

Chiral symmetry in nuclear medium observed in spectroscopy of pionic atoms + η' -mesic nuclei for $U_A(1)$ anomaly

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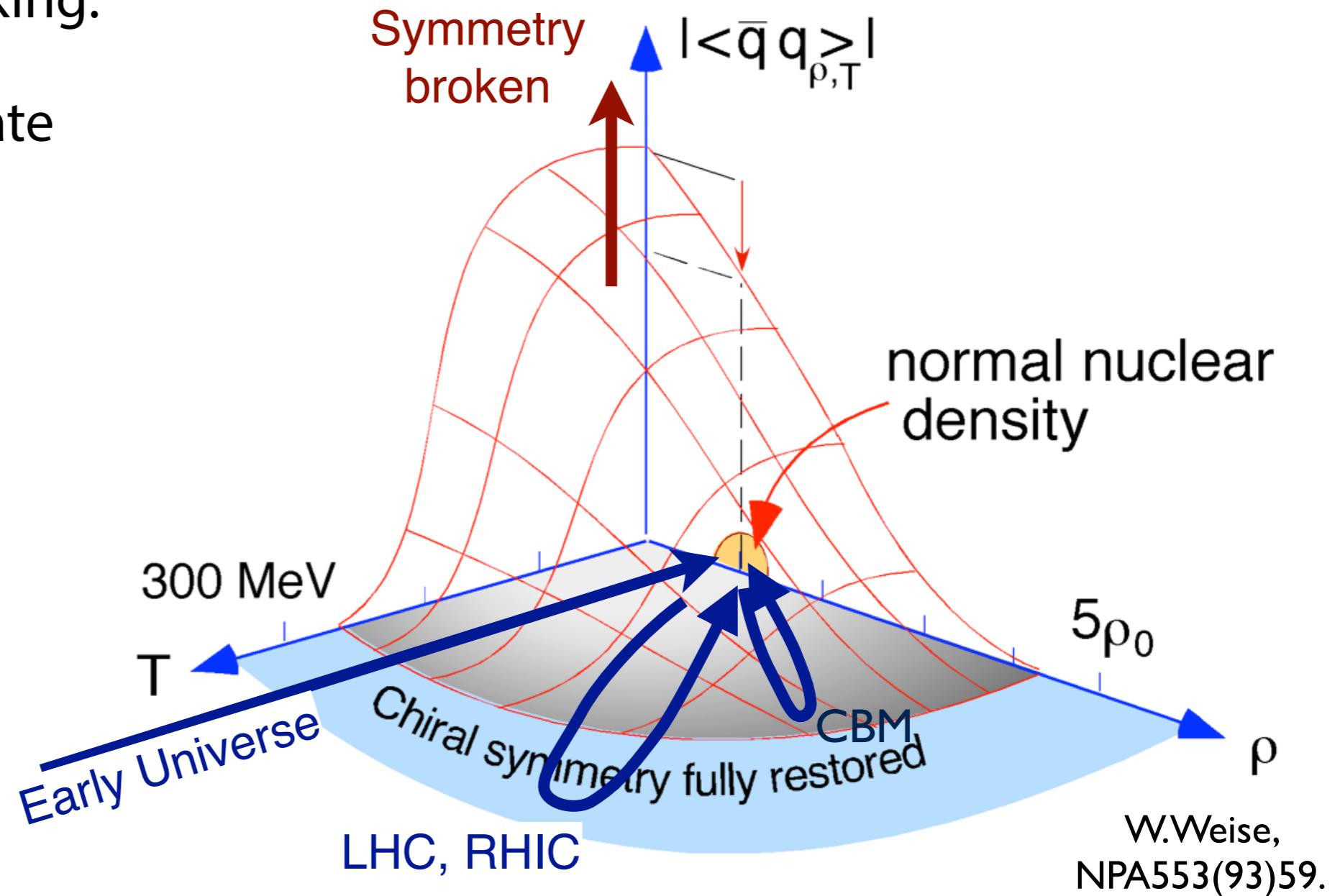
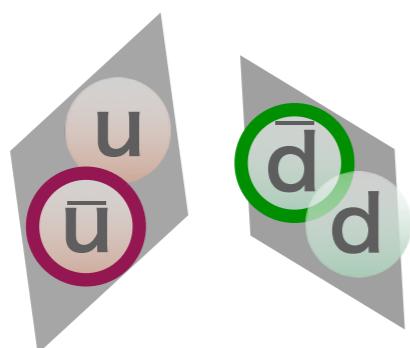
- **Dominant symmetry of the vacuum in low-energy region.**
- **Spontaneous breakdown due to non-perturbative strong interaction.**
- **Non-trivial structure of the QCD vacuum.**

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Chiral condensate, order parameter of chiral symmetry

One of order parameters of
x-symmetry breaking:

Chiral condensate

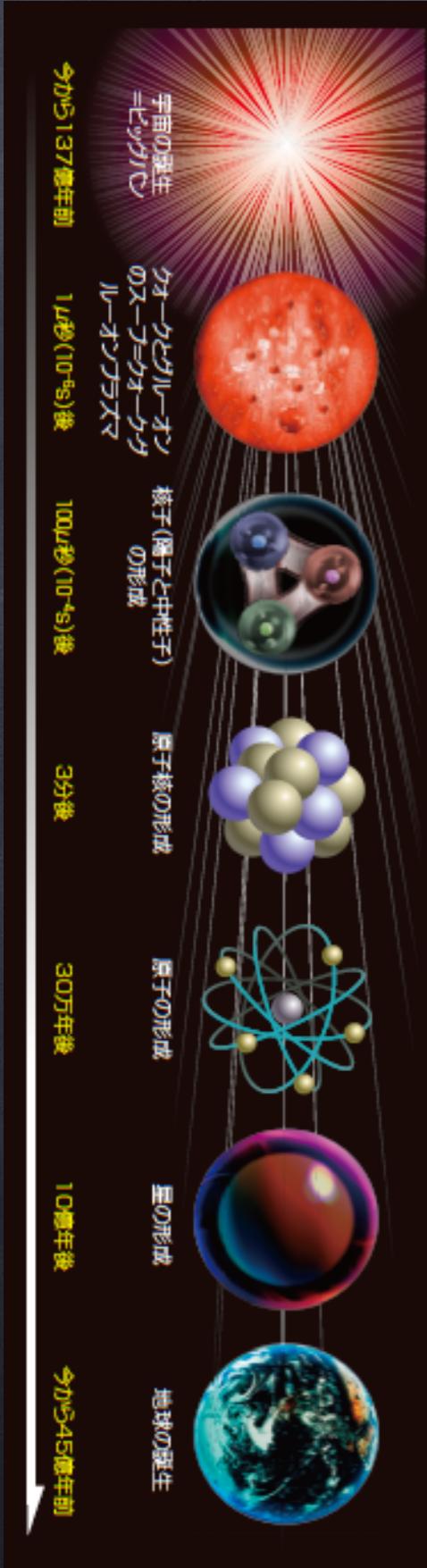
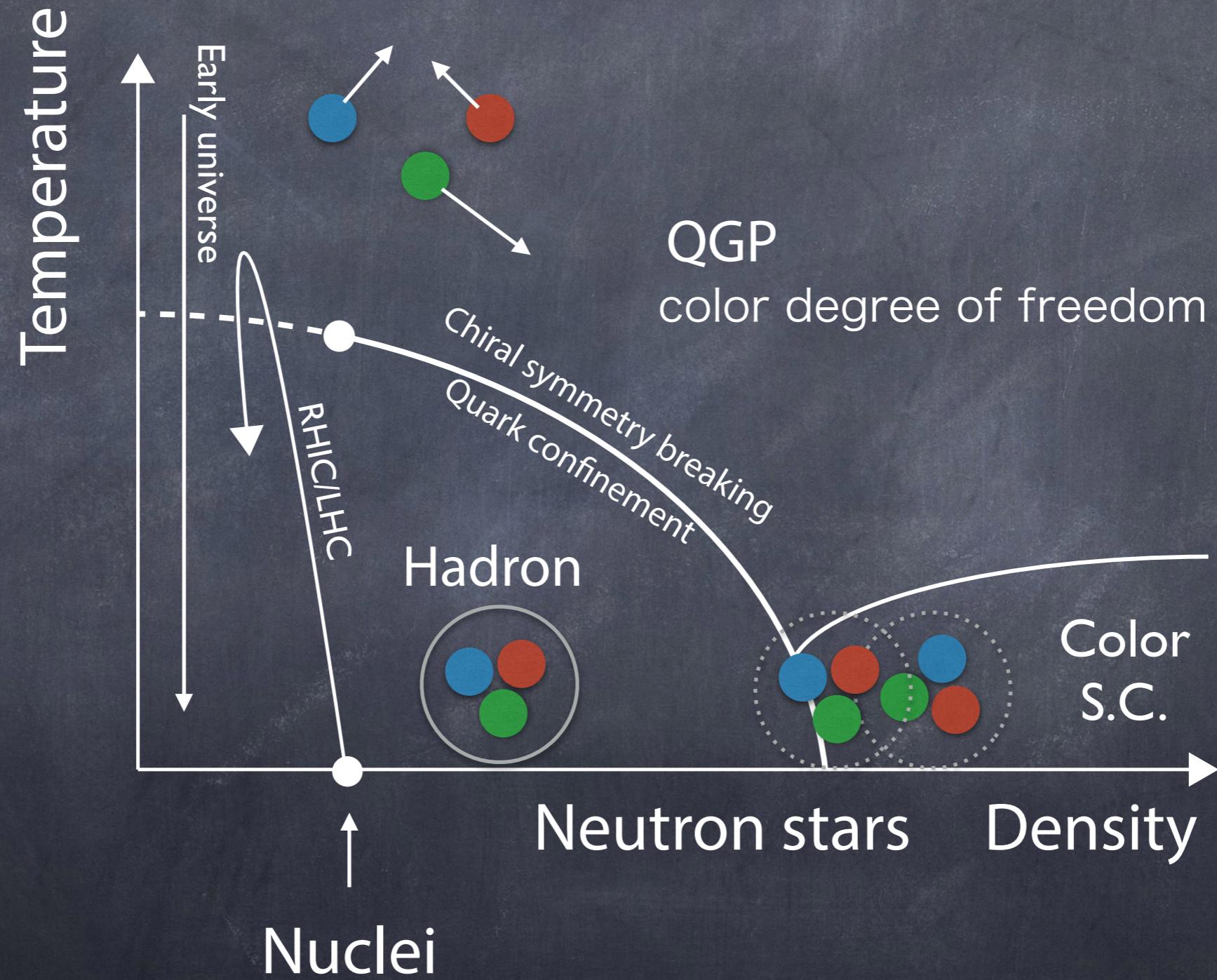


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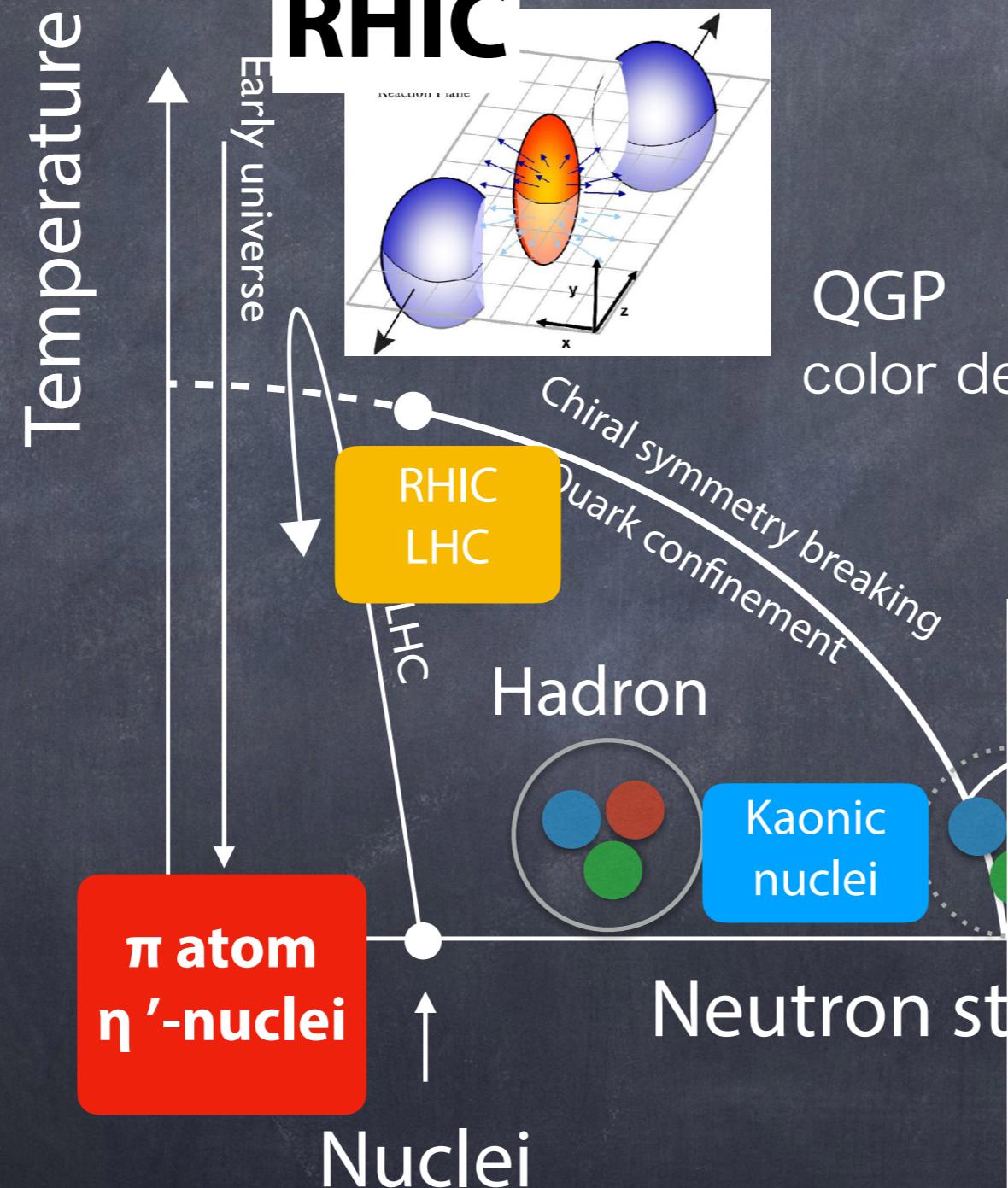
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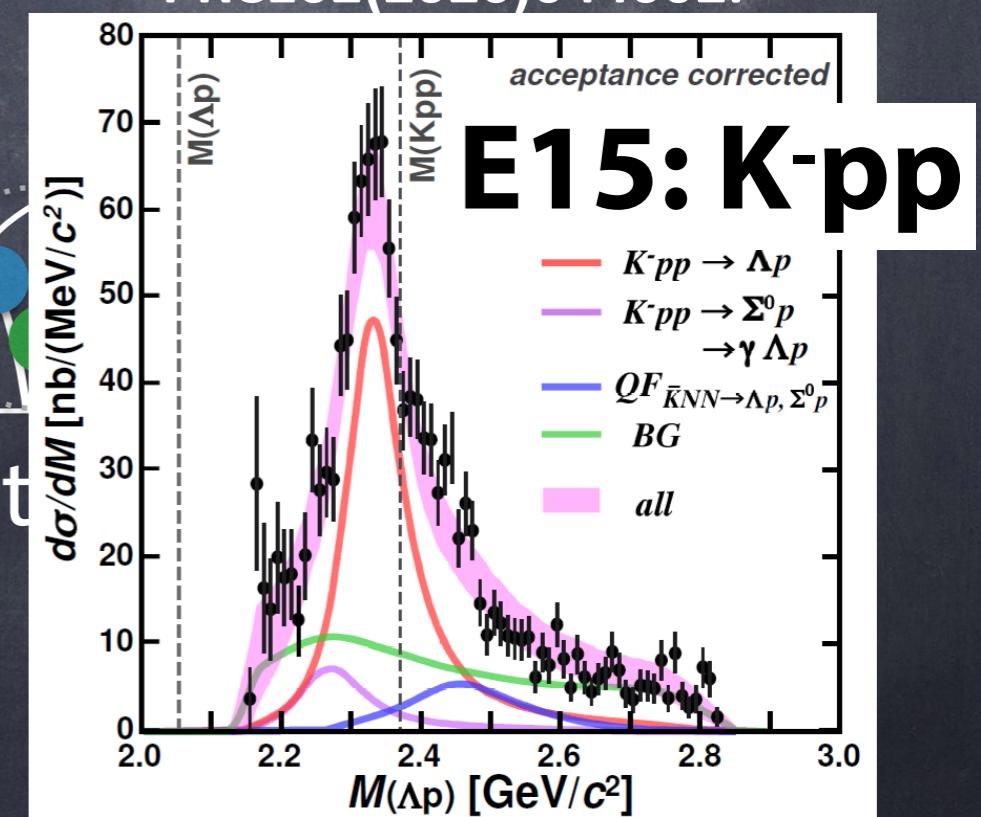
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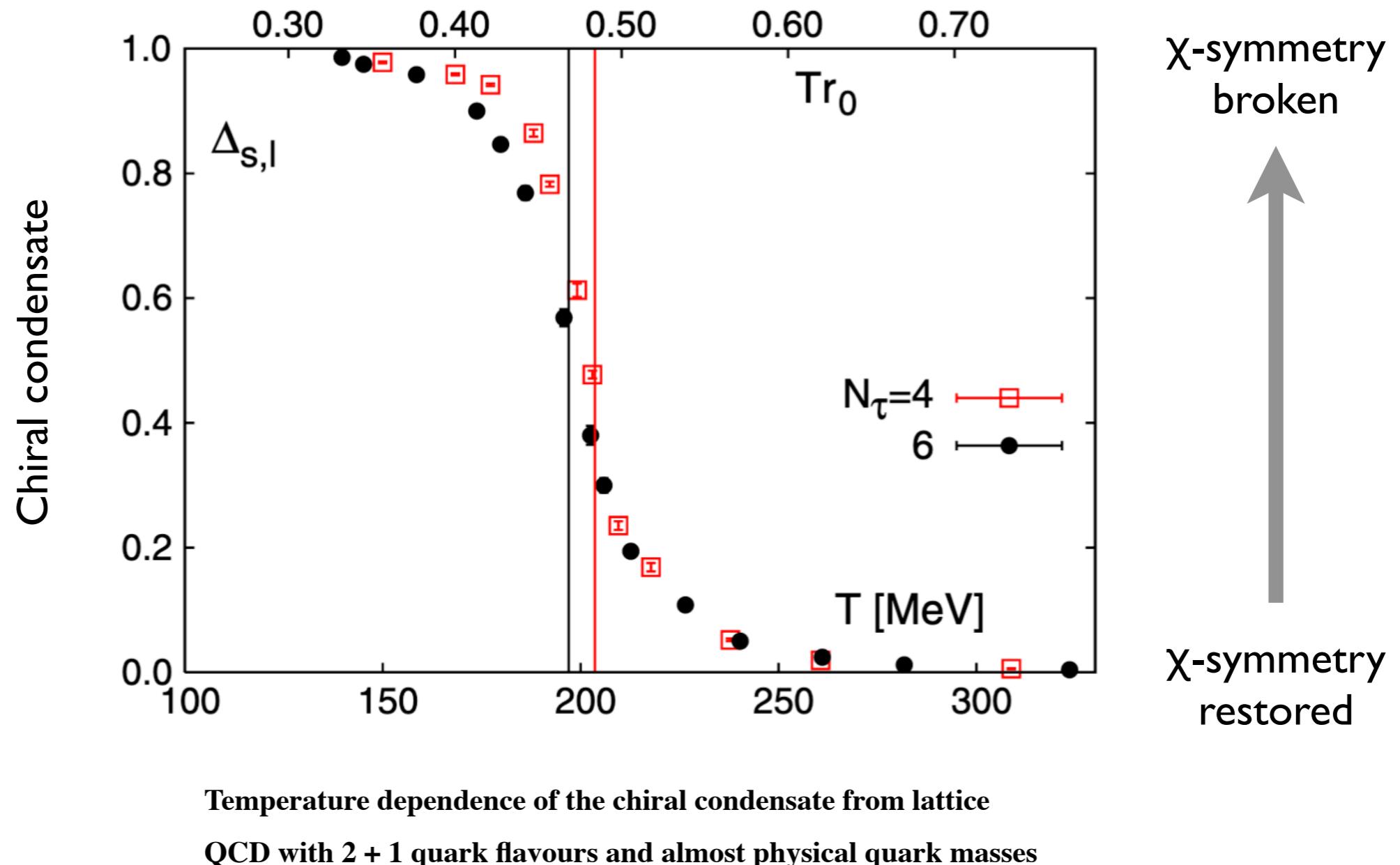


QGP
color degree of freedom

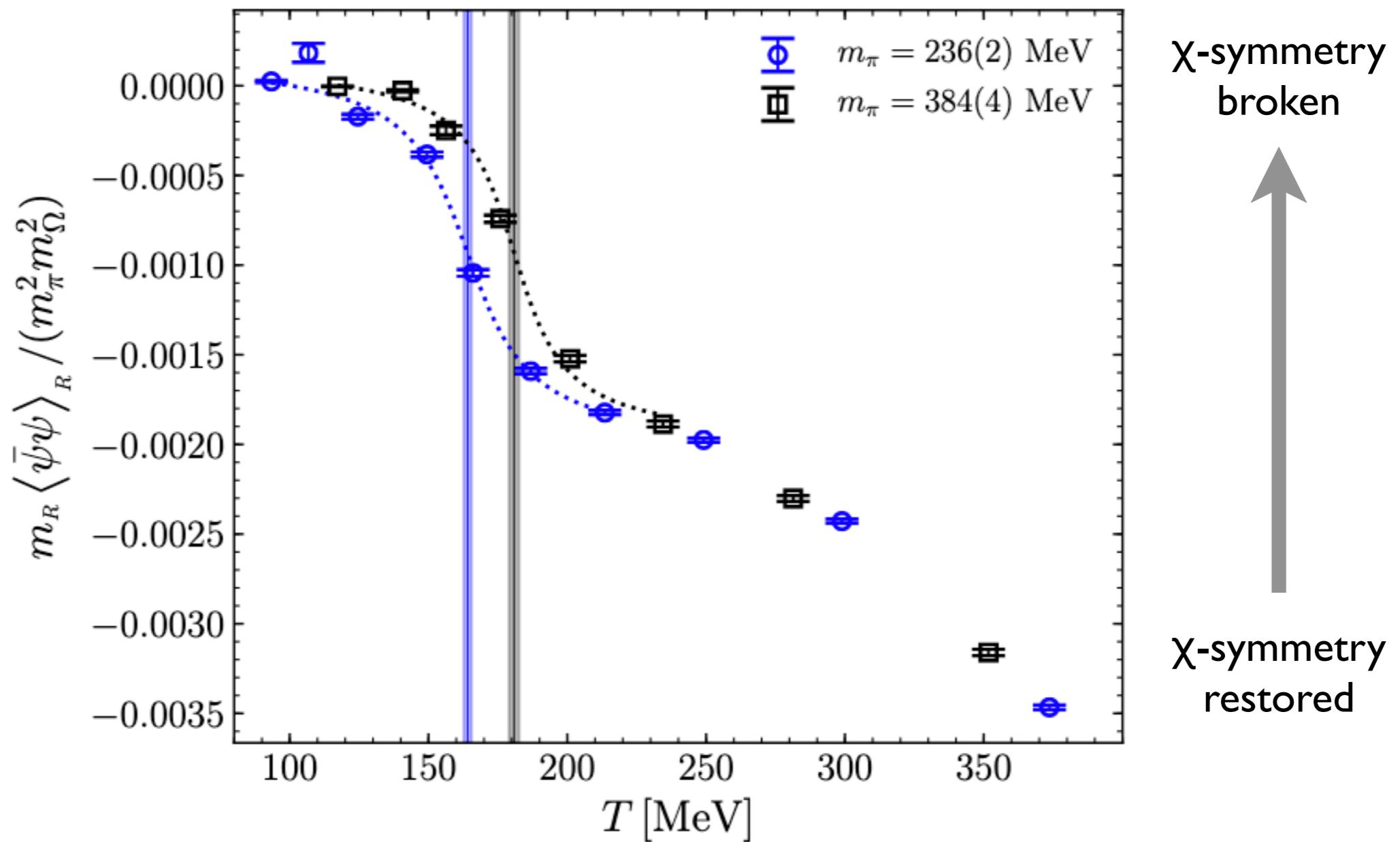
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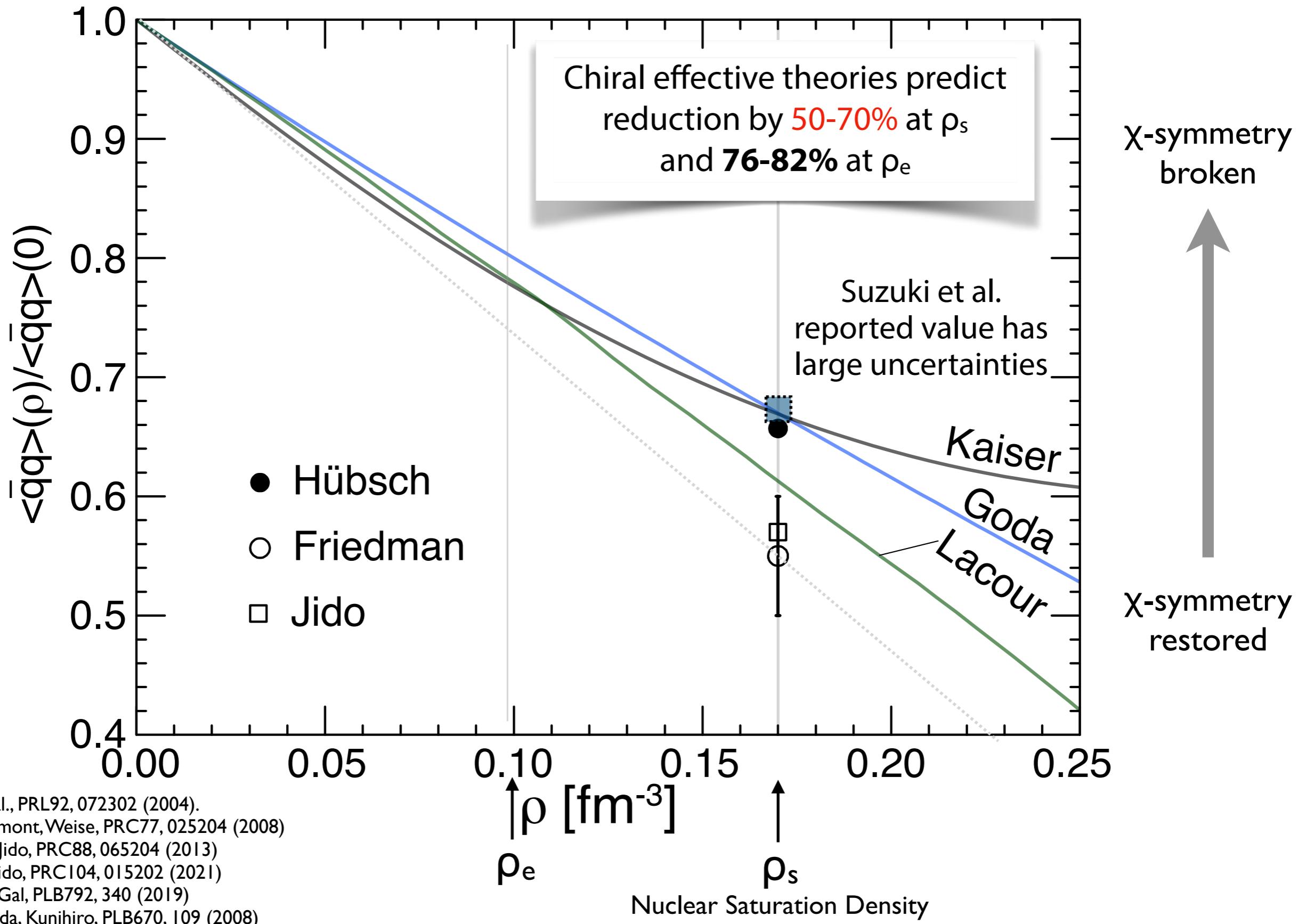
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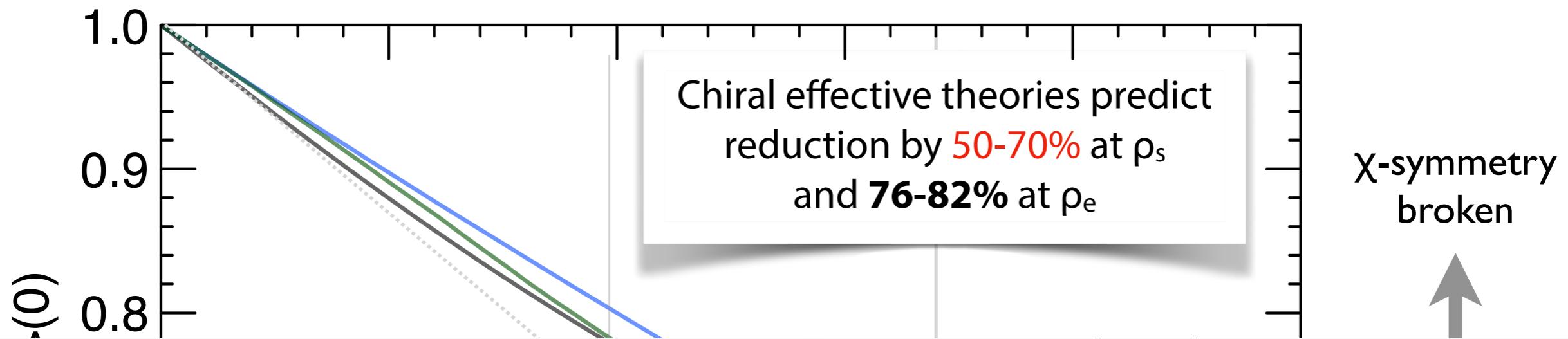
Remark: sign problem makes it difficult
for lattice to approach non-zero ρ region

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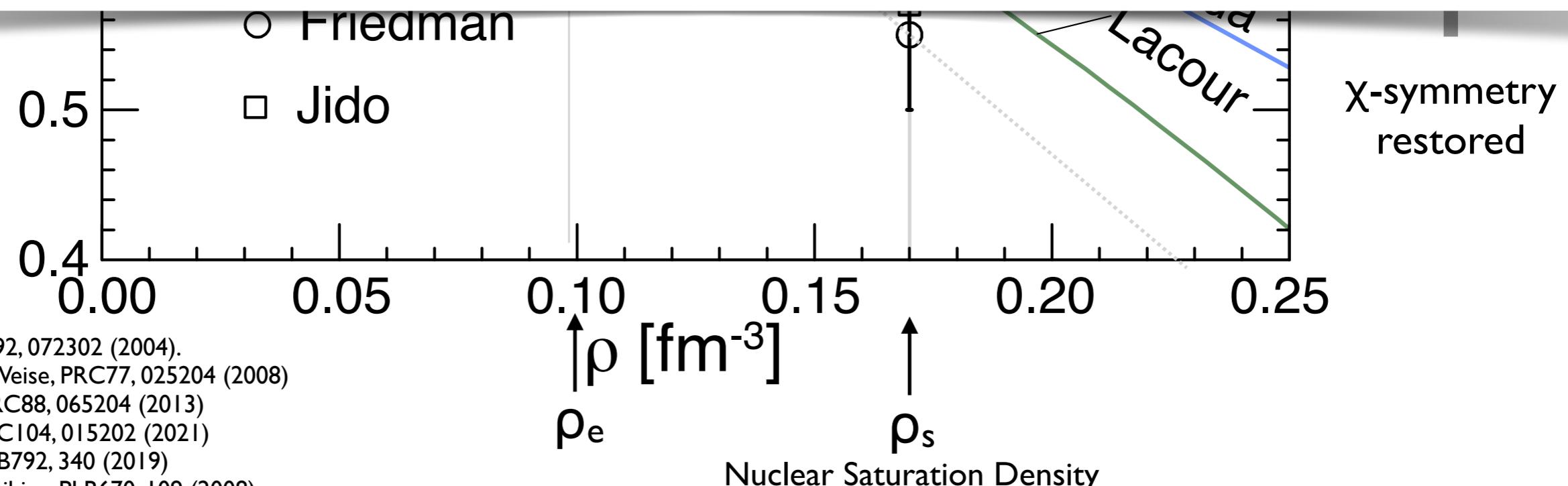
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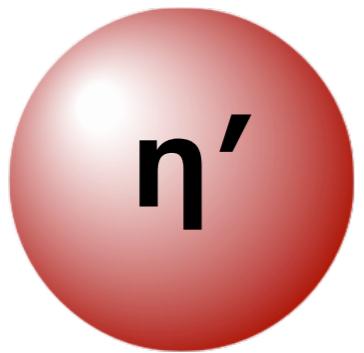


Need high-quality experimental information to quantify $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ reduction and confirm theoretical scenario of vacuum evolution

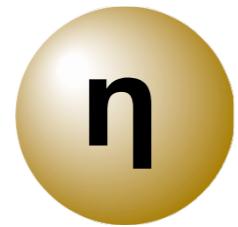


Pseudo-scalar mesons

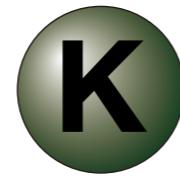
(in the lowest-mass nonet)



