



# Status of RFQ Cooler Buncher for rare isotope experiments with Isotope Separation On-Line system

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## 01RAON Facility & ISOL System











#### Rare Isotope accelerator complex:

- 1. Cyclotron for ISOL
- 2. Superconducting Linac for Post-acceleration of RIB and In-Flight Fragmentation



### **~\$ 1.4 B (Facilities ~ \$ 0.5 B, Land, Bldgs & Utilities ~ \$ 0.9 B)** Facilities include experimental apparatus

Budget

## **Bird's-eye-view of RAON**







### **Accelerator System**



**%** SCL1 is postponed and is not shown here.

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## **Experimental Systems**

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Number of Neutron (N)

RAON is going to eventually combine ISOL and IF to provide more exotic RIBs.

RAON is expected to access to more neutron-rich regions of the nuclear chart.



### **RIB Production at RAON**



	KoBRA	ISOL	IF Separator		
RIB production & acceleration mode	ECR (SIB) $\rightarrow$ SCL3 $\rightarrow$ KoBRA Prod. Target	Cyclotron (p) $\rightarrow$ ISOL (RIB) $\rightarrow$ SCL3	ECR (SIB) or ISOL (RIB) $\rightarrow$ SCL3 $\rightarrow$ SCL2 $\rightarrow$ IF (RIB)		
Production Mechanism	Direct reactions Multi Nucleon Transfer	p induced U fission	Projectile Fragmentation (U fission)		
RIB Energy	< a few tens of MeV/u	> a few of keV/u	< a hundreds of MeV/u		

 KoBRA : Korea Board acceptance Recoil spectrometer & Apparatus

 IF : In-flight Fragmentation separator

 SCL 3: (Low-energy) Super Conduction Linac 3

**ISOL** : Isotope-Separator Om-Line **SCL2** : (High-energy) Super Conduction Linac 2





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- Driver beam : proton 35~70 MeV, up to 0.75 mA
- Target : SiC, LaC<sub>2</sub>, Ta, TiC, CaO / UCx, ThC<sub>2</sub> (2026)
- Ion source : SIS, RILIS, FEBIAD (2025)
  - \* Plasma ion source is being tested using an offline test facility
- Pre-mass separator (Rm ~400), A/q separator ( $R_{A/q}$  ~250)
- RIB (using 10 kW UCx target): 6< A< 160, 10< K< 60 keV, 10<sup>8</sup> pps(Sn), > 90% purity @Exp.
- Charge breeding : (RFQ cooler/buncher and EBIS)
   → incident to RFQ at 10 keV/u for post acceleration
- Remote-handling system for TIS/module
- 2022.12, ISOL system integration and SIB commissioning
- 2022.10, SAT of 70 MeV Cyclotron
- 2023.03, First production of RI (Na isotopes) w/SiC target
- 2023.05, Na isotopes to RIID, RFQCB-EBIS
- 2024.03, production of Al isotopes (using a surface IS)
- 2024.05, Mass measurement of Na, Al isotopes at MMS
- 2024.06, Cs & Ba RIs production w/LaC2 target
- 2024.08, Acceleration of <sup>25</sup>Na<sup>5+</sup> beam by SCL3 and transport to KoBRA
- 2024.11~, RI-beam commissioning of CLS



### Specifications of 70 MeV Cyclotron (SAT in Oct, 2022)

Energy	35 ~ 70 MeV
Injected H- current	10 mA (H-), Multicusp IS
Maximum Current	750 $\mu$ A(upgradable to 1 mA) stability >95%
Hill field	1.6 Tesla
Acceleration Efficiency	97.5% with radial probe
Harmonic mode	4
Cyclotron dia.	3.8 m
Frequency (fixed)	61 MHz
Total weight	140 tons
Beam Line Transmission	97%@Cave A, 100%@Cave B



< Configuration of reference beam sizes with



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 35~70 MeV proton, 0.75mA max with two beams to ISOL target module





< Cyclotron & beam transport line >



## **ISOL** commissioning target

- ISOL Target Ion Source (TIS)
- Non-actinide target preparation (1 kW)
  - SiC, BN, MgO, LaC2 ....

