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**ЯДЕРНАЯ ФИЗИКА В САНКТ-ПЕТЕРБУРГСКОМ  
ГОСУДАРСТВЕННОМ УНИВЕРСИТЕТЕ: ОТ ФУНДАМЕНТАЛЬНЫХ  
ИССЛЕДОВАНИЙ ДО ЯДЕРНОЙ МЕДИЦИНЫ**

**NUCLEAR PHYSICS AT SAINT-PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY: FROM  
FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH TO NUCLEAR MEDICINE APPLICATIONS**

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# Outline

## History

1. Yesterday, today and tomorrow of nuclear physics at SPbSU

## Knowledge

2. Investigations of nuclear reactions in a wide range of energies and masses

3. Beam diagnostic systems

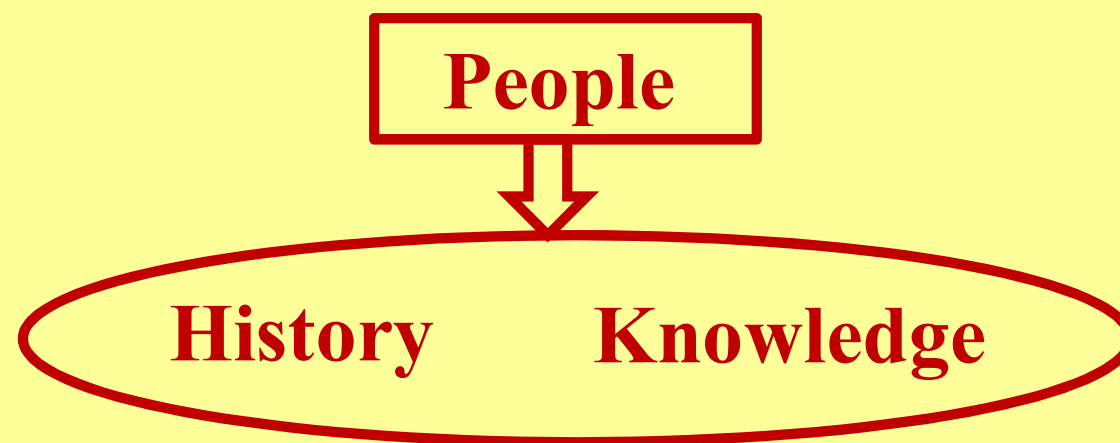
4. Detector technologies

5. Radiation ecology

6. Nuclear medicine

7. Future

## Epigraph



# Yesterday, today and tomorrow of nuclear physics at SPbSU

## INCEPTION

ПРИКАЗ № 1025  
по Ленинградскому Государственному ордена Ленина  
Университету  
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§ I.

В соответствии с приказом Всесоюзного комитета по делам высшей школы при Совнаркоме СССР от 14/IX-с/г. за № 459, организовать в Ленинградском Государственном ордена Ленина Университете следующие кафедры:

I. ПРИ ИСТОРИЧЕСКОМ ФАКУЛЬТЕТЕ кафедры:

1/Византиеведения, 2/ Русского искусства и  
3/Общего искусствознания.

II. ПРИ ЮРИДИЧЕСКОМ ФАКУЛЬТЕТЕ кафедры:

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3/Земельного и колхозного права, 4/Гражданского  
процесса и 5/ Уголовного процесса.

III. ПРИ ХИМИЧЕСКОМ ФАКУЛЬТЕТЕ кафедры:

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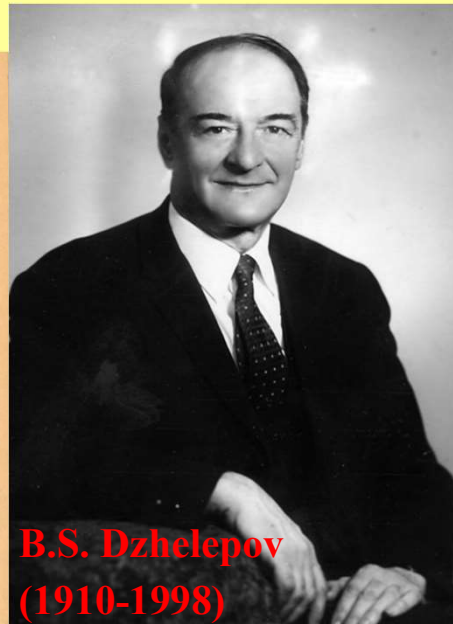
IV. ПРИ ГЕОГРАФИЧЕСКОМ ФАКУЛЬТЕТЕ кафедру

Географии полярных стран.

V. ПРИ ФИЗИЧЕСКОМ ФАКУЛЬТЕТЕ кафедры:

1/Атомного ядра и 2/Радиофизики.

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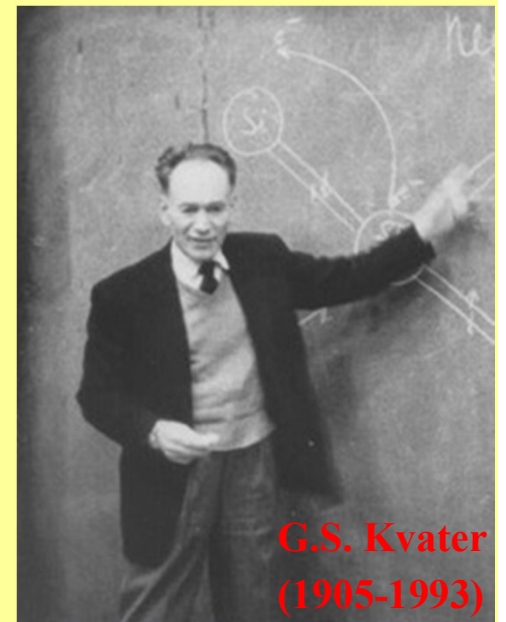
**B.S. Dzhelepov**  
(1910-1998)

1946

**Boris Sergeyevich Dzhelepov**  
Head of the Department of the  
Atomic Nucleus

1948

**Grigory Solomonovich Kvater**  
Head of Cyclotron laboratory



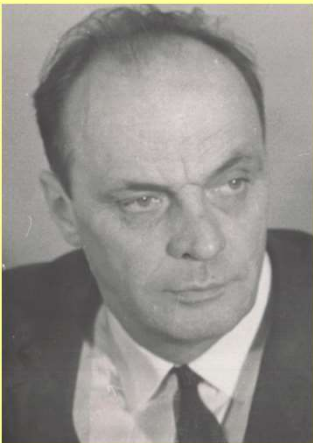
**G.S. Kvater**  
(1905-1993)



# Yesterday, today and tomorrow of nuclear physics at SPbSU

1957

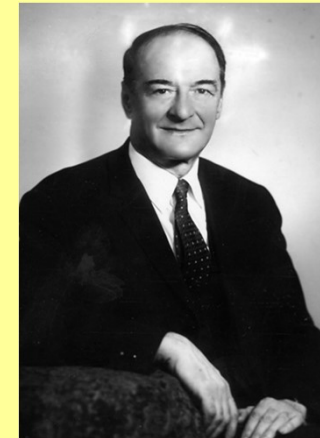
Department of Nuclear Reactions  
*(based at the Cyclotron Laboratory)*



**Yu.A. Nemilov**  
(1913-1996)



**P.P. Zarubin**  
(1925-2003)



**B.S. Dzhelepov**  
(1910-1998)

1992

Nuclear Physics Department



**K.A. Gridnev**  
(1938-2015)

# Yesterday, today and tomorrow of nuclear physics at SPbSU

## Department of Nuclear Reactions *(based at the Cyclotron Laboratory)*

Cyclotron U-120 (October 1962)



Nuclear reactions  
 $^{199}\text{Tl}$  and  $^{201}\text{Tl}$  production  
New target complexes  
Beam monitoring systems  
Radiation materials science



## Department of Nuclear Spectroscopy

Beta spectroscopy  
laboratory  
Double-focusing  
spectrometer  
laboratory

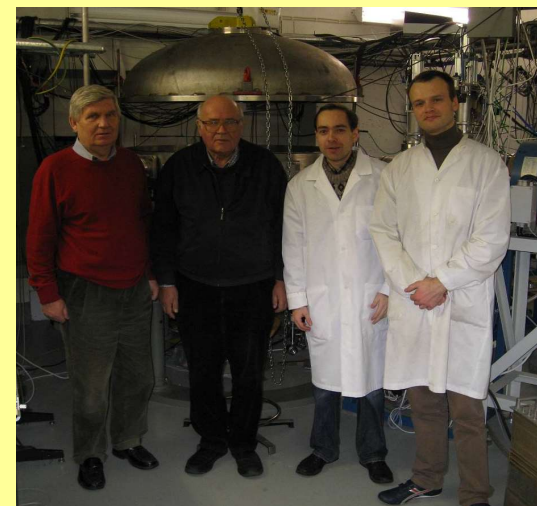


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ultra-low background**

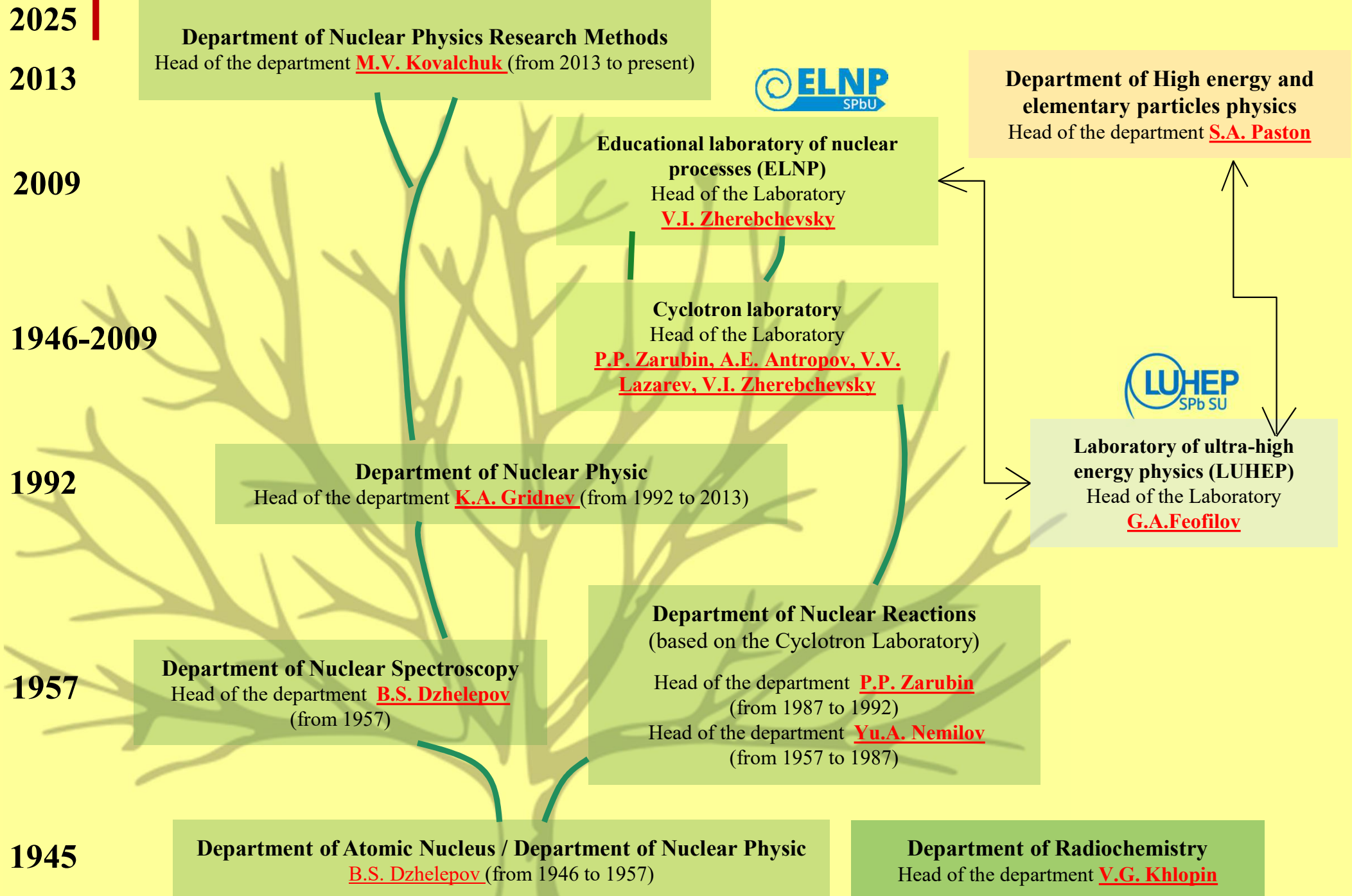
Gamma-ray spectroscopy  
Theoretical studies

## Nuclear Physics Department

Nuclear structure  
Nuclear reactions  
Exotic nuclei  
Fission physics



# Yesterday, today and tomorrow of nuclear physics at SPbSU



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## RESEARCH and DEVELOPMENT



1. Pixel detectors. SiPM. Fast scintillators.
2. Ultra-lightweight support structures for the new detector systems
3. New detector cooling systems

1. MPD
2. SPD
3. ARIADNA

1. Investigations of nuclear reactions in a wide mass and energy range
2. Target units
3. Development of beam diagnostic systems

1. Nuclear Astrophysics
2. Nuclear Medicine
3. Accelerators

1. Radiation ecology

1. Radionuclides in samples
2. Measurement of radon and thoron concentrations

# Yesterday, today and tomorrow of nuclear physics at SPbSU

## EDUCATION

Lecture courses



Hands-on workshops in hadron therapy and particle physics

Summer schools

New laboratory work is being developed and implemented



Summer schools



# Investigations of nuclear reactions in a wide range of energies and masses

- Clusters, Nuclear molecules, high spin excited states
- Analysis of stellar evolution scenarios
- A Study of primary nucleosynthesis features

Fundamental and Applied Challenges for nuclear systems of medium and heavy mass ranges: from  $A = 30$  to  $A = 239$



A study of nuclear **reactions** related to element formation in the **Universe**

A study of **reactions** with the formation of nuclear systems at  $A > 30$  with evaporation of nucleons in the final stage

Reactions with ions and light mass neutron-rich nuclei



Reactions with protons and nuclei of the medium mass group: (p,n), (p,2n)

- Studies of High-Spin, Highly-Excited States with Large Angular Momentum
- One can obtain nuclear interaction potentials relevant to stellar nucleosynthesis
- Explanation (predicting) the astrophysical S-factor behavior in fusion nuclear reaction near the “Gamow window”

- One can obtain the information on the excitation functions of nuclear reactions and on the functions of radionuclide yields.
- Relevance in connection with the production of radionuclides used in nuclear medicine

# Investigations of nuclear reactions in a wide range of energies and masses

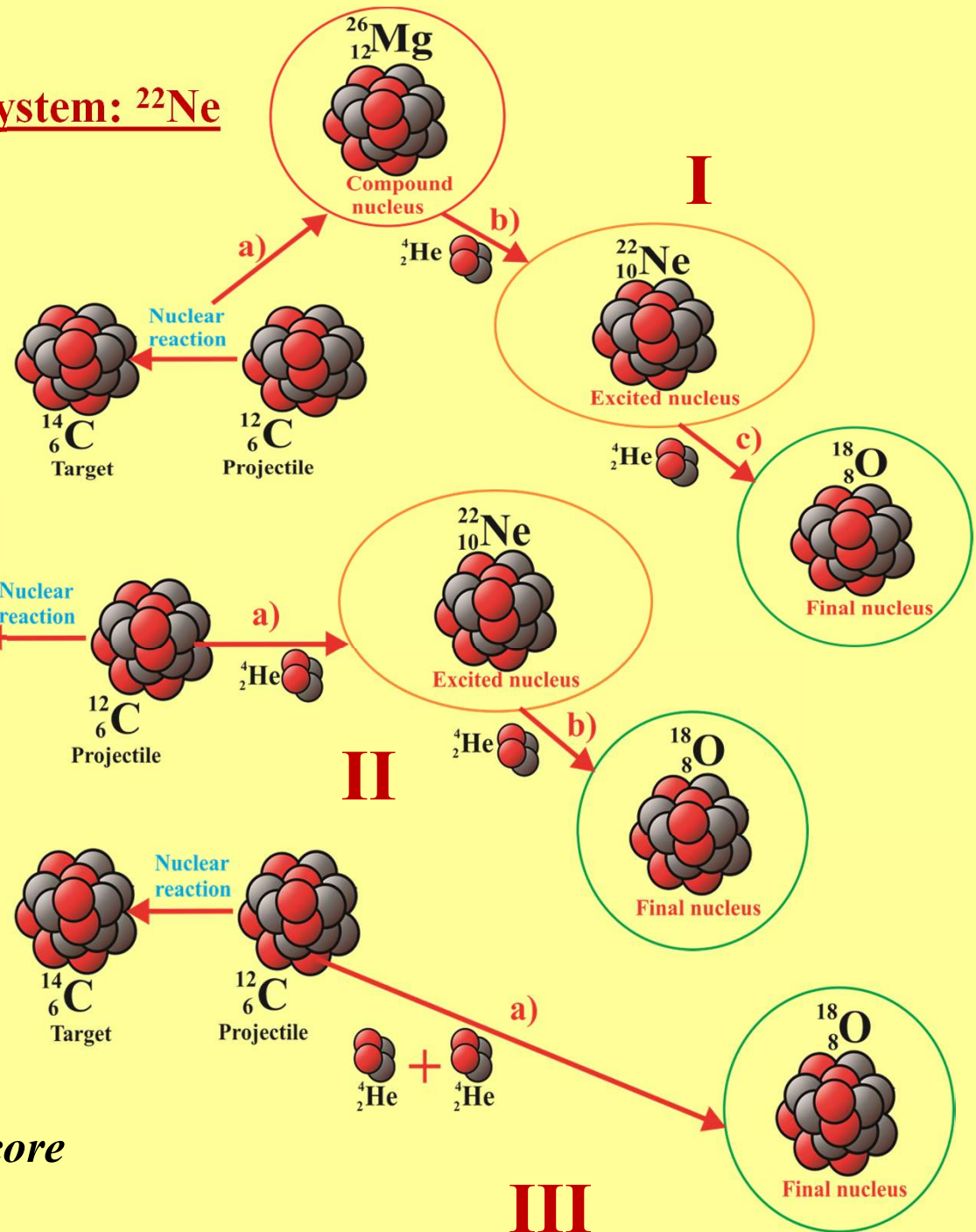
Good example:

## Research on the Neutron-Rich Nuclear System: $^{22}\text{Ne}$

*Nuclear reaction:*



Search of High-Spin, Highly-Excited  
States with Large Angular Momentum  
Molecular configurations



## RESULTS

The exotic neutron-rich nucleus  $^6\text{He}$  was identified at the reaction channel:  $^{14}\text{C}(^{12}\text{C},^6\text{He})^{20}\text{Ne}^*$

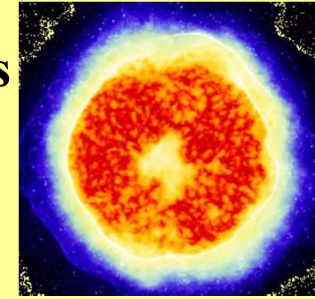
Five new high-spin states have been discovered in the  $^{22}\text{Ne}$

Reaction dynamics:

$\alpha$  cluster +  $^{18}\text{O}$  core and  $2\alpha$  clusters +  $^{14}\text{C}$  core

# Investigations of nuclear reactions in a wide range of energies and masses

## William Fowler – Nuclear reactions in the Stars



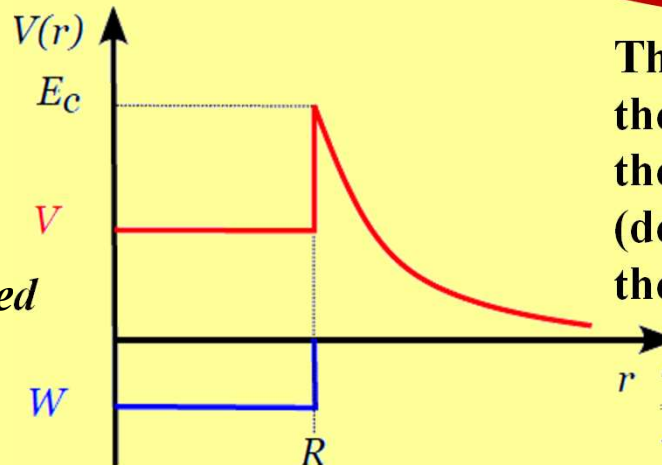
Another good example:

*Astrophysical **S-factor** analysis using a rectangular **potential well model***

$$S(E) = E \cdot \sigma(E) \cdot e^{2\pi\eta}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{fus}}(E) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_l w_l (2l+1) T_l$$

*The penetration factor was extracted  
from the potential well model*



The model has only three parameters:  
the interaction radius - **R**,  
the real part of the potential - **V**  
(describes the attraction or repulsion),  
the imaginary part - **W**

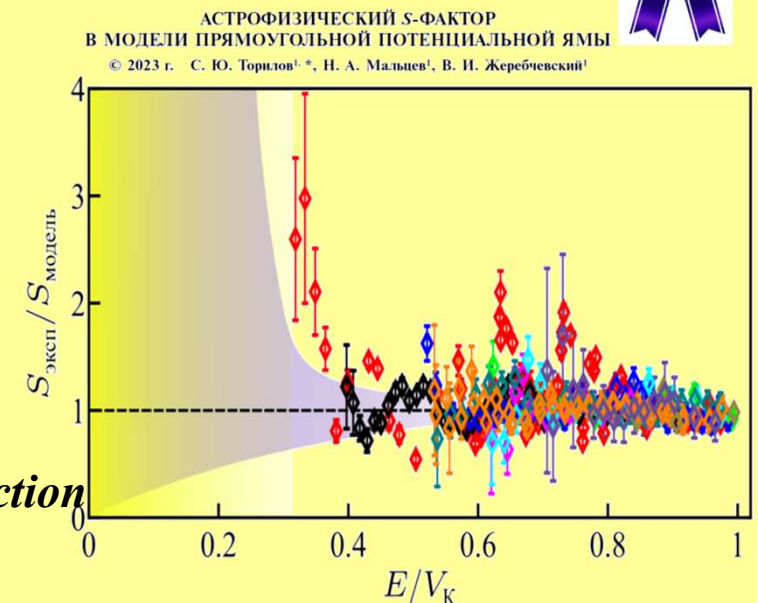
ИЗВЕСТИЯ РАН. СЕРИЯ ФИЗИЧЕСКАЯ, 2023, том 87, № 8, с. 1210–1213

УДК 539.17.012



The astrophysical data (approximately 200 fusion reactions from the NRV database) were analyzed to establish systematic parameter trends, enabling refined predictions of the astrophysical S-factor at stellar energies

*Using a simple approach within the framework of the considered model, the spread of the normalized cross-section becomes within one order of magnitude*



# Investigations of nuclear reactions in a wide range of energies and masses

Another good example:

The 25 most important astrophysics nuclear reactions were selected. →

${}^7\text{Li}+{}^{11}\text{B}$   
 ${}^7\text{Li}+{}^{13}\text{C}$   
 ${}^{10}\text{B}+{}^{13}\text{C}$   
 ${}^{11}\text{B}+{}^{13}\text{C}$   
 ${}^{12}\text{C}+{}^9\text{Be}$

${}^{12}\text{C}+{}^{10}\text{B}$   
 ${}^{12}\text{C}+{}^{11}\text{B}$   
 ${}^{12}\text{C}+{}^{12}\text{C}$   
 ${}^{12}\text{C}+{}^{14}\text{N}$   
 ${}^{12}\text{C}+{}^{20}\text{Ne}$

${}^{13}\text{C}+{}^{10}\text{B}$   
 ${}^{13}\text{C}+{}^{11}\text{B}$   
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 ${}^{14}\text{N}+{}^{12}\text{C}$

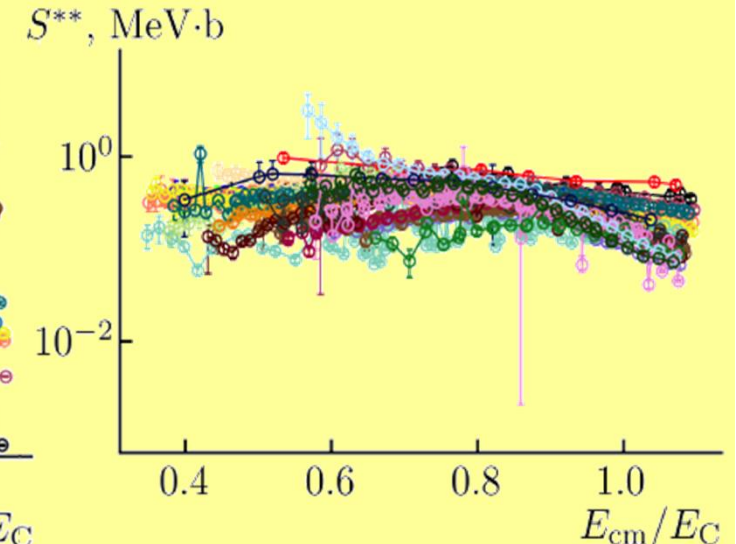
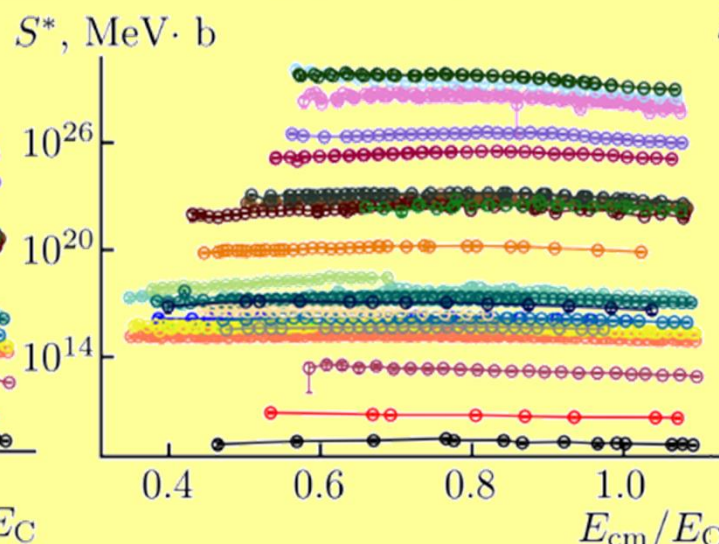
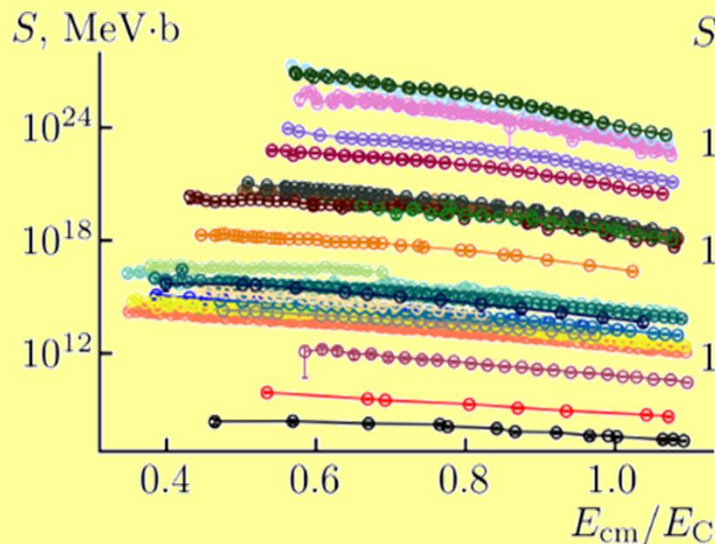
${}^{14}\text{N}+{}^{14}\text{N}$   
 ${}^{14}\text{N}+{}^{16}\text{O}$   
 ${}^{16}\text{O}+{}^9\text{Be}$   
 ${}^{16}\text{O}+{}^{12}\text{C}$   
 ${}^{16}\text{O}+{}^{13}\text{C}$

${}^{16}\text{O}+{}^{16}\text{O}$   
 ${}^{17}\text{O}+{}^{12}\text{C}$   
 ${}^{17}\text{O}+{}^{16}\text{O}$   
 ${}^{18}\text{O}+{}^9\text{Be}$   
 ${}^{18}\text{O}+{}^{16}\text{O}$

$$S = E \cdot \sigma \cdot \exp(f(E))$$

$$S^* = E \cdot \sigma \cdot \exp(f(E) + f(E, R))$$

$$S^{**} = E \cdot \sigma \cdot \exp(f(E) - f(R) + f(E, R))$$



**This simple approach yields normalized cross-sections spanning less than one order of magnitude!**

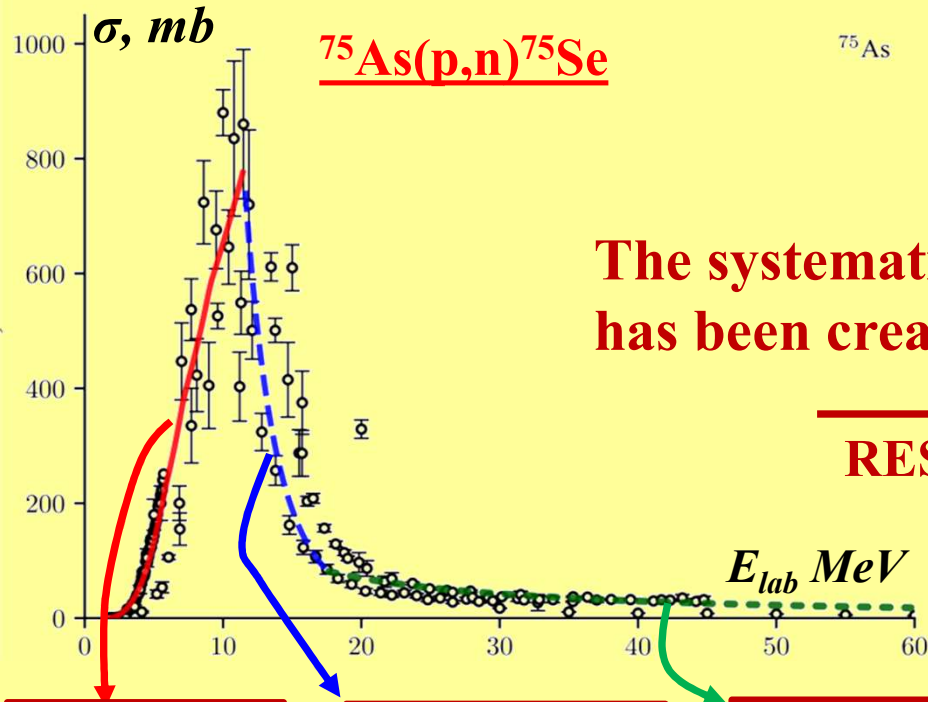
Very useful:

to make the cross-section estimations at low energies,  
 to exclude erroneous experimental data,  
 to study the resonance structure of the excitation function  
 to study the new phenomena in low energy area - hindrance

For more details see the report: [V. Viger](#), S. Torilov, N. Maltsev, V. Zhrebchevsky  
*"Determination of the astrophysical S-factor in the region of low energies of nuclear interactions...."*

# Investigations of nuclear reactions in a wide range of energies and masses

Studies of nuclear reactions excitation functions: (p,n) reactions  
for the mass range from  $A = 40$  to  $A = 239$ , from threshold to 60 MeV



$^{75}\text{As}(p,n)^{75}\text{Se}$

$^{75}\text{As}$

The systematics  
has been created!

RESULTS

**Equilibrium**

from  
threshold  
to 11 MeV  
Compound  
system  
formation

+

**Pre  
Equilibrium 1**

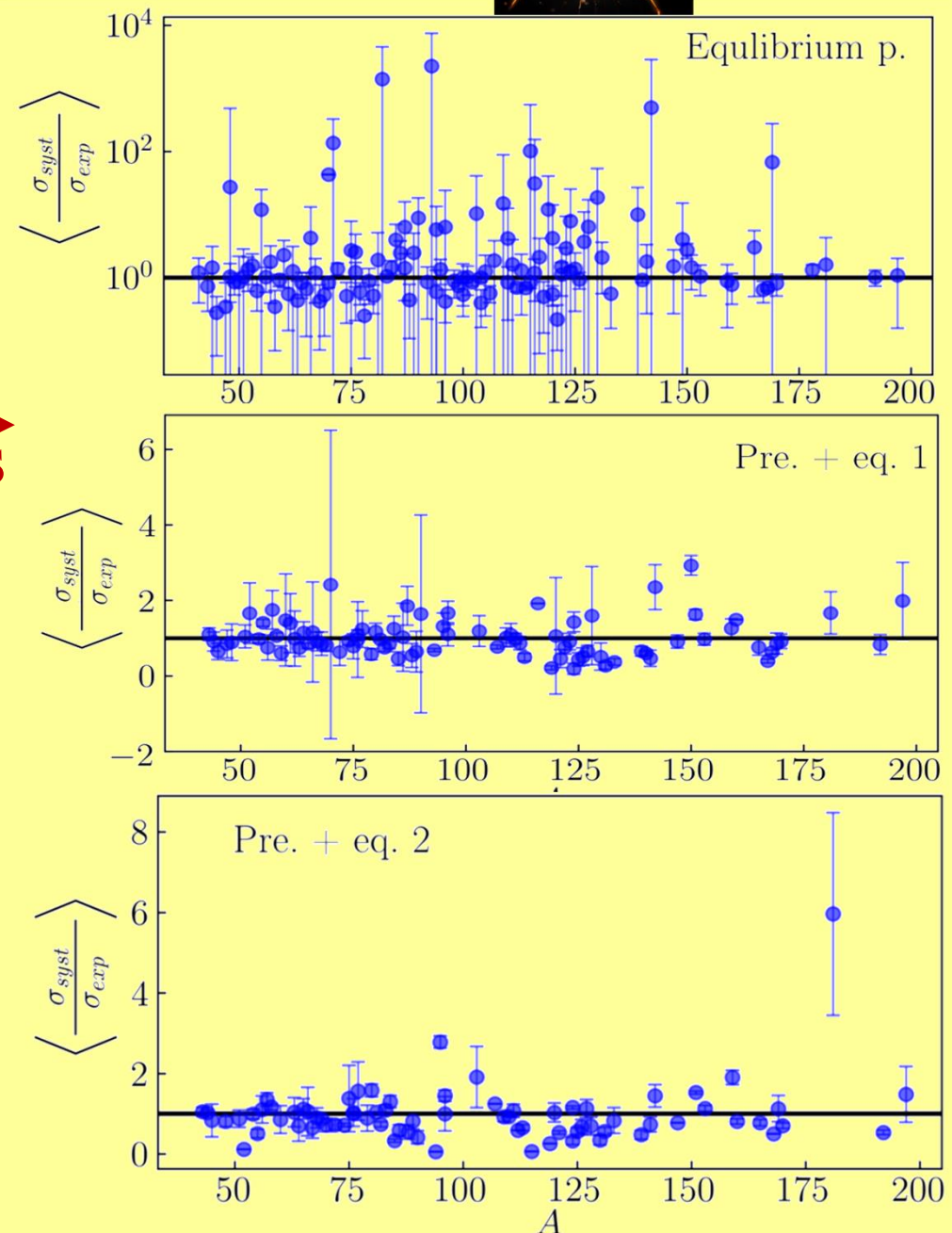
from 11 to 25  
MeV, evolution  
of a compound  
system to an  
equilibrium state

+

**Pre  
Equilibrium 2**

Pre-  
equilibrium  
processes also  
dominate

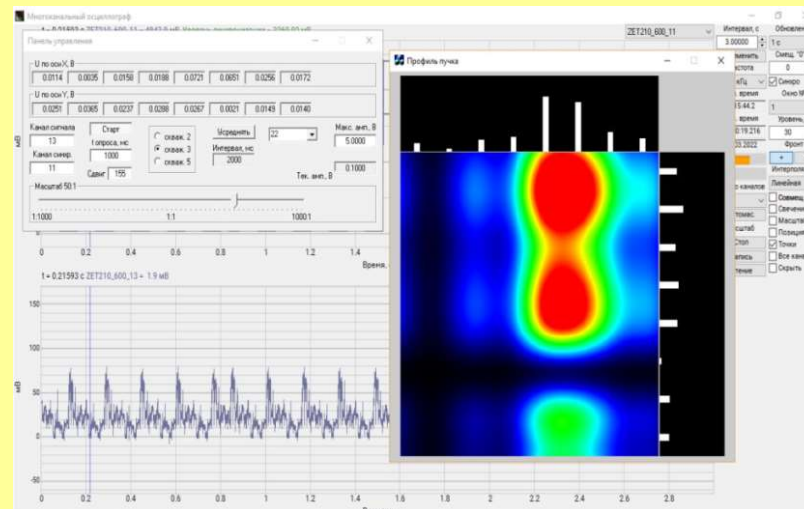
You can make experiments on nuclear  
reactions for the rest of your life!!!



