



# Advanced Mutation Breeding by Ion Beams

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# Bird's Eye View of JAEA-Takasaki



# Irradiation Facilities in Takasaki

## Gamma-ray Irradiation Facility



Co-60 gamma-ray source

- Japan's First Large-scale Gamma-ray Irradiation Facilities
- Wide Range of Six-digit Adsorption Rate
- 8 Irradiation Rooms in 3 Facilities

## Electron Beam Irradiation Facility



Electron beam irradiation room

- Japan's First Electron Accelerator for Industrial Scale (2 MV, 30 mA)

## TIARA (Takasaki Ion Accelerators for Advanced Radiation Application)



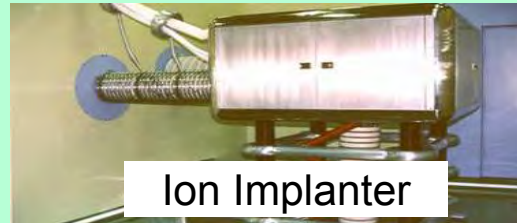
Cyclotron

- Rapid Beam Stabilize & Exchange
- High-energy Heavy Ion Microbeam



Tandem Accelerator

- Heavy Ion Microbeam & Single Ion Hit
- Swift Cluster Ions



Ion Implanter

- Wide Variety of Ions Including Fullerene
- Combination Use with SEM



Single-ended Accelerator

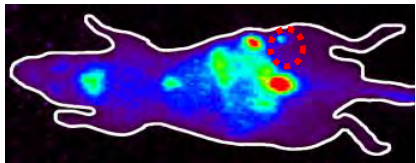
- High Spatial Resolution Light Ion Microbeam
- Micro-PIXE Analysis & Proton Beam Writing

**World's First Facility Specialized for R&D of Materials and Biotechnology**

- More than 80 Joint Research Activities: collaborated with Private companies, Public research institutes, Universities, etc.
- Irradiation service: 250 subjects (65 millions yen Revenue)

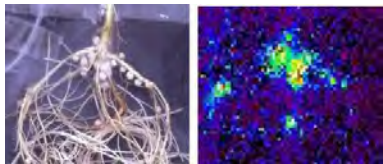
# Recent Activities in Takasaki

## Observe



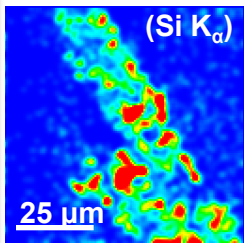
Small Tumors

Nobel RI-labeled compound



Nitrogen fixation

Imaging of plant functions using Positron Imaging



White lung

Detection of elements using Micro-PIXE

## Create (Modify)

### New features



Fuel cell electrolyte membrane



Kusatsu  
Adsorbent for Scandium

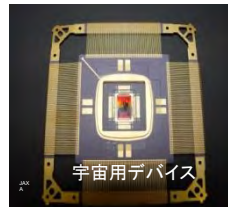


Hydrogen separation membrane



Biodegradable dummy lens

### Resistance evaluation to radiation



Semiconductors for aerospace

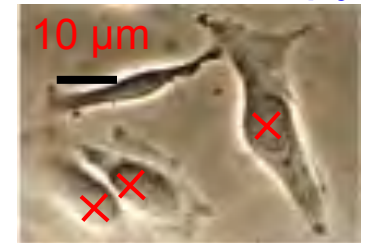


Evaluation of materials used in Accelerator

Radiation grafting & cross-linking

## Cure

### Cancer therapy



Effects of heavy ion micro beams

### New mutants (low cadmium rice)



Ion beam breeding

# FNCA Mutation Breeding Project

4-7 March 2014, Indonesia



# IAEA Technical Meeting



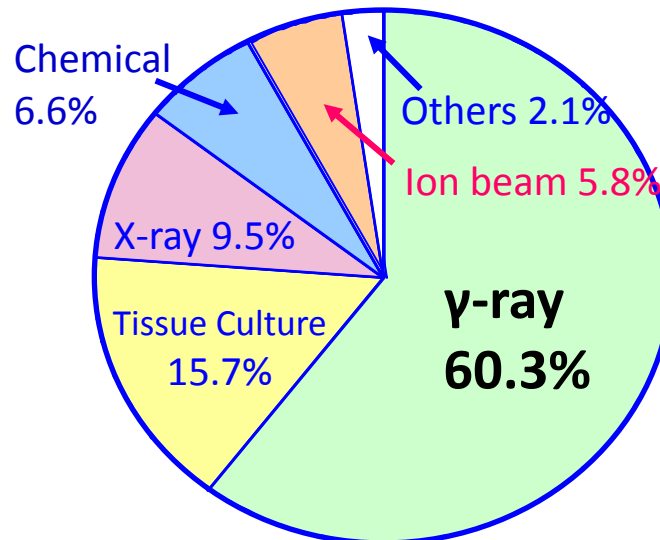
13-16 August 2013, Mongolia

# Mutation Breeding in Asia

Researched by A. Tanaka (FAO/IAEA Database, October 2011)

Country	No. of cv. Total	Rice	Barley	Wheat	Maize	Soybean	Chrysanthemum
All countries	3212	815	304	252	89	170	277
China	808	290	7	162	47	79	21
Japan	481	222	10	7	0	30	56
India	329	59	13	4	0	7	46
Russia	215	6	29	36	5	9	17
Netherland	176	0	1	0	0	0	80
Germany	171	0	66	2	0	1	34
USA	139	36	13	4	0	0	1

Bangladesh	44
Indonesia	29
Korea	35
Pakistan	53
Thailand	20
Viet Nam	55



More than half varieties with ion beams created by using TIARA

Mutagen  
(Japan)

