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# **ARIADNA project:** Gates for cooperation in applied research at NICA

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### **MISSION FOR TODAY**

The workshop aims to review the status of the NICA project and to <u>discuss</u> the physics mission and the <u>programs of the NICA</u> experimental as well as the applied research planned at the facility

The NICA days workshop will serve to advertise the project with the goal to attract new collaborators from the scientific and engineering communities, young scientists and students in particular

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







#### 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	Intermediate-energy ion beams	High-energy ion beams
available at HILAC	available at Nuclotron	available at Nuclotron
3.2 MeV/nucleon	150-1000 MeV/nucleon	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: <sup>12</sup>C<sup>6+</sup>, <sup>40</sup>Ar<sup>18+</sup>, <sup>56</sup>Fe<sup>26+</sup>, <sup>84</sup>Kr<sup>36+</sup>, <sup>131</sup>Xe<sup>54+</sup>, <sup>197</sup>Au<sup>79</sup>

Irradiation of capsulated microcircuits with 150-350 MeV/nucleon ions. Ions like <sup>197</sup>Au<sup>79+</sup> 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: <sup>1</sup>H<sup>1+</sup>, <sup>2</sup>D<sup>1+</sup>, <sup>12</sup>C<sup>6+</sup>, <sup>40</sup>Ar<sup>18+</sup>, <sup>7</sup>Li<sup>3+</sup>

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 The Collaboration is being established in to perform experiments in the field order to perform activities and of life sciences at the NICA Complex with the experiments in radiation materials science **ARIADNA** beamlines and radiation testing of electronics at the **NICA Complex with the ARIADNA**

#### The Collaboration is being established in order to facilitate study of accelerator driven subcritical reactor systems with the use of ARIADNA beamlines

#### **Collaborating organizations**

beamlines

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

- 10. Kurnakov Institute of General and Inorganic Chemistry, RAS (Moscow, Russia)
- National Research Nuclear University MEPhI (Moscow, Russia) 11.
- Joint Institute of High Temperatures, RAS (Moscow, Russia) 12.
- North Ossetian State University (Vladikavkaz, Russia) 13.
- 14. Institute of Nuclear Problems of the Belarusian State University (Minsk, Belarus)
- CANDLE SRI, Yerevan, Armenia 15.
- Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia 16.
- 17. A.I. Alikhanyan National Science Laboratory (Yerevan Physics Institute), Yerevan, Armenia
- 18. Omsk State University, Omsk, Russia
- LLC Research and production company "Kvant-R" (Moscow, Russia) 19.
- 20. LLC "S-Innovations" (Moscow, Russia)
- 21. LLC "SOL-Instruments" (Minsk, Belarus)

#### **162 participants**

### **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 longterm exposure with high energy ions** was assembled at the outgoing beam available behind the BM@N facility. This target Heavy Ion Linac 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).



ARIADNA



### LOW-ENERGY TARGET STATION FOR TESTING OF DECAPSULATED

Vacuum chamber

#### **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.



# HIGH-ENERGY TARGET STATION FOR LONG-TERM EXPOSURE (AT THE BM@N FACILITY)

FIRST RUN OF THE TARGET STATION: 11 DECEMBER 2022 – 30 JANUARY 2023

#### FIRST HIGH-ENERGY BEAM FOR APPLIED RESEARCH AT NICA



#### 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)





Beam parameters		
lon types	<sup>12</sup> C <sup>6+</sup> , <sup>40</sup> Ar <sup>18+</sup> , <sup>56</sup> Fe <sup>26+</sup> , <sup>84</sup> Kr <sup>36+</sup> , <sup>131</sup> Xe <sup>54+</sup> , <sup>197</sup> Au <sup>79</sup>	
lon energy, MeV/n	150-350	
lon flux density, particle/(cm <sup>2.</sup> s)	10 <sup>2</sup> 1×10 <sup>5</sup>	
Fluence per session, ion/(cm <sup>2</sup> )	10 <sup>7</sup>	
Area of chip irradiation of 20×20 mm without scanning, mm	Ø <b>30</b>	
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)	1…70 MeV∙cm²/mg	

