



## IRSN Irradiation facilities

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## IRSN irradiation facilities

Irradiation skills and knowledge in the  
fields of medicine, environment and  
nuclear industry



# IRSN irradiation facilities overview

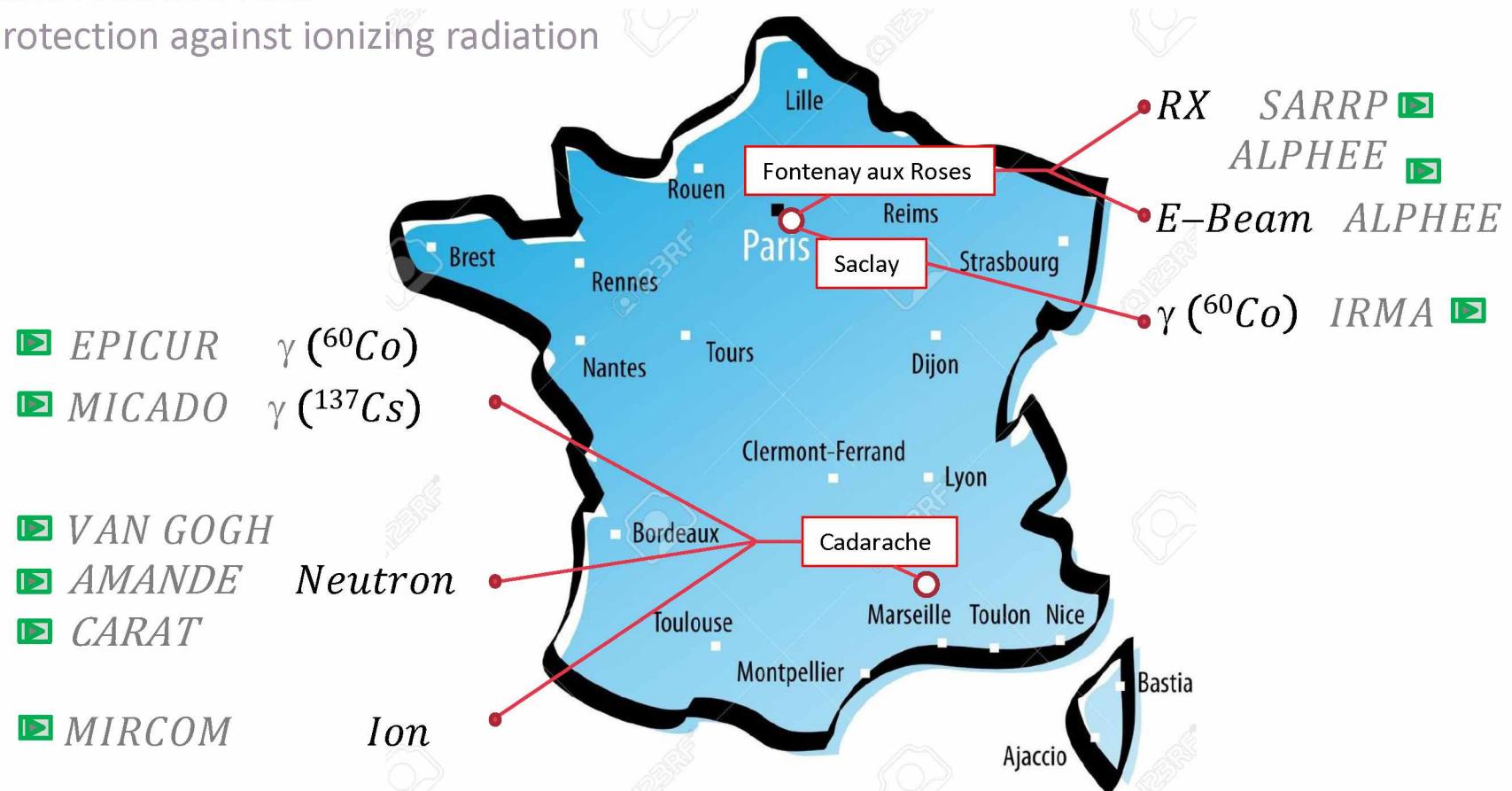
IRSN : Institut de Radioprotection et de Sûreté Nucléaire

