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Nuclotron-based Ion Collider fAcility



Applied Research Infrastructure for Advanced Developments at NICA fAcility



Joint Institute for Nuclear Research

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JINR Laboratories.

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in the scale of investigations

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Meshcheryakov Laboratory of Information Technologies



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Bogoliubov Laboratory of Theoretical Physics



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Laboratory of Radiation Biology



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JINR in Figures:



5260 staff members



1200 researchers



1000 Doctors and Candidates of Sciences



2000 engineers and technicians

800 partner universities.

educational and research centres in more than 70 countries

scientific publications

per year

per year

conferences

and workshops

over 70 international

Unique Park of Basic Facilities:

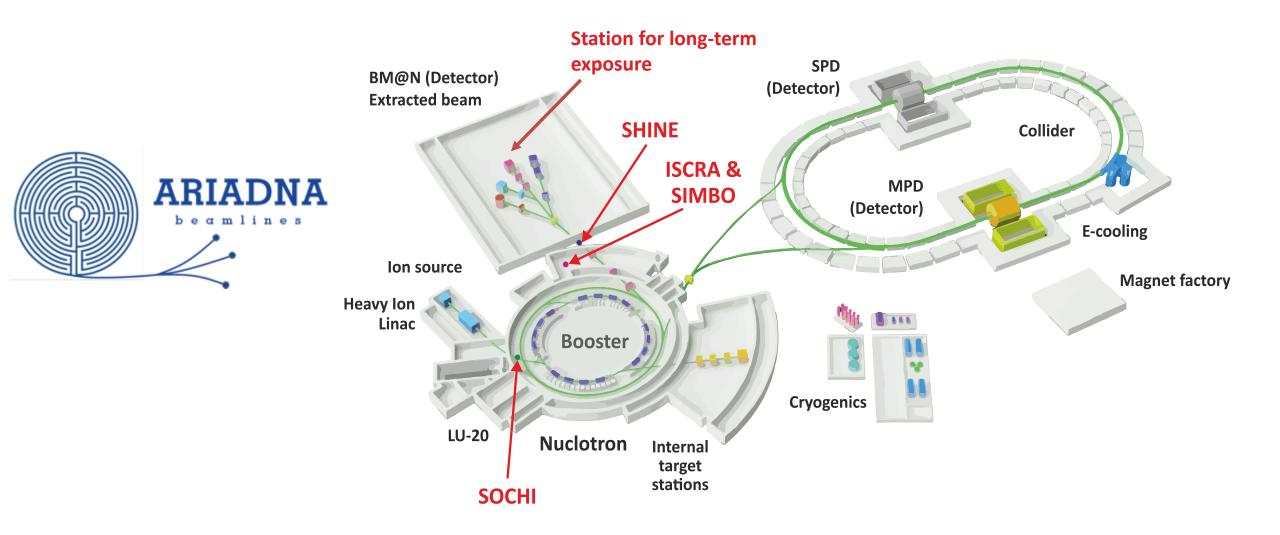
- World's Top Pulsed Neutron Source
- Heavy Ion Accelerators in a Wide Energy Range
- Megascience Project: Superconducting Collider NICA





APPLIED RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS @ NICA

The Applied Research Infrastructure for Advanced Developments at NICA fAcility (ARIADNA)





APPLIED RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS @ NICA



The Applied Research Infrastructure for Advanced Developments at NICA fAcility (ARIADNA) will include:

- (1) Beamlines with magnetic optics, power supplies, beam diagnostics systems, cooling systems, etc.
- (2) Experimental zones equipped with target stations for users (detectors, sample holders, irradiation control and monitoring system, etc.)
- (3) Supporting user infrastructure (areas for deployment of user's equipment, for sample preparation and post-irradiation express analyses, etc.)

Low-energy ion beams available at HILAC

3.2 MeV/nucleon

Intermediate-energy ion beams available at Nuclotron

150-1000 MeV/nucleon

High-energy ion beams available at Nuclotron up to 4.5 GeV/nucleon

Life sciences, Radiation damage to microelectronics, Materials science, Novel relativistic nuclear technology

Protons and ions with Z = 2 to 92

Irradiation of decapsulated microcircuits and solid materials with 3.2 MeV/nucleon ions.

lons: ¹²C⁶⁺, ⁴⁰Ar¹⁸⁺, ⁵⁶Fe²⁶⁺, ⁸⁴Kr³⁶⁺, ¹³¹Xe⁵⁴⁺, ¹⁹⁷Au⁷⁹

Irradiation of capsulated microcircuits with 150-350 MeV/nucleon ions. Ions like ¹⁹⁷Au^{79 +} are decelerated in the capsule to 5-10 MeV/nucleon.

500-1000 MeV/nucleon ions be available at the target station for biological sample irradiation.

lons: ¹H¹⁺, ²D¹⁺, ¹²C⁶⁺, ⁴⁰Ar¹⁸⁺, ⁷Li³⁺

Target station will be equipped with targets from C to Pb and with the systems of beam and target diagnostics, positioning, thermometry, synchronization, radiation control, and data acquisition.

