

Van Gen tot Geneesmiddel: Nuclear Imaging techniques

Part 1.

Techniques: cyclotron and imaging

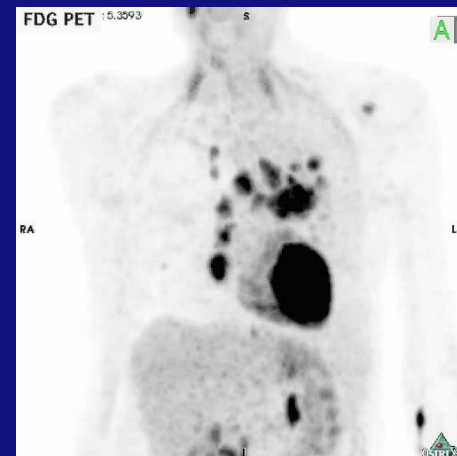
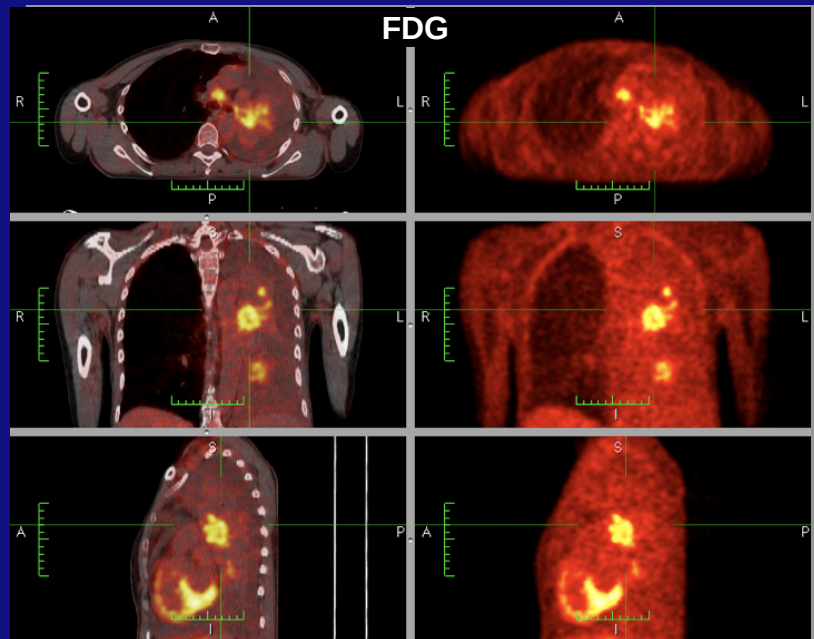
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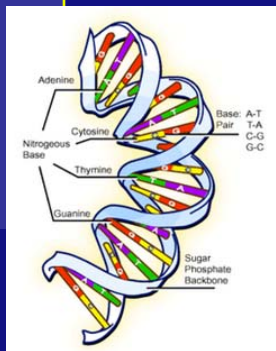


