

The role of IT in the scientific program of the Laboratory of radiation biology

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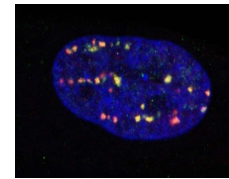
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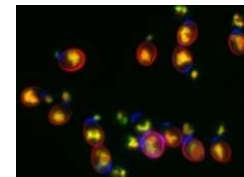
Research at the Laboratory of Radiation Biology

1. Establishment of integrative interrelations of **radiation-induced effects at different levels** of biological organization:
2. Identification of the mechanisms of the **radiations effects on brain** and the development of neurodegenerative diseases.
3. Assessment of **radiation risks** for various scenarios of manned space flights and mixed radiation fields of nuclear physics facilities.
4. Development of new methods to improve the **effectiveness of radiation and radionuclide therapy** of cancer.
5. Development of **new mathematical models** and computational approaches for radiobiology, bioinformatics, and radiation medicine.
6. Identification of mechanisms and pathways of **catalytic synthesis of prebiotic compounds** under the action of radiation.
7. Development of **new research protocols**, including omics technologies, bio-imaging, automated processing of biological data.

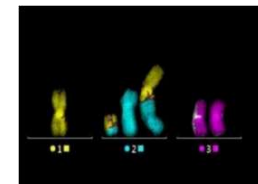
Molecular Radiobiology



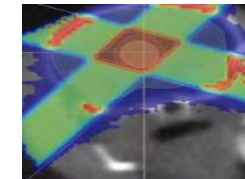
Radiation Genetics



Radiation Cytogenetics



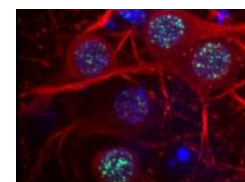
Clinical Radiobiology



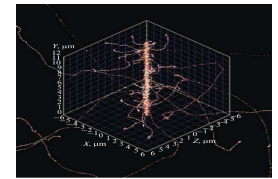
Radiation Physiology



Radiation Neuroscience



Mathematical Modeling



Radiation Protection

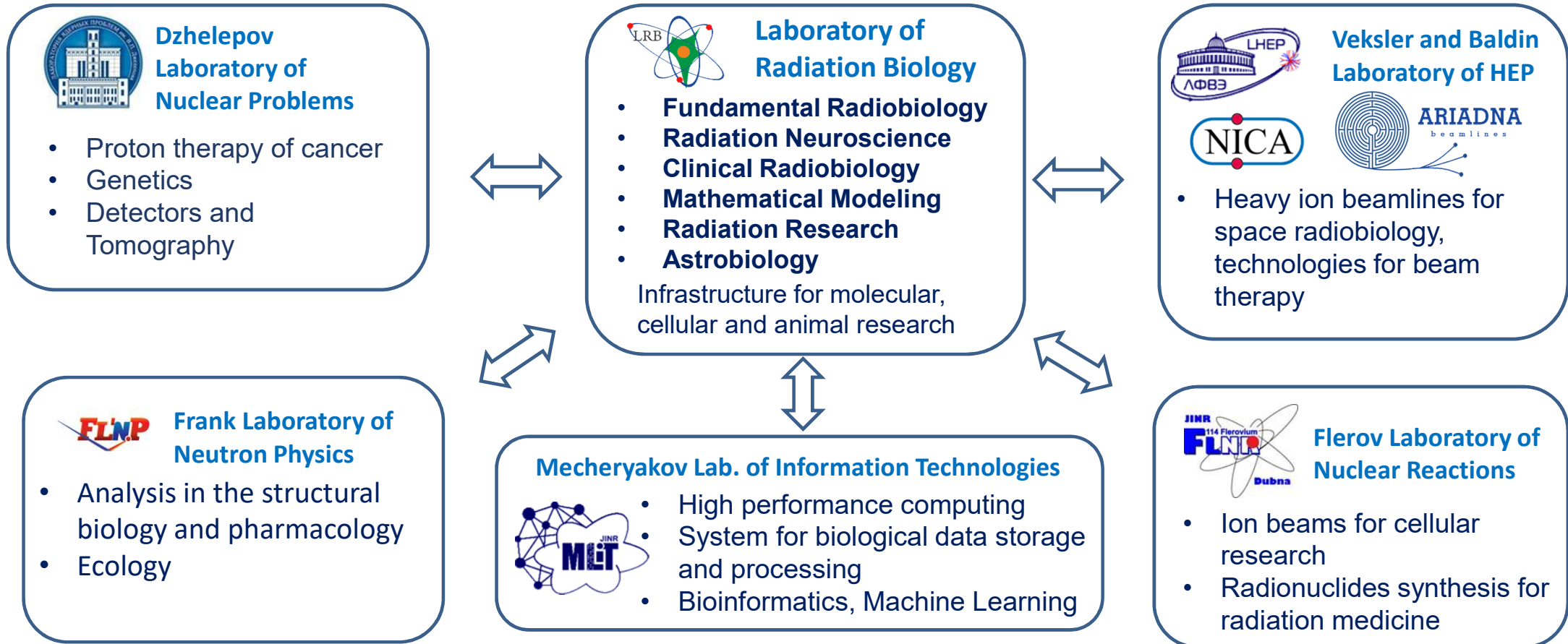


Astrobiology



<http://lrb.jinr.ru>

Interlaboratory cooperation



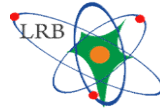
JINR Research Infrastructure

U-400M cyclotron
heavy ions 50 MeV/u

