A promising neutron source based on the EG-5 accelerator at FLNP JINR

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The report will contain:

- 1. Current neutrons research using EG-5 facility;
- 2. Information about the modernization of the EG-5 accelerator in relation to neutron options;
- 3. Perspective neutrons capabilitys on the EG-5 facility.

The purpose of the report is to inform colleagues with the current and future capabilities of the neutron generator based on the EG-5 accelerator at JINR.

Robert Jemison Van de Graaff



Operating principle





EG-5 - without hood

A constructor of EG-5 -Prof. V.A., Romanov and V.N. Tkachenko study the parameters of the ion beam of the EG-5 accelerator. (2021).

The EG-5 accelerator is classical single stage Van de Graaff electrostatic generator. Van de Graaff generator makes it possible to achieve energies of charged particles of the order of 20 MeV. Using the EG-5 accelerator, it was possible to achieve energies of up to 4.1 MeV at a beam current (in tube) of up to 100 μ A.

Unique features of the EG-5



Due to the complex of unique features, the EG-5 is capable fo solving a wide range of tasks from various fields of science and technology.

EG-5 in the global accelerator infrastructure



The EG-5 accelerator complex



- 1 Installation for the study of helium porosity;
- 2 Ion irradiation chamber:
- 3 Ion Beam Spectrometer Chamber;
- 4 Installation of NAA (lithium target);
- 5 Installation for the study of reactions with the departure of charged particles;
- 6 Installation for channeling research;
- 7 Besides IBT : Chemical Laboratory;
- 8 Engineering Laboratory;

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- 9 Spectral ellipsometer;
- 10 Impedance Meter;
- 11 Potentiostat.

Group "Installation of EG-5"



Group staff: 23 employees

15 – ETS (6 – ESU operators)

6 - researchers and senior researchers.

2 - Doctor of Sciences

3 - Ph.D.

3 – students (bachelors / masters)

1 – graduate student

3 – applicants. The average age is 43 Freelance employees: 4 students 1st year,2 students 2nd year.



Statistics of scientometric indicators of publications



Indicators 2022r

- 26 publ. 25 reports,
- 14 publ: Q1-Q2
- (<IF>=4,3)



Year Number of scientific projects

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Collaboration within JINR

- 1. "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iasi (TUIASI), Iasi Romania;
- 2. Donetsk Institute for Physics and Engineering named after O.O. Galkin, Kiev, $P\Phi$;
- 3. Institute of Physics, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland;
- 4. National Center for Nuclear Research, Baku, Azerbaijan;
- 5. Horia Hulubei National Institute for R&D in Physics and Nuclear Engineering (IFIN-HH), Bucharest Romania;
- 6. National institute of materials physics, Măgurele, Romania;
- 7. West University of Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania;
- 8. Graduate University of Science and Technology, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, 18 Hoang Quoc Viet, CauGiay, Ha Noi10000, Vietnam;
- 9. Institute of Physics, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, 10 Dao Tan, Ba Dinh, Ha Noi10000, Vietnam;
- 10. Vietnam Atomic Energy Institute, 59 Ly ThuongKiet, HoanKiem, Hanoi, Vietnam;
- 11. University of Belgrade, INN Vinča, Laboratory of Physics;
- 12. University of Belgrade- Archaeology Department, Serbia;
- 13. National Institute of Materials Physics, Magurele, Romania;
- 14. "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi, Faculty of Physics, Iasi, Romania;
- 15. Kazakh Rice Research Institute named after I. Zhakhaev;
- *16. NUST MISIS*;
- 17. Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics SB RAS;
- 18. Dubna University;
- 19. INSTITUTE OF ION-PLASMA AND LASER TECHNOLOGIES AN RUz Tashkent,
- 20. Belarusian State University (Minsk, Belarus);
- 21. Joint Institute of Solid State Physics and Semiconductors of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Minsk, Belarus

Industrial partners

JSC "Micron". State Corporation "Rosatom"





External collaboration

HORIZON 2020

The EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation





Nanotechcenter

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the Project Self-sufficient "humidity to electricity" innovative radiant adsorption system toward net zero energy buildings, with acronym SSHARE and number 871284,

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Beam parameters of EG-5 accelerator

GasTarget D(d,n)³He

Neutron beam parameters



-Neutrons flow $-5 \ 10^7 \text{ pat/s sm}^2$ Max. neutrons energy $-5,5\pm0,1 \text{ MeV}$ (Deutron current -2mkA, deutron energy -2,5MeV);

