

# Facility for Rare Isotope Beams

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- **The Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) will be the world's most powerful rare isotope accelerator (frib.msu.edu)**

- It is designed to produce the widest range of isotopes for scientific research, including thousands of isotopes not yet observed on Earth.
- Michigan State University (MSU) is establishing FRIB as a scientific user facility for the Office of Nuclear Physics in the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE-SC).

- **What is a rare isotope?**

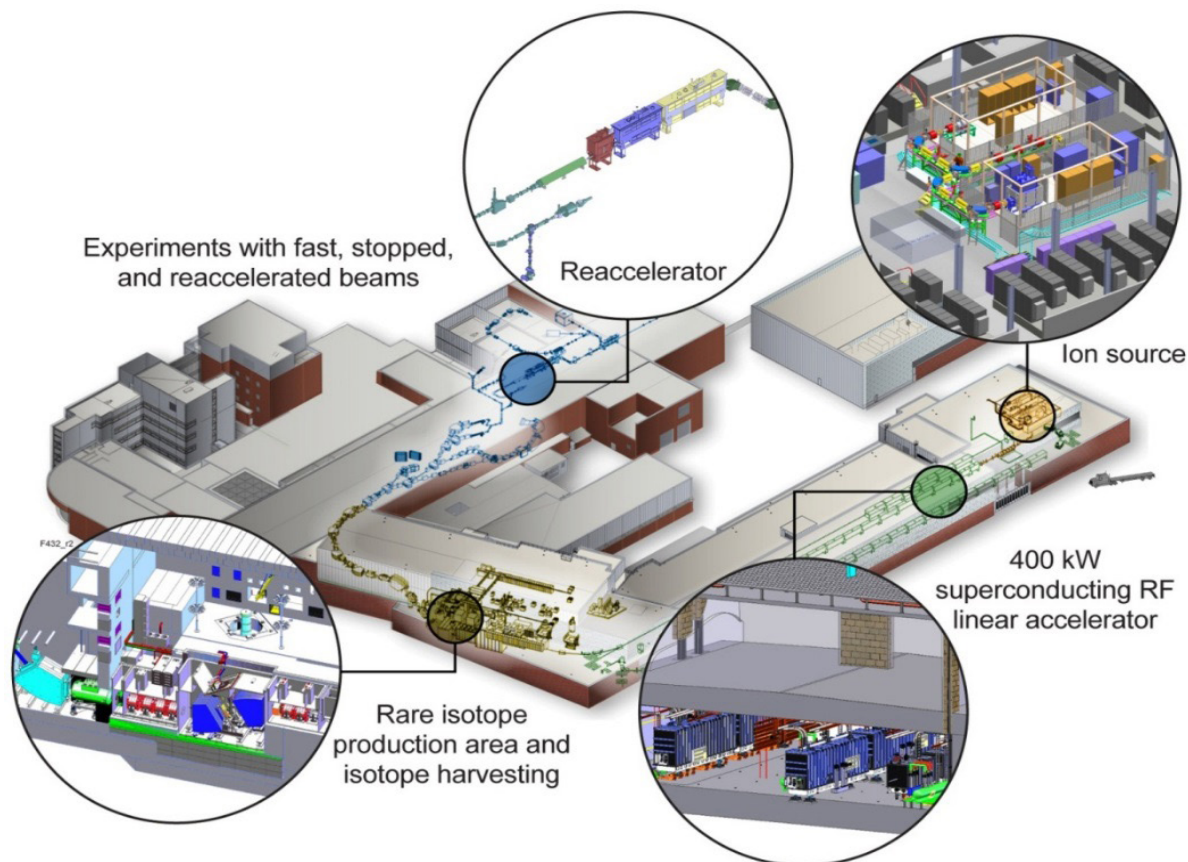
- A rare isotope forms when neutrons are removed from or added to the nucleus of a stable atom and it becomes unstable against decay. Most rare isotopes are not normally found on Earth anymore.
- Rare isotopes are forged in spectacular cosmic processes and in rare isotope accelerators.

