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# Photonuclear Physics

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# Mountain of Radioactive Wastes of JAEA

Cleanup of the nuclear legacy  
by grays, we see and control nuclei



## Nuclear Waste Unidentified

Handled by hand individually at this time  
→ estimated cost \$20B for JAEA, \$200B  
for Japan



(JAEA)

# Germans move radioactive barrels

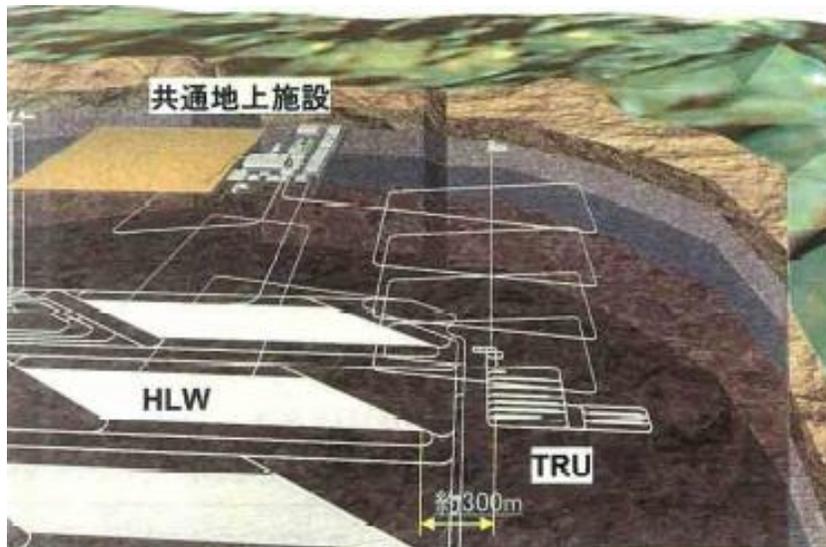
Long neglected  
'toilet side' of  
nuclear energy,  
in contrast to its  
production  
('kitchen side')

We need science  
(brain) of how to  
handle this;  
not just  
management  
(muscle)

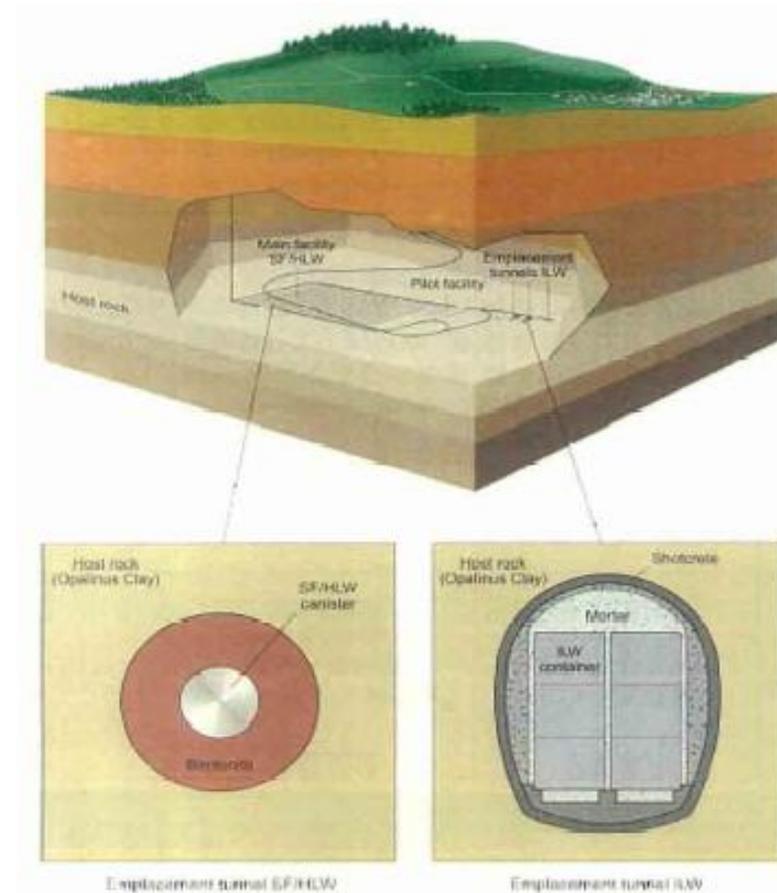


# Disposal of Nuclear Waste

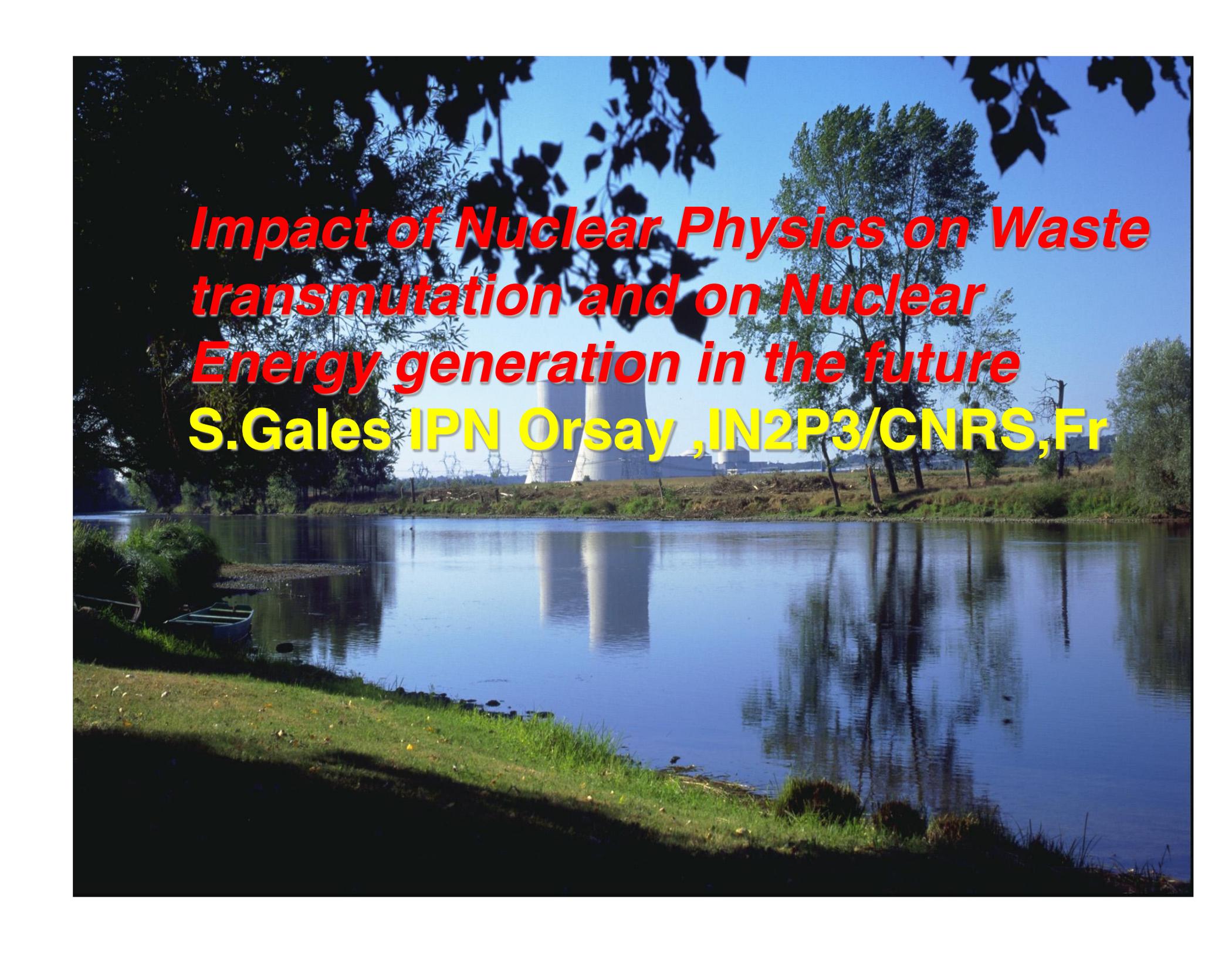
Underground burying



(Japan)



(Switzerland)



***Impact of Nuclear Physics on Waste  
transmutation and on Nuclear  
Energy generation in the future***  
**S.Gales IPN Orsay ,IN2P3/CNRS,Fr**

# Management of Nuclear waste: Nuclear Data for Hybrid Reactors

Subcritical reactors:

(Gales)

- specific data, reactions induced by n or p, Fission, capture, residues, ...
- Innovative fuels (Th, Am, Cm, ...)

0.1 eV

20 MeV

1 GeV

Critical reactors

Subcritical reactors

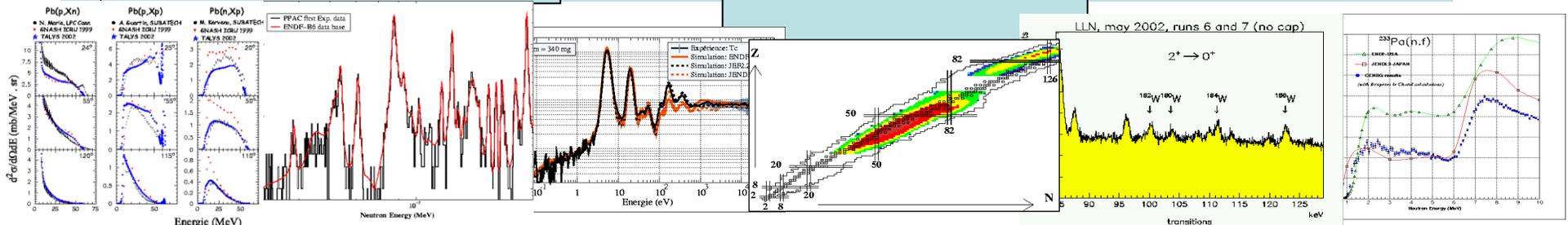
n-ToF CERN, thorium cycle, (n,fission), (n,xn)

VDG CENBG,  
Tandem ORSAY,  
thorium cycle,  
(n,fission), (n,

GSI Darmstadt,  
spallation residues,  
inverse kinematics,  
p + Fe, Xe, Pb, U

GELINA Geel  
(n, $\gamma$ ), fission products  
transmutation ( $^{129}\text{I}$ )  
(n,xn) thorium cycle

Louvain-la-Neuve  
Uppsala, Groninger,  
(n,xcp), (p,xn),  
(p,xcp), Fe, Pb, U



# Some Conclusions

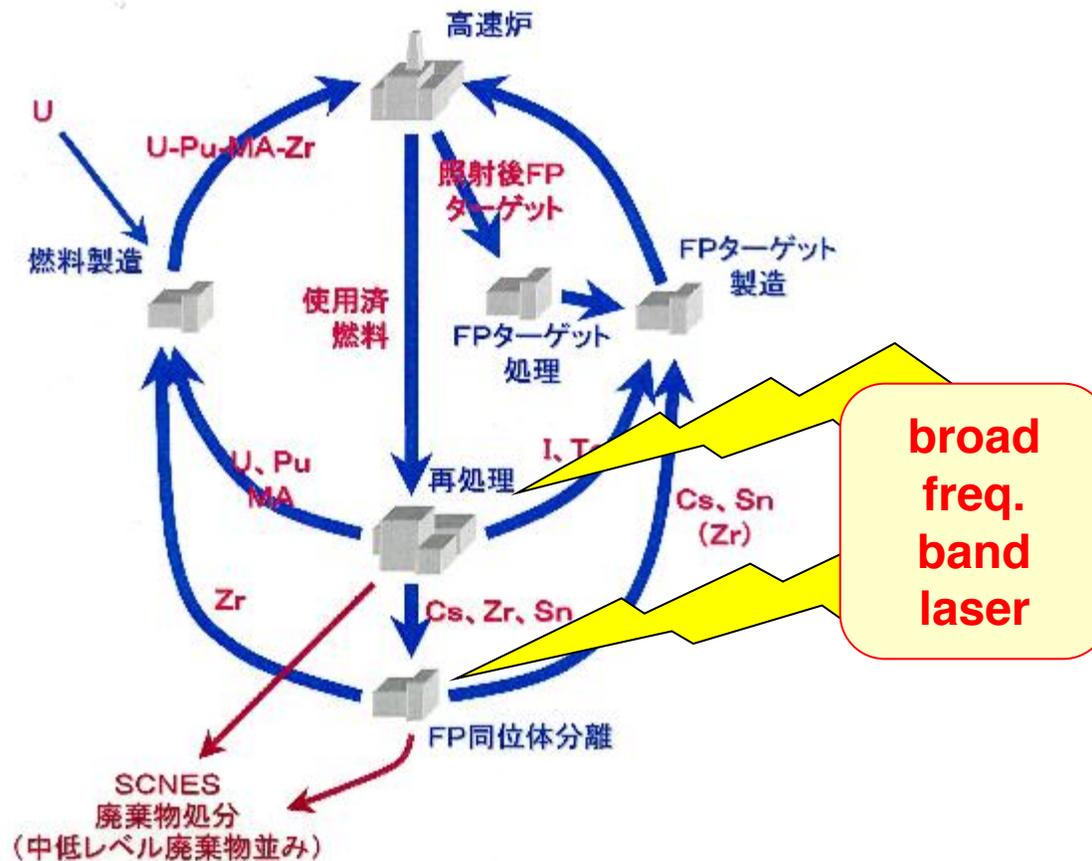
(Gales)

- *Nuclear energy does not appear any more to be a solved technical question*
  - *Overall (societal, economic) boundary conditions have evolved significantly since 1980 and will still do so in future*
  - *Innovation is and will be required . Evaluation of nuclear risk need more scientific input (not only though)!!*
  - **Basic research can contribute via :**
  - **Specific competences (improved data, accelerators, MC simulation)**
  - **More open approach to nuclear science (less short-term economically and technologically driven) , multidiscip....**
  - **Basic training and formation**
- **Synergies exist with some basic science goals**
  - **Ex : Japan Joint Project, NSS, RIBF,  $\nu$  beams , Accelerator target, Simulation.....**
- *Academia via its competence and its independence can provide a unique contribution to the future of nuclear energy.*

# Atomic Energy System Cyclable with Little Waste

Yoichi Fujiie (former Commissar, AEC of Japan: 'Self-Contained Nuclear Energy System ( SCNES )')

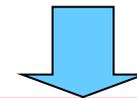
## Introduction of **short-pulsed laser**



**laser** quantum control

**Invention of new time-domain separation/extraction of radioisotopes**

H. Yamada, K. Yokoyama, et al, *Phys. Rev. A* 72, 063404(2005)

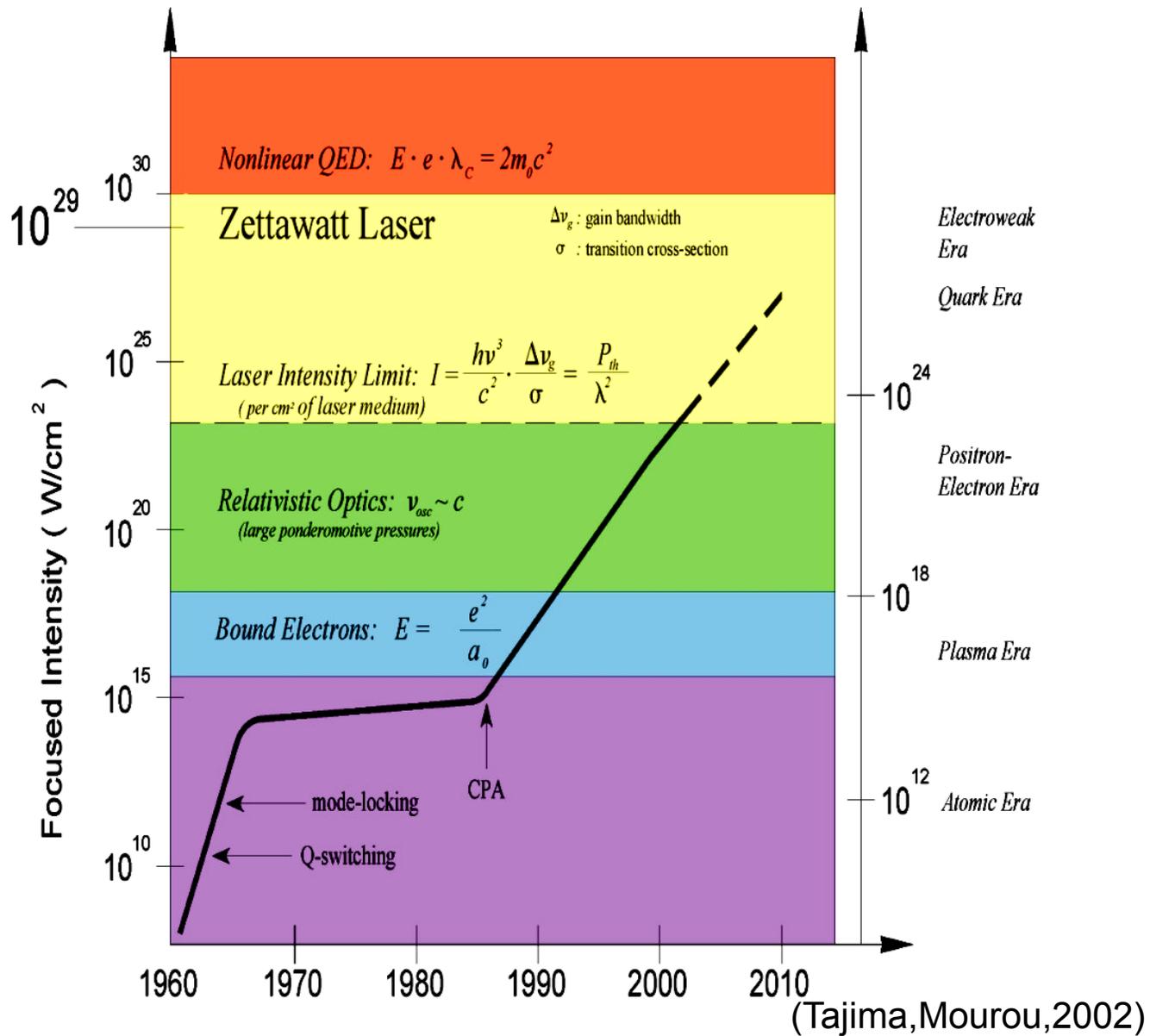


- reprocessing of spent fuel
- treatment of **radioactive** waste

**large quantity of photons necessary**

Atomic energy is 'alchemy'  
 Energy extracted through the 'alchemy' process  
 We wish to put out only cyclable elements thru 'alchemy'

# Lasers



# First Nonlinear Optics Work after Laser Invention

## GENERATION OF OPTICAL HARMONICS\*

P. A. Franken, A. E. Hill, C. W. Peters, and G. Weinreich

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(Received July 21, 1961)

The development of pulsed ruby optical masers<sup>1,2</sup> has made possible the production of monochromatic (6943 Å) light beams which, when focussed, exhibit electric fields of the order of  $10^8$  volts/cm. The possibility of exploiting this extraordinary intensity for the production of optical harmonics from suitable nonlinear materials is most appealing. In this Letter we present a brief discussion of the requisite analysis and a description of experiments in which we have observed the second harmonic (at ~3472 Å) produced upon projection of an intense beam of 6943 Å light through crystal-line quartz.