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SiC target for RI beam commissioning

Item		S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )		~3.0	~1.9	~ 1.8	~1.9
Grain size (um)		> 10	~ 1	0.1-1.4	0.2-0.8
Emissivity (@1,563 °C)		0.79	-	0.85	0.85
Thermal	SEM (surface)	-	-	Crack-free	Crack-free
test	SEM (cross section)	-	-	Crack-free	Crack-free
Specific surface	Langmuir model (m²/g)	-	-	2.11	8.39
Thermal diffusivity (mm²/s, 1200 °C)		-	4.0	3.1	2.5

selected for RIB commissioning

• S-1 : commercial, S-2 ~ S-4 : self-made



< SEM images for SiC targets >

• Ion source for on-line application





## **RI production module in ISOL bunker**



- TIS module, Proton beam module, RI beam module
  - connected & disconnected by pillow seals
  - movable concrete blocks filled up around the modules
  - TIS is located on 60 kV platform
  - operated/maintained by a remote handling system
- Radiation safety
  - radio-activated vacuum exhaust gas treatment system
  - negative pressure in service area
  - quick line connection & disconnection in services zone

TIS HV



Electrode moving busbar/electric/cooling Proton beam air motor Primary vacuum Primary vacuum Isolator X-Y steerer Extraction electrode pumps pumps TIS chamber & front-end **RI Beam Module** Target/ion source Extended eam **Conical bellow** Gate V/V Isolator 2 X-Y Slit Target Module Gate Valve Concrete-**Pillow Seal** IS module **RI** beam filled & vacuum **Pillow Seal** module chamber Gate Valve rot Collimator Faraday Cup Target Target/Ion Wire Grid container source system target dis BPM Gate Valve **Pillow Seal Pillow Seal** Secondary vacuum zone **Proton Beam** 



## **ISOL** beamline system

ISOL Beamline System

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- **Electron Beam Ion Source Collinear Laser** Spectroscopy Mass Measurement System **RIID Station** Beam lines(FODO) Pre-mass separator and beam line to SCL3 **TIS Module Radio Frequency** Beam line (FODO) Quadrupole Cooler Buncher A/Q separator

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### ISOL Beamline System – Diagnostics







## 02 RAON RFQ Cooler Buncher & EBIS Charge Breeder





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Beam parameter	Performances for EBIS
Beam current	$10^8$ ion per bunch
Transverse Emittance	$<10~\pi~mm~mrad$
Energy Spread	< 10  eV
Bunch width	$<100~\mu{\rm s}$
Cooling time	$\sim 100~{\rm ms}$
Transmission Efficiency	> 80 %



Cross-section view of RFQ CB design









### High voltage RF system

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Coil inductance	$L_1, L_2$	$4.5~\mu\mathrm{H}$
Capacitance range	$C_{tot}$	120-1120 $\rm pF$
Resonance frequency range	$f_0$	$1.6~\mathrm{MHz}{-4.8}~\mathrm{MHz}$
Capacitance of the vacuum capacitor	$C_{vacuum}$	$0.7 \ \mathrm{pF}$
Input capacitance of the HV probe	$C_{probe}$	2.0  pF

Scheme of the prototype RF system (a) and the photograph of its actual setup (b)





#### Off-line test result (DC mode)





gap





### Off-line test result (Bunch mode)

Parameter	Value	unit
High Voltage platform	4834	V
RFQ input energy	100	eV
RF frequency	2	MHz
RF voltage	1100	Vp-r
He pressure	2	Pa
Cooling time	99.95	ms
Repetition rate	10	$_{\rm Hz}$
Extraction time	46	us
DC electrode 1 Bias	66	$\mathbf{V}$
DC electrode 30 Bias	56	$\mathbf{V}$
Bunching electrode 31 Bias	55	$\mathbf{V}$
Bunching electrode 32 Bias	20	$\mathbf{V}$
Switching electrode 33 Bias	200	V
Extracting electrode 33 Bias	0	$\mathbf{V}$
Bunch capacity	$10^6$ - $10^8$	$\operatorname{ppb}$
Injection electrode 1	3600	$\mathbf{V}$
Injection electrode 2	4800	$\mathbf{V}$
Injection electrode 3	3000	$\mathbf{V}$
Extraction electrode 1	1500	V
Extraction electrode 2	4800	$\mathbf{V}$
Extraction electrode 3	2000	$\mathbf{V}$





