

# **FLNR Heavy Ion Cyclotrons for Investigation In the Field of Condensed Matter Physics and Industrial Applications**

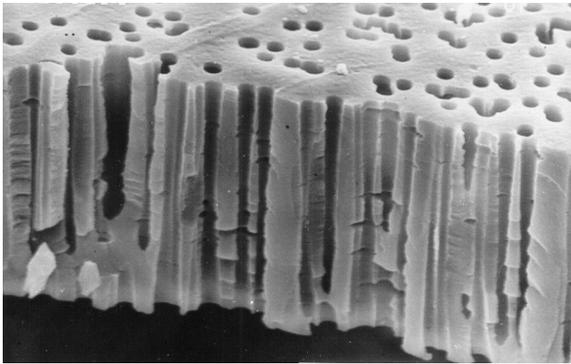
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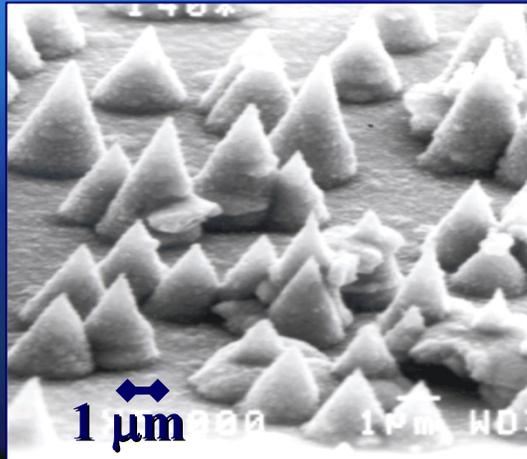
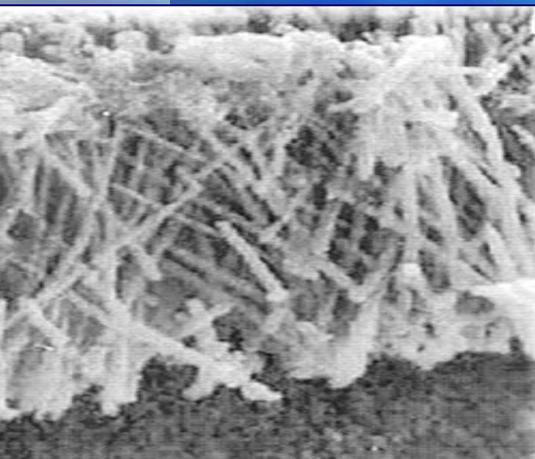
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# Interaction of heavy ions with matter

- Scientific aspects of radiation damage and formation of ion tracks in solid materials.
- Ion implantation.
- Use of nuclear track technology:
  - ❖ track membrane production

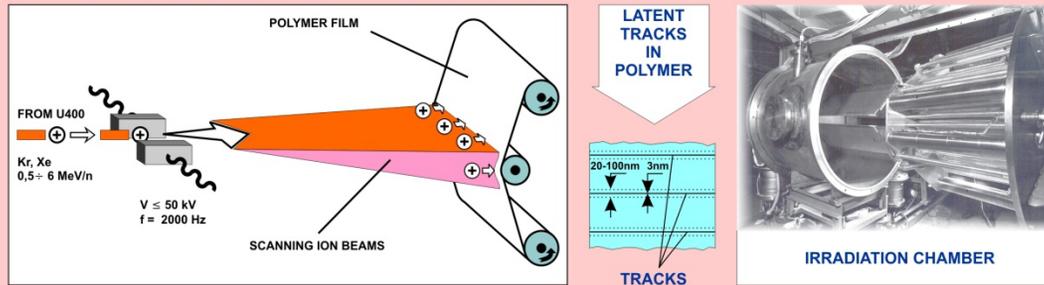


❖ Synthesis of three-dimensional structures in solid materials

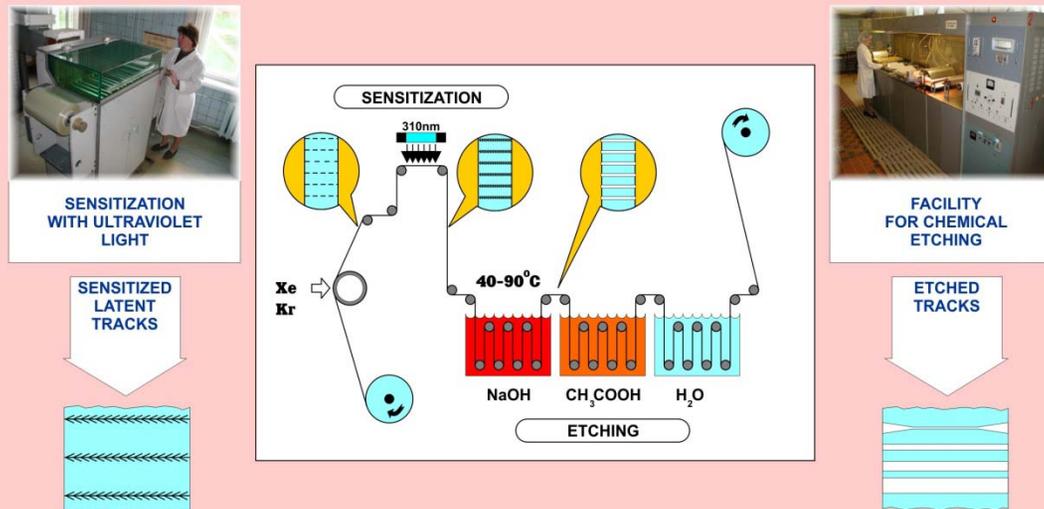


# Track membrane production technology

## I. IRRADIATION WITH ACCELERATED HEAVY IONS



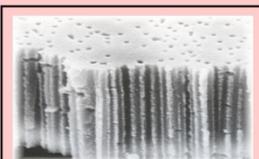
## II. SENSITIZATION AND CHEMICAL ETCHING



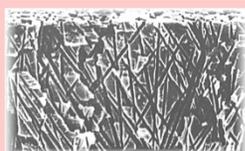
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# Track membrane production technology

## I. TRACK MEMBRANES WITH VARIOUS PORE SHAPES



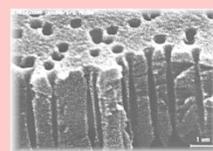
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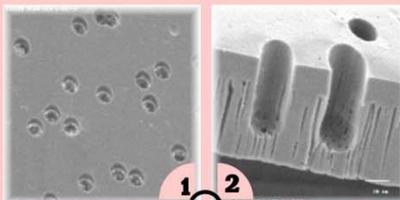
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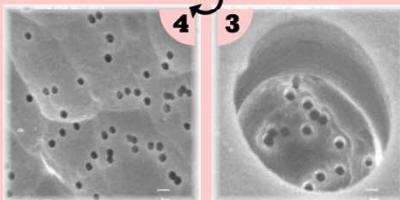
## ASYMMETRICAL POROUS SUBSTRATES

ARRAY OF MICROWELLS



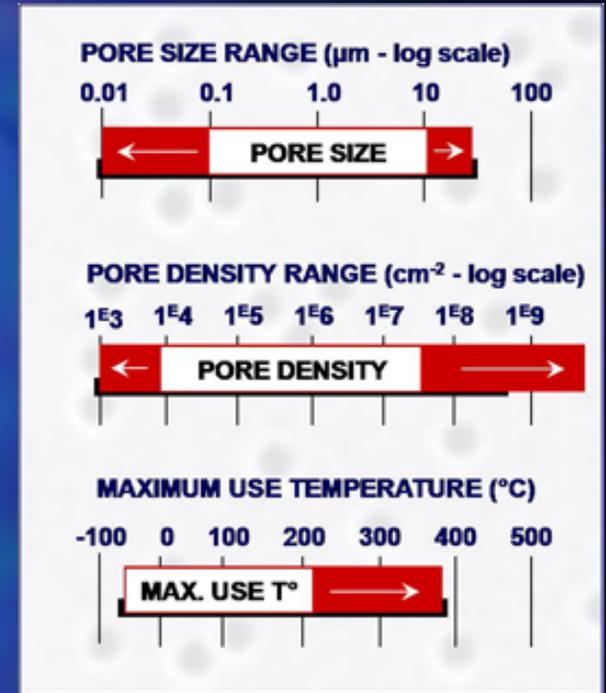
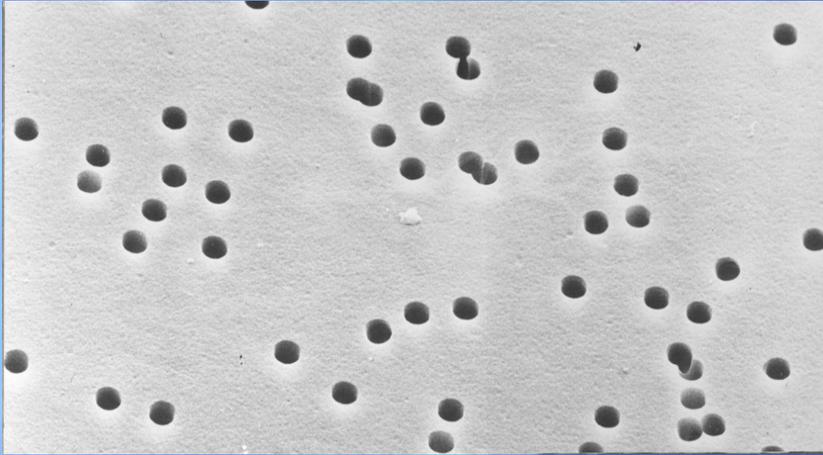
CROSS-SECTION OF MICROWELL:  
- 12  $\mu\text{m}$  IN DIAMETER  
- 35  $\mu\text{m}$  IN DEPTH

BOTTOM OF THE MICROWELL:  
PORE DIAMETER IS 0,8  $\mu\text{m}$



MICROWELL: TOP VIEW

# TRACK MEMBRANES



## PROPERTIES:

- Pore density - ( $10^5 - 1.4 \times 10^{10}$ ) pores/ $\text{cm}^2$
- Pore diameter 0.01 - 20 microns

