

# Welcome Address from J-PARC

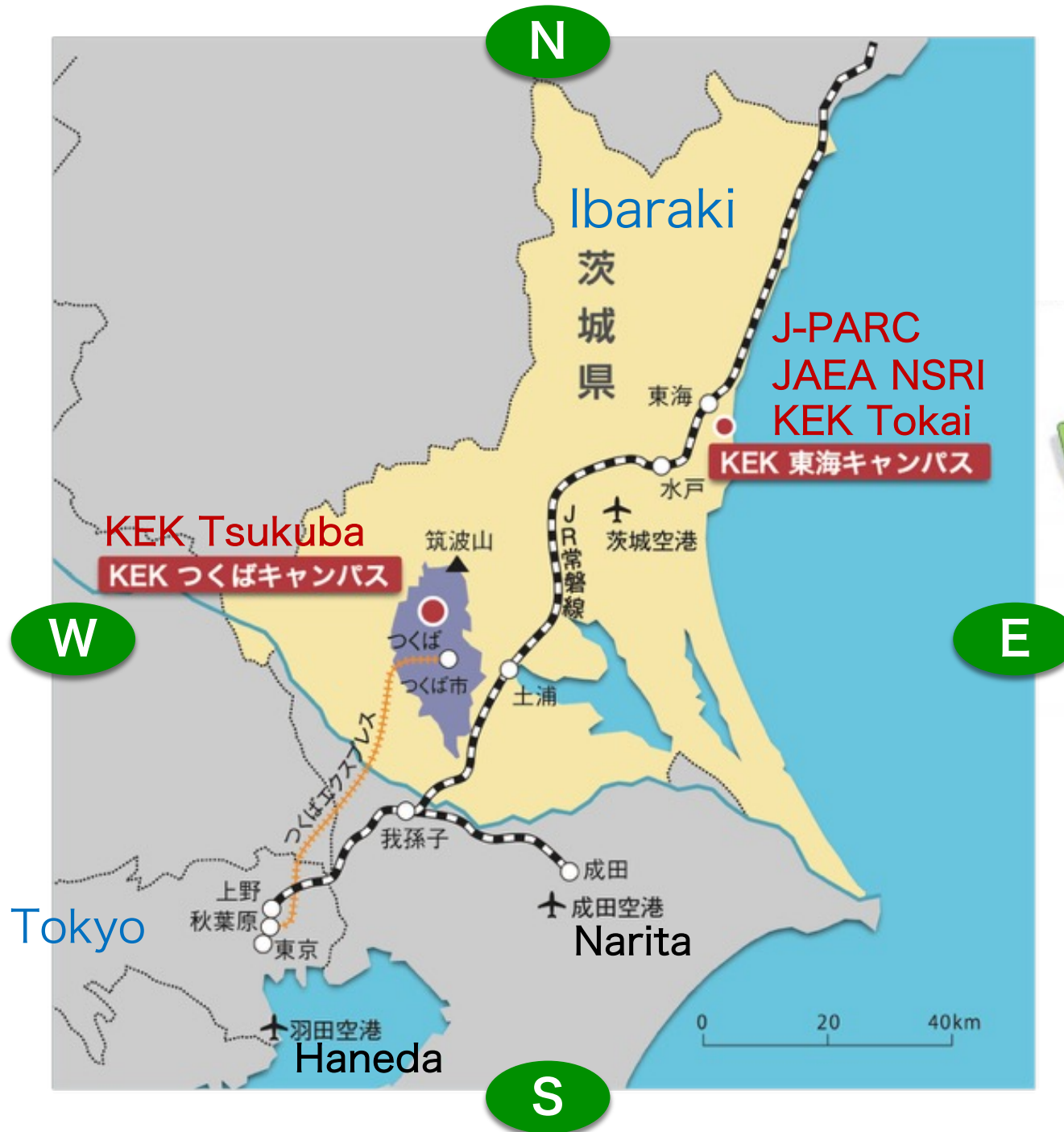
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High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK)  
and Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA)

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 MTCA workshop

## JOBAN EXPWY



# proton accelerators

# electron accelerators

KEK Tsukuba



SuperKEKB



Photon Factory

J-PARC  
JAEA NSRI  
KEK Tokai



J-PARC





# Introduction to J-PARC

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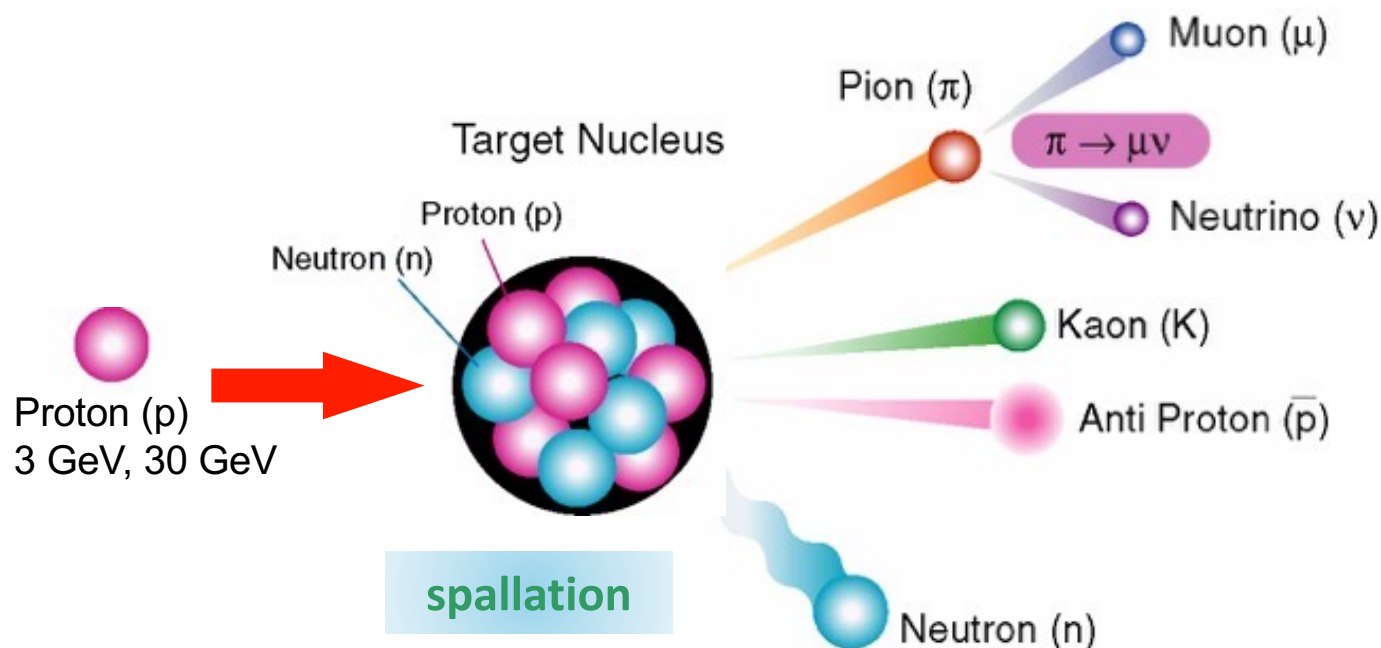