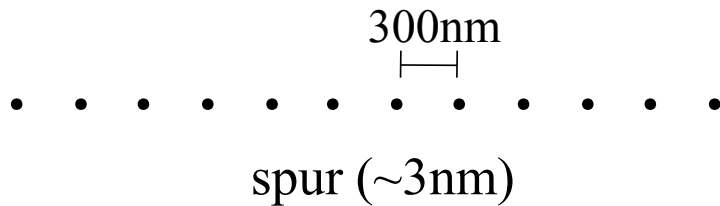
Nakagawa, TechnoInnovation (2007)



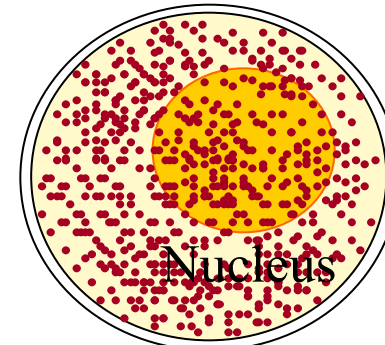
# Mutation induced by Ion Beams

## Energy deposition

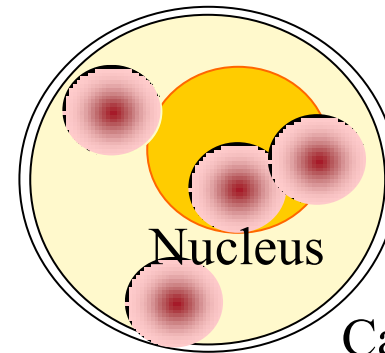
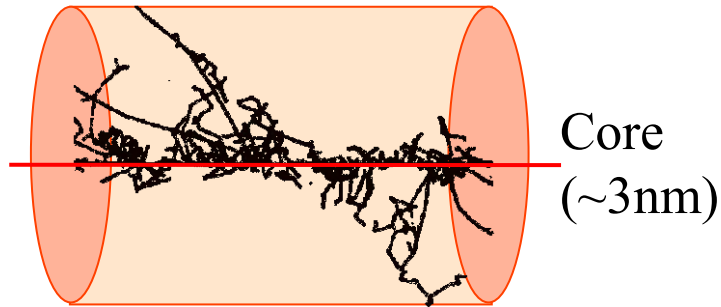
$\gamma$ -rays: low LET radiation