Public expert in France on nuclear and radiation risks

↳ contributes to public policy of protection against ionizing radiation

in the fields of:

- Nuclear safety
- Human protection
- Environmental protection



# Main technical features of the IRSN irradiation facilities

Facilities	Radiation	Source	Activity / Energy	Dose rate	Sample size	Irradiation specifications			
						Pressure	Temperature	Relative Humidity	Atmosphere
EPICUR	Gamma	<sup>60</sup> Co	555 TBq max	several kGy/h	several cm <sup>2</sup>	1,2 to 5 bars	20 to 140°C	0 to 100% (controlled RH)	Air, O <sub>2</sub> , He...
IRMA	Gamma	<sup>60</sup> Co	1450 TBq max	5 µGy/h to 20 kGy/h	until 1m <sup>2</sup>	1 bar	Ambient	Ambient	Air
						Possibility of developing devices for specific conditions			
MICADO	Gamma	<sup>137</sup> Cs	444 GBq max	5 µGy/h to 100 mGy/h	> 1m <sup>3</sup>	1 bar	Ambient	Ambient	Air
						Possibility of developing devices for specific conditions			
ALPHEE	Ebeam	Accelerator	4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 MeV	0,6 to 2 Gy/min	30cm <sup>2</sup> at 1m from the source	1 bar	21°C	Ambient	Air
	RX	Accelerator	4, 10 and 18 MV	0,6 to 5 Gy/min	30cm <sup>2</sup> at 1m from the source	1 bar	21°C	Ambient	Air
SARRP	RX	Micro Irradiator	30 – 225 kV	few cGy/mn	several mm <sup>2</sup> to cm <sup>2</sup>	1 bar	21°C	Ambient	Air
MIRCOM	Ions	Accelerator	protons : 1 to 4 MeV	from 1 to a few thousand particles /s	from a few µm to mm in diameter	1 bar	20°C à 37 °C	Ambiant (30 to 60 %)	Air
			alpha particles: 1 to 6 MeV						
			heavier ions : 3to 8-10 MeV						
AMANDE	Neutrons	Accelerator	2 keV to 20 MeV	up to 10 mSv/h at 1 m distance	depending on the distance (solid angle <5° recommended)	1 bar	20 °C	Ambient (30 to 60 %)	Air
CARAT	Neutrons	Accelerator	de 0 to 3 MeV	3 MeV : 0 - 50 mSv/h at 1 m distance	up to a few tens of cm radius	1 bar	20 - 25 °C	Ambient (20 à 60 %)	Air
				Thermal neutron fiels : 0 - 100 µSv/h					
				Realistic neutron fields : 0 - 1 mSv/h					
VAN GOGH	Neutrons	Source	Average energy	1 m away from the source (01/01/2020)	up to a few tens of cm radius	1 bar	20 - 25 °C	Ambient (20 to 60 %)	Air
		Am-Be	4,4 MeV	400 µSv/h					
		<sup>252</sup> Cf	2,3 MeV	4 mSv/h					
		<sup>252</sup> Cf (moderate by D <sub>2</sub> O)	2,1 MeV	1 mSv/h					

