

Main Research Projects

Projects of Grant in Aid for Scientific Research (S)

1. “Development of High-brightness and High-intensity Positron Diffraction and its Application to Surface Studies”
(project leader: T. Hyodo)
→ all the experiments conducted in KEK
2. “Evolution of the positronium beam science using the technique of photodetachment of the positronium negative ion”
(Project leader: Y. Nagahisma)
→ part of experiments conducted in KEK

Main Project 1

“Development of High-brightness and High-intensity Positron Diffraction and its Application to Surface Studies”



RHEPD: leading the world → better with brightness enhancement

LEPD : starting with higher brightness than others

→ hope catching up soon and leading the others

(1) Structure analysis of surfaces where heavy elements are involved (topological insulator, giant Rashba surface)

(2) Direct determination of the structures (Patterson analysis with RHEPD; positron holography with LEPD)

Superiority of positron diffractions

Precise determination of the surface atomic arrangement is the key to surface science.

The positron is the most sensitive to the surface structure.

Comparison of 3 Beams

(e: excellent, g: good, p:poor)

Characteristics	e ⁺	e ⁻	X-rays	Notes on e ⁺
Surface sensitivity	e	g	p	inelastically scattered easily
Information of the topmost layer through total reflection	e	-	p	positive crystal potential
Easiness in high precision analysis	g	p	e	scattering factor as simple as for X-rays
Analysis of the position of heavy elements	e	p	g	not attracted by nuclei
Intensity	p	g	g	anti-particle

ideal

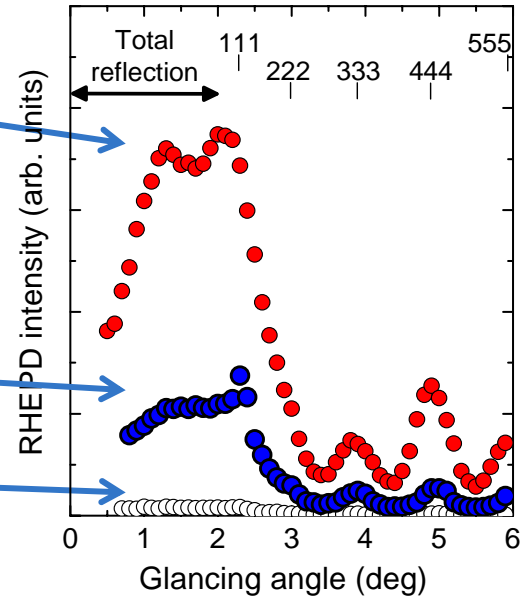
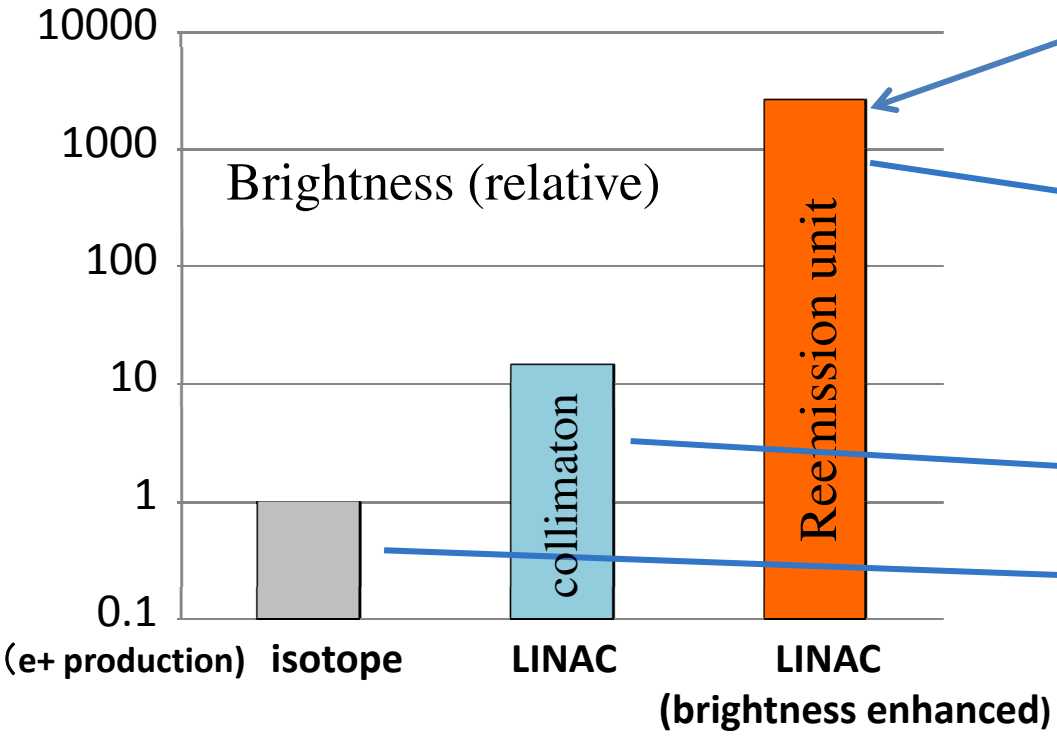
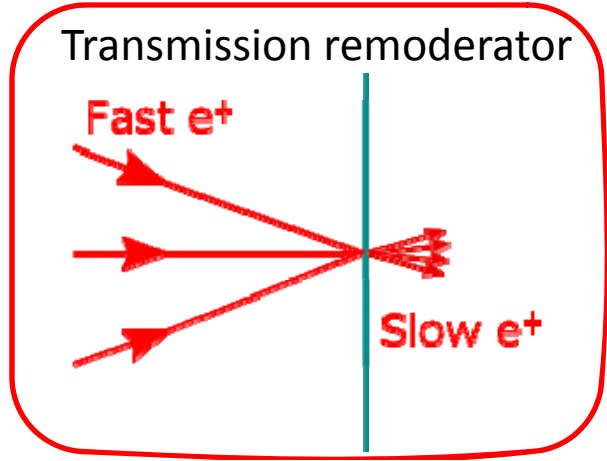
Resolved by using high intensity beam at KEK

