

Updates on Implementation of Cyclotron-Produced Tc-99m

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Processing



Generator Manufacturer



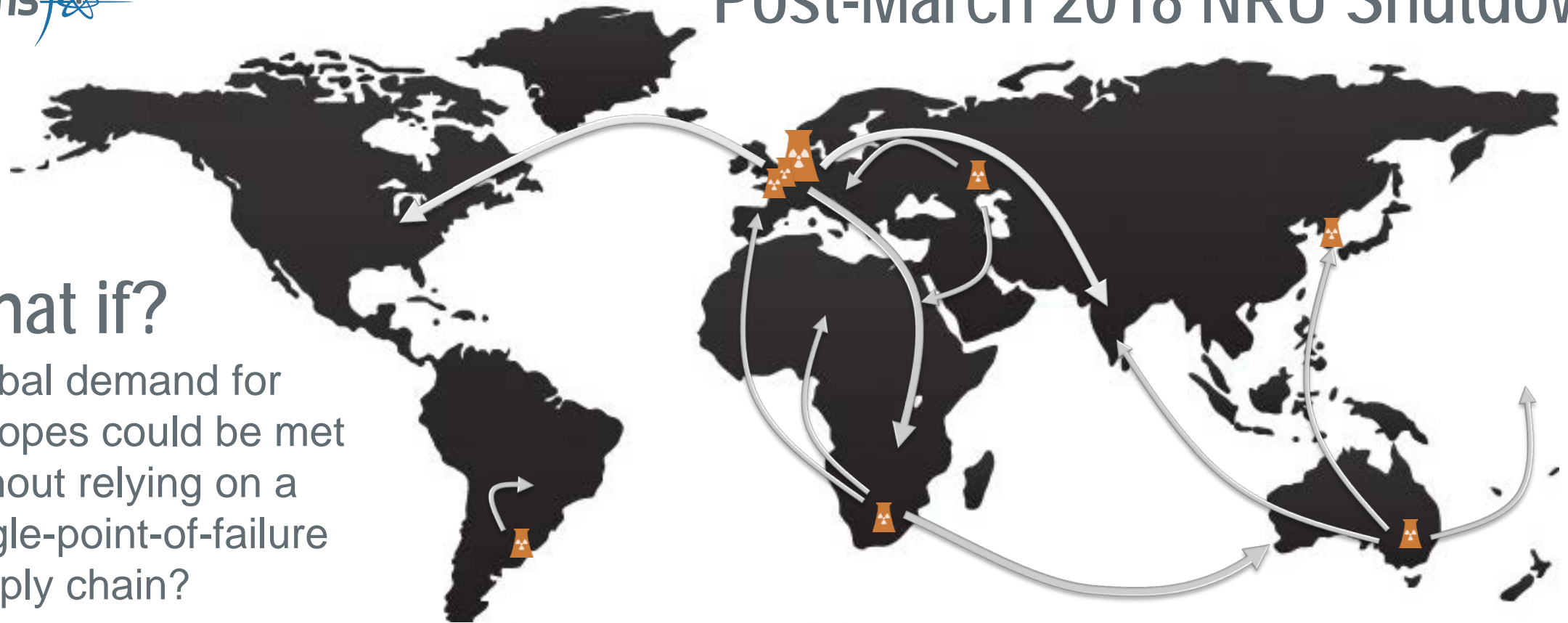
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Solution:

Develop a method to produce Tc-99m, Ga-68 (and other isotopes) using hospital-based medical cyclotrons



Cyclotron + ARTMS Technology

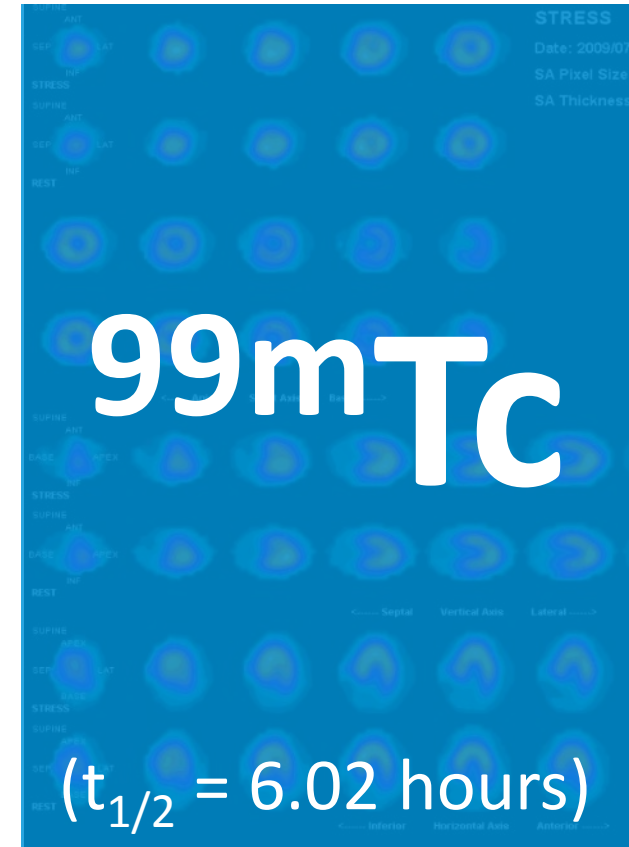
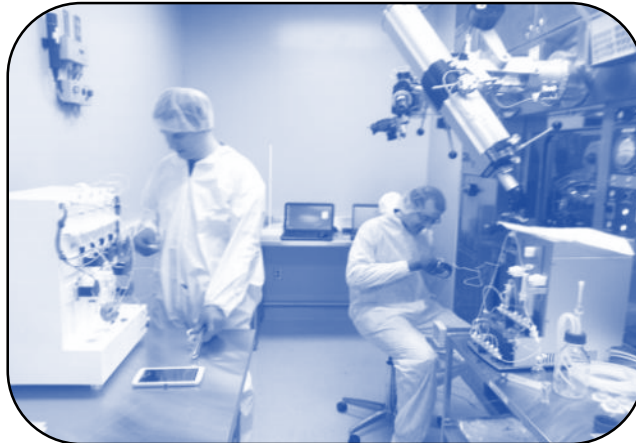


