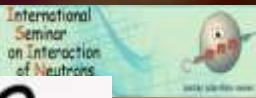


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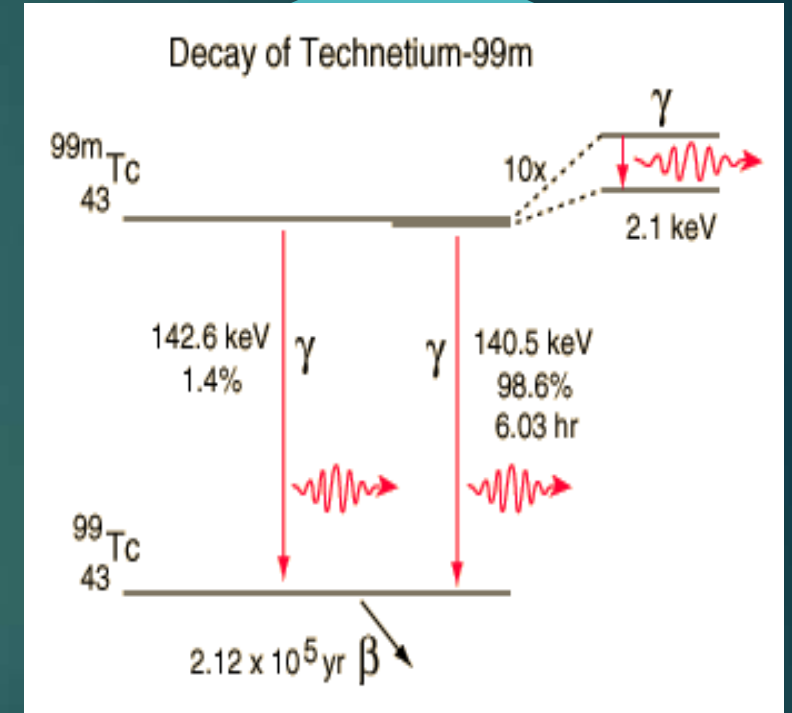
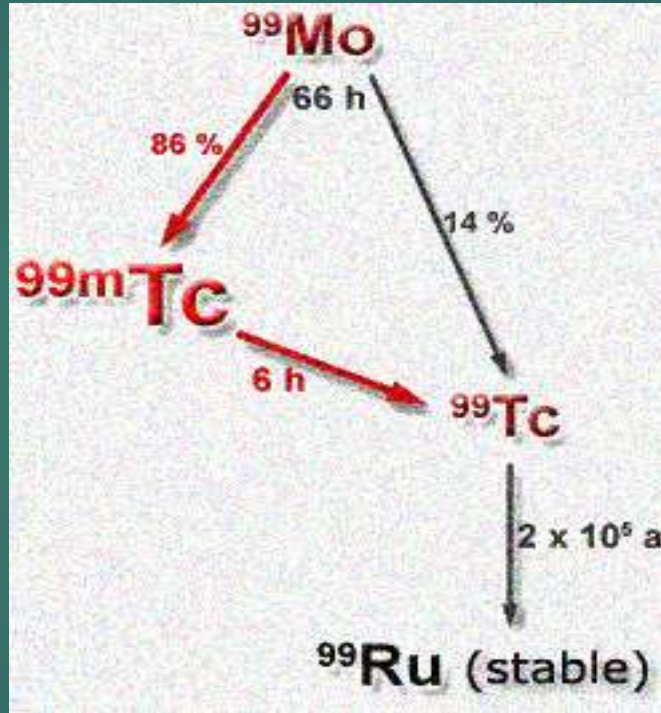
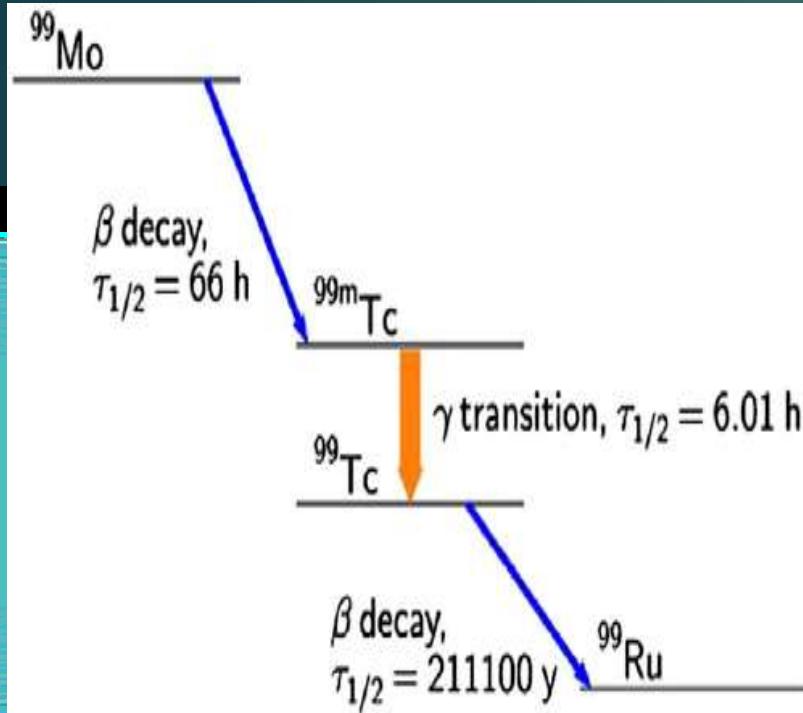
**GEOMETRY  
OPTIMIZATION OF  
URANYL NITRATE  
LIQUID TARGET  
SYSTEM FOR <sup>99</sup>Mo**



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# <sup>99</sup>Mo AND <sup>99m</sup>Tc DECAY CHART



# GLOBAL <sup>99</sup>Mo SUPPLY CHAIN



Limited suppliers involved in the global manufacture of **Mo-99**

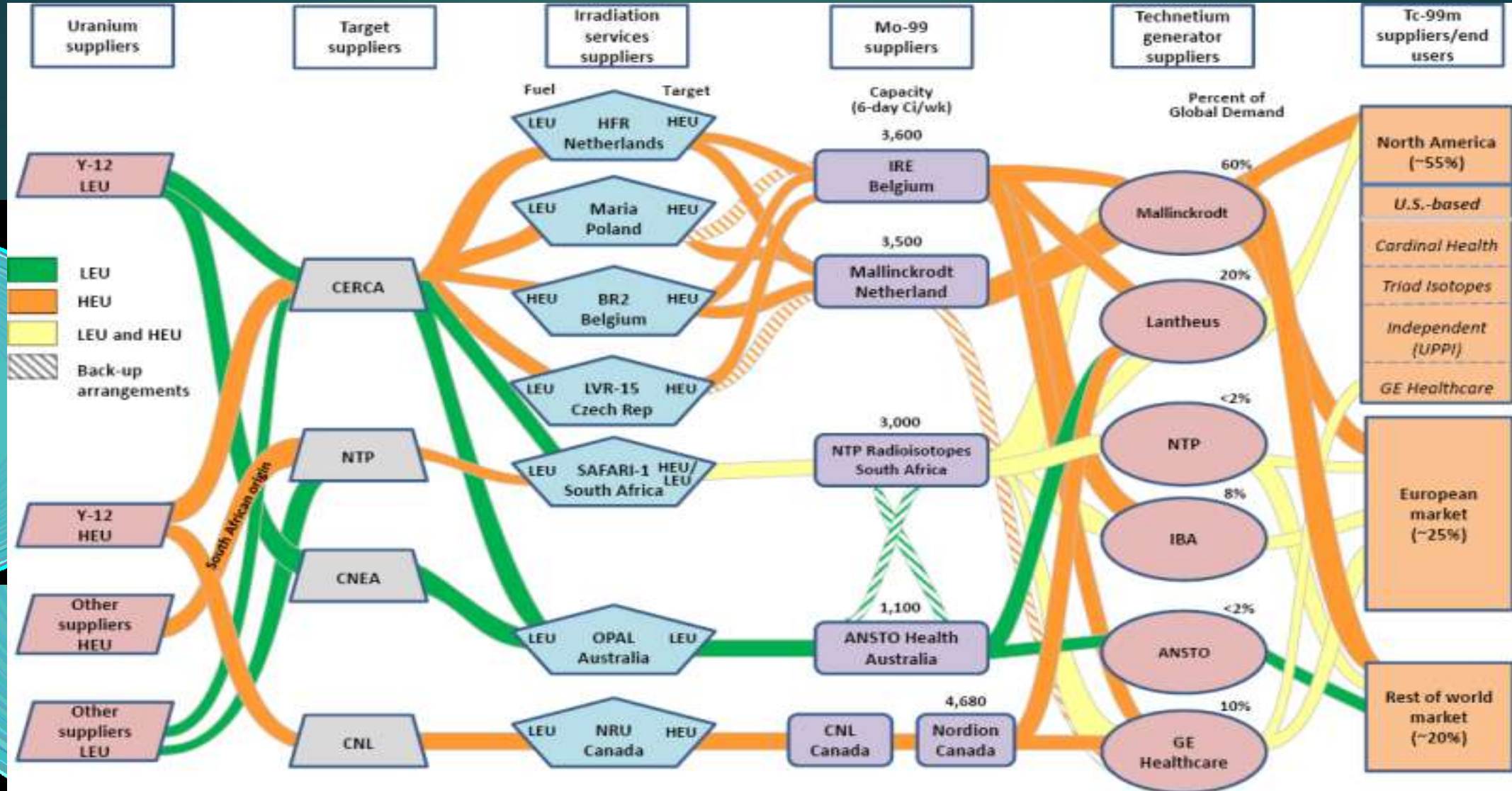
8 main reactors producing medical isotopes

5 Mo-99 processing facilities

6 generator manufacturing facilities



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# $^{99}\text{Mo}$ / $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ APPLICATIONS



## Pathway of the radiopharmaceutical

Uranium arrives at the technetium generator

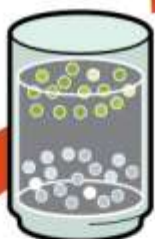
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Already-processed uranium is irradiated with neutron beams for one week in a nuclear reactor



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A chemical process separates molybdenum from the uranium



URANIUM-235

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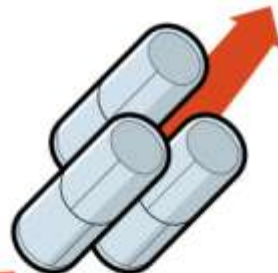
High-purity solution of molybdenum-99 ( $\text{Mo}^{99}$ )