### TARGET STATION FOR BIOLOGICAL OBJECTS (SIMBO)

#### **Beam parameters**



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

The target station is located inside an artificial climate box

E. Syresin et al.

### TARGET STATION FOR ADS AND RELATED APPLICATIONS (SHINE)



#### **Beam parameters**

lons	<sup>12</sup> C <sup>6+</sup> , <sup>40</sup> Ar <sup>18+</sup> , <sup>7</sup> Li <sup>3+</sup> , <sup>1</sup> p <sup>1+</sup> , <sup>2</sup> D <sup>1+</sup>
Ion energy, GeV/n	0.3-4.0
Ion intensity, 1/s	<sup>1</sup> P <sup>1+</sup> , <sup>2</sup> D <sup>1+</sup> - 10 <sup>10</sup> <sup>12</sup> C <sup>6+</sup> , <sup>7</sup> Li <sup>3+</sup> - 10 <sup>9</sup>
Nuclear impurities with non goal Z, %	5
Field of irradiation, mm	Ø <b>20-50</b>
Fluence at irradiation of a single object	>10 <sup>14</sup>

The target station is developed for nuclear power applications and ADS. Light ion beams at energy of 0.3-4 GeV/n 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. *S. Tiytiynnikov, M. Paraipan, A. Baldin et al.* 

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

### PILLARS OF APPLIED RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH NICA BEAMS

#### **Radiation effects in microelectronics**



Novel technologies for accelerator-driven systems (ADS)



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

### I. SPACE RESEARCH WORK PACKAGE

- Simulation of space radiation components in Earth-based conditions.
- Characterizing the isolated risk from space radiation in both the biological and electronic contexts.
- Development of adequate countermeasures against the space radiation.

The research be conducted at NICA seeks to increase the safety of space exploration through radiobiology and electronic device studies. ARIADNA will use beams of heavy ions extracted from NICA accelerators to simulate the high energy cosmic rays found in space. ARIADNA will features state-of-the-art specimen preparation resources, its own beam line dedicated to life science research and radiation hardening of space electronics. Other experiments will be focused on the use of industrial materials as samples, studying their suitability for space suits and spacecraft shielding.







### **RISK ASSESSMENT IN LONG-TERM MANNED SPACE MISSIONS**



Individual differences in radiation sensitivity and susceptibility

Chronic or late effects

Cancer Cataract Degenerative diseases of brain. lung cardiovascular, digestive endocrine, immune and reproductive systemes

#### Acute effects

Acute radiation syndrome - prodromal syndrome - hematopoietic syndrome Skin effects

Selection campaigns—genome-wide association studies radioprotective pharmaceuticals—hibernation (synthetic torpor) food supplements—genome editing.



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### 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)

ROSS





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

### **RADIATION PROTECTION IN SPACE: PHARMACEUTICAL CORRECTION**

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.



rMnSOD 0.25G

0.25Gy+rMnSOD 0.5Gy+rMnSOD 1.0Gy+rMnSOD rMnSOD+1.0Gy

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.

Cataldi S, Borrelli A, Ceccarini MR, Nakashidze I, Codini M, Belov O, Ivanov A, et al. Acid and Neutral Sphingomyelinase Behavior in Radiation-Induced Liver Pyroptosis and in the Protective/Preventive Role of rMnSOD. Int J Mol Sci. 2020, 21(9), 3281.

### **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



/R.C. Baumann, 2013 NSREC Short Course/

- 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/



### **II. CLINICAL WORK PACKAGE:**

### **DNA** REPAIR 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

Modified from O. Belov et al., 2015–2023

### **IMPROVEMENT OF RADIOTHERAPY TECHNIQUES**

- Study of ion beam effects on redox properties and biological activity of nanoparticles of rare-earth metals in various modifications, for their further use as radioprotectors/radiosensitizers in radiotherapy.
- Study of ion beam effects in model cell-free systems and media, as well as on 2D and 3D cell cultures. Analysis of the influence of ion beams on the functioning, metabolic activity, differentiation and DNA repair system in stem cells of the whole organism.
- Studies for improvement of treatment planning in ion therapy sessions.