## **EBIS Charge breeder**

### • Off-line test result

• Electron Beam Transmission

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## 03 Stable Beam Charge Breeding with ISOL Beamline





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### RFQ CB -> EBIS transmission (133Cs, 120Sn and 23Na)

Beam species	l (ppb)@F2	l (ppb)@F4	Transmission (F4/F2)
<sup>133</sup> Cs	9.49E+07	1.16E+08	82%
<sup>120</sup> Sn	9.39E+07	9.06E+07	96.5%
<sup>23</sup> Na	7.87E+07	6.75E+07	85%





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### EBIS -> ISOL end point transmission (120Sn)



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### EBIS -> ISOL end point transmission (23Na)





- Pulse Length : 150 μs (end-to-end)
- Ion Numbers : 1.14E+8
- Extracted Ion Beam Energy : 49.3 keV/q

### Transportation of <sup>23</sup>Na<sup>5+</sup> to ISOL Beamline

Measurement Point	Beam Current ( <sup>23</sup> Na <sup>5+</sup> )	Number of Particles	Transmission from before point	Transmission from EBIS
EBIS Dipole	9.25 nA	1.93E+7	-	-
A/q Separator	8.30 nA	1.73E+7	89.7 %	89.7 %
End of ISOL Beamline	5.30 nA	1.10E+7	63.9 %	57.3 %







- Total Ejected Na Numbers : 4.53E+7
- Efficiency for total charge state : 45.5 %
- <sup>23</sup>Na<sup>7+</sup> Numbers : 1.71E+7
- <sup>23</sup>Na<sup>7+</sup> Efficiency : 17.2 %
- Extracted Ion Beam Energy : 50.0 keV/q





## **04 RI Beam Experiment**









### ISOL RI Beam Commissioning

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- Stable beam tuning using <sup>39</sup>K<sup>1+</sup> with energy of 20 keV before RI beam experiment
- Low density SiC target (density 1.8 g/cm3) / Surface ion source
- Proton beam : 70 MeV, up to 14 μ A, non-wobbling (beam profile at Proton module X 35 mm, Y 30 mm)
- TIS temperature : target < 1,600 °C (prevent for Si evaporation), Ion source 1.500 ~ 1,800 °C
  - Joule heating of the target heater was controlled according to the proton beam current
- o Targeted isotopes : Na, Al and Li...
- o RI confirm (in RIID) and evaluation of beam transmission efficiency



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## **RI beam commissioning**



- The first RI production and transport (March 3, 2023)
  - High density SiC target (density > 3.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) & SIS / Proton beam : 70 MeV, 1.2 μ A



RI beam commissioning using low density (~1.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) SiC target (2023, May~)

Identified rare isotopes of Li, Na, and Al that can be confirmed by SIS using a low-density SiC target



## **RI beam commissioning**



### Measurement of short-lived Na beams

- Proton beam : 70 MeV, 7  $\mu$  A
- Na-24m (T<sub>1/2</sub> 20 ms) & Na-27 (T<sub>1/2</sub> 301 ms) detected at RIID ← fast diffusion rate of Na isotopes & small particle size of target material



< Gamma spectrum of Na-24 measured by HPGe > Proton 7 uA (upper) & 1.5 uA (lower)



< Gamma spectrum of Na-27 measured by HPGe > Institute for

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- Measurement of <sup>8,9</sup>Li beams
- Proton beam : 70 MeV, 10  $\mu$  A
- measured by Scintillator (Li does not occur gamma decay)
- ${}^{8}\text{Li}(\text{T}_{1/2} = 838 \text{ ms}), {}^{9}\text{Li}(\text{T}_{1/2} = 178 \text{ ms})$
- ${}^{11}Li(T_{1/2} = 8.5 \text{ ms})$  was not observed (slow diffusion rate of Li isotopes in SiC)



Time (s)





## **RI beam commissioning**



### Production of Aluminum RI beams

- Very slow release of Al isotopes from SiC material
- Al yield was about 6 order lower than the calculated value
- Al forms  $Si_{1-x}Al_xC$  or  $Al_4C$  in SiC powder and  $Al_4C_3$  in surface regions



