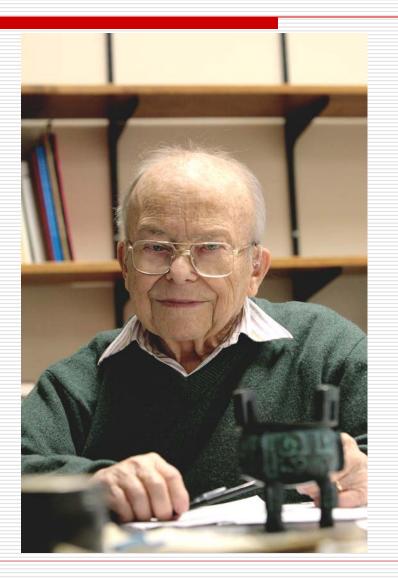
# Wolfgang K. H. Panofsky



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# Wolfgang K. H. Panofsky 1919 - 2007

A legendary scientist who devoted his life to

Research - as director of SLAC

Science policy – as advisor to the U.S. and foreign governments and academies
Peace – as an expert on arms control

### Preamble

- Soon after I had accepted the invitation to give a seminar on Wolfgang K. H. Panofsky I realized that it would be close to impossible to adequately cover the life and achievements of this remarkable human being in 50 minutes.
- I hope that you will forgive me for many omissions and a few small inaccuracies that will undoubtedly, but unintentionally, slip into this presentation
- Today's seminar is based in parts
  - On Panofsky's autobiography, published in 2007,
  - On scientific publications and government documents,
  - On presentations at various events celebrating the life of this truly remarkable man, in particular the Pief Fest in honor of his 70th birthday in 1988,
  - On personal memories, both mine and those of my late husband, Karl L. Brown, who was Panofsky's first graduate student and also his colleagues of 50 years at Stanford.

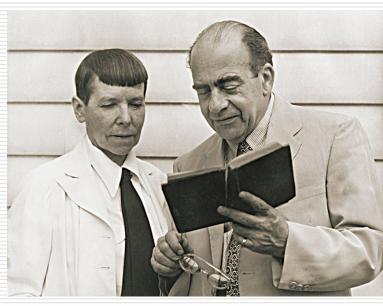
# Wolfgang K. H. Panofsky

- □ 1919 1934 Childhood in Germany
- 1934 1938 Princeton BSc
- □ 1938 1942 Caltech PhD
- 1943 1945 Consultant, Manhattan Project
- 1945 1951 UC Berkeley Radiation Laboratory
- □ 1951 1963 HEPL, Stanford University
- 1963 1984 Director of SLAC
  - Construction of SLAC
  - Science of e<sup>±</sup>p and e<sup>-</sup>e<sup>+</sup> Interactions
- 1984 2007 SLAC Director Emeritus
- 1958 2007 International Science Policy and Arms Control Negotiations

### Family and Childhood in Germany

Born April 24. 1919 in Berlin, the second son of two students of art: Father: Erwin,

- Son of a business man from Hannover
- One of the most prominent art historians, specializing in Renaissance paintings and iconology
- Author of many books: Life and Art of Albrecht Dürer (1943) Studies in Iconology (1939)



#### Mother: Dorothea,

- Daughter of Albert Mosse, a famous jurist, who assisted in the writing of the first Japanese constitution,
- Family also owned publishing house and a daily newspaper in Berlin

### Family and Childhood in Germany

#### 1920-34 - Early years in Hamburg (Alte Rabenstrasse)

- At 10 years of age, he entered the Johanneaum, Classical Gymnasium. No science or modern languages
- Travel, extensive visits to art galleries and museums – enough to last for the rest of the boys' lives!
- Scholarly home, music, books, company of prominent academics
- Brothers showed early interest in science, Märklin trains and erector set, etc.

Their parents referred to them as "Plumbers"



## Princeton University, 1934 - 38

- In 1933 Erwin Panofsky was dismissed from his faculty position at Hamburg University. He accepted a dual teaching position in NYU and Princeton. The family moved to Princeton, where in 1935 he became member of the IAS (first from the School of Humanities).
- Family was given free housing and tuition for their sons.

The boys got acquainted with American life, played basketball, learned to drive, summer trip to California in their first car!

- Wolfgang (Piefke, 15) and Hans (Paffke, 16) entered Princeton, focusing on courses in mathematics, science and Latin.
- Pief graduated with highest honors, was voted "Most Brilliant" of his class, selected to present the graduation speech in Latin.
- □ Acquaintance of A. Wheeler, W. Pauli and A. Einstein

Since his parents did not drive Pief often chauffeured them and their neighbor A. Einstein.

## Graduate Studies at Caltech, 1938-42

- Accepting invitation by R.A. Millikan, president of Caltech, in 1938, Pief arrived in Pasadena by boat from East Coast!
- Courses by Smythe (E&M), Zwicky(Mech), Millikan (Atomic), Lauritsen (Nuclear), Tolman(Stat. Mech), Pauling (QM).
- □ Fellow students: C. Towns (laser, Nobel Price), V. Hughes
- Thesis Advisor: Jesse Dumond Expert on x-rays
  - Thesis topic: Measurement of endpoint of x-ray spectrum produced in the bombardment of 20 keV electrons to determine h/e, ratio of Planck constant to charge of electron.
  - Very limited private funding, equipment was designed and built by Professor Dumond and students: x-ray tube, precision voltage divider, bent crystal spectrometer.
  - Panofsky taught undergraduates, as well as military officers and engineers, even though as German citizen he was subjected to strict nightly curfew and 5m travel restriction!