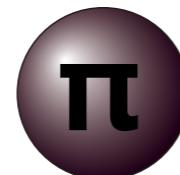
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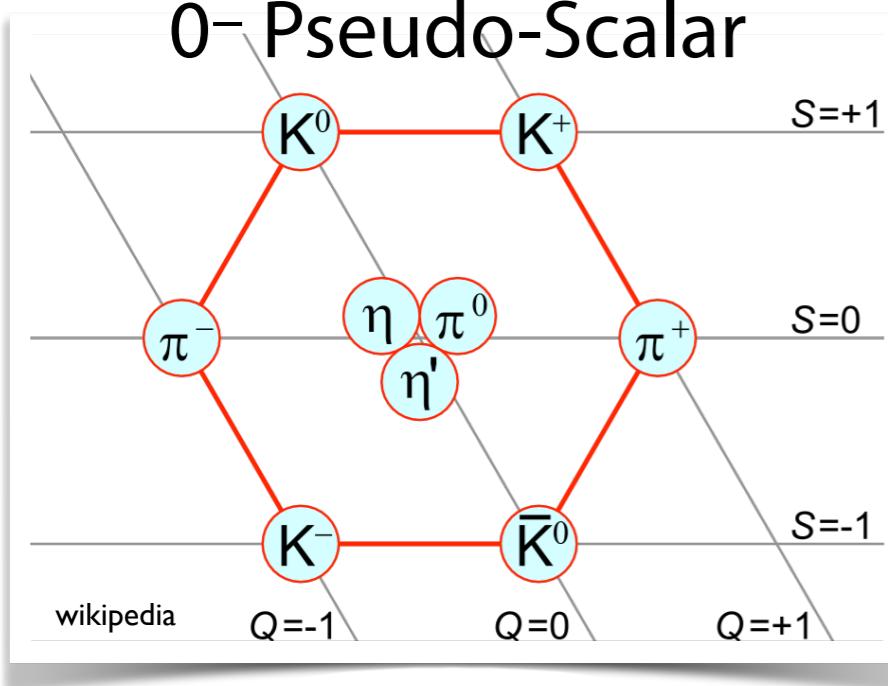
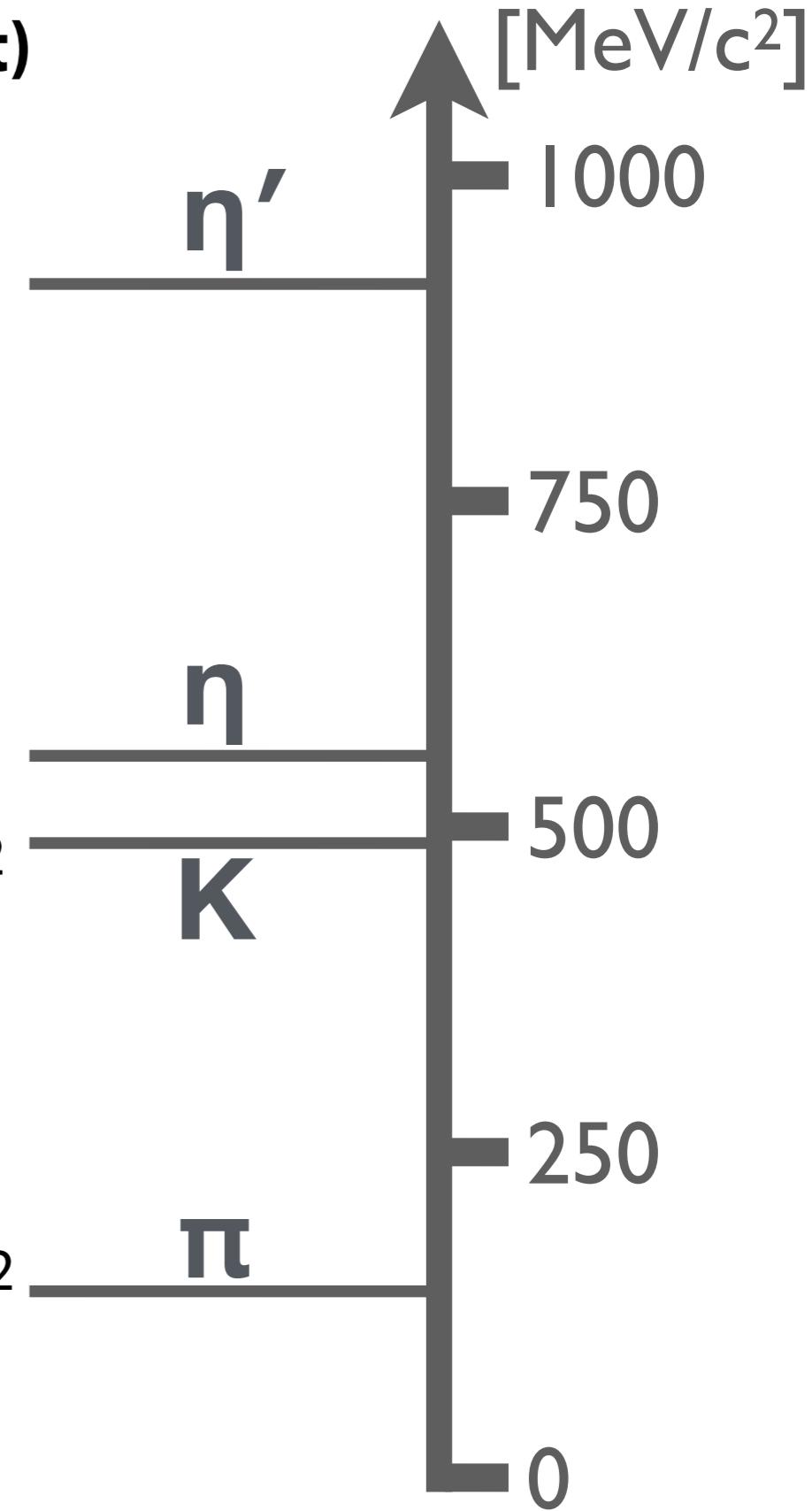
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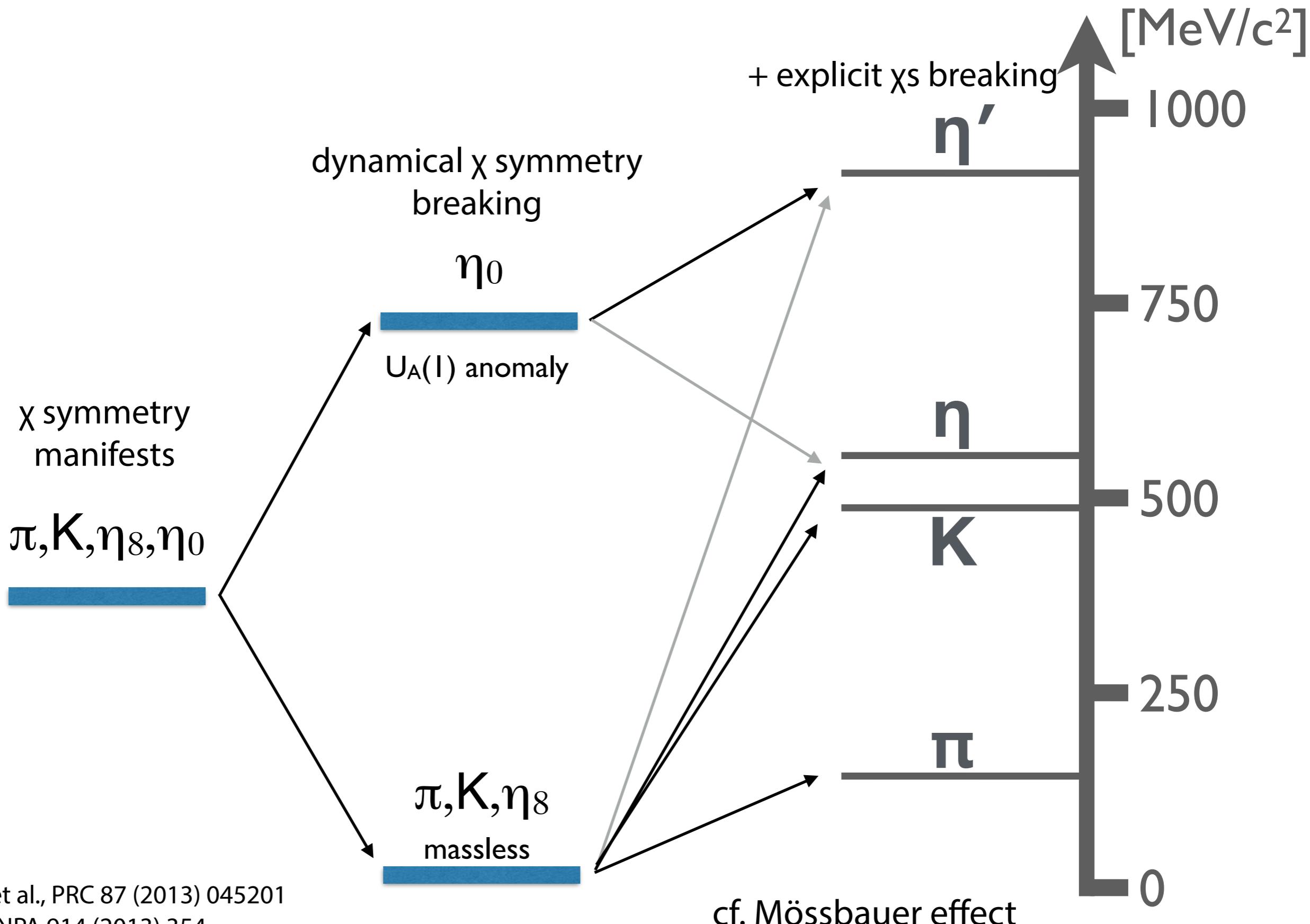


$M=140 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



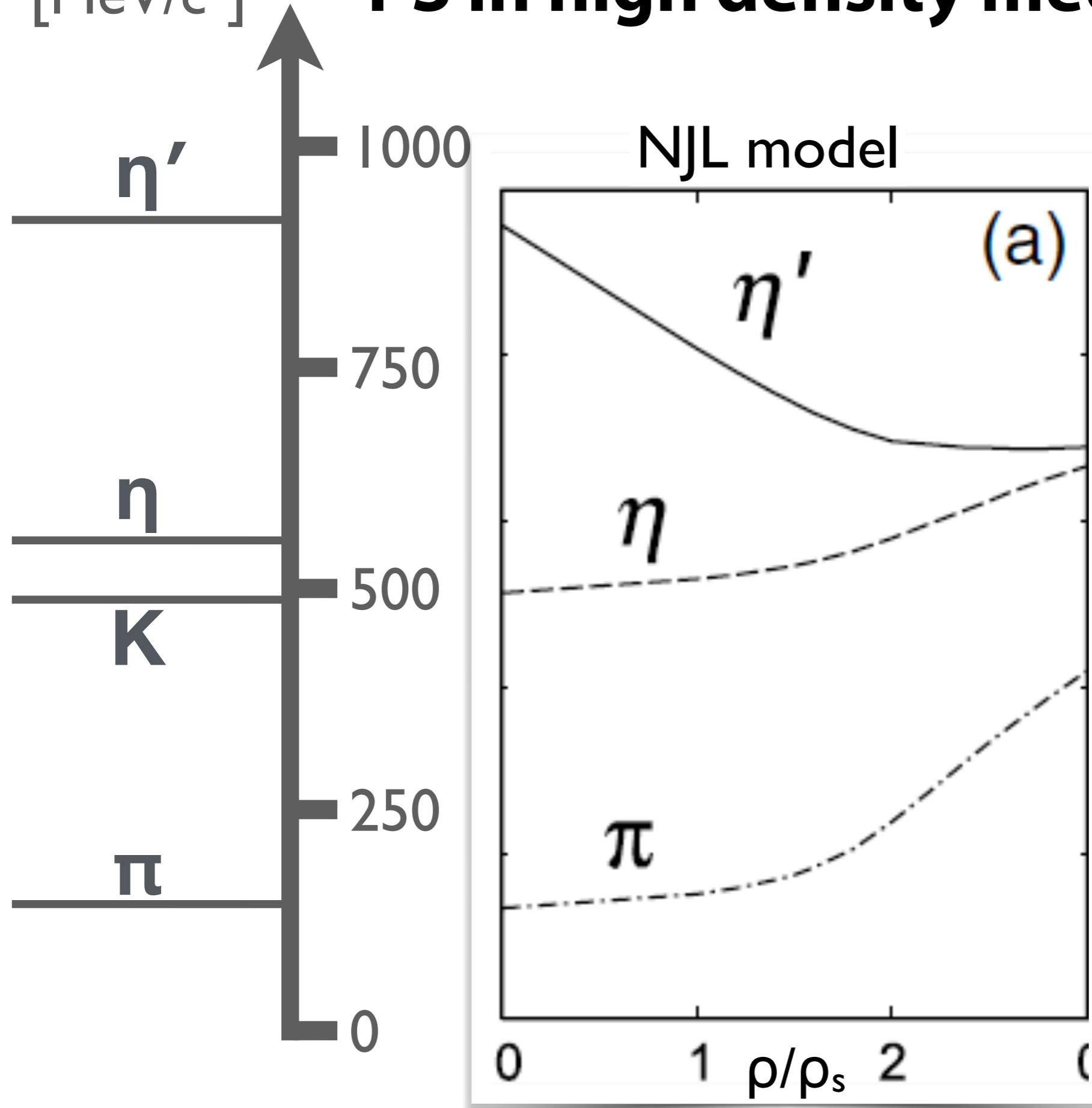
Masses of Pseudo-Scalar Mesons

with various symmetry breaking patterns



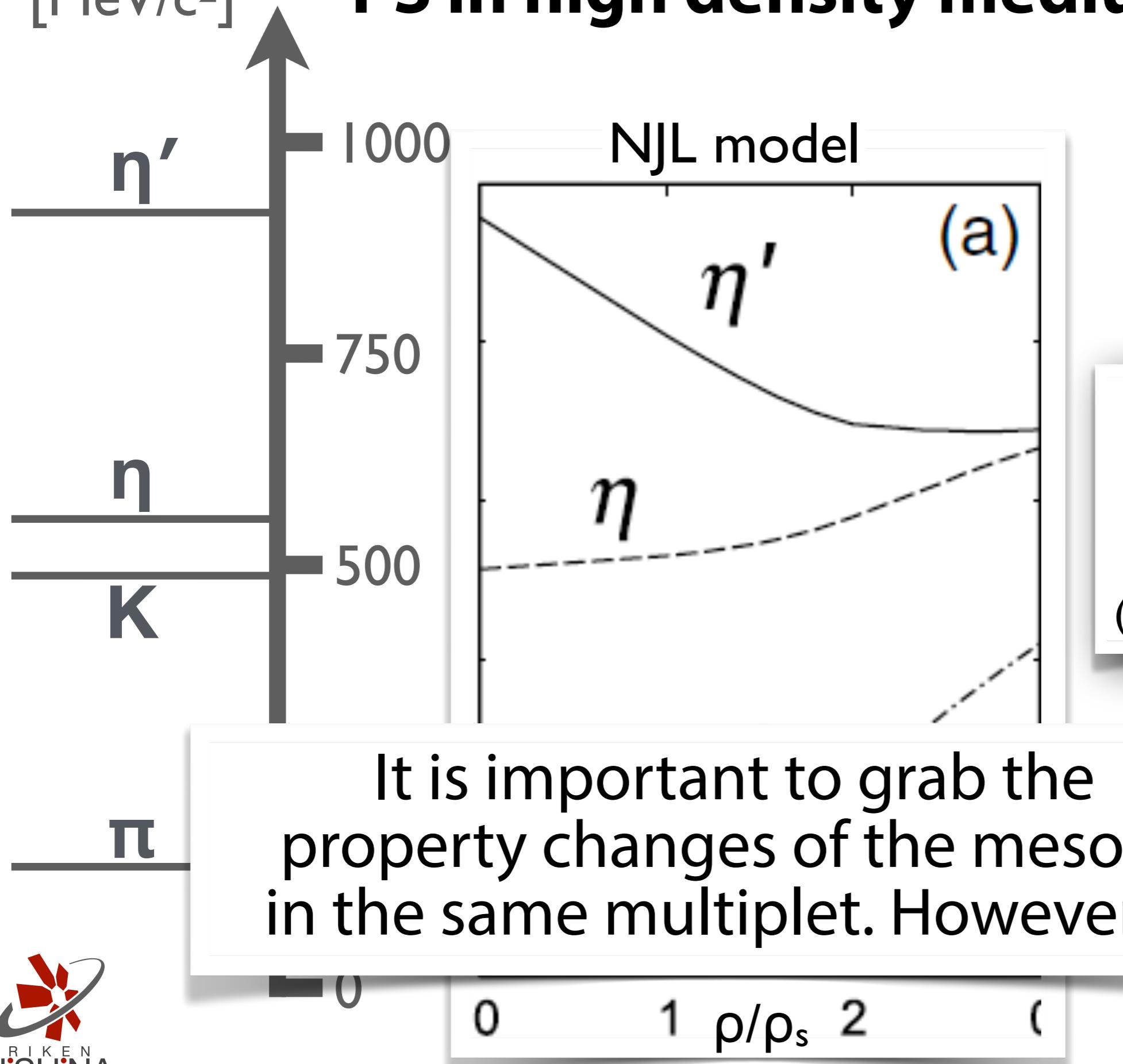
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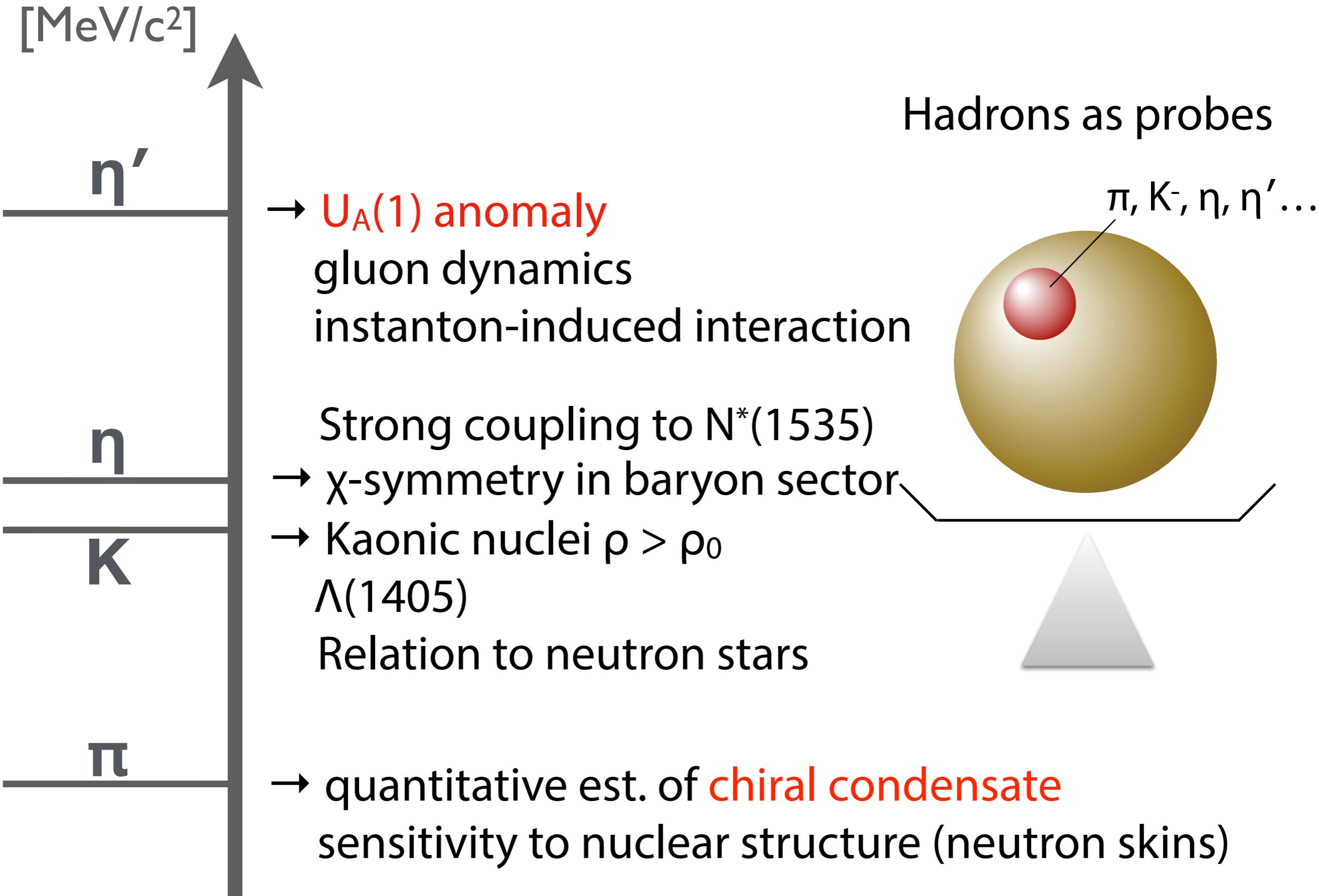


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Topics in mesic atoms/nuclei

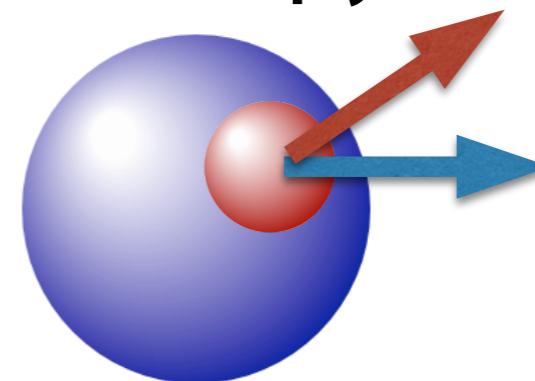


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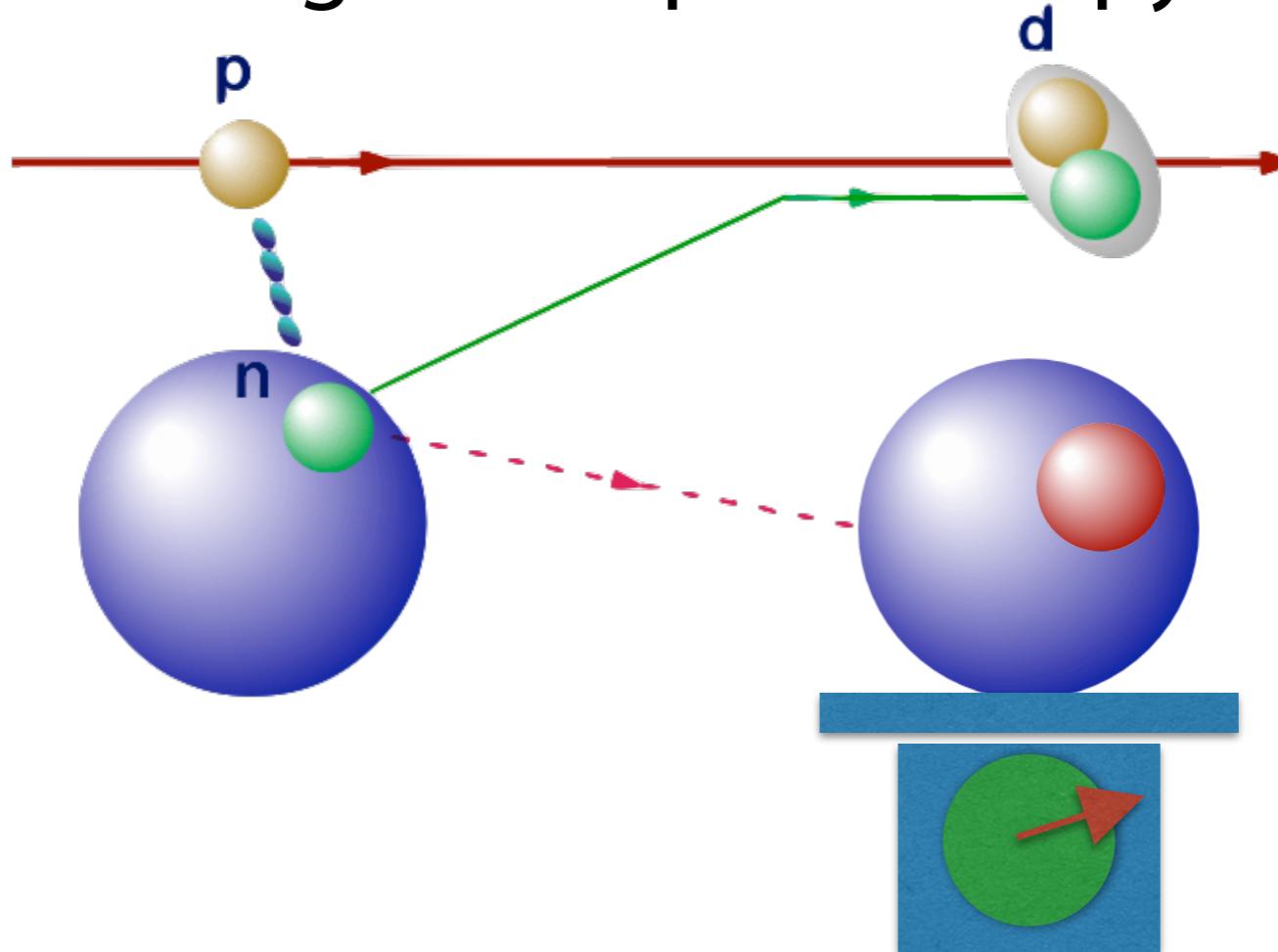
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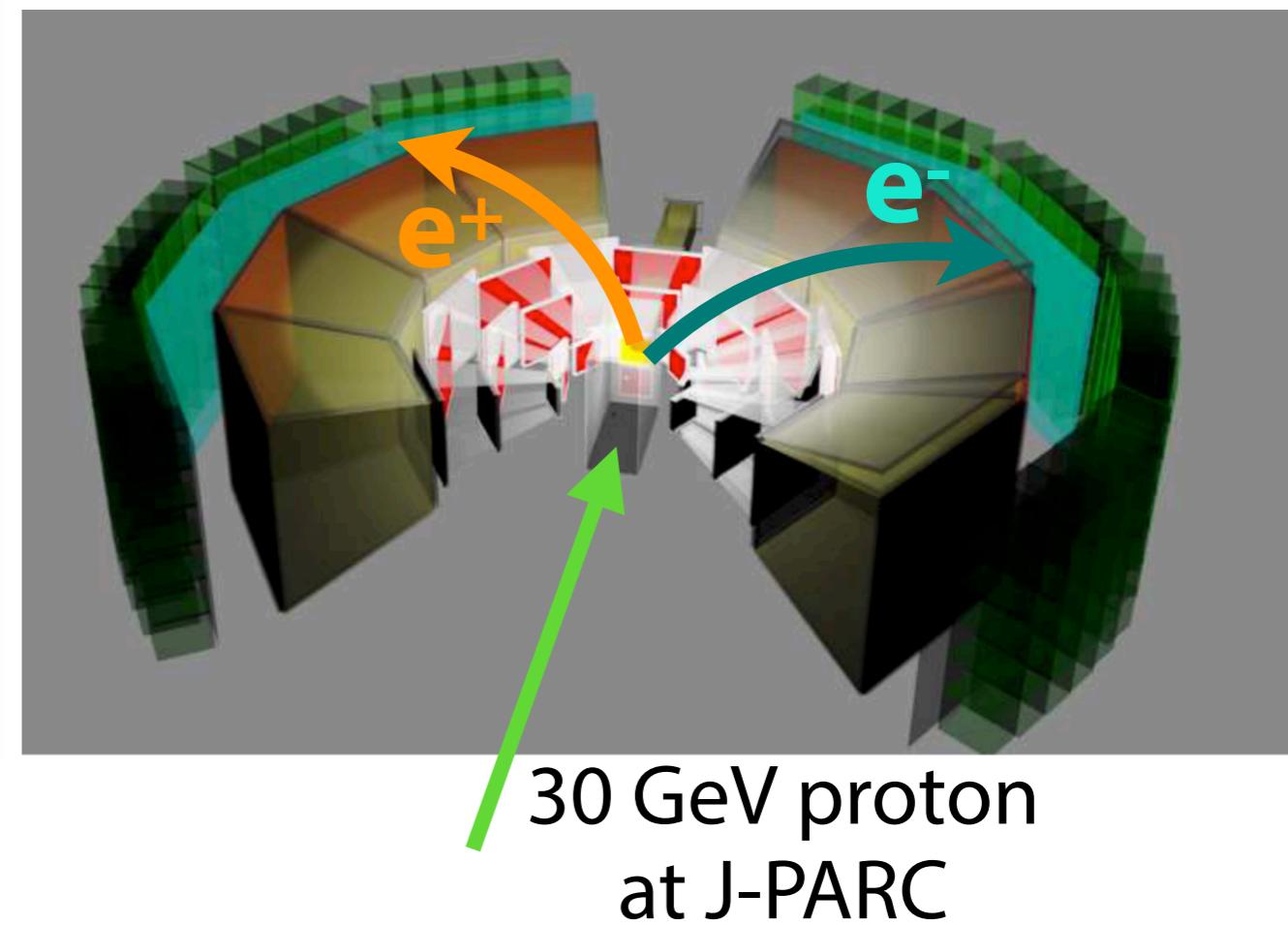
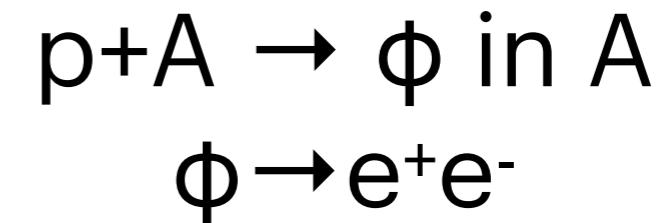
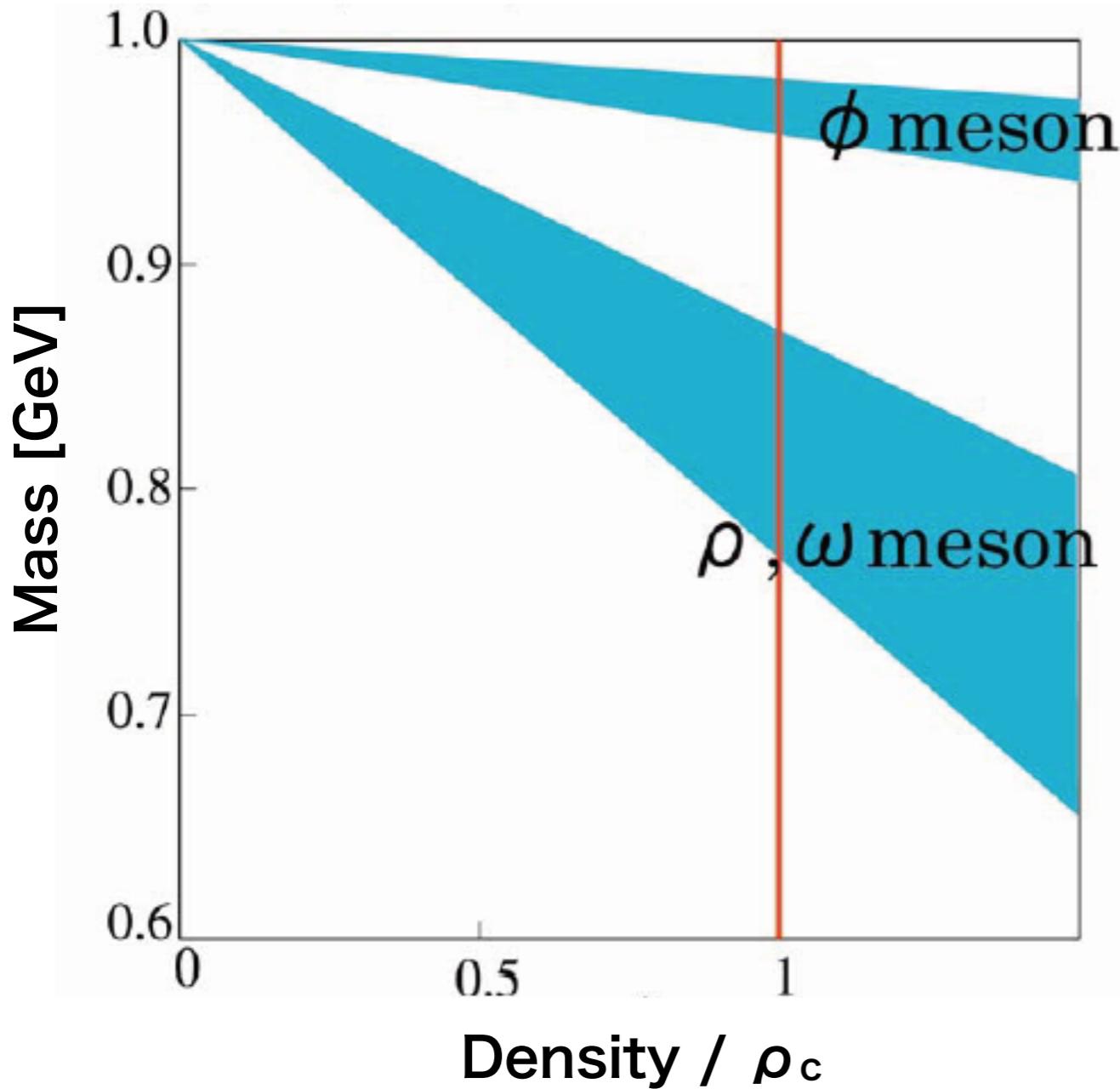


Missing mass spectroscopy



Meson masses and QCD medium effect

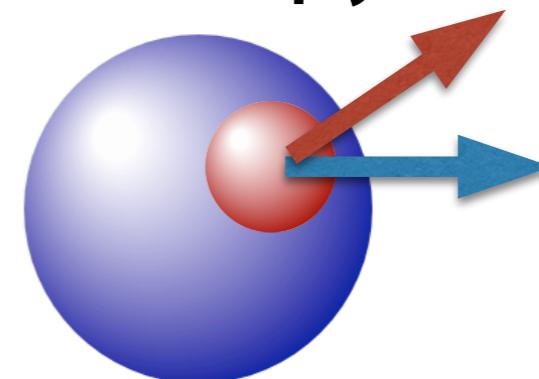
Vector meson mass modification (c.f. J-PARC E16)



