

Reactor Group Facilities and Utilities



Facilities available with RRMD

Motor Testing Station

Motor test station facility consisting of following items:

- Power panel for testing of motors up to 30 KW at load and motors up to 125 KW at no load
- Load Panel consisting of isolating switches, starters and protection units.
- Control desk consists of three phase motorized auto transformer, PC fixed in the control desk, Power analyzer and measuring and indicating instruments for the motor testing facility.
- Adjustable base frame suitable for testing up to 125KW motors with anti-Vibration mounting
- Load testing facility (dynamo meter)



Motor Test Panel

Electrical Maintenance Workshop and Relay Testing Facility

Electrical workshop is equipped with following facilities:

- Motor re-winding facility
- Motor/ Switchgears Test station
- Lighting and power supply board preparation station
- Overhauling test setup like Heating oven

Relay Testing Facility

There are around 400 protection relays for the equipment at Dhruva, Cirus and other facilities. These relays need to be calibrated and tested periodically. Relay testing lab caters following functions:

- Testing of all type protection relays
- All electrical components testing like timer, counter etc.
- PLC system testing
- Test data storage and display
- Operator friendly arrangement in test bench layout



Relay Testing Lab

Relief & Safety Valve Test Facility

- 1. Type of Tests that can be performed are
 - Seat leak test, Set Pressure test/Pop test
 - Back Pressure test
- 2. Sizes of safety relief Valves that can be tested
 - Flanged Valves from ½" to 6"
 - Screwed Valves form ½" to 2"
- 3. Pneumatic & Hydro test Bench.
 - Hydraulic Testing from 0 to 200 bar
 - Pneumatic Testing (with external Nitrogen Cylinder) from 0-120 bar



Relief Valve Test Facility at Dhruva

Calibration Lab for Instruments

Calibration Lab for Field Instruments

Calibration Lab facility provide platform for calibration of all Field Instruments of Research Reactors (~1000 Nos. of pressure, level, flow & temperature instruments).

Standard Calibration Lab for Test instruments

Calibration of all the test instruments for process parameters from research reactors are carried out at Cirus Standard Calibration Lab against standard instruments with better accuracies.



Cirus Standard Calibration Lab



Dhruva Calibration Lab

Testing and performance evaluation facility for Neutron Detectors

Testing and performance evaluation facility for Neutronic Detectors at Critical Facility: This facility is utilised for taking performance characteristics of Neutronic detectors e.g. B-10 Lined Uncompensated Ion Chambers, B-10 Counters, Fission Counters, He-3 detectors etc.



D-9/D-10 locations in reflector region



Signal cables coming out in the Reactor Pit

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TPLC-32 based System Development & Board Test Facility and Welding Shop

TPLC-32 based System Development and Board Test Facility at Dhruva

TPLC-32 based System Development and Board Test Facility was established at Dhruva to test various configurations of TPLC-32 based systems. This facility also serves as offline test set-up for TPLC-32 based RTLS, SULS and AAS of Dhruva.

Welding Shop - The welding Shop consists of:

- 2 Portable welding machines,
- 2 inverter welding machines,
- 1 plasma cutting machine,
- 2 transformer welding machines
 - Gas cutting sets



TPLC-32 based Board Test Facility



Welding Equipment

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Machine shop and LASER Alignment tools for Pumps & fans

Dhruva and Cirus Machine shop consists of:

- Multiple Lathes,
- One Bandsaw,
- One Shaping machine,
- One Radial Drilling machine,
- One Milling machine, Pedestal Grinder,
- Power Hacksaw machines & Hydraulic Press for catering to fabrication works required for Research Reactors.

LASER Alignment tools for Pumps & fans

LASER V-belt pulley Alignment tool LASER shaft Alignment tool is available at Dhruva.



Work Shop (Machine shop)



LASER Alignment tools for Pumps & fans

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Hydraulic torque wrenches and Video Conference Facility

Hydraulic torque wrenches

Machine is Useful with cassettes for nuts 30 to 65 mm A/F sizes.

