





# "IAEA programs related to the application of radioisotopes in Medicine and Industry"

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### **RPRT SECTION - STAFF**



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### Radiotracers, sealed sources, NDT

### **Radiotracers – General principle**



Measurement of flow dynamics inside process reactors

from RTD to emission tomography



#### **Diagnosis of Sludge Digester and Clarifier in WWTP**











### Sealed sources / NCS : general principle



#### Measurement of physical property of an object using ionising radiation

from gauge to transmission tomography







For small containers e.g. drink cans, low energy gamma radiation may be used (<sup>241</sup>Am) or electrically generated X-rays.



241Am level gauge





X-ray (100 kV) level gauge



### Non Destructive Testing (NDT) – General principle

#### Inspection of objects to detect flaws

#### Main methods:

- Radiography testing
- Ultrasonic testing
- Visual testing
- Magnetic testing
- Liquid penetrant testing
- Eddy current testing
- **Etc**...

Radiography

X-ray film





#### Top view of developed film

### **Non destructive Testing**



#### Why NDT ?

- To improve (to assure) the quality of industrial goods and services, safety of operation and protecting human lives.
- NDT plays an important role in the overall quality assurance (QA) programmes and indispensable for the survival in the long run, national and international levels.
- Typical applications of NDT is very large: power plant, aerospace, transport (road, rail, sea and air); oil- and gas, refineries, buildings, roads and bridges, electronics, defense and many more areas and applications - all to assure the quality and safety.
- Salient features of the NDT is the establishment of NDT infrastructure for training, certification and NDT services to the international standards to assure sustainability.

#### NDT for cultural heritage



Venus de Milo Louvre Museum Gammagraphy Cobalt 60

Central hole and metallic inserts



Industrial Process control and safety (radiotracers, sealed sources and nucleonic gauges)



Tracers for water

lsotope	<sup>137m</sup> Ba	<sup>113m</sup> In	<sup>99m</sup> Tc	<sup>82</sup> Br	<sup>198</sup> Au
Half-life	2.6 min	100 min	6.02 hours	1.5 days	2.7 days
Energy (keV)	662	410	140	Approx. 700	410
Activity	1 to 200 mCi 37 to 7400 MBq	1 to 200 mCi 37 to 7400 MBq	1 mCi to 10 Ci 37 MBq to 370 GBq	1 to 200 mCi 37 to 7400 MBq	1 mCi to 9 Ci 37 MBq to 333 GBq
Obtention	Generator <sup>137</sup> Cs- <sup>137m</sup> Ba	Generator <sup>113</sup> Sn- <sup>113m</sup> In	Generator <sup>99</sup> Mo- <sup>99m</sup> Tc	Reactor activation	Reactor activation
Preparation	None	EDTA Complexation	None	None	Complexation

Industrial Process control and safety (radiotracers, sealed sources and nucleonic gauges)



#### Sealed sources for gauges

Isotope	<sup>60</sup> Co	<sup>137</sup> Cs	<sup>241</sup> Am	<sup>241</sup> Am-Be	<sup>252</sup> Cf
Half-life	5.271 years	30.1 years	432 years	432 years	2.6 years
Energy	1.17 MeV 1.33 Mev	662 keV	60 keV	Neutrons 2 – 10 MeV	Neutrons 2 MeV
Activity	< 200 mCi < 7.4 GBq	< 200 mCi < 7.4 GBq	< 1 Ci < 37 GBq	< 10 Ci < 370 GBq	

#### Sealed sources for NDT

Isotope	<sup>60</sup> Co	<sup>75</sup> Se	<sup>192</sup> lr
Half-life	5.271 years	120 days	74 days
Energy	1.17 MeV 1.33 MeV	120 to 400 keV	296 to 468 keV
Activity	< 50 Ci < 1850 GBq	< 100 Ci < 3700 GBq	< 100 Ci < 3700 GBq

Industrial Process control and safety (radiotracers, sealed sources and nucleonic gauges)



Main issues

- Reactor time for irradiation
- Some generators have been discontinued

### IAEA activities (radiotracers, sealed sources and nucleonic gauges)



- New laboratory in Seisberdorf: neutron lab,2 neutron sources (D-D procurement, D-T donation):
  - Experiments in Nuclear Physics
  - Training on the poduction of radiotracers in industry
- CRPs:
  - Development of radiometric methods and modelling for measurement of sediment transport and dispersion of particles and pollutants from outfalls
  - Radiometric Methods for Exploration and Process Optimization in Mining and Mineral industries
  - Imaging Technologies for Process Investigation and Components' Testing
- Training courses in Seisberdorf and CCs: radiotracers, certification with ISTRA
- Support to more than 40 TC projects

### **IAEA** activities



#### SIDE EVENT

### **Non-Destructive Testing**

Methods and techniques for testing civil structures in pre- and post-management of natural disasters



**Non-Destructive Testing** 

Natural disasters can kill thousands of people and wreak vast economic and infrastructural damage. Non-destructive methods, including radiography and radiotracers, can identify structural defects that may be imperceptible to traditional testing methods and assess the integrity of important buried distribution systems, such as gas and water networks. The side event will discuss key nuclear techniques that are integral to non-destructive testing.

