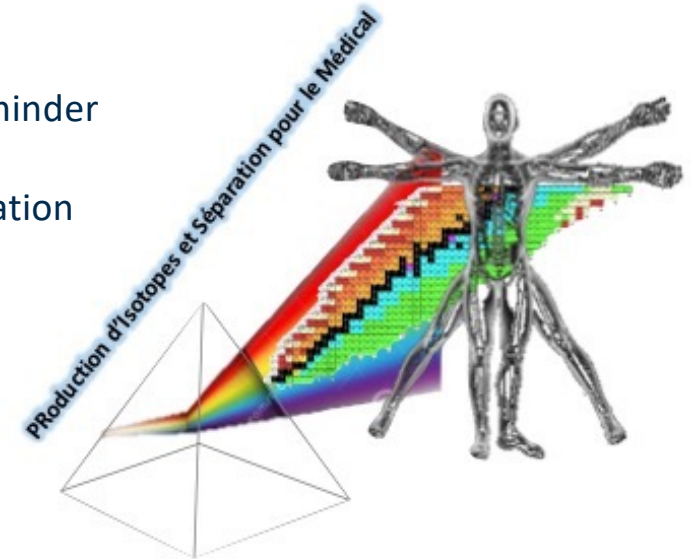


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 - first results
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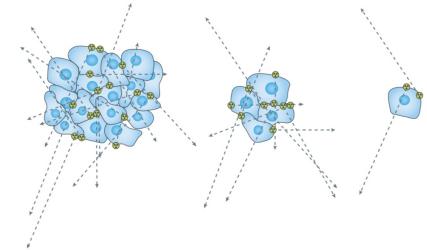
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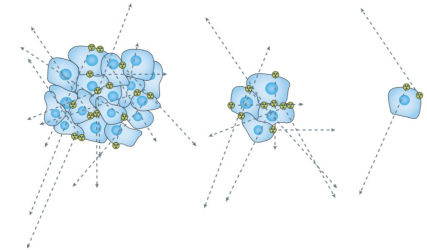
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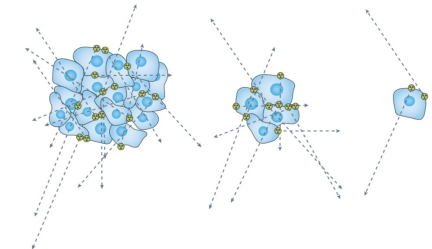


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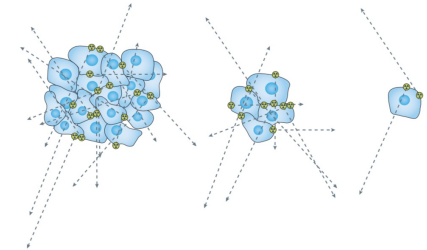
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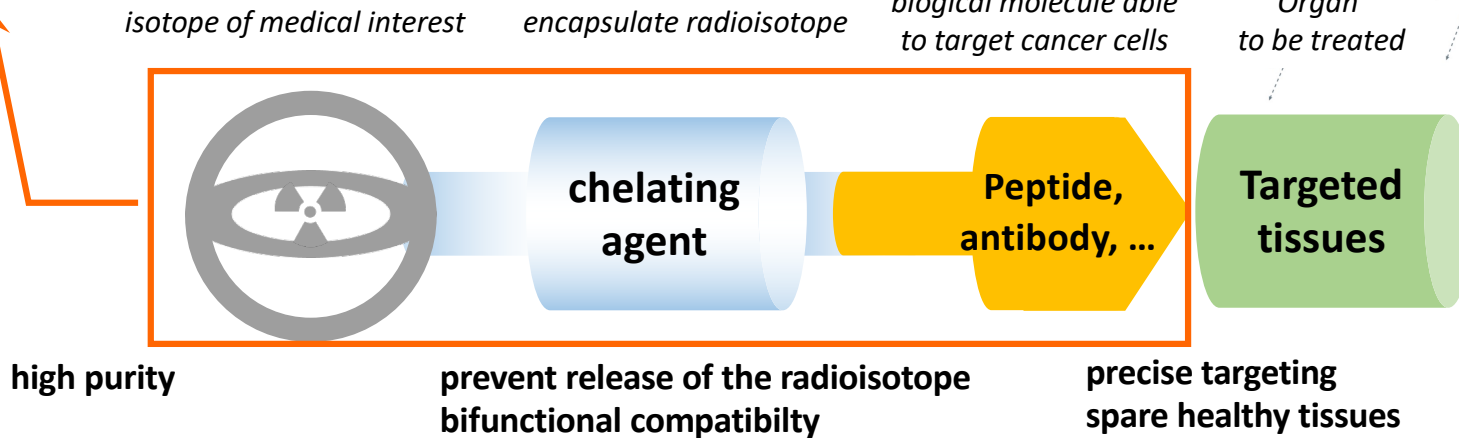
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radiopharmaceutical



need for a large choice of {radionuclide,vector}
 → « toolbox » to propose the most appropriate treatment

THERAPY



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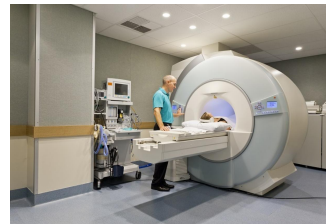


