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History and Prospects of the Radioisotope Complex at the INR RAS

История и перспективы радиоизотопного комплекса в ИЯИ РАН

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Main INR's Collaborators in Isotope Development and Production

- **Los Alamos National Laboratory, USA**
- **Brookhaven National Laboratory, USA**
- **Canada's National Facility TRIUMF, CANADA**
- **1st Milano University, ITALY**
- **GIP ARRONAX, FRANCE**
- **CURIUM (ZEVACOR Molecular), USA**
- **Institute for Physics and Power Engineering, Obninsk, RUSSIA**
- **Karpov Institute for Physical Chemistry, Obninsk**
- **Russian Research Centre of Roentgenology and Surgery Technologies, St-Petersburg**
- **Lomonosov Moscow State University**
- **Medical Radiological Research Centre, Obninsk**
- **Production Association "Mayak", Ozersk**
- **Vernadsky Institute of Geochemistry and Analytical Chemistry, Moscow**
- **Institute of Physical Chemistry and Electrochemistry, Moscow**
- **Institute of Atomic Reactors, Dimitrovgrad**

Last International Projects on GIPP (Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention)

- **IPP - ISTC, 116 people, 6 Russian Institutions, LANL, BNL**
"Co-Production of Palladium-103, Strontium-82, and Germanium-68 for Distribution and Medical Applications"
- **IPP – CRDF, 32 people, 4 Russian institutes, BNL**
"Development of High-Specific activity and No-Carrier-Added Tin-117m for Radionuclide Therapy"

The main participants of creation radioisotope facility and isotope developments and production at INR RAS

Key staff at INR

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INR management and accelerator leaders

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A.V. Feschenko

V.L. Serov

Key Russian collaborators

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S.V. Shatik (Granov RRCSRST)

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The most close and successful foreign collaborators

John Vincent (TRIUMF)

Dennis Phillips (LANL)

Eugene Peterson (LANL)

Suresh Srivastava (BNL)

Yves Thomas (ARRONAX)

Ferid Haddad (ARRONAX)

Jean-Francois Chatal (NAOGEN)

Maxim Kisselev (CURIUM PHARMA)

Milestones of Radioisotope Research and Development at INR RAS

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1989	Organizing the Laboratory of Radioisotope Complex at INR
1989	Development of the complex for accelerating of radioactive heavy ions
1989	Starting of development ^{82}Sr-production at accelerators in Vancouver and Protvino and ^{82}Rb-genertaor developments
1991	Development and design of radioisotope target irradiation facility at INR-accelerator
1992	Construction of the radioisotope facility at INR-accelerator and the first target irradiations
1993	The first processing of the INR irradiated targets with ^{82}Sr at Obninsk and St. Petersburg
1994	Irradiation at INR and processing the targets with ^{109}Cd and ^{22}Na and supply to the customers
1997	Starting regular supply of Rb-targets with ^{82}Sr to LANL for certification and production
2002	Starting developments with ^{68}Ge and ^{103}Pd with LANL
2003	Starting of research developments with $^{117\text{m}}\text{Sn}$ with BNL
2006	Starting of research and developments for ^{225}Ac from Th-targets
2007	Design and approval of hot cell facility at INR
2014	Completion clinical trials and certification of Russian ^{82}Rb-generator at St. Petersburg
2015	Starting developments of new ^{213}Bi-generator

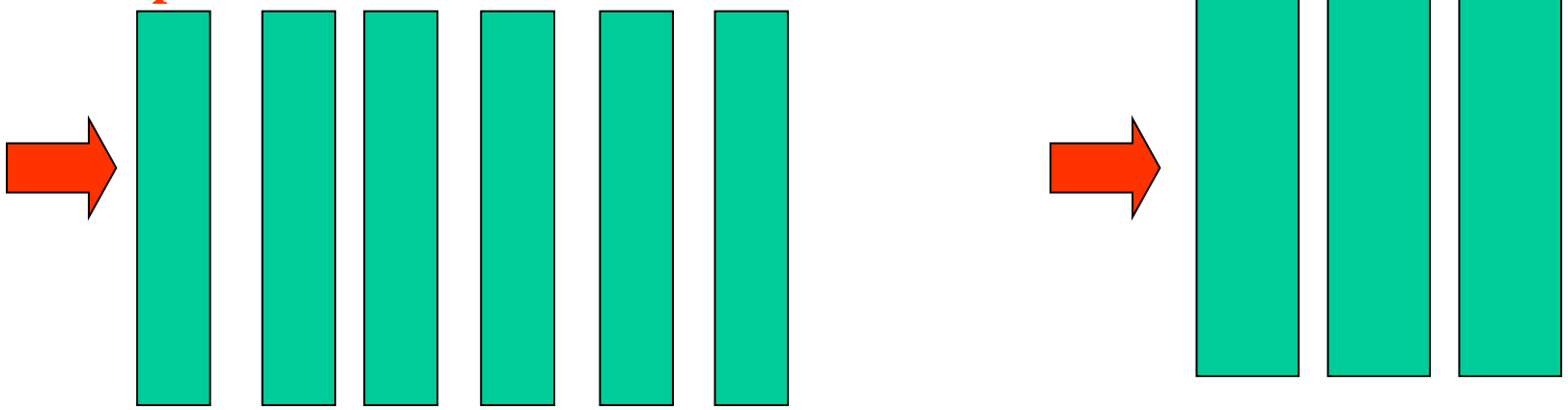
Advantages and disadvantages of targetry at different proton energy

High energy 500-800 MeV (p, xp yn)

- Low dE/dx (low energy release)
- Wide water gaps (easy cooling)
- Low cross-sections
- Large amount of impurities
- Expensive beam

Middle energy 70-200 MeV (p, xp yn)

- High dE/dx (high energy release)
- Narrow water gaps (difficult cooling)
- High cross-sections
- Small amount of impurities



Low energy 15-40 MeV (p, 1-3n)

- Small amount of impurities
- Good cooling
- Restricted spectrum of isotopes
- Enriched target material

