



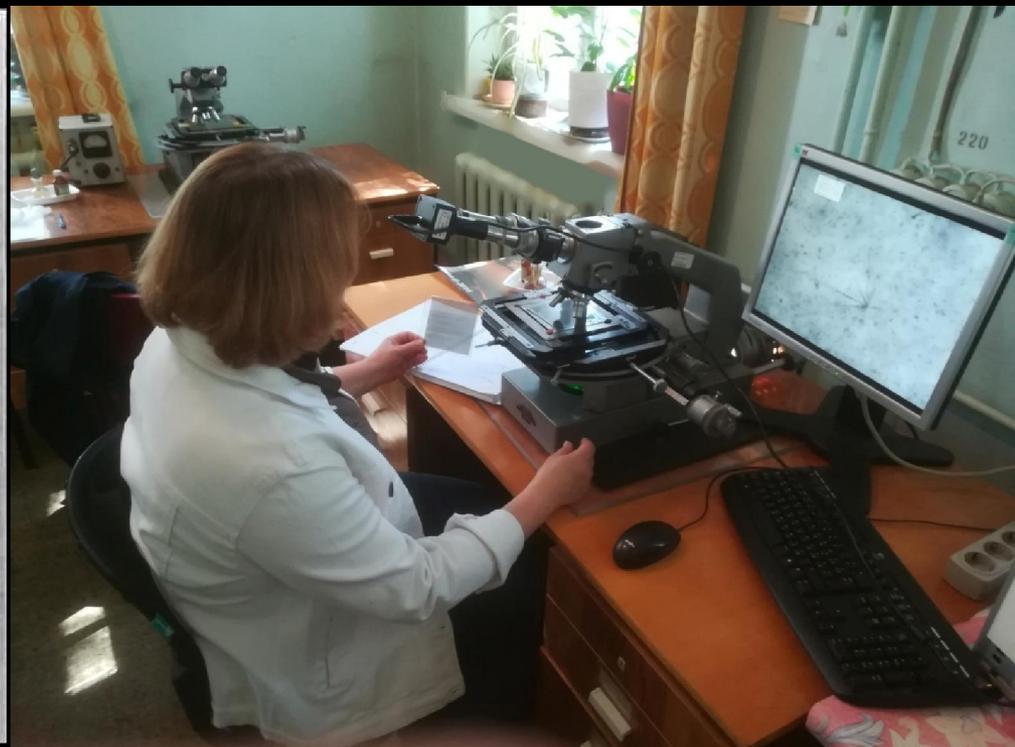
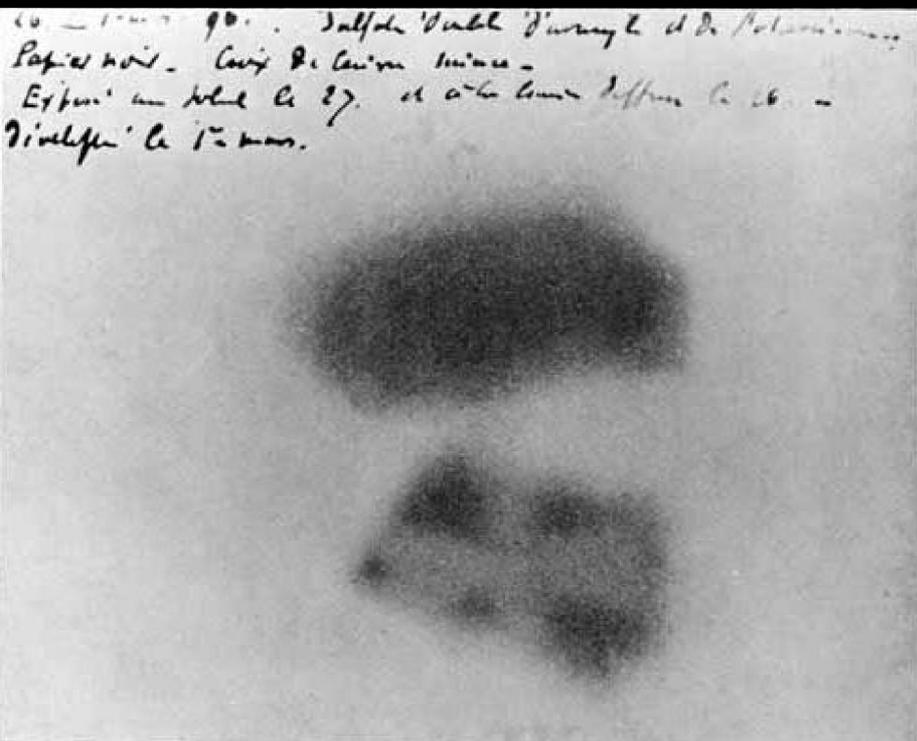
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# The Study of Elementary Particles by the Photographic Method

*An account of  
The Principal Techniques and Discoveries  
illustrated by  
An Atlas of Photomicrographs*

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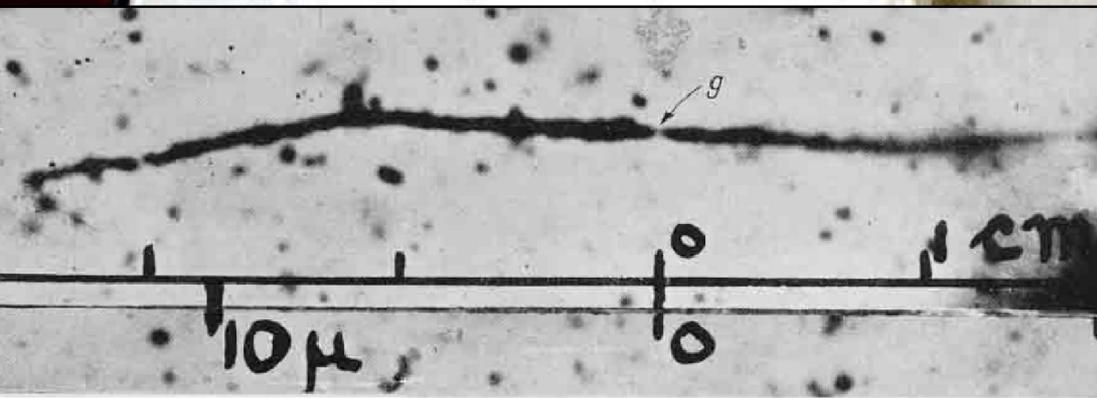
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after another which he continues his  
investigation until he arrives at the solution of his problem.  
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Tracks due to the fission of uranium. A thin layer of a uranium salt was 'sandwiched' between two layers of emulsion so that the origin of the two fission fragments can be determined by the gap in the track ( $g$ ), and the two ranges thus separately determined. The fragment on the left has collided with a nucleus in the emulsion to produce a forked track. The refinement of detail given by the very fine-grain emulsions produced by DEMERS is immediately apparent. The upper scale is divided to correspond approximately to the equivalent range in centimetres of air at N.T.P.

# On the New Fission Processes of Uranium Nuclei

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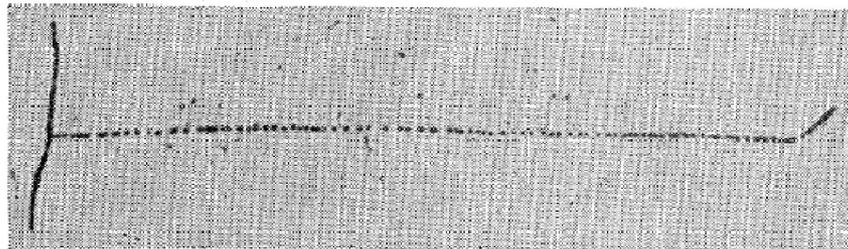


FIG. 1. Ternary fission: third fragment—mass  $\approx 9$ , range = 17 cm air equivalent.

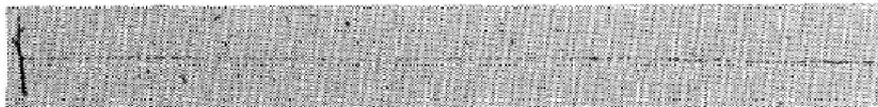


FIG. 2. Ternary fission: third fragment—mass  $\approx 6$ , range = 44 cm air equivalent. The two branches on one of the heavy fragments are caused by nuclear collisions.

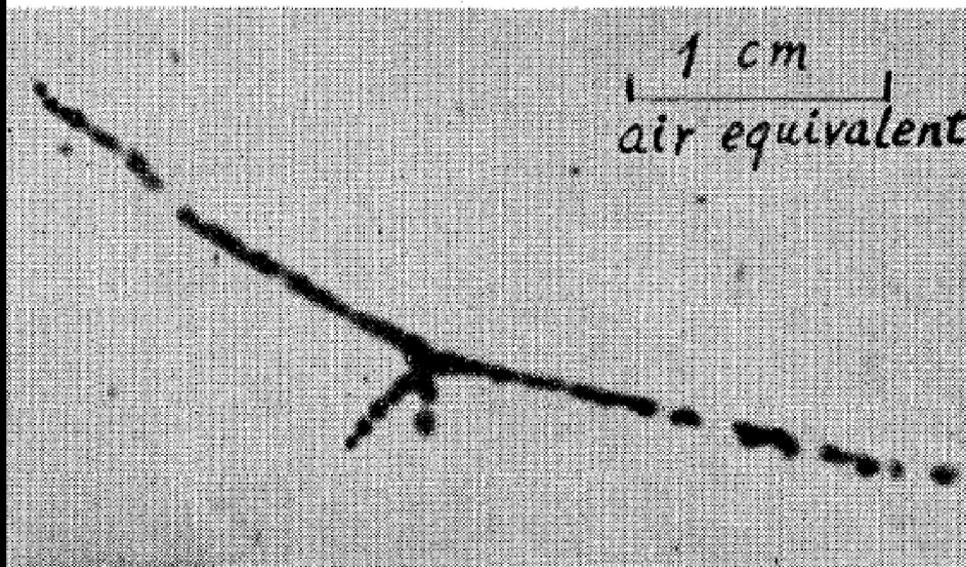


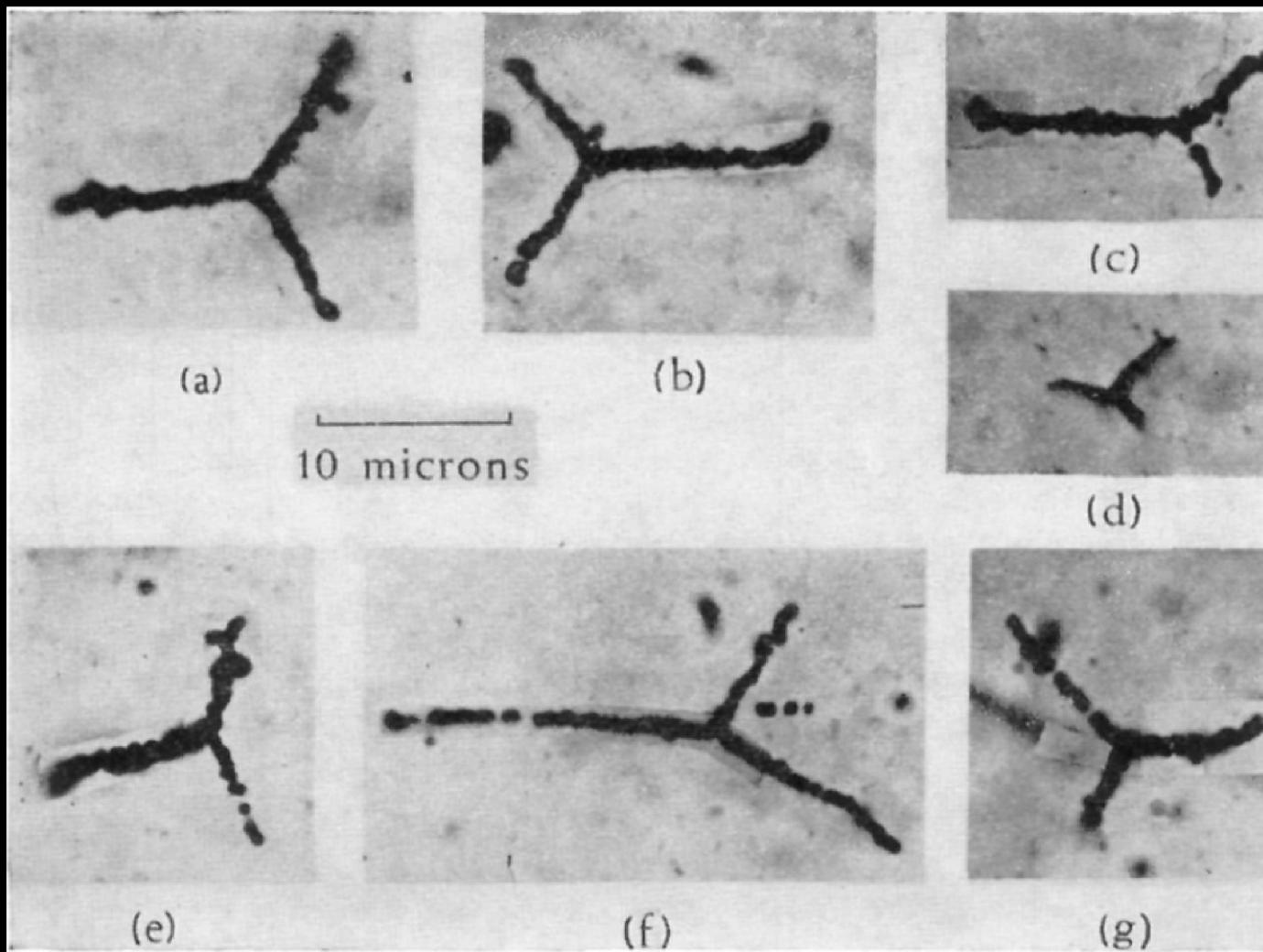
FIG. 4. Quaternary fission.



