



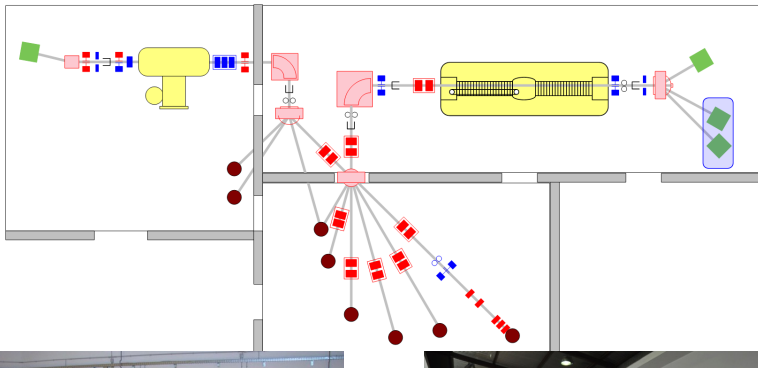
# Present status and selected research activities at Rudjer Bošković Institute accelerator facility

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# RBI accelerator complex

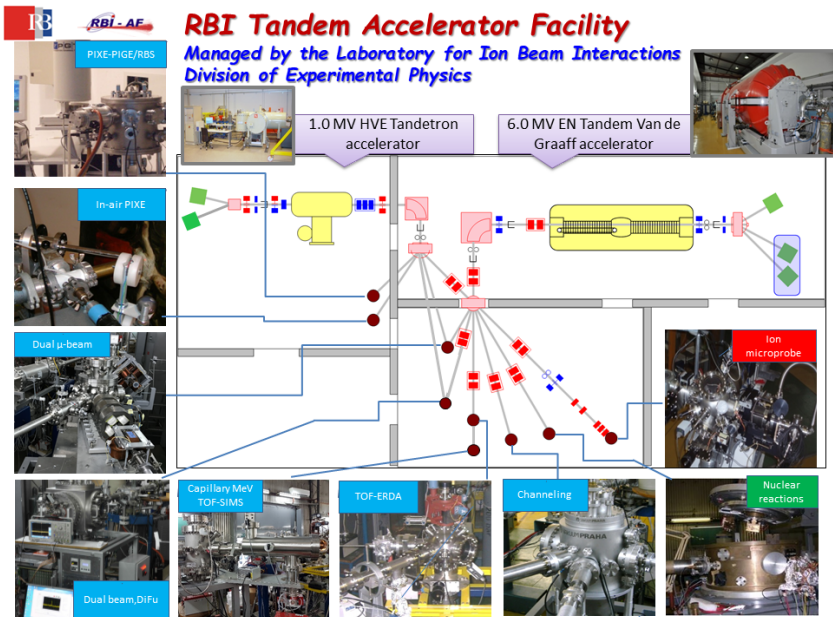


1 MV HVE Tandetron accelerator



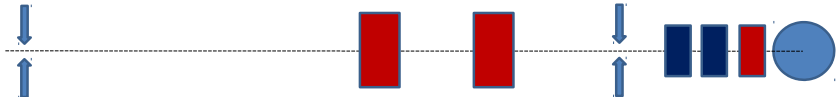
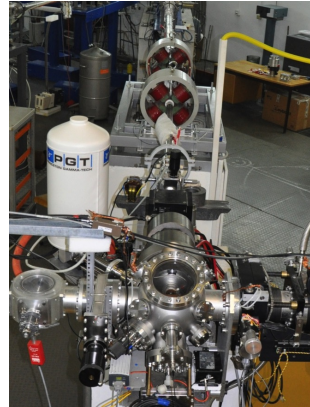
6 MV EN Tandem Van de Graaff  
accelerator

