

Enrichment Review

~Enrichment of ^{48}Ca ~

D₂O 0.015 % → 99.92% Distillation/Electrolysis, etc. C\$330M

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First experimental results

Limits for Lepton-Conserving and Lepton-Nonconserving Double Beta Decay in Ca^{48}

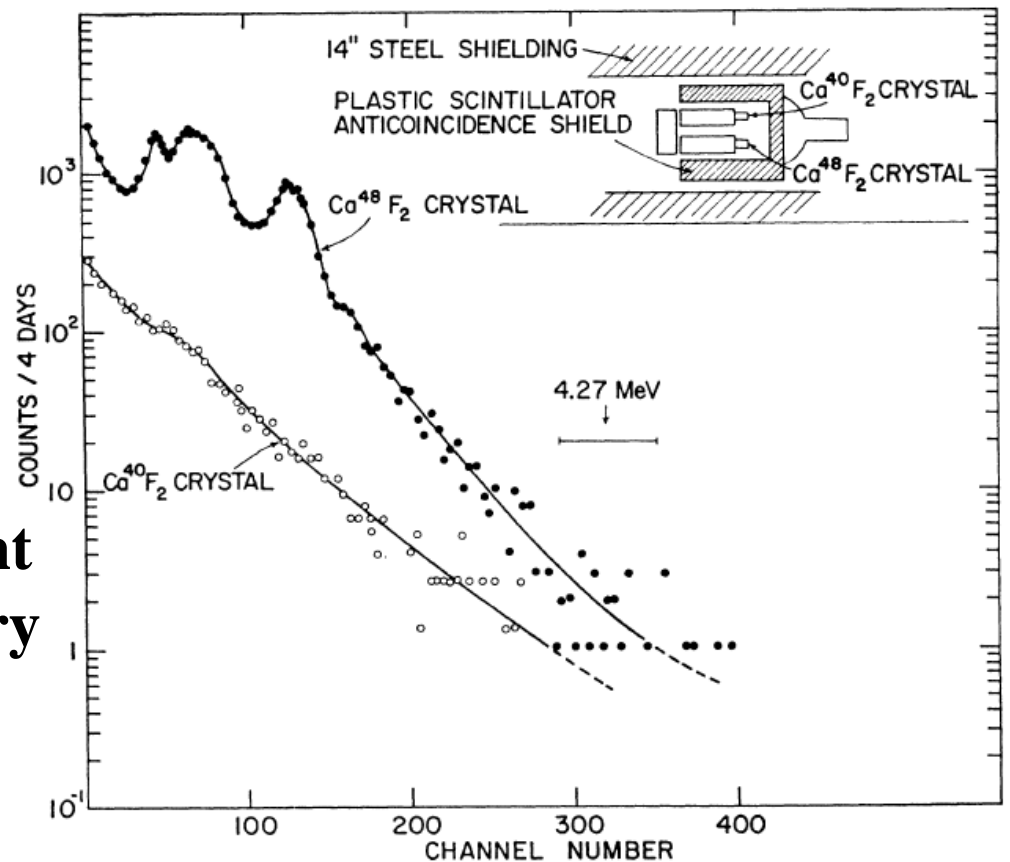
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$^{48}\text{CaF}_2(\text{Eu})$, 11.4 g
 $\rightarrow T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2 \times 10^{20}$ yr

96.59 % enriched ^{48}Ca

Isotope Separation Department
Oak Ridge National Laboratory



Enriched scintillators for 2β decay search

| Year | Scintillator | Ref. |
|----------------|---|---|
| 1966 | $^{48}\text{CaF}_2(\text{Eu})$ ($\delta=97\%$, $m=22$ g) $^{40}\text{CaF}_2(\text{Eu})$ ($\delta=97\%$, $m=22$ g) | [1] |
| 1987 – 2003 | $^{116}\text{CdWO}_4$ ($\delta=83\%$, $m=510$ g) | [2] |
| 2009 – present | $^{106}\text{CdWO}_4$ ($\delta=66\%$, $m=231$ g) | [3]  |
| 2010 – present | $^{116}\text{CdWO}_4$ ($\delta=82\%$, $m=1868$ g) | [4]  |
| 2010 – present | $^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ ($\delta=96\%$ of ^{100}Mo , $\delta=99.964\%$ of ^{40}Ca depleted on ^{48}Ca , $m=550$ g) | [5] |
| 2013 – 2014 | $\text{Zn}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$, Zn^{82}Se | [6,7] |

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[4] A.S. Barabash et al., J. Instrum. 6 (2011) P08011.

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The industrial separator SU20 Lesnoy, Sverdlovky region

30 kg of Ca-40 ($^{40}\text{CaCO}_3$)
is available now

Ca-48 < 0,001%

Good for 150 kg of
 $^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$

Productivity: 4 – 5 kg/year



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Electromagnet of the SU20 separator (5-floors building & 3000 ton magnet!)

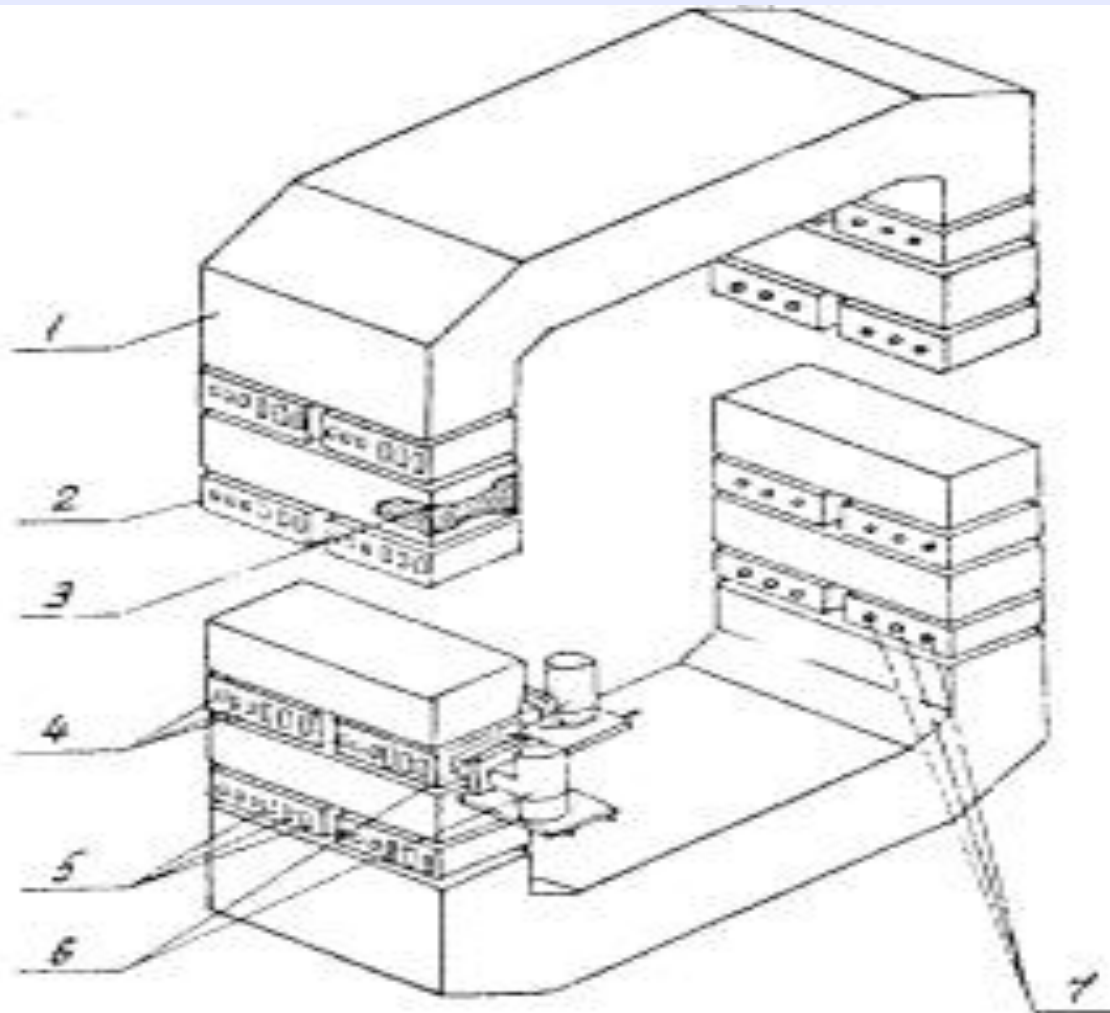


Fig. 1. Electromagnet of the separator. (1) Housing; (2) separation tank (chamber); (3) electromagnet coils; (4) ion source seats; (5) ion receiver seats; (6) diffusion pumps; (7) observation openings.

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SU20: Separation tank (2*2*5 = 20)