#### Keynote speakers

Mr Dario Foppoli, Tecchnical Director, Foppoli Moretta e Associati Consulting Engineers, Italy

Mr Mykola Kurylchyk, Programme Management Officer, IAEA

**Mr Mani ram Gelal**, Director General, Department of Urban Development and Building Construction, Ministry of Urban Development, Nepal

Mr Eduardo Robles Piedras, Departamento de Tecnología de Materiales, Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Nucleares Estado de Mexico, Mexico



### **Radiation processing**

## Sources for Radiation Processing in Industrial Scale Operations



#### Gamma radiation sources:

 High intensity <sup>60</sup>Co sources from 0.1MCi to >5MCi (> 200 facilities worldwide)

#### **Electron Accelerator (EB):**

#### Energy:

low (300-700keV), medium (2-3MeV) high (5-10MeV)

#### Power:

Medium (20-100kW) High (0.5-1MW) Electron mode X-ray mode (>2000 worldwide)



### **RADIATION STERILIZATION**







- Medical devices
- Packaging
- Labware
- Raw materials
- Some cosmetics and pharmaceutical goods
- Blood irradiation
- Preserving heritage









### Radiation Technology Applications towards Protection of the Environment









Flue gas Purification

#### Wastewater Treatment

Sludge Hygienization







#### **Material modification**

#### Cable & wires









#### Heat Shrinkables, Foams and Food Packaging





**Curing/Coatings** 

















#### **Radiation-processed hydrogels**

Cross linking + sterilization in one step

#### **Cost effective process**



Technology development in many Member States through IAEA initiatives



Wound dressing: Sterile cover Cooling effect Regulates O<sub>2</sub> supply Healing progress fast Less or no scar formation



Non-bedsore mat: Keeps body temperature Disperses body pressure Nontoxic (natural polymer)



**Coolants** Non-toxic natural polymer

## Gamma irradiation for conservation of cultural A heritage artifacts



Ramses II mummy in Musée de l'Homme, Paris 1977

Sculpture in the irradiation chamber, 2000

Frozen baby mammoth Siberia, 2010



### **Disinfestation**





FIG. 3. Photographic paper, black and white, silver salts, turn sepia and coloured by hand dating from the 1920s: a) not irradiated; b) irradiated at 90kGy [45].

### **Cobalt-60 irradiators for different applications**



#### <sup>59</sup>Co(n,γ)<sup>60</sup>Co

S.No.	Туре	Typical Cobalt-60 Source strength (Curie)	Application area	
1	Gamma Cell with irradiation volume of 1-5 litres	1,000-20,000	R&D at laboratory scale Blood irradiation Irradiation of seeds etc. for mutation breeding	
2	Panoramic Batch Irradiators	30,000-100,000	Pilot scale studies Semi-commercial operations for sterilization of medical products Food irradiation requiring low dose irradiation such as irradiation of onions, potatoes, mangoes etc.	
3	Commercial Gamma radiation plants	100,000-5,000,000	Sterilization of medical products Food irradiation requiring high doses such as hygienization of spices	71.0
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Loading

### **Issues regarding supply of Cobalt-60**



- The current supply of Co-60 meets the demand and IAEA has been able to procure and ensure the supply for some Member States, though the transportation across the continents poses a few challenges
- Co-60 is produced in CANDU and RBMK power reactors in Canada, Russia, China, Argentina and India. CANDU reactors have a 25-year life span and much of the installed reactors will reach this milestone over the next decade.
- Many CANDUs are being refurbished extending their life by an additional 25-30 years.
- Canada, major distributor of Co-60 using multiple reactor, may face distribution issues in the near future.