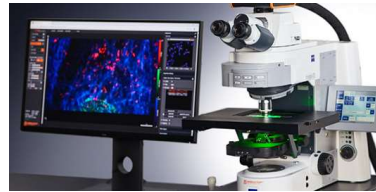


Infrastructure
for cellular and animal research

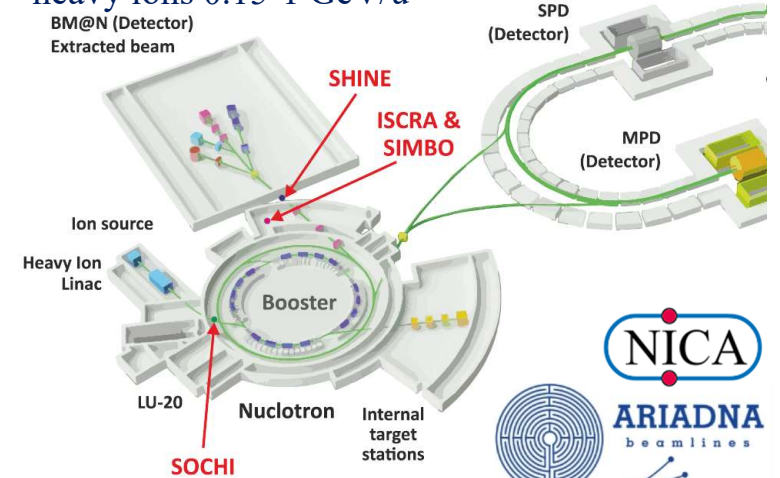
Microscopy
Tomography
OMICS



Vivarium



Nuclotron
heavy ions 0.15-1 GeV/u
BM@N (Detector)
Extracted beam



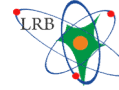
MSC230 cyclotron
protons 230 MeV



Linac200
electrons
20-200 MeV



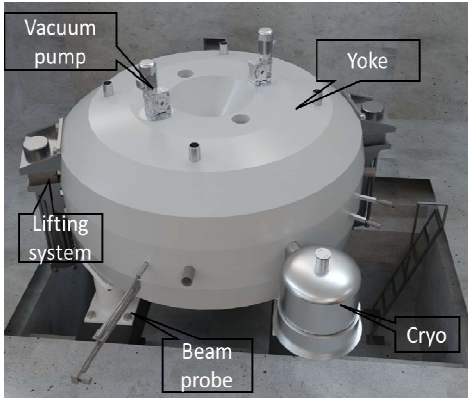
MICC
Supercomputer



SARRP X-ray



FLNP IBR-2, IREN neutrons

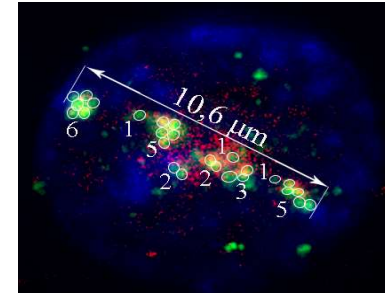


Molecular Radiobiology

DNA double strand break formation and detection

Molecular radiobiology

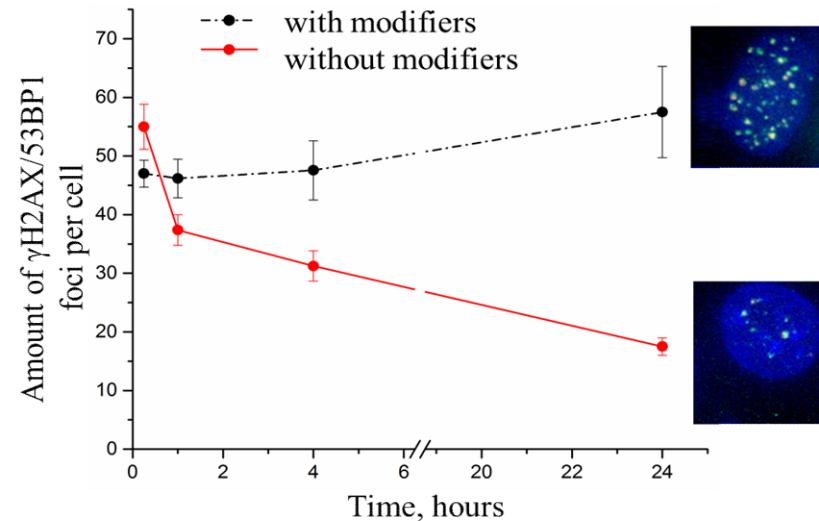
DNA damage, repair and regulatory mechanisms in normal and tumor cells,
Super-resolution microscopy



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

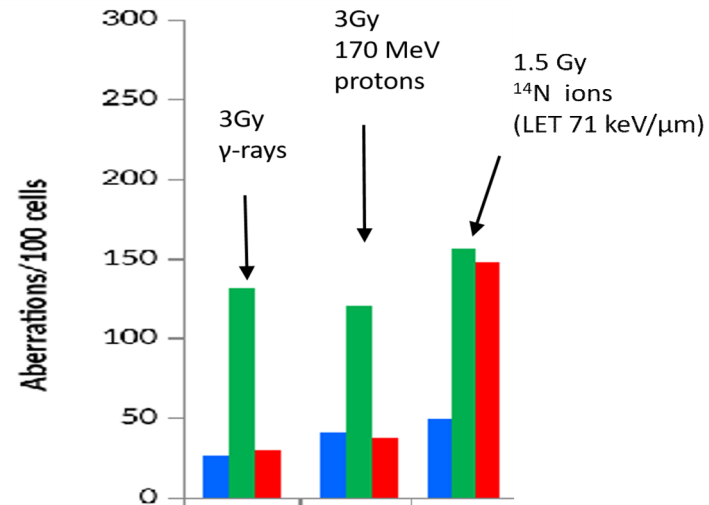
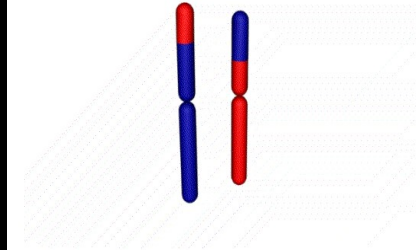
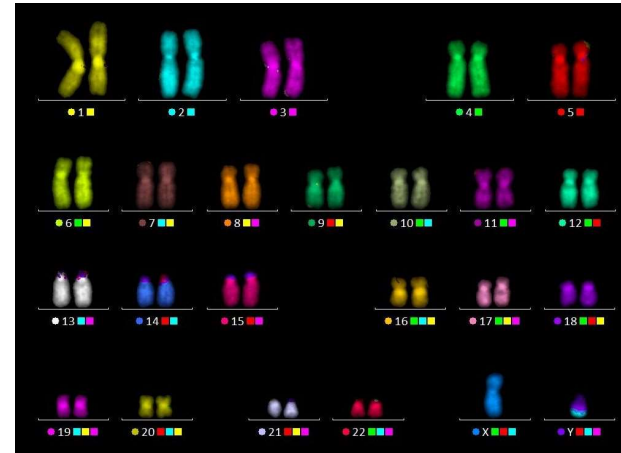
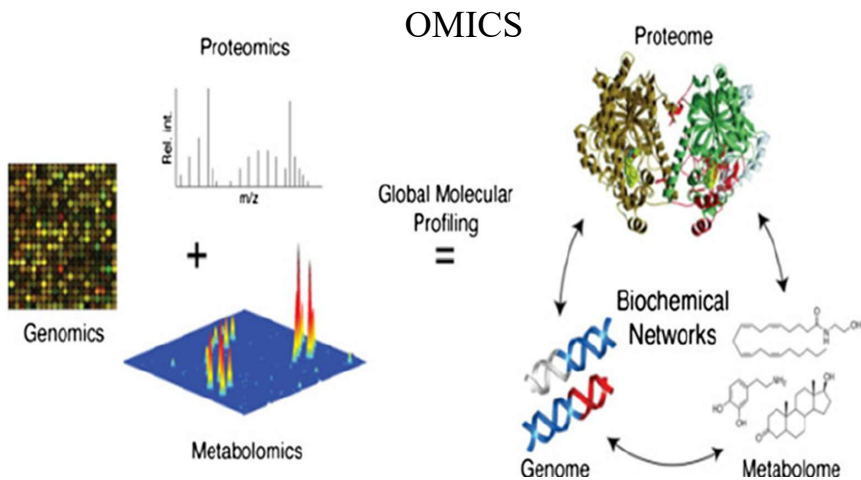
Mechanisms of radiomodification

molecular agents for radiation therapy of cancer
 molecular mechanisms of radioprotection



Radiation Genetics

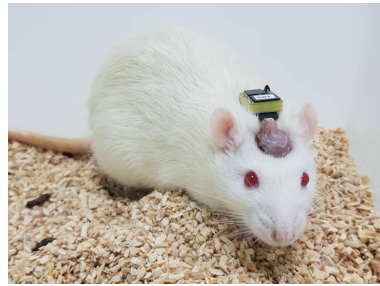
Genetic and cytogenetic effects of radiation: gene mutations, complex chromosome aberrations, genome instability, long-term effects of radiation, biodosimetry



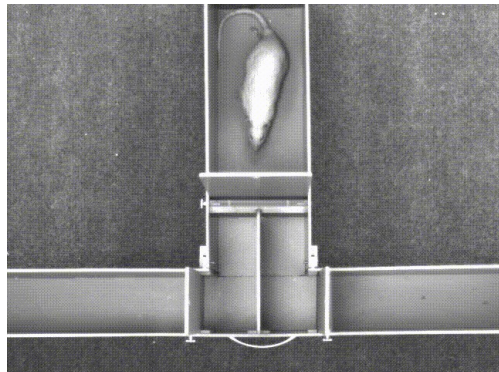
Complex chromosome aberrations (≥3 breaks)

Radiation Physiology and Neuroscience

Radiation physiology: tissue and organismal pathologies, animal behavior

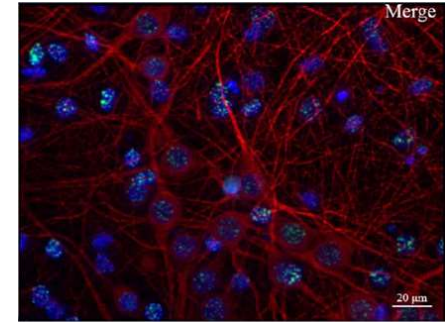
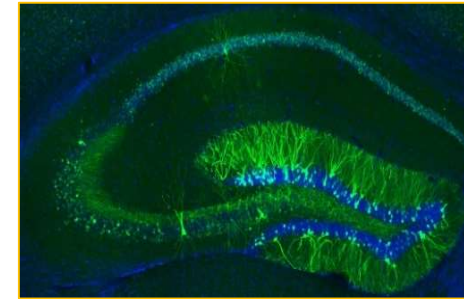


EEG records after irradiation



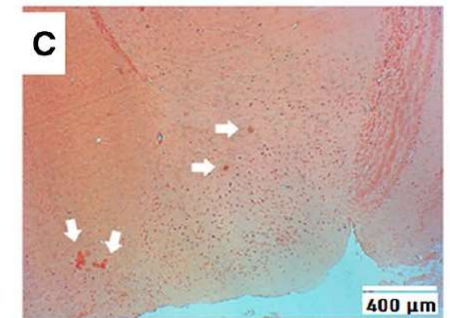
Behavioral tests

Radiation neuroscience: mechanisms of brain diseases and radiation-induced neurodegeneration



