

CERN-MEDICIS :
research medical radionuclides
and
European programmes

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Visit of delegation TEN/833 of EESC committee*

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1145660/>



* The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall be assisted by an **Economic and Social Committee** (...) acting in an advisory capacity."

1957, Treaty on EU, Art. 13

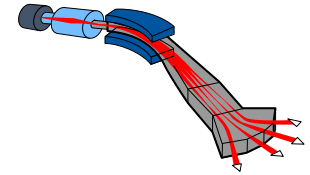
Did you say ?

research radionuclides



(production/purification)

in personalised medicine

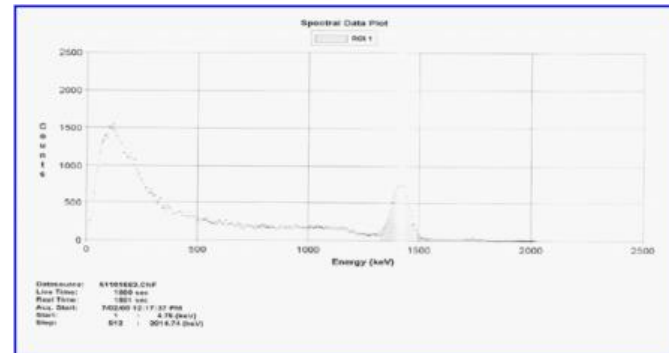


Radioisotopes in biological organisms

Daily, we “internalize” radiomarkers with rather well defined protocols

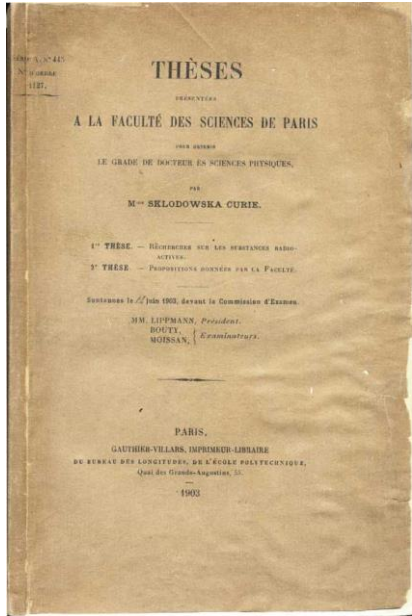


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Magnesium (Mg) 26
Nitrate (NO₃) 3.7
Potassium (K) 1
Silica (SiO₂) 15
Sodium (Na) 6.5
Sulfates (SO) 12.6
Website <http://www.evian.com>
All values in milligrams per liter (mg/l)



M Goma et al

The early days



Marie Skłodowska-Curie
1867-1934



Published:
May 12th 1921
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MME. CURIE PLANS TO END ALL CANCERS

Says Radium Is Sure Cure, Even
in Deep-Rooted Cases, if
Properly Treated.

Courtesy prof O. Ratib

While flying to a workshop in Manchester (in 2014)

While flying to a workshop in Manchester

100 Advertorial

Mikrokugeln gegen Leberkrebs
Tiny beads used to treat liver cancer

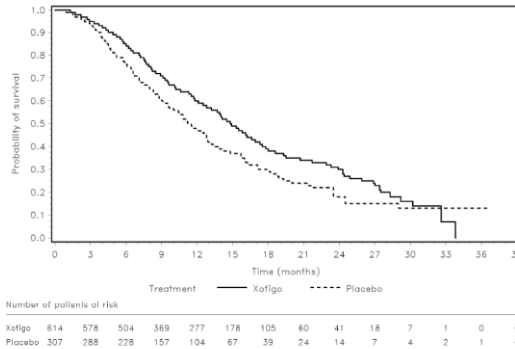


Die Hirslanden Klinik St. Anna in Luzern, Switzerland, provides a new high-dose radiotherapy treatment for liver tumours which works by injecting tiny beads straight into the tumour to be treated.

