



# “Present status of development of a polarized La target in the T-violation search with a slow neutron”

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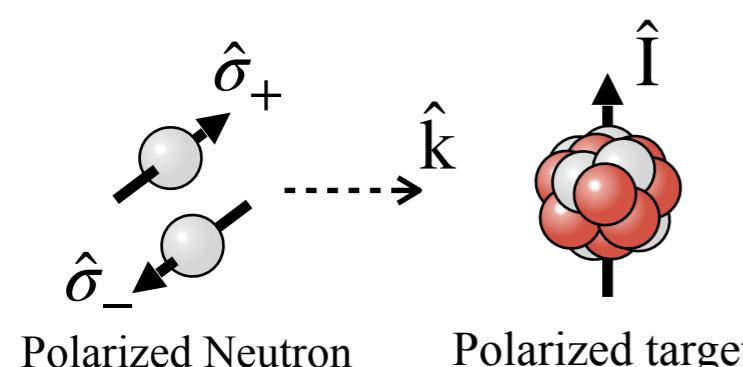
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## T-violation search at J-PARC

### compound nuclear resonance



### Forward scattering amplitude

$$f = \underbrace{A'}_{\substack{\text{Spin Independent} \\ \text{P-even, T-even}}} + \underbrace{B'}_{\substack{\text{Spin Dependent} \\ \text{P-even, T-even}}} \hat{\sigma} \cdot \hat{I} + \underbrace{C'}_{\substack{\text{P-violation} \\ \text{P-odd, T-even}}} \hat{\sigma} \cdot \hat{k} + \underbrace{D'}_{\substack{\text{T-violation} \\ \text{P-odd, T-odd}}} \hat{\sigma} \cdot (\hat{I} \times \hat{k})$$

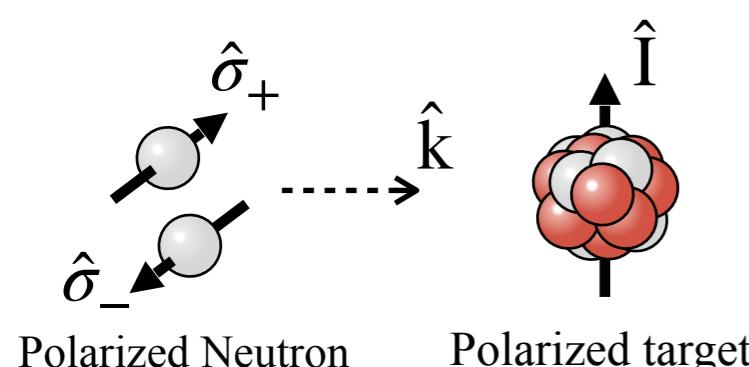
**Discovery T-violation**

Measurement of the difference in cross section  
between Up and Down (neutron spins)

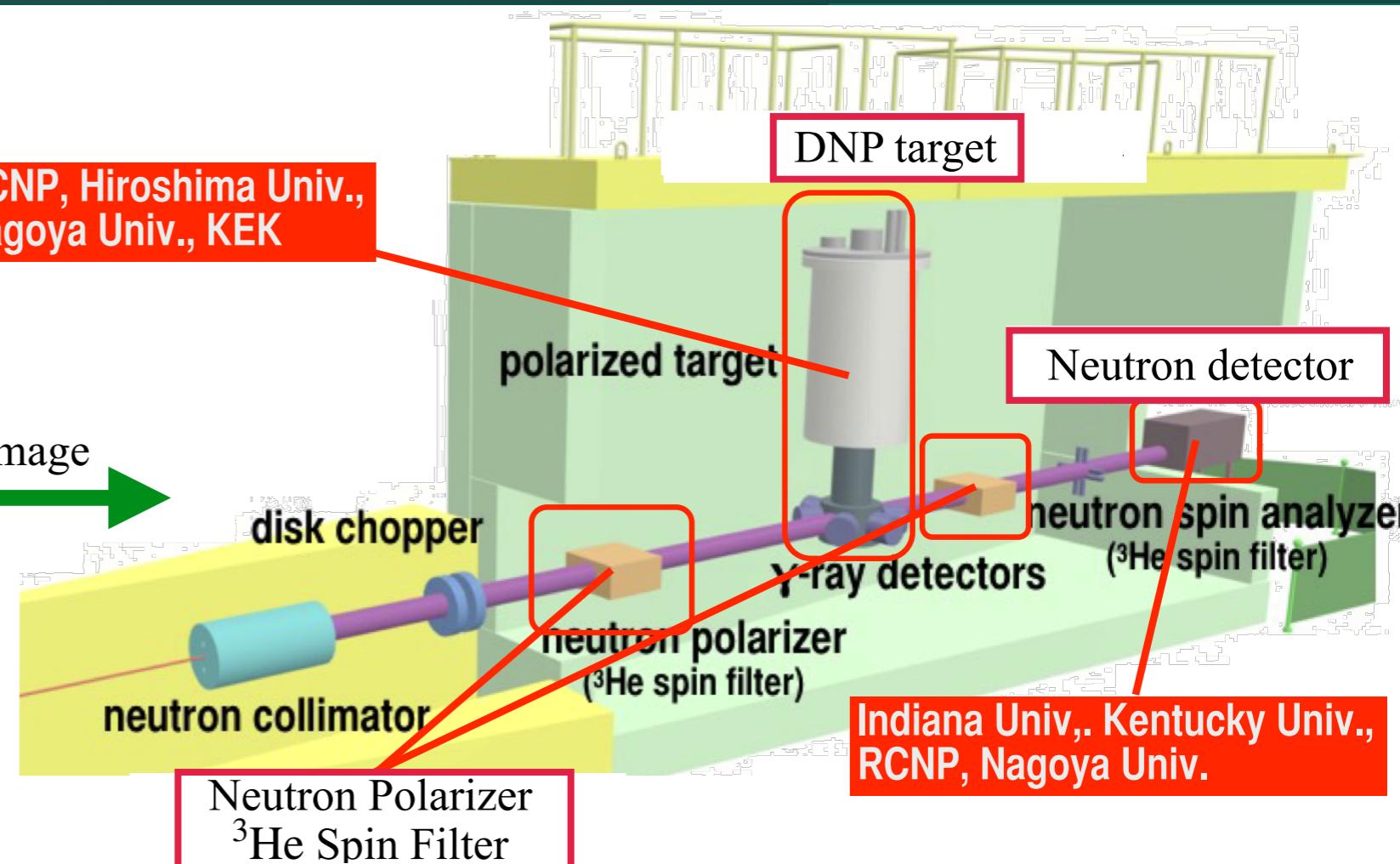


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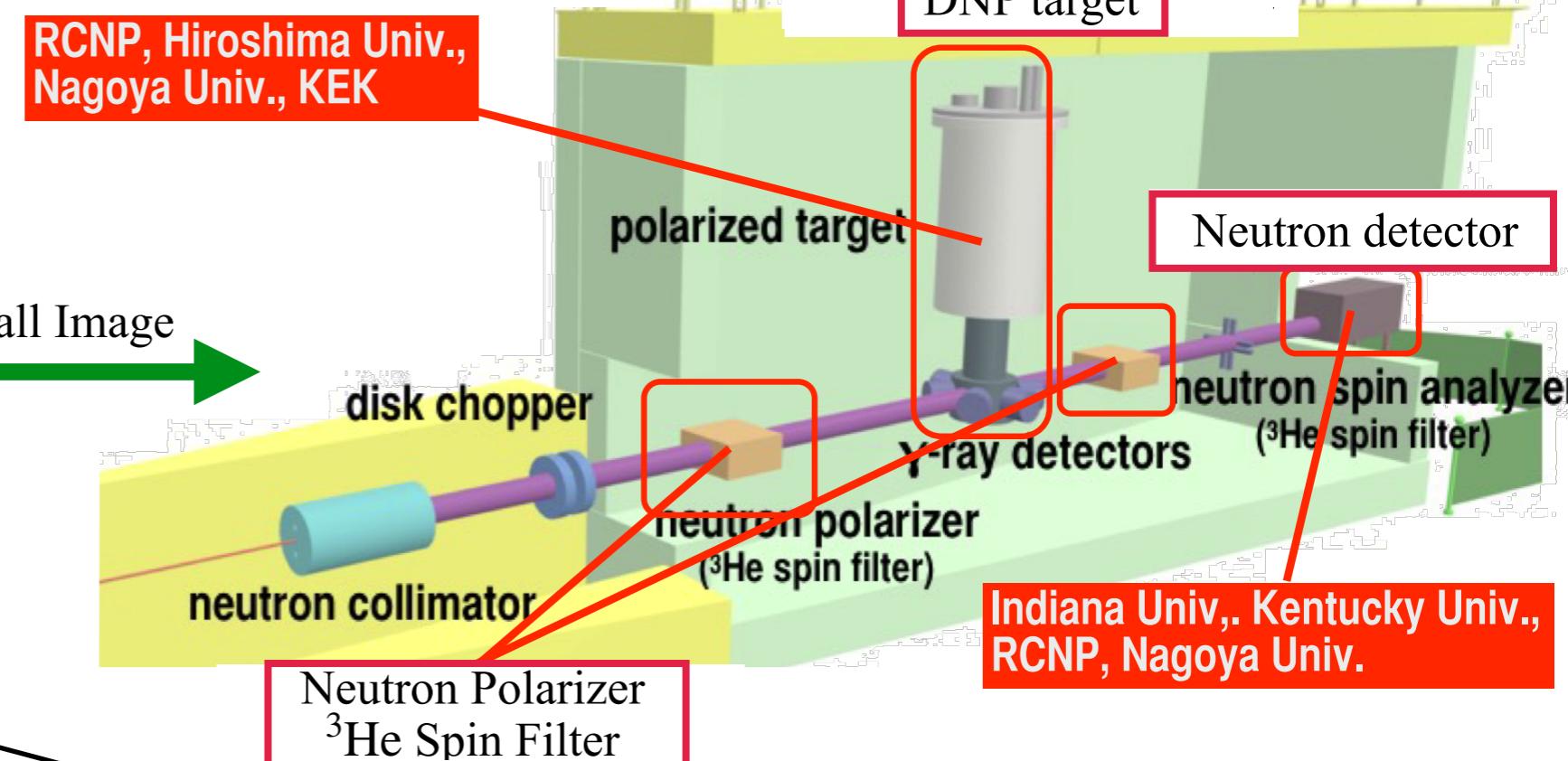
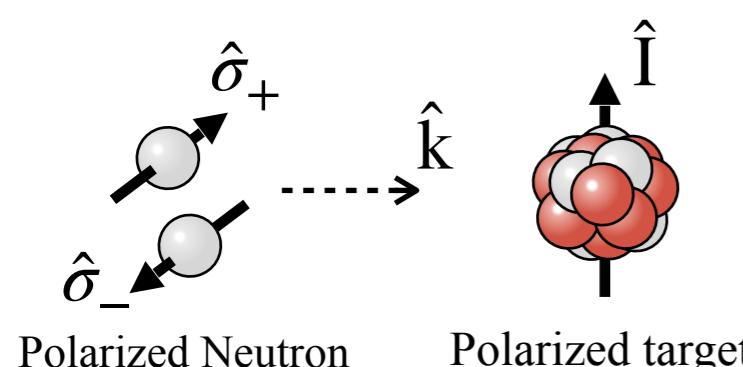
RCNP, Hiroshima Univ.,  
Nagoya Univ., KEK