**BEAM
DIRECTIONS**



Accelerator Facilities with High Intensity Proton Beam of Intermediate Energy

Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM, USA), 100 MeV, 250 μ A

Brookhaven National Laboratory (NY, USA), 200 MeV, 160 μ A

TRIUMF (Vancouver, Canada), 110 MeV, 500 MeV, 80 μ A

Institute for Nuclear Research (Troitsk, Russia), 160 MeV, 120 μ A

iThemba Laboratory (Cape Town, South Africa), 66 MeV, 250 μ A

ARRONAX GIP (Nantes, France), 70 MeV, 2 x 150 μ A

ZEVACOR (Indianapolis, USA), 70 MeV, 2 x 250 μ A

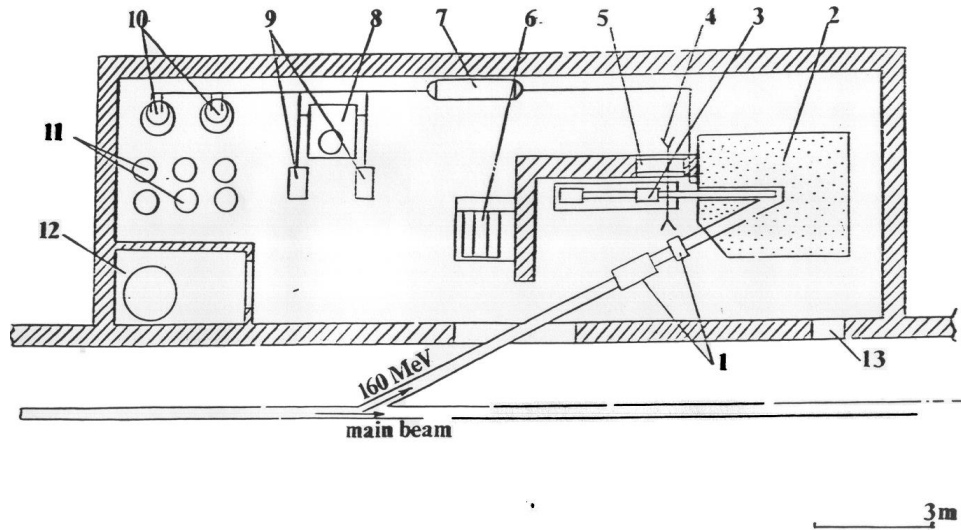
Proposed Accelerator Facilities for Radioisotope Production at High Intensity Proton Beam of Intermediate Energy

- **Proton Engineering Frontier Project, KOMAC (Gyeongju, South Korea)**
LINAC - 100 MeV, >300 μ A
- **Legnaro National Laboratory, INFN (Padova, Italy)**
Cyclotron - 70 MeV, 2x400 μ A
- **Arizona Isotopes Science Research Corp. (USA)**
Cyclotron - 70 MeV, 2x350 μ A
- **South African Isotope Facility (South Africa)**
Cyclotron – 40-70 MeV, 150 μ A
- **Institute of High Energy Physics of Kurchatov National Center (St. Petersburg, Russia)**
H⁻ Cyclotron – 70 MeV: production of ⁸²Sr
- **Institute for Nuclear Research of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (Kiev)**
H⁺ Cyclotron, 70 MeV, 100 μ A (⁸²Sr production from RbCl-target)
- **Institute for Nuclear Research (Troitsk, Russia)**
H⁻ Cyclotron – 70 (120) MeV, 750-1000 μ A: production of ⁸²Sr, ^{117m}Sn (²²⁵Ac, ²²³Ra)

Destruction of the first metallic Rb-target under water
(TRIUMF in Vancouver, together with John Vincent, 1988)



Target Irradiation Facility for Isotope Production at Linear Accelerator of Institute for Nuclear Research, Troitsk (under operation since 1992)



*Proton energy: 158 MeV
(options: 143,127,113,100,94 MeV)
Typical beam current: 120 μ A*

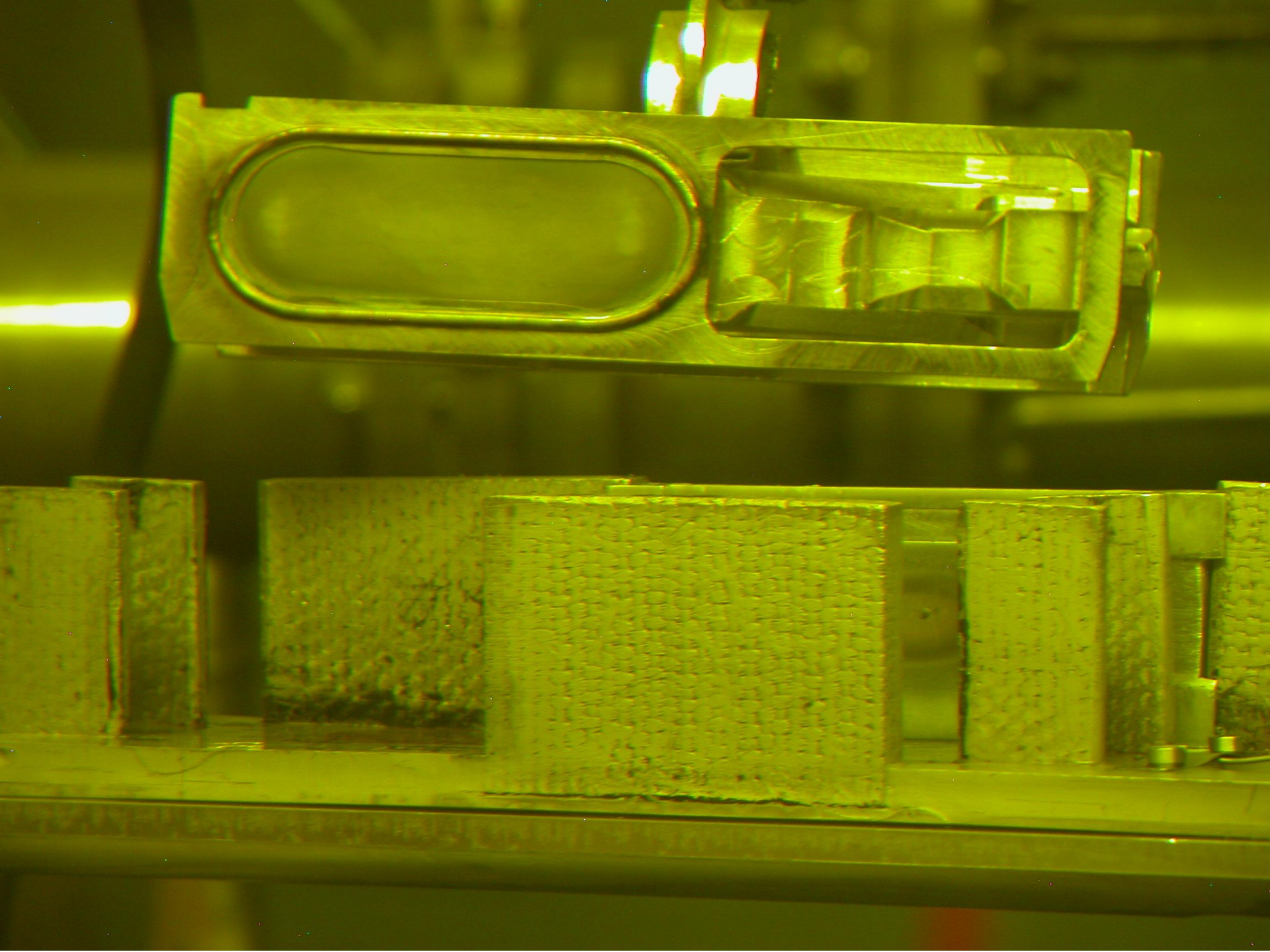
PRODUCED RADIONUCLIDES:

^{82}Sr , ^{225}Ac , ^{68}Ge , $^{117\text{m}}\text{Sn}$, ^{103}Pd

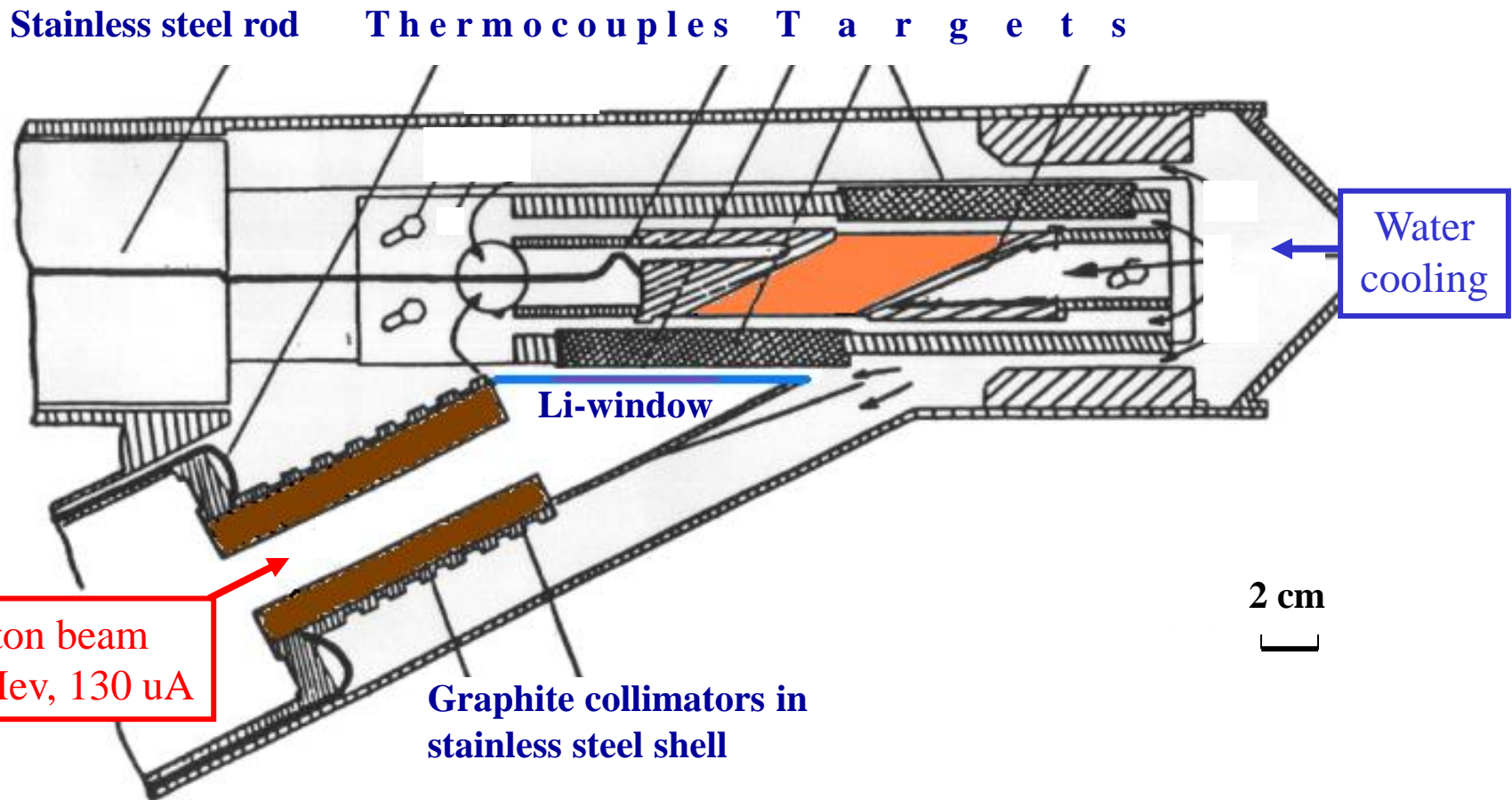
Under development:

^{72}Se , ^{230}Pa , ^{223}Ra , $^{64,67}\text{Cu}$





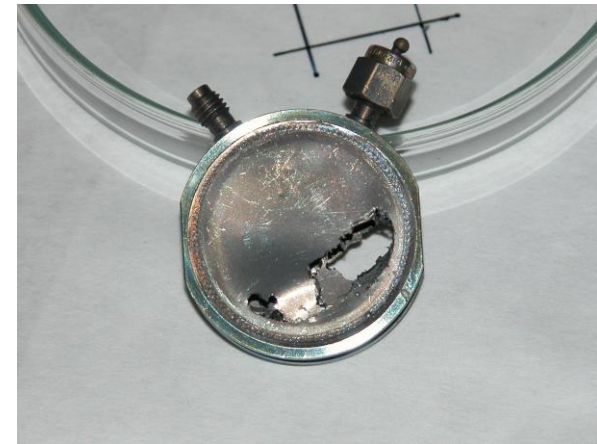
Target holder with graphite collimators and lithium beam window at INR facility