## Irradiation to cell

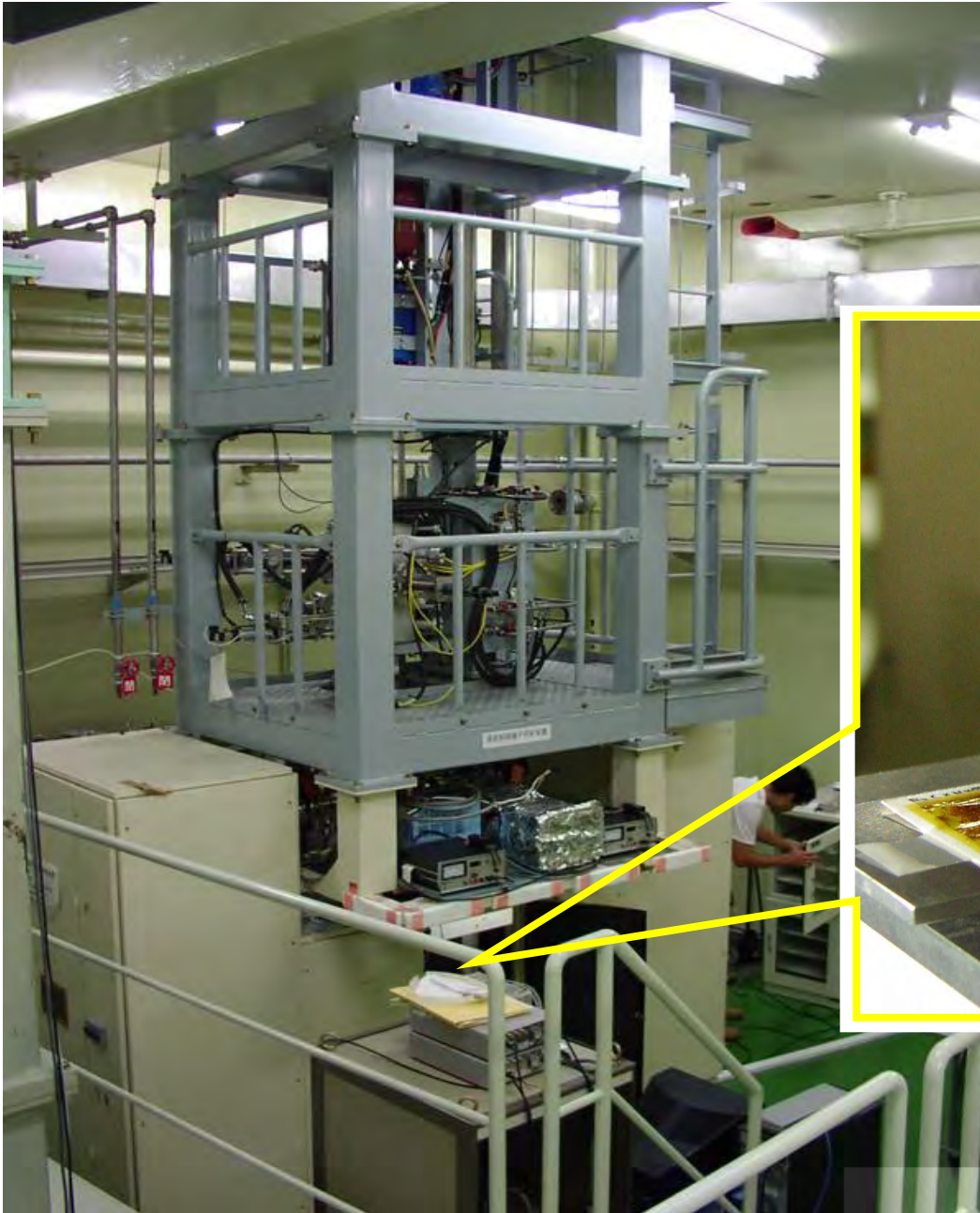


**Can ion beams cause different mutation?**

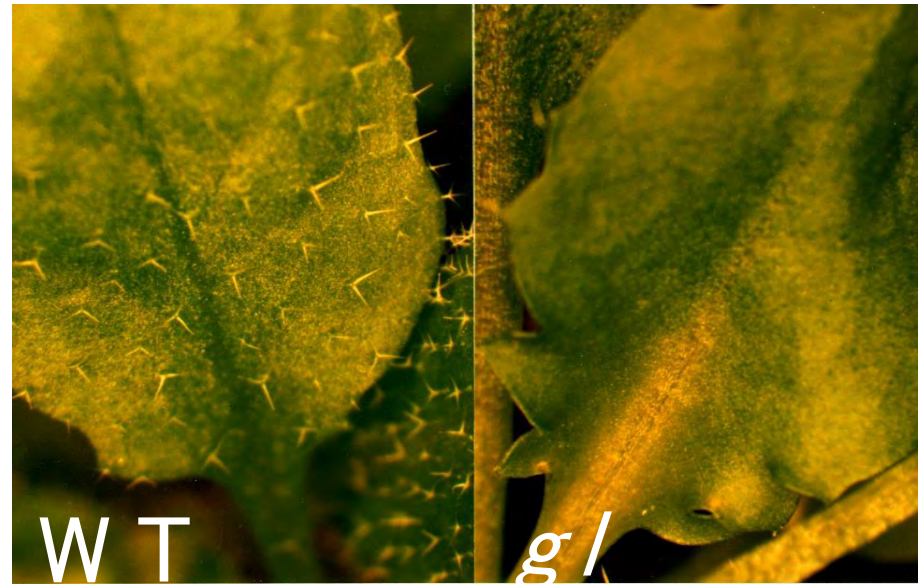
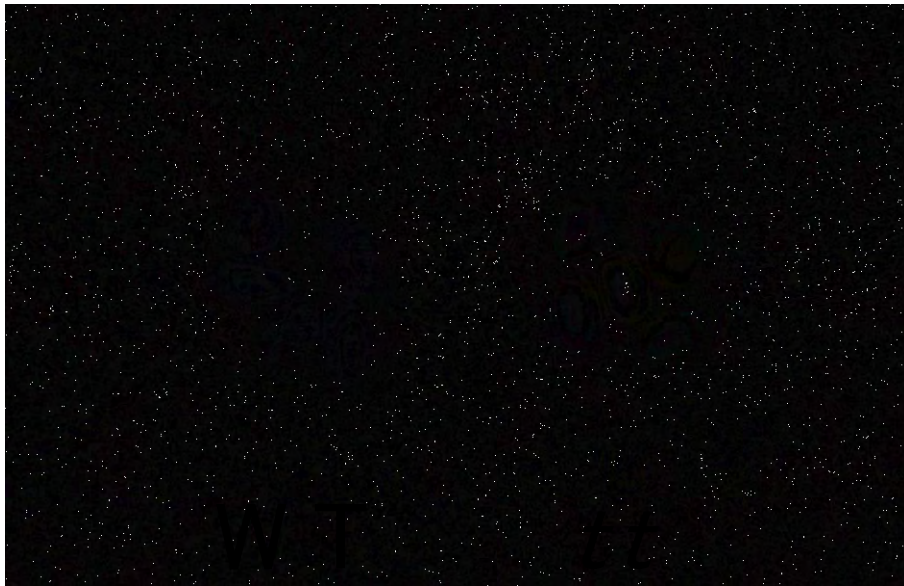


