SCRIT Electron Scattering Facility

- world's first facility for exotic nuclei -

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"The 11 Greatest Unanswered Question in Physics"

A list of the questions developed by National Research Council's Committee on Physics of the Universe, US.



Nuclear Chart



Structures of stable nuclei

Shell structure

magic numbers : 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126 (for both proton and neutron)



stability

Charge density distribution

"visualized" by elastic electron scattering (R. Hofstadter)

- 1) constant (saturated) density
- 2) clear surface despite a fully quantum system constant surface diffuseness
- 3) A^{1/3} dependence of the radius
 - (A : mass number)



M.G.Mayer and J.Jensen (Nobel prize : 1963)





R. Hofstadter (Nobel prize : 1961)



Ground-breaking discovery of neutron halo structure in ¹¹Li



our understanding of nuclear properties : limited to nuclei near the stability ??



Basic properties of nuclei far from stability nucleon density distributions



	stable nuclei	exotic nuclei
radius	$\propto A^{1/3}$	$\succcurlyeq A^{1/3}$
surface diffuseness	const.	ex. halo
saturation	~0.17 /fm ³	??

magic numbers





Ground-state properties of exotic nuclei

such as mass, size and shape, lifetime ...



1) establish "better" nuclear structure model

- 2) exploit the limit of existence
- 3) understand nucleosynthesis in the universe

RIKEN RI Beam Factory (Japan)

Primary beam : p - U (350 MeV/u, 1 pµA)

Radioactive Isotope (RI) beam : projectile fragmentation + in-flight fission $\beta \sim 0.6$



Where is **RIKEN RI Beam Factory**?



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Often he is asked what he has done with the roughly \$350,000 in Nobel Prize money, an enormous sum in a country where experienced researchers are being promised 30,000 rubles (\$1150) a month by 2008. He says that he has put the money away for the college educations of his two great-grandchildren, a twin boy and girl living in Princeton, New Jersey.

He sold his country house to help pay for medical treatment and likens his fate to that of two great Soviet physicists, Igor Y. Tamm and Lev D. Landau, both Nobel laureates with whom he worked. (Like Tamm, Ginzburg was recruited to help design the first Soviet nuclear bombs, but by a stroke of luck, he says in his Nobel autobiography, his low security rating kept him in Moscow, away from the Arzamas-16 military site.) Although he is proud to have followed in the footsteps of Tamm and Landau as a physicist, he says he is reluctant to be following "their path [to the grave]." He recounts their deaths in an essay on the Web site of a magazine for which he is editor, Uspekhi Fiziki, or Advances in Physics, which has been in existence since 1918.

Tamm, who suffered from anyotrophic

Japan speeds up nuclear physics

No particle accelerator in the world is strong enough to create a usable beam of uranium ions. But that will change next month, when Japan switches on a huge facility of connected accelerators, to produce the world's most powerful beams of heavy radioactive isotopes.

Radioisotopes are forms of elements that are unstable because they contain either more or fewer neutrons than usual, and so undergo radioactive decay. Nuclear physicists are studving rare short-lived isotopes to understand their properties and how they are formed. The RIKEN research institute in Saitama, Japan, already has accelerators that can create the world's strongest radioisotope beams, but even these are only powerful enough to produce usable beams for the lighter elements.

But next month, RIKEN will switch on a major upgrade. The ¥44-billion (US\$378 million) Radioactive Isotope Beam Factory will add two more ring cyclotrons and the world's first superconducting ring cyclotron to the existing linear accelerator and ring cyclotron. It will then be able to accelerate beams of any element up to uranium at 70% of the speed of light. The accelerated beams are smashed into a target such as beryllium to knock out neu-facilities have just been upgrades of US and trons and protons and create the

desired radioisotopes. The facility should open a new realm of astrophysics. "With isotopes that exist this new facility, scientists at RIKEN have the opportunity to study nuclear isotopes that exist stars."

only in the hottest stars of the Universe," says John Schiffer, a senior scientist at the Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago, Illinois.

As well as exploring the formation of uranium, RIKEN plans to measure the properties of various very short-lived nuclei, as well as looking for 'magic numbers' of neutrons and protons that allow heavy nuclei to be surprisingly stable. These experiments will start from next year, with full operation scheduled for

2011. The facility makes Japan the world leader in the field, says Ysushige Yano, director of the RIKEN Nishina centre for accelerator-based science, adding that Japan's other big physics

"Scientists will be able to study nuclear only in the hottest

European versions. "But this time it is different," he boasts. "This time, Japanese scientists

> are leading the way." Rivals aim not to let Japan savour its victory for long. A US plan for a superconduct-

ing linear accelerator called the Rare Isotope Accelerator has stalled, at a proposed cost of \$1 billion. But France is expected to complete construction of its new radioisotope facilities, including experiments, by around 2012 and Germany by 2014. "In five or six years, Japan may lose the number one position," says Sydney Gales, director of the French heavy-ion accelerator GANIL in Caen. Ichiko Fuvuno



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Japan Gets Head Start in Race to Build Exotic Isotope Accelerators

A new facility begins to explore the structure of the nucleus as Europe awaits two machines and the United States revises its plans

ffer WAKO, JAPAN, AND ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS-Sometime this month, a warning siren will for clear personnel out of the bowels of a massive concrete building in Wako, a city just east of very Tokyo. Then, the world's most powerful med cyclotron will propel a stream of uranium ions at a carbon target. The resulting smashup will produce radioactive nuclei that have never existed outside a supernova. Such fleethiov ing exotic bits of matter should help unify a fragmented theory of the nucleus, reveal the ia, a origins of the heavier elements, and provide clues to why the universe contains so much tten. more matter than antimatter.