*What happens if the target requirements are not fulfilled?
(not only thermal, but also radiation and chemical impact)*



Aluminum



Antimony in
stainless steel



Graphite



Molybdenum

Isotopes Produced in INR and Possible Activity Generated in One Accelerator Run at 120 μ A

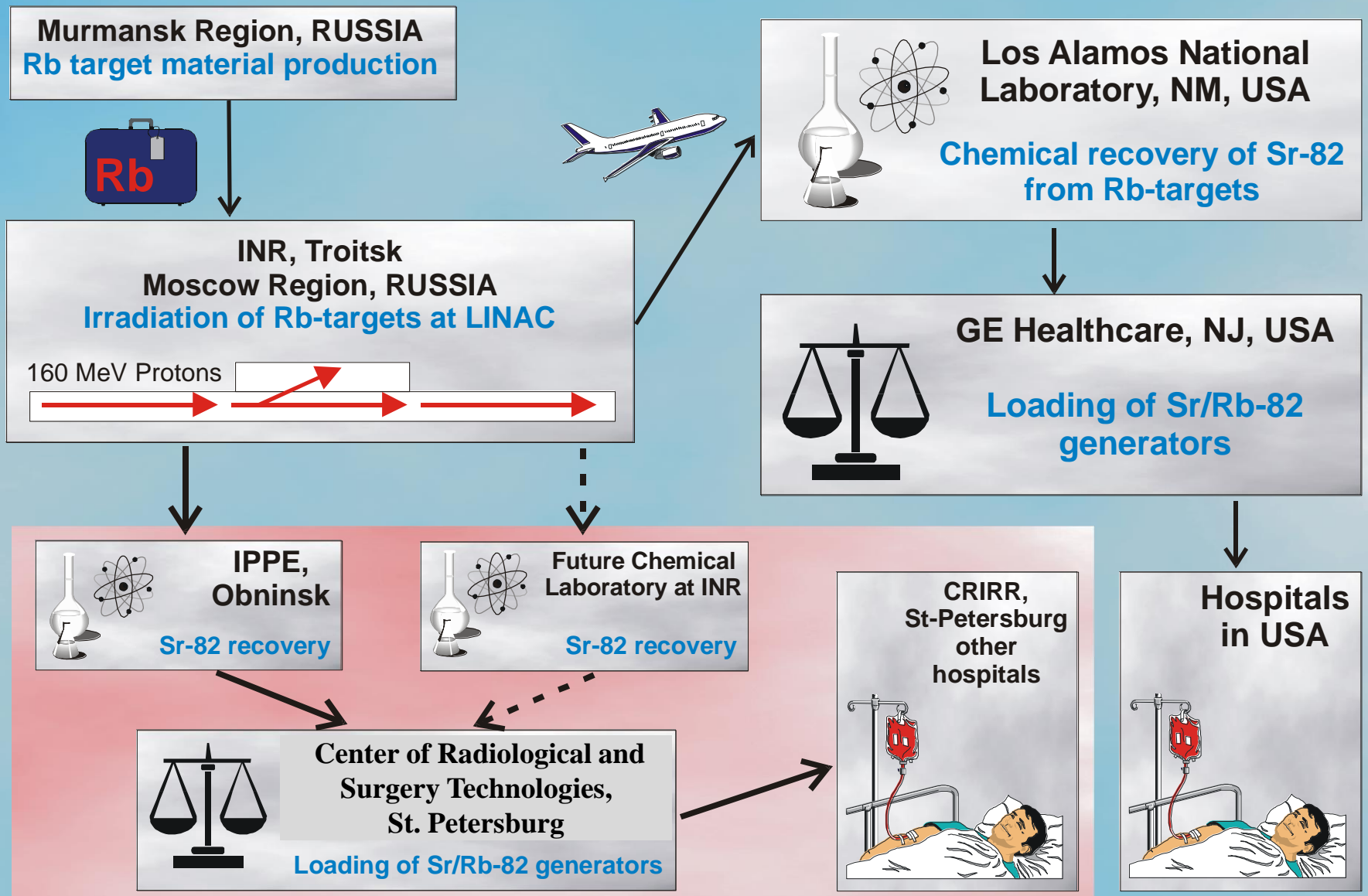
Radio-nuclide	Half life period	Target	Energy range, MeV	Bombardment run period, hr	Activity produced in one run at EOB, Ci
Sr-82	25.5 d	Rb	100-40	250	11
Na-22	2.6 y	Mg, Al	150-35	250	2
Cd-109	453 d	In	150-80	250	2
Pd-103	17 d	Ag	150-50	250	50
Ge-68	288 d	Ga, GaNi	50-15	250	0.5
Sn-117m	14 d	Sb, TiSb	150-40	250	3
Ac-225	10 d	Th	150-40	250	6
Ra-223	11.4 d	Th	150-40	250	12
U-230	20.8 d	Th	100-15	250	0.5
Se-72	8.5 d	GaAs	60-45	250	3
Cu-67	62 hr	Zn-68	150-70	100	10
Cu-64	12.7 hr	Zn	150-40	15	15
Ti-44	47 yr	Sc	60-20	250	0.01

Green – regular mass production

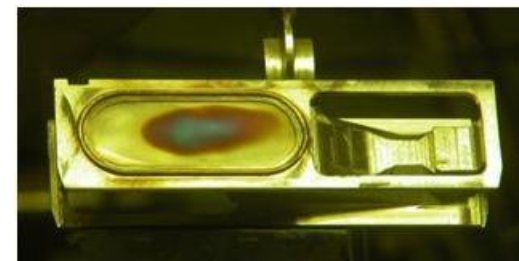
Blue – technology developed, test samples supplied to customers