# Versatile Quantum Beams for Microscopic World



Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex

**Power-frontier accelerators and  
multi-purpose user facilities**



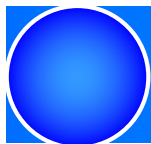
**Variety of secondary particles generated with  
high-energy and high-intensity protons**



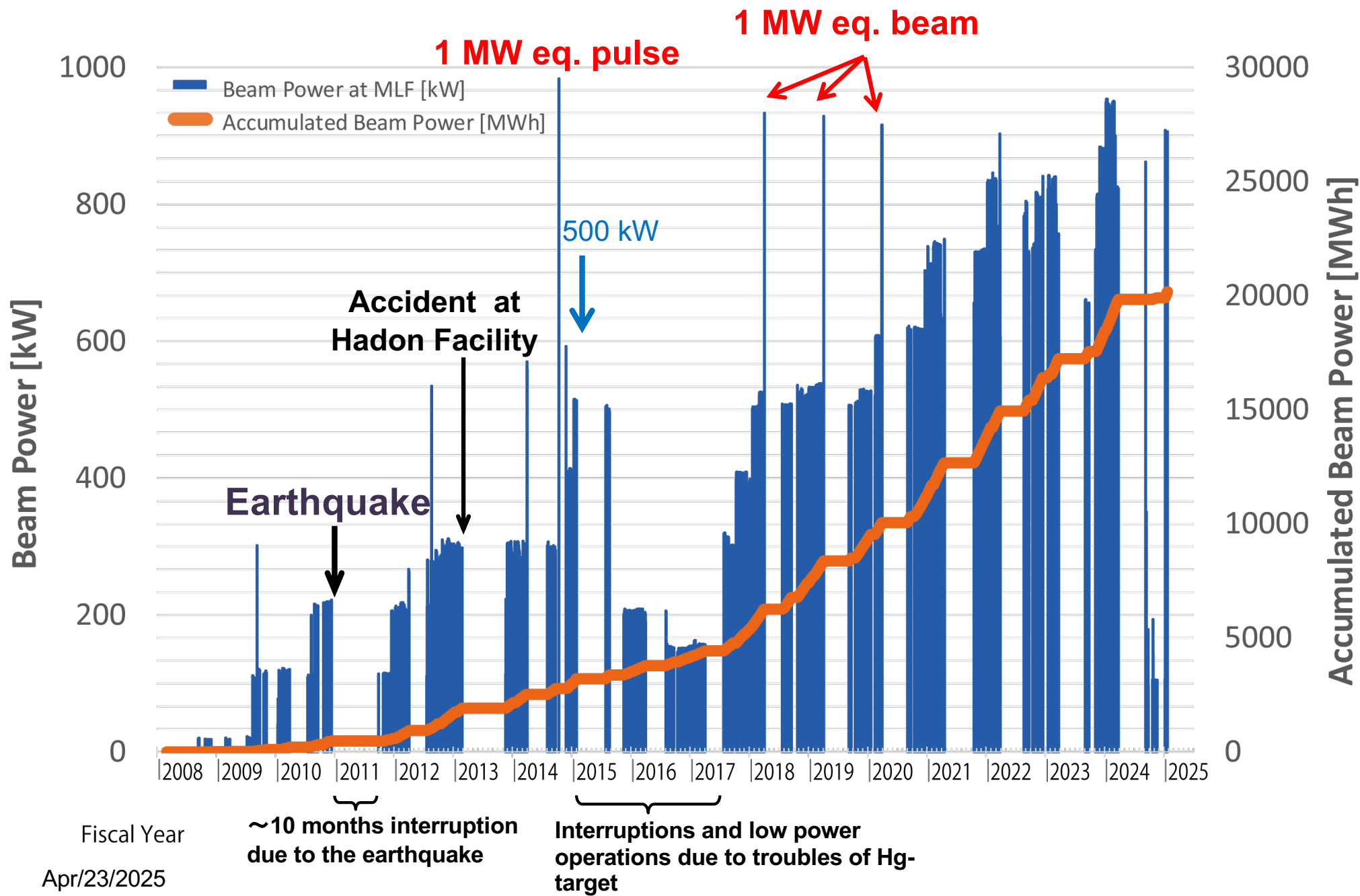
# Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex



3 proton accelerators and 3 experimental facilities

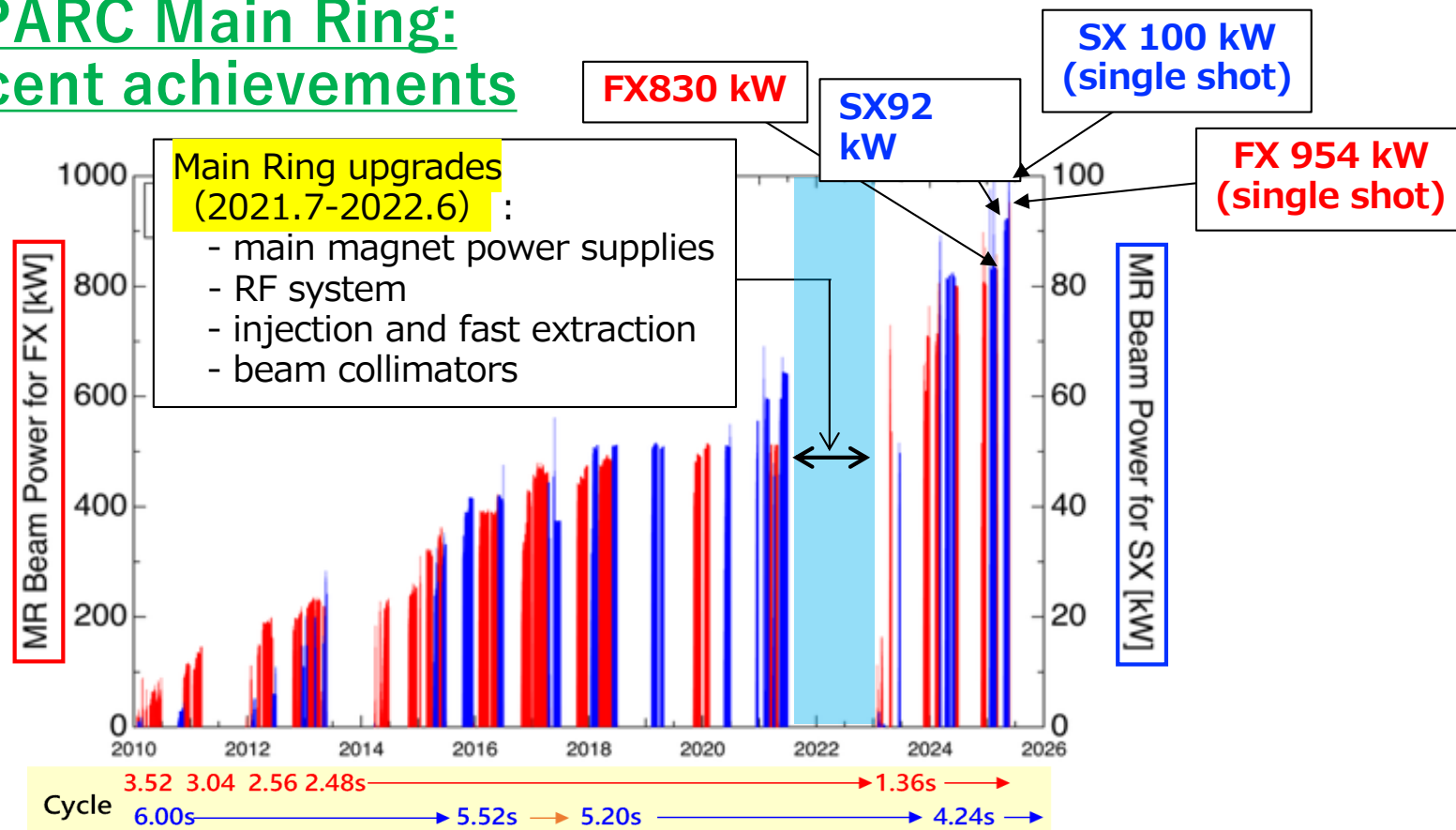


# Beam power history at MLF





# J-PARC Main Ring: recent achievements



## Fast Extraction (FX) operation :

- JFY2023~
  - user operation with repetition cycle: 2.48sec → 1.36秒
  - 760 kW continuous operation (initial goal)
- JFY2024~
  - 830 kW user operation
- JFY2025~
  - 954 kW equivalent acceleration

## Slow Extraction (SX) operation :

- JFY2024~
  - repetition cycle: 5.20sec → 4.24sec
  - 80 kW user operation
  - spill duty factor >80%
- JFY2025~
  - 92kW user operation
  - world's largest particles per spill !
  - 100kW equivalent extraction



# J-PARC Experimental Facilities

Wide range of research fields

## ❑ Materials & Life Science Experimental Facility (MLF)

- **neutron** and **muon** beams
- materials science, life science, industrial applications



## ❑ Hadron Experimental Facility

- **K mesons**,  **$\pi$  mesons**, **muons** ....
- nuclear physics and particle physics



## ❑ Neutrino Experimental Facility

- **muon neutrino** beams
- neutrino oscillation search with Super-Kamiokande



## ❑ Transmutation Experimental Facility (Phase II)

- R&D for accelerator-driven nuclear transmutation  
with **neutrons**







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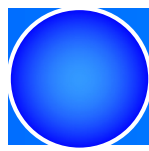


- ❑ Constructed jointly by  
High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (**KEK**)  
and Japan Atomic Energy Agency (**JAEA**)
  - construction from 2001 to 2007
  - beam commissioning from 2007 to 2009
  - construction cost: ¥152.4B
- ❑ Operated by J-PARC Center
  - J-PARC Center is joint organization of KEK and JAEA
  - operations for user programs from 2008
  - Currently **~160-day** operation / year for user programs
  - high beam availability (**90% – 95%**)  $160 / 22 = 7.2$  cycles
  - **~ 3,000-person-day** users / month (*before COVIT-19 pandemic*)



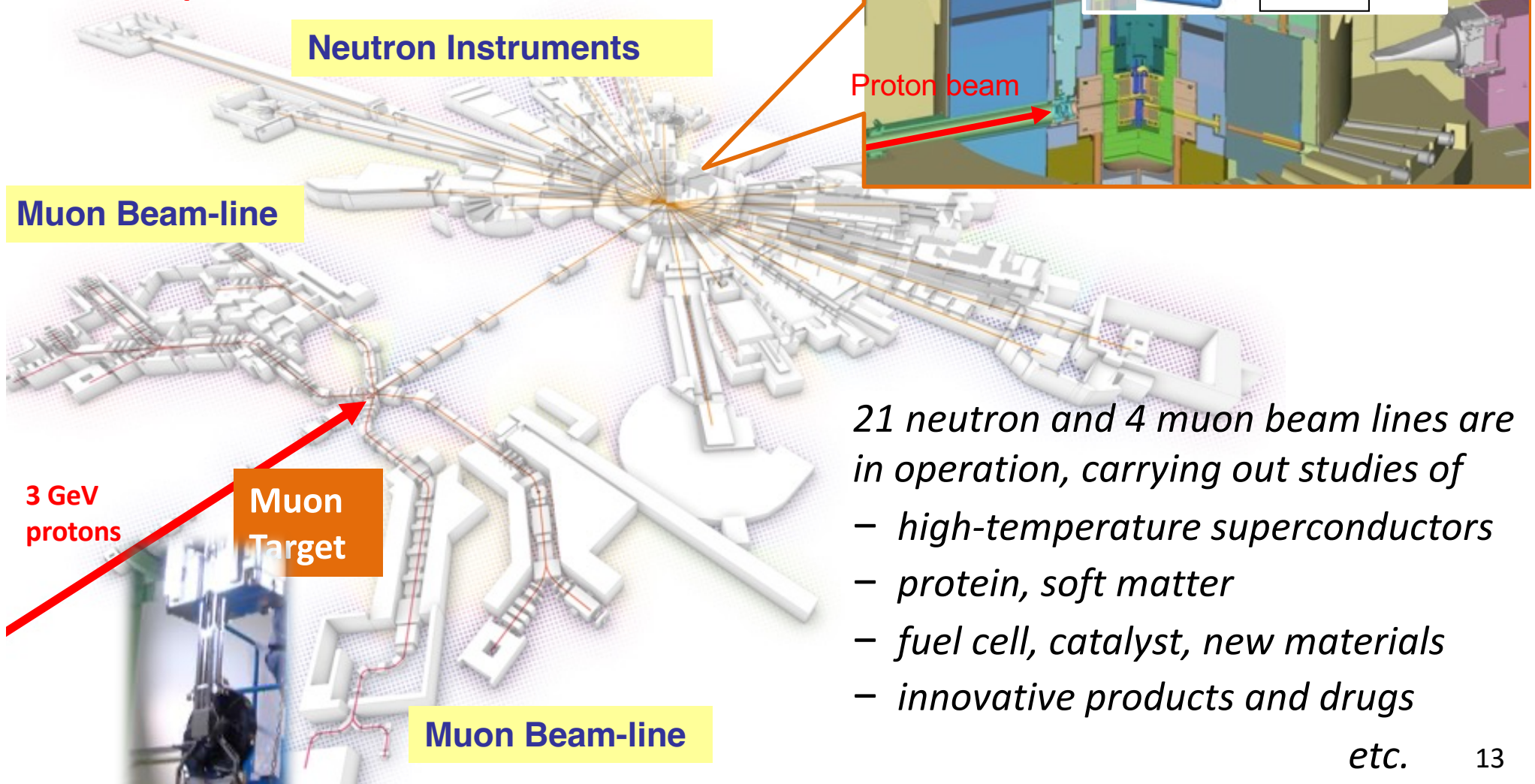
## Materials and Life Science Experimental Facility





