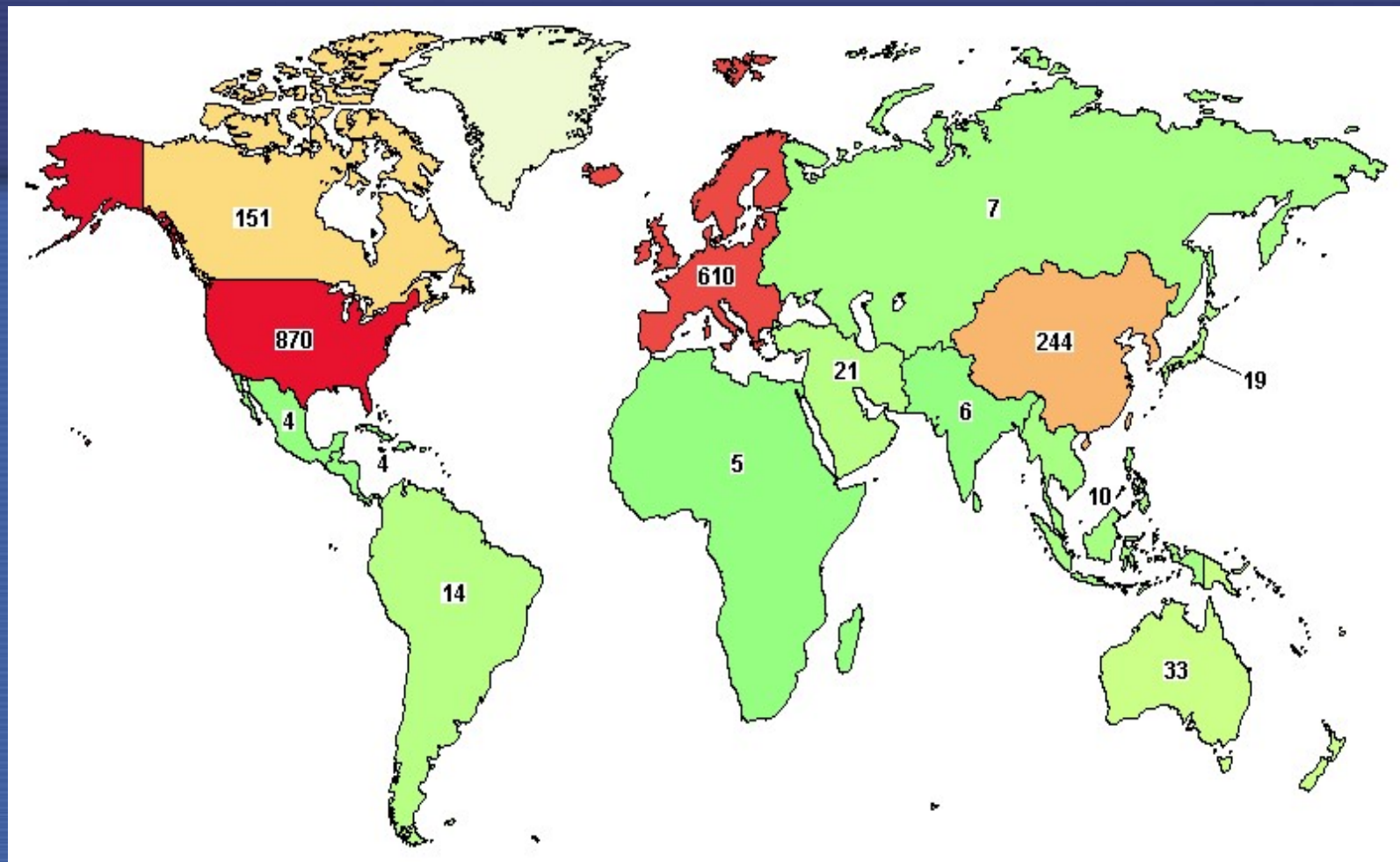
- **Tl-201** Tl-203
 - **Ga-67** Zn-68
 - **Cu-64** Ni-64
 - **Zr-89** Y-nat
 - **Co-57** Ni-58
 - **Pd-103** Rh-nat
 - **Cu-61** Zn-nat
- **I-124**
 - **Y-86**
 - **Tc-99m**
 - **Tc-94**
 - **Ga-68**
 -
- Te-124
 - Sr-nat
 - Mo-100
 - Mo-94
 - Zn-68



