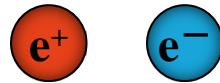


# 高強度陽電子源の利用 —ポジトロニウムビーム生成とその応用—

## Use of the intense positron source

—Production of an energy tunable positronium beam and its applications—



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# 陽電子の基本的性質：

◆陽電子は電子と出会うと対消滅することがある。

◆消滅率： $\lambda = \pi r_0^2 c n$

$r_0$  : 電子の古典半径

$c$  : 光速

$n$  : 電子密度

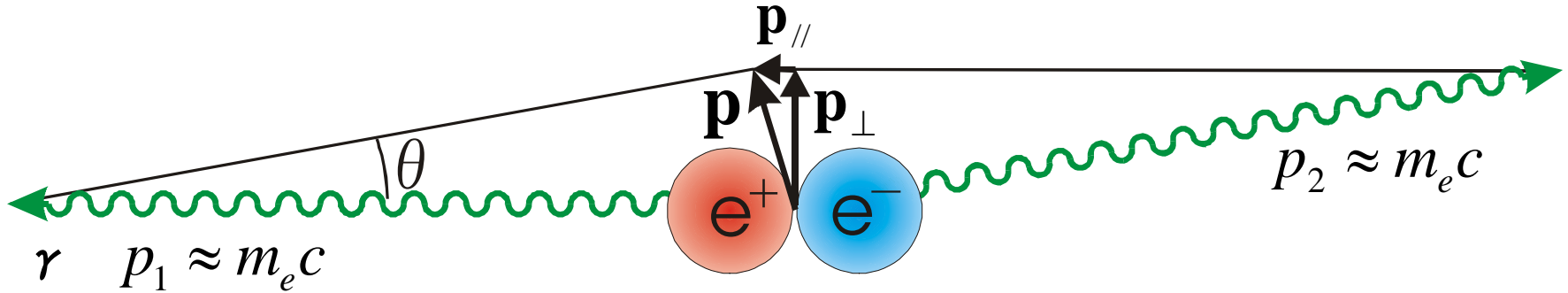
$$r_0 = 2.818 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m} \ll a_0 \text{ (Bohr 半径、} 0.53 \text{ \AA)}$$

陽電子の消滅断面積  $\ll$  散乱断面積

**陽電子は物質中でも、なかなか対消滅しない！**

陽電子を物質に入射すると、消滅前に熱化する。

# Angular correlation of annihilation radiation (ACAR, 2光子角相関法)



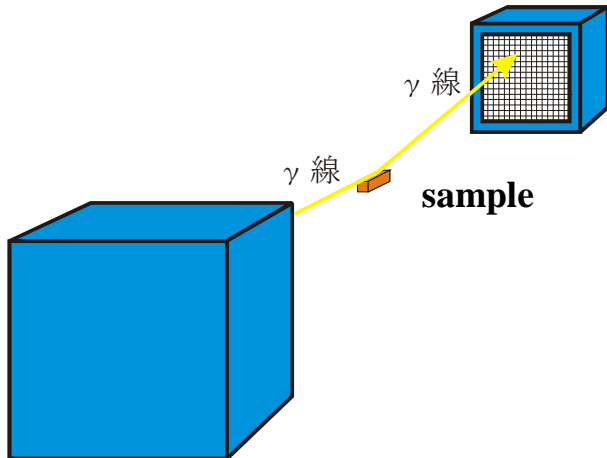
The positrons in solids are thermalized within a few ps.

$$\theta < 1^\circ$$

$$p_{\perp} = \cos \theta \approx m_e c \theta$$

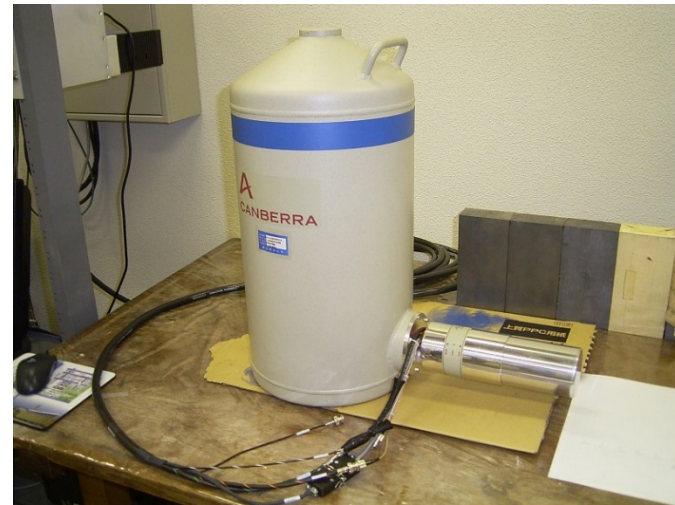
$$E_1 = m_e c^2 + \frac{p_{\parallel} c}{2}$$

$\gamma$ -ray position sensitive detector

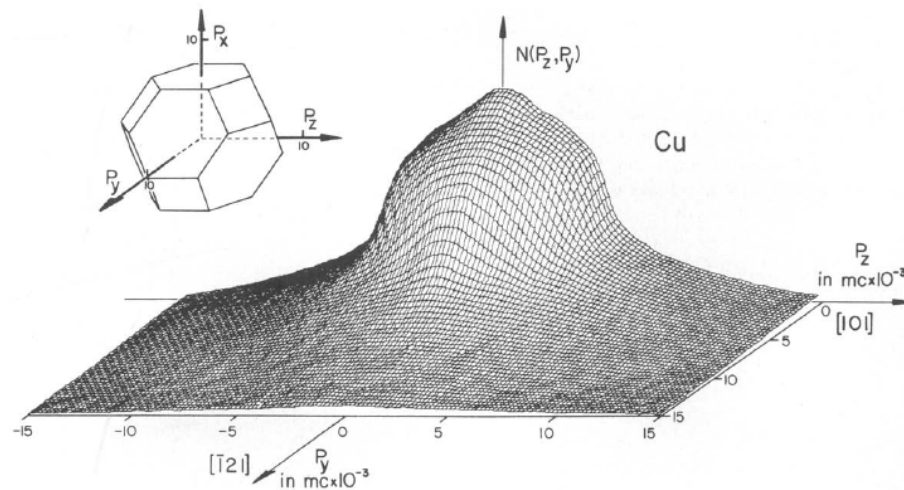
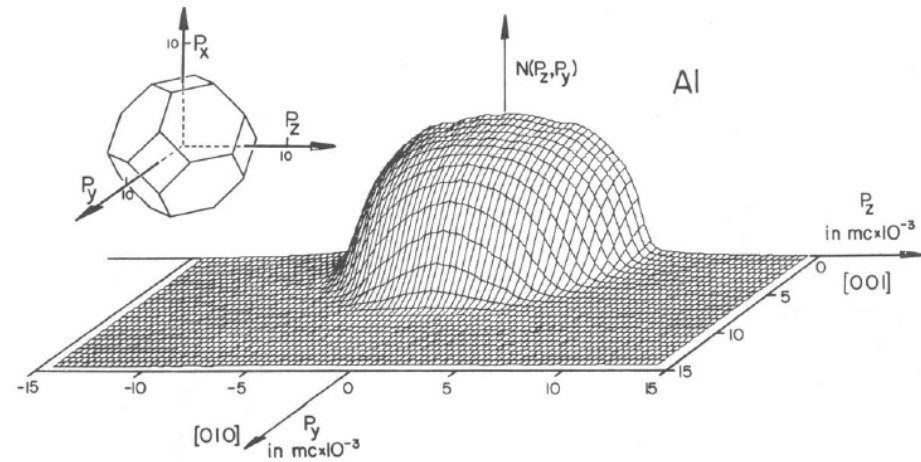


$\gamma$ -ray position sensitive detector

2D ACAR apparatus

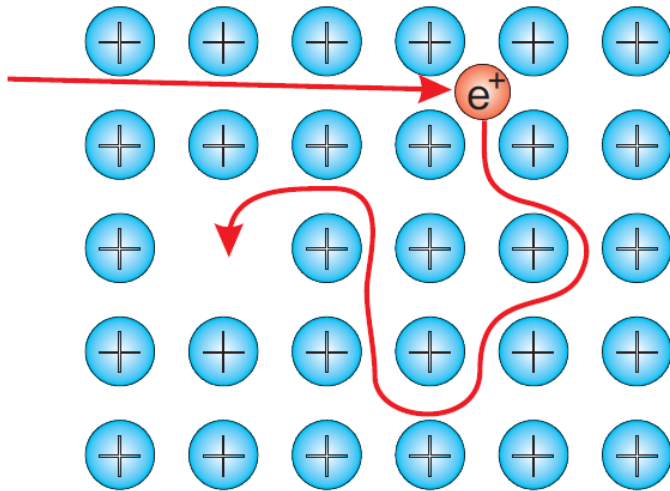


SSD (Germanium detector)

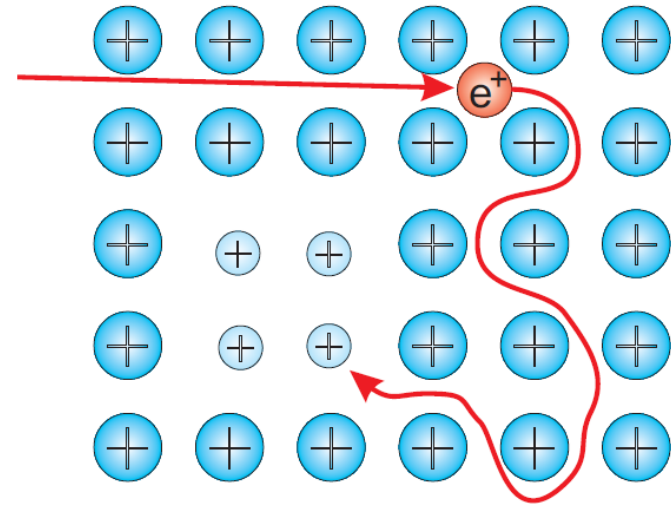


(Berko, Haghgoie and Mader, Phys. Lett. A 63 (1977) 335)