FIG. 5. Quaternary fission. (In same scale as Fig. 4.)

# Tripartition in the Spontaneous-Fission Decay of $\text{Cf}^{252}\dagger$

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**Crystal of silver-bromide -  $0.2 \mu m$**

**Atom -  $10^{-4} \mu m$**

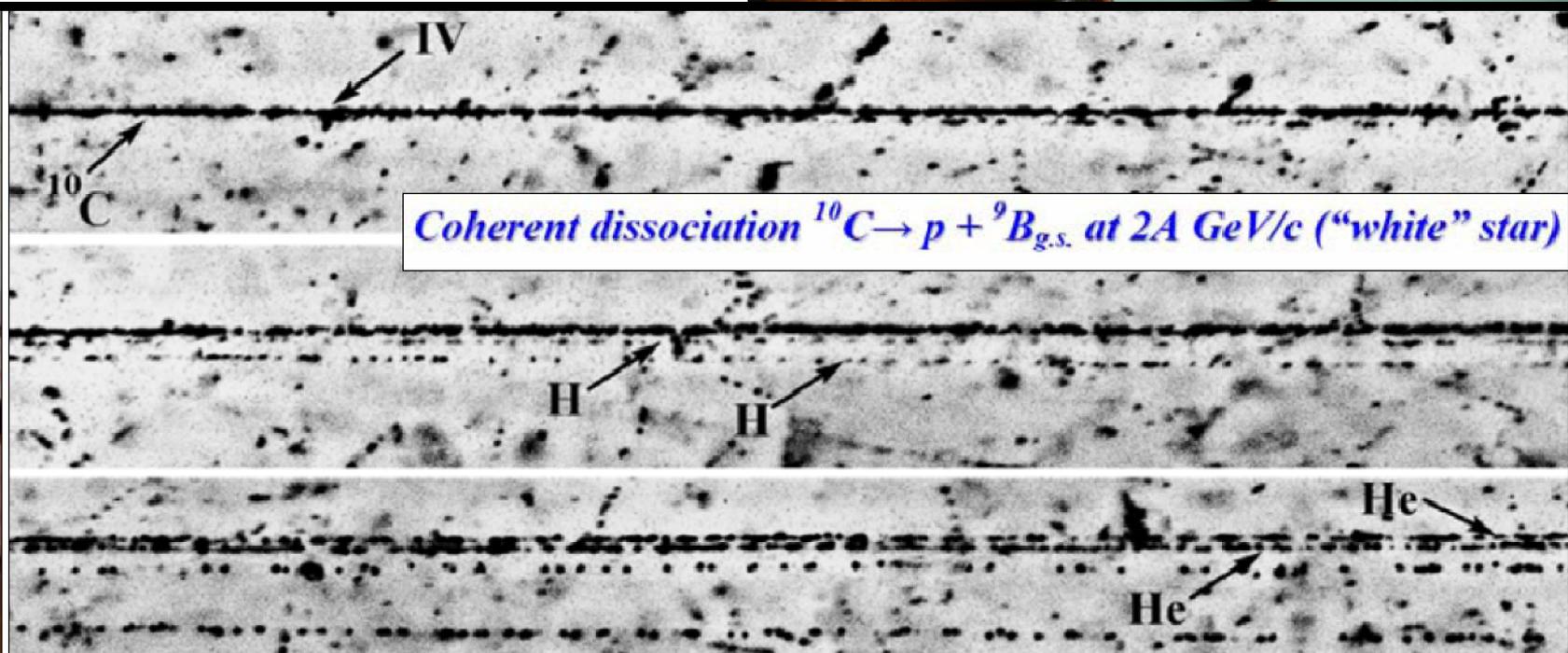
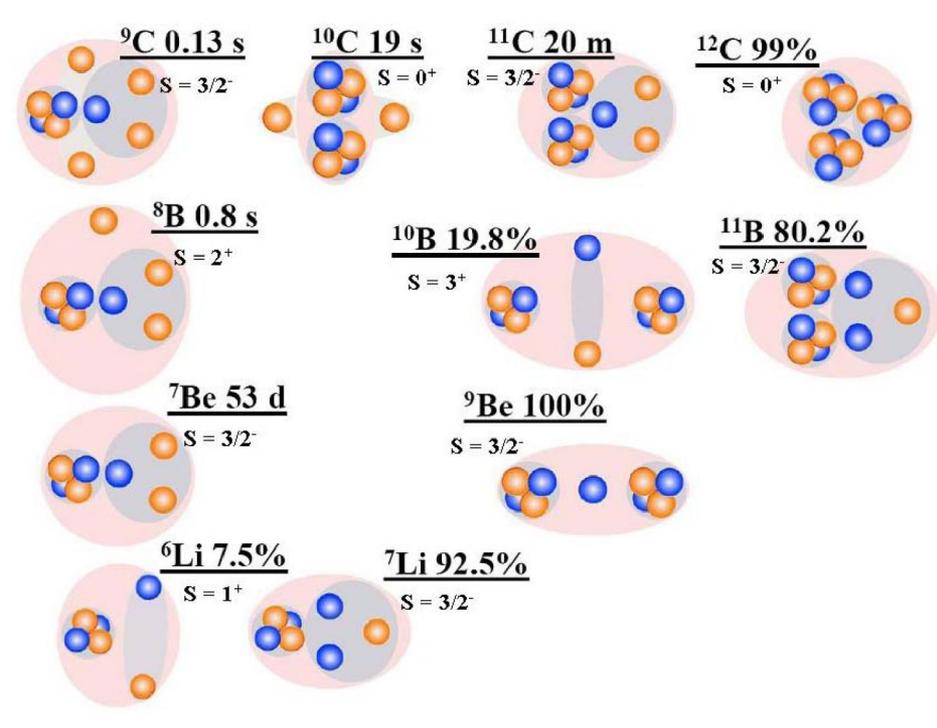
**Proton -  $10^{-9} \mu m$**



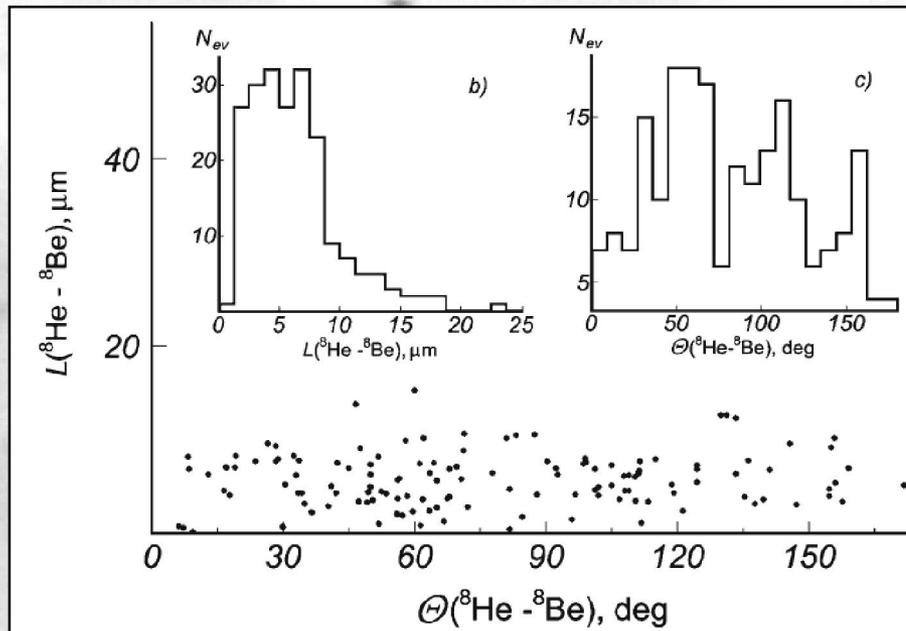
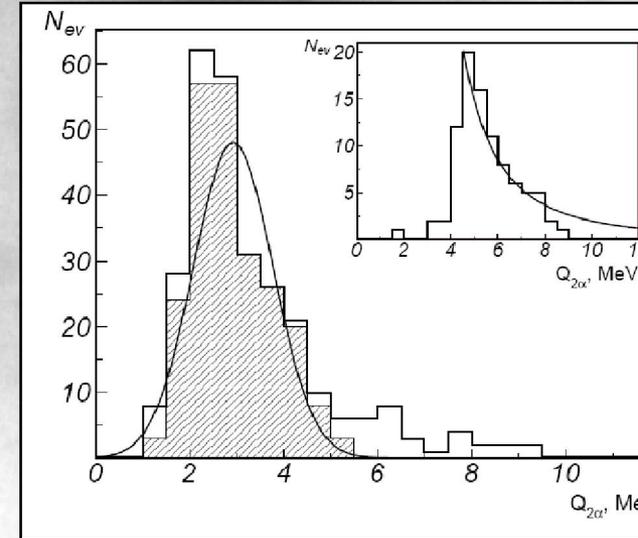
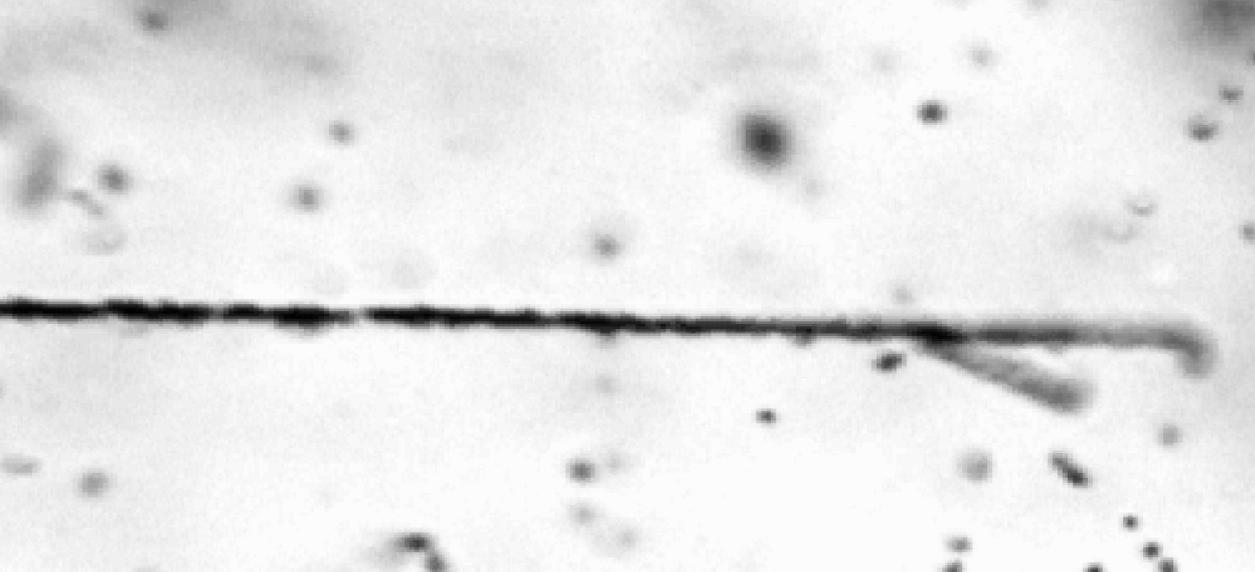
**$60 \mu m$**