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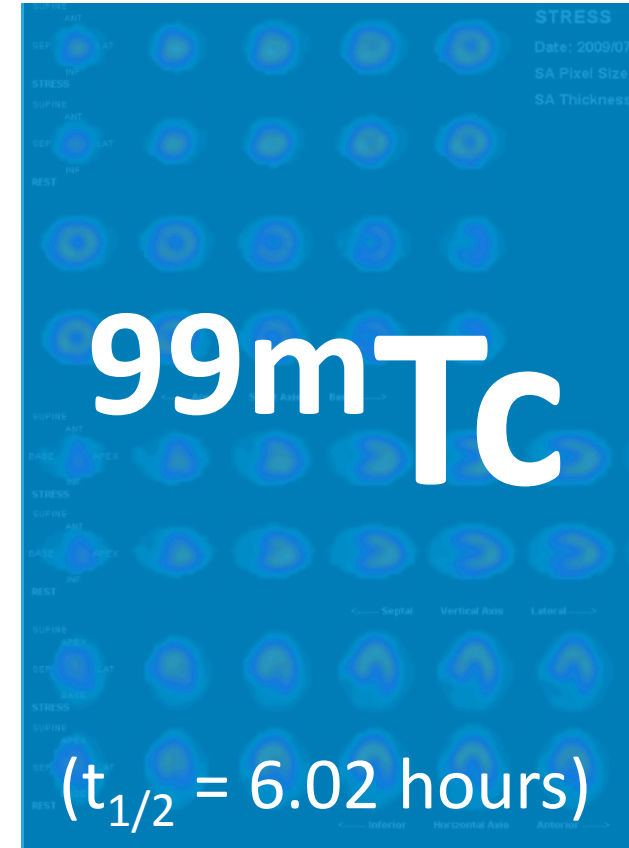
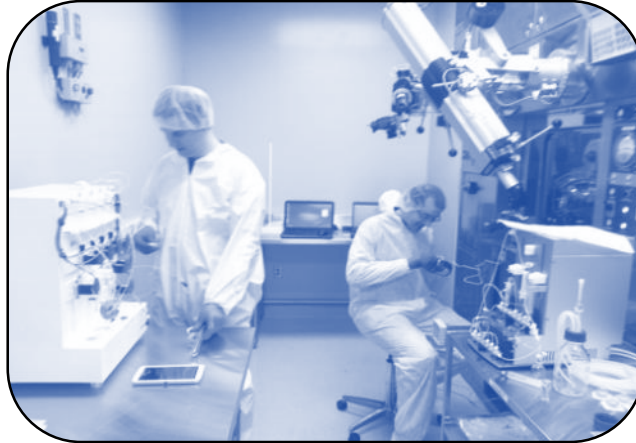
Cyclotron Production: $^{100}\text{Mo}(p,2n)^{99m}\text{Tc}$



Method

- Proton irradiation of isotopically enriched Mo-100 at 16-24 MeV
- Automated Mo-100 dissolution with H_2O_2
- Automated Tc-99m purification
- Final Tc-99m form: Injectable Sodium Pertechnetate

