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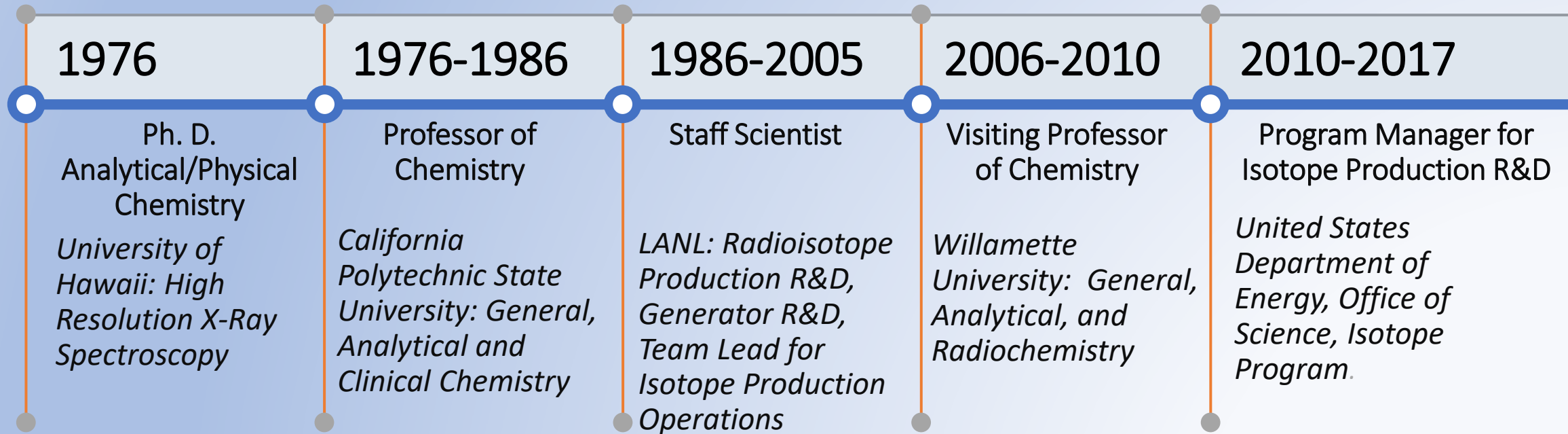
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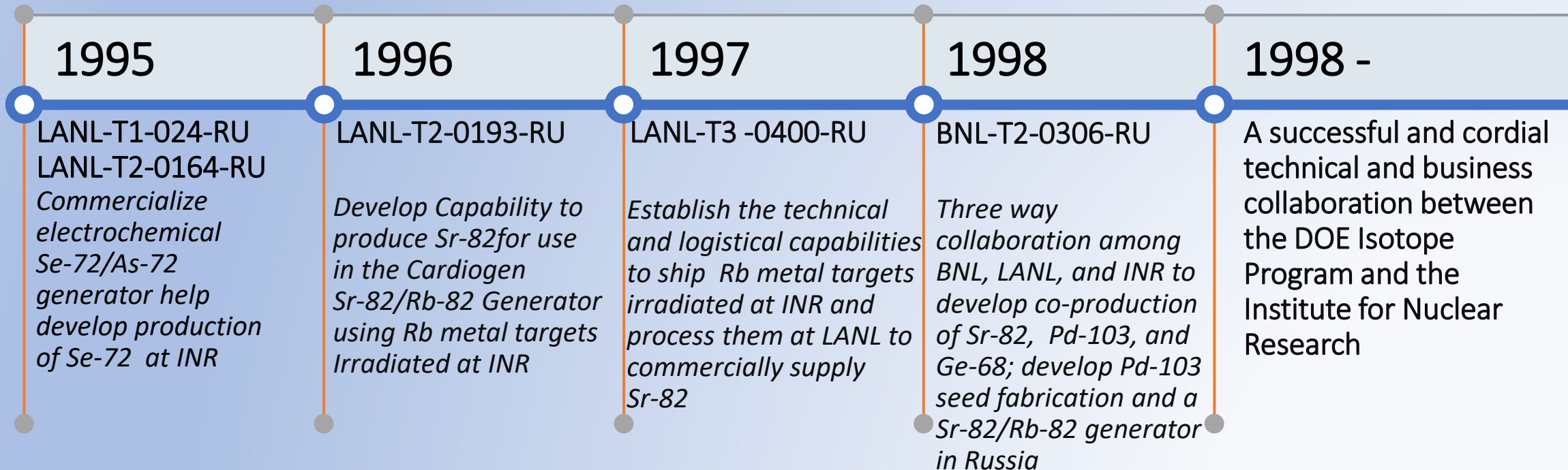
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Collaboration Timeline