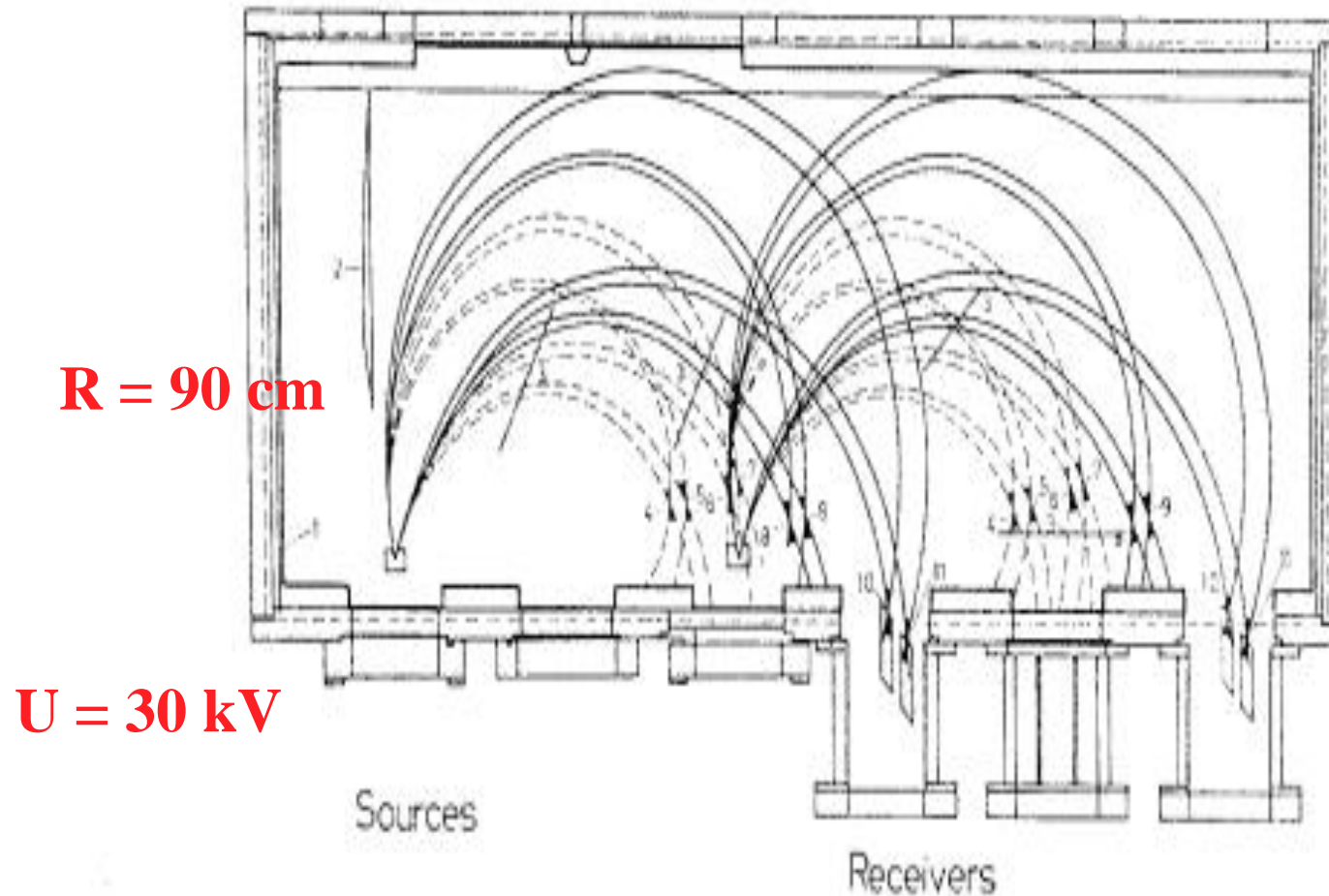
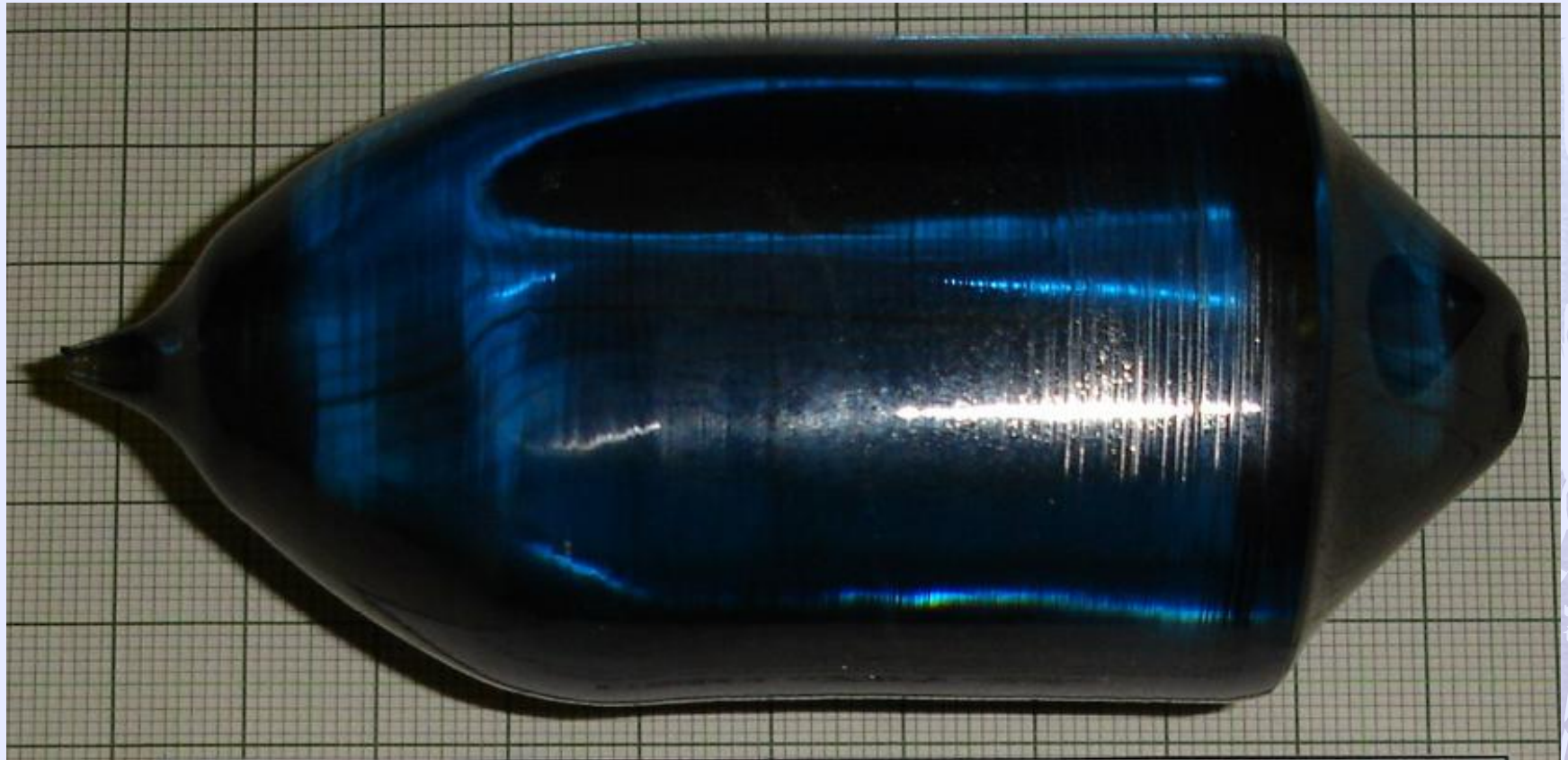


Fig. 3. Location of ion beams in a separation tank, two ion sources operating (feed material is FeCl_3): (1) liner; (2) magnet plate profile; (3) graphite plates; (4)–(11) isotope beams: [(4) $^{54}\text{Fe}^{3+}$, (5) $^{58}\text{Fe}^{3+}$, (6) $^{54}\text{Fe}^{2+}$, (7) $^{58}\text{Fe}^{2+}$, (8) $^{35}\text{Cl}^+$, (9) $^{37}\text{Cl}^+$, (10) $^{54}\text{Fe}^+$, (11) $^{58}\text{Fe}^+$].

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$^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ single crystal before annealing
($m = 0,55$ kg, $D_{49} \times 42$ mm, $L_{\text{cylinder}} = 53$ mm
grown 11/09/2009)

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AMoRE (Advanced *Mo*-based Rare process Experiment)

СМО «Z0Y-25»

CaMoO₄ изотопнообогащенный

Past Neutrino-less double beta decay searches

| Nucleus | Experiment | % | $Q_{\beta\beta}$ | Enr | Technique | $T_{0\nu}$ (y) | $\langle m_{\nu} \rangle$ |
|-------------------|-------------------|------|------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| ^{48}Ca | Elegant IV | 0.19 | 4271 | | scintillator | $>1.4 \times 10^{22}$ | 7-45 |
| ^{76}Ge | Heidelberg-Moscow | 7.8 | 2039 | 87 | ionization | $>1.9 \times 10^{25}$ | .12 - 1 |
| ^{76}Ge | IGEX | 7.8 | 2039 | 87 | Ionization | $>1.6 \times 10^{25}$ | .14 - 1.2 |
| ^{76}Ge | Klapdor et al | 7.8 | 2039 | 87 | ionization | 1.2×10^{25} | .44 |
| ^{82}Se | NEMO 3 | 9.2 | 2995 | 97 | tracking | $>1. \times 10^{23}$ | 1.8-4.9 |
| ^{100}Mo | NEMO 3 | 9.6 | 3034 | 95-99 | tracking | $>4.6 \times 10^{23}$ | .7-2.8 |
| ^{116}Cd | Solotvina | 7.5 | 3034 | 83 | scintillator | $>1.7 \times 10^{23}$ | 1.7 - ? |
| ^{128}Te | Bernatovitz | 34 | 2529 | | geochem | $>7.7 \times 10^{24}$ | .1-4 |
| ^{130}Te | Cuoricino | 33.8 | 2529 | | bolometric | $>2.4 \times 10^{24}$ | .2-1. |
| ^{136}Xe | DAMA | 8.9 | 2476 | 69 | scintillator | $>1.2 \times 10^{24}$ | 1.1 -2.9 |
| ^{150}Nd | Irvine | 5.6 | 3367 | 91 | tracking | $>1.2 \times 10^{21}$ | 3 - ? |

10.96 kg



~1 kg

~7 kg

6.5 kg LXe

NEMO3

36.55 g

The crown jewels of EXO



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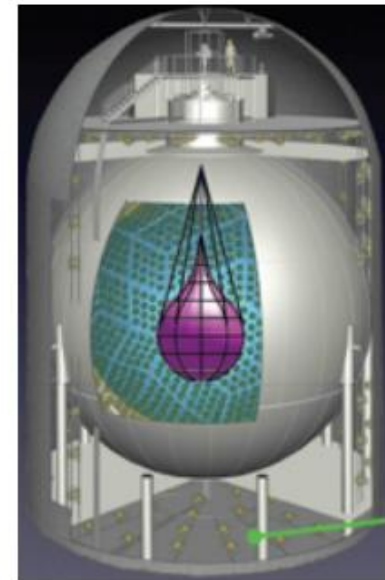
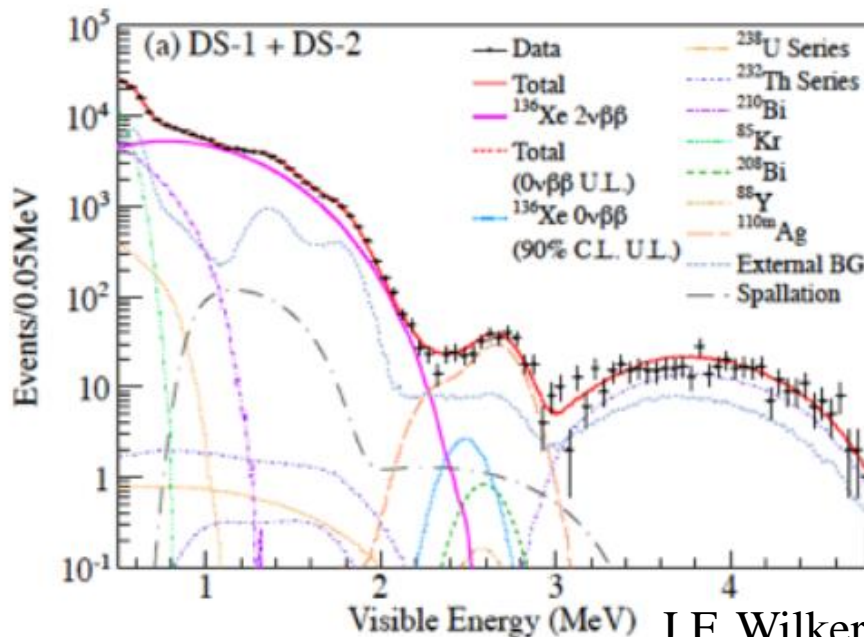
**200 kg of xenon enriched to 80% in ^{136}Xe :
the most isotope in possession by any $\beta\beta 0\nu$ collaboration.**

KamLAND-ZEN ^{136}Xe (Japan - U.S.)

