Radioactive Ion Beam (RIB) Facility at VECC :

# Present & Future

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### **Radioactive Ion Beams : Ions of β-unstable nuclei**



# Enormous increase in the no. of available projectiles



Well collimated ion beam interacts with lattice & impurity atoms – backscattered yield is measured as a function of sample orientation



Yield of charged particles emitted by radioactive impurity atoms is measured as a function of sample orientation

### **Material Science**

### **Advantages of EMISSION CHANNELING technique :**

Req. implantation dose of radioactive atoms is significantly lower than that of ion channeling experiment.

Radiation damage during channeling analysis negligible.

Sensitivity of EC >> higher than ion channeling tech. (1E13 & 1E18 /cc)

**Mössbauer Effect (ME)**: Study of recoil-free emission & absorption of g by a radioactive nucleus embedded in a solid.

ME allows measurement of Isomer Shift (IS) - relative shift of the emission and absorption lines proportional to the difference in electron density at the Mössbauer nucleus in the source and in the absorber matrix

→ Provides information about the lattice site of the Mössbauer atom & its charge state.



**Radioisotope Therapy :** A radionuclide is delivered to a tumor site using a biologically active molecule which decays via  $\beta$ <sup>-</sup> or  $\alpha$ .

Using RIB one can produce such nuclide with high specific activity as it will be carrier free or no-carrier-added form (suitable target+projectile & clean separation) + availability of new radioisotopes.

**PET (Positron Emission Tomography)** – medical imaging of tumors, mapping of human brain and heart function. Most of the PET isotopes are short lived for clinical use & research. Using RIB it is possible to produce **longer lived PET isotopes** (<sup>72</sup>As : T<sub>1/2</sub>~ 26 hours) which are carrier free i.e. high sp. Activity.

# **Physics Motivation**

• Nuclear Physics

**Study of nuclei away from line of β-stability** 

- Neutron Halo (<sup>6,11</sup>Li, <sup>14</sup>Be, <sup>17</sup>B, ....)
- β-delayed particle emission (<sup>21</sup>Mg, <sup>16</sup>C, <sup>22</sup>Al, <sup>26</sup>P, ...)
- Nuclr. Deformation & magicity (  $^{80}_{40}Zr,^{100}_{38}Sr$  )
- Nuclear Astrophysics
- The nuclear processes responsible for nucleosynthesis
- When & where these processes took place

 Chracteristics (temperature, density, composition ..) of the nucleosynthesis sites

# **Primordial Nucleosynthesis**

The Universe was created about 15 billion years back by gradual expansion from a state of extremely high density ( $\rho \sim 10^{95}$  g/cc) & temperature (T $\sim 10^{32}$  K)  $\rightarrow$  Big Bang Theory.

Nucleosynthesis could start ~ 3 minutes after the Big Bang when Deutorium (B.E. 2.23 MeV) stable against photo-dissociation at T ~  $10^9$  K.

Nucleosynthesis could continue for a very short time after the big-bang because :

- All neutrons were used up for production of <sup>4</sup>He
- No stable nuclei for A=5 and A=8
- Baryon density too low for 3 body reactions
- Temp. reduced due to expansion to sustain further nuclear reaction

Mass Fraction		
1H	0.75	
<sup>2</sup> H	(2.5±1.5)x10-5	
<sup>3</sup> He	(4.2±2.8)x10-5	
⁴He	0.23±0.02	
<sup>6</sup> Li	$300^{+300}_{-150} \times 10^{-12}$	
<sup>7</sup> Li	$4600^{+4600}_{-2300} \times 10^{-12}$	

# **Primordial Nucleosynthesis**



# **Nucleosynthesis**





# **Nucleosynthesis in Stars**

Elements are created in several stages where the products of one stage become the fuel for energy generation in the next stage.

M < 8M After He burning stage, star will throw off its envelop as a planetary nebula & become a white dwarf.