# Materials and Life Science Experimental Facility (MLF)

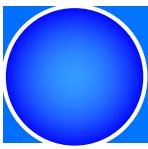
- **Neutron** and **muon** beams
  - materials science, life science, industrial applications
- **most powerful** neutron and muon sources



21 neutron and 4 muon beam lines are in operation, carrying out studies of

- high-temperature superconductors
- protein, soft matter
- fuel cell, catalyst, new materials
- innovative products and drugs

etc.



# Neutron Intensity at MLF

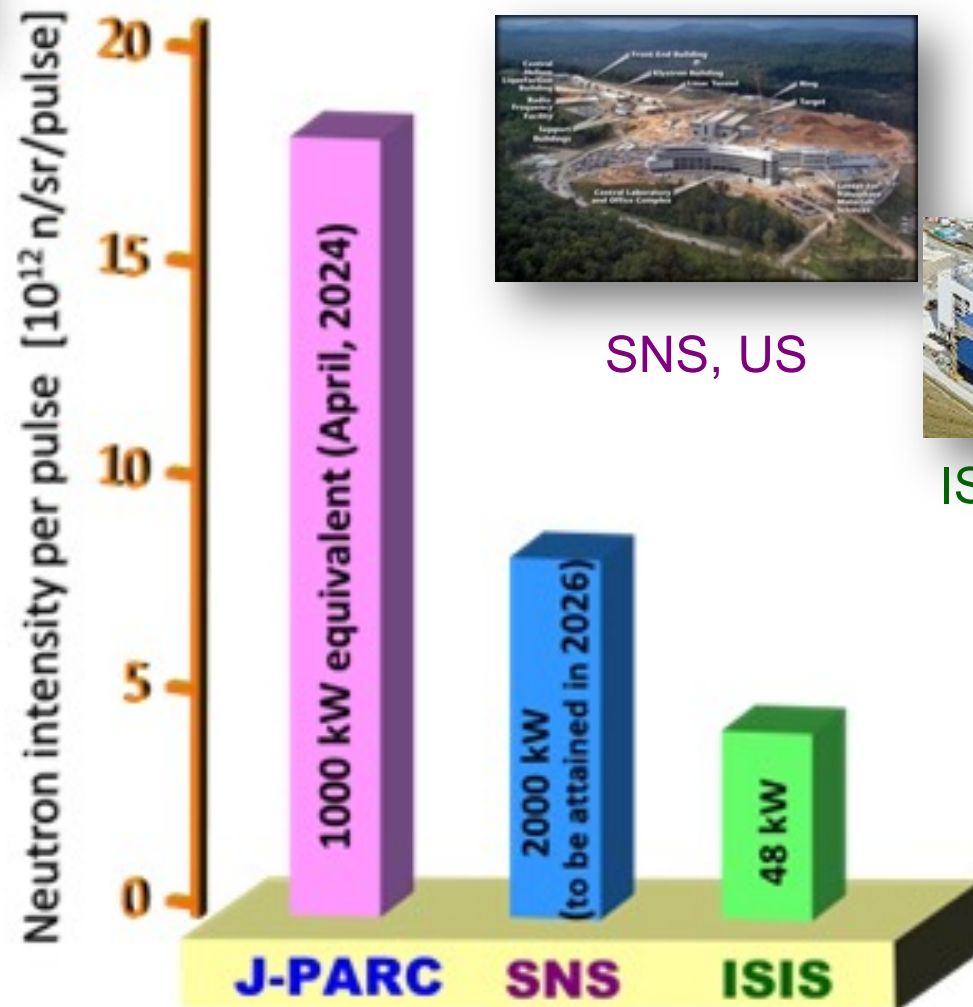


Advanced Mercury Target

Hi-performance Moderator



## World Highest Intensity of Neutron Pulse Beam!



SNS, US



ISIS – TS2, UK



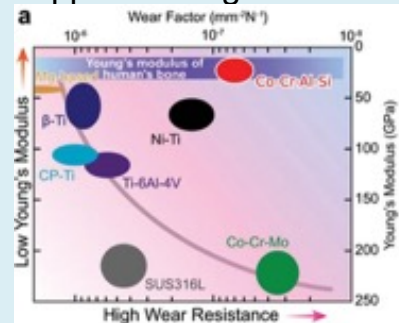
# Recent Outcomes from Neutron BLs@MLF

## Flexible and Tough Superelastic Co-Cr Alloys for Biomedical Applications

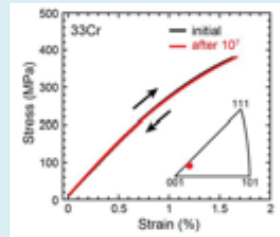
New bio-metals simultaneously having a low Young's modulus and a high wear resistance have been developed, and to be promising candidates for biomaterials to replace or support damaged bones. (BL19, Tohoku U., JAEA, Czech Aca. Sci.)



