



Research Directions in the Frank Laboratory of Neutron Physics

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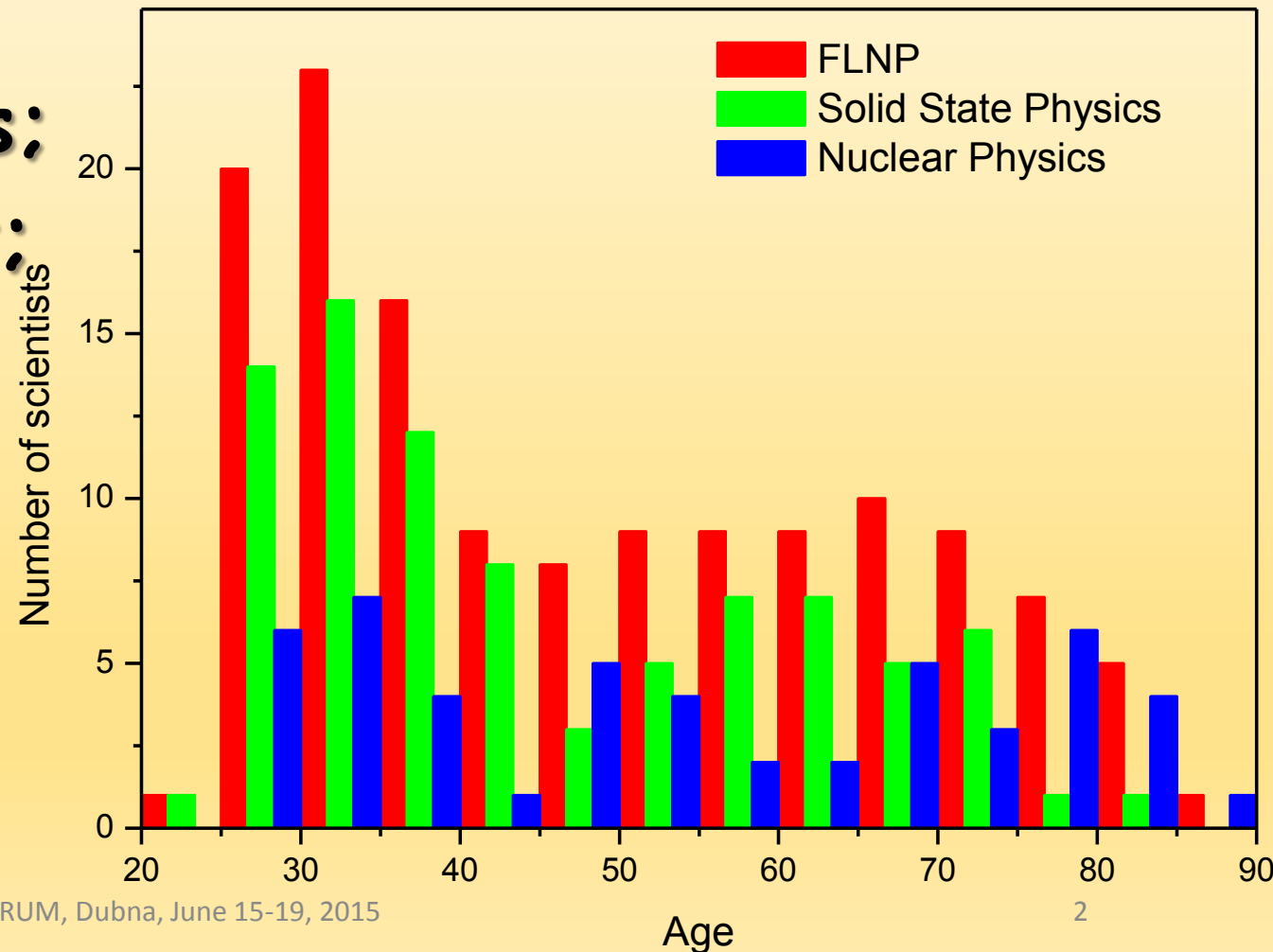
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FLNP some numbers



- 457 staff members, 72 from member countries;
 - 150 scientists;
 - 140 engineers
- Average age - 48 years;
- 18 M\$ - annual budget;





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About Laboratory

News

17/09/2012

We are pleased to announce that the call for proposals for experiments at the IBR-2 spectrometers for the first half of 2013 is now open. Applications for beam time can be submitted at ibr-2.jinr.ru (please note that our site address has changed). The deadline for submission is November 1, 2012. [More>>](#)

Web-site for proposal submission for IBR-2
ibr-2.jinr.ru

[Current power of the IBR-2 reactor and state of the shutters](#)

[Work schedule of the IBR-2 reactor in 2012](#)

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27/04/2012

The JINR obtained the Rostekhnadzor (Federal Service for Ecological, Technological and Nuclear Supervision) license to operate the IBR-2 research nuclear facility at 2 MW. According to the [Work schedule of the IBR-2 facility in 2012](#) six cycles of physical experiments on the extracted neutron beams will be carried out. The seven spectrometers (YuMO, HRFD, REMUR, REFLEX, FSD, DN-12, DIN-2PI) placed in service in 2011 will be in operation during the first reactor cycle, from May 21 to June 1. The NAA REGATA instrument has also been prepared to operation.



17/10/2011

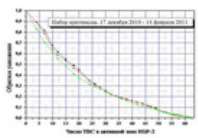
The IBR-2 reactor achieved the rated power of 2MW on October 12, 2011 at 14.34. The program of power start-up has been completed and the reactor operates at 2MW for test physical experiments at extracted neutron beams.

14/07/2011

Results of physical start-up of pulsed reactor IBR-2M.
[Report of chief engineer of FLNP A.V.Vinogradov at the PAC Meeting on Condensed Matter](#)
27-28.06.11

20/02/2011

Modernization of IBR-2 has been completed! Physical start-up of the reactor is in progress. On 04.02.2011 at 12.35 reactor IBR-2M reached subcritical conditions for delayed neutrons with accelerating period of about 300 s and power of 10 W. [More>>](#)



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Virtual excursion to IBR-2M spectrometers

<http://uc2.jinr.ru/pano/Inf/>



Virtual excursion to IREN facility

<http://uc2.jinr.ru/pano/iren/>

FLNP research directions



- Two scientific directions:
 - Neutron nuclear physics;
 - Condensed matter physics;
- Methodic;
- Basic facilities:
 - IBR-2M;
 - IREN;

IBR-2M



JINR Directorate members at the reactor hall



Loading of first fuel assembly into the active zone

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First power stage was started on July 5 2011



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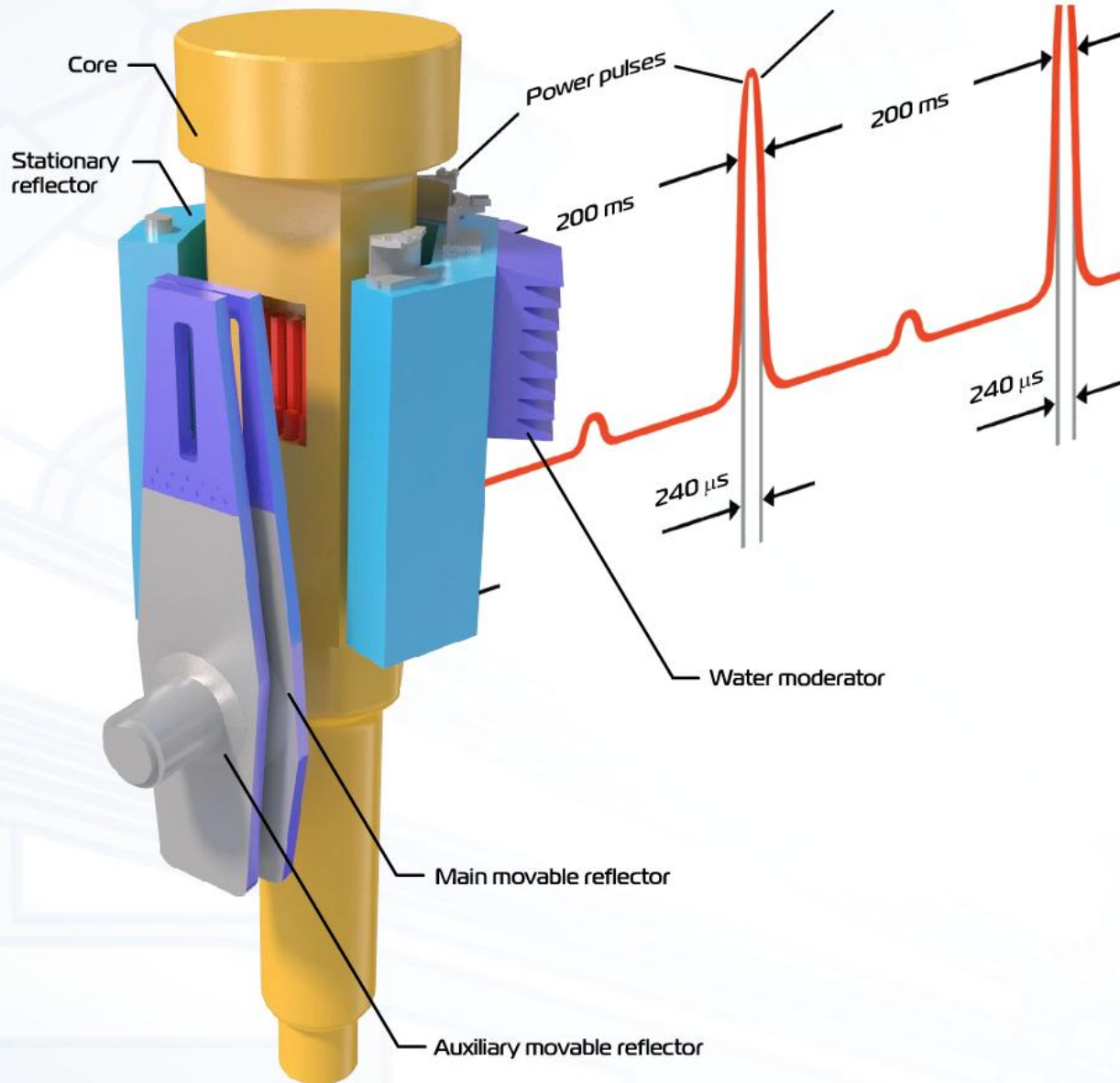


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BRAZIL-JINR FORUM, Dubna, June 15-19, 2015



Parameters of IBR-2M

[MAIN MENU](#)


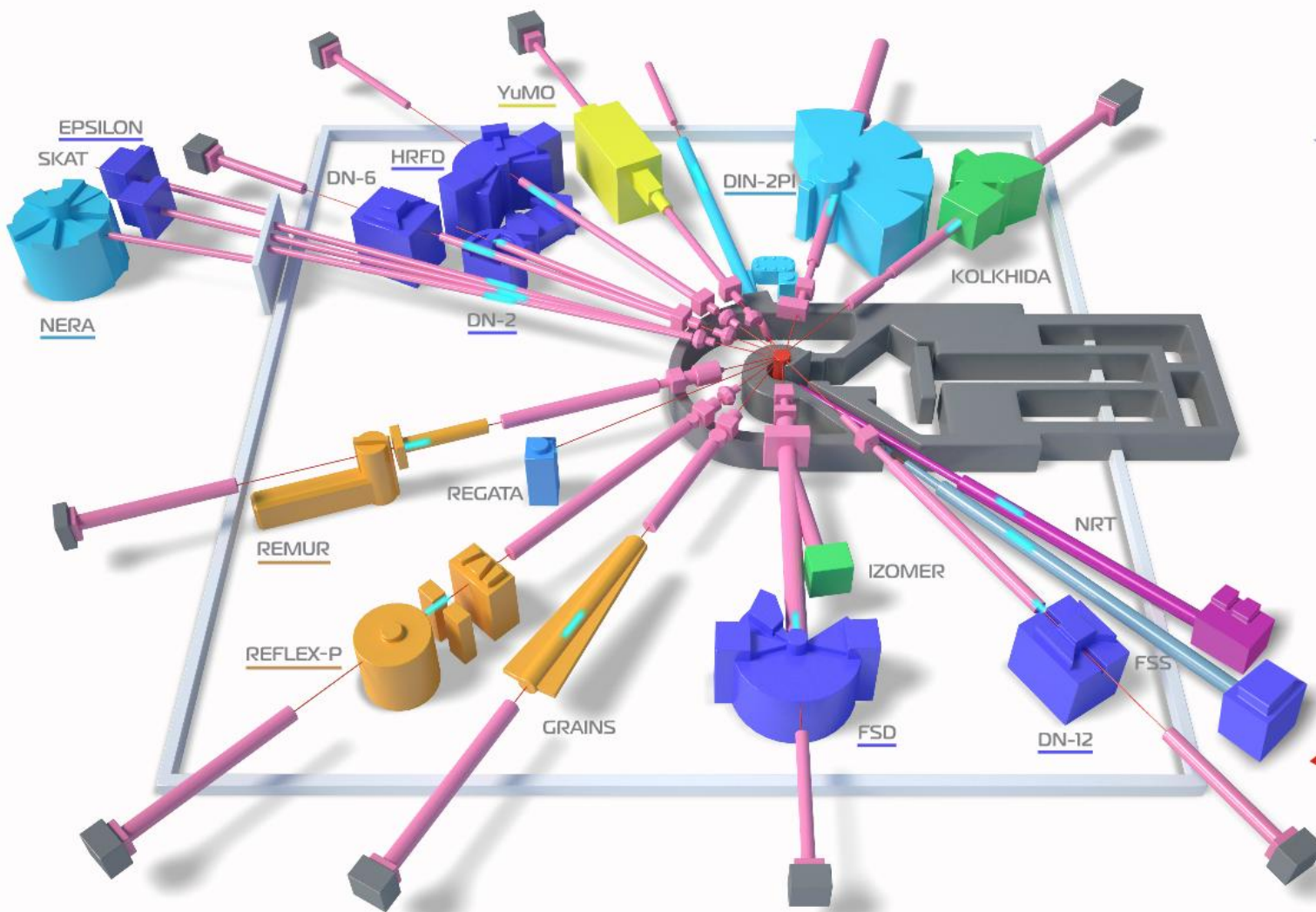
Average power, MW	2
Burst power, MW	1850
Fuel	PuO ₂
Number of fuel assemblies	69
Maximum burnup, %	9
Pulse repetition rate, Hz	5; 10
Pulse half-width, μs: fast neutrons thermal neutrons	240 320
Rotation rate, rev/min: main reflector auxiliary reflector	600 300
MMR and AMR material	nickel + steel
MR service life, hours	55000
Background, %	7.5
Thermal neutron flux density from the surface of the moderator*: - time average - burst maximum	~10 ¹³ n/cm ² ·s ~10 ¹⁶ n/cm ² ·s

* More precise data on the thermal neutron flux density after the modernization will be available when the reactor operates at full power.