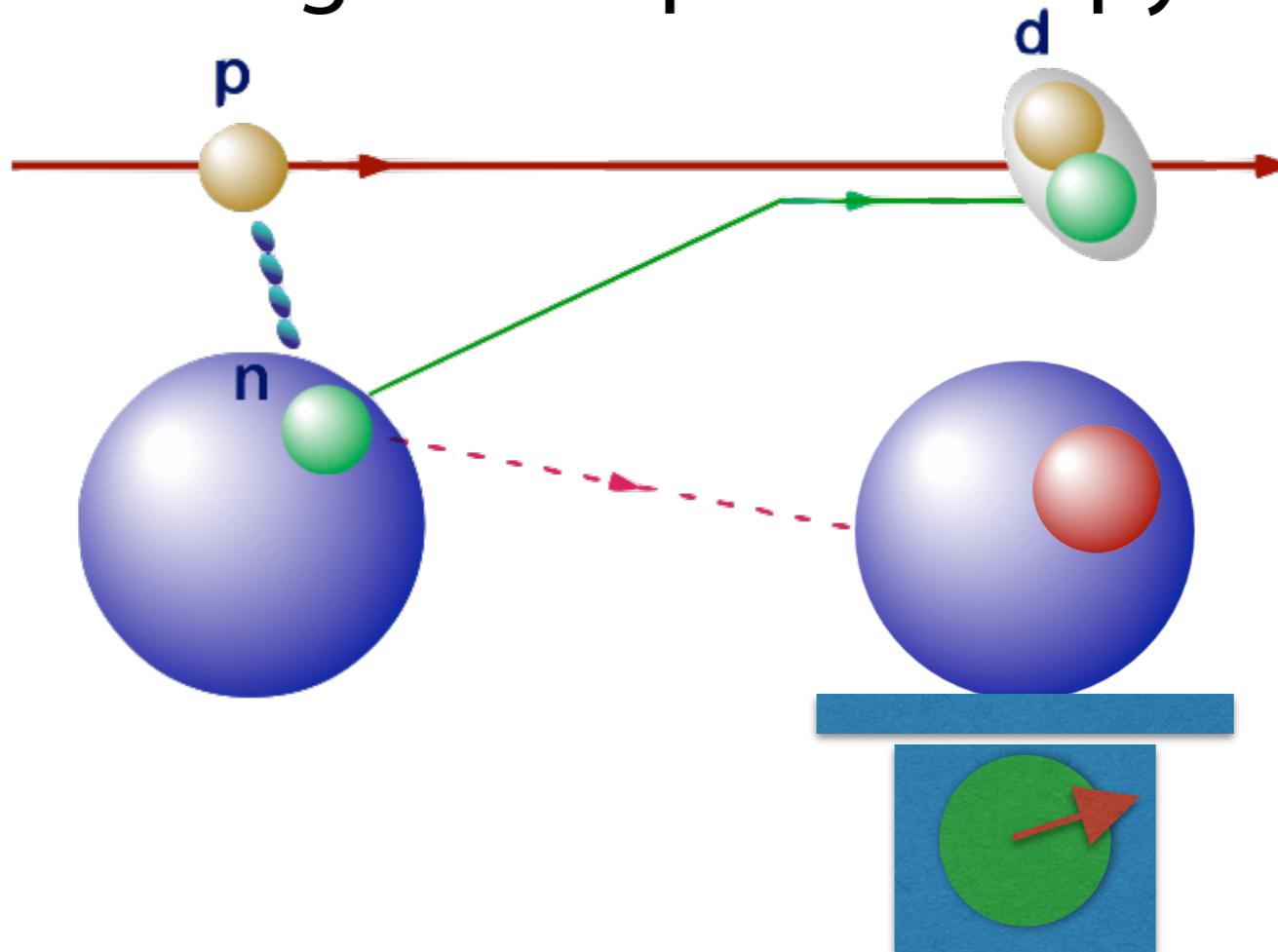
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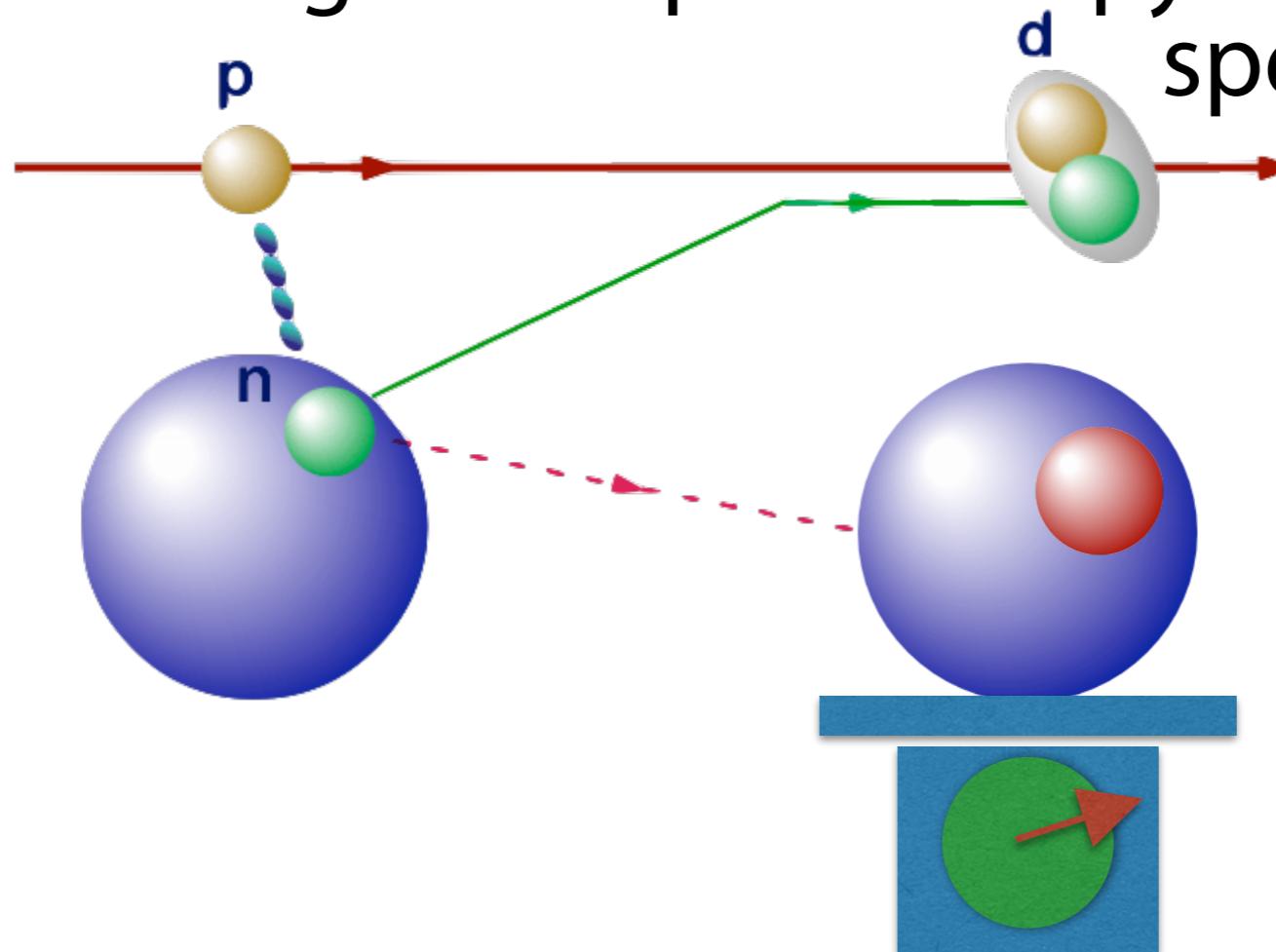
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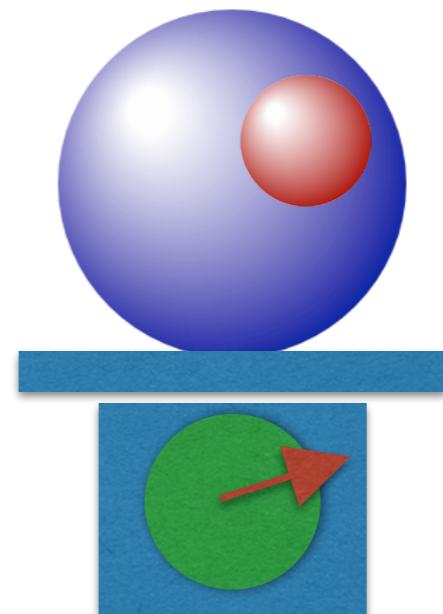


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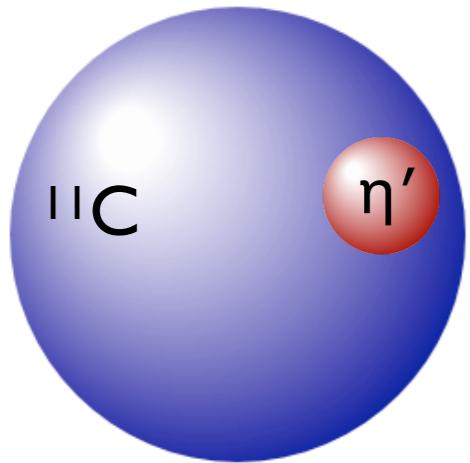
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- **η' -mesic nuclei**
- **Pionic atoms**



Search for η' -mesic nuclei



System of an η' meson and a nucleus bound by the strong interaction

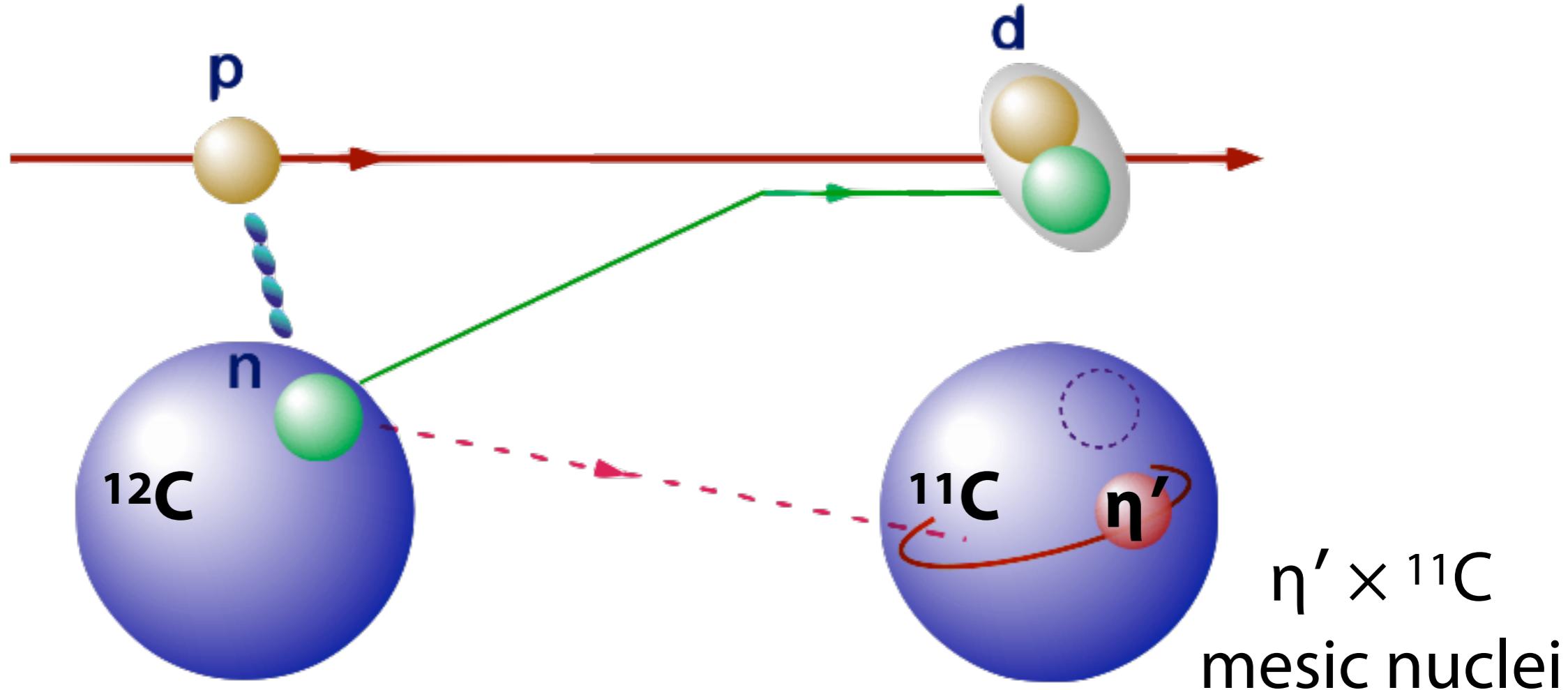
Spectroscopy η' -mesic nuclei provides information of the strong interaction leading to understanding of the origin of the very large mass of η' due to **$U_A(1)$ anomaly**

η problem

Mass of η' is much larger than quark model expectations

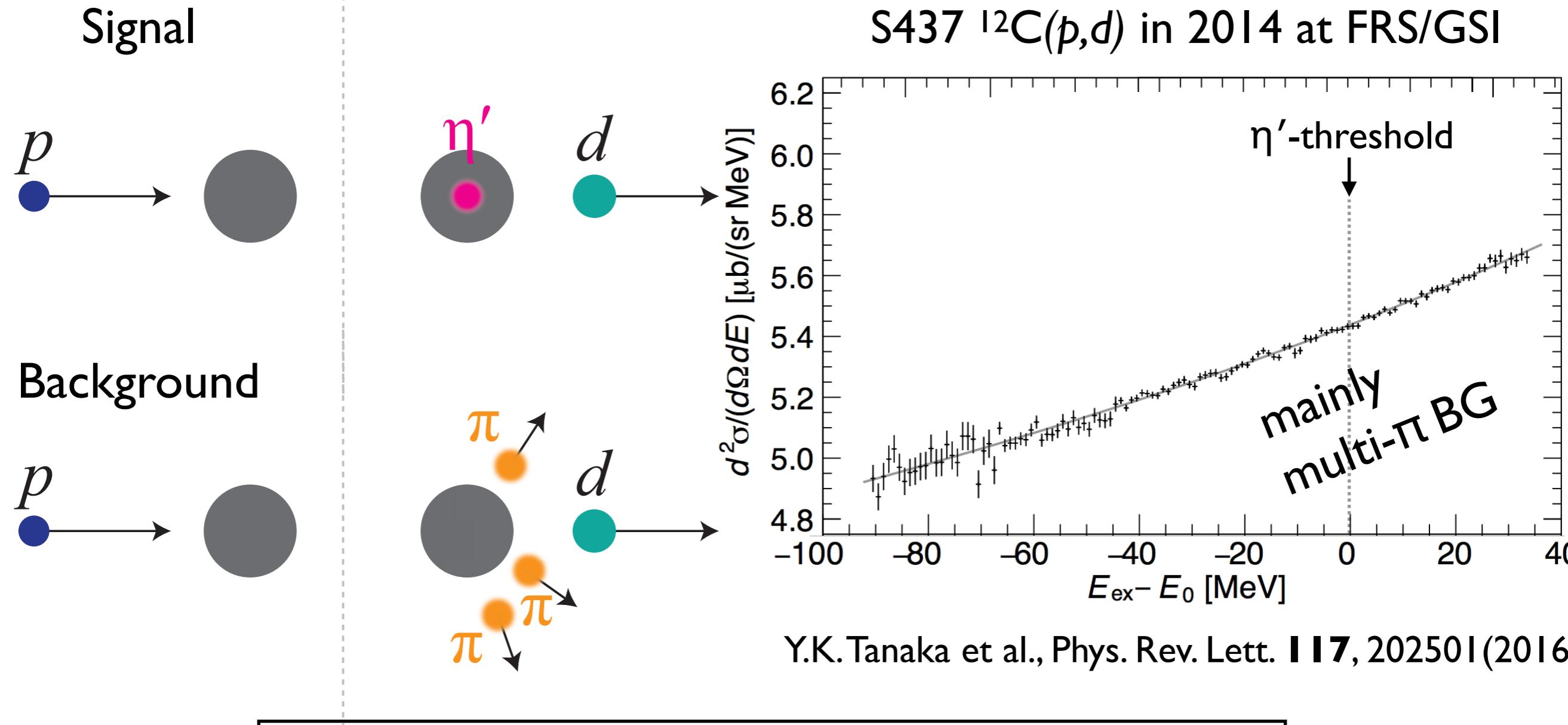
η' Mesic Nuclei in (p,d) Reaction

Missing mass measurement of
 $(p,d) = \eta'$ transfer + neutron pickup reaction



$$\underline{T_p = 2.50 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow q \sim 400 \text{ MeV/c}}$$

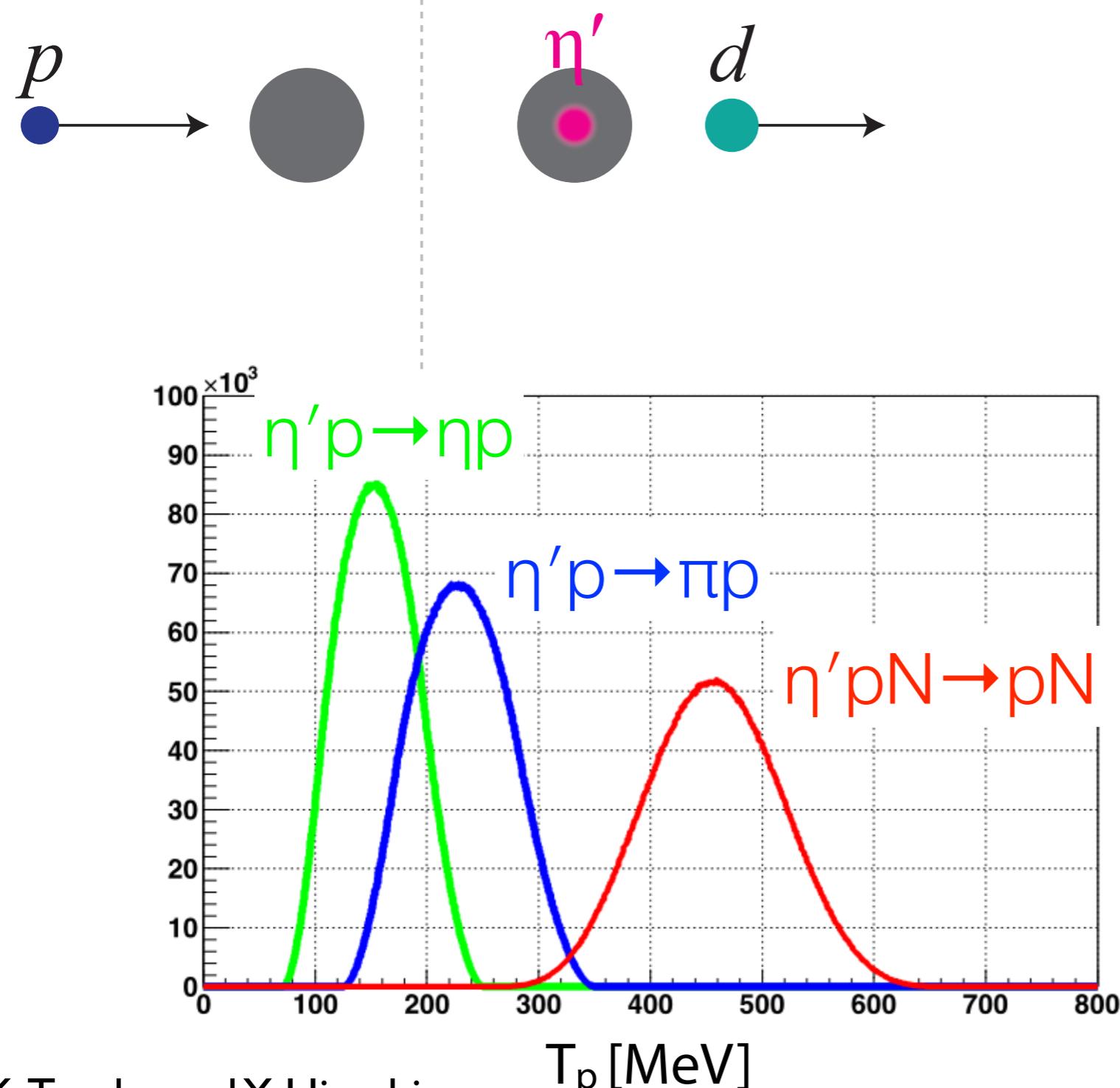
Step1: Missing-mass of (p,d) **inclusive** measurement



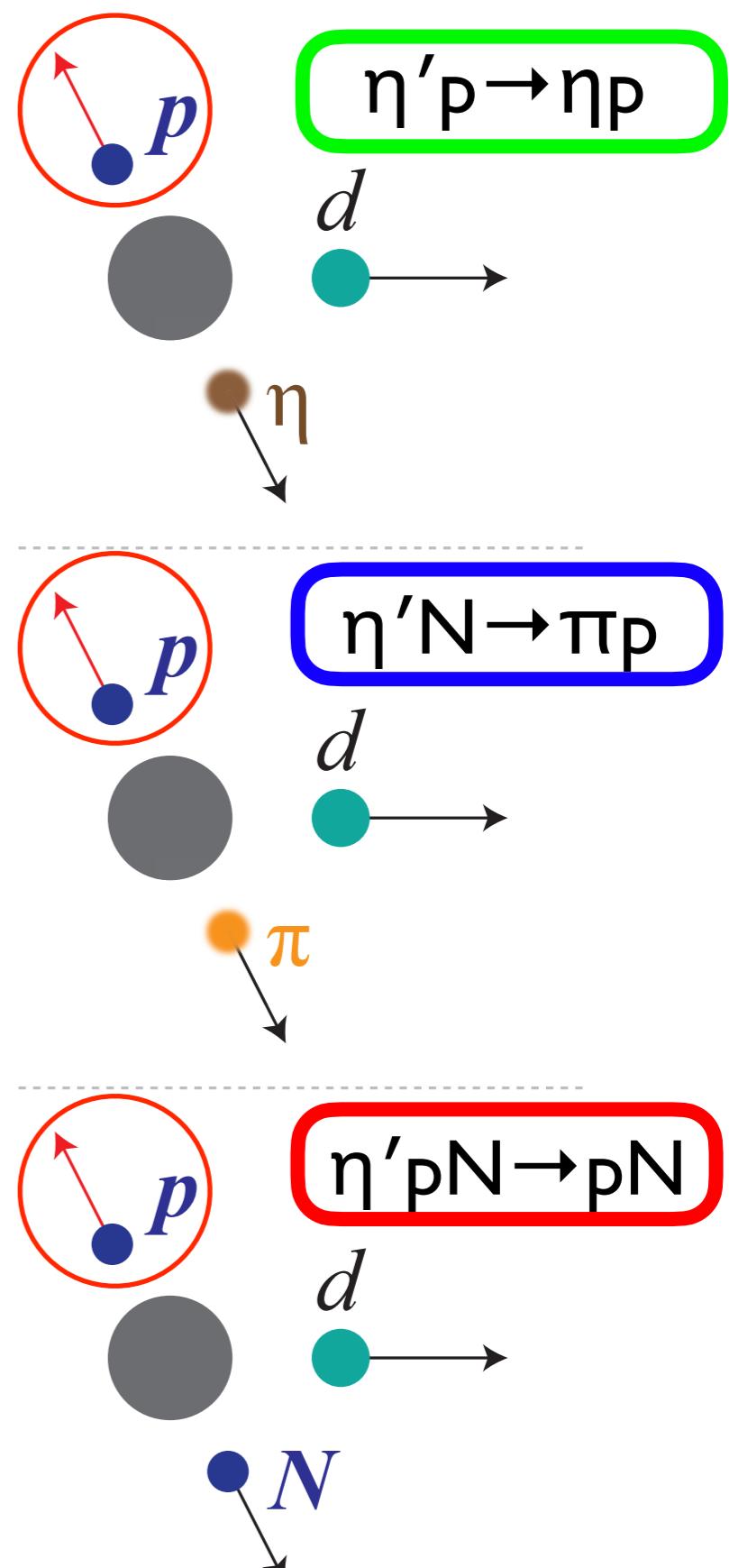
We achieved extremely high statistical sensitivity demonstrating very good performance of FRS. But, no peak was observed. Major BG=multi π . S/BG cross sections must be $\sim 1/100$

Step 2: Semi-exclusive measurement of $^{12}\text{C}(\text{p},\text{dp})$ reaction (GSI-S490, 2022)

Signal



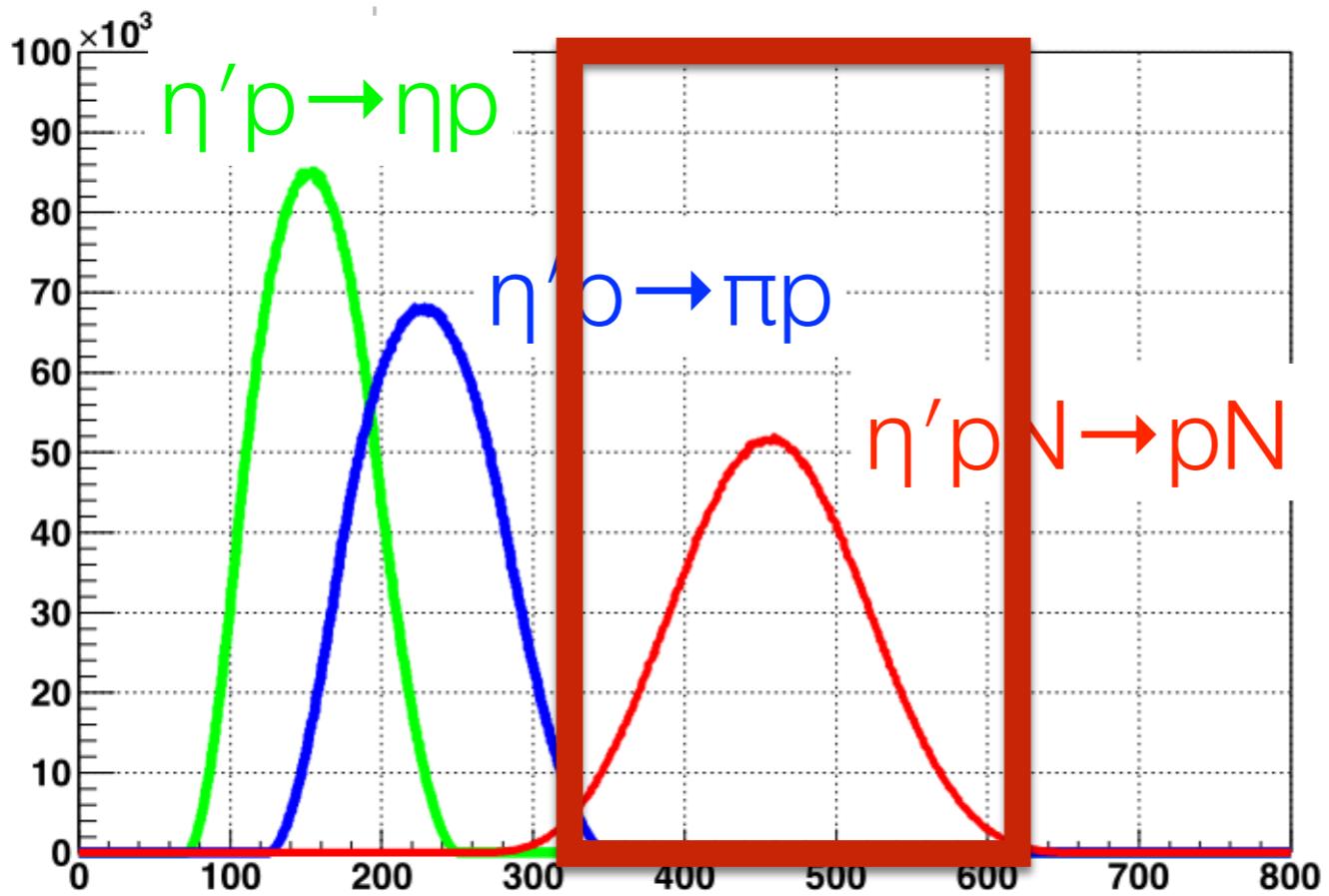
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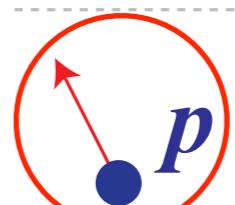
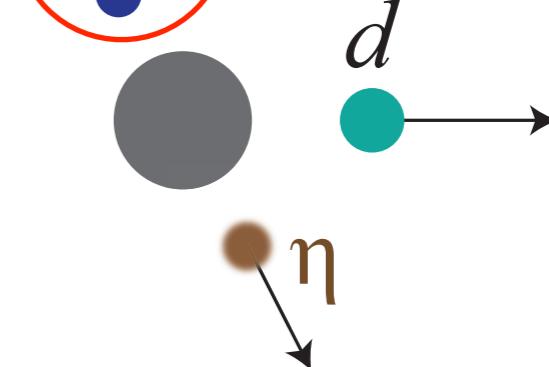
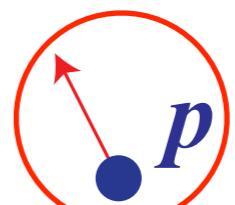
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p

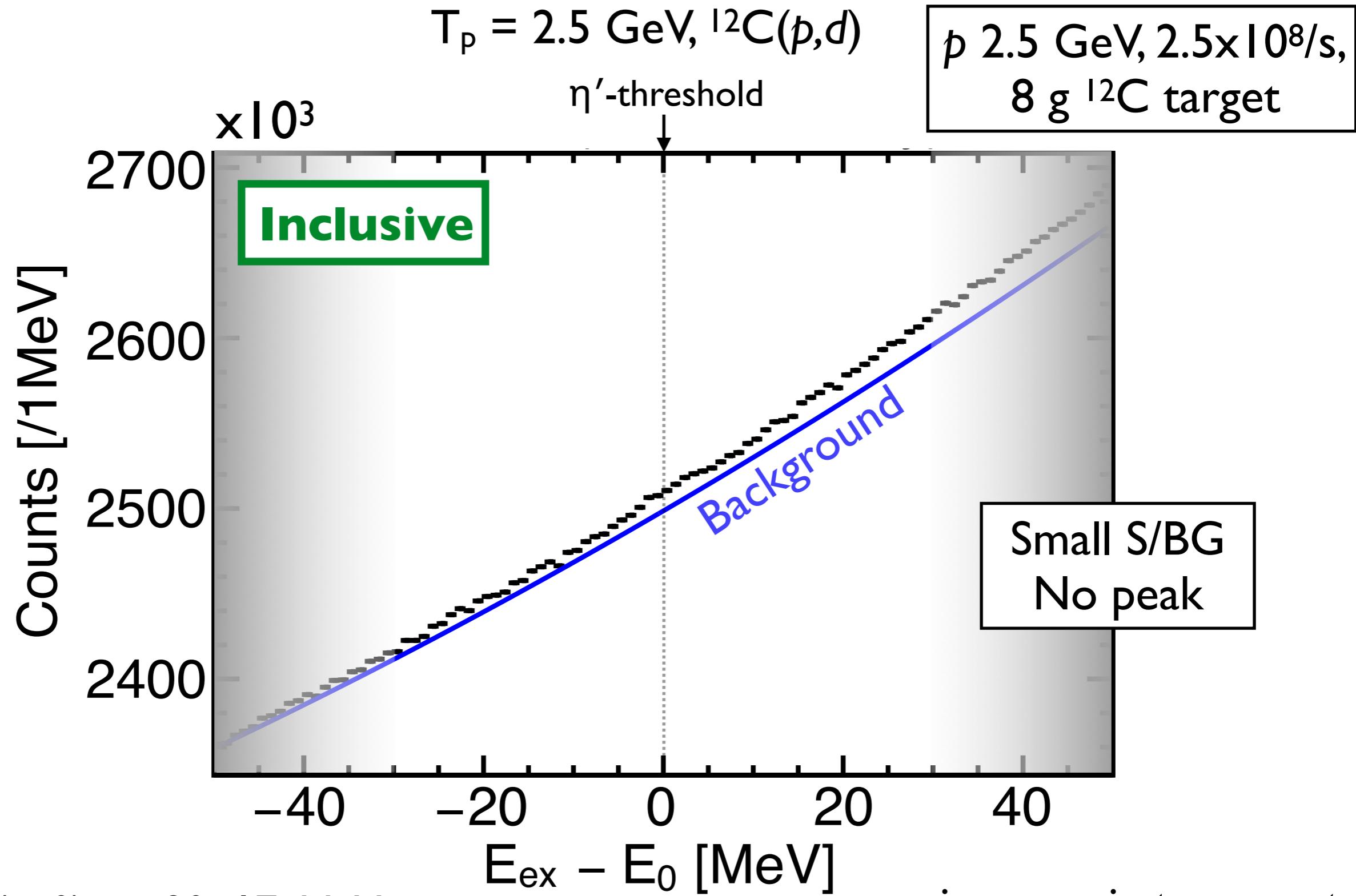
Detect p (300-600 MeV) emitted in the decay of η' -nuclei for semi-exclusive measurement.
f ~ 100 improvement in S/BG



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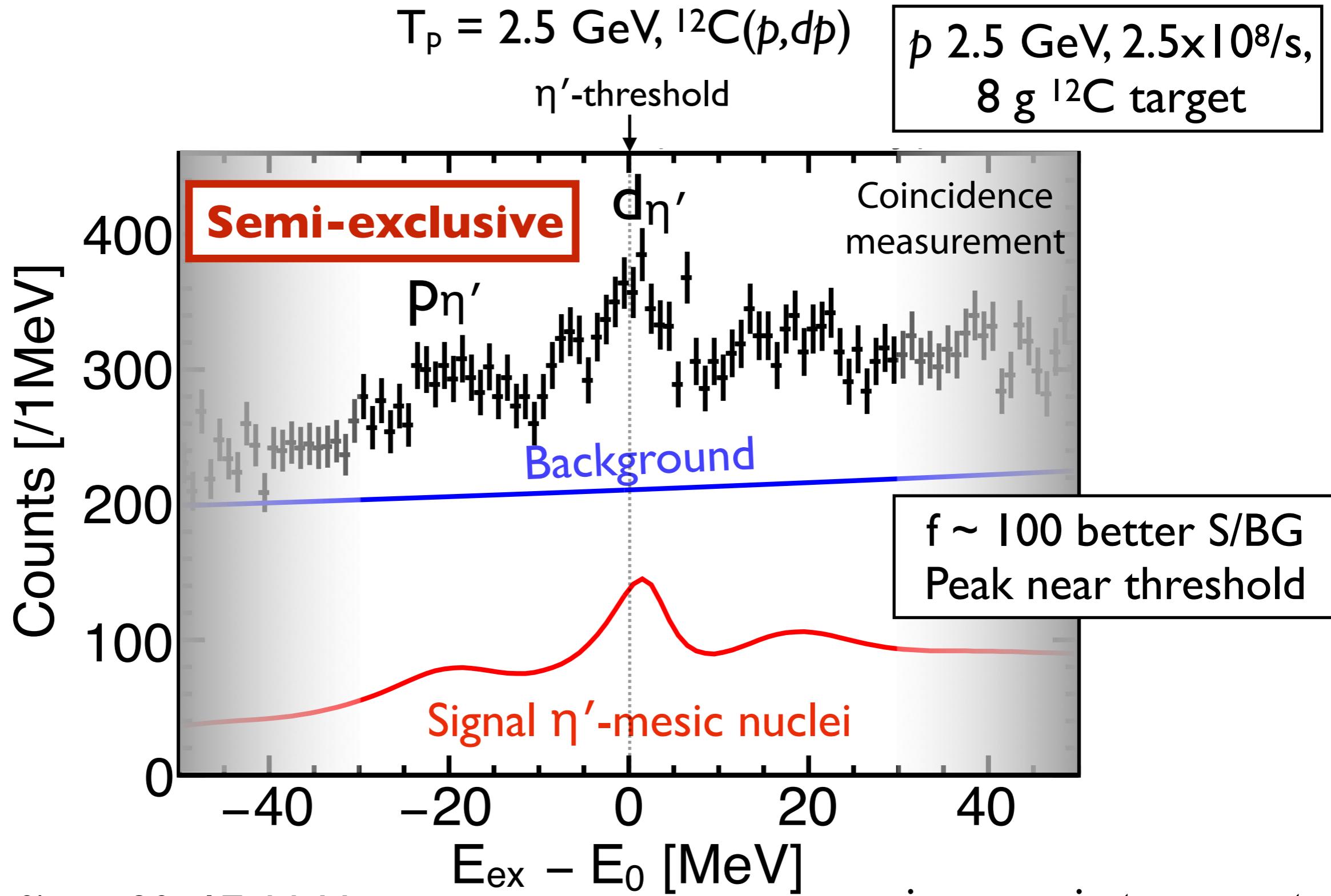
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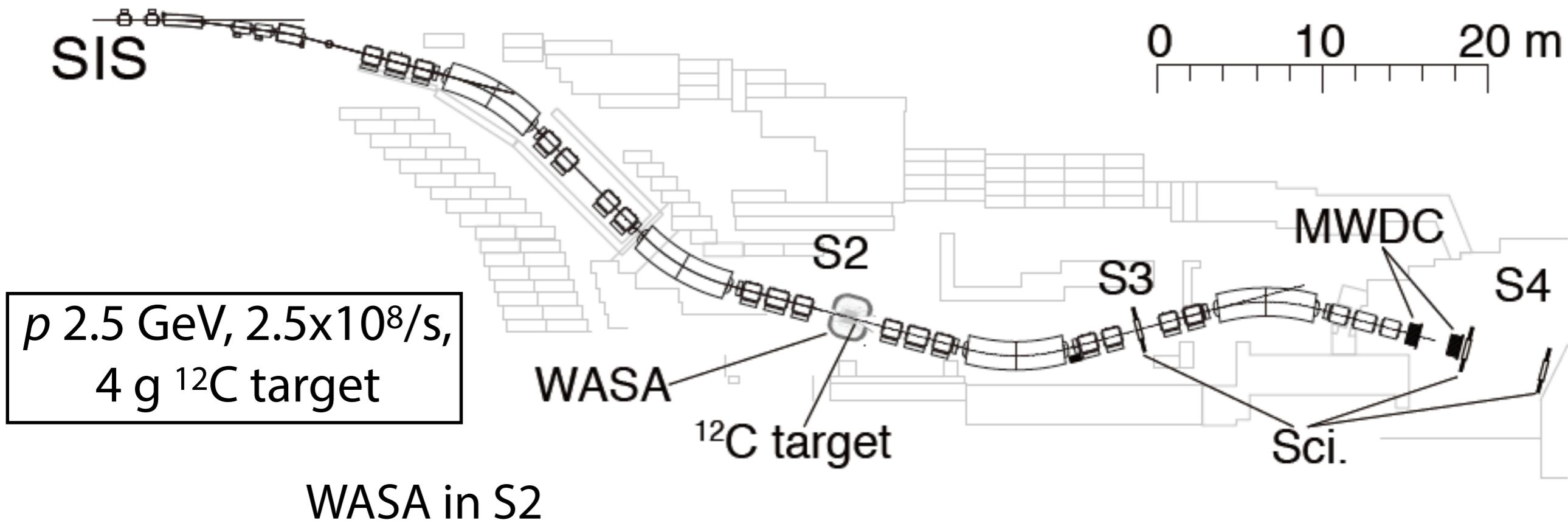


