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## Project ERAWAST – Radionuclides for Astrophysical Application

# Objectives of ERAWAST

**Exotic Radionuclides from Accelerator WASTE for Science and Technology**

$^7\text{Be}$  (53.3d),  $^{10}\text{Be}$  ( $1.6 \cdot 10^6\text{y}$ ),  $^{26}\text{Al}$  ( $7.2 \cdot 10^5\text{y}$ ),  $^{44}\text{Ti}$  (60.4y),  $^{53}\text{Mn}$  ( $3.7 \cdot 10^6\text{y}$ ),  $^{59}\text{Ni}$  ( $7.5 \cdot 10^4\text{y}$ ),  
 $^{60}\text{Fe}$  ( $2.6 \cdot 10^6\text{y}$ ),  $^{32}\text{Si}$  (172y)  $^{146}\text{Sm}$  ( $1.03 \cdot 10^8\text{y}$ ),  $^{182}\text{Hf}$  ( $9 \cdot 10^6\text{y}$ )

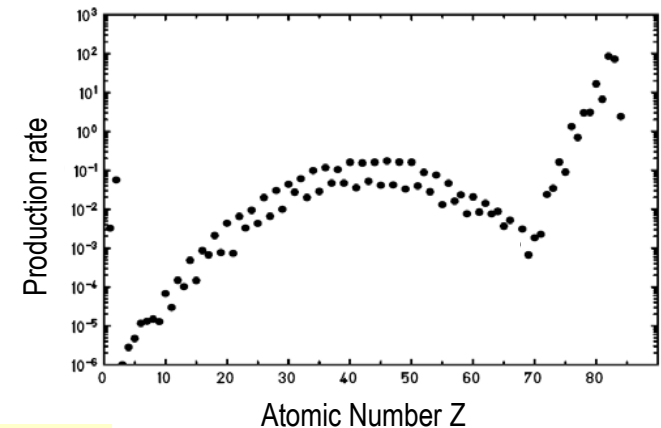
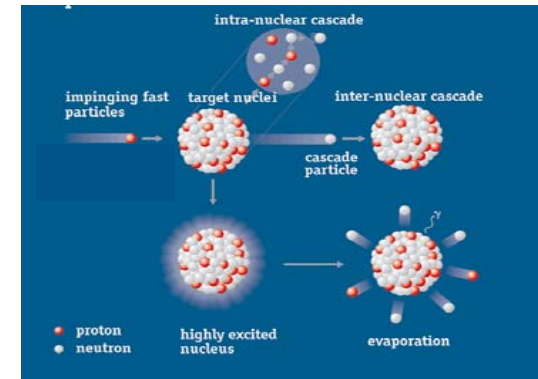
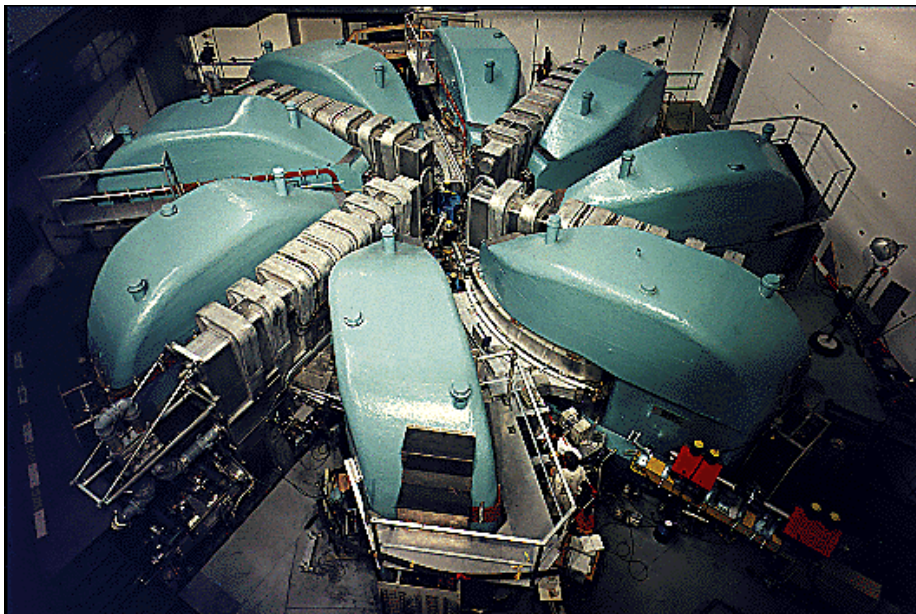
Application of exotic long-lived isotopes from accelerator waste