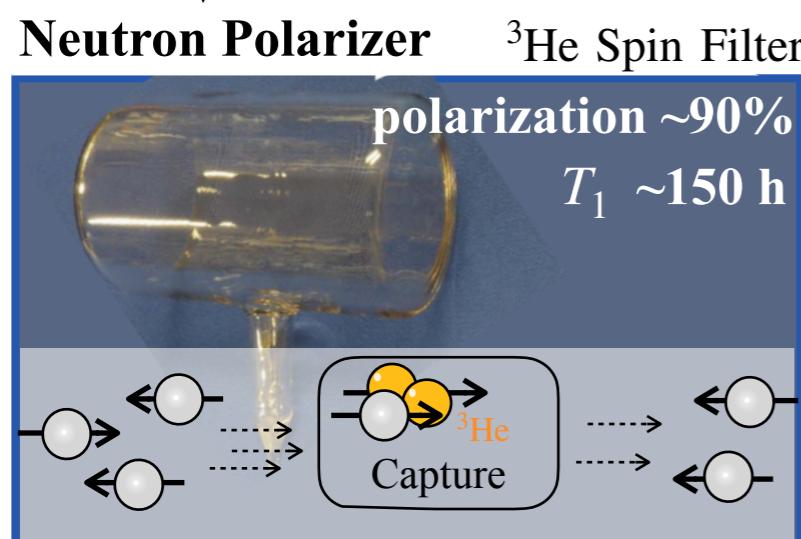


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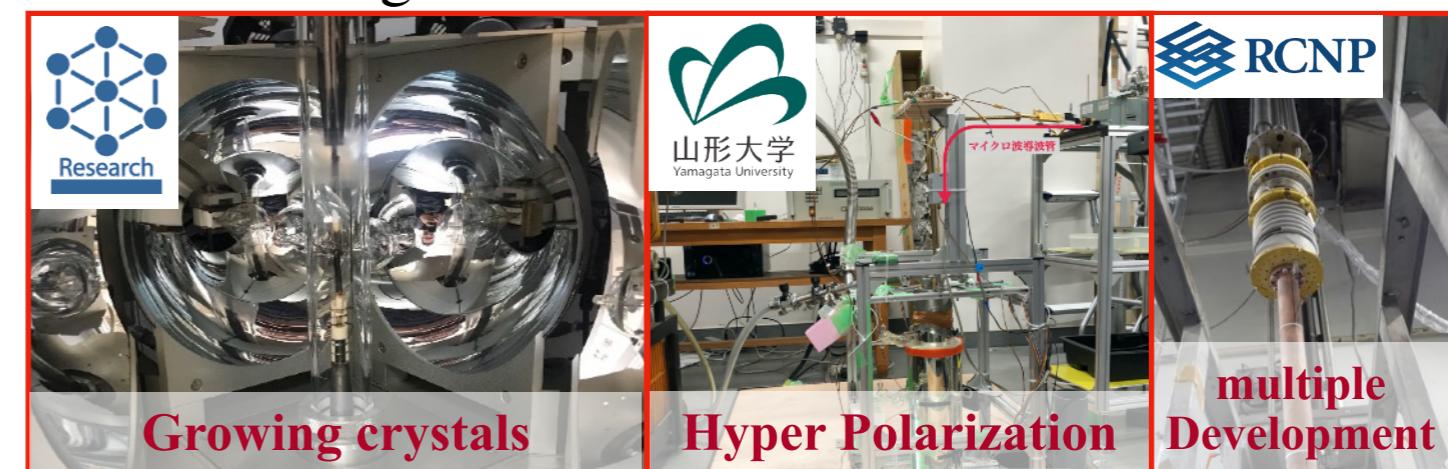


### Developments



T. Okudaira et al., Phys. Rev. C (2018).

### Polarized target



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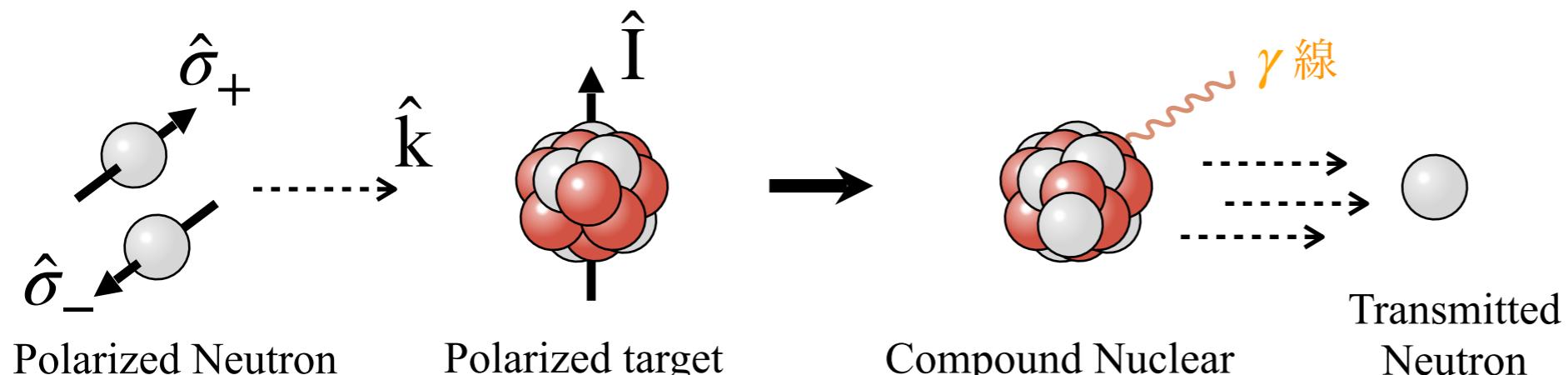
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# T-Violation search using compound nuclear resonance with slow neutron (NOPTREX)



**Candidate nuclear** ➤  $^{139}\text{La}$ ,  $^{131}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{81}\text{Br}$ ,  $^{117}\text{Sn}$ , etc ...

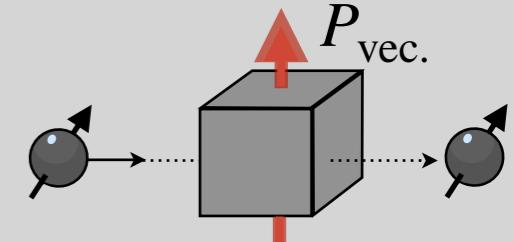
## $^{139}\text{La}$ nuclear

resonance Energy	Natural Abundance	$ \kappa(J) $ Value	Spin	polarization Achievement
0.74 eV	99.9 %	$\sim 1$ ( $0 \leq  \kappa(J)  \leq 1$ )	7/2	DNP (~50 %)

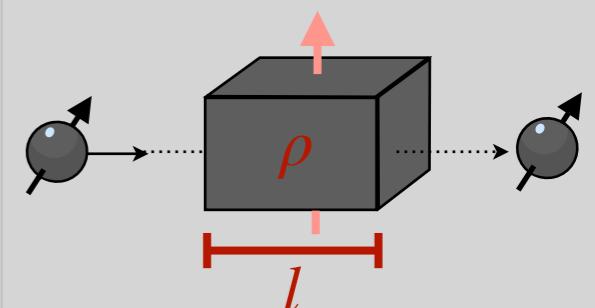
- The lower the neutron energy, the higher the luminosity @ **J-PARC** neutron source.
- $|\kappa(J)|$  Value is Factor for converting P-violation amplification to T-violation.
- La polarization reached 50% by DNP method (60 mK, 2.3 T).  
( P.Hautle and M. Iinuma, NIM A 440, 638 (2000) )

## Target Requirements

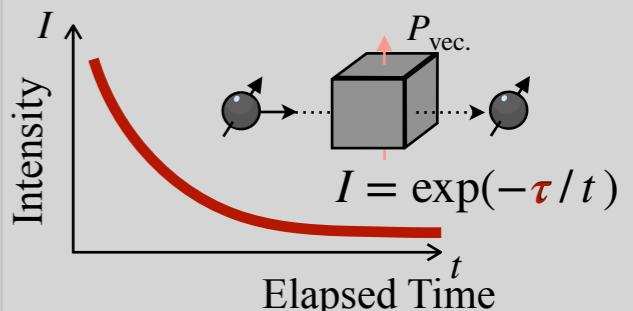
- High Polarization ( $P > 40\%$ )



- High density / Big size



- Long Relaxation Time





## Polarize Target

LaAlO<sub>3</sub> crystal (Nd<sup>3+</sup> doped)



### Merit

- Quadrupole interaction diagonalized on  $C_3$  axis
- Proven polarization technology by DNP.  
(P. Hautle, M. Iinuma, 2000, NIM A)

Nd<sup>3+</sup> conc. = 0.03 mol %

1. First DNP experiment (B = 2.35 T, T = 1.3 K)

Polarization : 20 % (Positive)

( T. Maekawa, et. al., NIM A 366, 115 (1995) )

2. Experiment at PSI (B = 2.35 T, T < 0.3 K)

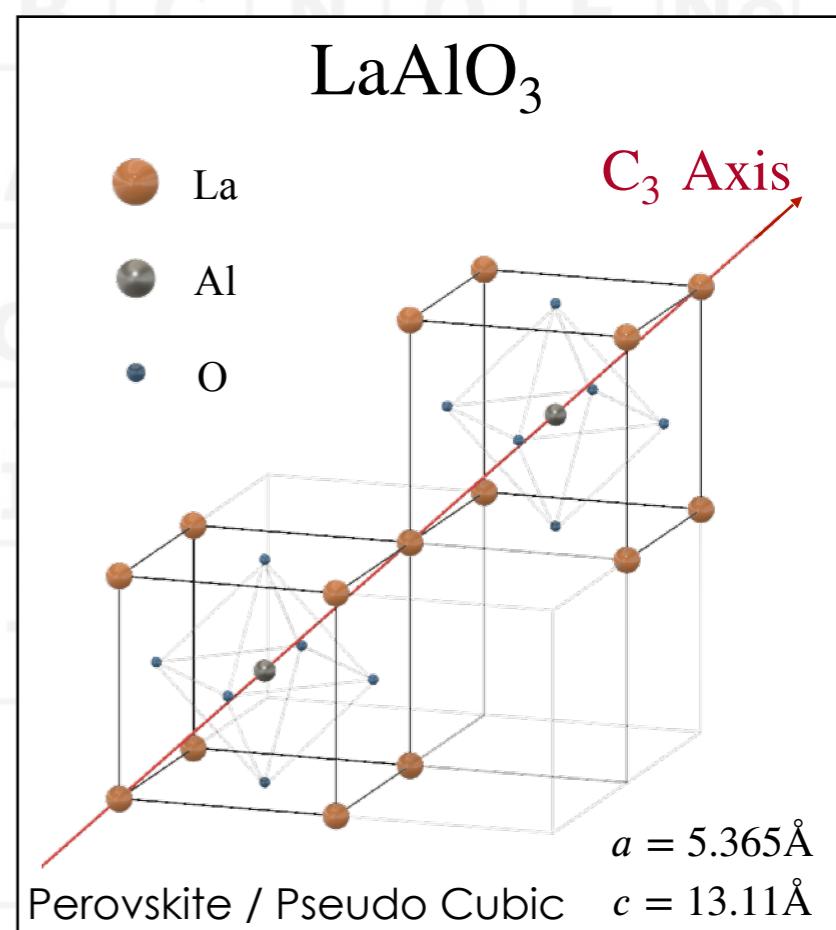
Polarization : 47.5 % (Positive)

