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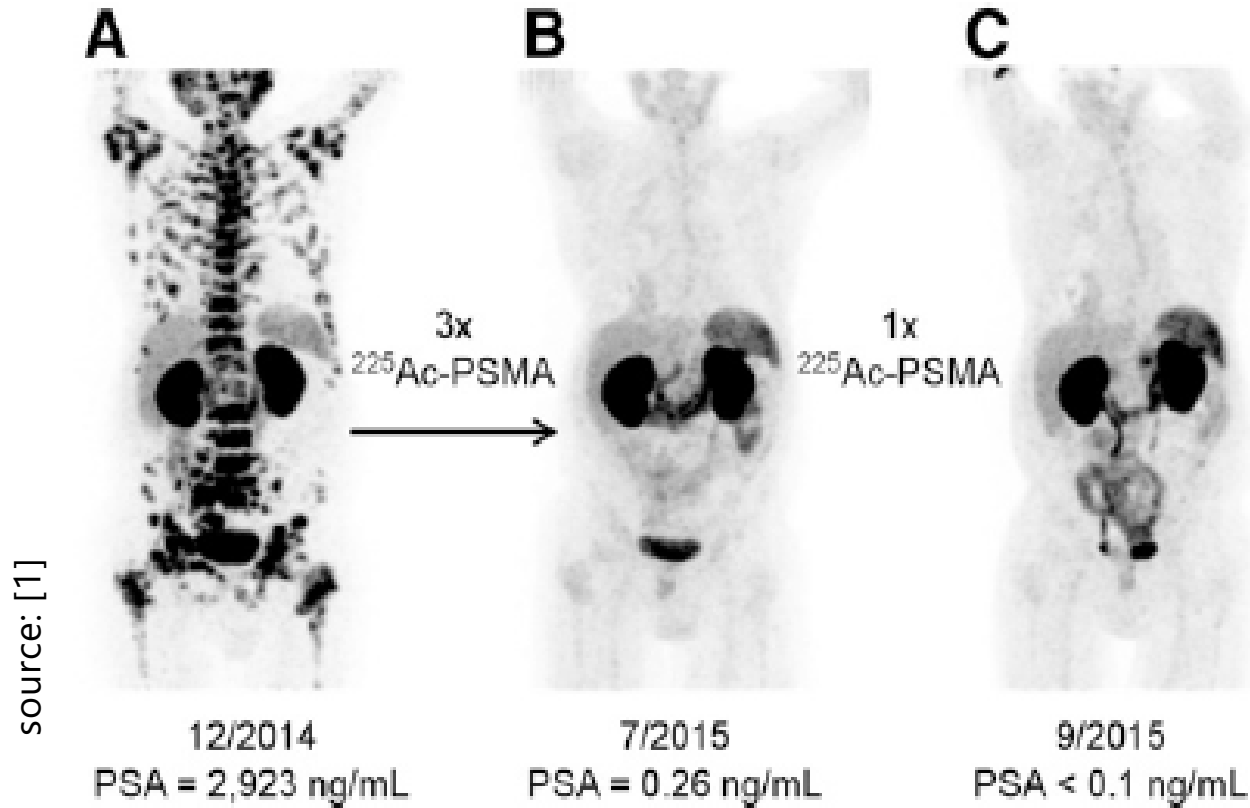
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**Towards  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  target development for  
photonuclear cross-section measurements**