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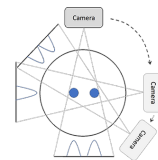
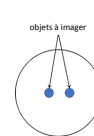
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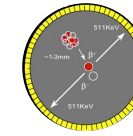
IMAGING : Personalize treatment

- better target the tumour
- better estimate of the dose to be injected



SPECT
Single Photon Emission
Computed Tomography

low energy γ emitter
 $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}, ^{123}\text{I}$



PET
Positron Emission
Tomography

positron emitter (β^+)
 $^{15}\text{O}, ^{13}\text{N}, ^{11}\text{C}, ^{18}\text{F}$

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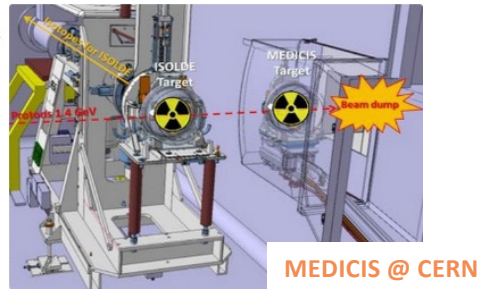
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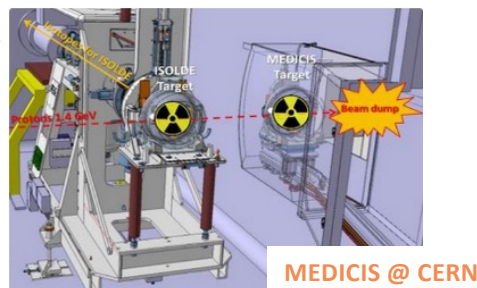
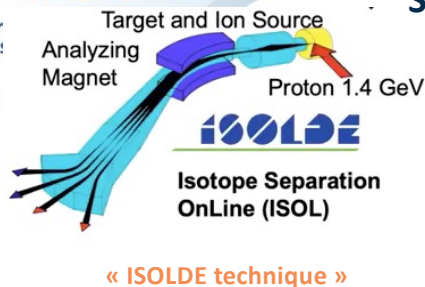
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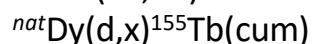
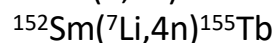
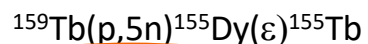
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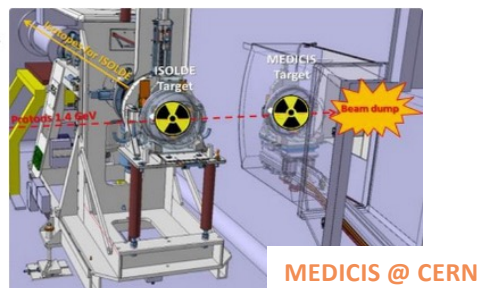
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« ISOLDE technique »

Production route for ^{155}Tb

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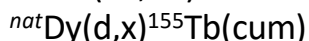
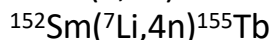
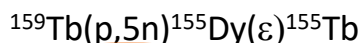
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C. Vermeulen et al., Nucl. Inst. Meth. B 2012, 275, 24-32



need for very enriched targets

limiting reaction channel number

↳ less contaminants after the production reaction

↳ should make easier purification step

↳ should make possible to achieve the necessary purity

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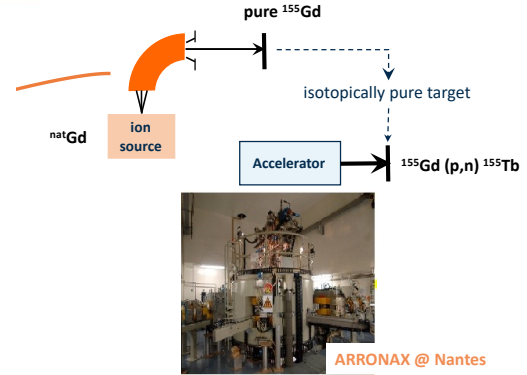


