

# Polarized Atomic Physics Program at GSI/FAIR

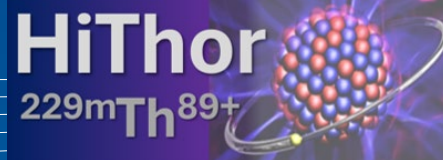
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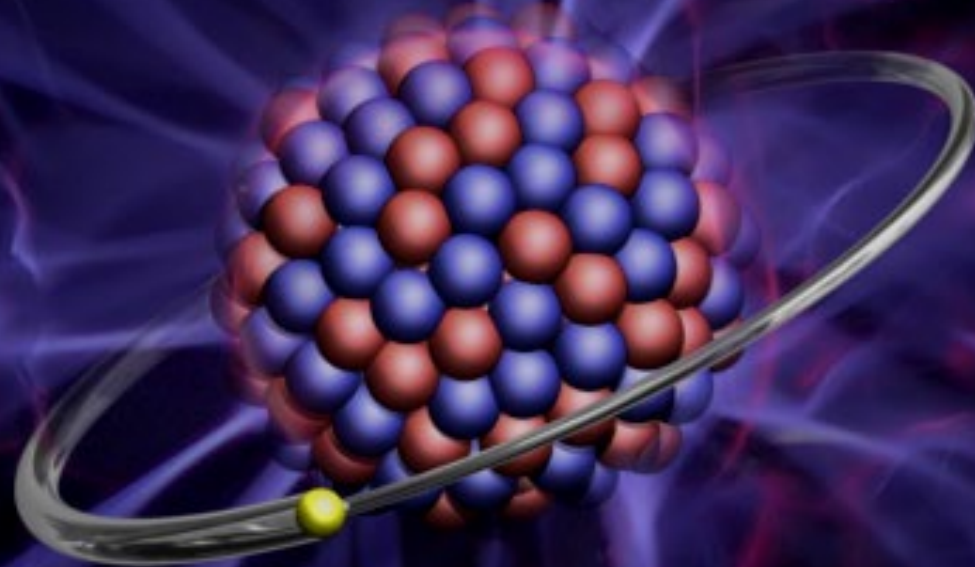
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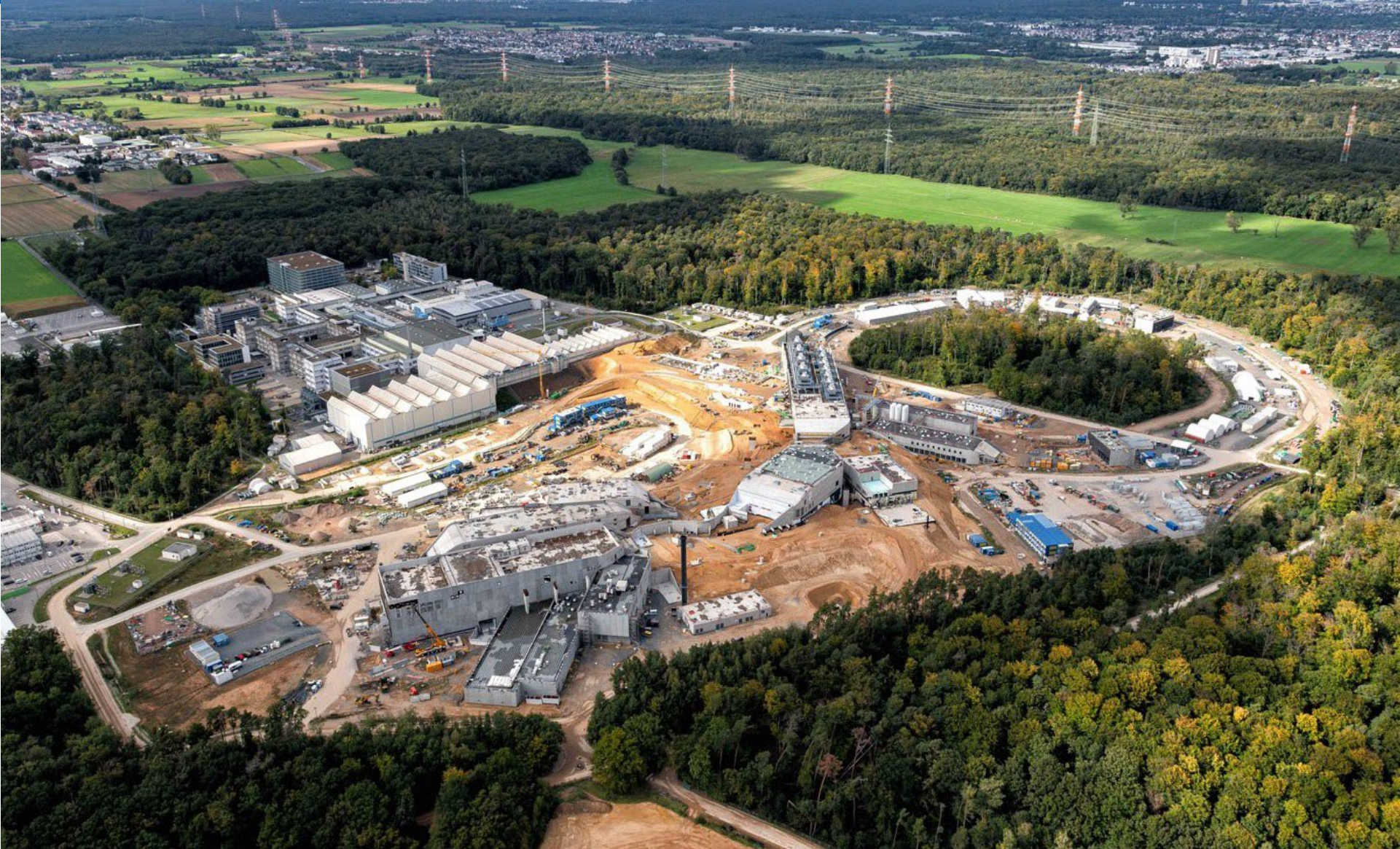
# Electromagnetic

## Fields

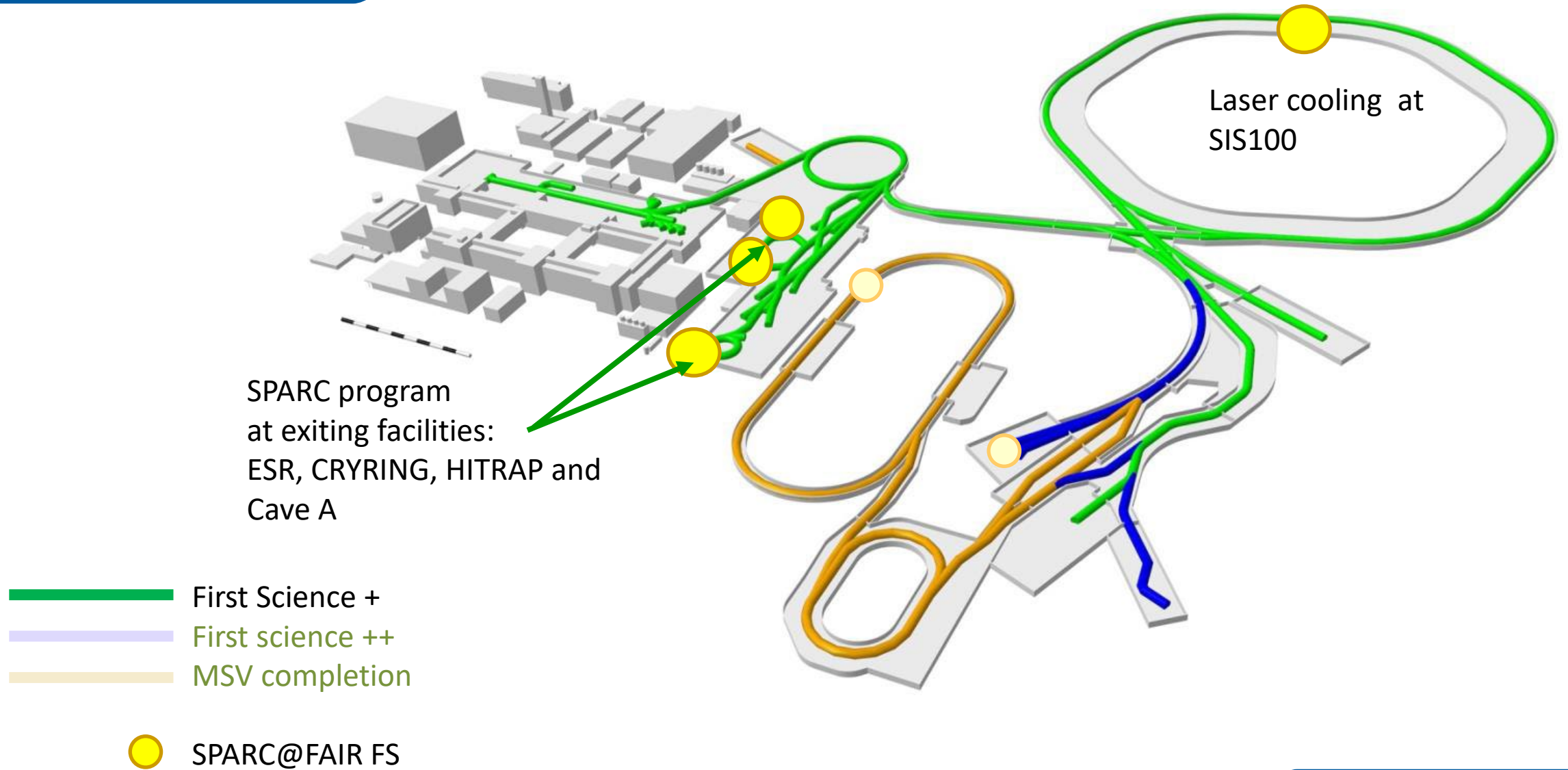
- QED at the Schwinger-Limit
- Correlated multi-body dynamics
- Astrophysical phenomena involving exotic ions/nuclei
- Borderline between atomic and nuclear physics
- Fundamentals



# FAIR: Civil Construction



# SPARC at GSI/FAIR

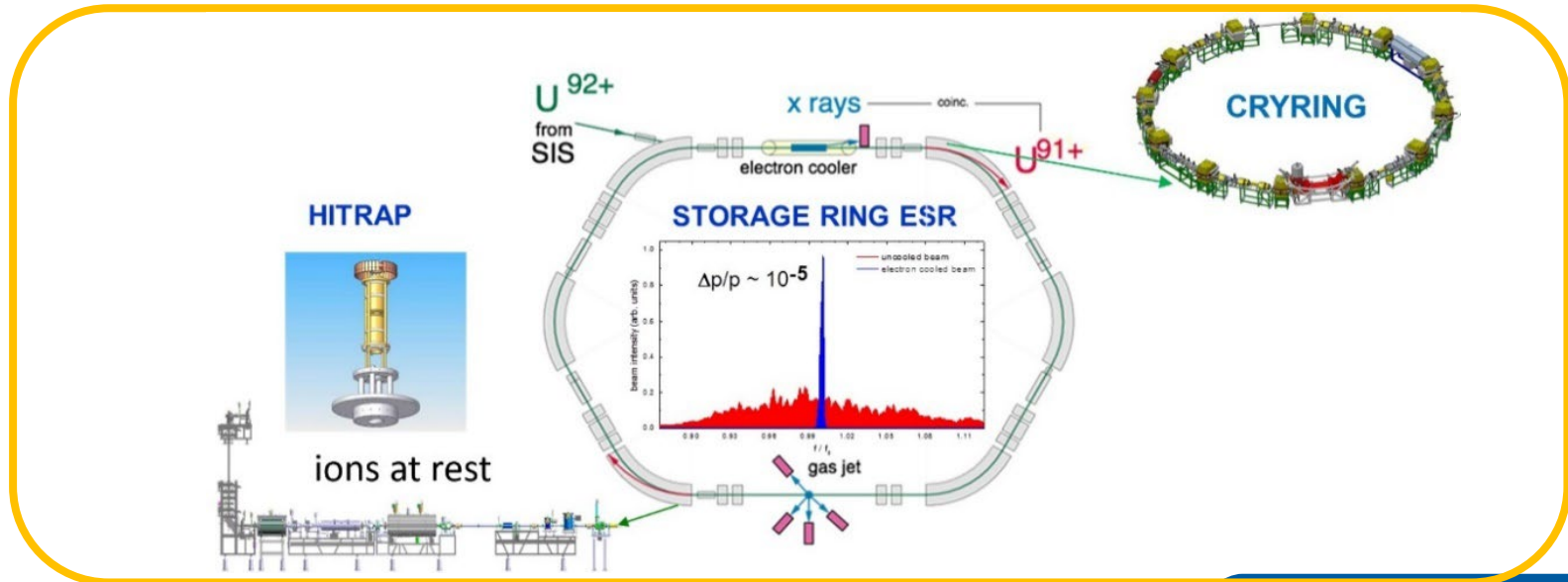
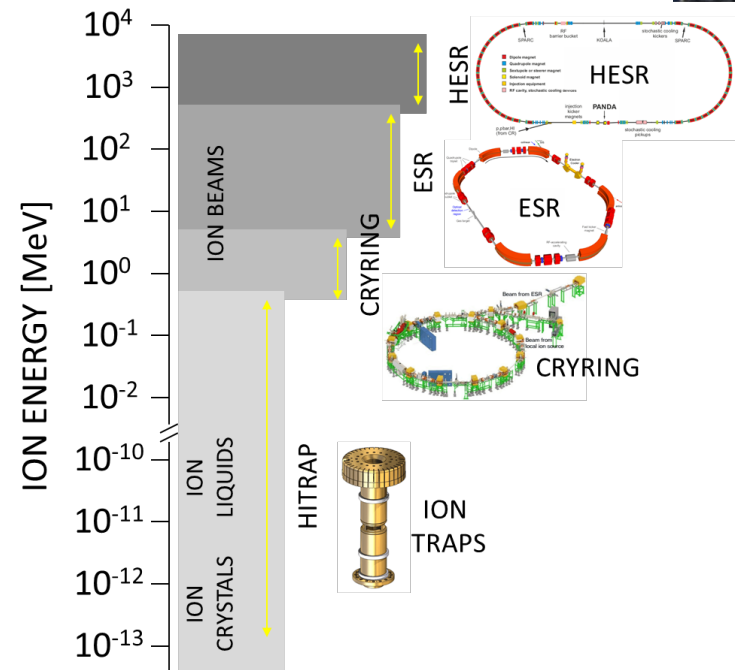


# Precision Domain of FAIR: Trapping & Storage of HCl Atomic, Quantum, and Fundamental Physics



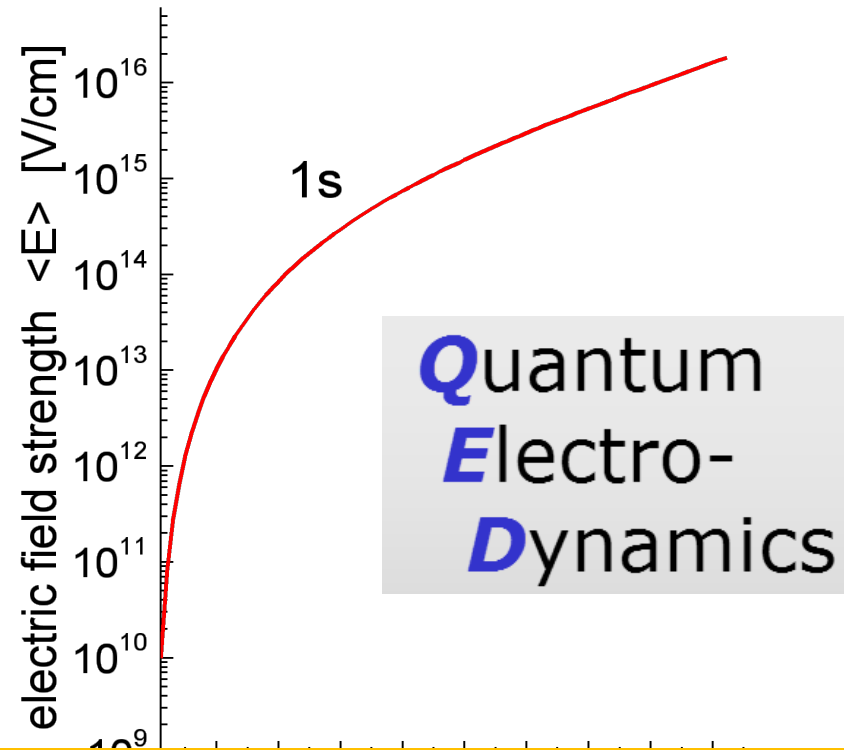
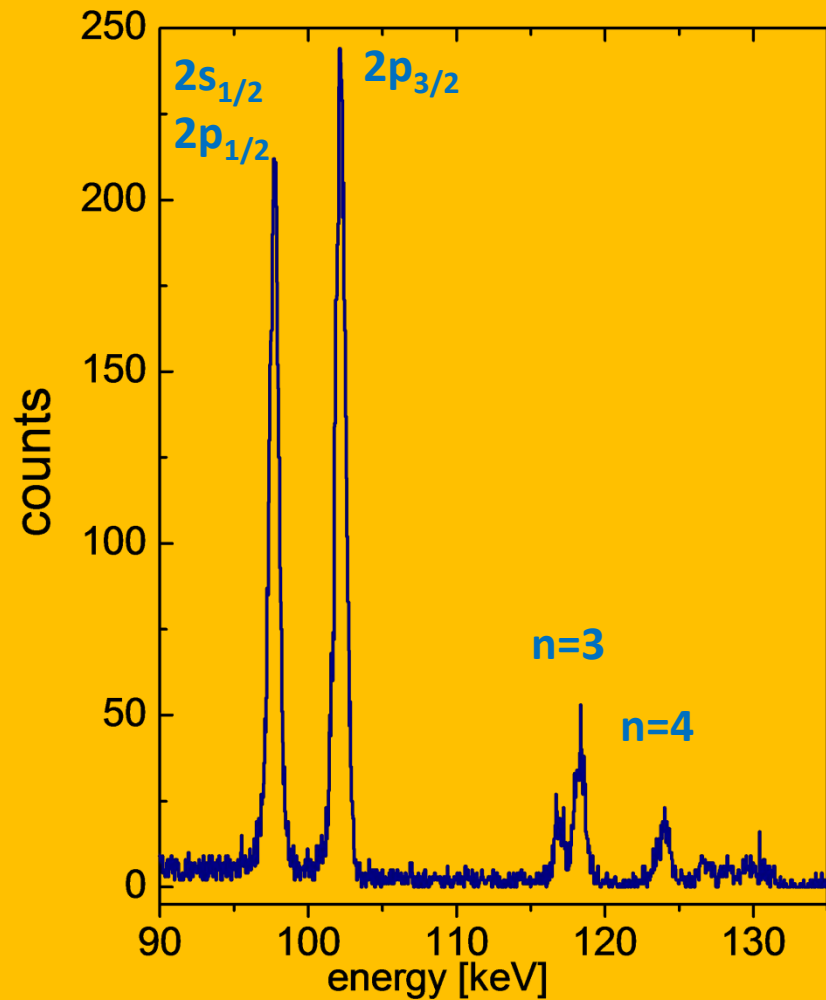
## HITRAP, CRYRING@ESR, ESR: Existing Facilities of FAIR

From rest to relativistic energies (up to 4.9 GeV/u)



# Structural properties of heavy ions

$$\alpha Z \approx 1$$



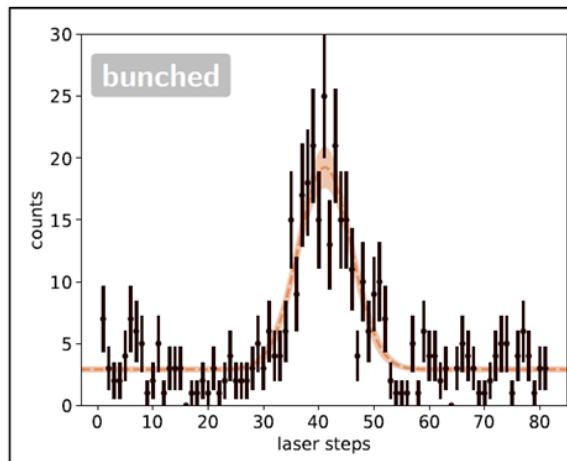
QED, the most precise theory  
in the non-perturbative regime  
- not well-known up to now!

# Laser Excitation of an Accelerator-Produced Isotope at the ESR

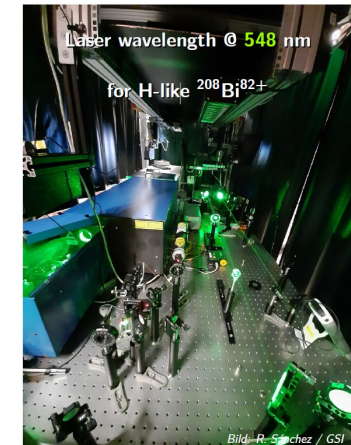
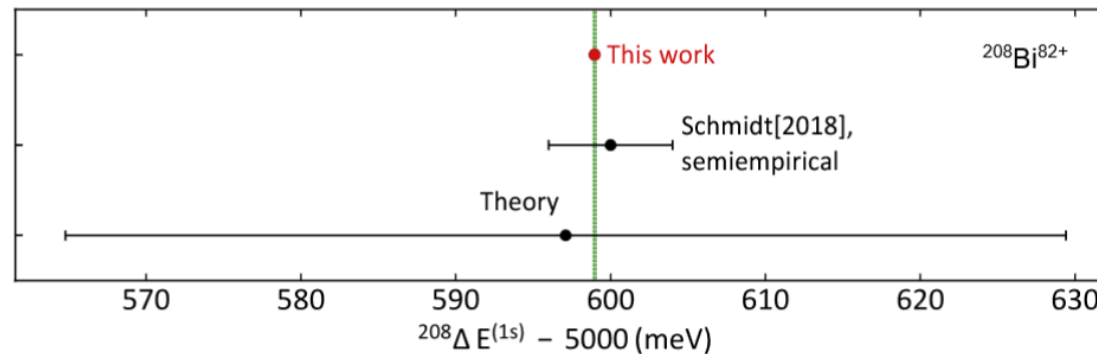
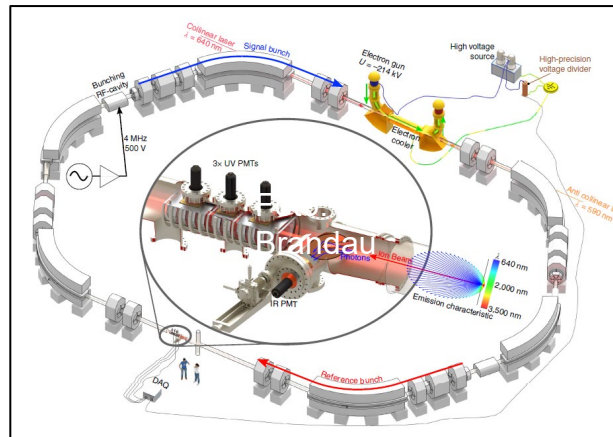
In ring laser experiments: a test of strong-field QED with  $10^5$  ions

$^{208}\text{Bi}^{82+}$  ( $Z=83$ )

Due to high relativistic velocity ( $\beta \approx 0.7$ ), substantial Doppler blue shift of laser light (factor  $\approx 2.5$ ). No VUV laser required.



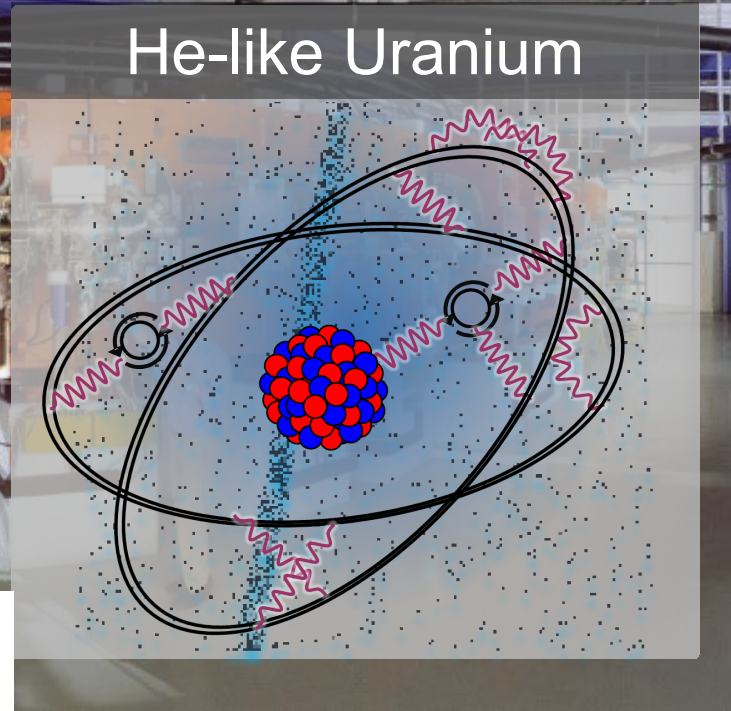
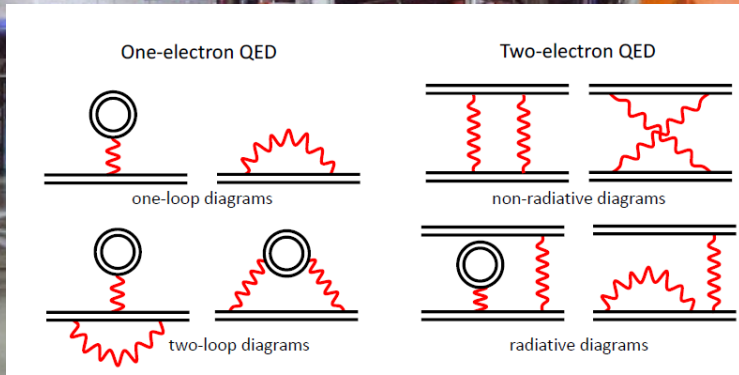
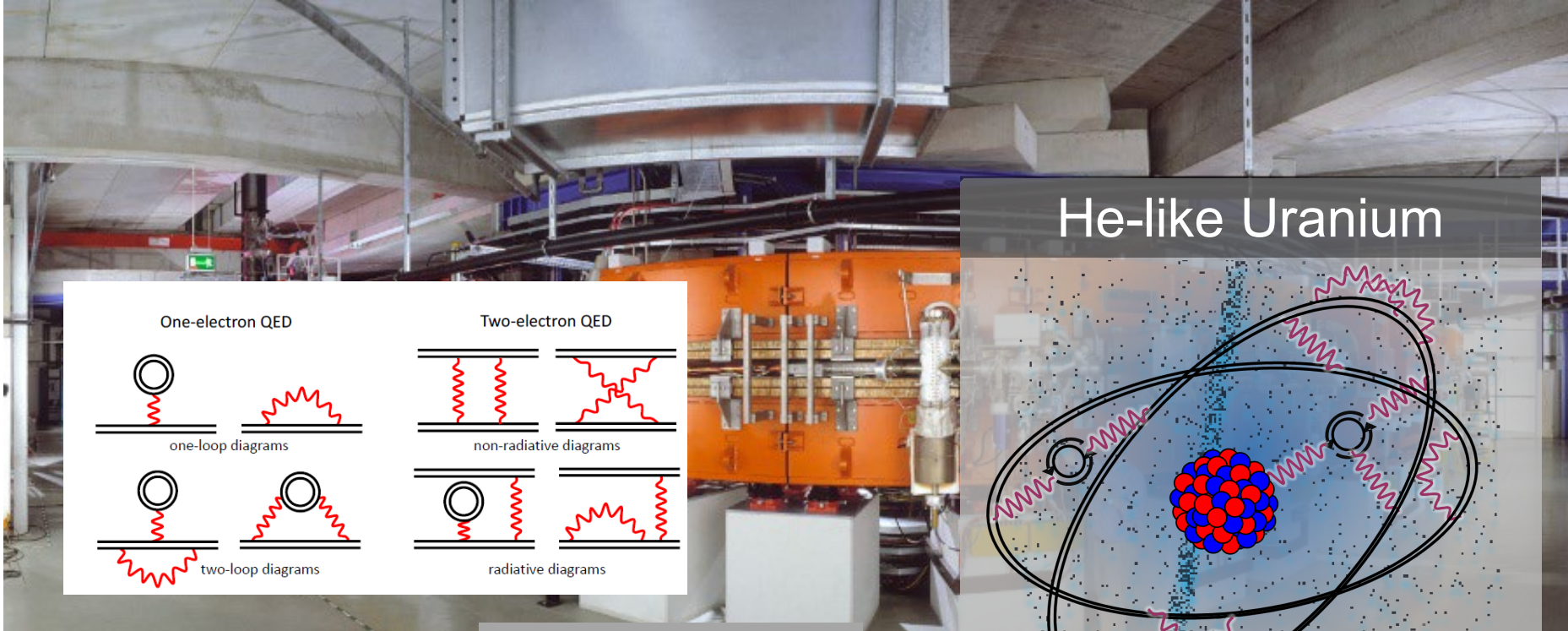
Total accumulation time: 30 min