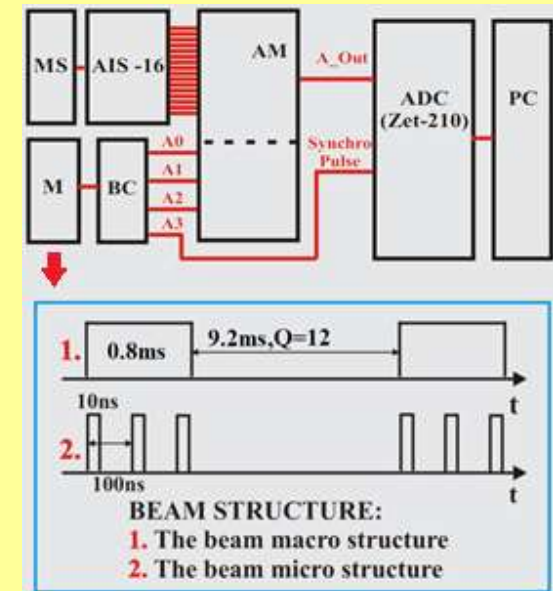
### *Multisensor-system for monitoring charged particle beams and heavy ions*



*Sensors*

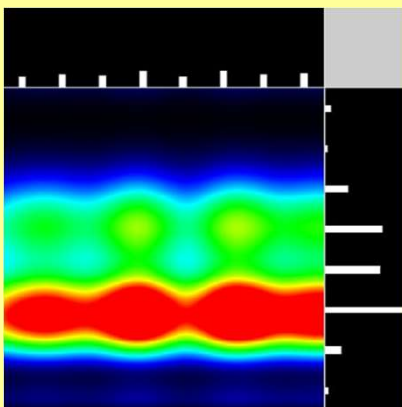


*Visualization of argon ion beam*

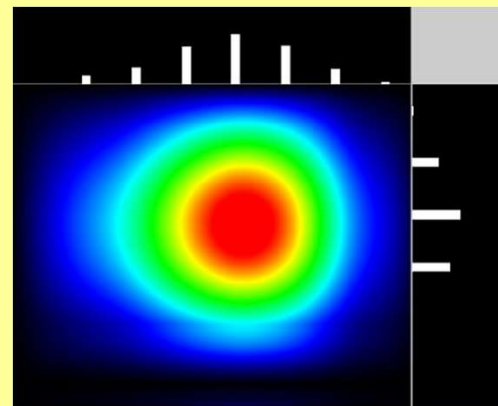


*Electronic circuit diagram of the system*

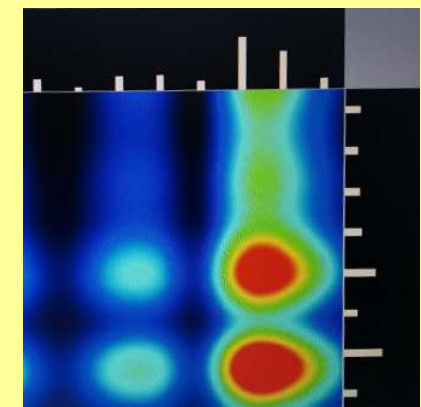
The system has been tested in various **CYCLOTRONS.**



Beam profile of alpha particles obtained at the **U-120 cyclotron FTI A.F. Ioffe**



Beam profile of alpha particles obtained at the **U-120 cyclotron of St. Petersburg State University**



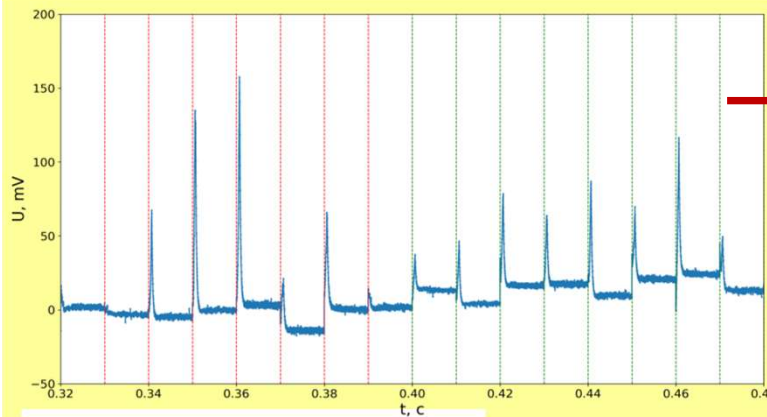
Beam profile of  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  ions obtained at the **U-120 cyclotron FTI A.F. Ioffe**

# Beam diagnostic systems

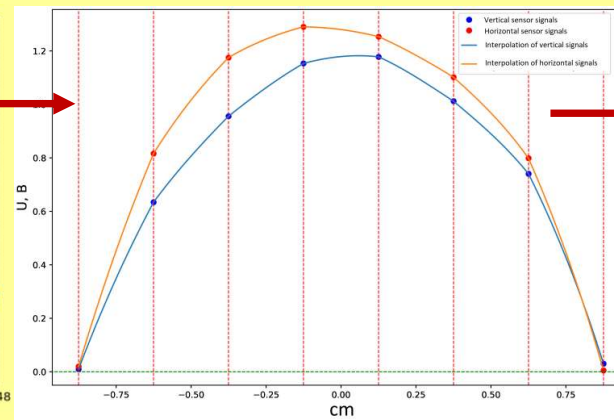
**Not only beam diagnostics also experimental set-up for studying secondary electron emission processes.**

*determining the secondary electron emission  $\delta_{se}$  coefficients of various materials*

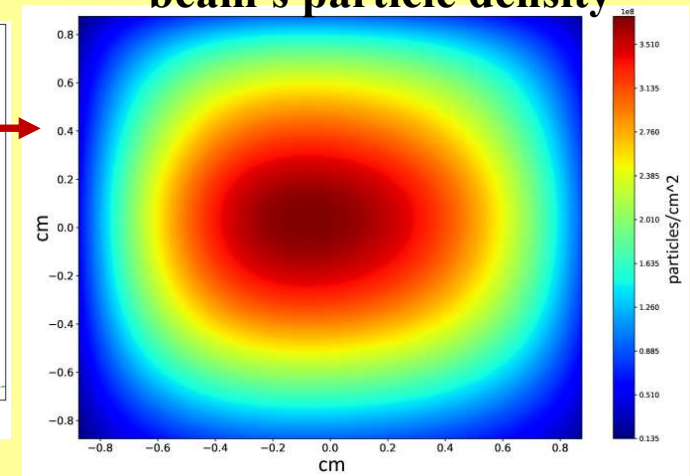
Signals from the sensors



Interpolation of signals from sensors



Transverse distribution of the beam's particle density



## Experiments at Ioffe Physical-Technical Institute U-120 cyclotron



**$^{40}\text{Ar}^{+8}$  ions with energy 53 MeV  
intensities: 50 nA, 70 nA, 100 nA**

$$\delta_{se} = 39,5 \pm 0,1$$

**NEXT planes:**

**LINAC-200 – FLAP JINR  
SC-1000 – PNPI**

For more details see the report: [E.Zemlin](#), N. Maltsev, V. Zherebchensky, V.Petrov, M.Kudoyarov  
*"Исследование процессов вторичной электронной эмиссии....."*

# Detector technologies

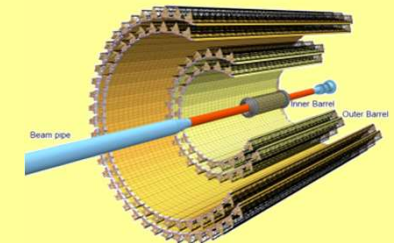
## LHC - ALICE Inner Tracking System

## Creation of ALICE ITS-2

Extralight weight  
carbon fiber support  
structures

Pixel detectors R&D

Staves commissioning

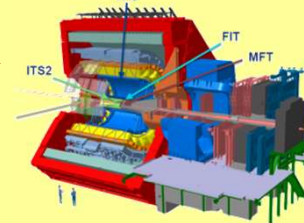
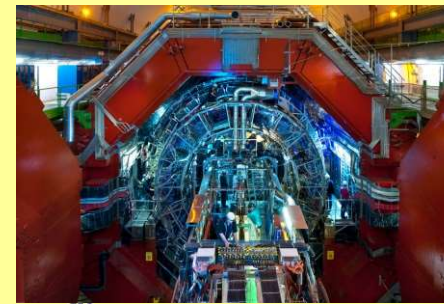


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## ALICE Technical Proposal

Inner Tracking System  
Engineering design  
Mechanics and cooling

1995

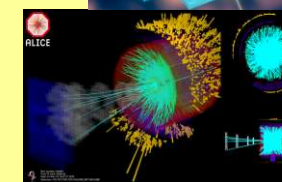
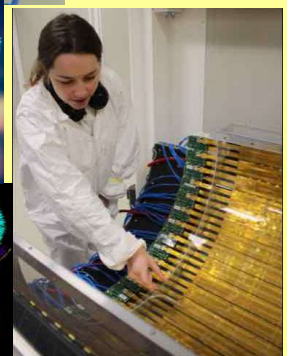
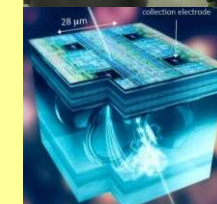


1995-2008

## Creation of ALICE ITS-1

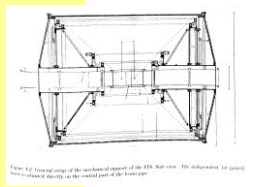
Carbon fiber composite  
technologies

Contribution to the  
assembly of ALICE  
installation at the LHC



1993

ALICE  
Letter of intent



SCP  
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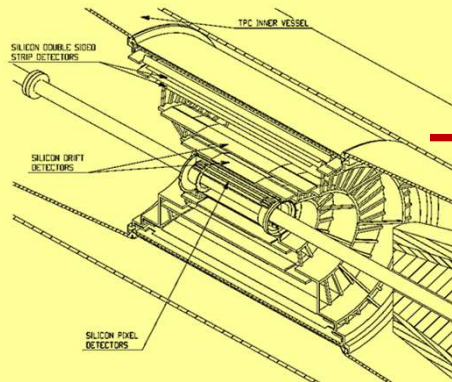
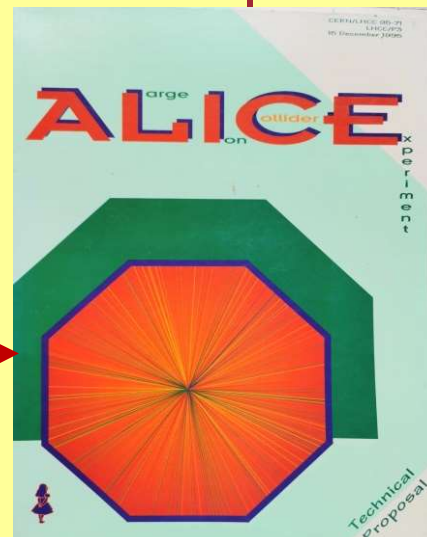


Figure 2.1: General view of the Inner Tracking System.

# Detector technologies

## Pixel detector for the future

### ALICE-3 (LS4 upgrade)

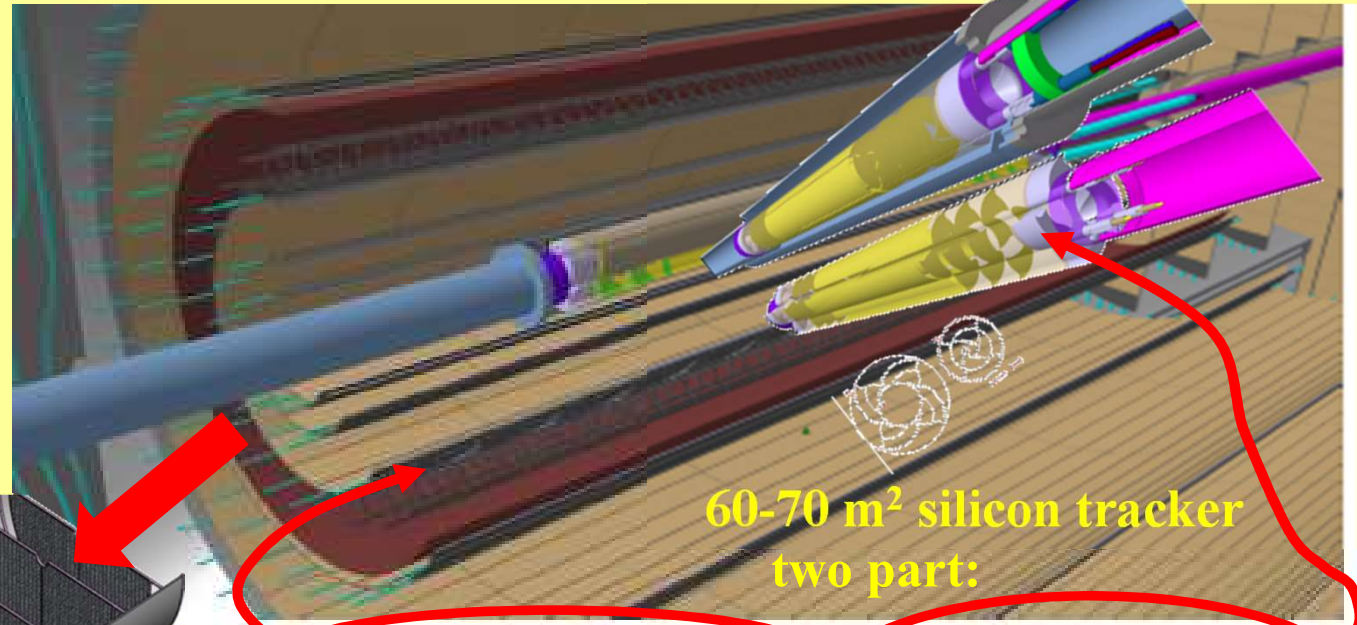
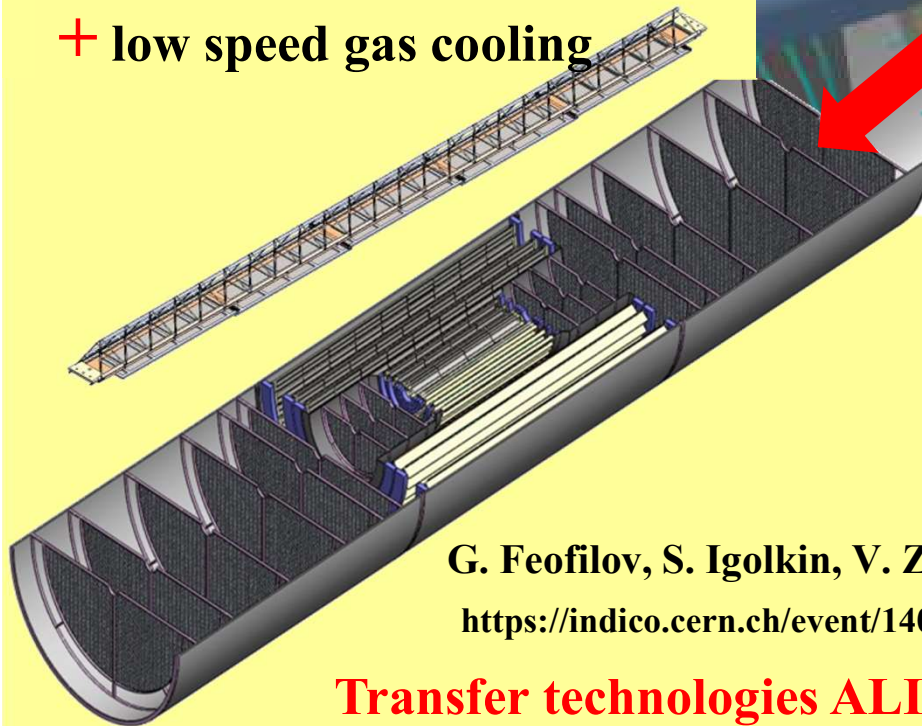
#### Conception from SPbSU

For outer tracker:

long ladders 3000 mm

+ heat bridges

+ low speed gas cooling



60-70 m<sup>2</sup> silicon tracker  
two part:

outer tracking layers

in-vacuum tracker  
the vertex detector

Letter of intent for ALICE 3:

arXiv:2211.02491v1

G. Feofilov, S. Igolkin, V. Zhrebchevsky et.al

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1405488>

### Transfer technologies ALICE-3 - JINR

Clam shell design

Rigid CF+honeycomb outer shell

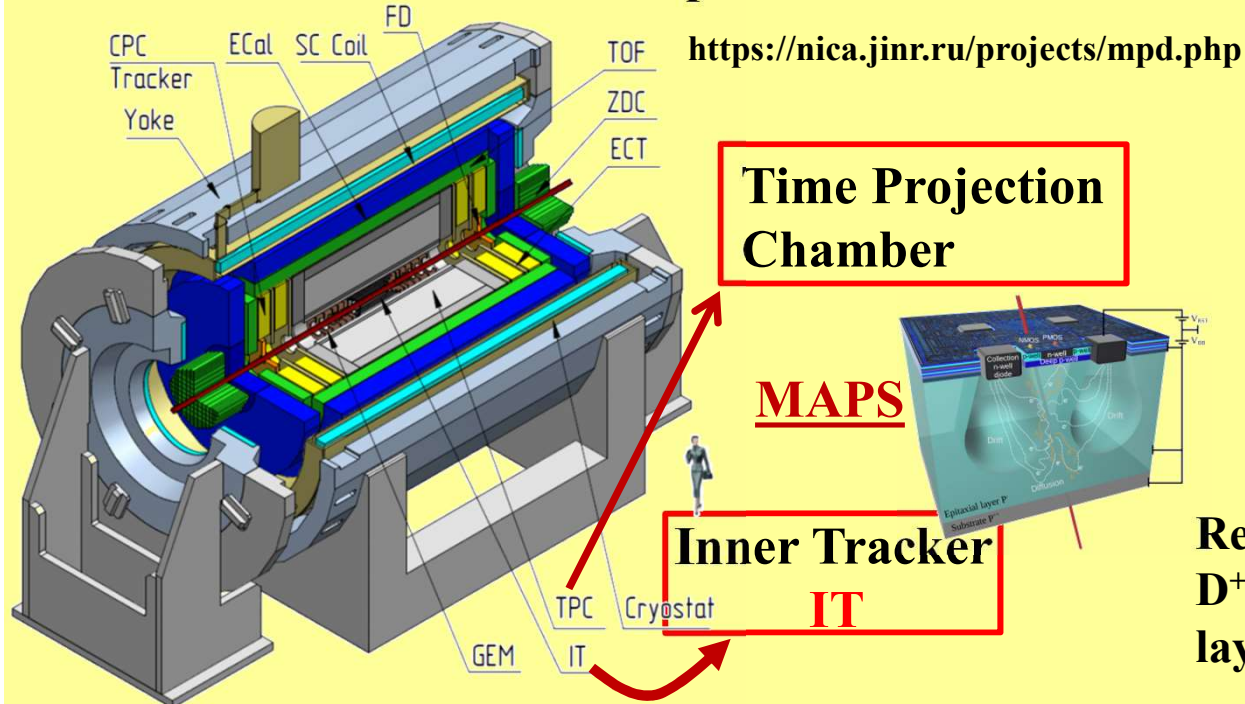
Integration with the beam-pipe and the IRIS



