Decay spectroscopy - the Golden Age?

Recent achievement and future prospects.



Decay spectroscopy - relevance

"...radiation is emitted **spontaneously** by a system whose nuclear and atomic degrees of freedom are close to equilibrium."



Rev. Mod. Phys., 84, (2012)

How does subatomic matter organize itself and what phenomena emerge? How did visible matter come into being and how does it evolve?

What are the **boundaries of existence** in A, N and Z? What is the *microscopic foundation* of nuclear shell structure and the emergence of shapes, and how do these evolve across the nuclear chart? Are there new phenomena in *loosely bound* nuclear systems?

Nuclear decays are also sensitive to *subnucleonic* degrees of freedon (e.g. weak interactions, 3N forces) and *atomic* properties (interaction with electrons).



Rev. Mod. Phys., 84, (2012)

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Decay spectroscopy - discover and explain

... what phenomena emerge ?

Decay measurements, first step with/after isotope/isomer identification

- Nuclear lifetime
- Primary decay mode.

Provides *very first test* of nuclear models and *sets the stage* for future experiments.

How does subatomic matter organize itself ...

- Energy of emitted radiation
- Relative branching ratios
- Establish decay sequences
- Correlations, angular distributions



What quantum effects influence decay properties ? Can we extrapolate ? Impact on other fields !

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Looking back into last decade



new isotopes/5 year

Single step particle radioactivity

Alpha decay
 Precise Q_a and T_{1/2} measurement,
 Discovery tool for heavy and SHE nuclei
 Alpha preformation

Superallowed alpha decay near ¹⁰⁰Sn. Microscopic mechanism of alpha decay Revisit the Gamow-Model ?

Proton emission

"Spectroscopic factors" - nuclear structure at the drip-line.

3D barrier tunneling for deformed proton emitters.

Two-proton emission: ⁴⁵Fe^{, 48}Ni, ⁵⁴Zn, ⁶⁷Kr

"nucleon-nucleon correlations" and links to nuclear structure

Discovery of 3p emission (³¹K T_{1/2} < 10 ps) PRL 123, 092502 (2019)</p>

Can we observe *neutron or two-neutron* radioactivity?







Isomer spectroscopy - addiction to gambling

- Short lived isomers populated directly in the reaction surviving the transit time through electromagnetic separators (>100ns).
- Isomers populated through radioactive decays (~1ns or longer).

Discovery tool, nuclear structure effects spin isomers, seniority isomers, shape isomers, K-isomers Lifetimes. levels schemes, conversion electrons, g-factors

Shell evolution, nuclear shapes

Very sensitive studies achievable with low isotope rates. High-resolving power of HPGe arrays.





Beta decay: the most common decay mode

The strength distribution within Q_{β} determines decay properties.

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}} = \sum_{E_i \ge 0}^{E_i \le Q_\beta} S_\beta (E_i) \times f(Z, Q_\beta - E_i)$$

Lifetime measurements are difficult to provide feedback into nuclear models due to the distributed nature of the decay strength.

$$S_{\beta}(E_i) = \langle \psi_f | \hat{O}_{\beta} | \psi_{mother} \rangle$$

Connects strong and weak interactions Requires the knowledge of the structure of parent and daughter.



Beta decay ... powerful and sophisticated (difficult)

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Beta-decay strenght and nuclear structure



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Beta decay and the shell structure



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Pandemonium has been conquered by MTAS. SUN, DTAS



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Multi-step processes - beta delayed protons

Charged particle spectroscopy a sensitive tool for nuclear structure Gas detectors (TPC) enable suppression of the ßp summing.

Resurgence of efforts with light nuclei lsospin mixing, mirror symmetry astrophysically relevant resonances p-capture rates in novae Proxy for reactions measurement !

Hevy nuclei - "Pandemonium"



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https://nucleardata.berkeley.edu/projects/beta_p.html Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables 132 (2020) 101323

Multi-step processes - beta delayed neutrons

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Prevalent decay mode for **majority** of neutron rich nuclei Input data for the *r***-process models**.

Data to **predict** properties of the nuclei that we cannot **measure** (yet).