( P. Hautle and M. Iinuma, NIM A 440, 638 (2000) )

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Spin  $I = 7/2$

High Natural Abundance 99.91 %



► Growth & Development  
of  
Nd doped LaAlO<sub>3</sub> crystals



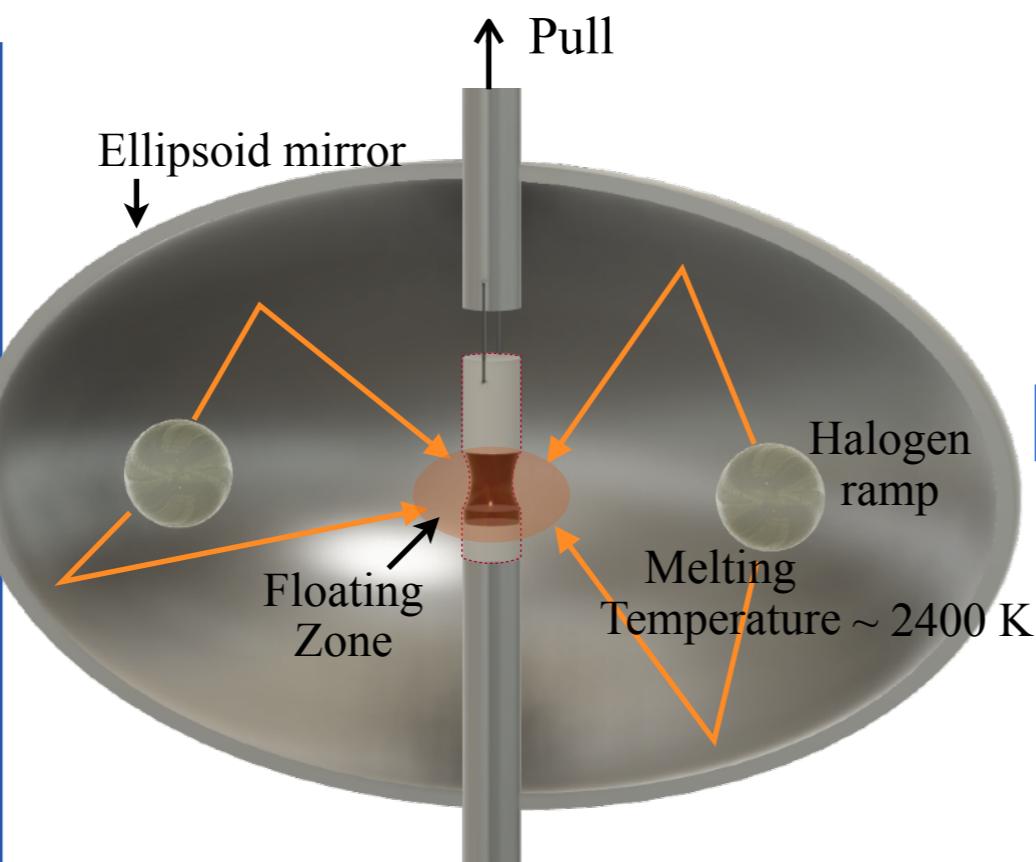
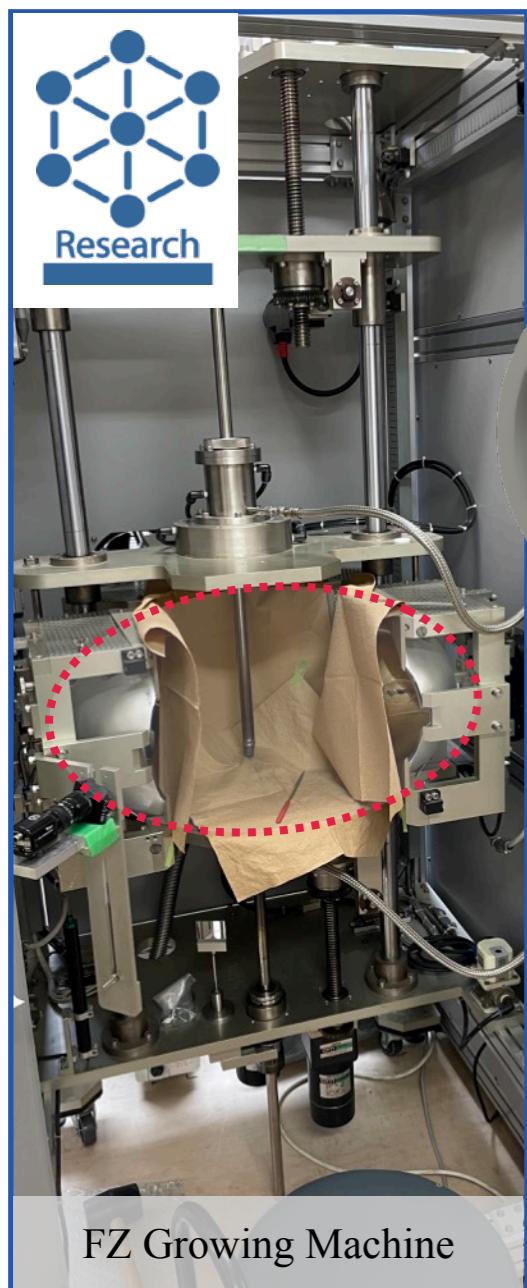
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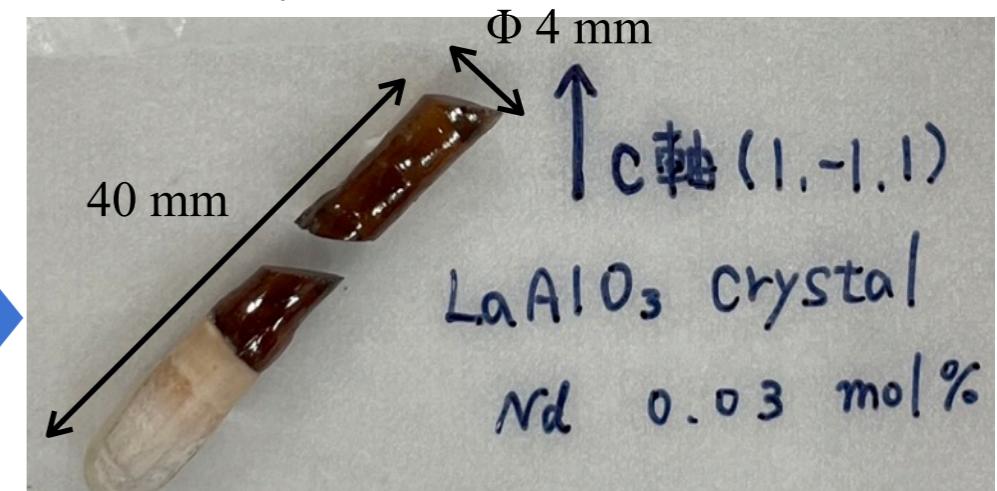
## Growing LaAlO<sub>3</sub> Crystal (Doped Nd ion) - Floating-Zone Method-



### Method

1. Condense light on the melting region using an ellipsoidal mirror, and melt raw material.
2. The crystals are pulled up while rotating, and cooled.

Grown crystals



Successful growth of multiple crystals with different Nd concentrations

### Crystal growth parameters

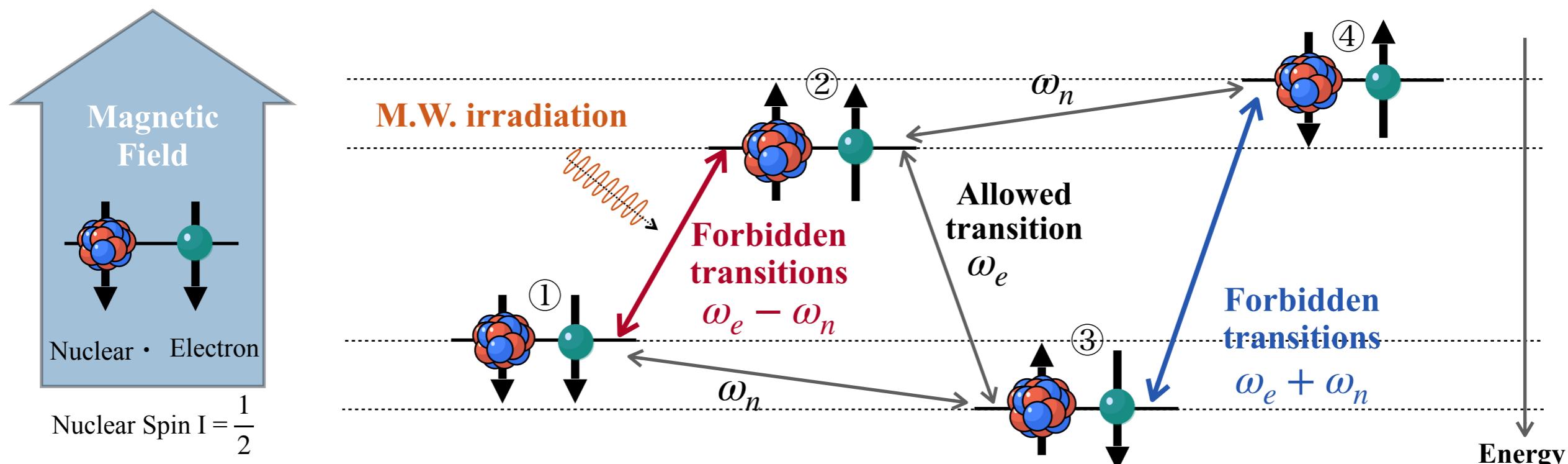
Method	Floating - Zone
Ingredient Material	Oxidized Lanthanum ( $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$ ) Alumina ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) Neodymium (Nd)
Nd concentration	0.01, 0.03, 0.05 mol%...





