

Medical Application of Radioactive Ion Beams

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DIAGNOSIS

SPECT (SINGLE PHOTON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY)

- * increase of diagnostic value
- * new radiopharmaceuticals
- * dedicated instrumentation & quantification

PET AS RESEARCH TOOL

- * Gene expression
- * Clinical research

PET AS CLINICAL TOOL

- * Oncology
- * Reimbursement of PET-studies
- * Neurology
- * Cardiology

Multi - modality Imaging

- * combined SPECT -PET
(image of the year at the 46.SNM)
- * Function and morphology
(*PET - CT*)

THERAPIE

NEW APPROACHES IN RADIONUCLIDE THERAPY

- * bio-selective antibodies
(mab = monoclonal antibodies)
- * bio-specific peptides
(Octreotides, others)
- * gene therapy
- * free chelators like EDTMP
- * labelled particles (microspheres, colloids)
- * labelled macromolecules

NEW RADIONUCLIDES for THERAPY

- * β - emitters
- * α -emitters

α -THERAPY & AUGER THERAPY

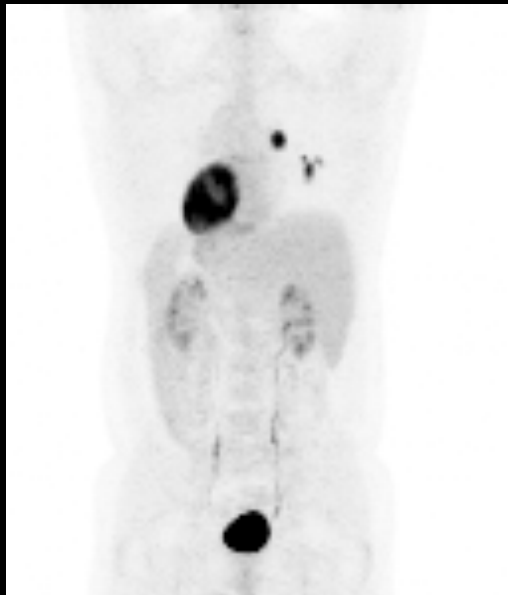
PET FOR IN VIVO DOSIMETRY

- * metallic positron emitters
- * labelled drugs
- * dose localization

3D whole-body PET

ECAT HR+

25 year-old male with Melanoma,
71 kg, 178 cm, 625 MBq FDG, 45 min p.i.

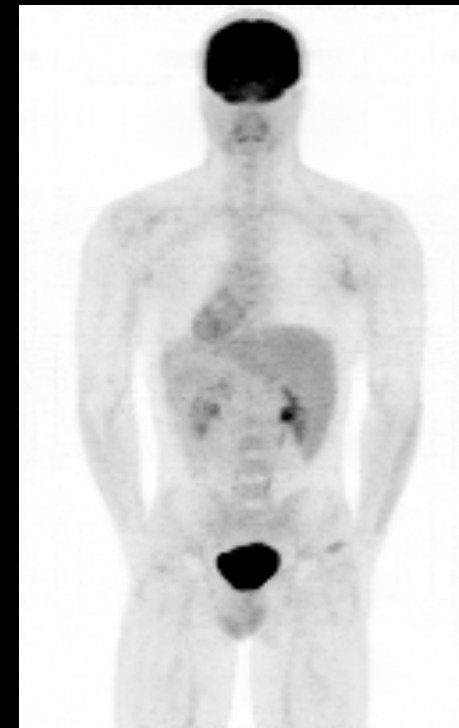


Emission scan time: 54 min
Transmission scan time: 18 min

Data courtesy of
Kettering Memorial Hospital, Kettering, USA

ECAT ACCEL

50 year-old male with colon CA
91 kg, 183 cm, 720 MBq FDG, 162 min p.i.



Emission scan time: 27 min
Transmission scan time: 18 min

Data courtesy of
NC PET Imaging Center, Sacramento, USA

Clinical PET/CT protocols

The biograph



ISOTOPES in Therapy = surgery with radiation

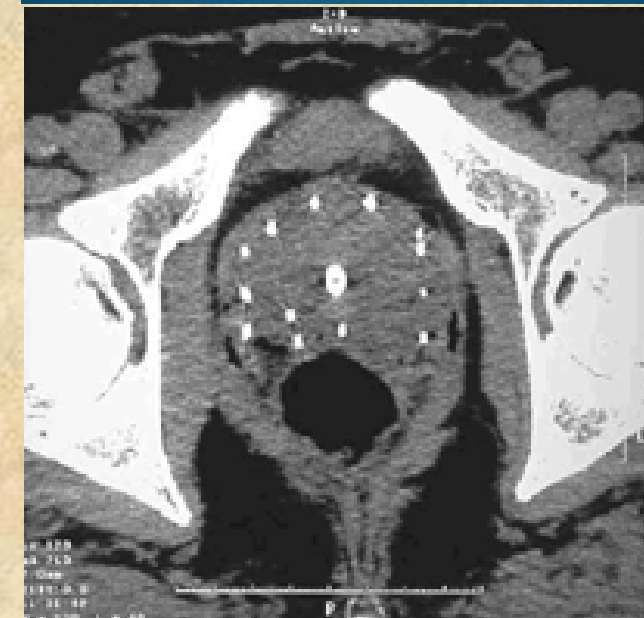
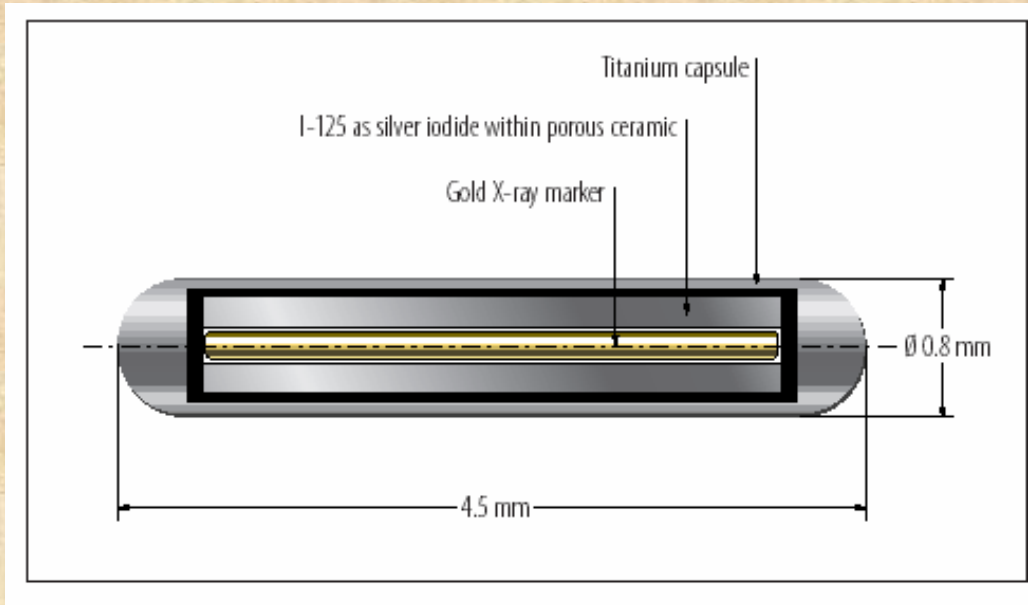
	Tissue surgery	Cell surgery	Molecular surgery
ISOTOPE	^{131}I , ^{90}Y , ^{153}Sm , ^{166}Ho , ^{177}Lu Others E_{β} 1 – 3 MeV	$^{212}, ^{213}\text{Bi}$, ^{211}At , ^{149}Tb , $^{223}, ^{224}\text{Ra}$ E_{α} 4–8 MeV	^{125}I ^{165}Er E_e few eV
Range	about 1 cm	30 – 80 μm	1 μm
	β -Knife	α -Knife	Auger Knife



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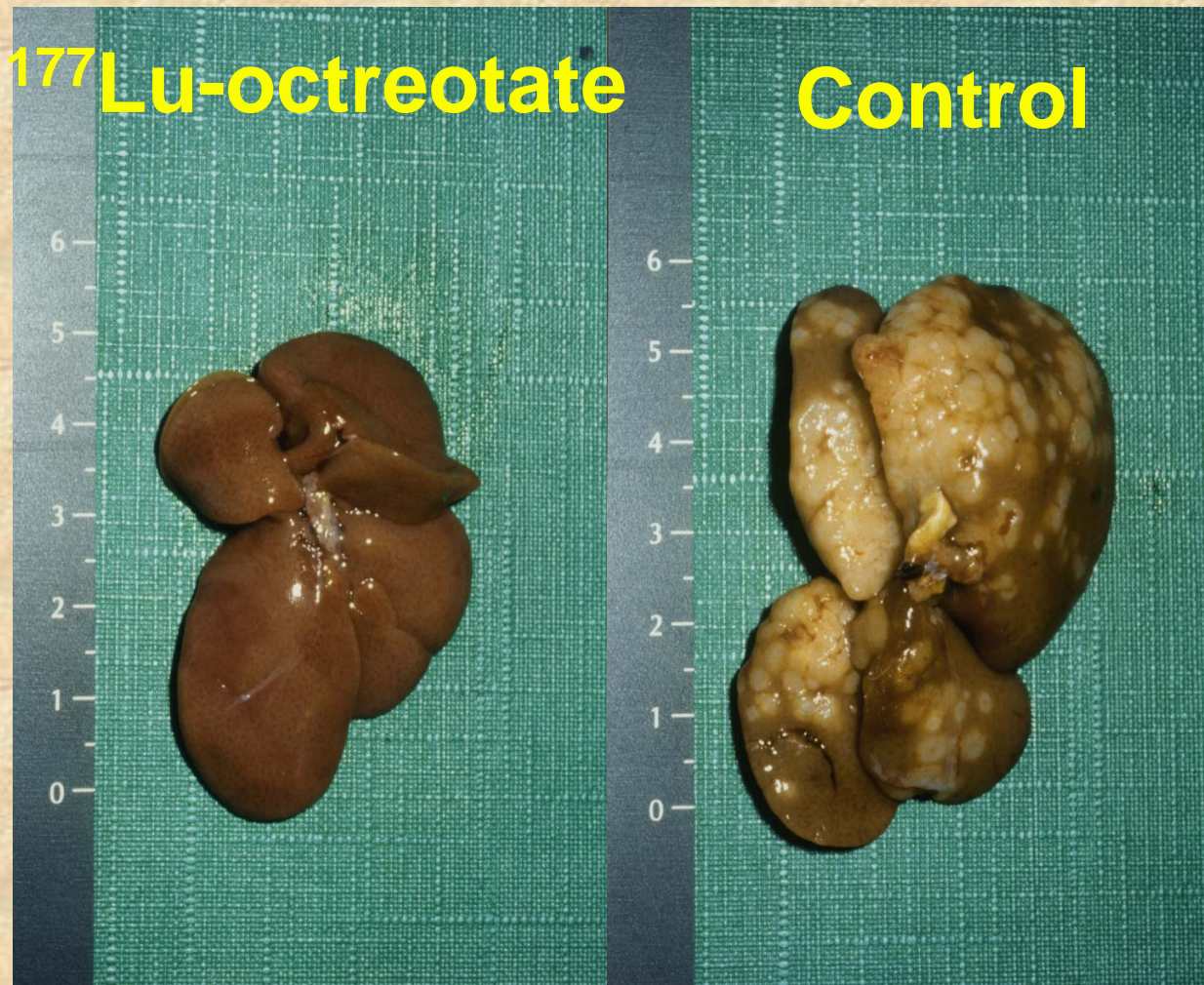
IsoSeed I-125



The IsoSeed is equipped with a high-density gold marker providing excellent CT visibility. The full-length marker allows easy and precise location of each seed and produces minimal artefacts. This enhances the precision of the post-implant quality control.