**Human hair superposed on a nuclear star  
produced by relativistic sulphur nucleus**



# Exposure of Nuclear Track Emulsion to $^8\text{He}$ Nuclei at the ACCULINNA Separator



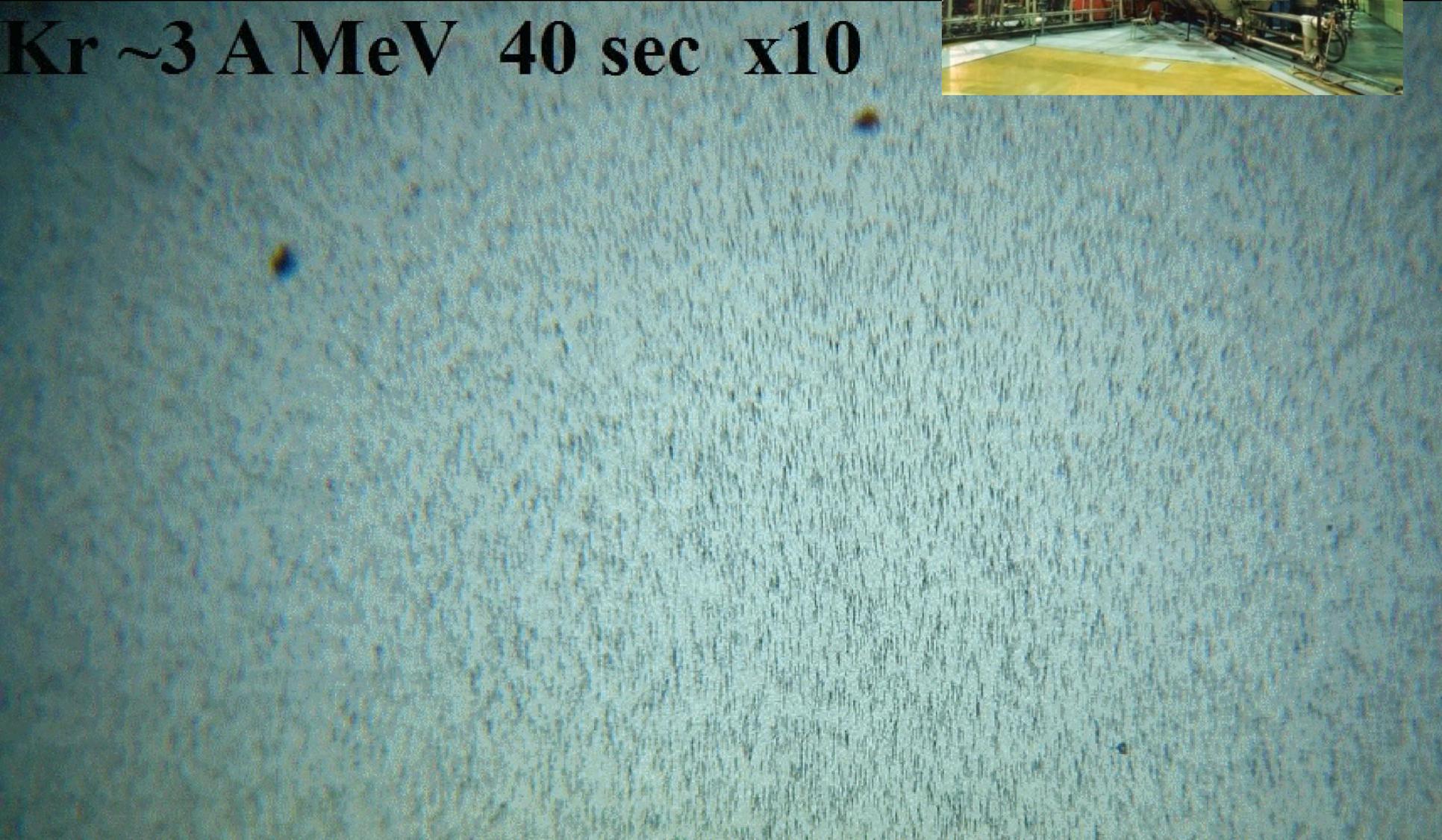
Xe x10 1.2 A MeV



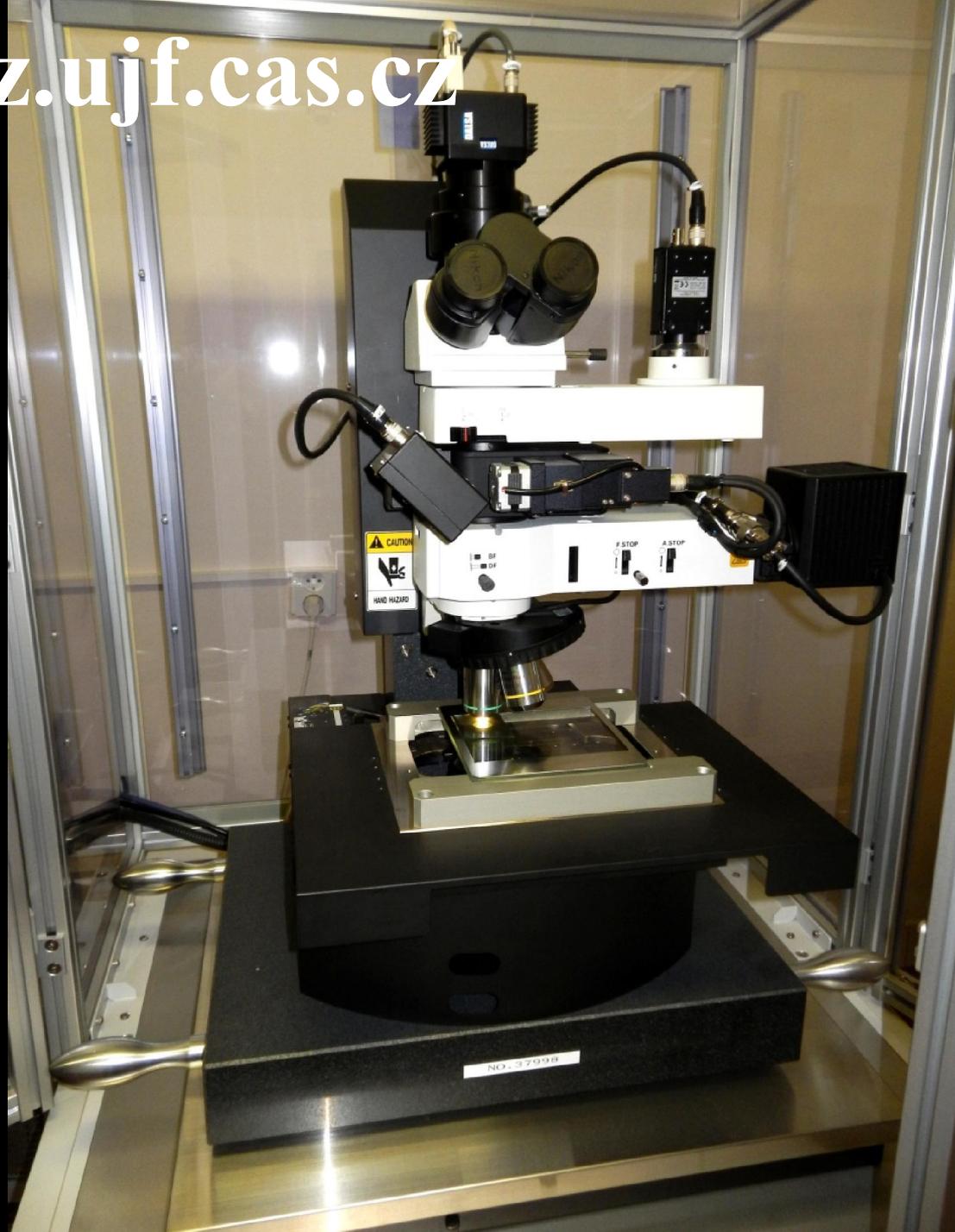
NTE is exposed to ions  $^{86}\text{Kr}^{+17}$  and  $^{124}\text{Xe}^{+26}$  accelerated to energy of about 1.24 MeV at the cyclotron IC-100 of the Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions, JINR. Since energy of these ions is small the exposure of NTE is performed without a light protective paper. Therefore, fixing of the NTE plates in the irradiation chamber was performed at lighting which is ordinary for a photographic laboratory. For 5 seconds of exposure the track density amounted to about  $10^5 - 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2}$ .

