

# **The 5.5 MV Single-ended Van de Graaff accelerator in Mexico.**

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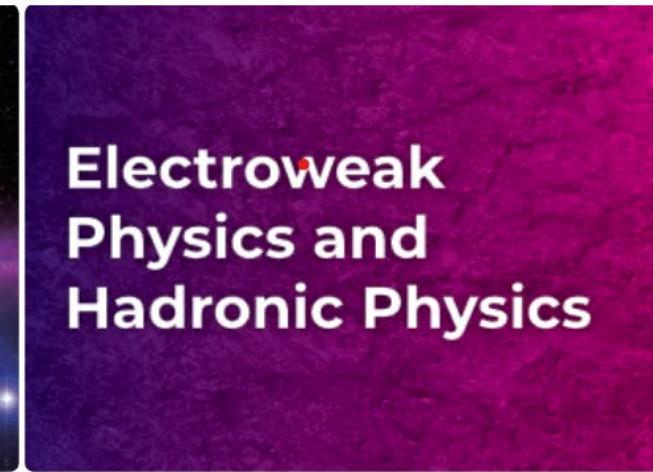
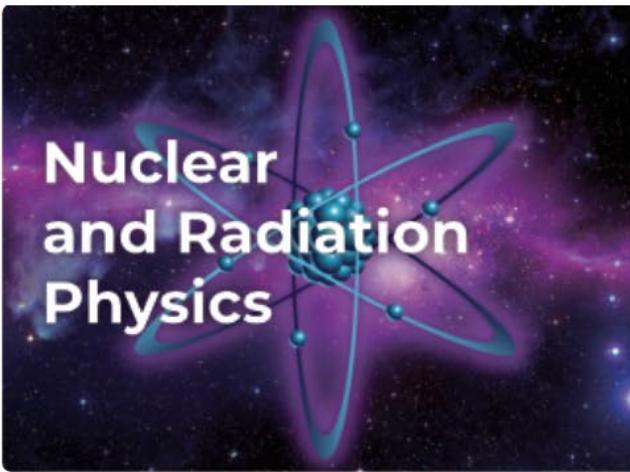
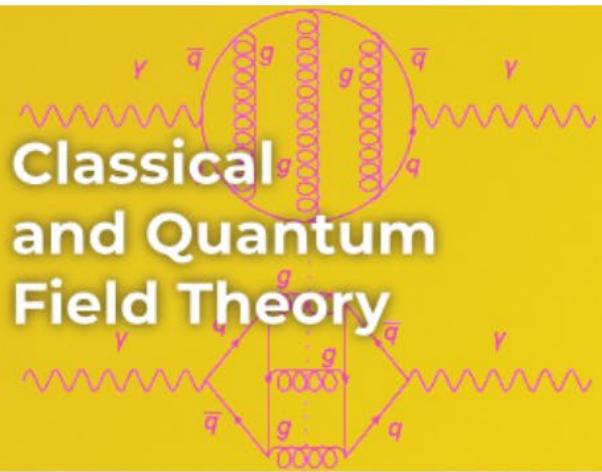
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## High Energies, Nuclear Physics, Astroparticles and Cosmology



Extensions  
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Model

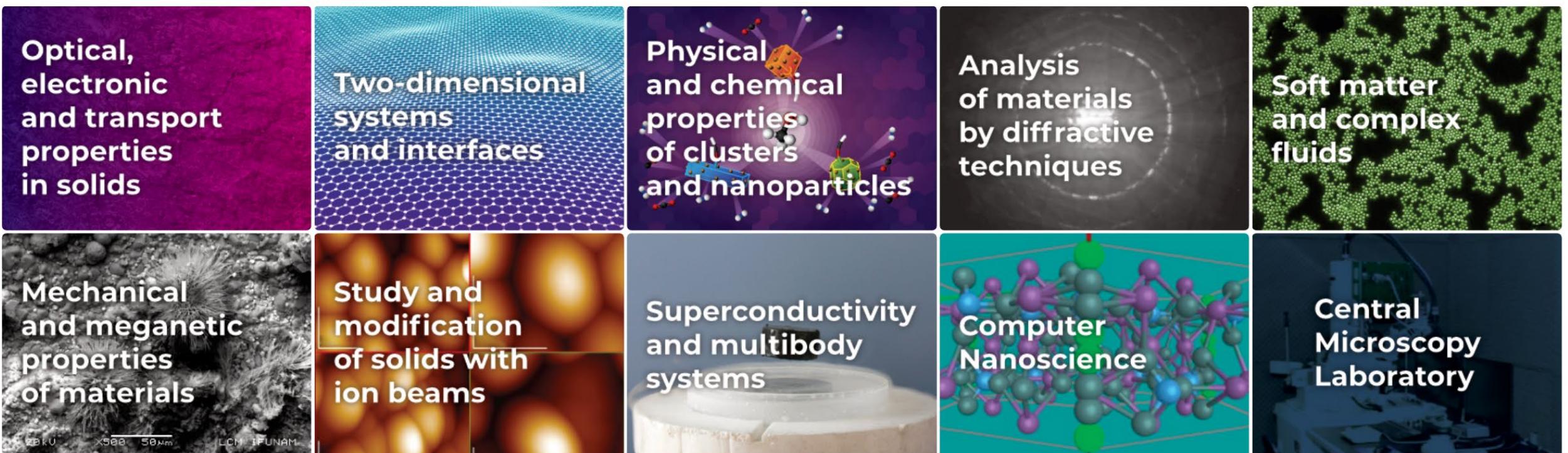
Astroparticles,  
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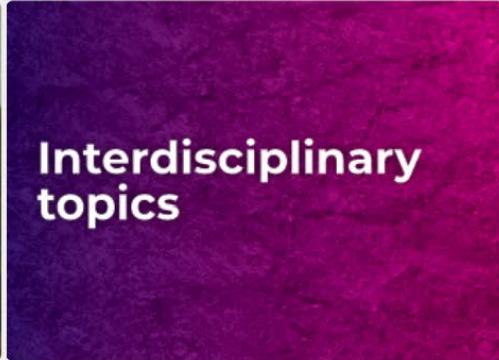
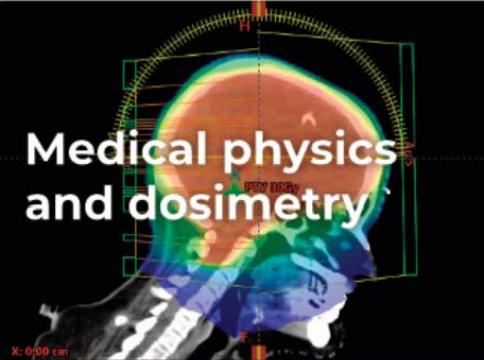
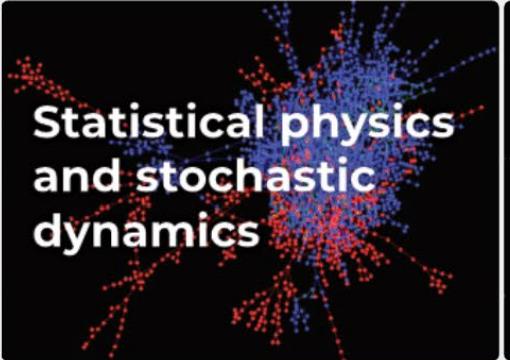
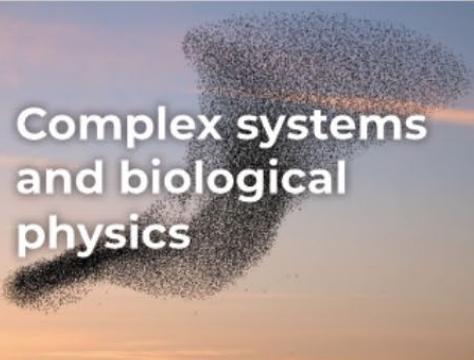
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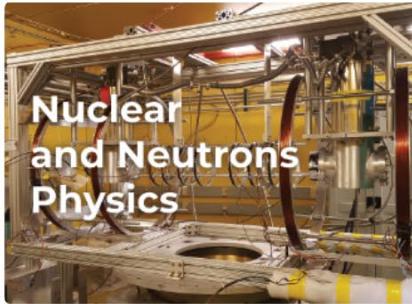
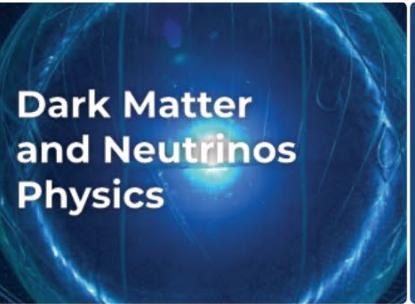
## Nanosciences and Condensed Matter



# Applied Physics and Interdisciplinary Topics



## International Experiments



Engineering design and mechanical shop with computer aided machines and qualified personnel.





4 National Laboratories  
(Over 50 laboratories in total)

The **HAWC** site is inside the Parque Nacional Pico de Orizaba, a Mexican national park. The park contains Citlaltepetl (or Pico de Orizaba), the highest peak in Mexico at 5610 meters, and Sierra Negra, a 4600-meter extinct volcano 7 km southwest of Citlaltepetl. Pico de Orizaba is a dormant volcano. A relatively flat saddle point between the two peaks is the location of the detector.

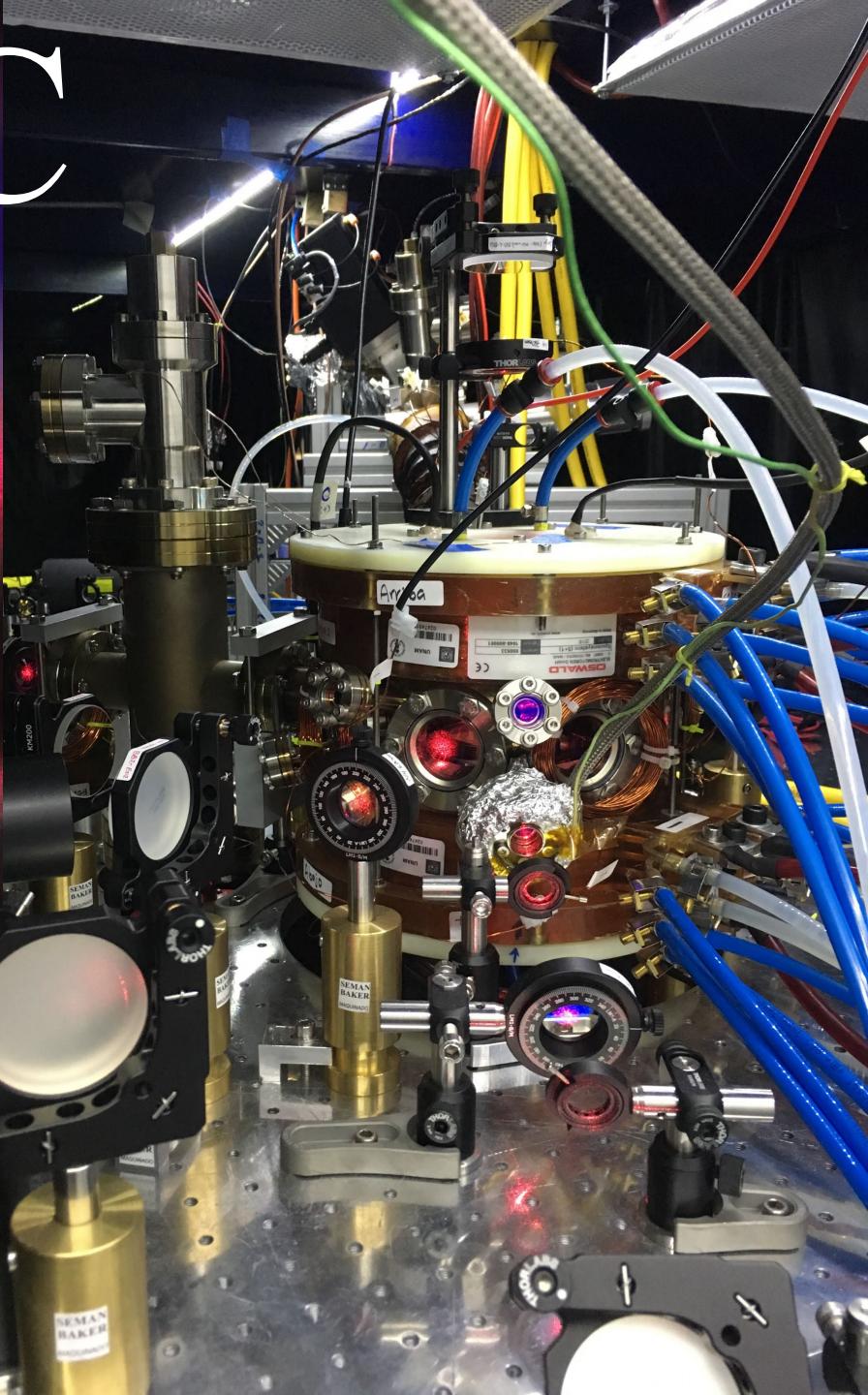
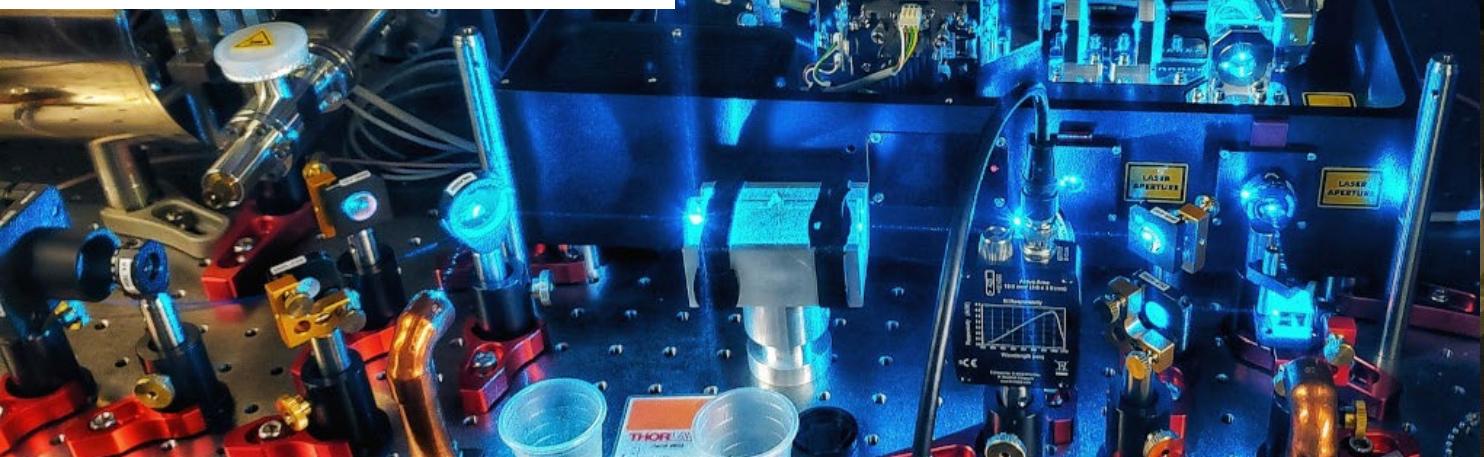