ARIADNA COLLABORATION TODAY

ARIADNA-LS Collaboration	ARIADNA-MSTE Collaboration	ARIADNA-NPT Collaboration
The Collaboration is being established in order to perform experiments in the field of life sciences at the NICA Complex with the ARIADNA beamlines	The Collaboration is being established in order to perform activities and experiments in radiation materials science and radiation testing of electronics at the NICA Complex with the ARIADNA beamlines	The Collaboration is being established in order to facilitate study of accelerator driven subcritical reactor systems with the use of ARIADNA beamlines

Collaborating organizations

- 1. Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (Dubna, Int.)
- 2. Institute of Biomedical Problems, RAS (Moscow, Russia)
- 3. Burnasyan Federal Medical Biophysical Center of Federal Medical Biological Agency (Moscow, Russia)
- 4. Skobeltsyn Research Institute of Nuclear Physics, Moscow State University (Dubna, Russia)
- 5. Saint Petersburg State University (Saint Petersburg, Russia)
- 6. Tsyb Medical Radiological Research Centre (Obninsk, Russia)
- 7. Semenov Research Center of Chemical Physics, RAS (Moscow, Russia)
- 8. Institute of Theoretical and Experimental Biophysics, RAS (Moscow, Russia)
- 9. Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (Dolgoprudny, Russia)
- 10. Institute of Nuclear Physics, AS RUz (Tashkent, Uzbekistan)

- 11. Kurnakov Institute of General and Inorganic Chemistry, RAS (Moscow, Russia)
- 12. National Research Nuclear University MEPhl (Moscow, Russia)
- 13. Joint Institute of High Temperatures, RAS (Moscow, Russia)
- 14. North Ossetian State University (Vladikavkaz, Russia)
- 15. Institute of Nuclear Problems of the Belarusian State University (Minsk, Belarus)
- 16. CANDLE SRI, Yerevan, Armenia
- 17. Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia
- 18. A.I. Alikhanyan National Science Laboratory (Yerevan Physics Institute), Yerevan, Armenia

182 participants

- 19. RUDN University, Moscow, Russia
- 20. LLC Research and production company "Kvant-R" (Moscow, Russia)
- 21. LLC "S-Innovations" (Moscow, Russia)
- LLC "SOL-Instruments" (Minsk, Belarus)

I. Infrastructure development

ARIADNA RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE:

CURRENT STATE AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

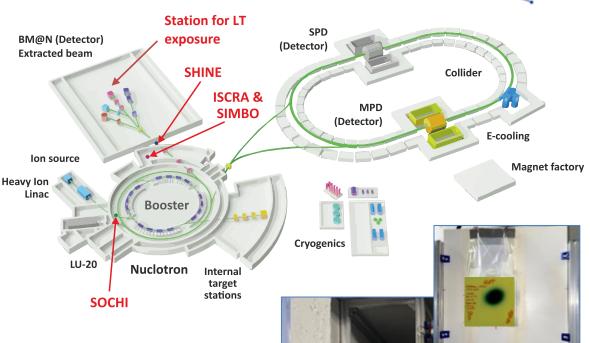
In December 2021, the beamline and **Station Of Chip Irradiation** (SOCHI) was completed.

In December 2022, the **prototype of the Target station for long- term exposure with high energy ions** was assembled at the outgoing beam available behind the BM@N facility. This target Heavy Ion station has an advantage to use beams for applied research purposes in parallel with operation of the BM@N setup.

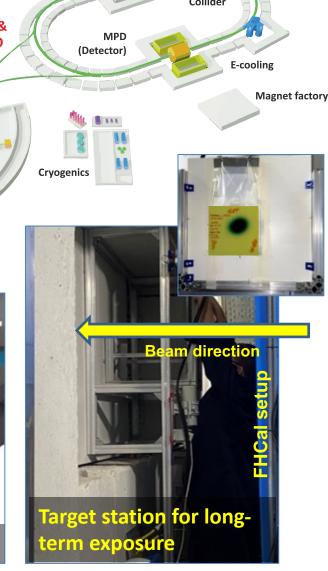
The infrastructure of **SIMBO** and **ISCRA** beamline zones are close to completed (beamlines are still in progress).











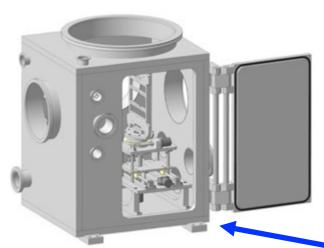
LOW-ENERGY TARGET STATION FOR TESTING OF DECAPSULATED

MICROELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

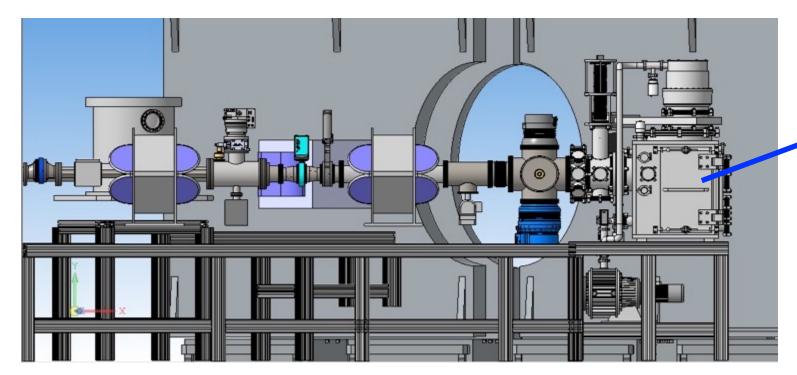
Low-energy beams extracted from the HILAC at energy 3.2 MeV/n.

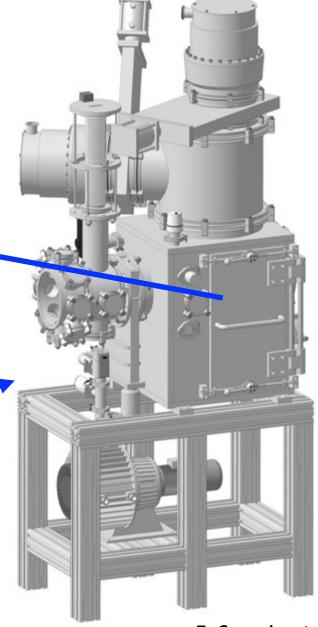
Protons and ions Z = 2 to 92.

The beamlines ands with a vacuum chamber designed for placement and online diagnostics of the microelectronic components' state.