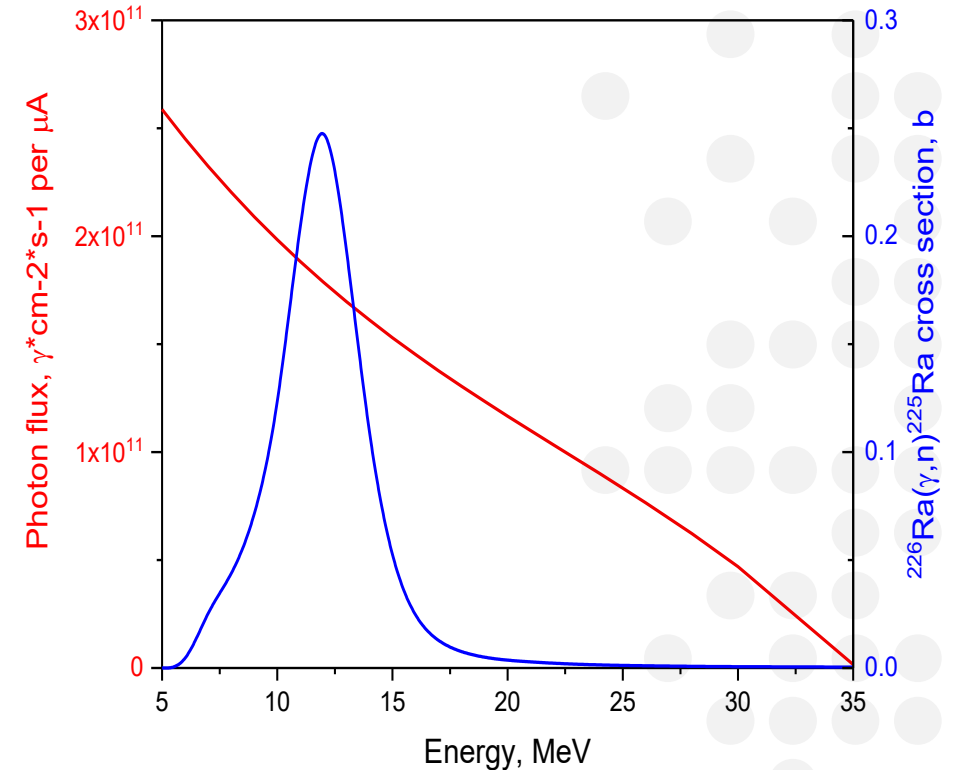
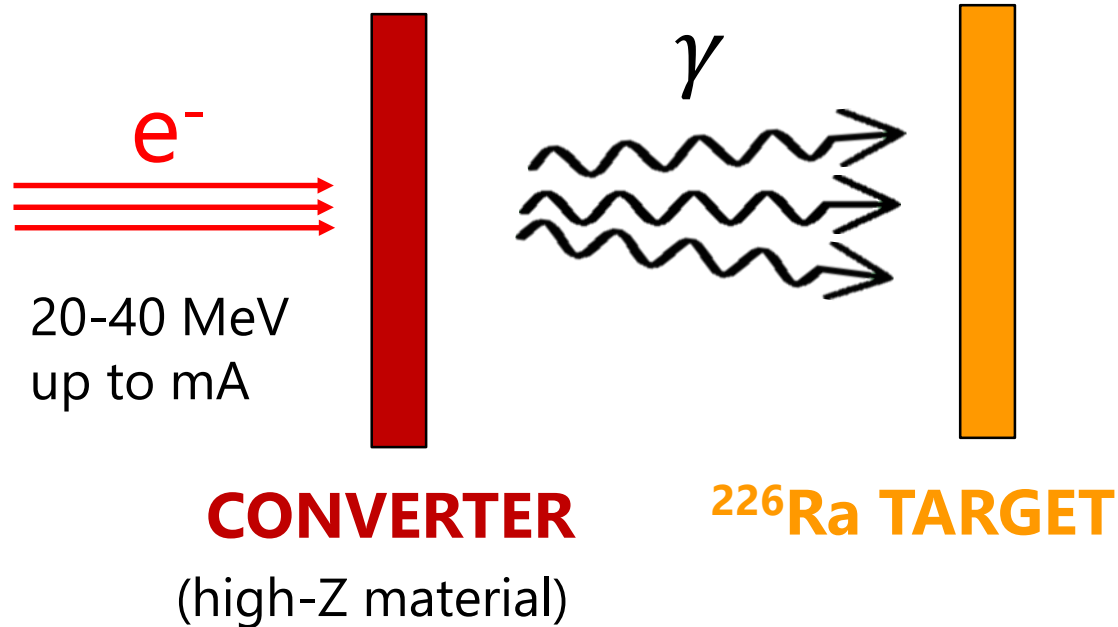
# $^{225}\text{Ac}$ for Targeted Alpha Therapy (TAT)



**Ac 225**  
9.920 d

$\alpha$  5.830, 5.793  
5.732..., C14  
 $\gamma$  100, (150, 188  
63...),  $e^-$

# Photonuclear production of $^{225}\text{Ac}$



**Only two measurements of the integral  $^{225}\text{Ra}/^{225}\text{Ac}$  production yields have been reported in literature:**

1. Melville, G., et al. Applied Radiation and Isotopes. **2007**; 65(9):1014-1022
2. Maslov, O.D., et al. Radiochemistry. **2006**; 48(2):195-197.

# Experimental data for ( $\gamma,^*$ ) reactions on $^{226}\text{Ra}$

**Data Selection**

Retrieve  Selected  Unselected  All

**Output:**  X4+  EXFOR  Bibliography  TAB  C4  PlotC4

**Plot:**  Quick-plot (cross-sections)  ungroup /product:   Advanced plot [how-to] using  C5 and  convert ratios to

Narrow incident energy (optional), eV: Min:  Max:

Apply  Data re-normalization (for advanced users, results in: C4, TAB and Plots)

n	Display	Year	Author-1	Energy range, eV	Points	Reference	Subentry#P	NSR-Key	Info+
1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 88-RA-226(G,F),,DA,FF,BRA/REL C4: MF=4 MT=?								
Quantity: [DA] Angular distribution of particle specified									
g	1 <input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> i <input type="checkbox"/> X4 <input type="checkbox"/> X4+ <input type="checkbox"/> X4± <input type="checkbox"/> T4	1968	E.A.Zhagrov+	9.10e6	7	+ J,YF,7,264,1968	M0185003 [6]	1968ZH03	An[7]=15:85
g	2 <input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> i <input type="checkbox"/> X4 <input type="checkbox"/> X4+ <input type="checkbox"/> X4± <input type="checkbox"/> T4			1.07e7	7		M0185004 [6]	1968ZH03	An[7]=15:85
g	3 <input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> i <input type="checkbox"/> X4 <input type="checkbox"/> X4+ <input type="checkbox"/> X4± <input type="checkbox"/> T4			1.45e7	7		M0185005 [6]	1968ZH03	An[7]=15:85
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g	5 <input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> i <input type="checkbox"/> X4 <input type="checkbox"/> X4+ <input type="checkbox"/> X4± <input type="checkbox"/> T4			2.20e7	7		M0185007 [6]	1968ZH03	An[7]=15:85
g	6 <input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> i <input type="checkbox"/> X4 <input type="checkbox"/> X4+ <input type="checkbox"/> X4± <input type="checkbox"/> T4			2.60e7	7		M0185008 [6]	1968ZH03	An[7]=15:85
2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 88-RA-226(G,F),,SIG,,BRS C4: MF=3 MT=?								
Quantity: [CS] Cross section									
g	7 <input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> i <input type="checkbox"/> X4 <input type="checkbox"/> X4+ <input type="checkbox"/> X4± <input type="checkbox"/> T4 <input type="checkbox"/> Cov	1971	E.A.Zhagrov+	9.00e6	2.00e7	23	+ J,YF,13,934,1971	M0195002 [6]	1971ZH02
3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (88-RA-226(G,F),,SIG,,BRA/REL)/(92-U-238(G,F),,SIG,,BRA/REL) C4: MF=203 MT=?								
Quantity: [CS] Cross section									
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No  $^{226}\text{Ra}(\gamma,n)^{225}\text{Ra}$  cross section data published to date!



