

#### Ecole Internationale Joliot Curie: New Avenues with Radioactive Ion Beams Lecture 2

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# **Broad Overview of Rare Isotope Science**

#### Properties of nuclei

- Develop a predictive model of nuclei and their interactions
- Understand the origins of the nuclear force in terms of QCD
- Many-body quantum science: intellectual overlap to mesoscopic science, quantum dots, atomic clusters, etc.



#### Astrophysical processes

- Chemical history of the universe; use this for stellar archaeology
- Model explosive environments
- Properties of neutron stars, EOS of asymmetric nuclear matter



#### Tests of fundamental symmetries

 Effects of symmetry violations are amplified in certain nuclei



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#### Societal applications and benefits

• Biology, medicine, energy, material sciences, national security



**Isotopes** for

Society

#### New Frontiers in Science -Novel Quantum Structures









#### This Talk – novel quantum structures in atomic nuclei

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# FRIB specialty – Produce new exotic isotopes



<u>Science:</u> Pairing in low-density material, new tests of nuclear models, open quantum system, interaction with continuum states - Efimov States - Reactions







#### The Availability of Rare Isotopes



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### The Reach of Modern Isotope Production Facilities

- Next generation facilities will produce more than 1000 NEW isotopes at useful rates (5000 available for study; compared to 1700 now)
- Exciting prospects for study of nuclei along the drip line to A=120(compared to A=24)
- Production of most of the key nuclei for astrophysical modeling
- Theory is key to making the right measurements and interpreting them



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



# **A Challenge for Nuclear Science**

- We want to model physical phenomena that are the result of the strong force
- This includes understanding atomic nuclei, hadrons, QGP, ...
- We have made remarkable progress in modeling hadrons – Nobel prize in 2004 Gross, Politzer, Wilczek ; LQCD calculation of nucleon and meson masses (Dürr, Fodor, Lippert et al., Science 322 (2008))
- There is room for significant progress in understanding atomic nuclei
- Illustration from David Dean







# How do we model nuclei? One approach, start with NN forces

- Approach: Construct NN potentials based on neutron and proton scattering data and properties of light nuclei (Bonn, Reid, Illinois AV18, Nijmegen, etc.)
- More recent approach is to construct the potentials some more fundamental theory
  - -QCD Inspired EFT
  - String Theory Inspired Hashimoto et al
  - Lattice QCD

Yukawa 1935





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### **The Nucleon-Nucleon Force**





In nuclei even more complications since nucleons have structure and three-body forces are also very important (four-body, ...)



### Comparison of Calculated and Measured Binding Energies with NN models





# New information from exotic isotopes



T. Otsuka *et al.* PRL 2010: NNN force may be the solution to Properties of the solution of th



# Current status of the GFMC calculations





### Next Steps: EFT based on QCD Symmetries – "Chiral"

• Use the features of the pion in constructing an effective theory



Effective Field Theory, EFT, based on QCD Symmetries (Epelbaum ,Furnstahl, van Kolck, Navrátil,...)



### New Isotopes - Sensitivity of Nuclear Properties to Model Parameters

- Example: Level structure of <sup>24</sup>O and the <sup>1</sup>S<sub>0</sub> NN interaction
- Structure of these loosely bound or unbound isotopes is strongly influenced by the  ${}^{1}S_{0}$  component of the NN interaction
- Calculation of <sup>24</sup>O in a shell model that correctly treats weakly-bound and continuum states (specifically Gamow Shell Model)





#### Three-body forces determined from exotic isotopes

- Holt and Schwenk arXiv:1108.2680
- Theories based on NN interaction predict <sup>28</sup>O to be particle bound (stable to the decay by the strong force)
- Three body forces tend to be repulsive and reduce the strength of the NN potentials



Oxygen isotopes can be used to determine the strength of the 3N forces in nuclei



## **Configuration Space Models**

- Lectures by A. Poves
- Shell Model is the most common in nuclear science
- Solve the equation  $H\Psi = E\Psi$
- Introduce a basis (usually harmonic oscillator) and solve the matrix equation
- Can assume an inert closed core (e.g. N=Z=20)
- No core shell model does not make this assumption but uses effective operators

fective operators  

$$H_A = T_{rel} + \mathcal{V} = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{i < j=1}^{A} \frac{(\vec{p}_i - \vec{p}_j)^2}{2m} + \sum_{i < j=1}^{A} V_{NN} \left( + \sum_{i < j < k}^{A} V_{ijk}^{3b} \right)$$





### Changes in Shell Structure – The Traditional Nuclear Shell Model is Incomplete



#### **Traditional Shell Picture**



Possible origins - Weak binding, tensor force, three-body force, ...