Vacuum chamber





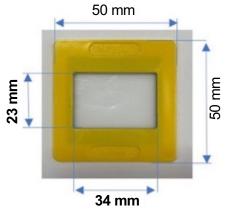
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SOCHI FACILITY: TEST EXPERIMENT WITH IRRADIATION OF TRM-PTFE FILMS



TRM-PTFE films of 20 and 100 μm





Formula: (C₂F4)_n

Density TRM-PTFE: 2.20 g/cm³

Irradiation area at the film: 23 x 34 mm

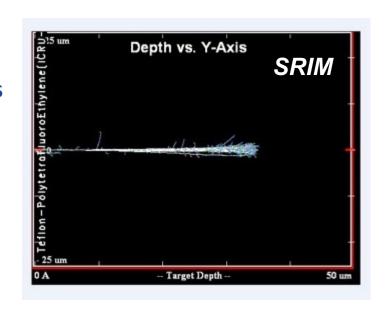
EXPOSURE TO 3,2 MeV/NUCLEON 124XE54+ IONS

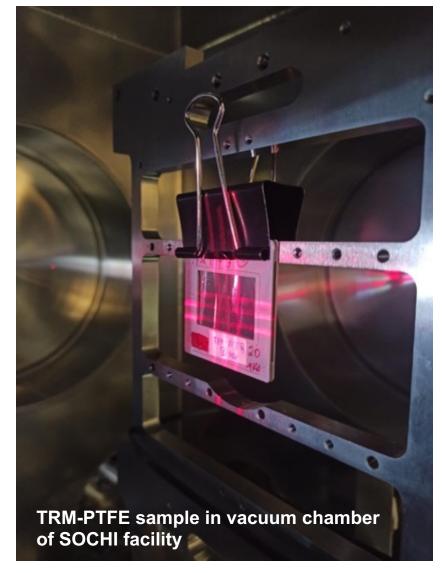
Irradiation in a vacuum chamber

Sample # 1 (20 μ m): Φ = 1.08 x 10⁶ particles/cm²

Sample # 2 (20 μ m): Φ = 1.12 x 10⁵ particles/cm²

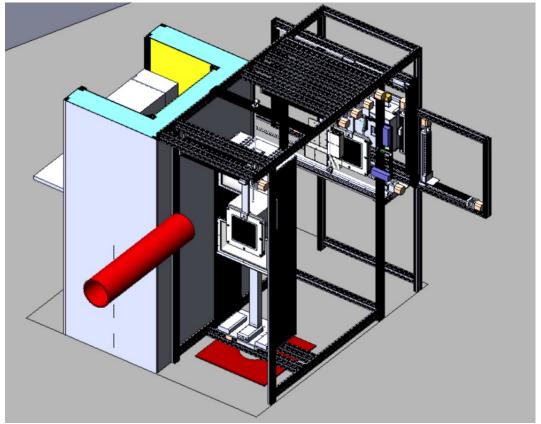
Sample # 3 (100 μ m): Φ = 1.08 x 10⁶ particles/cm²





TARGET STATION FOR TESTING OF CAPSULATED MICROELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (ISCRA)

The beam diagnostic provides measurements of ion beam profiles, primary ion fluence, the primary ion density flux, the secondary particle density flux, the radiation dose: (three ionization chambers, scintillation-fiber detector, semiconductor detector, multi electrode cylinder Faraday, Si strip detector for individual ion detection, four on-line control scintillation detectors)

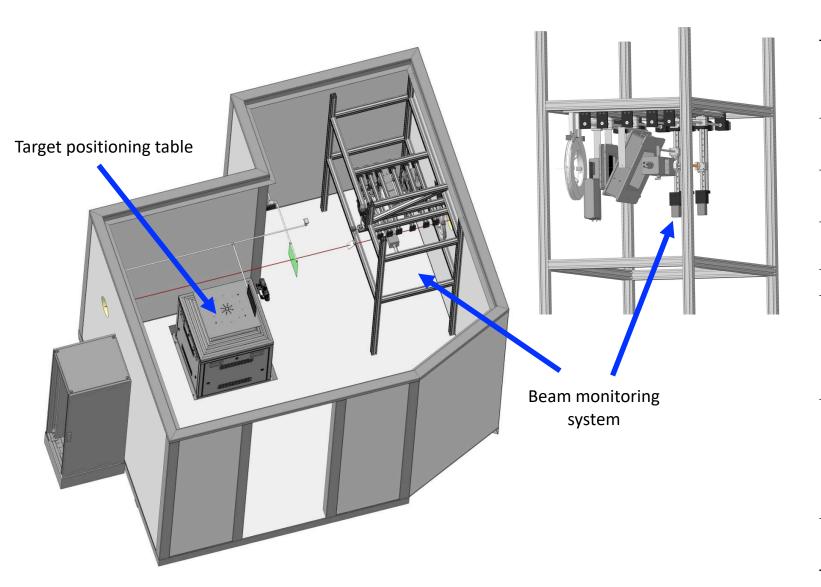




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Beam par	ameters
lon types	¹² C ⁶⁺ , ⁴⁰ Ar ¹⁸⁺ , ⁵⁶ Fe ²⁶⁺ , ⁸⁴ Kr ³⁶⁺ , ¹³¹ Xe ⁵⁴⁺ , ¹⁹⁷ Au ⁷⁹
Ion energy, MeV/n	150-350
lon flux density, particle/(cm ² ·s)	10 ² 1×10 ⁵
Fluence per session, ion/(cm²)	10 ⁷
Area of chip irradiation of 20×20 mm without scanning, mm	Ø 30
Flow uniformity at chip irradiation of 20×20 mm without scanning	10%
Exposure area in scan mode, mm	200×200
Flux uniformity at scan irradiation	±15%
FWHM beam diameter at target, mm	25-73
Range of LET (Si)	170 MeV·cm²/mg

