# Status report for the CRIS experiment

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#### **CRIS** experimental method



- The frequency of the laser was scanned not the voltage
- Two step resonant ionization scheme
  - **423** nm resonant step (RILIS)

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- **1064** nm non-resonant step (CRIS)
- Measure nuclear moments, charge radii, and spin from the atomic hfs.





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#### Summary of Status in 2011

- Commissioned experiment with <sup>207</sup>Fr
- Low background: 0.05 counts/second
- Pressure in Interaction region 2.2e-8 mbar
- Charge exchange cell 50% efficiency
- Total Efficiency~1:10<sup>6</sup> for ion detection.
- Event-by-event data acquisition system used.
- Decay spectroscopy station installed and commissioned with <sup>207</sup>Fr: factor of 20 increase in detected alpha's with lasers on.



#### Status 2012

- Francium run completed <sup>202-231</sup>Fr (all shifts used)
- RILIS Narrowband laser used 1.5 GHz linewidth
- ~1% total experimental efficiency estimated from <sup>202,218,219</sup>Fr
- Non-resonant ionization efficiency 0.0003%. Background rate 0.002 counts/s <sup>202</sup>Fr (cf 3-5 counts/s for fluorescence detection).
- At 9x10<sup>-9</sup> mbar, 1pA of contaminant isobar reduced to 18cps
- Laser on/off <sup>218</sup>Fr alpha detection>330

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> Small leak in DSS section has since been fixed, interaction region now reaches <1x10<sup>-9</sup> mbar

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#### High resolution RIS

• 2013: Performed Doppler-free high resolution RIS tests on potassium.

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- Tested saturating resonant step in <sup>39</sup>K with a CW laser system (769nm+355nm).
- To avoid optical pumping we also testing chopping the CW laser with a Pockels cell (100ns width)
- Were able to reach 39(3)MHz with both resonant and ionization lasers overlapped.
- Demonstrated that by separating the resonant step from the ionization step it is possible to significantly reduce coherent effects (such as AC Stark shift) and reached a linewidth of 26(2)MHz



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## IS531: Collinear resonant ionization spectroscopy for neutron rich copper isotopes

 Study evolution of single particle levels towards <sup>78</sup>Ni. Measure spins and moments of <sup>76,77,78</sup>Cu

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- Study magicity of Z=28 and N=50 in <sup>78</sup>Cu ( = <sup>78</sup>Ni + 1p -1n) ?
- Search for long-lived isomers in <sup>76,77,78</sup>Cu and measure their spin and moments→ possible spin-gap isomer in <sup>78</sup>Cu, related to neutron in vd<sub>5/2</sub>. Limits from in-source laser spectroscopy <sup>77,78</sup>Cu.
- Magnetic moment <sup>77</sup>Cu measured by insource laser spectroscopy supports suggestion of significant excitation from f<sub>7/2</sub> orbital. Quadrupole moments are essential to better understand the evolution of nuclear structure in this region.
- 12 Shifts of radioactive beam still valid: 3 shifts for reference measurements of <sup>69,71,72</sup>Cu and 9 shifts to measure <sup>76,77,78</sup>Cu.



I145: Preparation for the study of the transitional nucleus <sup>191</sup>Po with high-resolution spectroscopy at CRIS

- I145 proposes to study <sup>191</sup>Po with the CRIS technique in order to measure the spin and moments.
- Feasibility study with <sup>193,195,196,204</sup>Po in order to de-risk any future proposal.
- <sup>193,195</sup>Po Spin and quadrupole measurement to understand systematic uncertainties introduced by coherent excitation to the continuum with RILIS.
- New bespoke decay spectroscopy chamber has been constructed for decay assisted laser spectroscopy of Po
- Requested **5** shifts still valid.



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#### Laser setup options for 2014

Currently available CRIS resources



This laser system will allow all existing CRIS proposals and LOI to be executed during the 2014/2015 running periods with this system.



#### Summary

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- CRIS experimental beam line has been fully installed and successfully commissioned.
- 2012 work published in PRL and accepted for publication in PRX (represents first nuclear PRX paper).
- The collaboration has all laser equipment required to execute existing proposals.
- Demonstrated ability to reach required high resolution for spin and quadrupole moment measurements.
- There is local team of sufficient strength to prepare experiments and a larger collaboration available for online support.
- Existing proposal and letters of intent are still compelling areas of research and should keep awarded shifts.

#### The CRIS Collaboration



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#### Addendum: IS471 Collinear resonance ionization spectroscopy of rare francium isotopes Spokesperson: K. T. Flanagan Co-spokesperson: K.M. Lynch Local Contact: K. M Lynch

#### Approved Physics Case: (πs<sub>1/2</sub>-1) ½+ Intruder State

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- Systematic reduction in energy of the deformed  $(\pi s_{1/2}^{-1})$  ½+ in isotopes in this region of the chart
- $(\pi s_{1/2}^{-1})$  ½+ proton intruder state becomes the ground state in <sup>195</sup>At and <sup>185</sup>Bi
- Suggestion that <sup>199</sup>Fr has I= ½<sup>+</sup> ground state spin with an associated large oblate deformation
- The isomer shifts of <sup>201,203</sup>Fr and their magnetic moments will provide important information to better understand the evolution of nuclear structure in this region



#### Approved Physics Case: <sup>218,219</sup>Fr

- <sup>218</sup>Fr exhibits an alternating parity band,
   while <sup>219</sup>Fr has parity doublet bands,
   which are generally associated with the
   presence of octupole deformations.
- The observed inversion of odd-even staggering of charge radii for <sup>221-225</sup>Fr has been associated with octupole deformations.
- Quadrupole moments essential for understanding these transitional nuclei.









