

Facility for Rare Isotope Beams – Science and Status



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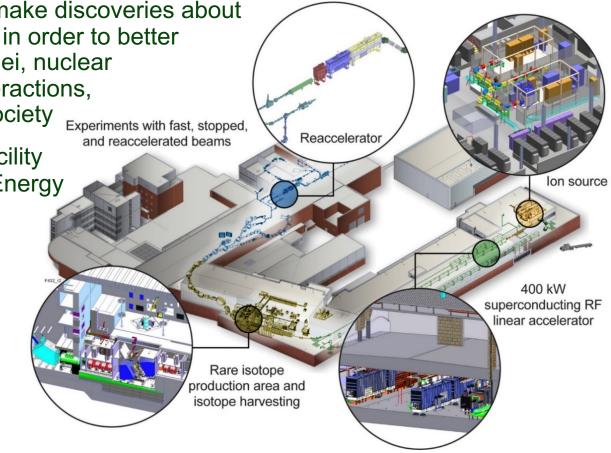
■ FRIB will enable scientists to make discoveries about the properties of rare isotopes in order to better understand the physics of nuclei, nuclear astrophysics, fundamental interactions, and support applications for society

 FRIB will be a national user facility funded by the Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE-SC),

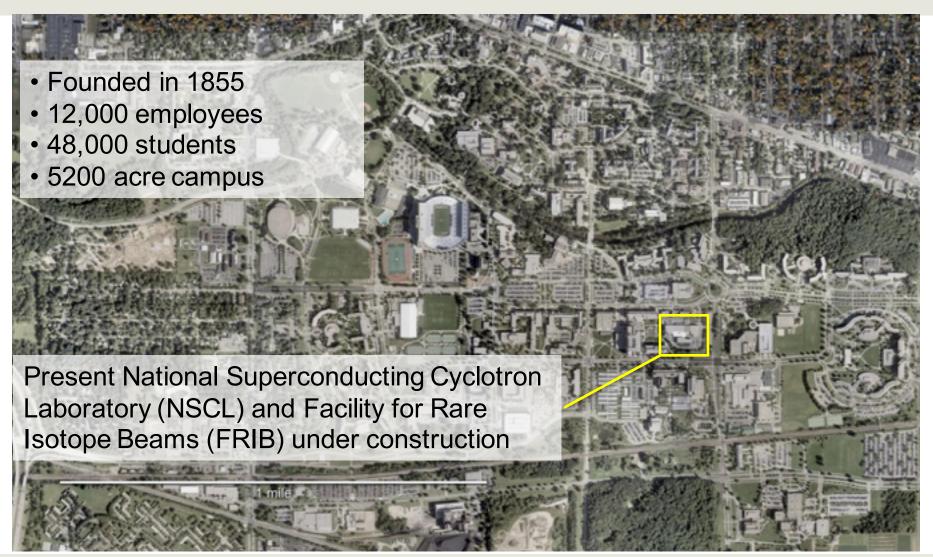
Michigan State University, and the State of Michigan

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 FRIB Project completion date is June 2022, managed to an early completion in FY2021



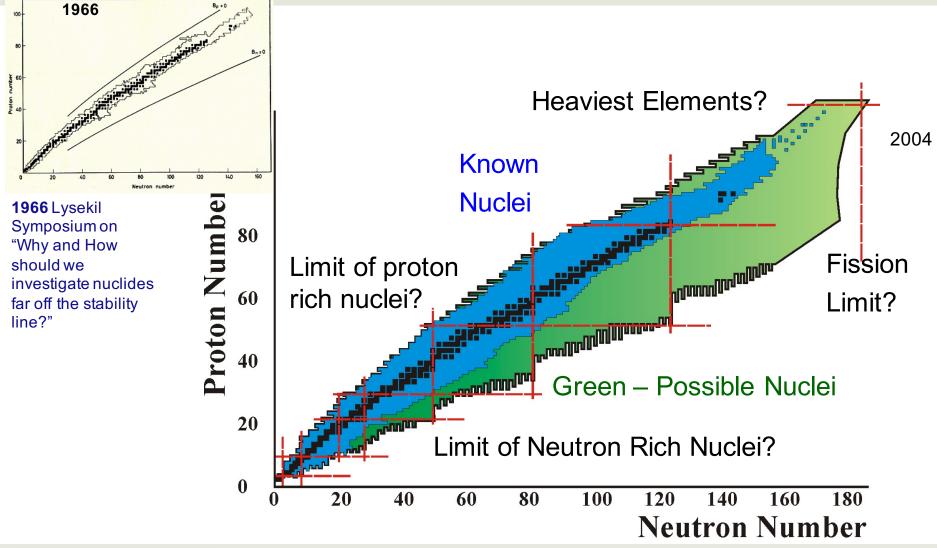
Michigan State University, East Lansing Home of Future FRIB



