

The ALTO facility

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CS IN2P3 Plateformes, 25&26 février 2020





First photofission ISOL facility in the world (~10¹¹ f/s)

- **50 MeV & 10 μA** e⁻ beam
- UCx target (~70g, ~140 pellets)
- Z selection with : Surface/LASER ion source
- Mass Selection with PARRNe magnet -> mono-isotopic achievable



Production /s/100nA measured in june 2006





The ALTO Facility: stable beams



Standard Tandem beams

- from **H**, ³**He**, ⁴**He**, ..., ¹⁴**C**, ... up to ¹²⁷**I**
- terminal voltage: from < 1 MV up to 14.5 MV
- beam pulsing: pulse width 1 2 ns; repetition rate 200 ns or more
- new ions source purchased for higher intensity of difficult beams (Mg, Ca)





ALTO Activity (2016-20)

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The ALTO facility: WP20 in ENSAR2 H2020 European program





DELIVERABLES: # Beam hours: 5088/2539, # Users : 99/108, # project: 18/30











ALTO Budget 2016-2019 (k€)

scelérateur Linéaire et Tandém à Orsay	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Running Costs					
IN2P3 dotation (M&O)	202	175	160	205	145
RP					
IPNO (labo)	12	29	32	26	74
ALTO	20	18	37,5	8	
Europe (ENSAR2, CHANDA)	50	50	50	95	71
Running Costs Total:	284	272	279,5	334	290
IN2P3 Master Projects					ТВА
ISOL	149,5	84	128,4	46	
Tandem	23,5	102	103,5	35	
Space-ALTO					40
T&S			15	30	
IN2P3 Master Projects Total:	173	186	246,9	111	40
Total IN2P3:	375	361	406,9	316	
Other Sources					
ISOL (Labex P2IO+ SESAME & UPSud in 2018)	43,75	43,75	649,95	43,75	
Tandem					
TOTAL:	500,75	501,75	1176,35	488,75	330



ALTO Human Ressources 2016-2019







ALTO: Scientific Highlights Stable beams





Nuclear astrophysics studies with the Split-Pole magnetic spectrograph: Status

Particle decay branching ratios for states of astrophysical importance in ¹⁹Ne

• States in ¹⁹Ne above ¹⁵O+ α and ¹⁸F+p thresholds play an important role in explosive H-burning.

• Energetics in X-ray bursts [${}^{15}O(\alpha,\gamma){}^{19}Ne$] & γ -ray emission in classical novae [${}^{18}F(p,\alpha){}^{15}O$].

• Reaction rate has a linear dependance to branching ratios (BR).

→ coincidence measurement of ${}^{19}F({}^{3}He,t){}^{19}Ne^{*}(\alpha|p)$ with Split-Pole and a DSSSD array

t- α angular correlation



•Smaller binning (higher statistics) •Better c.m. angular coverage toward 90°

 \rightarrow better BR determination

Target Beam Shield

J. Riley, A. M. Laird, N. de Séréville, A. Parikh et al.

Split-Pole $\Delta E/E \sim 10^{-4}$

E(³He) = 25 MeV I(³He) ~ 70 enA CaF₂ ~ 200 μ g/cm² Θ_{SP} = 10°

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- 1 PhD defense of A. Meyer jan. 2020
- 2 Rejuvenation of detection (focal plane,...)

3 – Gas cell development for a new target to increase the range of possible transfer reaction with an astrophysical interest.

4 – Commissioning of the gas cell

5 – Needs to work on the articulation with RIB production (same experimental cave 210)





Measurement of the liquid argon energy response to nuclear and electronic recoils

P. Agnes et al. (The ARIS Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 97, 112005 (2018)



0.2

0.15

10

- **Response to 1.5MeV Neutrons**
- Mesure of very low energy recoil to test sensitivity



0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

14

Creus et al.

