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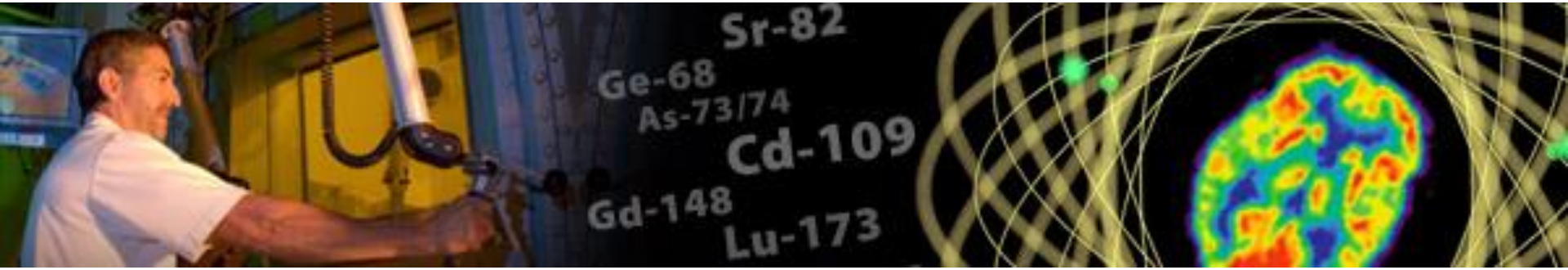

Workshop for Applied Nuclear Data Activities (WANDA 2022)

Connecting the humans behind the nuclear data

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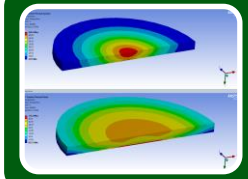
DOE Isotope Program & Nuclear Data

Produce and/or distribute radioactive and stable isotopes that are in short supply; includes by-products, surplus materials and related isotope services

Maintain the infrastructure required to produce and supply priority isotope products and related service



Conduct R&D on new and improved isotope production and processing techniques which can make available priority isotopes for research and application. Develop workforce.

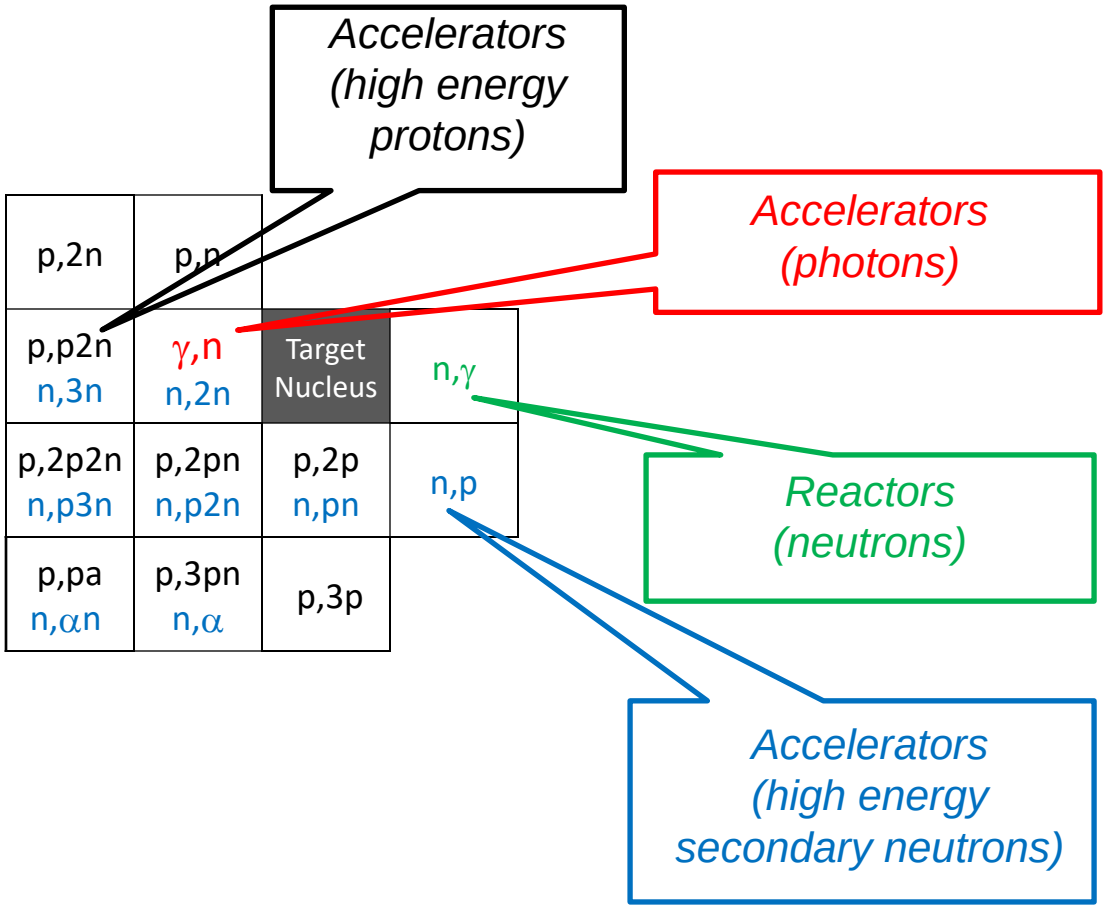
DOE IP is both a producer and consumer of nuclear data.