MOLYBDENUM-99

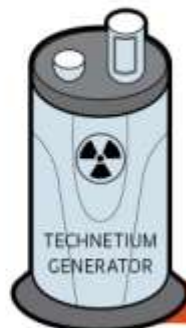
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Now in capsule form, the  $\text{Mo}^{99}$  is sent to a radiopharmacy



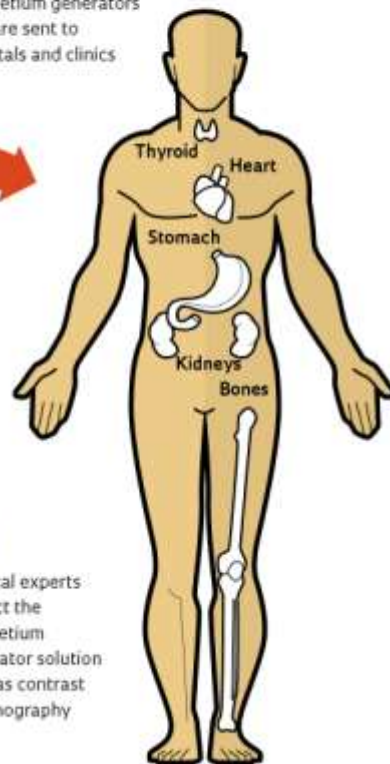
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At the radiopharmacy, the molybdenum capsules are placed in technetium generators that are sent to hospitals and clinics



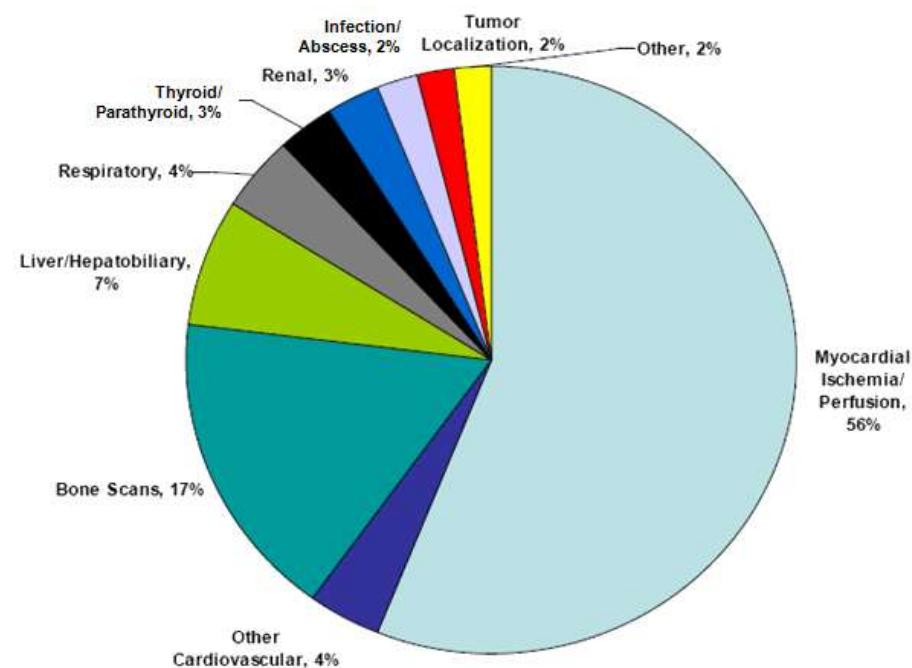
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Medical experts extract the technetium generator solution used as contrast in tomography

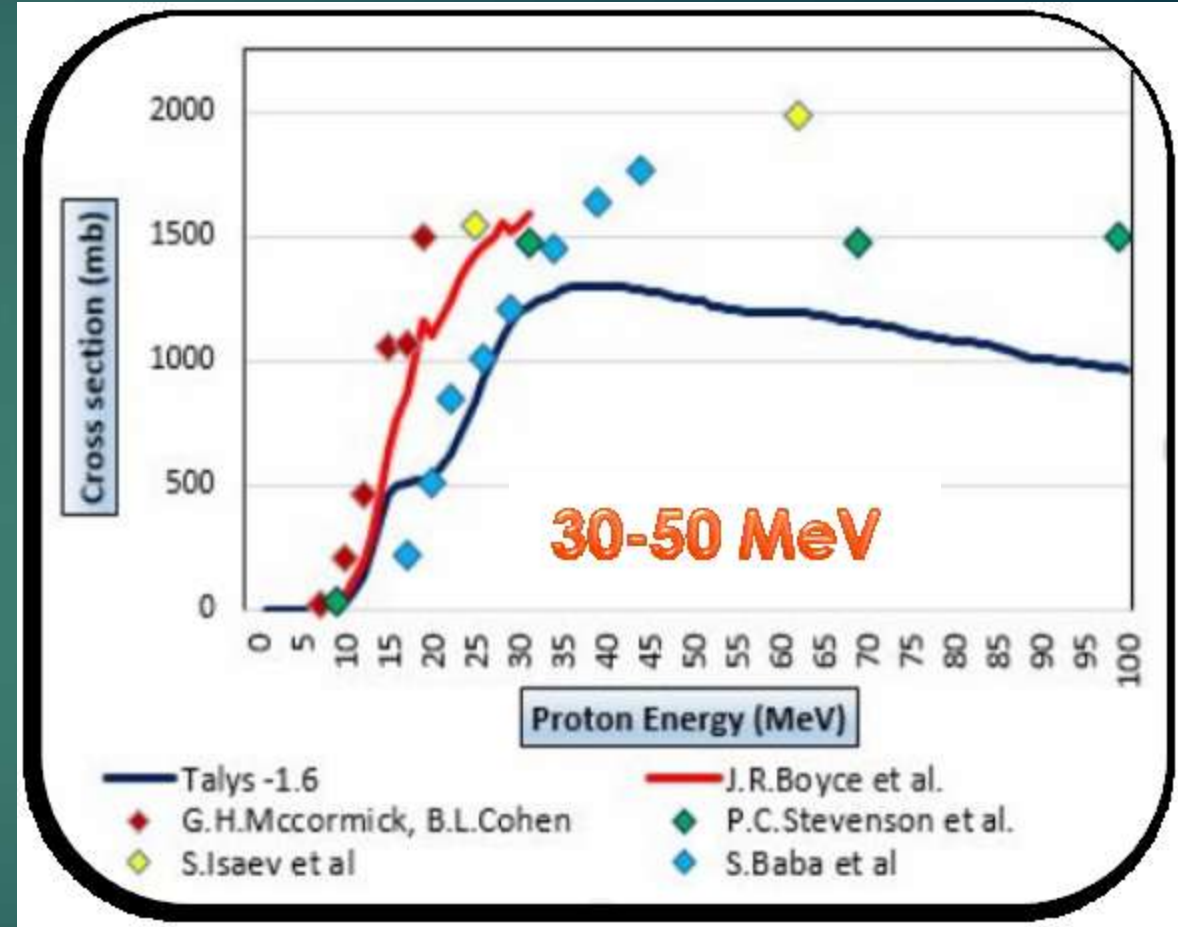
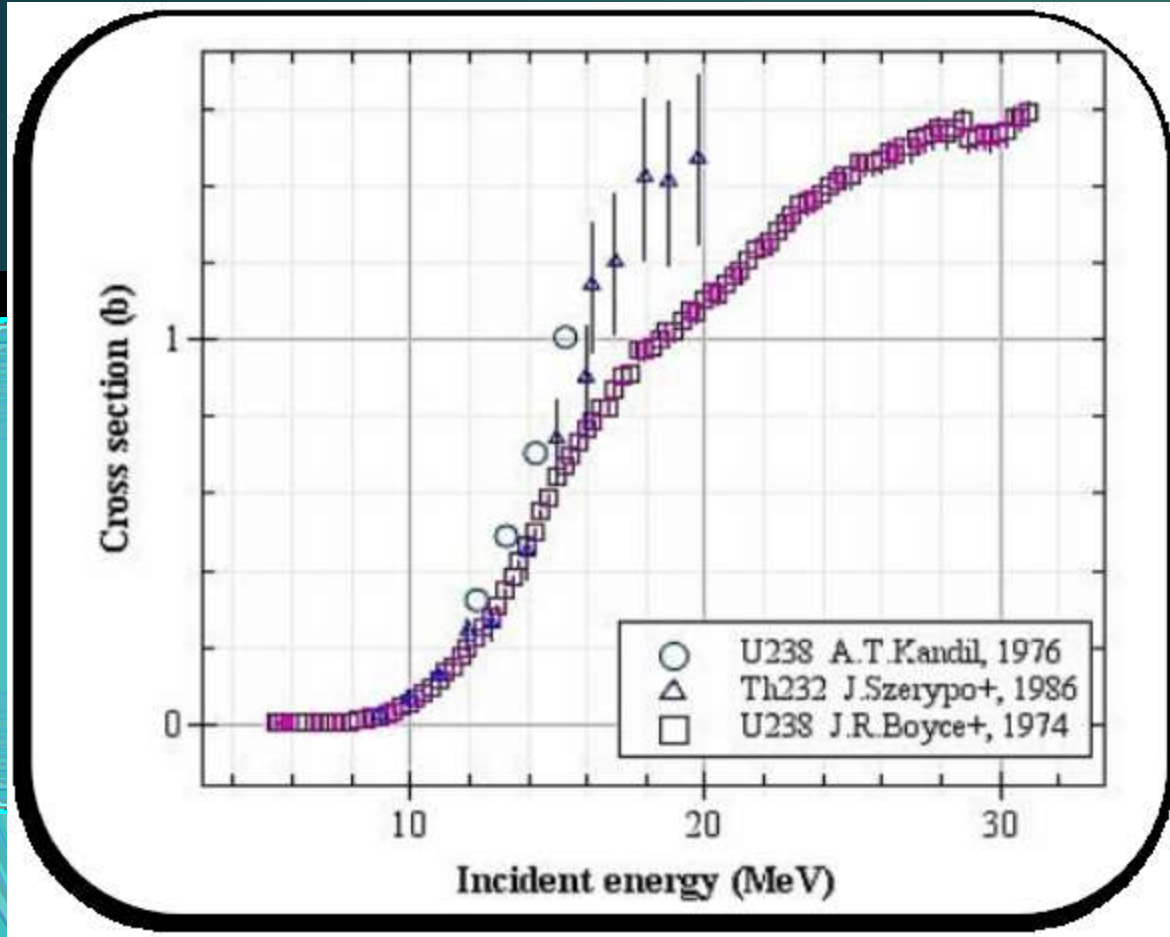