ACAR data for Al and Cu



**Positrons are trapped  
at vacancy type defects**



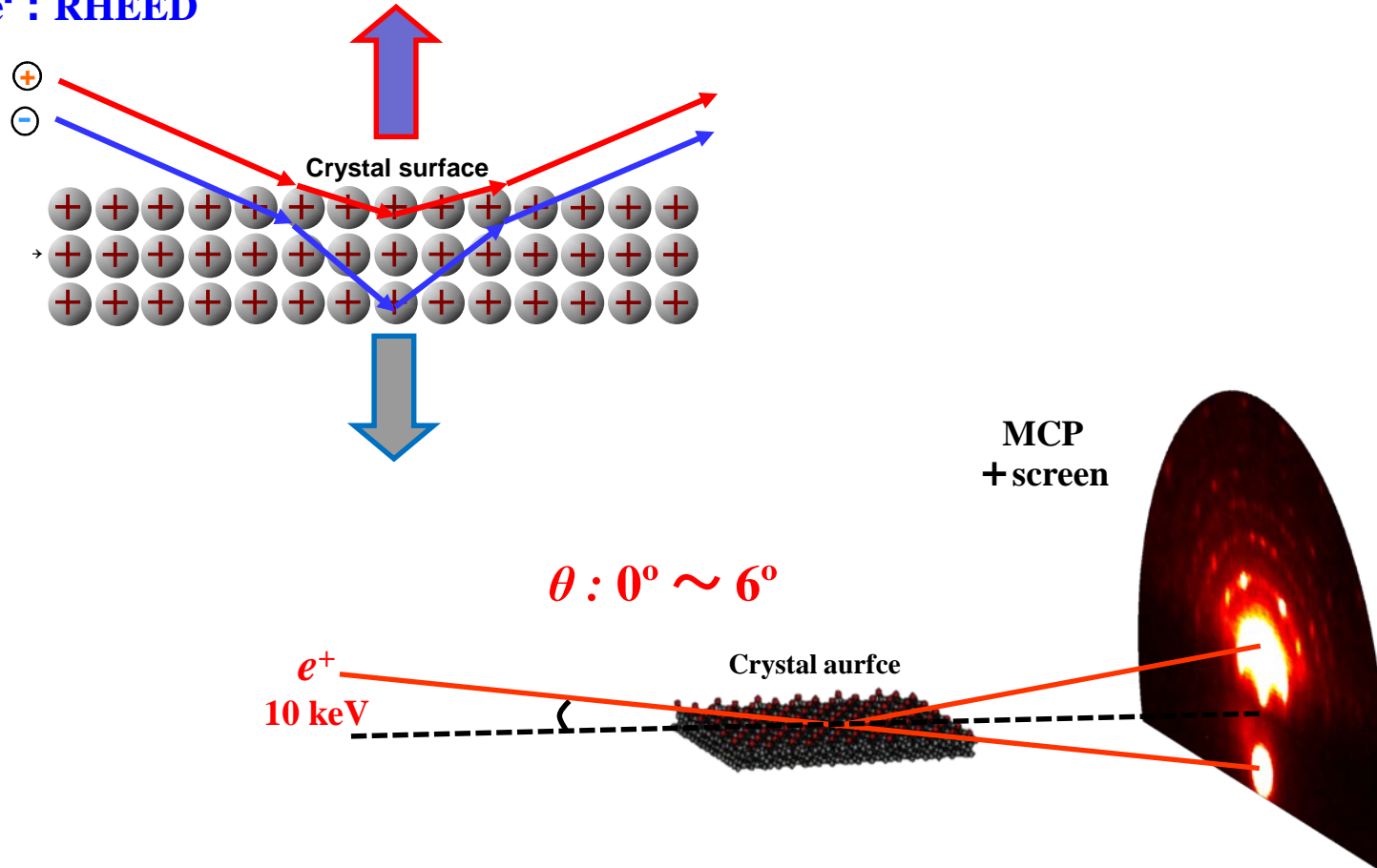
**Positrons are trapped  
at impurity precipitates with lower potentials**

**Defects can be studied using positrons.**

# When positrons impinge on crystal surfaces with glancing angles,...

$e^+$  : RHEPD

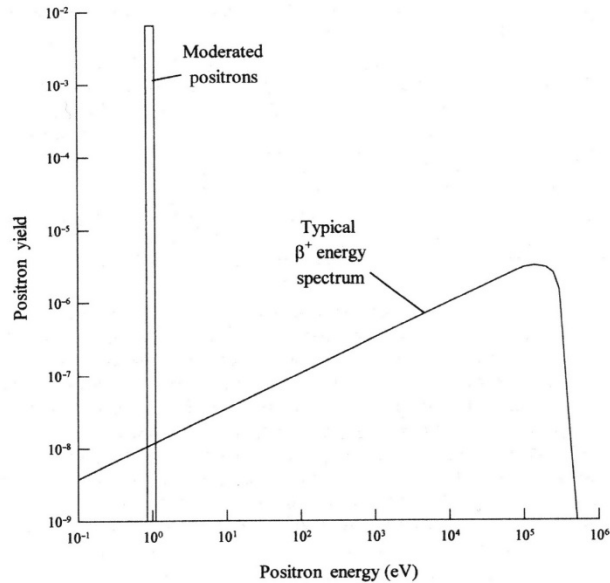
$e^-$  : RHEED



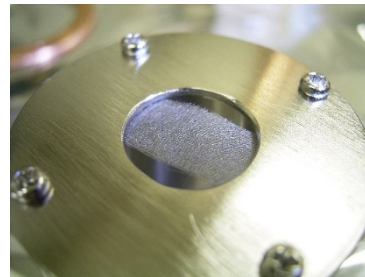
**Information on the top most surface structures can be obtained.**

(In the case of RHEED, the effects on the bulk structure are admixed.)

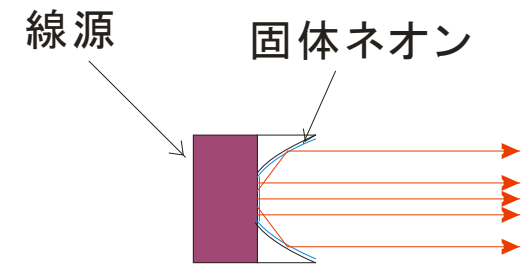
# Positrons generated in $\beta^+$ decay have wide energy distribution.



Positron source capsule



Tungsten mesh



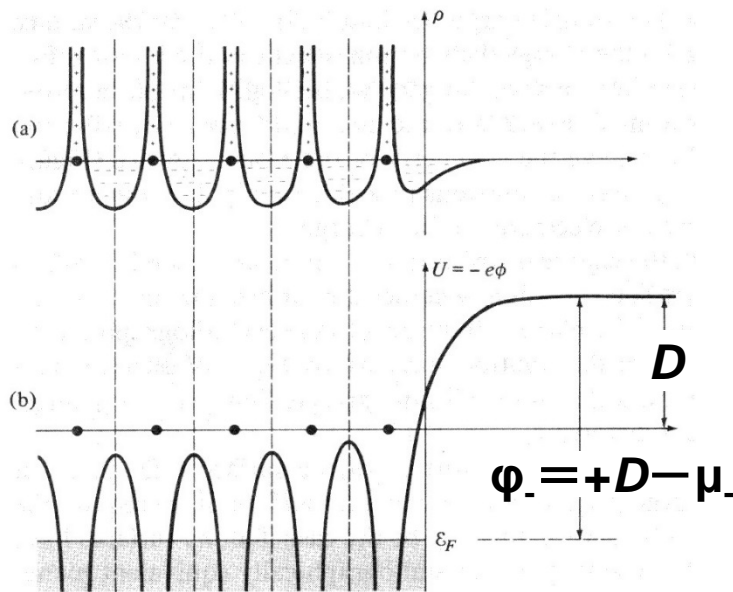
Solid neon

Positron moderation efficiencies:  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  (tungsten mesh),  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  (solid neon)

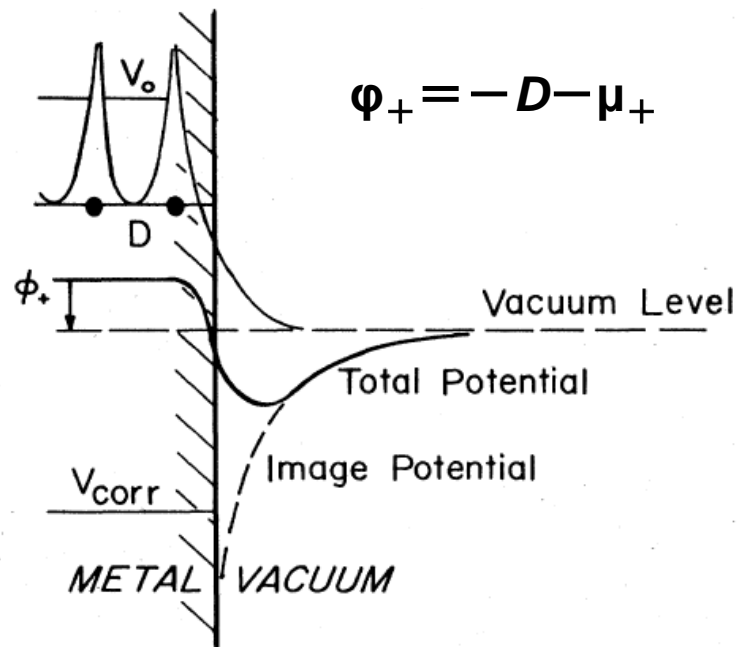
Slow positron beam intensities:

$$740\text{MBq} \times 0.9 \times (5 \times 10^{-4}) = 3 \times 10^5 \text{ e}^+/\text{s} \text{ (tungsten moderator)}$$

$$740\text{MBq} \times 0.9 \times (5 \times 10^{-3}) = 3 \times 10^6 \text{ e}^+/\text{s} \text{ (solid neon moderator)}$$



(Ashcroft and Mermin)



(Schultz and Lynn, Rev. Mod. Phys. 60 (1988) 701)

