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# Construction of stations for applied research at the NICA accelerator complex at JINR

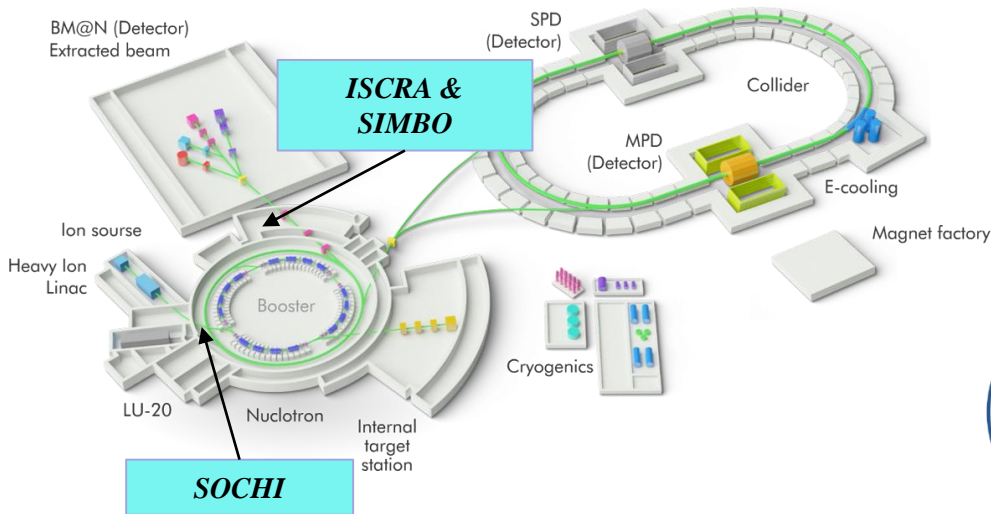
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On the basis of the NICA accelerator complex applied stations: **ISCRA** (energy range of 150 - 500 MeV/n), **SOCHI** (ion energy up to 3.2 MeV/n), and **SIMBO** (energy range 500-1000 MeV/n) are under construction for single event effects testing of as capsulated, so decapsulated microchips, and for radiobiological research and modelling of influence of heavy charged particles on cognitive functions of animal's brain respectively. This report presents the applied stations description.



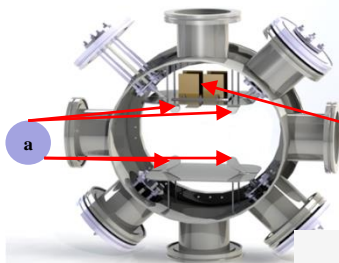
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General view of the **SOCHI** station

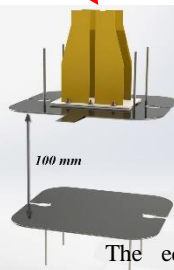


**SOCHI** — an applied research station for decapsulated microchips for Single Event Effects (SEE) testing (ion energy up to 3,2 MeV/n)

a) *The system for online diagnostics and control of peripheral ion flux density and fluence is comprised of four scintillation-fiber detectors based on multichannel photomultipliers*



b) *The ionization detector based on microchannel plates (MCP). The MCP is used for nondestructive control of the intensity and spatial distribution of the ion beam in the horizontal plane during irradiation at the SOCHI station.*