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< Yields of Al RIs in P+ 7 uA >



< Al-28(L) &29(R) measurement using Scintillator >



< Gamma spectrum of Al-25(upper) & Al-26m(lower) >



< Gamma spectrum of Al-28(upper) & Al-29(lower) >



## **Post-acceleration of ISOL RIB**

- August 19 ~ 21, 2024
- Targeted isotopes : <sup>25</sup>Na<sup>5+</sup> (10 keV/u, A/q 5) / pre-test using <sup>25</sup>Na<sup>6+</sup> (August 8, 2024)
  - Charge breeding and beam transportation of <sup>25</sup>Na<sup>6+</sup>





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## Post-acceleration of ISOL RIB (25Na5+)



### Transportation of <sup>25</sup>Na<sup>5+</sup> ion beam to SCL3

Injection to EBIS



- Pulse Length : 40 µs (end-to-end)
- Total particles of <sup>25</sup>Na<sup>1+</sup> = ~ 7.32E+5
- Bunch repetition rate : 1 Hz
- EBIS experimental condition
  - SC Magnet : 6 T
  - E-Beam Energy : 13 keV
  - Breeding Time : 10 ms
  - Cathode Current (DC-CT) : 0.68 A
  - Collector Current (DC-CT) : 0.68 A
  - Extracted ion Beam Energy : 10 keV/u (<sup>25</sup>Na<sup>5+</sup>)

Beam Emittance (2σ) of <sup>25</sup>Na<sup>5+</sup>

(Horizontal: 15.09  $\pi$ mm · mrad, Vertical: 8.69  $\pi$ mm · mrad)



 Counts at end of ISOL beamline (before injector)



 Delay time of <sup>25</sup>Na<sup>5+</sup> (from RFQCB to end of beamline)







#### • Screen shot of the monitor showing the operation status on Aug. 21, 2024



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- Mass measurement using MRTOF-MS (Multi-reflection time-of-flight mass spectrograph)
  - Gas cell : He buffer collision (stopping the ion beam of < 10 keV), RF carpet for quick extraction
  - Trap system: three linear RFQ PAUL traps (cooling and bunching)
  - MRTOF analyzer: ~ 0.5 m, mirror electrodes, multiple reflections for high MRP



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## **Mass measurement of RI at MRTOF-MS**

- RI beam commissioning (May, 2024)
  - <sup>24</sup>Na (T<sub>1/2</sub>=14.9 h), <sup>25</sup>Na (T<sub>1/2</sub>=59.1 s), <sup>26</sup>Al of E ~ 10 keV
  - Gas cell buffer gas pressure: P<sub>He</sub> < 100 Pa</p>
  - <sup>39</sup>K alkali ion source as a reference
  - Their masses have been confirmed within ppm accuracy
  - Note that <sup>26g,m</sup>Al could not be separated due to low MRP, so should be remeasured with higher MRP of 120,000







## **Mass measurement of RI at MRTOF-MS**

- RI beam commissioning (<sup>26m</sup>Al isomer measurement, September 2024)
  - Recent improvement of the mass resolving power: ~ 120,000 for <sup>39</sup>K
  - The isomer state (Ex = 228 keV) of <sup>26</sup>Al could be measured
  - Bump structure, probably due to mixture of <sup>26g</sup>Al and <sup>26m</sup>Al ions, observed
  - However, the separation is not complete because of poor resolution for the <sup>26</sup>Al ion





- RFQ Cooler Buncher was performed the cooling and bunching of the stable ions and RI from ISOL.
- ISOL RI beams (Li, Na, Al, Cs, Ba) were produced from SiC & LaC<sub>2</sub> using a surface ion source in 2024
- For the first time in RAON, ISOL RI beam (<sup>25</sup>Na<sup>5+</sup>) was accelerated by SCL3 and transported to KoBRA with energies of 16.4 MeV/u
- Commissioning of MMS using ISOL RI beams is in progress, and the masses of <sup>24</sup>Na, <sup>25</sup>Na and <sup>26g</sup>Al have been measured (<sup>26m</sup>Al is under analysis)
- The ISOL system is currently providing beams for the CLS experiment.









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