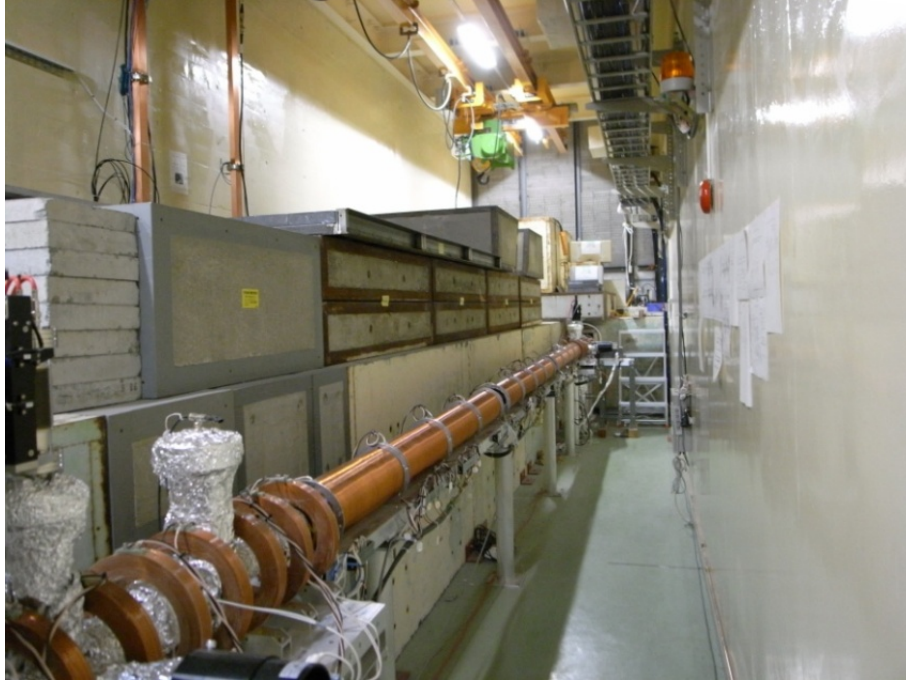
電子の仕事関数:  $\phi_- = +D - \mu_-$

陽電子の仕事関数:  $\phi_+ = -D - \mu_+$

金属表面近傍における電子および陽電子のエネルギー準位



# Intensity of present slow positron beams at KEK:



**Positron source : Pair production of Bremsstrahlung X-rays  
from linac**

**Linac power : 600W**

**Energy : 55MeV**

**Moderated using tungsten vanes**

**Positron flux :  $5 \times 10^7$  e<sup>+</sup>/s**

**Vacuum :  $2 \times 10^{-8}$  Pa**

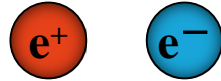
**Pulsed beam, width  $\sim 10$ ns**

## positronium (Ps)



- ✓ **Hydrogen-like bound state**
- ✓ **Lightest neutral atom**
- ✓ **Neutralized electron**
- ✓ **Neutralized positron**
- ✓ **Binding energy = 6.80eV**
- ✓ **mean distance  $e^+ - e^- = 3a_0$**
- ✓ **Two spin states:**
  - Ortho-Ps (S=1, triplet): lifetime=142ns, Self-annihilates into 3  $\gamma$**
  - Para-Ps (S=0, singlet): lifetime=125ps, Self-annihilates into 2 $\gamma$**
- ✓ **Many excited states**

# positronium (Ps)



**Recently, we have developed an energy tunable Ps beam.**

**This technique has opened the door to a new era of experimental investigations on surfaces, atoms and molecules.**

**Background: A technique to produce positronium negative ions ( $\text{Ps}^-$ ) efficiently has been developed.**

## positronium (Ps)



- ✓ H atom like state
- ✓ Lightest “atom”
- ✓ Binding energy :  $6.80\text{eV}$
- ✓ Mean distance  $e^+ - e^- : 3a_0$
- ✓ Two eigenstates (ground states)
  - Ortho-Ps ( $S=1$ , triplet)
    - Lifetime in vacuum :  $142\text{ns}$
    - Self-annihilates into  $3\gamma$ .
  - Para-Ps ( $S=0$ , singlet)
    - Lifetime in vacuum :  $125\text{ps}$
    - Self-annihilates into  $2\gamma$ .
- ✓ There are many excited states.

## positronium negative ion ( $\text{Ps}^-$ )



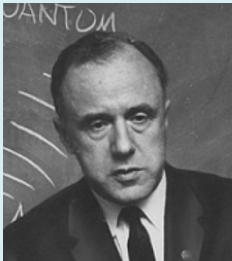
- ✓  $\text{H}^-$  ion like state
- ✓ Simplest three body system
- ✓  $e^-$  binding energy to Ps :  $0.33\text{eV}$   
The energy required to break up into 3 isolated particles :  $7.13\text{eV}$
- ✓ Mean distance  $e^+ - e^- : 5.5a_0$
- ✓ Only one state
  - Lifetime in vacuum :  $479\text{ps}$
  - Self-annihilates into  $2\gamma$ .

# Discovery of the $\text{Ps}^-$



“The **tri-electron system** has a radioactive mean lifetime of the order of  $10^{-10}$  sec, and is calculated to be stable by at least 0.19eV against dissociation into a **bi-electron** and a free **electron** or **positron**.”

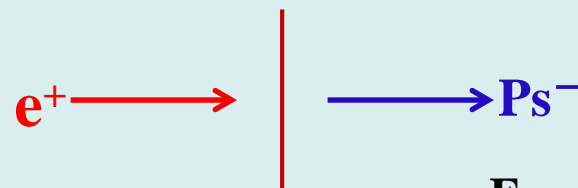
“For the formation of an entity of the type  $P^{+--}$ , the most reasonable mechanism appears to be the interaction of a photon with an atomic electron.” (John Wheeler)



(Wheeler, Ann. New York Acad. of Sci. 3 (1946) 219)

First observation : performed by Allen Mills, Jr. in 1981.

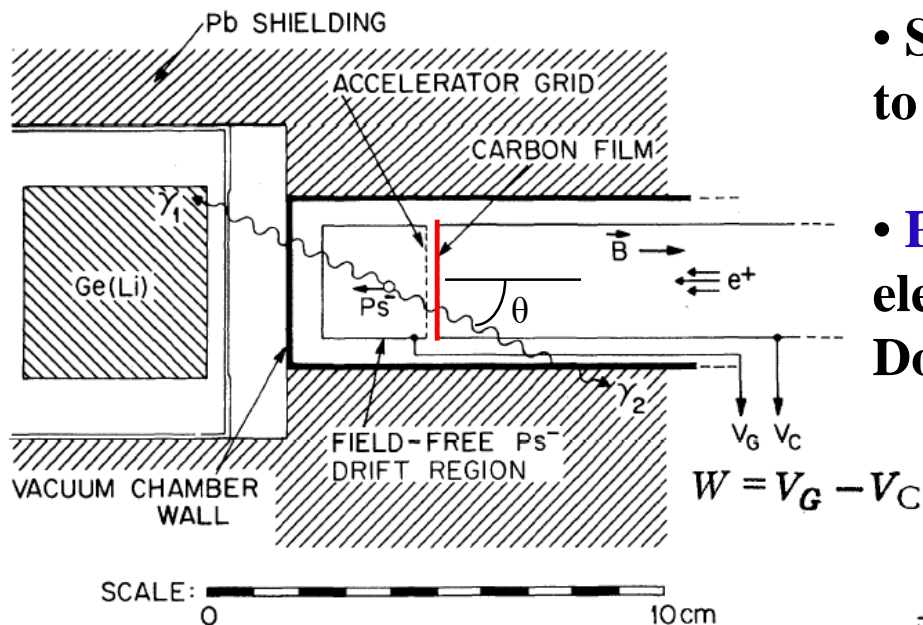
(Mills, PRL 46 (1981) 717)



carbon foil

Formation efficiency  $\sim 0.028\%$

# First observation of $\text{Ps}^-$ (Mills, 1981)

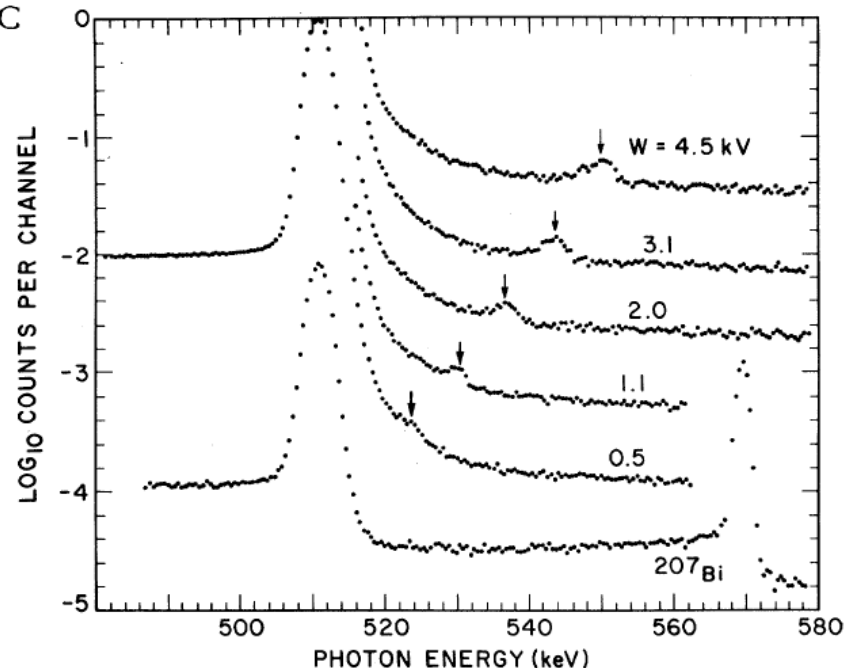


- Slow positrons (470 eV) were guided to a thin carbon target.

- $\text{Ps}^-$  formed were accelerated by the electric field and detected by their Doppler-shifted annihilation lines.