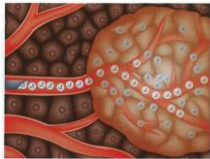
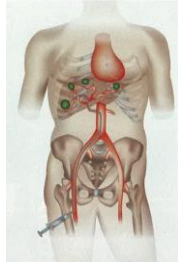
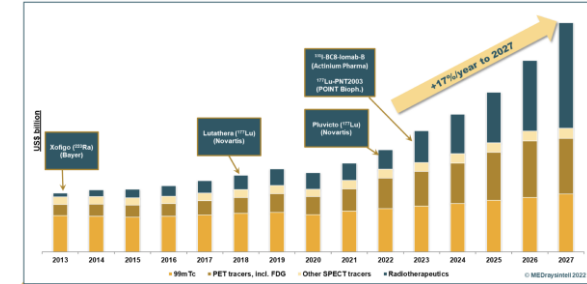


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Figure 1 – Courbes de survie globale de Kaplan-Meier (analyse actualisée)



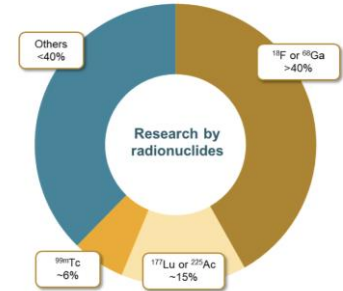
AAA bought by Novartis for 3.8 Bi\$ in 2017 (¹⁷⁷Lu-based drug)



Leaver treatment with microspheres loaded with ⁹⁰Y

ALSYMPCA Phase III clinical trial
<https://www.vidal.fr/medicaments/xofigo-1100-kbq-ml-sol-inj-164403.html>

Courtesy Prof. Ratib



Example of theranostics concept in pre-clinical research

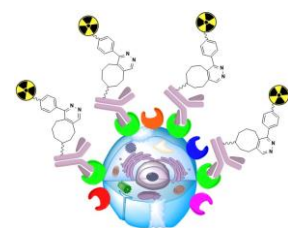
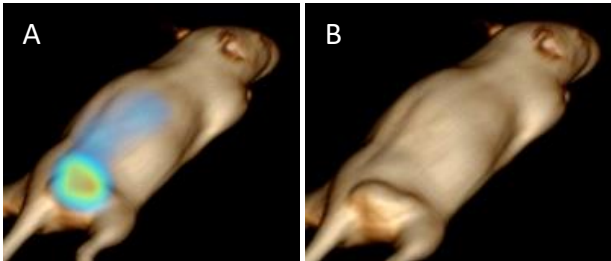
- PET 152-Terbium radionuclide in antibody-based targeted molecular therapy

Diagnostics

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

ORIGINAL RESEARCH Open Access

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



THERAPY



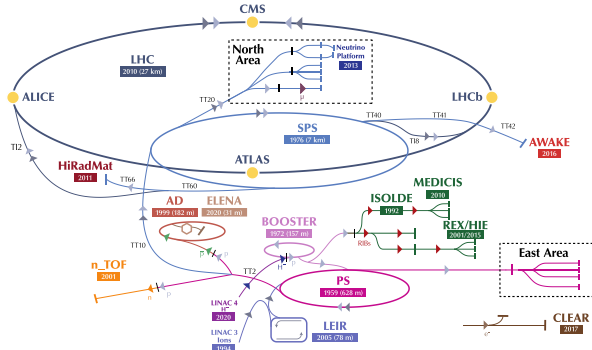
Matched therapeutic Tb

Tb 149 4.2 m α 3.99 β^+ 160... γ 796; 165...	Tb 152 4.1 h α 3.97 β^+ 1.8 γ 332; 165...	Tb 155 5.32 d α 87; 105... γ 26; 49; 75...	Tb 161 6.90 d α 263; 160... β^+ 2.8... γ 344; 344; 585; 411...
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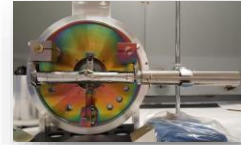
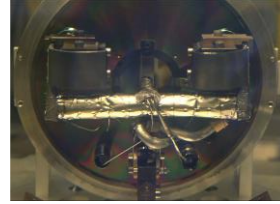
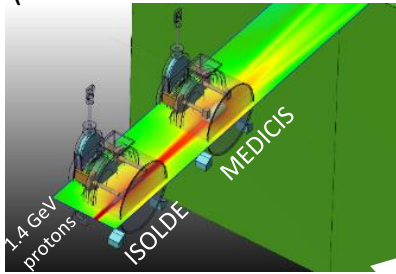
C. Müller *et al.*,
Journal of nuclear medicine 53.12 (2012):
 1951.