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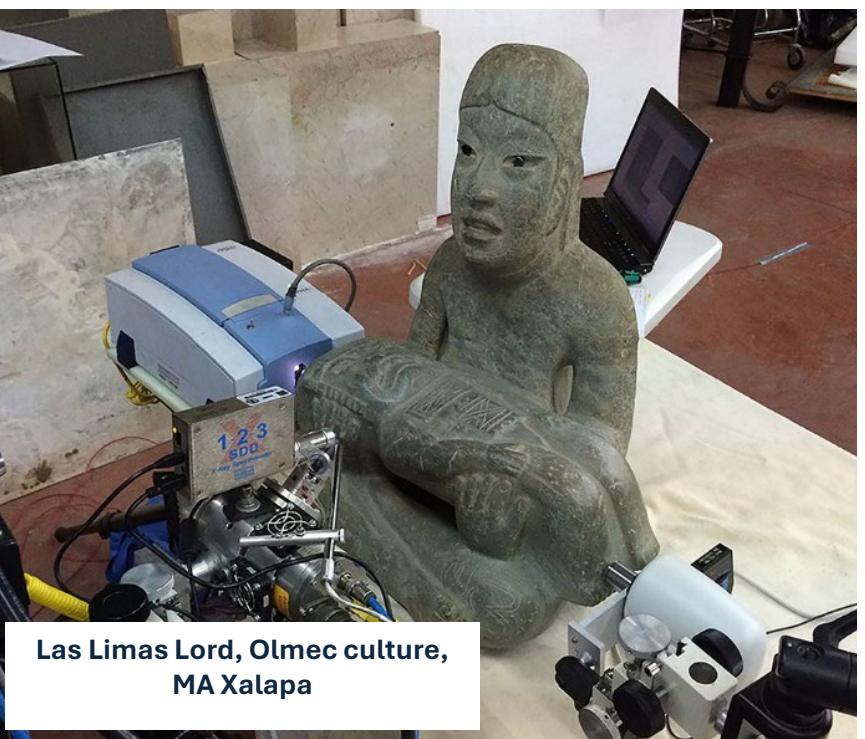
The National Laboratory for Quantum Matter: Ultracold Matter and Quantum Information (LANMAC) is distributed in 11 laboratories and a group of theoreticians with headquarters at the Physics Institute.



# National Laboratory of Sciences for Research and Conservation of Cultural Heritage (LANCIC)

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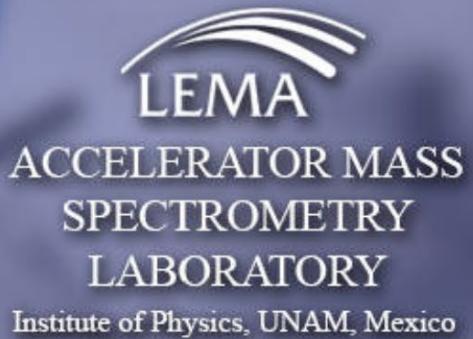
**Main available techniques:** In situ non-invasive spectroscopies XRF, Raman, FTIR, FORS, hiperespectral imaging and ion beam analysis (PIXE-RBS-PIGE-IBIL) in the laboratory, among others.





LEMA





The Accelerator Mass Spectrometry Laboratory (LEMA by its name in Spanish) of the Institute of Physics, is a National Laboratory where we carry out basic, applied and interdisciplinary research projects based on the determination of very low concentrations of radionuclides such as  $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{10}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{129}\text{I}$  and Pu.

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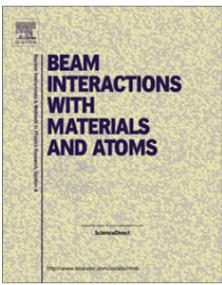


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A new AMS facility in Mexico

C. Solís \*, E. Chávez-Lomelí, M.E. Ortiz, A. Huerta, E. Andrade, E. Barrios

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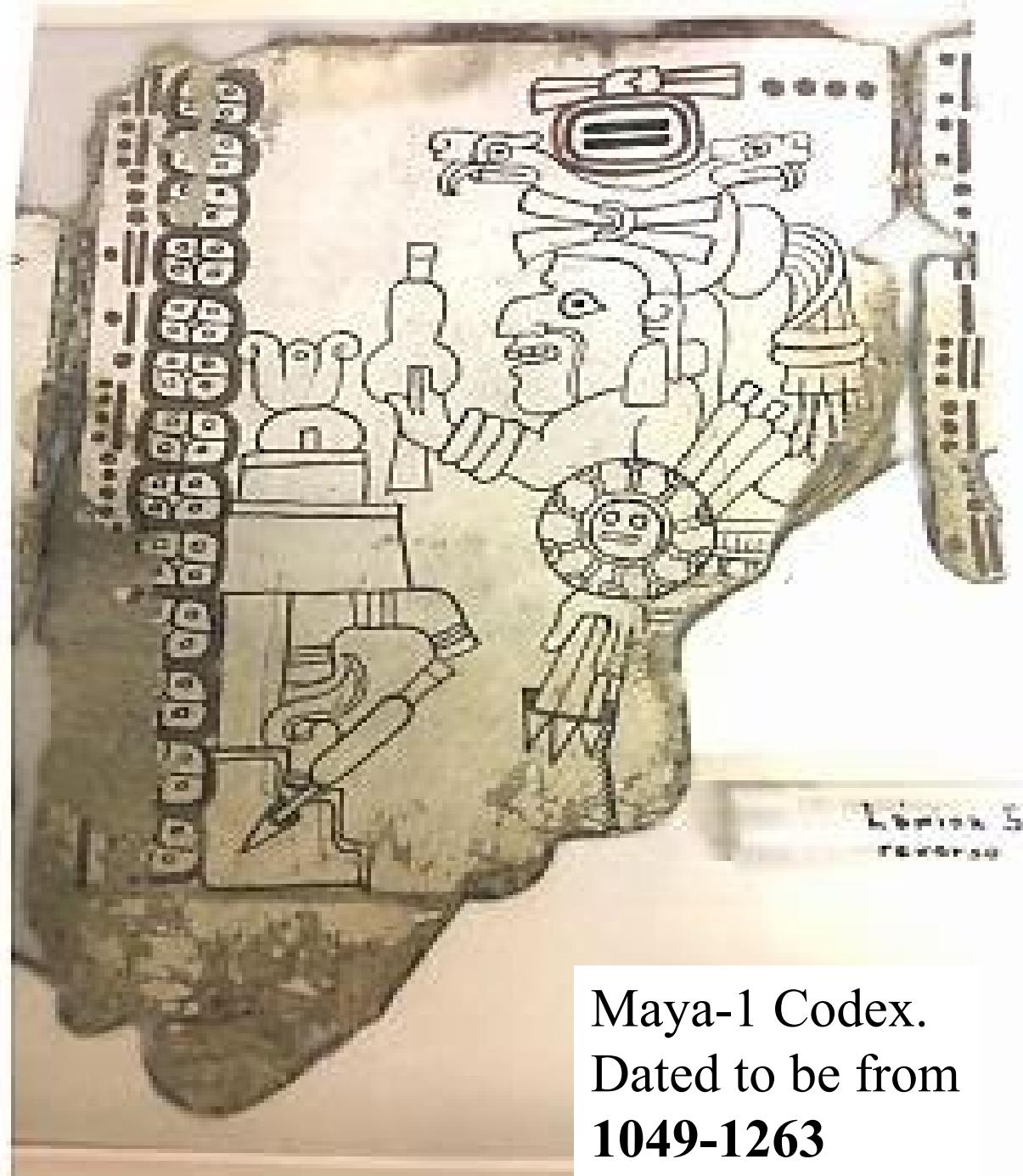


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sciences

- Forensic sciences
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- Nuclear Physics

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## Evidence of human occupation in Mexico around the Last Glacial Maximum

Ciprian F. Ardelean [✉](#), Lorena Becerra-Valdivia, [...] Eske Willerslev [✉](#)

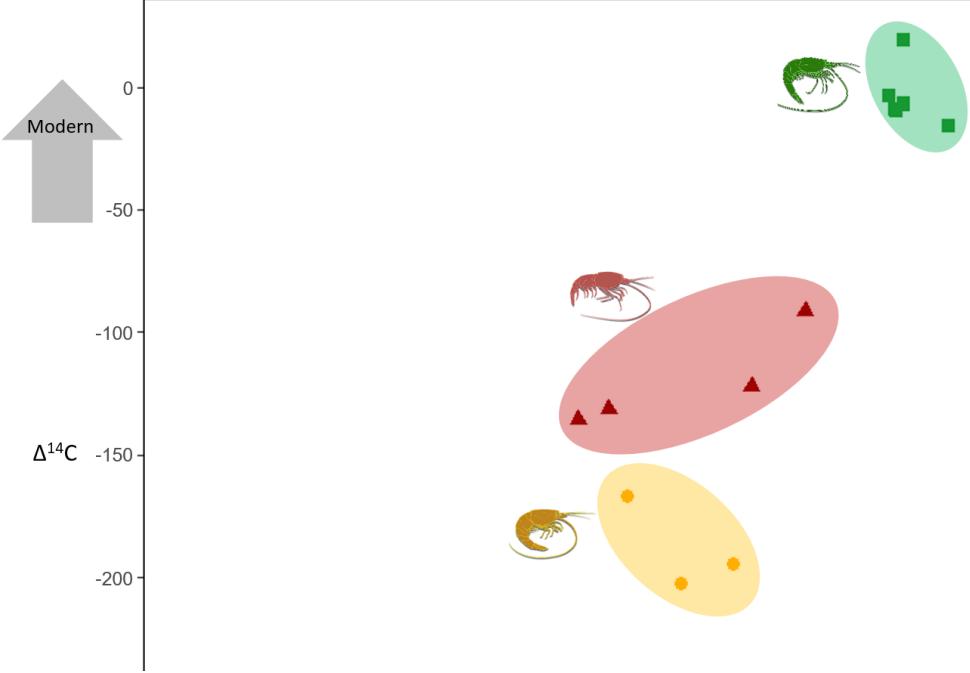
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14C

**F**n plena Edad del Hielo, en lo que hoy es el norte del estado mexicano de Zacatecas, **nace 30 mil años**, un grupo humano ocupó una cueva ubicada casi en la punta de un cerro desde donde podía observar la panorámica del frío



# SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

nature research

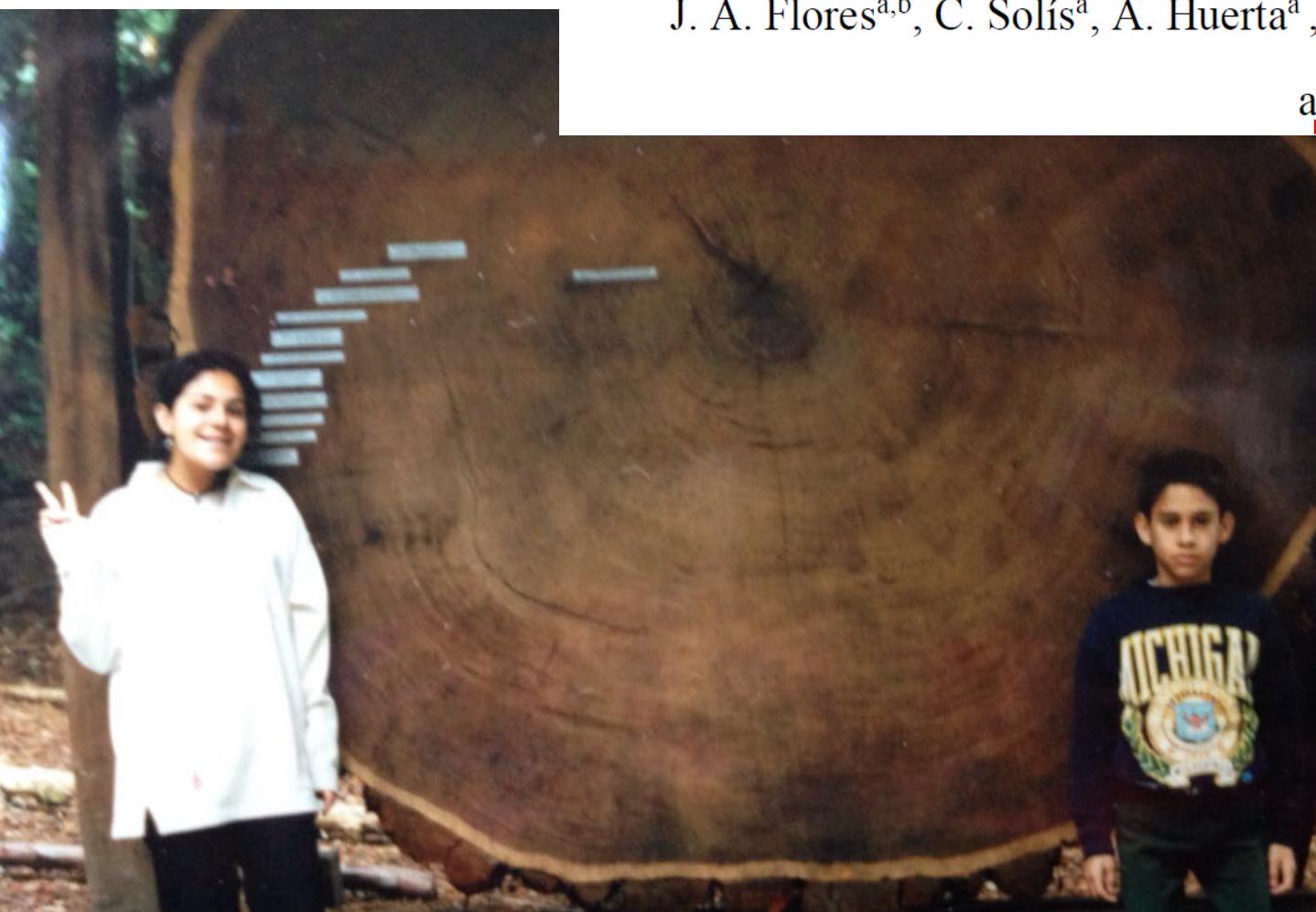
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## Distribution patterns, carbon sources and niche partitioning in cave shrimps (Atyidae: *Typhlatya*)

E. M. Chávez-Solís<sup>1,2</sup>, C. Solís<sup>3</sup>, N. Simões<sup>2,4,5</sup> & M. Mascaró<sup>2,4</sup>✉

# Dendro- chronology

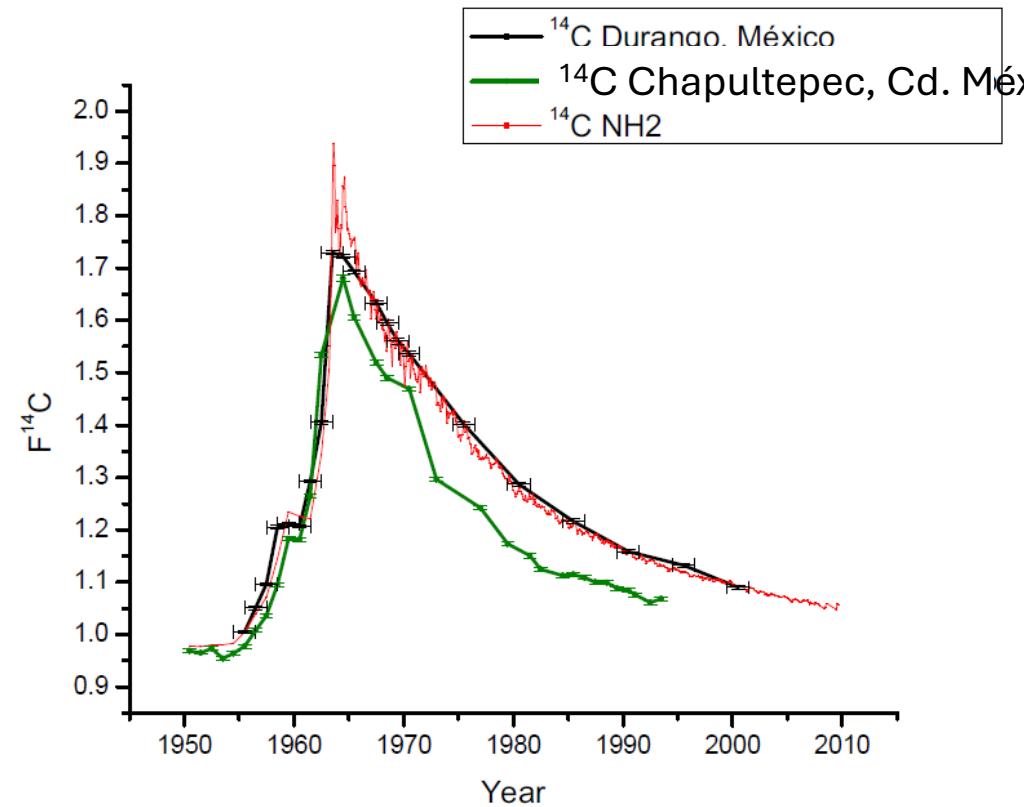


Conference on the Application of Accelerators in Research and Industry, CAARI 2016,  
30 October – 4 November 2016, Ft. Worth, TX, USA

## Historic binnacle of $^{14}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ concentration in Mexico City.

J. A. Flores<sup>a,b</sup>, C. Solís<sup>a</sup>, A. Huerta<sup>a</sup>, M. E. Ortiz<sup>a</sup>, M. G. Rodríguez-Ceja<sup>a</sup>, J. Villanueva<sup>c</sup>

and E. Chávez<sup>a</sup> \*





## Detailed characterization of Mexican Coffee grains

Inga Zinicovscaia, Dimitri Grozdov, Javier Mas, Alejandro Martínez, Corina Solís, María Rodríguez, Efraín Chávez.



Roman Mimokhod  
Olga Zelentsova  
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Inga Zinicovskaia  
Dimitry Grozdov  
Dulce Martínez  
Corina Solís  
María Rodríguez Ceja  
Arcadio Huerta  
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Podbolotyevsky cemetery

The location of the archaeological sites of the Finno-Ugric peoples



Burial 57 (f.)



The board is under the belt



wooden  
container



Burial 154

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# Single-Ended Type Van de Graaff Accelerators in the World

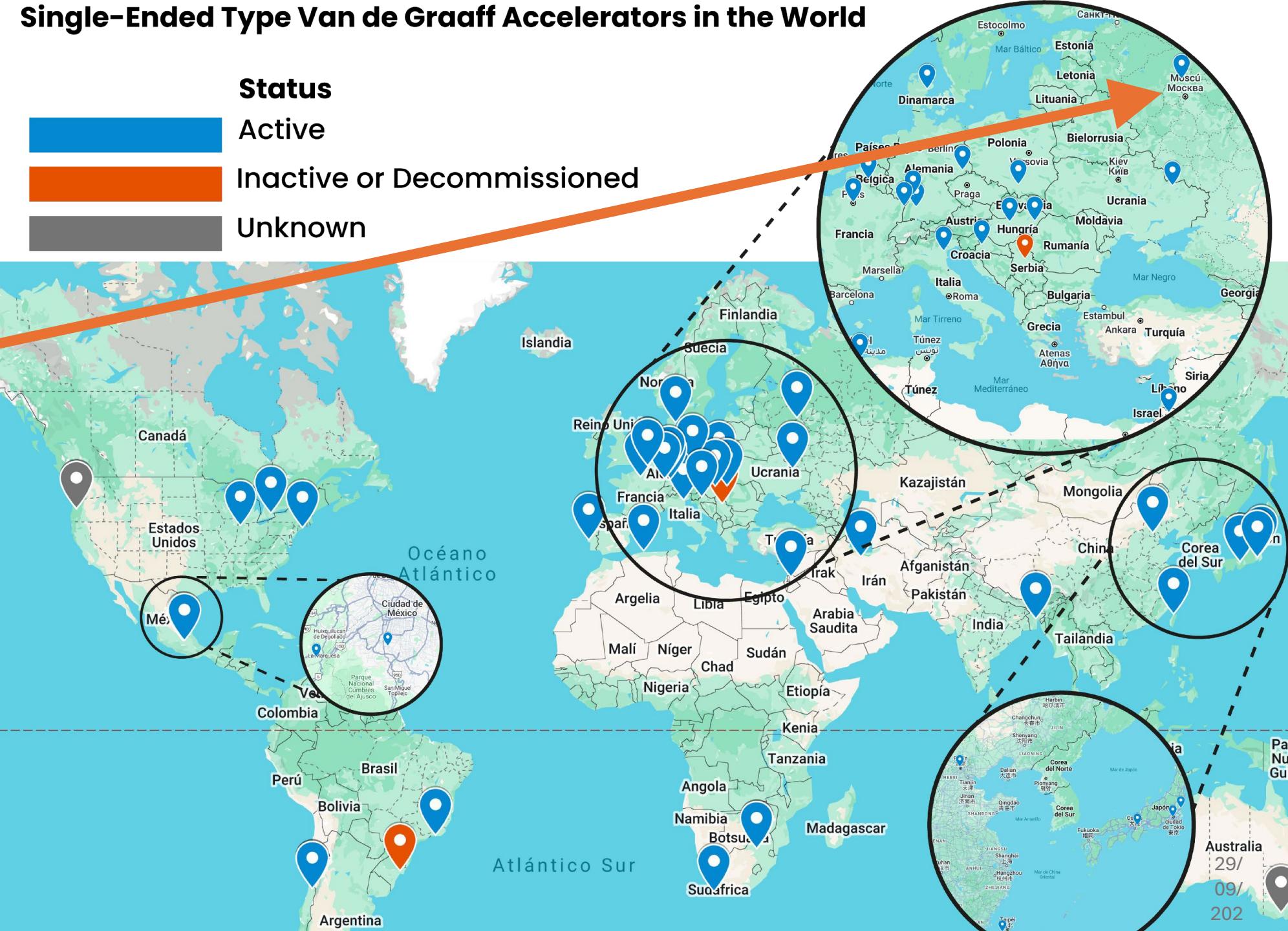
## Status

Active

Inactive or Decommissioned

Unknown

There are  
hundreds of  
laboratories  
operating  
electrostatic  
accelerators  
around the  
world.





Beams (2024): p, d,  $^{3,4}\text{He}$ ,  $^{20,22}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{134}\text{Xe}$   
 $\text{Imax} < 10 \mu\text{A}$

The Van de Graaff accelerator, a great facility to prepare specialists in nuclear instrumentation and techniques.



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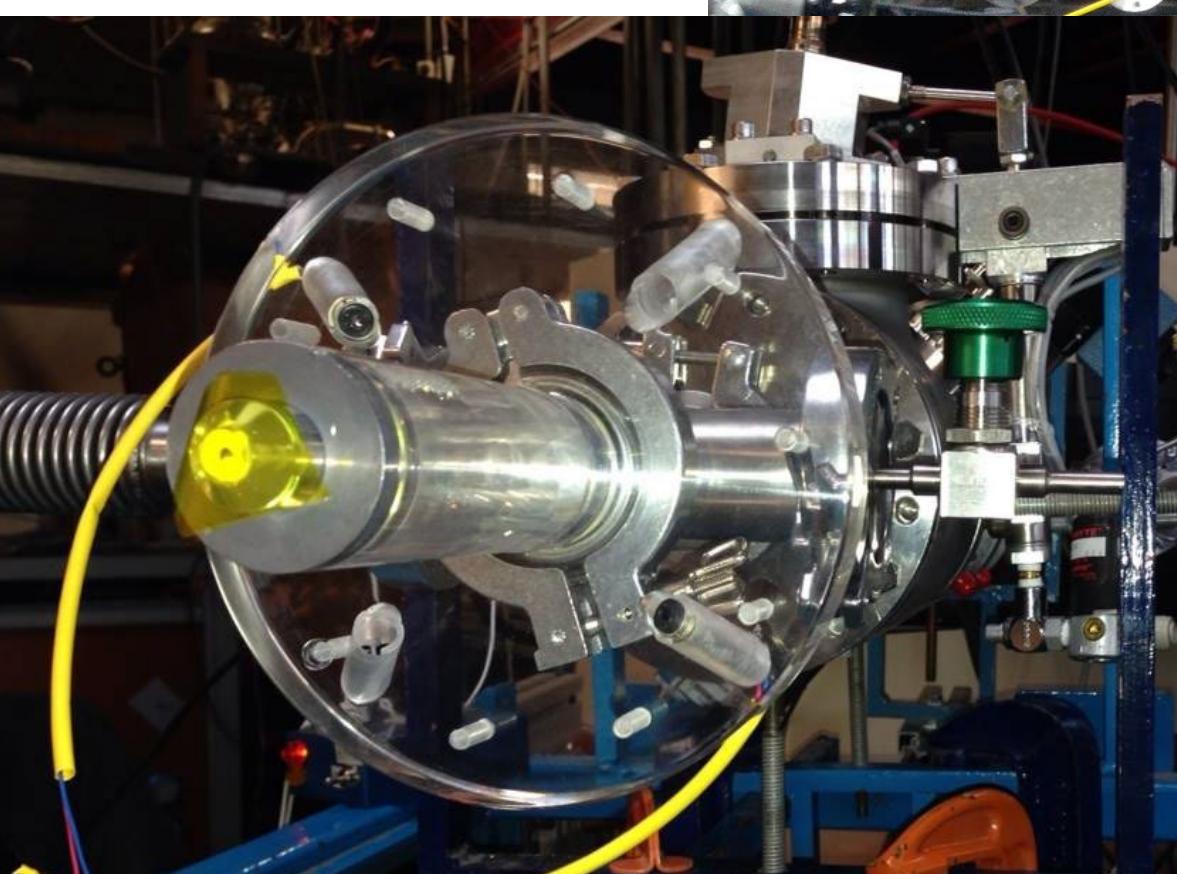
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# **Basic and Applied Science with the Particle Accelerators (BASPA) at DFNAR-IFUNAM**

BASPA user group includes all academics (scientific researchers, professors, students) that take part in experiments carried out at one of the two particle accelerators of the "Departamento de Física Nuclear y Aplicaciones de la Radiación" (DFNAR) in the Instituto de Física de la UNAM.