Video Conference Facility

Video Conferencing Facility is absolutely functional for inter department and also outside for engaging in meetings with high quality of audio & video.



Hydraulic torque wrenches

Facilities available with ROD

High Flux Research Reactors at Trombay

	Apsara	Cirus	Dhruva	Apsara-U
Reactor Type	Pool type	Tank	Tank	Pool Type
Date of criticality	Aug 4, 1956	July 4, 1960	Aug 8, 1985	Sept, 2018
Nominal Power	1 MW _{th}	$40 \text{ MW}_{\text{th}}$	100 MW _{th}	2 MW _{th}
Fuel	HEU (U-Al)	Nat U	Nat U	U ₃ Si ₂ -Al (LEU)
Fuel Inventory	4.5 Kg U-235	10 Ton	6.5 Ton	28 Kg
Th N flux n/cm ² .sec	1.0 x10 ¹³	6.7x10 ¹³	2.0x10 ¹⁴	6.1x10 ¹³
Fast N flux n/cm ² .sec	4.5 x10 ¹²	1x10 ¹²	5x10 ¹²	1.3x10 ¹³
Moderator/coolant	H ₂ O/H ₂ O	D ₂ O/H ₂ O	D_2O/D_2O	H ₂ O/H ₂ O
Shutdown Devices	Cadmium plates	B ₄ C Filled rods	Cadmium annular rods	Hafnium plates

Critical Facility for AHWR



- Tank type reactor with Fuel assemblies suspended over Girders having adjustable pitch.
 - 61 lattice locations ; 24.5 cm pitch
 - 19 pin NU cluster as standard fuel
 - Heavy water as moderator; no coolant
 - Power: 100 W; Neutron Flux : 10⁸ n/cm²/sec
 - Shut down system: 6 shut off rods
 - Reactivity control: Moderator level control
- AHWR Test fuel : Central 9 positions for AHWR cluster
- Graphite reflector at bottom
 - Large Irradiation space in Graphite Reflector for irradiation of Large and irregular shape objects, Radiation Detectors

Utilization of Critical Facility



Photographic view-core

- Validation of the physics design parameters of AHWR Type Fuel Adjustable Pitch of fuel assemblies, Different core configuration possible
- Testing neutron Detectors
- Activation of samples (Soil, Geological rock, Biological sample and Metallic alloys) for neutron activation analysis (NAA)



Inside bottom Graphite reflectors, large space (150 cm × 10 cm × 10 cm) is available for irradiation of irregular samples. The samples can be installed & removed manually. Activated sample can be availed within few minutes after activation for subsequent analysis. Large size samples (up to 500 g) after packing in polythene can be activated.

Detector Installation

Sample installation

Facilities in Dhruva Reactor



Dhruva Reactor Hall

Neutron Beam Holes:

100mm Tangential and Radial Beam Holes, 300 mm dia Beam Holes, 100 mm Through Tubes

Facilities for Bulk Production of radio-isotopes:

On-Power Tray rods for frequent Loading unloading of samples, Special Tray rod in Fuel positions for long term irradiation of Target, Slug Rods for Irradiation of Target material of Special Shape and Size, Adjuster Rods utilised for Production of Co-60 with High Specific Activity

Facility for Neutron Activation Activation:

Pneumatic Carier Facility, Self serve Facility, Irradiation in Isotope Tray rods

In core Testing of Fuel and material for power reactor design

Special Fuel Assemblies in Normal fuel positions, Experimental Assemblies in normal fuel positions

Neutron Beam Holes

- Four 100 mm dia tangential & four 100 mm dis radial beam holes
 - Instrumented Setup for Neutron scattering
- Five 300 mm diameter radial beam holes
 - Neutron Radio Grapy Facility
 - DURGA facility (prompt Gamma rays spectroscopic study)
 - CTIF (for studying variation of mechanical properties under irradiation)
 - Guide Tube Laboratory (4 exit Ports)
 - PGNAA Experiments
 - Neutron Scattering Experiments
- Two through tubes of 100 mm diameter providing four experimental ports.
 - UGC–DAE SCR consortium
 - Self serve Facility