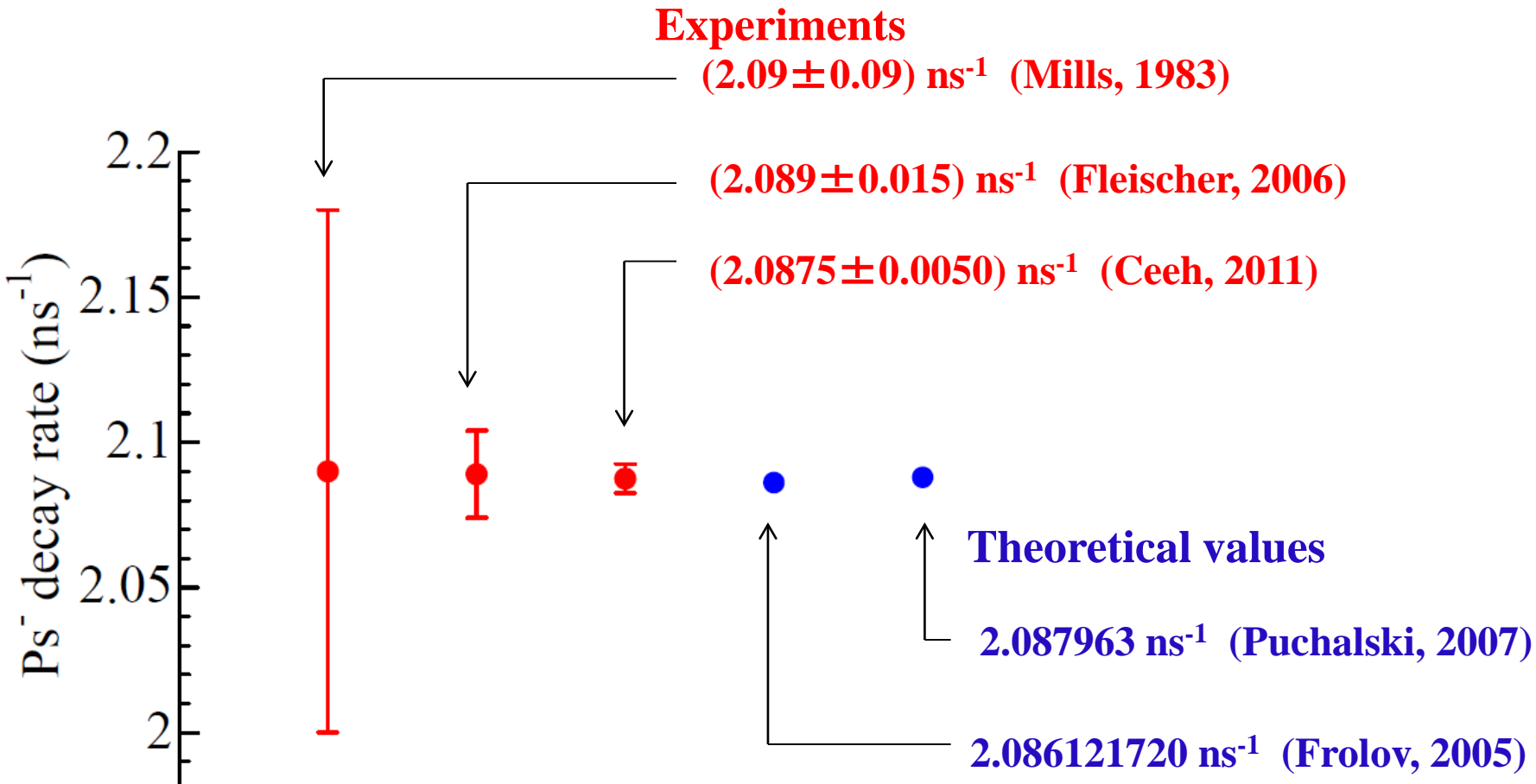
$\text{Ps}^-$  formation was confirmed.

$\text{Ps}^-$  emission efficiency = 0.028%



(Mills, PRL 46 (1981) 717)

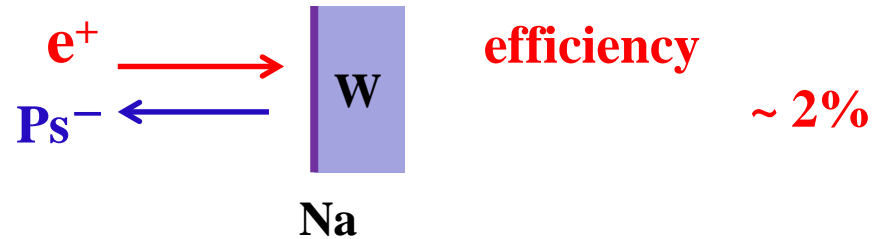
# Measurements of $\text{Ps}^-$ decay rate – comparison with theoretical values



All experimental results are consistent with recent theoretical values.

# **Ps<sup>-</sup> production using alkali metal coated tungsten surfaces (2006 – present)**

## **Ps<sup>-</sup> production using Na coated tungsten surfaces**



- ✓ **Observation of Ps<sup>-</sup> photodetachment**
- ✓ **Observation of Ps<sup>-</sup> resonant photodetachment**
- ✓ **Production of energy tunable Ps beams**

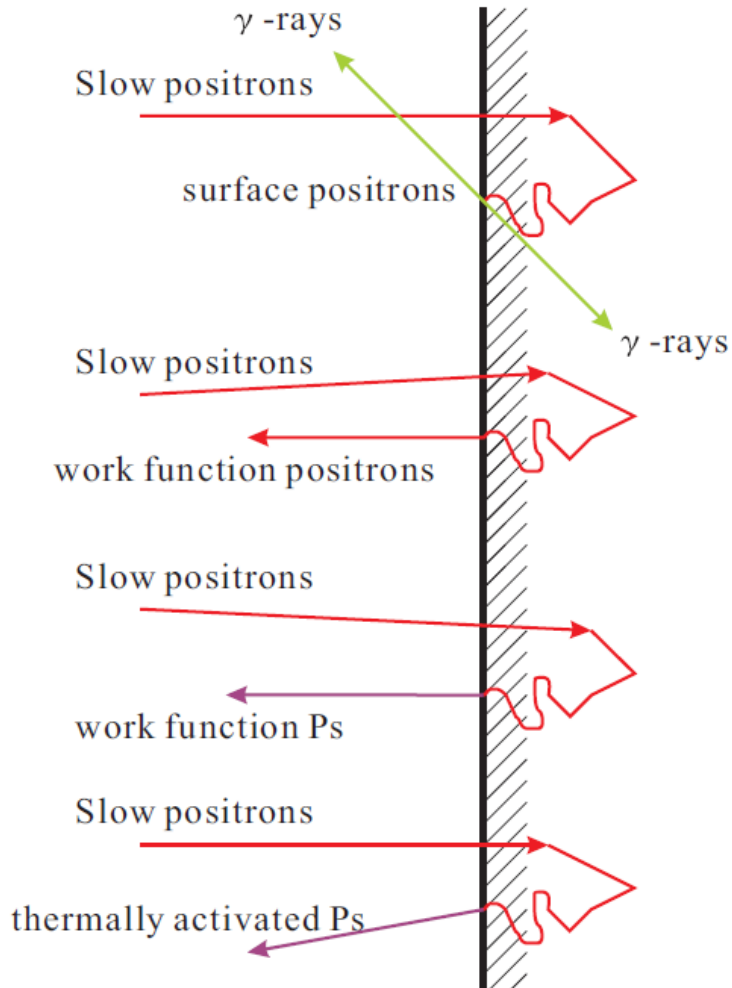
**Nagashima et al., NJP 10 (2008) 123029**

**Terabe et al., NJP 14 (2012) 015003**

**Nagashima, Phys. Rep. 545 (2014) 95**



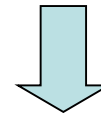
# Positrons at surfaces



$\phi_+$  :  $e^+$  work function

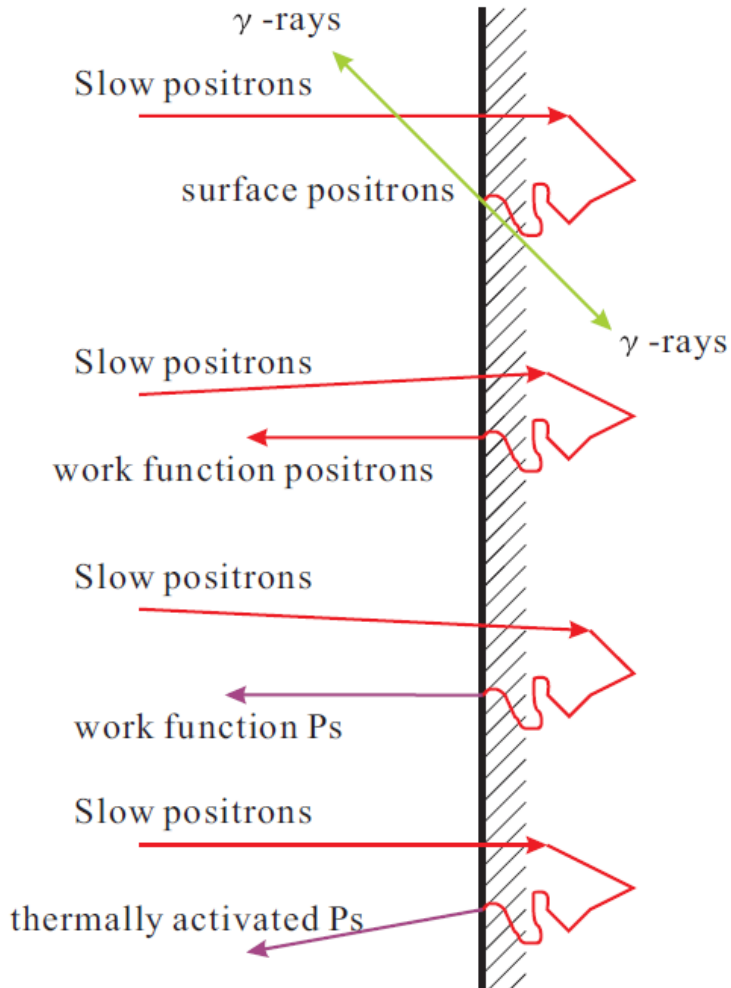
(The energy required to emit  $e^+$ )

$$\phi_+ < 0$$



$e^+$  are emitted from the surface.