Neutron unbound *strenght distribution* 1n/2n/gamma competition

Is the statistical model always valid in beta-delayed neutron emission ?



T. Kawano, P. Talou, I. Stetcu, and M. B. Chadwick, Nuclear Physics A 913, 51 (2013). M. R. Mumpower, T. Kawano, and P. Möller, PR C 94, 064317 (2016).



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Beta delayed neutrons - for the future !

Neutron counting:

*P*_{2n}/*P*_{1n} measurements
with BRIKEN array
3He based neutron counter
best know method to measure P_{vn}.



Neutron spectroscopy: Strength distribution

Challenges for the next decade:

- β2n emission
- widths of neutron emitting states.
 Improve resolving power of neutron detectors.



First βn experments with neutron tracking array

PRL 117, 092502 (2016) PR C 99, 045805 (2019) PR C 100, 031302(R) (2019) NIM A 681, (2012) 94 PRL 129, 172701 (2022)





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It's the beam, stupid !



Uncharted territories ! Heavy and superheavy nuclei.



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The Status and Ambitions of the US Heavy Element Program Fall 2022

FRIB Decay Station

https://fds.ornl.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/FDS-WP.pdf

FDS combines multiple detector systems in *two-focal plane* arrangement, implemented in a single experiment. FDS enables *efficient discrete spectroscopy*, *neutron counting* and *total absorption spectroscopy*.

FDS is designed for *discovery science* with nuclear decays at FRIB. *Next generation* array for decay spectroscopy!

The purpose of FDSi is to utilize FRIB beams of rare isotopes as *effectively* as possible and *shorten the gap between the discovery and detailed measurements.*



Hunger for discovery: FDS initiator

https://fds.ornl.gov/initiator/



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FDSi PAC1 proposals (FRIB 10kW)

Polyphonic nature of decay spectroscopy

FDSi:

- Gamow-Teller quenching in ¹⁰⁰Sn
- Shape transitions and r-process in neutron rich A~100
- Shell-evolution near closed shells ⁶⁰Ca, ⁷⁸Ni, ²²⁶Pb
- Island of inversion N~28
- Astrophysical resonances ²¹Mg
- Gamma-strength function for the r-process near ¹³²Sn OTPC:
- pp-correlations in ⁴⁸Ni

PAC2: More to come to whether to come



Next decade - continuation but not a sequel?

Decay spectroscopy efforts at leading RIB facilities worldwide with **sophisticated multi-detector** arrays and a significant amount of **RI beam time**, involving many institutions. **Unparallel potential** in discovery: new lifetimes, decay modes, SHE. Impacts nuclear astrophysics, particle physics, nuclear energy ...

FDS for the 400 MeV/u FRIB !

Continue the *discoveries* towards **iii** the outer bounds of the nuclear chart. Deliver *high-quality* data and stimulate *theory* efforts. Explore, *question* established paradigms. Educate and train!

Prepare a foundation for the *future* of the field and ~2030 LRP. What will be our physics focus, and how will we *justify* it? How to maintain *productivity* without losing sight of new physics?





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Direct Reactions

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REACTIONS LINK VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE





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DIRECT REACTIONS Single-nucleon transfer: (d,p), (³He,d), (¹³C,¹²C)



Extract: orbital angular momenta, spectroscopic overlaps, energy centroids Deduce: nucleon occupancies, single-particle energies, two-body matrix elements

KEY POINTS

- ~few 10's MeV/u
- Highly selective
- Direct probe of single-particle aspects
- Surrogate (p,γ) / (n,γ)
- resurgence in the RIB era
- Beam production





RECENT RESULTS & ONGOING WORK

Counts / 15 keV

^{11 - 14}B(d,³He): Rapidly evolving structure at the limits of binding

(a) experiment 3/2 21 ¹²B(d.³He)¹¹Be 11B(d, 3He)10Be 5/278 3/27 01 1/21 (b) shell model 2 3/2 5/2 1/2 S (c) VMC 3/2 1/2 0 3/2, 5/2 (d) Nilsson model 1/2 0 3/2. 5/21 E, (MeV) Fully kinematicallyconstrained! eu ³He Light Recoil ^{14}B Beam Heavv Recoil