## Membrane material:

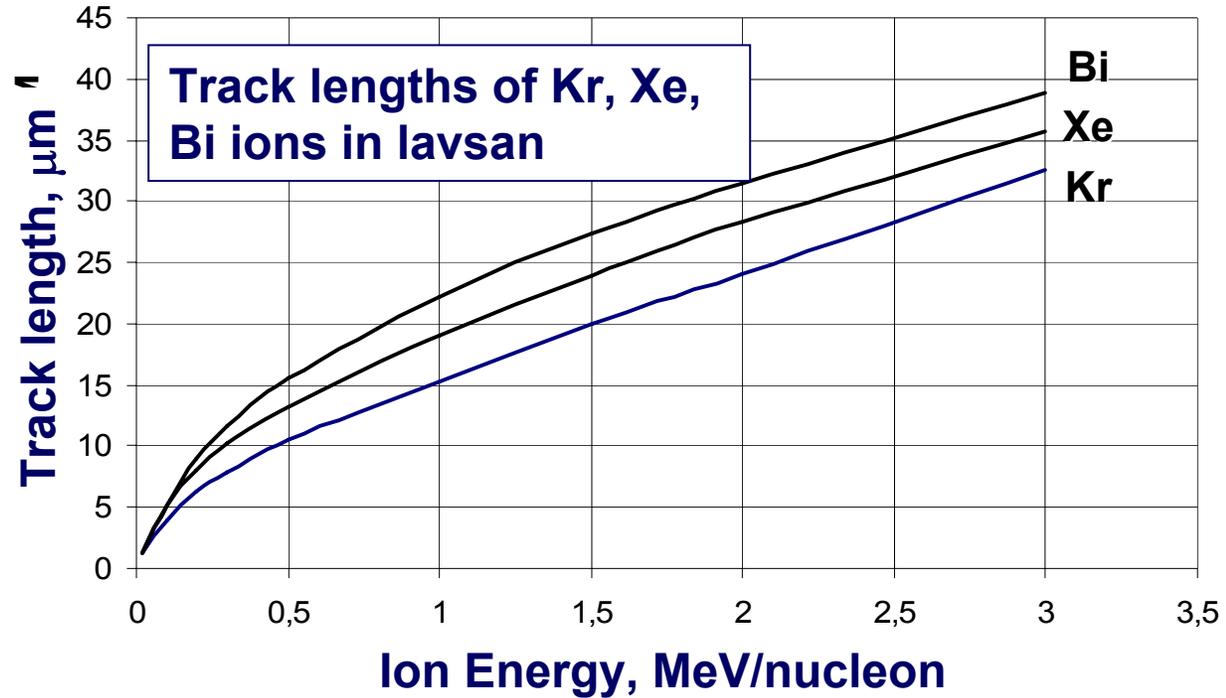
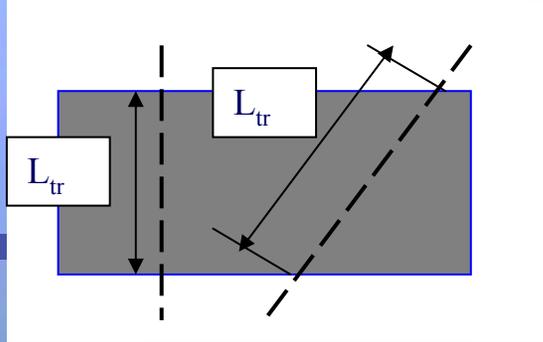
- Polycarbonate and polyethylene terephthalate - the most widespread.
- Polypropylene and polyvinylidene fluoride - for filtration of aggressive technological substances.
- Polyimide - unique thermal and radiation resistance.

## APPLICATION:

- Medicine
- Biology
- Industry

# Track membrane production technology

Choice of ion energy for polymer film irradiation



Film thickness		12 μm	19 μm	21 μm	30 μm
Energy of ions at perpendicular irradiation	<b>Kr</b> (MeV/n)	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>
	<b>Xe</b> (MeV/n)	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Energy of ions at irradiation at 15 °	<b>Kr</b> (MeV/n)	<b>0.75</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>2.8</b>
	<b>Xe</b> (MeV/n)	<b>0.45</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Energy of ions at irradiation at 30 °	<b>Kr</b> (MeV/n)	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>
	<b>Xe</b> (MeV/n)	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>

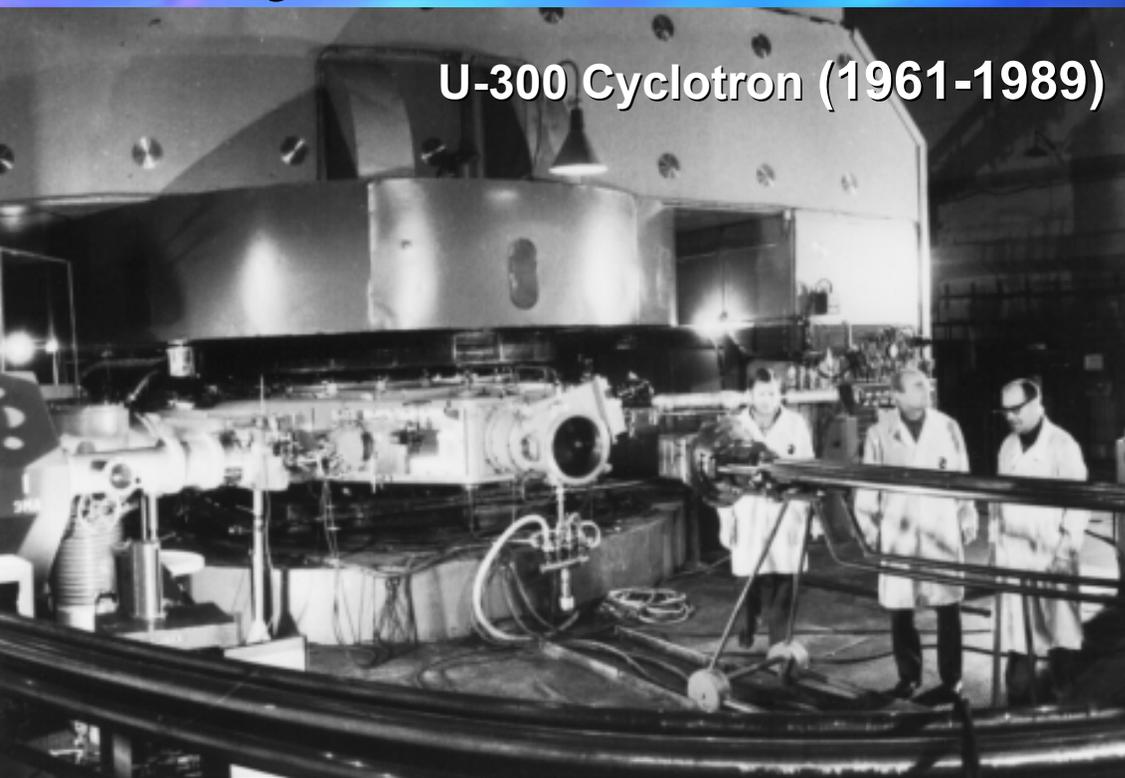
# HEAVY ION ACCELERATORS FOR TRACK MEMBRANE PRODUCTION AND POLYMER MODIFICATION

Applied research on heavy ion beams are carried out in many scientific centres of the world. Some of the developed technologies are successfully used in industry, for example, a well-known method of track membrane production using heavy ion beams, which as a rule have an energy from 1 to 3.5 MeV/nucleon.

- USA, Brookhaven National Laboratory
- France, GANIL,
- Belgium, (CYCLONE) Cyclotron of L'Ouvain la Neuve
- Germany, GSI
- Japan, Takasaki, JAERI, AVF cyclotron
- many other scientific centers

# HEAVY ION ACCELERATORS FOR TRACK MEMBRANE PRODUCTION AND POLYMER MODIFICATION

## U-300 Cyclotron



U-300 Cyclotron (1961-1989)

- U-300 was created in D.V. Efremov Institute
- U-300 was in operation at FLNR JINR from 1961 to 1989.
- ❖ The specialized channel for an irradiation polymer films at the accelerator has been created in the middle of 70th years.
- ❖ Beams of Xe ions with 1MeV/nucl energy were used for manufacture of track membranes and research task.

**The track membrane technology has been developed on the basis of heavy particles registration by plastic detectors.**

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# HEAVY ION ACCELERATORS FOR TRACK MEMBRANE PRODUCTION AND POLYMER MODIFICATION

## FLNR JINR

### Cyclotron U-400 (1978)

- Beams of Kr, Xe, Bi ions with an energy of 2.5-5 MeV/n are used for track membrane production.
- The irradiation chamber provides an opportunity of processing polymer films with a width of up to 60 cm
- **1500 kW - power consumption**