# Positrons at surfaces



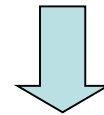
The energy required to emit **Ps**  
(**Ps** affinity) :

$$\phi_{Ps} = \phi_+ + \phi_- - 6.80 \text{ eV}$$

$\phi_+$  : **e<sup>+</sup>** work function

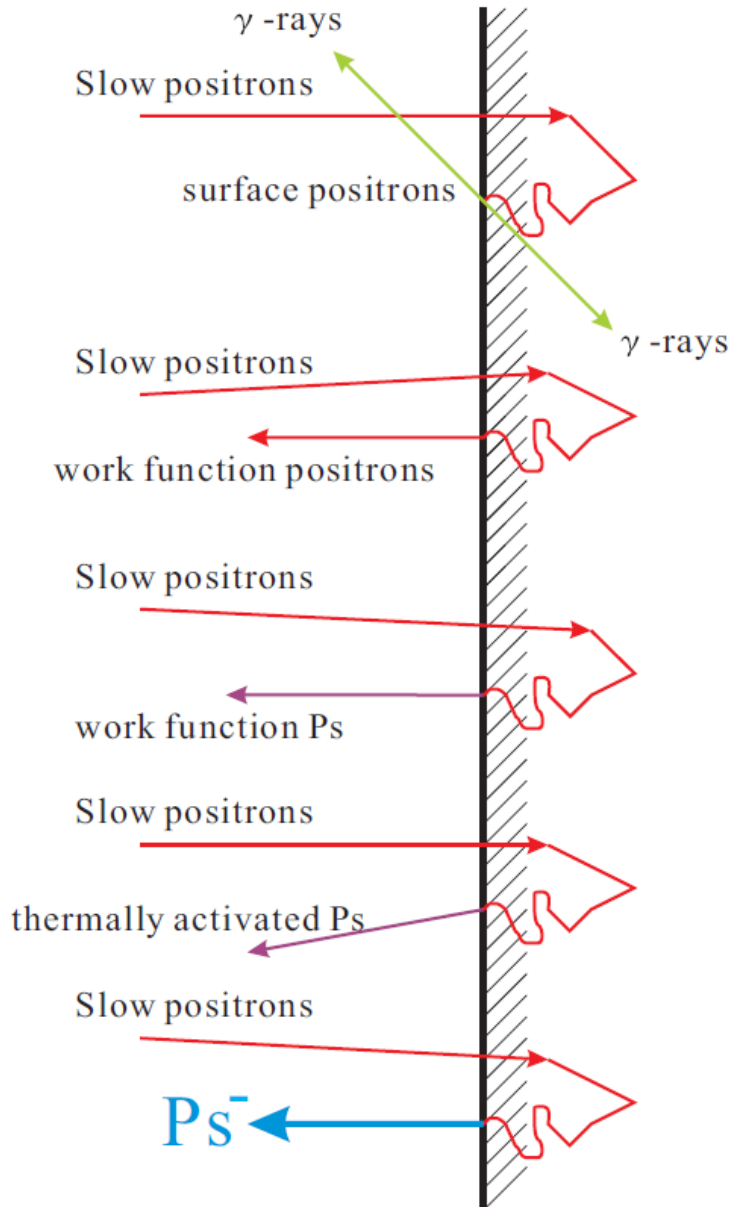
$\phi_-$  : **e<sup>-</sup>** work function

$$\phi_{Ps} < 0$$



**Ps atoms are emitted  
from the surface.**

# Positrons at surfaces



The energy required for  $\text{Ps}^-$  emission ( $\text{Ps}^-$  affinity) :

$$\phi_{\text{Ps}^-} = \phi_+ + 2\phi_- - 7.13\text{eV}$$

$e^-$  work function

$e^+$  work function

The energy required to break up  $\text{Ps}^-$  into three isolated particles  
 = ( $\text{Ps}$  binding energy, 6.80eV)  
 + ( $e^-$  binding energy to  $\text{Ps}$ , 0.33eV)

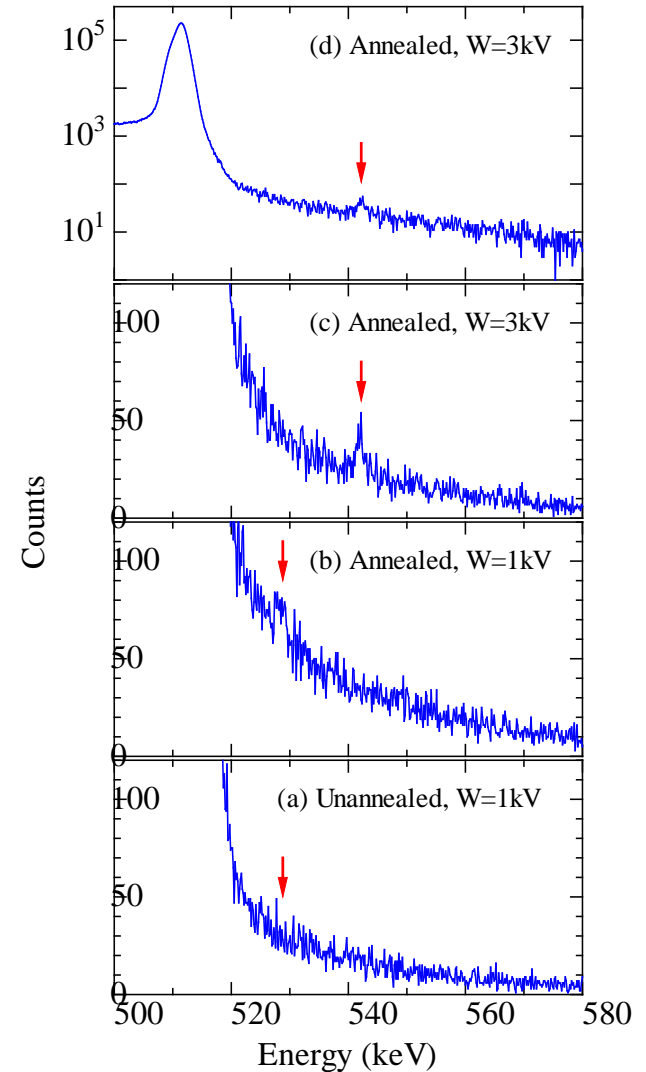
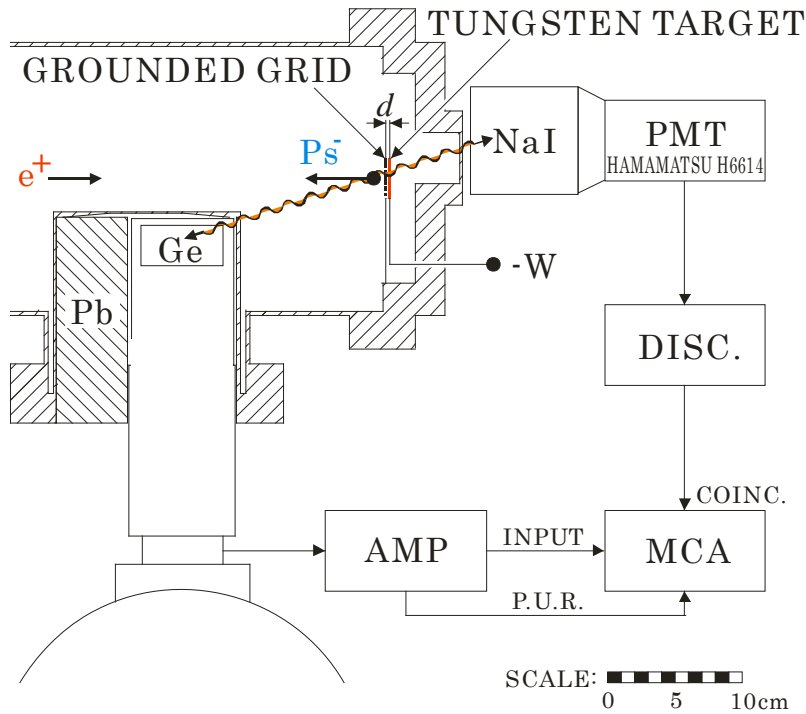
If  $\phi_{\text{Ps}^-} < 0$ ,



$\text{Ps}^-$  may be emitted from the surface spontaneously.

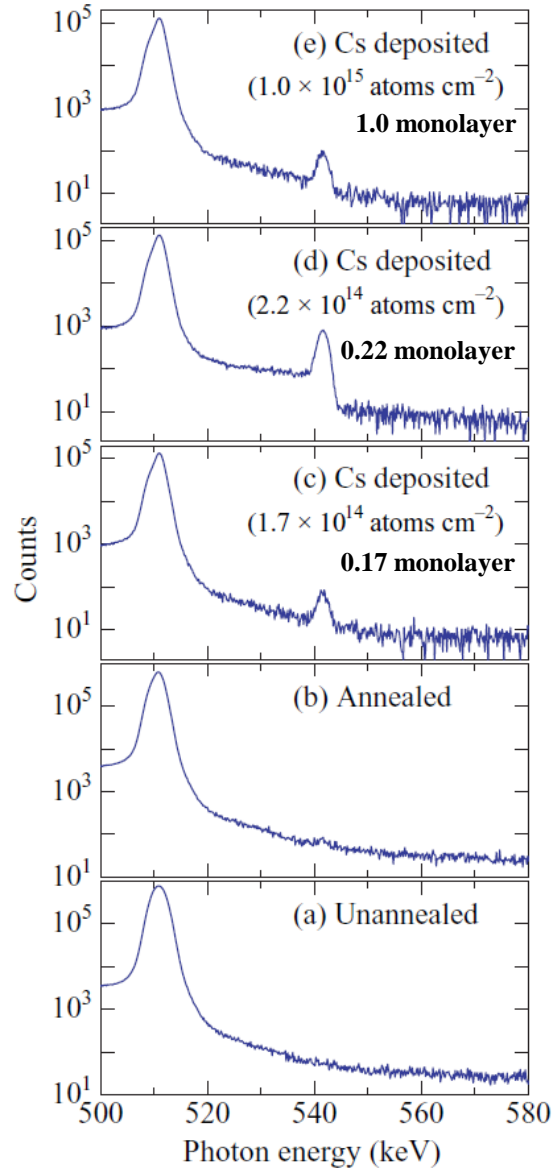
# $\text{Ps}^-$ emission from polycrystalline tungsten surface

(Nagashima and Sakai, NJP 8 (2006) 319)



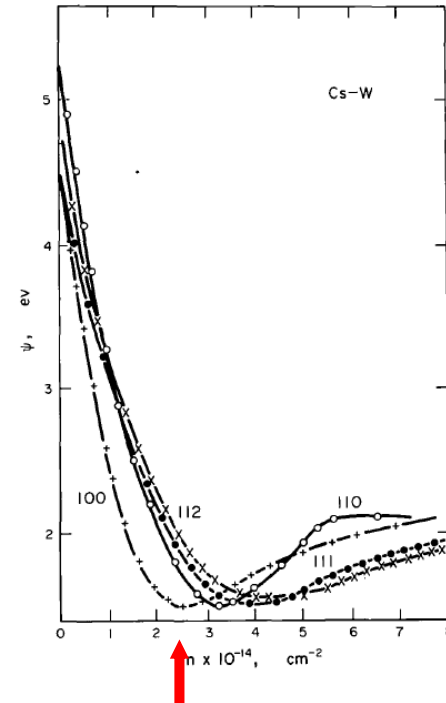
$\text{Ps}^-$  emission efficiency was only 0.01% or less.