A suitable material for the production of optical harmonics must have a nonlinear dielectric coefficient and be transparent to both the fundamental optical frequency and the desired overtones. Since all dielectrics are nonlinear in high enough fields, this suggests the feasibility of utilizing materials such as quartz and glass. The dependence of polarization of a dielectric upon electric field  $E$  may be expressed schematically by

$$P = \chi E \left( 1 + \frac{E}{E_1} + \frac{E^2}{E_2^2} + \dots \right), \quad (1)$$

where  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  are of the order of magnitude of atomic electric fields ( $\sim 10^8$  esu). If  $E$  is sinusoidal in time, the presence in Eq. (1) of terms of quadratic or higher degree will result in  $P$  containing harmonics of the fundamental frequency. Direct-current polarizations should accompany the even harmonics.

Table I. The square of the total  $p$  perpendicular to the direction of propagation of light through crystal-line quartz.

Direction of incident beam	The square of the total $p$ perpendicular to direction of propagation
$x (E_x = 0)$	$p_y^2 + p_z^2 = 0$
$y (E_y = 0)$	$p_z^2 + p_x^2 = \alpha^2 E_x^4$
$z (E_z = 0)$	$p_x^2 + p_y^2 = \alpha^2 (E_x^2 + E_y^2)^2$

( $z$  is the threefold, or optic, axis;  $x$  a twofold axis). If a light beam traverses quartz in one of the three principal directions, Eqs. (2) predict the results summarized in Table I. The second-harmonic light should be absent in the first case, dependent upon incident polarization in the second case, and independent of this polarization in the third.

If an intense beam of monochromatic light is focussed into a region of volume  $V$ , there should occur an intensity  $I$  of second harmonic given (in Gaussian units) by

$$I = (\omega^4/c^2)(pv)^2(V/v), \quad (3)$$

where  $\omega$  is the angular frequency of the second harmonic,  $c$  the velocity of light, and  $v$  an effective "volume of coherence"; that is, the size of a region within the sample in which there is

1961  
by Franken et al.

First textbook on  
Nonlinear optics  
by Bloembergen  
in 1965

# What $\gamma$ beam brings in to nuclear physics

- Rutherford approach  
(collider and particle beam)

high momentum penetrates deep interior of matter and scatters,  
sees smallest detail of matter

$\lambda/a \leq 1$  ( $\lambda, a$  are probe and target sizes)

- ‘laser’ (and  $\gamma$  beam) approach

photon beam penetrates, but not local real space structure, excites the structure, induces dynamics and spectroscopy, possibly controls

$\lambda/a \sim 10^4$  ( both for atoms and nuclei)

$\gamma$  beam revolution of *nuclear physics*:

similar to **laser** revolution of *atomic physics* in’60s 11

## **γ-rays: opens new nuclear physics**

- measurement of neutron cross section of rare nuclei by inverse process of  $(\gamma, n)$
- nuclear resonance fluorescence* and *spectroscopy*
- particular excitation
  - \*nuclear electroweak excitation such as parity measurement
  - \*isomer creation
  - \*particular excitation and interaction with inner-shell electrons
- manipulation of nuclei by more than one gamma pulse
  - \*consecutive excitation to higher levels
  - \*exploration of exotic nuclear states?
  - \*quantum control of nuclear states
- polarized positrons
- non-contact and fast detection of nuclear materials
- monitoring of nuclear reprocessing
- transmutation of nuclei with small neutron cross section
- materials research with nuclear resonance, Moessbauer
- cold neutron beam generation, etc. etc.

Dawn of Photonuclear Physics:

similar to the eve of the **laser invention**, spawning new atomic physics

# **Beginning of Photonuclear Physics International Work (Kizu,2006,-)**

**“2<sup>nd</sup> US-Japan Nuclear Photo-Science Workshop**

Purple Orchid Inn, Livermore, July 26-27, 2007

- Opening Remarks, C.P.J. Barty (LLNL)

## ***Presentations***

- Nonlinear Thomson and JAEA interest, T. Tajima (JAEA)
- Energy Recovery Linacs (ERLs), N. Nishimori (JAEA)
- T-REX Status, C. Barty (LLNL)

- .....”

Now, -US-Japan governments seriously considering  
research on this subject

-IAEA

-ELI Nuclear Pillar

# Can **Laser** Save (Help) Nuclear Energy?

- Challenge: to *safely* and *economically* identify and reduce nuclear waste
- Efficient Generation of High-Fluence Gamma Rays
- Accurate and safe detection and identification of isotopes
- Efficient Separation of bad nuclei
- Nuclear Transmutation of selected nuclei, e.g. I
- Is there a niche for **laser**?

# NUCLEAR ENERGY :GLOBAL FACTS

**A rather Young form of energy, of limited importance at the world level (7%),economically viable source of electricity (320GWe.y,16%)**

**Production concentrated in a few countries  
(USA+FR+J)= 2/3 of the world**



**A passionately contested energy for**

**Its origin related to defense,**

**Its cost structure (high investments ,delayed returns)**

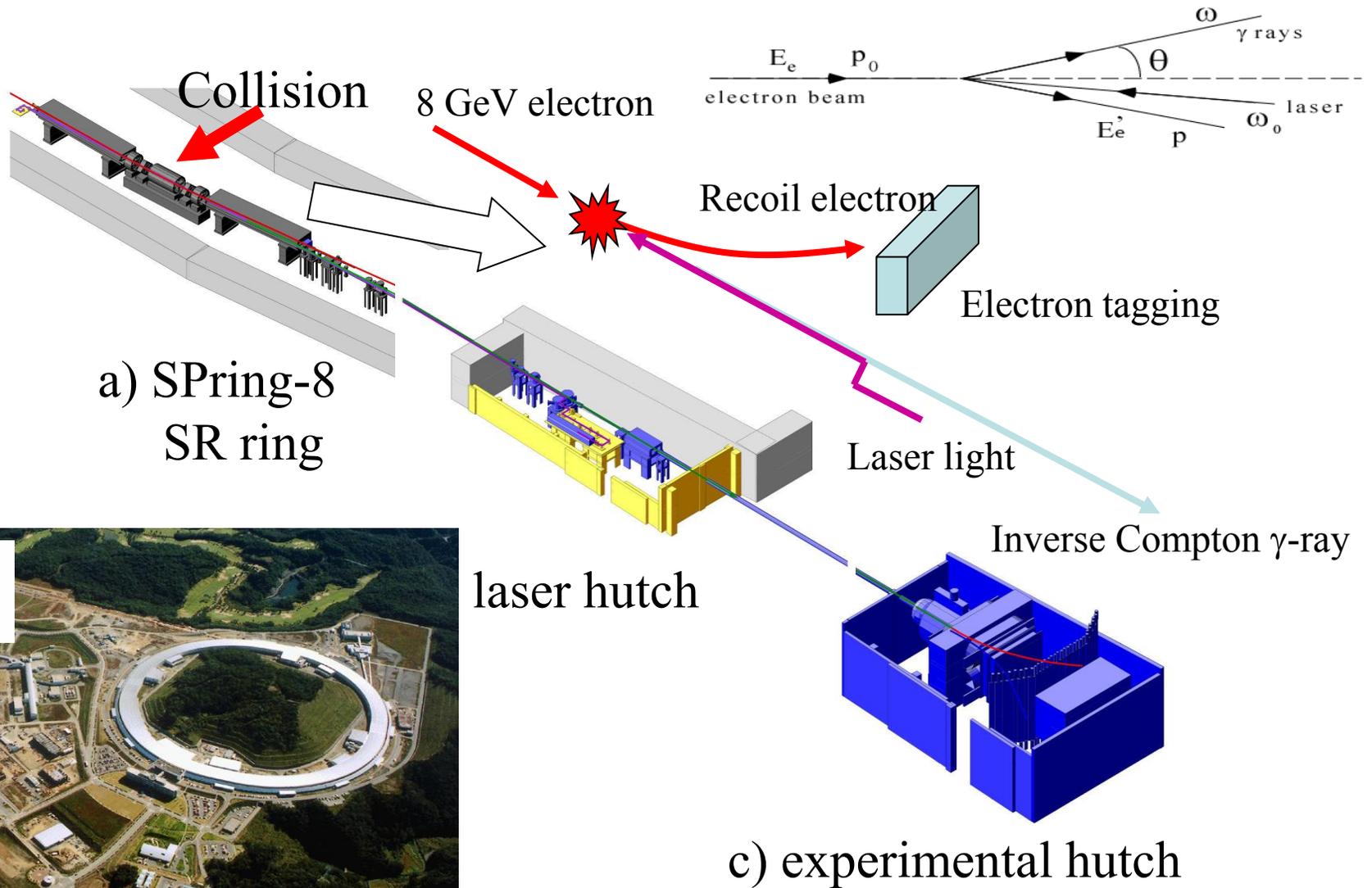
**Questions insufficiently dealt with in the past**

**Proliferation (Pu mostly)**

**Nuclear waste management**

***These questions generate social concerns for the future***

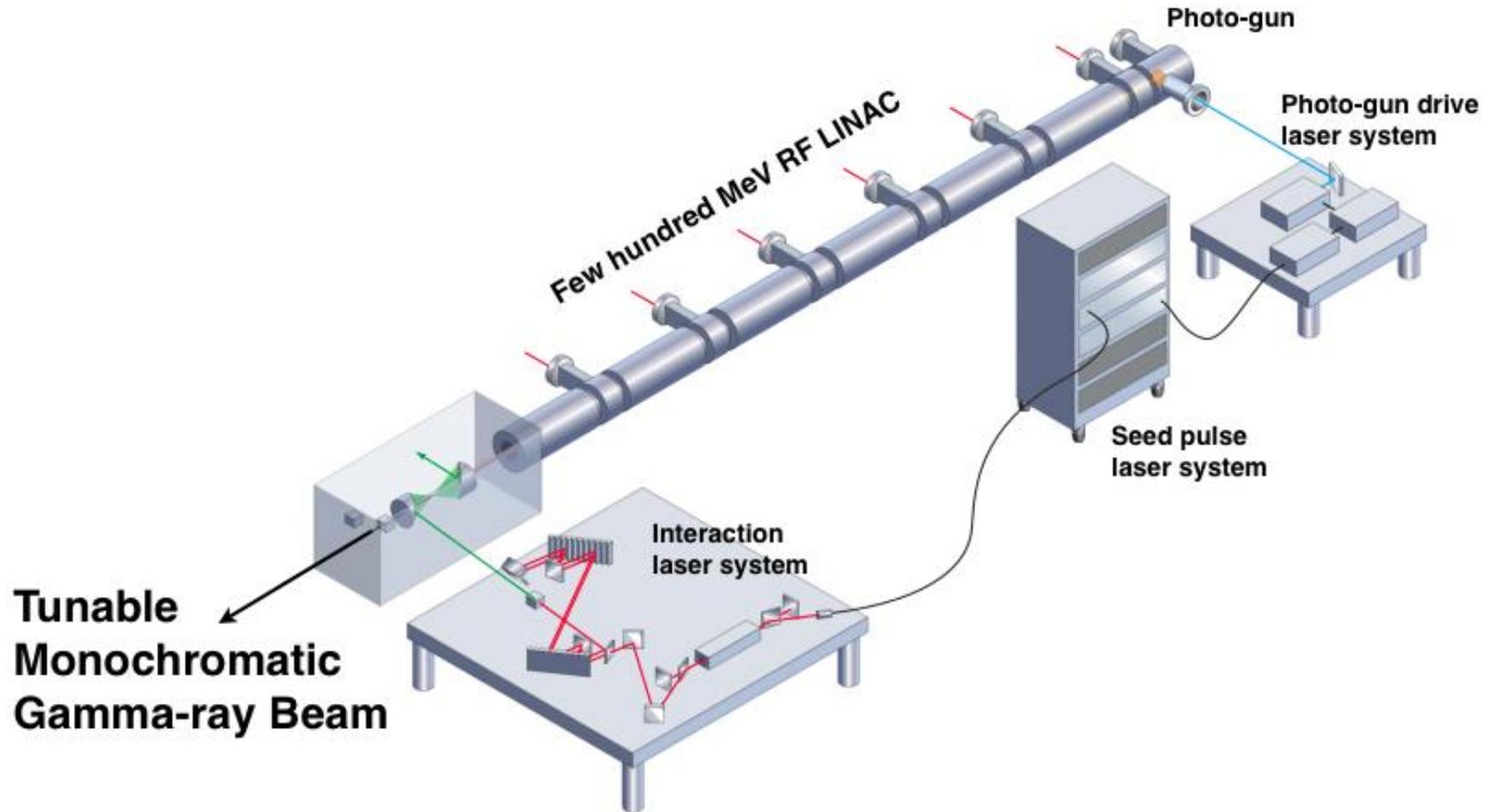
# LEPS facility @Spring-8



RCNP, JAERI, JASRI collaboration

# LLNL MEGAray Compton Source

Mono-energetic Gamma rays



(C. Barty)

# Table-top Synchrotron Laser Compton Source

Lyncean(Professor Ron Ruth,SLAC)

news

## Lasers bend beams for desktop X-ray source

Jim Giles

The Advanced Photon Source in Argonne, Illinois, occupies an area the size of a sports stadium. But if Ronald Ruth is right, this tool, widely used in materials and biomedical science, can be shrunk down to fit on a desk.

Ruth's idea, which he outlined on 16 April, only exists on paper — for now. Yet it has already attracted \$7 million in support funding from the US National Institute of General Medical Sciences, which hopes that the device will help in the study of biologically important molecules. Ruth's background as an accelerator physicist at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center in California also lends the project some credibility, synchrotron experts say.

Synchrotrons generate beams of high-energy X-rays, which can be used to determine the structure of proteins and materials. The beams are derived from electrons accelerated to within a whisker of the speed of light. These electrons are stored in large rings, some with diameters of hundreds of metres. Such devices are typically shared by hundreds of regular users, and demand for time on them often outstrips supply.

Ruth's alternative, launched at the Keystone Symposia on Structural Genomics in Snowbird, Utah, stores electrons at far lower energies — about 25 MeV compared with 7 GeV in the Argonne device. — in a rounded rectangle just one metre long. The key difference is in the way it generates its X-ray beam.



Researcher laser manipulation of electrons could shrink the synchrotron.

X-rays are emitted when fast-moving electrons change direction. Originally, synchrotrons made use of the radiation generated as electrons were forced round the curved storage rings, but state-of-the-art devices use magnets to insert additional short deflections in the path of the particles.

Ruth intends to deflect the electrons using a fixed pattern of laser light, formed by bouncing a laser beam back and forth in a cavity that lies along the straight section of the mini-synchrotron's storage ring. This should bend the particles through tighter curves than is possible using magnets.

Ruth claims that this will produce X-rays with energies in the range of 5–35 keV, which should allow them to be used in many of the studies currently carried out at shared facilities. But the brightness of the beam will be orders of magnitude below that needed for

some experiments, such as work on the crystal boundaries below the surface of metals.

Some researchers say that they will believe Ruth's idea when they see it in action. Many designs look better on paper than they work in practice, says Janos Hajdu, a biochemist at Uppsala University in Sweden, who uses synchrotron radiation to study protein structure. "But I'll have one if he can make it happen."

The proposed machine, known as the Compact Light Source, will be marketed by Lyncean Technologies of Palo Alto, California, a company co-founded by Ruth. He is reluctant to put a price on the device, but says it is likely to cost in the region of a few million dollars.

Although the notion of universities owning their own synchrotron is enticing, potential users say that the device could have drawbacks. Critics note that the slower-moving electrons will interact with each other and the walls of the device, limiting the time they can be stored, and for which X-rays can be produced, to a fraction of a second.

But Ruth says that electrons can be added to the ring while it is operating, allowing the device to produce a continuous beam of X-rays. If he is correct, Ruth's design might offer an advantage over other X-ray sources that use a laser to bend electrons, as, so far, these can only produce bursts of radiation. He adds that Lyncean is building a prototype that should start generating X-rays early in 2005.

## Side effects leave smallpox vaccine in limbo

Erika Check, Washington

Trials of a new version of the smallpox vaccine have been halted because of a rare side effect, raising concerns about the vaccine's suitability for widespread use.

On 13 April, Acambis in Cambridge, UK, said that it had stopped recruiting patients into a large clinical trial of the vaccine because three people in the trial had developed myopericarditis — swelling of the heart muscle and surrounding tissue.

The US government has already ordered millions of doses of the new vaccine, called ACAM2000. But the latest finding makes it unlikely that it will be given to civilians unless there is an emergency.

The United States began a civilian

vaccination programme in 2002. So far, about 40,000 emergency workers have been given an older version of the vaccine to prepare them for a bioterrorist attack. But the programme has moved far more slowly than was intended, largely because of people's concerns about side effects.

Myopericarditis was not seen during the large-scale smallpox eradication campaign of the 1960s and 1970s, which used the version of the vaccine called Dryvax. But the side effect has emerged in new clinical trials of Dryvax. The US Department of Defense reports that, since December 2002, 77 of 615,149 military workers who took Dryvax developed myopericarditis. In the Acambis trials, which compared Dryvax with

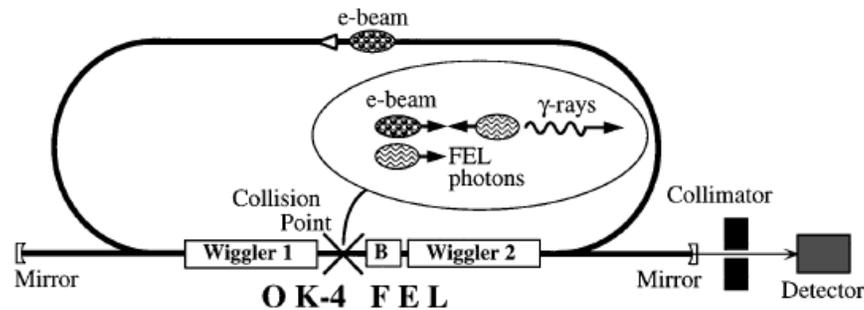
ACAM2000, both versions of the vaccine seemed to cause the condition.

"It is still a big question whether this is something really new or whether these things happened before, but were not noted," says Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Maryland.