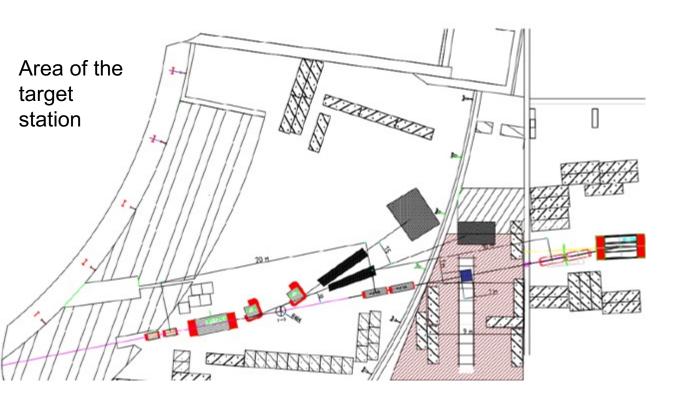
TARGET STATION FOR BIOLOGICAL OBJECTS (SIMBO)



Beam parameters

lon types	¹² C ⁶⁺ , ⁴⁰ Ar ¹⁸⁺ , ⁵⁶ Fe ²⁶⁺ , ⁸⁴ Kr ³⁶⁺
Ion energy at the exit from the Nuclotron, MeV/n	500-1000
Ion flux density, particles/(cm²·s)	10 ³ 10 ⁶
Irradiation time per run, min	1-5
Radiation dose, Gy	1-3
Maximum irradiation area in the scanning mode/ nonscanning mode, mm	100x100/Ø10
Flux uniformity for the maximum irradiation area in the scanning mode/ nonscanning mode, %	5/10
Beam FWHM at the target, mm	25-35

TARGET STATION FOR ADS AND RELATED APPLICATIONS (SHINE)



Beam parameters

lons	¹² C ⁶⁺ , ⁴⁰ Ar ¹⁸⁺ , ⁷ Li ³⁺ , ¹ p ¹⁺ ,
	² D ¹⁺
Ion energy, GeV/n	0.3-4.0
lan interesity Ale	¹ P ¹⁺ , ² D ¹⁺ - 10 ¹⁰
lon intensity, 1/s	¹² C ⁶⁺ , ⁷ Li ³⁺ - 10 ⁹
Nuclear impurities with non goal Z, %	5
Field of irradiation, mm	Ø 20-50
Fluence at irradiation of a single object	>1014

The target station is developed for nuclear applications and ADSR. Light ion beams are planned to be used for the corresponding research program. Light ions have a short path in the target, which reduces the probability of inelastic nuclear interactions and the required beam power for ADS.

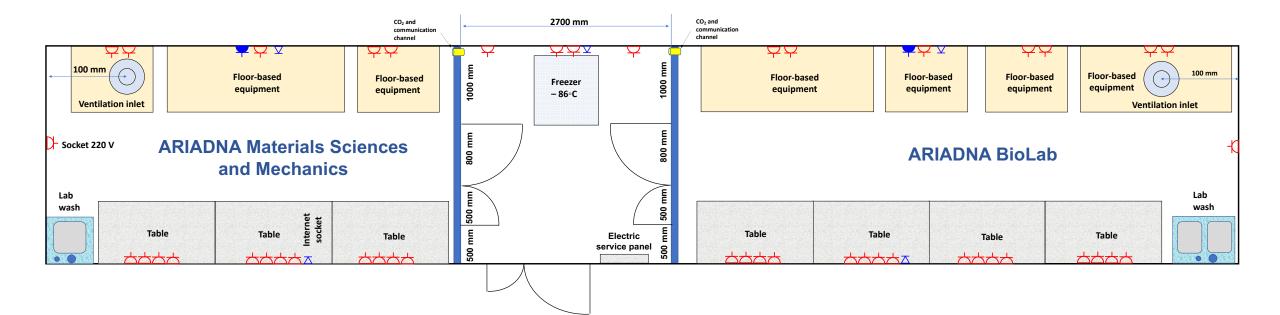
Equipment of the target station involves: targets from C up Pb at length up 1.5 m and diameter up 35 cm, thin targets from Be to U at thickness 0.05-50 mm; beam diagnostic system; target diagnostic system on base of activation and track analysis; target position system; thermometry system; synchronization system; radiation control system; data acquisition system.

The beams at this target station are also available for other directions of applied research



Development of User Infrastructure for applied research at NICA: Laboratory rooms for sample preparation and analyses





Biological Safety Cabinet, class II A2 w-1800 mm Water purification system type I, 1.5 l/min Bi-distiller, 8 l/h
Deep freezer, -86 °C
Laboratory freezer, +2...+15/-10...-25 °C
Muffle furnace up to 1100 °C, 10 I,
3D printer 40x40x45

Multi-gas incubator
Centrifuge up to 17500 rpm, 30130 g, with cooling
Thermostat
Dry-air sterilizer 80 I, up to 200 °C, forced ventilation
Analytical scales series 0.01 mg
pH meter, -2-20±0.001, stationary, electrode ST410
Laboratory water bath

IBMP Special-Purpose Laboratory for Space Research @ NICA: Ground-based experiments with ion beams

Being a member of ARIADNA Collaboration, The Institute of Biomedical Problems of RAS develops a special-purpose laboratory for Space Research at JINR, which is based on the previously existing building belonging to IBMP.

A complementary research programme between NICA and IBMP is concentrated of problems radiation research and radiation protection is space. It implies ground-based experiments at NICA ion beams.



space research programme is the Building # 123 located at the DLNP site of JINR. The IBMP funded the complete renovation and equipping this laboratory with analytical instruments. The renovation was started in June 2023 and planned to be completed by January 2025.