Cyclotron Production Yields



GE PETTrace (16.5 MeV, 130 μ A): 4.7 Ci in 6 hrs

ACSI TR19 (18 MeV, 240 μ A): 13.9 Ci in 6 hrs

ACSI TR30 (24 MeV, 450 μ A): ~39 Ci in 6 hrs

^{99m}Tc purification efficiency: >93%

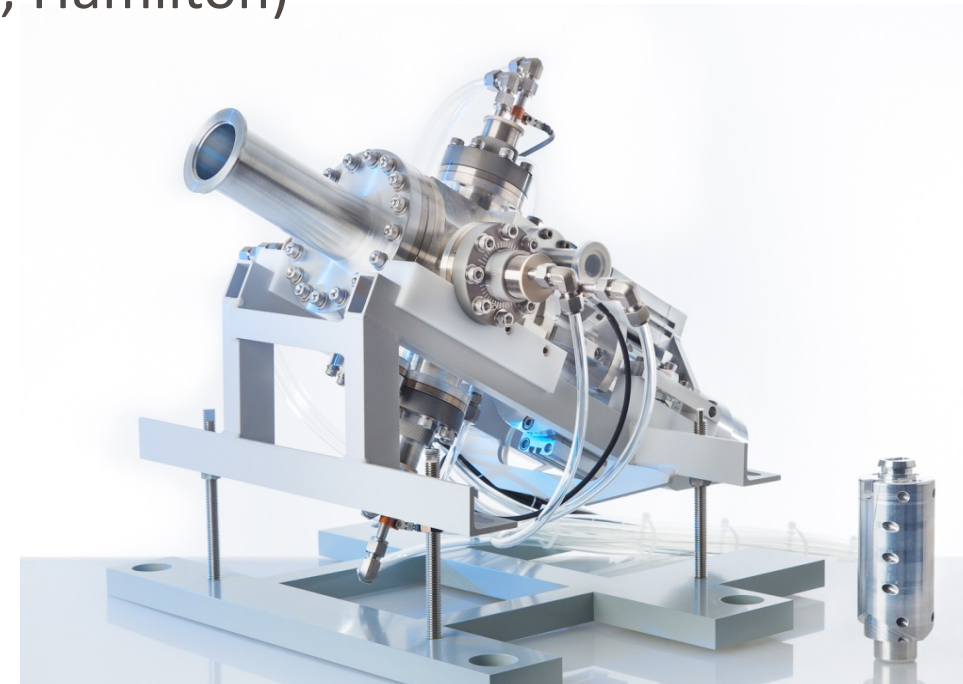
^{100}Mo recycling efficiency: >95%

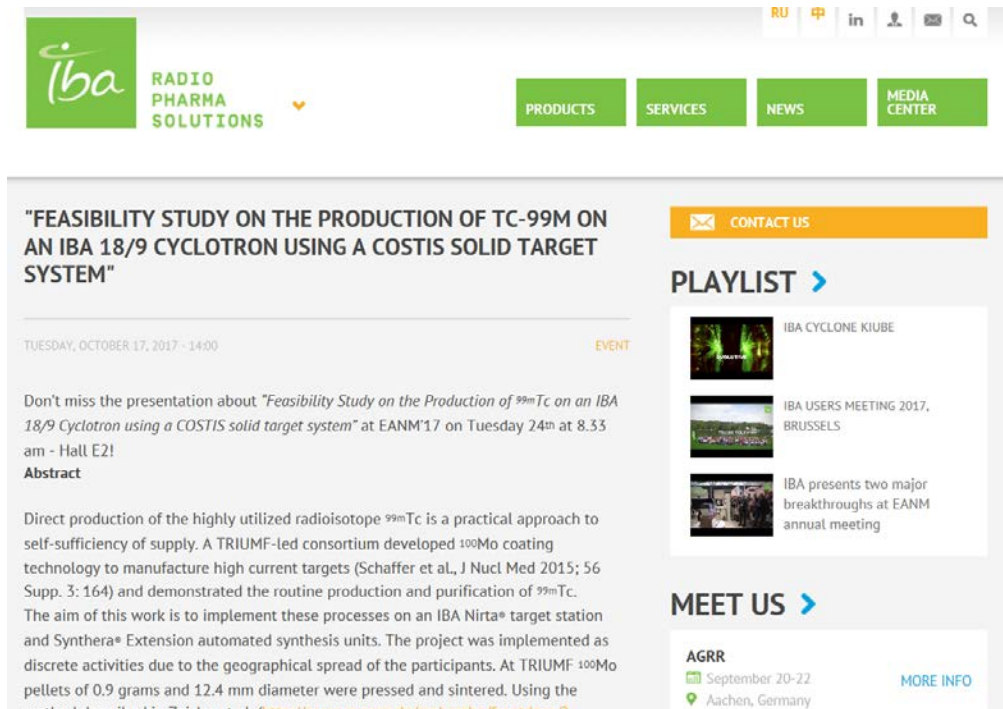


QUANTM Waste Management

- No uranium feedstock, no fissile by-products
- Feedstock materials all stable, non-radioactive:
 - Tc-99m: Ta or Cu plate backings, Mo-100 substrate
 - Ga-68: Ag and/or Al plate backings, Zn-68 substrate
 - Zr-89: Ta plate backing, Y-89 substrate
 - Cu-64: Rh plate backing, Ni-64 substrate
- Irradiation process results in minimal by-products
 - Primary irradiation products are desired medical isotope
- Waste stream includes: isotope byproducts; activated target plates
 - All low-level/short-lived
 - Handled manually
 - Short term (weeks/months), on-site storage before disposal

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"FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE PRODUCTION OF TC-99M ON AN IBA 18/9 CYCLOTRON USING A COSTIS SOLID TARGET SYSTEM"

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017 - 14:00 EVENT

Don't miss the presentation about "Feasibility Study on the Production of ^{99m}Tc on an IBA 18/9 Cyclotron using a COSTIS solid target system" at EANM'17 on Tuesday 24th at 8.35 am - Hall E2!