Collaboration Funding Timeline

*DOE/NNSA Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention IPP Grants**



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Why Strontium-82

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Production of strontium-82 for the Cardiogen® PET generator: a project of the Department of Energy Virtual Isotope Center[†]

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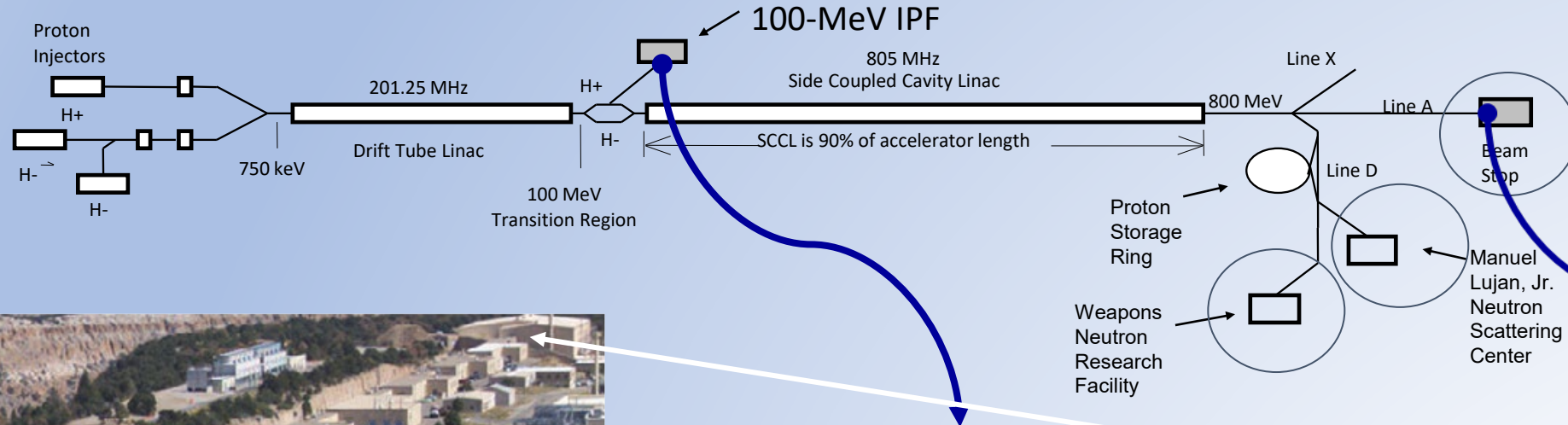
Summary. In December of 1989, the United States Food and Drug Administration approved ⁸²Rb chloride in saline solution for cardiological perfusion imaging by positron emission tomography (PET). The solution is derived from a ⁸²Sr generator system that is presently manufactured by Bristol Myers Squibb and distributed for clinical application in the United States by Bracco Diagnostics, Inc. Many years of research and development by people in several institutions led up to the approval for clinical use. Currently, there are about 15 sites in the U.S. that perform clinical myocardial perfusion imaging by PET using ⁸²Rb chloride from the generator. In order to manufacture the generators, Bristol Myers Squibb requires about 1600 mCi of ⁸²Sr every 30 days. The United States Department of Energy and MDS Nordion, Canada are the current suppliers with qualified Drug Master Files for the production and distribution of this nuclide for the Cardiogen® generator. These two entities have worked together over the years to assure the regular, reliable supply of the ⁸²Sr. Here we describe the facilities and methods used by the Department of Energy in its Virtual Isotope Center to make and distribute the nuclide.



<https://imaging.bracco.com/us-en/products/nuclear-medicine-radiopharmaceuticals/cardiogen-82>

Exchange of Visits

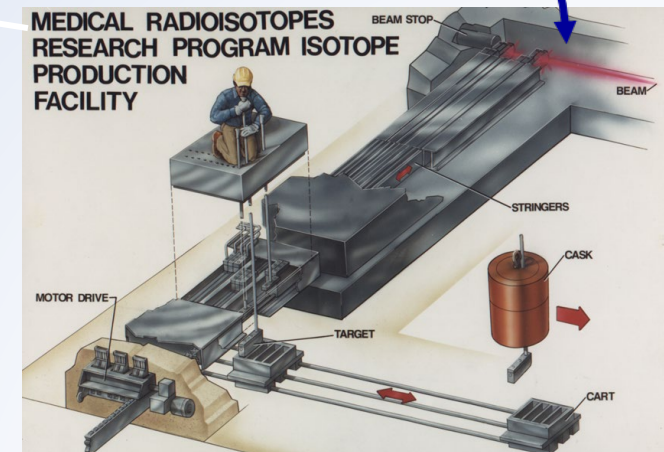
LANL Irradiation Facilities—Past and Present