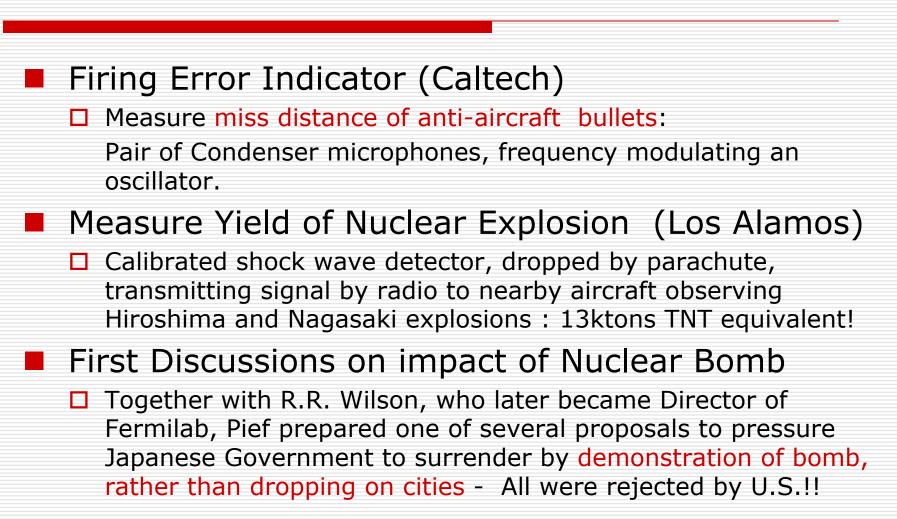
### Marriage to Adele DuMond

#### 1942 was a special year

- PhD from Caltech
- US citizenship, following appeals by Caltech president
- First job National Defense, teaching evening classes to military personnel and doing classified research
- Marriage to Adele DuMond, daughter of his advisor
- The following year, twins were born. The first of five children



#### War Work at Caltech 1942-45



#### Shock Wave Sensor Dropped over Hiroshima



#### Display: Hiroshima Peace Museum

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## U.C. Berkeley Rad. Lab. 1945-51

#### The 32 MeV Proton Linac

- First experience in Accelerator design with Alvarez et al.
  - Detailed beam dynamics calculations
  - Design of RF cavity of increasing length to adjust to velocity
    - insert drift tubes
    - now standard for all proton accel.
- Design of gigantic, material-testing accelerator (MTA) - never built!

To be used as intense neutron source for making tritium for nuclear weapons!!

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No evidence for D wave contributions contrary to predictions



Luis Alvarez, Pief Panofsky (1946)

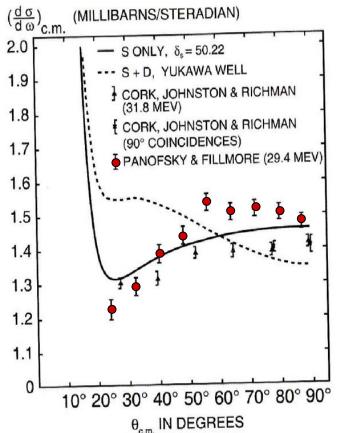
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#### Panofsky and Fillmore, PR 79, 69

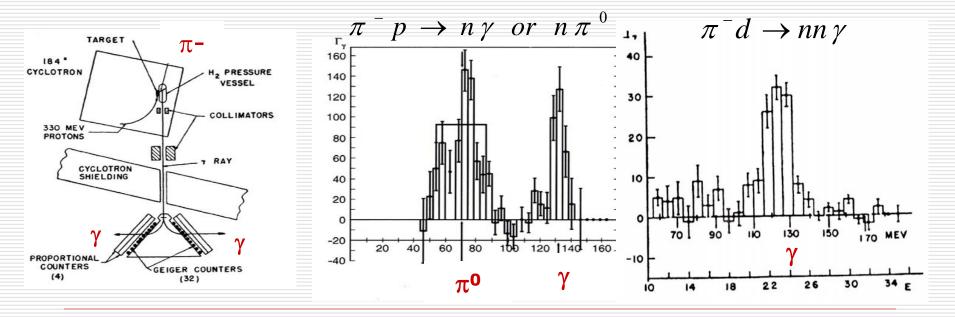


#### U.C. Berkeley Rad. Lab 1945-51

Panofsky, Aamodt, Hadly, PR81, 565

#### **Study of** $\pi^0$ at LBL Cyclotron using pair spectrometer:

- $\pi p \rightarrow n \gamma$  : Measurement of  $\pi^-$  mass
- $\pi p \rightarrow n \pi^0$ : Confirm existence of  $\pi^{0}$ ,  $m_{\pi^-} > m_{\pi^0}$
- $\pi$ -d  $\rightarrow$  n n ( $\gamma$ ), No evidence for  $\pi$ -d  $\rightarrow$  nn  $\pi^0$ : Parity: J<sup>P</sup>=0<sup>-</sup>



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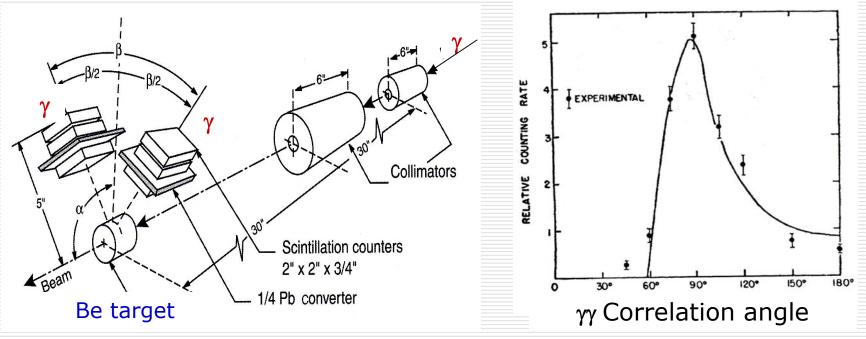
Panofsky, Steinberger, Steller, PR78, 804

**Study of**  $\pi^0$  at 300 MeV Electron Synchrotron (Ed McMillan)

 $\gamma \text{ Be} \rightarrow X \gamma \gamma$  : Establish  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  decay

Measurement of  $\pi^0$  mass

Confirmation of  $J^P = 0^-$ 



### Promotion to Associate Professor at UCB

Luis Alvarez's recommendation (1948):

- I think it is no exaggeration to say that Panofsky is an amazing person.
- He has the most thorough grasp of basic physics I have ever seen in a man of his years. He works difficult theoretical problems with no apparent effort. At the same time, he is completely at home in the laboratory, and he is one of the best radio engineers I know.
- He had no contact with microwave radio during the war, but he is now giving a lecture course on theoretical and practical aspects of that field. I am with him a good part of the day, and I haven't the slightest idea how he finds the time to learn what he teaches.
  - He not only has the knowledge necessary for a great teacher, but he has the ability to present it clearly and he has the same enthusiasm for teaching that he displays in research.