Abstract

Direct production of the highly utilized radioisotope ^{99m}Tc is a practical approach to self-sufficiency of supply. A TRIUMF-led consortium developed ¹⁰⁰Mo coating technology to manufacture high current targets (Schaffer et al., J Nucl Med 2015; 56 Supp. 3: 164) and demonstrated the routine production and purification of ^{99m}Tc. The aim of this work is to implement these processes on an IBA Nirta® target station and Synthera® Extension automated synthesis units. The project was implemented as discrete activities due to the geographical spread of the participants. At TRIUMF ¹⁰⁰Mo pellets of 0.9 grams and 12.4 mm diameter were pressed and sintered. Using the method described in Zeiler et al. (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4000000/>)

PLAYLIST

- IBA CYCLONE KIUBE
- IBA USERS MEETING 2017, BRUSSELS
- IBA presents two major breakthroughs at EANM annual meeting

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September 20-22
Aachen, Germany MORE INFO



- Developed 24 mm diameter coin target (13 mm diameter Mo-100); using Press-Sinter-Braze
- Demonstrated Tc-99m production on IBA cyclotrons (18 MeV)
- Demonstration of Tc-99m purification on IBA Synthera Extension and integration with

Tc-99m Installations - Dinnington



2019



Tc-99m Installations – TRIUMF (IAMI)



Tc-99m Installations



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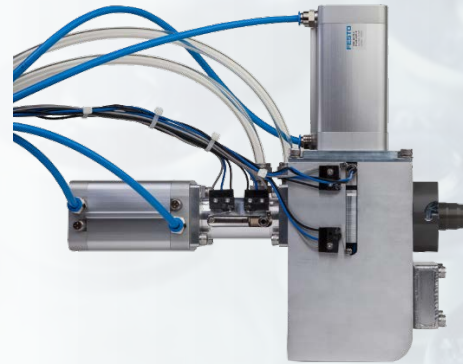
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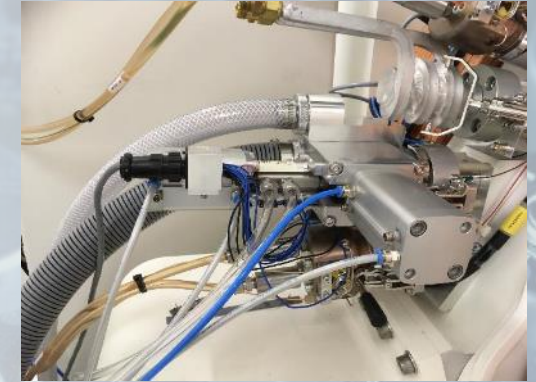
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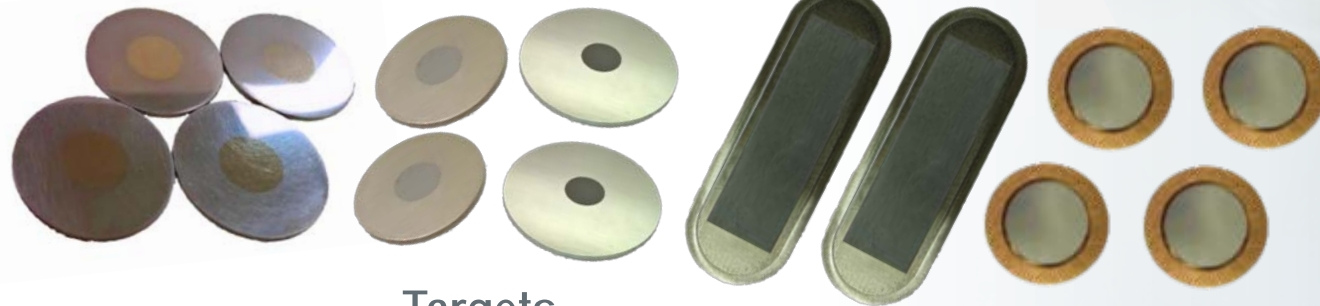