500- 7.65 kG 1111 - 8.09 kG 400 10.10 8.62 kG 300 49Ti(d,p)50Ti 200@SE-SPS* 100 0 2000 4000 6000 8000 10000 Excitation Energy in 50 Ti [keV] FSUGarnet p1/2 FSUGarnet fsp (MeV) 2.0 Expt p_{1/2} Expt f_{5/2} E_{P3/2} ____ Present (a) Work (MeV) · 1f7/2 2017 · 2p1 rgy N = 28 Isotones (b) ⁴⁹Ca 51Ti ⁵³Cr ⁵⁵Fe 57Ni

^{49,50}Ti(d,p): Complete single-

particle information around N = 28

Single-nucleon adding on 56Ni to inform on the (p,γ) capture rate



J. Chen PRC 100, 064314 (2019) Bishop et al., Riley PRC 103, 064309 (2021) Spieker et al.,



Kahl et al., PLB 797, 134803 (2019)



RECENT RESULTS & ONGOING WORK

$^{23}Na(^{3}He,d)^{24}Mg$ data to inform on the (p, γ) capture rate

²⁸Mg(d,p)²⁹Mg: Mapping the singleparticle evolution near the N=20 island of inversion Observation of a near threshold proton decay state via ¹⁰Be(d,n)



Marshall et al., PRC 104, L032801 (2021)



McGregor PRC 104, L051301 (2021)



A surprisingly large branching ratio of the ${}^{11}\text{Be} \rightarrow {}^{10}\text{Be} \beta$ -delayed proton decay prompted speculations on the nature of the decay. [Ayyad et al., PRL 123, 082501 (2019)] [Riisager et al., PLB 732, 305 (2014)]

E. Lopez-Saavedra PRL 129, 012502 (2022)





DIRECT REACTIONS Multi-nucleon transfer e.g., (p,t), (³He,p), (⁶Li,d)



Extract: final state angular momenta, spectroscopic overlaps, resonance widths Deduce: resonance strengths, reaction rates, pair occupancies, collectivity



KEY POINTS

~few - 10's MeV/u

RECENT RESULTS & ONGOING WORK

 $^{26}Mg(t,p)^{28}Mg$: Pairing & configuration mixing towards N = 20

⁵²Fe,⁵⁶Ni(³He,p): No evidence for isoscalar pairing (S=1, T=0) condensate

 $^{22}Ne(^{6}Li,d)$: α capture rates & the neutron flux during the s-process







McNeel PRC 103, 064320 (2021)

Crom PLB 829 137057 (2022)

Jayatisaa PLB 802, 135267 (2020)



DIRECT REACTIONS Charge-exchange:(p,n), (³He,t), (d,2p [²He])



Extract: angular distributions, energies of isobaric analog states Deduce: Gamow-Teller strength distributions, level densities, g-strength functions

KEY POINTS

- ~5 400 MeV/u
- Isobaric analog states
- Gamow-Teller strengths
 - Astrophysics
 - Neutrino physics
- Radii from chargechanging σ_{cc}



E. Koshchiy et al., NIMA 957, 163398 (2020) D.P. Scriven et al., NIMA 1010, 165492 (2021)



DIRECT REACTIONS Single or multi-nucleon knockout: (-1p), (-2p), (-1n) Quasi-free knockout: (p,2p), (p,pn), (p,Xp)

²²Mg gs

l=2

l = 0

(b) ²²Mg 1247

FWHM 310(37) $(c)^{22}Mg 3308$

work (black circles) compared with intranuclear cascade (INCL) predictions (blue squares). Even-Z projectiles are shown as open symbols, odd-Z projectiles are shown as filled symbols. (b) Odd-even splitting in the (p, 2p) data compared with INCL (b) Odd-even splitting in the (p, 2p) data compared with INCL (blue squares) and modified INCL (red triangles) calculations. **EY POINTS** Regressions shown with standard residual uncertainty bands. See text for details.