# Effect of Cs coating for the $\text{Ps}^-$ emission



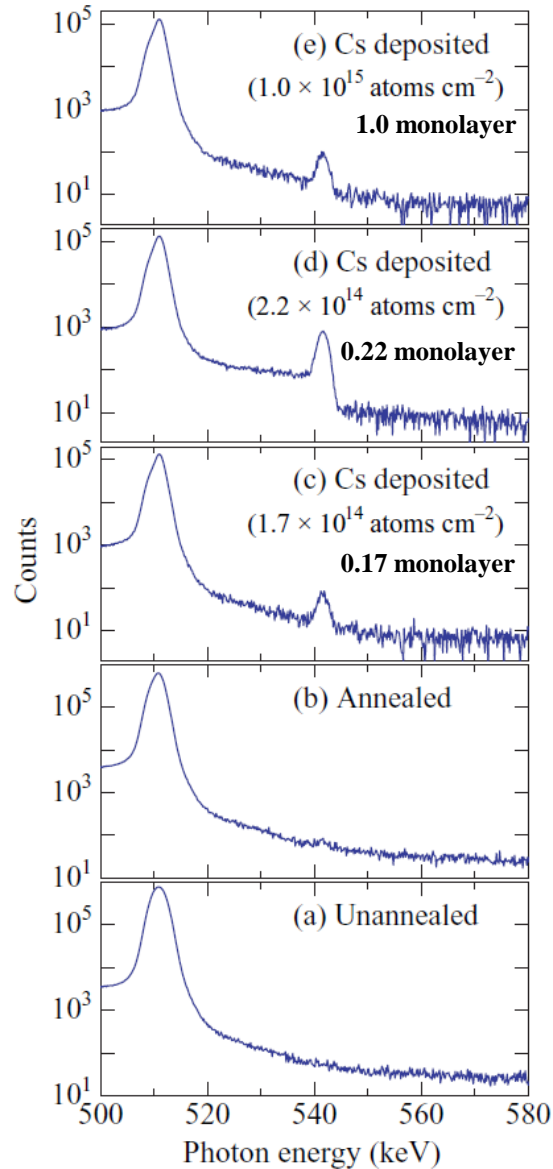
$\text{Ps}^-$  intensity is the highest at  $2.2 \times 10^{14} \text{cm}^{-2}$  (0.22ML).

Change of  $\phi_-$  for tungsten by Cs coating



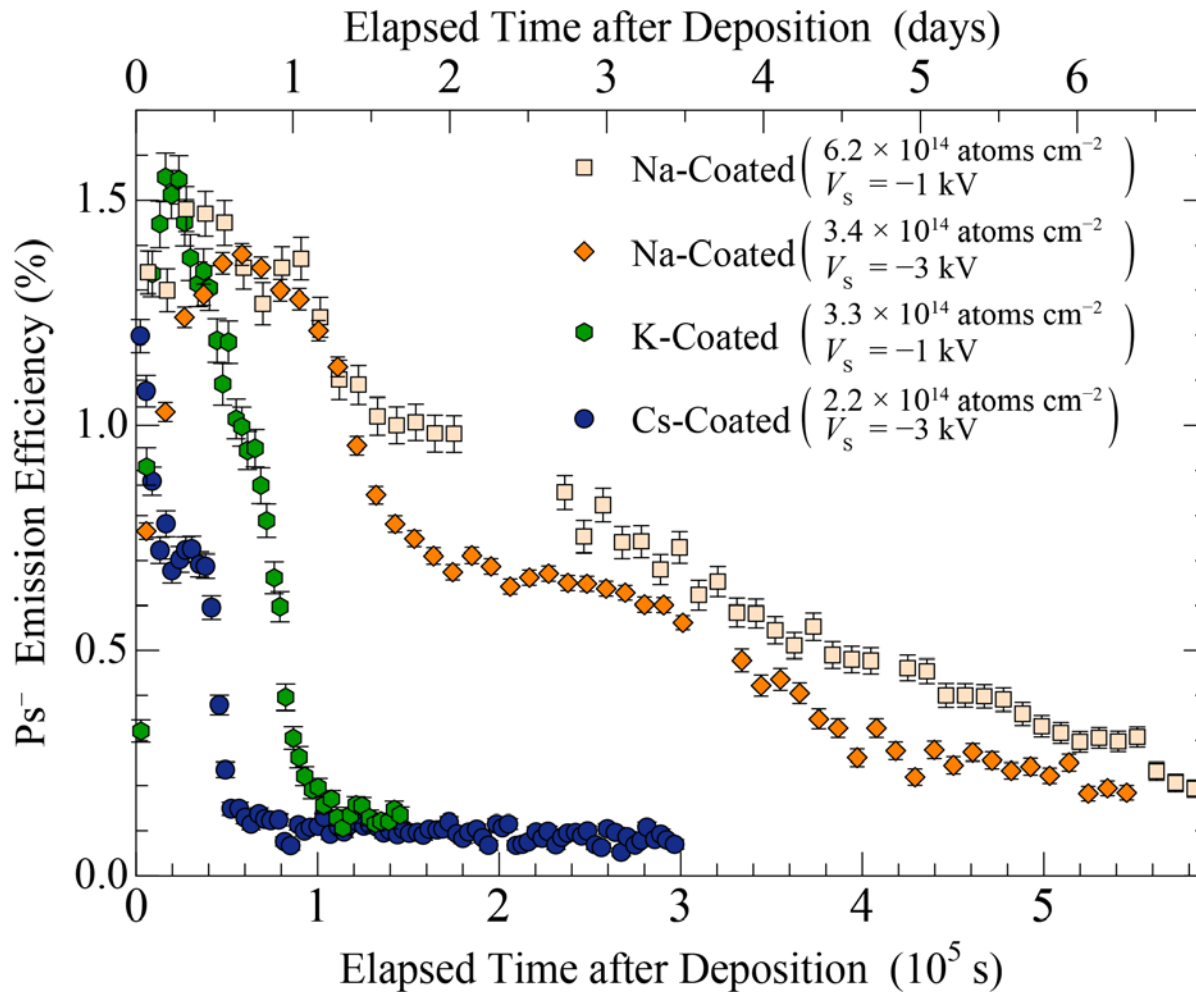
Kiejna and Wojciechowski,  
Prog. in Surf. Sci. 11 (1981) 293

# Effect of Cs coating for the $\text{Ps}^-$ emission



The highest efficiency was **2%**,  
which is **200** times higher  
than that obtained for uncoated surface.

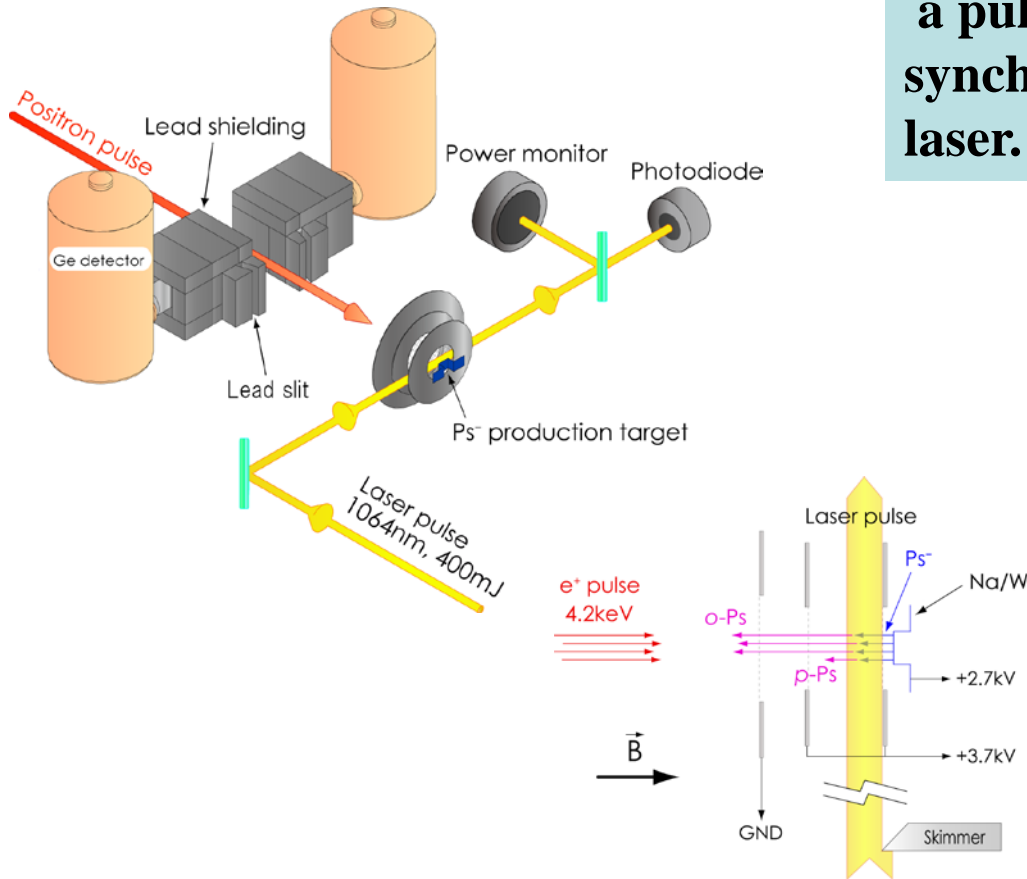
# Effect of alkali metal coating for the $\text{Ps}^-$ emission



**Na is the best alkali metal for the  $\text{Ps}^-$  production.**

# Ps<sup>-</sup> photodetachment experiment

An electron linac was used to obtain a pulsed positron beam which can be synchronized with an intense pulse laser.



