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Recent results from the mass spectrometer ISOLTRAP

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Atomic masses of radioactive nuclides provide crucial information for a number of research topics, from nuclear structure and its manifestations across the nuclear chart, to the modelling of the r-process of nucleosynthesis. In this contribution, we will present the latest mass measurements from the precision Penningtrap mass spectrometer ISOLTRAP, located at the ISOLDE facility at CERN. The masses of neutron-rich 129–131Cd isotopes were determined using ISOLTRAP's unique combination of four ion traps, including a multi-reflection time-of-flight mass spectrometer, which is now used for beam purification and mass spectrometry as well. The cadmium isotopes are an important input for modelling the astrophysical r-process of nucleosynthesis, as the 130Cd isotope is thought to be a major waiting point nuclide. The masses of neutron-rich chromium isotopes were measured, approaching the N=40 region, where nuclear collectivity is expected. Additionally, the masses of 101,102Sr and 101,102Rb were determined, extending the investigations of the A ≈ 100 nuclides in a well-known region of nuclear shape transition.

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