# Testing quantum electrodynamics in extreme fields using helium-like uranium

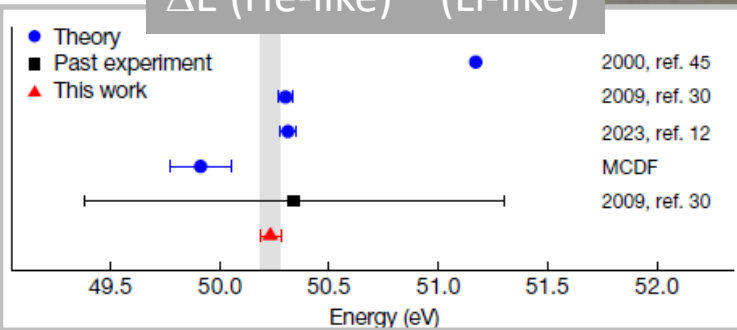
## Intrashell transition in He-like uranium

$$\alpha Z \approx 1$$

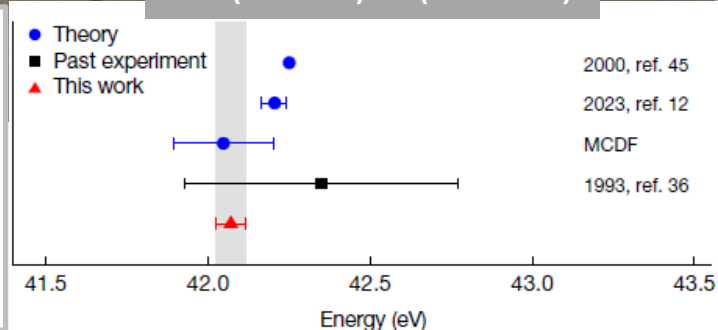


He-like Uranium

$\Delta E$  (He-like) – (Li-like)



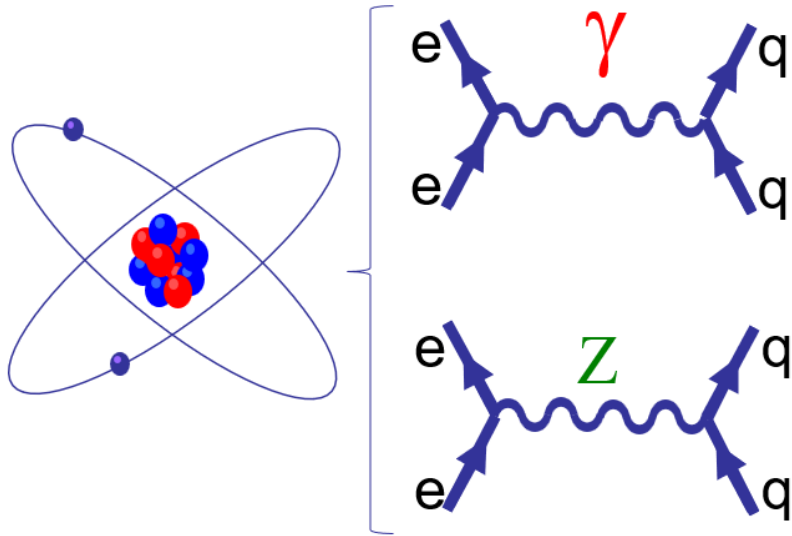
$\Delta E$  (Li-like) – (Be-like)



nature

R. Loetzsch et al., Nature 625, 673 (2024)

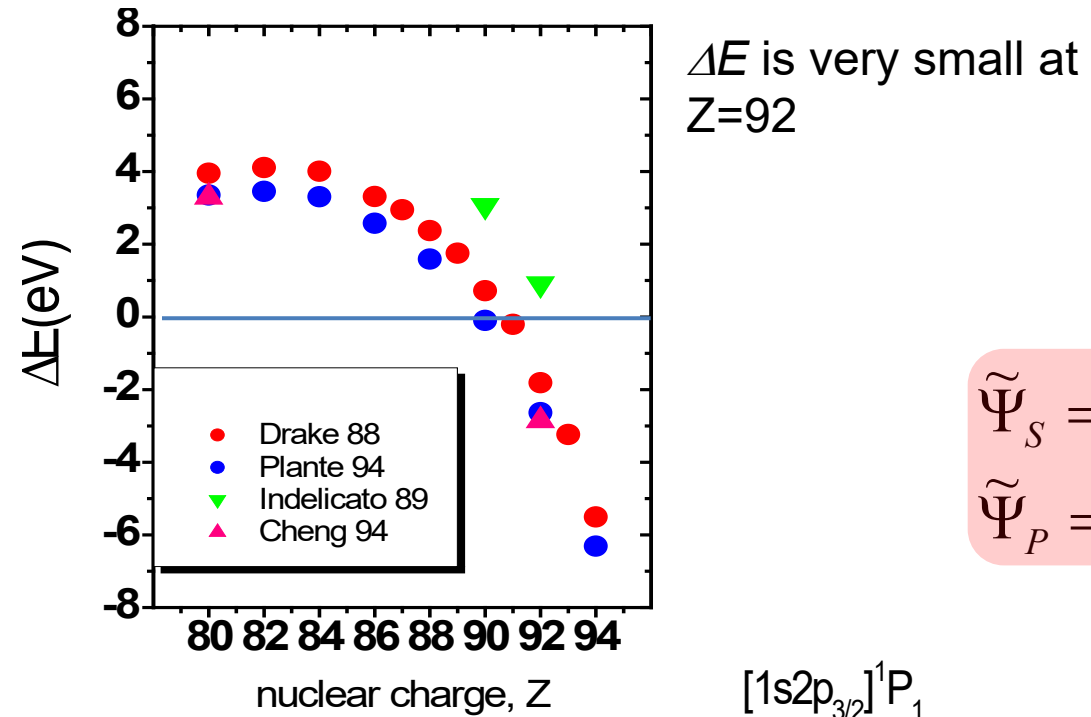
# Parity violation in He-like uranium



- Mixing coefficient for the states with opposite parities:

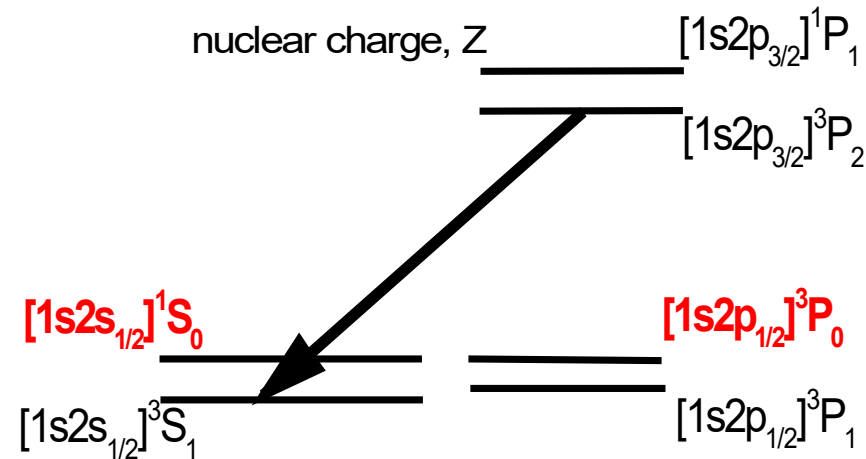
$$\eta = \frac{\langle \Psi_S | G_F / 2\sqrt{2} (1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_w - N/Z) \rho_{el} \gamma_5 | \Psi_P \rangle}{E_S - E_P}$$

Energy splitting should be small!



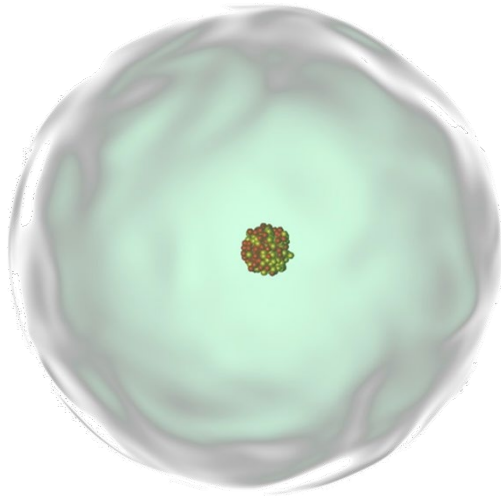
$$\tilde{\Psi}_S = \Psi_S + \eta \Psi_P$$

$$\tilde{\Psi}_P = \Psi_P + \eta \Psi_S$$

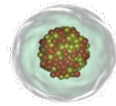


# Highly charged ions as probes for new physics

Neutral atom



Hydrogen-like ion



$^{207}\text{Pb}^{81+}$

- **Simple**  $\Rightarrow$  atomic properties accurately predicted
- High charge  $\Rightarrow$  **extreme electromagnetic fields**
  - **High sensitivity** to fundamental and unknown physics
  - **Robust** against external perturbations

Gross structure	$Z^2$
Fine structure	$Z^4$
Hyperfine structure	$Z^3$
QED Lamb shift	$Z^4$
Bohr radius	$Z^{-1}$

$Z$  ... Proton number

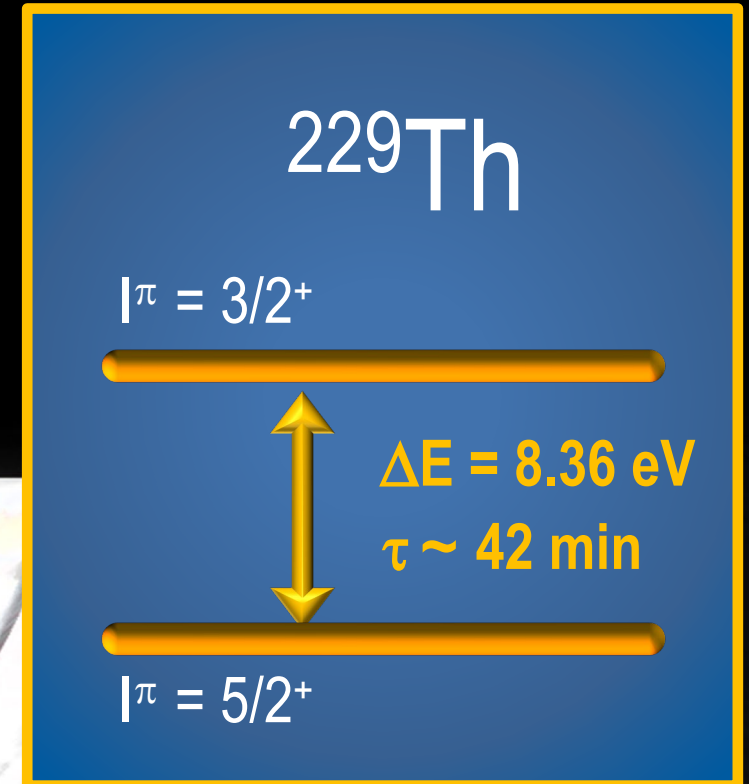
2 <sup>nd</sup> -order Stark shift	$Z^{-4}$
Black-body radiation shift	negligible
Electric-quadrupole shift	$Z^{-2}$
1 <sup>st</sup> -order Zeeman shift	$Z^0$
2 <sup>nd</sup> -order Zeeman shift	suppressed
Motional shifts	$Z^0$
Collisional shift	negligible

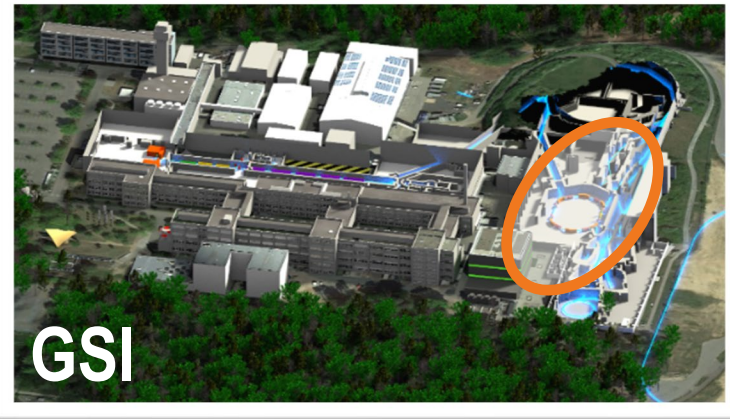
# $^{229}\text{Th}$ : A Unique Candidate for a Nuclear Optical Frequency Standard

The only known nucleus accessible with present lasers!

$^{229}\text{Th}$ -clock idea: E. Peik and Chr. Tamm, EPL **61**, 181 (2003)

- $^{229}\text{Th}$  clock
  - Frequency metrology to 19 digits
  - One order of magnitude better than best atomic clocks
- **Nuclear clocks:** Robust against external perturbations
- **Broad range of applications**
- **Nuclear clocks are ideal for the search of physics beyond the standard model**

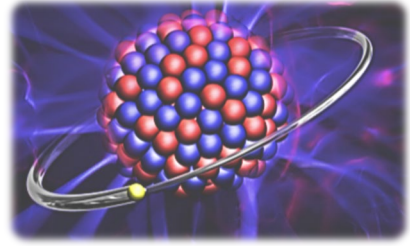




## Ion storage ring and traps at GSI

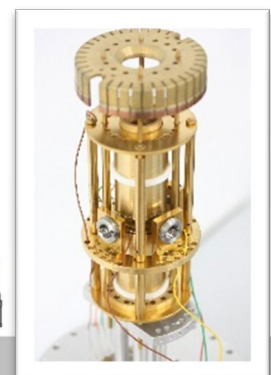
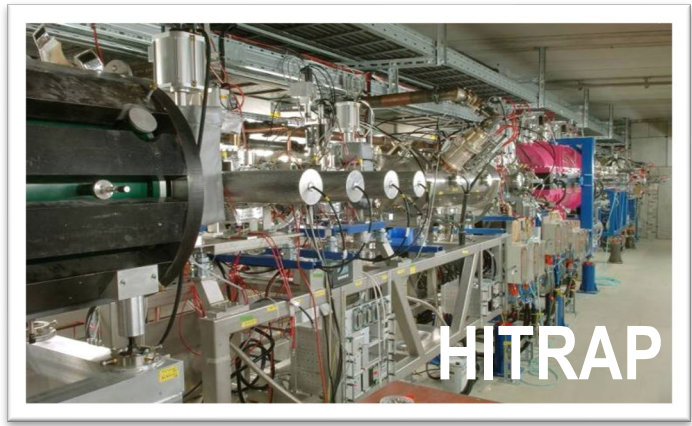


$^{229}\text{Th}^{89+}$

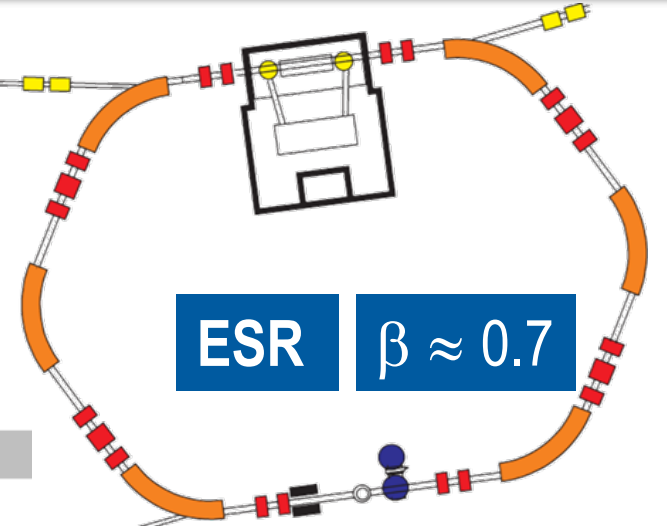
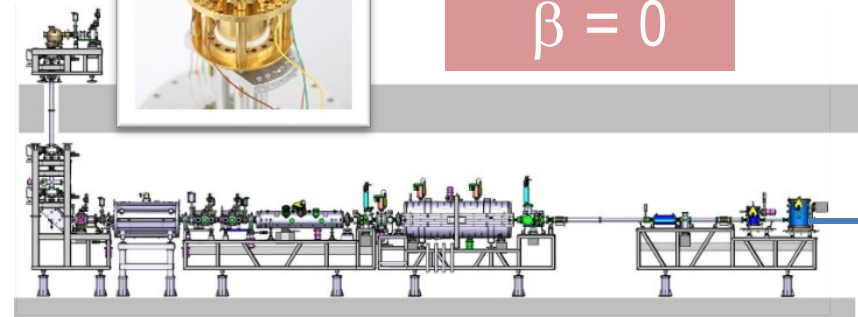


Uranium beam from synchrotron

$^{229}\text{Th}$  production target



**HITRAP**  
 $\beta = 0$

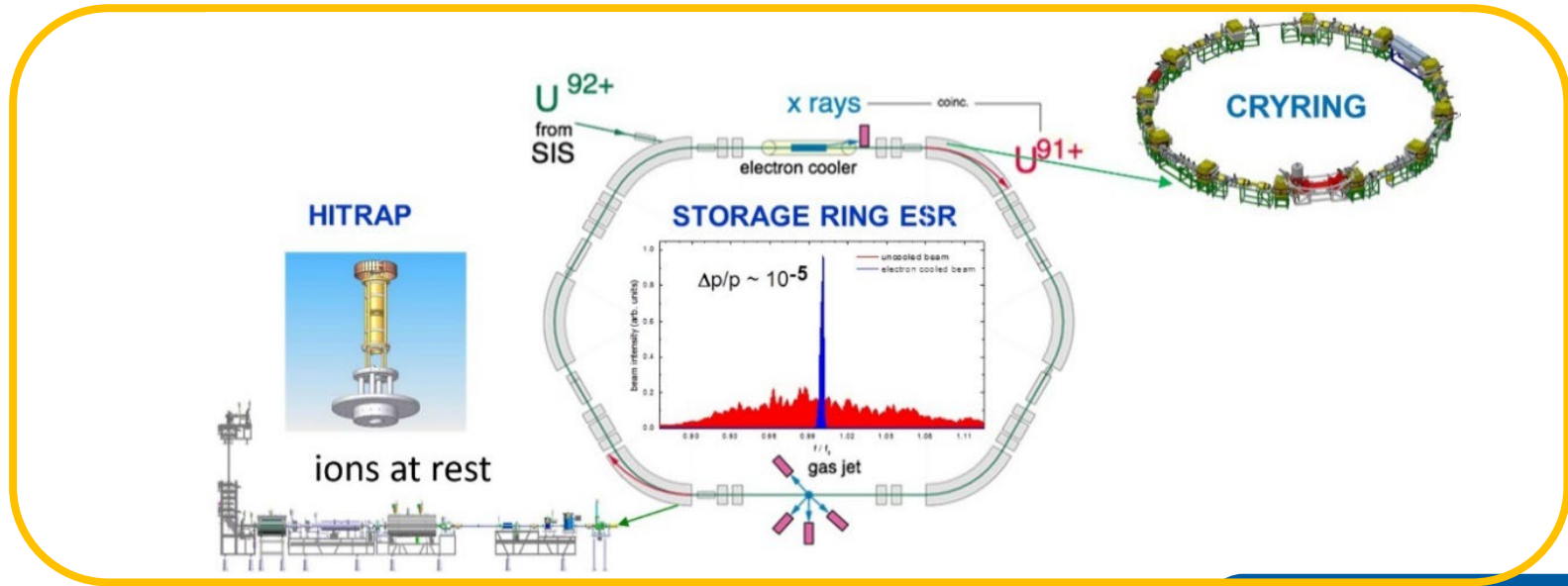
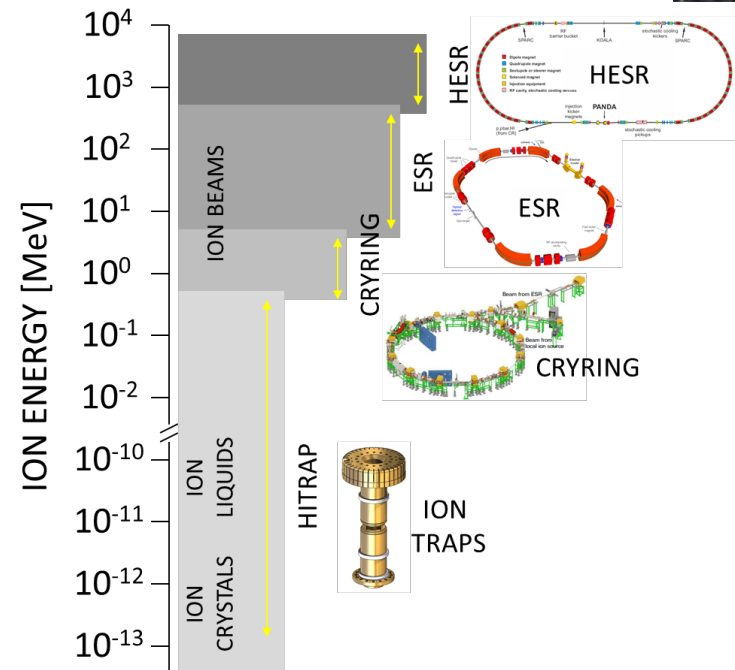


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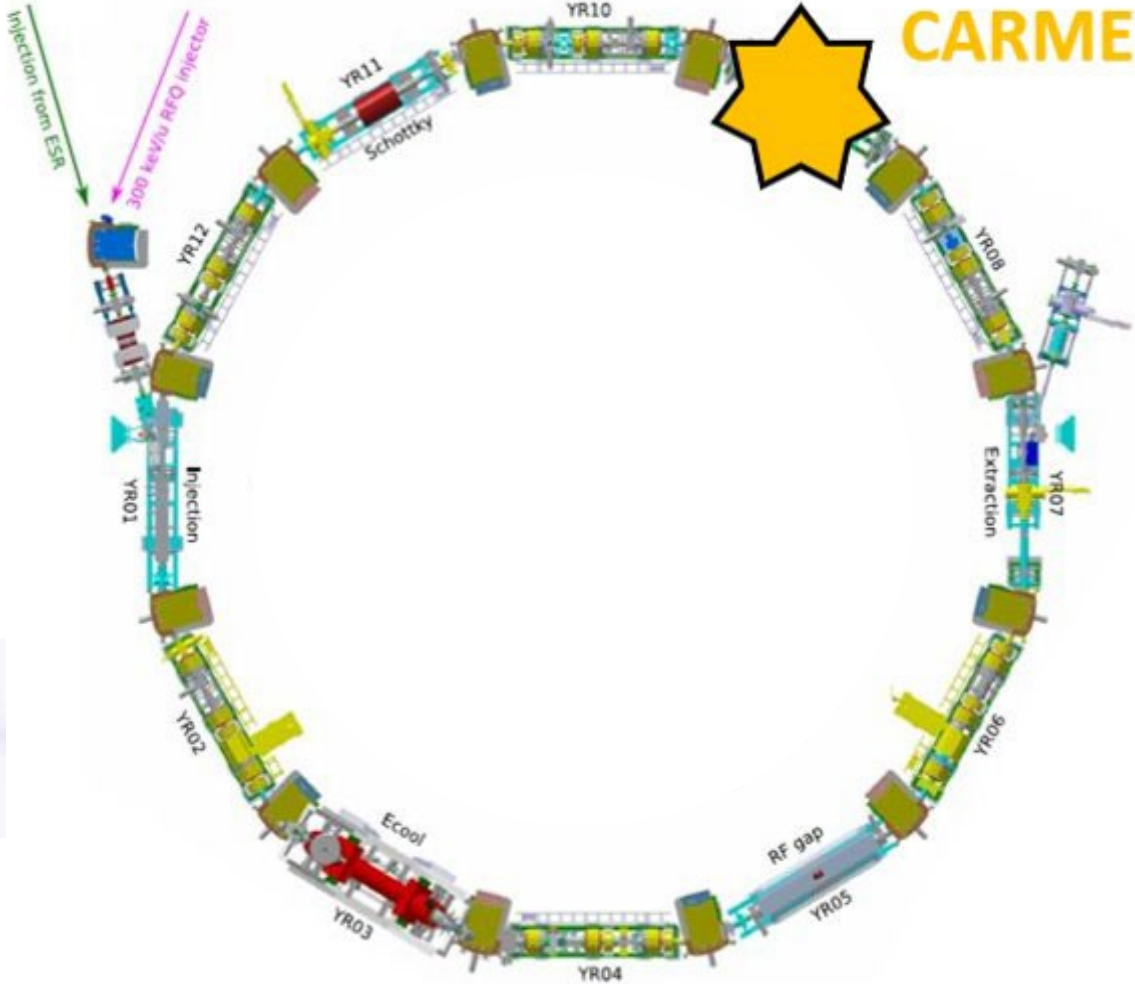
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# CARME@CRYRING – 2025 beamtime updates