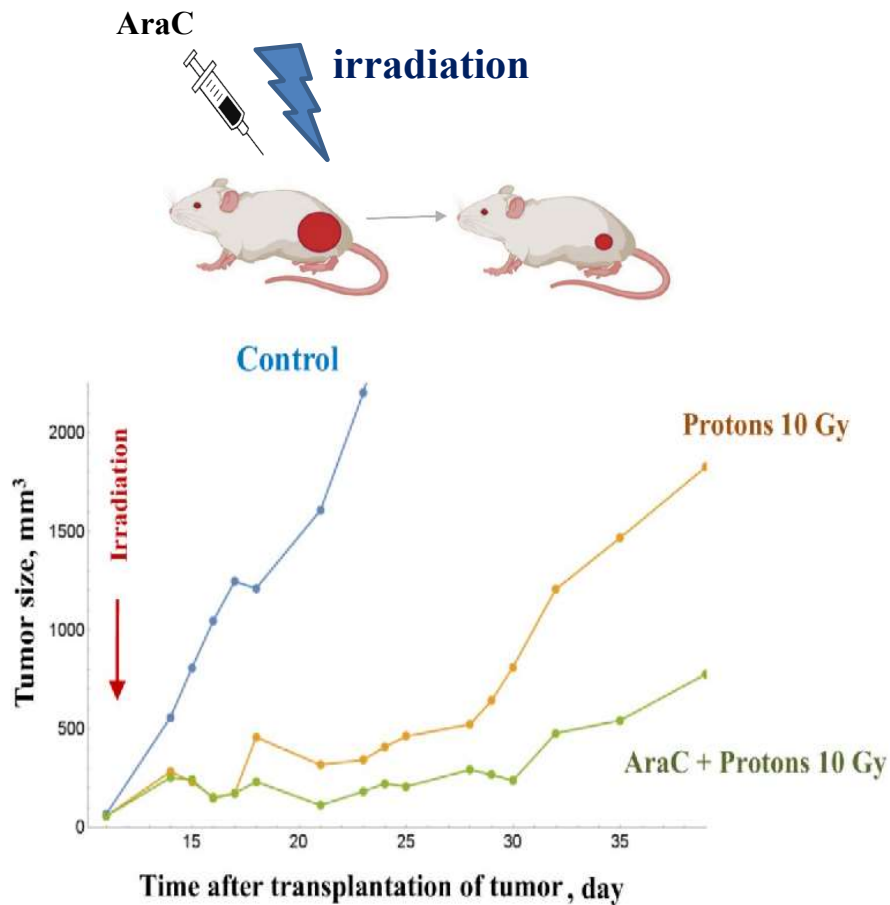
visualization of cell viability in hippocampal slice (right) and DNA damage in hippocampal cell culture (left)

Amyloid plaques in the forebrain of rats after 170 MeV proton irradiation

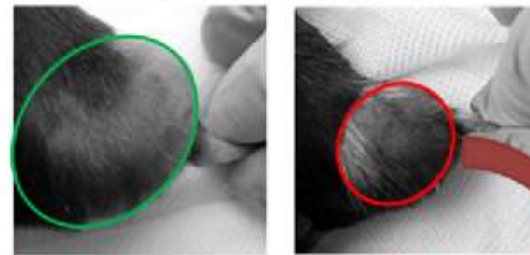


Radiation Medicine

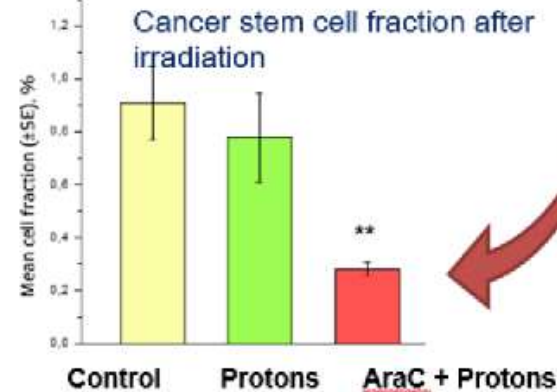
Novel methods to improve the efficiency of radiation therapy of cancer



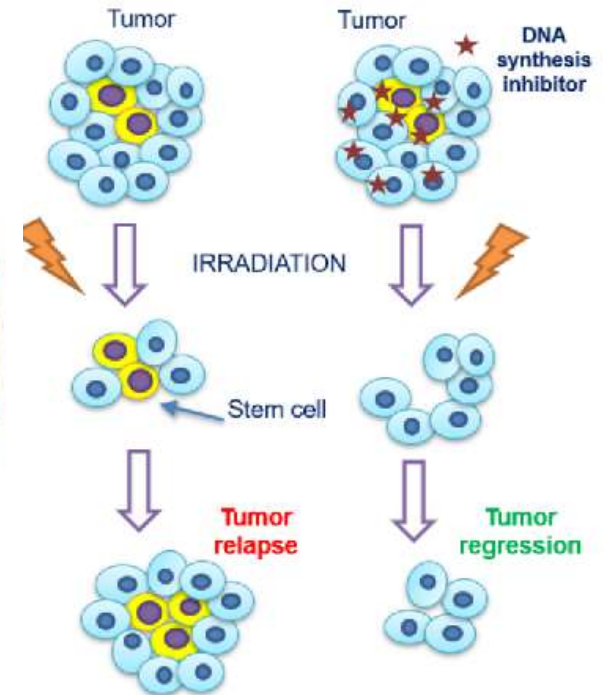
The size of the tumor on a mouse paw on the 18th day after irradiation



Protons 10 Gy **Protons 10 Gy + AraC**



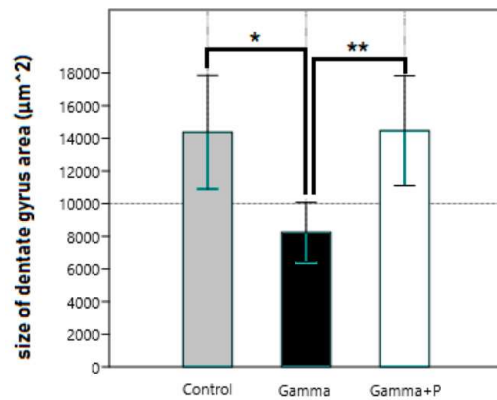
Tumor regression due to stem cell death



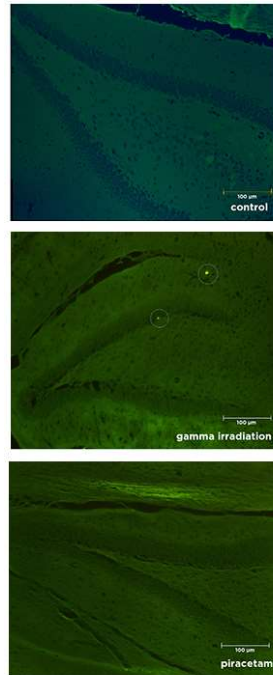
Radiation Protection

Radioprotectors:

regulatory mechanisms and pharmacological modulations of radiation effects

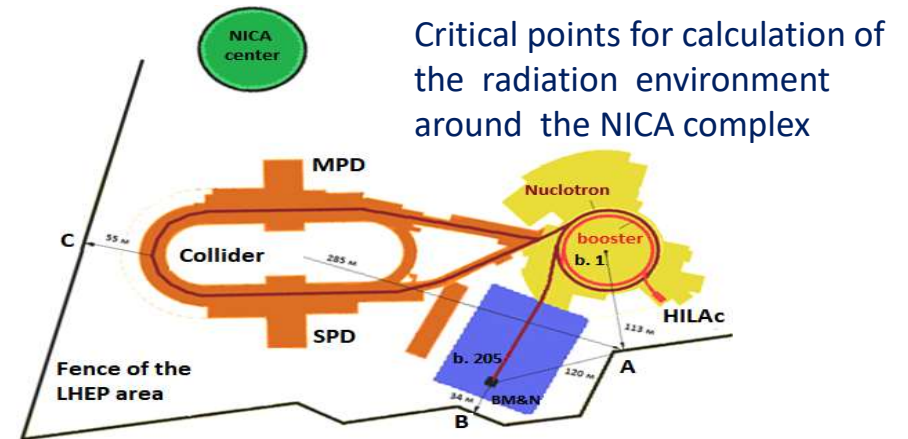


The effect of 2 week - piracetam injection after irradiation on size of DG area of hippocampus



Radiation Research:

evaluation of radiation risks at nuclear objects, accelerator complexes, and spacecraft