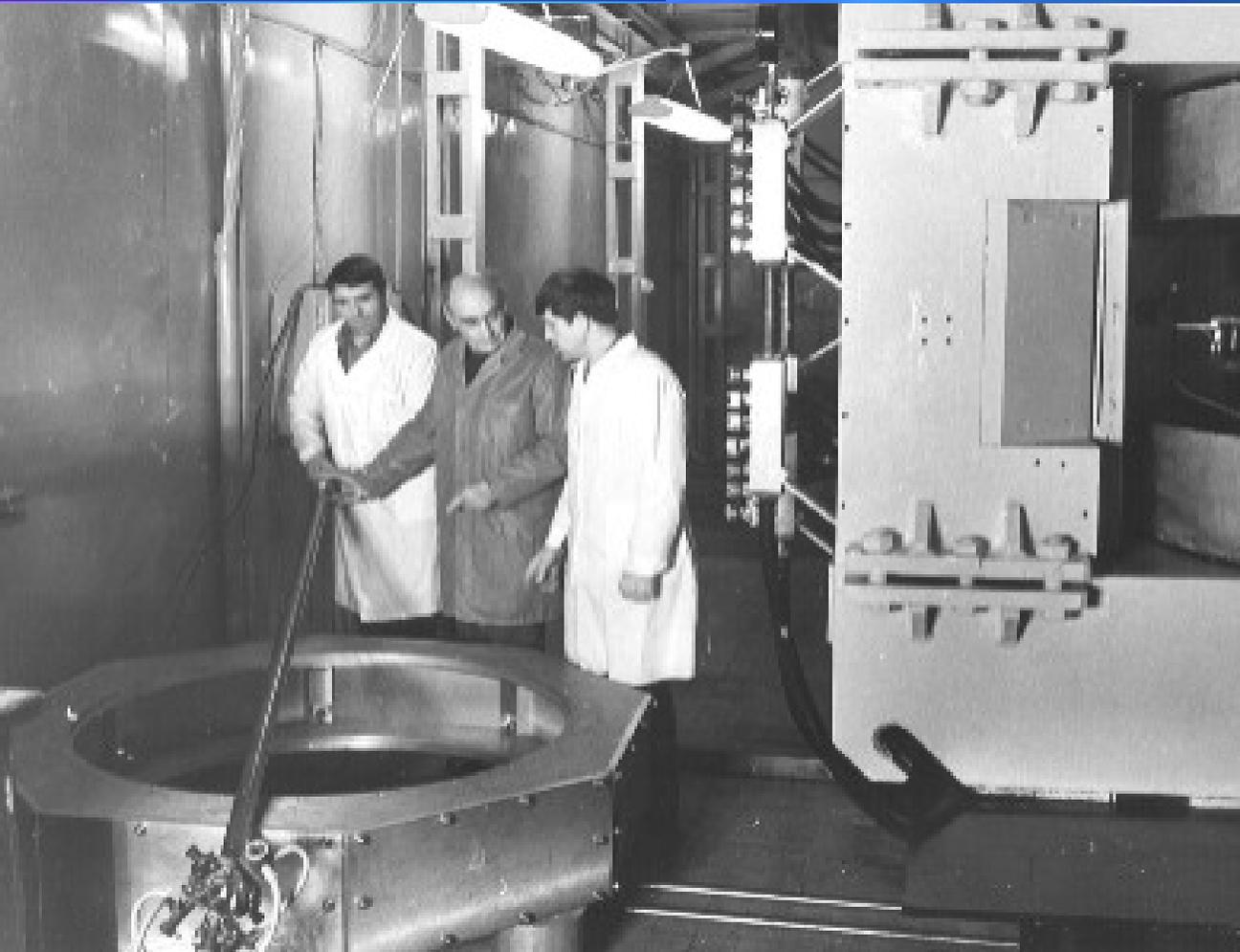


# **SPECIALIZED HEAVY ION CYCLOTRONS**

**for production of track membranes  
and industrial use in the field of  
nanotechnologies**

# IMPLANTING CYCLOTRON IC-100

## History pages 1985



The first dedicated cyclotron for production of track membranes (nuclear filters)

Energy of ions:  $\sim 1.2$  MeV/nucleon.

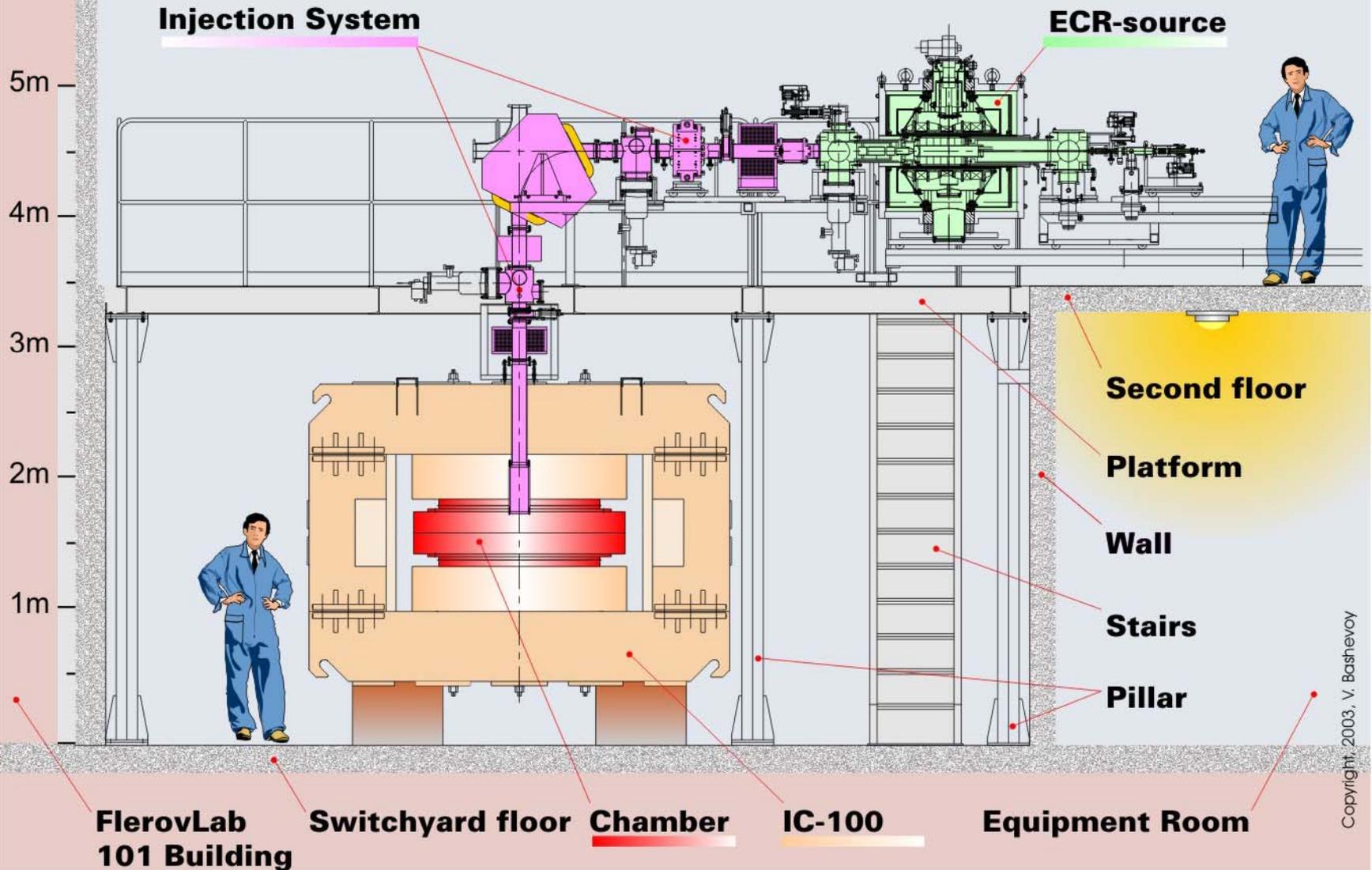
Internal ion source - PIG

Accelerated ions:  
C - Ar ( $A/Z = 5.7-6$ )

