



Call for Proposals of Nuclear-Physics Experiments

at RI Beam Factory

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This is a call for proposals for nuclear-physics experiments at the RI Beam Factory (RIBF) operated by the RIKEN Nishina Center for Accelerator-Based Science (RNC) and the Center for Nuclear Study (CNS), the University of Tokyo.

The Program Advisory Committee (PAC) will review all nuclear physics proposals for RIBF facilities, including SHARAQ and CRIB operated by CNS, based on their scientific merits and feasibility. The PAC constituted by international members submits its recommendations to the Directors of RNC and CNS.

Here, we regret to announce an important change of policy about the frequency of the nuclear-physics PAC (NP-PAC) meetings. Although the NP-PAC meetings have so far been held regularly twice a year, in June and in December, we have decided to decrease tentatively the frequency and to hold the NP-PAC meeting only once a year, in December. This is mainly due to the unbalance between the amount of the backlog experiments and the available operation time of the RIBF new facility, which is hard to recover because of the rise in electricity costs and lack of operation budget. We deeply apologize for users' inconvenience caused by this change. We will, of course, do our best for increasing the operation budget, and when successful we will go back to holding the NP-PAC meeting twice a year. We appreciate in advance your understanding and cooperation.

Since the date of the 15th PAC meeting has been set for December 12 and 13, 2014, we are now calling for proposals to be discussed at the 15th PAC meeting. All the spokespersons of the submitted proposals are requested to give an oral presentation at the PAC meeting, which is open to the public. For each submitted proposal, specific PAC members will be assigned to review the proposal in detail prior to the PAC meeting. The PAC members may contact the spokesperson prior to the meeting if necessary.

In principle, approved experiments should be completed within two years. If an experiment does

not finish within 4 years, a request for an extension or a new experimental proposal must be submitted.

We call for the following types of proposals:

1. Nuclear physics experiments at the RIBF accelerator facility
2. Updates of previously approved proposals
3. Development of experimental equipment that requires beam-time use
4. Construction of large-size instruments, such as a spectrometer, whose design study has been completed (Note: the 4-year rule does not apply to proposals of this type).

Please note that the use of the RIBF facility must be limited to non-military purposes.

It should be noted that the proposals for CRIB experiments should be made and submitted in close collaboration with CNS members in charge, due to the limited capacity of the supporting group at CNS. Please contact Dr. H. Yamaguchi (contact person of CRIB, yamag@cns.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp), so as to fulfill the afore-mentioned requirement. The contents of the proposals will be reviewed by the NP-PAC using the same standards as for other proposals for experiments at RIBF.

Item 2 is for those who wish to make significant updates to their proposals. One can submit the updated version of the previously approved proposal, so that the PAC will review the proposal again. One should consider resubmission of the updated proposal if one of the following two cases applies:

- i) The approved experiment can be run by using a primary beam in the beam-plan list of fiscal year 2015 or 2016, which is different from the primary beam in the original proposal.
- ii) The priority granted to the approved proposal is not high enough, and the spokesperson aims at raising its priority. In particular, to be graded as S or A, spokespersons of proposals previously approved as B or A/B are encouraged to resubmit appropriately revised proposals.

The updated proposal should contain clear statements of what updates have been made in the proposal, including any change that may affect the physics aspects. Our tentative two-year plan of primary beams for BigRIPS-based experiments is as follows:

Fiscal Year 2015:	^{238}U , Light ions, (^{48}Ca , ^{70}Zn , ^{78}Kr , ^{124}Xe)
Fiscal Year 2016:	^{238}U , (Light ions, ^{48}Ca , ^{70}Zn , ^{78}Kr , ^{124}Xe)

Please note that a fiscal year in Japan is from April through March. This beam plan is subject to change depending on the situation of the utility power, which is still somewhat affected by the earthquake in 2011, the situation of the beam development, and the status of the accelerator operation.

A new type of proposal, called “proposals for scientific program”, has been started in the 13th PAC

meeting. This category is for project-type experiments, such as surveying a broad range of nuclei for specific physics quantities with a certain detector setup. A collaboration led by RIKEN with partner institutes which, for example, introduce an experimental device to facilitate the measurements of interest, can initiate this category of proposal. Please contact one of the chief scientists at RIKEN if you are interested in this category.

The submitted proposal must contain (i) a cover sheet, and (ii) a detailed description of the proposed experiment or construction. Those who propose experiments with BigRIPS are also requested to submit (iii) a LISE++ input file describing the secondary-beam setting in your proposal. For (i) and (iii), please use the latest versions available at:

<http://www.nishina.riken.jp/RIBF/NP-PAC/index.html> .

Detailed information on the experiment or construction can be given in a free format, and must be submitted with the cover sheet attached as the first page. It should include the following description:

1. Goals and methods of the proposed experiment or proposed development
2. Setup and conditions
3. Estimation of beam time requested
4. Readiness

Information on the facility, including the list of the available primary beams and the latest secondary-beam production cross sections, is given on the RIBF web page:

<http://www.nishina.riken.jp/RIBF> .

The following is a list of contact persons of the experimental equipment and detectors. Those who plan to use the following equipment and/or detectors are requested to get in touch with the contact persons prior to the proposal submission.

Equipment

- GARIS : Kouji Morimoto (morimoto@riken.jp)
- RIPS : Yuichi Ichikawa (yuichikawa@riken.jp)
- BigRIPS : Toshiyuki Kubo (kubo@ribf.riken.jp)
- ZeroDegree : Pieter Doornenbal (pieter@ribf.riken.jp)
- SHARAQ : Kentaro Yako (yako@cns.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp)
- SAMURAI: Hideaki Otsu (otsu@ribf.riken.jp)
- CRIB: Hidetoshi Yamaguchi (yamag@cns.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

Detectors

- DALI2 : Pieter Doornenbal (pieter@ribf.riken.jp)
- GRAPE : Susumu Shimoura (shimoura@cns.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

- EURICA : Shunji Nishimura (nishimu@riken.jp)

The personal information given in the submitted proposal will be used for the PAC evaluation purpose only. Please note that the proposal title, name and affiliation of the spokesperson will appear in the program of the NP-PAC meeting on the Nishina Center web site and other documents relevant to the PAC meeting.

Proposals should be sent to:

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Key dates:

Issuance of this Call for Proposals: September 29, 2014
Deadline of proposal submission: October 30, 2014
15th NP-PAC meeting: December 12 and 13, 2014