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Below (open access mode) you find the list of contributions to the latest meeting, the 29<sup>th</sup> World Conference held in October 229, 2020.

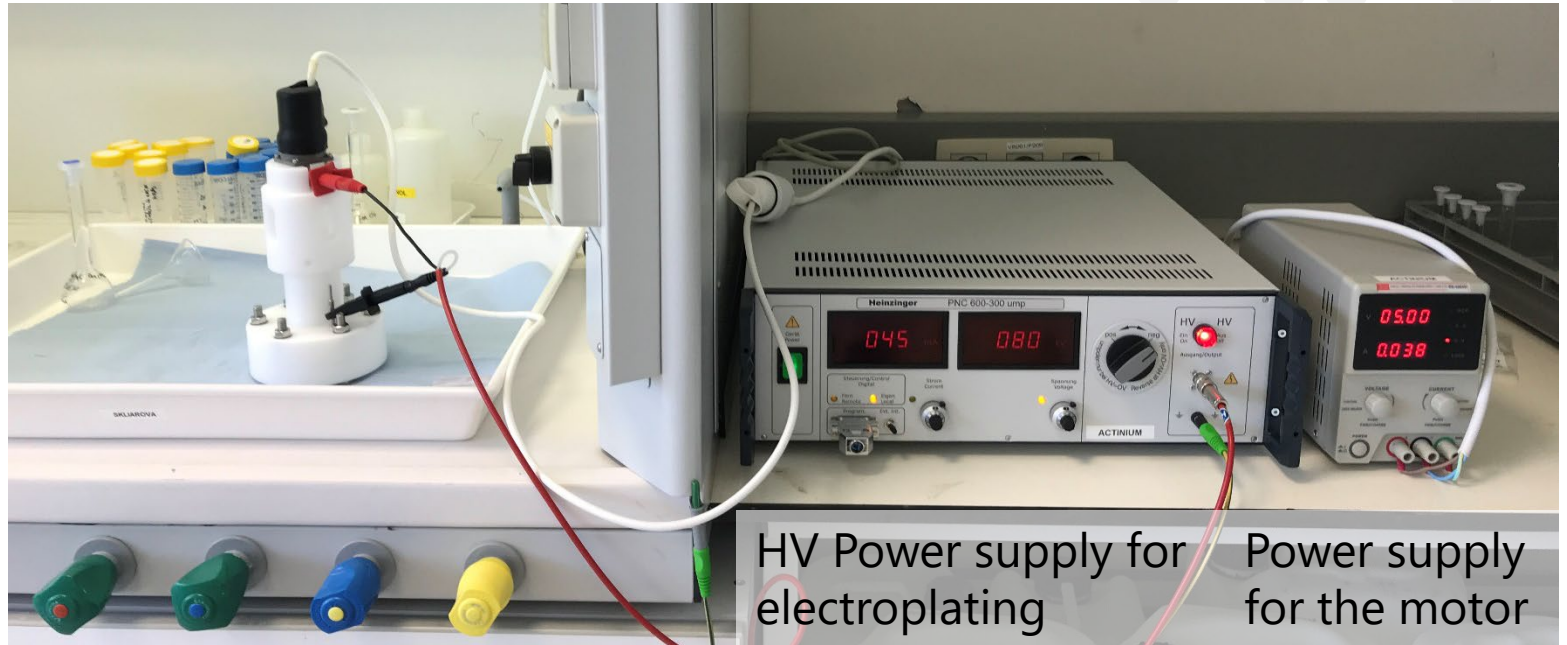
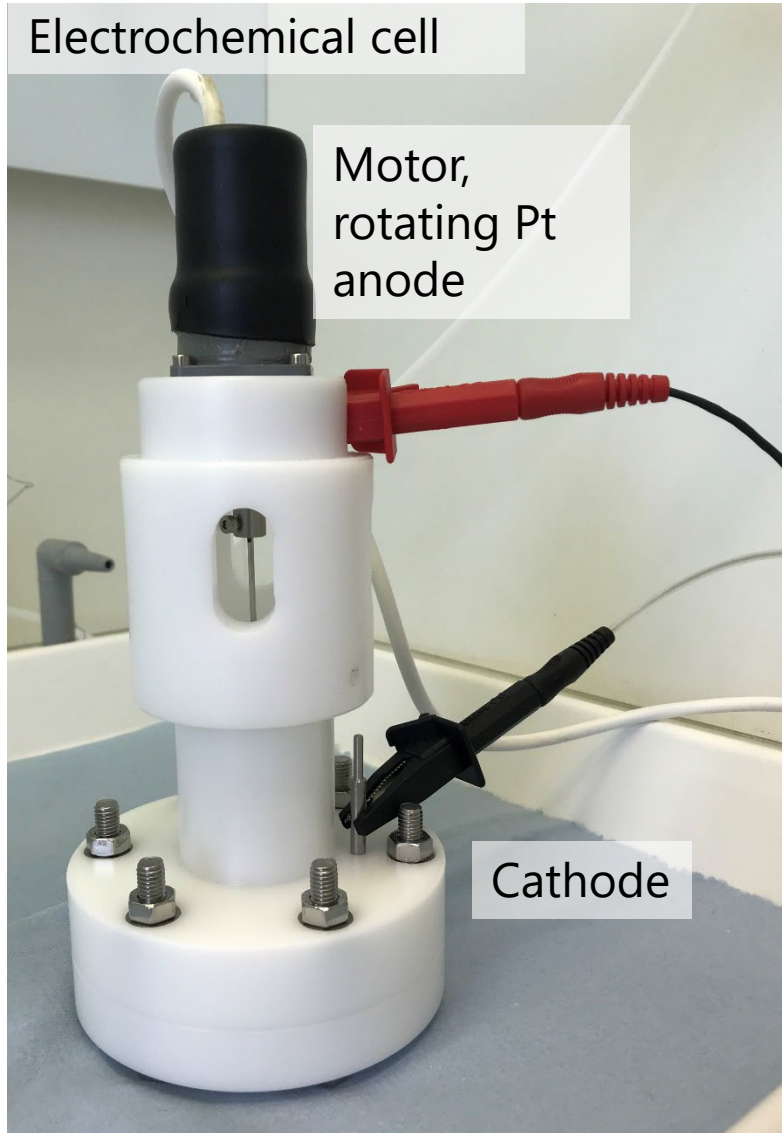
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1144. Masahiro Yoshimoto, Yoshio Yamazaki, Takamitsu Nakanoya, Pranab Kumar Saha and Michikazu Kinsho;  
Progress status in fabrication of HBC stripper foil for 3-GeV RCS at J-PARC in Tokai site  
EPJ Web Conf. 229, 2020; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1051/epjconf/202022901001>