Co-Cr-Al-Si (CCAS) alloy



Young's modulus vs the wear factor for CCAS alloy in comparison with conventional metallic biomaterials.

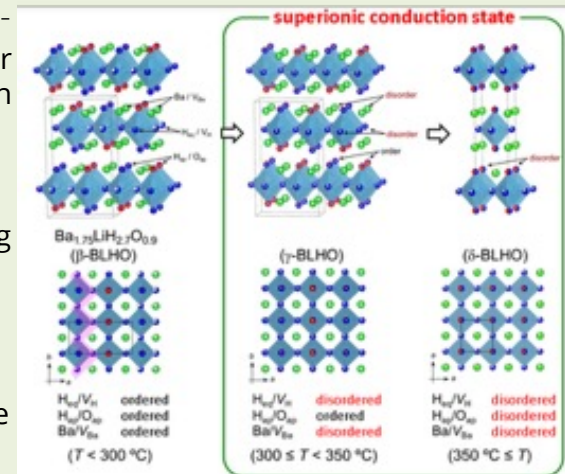


The SS curves before and after the fatigue test up to  $10^7$  cycles.

## Hydride-ion-conducting Ba-Li oxyhydride solid electrolyte

The hydride ion ( $H^-$ ) has advantage for fast ion conduction by low charge density and high polarizability. A  $H^-$  conductor showing both high ion conductivity and low activation energy in mid-low temperature range ( $RT \sim 400^\circ C$ ) has been developed.

(BL09,21 Inst. Mol. Sci., TITEC, KEK, CROSS, HZB, ILL)



## Life Science: Photosynthesis Absorption of solar energy changes by a hydrogen atom!

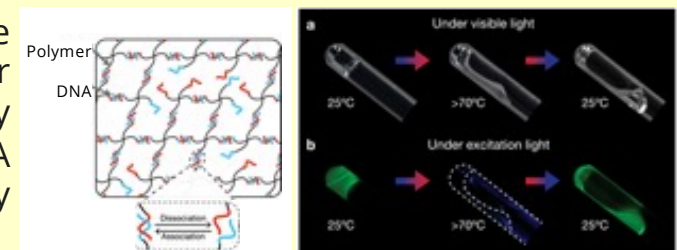
Neutron crystallography and quantum chemical analysis of bilin reductase PcyA mutants reveal that difference of protonation state between two mutants relates to their spectral change.

(BL03 Ibaraki U., Miyazaki U., Kurume U., NIT-Kurume College, Tech. U. Munich)

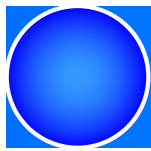


## Expectation to Medical application: hydrogel Star-Polymer-DNA Gels Showing Highly Predictable and Tunable Mechanical Responses

DNA duplexes are ideal crosslinkers for building dynamically crosslinked gel. A DNA gel with a highly homogeneous gel network and well predictable mechanical behaviors is demonstrated by using a pair of star-polymer-DNA precursors.



(BL15 Hokkaido Univ., U. Tokyo, JAEA, CROSS)



# Recent Outcomes from Neutron BLs@MLF

## Water visualization in a fuel cell used in FCEV

Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle

Supported by NEDO FC-Platform Program

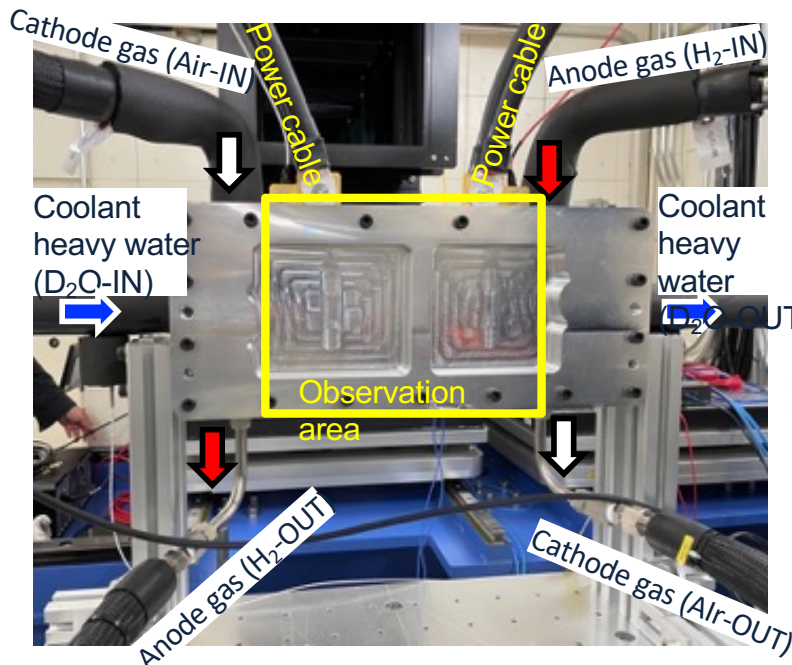


Visualization of water distribution inside an operating fuel cell of the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation TOYOTA MIRAI



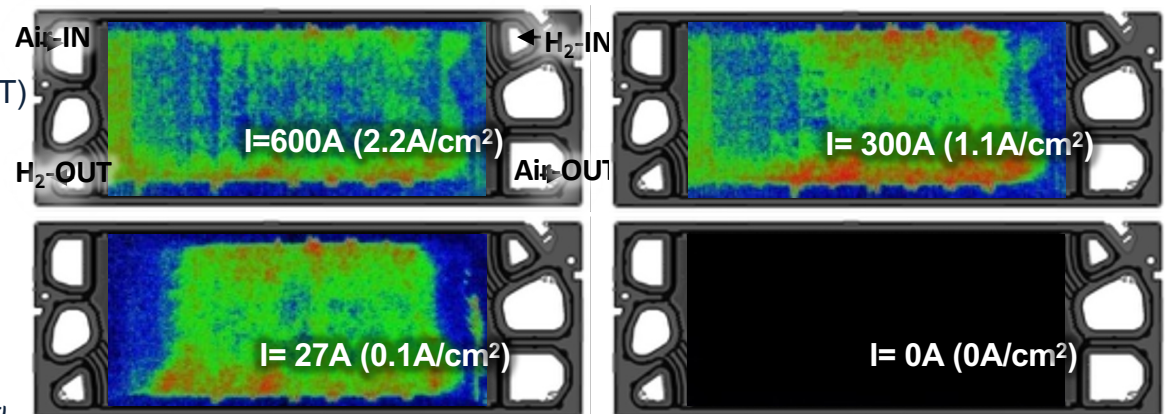
FCEV TOYOTA MIRAI

Fuel Cell of MIRAI (single sheet)

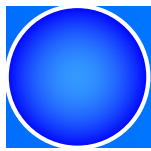


Fuel cell was assembled with thick Al end plates.