### **Radiation Processsing: IAEA activities**



- CRPs:
  - Enhancing the Beneficial Effects of Radiation Processing in Nanotechnology
  - Development of Radiation-Grafted Membranes for Cleaner and Sustainable Energy
  - Instructive Surfaces and Scaffolds for Tissue Engineering Using Radiation Technology
  - Developing Radiation Treatment Methodologies and New Resin Formulations for Consolidation and Preservation of Archived Materials and Cultural Heritage Artefacts
  - Removal of Emerging Organic Pollutants
  - Radiation Inactivation of Bio-hazards using High Powered Electron Beam Accelerators
- Several hands-on training courses and summer schools
- Focus on replacing radioactive sources by machine-generation radiation
- Support to more than 60 TC projects



### **IAEA role in Medicine**





#### Teletherapy

Isotope	<sup>60</sup> Co	<sup>137</sup> Cs
Half-life	5.271 years	30.1 years
Energy	1.17 MeV 1.33 MeV	662 keV
Activity	< 13,000 Ci < 500 TBq	
Production	<sup>59</sup> Co(n,γ) <sup>60</sup> Co	Fission product



#### Braquitherapy

Isotope	<sup>192</sup> lr	125	<sup>103</sup> Pd
Half-life	74 days	60 days	74 days
Photon average energy	380 keV	28 keV	21 keV
Production	<sup>191</sup> lr(n,γ) <sup>192</sup> lr	<sup>124</sup> Xe(n, $\gamma$ ) <sup>125</sup> Xe <sup>125</sup> Xe $\rightarrow$ <sup>125</sup> I Enriched target	<sup>102</sup> Pd(n,γ) <sup>103</sup> Pd Enriched target <sup>103</sup> Rh(p,n) <sup>103</sup> Pd

Brachytherapy classification with respect to dose rate:

Low dose rate (LDR) (0.4 – 2 Gy/h)

Medium dose rate (MDR) (2 – 12 Gy/h)

High dose rate (HDR)
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( > 12 Gy/h) < 10 Ci/pellet</p>



## IAEA role in the development of radiopharmaceuticals

### **Nuclear Medicine Procedure**







## Production of radiopharmaceuticals

Layout



Synthesis module



FDG scan of a cancer patient with metastatic diseases







SPECT/CT bone

### Radioisotopes for Nuclear Medicine -Diagnostic

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PET (Cyclotron)

	Isotope		<sup>11</sup> C	<sup>13</sup> N		<sup>15</sup> O		<sup>18</sup> F	
	Half-life		20 min	10 min		2 min	11	0 min	
	Production	on	<sup>14</sup> N(p,α) <sup>11</sup> C	<sup>16</sup> O(p,α) <sup>13</sup> N	15	<sup>5</sup> N(p,n) <sup>15</sup> O	<sup>18</sup> O( enric	p,n) <sup>18</sup> F ched	
lso	otope		<sup>64</sup> Cu	<sup>68</sup> Ga		<sup>82</sup> Rb		<sup>89</sup> Zı	~
На	lf-life		12.7 h	68 min		1.25 mi	n	78.4	h
Pro	oduction	<sup>64</sup> N enr	li(p,n) <sup>64</sup> Cu riched	Generator ( <sup>68</sup> Ge- <sup>68</sup> Ga) <sup>nat</sup> Ga(p,xn) <sup>68</sup> Ge High energy Cyclotron	е	Generator ( <sup>82</sup> Sr- <sup>82</sup> Rb) <sup>85</sup> Rb(p,4n) High energ Cyclotron	<sup>82</sup> Sr Iy	<sup>89</sup> Y(p,n)	9 <sup>89</sup> Zr

### Radioisotopes for Nuclear Medicine -Diagnostic



SPECT



Isotope	<sup>67</sup> Ga	<sup>99m</sup> Tc	<sup>111</sup> In	123	<sup>201</sup> TI
Half-life	78.3 h	6 h	67.2 h	13 h	73 h
Production	<sup>68</sup> Zn(p,2n) <sup>67</sup> Ga enriched	Generator ( <sup>99</sup> Mo- <sup>99m</sup> Tc)	<sup>112</sup> Cd(p,2n) <sup>111</sup> In enriched	$^{124}$ Xe(p,2n) $^{123}$ Cs $^{123}$ Cs $\rightarrow$ $^{123}$ Xe $\rightarrow$ $^{123}$ I enriched	<sup>203</sup> Xe(p,3n) <sup>201</sup> Pb <sup>201</sup> Pb→ <sup>201</sup> Tl enriched

Radioisotopes for Nuclear Medicine - Therapy

B<sup>-</sup> emitters

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Isotope	<sup>32</sup> P	<sup>90</sup> Y	<sup>153</sup> Sm	131	<sup>177</sup> Lu
Half-life	14.3 d	2.7 d	46.3 h	8 d	6.7 d
Production	<sup>32</sup> S(n,p) <sup>32</sup> P	Generator ( <sup>90</sup> Sr- <sup>90</sup> Y)	<sup>152</sup> Sm(n,γ) <sup>153</sup> Sm	<sup>130</sup> Te(n,γ) <sup>131</sup> Te <sup>131</sup> Te→ <sup>131</sup> I	<sup>176</sup> Lu(n,γ) <sup>177</sup> Lu
		<sup>89</sup> Sr(n,γ) <sup>90</sup> Y	enriched	Fission product	<sup>176</sup> Yb(n,γ) <sup>177</sup> Yb <sup>177</sup> Yb→ <sup>177</sup> Lu
		product			enriched