Mass separation as applied in MEDICIS in a snapshot

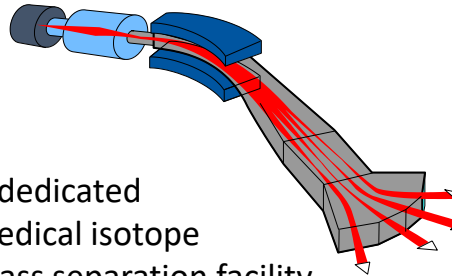
The CERN accelerator complex
Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN



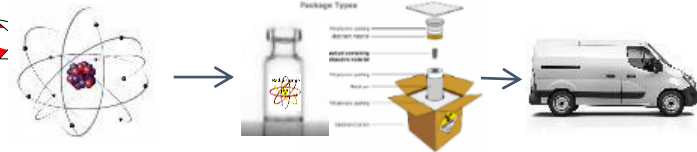
“Free” proton beam
(otherwise lost in the dump)



Cyclotron or reactor target transfer into Isotope mass separation unit

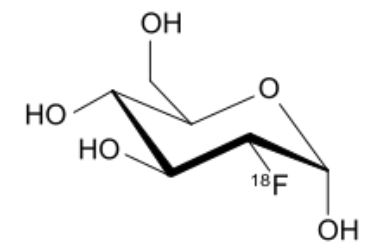
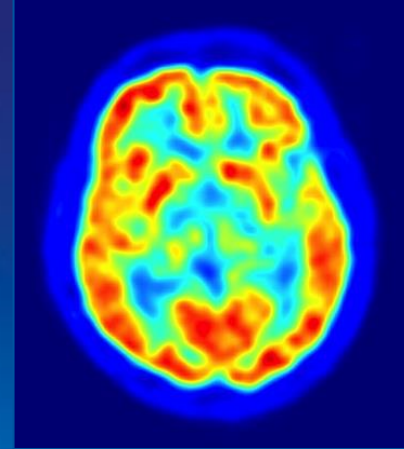
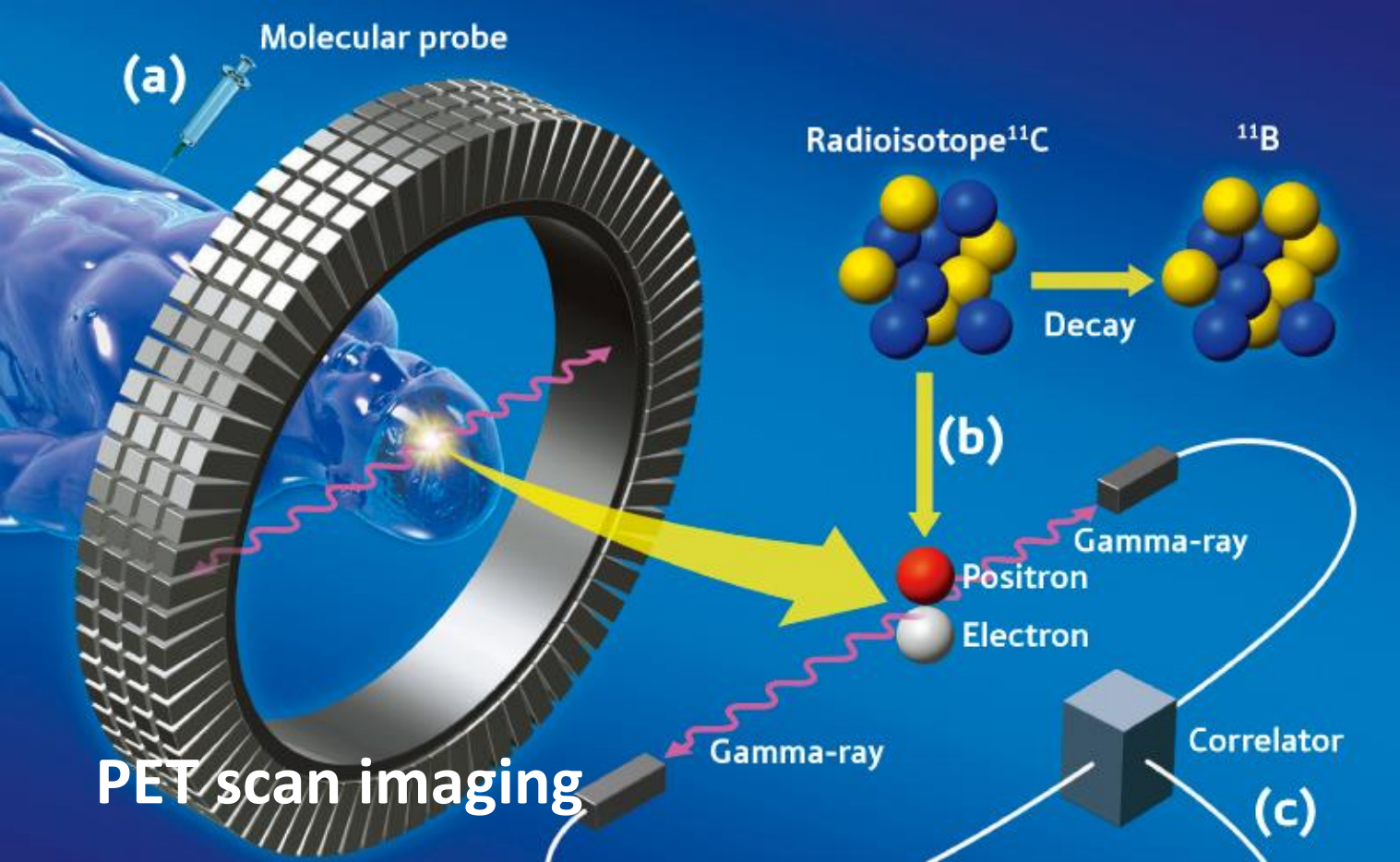