Rats with SSR-positive tumours in liver model mimics disseminated disease \Rightarrow PRRT

(PRRT = Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy)

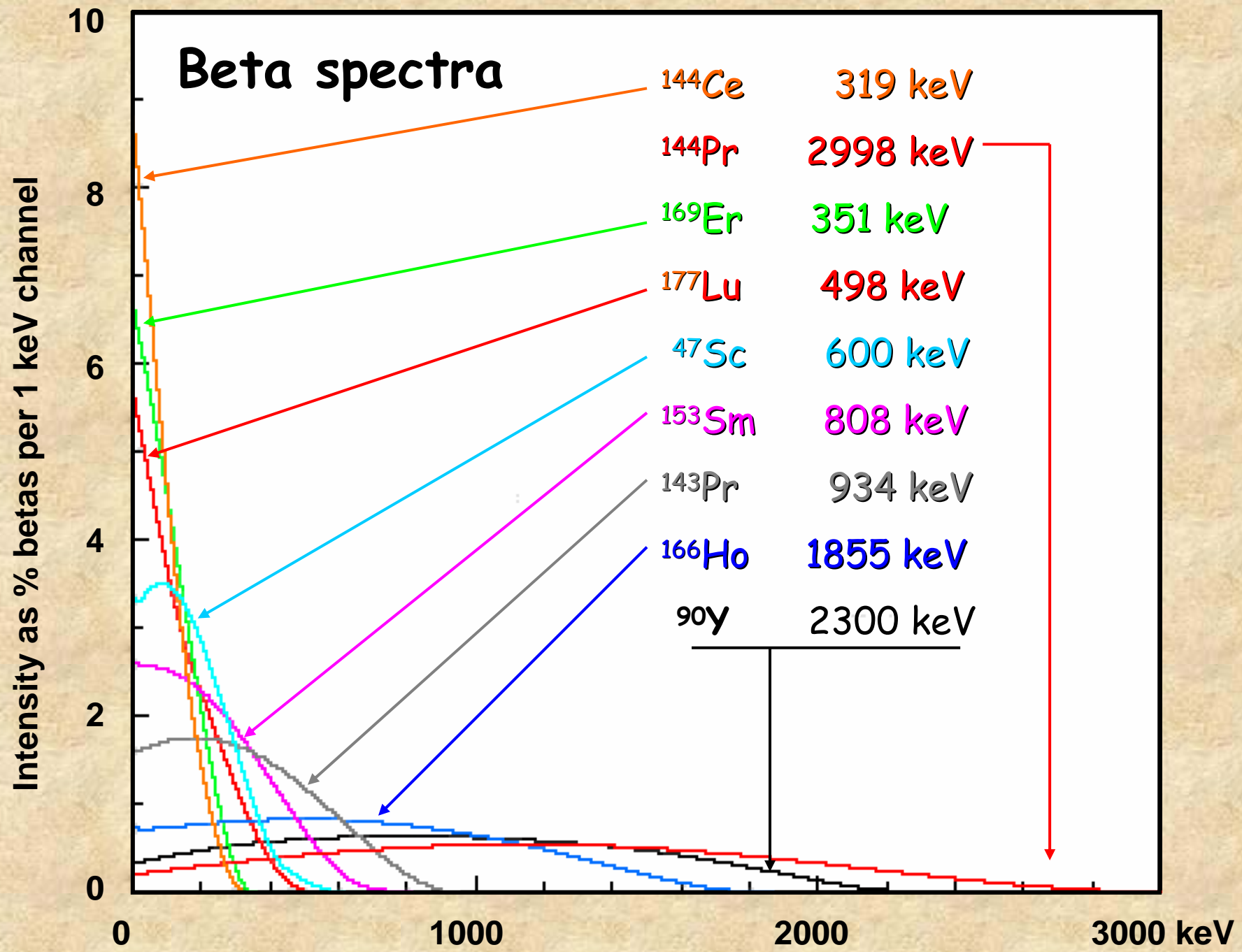


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Int J of Cancer 2003

Questions to be answered:

- Relationship between radiation dose delivered to a lesion and the therapeutic response
**In vivo dosimetry by quantitative PET imaging:
need for β^+ -emitting metallic radionuclides**
- Relationship between beta - energy and therapeutic response
**Variation of radionuclides with different β -energy:
need for metallic β^- -emitters with very different energy**

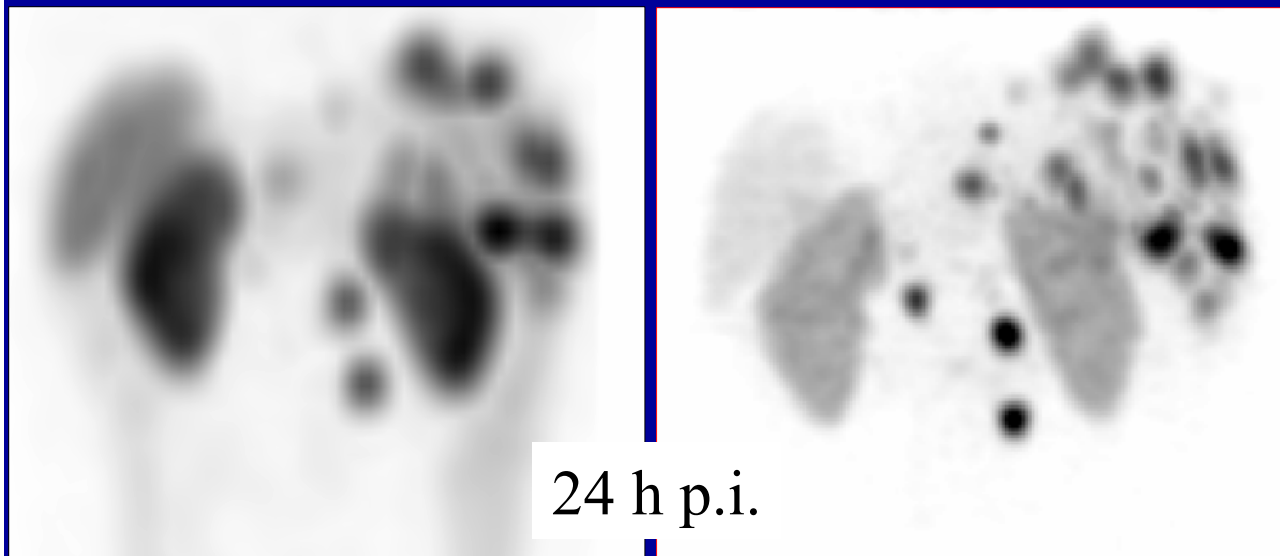
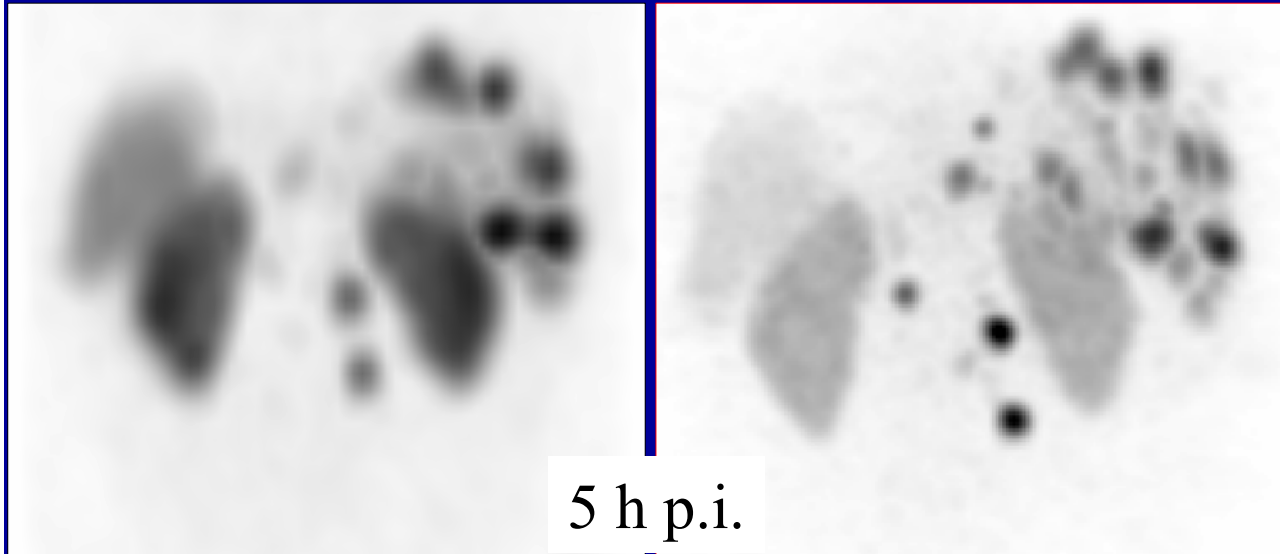


β^+ emitters
for
in vivo dosimetry

**[¹¹¹In]DTPA-
octreotide
SPECT**

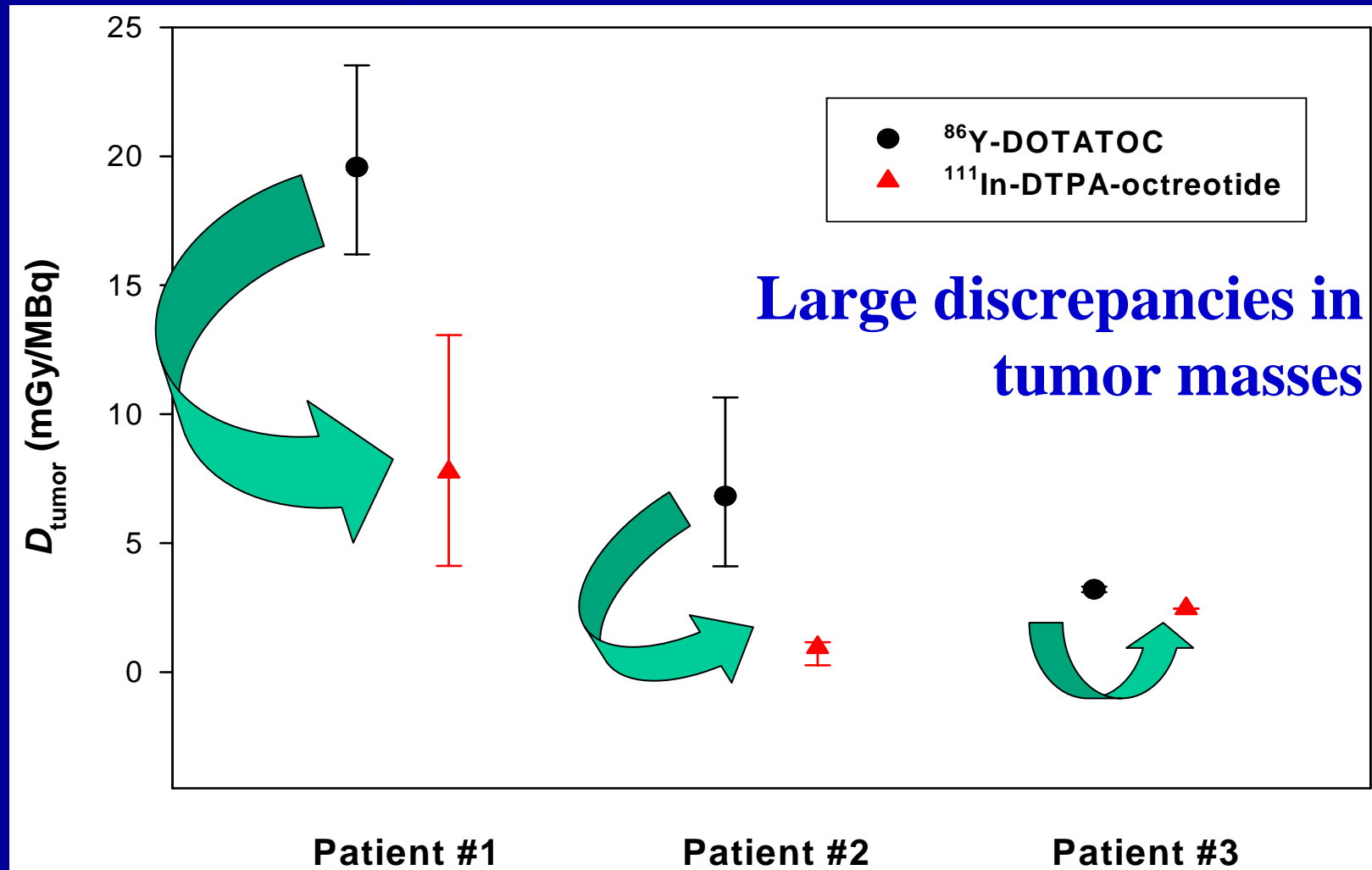
**[⁸⁶Y]DOTA-DPhe¹-Tyr³-
octreotide
PET**