# Detector technologies

## Experiments:

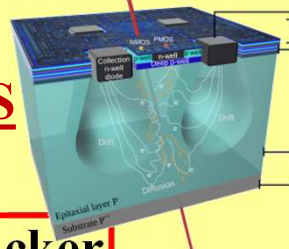
### 1. MPD at NICA – Multi-Purpose Detector



**Time Projection Chamber**

**MAPS**

**Inner Tracker  
IT**

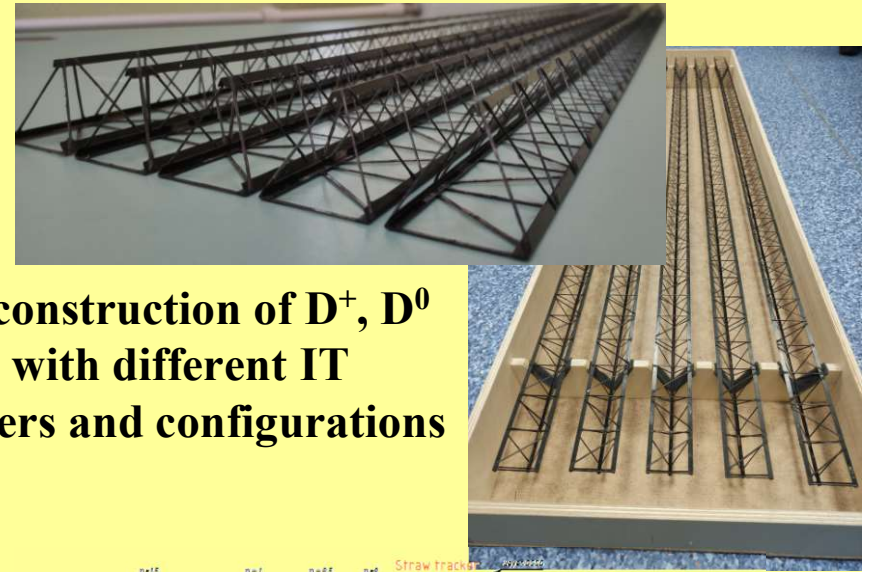


### II stage of the MPD experiment: TPC + IT

Geometrical model of MPD vertex detector

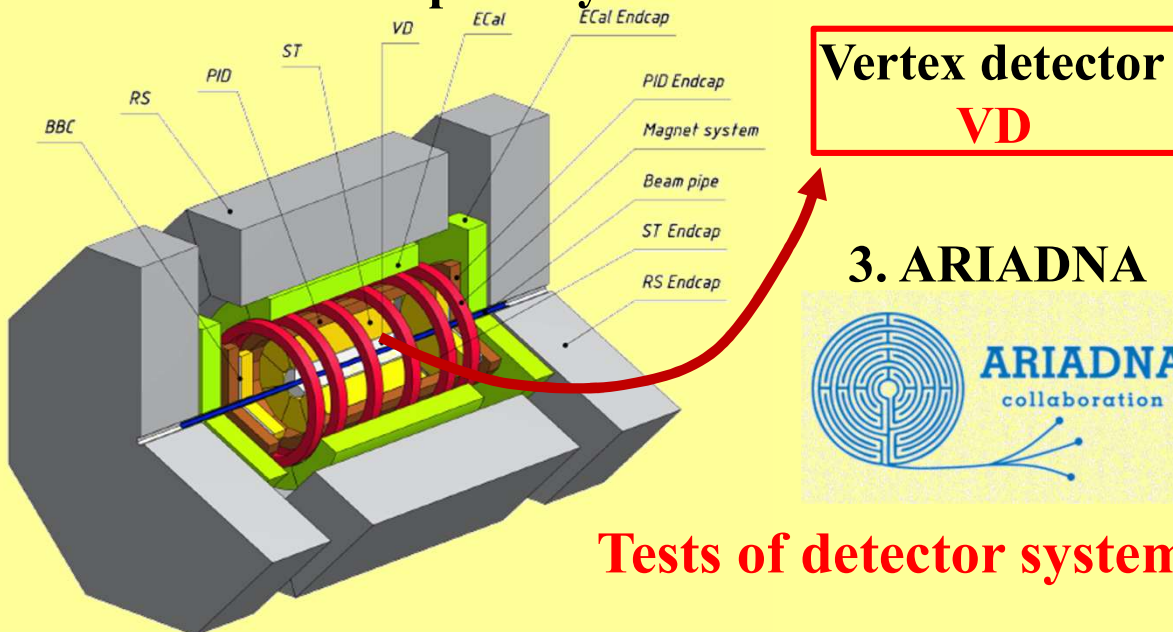
### Carbon fiber structures production

**60 Wound-truss structures** were produced at SPbSU and shipped to JINR



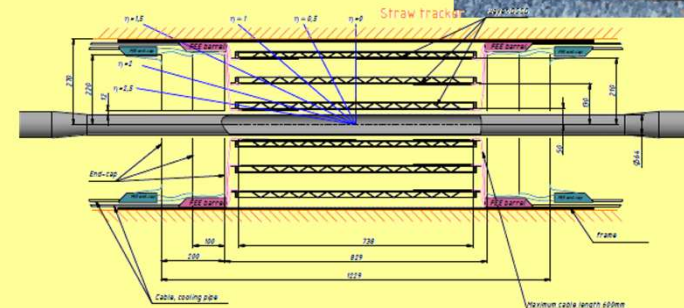
Reconstruction of  $D^+$ ,  $D^0$   
 $D^+$ , with different IT  
layers and configurations

### 2. SPD at NICA – Spin Physics Detector



**Vertex detector  
VD**

### 3. ARIADNA



<http://spd.jinr.ru/spd-cdr/>

**Tests of detector systems**

**Proton tomography  
Beam monitoring**

## Superdense nuclear matter and methods of its study in experiments at the NICA accelerator-storage complex

### Evolution of NICA MPD IT concepts

5 layers of  
MAPS

V.I. Zhrebchevsky,  
V.P. Kondratiev,  
V.V. Vechernin,  
S.N. Igolkin  
NIM, A 985 (2021)

6 layers of  
MAPS

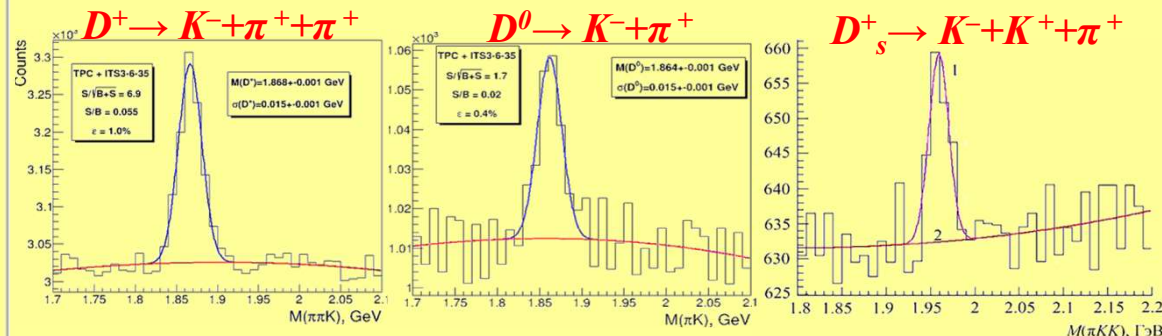
Snap back  
to reality

3 layers of MAPS  
+  
3 layers of large  
area Uth MAPS



Hole!!

### Reconstruction of $D^+$ , $D^0$ with 6 layer IT ( $10^8$ central Au+Au collisions)

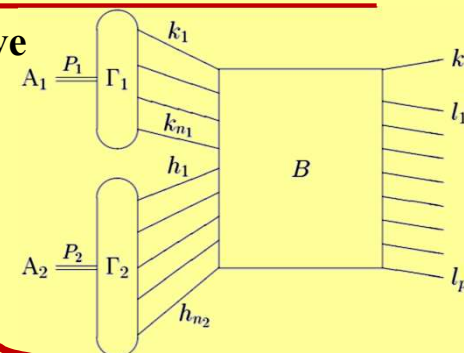


Particle	$D^+$	$D^0$	$D^+s$
Efficiency, %	1.2	0.5	0.12
Efficiency (hole), %	0.18	0.05	

For more details see the report: **V. Kondratiev** "Моделирование идентификационной способности вершинного детектора для эксперимента MPD на коллайдере NICA"

### Study of flucton-flucton interaction at NICA

The studies in this new cumulative region becomes possible only at energies of the NICA collider (impossible at ultrahigh energies of the RHIC and LHC)

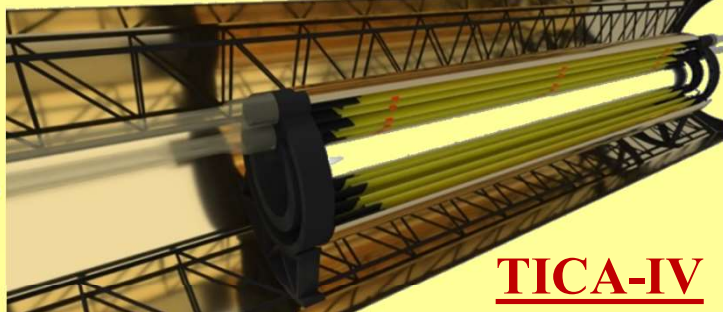
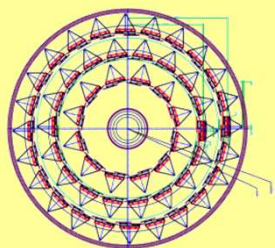


For more details see the report: **Vechernin V.V., Yurchenko S.V.** "Formation of protons in a new cumulative region...."

**Superdense nuclear matter and methods of its study in experiments at the NICA  
accelerator-storage complex**

**Cooling for Tomorrow**

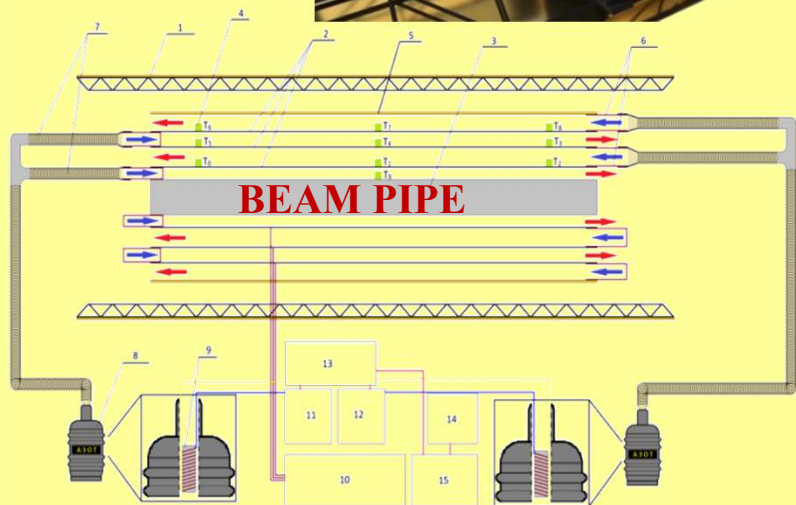
**New experimental set-up**



**TICA-IV**

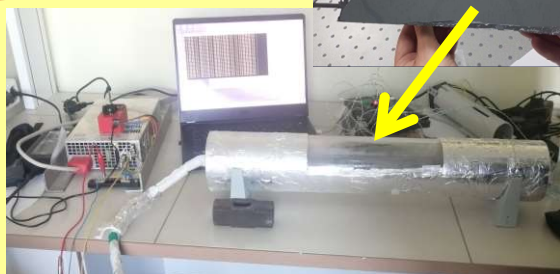
**Cooling of  
3 layers Uth  
large area  
MAPS**

**Optimization  
of gas-cooling  
processes**

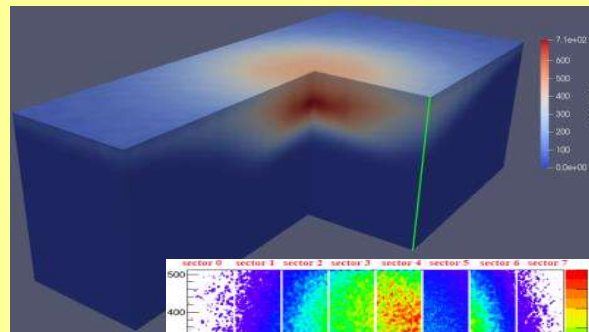


V. Zhrebchevsky, et al. Instruments and  
Experimental Techniques, 2025, Vol. 68, No. 2

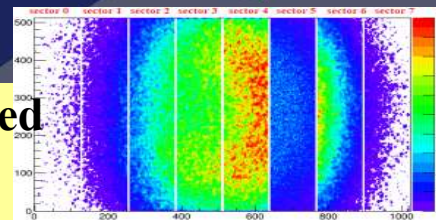
**Mechanics and  
cooling crash tests  
New set-up**



**Studies of radiation effects in irradiated  
detector structures**



**Irradiated  
MAPS**



**During the 6 month experimental period,  
the irradiation zone accumulated TID  
dose of 7.4 kGy (740 krad)**

**RESULTS**

**Threshold and noise were changed: 30-40%  
MAPS still worked!!**

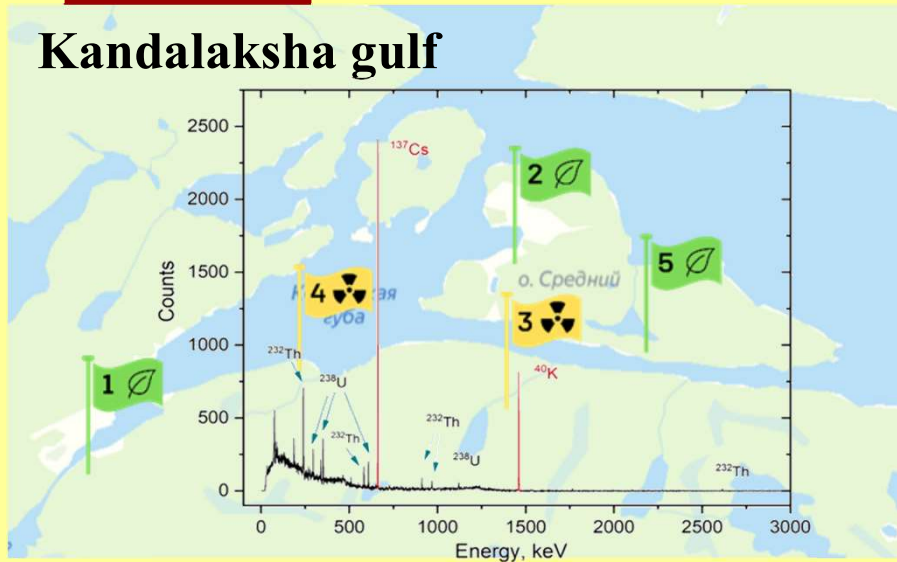
**New experiment:**

**Dose 900 krad on the MAPS edge, where pixel  
electronics are located**

## Studying the Radionuclide Composition of Bottom Sediments

### White sea

#### Kandalaksha gulf



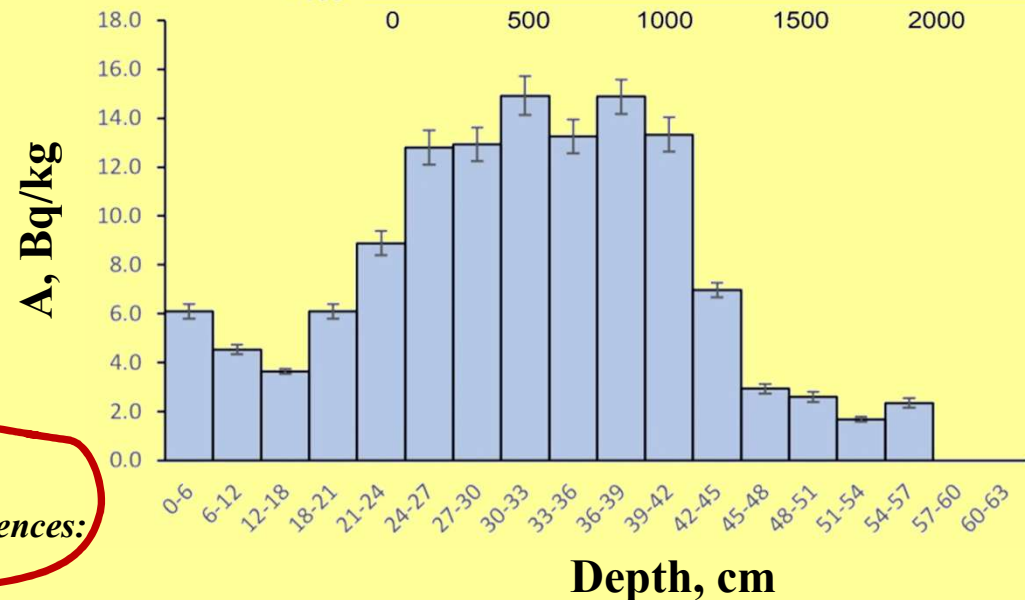
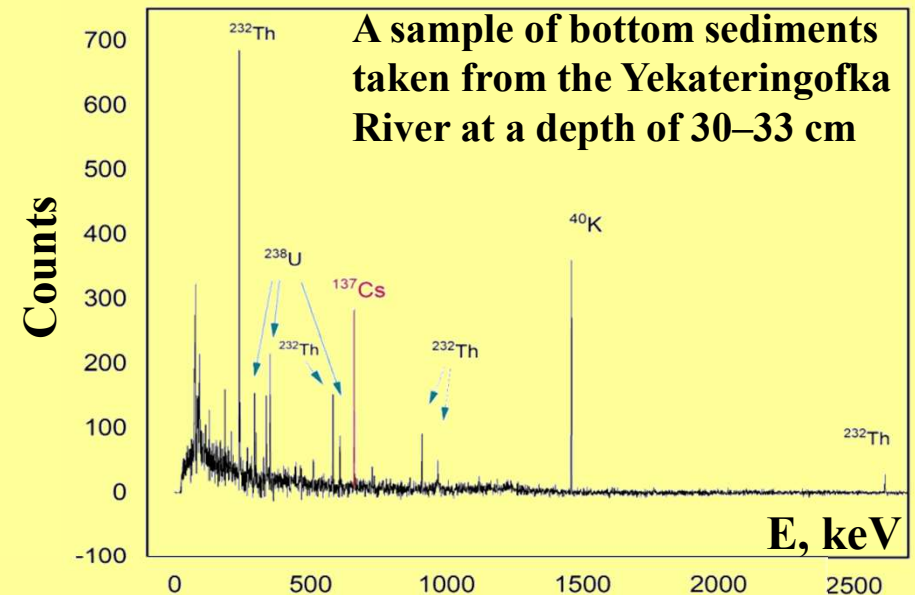
Sand fraction:  
 $293 \pm 5$  Bq/kg

Why???