Imaging



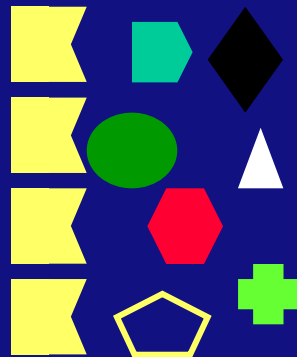
The Gene-to-Medicine paradigm

Target
discovery



genomics

Chem diversity



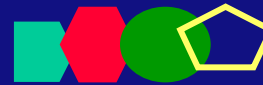
Lead chem

Hit



HTS

optimise



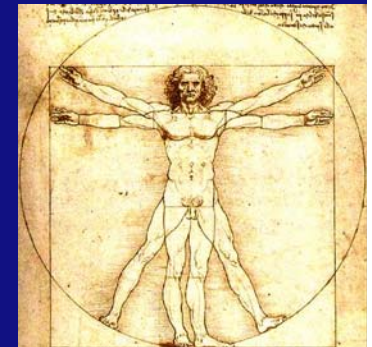
SAR

safety



Pre clinical

efficacy



human

bio informatics

chemo informatics

imaging



MOLECULAR IMAGING



Molecular, Cellular
and Animal Studies

Studies of Diseased
Tissues in Life

Goal this week: provide overview



VGTTG : Imaging

Dinsdag 24 februari

Deel 1: techniek

Deel 2: radiochemie

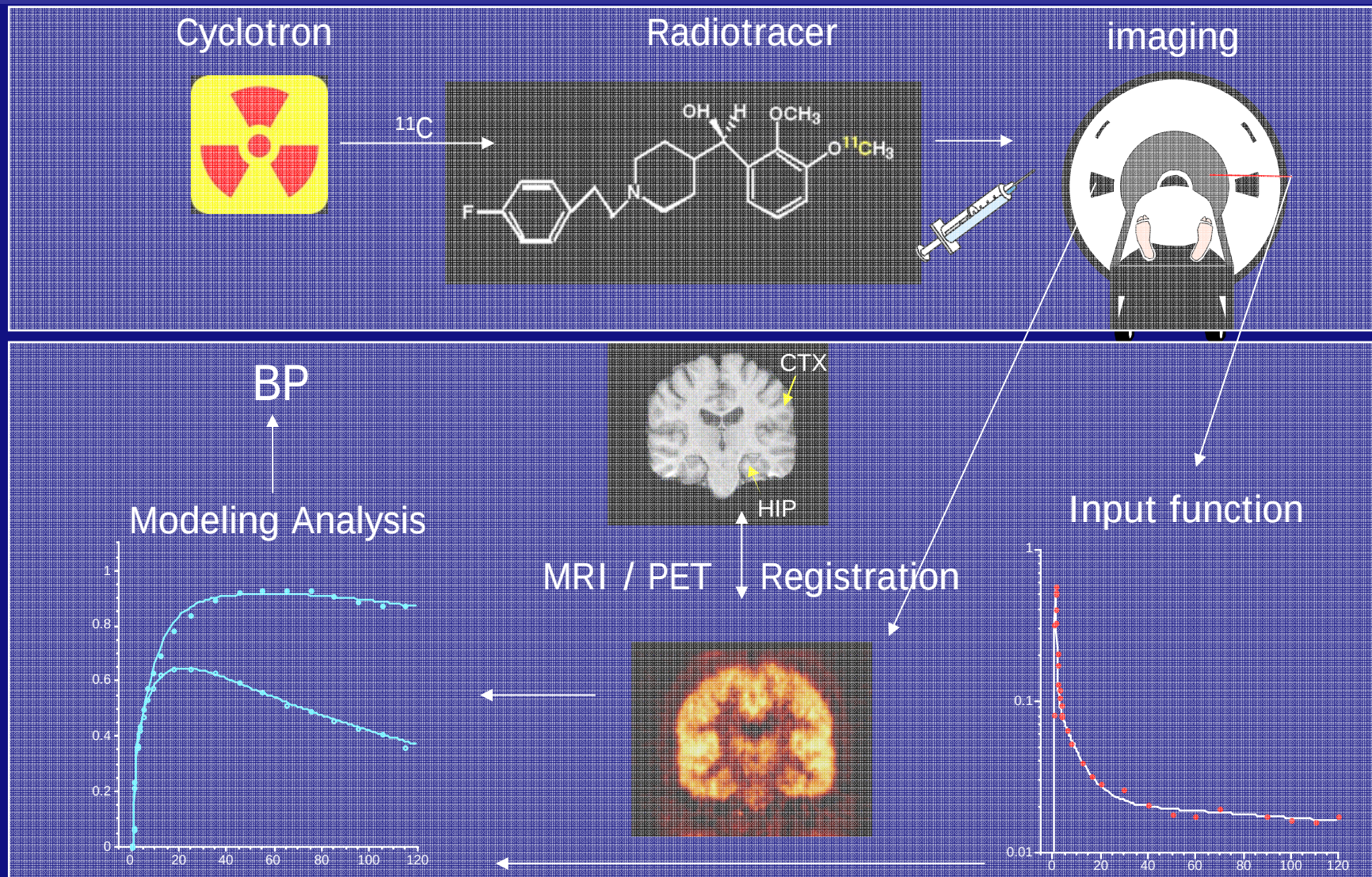
Donderdag 26 februari

Deel 3: casus neuroimaging