Cyclotron Target Station



2-way Target Transfer

QUANTM Irradiation System™



Targets

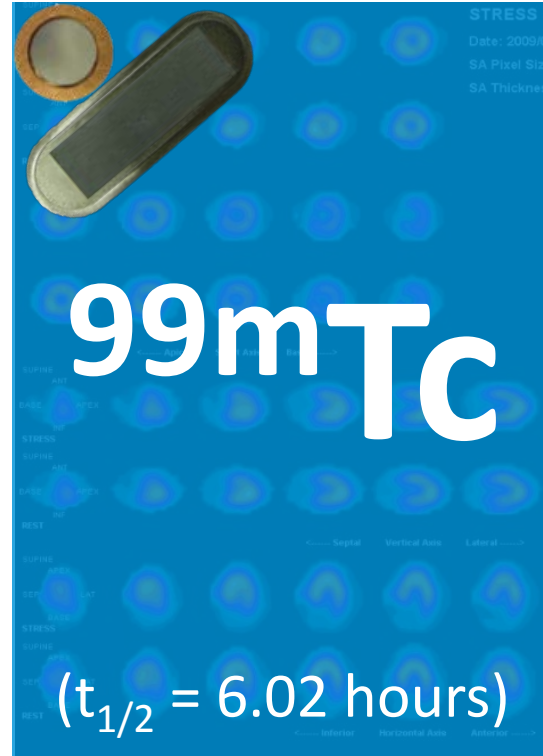


Automated Dissolution and Purification

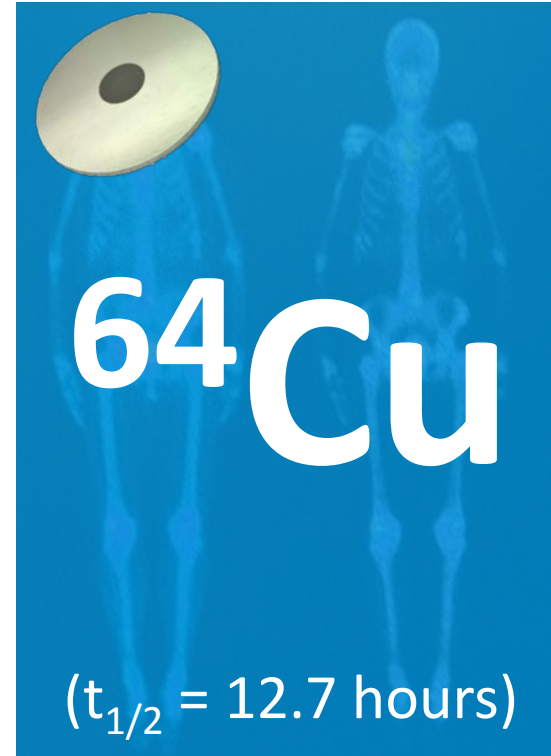
ARTMS Products Target Line

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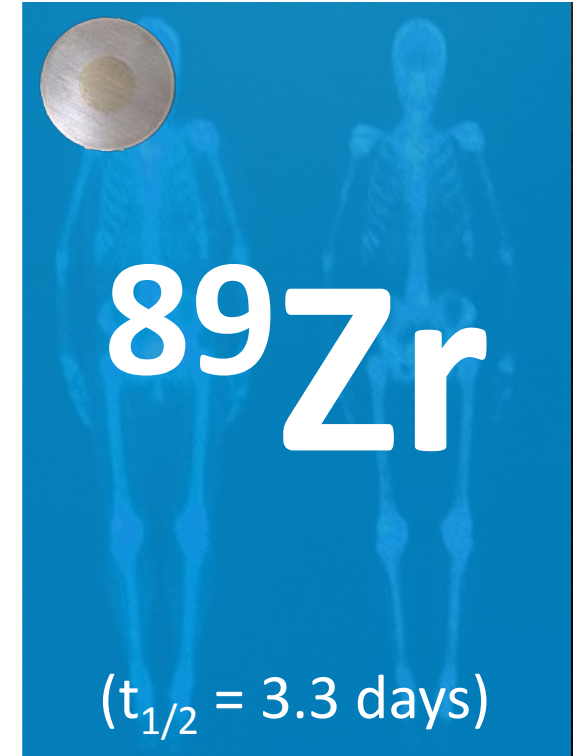
68Ga
($t_{1/2}$ = 68 min)

A blue rectangular card for the 99mTc product. It features a small image of a rectangular vial in the top left corner and a faint background image of a human skeleton. The text is centered and white.

99mTc
($t_{1/2}$ = 6.02 hours)

A blue rectangular card for the 64Cu product. It features a small image of a circular disc in the top left corner and a faint background image of a human skeleton. The text is centered and white.

64Cu
($t_{1/2}$ = 12.7 hours)

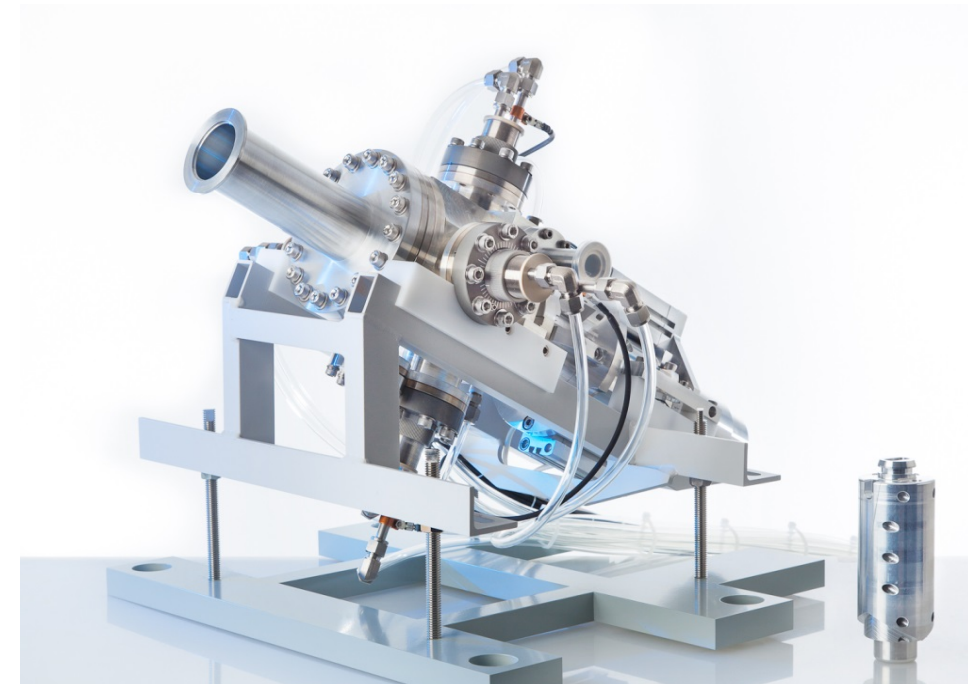
A blue rectangular card for the 89Zr product. It features a small image of a circular disc in the top left corner and a faint background image of a human skeleton. The text is centered and white.