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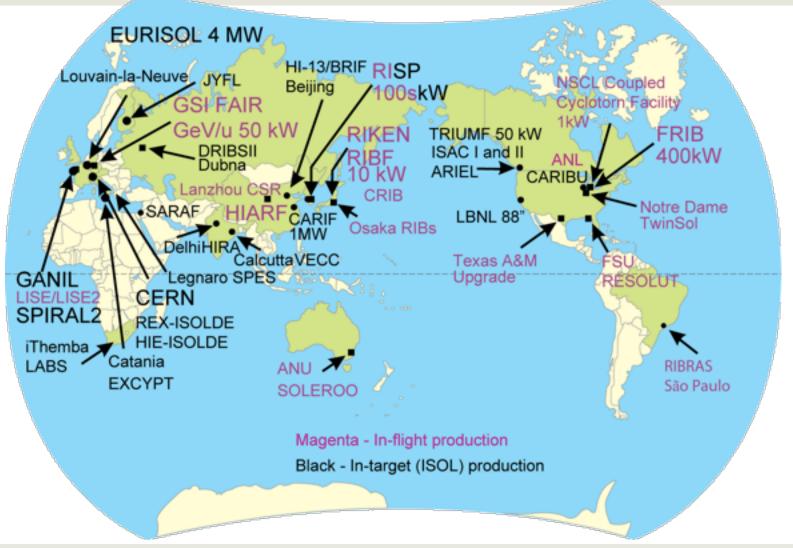


Rare Isotopes
Which do We Know? Which May Exist?





World View of Existing + Planned + Discussed Rare Isotope Facilities

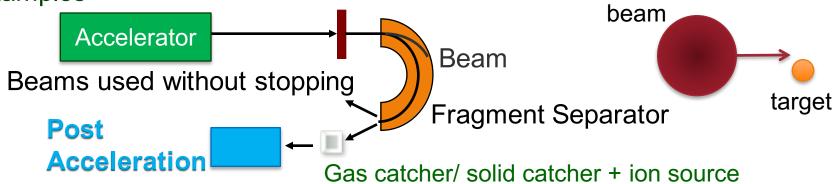


Rare Isotope Production Techniques

 Extraction from a heated target following target spallation, fragmentation, and/or fission by light ions (ISOL – Isotope separation on line) – CERN ISOLDE, TRIUMF ISAC are examples

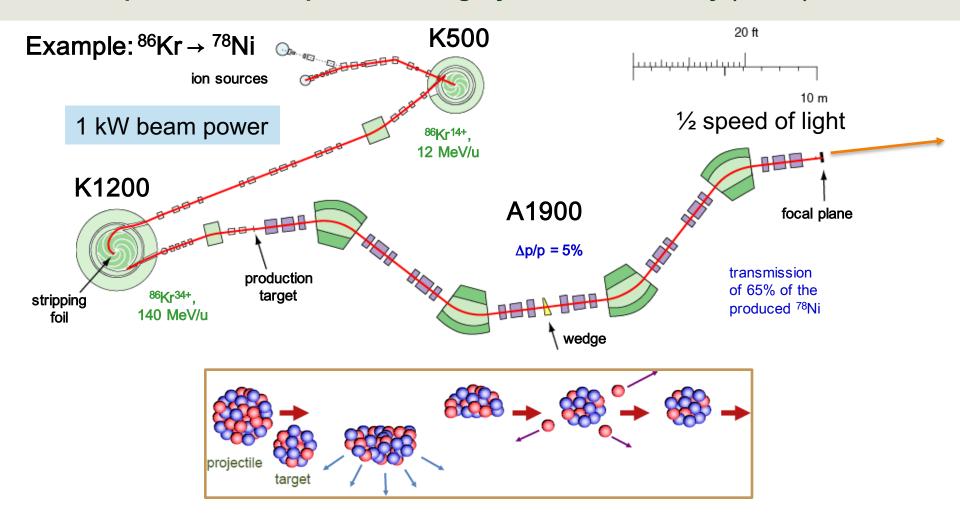


■ In-flight separation following nucleon transfer, fusion, projectile target fragmentation/fission (Fragmentation) – GSI/FRS, RIKEN/RIBF, NSCL/CCF are examples