- Utilizes substantial investment and expertise in KamLAND
- ~~300 kg of 91.7% ^{136}Xe (2.7% by wt. in liquid scintillator), 400 kg in hand.~~
- **320 kg** mini-ballon of R=1.7m, 25 microns thick.
- **620 kg** Since recent result, with 110Ag, working on purification
- Nov. 2012 - fire in purification system area.
- Rebuilding plan is still unclear mostly due to an administrative procedure for the contract.
- Earliest possibility was to restart purification in May, but likely there will be an additional two month delay.
- Longer term plan upgrade to 700 kg

将来

800 ~ 1 ton



Isotope enrichment Price Level

| Isotope | Criteria for the Best $0\nu\beta\beta$ Isotope | | | | | | $0\nu\beta\beta$ Project |
|-------------------|--|----------------------------|--|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| | $Q_{\beta\beta}$ (MeV) | $G_{0\nu}$ (y^{-1}) | $T^{2\nu\beta\beta}_{1/2}$ (10^{20} y) | Isotope Enrichment | | | |
| | | | | Abundance (%) | Method | Price Level | |
| ^{130}Te | 2.533 | 1.70 | 6.8 | 33.8 → 95 | GC | 0.3 | CUORE |
| ^{136}Xe | 2.462 | 1.81 | | 8.9 → 90 | GC | 0.2 | EXO |
| ^{76}Ge | 2.039 | 0.24 | 15 | 7.8 → 90 | GC | 1 (\$80/g) | GERDA |
| | | | | | | | MAJORANA |
| ^{82}Se | 2.995 | 1.08 | 0.92 | 9.2 → 90 | GC | 1.5 | SuperNEMO |
| ^{100}Mo | 3.034 | 1.75 | 0.07 | 9.6 → 90 | GC | 1 | AMORE |
| ^{116}Cd | 2.802 | 1.89 | 0.28 | 7.5 → 90 | GC | 2.5 | |
| ^{48}Ca | <u>4.274</u> | <u>2.44</u> | <u>0.44</u> | 0.187 → 25 | EMIS ALSIS | 160 < 5 | CANDLES |
| ^{150}Nd | 3.667 | 8.00 | 0.08 | 5.6 → 90 | EMIS | 170 | |
| ^{96}Zr | 3.350 | 2.24 | 0.23 | 2.8 → 60 | EMIS | 400 | - |

Method of isotopes separation

Electro-magnetic method

Physical Chemical (rectification, chemical exchange)

Gas centrifuges

Optical methods (AVLIS) (MLIS) Photochemistry

Plasma ICR method

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|
| H | | | | | | | | He | | | | | | |
| Li | Be | B | C | | N | O | F | Ne | | | | | | |
| Na | Mg | Al | Si | | P | S | Cl | Ar | | | | | | |
| K | Ca | | Sc | | Ti | V | Cr | Mn | Fe | Co | Ni | | | |
| Cu | Zn | Ga | Ge | | As | Se | Br | Kr | | | | | | |
| Rb | Sr | Y | | Zr | Nb | Mo | Tc | Ru | Rh | Pd | | | | |
| | Ag | Cd | In | Sn | Sb | Te | I | Xe | | | | | | |
| Cs | Ba | La | | Hf | Ta | W | Re | Os | Ir | Pt | | | | |
| | Au | Hg | Tl | Pb | Bi | Po | At | Rn | | | | | | |
| Fr | Ra | Ac | | Rf | Db | Sg | Bh | Hs | Mt | 110 | | | | |
| 111 | 112 | (113) | 114 | (115) | 116 | (117) | 118 | | | | | | | |
| <u>La</u> | Ce | <u>Pr</u> | <u>Nd</u> | <u>Pm</u> | <u>Sm</u> | <u>Eu</u> | <u>Gd</u> | <u>Tb</u> | Dy | Ho | <u>Er</u> | Tm | <u>Yb</u> | Lu |
| <u>Ac</u> | <u>Th</u> | <u>Pa</u> | <u>U</u> | <u>Np</u> | <u>Pu</u> | <u>Am</u> | <u>Cm</u> | <u>Bk</u> | Cf | <u>Es</u> | Fm | <u>Md</u> | <u>No</u> | Lr |

Actual production capability

USA:

Calutron production was stopped in 2004

Medium size ICR machine founded by DOE is installed at Theragenics
production is oriented to medicine application

New program for AVLIS founded at Livermore (very expensive)
it is unclear if this program will be completed

Russia:

Few labs are able to produce isotopes with Ultracentrifuges

Only elements that have gas compounds can be produced

Prices of enriched isotopes are favorable (today)

Europe and Japan:

There are some enrichment facilities based on Ultracentrifuges

Restart of an AVLIS machine in France is not yet established (^{150}Nd)

Actually practically only Russian labs can produce stable isotopes

ECP, Zelenogorsk

Two facilities have shown interest in providing DBD isotopes

- ◆ ECP of Zelenogorsk supplied all the isotope for IGEX and HM ^{76}Ge DBD experiments ✓
 - ◆ ECP has quoted Ge prices to Majorana and recently sold Ge to GERDA ✓
 - ◆ Quote 2001:
 - ◆ \$55/g at low volumes
 - ◆ Sale to GERDA 2004:
 - ◆ \$51/g for ~44kg (~2M\$)
 - ◆ Sale to Majorana 2011:
 - ◆ \$90/g at 42.5 kg (86%)
 - ◆ ECP also developed shipping and storage solutions
- Angarsk Electrolytic Chemical Combine - (AEKhK) in Irkutsk, <http://www.aecc.ru>
Urals Electrochemical Combine (Sverdlovsk-44) - (UEKhK) in Novouralsk, <http://www.ricon.e-burg.ru>
Siberian Chemical Combine (Tomsk-7) - (SKhK) in Seversk, <http://www.atomsib.ru>
Electrochemical Plant or ECP (Krasnoyarsk-45) - (EKhZ) in Zelenogorsk <http://www.ecp.ru>



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UEKhK, Urals






ECP PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXPERIMENTS

Since the early 90s the ECP is the supplier of isotopes used under several programs of material structure physical research.

| Year | Isotope | Collaboration (project) | Program content | Year | Isotope | Enrichment | Quantity | Location (Institution) |
|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1990-1992 | G | IGEX (USA, Russia) | Neutrinoless double beta decay study | 1990 – 1992 | Ge-76 | > 86% | 20 kg | IGEX (Spain, Russia, Armenia) |
| | | NEMO (France, Russia) | Neutrinoless double beta decay study | 1990 – 1994 1995 | Mo-100 Se-82 | > 95% > 95% | 13 kg 1 kg | NEMO (France, Russia) |
| 1990s | M | XMASS (Japan) | Solar neutrino registration | 2001 | Xe – 129 + Xe – 131 | > 80% | 10 kg | XMASS (Japan) |
| 1990-1994 | M | EXO (USA, Russia) | Neutrinoless double beta decay study | 2002 – 2003 | Xe – 136 | > 80% | 68 kg | EXO (USA, Russia) |
| 1995 | S | GERDA (Germany, Russia) | Neutrinoless double beta decay study | 2004 – 2005 | Ge – 76 | > 86% | 30 – 40 kg | GERDA (Germany, Russia) |
| 2001 | X + | XENON (USA, Italy) | Neutrinoless double beta decay study | 2007 | Xenon with displaced isotopic composition | | 5000 L | XENON (USA, Italy) |
| 2002-2003 | X | RAS INR, RAS IMTPM ACTC (Russia) | Neutrinoless double beta decay study | 2008 | Mo – 100 | > 95% | 2,5 kg | RAS INR (Russia) |
| 2001, 2003 | S S S | ITEP (Russia) | Neutrinoless double beta decay study | 2008 | Sn – 112 | > 94% | 50 g | Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory (USA) |
| 2004-2005 | C | Baksan Neutrino Observatory INR RAS (Russia) | Search for Kr-78 2K-capture | 2002 | Purification of Kr-78 > 99.8% from Kr-85 – Specific activity of Kr-85 in Kr-78 has been reduced by more than 100 times and is now less than 0.1 Bq/l [5]. | | | GERDA (Germany, Russia) |
| | | WARP (Italy, Russia) | Dark matter search experiment | 2006 – 2007 | Purification of argon from Ar-39 is improved by more than 50 times, and from Kr-85 by no less than 100 times as compared with the natural content | | | WARP (Italy, Russia) |
| 2002 | K 9 K I t | MAJORANA (USA, Russia) | Neutrinoless double beta decay study | 2010 2011 July 2012 – plan | Ge – 76 | > 86% | 10 kg 20 kg 20 kg – plan | MAJORANA (USA, Russia) |
| | | MAJORANA (USA, Russia) | Neutrinoless double beta decay study | 2010 | Te – 130 | 92 % | 10 kg | MAJORANA (USA, Russia) |

for Ca Technologies for isotope production

Find a cost-effective & efficient way of enrichment!!!

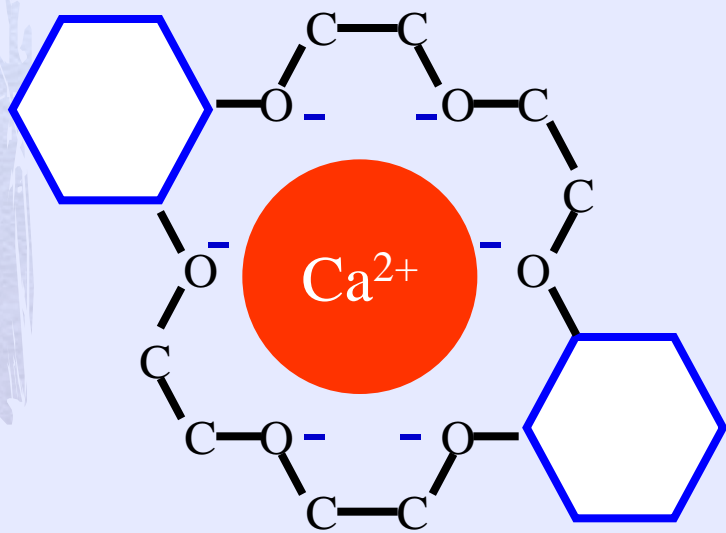
| Separation technology | Field of use | Production per year | Cost |
|--|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| Electromagnetic (mass-spectroscopy effect)  | universal | tens of grams | high 0.001 |
| Chemical & phys. processes (rectification, chem. exchange etc)  | light elements | tons | low |
| Gas diffusion  | elements forming gas compounds | thousands of tons | middle |
| Gas centrifuge  | elements forming gas compounds | thousands of tons | low 1 |
| Laser (optical) separation  | elements having isotope shift of spectrum lines | kilograms | middle 0.1 |
| Plasma ion-cyclotron effect (under developing – the USA, Russia) | universal | hundreds of kilogram | middle 0.01 |

- Liquid centrifuge? (mobility/viscosity with CaCl_2 solution & almina)
- Gel electrophoresis (CaCl_2 & HCl)
- Electro-migration