Fauci says that ACAM2000 could still be given to civilians in an emergency. But health officials are unsure how to continue tests of the new vaccine. It is also not clear how efforts to license the vaccine will proceed. Fauci says that it may become necessary to stockpile a milder version of the smallpox vaccine — modified vaccinia Ankara — which is also being tested.

# MeV LCS Facilities

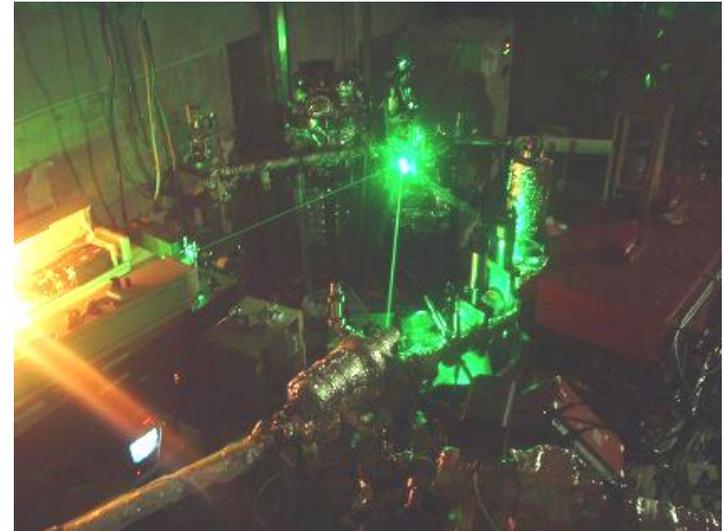
HIGGS facility, Duke University (US)  
FEL+electrons



V. N. Litvinenko, PRL, 1997

- Energy 5~20MeV ?
- $10^7$  photons/s: high flux
- $dE/E$  is very sharp
- Good S/N ratio

AIST TERAS (Japan)

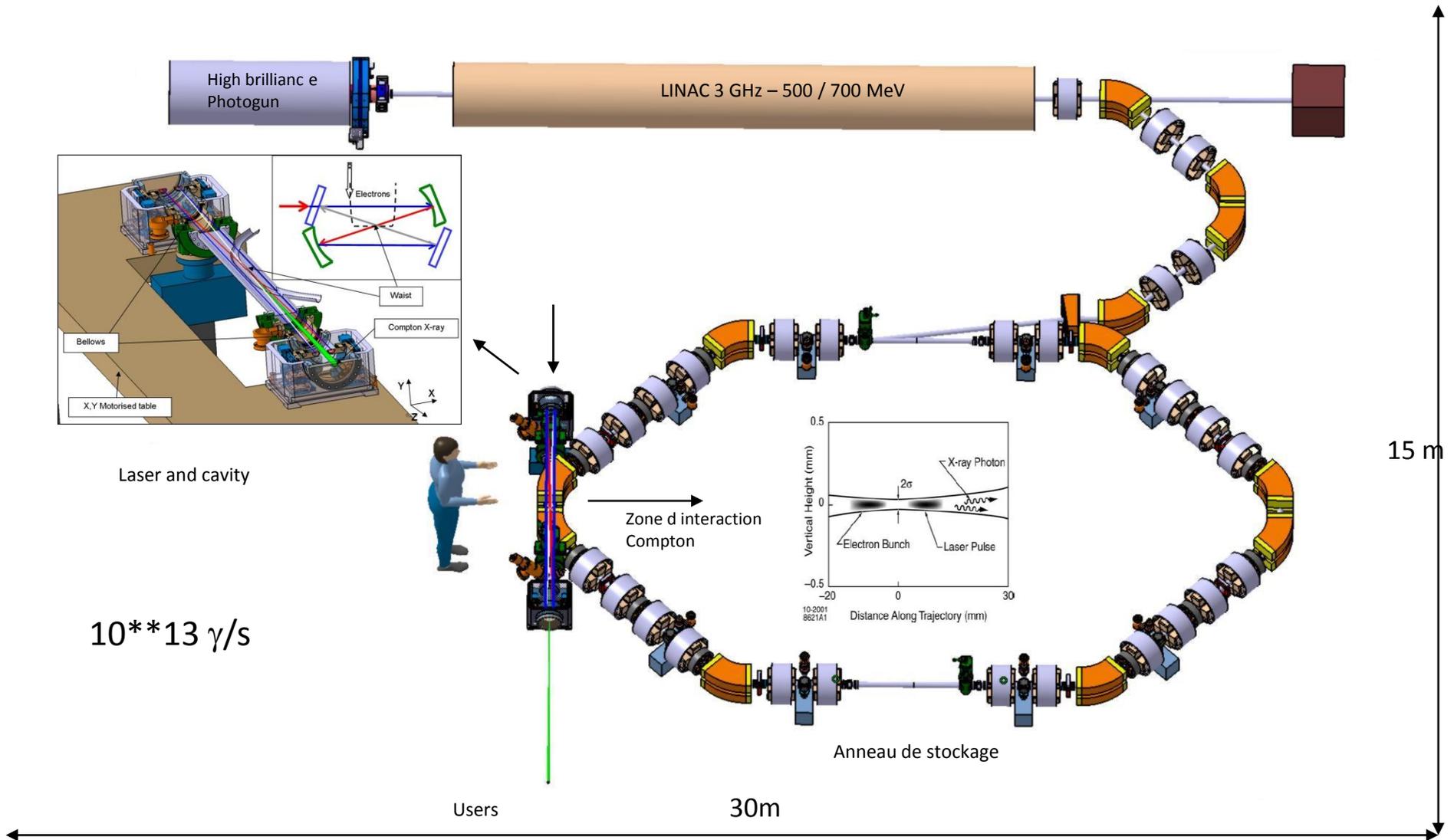


Nd/YVO<sub>4</sub> Laser + electrons in storage ring

- Energy 5~50 MeV
- $10^4$  photons/MeV/s

**However, the flux is too small to be used as the NRF assay method.**

# Detailed layout of the THomX machine



(G. Wormser)

# JAEA concept of a high-flux $\gamma$ -ray source

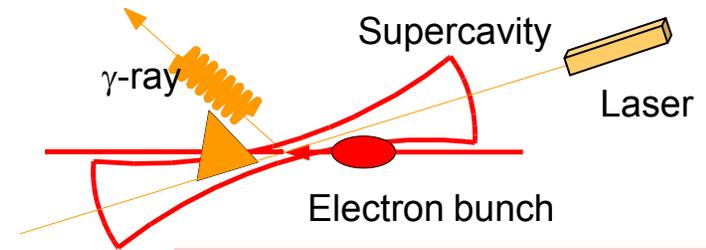
flux of LC  $\gamma$ -ray

$$F = \frac{f N_e N_L \sigma_C}{A}$$

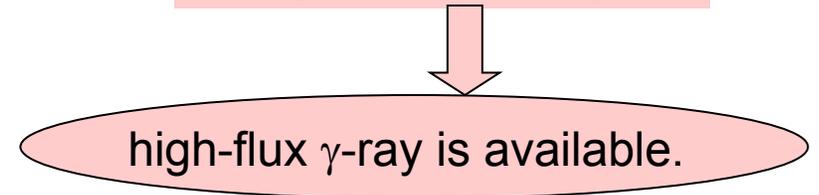
- $f$  collision frequency
- $N_e$  number of electrons
- $N_L$  number of laser photons
- $\sigma_C$  scattering cross-section
- $A$  effective sectional area

we need high repetition, tightly focused, high power, high current beams.

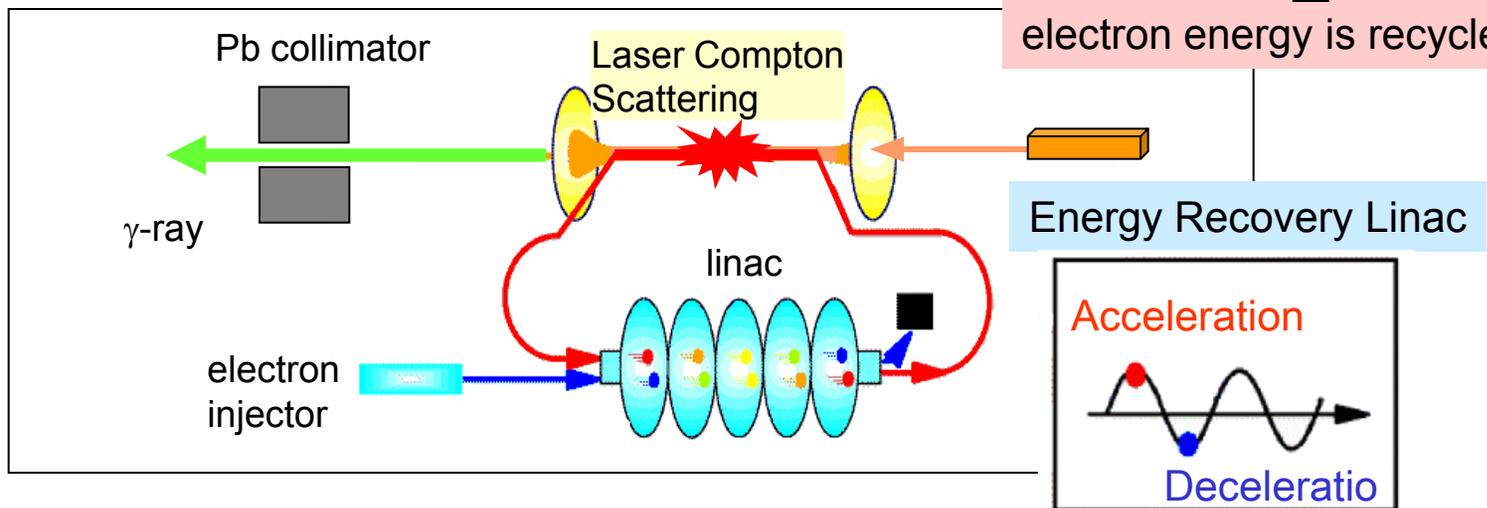
laser super cavity



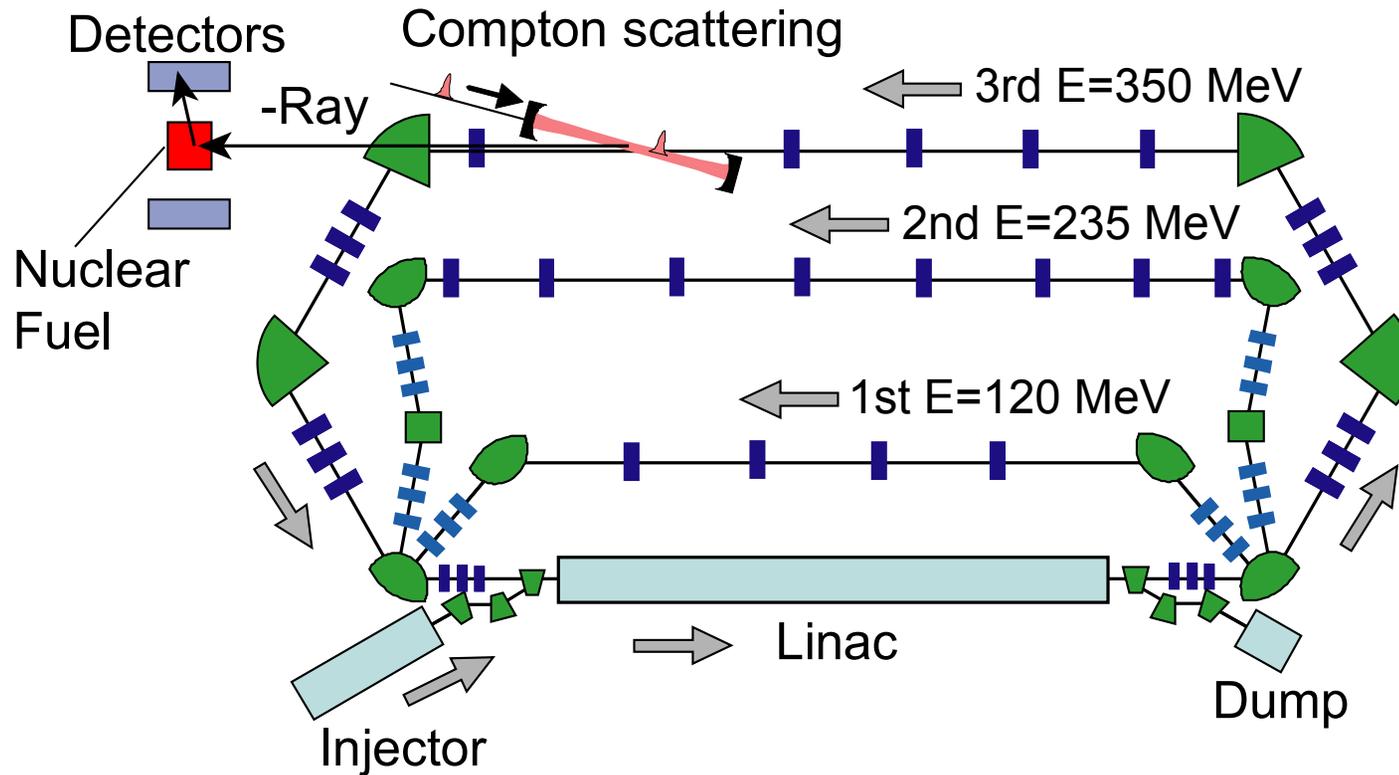
laser photons are recycled



electron energy is recycled



# Proposal of a High-flux $\gamma$ -ray source with a 3-loop ERL



The electron beam is accelerated three times and decelerated three times.

# Isotope detection by $\gamma$

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 78, 041601(R) (2008)

## Nuclear resonance fluorescence excitations near 2 MeV in $^{235}\text{U}$ and $^{239}\text{Pu}$

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A search for nuclear resonance fluorescence excitations in  $^{235}\text{U}$  and  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  within the energy range of 1.0- to 2.5-MeV was performed using a 4-MeV continuous bremsstrahlung source at the High Voltage Research Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Measurements utilizing high purity Ge detectors at backward angles identified nine photopeaks in  $^{235}\text{U}$  and 12 photopeaks in  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  in this energy range. These resonances provide unique signatures that allow the materials to be nonintrusively detected in a variety of environments including fuel cells, waste drums, vehicles, and containers. The presence and properties of these states may prove useful in understanding the mechanisms for mixing low-lying collective dipole excitations with other states at low excitations in heavy nuclei.

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PACS number(s): 23.20.Lv, 25.60.Dz, 25.20.Dc, 27.90.+b

*Introduction.* In the current geopolitical environment, proliferation of nuclear and radiological materials is a major concern. Many efforts are underway to develop a system that

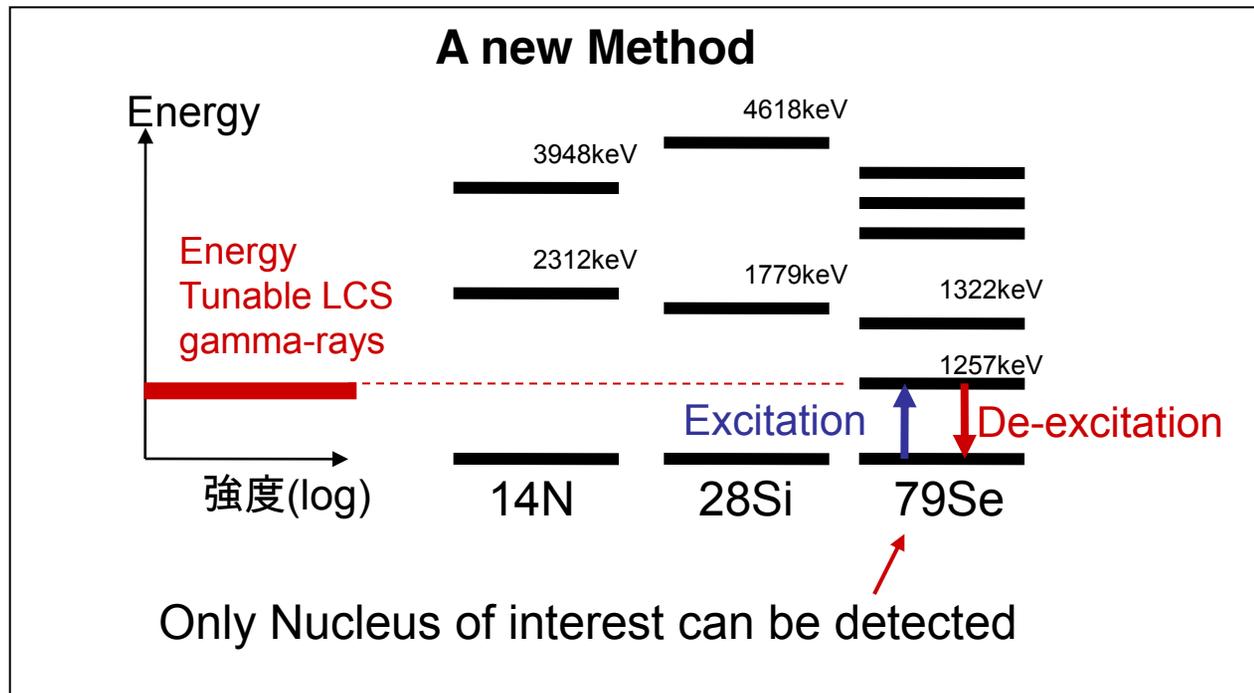
mode is an electric dipole excitation. Other modes are possible but these are the major ones that have been identified in the literature.

# Proposal of Nondestructive Assay of Radionuclides

using nuclear resonant fluorescence technique

There are many minor actinoid (MA) and long-lived fission products (LLFP) in the nuclear waste drum.

How do detect such the MA and LLFP ?