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## Composition of Nuclear Medical Procedures Where Technetium-99m is Predominant



# PROTON-FISSION REACTION



P-fiss cross-sections on different fissionable materials

# FIRST IDEA



## Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section B: Beam Interactions with Materials and Atoms



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### Feasibility of $^{99}\text{Mo}$ production by proton-induced fission of $^{232}\text{Th}$

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## Applied Radiation and Isotopes

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### Computational investigation of $^{99}\text{Mo}$ production yield via proton irradiation of $^{232}\text{Th}$ and $^{235}\text{U}$ targets

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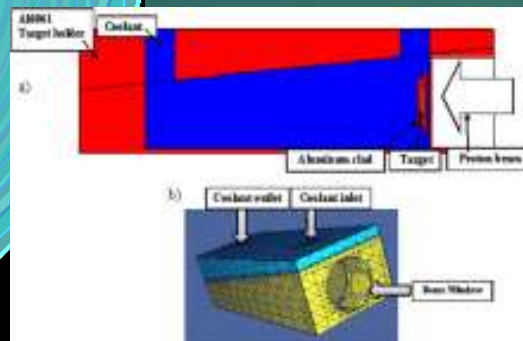
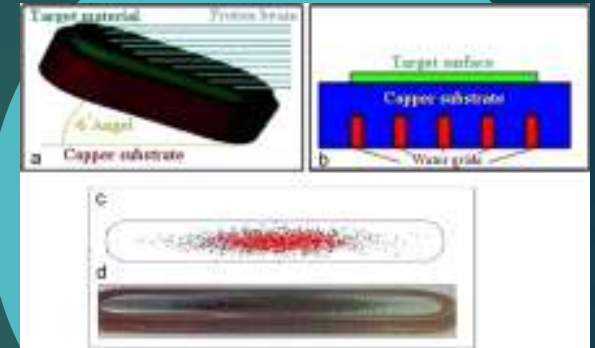
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### Computational simulation of $^{232}\text{ThO}_2$ , $^{235}\text{UO}_2$ and $\text{U}_3\text{O}_8\text{-Al}$ pills to estimate (p,fission) $^{99}\text{Mo}$ yield in the modeled targets irradiated by CYCLONE30 accelerator

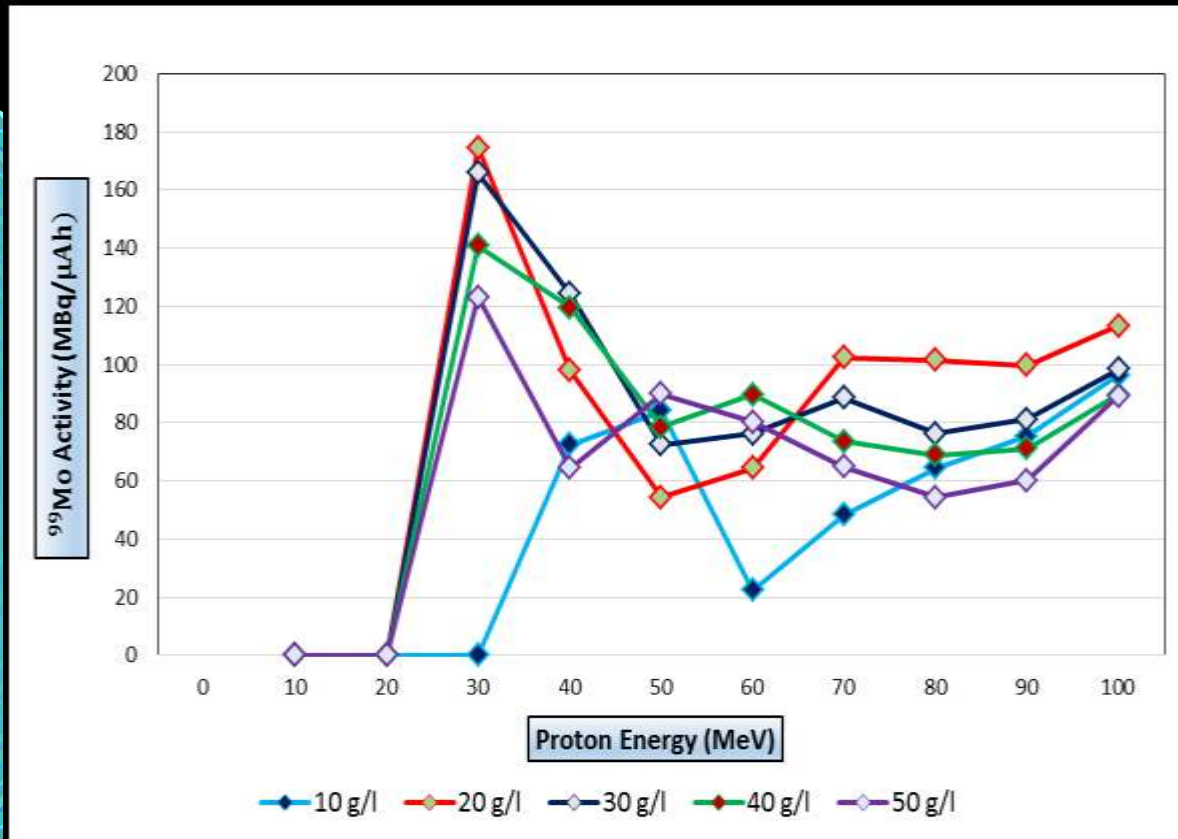
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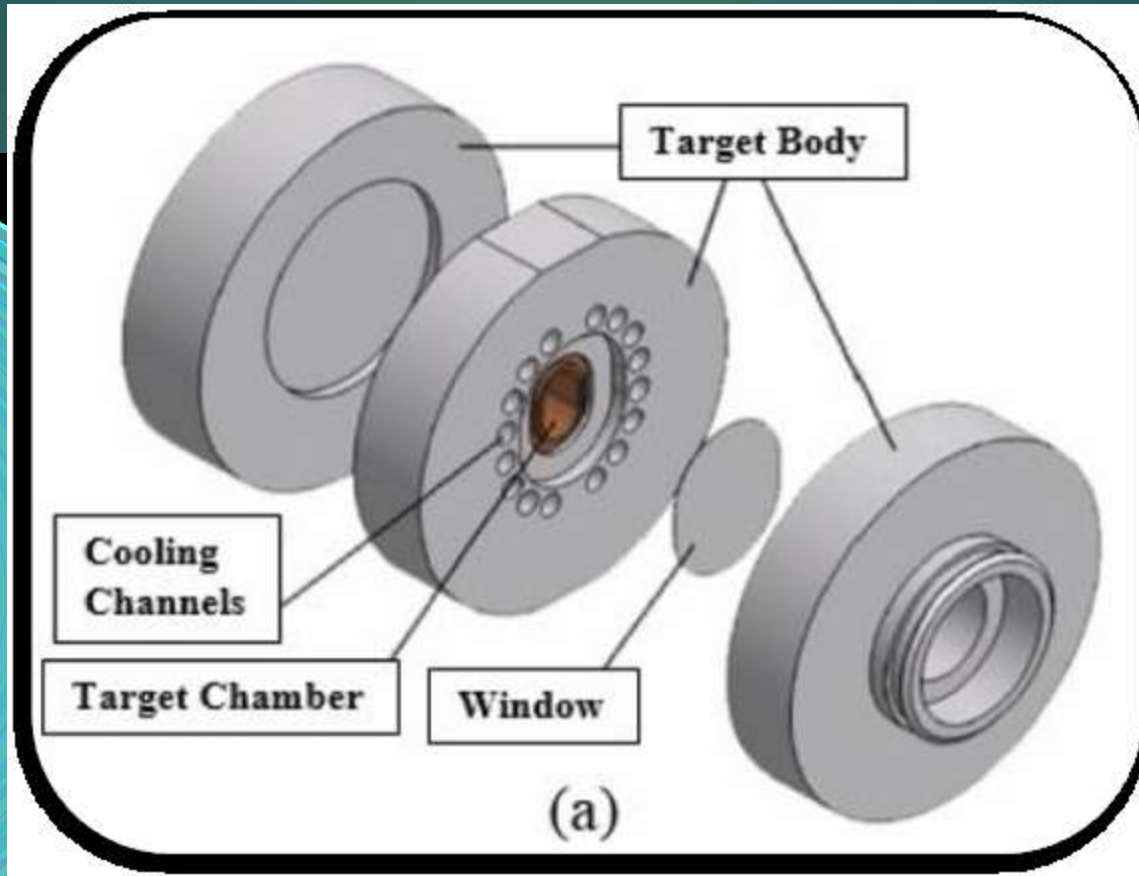


# BATMAN EQUATION

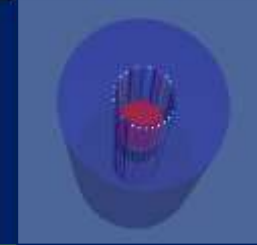
$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = \sum_j \gamma_{ij} \sigma_{f,j} N_j \varphi + \sum_k \sigma_{c,k \rightarrow i} N_k \varphi + \sum_l \lambda_{l \rightarrow i} N_l - (\sigma_{f,i} N_i \varphi + \sigma_{a,i} N_i \varphi + \lambda_i N_i)$$