# Experimental set-up

Electrochemical cell



40-120V

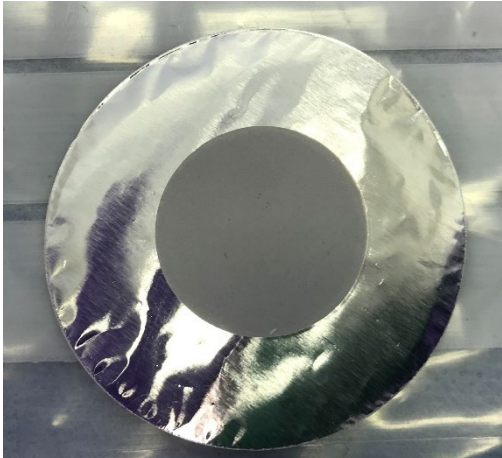
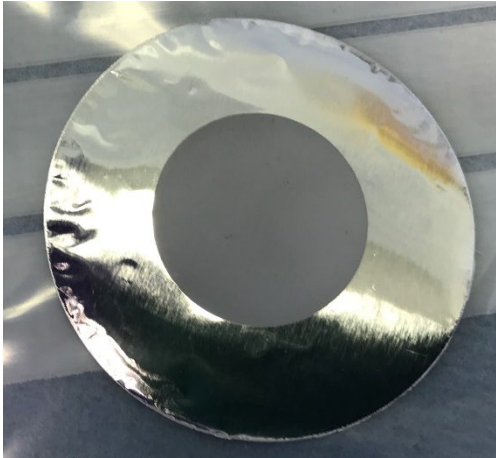
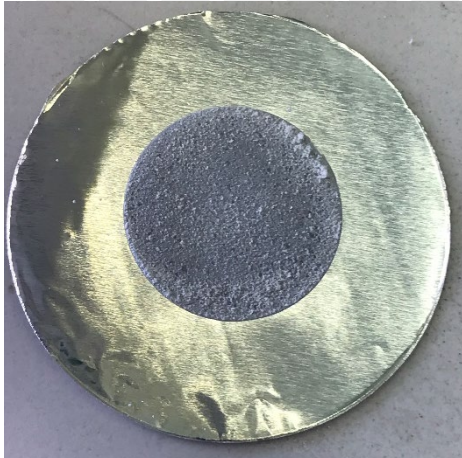
5V ~0.03A  
34 rpm

**Distance cathode-anode 1 cm**

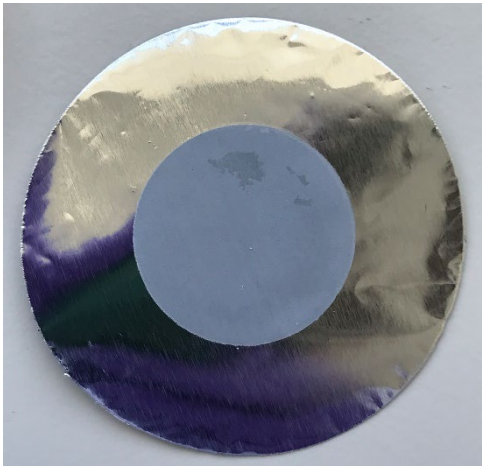
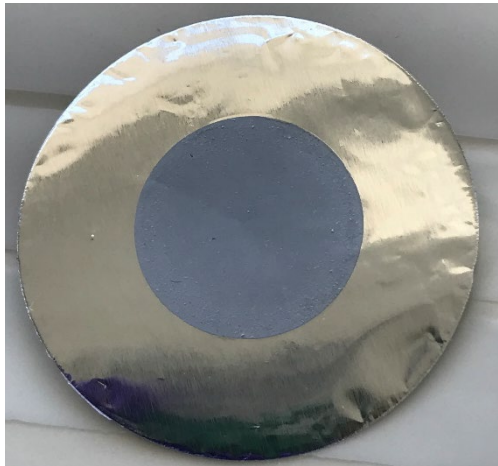
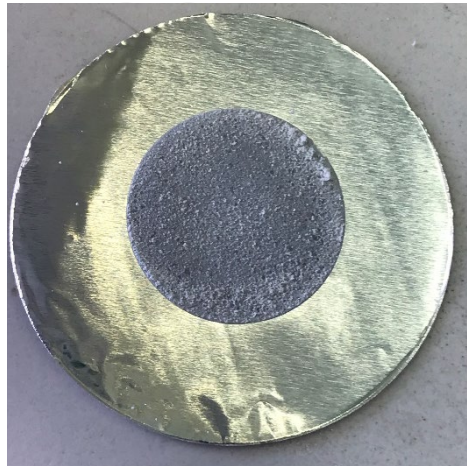
Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> dissolved in 2.5mL HNO<sub>3</sub> 0.05M + 20 mL Isopropanol