Brightness Enhancement by Remoderation

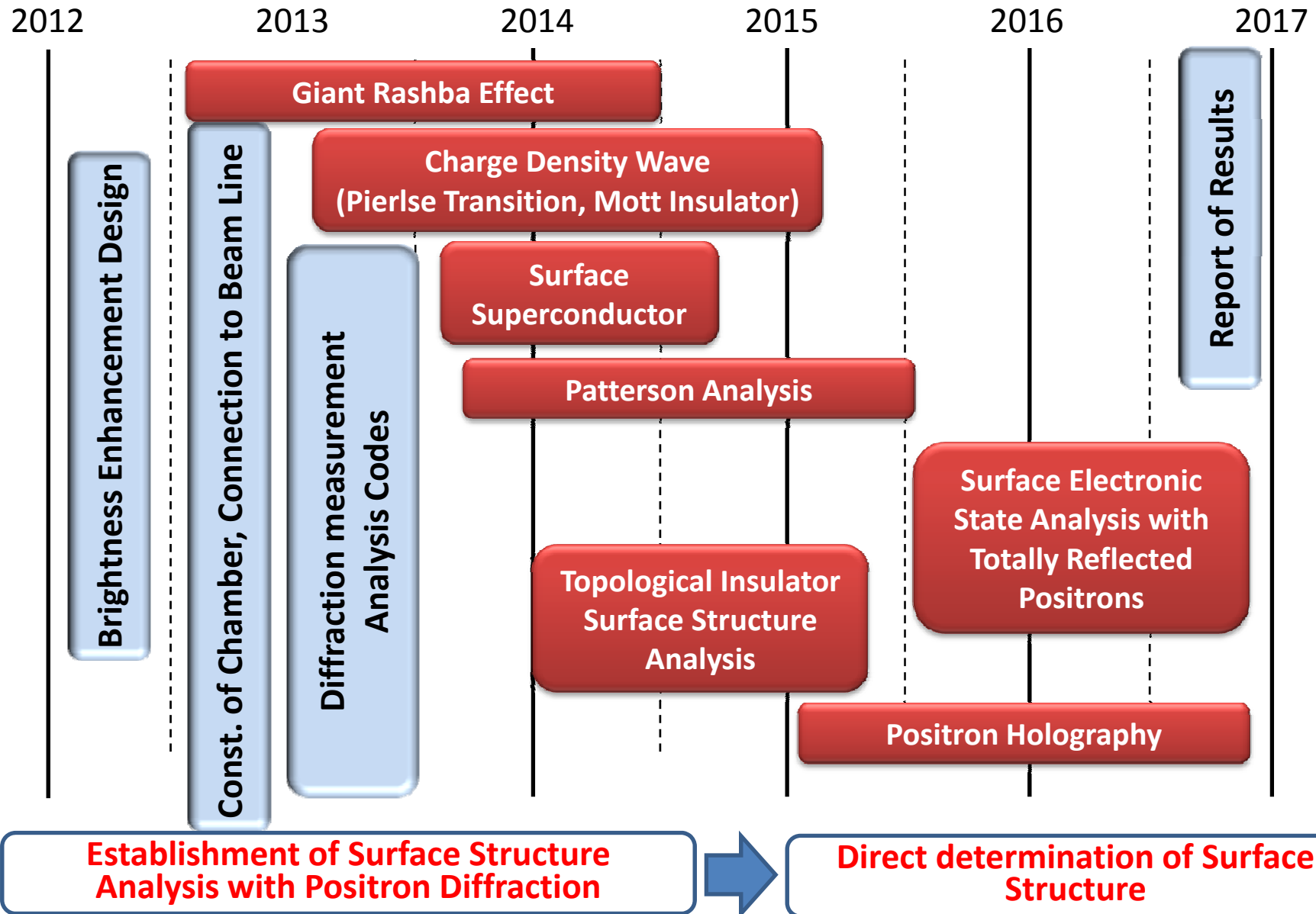
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$$B = \frac{I}{\pi r^2 E \sin^2 \theta}$$