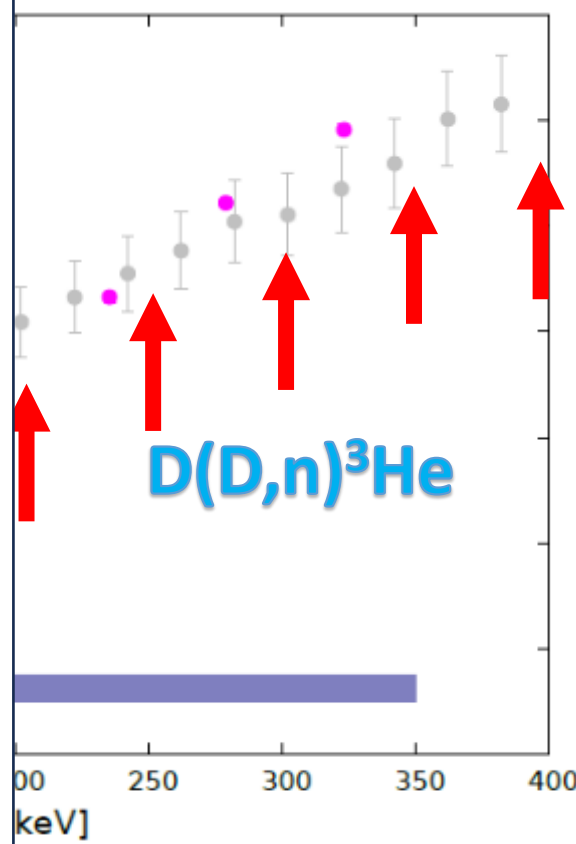
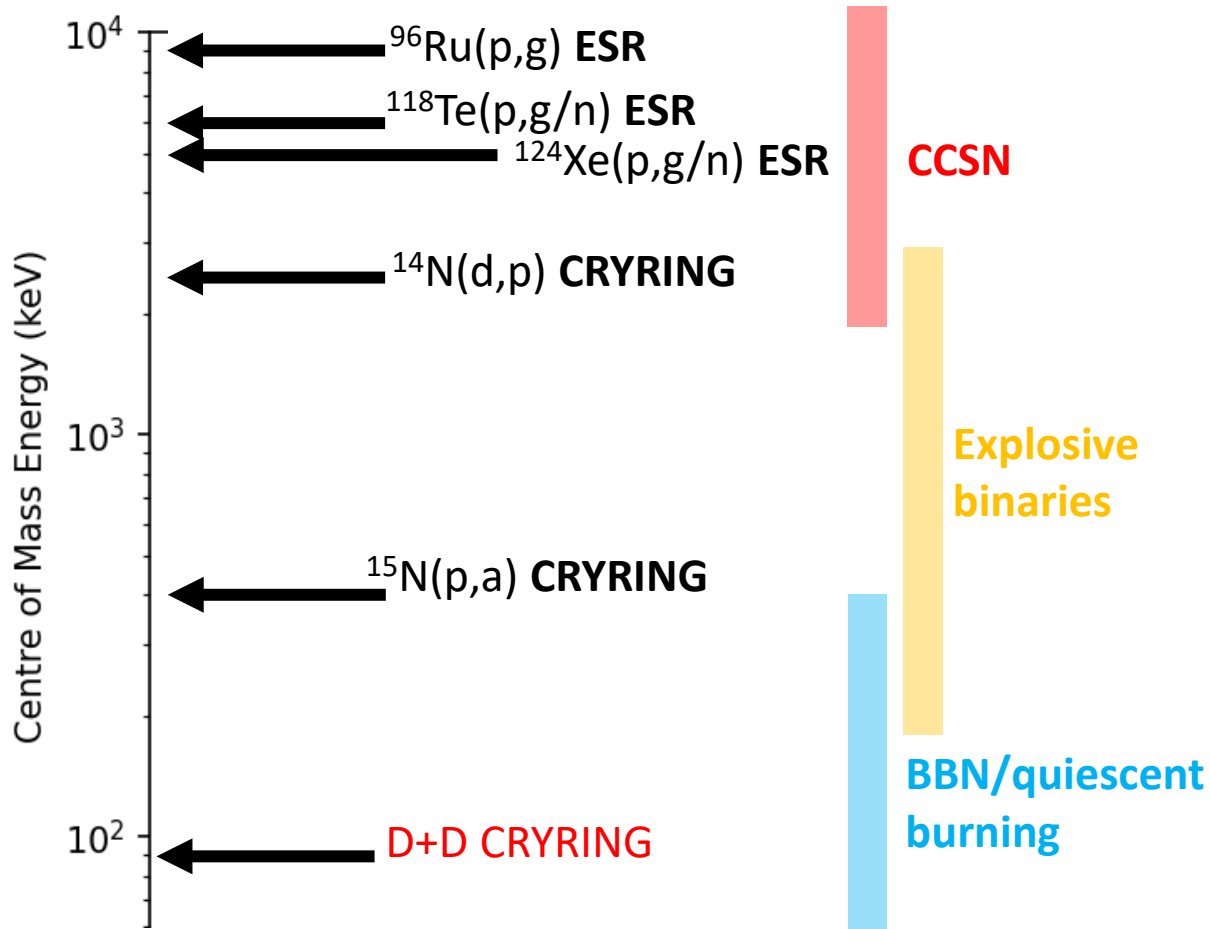
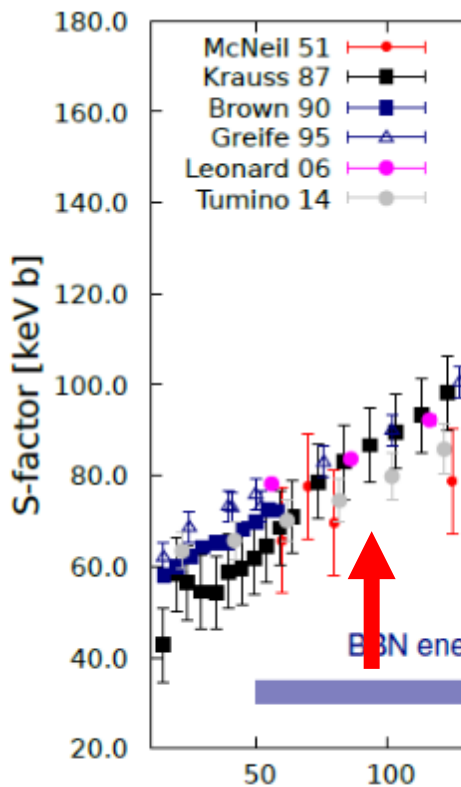
Jordan Marsh  
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# D+D

We managed to measure the cross-section at 1.5 MeV, 1 MeV, 750 keV and 500 keV

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{1}{E} e^{-2\pi\eta} S(E)$$

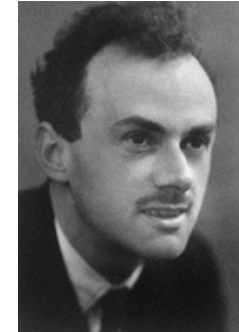
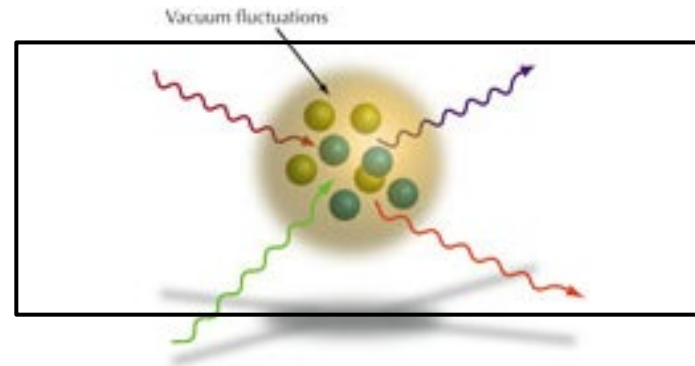


# Observation of Vacuum Birefringence

Vacuum has a **structure** which can be observed by perturbing it and probing it!



## Vacuum

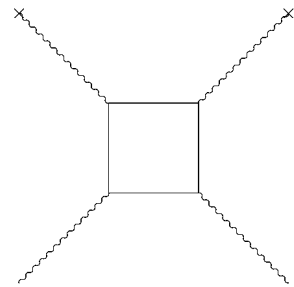


But: Euler and Heisenberg: „ ... even in situations where the photon energy is not sufficient for matter production, its virtual possibility will result in a ‘polarization of vacuum’ and hence in an alteration of Maxwell’s equations“ 1936

**Strong electric field induced phase shift of a electromagnetic wave in birefringent vacuum.**

Elastic scattering between real photons and “virtual” photons of the nuclear Coulomb field

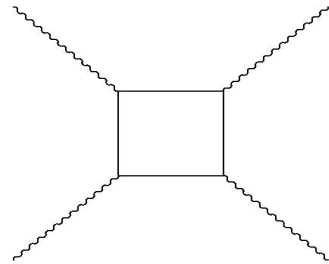
## Delbrück Scattering in Nuclear Coulomb Fields



The crosses indicate the field of a heavy nucleus with (bismuth ( $Z=83$ ), etc...)

Delbrück Scattering is still a challenge !

## Photon – Photon Scattering



Not yet measured: Elastic scattering between real photons

# Observation of Vacuum Birefringence

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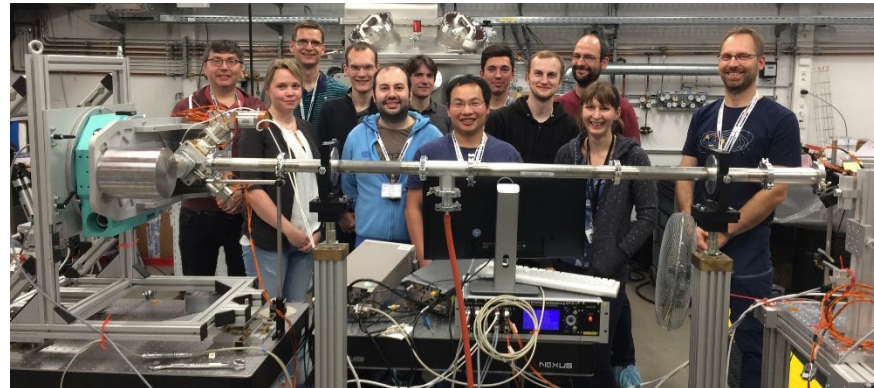
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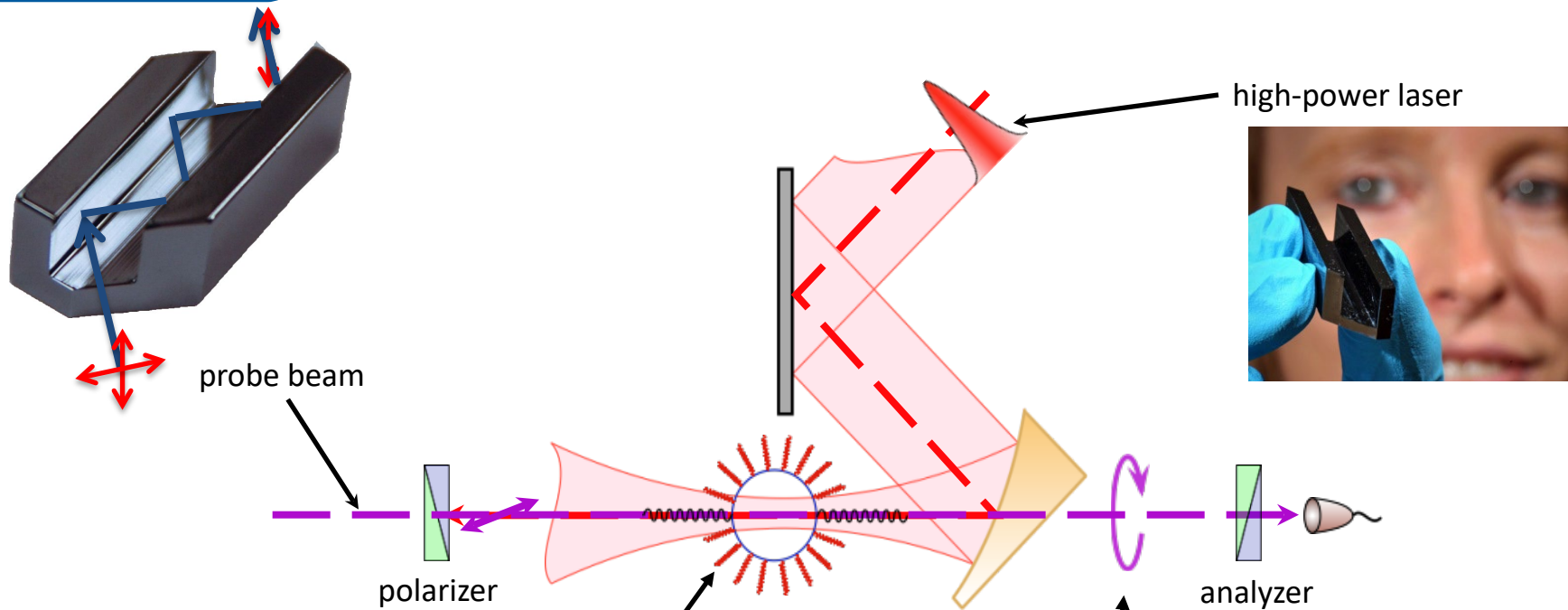
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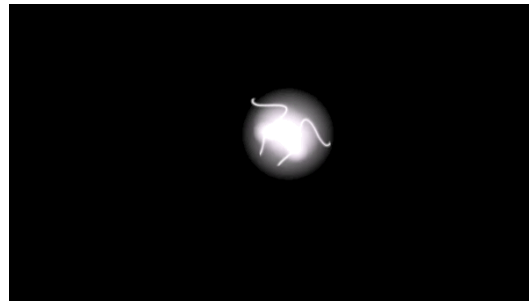
# Detection of vacuum birefringence

[T. Heinzl *et al.*, Optics Communications 267 (2006)]



Probed medium: quantum mechanical vacuum

W. Heisenberg, H. Euler, Z. Phys., 1936



$$\text{ellipticity: } \Delta\Phi^2 = \left( \frac{4\alpha \cdot z_0 \cdot I}{15 \cdot \lambda \cdot I_c} \right)^2$$

$\alpha$  - fine structure constant

$z_0$  - interaction length

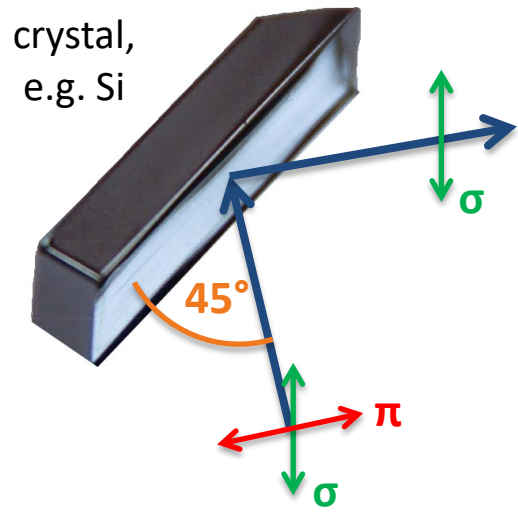
$\lambda$  - probe wavelength

$I$  - peak intensity

$I_c = 4.4 \times 10^{29} \text{ W/cm}^2$  - critical intensity

Courtesy of Annika Tamara Schmitt

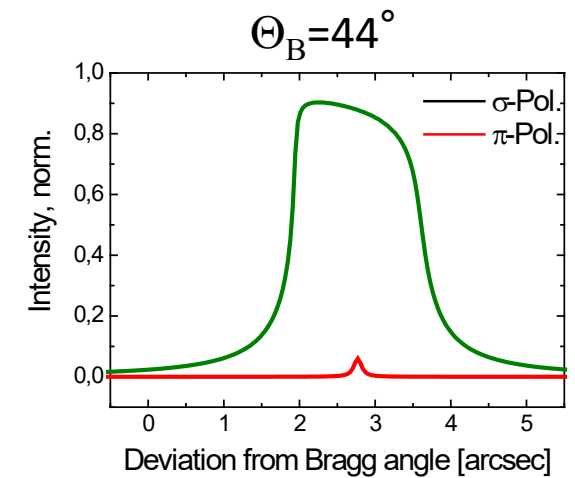
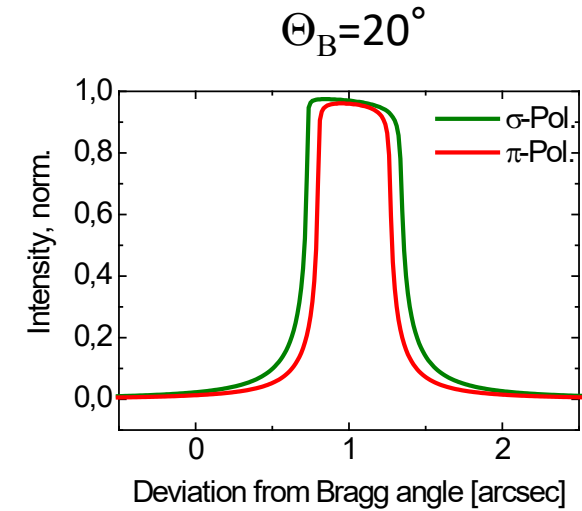
# Polarizers based on Bragg diffraction close to 45°



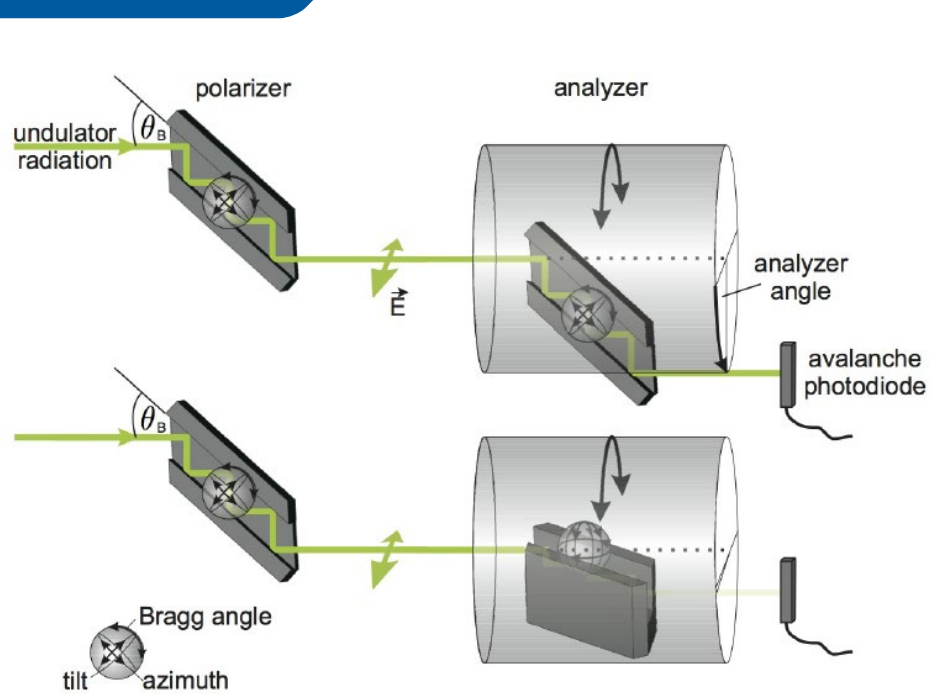
Bragg condition  
 $2d \sin \Theta_B = \lambda$


$d$  ... lattice distance  
 $\Theta_B$  ... Bragg angle  
 $\lambda$  ... wavelength

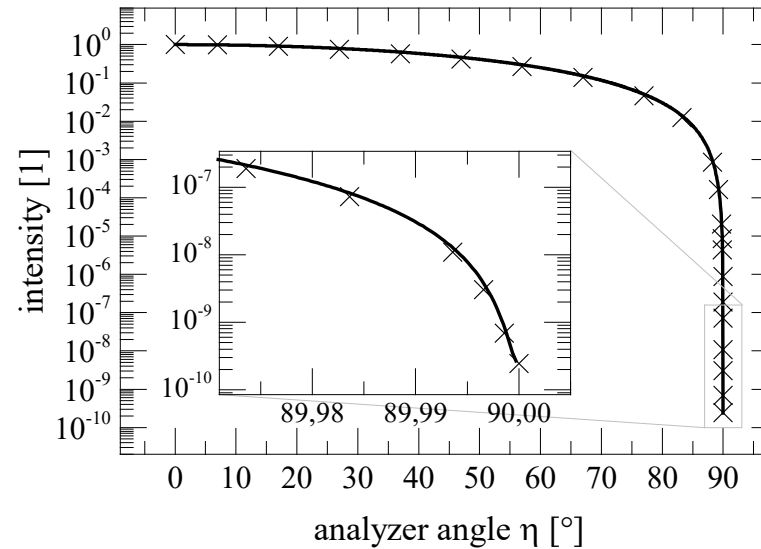
→  $\pi$ -component vanishes  
at  $\Theta_B = 45^\circ$



# Polarization purity of silicon polarimeter



measurement at ID06   
with 6 reflections per crystal



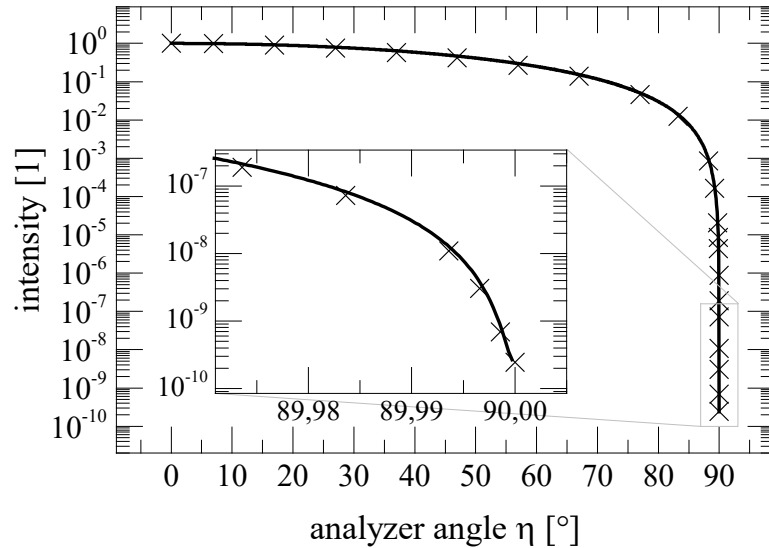
$$I_x/I_0 = 2.4 \cdot 10^{-10} @ E_{ph} = 6457 \text{ eV, Si 400 Reflex}$$

$$I_x/I_0 = 5.7 \cdot 10^{-10} @ E_{ph} = 12914 \text{ eV, Si 800 Reflex}$$

B. Marx, *et al.*, PRL 110, 2013

Experimental results limited by divergence and detour excitation!

# Limitations of the polarization purity



$I_x/I_0 = 2.4 \cdot 10^{-10}$   
@  $E_{ph} = 6457$  eV, Si 400 Reflex

B. Marx, *et al.*, PRL 110, 2013

$$\delta \geq \sigma_v^2 + \sigma_h^2$$

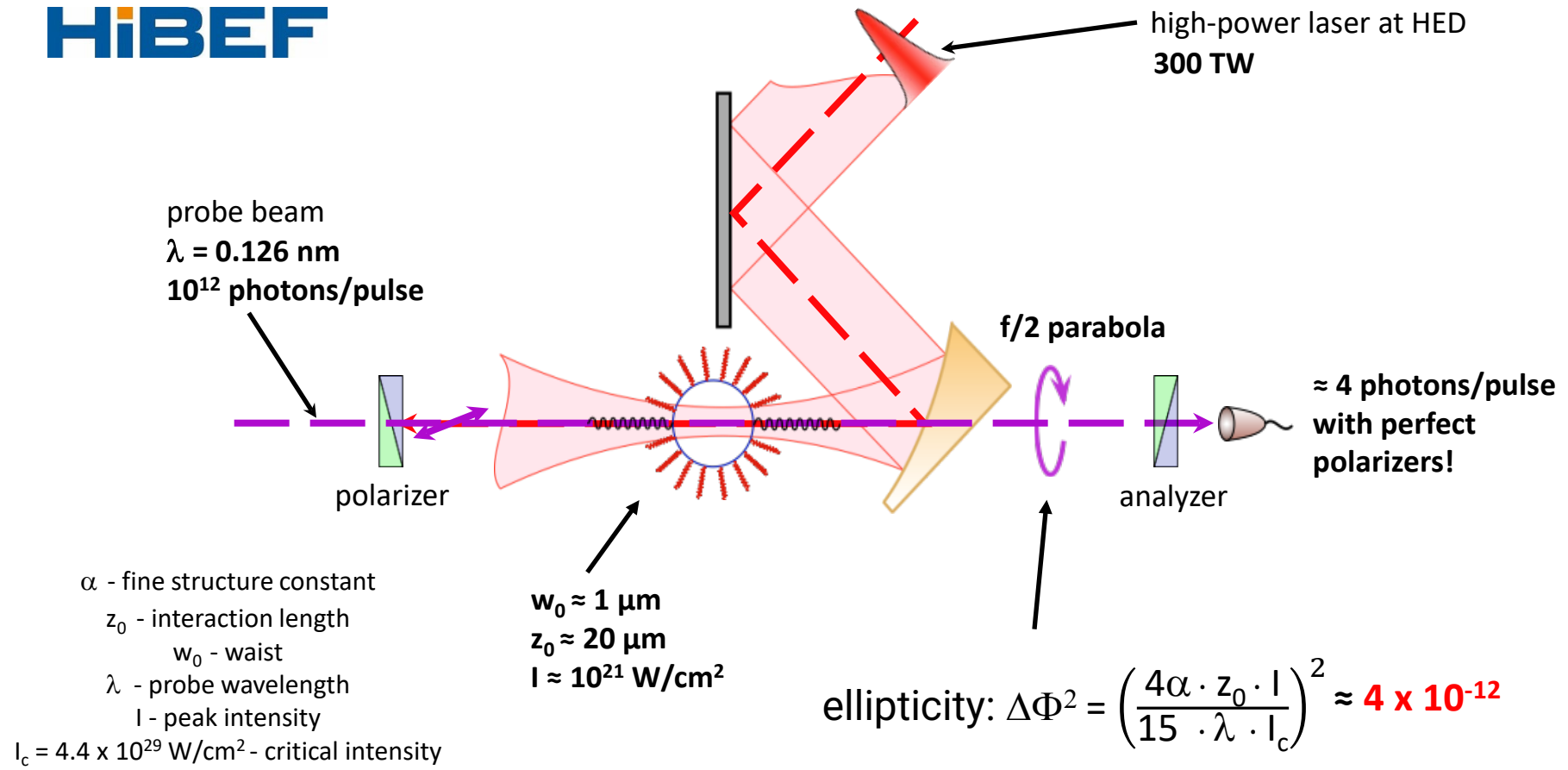
$\sigma_v$ ...vertical standard deviation of divergence  
 $\sigma_h$ ...horizontal standard deviation of divergence

synchrotrons ( $\sim 10$   $\mu$ rad):  
 $\delta > 10^{-10}$   
Europ. XFEL ( $\sim 1$   $\mu$ rad):  
 $\delta > 10^{-12}$

K. S. Schulze, Fundamental limitations of the polarization purity of x rays, APL Photonics **3** (2018)

# Detection of vacuum birefringence at HED of European XFEL

**HiBEF**

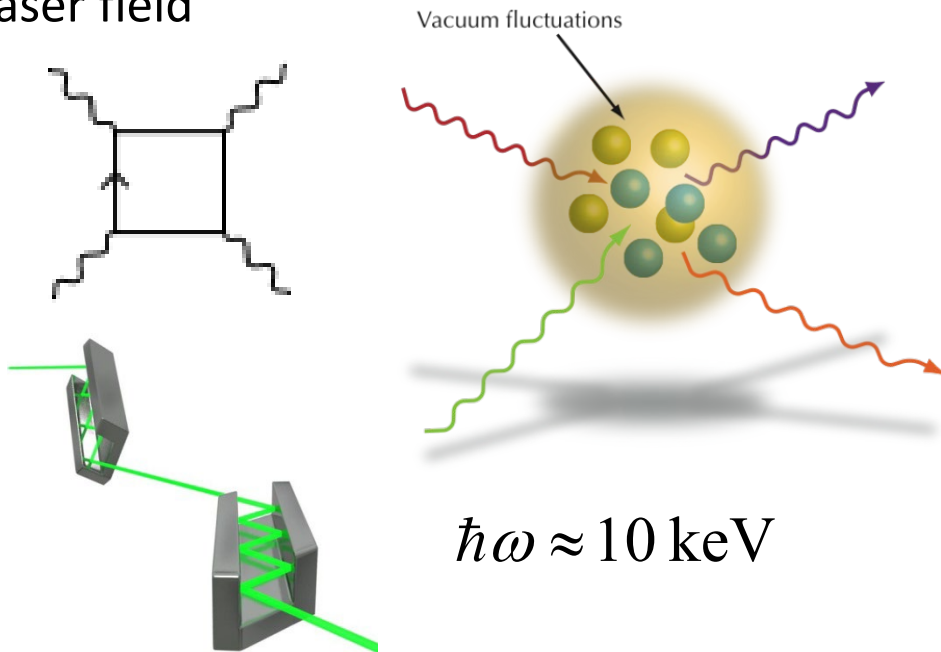


[F. Karbstein, Vacuum birefringence in the head-on collision of x-ray free-electron laser and optical high-intensity laser pulses, Phys. Rev. D 98 056010 (2018)]

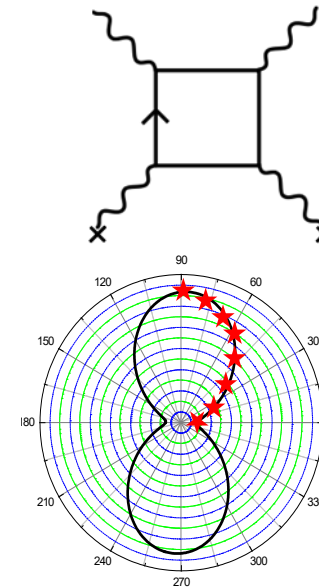
# Why studying elastic x-ray scattering?