A. Yu. Opekunov, D. V. Pichugina,  
V. I. Zhrebchevsky, M. G. Opekunova  
Bulletin of the Russian Academy of Sciences:  
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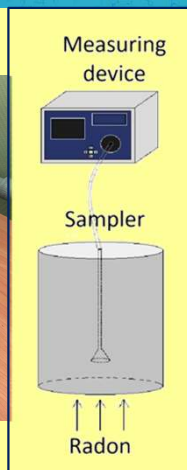
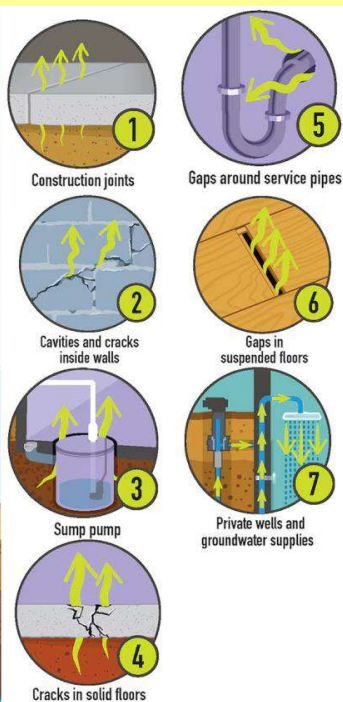
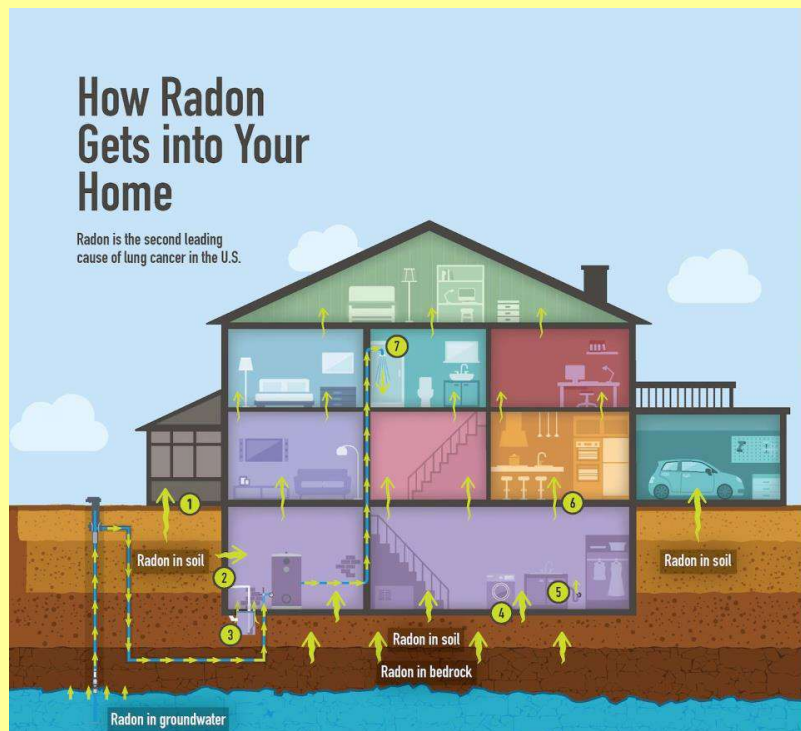
### St. Petersburg's Rivers:

#### Chernaya rechka, Karpovka, Yekateringofka

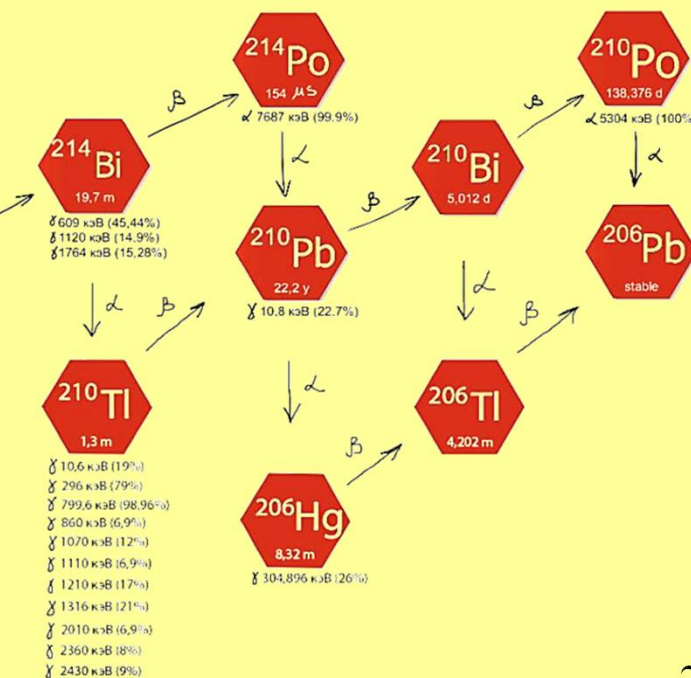
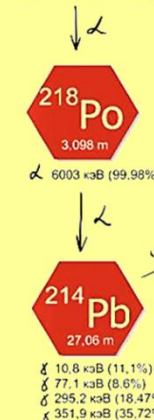
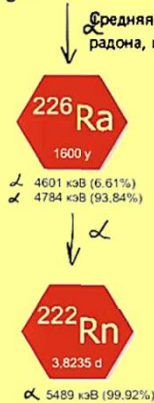
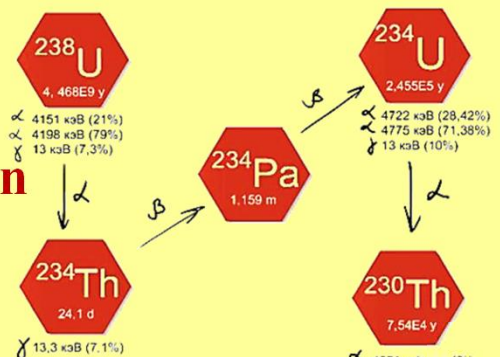


# Radiation ecology

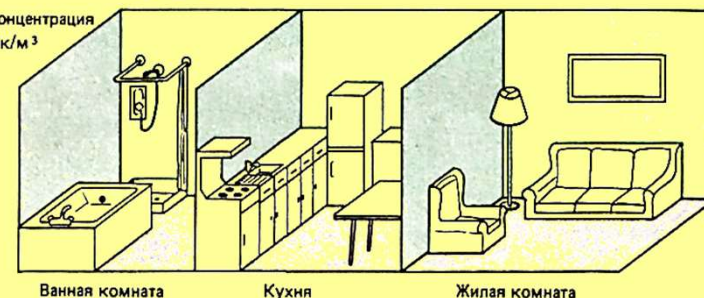
## Measurements of Radon and Thoron Concentrations in Environmental Samples



## Global monitoring in



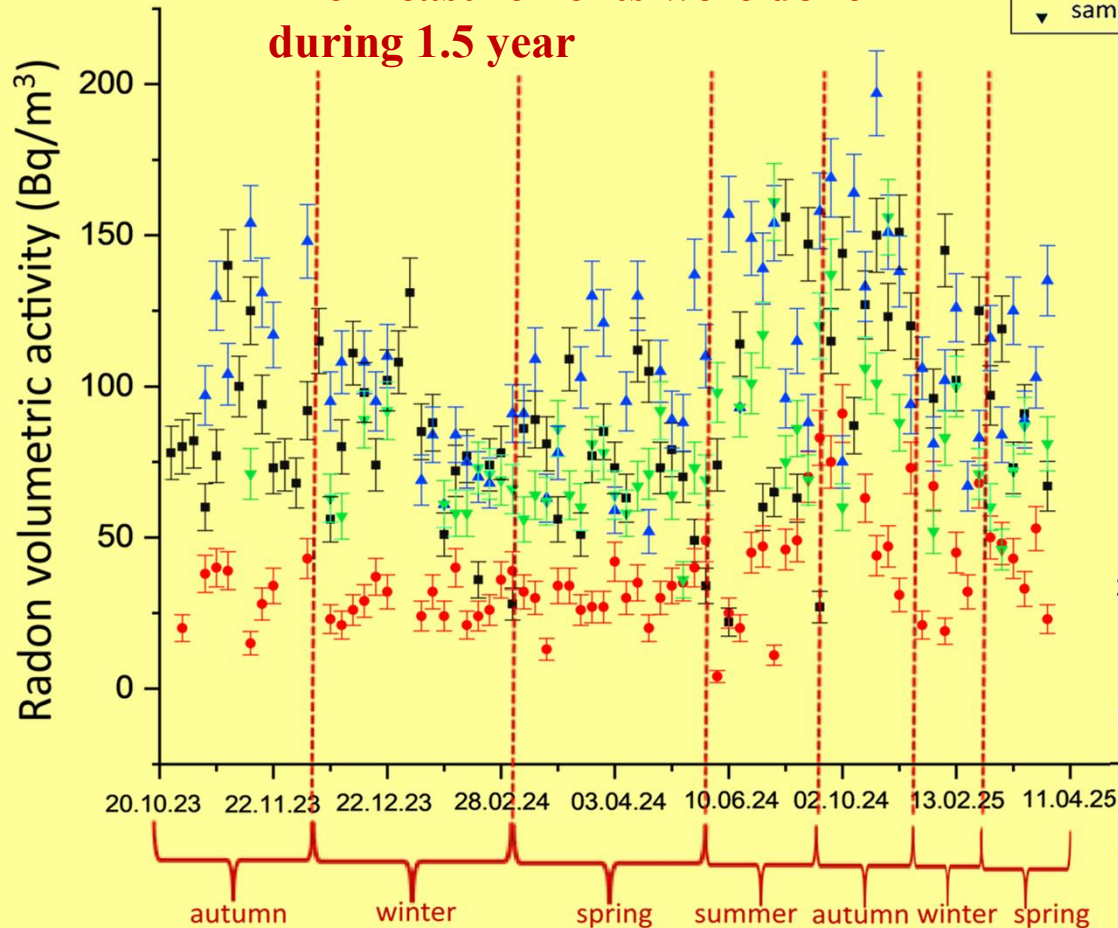
## RADON HOME ALONE



# Radiation ecology

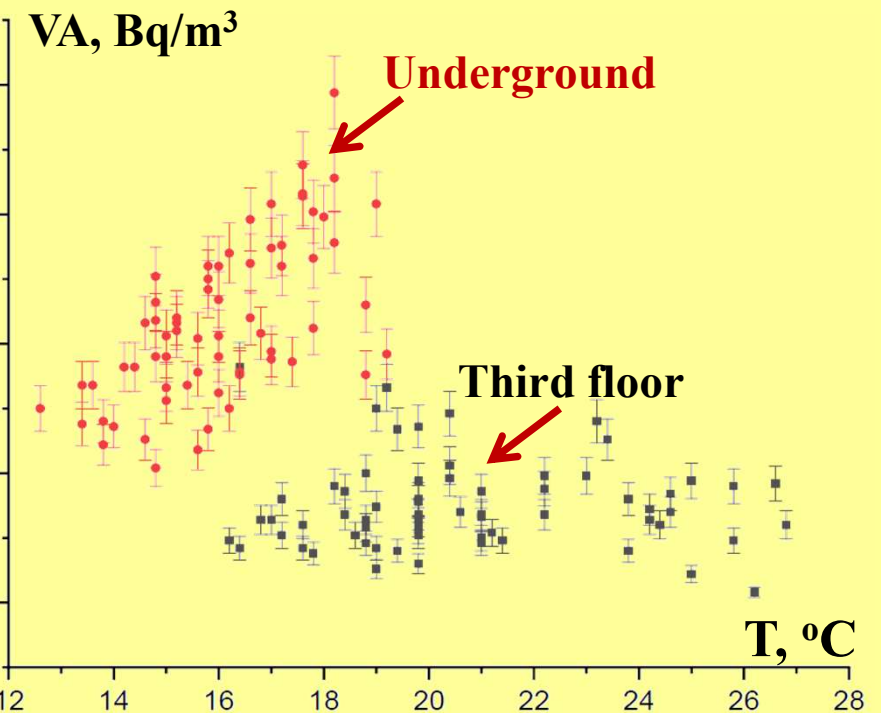
- first floor
- third floor
- ▲ sampler №2
- ▼ sampler №1

The measurements were done during 1.5 year



## Different dependences:

VA (volume activity) vs. Temperature (T)  
VA (volume activity) vs. Atm. Pressure (P)  
VA (volume activity) vs. Humidity (H)




For more details see the report: [O.Chepurniva](#), V. Zherebchevsky, "Исследование влияния внешних факторов на концентрацию радона в воздухе"

Different correlations between VA and fixed T, P, H were obtained

- a) brick houses built according to standard projects of 1970–1990 (average 21 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>)
- b) New energy efficient buildings (average 49 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>).

Article | [Open access](#) | Published: 22 October 2020

## Radon concentration in conventional and new energy efficient multi-storey apartment houses: results of survey in four Russian cities

[Ilia V. Yarmoshenko](#) , [Aleksandra D. Onishchenko](#), [Georgy P. Malinovsky](#), [Aleksey V. Vasilyev](#), [Evgeniy I. Nazarov](#) & [Michael V. Zhukovsky](#) **Ekaterinburg, Chelyabinsk, Saint-Petersburg, Krasnodar**

### OUR: St.-Petersburg

Primorsky district, year of commissioning is 2023. **10th floor.**

	Living room	Kitchen	Bathroom
VA, Bq/m <sup>3</sup>	144±15	141±14	147±16



Krasnoselsky district, year of commissioning is 1998. **1st floor.**

	Living room	Kitchen	Bedroom	Kid's room
VA, Bq/m <sup>3</sup>	47±9	39±8	34±7	41±8

Primorsky district, year of commissioning is 1979. **5th floor.**

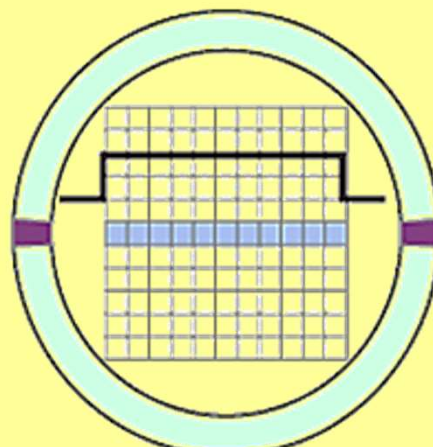
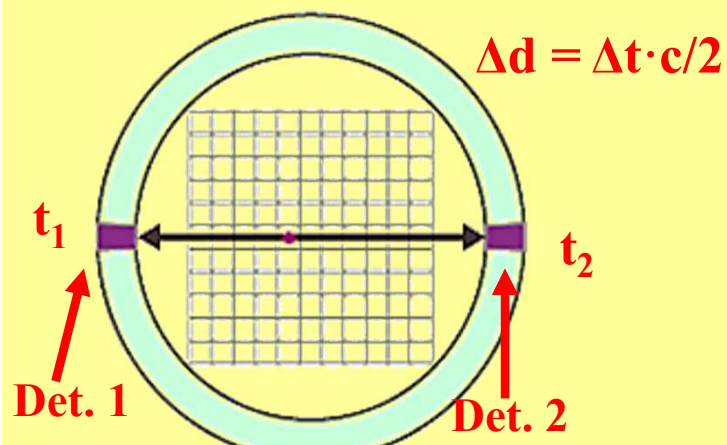
	Living room	Kitchen	Bedroom	Kid's room	Bathroom
VA, Bq/m <sup>3</sup>	35±7	12±3	14±5	18±4	10±2

## Diagnostics

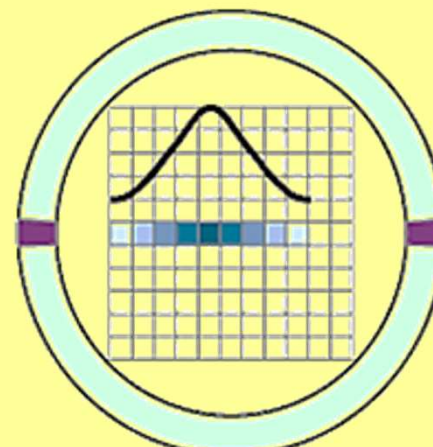
**RESOLUTION!**  
**Today: 1-3 mm**  
**Tomorrow: microns**

### Advanced detector technologies for the PET

**PET + Time of Flight (TOF) method → High time resolution clinical TOF PET**

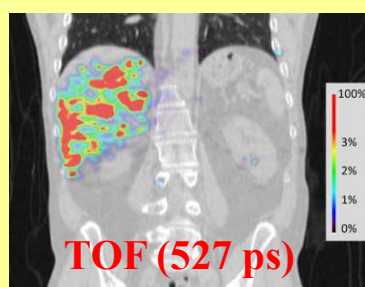
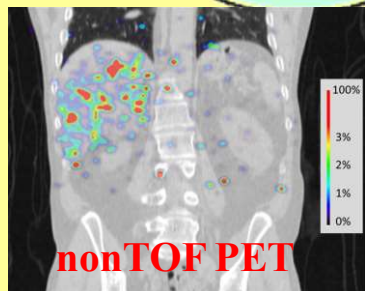