- I : beam intensity (\rightarrow /10)
- r : beam radius (\rightarrow)
- E : beam energy (5keV \rightarrow 1eV)
- θ : beam divergence angle ($\sim 50^\circ \rightarrow \sim 10^\circ$)



Positron Diffraction Schedule



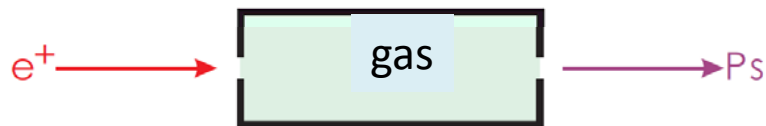
Main Project 2

Positronium Science with Photodetachment of Positronium Negative Ions

Ps beam production so far

Ps, electrically neutral, cannot be accelerated with electric field

Use of molecular scattering with a positron



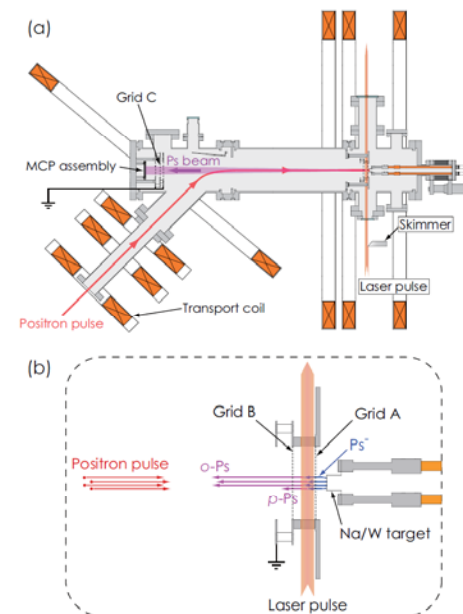
Intensity is low.

Incompatible with ultra high vacuum

Limited to the energy range lower than 100 eV

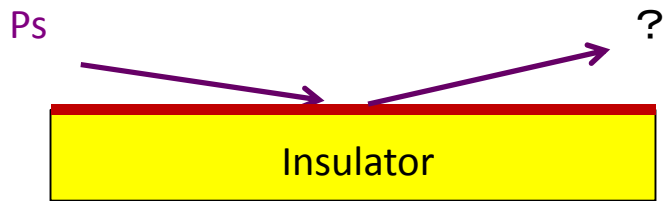
Ps Beam Production with Ps^- Accelerate Ps^- ions and the photodetach them to produce Energy-tunable Ps Beam

- **Higher intensity available**
- **Compatible with ultra-high vacuum**
- **Beam with energy higher than 1 keV available**