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#### $(\pi s_{1/2}^{-1})$ ½+ intruder state 229,231 Fr

- Proton sharing at start of experiment was used to measure <sup>229</sup>Fr. <sup>231</sup>Fr also measured (paper in preparation)
- g-factor consistent with an interpretation of the ground state dominated by a (πs<sub>1/2</sub><sup>-1</sup>) ½<sup>+</sup> and closely follow trend observed in Tl isotopes.
- g-factor and δ<r<sup>2</sup>> systematics will help <sup>203m,201m</sup>Fr scan regions to be heavily constrained.



#### Decay Spectroscopy

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- Suggestion by INTC to check the possibility of decay spectroscopy with pure beams at new setup with regard to the world-wide effort to perform trap-assisted spectroscopy.
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7000 Energy (keV)

Relative frequency (GHz)

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#### <sup>201,203</sup>Fr status and expectation

- Expected yield of ½ isomer is between x10-x100 less than <sup>202</sup>Fr (shown scan took 1.5hrs)
- g-factor and δ<r<sup>2</sup>> systematics of <sup>203,205</sup>Fr the neutron rich <sup>227,229,231</sup>Fr used to constrain search.
- 50-60GHz scanning region will be reduced 6GHz (shown in red for <sup>203</sup>Fr).
- Scanning region for weaker right hand side hfs components will be constrained by g-factor.
- At 1 atom/s 2 shifts for each region



Isotope of Fr	Half life	Spin
2039	0.53 s	(9/2) -
203m	43 ms	(1/2) +

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### Break down of shift request

This assumes same experimental efficiency as 2012

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Request includes required time for reference scans of <sup>207-221</sup>Fr.



Francium isotopes (black) originally proposed, (blue) measured in 2012, (red) covered by this addendum.

- <sup>232,231,230,229</sup>Fr 10 shifts are requested. Complete systematics of this region and role of ½ intruder state. Presence of isobar that is ionized by 1064nm light will be removed with second Nd:YAG.
- <sup>218,219</sup>Fr 6 shifts are requested: quadrupole moment and spin measurements of 20ms states (slow because full supercycle per step required).
- <sup>206-204</sup>Fr 3 shifts: quadrupole moment measurements with decay tagging systematic measurements of 7S-8P transition.
- <sup>203</sup>Fr 6 shifts: quadrupole moment of ground state, hunting for isomer.
- <sup>202</sup>Fr 3 shifts: quadrupole moment of ground state and isomer.
- <sup>201</sup>Fr 6 shifts: ground and isomeric state, scan regions heavily constrained by <sup>203</sup>Fr measurement allowing measurement of 1 atom/s yield. Total: 34 Shifts

#### Scholarly Output and Awards

- Publications: 3 Publications: PRL, NIMA, NIMB (1 accepted PRX & 1 in preparation) 8 Conference proceedings.
- General Interest Articles: 3: Nuc. Phys. News, CERN Bulletin, Brits@CERN
- Completed PhDs: 2 Students (TJ Procter and KM Lynch). Masters Students: 3
- Prizes and Awards: KM Lynch has won the IOP Nuclear Physics Group Prize 2013



#### **Investment and Human Resources**

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- Total Capital Investment in CRIS: 700kE
  - Laser Equipment: 270kE
  - Vacuum pumps: 91kE
  - Beam line equipment: 178kE
  - General Infrastructure: 280kE
- 2 STFC funded research fellows and a new FWO funded research fellow
- University of Manchester: 2 Academics, 1 Research Fellow, 1 PDRA, 2 new PhD students.
- KU Leuven: 1 Academic, 1 Research Fellow, 2 PhD students
- Total FTE 2014: 7
- Additional support for on-line experiments from collaboration 3 Academics, 1 PDRA, 4 PhD students (Leuven, Mainz, Manchester, Orsay, UWS, ILL)

#### **CRIS Experiment 2012**



#### Charge radii



- Deviation from Pb charge radii trend at <sup>203</sup>Fr (N=116)
  - Marks onset of collective behaviour

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- Measure quadrupole moment to determine static deformation (laser linewidth < 100 MHz)
- Good agreement with Rn charge radii
  - Calibrated to  $\delta < r^2 > 2^{211,213}$  to account for uncertainty in F and M atomic factors
  - Original isotope shifts are only presented graphically
  - Proton acts as a spectator particle



#### 30 keV Beam

SIMION Simulations: ISOLDE Beam

SIMULATIONS: Nearly the same experimental values

Considerable changes only on the quadrupole triplet values

Along interaction region ~ 30% losses

- Inevitable focal point
- Small apertures (10 mm)

#### A=238

Source: (ISOLDE Beam)

Gaussian distribution

Random orientation of vector velocity

- (FWHM ~ 0.15°)
- 5-10 mm initial diameter

~ 70% transmission

## Experimental efficiency from <sup>219</sup>Fr



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- 1 super cycle/step with an average of 18 proton pulses per step.
- The yield of <sup>219</sup>Fr from data base is 1.8x10<sup>4</sup> ppp
- Efficiency 1:70
- Laser power at measured next to the fiber launch was 95mW
- Charge exchange cell working properly

#### Background



- Sources of background counting: non-resonant ionization, activity in front of MCP, MCP dark count rate, noise.
- During the run daughter activity built up in front of the MCP leading to a background rate of ~10cts/super cycle.
- Reduced window around bunch from 20us to 4us, we also waited for activity to reduce before studying <sup>202</sup>Fr

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#### Background Part II



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- 1064nm light responsible for observed rate.
- Assumption that highlying metastable/Rydberg state in Ra (or other isobar) is populated in charge exchange cell
- Anything greater than 3us would be a problem!
- Solution: Second Nd:YAG laser