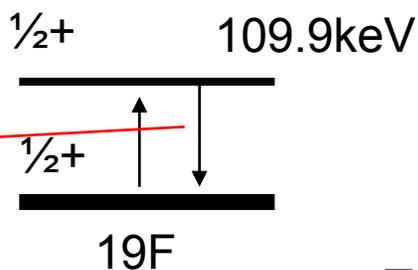
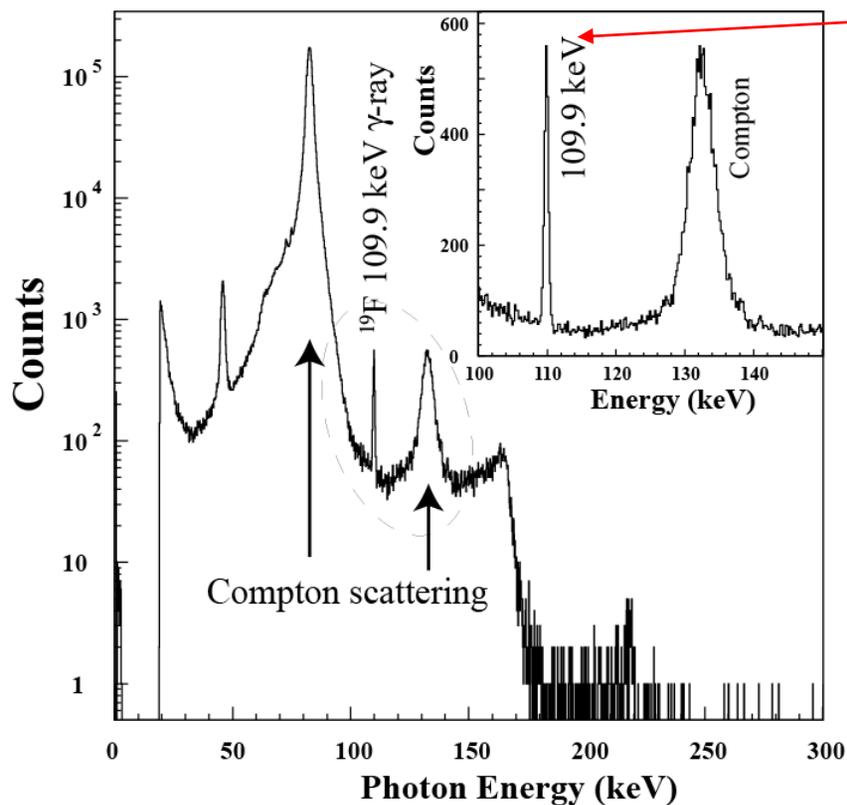


(Hajima)

- This method can detect all radioactivities except  $^3\text{H}$
- However, this method requires a very high-flux gamma-ray source.

# NRF experiment using Synchrotron Radiation at SPring-8 for Parity Mixing Measurement

(K.Kawase).

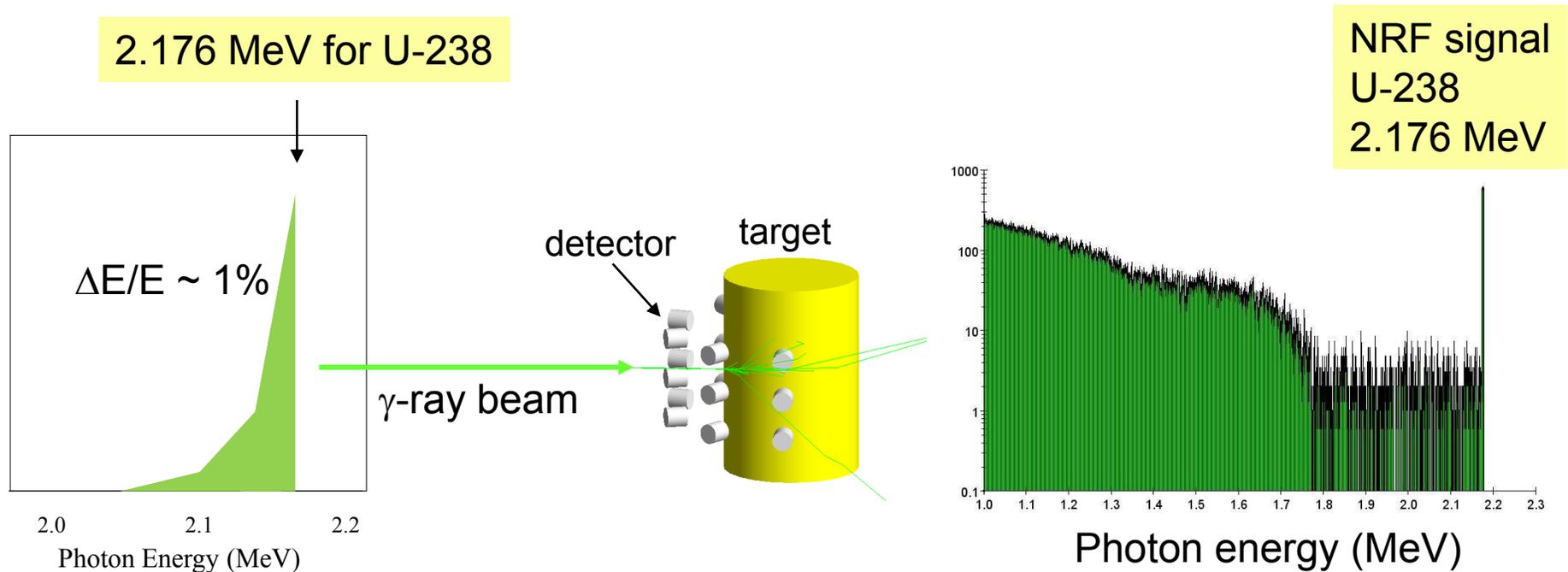


Target and detector



(Fujiwara, Kawase et al.)

# Advantages of Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence detection



- (1) Nondestructive detection of radioactive and stable nuclides
- (2) Excellent signal-to-noise ratio in the energy-resolved gamma-ray detection
- (3) Detecting many kind of nuclides by scanning the  $\gamma$ -ray energy
- (4) Detection through a thick shield
- (5) Full utilization of modern laser and accelerator technologies

(Hajima)

# ‘Notch Filter’: a method of fail-safe to detect specific nuclear matter

J. Appl. Phys. 99, 123102 (2006)

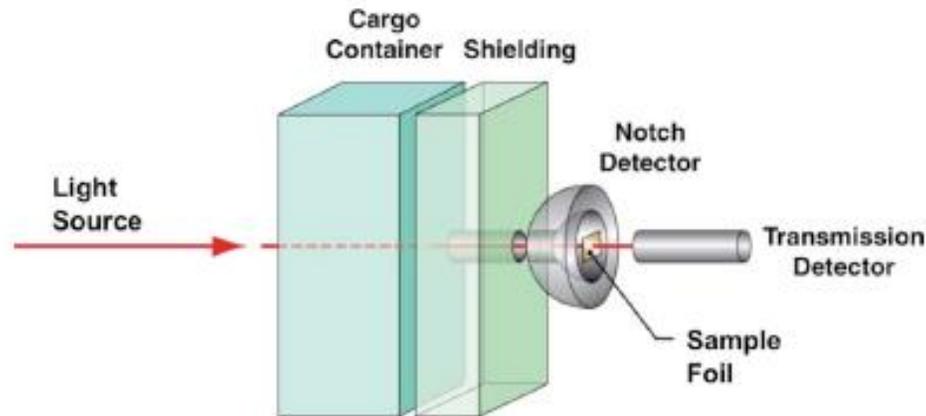
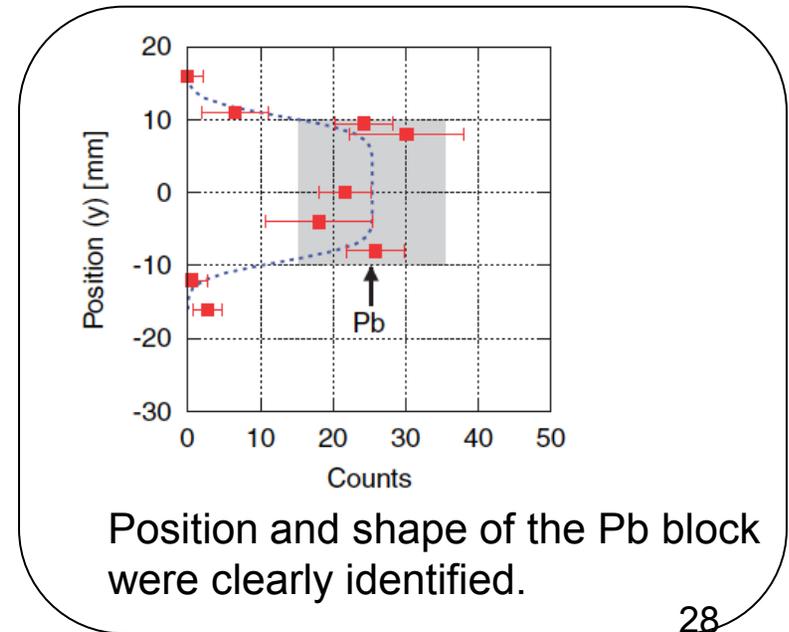
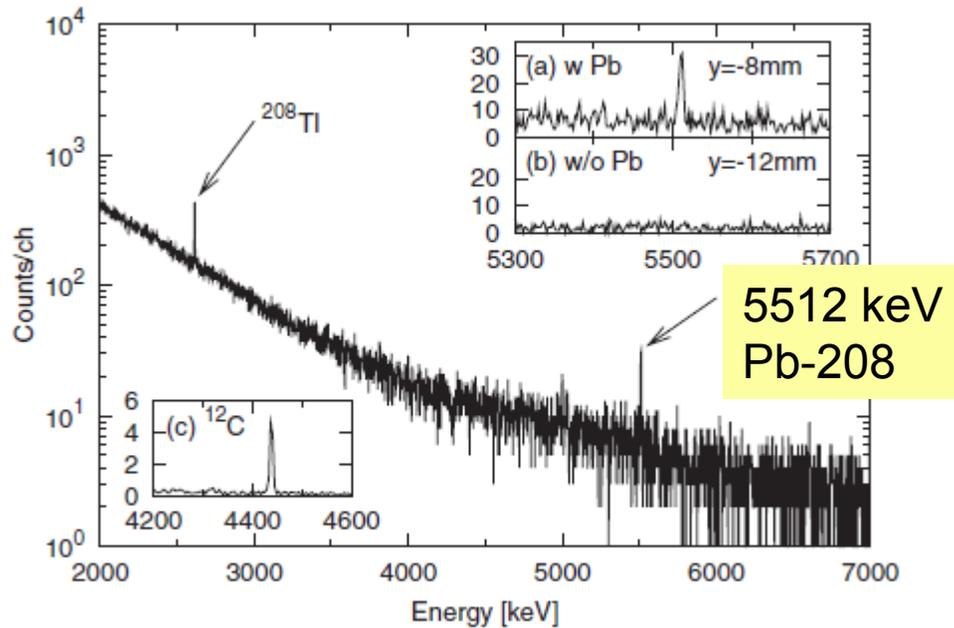
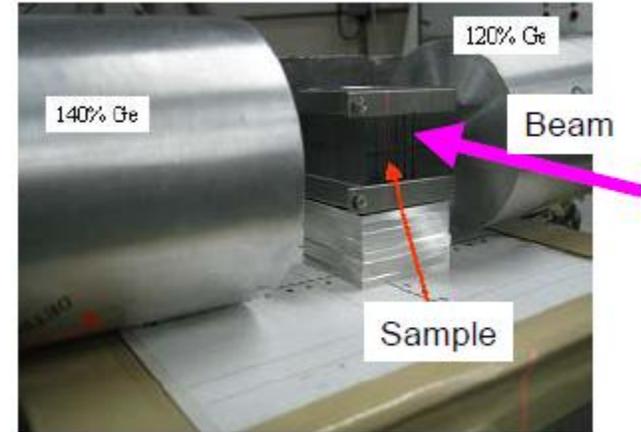
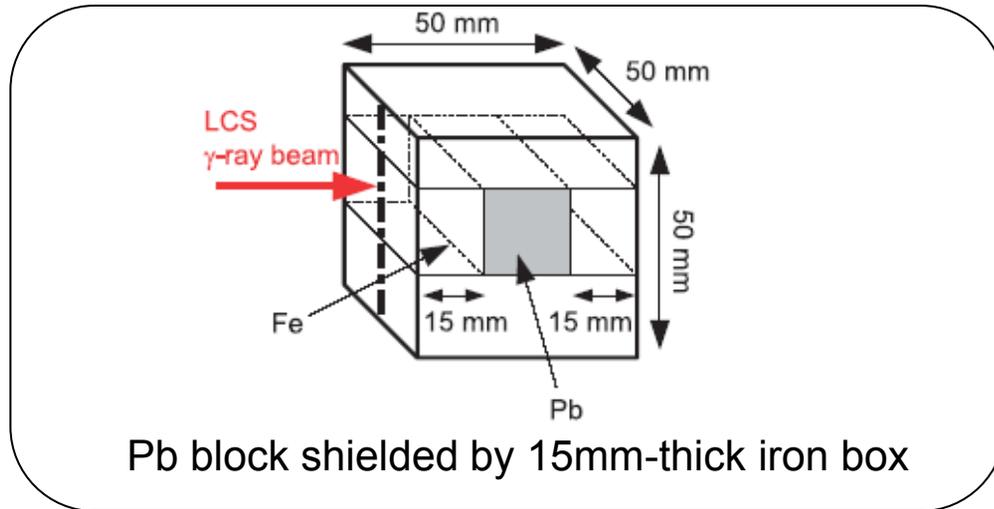


FIG. 2. (Color online) Schematic representation of the detection system studied here. A photon beam is sent to interrogation cargo. After passing through the container the flux of resonant and off-resonant photons is measured. Resonant flux is measured by “notch detectors” that observe NRF within a small sample foil made of the isotope that is being looked for. The flux of off-resonant photons is measured with a simple transmission or current detector.

(Pruet,...Barty,2006)

# Experiment of nondestructive detection of concealed isotope

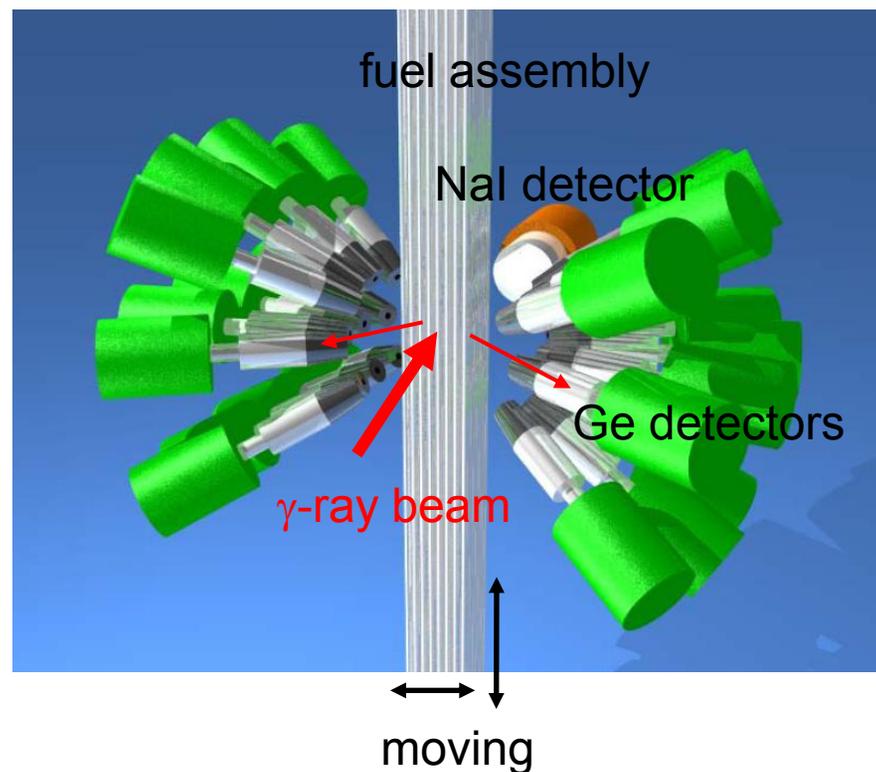


# Safeguards technology based on mono-energetic $\gamma$ -ray

Nuclear material accountability is an important issue for nuclear energy usage in the frame of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

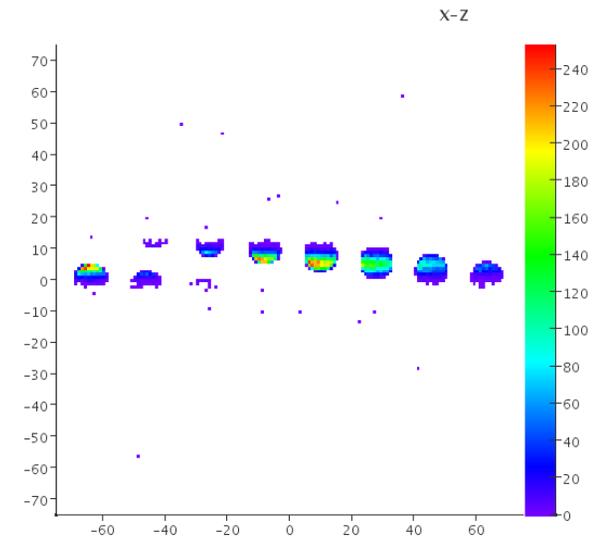
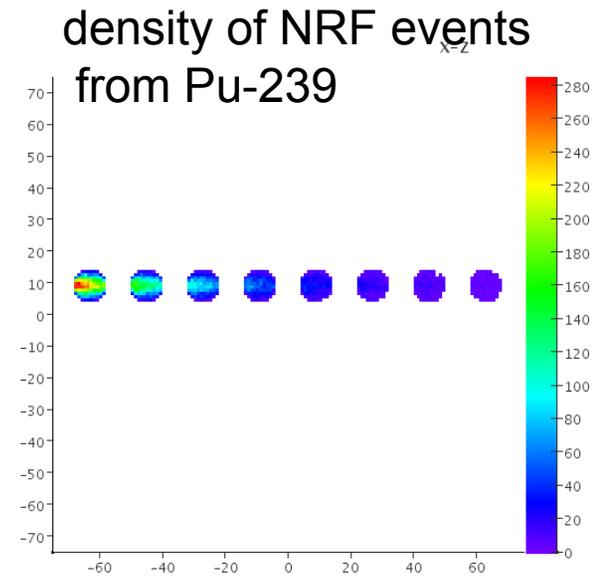
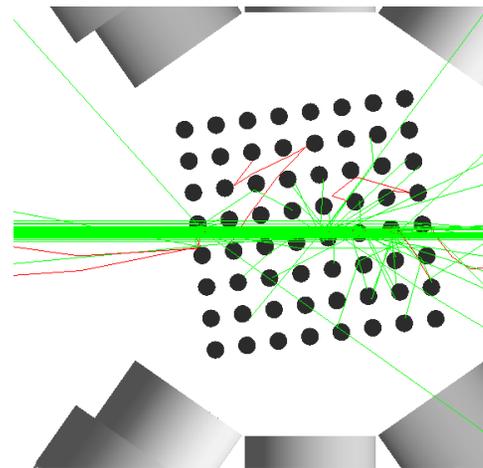
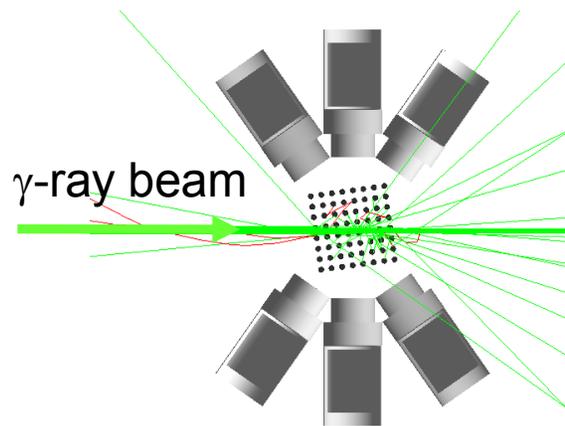
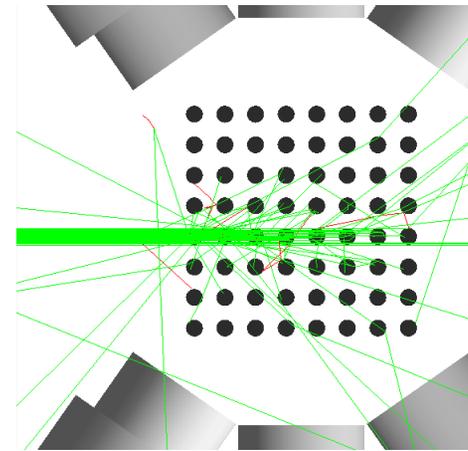
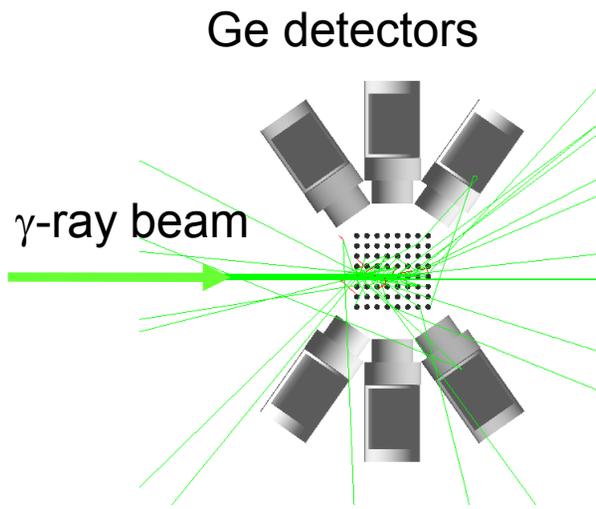
**Nondestructive assay system of spent fuel assemblies – U, Pu and MA.**

