



JINR Innovation Radiobiological Research Program

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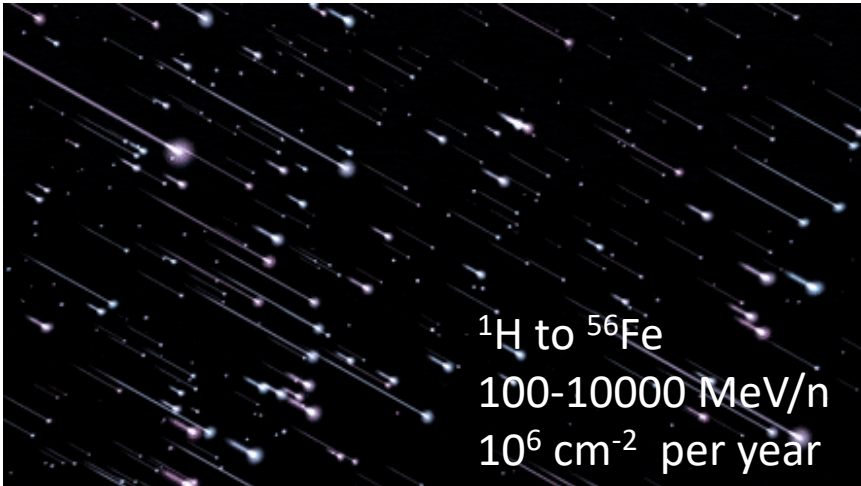
Relative biological effectiveness of charged particles

Radiation-induced mutagenesis

JINR since 1959

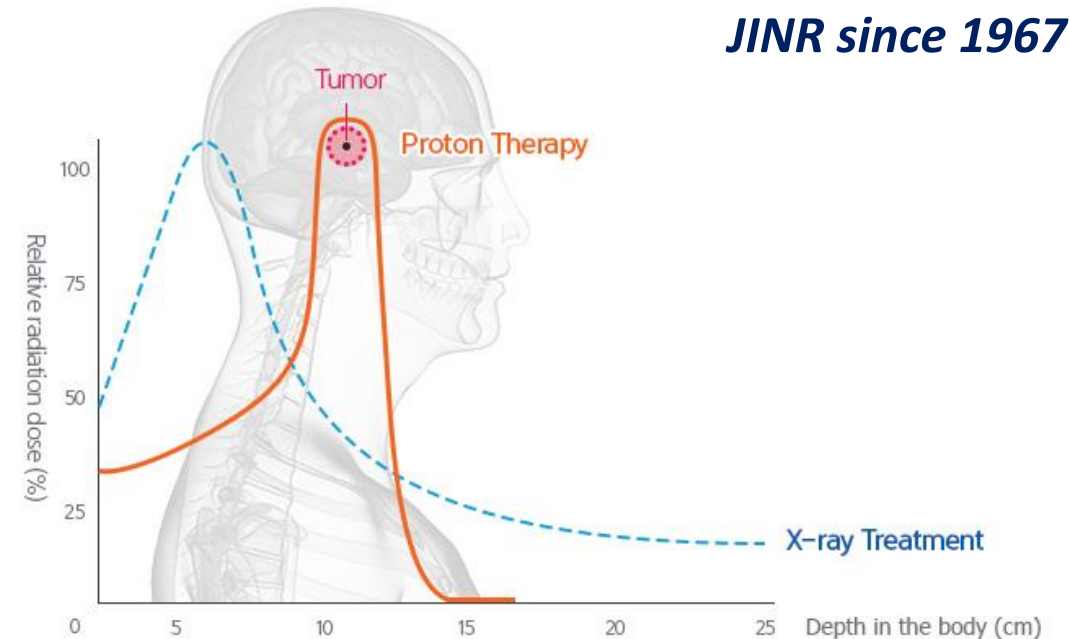
Radiation risk in deep space

JINR since 1959



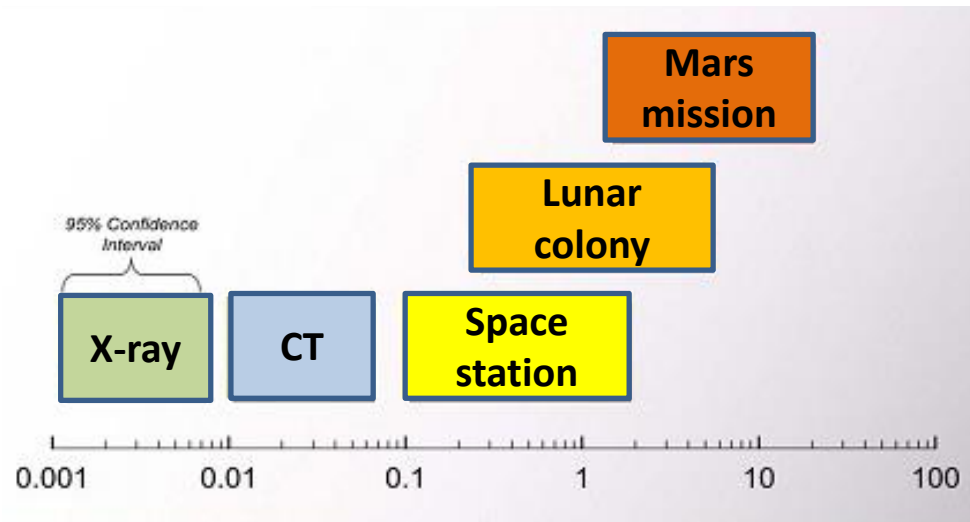
Radiation therapy of cancer

JINR since 1967



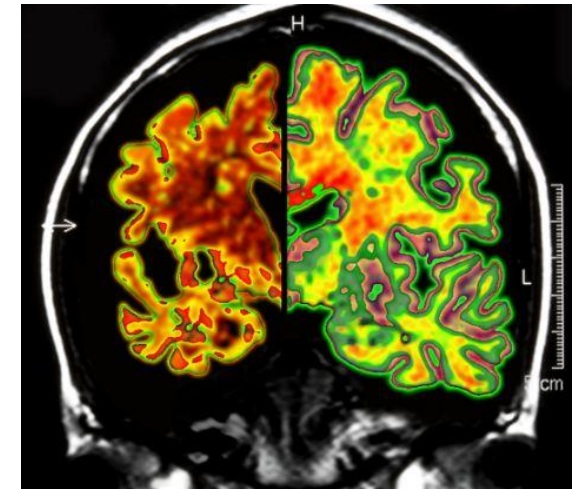
New concept of radiation risk for deep space flights: Damage to the central nervous system (CNS)

*Grygoriev, Krasavin, Ostrovskii,
Bulletin of RAS 2017*



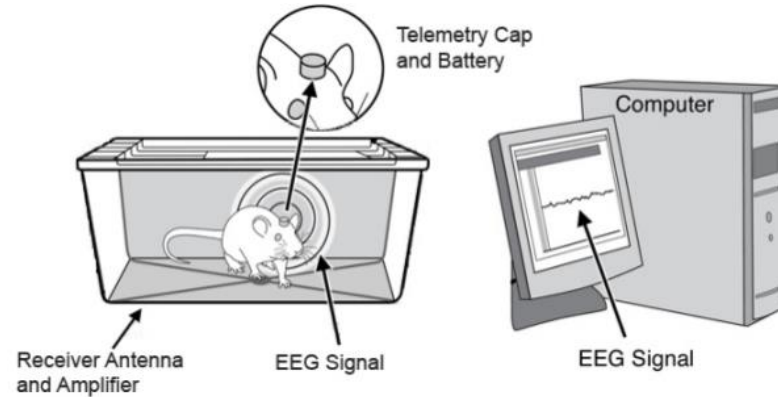
% Risk of cancer death

**Paradigm
shift**



Radiation Neuroscience

Set of equipment for the study of behavioral reactions and functional disorders of the central nervous system of animals



Electrophysiology studies

New visualization and tomography tools are foreseen



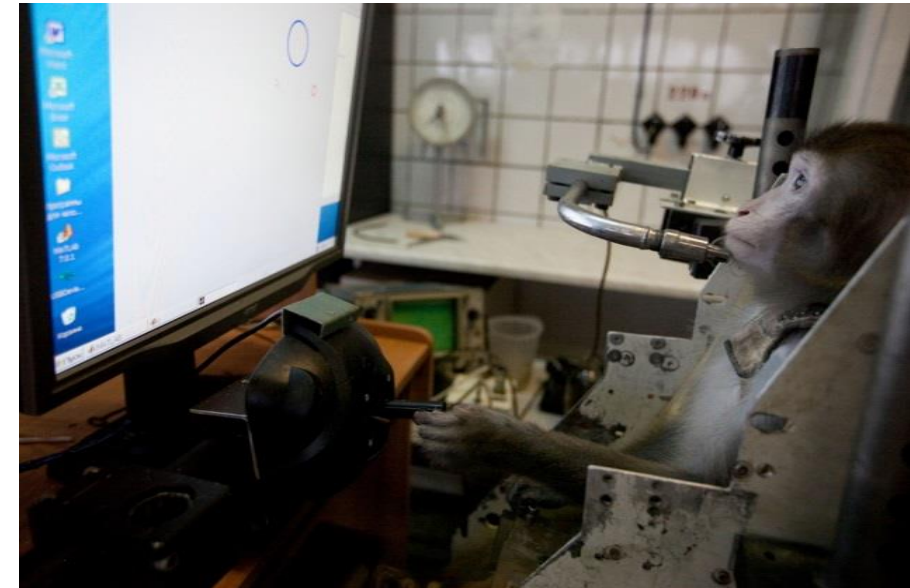
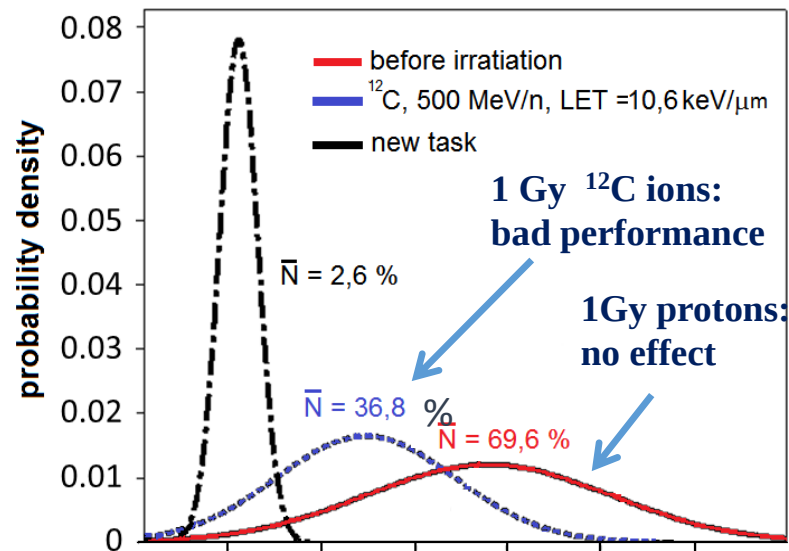
Study of neuro-radioprotective properties of pharmaceuticals



Worldwide unique experiments with monkeys

The monkeys were preliminary trained to solve logical tasks with computer. The effect of exposure by 500 MeV/u ^{12}C ions at 1 Gy dose consisted in significant inhibiting cognitive activity of the monkeys.

