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① Origin of the lights of J-PARC (photo by Takanori Shibata)

This is an image of a negative hydrogen ion (H-) beam pulled out from the ion source, which is the starting point of J-PARC. The ion source generates a plasma state by injecting hydrogen gas and a radio-frequency electric field into its interior. The ions in the plasma are extracted as a beam using a high voltage of several 10 kilovolts. The right side of the photo shows the ion source side. Near the ion source, a lot of introduced hydrogen gas remains, which emits red and purple light when it collides with the beam.

② Looking upstream from downstream (photo by Junko Kitagishi)

The J-PARC linac comprises an ion source and four accelerator cavities (RFQ, DTL, SDTL, and ACS) from the upstream side. This photo shows the accelerator tunnel where the linear accelerator components are installed, looking from downstream to upstream, spanning 330 m. The green components in the foreground are the SDTL and ACS. The green equipment in the foreground is a quadrupole magnet for focusing the beam between the SDTL and ACS.

③ Mantis aiming at butterflies (photo by Takanori Hattori)

This is a view of the low-temperature and, high-pressure experiment at the BL11 high-pressure neutron diffractometer PLANET in the Materials and Life Science Experimental Facility at J-PARC. From the front to the center of the photo, neutron beams are injected to the sample in the cryostat located at the center of the experimental hatch and the scattered neutrons are measured by the detectors installed on both wings. The high-temperature, high-pressure press "ATSUHIME" behind the cryostat is waiting for its turn.

④ Radio Frequency Quadrupole (RFQ) Accelerator (photo by Masashi Otani)

This is the contents of the RFQ, one of the linac accelerator cavities at J-PARC. The principle of the RFQ was proposed in 1969 and first realized at Los Alamos, United States in 1980. Unlike other accelerators, it is capable of strong focusing, acceleration, and bunching by electric fields, and has played a crucial role in generating high-intensity beams as the first-stage part of proton and ion accelerators. At J-PARC, it is also an indispensable part of the world's top-class proton beam accelerator. In recent years, it has succeeded in accelerating muons for the first time globally.

(5) Ultracompact accelerator mass spectrometer

This is a prototype of an ultracompact accelerator mass spectrometer. This prototype is 2 m^2 , much smaller than conventional accelerator mass spectrometers.

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Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) is the only organization in Japan conducting comprehensive research and development in the field of nuclear energy. Because result of our research and development activities, various of industrially applicable technologies have been developed. Some technologies have a wide range of applications beyond the nuclear field. We have compiled a collection of technology seeds for the industry and other external parties to use.

We hope that all parties involved in companies, universities, and research institutes will use this technology seeds to understand our technologies and consider joint research and technology transfer. It would be our greatest pleasure if this collection of technology seeds could be of some use to you.

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No.1

Development of a negative ion generator by high-frequency heating of powder particles

- Cesium-free and high negative ion generation efficiency
- Safe because cesium is not used for electron donors
- The negative ion generation area is increased more than 10 times compared to the conventional method.

Keywords : Negative ion source, radio frequency heating, low-work function materials, cesium-free, high efficiency





Fields of use

- · Ion beam analysis and accelerator mass spectrometry
- · PET and other medical radiation fields
- Semiconductor integrated circuit fabrication processes

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Technical details

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Hydrogels, and methods of producing gels or porous materials

- Success in improving strength of cellulose hydrogel materials using freezing phenomena
- Characterized by biodegradability, high moldability, and adsorptivity for toxic substances
- Anticipated to be developed into environmental purification materials and biomaterials

Keywords : Biomass material, Freezing, Cellulose, Adsorption, Biodegradable, High strength, High moldability



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Productization

Commercialization

(AEA) Simple integrable inductor

Thin-film inductor elements, thin-film variable inductor elements



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No.3

Prevention of embrittlement of high-strength aluminum alloys

No.4

Additives that absorb hydrogen in materials and prevent hydrogen embrittlement

- Computational science research discovers a hydrogen-absorbing compound in aluminum alloys
- Experiments verify effectiveness in preventing hydrogen embrittlement of aluminum alloys

Keywords : Supercomputer, First-principles electronic structure calculations, Aluminum alloy, Hydrogen embrittlement

- High-strength aluminum alloys are susceptible to hydrogen embrittlement (hydrogeninduced brittleness).
- First-principles electronic structure calculations demonstrate that the Al₇FeCu₂ compound in aluminum alloys absorbs hydrogen atoms in the aluminum matrix.
- Experimental confirmation of the influence of controlling the content of Al₇FeCu₂ compound in aluminum alloys on the suppression and prevention of hydrogen embrittlement.



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Possible hydrogen atom positions (H) in AI_7FeCu_2 compound



Hydrogen absorption capacity of the $\rm Al_7FeCu_2$ compound in an aluminum alloy:

Although the trapping energy (eV/atom) of hydrogen atoms reduces with increasing hydrogen absorption, up to about eight hydrogen atoms are estimated to be absorbed in a cell.