**Material accountability for operator & Safeguards verification for inspectorates**



(Hajima)

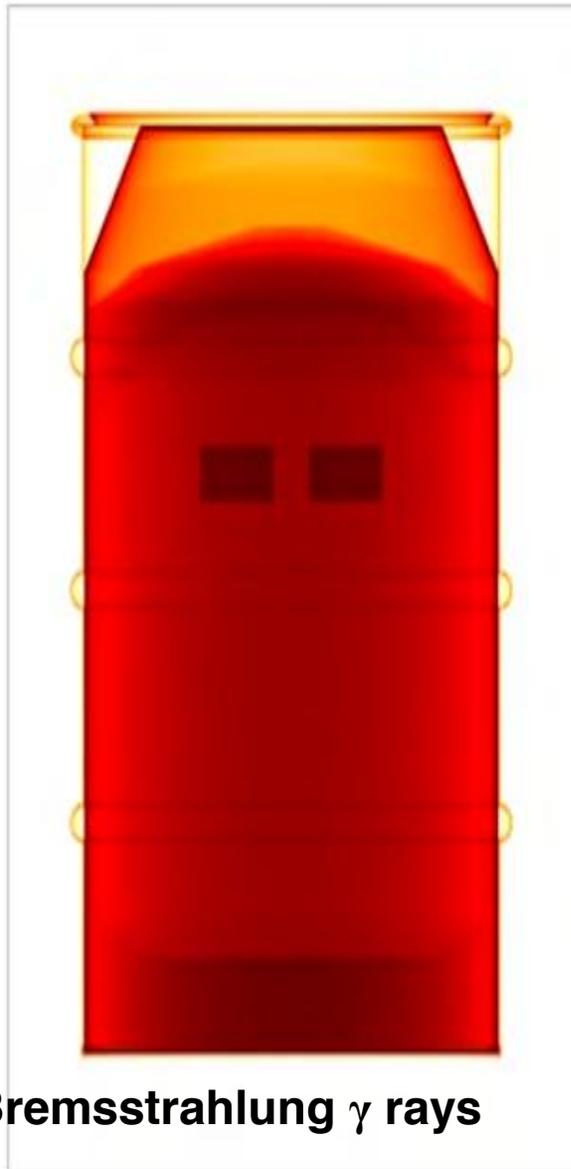
# Deep penetration of $\gamma$ -rays in a fuel assembly



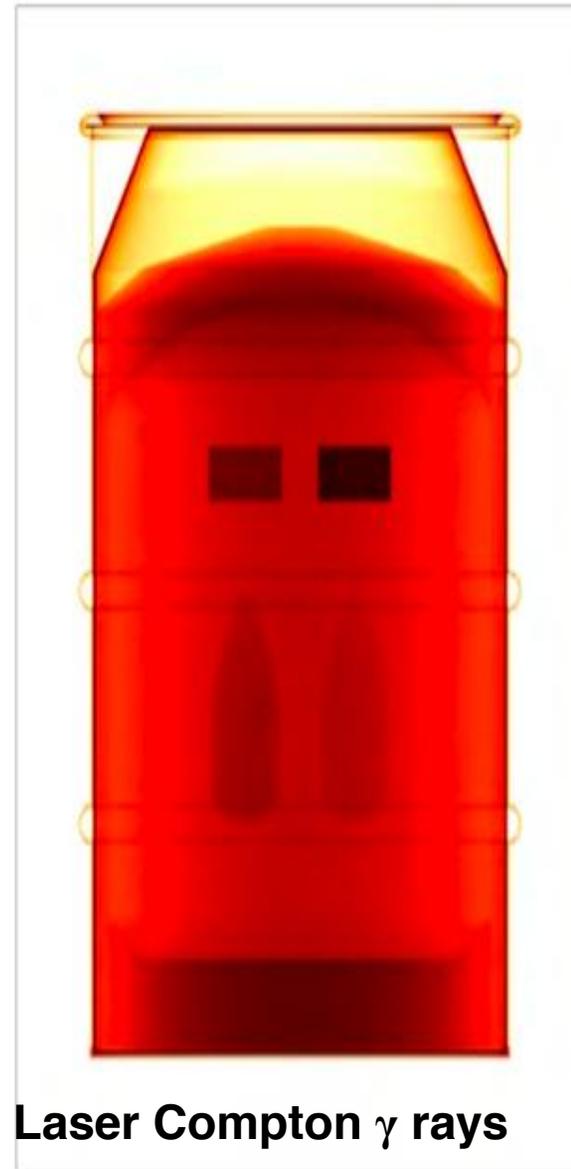
GEANT-4 based Monte Carlo code developed by Hajima's group.

# Sharp discriminatory capability of monoenergetic $\gamma$ rays

2 MeV e-Brem X-Ray image simulation



1.734 MeV NRF image simulation



VS

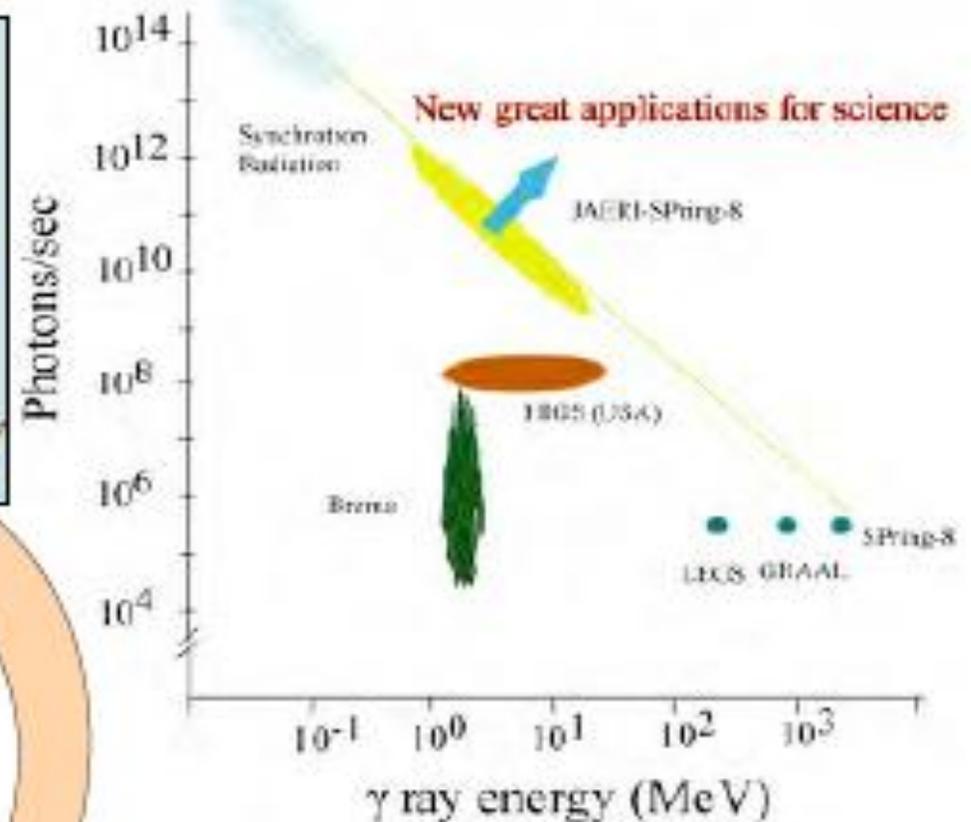
C. Barty and T. Tajima (2008)

# Present status of MeV $\gamma$ -ray beam:

Facilities in Japan:  
Spring-8 (8 GeV electron storage ring (SR))  
ERAS of AIST (National Institute of  
Advanced Industrial Science and Technology)  
10 MeV—800 MeV SR  
New Subaru  
KEK SR  
Tsinghua SR

Collaboration between Nuclear physics  
and Laser physics

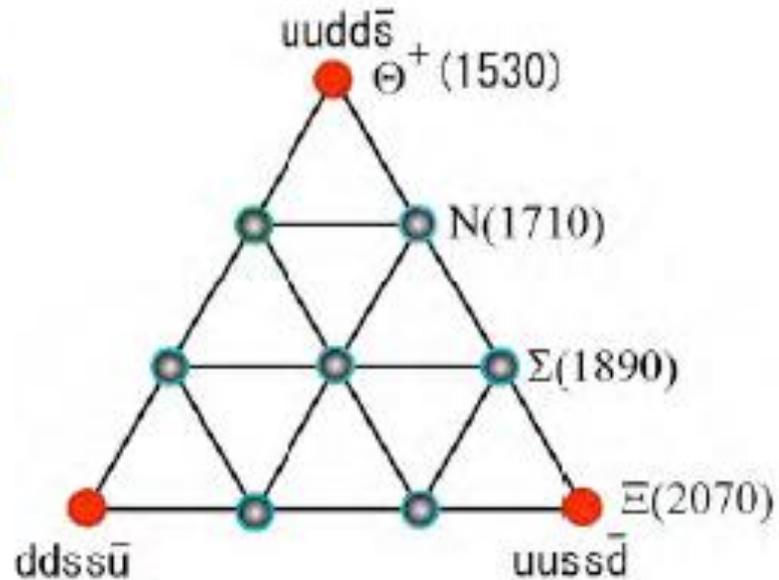
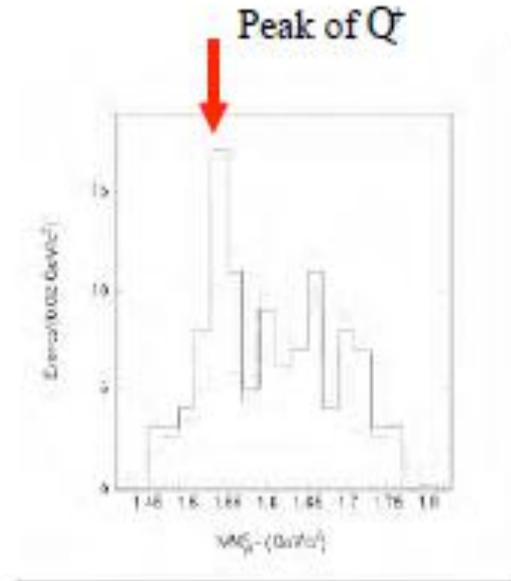
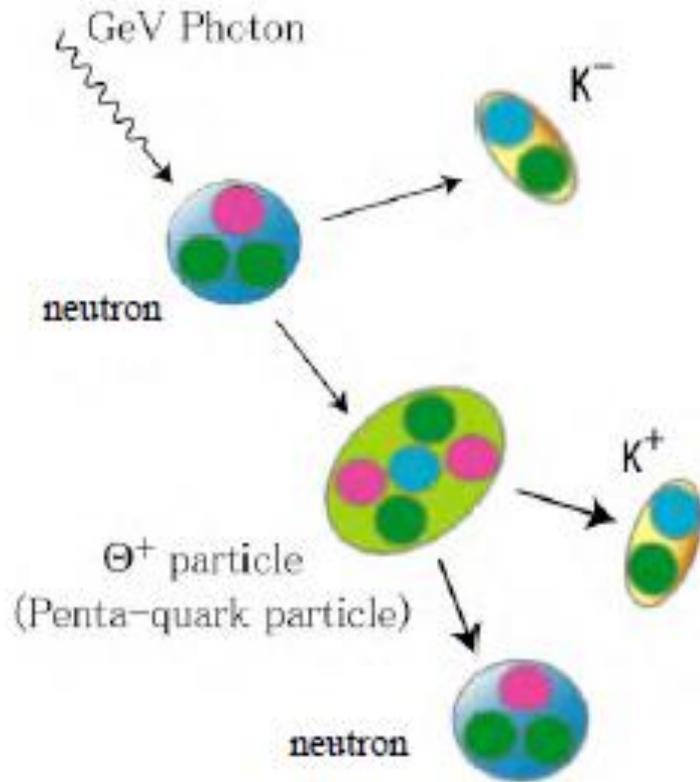
Further Technology developments



(M. Fujiwara)

# Photonuclear processes

Nakano et al., PRL 91, 012002 (2003)



(Spring-8)

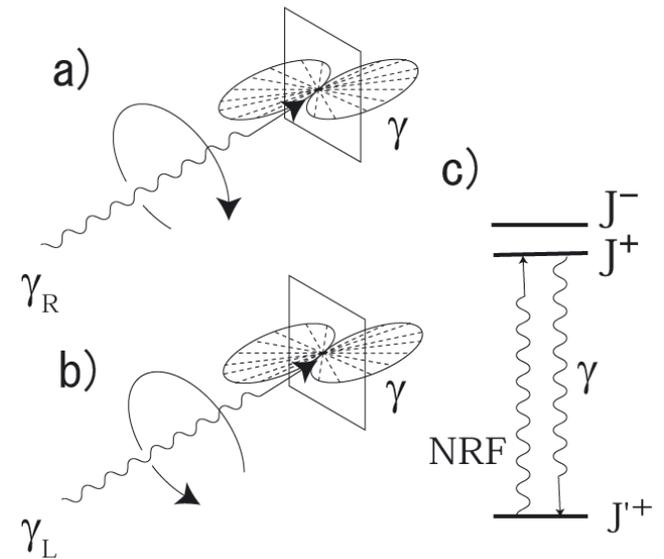
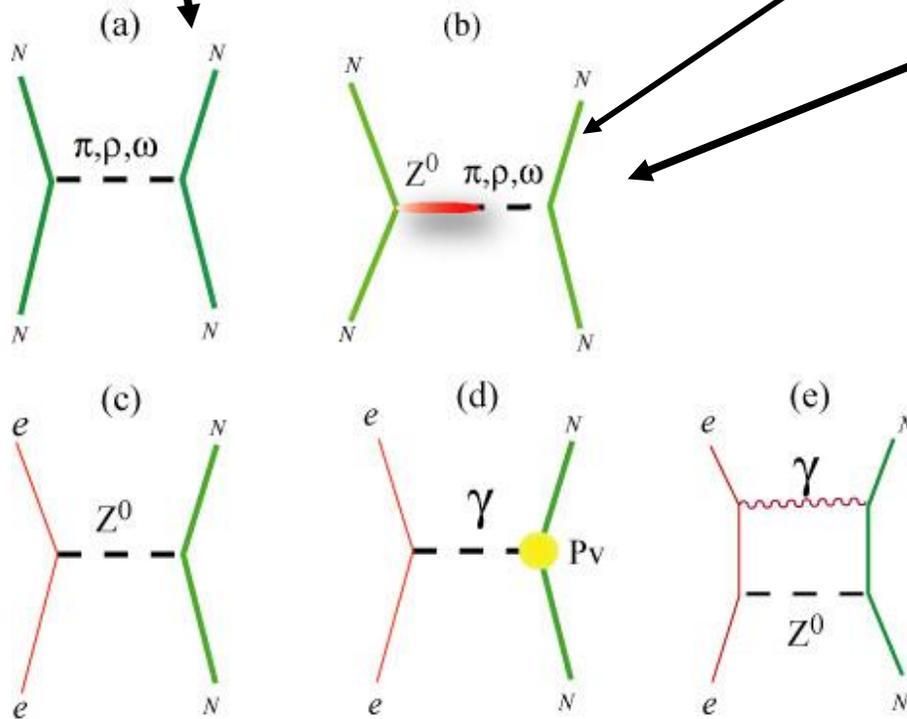
# Parity Mixing in Nuclei

Interaction between **Neutral Current Boson** and Meson (Nucleon-Nucleon Interaction)

$Z^0$ : **Neutral Current Boson**

Standard Nucleon-Nucleon Interaction

Interaction between  $Z^0$  and Mesons.