In-Flight Production of Rare Isotopes

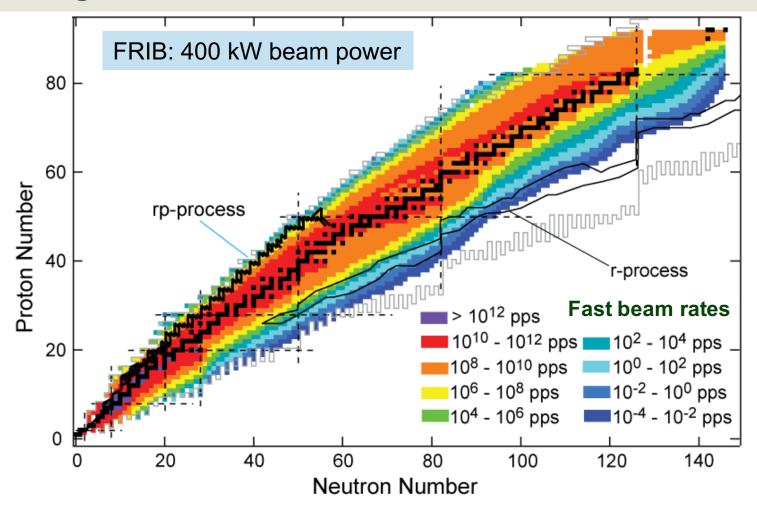
Example: National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory (NSCL) at MSU



No chemistry involved, fast, universal production

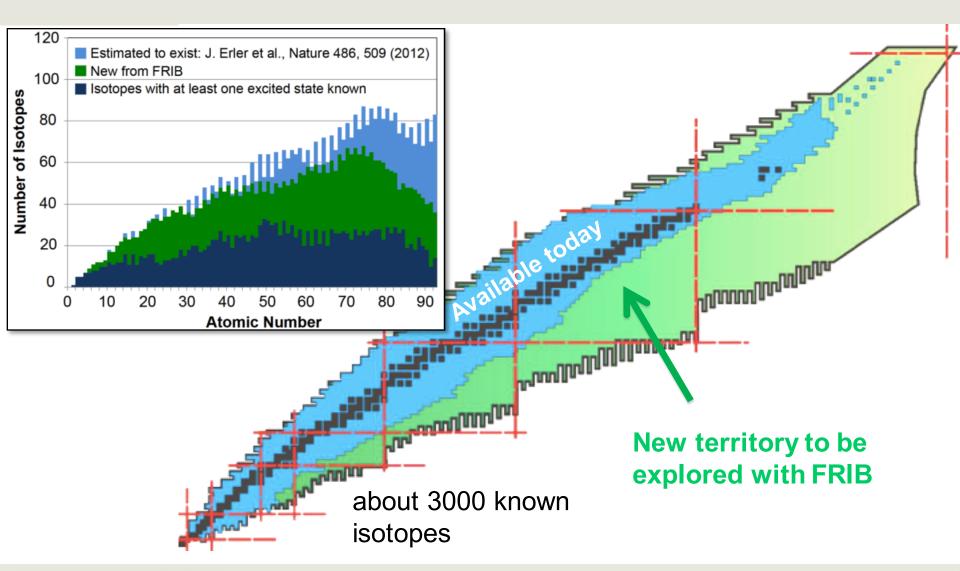


FRIB Rare Isotope Beams High Beam Rates to Maximize Science Reach



Rates are available at http://groups.nscl.msu.edu/frib/rates/

FRIB Isotopes Will Enable New Discoveries





FRIB – Four Science Themes



Properties of nuclei

- Develop a predictive model of nuclei and their interactions
- Many-body quantum problem: intellectual overlap to mesoscopic science, quantum dots, atomic clusters, etc.



Astrophysical processes

- Origin of the elements in the cosmos
- Explosive environments: novae, supernovae, X-ray bursts ...
- Properties of neutron stars



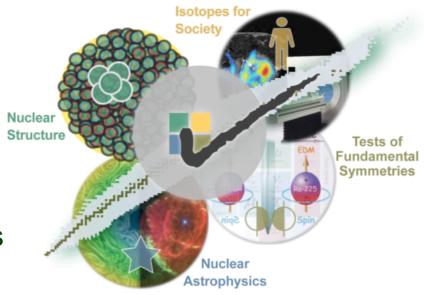
Tests of fundamental symmetries

 Effects of symmetry violations are amplified in certain nuclei



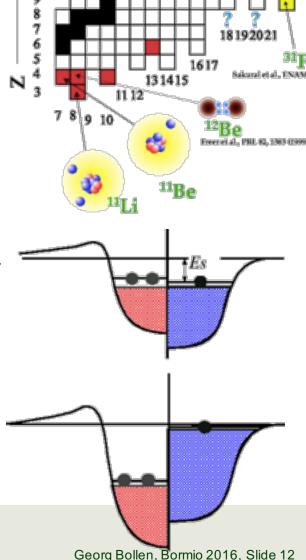
Societal applications and benefits

• Bio-medicine, energy, material sciences, national security



Properties of Nucleonic Matter Rare Isotopes Reveal New Features

- 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 ≈ 1 1.5, S_p ≈ S_n ≈ 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 ≈ 2 2.5, S_n << 1 MeV</p>
 - Extended neutron distributions neutron skins & halos
 - Proximity of the Fermi surface coupling to the continuum
 - Redefinition of magic numbers
 - Unknown shell-model interactions