Standard PET



PET+TOF Position resolution

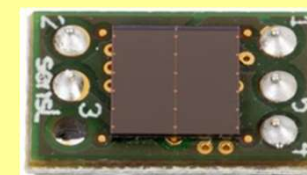
Time – **ps**. We need  
 1. Fast scintillators at high efficiency  
 2. SiPM or Multi channel plate detectors



$^{124}\text{I}$ ,  
 $^{90}\text{Y}$  – also  
 therapy

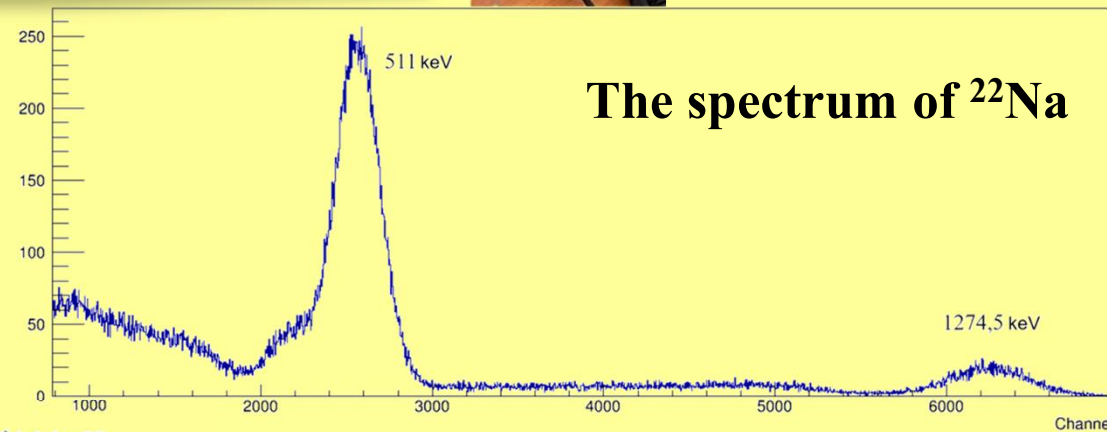
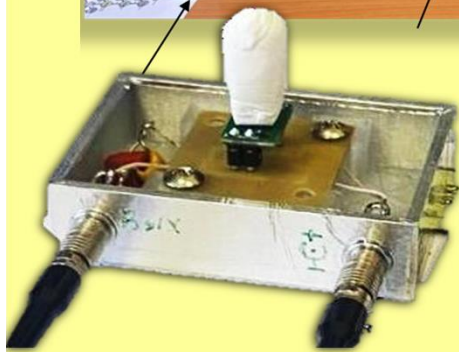
Noise reduction and better image quality characterize the TOF image compared to the nonTOF PET

At **SPbSU**: we are developing TOF- PET  
 BGO, LSO and fast plastics + Silicon Photomultiplier



# TOF- PET at SPbSU

## Nuclear medicine



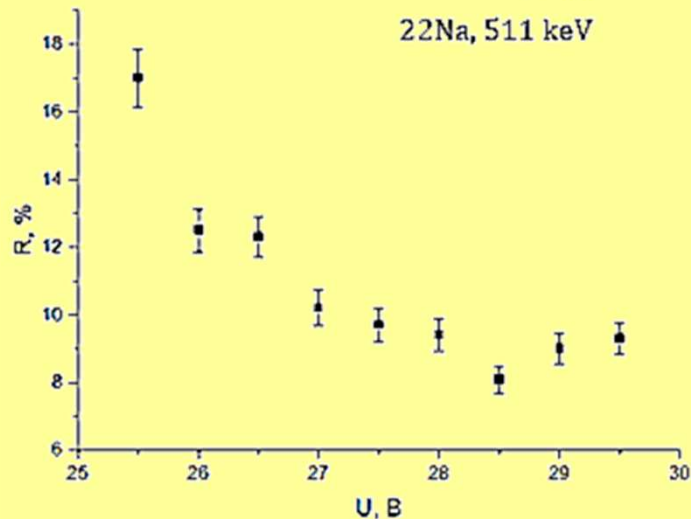
The spectrum of  $^{22}\text{Na}$

**ASIC PETIROC2A**

32 channel

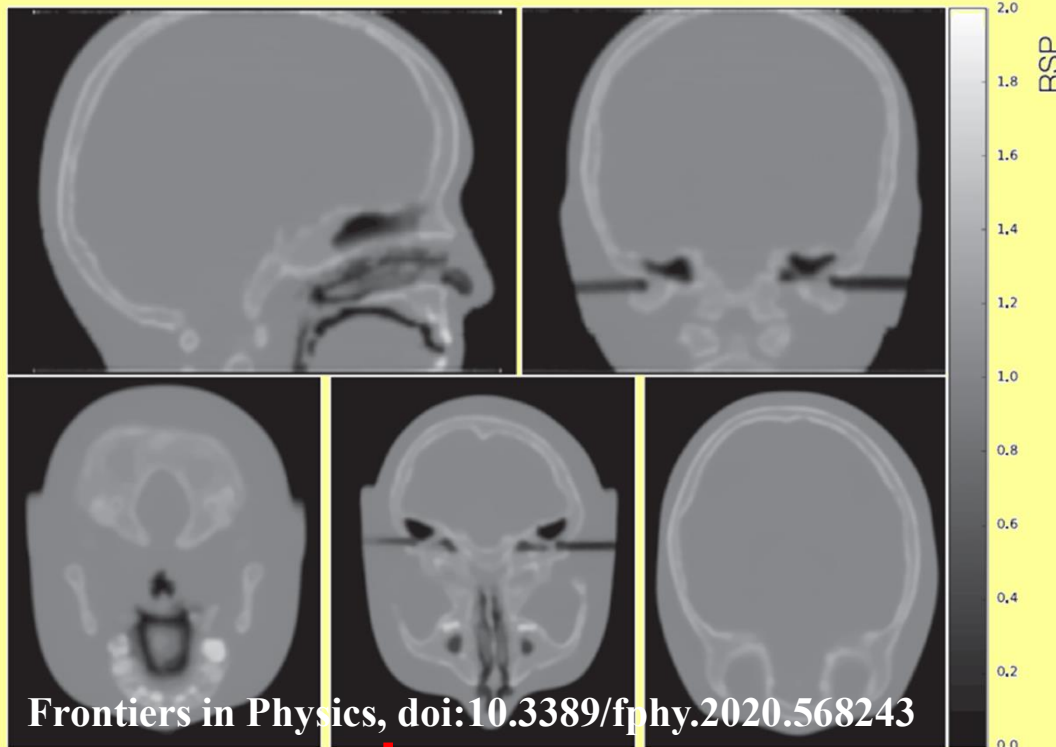
Internal TDC ~100 ps

$^{22}\text{Na}$ , 511 keV

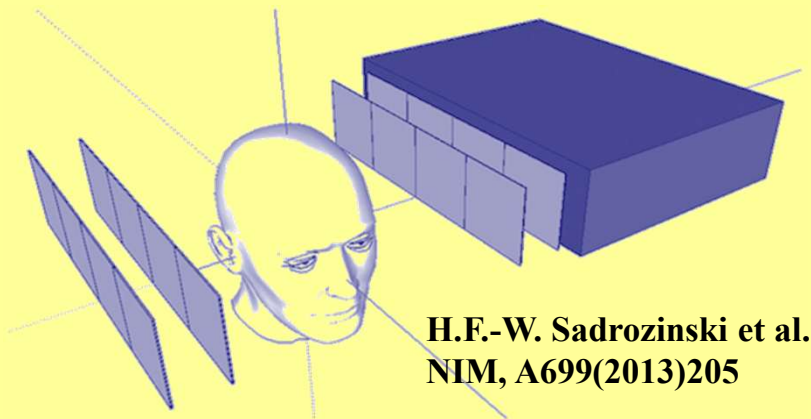


For more details see the report: [D.Komarova](#), N. Maltsev, V. Zhrebchevsky, "Исследование характеристик сцинтилляционных детекторных модулей для их использования в позитронно-эмиссионной томографии"

## Nuclear medicine



A full pCT reconstruction of the simulated head phantom in the modeled setup



Digital calorimeter can be used in proton therapy for precise measurements of the beam energy

## Proton tomography

Proton therapy – precalculated dose plans for each patient

The applied dose plans are based on x-ray computed tomography (CT) images

However The Relative Stopping Power (RSP) for protons in tissue is needed in order to calculate the proton range during dose calculations in a Treatment Planning System.

The RSP is obtained by converting attenuation of x-rays, represented by Hounsfield Unit (HU) maps in tissue, to RSP maps in the same tissue, through predetermined HU-to-RSP conversion curves

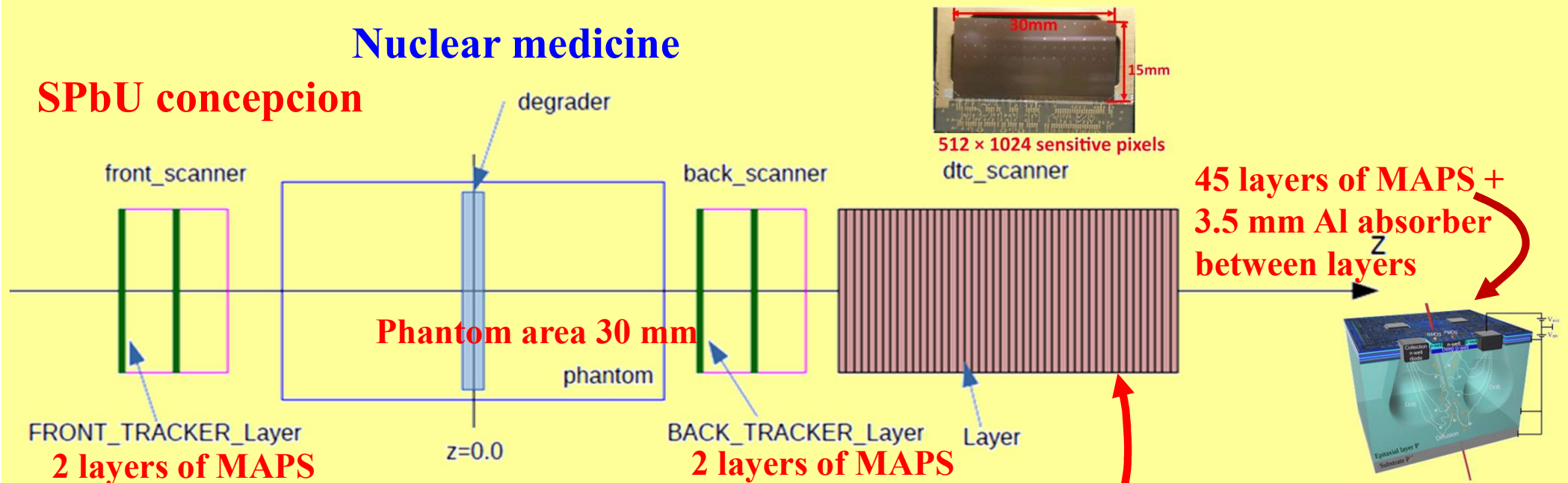
This conversion procedure introduces range uncertainties in the order of 2–3%, corresponding to **4–6 mm at treatment depth 20 cm** into the patient.

Also benefits - **pCT vs. CT**

Low dose: **1.5 mGy vs. 10-100 mGy**

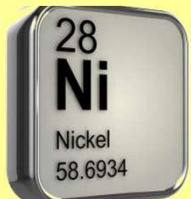
# Nuclear medicine

## SPbU conception

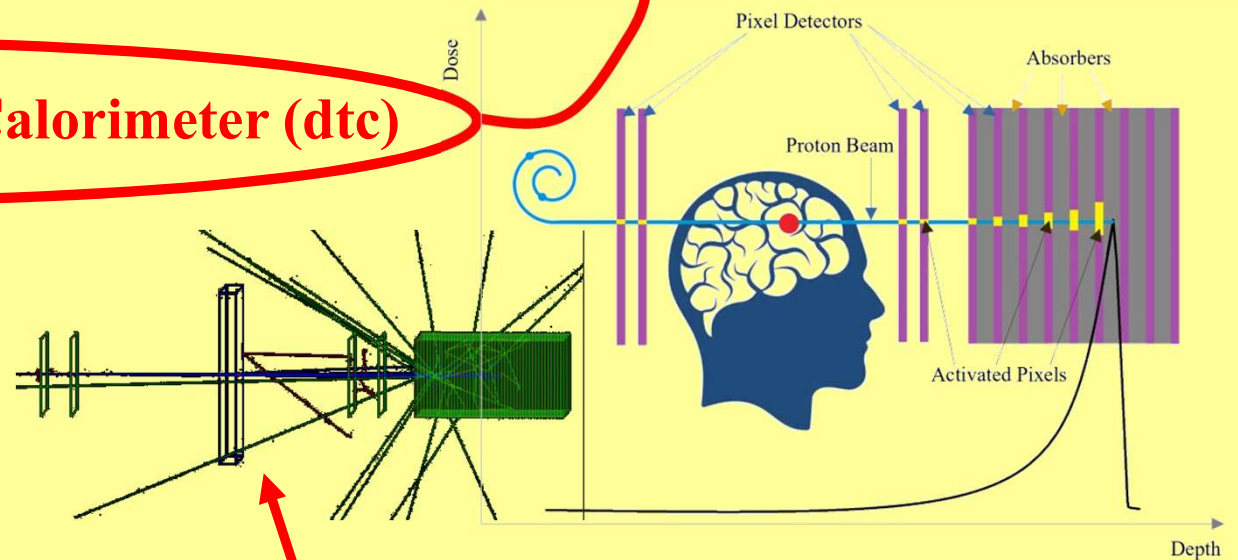


## Modelling of Digital Tracking Calorimeter (dtc)

Nickel as absorber material gives minimum number of detector layers with good enough energy resolution



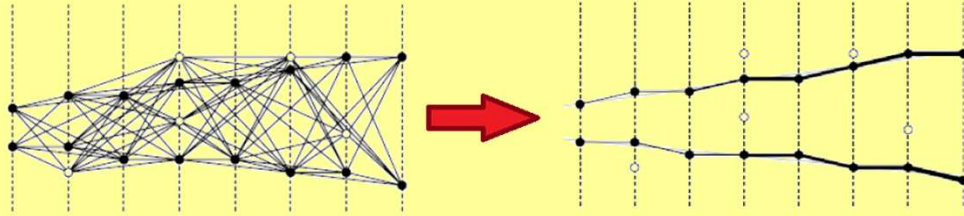
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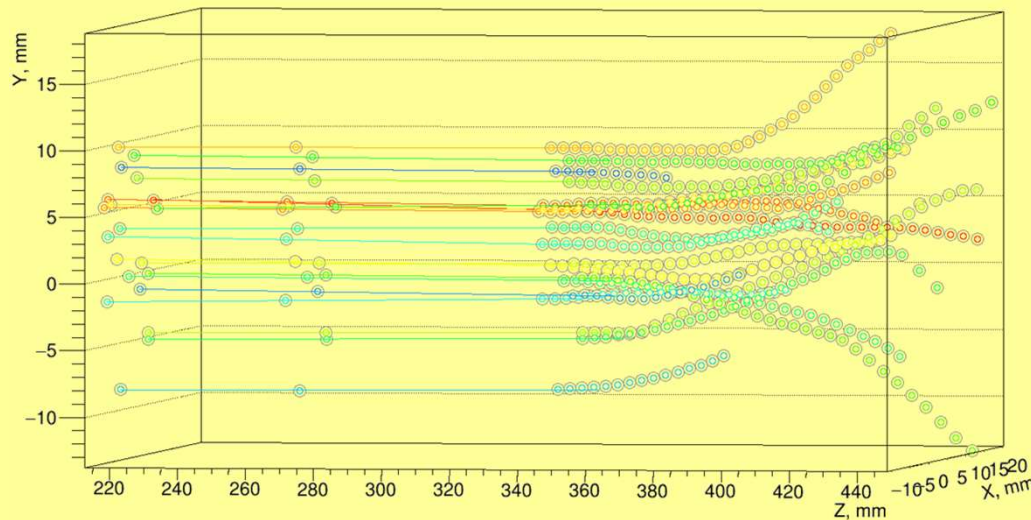
**GATE** - Geant4 Application for Emission Tomography **GATE** – adopted to tomography tasks  
Using **GATE** one can construct different type of detectors

# Nuclear medicine

Track-finding algorithm based on cellular automaton was developed for tomograph prototype.

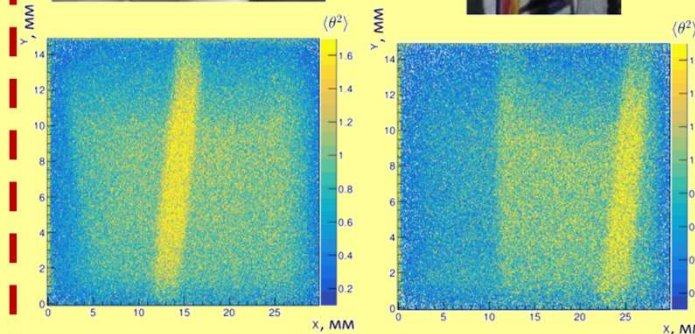
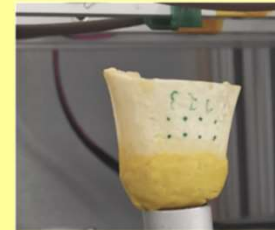
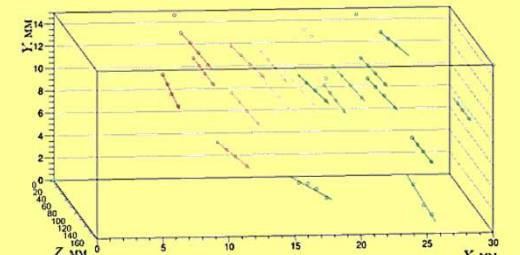
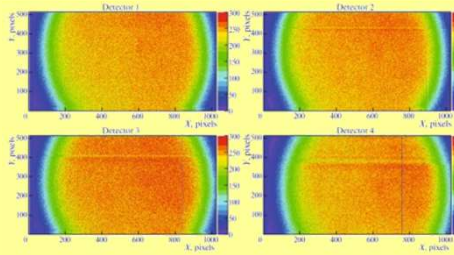


Tracks are identified with 80-90% efficiency for the proton beam with diameter of 20 mm and  $10^6$  p/s intensity.