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**Kr ~3 A MeV 40 sec x10**



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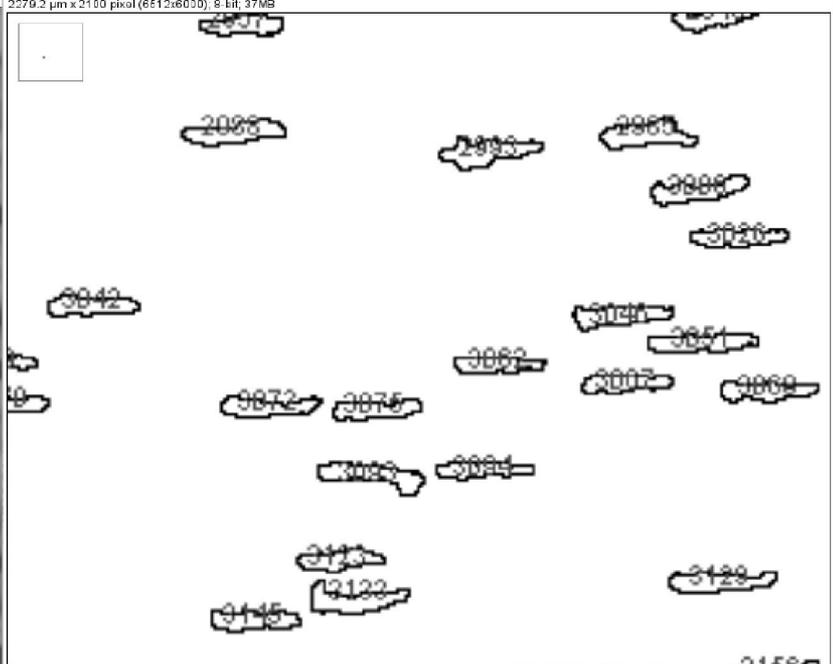
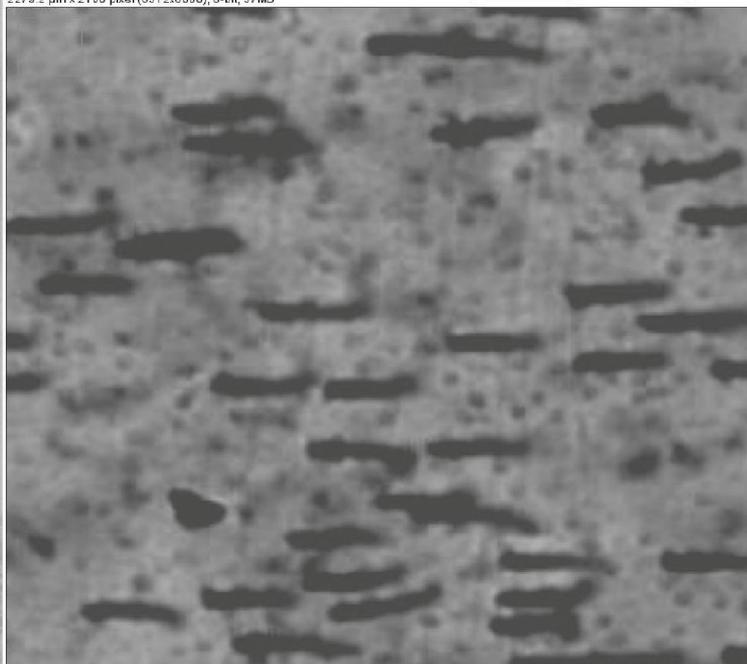
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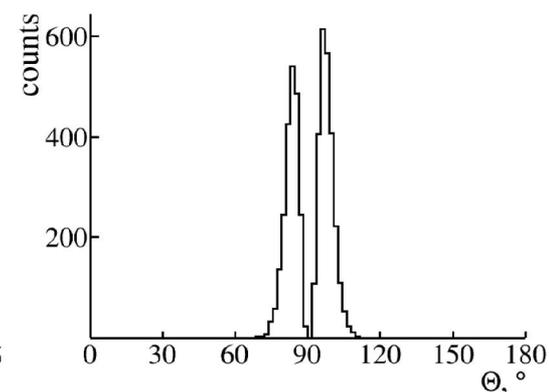
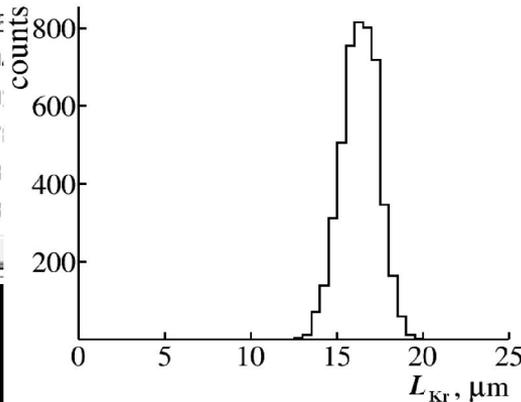
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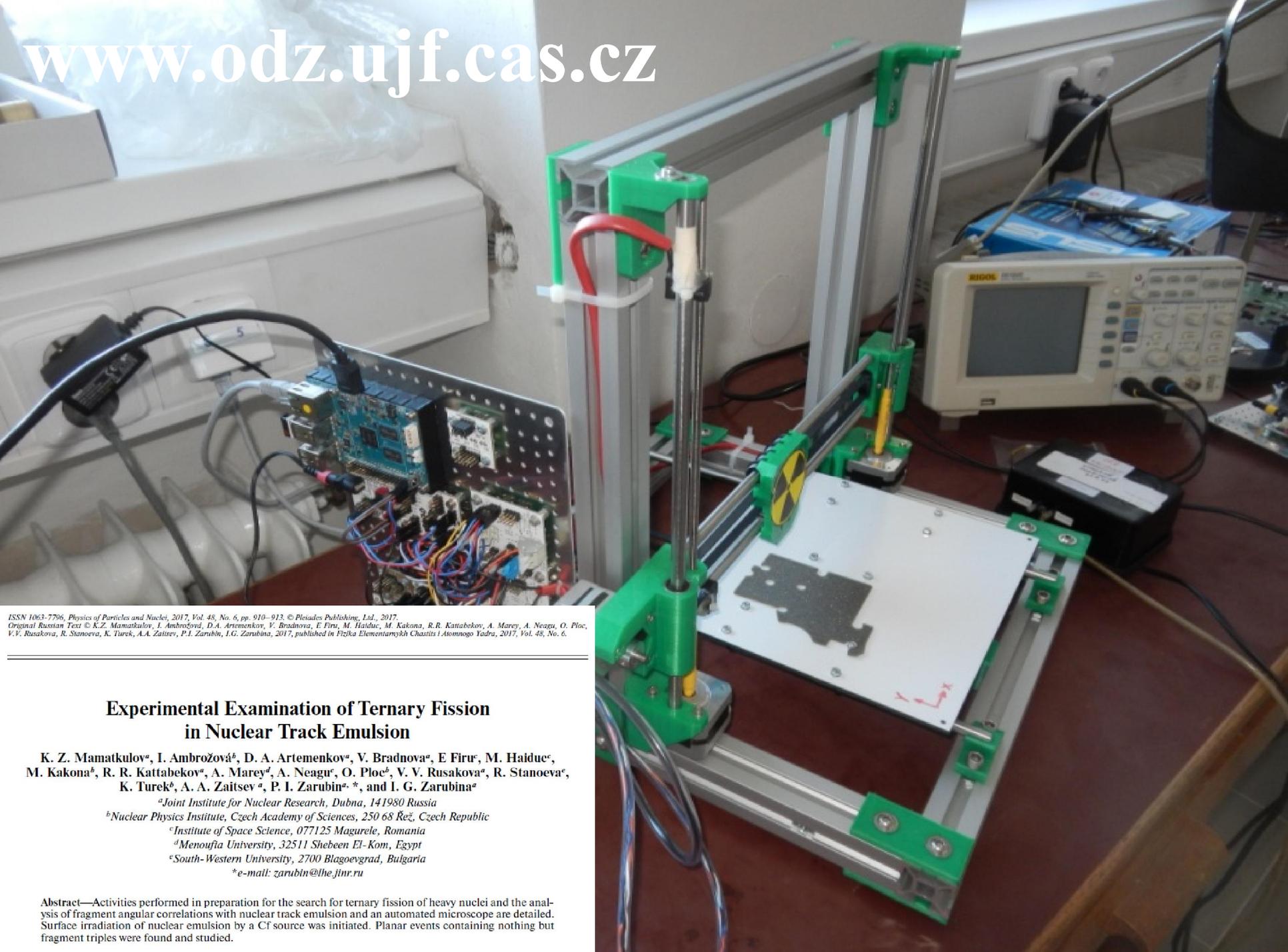
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## Experimental Examination of Ternary Fission in Nuclear Track Emulsion

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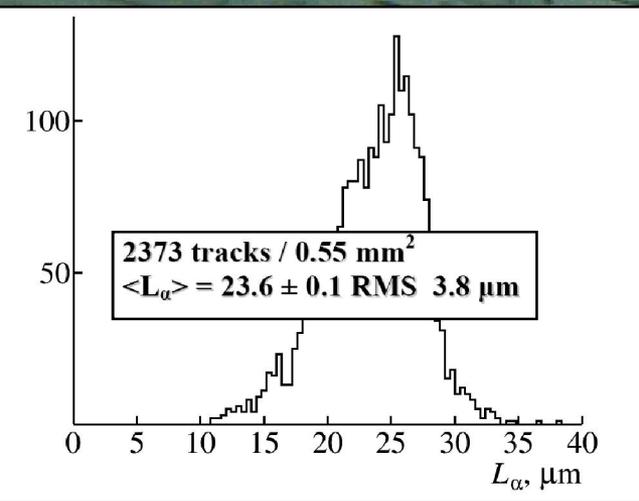
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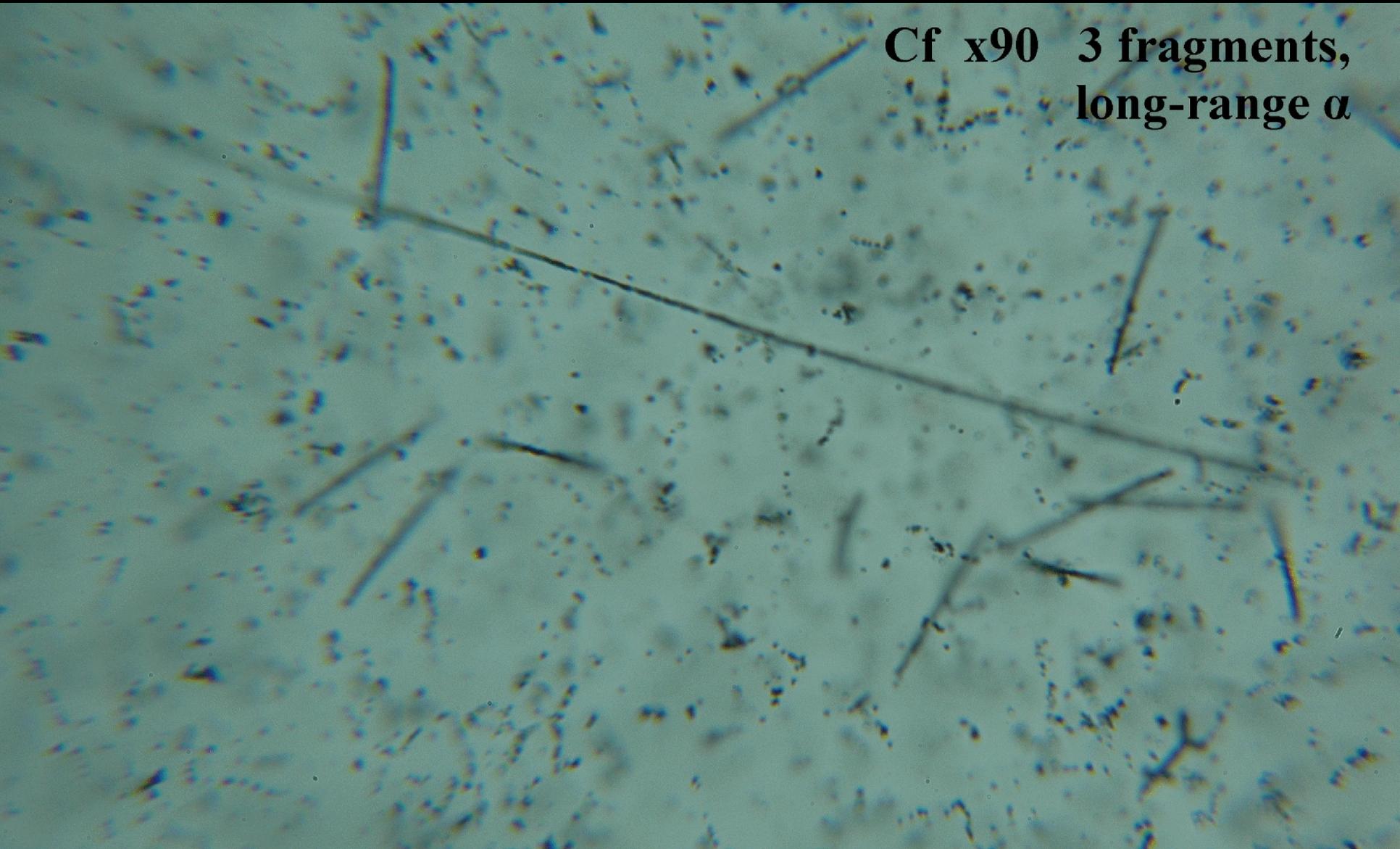
**Abstract**—Activities performed in preparation for the search for ternary fission of heavy nuclei and the analysis of fragment angular correlations with nuclear track emulsion and an automated microscope are detailed. Surface irradiation of nuclear emulsion by a Cf source was initiated. Planar events containing nothing but fragment triples were found and studied.

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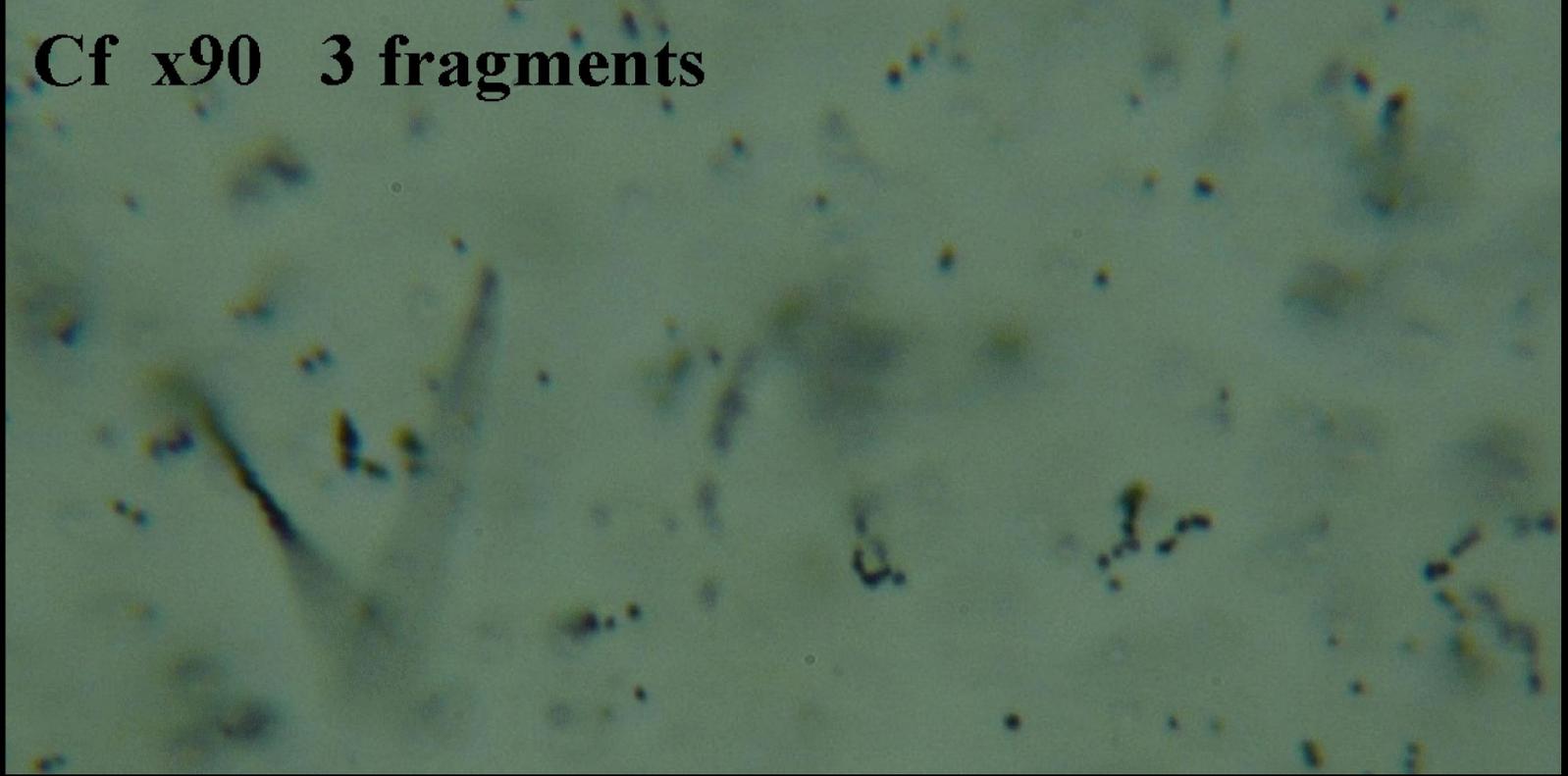