Later on unique experiment was performed with irradiation of 2 GeV/u ^{78}Kr ions.



Automated computer system for the simulation of operator activity during the flight

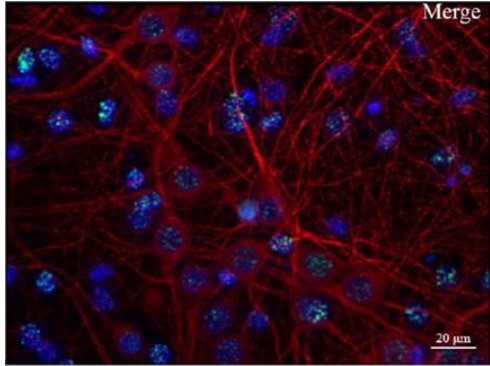
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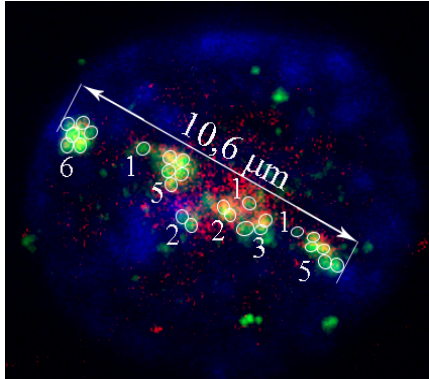


Mechanisms of radiation damage at the molecular, cellular and tissue level

Boreyko et al, 2019,2020

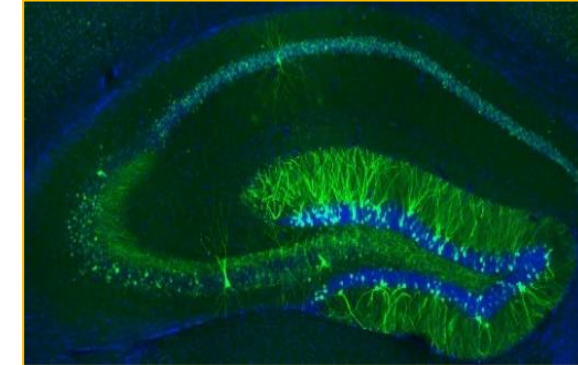


visualization of DNA damage in hippocampal cell culture

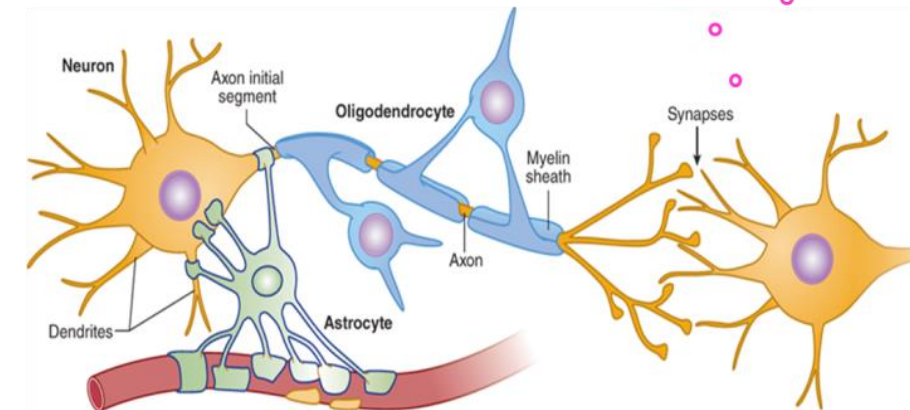
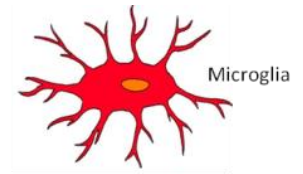


DNA damage in rat hippocampus cells
1 hour after exposure to ^{78}Kr ion tracks

- **Induction and repair of DNA damage:**
 - in neural cells (*in vitro*)
 - in brain structures (*in vivo*)
- **Suppression of neurogenesis**
- **The role of glial cells:**
 - demyelination
 - neuroinflammation
 - carcinogenesis
- **Vascular disorders**



Visualization of different types of nerve cells in rat hippocampal slices



Source: Bertram G. Katzung, Anthony J. Trevor: Basic & Clinical Pharmacology, 13th Ed.

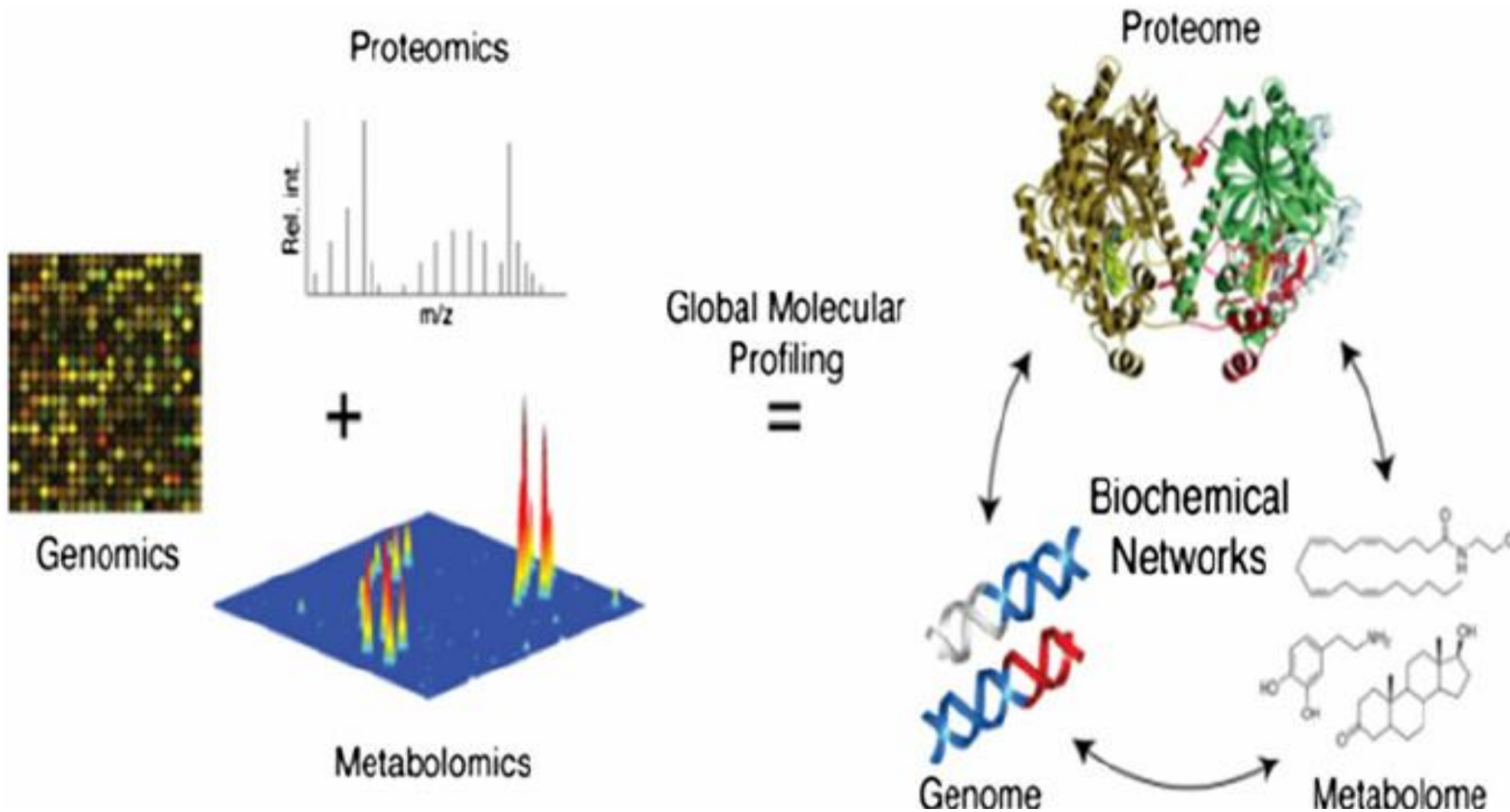
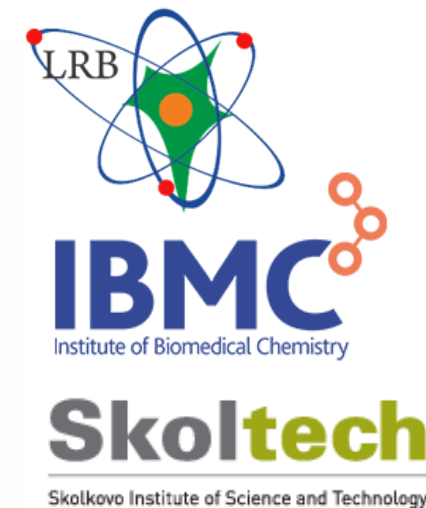
A link between irradiation and neurodegenerative diseases?

