### Many areas will be covered in this WG's talks...

# Open quantum systems in RHS

#### Increased focus on unbound nuclear states; discovery experiments

### **Complex nuclei**



A time-dependent OQS framework to describe two-nucleon radioactivity at very large distances from the decaying source.



Development of quality energy density functionals for nuclear DFT. Surveys of global nuclear properties. Bridging into ab-initio approaches in medium-mass nuclei.



# Some thoughts on the low-energy nuclear theory ask

#### Protect the base program (Formulate the message without whining!)

- The core program has been kept flat-flat over the years
- No increase in funding (buying power reduced: inflation, increased salaries)
- Two-year research grants do not allow for strategic planning and increase burden on applicants and reviewers
- Summer salaries are being gradually eliminated

### FRIB Theory Alliance a success story that must continue

- FRIB-TA bridge faculty need new funding...
- Similar initiatives by other communities on the horizon. Our strategy?
- Increased agencies' focus on collaborative grants. Larger fraction of theory community can be engaged
  - Many applications, but few awards. Award decisions postponed
  - Limited funding per PI
  - Grant chasing at the cost of productivity

#### Interdisciplinary collaborative grants indispensable

- SciDAC DOE (physics + computer science + applied math)
- Cyberinfrastructure frameworks NSF (physics + applied math + statistics)

### INT has greatly benefited theory community at large; must be protected