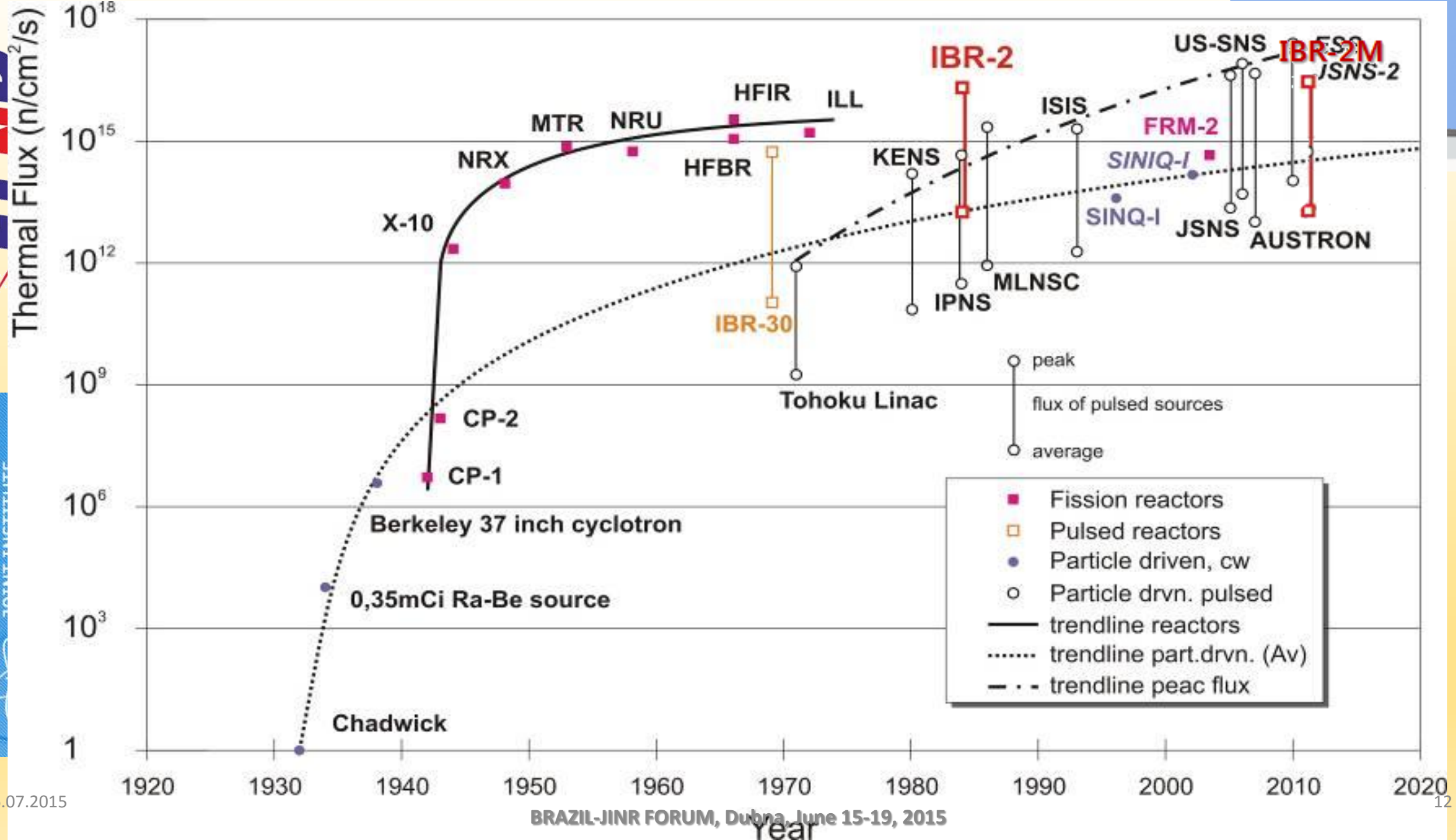


Experimental facilities

MAIN MENU

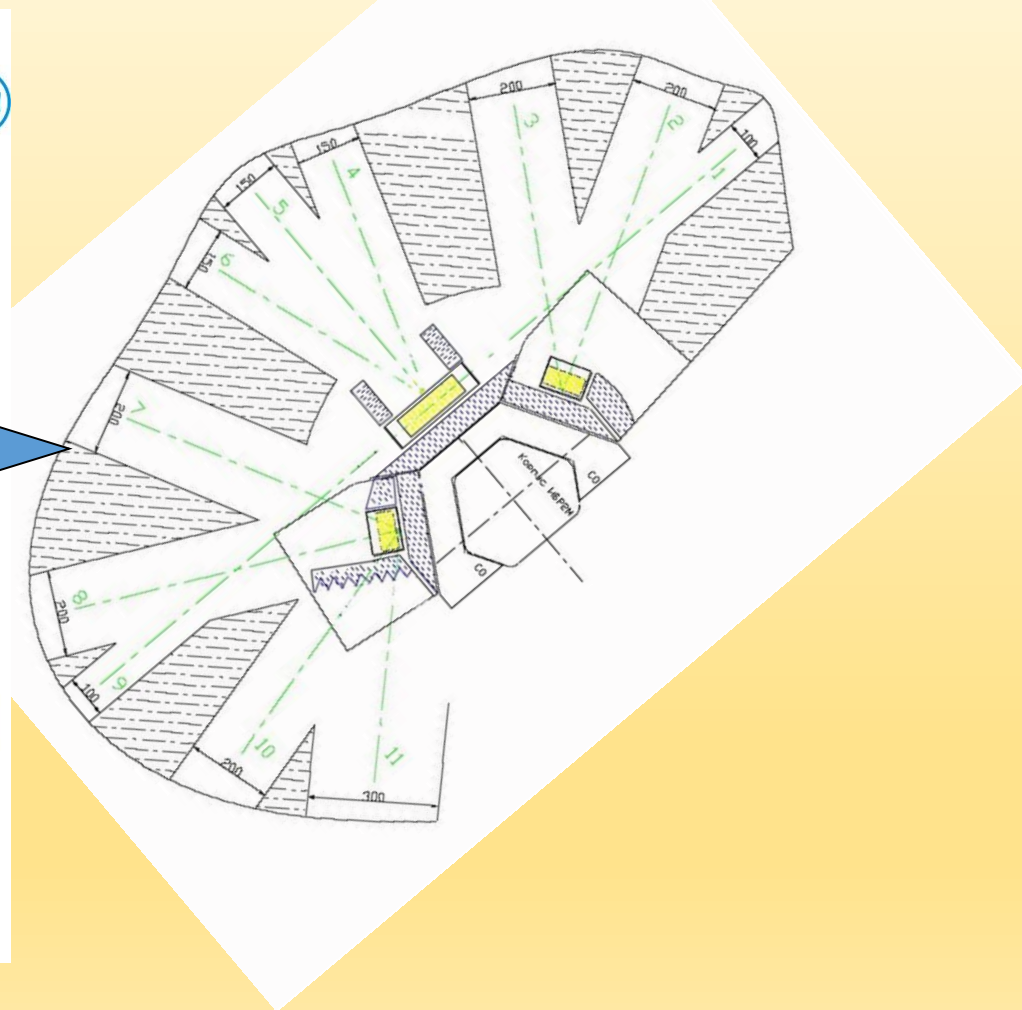
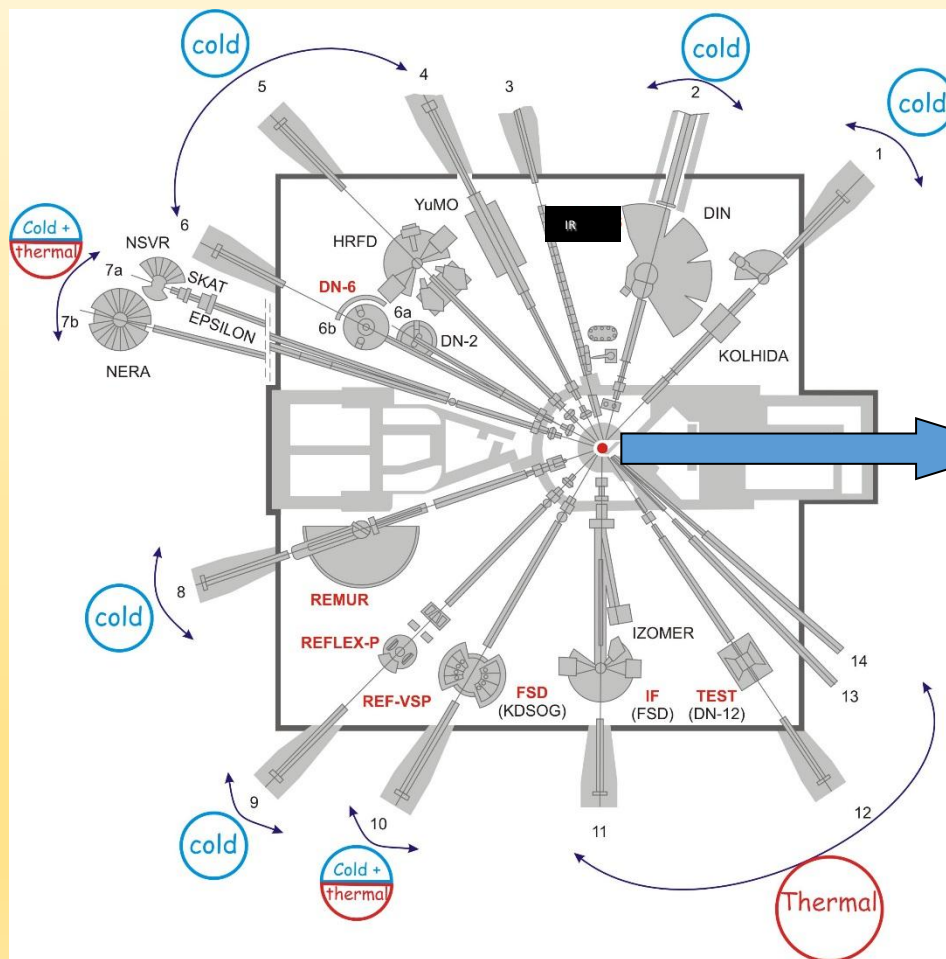


- Diffraction**
 DN-2, DN-12, DN-6, FSD, FSS, HRFD, SKAT, EPSILON
- Small-angle scattering**
 YuMO
- Reflectometry**
 GRAINS, REFLEX-P, REMUR
- Inelastic scattering**
 DIN-2PI, NERA
- Nuclear Physics**
 ISOMER, KOLHIDA
- Neutron Activation Analysis**
 REGATA
- Neutron imaging**
 NRT



Complex of moderators of the IBR-2 reactor

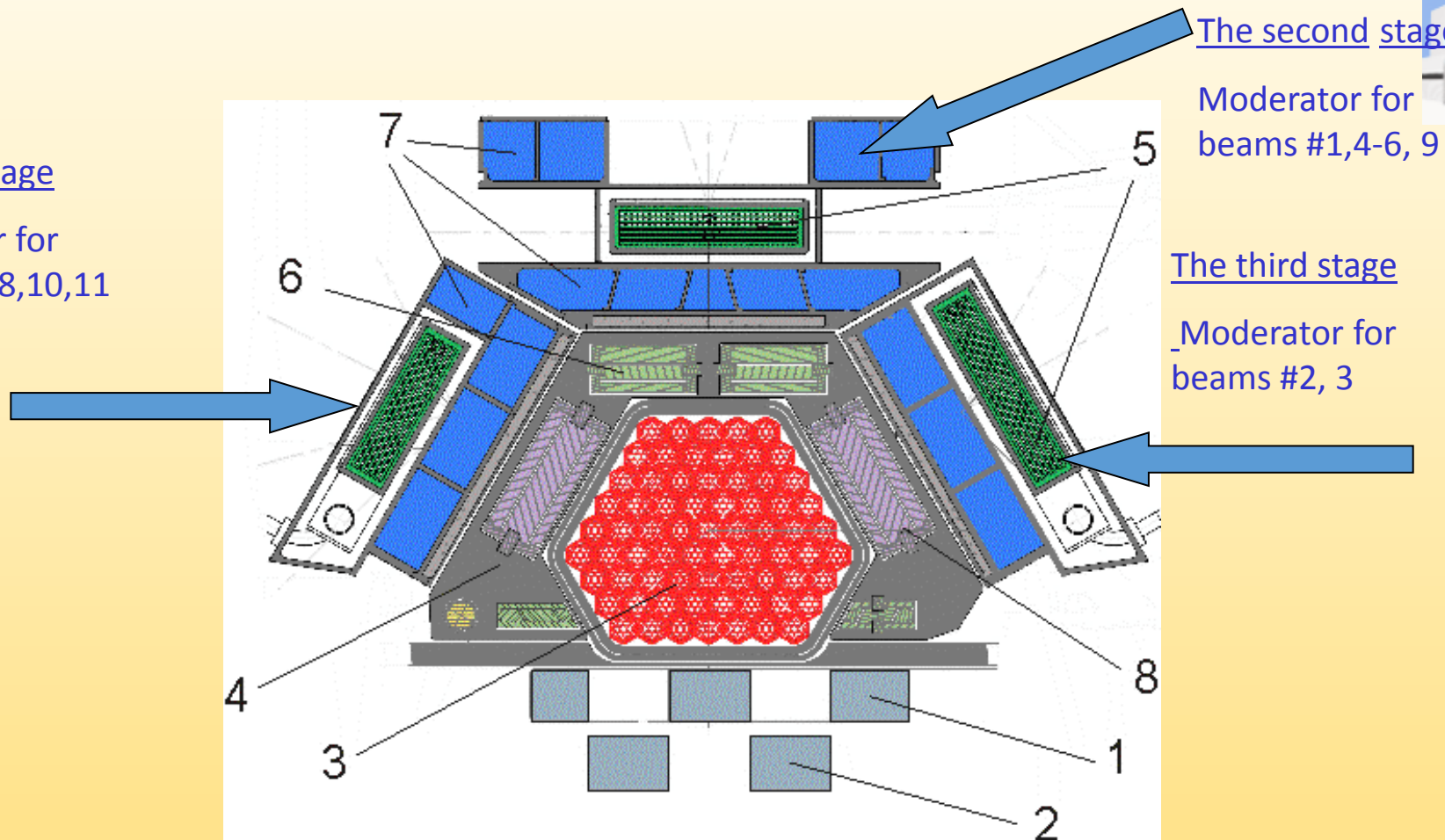
The neutron moderators with cold part slow down neutrons on 9 orders of magnitude. (from the energy of MeV (reactor core) down to meV (moderator surface))



Complex of moderators of the IBR-2M reactor



The first stage
Moderator for
beams #7,8,10,11



The second stage

Moderator for
beams #1,4-6, 9

The third stage

Moderator for
beams #2, 3

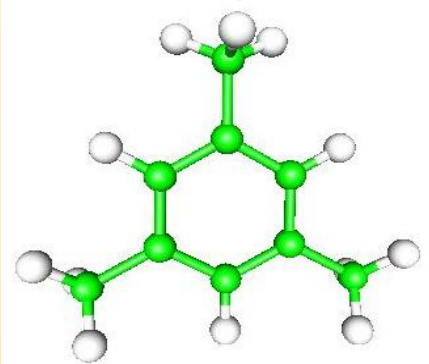
1. Main moveable reflector,
2. Auxillary moveable reflector,
3. Fuel assembly,
4. Stationary reflector,

5. Cold moderators,
6. Emergency system,
7. Water moderators,
8. Control rods;

Solid mesitylene as a material for cold moderators

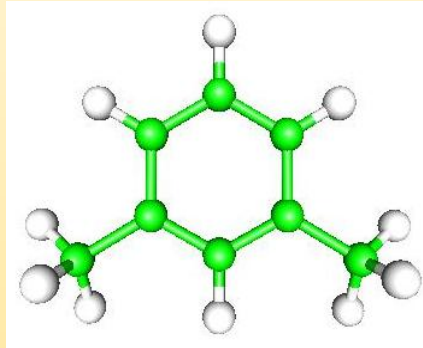


mesitylene



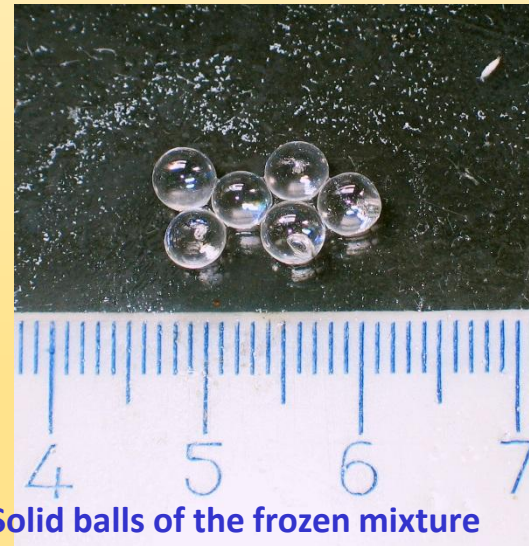
$T_m = 227 \text{ K}$

m-xylene



$T_m = 225 \text{ K}$

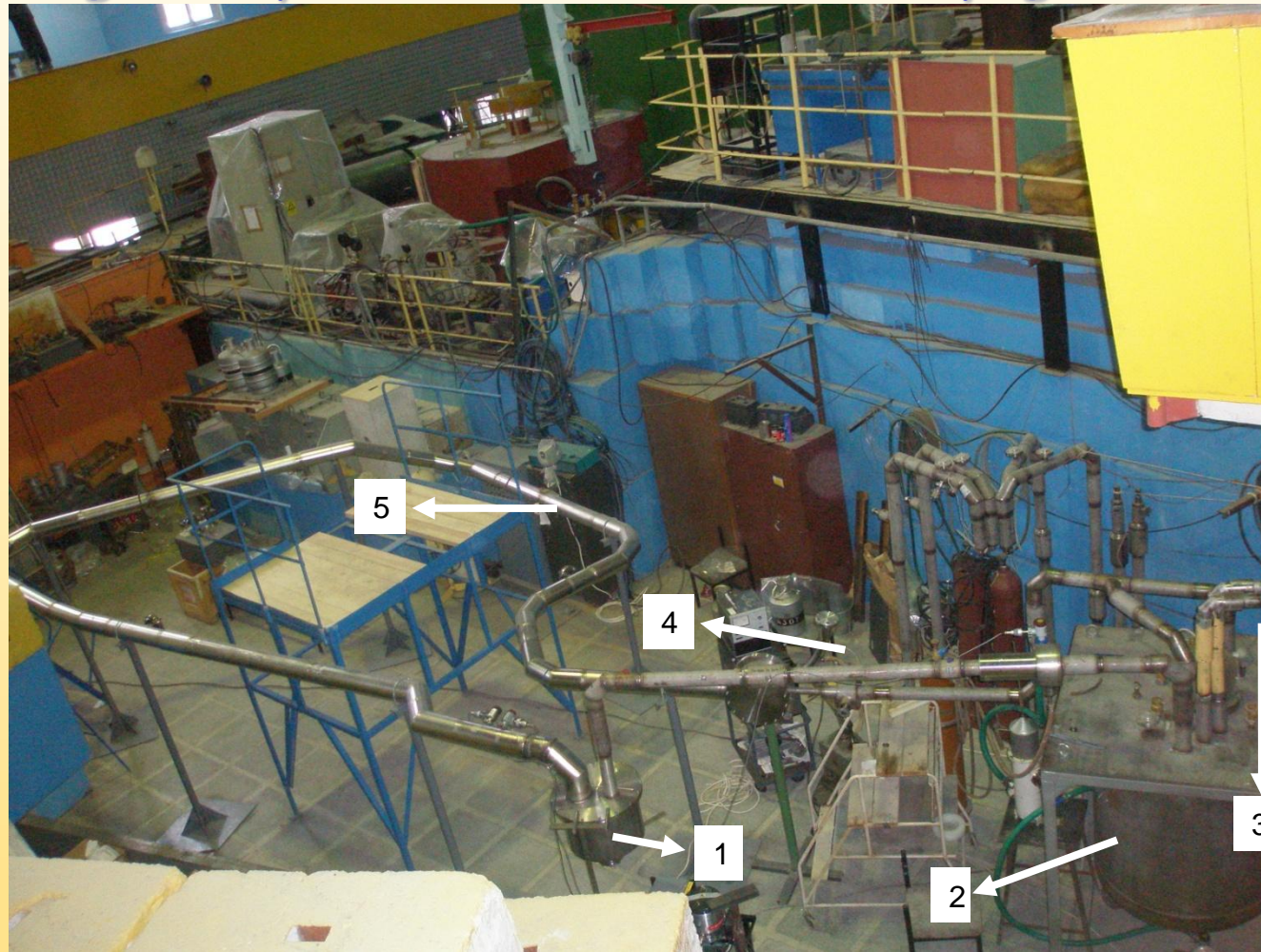
Mixture with *m*-xylene or pseudocumene is of glassy structure, and has good neutron thermalization property.