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# Over 100 publications in analysis of surfaces and thin films using IBA: RBS, PIXE, NRA, ERDA



Beam extraction station

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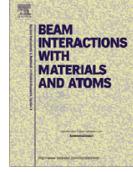
C.E. Canto <sup>a,\*</sup>, E. Andrade <sup>a</sup>, M.F. Rocha <sup>b</sup>, B. Alemón <sup>c</sup>, M. Flores <sup>c</sup>

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Ion beam analysis and co-sputtering simulation (CO-SS) of bi-metal films produced by magnetron co-sputtering

J. Cruz <sup>a,b</sup>, E. Andrade <sup>a,\*</sup>, S. Muhl <sup>b</sup>, C. Canto <sup>a</sup>, O. de Lucio <sup>a</sup>, E. Chávez <sup>a</sup>, M.F. Rocha <sup>c</sup>, E. Garcés-Medina <sup>d</sup>

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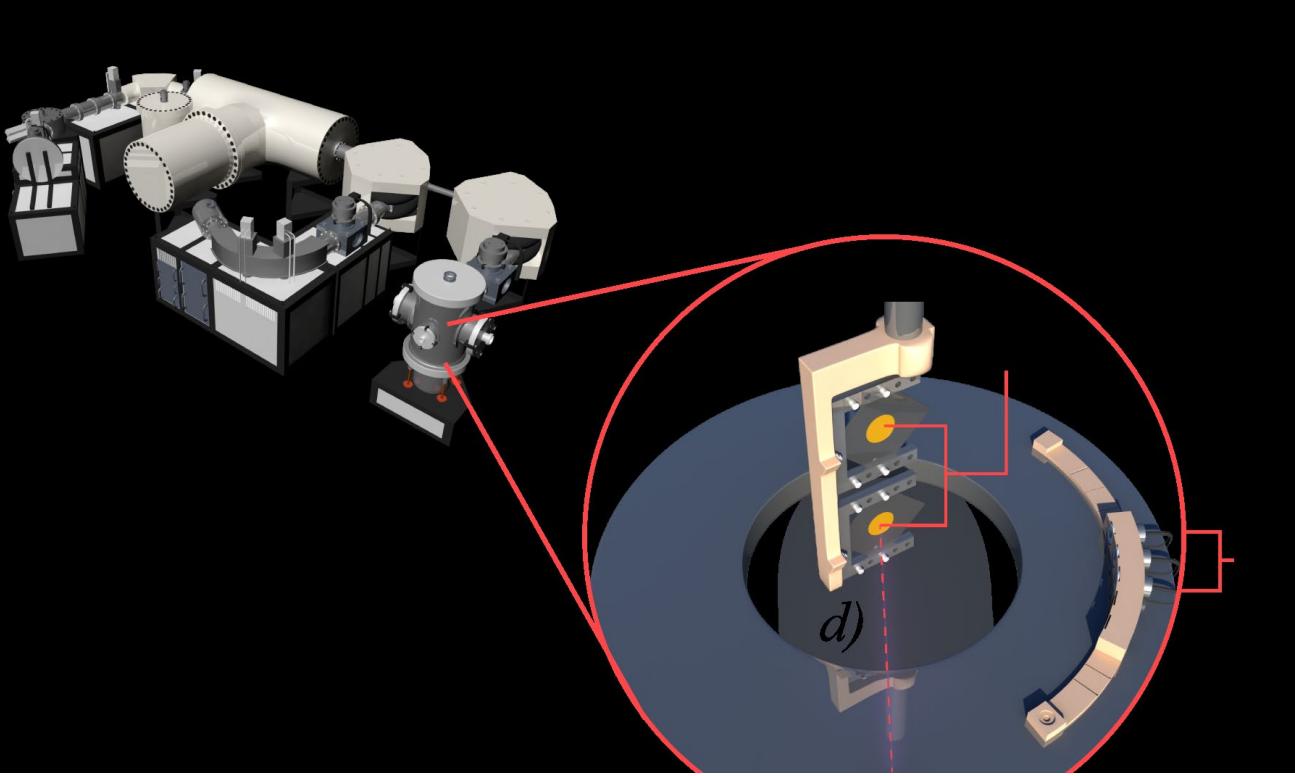
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# Ion implantation



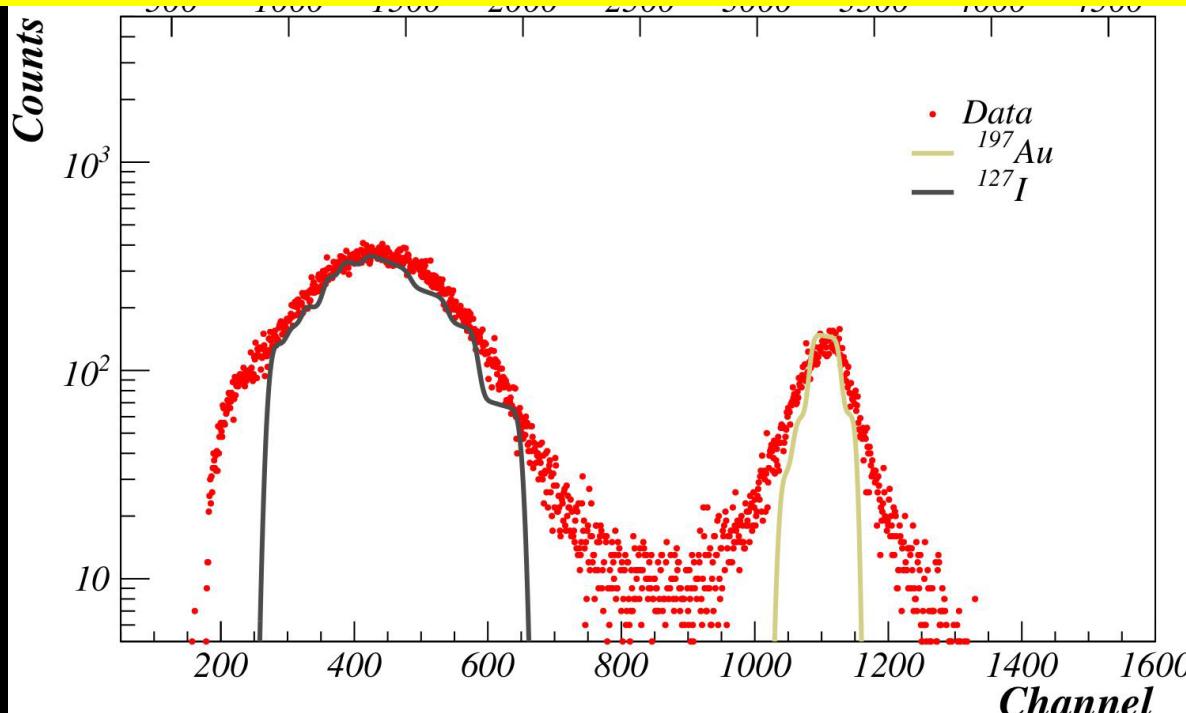
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Isotopically selected implanted targets for nuclear reaction studies

S. Sandoval-Hipólito<sup>a</sup>, E. Andrade<sup>a</sup>, C. Esquivel-Carrillo<sup>a</sup>, A. Huerta<sup>a</sup>, L.A. Acosta<sup>a</sup>, D. J. Marín-Lámbarri<sup>a</sup>, J. Mas-Ruiz<sup>b,\*</sup>, G. Reza<sup>a</sup>, M. Rodríguez-Ceja<sup>a</sup>, C. Solís<sup>a</sup>, A. O. Valdez-Guerrero<sup>a</sup>, E. Chávez<sup>a</sup>

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RBS analysis of the  $^{127}\text{I}$  implanted target. when bombarding with 5035 keV  $^{28}\text{Si}$ . Data is represented by dots, and the solid line the SIMNRA simulation.

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**Monoisotopic targets production from atomic and molecular positive ion implantation in a tandem accelerator at low energies**

J. Mas-Ruiz, D. J. Marín-Lámbarri, S. Sandoval-Hipólito, E. Monroy-Díaz, G. Reza, A. O. Valdez-Guerrero, L. Acosta, E. Andrade, D. Belmont, A. Huerta, C. Solís and E. Chávez

# Largest single-ended Van de Graaff accelerators of the world collaboration opportunities.

- Monochromatic tagged fast neutrons in Nuclear Physics Research
- Prompt gamma spectroscopy with fast neutrons
- IBA-techniques intercomparison.
- Surface modification by ion impact
- Radiation effect in semiconductors.
- Ion-Beam and Nanotechnology
- Mechanisms of action and power increase of Nano powder oxide ionistor.
- Mechanisms of action and power increase of a new renewable-energy source.
- Functional transition for homogeneous electronics technologies.
- The effect of high-energy particles in the structural, phase state and physical properties of composite ceramic materials
- Structural study of a mimetic system in the presence of an indole arylhydrazone derivative
- Study of zeolites for agriculture, health and environment protection applications

# **Study of zeolites for agriculture, health and environment protection applications**

## **Cuba-JINR-Mexico collaboration**

**Edwin Pedrero, Aleksandr Doroshkevich, Efrain Chávez  
Mario S. Pomares, Gerardo Rodríguez, Oscar Díaz, Maikel Díaz.**

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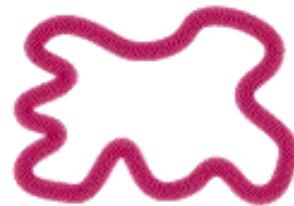
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## $^{208}\text{Pb}(n,n) E_n = 1\text{-}2 \text{ MeV}$