Carbon ions: 4 tracks/Gy

**Started from 1991  
by using TIARA**



# Arabidopsis *tt* and *gl* mutant phenotypes

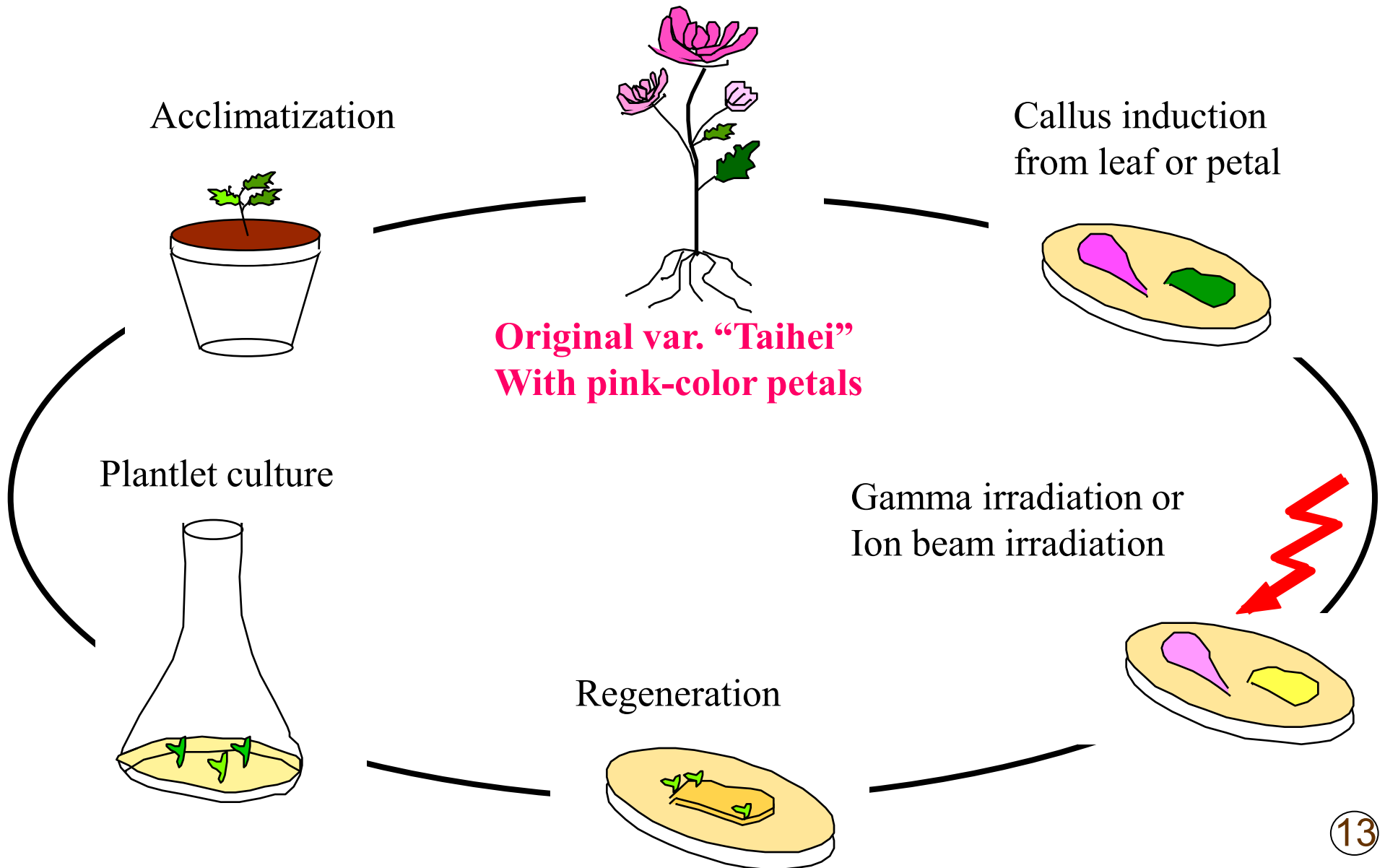


## Mutation frequencies for mutant groups induced by carbon ions and electrons

Mutagen (Dose)	No. of M1 seeds sown	No. of M2 plants	Mutant group (loci)	No. of mutants in M2	Mutation frequency/ locus/ diploid cell/ dose(Gy) ( $\times 10^{-6}$ )
Carbon ions (150Gy)	26,200	104,088	<i>tt3, tt4, tt5, tt6, tt7, tt18, tt19</i> <i>gl1, gl2, gl3, ttg1, ttg2</i>	88	1.9
Electrons (750Gy)	c.a.15,600	80,827	<i>tt3, tt4, tt5, tt6, tt7, tt18, tt19</i> <i>gl1, gl2, gl3, ttg1, ttg2</i>	18	0.097

- 20 times higher per dose, and 4 times higher per plant (seed)

## Mutation breeding system in chrysanthemum



# Mutation spectrum

Table Flower mutation of regenerated plants from floral organ culture induced by carbon ions and  $\gamma$  rays

Mutagen	Mutation frequency of mutated character (%)					
	White	Light pink	Dark pink	Orange	Yellow	Complex/Stripe
Unirradiated	0	0.3	0	0	0	0
$\gamma$ rays	0	27.7	2.1	0	0	0



Original var. "TAIHEI"



ION NO KOKI



ION NO SEIKO



ION NO MAHO

**First cultivation of new chrysanthemum varieties using ion beams (1998)**

## Flower mutation of carnation regenerated from leaf cultures treated by mutagen

Mutagen	Mutation frequency ( $\times 10^{-1}$ %)										
	Flower color									Shape	
	Light pink	Pink	Dark pink	Red	Salmon	Yellow	Cream	Stripe	Complex	Round petals	Dianthus type petals
EMS	0	5.2	0	1.0	0	0	0	3.1	0	0	0
Soft X-rays	1.7	8.4	0	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gamma-rays	1.7	9.6	0	1.7	0	0	0	0	0	0.9	0
Carbon ions	3.5	4.7	1.2	3.5	2.4	1.2	1.2	3.5	2.4	4.7	2.4

**Mutation spectrum is much broader**

## New varieties of carnation induced by ion beams

Original var. "Vital"



Commercialized  
in 2002  
EU & Japan  
(\$ 13 million in  
2010)

with KIRIN  
Brewery Co.Ltd.



# Novel mutants and varieties

## Model plants



## Crops



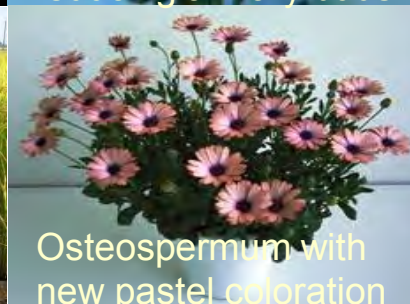
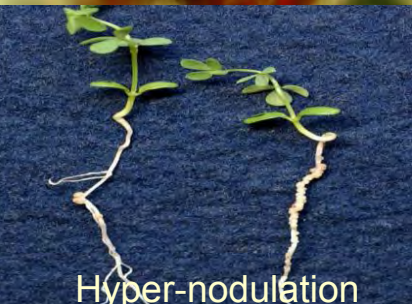
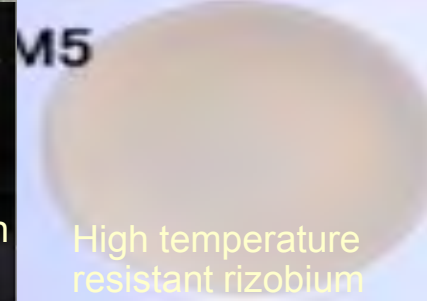
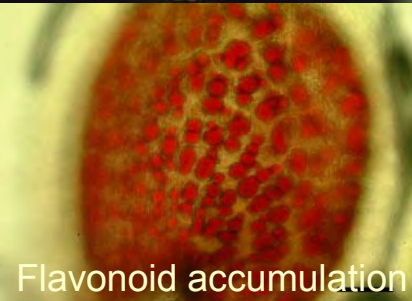
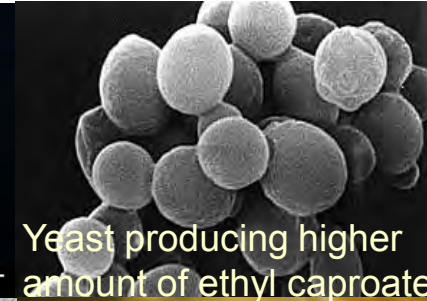
## Ornamentals