89Zr
($t_{1/2}$ = 3.3 days)

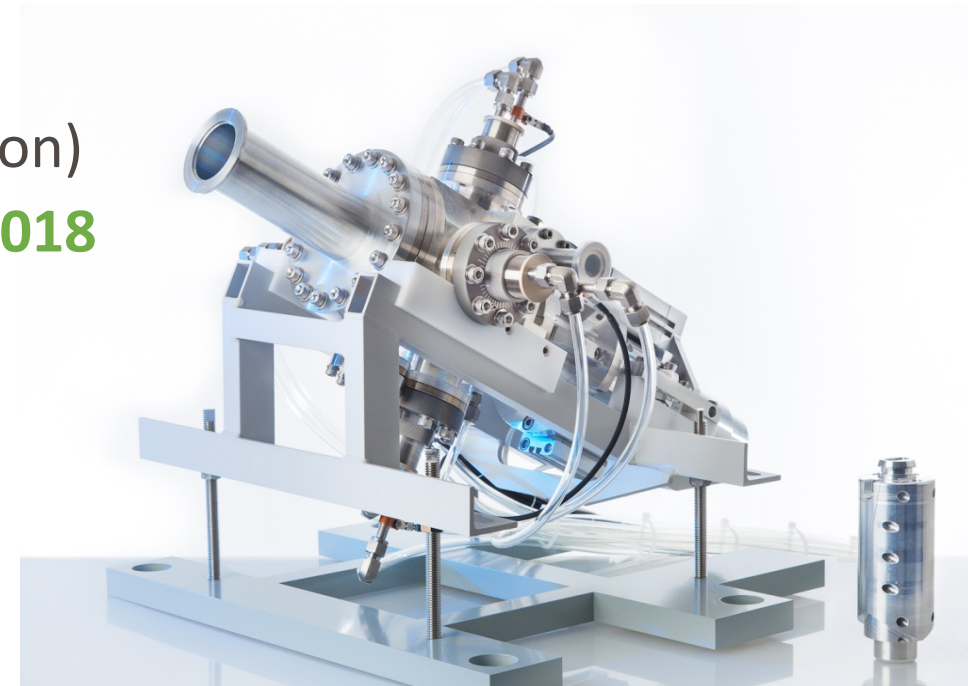


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- ARTMS QIS now CE Marked **Q2 2018**, CSA and UL **Q4 2018**
- 3 orders for ARTMS QIS system fulfilled
 - Additional orders being filled
- **IAMI initiative at TRIUMF**





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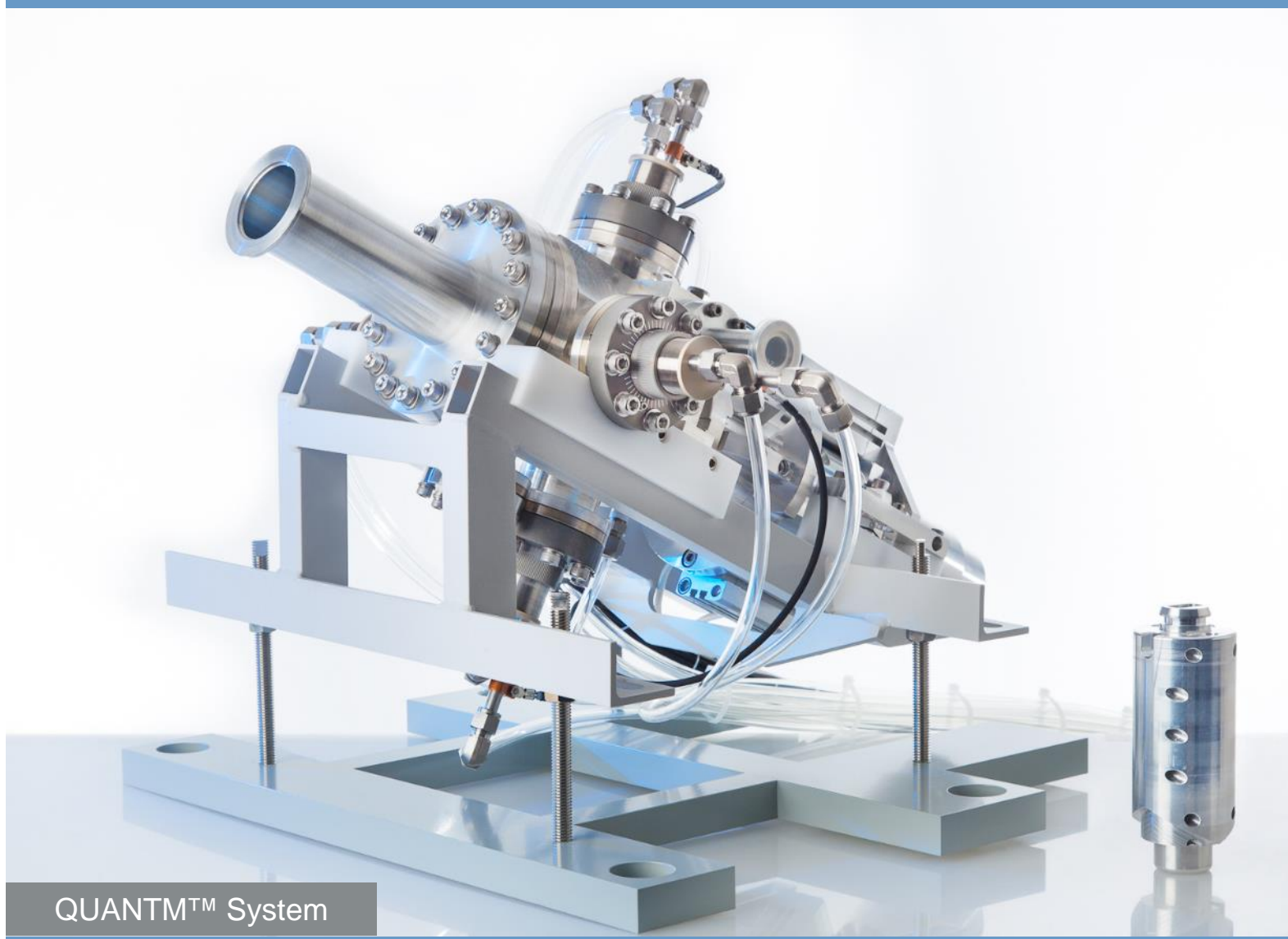
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QUANTM™ System

