A Radio-Frequency Fragment Separator (RFFS) for FRIB

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Learning with Purpose





- Capabilities of current RFFS at NSCL •
- Experiments enabled by current RFFS •
 - First observation of ¹¹O
 - ⁷³Sr β -delayed proton emission
- Capabilities of proposed RFFS at FRIB •
- Day 1 experiments at FRIB with new RFFS •
 - ³⁴Ca 2p decay
 - ⁷²Rb decay studies
 - ¹⁰⁰Sn decay studies

Outline



| Length(m) | Gap(cm) | Peak Voltage(kV) | Frequency(MHz) | Q |
|-----------|---------|------------------|----------------|-------|
| 2.26 | 18 | 150 | 20.125 | 12,90 |











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|------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1.5 | 5 | 100 | 19–27 | 7500–10,000 |

D. Bazin et al., NIM A **606** (2009)

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RFFS at **NSCL**

- RF Cavity tuned to around 20 MHz.
- Phase of RF is optimized to deflect ion of interest • maximally.
- Other ions are blocked by slits, resulting in • purification of beam.
- Greatly purifies proton-rich beam cocktails, • enabling experiments along the proton dripline.









First Observation of ¹¹O



High Resolution Array (HiRA)

- ¹¹O was first observed by ⁹C+2p events in HiRA.
- only had 10% of ¹³O.



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fragmenting a ¹³O secondary beam on a Be target, looking for

After A1900 secondary beam

After passing through RFFS 80% of beam consisted of ¹³O!



T.B. Webb et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **122** (2019)









First Observation of 110









- Current RFFS has already been used to study nuclei that would contaminates.
- watching beta-decay of ⁷³Sr secondary beam implanted into a DSSD. Beam was purified by a factor of 4500 down to 10 pps!



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⁷³Sr β -delayed proton emission









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RFSS at **FRIB**



- Operating at 80 MHz of FRIB would result in "wrap around" of certain isotopes.
- Subharmonic bunching of 20.125 MHz will be lacksquareimplemented at FRIB upon funded construction of RFFS.

Cavity design has been investigated with E&M simulations performed by Alexander Plastun

| Electrodes (plates) | Width | 26 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| | Length | 226 |
| | Gap | 18 |
| | Field gradient | 17 |
| | Voltage | ± 153 |
| | Peak surface field | 46 |
| | $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E_{y}(z) dz$ | 4 |
| Coaxial line of QWR | Inner diameter of the tank | 80 |
| | Outer diameter of the stem | 1631 |
| | Height | 138 |
| Chamber inner dimensions | Length | 246 |
| | Diameter | 56 |
| RF parameters | Frequency | 20.125 |
| | RF power consumption | 2 × 21 |
| | Quality factor | 12,900 |
| Beam kick at the exit | Positional | ±1.3 |
| | Angular | ±8.6 |

- Larger gap to have large momentum acceptance of RIB's.
- Large gap requires larger resonators.











RFSS at **FRIB**













Invariant Mass Spectroscopy of ³⁴Ca

- One nucleon knockout of secondary ³⁵Ca beam, from 40Ca primary beam.
- ~1.5% of beam would be ${}^{35}Ca$ without kicker
- ~95% of secondary beam would be ³⁵Ca after RFFS
- ${}^{34}Ca \rightarrow {}^{32}Ar + 2p$ channel can be measured with upgraded HiRA (10 cm long CsI(TI)'s) + **S800**







Decay studies of 72Rb



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- Observed ⁷²Rb in ⁷³Sr run... but too few statistics to extract observables.
- One could run same similar experiment with A1900 focused on ⁷²Rb.
- With FRIB beam rates, would obtain same number of statistics from weeklong ⁷³Sr run in a matter of hours!









Decay studies of 72Rb

200 MeV/u 92Mo primary beam fragmented on thick Be target with thick Al wedge















Decay studies of 100Sn

- Previous experiments only measured β decay properties.
- To understand shell structure, need to populate higher lying states.
- Higher lying states can be populated by nucleon knockout reactions \rightarrow **Use** ¹⁰²Sn secondary beam!
- Could even do experiments at the endpoint region of the rp-process.

dE (MeV)













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Outlook

- Preliminary designs for new RFFS already done.
- Many Day 1 FRIB experiments could use new proposed RFSS.
- Outlook looks good!









