



# Educating the Next Generation of Scientists & Engineers for America

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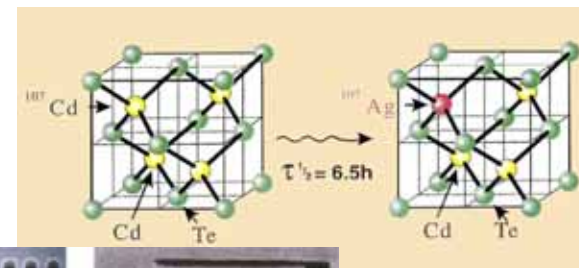
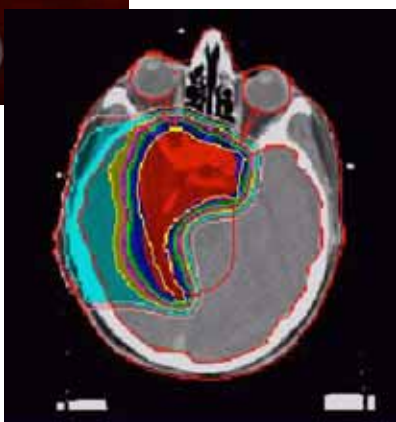
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# Motivations: Why does the Nation care? Why should students care?

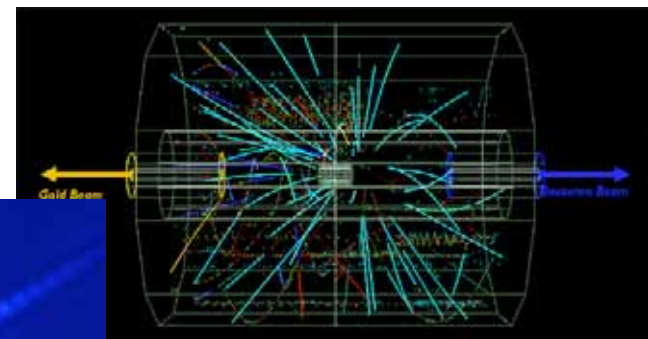
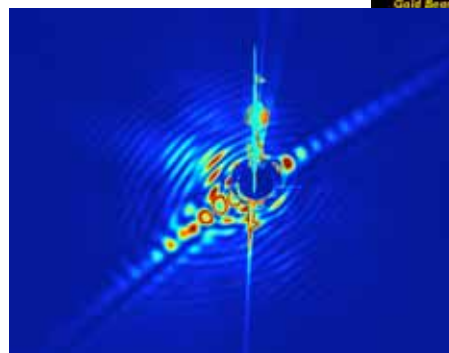