## Trees & fruit



## Microorganism

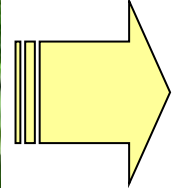


# Greatest goal in chrysanthemum: reducing axillary buds



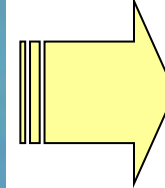
Original Var.

Ion  
beams



Reduced Axillary Buds

Ion  
beams



Reduced Axillary Buds  
+  
Early Flowering

- Products: 22 Million flowers (2012)
- Requested license from more than 35 marketing cooperatives

**Saving energy:  
Netted melon with a large fruits under low  
temperature (cut down on heating expense)**



省エネ・温室メロン誕生へ  
磐田の県農試

低温でも玉伸び上々

イオンビーム育種活用

静岡新聞

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「重油節約」農家も期待

元氣養分団!

特集・詳報 静岡新聞

関連記事 関係種

**New variety as “Shizuiku No.1 (静育 1号)”  
was established in 2011.  
●Grown in 2°C below & 20 % cost saving**

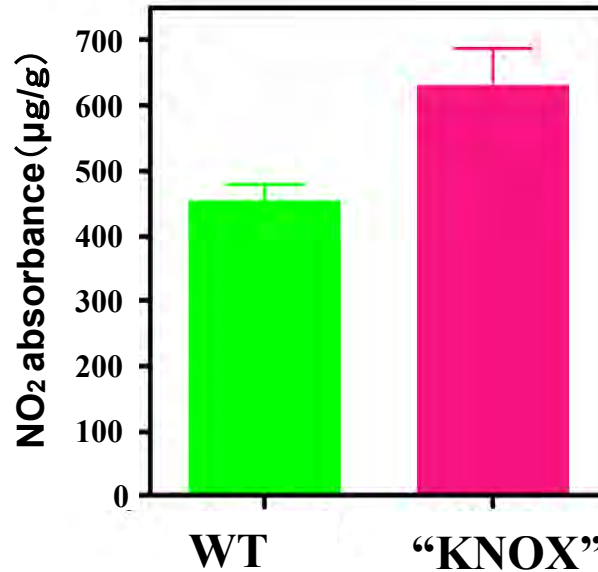
# Phytoremediation of air pollution by greening with Hiroshima University



Ficus pumila



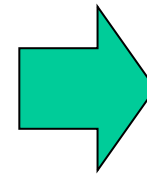
WT "KNOX" 5 cm



**40-80% Up of the capability to assimilate atmospheric nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)**

Press release (Aug. 2007)

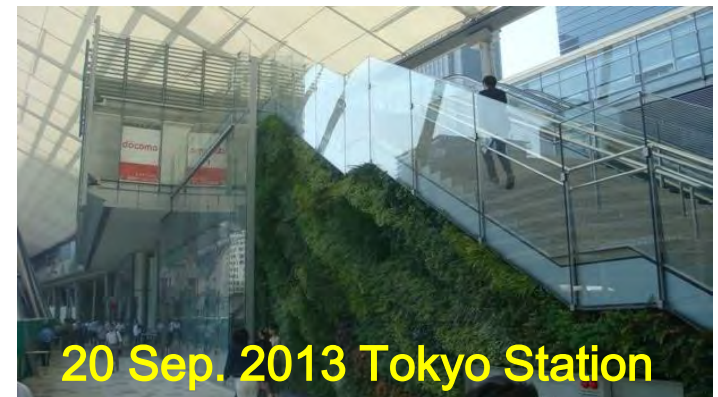
Takahashi et al. J. Phytoremediation (2012)



2010年3月販売開始 予約受付中  
●高い環境浄化能を持つ緑化用オオイタビ新品種「KNOX」  
●自動車や工場などから排出される二酸化窒素 (NO<sub>2</sub>) の汚染  
種改良により40~80%向上



Technology transfer (2009) & Commercialized (2010)



20 Sep. 2013 Tokyo Station

Utilized for wall greening, green roof, etc.

# A Solution to Eutrophication - Rice breeding suitable for low nitrogen input -

with Shiga Prefecture



Original var.  
“Akino-uta”



Low-nitrogen-fertilizer  
grown rice mutant var.

2008.10.1 Press Announcement

# Food safely & security: development of low-cadmium Koshihikari rice



**Conclusive evidences**

- 1. The same yield and good taste as original Koshihikari**
- 2. Three independent mutants on the same gene: *transporter responsible for manganese***

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**Ion beam breeding is definitely suitable for staple grain !**

allowed cent.