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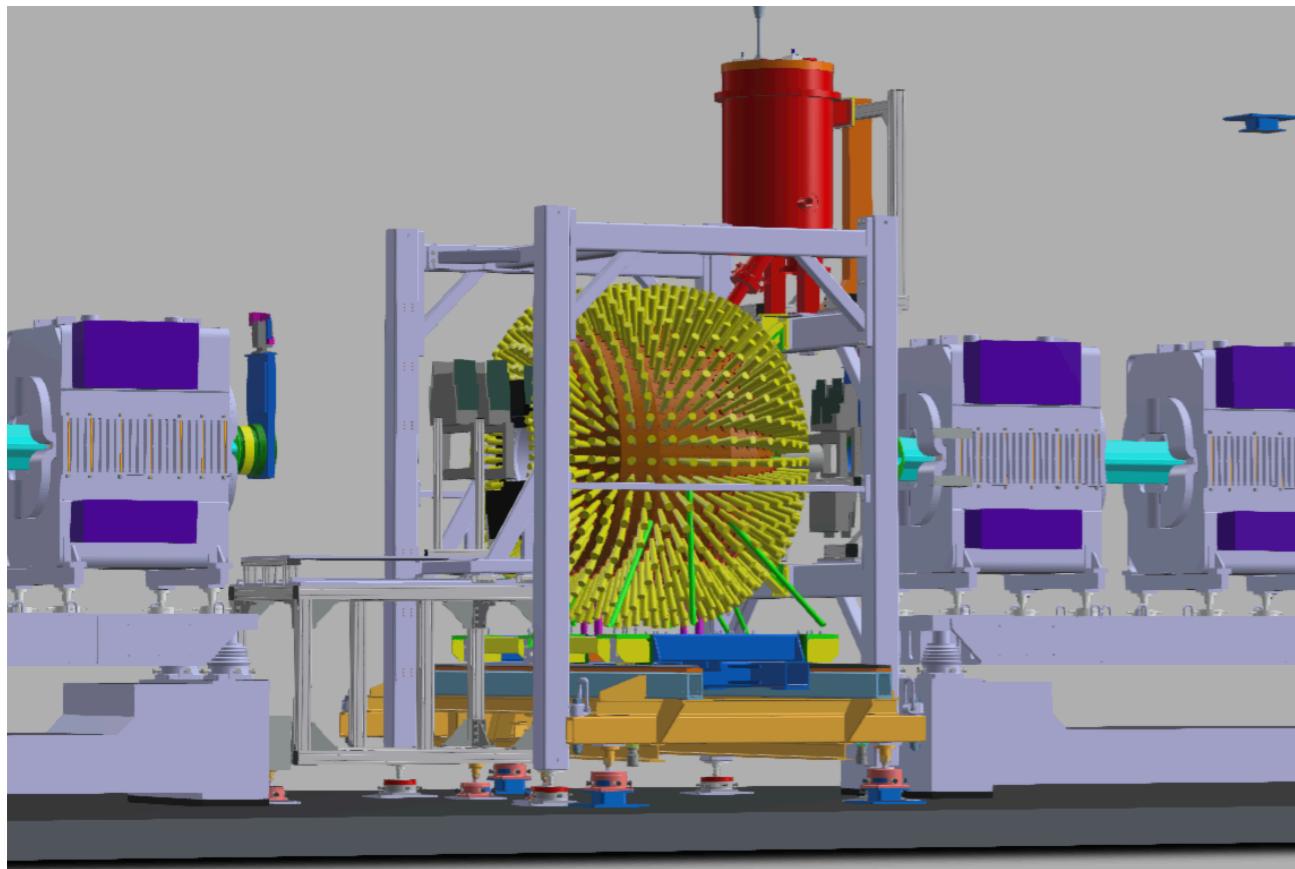
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S457- η'



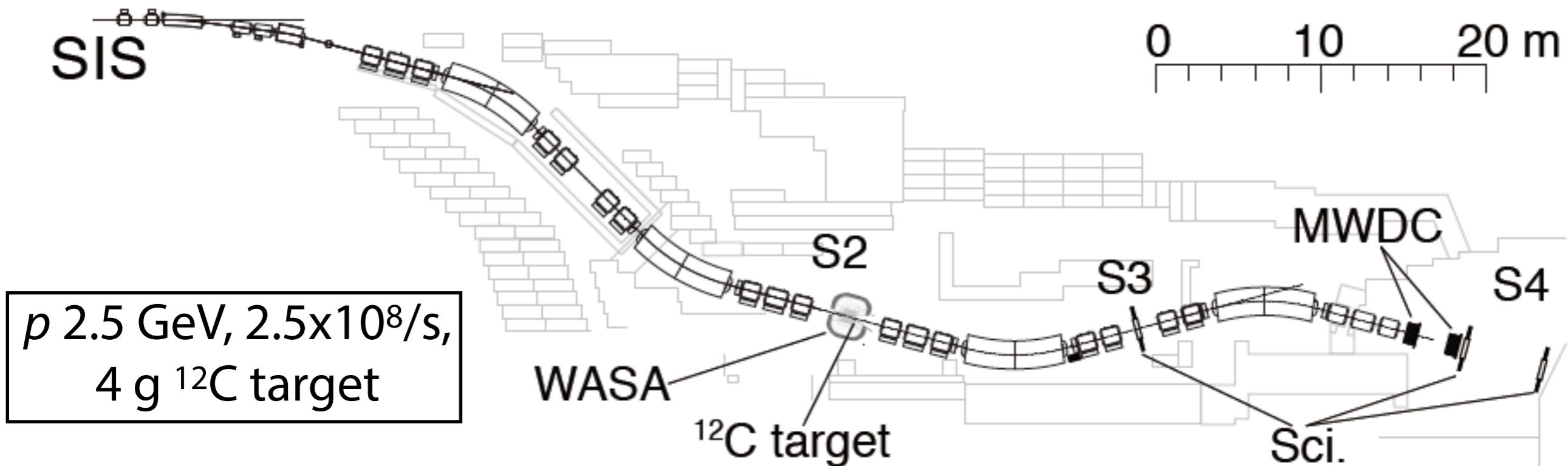
WASA in S2



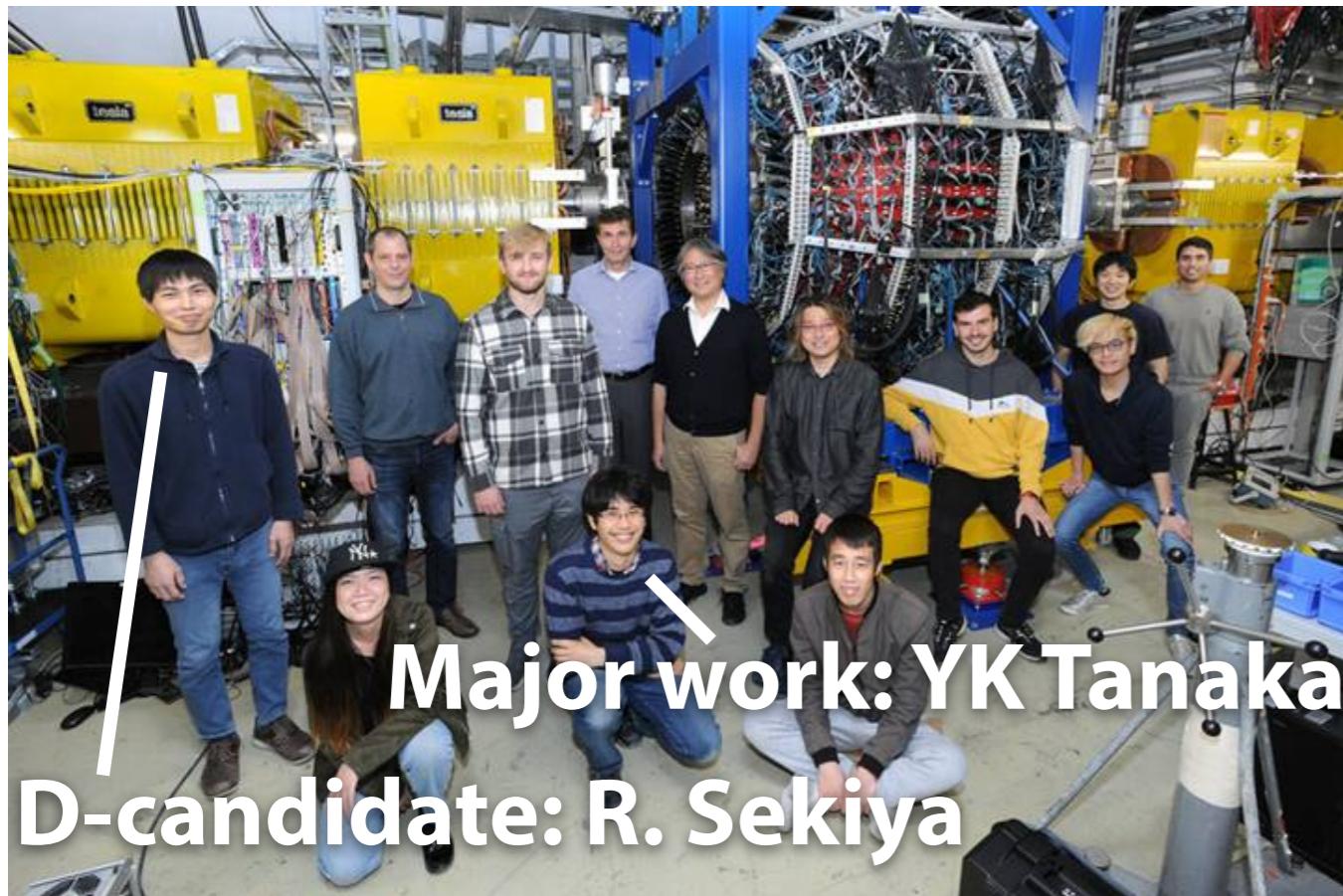
FRS S2-S2: forward spectrometer
with ~ 2.5 MeV energy resolution
WASA: $\eta'\text{NN} \rightarrow \text{NN}$ tagging

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Together with HypHI exp.

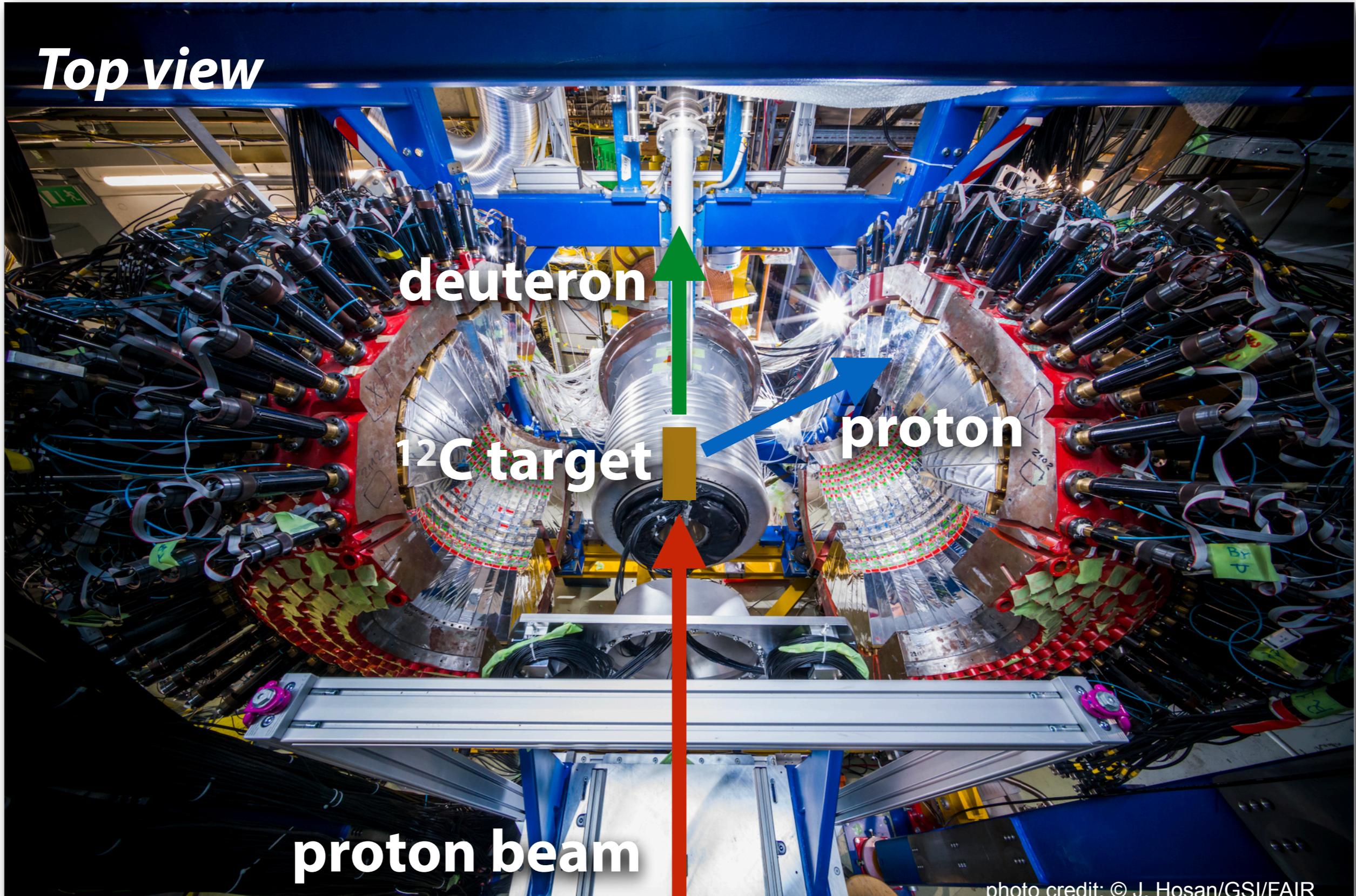


Expected rates

- @S4
 - 40 kHz (proton)
 - 150 Hz (deuteron)
- @WASA
 - 10 MHz (π)
 - 25 MHz (proton)

Support from WASA-at-COSY
Esp. Prof. P. Moskal (Krakow)

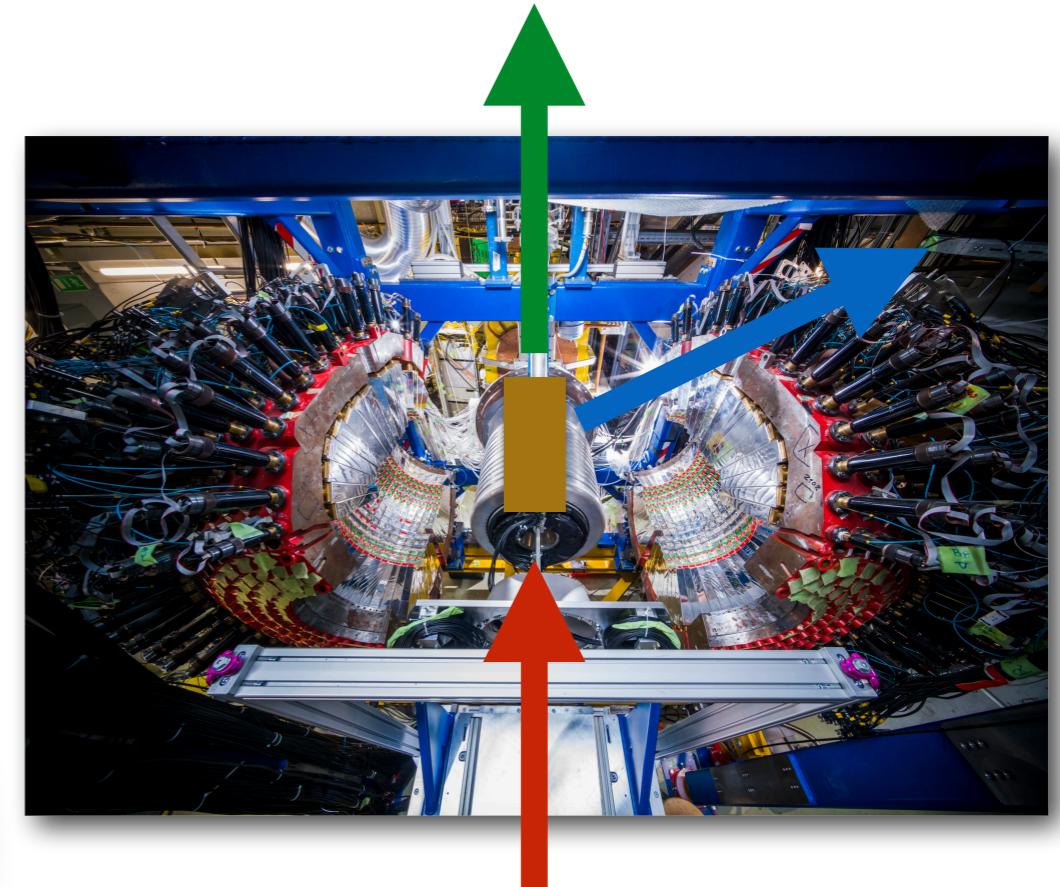
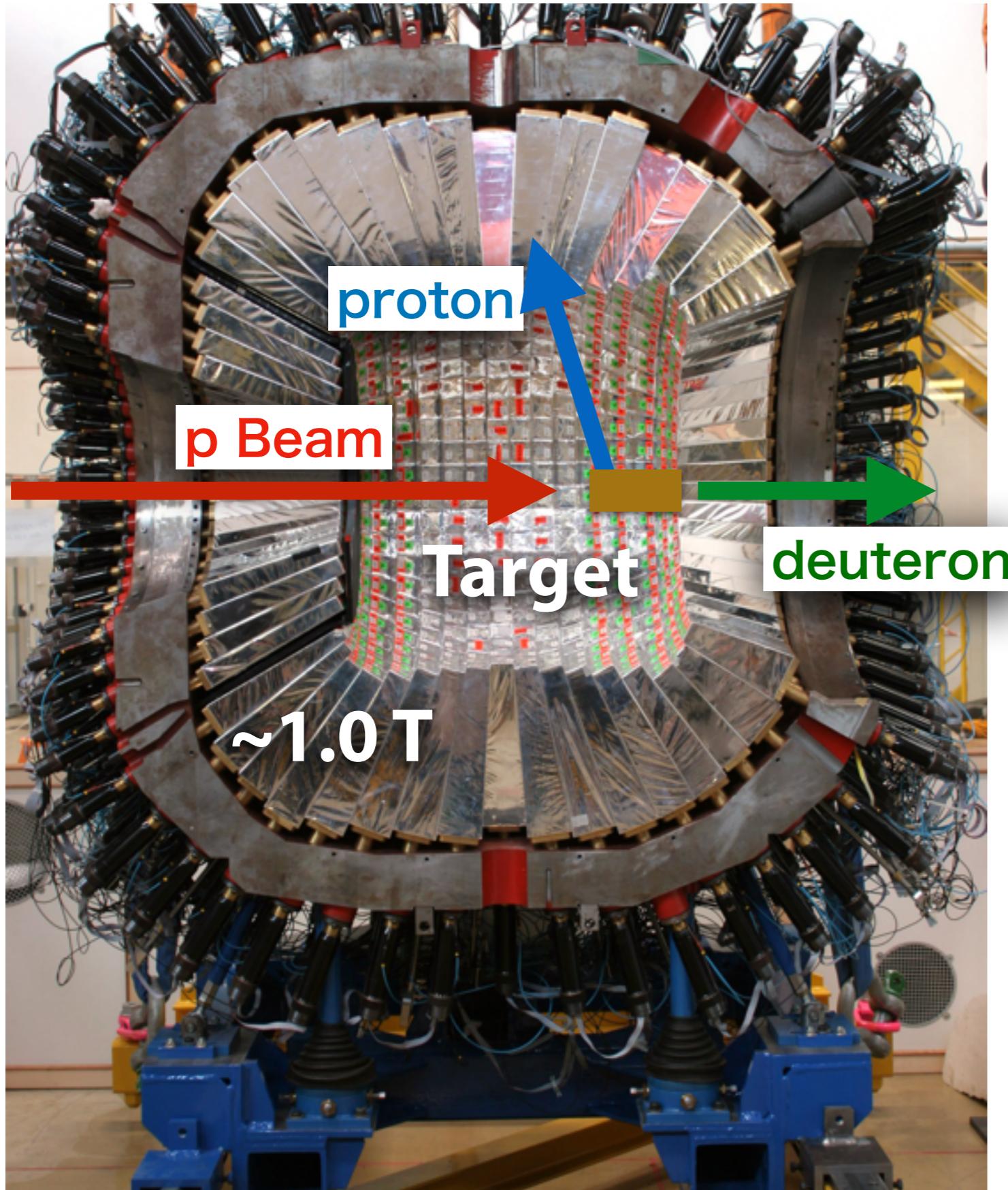
GSI-S490 WASA at FRS for η' mesic nuclei(2022)



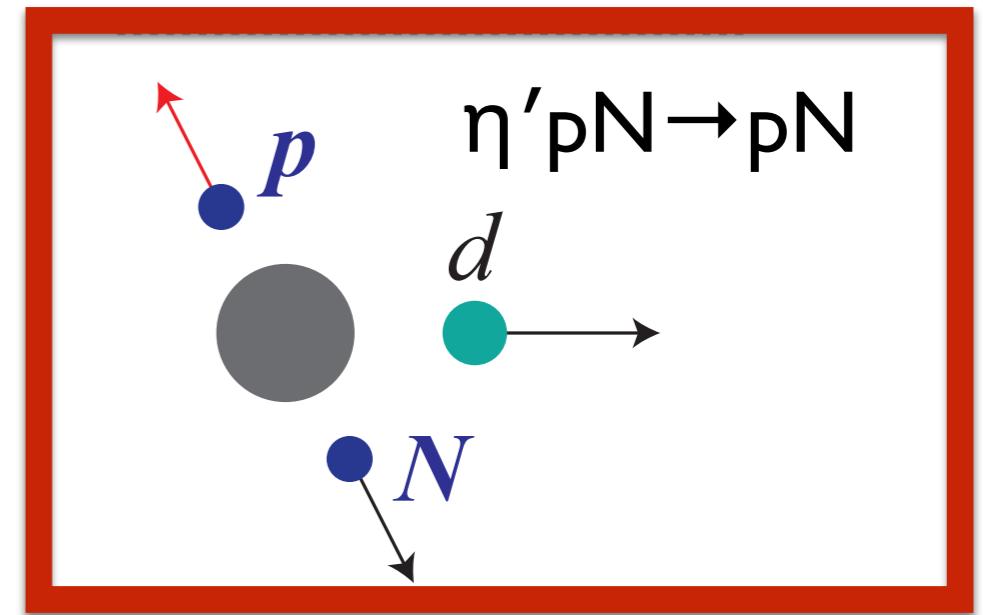
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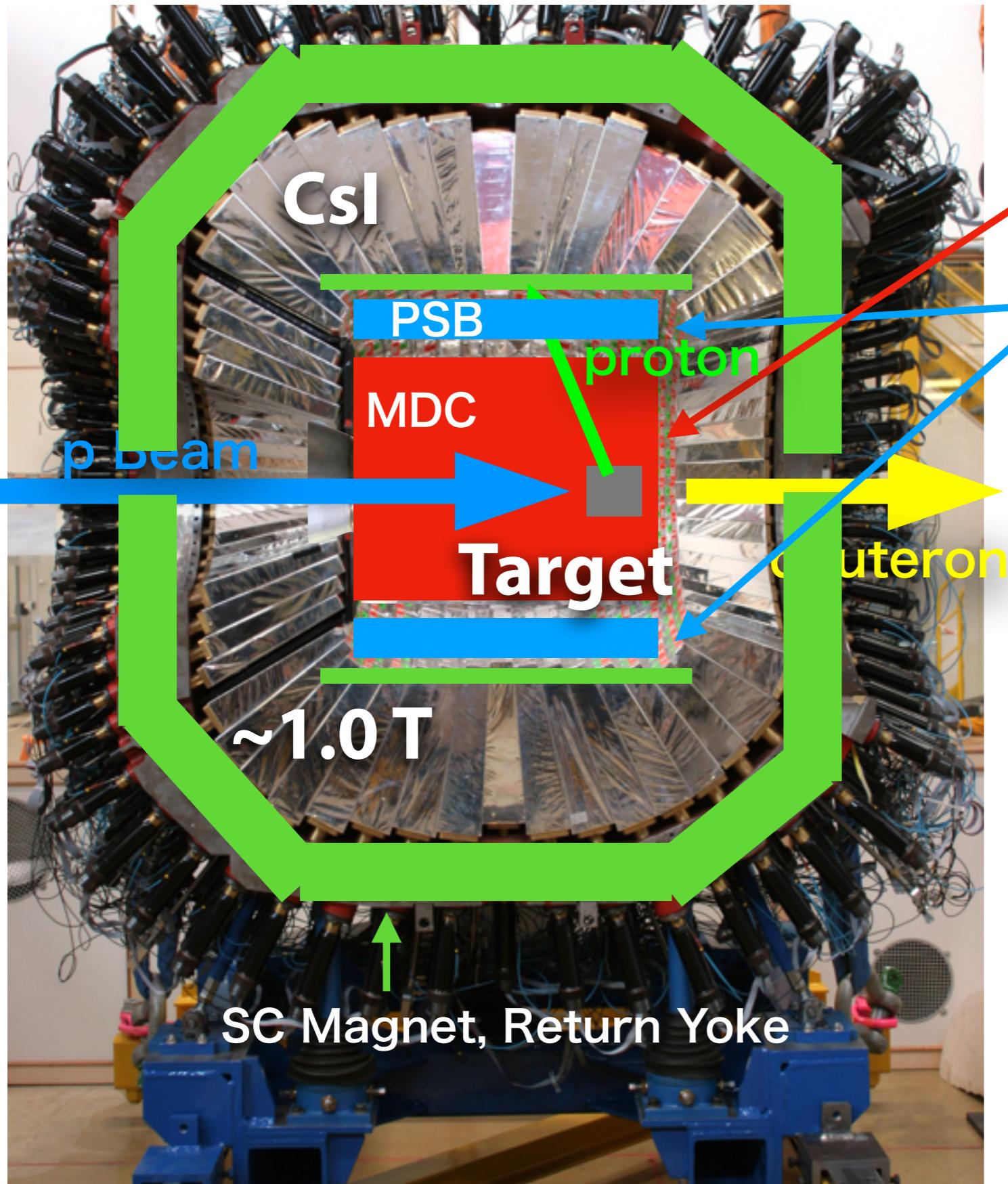
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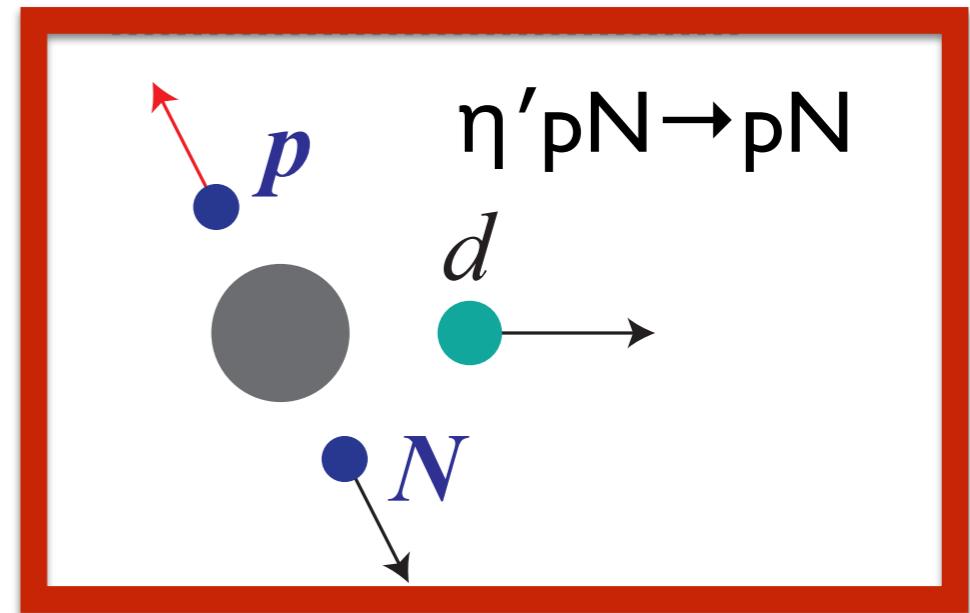


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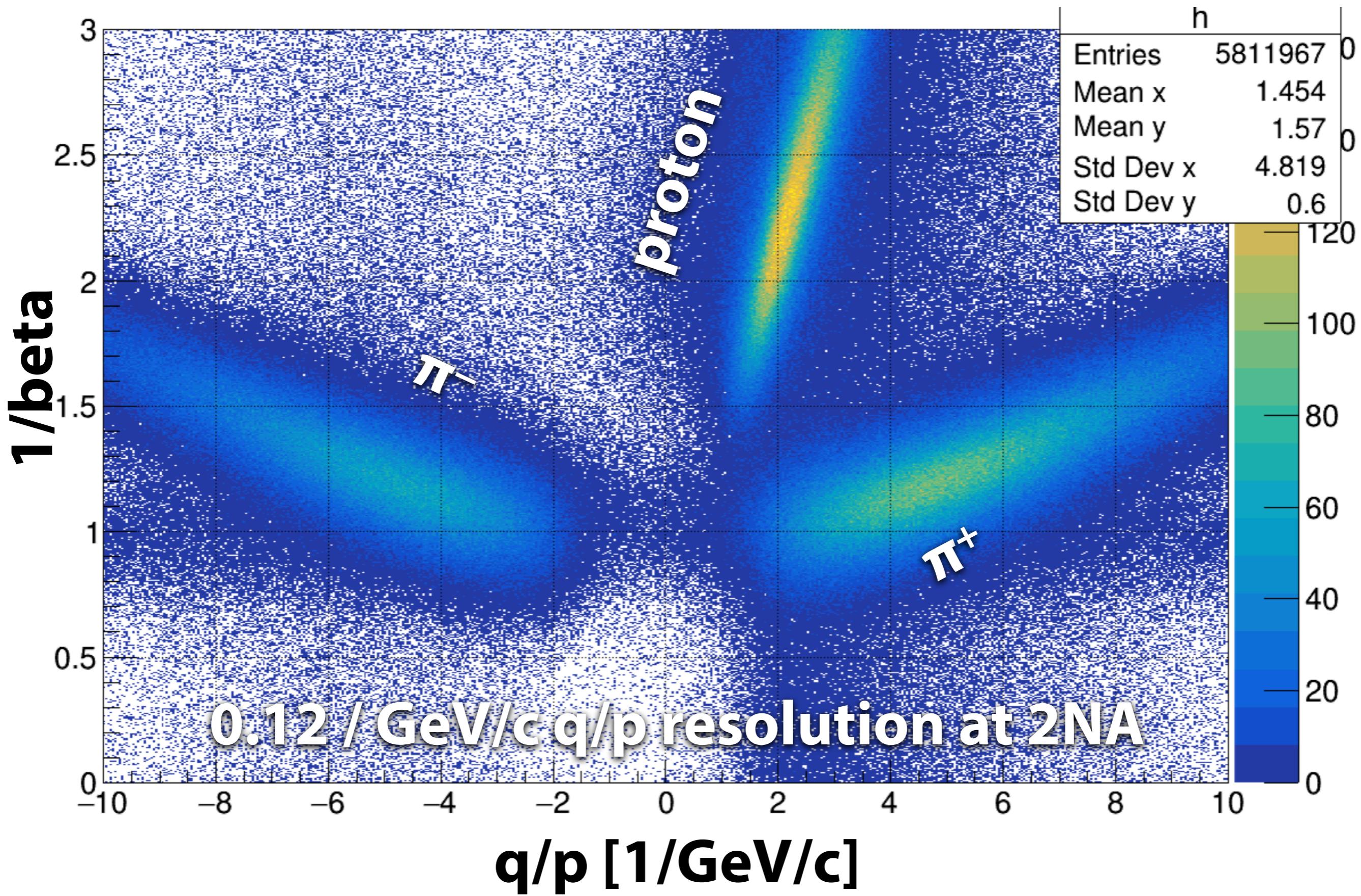


- MDC (Mini Drift Chamber)
Charged particle tracking
- PSB (Plastic Scintillator Barrel)
 ΔE + Timing measurement
- CsI
 γ detection for calibration