Alzheimer, Parkinson, Epilepsy ...

The relationship between irradiation and aging?

Implementation of OMICs-technologies

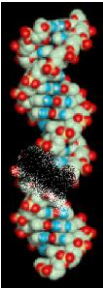
First experiments



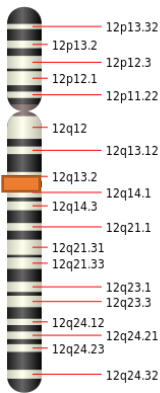
Bodrova et al 2012

Genetic and molecular mechanisms of neurodegenerative diseases

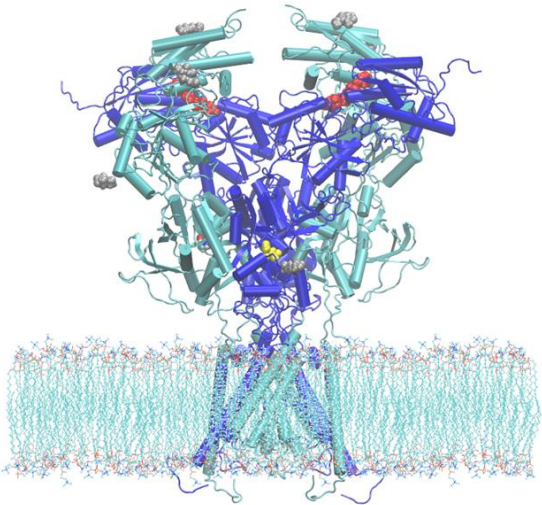
Bugay et al, 2019



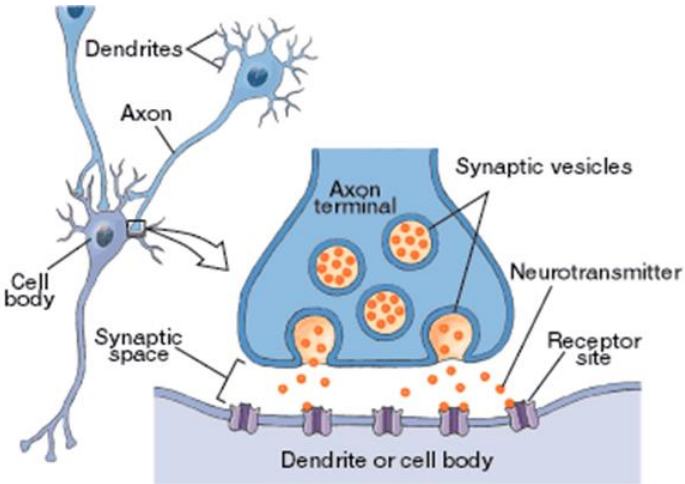
DNA damage



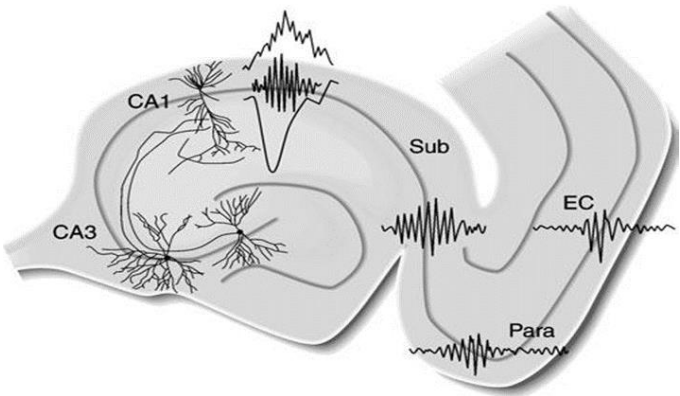
Chromosome 12
GRIN2B gene



NMDA synaptic receptor



Interconnections between neurons,

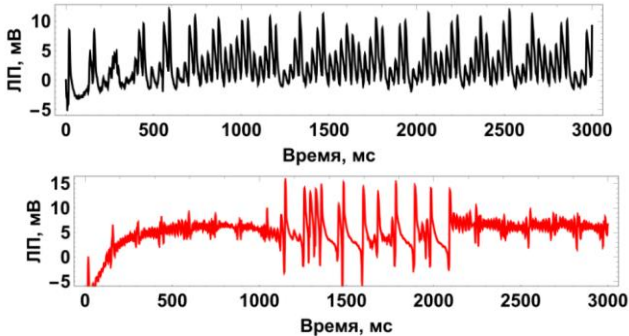


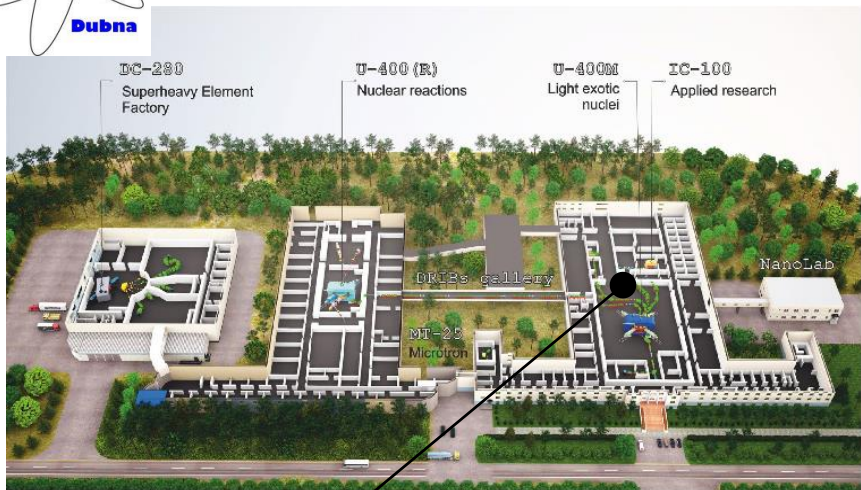
Brain neural networks

Mutation	Phenotype
p.Asn615Leu p.Phe671_Gln672del	West syndrome (epilepsy) Mild ID, Autism

Native

p.ASN615LEU
Epileptic seizure

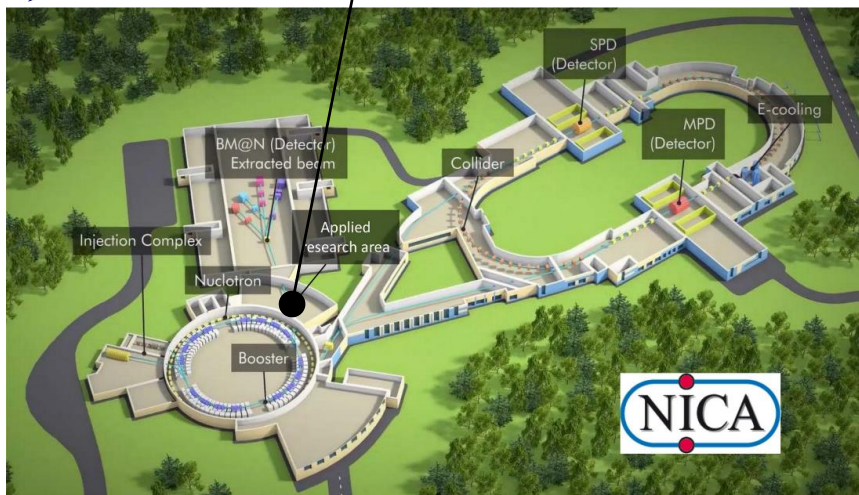




U400M (50 MeV/u, Li–Ne)

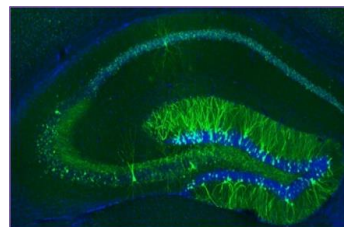
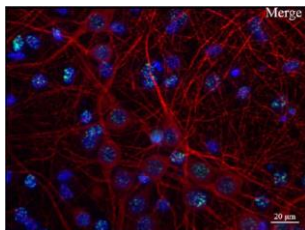


Nuclotron (0.3–1 GeV/u, H–Kr)

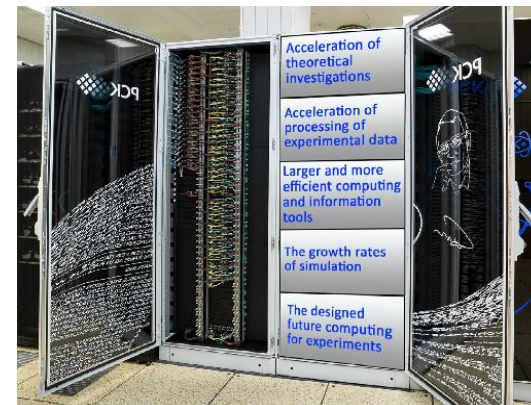
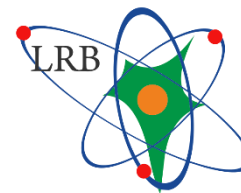


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Cell cultures
molecular damage, genetics, proteomics,
imaging, neurochemistry



Animal research
cognitive tests, physiology,
tomography



Supercomputing, data
analysis, artificial intelligence



analysis of membrane
proteins with SANS



Radiation Neuroscience

Main task

study of the mechanisms of radiation-induced disorders in the central nervous system

Space radiobiology

- Radiation physiological studies on mammals and primates, assessment of radiation risks for astronauts
- Research of neuro-radioprotective properties of pharmaceuticals

Brain diseases

- Animal simulation studies of side effects of brain tumors radiation therapy
- Simulation on animals of the development of neurodegenerative diseases under the action of accelerated heavy ions
- Mathematical modeling of genetic and molecular mechanisms of neurodegenerative diseases