Properties of Nucleonic Matter Example: Evolution of Shell Structure

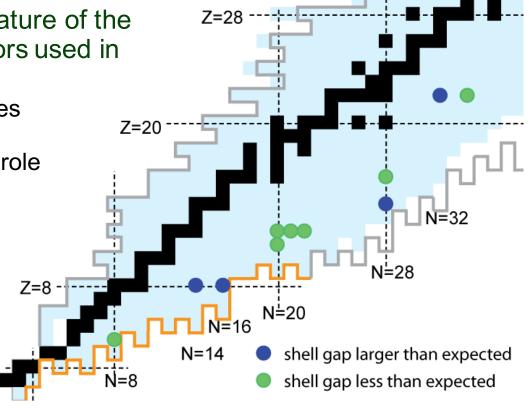
How magic are magic numbers?

 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

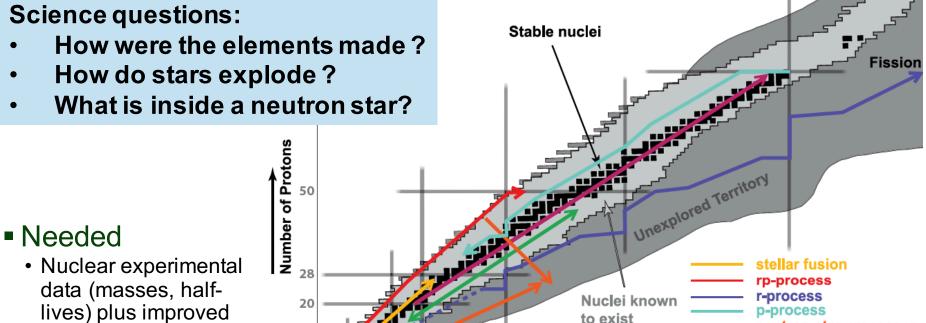
 The continuum plays an important role in weakly bound nuclei

- 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

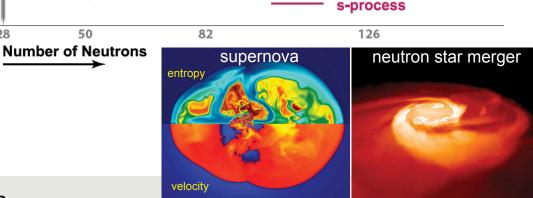
Rare Isotopes are Key for Astrophysics FRIB will reach most of the relevant isotopes



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- lives) plus improved nuclear theory Precision observations
- of abundance patterns produced by the rprocess in nature



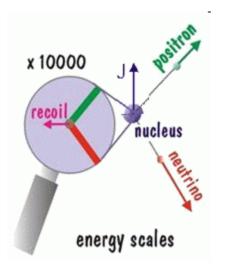


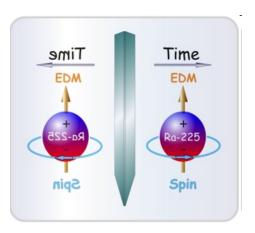
neutron star processes

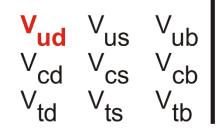
supernova cores

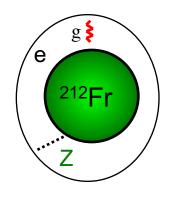
Tests of Fundamental Symmetries Why is here more matter than antimatter in the universe?

- 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



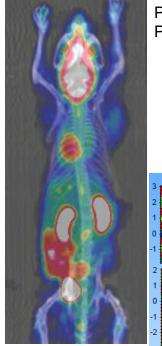






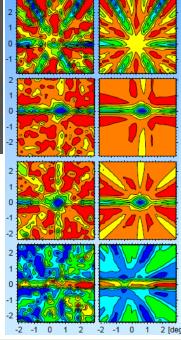
Applications of Rare Isotopes FRIB will Provide Research Quantities of New Isotopes

- Isotopes for medical research
 - Targeted cancer imaging and therapy, quantities sufficient for preclinical studies and early clinical trials, (67Cu, 225Ac, ...)
- Isotopes for national security
 - Study of important nuclear reactions needed for national security missions of stockpile stewardship and nuclear forensics
- Isotopes to support new research in ecology and biochemistry
 - Study of rates and specific sites of enzyme activity within microbe and plant cells
- Isotopes of importance for the energy industry
 - Measurable quantities of nuclear-power relevant actinides and their fission products
- Isotopes for nanoscience, material science, and engineering
 - Rare isotopes provide low-density, very-high-signal-to-noise in situ probe of local atomic environments