Applied research

Practical development

Productization

Commercialization

Fields of use

Aluminum alloy production, metal material development

Information of intellectual property

WO2021/246267 (Co-applicant: Kyushu University) WO2022/270483 (Co-applicant: Iwate University, Kyushu University) Technical details

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Maintains ultra-high vacuum without power supply

Surface modification to a vacuum chamber-type getter pump



- Functions in a power-saving, space-saving, vibration-free manner
- Maintains ultra-high vacuum for long periods of time without conventional pumps

Keywords: Ultra-high vacuum, Getter pump, Vacuum chamber, Titanium, NEG coating



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Enables measurement of γ -ray spectra without shielding in high dose-rate fields

Development of γ -ray spectrometer specialized for high dose rate



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A new method of solvent extraction and wastewater purification for rare metals (emulsion flow)

- **Processing cost**: less than 1/5 of the conventional solvent extraction method (mixer-settler)
- Processing speed: more than 10 times faster than conventional methods (less than $1/10^{
 m th}$ the size of the equipment)
- Removes oil and suspended components (fine particles and other solids) from wastewater

Keywords: Emulsion flow, Solvent extraction, Rare metals, Recycling, Wastewater purification

Emulsion Flow Method

The emulsion flow method collects and removes both components dissolved in water and components suspended in water by spewing immiscible solvent into water.

Evolved Equipment

The generation and dissipation of emulsions are fully controlled by pumping alone for ideal solvent extraction.

Effective in purifying oilcontaminated water and removing suspended solids from wastewater

Stage of Technology

Applied research

Practical development

Productization

Commercialization

Fields of use

Recovery and recycling of rare metals, purification of industrial wastewater and oil contaminated water, and metal smelting

Information of intellectual property

Patent No. US9108124 Pub. No. US2022/0016582 Technical details

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Strong and unbreakable at over 600 °C

No.10

Oxide dispersion strengthened (ODS) high Cr steel

- Excellent corrosion resistance, high temperature strength, and toughness at over 600 $^\circ\mathrm{C}$
- Oxidation resistance comparable to that of stainless steel
- Good toughness at room temperature

Keywords: Over 600 °C, Corrosion resistance, High temperature strength, Toughness, ODS

Heat resistant steel with high temperature strength, toughness, and corrosion resistance

The ODS high-Cr steel produced by this technology has excellent corrosion resistance, high-temperature strength, and toughness, all of which have been challenging to achieve with conventional heat-resistant steels. The high corrosion resistance, high strength, and high toughness steel were achieved by not only the dispersion of oxides, but also the adjustment of composition (high Cr content), including Cr, which contributes to corrosion resistance, and the optimization of manufacturing process.

Stage of Technology

Fields of use

- Fusion reactor materials and thermal power generation materials
- Other high-temperature parts
- Information of intellectual property Patent No ER1455408

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Suppression of stress corrosion cracking by

process modification of conventional steel

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High radiation resistance and beautiful image quality

Radiation resistant digital camera system

- Proprietary photodetectors and signal-processing functions
- Functioning in a high radiation environment that is inaccessible to humans
- Autonomously optimizes image quality for high sensitivity, high resolution, and high image quality

Keywords : Digital camera, Radiation resistance, Photodetector, Robotics, Electromagnetic noise, Radiation sterilization

Fields of use

Radiation sterilization monitoring in the manufacturing, medical, and aerospace fields.

Information of intellectual property

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No.12

Accurate measurement of flow rates in various channels

Compact electromagnetic flowmeter

 Applicable to annular channels
 Significantly reduced space requirements for flowmeter placement

Keywords: Electromagnetic flowmeter, Liquid metal, Conductive fluid, Electrolyte

- An electromagnetic flowmeter capable of making accurate measurements in the annular flow channel of an electromagnetic pump was investigated.
- Compared to the conventional type, it is more compact and therefore more effective for ordinary piping.
- Magnetic field analysis confirmed the effectiveness of this method (The figure below).

Stage of Technology

Basic research Applied research

Practical development

Productization

Commercialization

Fields of use • Flowmeter for conductive fluids such as liquid metal

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Uranyl ions can be analyzed with high sensitivity

Highly sensitive and rapid analytical method for uranyl ions

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Carbonate apatite with high carbonate group content

- Low-cost, high-efficiency removal of strontium 90, cadmium, lead, copper, etc.
- High-performance adsorbent made from food waste material
- Simultaneous remediation of environmental pollution and food waste problems

Keywords: Toxic metal ions, environmental purification, contaminated water, sustainable society

- Measurement of heavy charged particles with low gamma-ray contamination thanks to decreased light emission post gamma-ray irradiation.
- High count rate capability owing to the decreased afterglow.

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This is a robot for radiation observation jointly developed by the JAEA and SHIMANO Inc. (Sabae City, Fukui Prefecture) and a demonstration example. The robot acquires information on the three-dimensional (3D) distribution of radioactive contamination in a radiation environment, such as a decommissioning site of a nuclear facility.

① Robot for radiation observation taking pictures, wearing a special raincoat to for waterproofing and preventing contamination.

② Example of the demonstration at Fugen, 3D model using a LiDAR camera.

③ Example of the demonstration at Fugen, visualization of the high-dose-rate spot in ②.

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