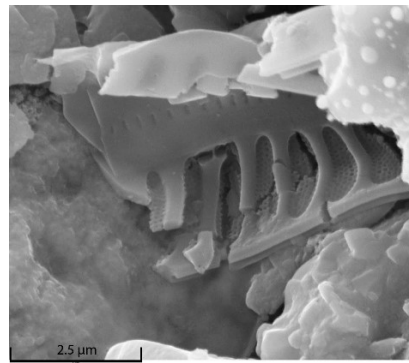
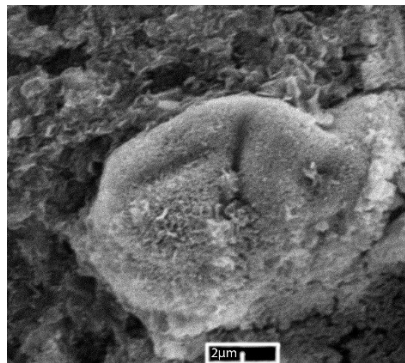
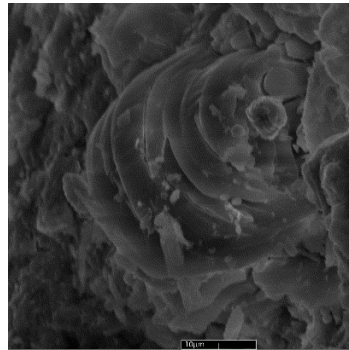


Instruments for neutron dosimetry and nuclear planetology

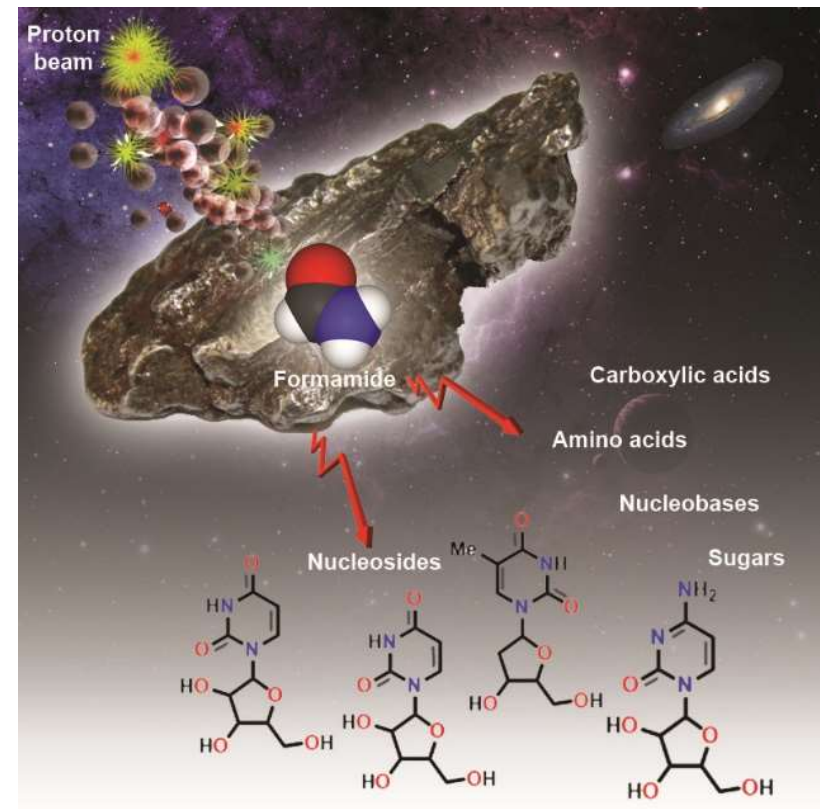


Astrobiology

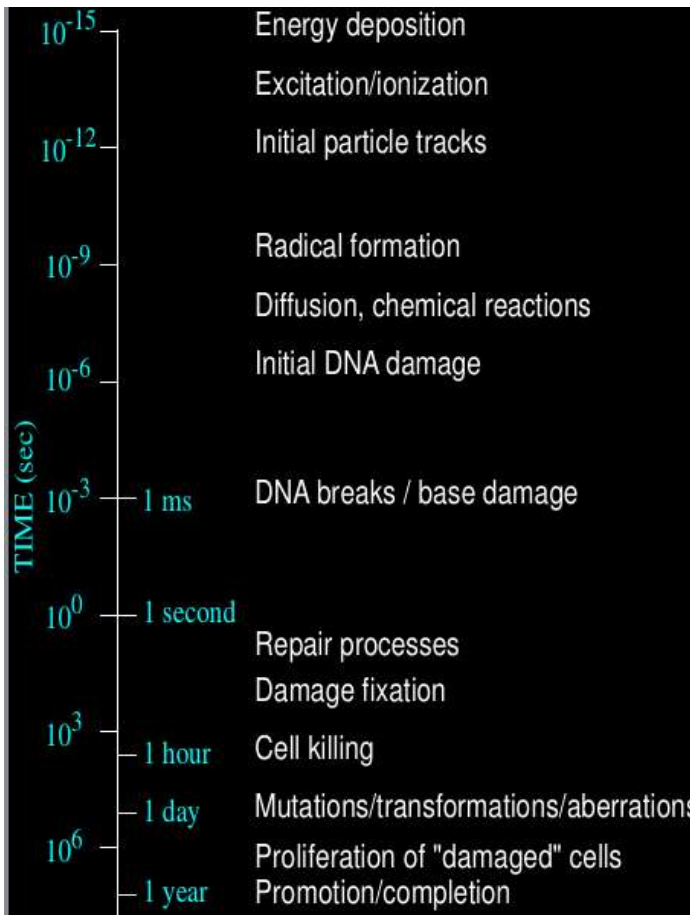
search for biofossils in cosmic matter



accelerator-based simulation of prebiotic compounds synthesis

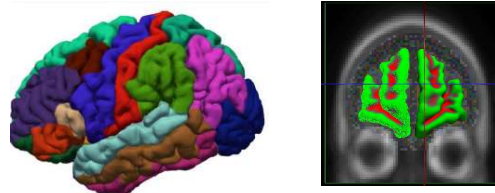


Mathematical modeling and data processing

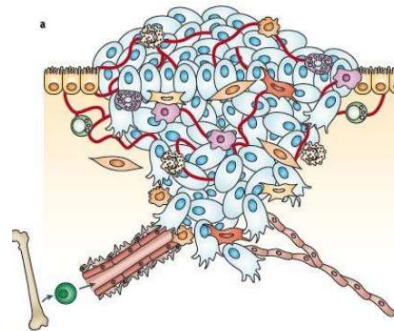


Estimating final effect

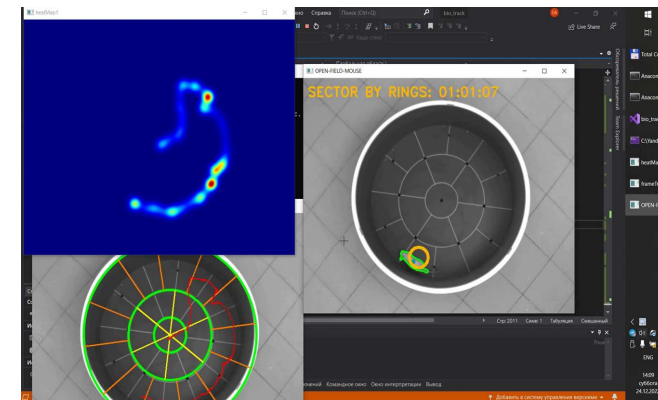
Radiation neuroscience: Brain neural networks



Clinical radiobiology: Complex models of tumor growth



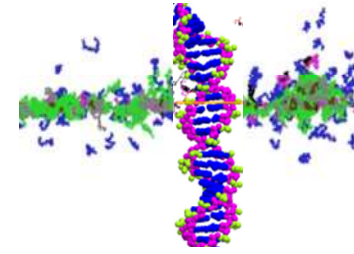
IT ecosystem for automated processing of histological data and animal behavior utilizing machine learning



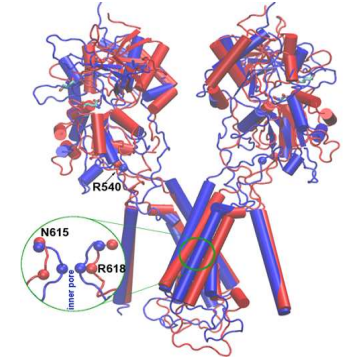
Mathematical Modeling

Problems:

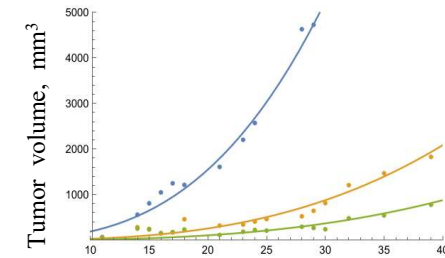
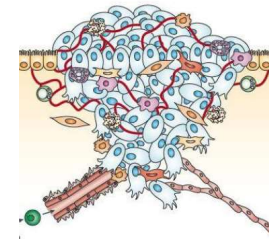
- formation of DNA damage and its repair
 - induction of mutations and chromosome aberrations
 - prediction of structure and functions of mutant proteins
 - molecular and cellular mechanisms of radiomodification
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- simulations of tumor growth dynamics after treatment with medical radiation beams or radionuclides
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- theoretical evaluation of radiation-induced disorders of the CNS