# Experiments

**PNPI Synchrocyclotron- 1000**  
**Beam: protons - 200 MeV**



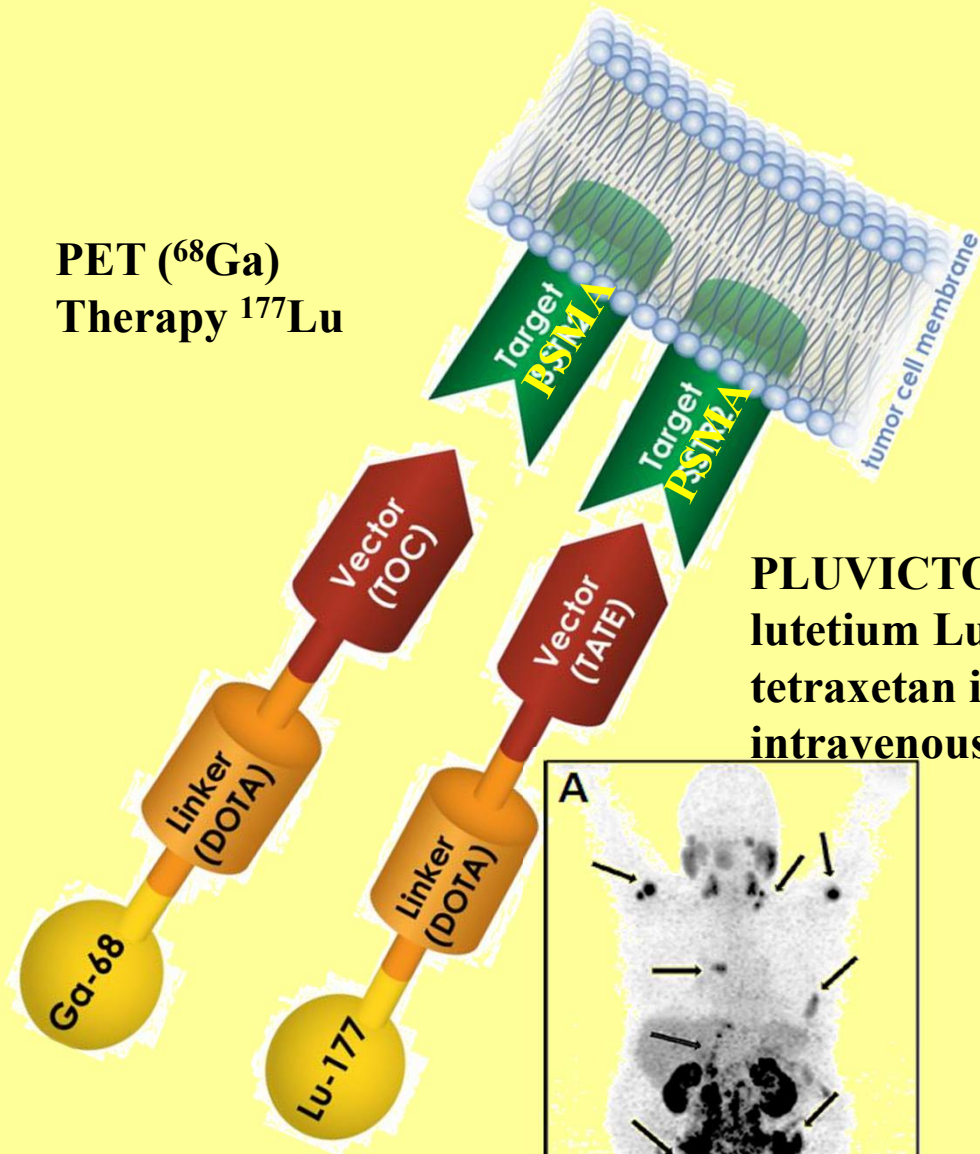
Phantom  
image  
reconstruction  
based on  
proton  
tracks

# Nuclear medicine

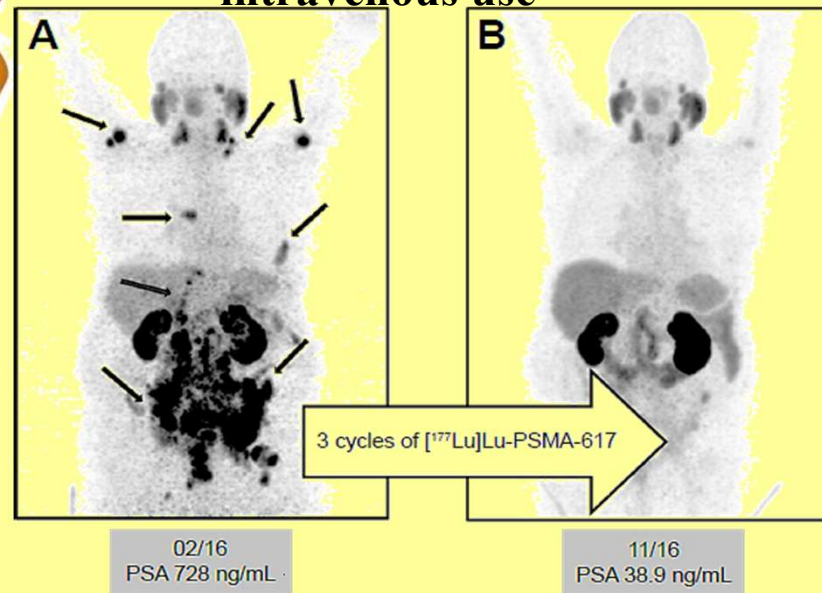
## RADIONUCLIDES!

## Theranostics: therapy + diagnostics

PET ( $^{68}\text{Ga}$ )  
Therapy  $^{177}\text{Lu}$



**PLUVICTO®**  
lutetium Lu 177 vipivotide  
tetraxetan injection, for  
intravenous use



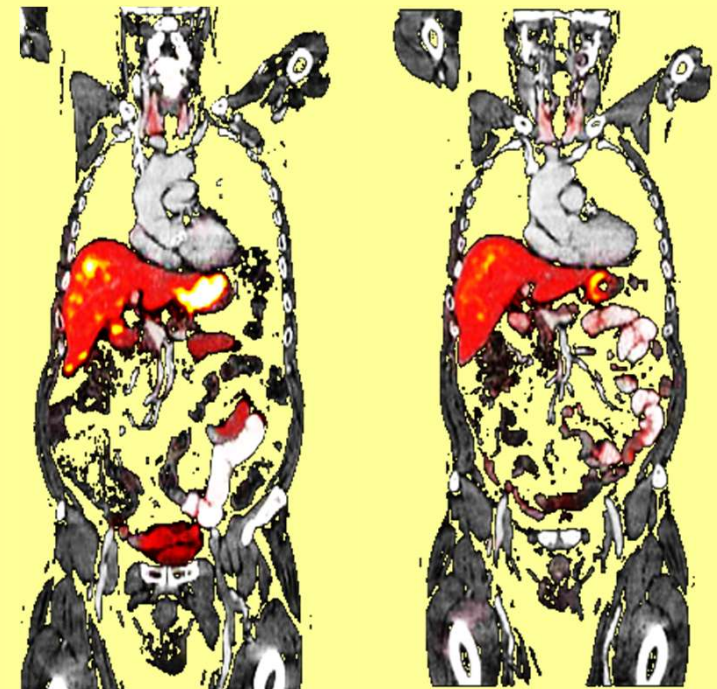
Visualisation  
Diagnostics

Radionuclide  
therapy

Targeted

Before

After



#### Therbium: Swiss



$^{149}\text{Tb}$ -therapy

$^{152}\text{Tb}$ -PET

$^{155}\text{Tb}$ -SPECT

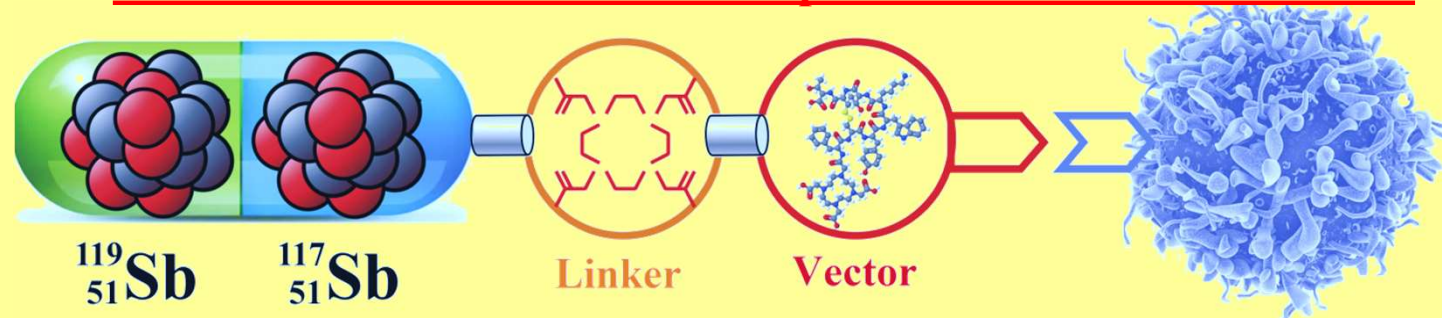
$^{161}\text{Tb}$ -therapy+SPECT

Micron and submicron range

High linear energy transfer (increases the ability to destroy cancer cells by double DNA cutting)

#### OUR Proposal

Collaboration: SPbSU+ V.G. Khlopin Radium Institute+SPbPU



#### $^{119}\text{Sb}$ - therapy

$T_{1/2} = 38.2 \text{ h}$ ,  $E_{\text{el}}: 2.95 \text{ (L)}, 21.0 \text{ (K) keV}$

Emission 147 (per 100 decay)



[12]

#### $^{117}\text{Sb}$ – Diagnost., SPECT (gamma – 158 keV)

$T_{1/2} = 2.8 \text{ ч}$ ,  $E_{\text{el}}: 2.95 \text{ (L)}, 21.0 \text{ (K) keV}$

Emission 147 (per 100 decay)

## Experimental set-up

Modernized target complex + semiconductor gamma spectrometer for the activity of the obtained radionuclides measurements

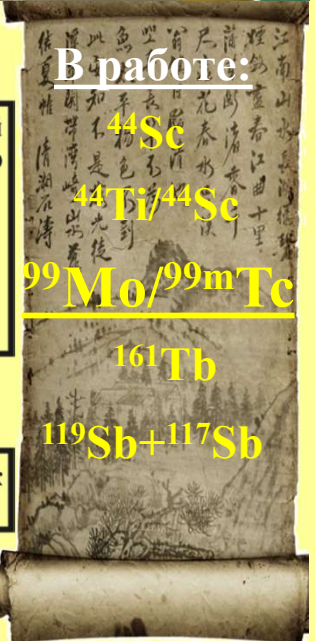
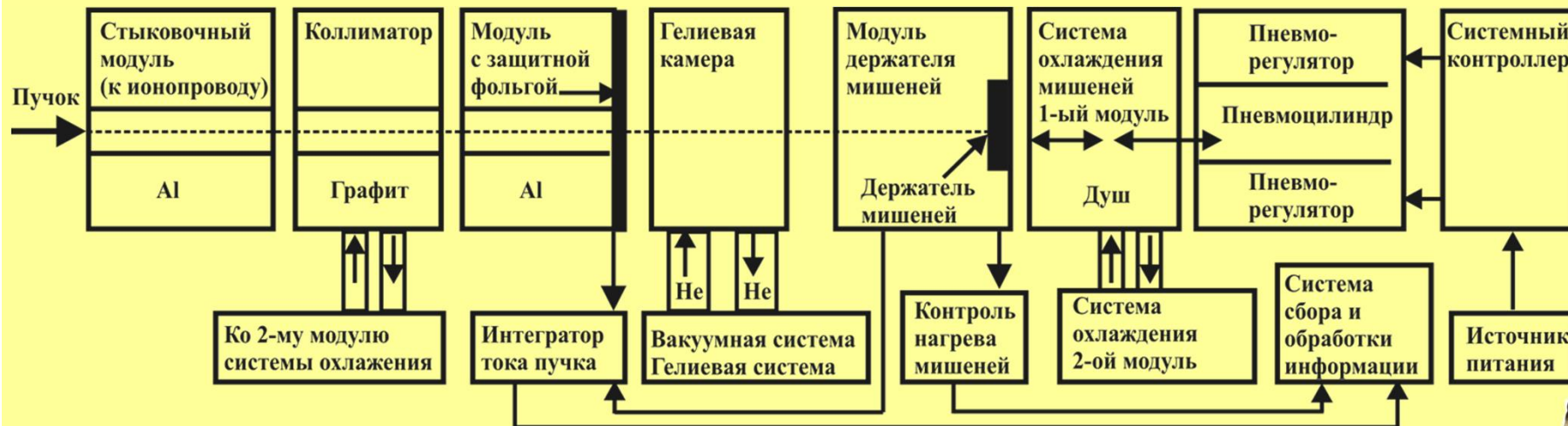
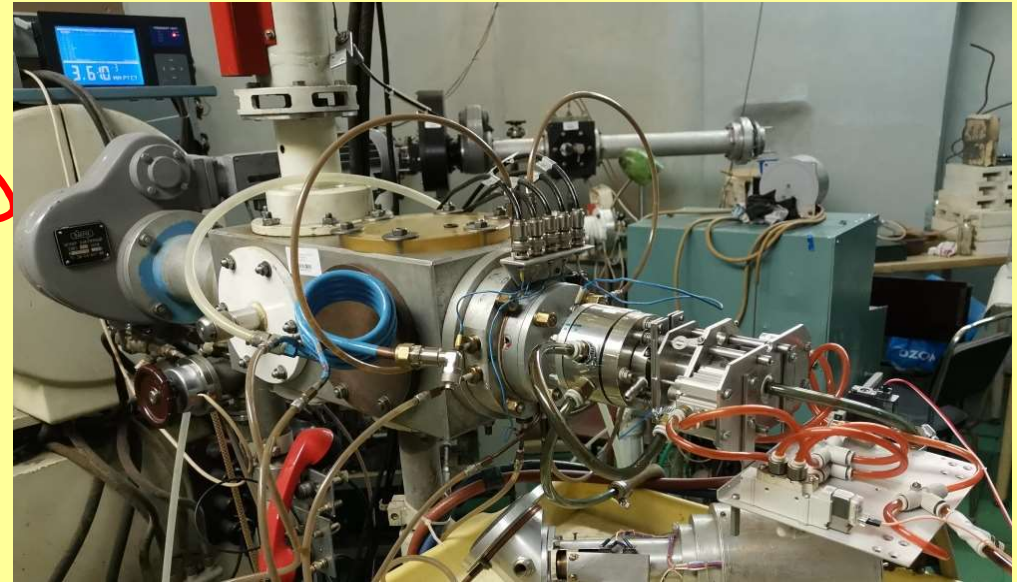
## Target complex:

*Development: Central Research Institute of Structural Materials "Prometheus", Institute of Analytical Instrumentation of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg State University, V.G. Khlopin Radium Institute.*