Deel 4: casus alzheimer en borstkanker

Dinsdag 3 maart rondleiding op RNC: inschrijven





Outline

Nuclear Imaging: PET and SPECT

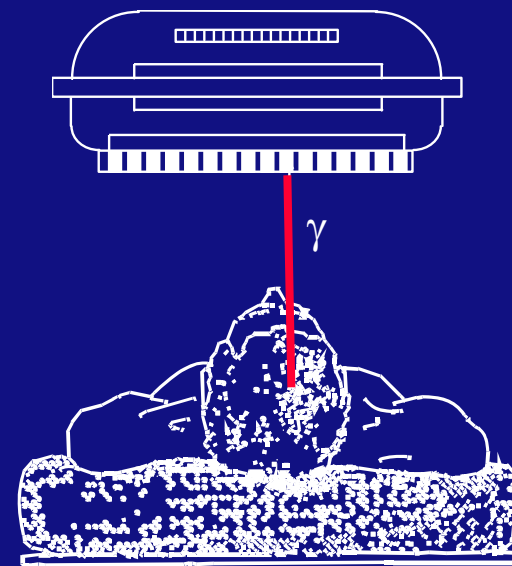
Cyclotron technique

Targetry



SPECT

Planar detection



SPECT

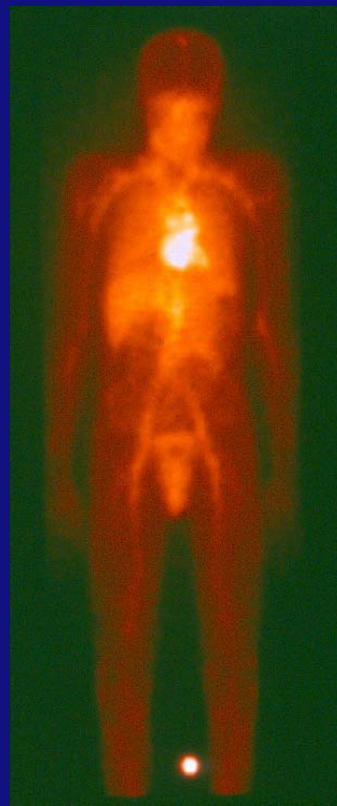
Planar detection



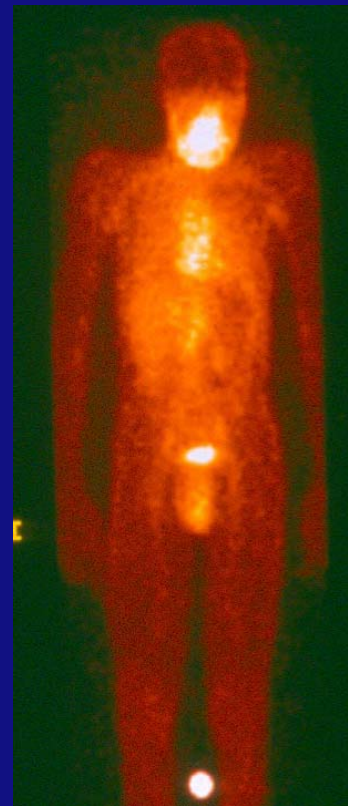
SPECT



1 hr



24 hr

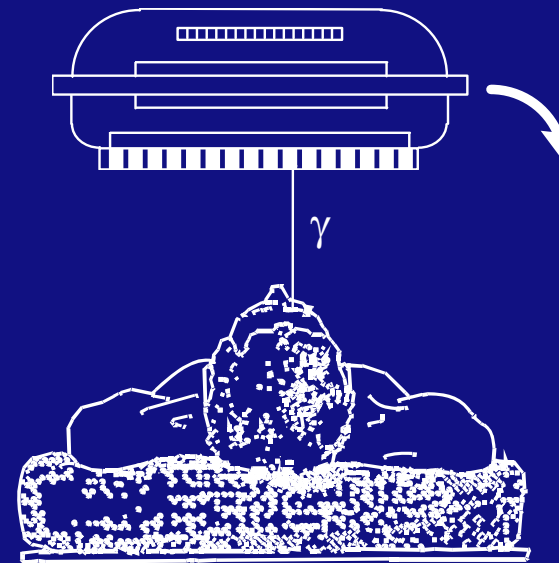


6 days

^{186}Re -mab

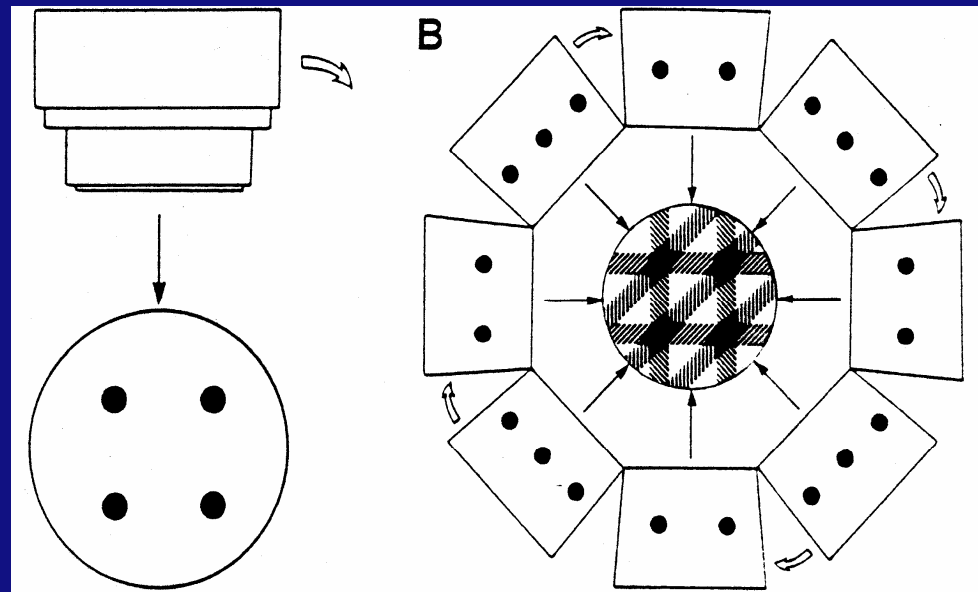
SPECT

Turning camera



SPECT

Reconstruct : (filtered) backprojection



Positron Emission Tomography

Makes use of positron decay

Requires special radio isotopes