- Nuclide production facilities
- Basic physics research
- Geophysics and Astrophysics
- AMS and RIMS measurement groups
- Life science and nuclear medicine

**Difficult, expensive and time consuming production**

# Spallation Reactions High Energy Accelerator Facilities

**Cyclotron**  
590 MeV protons, 3 mA



All elements of periodic table with  $Z \leq Z_{\text{target}} + 1$



## Copper beam dump

$^{44}\text{Ti}$ ,  $^{53}\text{Mn}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Fe}$ ,  $^{59}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{32}\text{Si}$



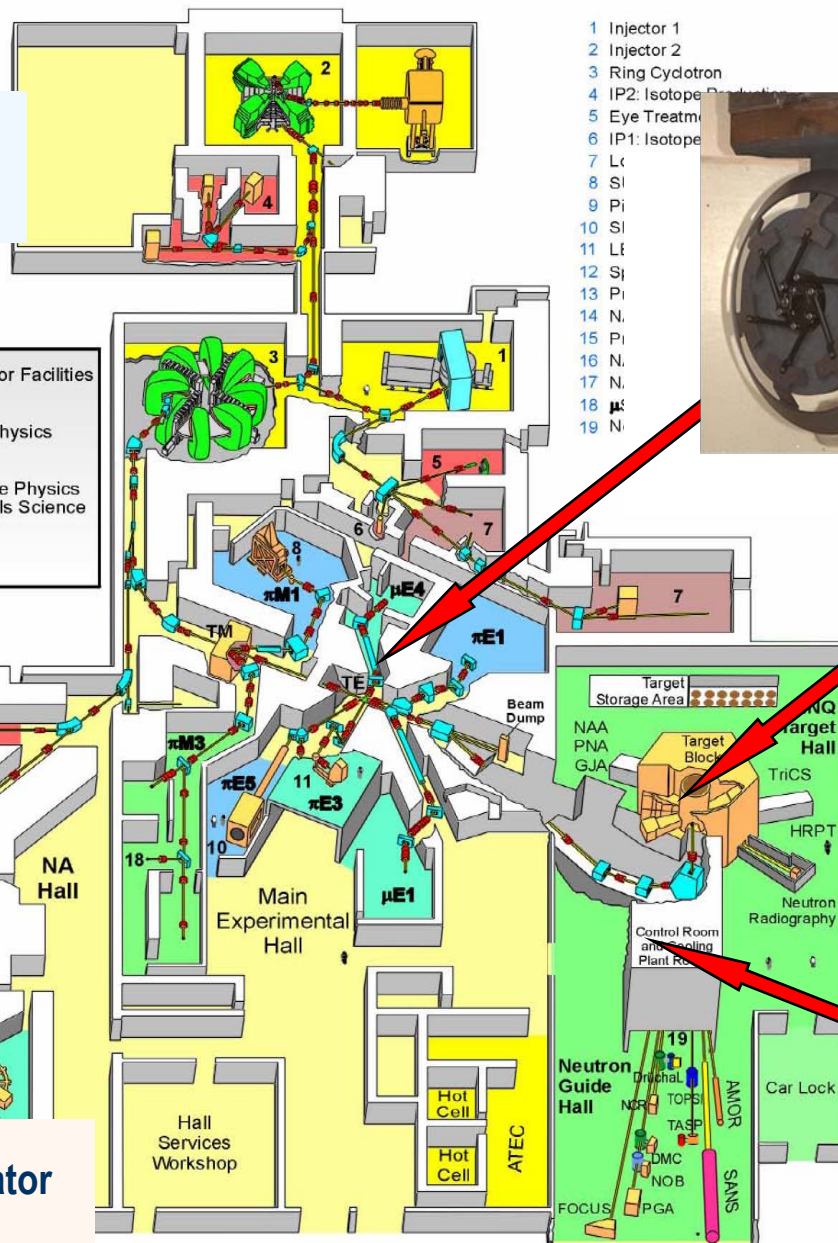
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meters

Accelerator Facilities  
Particle Physics  
Solid State Physics  
& Materials Science  
Medicine