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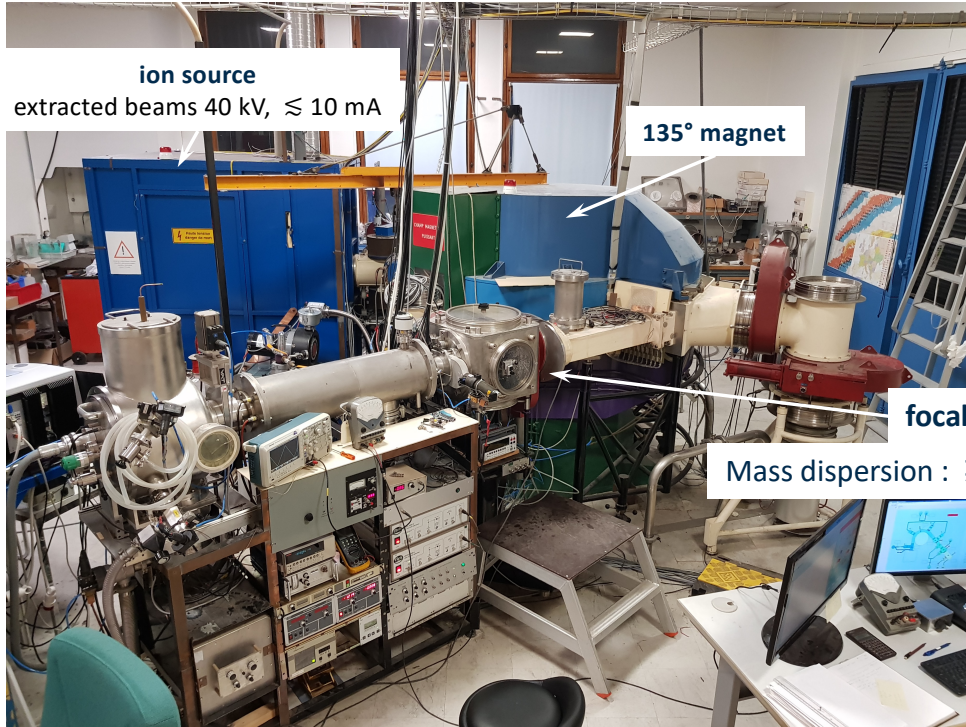


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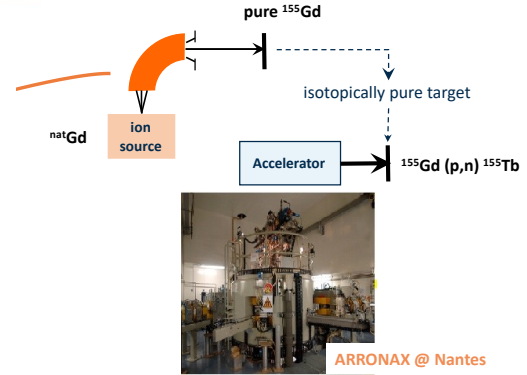
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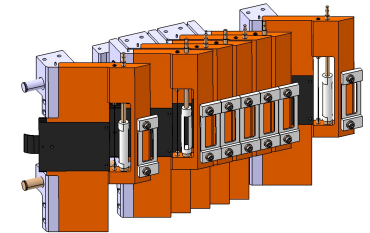
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Mass dispersion : ≥ 2000 mm x $\Delta M/M$

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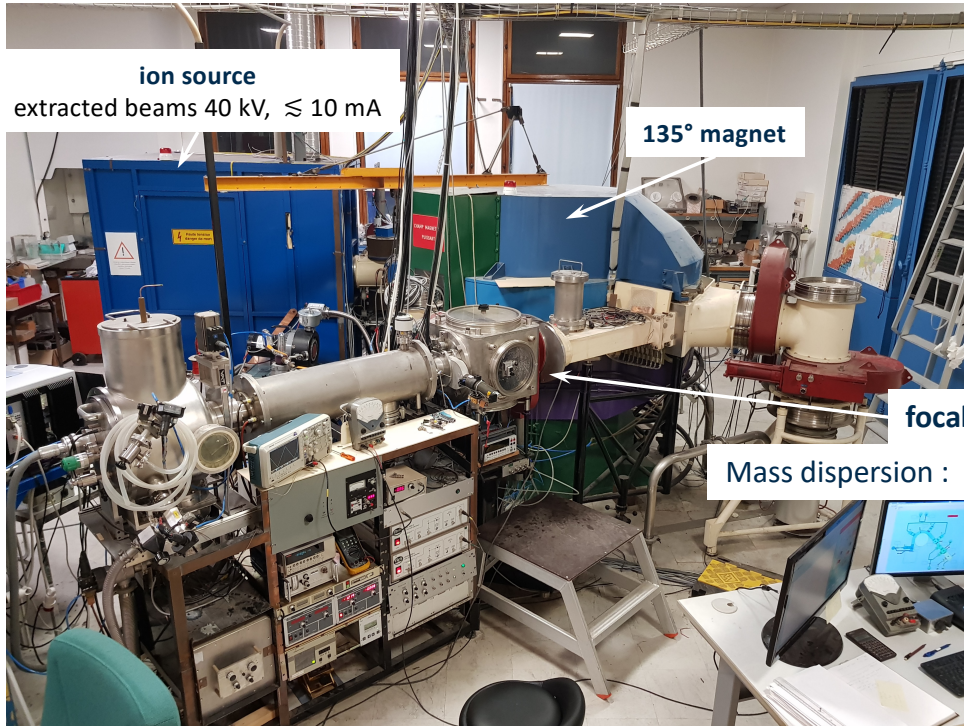


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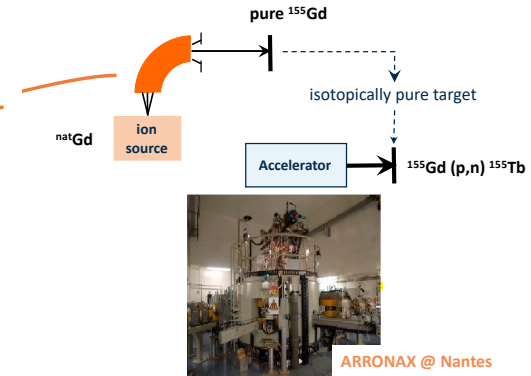