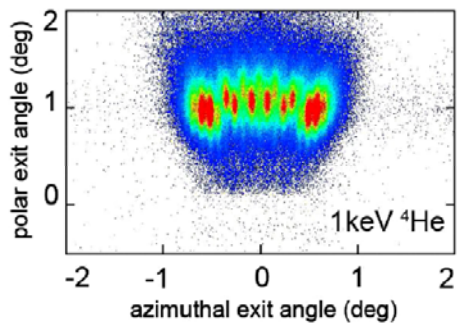


Applications of Energy-tunable Ps Beam

1. Ps reflection from insulator surfaces



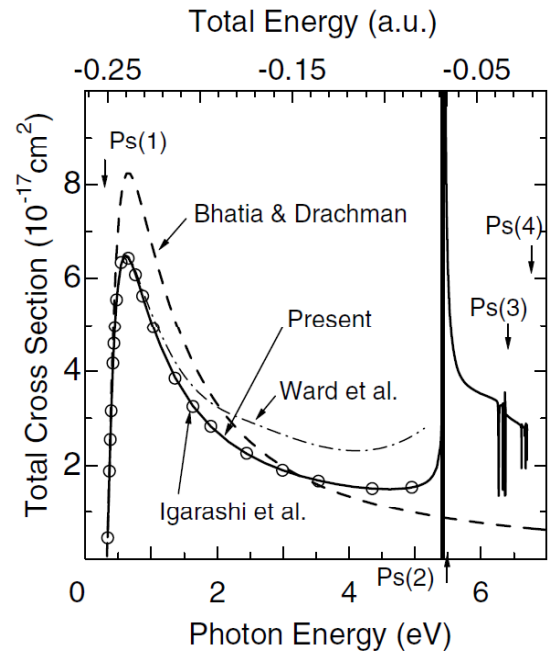
2. Reflected High Energy Ps Diffraction (RHEPsD)