*Medicine*



*Materials*

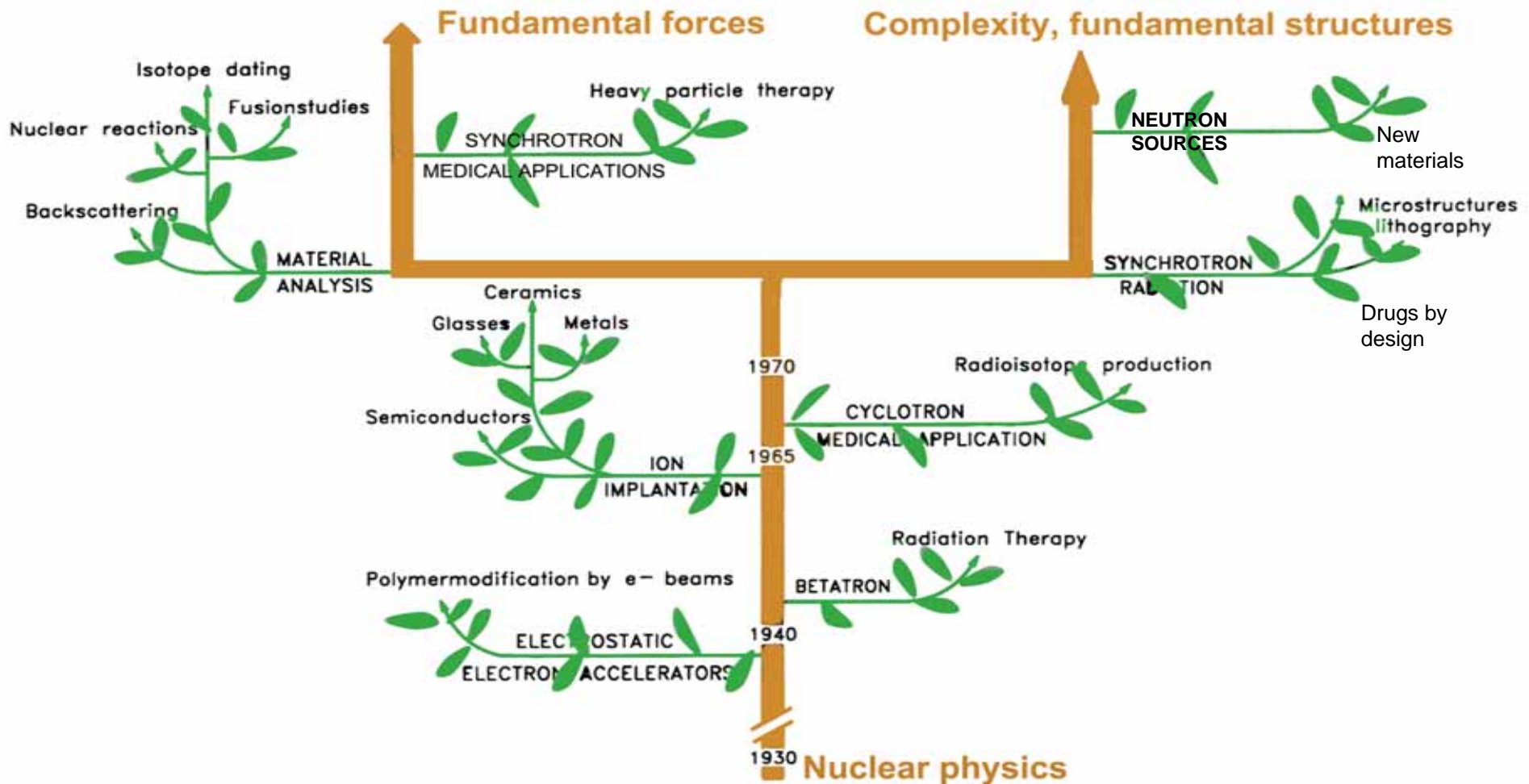
*Basic Research*



*Exciting products...  
exciting opportunities*



# Accelerators are the hallmark of highly technological societies



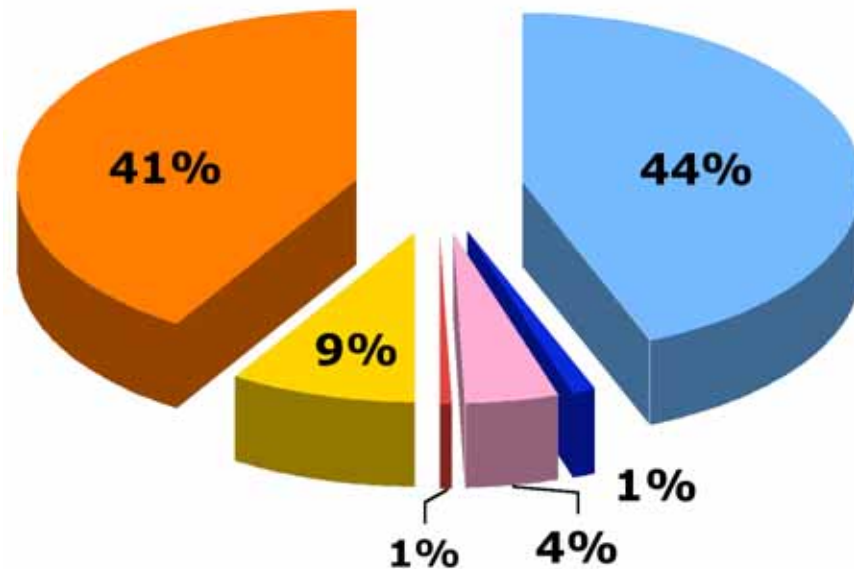
*Societal applications & their technology develop from basic research*



# Accelerators are big business



Number of accelerators worldwide  
~ 26,000



Radiotherapy (>100,000 treatments/yr)\*

Medical Radioisotopes

Research (incl. biomedical)

>1 GeV for research

Industrial Processing and Research

Ion Implanters & Surface Modification

Annual growth is several percent

Sales >3.5 B\$/yr

Value of treated good > 50 B\$/yr \*\*

*Major research machines are a tiny fraction of the total, but...*

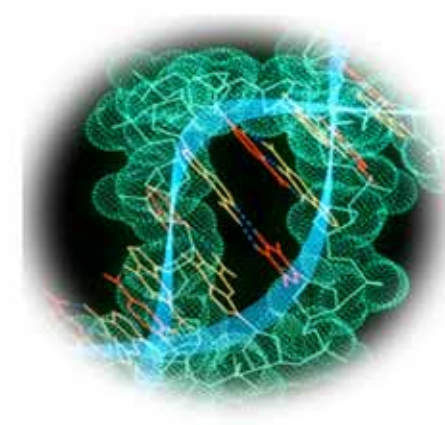
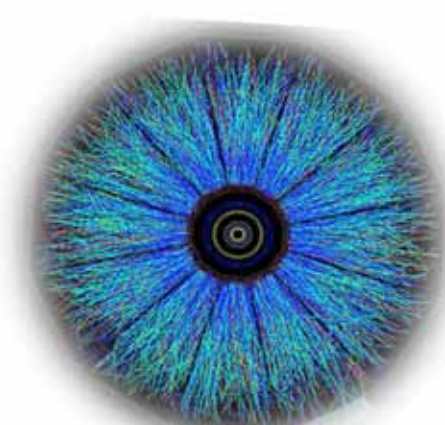
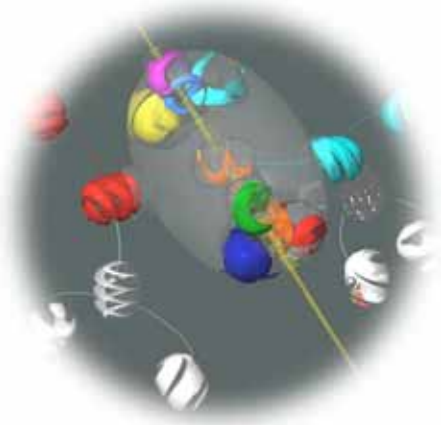