Probing additional dimensions in the universe  
with neutron experiments

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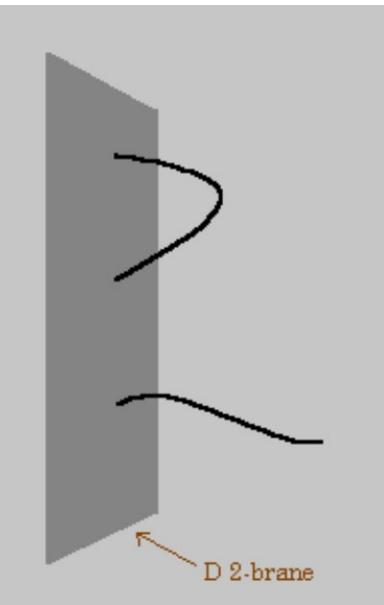
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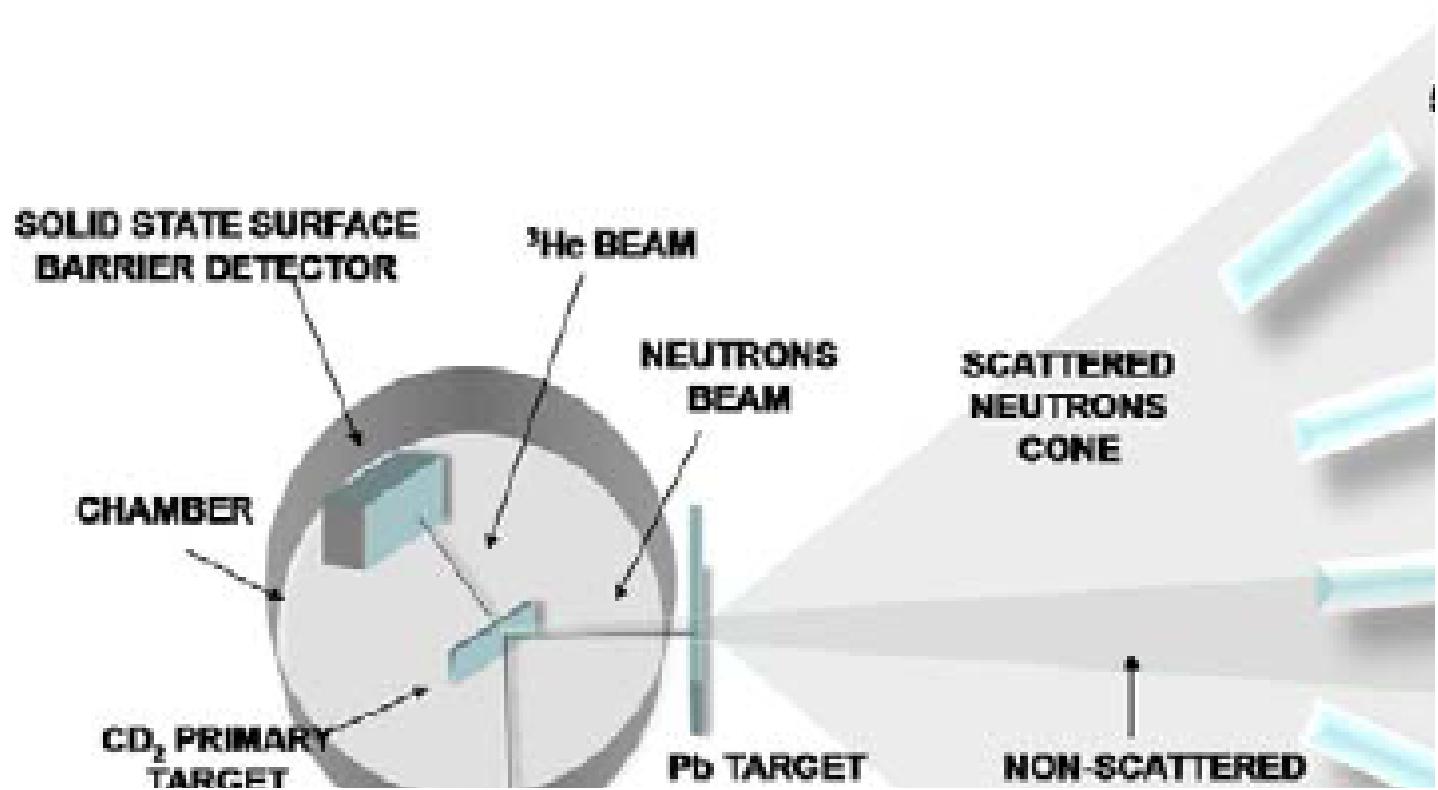
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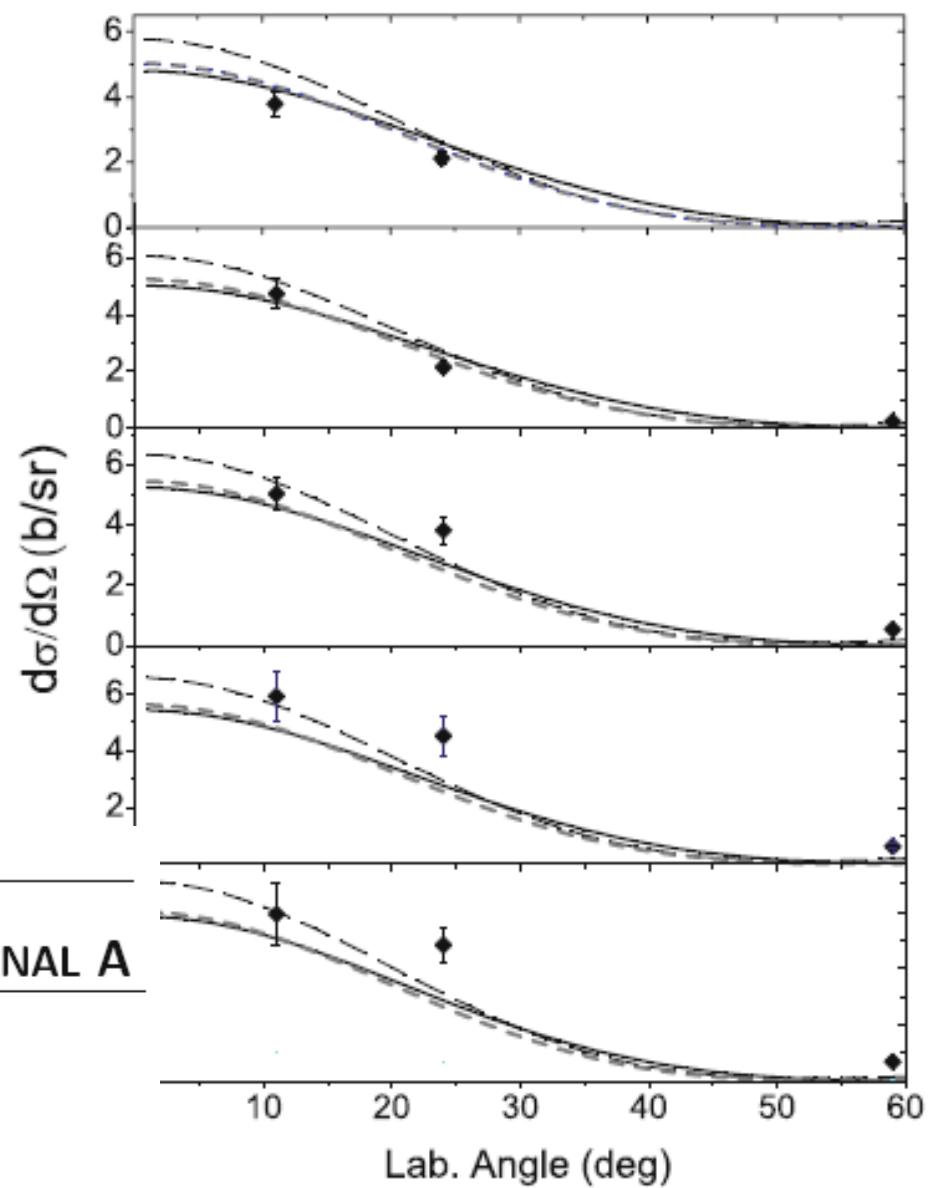
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## Elastic scattering of neutrons on $^{nat}\text{Pb}$ at forward angles

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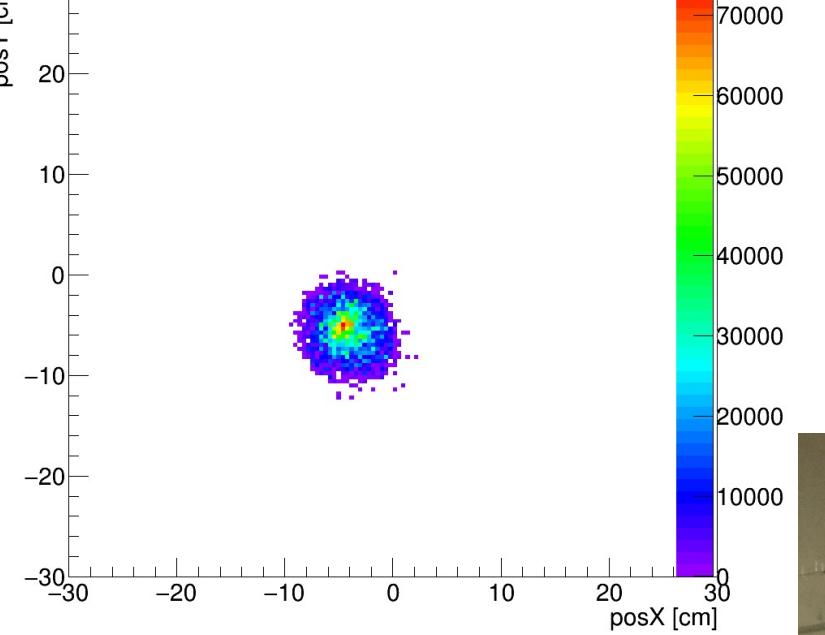
Experimental data and optical model calculations for differential cross-sections (angular distribution) of the elastic scattering of  $^{nat}\text{Pb}(n, n)$  at neutron energies of 2.9 MeV, 3.2 MeV and 3.4 MeV (from top to bottom). The solid line corresponds to the KD parameterization, the dashed line to the optical model calculation of Ref. [1] and the dash-dotted line to another optical model calculation.

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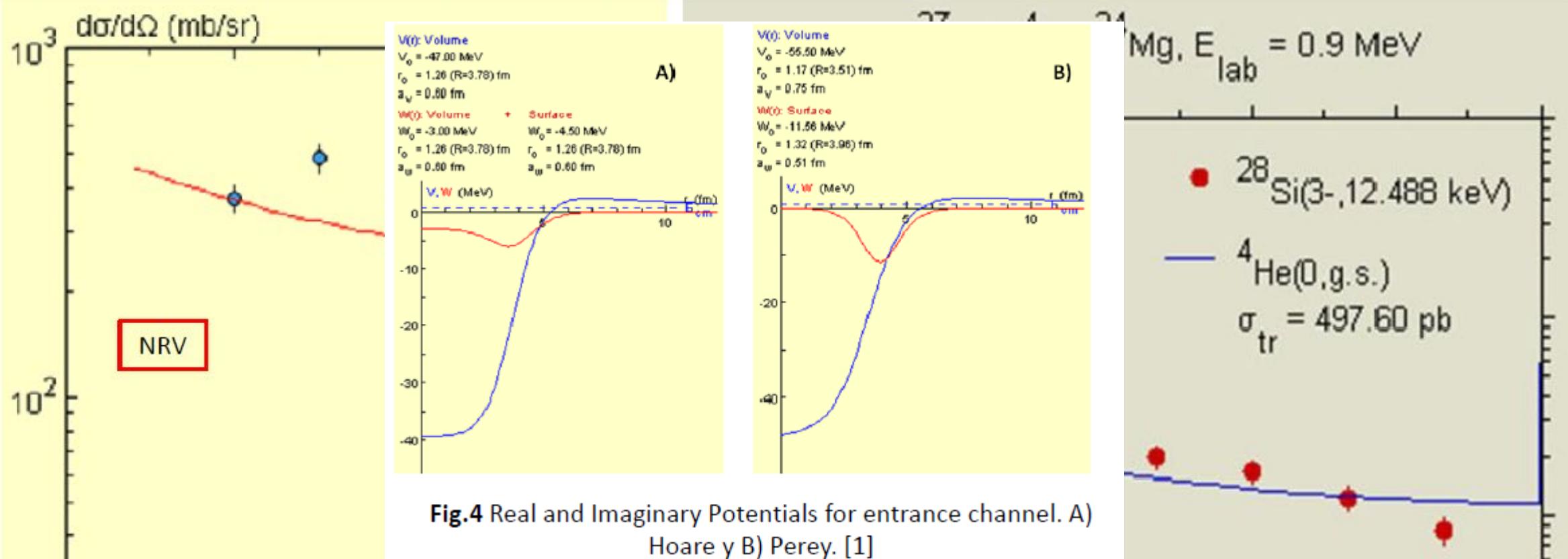
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**Fig.4** Real and Imaginary Potentials for entrance channel. A) Hoare y B) Perey. [1]

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## Probing the Elastic Scattering Differential Cross Section for Al + p at Backward Angles in a Low Energy Regime

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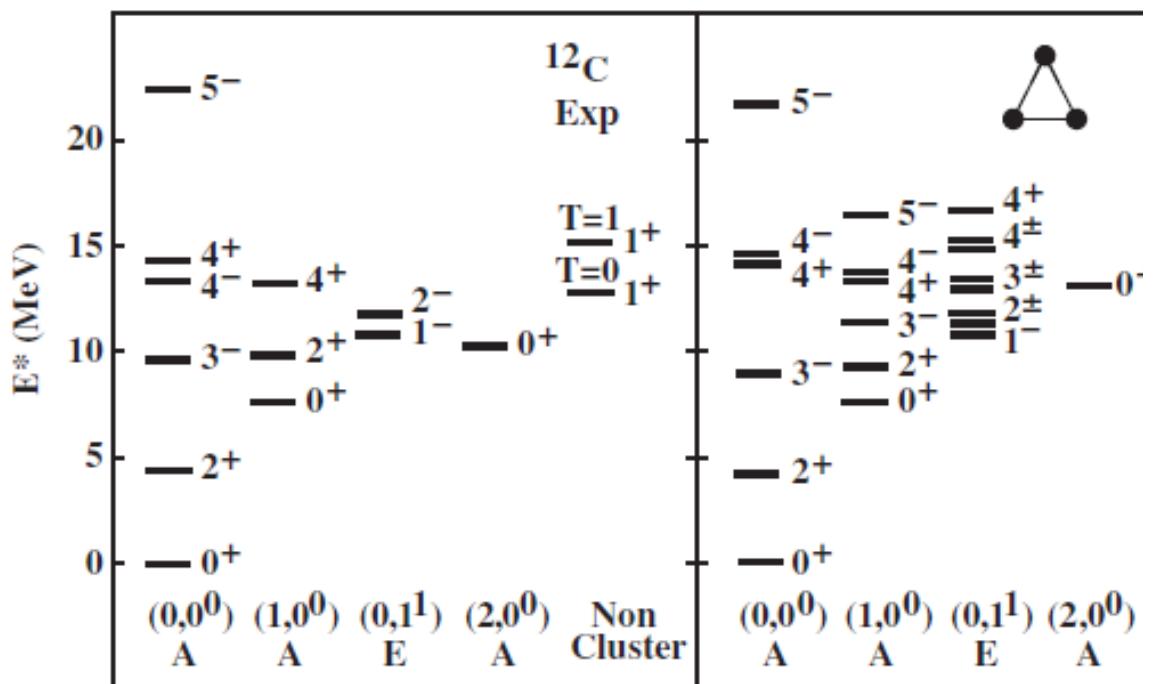


FIG. 5. Comparison between the low-lying experimental spectrum of  $^{12}\text{C}$  and the energies of the oblate symmetric states calculated using Eq. (2) with parameters that are discussed in the text. The levels are organized in columns corresponding to the ground state band and the vibrational bands with  $A$  and  $E$ .

