



## El CNA como centro de ensayos de irradiación dentro de una ICTS interdisciplinar

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## **CNA – MAIN EQUIPMENTS**

Spanish ICTS (singular scientific and technological infraestructure) Interdisciplinary research



**3 MV Tandem accelerator** 



**18/9 Cyclotron accelerator** 



**Co-60 Gamma-irradiator** 





#### **PET / CT SCANNERS**



Radiopharmacy

## A little bit of history...



- 1997, agreement between Universidad de Sevilla, Junta de Andalucía and CSIC
- 1998, the **3MV tandem accelerator** settled in Sevilla
- 1999, the laboratory is opened to the scientific community (public or private enterprise), mainly to perform ion beam analysis (IBA)
- 2003, the cyclotron accelerator is installed
- Agreement CNA-Schering España. Radiopharmacy and PET research.
- 2005, the compact system for accelerators mass spectrometry (AMS) is put into operation
- 2005/06, the movable line for ion implantation and irradiation is designed and installed to be shared with tandem and cyclotron accelerators
- 2006, routine service in IBA techniques accessible Agreement CNA-IBA Molecular-SAS. Radiopharmacy service for all the Andalusian hospitals.
- 2008/09, Total dose and Microdosimetry irradiation tests (static and dynamic mode)
- 2012/13, <sup>60</sup>Co irradiation tester and 0.5 MV AMS MICADAS have been installed
- 2013 up today, improvements of facilities and expansion of activities (projects, agreements...)

## Main working scopes

- Material Science
   Thin films, ceramics, metallic alloys
- Medicine and Biology
   Organic fluids, tissues, radiopharmacy
- Art and Archaeometry
   Metals, ceramics, paintings
- Environmental research
   Water, aerosols, sediments, soils
- Basic Nuclear Physics Astrophysics, detectors, nuclear electronic
- Mass Spectrometry with accelerators Carbon dating, environmental applications
- Accelerated irradiation testing Astrophysics, detectors, nuclear electronic
- Scholar and scientific outreach activities Academic training, high and secundary school visits

#### www.cna.us.es



## **IBA** Techniques **Materials Modification Irradiation Damage** Física nuclear



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SF6 STORAGE SYSTEM

AMALYSING MACHET

OIM DRIPCI F

TRIPLET

SWITCHING MA GHET

LINE

LOW ENERGY

NUCLEAR

PHYSICS LINE

3 MV PELLETRON

## **TANDEM** Laboratory

LPHATROSS ION

SOURCE

SNICS II ION SOURCE

INJECTION MAGNET

CONCRETE ROLLING DOOR

## **Ion-Solid Interaction**

#### Técnicas IBA / Modificación de materiales / Reactions



Teoría LSS (Linhard-Scharf-Schiøtt)

#### Energy Loss

$$N[S_n(E) + S_e(E)] = -\frac{dE}{dx}$$

#### **Nuclear & Electronic stopping**

Ion Range

$$R = \frac{1}{N} \int_{0}^{E} \frac{dE}{S_n(E) + S_e(E)}$$



# Multipurpose line



- Particle detectors (RBS, NRA, ERDA)
- X-ray detectors (SiLi, LeGe) for PIXE
- γ-ray detector (HPGe) for PIGE



- Sample holder 150x112 mm<sup>2</sup>
- X-Y movement
- Minimum spot size (Ø~0.5 mm)
- Electron gun

# Channeling line



- Particle detectors (RBS, NRA, ERDA)
- X-ray detectors (SiLi, LeGe) for PIXE
- γ-ray detector (HPGe) for PIGE

- Sample holder (Ø~5 cm)
- Four axis (X-Y, θ-Φ) goniometer
- Minimum spot size (Ø~0.5 mm)



Specially to study crystalline samples

### **BS/C with 3.5 MeV alpha particles** Damage distribution and simultaneous analysis of C & Si sublattices

MUESTRA	DOSIS (Al <sup>2+</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup> )	DENSIDAD CORRIENTE (nA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	DESORDEN MÁXIMO RELATIVO-Si	DESORDEN MÁXIMO RELATIVO-C
Α	2 X 10 <sup>14</sup>	21	34 %	50 %
В	2 X 10 <sup>14</sup>	83	36 %	52 %
С	2 X 10 <sup>14</sup>	105	40 %	58 %
D	4 X 10 <sup>14</sup>	86	90 %	100 %
E	7 X 10 <sup>14</sup>	86	100 %	100 %