# World-leading discovery science is America's competitive advantage



*Accelerators are essential tools for discovery in physics, chemistry & biology*





**World-leading scientific education is also  
America's competitive advantage**



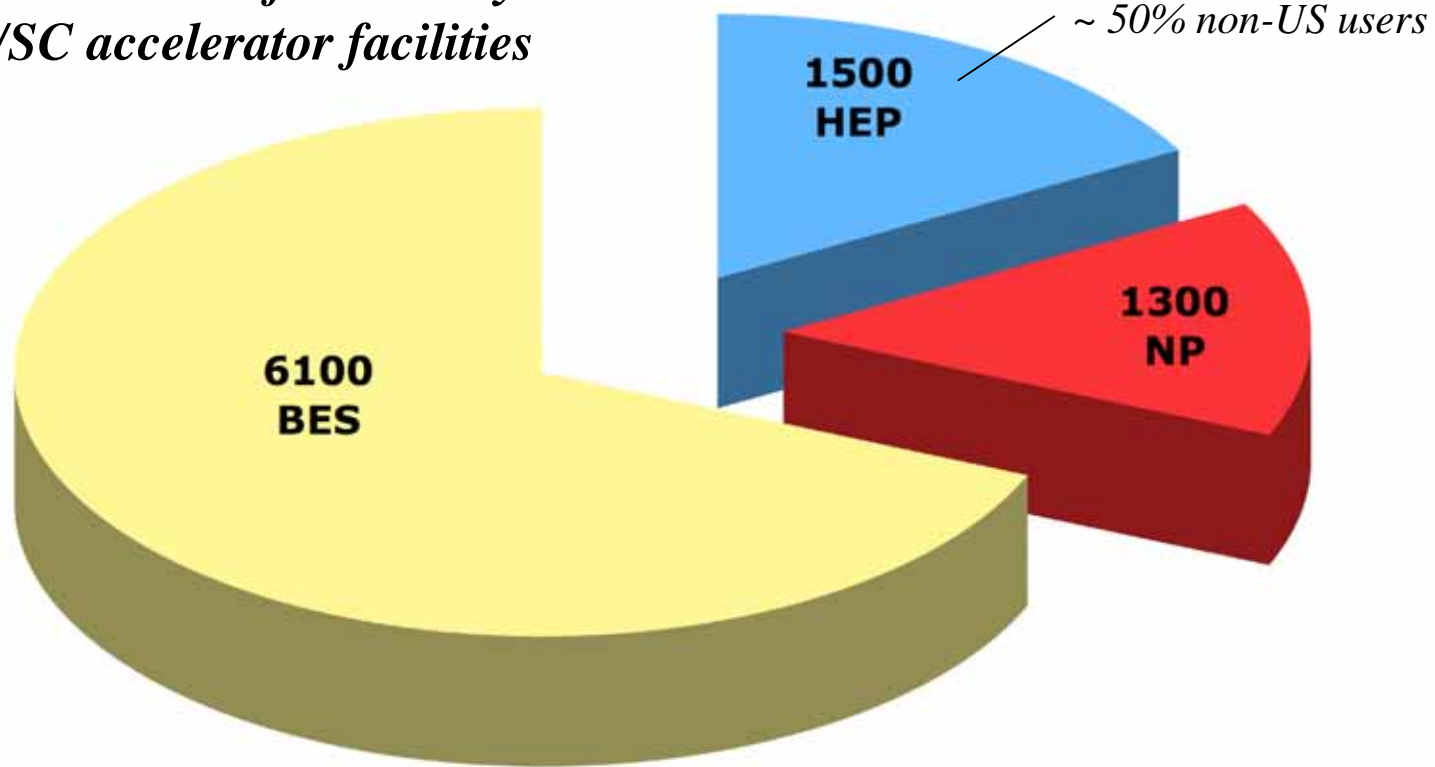
*We attract and train top talent from around the world  
to attend US universities & use US scientific facilities*



# DOE accelerators train future physicists, chemists & biologists for America



*Estimated number of students/year  
at DOE/SC accelerator facilities*



*~ 1400 PhD/yr in physics in US*

***Roughly 2/3 of facility users are students***



## Who pilots the machines?



- ✱ These machines are conceived of, design, built, operated & up-graded by a few hundred accelerator physicists
  - *A large fraction of these were trained outside the US*
  
- ✱ Many of my generation were HEP & NP experimentalists who learned about machines at accelerators on campus
  - *Very few of these now exist*
  
- ✱ Modern accelerators also require a much larger (2 - 3x) cadre of knowledgeable engineers
  - *Many critical courses are no longer offered in engineering departments*
    - *e.g., power electronics, microwave & rf-systems*





## To summarize the problem



- ✱ Accelerators are essential tools for discovery science
- ✱ DOE spends almost 1 B\$ on major accelerator facilities
- ✱ > 26,000 accelerators in medicine, industry & national security constitute a multi-billion dollar/yr industry
- ✱ > 55,000 peer-reviewed papers having accelerator as a keyword are available on the Web

**Yet...**

*Only a handful of universities offer any formal training in accelerator science & technology*



## Moreover, accelerators for future science...



- \* ...Will be more challenging to design & build
- \* ...Will be more challenging to operate



- \* ...Will need outstanding physicists & engineers to realize
- \* ... Will need experimentalists knowledgeable about accelerators to exploit fully



## Reasons & excuses



### ✱ Structure:

→ Accelerator science is inherently cross-disciplinary

### ✱ Prejudices:

→ Physics departments, “accelerator science is ‘just technology’”

→ EE departments prefer nano-technology & computing science

### ✱ Practicalities:

→ It is difficult to enroll enough students for university approval

- Even Cornell, UCLA, & Stanford can only offer core courses

→ *Accelerator R&D at universities is insufficient to support strong faculty lines*



## This serious challenge was recognized by HEPAP sub-panels



- ✱ “The education & the training of the next generation of accelerator scientists & engineers is a *serious concern*.”
- ✱ “The *limited number of educational opportunities at universities is insufficient* to meet anticipated future needs.”

Advanced Accelerator R&D Sub-panel Report

- ✱ “The *present* University Grant Program level of effort shortfall is not consistent with US intentions to host the ILC.”