Non metal; F-18 radiopharmaceuticals

- F-18 110 min half life
- The mostly used PET radionuclide
- Suitable positron energy
- Stable C-F bond
- C-F/C-H size resemblance
- C-F bond is usually an enzyme inhibitor
- A hydrophilic bond





- worldwide distribution of clinical trials on ^{18}F -radiopharmaceuticals extracted from Clinicaltrial.gov,

Cyclotron related Coordinated Research Projects (CRPs)

Finalised CRPs:

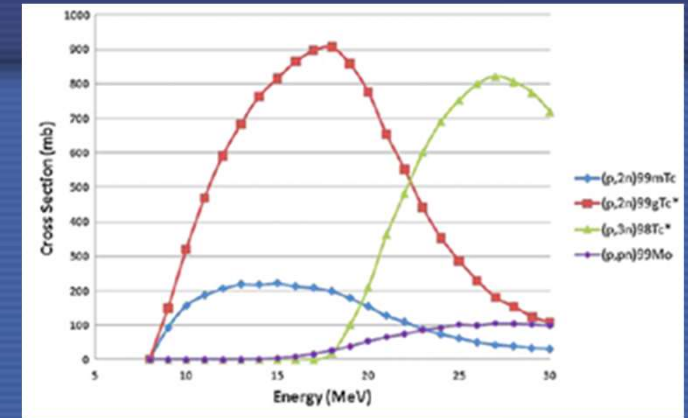
- Production and utilization of Emerging Positron Emitters for Medical Applications with an Emphasis on Cu-64 and I-124 (2010-2014)
- Accelerator-based Alternatives to Non-HEU production of Mo-99/Tc-99m (2011-2015)
- Development and preclinical evaluations of therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals based on Lu-177 and Y-90 labelled monoclonal antibodies and peptides (2011-2015)



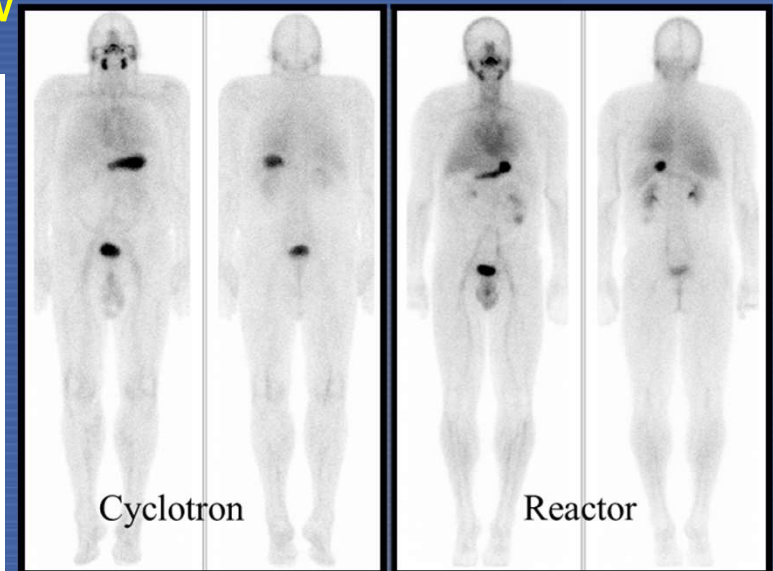
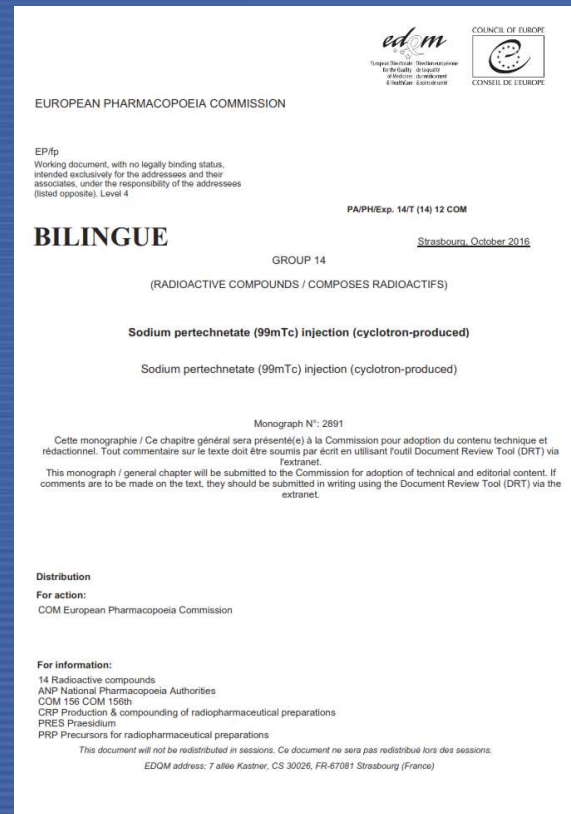
Accelerator-based Alternatives to Non-HEU production of Mo-99/Tc-99m

