

Nuclear Physics Perspectives with Next-Generation RIB Facilities

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Need for rare isotope beams





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World Wide Effort in Rare Isotope Science



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The Science with Rare Isotope Beams



Properties of nucleonic matter

- Classical domain of nuclear science
- Many-body quantum problem: intellectual overlap to mesoscopic science – how to understand the world from simple building blocks



Nuclear processes in the universe

- Energy generation in stars, (explosive) nucleo-synthesis
- Properties of neutron stars, EOS of asymmetric nuclear matter



Tests of fundamental symmetries

 Effects of symmetry violations are amplified in certain nuclei



Societal applications and benefits

Bio-medicine, energy, material sciences, national security





High beam rates are needed to do the science Next-generation high-power (>100 kW) RIB facilities are the key



Gain factors of 10-10000 over operational facilities



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Fast, stopped, and reaccelerated beams are needed to do the science

• Fast beams (>100 MeV/u)

- Farthest reach from stability, nuclear structure, limits of existence, EOS of nuclear matter
- Stopped beams (0-100 keV)
 - Precision experiments masses, moments, symmetries
- Reaccelerated beams (0.2-20 MeV/u)
 - Detailed nuclear structure studies, high-spin studies
 - Astrophysical reaction rates





Properties of nucleonic matter

• Studies of rare isotopes are crucial for developing reliable models of nuclei and their reactions

 Link to mesoscopic science – deriving the properties of complex systems from their simple building blocks

• Stable nuclei: N/Z \approx 1 - 1.5, S_p \approx S_n \approx 6 - 8 MeV

- Homogeneous admixture of protons and neutrons
- Good mean-field description & "single-particle" picture
- Large gaps between major shells (magic numbers)
- Empirical shell-model interactions
- Very neutron-rich nuclei: N/Z \approx 2 2.5, S_n << 1 MeV
 - Extended neutron distributions neutron skins & halos
 - Proximity of the Fermi surface coupling to the continuum
 - Redefinition of magic numbers
 - Unknown shell-model interactions







Example: Evolution of Shell Structure

- Improved understanding of the nature of the effective interactions and operators used in nuclear structure models
 - Insight into tensor and 3-body forces in nuclei (e.g., Otsuka, et al.)
 - The continuum plays an important role in weakly bound nuclei (e.g., Nazarewicz, Zelevinsky, et al.)
- Needed: excitation energies, B(E2) gamma decay strength, spectroscopic factors, nuclear moments, masses, ...
- Further surprises are to be expected



Search for new nuclear "magic" numbers



Broad View of Nuclear Properties





Theory Road Map and Nuclear Structure

Realize a comprehensive and coherent description of atomic nuclei

- Theory Road Map comprehensive description of the atomic nucleus
 - Ab initio models study of neutron-rich, light nuclei helps determine the force to use in models
 - Configuration-interaction theory; study of shell and effective interactions
 - The universal energy density functional (DFT) – determine parameters
- Measurements are needed to quantitatively constrain theory





Nuclear processes in the universe Important scientific questions



-What is the origin of the elements in the cosmos

- » Synthesis of neutron-rich nuclei heavier than iron: r-process
- » Gamma-ray emitters in supernovae
- » Isotope harvesting for s-process studies



- What are the nuclear reactions that drive stellar explosions
 - » Synthesis of proton-rich nuclei: rp-process
 - » Weak interactions in supernovae



- What is the nature of neutron stars and dense nuclear matter
 - » Nuclear processes in the crusts of neutron stars
 - » Symmetry energy term of equation of state of nuclear matter



Explosive Nucleo-Synthesis Paths r and rp-processes





The Rapid Neutron Capture Process

Occurs at T > 10⁹ K, $\rho_{neutron}$ > 10²⁰ cm⁻³

• Open questions:

- Where does nature produce about half of the heavy elements beyond Fe?
- What does the abundance pattern tell us about the astrophysical environment?

Needed: Data

- FRIB: Nuclear experimental data (masses, halflives) plus improved nuclear theory
- Precision observations of abundance patterns produced by the r-process in nature



Nucleosynthesis in gamma ray burst accretion disks?







Supernovae: Neutrino-driven wind? Prompt explosions? Shocked O-Ne-Mg cores?



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Tests of fundamental symmetries

Why is there more matter than antimatter in the universe?