NH<sub>4</sub>OH fixing was avoided to facilitate the recovery



Experiment #	29	30	31
Voltage	80 V	100 V	120 V
Time	20 min	20 min	20 min
Average current	33.7 mA	47.4 mA	63.2 mA
$m_d$ , mg	2.27	2.43	2.83
$m_{Ba}$ , mg	0.07	0.09	0.07
Ba deposited from sol.	60%	83%	64%
Temperature increase	23-28.7=5.7°C	23.2-30.0=6.8°C	23.2-36.6=13.4°C
Dep density, mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.72	0.77	0.9
Photo			

$Ba(NO_3)_2$  ~1mg per solution: 2.5mL HNO<sub>3</sub> 0.05M + 20 mL Isopropanol

Experiment #	33	32	31
Ba(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> mass, mg	0.01	0.1	1
Average current	41.9 mA	40.3 mA	63.2 mA
m <sub>d</sub> , mg	1.43	1.73	2.83
m <sub>Ba</sub> , mg	0.0008	0.007	0.07
Ba deposited from sol.	64%	70%	64%
Temperature increase	-	23.2-29.5=6.3°C	23.2-36.6=13.4°C
Dep. density, mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.45	0.55	0.9
Photo			

120 V 20 min, 18 μm Al foil

solution: 2.5 mL HNO<sub>3</sub> 0.05M + 20 mL Isopropanol with different amount of Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. Solution has to be intensively mixed before deposition



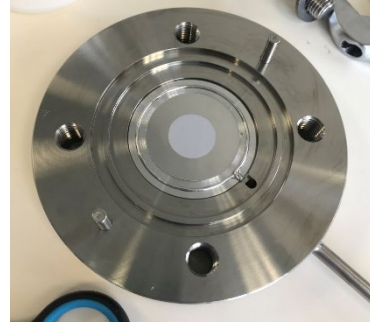
# Targets for irradiation of $^{226}\text{Ra}$