Beam intensity of Ar -  $1 \mu\text{A}$

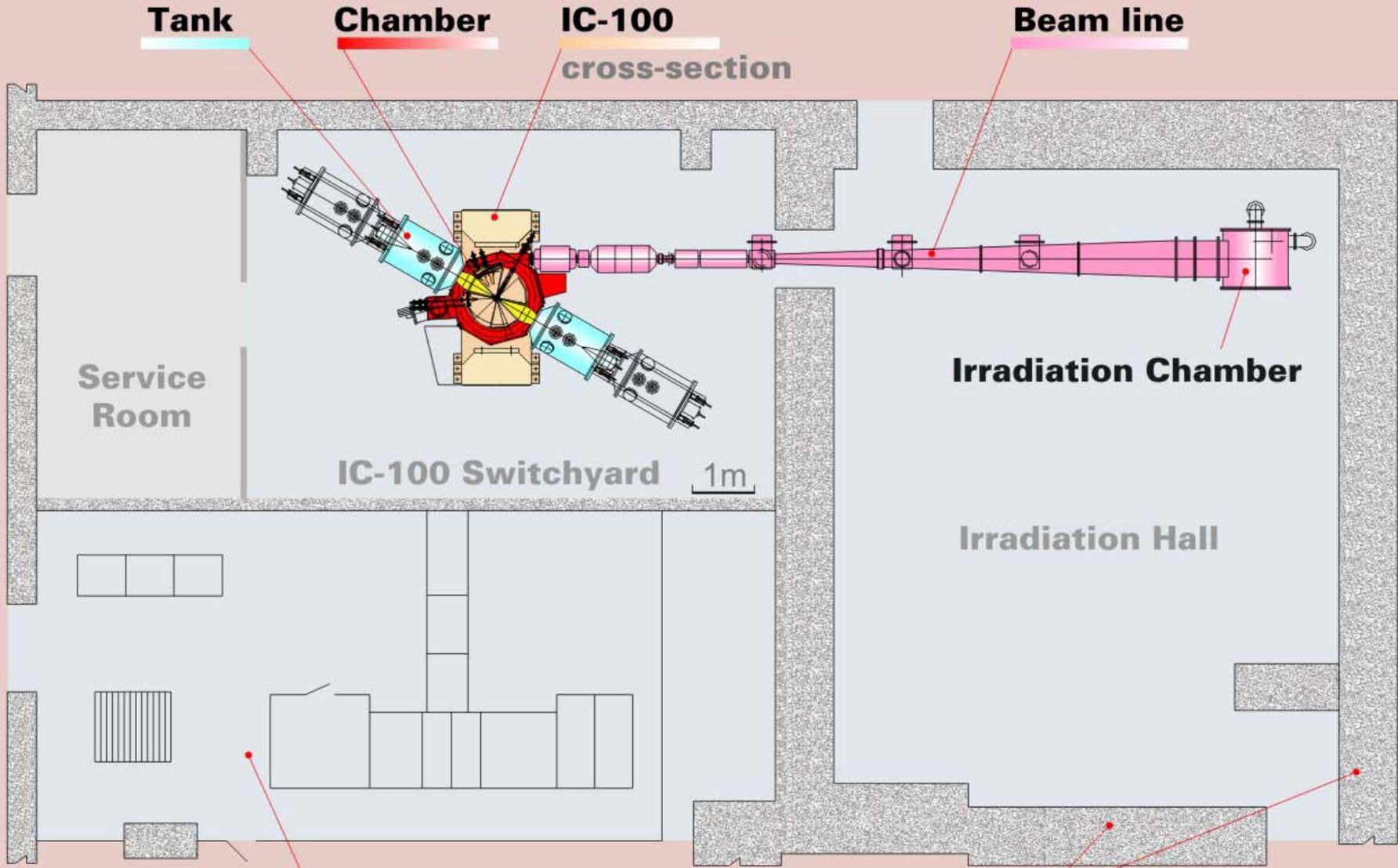
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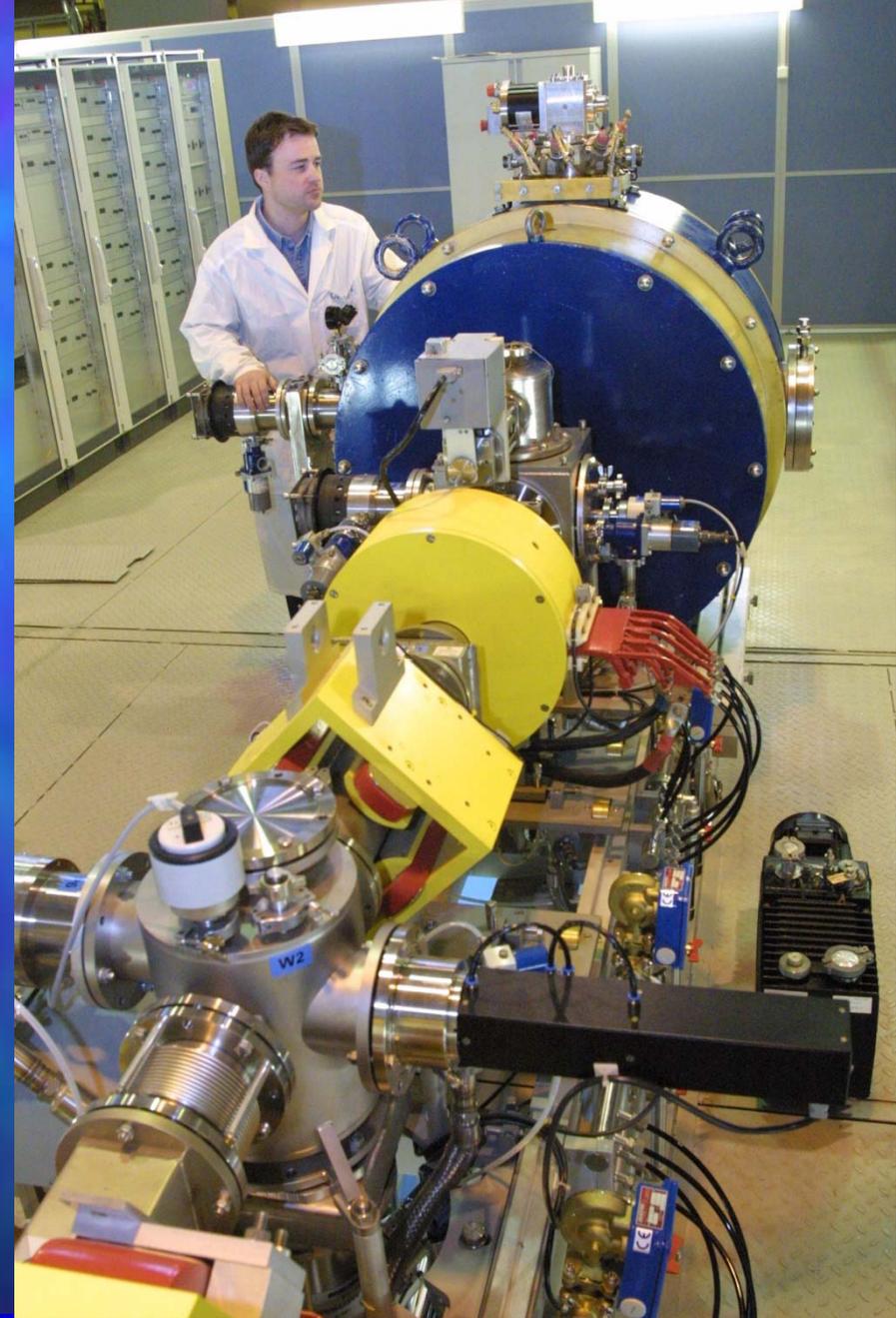
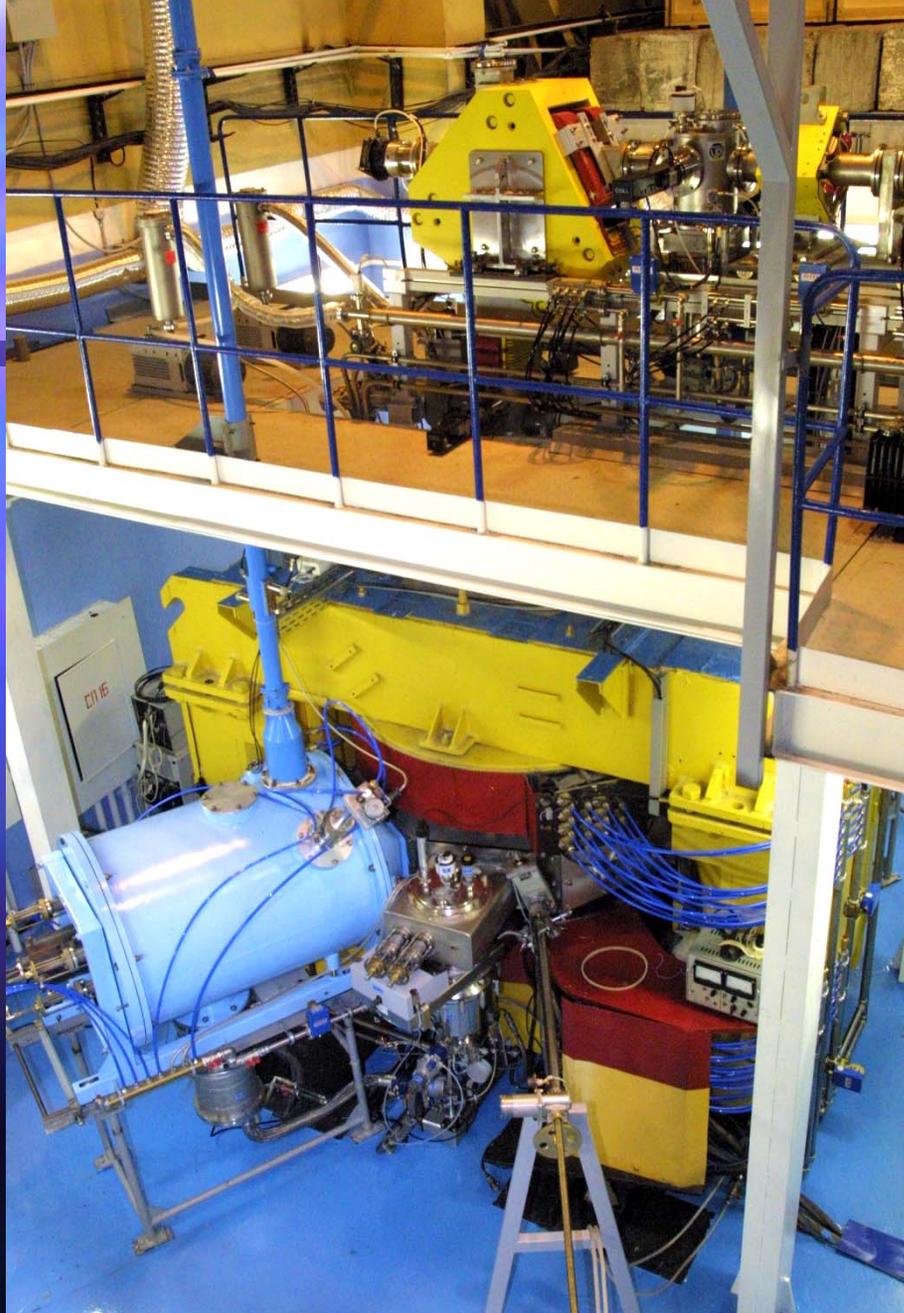
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# Reconstruction of IC-100 cyclotron (2001-2002)

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**Reconstruction of IC-100 cyclotron (2001-2002)**

# Intensity of accelerated and extracted ion beams (IC-100 cyclotron, February 2007).

Element	Ion	A/Z	F <sub>RF</sub> MHz	Target beam current in the experiments	Maximum beam current
<b>Neon</b>	<sup>22</sup> Ne <sup>+4</sup>	5.5	20.160	0.7 μA	
<b>Argon</b>	<sup>40</sup> Ar <sup>+7</sup>	5.714	20.200	2.5 μA	
<b>Iron</b>	<sup>56</sup> Fe <sup>+10</sup>	5.6	20.240	0.5 μA	
<b>Krypton</b>	<sup>86</sup> Kr <sup>+15</sup>	5.733	20.200	3.5 μA	3.5 μA
<b>Iodine</b>	<sup>127</sup> I <sup>+22</sup>	5.773	20.200	0.25 μA	
<b>Xenon</b>	<sup>132</sup> Xe <sup>+23</sup>	5.739	20.180	3.7 μA	3.7 μA
<b>Xenon</b>	<sup>132</sup> Xe <sup>+24</sup>	5.5	20.180	0.6 μA	
<b>Tungsten</b>	<sup>182</sup> W <sup>+32</sup>	5.6875	20.142	0.015 μA	0.015 μA
<b>Tungsten</b>	<sup>184</sup> W <sup>+31</sup>	5.9355	20.142	0.035 μA	0.035 μA
<b>Tungsten</b>	<sup>184</sup> W <sup>+32</sup>	5.75	20.142	0.017 μA	0.017 μA

