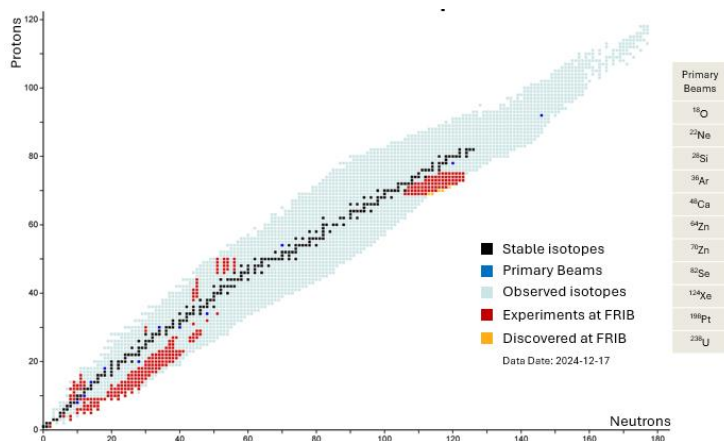




## Addressing National Priorities

### FRIB Is an Important Research Tool for America

- Michigan State University (MSU) operates the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) as a user facility for the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE-SC), with financial support from and furthering the mission of the DOE-SC Office of Nuclear Physics. User facility operation is supported by the DOE-SC Office of Nuclear Physics as one of 28 DOE-SC user facilities.
- FRIB is a core piece of U.S. research infrastructure with broad benefits to other sciences, medicine, materials science, national security, and industry.
- FRIB spent and obligated more than \$1 billion in procurements and labor, with over 94 percent invested in the United States, and 78 percent in Michigan.
- Currently, FRIB employs 577 employees, 157 graduate students, and 140 undergraduate students.



### Operating Most Powerful Heavy-Ion Accelerator

- Hosting the most powerful heavy-ion accelerator, FRIB enables scientists to make discoveries about the properties of rare isotopes, nuclear astrophysics, fundamental interactions, and applications for society, including in medicine, homeland security, and industry.
- FRIB enhances capability based on scientific needs in a safe manner and consistent with available resources. Capabilities, including the beam list, are online at [frib.msu.edu/beams](http://frib.msu.edu/beams).

### Complex Systems Operating Reliably

- FRIB operates with 93% availability for scientific user experiments.
- FRIB's automation control system uses 22,000 input/output points to send and receive information for various machine functions.
- The controls network connects over 3,000 devices and tracks 1.3 million control values as fast as every few milliseconds, which are backed up every second for operators and experts to manage FRIB.

Learn more at [frib.msu.edu](http://frib.msu.edu)

### Enabling Scientific Discoveries

- Since the start of user operations in May 2022, FRIB has delivered more than 280 rare isotope beams to experiments and supported 778 participants, including 207 students, across 134 experiments, 21 countries, and 141 institutions.
- Published results are available at [frib.msu.edu/publications](http://frib.msu.edu/publications).
- FRIB is oversubscribed and can only accommodate a third of all requested beam time.
- Since 2022, FRIB has received 250 proposals for beam time use.
- Approximately 1,800 scientists from 134 U.S. colleges and universities, 13 national laboratories, and 51 countries are organized in existing, independent FRIB Users Organization ([fribusers.org](http://fribusers.org)).

### Providing Workforce Development

- Training the next generation of U.S. science and technical talent at a world-unique campus-based DOE-SC user facility is a unique experience and a top priority at FRIB.
- FRIB is a magnet for top students in nuclear physics. MSU is home to a top-ranked nuclear physics graduate program, according to *U.S. News and World Report*.
- MSU's nuclear physics graduate program is a top-ranked program nationally, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.
- MSU awards 15 percent of nuclear physics doctorate degrees\*.
- The median time to a physics PhD at MSU is 5.5 years; the national median time is 6.2 years.
- FRIB is the only accelerator-based DOE-SC user facility on a university campus for students studying accelerator science, cryogenic engineering and radiochemistry, all areas identified in federal advisory panel reports as in short supply for the nation, and critical to U.S. economic competitiveness, energy security, nuclear security, and nonproliferation efforts.
- FRIB collaborates with the MSU College of Natural Science and the MSU College of Engineering to attract the best and brightest students into accelerator science and engineering.