**Scintigraphic abdominal
images 5 & 24 h p.i.
affected by
carcinoid with
extensive hepatic and
paraaortal metastases.**



- Patients:
- 3 patients with metastases of carcinoid tumor (histologically confirmed)
 - No therapy with unlabeled somatostatin > 4 weeks
 - Age: 46 – 67 years, male
 - All were candidates for a possible ⁹⁰Y-DOTATOC therapy

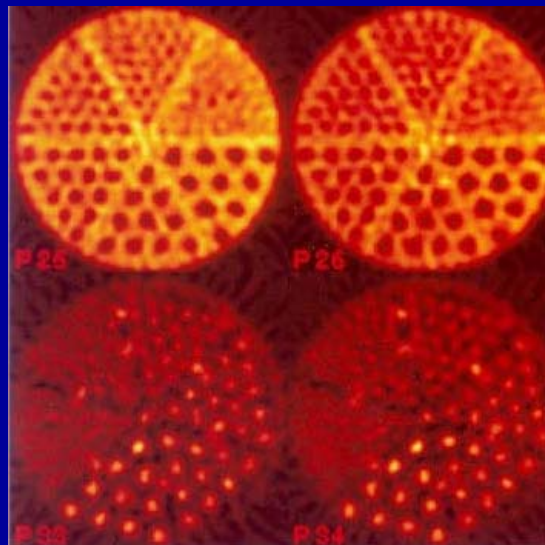
Radiation doses for [⁹⁰Y]DOTATOC therapy (based on [⁸⁶Y]DOTATOC-PET)



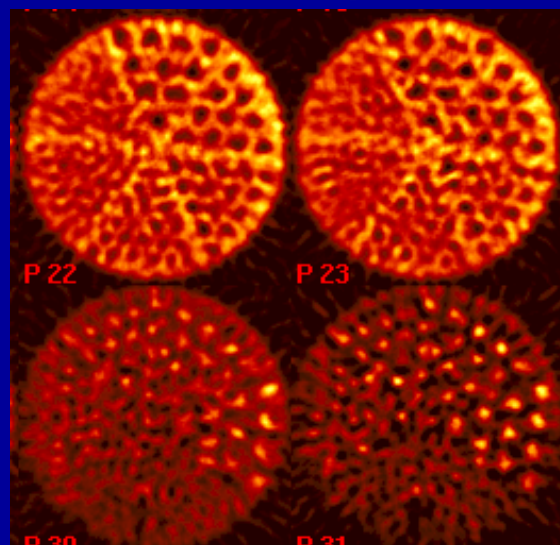
Rare Earth Elements - Positron Emitters

Nuclide	T _{1/2}	% β ⁺	MeV	MeV γ / %	Production Route
⁴³ Sc	3.9 h	88	1.2		⁴³ Ca (p,n) ⁴³ Sc, ⁴⁴ Ca (p,2n) ⁴³ Sc
⁴⁴ Sc	3.9 h	94	1.5		⁴⁴ Ti decay (generator), ⁴⁵ Sc (p,2n) ⁴⁴ Ti V, Ti (p,spall)
^{85m} Y	4.9 h	67	2.3	238 34	⁸⁶ Sr (p,2n) ^{85m} Y, ISOLDE
⁸⁶ Y	14.7 h	32	1.2	637 33 1077 83	⁸⁶ Sr (p,n) ⁸⁶ Y ISOLDE
¹³⁴ Ce	75.9 h	EC		No	Ta, Er, Gd (p,spall)
¹³⁴ Pr	6.7 m	64	2.7	605	¹³² Ba (α,2n) ¹³⁴ Ce
¹³⁸ Nd	5.2 h	EC		No	Ta, Er, Gd (p,spall)
¹³⁸ Pr	1.5 m	76	3.4	789 4	¹³⁶ Ce (α,2n) ¹³⁸ Nd, ISOLDE
¹⁴⁰ Nd	3.4 d	EC		No	Ta, Er, Gd (p,spall), ISOLDE
¹⁴⁰ Pr	3.4 m	50	2.4	No	¹⁴¹ Pr (p,2n) ¹⁴⁰ Nd,
¹⁴² Sm	72.4 m	6	1.5	No	Ta, Er, Gd (p,spall), ISOLDE
¹⁴² Pm	40.5 s	78	3.9	No	¹⁴² Nd (α,4n) ¹⁴² Sm
¹⁵² Tb	17.5 h	20	2.8	Div	Ta (p,spall) ISOLDE ¹⁵² Gd (p,4n) ¹⁴⁹ Tb, ¹⁴² Nd(¹² C,5n) ¹⁴⁹ Dy

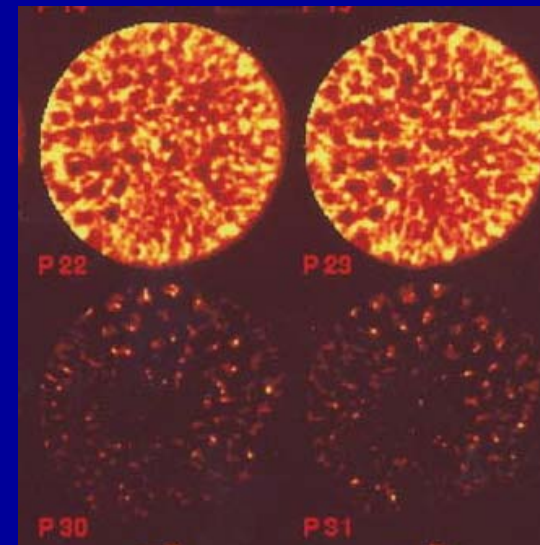
$^{134}\text{Ce}/\text{La}$



$^{140}\text{Nd}/\text{Pr}$



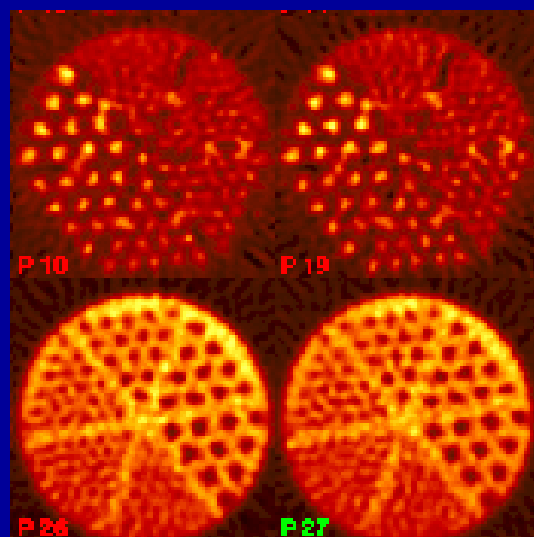
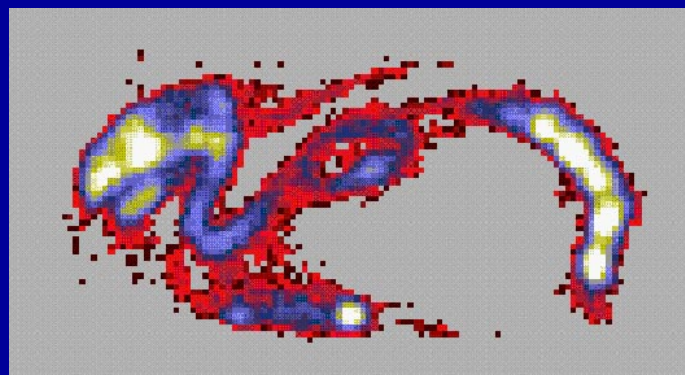
^{149}Tb



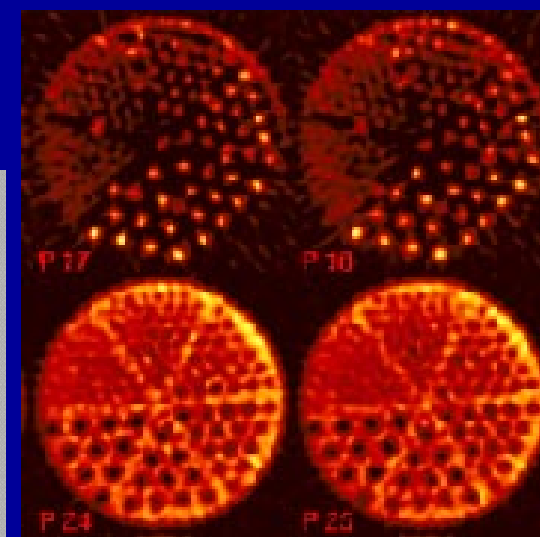
Positron emitting radiolanthanides

PET phantom studies

$^{142}\text{SmEDTMP}$ in vivo study



$^{138}\text{Nd}/\text{Pr}$



^{152}Tb

$^{142}\text{Sm}/\text{Pm}$

**α -emitters
for therapy**

5*10⁶ limfoma cells injected to all mice (Daudi cells of Burkitt limfoma)

NO treatment



2 days later the mice have been divided into 4 groups:

5 µg Mo Ab (Rituximab, specific to CD20 antigens of B cells)