Ion beam parameters

Range of ion beam currents - $0,01 - 3 \text{ MKA} (100 - 250 \text{ mkA}^*);$

- Real ion beam energy range $800 \text{ keV} 2,5 \text{MeV} (4,1 \text{ MeV}^*);$
- Energy resolution (H⁺, He²⁺) not worse than 15keV;
- Charged particles flow (H⁺, He²⁺) 10^{12} - 10^{13} part /s sm⁻²

Scientific program

Based on the JINR PTP, there are two main directions that we plan to develop using an electrostatic accelerator

1. Nuclear physics. The study of the properties of excited nuclei, reactions with the emission of charged particles, nuclear fission, obtaining relevant data for astrophysics, nuclear energy and the problem of transmutation of nuclear waste using neutron reactions.

2. Solid State Physics. Application of neutron physics methods on other fields of science and technology:

- Radiation materials science;
- Radiobiology;
- Nuclear medicine;
- Solid state Physics.



3. Applied and methodical research.



(n,α) Reactions (n,f)

Nuclear Data High Priority Request List

| ID | View | Target | Reaction | Quantity | Energy range | Sec.E/Angle | Accuracy | Cov Field | Date |
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| 2H | | 8-0-16 | (n,a),(n,abs) | SIG | 2 MeV-20 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 12-SEP-08 |
| ЗH | | 94-PU-239 | (n,f) | prompt g | Thermal-Fast | Eg=0-10MeV | 7.5 | Y Fission | 12-MAY-06 |
| 4H | | 92-U-235 | (n,f) | prompt g | Thermal-Fast | Eg=0-10MeV | 7.5 | Y Fission | 12-MAY-06 |
| 8H | | 1-H-2 | (n,el) | DA/DE | 0.1 MeV-1 MeV | 0-180 Deg | 5 | Y Fission | 16-APR-07 |
| 15H | | 95-AM-241 | <pre>(n,g),(n,tot)</pre> | SIG | Thermal-Fast | | See details | Fission | 10-SEP-08 |
| 18H | | 92-U-238 | (n,inl) | SIG | 65 keV-20 MeV | Emis spec. | See details | Y Fission | 11-SEP-08 |
| 19H | | 94-PU-238 | (n,f) | SIG | 9 keV-6 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 11-SEP-08 |
| 21H | | 95-AM-241 | (n,f) | SIG | 180 keV-20 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 11-SEP-08 |
| 22H | | 95-AM-242M | (n,f) | SIG | 0.5 keV-6 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 11-SEP-08 |
| 25H | | 96-CM-244 | (n,f) | SIG | 65 keV-6 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 12-SEP-08 |
| 27H | | 96-CM-245 | (n,f) | SIG | 0.5 keV-6 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 12-SEP-08 |
| 29H | | 11-NA-23 | (n,inl) | SIG | 0.5 MeV-1.3 MeV | Emis spec. | See details | Y Fission | 12-SEP-08 |
| 32H | | 94-PU-239 | (n,g) | SIG | 0.1 eV-1.35 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 12-SEP-08 |
| 33H | | 94-PU-241 | (n,g) | SIG | 0.1 eV-1.35 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 12-SEP-08 |
| 34H | | 26-FE-56 | (n,inl) | SIG | 0.5 MeV-20 MeV | Emis spec. | See details | Y Fission | 12-SEP-08 |
| 35H | | 94-PU-241 | (n,f) | SIG | 0.5 eV-1.35 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 12-SEP-08 |
| 37H | | 94-PU-240 | (n,f) | SIG | 0.5 keV-5 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 15-SEP-08 |
| 38H | | 94-PU-240 | (n,f) | nubar | 200 keV-2 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 15-SEP-08 |
| 39H | | 94-PU-242 | (n,f) | SIG | 200 keV-20 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 15-SEP-08 |
| 41H | | 82-PB-206 | (n,inl) | SIG | 0.5 MeV-6 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 15-SEP-08 |
| 42H | | 82-PB-207 | (n,inl) | SIG | 0.5 MeV-6 MeV | | See details | Y Fission | 15-SEP-08 |
| 45H | | 19-K-39 | (n,p),(n,np) | SIG | 10 MeV-20 MeV | | 10 | Y Fusion | 11-JUL-17 |
| 97H | | 24-CR-50 | (n,g) | SIG | 1 keV-100 keV | | 8-10 | Y Fission | 05-FEB-18 |
| 98H | | 24-CR-53 | (n,g) | SIG | 1 keV-100 keV | | 8-10 | Y Fission | 05-FEB-18 |
| 99H | | 94-PU-239 | (n,f) | nubar | Thermal-5 eV | | 1 | Y Fission | 12-APR-18 |
| 102H | | 64-GD-155 | <pre>(n,g),(n,tot)</pre> | SIG | Thermal-100 eV | | 4 | Y Fission | 09-MAY-18 |
| 103H | | 64-GD-157 | (n,g),(n,tot) | SIG | Thermal-100 eV | | 4 | Y Fission | 09-MAY-18 |
| 114H | | 83-BI-209 | (n,g)Bi-210g,m | BR | 500 eV-300 keV | | 10 | Y ADS, Fission | 09-NOV-18 |
| 115H | | 94-PU-239 | (n,tot) | SIG | Thermal-5 eV | | 1 | Y Fission | 08-APR-19 |