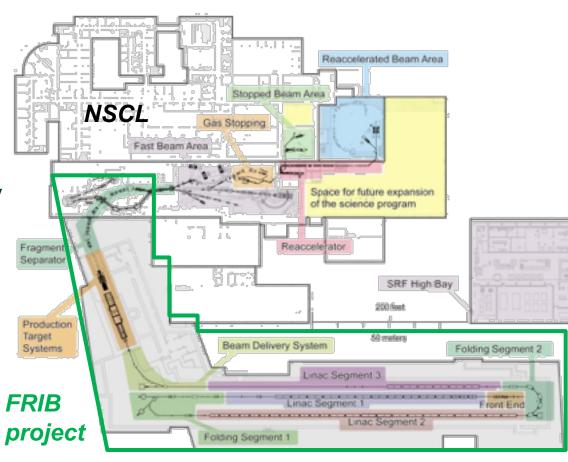
Preclinical research: PET-CT image





FRIB - Facility for Rare Isotope Beams NSCL enables pre-FRIB science

- Rare isotope production via in-flight technique with primary beams up to 400 kW, 200 MeV/u uranium
- Fast, stopped, and reaccelerated beam capability
- NSCL provides pre-FRIB science opportunities
 - Facilities will be integrated into FRIB
- FRIB has upgrade options
 - Provisions for 400 MeV/u
 - Provisions for ISOL production



Total project cost \$730 million

FRIB Construction Underway







FRIB Civil Construction on Track Started March 2014, 10 weeks ahead of Schedule



 FRIB construction site on 23 January 2016 - web camera at www.frib.msu.edu – 22nd month

FRIB Civil Construction Progress Linac Tunnel and Target Facility



High voltage platforms for ion sources





Target facility hot-cell remote handling



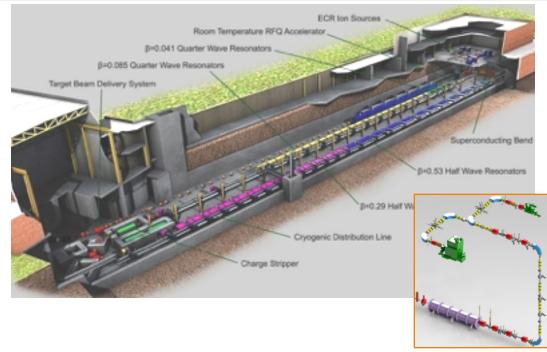
Non-conventional utilities

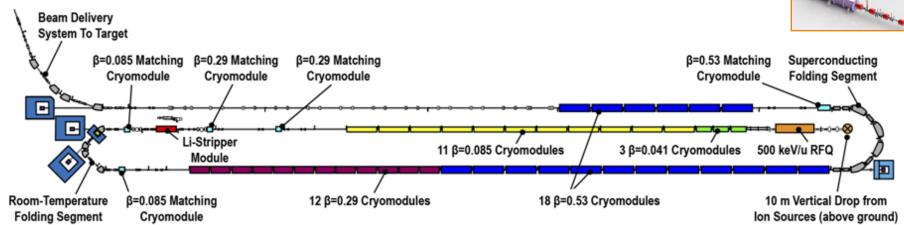


Target hot-cell wall forming

FRIB Accelerator Systems Superconducting RF Driver Linac

- Accelerate ion species up to ²³⁸U with energies of no less than 200 MeV/u
- Provide beam power up to 400kW
- Energy upgrade to 400 MeV/u for ²³⁸U by filling vacant slots with 12 SRF cryomodules



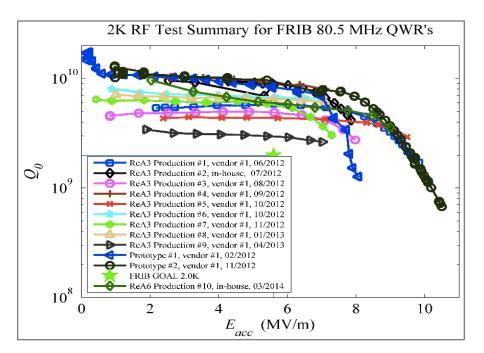




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FRIB Accelerator Systems **Production underway**

- Cavity and cryomodule production underway
 - Cavities exceed FRIB performance goals