Solid balls of the frozen mixture of mesitylene and *m*-xylene

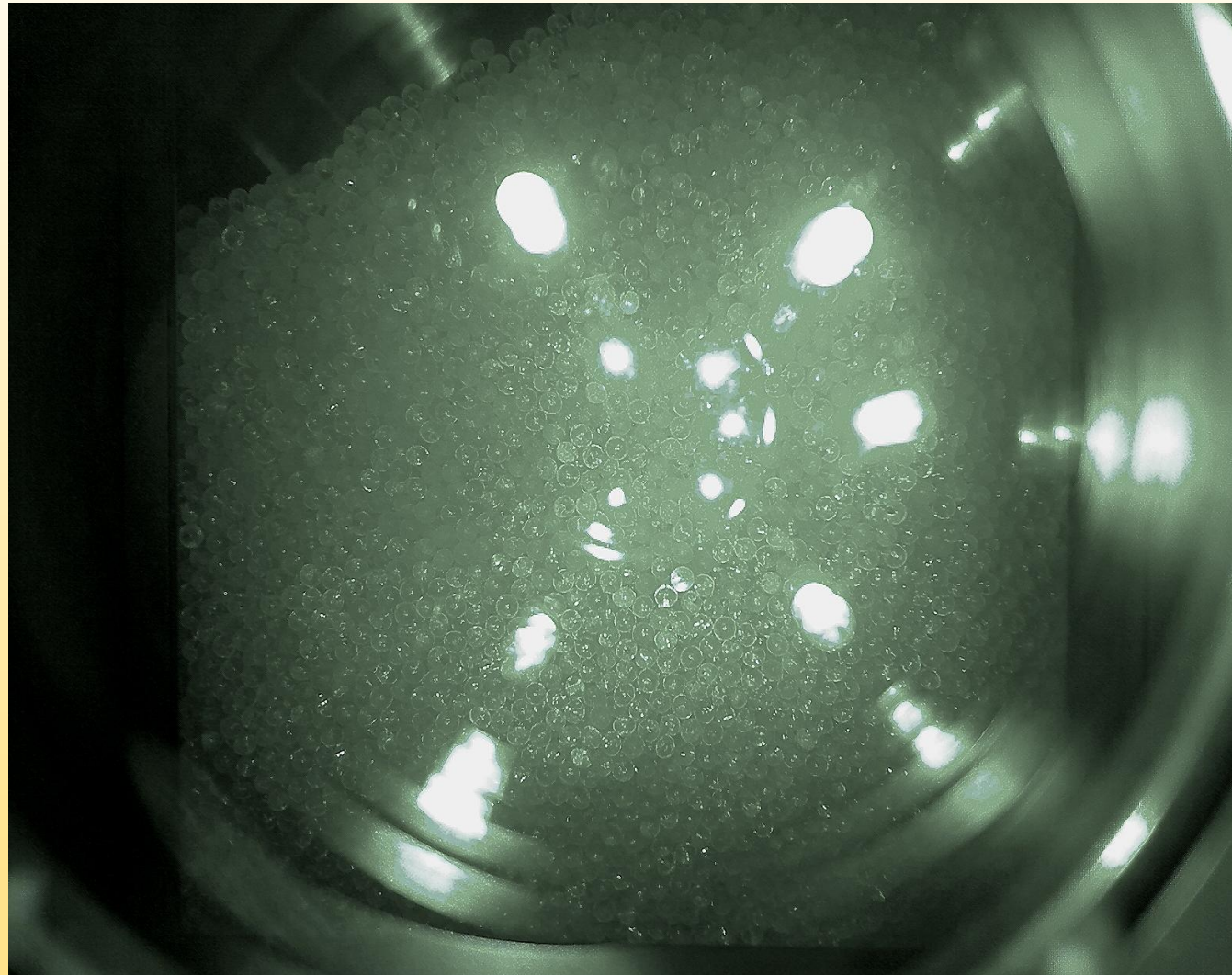


The full scaled model of the conveying path and technological system of the IBR-2 cryogenic moderator



1 – chamber-imitator of cryogenic moderator, 2 – thermal exchanger with helium blower, 3 - cryogenic pipelines from\to refrigerator, 4 – charging device, 5 – transport cryogenic pipeline

View through windows into the chamber



Completely loaded chamber (18 cm x 18 cm x 4 cm) by beads. Temperature inside is ~50K

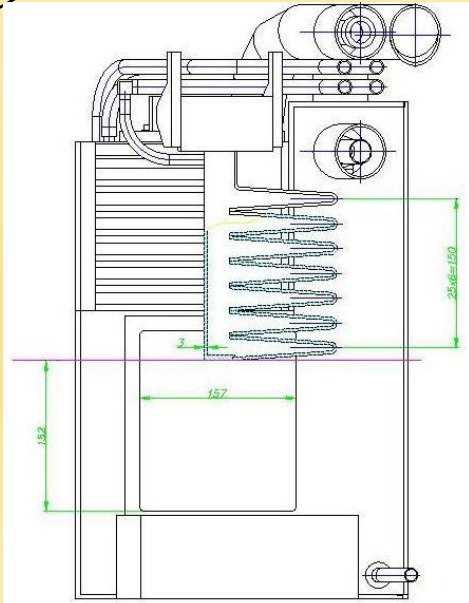
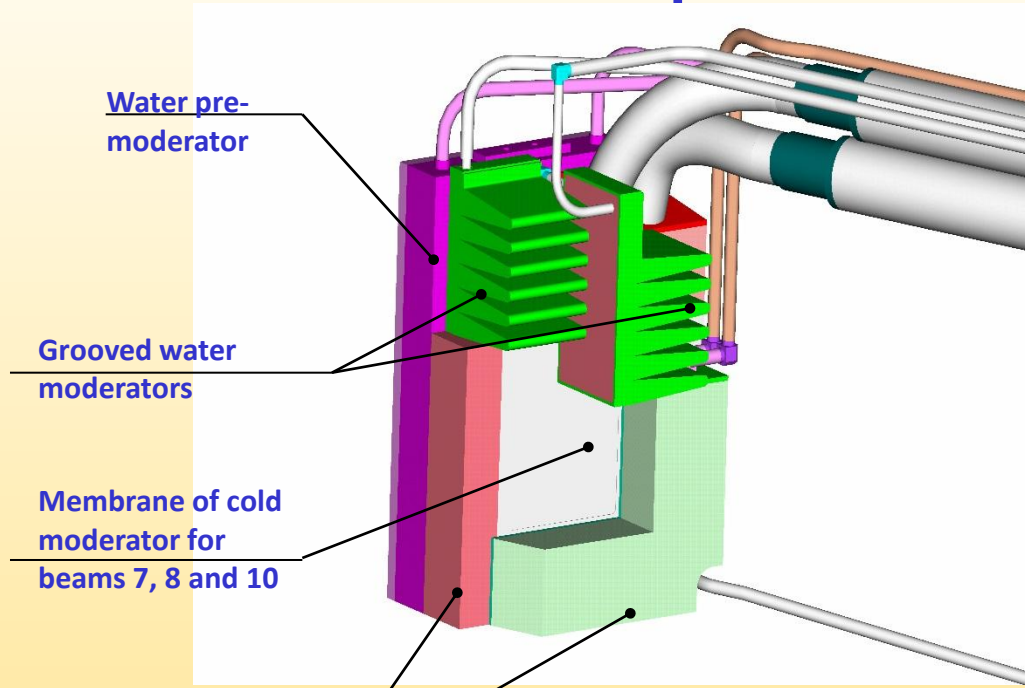
(1 l of volume of cryogenic moderator is ~ 24 000 of beads, $d=3.8$ mm)



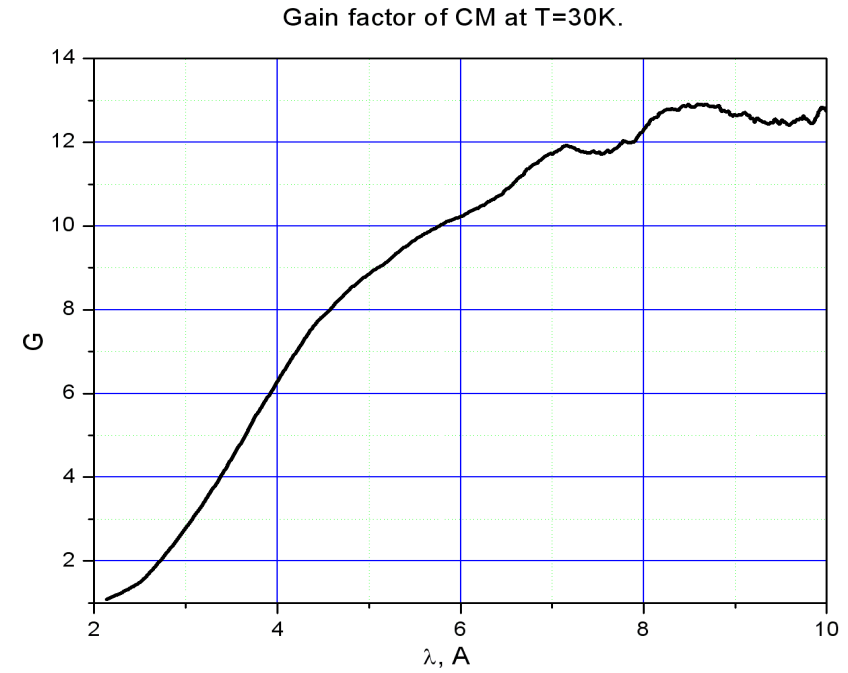
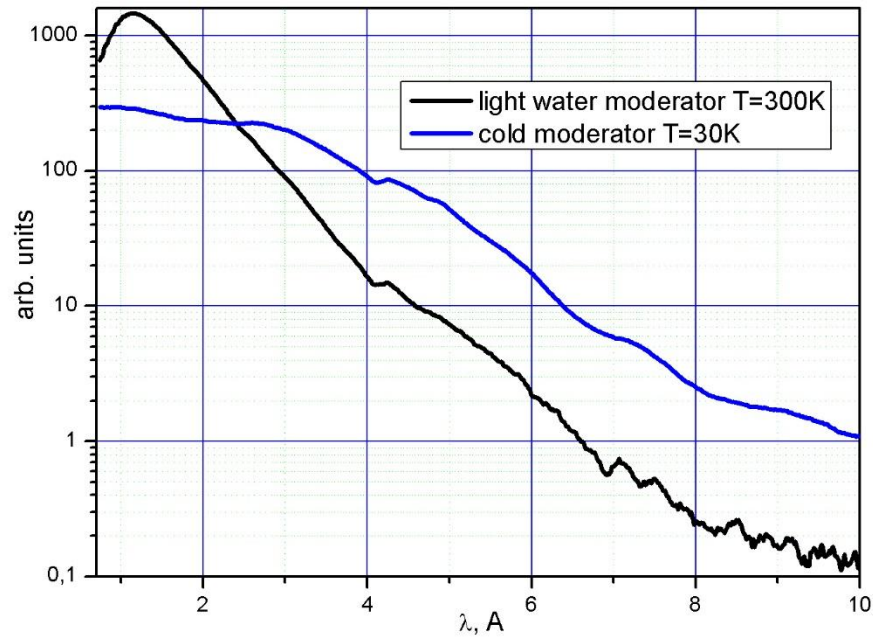
Bi-spectral moderator for beams 7,8,10,11



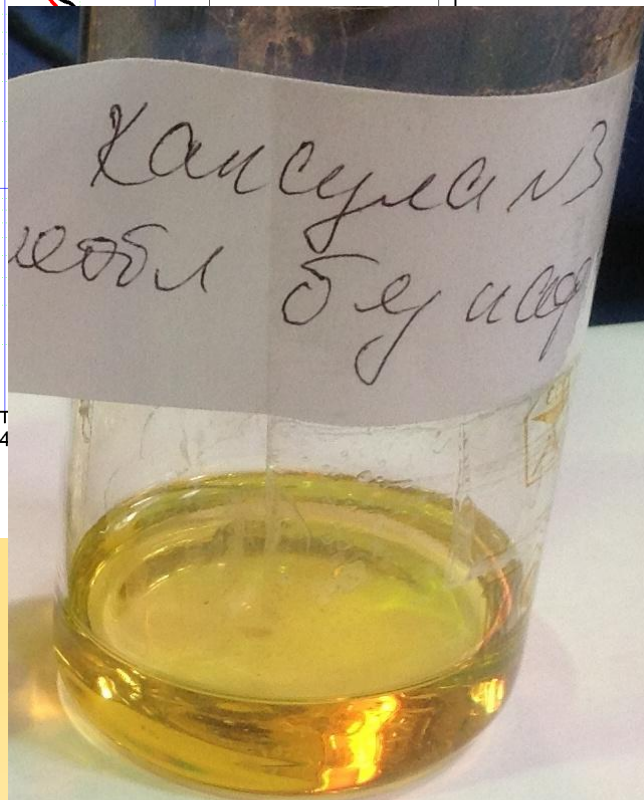
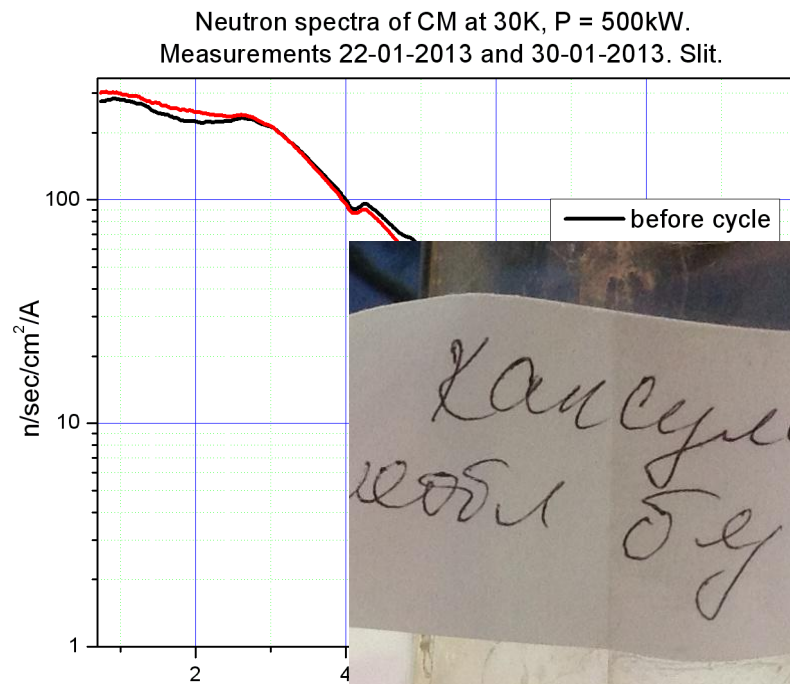
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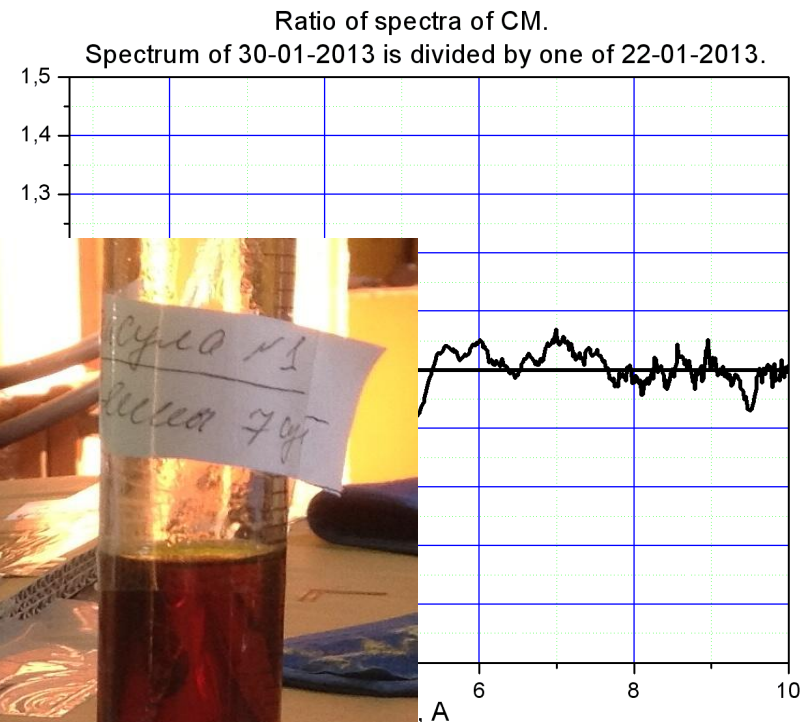
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Measurements of spectra change after 7 days of irradiation