### U.C. Berkeley Rad. Lab: The Loyalty Oath

- In 1949, under pressure from California Governor, UCB required loyalty oath testifying no link to communists.
- Many, including Panofsky, being used to Security clearance formalities, signed reluctantly, partially because this was not a UC problem, but a nation-wide problem in the postwar era.
- □ Then tenured faculty who did not sign were fired, among them GianCarlo Wick, Geoff Chew; Jack Steinberger (postdoc) left.
- At this point Pief decided to leave, he had several offers, and he chose to go to Stanford, accepting a full professorship.
- □ This decision was much to his parents relief !
- □ Luis Alvarez tried to dissuade Pief from leaving, warning him:

"Oh Pief, you'll fade away at Stanford, nothing goes on there! You'll never be able to do any significant research at Stanford".

# To Hell with the oath, We're going to Stanford



Betty Martinelli

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#### Beginnings at Stanford

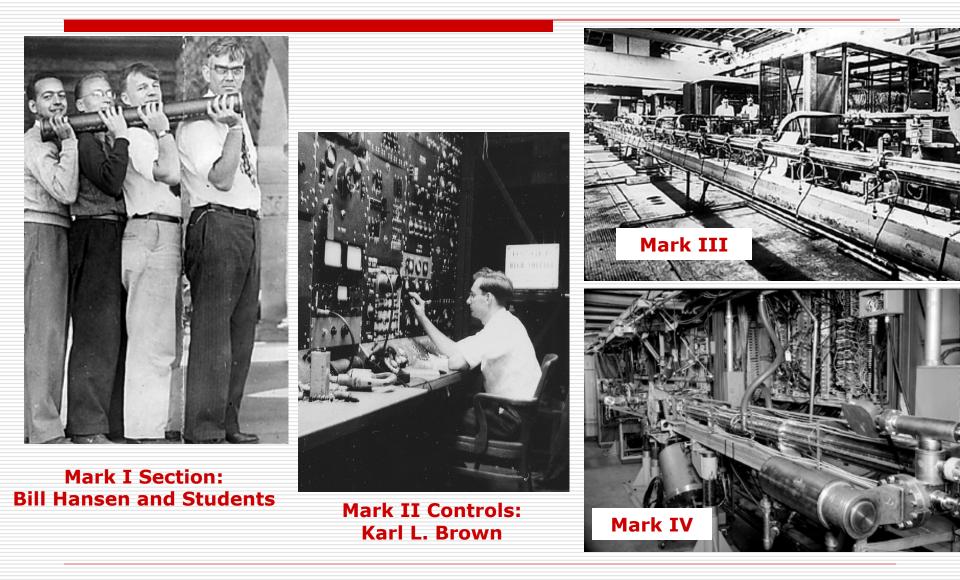
- Invention of the Klystron by Varian Brothers and W.W. Hansen was basis for electron accelerator development at Stanford, but also industrial development of microwave tubes and radar.
- After WW II, a series of test accelerators were built at Stanford, funded by the Office of Naval Research:

Date Name		Energy		Klystron	Primary
Completion		MeV		ower (MW)	Usage
1947	Mark I	6	3.6	0.9	Acc. tests
1949	Mark II	49	10	20	Nuclear physics
1952	Mark III	900	70	20	Nucleon FF
1955	Mark IV	80	25	2-20	Prototype for M
1955	Med. Acc.	5	2	1	x-ray Cancer Therapy

#### □ Many successful experiments,

- nucleon structure by Hofstaedter
- Electro-production of pions, baryon resonances by Panofsky
- muon pair production
- QED tests using e-e- storage rings (O'Neill and Richter)

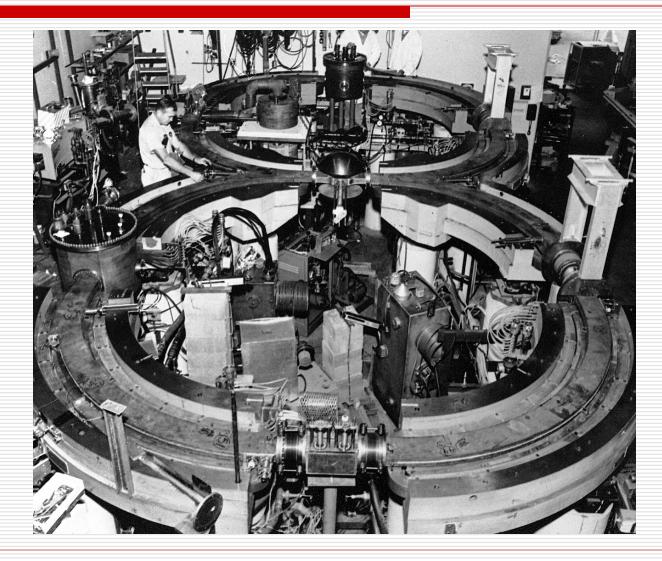
#### Early Accelerators at Stanford



#### First e- e- Storage Rings at Stanford

- In 1958, Gerard K. O'Neill of Princeton proposed to use the Mark III as an injector to electron storage rings.
- O'Neill recognized that stacking of e- bunches into a ring is aided by synchrotron radiation, damping oscillations of bunches that were injected off-axis.
- O'Neill was joined by Burt Richter, Bernie Gittelman, and W.Carl Barber, and a small group of engineers and technicians. They wrote a proposal, and within a year Pief raised \$800,000 from the ONR (Office of Naval Research) to fund the project.
- Much what we know about storage rings was learned on this machine: resonances, beam-beam interactions, synchrotron light, desorption of gas from the metal walls, etc.
- In 1963, first measurements, testing QED predictions of e-e- scattering, and searching for lepton number violation.
- This machine still holds the record with a single bunch current of 600mA.