10

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ARIS

SCENE

10²

Energy [keV_r]

MicroCLEAN



Fast Neutron Tomography with LICORNE and NEDA (dec. 2017/June 2019)





Fast Neutron Tomography with LICORNE and NEDA (dec. 2016/June 2019)

Neutron Beam Attenuation measurement





ν -ball: hybrid LaBr_3-Ge array for fast timing spectroscopic studies

M. Lebois et al., Nucl. Inst. Meth. A, (2020), 10.1016/j.nima.2020.&63580









FATIMA Coll. NPL Loan

- Hybrid spectrometer Ge/LaBr
- "FASTER" Digital DAQ
 - 184-200 Independant Channels (Triggerless mode)
 - 500 Ms/s, 12 effective bits QDC for LaBr3
 - 125 Ms/s, 14 effective bits ADC for HPGe and BGO
- Coupling with neutron source
- Coupling with



- Calorimetry for mechanism selection
- Pulsed beam (2 ns width 400 ns period)



Heavy Ion Reaction γ spectroscopy:

- Half-life measurement and isomer spectroscopy in the neutron rich deformed nucleus ¹⁶⁶Dy (M. Rudigier et al., Phys. Lett. B, **801**, 135140; + 1 PRC accepted)
- Electromagnetic transition rates in the nucleus ¹³⁶Ce
- Pinning down the structure of ⁶⁶Ni by 2n- and 2p-Heavy-Ion transfer reactions and g-factor measurement
- A study on the transition between seniority-type and collectivity excitations in the YRAST 4⁺ state of ²⁰⁶Po
- Measurement of the super-allowed branching ratio of ¹⁰C (*release date June*)
- Feeding of low-energy structures of different deformations by the GDR decay: the nuBall array coupled to PARIS (*Analysis going on*)

Neutron induced reaction γ spectroscopy:

- Spectroscopy of the neutron-rich fission fragments produced in the ²³⁸U(n,f) and ²³²Th(n,f) reactions (*major results coming soon*)
- Spectroscopy above the shape isomer in ²³⁸U





Muti-quasiparticle sub-nanosecond isomers in ¹⁷⁸W

M. Rudigier et al., Phys. Lett. B, 801, 135140





- 1st fast timing measurement with n-ball
- < ns measurement
- 4 qp isomers.



Half-life measurement and isomer spectroscopy in the neutron rich deformed nucleus ¹⁶⁶Dy

R. Canavan et al., Phys. Rev. C, accepted

Measure of 2_1^+ lifetime to get information on the deformation *via* 164 Dy(18 O, 16 O) 166 Dy reaction





The v-ball: ²³²Th fission fragments visibility



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South Africa(1)

iThemba (1)



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Japan(1)	
Riken(1)	

Serbia(2)

India(1)

Tata Institute (1)

University of Novi Sad (1) University of Belgrade (1)

Norway(6) University of Oslo (6)

The ν -ball international collaboration

153 researchers from 16 different countries, 37 institutes, including ~80 thesis students

Germany(16)

TU Darmstadt (7)

IFK- Koln (9)

UK(29) University of Surrey (13) National Physical Laboratory (5) University of Brighton (2) University of West Scotland (4) University of Manchester (3) University of York (2)

France(44) IPN Orsay (16) CSNSM Orsay (6) CEA DAM/CEA Saclay (5) Subatech, Nantes (3) CENBG Bordeaux (6) IPHC Strasbourg (3) GANIL (2) LPC Caen (2) ILL (1)





Belgium(4) JRC-Geel (3) Leuven (1)

Spain(6)



Madrid (4) IFIC Valencia (2)

Finland(2) Jyvaskyla(2)



Italy(8) University of Milano(6) University of Padova(1) Legnaro(1)

Canada(4)









ALTO: Scientific Highlights Radioactive beams





⁸³Ga - ⁸⁰Ga beta decay: the high energy emission

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a) GT decay create a depletion of neutron density in the core; adds a proton on the surface

b) The excited ⁸³Ge states can then decay via E1 γ emission with a «PDR-like» transition density A. Gottardo, D. Verney et al., Phys. Lett. B 772C (2017) pp. 359-362





Position Reliability



Juin 2019 : 15 days BT with a Ga Beam at ALTO

Efficiency : factor of 42/surface ionisation



PDR studies in very neutron rich nuclei around N=50 shell closure through β decay

G. Benzoni (INFN)/ I. Matea (IPNO)

PDR along closed neutron shell isotonic chains "Can pygmy GT be a doorway to pygmy DR ? ^{82,83}Ga case"

A.Gottardo et al., PLB772 (2017)