\* Based on National Science Foundation National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) Survey of Earned Doctorates between 2018 and 2022

- FRIB uses artificial intelligence and machine learning’s power to process immense data sets for experiments, theoretical studies, and the science and engineering to operate the instruments.
- Facility consists of 536,000 gross square feet, which includes 229,800 gross square feet of new construction
- Underground tunnel: 570 feet long, 70 feet wide, 13 feet high; floor: 32 feet underground

## FRIB Adds Value to Nation

### FRIB Expertise Applied to National Need for Chip Testing

- The FRIB Single Event Effects (FSEE) Facility uses energetic and penetrating heavy-ion beams to measure the response of electronic components to such ions. This simulates in a few minutes the effect of cosmic rays on electronics over decades. Existing facilities are oversubscribed. The FSEE facility will provide up to 2,000 hours/year to users.
- The federal government awarded \$14M to MSU to establish the K500 Chip Testing Facility at FRIB, which supports the refurbishment of the world’s first superconducting cyclotron—built at MSU in the 1980s—into a heavy-ion chip testing facility. In June 2024, the MSU Board of Trustees authorized construction of a highbay addition to the K500 Chip Testing Facility. The facility is scheduled for completion in 2025.
- Student opportunities through the MSU Space Electronics Center (transitioning to MSU Space Electronics Initiative) started by FRIB and the MSU College of Engineering will position MSU as a national leader in chip design and testing, and will provide additional capacity to educate students in chip design and testing.

### Isotope Harvesting Benefits Society

- An area of discovery opportunity for researchers is rare isotope harvesting. During routine operation for its nuclear physics mission—without interfering with FRIB’s primary users—extra, unused isotopes can be “harvested.”
- Rare isotopes have a role in multiple fields of study, such as medicine, biochemistry, materials science, horticulture, and astrophysics.
- Isotope harvesting at FRIB is recommended by the Nuclear Science Advisory Committee Isotopes, a federally chartered advisory committee to DOE.
- The DOE Isotope Program ([energy.gov/science/ip](https://energy.gov/science/ip)) is providing \$13.2M for FRIB’s isotope harvesting project, covering base operations and core research.
- Project completed in December 2024.

### FRIB Stimulates Innovation and Economic Investment

- FRIB supports multi-disciplinary collaboration, affords opportunities to generate new intellectual property, and stimulates external investment. FRIB enables scientists to perform research and further development in industry and in the national interest.
- Past discoveries in nuclear science have enabled important advances in medical technology, like MRI and PET machines, smoke detection in homes, and cell-phone technology.

### Strategic Capabilities Apply to Other Industries, Applications

- FRIB provides leadership in applying accelerator technology to the sciences and developing technology required to operate the most powerful superconducting, heavy-ion accelerator.
- Strategic capabilities include superconducting radio frequency, helium liquefaction, superconducting large-gap magnets, and machine learning.

## ISO Programs Keep Public Trust

FRIB maintains management systems registered by NSF International Strategic Registrations (NSF-ISR) to the ISO 9001 (since 2008), ISO 14001 (since 2006), ISO 27001 (since 2018), and ISO 45001 (since 2007) standards. ISO registration ensures compliance and quality to external international standards.

## Enhancements to Optimize FRIB Potential

“A New Era of Discovery: The 2023 Long Range Plan for Nuclear Science” ([nuclearsciencefuture.org](https://nuclearsciencefuture.org)) recommends the following enhancements:

### High Rigidity Spectrometer (HRS)

HRS ([hrs.lbl.gov](https://hrs.lbl.gov)) will have a significant benefit for FRIB’s scientific program, extending the scientific reach to neutron-rich isotopes by a combined production-rate and luminosity increase of up to a factor of more than 100. The project is underway, and a user community of over 500 scientists supports HRS.

### FRIB400 Energy Upgrade

The FRIB400 energy upgrade ([frib.msu.edu/frib400](https://frib.msu.edu/frib400)) will double its beam energy to 400 MeV/nucleon, expanding the scientific impact by increasing the yield of many rare isotopes tenfold. The science community laid out the opportunities in the FRIB400 whitepaper ([frib.msu.edu/frib400paper](https://frib.msu.edu/frib400paper)).

## Significant Dates

- December 2024 – Isotope harvesting project completed
- May 2022 – FRIB’s first experiment commenced
- May 2022 – DOE officially opened FRIB with ribbon cutting
- January 2022 – FRIB completed on budget, ahead of schedule
- May 2009 – Project started
- December 2008 – DOE-SC selects MSU to establish FRIB

## For More Information

- FRIB Laboratory: [frib.msu.edu](https://frib.msu.edu)
- Tour information: 517-355-9672
- FRIB Users Organization: [fribusers.org](https://fribusers.org)