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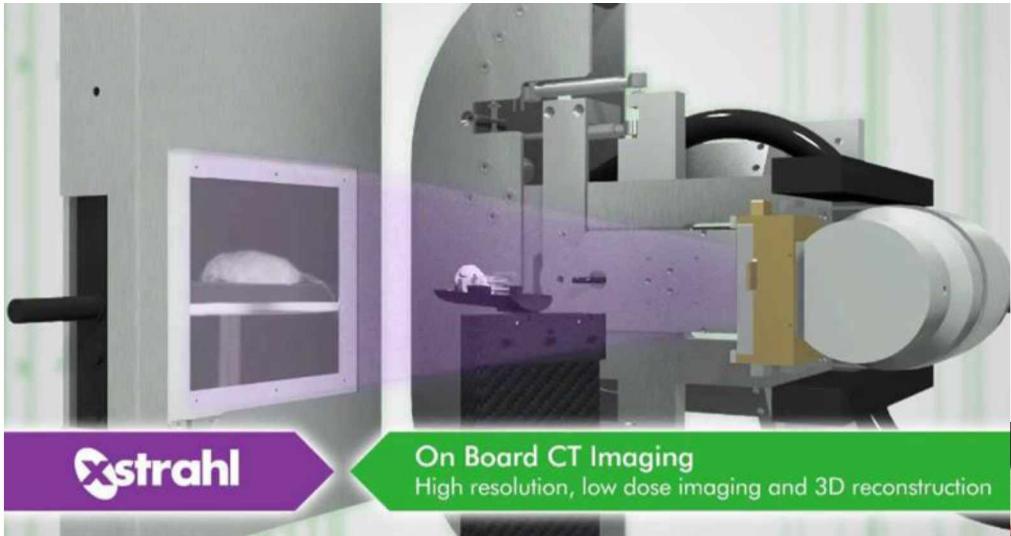
# Skills & expertise, projects & collaborations and significant publications

Facilities	Radiation	Associated experimental means	Skills and expertise	Projects and Collaborations	Internet link	Publications		
EPICUR	Gamma	Medium and Near Infrared	Iodine behavior under radiation	H2020 (TeaM Cables project); OECD (STEM1&2 projects)	<a href="https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/EPICUR-Pages/EPICUR-Experimental-programme-of-iodine-chemistry-under-radiation.aspx">https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/EPICUR-Pages/EPICUR-Experimental-programme-of-iodine-chemistry-under-radiation.aspx</a>	J. Colombani et al, <i>Analytica Chimica Acta</i> 960 (2017) 53-62		
		Time Induction Oxidation	Ageing of polymers and other compounds			A. Sidi et al, <i>Radiation Physics and Chemistry</i> 142 (2018) 14-22		
		Elongation at Break				L. Bosland et al, <i>Annals of Nuclear Energy</i> 140 (2020) 107241		
		Scanning Electron Microscopy				J. Colombani et al, <i>Polymer Degradation and Stability</i> 153 (2018) 130-144		
IRMA	Gamma	Scanning Electron Microscopy	Irradiation of materials	ANDRA, CEA	<a href="https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/IRMA-Pages/IRMA-Installations-nucleaires-et-industrielles/Pages/evaluer_comptement_materiaux_equipements_sous_irradiation.aspx">https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/IRMA-Pages/IRMA-Installations-nucleaires-et-industrielles/Pages/evaluer_comptement_materiaux_equipements_sous_irradiation.aspx</a>			
			Study of radiation/matter interactions					
MICADO	Gamma	Fish housing and invertebrate breeding platforms	Study of the effects of radiation on living organisms	CEA, Sterling University	<a href="https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/MICADO-Lab/Pages/MICADO-Lab-experimental-platform.aspx">https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/MICADO-Lab/Pages/MICADO-Lab-experimental-platform.aspx</a>	N. Guirandy et al, <i>Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry</i> 38(11) (2019) 2556-2567		
		Biological analysis platform				M. Kuzmic et al, <i>Free Radical Biology and Medicine</i> 134 (2019) 657-665		
		Dosimetry platform				S. Murat El Houdgui et al, <i>Scientific reports</i> 9(1) (2019) 20241		
ALPHEE	Ebeam				<a href="https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/ALPHEE-accelerator/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/ALPHEE-accelerator/Pages/default.aspx</a>			
	RX	Semiflex ionization Chamber	Radiobiology					
			Irradiation of dosimeters					