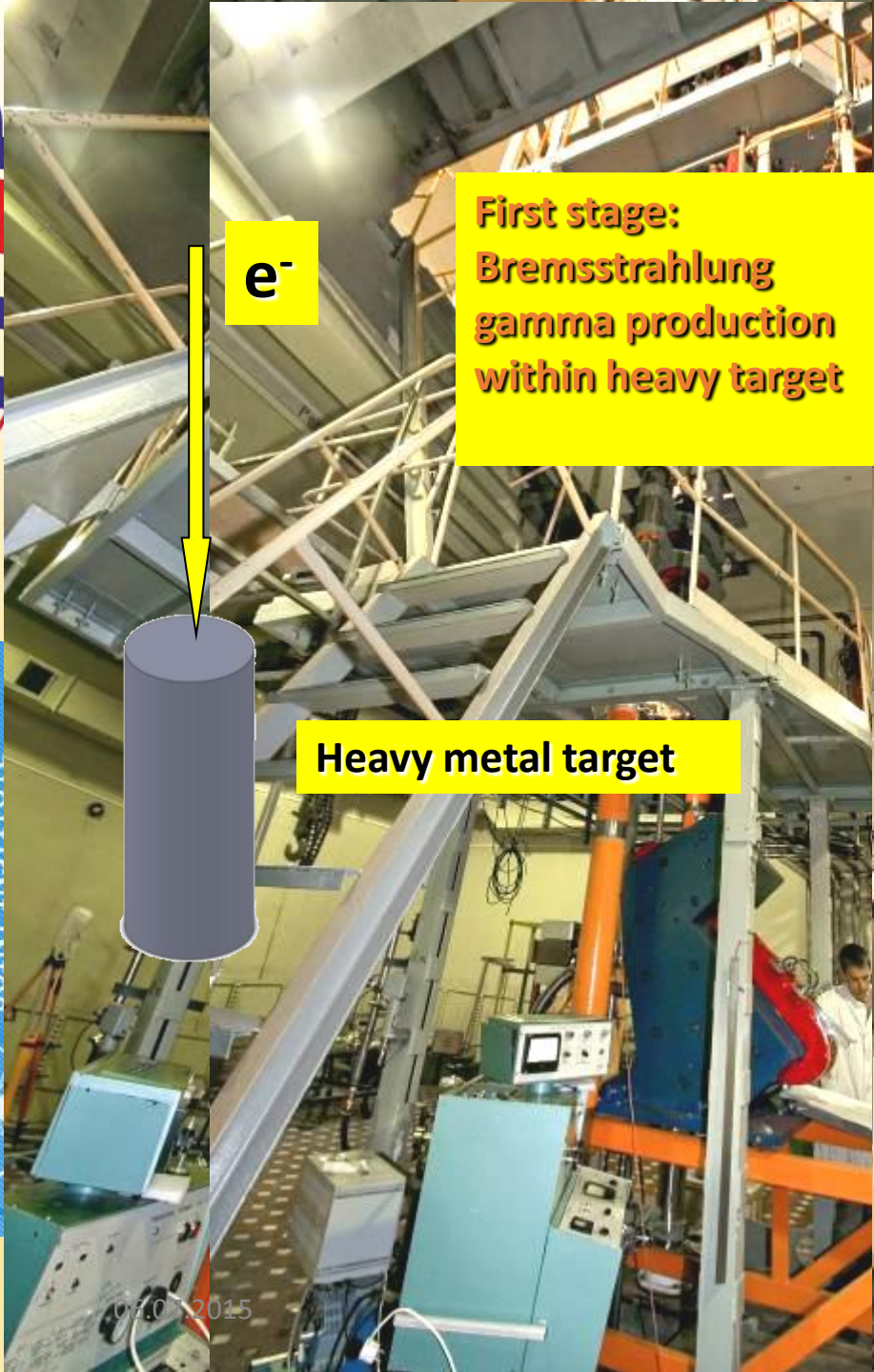


3 days of irradiation



7 days of irradiation

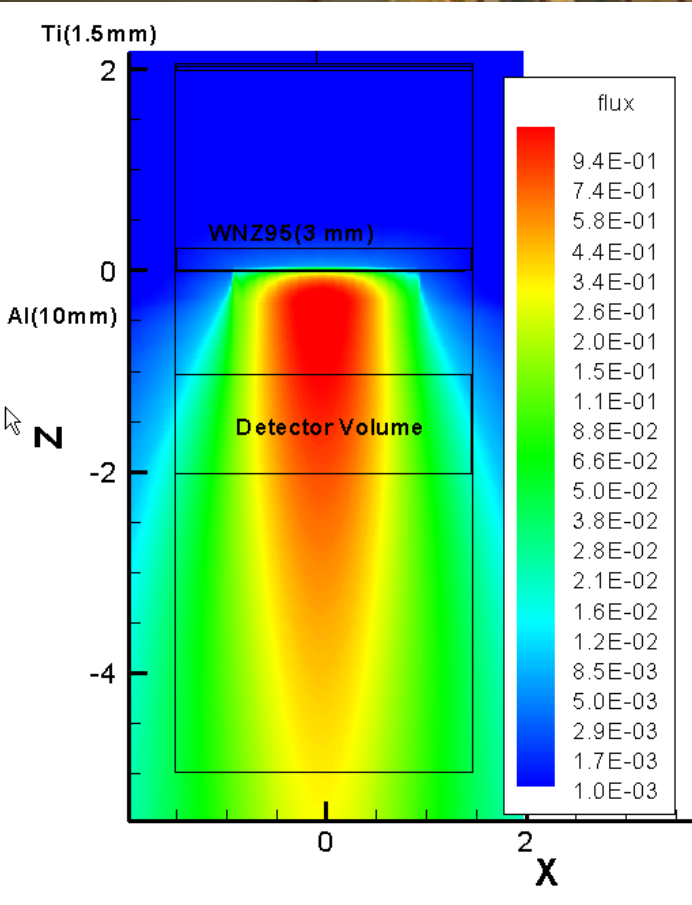




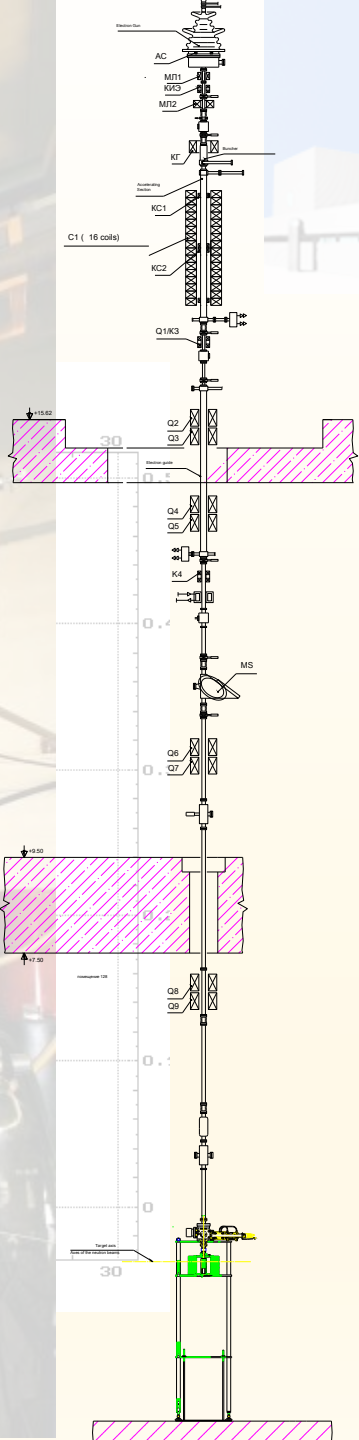
e^-

**First stage:
Bremsstrahlung
gamma production
within heavy target**

Heavy metal target



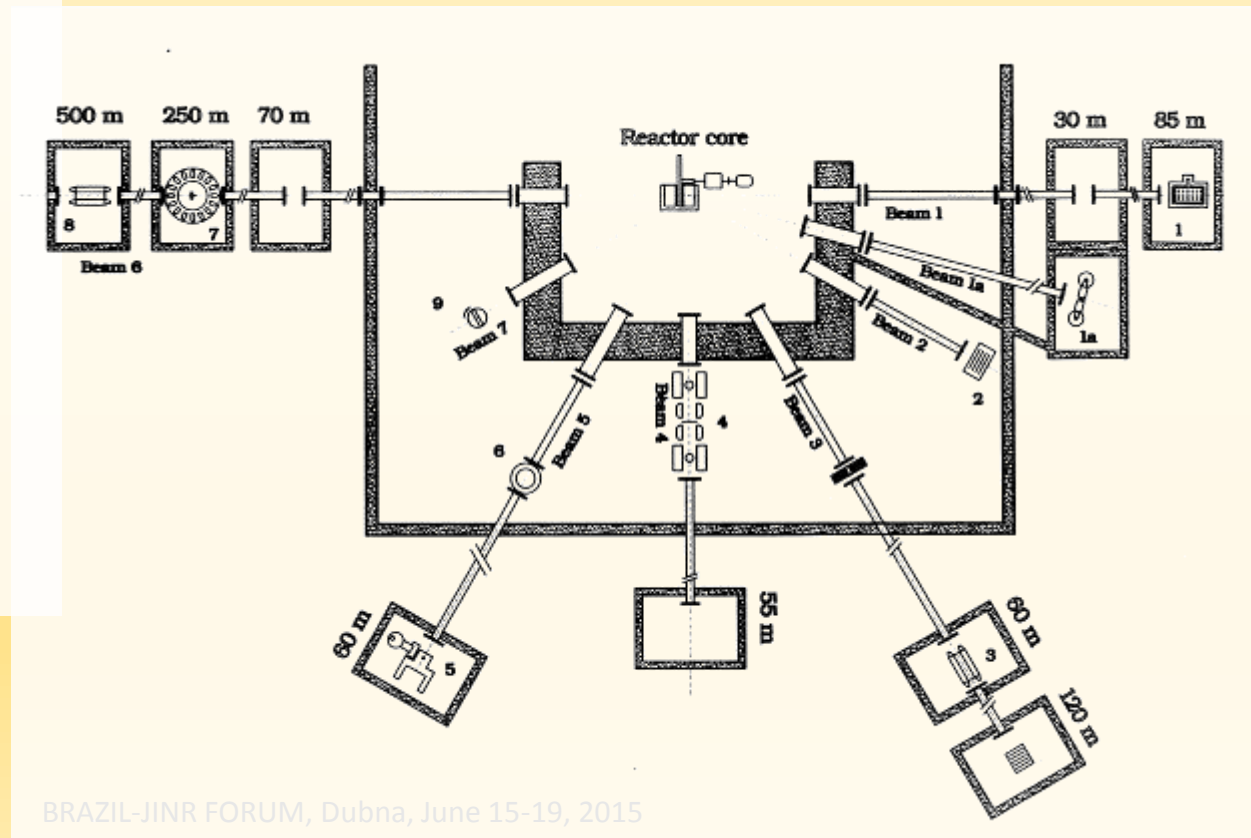
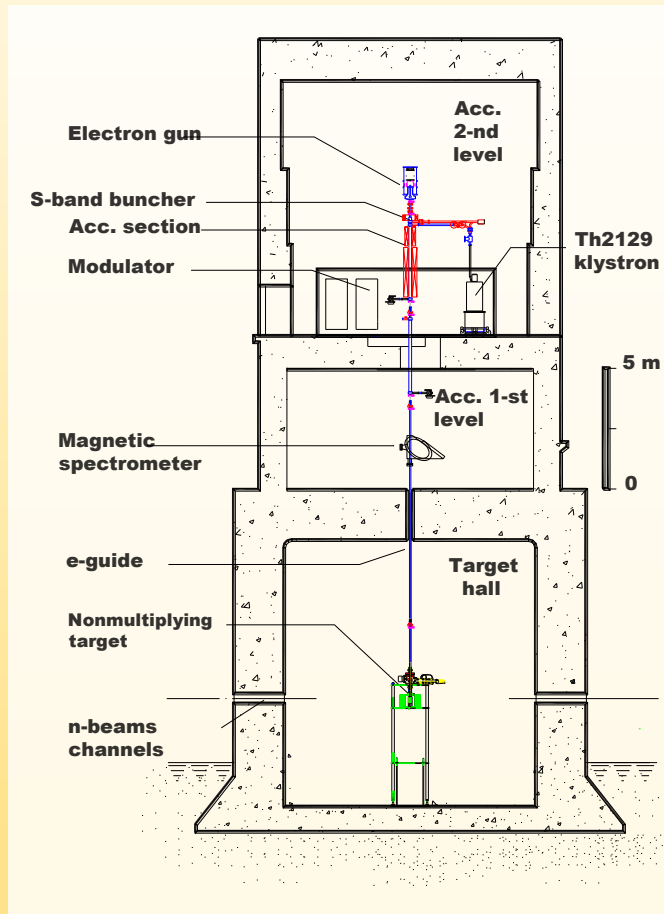
Gamma quanta distribution in case of 3 mm W converter





Январь 2009 года, фото Ю.А.Туманова

IREN facility



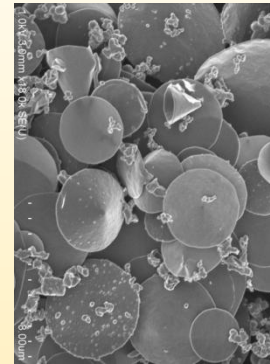


Neutron Scattering

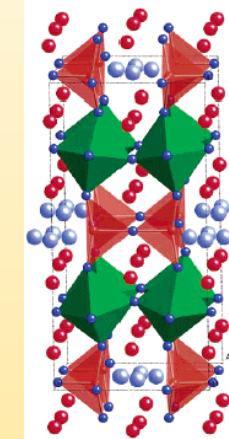


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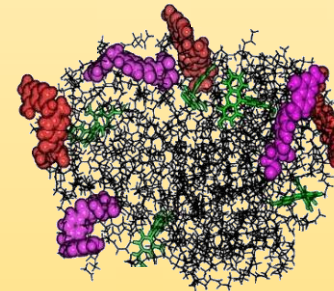
- Nanoscale physics



- Physics and Chemistry of Functional Materials



- Physics and Chemistry of Complex Liquids and Polymers

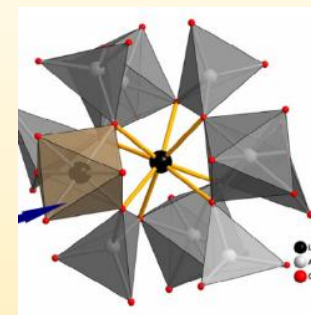


- Physics of Soft Condensed Matter

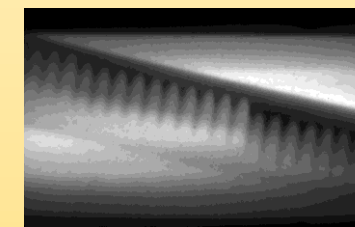
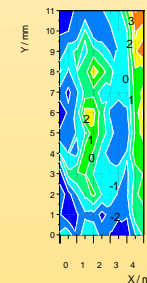
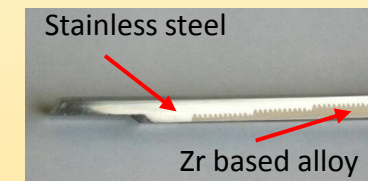