*Technical requirements for the ion beams at the SOCHI station*

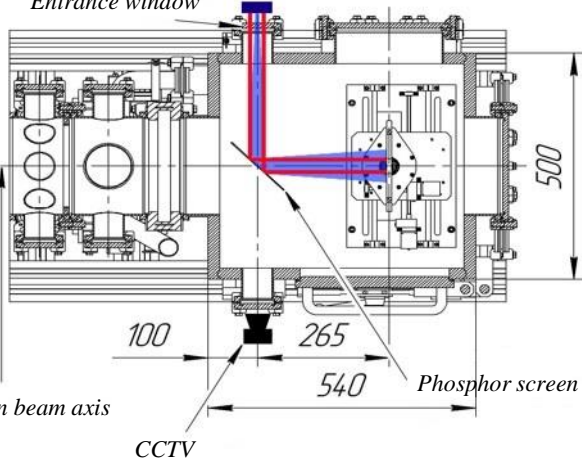
Ion types	$^{12}\text{C}^{4+}$ , $^{40}\text{Ar}^{8+}$ , $^{131}\text{Xe}^{22+}$ , $^{84}\text{Kr}^{14+}$ , $^{169}\text{Tm}^{21+}$ , $^{197}\text{Au}^{31+}$ , $^{209}\text{Bi}^{34+}$
Ion energy at the exit from the HILac, MeV/n	3,2
Ion flux density, particles/(cm <sup>2</sup> ·s)	$10^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^5$
Maximum fluence per run, ion/(cm <sup>2</sup> )	$2 \cdot 10^7$
Irradiation time per run, min	30-40
Maximum irradiation area, mm	Ø29
Uniformity in the beam center at the 20x20 mm area, %	10

The equipment for the SOCHI station is being developed as part of the **JINR-ITEP** collaboration with **SPELS/MEPHI-VST-GIRO-PROM** participation

# Station of CHip Irradiation (SOCHI)

The *fast total-absorption phosphor detector* with optical readout is used to measure beam profiles.

Entrance window

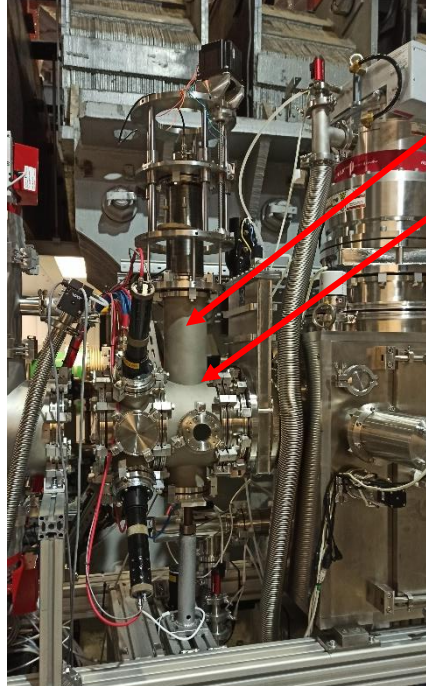


*Ion beam axis*

*CCTV*

*Phosphor screen*

Location of the fast phosphor detector and it's signal acquisition system in the vacuum chamber No. 3