## **Density Functional Theory**

- Lectures by T. Papenbrock
- The idea was introduced in atomic physics and is widely used in Chemistry (calculation of molecular properties as good as experiment)
- Relies on the variation concept where observables are treated as variational parameters, e.g. local density  $\rho(r)$
- Minimize the variational equation  $\delta(E(\rho) \int V(r)\rho(r) dr) = 0$ , E=< $\hat{H}$ >
- Two step procedure
  - Equation ensures that the total energy is minimized at a fixed  $\rho(r)$
  - Minimization of  $E(\rho(r))$  with  $\rho(r)$  gives the exact ground state energy and the exact value of  $\rho(r)$  for the ground-state wave function
- Example: Skyrme functional

$$\mathcal{E}[\rho,\tau,\mathbf{J}] = \frac{1}{2M}\tau + \frac{3}{8}t_0\rho^2 + \frac{1}{16}t_3\rho^{2+\alpha} + \frac{1}{16}(3t_1 + 5t_2)\rho\tau + \frac{1}{64}(9t_1 - 5t_2)(\nabla\rho)^2 - \frac{3}{4}W_0\rho\nabla\cdot\mathbf{J} + \frac{1}{32}(t_1 - t_2)\mathbf{J}^2$$

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• where  $\rho(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i |\phi_i(\mathbf{x})|^2$  and  $\tau(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i |\nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{x})|^2$  (and **J**)



# **Science: The Big Picture**

Model and accurately describe nuclei and their reactions. The ability to calculate reactions like  ${}^{7}Be(p,\gamma)$  (responsible for source of neutrinos from the core of the Sun) from first principles would be transformational.

Theory Roadmap – RIA Theory Blue Book 2005

- Step 1: Use ab initio theory and study of exotic nuclei to determine the interactions of nucleons in light nuclei and connect these to QCD by effective field theory
- Step 2: For mid-mass nuclei use configuration space models. The degrees of freedom and interactions must be determined from exotic nuclei
- Step 3: Use density functional theory to connect to heavy nuclei. Exotic nuclei help determine the form and parameters of the DFT.



### Theory Road Map: Comprehensive Model of Nuclear Structure and Reactions

- Theory Road Map comprehensive description of the atomic nucleus
  - Ab initio models study of neutronrich, light nuclei helps determine the force to use in models (measurement of sensitive properties for N=14, 16 nuclei)
  - Configuration-interaction theory; study of shell and effective interactions (study of key nuclei such as <sup>54</sup>Ca, <sup>60</sup>Ca, <sup>122</sup>Zr)
  - The universal energy density functional (DFT) – determine parameters (broad view of mass surface, BE(2)s, BE(4)s, fission barrier surface, etc.)
  - The role of the continuum and reactions and decays of nuclei (halo studies up to A ~100)





## **Goals of Nuclear Astrophysics**

- Understand the origin and history of atoms in the Universe
  - Model the chemical history of the Milky Way
  - Trace the chemical history of the Universe back to the first stars
  - Learn about the early Universe from what atoms were produced in the Big Bang
- Use the chemical nature of a star, cluster or galaxy to infer something about its origin and history
- Allow accurate modeling of astrophysical objects and allow observations to be used to infer conditions at the site
  - For example, using the light as a function of time (called a light curve) of an X-ray burst to determine the size of emitting region.
  - Use observations to tell us about extreme environments in the universe; neutron stars, supernovae, novae, black holes, the Big Bang, etc.