The interaction can be determined by polarized LCS gamma-rays.  
Fujiwara, J. Phys. G (2006). 34

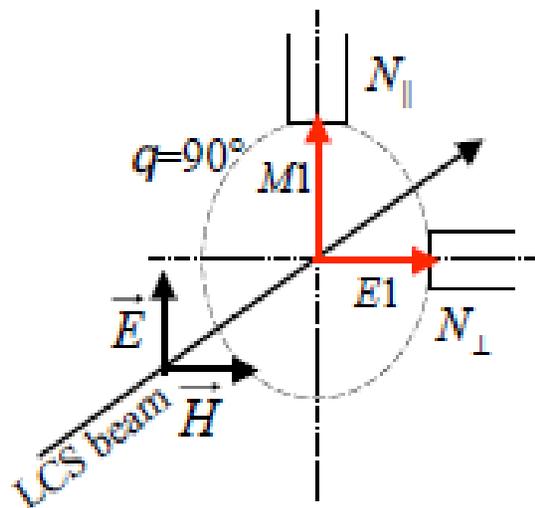
# Parity Assignment

Asymmetry at  $q=90^\circ$

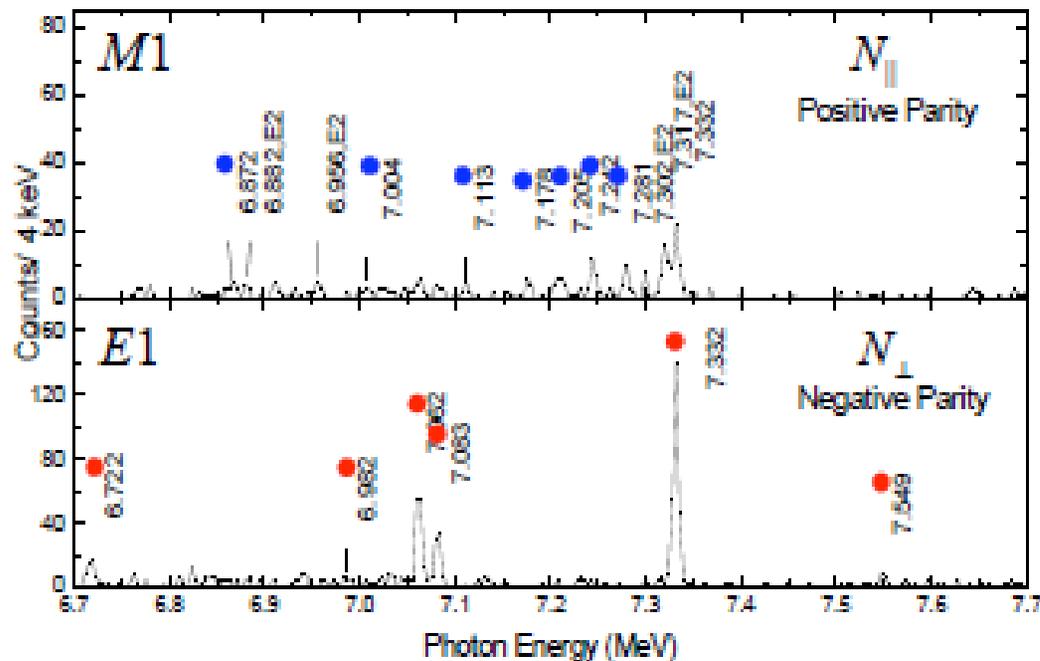
$$A = \frac{1}{P_\gamma} \frac{N_{\parallel} - N_{\perp}}{N_{\parallel} + N_{\perp}} \quad \xrightarrow{P_g = 1} \quad \begin{array}{l} +1 \text{ for } M1 \text{ transitions} \\ -1 \text{ for } E1 \text{ transitions} \end{array}$$

$P_g$ : Photon polarization

Linearly polarized photons



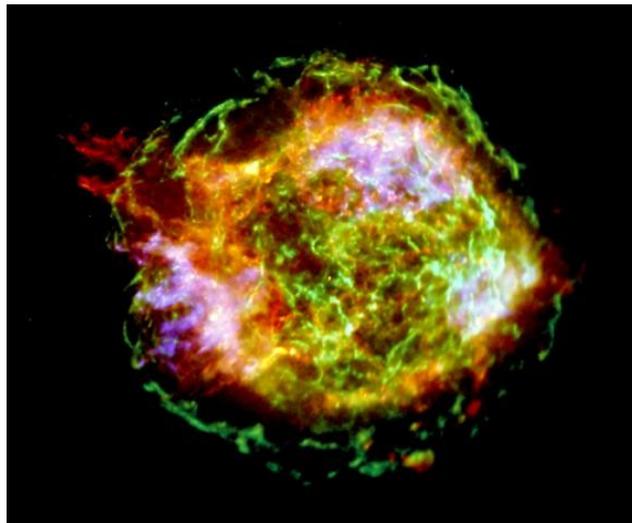
$^{208}\text{Pb}(\gamma_{\text{pol}}, \gamma)$ ,  $E_\gamma = 7.8 \text{ MeV}$  Ohgaki et al.



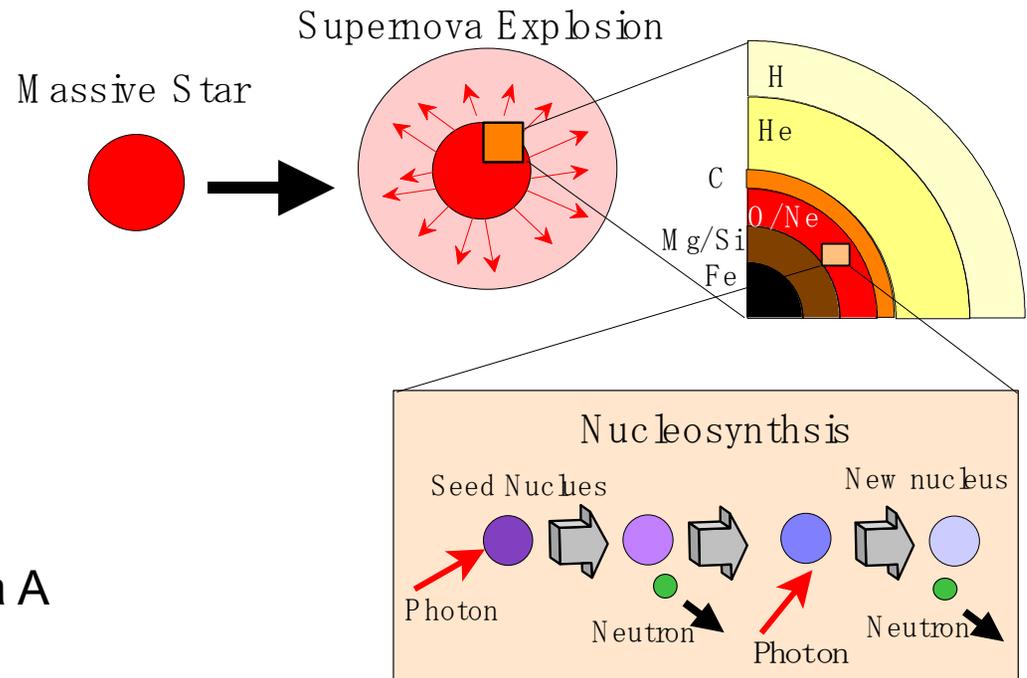
(M. Fujiwara)

# Nuclear Astrophysics

High energy photons with 8-10 MeV create new isotopes



Supernova Residual: Cassiopeia A  
There are many new isotopes.



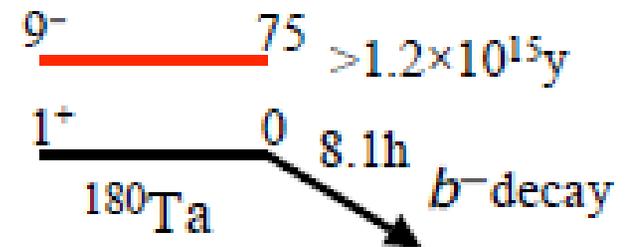
JAEA-NAO team found a piece of evidence for such the nucleosynthesis.  
Hayakawa, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2004)

**Photonuclear reaction rates are important for theoretical verification.** 36

# Nucleosynthesis of the $^{180m}\text{Ta}$ Isomer

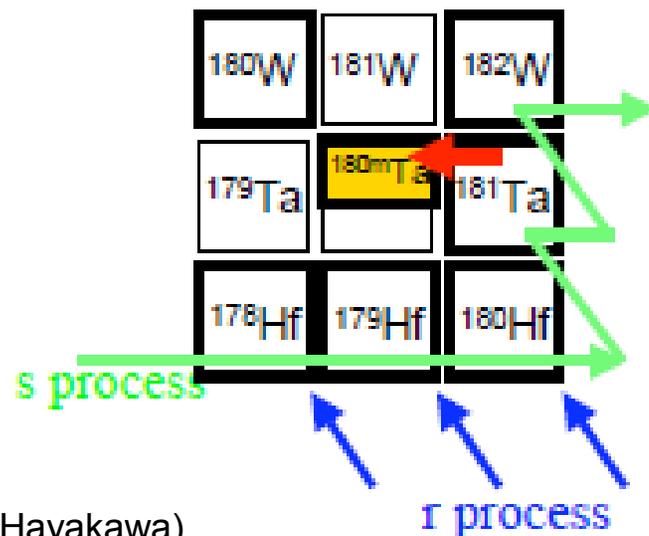
$^{180m}\text{Ta}$  ---  $T_{1/2} > 1.2 \times 10^{15}$  y,  $E_x = 75$  keV

Only the naturally occurring isomer  
 Nature's rarest isotope  
 One of the  $p$  nuclei

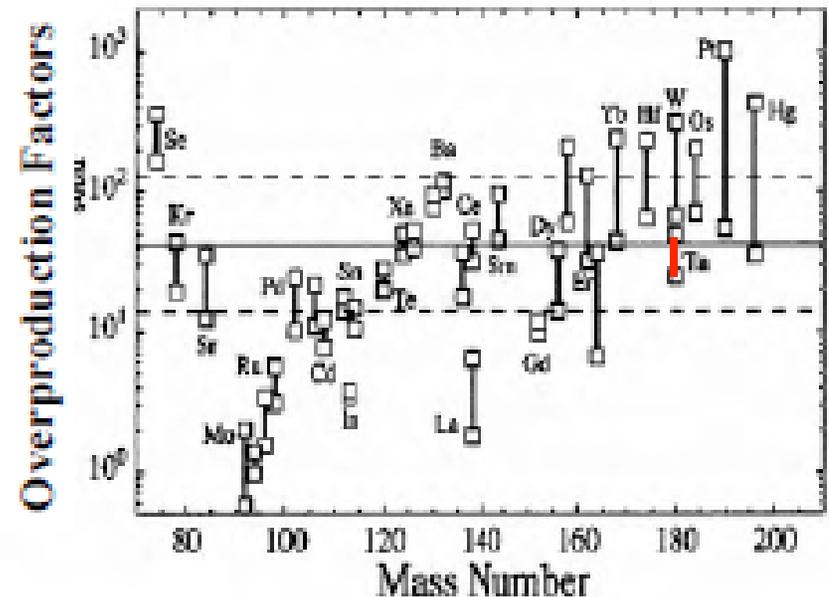


## Production process?

Photo-disintegration  $^{181}\text{Ta}(g,n)^{180m}\text{Ta}$

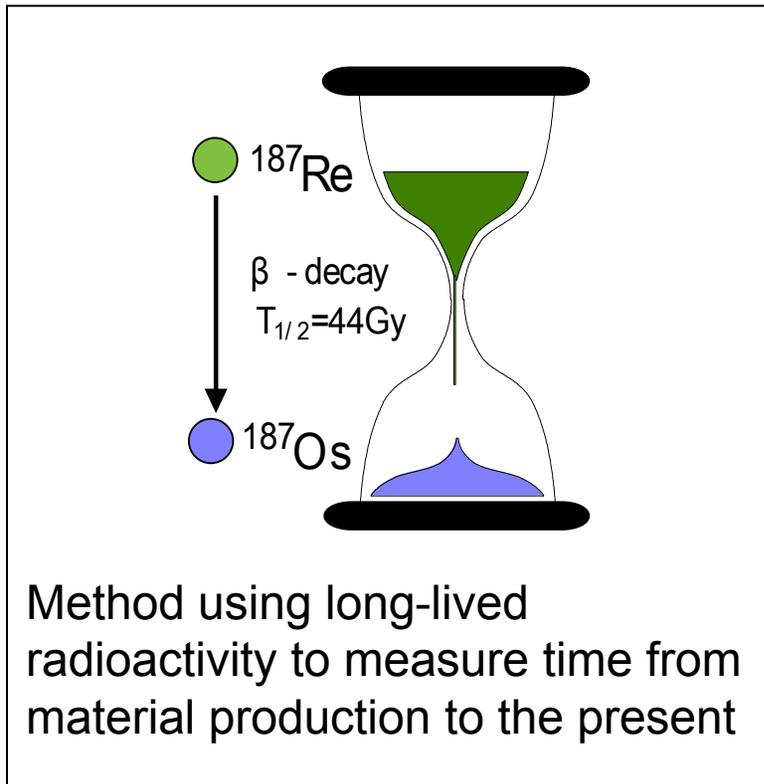


(T. Hayakawa)



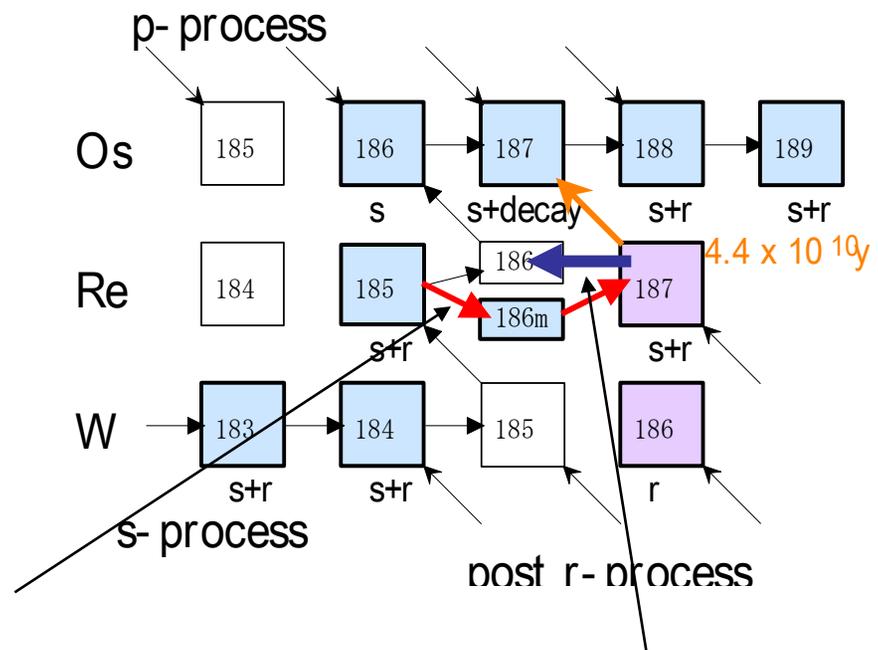
*H. Utsunomiya et al.,  
 Phys. Rev. C67, 015807 (2003)*

# Nuclear Cosmochronometer



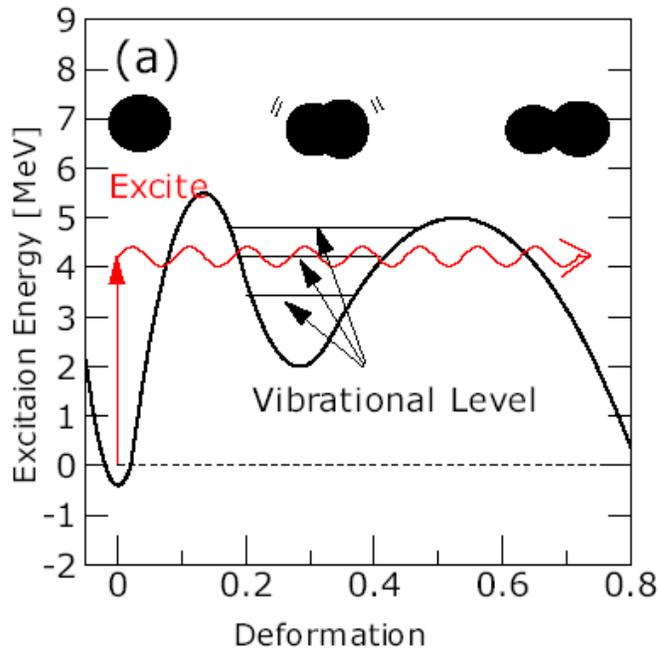
Neutron capture reaction rate using [nuclear reactor](#)  
Hayakawa, Astrophys. J (2005).

Reaction rates are important for evaluation of the initial abundance.



Photonuclear reaction rate using [LCS gamma-rays at AIST](#)  
Shizuma, Phys. Rev. C (2005). 38

# Transmutation of actinide by photo-fission



## Potential barrier and photo-fission

Horizontal axis: nuclear deformation,  
 Vertical axis: depth of potential.  
 We irradiate 4 MeV photons to a stable nucleus with a deformation 0. Then, the levels in the first potential with 0 deformation are excited. The excited levels couple to the vibration level in the second potential, inducing an abnormal photo-fission mode.

For example, the transmutation of Np by neutron induced nuclear fission, fission fragments with wide masses near  $A=120$  remain. One serious RI is  $^{129}\text{I}$  with a long half-life. **Can we control the fission mode by selecting a special mode of fission ?**

One possible route is to use Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence (NFR)

It is well known that there are the second-, and third-potential in addition to the first potential in actinide nuclei, when we consider the fission processes. One can use the coupling mechanism between the levels in the first- and second potentials. Theoretically, it is predicted that the mass distribution of the fission fragment is different from those of the usual neutron induced fission fragments.

Feasibility test by photon-beams from FEL Back-Compton photons are an interesting research subject.