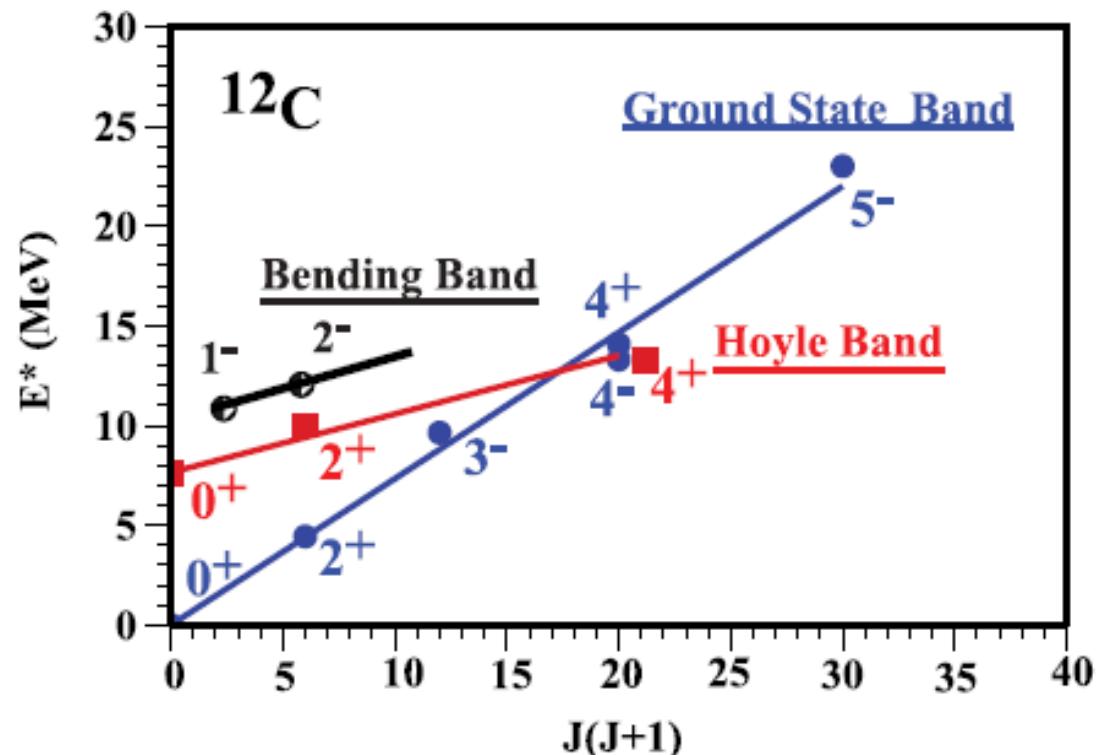
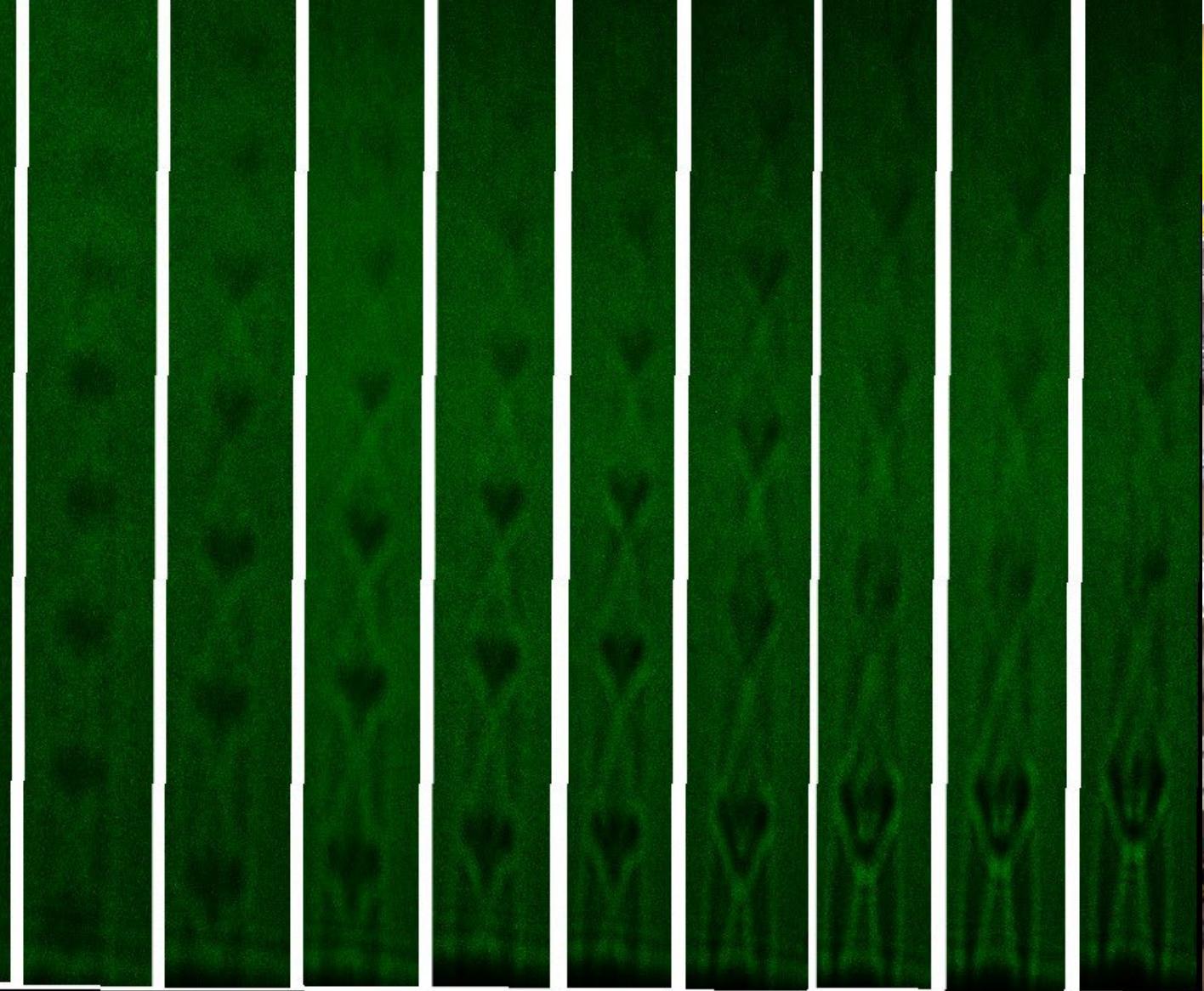


FIG. 4 (color online). Rotational band structure of the ground-state band, the Hoyle band, and the bending vibration in  $^{12}\text{C}$ .

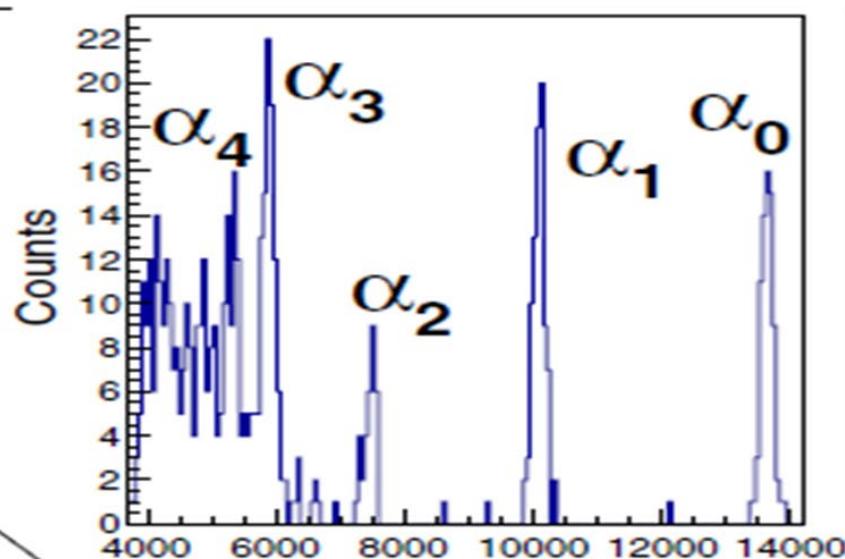
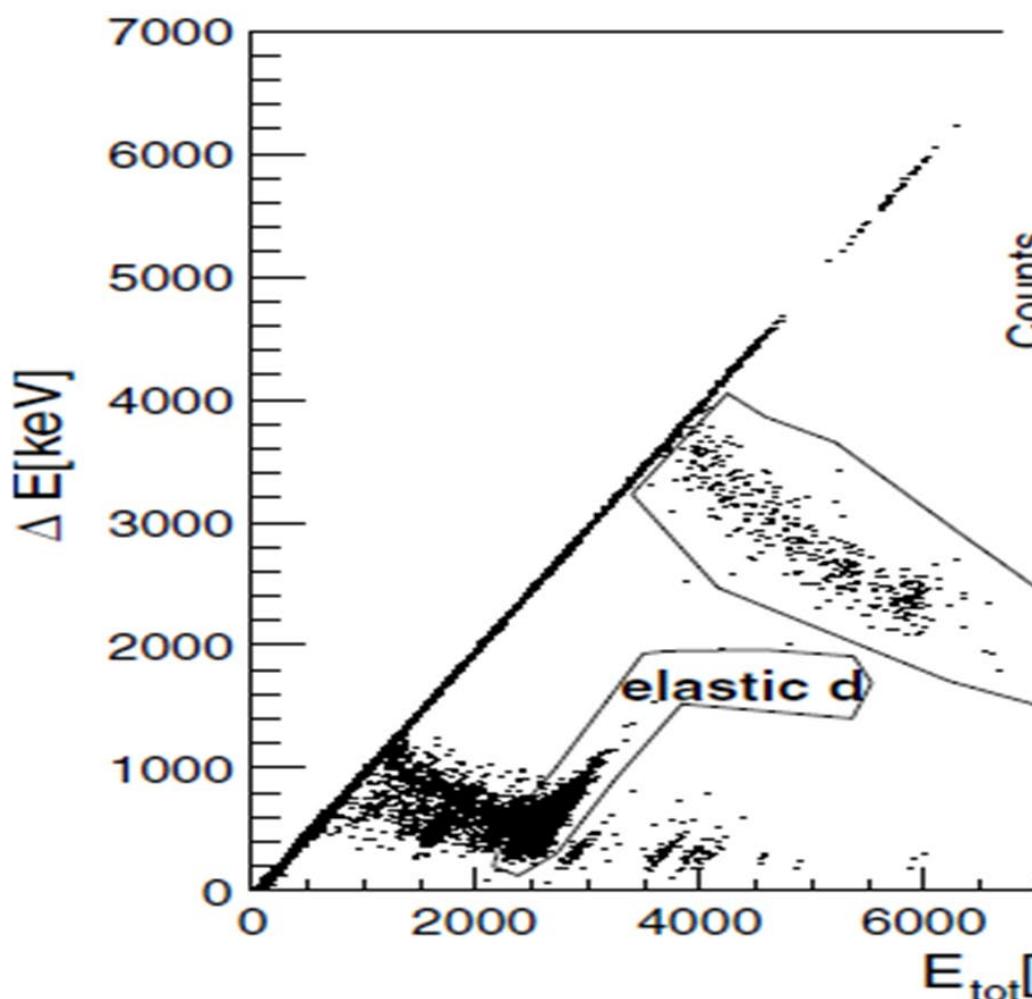