Fast atomic beam diffraction from solid surface

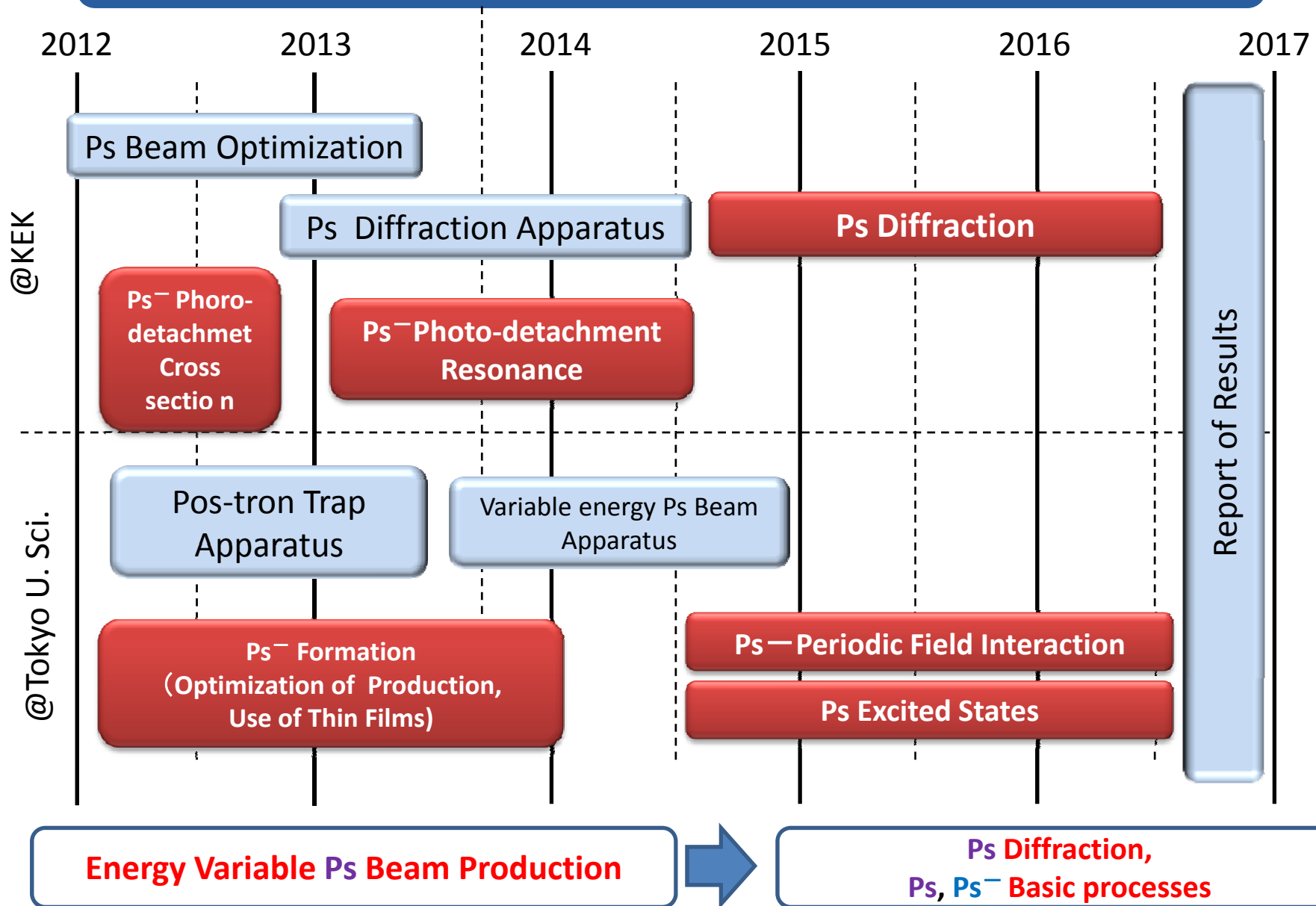
Attempts to get Ps diffraction image

3. Fundamental researchs on Ps and Ps⁻



- Ps⁻ photodetachment
- Ps⁻-periodic field interactions
- Ps excited states

Ps Negative Ion Schedule



Plans for Other Beam Line Branches

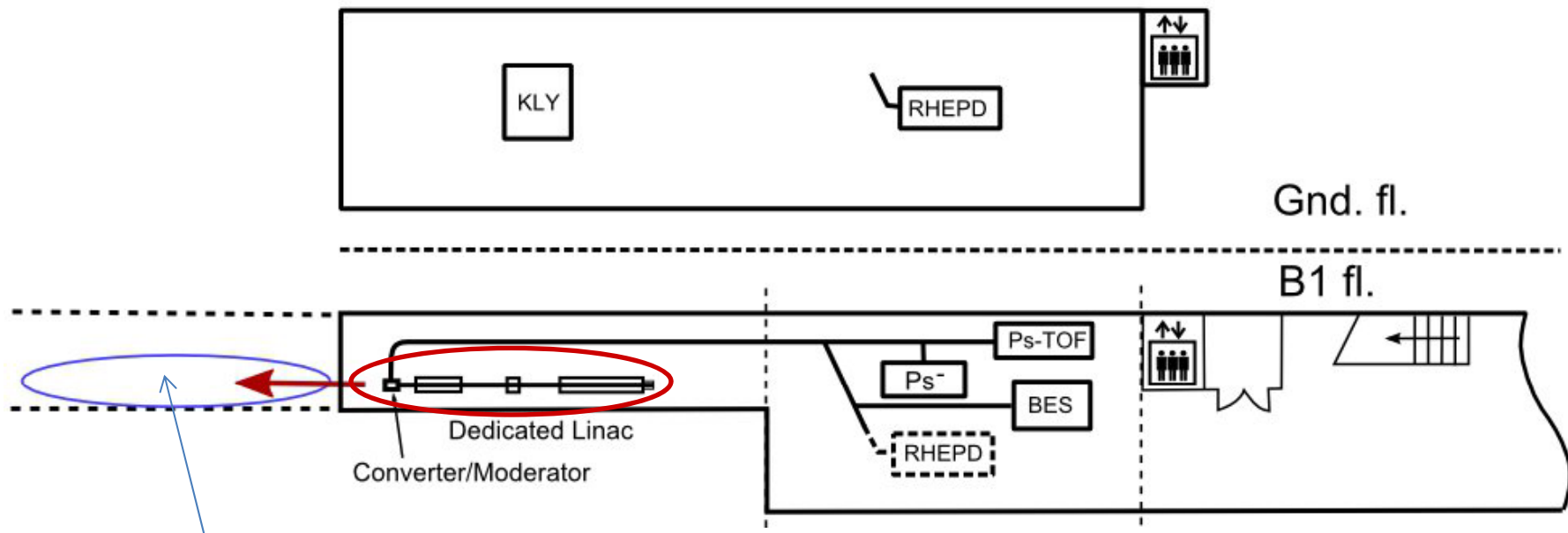
- Construction of Linear Trap for DC Beam
 - Pulse / DC beam both available
 - Doppler Broadening Station
 - Coincidence Doppler Broadening Station
- Construction of short pulse Section
 - Positron Lifetime Station
 - Angular Correlation of Annihilation Radiation Station

10-fold Increase in Intensity

Even 10 more time increase possible → 5×10^8 slow e+/s

Enhanced Linac Power and Sufficient Shield

→ Relocate the Dedicated Linac to Next Door Space



Possible Linac Relocation