Goal:

 study this phenomenon in neutron-rich nuclei along N=50 closed shell

- need to develop new RIB at ALTO

PhD Thesis of L. AL AYOUBI









Tulip Project (2019-2023)



The Project

Produce intense exotic ion beams through robust and innovative ISOL methods

The Method

Simultaneous optimization of all processes involved in ion production

<u>June 2019</u>

Tandem: First in-beam alkali production measurements





SnS RIB experiment @ ALTO

A. Andrighetto (LNL-INFN)/M. Cheikh Mahmed (IPNO)

Framework: ENSAR2/EURISOL JRA/BEAMLAB Involved Laboratories: ISOLDE-CERN, IPNO-CNRS, LNL-INFN, GANIL, SCK.CEN

Offline tests @ ISOL-ALTO





Dedicated graphite oven for axial injection of ³²S vapors

Graphite pellets simulating the UCx load

Dedicated oven for enriched ³²S

- SnS stable beams were produced by sulfurization of Sn
- Better control of S evaporation process is needed with the Online experiment conditions (target temperature ~ 2000 °C)
- Online experiment starts week 47



LINO @ ALTO

D. Balabanski (ELI-NP)/D. Yordanov (IPNO)





Source : Implantation by fusion evaporation (d, ⁵⁶Fe) à ALTO (Tandem)

 ❑ Geometry and solid angle correction
 → S. Roccia, C. Gaulard, A. Etilé, R. Chakma NIMA 859 (2017) 18-22

□ Nuclear magnetic moment of ⁵⁷⁻⁵⁸Fe (Ph.D. A. Etilé)

□ Multipole mixing ratio of ⁵⁷⁻⁵⁸Fe (Ph.D. R. Thoer)

 → PolarEx, a Future Facility for On-Line Nuclear Orientation at ALTO : Multipolarity Mixing Ratio Data Analysis,
 Zakopane Conference on Nuclear Physics 2018,
 R. Thoer et al. , Acta Physica Polonica B, Vol. 50 N° 3

\rightarrow + 1-2 conference/y

→ Publication to be submitted soon (draft ready) on the off-line commissioning



POLAREX @ ALTO Achivements: Off-line commissionning







ALTO: Beam perspectives





v-ball2 campaign: October 2021 – December 2022

Result of negotiations with Gammapool, Jyvaskyla, PARIS collaboration

New Configurations

v-ball/PARIS

GDR studies. High energy gamma detection for light nuclei (ALTO high intensity ^{6,7}Li, ¹⁴C beams)

<u>v-ball/OUPS plunger and/or charged particle detector</u> RDM lifetimes



v-ball/Fast Timing

24 clovers coupled with 40 FATIMA for best hybrid array performance. Lifetime measurements 10-ps 10ns range for weakly populated states

v-ball/LICORNE

Improve fission technique: Reduce gamma backgrounds from the source and intrinsic target activity. More primary beam. Low density targets for DPM lifetime measurements. ²⁵²Cf IC





The ALTO Facility: RIB line construction





The ALTO Facility: BEDO upgrade



950

1000



New design of the setup, adding a magnetic lens

1050

Energy [keV]

1100

1150

G. Tocabens, PhD Thesis



Ge

The ALTO Facility: BEDO upgrade

Probing Vibrational Modes and Shape Coexistence in 118Cd through Conversion Electron Measurements

$$^{118}Ag \xrightarrow{\beta^{-}} {}^{118}Cd$$

- Measurement of internal conversion
- Spin assignement of 2.223 & 2.182
 MeV states
- q²(E0/E2) measurement
- Confirmation of quadrupoleoctupole-coupled nature of states





Reaching Terra Incognita of Exotic Nuclei (ReTIEN)





POLAREX @ ALTO





Study of Pm isotopic chain (A=147, 149, 151)
 Measurement of H_{hf} of Pm in Fe
 Measurement of magnetic moments of Pm isotopes

□ Study of magnetic moments of Sb ($A = 130^{g,m}$, $132^{g,m}$, $134^{g,m}$)

□ Collectivity development from N=40 to N=50 : the case of the g_{9/2} mid-shell ⁷⁷Ge

□ Orientation of ¹³⁷I and decay of high level excite states of ¹³⁷Xe

- Magnetic dipole moment of ¹³⁷I
- Parity admixture in excited states of ¹³⁷Xe
- Beta delayed neutron emission from ¹³⁷Xe

 $\hfill\square$ Magnetic moment measurements of Sb and I nuclei close to ^{132}Sn



Mass measurements

P2IO Labex

MLL-TRAP @ ALTO

RFQCB

lon preparation section

Enrique Minaya Ramirez et al.