## Dynamic Nuclear Polarization (DNP)

...transferring highly polarized electron spin to nuclear spin



$\omega_e$  : Electron Spin Flip-flop

$\omega_n$  : Nuclear Spin Flip-flop

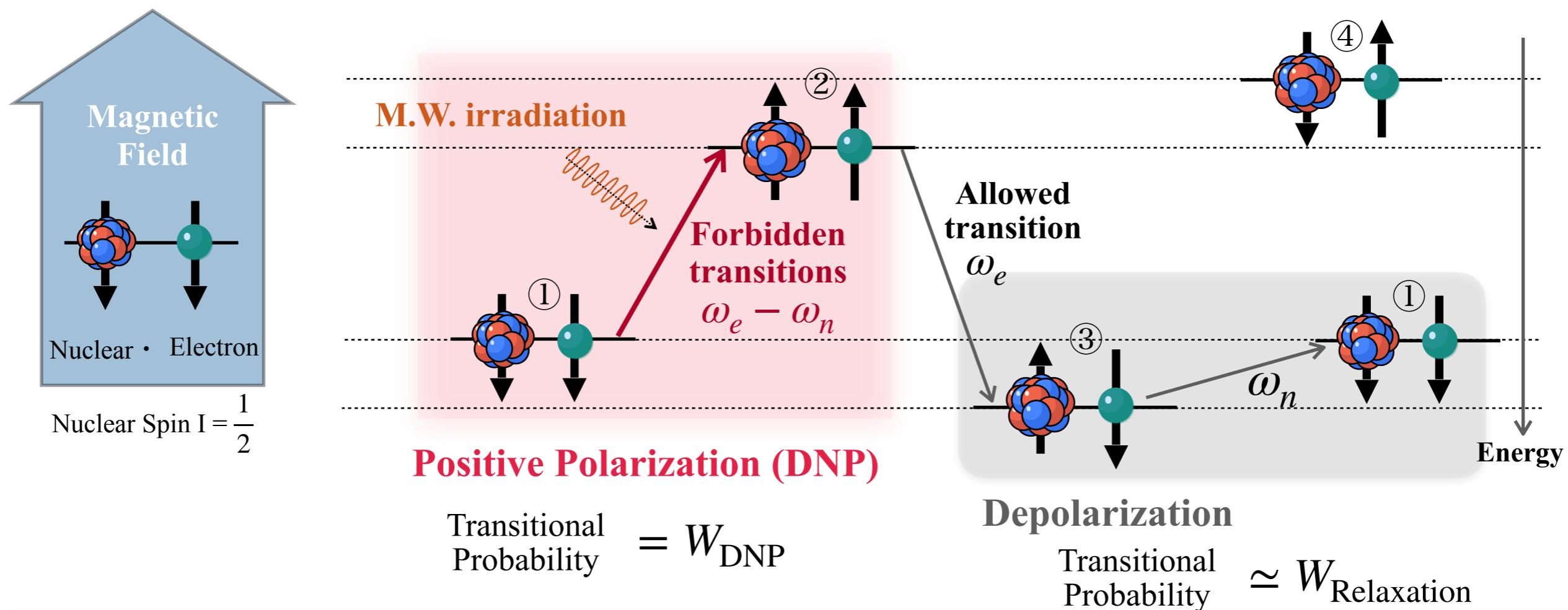
- Allowed transition :  $\omega_e$  ,  $\omega_n$
- Forbidden transitions :  $\omega_e + \omega_n$  ,  $\omega_e - \omega_n$

Forbidden transitions are permitted by irradiating M.W.  
(colored arrows)



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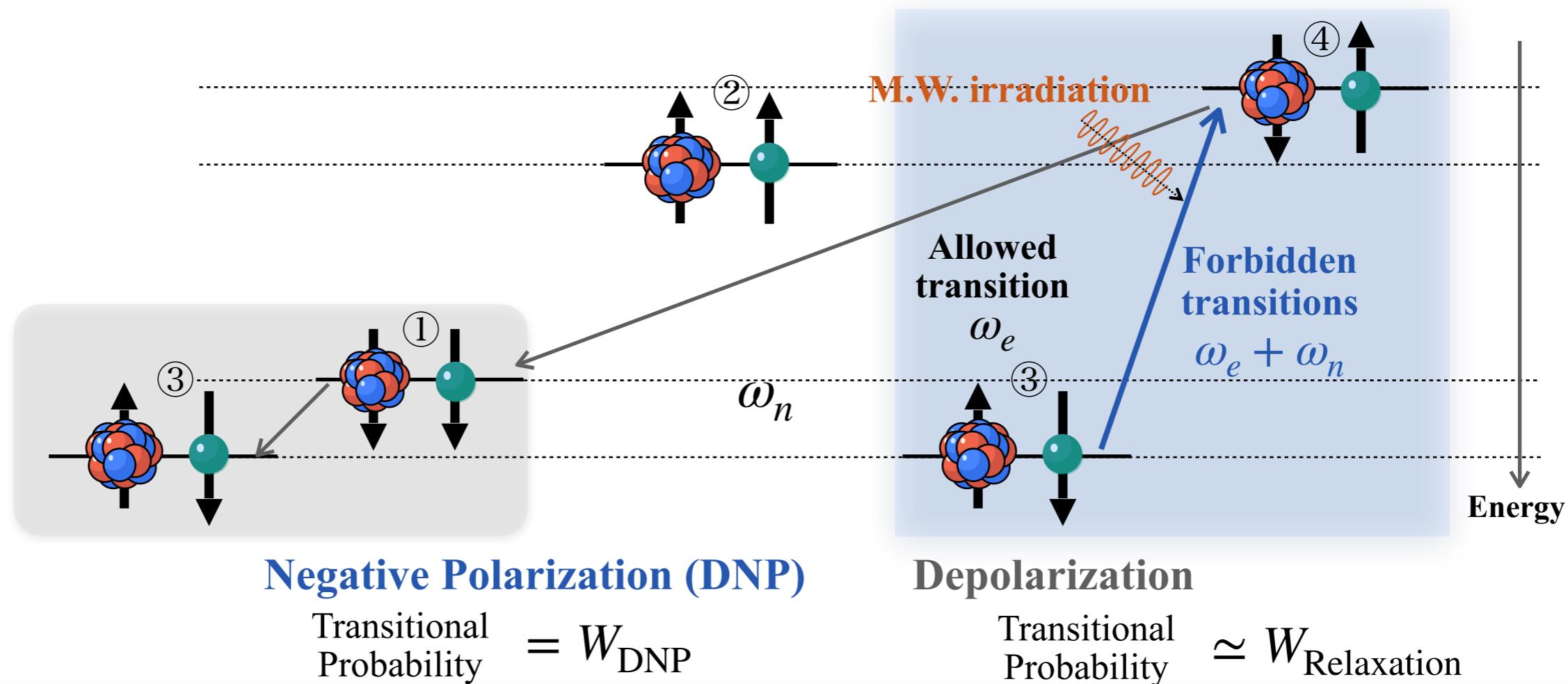
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Microwave power, etc ...



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<b>0.003</b>	—	—	T. Maekawa, H. M. Shimizu, M. Iinuma, NIM A 366, 115 (1995)

- Best Nd concentration: 0.03 mol% (0.3, 0.03, 0.003 mol %)
- 0.03 mol % has Higher Polarization and longer Relaxation-time than 0.05 mol %  
→ The appropriate amount of Nd concentration needs further study.

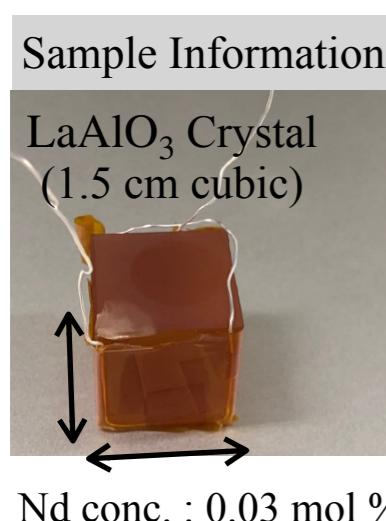




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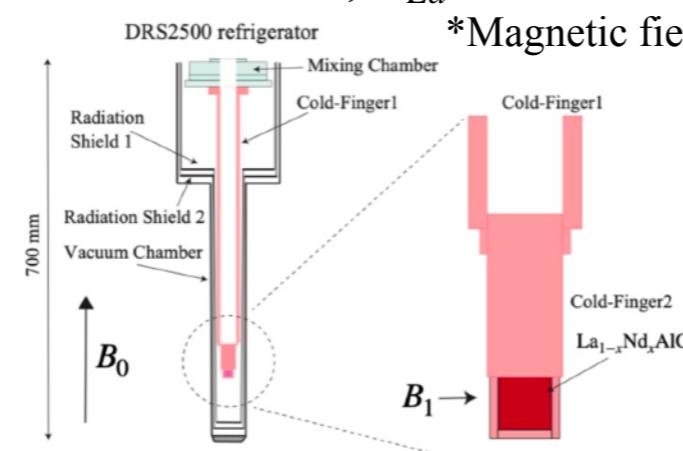
T1 measurement at Al of the LaAlO<sub>3</sub> crystal

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Don't made by Nagoya <b>0.03</b>	—	<b>T1 &gt; 60 min</b>	2019 at Osaka Univ. K.Ishizaki and I.Ide, et. al., NIM A (2021)



Condition

T = 1.5 K,  $\nu_{La}$  = 28.2 MHz  
\*Magnetic field sweep

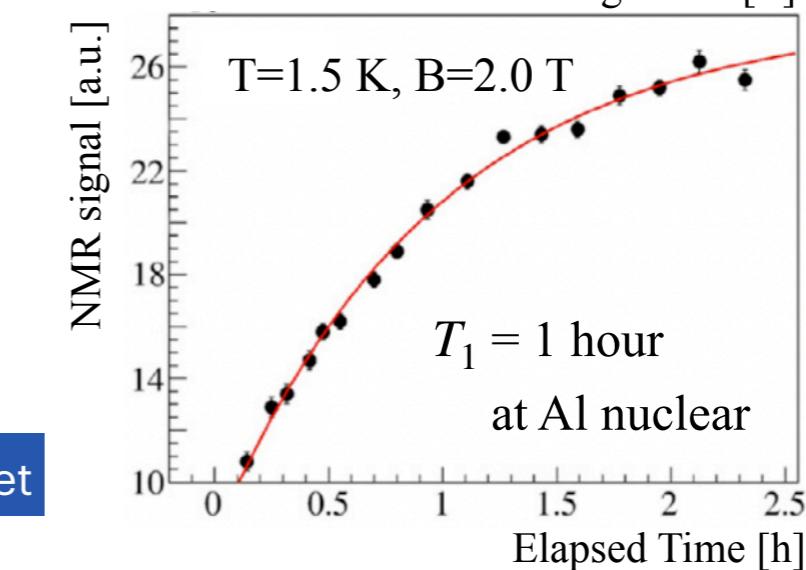
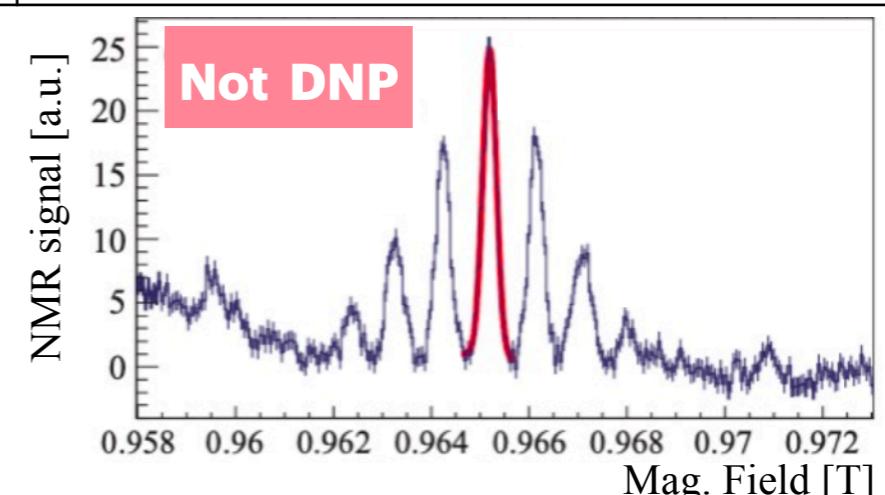


**Result :** Relaxation Time T1 at Al nuclear is more than **1 [hour]**

If... T1 mechanism: dominant electron spin relaxation  
→ Al and La relaxation times are the same.