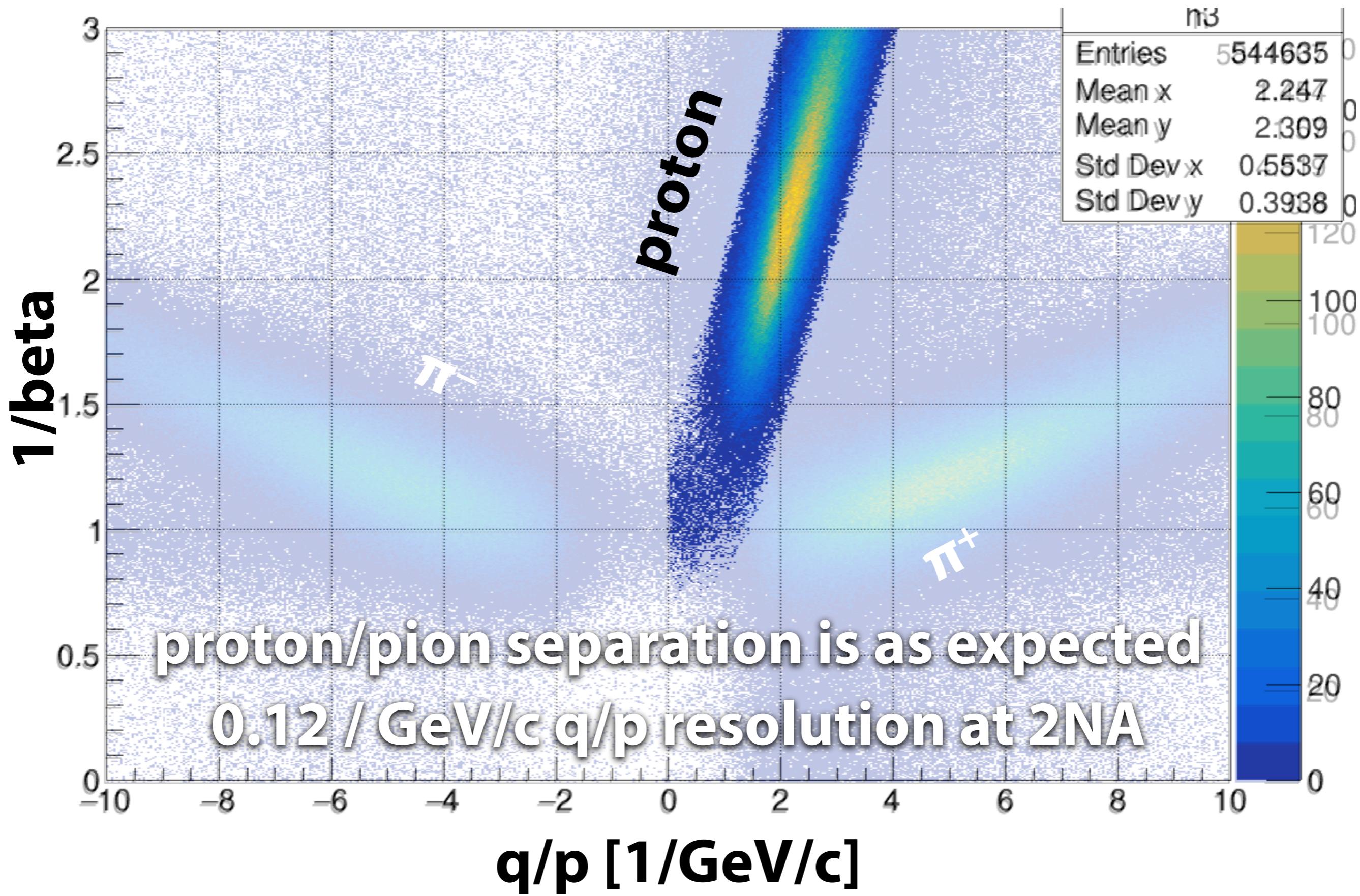
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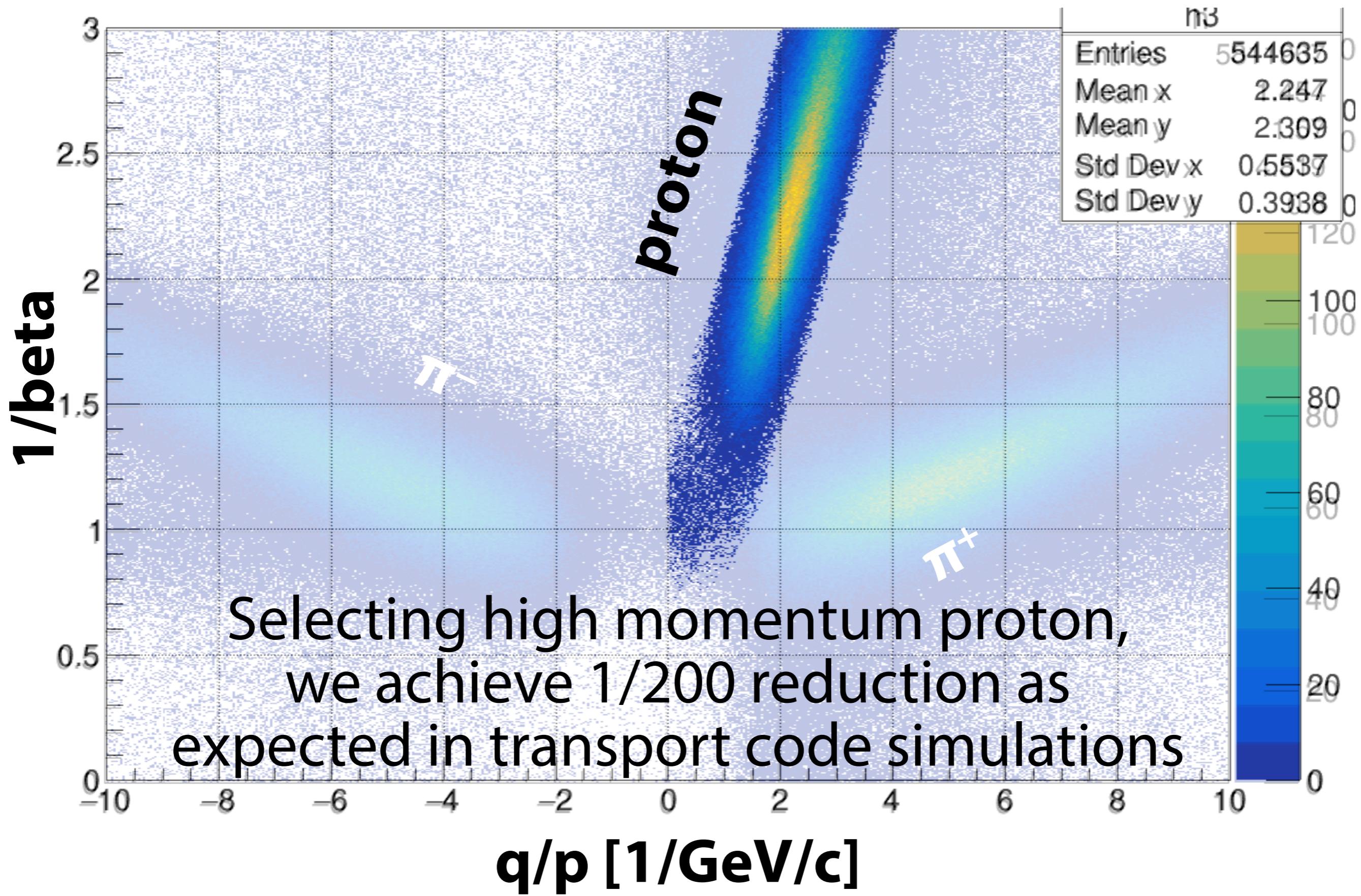
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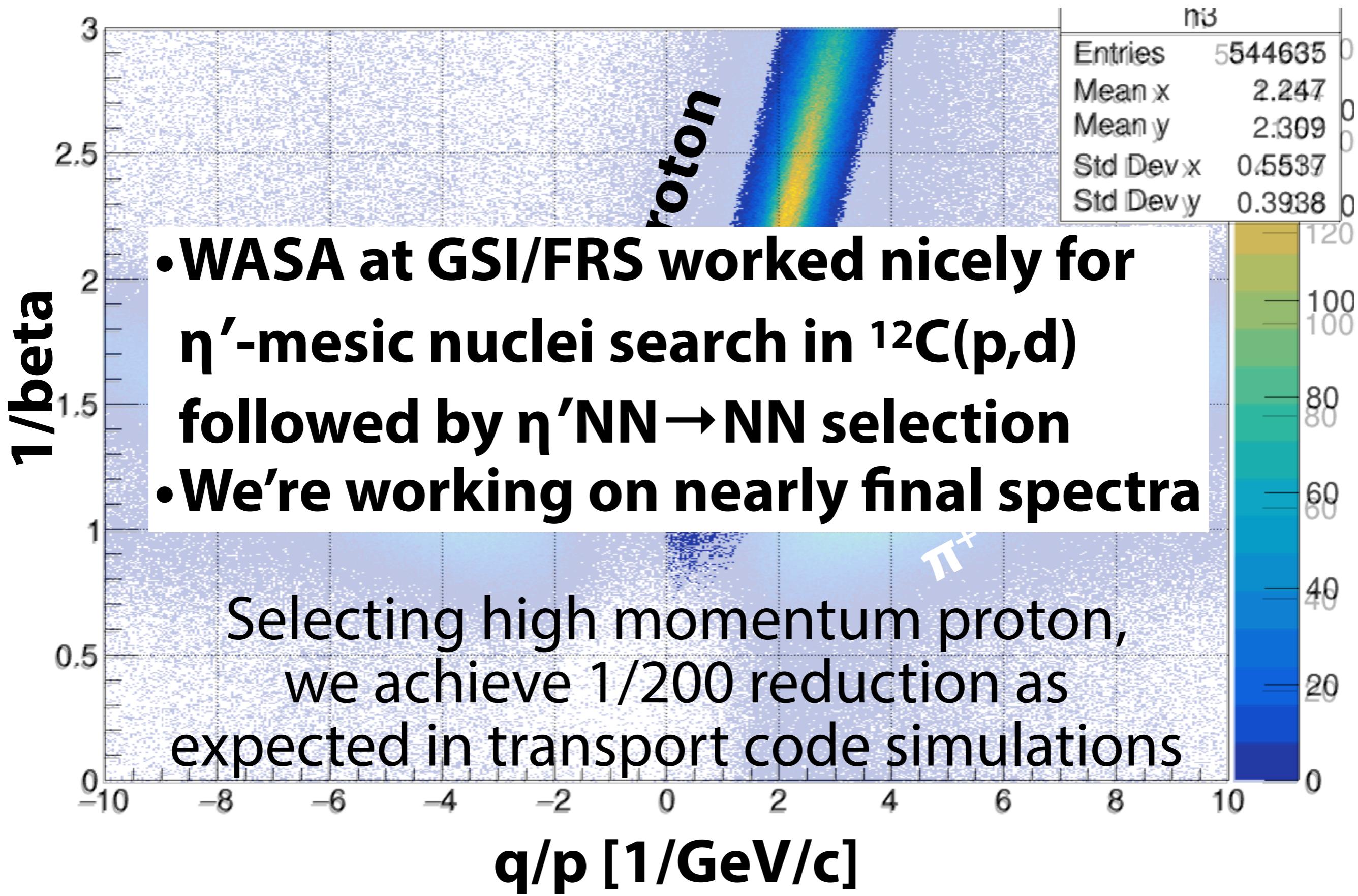
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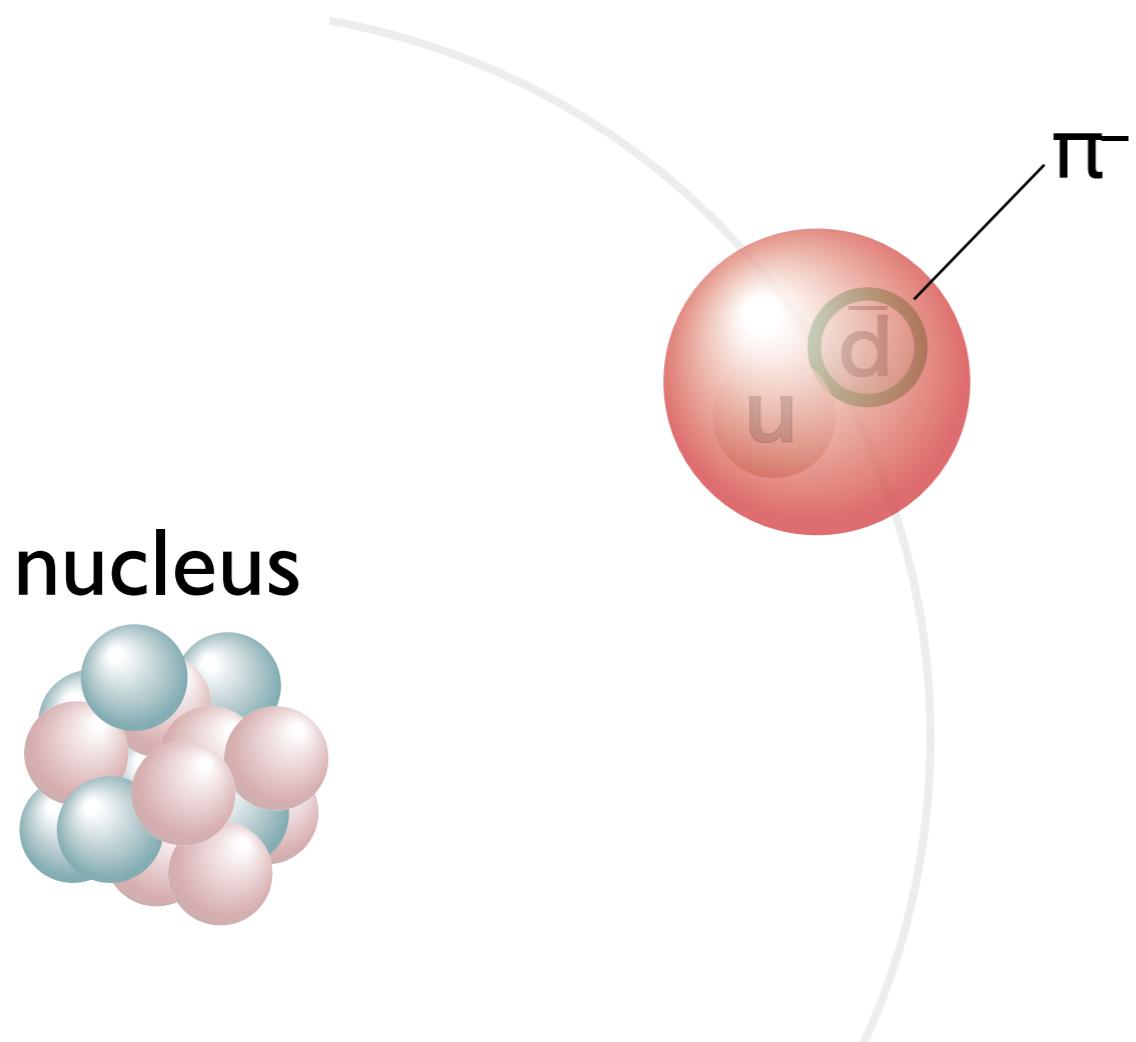
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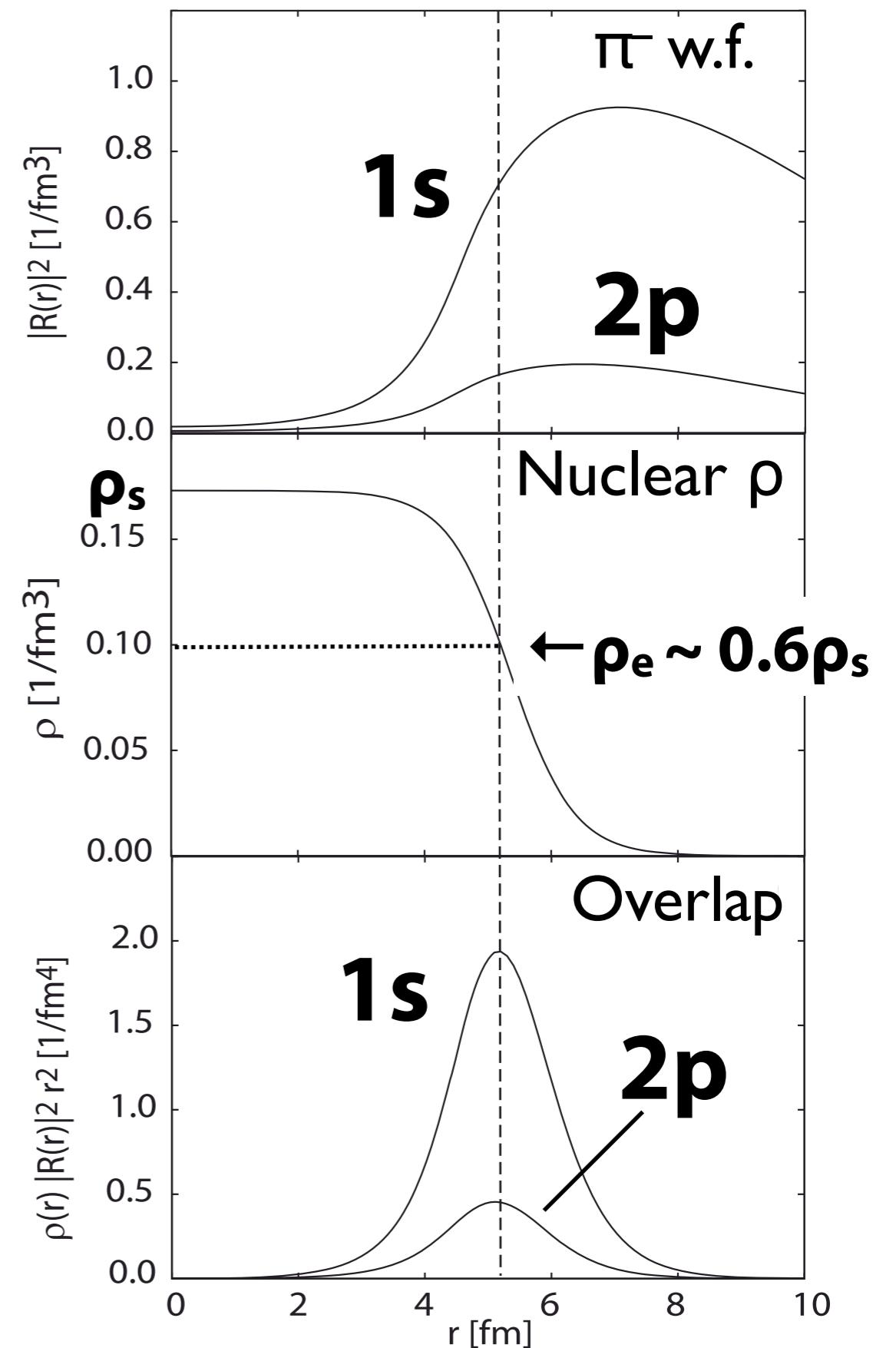


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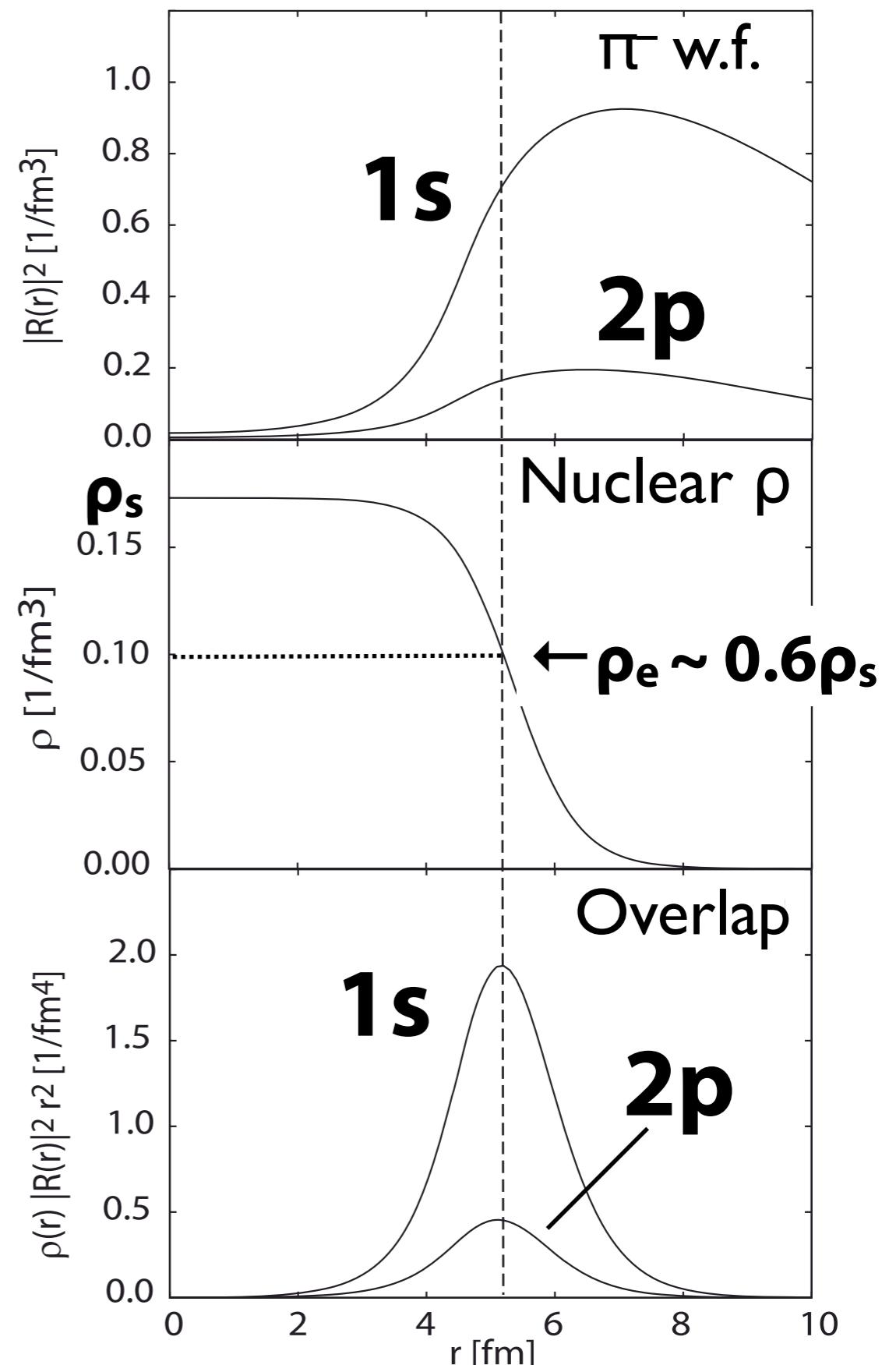
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M. Gell-Mann *et al.*, PR175(1968)2195.

Y. Tomozawa, NuovoCimA46(1966)707.

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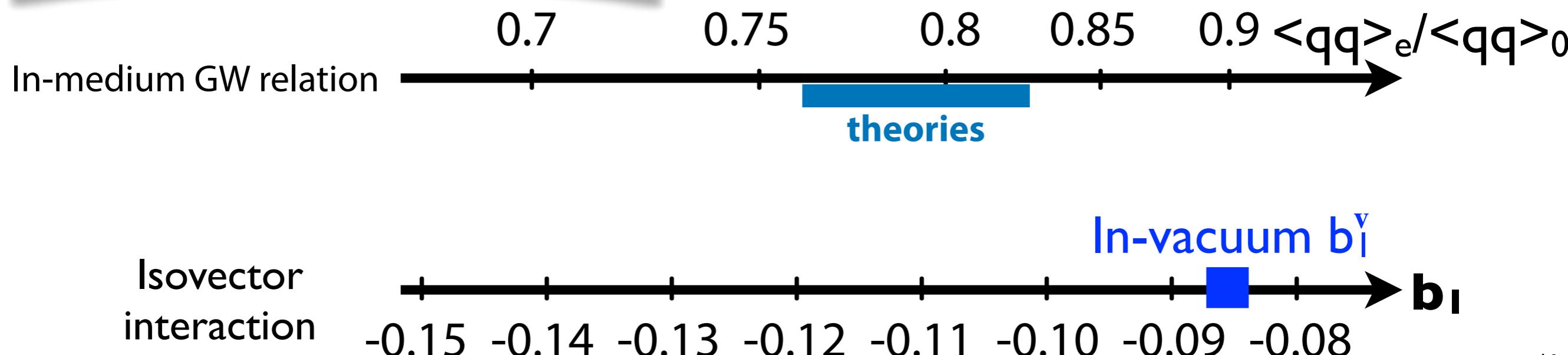
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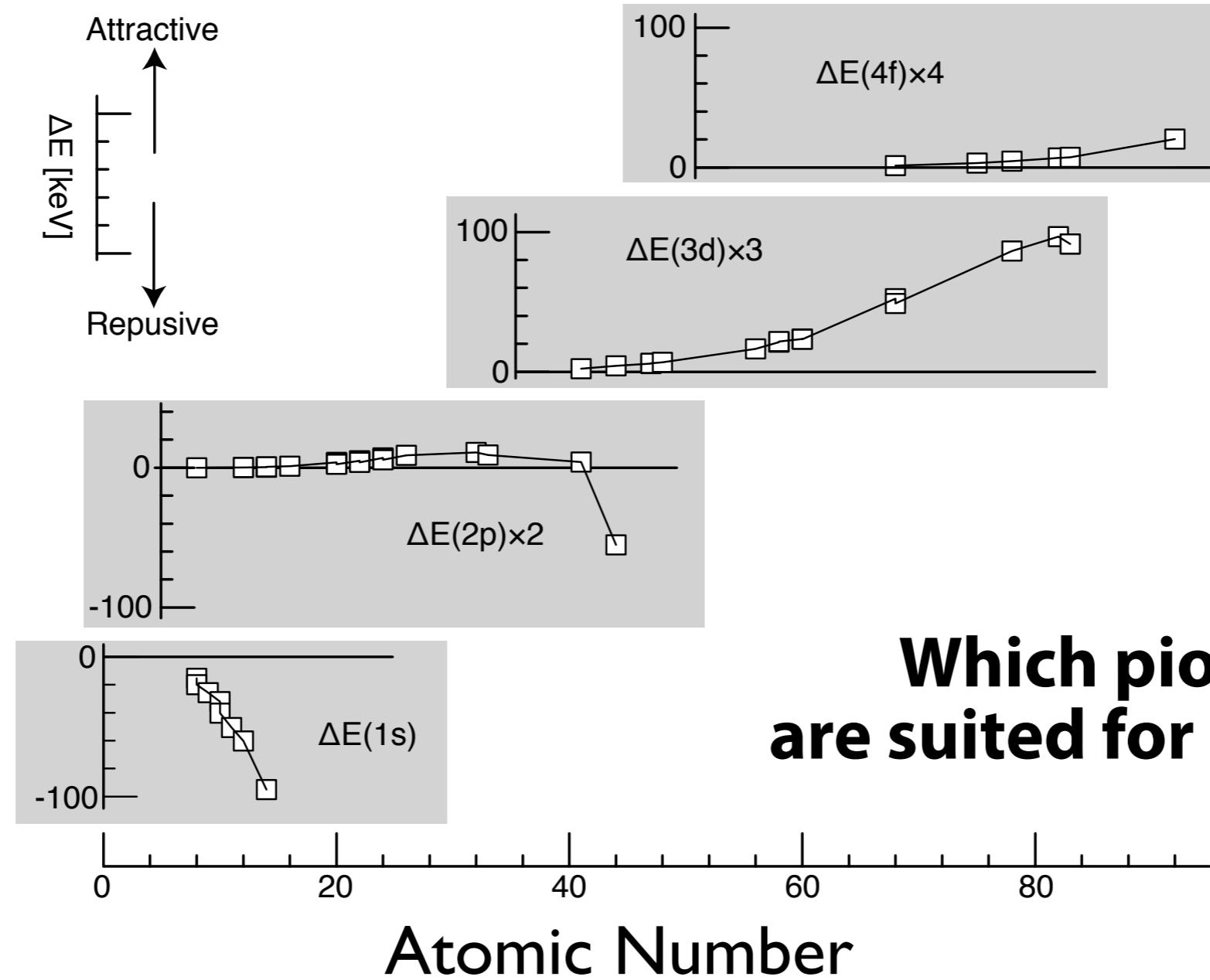
Pionic hydrogen and deuterium

$$b_1^v = 0.0866 \pm 0.0010$$

Hirtil et al., EPJA57, 70 (2021)



Level shifts in pionic X-ray measurements



**Which pionic atoms
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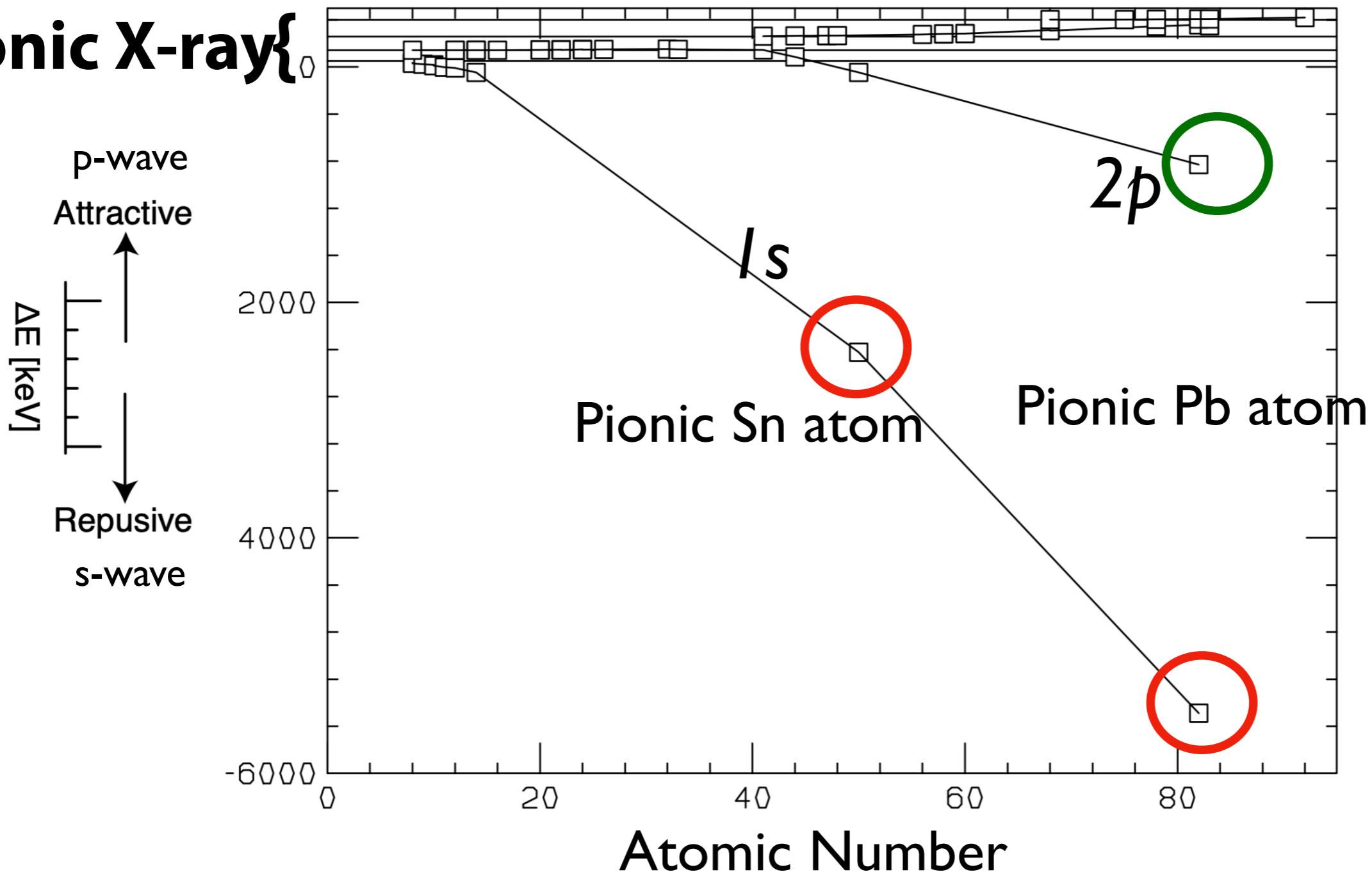
→ **s-wave = repulsive = negative shift**

→ **p-wave = attractive = positive shift**

Deeply bound pionic atoms

Level shifts

Pionic X-ray{



Deeply bound atoms have "super" repulsive shifts
and provide s-wave information

piA and π -nucleus interaction

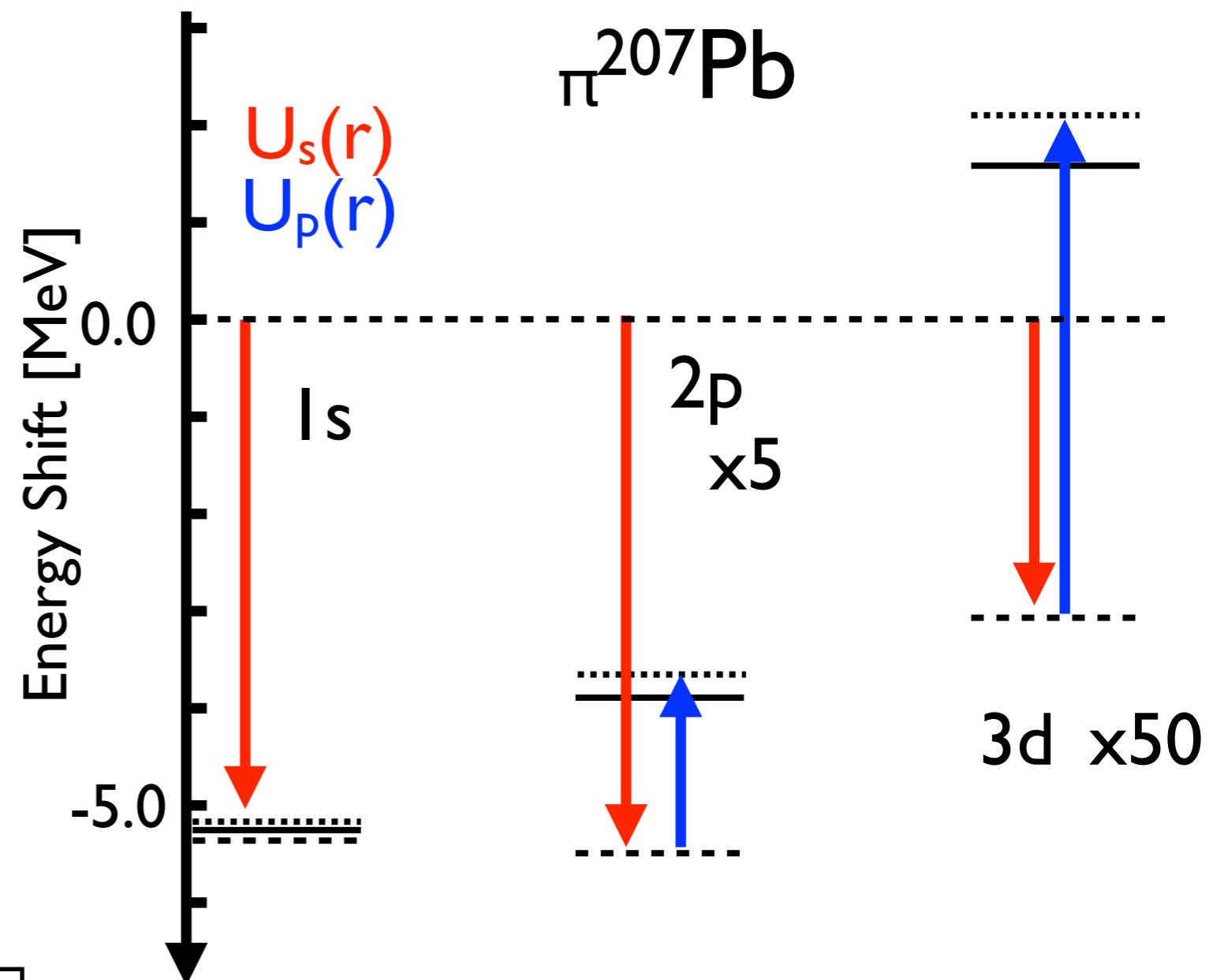
Deeply bound states
are sensitive to s-wave
cf. Pionic X-rays are to p-wave

Ericson-Ericson potential

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s-wave interaction is dominant in 1s shift,
whereas p-wave is larger in 3d

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Isotope dependence of deeply bound pionic states in Sn and Pb