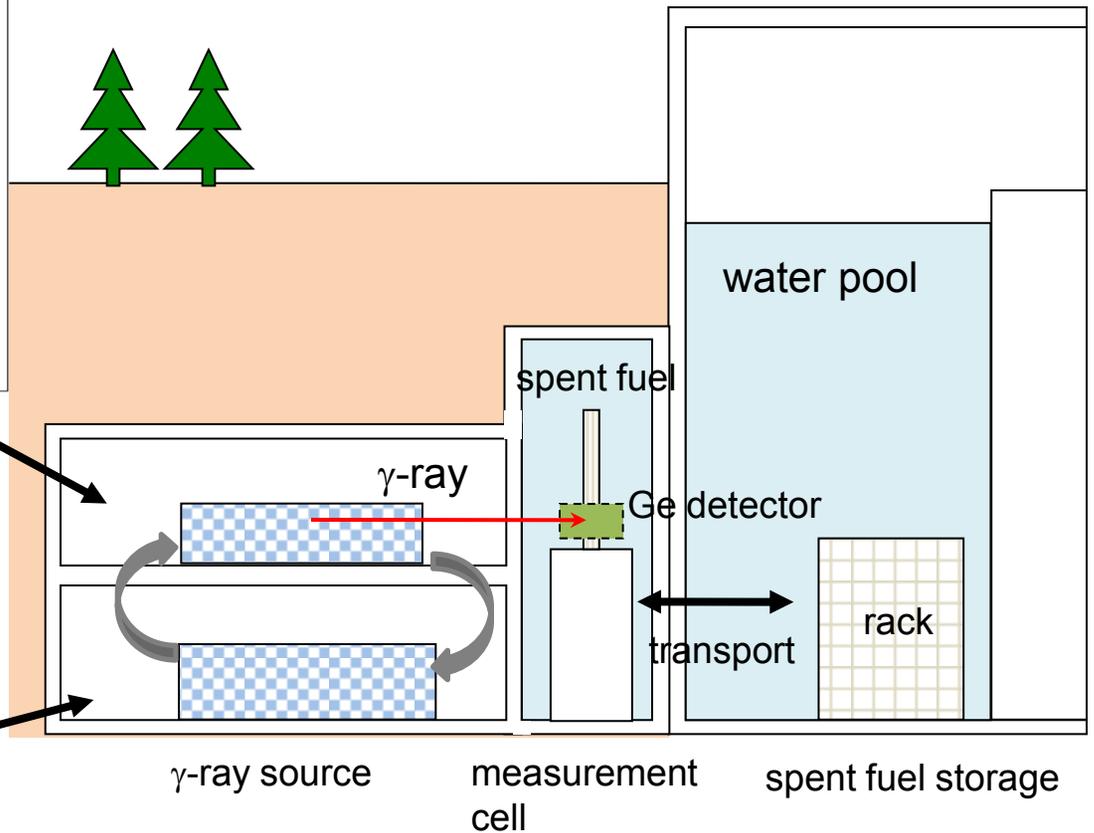
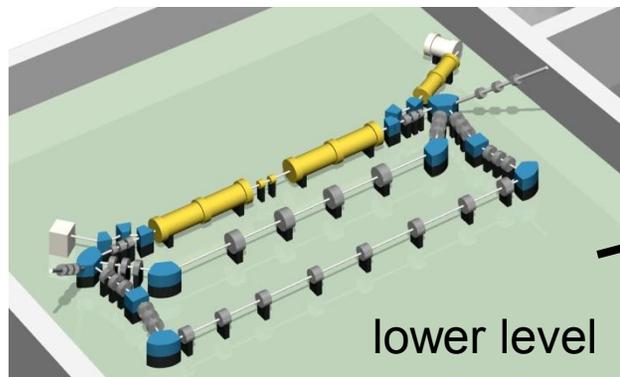
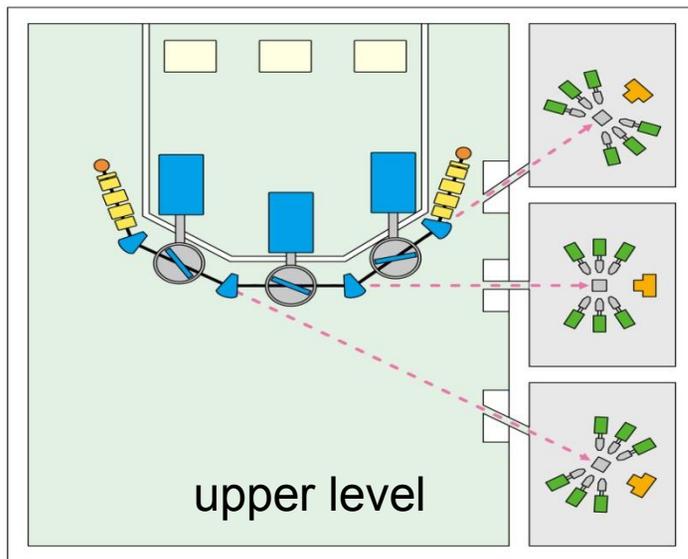
**Parity mixing may also play a role !**

Idea comes from by Dr. Nishio of JAERI.

Shizuma

# Possible layout in a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant

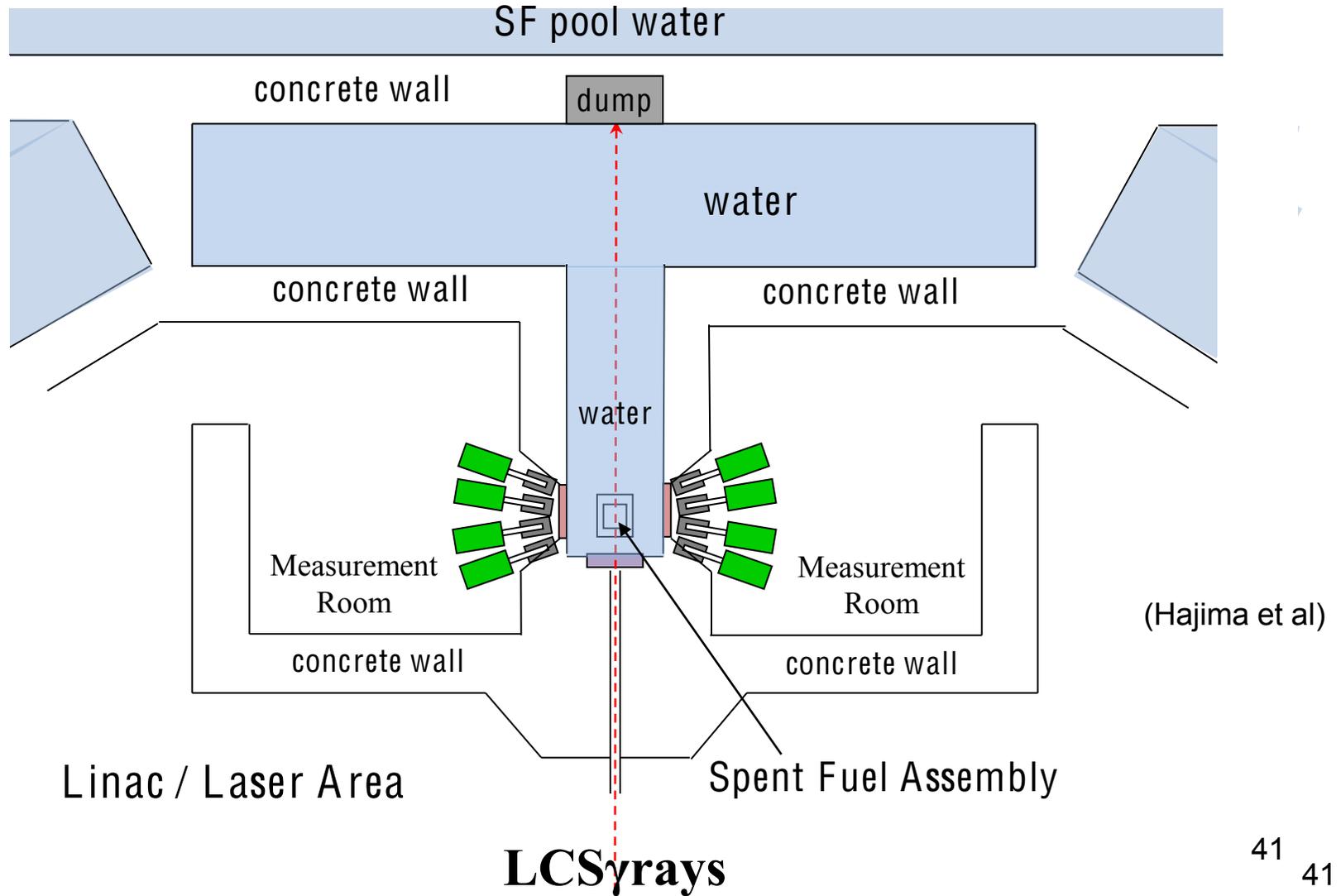
- ✓ Fuel assemblies are transported from the storage to the measurement cell.
- ✓ All the process is done in the water pool.



(Hajima et al)

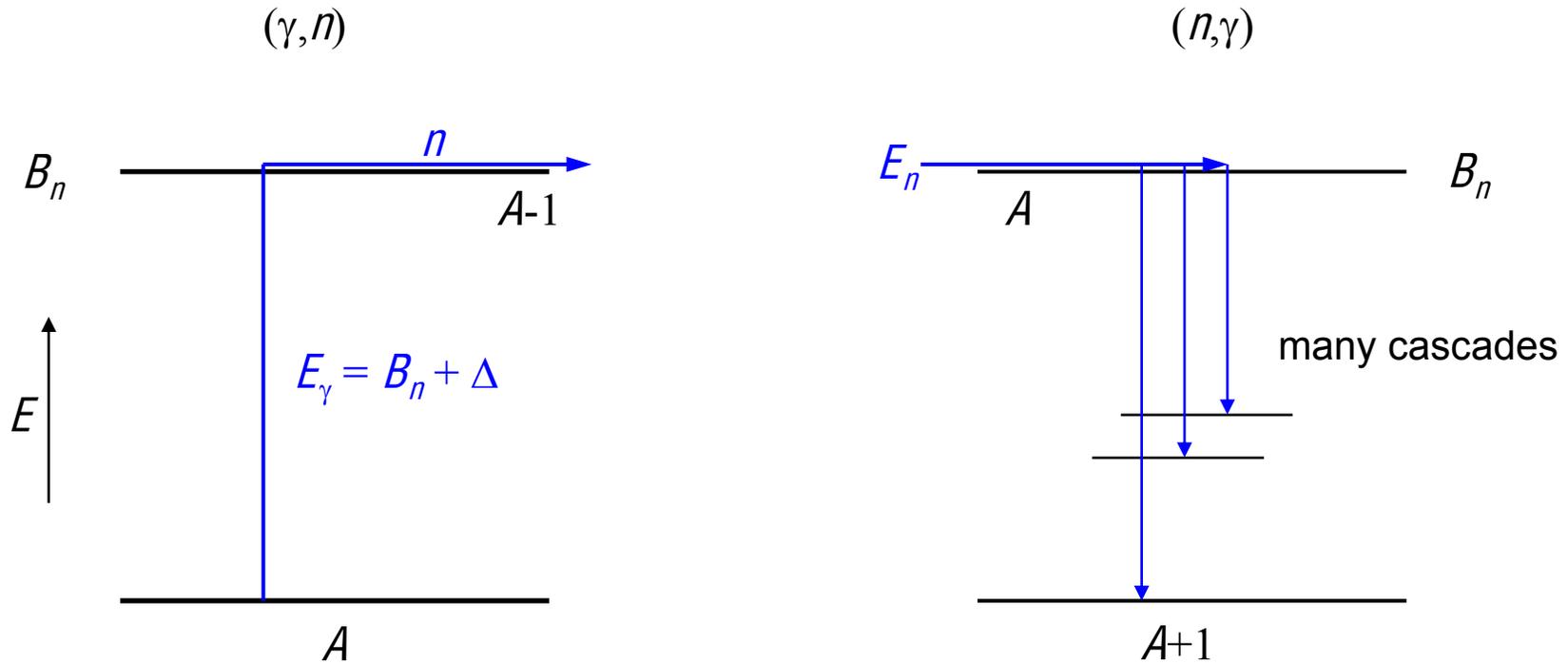
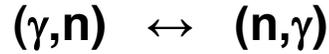
# Possible layout in a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant

Detectors are located outside the pool in measurement rooms where people can go inside when SF is not in the measurement point.



# Gamma-driven Neutron beams

## Photonuclear Reactions : Neutron yield



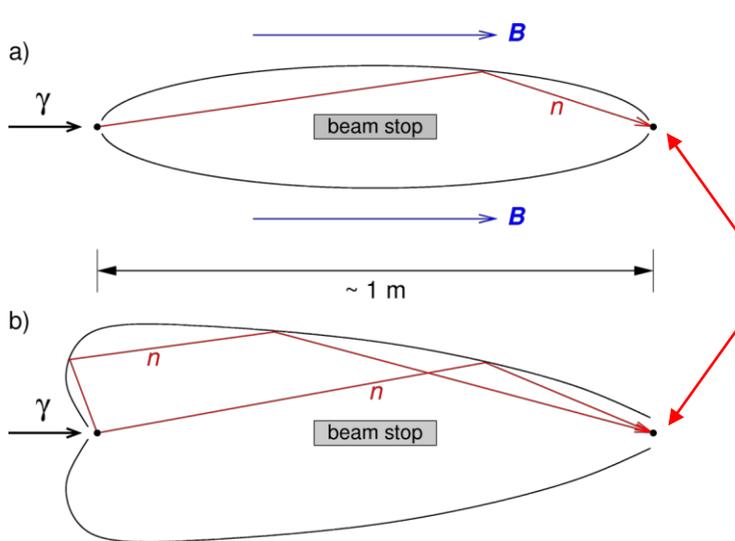
Cross sections and resonances unknown

$$\Gamma_n, \Gamma_\gamma$$

Many studies  $\rightarrow$  level densities at  $B_n$

# Gamma-driven micro-neutron beams

$$E_\gamma = 6 \text{ MeV} \quad A = 240 \quad E_{\text{rec}} = \frac{(6 \text{ MeV})^2}{2 \cdot 240 \cdot 10^3 \text{ MeV}} = 75 \text{ eV}$$



$$\frac{v}{c} = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^4}, \quad v = 7 \cdot 10^3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

(compensate by fast centrifuge)

low background focus

$$E_n = 300 \text{ meV}$$

10 m elliptic mirror,  
supermirrors:  $10^4$  Ni layers,  
also for hot electrons

Expected optimum flux from reactor:  $10^9 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , diameter  $\sim 1 \text{ mm}$   
photo nuclear:  $10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , diameter  $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$   $\rightarrow$   $10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , diameter  $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$

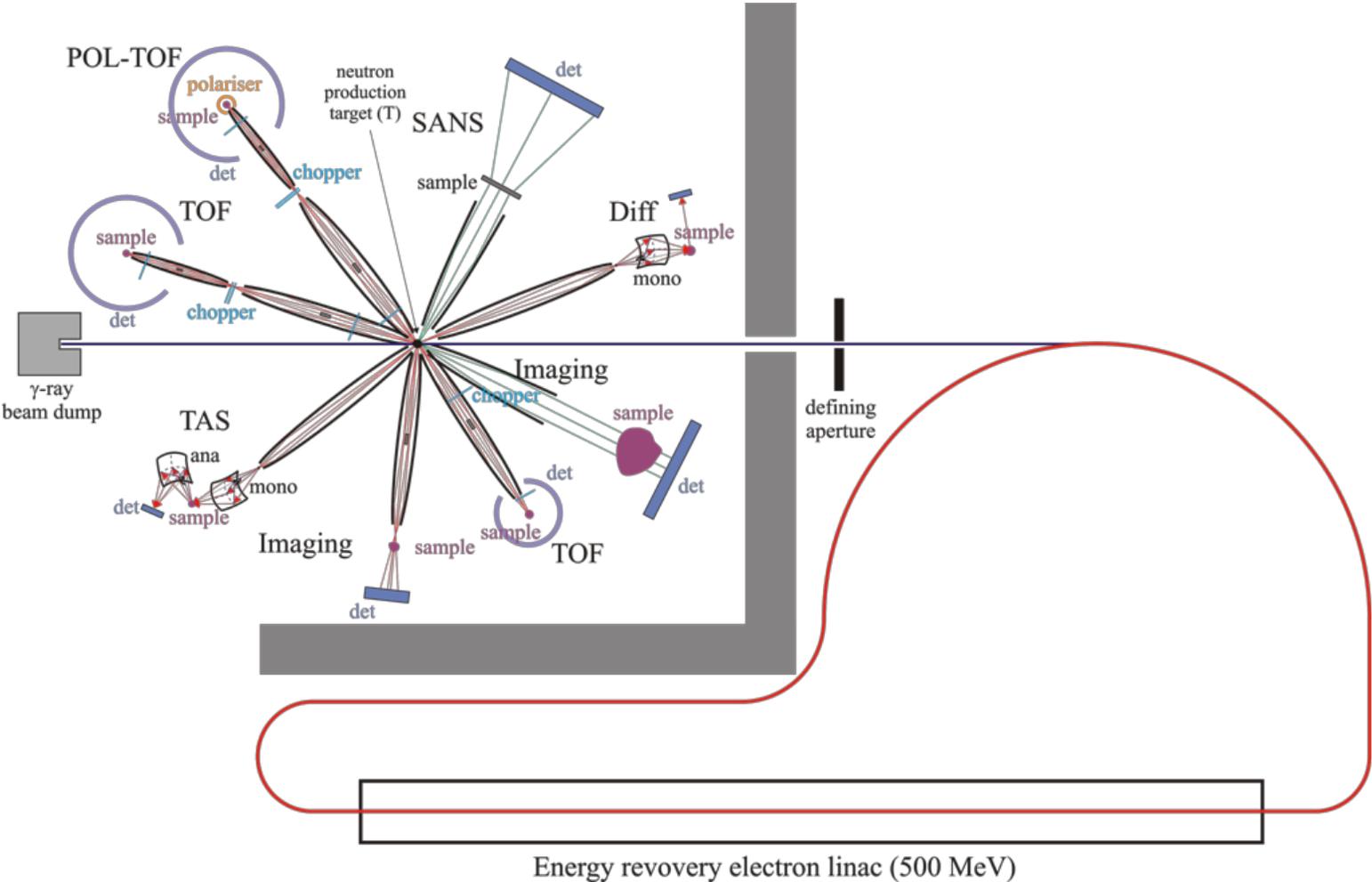
Even  $10^2$  times higher flux would open up many new applications.