 $M > 8M_{\oplus}$ 

Main sequence  $\rightarrow$  Goes through all burning stages  $\rightarrow$  Red Giant  $\rightarrow$ Core of mostly Fe  $\rightarrow$  gravitational collapse to super-density  $\rightarrow$ Supernova explosion $\rightarrow$  Blows off outer envelop $\rightarrow$ remnant as neutron star / black hole

## Hydrostatic burning stages

H burning	$4p \Rightarrow ^{4}He + 2e^{+} + 2v + 26.7 \text{ MeV}$
He burning	$\alpha + \alpha \Rightarrow {}^{8}Be$
	<sup>8</sup> Be+ $\alpha \Rightarrow {}^{12}C+\gamma+7.2 \text{ MeV}$
	$\Rightarrow {}^{20}\text{Ne}+\alpha + 4.6\text{MeV}$
C burning	<sup>12</sup> C(p,γ) <sup>13</sup> N(e <sup>+</sup> ν) <sup>13</sup> C(α,n) <sup>16</sup> O
Ne burning	<sup>20</sup> Ne+ $\gamma \Rightarrow {}^{16}O+\alpha$
	<sup>20</sup> Ne+ $\alpha \Rightarrow$ <sup>24</sup> Mg+ $\gamma$
O burning	$^{16}O+^{16}O \Rightarrow {}^{31}P+p$
o surning	$\Rightarrow$ <sup>28</sup> Si+ $\alpha$
	⇒ <sup>31</sup> S+n
Si burning	<sup>28</sup> Si+ $\alpha \Rightarrow {}^{32}$ S+ $\alpha$
Si burning	+ $\alpha \Rightarrow {}^{56}Fe$
	<sup>28</sup> Si+ $\gamma \Rightarrow \alpha$ +Mg



A form of Hydrogen burning chain reaction takes place in non-first generation stars where C is available to start with.



- Rapid successive n-capture (n,g) W/O intermediate a and b<sup>-</sup> decay
- Follows path closer to n-drip line
- Near magic nos. nutron BE is small b<sup>-</sup> decay occurs path moves towards stability line
- Produces n-rich nuclei between A=56 to 270 beyond which fission sets in



- Slow n-capture : slow w.r.t. b<sup>-</sup> decay process
- Series of (n.g) processes and b<sup>-</sup> decays (sometimes b<sup>+</sup> and EC)
- Follows path closer to the stability line
- Produces n-rich nuclei between A=56 to 209 (Bi) beyond which there are many short lived nuclei & slow process cannot compete.
- Red giants being a good source of neutrons from <sup>13</sup>C(a,n)<sup>16</sup>O, <sup>17</sup>O(a,n)<sup>20</sup>Ne,
   <sup>21</sup>Ne(a,n)<sup>24</sup>Mg ... reactions possible site for such processes.



- Rapid p-capture process : fast w.r.t. b<sup>+</sup> decay process
- Follows path closer to the proton drip line
- Produces p-rich nuclei up to A ~ 100 beyond which Coulomb repulsion prevents successive p-capture.

# **Nuclear Astrophysics**

- Reactions involving stable nuclei drive the evolutionary stage of main sequence stars
- Reactions involving unstable nuclei dominate the outcome of explosive events

# **Major Challenges**

- Number of target atoms/cm<sup>2</sup> is small as reactions have to be studied at a very low energy, thin targets have to be used
- Expected cross section is small near or below the Coulomb barrier
- Intensity of RIBs is generally less compared to stable beams
- Often the RIBs are not pure (mixed beam) & have large energy spread
- Background due to the decay of RIB

# **Nuclear Astrophysics**

# **Major Detection Techniques Needed**

- Highly segmented high efficiency gamma ray detector array
- Large solid angle and good angular resolution silicon detector array
- Mass separator with high beam rejection efficiency
- Gas cell targets & targets of long lived radioactive nuclei

GRETA (Gamma Ray Energy Tracking Array) - LBL Solid angle coverage : 0.45 → 0.8 Detection Efficieny : 10→50 % Position resolution : 20mm → 2mm

DRAGON (Detector of Recoils And Gammas Of Nuclear reactions) Angular acceptance ≤ ±20 mrad Energy acceptance ≤ ±4% Separation is 1 in 10<sup>15</sup>

- 1. Radioactive Ion Beams will play an important role in all fields of accelerator based research for the next few decades
- 2. Nuclear astrophysics is a fascinating field of research of tracing back the evolution of the Universe. It requires information of different reactions using both stable and radioactive beams.
- 3. But --- it requires stretching the limits of present accelerator and detection technologies.