A dedicated medical isotope Mass separation facility in Europe.



From CERN- MEDICIS to the lab/Hospital

Some MEDICIS isotopes :
High activity Sm-153, Ba/Cs-128, Tm/Er-165



Fluorodésoxyglucose (^{18}F)

PET-CT scan imaging

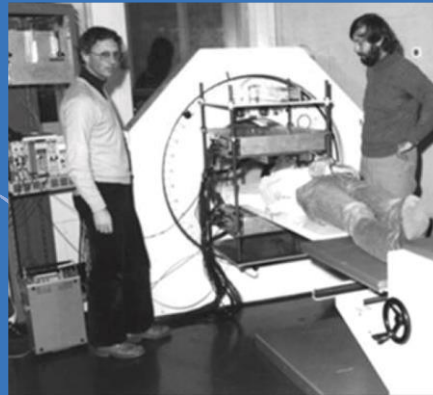
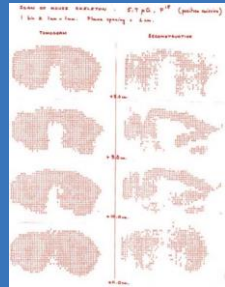
1977

Alan Jeavons and David Townsend

Alan Jeavons and David Townsend

built and used in Geneva Hospital

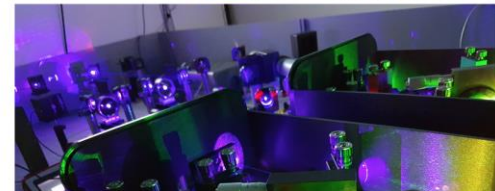
a PET system based on
high-density avalanche gas chambers
HIDACs



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WELCOME TO CERN-MEDICIS !

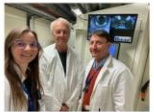


NEWS!

• 04/2024
The facility restarts for 2024!