Crown Ether

Liquid

Microchip



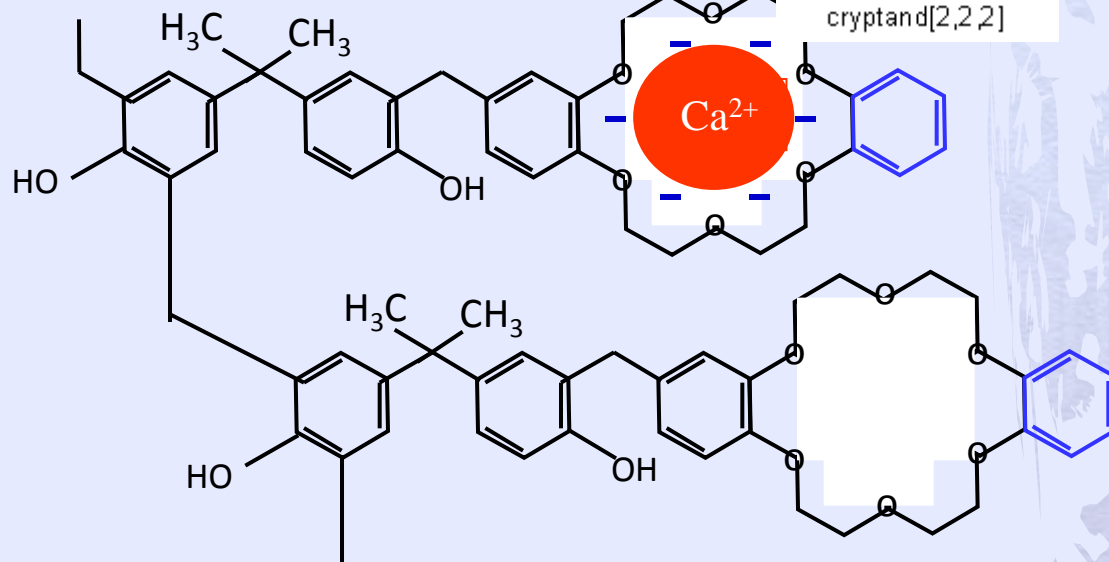
Dicyclohexano 18-crown-6

DC18C6

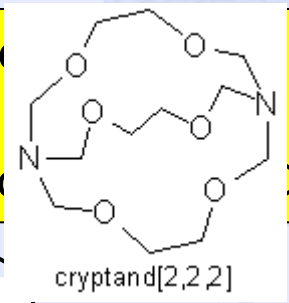
Total # of atoms in the ring
of oxygen atoms in the ring

Solid

Resin



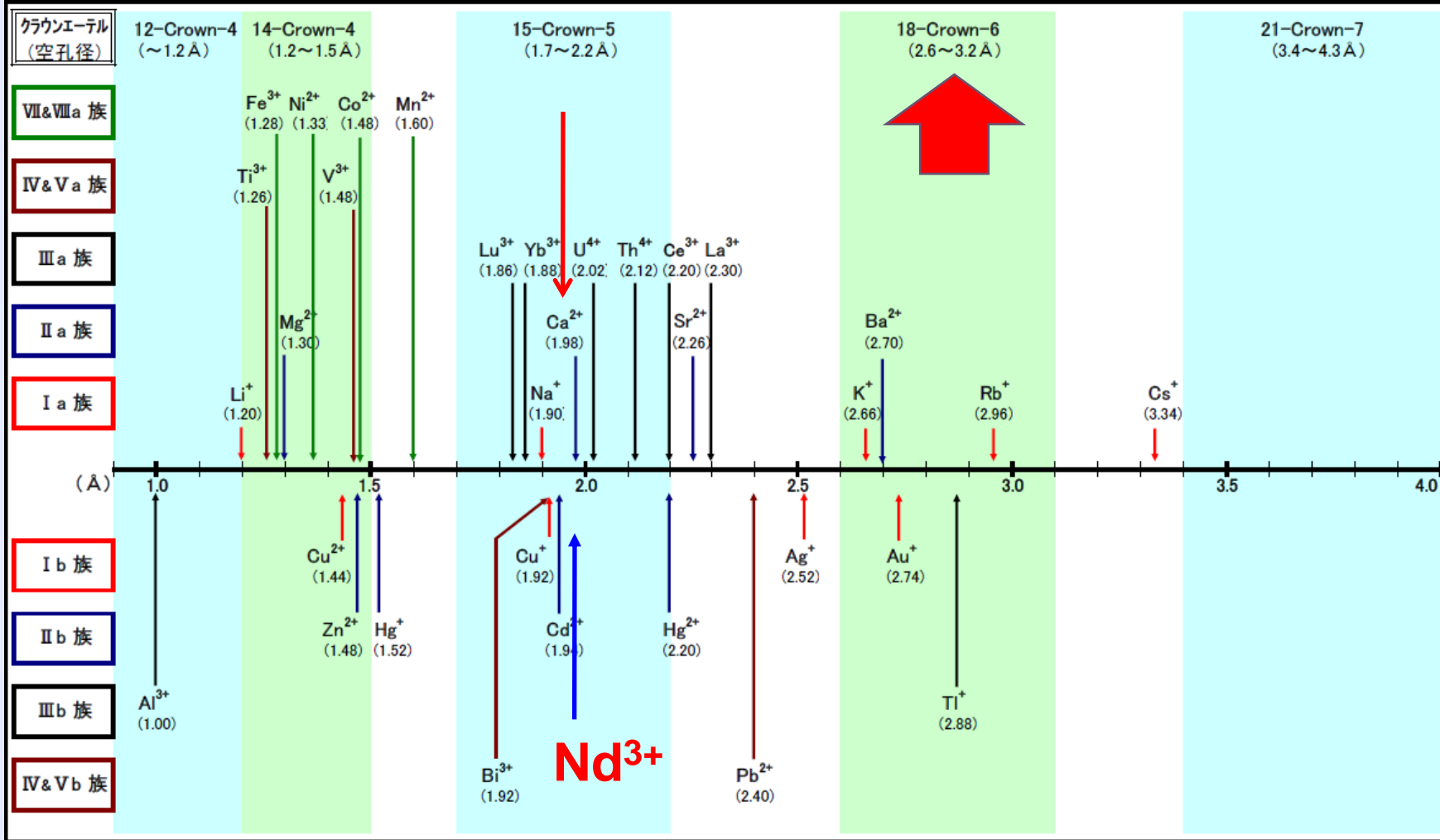
Benzo
or
Di-cyclo



cryptand[2,2,2]

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- Held by electrostatic attraction between negatively charged O^- of the C-O dipoles & cation (Ca^{2+})
- How well the cation fits into the crown ring
- Liquid(aq-salt)-liquid(org-crown)/solid(resin) extraction in isotopic equilibrium



| | | | | | | |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ca isotope | ^{40}Ca | ^{42}Ca | ^{43}Ca | ^{44}Ca | ^{46}Ca | ^{48}Ca |
| abundance (%) | 96.94 | 0.65 | 0.135 | 2.09 | 0.004 | 0.187 |

Solid./Liq.

Increase Ca content → ε doesn't change

A-type

FH-type

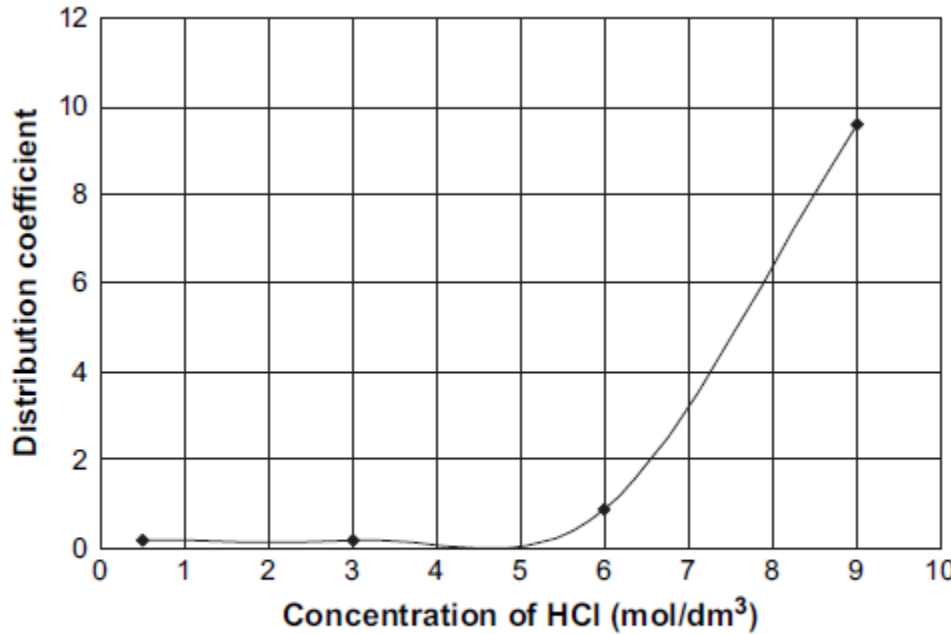


Fig. 4. Distribution coefficient of calcium between benzo-18-crown-6 resin and HCl aqueous solution.

| | |
|----|------------|
|) | Run (3) |
| | 0.25 |
| 6 | 0.00211 |
| 15 | 0.00026375 |
| 2 | -3.5788 |

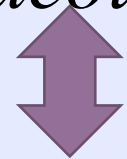
0.088

0.0034

0.000425

-3.3716

HCl aqueous solution: ε ~ 1.003



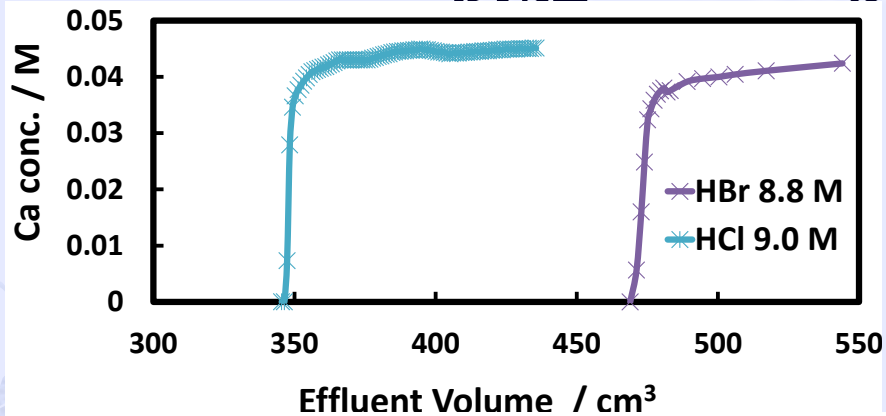
× ~3?

Liq./Liq.