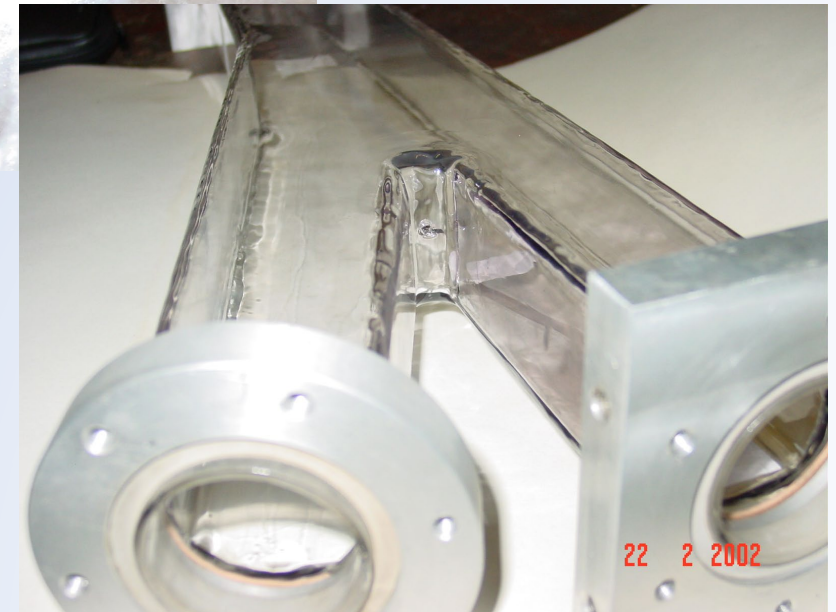
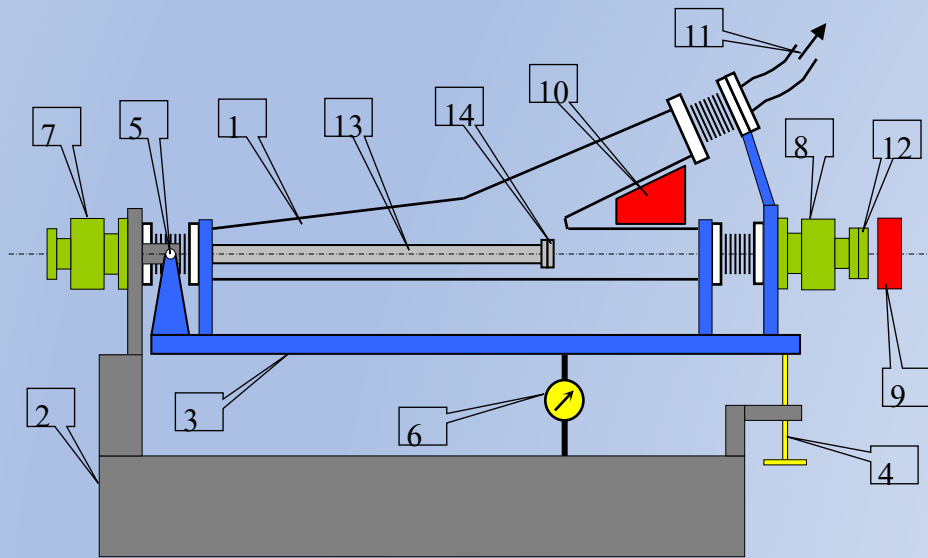
- Deflection of 100 MeV proton beam to target station
- Irradiates targets while LANSCE operates for NNSA/BES
- Commissioned in 2004.



IPF at LANSCE



IPF Beamline Development Experiment at INR



Y-tube experimental work performed by A.V.Feschenko, Yu.G.Kalinin, V.L.Serov, A.N.Mirzozan, A.N.Drugakov, Yu.V.Kisselev, S.K.Esin, E.S.Nikulin, Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Nuclear Research.

Several Visits to LANL by INR Team



1997



Hot cells Circa 1987



1995

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Hoping for Surrender
Armored Carriers Join Barricade in Texas Standoff
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NEW MEXICO
Weather Delays Retrieval Of Pilot's Body Near Chama
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Russians, Lab Team Up For Nuke Project
Heart Disease, Black Market Targeted

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A plain-looking steel drum made its way through customs in Albuquerque on Tuesday, then traveled the final leg of its 7,010-mile journey by Aeroflot and cargo truck from Russia's Institute of Nuclear Research to Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Nestled at the core of the drum's more than 700 pounds of lead and steel shielding is a shiny, two-ounce ingot of rubidium and strontium — highly radioactive yet potentially full of promise for U.S. heart-disease patients and for Russian nuclear scientists.