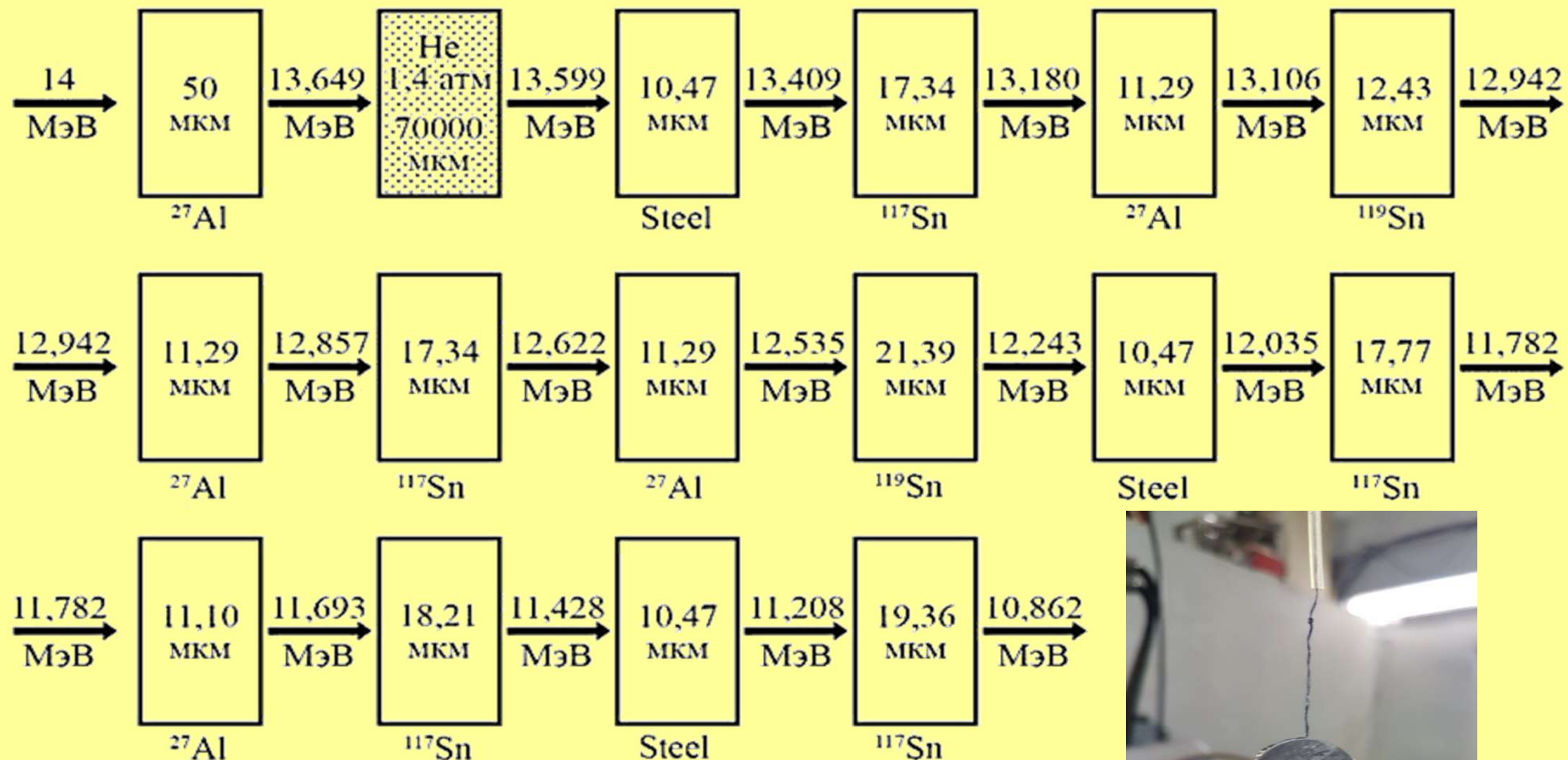
## Power density

**OUR-** more **600 W/cm<sup>2</sup>**

**World**—up to **500 Вт/см<sup>2</sup>**



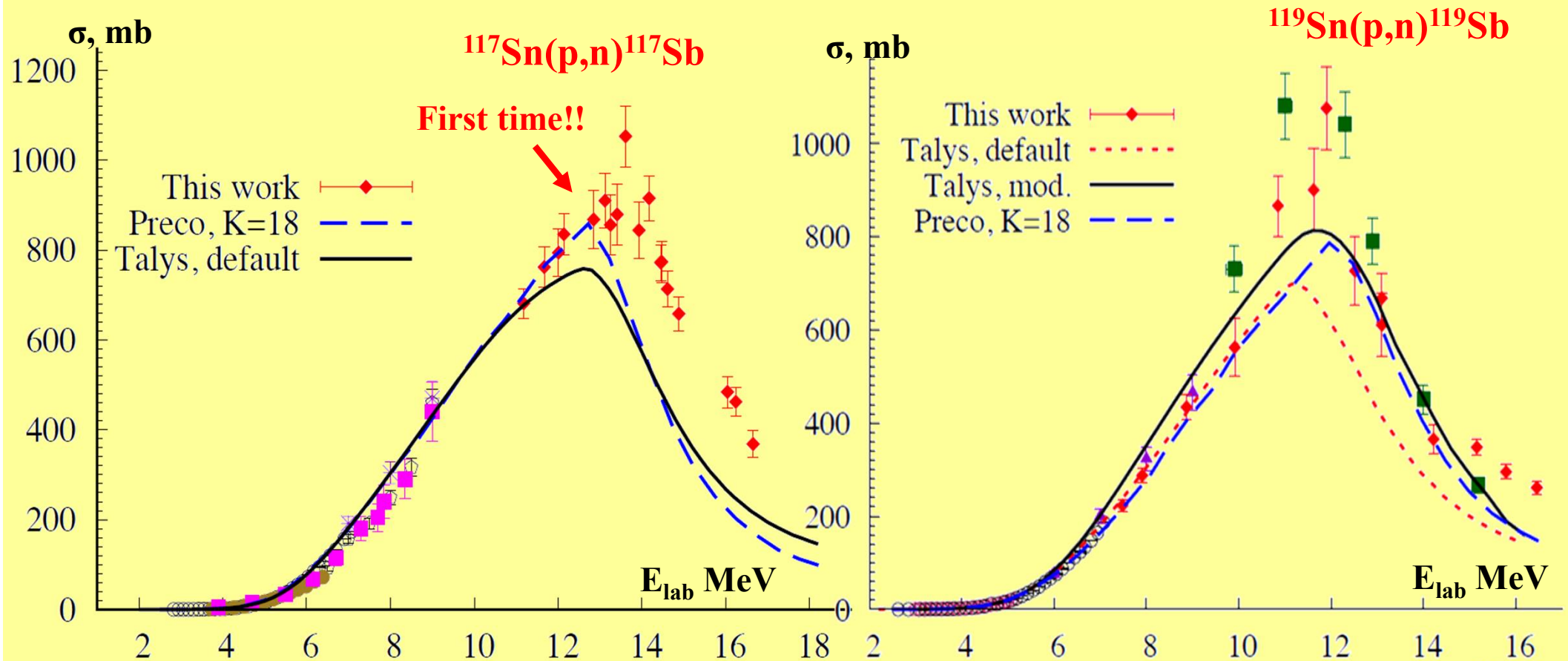
Experiments with irradiation of highly enriched targets containing tin isotopes:  $^{117}\text{Sn}$  and  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  with the aim of studying the excitation functions of nuclear reactions:  $^{117}\text{Sn}(p,n)^{117}\text{Sb}$  and  $^{119}\text{Sn}(p,n)^{119}\text{Sb}$



Stacked foils method



Experimental results: high enriched Sn:



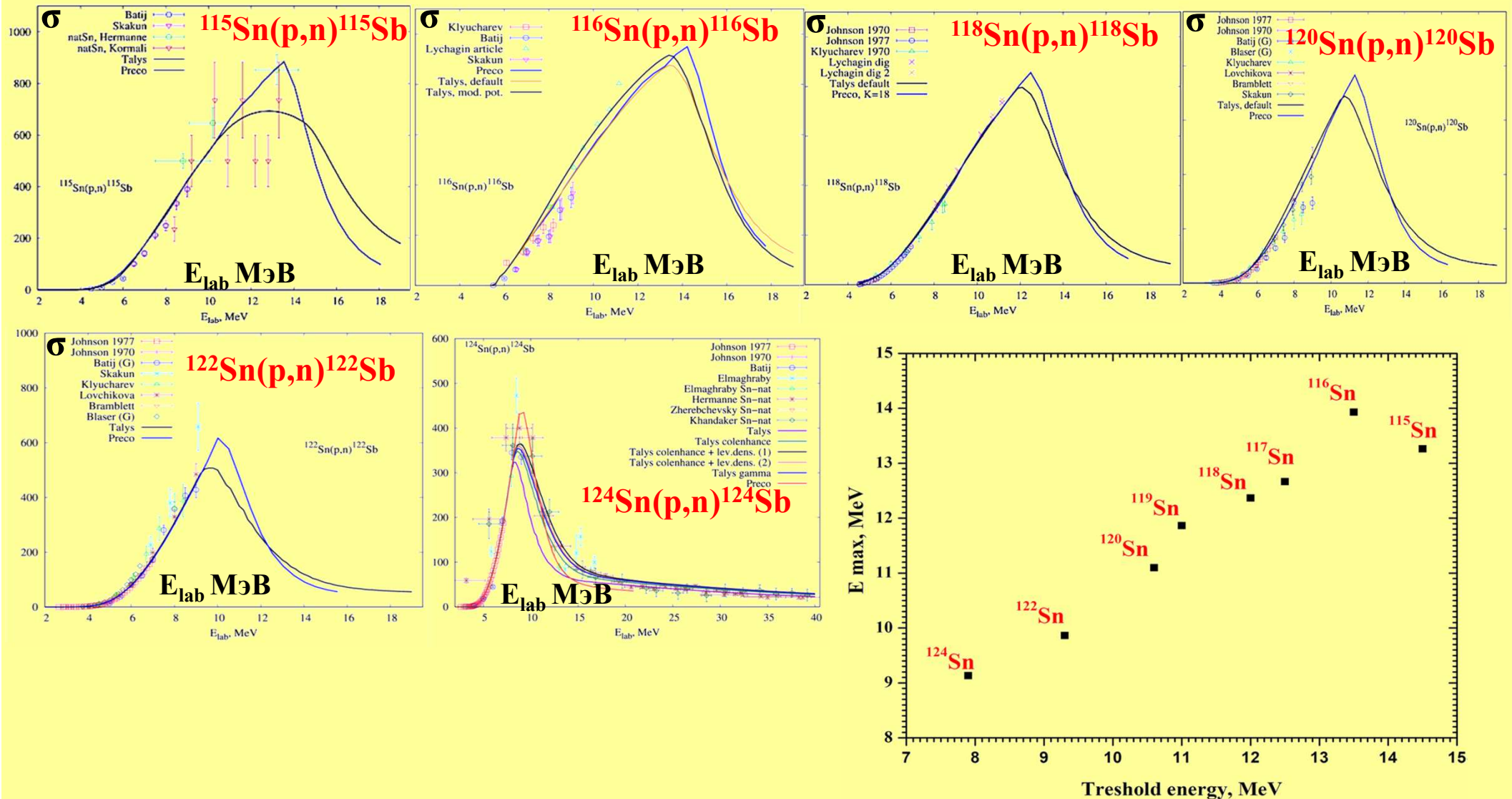
**New experimental data:**

**Excitation energy maxima investigations – 18 new points for  $^{117}\text{Sb}$  and 14 for  $^{119}\text{Sb}$  at first time**

**Also theoretical models were used:**

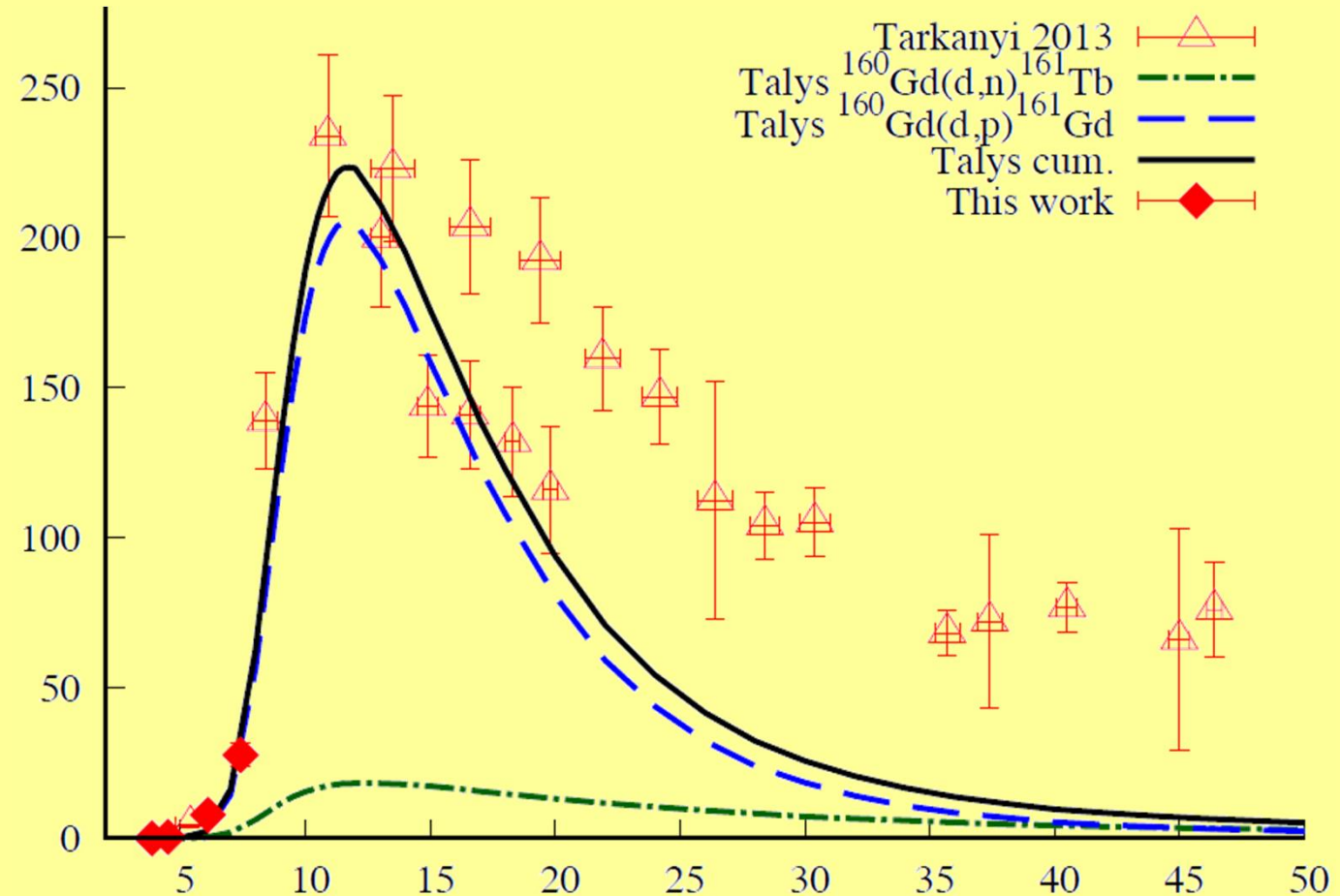
**Pre-equilibrium, equilibrium, evaporation model: PRECO, TALYS**

Excitation functions analysis for reactions (p,n) with tin isotopes:  $^{115}, ^{116}, ^{118}, ^{120}, ^{122}\text{Sn}$  with Sb formation in exit channels



Investigations of excitation functions of nuclear reactions for production of  $^{161}\text{Tb}$

$\text{natGd(d,x)}^{161}\text{Tb}$

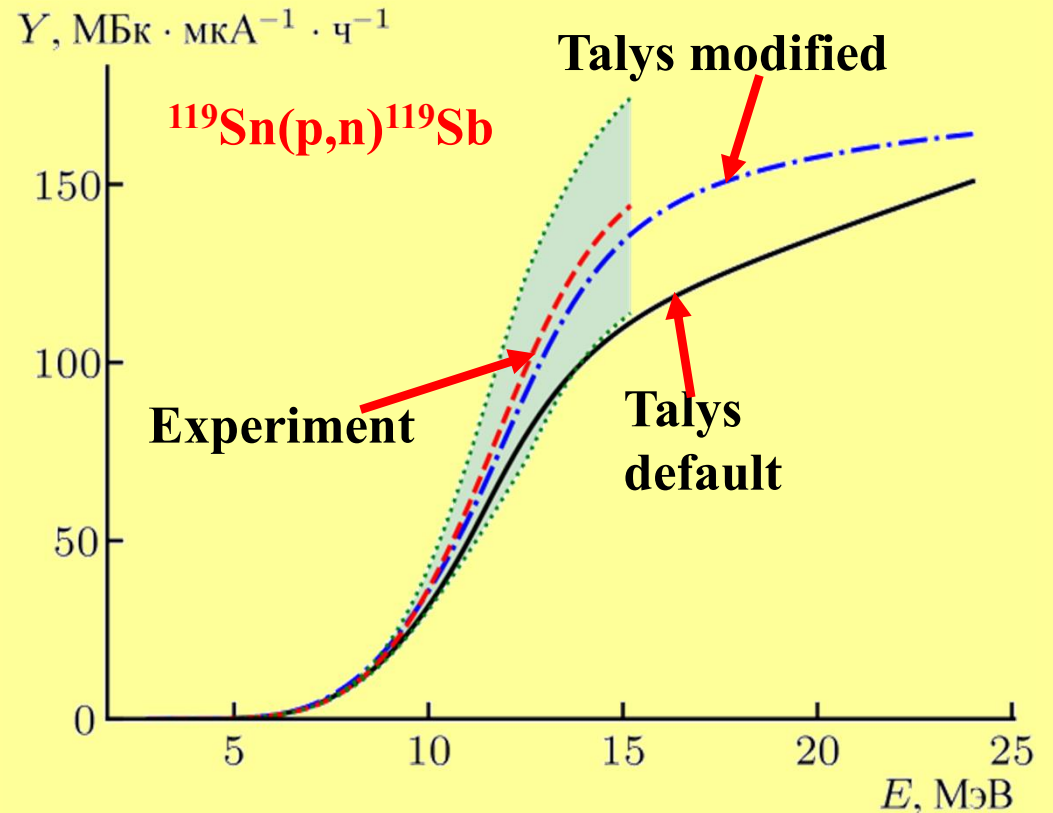
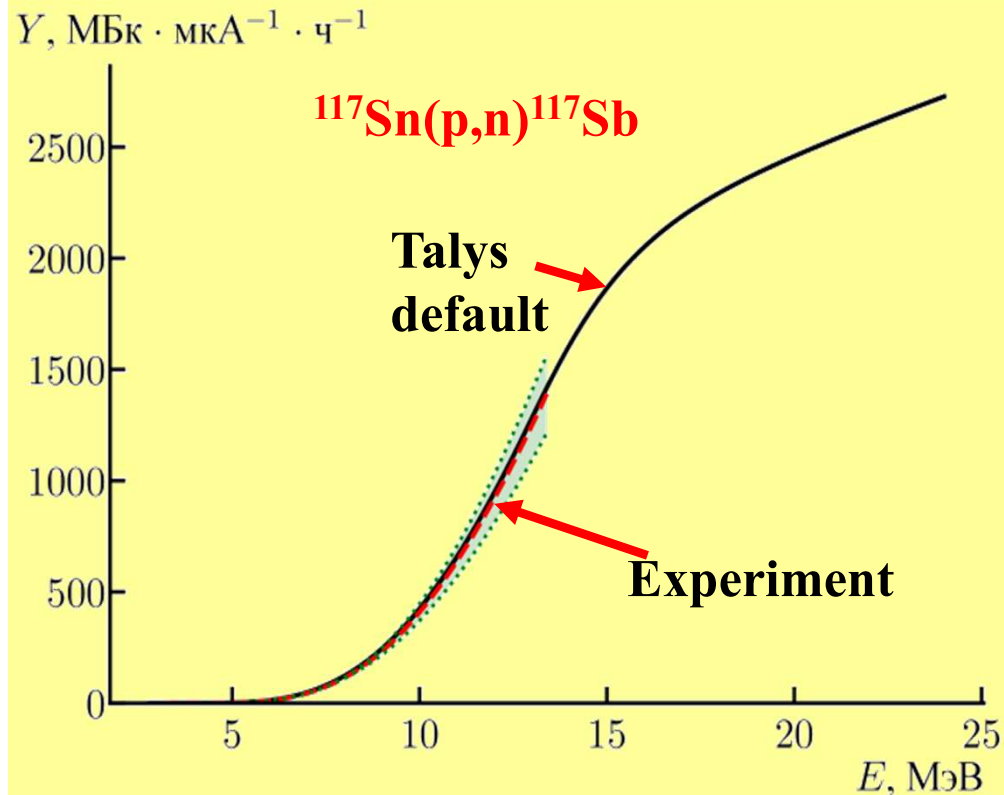


**Proposal:**  
**Medical cyclotrons**

High enriched thick targets of  $^{160}\text{Gd}$  and deuteron beams at 15 MeV

Practical recommendations for the production of radionuclides

Yields from a thick target for production:  $^{117}\text{Sb}$  and  $^{119}\text{Sb}$



**Example:** at 6 hours of irradiation with a current of 10  $\mu\text{A}$  and protons with an energy of 15 MeV, it is possible to produce an activity of  $^{117}\text{Sb}$  - **100 GBq!**

# Future

