

#### Ecole Internationale Joliot Curie: New Avenues with Radioactive Ion Beams Lecture 1

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### **Outline of my two lectures**

- The material will be an introduction, and motivation, for what you will hear in many of the following lectures (Lacroix, Harakeh, Poves, Papenbrock, Janssens, Schmidt, Flocard)
- Lecture 1: Search for the limits of nuclear binding and production of new isotopes
  - How many elements are possible?
  - How many isotopes of each element are possible?
  - History of the searches
  - Techniques and accelerator-based facilities to answer the previous two questions

#### • Lecture 2: Science with rare isotopes

- Toward a comprehensive model of atomic nuclei and how they interact
- Model the chemical history of the Universe and extreme astrophysical environments
- Tests of Nature's symmetries using the properties of nuclei
- Use of unusual isotopes in other branches of science (applications)

#### It is important for you to ask questions.



## **The Nuclear Landscape**



Black squares are the around 260 stable isotopes found in nature (> 1 Gy)





## **History of Element Discovery**



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#### The history of element discovery 1200-2010



# **Discovery of Isotopes**

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FREDERIC ET IRENE JOLIOT-CURIE

- Fredrick Soddy Credited with discovery of isotopes
  - With Rutherford he studied radioactive decay and developed a set of "Displacement Laws" that describe the transformation following decay
  - In 1910 he found t differed
  - He realized that at that he called isoto 1913 showed the f
  - "Put colloquially, the Soddy Nobel Prize
  - Won Nobel Prize i
- First artificial isote

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- The first artificial is Feb 1934 ) by bor
- "We propose for the new radio isotopes formed by the transmittation of boron, magnesium and aluminum, the names radionitrogen, radiosilicon, radiophosphorus"
- For this discovery, Curie and Joliot won the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1935









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## New isotope discoveries per year



Thoennessen and Sherrill, Nature 473 (2011) 25



#### **Designer Isotope – Arbitrary Combination of Neutrons and Protons Desired by Research**



Number of Neutrons



## How many isotopes are possible?

 Let's define "possible" as lasting long enough to make an atom that could react chemically (10<sup>-6</sup> s; probably 10<sup>-16</sup> is valid)



 Heaviest elements – The claim for up to atomic number 118 has been made at Dubna (Oganessian et al.)





## **Systematics of Separation Energies: Fluorine**

Separation energy is the energy required to remove 1 neutron (Sn) or 2 neutrons (S2n) – negative numbers say the neutron(s) is unbound



KTUY05 - Koura-Tachibana-Uno-Yamada, Prog Theor Phys 113 (2005) 305



## Why are the drip lines interesting?

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- Benchmark that all nuclear models can be measured against
- Sensitive to aspects of the nuclear force (see right)
- Along the drip lines the structure of nuclei is qualitatively different (Haloes and Skins – next lecture)
- New types of clustering, enhanced pairing, importance of the continuum (and relation to scattering), novel quantum states (Effimov states), study of nuclear interactions in a low density (or pure isospin) environment, etc.



K Oyamatsu, K Iida, H Koura, Phy Rev C 82 (2010) 027301 Macroscopic model diff ( high/low DD symmetry energy coefficient, L)

$$w = w_0 + \frac{K_0}{18n_0^2}(n - n_0)^2 + \left[S_0 + \frac{L}{3n_0}(n - n_0)\right]\alpha^2$$



#### New Physics from Mass Model Comparison to Data





# The Neutron Drip Line for low Z nuclei

- The location of the neutron drip line is only known up to Oxygen!
- No <sup>25, 26</sup>O .. Guillemaud-Mueller, *et al. Phys. Rev. C41* (1990) 937
- H. Sakurai et al., PLB 448 (1999) 180
- <sup>34</sup>Ne & <sup>37</sup>Na .. Notani *et al.*, Phys. Lett. *B<u>542</u> (2002) 49*
- <sup>44</sup>Si .. Tarasov, *et al.* Phys. Rev. C<u>75</u> (07) 064613
- <sup>40</sup>Mg & <sup>42</sup>Al .. Baumann, et al. Nature <u>449</u> (07) 1022



#### **Production and Identification of Isotopes**

Sometimes looking for 1 event from 10<sup>18</sup> beam particles



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## First observation of <sup>40</sup>Mg





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## Identification of superheavy elements



## **Rare Isotope Production Mechanisms**

- There are a variety of nuclear reaction mechanisms used to add or remove nucleons (jargon)
- Spallation
- Fragmentation
- Coulomb fission (photo fission)
- Nuclear induced fission
- Light ion transfer
- Fusion-evaporation (cold, hot, incomplete, ...)
- Fusion-Fission
- Deep Inelastic Transfer
- Charge Exchange

There is no best method. Many still have interesting physics question relevant to their application to produce rare isotopes.