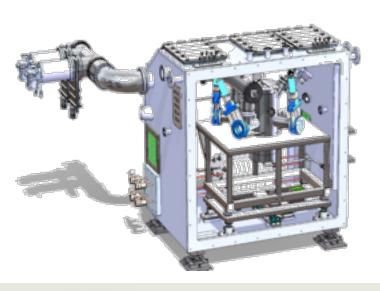


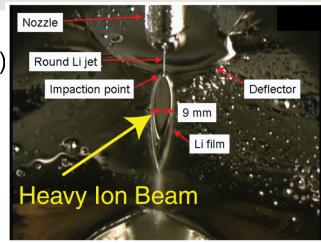




Accelerator Technical Challenges Being Met Example: Charge Stripping of Intense Heavy Ion Beams

- High specific power loss of heavy ions in matter
 - Solid stripper not an option (10 MW/cm³ power density)
 - Fast liquid metal film, plasma stripper are options
- Liquid Lithium Film Charge Stripper
 - Liquid lithium film (10 μm thick), ~50 m/s
 - Uniformity to ~10% within beam spot area
 - Beam power tests at ANL on liquid lithium film successful



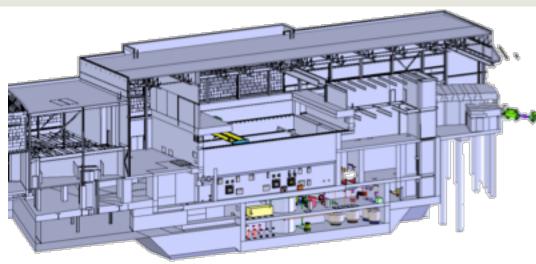


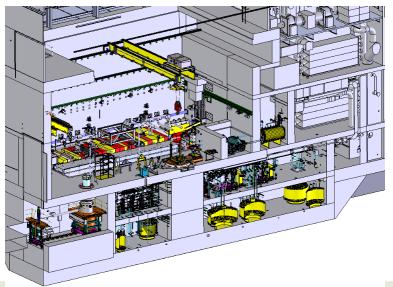






FRIB Rare Isotope Production Facility Designed for 400 kW Operation

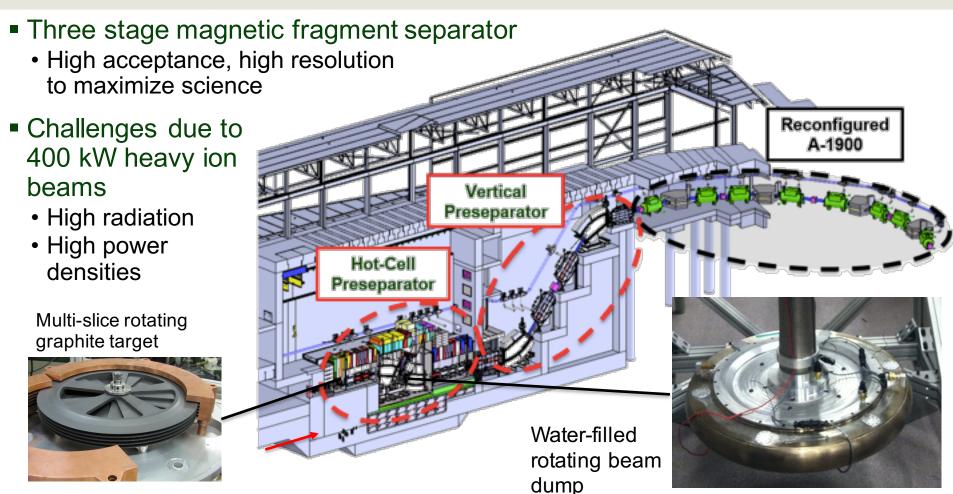






- Accommodates first part of fragment separator with target and beam dump
- Remote-handling of activated components (target change within 24 h)
- Non-conventional utilities

FRIB Fragment Separator Producing and Selecting Rare Isotope

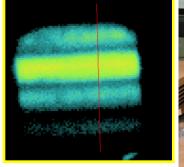


High-power Production Target High Power Density Challenge Being Met

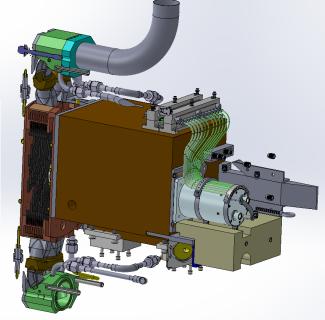
- Production Target
 - 100 kW beam power loss
 - 1 mm beam spot → 60 MW/cm³ for ²³⁸U
- Multi-slice rotating graphite target
 - 5000 rpm, 30 cm diameter
 - T_{max} =1900 C, P_{max}/slice=10 kW
- Target concept validated
 - High power electron beam tests
 - Graphite heavy ion irradiation studies



Confirmed with additional material tests







Isotope Harvesting Opportunity at FRIB Make Best Use of Rare Isotopes Produced

Produce a rare isotope beam for a primary user, for example ²⁰⁰W from a ²³⁸U primary beam