Most of the required neutron energies are in the range, which can be achieved in our accelerator. These tasks are difficult and expensive to solve at other types of neutron facilities.

Nuclear physics

Nuclear reactions with fast quasimonoenergetic neutrons, including:

- research of fast neutron fission: measurements of the prompt fission neutron (PFN) spectra and total kinetic energies (TKE) in reactions ²³⁵U(n,f), ²³⁸U(n,f), ²³⁷Np(n,f), ²³⁹Pu(n,f) in the range of neutron energies 1-5 MeV/core;

- study of the multiplicity of PFNs in these fast neutron reactions in geometry with high efficiency of PFN registration;

- measurement of the spectra of charged particles from the reactions (n, α), (n, p) depending on the neutron energy in the range of up to 5 MeV and higher;

- measurement of the **integral and differential cross sections** of these reactions depending on the neutron energy;

- study of the **spectrum and angular distributions of charged particles** at a neutron energy of ~ 20 MeV aimed at investigating non-statistical effects;

- investigation of reactions (α , n) and (p, n) in combination, respectively, with reactions (n, α) and (n, p);

- study of elastic and inelastic scattering of fast neutrons on atomic nuclei;

- using the **TOF technique** in a pulsed accelerator mode (f~ 1 MHz, dt~1-10 ns).

Scientific Background of EG-5 in Nuclear physics

Group of Yu.M. Gledenov



2. Unique results were obtained

Recent results obtained at EG-4,5 at Peking University, the technique was created at FLNP and tested at EG-5:

During three years it was measured **cross sections of** (n,α) with fast neutrons at listed below nuclei:

- ¹⁴⁴Sm, ⁶⁶Zn, ^{10B, 25}Mg, ^{54,56}Fe,
- ^{58, 60, 61}Ni are analysis;
- ⁶Li, ¹⁴N, ³⁵Cl, ⁹¹Zr and ⁵⁶Fe are planned for Russian Library BROND

Prof. Gledenov Yu.M.

1.1 A charged particles spectrometer was created on the basis of an ionization chamber with a grid and an electronics module based on PIXIE-4 and PIXIE-16.

1.2. The calibration of the neutron monitor which is necessary for measuring of the absolute neutron flux in the nuclear reaction was carried out.

Experimental Hall EG-5, FLNP, JINR



Group of Yu.M. Gledenov Unique results have been obtained

The recent results have been obtained at EG-5, FLNP, JINR, the technique has been developed at FLNP and tested at EG-5:

Cross sections of (n,α) reaction with fast neutrons have been measured





A charged particles - spectrometer



Neutron generator



Data Acquisition System

Scientific potential of EG-5 in nuclear physics



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According to the detailed balance principle, the present results can also provide new information about the $^{22}Ne(\alpha,n)^{25}Mg$ reaction, which is one of the main neutron sources for the astrophysicals process

Cross sections of the ${}^{25}Mg(n, \alpha) {}^{22}Ne$ and the ${}^{25}Mg(n, \alpha_0) {}^{22}Ne$ reactions were measured at five neutron energy points in the 4.0–6.0 MeV region. Highly enriched (98.6%) ${}^{25}MgO$ samples were prepared. A twin-gridded ionization chamber was used as the charged particle detector and the ${}^{238}U(n, f)$ reaction was utilized to calibrate the absolute neutron fluence. The present results were compared with those of the existing measurements, evaluations, and calculations.



Present cross sections of the ${}^{25}Mg(n,\alpha_0){}^{22}Ne$ reaction compared with existing measurements, evaluations and talys-1.8 code calculations.