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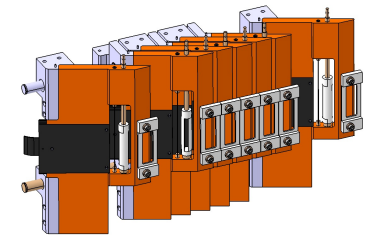
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need to recover isotope to make target

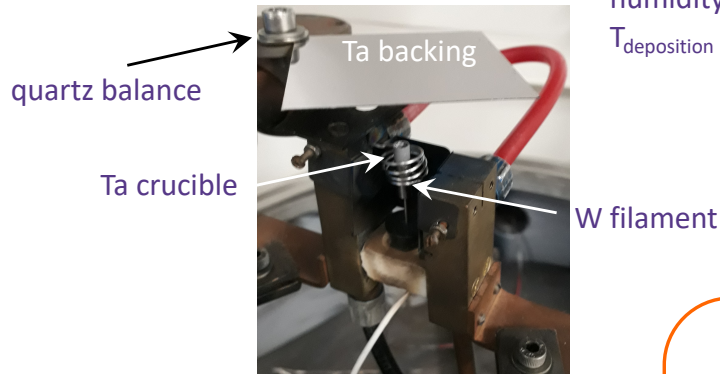
1st production method

Challenge: developing a deposition technique of with **isotopic Gd powder**
 low losses of isotopic Gd → **high efficiency technique**

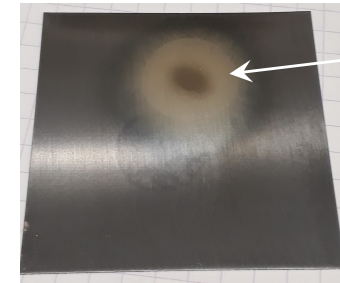
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First tests : **electronic bombardment of $Gd_2O_3 + Zr$**
 humidity removing: 1h at 100°C
 $T_{deposition} > 1650\text{ °C}$

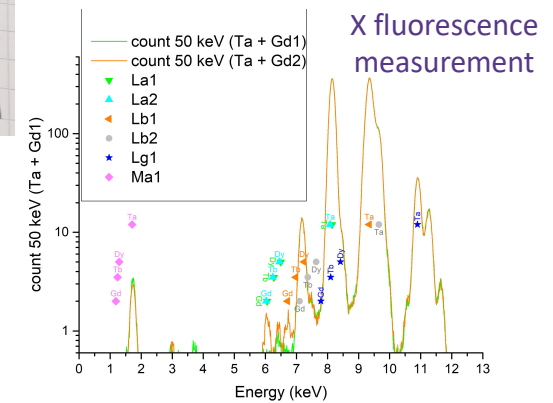


First result ...
 65 $\mu g/cm^2$ deposit



impurities ?

- STILL OPENED QUESTIONS:
- Crucible temperature difficult to regulate
 → $T \ll 1600\text{ °C}$: incomplete reduction ?
 → $T > 1700\text{ °C}$: bonding of Gd and Ta
 - Zr: purity and grain size ?
 - Gd_2O_3 powder : hygroscopic + polluted ?
 - homogeneity of the Gd/Zr mixture ?
 - choice of the backing: Ta or ... ?