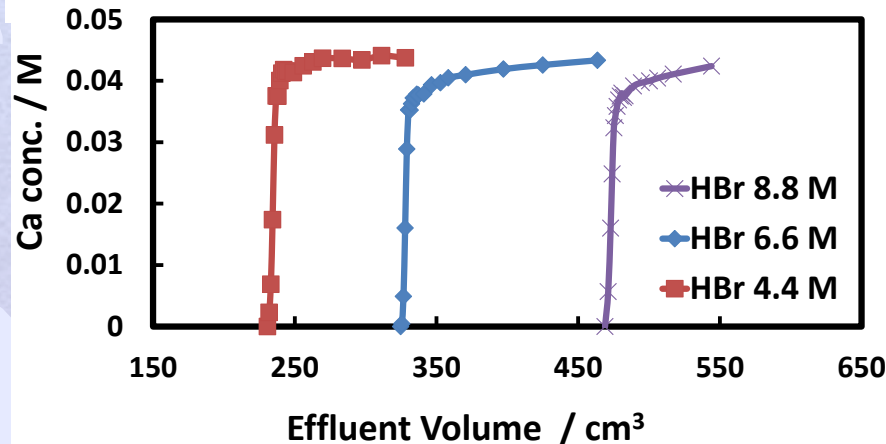
ε(α₄₀⁴⁸) = ? ? ? by pure organic solvent
 = 1.008 by water-alcohol mixture

Jepson & DeWitt, J. Inorg.nucl.Chem38(1976)1175 (chloroform-methanol)

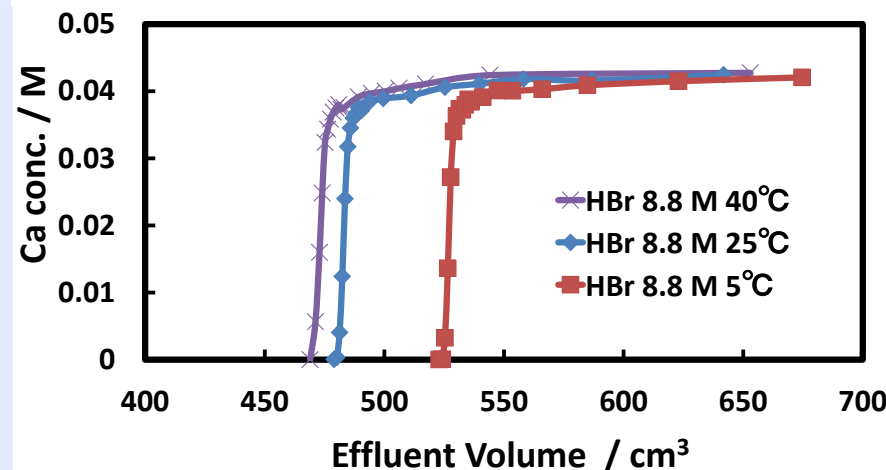
樹脂へのCa吸着量の向上



硬い $\text{Cl}^- < \text{Br}^-$ 軟らかい



[クラウン - Ca^{2+} - 2X^-]
アニオン量に依存



温度が低いほうが大きい

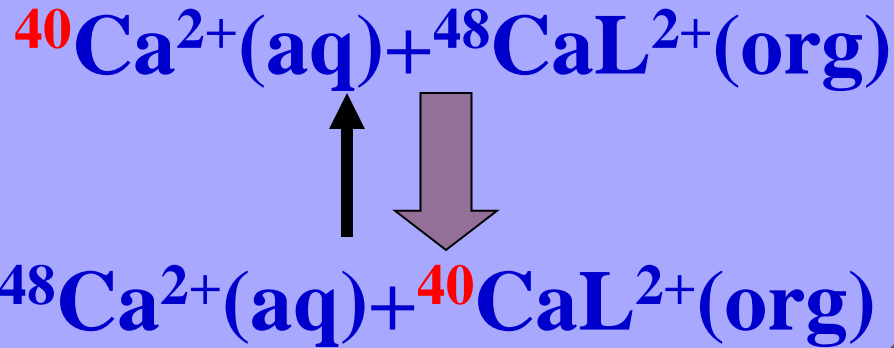
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Prospect for Mass production

Liq./Liq. Extraction

LLE by Microchannel/reactor

- ◆ **Fast & Highest conversion** synthesis
- ◆ Aqueous-organic multi-phase flow & process



CaCl₂ aqueous phase ⁴⁸Ca

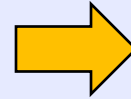
⁴⁰Ca ↓

Crown-chloroform
organic

Solid/Liq.

Column chromatography using crown ether resins

- ◆ **Multi-stage** process
 - ◆ **Slow & low conversion**
- Ca solution: Analyte(mobile phase)



Packed column
(stationary phase)
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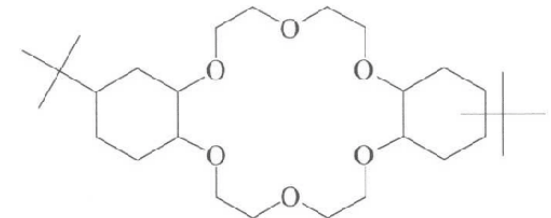
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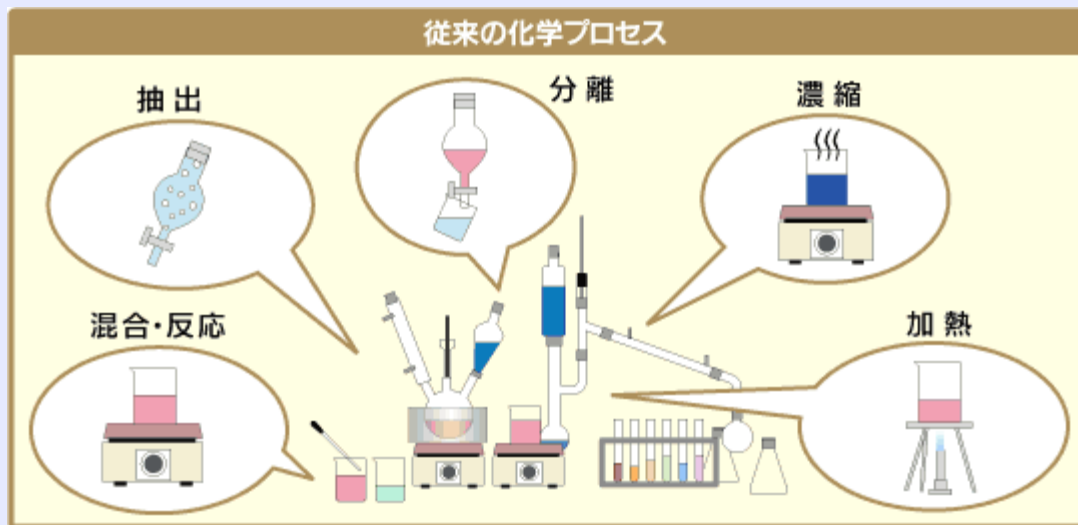
Figure 1

4,4'(5')-di-t-butylcyclohexano
18-crown-6



Diluent: 1-octanol

Conventional
Chemical
Process

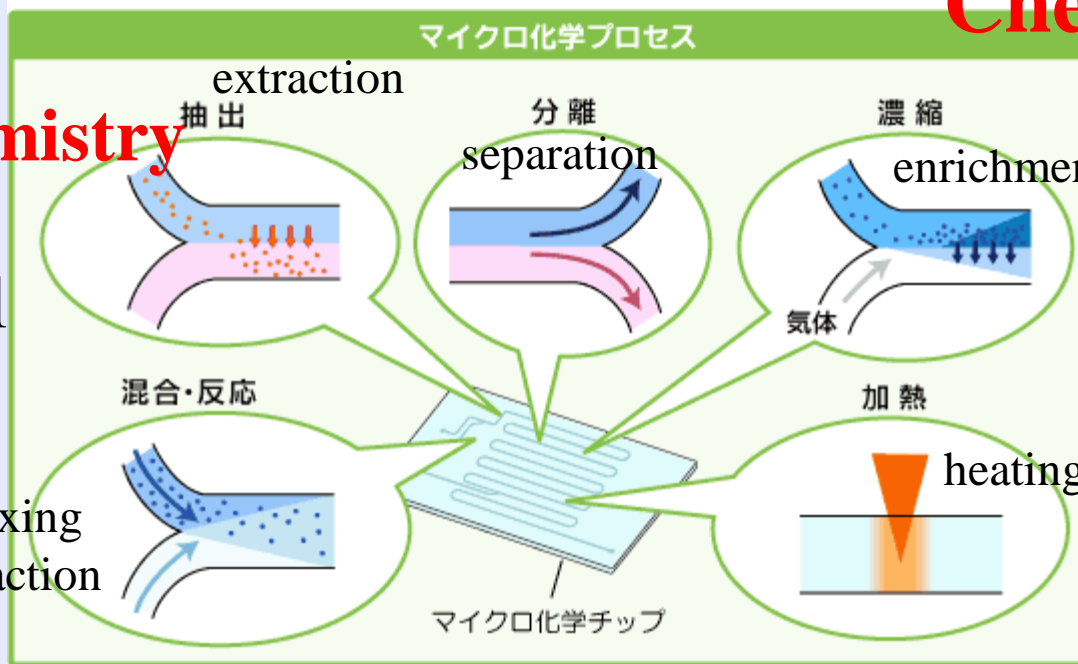


μ TAS
(Micro Total
Analysis System)



Lab-on-a-chip
Chemistry

&
Synthetic chemistry



Microchemical
Process

Liq./Liq. extraction \rightarrow two keywords

Specific interfacial area

(surface to volume ratio: S/V)

$$S/V = dL/(wV)$$

$$W = 100\mu\text{m}$$

Diffusion

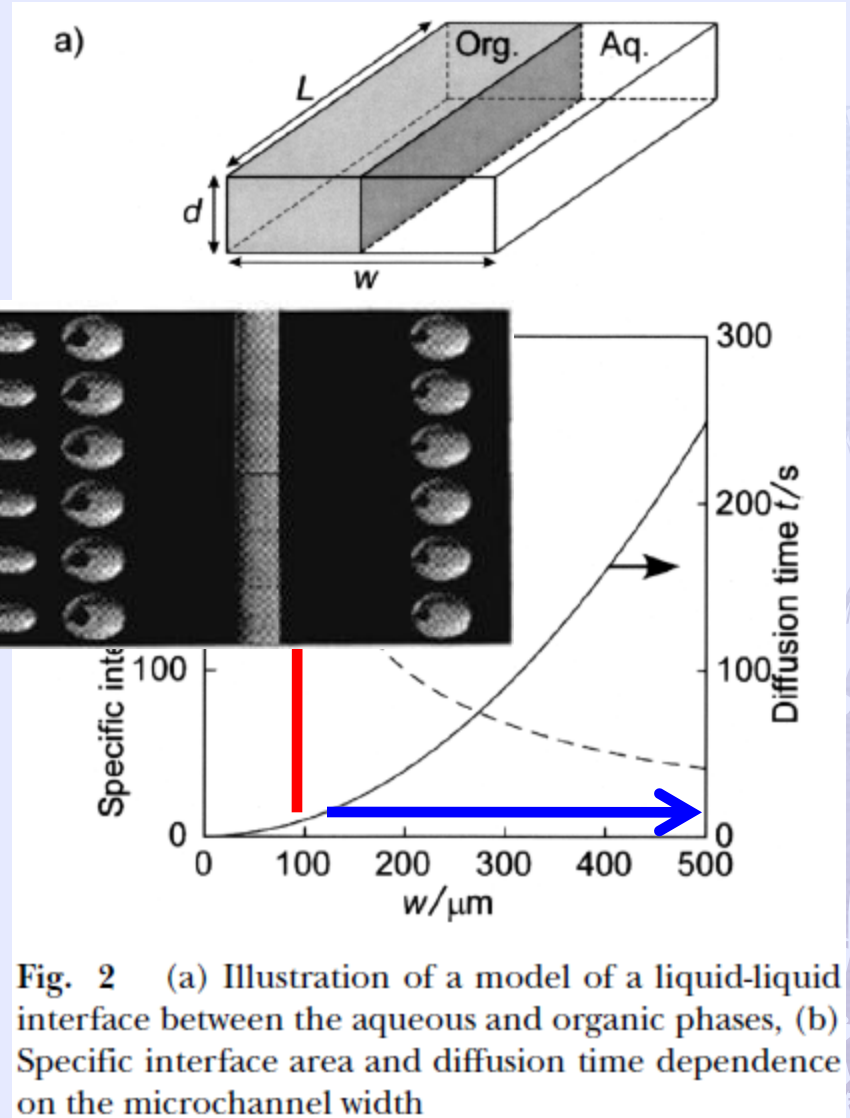
$$T = W^2 / D$$

$$(D = 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s})$$

typical # for molecular in water)