P. Böni, NIM **A 586**, 1 (2008);

R. Valicu, P. Böni, "Focusing neutron beams to sub-mm size", NIM, to be published.

(Habs)

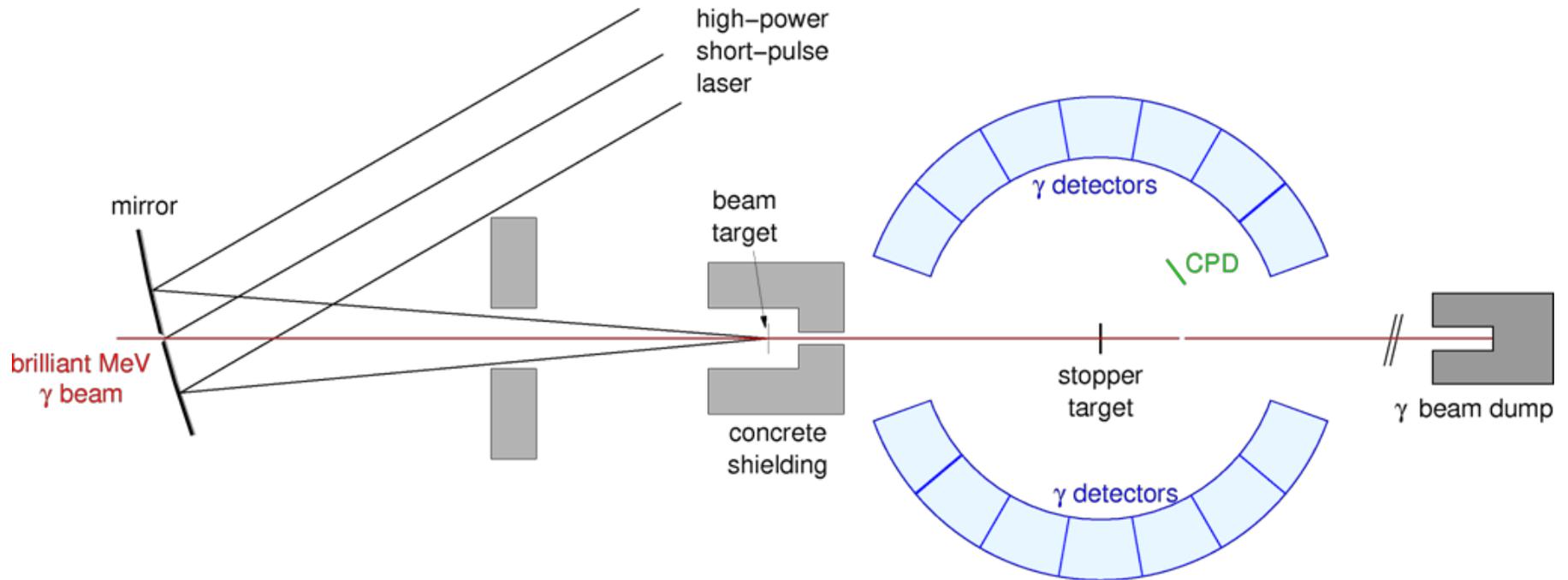
# Laser-driven Cold Neutron experiments



(D. Habs)

# NRF + radioactive nuclei

ELI (Extreme Light Infrastructure) Nuclear Pillar  
APOLLON laser +  $\gamma$  beam



Dense radioactive target of neutron-deficient nuclei  
 $T_{1/2} \geq 1$  s

(D. Habs)

# Relativity Helps Acceleration (for Ions, too!)

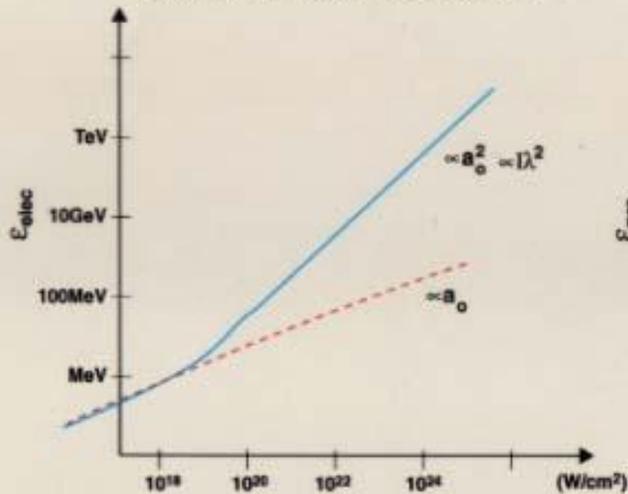
Extreme Field Science



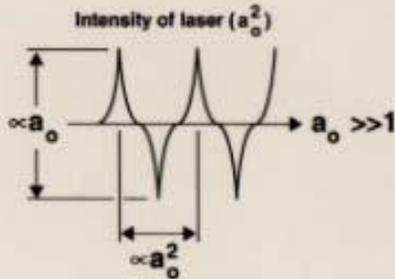
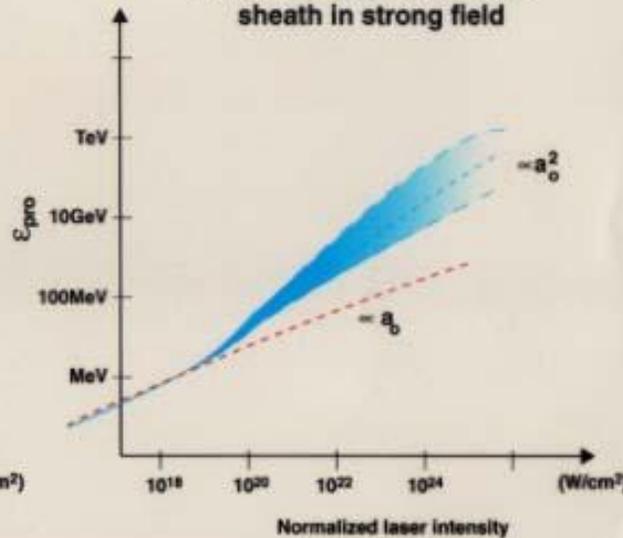
The National Ignition Facility

Ultra-relativistic Regime:  
charged particles move with photons

Electron Energy in strong field



Proton Energy from Debye sheath in strong field



$$a_0 \sim 1.5 \left( \frac{\lambda}{1 \mu\text{m}} \right) \left( \frac{I}{10^{20} \text{ W/cm}^2} \right)$$

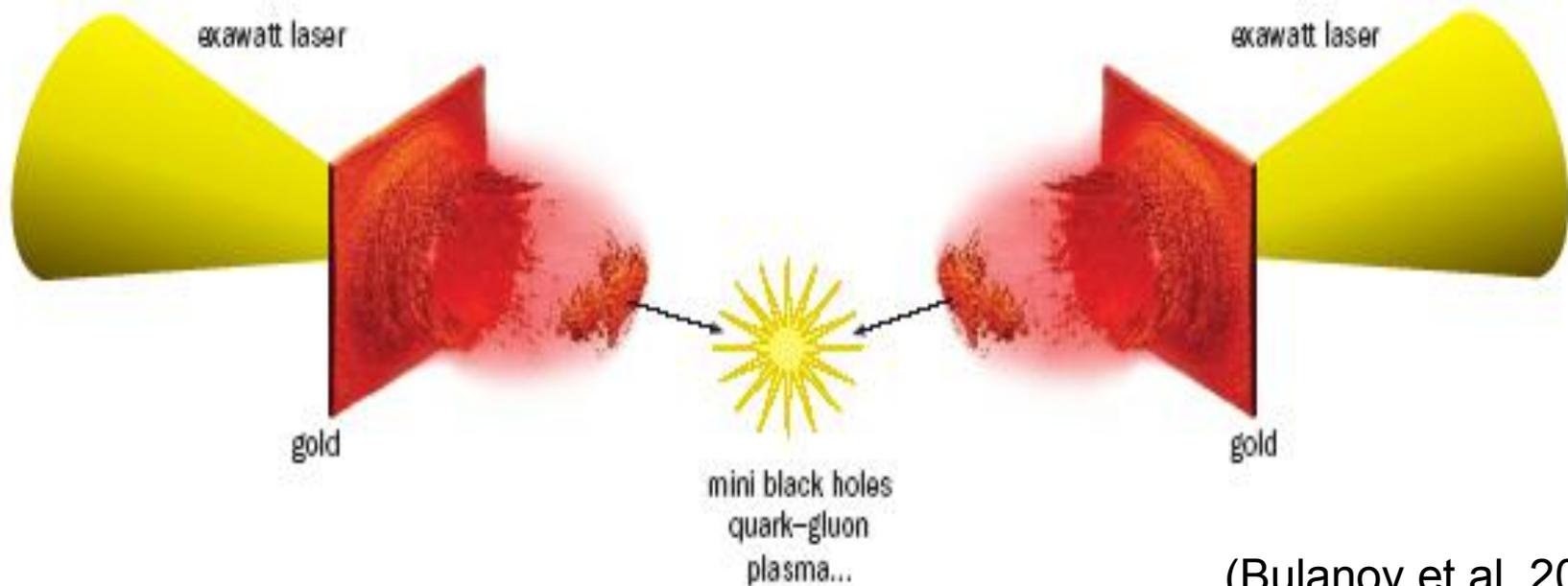
Strong fields:  
rectifies laser  
to longitudinal  
fields

In relativistic regime,  
photon x electrons  
and even protons  
couple **stronger**.

(Tajima, 1999  
@LLNL;  
Esirkepov et al.,  
PRL,2004) <sup>46</sup>

# Beyond intensity $10^{24}\text{W/cm}^2$ ions move relativistically like $e^-$

Relativistic and monoenergetic ion beam may constitute  
compact colliders of ions  
→ QCD vacuum exploration

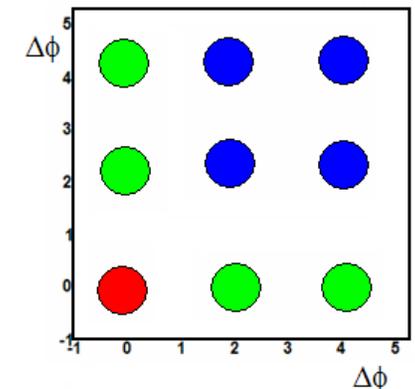
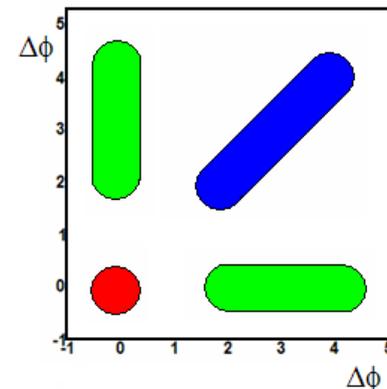
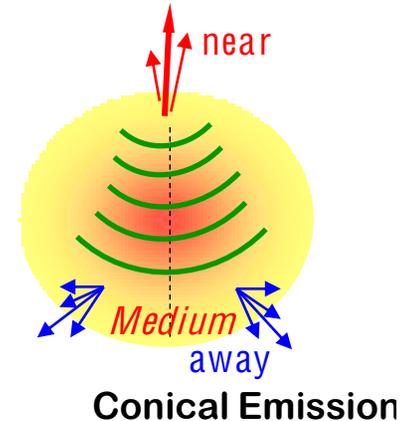
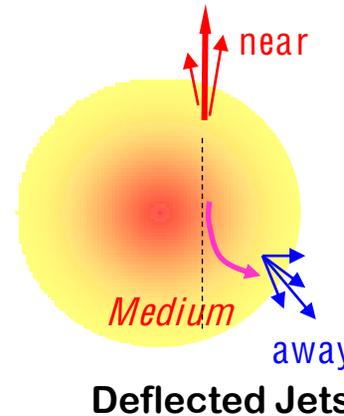
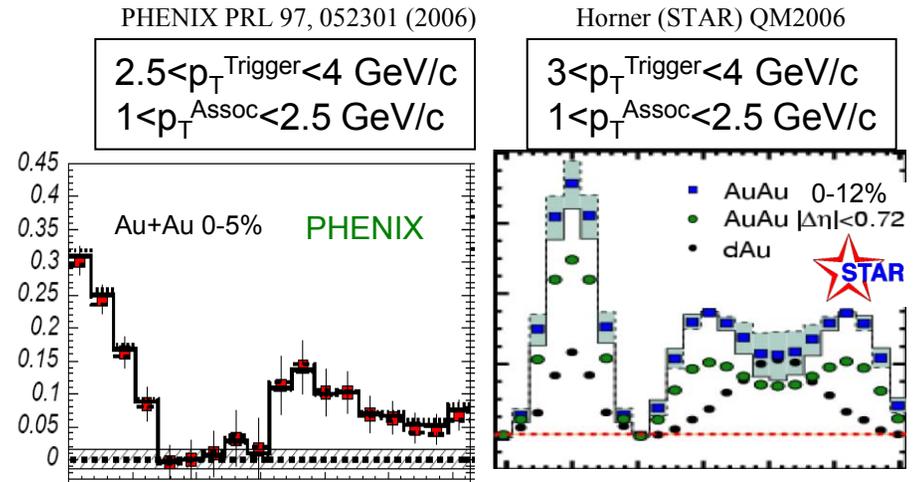


(Bulanov et al, 2004)

# Nuclear wakefields

J. Ulery (2007)

- Broadened and maybe double humped structure on the away-side in 2-particle correlations.
- Could be caused by:
  - Large angle gluon radiation (Vitev and Polsa and Salgado).
  - Deflected jets, due to flow (Armesto, Salgado and Wiedemann) and/or path length dependent energy loss (Chiu and Hwa).
  - Hydrodynamic conical flow from mach cone shock-waves (Stoecker, Casalderrey-Solanda, Shuryak and Teaney, Renk, Ruppert and Muller).
  - Cerenkov gluon radiation (Dremin, Koch).
- Three-particle correlations to distinguish them.

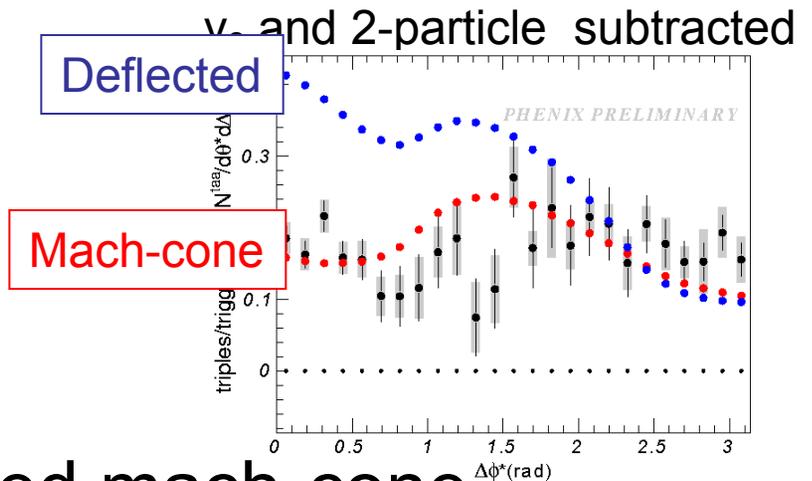
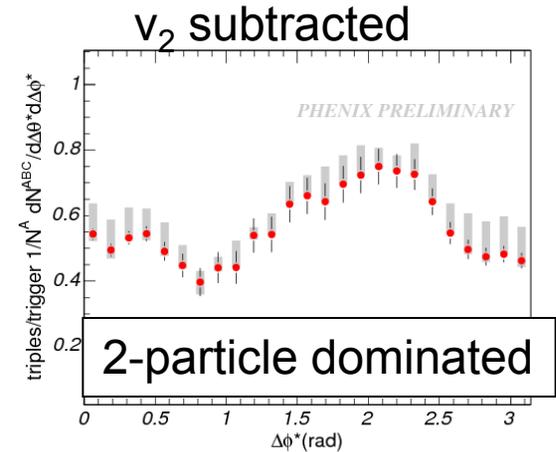
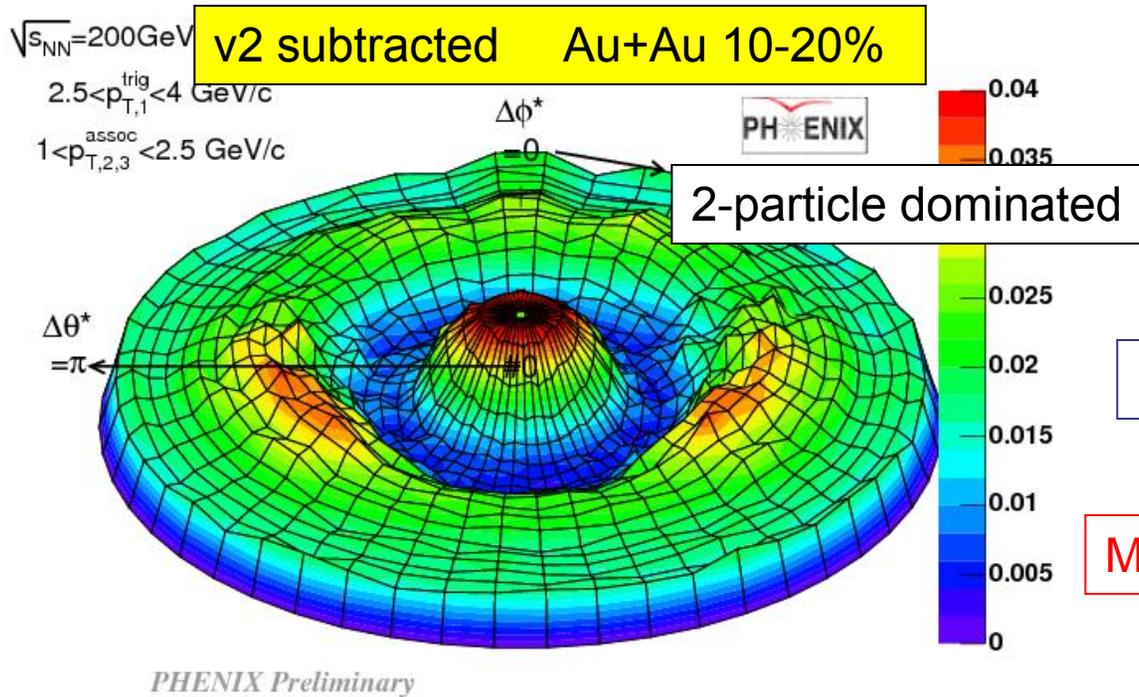


# PHENIX Results: Nuclear Wake

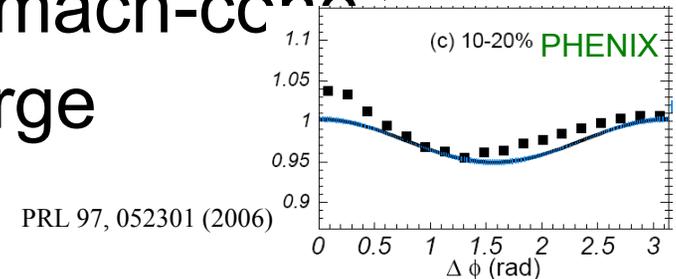
$\Delta\phi^*$  Projections

J. Ulery (2007)

Ajitanand (PHENIX) HP06, IWCF'06



- Shape consistent with simulated mach-cone
- 3-particle/2-particle  $\sim 1/3$ , very large
  - Residual background?



# summary

- Contemporary problems to solve in front of us
- Ultrafast intense **laser**: introduces new ways to revitalize nuclear physics
- **Laser** Compton  $\gamma$ -rays: first and main access to **photonuclear physics**
- **Laser** allows: pump and probe in zs regimes of nuclear reactions ('streaking' observation); **laser** and  $\gamma$  beams collaborate toward marriage of two disciplines of science for new nuclear physics
- Transform nuclear physics with clear specific control: basic science and applications
- $\gamma$  beam can drive compact cold neutron beams
- New fundamental physics approach by the combination of intense **laser** + brilliant  $\gamma$  beam: s.a. vacuum physics
- Nuclear fuel monitoring and waste verification

# Pascal Lecture Plan

(tentative, need your feedback)

- Oct.22: First Lecture (General) “ Laser Acceleration and High Field Science: 1979-2009”
- Nov.18: Second Lecture “Laser Electron Acceleration and its Future”
- Dec.9: Third Lecture “Laser Ion Acceleration”
- January 20,2010: “Relativistic Engineering”
- March 10: “Photonuclear Physics”
- April 14: “High Field Science”
- May: “Medical Applications”
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