Radiation Neuroscience

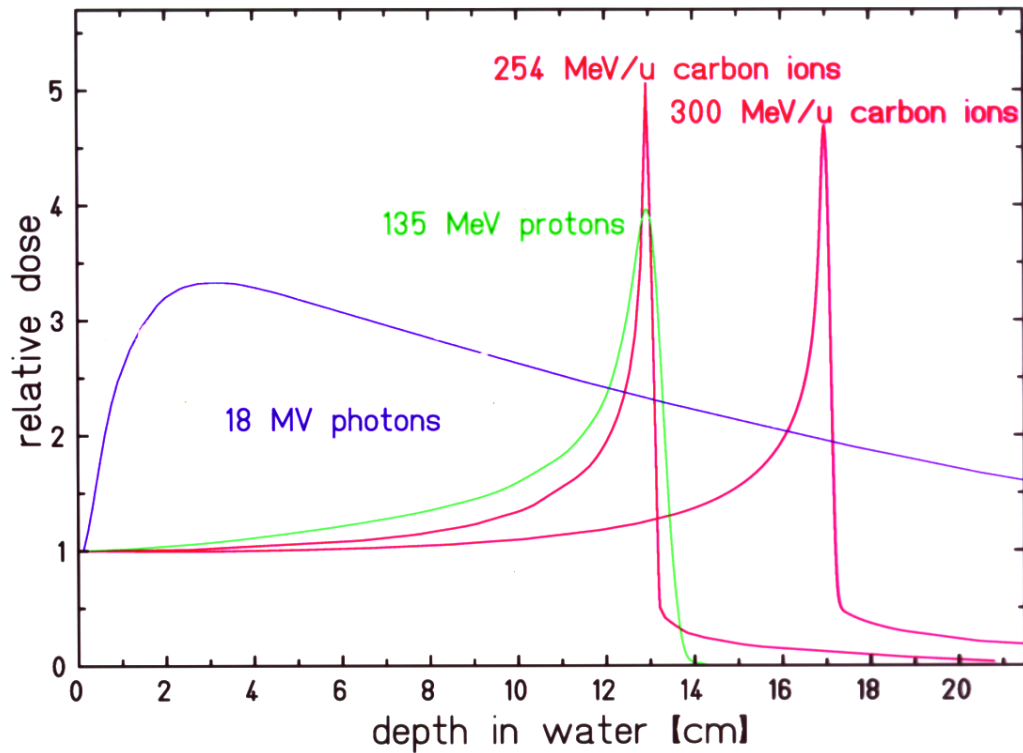
Expected results

- evaluate functional condition of animal CNS using: behavioral test systems; EEG analysis
- study formation and repair of **clustered DNA damage** induced by densely ionizing radiation in CNS cells and tissues
- study chromosome aberration induction in bone marrow and blood cells of animals to evaluate long-term consequences of irradiation
- identify neurodegenerative changes, neuroinflammation, apoptotic and necrotic changes, amyloid growths, and vascular pathologies
- study suppression of neurogenesis in the postnatal period
- study radiation-induced immune response in mouse brain homogenates and in glial cell culture
- study the viability of oligodendrocytes and their precursors and the axon myelination level
- study neurochemical mechanisms of CNS disorders
- test on rodents pharmacological drugs concerning the prevention CNS damage caused by radiation
- **map gene expression and proteomic changes** in main brain regions after irradiation
- map metabolome changes in animal brain after irradiation
- develop a hierarchy of mathematical models to **study the mechanisms of neurodegenerative disorders**

Clinical Radiobiology

Principles of radiation therapy of cancer

Conformal irradiation



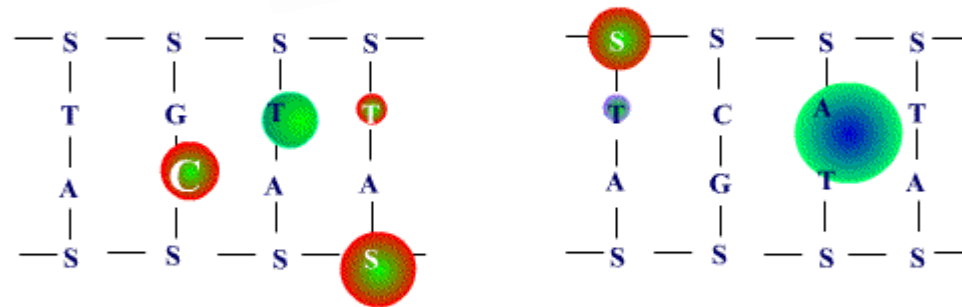
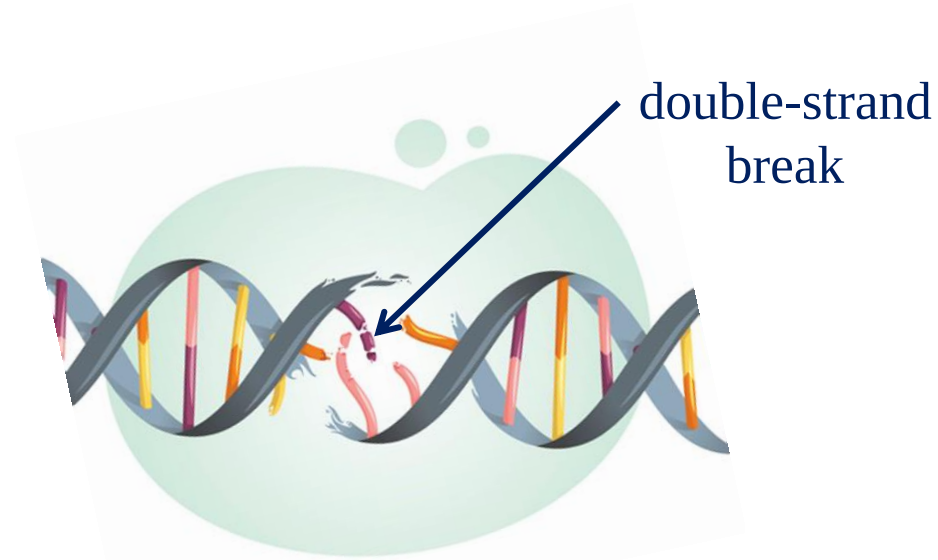
Formation of lethal DNA damage (double strand breaks) in tumor cells



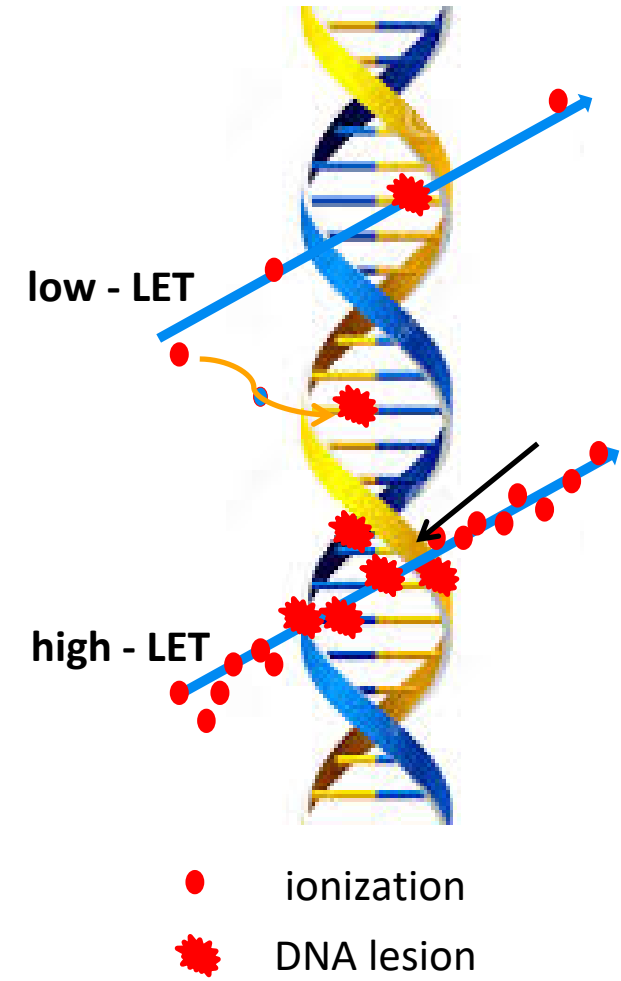
New strategy:

Interference in genetic regulatory networks of irradiated cells with modifiers

DNA double-strand breaks - the molecular basis of cell death

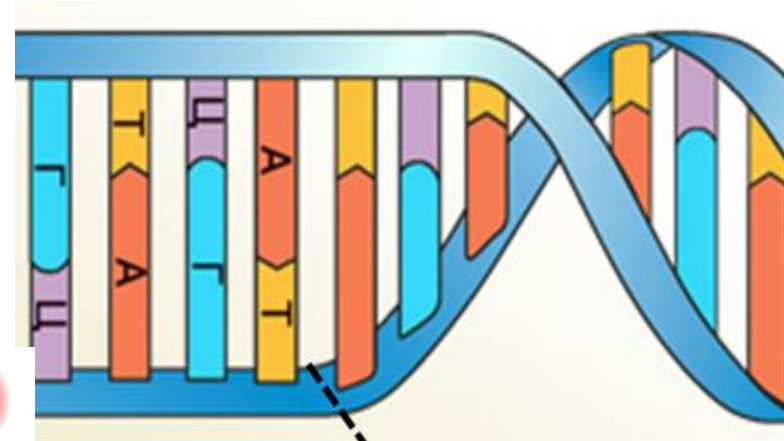
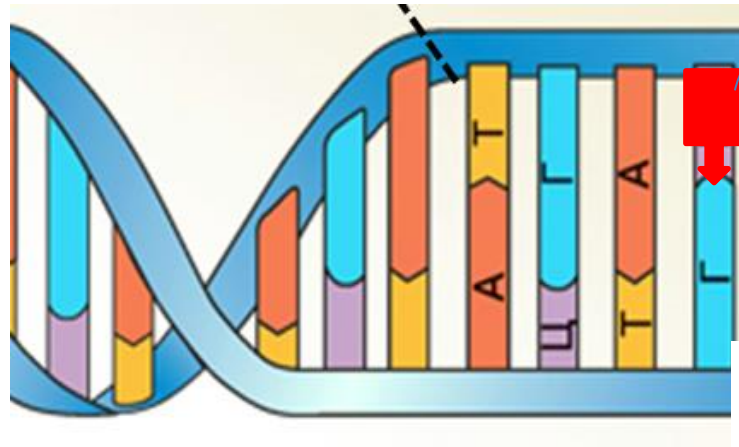