A core facility for the IBMP-NICA







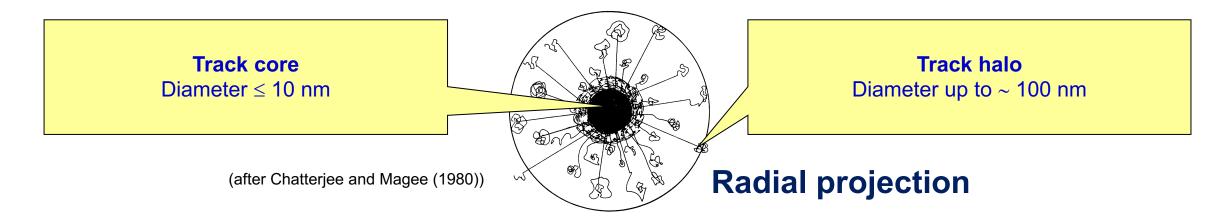


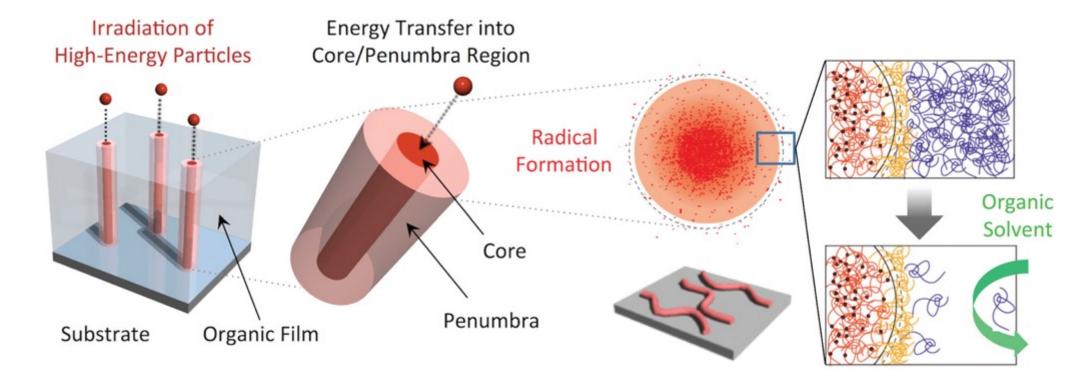
Similar experience:

Special-purpose laboratories in the field of applied research are efficient models of interaction between large accelerator facilities with space research organizations. NASA space agency organized a dedicated NSRL facility at Brookhaven National Laboratory (USA) operating in a similar way for many years.

II. Research activities and selected results

STRUCTURE OF AN ION TRACK





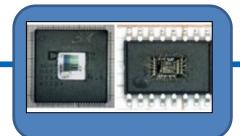
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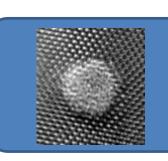
PILLARS OF APPLIED RESEARCH WITH NICA BEAMS

Radiation effects in microelectronics

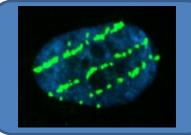
Radiation protection on Earth and in space







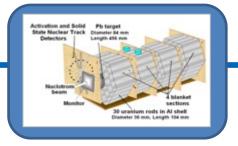
Materials research with ion beams



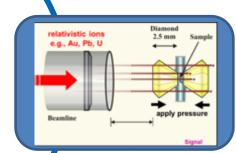








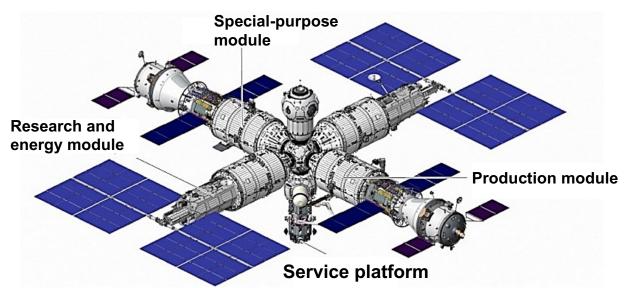
Novel technologies for accelerator-driven systems (ADS)



Materials in extreme radiation dose conditions

SPACE RESEARCH WORK PACKAGE: NEW COMPOSITE MATERIALS FOR SPACE INDUSTRY (PROTECTIVE PROPERTIES, RADIATION RESISTANCE, RADIATION-INDUCED MODIFICATION)

- Improving the regular means of radiation protection in spacecrafts for orbital flights and missions beyond the Earth magnetosphere.
- Study of shielding properties of existing and new composite materials.
- Investigation of radiation modification of composite materials by high-energy accelerated ion beams during long-term irradiation.



Project of the new Russian Orbital Service Station (ROSS)









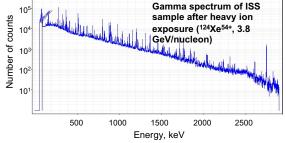
Shielding material from the

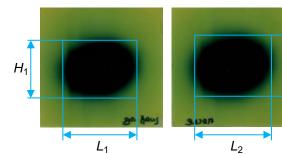


International Space Station (ISS)



New shielding material for the future Russian Orbital Service Station (ROSS)





- Structural, chemico-physical methods of research and testing.
- Comparative studies under the influence of other types of ionizing radiation.