## Stainless steel collimator

$^{44}\text{Ti}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{53}\text{Mn}$



- 1 Injector 1
- 2 Injector 2
- 3 Ring Cyclotron
- 4 IP2: Isotope Production
- 5 Eye Treatment
- 6 IP1: Isotope
- 7 Lc
- 8 Sl
- 9 Pi
- 10 Sl
- 11 Lc
- 12 Sl
- 13 Pi
- 14 Nc
- 15 Pi
- 16 Nc
- 17 Nc
- 18 μE
- 19 Nc

## Myon production

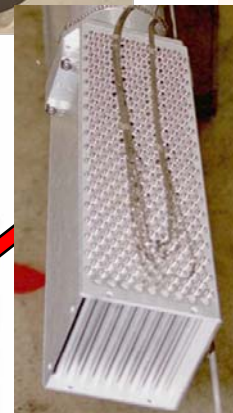
$^{10}\text{Be}$



## SINQ target

STIP

$^{207}\text{Bi}$ ,  $^{172}\text{Hf}$ ,  
 $^{173}\text{Lu}$ ,  $^{194}\text{Hg}$ ,  
 $^{202}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{205}\text{Pb}$ ,  
 $^{125}\text{Sb}$ ,  $^{106}\text{Ru}$ ,  
 $^{44}\text{Ti}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{53}\text{Mn}$



## SINQ cooling water

$^{10}\text{Be}$



## Summary

### ▪ Radionuclides separated

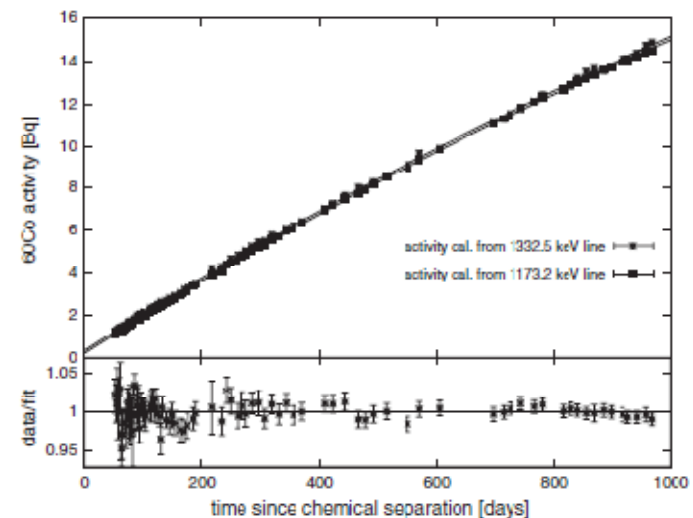
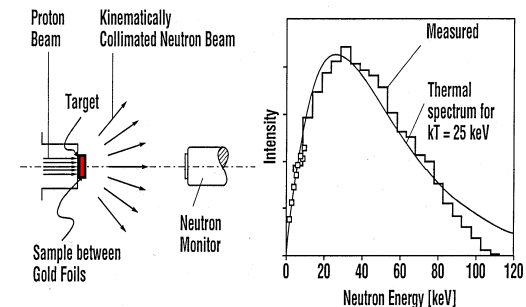
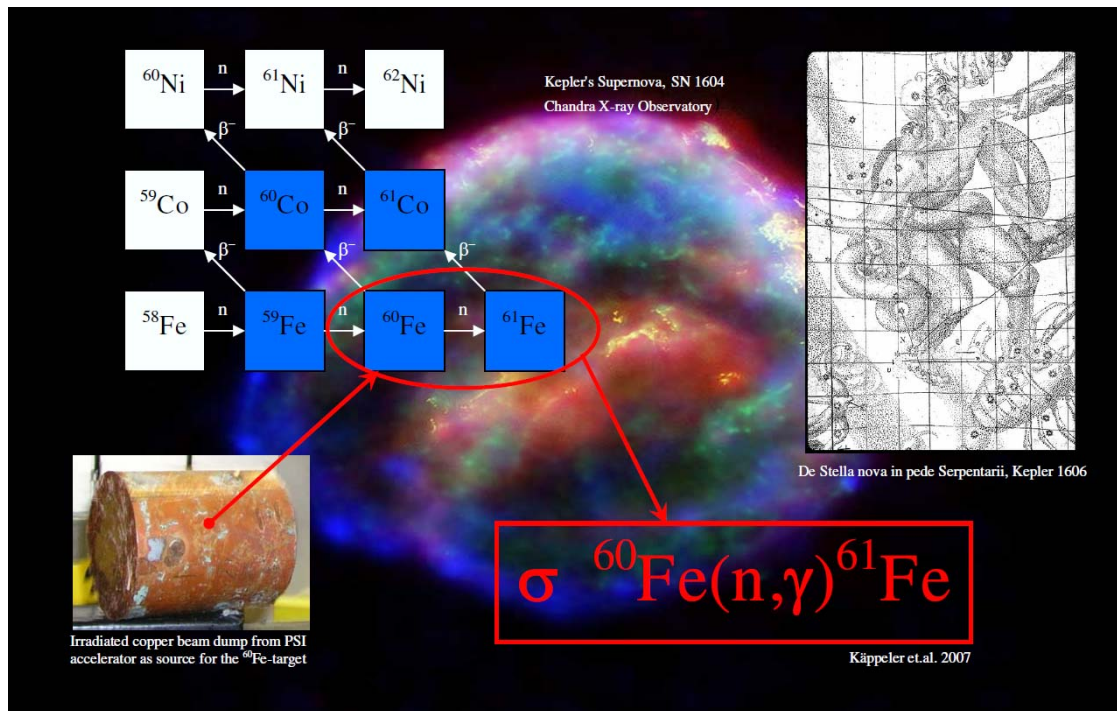
- $^7\text{Be}$  – 10 GBq
- $^{10}\text{Be}$  – 20  $\mu\text{g}$
- $^{44}\text{Ti}$  – 10 MBq
- $^{53}\text{Mn}$  –  $2 \cdot 10^{17}$  atoms
- $^{60}\text{Fe}$  –  $5 \cdot 10^{16}$  atoms