## Evidence for Triangular $\mathcal{D}_{3h}$ Symmetry in $^{12}\text{C}$



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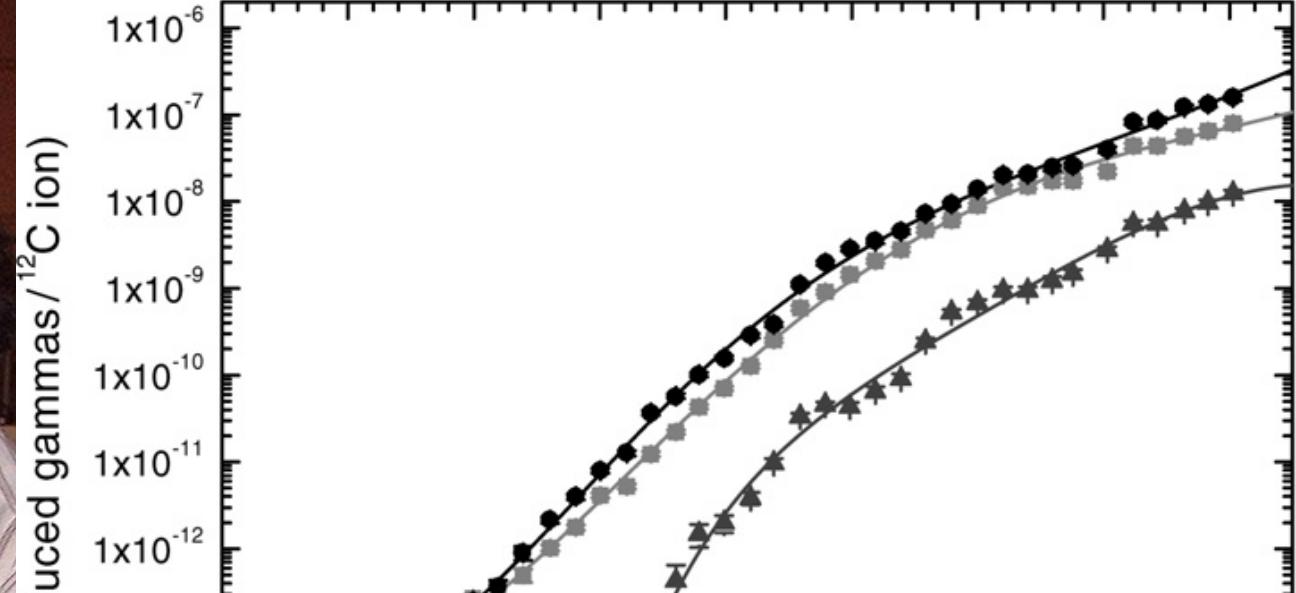
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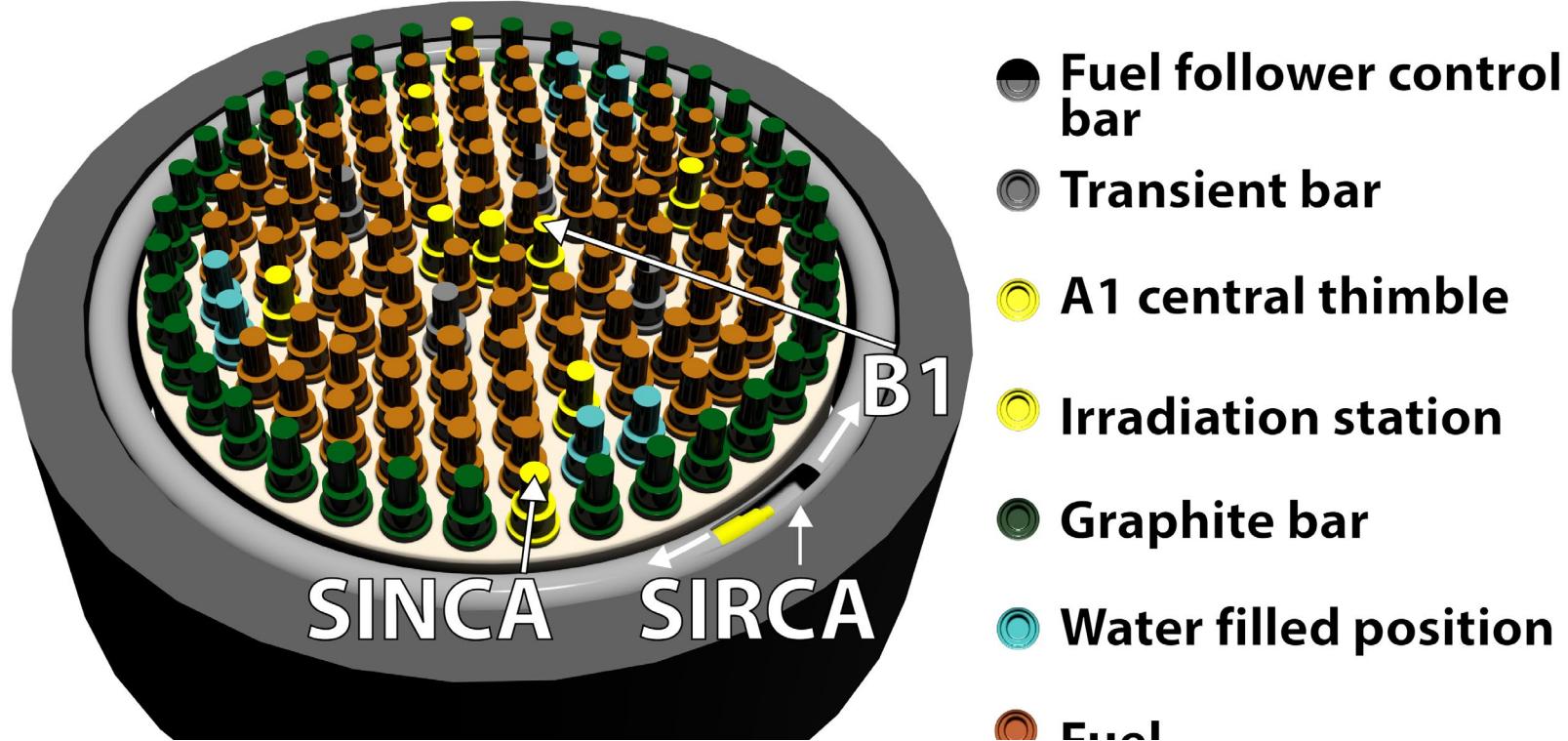
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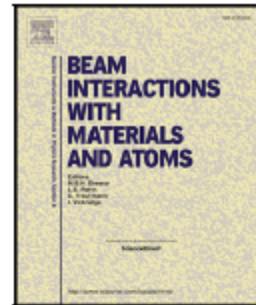
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## Measurement of the thermal neutron capture cross section by ${}^9\text{Be}$ using the neutron flux from a nuclear research reactor and the AMS technique

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## Accelerator Mass Spectrometry, an ultrasensitive tool to measure cross sections for stellar nucleosynthesis



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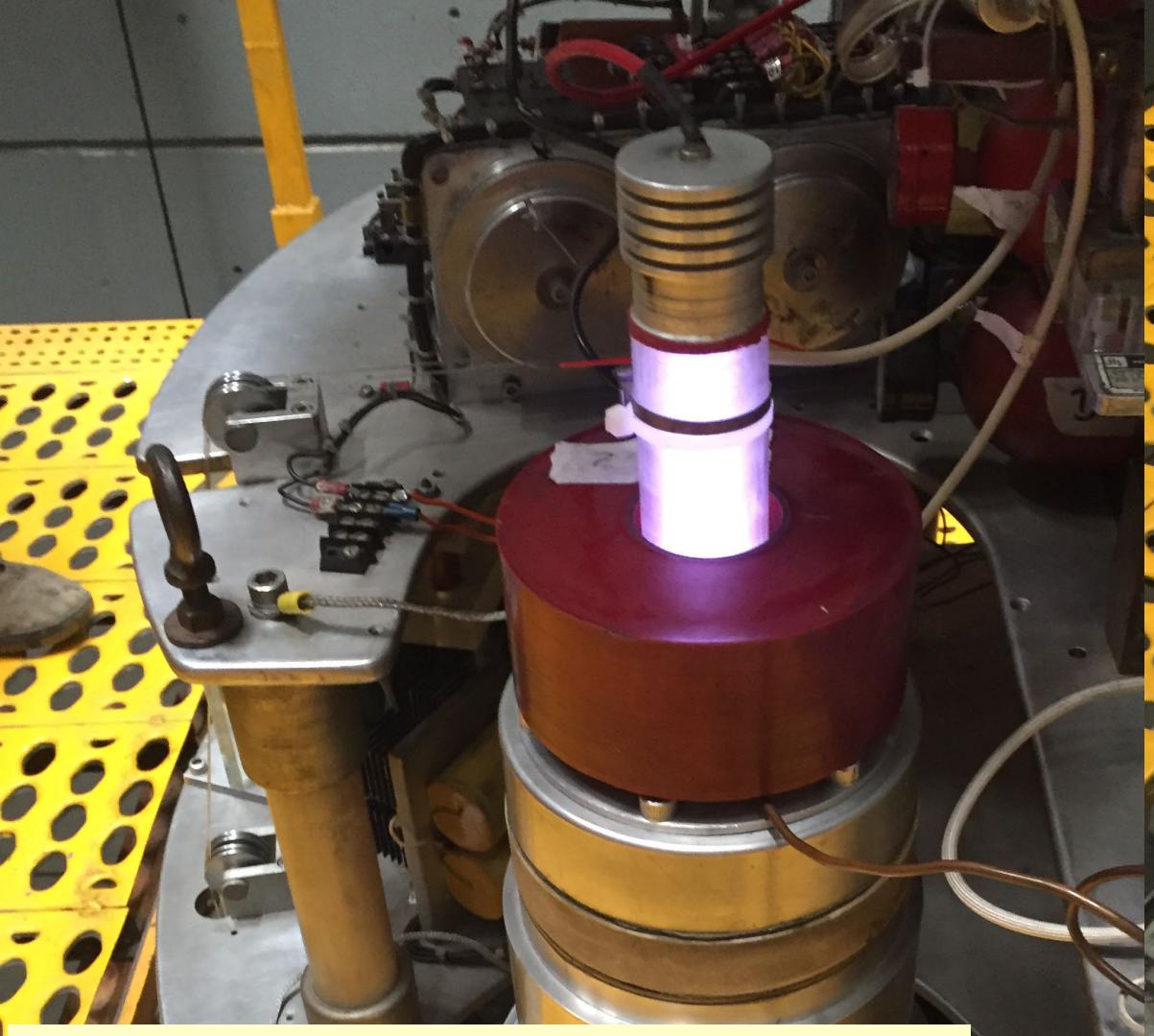
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The combination of the activation method and accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS) has grown to be an important resource to measure nuclear reaction cross sections, especially when these are very small. The activation method refers to the production of long-lived radioisotopes by nuclear reactions induced by charged particles, neutrons, or  $\gamma$ -rays. The ultrasensitivity achieved by AMS allows the detection of even a very small number of such long-lived radioactive products. Several reviews of this topic have been published recently and our goal in this work is to continue with the review effort by including some of our own publications, as well as a few more.