Model of particle track and DNA damage induction



Mutant NMDA receptor protein



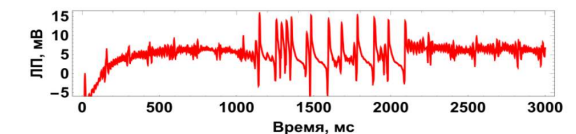
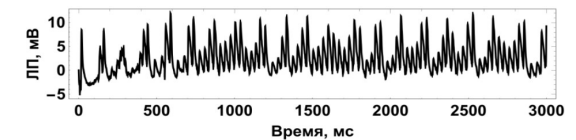
Model of tumor growth

Effect of mutations on brain electric activity

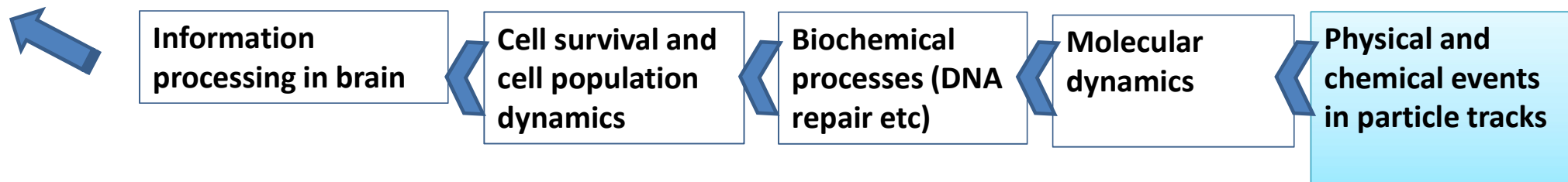
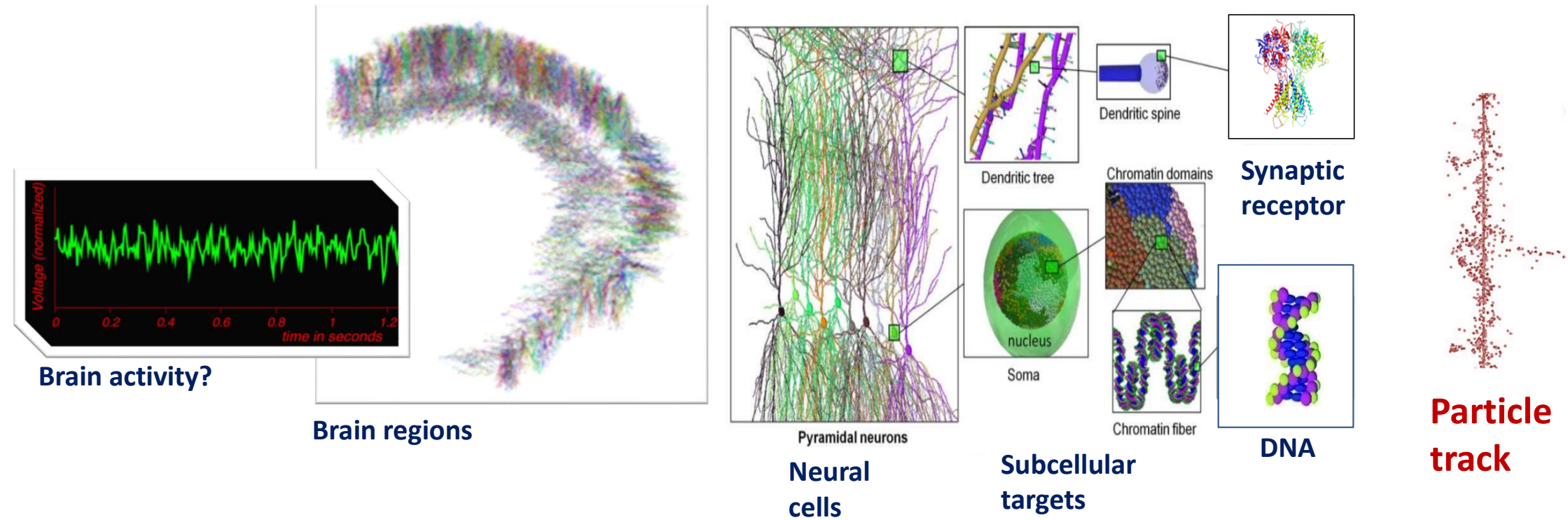


p.ASN615LEU
Epileptic seizure

Native



Multiple scale modeling



Monte Carlo simulations particle interactions with cells

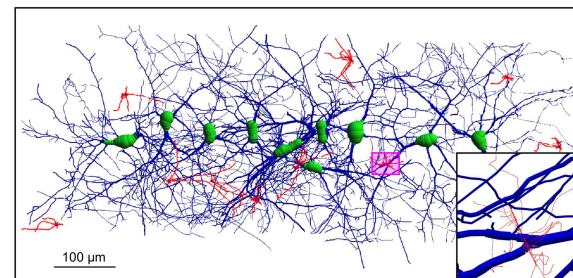
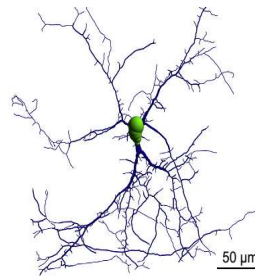
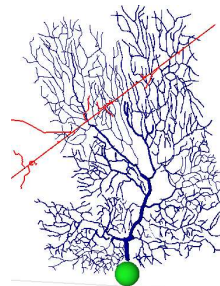
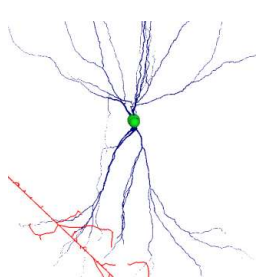
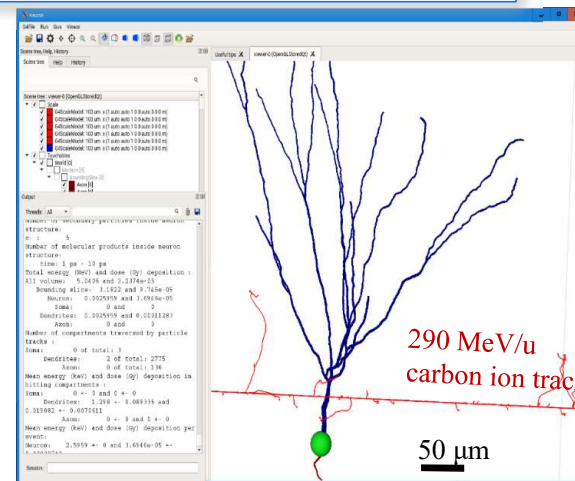
«Neuron» — new application of  **GEANT4-DNA**
A SIMULATION TOOLKIT

- The Geant4 « **neuron** » **extended/medical/dna** example shows how to simulate a neural network including physics and radiolysis.



Software
Physics >
Chemistry
Examples & tutorials
Publications
Collaboration
Funding