# DC-60 CYCLOTRON

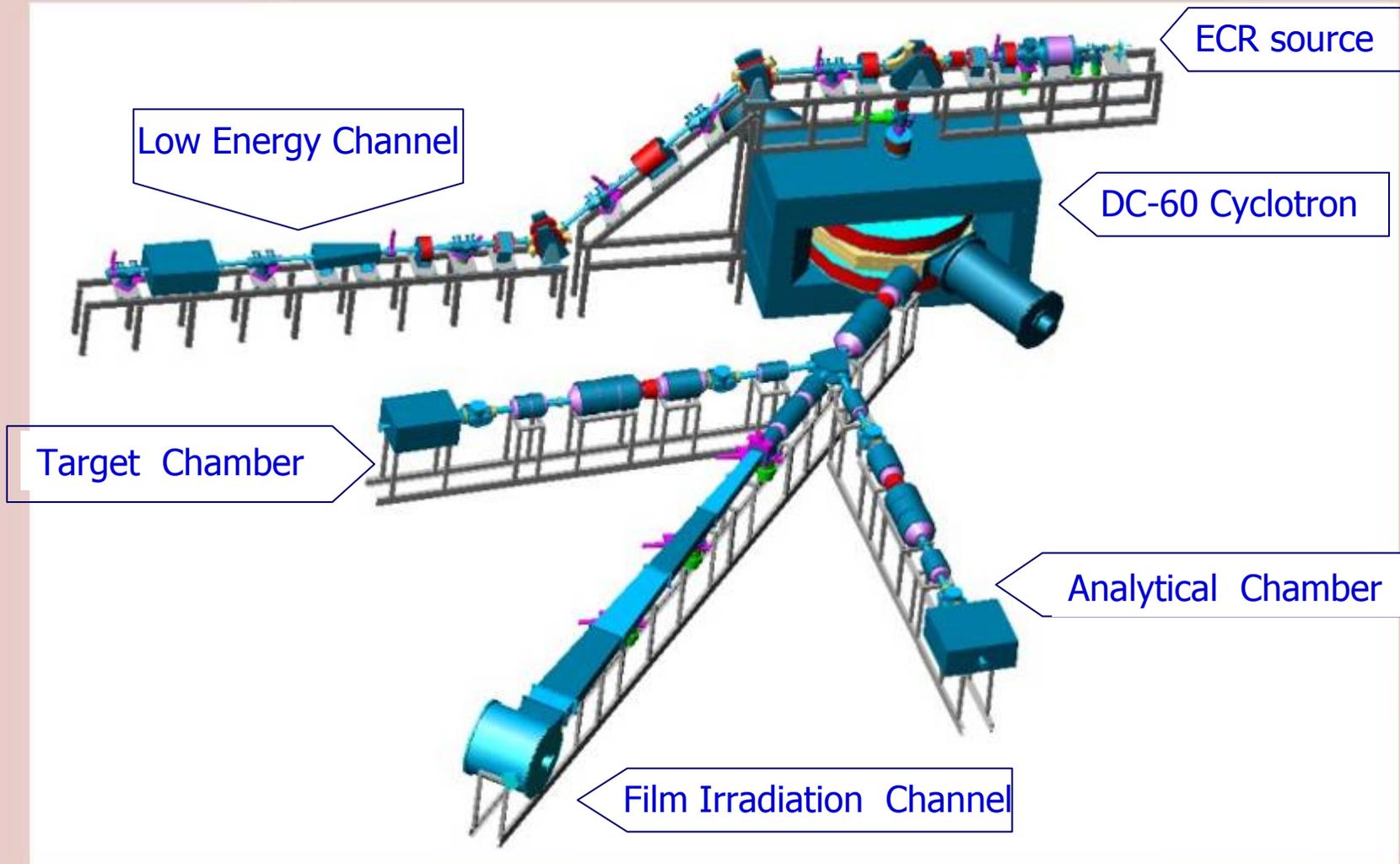
DC-60 has been developed and created at FLNR JINR (2004 - 2006) for Research Center in L.N. Gumilev Euroasian State University in Astana, Kazakhstan

## MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- Scientific research
- Education of students
  
- Production of track membranes with special properties
- Creation of micro- and nano-structures
- Surface modification of standard materials, creation of new materials with required properties



# DC-60 CYCLOTRON: GENERAL VIEW



# DC-60 CYCLOTRON

## MAIN PARAMETERS

<b>Ion beam injector</b>	ECR ion source + axial injection system
<b>Magnet pole diameter</b>	1.62 m
<b>Cyclotron magnetic field</b>	1.45 T - main mode 1.25÷1.65 T - magnetic field variation
<b>RF system:</b> - frequency - harmonic number - dee voltage	11.00 ÷ 17.5 MHz 4 and 6 50 kV
<b>Pressure in cyclotron vacuum chamber</b>	$1 \div 2 \cdot 10^{-7}$ Torr

# DC-60 CYCLOTRON

## MAIN PARAMETERS OF ACCELERATED ION BEAMS

<b>Ions</b>	<b>Li ÷ Xe</b>
<b>Mass to charge ratio <math>A/Z</math></b>	<b>6 ÷ 12</b>
<b>Energy of accelerated ions</b>	<b>0.35 ÷ 1.77 MeV/nucleon</b>
<b>Energy spread</b>	<b>2 %</b>
<b>Discrete change of ion energy</b>	<b>Due to <math>A/Z</math> ratio</b>
<b>Smooth energy variation with respect to nominal energy</b>	<b>-25 % / +25% Due to magnetic field variation</b>

# DC-60 CYCLOTRON

## LOW ENERGY ION BEAM PARAMETERS

<b>Ions</b>	<b>He ÷ Xe</b>
<b>Mass to charge ratio (A/Z)</b>	<b>2 ÷ 20</b>
<b>Ion energy from ECR source</b>	<b>10 ÷ 20 keV*charge</b>
<b>Energy spread</b>	<b>0.1 %</b>
<b>Discrete ion energy change</b>	<b>Due to change of A/Z</b>
<b>Smooth ion energy variation</b>	<b>Due to extraction potential variation in ECR source</b>

# DC-60 CYCLOTRON



# RF system of DC-60 cyclotron

- Bimetallic resonators – copper plated stainless steel
- Copper balls used as contacts on shorting plate



# VACUUM SYSTEM

<b>Pumping units</b>	<b>Turbomolecular pumps</b>	<b>Cryogenic pumps</b>
Axial injection channel and low energy beam channel	5 units - 150 l/s	4 units - 800 l/s
Cyclotron chamber	2 units - 150 l/s 4 units - 500 l/s	2 units - 5000 l/s
Extracted beam channels	7 units - 100 l/s	-
Dedicated channel for irradiation of polymer films	4 units - 500 l/s	-



<b>Vacuum</b>	<b>Design</b>	<b>Received</b>
Axial injection channel and low energy beam channel	$1 \cdot 10^{-7}$ Torr	$(6-9) \cdot 10^{-8}$ Torr
Cyclotron chamber	$(1-2) \cdot 10^{-7}$ Torr	$5 \cdot 10^{-8}$ Torr
Extracted beam channels	$5 \cdot 10^{-6}$ Torr	$5 \cdot 10^{-7}$ Torr



## **Pumping of cyclotron chamber**

- 1 stage - for-vacuum pumps -  $\sim 10^{-3}$  Torr
- 2 stage - turbo-molecular pumps -  $(1-2) \cdot 10^{-6}$  Torr
- 3 stage - cryogenic pumps -  $(5) \cdot 10^{-8}$  Torr

# DC-60 CYCLOTRON EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

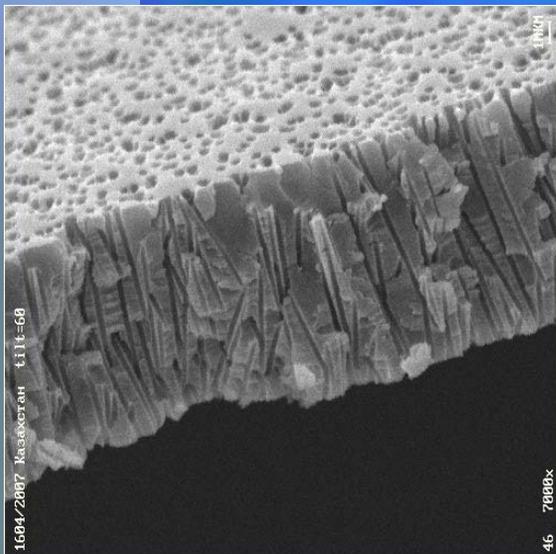
## Accelerated Ion Beams (December 2006 )

Ion	A/Z	Ion energy MeV/nucleon	Magnetic field, T	Beam current, $\mu\text{A}$ , at internal radius R=120mm	Beam current, $\mu\text{A}$ , at extraction radius R=680mm
$^{14}\text{N}^{2+}$	7	1	1.42	10.5	10
$^{14}\text{N}^{2+}$	7	1.05	1.47	1.86	1.7
$^{14}\text{N}^{2+}$	7	1.32	1.64	1.62	1.46
$^{20}\text{Ne}^{3+}$	6.67	1.03	1.4	2.2	2
$^{22}\text{Ne}^{2+}$	11	0.38	1.4	1.85	1.77
$^{40}\text{Ar}^{4+}$	10	0.65	1.64	1.5	1.4
$^{40}\text{Ar}^{5+}$	8	0.58	1.25	0.98	0.64
$^{40}\text{Ar}^{5+}$	8	0.98	1.63	0.61	0.52
$^{40}\text{Ar}^{6+}$	6.67	1.06	1.4	2	1.85
$^{40}\text{Ar}^{7+}$	5.71	1.14	1.25	1.92	1.83
$^{84}\text{Kr}^{+12}$	7	1	1.42	2.72	2.48

# Track membranes produced at DC-60



- Irradiation by  $^{84}\text{Kr}$  ion beam
- Energy of ions 1.0 MeV/nucleon.
- Full current of the beam – 0.1  $\mu\text{A}$
- Speed of film transport - 5 cm/sec
- The size of the beam on the target:  
Vertical 100 mm  
Horizontal 30 mm
- Beam scanning frequency- 100 Hz