Surface exposures of NTE samples in DRD were performed by a manually moving <sup>252</sup>Cf source. Most likely, the <sup>252</sup>Cf isotope decays by emission of  $\alpha$ -particles of energy of 5-6 MeV, the tracks of which mainly populate an exposed sample. This isotope also undergoes a spontaneous fission to a pair or even triple of fragments with probabilities of 3%, and about 0.1%, respectively. For comparison an NTE sample was exposed to a <sup>241</sup>Am source emitting only  $\alpha$ -particles in the same energy range. Since the ranges of decay products are small the source exposures are performed without a light protective paper in a darkroom when illuminated with red light.

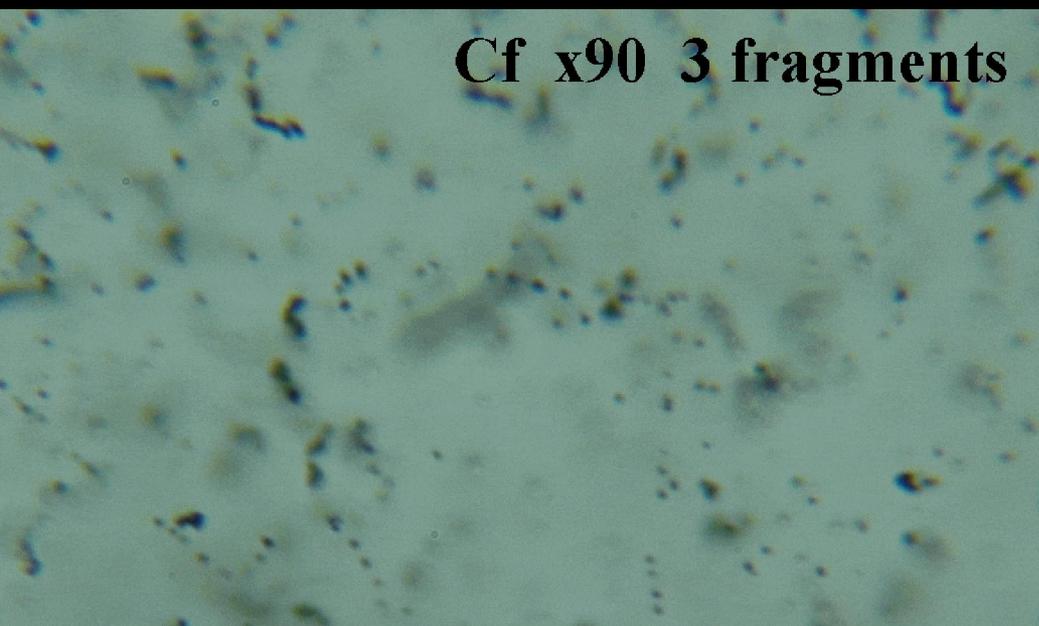
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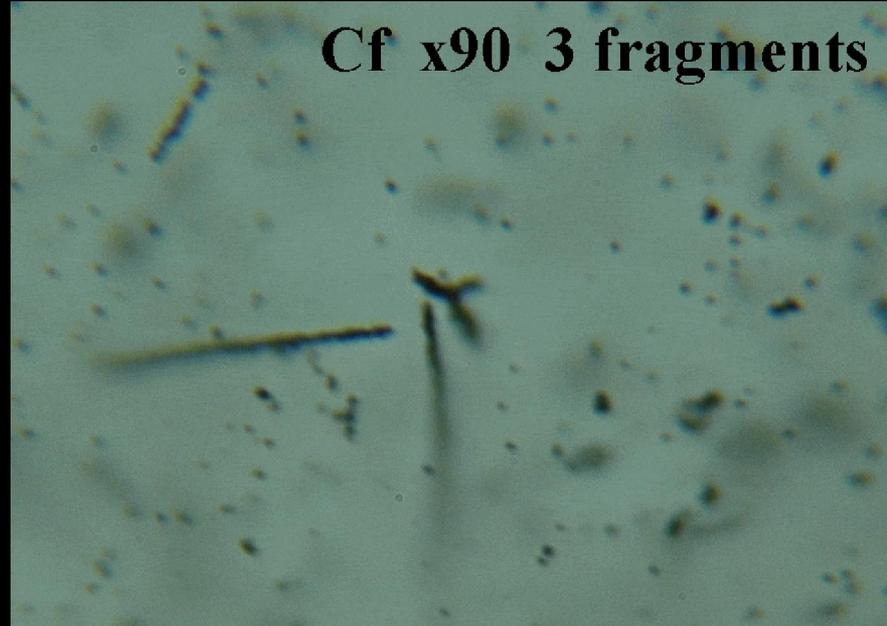
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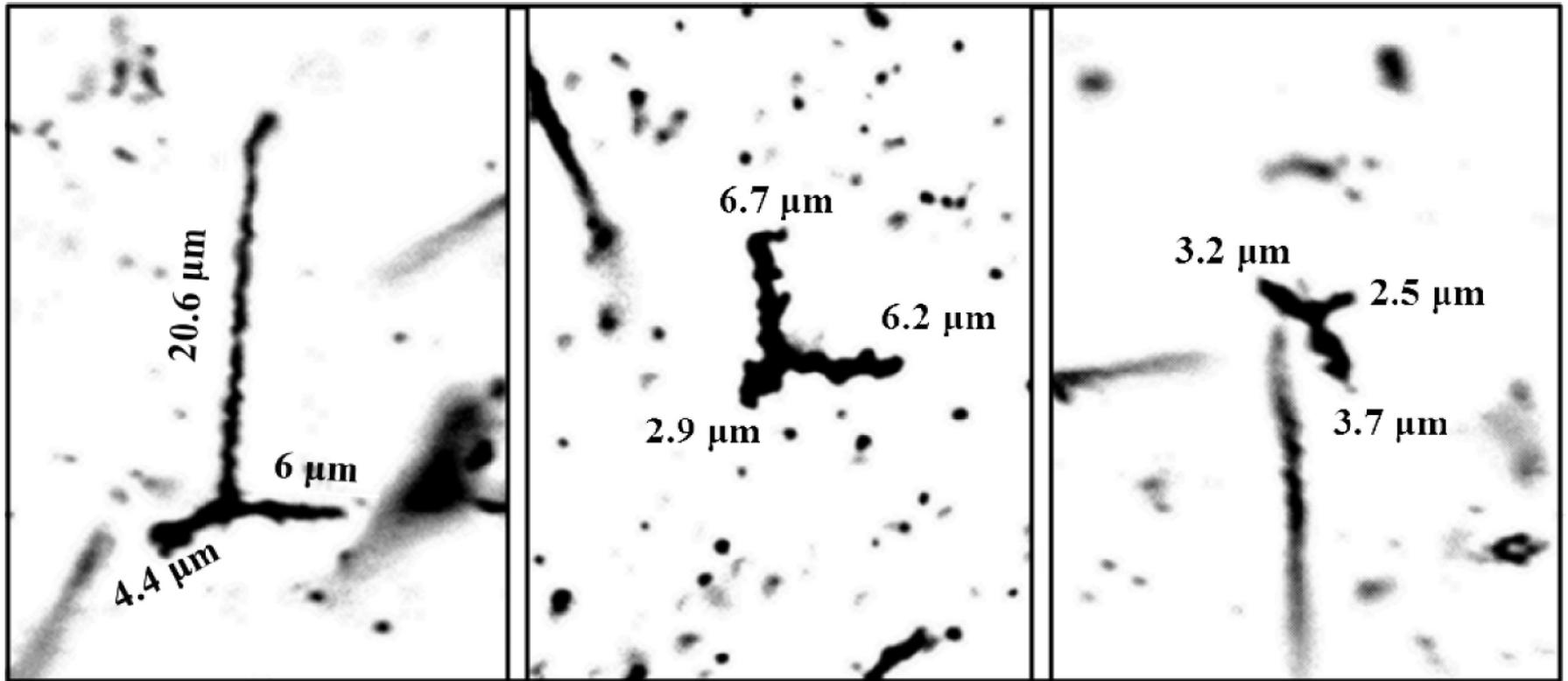


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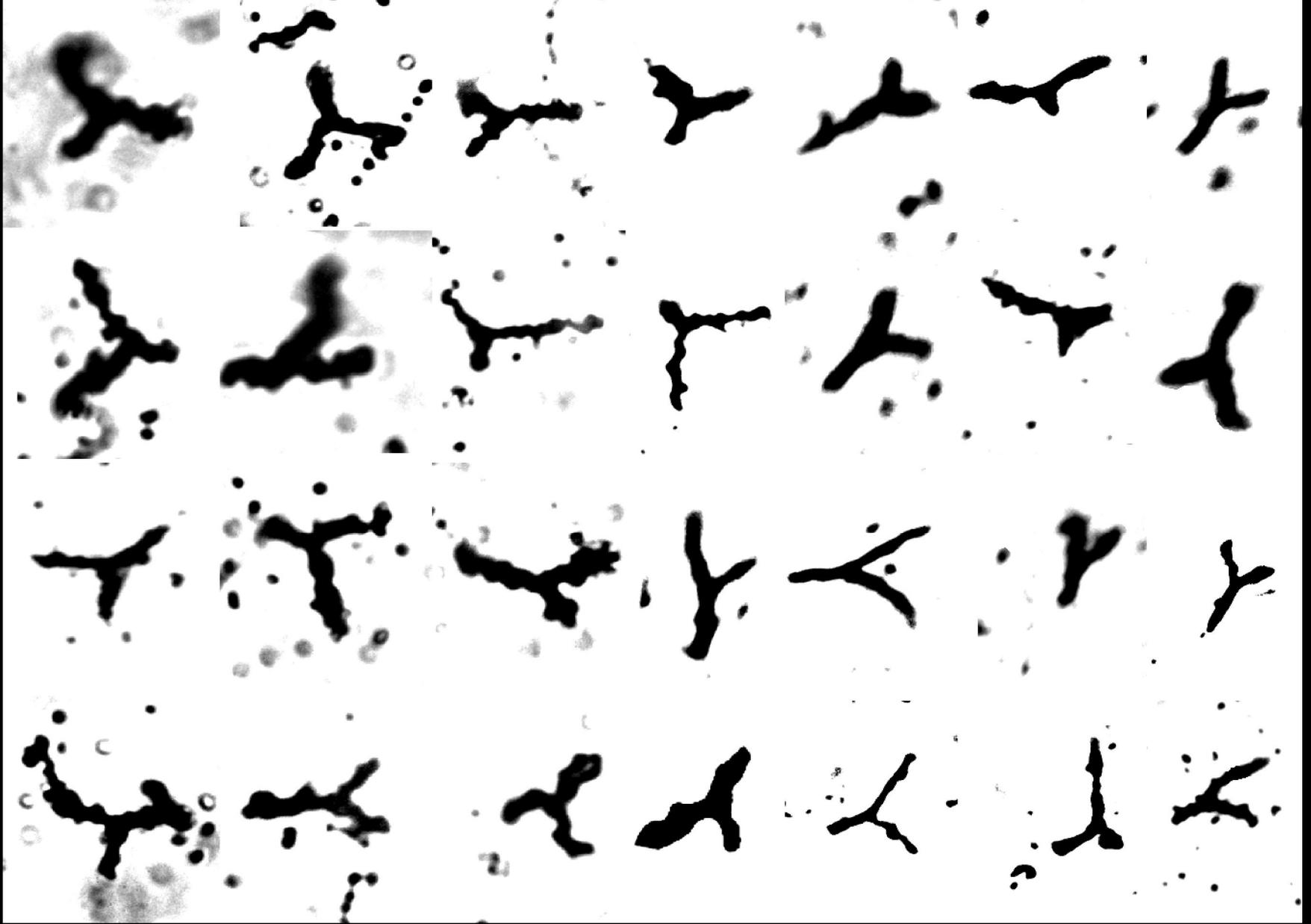