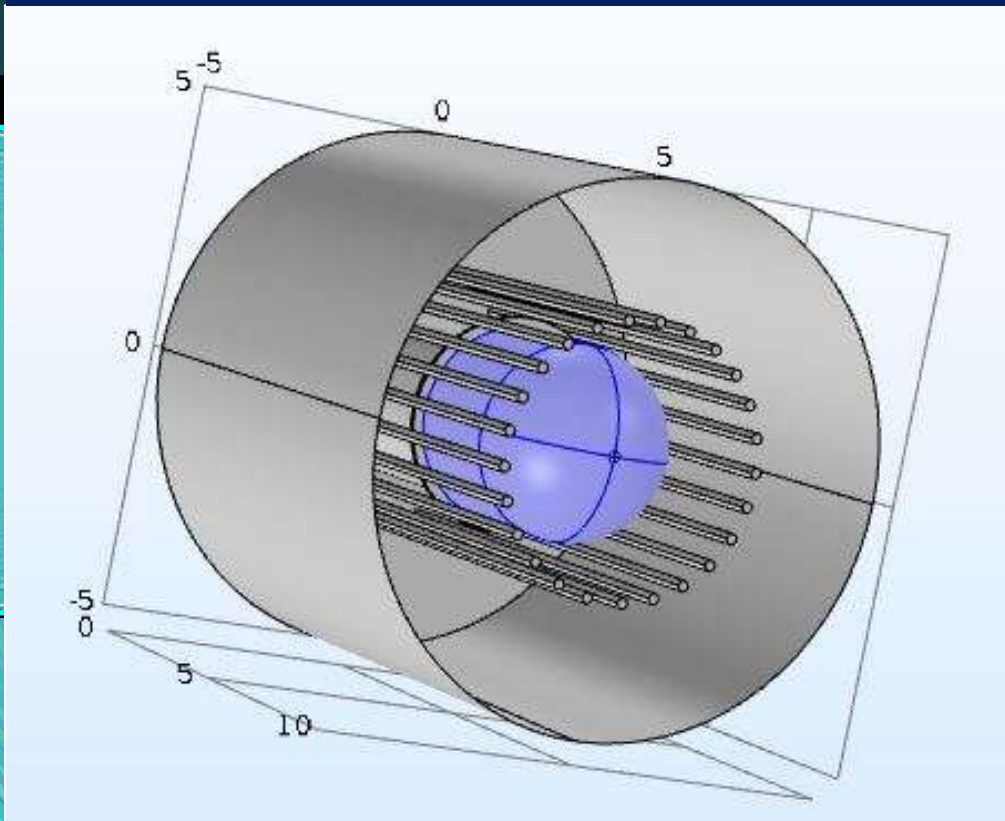
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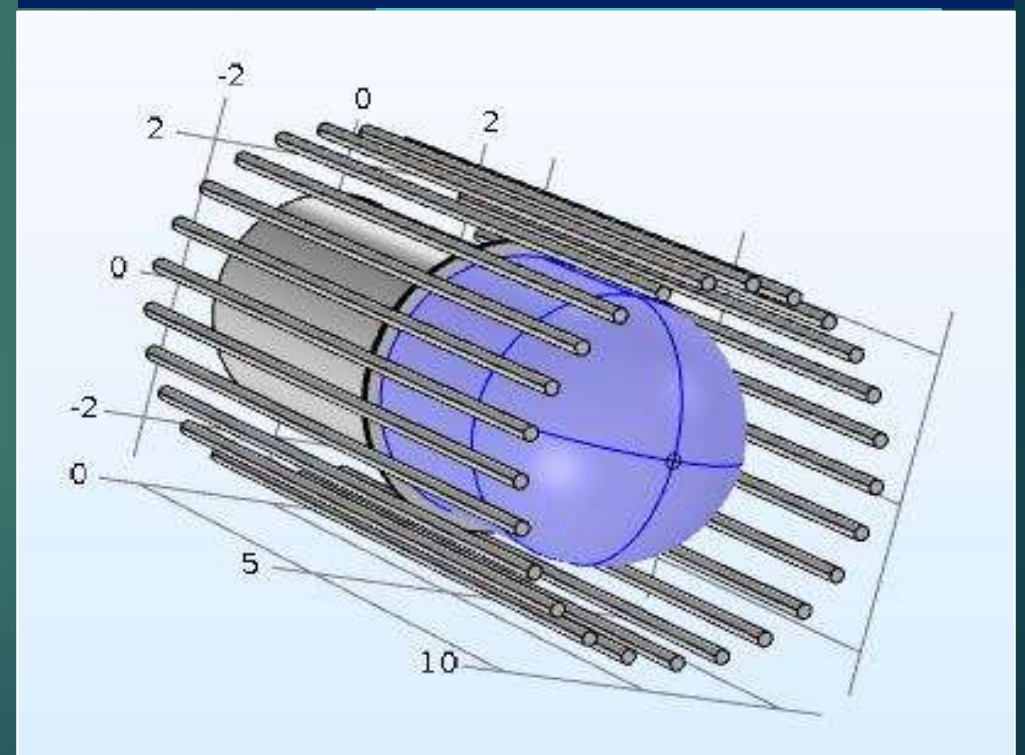
# LIQUID TARGET SYSTEM FOR $^{99}\text{Mo}$ PRODUCTION



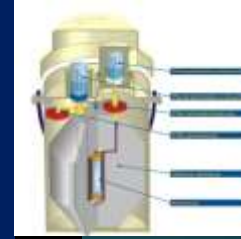
3D view of simulated liquid target



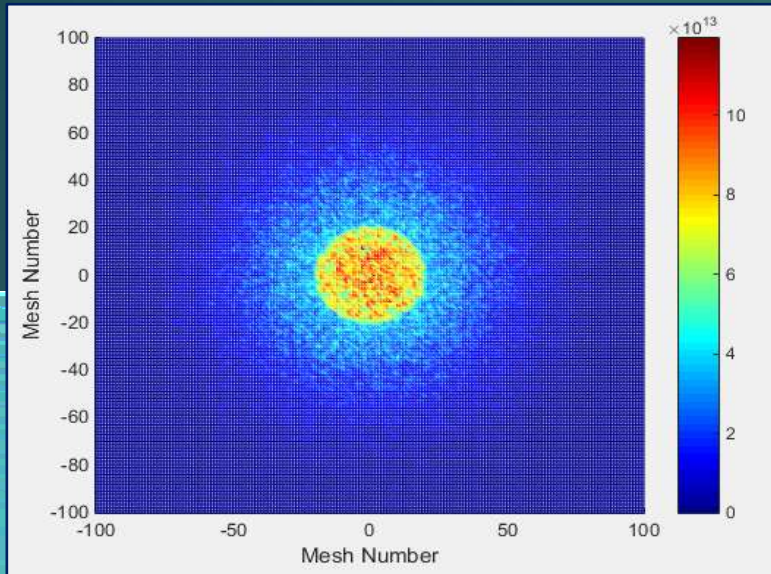
3D view of liquid target without container  
(Target holder)