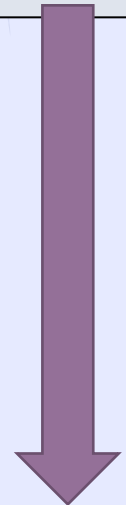
$$W = 100\mu\text{m} \rightarrow T = 10\text{s} !$$

$$(10\mu\text{m} \rightarrow T = 0.1\text{s} !)$$



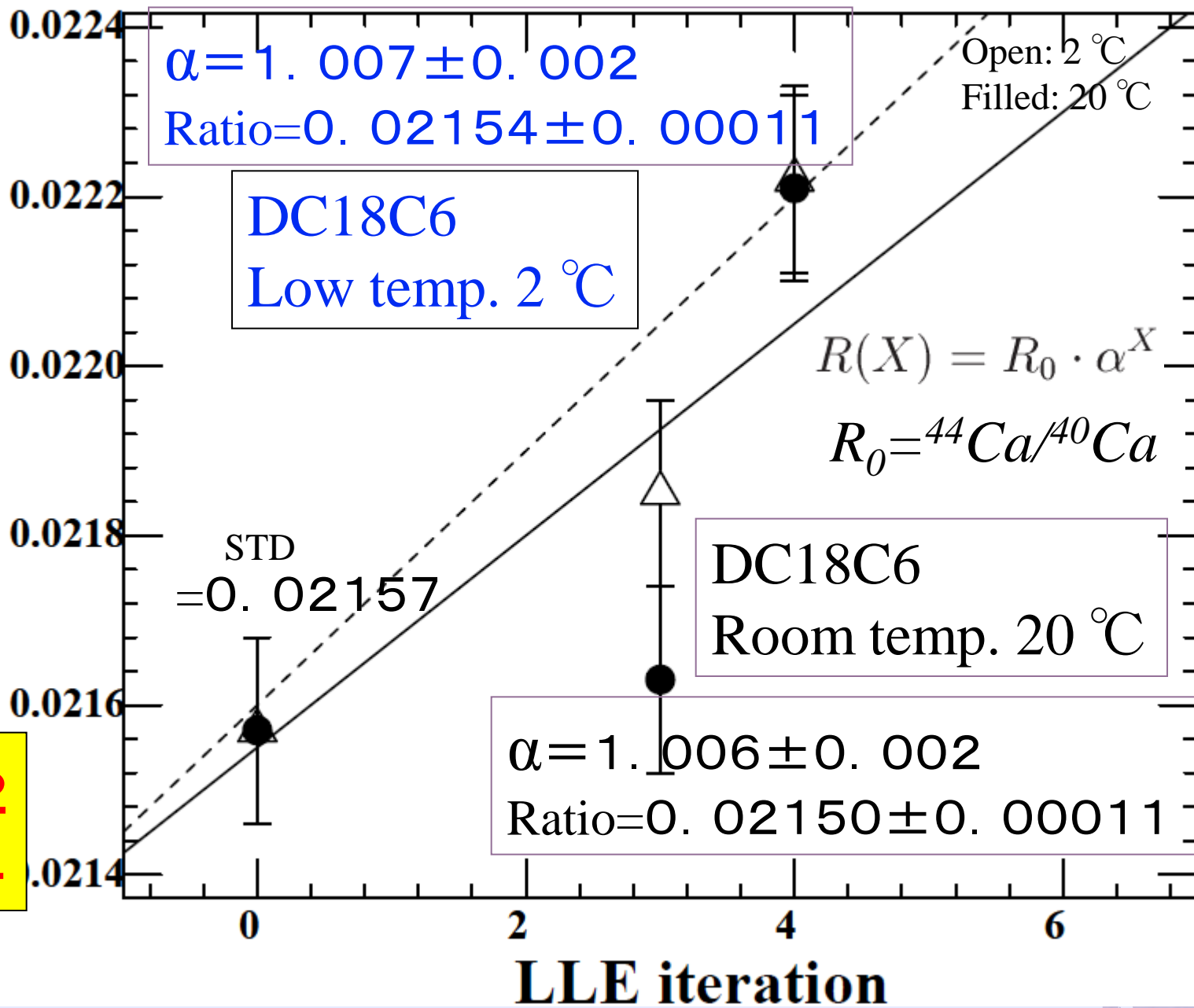
Isotopic Analysis by Reaction-cell ICP@JAMSTEC

$^{48}\text{Ca}/^{40}\text{Ca}$
 $= 2 \times$
 $^{44}\text{Ca}/^{40}\text{Ca}$



$\alpha \sim 1.012$
 ~ 1.014

$^{44}\text{Ca}/^{40}\text{Ca}$



Solid./Liq.

Comparison

Liq./Liq.

◆ $\varepsilon(\alpha_{40}^{48}) = \mathbf{1.003}$

◆ **200m & 10 days**

→ ^{48}Ca **× 1.34**

◆ Absorption of Ca depends on concentration of hydrochloric acid (9M HCl)

◆ $\varepsilon(\alpha_{40}^{48}) = \mathbf{1.014:batch}$

× 2 (1.008 by Jepson)

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◆ → × 1.34 requires **~20**

LLE (~2days)

◆ **wide variety/option**

◆ **Ca concentration**

one order improve!

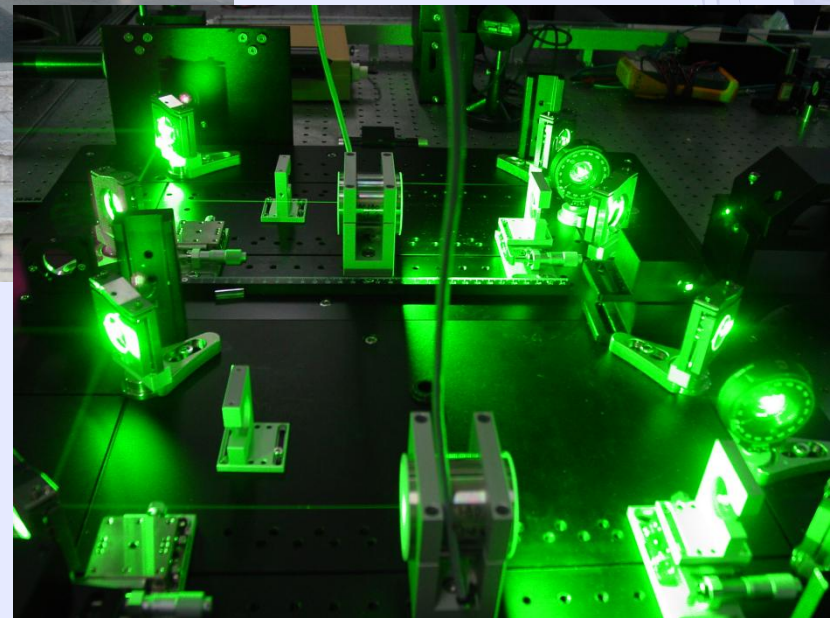
with ~1/6 time:13min

by microreactor



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< 70W optical power of 528nm laser >

LISOP of Ca-48

Hard to separate by AVLIS
due to small IS

■ AVLIS

- Multistep p

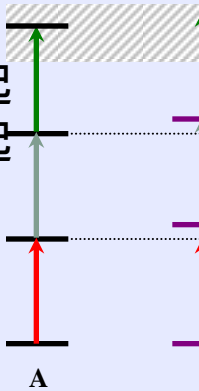
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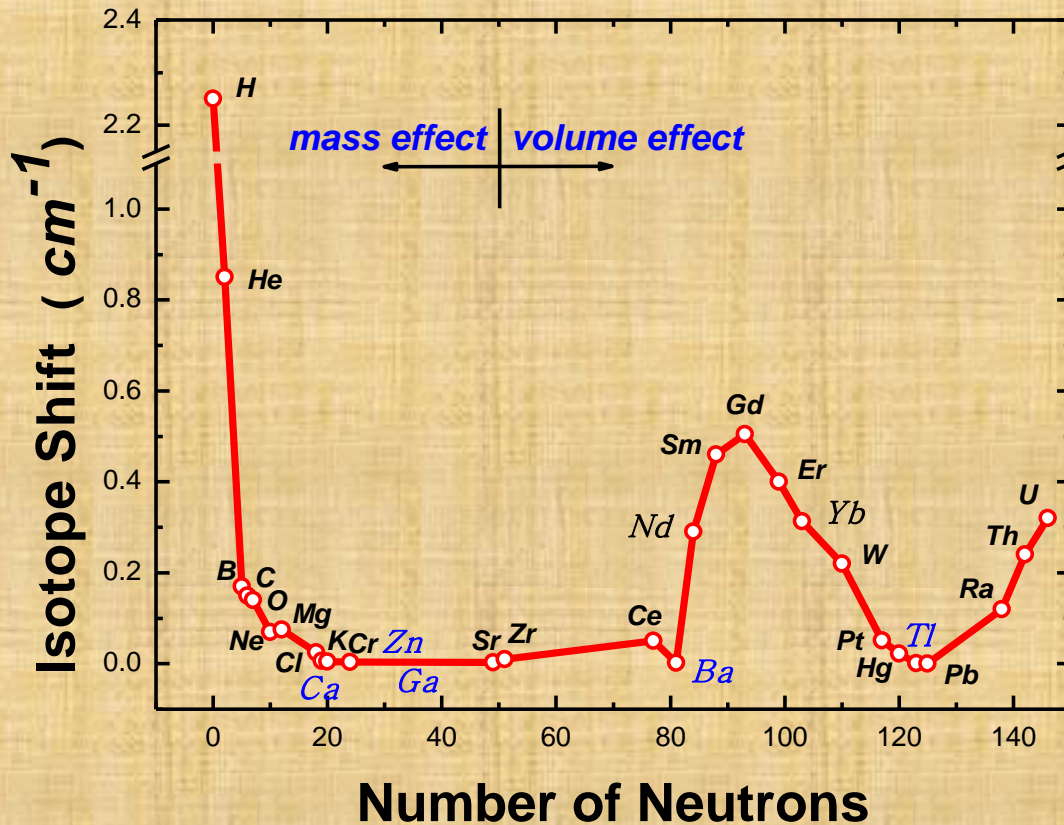
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Autoionization

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中間励起
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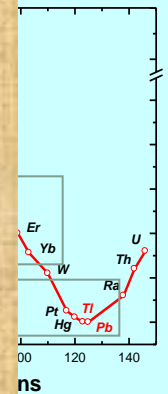


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ionization states

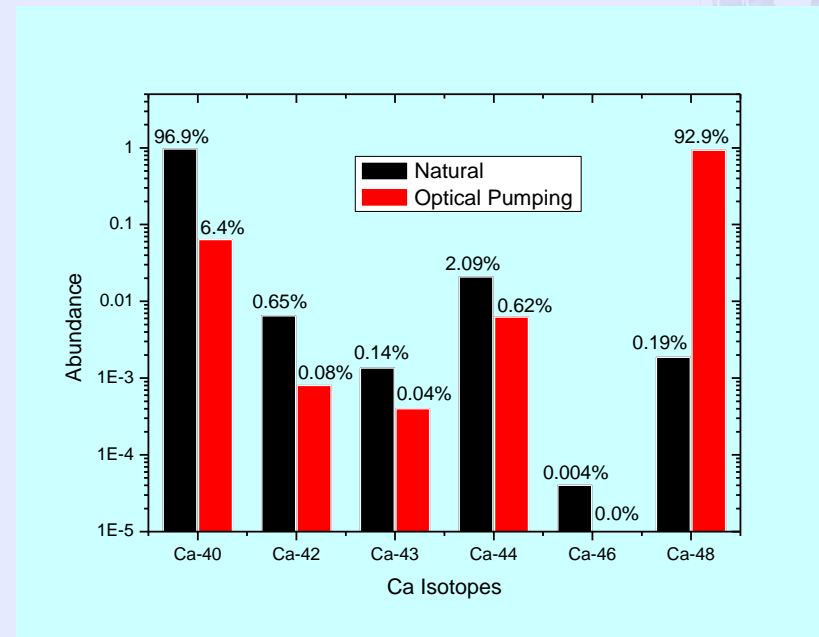
ck of AIs.