Schematic of Guide Tube Laboratory

Advanced Neutron Imaging Beam line at H5-3018

Beam characteristics			
Beam parameter	Value		
Thermal neutron flux	4 x 10 ⁷ n/s-cm ²		
L/d ratio (collimation)	160		
Cadmium ratio	250		
Beam diameter	120mm		

Advanced Collimator for Imaging

- Sapphire single crystal as neutron filter
- Bismuth single crystal as neutron, filter and for gamma absorption
- Dual collimator for absorption and phase contrast imaging
- High cadmium ratio predominantly thermal neutron beam





Advanced Neutron Imaging Beam line at HS-3018

Potential Applications

- Hydrogen fuel cell research for future automobile sector
- Heavy metal intake in crops/plants for agriculture sector
- Growth study of genetically modified seeds
- Fault analysis / aging (residual stress) of engineering components (example: train wheels, bridge columns)
- Study of archaeological artifacts

Archaeological Applications



Photograph of Buddha statue



Neutron tomography of Buddha statue - (R) Wax remnants on surface due to bronze casting process detected

Reactor Engineering Applications

Hydride blisters in Zircaloy Pressure tube







3D volume profile of hydride distribution in surrounding zircalloy

Pneumatic Carrier Facility (PCF)

- NAA of short-lived isotopes (half-life of the order of seconds) requires a facility, which permits samples to be placed in position for irradiation as well as for counting in **a very short time after irradiation**.
- This requirement can only be fulfilled if the samples are sent into the reactor directly from the counting laboratory, received back after completion of irradiation time and analysis of sample is taken up immediately in the same laboratory.
- PCF is designed yo achieve Such Requirement
- PCF is Extensively used for
 - Trace element determination by NAA
 - Determination of uranium by SSNTD
 - Sample irradiated : 1900

Max. neutron Flux Irradiation Time Capsule Material Capsule Size 9.7 X 10¹³ n/cm²/sec Max 999.9 sec (60 s) Polypropylene 25 mm Dia (OD) X 38 mm Length







SELF SERVE Facility TT-1116



Schematic of the Self Serve Facility



SELF SERVE BALL WITH CAPSULE

SELF SERVE Facility in Through Tube -1116 for short term irradiation of targets (Few Hrs to couple of Days)

Thermal neutron flux ranges from 3.2E+12 to 1.50E+13 n/cm²/s The facility is in regular use since May 2017

Tray Rods for Isotope Production

Two nos. of "On-power" tray rod positions (H-7 and K-09)

- Tray rod removal/Installation possible in Reactor Operation
- In H-07, tray section can be loaded with 90 regular sample Capsules (Every Monday Sample changes)
- In K-09 tray section can contain 2 Xenon containers& 72 regular capsules (Every Friday Sample Changes)
- Addition Tray rods in fuel Channel position
 - Commonly called "Off Power Tray rods" as these can be removed only during Reactor Shut down
 - Standard Tray section in which 90 sample Capsules can be loaded
 - Governed by available reactivity and Special Requirements

Major Isotopes Produced

Mo⁹⁹, I¹³¹, P³², Sm¹⁵³, Lu¹⁷⁷, I¹²⁵, Br⁸², Co⁶⁰, Ir¹⁹², S³⁵



Sample capsule (L) and Tray Section (R)

Adjuster Rod

- Air cooled Adjuster rods
- Tray section containing Capsules(Co) Can be inserted and take out of active core as and when required through electrically driven headgear
- Specially designed Capsules contaminating Pallets
- Production of Co-60 with high specific activity(250 Ci/gm)
- CANs redesigned for direct packing into standard cobalt pencil (Ready to use source).
- 39 Zircolloy CANs with 10 gm cobalt pellets (1mm X 1mm cylindrical bids) in each CAN







Fission Moly Production at Dhruva

- Technetium-99m (99mTc) is used in approximately 85% of nuclear medicine diagnostic imaging procedures.
- Specific activity of (n Υ) is very low (~1 Ci/g)
- For Fission Moly Sp activity is ~20 kCi/g.
- Target: 300 curies/week
- Design and testing FM isotope tray rod completed, Handling are being carried out
- In house fabrication of target plate/container completed
- Processing plant commissioned erected at FMP, BRIT (south Gate BARC)
- Irradiation in both Dhruva and Apsara-U reactors.