It also could lead indirectly to new tools for U.S. physicians to diagnose and treat breast and prostate cancer, all using rare elements created at the end of a beam of protons at the Russian institute.

LANL chemists, operating mechanical arms by remote from behind 18 inches of leaded glass, will drill a hole in the ingot's candy bar-sized frame this morning and drain out the mercurial metal, beginning three intense days of chemical separation and purification. The result: a vial of roughly 10 drops of strontium chloride, containing 13 millionths of a gram of strontium-82.

The rare isotope decays to an even rarer rubidium-82. The rubidium's brief half-life of 68 seconds and ability to mimic nutrients used by the human heart let cardiologists peer into patients' hearts in three dimensions or by slices, using positron emission tomography.

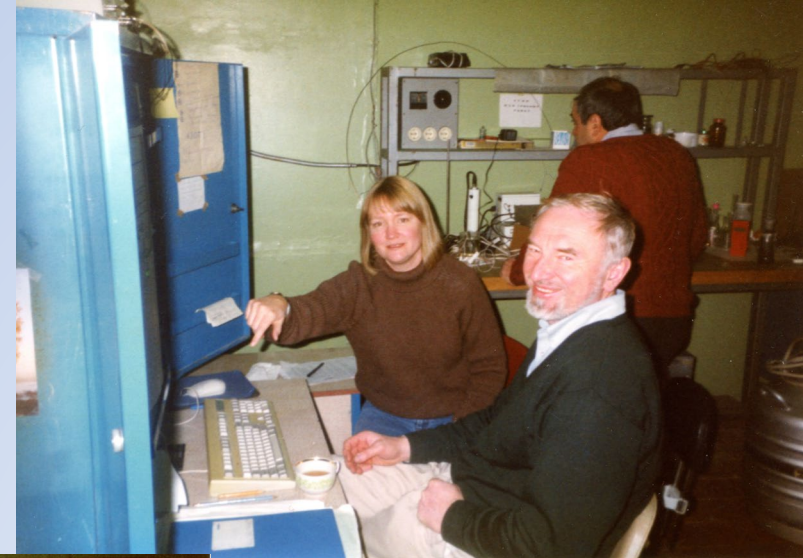
The unstable rubidium nuclei, carried by saline into patients during the 30-second

HOT PROJECT: Dennis Phillips, a radiochemist at Los Alamos National Laboratory, practices chemical processing on a mock ingot of rubidium from the Institute of Nuclear Research in Troitsk, Russia. Chemist Boris Zhukov, right, led a team of Russian scientists who have irradiated three such ingots with a proton beam in hopes of getting certified to supply strontium-82 for U.S. nuclear medicine.

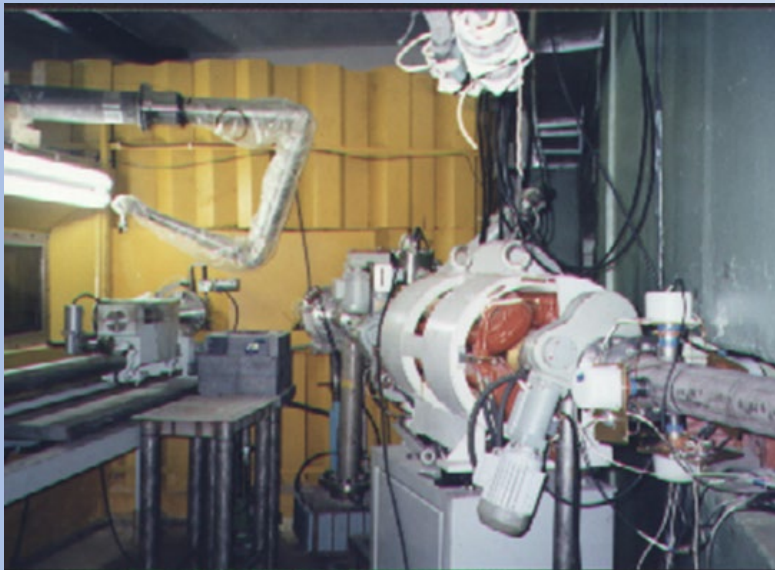
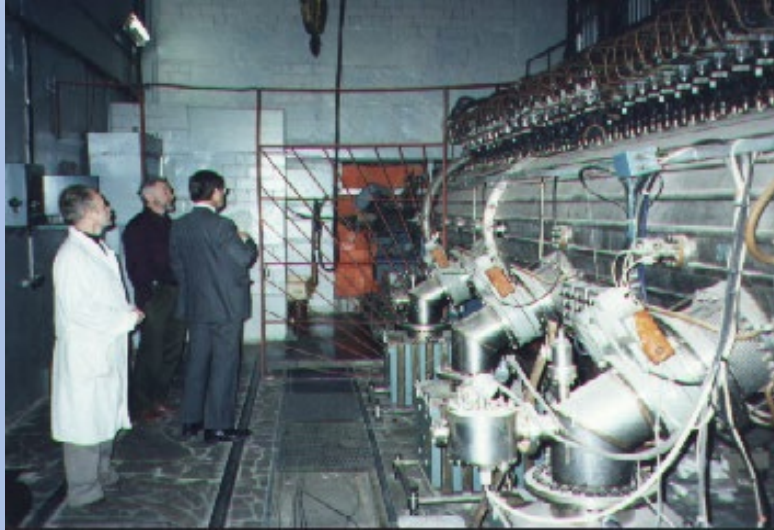
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Several Visits by INR Team to LANL