Red – production method developed, technology under development

Production and Transportation Scheme of Strontium-82



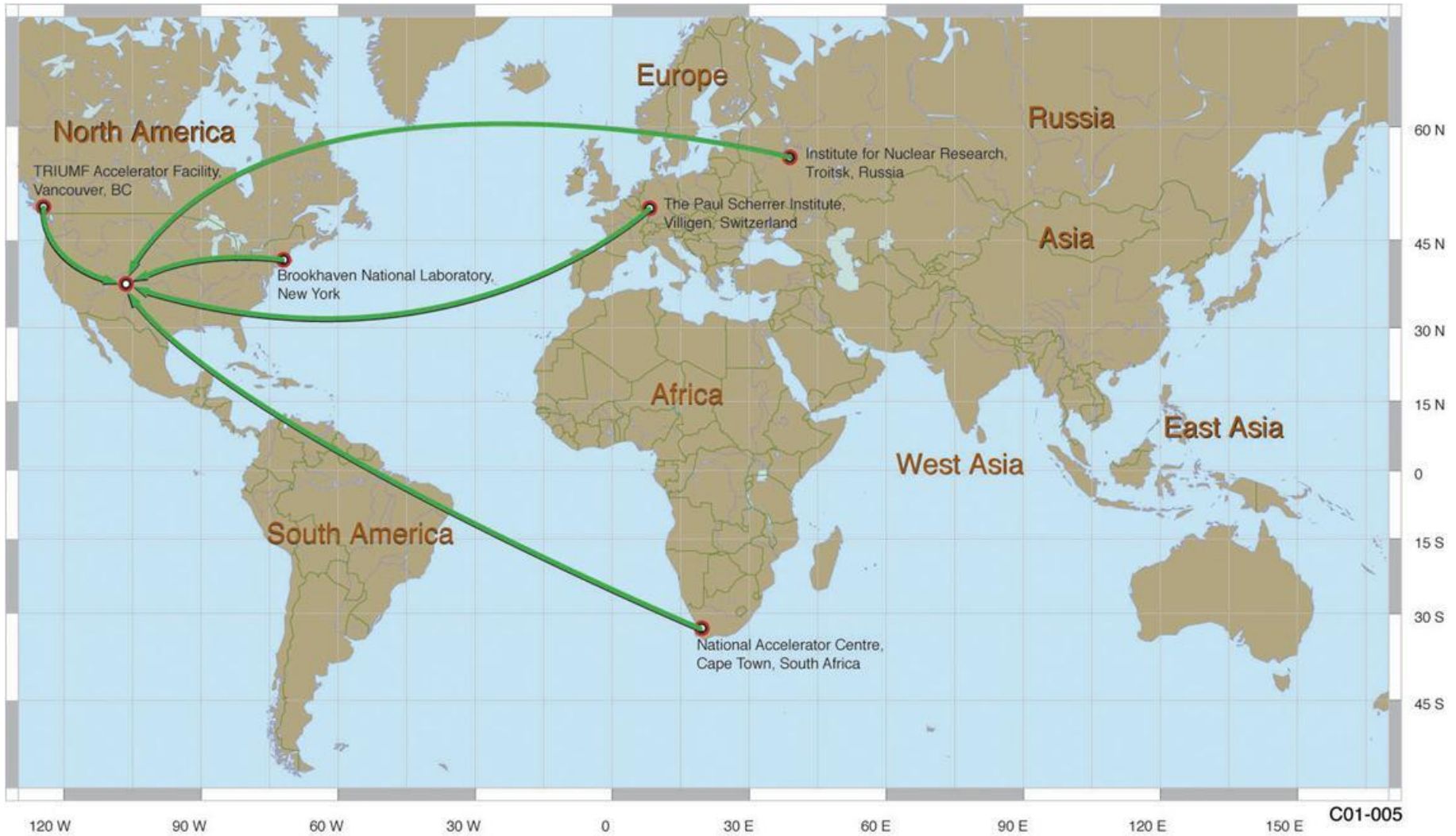
Processing of INR metallic rubidium target for recovery strontium-82 at Los Alamos



150 Rb-targets irradiated at INR were processed at LANL, plus 22 at Russian facilities

About 350,000 US patients passed diagnostics with isotopes produced at INR, and more than 2,000,000 patients – with isotopes produced with mutually developed methods

Virtual Isotope Center- supplementing and extending existing availability of medical isotopes (organized by US DOE)



**Комиссии по модернизации и технологическому развитию экономики России
(Обнинск, 29 апреля 2010 года)**



Дмитрий Анатольевич Медведев (Dmitriy Medvedev) – Президент России:

“По ядерным медицинским технологиям – вещь очевидная, они нашей стране очень нужны... Наша задача – научиться применять здесь наиболее передовые технологии; одним из наиболее перспективных методов, которые сегодня доказали свою эффективность, являются радионуклидные методы, радионуклидная диагностика и терапия... У нас существует солидная научно-техническая база для производства радиофармпрепаратов, есть и позитивный опыт применения самых передовых технологий диагностики и лечения. **К сожалению, это в основном импортные технологии.**”



Татьяна Алексеевна Голикова — Министр здравоохранения и социального развития России:

“...**Генератор стронций/рубидий-82** применяется при диагностике пациентов с подозрением на заболевание коронарной артерии. Кроме этого, он может применяться при изучении функций головного мозга, желудочно-кишечного тракта, печени и почек. В настоящее время генератор рубидий-82 не производится ни в Европе, ни в Азии. **Он является отечественной разработкой Института ядерных исследований РАН.** Плановый выпуск генераторов – до 500 штук в год в расчёте до 2015 года. Из них для покрытия потребностей России нужно 300 штук, соответственно, остальные 200 могут быть направлены на экспорт.”