Elastic scattering of photons by a potential: fundamental 2<sup>nd</sup> order QED process

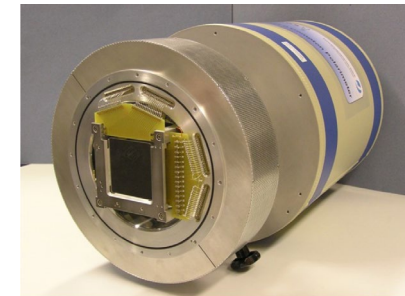
**Vacuum birefringence:** scattering from vacuum fluctuations induced by a strong laser field



**Delbrück scattering:** scattering from vacuum fluctuations induced by the Coulomb potential of a nucleus



$\hbar\omega > 1000 \text{ keV}$

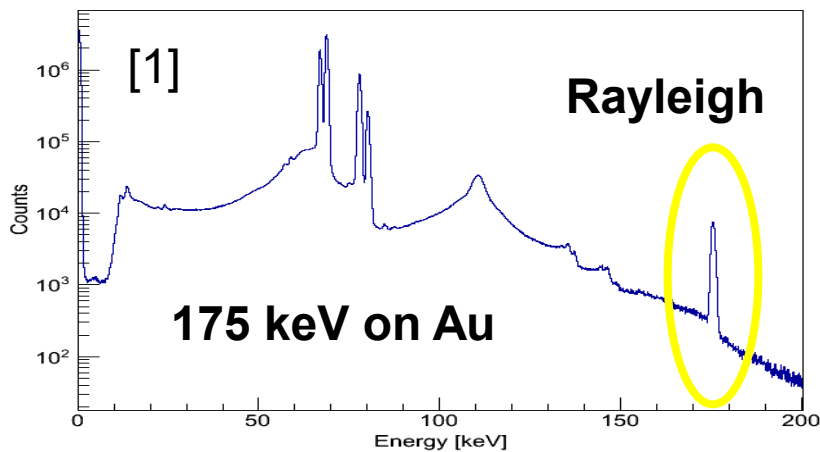
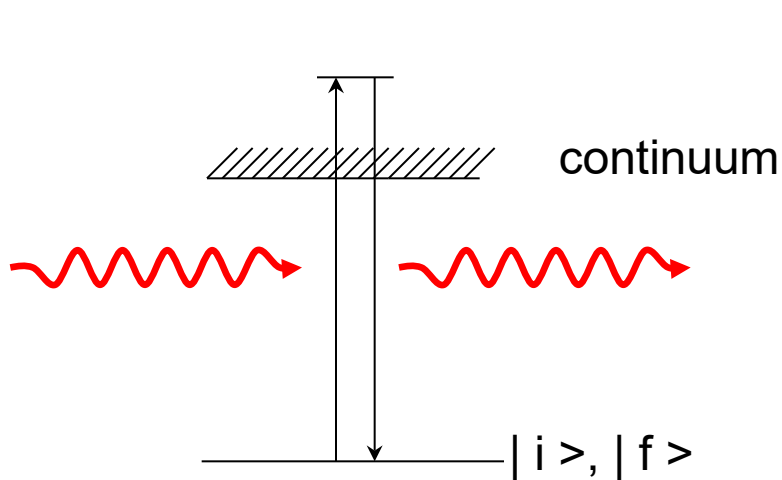


Rayleigh scattering: scattering from bound electrons

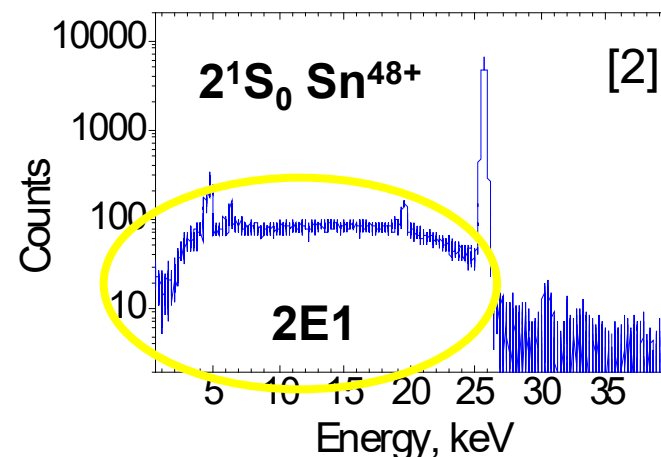
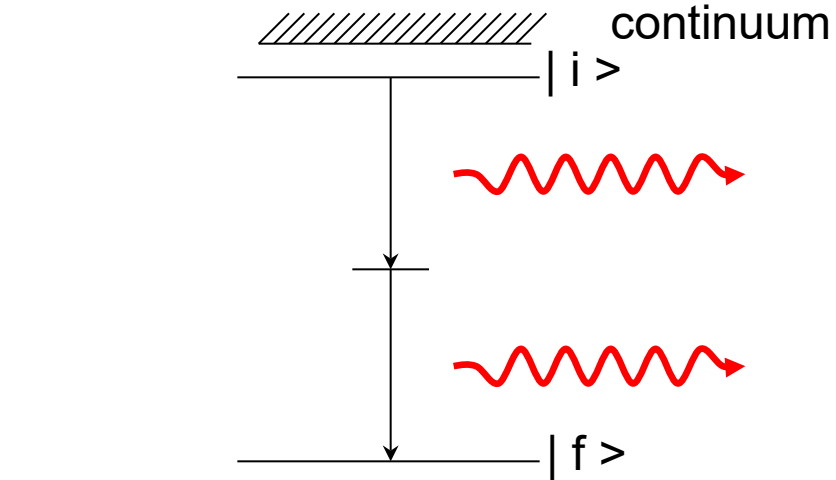
$\hbar\omega \approx 10 - 1000 \text{ keV}$

# Rayleigh scattering and 2-photon decay: 2<sup>nd</sup> Order QED

Both scenarios: Real state  $\rightarrow$  photon  $\rightarrow$  virtual state  $\rightarrow$  photon  $\rightarrow$  real state



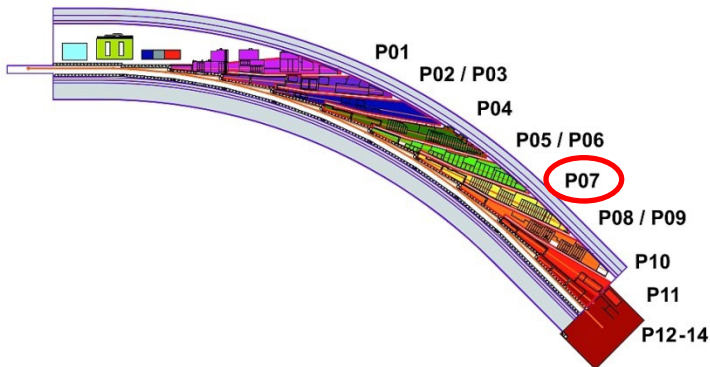
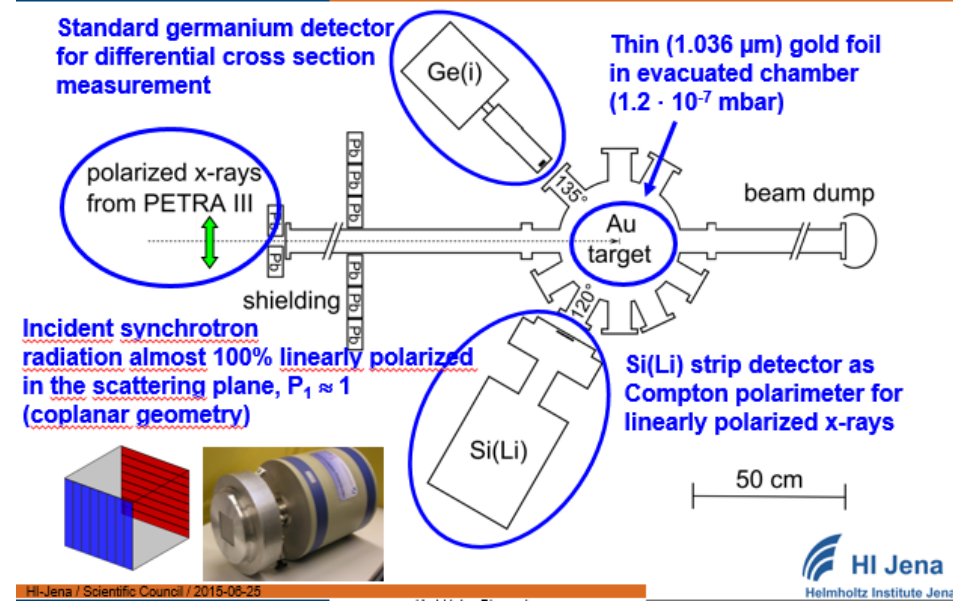
[1] This work, to be published



[2] S. Trotsenko et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **104** 033001 (2010)

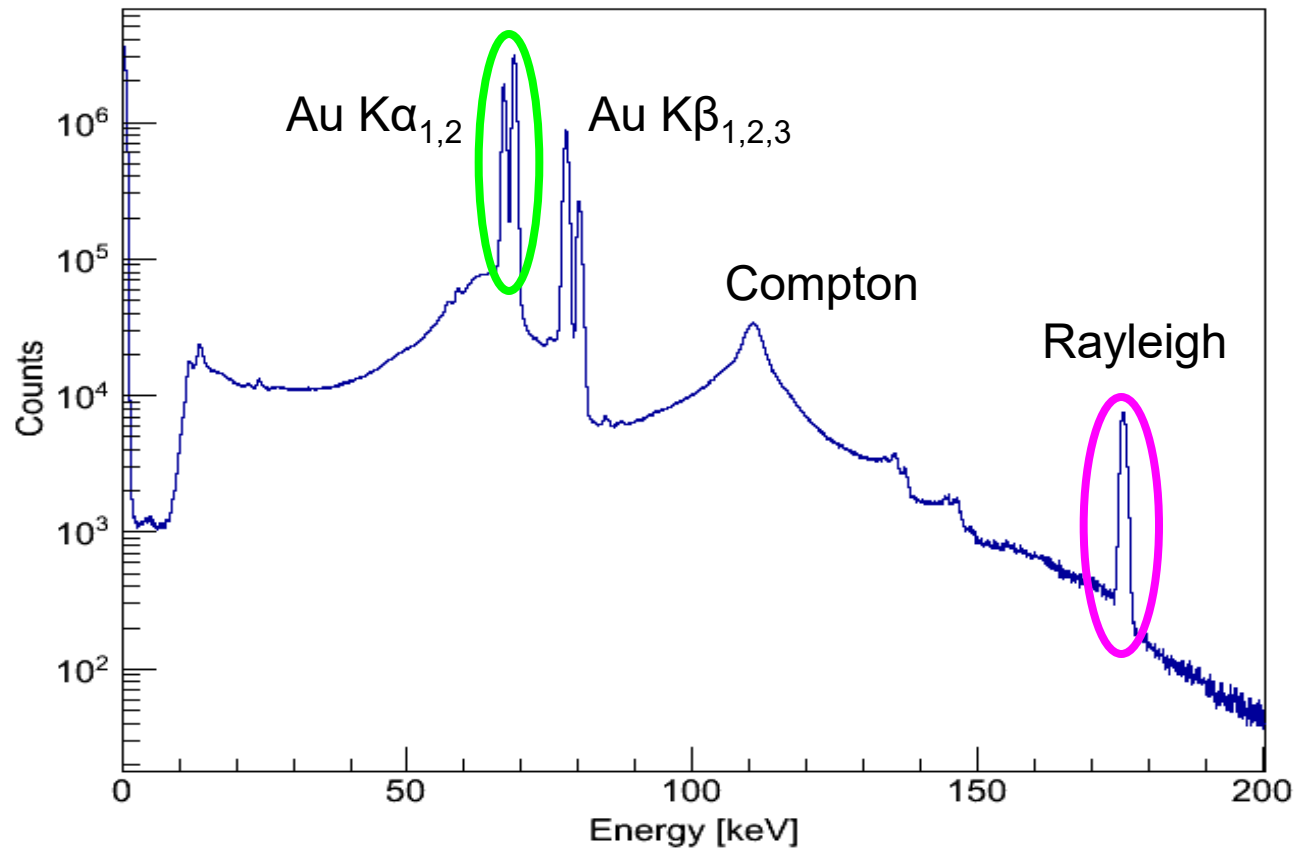
# Polarisation Measurements on Rayleigh scattering for highly polarized x-ray at PETRA III at DESY

## PETRA III: 3rd generation synchrotron light source

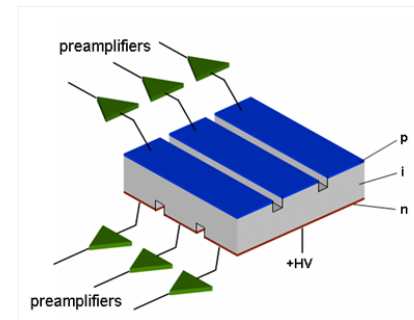
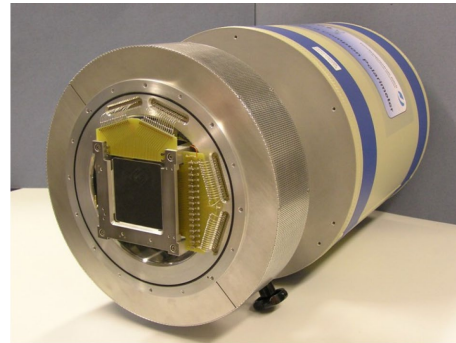


# Differential cross section determination

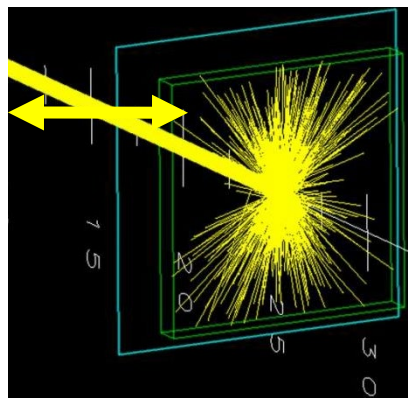
Relative cross section measurement: Rayleigh /  $K\alpha_1$



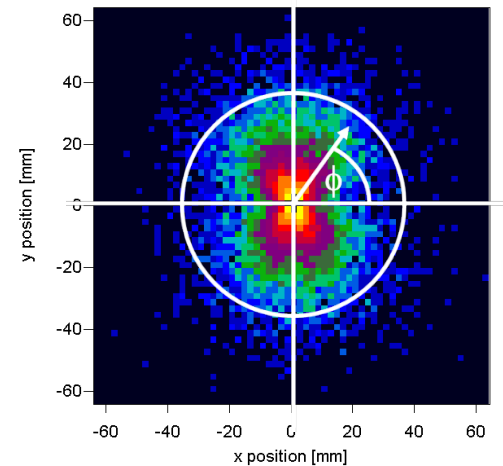
# Position sensitive x-ray detectors (> 50 keV)



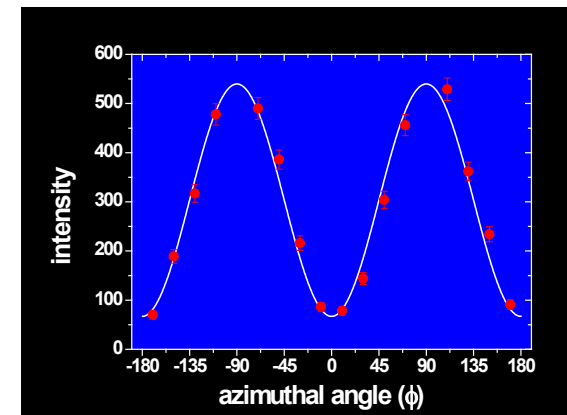
Compton imager for hard x-rays: hard x-ray polarimetry



**Simulation:**  
linearly polarized x-rays



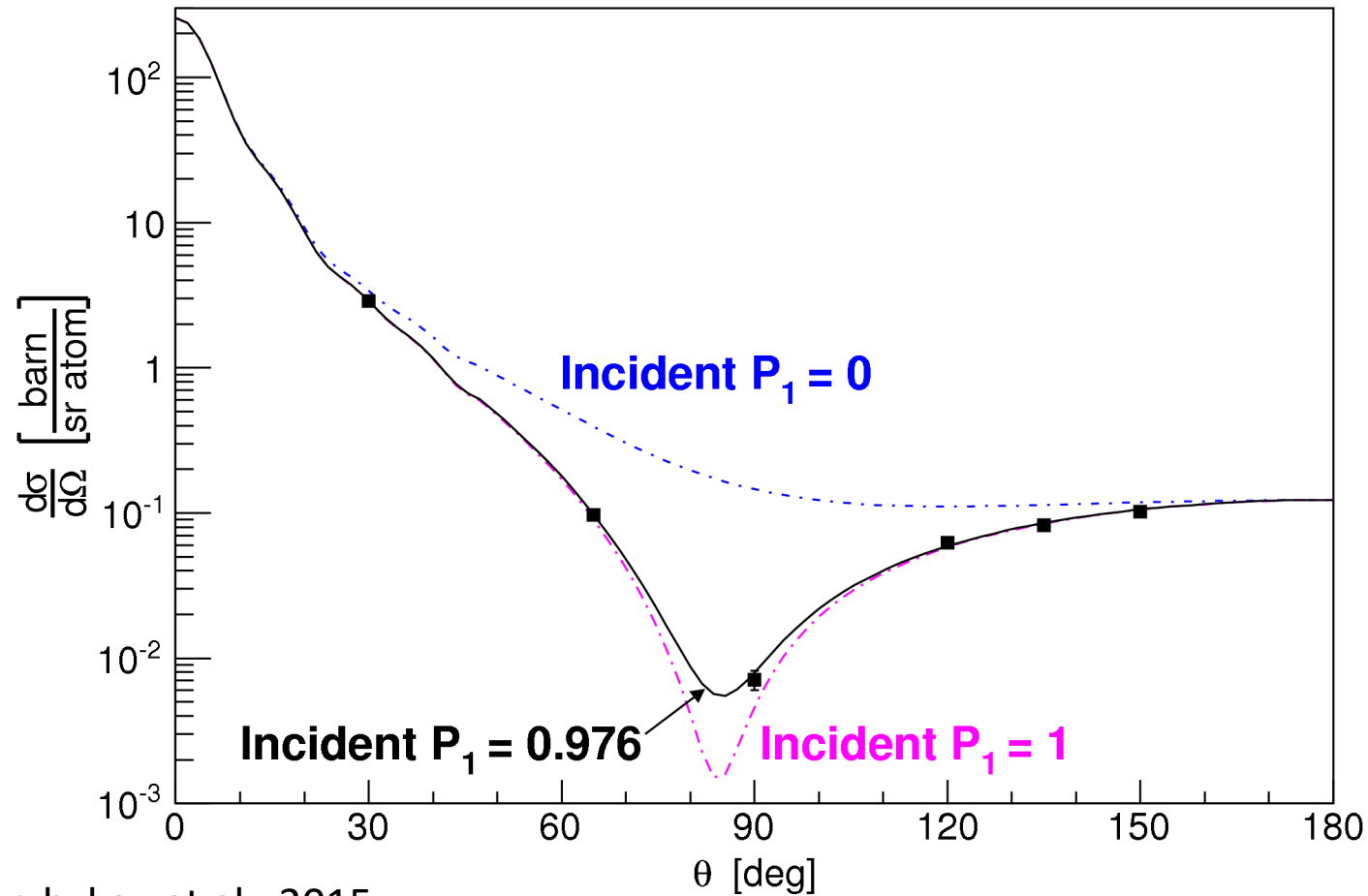
**2D image (experiment):**  
Compton distribution



**Azimuthal intensity**  
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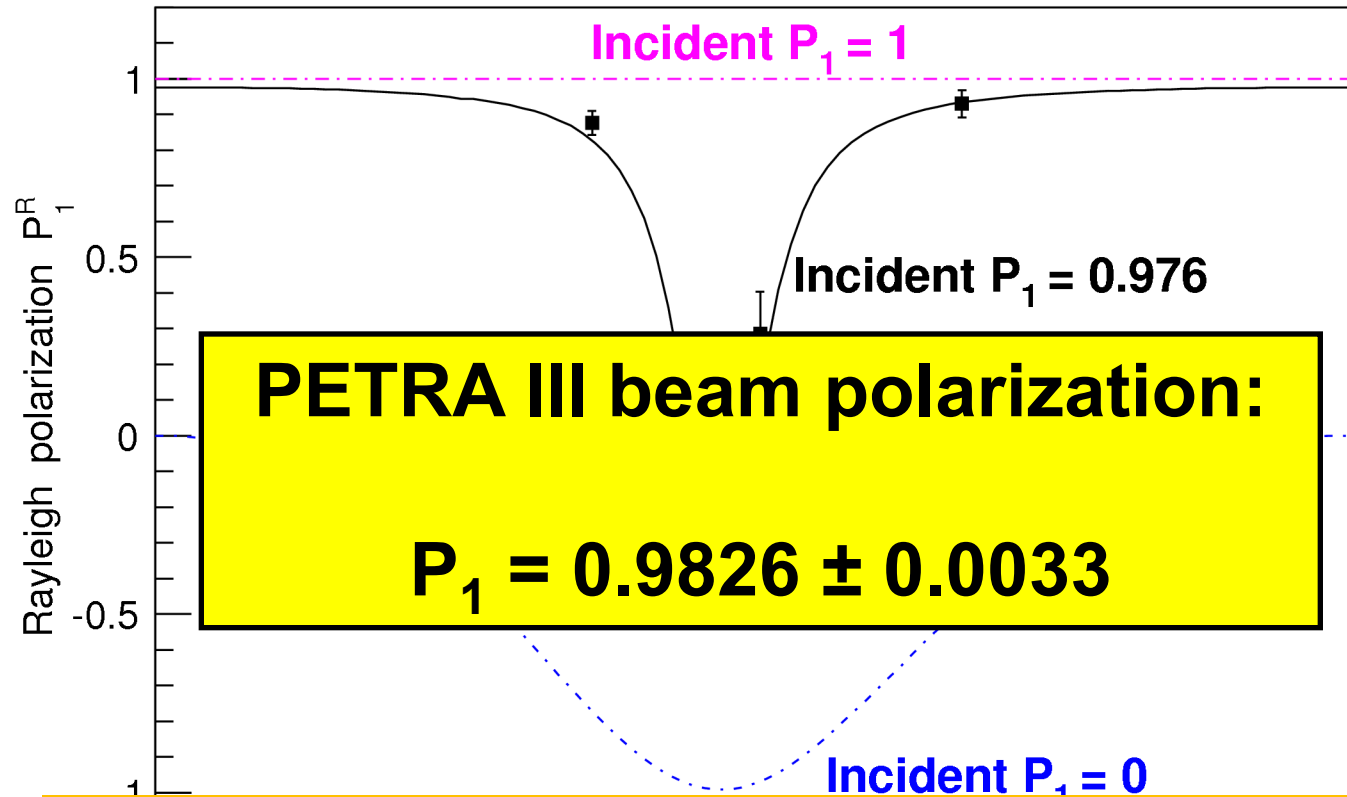
# Rayleigh differential scattering cross-section

P1: linear polarization (Stokes paramter)



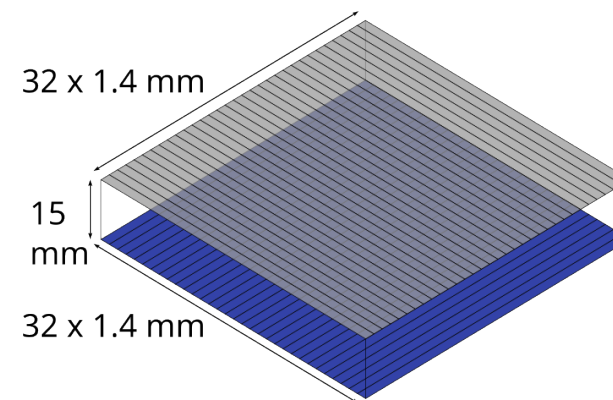
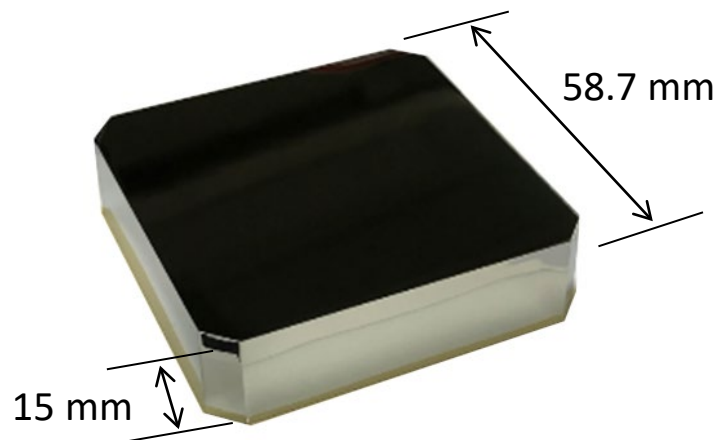
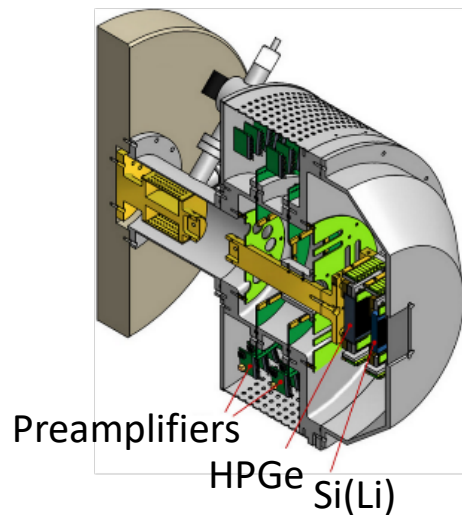
Theory: Surzhykov et al., 2015

# Rayleigh photon polarization



Next step (in preparation): Polarization studies of Delbrück scattering !