<https://geant4.web.cern.ch>
<http://geant4-dna.org/examples/neuron>

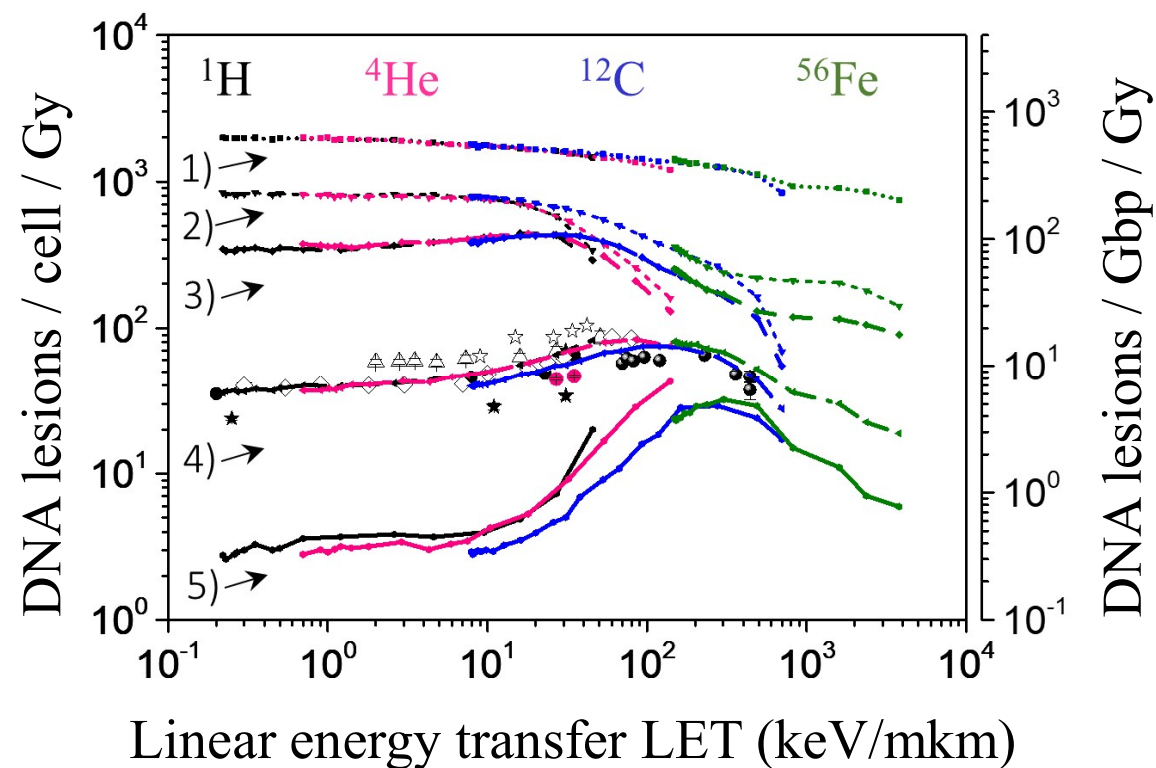
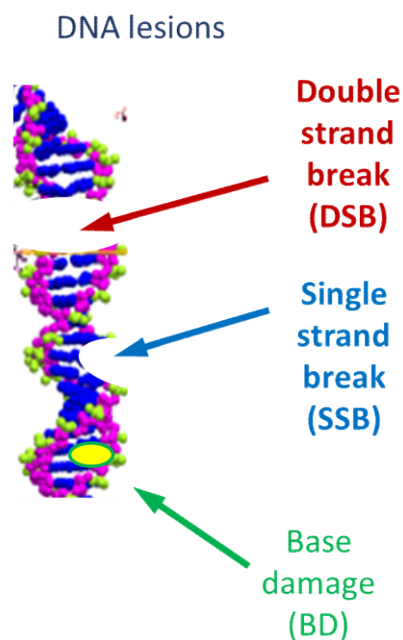


Monte Carlo simulations particle interactions with cells

Amount of DNA damage

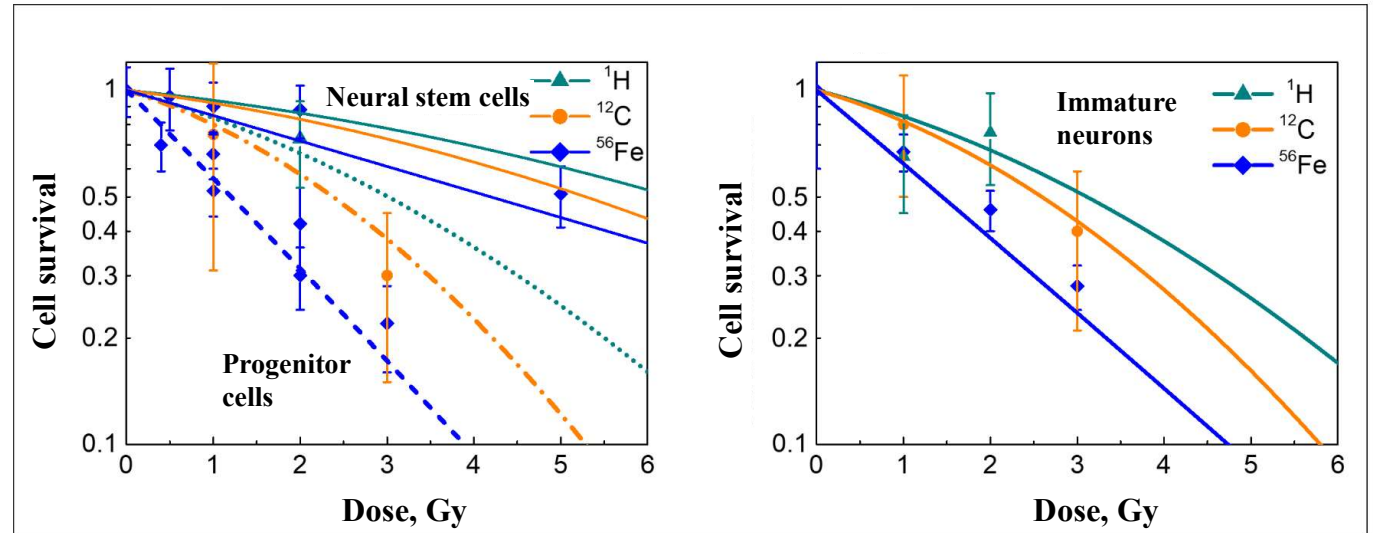
Computer simulations

- 1) Base damage BD
- 2) Single strand breaks SSB
- 3) Clustered SSB
- 4) Double strand breaks DSB
- 5) Clustered DSB



Survival of radiosensitive cells

Calculated survival of radiosensitive cells (neural stem cells, neural progenitor cells, immature neurons) after action of 1000 MeV protons, 290 MeV/u carbon ions, 600 MeV/u iron ions as compared with experimental data [Rola 2004, 2005, Tseng 2014].



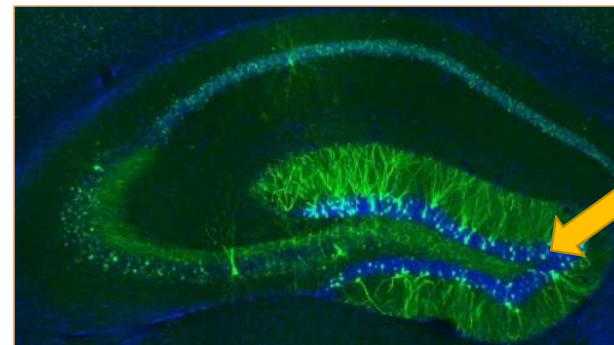
$$S(D, Y_{DSB}, N_{particle}) = \exp(-\alpha D - \beta D^2)$$

$$\alpha = Y_{DSB} \cdot P_{contrib} \cdot (1 - P_{correct})$$

$$\beta = 0.5 \cdot Y_{DSB} \cdot P_{contrib} \cdot Y_{DSB} \cdot P_{correct} / N_{particle}$$