 At the same time up to 1000 other isotopes are produced that could be harvested and used for other experiments or applications in a commensal

mode of operation

1st workshop on "Isotope Harvesting at FRIB", Santa Fe, 2010

2nd workshop on "Isotope Harvesting at FRIB", East Lansing, 2012

3rd workshop on "Isotope Harvesting at FRIB", St Louis, 2014

Primary User

• Specific isotope with high purity

Mass Slit Isotope Harvesting

• A few specific isotopes

• Potentially easier separation

Fragment Catcher Isotope Harvesting

• Constrained range of isotopes

• Easier chemical separation

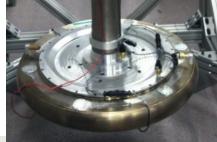
Beam Dump Isotope Harvesting

· Wide range of isotopes

· Challenging chemical separation

FRIB has provisions for isotope harvesting incorporated in the design

primary beam



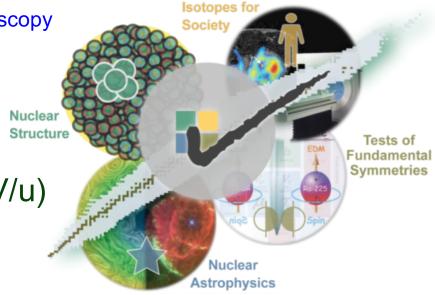
FRIB Rare Isotope Science Fast, Stopped, and Reaccelerated Beams are Needed

Fast beams (>100 MeV/u)

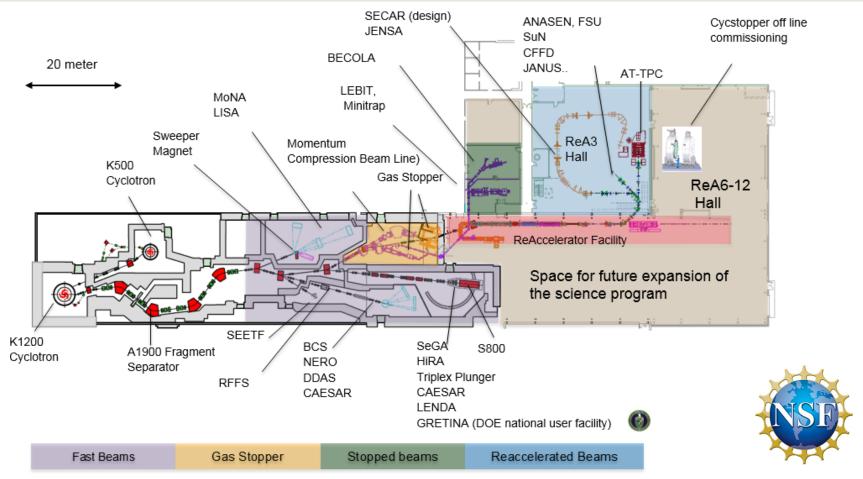
 Farthest reach from stability, nuclear structure, limits of existence, EOS of nuclear matter

» Nuclear reactions, particle and gamma spectroscopy

- Stopped beams (0-100 keV)
 - Precision experiments masses, moments, symmetries
 - » Ion traps, laser spectroscopy
- Reaccelerated beams (0.2-20 MeV/u)
 - Detailed nuclear structure studies, high-spin studies
 - » Gamma detector arrays
 - Astrophysical reaction rates
 - » Gas targets, recoil separators



NSCL Provides Early Science Opportunities with Fast, Stopped, Reaccelerated Beams

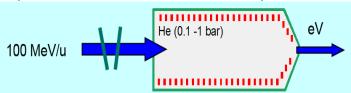


NSCL is a NSF funded national user facility for rare isotope science

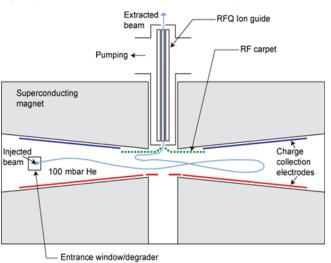


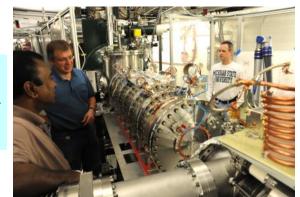
Stopped Beams at NSCL and FRIBFor Precision Experiments and Reacceleration

Linear gas stopper (heavier ion beams)



Cyclotron gas stopper (lighter ion beams)