### Radioisotopes for Nuclear Medicine - Therapy

a emitters	Isotope	Daughter isotopes	Physical half-life	Emission (%)
	<sup>211</sup> At	_ <sup>211</sup> Po	7.2 h 516 ms	α (41.8%) α (100%)
	<sup>225</sup> Ac	<sup>221</sup> Fr <sup>217</sup> At <sup>213</sup> Bi <sup>213</sup> Po	10 d 4.9 min 32.3 ms 45.6 min 4.2 μs	α (100%) α (100%) α (99.98%)/β (0.01%) α (2.2%)/β (97.8%) α (100%)
	<sup>213</sup> Bi	2 <sup>13</sup> Po	45.6 min 4.2 μs	α (2.2%)/β (97.8%) α (100%)
	<sup>212</sup> Bi	_ <sup>212</sup> Po	61 min 298 ns	α (36%)/β (64%) α (100%)
	<sup>212</sup> Pb	– <sup>212</sup> Bi <sup>212</sup> Po	10.64 h 61 min 0.3 μs	β (100%) α (36%)/β (64%) α (100%)
	<sup>223</sup> Ra	- <sup>219</sup> Rn <sup>215</sup> Po <sup>211</sup> Bi	11.4 d 4 s 1.8 ms 2.14 min	α (100%) α (100%) α (100%) α (99.7%)/β (0.3%)
	<sup>227</sup> Th	– <sup>223</sup> Ra <sup>219</sup> Rn <sup>215</sup> Po <sub>211</sub> Bi	18.72 d 11.4 d 4 s 1.8 ms 2 14 min	α (100%) α (100%) α (100%) α (100%) α (00 7%)/β (0 3%)

### **Radioisotopes for Nuclear Medicine**



#### Issues

- □ Mo-99
- □ I-131 supply could be affected by Mo-99 crisis
- The only alpha emitter radiopharmaceutical, Xofigo, has been discontinued due to lack of Ra-223
- Enriched targets of Lu-176 and/or Yb-176, Ni-64, Mo-98,
   Mo-100
- **D** Potential new β<sup>-</sup> emitters: Cu-67, Re-186, Sc-47
- □ New Theranostic



6. Regulatory issues: Due to the increasing complexity of radiopharmaceutical preparations and the mandatory requirement of patient's safety, there exists a widespread demand to support regulators and preparation of guidelines of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)

7. Publications: CRPs, guidelines

8. International Pharmacopeia in cooperation with WHO

### **Radioisotope production technologies**



### **CRPs**

- Production and utilization of Emerging Positron Emitters for Medical Applications with an Emphasis on Cu-64 and I-124 (2010-2014)
- Accelerator-based Alternatives to Non-HEU production of Mo-99/Tc-99m (2011-2015)
- Sharing and Developing Protocols to Further Minimize Radioactive Gaseous Releases to the Environment in the Manufacture of Medical Radioisotopes, as Good Manufacturing Practice (August 2015)
- Therapeutic Radiopharmaceuticals Labelled with New Emerging Radionuclides (<sup>67</sup>Cu, <sup>186</sup>Re, <sup>47</sup>Sc) – Started in 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> RCM in 2019
- New Ways of Producing Tc-99m and Tc-99m Generators new 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> RCM in 2019

## Radiopharmaceuticals: production, quality aspects and clinical use



#### **CRPs**

- Development of Ga-68 based PET-Radiopharmaceuticals for Management of Cancer and other Chronic Diseases (2010-2015)
- Development and preclinical evaluations of therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals based on Lu-177 and Y-90 labeled monoclonal antibodies and peptides (2011-2015)
- Nanotheranostic: Nanosized delivery systems for radiopharmaceuticals (2014-2019) 4<sup>th</sup> RCM in 2019
- Cu-64 Radiopharmaceuticals for Theranostic Applications November 2016
- Production of Zr-89 and Development of Zr-89 Radiopharmaceuticals – new 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> RCM 2019



### **TC Projects**

- More than 60 projects
- Capacity Building : FE, SV, NTC, Experts
- Setting up facilities through TC projects
  - Technetium-99m Generator Production facility;
  - Cyclotron facility for PET radiopharmaceuticals and RPHs;
  - ✓ Ga-68 generators and RPHs
  - Production of therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals





### Workshop on Supply of Ac-225



- 09-10 October 2018; IAEA HQ; 80 participants, 17 MSs
- In collaboration with EC-JRC
- Trends in global demand and supply for Ac-225
- Motivation: excellent clinical trials results of Ac-225-PSMA
- Report being finalized



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### Accelerator-based Alternatives to Non-HEU production of Mo-99/Tc-99m

- 2011-2015
- 18 participants from 16 Member States
- Production of Tc-99m in cyclotron very successful
- Technology to produce several (>30) Ci Tc-99m per run in medical cyclotrons of energies below 24 MeV proven; clinical trials under way; regulatory approvals sought
- Monograph approved in Europe
- Self-sufficiency in hospitals/towns/country
- Good option for hospital or radiopharmacy; local productions
- Target specifications; reuse of targets etc. need consideration





Comparison of cyclotron- and reactor-based Tc-99m pertechnetate for the Univ. of Alberta Clinical Trial (cancer thyroid patients imaged postthyroidectomy) 48

## New CRP: New Ways of Producing Tc-99m and Tc-99m Generators

- First Meeting: 11-15 December 2017
- 18 approved proposals
- Recommendation from Technical Meeting on same topic (March 2016)
- Aimed as use of low specific activity Mo-99 for generator preparation and accelerator production of Mo-99 (Mo-100 (γ,n) reaction)





 https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/new-crp-new-ways-ofproducing-tc-99m-and-tc-99m-generators

### Symposium on Opportunities and Approaches for Supplying Molybdenum-99 and Associated Medical Isotopes to Global Markets

- 17-19 July 2017; IAEA HQ; 100 participants
- Co-hosted by the US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and the Russian Academy of Sciences and held in cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.
- Trends in global demand and supply for Mo-99 and associated medical isotopes.
- Prospects and approaches for developing new global supplies of Mo-99 and associated medical isotopes.
- Technical, regulatory, economic, and policy considerations for producing Mo-99 and associated medical isotopes for global markets using uranium-fission and other processes.





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### **Database: Cyclotrons used for Radionuclide Production**

- >1350 cyclotrons
- 89 MSs
- Online data inquiry
- World-wide map
- Continuous data acquisition
- Live and streaming
- List of products
- Contact info
- Still in completion process

Cancer Centre (VCCC)					
No Title	 Australia	Perth	IBA	CYCLONE 18	18
No Title	 Australia	St. Lucia QLD 4072	IBA	CYCLONE 18	18
CycloPET Pty Ltd	 Australia	Sydney	GE	PETtrace	16
Liverpool Hospital	 Australia	Sydney	GE	PETtrace	16
No Title	 Australia	Sydney	IBA	CYCLONE 30	30
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Princess Alexandra Hospital	 Australia	Woolloongabba	GE	PETtrace	16
Argos Zyklotron Klagenfurt	 Austria	Klagenfurt	GE	PETtrace	16
Argos Zyklotron Linz	 Austria	Linz	GE	PETtrace	16
Seibersdorf Laboratories	 Austria	Seibersdorf	GE	PETtrace	16
AKH Wien	 Austria	Wien	GE	PETtrace	16
No Title	 Azerbaijan	Baku	IBA	CYCLONE 18	18
King Hamad Univ. Hospital	 Bahrain	Manama	GE	PETtrace	16
Masihe Daneshavari Hospital	 Bangladesh	Dhaka	GE	MiniTrace	10



https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/accelerators/Pages/Cyclotron.aspx

### **Conference in 2019**



#### INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TRENDS IN RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS

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#### International Symposium on Trends in Radiopharmaceuticals (ISTR-2019)

28 October–1 November 2019, Vienna, Austria

#### Trends in Radiopharmaceuticals (ISTR-2019)

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Progress in nuclear medicine has been always tightly linked to the development of new radiopharmaceuticals and efficient production of relevant radioisotopes. The use of radiopharmaceuticals is an important tool for better understanding of human diseases and developing effective treatments. The availability of new radioisotopes and radiopharmaceuticals may generate unprecedented solutions to clinical problems by providing better diagnosis and more efficient therapies.

Impressive progress has been made recently in the radioisotope production technologies owing to the introduction of high-energy and high-current cyclotrons and the growing interest in the use of linear accelerators for radioisotope production. This has allowed broader access to several new radionuclides, including gallium-68, copper-64 and



#### **Conference** App

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#### **Related resources**

- % Online Pre-Registration
- Announcement and Call for



### Thanks! Grazie Mille!!