Images in 3D



positron decay

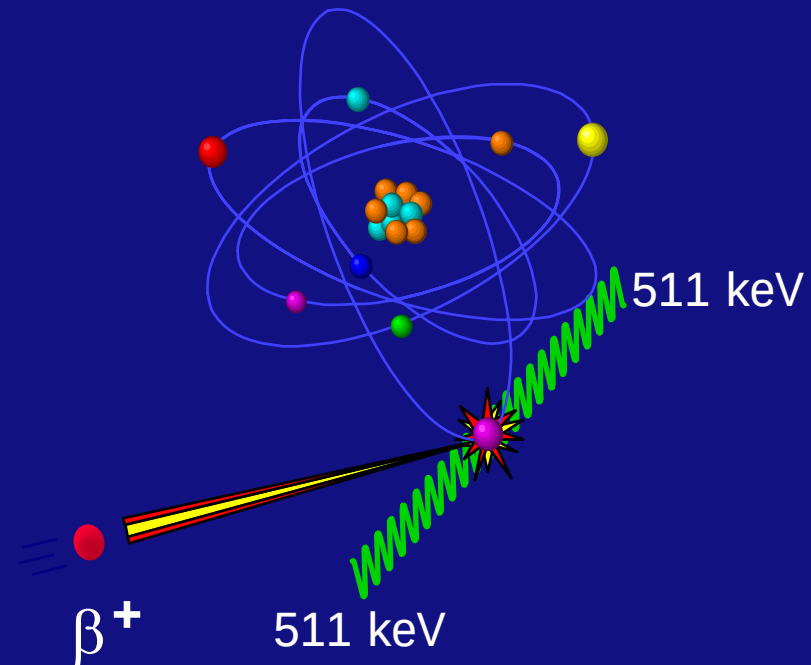
Decay

Loss kinetic energy

Annihilation

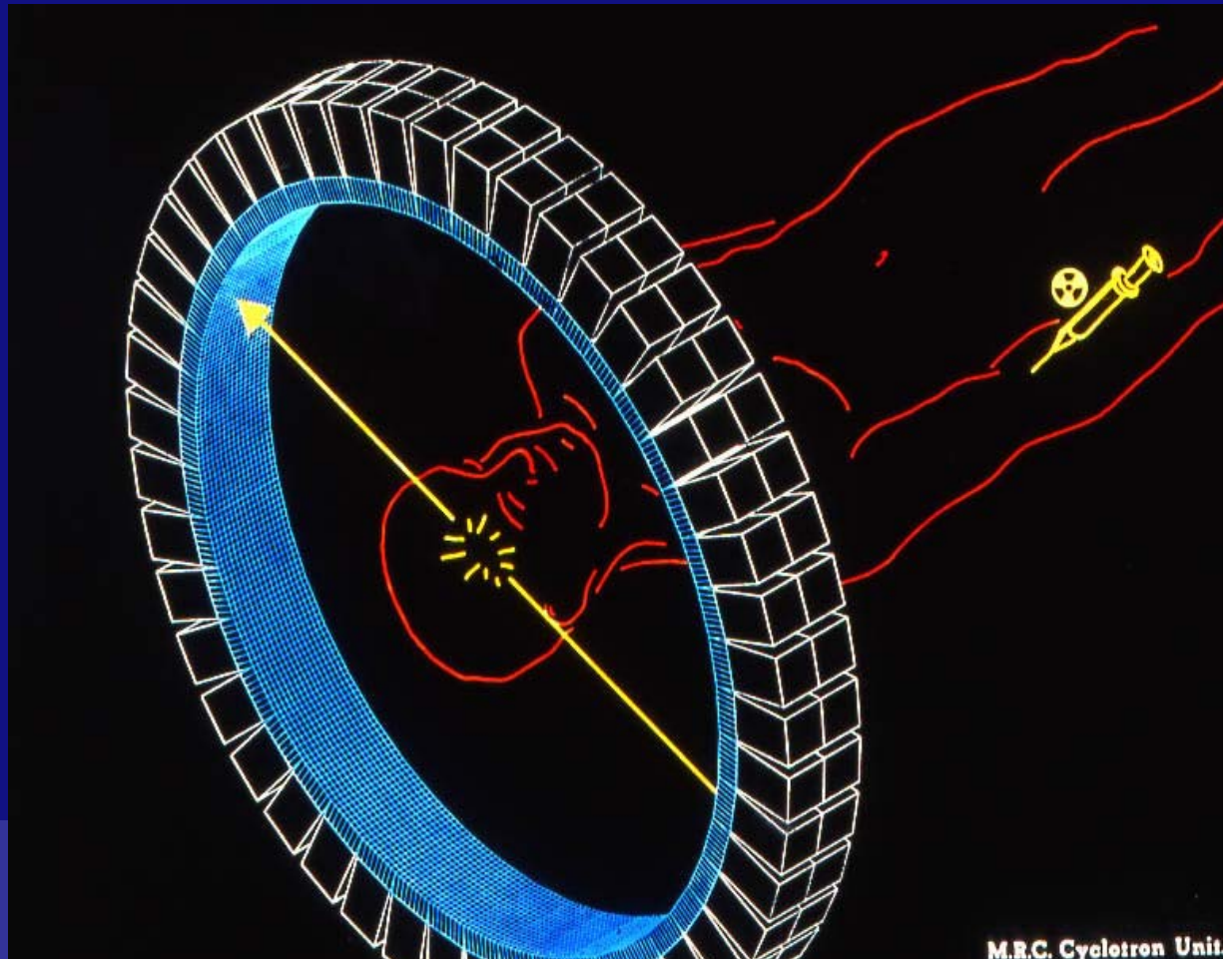
511 KeV

180°

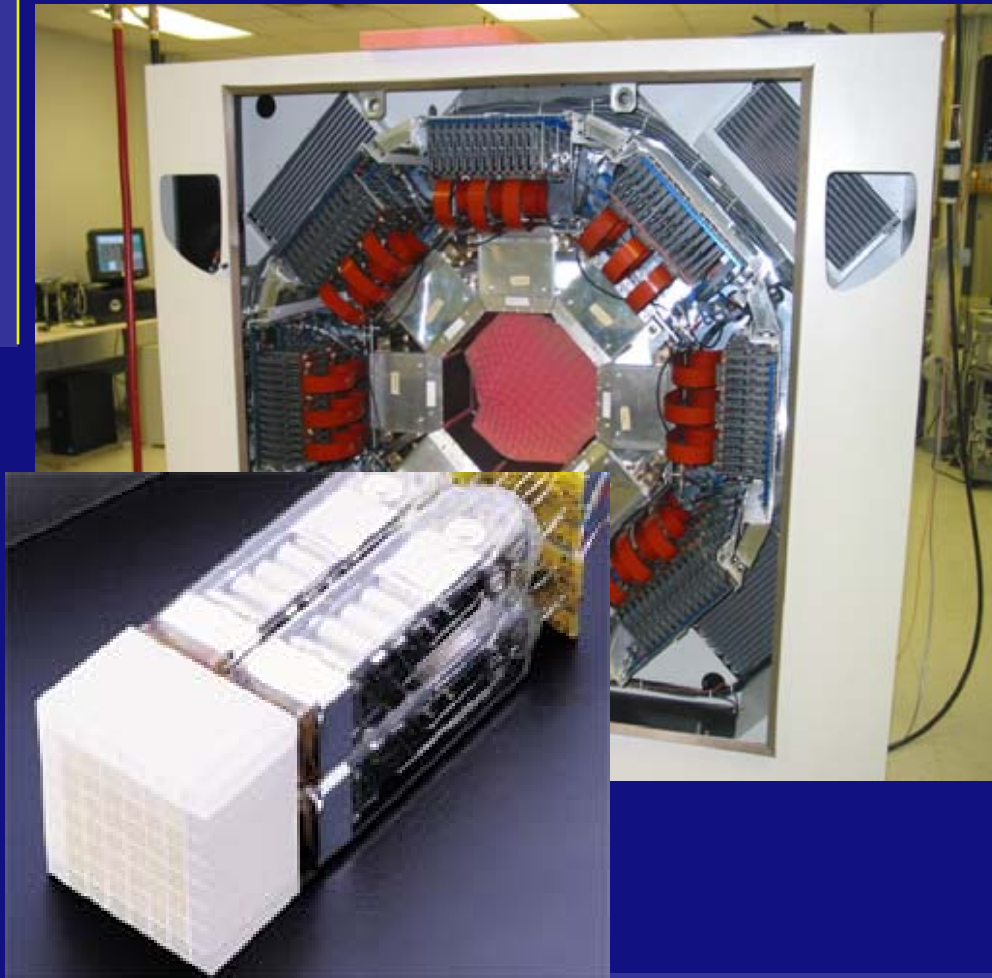


Positron Emission Tomography

Co-incidence
detection



PET Camera



HRRT

8 blocks

9x13 detectors

8x8 crystals

59904 crystals in total

Fast data collection

4-D matrix of data:

X, Y, Z, time

PET animation

Loss of kinetic energy

Annihilation

2 Photons, 511 KeV

Opposite direction



PET Isotopes

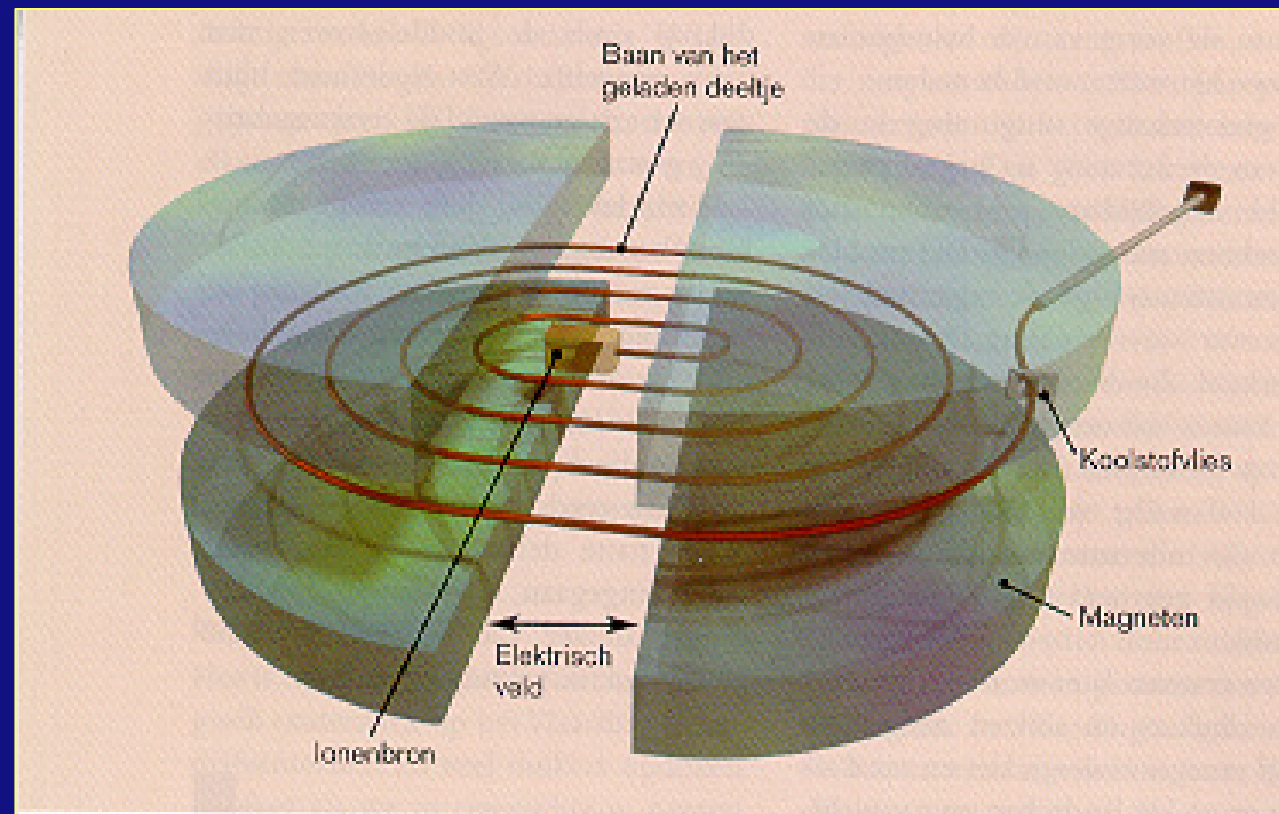
^{11}C : 20 min, β^+ (970 KeV), $^{14}\text{N}(\text{p},\alpha)^{11}\text{C}$