Finalised CRPs:

- 2011-2015
- 18 participants from 16 Member States
- Production of Tc-99m in cyclotron
- Technology to produce several (>30) Ci Tc-99m per run in medical cyclotrons of energies below 24 MeV proven;



Irradiation Parameters



Comparison of cyclotron- and reactor-based Tc-99m pertechnetate for the Univ. of Alberta Clinical Trial (cancer thyroid patients imaged post thyroidectomy)

Finalised CRP

F22053: Therapeutic Radiopharmaceuticals Labelled with New Emerging Radionuclides (^{67}Cu , ^{186}Re , ^{47}Sc) – (2016)

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Therapeutic Radiopharmaceuticals Labelled with Copper-67, Rhenium-186 and Scandium-47



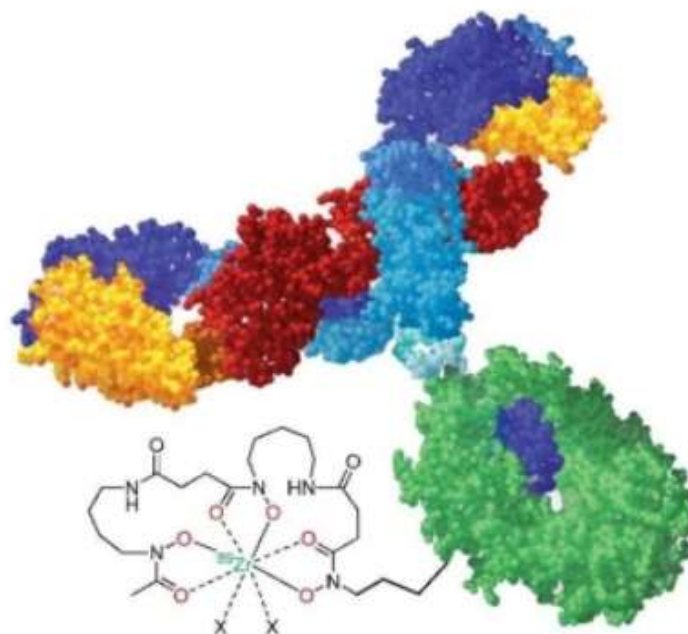
RN	Half-life	Imaging emissions	Therapy emissions	Production methods	Decay product
^{47}Sc	3.3492 d	γ 159.38 keV (68.3 % 4)	β^- (100 %) $E_{\beta\text{max}} = 440.9$ keV (68.4 % 6) $E_{\beta\text{max}} = 600.3$ keV (31.6 % 6) $E_{\beta\text{mean}} = 162.0$ keV	$^{48}\text{Ti}(p,2p)$ $^{49}\text{Ti}(p,^3\text{He})$ $^{50}\text{Ti}(p,\alpha)$ $^{47}\text{Ti}(n,p)$	^{47}Ti (stable)
^{67}Cu	61.83 h	γ 93.31 keV (16.1 % 2) γ 184.58 keV (48.7 % 3)	β^- (100 %) $E_{\beta\text{max}} = 377.1$ keV (57 % 6) $E_{\beta\text{max}} = 468.4$ keV (22.0 % 22) $E_{\beta\text{max}} = 561.7$ keV (20.0 % 20) $E_{\beta\text{mean}} = 141$ keV	$^{68}\text{Zn}(p,2p)$ $^{70}\text{Zn}(p,\alpha)$ $^{67}\text{Zn}(n,p)$ $^{68}\text{Zn}(\gamma,p)$ $^{68}\text{Zn}(n,x)$	^{67}Zn (stable)
^{186}Re	3.7183 d	γ 137.16 keV (9.47 % 3)	β^- (92.53 % 10) $E_{\beta\text{max}} = 932.3$ keV (21.54 % 14) $E_{\beta\text{max}} = 1\,069.5$ keV (70.99 % 14) $E_{\beta\text{mean}} = 346.7$ keV	$^{186}\text{W}(p,n)$ $^{186}\text{W}(d,2n)$ $^{192}\text{Os}(p,\alpha 3n)$	^{186}Os (stable) ^{186}W (stable)