# Example: The lightest elements were made in the Big Bang

- BBN Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
- •H, He, Li were made in the Big Bang (BBN is one of the three main pieces of evidence for the Big Bang; expansion, cosmic microwave radiation, big Bang nucleosynthesis)
- The reaction network and the conditions during the Big Bang allow the elemental abundances to be calculated



Sample of a Reaction Network

Physics World



# **Example: Predicted versus Observed BBN**

- The abundances following the Big Bang can be calculated from measured nuclear reaction rates (NACRE website: <u>http://pntpm.ulb.ac.be/Nacre/nacre\_d.htm</u>)
- The abundance of <sup>7</sup>Li relative to H does not agree with the models
- Does this tell us something about the structure of the Universe, or the nature of fundamental particles in the Universe?
- Most people agree it is not due to inaccurate or missing nuclear astrophysics data.
- Summary of BBN(Fields and Sarkar) at http://pdg.lbl.gov/2011/reviews/rpp2011rev-bbang-nucleosynthesis.pdf





### Forefront of Observational Astronomy: High Resolution Telescopes

- The measurement of elemental abundances is at the forefront of astronomy using large telescopes
- Large mirrors enable high resolution spectroscopic studies in a short time (Subaru, Hubble, LBT, Keck, ...)
- Surveys provide large data sets (SDSS, SEGUE, RAVE, LAMOST, SkyMapper, ...)
- Future missions: JWST "is specifically designed for discovering and understanding the formation of the first stars and galaxies, measuring the geometry of the Universe and the distribution of dark matter, **investigating the evolution of galaxies and the production of elements by stars,** and the process of star and planet formation."



Large Binocular Telescope







# Abundances are inferred from stellar absorption spectra



### Abundances can also com from Presolar Grains Meteorite Grains

- Another wealth of new data come from the isotopic measurements of individual meteorite grains (pictures from Washington Univ website)
- Other data will come from isotopic analysis cosmic rays



Measured by Secondary Ion Mass Spectroscopy







### Chemical History of the Universe – the Fossil Evidence of the First Stars

- Not all stars are the same
- By measuring the differences we learn about the history of the star
- The process that makes Barium (Ba) in early stars must be different from the main process that makes Iron (Fe)
- There are many mysteries, only one example is that the [Ba/Fe] is not understood in early stars





# There are a number of nucleosynthesis processes that must be modeled

- Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
- pp-chain
- CNO cycle
- Helium, C, O, Ne, Si burning
- s-process
- r-process
- rp-process
- vp process
- p process
- α process
- fission recycling
- Cosmic ray spallation
- pyconuclear fusion
- + others





#### Neutron-capture processes leading to elements heavier than iron





# Can we measure and model the relevant nuclear reactions?

- No, not now, but we are getting close. We have a path to fill in this part of the puzzle.
- Produce the rare isotopes that are important for modeling and measure their properties and reactions
- Develop a comprehensive model of nuclear properties and reactions



#### About Half of Heavier Elements must be made in an r-Process Nucleosynthesis in the r-process



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#### **Reach of FRIB – Will Allow Modeling of the r-Process**





### Rare Isotope Crusts of Accreting Neutron Stars



- Nuclear reactions in the crust set thermal properties
- Can be directly observed in transients
- Directly affects superburst ignition





**Neutron Star Surface** 

H,He

**Spectra Lines** 



## **FRIB Reach For Crust Processes**

Interesting set of reactions leading to proton-rich material converted to neutron-rich material



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# FRIB Reach for Novae and X-ray burst reaction rate studies





### Tests of Nature's Fundamental Symmetries

- Angular correlations in β-decay and search for scalar currents
  - Mass scale for new particle comparable with LHC
  - $_{\circ}~^{6}\text{He}$  and  $^{18}\text{Ne}$  at 10^{12/s}
- Electric Dipole Moments
  - <sup>225</sup>Ac, <sup>223</sup>Rn, <sup>229</sup>Pa (30,000x more sensitive than <sup>199</sup>Hg; <sup>229</sup>Pa > 10<sup>10</sup>/s)
- Parity Non-Conservation in atoms
  - weak charge in the nucleus (francium isotopes; 10<sup>9</sup>/s)
- Unitarity of CKM matrix

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- $_{\circ}~~V_{ud}$  by super allowed Fermi decay
- o Probe the validity of nuclear corrections





Time

EDM

Spin

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# **Atomic Electric Dipole Moment**