# Microbial Ion Beam Breeding in Yeast

Collaborative research with the Gunma Industrial Technology Center

## Aims

Development of a new variety superior to the Gunma prefecture original yeast 「Gunma KAZE Yeast」

## Target phenotype :

- Improvement of alcohol fermentation property
- High production of good flavor component  
(Increase of ethyl caproate → Fruity flavor)



New variety No.277

## Current status

2012.12 Press release

Success in obtaining a new mutant variety that produces a higher amount of ethyl caproate than 「Gunma KAZE Yeast」

Now on sale! (from April 2013)



Chromosomal DNA

A gene

# Intragenic point-like mutation

## TT4 locus (395 a.a.)

**Electron**  
TC ⇒ AA  
Ser<sup>196</sup> ⇒ Asn<sup>196</sup>

**Carbon ion**  
A deletion  
at 259 a.a

**Carbon ion**  
8 base deletion ⇒ A  
at 104 a.a

*Intron*

AAATACACCTAAGTTGTTTAGTAGACAAGAGCAACATCAAAGCTGTAATAAACCCAAAGTTGGTGTATACTATAATGGTGAT  
 GGCTGGTGCTTCTTCTTTGGATGAGATCAGACAGGCTCAGAGAGCTGATGGACCTGCAGGCATCTTGGCTATTGGCACTGCT  
 AACCGTGA GAACCATGTGCTTCAGGCGGAGTATCCTGACTACTAGTTCCGCATCA **CGAAGAGT** GAACACATGACCGACCTC  
 AAGGAGAA GTTCAA GCGCATGTGTACGTCTTATTAAGTTCTAGTTTCATTTCCCTTTGGCATATATCTTCATTGACATAGTTT  
 AGCTAACAA GTATTTACTATTACAGGGCGACAAAGTCGACAATTCCGAAA CGTCACATGCATCTGACGGAGGAATTCCTCAA  
 GGAAAACCCACACATGTGTGCTTACATGGCTCCTTCTCTGGACACCA GACAGGACATCGTGGTGGTCGAAAGTCCCTAAGCT

# Ion beams induce 'deletion', leading to 'null mutation'

*Exo*

TCGTTGTGTGCTCTGAGATCAGAGCCGTTACCTTCGGTGGTCCCTCTGACACCCAGCTTGA CTCCCTCGTCGGTCAAGGCTGTT  
 TTCAGTGATGGCGCCCGCCACTCATTGTGGGGTCCGACCCTGACACATCTGTGGAGAGAAA CCCATCTTTGAGATGGTGT  
 CTGCCGCTCAGACCATCCTTCCAGACTCTGATGGTGGCATA GACGGACATTTGAGGGAA GTTGGTCTGACCTTCCA TCTCCT  
 CAAGGATGTTCCCGGCGCTCATCTCCAA GAACATTTGTGAA GAGTCTAGACGAAAGCGTTTAAACGTTTGGGGATAAGTGA CTG  
 GAACTCCCTCTTCTGGATAGCCACCCTGGA GGTCCA GCGATCCTAGACCAAGGTGGA GATAAAGCTAGGACTAAAGGAA GA  
 GAAGATGAGGGCGACACGTCA CGTGTTGAGCGA **GTATGGAAACATGTGAGCGCGG** TGCGTTCTCTTCA TACTAGACGAGAT  
 GAGGAGGAAGTCA GCTAAGGATGGTGTGGCCACGACAGGAGAA GGGTTGGAGTGGGGTGTCTTGTTTGGTTTCGGACCA GG  
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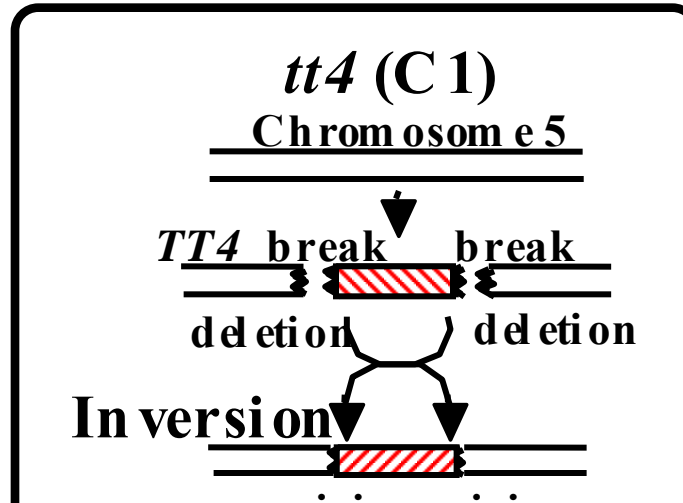
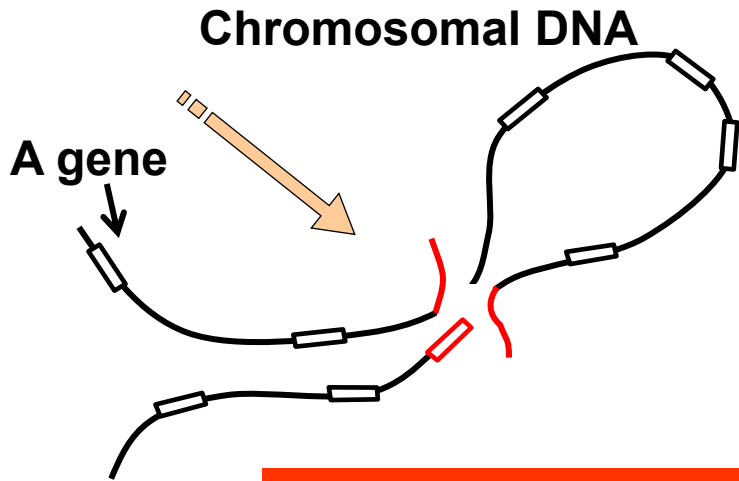
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**Carbon ion**  
A deletion  
at 259 a.a.