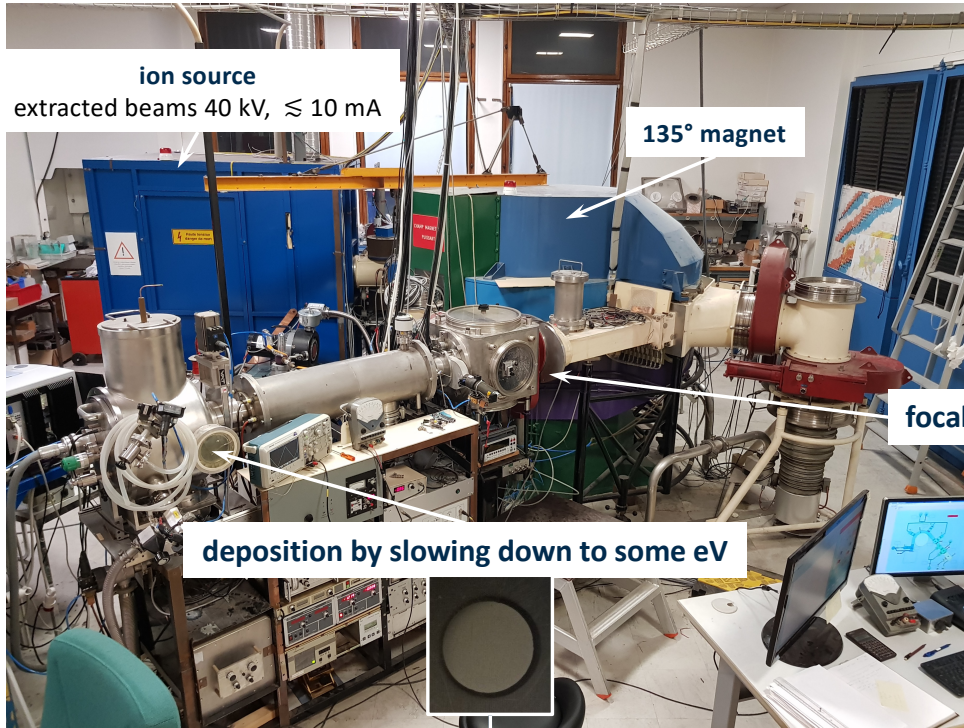


Target production with SIDONIE separator



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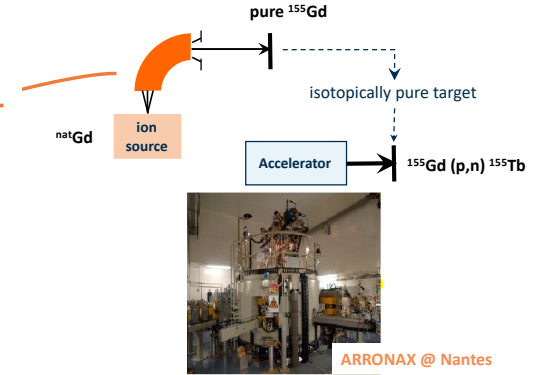
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focal plane

deposition by slowing down to some eV

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2nd production method
(compatible and complementary with the 1st one)

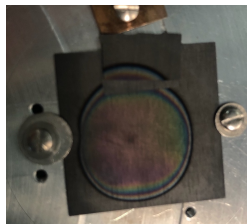
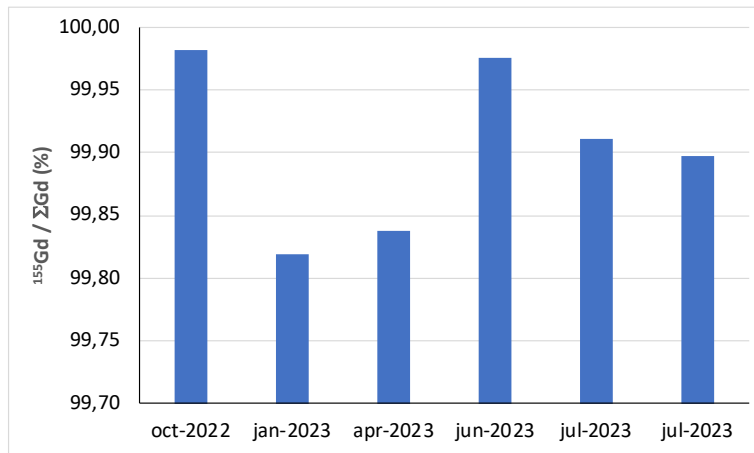
- target characterisation :**
- chemical purity, homogeneity: RBS, PIXE, MEB
 - isotopic purity :**
neutron activation (PAA @ LVR-15, NPI-Rěz), ICPMS (IRSN)

first measurements (PGAA) : $(9.6 \pm 4.1 \cdot 10^{-6}) < {}^{157}\text{Gd} / {}^{158}\text{Gd} < (4.7 \pm 0.5 \cdot 10^{-4})$
U. Köster et al.; Nucl. Inst. Meth. B 2020, 463, 111–114

first target: ${}^{155}\text{Gd} / \Sigma\text{Gd} = (99.98 \pm 0,04) \%$

production: a proof-of-concept method

6 SIDONIE targets currently available



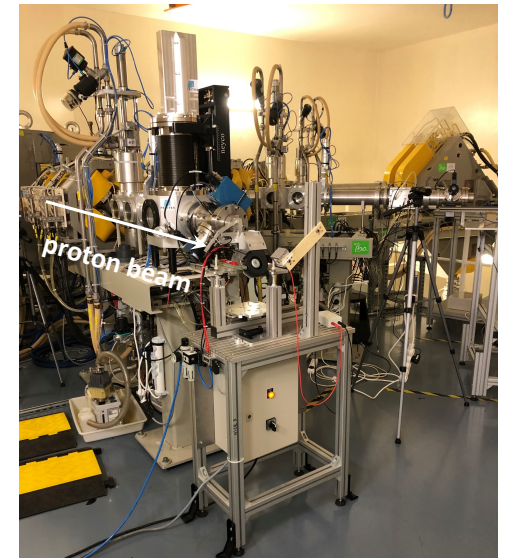
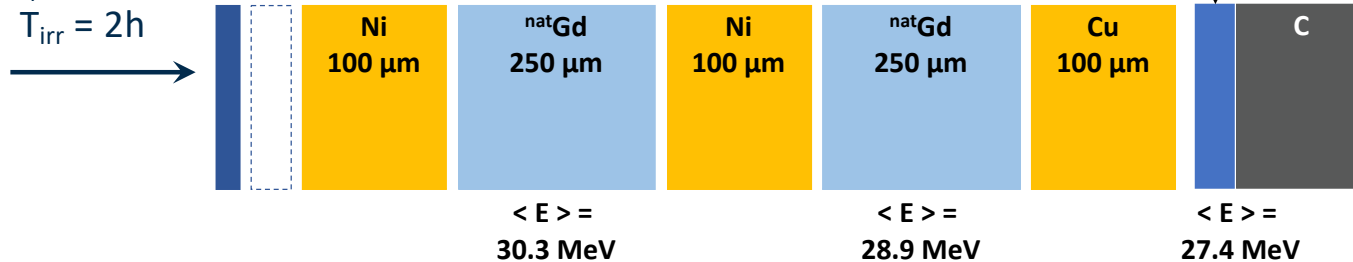
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4.309 E-04	1.250E-03	99.9817	5.689E-03	5.329E-03	3.929E-03	1.640E-03	