- >50 MeV/u knockout
- >250 MeV/u guasi-free
- Highly selective: valuable in-beam spectroscopy tool
- Study of overlaps w/ established tools



Theoretical cross-section

Extract: orbital angular momenta, spectroscopic overlaps Deduce: occupancies, single-particle energies, pairing strengths



RECENT RESULTS & ONGOING WORK

Probing the key nucleus ⁴²Si in one-nucleon knockout

-2p knockout from ²⁷Ne to populate 3-neutron decay from ²⁵O

Cross sections from nucleon removal reactions in mirror systems







Gade et al., PRL 122, 222501 (2019)

Sword PRC 100, 034323 (2019)

Kuchera PRC 105, 034314 (2022)



SCATTERING REACTIONS Inelastic scattering: (p,p'), (d,d'), (α , α '), (^{12}C , ^{12}C ')



Deduce: unique excitation modes, clustering prob., isoscalar / isovector modes, deformation length

KEY POINTS

Few to 100's of MeV/u

Selective to probes:

Chen PRC (to be pub.)

REQUISITE TOOLS



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KEY ROLE PLAYED BY REACTION THEORY

Importance of robust theoretical modeling

Reliance on theoretical approaches to disentangle reaction dynamics from the nuclear structure properties DWBA, ADWA, CC, CDCC, CRS, Glauber theory, R-Matrix, DWIA, PWIA, and many others Continuing developments into unifying structure+reaction calculations

Berggren basis, Gamov Shell model, NCSM, Halo EFT, continuum-coupling, and many others Critical that developments continue into all aspects of reaction theory:

e.g., optical potential from ab initio, understanding quenching, global description of reactions involving near / beyond threshold states ...



https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.06281





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0.0

0.2

Aumann PPNP 118, 103847 (2021)

Marshall PRC 102, 024609 (2020) [Bayesian DWBA] Argonne

0.4 0.6

Probability

0.8

1.0

STATE OF THE ART INSTRUMENTATION

Full range of experimental equipment

Active target devices: AT-TPC, TexACT, MUSIC, ...

Solenoid spectrometers: HELIOS, SOLARIS, SSNAP

Multi-functional arrays: ORRUBA, HIRA, DAPPER, HYPERION, NIMROD, ...

Spectrographs/Spectrometers: Split-pole, Super Enge SPS + CeBrA/SABRE, MDM, ...

Neutron arrays: MoNA-LISA, TexNeut, LENDA, CATRiNA, VANDLE, ...

Recoil Selection: HRS, S800, SECAR, ISLA, ...

γ-ray detection: GRETA, Clarion, Gammasphere, SeGA, CAESAR, ...

Targets: Solid (³He,t), Liquid (high luminosity), Gases (JENSA), ...













DAPPER





BEAMS

Availability of beams of interest with the requisite properties [energies, intensities, spatial & timing structures, purities ...]

Stable beams [both normal & inverse kinematics]

Radioactive (& isomeric) beams







POSSIBLE FUTURE IMPACT AREAS



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QUENCHING OF THE (SINGLE-PARTICLE) STRENGTH Reduced cross sections: Knockout -vs- Transfer





IN SUMMARY

(Direct) reactions play a central role in experimental nuclear science

Robust tools, techniques & equipment have been developed for inverse kinematics

These are now in place in order to leverage the next generation of available radioactive beams

Stable beams remain vital for both precise reaction in normal kinematic reactions & to leverage advantages of inverse kinematics

A link to & continued developments from theory remain strong & are arguably as important as ever

The entirety of our success hinges on the people in our field, if the U.S. is to lead, the best must be recognized, retained & given the resources to succeed

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THE END



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Recent achievements and future prospects for in-beam gamma-ray spectroscopy



⁺ Clover Share (at, e.g., HIgS), γ^3 , ...

Several arrays are available to tackle science questions at the frontiers of low-energy nuclear physics and nuclear astrophysics!

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Connecting to big science ideas

(Fundamental symmetries and neutrinos)

How low-energy nuclear physics contributes. Two examples from in-beam γ -ray spectroscopy.

Henderson (Surrey) (UNC) & Ayangeakaa Information: A.D.

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⁷⁶Ge

The quest to observe rare nuclear decays and to answer the question of why there is more matter than antimatter in our universe.