Clustered double-strand break



Interference in genetic regulatory networks of irradiated cells with pharmaceuticals

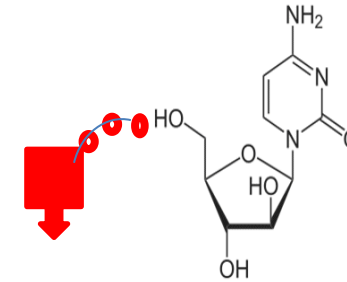
AraC- "The Trojan Horse"



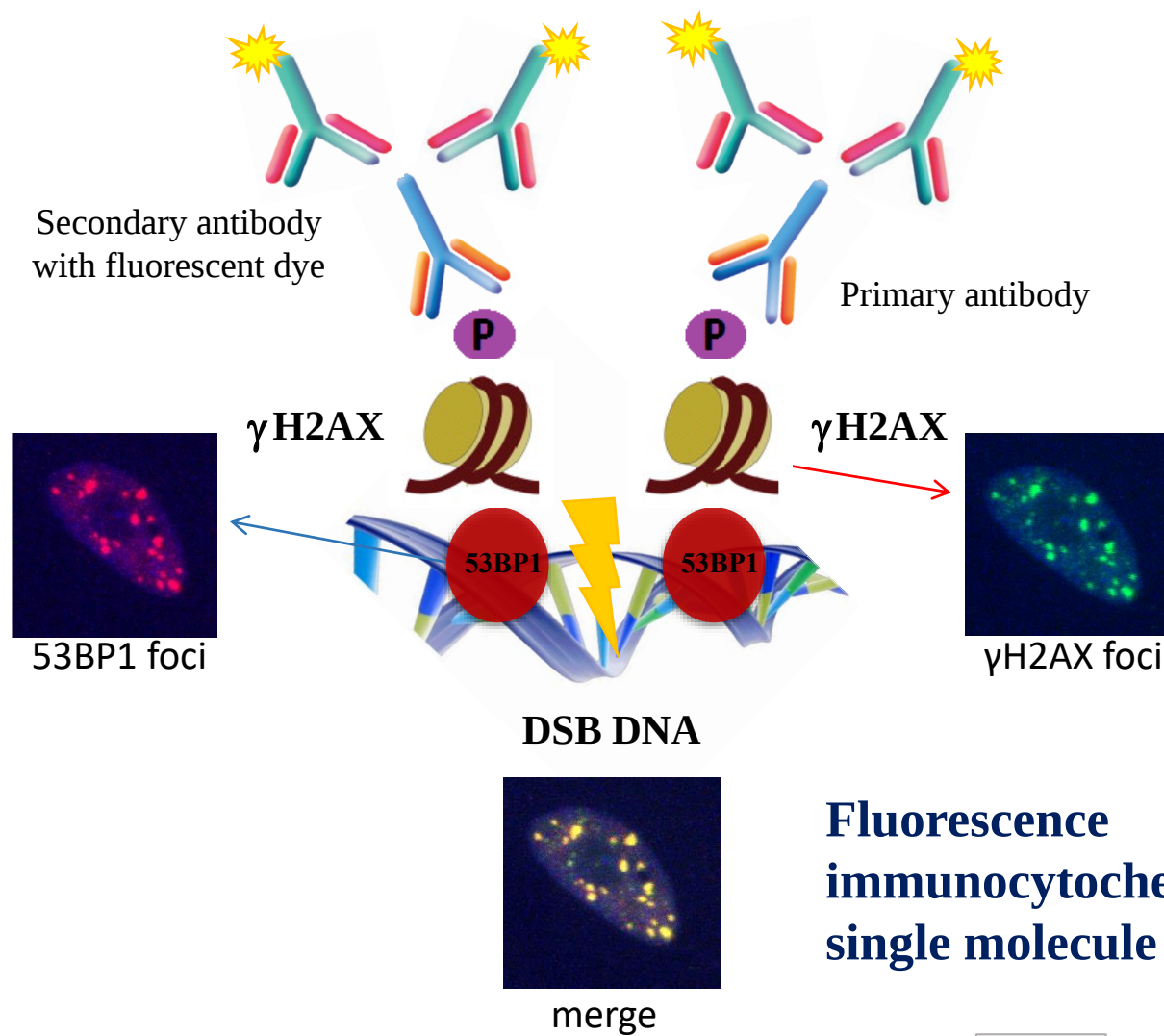
S1 endonuclease

Stopping DNA synthesis and forming a double-strand break

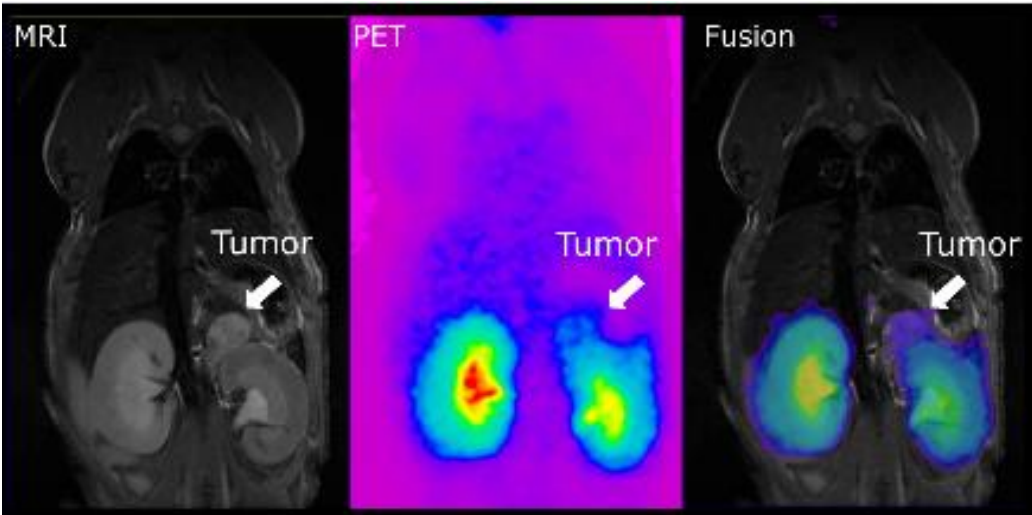
1- β -D-arabinofuranosylcytosine
(AraC, cytarabine)



Visualization of processes from molecular to organismal level



Pharmacokinetics 

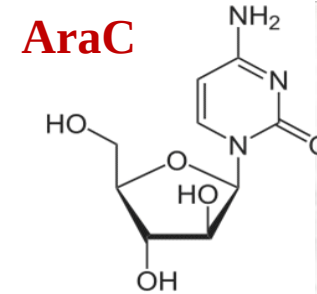
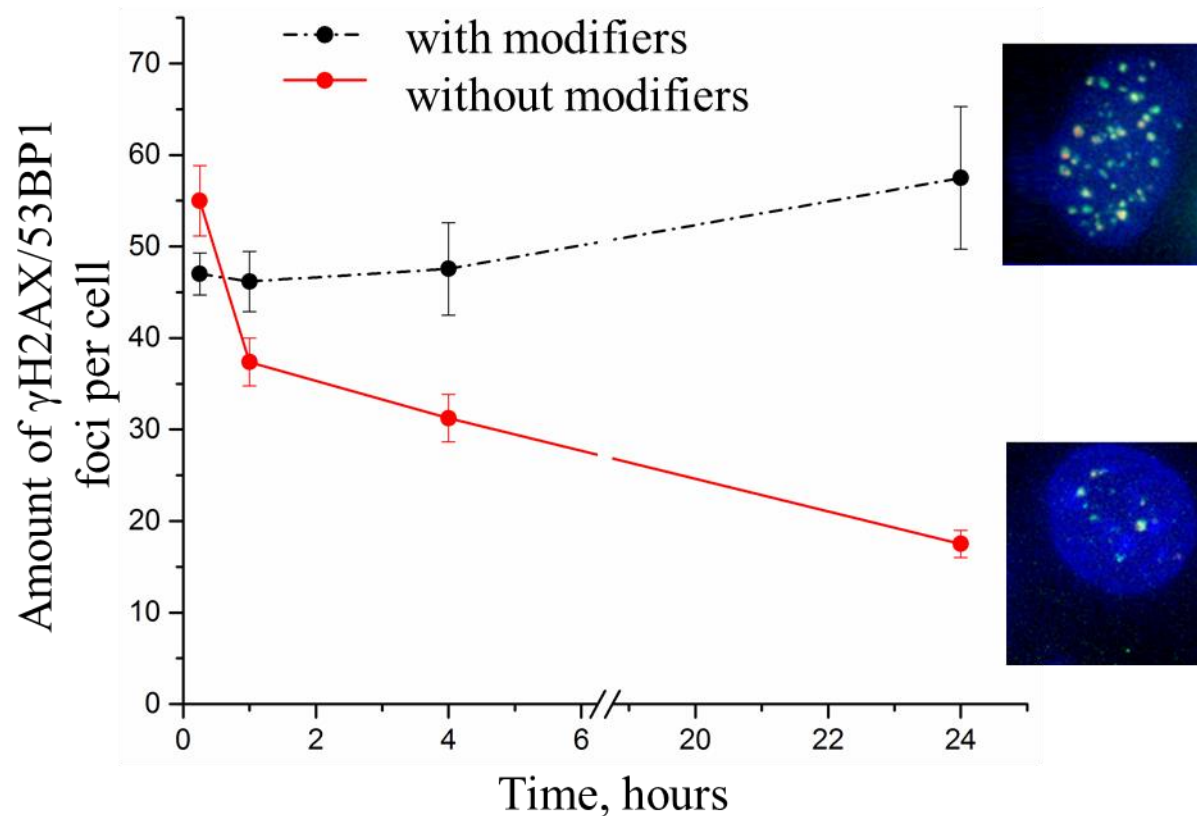


