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## What is ISOLDE?

The On-Line Isotope Mass Separator ISOLDE is a facility dedicated to the production of a large variety of radioactive ion beams (RIBs)

# **Isolde** history

#### Dec 1964: CERN approves the online separator project

May 1966: SynchroCyclotron shuts down for the construction of ISOLDE



Oct 1967: First proton beams at ISOLDE



**1972: SC Improvement Program –** doubles the intensity (now quite a nice museum)

#### 1976: New experiments in ISOLDE II

June 1983: ISOLDE III approved – two-stage high resolution separation using two magnets





Dec 1990: The Synchrocyclotron beam ends ISOLDE moves to PS booster to utilize CERN's spare proton capacity...



# Why at CERN?





Greece

Italy

Norway

Romania

Sweden

Germany

S. Africa Slovakia U. Kingdom

Poland Switzerland



SSP ISOTOPES

Bulgaria

Belgium

CERN

Denmark Spain

Finland

France

### **Nuclear chart for ISOLDE**

ISOLDE today offers the largest range of available isotopes of any ISOL facility worldwide.

- 1200 isotopes of ~73 elements
- Rich playground for fundamental studies using hyperfine Interactions
- Novel (and sometimes unique) isotopes which utilize hyperfine Interactions for solid state and biophysics.





# Research with radioactive beams at ISOLDE









User and Operations facility building



Groundbreaking MEDICIS building

# Production: Modern-day alchemy

- High energy (1.4 GeV) protons are impacted onto a thick target e.g. <sup>238</sup>U
- The protons split up the heavy nucleus to produce a wide variety of nuclei simultaneously
- ◆Requirements for experiment:
  - High production
  - ◆Pure radioactive beams: 1 kind of isotope
- There are 3 stages of preparation
  - $\bullet$  Production
  - Ionization
  - Separation



# Production: Targets



- Over 120 materials have been tested and/or used as ISOL targets
  - Choice of target material and ionizer dependent on radioactive beam of interest
- ◆Target material and transfer tube heated to 1500 2000 degrees
- Operated by robots due to radiation

# **ISOLDE** Robots



# Ion Sources

#### • Hot-cavity

- W heated at > 2000 C
- High ionization efficiencies for some nuclei





# Experiments with low-energy RIB's



### Masses

• ISOLTRAP (Penning trap + MR-TOF-MS)





## Decay spectroscopy

 Modular and versatile Isolde Decay Station (IDS) since 2015



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- Moments, radii and spins
  - LASER SPECTROSCOPY (COLLAPS, CRIS, RILIS)



# Experiments with low-energy RIB's

- Fundamental Interaction Studies
  - WISArD experiment





# • Material research with

- short lived isotopes
  - Emission channeling, PAC, β-NMR, Mossbauer





#### Martin Henry Defects in Semiconductors and Radioactivity: The early years





J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 6 (1994) L643-L650. Printed in the UK

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Radioactive isotopes for photoluminescence spectroscopy—<sup>111</sup>In in silicon

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Photohuminescence of deep defects involving transition metals in Si: New insights from highly enriched <sup>28</sup>Si by M. Steger, A. Yang, T. Sekiguchi et al.



**REX-ISOLDE + MINIBALL : Octupole deformation in 220Rn and 224Ra** L.P. Gaffney et al, **Nature** 497 (2013) 199

Candidates for searches for permanent EDMs:

- Radon-221 not suitable
- Radiums-223 and 225 promising





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#### EXPLORING NUCLEI AT THE LIMITS

Recent studies of exotic nuclides using traps and lasers at CERN's ISOLDE facility are not only helping researchers understand nuclear structure, explain David Lunney and Gerda Neyens, but also offer new ways to look for physics beyond the Standard Model.

Understanding how the strong interaction binds the ingredients of atomic nuclei is the central quest of nuclear physics. Since the 1960 CERN's ISOLDE facility has been at the forefront of this quest, producing the most extreme nuclear systems for examination of their basic characteristic properties. A chamical element is defined by the number of protor A chemical element is defined by the number of protons in tranceleas, with the number of neurons definiting its iso-topes. Apart from a few interesting exceptions, all elements in nature have at least on estable isotope. These form the so-called valley of stability in the nuclear chart of atomic number versus neuron number (see "Nuclear landscape" figure). Adding or removing neurons disturbs the nuclear equilibrium and creates isotopes that are generally radio active: the greater the proton-neutron imbalance, the fast the radioactive decay. The mass of a nucleus reveals its binding energy, which

The mass of a nucleus reveals its binding energy, which reflexts the interplay of all forces at work within the nucleus from the strong, weak and electromagnetic interactions. Indications of sudden changes in the nucleus stage, when adding neutrons, are often revealed first indirectly as a sudden change in the muss, and can then be probed in detail by measurements of the change radius and electromagnetic lectromagnetic stages in the stage and stages and stages in the sudden change in the muss, and stages and stages in the sudden change in the muss and stages and stages in the sudden change in the muss and stages and stages in the sudden change in the muss and stages and stages in the stages and stage

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OLLAPS, in 2010

#### Why Molecules?

→ New windows into the study of the atomic nucleus, and the fundamental particles and interactions of nature!