University Grant Program Sub-panel Report

***The USPAS is dedicated to responding to this challenge***





## DOE & its laboratories must...



- ✱ ...Attract top undergraduate talent to graduate study of accelerator physics as well as accelerator-based science

*USPAS students won all top prizes  
at PAC2009*



*Satomi Shiraishi  
(Chicago)*

*Evelyn Meier  
(Monash)*

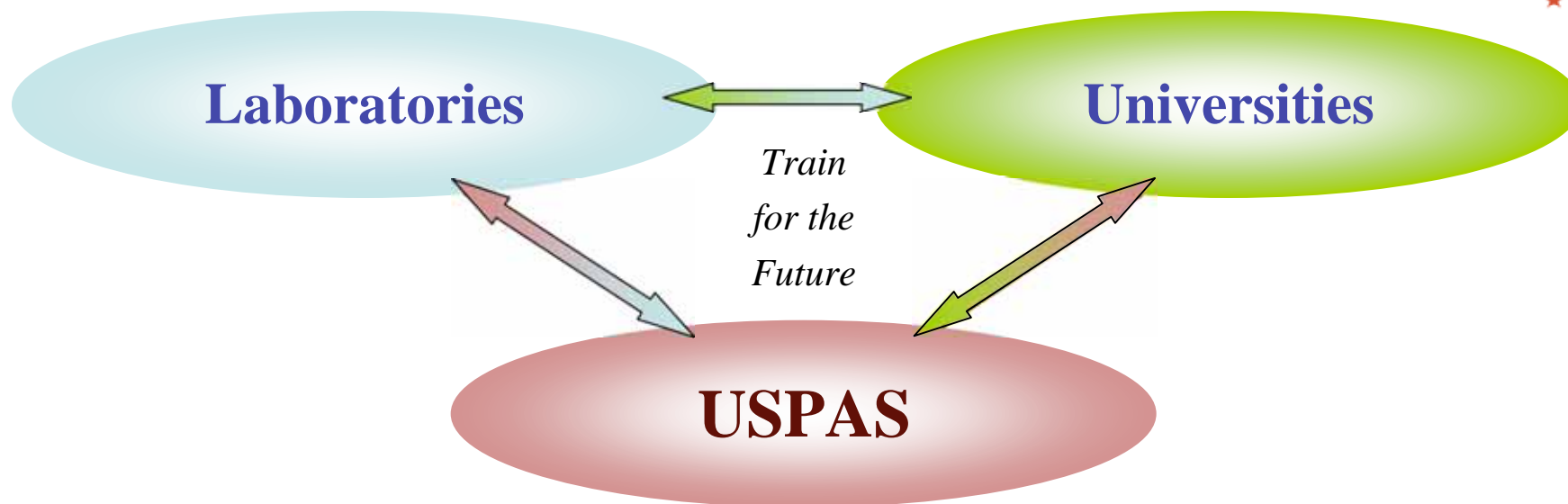
*Anna Grasselino  
(Penn)*

*(not pictured)  
Marsh Roark  
(MIT)*

***The USPAS is a central element in accelerator education in America***



## The USPAS Partnership Vision



**The US Particle Accelerator School provides graduate-level educational programs in the science of beams and their associated accelerator technologies**

*We grant more academic credit in accelerator science & technology than any university in the world*



## Major US universities are our essential partners in education



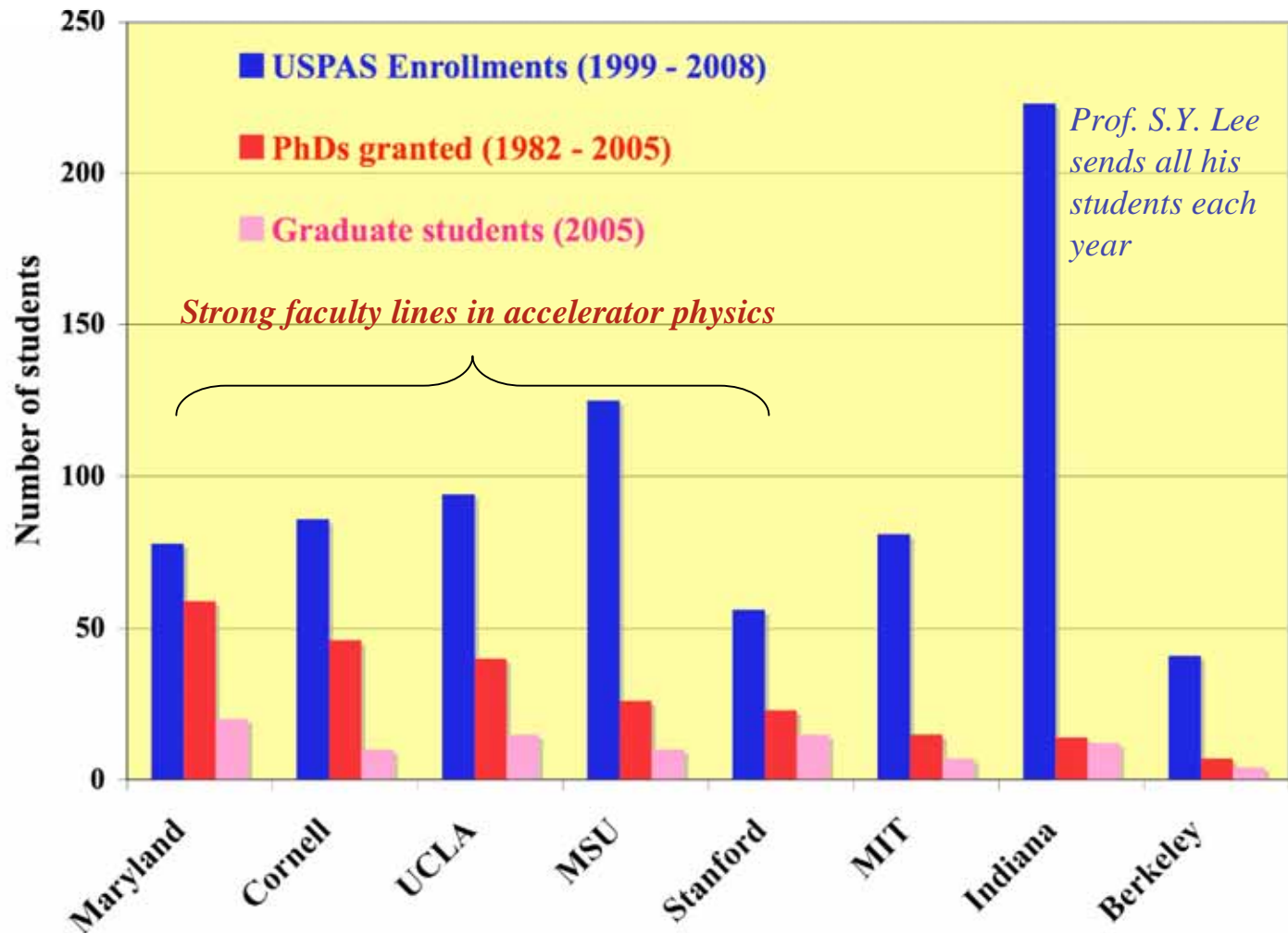
- ✱ Universities with strong graduate programs in accelerator physics provide a large student attendance at USPAS
  - ➔ Only Maryland, Cornell, MSU, UCLA, & Stanford have strong faculty lines (>2 professors)