#### First e- e- Storage Rings at Stanford



# Planning for SLAC – Project M

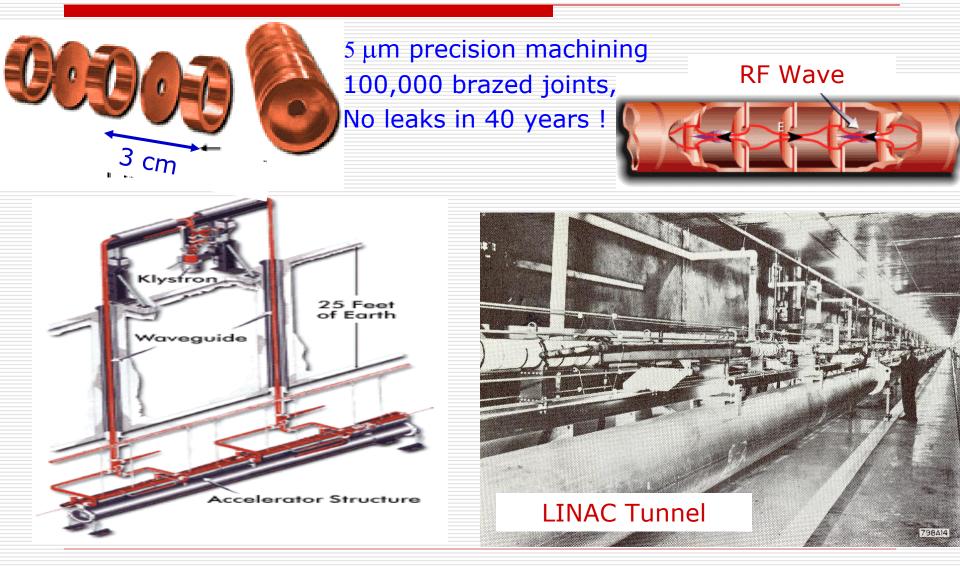
- During his first years at Stanford, working at the Mark III, Pief attracted a number of excellent students, engineers and technicians, many of whom had served in WWII.
- In 1955/6, at evening meetings in his home ideas emerged for the design of a very large machine, referred to as Project M or the Monster!!
- The physics goals were rather vague,
  - Tests of QED, nucleon form factors
  - Electro-production of hadrons
  - Resonance formation, N\*
- In 1957, the proposal (64 pages long!) was submitted to Atomic Energy Commission, cost in today's currency ~ 1,000M\$



## Building of the Monster - SLAC

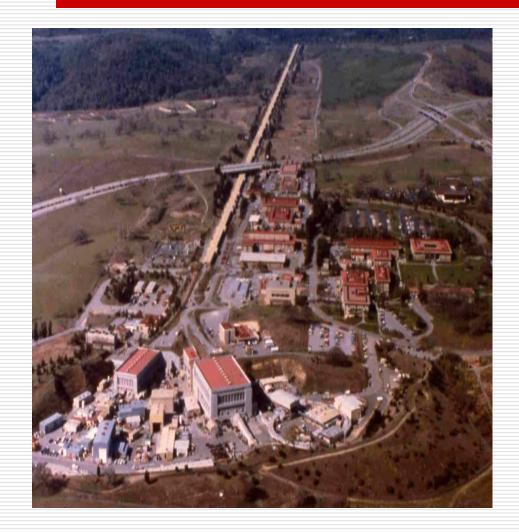
Technical design largely based on Mark III, major extrapolations 20 GeV, 30x100m long sections, disc loaded wave guide 240 Klystrons, 24 MW each, 2856 MHz, very high peak power A national facility – External Advisory Committee: PAC Two experimental areas – sharing beams Endstation A: primary e- bean: p/n scattering, beam/target polarization Endstation B: secondary beams:  $\gamma$ ,  $\pi$  K, Total cost 114M\$, incl. 18M\$ for prototyping/preconstruction Construction: 1962 – 1966 July 1962 Start Construction Dec. 1965 Accelerator Complete May 21,66 First 10 GeV delivered, June 1: 18.4 GeV Jan 1967 Stable beams to experiment, Full program underway SLAC was completed on budget and schedule, model for future **HEP** projects SLAC, a new National Lab. was established under Panofsky 1000 Employees, >300 scientists and engineers

#### SLAC Accelerator Components

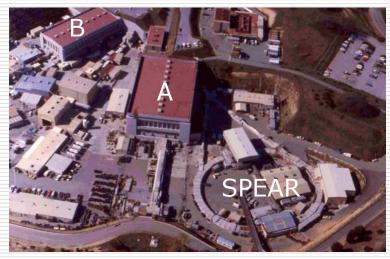


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#### **SLAC - Experimental Areas**

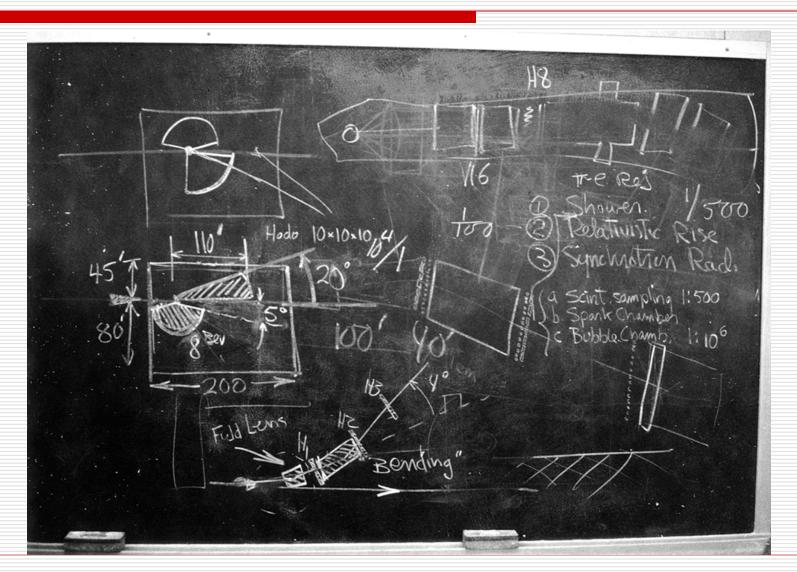


Two experimental areas – sharing beam time Endstation A: e± p/n scattering, beam/target polarization Endstation B: secondary beams: γ, π K,

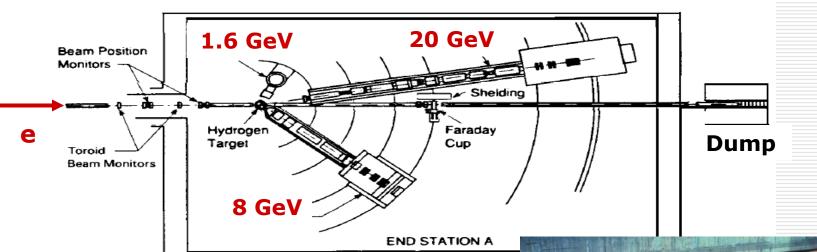


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### Design of the ESA Spectrometers