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91 Zr(n, α)⁸⁸Sr reaction in the 3.9 - 5.3 MeV

Zhang G., Sansarbayar E., Gledenov Yu. M., et al. *Phys.Rev.* C. 106, 064602 (2022) Group of Yu.M. Gledenov



Experimental and evaluated cross sections for the ${}^{91}Zr(n,\alpha)$ ${}^{88}Sr$ reaction and calculated results by TALYS-1.9

The use of ionizing neutron radiation for mutagenesis of rice crops



Zhakhaev Kazakh Research Institute of Rice, Kyzylorda, Kazakhstan

Irradiation installation











Corresponding member of the Kazakh Academy of Sciences Prof. K.B. Bakiruly



Alekseyenok Yu.V.



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- The prolonged biological effect of neutron irradiation was established;
- Mutants resistant to drought and diseases have been selected.

Radiation Neutron Materials science





Article

Distribution of Hydrogen and Defects in the Zr/Nb Nanoscale Multilayer Coatings after Proton Irradiation

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The article is devoted to the experimental study of changes in the defective structure and mechanical properties of nanoscale multilayer radiation-resistant coatings (NMCs) with alternating layers of Zr and Nb under irradiation.

Modernization of the EG-5 accelerator and development of its experimental infrastructure



Technical task: Restoring the technical parameters of the EG-5 accelerator: Energy over 4,1 MeV at beam current more 50mkA.

Ways to solve:

- Tube replacement;
- Modernization of EG -5 infrastructure;
- Young staff training.

Goal

Providing technical conditions for the implementation of the scientific program of PTP DNP (Theme code: 03-4-1128-2017/2022).

Main Tasks

- Revival in JINR the research of *reactions with fast quasimonoenergetic neutrons;*
- Providing the *microbeam project implementation;*
- **Development of methods** of deep profiles elemental analysis due to:

- Increasing the **performance of spectrometer;**

- developing of **new methods** for elemental analysis of nanopowder and micropowder object;

• Training of human resources.

Perspective tasks of EG-5

1. Powerful neutron generator



The energy of accelerated ions is up to 4.1 MeV at a beam current of up to 200-250 μ A.

- Production of isotopes for medicine;
- Production of slow neutrons by moderators;
- Neutron activation analysis;
- Simulation of conditions in nuclear reactors, in space;
- Testing of electronics.
- Mutagenesis of biological objects.

Solid-state target

¹H + ⁷Li - ⁷Be + n



- Neutrons flow $-5 10^7$ pat/s sm²

- Energy region – 20 – 800keV (Max. proton current – 200mkA, energy – 4,1 MeV);

Currently, there are no more than 11-15 accelerator complexes in the Russian Federation and JINR member countries (~18,000 in the world, 2012) [1]. Only 5 of them are intended for studies of reactions with fast neutrons (~1500 worldwide) [1].

Neutron beam parameters

Lithium target ⁷Li(p,n)⁷Be



Gas target D(d,n)³He



-Neutrons flow – 5 10⁷ pat/s sm² Energy region – 20 – 800keV (Proton current – 2mkA, energy – 2,0MeV); -Neutrons flow $-5 \ 10^7 \text{ pat/s sm}^2$ Max. neutrons energy $-5,5\pm0,1 \text{ MeV}$ (Deutron current -2mkA, deutron energy -2,5MeV);



Studies with quasi-monochromatic neutrons in a wide range of energies will be available

- •Testing the linearity of neutron detectors
- Spectroscopic studies

2. Pulse mode



Обнинск - 1972

- makes it possible to measure the energy spectrum of fast neutrons in an experiment. - widely used in time-of-flight experiments with fast neutrons.

Pulse mode of operation of Van de Graaf accelerators with the duration of current pulses on the target from units to hundreds of nanoseconds (f~ 1 MHz, dt~1-10 ns)

The paper (FEI, Obninsk) describes a device for receiving ion current pulses with a duration from 5 to 500 nsec and an independent change in the repetition frequency over a wide range (до 800 kHz).

Practical implementation of the pulse mode in ESA



Схеме включения откложяющих пластии в диаграмми импульсов понного тока и напряжения на аноде выходной ламим генератора. Временнан ось диаграммы тока смещена на величину времени пролета ионов от конце нижних пластин до диафрагмы. Пунктиром показана траситорая

понного пучка в плоскоств дизфрагин:

- в) для получения выпульсов с длятельностью 20 + 500 нози;
- б) для получения выпульсов с длятельностью 5 всен.



Fис. 3. Форма импульсов ионного тока. Цена канала 0,192 нсек/канал. Отсчет времени справа налево.