Jiade J. Lu et al. IAEA Scientific Forum, 2017



### **NICA** DETECTOR TECHNOLOGIES FOR MEDICINE



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



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

### **III. MATERIALS SCIENCE WORKING PACKAGE:**

#### **R**ADIATION MODIFICATION OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE SUPERCONDUCTING TAPES

- 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 <sup>124</sup>Xe<sup>54+</sup> 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.









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







### RADIATION MODIFICATION OF POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (PTFE), POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PET), POLYETHYLENE (PE) AND POLYIMIDE (PI) FILMS



- 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 energydispersive elemental analysis, atomic force microscopy and low-temperature nitrogen sorption, wettability with respect to water and heptane, optical and infrared spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy of diffuse frustrated total internal reflection, spectroscopy and specular reflection, laser Doppler strainmetry.

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





Formula:  $(C_2F4)_n$ Density TRM-PTFE: 2.20 g/cm<sup>3</sup> Irradiation area at the film: 23 x 34 mm

#### EXPOSURE TO 3,2 MEV/NUCLEON <sup>124</sup>XE<sup>54+</sup> IONS

Irradiation in a vacuum chamber Sample # 1 (20  $\mu$ m):  $\phi$  = 1.08 x 10<sup>6</sup> particles/cm<sup>2</sup> Sample # 2 (20  $\mu$ m):  $\phi$  = 1.12 x 10<sup>5</sup> particles/cm<sup>2</sup>

Sample # 3 (100  $\mu$ m):  $\Phi$  = 1.08 x 10<sup>6</sup> particles/cm<sup>2</sup>



50 mm



### **IV. APPLIED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY WORK PACKAGE**

Accelerator Driven Systems (ADS) are the nuclear systems based on interaction of particle beams extracted from the accelerator with deeply subcritical quasyinfinite 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 <sup>4</sup>He realize higher energy gain than protons. When particles are accelerated in a LINAC, at low accelerator length a beam of <sup>7</sup>Li 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.





### **V. ROUTINE ANALYSIS: DOSIMETRY AND ACTIVATION MEASUREMENTS AFTER IRRADIATION**





**OCTAVIUS Detector 1500 XDR** 





Ion chamber

TM34001 Roos

Gamma

Ion chamber TM30010-1



DKS-AT5350/1









### Status of the ARIADNA Research Programme @ NICA



Sapphire

samples

**ARIADNA – Applied Research Infrastructure for Advanced Developments at NICA fAcility** 

#### **First High-energy Beam for Applied Research @ NICA**



ARIADNA

#### 124XF24+ 3.8 GEV/NUCLEON

First run: 11 December 2022 - 30 January 2023

Beam trace at the EBT3 radiochromic film

#### **The Research Programme** is STARTED



Beam profile A = 34.2 mm $B = 29.3 \, mm$ The most uniform  $b = 9.0 \, mm$ 







**Radiation Materials Science** 





Installation of dosimetry equipment and samples to ARIADNA target station in BM@N zone

#### **Development of ARIADNA Collaborations**

- Composition of collaboration: 21 institution;
- Total number of participants (as of 6 September 2023): 157. ٠









# Composite material at ISS



**Composite Materials** 



New composite material for ROSS

#### **Radiation Modifications** In High-temperature Superconductors





area:  $a = 12.0 \, mm$ 

Multilayer film packs

for exposure

Beam direction



## WAYS OF GETTING INVOLVED IN ARIADNA



- As a **member of ARIADNA collaboration**: get in touch with us and we will provided instructions on signing an MoU to become a member of the collaboration.
- As a **user:** just prepare and submit you proposal for consideration.
- As an **ARIADNA partner:** let us know how you think you/your research team or company can contribute to ARIADNA and we can prepare a relevant application to be discussed with NICA management.



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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