Fluorescence
immunocytochemistry,
single molecule microscopy



A new method for increasing the biological efficiency of photon and proton beams

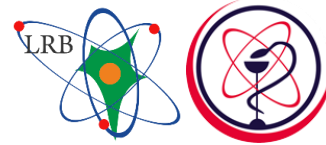
Glioblastoma tumor cells (U87)
irradiation by medical proton beam (1.25 Gy)



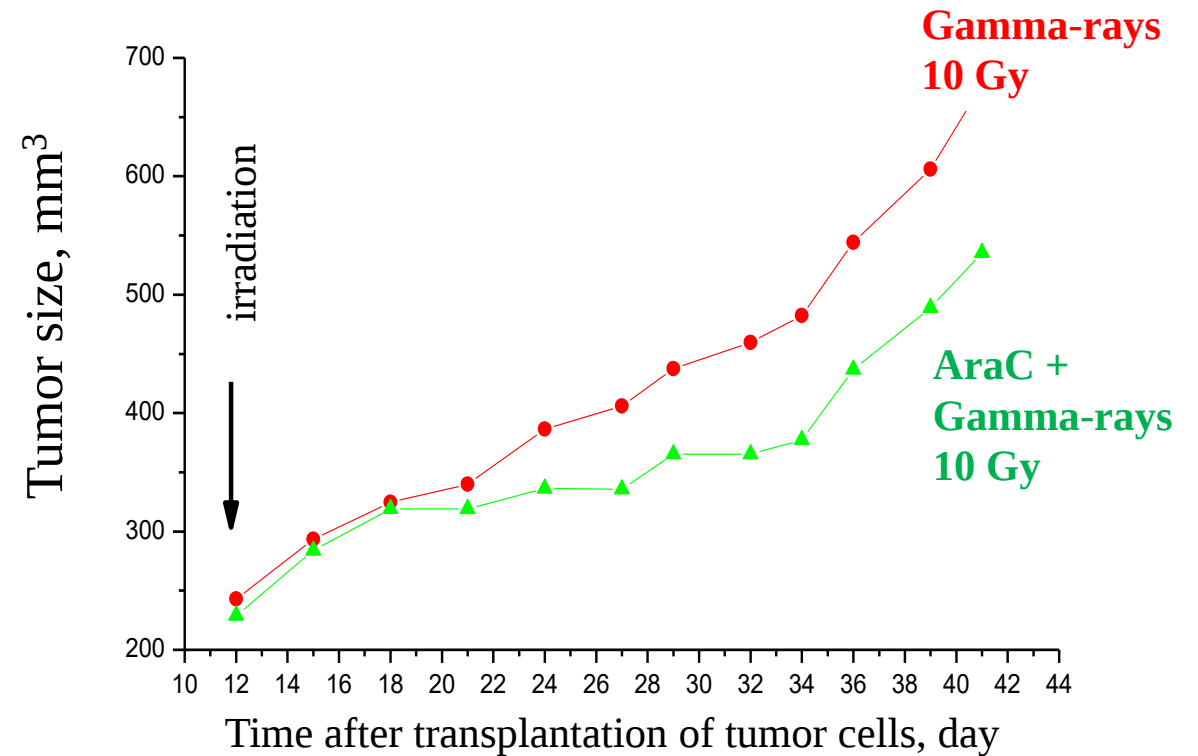
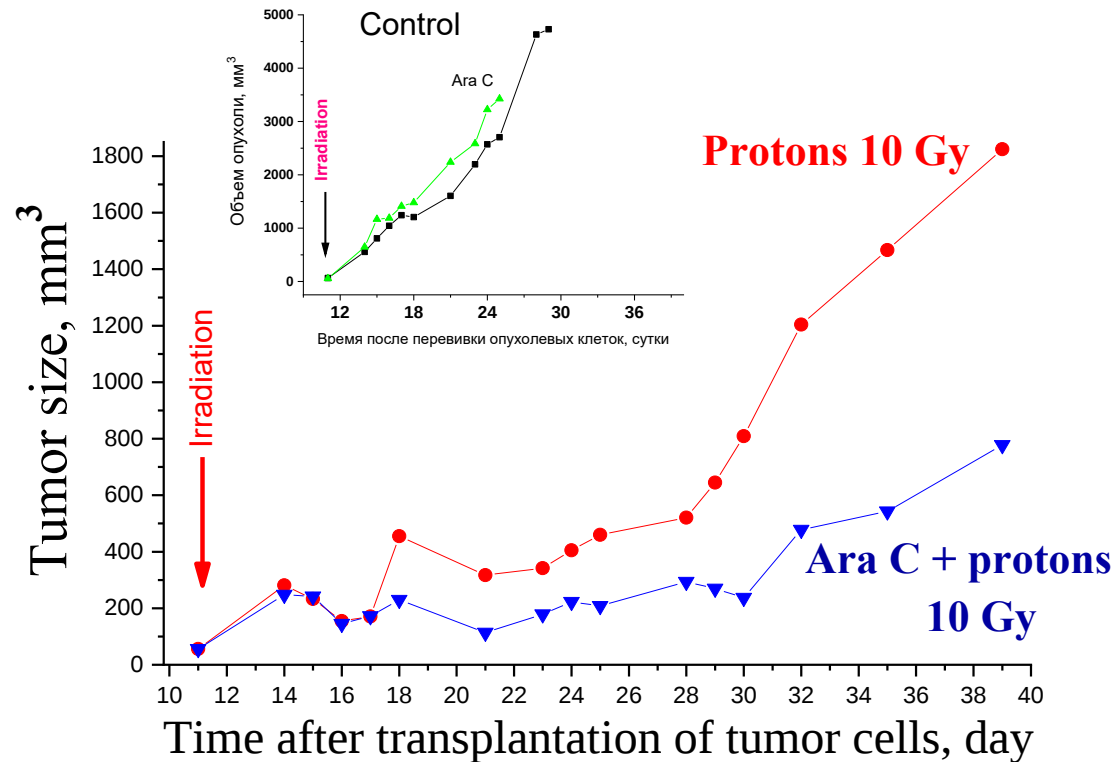
patent
LRB JINR, 2019



Preclinical studies on laboratory animals with transplanted melanoma tumor



Krasavin, Zamulaeva, Kaprin, 2019,2020



Methods of influence on the biochemical networks of cells

Pharmaceuticals

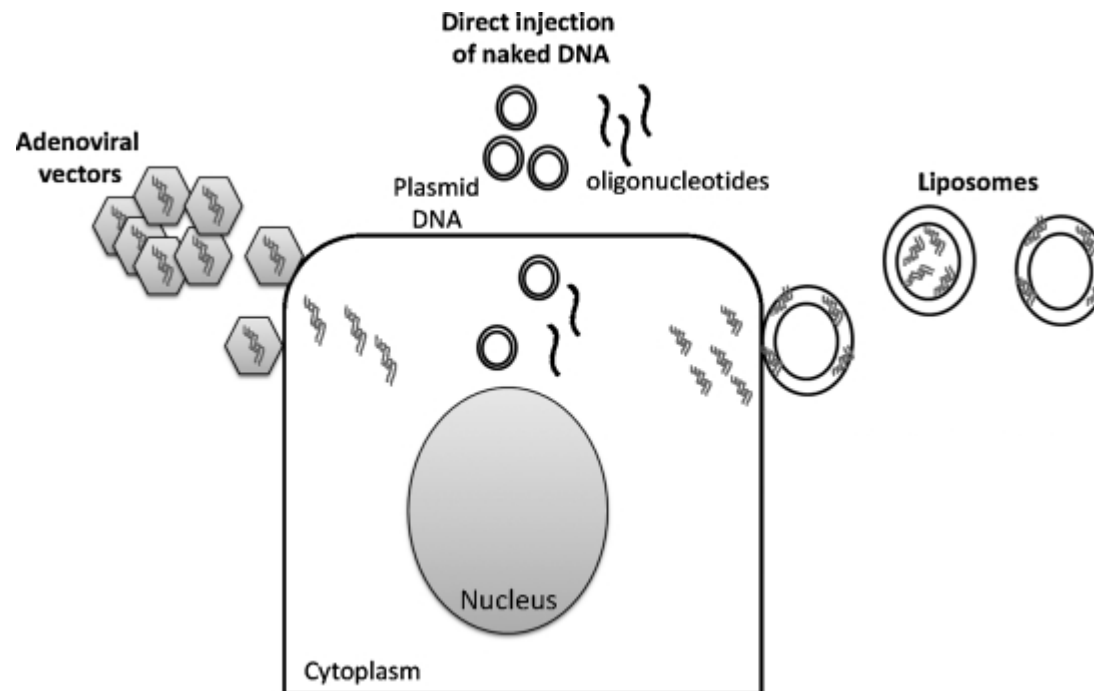
*A big variety!
Registered for clinical use*

**DNA synthesis inhibitors,
repair inhibitors, cell cycle
blockers ...**



Transgene systems

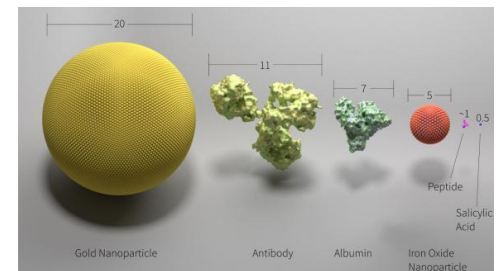
*The latest biotechnology,
high selectivity,
targeted delivery is possible,
complexity in clinical registration*