Water distribution images in an operating fuel cell.







# Muon Facility Muse @ MLF

## Asteroid samples returned by the Hayabusa2 mission, <sup>Explorer</sup>

Ryugu



Muon measurement contributed to quantify **C, Si, Mg and O** concentrations as a part of the initial analysis that was performed soon after the sample recovery to the Earth. (collaboration with the initial analysis team (STONE) led by T. Nakamura.)

→ **New standard of element composition of primordial solar system**

Ex. The  $\mu\text{C-K}\alpha$  is 75 keV versus the fluorescence  $\text{C-K}\alpha$  is 0.3 keV (200 times larger !)

Cover:

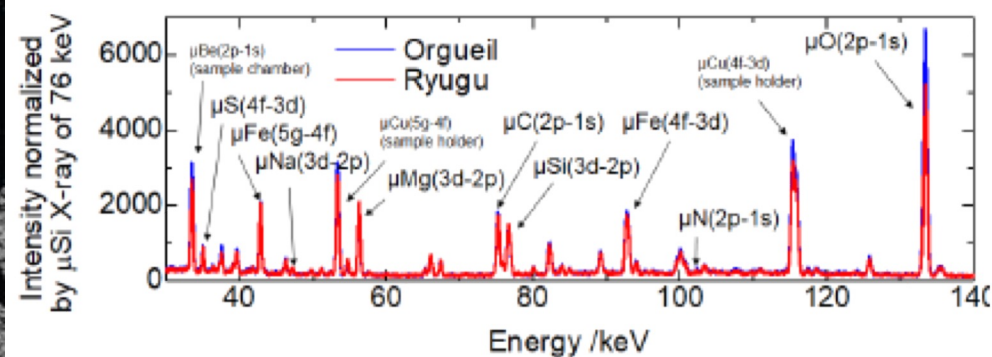
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**Muon-induced characteristic X-rays is an ideal method for studying the amount and the distribution of elements that are contained inside a sample.**



Muon D-Line



Sample



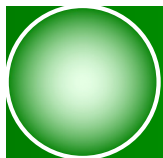
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## Hadron Experimental Facility



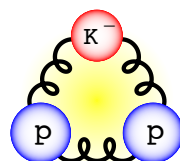


# Hadron Experimental Facility

## Nuclear & Particle Physics Experiments with Kaons, Muons, etc

(Tohoku, Tokyo, Gifu, Kyoto, Osaka, Kyushu, ...)

- new frontier in **Hadron Physics**, **Strangeness Nuclear Physics** with Kaons  
(dense nuclear matter, understanding of generalized nuclear force)
- exploring **CP-violating phenomena** beyond the Kobayashi-Maskawa theory through **Rare Kaon Decays**
- elucidating the mechanism of **Hadron Mass spectrum** in **High-p beam line experiments**
- **$\mu$ -e conversion experiment** (COMET) to discover **new physics beyond the Standard Model**



Hadron Physics

K1.8

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Rare Kaon Decays (CP violation)

Hadron Mass Spectrum

High-p beam line

muon( $\mu$ )-electron(e) conversion experiment

COMET beam line

**[2022. Mar.28 Press Release]**

Measurements of Strong-Interaction Effects in Kaonic-Helium Isotopes at Sub-Electron Volt Precision with X-Ray Microcalorimeters.

**Four members of the experimental group received the "2024 (14th) Koshiba Memorial Prize.**



**[2020.Aug.11]**  
new High-p beam line starts

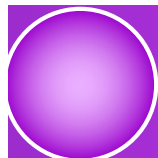
**[2023.Mar.17]**  
new C-line starts





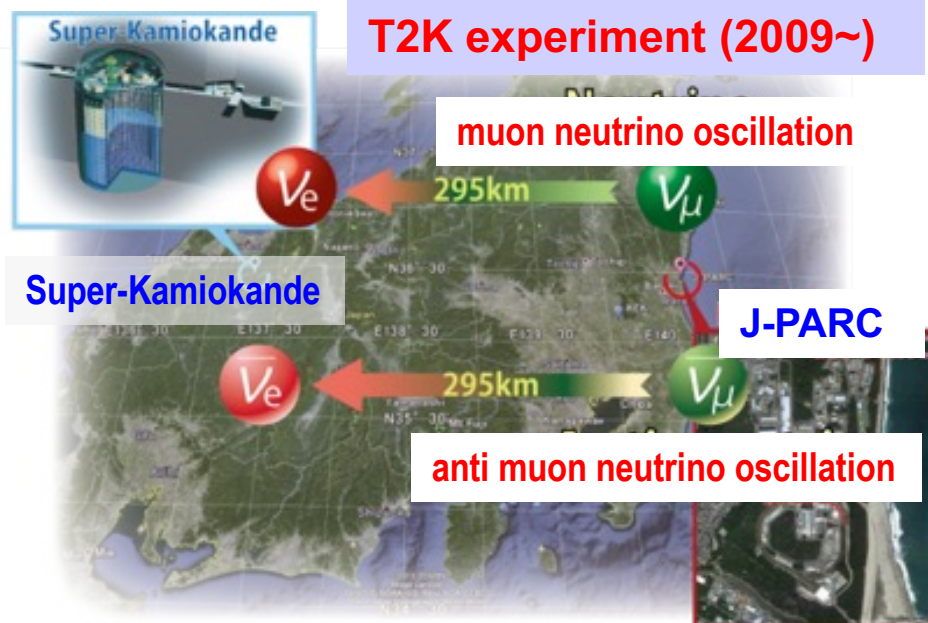
**Neutrino Experimental  
Facility**





# Neutrino Experimental Facility

Neutrino beam produced at J-PARC is shoot toward Super-Kamiokande detector, 295 km away. Accurate measurements of neutrino oscillations are on going.



**Hyper-Kamiokande :**  
Next-generation experiment using the high-intensity neutrino beam from J-PARC: The construction started in 2019 and the experiment will start in 2028.