Al container



Indium seal



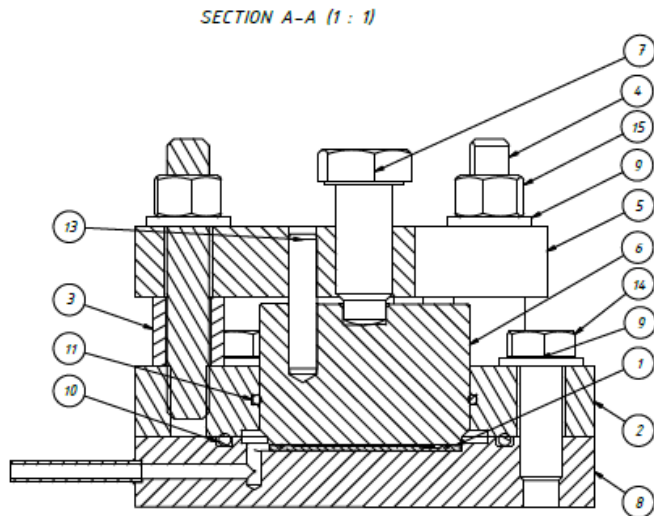
Electroplated target



Al foil lid



Hermetically sealed target



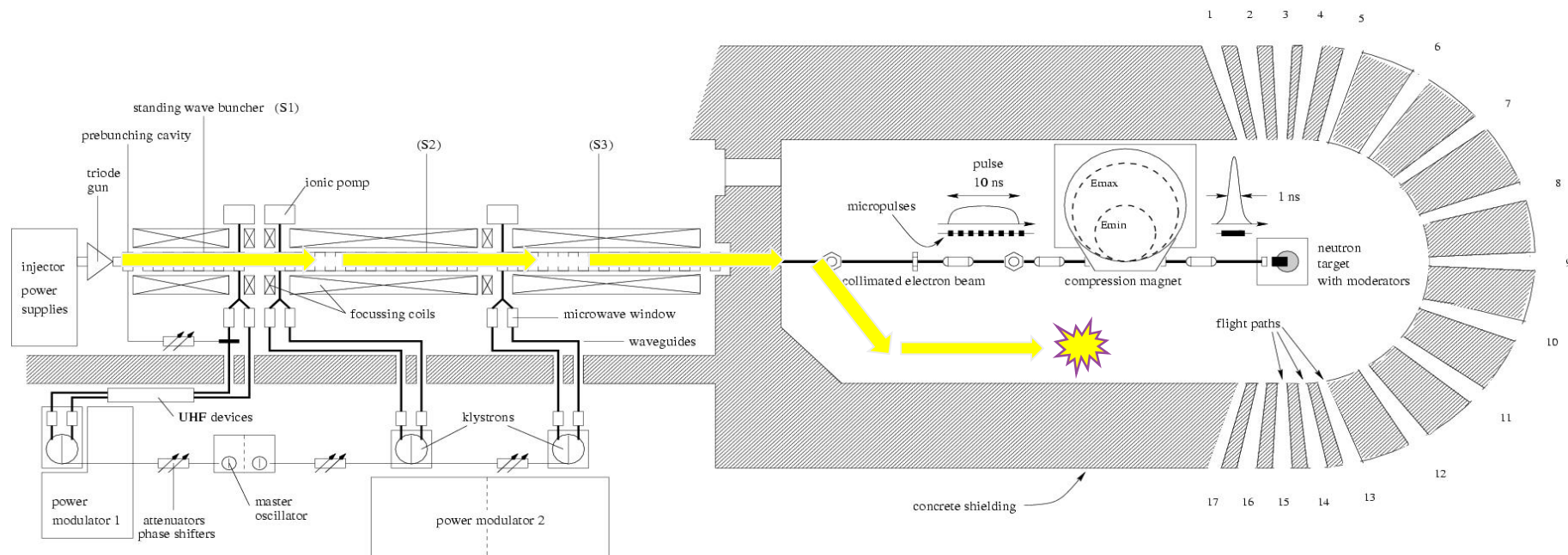




**GELINA**



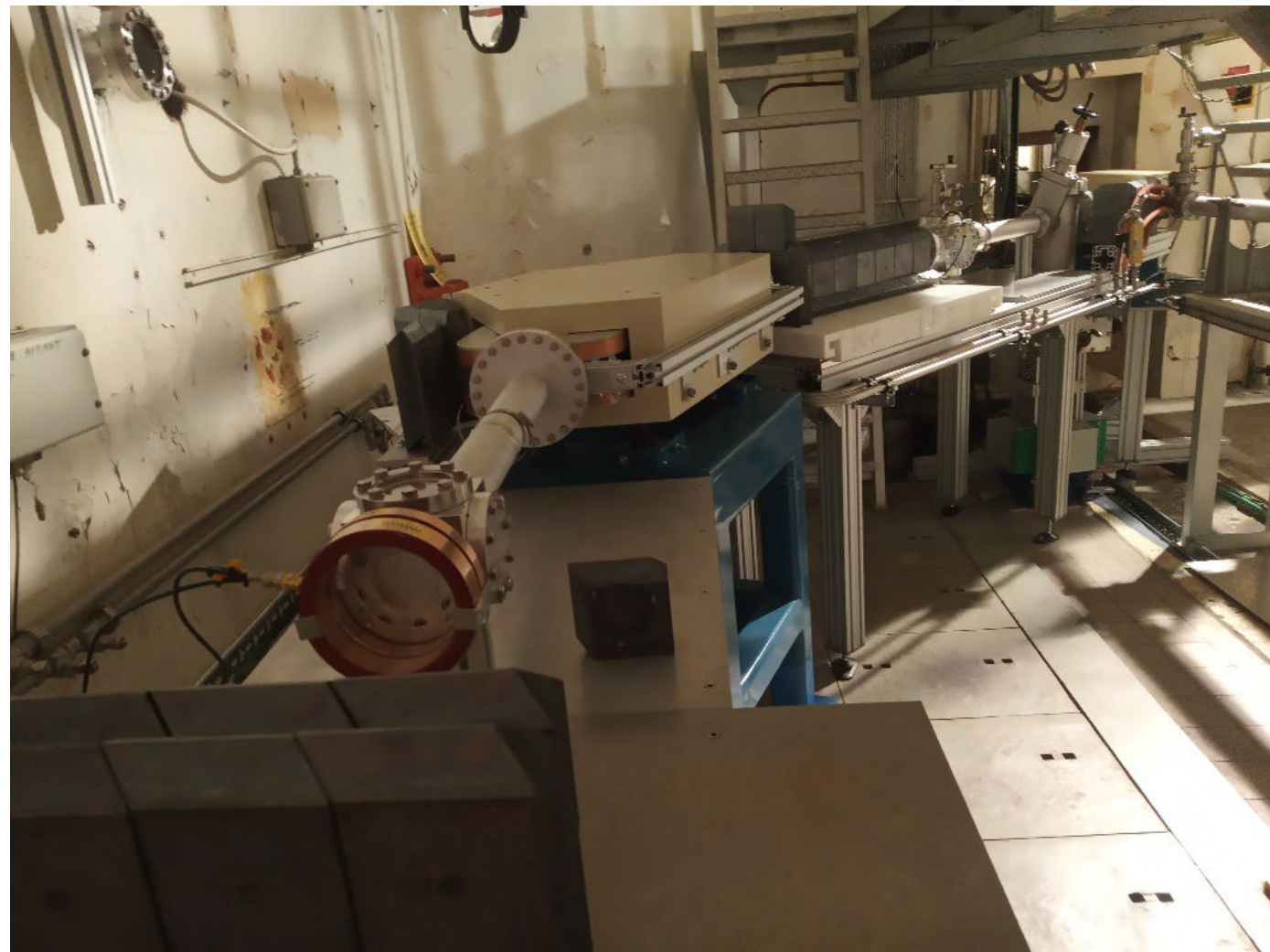
# GELINA – New Beam Line for Radioisotope Production Studies



## New Operating Parameters

Average Current : up to 10  $\mu\text{A}$   
**Mono-energetic** Beam : [20,150] MeV  
 Mean Power : up to 1 kW