- **FRIB science is of strategic importance for the United States**

- Essential for maintaining leadership in fundamental nuclear science research; for understanding the existence of atomic nuclei, how elements were formed; and for understanding life cycles of stars.
- Essential for developing new applications of rare isotopes in homeland security, non-proliferation, stockpile stewardship, medicine, biology, materials, energy, and environmental fields.

- **FRIB will be a DOE-SC facility established and operated by Michigan State University**

- Civil and technical construction have started and civil construction is 10 weeks ahead of schedule.
- FRIB completion is scheduled for 2022, but the project team is managing to early completion in fiscal year 2021.
- Appropriation of baseline funding profile is necessary to remain on cost and schedule.



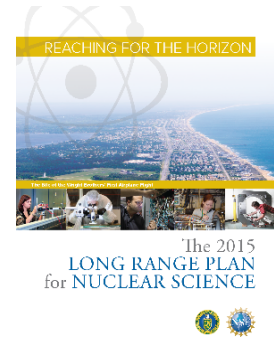
■ **FRIB is cost-effective and being established under a Cooperative Agreement**

- Baselined cost is \$730 million of which MSU shares \$94.5 million.
- Additional MSU contributions of \$300 million result in an FRIB Laboratory worth over \$1 billion.
- Designed to efficiently accommodate incremental science-driven upgrades.

■ **FRIB is a high priority of the U.S. science community**

- First recommendation in the 2012 National Academies Decadal Study of Nuclear Physics: *Nuclear Physics: Exploring the Heart of the Matter*.
- Priority for completion in the 2015 Long Range Plan for Nuclear Science: *Implementing Reaching for the Horizon* by the DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee:

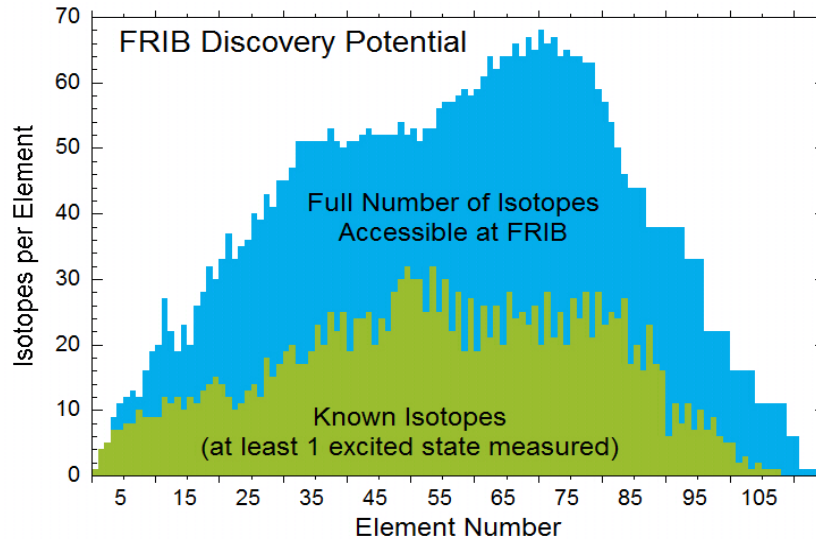
“Expediently completing the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) construction is essential. Initiating its scientific program will revolutionize our understanding of nuclei and their role in the cosmos.”



■ **As a campus-based user facility, FRIB will attract and train the next generation of nuclear scientists necessary for maintaining U.S. lead in science and technology**

- University environment provides hand-on training and interaction of students with world-leading scientists on a daily basis.
- MSU has the nation’s top-ranked nuclear physics graduate program and grants more than 10 percent of the nation’s nuclear physics PhDs.
- FRIB Laboratory employs approximately 200 students throughout the year.

■ **1400 FRIB users include members from 37 U.S. states, 104 colleges and universities, 12 national laboratories, and 51 countries (fribusers.org)**



FRIB will more than double (represented in blue in graph above) our knowledge (green) of the properties of nuclei. In the coming decade, greater nuclear science accomplishments and benefits will come at a faster pace as new technologies in accelerators, experimental instrumentation, and computing will allow scientists to penetrate and explore the vast frontier of isotopes that in the past were inaccessible to human investigation.