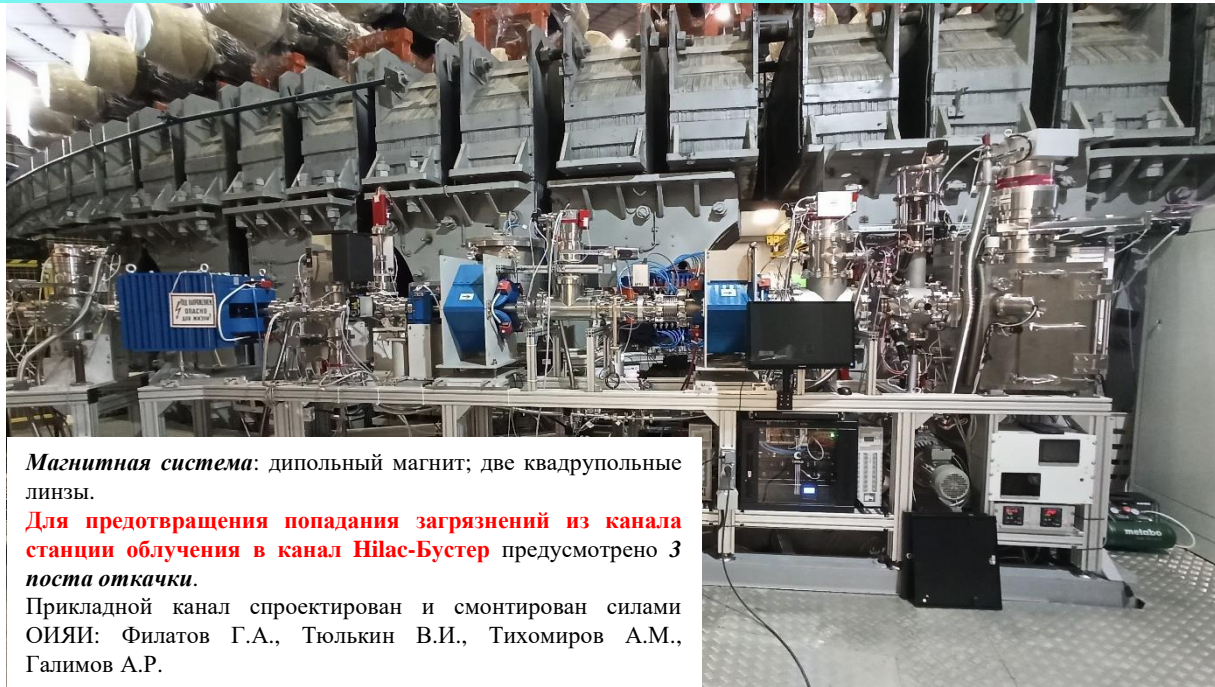


A *Faraday cup*

The *fast total-absorption scintillation detector* with optical readout is used to control the ion flux density and flux stability in time.



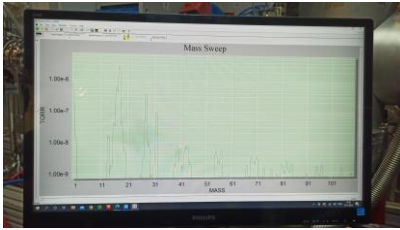
*Станция СОЧИ в  
Корпусе № 1 ЛФВЭ*



*Магнитная система:* дипольный магнит; две квадрупольные линзы.

**Для предотвращения попадания загрязнений из канала станции облучения в канал Нилас-Бустер предусмотрено 3 поста откачки.**

Прикладной канал спроектирован и смонтирован силами ОИЯИ: Филатов Г.А., Тюлькин В.И., Тихомиров А.М., Галимов А.Р.



Вакуумные испытания проводились в три этапа:

- «Холодные» испытания основной вакуумной камеры и двух диагностических камер
- «Горячие» испытания основной вакуумной камеры и двух диагностических камер
- Вакуумные испытания канала после пристыковки к диагностическим камерам

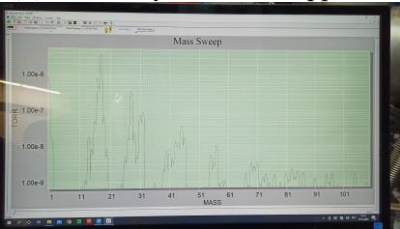
Вакуумные испытания завершились 14 декабря 2021.

**Проектный вакуум в станции  $10^{-5}$  торр, проектное время выхода – не более 10 мин.**



Общий вид сверху канала СОЧИ с коллиматором и КТП NICA – Бустер.

Состав остаточного газа при «холодных» испытаниях. Показания газоанализатора ХТ100. Давление лучше  $10^{-6}$  торр



Состав остаточного газа при «горячих» испытаниях. Показания газоанализатора ХТ100. Давление  $3,5 \cdot 10^{-6}$  торр

Два режима работы станции:

- Специализированный сеанс по испытанию изделий полупроводниковой микро- и наноэлектроники
- В ходе сеанса работы коллайдера, с периодичностью примерно в 1 час, примерно в течении 40 минут циркуляции ионных пучков в коллайдере инжекционный комплекс будет использован для инъекции в прикладной канал на станцию