Beam transport section

- Nuclear structure studies with high precision mass measurements.
- 2016 2024 : commissioning at ALTO, increase of MLLTRAP sensitivity (R&D), mass measurement campaigns.
 - 2024 : Installation at DESIR, new mass measurement campaigns.





In color : Unknown masses or known masses with a low precision accessible with MLLTRAP. \rightarrow Neutron rich nuclei around the magic numbers N=50 and 82.





The physics behind these masses will allow to explore nuclear structure modifications, with a possible weakening of the shell gap around Z < 50 and to calculate the impact on mass A = 130 r-process elemental abundances. This inaugural scientific program will create new opportunities for wider collaboration and show readiness for upcoming national projects







RIALTO: Ag beam development



Projet Space ALTO

Station Pour l'irrAdiation des Composants et systèmEs à ALTO

SESAME PIA

The objective of the project :

- To meet the demands of industrials for electron, neutron and proton beams.
- Create within the ALTO platform, high-performance and functional experimental areas dedicated to irradiation.
- To have several automated and scalable stations to produce particle beams calibrated in energy, flux and dose.
- Offer irradiation possibilities to perfectly simulate the space radiative environment.



AIM for ISO9001 et ISO17025 labelisation

Faisceaux	Énergie	Flux
Neutrons	0.5 – 4 MeV	10 ⁸ n/s/sr
Protons	20 keV – 30 MeV	10 ¹⁶ p/s
Electrons	Jusqu'à 50MeV	5x10 ¹⁰ p/cm ² /s







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Atouts GANIL-ALTO : Variété des faisceaux primaires

Variété des cibles Variété des installations



Fission induite

→ Nombreuses possibilités d'optimisation des dispositifs de production ISOL

Years	Funding	Dotation	
2006-2010	ANR JCJC	150 k€	Postdoc, moving from Canada, upgrade
2011-2018	IN2P3	Env. 90k€	30k€ structure at ALTO, 20k€ installation at ALTO, 5 à 8 k€/year
2016-2019	Projet Emblématique – Labex P2IO	175 k€	½ Ph.D. grant (R. Thoer), construction of vertical beam line
2018	ERM – Université Paris-Sud	26,2 k€	Construction of 90° deflector
2018	SESAME – Ile de France	580 k€	Construction of horizontal beam line

The collaboration



CSNSM, Orsay, FR C. Gaulard, J. Guillot, S. Roccia, R. Thoer IPNO, Orsay, FR F. Ibrahim, F. Le Blanc, D. Verney University of Maryland, College Park, USA J.R. Stone, W. B. Walters ILL Grenoble, FR U. Köster University of Surrey, Guildford, UK P. M. Walker University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA C.R.Bingham, R.Grzywacz, K. Kolos, M. Madurga, N.J. Stone Niigata University, Niigata, JP T. Otsubo University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad, Serbia M. Veskovic, J. Nikolov -53-



Budget 2019 et demande 2020-22

Budget 2019 : 12 k€ R&D :

 Développement tripleur en fréquence pour faisceau Antimoine : 8 k€

- Fiabilisation position faisceau : 2 k€

Fonctionnement :

Consommables pour Ga (solvants, colorants, filtres) : 2 k€

Demande 2021 : 20 k€ R&D prévue :

Asservissement du 3^{ème} faisceaux : 10 k€

Fonctionnement :

- Maintenance YAG : 7 k€
- Consommables pour Zn : 3 k€

Demande 2020 : 25 k€ **R&D prévue :**

-Asservissement de la position par les retours des faisceaux : 20 k€ (2 faisceaux sur 3)

Développement faisceau Sb et Ag (colorants, solvant, filtres, optique) : 5 k€

Demande 2022 : 12 k€ Fonctionnement :

- Optique : 7 k€
- Consommables : 5 k€



v-ball: Measured Performances



Time Resolution: ~250ps

Energy Resolution (@662 keV): 2,6%

Photopeak efficiency (@1.33 MeV): .5%