RADIATION TESTING OF ELECTRONICS WITH IONS OF RELATIVELY HIGH ENERGY

Two types of radiation effects

- Cumulative (dose) effects result from long-term exposure to radiation environment
- Single-Event Effects (SEE) occur promptly due to a single particle strike

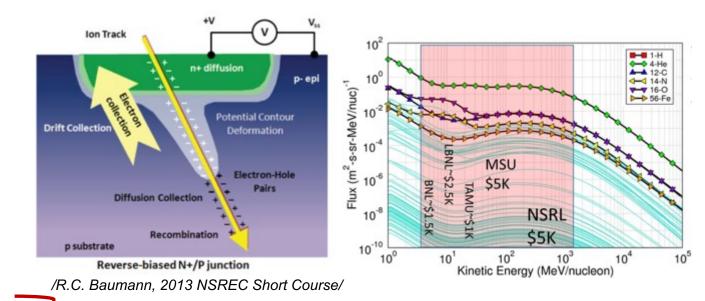
Recent studies: 25-50% of spacecraft anomalies due to SEE (depends on spacecraft orbits)

Increasing integration poses problems for SEE testing with low-energy beams

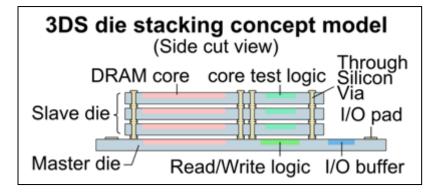
- Multiple die stacked together in packages.
- Behavior may differs if dis-assembled, tested separately.
- Packages now intrinsic to part performance.
- Dis-assembly may compromise timing, thermal and structural characteristics—especially if thinning required.

SEE Frontiers:

- 1. Technology Frontier
- 2. Low-Energy Frontier
- 3. High-Energy Frontier relevant to facilities like NICA



- Ideally, prefer test with ions' characteristic relevant to space
- GCR ions fairly flat out to >2 GeV/nucleon (min. ionizing)
- Difficult and expensive to achieve at accelerators





/By R.L. Ladbury at the Meeting of the American Physical Society, Columbus, OH, April 14-17, 2018/

RISK ASSESSMENT IN LONG-TERM MANNED SPACE MISSIONS

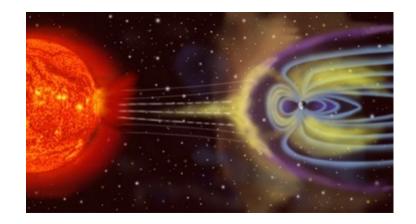


Implementation of the research program in collaboration with organizations responsible for the medical care of astronauts during current manned flights and future interplanetary missions

- Carcinogenesis. Increased risk of sickness or death from cancer.
- Assessment of the risk of prolonged outcomes due to the central nervous system (CNS) inmairement, incl. changes in motor functions, operator activity, behavior, memory and appearance of neurological disorders.
- Assessment of the risk of tissue degeneration (non-malignant and not related to the central nervous system).
- Radiation as a risk factor for diseases associated with the functions of the heart, cardiovascular and digestive systems, as well as the induction of cataracts.
- · Combined influence of radiation and other factors of space flight.

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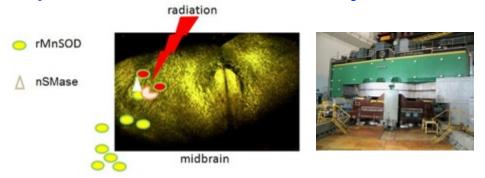




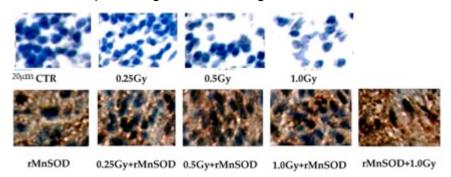


RADIATION SAFETY AND RADIATION PROTECTION FRONTIERS: BIOMEDICAL MEASURES

Development and testing of pharmaceuticals for protecting astronauts from space radiation on experimental models of laboratory animals



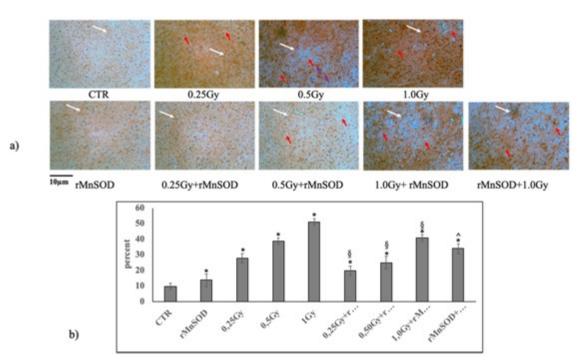
It has been established that recombinant human manganese-containing superoxide dismutase (rMnSOD), which has specific antioxidant and antiradical activity, is able to overcome the blood-brain barrier and penetrate into the midbrain, preventing radiation damage.



Localization of rMnSOD in brain tissue. Immunohistochemical analysis was performed by using specific antibody. The immunostaining was evident only in brain samples from rMnSOD-treated mice.

Cataldi, S.; Borrelli, A.; Ceccarini, M.R.; Nakashidze, I.; Codini, M.; Belov, O.; Ivanov, A., et al. Neutral Sphingomyelinase Modulation in the Protective/Preventive Role of rMnSOD from Radiation-Induced Damage in the Brain. Int. J. Mol. Sci. 2019, 20, 5431.

The ability of rMnSOD to reduce radiation-induced damage has been shown, both through a protective role associated with sphingomyelinase with an acidic pH optimum (aSMase), and through a prophylactic role through sphingomyelinase with a neutral pH optimum (nSMase).