Neutrinoless double β **decay** (Sidebars 5.1 & 5.2 of 2015 NSAC LRP)

2000 $O^{2}[e^{2}fm^{4}]$ ii44b Experiment

1000 2000 3000 $O^{2}[e^{2}fm^{4}]$ **JUN45**

Experiments were performed determining the degree of triaxiality for ⁷⁶Ge and ⁷⁶Se to inform searches for the ⁷⁶Ge \rightarrow ⁷⁶Se $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay searches. Detailed comparisons to configuration-interaction shell-model calculations were made. These are important steps towards constraining the $0\nu\beta\beta$ nuclear matrix element.



3000

 $O^{2}[e^{2}fm^{4}]$

Two results are highlighted here:

- Projectile multi-step CoulEx with GRETINA and CHICO-2 at ANL of ⁷⁶Ge.
 - [A.D. Ayangeakaa, R.V.F. Janssens, S. Zhu, et al., PRL 123, 102501 (2019)]
- 2. Sub-barrier CoulEx of ⁷⁶Se using the JANUS setup at ReA (NSCL/FRIB).

[J. Henderson, C.Y. Wu, et al., PRC 99, 054313 (2019)]

In principle, model-independent study of the quadrupole triaxial degree of freedom, based on measured E2 transition matrix elements, is possible. Detailed γ ray spectroscopy experiments with high-resolution arrays provide the sensitivity to resolve several transitions needed for this kind of analysis.

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Triaxial degrees of freedom are very important in this mass region!





Electric Dipole Moment (Sidebar 5.2 of 2015 NSAC LRP)

Why is there more matter than antimatter in the present universe?

Statically octupole deformed odd-A nuclei will enhance a possible experimental EDM signal by orders of magnitude! To answer whether a nucleus is statically octupole deformed, we need to measure the E3 matrix elements (amongst other observables).

Highlighted experiment: Coulomb excitation of ²²³Ra with GRETINA and CHICO-2 at ANL to test whether ²²³Ra is statically octupole deformed (parity doublet ΔE =50 keV). Experiment used 400 ng Ra(NO₃)₂ target (70% enriched sample; dose rate of 60 mR/hr). Experiment happened during last GRETINA campaign. Analysis is ongoing.

The observation of several γ -ray transitions with energies between 100 keV and 300 keV reinforces the need to perform these studies of heavy odd-A nuclei with high-resolution γ -ray spectrometers like GRETINA/GRETA/SeGA/GAMMASPHERE. A letter of intent was submitted to FRIB PAC-1 to encourage beam developments for sub-barrier CoulEx experiments of nuclei in the A=223-229 mass region at ReA.



EDM

¹¹⁴Cd $2^+_1 \rightarrow 0^+_1$

600

¹¹⁴Cd

700

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Examples of recent achievements and how they pave the way towards future experiments.

At National Laboratories and University Laboratories.

Particle Identification with GAGG:Ce (a) (b Peak area (a.u.) 3 ^{12}C 2 12**C** 48**-**Ring 2 Ring 4 2 2 3 0 3 Tail area (a.u.) Tail area (a.u.)

- Safe Coulex of ^{48,49,50}Ti at FSU John D. Fox Laboratory with TRINITY and CLARION2.
- Search for early signs of emerging collectivity in A=50 mass region and around N=28
 - → Effect of particle-core coupling on strength and strength fragmentation
- Compare total quadrupole excitation strength in oddmass ⁴⁹Ti to ^{48,50}Ti neighbors to find signature of emerging collectivity.

[T.J. Gray, J.M. Allmond, A.E. Stuchbery, et al., PRL 124, 032502 (2020)]



CLARION2-TRINITY:

[T.J. Gray, J.M. Allmond et al., NIM A 1041, 167392 (2022)]

First Safe CoulEx experiments with CLARION2 at Florida State University



First Simultaneous Intermediate-Energy Coulomb Excitation from Ground State and Isomer

NSCL Experiment with CAESAR+S800 near N=28 Island of Inversion

Observation of collective 1532-keV transition built on shape-coexisting $7/2^{-1}$ isomer at 320 keV ($T_{1/2} = 415$ ns) and other collective transitions built on $3/2^{-}$ ground state of ⁴³S.