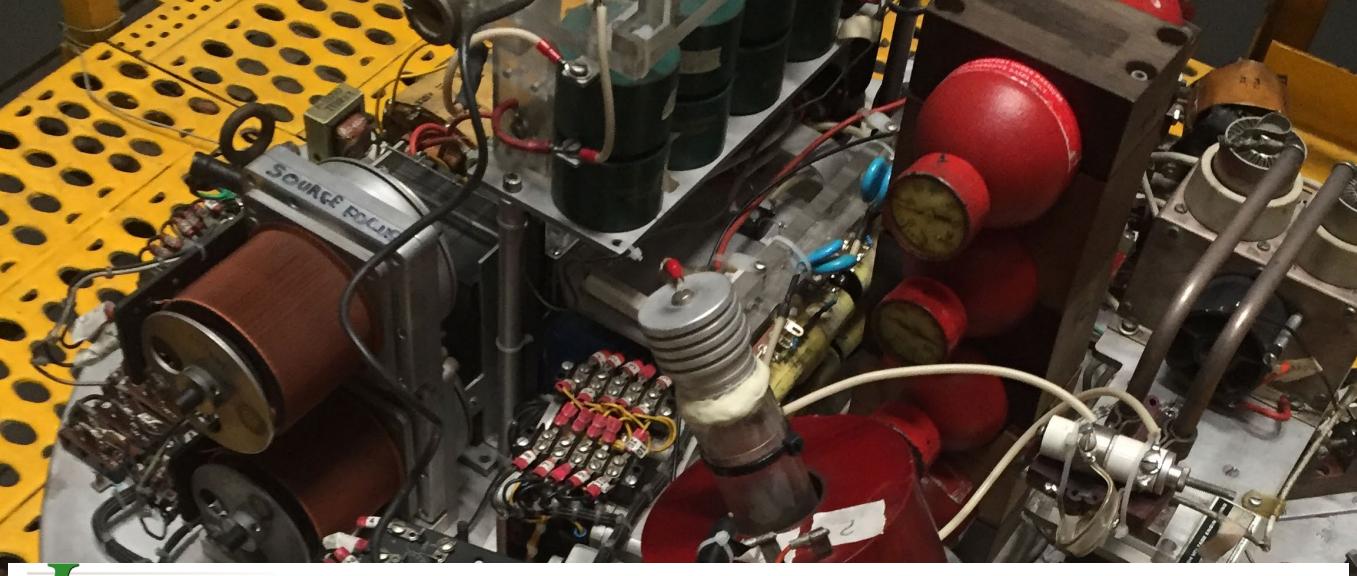
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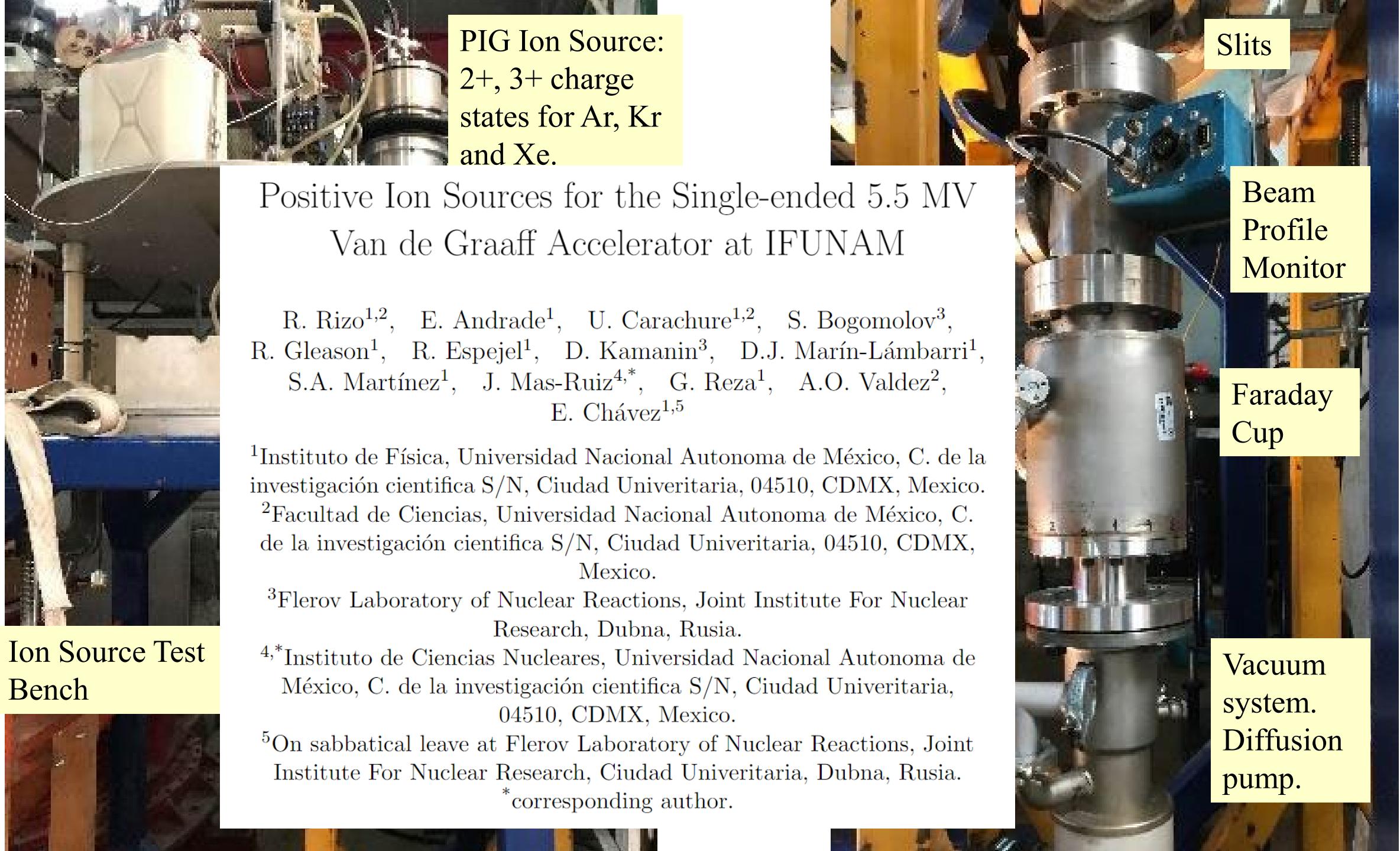
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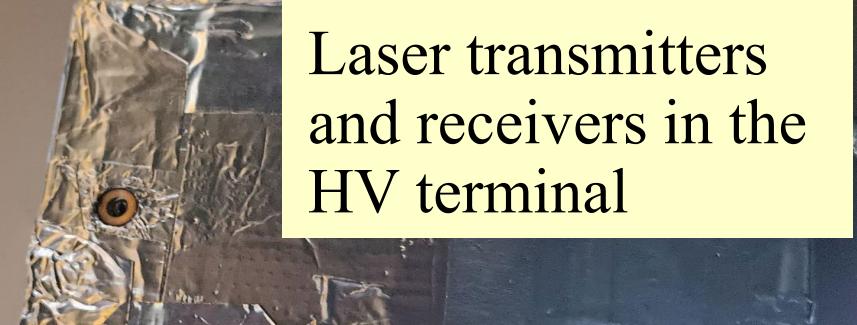
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# Laser remote control system



Arduino circuits  
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Laser transmitters  
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**An internal laser communication system for large single-ended electrostatic accelerators.**

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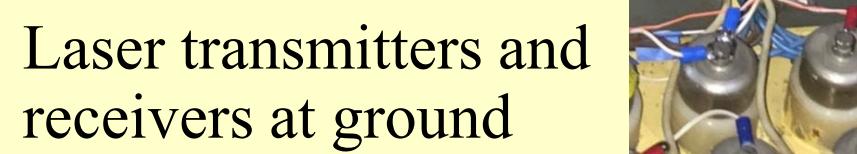
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Laser transmitters and  
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Beam monitor and diagnostics

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Lens (optics)

Vacuum system

ECRIS

# Simulation of the Permanent Magnet System For Compact 14 GHz ECR Ion Source

¿  $^{16}\text{O}^{8+}$  @ 40 MeV ?

¿  $^{40}\text{Ar}^{10+}$  @ 50 MeV?

¿  $^{84}\text{Kr}^{20+}$  @ 100 MeV?

¿  $^{132}\text{Xe}^{28+}$  @ 140 MeV?

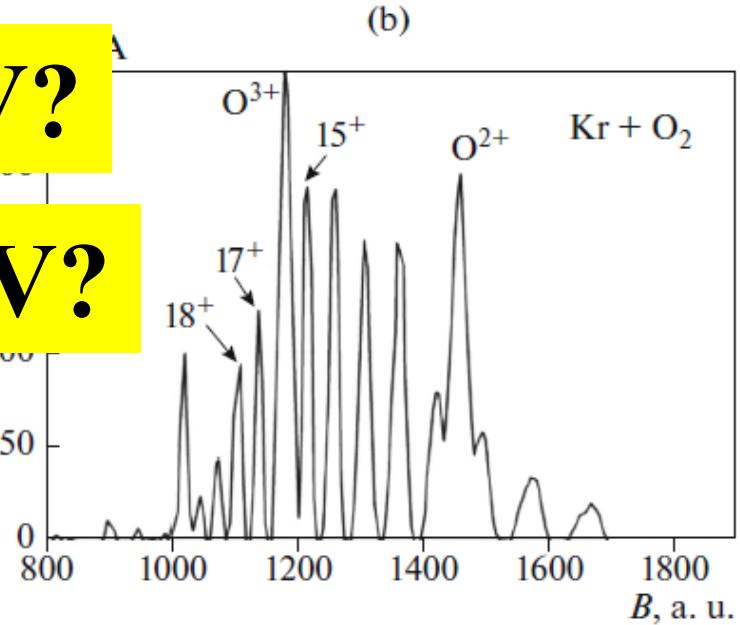
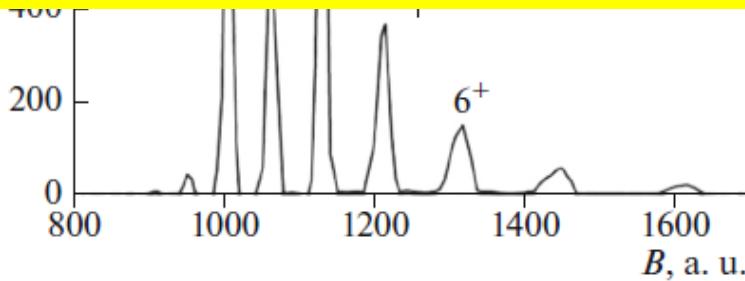


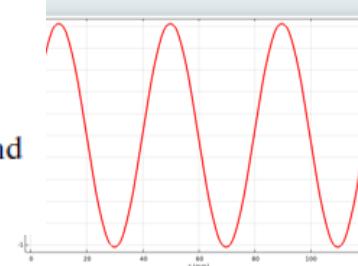
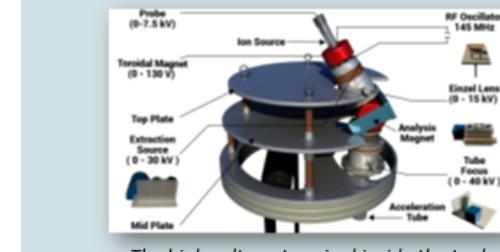
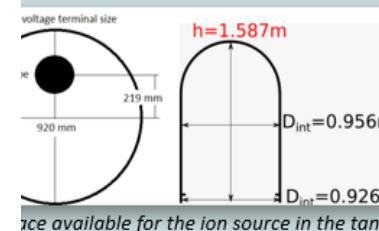
Fig. 3. Argon ion spectra upon optimization of the source operation mode for the maximum current of (a)  $\text{Ar}^{8+}$  and (b)  $\text{Kr}^{17+}$  ions.

## Relevance

Multiple charge state ion beams are of special interest in the fields of nuclear material physics and other applications. Electron ion source can produce high intensity ion beams in pulse mode. For high-voltage accelerators, the limitation of devices. As a room available in a high-voltage terminal is limited, the ion source should be very compact.

## Requirements to the ECR ion source located at HV terminal

- ✓ Low power consumption: up to 1 kW is available;
- ✓ Low maintenance: this ECRIS should be able to run without any maintenance for no less than 2000 hours;
- ✓ Compact size.



Hexapole magnetization configuration (24 sectors):  
1 – pole ( $0^\circ$ ), 2 – middle sector ( $45^\circ$ ),  
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Azimuthal distribution of the radial magnetic field in the central region of the plasma chamber on the wall



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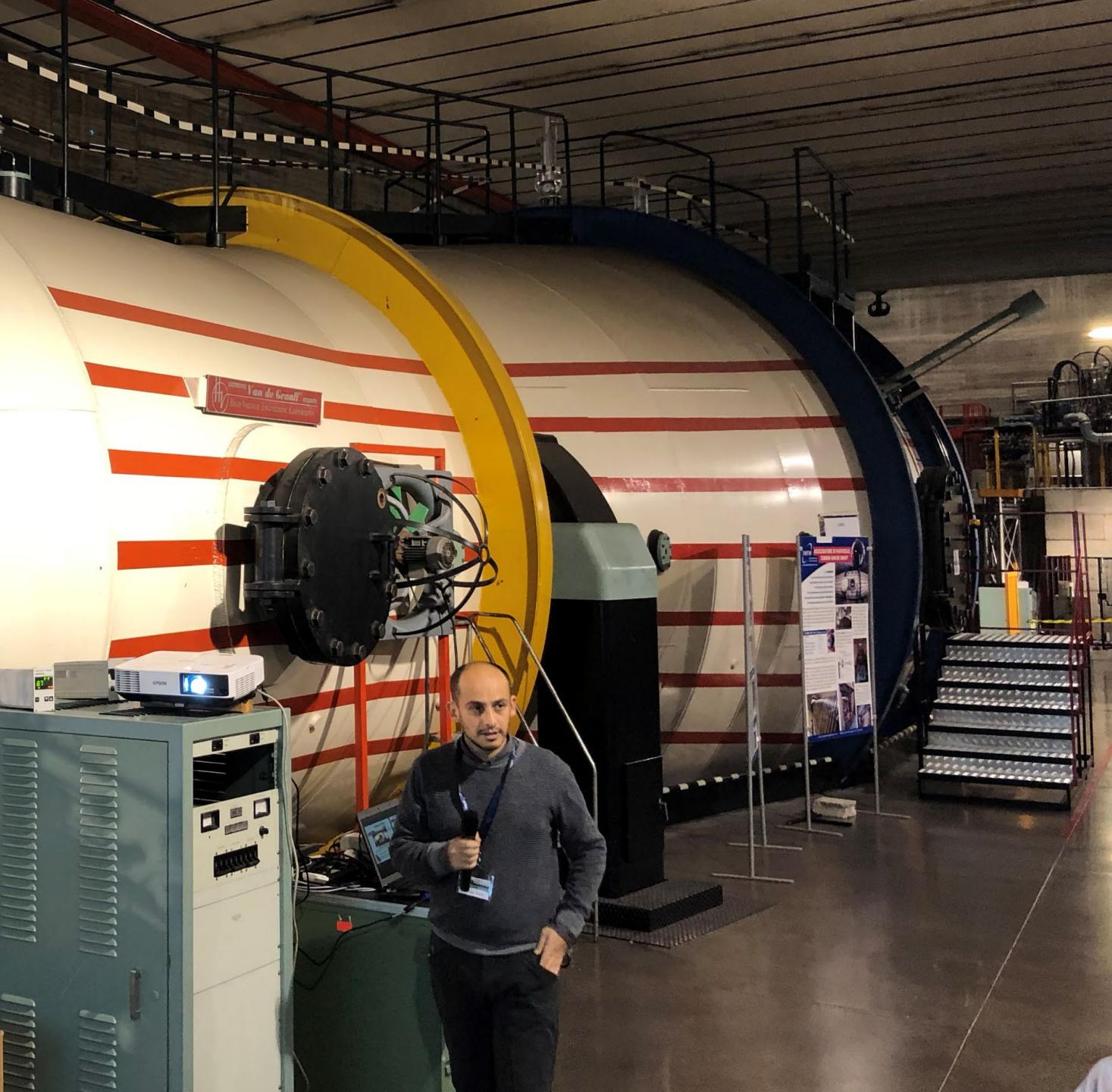
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131.29		

86	Rn	radon



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