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The University of Manchester Dalton Nuclear Institute

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WHO WE ARE: The University of Manchester's Dalton Cumbrian Facility (DCF) is the UK's largest academic research facility dedicated to the area of radiation science.





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"The DCF boasts unique features that are unrivalled in the UK and among the best world-wide."

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, 2017, Dalton Cumbrian Facility: celebrating a 10-year journey to success.

The growth of the Dalton Cumbrian Facility

Growth of DCF	2011	2017	2021
Businesses using DCF	0	15	35
Universities using DCF	0	19	35
Associated industrial/academic staff	0	120	200





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OUR LOCATION:

1. Dalton Cumbrian Facility

KEY SITES:2. University of Manchester





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A diverse and growing research community





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Our facilities







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X-ray cabinet source (Precision MultiRad350)







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X-ray cabinet source (Precision MultiRad350)

- 30 350 kVp
- Dose rates up to 140 Gy/min
- Moderate penetration
- Turntable
- Hypoxic chamber
- Collimators
- Funded by the Henry Royce Institute



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FTS Model 812 Gamma Irradiator

POSITION







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FTS Model 812 Gamma Irradiator

- 1MeV
- 330 Gy/min 30 Gy/hr
- Higher penetration
- 2 access ports (top and side) allows flowing liquid samples in and out
- Turntables and various sample holders available

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Ion Beam Accelerators



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Ion Beam Accelerators

5MV tandem ion accelerator:
10 MeV ¹H⁺ up to 100 μA, ~0.5 DPA/day
15 MeV ⁴He²⁺ up to 15 μA
25 MeV ¹²C⁴⁺ up to 1 μA
Heavy ions, e.g. Au²⁻⁴⁺ 10s MeV ~5 DPA/hour
[Highly sample dependent - please ask]

2.5MV single ended ion accelerator:
Light ion accelerator (e.g. ¹H⁺ and ⁴He²⁺)



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Beam lines

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Beam lines

- High beam energy/high beam current experiments
 Beam line "hot cell" to allow higher penetration & higher damage rate studies
- Equipment for the handling, storage & onward transport to CCFE & NNL CL of activated samples
- In-situ experimental equipment: Ion beam analysis (PIXE, RBS, NRA & ERDA), high temperature/high pressure autoclave and loop



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Characterisation and Analysis





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Characterisation and Analysis

Scanning Electron Microscope Electron **Backscatter** Diffraction, Wavelength Dispersive Spectroscopy **Energy Dispersive** Spectroscopy, Heating/cooling & tensile stage. 2D-XRD.

Time-domain thermoreflectance; Optical microscopes; Micro hardness testing, FT-IR Spectrometer/FT-Raman Spectrometer/Rama n Microscopy, **3D** printing (plastics and stainless steel)

Differential Centrifuge (nanosizing) HPLC, Ion Chromatography; Gas Chromatography; Surface Area & Porosity Analyser; Fluorescence Spectrophotometer; UV-Vis Spectrometer; Total Organic Carbon & Nitrogen Analyser, EPR, etc...



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Remote access available





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Projects under development



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New end station. Secondary Ion Mass Spec (SIMS) + Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy (EELS)





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Beamline upgrades (planned for next summer)



EPSRC NUUF funded: Highest proton currents at our Maximum energy Daresbury Labs STFC donation: 70 ns pulses of light ions

Ferrite frame





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PART -	THE TEAM:	
	 Ion beam team: Andy Smith Samir de Moraes Shubeita Nick Mason Carl Andrews 	Gamma team:Ruth EdgeKevin Warren
	 Analytical team: Gyorgyi Glodan Chetna Tyagi Claire Trevaskis Sally Wilson 	 Administrative team: Rebecca Shepherd Lian Murdoch Morven Wilson Amy Johnson





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COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

TARGET MET:

150 days of ion beam usage over the past 12 months

SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT:

- Rigorous cleaning schedule
- Clearly defined room capacity and scheduled visits
 - Remote access available
 - Flexible response to changing restrictions





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