^{18}F : 110 min, β^+ (635 KeV), $^{18}\text{O}(\text{p},\text{n})^{18}\text{F}$

^{89}Zr : 78 hrs, β^+ (900 KeV), $^{89}\text{Y}(\text{p},\text{n})^{89}\text{Zr}$



Cyclotron production



30.000 volt between D's

300 circles, 600 accelerations of 30.000 volt = 18 MeV

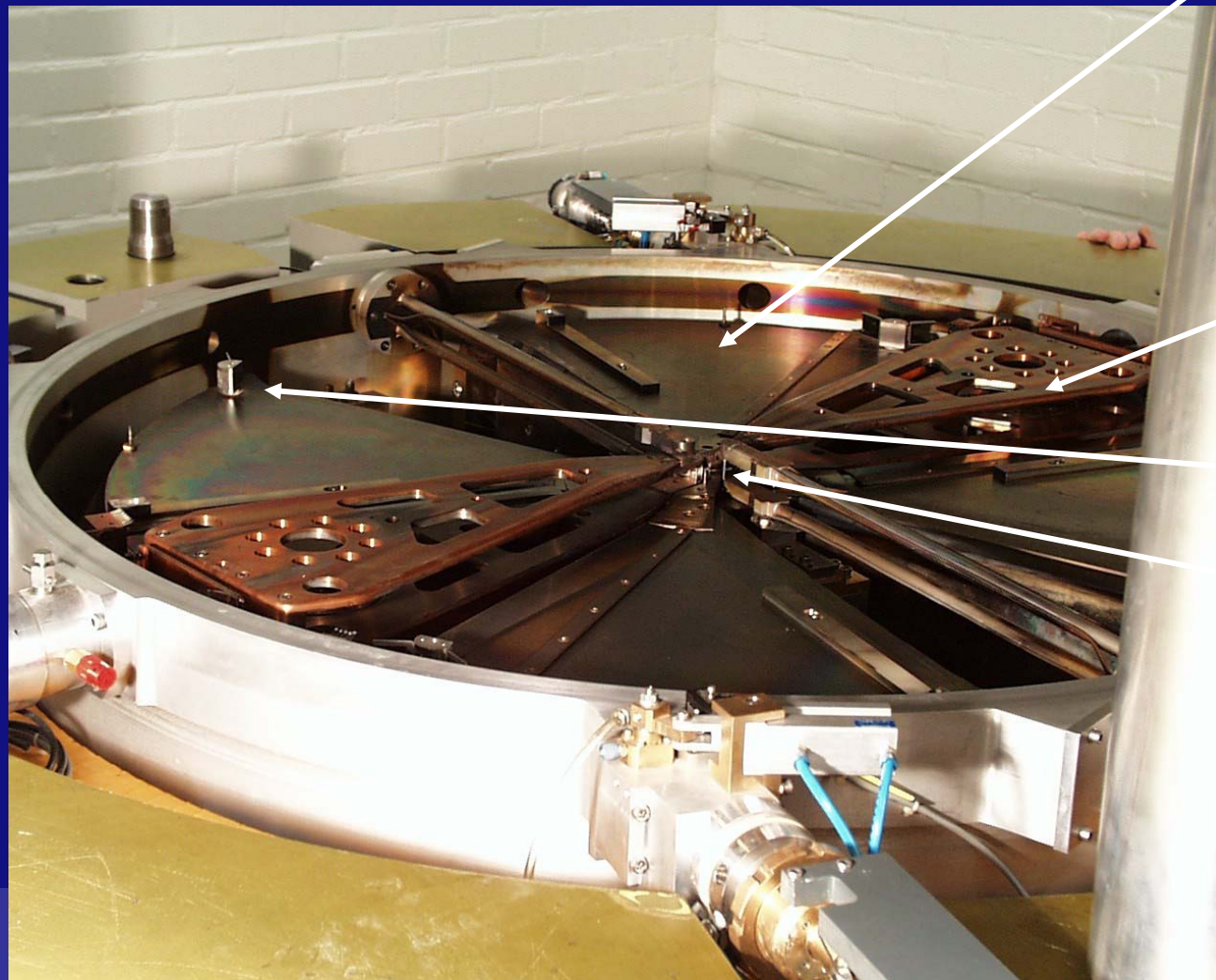
Cyclotron animation



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Cyclotron inside



magnet

E-field

stripper

Ion source



^{18}F Fluoride production

Nuclear reaction

$^{18}\text{O}(\text{p},\text{n})^{18}\text{F}$, obtained as Fluoride in water

Proton energy from 10 MeV

Side reaction

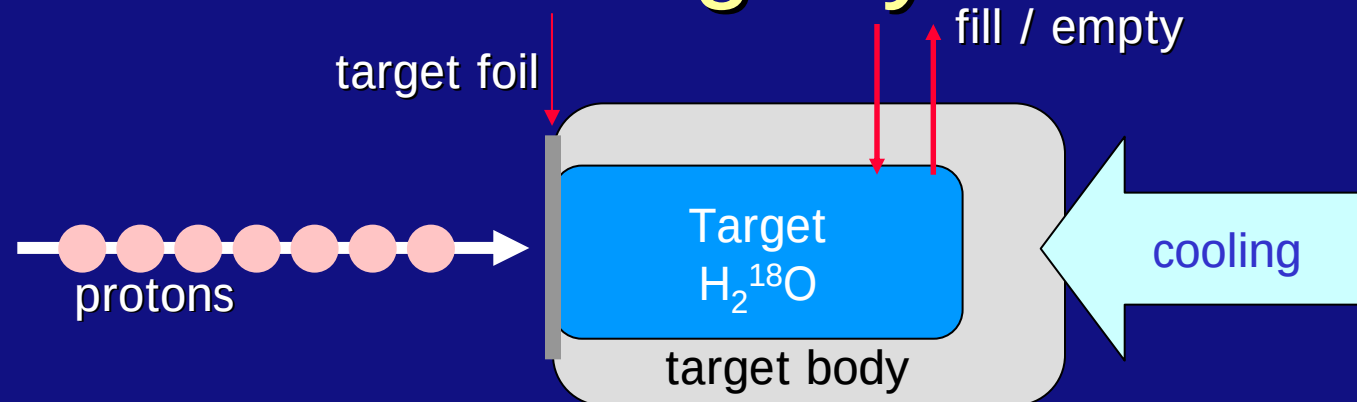
$^{16}\text{O}(\text{p},\alpha)^{13}\text{N}$, obtained as nitrates in water

Work up

anion exchange column



^{18}F Fluoride targetry



Important characteristics for target body material:

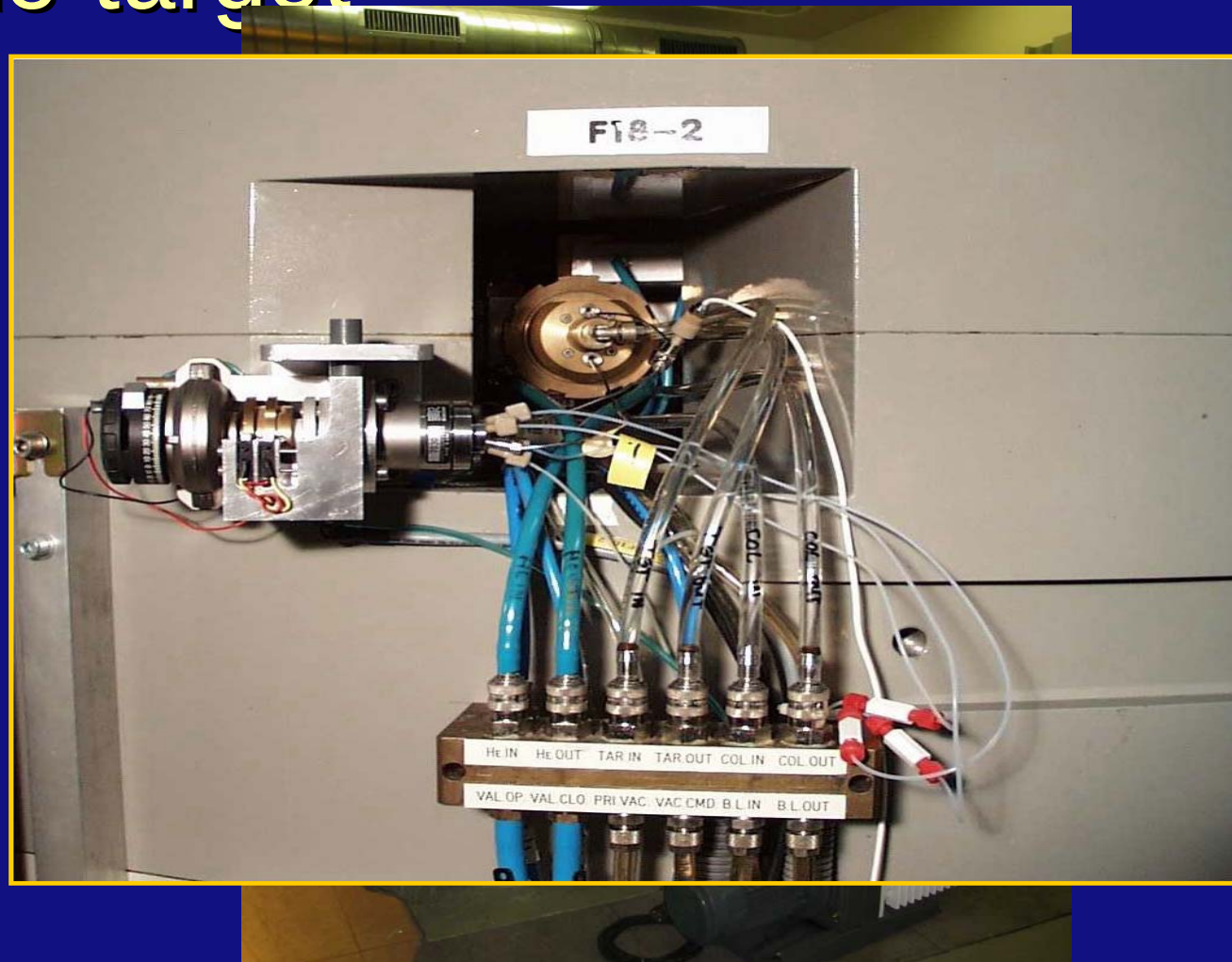
- Heat capacity coefficient

- (limiting factor for high beam currents: high pressure in target)