*Accelerator-based science needs several more such universities to assure an adequate, well trained professional workforce*

- ✱ Universities with research accelerators
  - ➔ Emphasize innovation in accelerator science
  - ➔ Promote undergraduate awareness
    - MSU - 50 UGs annually; Cornell - 60 UGs annually
  - ➔ Offer exciting opportunities to engineering students
  - ➔ Encourage student experimentalists to learn about accelerators
  - ➔ Are a vanishing breed



## Eight universities represent 80% of university attendees at USPAS ('99 - '08)



*Of remaining PhDs granted (30%) many are from other lab-associated universities*

US Particle Accelerator School

Source: AARD 2005 Year Book, private communications (2008)





## USPAS charter & financial model for educational stewardship



- \* Founded & nurtured under HEP auspices
- \* Letter from the four Energy Research AD's allows & encourages national laboratory sponsorship & support (1992)
  - Re-confirmed by DOE/SC & NSF in 2008
- \* Constituted as a partnership of sponsoring institutions
  - 7 SC laboratories (FNAL, ANL, BNL, JLAB, LBNL, ORNL, SLAC)
  - 2 NNSA laboratories (LANL, LLNL)
  - 2 NSF funded universities (Cornell, MSU)
  - 1 DHS office (DNDO/TARD)
- \* Partner institutions have funded all program costs
  - Partner support - 30 k\$/yr + faculty (only increased once in ~20 years)
- \* HEP funds USPAS Office at FNAL
  - Managing Institution



## USPAS educational operations stress academic rigor



- ✱ 2 schools annually hosted by a major research university
  - 8 intense university, courses run in parallel (45 contact hours in 2 weeks)
  - Balance physics v. engineering, lectures v. hands-on
- ✱ Typical attendance per school ~ 130 students (recently ~150)
  - Scholarship support available for matriculated graduate students who take courses for credit
  - Credit-student workload during course > 8 hr/day
  - Graded homework & exams
- ✱ 40 university-style schools with >3100 individual students
  - Attended more than >1x / >2x / 3x                      >1030 / > 450 / >200
  - >200 have become intellectual leaders in their field
  - >25 USPAS graduate students have become USPAS instructors