# New Telescope Structure

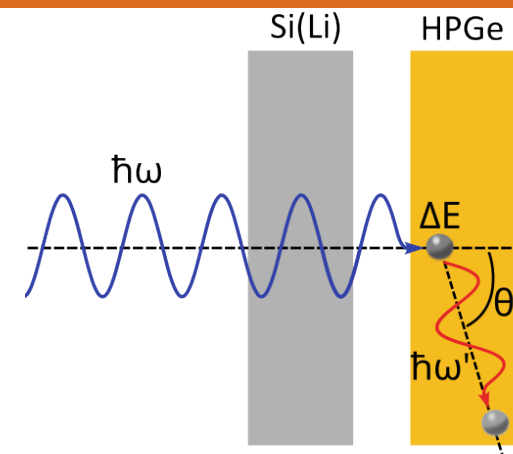
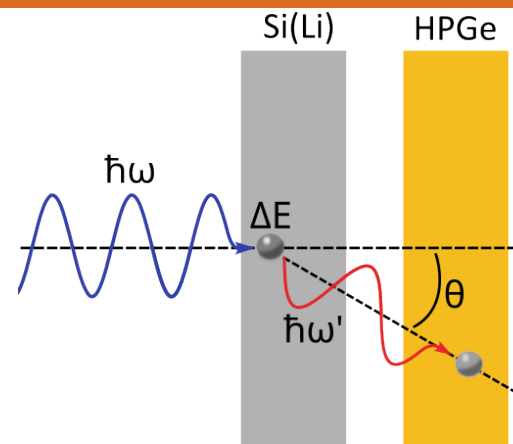
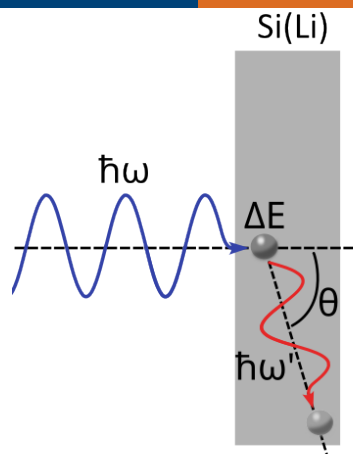
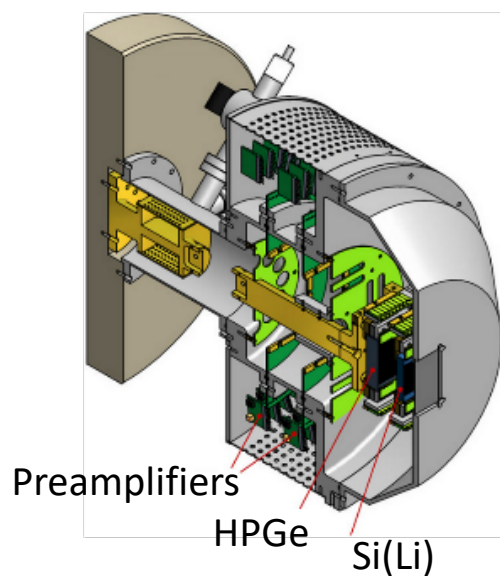


→ 1024 Quasi-Pixel

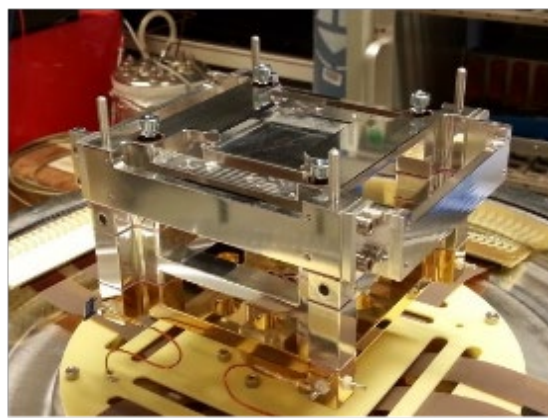
- Additional HPGe crystal next to Si(Li) crystal installed
- Ge has a higher absorption probability for high energy photons
- Possible Compton events in HPGe and Si(Li) + HPGe
- Increases efficiency at higher energies

**Effective energy range between  
10s of keV up to several 100s of keV**

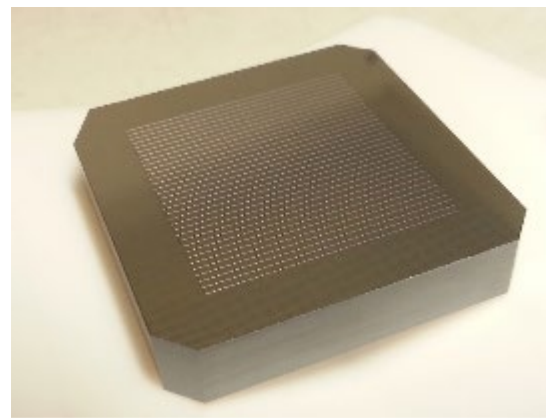
# Compton Telescope for $\hbar\omega > 200$ keV



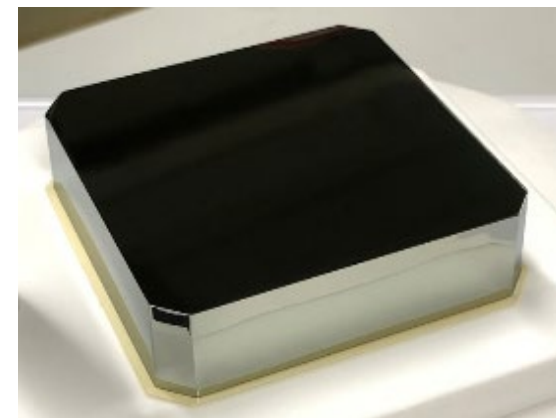
Compton Telescope



Crystal placement

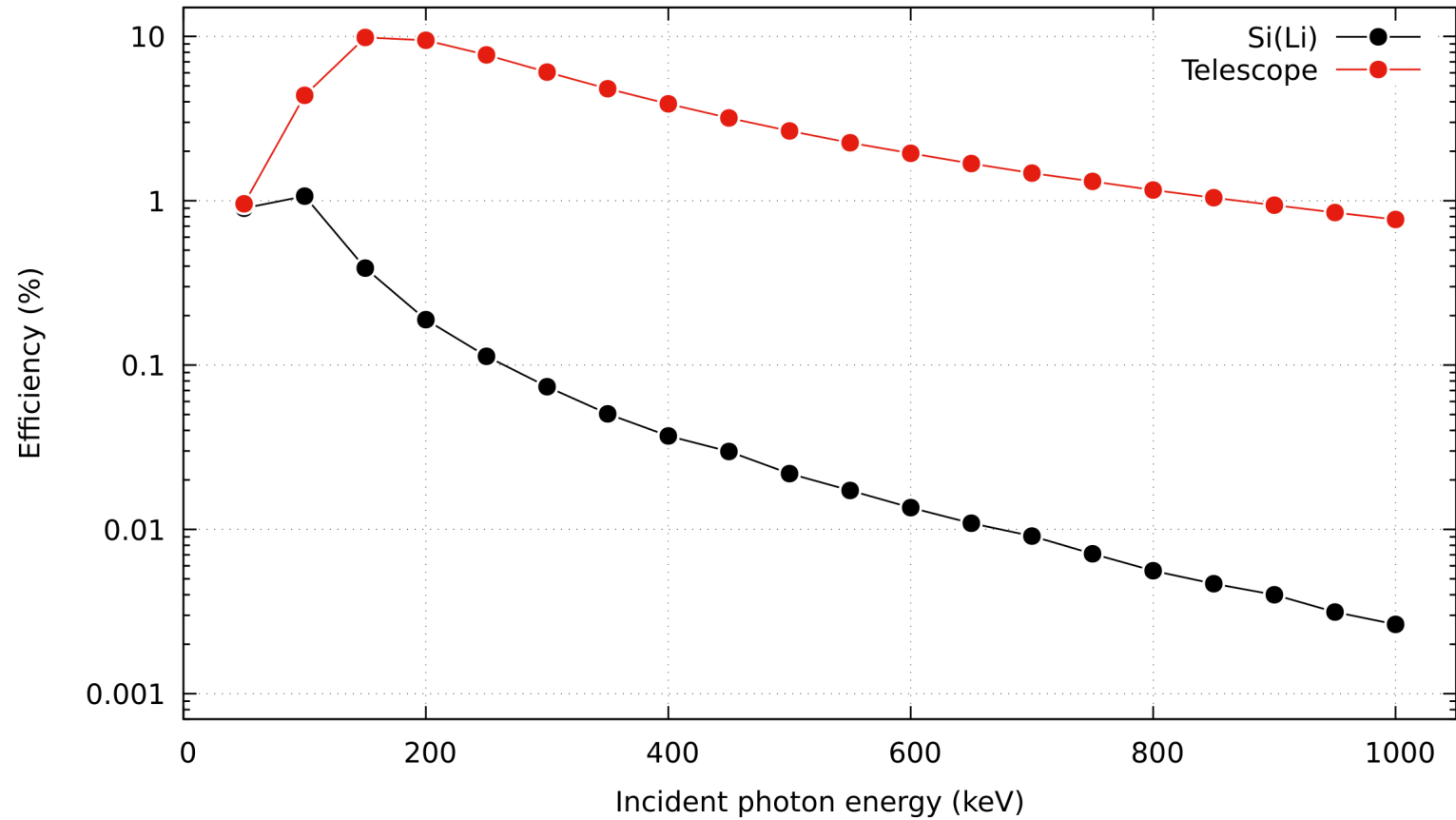


Si(Li) crystal



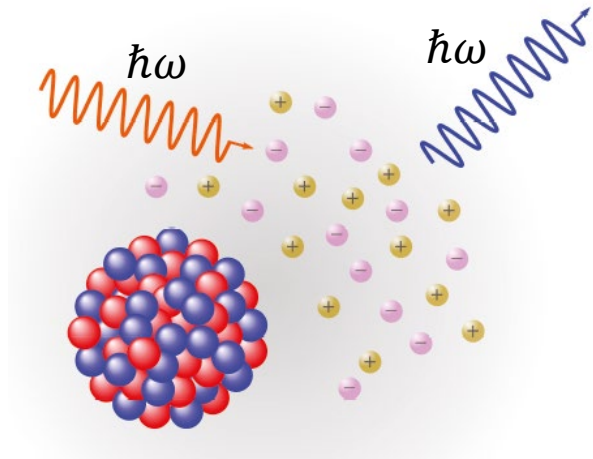
HPGe crystal

# Efficiency Improvement



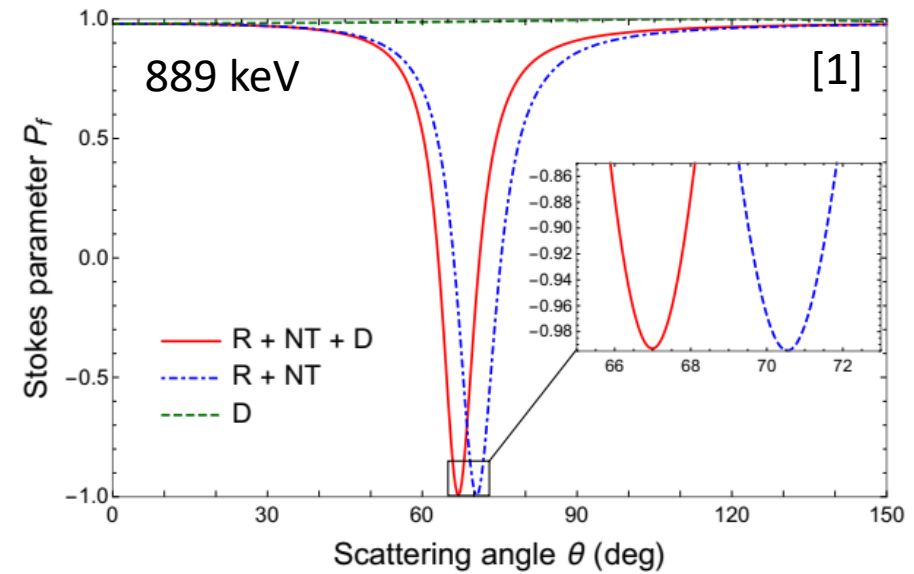
# Probing the Contribution of Delbrück Scattering

- Highly linearly polarized incident radiation
- Experiment with photon energies significantly above 500 keV
- Incident photons scatter off an atomic target



- Delbrück contribution results in distinct modification of elastic scattering features

→ **Shift in linear polarization**



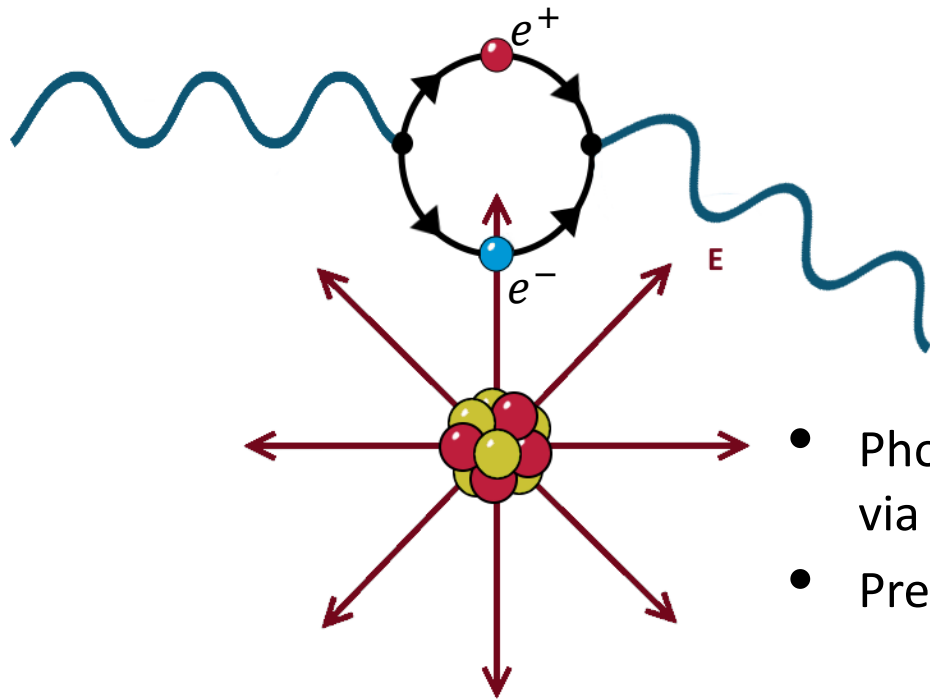
# Delbrück Scattering

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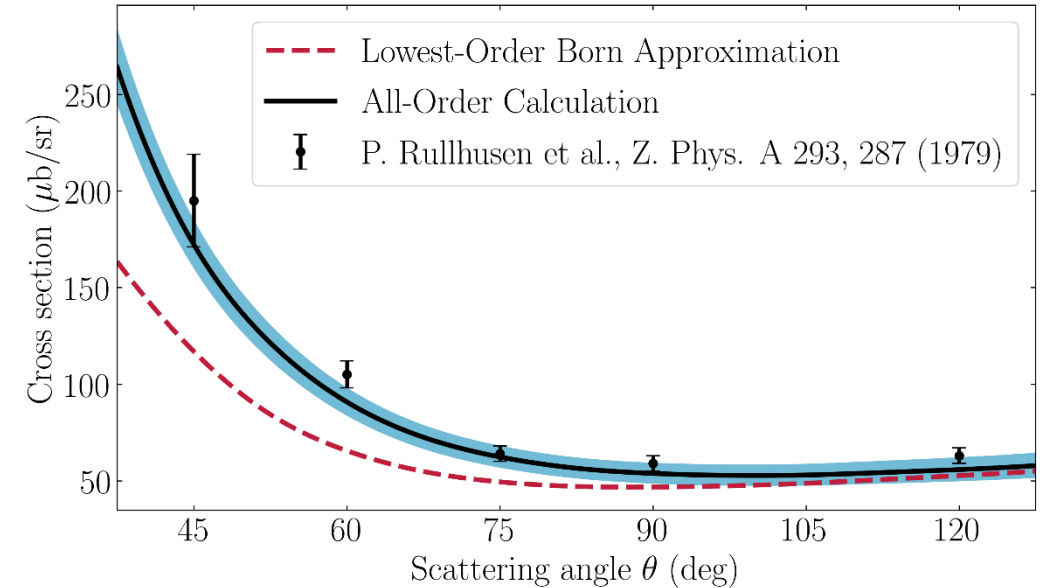
Editors' Suggestion

Featured in Physics

## All-Order Coulomb Corrections to Delbrück Scattering above the Pair-Production Threshold



- Photons are elastically scattered by the electric field of an atomic nucleus via virtual electron-positron pair creation
- Previous calculations were done in the lowest-order Born approximation.



Physics See Synopsis:

“Quantum Deflection Unraveled”, *Physics* 16, s114

J. Sommerfeldt *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **131**, 061601 (2023)



## Towards experiments with polarized beams and targets at the GSI/FAIR storage rings

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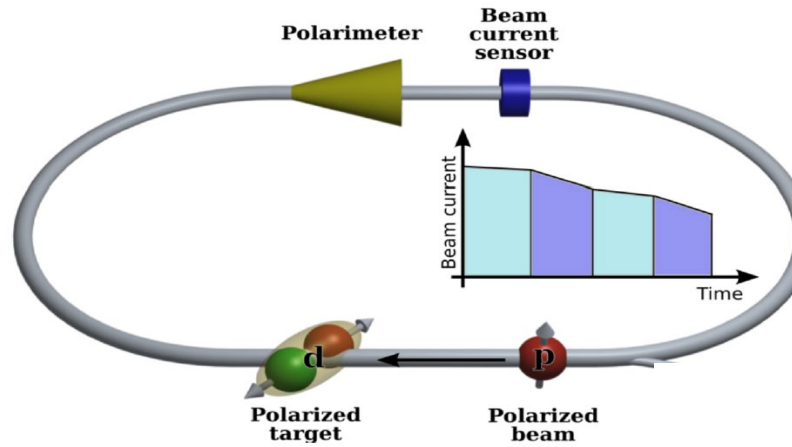
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### Step 1: Diagnostics

- electron spin dependent x-ray radiation
- neutrino recoil for bound-state beta decay

### Step 2: Spin preservation

- absolute capture cross-section / photon emission (Pauli blocking)

### Step 3: Spin-transfer to nuclei

- ions with magnetic moment  $\leftrightarrow$  spin transfer to the nucleus)

### Goal: Experiments with spin-controlled stored particles

Search for physics beyond the SM

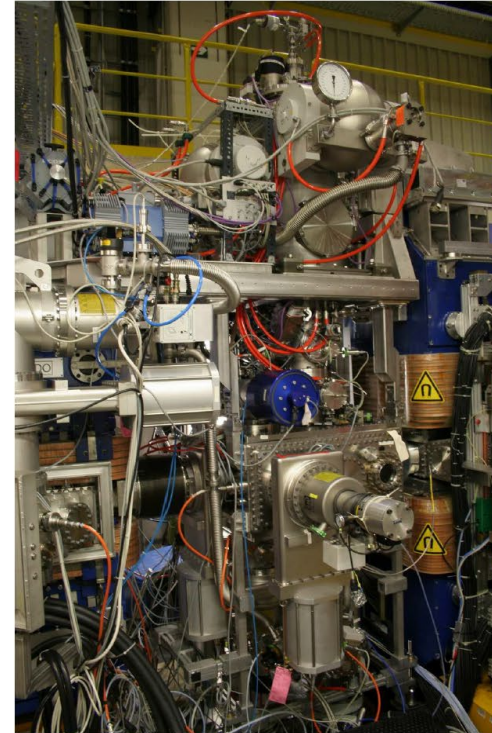
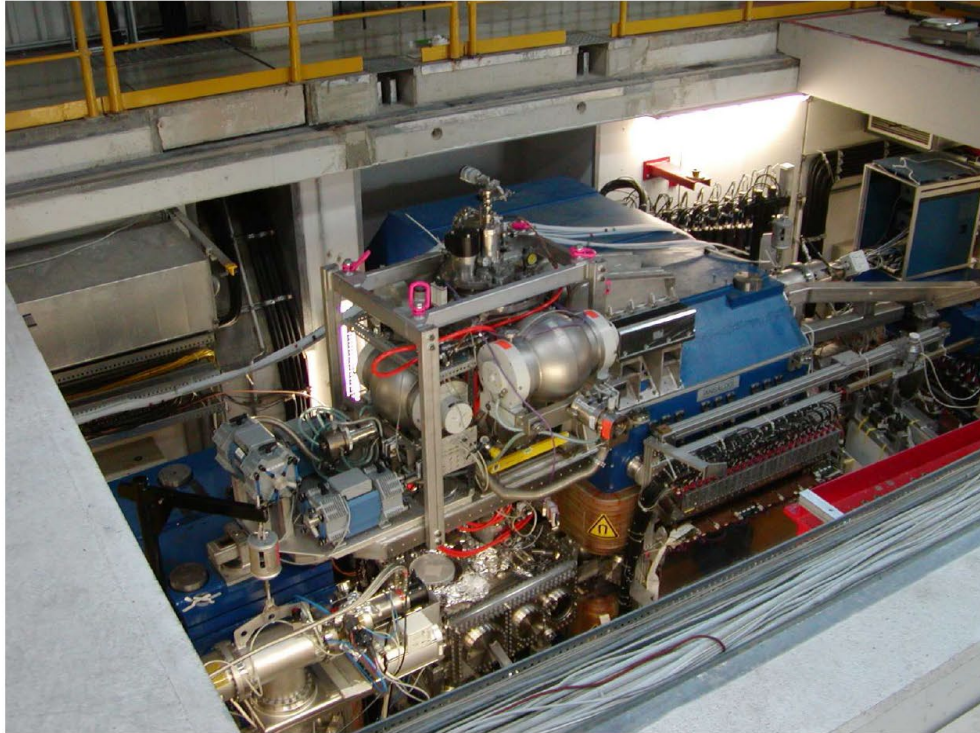
- EDM / Axion search
- Atomic PNC experiments at high-Z

S. Karanth et al., PRL X in press,

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# A state of the art ABS used at ANKE at COSY

Idea: Radiative electron capture of polarized electrons into heavy bare ions

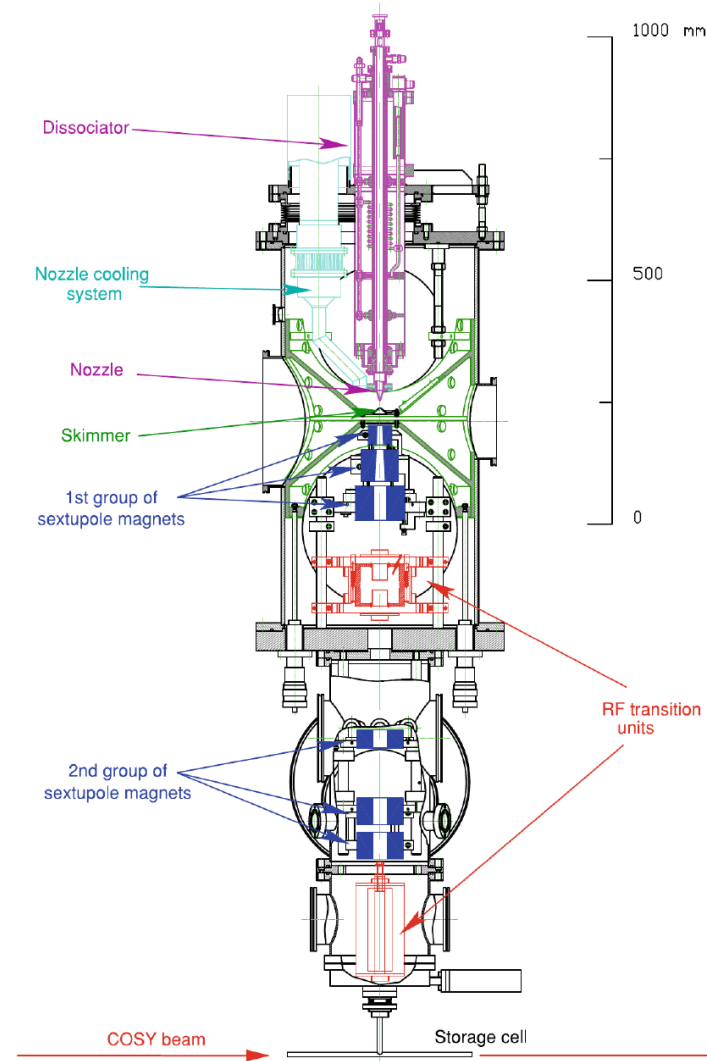


# A state-of-the-art ABS used at ANKE at COSY

Idea: Radiative electron capture of spin-polarized electrons into heavy bare ions

## Polarized source and target:

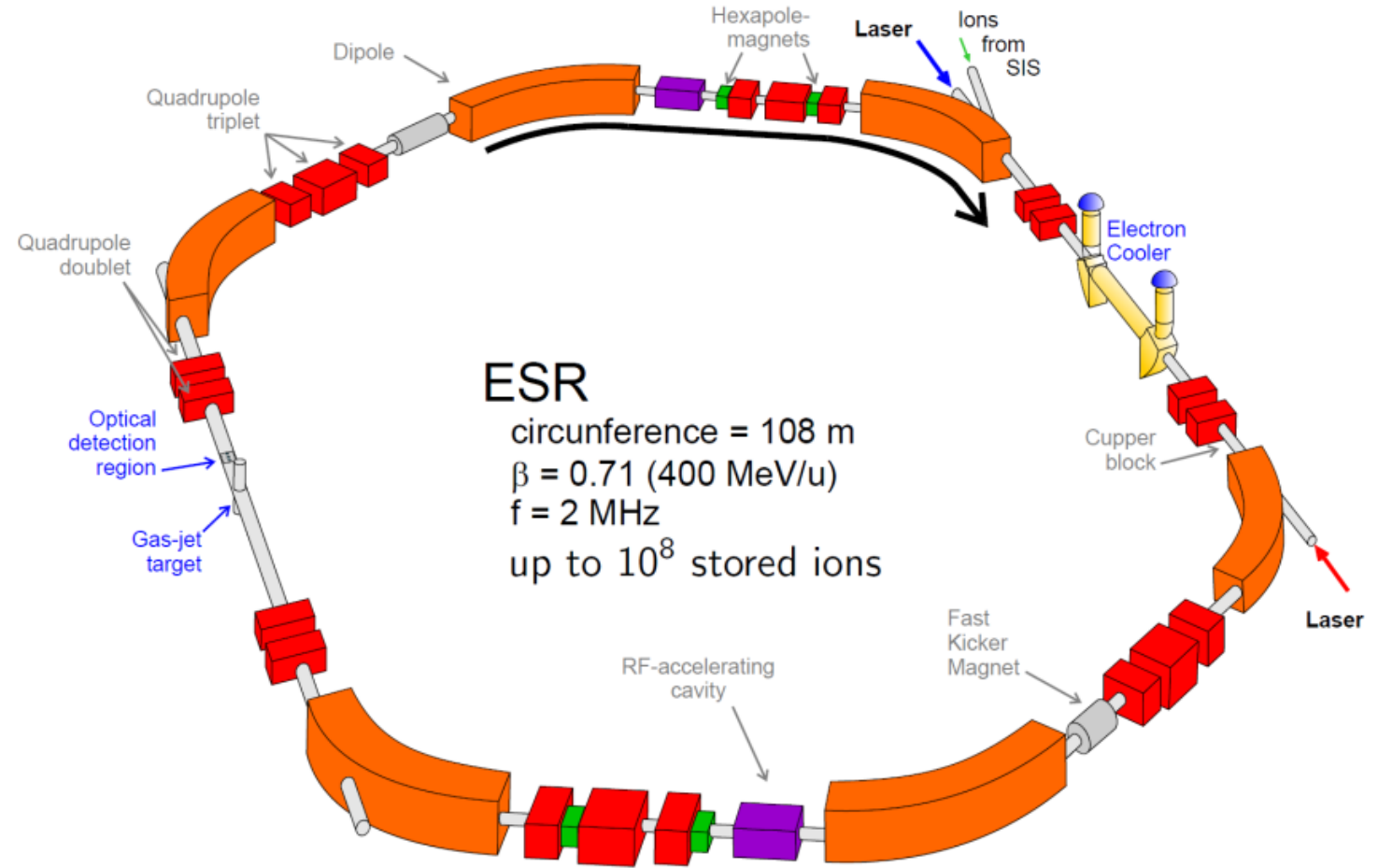
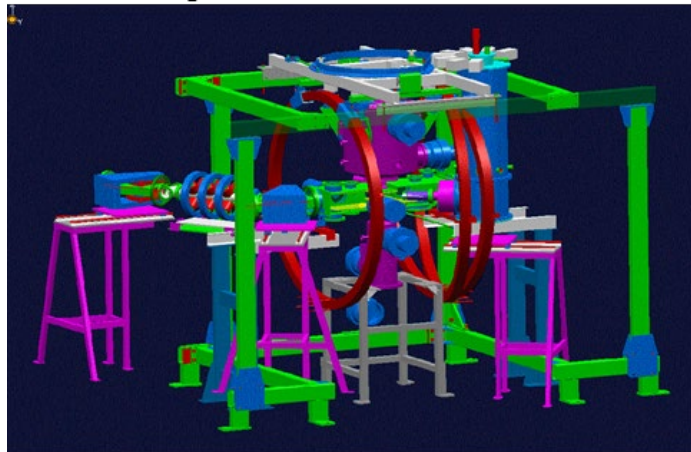
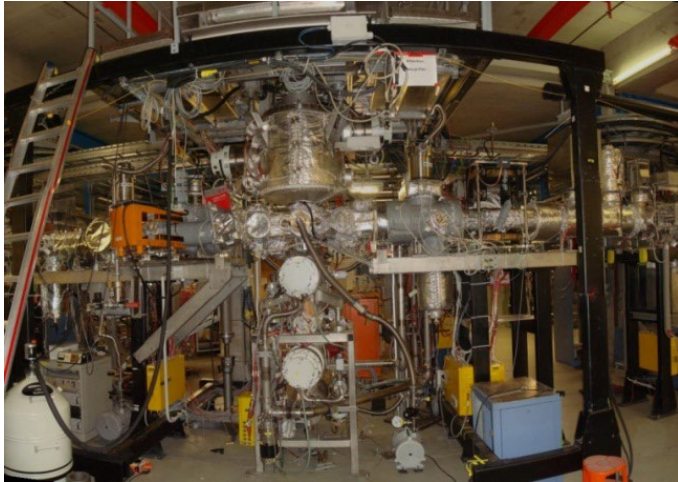
- routinely operated at many facilities around the world.
- employed as a target inside a storage ring, or after ionization, as used a beam
- polarized sources generate a flux of about  $1 \times 10^{17}$  atoms/s, which translates into a target thickness of  $1 \times 10^{12}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup>.
- employing a suitable cell, target densities of  $1 \times 10^{14}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup> can be achieved.
- nuclear (or electron) polarizations of neutral H<sup>0</sup> (D<sup>0</sup>) atomic beams, typically exceeds  $P = 0.9$ .