Existing and new future installations for isotope production at INR

**New hot cell laboratory
(in building #12/17)**

Планируемая пристройка



Линейный ускоритель

Стенд облучения изотопных мишеней

ХОВ спец. стоки

Компрессорная

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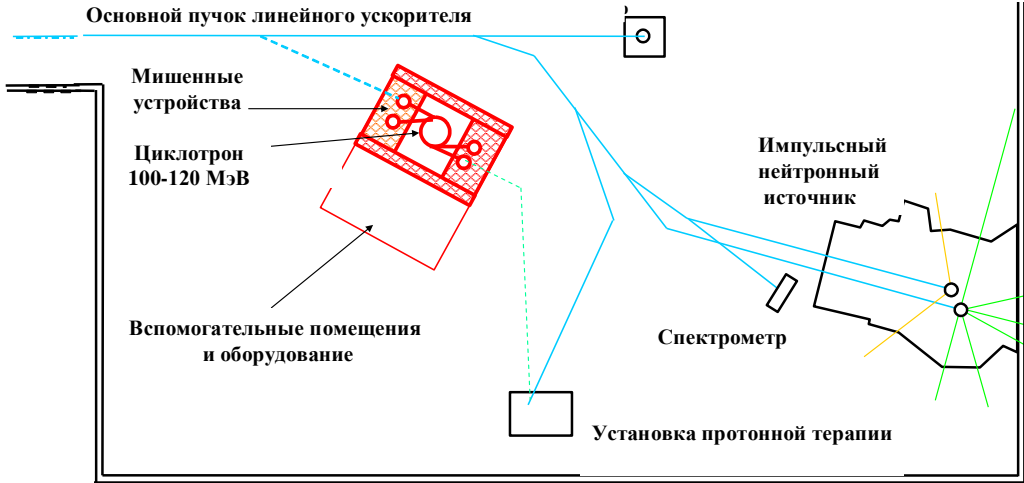
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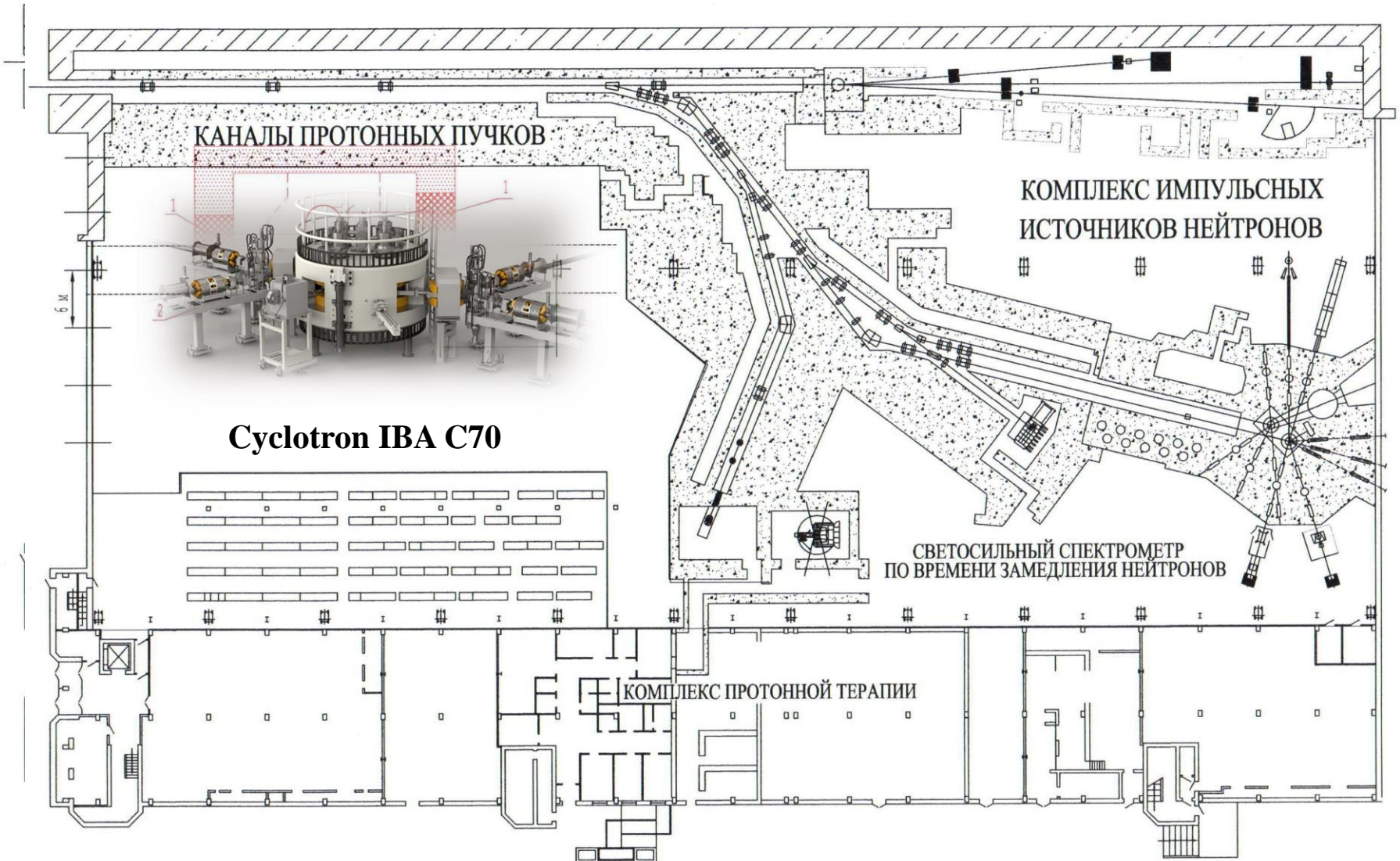
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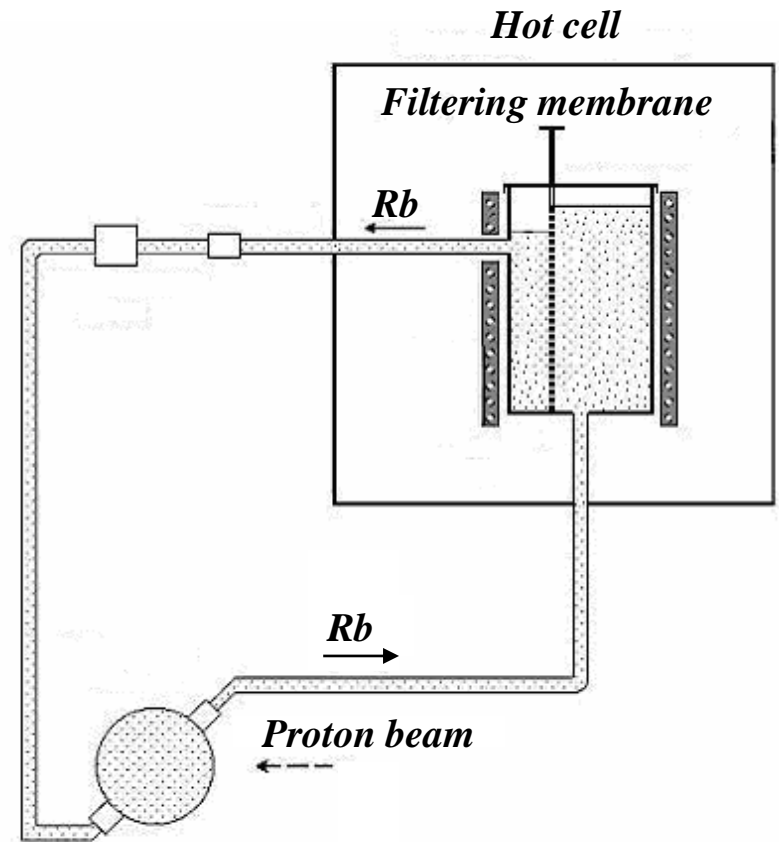
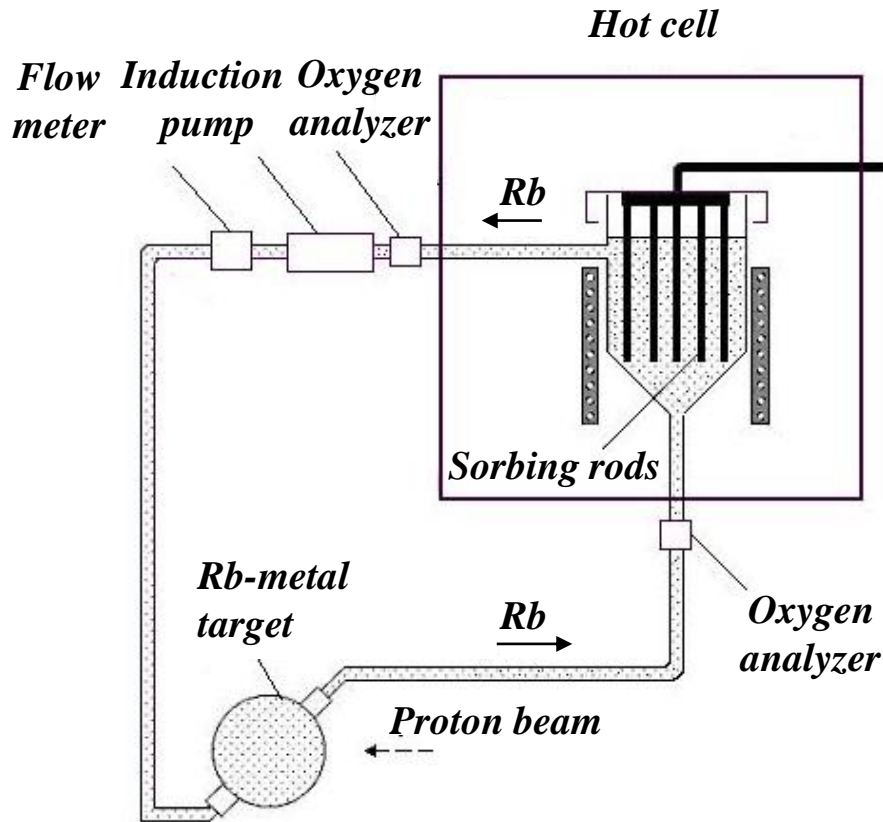
**New cyclotron
(in buiding #25)**