# How to produce RIB?







## **Thick target development :**

 $\rightarrow$ Selection of suitable target material

ThermoCalc, Chemsage, HSC

(Data based thermo-chemistry & thermodynamic codes)

High dissociation temperature and low vapour pressure

#### $\rightarrow$ Optimisation of the target geometry

Analysis of time dependent diffusion rate solving Fick's second equation for different symmetries like planner, cylindrical and spherical

#### $\rightarrow$ Optimising target thickness

Heat deposition in the target is calculated using TRIM – heat deposition within the target sharply increases near the Bragg peak window.



**Thick target development :** 

Temperature distribution (ANSYS)

The critical temperature is determined from critical vapour pressure

→ Maximise surface to volume ratio of the target i.e. porous / fiber like target matrix





# Thick target R&D : first few targets

Carbon\*, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, ZnO, HfO<sub>2</sub>, BN, LiF, MgO, CaCl<sub>2</sub>, ThC<sub>2</sub>, UC<sub>2</sub>, ZrO<sub>2</sub>



SEM of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> & HfO<sub>2</sub>





SEM of RVCFSEM of RVCF + Al2O3\*RVCF : Reticulated Vitreous Carbon Fiber

- Aim  $\rightarrow$  High On-line Efficiency for high charge States (q/A> 1/14)
- Apparent Choice → ECR ion source

Poor vacuum (target evaporation) → high q !!!
 > Neutron damage of permanent magnets

Possible solution → Two ion source philosophy





**Optimised focussing to prevent beam loss** 

**VECRIS** : at safe distance ~ 10<sup>-6</sup> mbar vacuum inside plasma chamber

**v ECR permanent magnets protected from high radiation near target** 

# Integrated Thick-Target Electron Beam Plasma Ion-Source





Target holder



Frequency	6.4 GHz
Klystron / Sol. Power	3 / 60 kW
B <sub>ECR</sub>	0.23 T
B <sub>z</sub> (Inj) / B <sub>z</sub> (Ext) / B <sub>r</sub> (r=R)	0.95 / 0.7 /0.7 T
Mirror Ratio (Inj/Ext)	5.9 / 4.375

# **Typical Oxygen spectrum from ECR ion-source**





Ferrocene C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>FeC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>



# <u> Design Aims :</u>

- Initial separation of the RIB of interest having optimum q from the rest.
- Transverse matching of the selected RIB to the acceptance of the RFQ. Challenges :
- Maximum transmission & RP even with high emittance beam from IS (ECR).
- Minimum floor space & number of optical elements.



Erect Ellipse e = 120  $\pi$  mm mrad (± 1.2 cm / ± 10 mrad) Bending Angle 90° Bending Radius 0.5 m Max. Field 0.25 T Entry / Exit angle 27.141° / 27.107°





# Design of Radio Frequency Quadrupole (RFQ)

Design Aim : Acceleration of RIBs (q/A≥1/16) from 1 keV/u to about 90keV/u

RFQ : Single RF structure capable of bunching, focussing and accelerating low energy ( ~ keV) ions

However → Designing Machining and aligning





### **RADIOFREQUENCY QUADRUPOLE (RFQ) : 1st in India**

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জাপানের পরে এ বার ভারতেও রেডিও ফ্রিকোয়েন্সি কোয়াড্র পল চালু হল। এশিয়ার ময্যে ভারতই হল দ্বিতীয় দেশ, যেখানে এই 'অ্যাক্সিলারেটর' বা ত্বারক চালু করা হয়েছে। শুক্রবার ভেরিয়েবল এনার্জি সাইক্রোটন সেন্টারের অধিকর্তা বিকাশ সিংহ এক লিখিত বিবৃ তিতে এ কথা জানান। এটি একটি জটিল এবং অত্যাধু নিক ত্বারক। এর মাধ্যমে পরমাণু কণাকে প্রচণ্ড গতিশীল করে তোলা যাবে। ১৯৮০ সালেই প্রথম মার্কিন যু ক্তরাষ্ট্র এই ত্বারক চালু করে। তার পর থেকে খু ব বেশি দেশ এই ত্বারক চালু করতে পারেনি।

