

ERL for photonuclear reactions

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- interactions of photons with nuclei
- experiments
- observables

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- historic overview
- photon sources and facilities
- "wishes" from the user side

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size, charge, polarizability

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Resonance condition: absorption and resonant emission

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How to produce photon beams fulfilling a resonance condition?

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Potentially tunable γ -ray energies:

Bothe and Gentner, Z. Phys. 106, 236 (1937)

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 $^{7}\text{Li}(p,\gamma)^{8}\text{Be} @ 440 \text{ keV}$

subsequent (γ, n) reactions

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Kneissl, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 37, 349 (1996)

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Contributions to spectrum:

- nuclear γ -rays
- detector response
- nonresonant background
- natural background

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Properties:

$$E_{\gamma} = 2 - 130 \,\mathrm{MeV}$$
 • $\Delta E_{\gamma} / E_{\gamma} = 1 - 3 \,\%$

• photon flux $\leq 10^9 \gamma s^{-1}$ • linear pol. > 99 %

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next-generation photon source

LCB at a multi-turn SRF-ERL

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Properties:

- warm linac
- 35 MHz collision frequency
- IR and green lasers
- $E_{\gamma} = 1 20 \, \text{MeV}$
- photon flux $\geq 10^{11} \gamma s^{-1}$
- $\Delta E_{\gamma}/E_{\gamma} \leq 0.5 \%$

Appendix "Wishlist"

Uncertainty scattered photon energy:

$$\frac{\Delta E_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma}} \approx \sqrt{\left(2\frac{\Delta E_e}{E_e}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta E_L}{E_L}\right)^2 + (-\gamma^2 \Delta \vartheta_f^2)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta E_e}{E_L}\right)^2}$$

Requirements next-generation photon source:

- fewer bends
- high repetition rate
- high current GeV-range electrons

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Beam-spot size:

Beck, Dissertation, TU Darmstadt (2021)

Beam intensity

Isotope-sensitive scanning

Energy [keV]

Flux of gamma-rays

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Requirements:

- tunable and portable photon source
- high luminosity for fast measurements

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