The priority directions of applied research:

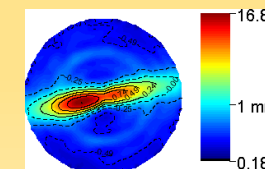
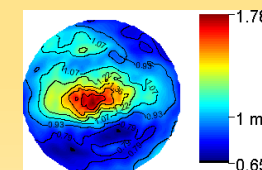
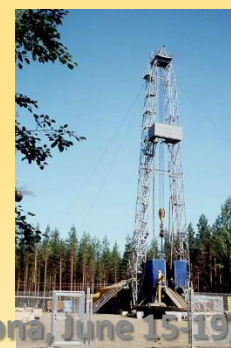
- **Structural characterization of functional materials used in different (nano)technologies**



- **Non-destructive control of residual stresses and internal organization of bulk materials and products**



- **Texture analysis of geomaterials and constructional materials**



Interactions of nanoparticles with bio-macromolecules

(FLNP JINR - IEP SAS -HZG - KNU)

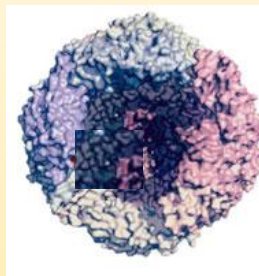


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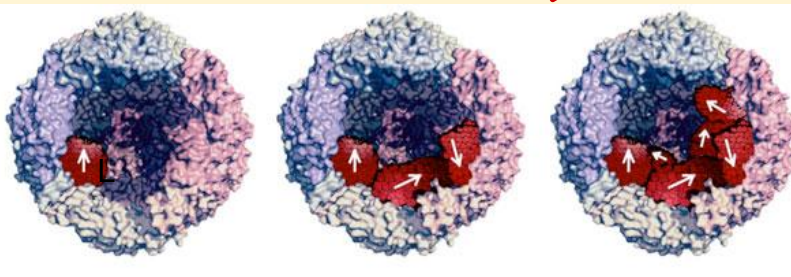


apoferritin

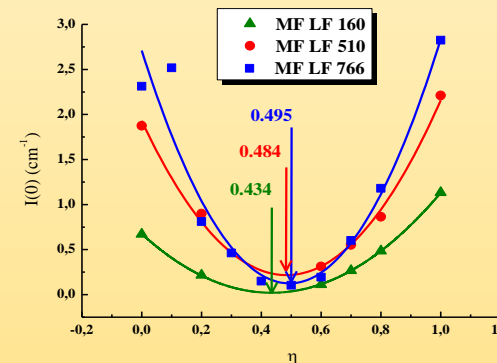
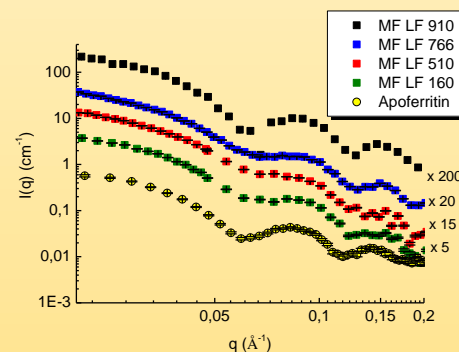
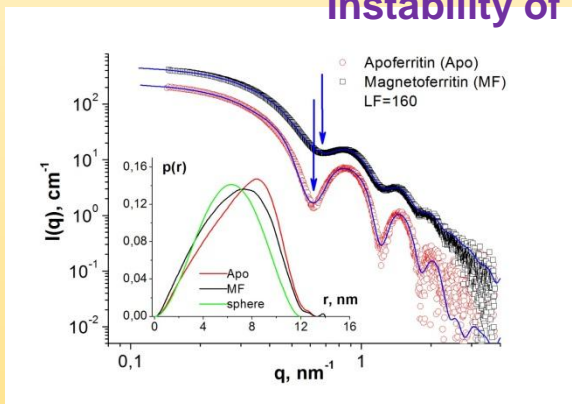
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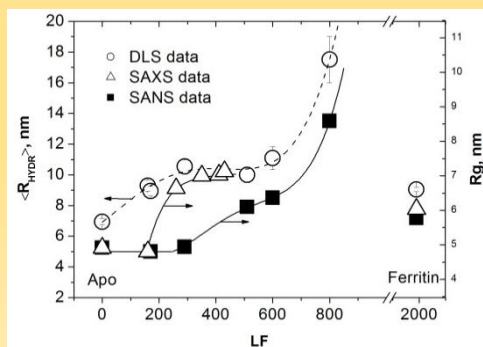
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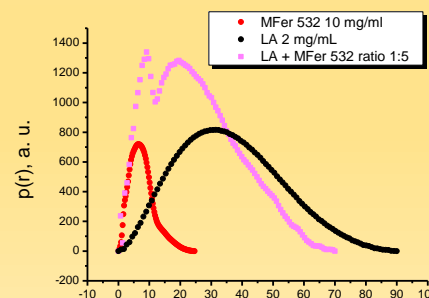
Instability of protein shell



Aggregation



Destroy of amyloids

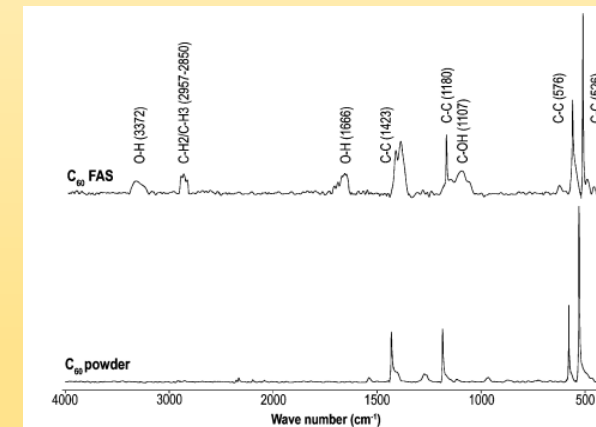
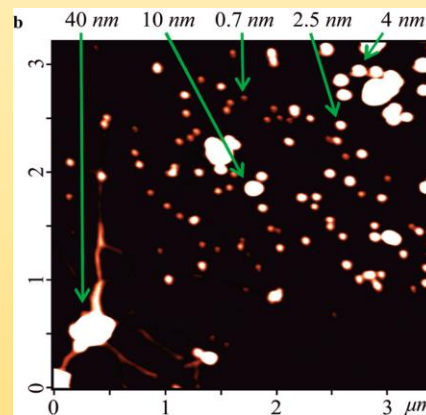
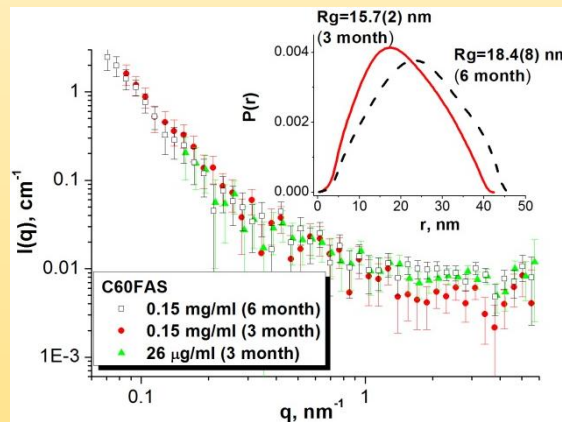
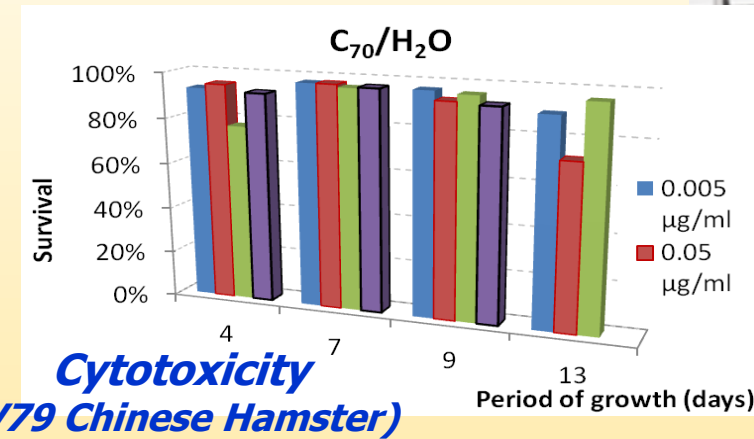
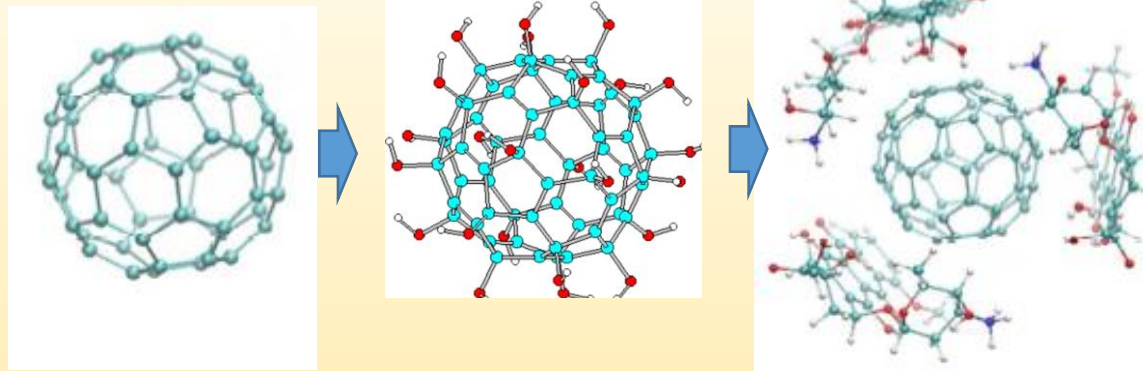


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Structural organization of bioactive fullerene derivatives

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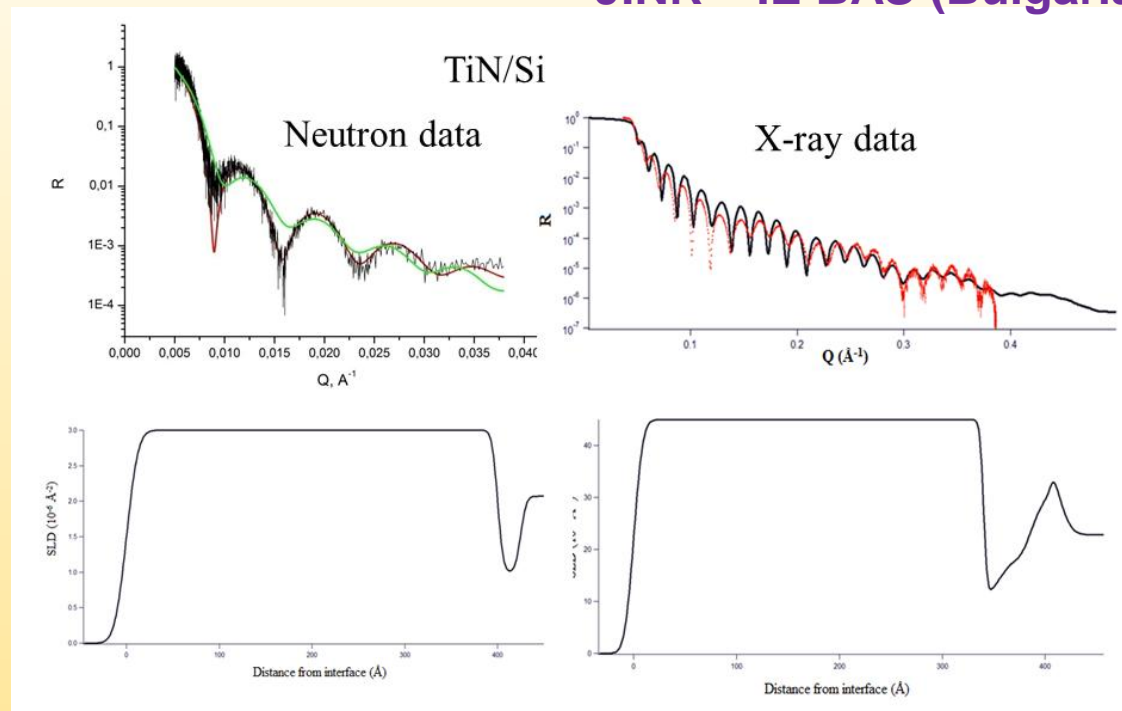
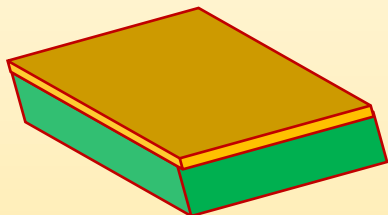
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Structural study of TiN hardening coatings

JINR – IE BAS (Bulgaria)



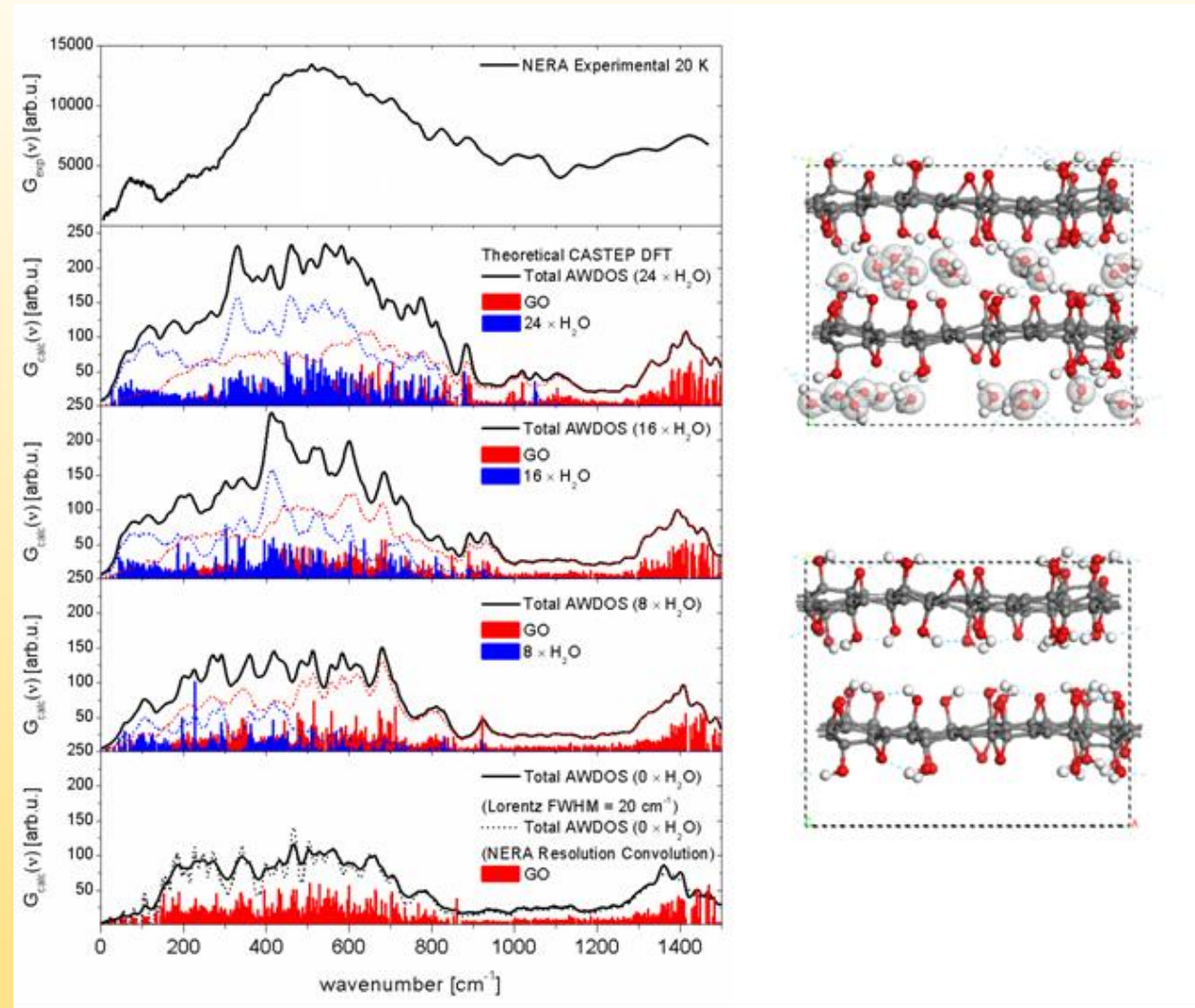
TiN/Si nanostructure



Reflection coefficients obtained by neutron and X-ray reflectometry and the scattering length density profile obtained from the experimental data for the TiN(36nm)/Si system.