- Minimum E delivered by ARRONAX without degrading the beam
- Medical interest : Thick Target Yield \rightarrow $TTY \sim \int_{threshold=10 MeV}^{E_{max\ medical\ cyclotron} \approx 35 MeV} \sigma(E)$
- Optimum production $^{155}Gd(p,4n)^{152}Tb \sim 30 MeV$

p (32 MeV) @ ARRONAX

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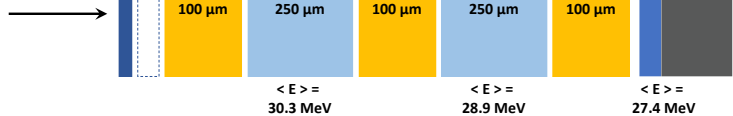


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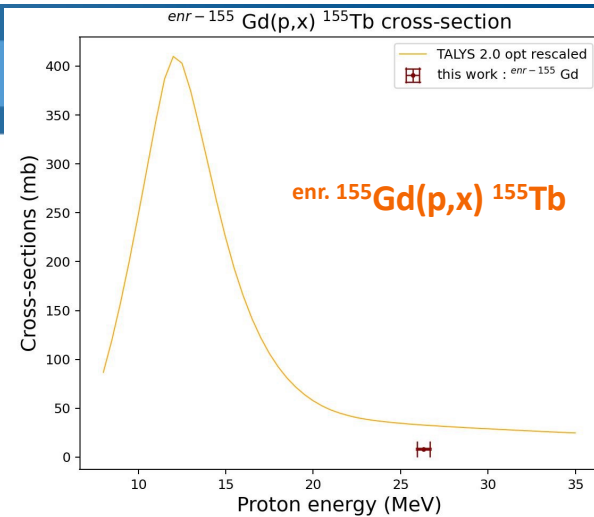
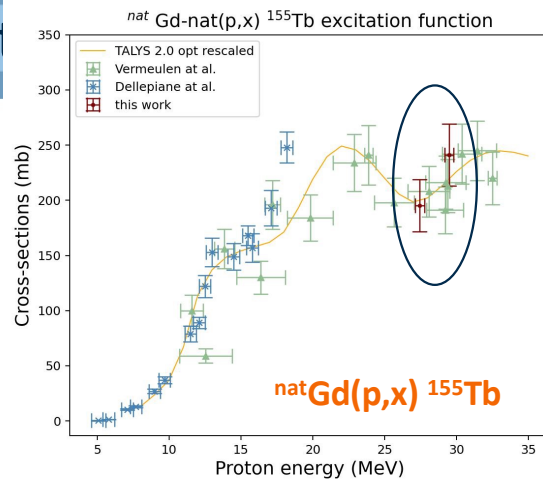
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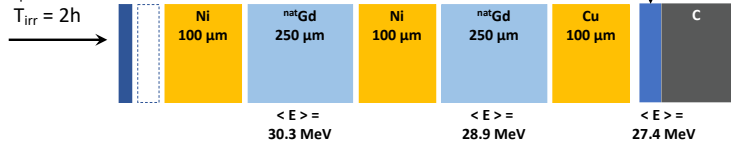
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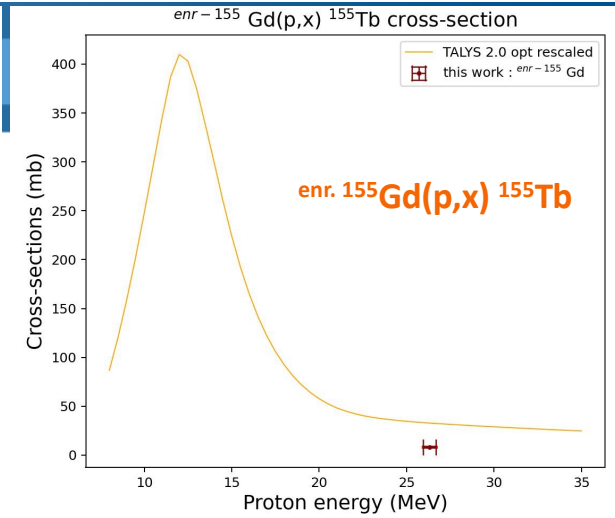
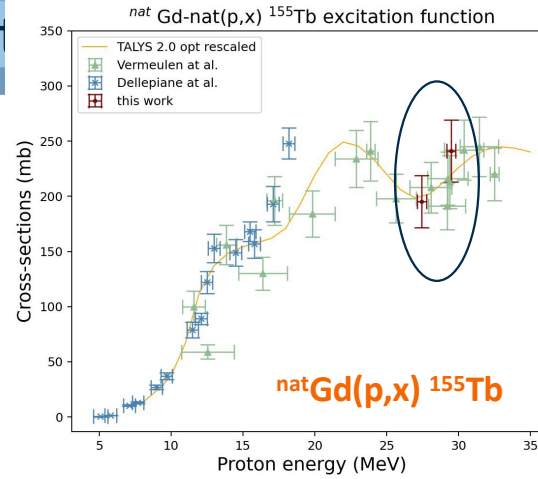