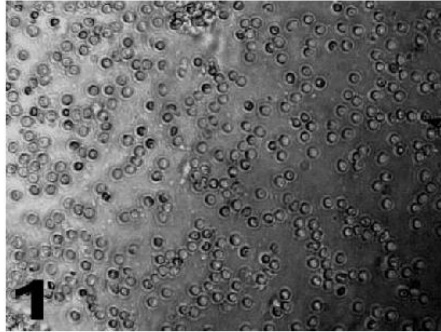
Artificial compounds

*increase energy release
when interacting with
radiation*

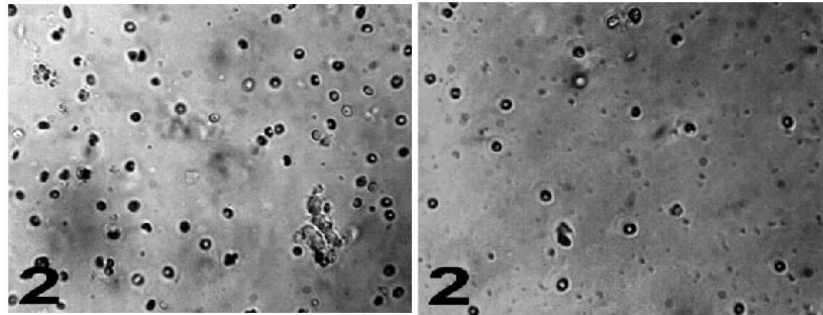
*Metal nanoparticles,
quantum dots, ...*



Targeted drug delivery (molecular vectors)



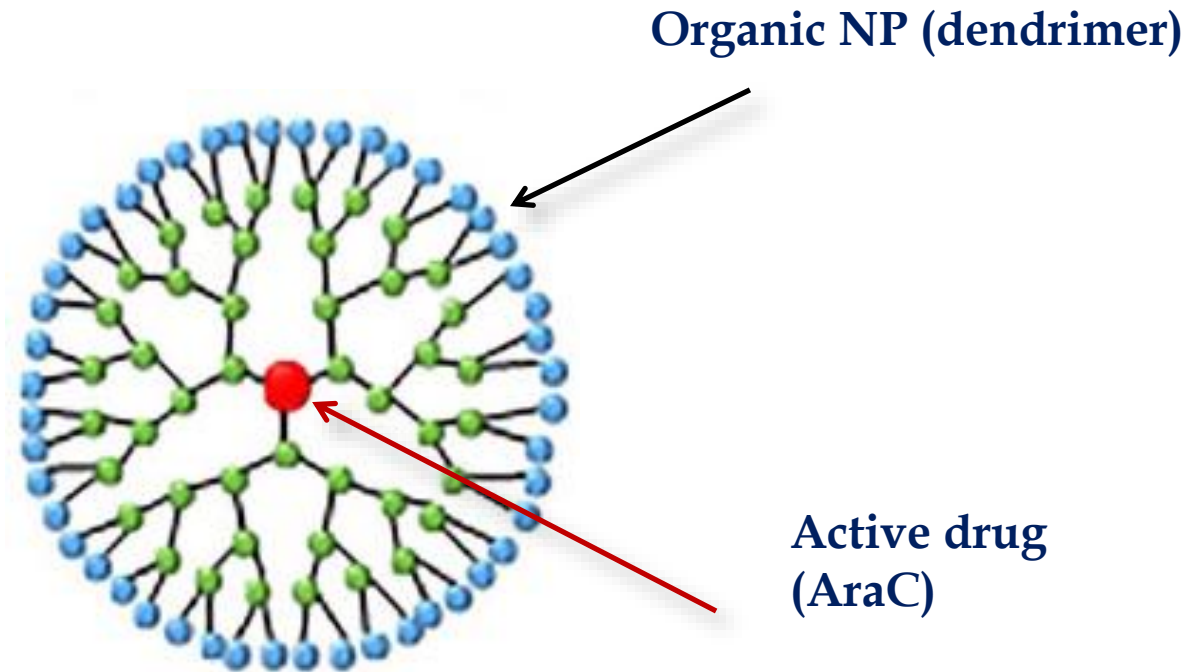
Medulloblastoma tumor (IV stage)



AraC 0.1 mg/ml

AraC 1 mg/ml

+ Ethyl (5 - (benzylthio)-4-chloroiso-thiazole-3 -yl) carbamate (10.0 mg / ml)



Kulchitsky et al. 2012



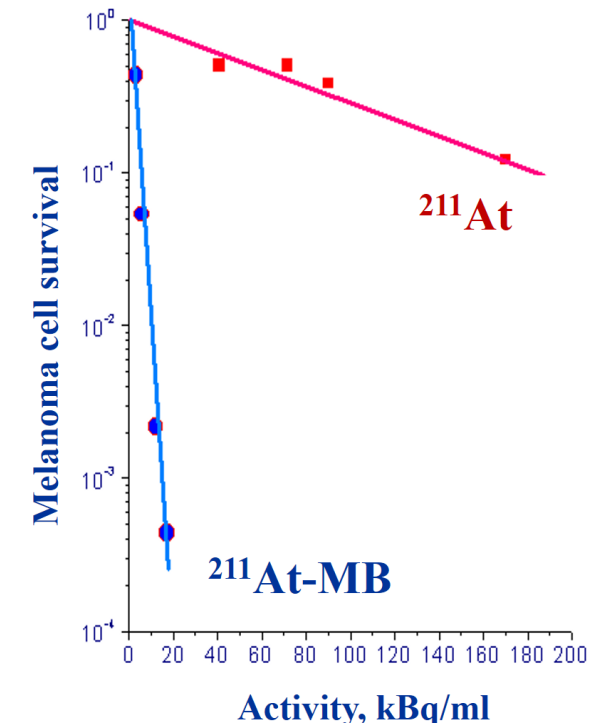
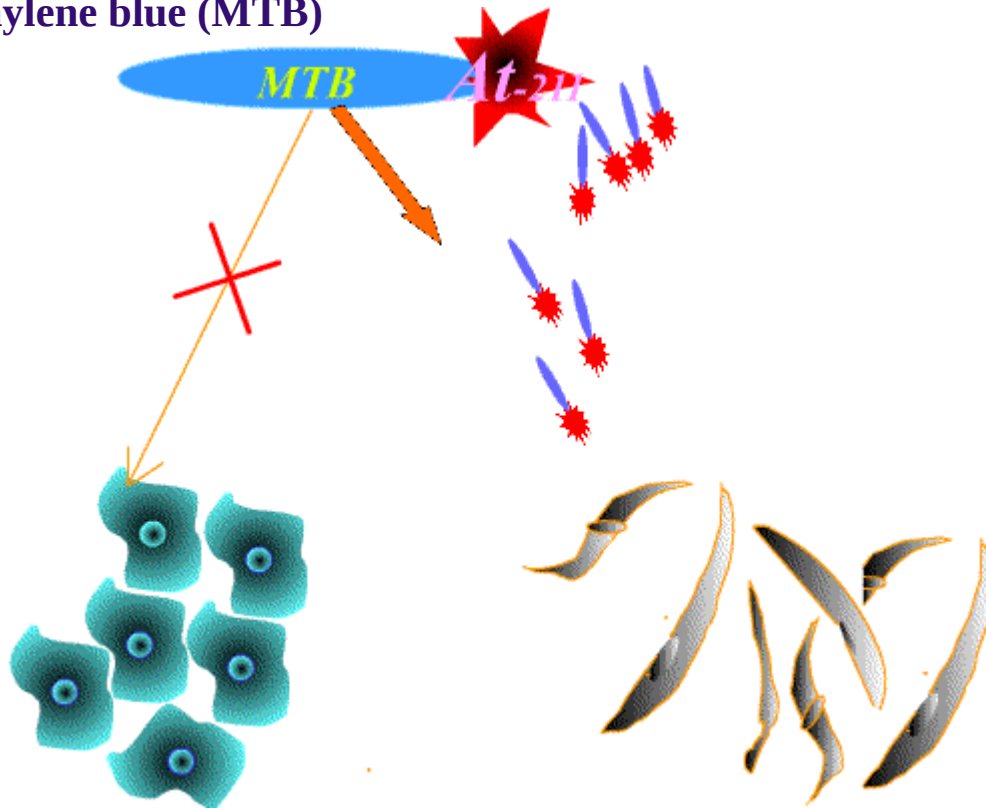
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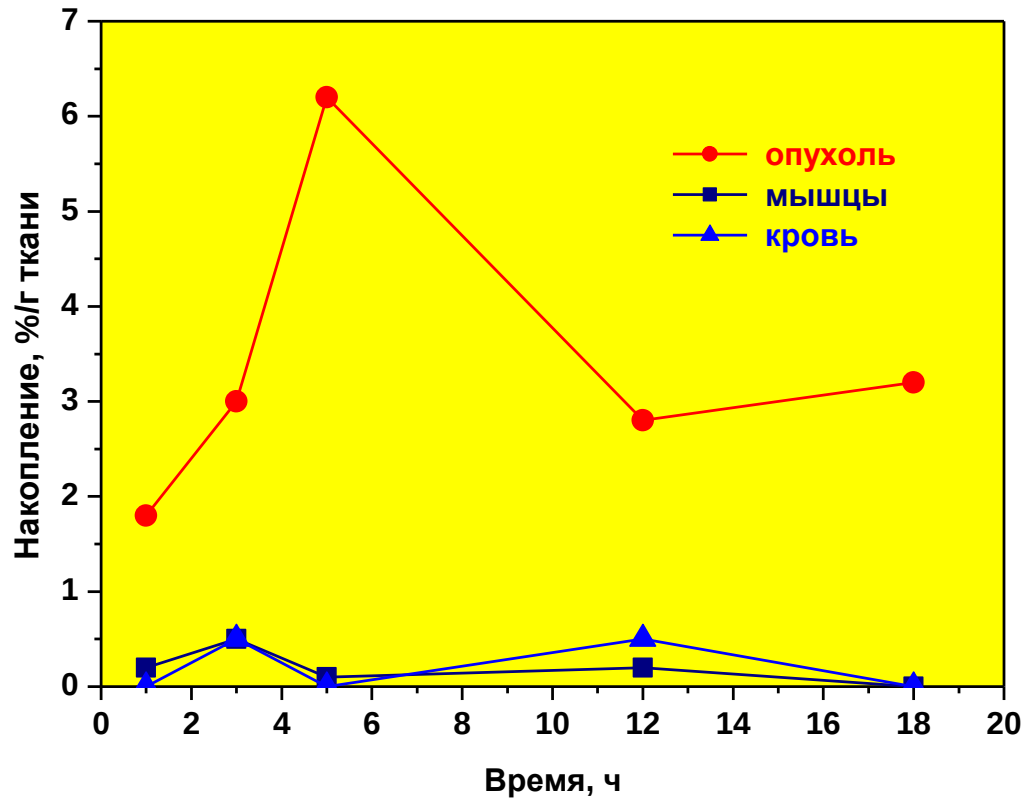
Shmakova, Norseev, Krasavin, Kodina et al, 2002