SARRP	RX	Semiflex Ionization Chamber	Radiobiology	IGR, CEA	<a href="https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/SARRP/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/SARRP/Pages/default.aspx</a>	A. Bertho et al, <i>International journal of radiation oncology, biology, physics</i> 107(3) (2020) 548-		
		Soft X-Ray Chamber	Stereotactic irradiation of small animals			N. Tang et al, <i>International Journal of Molecular Sciences</i> 20(24) (2019) 6204		
MIRCOM	Ions	Passivated Implanted Planar Silicon Detector	Radiobiology	CEA, CNRS, Aix-Marseille University, PTB	<a href="https://www.irsn.fr/FPI/recherche/ouils-scientifiques/installations-moyens-experimentaux/microfaiseau-mircom/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.irsn.fr/FPI/recherche/ouils-scientifiques/installations-moyens-experimentaux/microfaiseau-mircom/Pages/default.aspx</a>	M. Dos Santos et al, <i>International Journal of Radiation Biology</i> 94(6) (2018) 597-606		
		Epifluorescence microscope	Study of the effects of radiation on cells			A. Freneau et al, <i>International Journal of Radiation Biology</i> 94(12) (2018) 1075-1084		
		Particle detectors						
AMANDE	Neutrons	Neutron detectors	Instrument calibration Metrology	European metrology institutes	<a href="https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/AMANDE/Pages/AMANDE-facility.aspx">https://www.irsn.fr/ENResearchScientific-tools/experimental-facilities-means/AMANDE/Pages/AMANDE-facility.aspx</a>	V. Gressier V et al, <i>Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A</i> 505(1-2) (2003) 370-		
		Photon detectors				V. Gressier et al, <i>Radiation Protection Dosimetry</i> 110(1-4) (2004) 49-52		
CARAT	Neutrons	Neutron detectors	Instrument calibration Metrology	European metrology institutes	<a href="https://www.irsn.fr/FPI/recherche/ouils-scientifiques/installations-moyens-experimentaux/metrologie-dosimetrie-neutrons/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.irsn.fr/FPI/recherche/ouils-scientifiques/installations-moyens-experimentaux/metrologie-dosimetrie-neutrons/Pages/default.aspx</a>	M. A. Cognet et al, <i>Metrologia</i> 47 (2010) 377-386		
		Photon detectors				V. Gressier et al, <i>Metrologia</i> 51 (2014) 531		
VAN GOGH	Neutrons	Neutron detectors	Instrument calibration Metrology	European metrology institutes	<a href="https://www.irsn.fr/FPI/recherche/ouils-scientifiques/installations-moyens-experimentaux/metrologie-dosimetrie-neutrons/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.irsn.fr/FPI/recherche/ouils-scientifiques/installations-moyens-experimentaux/metrologie-dosimetrie-neutrons/Pages/default.aspx</a>	V. Lacoste et al, <i>Radiation Protection Dosimetry</i> 110(1-4) (2004) 123-127		
		Photon detectors				V. Gressier et al, <i>Radiation Protection Dosimetry</i> 110(1-4) (2004) 523-527		