[T. Otsuka, J. Phy. G 43, 024009 (2016)] ⁶⁸Ni E(MeV) -298 -300 -302

Detailed studies of shape coexistence and of the collectivity of different configurations will be possible with CAESAR, GRETINA/GRETA, the S800, and isomer beams at FRIB in even more neutron-rich nuclei!





Reference: B. Longfellow et al., PRL **125**, 232501 (2020)

Pushing for the extremes at FRIB – fast-beam in-flight γ -ray spectroscopy at μ b cross sections

The power of GRETINA/GRETA & spectrometers

- Exotic ⁹Be(³⁸Ca,⁴⁰Sc+γ)X reaction channel discovered in a ³⁸Ca+⁹Be reaction setting
- Very clean γ-ray spectrum with only two transitions
 - → This was the first γ -ray spectroscopy of ⁴⁰Sc, the last bound Sc isotope.

This experiments proves that in-beam γ -ray spectroscopy with fast beams is possible at μ b cross sections! Similar experiments can be performed by coupling GRETA/GRETINA to a fast-beam spectrometer at FRIB.

Great promise for reactions with GRETINA/GRETA at the S800 & HRS at FRIB/FRIB400.

Reference: A. Gade et al., PLB **808**, 135637 (2020)







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GRETINA@ANL – Response function and superdeformed rotational band in ¹⁵²Dy



Goal: Determine the entry distribution (HK distribution), i.e., the location in the spin and energy plane from which gamma deexcitation starts, after the last particle has been evaporated.

Example of ¹⁰⁸Cd from GRETA Final Design Report.

Pushing the limits towards previously undetectable structures



Rotational motion provides a striking example of emergent phenomena in many-body quantum systems and is a sensitive tool to study the underlying microscopic structure of atomic nuclei. GRETA will allow the study of previously undetectable rotational structures at the extremes of angular momentum due to the significant gain in resolving power. Superdeformed rotational band in ¹⁵²Dy studied with GRETINA through ¹⁰⁸Pd(⁴⁸Ca,4n)¹⁵²Dy reaction



The study at ANL during the last GRETINA campaign was critical to achieve this goal!

Pushing for the extremes at FRIB – First fragmentation of ¹⁹⁸Pt beam at NSCL (decay spectroscopy)



- First fragmentation of ¹⁹⁸Pt beam
- Three different A1900 settings for studying nuclei south of Z=82 and west of N=126
- Challenging particle identification accomplished
 - → UML Si stack designed in collaboration with O.
 Tarasov using careful LISE++ calculations to guide the design
- K-Isomers identified in neutron-rich Hf-W region
- States with angular momentum as high as 18ħ populated.
- New neutron-rich isotopes in Hf region identified.



Important development for fast-beam experiments and needed as long as HRS is not available to reach heavier isotopes (S800 Bp limit).

Studying the low-lying E1 and M1 response with quasi-monoenergetic and polarized real photons at HIgS



-⁵²Cr 1.0 $I^{\pi} = 1^{+}$ 0.50.0 $I^{\pi} = 1^{-1}$ -0.5 -1.0 5500 6000 6500 7000 7500 8000 8500 9000 9500 E_x [keV]

Sample results

Further tests of shell-model predictions in mass region relevant for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay.



Tests of the validity of the Brink-Axel hypothesis for the low-lying dipole strengths. [J. Isaak et al., PLB 788, 225 (2018)]





Courtesy of C. Illiadis and U. Gayer (UNC/TUNL/HIgS)



Clover Share (left) and γ^3 (right) γ -ray spectroscopy setups at HIgS (TUNL) combining HPGe with CeBr₃ and LaBr₃:Ce detectors, respectively.

[B. Löher, V. Derya et al., NIM A **723**, 136 (2013)]

Particle- γ coincidence experiments to study the low-lying E1 response at FSU and TAMU

 Coincident γ-ray detection after nucleon transfer reactions with CeBrA at FSU SE-SPS



Probing the single-particle structure of $J^{\pi}=1^{-}$ states

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 (α,α'γ) with MDM and HYPERION at intermediate energies at TAMU cyclotron



Reviews: D. Savran et al., PPNP 70, 210

(2013) & A. Bracco et al., PPNP 106, 360

(2019)]



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Isospin structure of 1⁻ states?