## PARAMETERS OF A TRACK MEMBRANE

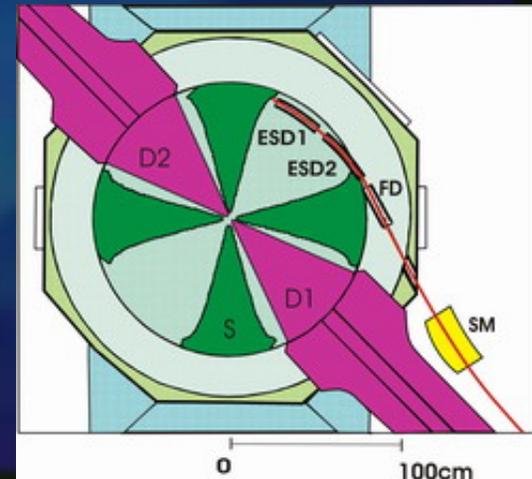
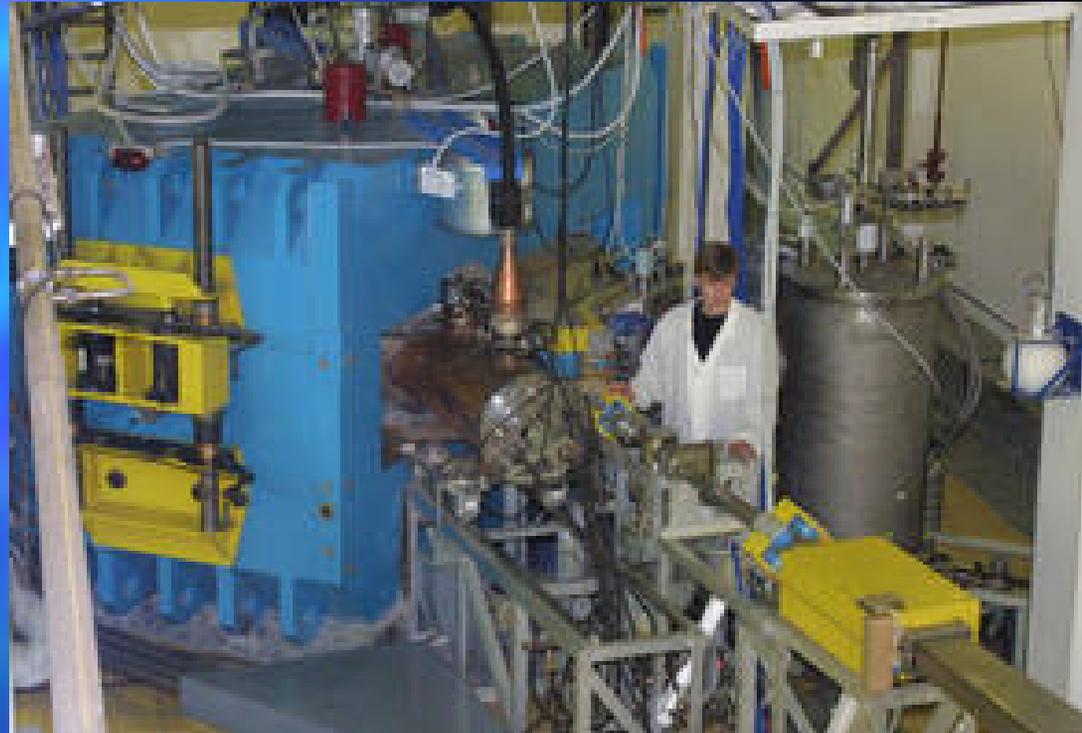
- Film thickness 12 microns
- Pore diameter 0.38 - 0.4 microns
- Pore density  $2 \cdot 10^8$  pores/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Non-uniformity of pore density  
across the width and length of the film  $\pm 5\%$
- Pore axis angle to surface normal  $0 \pm 15^\circ$

# "Alpha" Film Irradiation Complex on the basis of CYTREC cyclotron

The ALPHA industrial complex constructed for industrial track membrane production.

❖ Base installation - cyclotron CYTREC (start August 2002) is developed at the Laboratory of Nuclear Problems, JINR.

❖ Accelerated ions - Ar with a fixed energy – 2.4 MeV/nucleon



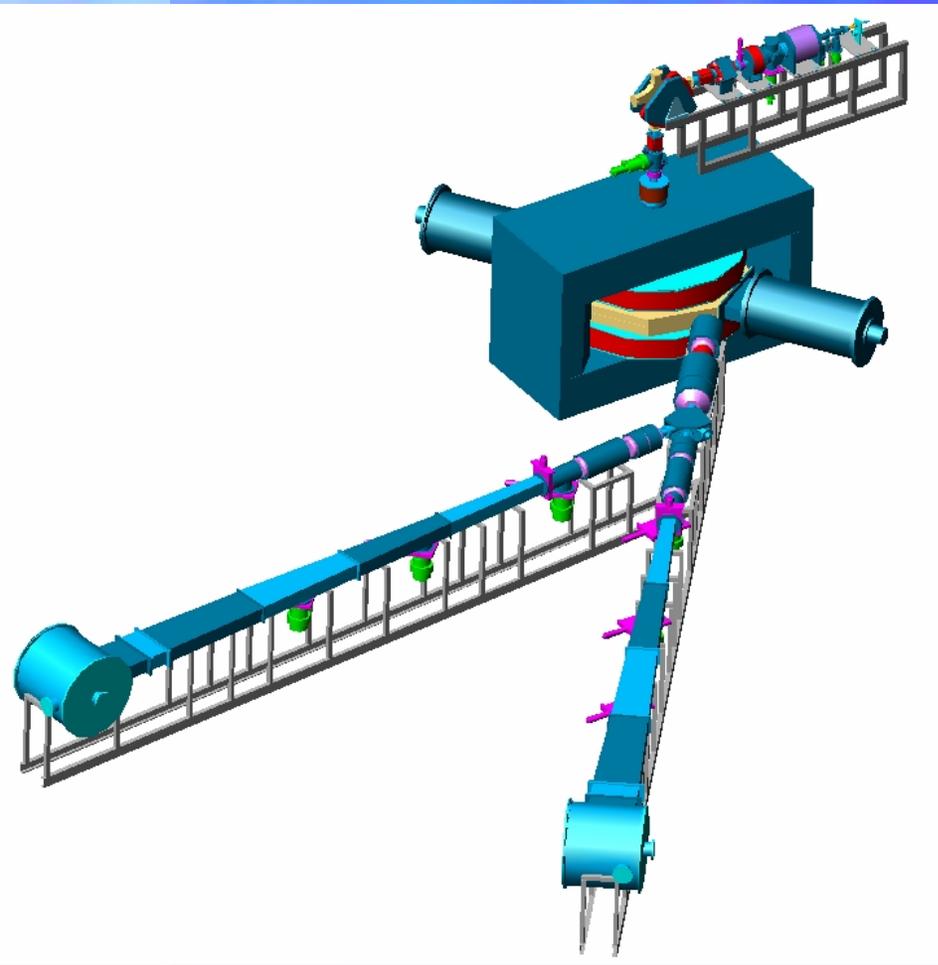
# **DC-110 Heavy Ion Cyclotron for track membranes production for “BETA” industrial complex**

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## **REQUIREMENTS TO CYCLOTRON**

- **Manufacture of track membranes on the basis of polymer films with thickness up to 30 microns.**
- **The cyclotron should accelerate beams of ions *Ar, Kr, Xe* with the fixed energy 2,5 МэВ/нукл., beam intensity  $\sim 1 \text{ p}\mu\text{A}$  ( $6 \cdot 10^{12}$  particles / sec)**
- **The equipment should be simple and reliable.**
- **Operating time in a mode of an film irradiation - 7000 hours/year.**
- **The beginning of the project August 2009.**

# DC-110 Cyclotron Complex



- DC-110 Cyclotron
- ECR type external ion source.
- Beam axial injection system
- 2 channels for accelerated ion beams
- Technological equipment
  - vacuum system
  - power supply and control systems
  - cooling system
  - RF system

*DC-110 Cyclotron has been developed on the basis of the DC-60 cyclotron design, created at the FLNR and successfully commissioned in Astana in 2006.*

# ION SOURCE

(comparison of characteristics)

Accelerated ions	$^{40}\text{Ar}^{6+}$	$^{86}\text{Kr}^{13+}$	$^{132}\text{Xe}^{20+}$	
Mass to charge ratio of ions A/Z	<b>6.667</b>	<b>6.615</b>	<b>6.60</b>	
Injection voltage	<b>20 keV</b>	<b>20 keV</b>	<b>20 keV</b>	
Intensity of injected ion beam in a routine operation	<b>20 pμA</b> (max 40 pμA)	<b>5 pμA</b> (max 10 pμA)	<b>1 pμA</b> (max 2 pμA)	«room temperature» <b>ECR 14 GHz</b> 60 kW - power consumption
Intensity of extracted ion beam at full efficiency of 10 %	<b>2 pμA</b> 12 μA	<b>0.5 pμA</b> 6,5 μA	<b>0.1 pμA</b> 2 μA	
Intensity of injected ion beam in a routine operation	<b>25 pμA</b> (max 50 pμA)	<b>15 pμA</b> (max 30 pμA)	<b>5 pμA</b> (max 10 pμA)	«room temperature» <b>ECR 18 GHz</b> 150 kW -power consumption
Intensity of extracted ion beam at full efficiency of 10 %	<b>2,5 pμA</b> 15 μA	<b>1.5 pμA</b> 20 μA	<b>0.5 pμA</b> 10 μA	
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## *Main parameters of DC-110 cyclotron.*

<b>Accelerated ions</b>	$^{40}\text{Ar}^{6+}$	$^{86}\text{Kr}^{13+}$	$^{132}\text{Xe}^{20+}$
<b>Mass to charge ratio of ions <math>A/Z</math></b>	<b>6.667</b>	<b>6.615</b>	<b>6.60</b>
<b>Ion energy – 2.4 MeV/nucleon</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Beam intensity, pps</b>	$6 \cdot 10^{12}$ (*)	$6 \cdot 10^{12}$	$3 \cdot 10^{12}$
<b>MAGNETIC SYSTEM</b>			
<b>Pole diameter, m</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>Average magnetic field <math>B_0</math>, [T]</b>	<b>1.683</b>	<b>1.670</b>	<b>1.666</b>
<b>Increasing average magnetic field at final radius <math>\Delta B</math>, [Gs]</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>RF SYSTEM</b>			
<b>Revolution of ions, <math>F_{\text{ion}}</math>, [MHz]</b>	<b>3.877</b>	<b>3.877</b>	<b>3.877</b>
<b>Harmonic number</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Frequency of RF system <math>F_{\text{RF}}</math>, [MHz]</b>	<b>7.754</b>	<b>7.754</b>	<b>7.754</b>
<b>Ion source</b>	<b>SC ECR, 18 GHz</b>		
<b>Extraction system</b>	<b>Electrostatic deflector</b>		