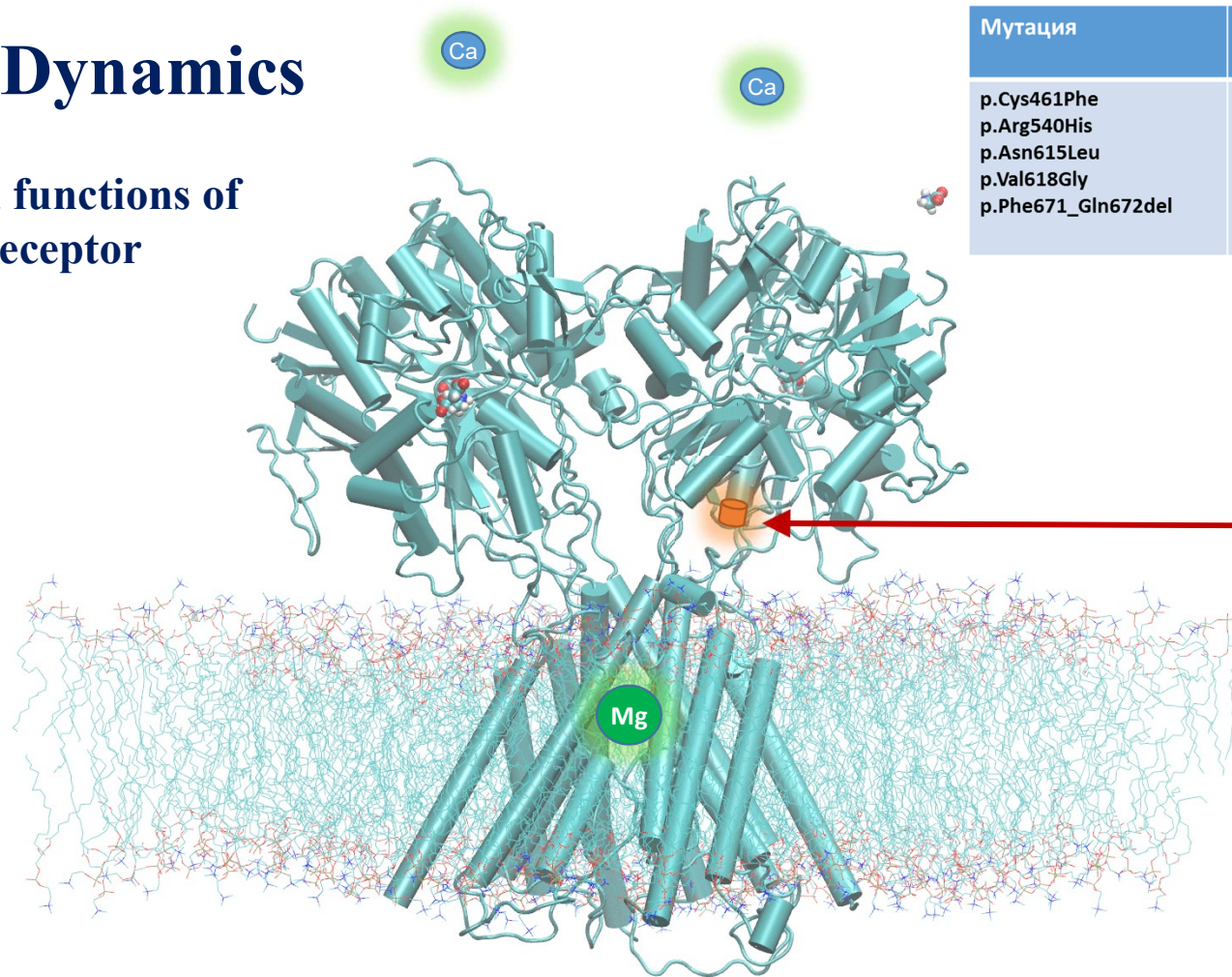
$$P_{contrib} = 1 - \exp(-Y_{DSB})$$

$$P_{correct} = [1 - \exp(-N_{particle})] \cdot [1 - \exp(-Y_{DSB})]$$



Molecular Dynamics

Structure and functions of NMDA receptor



Мутация	Заболевания
p.Cys461Phe p.Arg540His p.Asn615Leu p.Val618Gly p.Phe671_Gln672del	аутизм умственная отсталость, фокальная эпилепсия эпилепсия (синдром Веста, инфантильные спазмы) эпилепсия (синдром Веста, инфантильные спазмы) аутизм , умственная отсталость

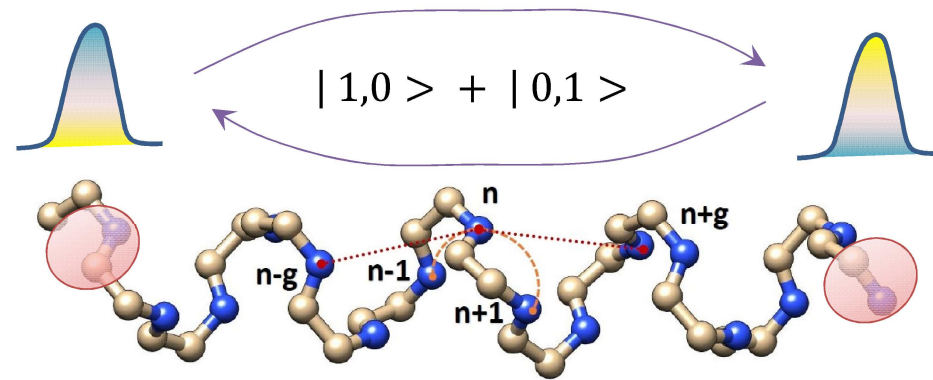
Microdeletion of p.Phe671_Gln672del results in the loss of two amino acids: phenylalanine and glutamine

Protein conformation change!

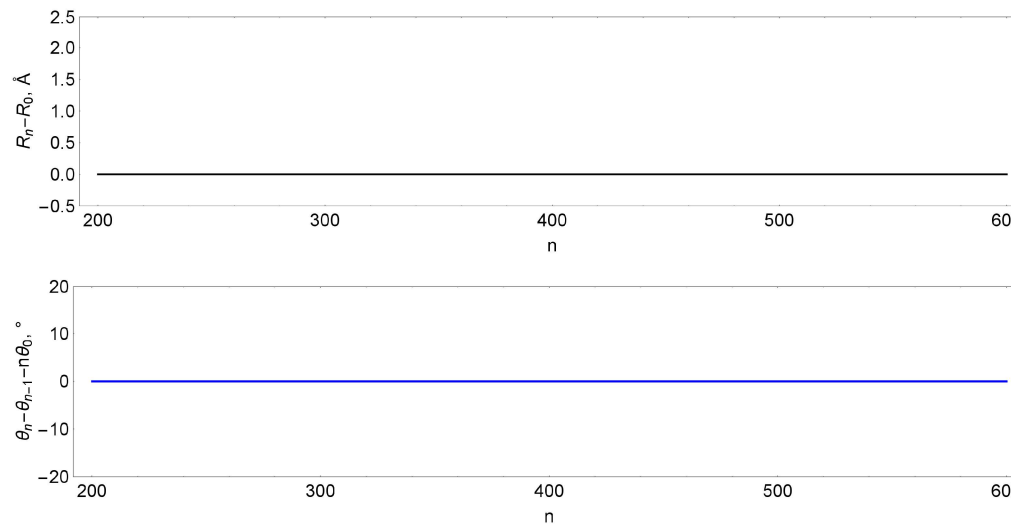
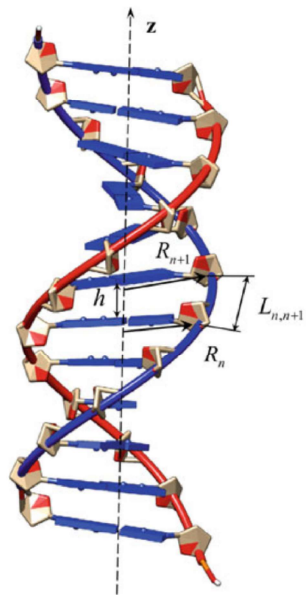
The function of synapses with a mutant receptor protein is impaired