Polarized targets  
Physics and techniques of  
atomic beam sources (ABS)  
available at COSY

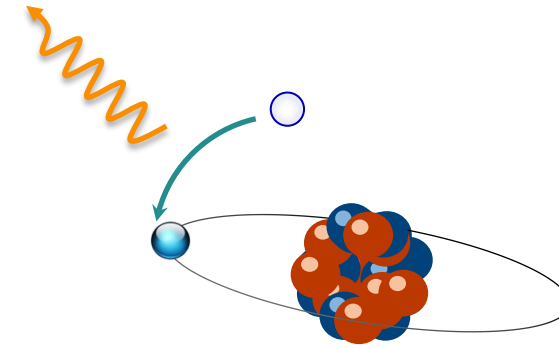
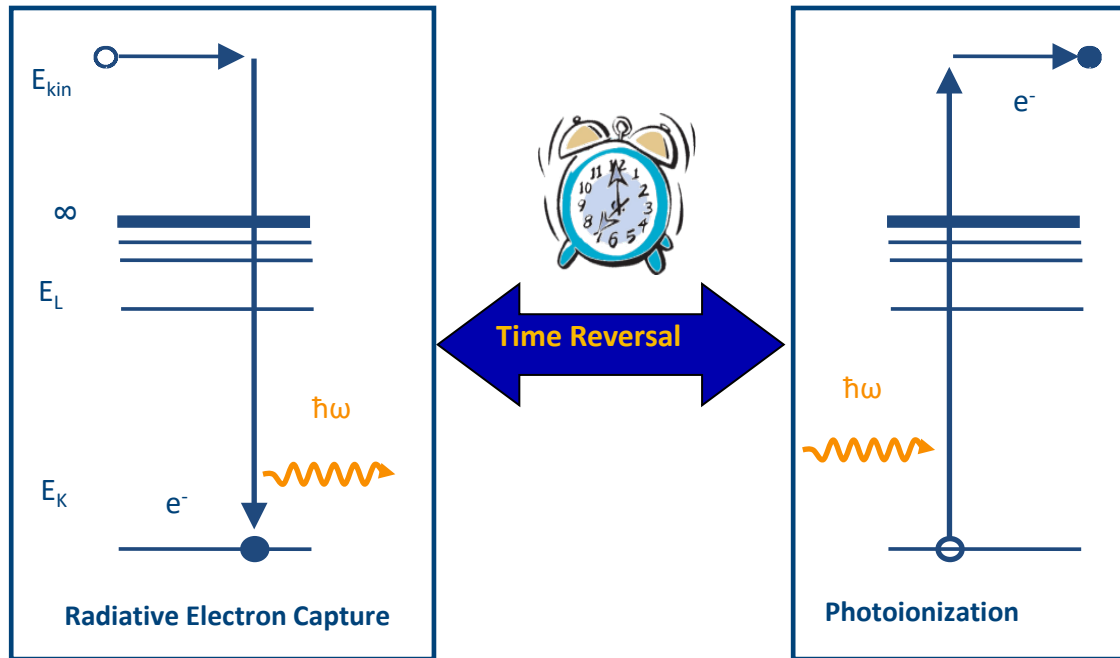
# The ESR Storage Ring

## Internal target section

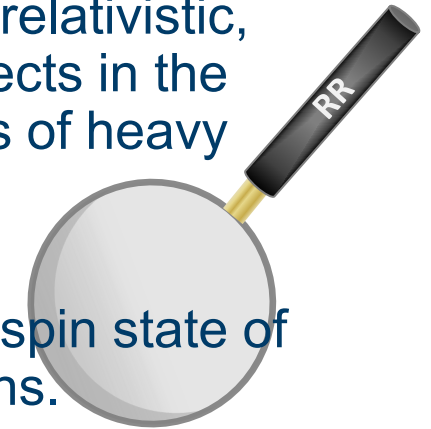


# Radiative Recombination of Highly Charged Heavy Ions

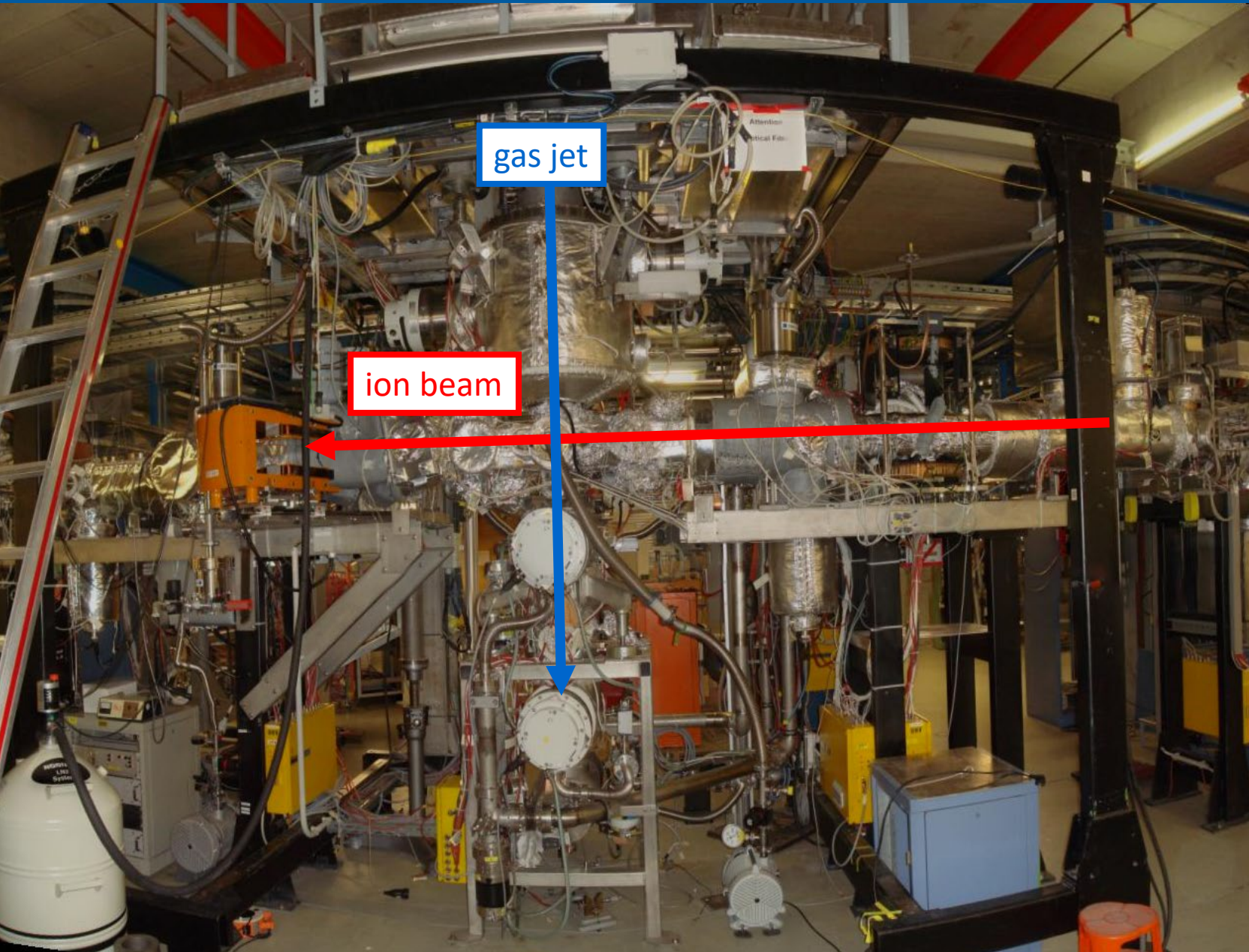
RR is one of the dominant processes in relativistic ion–electron as well as ion–atom collisions at storage rings.



- ✓ we can study RR by measuring emitted X-rays.
- ✓ is very sensitive to the relativistic, magnetic and QED effects in the structure and dynamics of heavy atomic systems.
- ✓ is very sensitive to the spin state of ions and target electrons.



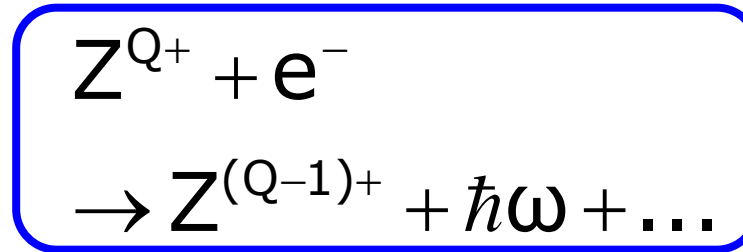
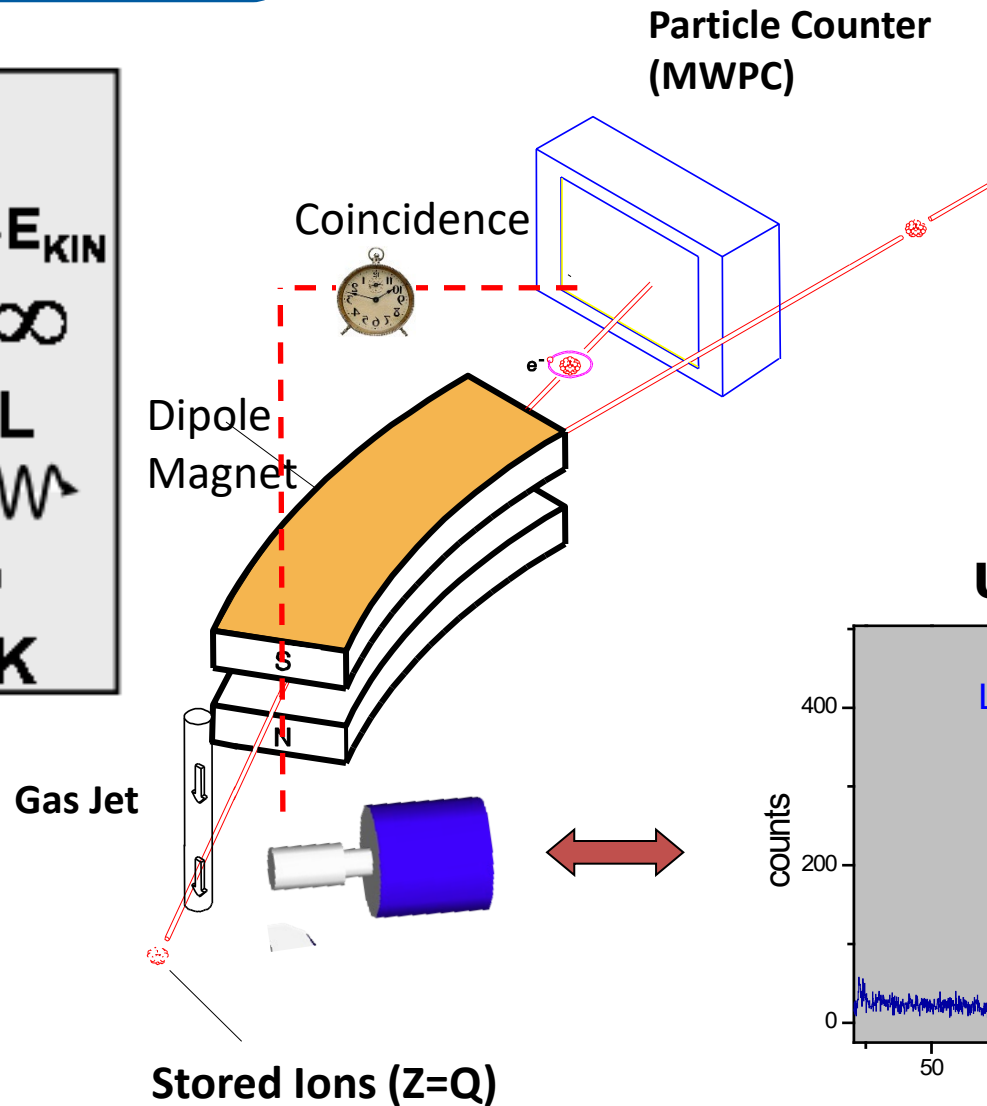
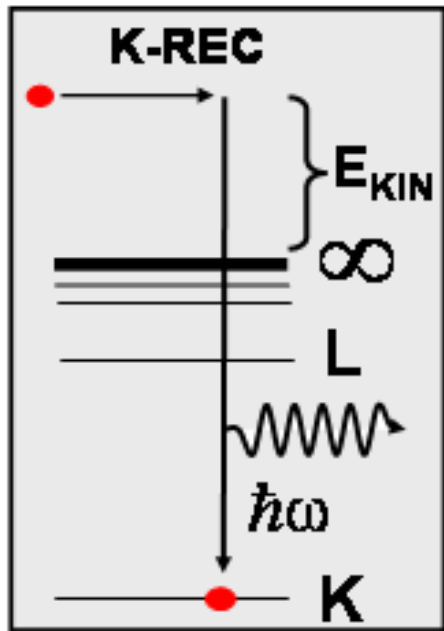
# Internal Target



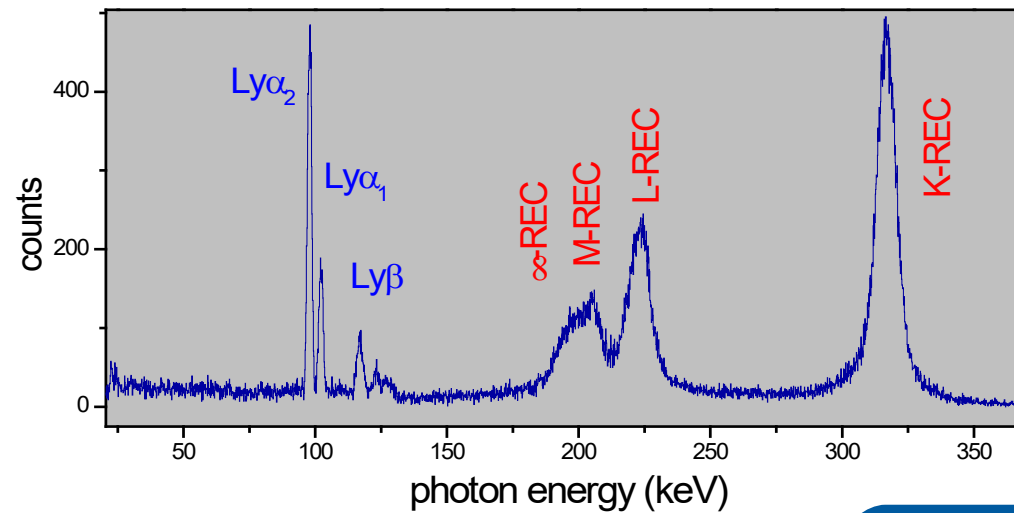
Hydrogen H<sub>2</sub> (droplet)  
also N<sub>2</sub>, Ar, Kr, Xe ...

- Areal density  
 $\approx 10^{13}$  T/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Jet target  
 $\approx 5$  mm
- Cooling  
 $\approx 30$  K – 35 K

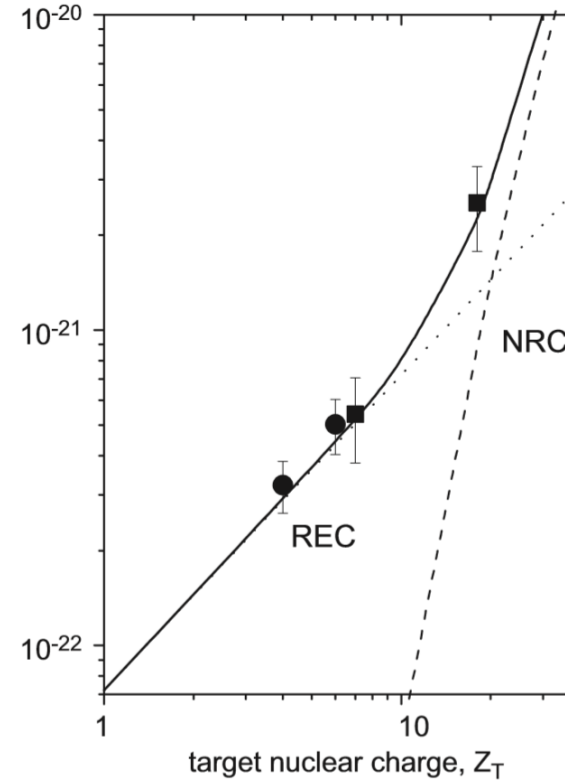
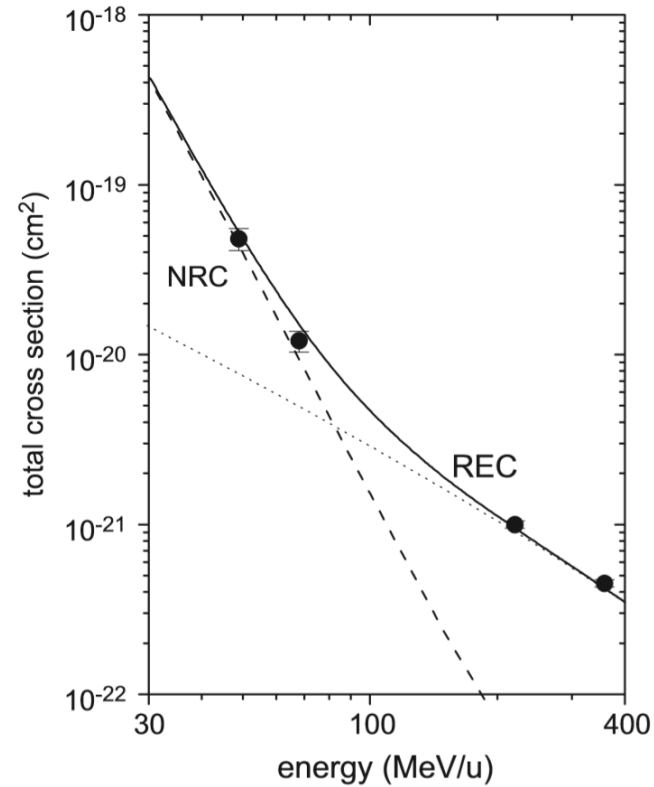
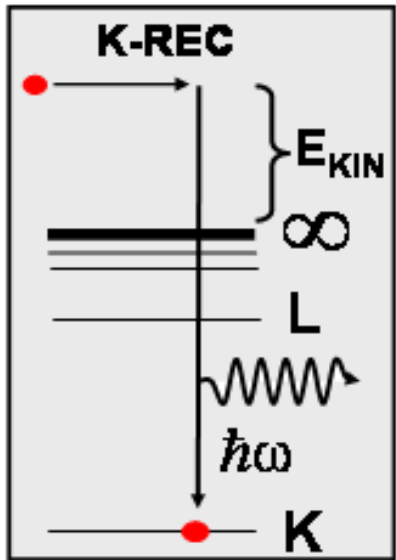
# Experimental REC-Spectra



**$U^{92+} + N_2 @ 295 \text{ MeV/u}$**

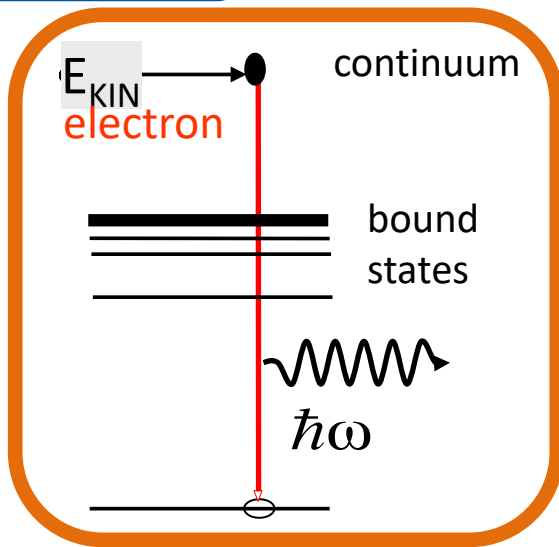


# Electron Capture Processes: Bare Uranium



- REC is most important at high beam energies.
- At high-energies, NRC plays basically no role.

# Dynamics in Strong Fields: Radiative Processes



## Radiative Recombination

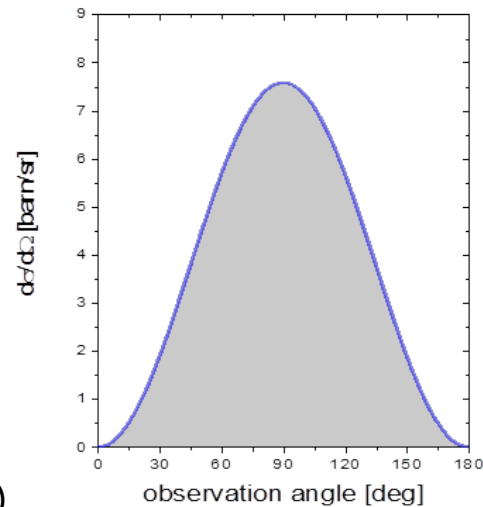
Electron capture into a bound ionic state by emission of a photon

$$\hbar\omega = E_B + E_{KIN}$$

Time-reversed photionization

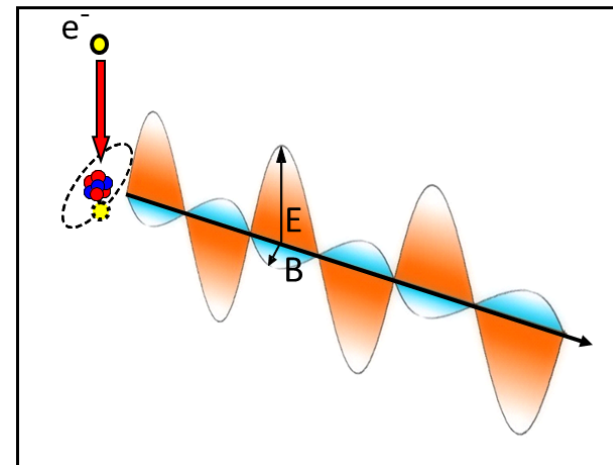
Schnopper et al., PRL 29, 898 (1972)

angular distribution

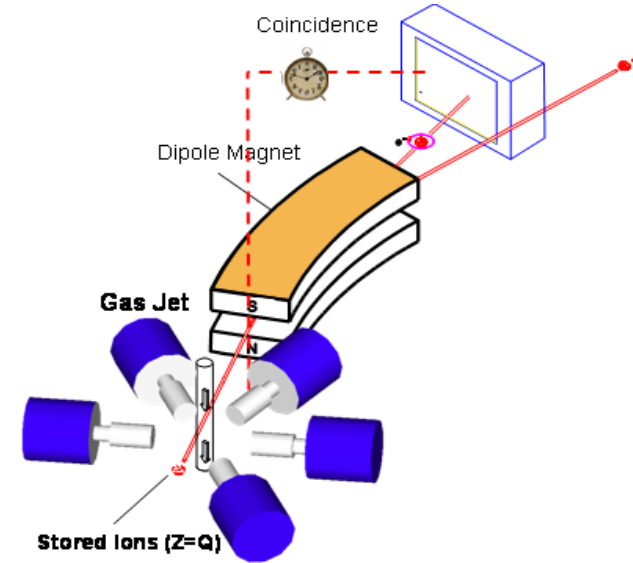
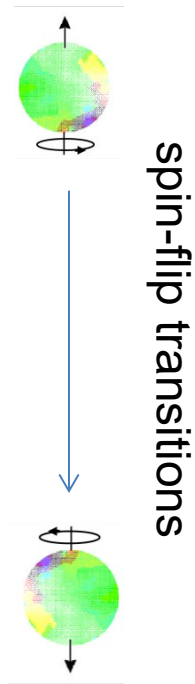
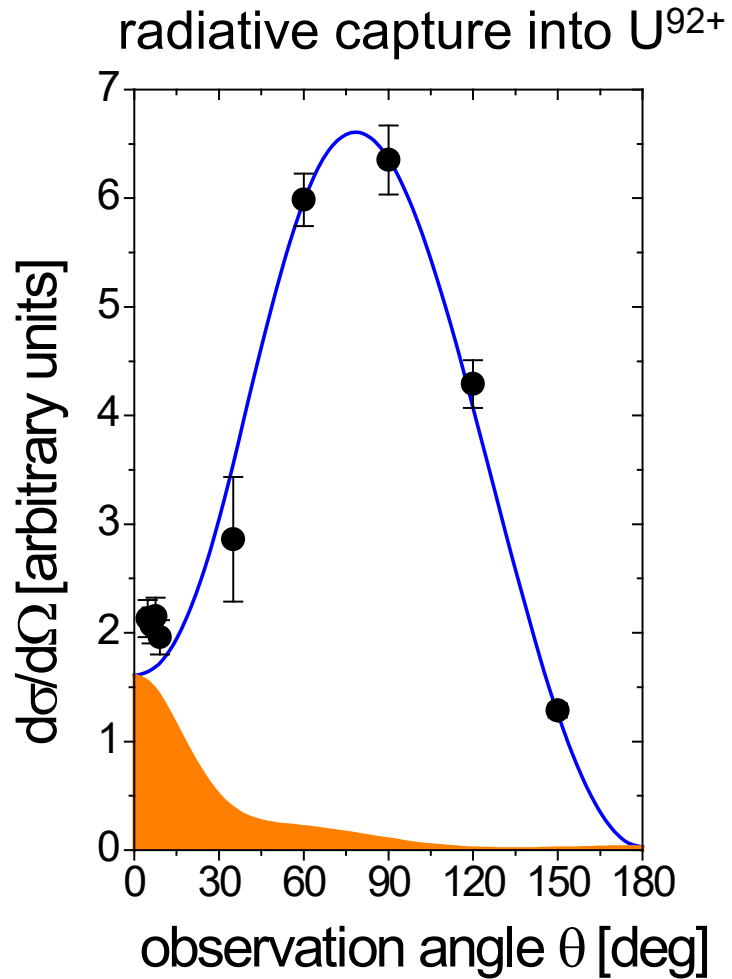


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42, 832 (1979)

Polarization



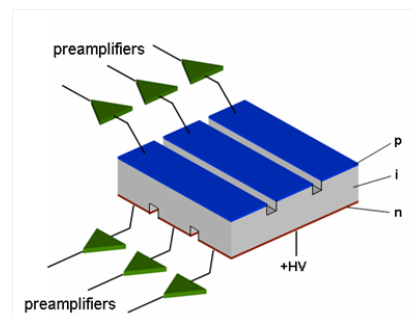
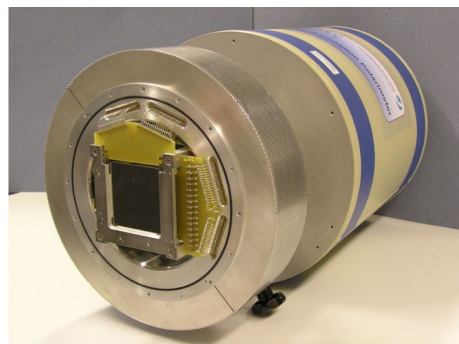
# Photon angular distribution for REC into the K-shell ( $U^{92+}$ , 310 MeV/u)