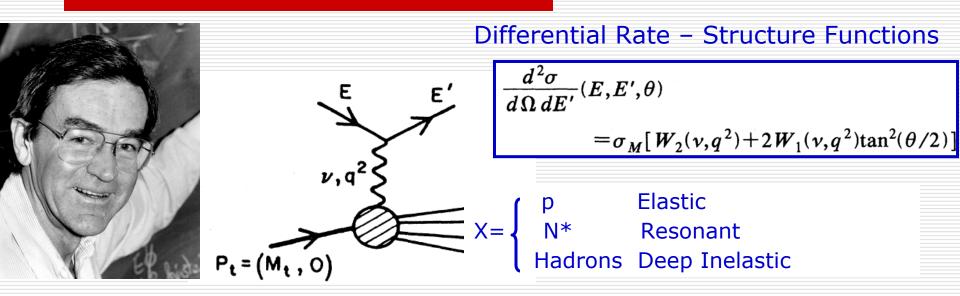
### SLAC Physics Program: Endstation A



- Three Spectrometers, measuring angle and energy of the scattered electron to determine what happened to the proton!
- Variable angle and momentum settings
- □ Variable beam energies, e<sup>-</sup> and e<sup>+</sup>
- Polarization of e- beam and target



#### SLAC Physics Program: Electron Scattering



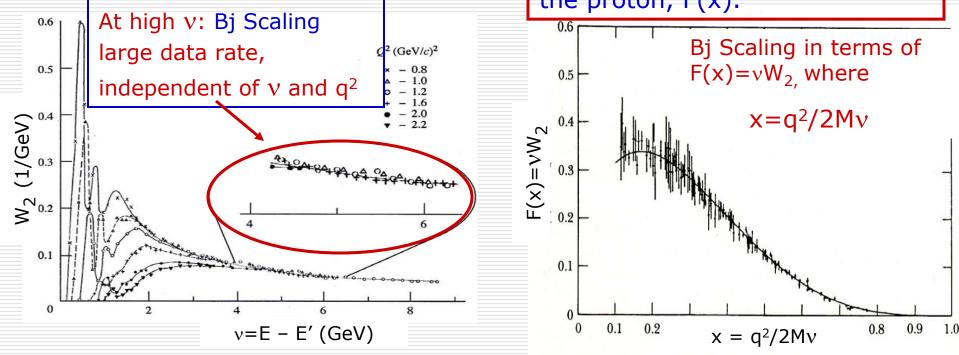
In 1966, James Bjorken wondered what might happen to the proton if it was hit hard at the higher SLAC energies, deep inelastic processes? Would history repeat itself, and reveal structure of the proton?

Based on current algebra, he conjectured if there were hard kernels inside, then for large v and  $q^2$ ,  $W_1$  and  $vW_2$  would become functions of only the ratio  $Mv/q^2$ , they would be independent of the energy "Scale".

Bj presented this at LP67, few people paid attention! Some laughed!

### SLAC Physics Program: Electron Scattering

At ICHEP68 in Vienna SLAC's 1<sup>st</sup> results were presented by Panofsky – the audience did not understand the implications! In 1968, R. Feynman confirmed Bjorken's prediction of scaling! He explained that the data revealed the momentum distribution of "partons" inside the proton, F(x).



### Endstation A: Electro-Weak Interference

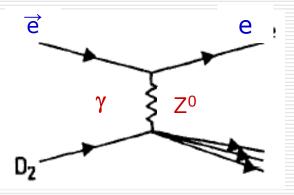
- In 1978, Charles Prescott led a team to search for parity violation in the scattering of polarized e- off Deuterium:
- Longitudinal polarization P=37±2%
- To gain statistics, integration over multiple electrons/pulse, with randomly chosen helicity settings, pulse by pulse!
- Measured Asymmetry

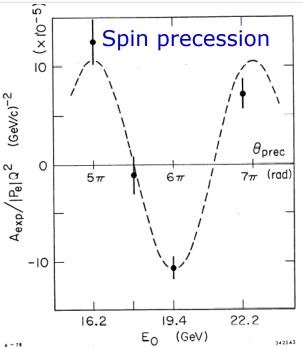
$$A_{\rm exp} = \left( \left\langle Y_{+} \right\rangle - \left\langle Y_{-} \right\rangle \right) / \left( \left\langle Y_{+} \right\rangle + \left\langle Y_{-} \right\rangle \right)$$

$$A/Q^2 = (-9.5 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-5} (GeV/c)^{-2}$$

This translates to

$$\sin^2 \theta_{\rm W} = 0.215 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.005$$





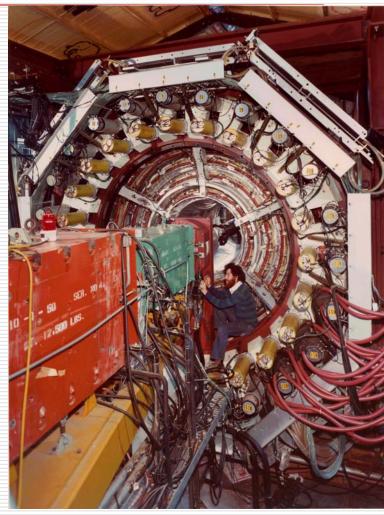
### SPEAR – e+e- Storage Ring 2.4 – 7.4 GeV

In 1964, a proposal was prepared by B. Richter's group , but was never approved!!

Still, construction started in 1970, in parking lot, concrete block housing! .

First beams in April 1972!