300 µg MoAb

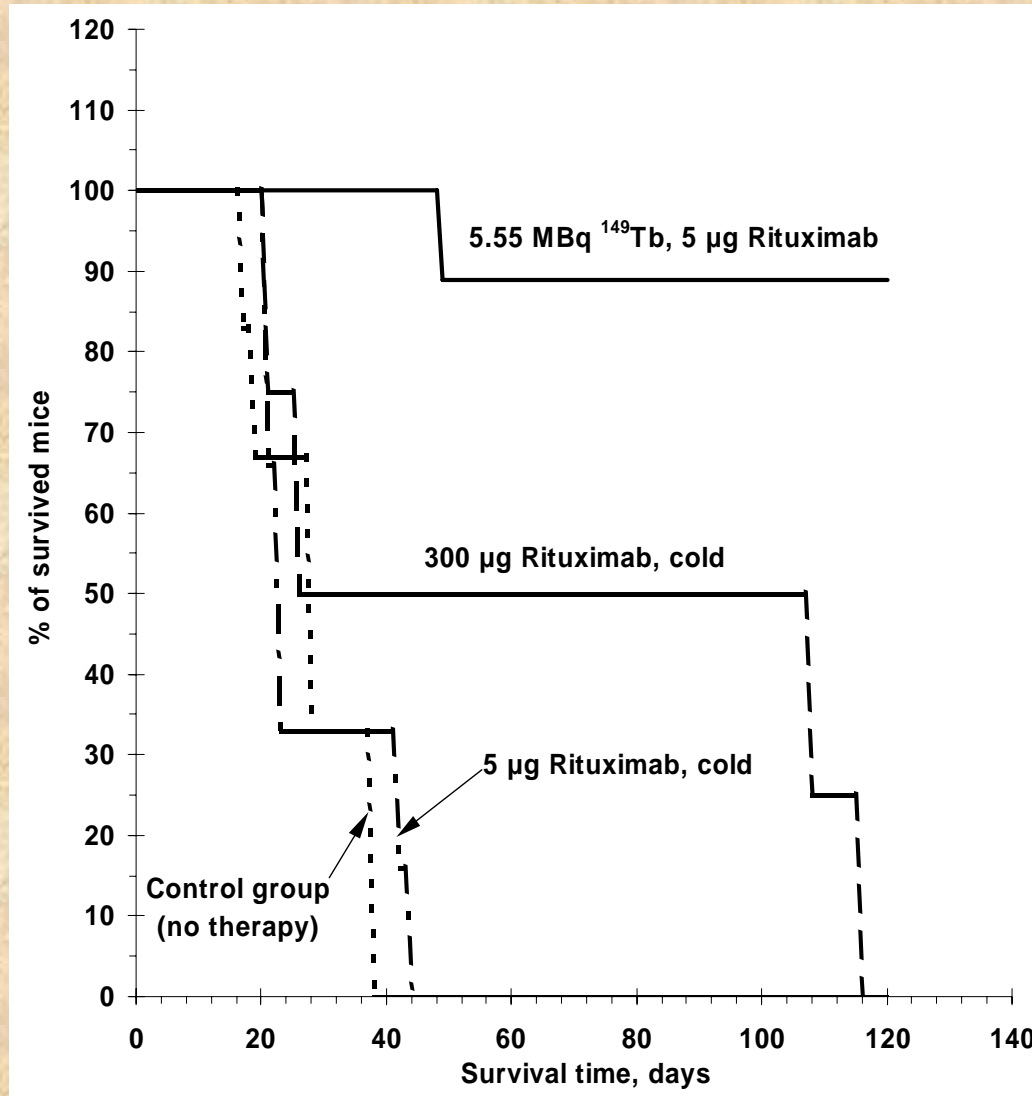
5 MBq ¹⁴⁹Tb-MoAb (5 µg MoAb)



First in vivo experiment to demonstrate the efficiency of alpha targeted therapy using ¹⁴⁹Tb produced at ISOLDE, Summer 2001

SCID mice (Severe Combined Immunodeficient)

Targeted Alpha Therapy (TAT) in vivo - direct evidence for single cancer cell kill using ^{149}Tb -Rituximab



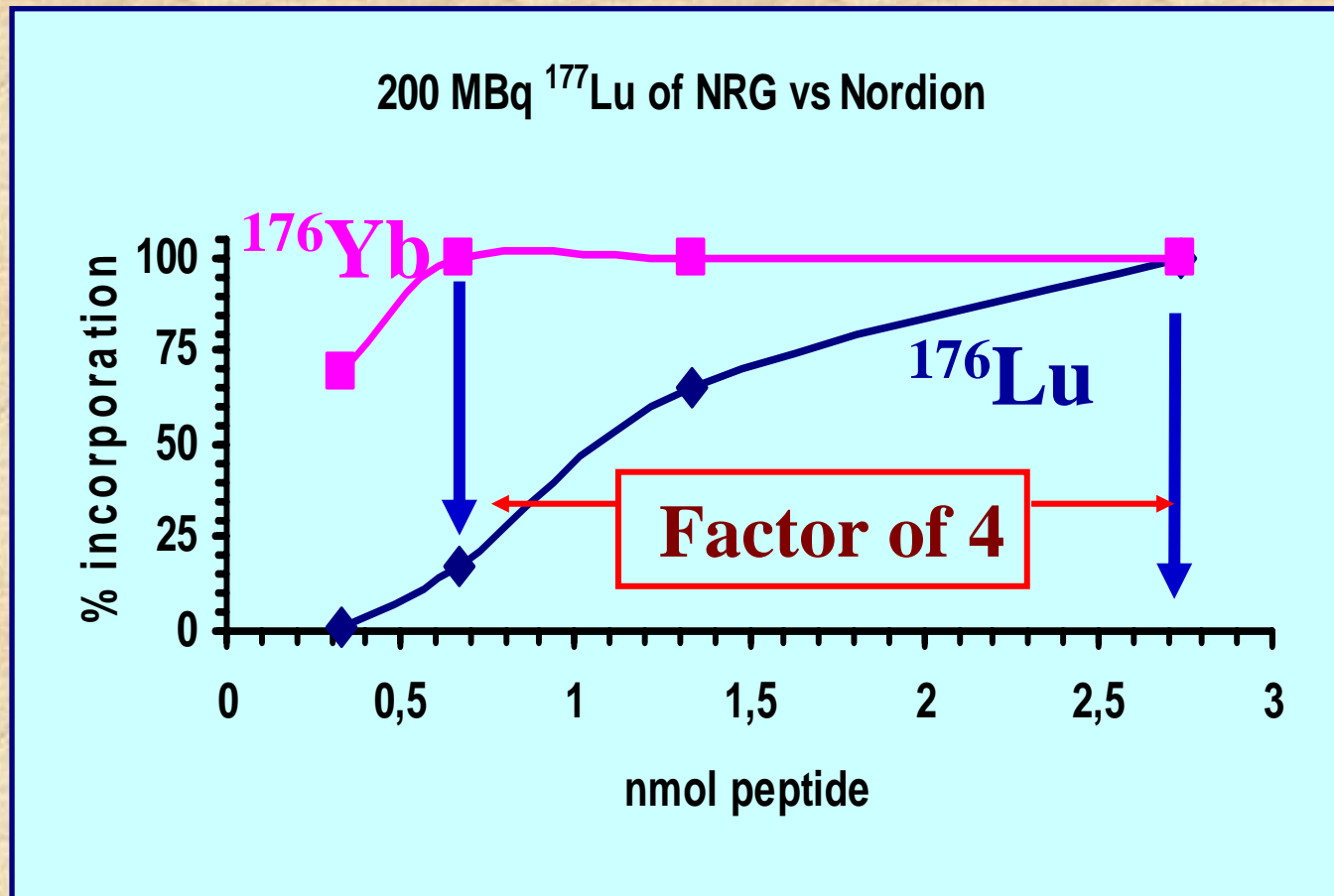
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Why is high specific activity that important?

- The receptor density is low for peptide ligands
- The infusion speed is limited for certain therapeutical approaches
- We do not want to delute our biospecific ligands with inactive atoms

Influence of production mode for ^{177}Lu ^{176}Lu -route versus ^{176}Yb -route

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200 MBq ^{177}Lu
incubation:
pH = 4.5
T = 80 oC
T = 20 min
Peptide variation

Low carrier - shorter infusion time

Radioisotopes for:

- Diagnosis:
 - „Classical Radioisotopes“, Market more or less saturated, slow increase for ^{99}Mo , strong increase for ^{18}F
- Therapy:
 - Fast growing demand (15 % per year), (other source: 100 fold until 2020 y) new isotopes required, β^- , α , Auger-
new quality parameters: carrierfree
- **R&D:**
 - **R&D nuclides (metallic β^+ , γ), not available for reasonable prices, development of new radiopharmaceuticals hampered**

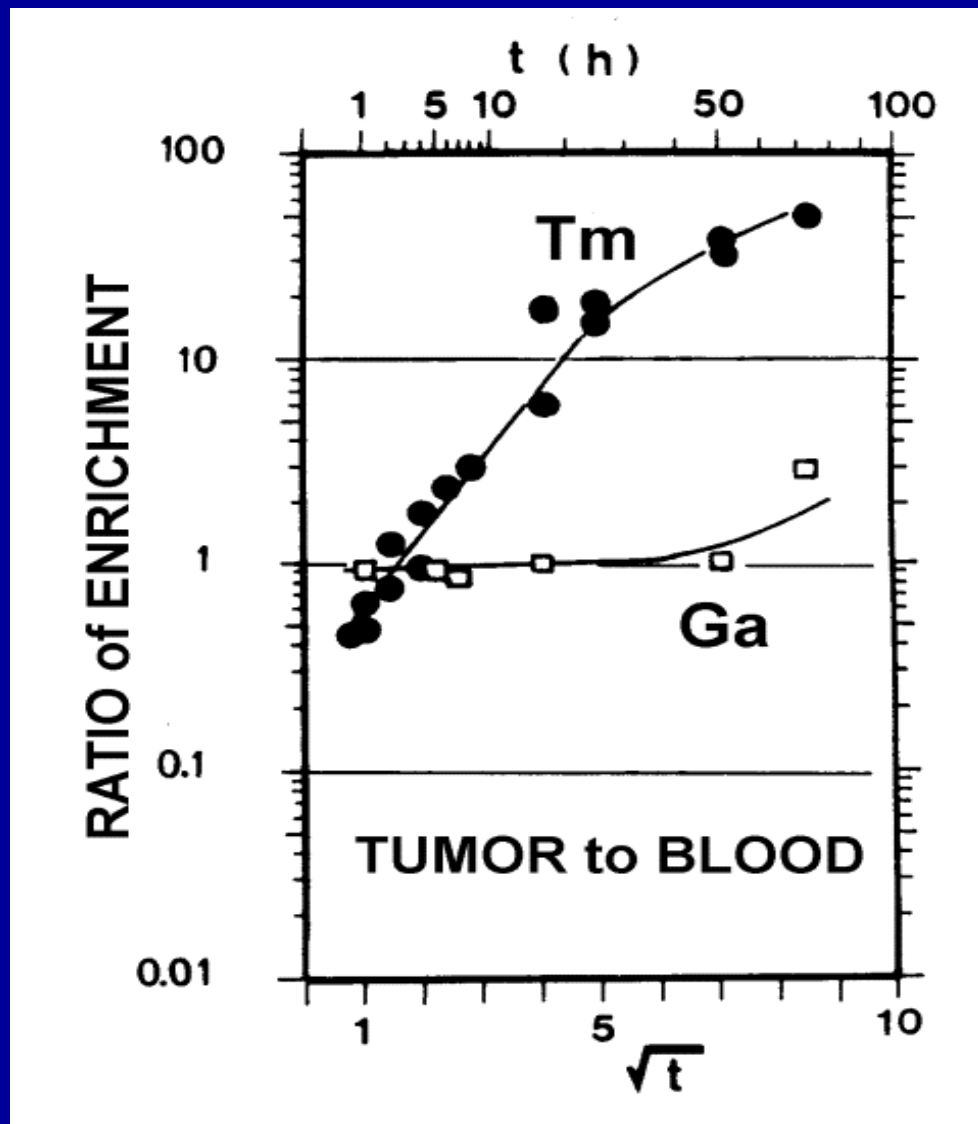
Alternative and universal
Production Route:

high energy proton
induced Reactions:

Spallation

Fission

Fragmentation



Direct comparison

⁶⁷Ga-Citrat

and

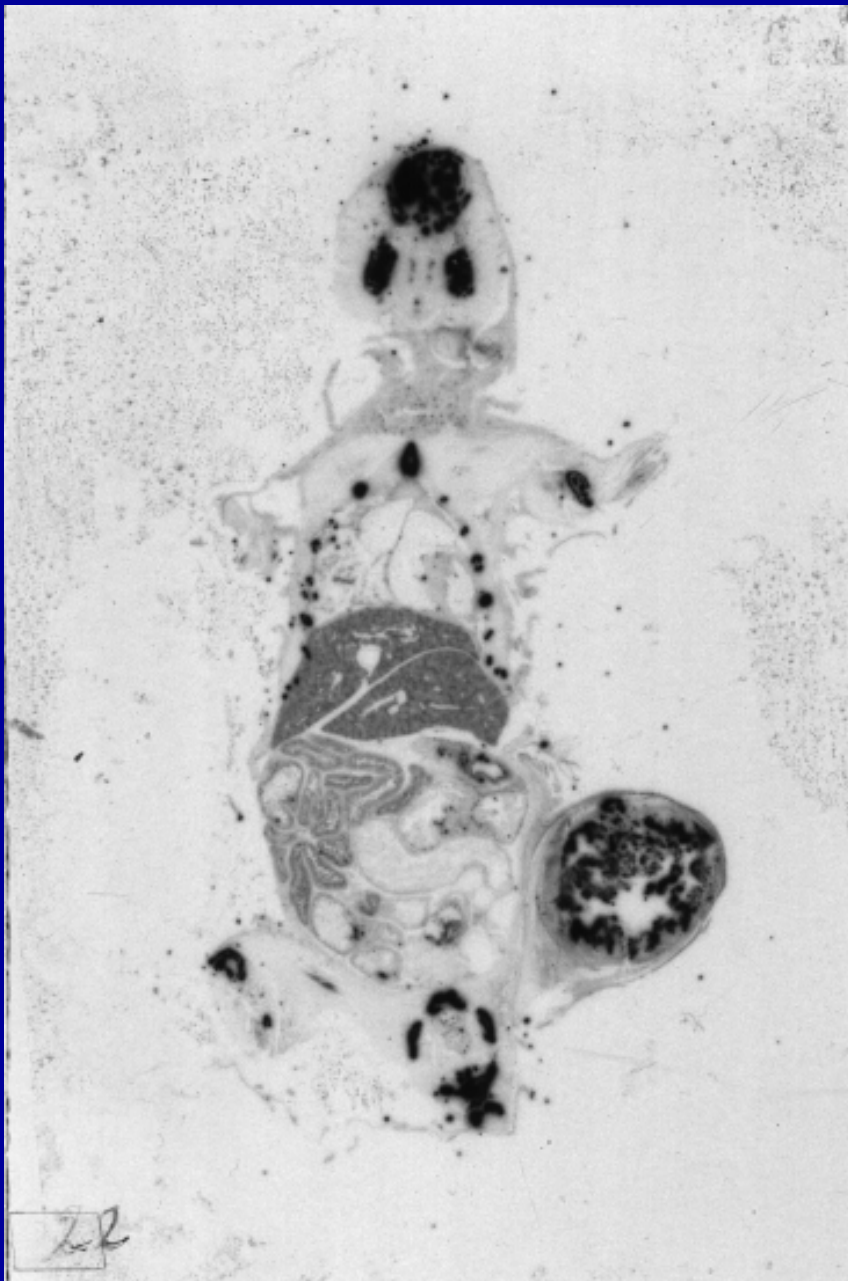
¹⁶⁷Tm-Citrat

in

tumour bearing mice

Lanthanides show much faster blood clearance compared to Ga

G.J.Beyer, W.G.Franke, K.Hennig et al.
Intern.J.Appl.Rad.Isot. 29, 673 (1978)



**Autoradiogram
of a whole body
sagittal slice of a
tumor bearing mice
24 hours after
injection of 0.4 MBq
of ¹⁶⁷Tm-Citrate**

**Lanthanides are
unspecific tumor seaking
tracers**

G.J.Beyer, R.Münze et al., in: "Medical Radionuclide Imaging 1980" IAEA Vienna, (1981)Vol.1 p.587

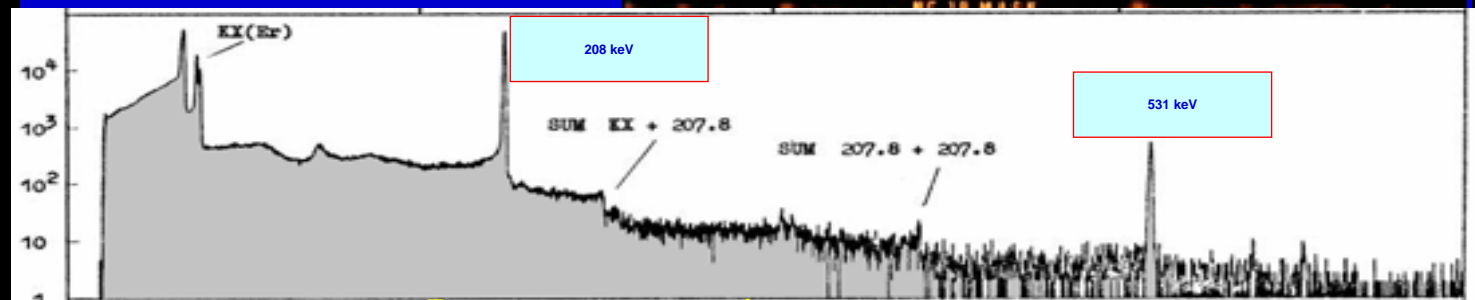
1980

^{167}Tm -citrate

$T_{1/2} = 9.25 \text{ d}$
 $\text{EC} = 100 \%$
 $\gamma: 208 \text{ keV}, 41.7 \%$
 $\gamma: 531 \text{ keV}, 1.6 \%$

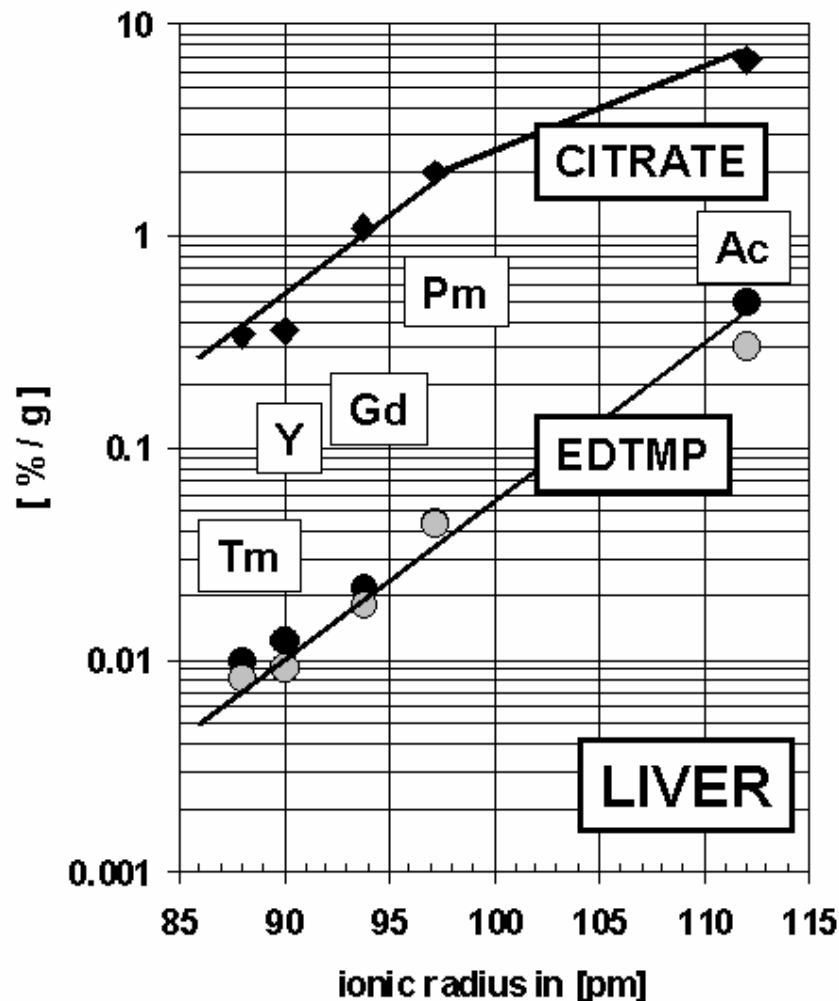
Production route:
Ta (p, spallation)
CERN – ISOLDE
on-line mass separation
cation exchange

Planar scintigraphy of the head of
a lymphoma
patient
5 h p.i.
2 mCi
 ^{167}Tm -Citrat



First scintigraphic examination in
Humans using mass-separated
lanthanides produced at CERN ISOLDE

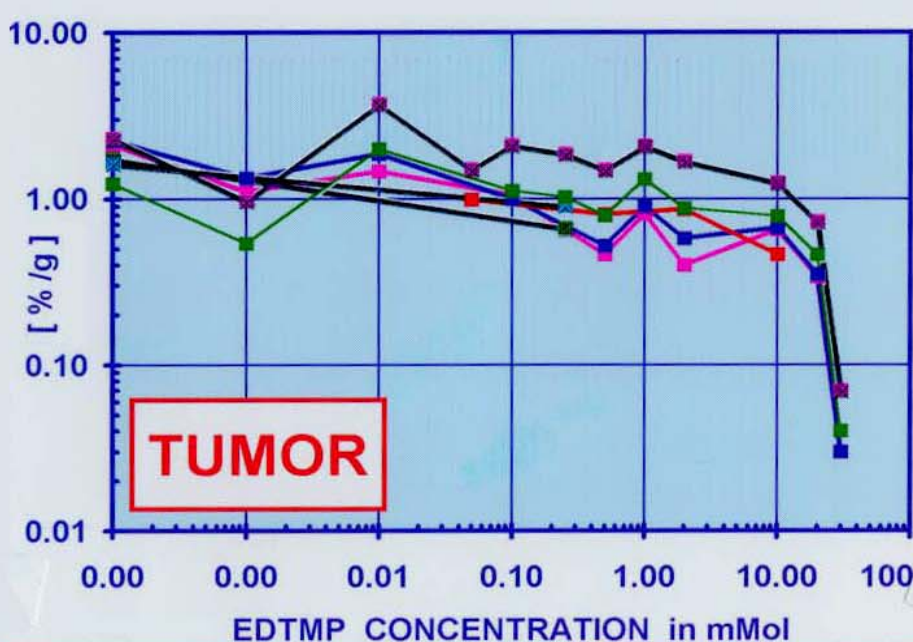
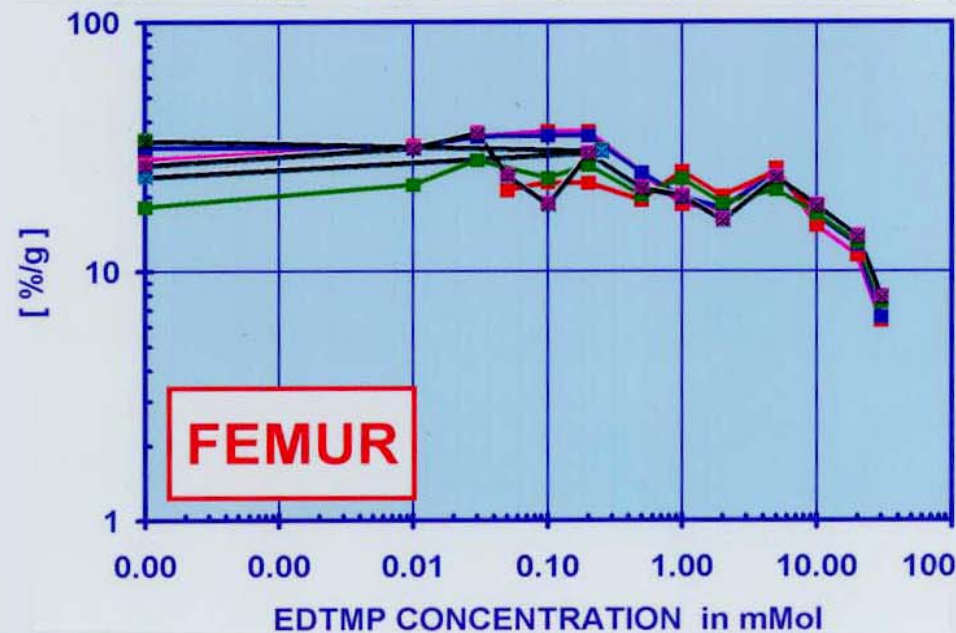
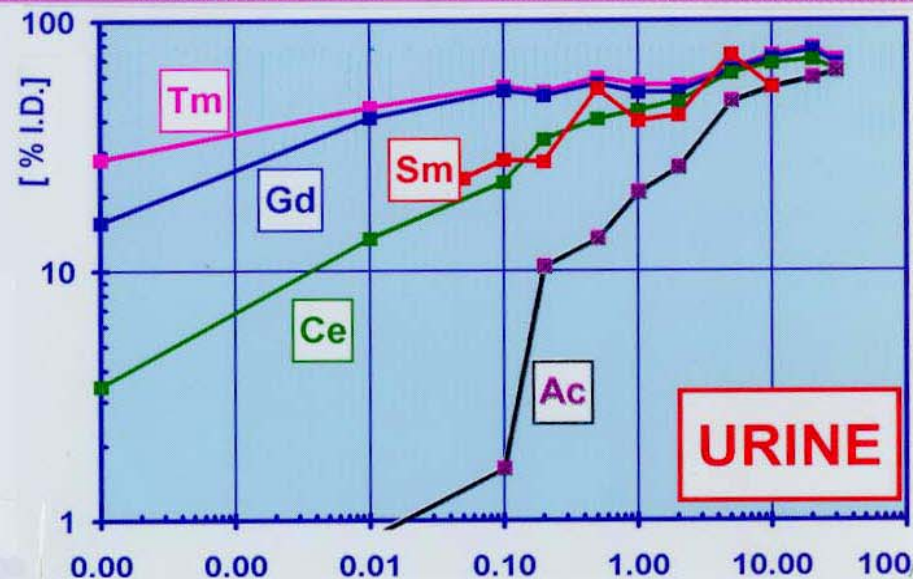
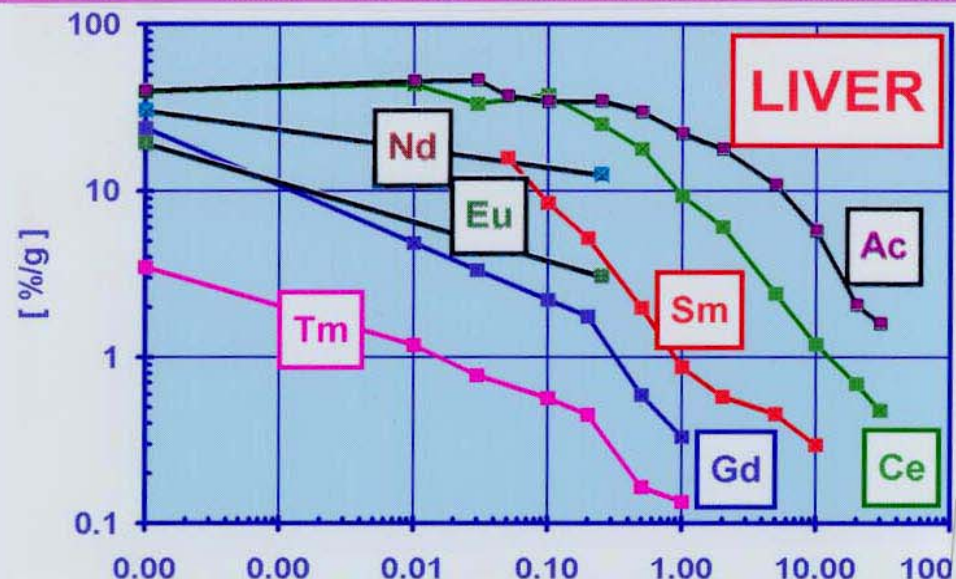
Simultaneous injection of an isotope cocktail of rare earth isotopes