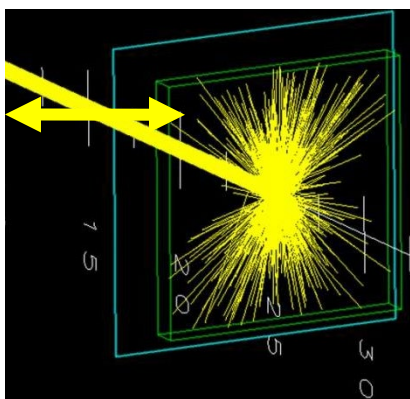
At high- $Z$ , the coupling of the magnetic moment of the electron to the radiation field leads to spin-flip transitions  
 $\rightarrow$  0 deg emission

observation at 0 deg allows for a kinematical identification of spin-flip transitions

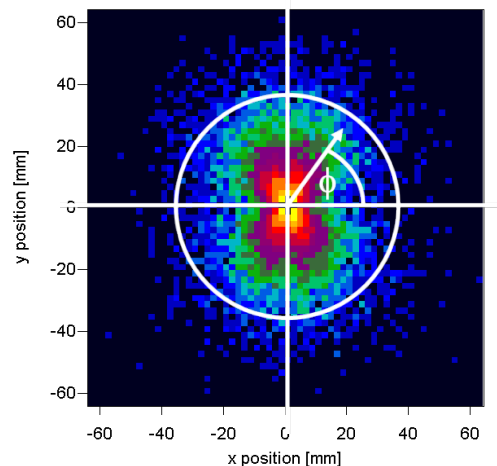
# Position sensitive x-ray detectors (> 50 keV)



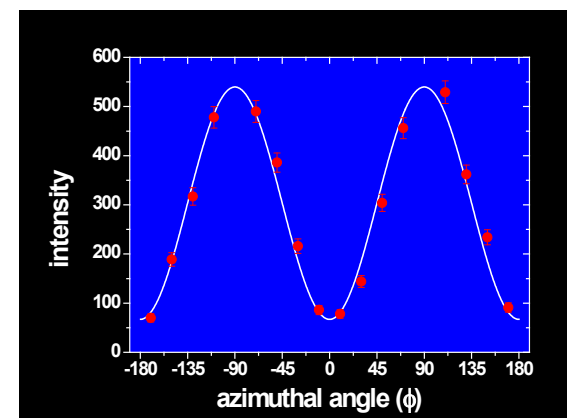
## Compton imager for hard x-rays: hard x-ray polarimetry



**Simulation:**  
linearly polarized x-rays



**2D image (experiment):**  
Compton distribution



**Azimuthal intensity**  
distribution

$\text{Xe}^{54+} \Rightarrow \text{H}_2, 155 \text{ MeV/u}$

Degree of linear Polarization:

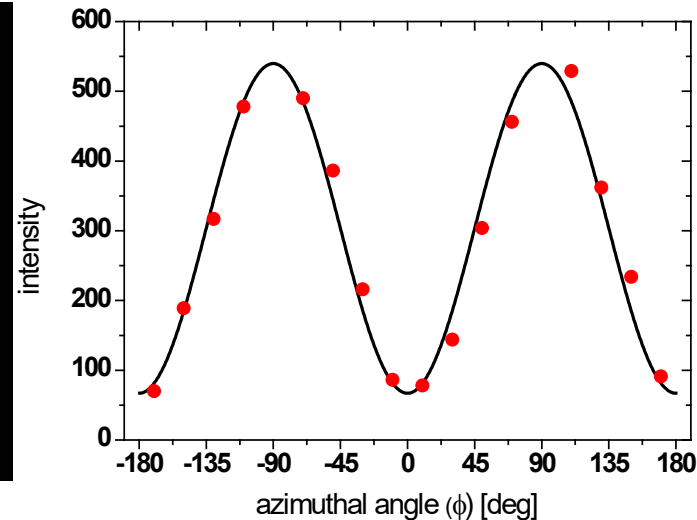
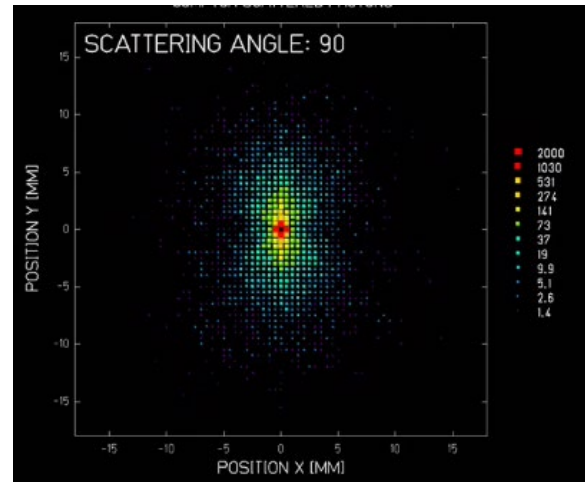
$98 \pm 1 \%$

$\text{Xe}^{54+} \Rightarrow \text{H}_2, 30.9 \text{ MeV/u}$

Degree of linear Polarization:

$99.9^{+0,1}_{-1,5} \%$

## Compton Scattering Distribution

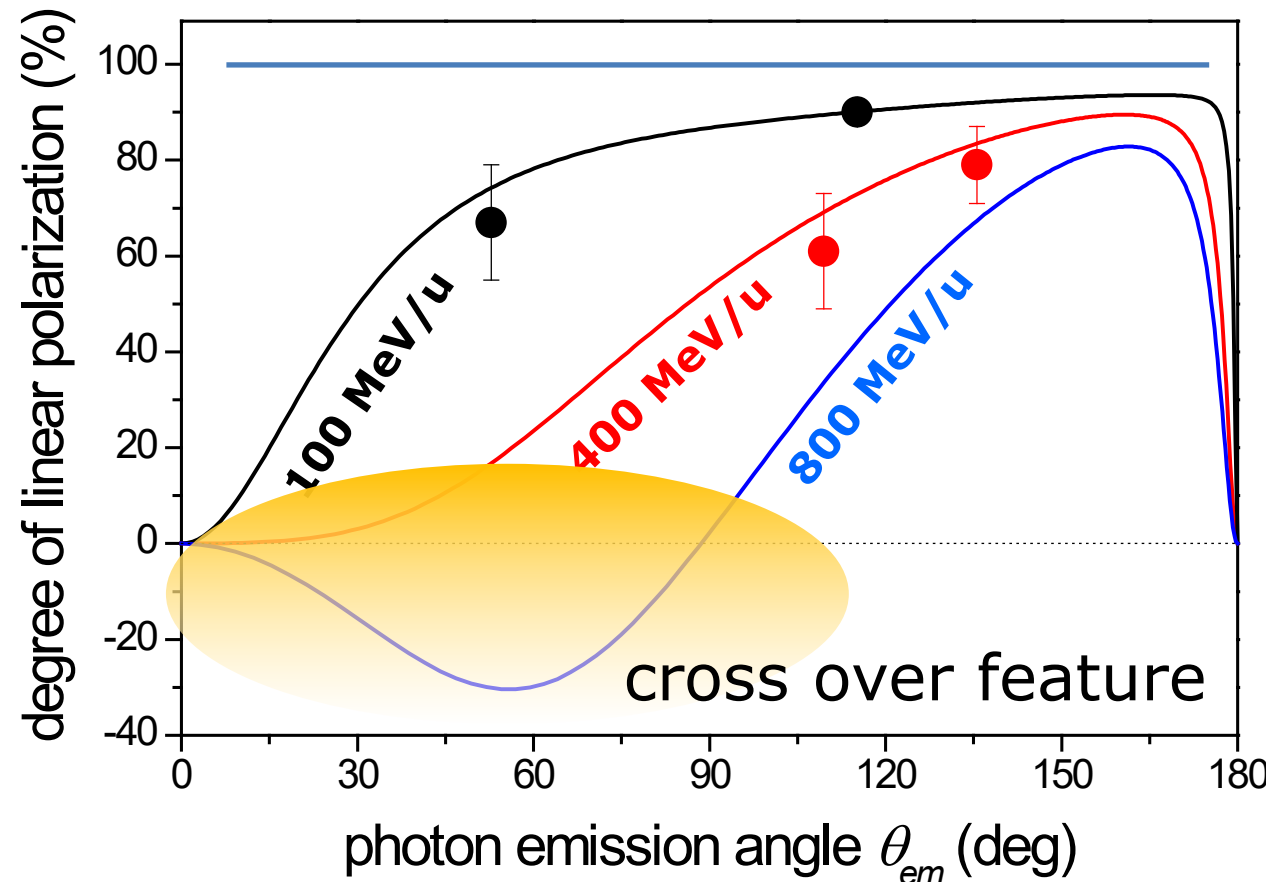


155 MeV/u: S. Hess, PHD thesis

30.9 MeV/u: M. Vockert, PhD thesis; PRA 99, 052702 (2019)

Comparison of xenon and uranium proofs the importance of the nuclear charge for the higher-multipole contribution, leading to a depolarization of the RR photons.

# Linear Polarization study for Radiative Recombination Into Bare uranium



S. Tashenov et al., PRL 97, 223202 (2006)

G. Weber et al., PRL 105, 243002 (2010)

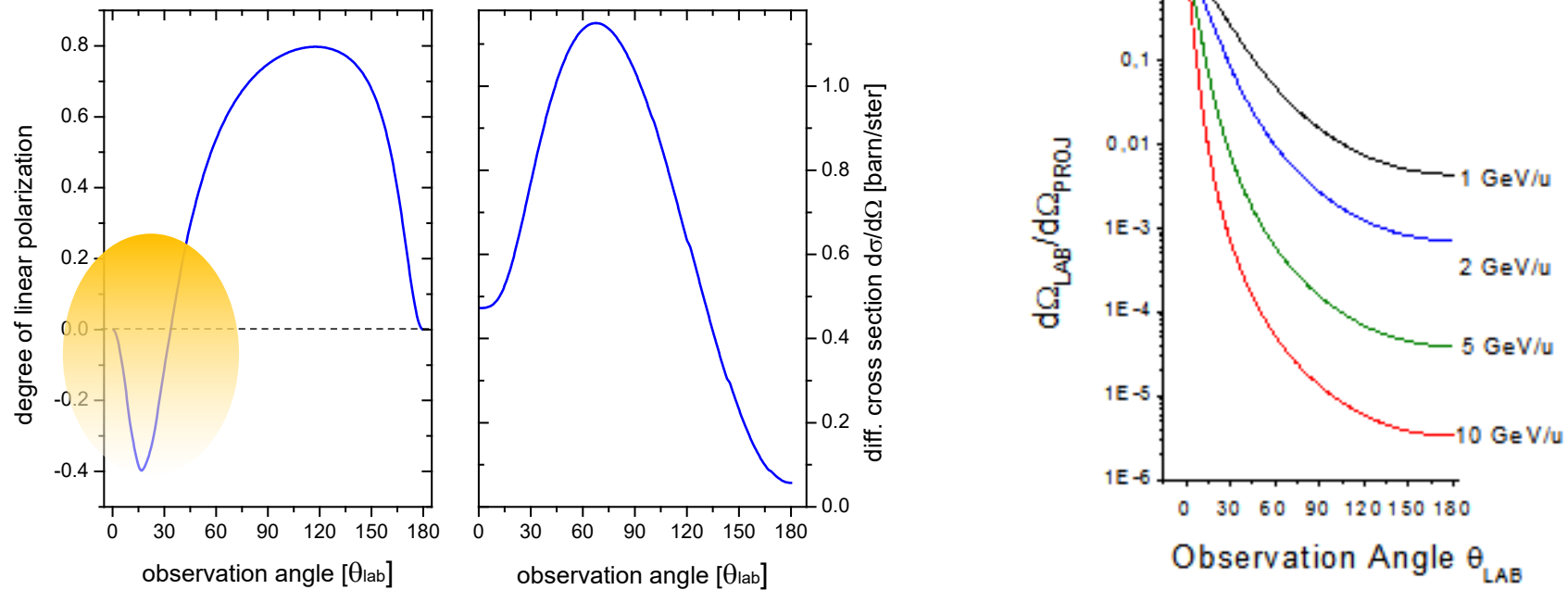
Theory:  
J. Eichler and A. Ichihara, Phys. Rev. A **65**, 052716 (2002)

A. Surzhykov et al., PRA 68, 022710 (2003)

Linear polarization studies are a very sensitive probe for the occurrence of higher-multipole components and spin-effects. At high energies theoretical results are still puzzling.

# Ideal Conditions for the Clear Identification of „Cross-Over Effect“

1 GeV/u;  $U^{92+} + e^-$



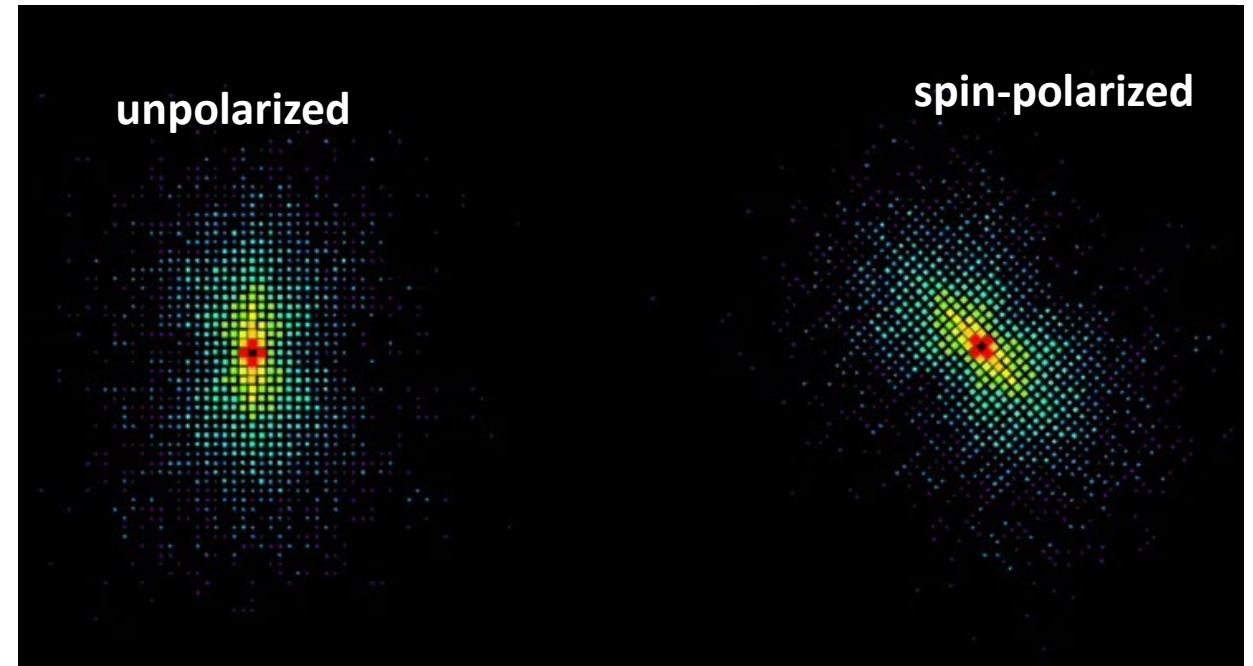
Despite relativistic solid angle transformation, recombination and bremsstrahlung transitions are predicted to be an intense radiation source at backward angles in the lab frame.

## Spin Polarized Ion Beams

for spin polarized ions, the polarization plane and scattering plane are not equal.

A.Surzhykov et al.,  
PRL 94, 203202 (2005)

R. Pratt, R. Levee, R. Pexton, and  
W. Aron, Phys. Rev. **134**, A916 (1964)  
“polarization transfer for the photoeffect“



### Control over the spin-polarization of stored ions:

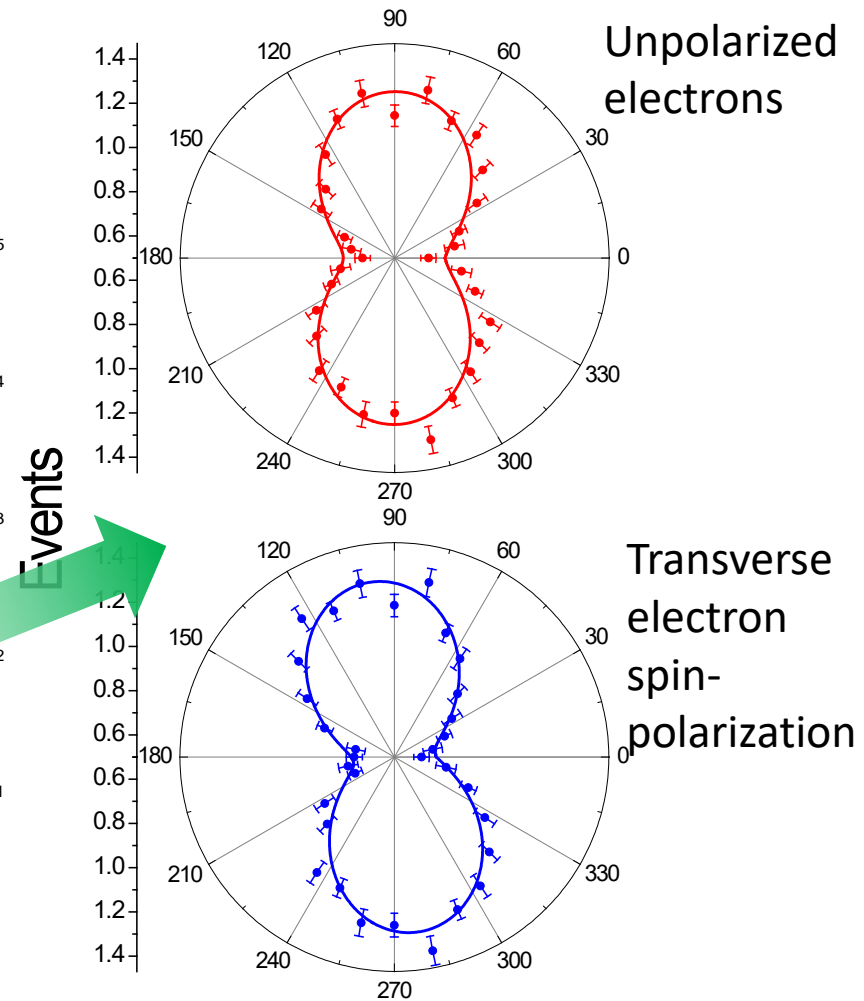
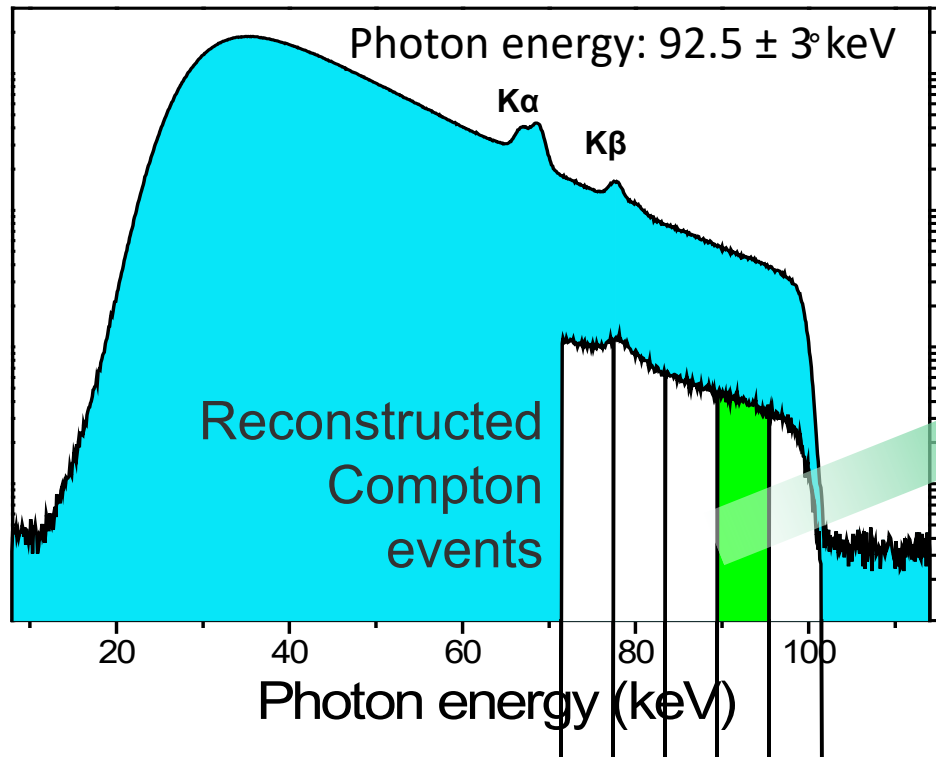
required for the search of the electric-dipole momentum of elementary particles and for atomic PNC experiments.

### REC/Recombination would be a possible tool:

Polarization transfer from the particles to the photons

# Bremsstrahlung of spin-polarized electrons

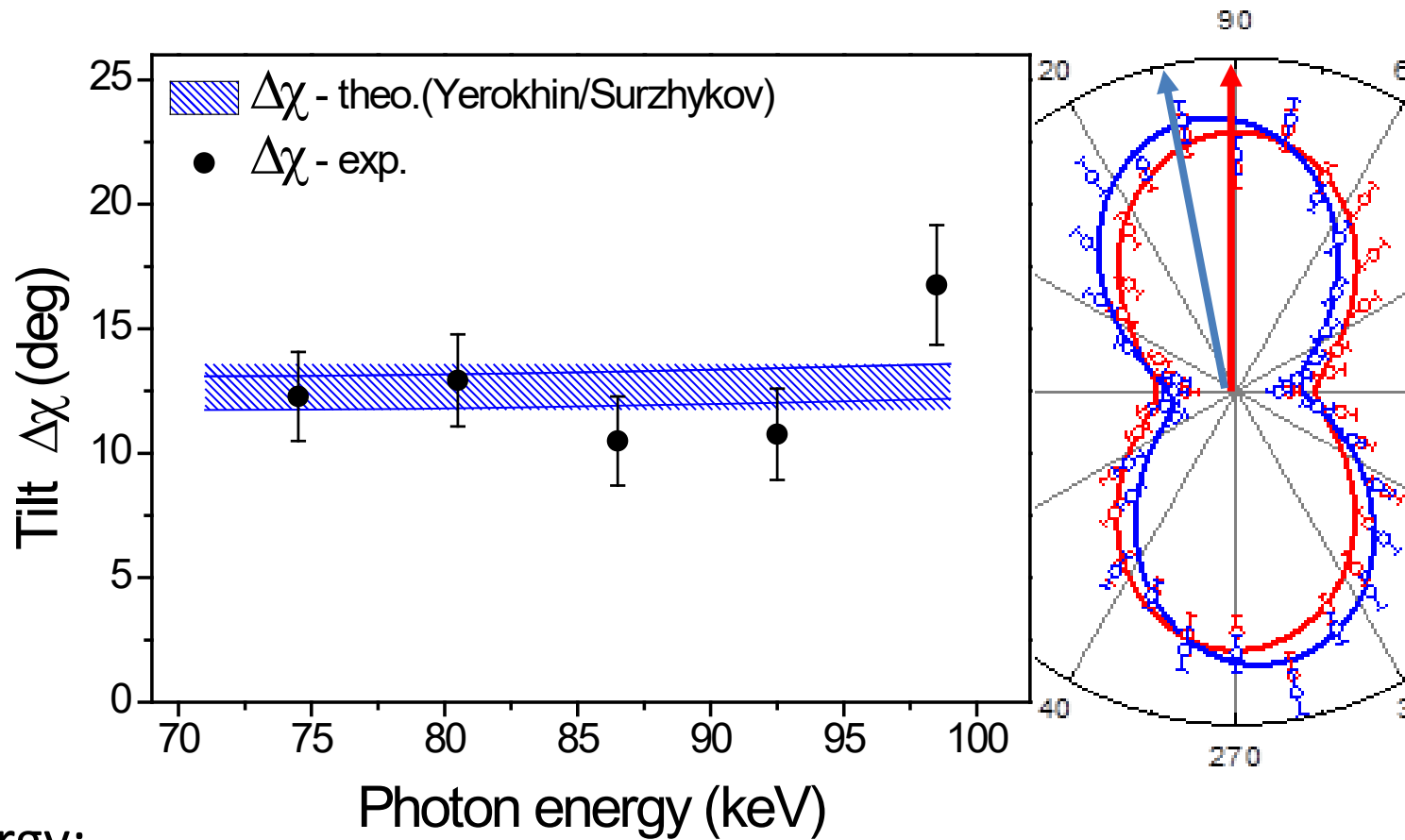
100 keV  $e^- \rightarrow \text{Au}$  @ 130 deg



Experiment done at the spin-polarized electron source at TU-Darmstadt

R. Märtin et al., PRL 2012

# Bremsstrahlung of spin-polarized electrons



Experiment:  
 $76 \pm 5$  %  
transversal  
polarisation  
in the reaction  
plane