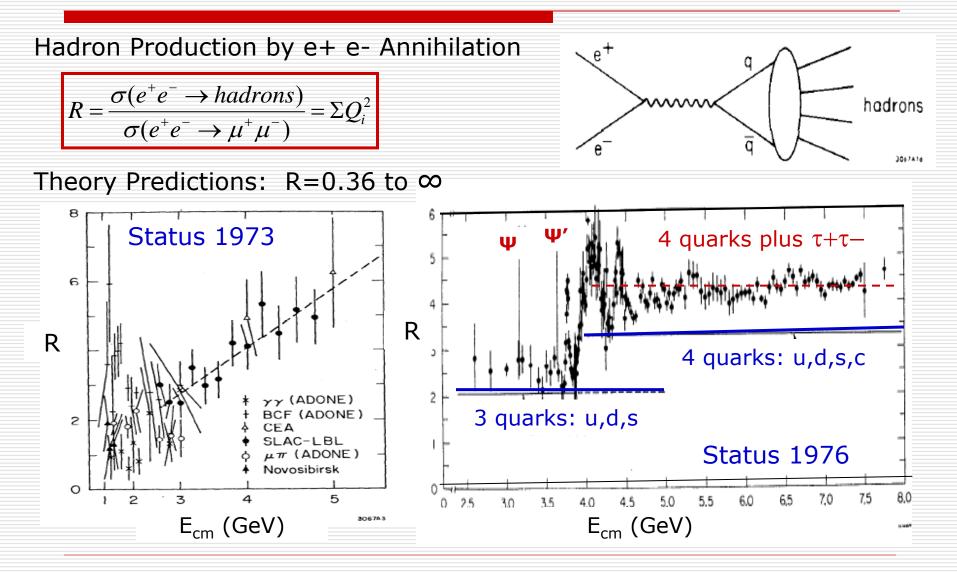




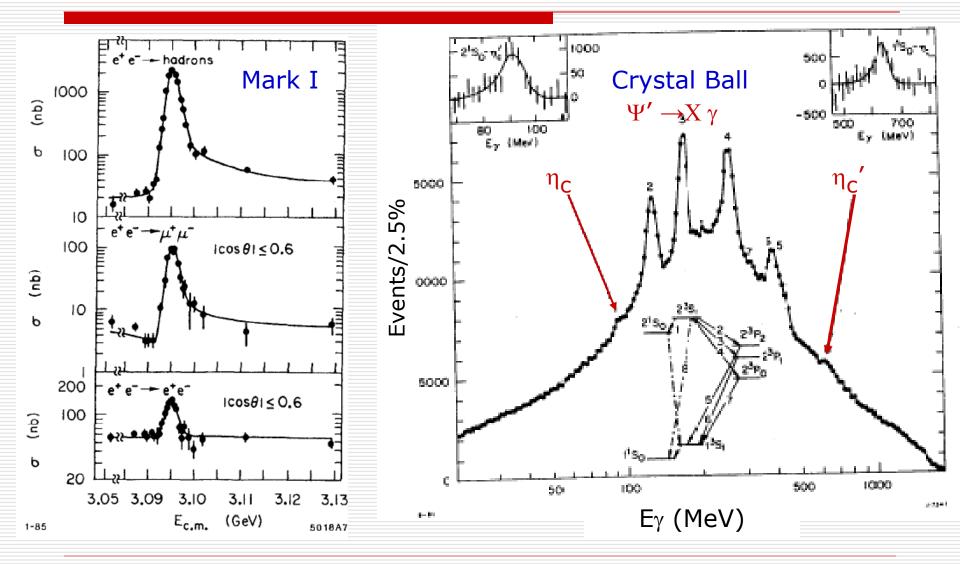
Mark I Detector

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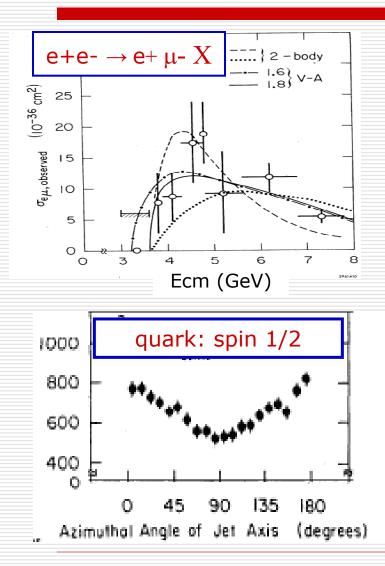
### Results from SPEAR: Hadron Production



### Results from SPEAR: Charmonium



### Results from SPEAR: Mark I Detector



- 1974: Discovery of Narrow resonances  $\Psi$  (3100) and  $\Psi$ (3700)
- 1975: M. Perl: Evidence for  $\tau$  lepton
- 1975: Jet structure of qq events Evidence of spin ½ quarks
- 1976: G. Goldhaber et al.: Charm Mesons: D<sup>0</sup>, D<sup>+</sup>, and Ds<sup>+</sup>
- 1977: Mark I and Crystal Ball Charmonium Spectroscopy

Probably the most successful experiment: A novel detector at a novel machine!

Results confirmed by DORIS exp.

## **Overview of SLAC Experiments**

1967 LINAC Spectrometers 1974 SPEAR Mark I

1977 SPEAR SSRL

1978 LINAC Pol. Beams

1980 PEP 4 Detectors

1989 SLC Mark II, SLD

1999 LINAC Pol. Beam/target

1999 PEP II BABAR

2009 LINAC LCLS

2019 PEP III

Nucleon Structure

Charmonium, D Mesons,  $\tau$  lepton

R, jets, Quark Spin 1/2

Protein Structure

E-W Interference

B and  $\tau$  lifetimes, gluons

Z<sup>0</sup> properties, E-W Interactions

Nucleon spin structure

CP Violation, B, D,  $\tau$  decays

Free electron laser: x-rays

x-rays

## International Collaboration - Europe

From the beginning, there were frequent visits by scientists from around the world.

Many of the prime movers at laboratories building electron or synchrotron facilities have spent time at Stanford or SLAC, and SLAC physicists have worked at labs in Europe, primarily

- DESY and Bonn in Germany
- LAL in Orsay in France
- ✤ Adone at Frascati in Italy
- CERN and PSI in Switzerland
- BES in P.r. China
- KEK Japan

International cooperation remained very important for life at SLAC.

Most recently BABAR benefitted tremendously from a large international collaboration.