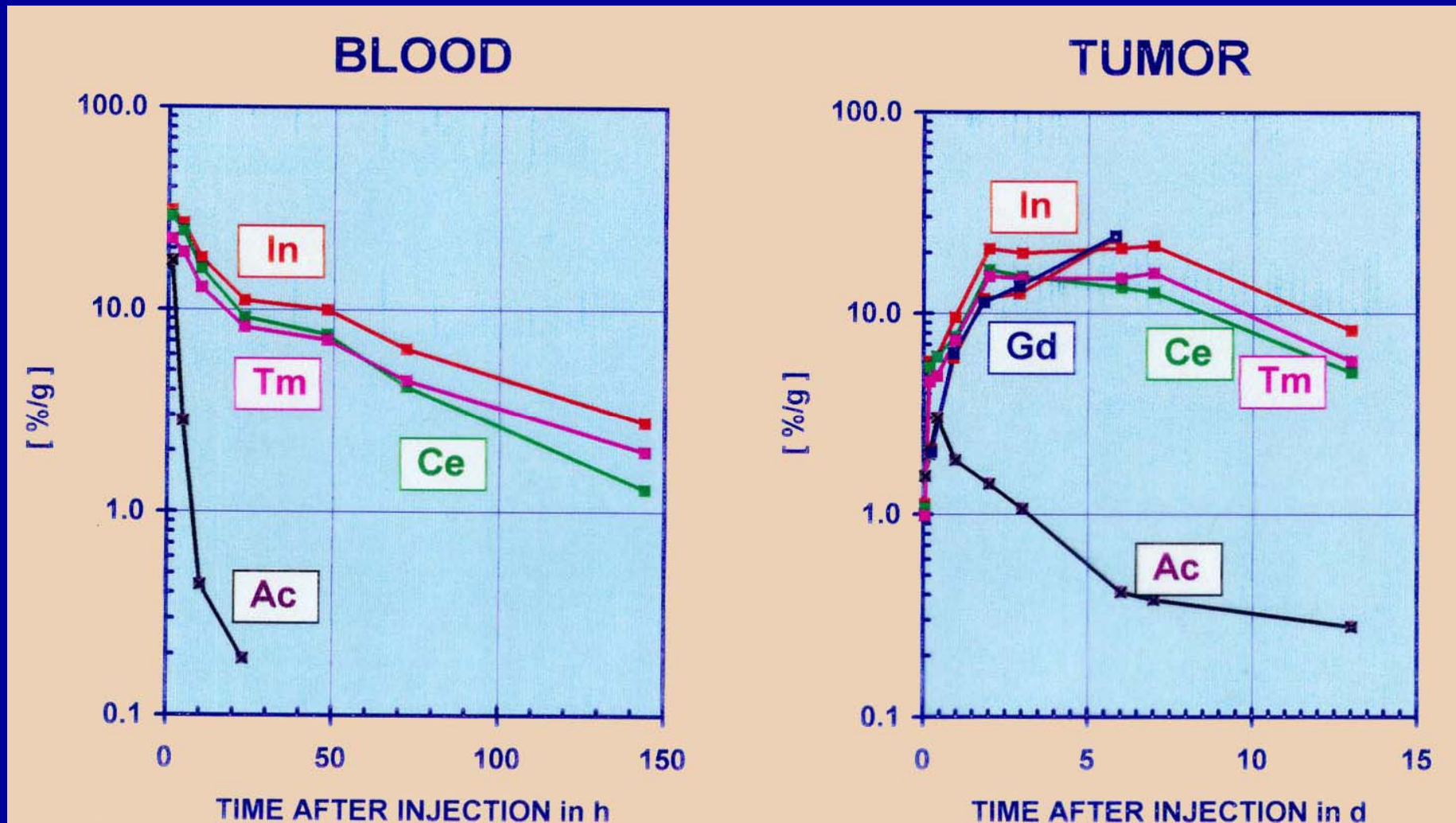
Liver uptake of ^{225}Ac and a mixture of carrier-free radio-yttrium and radio-lanthanides (^{167}Tm , ^{88}Y , ^{153}Gd , ^{143}Pm and ^{225}Ac , injected in citrate and EDTMP containing solution) in tumor bearing rats (mammary carcinoma) 5 hours after injection. The injected volume was 0.5 ml, the ligand concentration was 20 mMol at pH=7

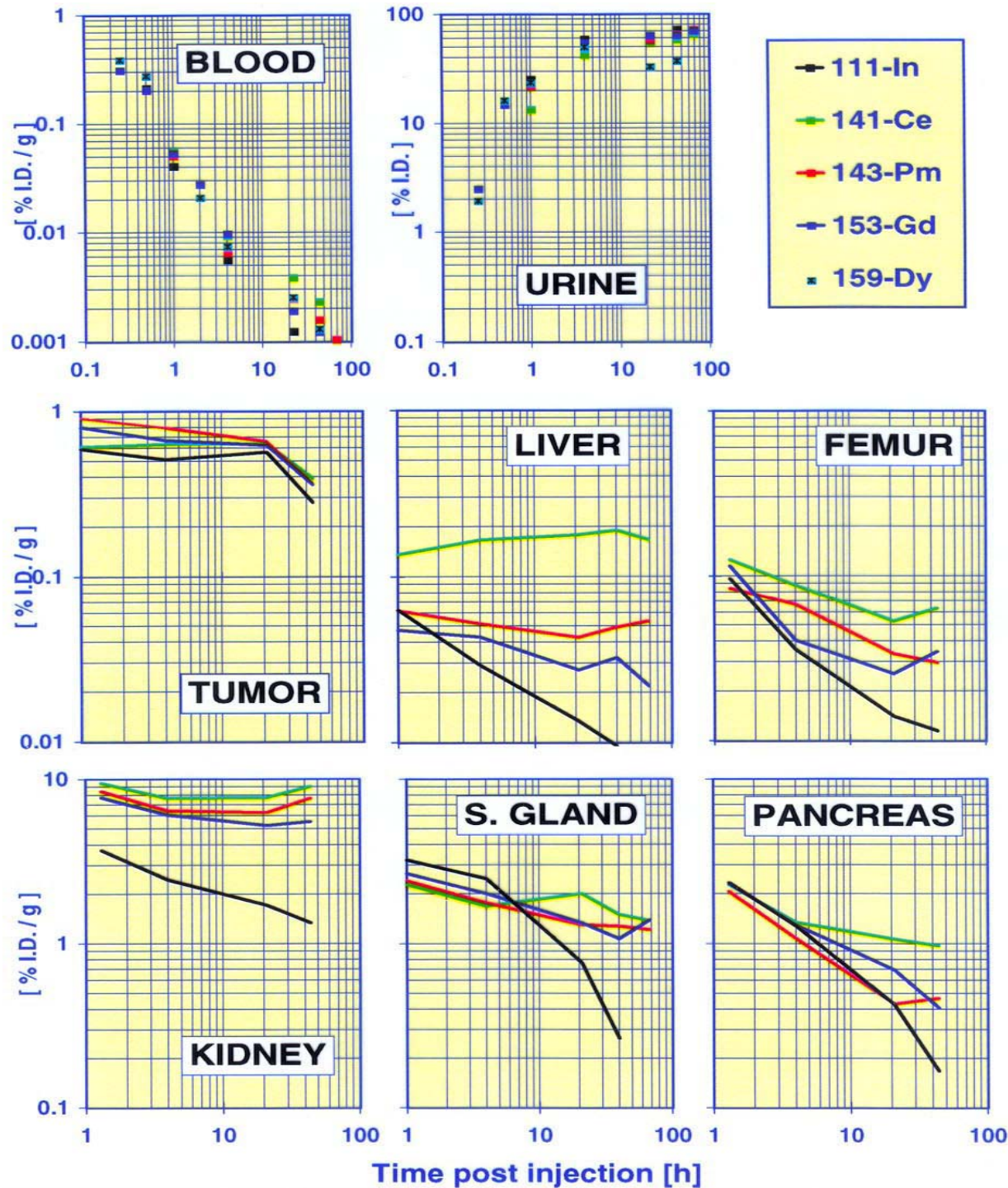
LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT CHELATORS: EDTMP

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Aminobencyl-DTPA-anti CEA-mab: Comparison of ^{111}In with radiolanthanides