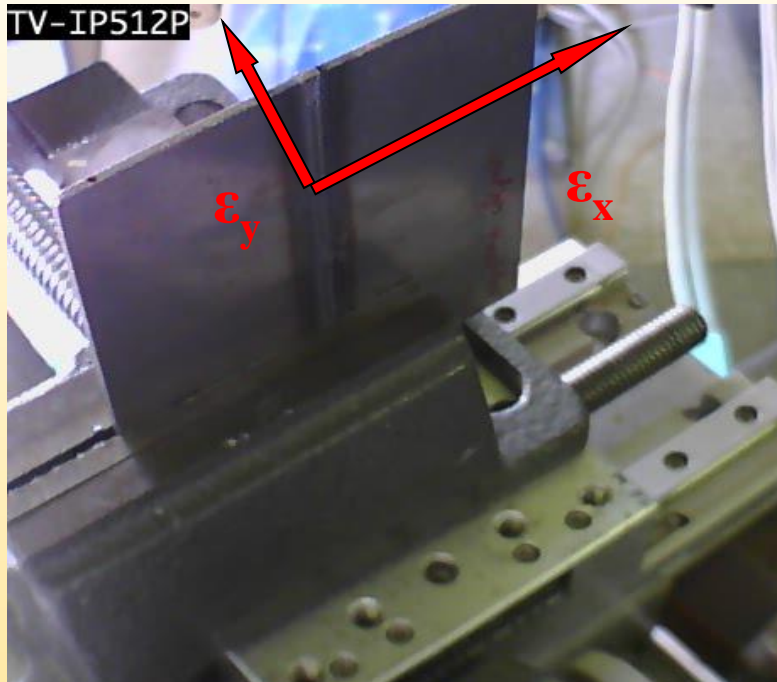


Vibrational dynamics of water withheld in graphene oxide

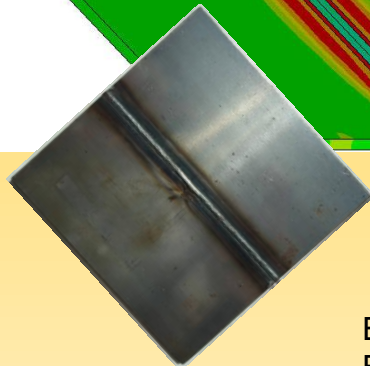
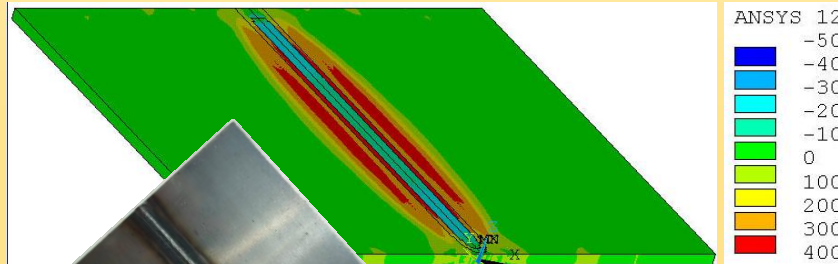


Experimental INS spectra and calculated amplitude weighted vibrational density of states (AWDOS) of graphene oxide obtained by DFT calculations taking into account interlayer water molecules.

A study of residual stresses in welds obtained by different beam welding methods

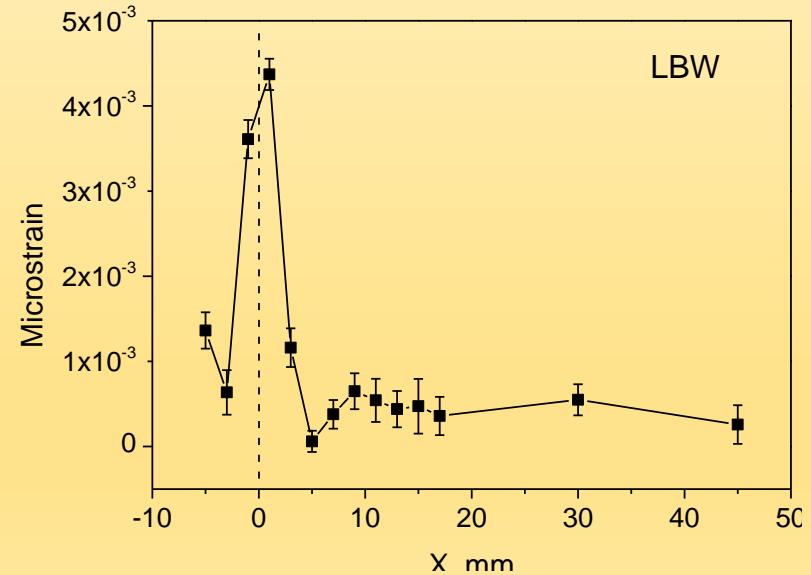
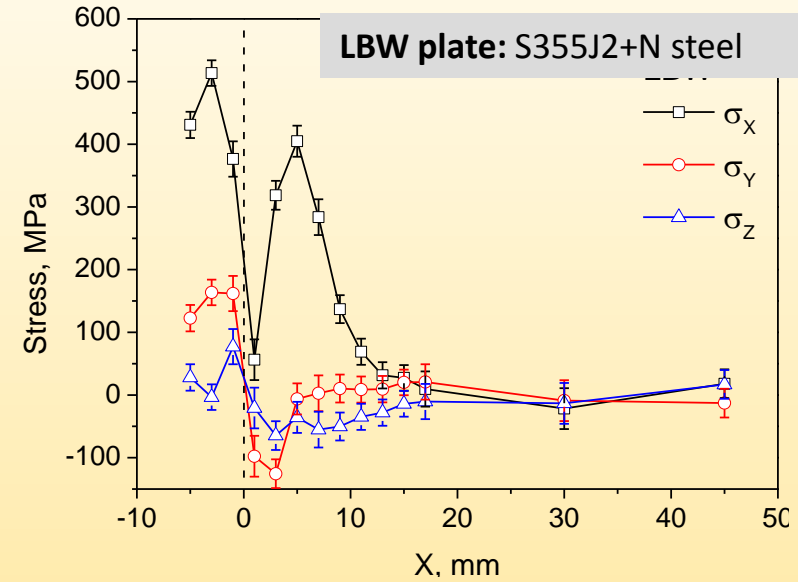


The layout of experiment for residual stress study in steel plate with LBW



FEM calculation

By group of Prof. Dr. V. Michailov,
Brandenburg Uni. of Technology

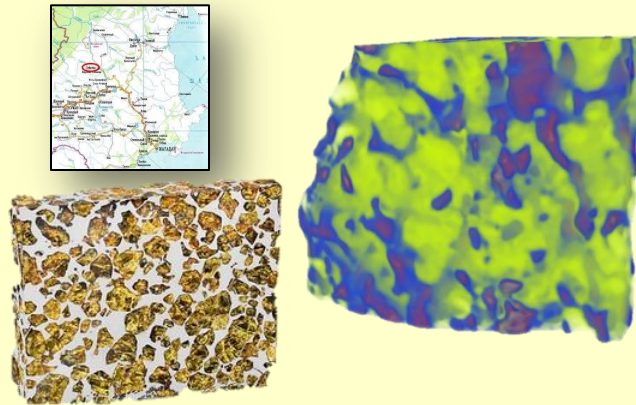


Residual stress (top) and microstrain (bottom) in steel plate with laser beam welding

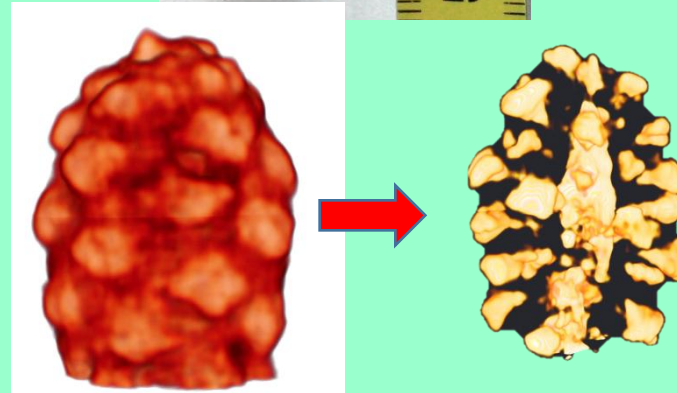
Development of neutron tomography technique at neutron imaging instrument



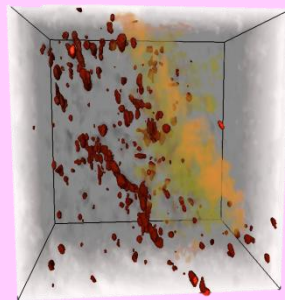
Sample and detector position



3D reconstruction of Fe-Ni alloy distribution in Seimchan meteorite



3D reconstruction of internal structure of Protosequoia cone (cretaceous period) from Paleontological Institute RAS



3D reconstruction of internal structure of the biotite gneiss sample from Kola Superdeep Borehole, depth 8802 m and its surface analogue

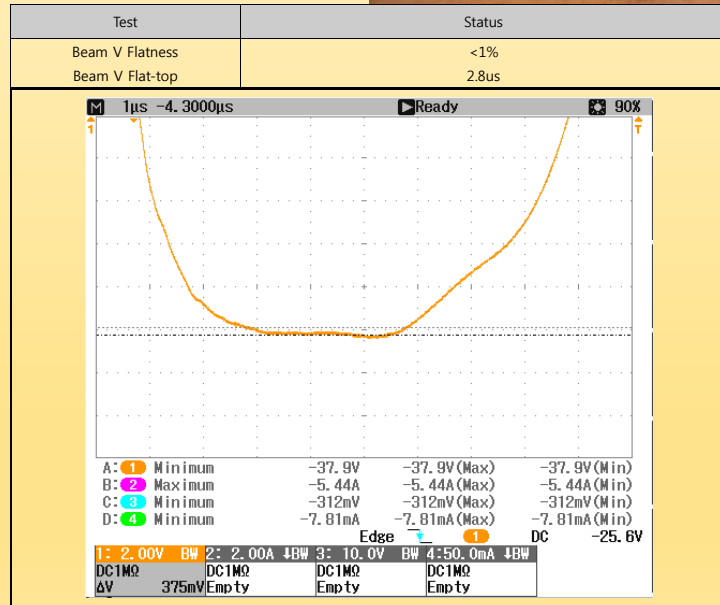
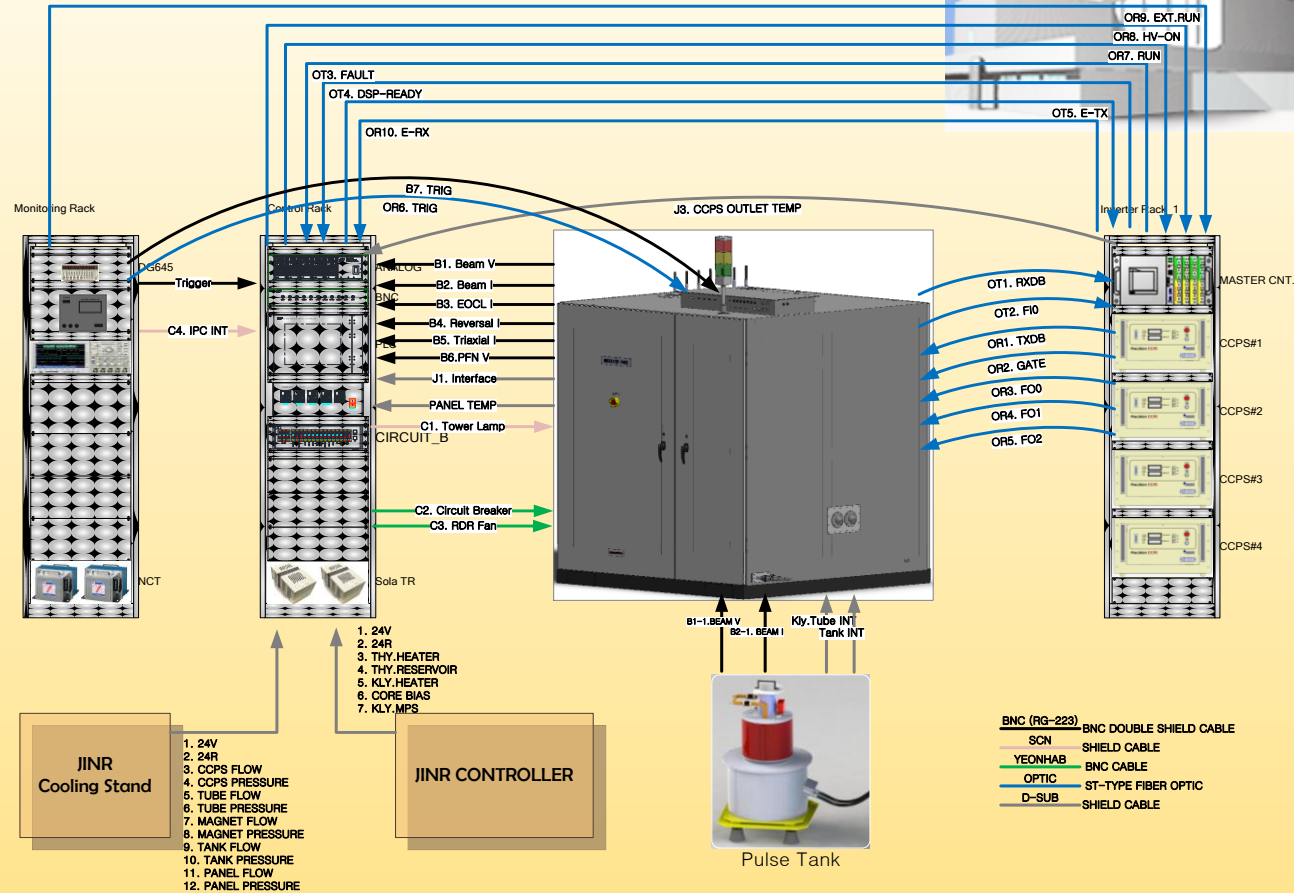
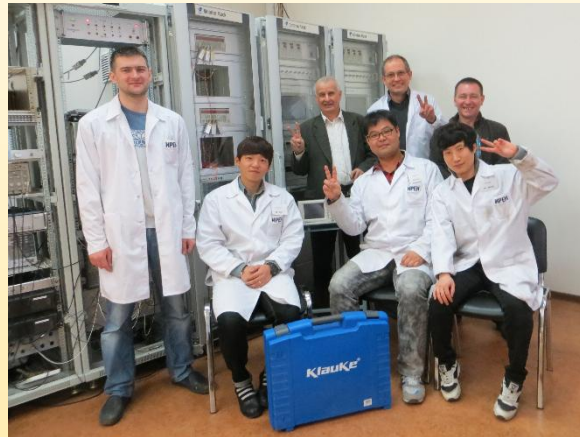
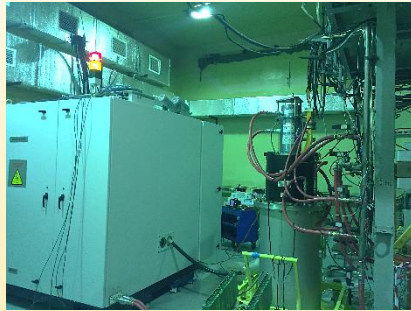