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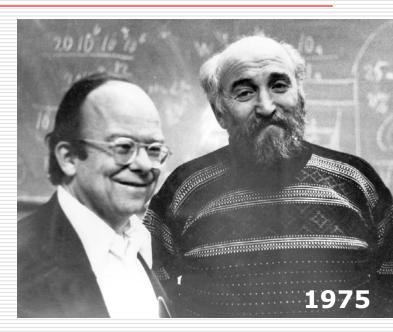
# Panofsky and Germany

- Vaterstadt Hamburg
- Long time interactions with DESY's leadership
  - W. Jentschke, B. Wiik, V. Soergel,...
- Friendly competition with scientists at DESY
  - ep/ee and Photon science
- US-German Cooperation on Elimination of Plutonium
  Universität Hamburg
  - Dr. h.c. 1984
  - Ehren-Senator 2007



# Collaboration with Novosibirsk

- First contacts with Russian scientists began in 1956
- From their first encounter Pief was most impressed by the pioneering work by Gersch Budker and his colleagues, who later established the INP in Novosibirsk...
- regular visits/ interactions followed



- In 1973 Panofsky, Richter, and Budker, Siderov, Skrinsky prepared a joint proposal for the construction of a 15GeV/beam storage ring, a collaborative effort w/o transfer of funds. It was rejected by USSR Academy..
- Close collaboration and exchange with Russian scientists continues today, but nothing as ambitious and intense as in 1970s.

## Collaboration with the P.R. China

- In 1973 China considered the construction of the 50 GeV proton synchrotron at a new laboratory near the Ming Tombs.
- □ In 1976, Pief visited Beijing (full VIP tour) and suggested that a e+e- collider, as a project with dual purpose, HEP and S.R.
- In 1979, the US-China Agreement on Science and Technology was signed. It still is operational today!
- 30 scientist/engineers came to SLAC for the design of BEPC.
- US scientists participated in the physics analysis: τ mass
- BEPC II is now operating, τ/charm factory!
- Pief remained a frequent consultant to the Chinese Academy and Government.



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#### Nuclear Arms Control and Test Ban

- In postwar years, Pief became more and more concerned about the hawkish attitude of some of his colleagues. He supported R. Oppenheimer who favored a "go slow" on the development of the H Bomb.
- His National Security work began with the "Screwdriver Report", supporting R. Oppenheimer's testimony (1946), that – given the shielding and low sensitivity of detectors - the only sure way to detect a shipment of "one cubic inch" of weapons material, was to open the package. A conclusion that still holds today! Threat of Suitcase Bomb!
- Panofsky entered the international scene in 1958, as a member of the Geneva Conference of Experts (US and USSR) to explore technical means of verifying a ban of nuclear bomb tests.
- Pief headed the US team in subsequent working group meetings with Soviet scientists at the U.N. in Geneva to assess details of verification methods. Very protracted discussions, but the base for future negotiations.
- In 1963, the Partial Test Ban Treaty was signed, banning tests in atmosphere, under water, and in space, but not underground!
- It took until 10. Dec. 1996, for the U.N. to approve the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). US President signed, but Congress never ratified!

#### Nuclear Arms Control and Test Ban

- In 1957, following the launch of the Sputnik, President Eisenhower created a Presidential Science Advisory Committee (PSAC),
  - To advise on science and national security directly, without filter by Department of Defense, Atomic Energy Commission, or the Military Industrial Complex (Edward Teller et al.).
- PSAC continued under President Kennedy, 1961-1964 Pief was a member, attending plenary and subcommittee sessions in Washington each month. His primary focus was
  - Ballistic missile defense
  - Cessation of nuclear tests
  - Impact of radiation from nuclear explosion on ballistic missiles or the electronics of ICBM
- PSAC was eliminated by President Nixon over various disagreements:
  - supersonic and nuclear driven air transport
  - ballistic missile defense and nuclear test ban

#### President's Science Advisory Committee



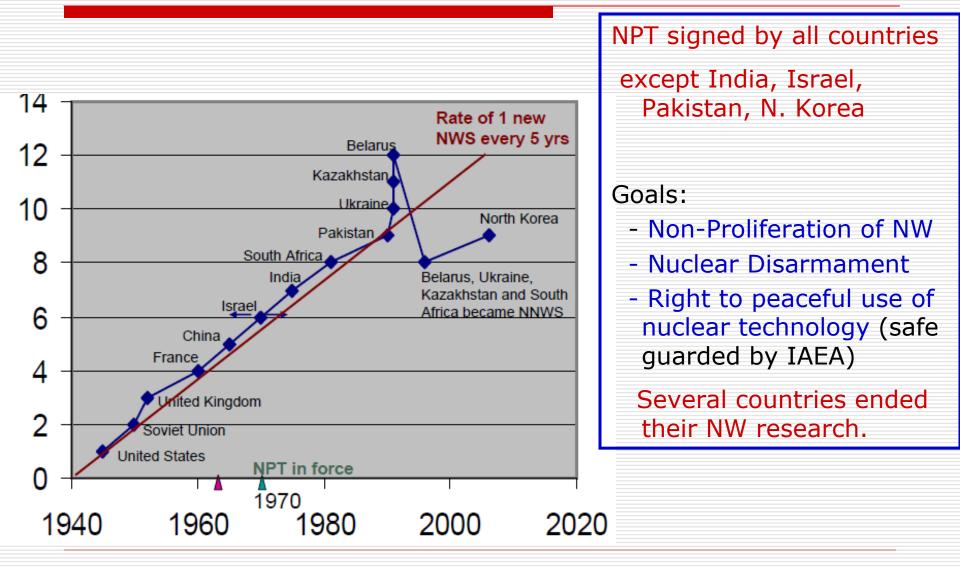
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Seated:

J.B. Disk, G. Kistiakowsky, President D. Eisenhower, J. R. Killian, I.I. Rabi

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## 1970: Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty - NPT



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#### Committee on Int. Security and Arms Control

- □ In 1980 CISAC chartered to support US-USSR Inter-Academy dialogue
- 1982/83: Examen means of defense against nuclear-armed missiles, so-called Directive Energy Space Weapons (DEW).

Conclusion: laser or particle weapons would be ineffective

- Nevertheless, a few weeks later, on the advise of E. Teller, President Reagan announced the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), based on DEW, including nuclear explosions by pumped laser weapons!
- Fortunately, M. Gorbachev after consultation with Soviet scientists, not the military establishment, decided not to duplicate US DEW efforts.
- Pief played a very significant role in CISAC and deserves considerable credit for this development!
- CISAC extended its efforts to other countries, China and Europe.
- CISAC's contacts to Europe led to Amaldi Conferences, a forum to discuss the changes and challenges of the post Cold War Era.