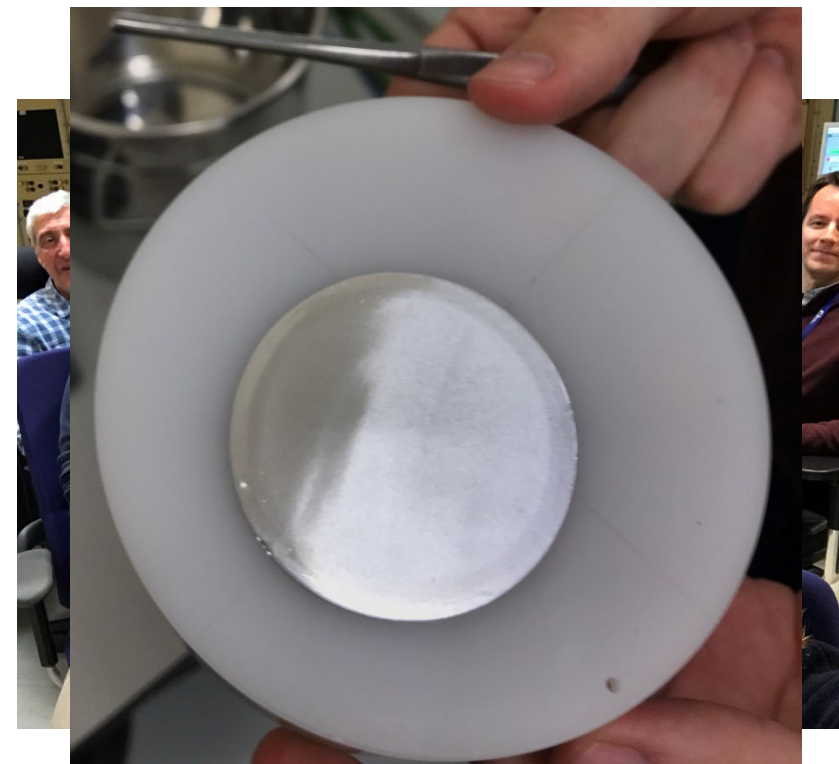
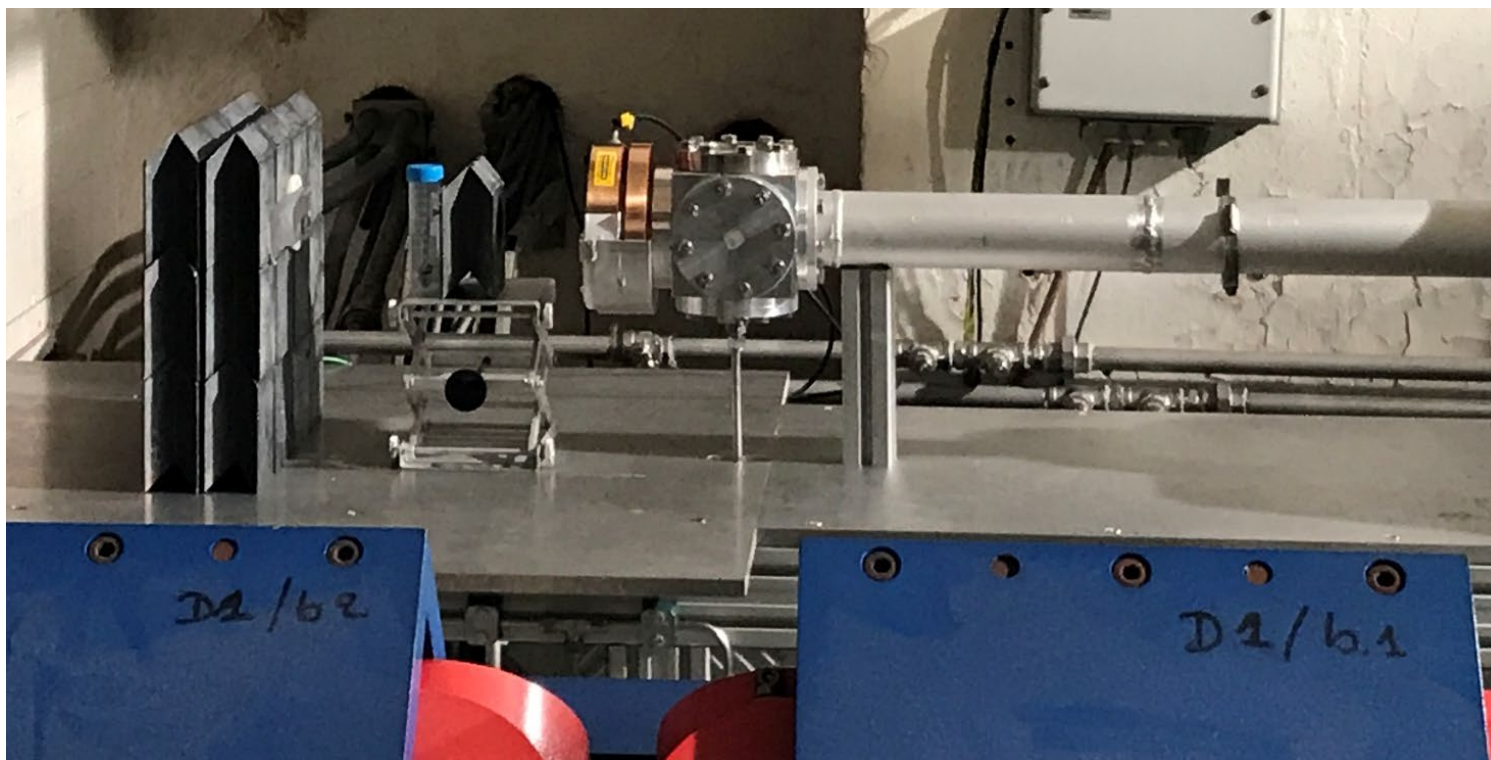
Frequency : up to 200 Hz  
 Pulse Width : up to 3.3  $\mu\text{s}$





# We had first photons for our project!

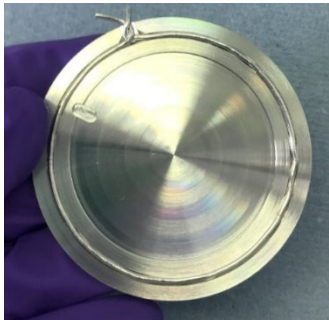
On 28.04.2022 at 15:44 – first beam on target - 0.4  $\mu\text{A}$  60 MeV for 4.5 min from GELINA e-accelerator.