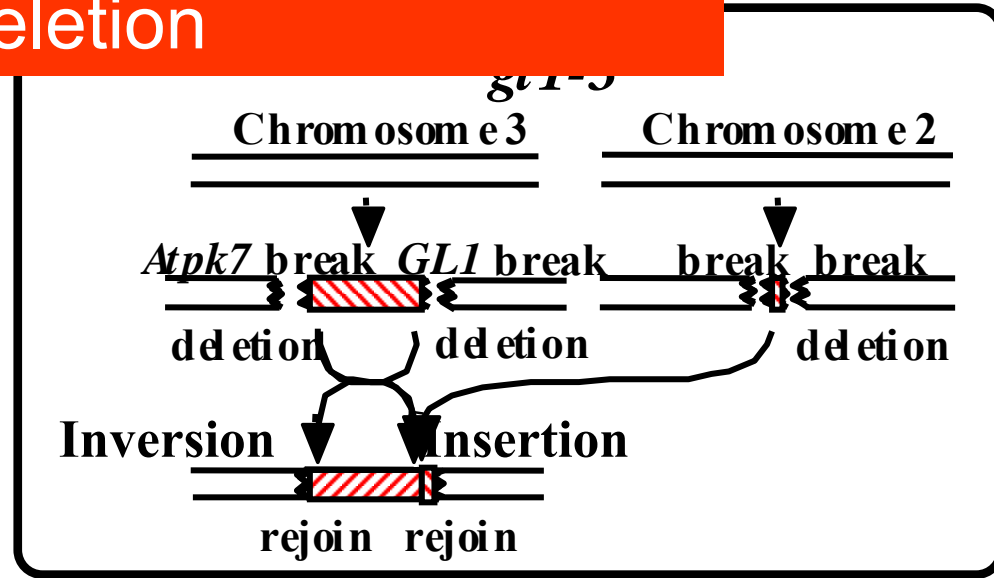
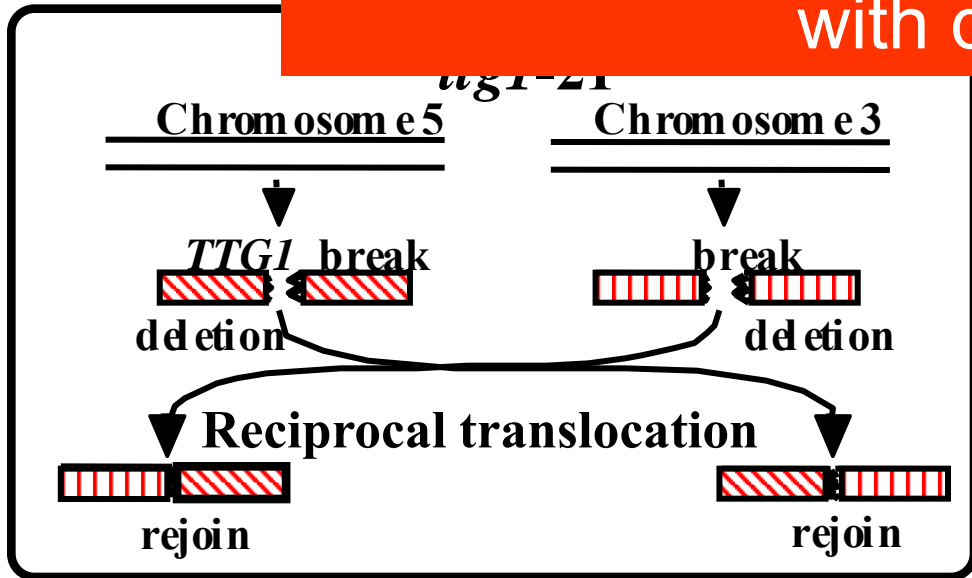
**Carbon ion**  
22 base deletion  
at 344 a.a.



## Large DNA alteration



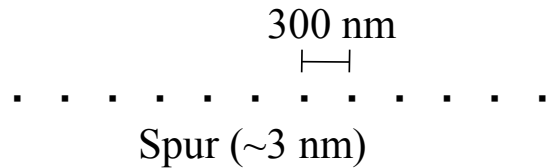
Ion beams induce large DNA alteration with deletion



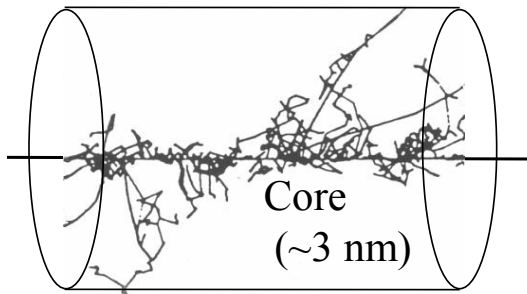
# Effect of ion beams for mutation induction

## Energy deposition

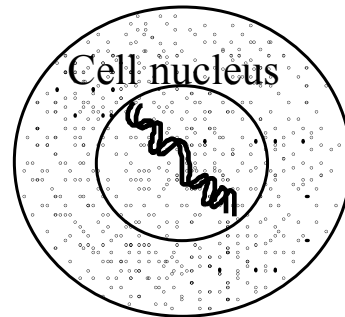
Gamma rays



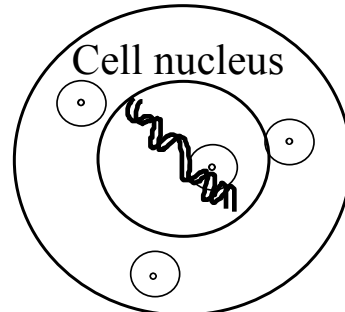
Ion beams



## Irradiation to cell

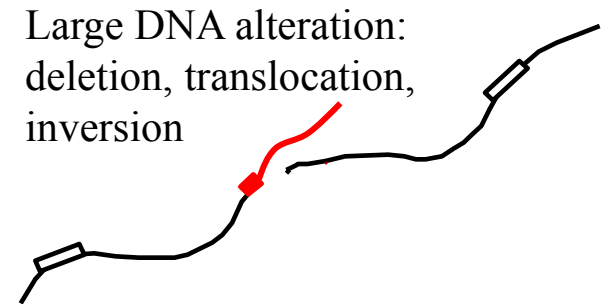
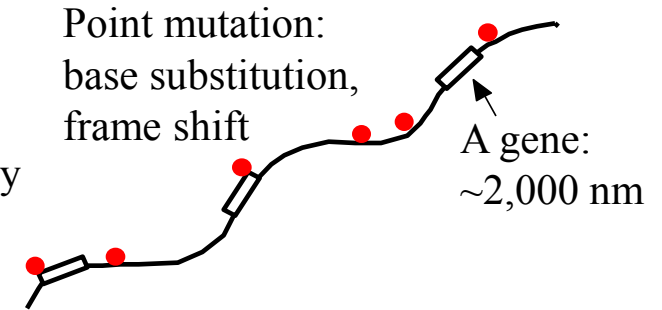