## Beyond the Cold War – NW Buildup and Policy

- During the Cold War, the NW stockpile grew to 70,000 warheads, each with 20x the power of Hiroshima bomb that killed 250,000!
- Today, US and USSR still have >10,000 NW each! The goal is to reduce this to <3000 by 2012, hopefully fewer!</p>
- Doctrine of G.W. Bush administration
  - Deter discourage others from developing and using NW
  - Assure not to retaliate with NW if attacked by Non-NWC
    - protect Non-NWC if attacked by NW
  - Defeat US will respond to or preempt any attack NUTS\* with ICBMs, SLBMs, Strategic Bombers (B52):
    - US might upgrade NW capability
  - N.B. NW are great equalizer, a small number can affect a Super Power!
- Major risk of enormous arsenal of NW
  - Accidental detonation, false alarms, insufficient early warning (USSR)
  - Regional conflicts
  - NW Proliferation terrorist, rogue states knowledge is no longer a barrier
  - Peaceful Nuclear fuel cycle Reactor grade Plutonium is usable in NW

<sup>\*)</sup> Nuclear Use Tqrget Selection

## End of Cold War – from MAD<sup>\*</sup>) to NUTS<sup>\*\*</sup>)

In an article in the April 2007 Edition of "Foreign Affairs", entitled "Nuclear Insecurity" Panofsky concludes:

- The primary mission of nuclear weapons, MAD, is obsolete!
- Now, the only mission of US nuclear weapons is to deter threat and use of such weapons by others.
- The risk to benefit ratio of NW is getting very large. The very large number of US and Russian NW is difficult to safeguard and encourages others to acquire NW.
- The US should take leadership on declaring and promoting a universal "No First Use" policy.
- Ultimately, we must create conditions for a worldwide prohibition of NW. Some minimal evasion will remain.
- This will be a protracted process, but the US has most to gain and must take leadership if we want to create a safer world in the future.

Fortunately the Obama Administrations has adopted this view!

\*) Mutual Assured Destruction

\*\*) Nuclear Use Target Selection

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## Honors

Panofsky was awarded many honors, most notably

- Ernest Orlando Lawrence Memorial Award (1961)
- U.S. National Medal of Science (1969)
- Officier de Legion d'Honneur (1977)
- U.S. DOE's Enrico Fermi Award (1979)
- Ehrensenator, Universität Hamburg (2007)
- 10 Honary degrees

He was elected to many Honor Societies:

- U.S. National Academy of Sciences
- Council on Foreign Relations
- American Physical Society (Fellow and 1974 President)
- American Philosophical Society
- Foreign member of the National academies of China, France, Italy, and Russia
- Innumarable Advisory Committees and Panels, in the US and worldwide



## Memory of Wolfgang K. H. Panofsky



Wolfgang K. H Panofsky was truly a remarkable man!

So diverse and complete were his talents and skills, be they scientific, technical, managerial, or interpersonal, that it is simply impossible to capture his greatness in a few words.

With his passing the world has lost a man of great integrity, of moral and ethical rectitude, a scientist of extraordinary knowledge, vision, and action, a champion of world peace and human rights.

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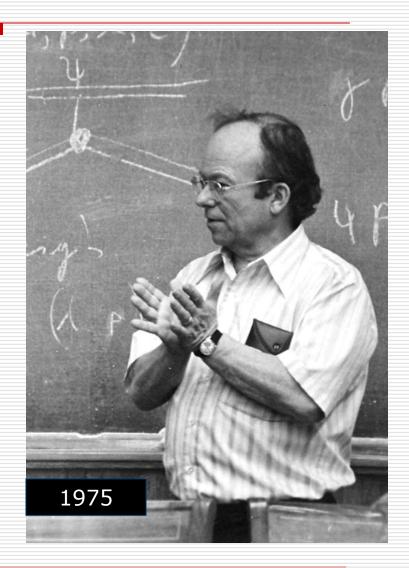
It took only one meeting with Pief to recognize

his exceptional personality, his clarity of thought, the incisiveness of his words.

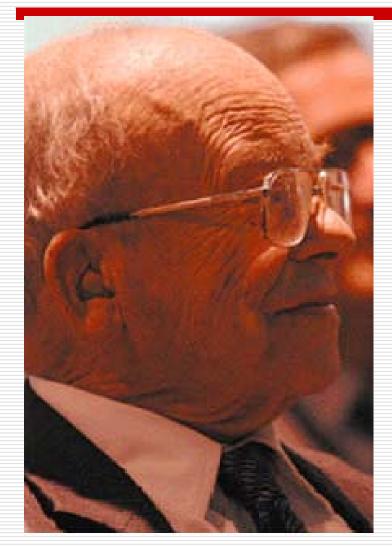
Panofsky was man of great humility and unselfishness.

He was the same caring, nurturing individual, whether he was meeting a

- a student,
- a technician,
- a janitor (whom he knew by name),
- a director or a prominent statesman.



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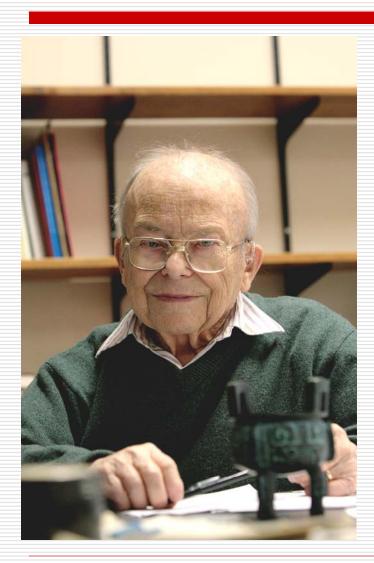


To scientists of my generation Pief set the gold standard, his was a career to emulate – at least in parts.

His legacy of scientific leadership and vision, the wonderful research environment, was a platform from which we all could flourish.

Where would we be, were it not for SLAC, the great laboratory associated with Stanford University!

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Pief remained vibrant, current, involved until his last day

To say that we miss him is a great understatement.

Since the demise of the Soviet Union, Washington's strategic thinking about nuclear weapons has evolved in dangerous and unwise directions.

In January 2002, the Bush administration announced a new nuclear posture, which it reiterated in 2006.

But instead of doing what it claimed it would do -- adapt American nuclear strategy to the realities of the twenty-first century -- the administration has focused on addressing threats that either no longer exist or never required a nuclear response.

Rather than protecting the United States, this posture constitutes a danger to U.S. security.

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