## We continually develop new offerings for our constituency

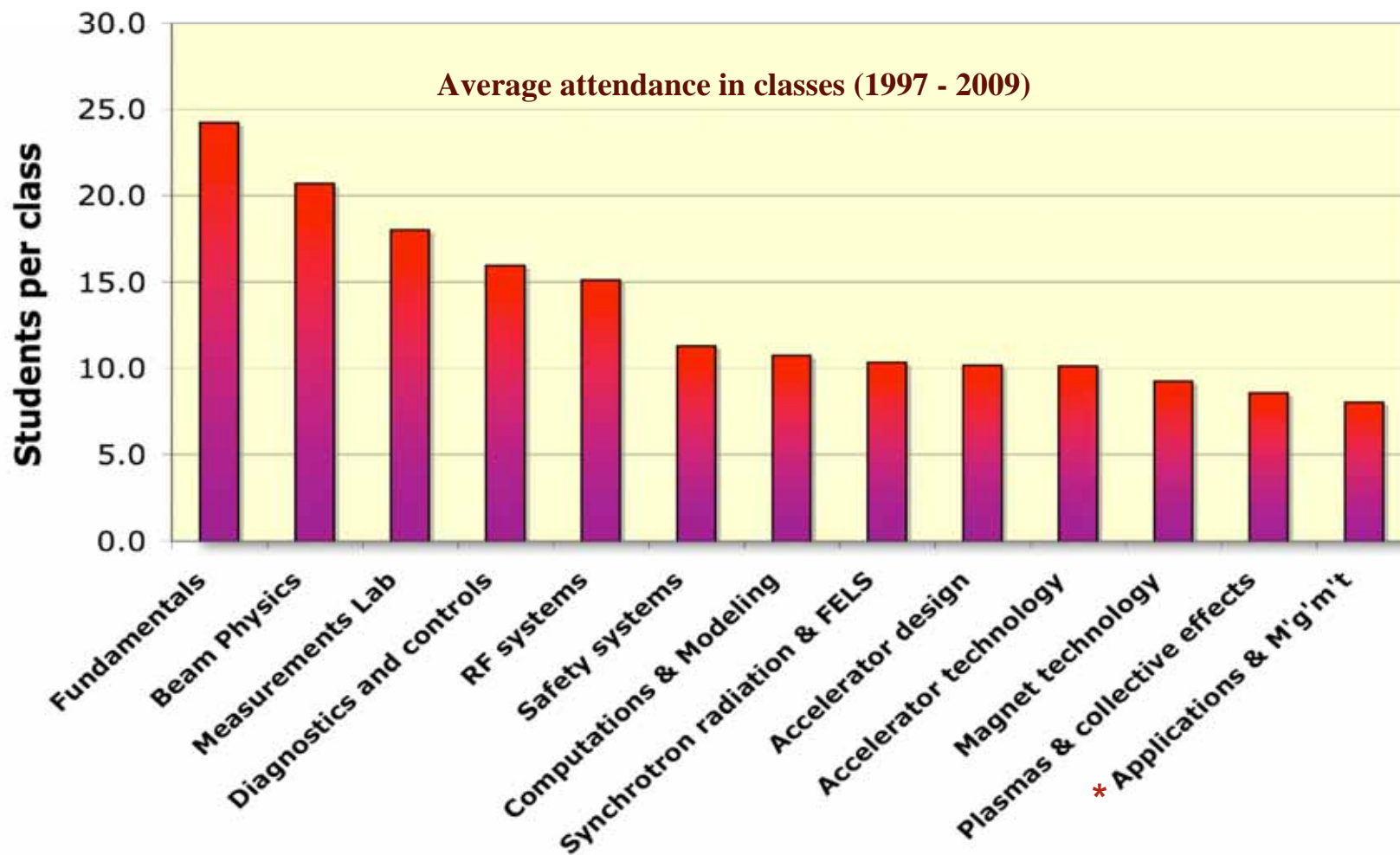


- ✱ New lecture courses in 2008
  - Optics of High Energy Accelerators
  - Radiation Imaging for Medicine & Homeland Security
  - Special opportunity: “Vacuum Electron Devices”
- ✱ 2 new, *hands-on* courses introduced in 2008 & 2009
  - Synchronization, Timing & RF Signal Processing
  - Synchrotron Light-based Beam Diagnostics
  - Accelerator Diagnostics





## The strongest demand is for fundamentals

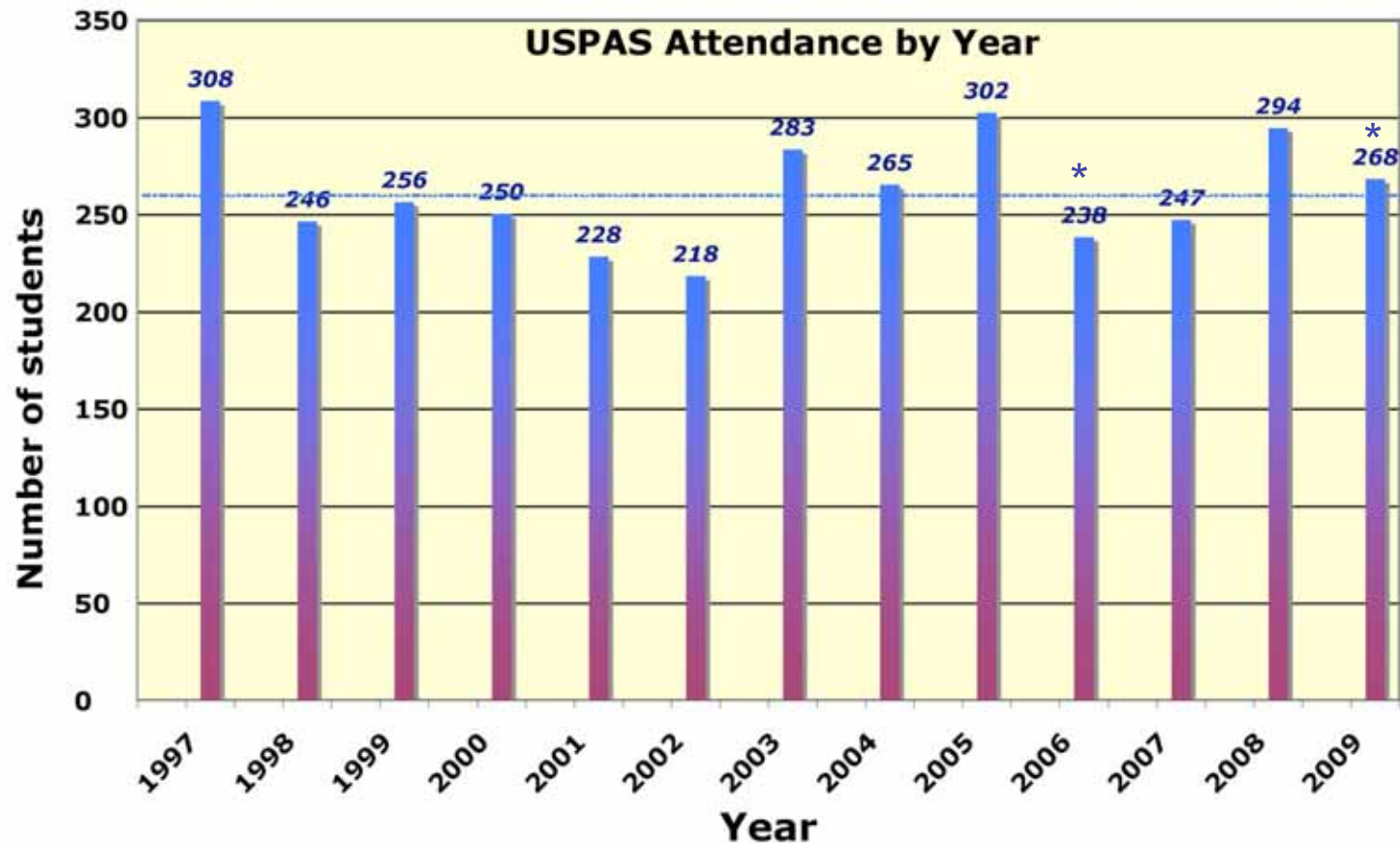


*\* In 2008 two medicine related courses had more than doubled to > 20 students*





We expect another session of ~150 students;  
two-thirds receive financial support