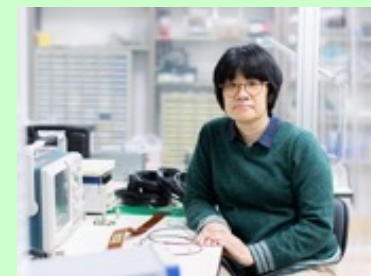
This project will lead the world's neutrino research for the next 20 years. Many researchers from around the world are participating in this experiment.

## April 2020

The first constraints on CP asymmetry parameters was obtained with a high degree of accuracy (99.7%). It was published in the journal Nature.



Professor Atsuko Ichikawa (Graduate School of Science, Tohoku Univ), the former leader of the experiment, received the “2023 (69th) Nishina Memorial Prize.



“Why is the present universe made of matter and why is there so little antimatter?” The T2K results provide a hint to this fundamental mystery of the universe. We aim to accumulate further data to confirm the evidence of CP symmetry breaking.



# Hyper-Kamiokande Project @ KEK-Tokai

- Intermediate Water Cherenkov Detector (IWCD) at ~1km from J-PARC
    - Epoch-making measurement for Lepton CP violation search
      - Spectroscopy of Neutrino-Nucleus interaction by movable ~1kt-class detector with multi-PMT modules.
  - New site for IWCD facility from 2025
    - Aiming to start operation in JFY 2028
- **We are very welcome for new collaborator to join for IWCD project!**





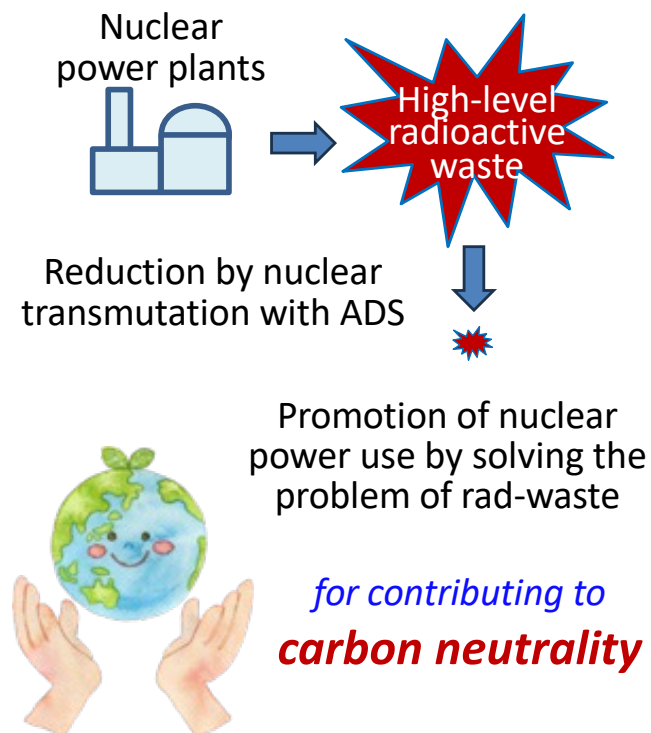
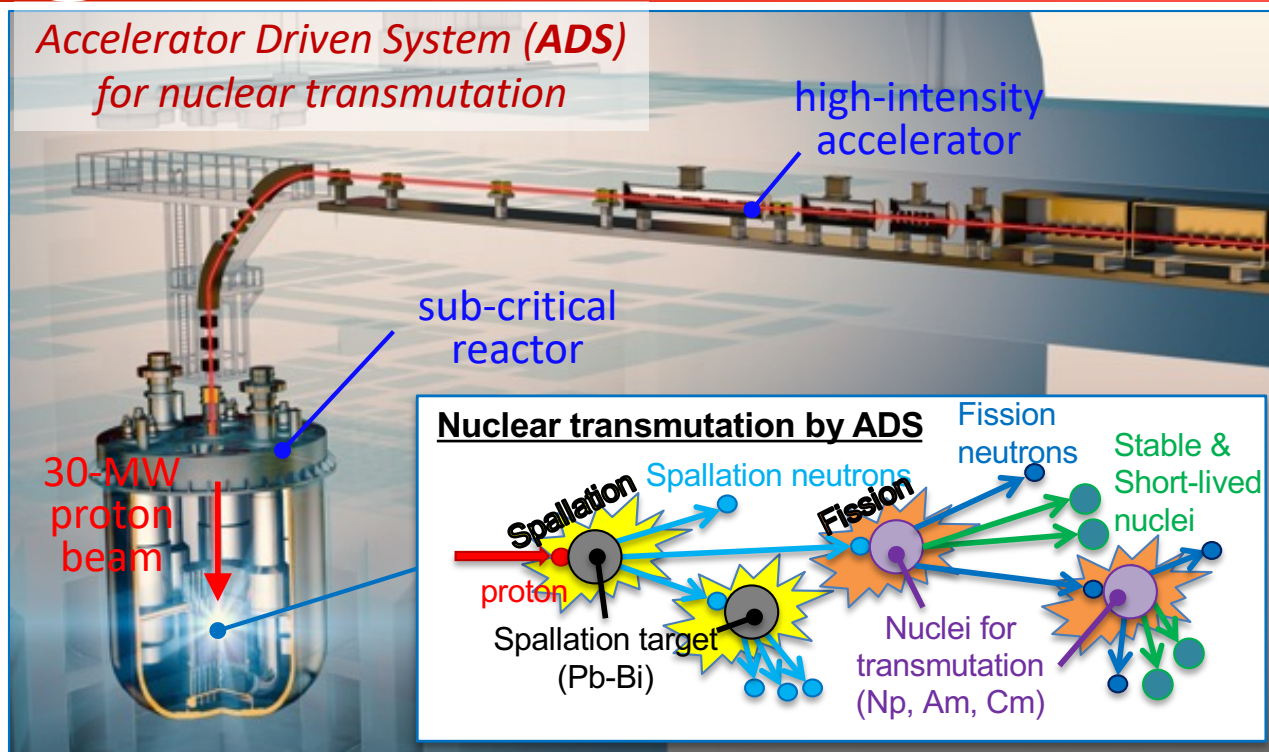