AExperimental

ASimulado

- - Virgen

300

350

400

--- VirgenSimulación --- Random

RandomSimulación

1100

1000

900

800 -

700

600 -

500

400 300

200

100

100

150

200

250

Canal

Rendimiento de retrodispersión

#### **6H–SiC Implantation** 2 MeV Al<sup>2+</sup>, tilt = $61^{\circ}$ , room T





200

300

500

# Vacuum micro beam line

- Particle detectors (RBS, STIM)
- Secundary electrons detector (SEM)
- X-ray detector (SiLi) for PIXE
- γ-ray detector (HPGe, Nal) for PIGE





- Minimum Ion beam size ~ 3µm
- Scanning system, elemental maps
- Small sample holder
- Electrons gun

#### Heavy Metals in neurons

neuritas

A. Carmona (CNA), R. Ortega (CENBG) et al.

citoplasma

#### Nuclear microprobe analysis of arabidopsis thaliana leaves

M.D. Ynsa and F.J. Ager (CNA), J.R. Domínguez, C. Gotor and L.C. Romero (IBVFSE-CSIC)



Fe, Cd, Zn...

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# núcleo distal e Organometallic compound Dopamine -Fe Parkinson's disease Decrease [dopamine] Increase of [Fe·] Increase [dead cells]

# External micro beam line

- Ion beam size ~ 50-100µm
- Versatile sample holder



- γ-ray detector (HPGe) for PIGE

-Two X-ray detectors (SiLi, LeGe) for PIXE

#### **Study of paintings and ceramics** from Teotihuacán

**Different colors characterization** 

Differencial-PIXE; Non destructive stratigrafy

**Tartesic Gold Jewellery:** Ébora treasure

> Two kind of solders: brazing, forging



#### **Painting thickness**



M.A. Ontalba, I. Ortega, Respaldiza et al.

Archaeological Museum of Seville

## **Basic Nuclear Physics**



- Exotic nuclei studies
- Cross section determination for astrophysical applications
- Development of nuclear electronics and detectors

# **Neutron line**

**HISPANoS:** pulsed / continuous neutron source at CNA





The last installed in the 3MV Tandem accelerator before the 90° magnet

**Based on deuteron nuclear reactions** p(<sup>7</sup>Li,n), d(D,n), p(<sup>9</sup>Be,n) & d(<sup>9</sup>Be,n), from thermal neutrons up to 9 MeV beams.

## Cyclotron Laboratory (18 MeV H<sup>+</sup>/9 MeV D<sup>+</sup>)



## **Nuclear Medicine**

## Irradiation Damage High Energy PIXE



## Radiopharmacy (PET isotopes)



**Biomolecules marked with <sup>18</sup>F and <sup>11</sup>C** 

**Emission Tomography**) ETER

**PET (Positron** 

 $^{13}NH_3$  and  $H_2^{15}O$ 

**Research - Dispensation** 

Human & Micro-PET / TC scanning systems for medical imaging research using short life isotopes 18



(<sup>14</sup>C, <sup>10</sup>Be, <sup>26</sup>Al, <sup>129</sup>I, <sup>239</sup>Pu, <sup>240</sup>Pu, <sup>236</sup>U)

6.5

5.5

15°E

#### surface seawater off Namibian coast



#### **IAEA – CNA agreement**



#### **Carbon dating in Spain**



## **Co-60 gamma Laboratory** GAMMABEAM ® X200 (Best Theratronics)



20 Induction of Mutagenesis in Rice seeds





## National Accelerators Centre, a facility for irradiation testing

## Severe natural environment above Earth's atmosphere



## Type of radiation in space



Figure 1-6. Differential proton flux as a function of proton energy for solar wind, SEPs and GCR distributions.

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## **Radiation effects on components**

From the point of view of the effects, the degradation will differ according to the energy of the particles, to their nature and to the mission orbit.

It is necessary to understand the instrument technology and geometry to determine the vulnerability to the environment. Radiation effects important to consider for instrument and spacecraft design fall roughly into three categories: degradation from Total Ionizing Dose (TID), Displacement Damage Dose (DDD), and Single Event Effects (SEE).





## TID is due to ionizing radiation, by primary protons and electrons and secondary particles

It causes threshold shifts, leakage current and timing skews It is possible to reduce this with shielding The effect first appears as a parametric degradation of the device and ultimately results in functional failure

**Displacement** damage is long-term structural damage on semiconductors caused by protons, electrons, and neutrons Produce defects mainly in optoelectronics components

**SEEs** result from ionization by a single charged particle as it passes through a sensitive junction of an electronic device, mostly caused by heavier ions but also protons The severity of the effect can range from noisy data to loss of the mission, depending on the type of effect and the criticality of the system in which it occurs Shielding is not an effective mitigation technique because they

Shielding is not an effective mitigation technique because they are induced by very penetrating high-energy particles.