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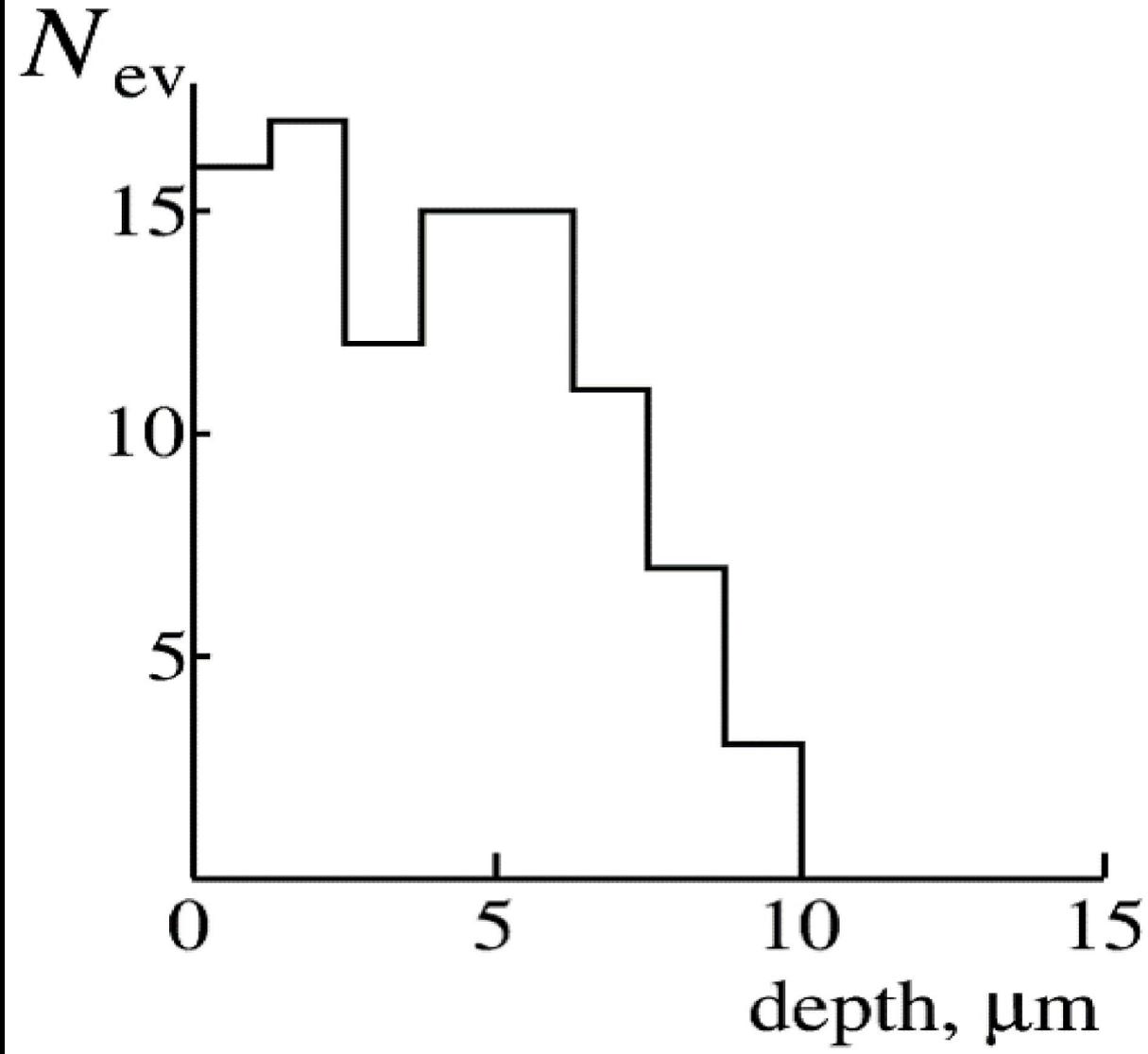




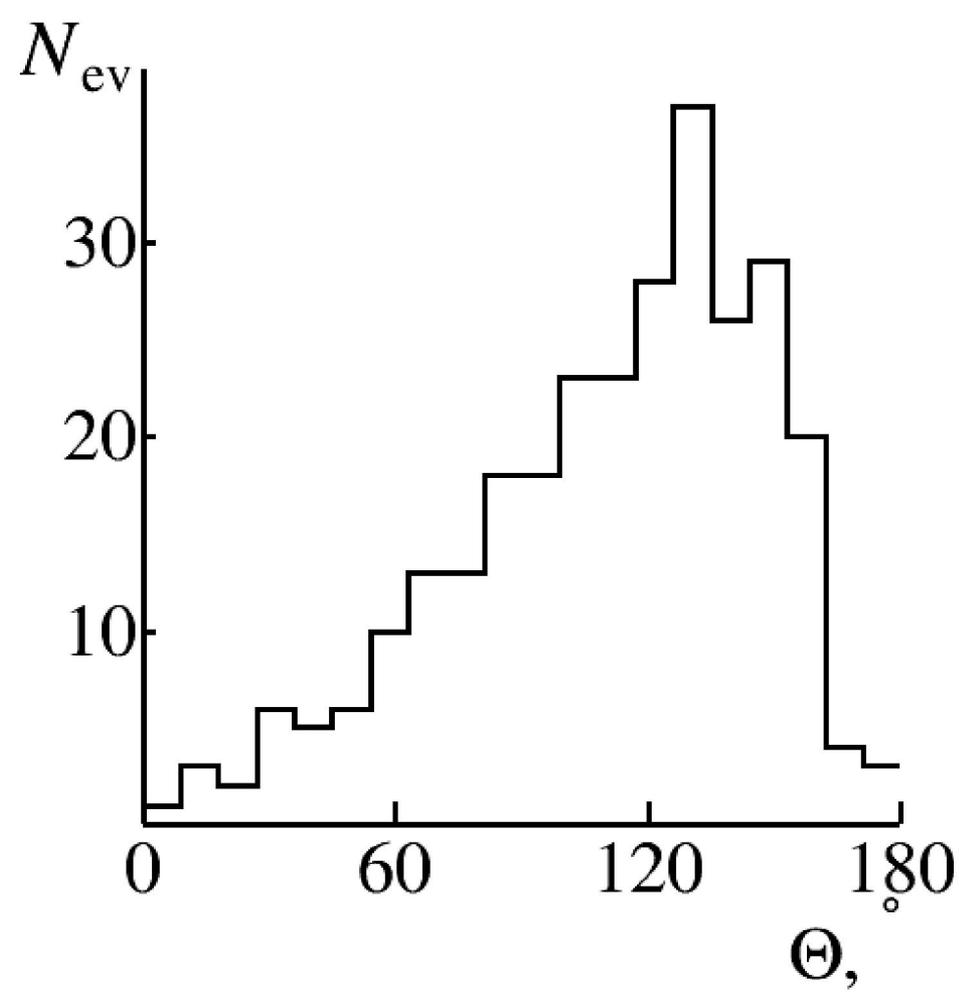
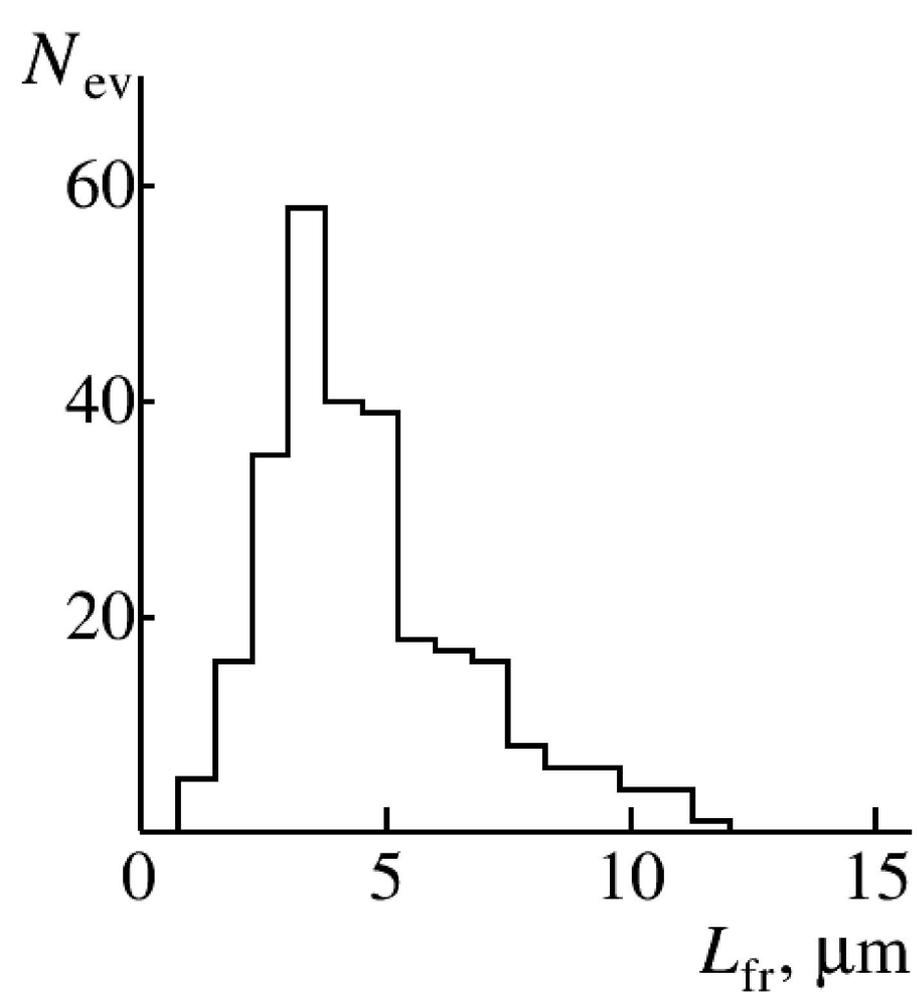
**Figure 1.** Examples of observed events of ternary fission; track lengths are specified. Left photo: long-range  $\alpha$ -particle (long arrow), fragment (middle arrow). Mid and right photo: three fragment tracks.