- Angular correlations in β-decay and search for scalar currents
 - Mass scale for new particle comparable with LHC
- Electric Dipole Moments
 ²²⁵Ra, ²²³Rn, ²²⁹Pa
- Parity Non-Conservation in atoms
 - weak charge in the nucleus (francium isotopes)
- Unitarity of CKM matrix
 - $-V_{ud}$ by superallowed Fermi decay
 - Probe the validity of nuclear corrections









Applications of rare isotopes

- Cross sections for evaluation of new nuclear technologies such as transmutation of nuclear waste.
- New radioisotopes for medicine targeted cancer therapy, diagnostics.
- Tracers for various studies.
- Soft doping of semiconductors.
- Stockpile stewardship allow measurements of necessary cross sections to insure the reliability of simulations.

Long-lived isotopes via harvesting







Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB)

Historical background:

- 1999: ISOL Task Force Report proposes RIA concept
- 2003: RIA ranks 3rd in DOE 20-year Science Facility Plan
- 2005: DOE cancels draft of RIA-RFP (request for proposal)
- DOE and NSF charge Rare Isotope Science Assessment Committee (RISAC) of the Academies to assess science case for Rare -Isotope Facility
- 2006: DOE cancels RIA and pursues a lower cost option
- RISAC endorses construction of a Rare-Isotope Facility
- 2007: NSAC makes FRIB the 2nd highest priority for nuclear science
- 2008: DOE issues a Funding Opportunity Announcement for FRIB. ANL and MSU submit applications. DOE selects the MSU application following a merit review and evaluation process (Dec. 11)
- 6/2009: Cooperative Agreement between MSU and DOE will be signed









FRIB Specifications (DOE)

- 200 MeV/u, 400 kW superconducting heavy-ion driver linac
- initial capabilities should include fragmentation of fast heavy-ion beams combined with gas stopping and reacceleration
- capable of world-class scientific research program at start of operation
- designed, built and commissioned for a total project cost of \leq 550 M\$





MSU-Proposed FRIB





FRIB Location on the MSU Campus





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Superconducting RF Driver LINAC 400 kW, 200 MeV/u uranium, 610 MeV protons





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Production Target Facilities Baseline: projectile fragmentation with in-flight separation

- Self-contained target building to keep most-activated and contaminated components in one spot
- State-of-the-art full remote-handling to maximize efficiency
- Target applicable to light and heavy beams
 - Rotating solid graphite target foreseen
 - Liquid Li target (optional) for use with uranium beams
- Upgrade options
 - Two ISOL stations or 2nd fragment separator

R&D on high-power density, high radiation issues needed





In-Flight Fragment Separation

- Heavy rare isotopes produced at 200 MeV per nucleon are not fully stripped
- Beam purity can be critical for new discoveries
- Beam purity important for gas stopping
- 3-stage separation to provide optimal purity





Beam Stopping

Beams for precision experiments at very low-energies or at rest Penning trap mass measurements, fundamental interactions tests with atom traps, radii and moments from laser spectroscopy

+ reacceleration of rare isotopes produced by projectile fragmentation

- Cyclotron gas stopper
 - Best for light and medium heavy isotopes
- Cryogenic linear gas stopper
 - Best for heavy isotopes
- Solid stopper

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- For special elements and very high beam rates
- Example: ¹⁵O, I >10¹⁰/s





Reacceleration

Reaccelerated beams of rare isotopes from projectile fragmentation

Nuclear structure studies: Coulomb excitation, transfer reactions Nuclear astrophysics: reaction rates critical to element synthesis processes



Advanced n+ reaccelerator with EBIT charge breeder

- High-intensity EBIT as $1^+ \rightarrow n^+$ charge breeder
- Modern linear accelerator RT RFQ+ SRF linac
 » Energies 0.3-3 MeV/u and 0.3-12 MeV/u uranium
 » higher energies for lighter ions

Talk by Marc Doleans on ReA3



Experimental Areas

Experimental areas for fast, stopped and reaccelerated beams



47, 000 sq ft; Possibility for future science-driven area expansions



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Summary and conclusions

- Next-generation high-power RIB facilities for new science opportunities with rare isotopes
 - -Properties of nucleonic matter
 - -Nuclear processes in the universe
 - -Tests of fundamental symmetries
 - -Societal applications and benefits
- FRIB in the US to become the world's next flagship facility for rare isotope science.