Generation and transport of charges by the effect of a SEE in the drain region of a NMOS transistor. Image Source: [S. Sordo, Thesis IMSE-US https://idus.us.es/handle/11441/52295].

## **Radiation Hardness Assurance - RHA**

Activities undertaken to ensure that the electronic piece parts placed in the space system continue to perform according to their design specifications after exposure to the space environment



From Christian Poivey - ESA

To produce a system tolerant to the radiation environment

## Materials and devices testing

#### • Field analysis

- Based on reports of reparations and replacing of components
- When there is enough statistic data the products are obsolete
- It is necessary to spend several years
- Real time tests
  - Based on the study of numerous chips running under natural environment
  - It is necessary to spend a lot of time and this is very expensive
- Accelerated tests (static or dynamic)
  - Based on the <u>simulation of the natural radiation environment (100 years in a few minutes)</u>
  - Adequate method but expensive (NORMATIVAS / ESCC DLA...)
    - It is required to use radiation sources and equipments associated (particle accelerators, nuclear reactors, radioactive sources as Co<sup>60</sup> or Cs<sup>137</sup>)
- Laser tests
  - Based on photoelectric prompt, try to emulate the particle track
  - It is a lower cost experiment

#### Development of fault injection emulators

Faults prevention in the design phase of the devices

They require to be checked by the accelerated tests <sup>27</sup>

## Accelerated tests / Irradiation tests

Space and other hostile environments

- The nature of the radiation, energy, flux and fluence of the beam determine the type of test, which in turn will depend on the structure, design and use of the device
- The parameters used in the tests will be determined by the flight conditions and service of the spacecraft or equipment (usually 10-30 years exposure real-time)

## Irradiation capabilities at the CNA

## PHOTONS

## Low E-IONS & NEUTRONS







## Irradiation capabilities at the CNA





## The CNA **CECI** is the Spanish Centre for combined irradiation tests,

implemented as a consequence of the projects:

• **RENASER / RENASER+ / RENASER3 / RENASER4:** Análisis integral de circuitos y sistemas digitales para aplicaciones aeroespaciales (Spanish calls R&D 2007-2010 ; 2011-2013; 2016-2019) (*Total analysis of digital circuits and systems for aerospace applications*)



- RADLAB: Laboratorio para Ensayos de Irradiación (Spanish calls R&D- INNPACTO 2011/2014)
   (Laboratory for irradiation tests)
   ALTER
- **PRECEDER:** Predicción del Comportamiento Eléctrico de Dispositivos Electrónicos bajo Radiación (Andalussian calls Proyecto CEI 2020/00000158) (*Prediction of the behavior for electronic devices under radiation applying "machine learning"*)

TECHNOLOGY





• **RADNEXT:** RADiation facility Network for the EXploration of effects for indusTry and research H2020 INFRAIA-02-2020: Integrating Activities for Starting Communities EU Project 101008126





## RadLab Gamma irradiation tests with Co-60



<sup>60</sup>Co Irradiator system (Gammabeam <sup>®</sup> X200, Best Theratronics)

- Photons energies 1,17 and 1,33 MeV (1,25 MeV average)
- Activity 144 TBg (September 2020)

Dose rate range ~14 rad(Si)/h to 14 krad(Si)/h u ≤ 4%





Remote access & staff support Dynamic study can be checked by user

Step measurements in collaboration

#### Square flat radiation fields.

Areas from about 110 cm x 110 cm meet standards homogeneity requirement, although dose rate nonuniformity  $\leq 1\%$  is also available for a wide range of field size.





Attenuation System allows to obtain different dose rates, over several irradiation field areas, to carry out independent tests, under different dose rate conditions, simultaneously. 31

ALTER TECHNOLOGY TÜV Nord S.A.U. / CNA Project RADLAB (IPT-2011-1603-370000), Spanish MICIIN, Subprograma INNPACTO



#### **Dosimetry** Intercomparison exercises

- Based on ionization chamber; ESA/ESTEC, CNA-ALTER/RadLab and UCL/CRC (2013)
- Based on the study of the filterbox with european, american and russian institutions (2018-2021)
- Based on allanine dosimetry with ESA/ESTEC; SL & TRAD (2020-2021)



















#### Novelty incoming

Current activity In the frame of PRECEDER Project

Prediction of the behavior for electronic devices under radiation applying "machine learning"

Objective: to be included in VIRTUAL-LAB https://www.altertechnology- 32 group.com/en/news/news-details/article/virtual-lab/

## RadLab Versatile laboratory



Optical & Electronic devices

Materials & static tests





Exclusive use of laboratory

No attenuation System

#### **Shared laboratory**

**Attenuation System** 

Different dose rates simultaneous tests

Thorough dosimetry study

#### New technologies or applications Gamma Radiation Effects on HfO<sub>2</sub>-based RRAM Devices



## Hostile environment Application

Total lonising Dose (TID) gamma radiation testing of the lift's electronics for Tokamak building (ITER project)

The lifts will be exposed up to 25  $\mu$ Gy/h over a lifetime of 25 years.