• 02/2024
David Townsend, co-inventor of
the PET-CT visited MEDICIS



Courtesy Ugo Amaldi

<https://home.cern/news/news/knowledge-sharing/forty-years-first-pet-image-cern>



Thierry Stora – EESC visit at CERN & HUG – 26 Avr 2024



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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

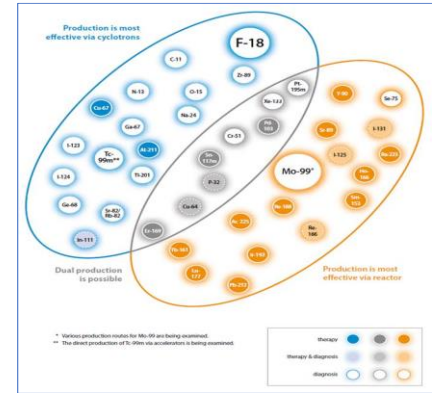
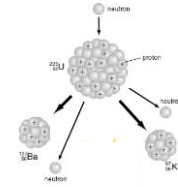
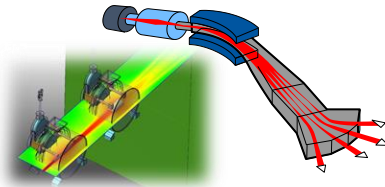
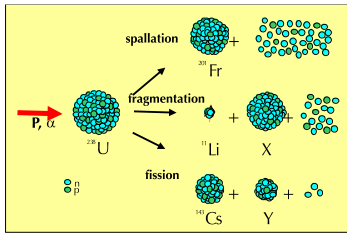


Figure 31 : Main medical radioisotopes production process

European Commission
 ENER/17/NUCL/SI2.75566
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 (2018)

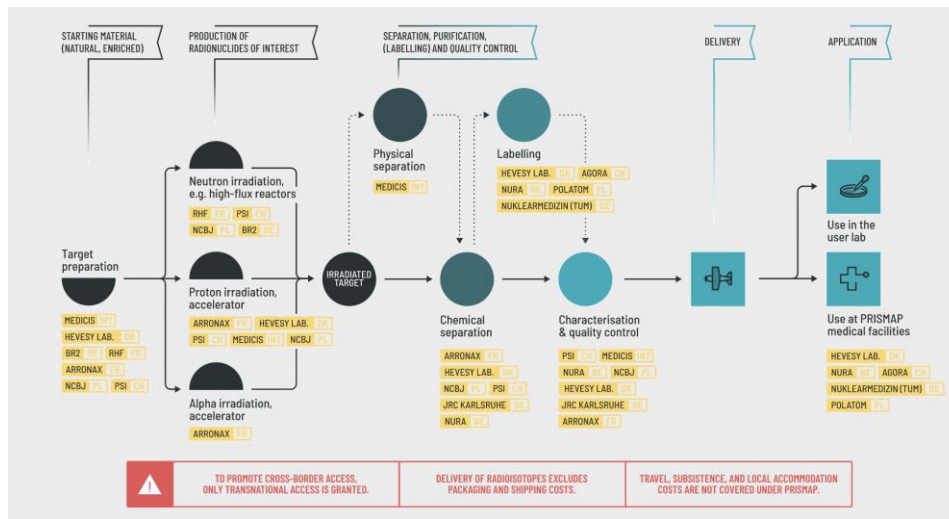
$$I_{[pps]} \sim F_{[pps]} S_{[barn]} N_{[g/cm^2]} \quad \text{production rate}$$

$10^{10}pps \quad 100 \times A \quad (6.10^{14}) \quad 1mbarn \quad 1g/cm^2 \text{ for } A_{target}=30g/mol$

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

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

What is in the back of PRISMAP



<p>MEDICIS European organization for nuclear research - CERN</p>	<p>PSI Paul Scherrer Institut - PSI</p>	<p>Hevesy Laboratory Danmarks Tekniske Universitet - DTU</p>	<p>BR2 Belgian Nuclear Research Centre - SCK CEN</p>	<p>ARRONAX Groupement interet public ARRONAX - ARRONAX</p>
<p>RHF Institut Max von Laue - Paul Langevin - ILL</p>	<p>JRC Karlsruhe Joint Research Centre - European Commission - JRC</p>	<p>NCBJ Narodowe Centrum Badań Jądrowych - NCBJ</p>		

Our initial proposal for day-1 radionuclides

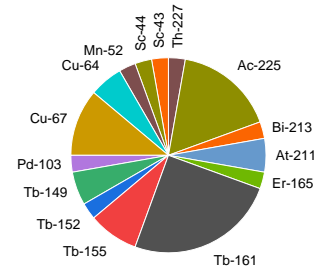
Table 1. PRISMAP day-1 radionuclides.