**e<sup>+</sup> beam :**

(from KEK Linac)

**pulse width** 12ns

**repetition** 50pps

**beam intensity** 4000 e<sup>+</sup>/pulse

**Laser :**

**Q-switched Nd: YAG**

(Spectra Physics GCR290)

**wave length** 1064nm

(1.165eV)

**pulse width** 12ns

**repetition** 25pps

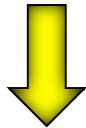
**power** 10W

(Michishio et al., PRL 106 (2011) 153401)

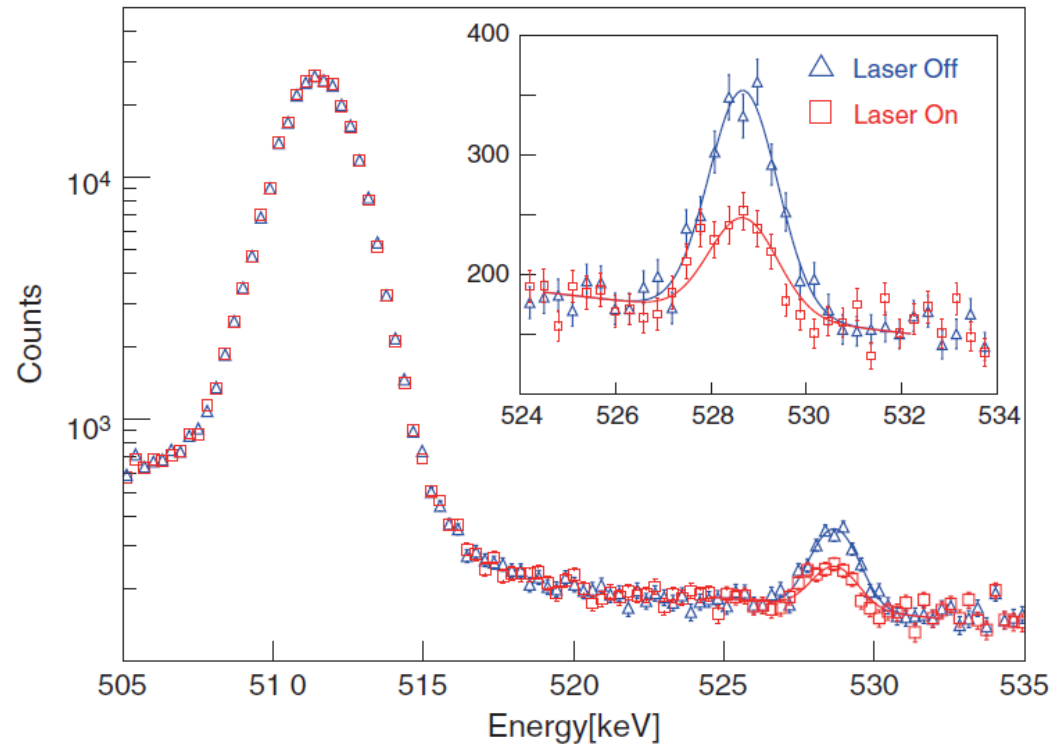


# $\text{Ps}^-$ photodetachment experiment

$\text{Ps}^-$   $\begin{cases} 75\% \rightarrow \text{o-Ps, annihilates into } 3\gamma. \\ 25\% \rightarrow \text{p-Ps, annihilates into } 2\gamma. \end{cases}$



If  $\text{Ps}^-$  ions are photodetached, the peak intensity will decrease.

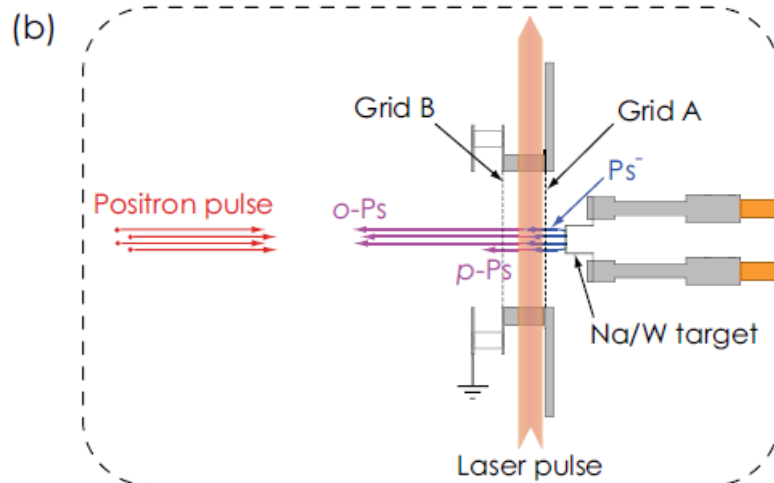
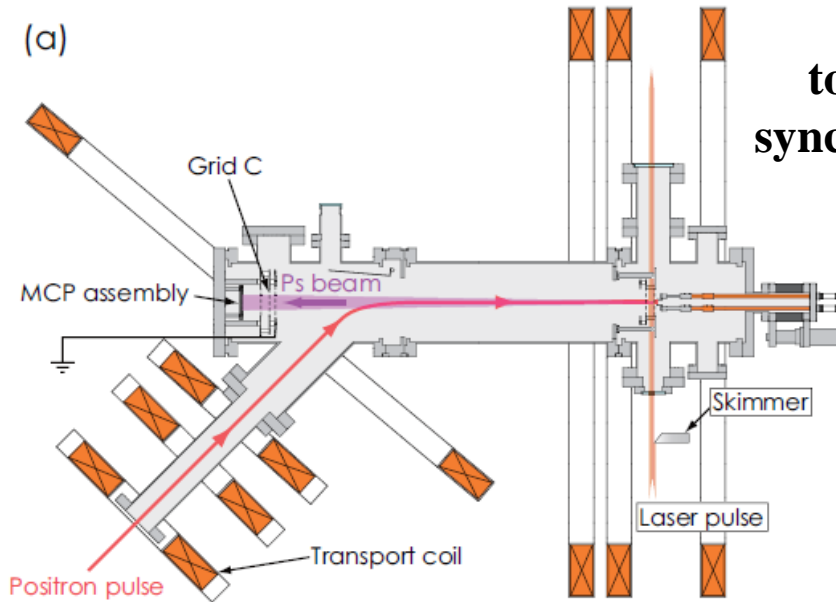


$\text{Ps}^-$  photodetachment has been observed for the first time!

(Michishio et al., PRL 106 (2011) 153401)

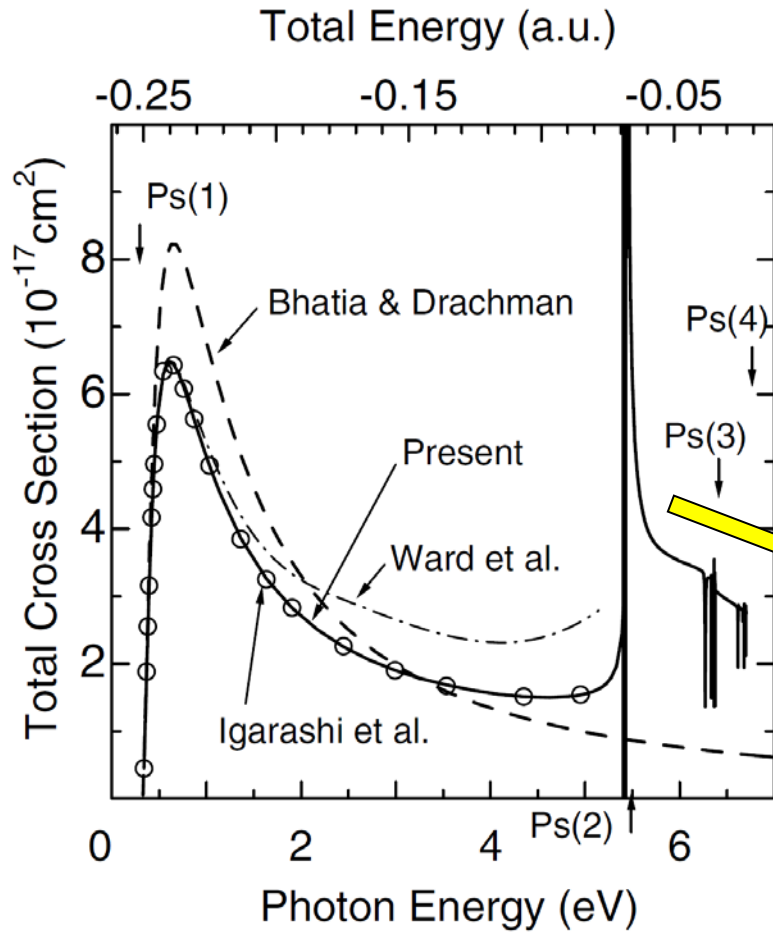
# Observation of $\text{Ps}$ produced via $\text{Ps}^-$ photodetachment

An electron linac was used to obtain a pulsed positron beam which can be synchronized with an intense pulse laser (Nd: YAG).



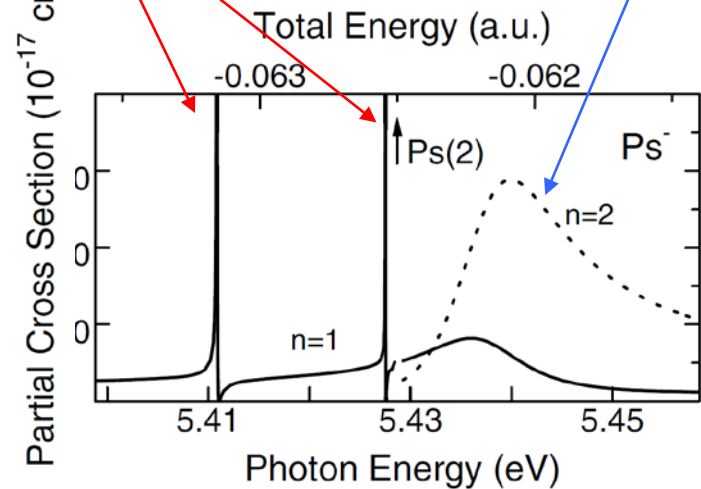
Backscattering geometry for efficient  $\text{Ps}^-$  production