The image shows a complex, high-precision scientific instrument, likely a quantum control system. It consists of a large, cylindrical stainless steel chamber mounted on a white metal frame. The chamber is connected to various tubes and sensors. To the right of the main assembly is a smaller, vertical cylindrical component with several small holes. The entire setup is mounted on a white base plate with several mounting holes. The background is a clean, white surface with a blue header and footer.

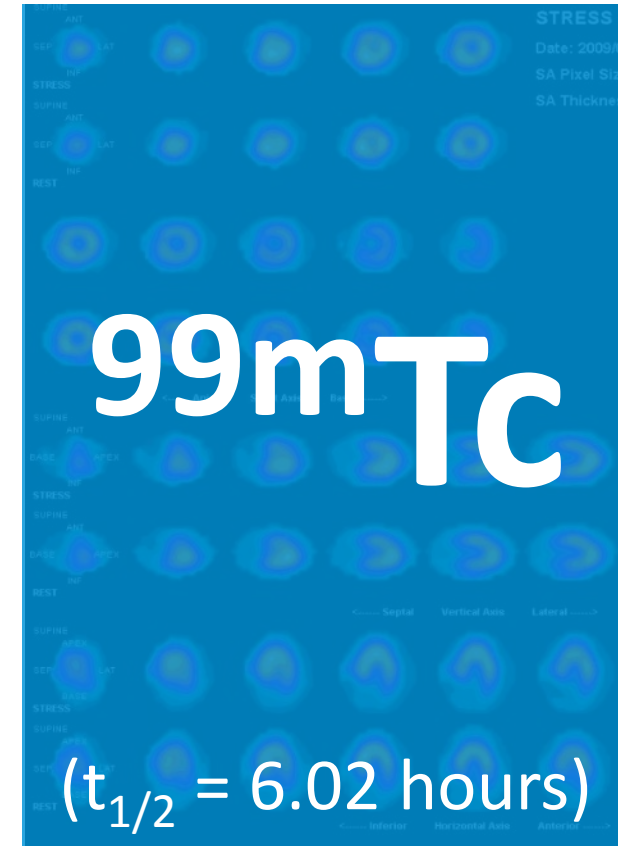


QUANTM™ System



Backup Slide

| Process Validation Batch No. | | 1509011 | 1509025 | 1510005 |
|--|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Batch Size (EOS) (GBq) | | 35.3 | 51.7 | 37.0 |
| Final Product Amount at EOB (GBq) | | 41.2 | 61.1 | 43.5 |
| Estimated Yield (%) (decay-corrected) | | 100 | 135 | 89 |
| Membrane filter integrity (≥ 50 psi) | | 62 | 61 | 65 |
| Specification | Acceptance Criteria | Results | | |
| Visual Appearance | Clear, colorless solution, free from visible particulates | Conforms | Conforms | Conforms |
| pH | 4.5 to 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 7.5 |
| Radionuclidic purity | Isotopes other than ^{99m}Tc contribute an emission rate $< 6,000$ emissions/sec/MBq of ^{99m}Tc | 34 | 52 | 53 |
| Radionuclidic identity | Half-life between 5.72 and 6.32 hours | 5.81 | 5.84 | 5.83 |
| Radiochemical purity | $\geq 95\%$ | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Radiochemical identity | $R_f = 0.8 - 1.0$ | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Aluminum content | ≤ 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ of solution (10 ppm) | <10 | <10 | <10 |
| Hydrogen peroxide content | ≤ 50 mg/L of solution (50 ppm) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Molybdenum content | ≤ 30 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ of solution (30 ppm) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Radioactivity concentration | (≤ 27.8 GBq/mL) | 1.83 | 2.58 | 1.84 |
| Bacterial endotoxins ² | ≤ 17.5 EU/mL | <2.5 | <2.5 | <2.5 |
| Sterility ² | No growth | No growth | No growth | No growth |

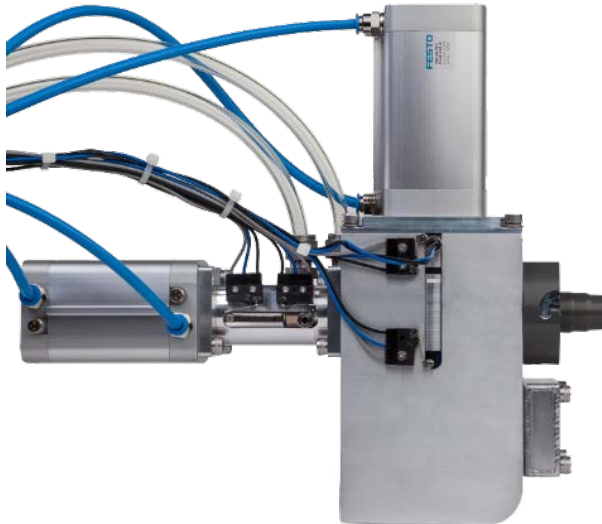




ARTMS Products

The QUANTM Irradiation System™ includes hardware and disposable targets to enable the local, de-centralized cyclotron production of medical isotopes

