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Measurements of Photonuclear Reaction Pathways towards **Promising Medical Radioisotopes**¹ FUNMILOLA NOIKI, North Carolina Central University, NCCU AND TUNL 1801 FAYETTEVILLE ST., DURHAM, NC 27707 MOHAMMAD W. AHMED BENJAMIN CROWE NOIKI FUNMIL COL-LABORATION, DUKE AND TUNL 413 SCIENCE DRIVE, DUKE UNIVERSITY, DURHAM, NC 27708 CALVIN R. HOWELL, KRISHICHAYAN, COLLABORA-TION — We report on measurements of photo-nuclear cross-sections which lead to the production of isotopes which are of interest in medical diagnosis and treatment sciences. Precise measurements of the cross sections of ⁴⁸Ti (γ , p), ⁴⁸Ti (γ , n), ⁴⁸Ti (γ , pn), ⁴⁸Ti (γ , 2n), ⁴⁸Ti (γ , $_{-}$), ¹⁹⁷Au (γ , n) and ¹⁹⁷Au (γ , pn) were made at gamma ray energies between 22 - 27 MeV. The High Intensity Gamma Ray Source (HI γ S) of Triangle Universities Nuclear Laboratory (TUNL), a Compton γ -ray facility employing a high intensity Free-Electron Laser (FEL) produced the gamma ray beams for the study. The activity of the reaction products was measured at TUNL's low-background counting facility using High Purity Germanium detectors (HPGe). Lifetime data were fitted to obtain the isotope yields. Cross-section data are compared to calculations and other known available measurements, such as photo-nuclear cross sections of gold (Au) isotopes. This study reports on the techniques, methods, and results obtained from this measurement.

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