The Solid state programme at ISOLDE



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Nuclear chart for ISOLDE





Key features of RIB for materials research

SENSITIVITY / TRACEABILITY:

Very low concentrations of radioactive impurity atoms in **materials**, **surfaces or interfaces can be detected**.

SELECTIVITY:

Element transmutation due to radioactive decay add chemical selectivity to "classical" spectroscopy techniques, e.g., photoluminescence, resistivity, deep level transient spectroscopy...

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PRODUCTION / AVAILABILITY

Element and isotope Variety, Intensity and Purity

NANOSCOPIC SCALE INFORMATION:

Hyperfine interactions (ME, PAC, β -NMR) local information on magnetic and electric neighborhood e-, β -, β +, α Emission Channeling direct and precise lattice site location.

Applying radioactivity to solid state physics



ISOLDE table of elements



Workhorse probes:

¹¹¹Cd, ¹⁹⁹Hg, ¹¹⁷Cd, ⁵⁷Mn, ⁷³As

New promising probes:

⁶⁸Cu, ¹⁴⁹Gd, ¹⁷²Lu, ¹⁵¹Gd, ¹⁹⁷Hg

Isotopes of this element used for solid state physics or life science





Offline labs at ISOLDE: B. 508













Staying relevant: Materials studied at ISOLDE



Experimentally evaluating the origin of dilute magnetism in nanomaterials

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Hyperfine techniques are particularly successful in unravelling subtle magnetic behaviour in materials















Fig. 3. Computed values of the Curie temperature $T_{\rm C}$ for various p-type semiconductors containing 5% of Mn and 3.5 \times 10²⁰ holes cm³.

Dietl et al, Science 287 (2000) 1

Is it possible to create magnetic semiconductors that work at room temperature? Such devices have been demonstrated at low temperatures but not yet in a range warm enough for spintronics applications.



Next generation semiconductors : doping





Hyperfine Interactions with Mossbauer spectroscopy



Laser Ionised ⁵⁷Mn beam : a new era for Mossbauer experiments at ISOLDE. 20th anniversary in 2016

- Very clean, intense beam of ⁵⁷Mn (>3x10⁸ ions sec⁻¹)
- Allows collection of single Mossbauer spectrum in ~ 3 mins.
- Able to collect many hundreds over course of a 3 day run.
- Allows low concentrations of probe atoms to be used (~10⁻ ⁴At%)

Local information....





Chemical bonding Charge states

Fe: ZnO a ferromagnetic semiconductor? (no!)

6 fold spectrum: characteristic of magnetic structure (at room temperature!!!).

Results in an external magnetic field show that the spectrum shown to be a slowly relaxing paramagnetic system.

Gunnlaugsson *et al* (APL **97** 142501 2010)

After high-dose implantations, precipitates of Fe-III are formed. These form <u>clusters</u> yielding misleading information about the nature of magnetism in ZnO (as reported by many groups over the last number of years).

Gunnlaugsson et al APL 100 042109 (2012)



Velocity (mm/s)

Mössbauer periodic table





Radiotracer PL has allowed for the full classification of the dominant impurities in ZnO



- Radio PL allows for the subtle chemical identification of luminescence through different decay chains.
- Has allowed for the identification of neutral and ionised donors [1, 2], complexed impurities [3], "double donor" centres [2, 4], and isoelectronic centres [5].

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New collaboration with Uni Munster: diffusion processes in CIGS (Copper Indium Gallium Selenide) solar cells: in particular Cu



Why? Cu diffusion in CIGS: the entire literature...