Target Plate & Fission Moly Tray Rod of Dhruva

Production and se of Fission Moly



Facilities – Apsara-U

- Operation at rated 2 MW power with high availability (~90%) and safety standard.
- A versatile facility with
 - Flexibility of operating the reactor at three different positions in the reactor pool,
 - Easy access to the core; facilitating installation of Assemblies in core for different experiments and irradiations
- Isotope Tray rod and TRF
- Shielding corner
- Thermal Column
- 8 Nos of Beam Tubes





Material Irradiation-Apsara-U

- Offers fast neutron flux (> 1 MeV) of about 1.5E+13 n/cm²/s
- Material Irradiation (Zr,SS, Al) at in-core irradiation position
 - will cause radiation damage of about 1 dpa/year, (very useful for studying mechanical as well as physical properties of material under irradiation before using them in power reactors).
 - Irradiation testing of AL-SS joint Test specimen, RPV steel samples were carried out in standard capsule in Tray rods.
 - Material testing of Low Alloy steel is being planned.
- 8 irradiation positions in Apsara-U
 - 7 out-of-core irradiation positions
 - 1 in-core irradiation position
 - 110 samples can be irradiated at a time
 - Special Tray Rod 15 capsules of target material.
 - **Production of radioisotopes:** ⁶⁴Cu, ⁹⁹Mo, ¹⁵³Sm, ¹⁵⁶Ho, ⁴⁷Sc etc.
 - Utilization of Higher fast neutron flux: Carrier free ⁶⁴Cu radioisotope.
 - Promising isotope with its application in theranostics.
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Isotope Tray rods

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Isotope Tray rods

Thermal Column – Apsara-U

Setup

- Located at A-Position of Reactor Pool
- Graphite Blocks Stacked in Thermal Column.
- 4 Experimental holes.
 - $\phi_{\text{Th} (Max):}$ 1.0E+08 to 1.0 E+09 n/cm²/sec
 - Cadmium ratio > 2000

Utilization

- testing various types of neutron & Gamma detectors
- Neutron activation analysis (INAA)
- Radiochemical neutron activation analysis (RNAA)
 - for analysis of major, minor and trace elements in variety of matrices such as geological, biological, environmental and high purity materials.



Shielding Experimental Facilities – Apsara-U

The Setup:

- Located at C-Position of Reactor Pool
- Flux: ~10 ¹⁰ n/cm²/sec

Utilization:

- Shielding experiments
 - for measurements of neutron and gamma attenuation in various shield models over wide energy ranges.
 - > To study the shielding adequacy, shielding thickness optimization etc.







Beam Tube Utilization – Apsara-U

Utilization of Beam Tube (8 beam Tubes)

- Installation of Facility of Neutron imaging and depth profile of different materials (at beam tube#7)
- > A single crystal alignment facility (at beam tube#6)
 - > Neutron detector testing facility (at beam tube#8)
 - PGNAA Facility (at beam tube#5)



Silicon NTD Facility – Apsara-U

- NTD technique results into uniform dopant concentration/ uniform resistivity
- Silicon ingot of 4" to 8" diameters are irradiated for NTD
- The NTD Setup for Apsara-U has been designed for NTD of 8" diameter Ingot
- The setup will be commissioned with irradiation of 4" diameter Ingot

Thermal neutron flux at irradiation location	2.0 x10 ¹² nv
Ingot Size	100 mm (4") dia, 206 mm long
Irradiation time	70 hr
Cooling Time	7 Days



Silicon NTD Facility – Apsara-U









Facilities available with RRSD

Ultrasonic Thickness Gauge

This instrument is used to measure wall thickness of metallic plates. For thickness measurement paint, if any, has to be removed and smoothening of surface is required for proper contact of probe with surface. In this thickness measuring technique, couplent has to be provided between probe and surface. Couplent used is generally grease, oil and water.