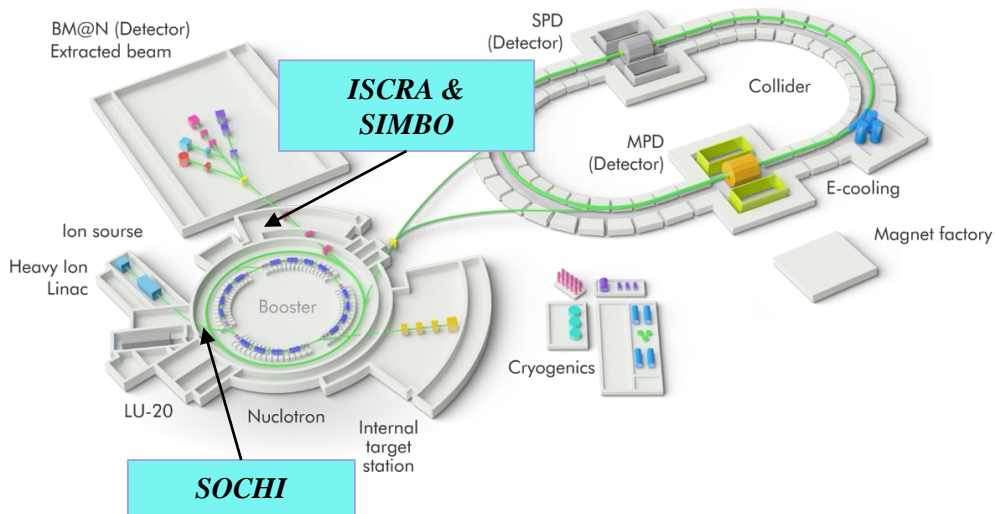
Внутри главной вакуумной камеры (*слева*) находятся:

основная коммутационная плата для подключения адаптера с объектом облучения – 1 шт., эквивалент платы-адаптера с объектом облучения – 1 шт., нагревательный модуль – 1 шт., промежуточная коммутационная плата – 2 шт., кабели для соединения промежуточной коммутационной платы с основной коммутационной платой – 1 комп., кабель USB – 1 шт., кабель Ethernet 1 шт., кабель BNC – 2 шт., высоковольтный кабель – 1 шт., установленные на штатные места газоанализатор, система позиционирования объектов испытаний, фланцы с разъемами, люминофорный детектор полного поглощения.

Пульт управления станцией СОЧИ (*справа*) в Корпусе № 1 ЛФВЭ:

- Моноблоки (2 шт.), обеспечивающие управление контрольно-измерительным оборудованием во время проведения эксперимента
- Моноблок (1 шт.) управления вакуумной системой
- Моноблок (1 шт.) управления системой позиционирования и системы задания температуры
- ПК (1 шт.) для управления системами диагностики пучка ионов

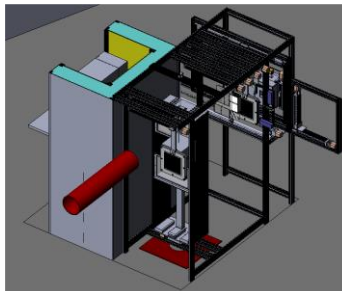




- **ISCRA** — *Irradiation Setup for Components of Radioelectronic Apparature*. Heavy ions with the energy of 150..500 MeV/n
  - **SOCHI** — *Station of CHip Irradiation*. Heavy ions with the energy of 3.2 MeV/n
- **SIMBO** — *Setup for Investigation of Medical Biological Objects*. Heavy ions with the energy of 500..1000 MeV/n

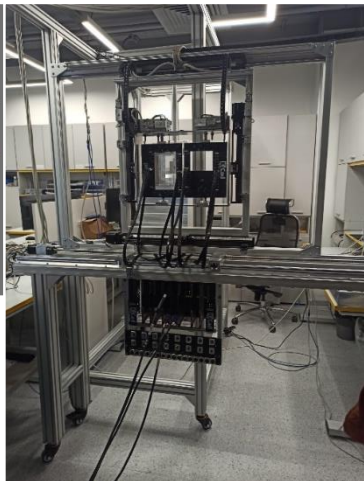


General 3D view of the ISCRA station. Front view

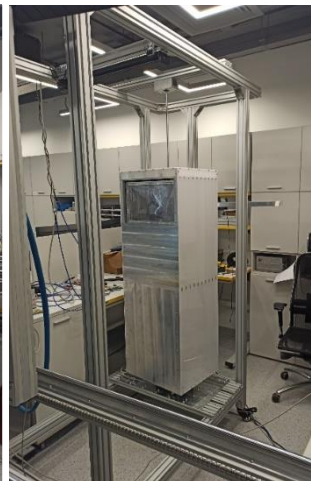


The red tube – ion beam (conventional symbol).