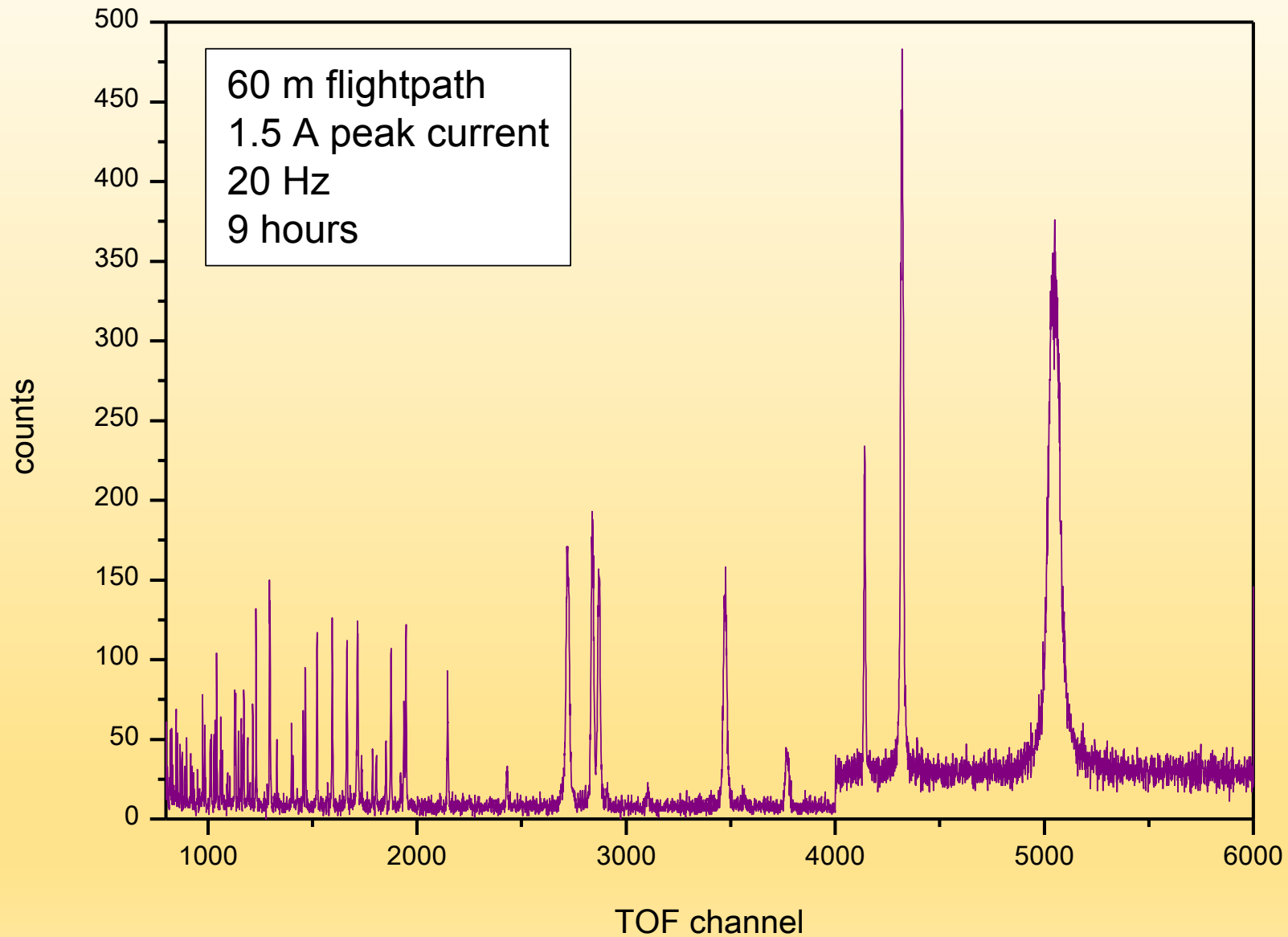
Neutron nuclear physics



Development of the IREN facility



New klystron modulators assembling and testing April 14 – May 8 2015



Fundamental symmetries in neutron induced reactions



- Measurements of the P-odd asymmetry in neutron induced reactions at light nuclei;

$${}^6\text{Li}(n,\alpha){}^3\text{H}, \quad A_t = - (8.8 \pm 2.1) \cdot 10^{-8}$$

$${}^{10}\text{B}(n,\alpha_1){}^7\text{Li}^* \rightarrow {}^7\text{Li} + \gamma, \quad A_\gamma = (0.7 \pm 2.3) \cdot 10^{-8}$$

- Investigations of the T-odd effects in neutron induced fission: **TRI and ROT effects studies:**

$$W(\Omega) \sim 1 + \alpha_{\text{PNC}} (\sigma_n \cdot \mathbf{P}_f) + \alpha_{\text{PC}} \cdot \sigma_n \cdot [\mathbf{P}_f \times \mathbf{P}_n] + D_{\text{TRI}} \cdot \sigma_n \cdot [\mathbf{P}_f \times \mathbf{P}_\alpha] + D_{\text{ROT}} \cdot \sigma_n \cdot [\mathbf{P}_f \times \mathbf{P}_\alpha] \cdot (\mathbf{P}_f \cdot \mathbf{P}_\alpha)$$



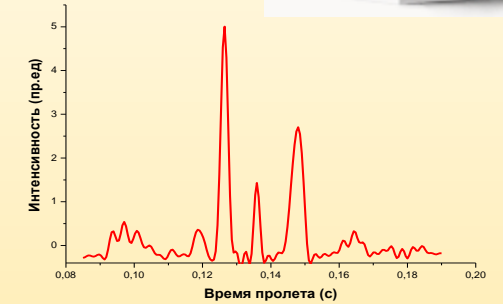
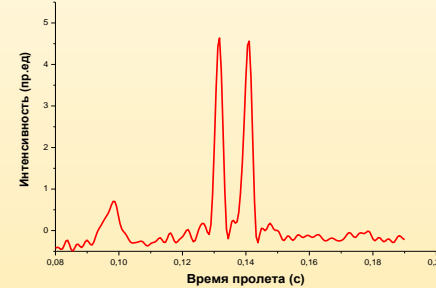
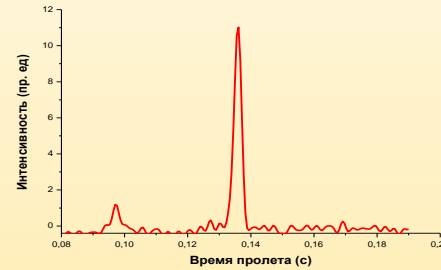
UCN physics



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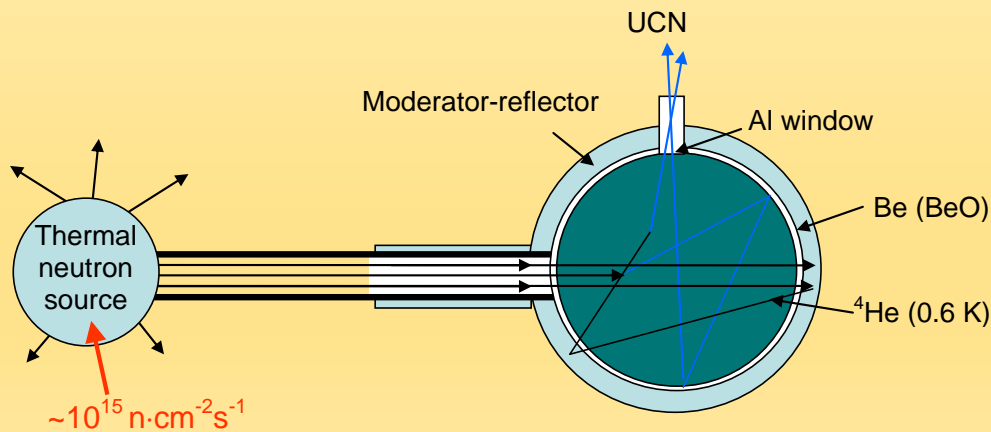


Nonstationary quantum effects in neutron optics

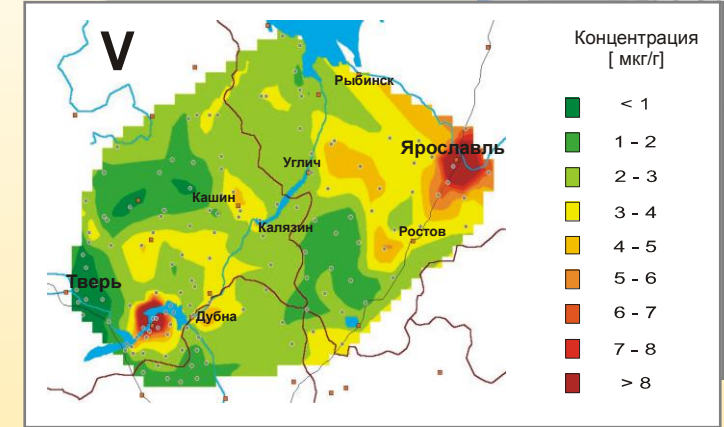
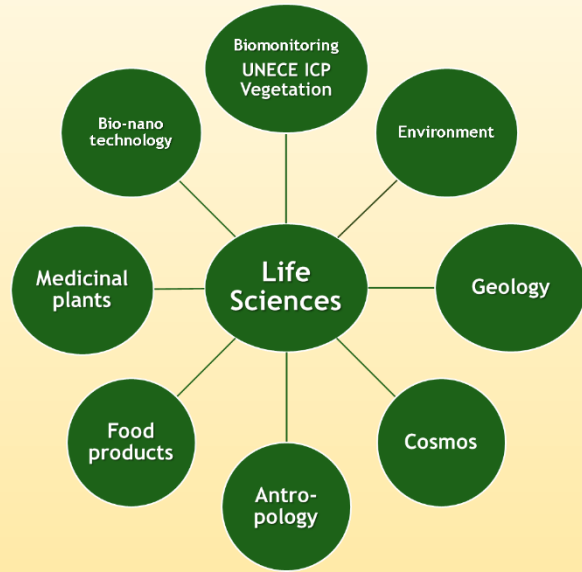


UCN spectra at diffraction on stationary diffraction grating and rotating at 1500 and 2400 rpm (left-right)

Proposal of the new type UCN source



Applied research: NAA and detectors for space crafts



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Methodical research

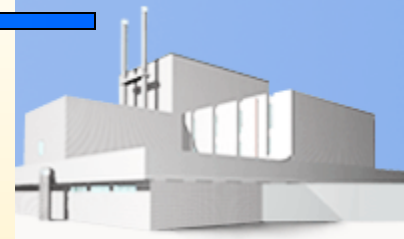
- Neutron spectrometers;
- Detectors;
- Sample environment;
- Hardware & software;
- Cryogenics;
- Network and computing;



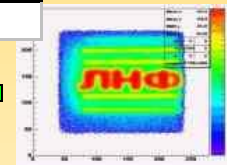


1D PSD 200x80 mm²

*Multi-purpose instrument
for neutron scattering
measurements*

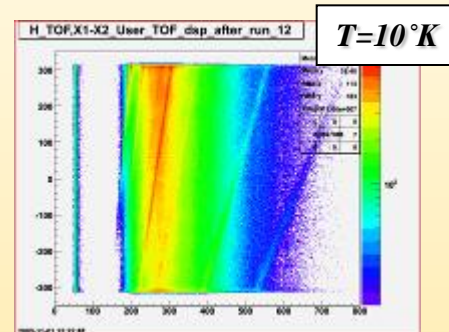
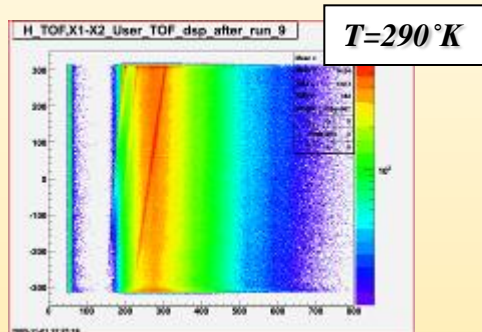


Parameter	Value
Sensitive area	200 x 80 mm ²
Position resolution (FWHM)	$\Delta x \approx 1,8$ mm
Sensitivity for thermal neutrons	60%
Range of neutron wavelength	0.4 Å – 12 Å
Channel nonlinearity	>5%
Count rate	1 – 100 kHz
Readout	Delay lines

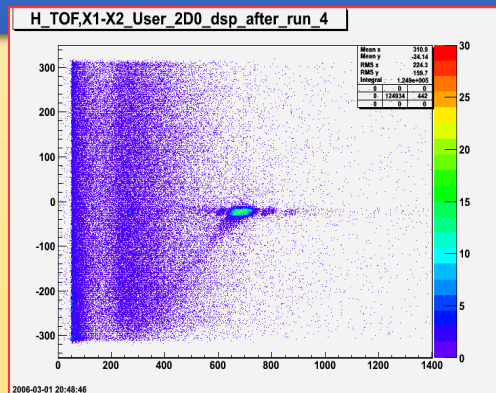




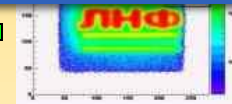
IBR-2 measurements



Diffraction spectra of the $(La_{0.1}Pr_{0.9})_{0.7}Ca_{0.3}Mn_{0.3}$ sample, measured at the channel №5. At low temperatures it separated at FM-metallic and AFM-CO-insulating mesoscopic phases.



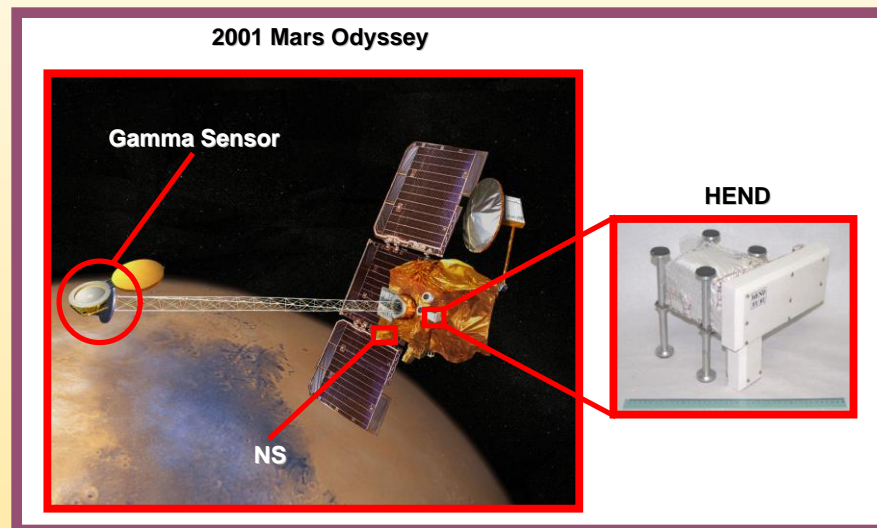
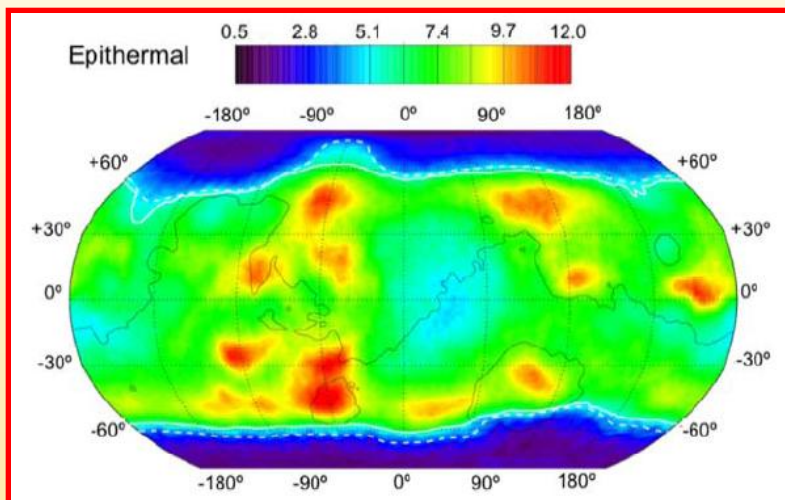
Spectrum of the $MgO/(4.7nm)Fe/(4.7nm)V]10/[(1ML)Fe/(1ML)V]17/(36.5nm)V/(2nm)Pd$ multilayer sample measured at the reflectometer REFLEX (channel №9)