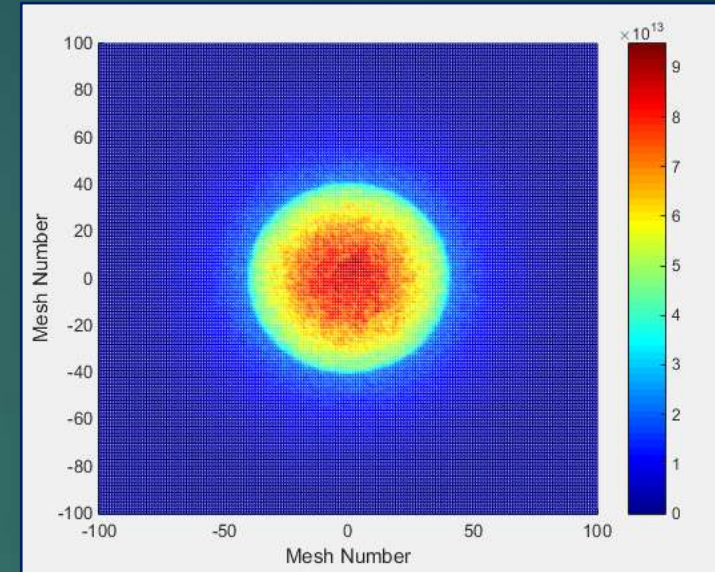
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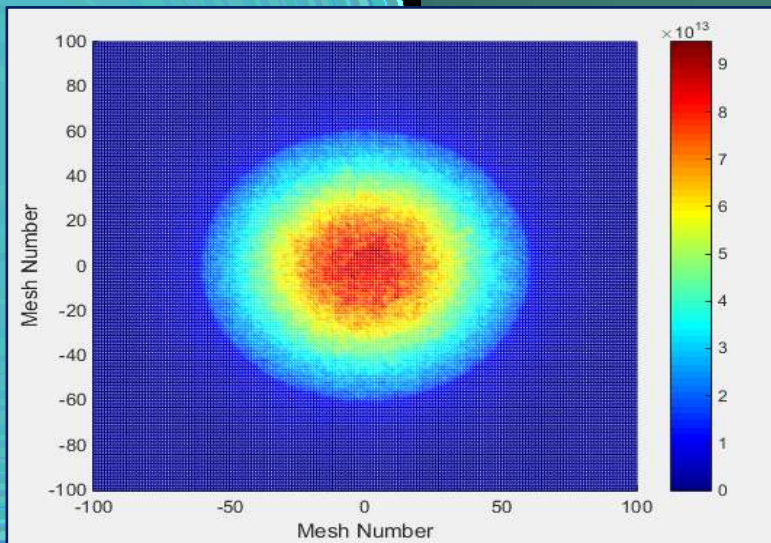
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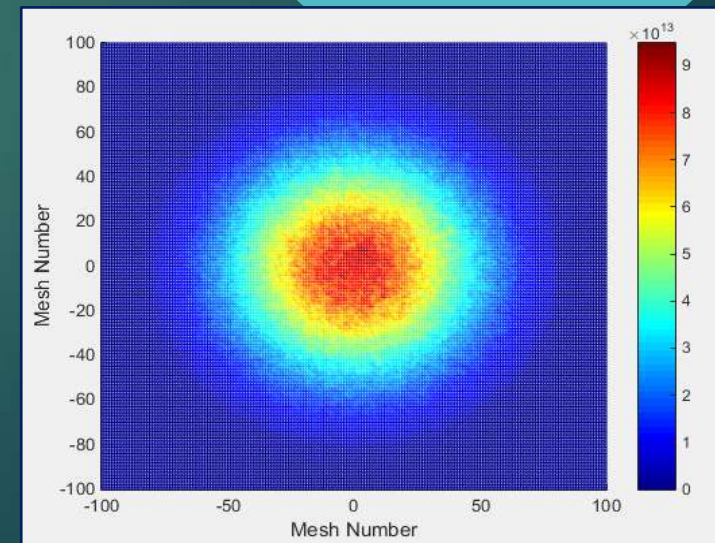
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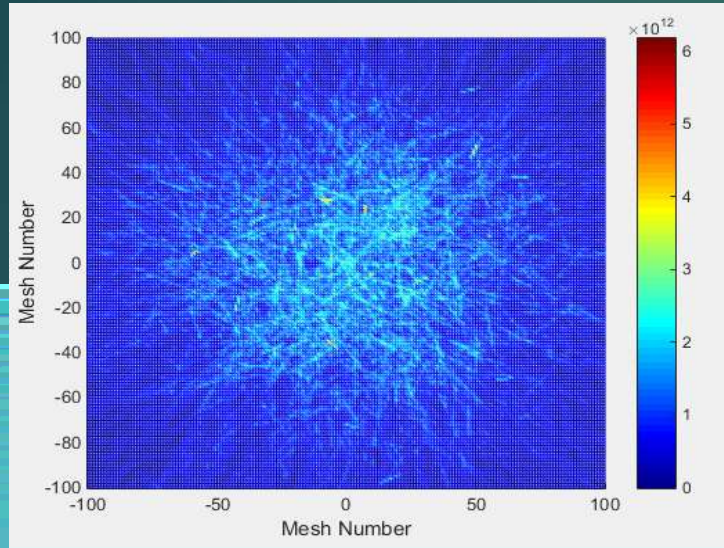
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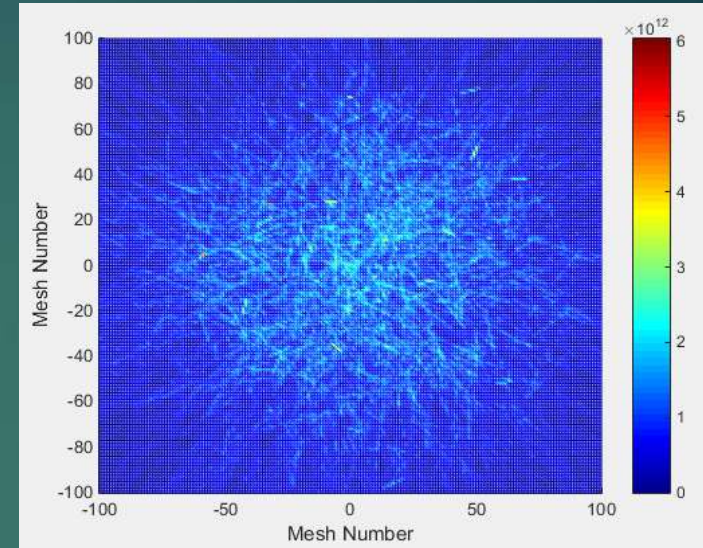
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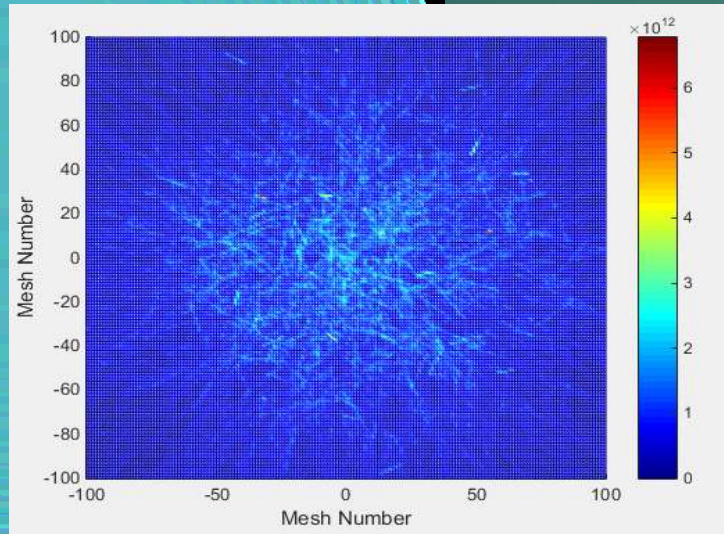
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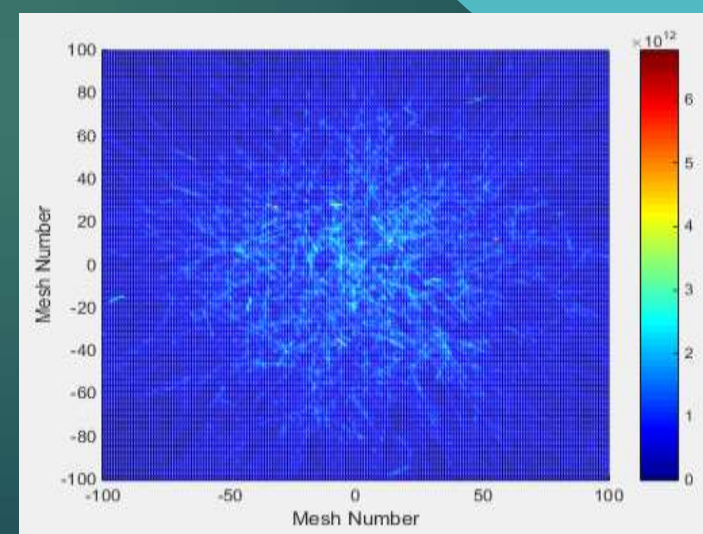
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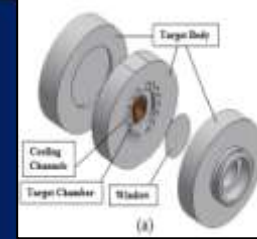
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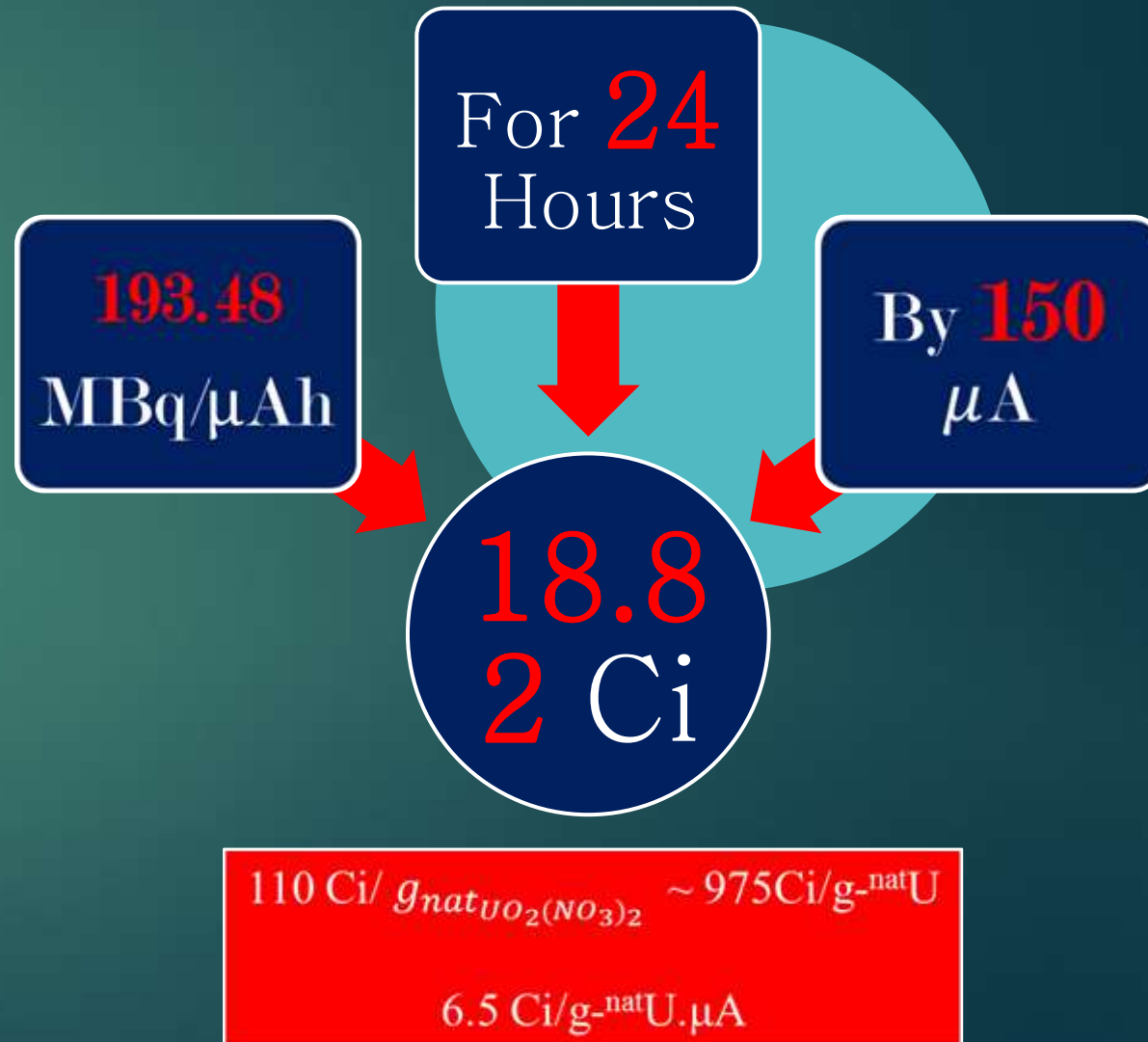
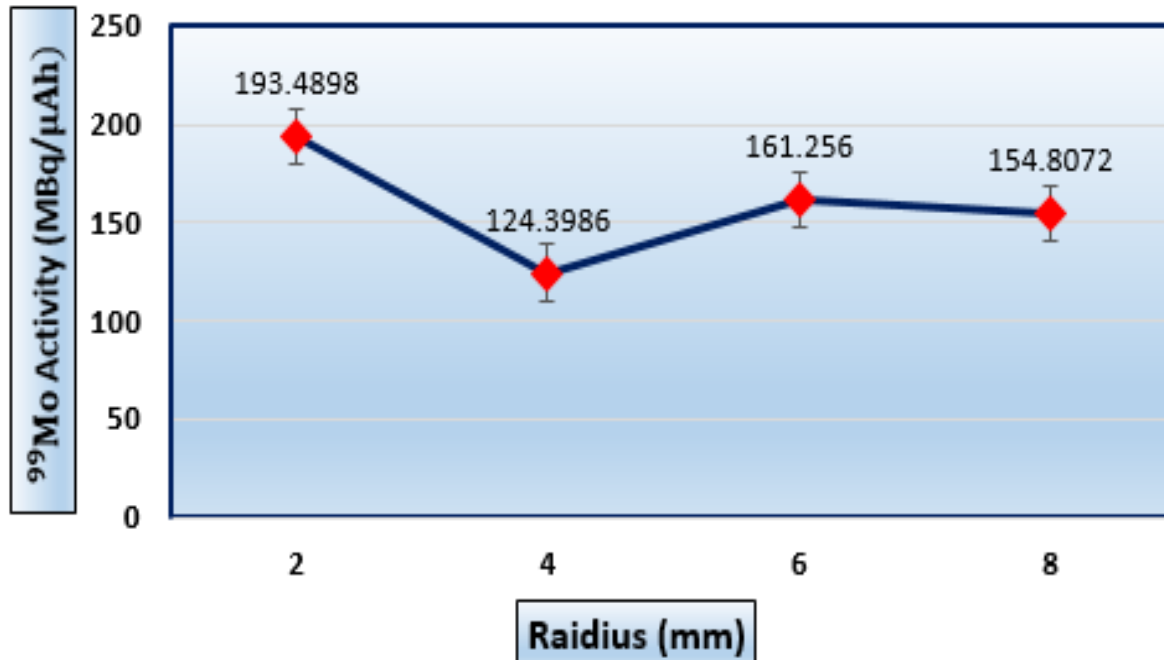
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# RADIUS OPTIMIZATION FOR $^{99}\text{Mo}$ PRODUCTION