The system for positioning and movement of the test samples. Back view



Energy degrader



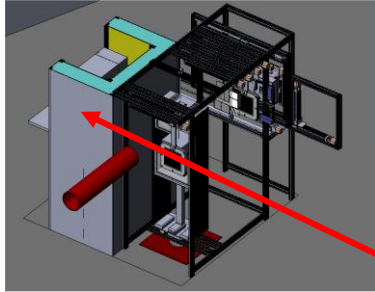
Technical requirements for the ion beams at the ISCRA station

Type of ions, energy MeV/n	$^{197}\text{Au}^{79}$	150-350
	$^{131}\text{Xe}^{54+}$	150-367
	$^{12}\text{C}^{6+}$	150-392
	$^{40}\text{Ar}^{18+}$	150-449
	$^{56}\text{Fe}^{26+}$	150-426
	$^{84}\text{Kr}^{36+}$	150-507
Ion flux density, particles/( $\text{cm}^2\cdot\text{s}$ )	$10^2..3\cdot 10^5$	
Maximum irradiation area in the scanning mode/ nonscanning mode, mm	200x200/Ø29	
Flux uniformity for the maximum irradiation area in the scanning mode/nonscanning mode, %	15/10	
Irradiation time per run, min	30-40	

ISCRA — an applied research station for microchips with a package for Single Event Effects (SEE) testing (energy range of 150-500 MeV/n)

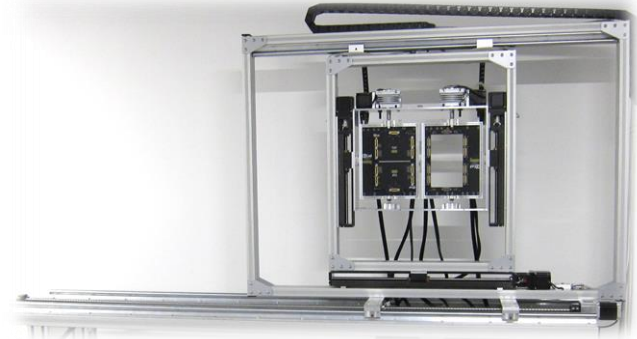
General 3D view of the  
ISCRA station. Front view

*Protected rack for control and measuring  
equipment, controllers of the station  
equipment control systems*



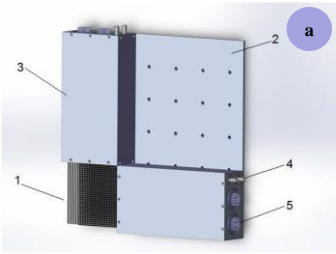
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*The system for positioning and movement*

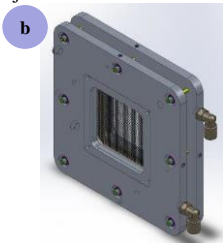
- Two independent rotary frames (from 0 to 90 degrees)
- Four adapter boards with the possibility of simultaneous irradiation in the beam scanning mode
- Automated installation of the object on the beam axis within  $\pm 100$  mm vertically,  $\pm 200$  mm horizontally
- The positioning of the object on the beam axis is controlled by a video camera with laser illumination of the beam



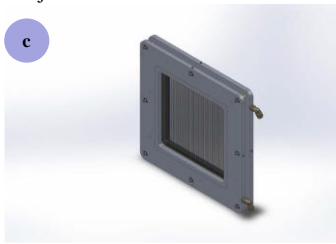
a) A **80×80 mm scintillation-fiber detector** is used **to measure the ion flux density, beam profile** before the experiment during beam adjustment

- 1 - Fibers
- 2 - Detector mounting and fixation element to the positioning system
- 3 - Multichannel photomultiplier tube (PMT)
- 4 - High voltage power connector of PMT
- 5 - Multichannel signal connector