Briefly:

1) **We produce isotopes in short supply**
2) **We develop novel, cutting edge, approaches to isotope production (often the only producer globally)**
3) **As the facilities we utilize are upgraded or newly commissioned (FRIB), we need to be able to optimize production**
4) **This means we need a lot of new and updated nuclear data**

Programmatic Needs

- **Cross sections for reactor production**
  - **Effective cross sections**
  - **Excitation functions**
- **Energy resolved cross sections for accelerator production with**
  - **High energy protons**
  - **High energy neutrons**
  - **Photons**



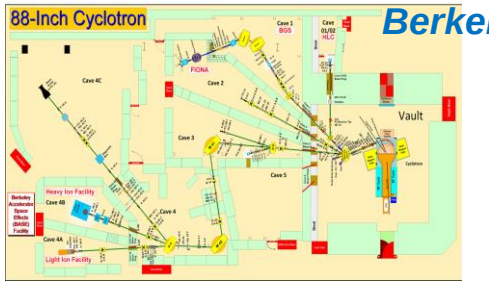
DOE IP Nuclear Data Initiative

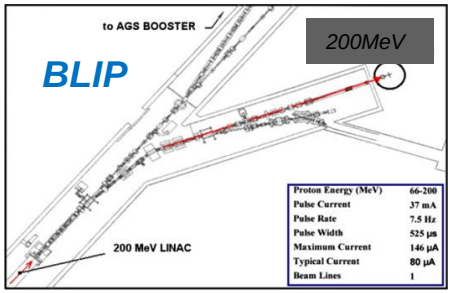
- **Expanding measurement capability to multiple facilities to better cover proton energy ranges up to 200 MeV**

  - **Berkeley (<60 MeV) - includes Faraday cup style chamber for monitor reaction measurements**

  - **LANL – IPF (40-100 MeV) – includes new low beam current measurement capability for monitor reaction measurements (100 nA with 1% accuracy)**

  - **BNL – BLIP (100-200 MeV)**





Ongoing Measurements

- **High Energy Protons**
  - Th+p for production of therapy isotopes ^{225}Ac, ^{227}Th and ^{223}Ra
  - ^{nat}Sb,^{121}Sb+p for production of ^{119}Te/^{119}Sb, a promising Auger e-emitter for therapy
  - La+p for production of ^{134}Ce/^{134}La (PET analogues for ^{225}Ac and ^{227}Th)
  - Fe+p, Cu+p for production ^{52g}Mn, ^{54}Mn, ^{48}Cr, ^{55}Co, ^{58m}Co, ^{57}Ni
  - Nb+p for ^{93}Nb(p,4n)^{90}Mo as monitor reaction
  - As+p for production of ^{72}Se – generator for ^{72}As (PET imaging isotope of the ^{72}As/ ^{77}As theranostic pair)
- **High Energy Neutrons**
  - Production of ^{193m}Pt, ^{64}Cu/^{67}Cu, ^{47}Sc, ^{77}As via (n,p)
- **Photonuclear**
  - ^{48}Ti(γ,p)^{47}Sc, ^{196}Pt(γ,n)^{195m}Pt
- **Low energies**
  - ^{232}Th(p,x)^{229}Th for production of ^{229}Th/ ^{225}Ac
  - ^{238}U(p,xn) and ^{235}U(d,xn)$^{235\text{-}237}$Np for Production of ^{236g}Np

Charged particle Evaluated Nuclear Data File (ChENDF)

- At best charged particle data is old
- Many times it is non-existent
  - ➢ DOE IP's existing investment is the first step to addressing IP related needs
  - ➢ Charged particle Evaluated Nuclear Data File or ChENDF is the ultimate goal
    - Evaluated Reliable Resource
    - Underpinned by predictive codes
  - ➢ Did not solicit proposals for ChENDF in FY21 NDIAWG FOA
  - ➢ As of today, still not ready
    - Developing a Programmatic posture related to AI/ML
      - Will directly inform how this takes shape

Cross-Cutting Needs & Funding Challenges

- **The need for reliable evaluated nuclear data continues across all user communities**
  - **Charged particle induced reactions**
  - **Neutron induced reactions for isotope production**
  - **Phototransmutation**
- **Budget challenges began to present themselves in FY21 and have remained present in FY22**
  - **Number of submissions**
  - **High-quality science**
  - **Reviewers feeling strain of the past 2-years**
    - **If you know of any promising early career scientists let me know**
- **No intention to participate in or put the community through "work-making" exercises**

Summary

- **DOE IP has, and will continue to have, significant nuclear data needs requiring investment from it's R&D portfolio (magnitude is subject to budget fluctuations).**

- **<u>Not Walking Away from NDIAWG FOA</u>**
  - **Still finalizing an approach**
  - **More of a focused call on specific topics when released**
  - **Likely to utilize Letters-of-Intent for early down-selection**

- **Our R&D investments have a direct impact on the products and services that we are able to provide.**

- **While nuclear data R&D investments may fluctuate, pathways exist for programs to partner with us to accelerate and/or add scope to our ongoing activities.**

- **Please ensure that you continue to feed your isotope needs up to your Federal Program Managers to ensure that all input is accurately compiled into our rolling 5-year production plans.**


Thank You!