La nuclear similarly,  $T_1 > 1$  [hour] →

Not Good for use as a target



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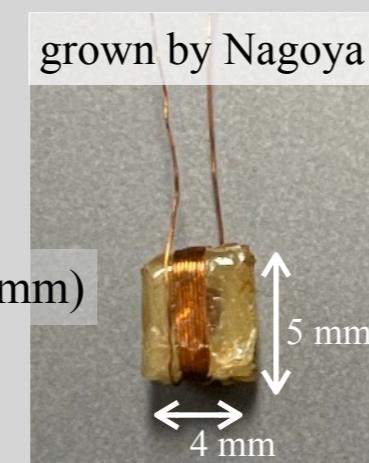
# DNP Experiment at Yamagata Univ. (2022.03)

## Sample Information

Nd<sup>3+</sup> : LaAlO<sub>3</sub> Crystal

Sample size : Cylinder ( $\phi 4 \times 5$  mm)

Nd<sup>3+</sup> conc. : 0.01 mol %



## Experiment Condition

Temperature : 1.33 K

Magnetic field : 2.336 T

NMR Frequency : La - 14.505 MHz

## Measurement details

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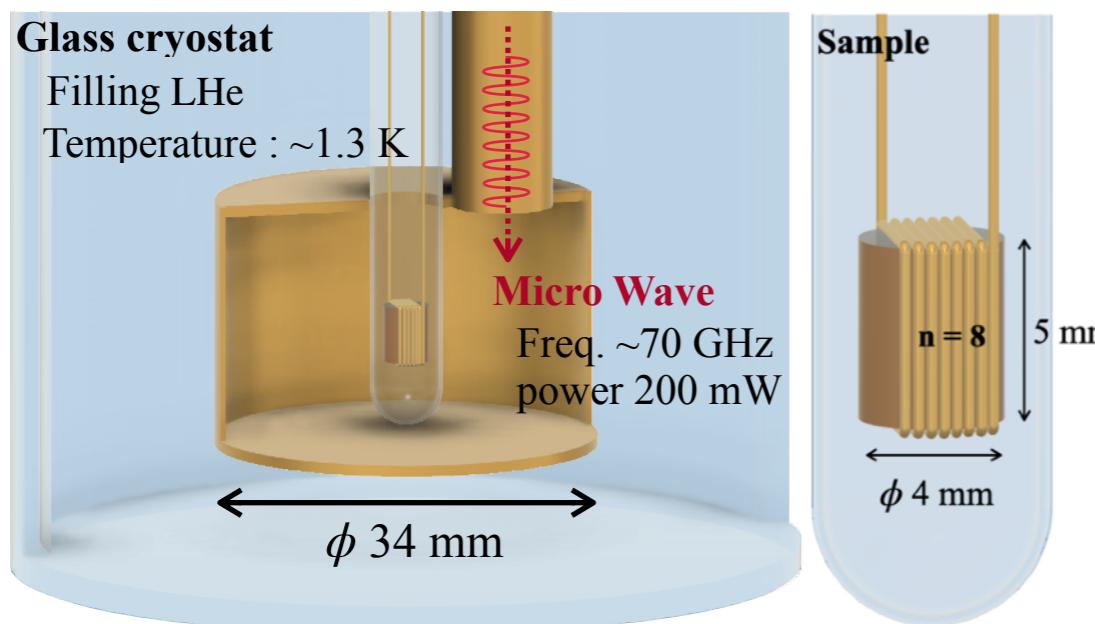
Scanning microwave frequencies polarized by DNP using the <sup>27</sup>Al nuclear

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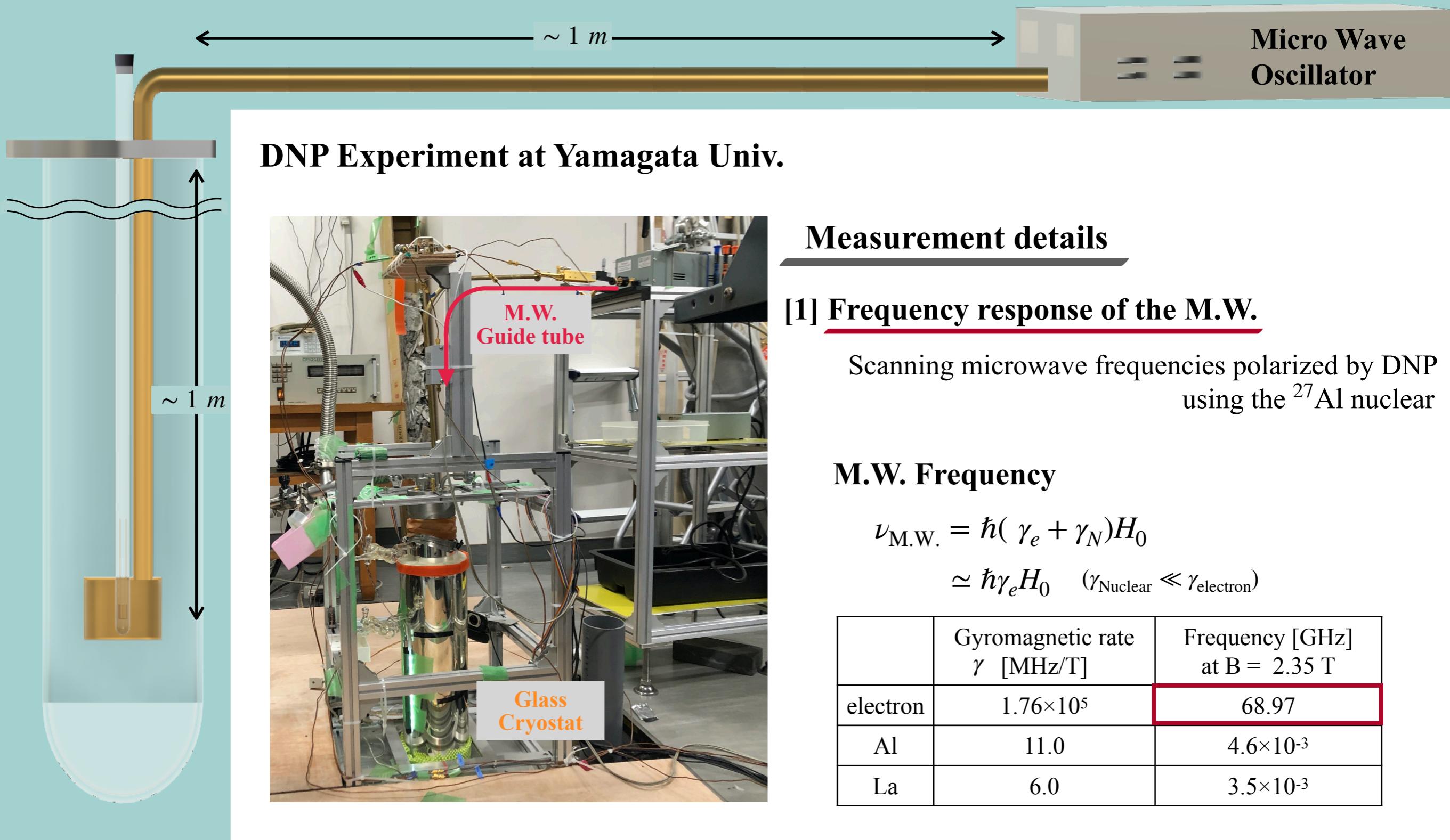
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## Detail of mount method



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### M.W. Frequency

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_{\text{M.W.}} &= \hbar(\gamma_e + \gamma_N)H_0 \\ &\simeq \hbar\gamma_e H_0 \quad (\gamma_{\text{Nuclear}} \ll \gamma_{\text{electron}})\end{aligned}$$

	Gyromagnetic rate $\gamma$ [MHz/T]	Frequency [GHz] at $B = 2.35$ T
electron	$1.76 \times 10^5$	68.97
Al	11.0	$4.6 \times 10^{-3}$
La	6.0	$3.5 \times 10^{-3}$



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### Method

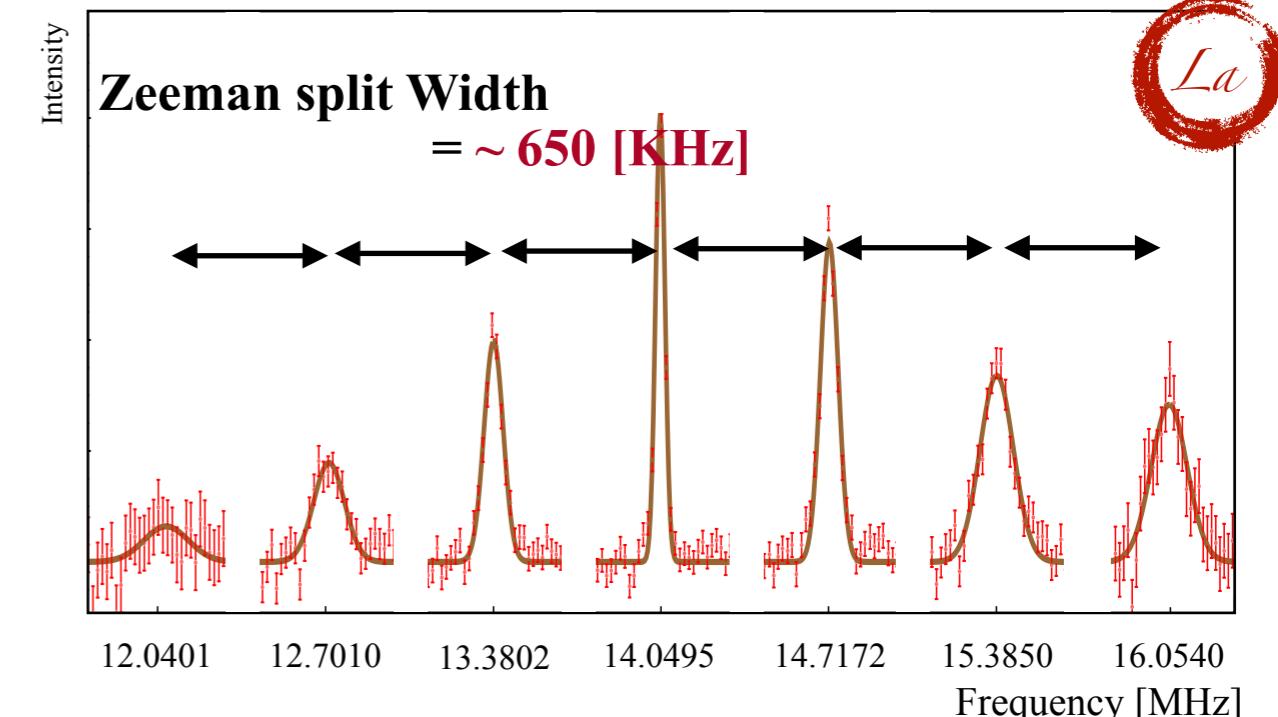
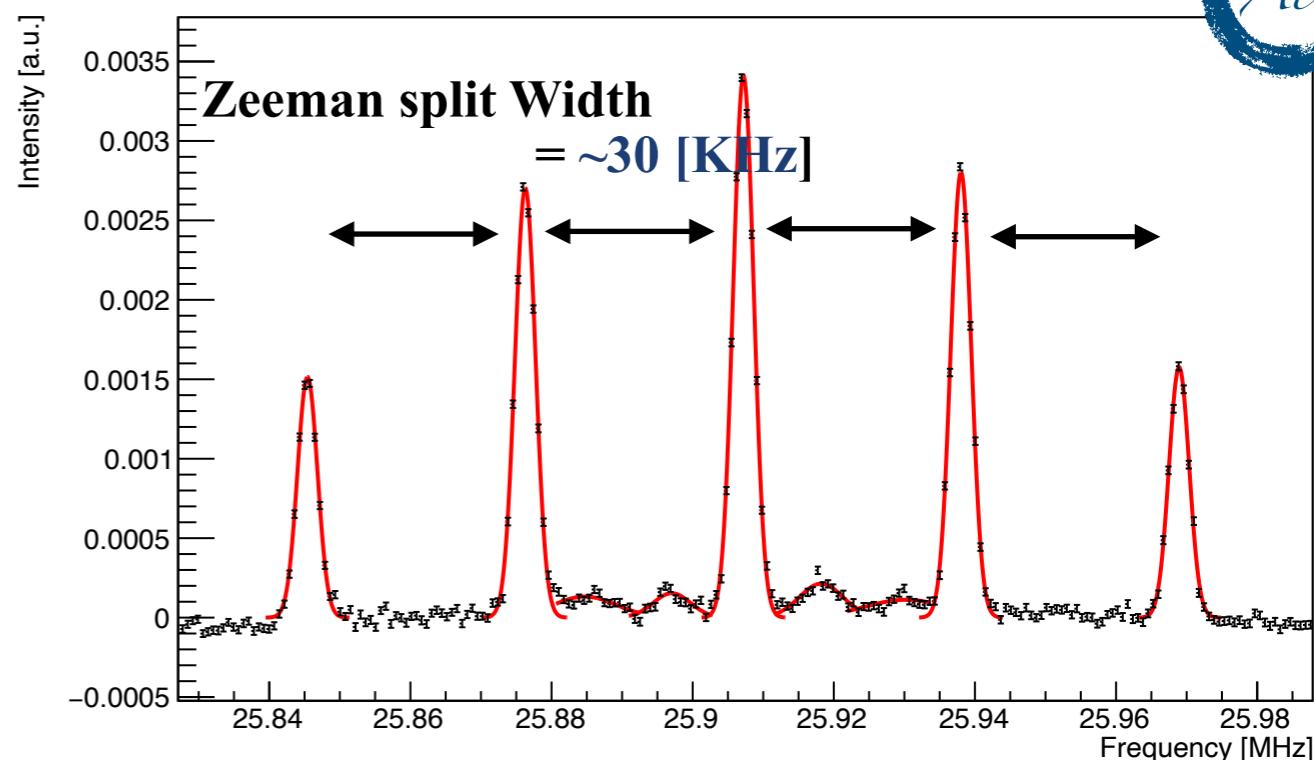
1. Microwave irradiation around DNP conditions :  
Frequency 70 GHz