cles Data from the \$380 million Radioactive ong Isotope Beam Factory (RIBF) at the Institute oke of Physical and Chemical Research (RIKEN) The in Wako "will allow us to form a new framework for nuclear physics," says Hiroyoshi ntly Sakurai, chief nuclear physicist at RIKEN's -die Nishina Center for Accelerator-Based rite Science, which built and will operate the :onmachine. Richard Casten, a nuclear physicist at Yale University, agrees that knowledge ttersifted from the atomic shards "will be transavy formational in our understanding of nuclei."

d he But Japanese physicists aren't the only his ones staking a claim to this fertile turf. RIBF is the first in a new generation of exotic iso-For

tope accelerators. Researchers in Germany AMS and France hope to have machines ready to power up in 2010 and 2011, respectively.

Meanwhile, a U.S. National Research Council (NRC) report released last week makes the case for building the most powerful machine of all. U.S. researchers hope the report will jump-start a project, once known as the Rare Isotope Accelerator (RIA), that stalled last year after the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) ordered researchers to cut in half the projected \$1 billion cost. "This report helps get the project unstack by more clearly defining the science that can be done with it and the international situation," says Michael Turner, a cosmologist at the University of Chicago and chief scientist at DOE's Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, one of two institutions vying for the machine.

Accounting for more than 99.9% of an atom's mass and less than a billionth of its volume, the nucleus is a knot of protons and neutrons. Nature provides 260 stable nuclei, and researchers have glimpsed 10 times that number of unstable ones. But machines that produce even more would provide new insights into the structure of the nucleus.

For example, since the 1940s, physicists have known that melei with certain "magic" numbers of protons or neutrons appear to be more stable than might otherwise be expected. However, recent findings suggest that the known magic numbers-2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, and 126-may not apply to nuclei with an extreme excess or deficiency of

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SCRIT Electron Scattering Facility



The world's first and only electron scattering facility dedicated for exotic nuclei is nearly completed in RIKEN RI Beam Factory, JAPAN.

The first electron scattering off an exotic nucleus will take place in 2014 !!

Electron scattering

Electron scattering provides direct and unambiguous structure information of atomic nuclei



 $\omega = e - e'$ $\vec{q} = \vec{e} - \vec{e'}$

1. point particle

2. electromagnetic interaction

i) coupling : charge and current => el.mag. structure

ii) "weak" -> probing whole volume

perturbation theory

iii) exp. data => structure information

3. variable q for fixed ω

Electron scattering for stable nuclei

charge distribution



deformation



valence neutron



 $|\Phi(p)|^2$, S-factor



Nuclei so far studied by electron scattering



Hofstadter's experiments for exotic nuclei



One example : unstable Sn including ¹³²**Sn (doubly magic)**



112-124Sn: stable 126-132Sn: unstable

¹²⁶Sn : 10⁵ year
¹²⁸Sn : 59m
¹³⁰Sn : 3.7m
¹³²Sn : 39s
¹³⁴Sn : 1.2s









E. Khan et al. Nucl. Phys. A800 (2008)37.

Minimum required luminosity for electron scattering



a few % accuracy for radius and surface diffuseness

Beyond elastic (charge) scattering



inelastic \Box transition density

quasi-elastic \Box > momentum density distribution, S- factor.....

towards higher luminosity with limited number of target exotic nuclei

The SCRIT electron scattering facility

A novel experimental technique : SCRIT (Self-Confining RI Target)



Nucl. Instrum. Methods A532 (2004) 216.

Proof-of-principle study of the SCRIT scheme



Phys. Rev. Lett. 100 (2008) 164801 Phys. Rev. Lett. 102 (2009) 102501

SCRIT electron scattering facility



Schedule





SCRIT and electron storage ring + SCRIT

M. Wakasugi



Luminosity, ion trapping efficiency

R. Ogawara NIM B317 (2013) 674.



trapping efficiency ~ 100 % overlapping efficiency ~ 17 %

ISOL (Isotope Separator On-Line)



ISOL (Isotope Separator On-Line)

T. Ohnishi

- NIM B317 (2013) 357.

Reaction : photo- (electro-) fission of ²³⁸U. Target : house-made UCx Driver : Race Track Microtron (Ee=150 MeV) Ion Source : FEBIAD type



Production Rate $N_{fission} \sim 10^8$ /watt $N^{132}_{Sn} \sim 10^6$ / watt * 1% ($\epsilon_{trans.}$) beam power : ~ 10W in operation ~ 1 kW the goal



SCRIT electron spectrometer



SCRIT electron spectrometer

A high-resolution electron spectrometer for identifying elastic scattering events is now ready. It consists of a window-frame type dipole magnet (0.8 T), sandwiched by two sets of large drift chambers.

- $\Delta p/p \le 10^{-3}$ ($\Delta E < 300 \text{keV}@300 \text{MeV}$)
- ♦ Δθ = 30° (45±15°)
- ♦ ΔΩ~ 100 msr
- Iong target acceptance (40cm)
- field leakage at e-beam : a few G

field measurement done & installed





RIKEN RI Beam Factory (RIBF) in Japan is the new generation exotic-beam facility, and provides the world's most intense exotic beam for the study of their internal structure and reaction.

- 1. SCRIT electron scattering facility is the world's first facility for exotic nuclei.
- 2. Electron accelerator + SCRIT system : commissioned. Req. Luminosity achieved.
- 3, first electron scattering off exotic nucleus (¹³²Sn) in 2014 !!