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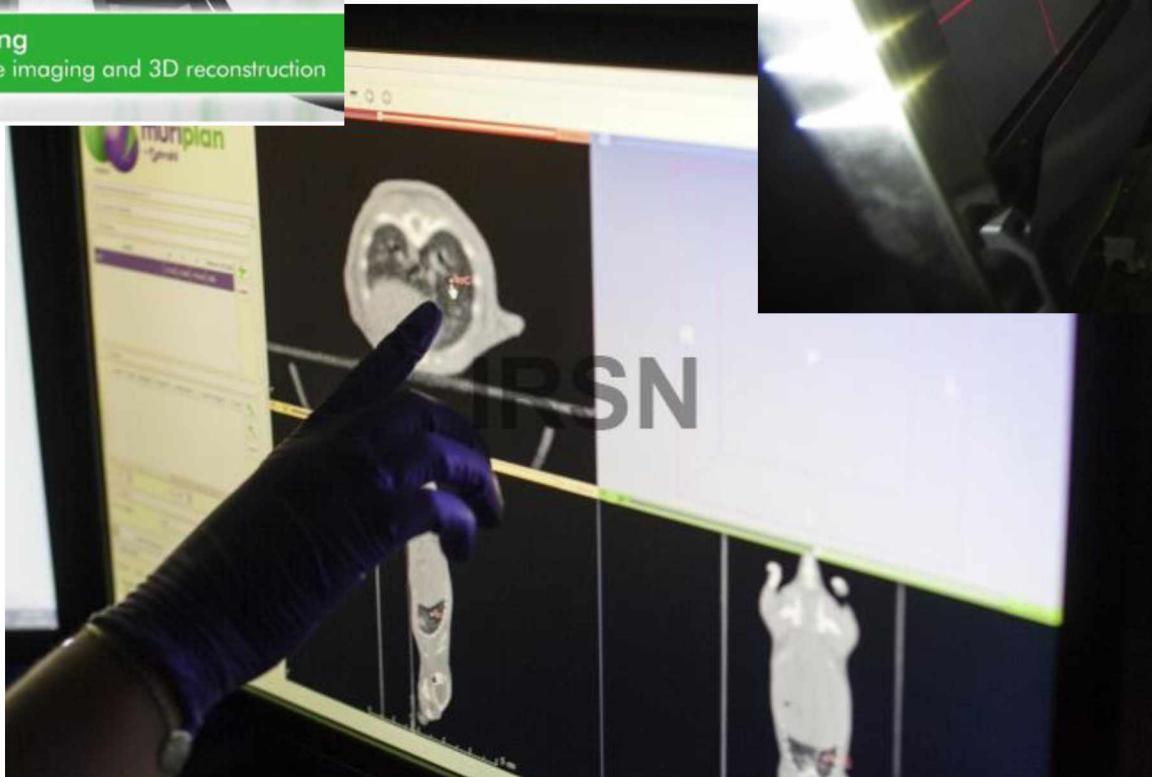


