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ACRR



GIF



➤ Located at Albuquerque, NM

➤ Neutrons

- Annular Core Research Reactor (ACRR)
- Pulsed Reactor Critical Experiments
- D-D and D-T Neutrons

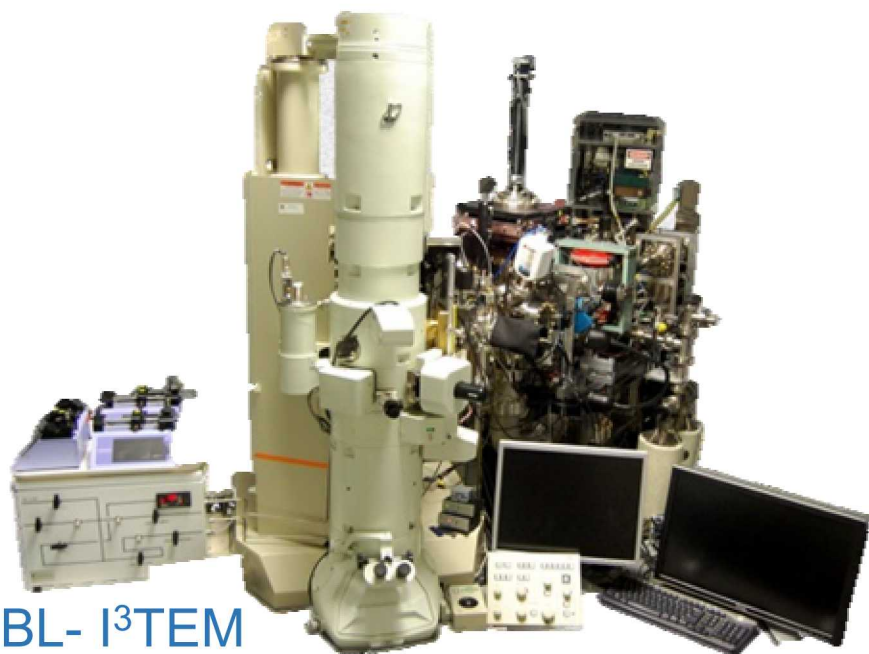
➤ Gammas

- Gamma Irradiation Facility (GIF)

➤ Ions

- Ex-situ Ion Irradiation
 - Seven ion accelerators (10 eV to 100 MeV)
- In-situ Ion Irradiation
 - Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)
 - Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM)
 - Transient Grating Spectroscopy (TGS)

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Neutrons

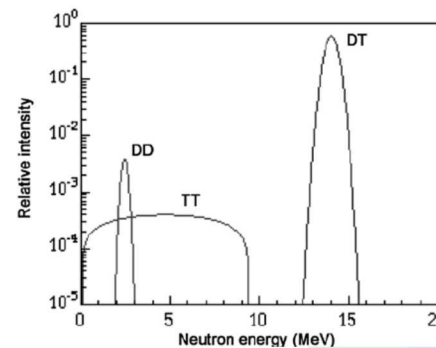
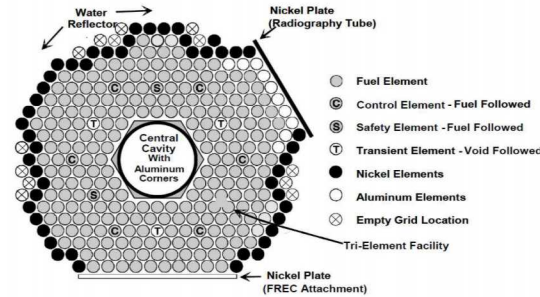
ACRR

- Irradiations can be performed in steady-state (4 MW) or pulsed power mode (30 GW).

- Configured with 236 $\text{UO}_2\text{-BeO}$ fuel elements.

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- 2 and 14 MeV neutrons can be used in shielded end station

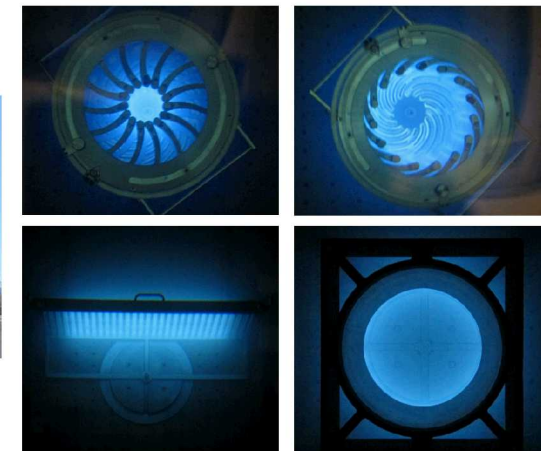


Gammas

- Variety of Co-60 source configurations with gamma dose rates: from 10-3 rad/s to over 1000 rad/s.

- Objects as small as bacteria and as large as an M1 Abrams tank.

- In-cell dry irradiations and in-pool submerged irradiations possible



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TEM

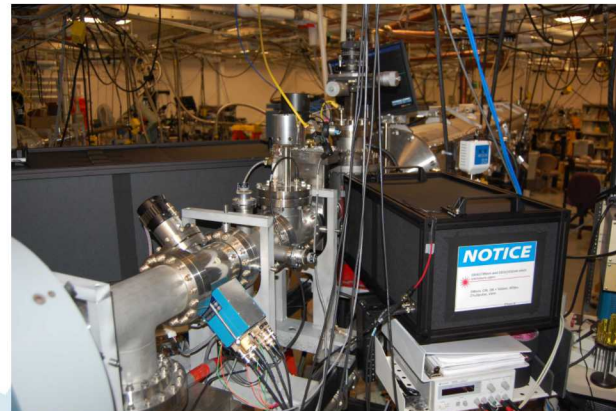
- Combined environments:
 - Triple beam irradiation (D, He, and heavy ion)
 - Thermal greater than 2,000 °C and down to 77 K
 - Quantitative mechanical testing
- 22 in-situ and tomography TEM stages available

SEM

- Dual beam (6 MV Tandem and 1.2 kV Ion Gun)
- In-situ testing: nanoindentation, heating/straining stage, piezo fatigue stage, cryo stage

TGS

- Laser system coupled with 6 MV Tandem beamline
- Measures thermal and elastic properties, including swelling as a function of damage and temperature.



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