# RBI accelerator complex: 9 beam lines



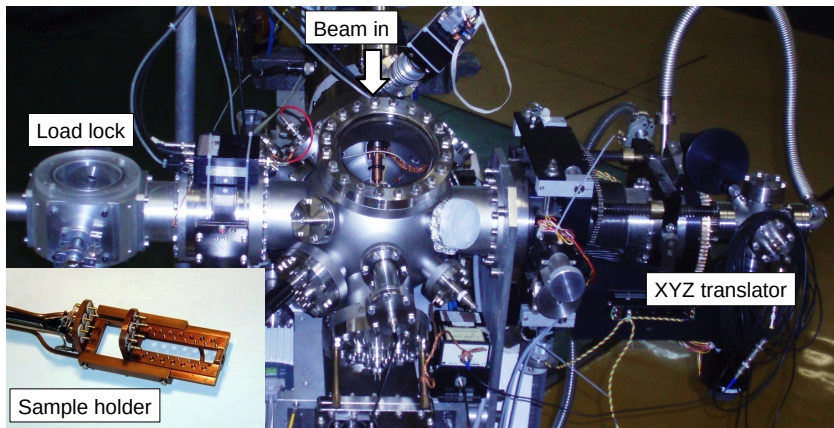
# Nuclear microprobe

- a system of quadrupole lenses (doublet, triplet or quintuplet) - focus an ion beam to the  $\mu\text{m}$  size
- available beams: protons (0.4 to 8 MeV), most of other heavier ions (up to  $\text{Me}/q^2$  ratio of 15 MeV)
- typical currents: 1 - 1000 pA, for the low current techniques (STIM and IBIC) reduced to fA range
- the beam spot size depends on: ion species, energy and current
  - as low as 250 nm
- **ideal radiation source for detector testing**
  - plenty of sample characterization techniques: PIXE, ERDA, RBS, NRA, PIGE, coincidence scattering, IL, MeV-SIMS, SEI, STIM and IBIC

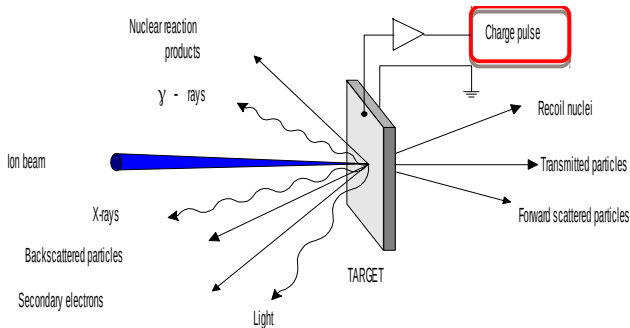




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# Ion beam analysis and nuclear microprobe



**ANALYSIS** (elements, isotopes)  
with **MeV ION BEAMS** - (nA, pA)

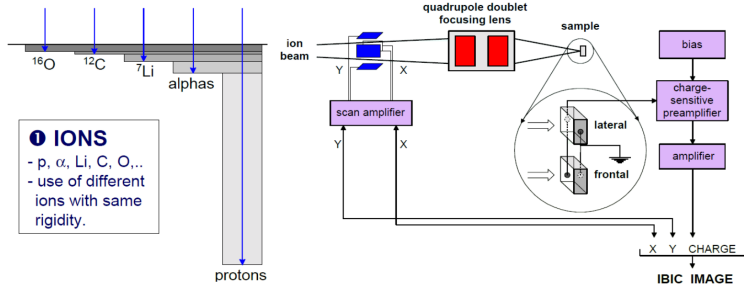
- elements - x-rays (**PIXE**)
  - backscattering (**RBS**)
  - recoil (**ERDA**)
- isotopes - nuclear reactions
  - $\gamma$  - rays (**PIGE**)
  - particles (**NRA**)

**CHARACTERISATION** (density, charge transport, crystal structure, morphology,...)  
with **MeV SINGLE IONS** - (fA)

- density - transmitted ions (**STIM**)
- charge transport - charge pulse (**IBIC**)
- crystal structure - **channelling**
- morphology - secondary electrons (**SEI**)

# Ion Beam Induced Charge IBIC

- measuring the electronic response of a particle-charged excitation
- IBIC signal: correlating ion position (microprobe) with signal height (depends on electric field, mobility and lifetime of charge carriers) gives images of charge collection properties
- enables mapping of parameters such as charge collection efficiency, electric field configuration, charge carrier lifetime, mobility, diffusion length...