New CRP: Zr-89 Production and Zr-89 Radiopharmaceuticals (F22071)

New Coordinated Research Project

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Schematic figure overview of a Zr-89 labelled monoclonal antibody. (Image: IAEA)

CRP at a Glance

This Coordinated Research Project (CRP) will identify important technical issues related to the production of Zirconium-89 (Zr-89) and the development

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[How Radiopharmaceuticals Help Diagnose Cancer and Cardiovascular Disease](#)



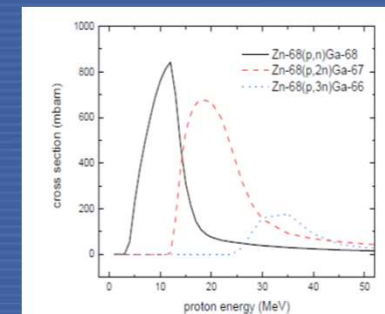
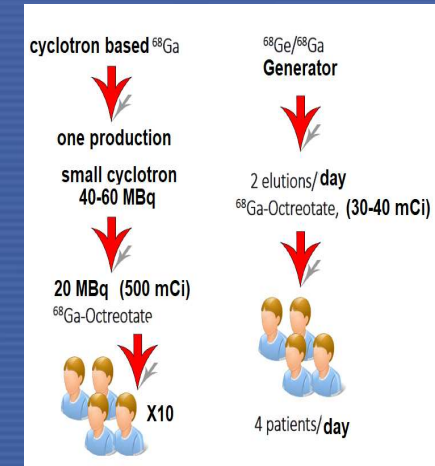
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Related Resources

- [Radiopharmaceuticals for Cost Effective Management of Cancer](#)
- [Coordinated Research Activities](#)
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Production routes of Ga-68

- ^{68}Ge - ^{68}Ga Generator
- **Convenient method for hospital radiopharmacy**
 - Deliver limited activities of ^{68}Ga per elution
 - Limited lifetime, 6-9 months/~500 elutions
 - Constraining waiting time between two elutions
 - Long-lived ^{68}Ge impurity (Possible breakthrough)
 - Expensive
- Direct production using cyclotron
 - ^{68}Zn (p,n) ^{68}Ga
 - Solid target : plate, foil
 - Liquid target : $^{68}\text{ZnCl}_2$, $^{68}\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ – dil HNO_3
 - Challenges : Targetry, separation chemistry, Recycling
- FDA Approved:
 - Cyclotron-Produced Ga-68 DOTATOC on October 20, 2020
 - Ga-68 PSMA-11 on December 1, 2020



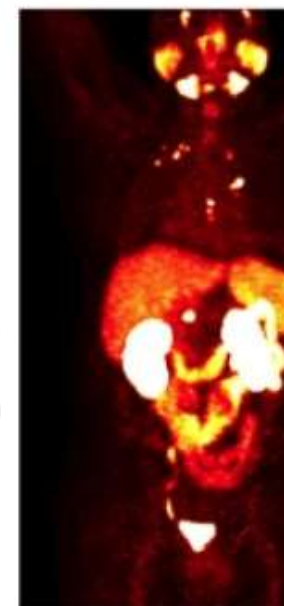
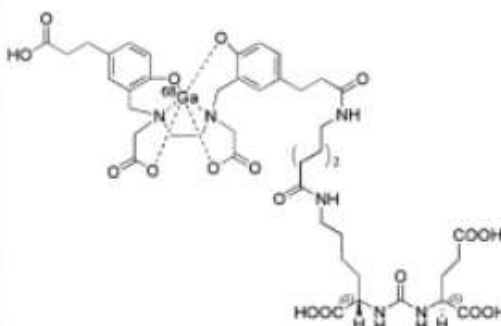
Liquid Zn target for direct production of ^{68}Ga

New CRP: Production of Cyclotron-Based Gallium-68 Radioisotope and Related Radiopharmaceuticals (F22073)

New Coordinated Research Project

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Gallium-68 Cyclotron
Production