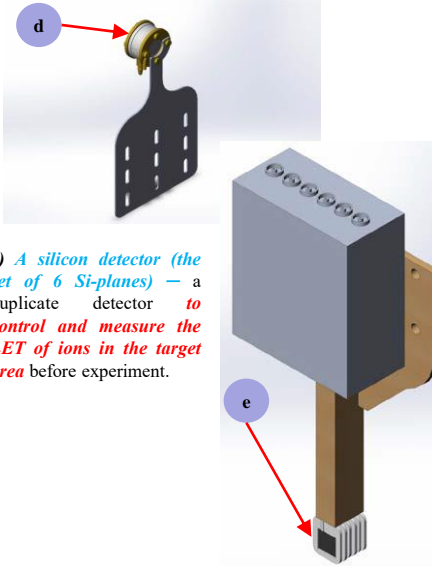
b) **Ionization chamber № 1 (128×128 mm)** is used **to control primary beam parameters in front of the degrader** before the experiment during beam adjustment



c) **Ionization chamber № 2 (256×256 mm)** is used **to measure the ion flux density of the secondary beam in the target area** before the experiment during beam adjustment

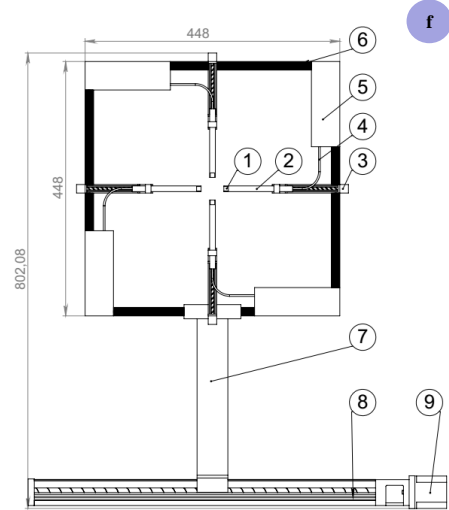


d) **Miniature gas-filled ionization chamber 3** is used to measure the LET in the target area before experiment. The working field area is 10x10 mm, the ion energy range is 3-30 MeV/n, the LET measurement range is 5-80 MeV·cm<sup>2</sup>/mg.

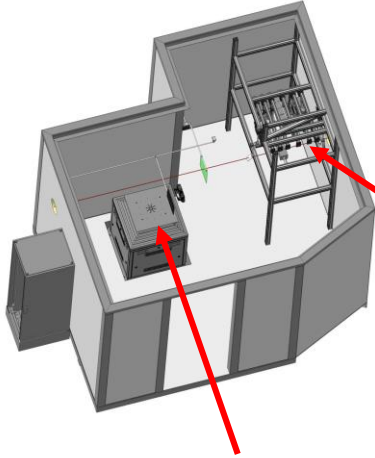


e) **A silicon detector (the set of 6 Si-planes)** — a duplicate detector **to control and measure the LET of ions in the target area** before experiment.

f) **A particle flux density meter based on four scintillators (or four silicon detectors) (No. 1 on the scheme)** is used **to control the ion flux density in the peripheral area of the ion beam in real-time.**



General 3D view of the *SIMBO* station



Positioning element for laboratory animals

SIMBO — an applied research station for space radiobiological research and modelling of influence of heavy charged particles on cognitive functions of the brain of small laboratory animals and primates (energy range 500-1000 MeV/n).

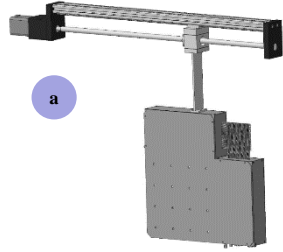


The beam diagnostics system for the *SIMBO* station. Side view

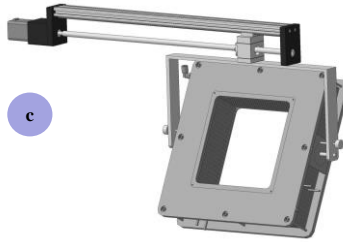
Technical requirements for the ion beams at the *SIMBO* station