### ▪ Radionuclides available

- $^7\text{Be}$  – unlimited
- $^{10}\text{Be}$  – 100  $\mu\text{g}$
- $^{26}\text{Al}$  – 20 kBq ( $10^{18}$  atoms)
- $^{59}\text{Ni}$  – 8 MBq ( $10^{19}$  atoms)
- $^{44}\text{Ti}$  – 0.5-1 GBq ( $10^{18}$  atoms)
- $^{53}\text{Mn}$  – 500 kBq ( $10^{19}$  atoms)
- $^{60}\text{Fe}$  –  $5 \cdot 10^{16}$  atoms
- $^{32}\text{Si}$  – 10 MBq ( $10^{16}$  atoms)

### ▪ Possibilities for other irradiation positions (SINQ, beam dumps, collimators)

# $^{60}\text{Fe}$ half-life and neutron capture cross section



$$\langle \sigma \rangle = 10.2 \pm 2.9 \text{ mbarn}$$

Physical Review Letters, 102 (15) 2009

Physical Review Letters, 103 (7) 2009

$$T_{1/2} = 2.62 \pm 0.04 \cdot 10^6 \text{ years}$$



# Core Collapse Supernovae

Explosion mechanism is extremely complex

Good diagnostic –  $^{44}\text{Ti}$

Produced in significant quantity

Gamma-ray observable – 1157 keV

Quantity produced is sensitive to underlying physics

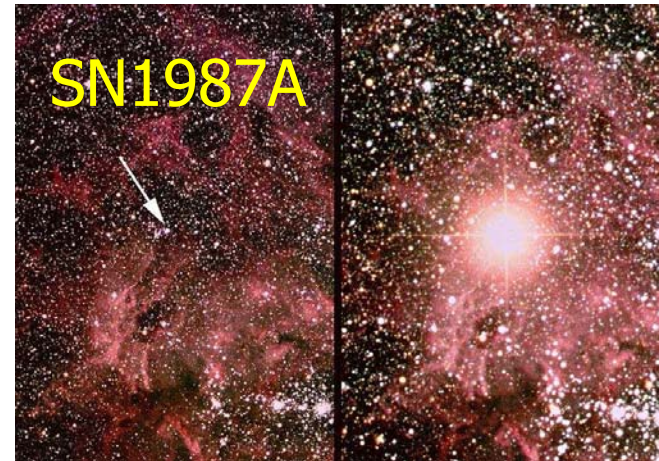
$^{44}\text{Ti}$  abundance determined by only a few key reactions:

Triple  $\alpha$

$^{40}\text{Ca}(\alpha, \gamma)^{44}\text{Ti}$

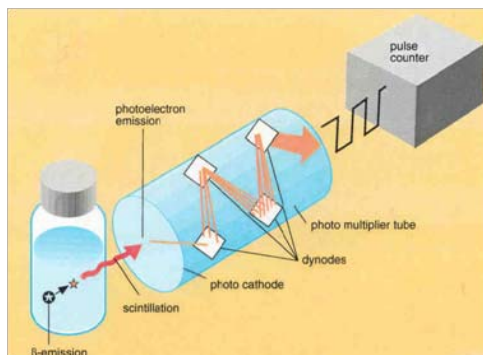
$^{44}\text{Ti}(\alpha, \gamma)^{48}\text{Cr}$

$^{44}\text{Ti}(\alpha, p)^{47}\text{V}$

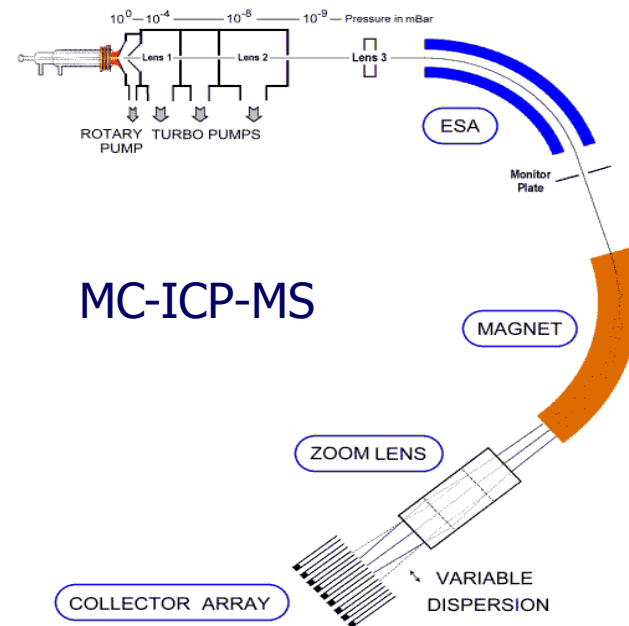


# $^{10}\text{Be}$ Half-life

## LSC



$$T_{1/2}^{^{10}\text{Be}} = \frac{N_{^{10}\text{Be}}}{A_{^{10}\text{Be}}} \ln 2$$



- ICP-MS can measure isotope ratios for the Beryllium isotopes BUT – only one stable Be isotope -  $^9\text{Be}$
- Second point for mass bias correction -  $^7\text{Be}$   
quantified by 478 keV gamma line  
 $^7\text{Be}$  (53 d)  $\rightarrow$   $^7\text{Li}$  (stable)
- ICP-MS in principle possible, but interference with  $^7\text{Li}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}$



from 29 August 2011 to 02 September 2011 (Europe/Zurich) *Paul Scherrer Institut*  
Europe/Zurich timezone

## Overview

Scientific Background

Scientific Programme

Accommodation

International Advisory Committee

Local organizing Committee

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## The goal

The first exploratory workshop, ERAWAST I, held at PSI in November 2006, explored the possibility of an international network for the exploitation of accelerator waste materials with regard to use as a source of exotic radionuclides for basic science and technological applications. The workshop brought together partners from both the production facilities as well as application domains. The main outcome of this workshop was the establishment of an international collaboration, and the identification of both "early-to-realize" and "long-term" experiments and applications. After 5 years, it is time to evaluate the main achievements and to define future work and possibilities.

## The topics

- Production and separation of exotic radionuclides
- Nuclear astrophysics
- Basic nuclear physics
- Accelerator mass spectrometry
- Nanotechnology
- Geophysics and geochemistry

## Hosting organization

Paul Scherrer Institute Villigen, in cooperation with the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

**Dates:** from 29 August 2011 00:00 to 02 September 2011 23:55


**Timezone:** Europe/Zurich

**Location:** *Paul Scherrer Institut*  
Villigen (Switzerland)  
Room: OSGA E06

**Chairs:** [Dr. Schumann, Dorothea](#)

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