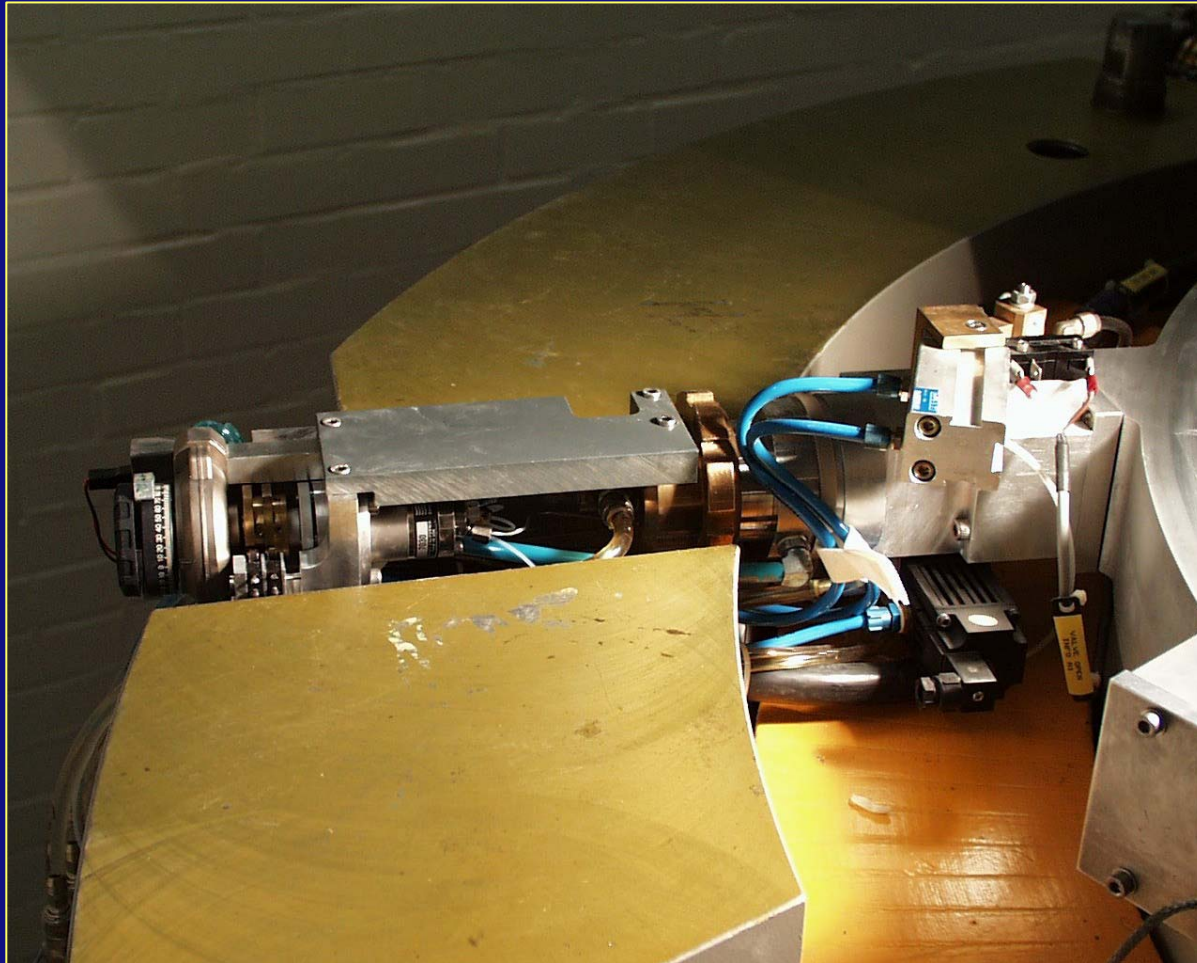
- Radionuclidic side products

- Chemical purity of [^{18}F]Fluoride from target

Fluoride target



Fluoride target



Fluoride target



^{18}F Fluorine production

Nuclear reaction



deuterons from 7 MeV

protons from 10 MeV

Side reaction

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Work up

none



^{18}F Fluorine targets

Target material : Nickel or Monel

1st irradiation : ^{18}F fluorine deposit on target wall

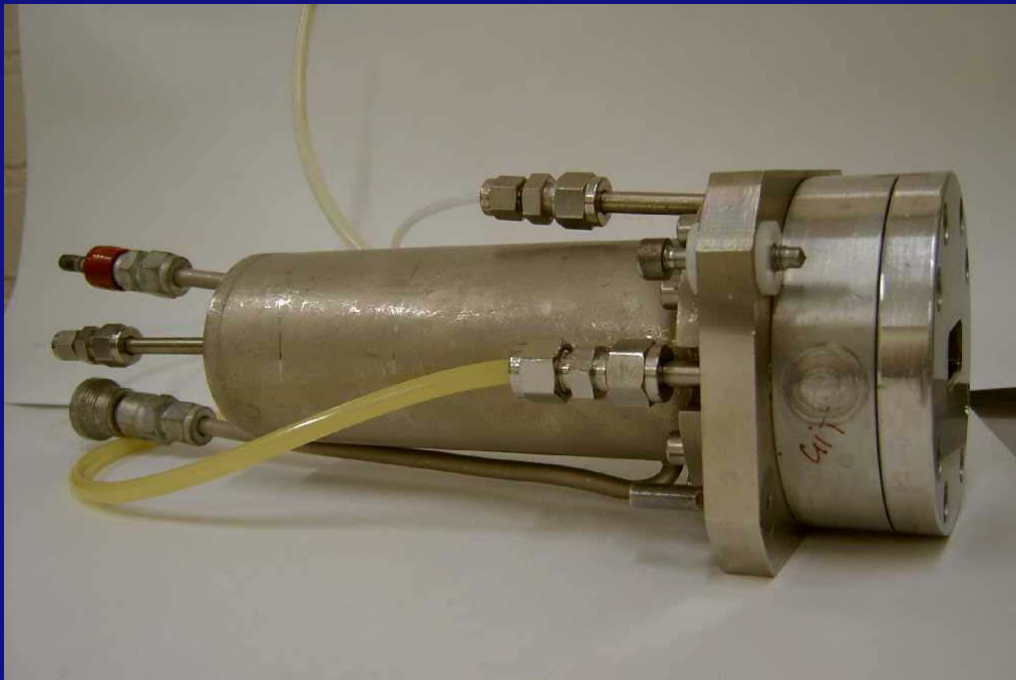
Empty target, fill with Neon + 0.1-0.5% F_2

Irradiate

Electrophilic fluorination, or via intermediate



^{18}F Fluorine target Groningen



Installed in 1992

Design: Robert Dahl

Nickel / 153 ml

30 psi 1% F_2 / 100 psi Neon

^{11}C production

Nuclear reaction

$^{14}\text{N}(\text{p},\alpha)^{11}\text{C}$, obtained as $^{11}\text{CO}_2$ in N_2

Proton energy from 10 MeV

Side reaction

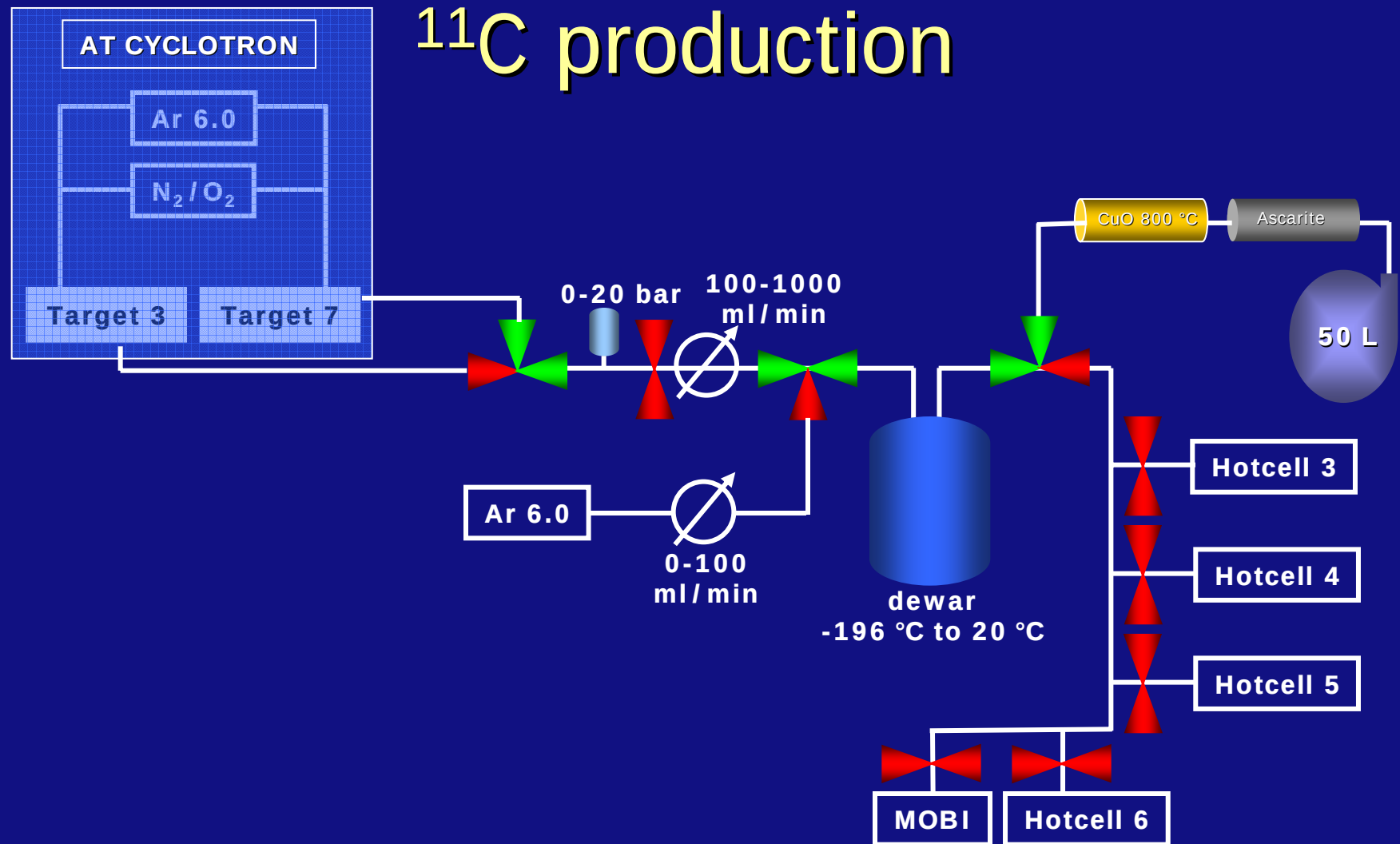
$^{14}\text{N}(\text{p},\text{pn})^{13}\text{N}$, obtained as $[^{13}\text{N}]\text{N}_2$