- EDM violates time reversal symmetry
- Improving EDM limit is an important constraint on models
- Neutron EDM
  - Present < 3.0 x 10<sup>-23</sup> e-cm
  - SNS goal 10<sup>-28</sup> e-cm
- <sup>199</sup>Hg EDM
  - Present < 3.1 x 10<sup>-29</sup> e-cm

#### Measurements

- Short term identify candidate nuclei
- Mid term perform atomic spectroscopy measurements
- Long term attempt EDM measurement (may require ISOL)



<sup>223</sup>Rn proposed to have 20x greater
 sensitivity to EDM
 <sup>229</sup>Pa may have 10,000x greater
 sensitivity

Lu, Mueller, ANL Chupp, U of Michigan Swenson, Guelp



## **Rare Isotopes For Society**

- Isotopes for medical research
  - Examples: <sup>47</sup>Sc, <sup>62</sup>Zn, <sup>64</sup>Cu, <sup>67</sup>Cu, <sup>68</sup>Ge, <sup>149</sup>Tb, <sup>153</sup>Gd, <sup>168</sup>Ho, <sup>177</sup>Lu, <sup>188</sup>Re, <sup>211</sup>At, <sup>212</sup>Bi, <sup>213</sup>Bi, <sup>223</sup>Ra (DOE Isotope Workshop)
  - $\alpha$ -emitters <sup>149</sup>Tb, <sup>211</sup>At: potential treatment of metastatic cancer
  - Cancer therapy of hypoxic tumors based on <sup>67</sup>Cu treatment/<sup>64</sup>Cu dosimetery
- Reaction rates important for stockpile stewardship and nuclear power related to astrophysics network calculations
  - Determination of extremely high neutron fluxes by activation analysis
  - Rare isotope samples for (n, $\gamma$ ), (n,n'), (n,2n), (n,f) e.g. <sup>88,89</sup>Zr
    - » Same technique important for astrophysics
  - More difficult cases studied via surrogate reactions (d,p), (<sup>3</sup>He, $\alpha$  xn) ...
  - We can produce quantities of separated fission products for tests of detection techniques
- Tracers for Marine Studies (<sup>32</sup>Si), Condensed Matter (<sup>8</sup>Li), industrial tracers (<sup>7</sup>Be, <sup>210</sup>Pb, <sup>137</sup>Cs, etc.), ...
- Novel radioactive sources for homeland security applications (for example β-delayed neutron emitters to calibrate detectors, etc.)



## <sup>8</sup>Li β-NMR Resonance Studies





# **Targeted Cancer Therapy**

- Modern targeted therapies in medicine take advantage of knowledge of the biology of cancer and the specific biomolecules that are important in causing or maintaining the abnormal proliferation of cells
- These radionuclides have been relatively difficult to get in sufficient quantities<sup>1</sup>. The short-lived alpha emitters are particularly in demand, especially <sup>225</sup>Ac, <sup>213</sup>Bi, and <sup>211</sup>At.
- Pairs, e.g., <sup>67</sup>Cu (treatment) and <sup>64</sup>Cu (dosimetry) are particularly interesting
- DOE Isotopes program and future research facilities, e.g., FRIB and HRIBF upgrade can parasitically supply demand for many isotopes



<sup>1</sup>Isotopes for the Nation's Future: A Long Range Plan, NSACIS 2009





#### Sample Interesting Isotopes from FRIB and uses

Nuclide	Half-life	Use
<sup>32</sup> Si	153 y	Oceanographic studies; climate change
<sup>221</sup> Rn	25 m	Targeted alpha therapy
<sup>225</sup> Ra/ <sup>229</sup> Po	15 d	EDM search in atomic systems
<sup>85</sup> Kr	11 y	High specific activity <sup>85</sup> Kr for nuclear reaction network studies, e.g., s-process
<sup>44</sup> Ti	60 y	Target and ion-source material
<sup>67</sup> Cu	62 h	Imaging and therapy for hypoxic tumors



# Summary

- We have entered the age of designer atomic nuclei new tool for science
- Current and next generation facilities will allow production of a wide range of new designer isotopes
  - Necessary for the next steps in accurate modeling of atomic nuclei
  - Necessary for progress in astronomy (chemical history, mechanisms of stellar explosions)
  - Opportunities for the tests of fundamental symmetries
  - Important source for research quantities of exotic isotopes
- Stay tuned there are likely many surprises we will find along the way





# Origin of Atoms (Chemical Evolution) – Coupled Problems



Nuclear reactions + Stellar evolution and explosive scenarios + Evolution of the Universe and Galactic collisions

Illustration of the difficulty of the problem: No one can describe why the Milky Way looks like it does.