Ultrasonic Flaw Detector

This instrument is also ultrasonic based. It is used for volumetric examination of material. It is generally used for examination of weld soundness as well as raw material examination before fabrication of any engineering components. Different types of probes are required for examination of different welds / components. The instrument can also be used for measuring thickness of metallic objects.



Eddy Current Testing Machine

Eddy Current Testing technique can be used for limited volumetric examination of material. This technique is extensively used for health assessment of heat exchanger tubes. ISIS is using this machine for health assessment of heat exchangers tubes. For health assessment of heat exchangers tubes, bobbin probe suitable to specific diameter and material needs to be fabricated and a calibration tube made of same dimension and material as tube with standard defects needs to be made. ISIS is having facility to inspect only nonferrous tubes.

Liquid Penetrant Testing

Liquid Penetrant Testing (LPT) technique is used for detection of discontinuities / cracks which are open to surface of the material. This technique is extensively used for weld inspection. Material to be inspected needs to be cleaned thoroughly before inspection. Porous material cannot be inspected using this technique.



Portable X-Ray Machine for Industrial Radiography

Radiographic testing is used for volumetric examination of material. ISIS is in possession of a portable x-ray machine for radiography which can be used for inspection of material / weld of around 10 mm steel equivalent. It is trolly mounted X-Ray machine of around 200 kg weight.

Remote Visual Radiation Resistant Inspection Camera

Visual inspection is very common and one of the most powerful tools of non-destructive testing. Visual inspection may be direct or indirect. Areas where approach for visual inspection is not possible, help of remote visual camera may be taken. ISIS is having a Radiation Resistant Camera for remote visual inspection of components having very high radiation field. The camera is water resistant and it can be used underwater inspection also.





Portable noise level measuring instrument



Ultrasound based distance measuring instrument



Lux meter, used for measuring light intensity (Illuminance measurement)

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Instruments used for Health Assessment of Reinforced Cement Concrete Structures





Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity (USPV) Testing Instrument for quality checking of an RCC structure Rebound Hammer Tester for surface hardness checking of RCC structures



Vibration Meter-2050

Vibrometer for displacement measurement, velocity measurement and acceleration measurement of vibration in a rotodynamic equipment. This instrument gives bearing spikes also which provides early indication of bearing failure in an rotodynamic equipment.

FFT Analyser

FFT analyser is used for vibration signals recording and analysis of recorded signals to predict the rotodynamic equipment health. Signal analysis provides tentative problem in a rotodynamic equipment.





Jasco 4000



Vertex 70v Bruker



Invenio- S

Infrared Spectrometry Systems using FTIR



Liquid cell

Gas Cell



ATR: single bounce



ATR: Multi Bounce

Specifications	Jasco 4000	Vertex 70v Bruker	Invenio-S Bruker
Source	Lanthanum Oxide	Lanthanum Oxide	Silicon carbide
Beam Splitter	KBr	KBr	KBr
Detector	DLaTGS	DLaTGS and MCT	DLaTGS
Spectral Range	Mid IR	Mid IR	Mid IR
Spectral Resolution	> 0.5cm ⁻¹	> 0.2 cm ⁻¹	> 0.5cm ⁻¹
Analysis Mode	Transmission	Transmission; Reflectance	Transmission; Reflectance

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Specifications	AGC GC Series 600
Carrier Gas	Helium (High Purity)
Column	Molecular sieve and porous polymer
Detector	Thermal Conductivity Detector (TCD)
Sample	Gaseous radiolytic product of
	moderator cum coolant (D_2+H_2, O_2)
	and other impurities (N_2 , CO_2 etc.)
Detection limit	>0.02%(v/v)



Temperature Control Refractometer for Analysis of isotopic purity of heavy water by Refractometry in RCS

- Temperature controlled
- Refractive index range 1.30 1.70
- Sample volume of sample is required (<1ml)