**Transmutation  
Experimental Facility  
(under planning)**

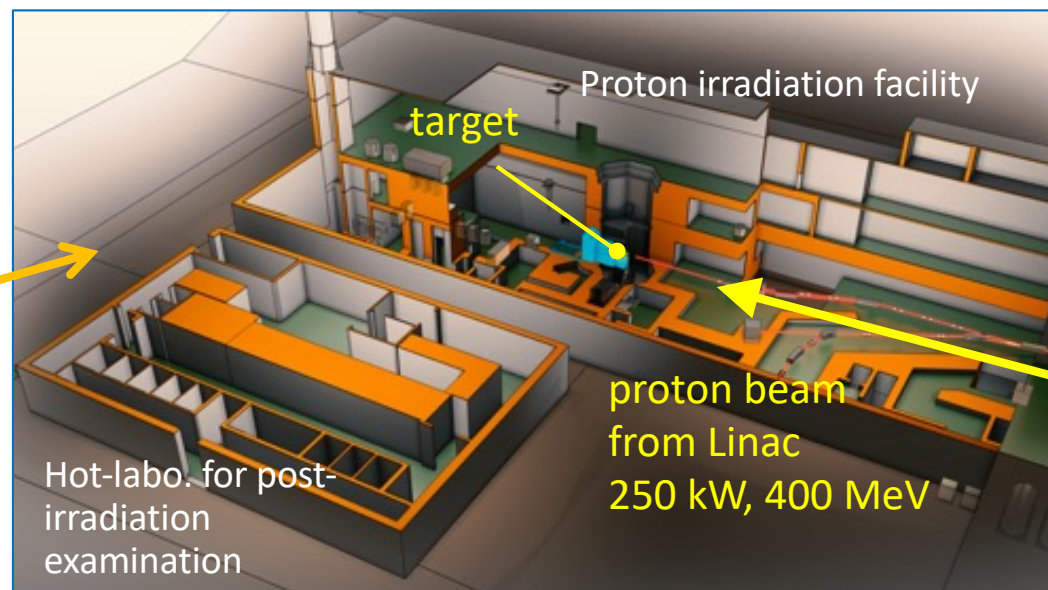




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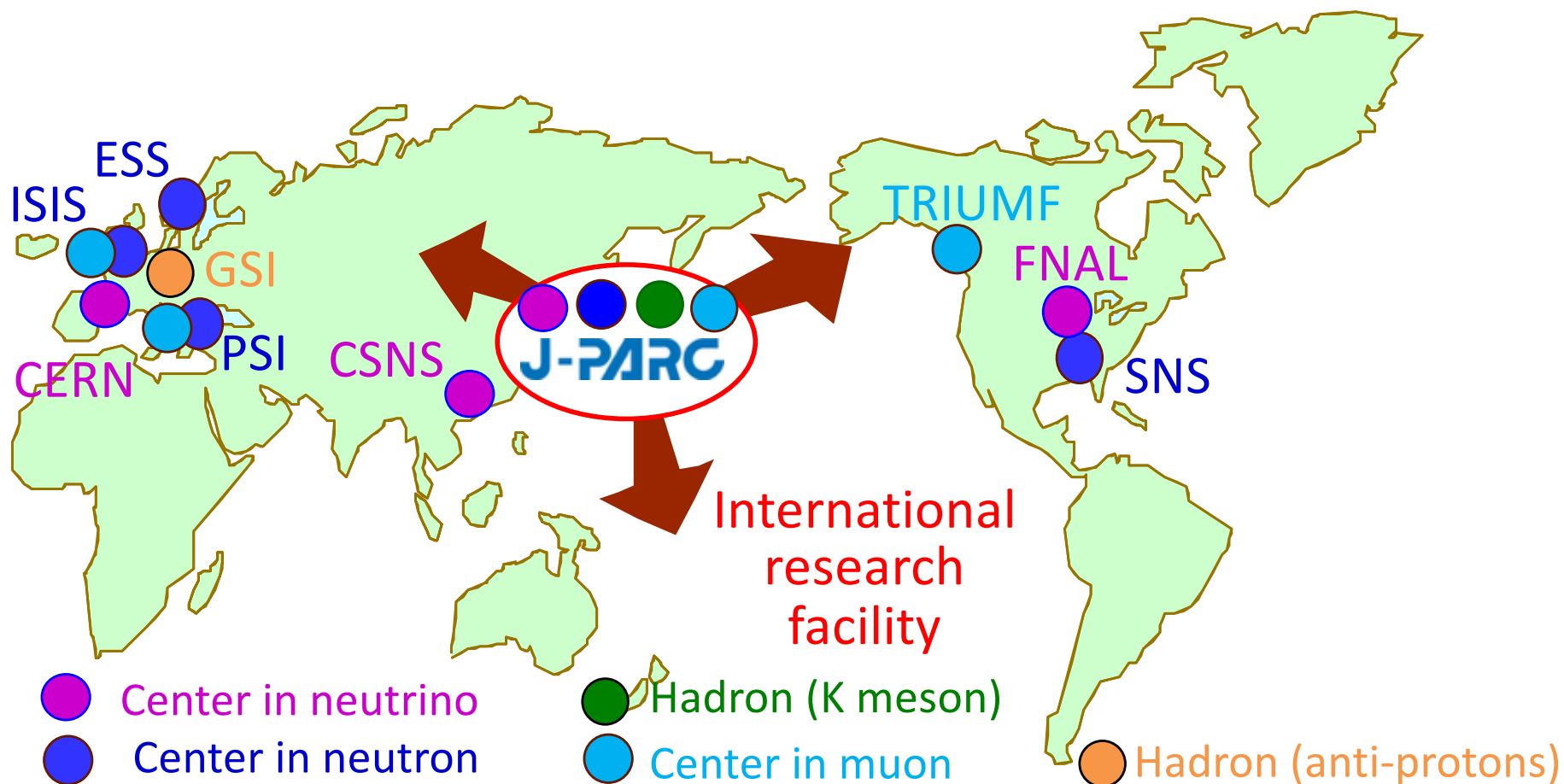
- Experimental facility for the ADS development and other purposes at J-PARC is under planning.





# J-PARC as a global research center

- Materials and Life Science: one of three world centers, especially in Asia
- Hadron physics: unique kaon factory in the world
- Neutrino physics: world leader among the three world centers



ISIS : spallation neutron source in Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, ESS : European Spallation Source, PSI : Paul Scherrer Institut

SNS : Spallation Neutron Source at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TRIUMF : particle accelerator centre in Canada

CERN: in Switzerland, , CSNS: China Spallation Neutron Source, FNAL : Fermi National Laboratory GSI : Heavy ion Institute in Germany





# J-PARC

- ❑ Power-frontier proton accelerators
    - **world top-class** beam power
    - high duty and high beam availability
  - ❑ Multi-purpose user facilities
    - variety of **secondary particle beams**
    - wide range of research fields, particle physics, materials science, life science, industrial applications ....
    - international user facility** opened for worldwide researchers
- ⇒ **outstanding results** *are coming out one after another !!*