**96 planar events with fragment triples were also found during examination of the surface of NTE layers irradiated by the Cf source. The vertices of triples should be located deeper than the track diameter in order for the track triples to be observed fully.**



**Figure shows the distribution of 96 vertices of Cf fission into three fragments over the NTE layer thickness. The mean value is  $4.1 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{m}$  (RMS  $2.5 \mu\text{m}$ ). This effect is probably associated with the binding of Cf atoms in microcrystals AgBr and their drift. The surface shielding of the source with the initial thickness of deposited gold of  $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  (according to certificate) apparently did not prevent this penetration.**



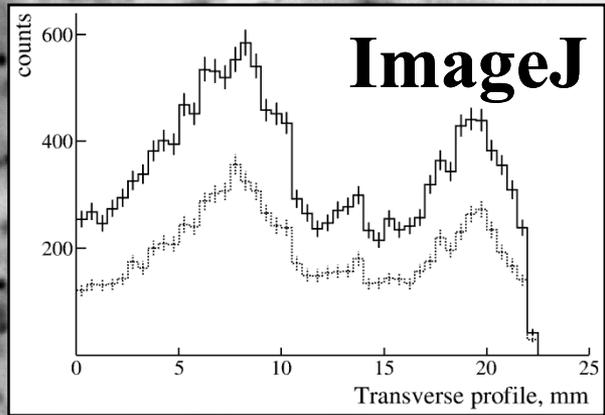
**Track lengths  $L_{\text{fr}}$  of all fragments were measured in 96 found ternary fission events. The mean value of  $L_{\text{fr}}$  is  $4.6 \pm 0.13$  (RMS 2.1)  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a rough estimate of the average energy is 400 A keV.**

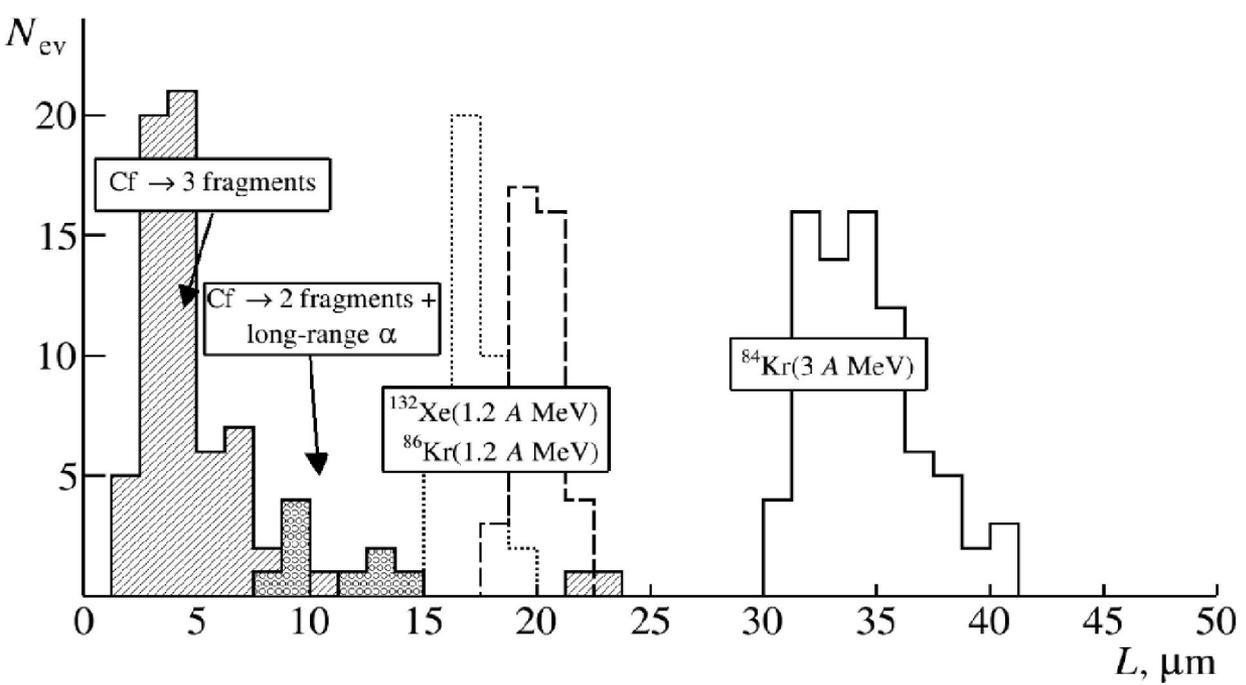
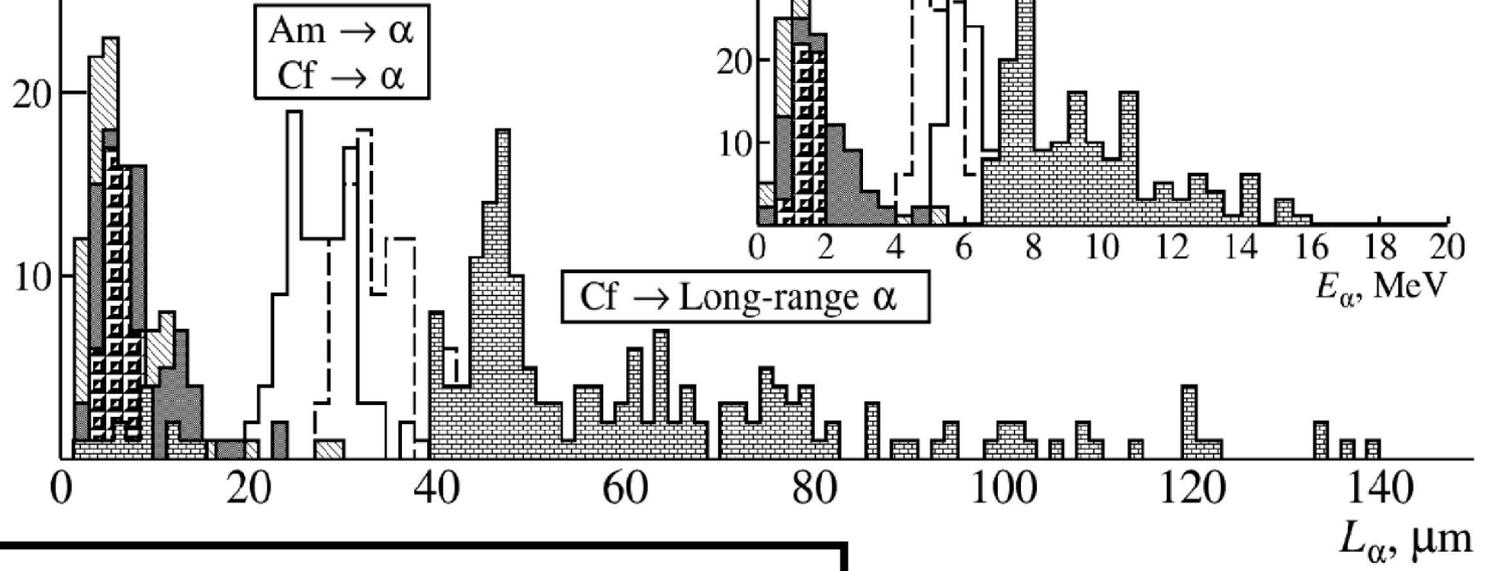
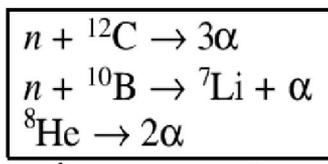
**The opening angles of tracks of fragments were measured in these events. Their distribution has a mean value of  $111 \pm 2$  (RMS 36)°.**



NTE samples enriched in boron (boric acid and borax) were irradiated for 30 min at the thermal neutron channel of the IBR-2 reactor JINR .

# IBR-2 15min Boron 500mkm\_x60





**The ion range calibration of  
 in NTE needs to be extended  
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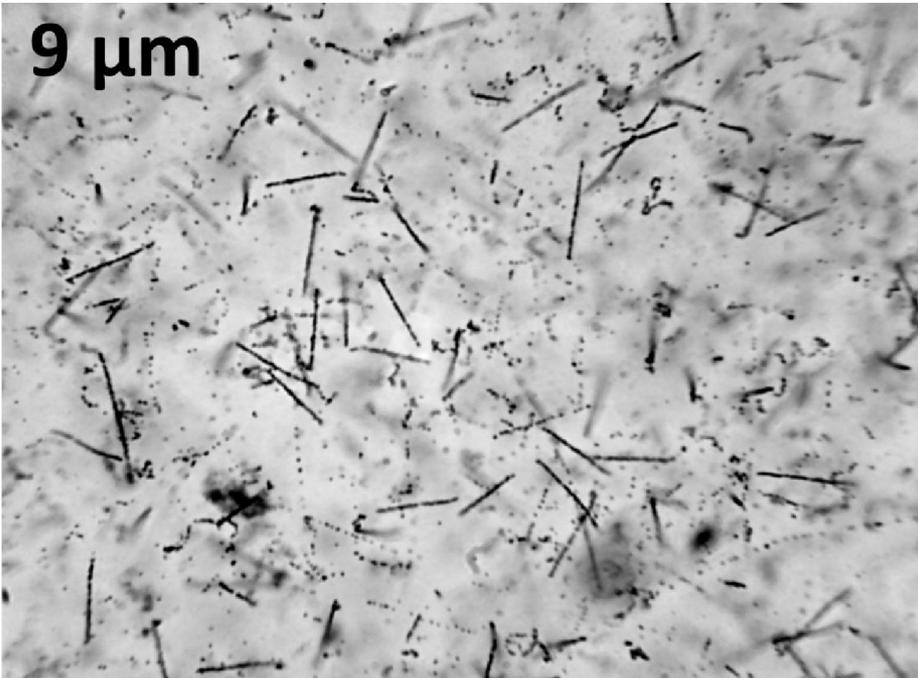
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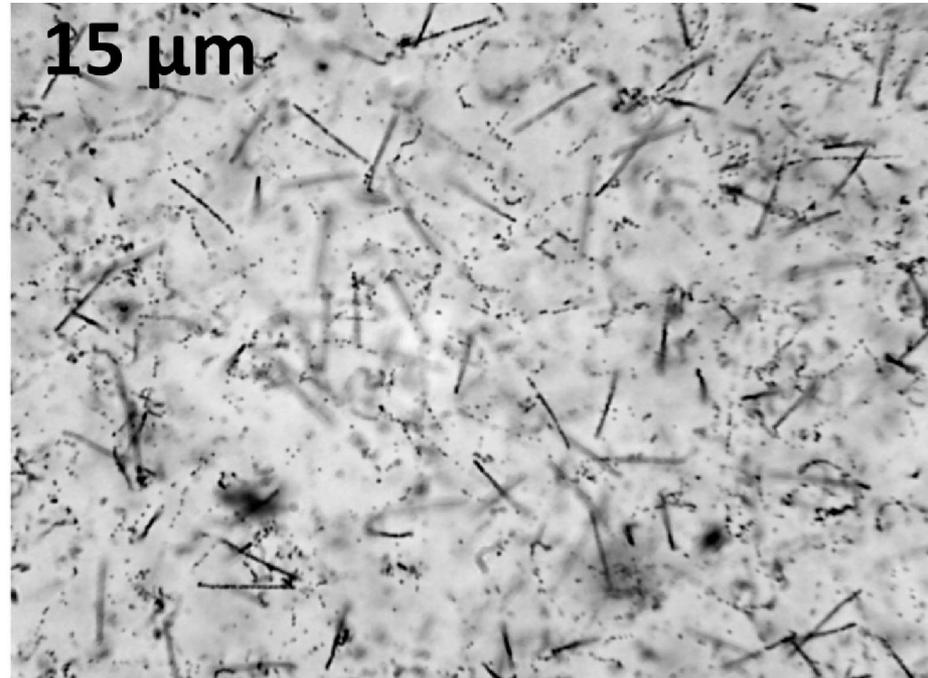
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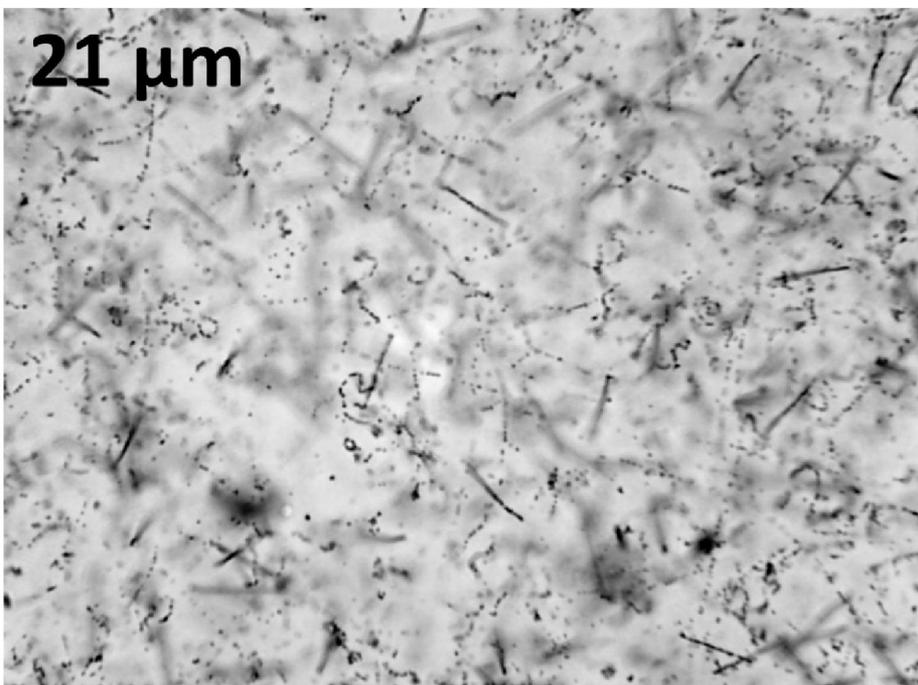
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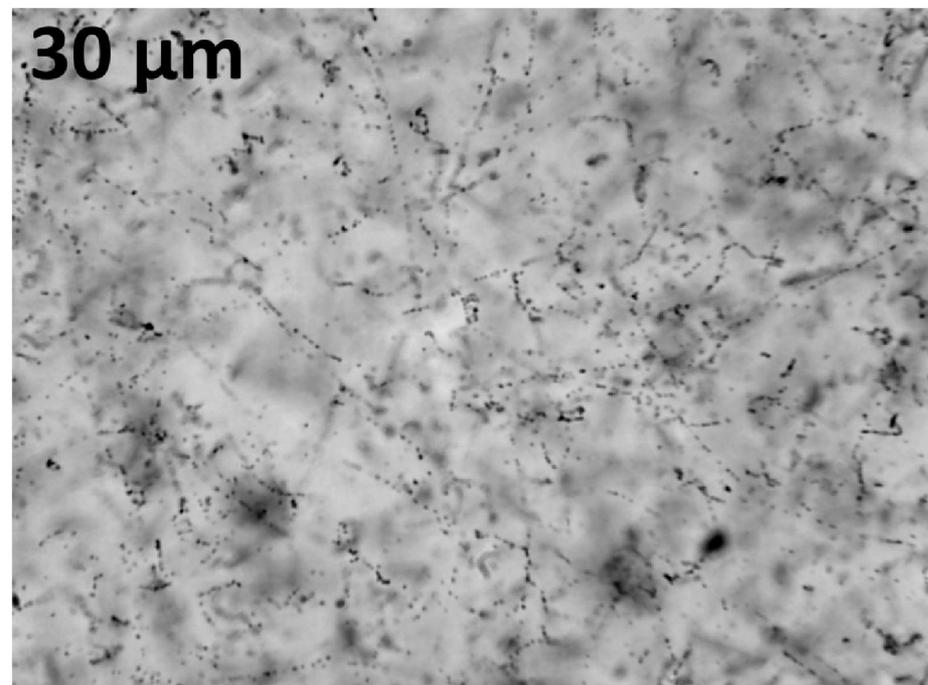
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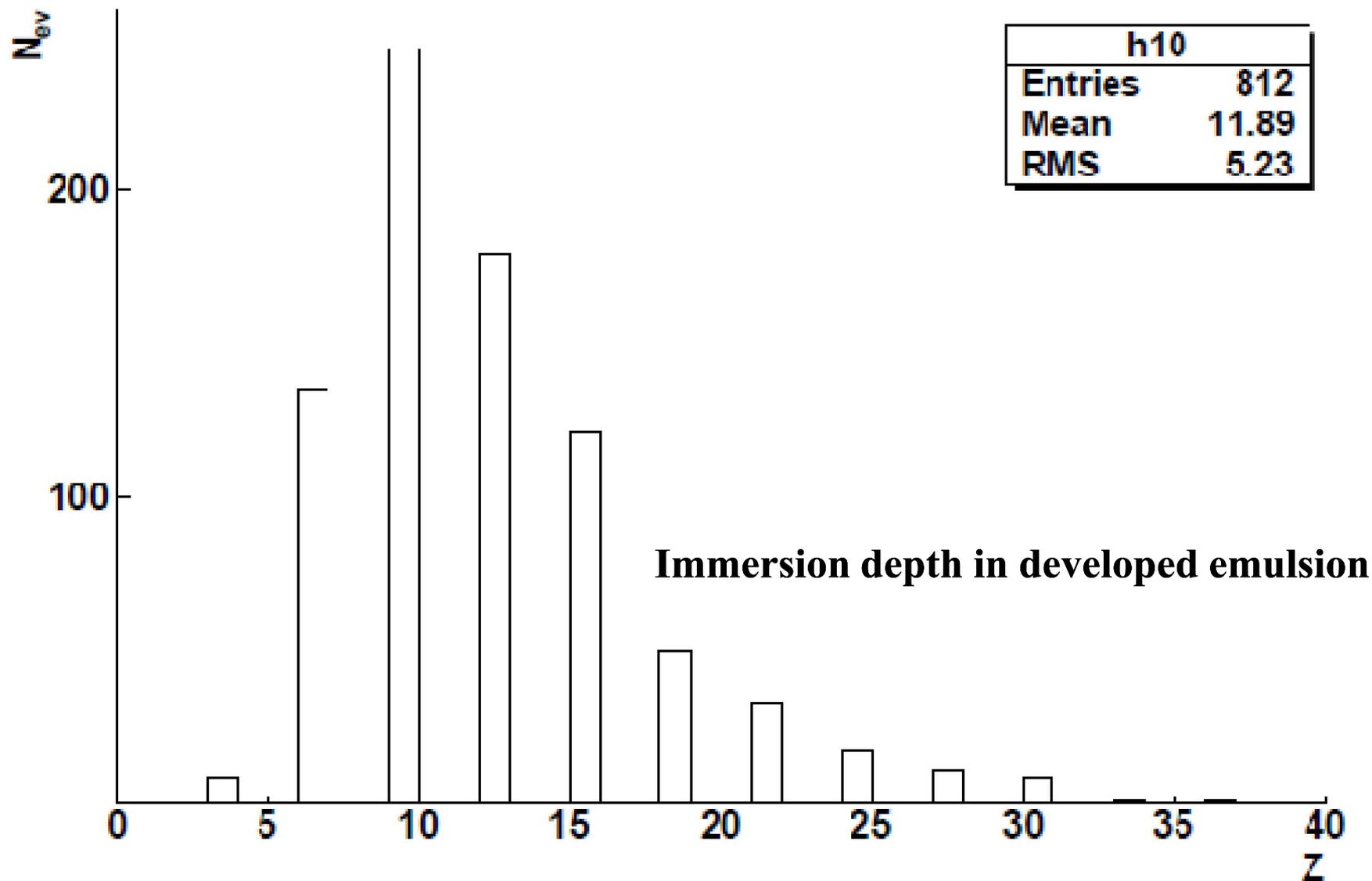