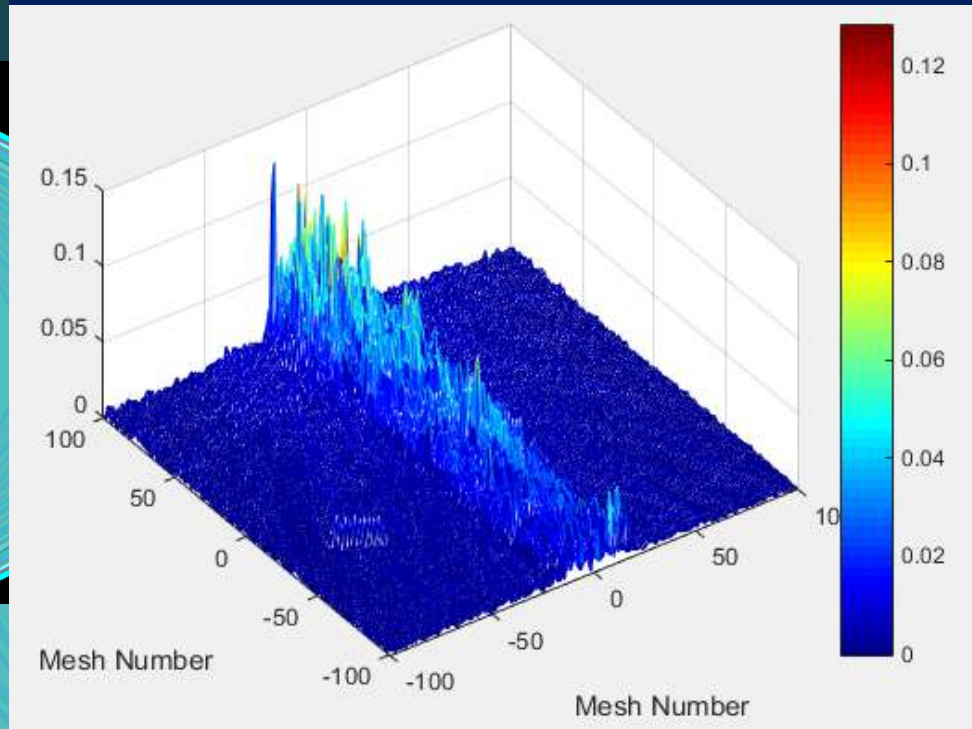
$^{99}\text{Mo}$  Production depending on the radius of target in uranyl nitrate solution



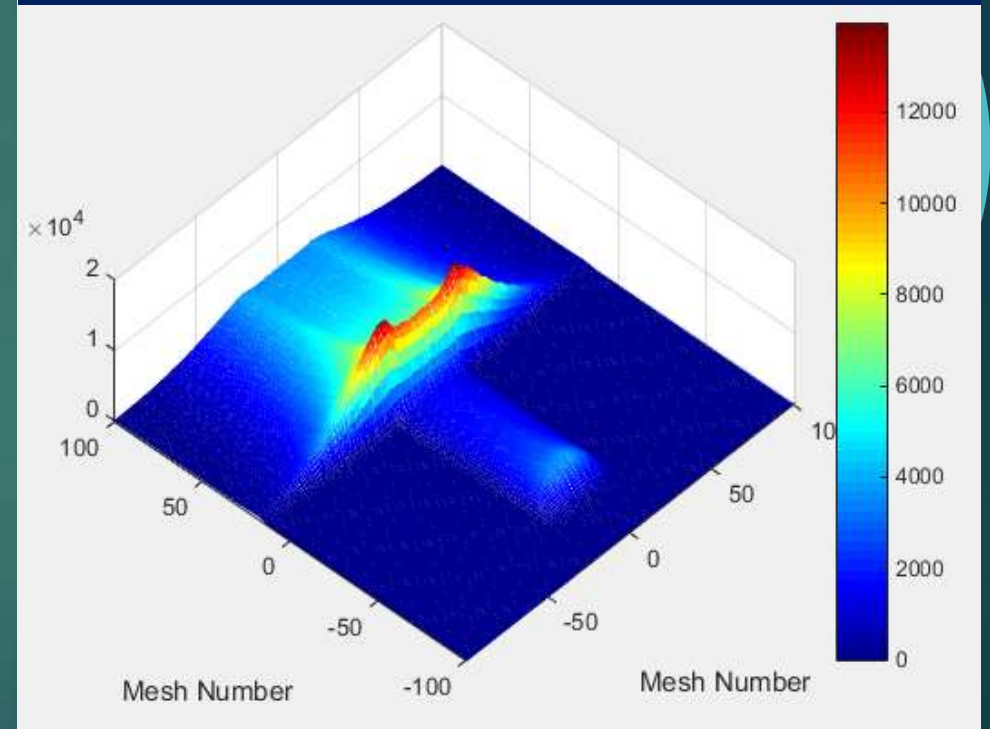
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## Neutron heat power deposited in solutions



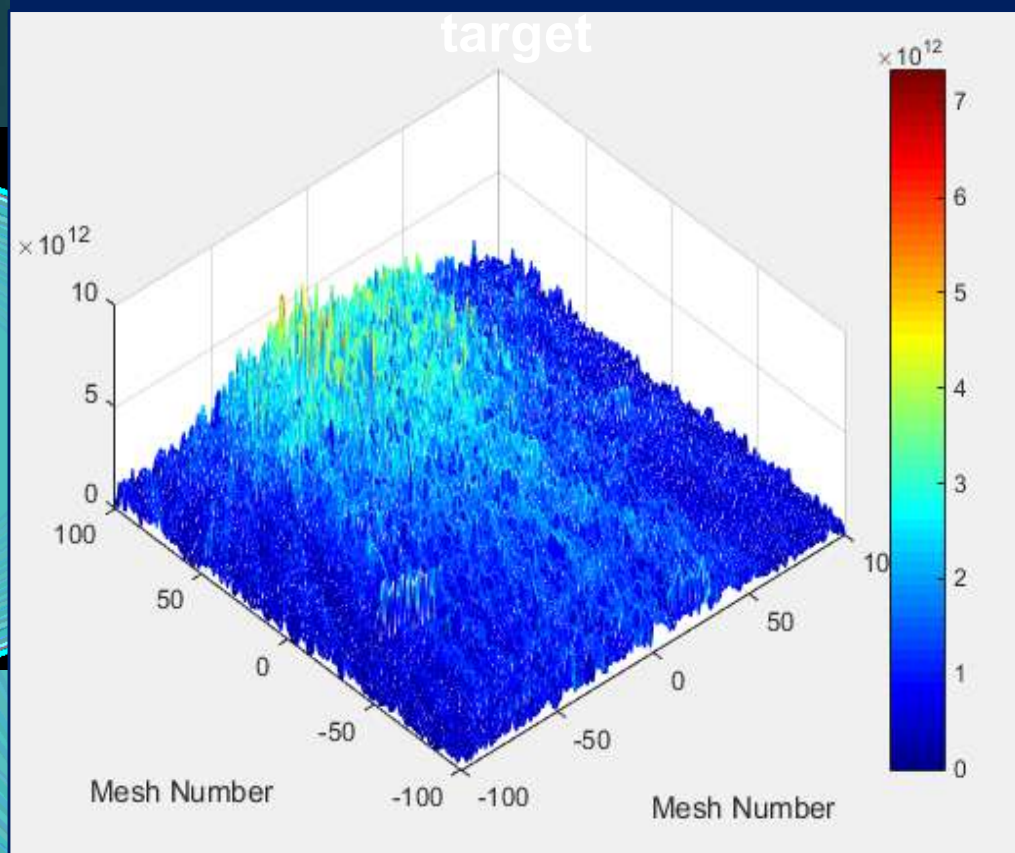
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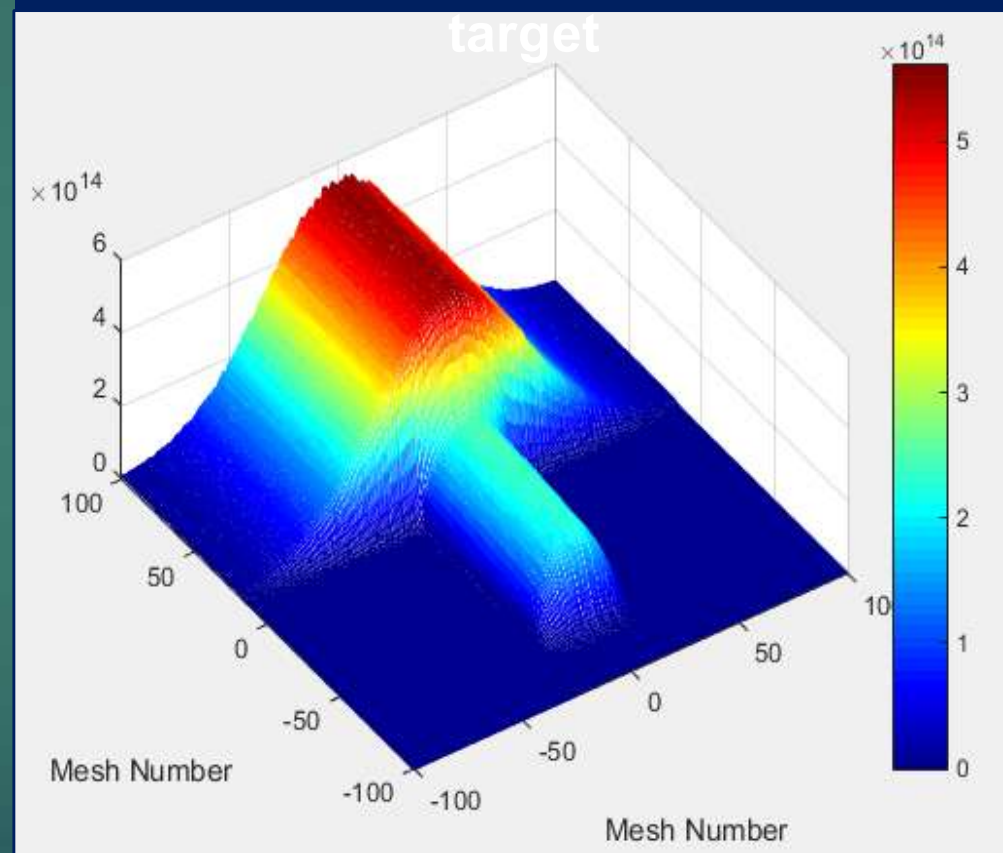
# HEIGHT OPTIMIZATION FOR $^{99}\text{Mo}$ PRODUCTION