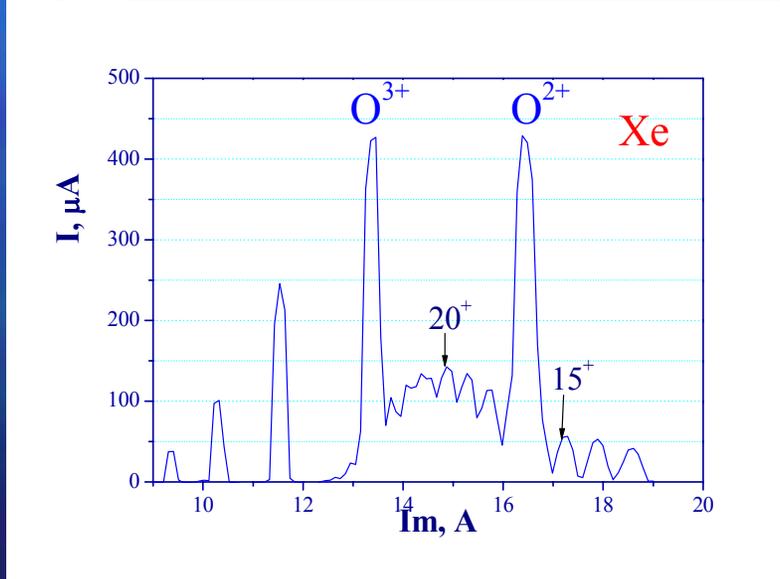
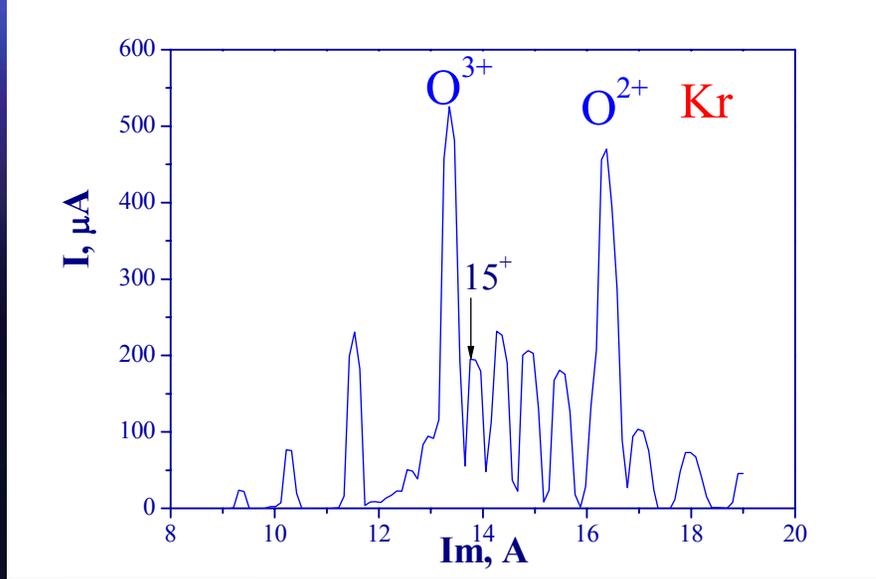
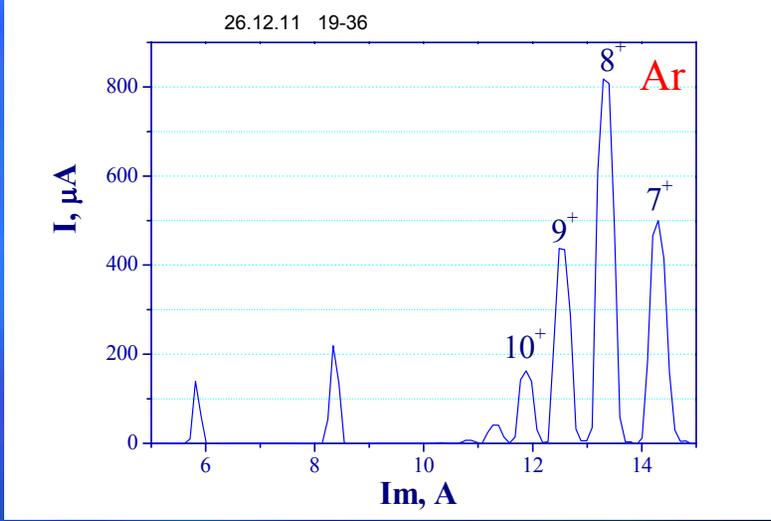
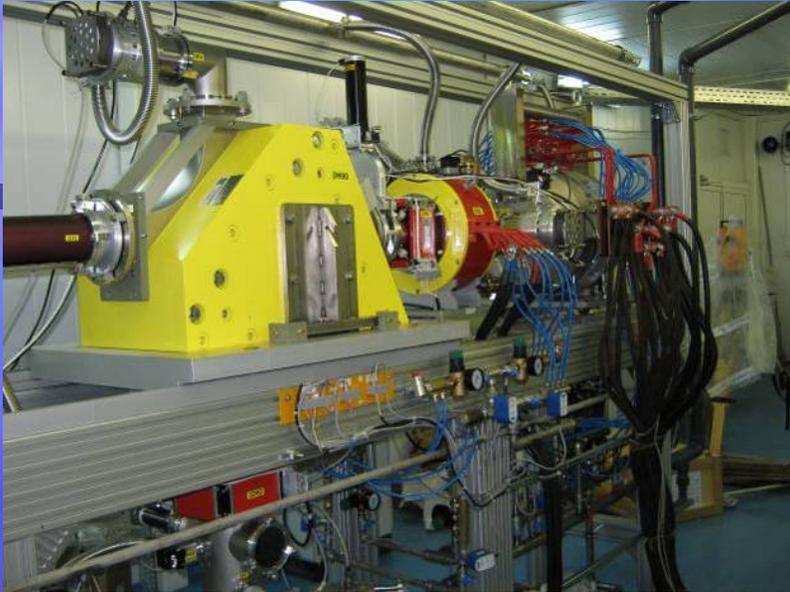
# DC-110 cyclotron

(Commissioning stage  
September 2012)



# ECR ion source of DC-110

Ions	40 Ar <sup>6+</sup>	86 Kr <sup>13+</sup>	132 Xe <sup>20+</sup>
Project intensity	190 eμA	210 eμA	150 eμA



# Efficiency of $^{84}\text{Kr}^{12+}$ beam acceleration at DC-60 cyclotron

ION	Injection beam current, $\mu\text{A}$	Accelerated beam current, $\mu\text{A}$ (With buncher system)		Extracted beam current, $\mu\text{A}$	Beam current at target, $\mu\text{A}$
		R= 120 mm	R= 680 mm		
$^{84}\text{Kr}^{12+}$	11.4	2.7	2.5	1.65	1.65
	22% (30-40% DC-110)				
		92%			
			66%		
				100%	
	14.5% (20-25% DC-110)				

# SPECIALIZED HEAVY ION CYCLOTRONS (JINR)

for production of track membranes and industrial use in the field of nanotechnologies

HEAVY ION CYCLOTRONS	Accelerated ions	Ion energy	Intensity of extracted beam
<b>IC-100 (1986)</b> <b>FLNR JINR</b> <i>(developed at the Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions, JINR)</i>	Ar, Kr, Xe, I, W	1,2 MeV/nucl	0,4 pμA 0,2 pμA 0,05 pμA
<b>DC-60 (2006)</b> in Astana, Kazakhstan <i>(developed at the Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions, JINR)</i>	C - Xe	0,35 – 1,7 MeV/nucl	10 – 0,1 pμA
<b>CYTREC (2002)</b> <b>"Alpha", Dubna, Russia</b> <i>(developed at the Laboratory of Nuclear Problems, JINR)</i>	Ar	2,4 MeV/nucl	0,03 pμA
<b>DC-110 (commissioning–2012)</b> <b>"BETA", Dubna, Russia</b> <i>(developed at the Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions, JINR)</i>	Ar, Kr, Xe,	2,5 MeV/nucl	1 pμA 1 pμA 0,5 pμA

# Single-Event Effects (SEE) Testing at FLNR Cyclotrons

The Russian Space Agency (**Roscosmos**) carries out investigations of single-event effects (SEE) in electronic devices using ion beams of U-400 and U-400M.

- U400 cyclotron delivers beams of ions with atomic masses of  $4 \div 209$  at energies of  **$3 \div 29$  MeV/nucleon**.
- U400M cyclotron was intended for acceleration of ion beams in two modes:
  - acceleration mode of high energy ions -  **$19 \div 53$  MeV/nucleon** (mass to charge ratio of accelerated ions  $A/Z = 2.8 - 5$ ),
  - acceleration mode of low energy ions -  **$5 \div 10$  MeV/nucleon** (mass to charge ratio of accelerated ions  $A/Z = 7 - 10$ ).
- Now ions of **O, Ne, Ar, Fe, Kr, Xe, Bi** with an energy of  **$3 \div 6$  MeV/nucleon** are available to users.
- At the end of 2012 the installation of the channel will be finished for testing at high energy ion beams.
- Beams of ions from **C up to Xe** with energies from  **$25$  to  $53$  MeV/nucleon** will be available for carrying out experiments.