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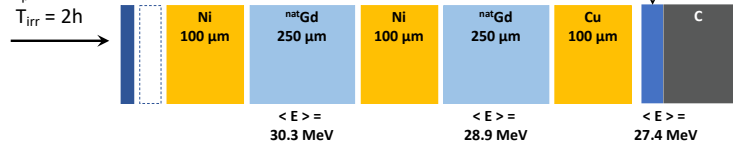
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p (32 MeV) @ ARRANAX
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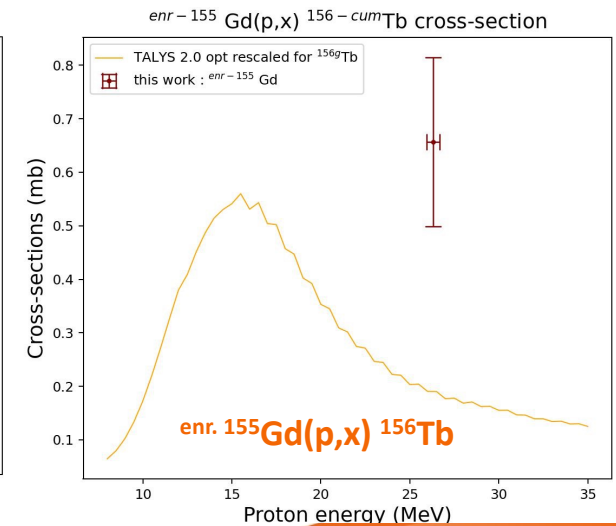
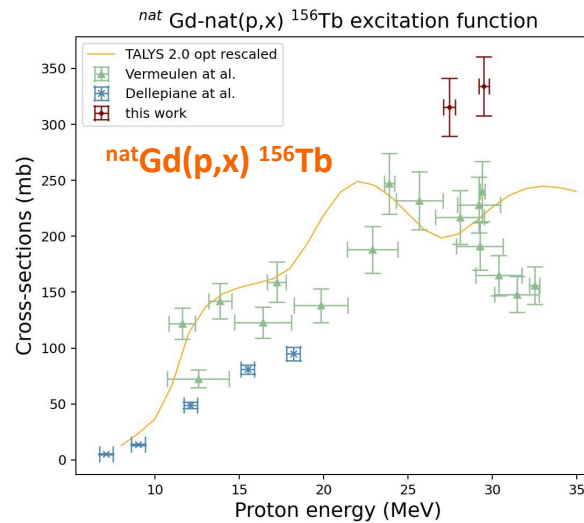
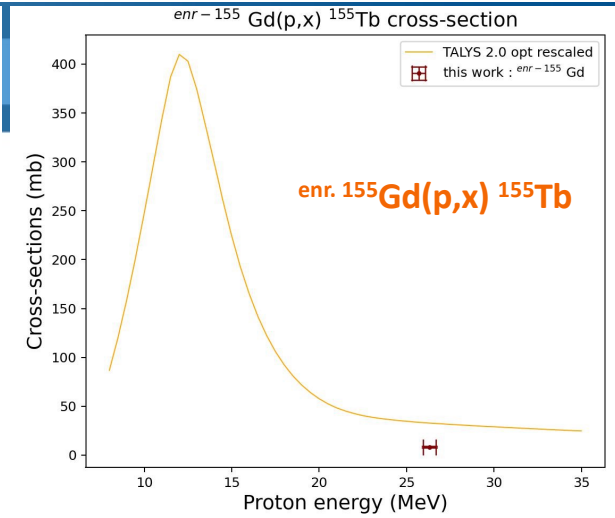
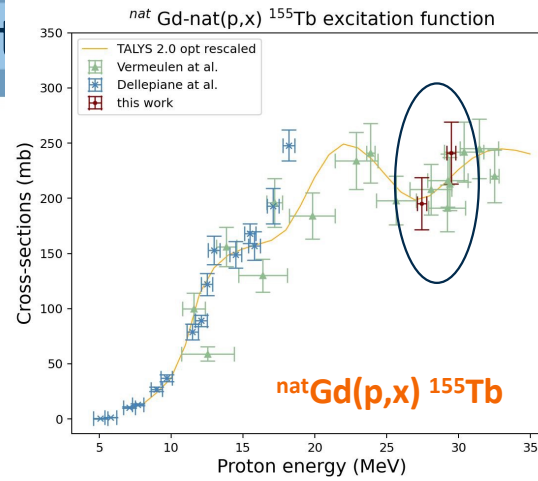
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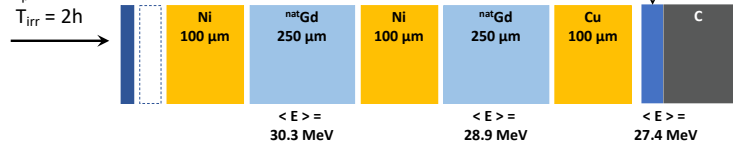
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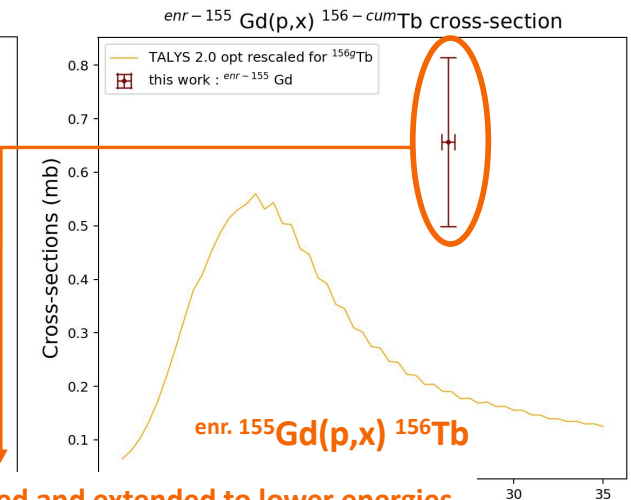
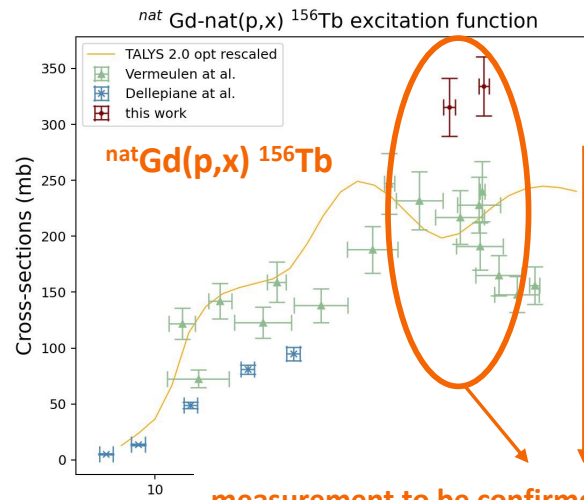
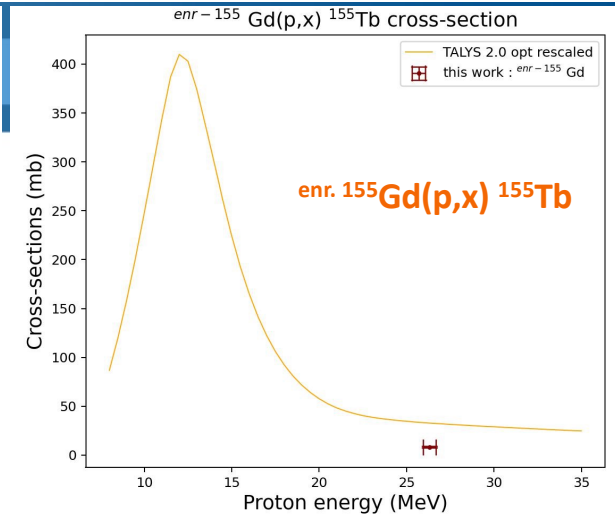
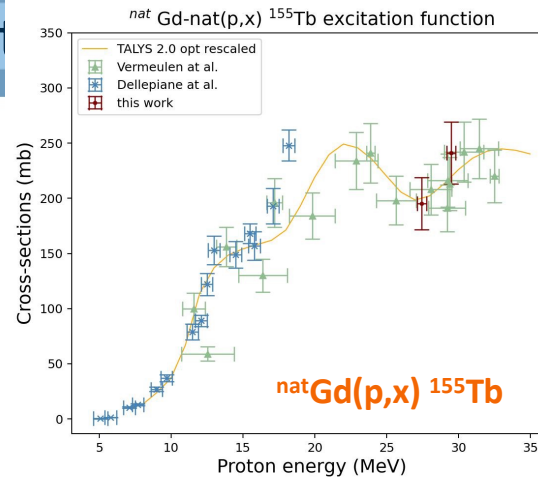
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measurement to be confirmed and extended to lower energies
 \rightarrow next experiment: Oct 2023 @ NPI-ReZ (J.Mrazek)

- Alternative method production with cyclotron of ^{155}Tb proposed
 - first pure targets produced: $^{155}\text{Gd}/\Sigma\text{Gd} > 99,9 \%$
 - « test experiment » at 30 MeV
 - development/validation of the methodology
 - highlighted unavoidable pollution of ^{156}Tb



- Measurement for excitation function of $^{155}\text{Gd}(p,n)^{155}\text{Tb}$ ($\sim 10 \text{ MeV} - 30 \text{ MeV}$)
optimization production rate % purity
 - next experiment on october (NPI @ ReZ)
 - foreseen experiments @ IPHC, Strasbourg
 - possible at NFS but planning not optimal ...
- Project of imaging with mixture $^{155}\text{Tb} + ^{156}\text{Tb}$ (coll. CHUV, Lausanne)

... ^{155}Tb production « recipe » : → M.Bouteculet PhD Aug.-Sept. 2025
→ dec. 2025: end of ANR TTRIP

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