Scan Freq. : 69.36, 69.38, 69.40, ... 69.54 GHz

→ Search for Frequency to amplify polarization  
at the Maximum polarization

The Zeeman split width of La is very long,  
Not all peaks can be observed  
in a single NMR measurement.

NMR Al Spectrum





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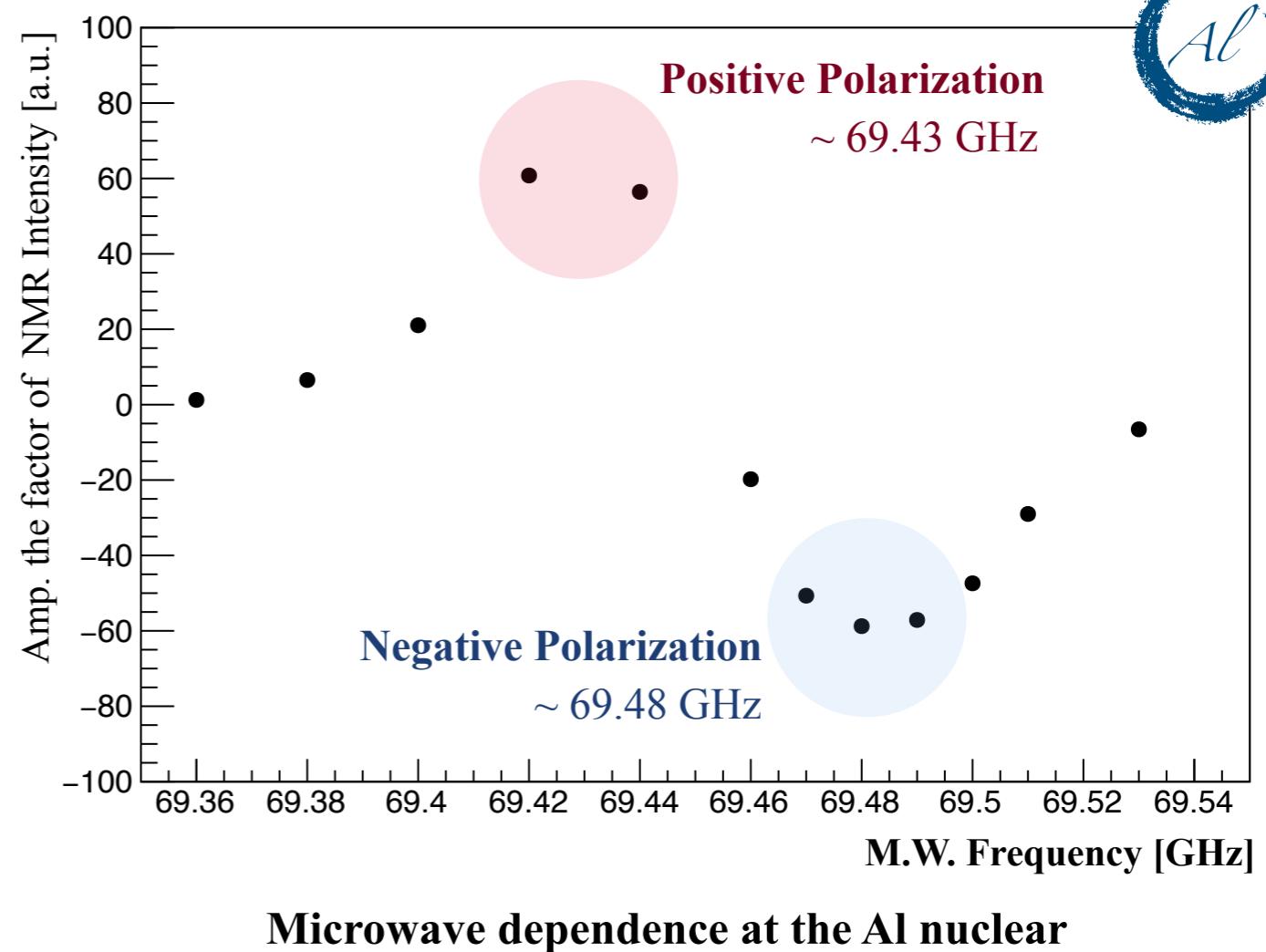
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Microwave dependence at the Al nuclear

### Result

Positive Polarization : **69.43** [GHz/2π]

Negative polarization : **69.48** [GHz/2π]

- Using this M.W. frequency,  
measure the **Positive Polarization** of La nuclei.





La

## [2.1] Polarization of $^{139}\text{La}$ nucleus

@ Positive Polarization

Measures all NMR peaks (=7 peaks) of La nucleus

**Conditions** :  $B = 2.336 \text{ [T]}$ ,  $T = 1.33 \text{ [K]}$

**M.W. Freq.** :  $69.435 \text{ [GHz]}$

**Irradiation Time** : **2.5 [hour]**

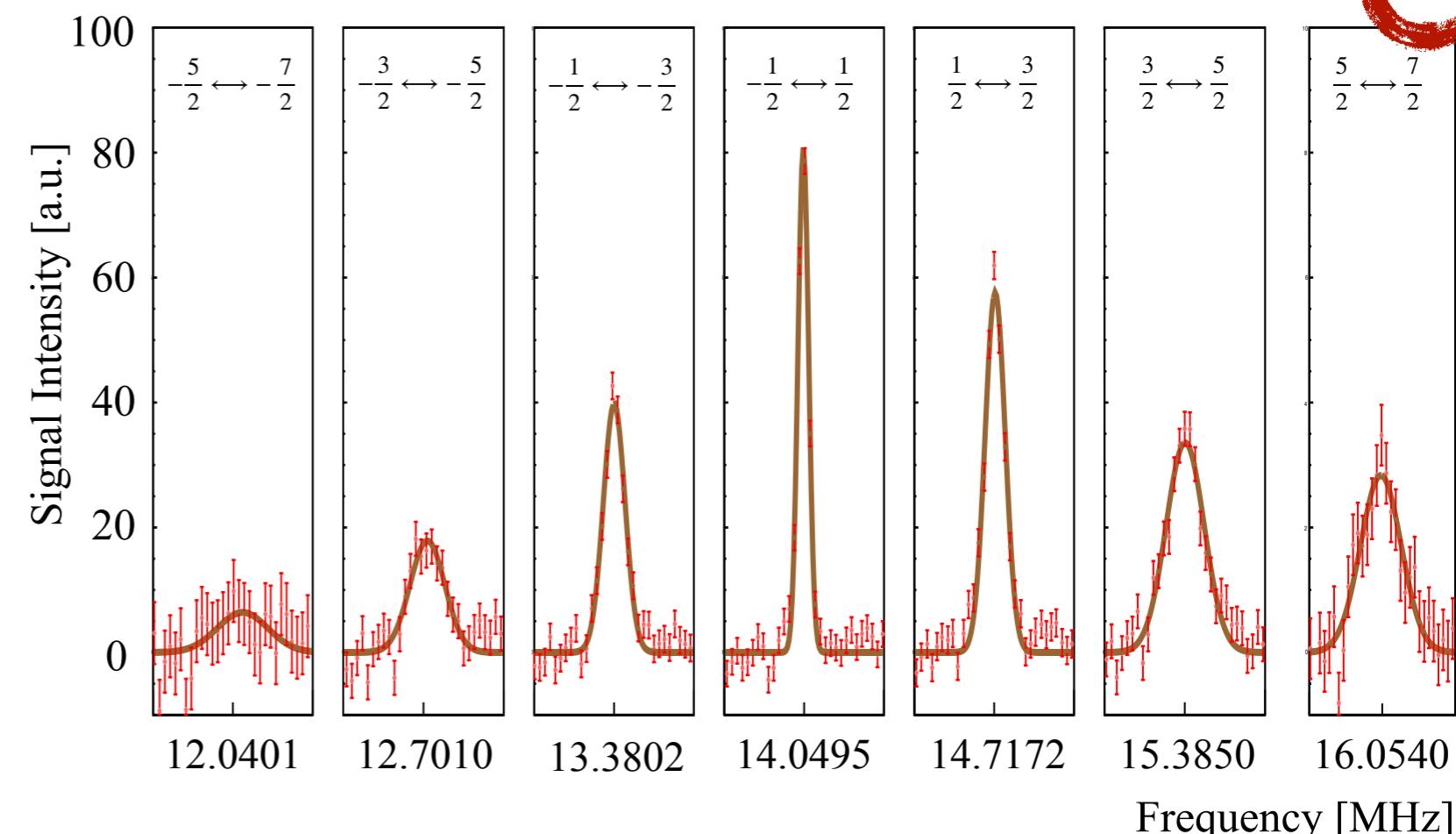
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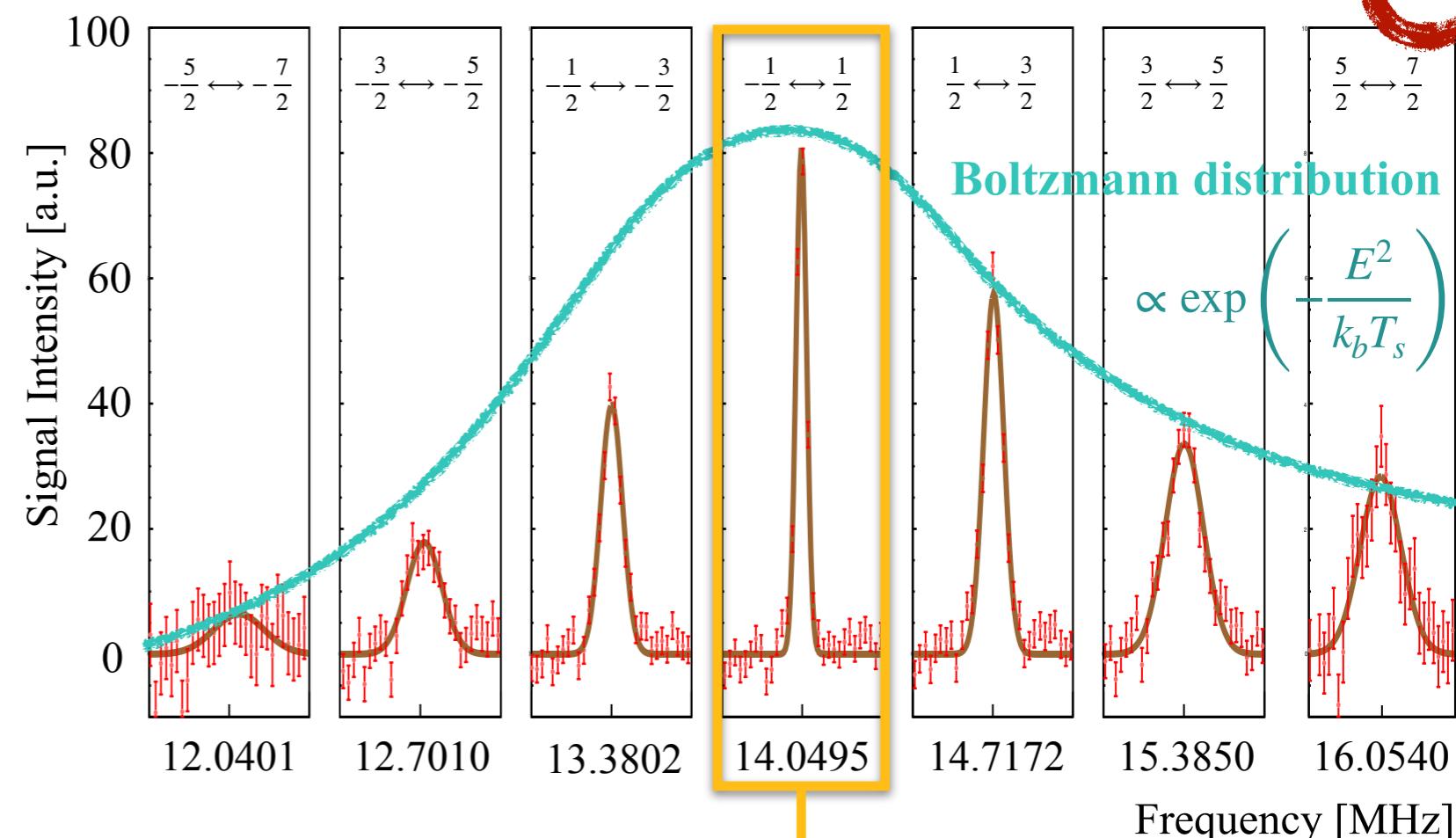
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**Spin Temperature :** 3.782 mK