→ ISOP



Application to Ca-48

- Optical Pumping is effective for Ca.
 - Optical Pumping of Ca-48 to >90%
 - Final enrichment higher than 10 % feasible



Simulation of Optical Pumping Process

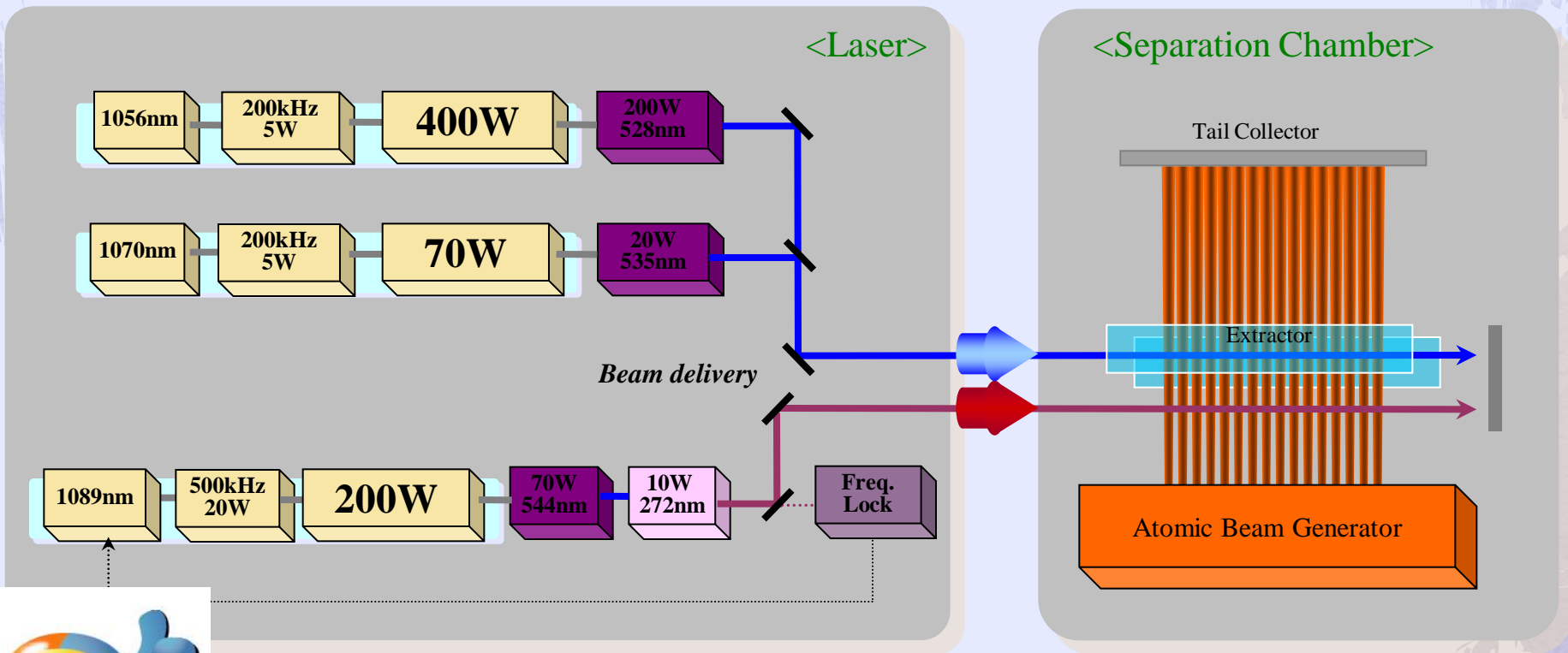
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Pilot System

◆ Fiber-based laser

◆ Productivity : 1 kg/yr for 20%-enriched ^{48}Ca

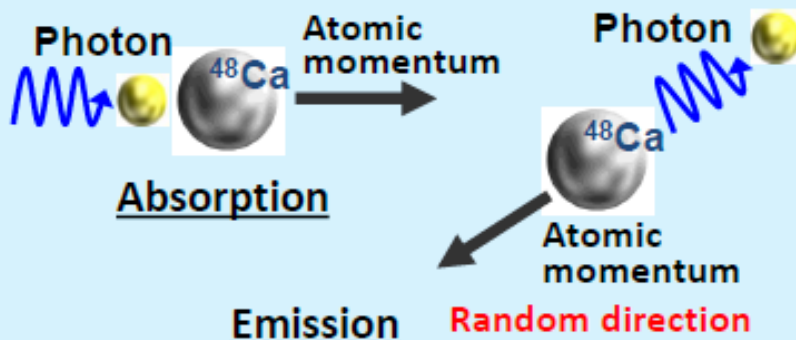
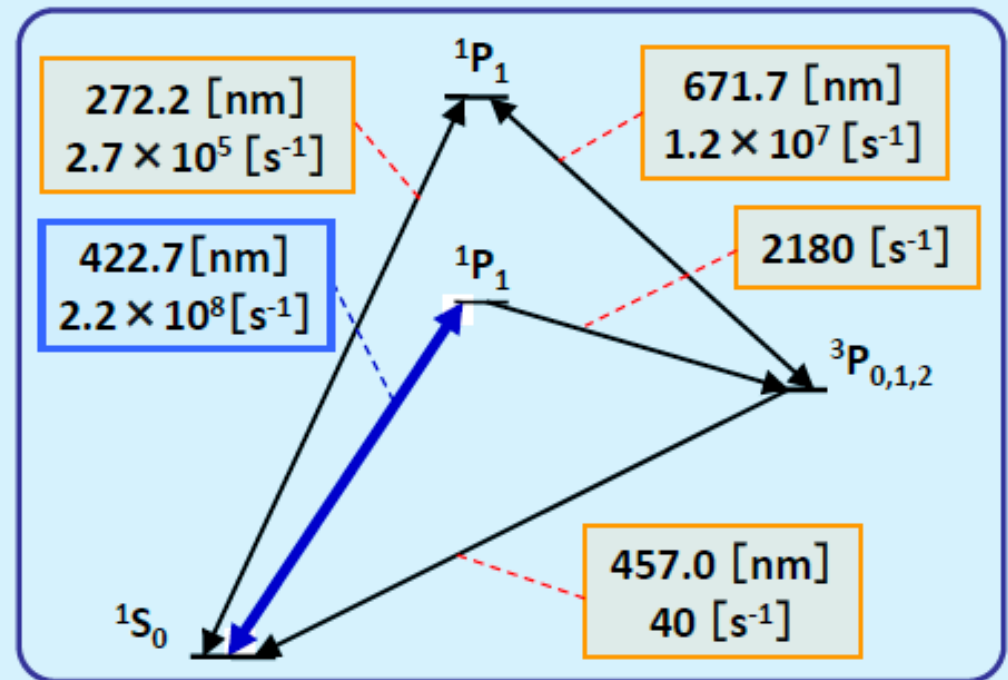
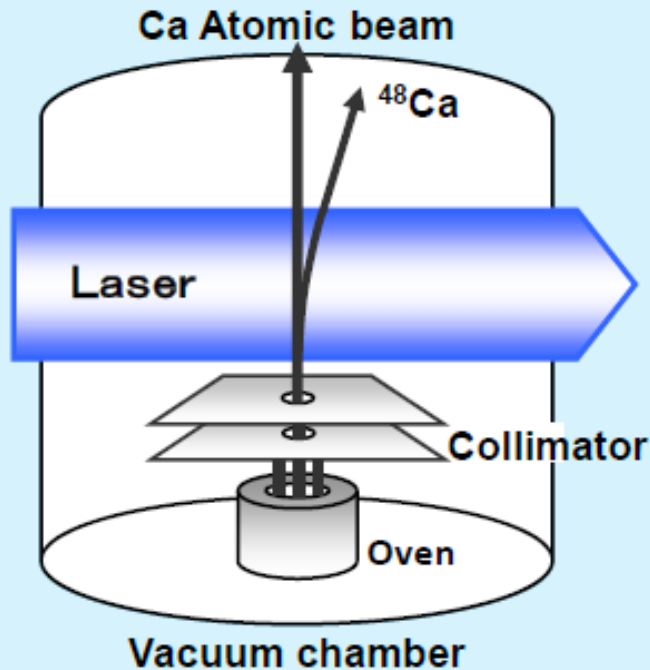


Fiber-based Laser Development

| | Requirements | Current status | Remarks |
|-----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| Optical pumping (272 nm) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 ns, 500 kHz• 10 W• $\Delta\nu < 250$ MHz | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 ns, 500 kHz• 5 W• $\Delta\nu < 250$ MHz | <u>Being improved</u> |
| Excitation (535 nm) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15ns, 150kHz• 20W• $\Delta\nu < 5$ GHz | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15ns, 150kHz• 20 W• $\Delta\nu < 5$ GHz | Completed |
| Ionization (528 nm) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15ns, 150kHz• 200 W• $\Delta\nu < 5$ GHz | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15ns, 150kHz• 120 W• $\Delta\nu < 5$ GHz | <u>Being improved</u> |