## distribution of neutron flux in liquid



## distribution of proton flux in liquid





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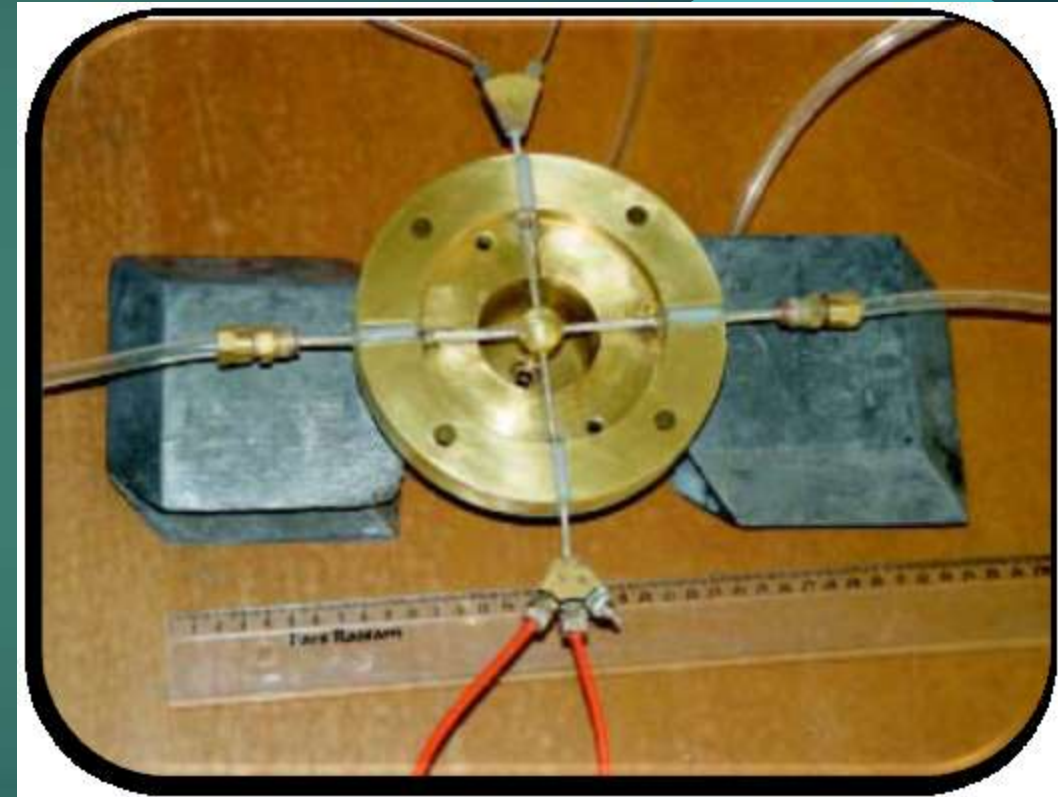
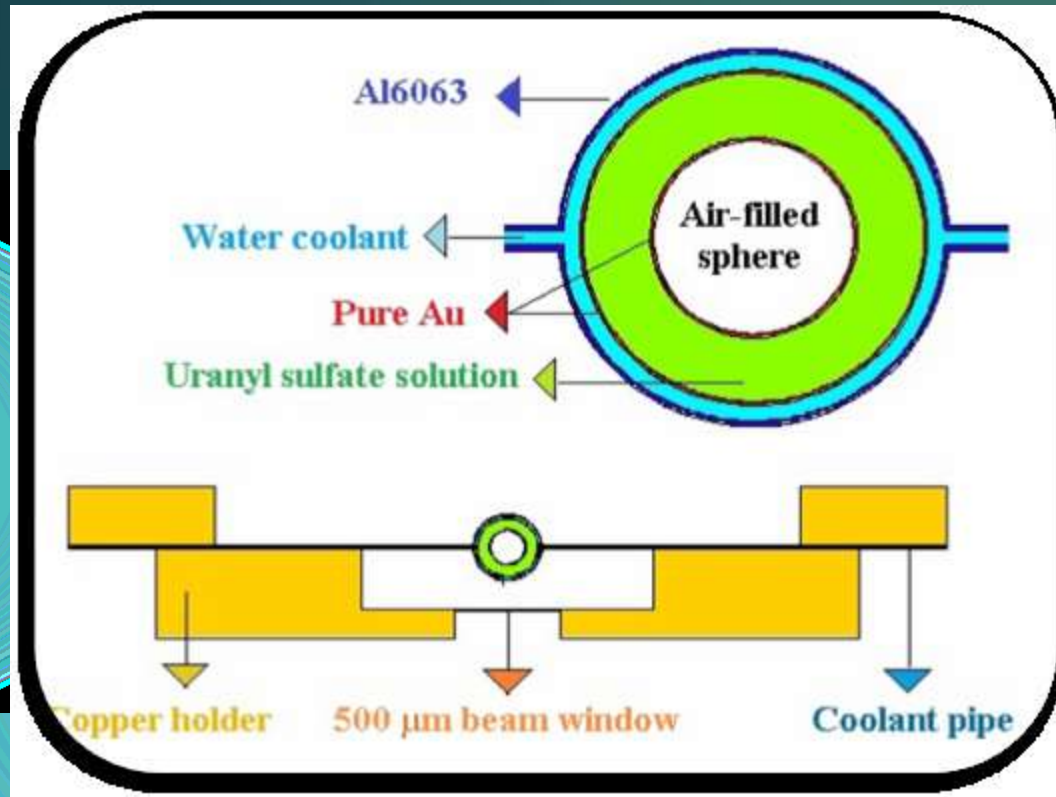


HEIGHT VARIATION → PRODUCTION OF  $^{99}\text{Mo}$  IS CONSTANT → BECAUSE OF BETTER HEAT TRANSFER IN BIGGER TARGET AREA → WE CHOOSE A HEIGHT OF 20

Height (mm)	Neutron Flux (n/cm <sup>2</sup> .s)	Proton Flux (p/cm <sup>2</sup> .s)	Total Deposited Heat Power (W)	Neutron fission heat power (W)	Target Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )
8	1.84E+12	5.08E+14	5.37E+01	1.53E-04	1.17E-01
12	1.43E+12	2.73E+14	9.98E+01	1.69E-04	1.68E-01
16	1.17E+12	2.73E+14	9.98E+01	1.80E-04	2.18E-01
20	9.89E+11	2.22E+14	1.23E+02	1.86E-04	2.68E-01

**2×8 mm**

# GOLD SPHERICAL CONTAINER FOR INVOLVING THE LIQUID TARGET



The purposed liquid uranyl sulfate container a) modeled by MCNPX2.6.0 Code  
b) used in the cyclotron accelerator