**Polarization :**  $19.68 \pm 0.98 \text{ [%]}$



### Calculation Method for Polarization of $^{139}\text{La}$

Monitors only the Center Peak growing by microwave (DNP)  
→ Measure Build-up Time.

All signals are polarized according to the Boltzmann distribution.  
→ Polarization is calculated from the spin temperature.

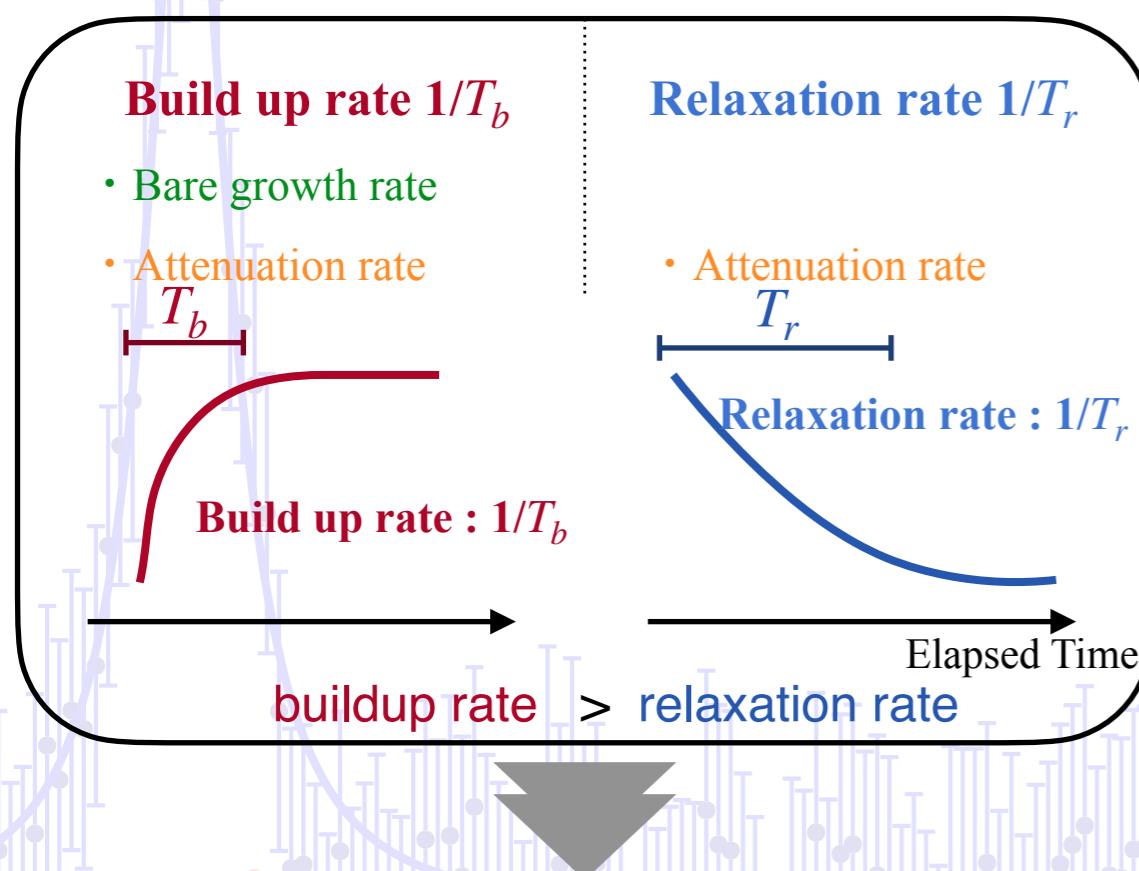




## [2.2] Buildup Time of $^{139}\text{La}$ nucleus

$$T_{\text{build up}} = 2.13 \pm 0.23 \text{ [hour]}$$

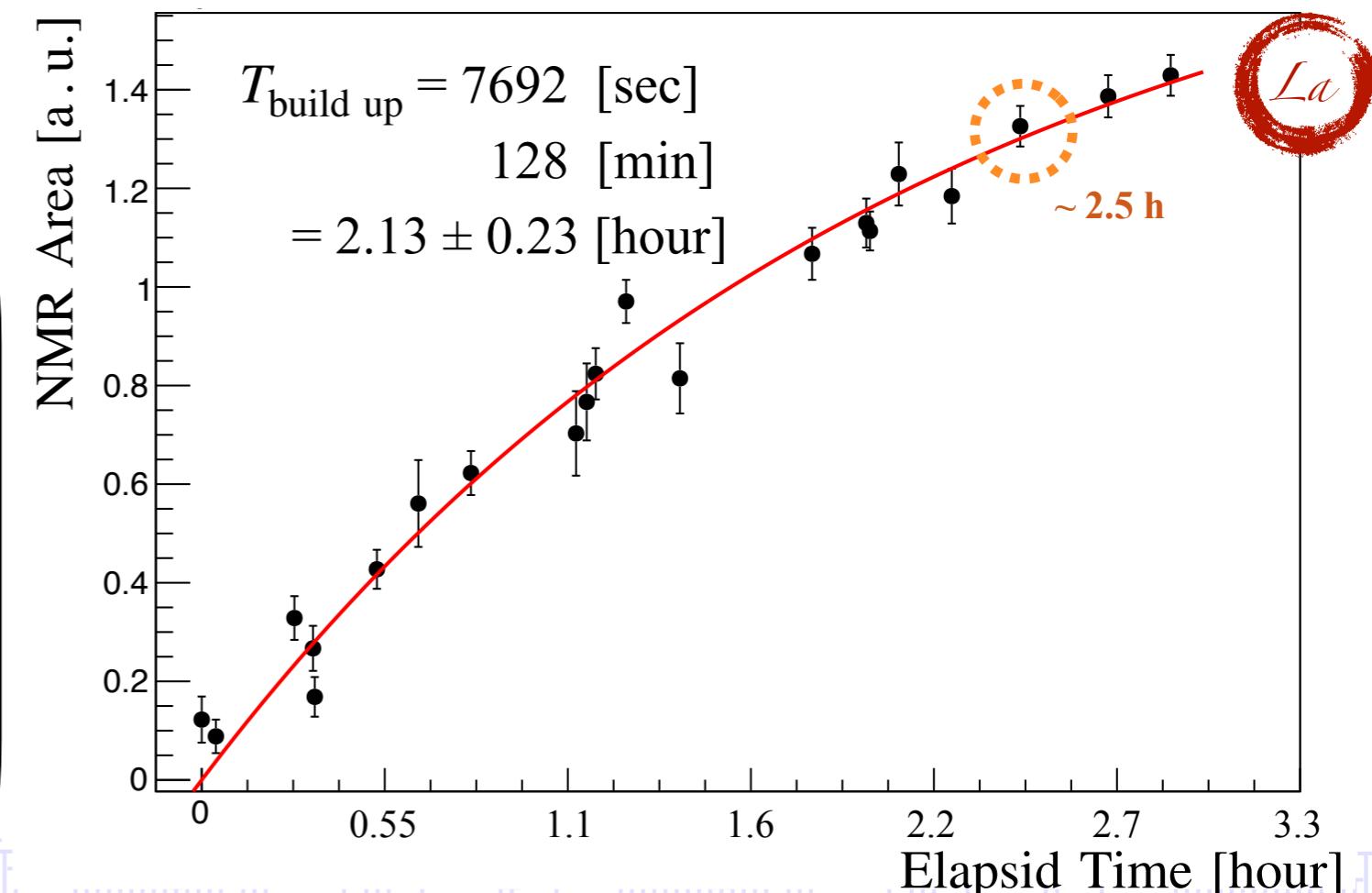
...Relaxation Time could not be measured.  
For time and other reasons.