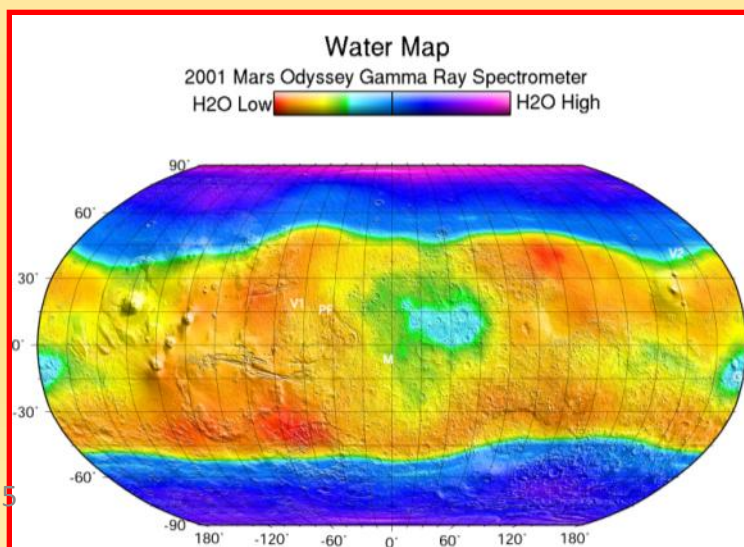
Neutron detectors at space



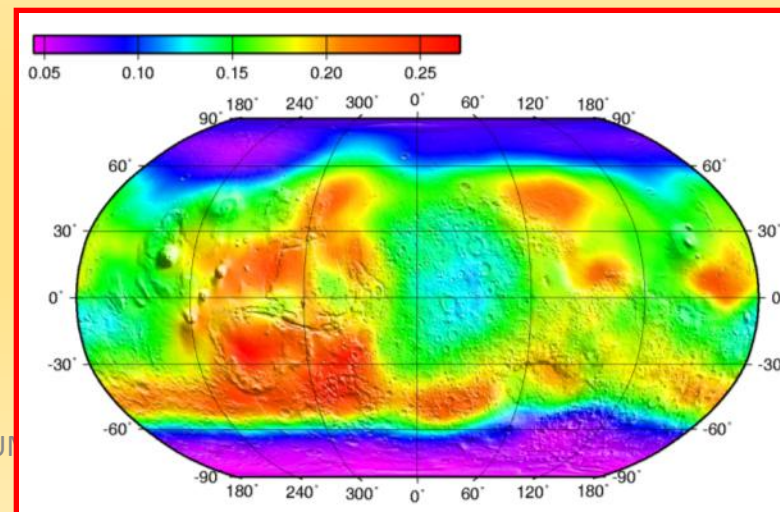
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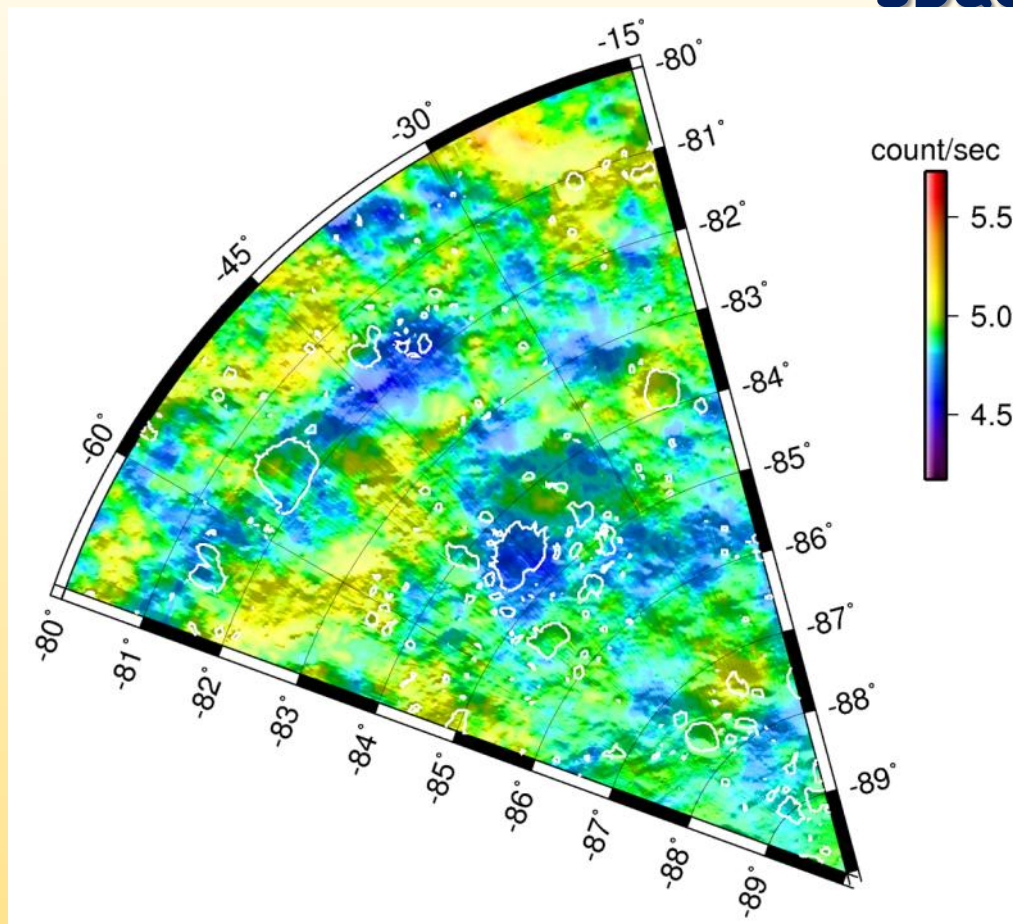
Gamma Spectrometer



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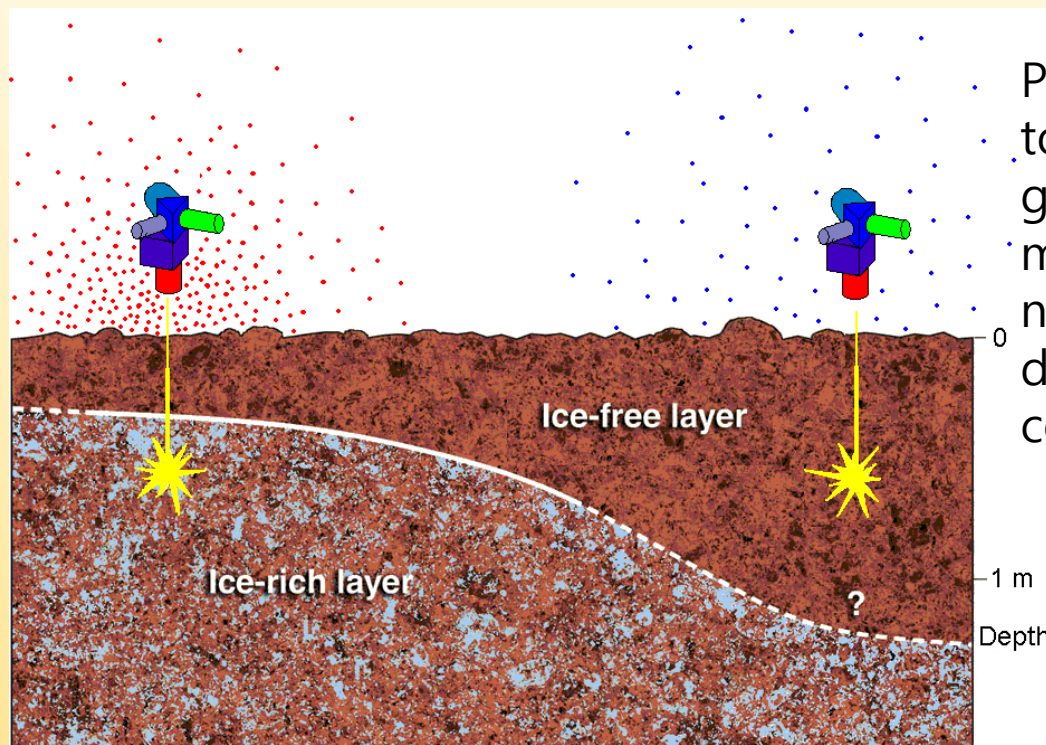


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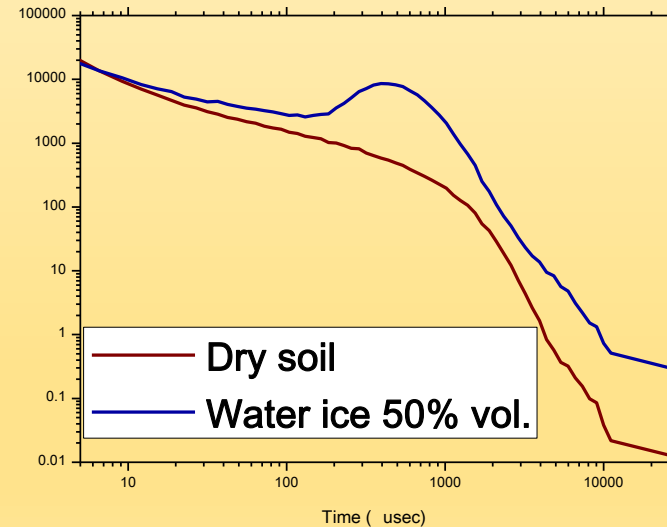


The first neutron mapping data from LEND

Dynamic Albedo of Neutrons (DAN) Russian detector onboard of the Curiosity Rover



Pulsed neutron Logging: idea belongs to G.N.Flerov. Fast neutrons from generator penetrates into the soil and moderated. Time profile of the slow neutron counter located above the soil drastically depends on the hydrogen content in the soil.



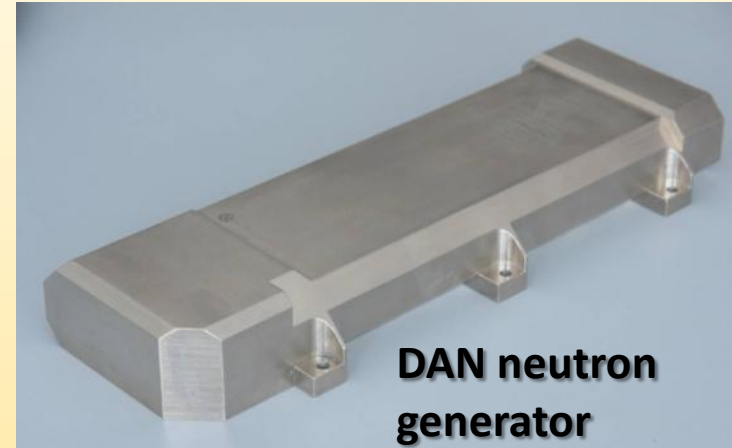
FLNP and LRB of JINR are collaborating with Russian Space Research Institute since 1997. DAN device was proposed in 2003 as one of the scientific instruments onboard of the Mars Science Laboratory and in the beginning of 2004 after non-advocating review was accepted by NASA.



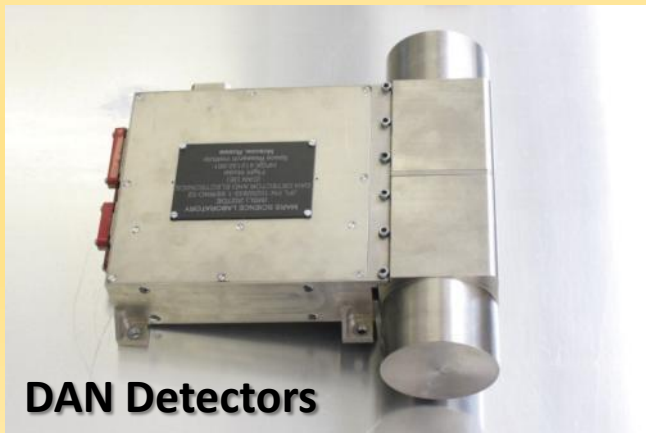
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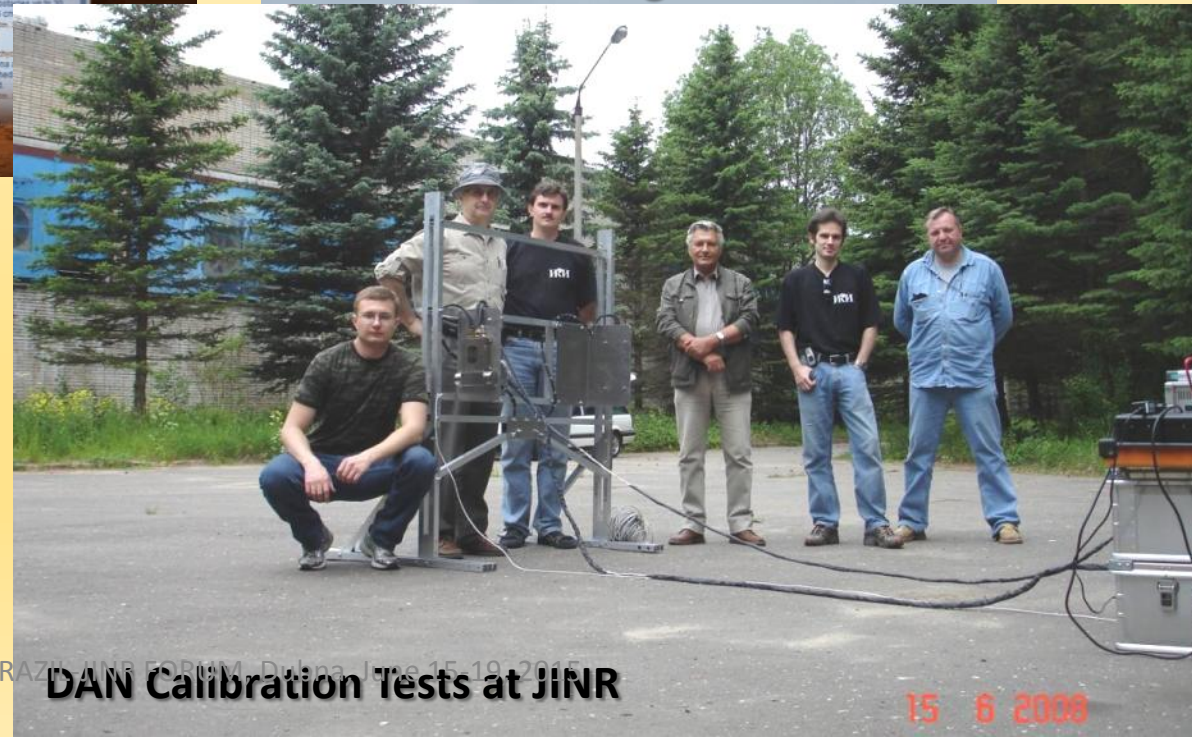
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DAN neutron generator



DAN Detectors



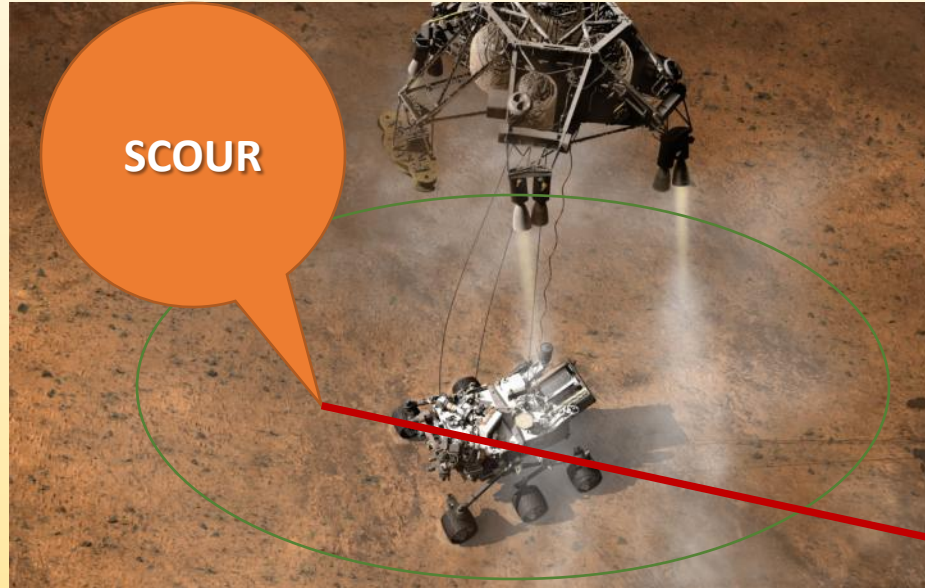
DAN Calibration Tests at JINR

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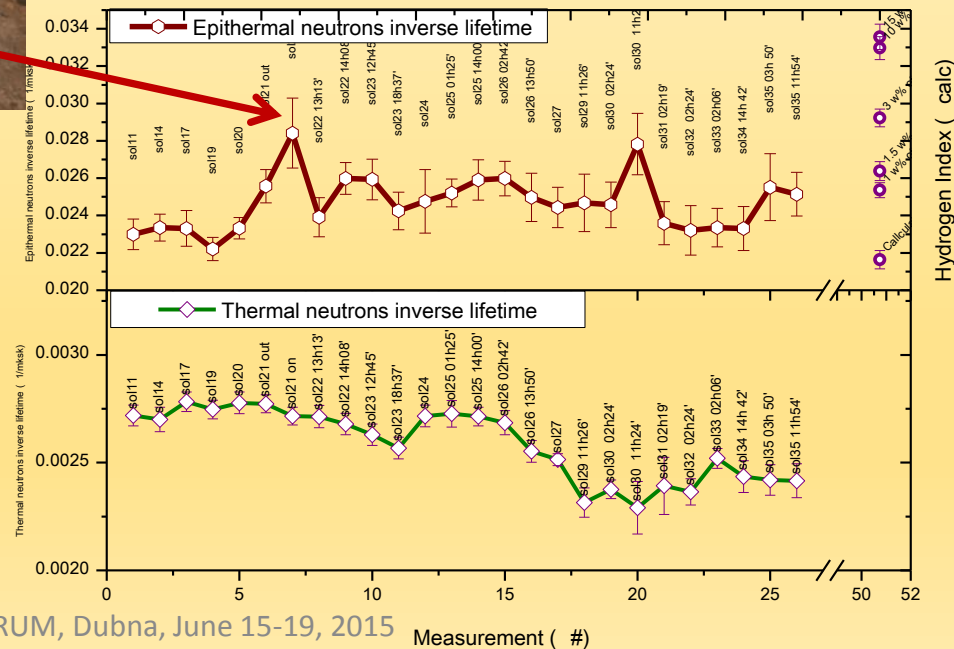
Dynamic Albedo of Neutrons (DAN) Russian detector onboard of the Curiosity Rover: first data



During Curiosity landing top layer of soil was blown aside and some kind of scour appears (few centimeters depth). During sol21 Curiosity moved over the scour and DAN registered slight difference in thermal neutrons fluxes above the scour and out of it



Epithermal and thermal neutron detectors die-away inverse times during first month of Curiosity operation



Test site for planetary soils modeling





**Thank you for your
attention and
welcome to FLNP
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