5.475 (Gy) Accumulated Dose (Gy)

(Gy) Total Test Dose



## FACILITY UPDATE IN PROGRESS

#### **Elevated temperature / cryogenic temperature testing**



Possibility to carry out temperature cycles while samples are being irradiated.



Dosimetry systems are currently under study







## Irradiation tests with LEP, HI and n

#### 3 MV Tandem Pelletron (NEC):

- Available quasi-monoenergetic (FWHM 0.2 0.03 %) ion beams
- <sup>1</sup>H<sup>+</sup> [LET(Si) ~0.2 0.05 MeV-cm<sup>2</sup>/mg / Range ~7-300 microns]
- Heavier ions (Range in Si, maximum in the order of tens of microns)
- Neutrons up to 9 MeV by nuclear reaction using >5MeV deuteron as primary beam
- Energy range from ~600 keV to several MeV (E=(1+q)V; p.e. 600 keV to 6 MeV for H<sup>+</sup>)
- Different ion beam sizes
   Irradiation beam line (usually 1cm<sup>2</sup>)
   Microprobe (beam resolution ~ µm)
- Maximum irradiated área (scanning systems): Irradiation beam line, 16x20 cm<sup>2</sup> (for mE/q<sup>2</sup>=18) Vacuum Microprobe line, 2.5x2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> (for mE/q<sup>2</sup>=3)



- Vacuum system (P ~ 10<sup>-6</sup> mbar)
- Several opto-electrical feedthroughs



#### Compact 18/9 Cyclotron (IBA):

- Available quasi-monoenergetic (FWHM 1 3 %) <sup>1</sup>H<sup>+</sup> 18 MeV and <sup>2</sup>H<sup>+</sup> 9 MeV
- Lower energies are available by using foils degraders (usually <sup>1</sup>H<sup>+</sup> 16-10 MeV)
- H [LET(Si) ~0.02 0.04 MeV-cm<sup>2</sup>/mg / Range ~700-2000 microns]
- External beam line. (Possibility to couple vacuum chamber)
- Maximum achievable >90% uniform irradiated area at 10 MeV (Ø 3.5 cm)

Irradiated area uniformity better than 10%

# Ion Implantation and Irradiation line

First designed for ion implantation (fixed energy, high fluxes and fluences) Adaptation to irradiation testing (variable energy steps, low fluxes and fluences) Decrease flux increasing the scanning beam area / defocusing the beam (worse quality beam)



- Scanning system Double magnetic coils High stability power supplies Variable scanning frequency 1cm<sup>2</sup> spot scanned up to 20x20 cm<sup>2</sup>

#### - Others

- Lighting possibility
- Temperature control
- Opto-electrical feedthroughs

- Sample holders
- Maximum 20x16 cm<sup>2</sup>
- X-Y movement
- Complete turnabout
- Heating / Cooling possibility





#### DOSIMETRY

Current integration on sample holder and/or on the isolated sample holder and/or slits.

This is biased up to 300 volts in order to collect the secondary electrons

Integration limits the working flux, specially on real time monitoring

#### Brookhaven integrator

Flux range: ~ 6 x 10<sup>12</sup> to ~ 1 x 10<sup>8</sup> p/cm<sup>2</sup>s <u>Possibilities of different particle detectors</u> Flux range: < 1 x 10<sup>7</sup> p/cm<sup>2</sup>s

# External beam line

Although there is not possibility of scanning, it allows for a diverse range of irradiation areas by playing with the material of the exit window and the target distance.

INTA

#### SAMPLE HOLDER

Remote control (step 0.06 mm) X 200 mm; Y 200 mm; Z 100 mm Manual movable structure

#### **EXIT FLANGE**

Various sizes available

Internally covered with a 5 mm carbon film to avoid the activation.