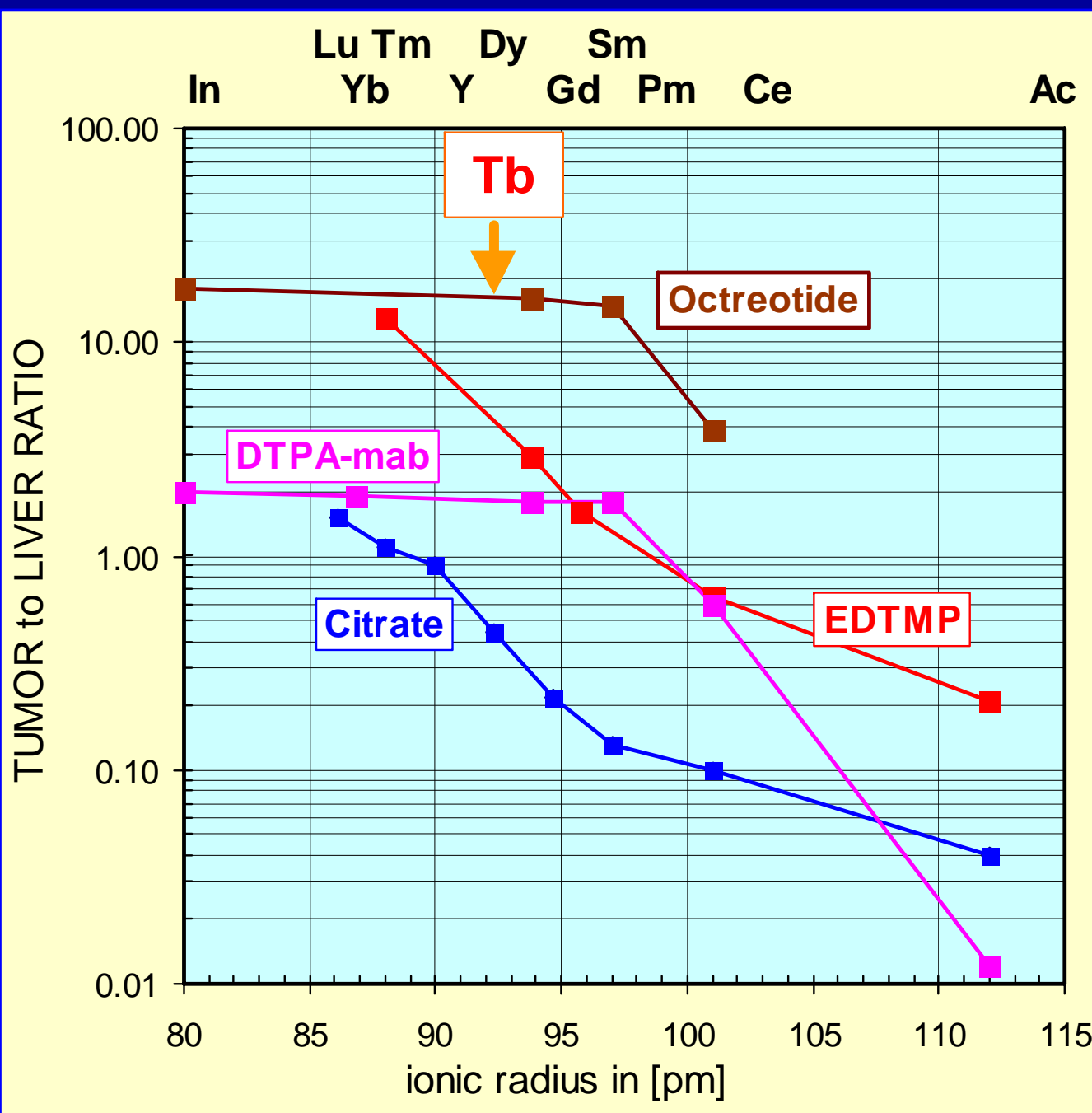
Octreotide-aminobencyl-DTPA: Comparison ¹¹¹In with lanthanides

G.J.Beyer, R.E.Offord, R.Werlen et al.
Europ.J.Nuclear Medicine **23**, 1132, (1996)

Comparison
of the
bio-distribution
of different
tumor seeking
tracers
labeled with
radio-lanthanides,
 ^{225}Ac and ^{111}In

- free chelates:**
Citrate
EDTMP
- specific tracers:**
Octreotide
and
Mab

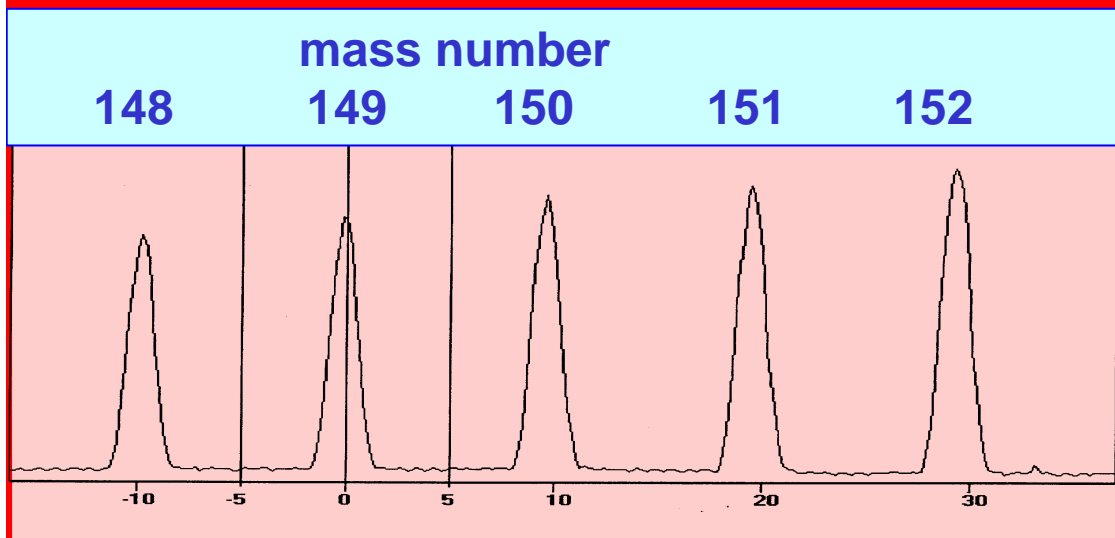
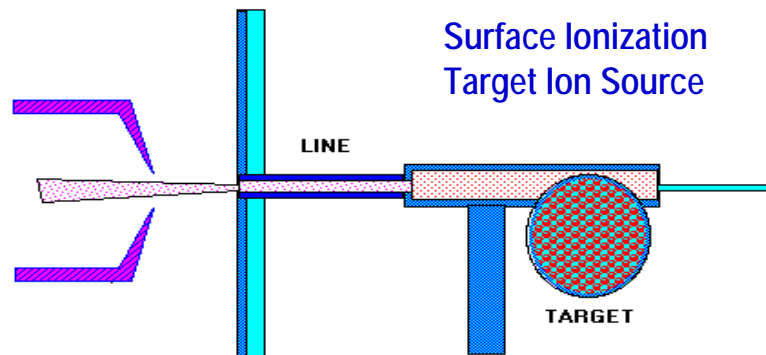
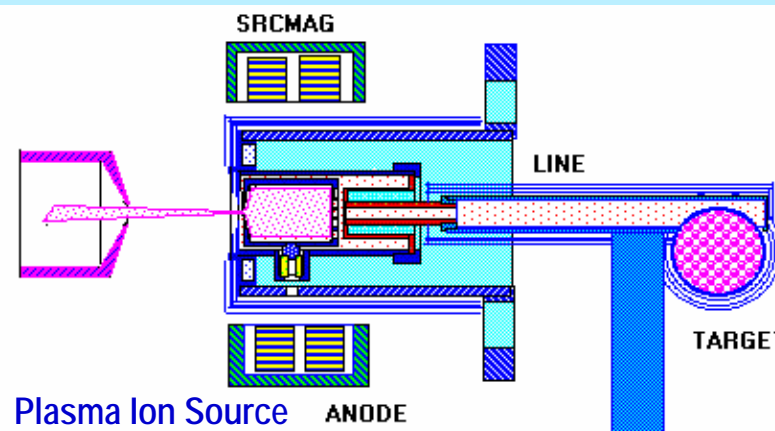
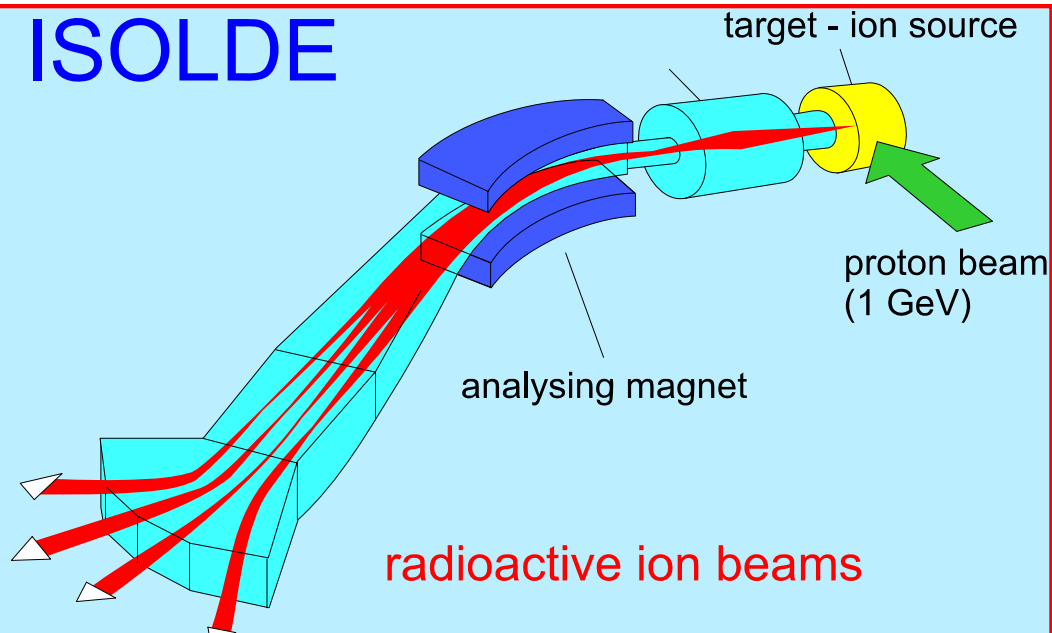
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Aminobenzyl-DTPA



Radiolanthanides at

spallation or fission
 1 or 1.4 GeV protons
 pulsed beam, 3×10^{13} p/pulse ($\sim 1 \mu\text{A}$)
 Ta-foil- or U-carbide target
 Surface ionization ion source
 122 g/cm^2 Ta (rolls of $25 \mu\text{m}$ foils)
 at $2400 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
 W-tube as ionizer at 2800°C
 Radioactive Ion Beams of
 40 elements possible today

ISOLDE



IP with cyclotrons today:

Mass separation process → enriched target material

Irradiation at cyclotron → selective nuclear reaction

Radiochemical separation → one single pure product

One target → **one product**
100 products → **100 targets**

IP with accelerators tomorrow:

one „universal“ target → unspecific nuclear reaction

Parasitic production at high energy p-drivers (~ 1 GeV, ~ 5 mA)