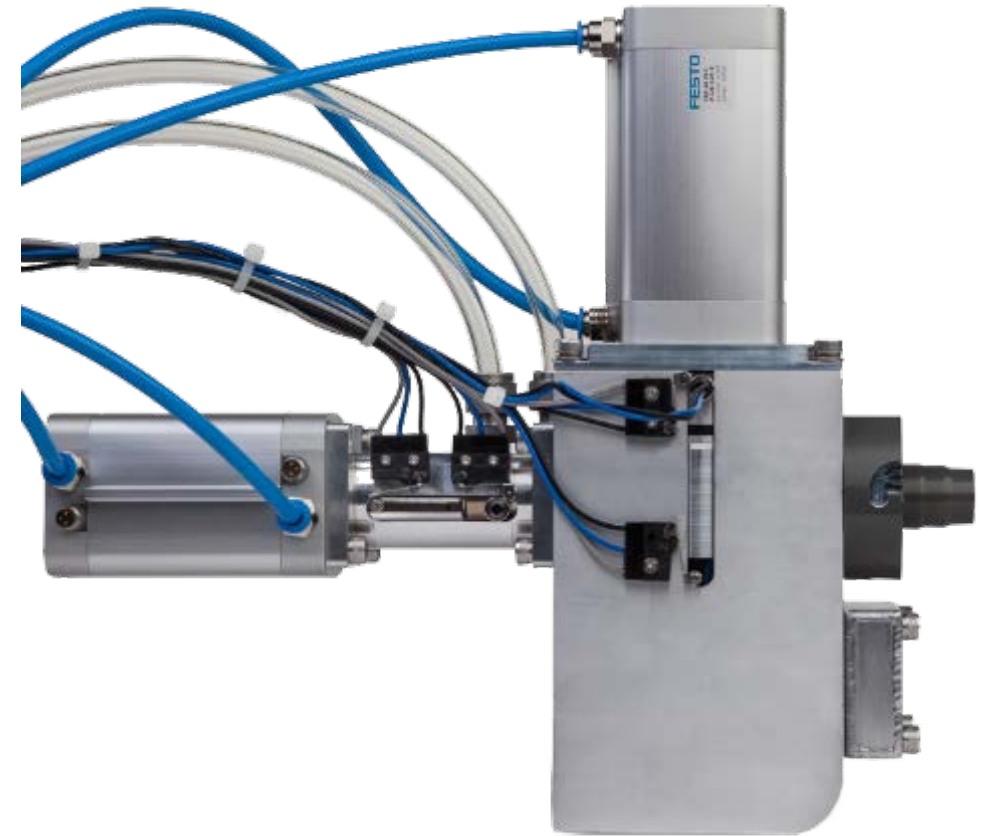
- QIS™ is compatible with all major OEM cyclotrons
- Proprietary target plates for production of ^{99m}Tc , ^{68}Ga , ^{89}Zr , ^{64}Cu





- Reliable daily production
 - Avoids single point of failure supply chain
- Supply independence and logistical compatibility
 - Local control, responsive to market needs
 - Well-suited for geographically concentrated patient populations
- Multiple revenue sources enabled by multiple isotope production capabilities
 - ^{99m}Tc product line established, CTA completed
 - Next isotopes developed: ^{68}Ga , ^{89}Zr , ^{64}Cu
 - Under investigation: ^{44}Sc , ^{55}Co , ^{119}Sb , ^{124}I , ^{165}Er

Value Proposition





QUANTM Irradiation System™

- Fitment to new and existing cyclotron systems
 - Available for all major cyclotron OEMs
- Cost competitive to existing production methods: reactor, generator
- Established target processing methods
 - Novel purification and formulation processes
- Global intellectual property protection
 - Unique, proven design and manufacturing techniques
- Environmentally benign
 - No long-lived, highly radioactive waste
 - Recycling of raw materials established



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Tc-99m Generator Advisory - Wednesday Sep 12, 2018 09:00hrs

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The Working Group held a scheduled Tcon yesterday afternoon. The outlook for next week is for much the same as this week, except that some metro sites that normally receive an ANSTO generator may have run short of Tc99m this week waiting for Thursday / Friday delivery. This is the by-product of trying to catch up with fresh generators taking over from last week's stretched supply. Sites (usual ANSTO generator sites and GMS) should get regular supplies now and we should be close to full capacity next week.

The plan is for this situation to repeat each week including the day of your generator delivery. Concurrently, ANSTO will increase generator production locally and progressively move larger proportions of sites to local supply. This will not be a fast transition. Currently about 50% of departments are on locally produced generators and the remaining 50% plus GMS will be progressively supplied locally. Once local production is at or near 100%, plans will be made to migrate departments back to preferred delivery days and preferred generator sizes. Patience is requested until this is feasible.

The Working Group will continue to meet regularly and monitor the situation and provide updates as required.