Work up

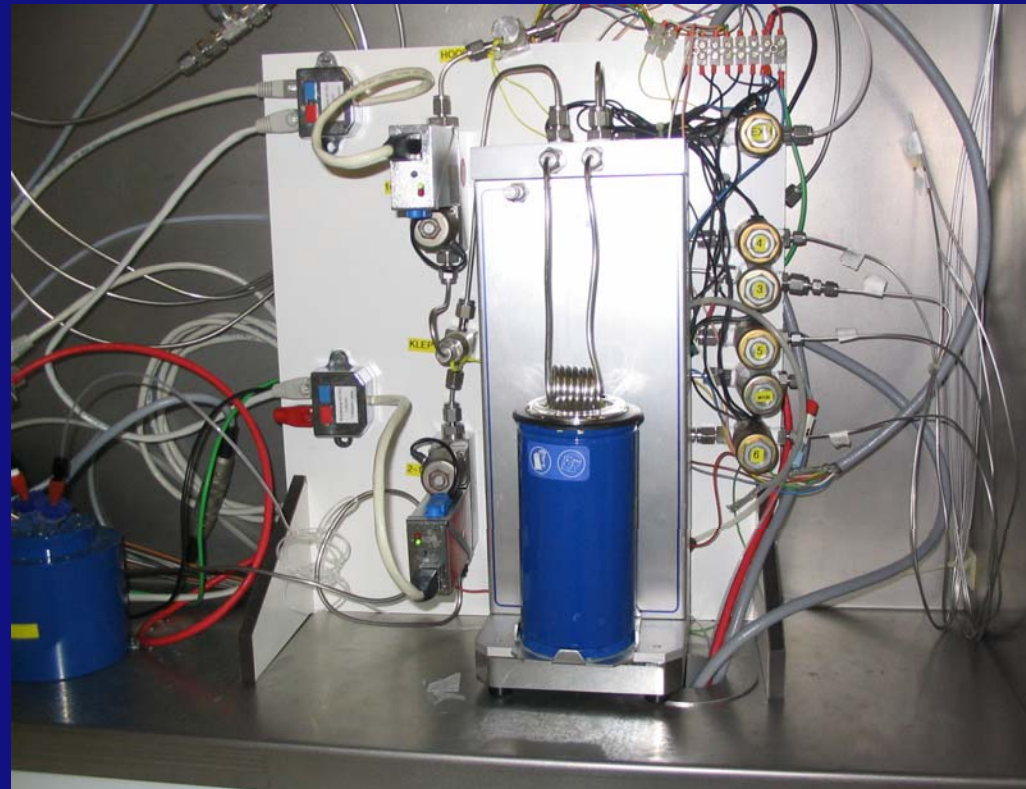
trap $[^{11}\text{C}]\text{CO}_2$ below $-150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$



^{11}C production



^{11}C production



^{89}Zr production

Nuclear reaction

$^{89}\text{Y} (p,n) ^{89}\text{Zr}$, obtained as ^{89}Zr in Yttrium disk

Proton energy 14 MeV optimal

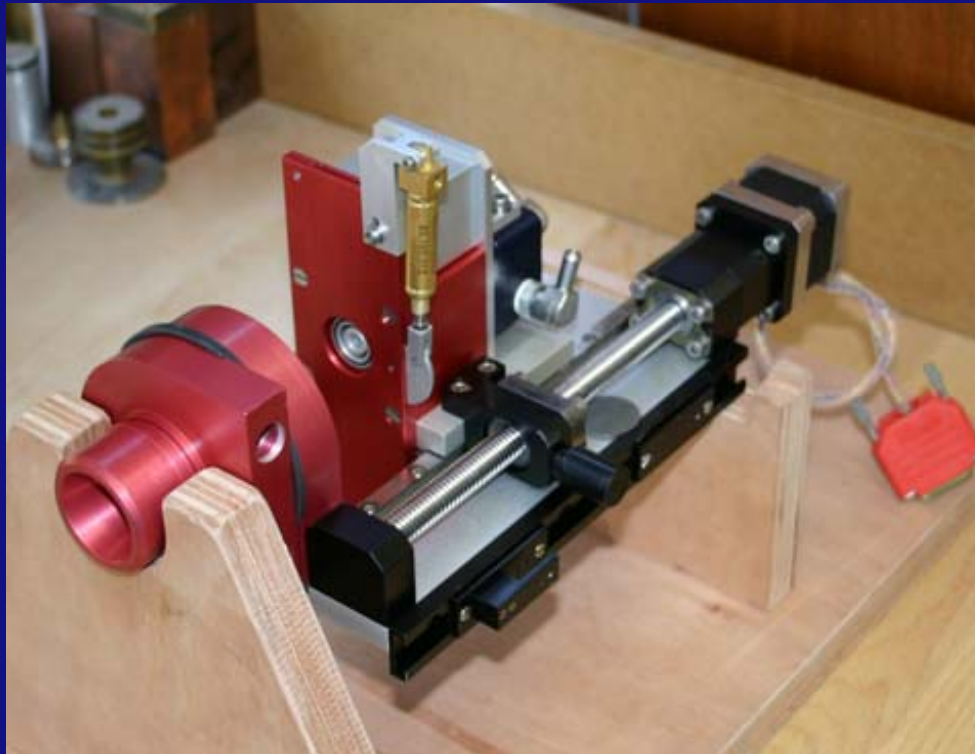
Side reaction

Work up

dissolve in 6M HCl, affinity chromatography



^{89}Zr production



^{89}Zr production



^{89}Zr production



Further reading

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