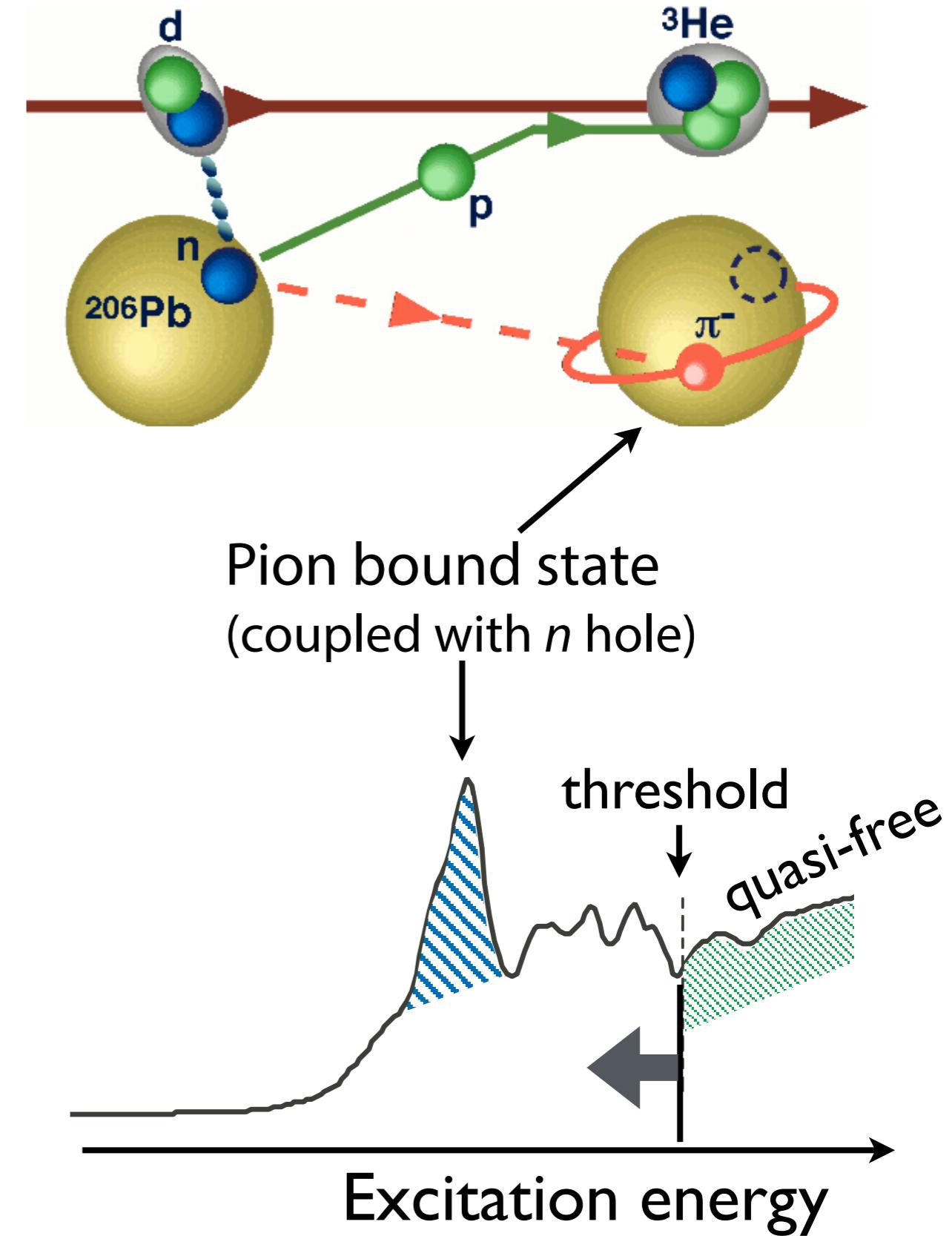
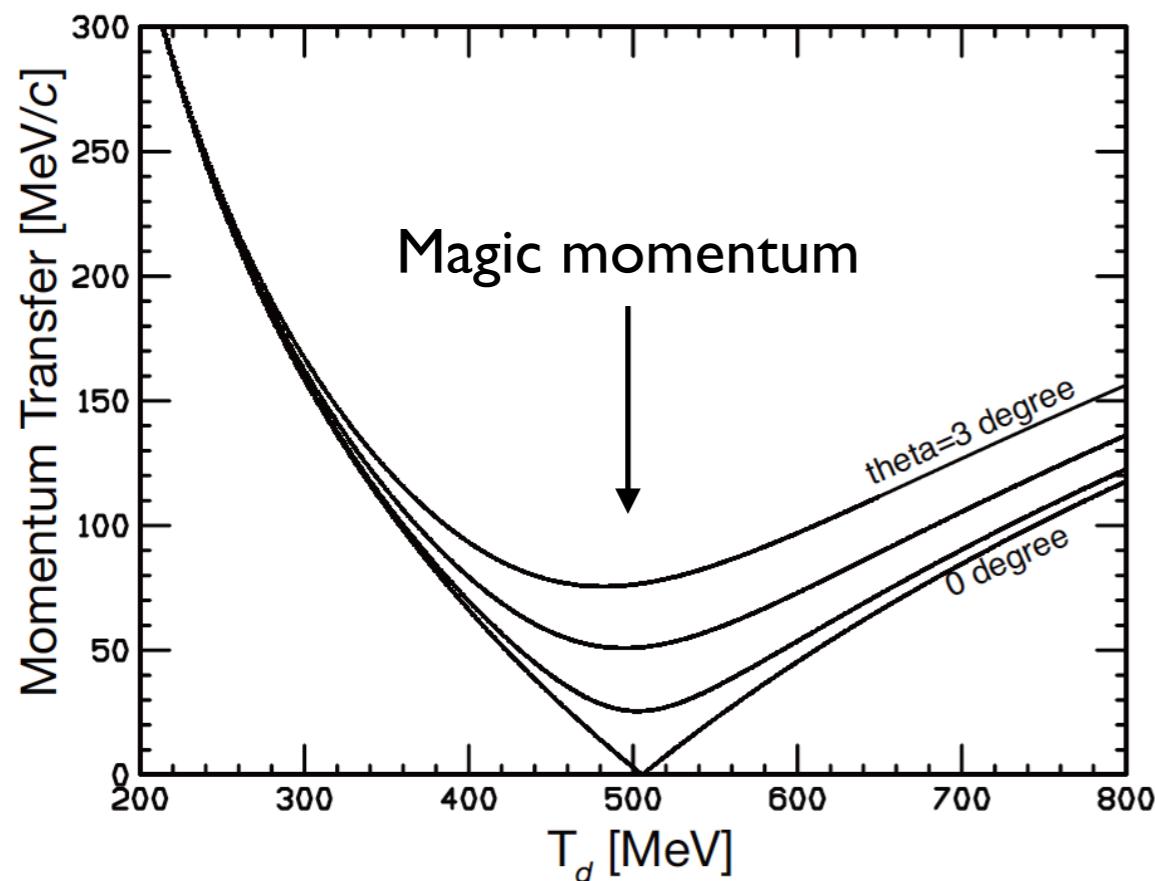
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Spectroscopy of pionic atoms in $(d, {}^3\text{He})$ reactions

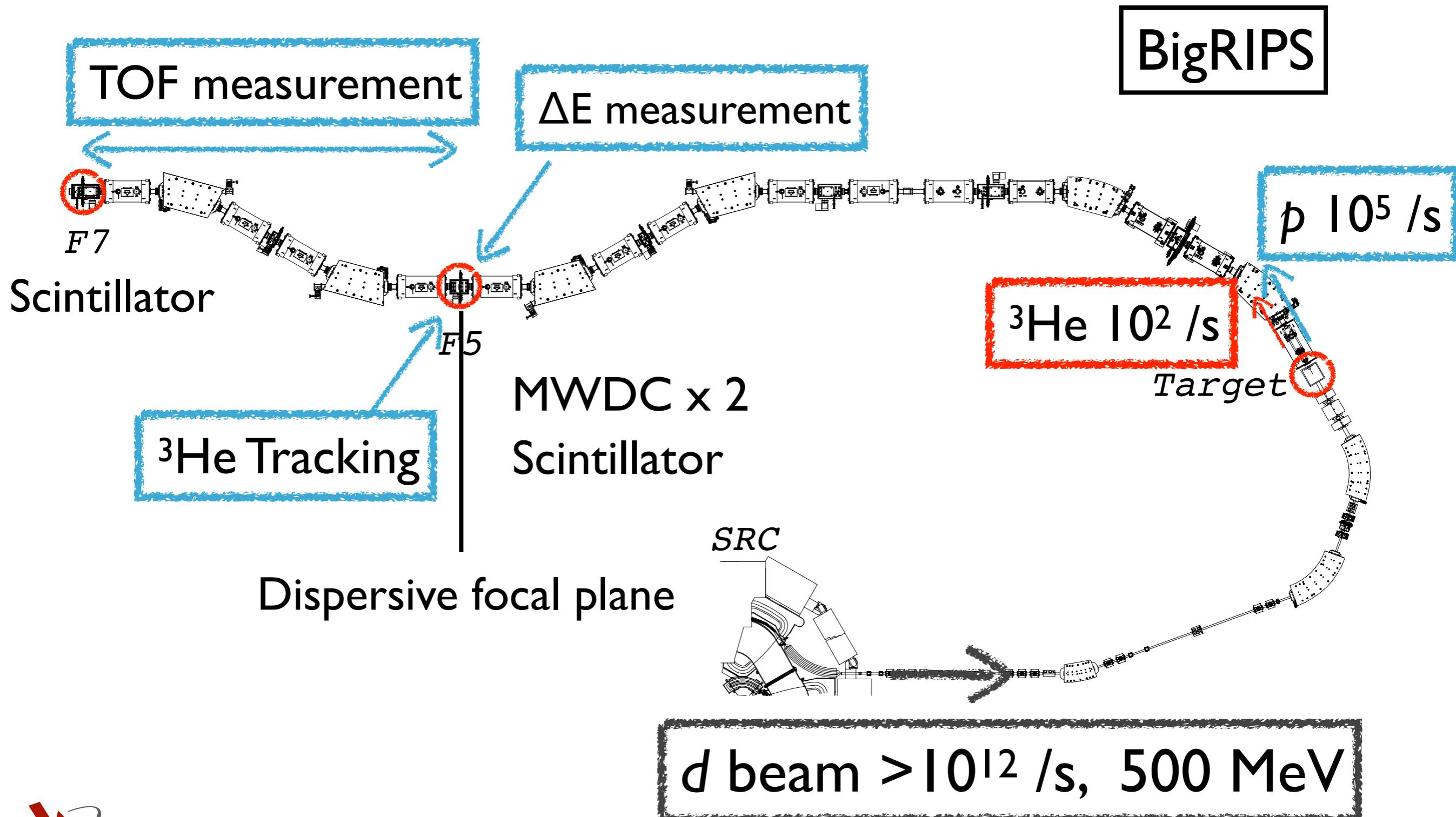
Missing mass spectroscopy to measure excitation spectrum of pionic atoms

Direct production of pionic atoms

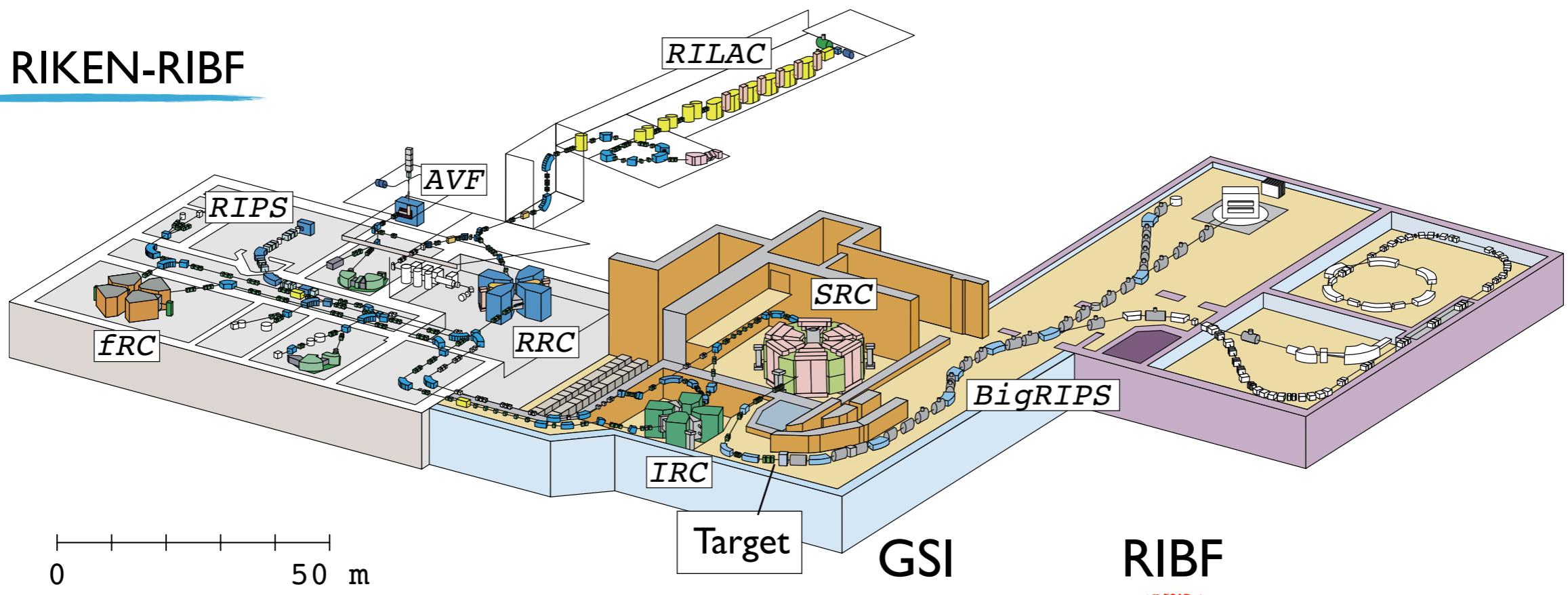
Momentum transfer



(d,³He) Reaction Spectroscopy in RIBF



RI Beam Factory



d beam Intensity

$10^{11}/\text{spill}$

$>10^{12}/\text{s}$

Target

20 mg/cm^2 10 mg/cm^2

$\Delta p_d/p_d$ (FWHM)

0.02%

0.06%

Resolution (FWHM)

400 keV

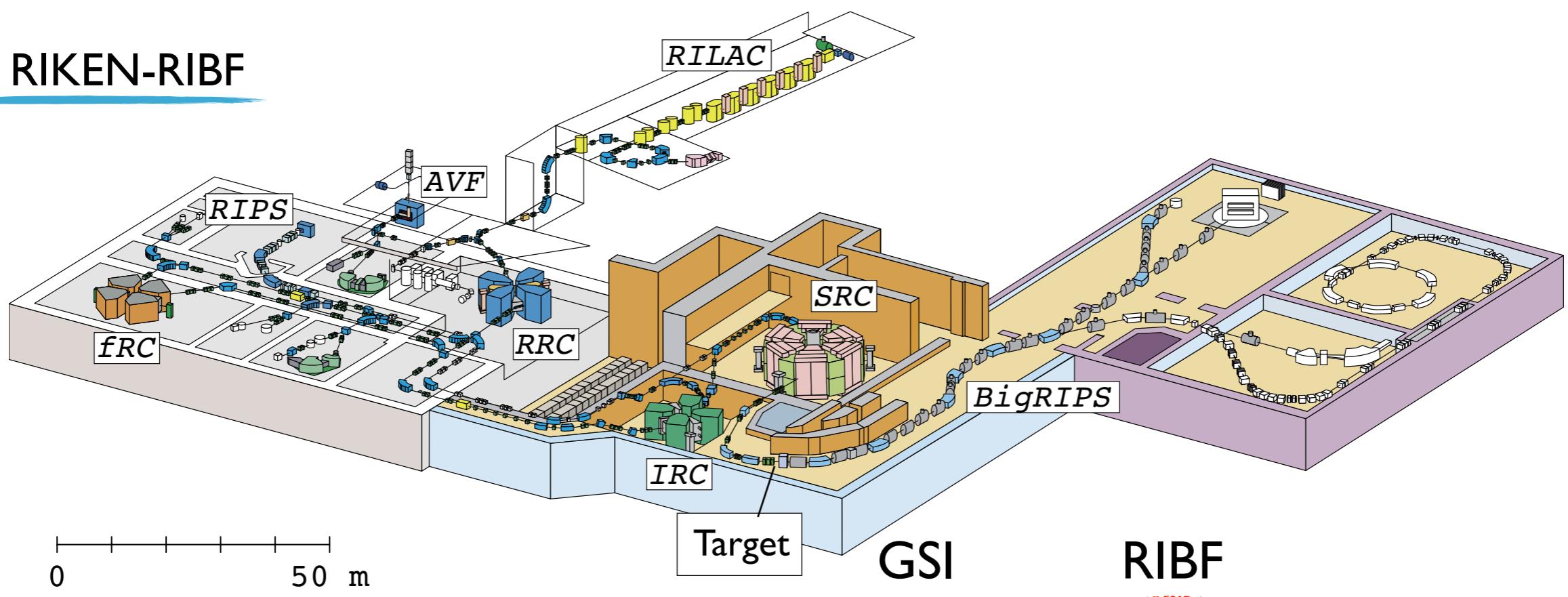
$\sim 1000 \text{ keV}$

Acceptance (mrad)

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Dispersion matching

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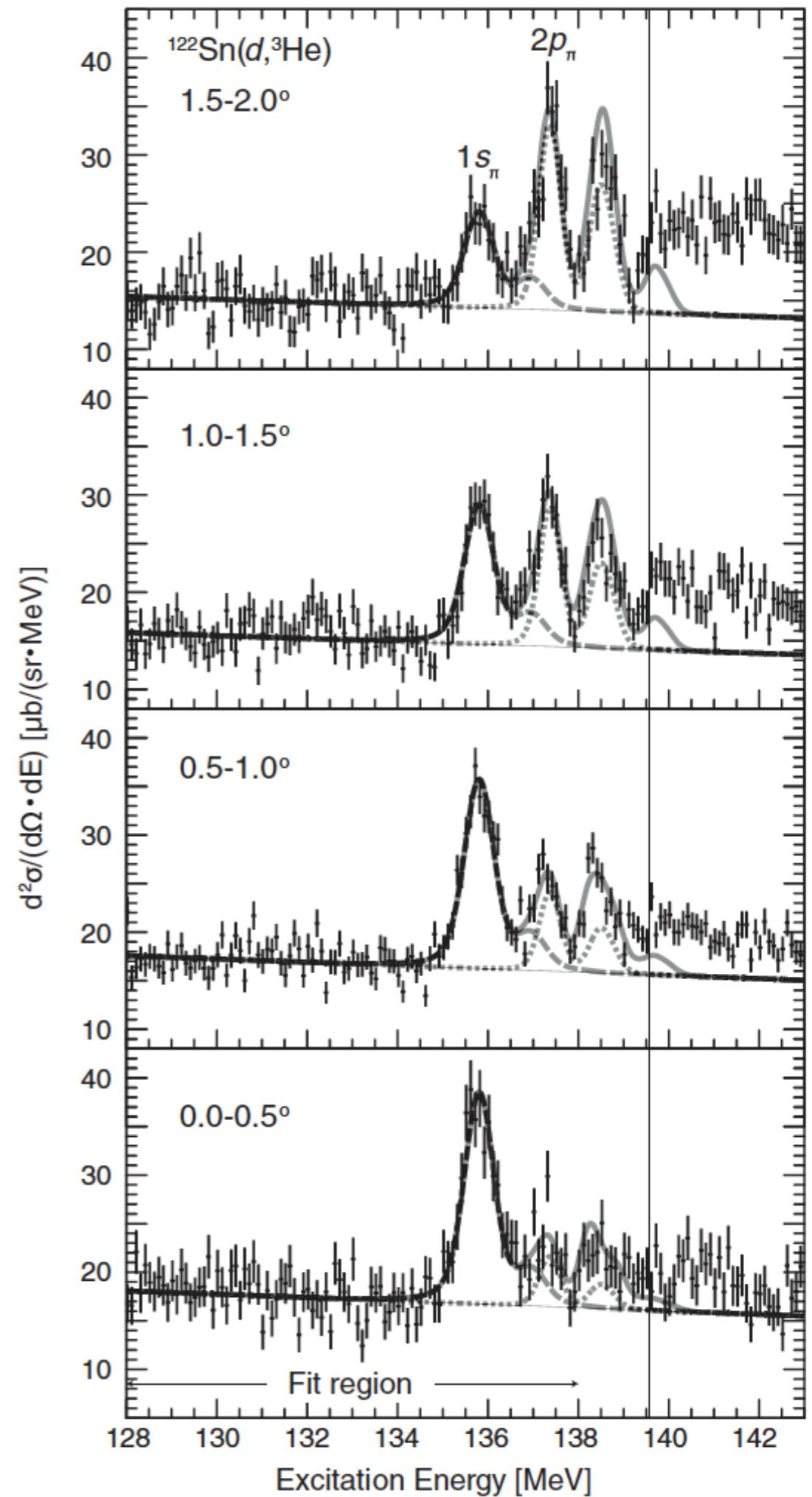
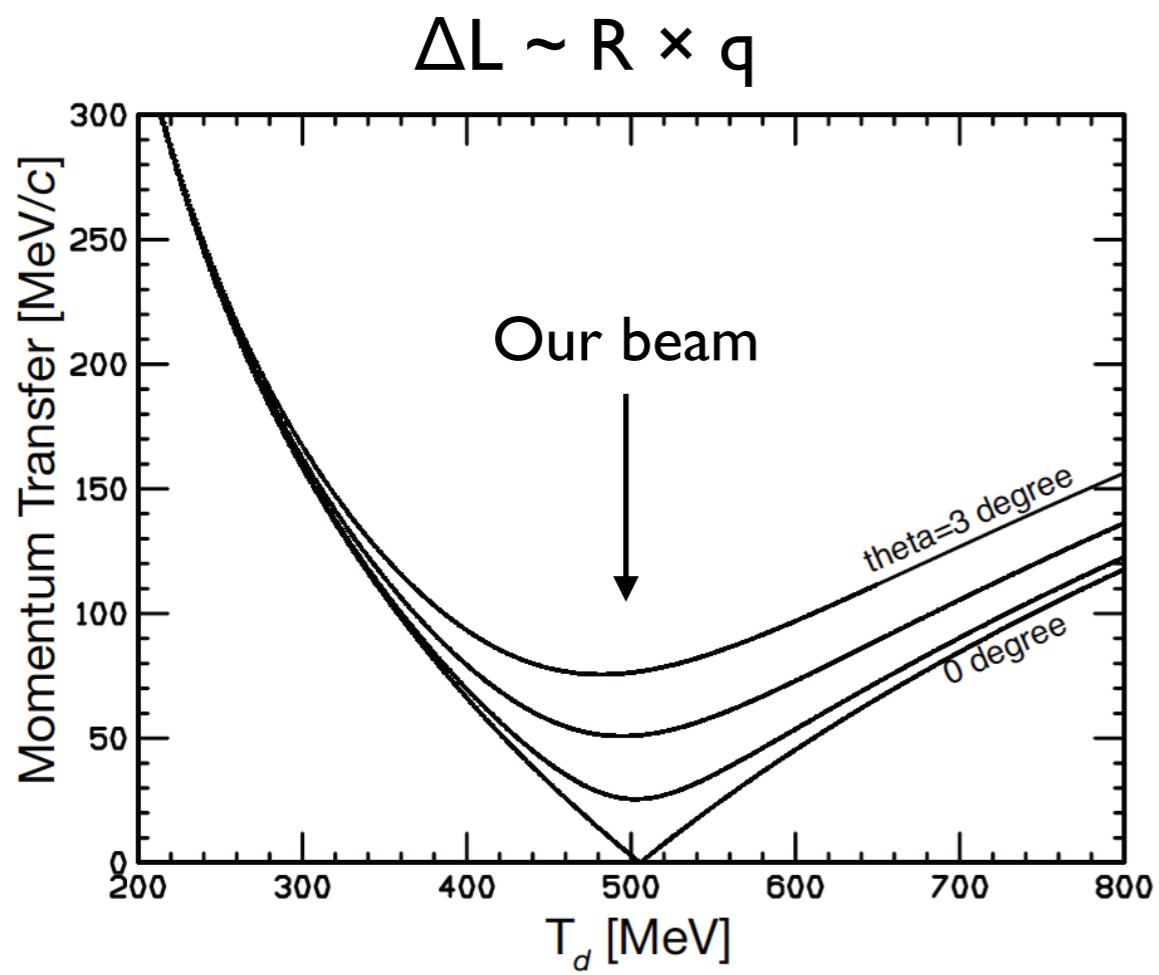
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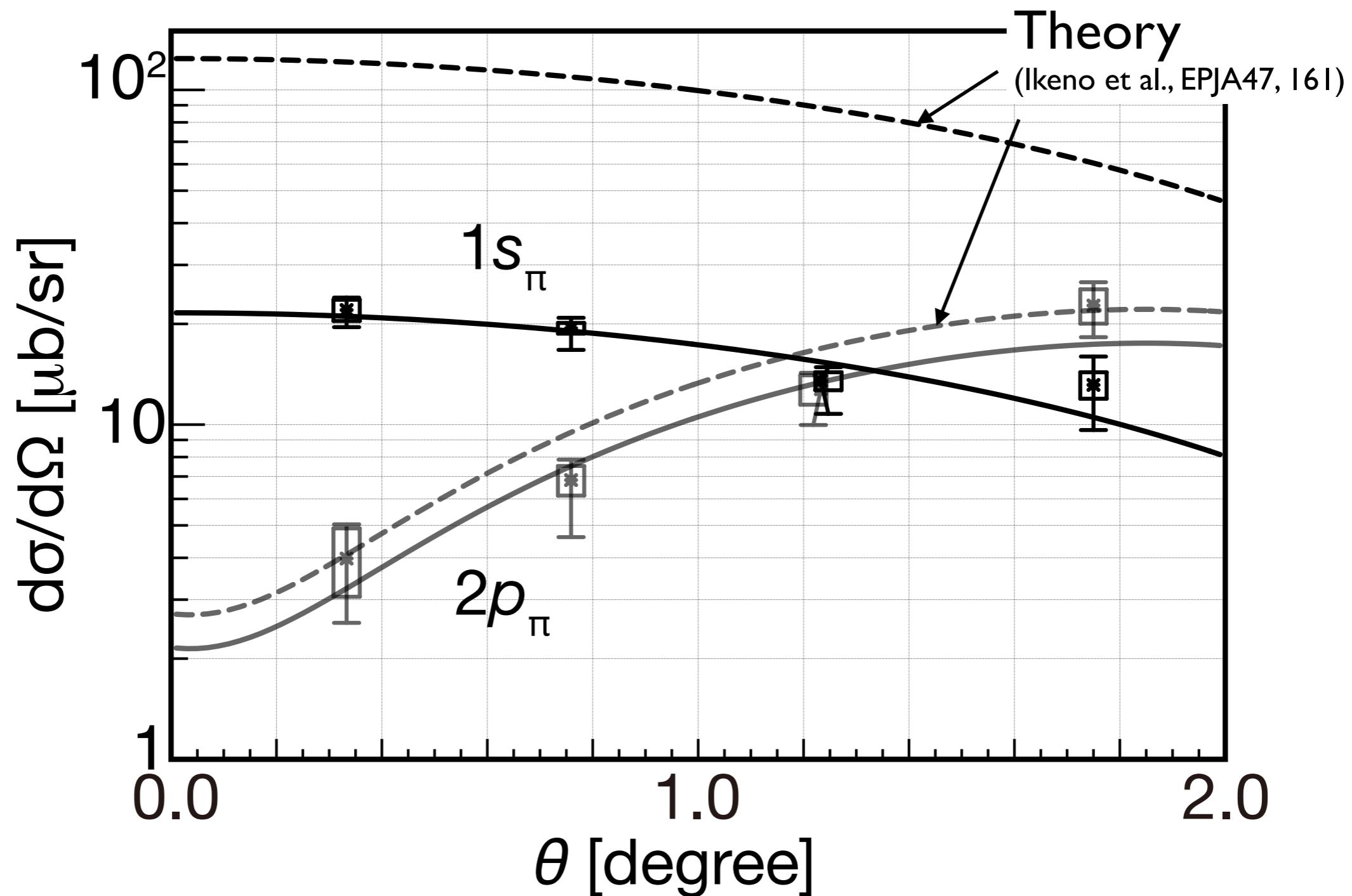
Pionic ^{121}Sn atom

Pilot run
15 hours DAQ in 2010

First observation of
 θ dependence of
 π atom cross section



1s and 2p pionic atom cross sections in ($d, {}^3He$)



θ dependence is well reproduced.
Theory calculates 5x larger cross section for 1s

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First simultaneous 1s and 2p observation

$B_{1s} = 3.828 \pm 0.013(\text{stat})^{+0.036}_{-0.033}(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}$
$\Gamma_{1s} = 0.252 \pm 0.054(\text{stat})^{+0.053}_{-0.070}(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}$
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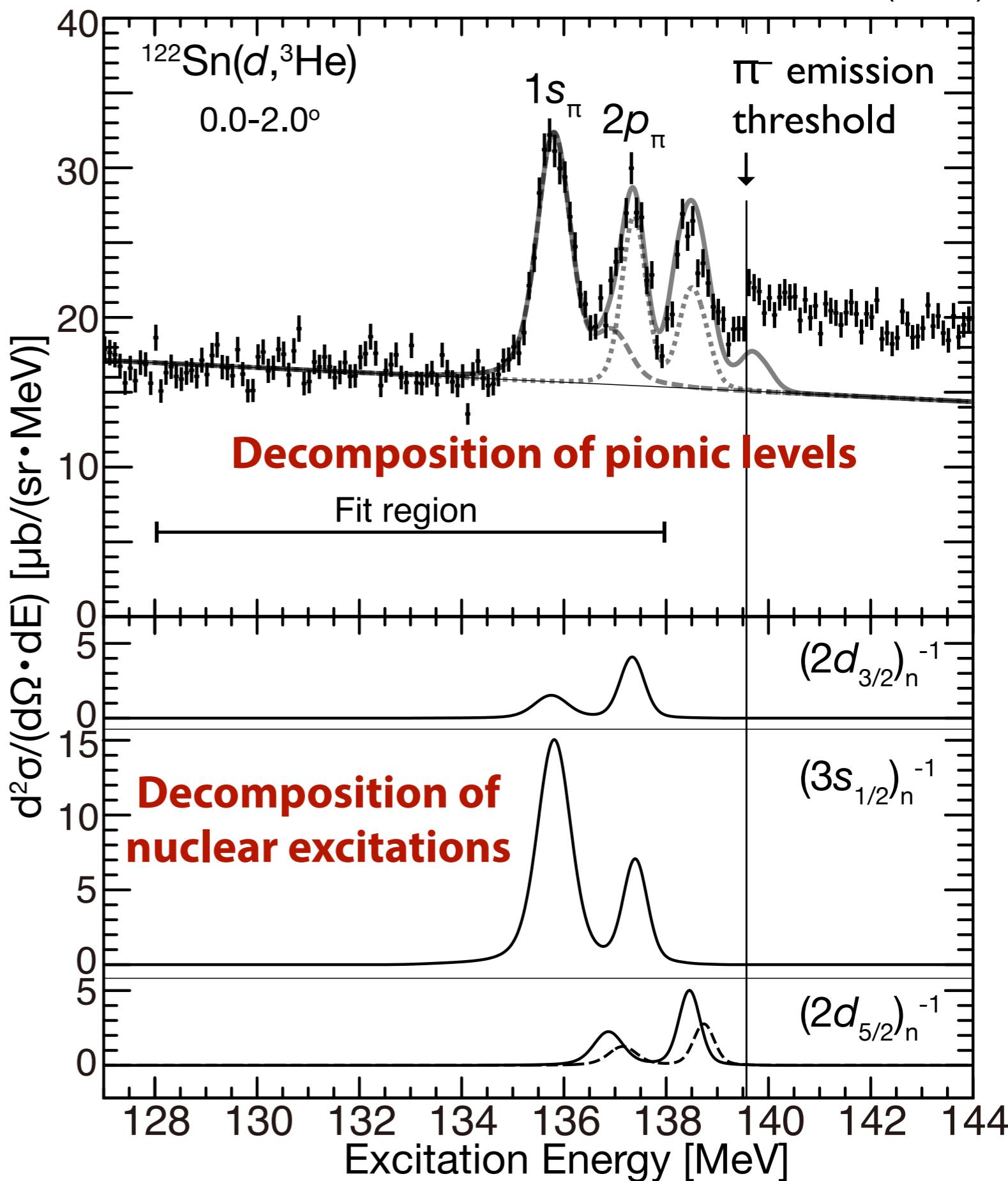
Resolution 394 keV (FWHM)