### How were the isotopes produced?



## **Production Probability**

• The probability of production of a fragment is related to its production cross section:

$$P = \frac{N(\tau)}{N_0} = \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\tau N_a \sigma}{A_t}}\right)$$

T target thickness (g/cm<sup>2</sup>) N<sub>a</sub> Avagodro's number A<sub>t</sub> target mass number σ production cross section

 For production cross sections of 1 mb and <sup>9</sup>Be target thickness of 1 g/cm<sup>2</sup> the production probability (and fragment rate) is high:

$$P = \frac{N(\tau)}{N_0} = \left(1 - e^{-\frac{1 \cdot 6.022 \times 10^{23} \cdot 1 \times 10^{-27}}{9}}\right) = 7 \times 10^{-5}$$

- Beam of  $10^{14}$ /s beam would yield  $7x10^9$  /s
- Note: Key is  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$ ,  $N_0$



## **Cross Section for Production**



Actual: <sup>16</sup>O +<sup>12</sup>C interaction cross section: 1000 mb (measured at 970 MeV/u)

Note: Above around 300 MeV/u the interaction length is shorter than the electronic stopping range of the <sup>16</sup>O so most beam particles can interact





One nucleon removal Around 50 mb (light nuclei)

P≈5%

2n removal 5 mb P = .5%

And so on Rule of thumb .1 x for each neutron removed

## **Production Mechanisms – High Energy**

- Fragmentation (FRIB, RIBLL Lanzhou, NSCL, GSI, RIKEN, GANIL)
  - Projectile fragmentation of high energy (>50 MeV/A) heavy ions
  - Target fragmentation of a target with high energy protons or light HIs. In the heavy ion reaction mechanism community this would include intermediate mass fragments.
- Spallation (ISOLDE, TRIUMF-ISAC, EURISOL, SPES, ...)
  - Name comes from spalling or cracking-off of target pieces.
  - One of the major ISOLDE mechanisms, e.g. <sup>11</sup>Li made from spallation of Uranium.
- Fission (HRIBF, ARIEL, ISAC, JYFL, BRIF,...)
  - There is a variety of ways to induce fission (photons, protons, neutrons (thermal, low, high energy)
  - The fissioning nuclei can be the target (HRIBF, ISAC) or the beam (GSI, NSCL, RIKEN, FAIR, FRIB).
- Coulomb Breakup (GSI)
  - At beam velocities of 1 GeV/n the equivalent photon flux as an ion passes a target is so high the GDR excitation cross section is many barns.



#### **Spallation**



From Wikimedia Commons: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Spallation.gif



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## **Fragmentation (Projectile)**

• Pictorial model (above 50 MeV/u)



- Parameterization of cross sections (EPAX 2 Sümmerer and Blank, Phys.Rev. C61(2000)034607)
  - Close related to Silverberg-Tso parameterization
  - Parameters fit to experimental data (exponential form function of removed nucleons)
  - Energy independent cross sections
  - Production cross section does not depend on the target
- More detailed models (e.g. ABRABLA (K-H Schmidt *et al.* See <u>http://www-win.gsi.de/charms/</u>)
- Internuclear Cascade



#### Production of Rare Isotopes by Projectile Fragmentation

- To produce a key nucleus like <sup>122</sup>Zr from <sup>136</sup>Xe, the production cross is estimated to be 2x10<sup>-18</sup> b (2 attobarns, 2x10<sup>-46</sup> m<sup>2</sup>)
- Nevertheless with a <sup>136</sup>Xe beam of power 400 kW ( ≅ 8x10<sup>13</sup> ion/s) and modern separation techniques (fragment separators can select 1 out of 10<sup>18</sup> produced), a few atoms per week can be made and studied
- For comparison: Element 117 production cross section was 1.3 (+1.5 -0.6) pb (Oganessian, Yu. Ts. et al. Phy Rev Lett 104 (2010) 142502)
- Few x10<sup>-46</sup> m<sup>2</sup> is on the order of 10 MeV neutrino elastic scattering cross sections



### **Rare Isotope Production Techniques**



#### Accelerators

- The particle accelerator used for production is often called the "driver"
- Types
  - Cyclotron (NSCL, GANIL, TRIUMF (proton driver), HRIBF (proton driver), RIKEN RIBF)
  - Synchroton (GSI, FAIR-GSI)
  - -LINAC (LINear ACcelerator) (FRIB, ATLAS ANL
  - Others like FFAGs (Fixed-Field Alternating Gradient) are currently not used
- Main Parameters
  - Top Energy (e.g. FRIB will have 200 MeV/u uranium ions)
  - Particle range (TRIUMF cyclotron accelerates hydrogen, hence is used for spallation)
  - Intensity or Beam Power (e.g. 400 kW =  $8x6x10^{12}/s \times 50$ GeV
  - Power = pµA x Beam Energy (GeV) (1pµA = 6x10<sup>12</sup>/s)



#### Jargon





• In-flight (projectile fragmentation is one production mechanism)





## **Types of ISOL Ion Sources**





## In-Flight Production Example: NSCL's CCF

D.J. Morrissey, B.M. Sherrill, Philos. Trans. R. Soc. Lond. Ser. A. Math. Phys. Eng. Sci. 356 (1998) 1985.



