

EXPANDING EXPERIMENTAL CAPABILITIES FOR SOLID-STATE PHYSICS AT ISOLDE

The upgraded ASPIC and ASCII setup

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ASPIC

Surface/interface Modification & characterization



PAC

(atomically) local information



research into

2D materials

ASCII

Ultra-low energy implanation Control of probe isotopes





2D materials

- Expectional electrical/optical/mechanical... properties
- Graphene
 - Potential for spintronics
 - Modification in different ways







Graphene – Modification

- Modify electronic / magnetic properties by adding elements
 - Substitutional Mn (by ULE implantation)
 - Multiferroic substrate (e.g. BaMnO₃)



P.-C. Lin et al., ACS Nano 2021, 15, 3, 5449-5458



Z. Zanolli, Sci Rep. 2016 Aug 23;6:31346



Perturbed Angular Correlations (PAC) spectroscopy

- Nuclear technique based on 2-gamma decay of certain isotopes
 ¹¹¹In, ^{111m}Cd, ^{204m}Pb...
- Info on local (atomic) magnetic and electric field





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- PAC very promising for 2D materials (e.g. graphene)
 - Sub-Å local information on structure



A.S. Fenta et al. Applied Physics A (2021) 127:573



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- Requirements:
 - Clean surfaces and interfaces
 - Control over probe location (nm scale!) ASCII

ASPIC ASCII



ASPIC

- Apparatus for Surface Physics and Interfaces at CERN
- Designed and operated in ISOLDE in 1980 and 90's
- Last installed at VITO beamline









- **ASPIC**'s Ion Implantation chamber
- Decelerates ions from 60 keV to ≤ 20 eV







Electrostatic deceleration stage









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ASPIC and ASCII: status

- ASPIC: mostly ready, quality-of-life improvements, new mounting system
- ASCII: proof-of-principle tests soon (Jan/Feb 2022)
- Vacuum connection between chambers: spring/summer 2022



ASPIC and ASCII: installation in ISOLDE?

- Not clear yet
- ASCII compact enough for GLM
- To be decided by ISCC
 - Possibly travelling setup?





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Graphene – Multiferroics substrates

- Interface substrate / graphene
 - BaMnO₃, BiFeO₃, etc.