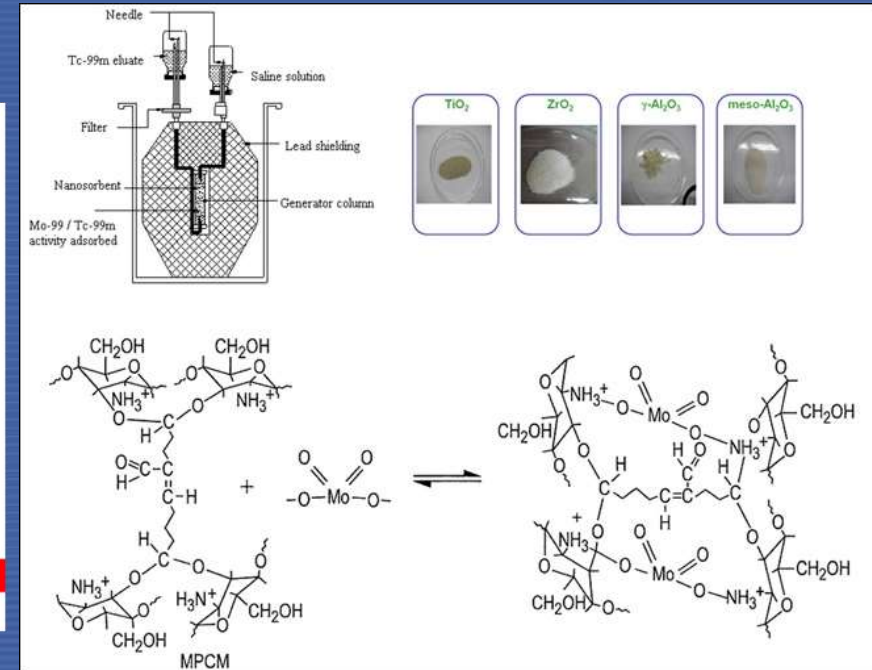
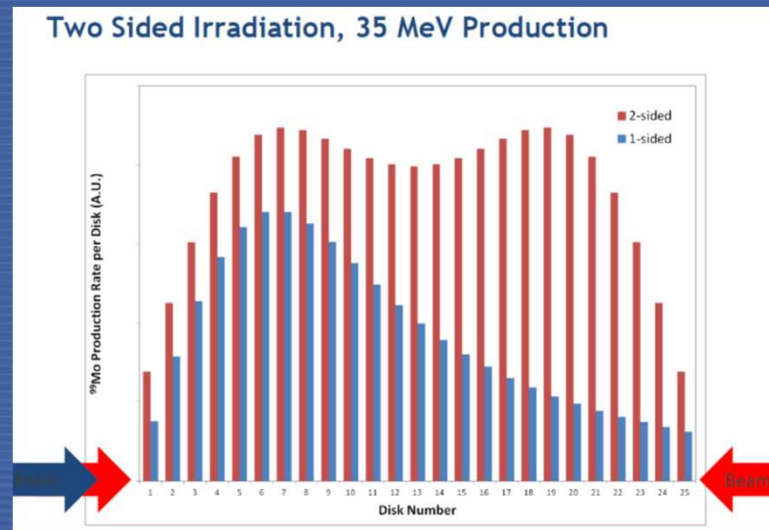
- Systemic uses for radiopharmaceutical Production
- Development of Ga-68 based PET-Radiopharmaceuticals for Management of Cancer and other Chronic Diseases

The production of Gallium 68 and other radioisotopes in cyclotrons is a critical tool in nuclear medicine and diagnostic imaging, and is often used in PET images in cancer therapy. (Image: Lowe, Pandey and DeGrado/Department of Radiology Mayo Clinic Rochester)