# Dummy target irradiation

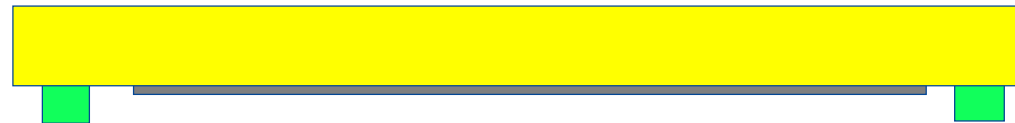
60MeV 0.425 uA e-beam 4.5min irradiation



Color	Name	Material	Dimension	Mass
Light Blue	Container lid	Al Thermo Fisher (Alfaesar) 99.99%	Ø54mm × 0.1mm	0.6167 g
Dark Blue	Target	Al Goodfellow 99.99%	Ø40mm × 0.25mm	0.8451 g
Purple	Indium wire	In Goodfellow 99.999%	Ø1mm × 15cm	0.9729 g
Grey	Container	Al bulk 99%	Ø54mm × 1.525mm	7.9732 g
	Total		Ø54mm × 1.925mm	10.4075 g

Al 1.8mm thick Ø54 mm

Al 0.25mm thick Ø4 cm



Distance converter target 1 cm

In 0.785 mm thick wire with rectangular profile R= 2,3..2,4 cm

Pb 1.8x4 cm thick (full stopping e-beam) Ø14 cm

Gaussian beam d=2cm

# Post-irradiation analysis and MCNP modelling

60MeV 0.425 uA e-beam 4.5min irradiation  
Gaussian beam profile Ø2cm

Al impurities %: Mn 0.25, Ti 0.035,  
Cr 0.05, Si, Mg possible

	Isotope		In-111	In-112	In-112m	In-113m	In-114m	In-115m	In-116m	Na-22	Na-24	Mg-27	Cr-49	Cr-51	Sc-47	Mn-52m	Mn-54	Mn-56
	Bq	T <sub>1/2</sub>	2.805 d	14.97 m	20.56 m	1.658 h	49.51 d	4.486 h	54.29 m	2.6019y	15h	9.458 m	42.3 m	27.7 d	3.349 d	21.1 m	312.2 d	2.579 h
45 min after EOB, spec.1	Genie spec1		27.22	21080.79	5884.22	2767.22	218.78	2840.33	14956.06		2824.14	5765.78	190.46		14.73	118.51		113.28
	SIM spec1		11.86	7251.01	4167.33	2281.76	102.24	7716.41	2170.19	2.97	1389.30	3845.16	155.48	16.89	13.78	101.79	8.47	13.07
	<b>Ratio exp/SIM</b>		2.30	2.91	1.41	1.21	2.14	0.37	6.89		2.03	1.50	1.22		1.07	1.16		8.66
	Genie EOB		27.41	134662.84	22702.94	3657.82	218.87	3148.92	24939.54		2912.85	108535.72	367.14		14.81	441.72		135.53
	Sim EOB		10.80	7867.87	15932.55	3016.27	102.28	8554.75	3606.39	2.97	1431.76	72381.65	301.59	16.89	13.85	377.06	8.47	15.64
	<b>Ratio exp/SIM</b>		2.54	17.12	1.42	1.21	2.14	0.37	6.92		2.03	1.50	1.22		1.07	1.17		8.66
4 d after EOBspec.2	Genie spec2		9.43				137.00			2.30	31.90							
	SIM_spec2		3.71				95.77			2.96	7.33		-	15.01	5.19		8.38	-
	<b>Ratio exp/SIM</b>		2.54				1.43			0.78	4.35							
15 d after EOB spec. 3	Genie spec 3		0.62				127.20			0.50				9.18	0.50		5.42	
	SIM_spec3		0.25				82.24			2.93			-	11.40	0.53		8.18	-
	<b>Ratio exp/SIM</b>		2.53				1.55			0.17				0.80	0.94		0.66	
50 d after EOB spec.4	Genie spec 4						79.25			2.47				4.81			5.87	
	Sim spec 4						50.50			2.86				4.73			7.57	
	<b>Ratio exp/SIM</b>						1.57			0.86				1.02			0.78	

Neutron reactions simulation statistics is still to be improved

Activity produced in container components will be less than that of <sup>225/226</sup>Ra

# Future plans, or the long way to a ( $\gamma,n$ ) cross-section ...

- Preparation of suitable  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  targets
- Characterization of these in terms of homogeneity and stability
- Irradiation of  $^{\text{nat}}\text{Ba}$ , ultimately  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  targets at JRC Geel
- Destructive analysis of  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  targets for  $^{225}\text{Ra}$  yield measurements
- Deconvolution of the photon flux distribution using MCNP and Au, Co and Mo monitor foils
- Irradiations at increasing e-beam energies
- ...





Ac-225 nitrate (17.4, 10.0, 1.0 mCi)  
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