Different graphite collimators with several hole diameters Several windows

**DOSIMETRY** on device under test (DUT)

Aligned masks and collimators Control beam spot with scintillator foils and radiochromic films Flux monitoring on isolated graphite collimator Previous calibration

Correlation factors depending on the set-up









## **LEP Space Applications**

Proton Irradiation Test on Solar Cells cables and shielding materials

Usual requirement T<40°C on the samples; easy reached with prompt flux <1E13 p/cm<sup>2</sup>



#### Irradiation campaign CNA-UCM on COTS SRAM – 65 nm at low bias voltage



### TID in RadLab (Cobalt-60)

DR = 750 rad (Si) / h ; TID = 18 krad (Si)



UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE MADRID

M. Rezaei PhD Thesis

# SEE campaign 15 MeV protons in the 18/9 Cyclotron

Flux 1 x10<sup>8</sup> p/cm<sup>2</sup>s Fluence 1x10<sup>10</sup> p/cm<sup>2</sup> Estimated TID ~5 krad (Si)



Fig. 6. Contribution of each SEU type in total number of events before (a) and after (b) the TID test

#### Irradiation campaign CNA-UCM on COTS SRAM & FRAM



- Static tests: 0x55, 0x00, 0xAA and 0xFF
- · Static tests were done on volatile and non-volatile parts in nv-SRAMs.
- Dynamic experiments: Using two techniques (March C and March D)







G.Korkian PhD Thesis

## LEP Applications; Space, Radiation monitors

Low energy proton direct ionization testing on FPGAs Single Event Effects (SEE) cross sections



#### **SRAM <65 nm** 0.6 – 5.5 MeV

MFlux 2E7 – 2E9 p/cm<sup>2</sup>s PFlux 8E8 – 3E10 p/cm<sup>2</sup>s Tilts (15°/30°/45°/60°) Fluence 4E8 – 8E11 p/cm<sup>2</sup>





0.5 – 5.9 MeV

E steps <50 keV

MFlux 3E4 – 4E8 p/cm<sup>2</sup>s PFlux 5E7 – 1.3E11 p/cm<sup>2</sup>s

Complementary Si diode system (by ChipIR) MFlux 1.5E2 – 5E5 p/cm<sup>2</sup>s









### SINGULAR EXPERIMENT AT CNA Proton & neutron irradiation campaigns on the same device

First time in our facility performing both, proton and neutron fault injection campaigns, to evaluate and compare the different robustness achieved in a microprocessor via different models of hardening software.

Benchmark based on Matrix multiplication (MMULT) with an additional circuit PDTC to observe and detect microprocessor errors during execution.



DUT on Zybo boards, Zynq-7000 Xilinx FPGA 28 nm technology. ARM A9 microprocessor core, 650 MHz clock



# uc3m

#### 15.0 MeV protons - CYCLOTRON

Exit window: Mylar® 125 µm; WDD Air 59 cm Flux uniformity >90% in 15 mm diameter area

Beam	Flux (#/scm²)	Time (s)	Total events	Detected events	Non detected events
Protons	4.3 · 10 <sup>8</sup>	3718	311	85.2%	14.8%
Neutrons	1.1 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	27360	135	82.2%	17.8%

#### 6.1 to 8.6 MeV neutrons TANDEM 3MV

2H(d,n)3He Reaction

5.48 MeV deuteron primary beam 10 mm diameter focusing TD1D Air 11 mm; DUT 17mm x 17mm

## **Another particles applications**

ID & DDD experiments with low energy beams CMOS Image Sensors

> 0.5 to 6 MeV H<sup>+</sup>; 0.5 MeV D 8/11 MeV O; 11 MeV AI; 6/10 MeV C









Adaptation to perform microdosimetry irradiadiation test (static & dynamic mode)



First CNA-SEU experiments with 11 to18 MeV O and C microbeams



## **APPLICATIONS FOR USE**

Previous contact (Yolanda Morilla; <u>ymorilla@us.es</u>) is recommended to know in advance the test feasibility and to obtain custom budget

#### The use of CNA facilities requires the **approval of the Scientific Committee**.

# FILL IN THE CORRESPONDING "BEAM TIME REQUEST". The template are available in www.cna.us.es http://institucionales.us.es/solicitudescna/index.php/en/information-and-documents-for-use-of-accelerators Facilitates the tedious procedure through your contact

## SEND THE APPLICATION TO solicitudescna@us.es.

Your contact will keep you informed of the procedure progress.

- When the application is accepted, the experiment date is planned according to the user and depending on the staff and facility availability.
- Usually, the full process is **completed** in less than two months.
- The current tariffs charged will be a day of using the accelerator/irradiator system http://institucionales.us.es/solicitudescna/index.php/en/rates

**300-600 €/day** [24 h (gamma lab); less staff involvement on real time; specific use] **400-1000 €/day** [8 h (particle labs); Staff limitations; multidisciplinary use; time limitation]

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