T(°C)



Lubomirsky et al., JAP 83 (1998) 4678

Cu 1, Cu 2, Cu 3:

- various authors,
- various (electrical) methods

⁶⁴Cu:

- tracer experiment
- bulk single-crystal CIS

Beamtime scheduled for Nov 2017

Emission channeling: (β^- , β^+ , c.e., α)



What do you need to do Emission Channeling





Vacuum chamber







Lattice sites of ²⁷Mg in different pre-doped GaN



 Electron emission channeling patterns show mix of substitutional + interstitial ²⁷Mg



- Interstitial Mg fraction highest in *p*-GaN:Mg
- Lowest in *n*-GaN:Si
- ⇒ Direct evidence for amphoteric character of Mg that is coupled to the doping type
- Site change interstitial substitutional Mg_{Ga}
- \Rightarrow Activation energy for migration of interstitial Mg: $E_{\rm M} \gg 1.3 2.0 \text{ eV}$

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2016 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS David J. Thouless F. Duncan M. Haldane J. Michael Kosterlitz





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Haldane

"for theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter"

Source: "The Nobel Prize in Physics 2016". *Nobelprize.org.* Nobel Media AB 2014. Web. 4 Dec 2016. ">http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/physics/laureates/2016/>

Topological insulators

Semi-metalic surface states originating from non-trivial topology of the electronic band structure in the bulk (insulator)

Dirac fermions at the surface (equivalent to graphene) + spin-locking → spin current in a *non-magnetic* material

(spintronics, quantum computation...)

Z₂ topological insulators: Topological crystalline insulators:





Topological crystalline insulators

Rhombohedral distortion: breaking crystal mirror symmetry



Perturbed angular correlation ... with hyperfine interactions



 ω_Q or $\Delta E_Q \propto Q V_{zz}$

	technique	parent	<i>t</i> _{1/2}	Q [b]
Pb	PAC	^{204m} Pb	67 min	0.44
Sn	eMS	¹¹⁹ In ^{119m} Sn	2.4 min 293 d	0.094
Ge	PAC	⁷³ As	80 d	0.70



density functional theory calculations

to establish relation between measure HFI parameters and structural parameters

Mossbauer spectroscopy

... with hyperfine interactions

¹¹⁹In \rightarrow ¹¹⁹Sn emission Mössbauer (PbTe)



Proof-of-principle with most challenging case:

- > PbTe is cubic
- > smallest ∆r (< 0.10 Å)
- > ¹¹⁹Sn smallest Q

> <10 % precision in Δr (corresponding to < 0.05 Å)

- > non-regular sites: OK
- > damage: OK

See also:

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amorphous-to-crystalline phase transition mechanism in GeTe thin

Atomic-scale study of the

...with emission channeling

Successful emission channeling measurements on topological insulators



Combination with multitude of techniques, at ISOLDE and beyond, and strong link to theory

Challenges

- Still a niche field, unfamiliar beyond the core community, or necessarily small: emission channelling needs to be attached to an ISOLDE ...
- Limitations with beamtime → shift requests can be comparatively modest compared to nuclear physics. → only one run a year....(Mossbauer work previously mentioned took about 2.5 years to complete).
- Core community e.g. in Germany not being renewed, nuclear solid state physics not popular at home labs: licenses etc... Leads to problems with training.
- Pace of materials science is very fast... difficult to react to new developments/materials....experiments which don't get beam within one year can lose relevance....
- Safety administration becoming ever heavier

New developments















- Upgrading of detectors/spectrometers/ upgrade DAQ.
- LaBr and CeBr detectors, allow for wider range of probes to be used.
- Spectrometer for biophysics for Mossbauer spectroscopy.









CERN-MEDICIS: new Facility for medical isotopes (and solid state/materials?)





Dy 150 7.2 m	Dy 151 17 m	Dy 152 2.4 h	Dy 153 6.29 h	Dy 154 3.0 · 10 ⁶ a	Dy 155 10.0 h	Dy 156 0.056	Dy 157 8.1 h	Dy 158 0.095	Dy 159 144.4 d	Dy 160 2.329	Dy 161 18.889	Dy 162 25.475
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Summary

- Solid State programme at ISOLDE: well established and a unique combination of techniques on site.
- Varied experimental programme capable of resolving otherwise difficult problems. Remaining relevant in spite of the difficulties in obtaining beam time..
- New developments should help make spectrometers more user friendly
- Possible link with MEDICIS could allow for wider community to be served (beyond ISOLDE)

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