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<mark>Kolkata Calcutta</mark> India Know Before You	KOLKATA: India's first heavy ion Radio Frequency Quadruple [RFQ] accelerator has been commissioned at the Department of Atomic Energy's Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre [VECC] here.
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Go. Read Reviews Scientists from across the world have acknowledged the from Real Travelers. achievement as a hall-mark development in particle accelerator www.TripAdvisor.com technology in the country, VECC officials told *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

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Japan is the only other Asian country to have successfully

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## Experimental Results: Test Beam: Ar 4+

Calculated magnetic strength (kG) (29.06 keV/u)	Experimental magnetic strength (kG)	Transmission Efficiency* % *with electron suppression
Q1: -1.528 Q2: 1.065	Q1: -1.53 Q2: 1.057	~81% FC3/FC2
Q1 : -1.07 Q2: 0.7 D2 : 2.058	Q1: -1.058 Q2: 0.82 D2: 2.058	~80% FC4/FC2

**Beams available from the RIB facility** 

- Oxygen : up to 120 keV (after ECR); 464 keV (after RFQ)
- Nitrogen : up to 100 keV (after ECR); 406 keV (after RFQ)
- Argon : up to 160 keV (after ECR); 1.16 MeV (after RFQ)
- Iron : up to 220 keV (after ECR); 1.6 MeV (after RFQ)
- Also H, Helium, O2, Carbon, ...

Typical measured currents:  $O^{3+} \sim 70 \ \mu\text{A}$ ;  $O^{4+} 40 \ \mu\text{A}$ ;  $O^{5+} \sim 6 \ \mu\text{A}$ ; Ar<sup>4+</sup> ~ 4  $\ \mu\text{A}$ ; He<sup>1+</sup> ~ 100  $\ \mu\text{A}$ ; Fe<sup>6+</sup> ~ 7  $\ \mu\text{A}$ ; Fe<sup>10+</sup> ~ 1  $\ \mu\text{A}$ 

optimization of ECR continuing



## **Design of LINAC cavities**



# $\frac{\text{Design Parameters}}{P q/A ≥ 1/14}$ >e<sub>n</sub> ≥ 0.5 p-mm-mr

≻ T<sub>in</sub> = 86 keV/u

### <u>Design goals</u>

**Beam Dynamics :** 

- → Maximising Transmission
- →Energy tunability

→Good beam quality (DE, Dt)

**RF Analysis :** 

- → Getting the desired frequency
- → Optimisation for best shunt impedance
- → Surface current density at the junction of two components should not be high

# **IH - LINAC :**



### VECLIN Snap shot $\epsilon_{x/y} = 0.5 \pi$ mm mrad & $\epsilon_z = 10 \pi$ -deg-% A=16



Inter-tank space 75 cm Quads  $\rightarrow$  L=21+14+21 cm / Aperture rad 2.85 cm / Gradient 30 T/m

## IH - LINAC : The design details

# 6. Engineering Analysis ANSYS

Structural deflection under various loads : (a) Atmospheric pressure (b) Self weight (c) Thermal flux due to RF