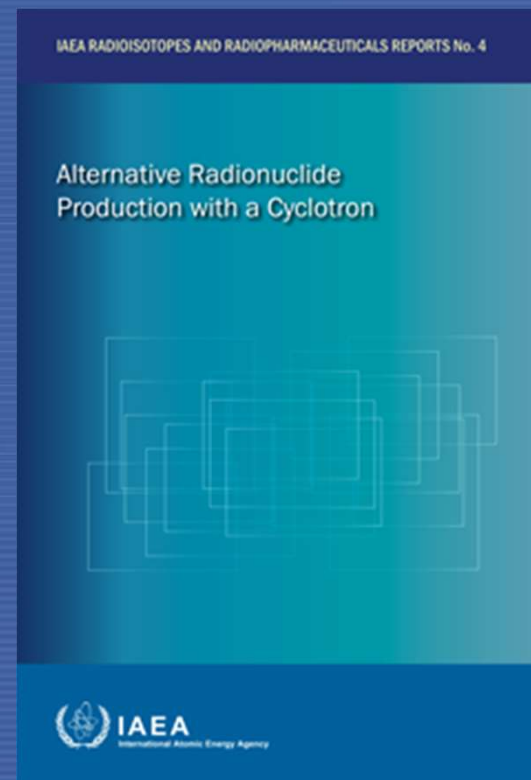
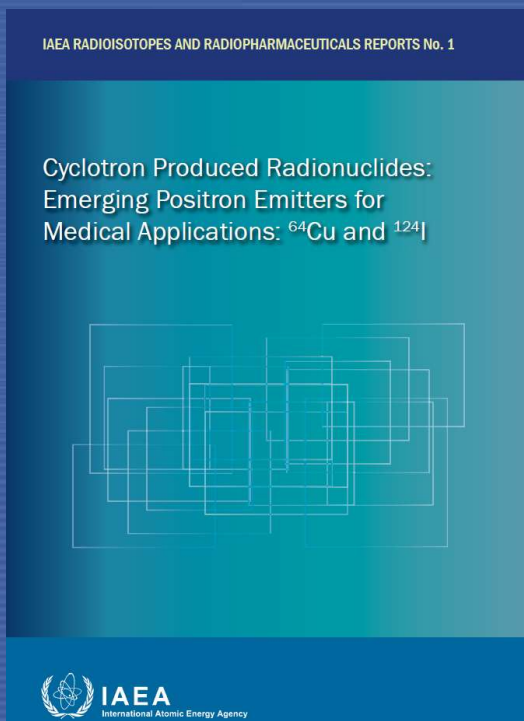
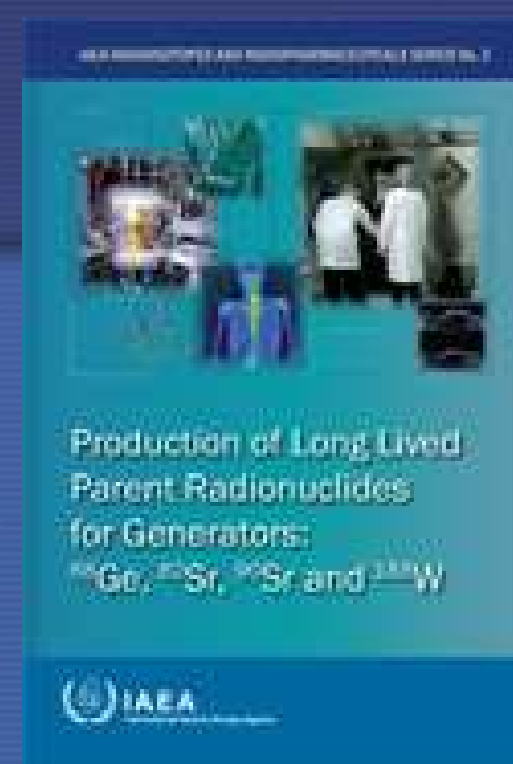
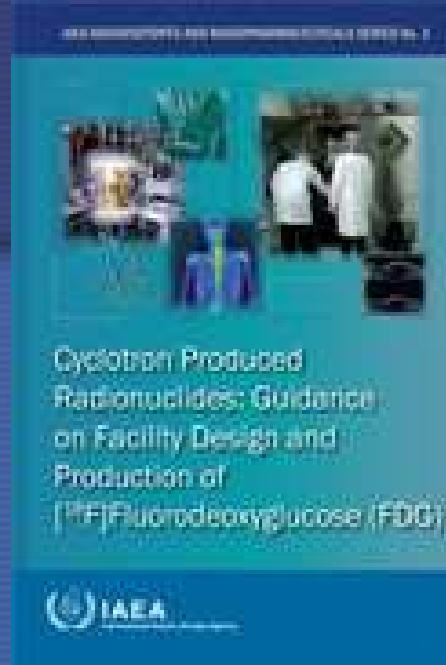
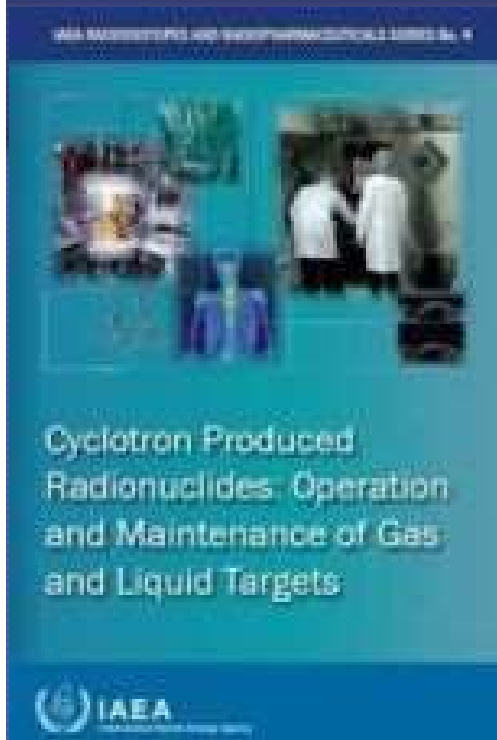
Theranostic radiopharmaceuticals are molecules that can safely carry