Theories

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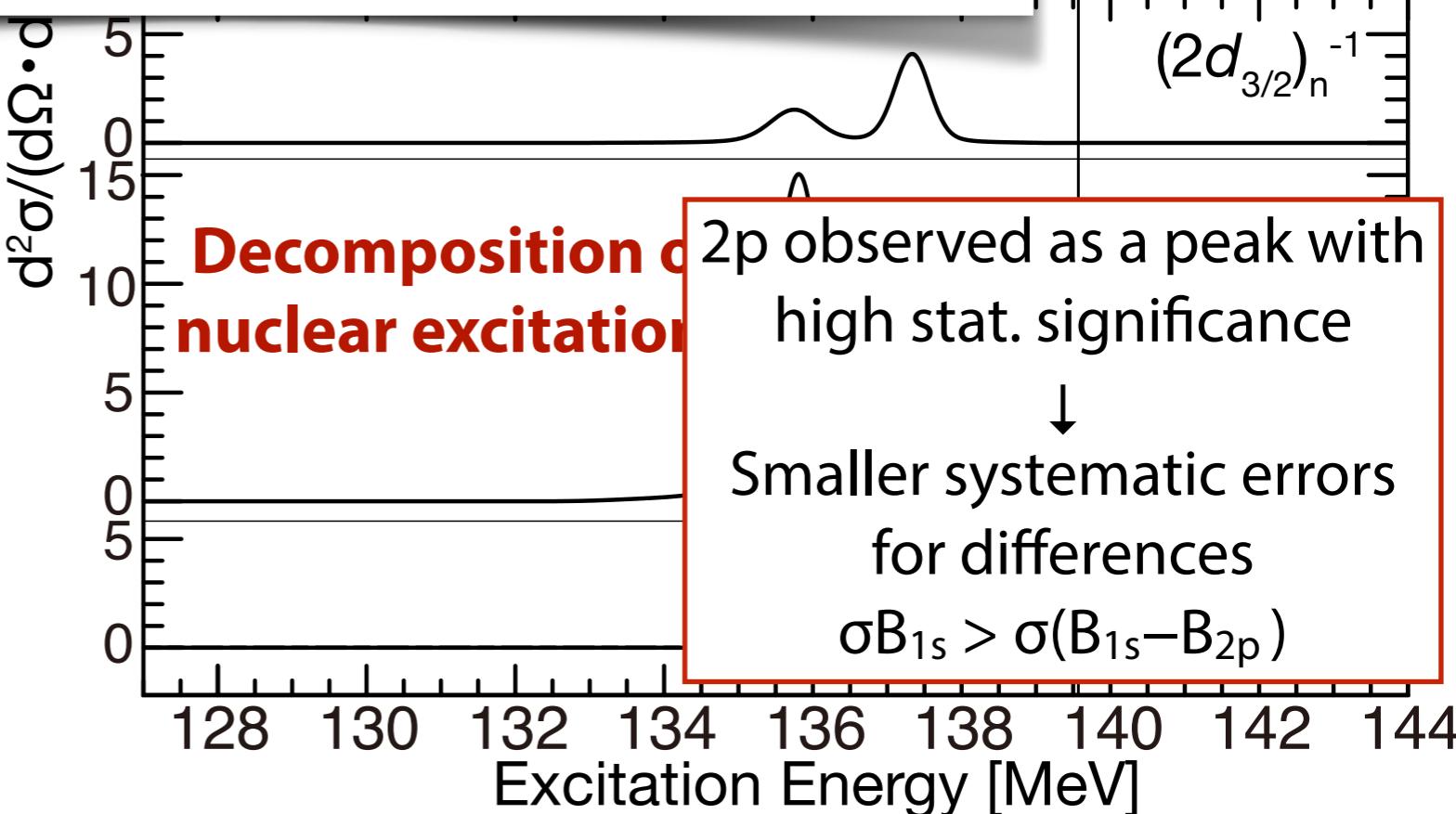
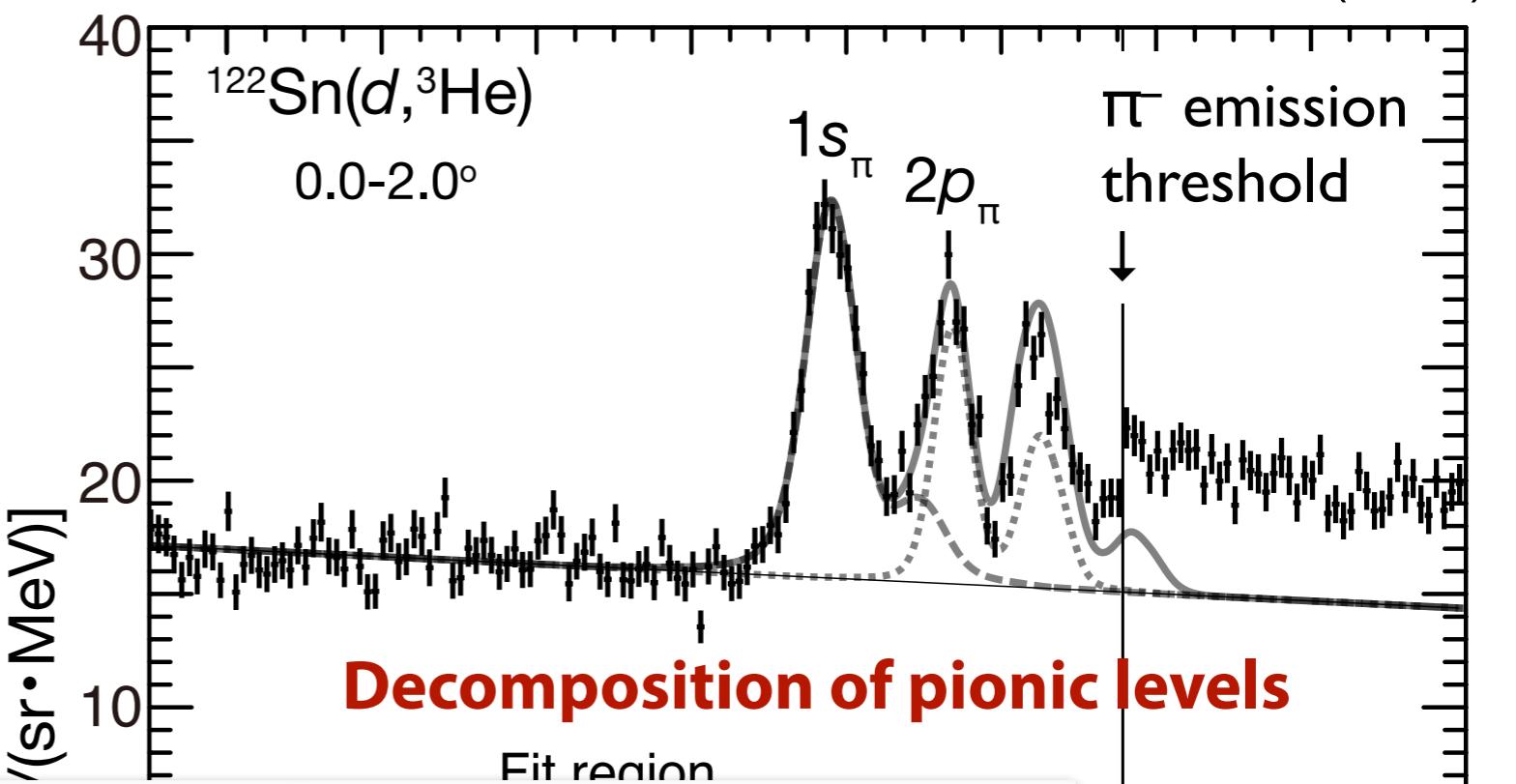
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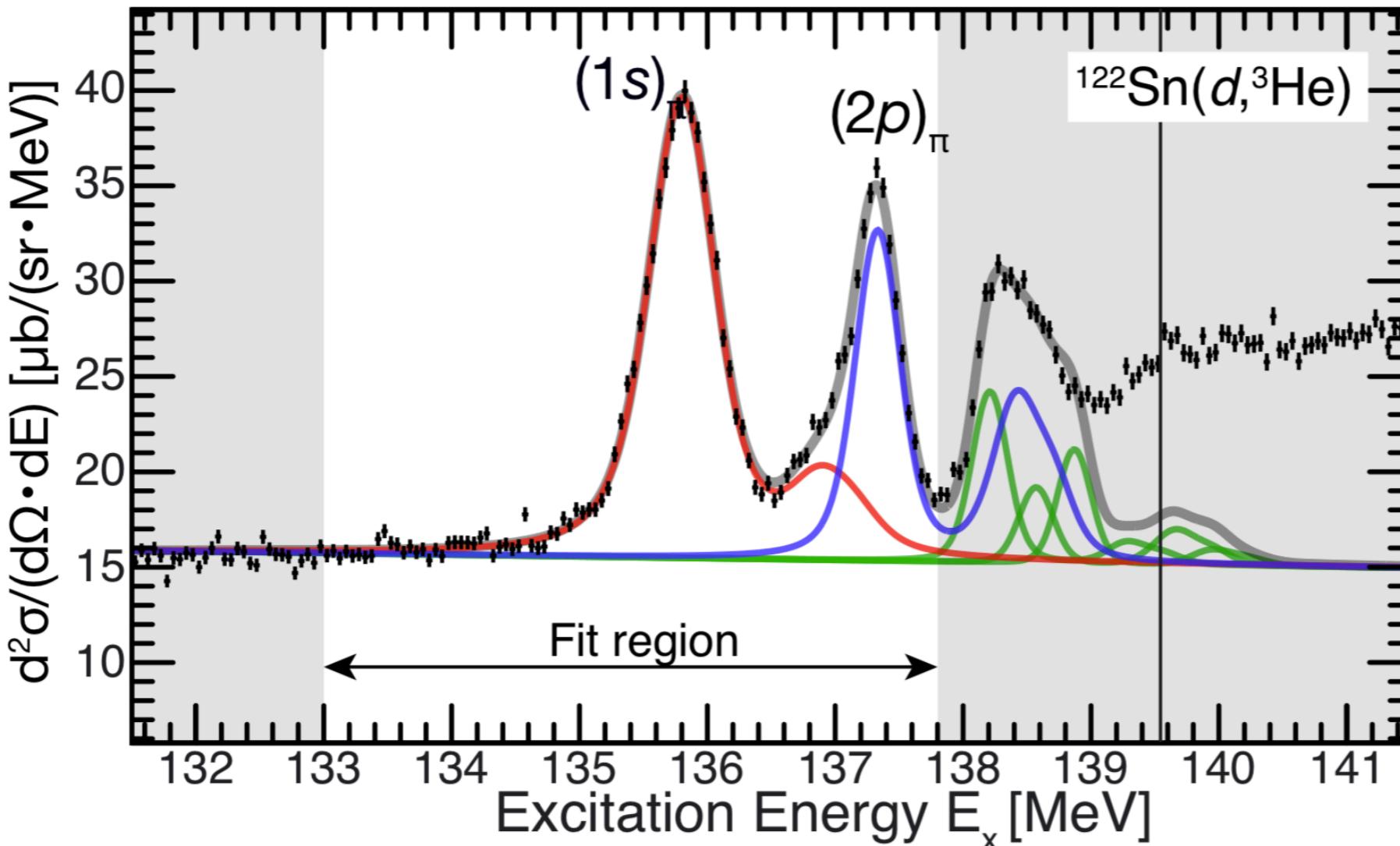
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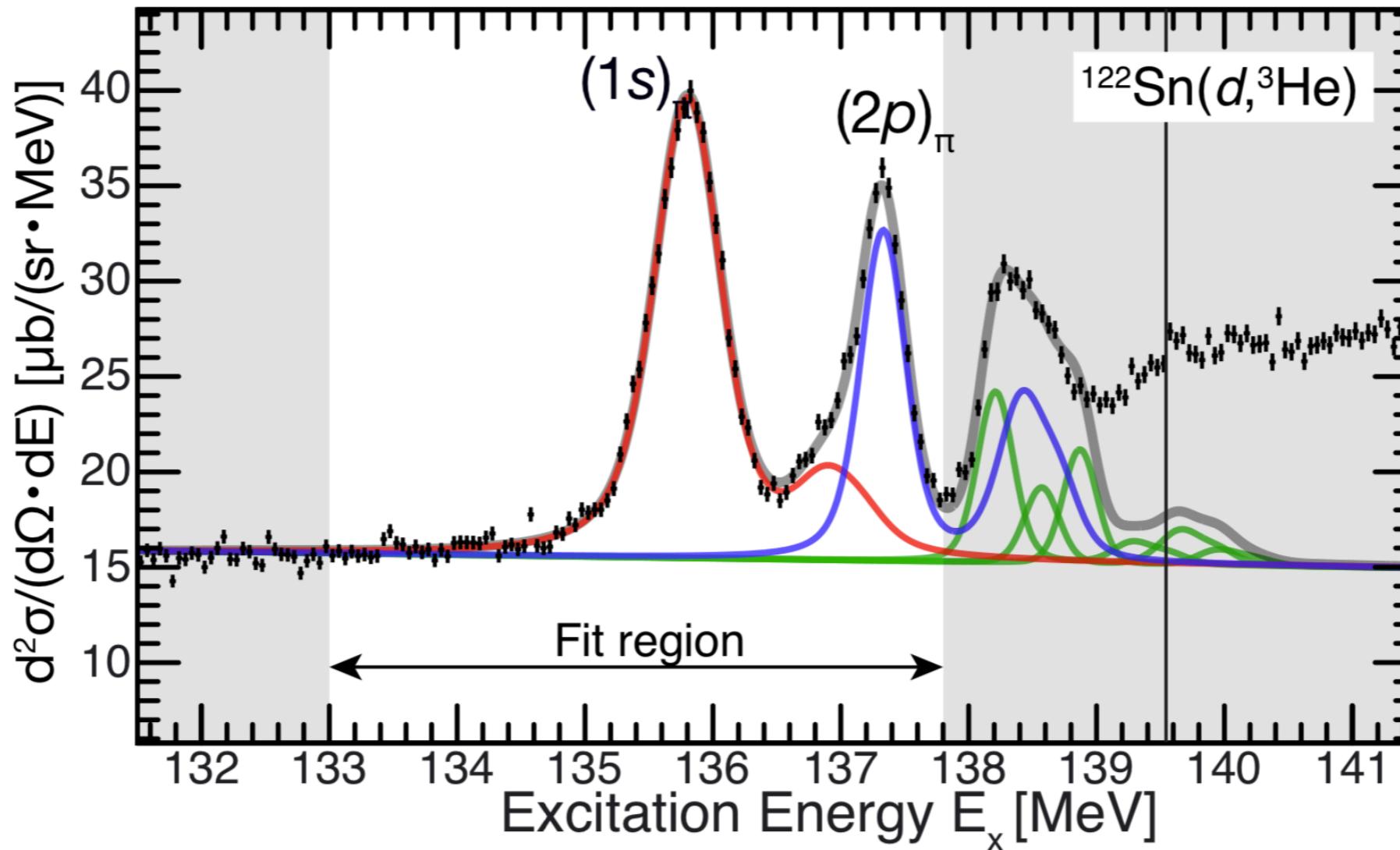
High Precision Spectrum of $^{122}\text{Sn}(d,^3\text{He})$ in 2014 run

Pionic atom unveils hidden structure of QCD vacuum

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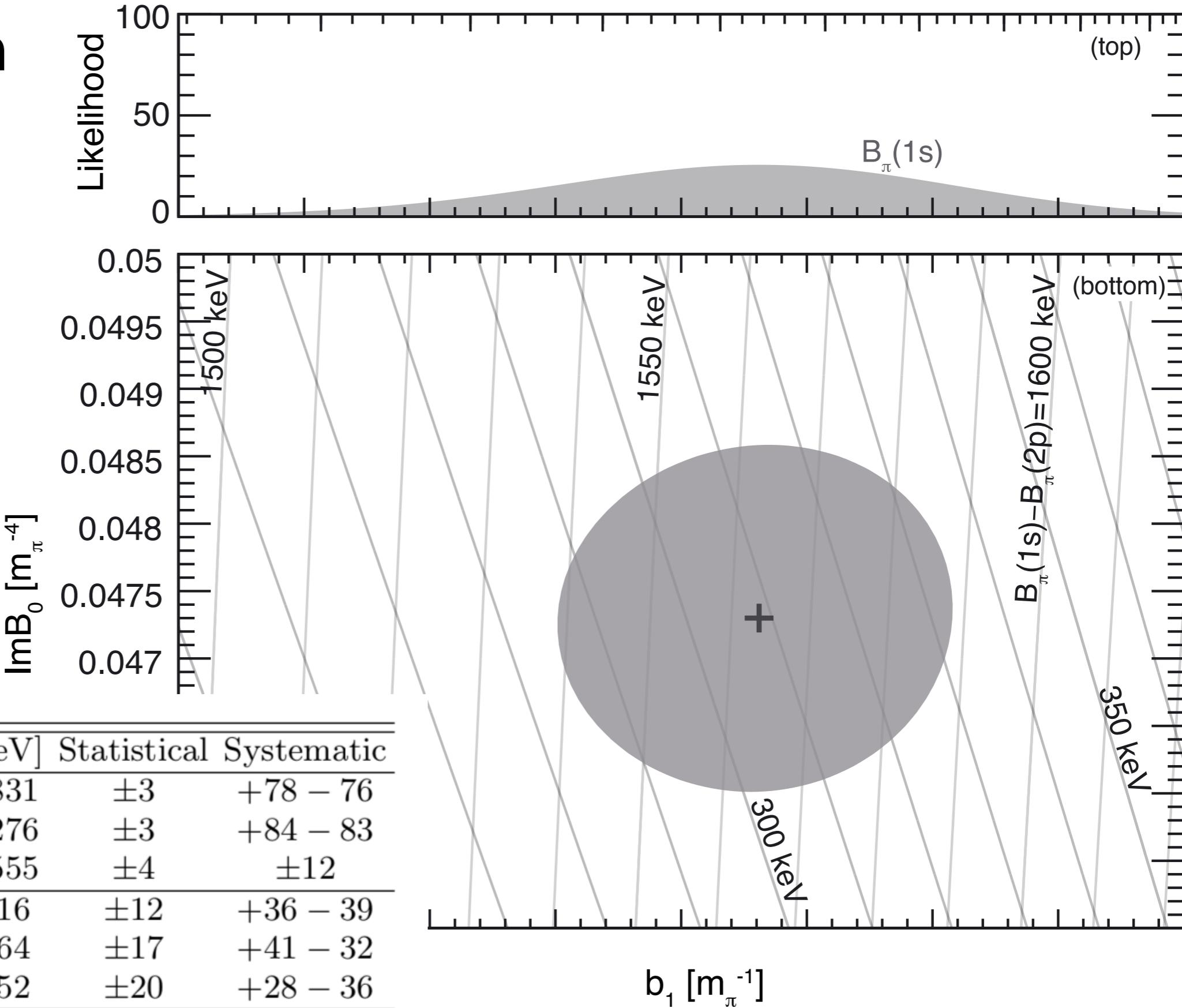


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2p observed as a peak with
high stat. significance
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 Smaller systematic errors
for differences
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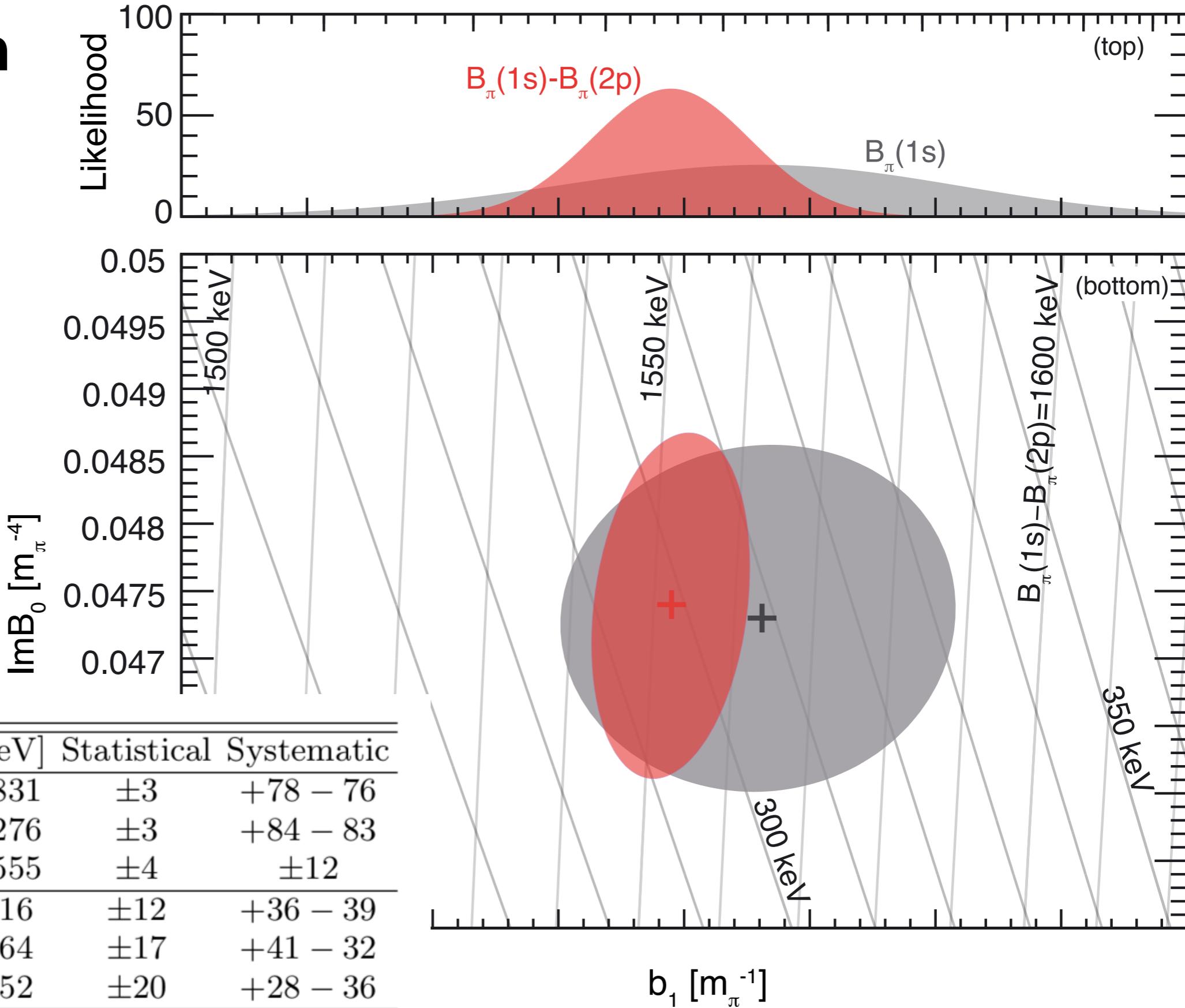
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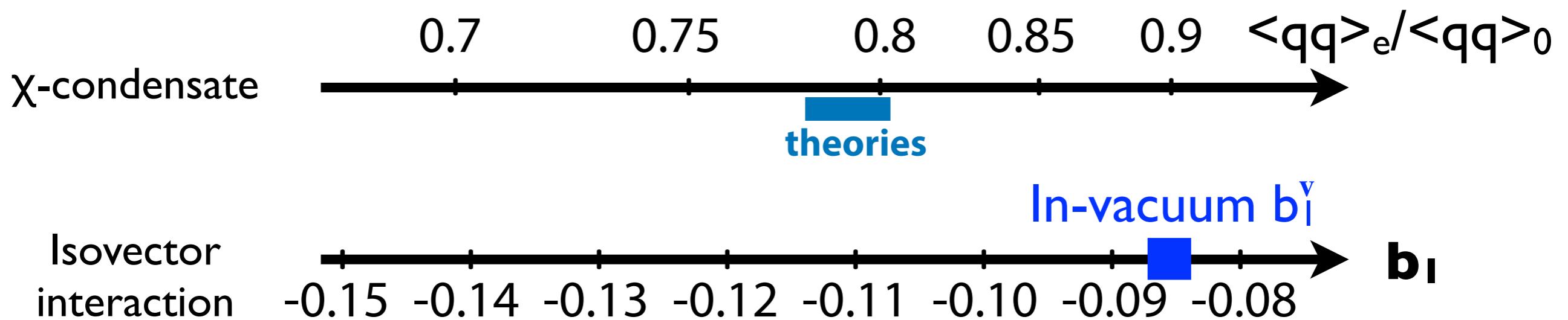
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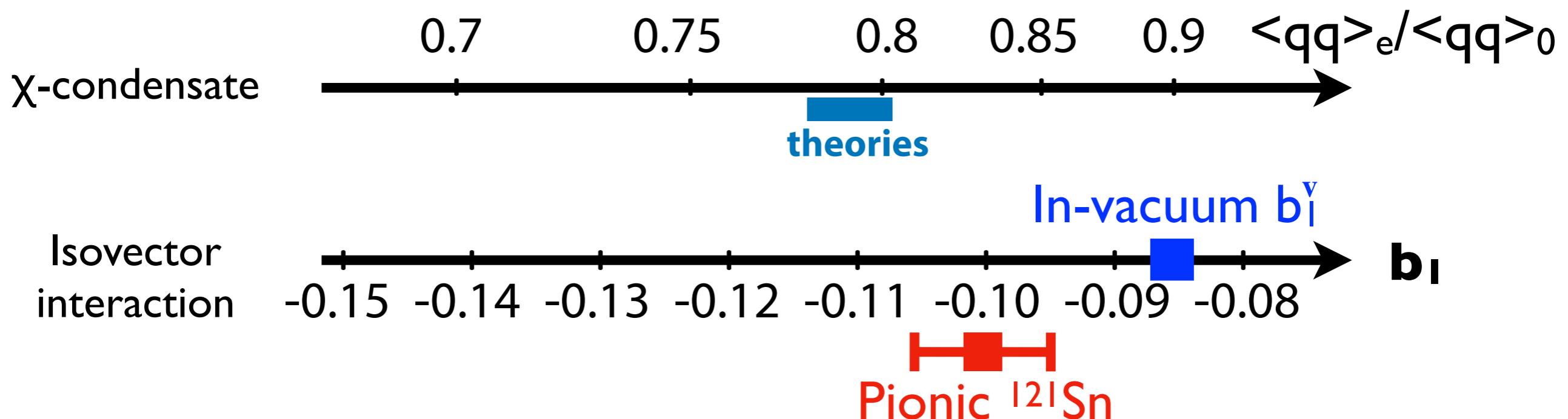
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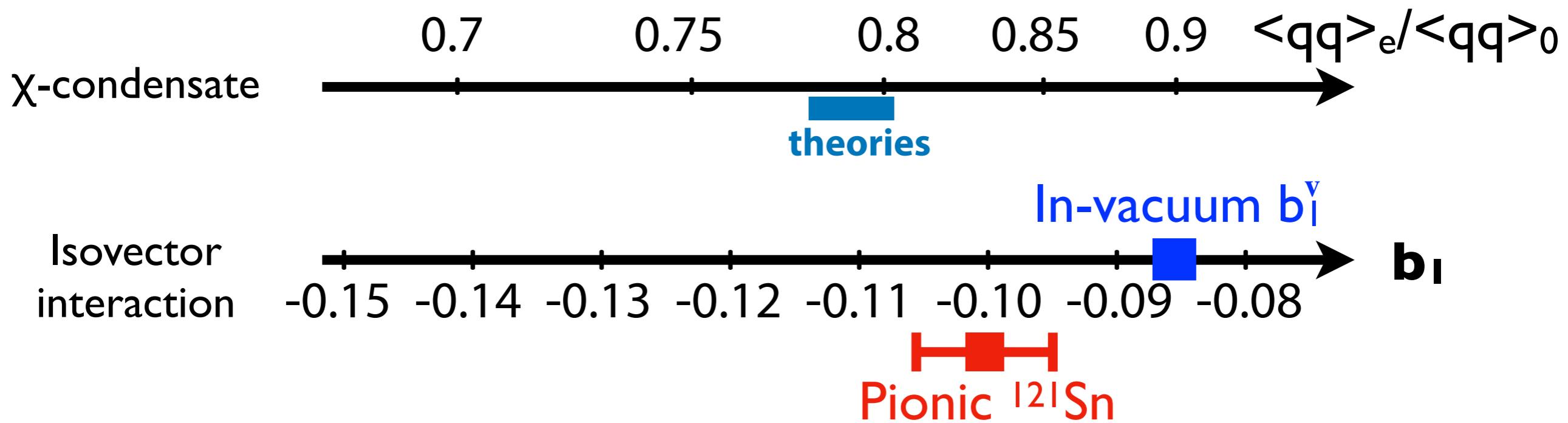
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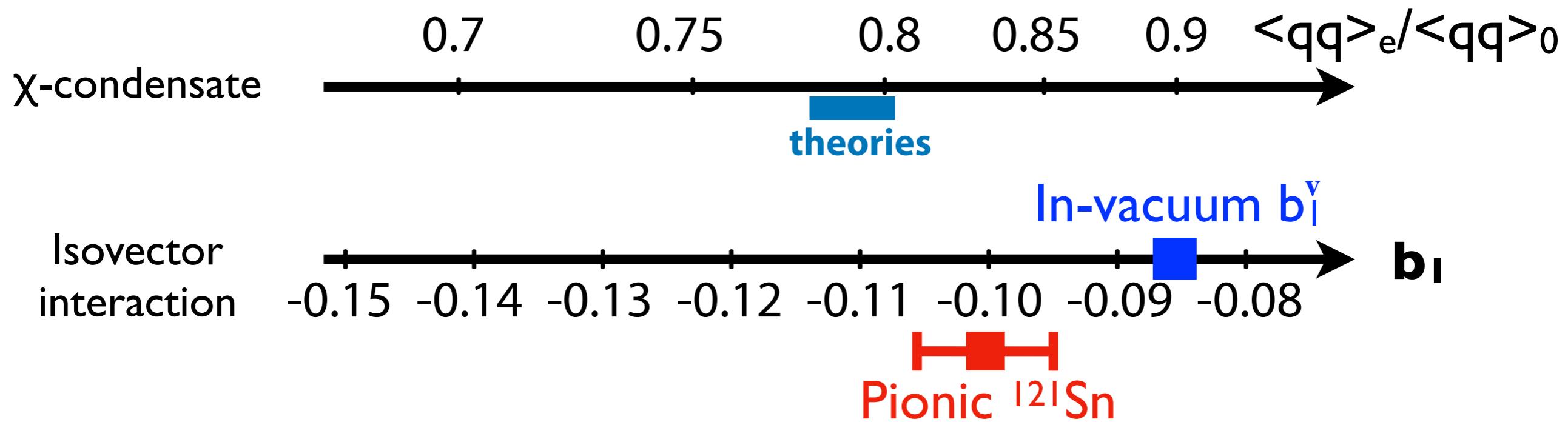


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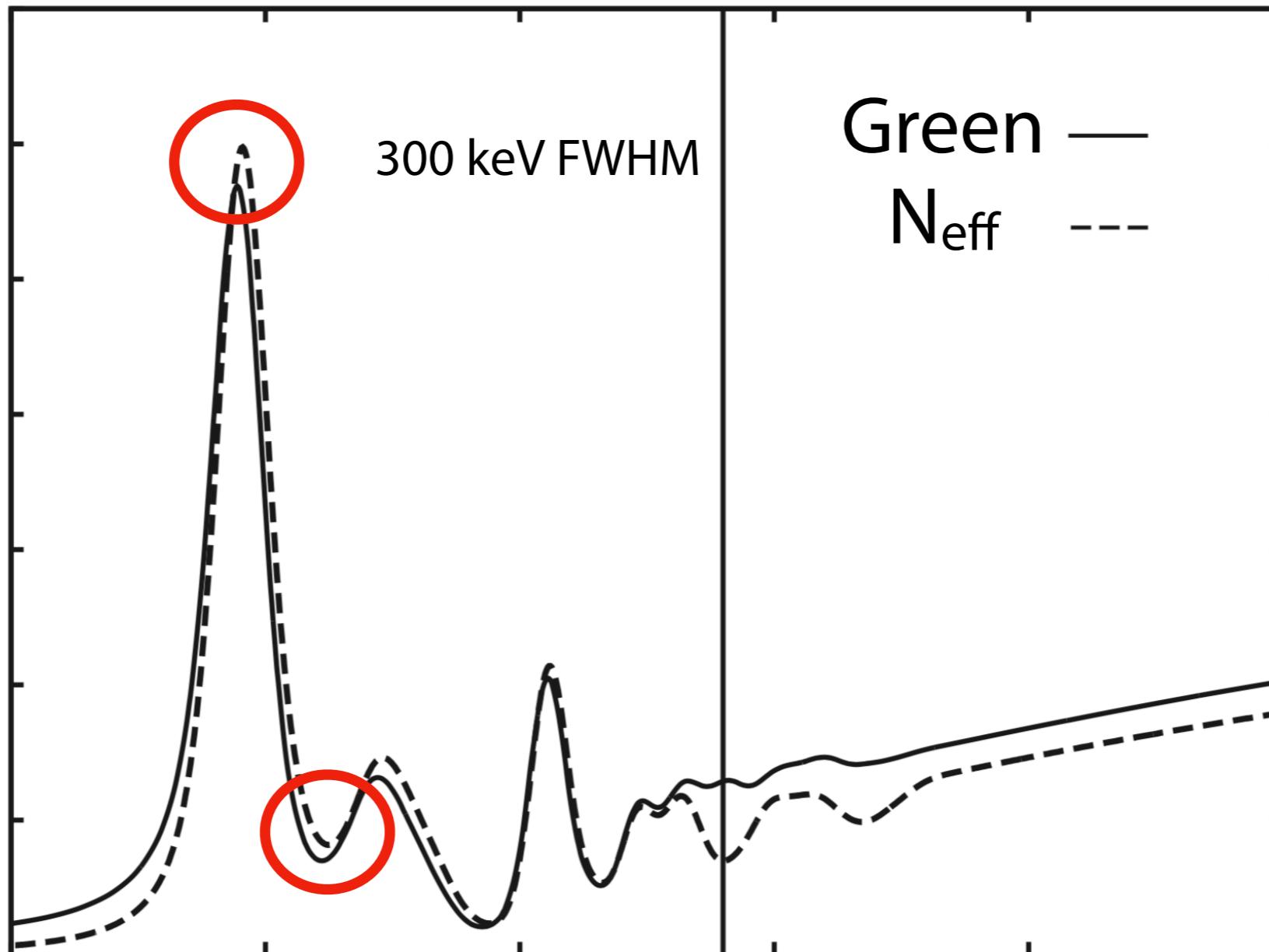