**30  $\mu\text{m}$**



# Number of planar $\alpha$ -tracks per 1 $\mu\text{m}$ in 50 $\mu$ emulsion on glass soaked in solution of uranyl nitrate

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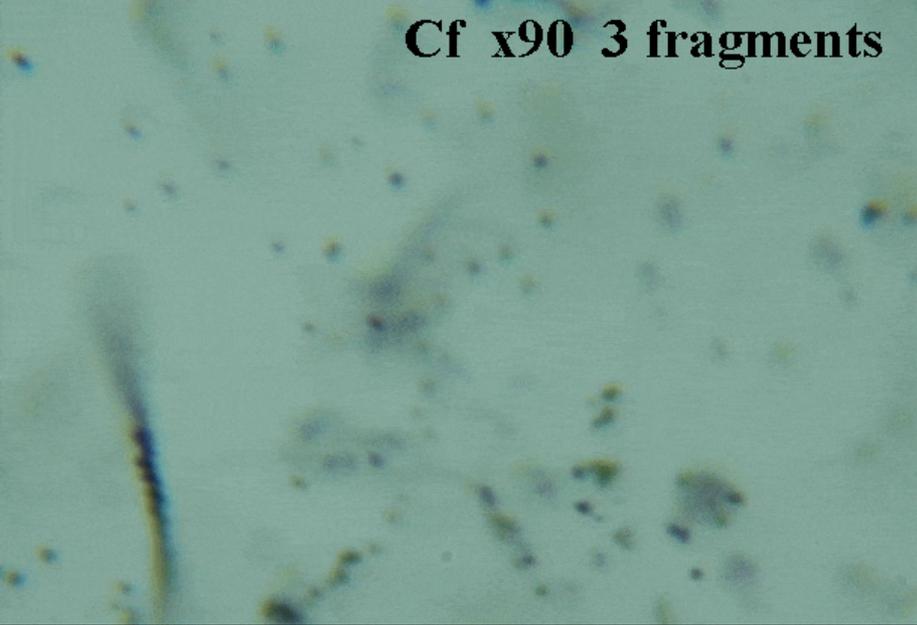
**In general, the synergy of modern radioactive sources, NTE proven metrology and advanced microscopy seems to be a promising prospect for  $\alpha$ -radioactivity and nuclear fission research.**

**Thus, the present study focused on the NTE return in practice of nuclear experiment will serve as a prototype of solution of an impressive variety of problems.**

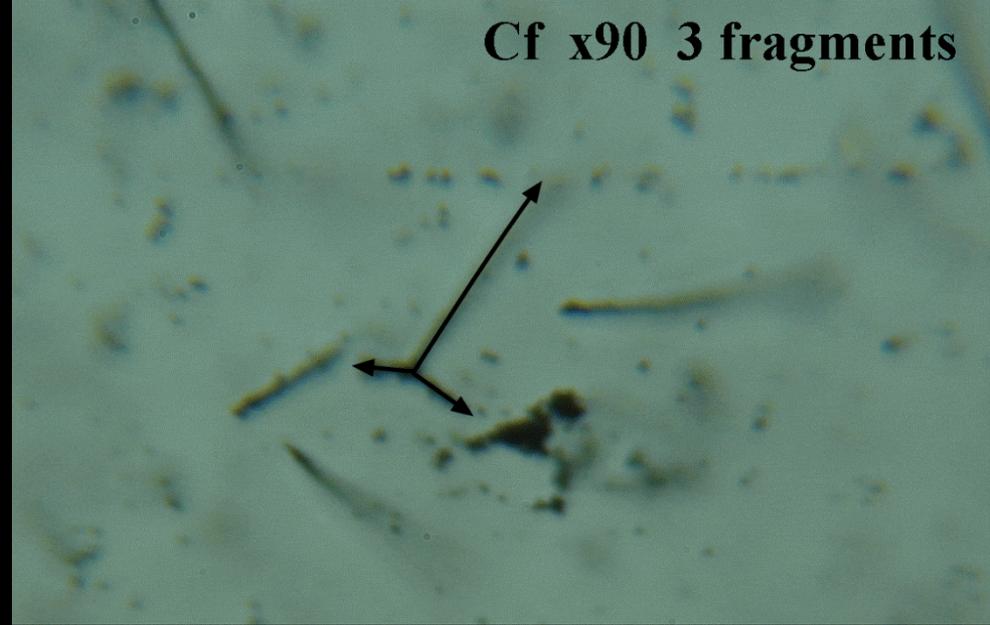
**It can be assumed that ions of transfermium elements will be implanted in NTE. Their bright decays can be found as common vertices of few  $\alpha$ -particle tracks and fission fragments. This perspective emphasizes the fundamental value of preservation and modernization of the NTE technique.**

**Macro photos of the discussed exposures and videos based on them are available on the BECQUEREL project website.**

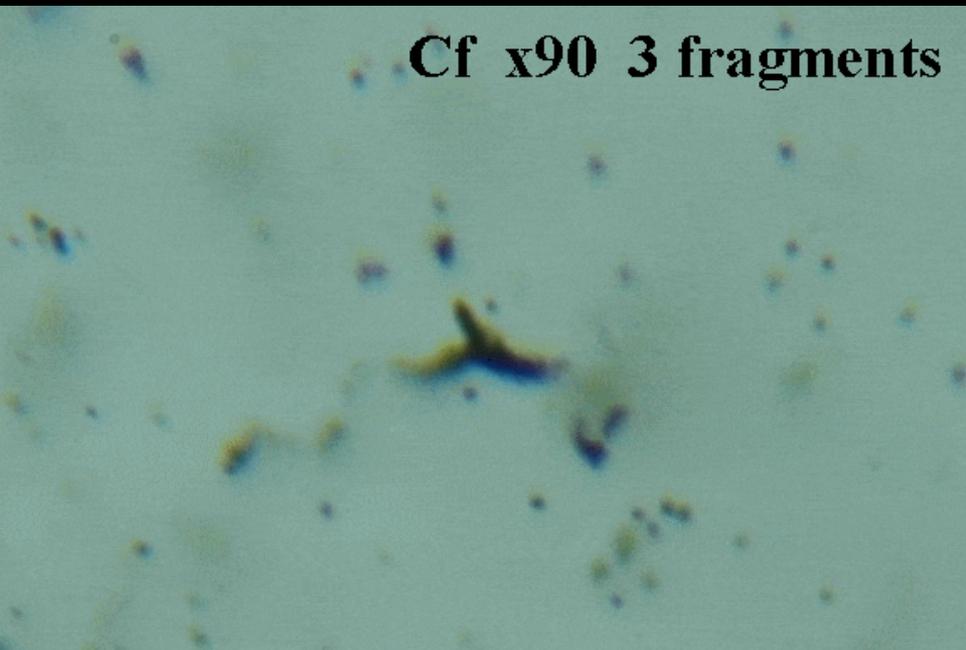
**Cf x90 3 fragments**



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