Photonuclear Route for Producing Tc-99m and Tc-99m Generators

- First Meeting: 11-15 December 2017
- 18 approved proposals
- Recommendation from Technical Meeting on same topic (March 2016)
- Aimed as use of low specific activity Mo-99 for generator preparation and accelerator production of Mo-99 (Mo-100 (γ,n) reaction)



publications



Links to the recent IAEA publications related to cyclotrons:

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- 1- <https://www.iaea.org/publications/13484/gallium-68-cyclotron-production>
- 2- <https://www.iaea.org/publications/10791/cyclotron-produced-radionuclides-emerging-positron-emitters-for-medical-applications-64cu-and-124i>
- 3- <https://www.iaea.org/publications/13422/quality-control-in-the-production-of-radiopharmaceuticals>
- 4- <https://www.iaea.org/publications/10829/good-practice-for-introducing-radiopharmaceuticals-for-clinical-use>
- 5- <https://www.iaea.org/publications/8783/cyclotron-produced-radionuclides-operation-and-maintenance-of-gas-and-liquid-targets>
- 6- <https://www.iaea.org/publications/8529/cyclotron-produced-radionuclides-guidance-on-facility-design-and-production-of-fluorodeoxyglucose-fdg>
- 7- <https://www.iaea.org/publications/7849/cyclotron-produced-radionuclides-principles-and-practice>
- 8- <https://www.iaea.org/publications/8046/cyclotron-produced-radionuclides-guidelines-for-setting-up-a-facility>
- 9- <https://www.iaea.org/publications/10990/cyclotron-based-production-of-technetium-99m>



Cyclotrons used for Radionuclide Production ⓘ

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Cyclotron Database



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Network of Women in Radiopharmaceutical Sciences

The IAEA Network of Women in Radiopharmaceutical Sciences is a professional network aiming at supporting, promoting and empowering women in radiopharmaceutical sciences.

Established in 2019 as an interest group under the umbrella of the [Women in Nuclear Global](#), the network aims at increasing the representation of female scientists and managers, especially in higher professional roles and decision-making positions, in the multidisciplinary field of radiopharmaceutical sciences.

To join the group, please fill out the membership form and send it at WRSNETWORK.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Coordinator: Aruna Korde, Radiopharmaceutical Scientist, IAEA

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DRAFT WORKING DOCUMENT FOR COMMENTS:

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)/
World Health Organization (WHO)
guideline on good manufacturing practices
for investigational radiopharmaceutical products

Please send your comments to **Dr Sabine Kopp**, Team Lead, Norms and Standards for Pharmaceuticals, Technical Standards and Specifications (kopps@who.int), with a copy to Ms Claire Vogel (vogelc@who.int) before **30 April 2021**. Please use the “Table of Comments” for this purpose.

Our working documents are sent out electronically and are also placed on the WHO Medicines website (<https://www.who.int/teams/health-product-and-policy-standards/standards-and-specifications/pharmaceuticals/current-projects>) for comments under the “*Working documents in public consultation*” link. If you wish to receive all our draft guidelines, please send your email address to jonessi@who.int and your name will be added to our electronic mailing list.

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