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UV-VIS Spectrophotometer

Specifications	Shimadzu-1800
Wavelength	200 – 1100 nm
Mode	Photometrics; Spectrum; Quantitation; Kinetics;
	Time Scan; Multi-Component Quantitation; Multi
	Wavelength Measurement
Detector	Silicon photodiode
Sample	Trace elements (e.g. Fe, Silica, Cl ⁻ , B, Al, Peroxide
	etc. in aqueous phase)
Analysis Range	ppb

Analysis	Method	$\lambda_{max}(nm)$	Molar absorptivity, ε	Lowest quantification	
			$(lit.mol^{-1}.cm^{-1})$	Limit (ppm)	
Iron	Ortho-phenanthroline	512	1.12×10^{4}	0.05	
Silica	molybdosilicic acid	830	1.95×10^{4}	0.01	
Chloride	Murcuric thiocyanate	465	3.1×10^{3}	0.2	
Boron	Boron-curcumin	560	1.8×10^{5}	0.01	
Aluminium	Aluminon	528		0.2	
Peroxide	Oxidation of KI	350	2.81×10^{3}	1.0	



Inductively Couples Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometer (ICP-OES): HORIBA make Ultima **Expert LT**

Specifications of HORIBA make Ultima Expert LT

Radio Frequency (RF) Generator	: Solid State
RF Frequency	: 40.68 MHz
RF Power	: 800 - 1550 watts (A)
Detector	: Dual PMT detector
Dynamic range	$:>10^{5}$
Focal length	: 1 m
Spectral coverage	: 160- 800 nm
Spectral Resolution	: < 5 pm in UV & <
Sample analysis mode	: Sequential
Software	: ICP Neo (Windows

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Viscometer SVM 3001

- SVM 3001 Anton Parr viscometer is available in RCS
- Instrument is calibrated using different ASTM standard
- Density, Dynamic Viscosity and Kinematic Viscosity can be measured at different temperature ranging from -60°C to 135°C
- Viscosity range: 0.2 mm²/s to 30 000 mm²/s* and Density range: 0.6 g/cm³ to 3 g/cm³
- Viscosity index of oils is obtained by measuring kinematic viscosity at two different temperatures
- Quality of the oils are tested by measuring viscosity index and compared with the certificate given by the suppliers

Types of samples measured by the SVM 3001 instruments

- Standard and base oils
- Fresh and used lubrication oil (e.g. engine, crankcase oil, gear oil, ATF. etc.)
- Mineral oil, white oil, heat transformer oil etc.
- Hydraulic liquids (hydraulic oil, break fluids)
- Edible oil, vegetable oils
- Fuels (diesel, bio dieses, jet fuels, marine/bunker fuels)



Viscometer SVM 3001

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Karl Fischer titrator

Metrohm make 917 Coulometer with generator electrode without diaphragm

Specifications	Metrohm make 917 Coulometer
Sample	Water content in transformer oil, diesel etc.
Range of Analysis	10 µg to 200 mg absolute water in liquids samples

Turbidity-meter

Nephelometer: WATTS Brand HF Scientific make M100+ Nephelometer **Sample analysis in RCS by Nephelometer:** Analysis of various water sample to get first-hand information about the presence of insoluble particles.



Turbidity meter

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Ionic Conductivity meters: Temperature controlled

- (1) WTW Cond 7310
- (2) Thermo Scientific Orion Versa star Pro

Sr. No.	Description	Calibration of Thermo Scientific Orion Versa star Pro (Auto temperature compensation mode)			
	Description	Electrode 1 771-12288		Electrode 2 YO1- 16126	
		mV	рН	mV	рН
1	Buffer 1 (pH: 4.01 @ 25ºC)	160.1	4.01	161.4	4.01
2	Buffer 2 (pH: 7.0 @ 25ºC)	-15.0	7.0	-14.9	7.0
3	Buffer 3 (pH: 10.01 @ 25ºC)	-190.5	10.01	-187.6	10.01



Thermo Scientific Orion Versa star Pro



WTW Cond 7310