Ion types	$^{12}\text{C}^{6+}$ , $^{40}\text{Ar}^{18+}$ , $^{56}\text{Fe}^{26+}$ , $^{84}\text{Kr}^{36+}$
Ion energy at the exit from the Nuclotron, MeV/n	500-1000
Ion flux density, particles/(cm <sup>2</sup> ·s)	$10^3 \cdot 10^6$
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

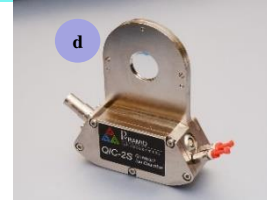
# Setup for Investigation of Medical Biological Objects (SIMBO)



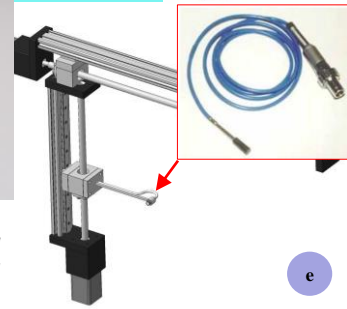
a) Diagnostic chamber No. 1 based on scintillation-fiber detectors (is used to measure ion flux density, beam profiles in nonscanning mode before the experiment during beam adjustment).



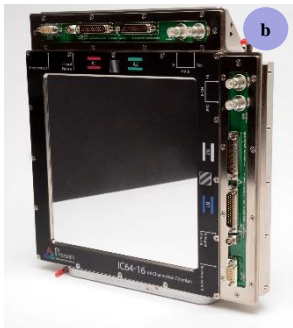
c) Ionization dosimetric chamber No. 3 ionization chamber is used to determine the absorbed dose.



d) Ionization chamber No. 4 based on a model QIC-2S (Pyramid Technical Consultants, Inc) four-channel ionization chamber is used as a local dose detector

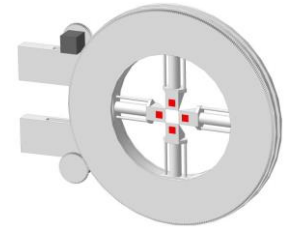
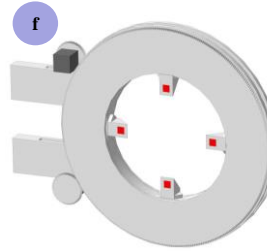


e) A diamond semiconductor detector (detector of the local dose and average ion energy) installed on the positioning system

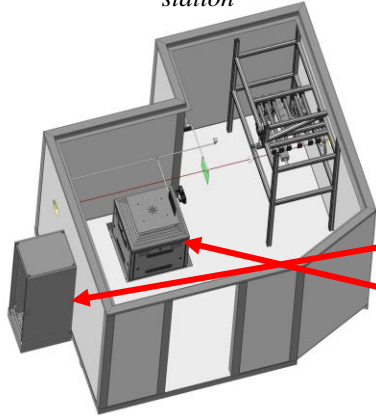


b) Diagnostic chamber 2 based on the IC64-16 (Pyramid Technical Consultants, Inc) strip ionization chamber is a duplicating chamber for ionization chamber 1 and solves similar problems

f) The system for online diagnostics and control of the peripheral ion flux density based on four scintillation detectors.



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Positioning device for laboratory animals

### Positioning device for irradiated objects

Designed for precision linear movement along the longitudinal axis  $\pm 100$  mm, transverse axis  $\pm 100$  mm, vertical axis  $+600$  mm, angular movement 10 degrees/sec.

Main structural parts:

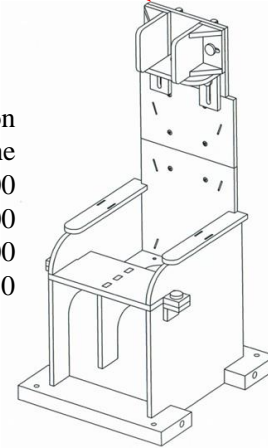
- base module;
- basic module;
- elevating module;
- rotation module;
- control unit.

### The primate's fixation chair

Placed on the worktable of the positioning device.

Main structural parts:

- base;
- seatback;
- the lower and upper limbs retainers;
- body retainer;
- headrest.



Material of chair - Plexiglass.

Maximum height of the chair with seatback and headrest is 600 mm.



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