\* Years with visa issues; ~25% of attendees come from outside the US

*The present USPAS financial model cannot sustain  
this level of student enrollment / support*



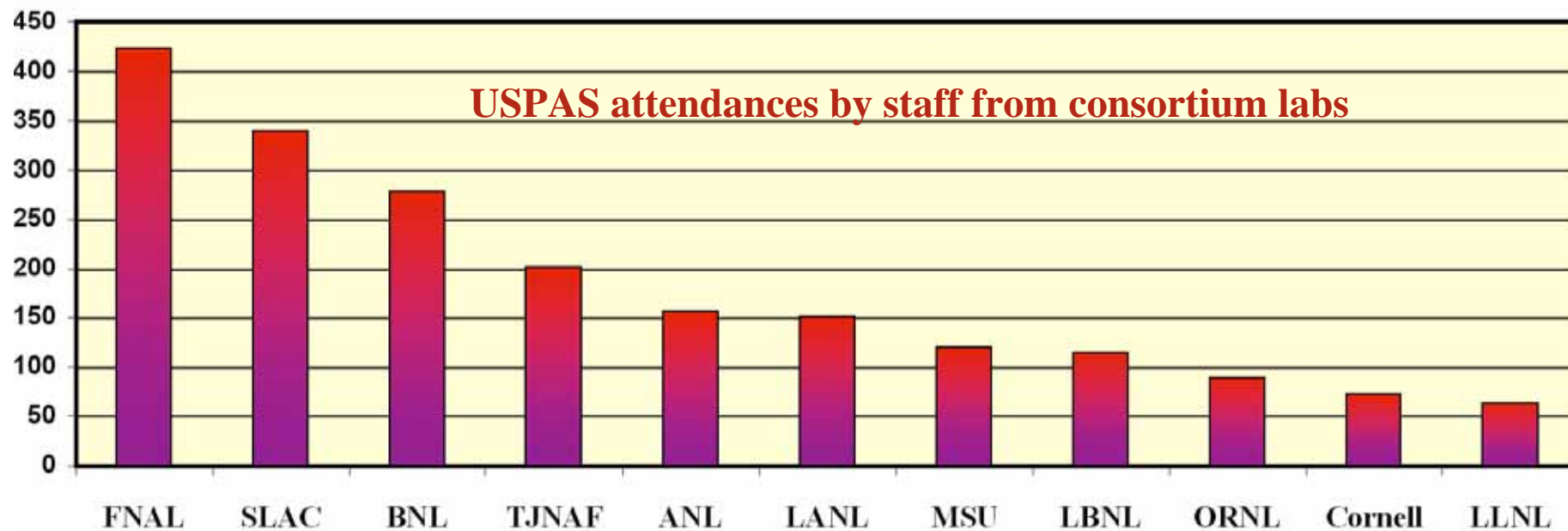
USPAS partners provide 2/3 of our faculty



*We thank our instructors for their dedicated work*



## DOE labs have made excellent use of USPAS



*Normalizing MSU & Cornell by operating budget  
==> interest level equivalent to Fermilab and SLAC*



# Degree Programs & Academic Outreach



# USPAS Degree Program



**Master of Science**  
in  
**Beam Physics and Accelerator Technology**  
from  
**Indiana University & USPAS**

**7 degrees awarded**

**6 Students currently enrolled in program**

**Requirements: 30 Credit Hours: with grade point average of B or above**

- \* IU/USPAS Courses & Master's Thesis (3 - 9 credits)
- \* Final Examination or oral defense of thesis

*Nearly all are lab employees who get a promotion as a result*





## Undergraduate outreach: Teng Internship at Argonne & Fermilab



**LEE TENG  
UNDERGRADUATE  
INTERNSHIP IN  
ACCELERATOR  
SCIENCE &  
ENGINEERING**

The Lee Teng Internship is a highly competitive education and research opportunity, open to students from US universities who have just completed their junior year in physics or engineering. Teng scholars will receive a full scholarship to attend the US Particle Accelerator School Summer Session followed by an eight-week research internship at Fermilab or Argonne National Laboratory. Research projects will be of sufficient depth for a senior thesis. The internship offers full travel support and a generous stipend.

For further information and to apply see  
[www.leetengscholar.org](http://www.leetengscholar.org)

- ✧ Engage highly promising post-junior undergrads to study accelerator science & technology
- ✧ Encourage them to pursue graduate research & education in these fields
- ✧ Interns study Fundamentals at USPAS
- ✧ During remainder of summer, students undertake research project at the labs
- ✧ ANL and FNAL selected 11 Teng interns in 2008 & 2009
- ✧ We provide advice on graduate programs



## Joint University-Fermilab Program: Accelerator Physics PhD



- ✱ Established in 1987
  - 1st graduate M. Syphers (UIC)
    - *Taught 11 USPAS courses*
- ✱ On average 5-8 students in the program simultaneously
  - 37 PhD graduates in 22 years
- ✱ Students apply & propose course of research
  - Admitted after passing university qualifying exams
  - Each has an University advisor & FNAL mentor
  - Research supported by FNAL