INR Irradiation Capabilities



- 600 MeV linear proton accelerator
- 100 microamp beam current
- Irradiation facility at 160 MeV segment for isotope production

Accomplishments

Essential Accomplishments

Sr-82 Supply

- 1998 (January 13): Squibb manufactures first CardioGen generators from Sr-82 produced by irradiations at INR; Money began to flow through TCI into the Institute per negotiated agreements
- 1998: Repeated each month from January through June
- Assured availability of Sr-82 for generators when no other approved source was operating
- In January 1998 began true commercial supply of Sr-82
- From 1998 through October 2003 \$1233.4 K went to INR (accounted 30% of the Sr-82 supply for Cardiogen)
- INR ultimately shipped 150 Rb metal targets; the last one shipped in December, 2017

Successful IPP Projects per GAO Report 2007

Appendix IV: IPP Projects DOE Reported to Be Commercially Successful

Table 3 provides information on the 50 IPP projects DOE indicated as contributing to commercial successes in its *Fiscal Year 2005 IPP Program Annual Report*.

Table 3: DOE Projects Listed as Contributing to Commercial Successes in DOE's *Fiscal Year 2005 IPP Program Annual Report*

Project title	Project number(s)	U.S. companies	Lead DOE national laboratory	Lead foreign Institute(s)
Nanophase Powders	LANL-T2-0148-RU LANL-T2-0190-RU	Argonide Corporation	Los Alamos	Institute of Petroleum Chemistry and Institute of Strength Physics and Materials Science, Russia
Ceramic Nanofibers	NREL-T2-0200-RU NREL-T2-0200a-RU	Argonide Corporation	National Renewable Energy	Institute of Strength Physics and Materials Science, and State Research Center of Virology and Biotechnology, Russia
Positron Emission Tomography	LANL-T2-0164-RU LANL-T2-0193-RU LANL-T3-0400-RU	Technology Commercialization International	Los Alamos	Institute of Nuclear Research, Russia
Positron Emission Tomography	BNL-T2-0306-RU	Technology Commercialization International	Brookhaven	Institute of Nuclear Research, Russia

Prototype Target Assembly

Co-production Pd-103, Sr-82, Ge-68



Gallium
Ge-68

Rubidium
(Sr-82)

Silver
(Pd-103)

- IPP funded R&D for co-production of Sr-82, Pd-103, and Ge-68 as development of a Sr-82/Rb-82 generator production in Russia This work continued for several years after 2003 under ongoing IPP awards for collaborations among INR, LANL, and BNL .
- INR shipped four gallium targets and three silver targets to LANL

Photo Montage

Boris and Friends in New Mexico



Boris/Elena At Albuquerque Dukes (1997)

(In 2003, the team name was changed to the "Isotopes"--https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albuquerque_Isotopes)



A Birthday Party 27 Years Ago



Boris Zhuikov



Nikolai Konyakhin



Vladimir Kokahnyuk

International Conferences



Moscow 1995-1997



LANL Radioisotope Team--2003



Conclusion

- The collaboration was a great success
- Accomplished the goal of the NNSA IPP Program to promote commercialization of some activities in the Nuclear Science Laboratory systems of the Former Soviet Union
- Significantly benefitted both INR and DOE
- And above all for me it was a great pleasure professionally and personally to know Dr. Boris Zhuikov. He is truly my friend
- I believe this collaboration was very providential

PROVIDENTIAL: "Happening as if through divine purpose."

Thank You

Большое спасибо