#### Jason Tumlinson STSCI



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- vp process
- p process
- α process
- fission recycling
- Cosmic ray spallation
- pycnonuclear fusion
- + others





# **Stellar evolution of massive stars**

- Stars with more than 8 times the mass of our Sun develop multiple burning layers
- Hydrogen to helium
- Helium to carbon
- Carbon to oxygen, neon, magnesium
- Oxygen to neon
- Neon to magnesium
- Magnesium to Silicon
- Silicon to Iron
- Iron is the most bound nucleus and has no exothermic nuclear reactions





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## Nuclei matter

#### • The properties of nuclei are relevant to other sciences

- Fundamental particles and interactions, e.g., neutrinoless double-beta decay the rate is related to nuclear matrix elements, nuclei properties are important for atom EDM searches
- Modeling astrophysical environments; e.g., nucleosynthesis in supernovae, depends on properties of exotic isotopes; neutron star properties can be inferred from properties of very neutron-rich nuclei; interpretation of X-ray bust light curves and neutron star X-ray emission to infer properties, ...

#### The properties of nuclei are important for a wide variety of applications

- Nuclear power (nuclear data is needed to optimize reactor design)
- Homeland security (forensics involves the same types of reactions, e.g. (n,2n), important for astrophysics; detection of nuclear material and other threats)
- Stockpile stewardship (ditto)
- Medical diagnostics (<sup>99</sup>Mo ; <sup>18</sup>F; etc.)
- Industrial and environmental tracers (7Be, <sup>210</sup>Pb, <sup>137</sup>Cs, etc.)



## New Isotope Search <sup>238</sup>U(345MeV/u)+ Be/Pb

T.Ohnishi, T.Kubo et al.





## **Visualizations of Quantum Chromodynamics**

Center for the Subatomic Structure of Matter, University of Adelaide

- QCD describes how Gluon fields anti-screen the strong force
- Something like 95% of the mass of a proton come from the energy associated with the Gluon fields
- Strange quarks play a role in the structure of the proton. The picture at the right illustrates the composition of a proton and how experimentalists probe its structure through electron scattering.



http://www.physics.adelaide.edu.au/theory/staff/leinweber/VisualQCD/Nobel/



### **Nuclear Physics explores the structure** and phases resulting from QCD



**Michigan State University** 

# However...Are Nucleons Modified in the Nuclear Medium? Maybe Yes

- EMC "European Muon Collaboration" Effect circa 1983, CERN
- J.Seely, A. Daniel et al, "New Measurements of the EMC Effect in Very Light Nuclei" (nucl-ex/0904.4448)





### Nuclear Size Extracted from Interaction Cross Sections

- One of the first thing we learn about nuclei is that Nuclear radii follow the formula:  $r = r_0 A^{1/3}$ (Equation 1.2 Wong Introductory Nuclear Physics
- This is incorrect





### Other Evidence for Three Body Forces – Evidence for QCD

- T. Otsuka *et al.* PRL 2010: NNN force may be the solution to understanding the Oxygen drip line
- Lattice QCD may be able to provide the isospin dependence of the NNN force needed to understand nuclei
- Comparison of this dependence to rare isotope data allows a test of lattice QCD in nuclei





#### New insight and physics from extreme halos and skins – Example 42Mg

Estimated to be produced at 10 atoms/day 100 keV binding energy for the last two neutrons - Theory BA Brown



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### **Tensor Force**

- Otsuka *et al.* has shown the importance of a monopole part of the tensor force in nuclei (Otsuka et al. PRL 2001, 2005, 2010)
- Related to single pion exchange (Yukawa 1935)
- This modifies the standard shell picture