It is proposed to use electrostatic deflecting coils to interrupt the ion beam

3. Developing PGAA methods for determining the elemental composition of materials using EG-5

We planned to create the following research areas and develop promising works:

Main advantages

- Lack of residual activity in samples, the ability to examine samples in the future (which is very important in the case of expensive items)

- Both directions, unique for JINR and the Russian Federation, will add to the spectrum of available NAA methods at JINR.

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- Determination of the elemental composition by the reaction of inelastic neutron scattering.



PGAA complements existing methods of analysis by working with the determination of isotopes of light particles, combining all the advantages of the described methods, such as: completely indestructible sample, simple sample preparation, as well as an extremely low degree of activation with the possibility of further work with the material.

Setup for prompt-gamma measurements at EG-5



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Figure Scheme of the setup for prompt-gamma measurements

Allow measurements in different ranges of neutron energies (depending on the target):

Refinement and addition of nuclear data (interaction cross-sections for fast neutrons, catalog of prompt gamma radiation);

Accurate data on reactions will help in the development of portable installations using neutrons, improved calculations for the creation of protective materials for fast neutron reactors, refinement/improvement of theoretical models;

Possibility of elemental analysis of bulk samples;

The complementary methods

Gamma-quantum generator based on ESA



The number of interactions is determined by the ratio $N = N_0 \sigma n$, where σ is the total capture cross section. The size of the cross-section may differ from the geometric cross-sectional area of the core by several orders of magnitude.

$$n = \frac{\rho d N_A}{A}$$
 1 barn = 10⁻²⁴ sm²

The number of nuclei per unit area n is determined by the thickness of the targetwhere p is the density of the target substance, d is the thickness of the target, NA is the Avogadro number, A is a mass number.

A new module of ion-beam spectrometers has been developed



Ion beam analysis («IBA»). Methods RBS, ERD, PIXE



Set of complementary methods for studying the surface layers of materials



- -Microweights,
- -Optical Microscope,
- -General laboratory equipment.

Progress of modernization

Particle trajectories

Calculations of the HV-tube have been carried out

Contract for the manufacture of a new RF source

Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics (Novosibirsk)

Time=3.373 ns



Рис. 1: Ускорительная секция





Q-snout линза с креплением на фланец ускорительной трубки ЭГ-5. IСПОЛЬЗУЕМОГО ЭЛЕКТРОДА С АПЕРТУРОЙ 40 MM И ОТВЕРСТВИЯ ВИД со стороны пучка, входящего в ускоритель.

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Experimental premises have been prepared



Floors are filled with epoxy enamel, walls are painted, trash is removed.



В.Н. Семенов



Ion beam positioning and position stabilization system

A well-known electronics engineer V.N. Semenov is developing an ion beam positioning system.

These same system can be used to generate nanosecond pulses of ion current. Calculations, modeling of processes in electrical circuits, prototyping were carried out, the necessary parts were manufactured.



Conclusion

The EG-5 low-current direct-acting accelerator is a relatively inexpensive and reliable tool for solving a wide range of unique scientific problems in the field of nuclear physics and solid state physics.

- 1. Research in the field of neutron physics.
- 2. Analysis of the elemental composition and depth profiling.
- 3. Radiation Materials Science.
- 4. Radiobiological direction.
- 5. Elemental analysis using inelastic fast neutrons.

Thank you for your attention!

Significant advantage

- high energy stability of ion beam; ESA EG-5 - high intensity of ion beam; -accelerated particles (H⁺, He, D); -accelerated voltage (from 800 keV to 3MeV). -possibility of obtaining of high-intensity ion beams.







Areas of use

- Nuclear reactions with fast quasimonoenergetic neutrons;
- Ion Beam Spectrometry (Multilayer structures, isotope determination, elemental depth profiling);
- Radiation technologies (Science, technology, medicine, etc.).

Ion beam parameters

Range of ion beam currents - $0,01 - 3 \text{ MKA} (100 - 150 \text{ mkA}^*);$

- Real ion beam energy range $800 \text{ keV} 2,5 \text{MeV} (4,1 \text{ MeV}^*);$
- Energy resolution (H^+, He^{2+}) not worse than 15keV;
- Charged particles flow (H⁺, He²⁺) 10^{12} - 10^{13} part /s sm⁻²

-Neutrons flow $-5 \ 10^7 \text{ pat/s sm}^2$

*- will be after modernization

-Max. neutrons energy - $5,5\pm0,1$ MeV (Deutron current -2mkA, deutron energy -2,5MeV);

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