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## SARRP irradiator

Small Animal Radiation Research Platform

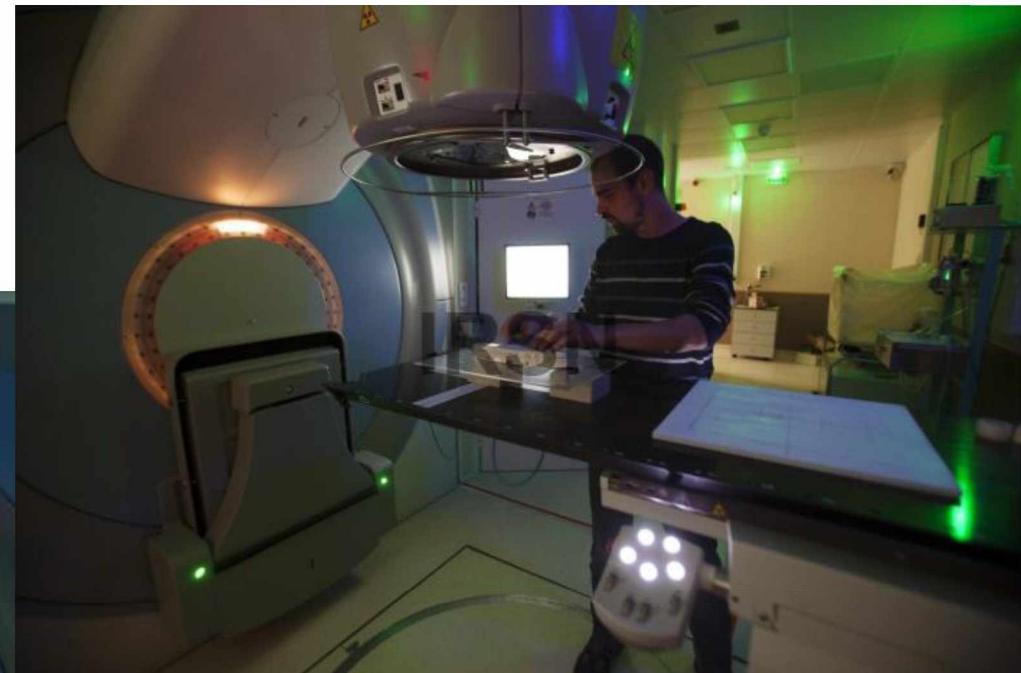


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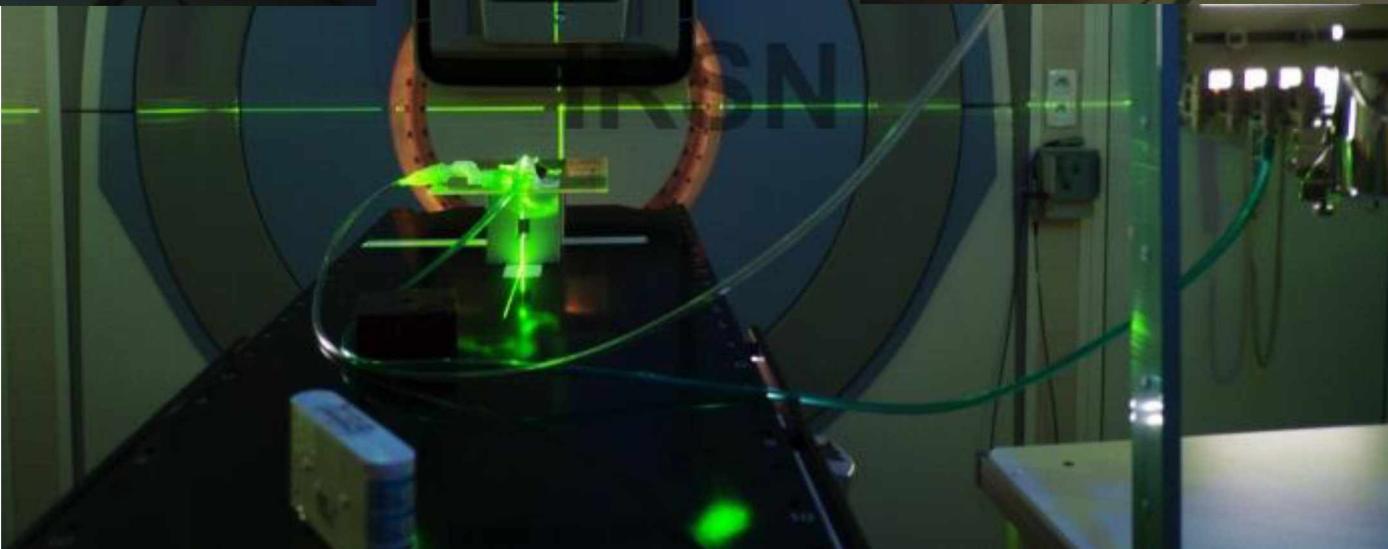
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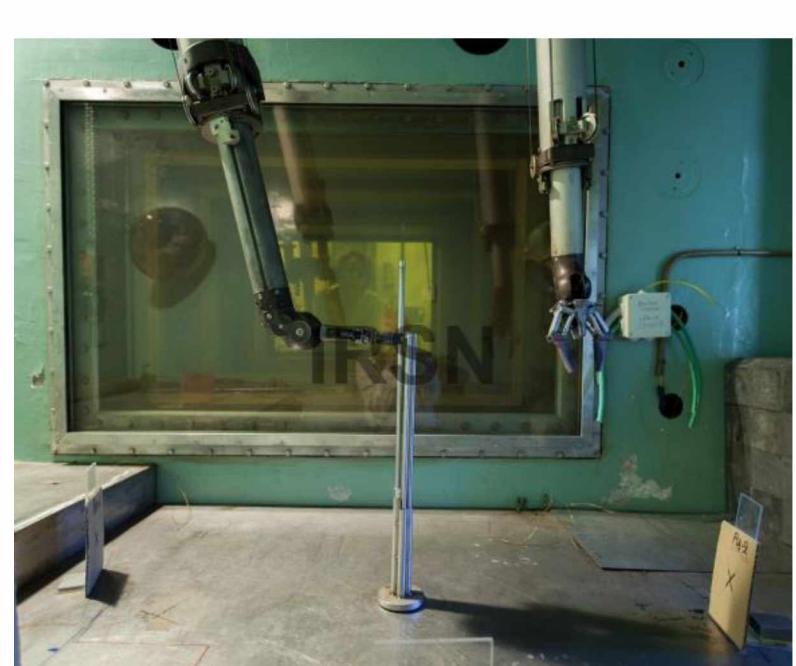