Estimates polarization relaxation time from BuildupTime

$$T_{\text{relaxation}} > T_{\text{build up}} = 2.13 \pm 0.23 \text{ [hour]}$$

**Positive Polarization** Only Center Peak ( $-\frac{1}{2} \leftrightarrow +\frac{1}{2}$ )





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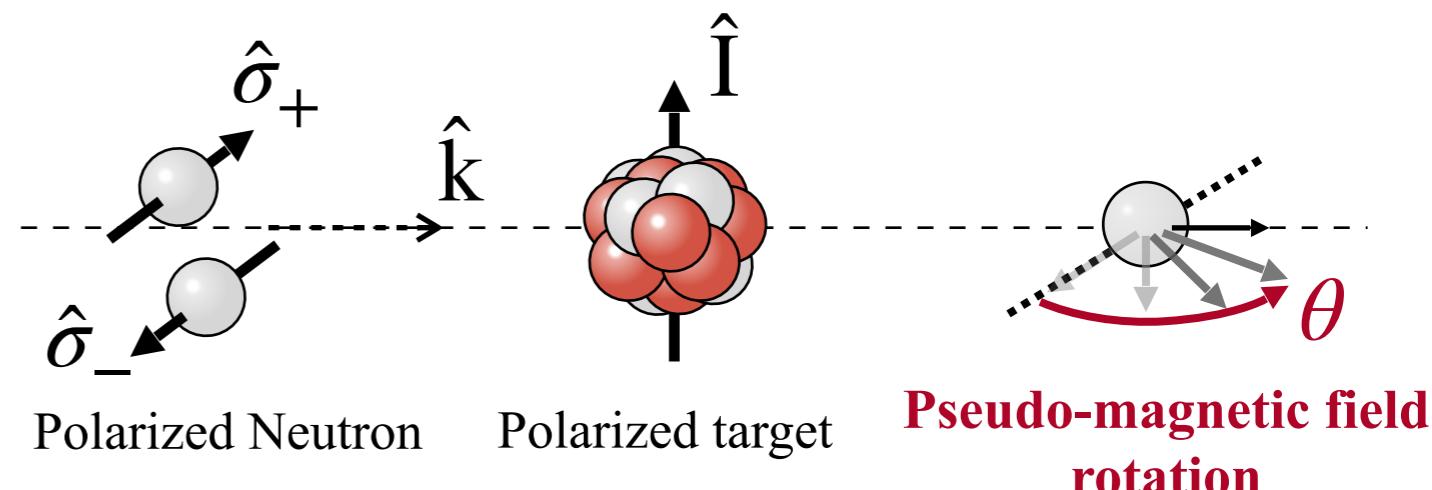
## Pseudomagnetism

V.Gudkov and H.M.Shimizu, phys. Rev. C95 045501 (2017)

### Pseudo-magnetic field effect

created by the nuclear potential of the target nucleus

→ Rotating neutron spin  
(transmitted through the sample)



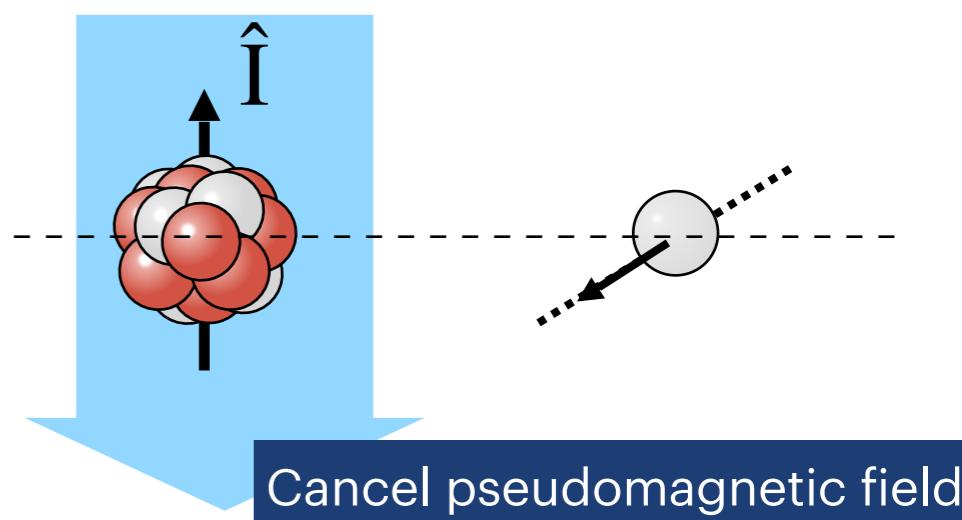
## Solutions

### Operation of the external magnetic field with LaAlO<sub>3</sub> crystal (3 cm cubic)

Apply a External magnetic field  
 $\simeq$  pseudo magnetic field of the LaAlO<sub>3</sub> crystal

Polarization of <sup>139</sup>La 100% → 0.23 [T]

50% → 0.1 [T]



Cancel pseudomagnetic field

Future experimental design of T-violation search at **low field (0.1 T)**



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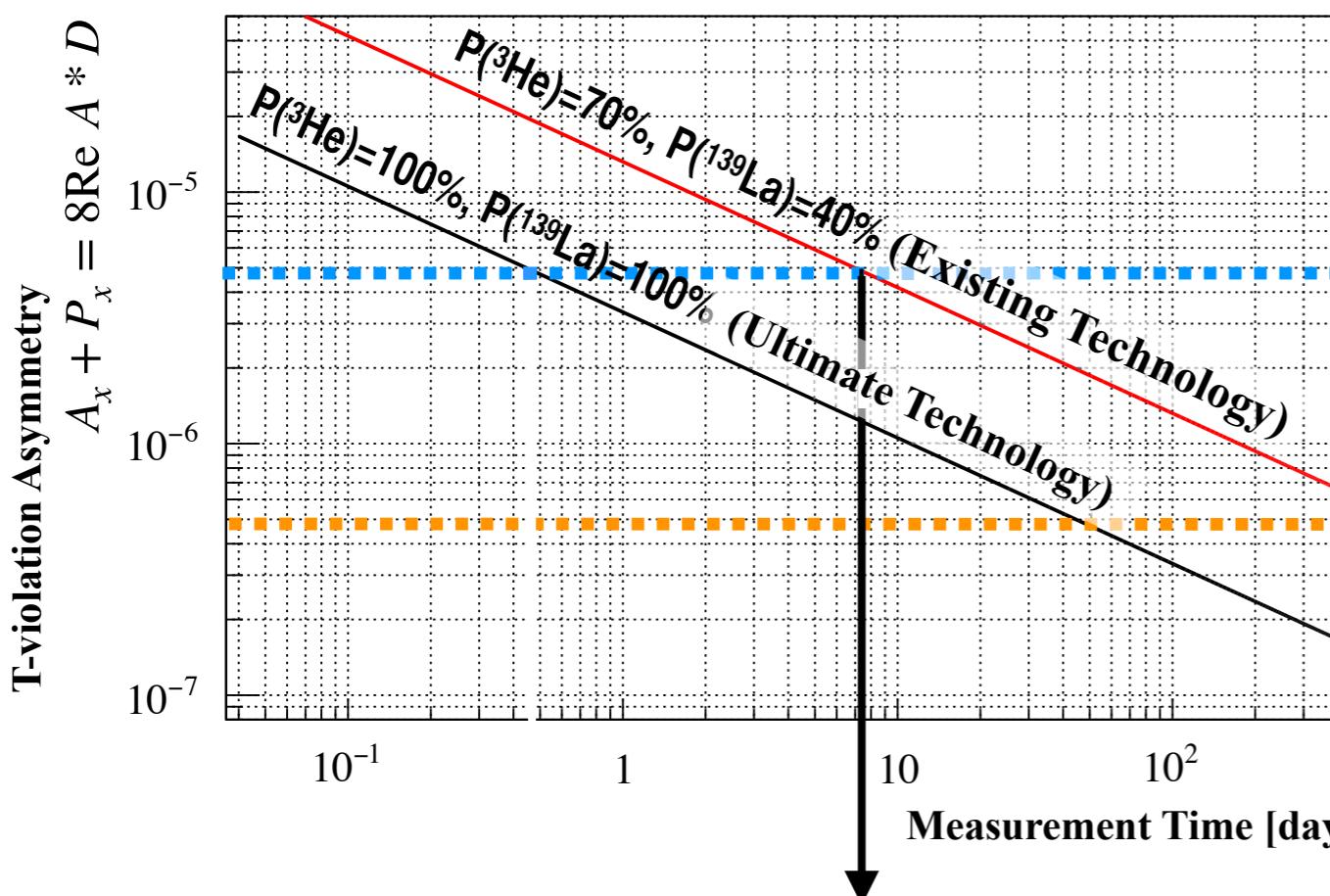
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## Statistics required for T-violation search @ J-PARC

Polarization Condition:

Nuclear	Target	Size	B / T	Low Field
$^{139}\text{La}$	$\text{LaAlO}_3$ crystal	$4 \times 4 \times 2.8$ [cm] thickness		$1 = \left( \frac{0.1 \text{ [T]}}{100 \text{ [mK]}} \right)$



Discovery potential  
corresponding to nEDM ( $d_n = 3.0 \times 10^{-26} \text{ [e cm]}$ )

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Existing technology → Statistics required about **1 week**.  
Nuclear Polarization  $\sim 40\%$  (pseudo magnetic field  $\simeq 0.1 \text{ [T]}$ )



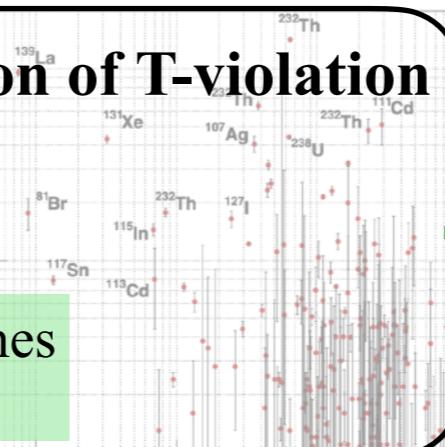
# Flow of planning for T-violation search

## 1. Selection of nuclides with large amplification of T-violation

T. Okudaira et al., Phys. Rev. C97 (2018) 034622.

J. Koga et al., Phys. Rev. C105 (2022) 054615.

→ In the case of  $^{139}\text{La}$ , the amplification is  $10^6$  times compared to nucleon-nucleon scattering.



### a. Validation of S-PMixing Model

T. Yamamoto et al, Phys. Rev. C 101, (2020)

T. Okudaira et al, Phys. Rev. C 105, (2021)

→ Verifying from a  $(n, \gamma)$  reaction

## Developments

### 2. Neutron Polarizer

T. Okudaira et al, NIM A 977, (2020).

→  $^3\text{He}$  Spin Filter  
Neutron Polarization  $\sim 90\%$

### 3. Nuclear Polarized target

K. Ishizaki et al, NIM A 1020, (2021).

→ Dynamic Nuclear Polarization  
La Polarization  $> 20\%$  now

## This Talk

### 4. Neutron Detector

D. Schaper et al, NIM A 969, (2020).

→ U.S. NOPTREX Collaborator

## T-violation Search

## 4. Install the developed device in the beamline, and search for T-violation in compound nuclei.



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## Summary

- Nd<sup>3+</sup>:LaAlO<sub>3</sub> Crystal is a strong candidate for La polarization.  
Best Nd<sup>3+</sup> concentration: 0.01 mol% Order

DNP Experiment @ Yamagata Univ. Nd<sup>3+</sup>:LaAlO<sub>3</sub> Crystal ( Nd : 0.01 mol % )

B = 2.335 T , T = 1.3 K

- Polarization ( Nd<sup>3+</sup> concentrations of 0.01 mol % ) reached ~25 %.
- Buildup Time by DNP was measured as ~2 hours.
- Estimates polarization relaxation time from BuildupTime, longer than 2 hours.

## Future Plan

- More accurate measurement of T1 at 0.01 mol %.
- The cooling system needs to be improved. → More than 10 hours
- Growing large crystals