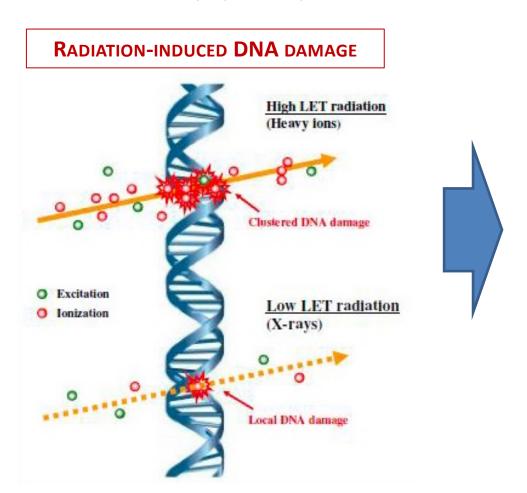
Mouse liver after irradiation with or without protective or preventive rMnSOD treatment (a) representative liver histology by Caspase-1 immunohistochemical staining. (b) Quantification of Caspase-1 staining was performed using the ImageFocus software. Positive staining is indicated as low (+), medium (++), or high (+++). Only high positive staining was considered and was measured as a percentage of the total area. Data represent the mean + S.D. of three livers for each group. Significance, * p < 0.05 with respect to the CTR, p < 0.05 with respect to the irradiated samples, p < 0.05 with respect to 1.0 Gy + rMnSOD.

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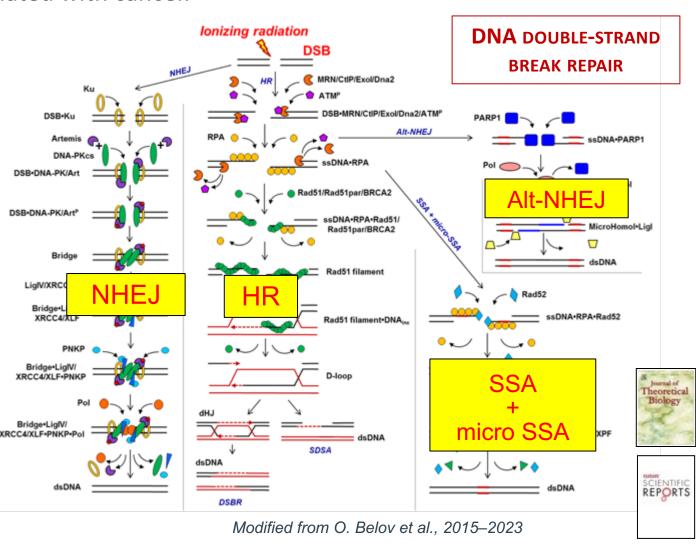
DNA REPAIR PROTEIN MARKERS FOR CANCER CHARACTERIZATION

Studying the mechanisms and regularities of DNA repair in normal and cancer cells exposed to different types of radiation exposure (including ion beams produced by NICA facility) enables to identify specific protein markers associated with cancer.

JOINT PROJECT WITH INSTITUTO
NACIONAL DE CANCEROLOGÍA
(INCAN, MEXICO)



Modified from W. Tinganelli and M. Durante. Carbon Ion Radiobiology. Cancers 2020, 12, 3022



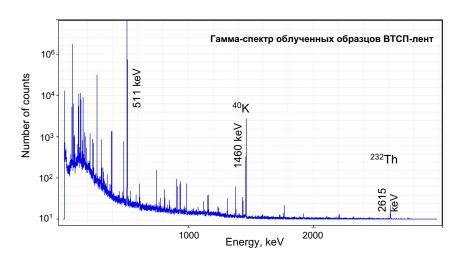
MATERIALS SCIENCE WORKING PACKAGE: IRRADIATION

OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE SUPERCONDUCTING TAPES

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- Development of methods for increasing the critical current of high-temperature superconductors (HTSC) by means of radiation modification (induction of pinning centers in the bulk of the superconductor).
- Comparative analysis of the critical current values upon irradiation of HTSC tapes with ¹²⁴Xe⁵⁴⁺ ions of 3.8 GeV/nucleon and protons of 660 MeV.
- Estimation of the stability of the effect of increasing the critical current in an irradiated superconductor.
- Development of equipment prototypes based on radiation-modified HTSC tapes and their testing.

Methods for measuring current-voltage characteristics, Hall coefficient, magnetoresistance, thermo-EMF coefficient, thermal conductivity coefficient, magnetic moment in the temperature range of 1.7–300 K and magnetic fields up to 8 T.







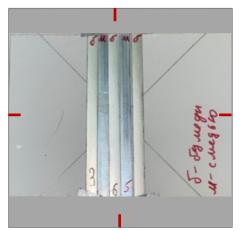


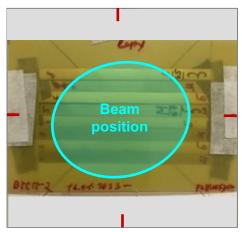
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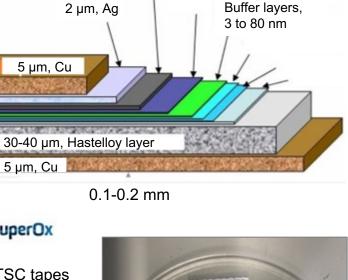
SuperOx

5 µm, Cu

Irradiation of vertically and horizontally arranged HTSC tapes with and without copper content







HTSC tape structure

2 µm, ReBCO HTSC



RADIATION MODIFICATION OF POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (PTFE),

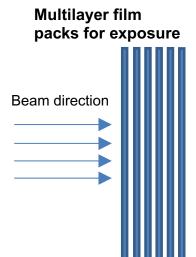
POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PET), POLYETHYLENE (PE)

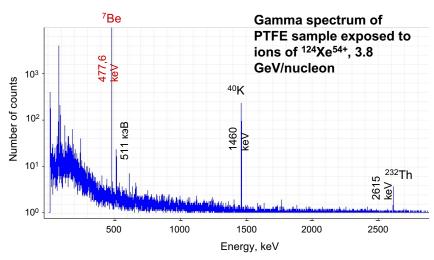


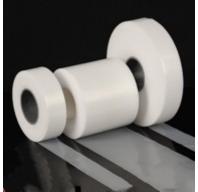




- Study of the processes of amorphization and recrystallization of polymers and nanocomposite materials.
- Investigation of regularities of radiation-chemical damages in PTFE, PET, PE and PI films.
- Establishment of regularities in radiolysis of condensed matter under the exposure to ion beams with energies of several GeV/nucleon.
- Development of ion-track technologies with "thick" targets and multilayer materials.