## ALPHEE accelerator

Accélérateur Linéaire pour la  
Production de pHotons et d'ElEcitrons





## IRMA irradiator

IRradiation MAtériaux



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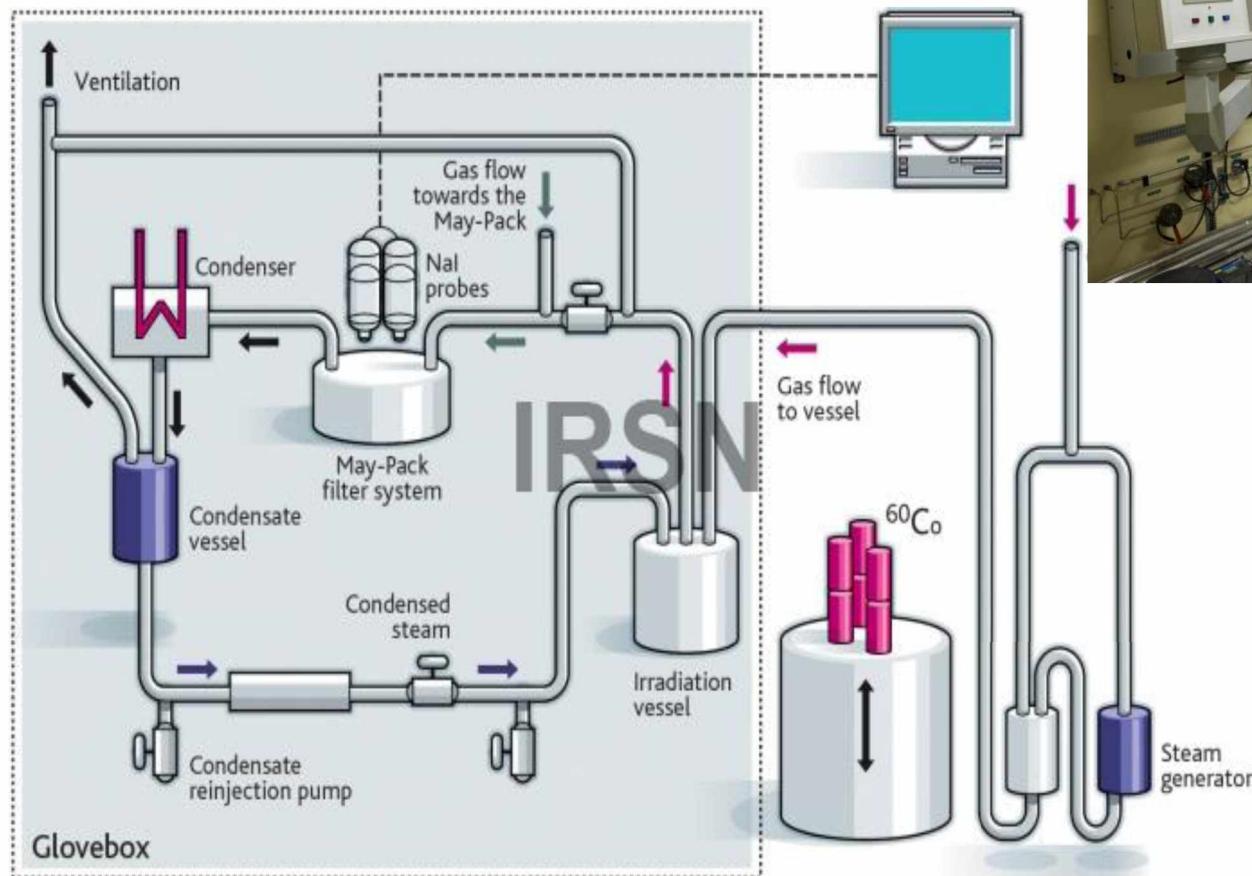
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## EPICUR irradiator

Experimental Program of Iodine  
Chemistry Under Radiation





## MICADO LAB

Moyen d'Irradiation Chronique pour  
l'Acquisition de relations Dose-effet en  
**LAB**oratoire





## VAN GOGH Irradiator

Irradiator with 2 radioactive neutron sources (Am-Be and Cf)





## AMANDE facility

Accelerator for **M**etrology **A**nd **N**eutron applications in  
external **D**osim**E**try



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## CARAT platform

ChAmps de Référence Associés au T400



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## MIRCOM platform

Ion **M**icrobeam for the **R**adiobiology of intra- and intercellular **C****O****M**unications