# Theories of $\text{Ps}^-$ resonant photodetachment



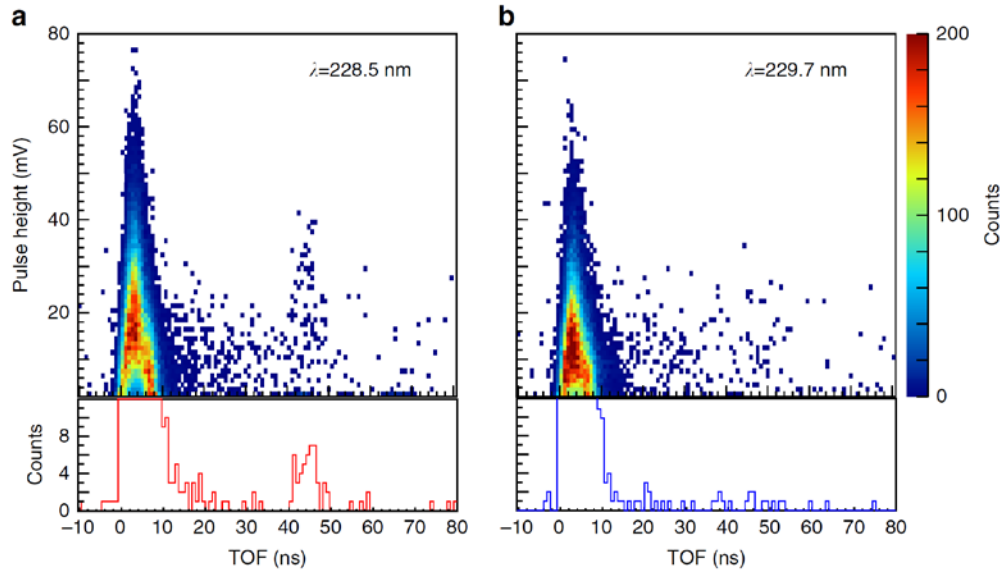
**Feshbach resonances**

**Shape resonance**

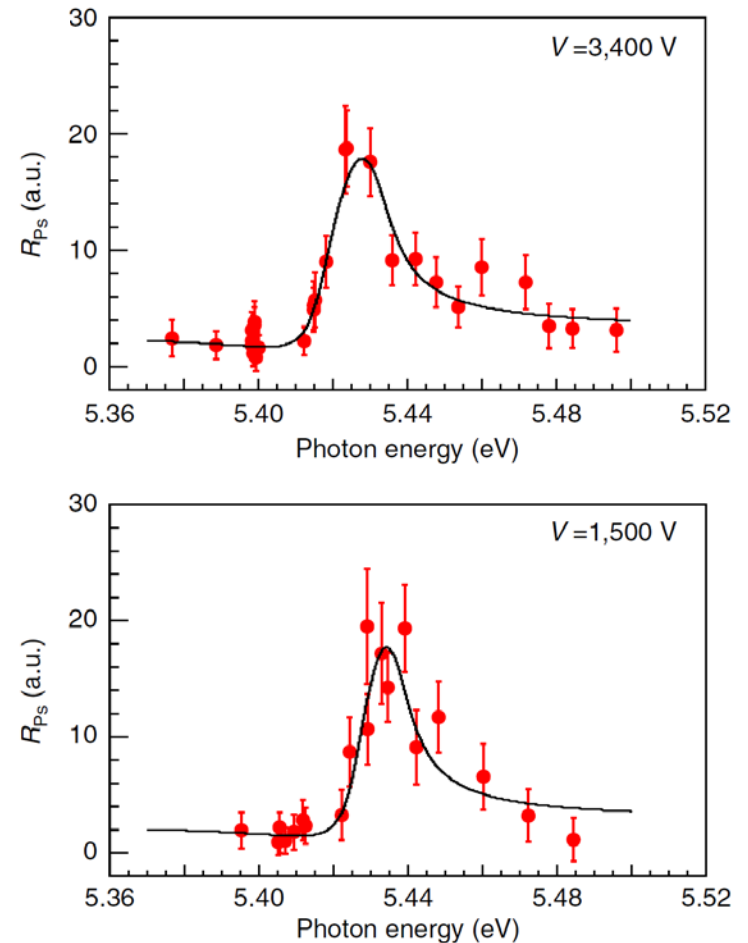


**Total cross sections and partial cross sections**  
**Igarashi, Toshima and Shimamura, NJP 2 (2000) 17**

# Observation of $\text{Ps}^-$ resonant photodetachment



2D TOF spectra of the MCP signals.

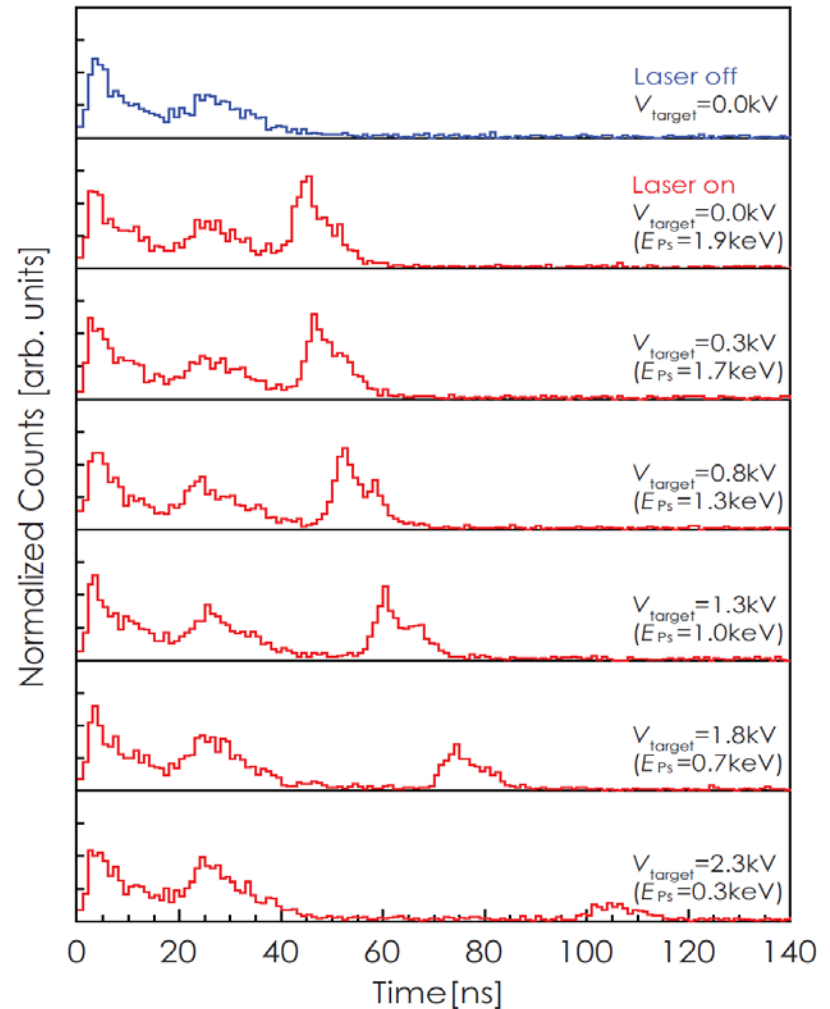
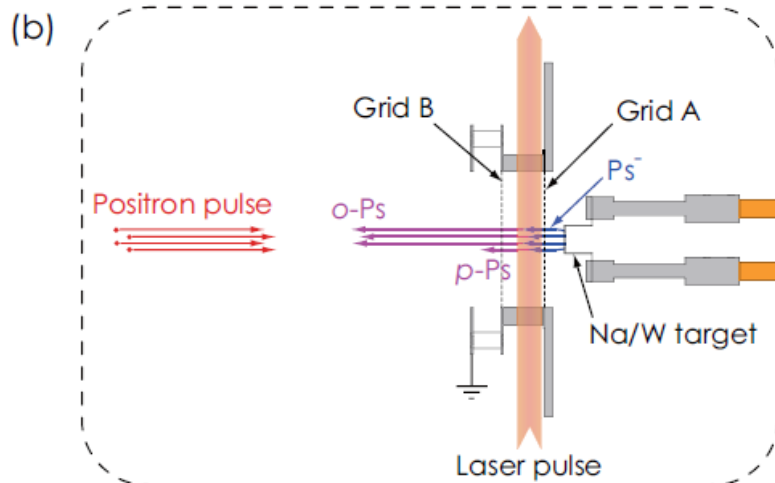
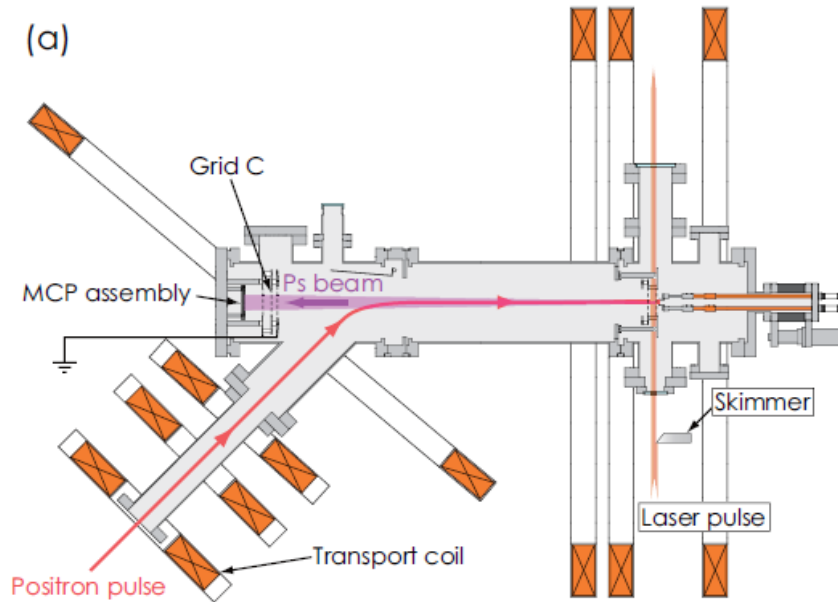


Resonance profiles of  $\text{Ps}^-$ .

	Experiment		Theories	
Author(s)	Present (2016)	Botero (1986)	Bhatia (1985)	Igarashi (2000)
$E_r$ (eV)	5.437 (1)	5.44	5.438	5.4375

Michishio et al., Nat. Commun. 7 (2016) 11060

# Energy-tunable $Ps$ beam produced via $Ps^-$ photodetachment



## **Future plans:**

- **Observation of Feshbach resonances**

  - Precision measurement of Ps<sup>-</sup> energy**

- **Measurement of the Ps<sup>-</sup> photodetachment cross sections**

  - Measurement of the Ps<sup>-</sup> binding energy**

- **Observation of Ps reflection from solid surfaces**

- **Observation of reflected high energy Ps diffraction**

- **Observation of quantum interference of Ps**

  - through two slits, grating, graphene**

**Key to the future of Ps beams:**

**Intense pulsed slow positron beam with intensity of  $\sim 10^{10}e^+/s$  or higher.**

**Intensities of the present slow positron beams:  $10^5 - 10^8e^+/s$**

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