Radionuclide	Application	Imaging(I)/ Treatment(T)/ Generator(G)	Production reaction
Sc-44/Sc-44m	PET	I	$^{44}\text{Ca}(p,n); ^{44}\text{Ca}(d,2n)$
Sc-47	β^- therapy, SPECT	I/T	$^{46}\text{Ca}(n,\gamma)^{47}\text{Ca}(\beta^-)$
Cu-64	PET	I	$^{64}\text{Ni}(p,n); ^{64}\text{Ni}(d,2n)$
Cu-67	β^- therapy, SPECT	I/T	$^{68}\text{Zn}(p,2p); ^{70}\text{Zn}(p,\alpha)$
Ag-111	β^- therapy, SPECT, TDPAC	I/T	$^{110}\text{Pd}(n,\gamma)^{111}\text{Pd}(\beta^-); ^{110}\text{Pd}(d,n)$
La-135	Auger therapy	T	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ba}(p,X)$
Tb-149	α therapy, PET	I/T	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ta}(p,\text{spall})$
Tb-152	PET	I	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ta}(p,\text{spall})$
Tb-155	Auger therapy, SPECT	I	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ta}(p,\text{spall})$
Tb-161	β^- therapy, SPECT	I/T	$^{160}\text{Gd}(n,\gamma)$
Dy-166	Generator for Ho-166 (β^- therapy, SPECT)	G	$^{164}\text{Dy}(n,\gamma)(n,\gamma)$
Er-165	Auger emitter	T	$^{165}\text{Ho}(p,n)$
Tm-165	Generator for Er-165 (Auger therapy)	G	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ta}(p,\text{spall})$
Er-169	β^- therapy	T	$^{168}\text{Er}(n,\gamma)$
Yb-175	β^- therapy, (SPECT)	T	$^{174}\text{Yb}(n,\gamma)$
Pt-195m	Auger therapy, SPECT	I/T	$^{194}\text{Pt}(n,\gamma)$
Bi-213	α therapy	T	^{225}Ac generator
At-211	α therapy	T	$^{209}\text{Bi}(\alpha,2n)$
Ac-225	α therapy	T	^{229}Th generator; $^{232}\text{Th}(p,\text{spall})$



And at call 4 :

- www.prismap.eu/radionuclides/portfolio/224Ra/
- www.prismap.eu/radionuclides/portfolio/203Pb/



PRISMAP in a nutshell

- Provide access to new radionuclides and new purity grades for the medical research → 16 non-conventional radionuclides (amongst the 28)
→ 31 research groups from 12 countries
→ 32 projects covering the different aspects of translational medical research.
- Create a common entry port and web interface to the starting research community

- Enhance clarity and regulatory procedures to foster research with radiopharmaceuticals
- Improve the delivered radionuclide data and regulation along with biomedical research capacity
- Ensure long-term sustainability of PRISMAP

User projects and services

In vivo cellular & molecular imaging lab (ICMI)
VU Brussels
Imaging and Pathology
KU Leuven
Molecular Imaging Center
Antwerp

Pharmaceutical Radiochemistry
TU Munich
Radiopharmaceutical Cancer Research
Dresden (CZ)

UGA – Inserm
La Tronche
Radiopharmacy
Bordeaux

CEMHTI Radiochemistry
Orleans
Radiochemistry
Hopital Frederic Joliot
Orsay

Inserm
Montpellier (PT)

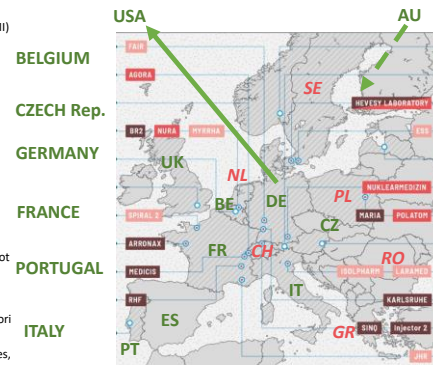
Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori
Milano