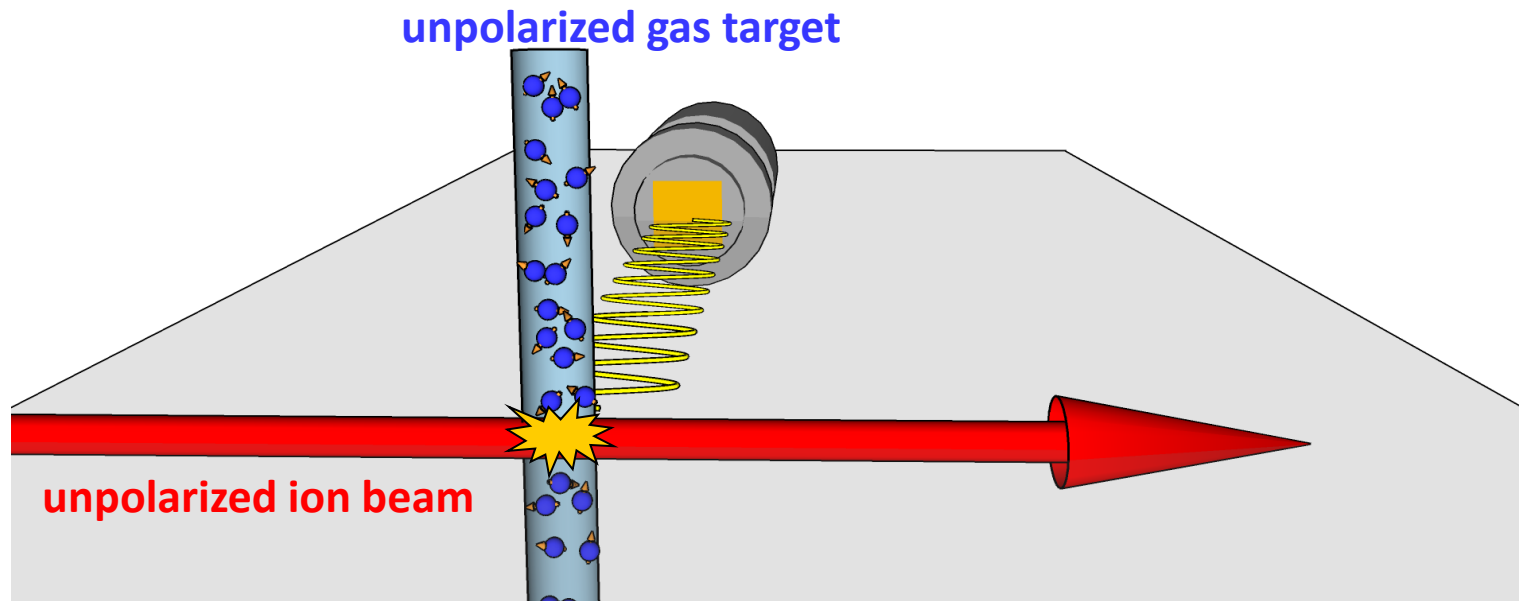
R. Martin et al., PRL 2012

Photon energy:  
 $92.5 \pm 3$  keV

V. A. Yerokhin and A. Surzhykov, Phys. Rev. A 82, 062702 (2010)

R. Pratt, R. Levee, R. Pexton, and W. Aron, Phys. Rev. **134**, A916 (1964) „ polarization transfer for the photoeffect“

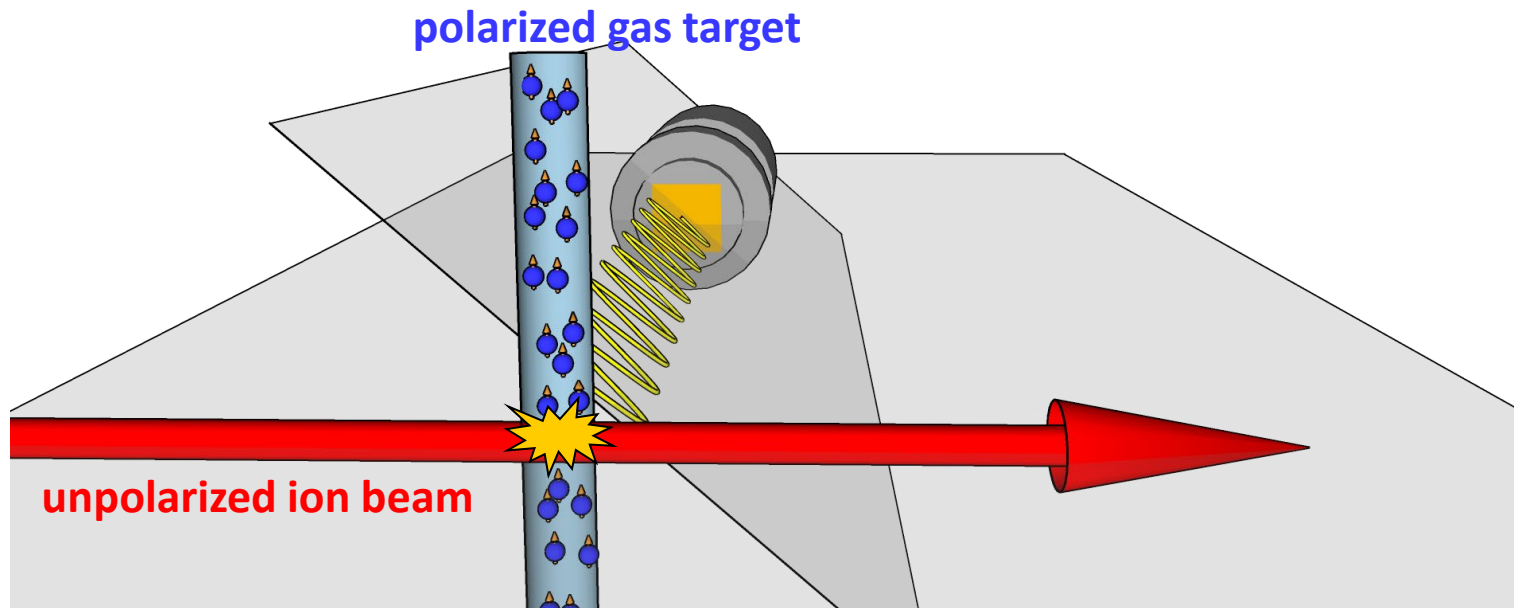
# REC: spin polarization of particles beams (ions or electrons)



## Unpolarized collision system:

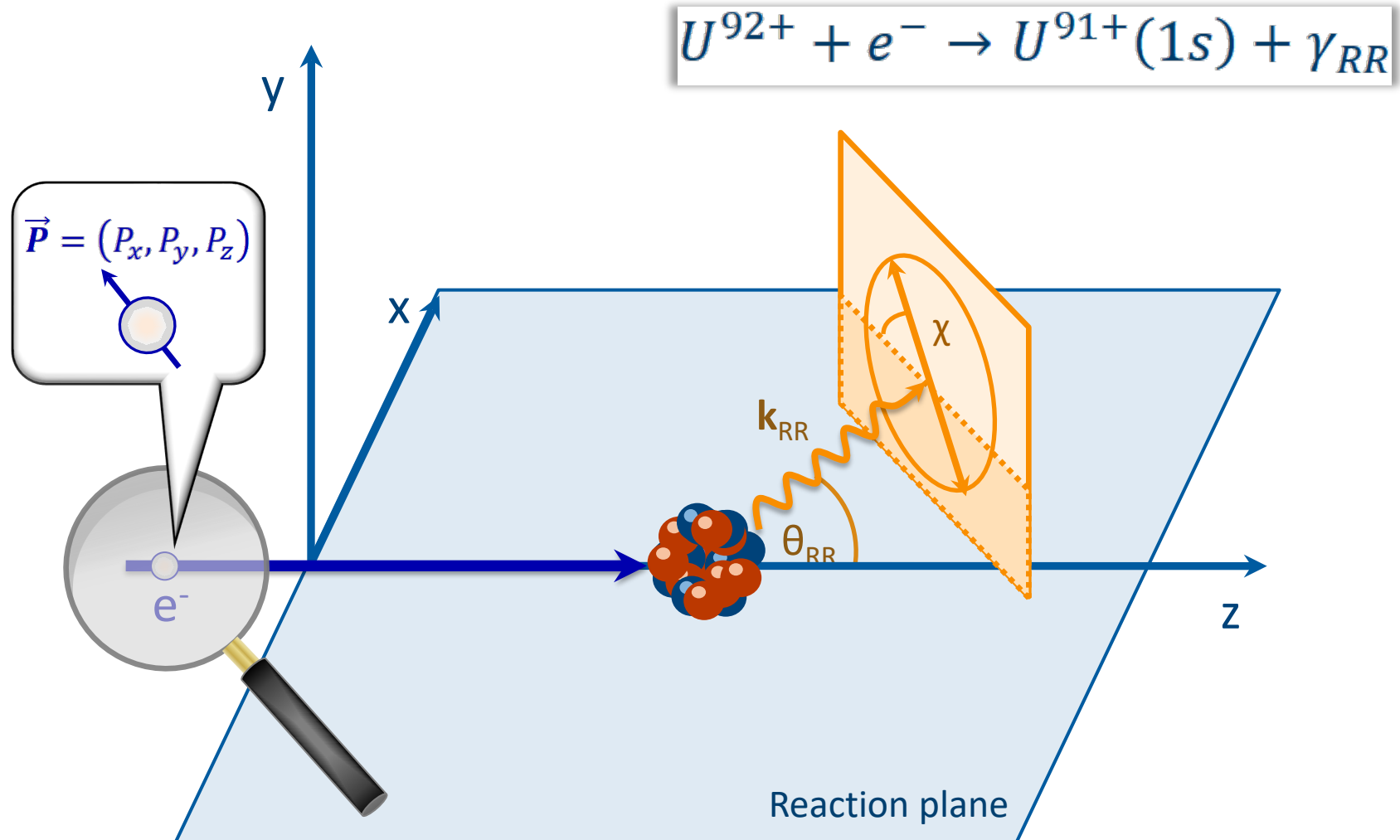
Emitted photons are polarized along the reaction plane.

# REC: spin polarization of particles beams (ions or electrons)



## Polarized collision system:

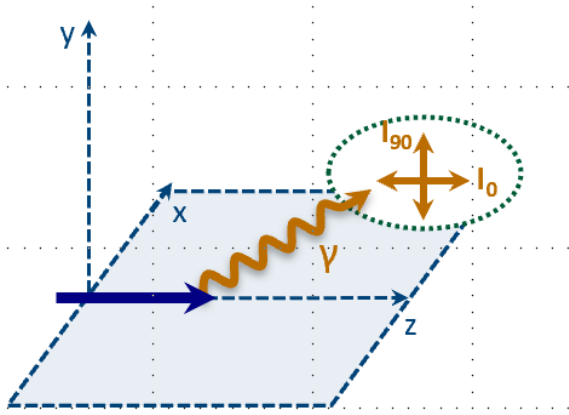
Orientation of photon polarization depends on the spin polarization of the colliding particles. →  
Polarization transfer from particles to photons → Spin diagnostic!



# Polarization-Transfer Electron-Photon for the Process of RR / U<sup>92+</sup>@400 MeV/u

## Stokes parameters of light

$$P_1 = \frac{I_{0^\circ} - I_{90^\circ}}{I_{0^\circ} + I_{90^\circ}}$$



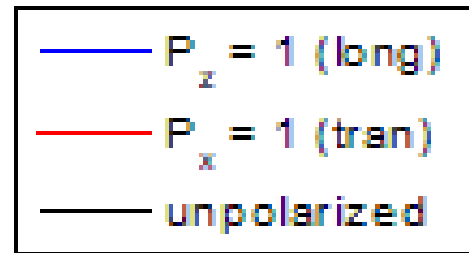
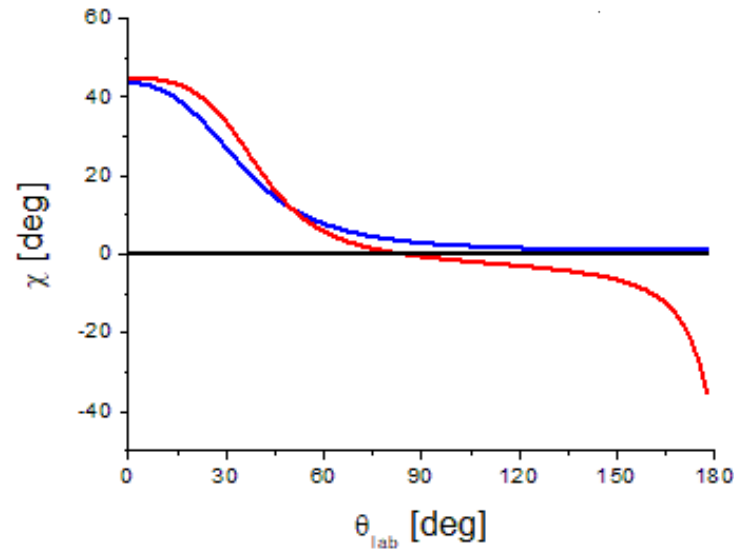
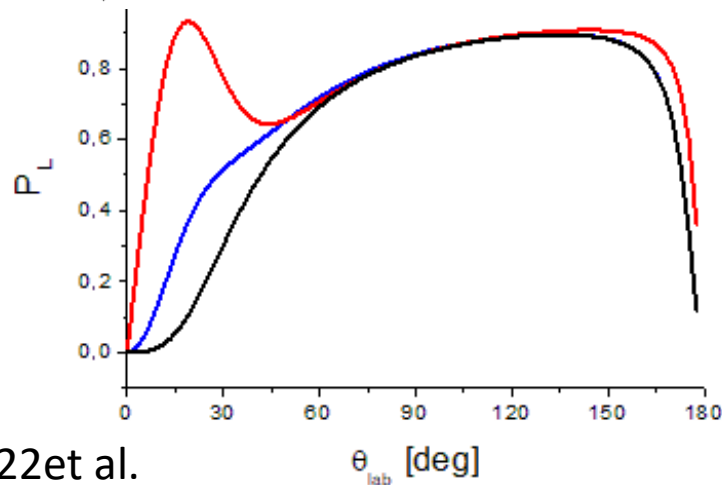
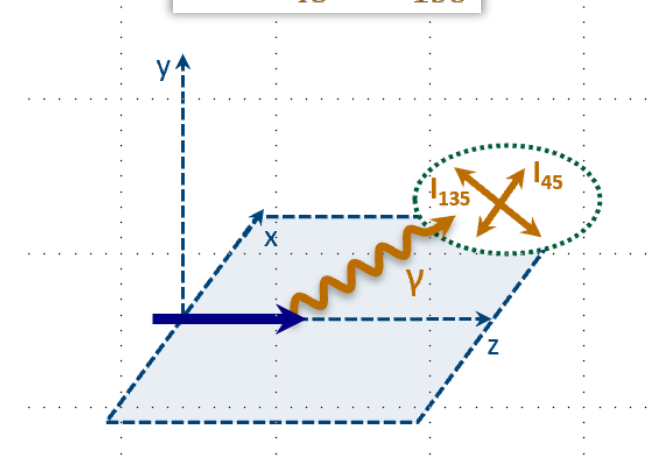
$P_L$  Degree  
of Polarization

$$P_L = \sqrt{P_1^2 + P_2^2}$$

$\chi$  tilt angle  
of scattering  
ellipse

$$\tan 2\chi = \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

$$P_2 = \frac{I_{45^\circ} - I_{135^\circ}}{I_{45^\circ} + I_{135^\circ}}$$



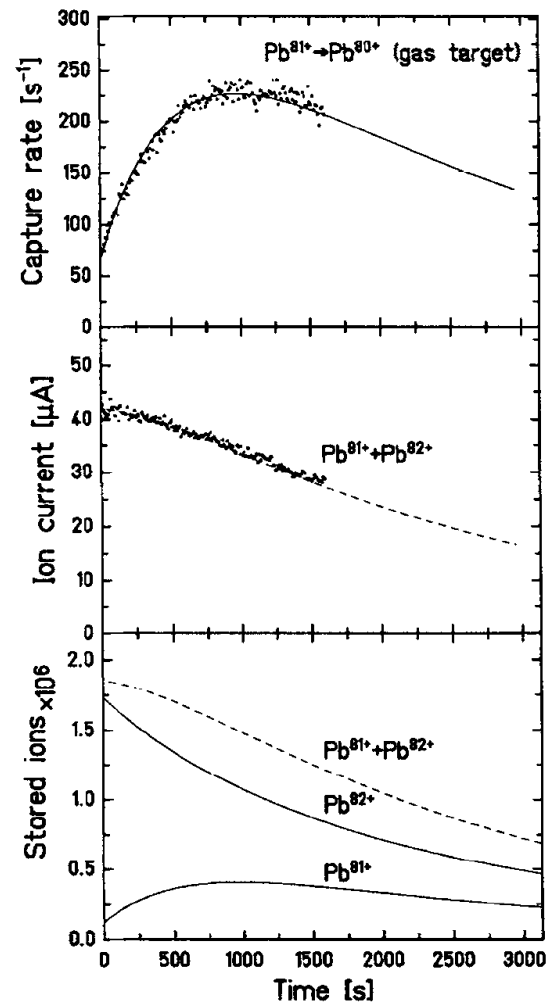
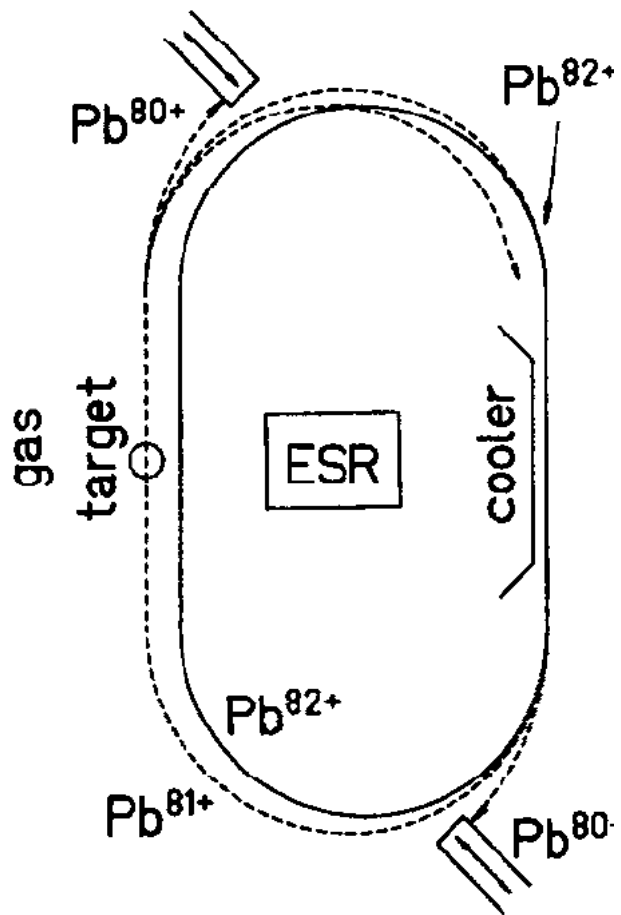
# Preservation of the polarization in the ESR

## ToDo



The preservation of the polarization in the ESR is a prerequisite to this, but depolarization effects in storage rings are well understood, and can be well controlled by spin tracking calculations. Possible processes for buildup of polarization need to be identified and studied.

# Also an Option: Charge State Breeding



Alternative to the electron cooler one may use stochastic cooling at 400 MeV/u

# Experiments at the ESR (at 400 MeV/u Stochastic Cooling)

## Application of spin-polarized targets: R&D projects with large discovery potential

- Step 1: Simple start
  - electron spin dependent RR radiation characteristic
  - detection of neutrino recoil for bound-state beta decay
- Step 2: Test of preservation for stored polarized ions
  - Test of polarization transfer via total capture cross-section / photon characteristics (Pauli blocking)
- Step 3: Spin-transfer to nuclei: e.g.  $^{209}\text{Bi}^{82+}$  (ions with large magnetic moment  $\Leftrightarrow$  spin orientation transfer to the nucleus)
- Step 4: Experiments with spin-controlled stored particles

# CRYRING@ESR (in operation since 2020)

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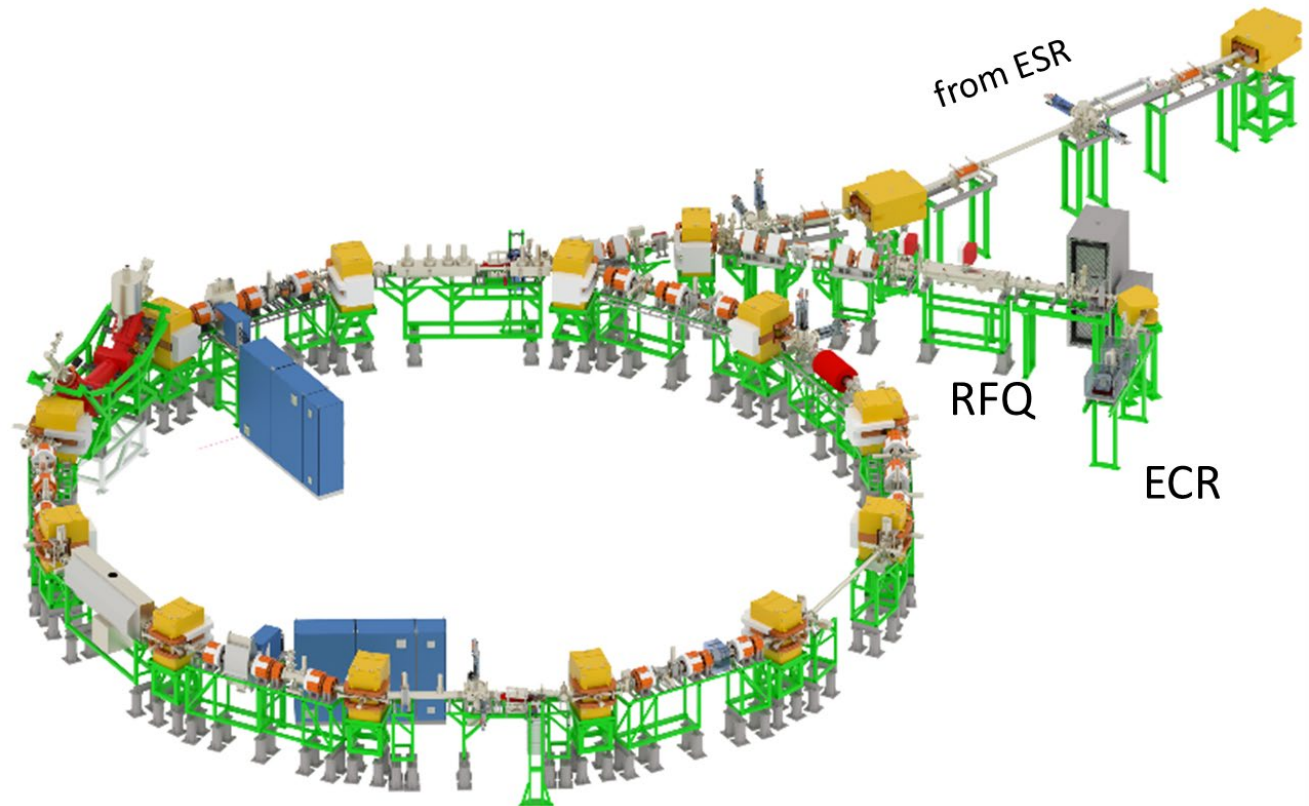
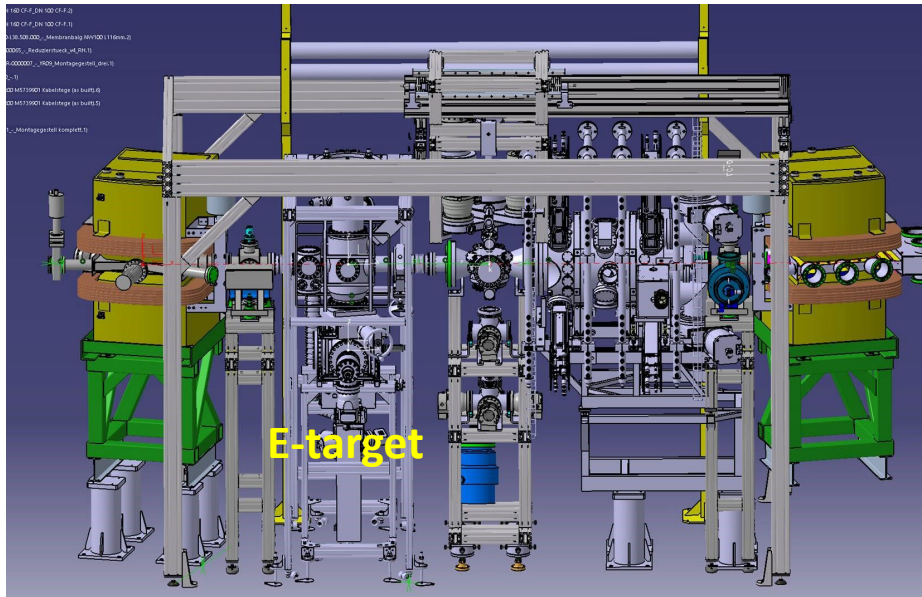


## Key features: CRYRING@ESR

- Low-energy and electron cooled beams
- Electron cooling with adiabatic expansion -> ultra-cold e-beam
- High-luminosity for in-ring experiments
- Very fast deceleration 7 T/s
- Internal gas-jet and electron targets
- Slow and fast extraction

- CRYRING@ESR: Swedish in-kind contribution to FAIR with substantial contributions of the SPARC collaboration
- first physics production runs with beams from ESR in 2020
- Experiments with local injector and ion source possible

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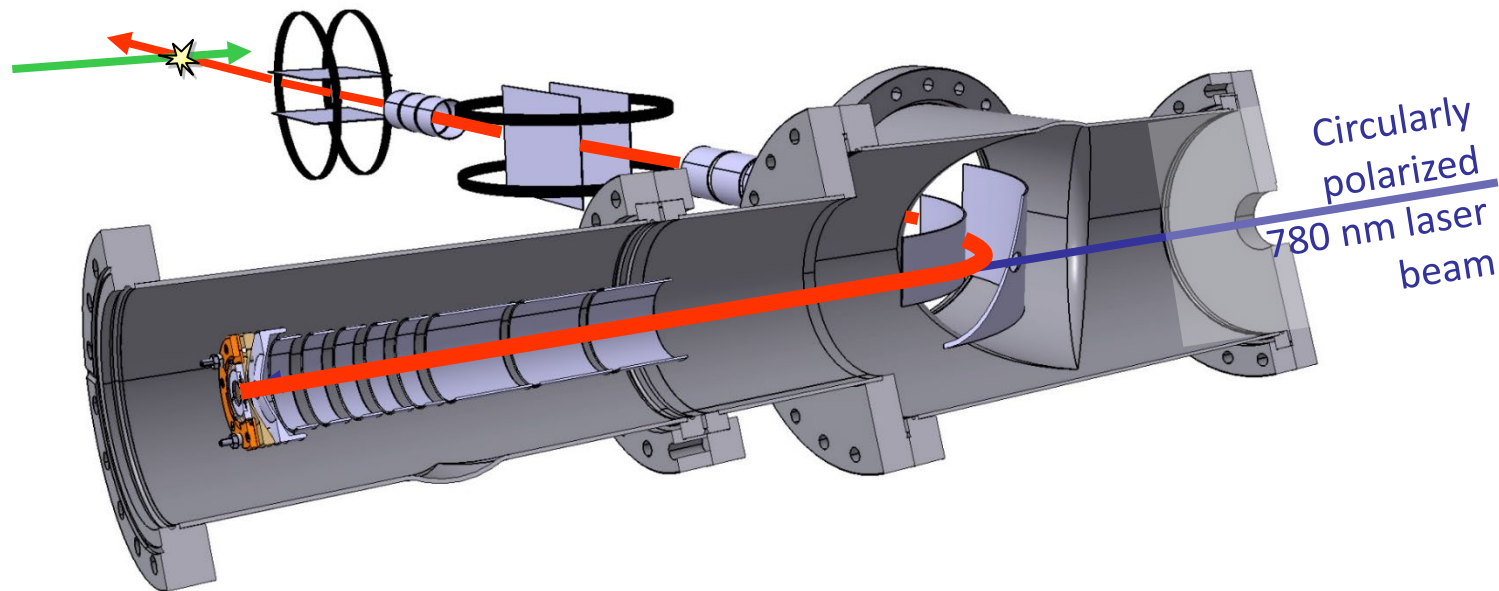
## Options:

Spin-polarized electron target

Polarized ion source

# Polarized electron target (PEGASUS)

- GaAs photocathode established technique for spin-polarized electrons
- Beam optics optimized for high intensities in simulations (Simlon)
- Test setup available at GSI



# Summary



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## Towards experiments with polarized beams and targets at the GSI/FAIR storage rings

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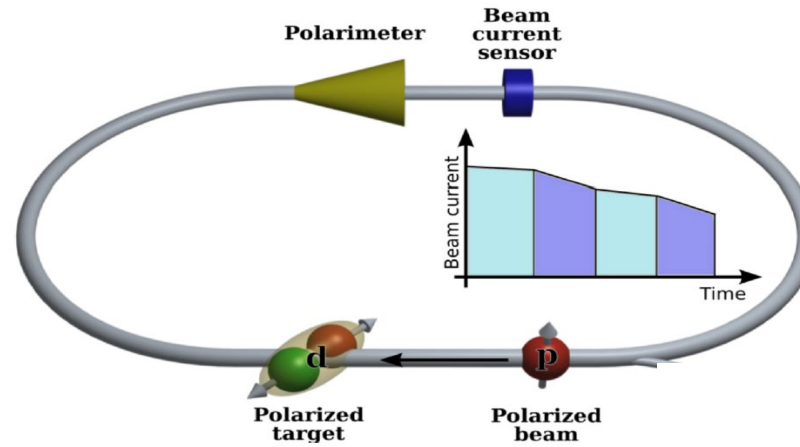
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### Step 1: Diagnostics

- electron spin dependent x-ray radiation
- neutrino recoil for bound-state beta decay

### Step 2: Spin preservation

- absolute capture cross-section / photon emission (Pauli blocking)

### Step 3: Spin-transfer to nuclei

- ions with magnetic moment  $\leftrightarrow$  spin transfer to the nucleus)

### Goal: Experiments with spin-controlled stored particles

Search for physics beyond the SM

- EDM / Axion search
- Atomic PNC experiments at high-Z

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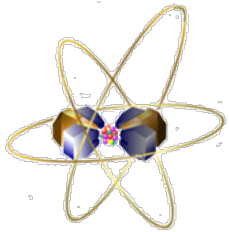


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