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## **LISE++ Simulation Code**



The code operates under Windows and provides a highly user-friendly interface.

See me at this school for a tutorial session

It can be downloaded from the following internet address:



#### http://www.nscl.msu.edu/lise



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#### O. Tarasov, D. Bazin et al.

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#### **Advantages/Disadvantages of ISOL/In-Flight**

In-flight: GSI RIKEN NSCL FRIB GANIL ANL RIBBAS	<ul> <li>Provides beams with energy near that of the primary beam <ul> <li>For experiments that use high energy reaction mechanisms</li> <li>Luminosity (intensity x target thickness) gain of 10,000</li> <li>Individual ions can be identified</li> </ul> </li> <li>Efficient, Fast (100 ns), chemically independent separation</li> <li>Production target is relatively simple</li> </ul>
ISOL: HRIBF ISAC SPIRAL	<ul> <li>Good Beam quality (π mm-mr vs. 30 π mm-mr transverse)</li> <li>Small beam energy spread for fusion studies</li> <li>Can use chemistry (or atomic physics) to limit the</li> </ul>

- elements released
  - 2-step targets provide a path to MW targets
- **EURIOSOL** High beam intensity leads to 100x gain in secondary ions



ISOLDE

**SPES** 



400kW protons at 1 GeV is 2.4x10<sup>15</sup> protons/s

#### The Five-Minute Rap Version Rare Isotope Rap by Kate McAlpine (also did the LHC Rap)





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#### Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, FRIB - USA





### US Community's Major New Initiative – Facility for Rare Isotope Beams

- Laboratory Director Konrad Gelbke, Project Director Thomas Glasmacher
- Estimate of TPC \$614.5M
- Project completion in 2020, managed for early completion in 2018
- Key features (unique)
  - 400 kW heavy ion beams
  - Efficient acceleration (multiple charge states)
  - Stopped and reaccelerated, separated beams
- Space for
  - Reaccelerated beams, uranium to 12 (15) MeV/u
  - Isotope harvesting



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## **FRIB Facility Layout**





## **FRIB Fragment Separator**



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#### **Production Target and Beam Dump Area**





## **Key FRIB component: Beam Stopping**



G. Savard, ANL, D. Morrissey NSCL LLN, GSI, et al.



Beams for precision experiments at very lowenergies or at rest and for reacceleration

- Cyclotron gas stopper
- Linear gas stopper
- Solid stopper (LLN (Belgium), KVI (Netherlands))





#### What New Nuclides Will Next Generation Facilities Produce?

- They will produce more than 1000 NEW isotopes at useful rates (4500 available for study)
- Theory is key to making b the right measurements E
- Exciting prospects for study of nuclei along the drip line to mass 120 (compared to 24)
- Production of most of the key nuclei for astrophysical modeling
- Harvesting of unusual isotopes for a wide range of applications



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



#### **RIKEN RI Beam Factory (RIBF)**



Intense Heavy Ion beams (up to U) up to 345AMeV at SRC Fast RI beams by projectile fragmentation and U-fission at BigRIPS Operation since 2007

### SRC: World Largest (Heaviest) Cyclotron





#### Example of Other In-Target Production Facilities

 SPRIRAL2 – European Project Located at GANIL in France





#### Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research

- Beams at 1.5 GeV/u
- 10<sup>12</sup>/s Uranium
- Research
  - Compressed matter
  - Rare isotopes
  - Antiproton
  - Plasma
  - Atomic physics
- Completion of the first stages are planned around 2018





## **KoRIA Schematic Layout**





# Summary

- We have entered the age of designer atoms - new tool for science
- Facilities world-wide (including FRIB) will allow production of a wide range of new designer isotopes (next lecture)
  - 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 component of a future U.S. isotopes program
- There are significant challenges remaining in modeling and understanding the best production mechanism





## **Back to Exploring the Drip Lines**





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## **Back to Exploring the Drip Lines**





#### Future Prospects for Drip Line Study (upgraded FRIB with ISOL)

- Use proton induced fission of <sup>238</sup>U with 400 kW 600 MeV protons from FRIB
- ISOL Production of 5×10<sup>8</sup>/s <sup>80</sup>Zn
- Acceleration to 160 MeV/u with the K1200 Cyclotron (200 MeV/u maximum energy)
- Production of nuclei along the drip line up to <sup>70</sup>Ca





### The availability of rare isotopes over time



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#### Method of discovery of the isotopes



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