Gamma rays:  
2,000 spurs/Gy



Carbon ions:  
4 tracks/Gy

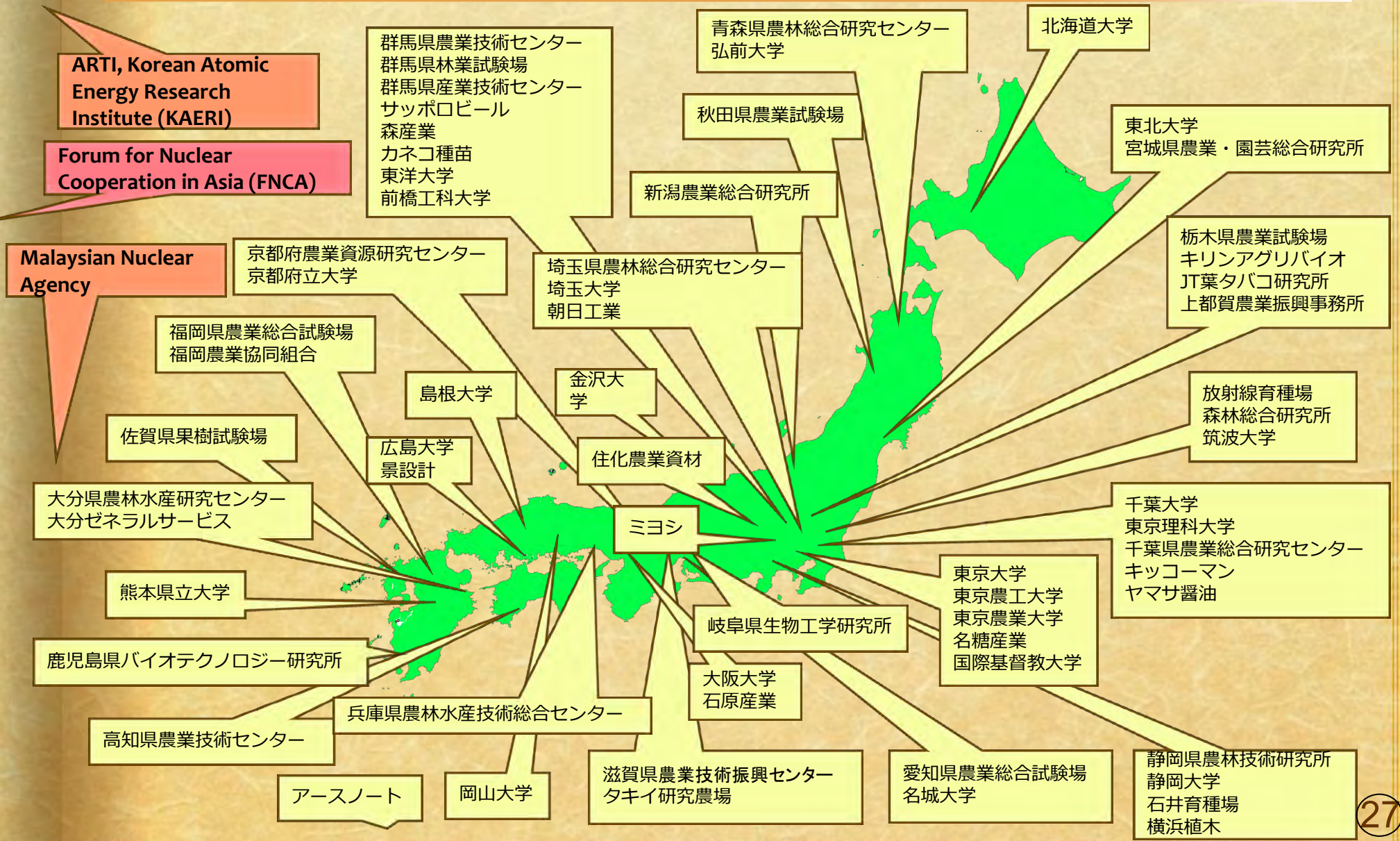
## Mutation



## Ion-beam induced mutation for plant breeding

1. High mutation rate : Small samples & spaces for screening
2. Broad mutation spectrum : Producing new varieties and mutants
3. Minimum No. of DNA damage : Pinpoint-breeding without bad characters

# TIARA Users for Ion Beam Breeding in Japan



# Malaysia: gamma-rays, ion beams

**D. jayakarta**

Original Variety



Mutant (Gamma-ray)



2 mutant lines resistant to thrips

**D. mirbellianum**

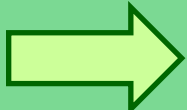
Original Variety



Mutant (Ion-beam)

1 mutant line resistant to both mites and thrips

technology transferred to commercial laboratory at Nuclear Malaysia



**Economic Effect:**  
USD 160,000/year (2014-) (28)



Original var. *Khang dan*



28 Sep. 2010



Lodging-resistant mutant (Gamma-rays)



Lodging-resistant mutant (Ion beams)

High yielding

# Bangladesh

A photograph of a rice field showing the original variety, BRRI dhan29. The rice plants are heavily lodged (fallen over) and appear stressed. A green sign in the foreground reads "R2 BRRI dhan 29".

**Original variety  
(BRRI dhan29)**

A photograph of a rice field showing a lodging-resistant mutant line. The rice plants are standing upright and appear healthy. A green sign in the foreground reads "R2 RM(1)-200(C)-1-10".

**Lodging-resistant  
mutant line**

**Salt tolerance & High yielding**