Exotic nuclei  $\rightarrow$  Nuclear amplification (>10<sup>3</sup>)

→ Large Z, A → Max.  $Q_2Q_3$ → Min.  $(E_+-E_)$ 

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[Gainley et al. Nature 497, 199 (2013)

Exotic molecules → Best of all worlds ... BUT, are experimentally unknown!



[Garcia Ruiz et al. Nature 581, 396 (2020)]

#### "Hot" molecules can be super cool!

## nature

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#### Spectroscopy of short-lived radioactive molecules

R. F. Garcia Ruiz 🖂, R. Berger 🖂, [...] X. F. Yang

Nature 581, 396–400(2020) Cite this article

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## Solid state physics in a nutshell



Structural information: location of atoms in lattice

Electronic information: what states are the electrons?

## Materials being studied







#### 2D materials



Solar cells



Future magnetic materials



## Quantum bits



## **Multiferroics**

AO(ABO<sub>3</sub>) AO(ABO<sub>3</sub>)



## Use of radioactive isotopes in materials science:

- Nuclear radiation acts as "marker" for a specific element: Radiotracer diffusion
- Half-life of nuclear decay correlates with signal intensity from "classical" spectroscopy:
  - Photoluminescence (PL) Deep Level Transient Spectroscopy (DLTS) Hall-effect

#### • Nuclear radiation transmits information with atomic resolution:

Mössbauer Spectroscopy (MS) Perturbed Angular Correlation (PAC) Emission Channeling lattice location (EC) Beta Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (β-NMR)

#### ISOLDE Schedule 2022: weeks 12 - 48



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Start of protons for physics: 28 March End of protons for physics: 28 November



#### Offline labs based at ISOLDE













## <sup>121</sup>Sn-vacancy: identification and quantification



![](_page_28_Picture_2.jpeg)

- 30% of the implanted Sn in split vacancy configuration!
- Sn exactly at the bond-center (precision of 0.04 Å)
- Other IV elements (ongoing): <sup>31</sup>Si, <sup>73</sup>Ge, <sup>121</sup>Sn, <sup>209</sup>Pb

Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 045301 2020

![](_page_29_Picture_0.jpeg)

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## Perovskite related structues

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# Future possibilities: available in 2022-23

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

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### High field magnetic spectrometer to study magnetic materials using PAC

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## The early days

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Marie Sklodowska-Curie 1867-1934

![](_page_33_Picture_3.jpeg)

Published: May 12<sup>th</sup> 1921 © The New York Times

# MME. CURIE PLANS TO END ALL CANCERS

Says Radium Is Sure Cure, Even in Deep-Rooted Cases, if Properly Treated.

Courtesy prof O. Ratib

![](_page_34_Figure_0.jpeg)

#### **PET-CT scan imaging**

#### **1977**

#### Alan Jeavons and David Townsend

Alan Jeavons and David Townsend

built and used in Geneva Hospital

a PET system based on high-density avalanche gas chambers HIDACs

![](_page_35_Picture_6.jpeg)

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Courtesy Ugo Amaldi

https://home.cern/news/news/knowledge-sharing/forty-years-first-pet-image-cern

## Nuclear Physics : ISOLDE and MEDICIS

14 years ago – now : Innovative radioisotopes

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#### Matched pairs for theranostics

![](_page_36_Figure_4.jpeg)

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<sup>149</sup>Tb

![](_page_37_Figure_1.jpeg)

PET/CT scan of a AR42J tumor-bearing mouse performed 2 h after injection of <sup>149</sup>Tb-DOTANOC

Muller et al., EJNMMI Radiopharmacy and Chemistry, (2016) 1:5.

#### Mass separation as applied in MEDICIS in a snapshot

![](_page_38_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### From CERN- MEDICIS to the lab/Hospital

![](_page_39_Figure_1.jpeg)

(Countries: BE, CH, FR, PK, PT, LV, UK)

# How to supply "novel" radionuclides with mass separation

PRISMAP proposes to federate a consortium of high energies of the second second

![](_page_40_Figure_2.jpeg)

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## PRISMAP – The European medical radionuclides programme (2021-2025) <u>https://medical-radionuclides.eu</u>

#### Achievements in 2022:

• 15 projects for biomedical research with novel radionuclides were selected for services across Europe

www.prismap.eu/access/user-projects (BE, CZ, DE, ES, FR, IT, PT, UK)

![](_page_41_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_41_Picture_5.jpeg)

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to the EU Commissioner for research and education Mariya Gabriel

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