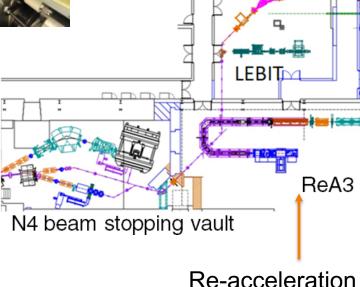






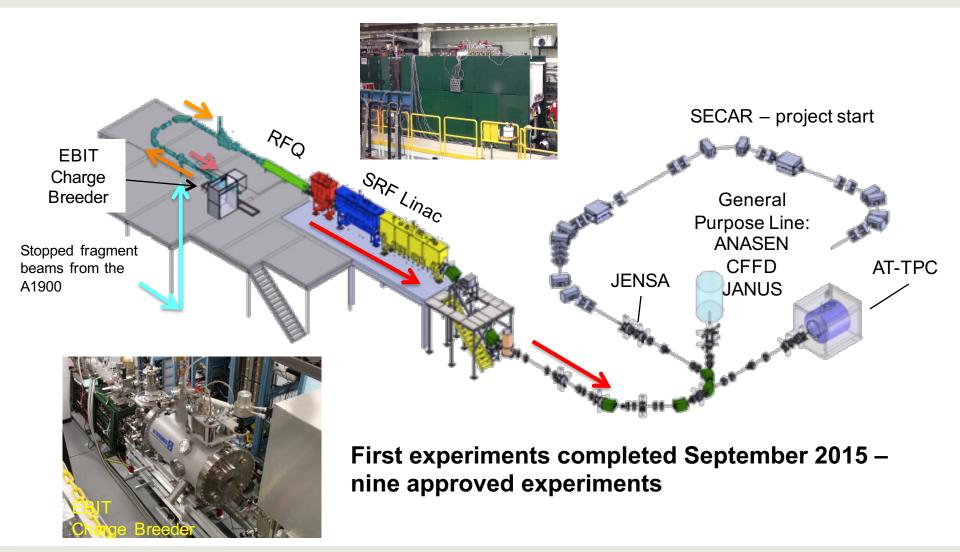
Penning trap mass measurements + Laser spectroscopy

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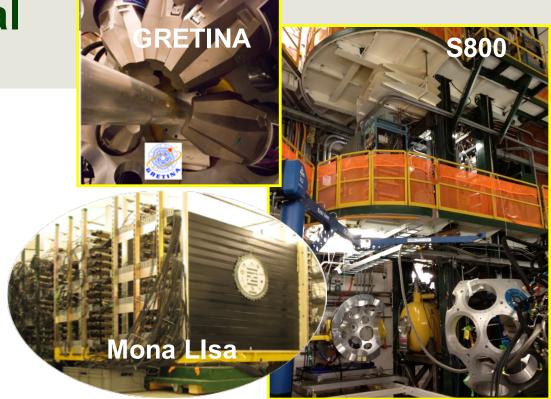
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Reaccelerator Beams at NSCL and FRIB Unique reaccelerated beams from projectile fragmentation



FRIB Experimental Equipment

- Equipment at NSCL (existing or under development):
 - S800, SeGA, MoNA, MoNA-LISA, LENDA, NSCL-BCS, LEBIT, BECOLA, AT-TPC, CAESAR, SUN, ...
- Equipment available in the community and movable (existing, under development, or planned):
 - GRETINA, ANASEN, CHICO, Nanoball, ORRUBA, JANUS, ...
- Science-driven new equipment developed by FRIB user community:
 - SECAR, GRETA, HRS, ISLA, ...







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Over 1300 Users Engaged and Ready for Science

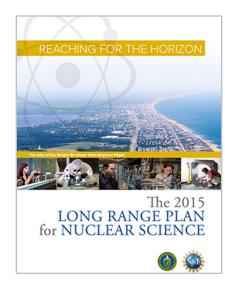
- Users are organized as part of the independent FRIB Users Organization (FRIBUO)
 - 1350 members (92 U.S. colleges and universities, 10 national laboratories, 55 countries)





www.fribusers.org

- FRIBUO has 19 working groups on experimental equipment
- Low Energy Nuclear Physics Town Meeting and Nuclear Astrophysics Town Meeting, 21-23 August 2014, Texas A&M University
 - "The highest priority In low-energy nuclear physics and nuclear astrophysics is the timely completion of the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams and the initiation of its full science program"
- Nuclear Science Advisory Committee : The 2015 Long Range Plan for Nuclear Science
 - "Expeditiously completing the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) construction is essential. Initiating its scientific program will revolutionize our understanding of nuclei and their role in the cosmos."





Summary

 FRIB on track to become a world-leading next-generation facility for rare isotope science

Highest-power heavy ion linac worldwide

• Fast, stopped, and reaccelerated beams

Provisions for isotope harvesting

 FRIB project makes excellent progress

 Civil construction ahead of schedule and technical construction underway

- NSCL enables pre-FRIB science
 - Well tested and optimized experimental equipment when FRIB starts
- Strong, growing, and committed FRIB user group in place