Deflection of ^{48}Ca by Radiation Pressure

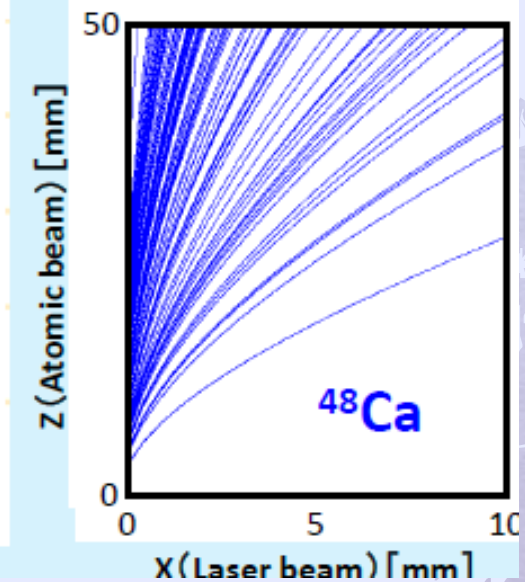
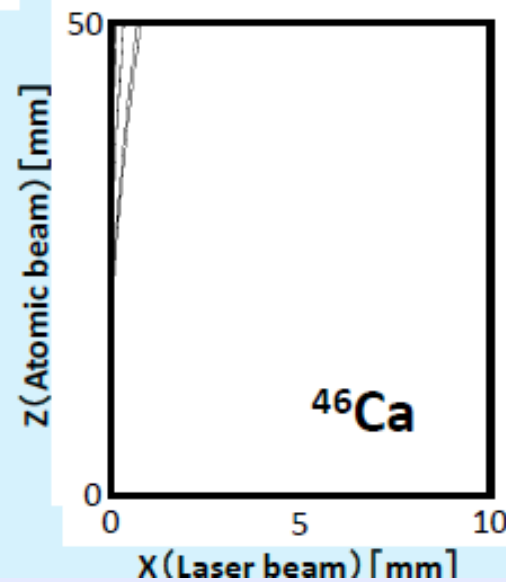
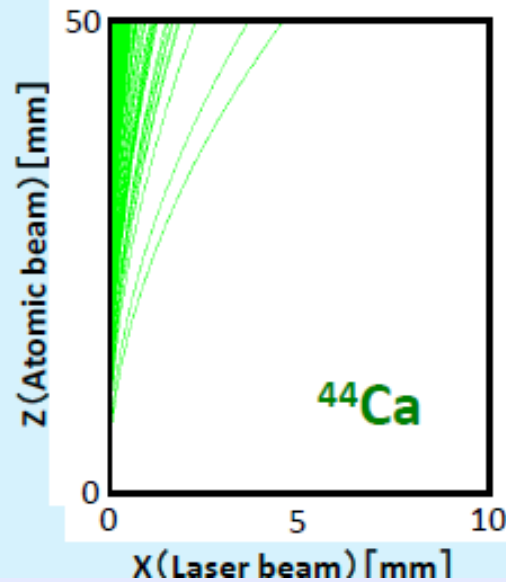
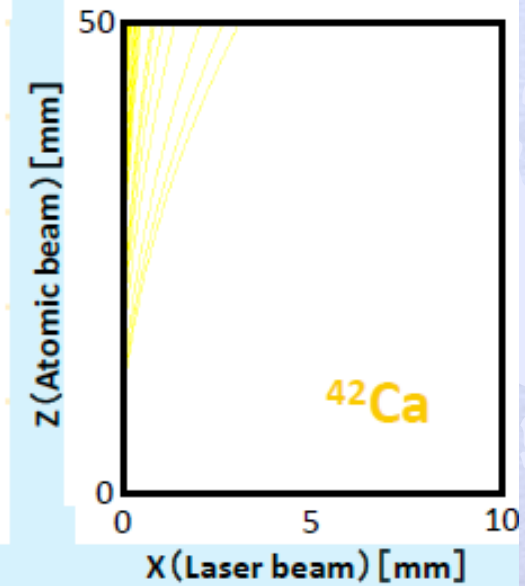
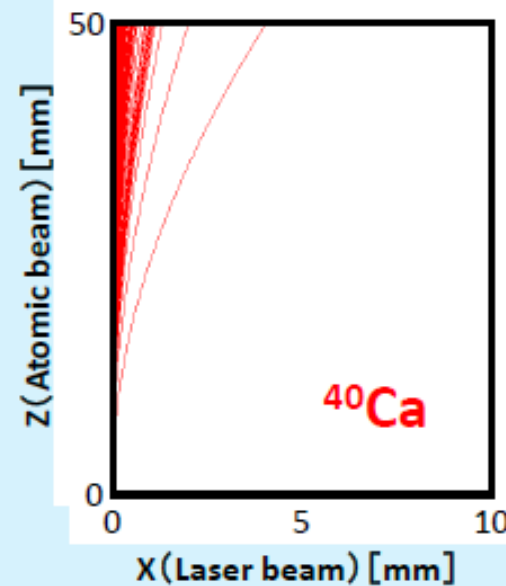
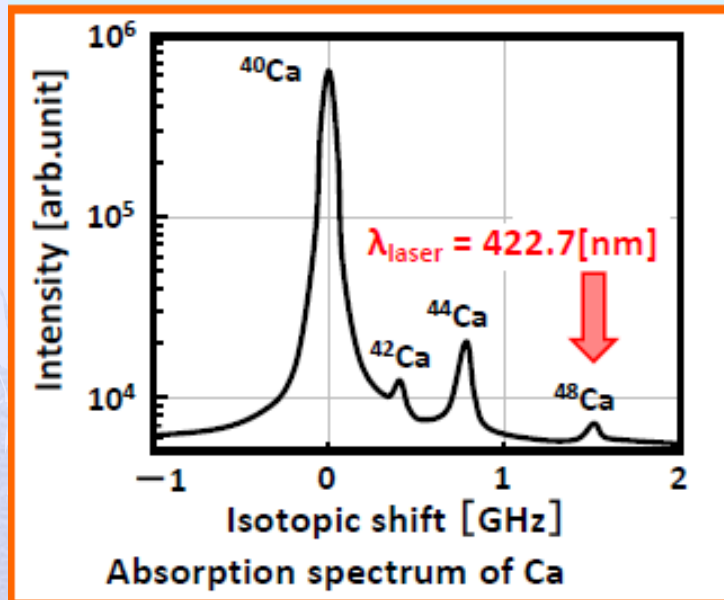


Energy levels and Transition Probabilities

$1\text{P}_1 - 1\text{S}_0$ transition

- Large transition probability
- Quasi Two-Level System

Calculated Trajectories of Ca Isotope



Isotope enrichment

| Nucleus | Existing method | R&D |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| ⁴⁸ Ca | | Laser separation, gaseous diffusion |
| ⁷⁶ Ge | Centrifugation | |
| ⁸² Se | Centrifugation | |
| ⁹⁶ Zr | | Laser separation |
| ¹⁰⁰ Mo | Centrifugation | |
| ¹¹⁶ Cd | Centrifugation | |
| ¹³⁰ Te | Centrifugation | |
| ¹³⁶ Xe | Centrifugation | |
| ¹⁵⁰ Nd | | Centrifugation, Laser |

R&D in KAERI (Korea) for ⁴⁸Ca enrichment by laser



R&D in Russia for ¹⁵⁰Nd enrichment by centrifugation



R&D in France for ¹⁵⁰Nd enrichment by laser



F. Piquemal, Neutrino 2012 @Kyoto

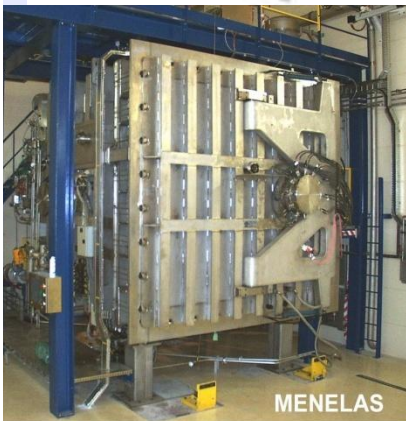
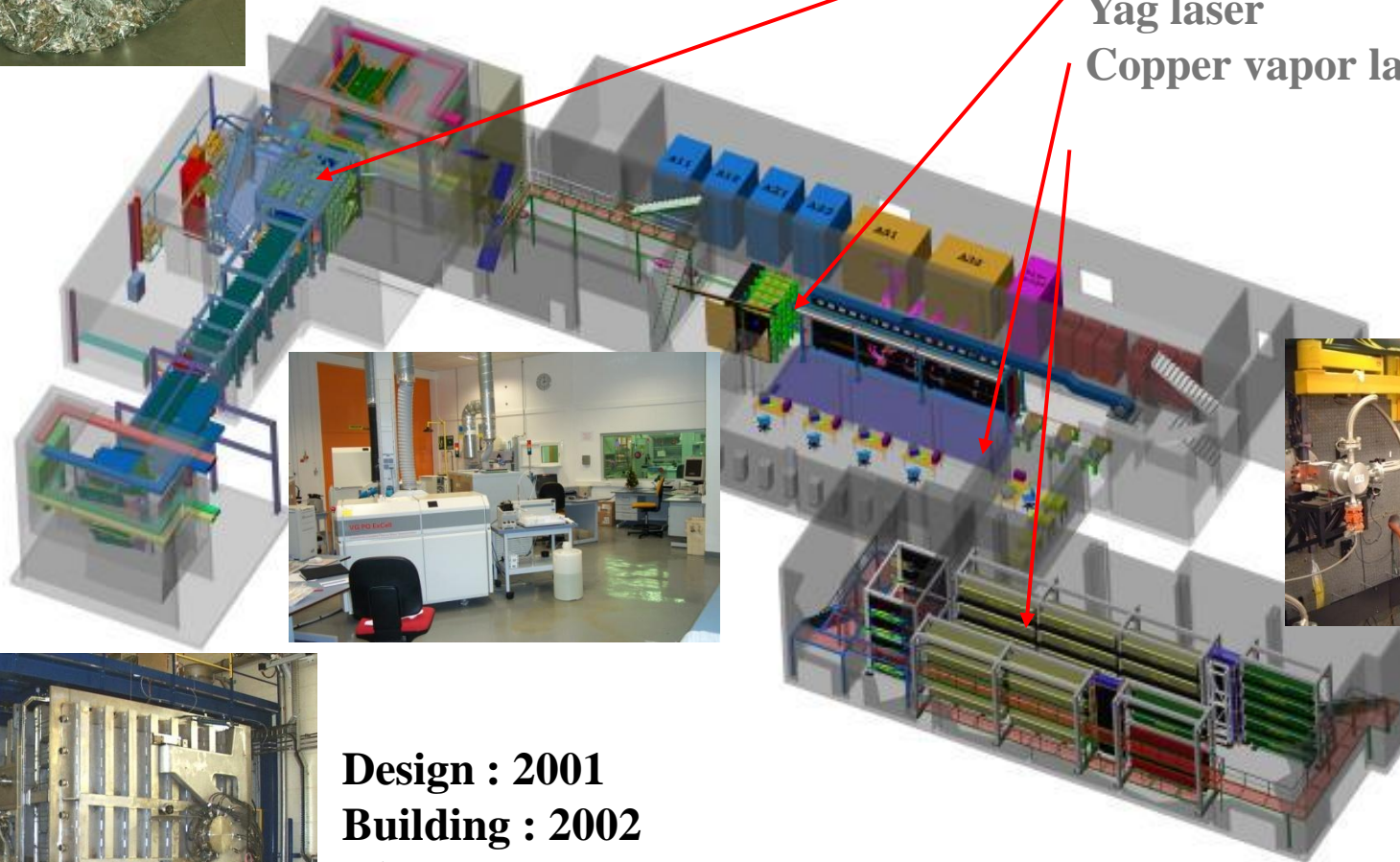
All DBD isotopes produced in Russia up to now

Memphis (Menelas separator) facility

Pierrelatte, France

- **Production of 200 kg of enriched U at 2.5 %**
- **About 2000 kg natural U evaporated**

Evaporator
Dye laser chain
Yag laser
Copper vapor laser



Design : 2001

Building : 2002

1st test : early 2003

1st full scale exp. : june 2003

International collab. ¹⁵⁰Nd created : 2007 SNO+, SuperNEMO

France has abandoned development of AVLIS

➤ It has begun looking into the implementation of the technology on a commercial scale in 20 yrs

To get a production level of kg/hour:

high power electron gun & high laser power

➤ CEA wasted money by keeping research on AVLIS going after the technology's lack of feasibility had become apparent

➤ Nd has been enriched in ^{150}Nd at 60% with a production yield of 40mg/h \rightarrow ~100 yr for 40kg!

(Kurchatov Institute QE 35(10), 879 (2005))

H. Park et al.(KAERI) : enriched ^{176}Yb at > 97% with about 6mg/h

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Productivity will be an issue!?

Some plants are not flexible(MENPHIS can produce only ^{150}Nd)