PTFE, PET, PE and PI films of 12, 20, 40, 50, 80 µm thick

Research methods: scanning and transmission electron microscopy, X-ray phase analysis, X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy and X-ray energy-dispersive elemental analysis, atomic force microscopy and low-temperature nitrogen sorption, wettability with respect to water and heptane, optical and infrared spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy of frustrated total internal reflection, diffuse spectroscopy and specular reflection, laser Doppler strainmetry.

NICA DETECTOR TECHNOLOGIES FOR MEDICINE



NICA facility is a "zoo" of detectors. Some of them are essential for development of advanced tomography

MAPS-based tomograph

Accurator

COD Diamond

Senior (1)

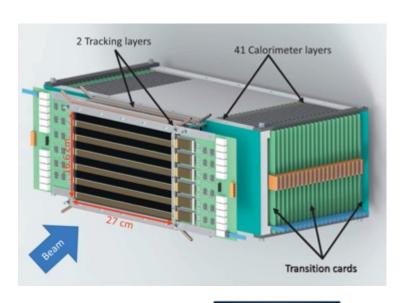
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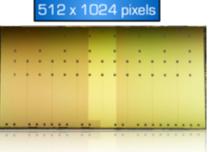
MAPS-based PTT

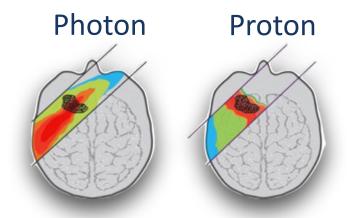
(AD Dracking)

In total we would like to have 48 planes with 9 x 18 MAPS chips each for a total of about 7300 chips



MAPS = Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor





Improving the treatment planning for proton therapy: By ensuring diagnosis-therapy particle consistency the uncertainty ranges goes down to 0.3 - 1% versus ~7.4% with tomography practices used in present-day medicine

NOVEL NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES WITH NICA BEAMS

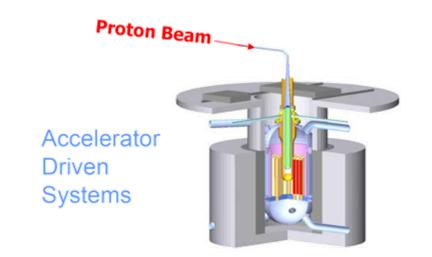
Accelerator Driven Systems (ADS) are the nuclear systems based on interaction of particle beams extracted from the accelerator with deeply subcritical quasy-infinite active zones consisting of the depleted (natural) uranium, thorium and spent nuclear fuel.

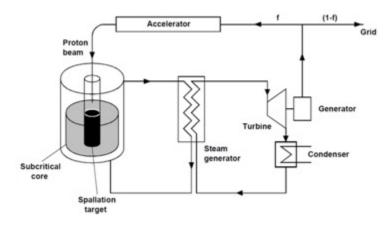
In previous years, the conditions which maximize the efficiency of ADSR were investigated. The optimal value of criticality coefficient of the core k_{eff} is in the range 0.985 - 0.988. It was suggested that the best choice for the converter is Be, especially for ion beams at low energy.

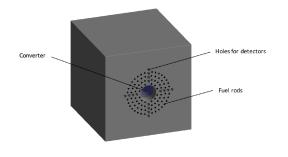
The maximum energy gain of protons is obtained at 1.5 GeV when they are accelerated in a LINAC, and at lower energy (0.75-1 GeV) when a cyclotron is used. In both situations ion beams starting with ⁴He realize higher energy gain than protons. When particles are accelerated in a LINAC, at low accelerator length a beam of ⁷Li with energy 0.25 AGeV represents the best option.

Within the next years the ADSR project will be concentrated on:

- Research activities, involving simulation study, on an optimal design of the target;
- Verification of a principally new concept of a system based on the use of ion beams instead of protons;
- Implementation of the first stage of experimental program focused on measurement of the neutron yields with different converter combinations.







III. Cooperation with ARIADNA: today and tomorrow



RECENT EVENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS



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ARIADNA COLLABORATION MEETINGS

31 May 2024

4-6 **SEPTEMBER 2024**

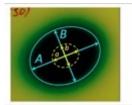


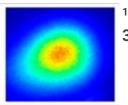
Meetings were held in a hybrid form; each of them was attended more than 100 scientists from research centers of JINR Member States.

Meetings were focused on the <u>ARIADNA research programme</u>, which was presented by representatives of leading participating organizations, as well as on **implementation of grants** received as a governmental support for doing research at NICA.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TARGET STATION PROVIDING UNIQUE OPTION OF LONG-TERM RADIATION EXPOSURE TO HIGH-ENERGY ION BEAMS

The target station is intended for use at the outgoing beam after the BM@N facility



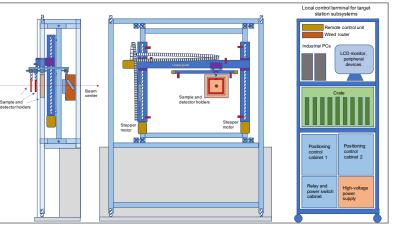


¹²⁴Xe⁵⁴⁺ 3.8 GeV/n

The prototype of the target station was tested during the NICA Run within the period of 11 December 2022 – 30 January 2023









Method for manufacturing of a light reflector

First join patent within the ARIADNA collaboration activity (JINR, FRC CP RAS, FRC PCP MC RAS and MEPhI)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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