Proposed construction of IBA cyclotron in the Existing Building #25 at INR RAS (H- 70 МэВ)



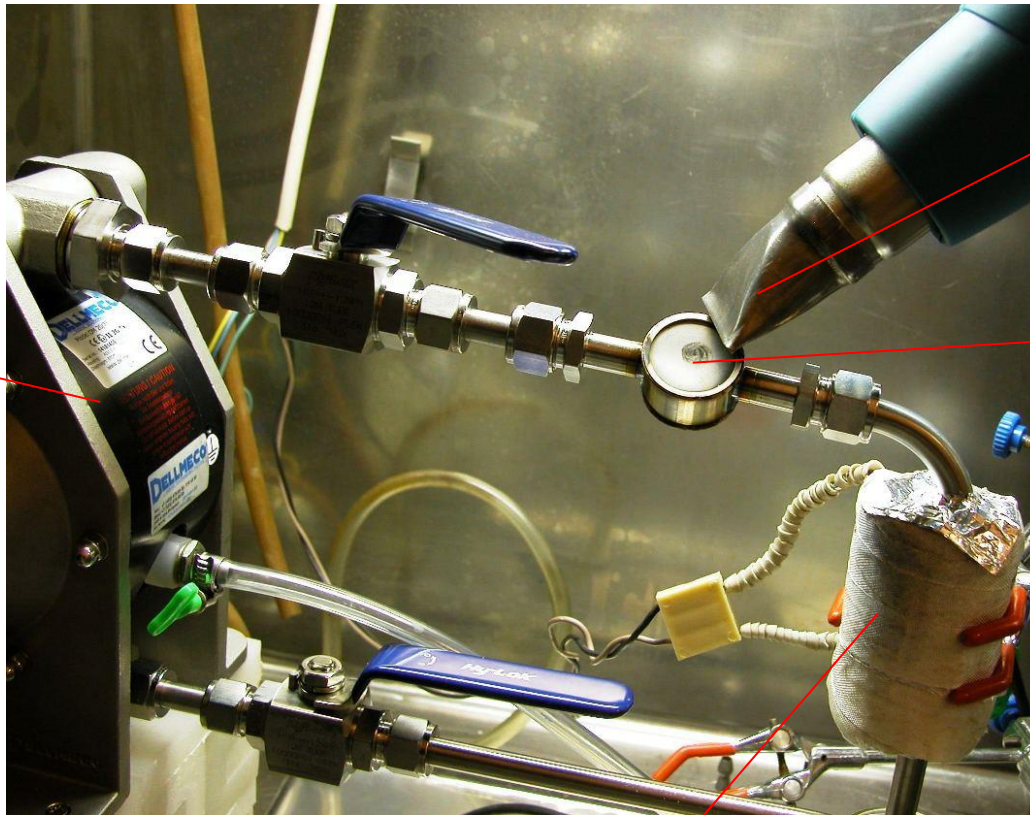
Future Development of On-Line ^{82}Sr -Production