[Isospin splitting in ¹²⁴Sn: J. Endres, E. Litvinova, et al., PRL **105** (2010) 212503; Reviews: D. Savran et al., PPNP **70**, 210 (2013) & A. Bracco et al., PPNP **106**, 360 (2019)]



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Solenoidal Spectrometer Programs at ATLAS and FRIB*

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The HELIOS program

The first of kind, continuous evolution of capabilities

- isomeric beams (²⁶Al, ¹⁸F, ¹⁶N,...)
- SOLSTISE, fission-fragment detectors, etc.





SOLARIS at ReA

beams at ReA

- great potential
- Si-arrays under development (2023-)



ATLAS & FRIB solenoidal-spectrometer program

Highly complementary programs

SOLARIS at ReA, intense beams, best-in-class instrumentation (arrays, AT-TPC), push for higher energy, competition with the fast beam program

The ISOLDE Solenoidal Spectrometer, access to ISOL beams, limited operation hours (likely ~1000 hrs for HIE-ISOLDE), chemistry dependent beams

"The (d,p) machine" exploiting the simple in-flight beams

Dominantly sd-shell nuclei, over 5 years led to physics program on weak-binding, bubble-nucleus arguments, etc.

Develop new techniques/ capabilities in prep. for RAISOR beams, next-generation devices

New complex reactions, gas targets, photon detection, recoil detection, new DAQ, new array

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HELIOS: RAISOR/nuCARIBU exploitation ...

AT-TPC sharing ..., re-vamp controls systems, beam tracking, gas-jet target with SOLSTISE, surrogate reactions (Apollo, upgrades for (d,p) and (d,pf) studies, develop new tritium targets

SOLARIS: **PAC2** → **ultimate**, dual-mode use, extends reach to the limits of ReA's potential, reactions with complex final states possible via AT-TPC, dual-arrays provide a wealth of data for the development of reaction theory, ..., etc.



ORRUBA/GODDESS program

ATLAS (RIB/SIB) NSCL/FRIB (fast/ReA) HIγS (γ-induced), ...

Couples to GS, GT, JENSA, S800, FMA, SECAR,...



Stripping, pickup, chargeexchange, inelastic scattering, heavier-ion induced [eg (α,p), (⁶Li,p)]

- Largest Si suite for RIB physics in US
- Designed around reaction kinematics
- Originally conceived as a standalone device, but increasingly coupled to other instruments
- Detector/FE compatibility (ANASEN, ND, ...)



Direct reactions with RIBs (esp. at FRIB)

- Cornerstone of structure and reactions program
- Provides detailed tests of structure models (E, ℓ_ρ, J^π, C²S, ...)
- Can be used to determine energies and strengths of isolated resonances
 - Guidance to the SECAR program; some resonances are out of reach of direct measurements



Direct reactions for determining (n,γ) cross sections

- DSD cross sections to bound states (E, $\ell_{p'}$ J^{π}, C²S) eg (*d*,*p*)
- Decay of γ emission probabilities for unbound states (ie constraint of decay of CN)
 - eg via (d,pγ) (p,dγ) (p,p'γ) etc
- Crucial requirements
 - Beam energy (to reach states above S_n) > 10 MeV/A
 - Charged-particle resolution



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ReA is the place to do it @FRIB ³⁸K,³⁸Ar(*d*,*p*) @ ~5 MeV/u

- Energy
- Emittance

VASTLY improved CP resolution vs in-flight (ReA ~100-200 keV vs In-flight 0.5-1 MeV)

Priority Requests

 ReA12 upgrade to populate above S_n, S_p

(comparatively minor investment away from world-leading facility)

High-acceptance recoil separator (ISLA), critical for recoil detection at FRIB intensities



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ISLA



Opportunities with lifetime measurements – tracking structural evolution of exotic nuclei

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Unified understanding of nuclear structure and its evolution