### **IH - LINAC : The design details**

#### **Temperature Distribution**













# LINAC-1 : Important Parameters

Frequency	MHz	37.6
q/A		≥ <b>1/14</b>
$T_{in} \rightarrow T_{out}$	keV/u	98.785 → 183.56
$\beta_{in} \rightarrow \beta_{out}$	%	1.456 → 1.985
Accelerating gaps	#	9
Drift tube I/D & O/D	mm	25 & 69.5
Drift tube gap	mm	29.2
Cell legth	mm	<b>58.4</b> → <b>78.8</b>
Peak D.T. voltage	kV	101.24 kV
Max. Field		1.4 x E <sub>Kilpatrick</sub>
Transit Factor		<b>0.789</b> → <b>0.843</b>
Sync. Phase	Degree	-24
Cavity Length	М	0.6182
AccIn. Gradient	MV/m per q	2.102
Shunt Impedance	MΩ/m	342
Q-Value		13765
Power	kW	~ 15





# LINAC-2 : Important Parameters

Frequency	MHz	37.6
q/A		≥ <b>1/14</b>
$T_{in} \rightarrow T_{out}$	keV/u	183.56 → 286.8
$\beta_{in} \rightarrow \beta_{out}$	%	1.985 → 2.481
Accelerating gaps	#	10
Drift tube I/D & O/D	mm	25 & 60
Drift tube gap	mm	39.8
Cell legth	mm	79.6 → 98.4
Peak D.T. voltage	kV	107.5 kV
Max. Field		1.3 x E <sub>Kilpatrick</sub>
Transit Factor		0.8045 → 0.8506
Sync. Phase	Degree	-25
Cavity Length (Inner)	М	0.871
AccIn. Gradient	MV/m per q	1.79
Shunt Impedance	MΩ/m	432
Q-Value (Calc.)		18856
Power (Calc.)	kW	~ 10



# First few beams $\rightarrow$

RIB	T1/2	Production	Target
<sup>11</sup> C	20 min	<sup>11</sup> B(p,n)	BN
<sup>13</sup> N	10 min	<sup>13</sup> C(p,n)	Graphite
<sup>17</sup> F	1 min	<sup>14</sup> N(α,n)	BN
<sup>18</sup> F	110 min	<sup>16</sup> Ο(α,n)	HfO <sub>2</sub> ,Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
<sup>19</sup> Ne	17 sec	<sup>19</sup> F(p,n)	LiF
<sup>35</sup> Ar	<b>1.7 sec</b>	<sup>35</sup> Cl(p,n)	CaCl <sub>2</sub>
<sup>38</sup> K	7.6 min	<sup>35</sup> Cl(α,n)	CaCl <sub>2</sub>
<sup>90</sup> Kr	<b>32 sec</b>	<b>U/Th(α,f)</b>	UC/ThO
<sup>93</sup> Rb	6 sec	-do-	-do-

$$I_{RIB} = I_{Pri} \cdot N_{t} \cdot \sigma \cdot \eta_{release} \cdot \eta_{IS} \cdot \eta_{separation} \cdot \eta_{transport}$$

$$= \frac{10^{-6}}{(1.6 \cdot 10^{-19})} \cdot (6 \cdot 10^{23}) \cdot (50 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 10^{-24}) \cdot 0.1 \cdot 0.05 \cdot 0.6 \cdot 0.5 \approx 10^{9} pps$$

$$= 10^{-19} \cdot 10^{-19} \cdot 10^{-24} \cdot 10$$

Expected average yield at experimental station ~ 10<sup>6</sup>-10<sup>8</sup>

# **Future Plans**

### LINAC : What Next ???

#### LINAC-1 : 98.785 → 183.56 keV/u

- Installation at VECC have started : To be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2007
- Installation in beam line : April 2008

#### LINAC-2 : 183.6 → 286.8 keV/u

- PO placed
- Delivery schedule : Mar 2008
- Installation in beam line : Sep 2008

#### LINAC-3 : 286.8 → 450 keV/u

- Advanced stage of design
- Likely completion date : Dec 2008

#### LINAC-4 to LINAC-8 : (To be completed by 2012)

- Frequency 75.2 MHz
- 450 keV/u to 1.3 MeV/u
- Physics design stage



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# Thank You!









εz-rms : increased by 2.5 times

- ΔE : No change
- Df : 4.06°→2.23°

Better time structure (66% transmission) No change 2.8 → 1.9% (2\*rms energy width) 4.06°→1.34°(2\*rms phase width)