Target material	Rb+3%O ($T_m=10^\circ\text{C}$)
Rb volume	1.5 L
Rb flow	5-10 L/min
Target diameter	8 cm
Energy release:	13 kW

Beam current	500 μA
Proton energy range	63-36 MeV
Production yield:	0.4 mCi/ $\mu\text{A}\cdot\text{hr}$
Production capacity ^{82}Sr	4.5 Ci/day at EOB
	2.5 Ci/day at consumption
	500 Ci/year at consumption

Experimental Setup for Investigation of Sr-Sorption from the Loop of Metallic Rubidium



Pump for liquid Rb

Heater as beam simulation

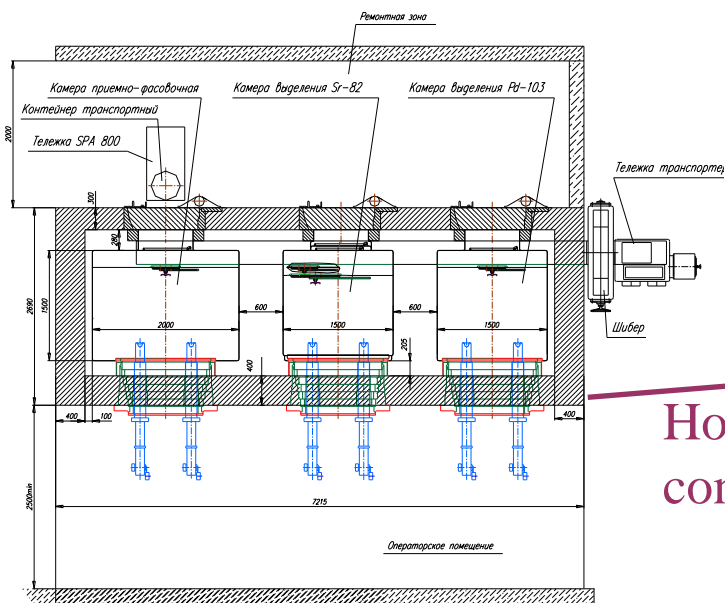
Target

High temperature trap for Sr

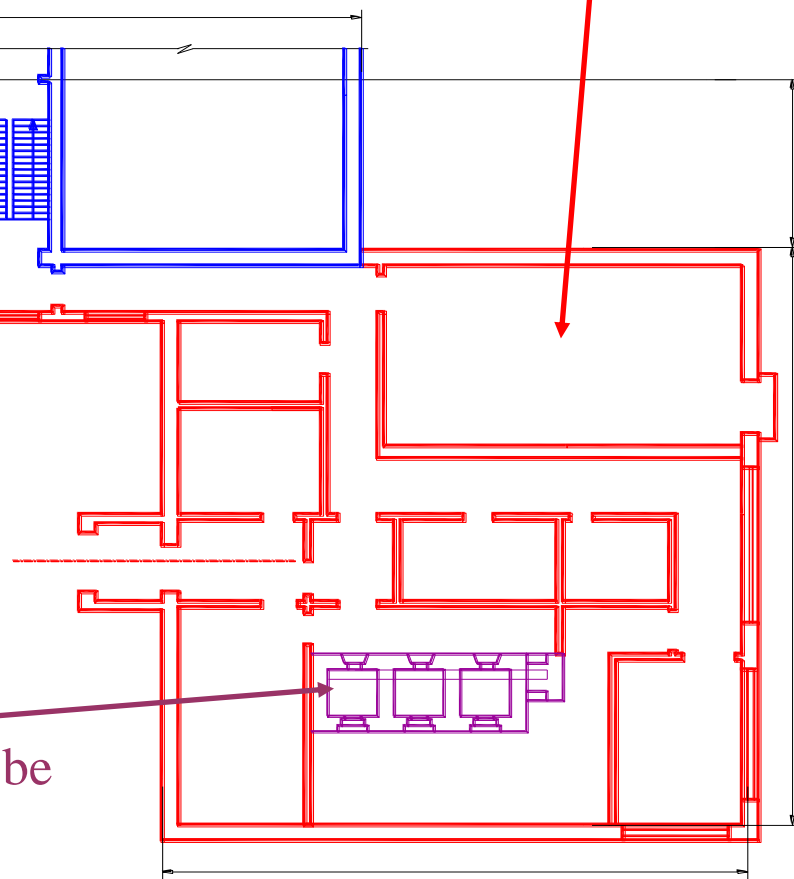
Future hot cell laboratory at INR RAS in Troitsk

Proposed GMP-laboratory for generator loading in the existing building #17 at INR RAS

New building #12/17 with hot cells to be constructed



Hot cells to be constructed



18 м

Possibility of Medical Isotope Production at INR

RADIO-NUCLIDE	APPLICATION	HALF-LIFE	ANNUAL PRODUCTION, Ci		PATIENT AMOUNT (per year)
			Linear accelerator	New cyclotron 70 (120) MeV	
⁸² Sr	PET- diagnostics (cardiology)	25 d	30	500	1 000 000
^{117m} Sn	Therapy, γ -diagnostics (bone cancer, cardiovascular disease)	14 d	10	30	1 000
⁶⁷ Cu	Therapy (oncology)	62 h	20	100	1 000
⁶⁴ Cu	Therapy, PET- diagnostics (oncology)	12.7 h	150	700	1 000
⁷² Se	PET- diagnostics (oncology)	8.5 d	15	60	80 000
¹⁰³ Pd	Therapy (cancer of prostate, liver, mammary gland, rheumatoid arthritis)	17 d	200	800	10 000
²²⁵ Ac	Therapy (oncology)	10 d	8	(100)	(100 000)
²²³ Ra	Therapy (bone cancer)	11.4 d	20	(500)	(300 000)

Problems to be solved in R&D
for medical isotope production in Russia

- 1. To overcome agency barriers in the disposition of funds for R&D**
- 2. To organize an effective international collaboration with highly developed countries**
- 3. To provide sufficient governmental funding to establish new facilities or upgrade the existing facilities**
- 4. To form a qualified and independent international committee for distribution of funds to create and realize isotope projects**
- 5. To reduce bureaucratic regulations (without prejudice to safety and security)**
- 6. To prepare highly-qualified specialists**