Integrated picture of structural evolution of exotic nuclei

- New experiments toward dripline (FRIB400), toward higher spins (ReA/ISLA), with higher precision and accuracy (GRETA/HRS/model independent methods)
- Coordinated efforts with nuclear data and theory (sensitivity studies)



FRIB400

Opportunities with lifetime measurements at FRIB and FRIB400

- ····Known isotopes (~3000 nuclides)
- ... Lifetime studied in the last 20 years (~5000 levels for ~700 nuclides)
- ...Lifetime studied with rare isotope beams (~250 levels for ~120 nuclides)




In-beam γ-ray spectroscopy with fast beams and direct reaction – the next decade

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Enormous opportunities with in-beam γ -ray spectroscopy in the FRIB400 era – using GRETA and extended LH₂ target



Neutron number $N \longrightarrow$

The gain is two-fold: Increased production of neutron-rich rare isotopes at FRIB400 and huge luminosity gain because a thick LH₂ target as being designed by LBNL (H. Crawford) can be used at the high beam energies

Science in this example region: Predicted to host a new Island of Inversion around ⁷⁸Ni

1500

2000



Facility for Rare Isotope Beams U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science Michigan State University

Needed: FRIB400. **GRETA@HRS**

80

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500

1000

Energy (keV)

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500

1000

Energy (keV)

1500

2000

Fast-beam direct reactions in the FRIB400 era – reaching the most exotic systems and majorly advancing their interpretation

- More nuclei with extreme skins come into reach for scattering or interaction cross section measurements
- Quasi-free scattering such as (p,2p) and (p,pn) reactions – become practical due to minimized distortions and greatly increased nuclear transparency, both of which are an advantage for all fastbeam direct reaction interpretations
- Kinematic focusing improves transmission/efficiency for reaction experiments and fission
- Glauber multiple-scattering theory in the optical limit using the eikonal and sudden approximations becomes more reliable





 Halo and skin studies via pion production become possible

Needed: FRIB400, HRS(S800), GRETA, CAESAR 2022 Town Meeting - Facilities session, Slide 3



Systematic measurements along isotopic chains to improve reaction theory

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Fig. 1 Schematic representation of the possible reaction mechanisms that can be used to probe exotic nuclei at FRIB as a function of energy. Reactions beyond 200 MeV/u will require the FRIB400 upgrade. Figure adapted from FRIB400.

One can infer nuclear properties, testing our predictions for exotic nuclei and refining theories of the nuclear force

Theory analyses require: 1. Reaction models (e.g. DWBA, ADWA, Eikonal, CDCC, etc)
2. Overlap function of the projectile (not only bound states, scattering/resonant states too!)
3. Projectile-target interaction i.e. optical potentials

What are the uncertainties of these inputs and how can experimental campaigns reduce it?

Simultaneous measurements of multiple channels along isotopic chains to support theory [Perspectives on few-body cluster structures arXiv:2211.06281 & White paper on optical potentials arXiv:2210.07293]



Which Isotopic Chains? One including exotic structures, e.g., haloes, exotic decay... \rightarrow Carbon, Magnesium (Crawford), ...

This is a theorist input... Experimental needs to make this possible: Active target? More workforce? And ...?

EO Searches Through Decay Spectroscopy

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Sensitive EO searches following beta decay require investment in ML methods

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- E0 transitions provide model independent view of changes in nuclear structure
 - Dependence on state mixing and difference in meansquared charged radii can help provide distinct fingerprint of configurations involved
- E0 searches enabled by implanting rare isotopes into solid state or scintillator detectors.
- Continued E0 searches in IoI during next LRP period
- Technique will also identify many lowenergy isomeric states
- Optimized searches require investment in ML architectures.





Science: Exploring Nuclear Structure with the FDS

- Uniquely positioned for discovery experiments at the extremes due to low-rate sensitivity
- Critical experiment inputs for theoretical comparison
 - Half-lives
 - Delayed neutron and γ branches
 - Strength determination (above and below S_n)
 - Identification of isomeric states
- Required FDS detector configurations
 - Charged particle detection for ions and electrons
 - Neutrons (time-of-flight or thermal)
 - Photons
 - TAS