U-400M

U-400



# Ion Beam Line for SEE Testing

Bending magnet

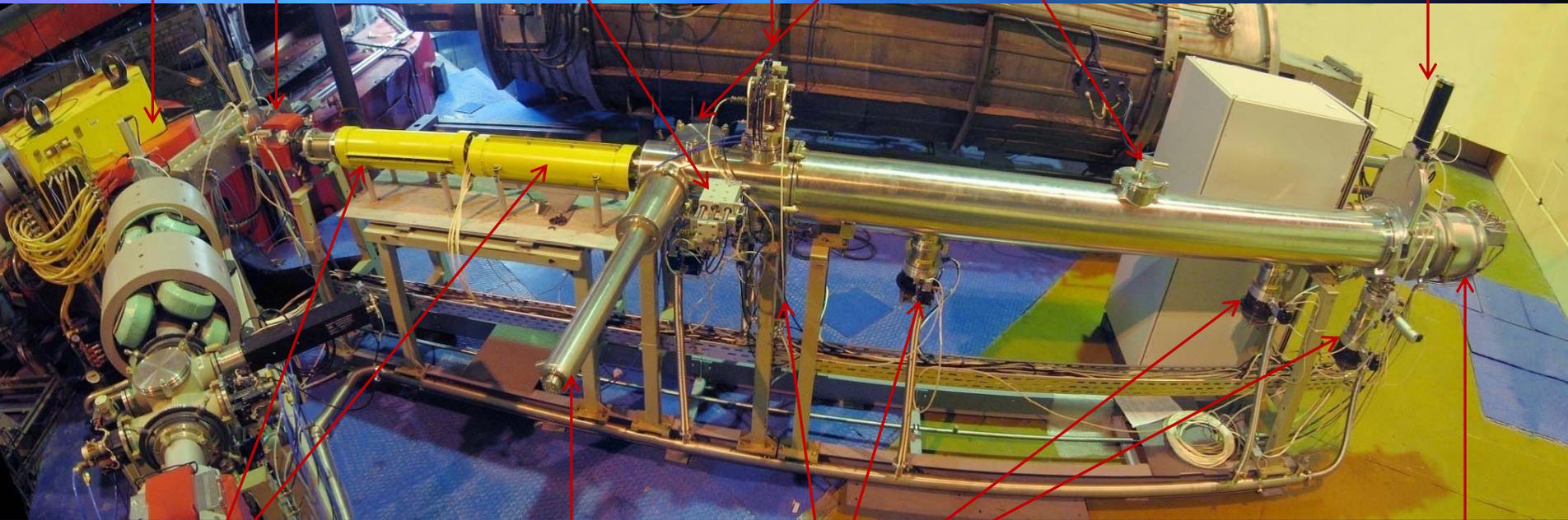
X-Y correction magnets

Luminophore drive

TOF energy measurement sensors,  $L=1.602$  m. Accuracy  $\approx 1\%$

Faraday cup

Vacuum gate valve



X-Y scanning system (50 Hz)

Ta foils (5-27  $\mu\text{m}$ ) drive)

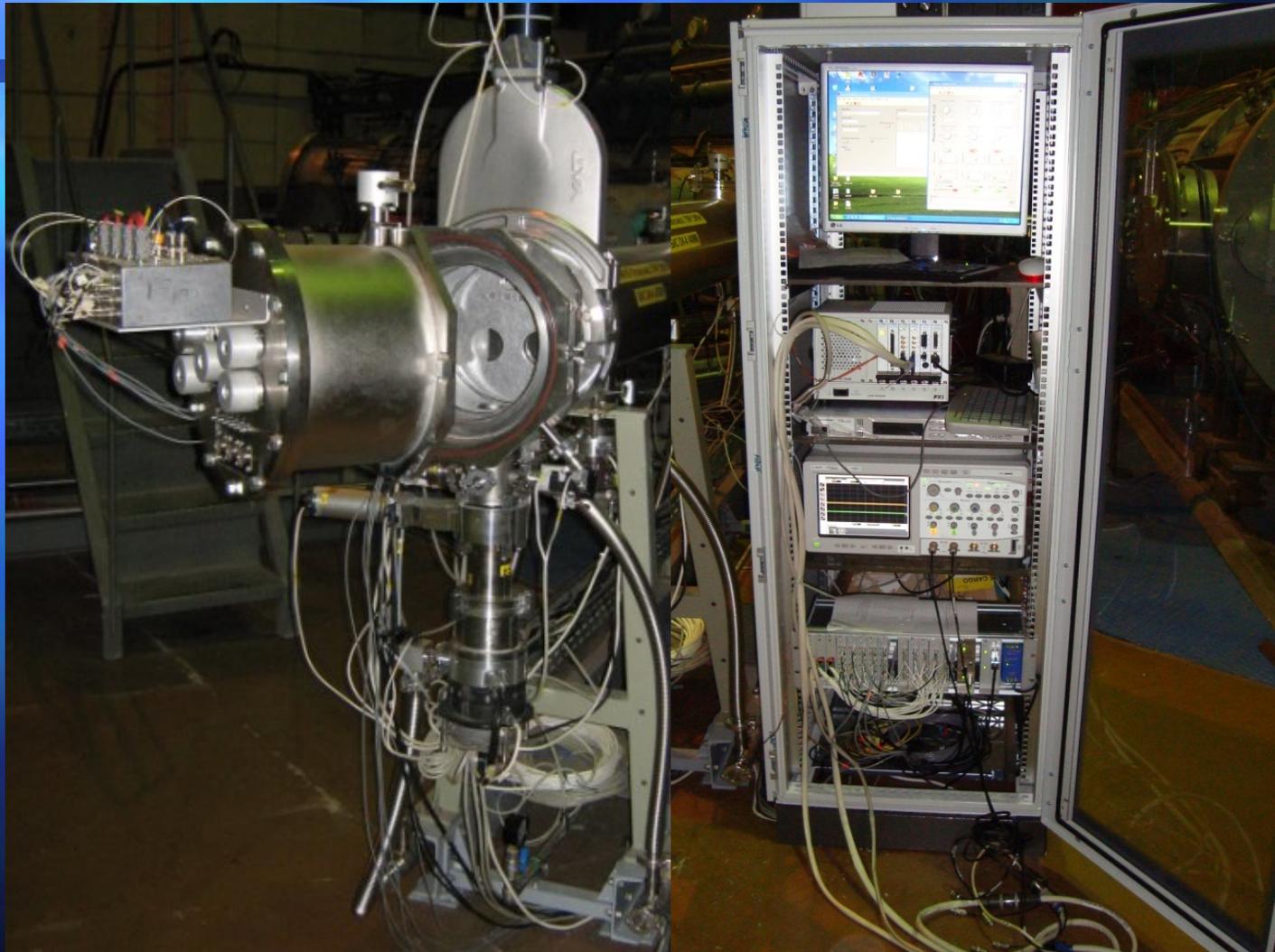
Turbo molecular pumps

Test chamber

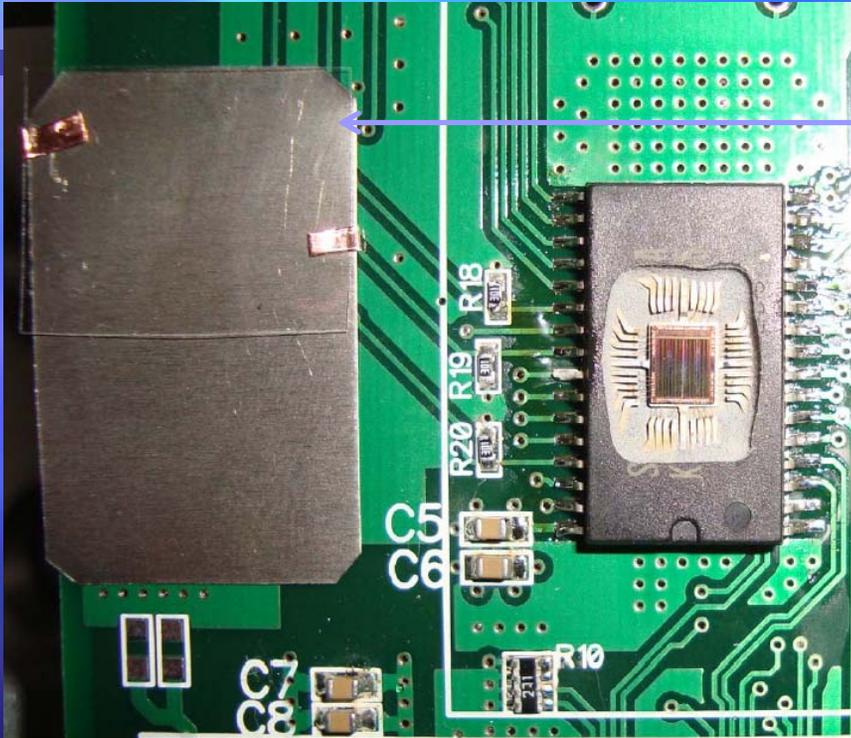
# ION BEAM PARAMETERS USED FOR SEE TESTING

Ion type	Energy, MEV	LET, MeV/(mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Ion flux, cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
<sup>16</sup> O	56±3	4.5	1 ÷ 10 <sup>5</sup>
<sup>22</sup> Ne	65±3	7	
<sup>40</sup> Ar	122±7	16	
<sup>56</sup> Fe	213±3	28	
<sup>84</sup> Kr	240±10	41	
<sup>136</sup> Xe	305±12	67	
<sup>209</sup> Bi	490±10 (820±20)	95 (100)	

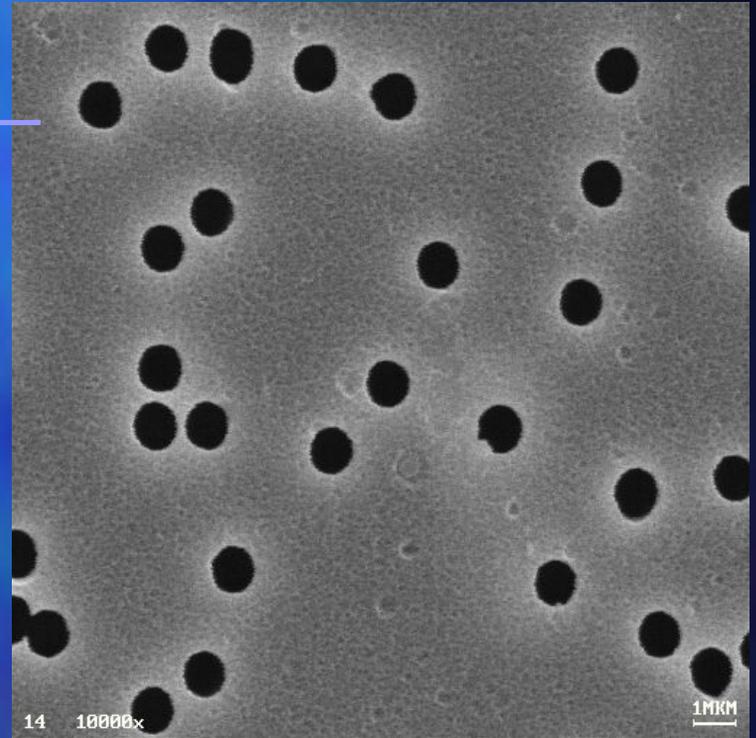
# Test chamber and diagnostic equipment



# ION BEAM DIAGNOSTIC



Polymer track detector and the DUT



SEM micrograph of polymer track detector