Dep Molecular Biotechnology Health Sciences,
Torino

Radiochemistry unit,
Hospital Gregorio Marañón
Madrid

Biomedical Engineering and Imaging Science
London

 T. Stora, CERN – CM6 – Nov 2023



<https://www.prismap.eu/access/user-projects/>

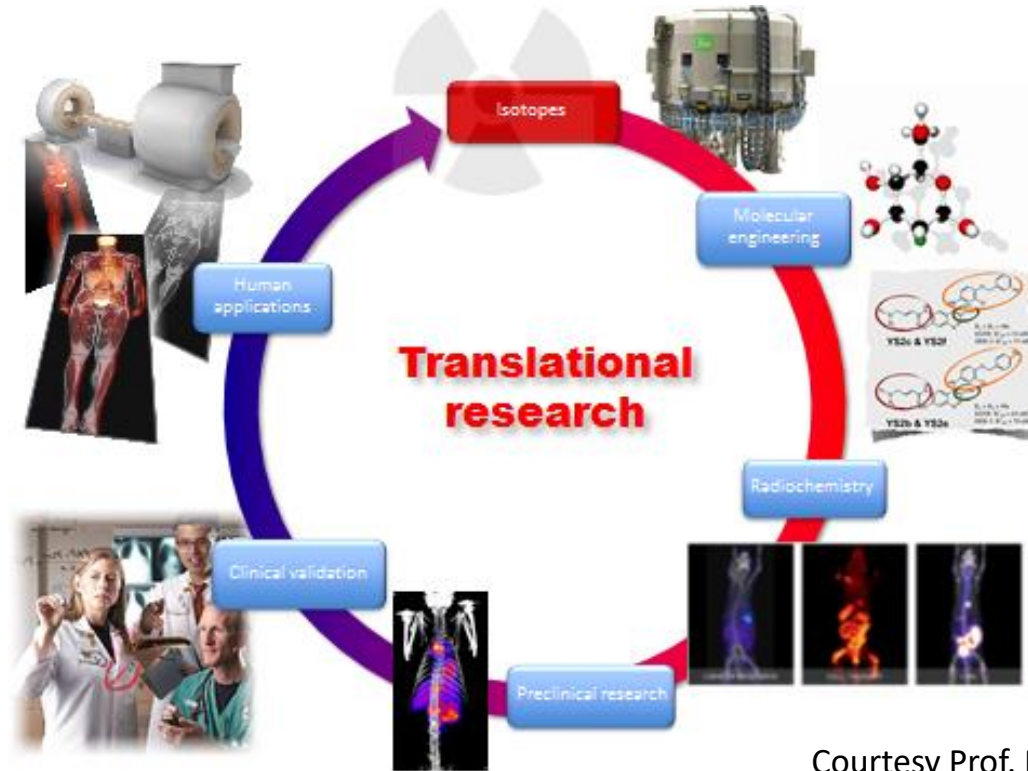
After call 4 :
x2 projects (16 → 33) 1 → US
+50% countries (8 → 12 UK/CH)
Southern & Eastern () EC country*
(W → W,S,E+ Sweden most N)
35() research teams*

Did you say ?

in personalised medicine

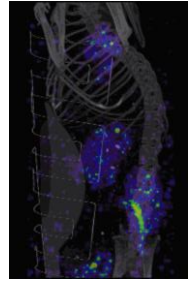


How to progress in the field ?



Courtesy Prof. MD Osman Ratib
in the context of CERN-MEDICIS

From low to high specific activity radiopharmaceuticals for theranostics



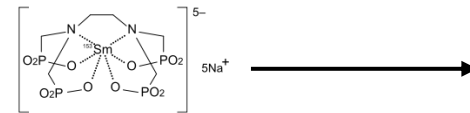
$^{223}\text{RaCl}_2$



^{177}Lu -DOTATATE



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



[Production of Sm-153 with high specific activity for targeted radionuclide therapy](#)

M. van Voorde et al.

^{153}Sm -DOTATATE or other ?

Thank you ! Questions ?

- Some references (highly specialised) :
- Therapeutic nuclear medicine, Richard Baum ed. ISBN: 978-3-540-36719-2
- <https://medical-radionuclides.eu>
- Frontiers in Medicine : Advances in Radioactive Ion Beams for Nuclear Medicine (J. Prior, C. Decristoforo, T. Stora eds) ISBN 978-2-83250-522-9
- IAEA TecDoc <https://www.iaea.org/topics/nuclear-science/isotopes>



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