Melanoma tumor cell survival *in vitro*

Methylene blue (MTB)

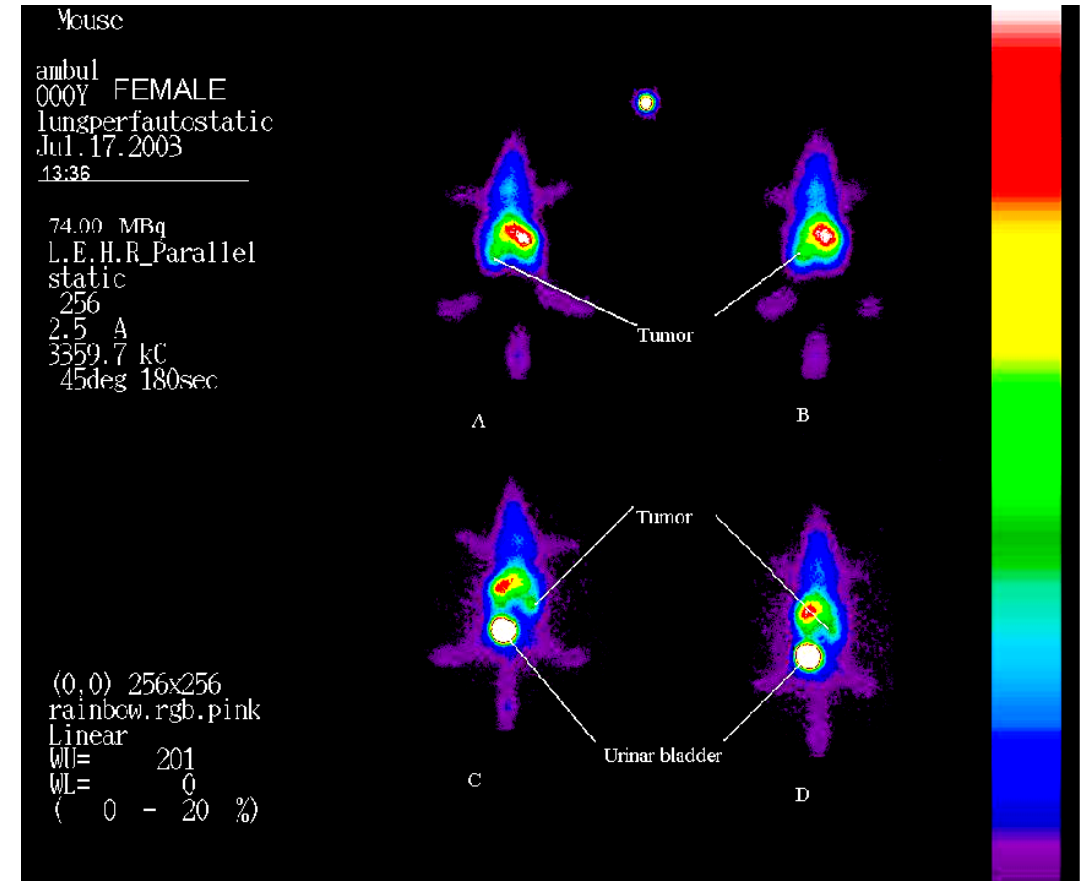


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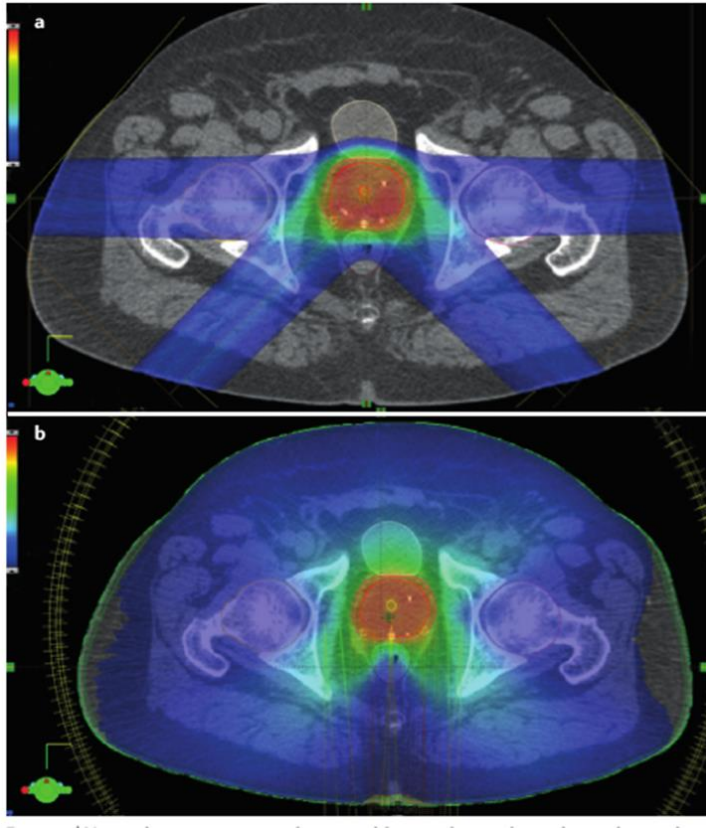


Accumulation of ^{211}At -MTB in various tissues of the body of animals with inoculated melanoma

Visualization of ^{131}I -MTB accumulation in tissues of animals with inoculated melanoma



New methods require the development of new therapy planning systems



Monte Carlo simulation,
Pharmacokinetics,
Visualization

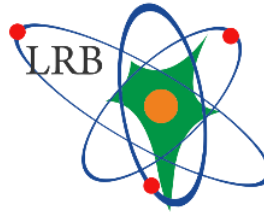
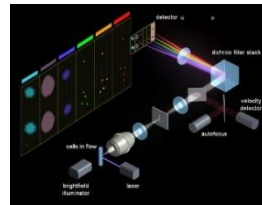
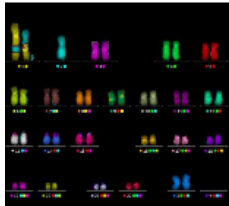
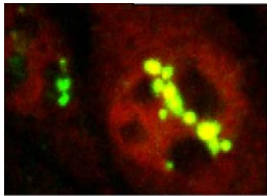
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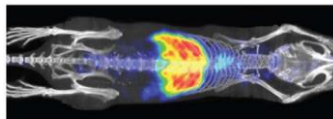
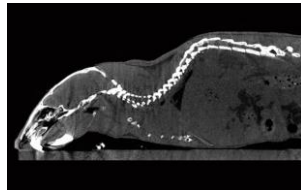
Cell cultures

Immunofluorescent imaging, single molecule microscopy, flow cytometry, radiation cytogenetics, genomics, proteomics, gene engineering, molecular vectors, drugs, radionuclides, microbeams



Animal research

physiology, tumor xenography, tomography



Модель мыши: Радиофармацевтический препарат: ^{125}I
Активность вводимого альбумина: 2,5 МБк; время
визуализации: 1 час 45 минут

Predclinical research



Proton & electron beams, detectors, collimators, treatment planning, development of new medical cyclotrons

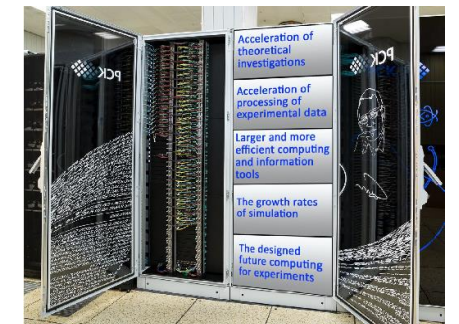


EG-5

Cf neutron source



Education



Supercomputing, data analysis, artificial intelligence



Clinical Radiobiology

Main task:

Development of new breakthrough approaches to improve the effectiveness of radiation and radionuclide therapy of cancer

Radiation Therapy

Development of approaches to increase radiosensitivity by interfering with the work of genetic regulatory networks of the cell :

pharmaceuticals, transgene systems

targeted delivery (molecular vectors)

Nuclear medicine

Development of radionuclide targeted delivery

Preclinical animal research

Development of new treatment plans

Clinical Radiobiology

Expected results

- molecular radiobiological studies of the **mechanisms modifying the cell regulatory networks** in response to radiation: DNA damage induction, DNA repair, apoptosis, bioinformatics analysis with omics-technologies
- investigation and testing of new **pharmaceuticals** and specially designed **transgene systems**
- development and testing of methods for **targeted delivery of drugs and radiopharmaceuticals**
- research of **new methods of radiation therapy** on laboratory animals with transplanted tumors
- investigation of autopsy material of tumor formations: the number of cancer stem cells (CSC), the proliferative activity of tumor cells, tumor vascularization, cell cycle control and proliferation, stem state, epithelial-mesenchymal transition, cell death, angiogenesis, and immune response
- development and application of cytogenetic methods for assessing long-term effects of radiation therapy
- assessment of the negative effects of radiation therapy on the CNS: simulation on animal models
- elaboration of new schemes for planning and verification of therapy
- **preclinical studies** and **transfer of innovation technologies** to clinical centers

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