Radiochemical separation → off-line or on-line

One target → > 100 products

**Mass separation process on-line / off-line →
mono-isotopic preparations
carrier-free**

Production rate in the target

$$A = \Phi \sigma N$$

σ REACTION CROSS SECTIONS

Tens of milibarns

N TARGET THICKNESS

Very thick targets mol/cm²

Φ DRIVER BEAM INTENSITY presently $\sim 10 \mu\text{A} = 10 \text{ kW}$

Rate: $A = 10^{12}$ atoms/s

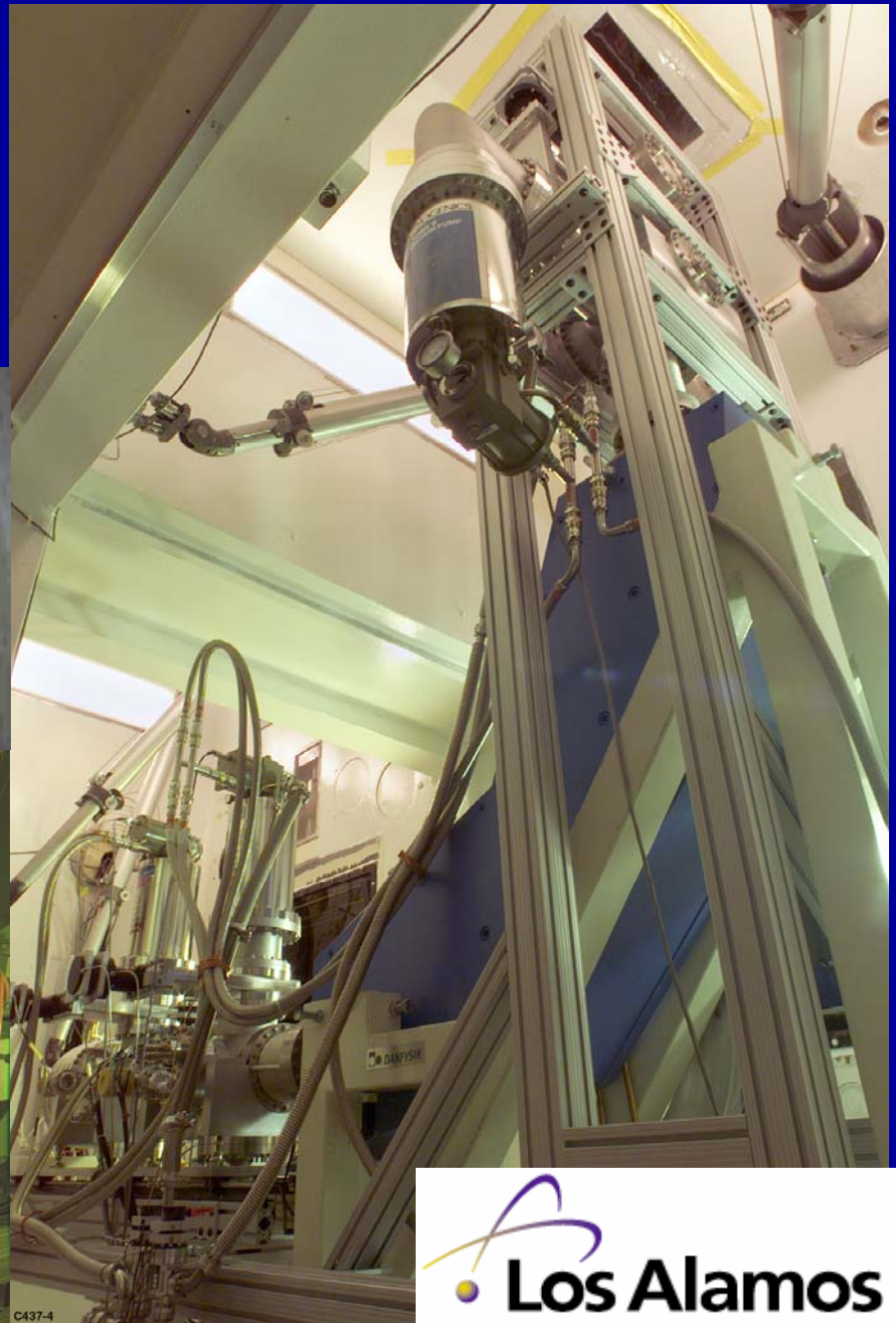
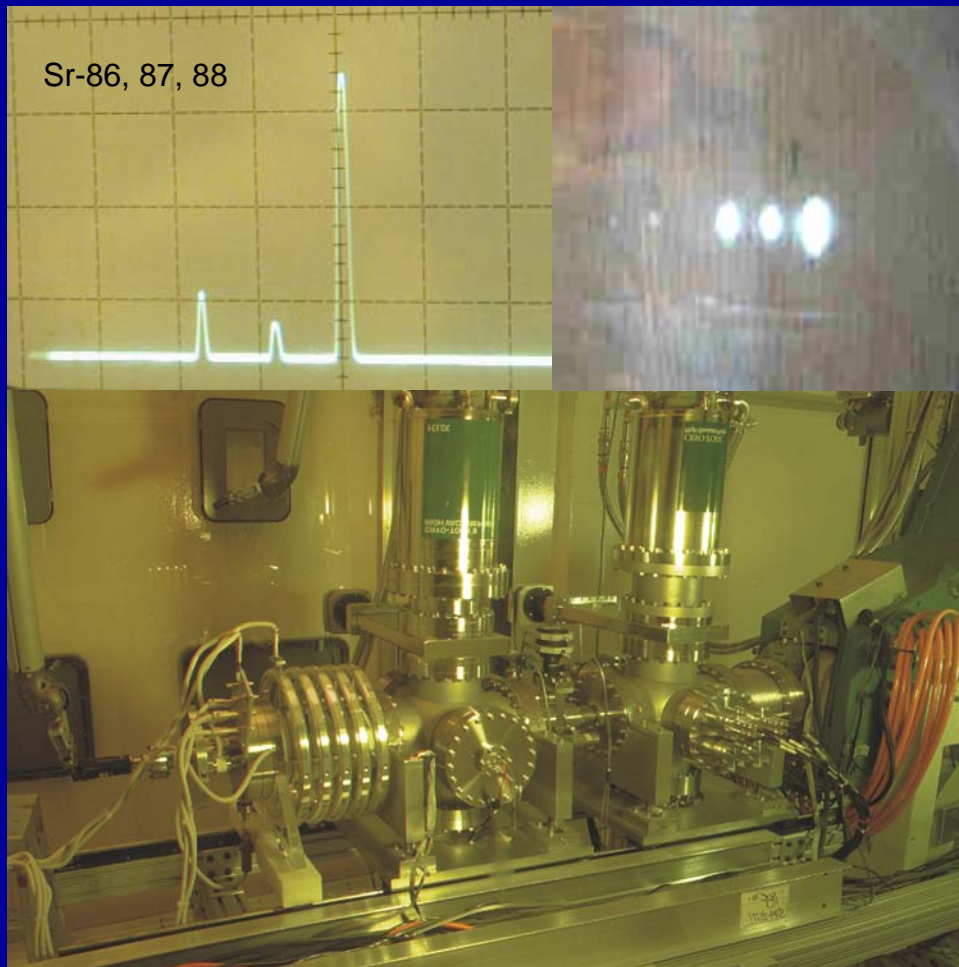
Multi MW Proton drivers
(several mA 1-1.5 GeV protons)
are under construction

$\sim 10^{14}$ Atoms/s possible in a parasitic mode

Radioactive Sample Isotope Separator (RSIS)

Wayne Taylor *et al.*

(~50 μ A separator in a hot cell)



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The US national isotope program: Current status and strategy for future success

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Abstract



Since their introduction in the 1940s, peaceful use of stable isotopes and radioisotopes in the United States has expanded continuously. Today, new isotopes for diagnostic and therapeutic uses are not being developed, critical isotopes for national security are in short supply, and demand for isotopes critical to homeland security exceeds supply. While commercial suppliers, both domestic and foreign, can only meet specific needs, the nation needs a consistent, reliable supply of radioactive and stable isotopes for research, medical, security, and space power applications. **The national isotope infrastructure, defined as both facilities and trained staff at national laboratories and universities, is in danger of being lost due to chronic underfunding.** With the specific recommendations given herein, the US Department of Energy may realign and refocus its Isotope Program to provide a framework for a successful National Isotope Program.

Peaceful use of stable and radioactive isotopes in the United States has expanded continuously since their introduction in the 1940s. Traditional industrial use is continuing, and use of radionuclides for food irradiation, sterilization of medical supplies, and other applications is quickly gaining public acceptance. **Approximately 15 M diagnostic procedures and several hundred thousand therapeutic treatments using radionuclides are conducted at medical centers each year in the United States. Significant increases in medical research have increased the need for new research isotopes for advanced applications. Isotopes are a significant component of the US economy, with over \$300 billion in sales and 4 M jobs related to their use** (*The Untold Story: The Economic Benefits of Nuclear Technologies*, 1997).

The most demanding isotope supply challenge concerns the isotopes used in R&D, an area in which quantities are small, production techniques are not well established, and costs are high. Isotopes for R&D use without proven markets and profitability are not being adequately supplied. The supply of these stable and radioisotopes for developing new applications has traditionally been the responsibility of DOE. However, the DOE program and its resources have been declining for two decades, and recent policy changes by DOE have significantly worsened the situation and are impeding the development of new isotope applications. In fact, a recent policy change by DOE eliminated all R&D funding for DOE applications and production.

This new requirement for full cost recovery caused DOE to deviate from its original goals for isotope production and distribution by narrowing the range of isotopes produced, concentrating on higher-volume isotopes with profit potential and increasing charges to research users to cover program expenses. This strategy has produced extremely negative results. Despite substantial efforts to operate the Isotope Program on a full-cost-recovery basis, costs have not been met by revenues from sales. The DOE Isotope Program has recently eliminated all R&D funding for radioisotope production and enacted an up-front full and advance prepayment policy. These new policies have resulted in further decline of the DOE Isotope Program and a failure to meet its traditional role in isotope production.

The US national isotope program: Current status and strategy for future success

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What is the role for science and technology? New science, such as molecular nuclear medicine, is emerging that will require reliable supplies of radionuclides, while the new demands of homeland and national security will spur the development of new technology for radiation detectors and imaging devices, which will ultimately produce new products. Furthermore, the program itself will contribute to the training of a 21st century cadre of radiochemists.

Why now? Over the last 10 years, many studies have identified the need for different components of a National Isotope Program, but their recommendations have never been implemented. We believe that the only way to break the impasse is through coordinated action from the research, provider, and user communities.

What CERN could do?

- Run own specific medical isotope program
- Develop technologies for alternative ways for isotope production
- High-tech radiochemistry
- Integrate physical methods into the isotope programs (mass separation for example)
- Collaboration with bio-chemistry and medicine (oncology, radiology, nuclear med.)
- International collaboration and integration into existing research network

How?

Initiative of G.Beyer, H.L.Ravn, U.Köster, G.Ragnelly

- Creation of a Radiochemical Laboratory at CERN
- 100 % Investment by Industry including the operation of the laboratory (Volume 5-8 Mio EU)
- Main Objective:
 - Development of the technologies for future medical isotope production based on multi MW p-drivers including off-line mass separation
 - maintaining know-how and training of personnel
 - provision of radionuclides for R&D to the radiopharmaceutical orientated research community

First „official“ action:

RADIOISOTOPES
in
MEDICINE:
Requirements – Production - Application

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University Hospital of Geneva,
Division of Nuclear Medicine
Switzerland

CERN, ETT Seminar

March 04, 2002

https://oraweb.cern.ch/pls/ttdatabase/display.item?itemtable=tt_event&item_id=101

Chronology

- Initiative started latest in 2001
- „first“ official action: ETT-seminar 2002 (CERN-WEB)
- April 2004 clear statement of investors and industry to invest ~10 Mio CHF into the Radiochemical Laboratory
- Since continuous discussion with TT

Results

- Until now no clear position of TT and CERN
- Missing opportunity to put a second floor on building 179 (as suggested)
- Losing the world leading role of ISOLDE in Application of RIB for medical research and nuclear medical application

Thank you



for your kind attention

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