<http://phd.fnal.gov>



## BNL & Stony Brook University: Center for Accelerator Science & Education



- ✱ Joint effort to nurture & grow existing efforts in accelerator science
  - ➔ BNL's RHIC, NSLS & ATF provide unique opportunities for cutting-edge graduate & undergraduate accelerator research
- ✱ The **CASE** Mission:
  - Pursue cutting edge accelerator R&D,
  - Train next generation accelerator scientists* - graduate & post doctoral
  - Attract undergraduate students to the graduate program* through introductory courses, laboratory work & summer internships at BNL
- ✱ Growth opportunities:
  - ➔ Expand successful Ph.D. and M.S. program
  - ➔ Attract the next generation students
    - Write & teach a curriculum for undergraduates
    - Sponsor a **Scholarship Program** to attract top **undergraduates to USPAS**
- ✱ Now operating from SBU seed grant & matching funds from BNL



**National Laboratory programs alone  
will *not* provide  
the accelerator professionals that America needs**

*Assuring the future vitality of accelerator-based  
science & business  
requires a new DOE investment in education*



## Impediments we face...



- ✱ Undergraduates must be aware of the intellectual challenge & excitement of accelerator science
- ✱ Top undergraduates expect to study at a great university
- ✱ Students should spend a large fraction of time on campus
  - An education at a great lab is not an education at a great university

*But, where?*





## How to begin...



- ✱ Some universities have occasional courses
  - Make them regular not just special topics
- ✱ DOE lab facilities offer thesis research opportunities
  - Augment with student support (tuition, assistantships, etc.)
- ✱ ANL & FNAL have Lee Teng accelerator internships
  - Other labs should follow suit
- ✱ USPAS offers the opportunity to co-list core courses

***BUT, campuses need accelerator physics/engineering faculty***

***→ Strong university-based research programs to support faculty lines***



## 1) Expand university-based programs



- ✱ Vigorous, PI-driven program at universities allows growth of targeted, high priority R&D relevant to DOE/SC
  - Essential for innovations in accelerator science
  - Students can be trained & educated in accelerator science and technology in proximity to top experimentalists & theorists
  
- ✱ University programs can take a broad perspective with relation to exploratory accelerator science & technology
  - Offer broad intellectual resources both within physics and allied fields such as engineering, optical sciences, & materials sciences
  - Optimize incubation of new ideas & fundamental understanding
  
- ✱ Highly trained cadre of accelerator scientists will be essential to DOE/SC mission & national competitiveness



## 2) Assure USPAS financial stability



- ✧ Broad variety of USPAS offerings & *scholarship support* are crucial to existing programs in American universities
- ✧ USPAS provides an ideal attraction point & launching pad for undergraduates
- ✧ Maintaining the present level of enrollment & student support *requires* direct SC funding of USPAS sessions





**Our students will be the future leaders  
for our field...**







# ... and not just leaders in accelerator physics



AGS operator



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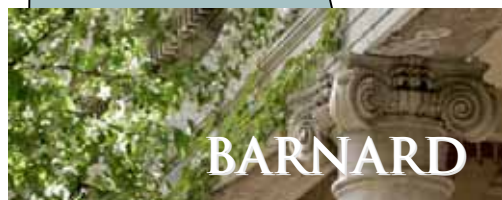
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PhD



**Yale Professor  
Bonnie Fleming**



**Spokesperson:  
MicroBooNE  
ArgoNeut**



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*The time to invest is  
now!*

*Thank you*



# Schools across the Sea



# CERN Accelerator School



- ✱ Training courses for accelerator physicists & engineers twice a year
  - ➔ Began in 1983
  - ➔ The courses take place in different member states of CERN
  - ➔ Consist of lectures & tutorials spread over a period of one or two weeks.
    - Participants from CERN member states & other countries world-wide
  - ➔ Director: Daniel Brandt
  
- ✱ Pattern of courses
  - ➔ Spring course on a specialist topic
  - ➔ Autumn course on accelerator physics
    - at the introductory level in even years
    - at the intermediate level in odd years
  - ➔ In even years an autumn course in the framework of the Joint Accelerator School (JAS) program
    - JAS is a collaboration between US, CERN, Russia and Asia
  
- ✱ Sessions lead to high quality, written proceedings
  - ➔ See <http://cas.web.cern.ch/cas/Proceedings.html>



# The Joint Universities Accelerator School



- ✱ Intensive program for students & modular courses for professionals
- ✱ The full program covers many subjects during 10 weeks from January to March
  - ➔ Two five-week courses taught by Europe's accelerator specialists
  - ➔ Whole program includes about 180 hours of lectures, tutorials, guided studies & seminars
  - ➔ Lectures and tutorials are backed up by site visits / demonstrations
- ✱ Organized by European Scientific Institute
  - ➔ With support of CERN Accelerator School & several major European Universities
  - ➔ Examinations under the control of one of the partner universities validate the courses
    - Successful candidates may obtain credits at their home university through the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)
    - It is recommended that all students take the examinations, which are *mandatory* for those students who receive a grant



## We make different choices to serve different needs



	USPAS	CAS	JUAS	JIAS
Rigorous for-credit courses	Y	N	Y	N
Degree program available	Y	N	N	N
Frequent regular sessions	2/yr	2/yr	1/yr	N
Standing organization w. staff	Y	Y	Y	N
Duration (weeks)	2	1.5 -2	10	1.5 -2
On campus	N	N	N	N
Conference center/ hotel	Y	Y	Y	Y
Scholarships available	Y	Y	Y	Y
Specialty courses	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fundamental courses	Y	Y	Y	N
Hands-on courses	Y	N	N	N
Proceedings	N	Y	N	N
Lecture notes on web	Y	Y	N?	Y?

*There are also specialty schools such as the recent Linear Collider Schools*