Nonlinear dynamics and quantum information in biomolecules

- biophysics,
- bioinformatics,
- nonlinear dynamics,
- quantum correlations

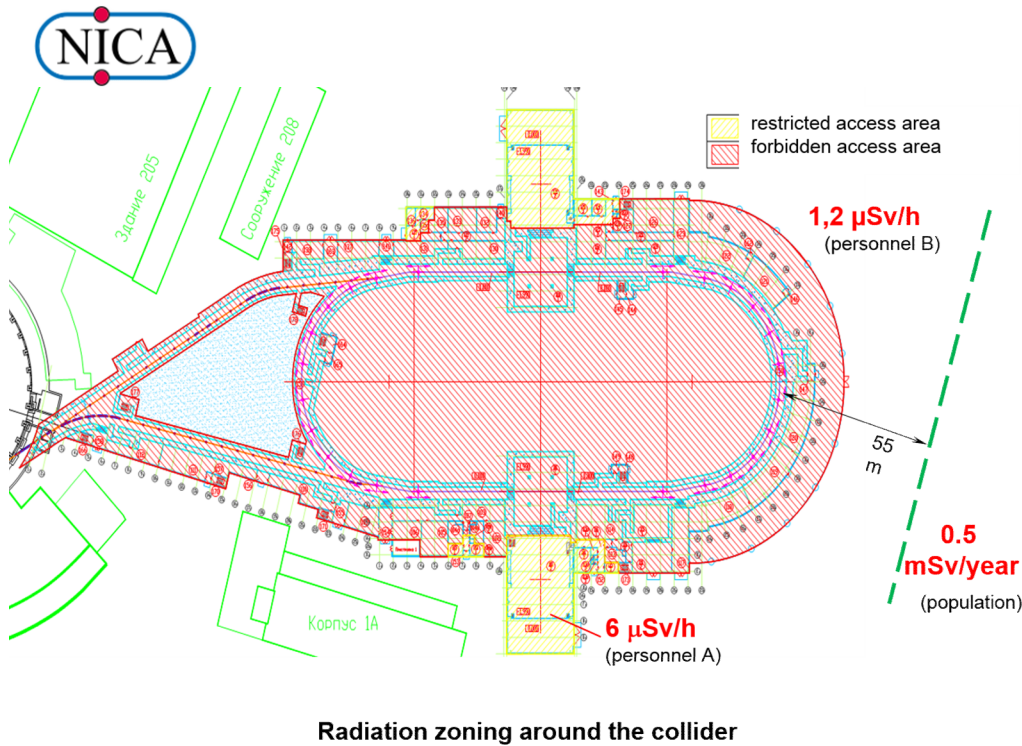


Quantum correlations in a model of protein alpha helix

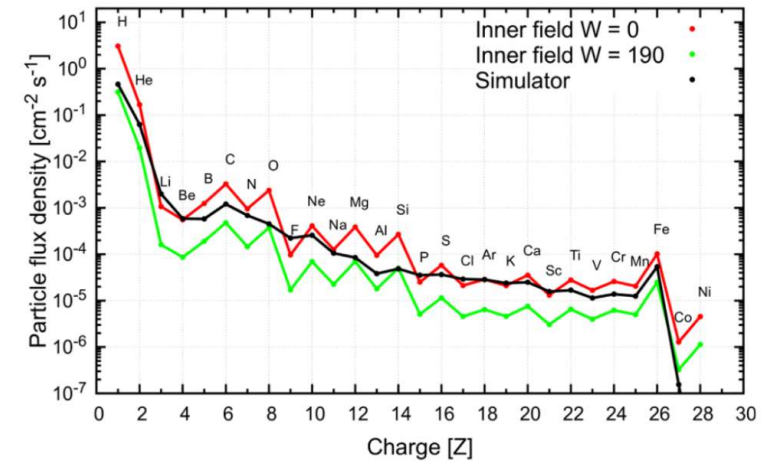
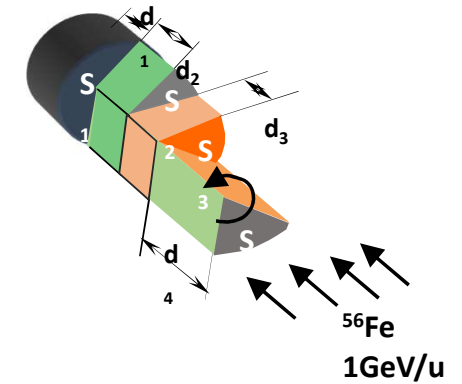


Collective excitation (soliton) in DNA chain

Radiation protection and dosimetry



A scheme of **Space Radiation Simulator** target to be installed at SIMBO station

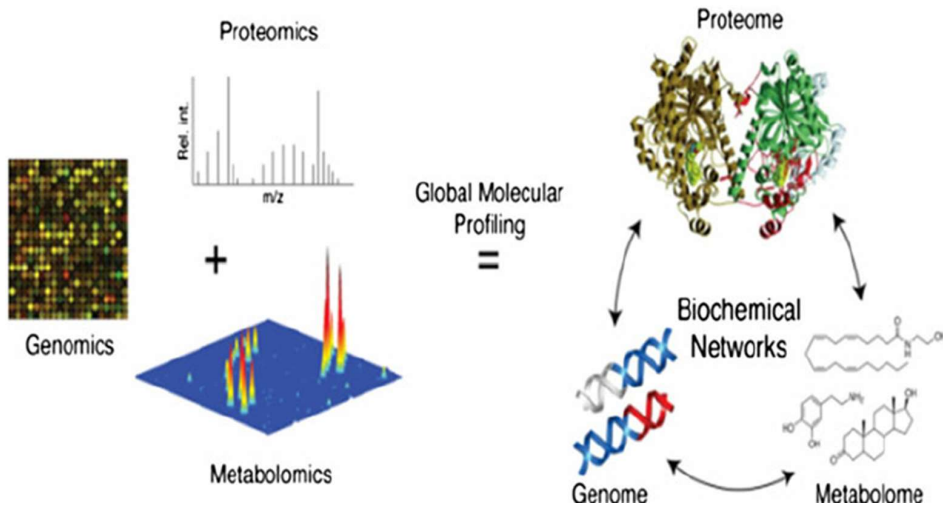


Comparison of space radiation charge spectra and simulator radiation field

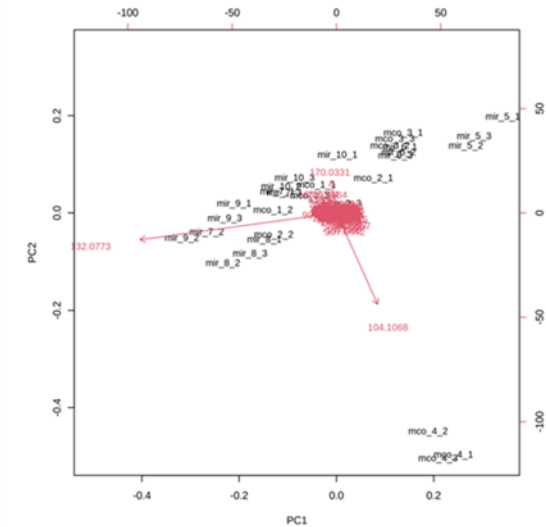
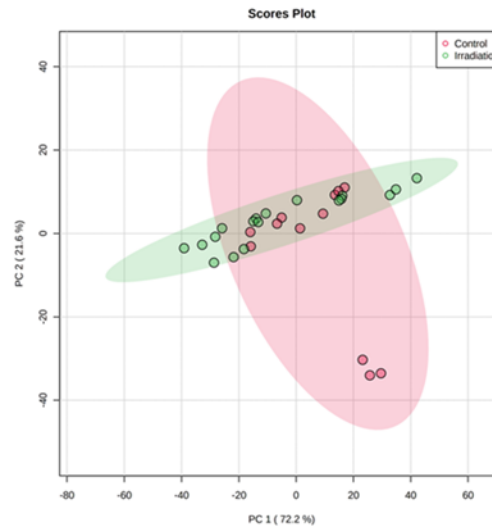
RADAT: Radiation Dose Assessment Team

Calculations of radiation environment around NICA complex and other JINR high energy accelerators

Data mining in OMICS



Analysis of LS-MS data obtained from mouse brain metabolome after proton irradiation



OMICS technologies:
Data-driven analysis of complex biological networks

Machine learning for automated biological data processing

The joint activity of MLIT and LRB aims to create an information system for analyzing behavioral and pathomorphological changes in irradiated animals

The information system is based on:

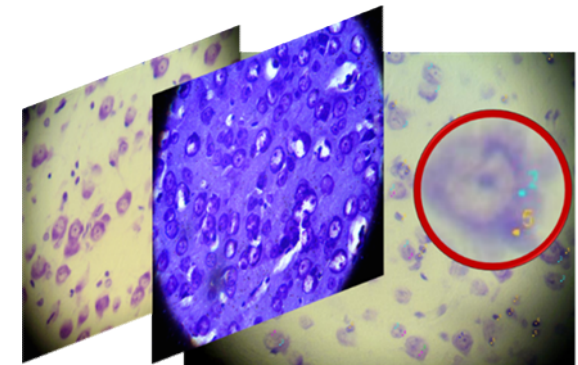
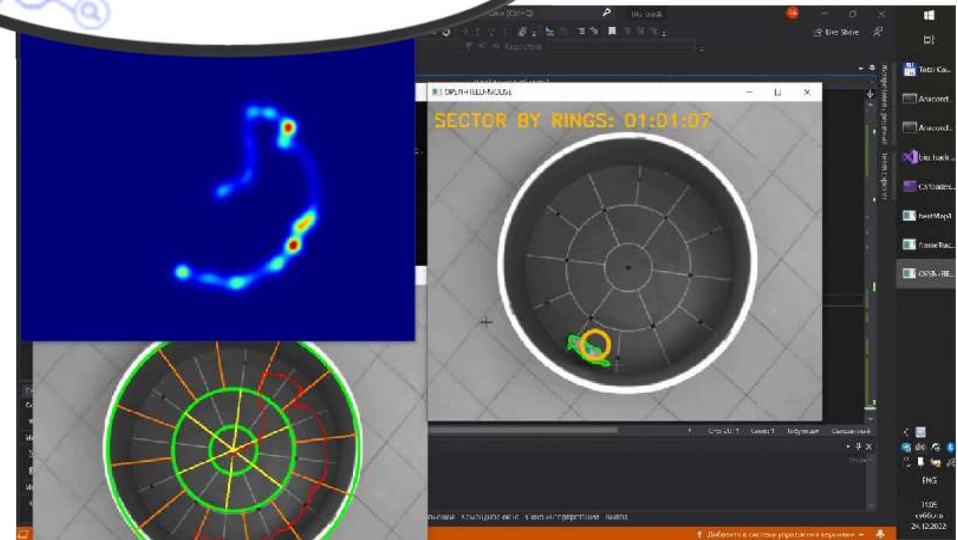
- computer vision algorithms based on machine learning and deep learning technologies;
- modern IT solutions for storage, processing and visualization data;

Main tasks

- Development of an information system;
- Development of protocols for labeling images and video materials;
- Testing of implemented algorithms and software designed for automated data processing.



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