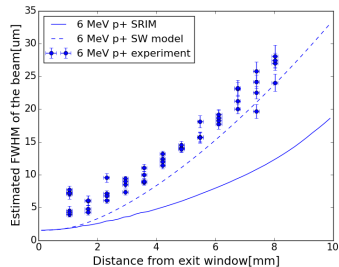
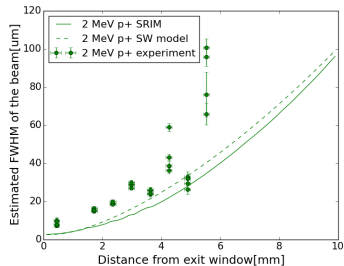
# In-air IBIC experiment

- Large detector structures (above 8 cm) can not be tested in small vacuum chamber
- Alternative: in-air microbeam!
- But - beam spot degradation

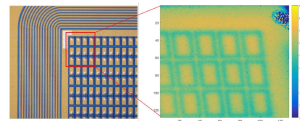
Energy / air path	100 nm Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	6 μm diamond
3 MeV / 0.5 mm	1.02	9.0
3 MeV / 2.0 mm	4.39	30.6
6 MeV / 0.5 mm	0.50	4.3
6 MeV / 2.0 mm	2.06	14.8
9 MeV / 0.5mm	0.34	2.9
9 MeV / 2.0 mm	1.40	9.9

Degradation of beam spot (in micrometers) for SiN and diamond exit foil

- SOLUTION:
  - SiN exit foil
  - up to 2 mm working distance
  - proton energy > 6 MeV !!



- **Particle and Radiation Detectors, Sensors and Electronics in Croatia**
- Horizon 2020 ERA Chair Project
- Project manager: Neven Soić
- Project coordinator: Jaakko Härkönen
- duration: 1.7.2015 - 30.6.2020
  - final conference June 2020 in Zagreb
- established Center for Detectors, Sensors and Electronics
  - development and testing of detectors (emphasis on Si) and electronics
- examples:
  - radiation hardness test with the  $^{60}\text{Co}$  gamma irradiation for new Pixel detector (for CERN)
  - test for nuclear and particle physics experiments: double sided Si, pixel CERN
- <http://lnr.irb.hr/PaRaDeSEC/>
- <http://cems.irb.hr/en/>

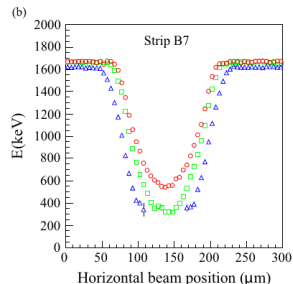
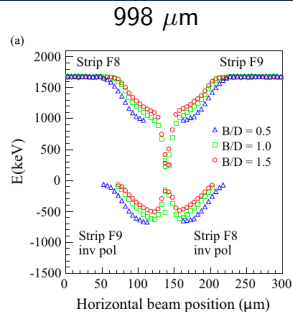
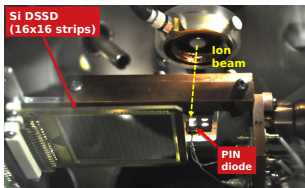


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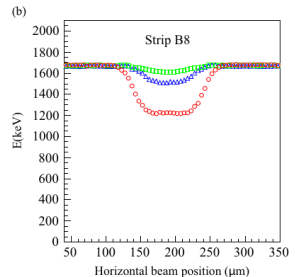
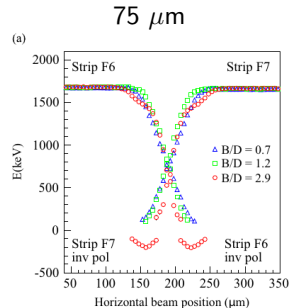
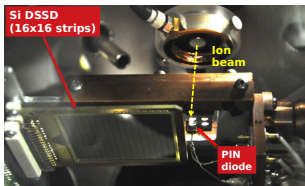


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# Summary

- RBI accelerator facility hosts microbeam line used for IBIC
- IBIC (Lateral, Frontal and TRIBIC) is efficient method for mapping basic properties of semiconductor and insulator detector materials
  - powerful techniques for radiation hardness studies
  - only small regions are irradiated without a need to damage the whole device
- Other ion beam characterisation and irradiation techniques can be used as well
- New RBI dual microbeam irradiation facility - simultaneous performance of irradiation and probing
- Future plans: 2020 starting of O-ZIP, 72 million Euro project that includes new 5 MV accelerator

## Transnational Access funding

- CERIC-ERIC
- **RADIATE (from 2019)**  
<https://www.ionbeamcenters.eu/radiate/>

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