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TA Facility HZDR – Felsenkeller Access for astronuclear experiments

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Two ion sources for high intensity beams

External Cesium sputter ion source

- produces intensive
 ¹²C⁻ beam
- measured up to 140 µA after the source
- other species of negatively charged ions available





Internal radio frequency ion source

- produces intensive ¹H and ⁴He beams
- expected up to 30 µA





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Irradiation station: solid or gas target system

Solid target system

cooled by water or liquid nitrogen



Gas target system

 wall jet and/or windowless extended gas target system (under construction)



Currently available detectors for gamma-rays produced in the astronuclear reaction

Multiple high purity germanium detectors (grey) with active (BGO, blue) and passive (lead, yellow) shielding and collimators:

1 x 90% HPGe





4 x Euroball/Miniball (2 x 7-cluster, 2 x 3-cluster)



Figure taken from T. Szücs et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 55, 174, 2019.



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Details of TA at HZDR – Felsenkeller

- Minimum total quantity of access provided under ChETEC-INFRA TA: 975 beam time hours
 - 200 to 400 beam time hours each in year
 - 100 to 300 beam time hours as typical amount per user project
- Access is provided in hands-on mode
 - user group must attend the experiment and work on the control of the detectors
 - ion beam will be provided and controlled exclusively by the trained operators of the facility, not by the users
- Users can

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- either use irradiation stations and detectors free of charge
- or bring part of or even the whole setup themselves
- Accommodation
 - Suitable hotel room near Felsenkeller will be booked with good public transport connection to Felsenkeller
- Review Procedure: Access granted and reimbursed only for positive outcome by both,
 - ChETEC-INFRA User Selection Panel (USP)
 - Felsenkeller Scientific Advisory Board



HZDR – Felsenkeller

Facility for experimental nuclear astrophysics

Summary

- 5 MV Pelletron ion accelerator
- underground, shielded from cosmic rays by 45 m of rock overburden
- combined with active muon vetos, the background rate is typically reduced by three orders of magnitudes
- external cesium sputter ion source for
 - intensive carbon beams
 - many other species of negatively charged ions
- internal radio frequency ion source placed on the terminal for intensive
 - hydrogen beams
 - helium beams

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