# OUR RESULTS CONFORMITY WITH EXPERIMENTAL



## Comparison of $^{99}\text{Mo}$ production yield by different accelerator-based methods

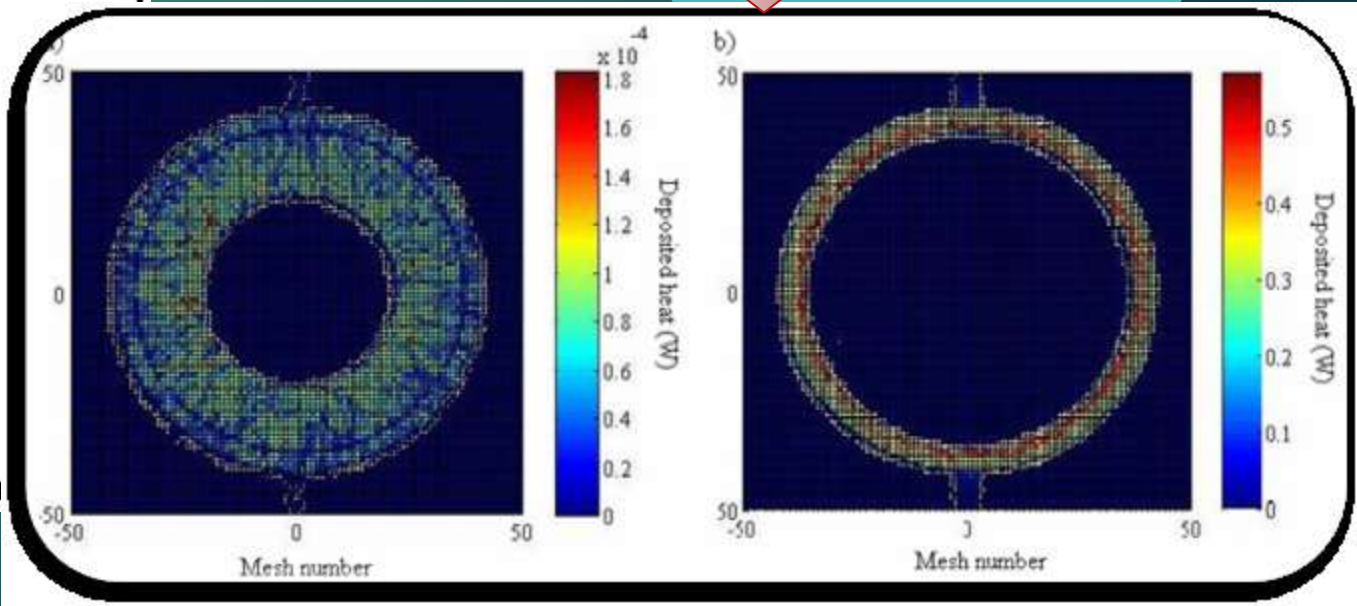
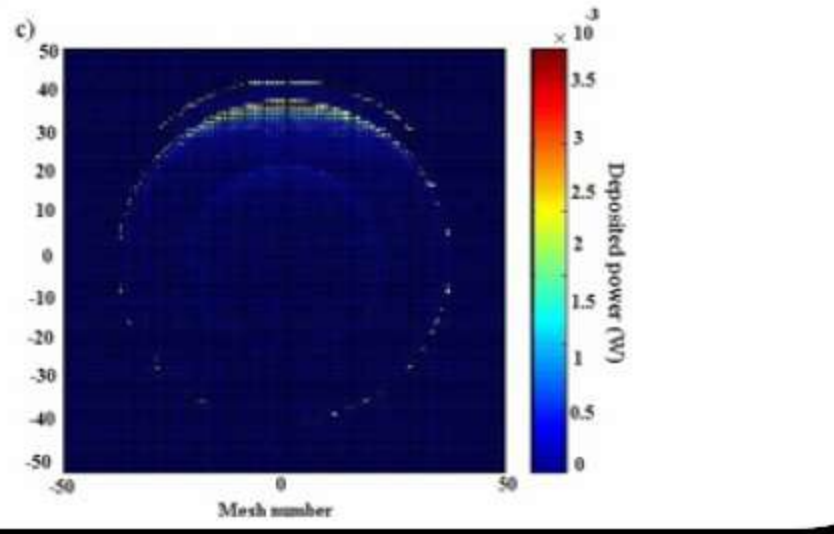
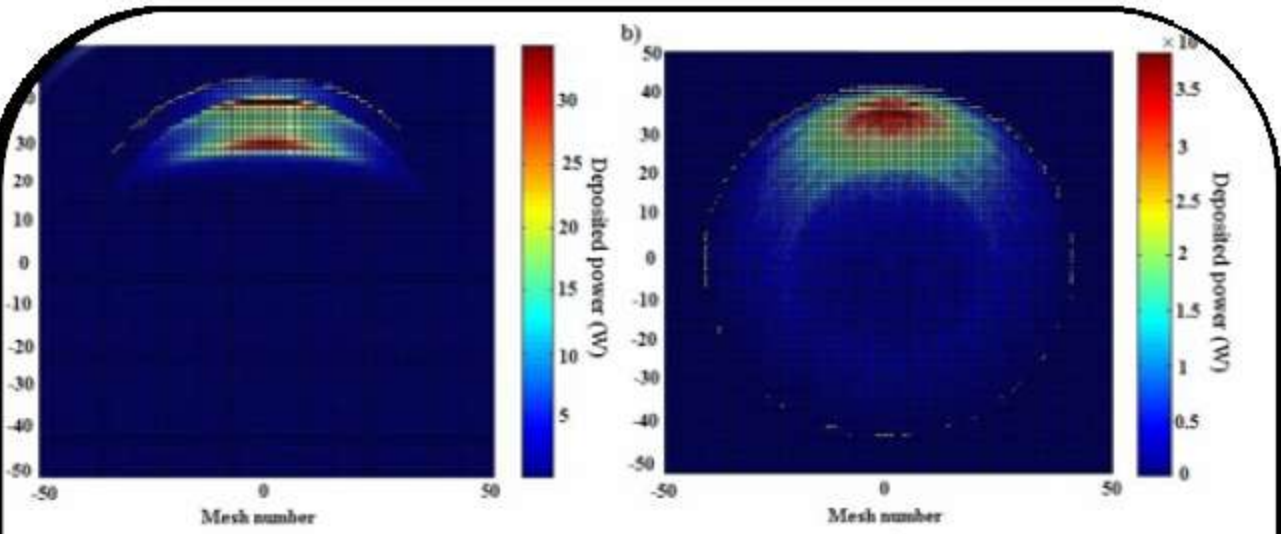
Reaction	Energy In (MeV)	Energy Out (MeV)	$^{99}\text{Mo}$ yield (MBq/ $\mu\text{A}\cdot\text{h}$ )	Ref.
$^{100}\text{Mo}(p,x)^{99}\text{Mo}$	25	0	20.35	[15]
$^{100}\text{Mo}(p,x)^{99}\text{Mo}$	25	0	26.64	[16]
$^{100}\text{Mo}(p,x)^{99}\text{Mo}$	25	0	36.26	[17]
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Mo}(p,x)^{99}\text{Mo}$	25	0	6.30	[18]
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Mo}(p,x)^{99}\text{Mo}$	30	0	5.92	[19]
$^{100}\text{Mo}(\gamma, n)^{99}\text{Mo}$	–		3.029	[20]
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Mo}(d,x)^{99}\text{Mo}$	25	0	8.99	[21]
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Mo}(d,x)^{99}\text{Mo}$	20	4	8.00	[2]
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Mo}(d,x)^{99}\text{Mo}$	22	0	8.28	[19]
$^{232}\text{Th}(p, \text{fiss})^{99}\text{Mo}$	25	0	5.10	[2]
Solid target, $^{232}\text{Th}(p, \text{fiss})^{99}\text{Mo}$	25	0	4.93 $\pm$ 0.29	[12]
Solid target, $^{\text{nat}}\text{U}(p, \text{fiss})^{99}\text{Mo}$	25	0	5.08 $\pm$ 0.10	[12]
Liquid target, $^{\text{nat}}\text{U}(p, \text{fiss})^{99}\text{Mo}$	30	0	290.08 $\pm$ 0.01	

# DEPOSITED HEAT INSIDE THE TARGET



**BEAM DIRECTION**

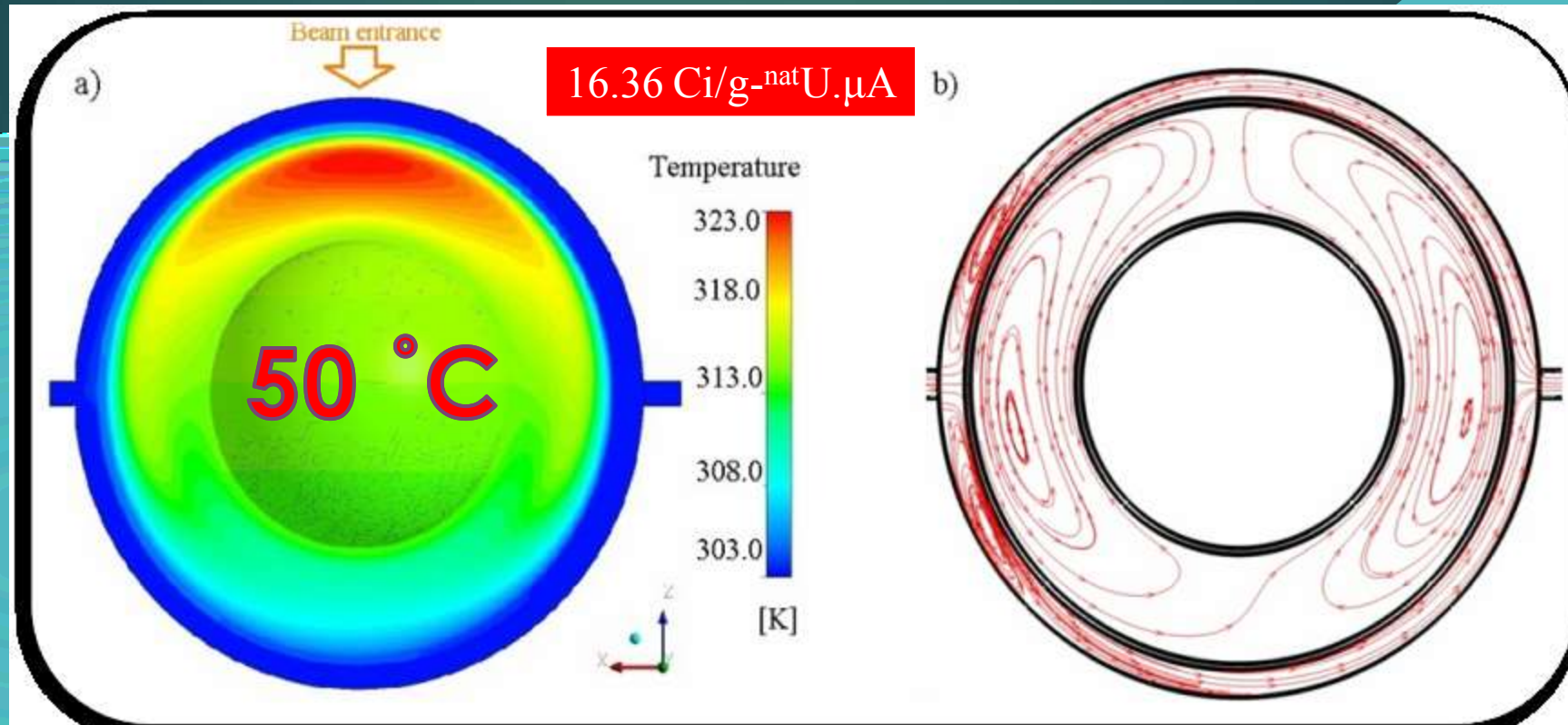
**VERTICAL TO BEAM**



# PEAK OF TEMPERATURE INSIDE THE TARGET



**0.18 Ci after 24h irradiation using  $1\mu\text{A}$**



**JET COOLING WITH FLOW RATE OF 25 M/S**

# A COMPARISON BETWEEN PRODUCTION METHODS



30 MeV, 4.5 kW, ~ 5 6-day-Ci/week,  $^{235}\text{U}(p, \text{fiss})^{99}\text{Mo}$

Particle	Accelerator	Reaction	Energy	Beam Power	Target	6-day-Ci/wk	kWh/6-day-Ci
Proton [3]	ADSR	$^{235}\text{U}(n, \text{fission})^{99}\text{Mo}$	1 GeV	1 MW	LEU	~6000	~25
Proton [3]	ADSR	$^{98}\text{Mo}(n, \gamma)^{99}\text{Mo}$	1 GeV	1 MW	$^{98}\text{Mo}$	~3000	~50
Proton [4]	ADSR	$^{235}\text{U}(n, \text{fission})^{99}\text{Mo}$	200 MeV	100 kW	LEU	~7000	~2.5
Electron[9]	RF Linac	$^{238}\text{U}(\gamma, \text{fission})^{99}\text{Mo}$	50 MeV	1 MW	Natural U	~180	~900
Electron[9]	RF Linac	$^{100}\text{Mo}(\gamma, n)^{99}\text{Mo}$	>30 MeV	500 kW	$^{100}\text{Mo}$	~500	~170
Electron[10]	RF Linac	$^{100}\text{Mo}(\gamma, n)^{99}\text{Mo}$	25 MeV	20 kW	Natural Mo	~5	~800
Proton [6]	cyclotron	$^{100}\text{Mo}(p, pn)^{99}\text{Mo}$	45 MeV	4.5 kW	$^{100}\text{Mo}$	~2.5	~270
Proton [6]	cyclotron	$^{100}\text{Mo}(p, pn)^{99}\text{Mo}$	45 MeV	4.5 kW	Natural Mo	~0.25	~2700

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