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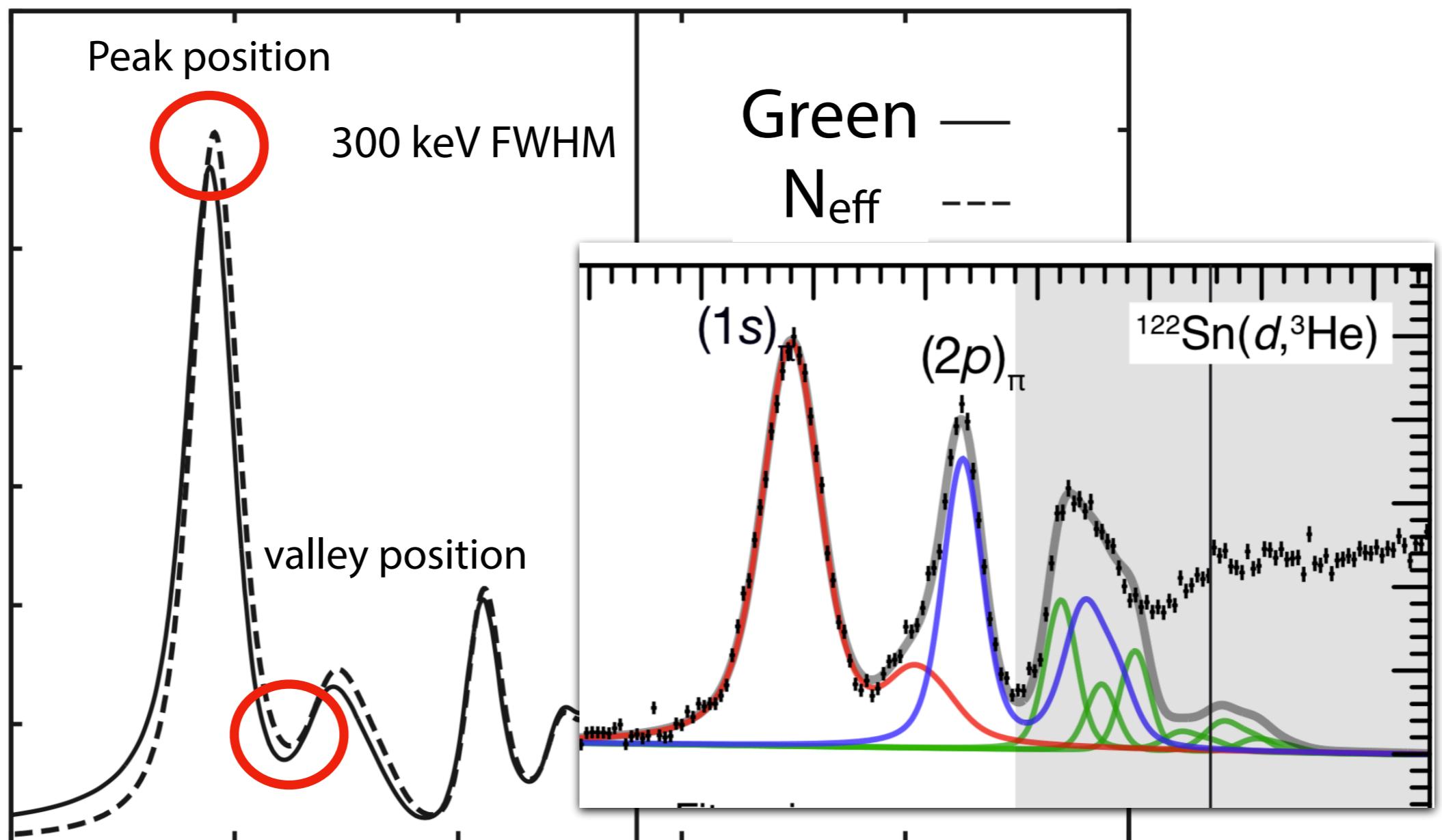
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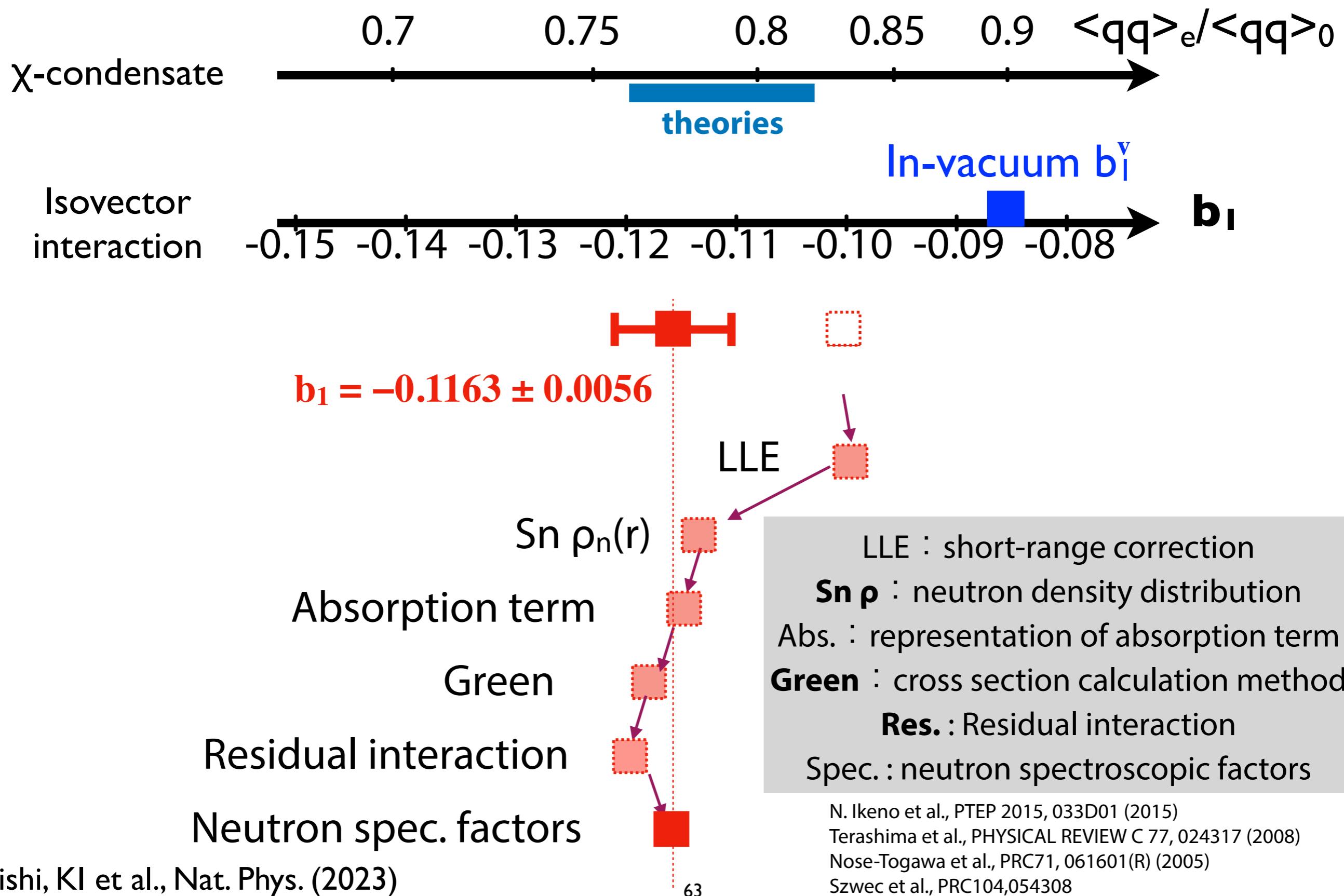
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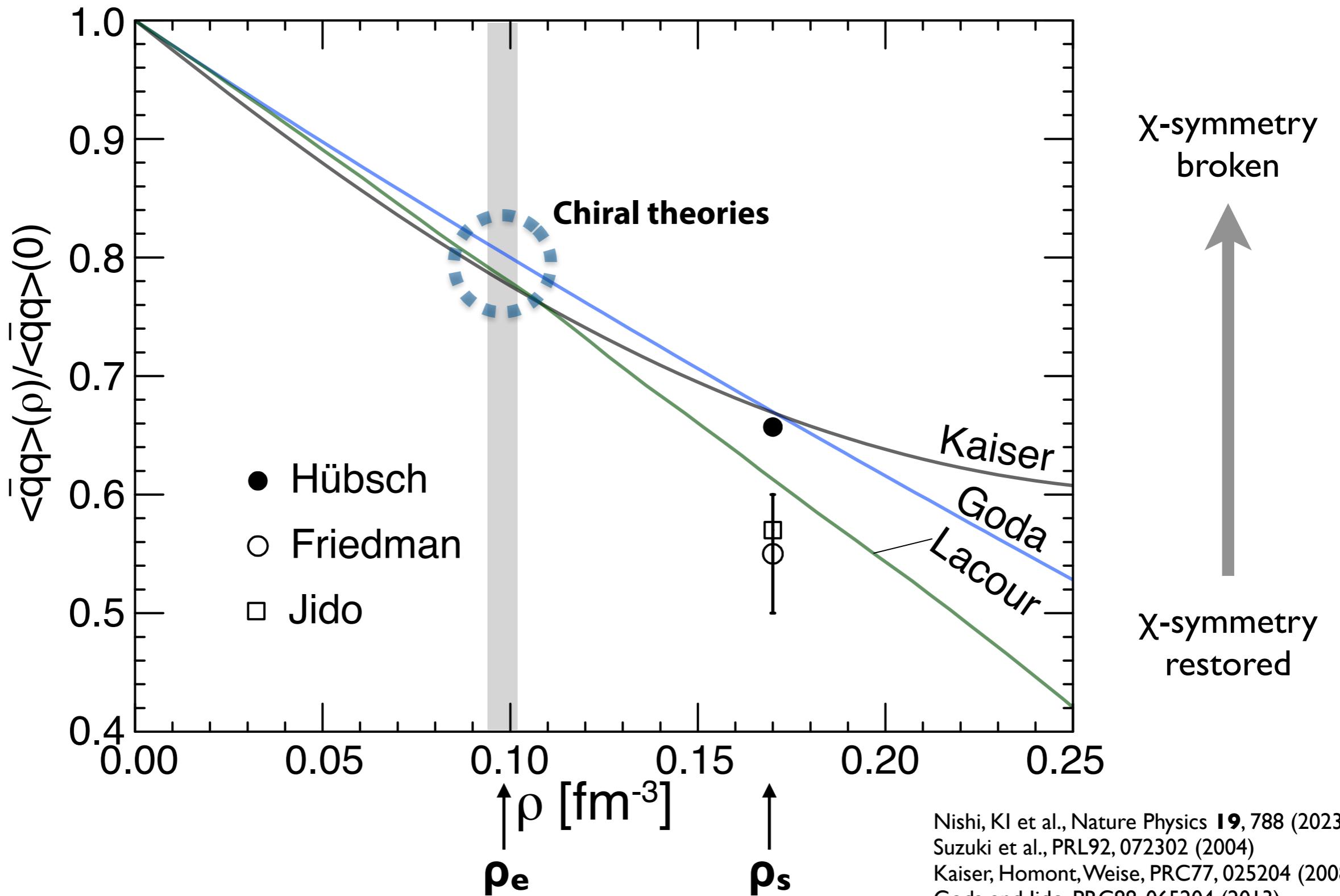


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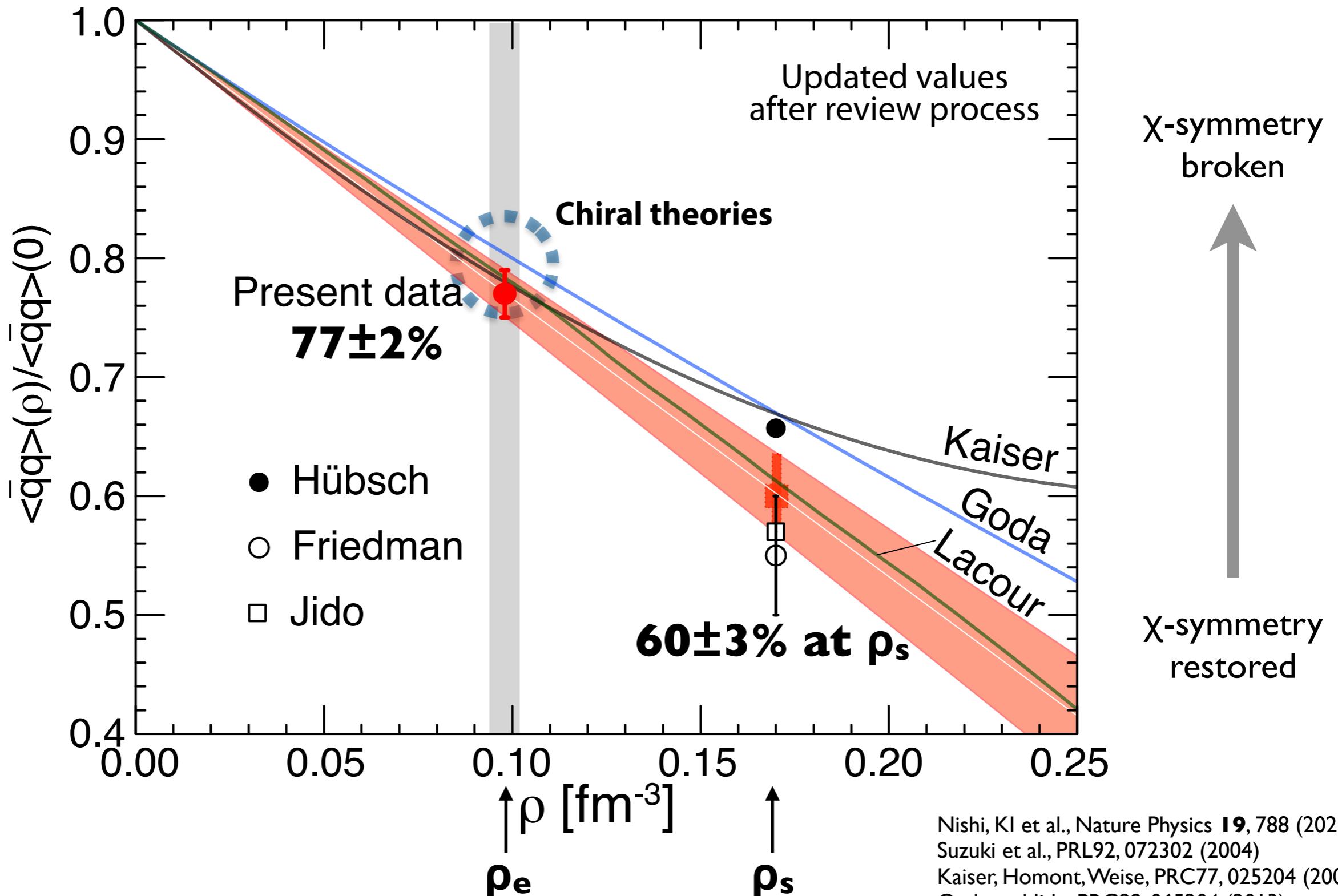


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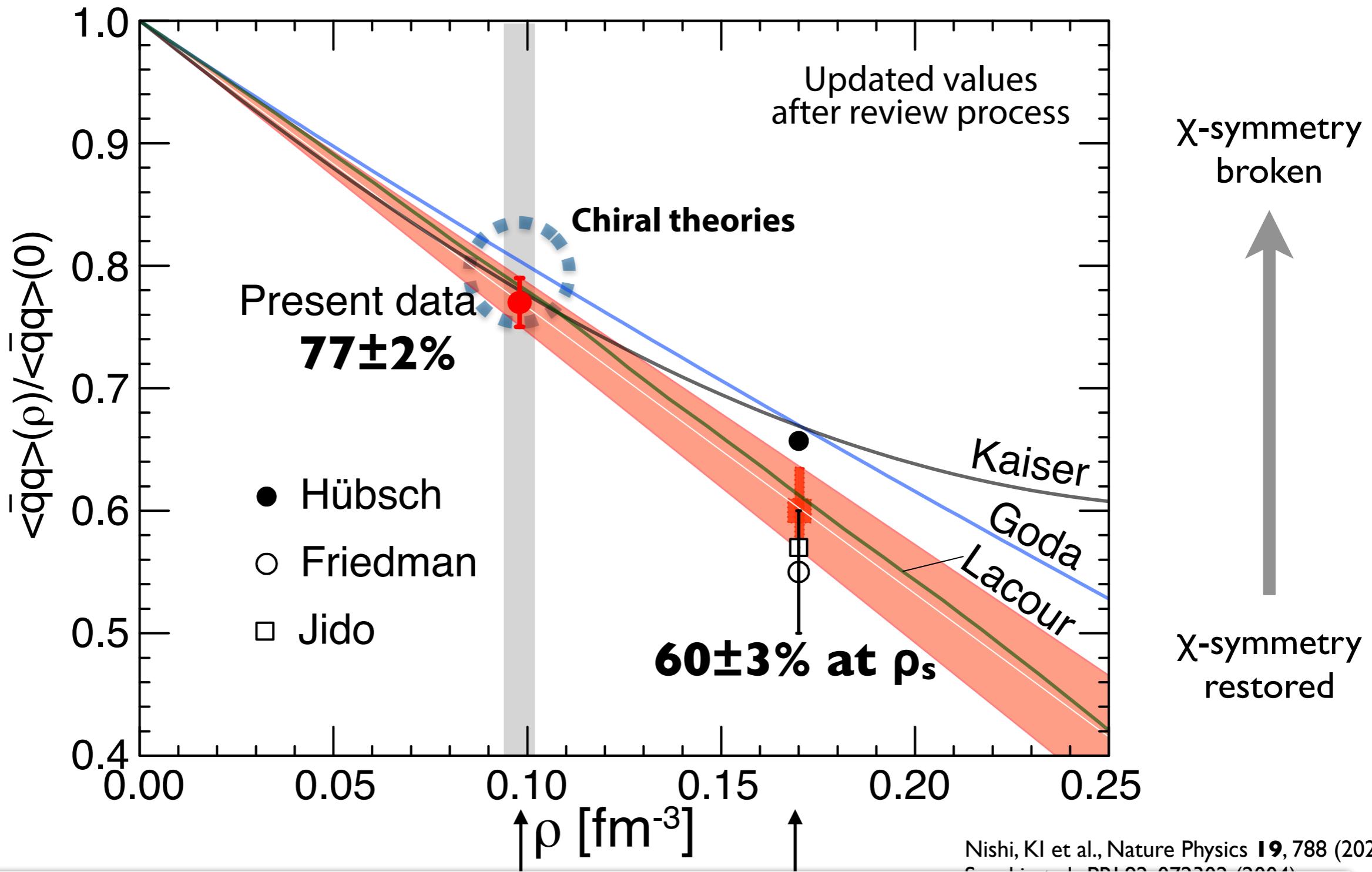


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The experimental result shows good agreement with chiral perturbation theories

Next plans

- Systematic spectroscopy of pionic Sn atoms (RIBF-135)
- Inverse kinematics for ^{136}Xe (RIBF-214)
- Pionic unstable nuclei

Eu	141	142	143	144	145	146	
Sm	140	141	142	143	144	145	
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Pm	138	140	141	142	143	144	
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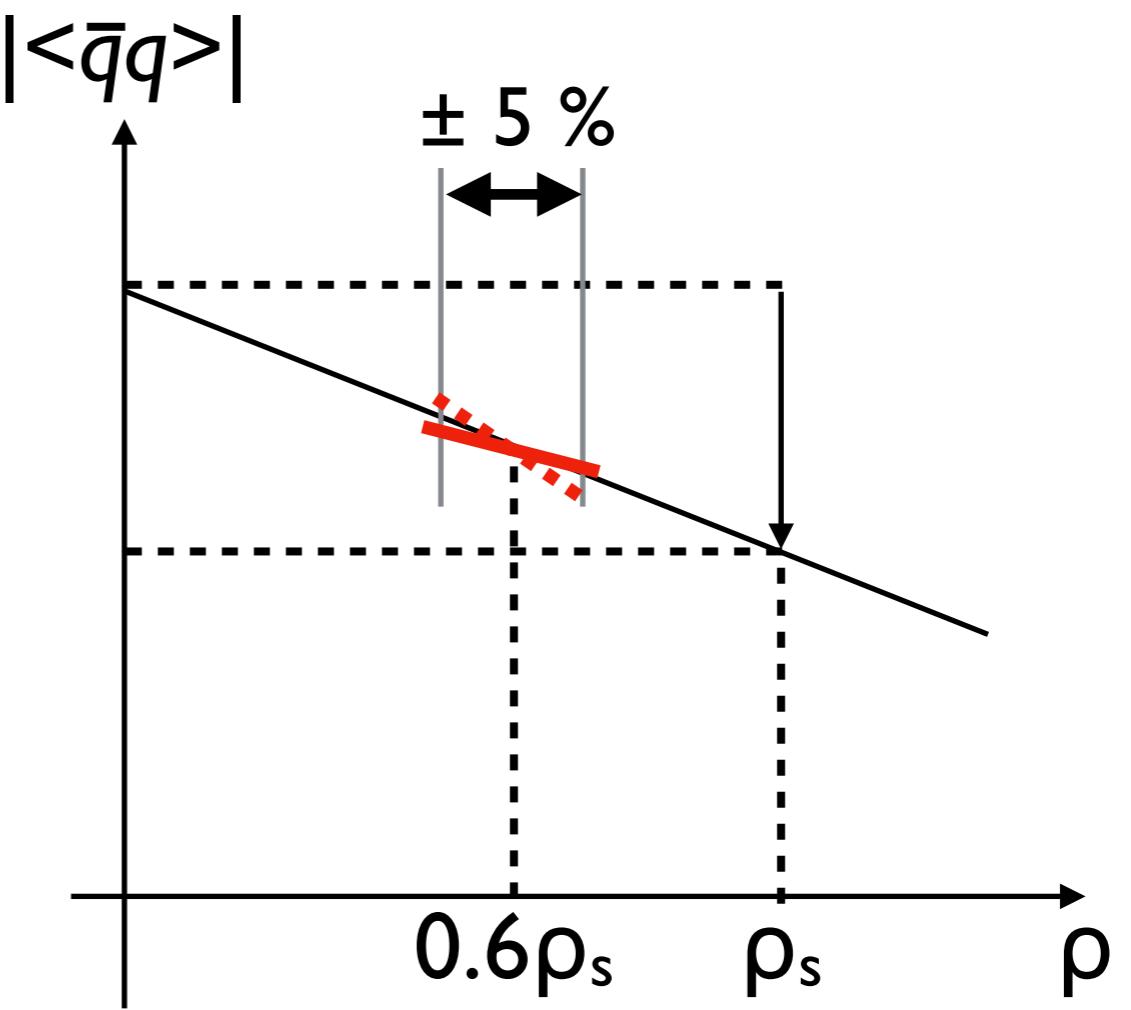
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Density Dependence of Chiral Condensate

ρ derivative of $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = d\langle \bar{q}q \rangle / d\rho$ can be studied by systematic spectroscopy of pionic Sn isotopes

Densities probed by pionic Sn with wide range of A

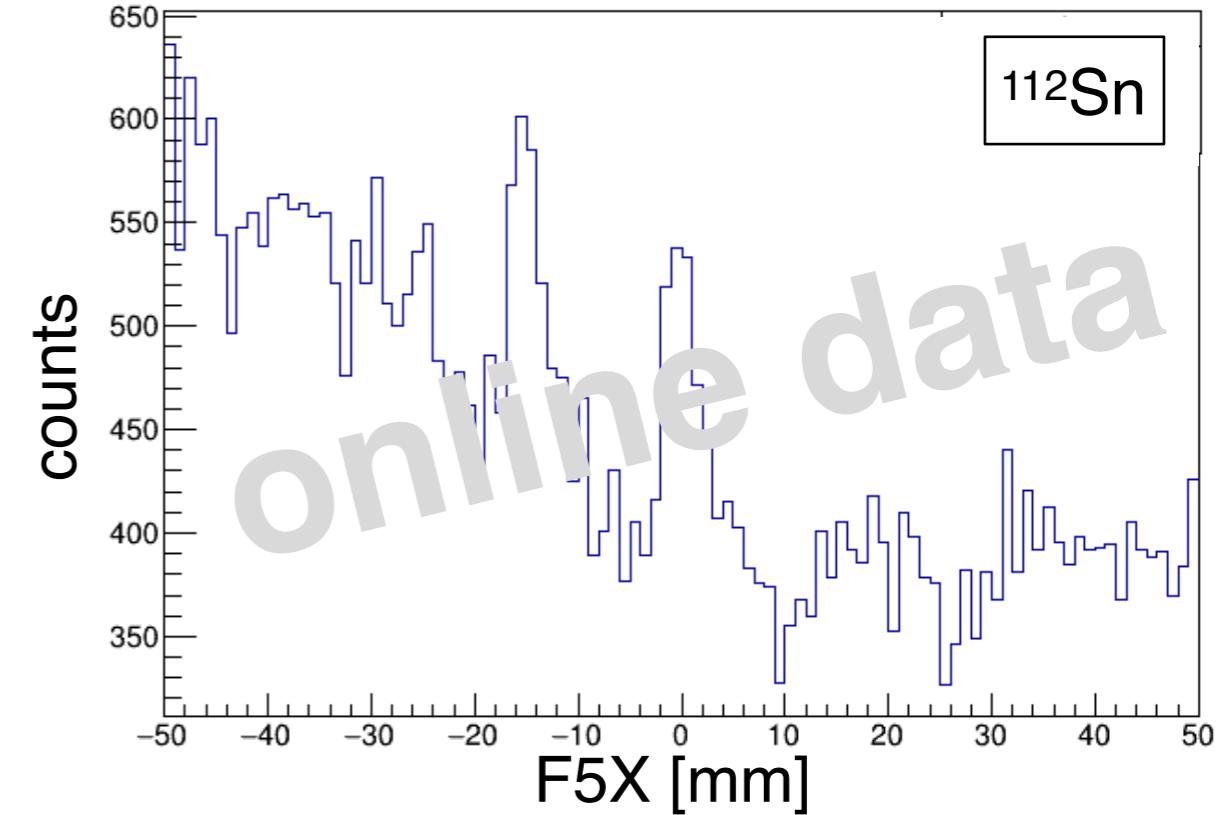
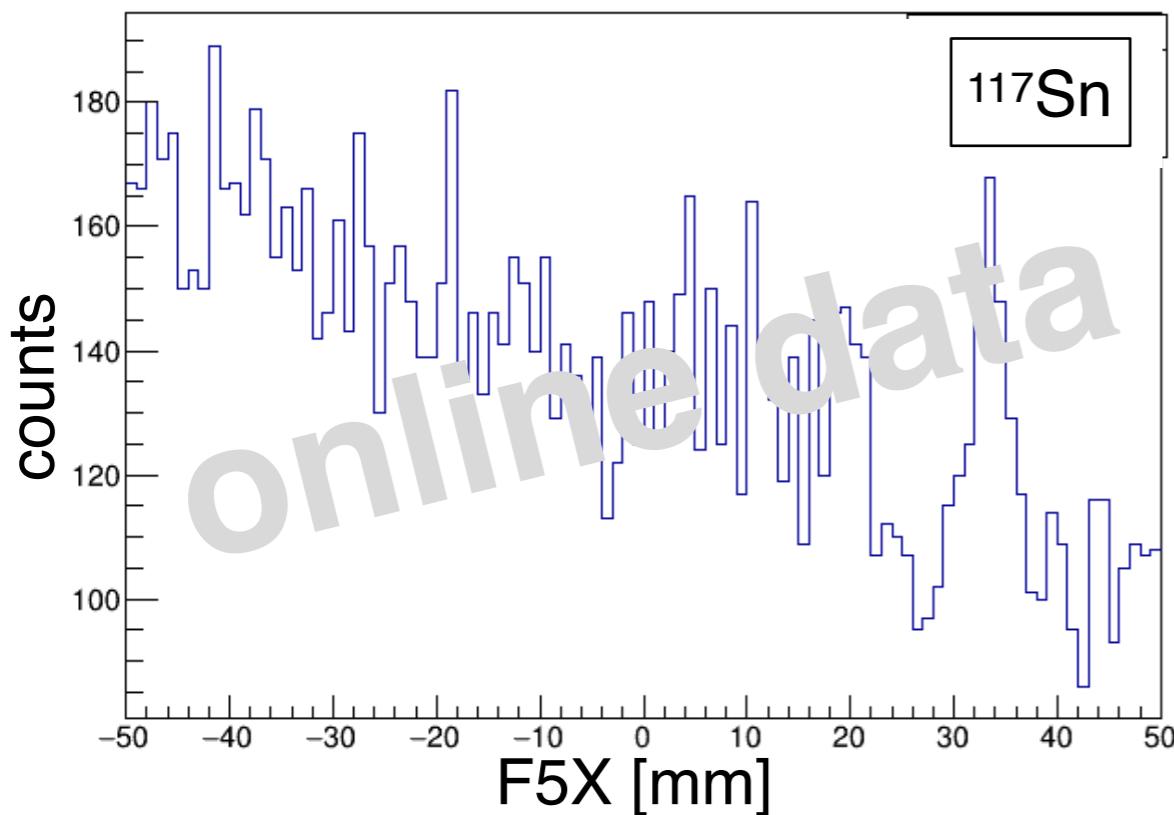
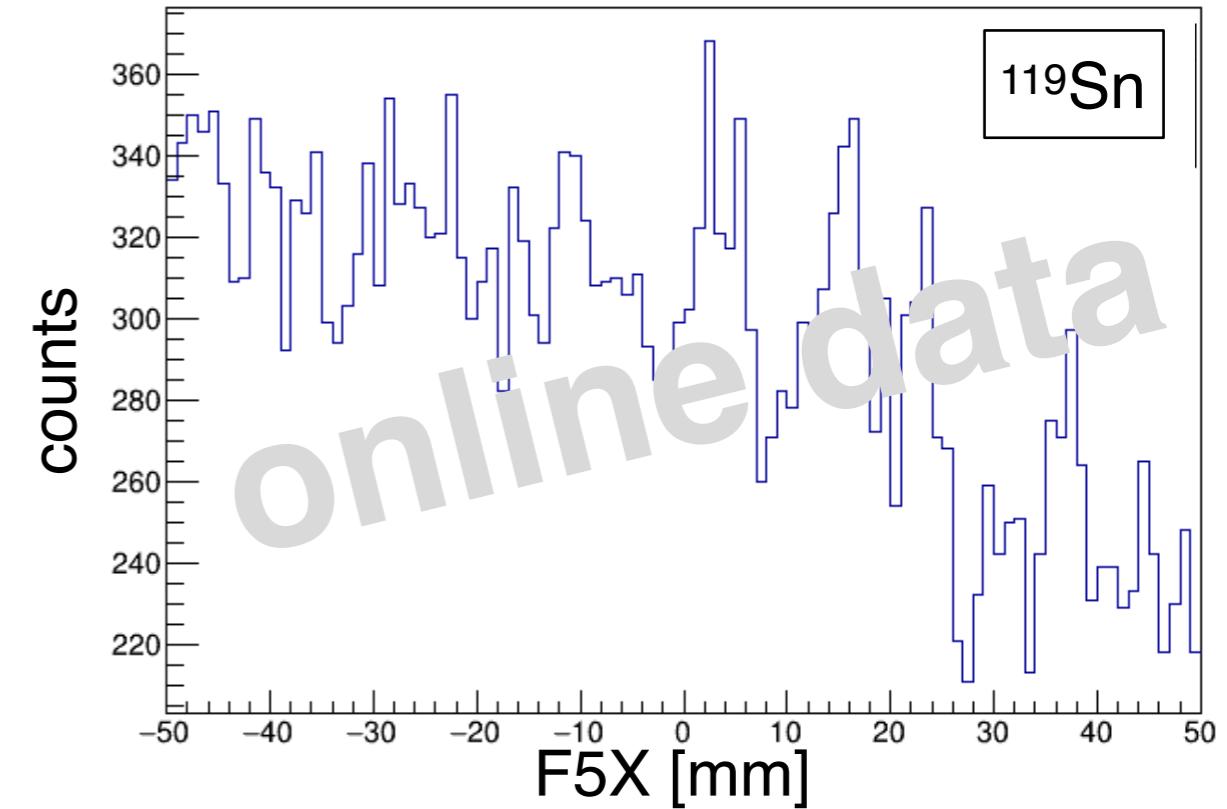
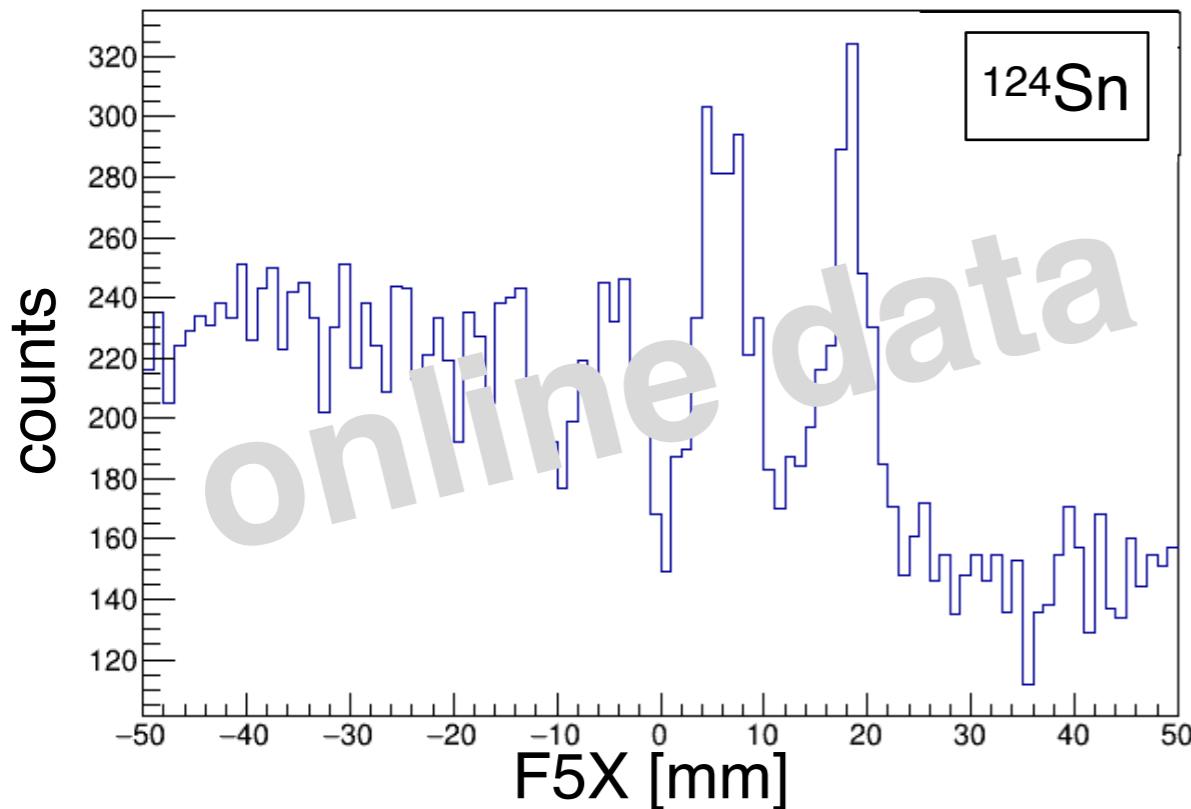
Important for $\sigma_{\pi N}$ for investigation of origin of matter mass



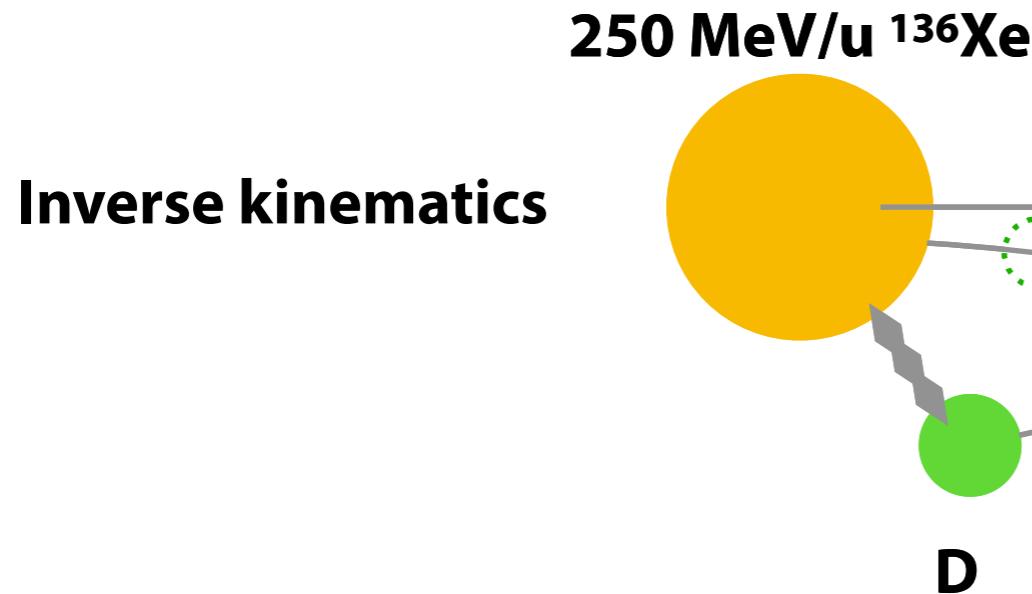
Pionic atoms are known to probe $\sim 0.6\rho_s$
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Systematic spectroscopy of pionic Sn isotopes

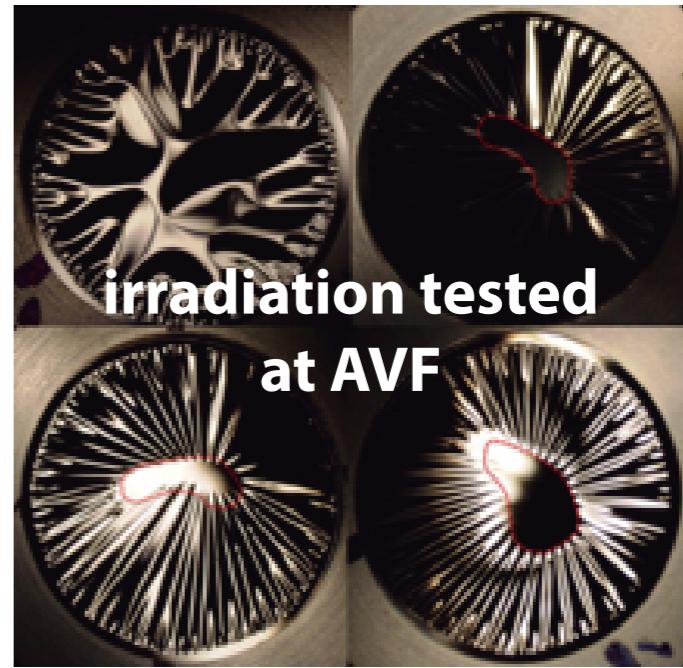
Successful measurement in RIBF-135 (2021)



First application of inverse



1-atm deuterium gas target with
1 μm graphenic carbon windows



S. Purushothaman et al., APR **53**, 134 (2019)

Advantages of inverse kinematics

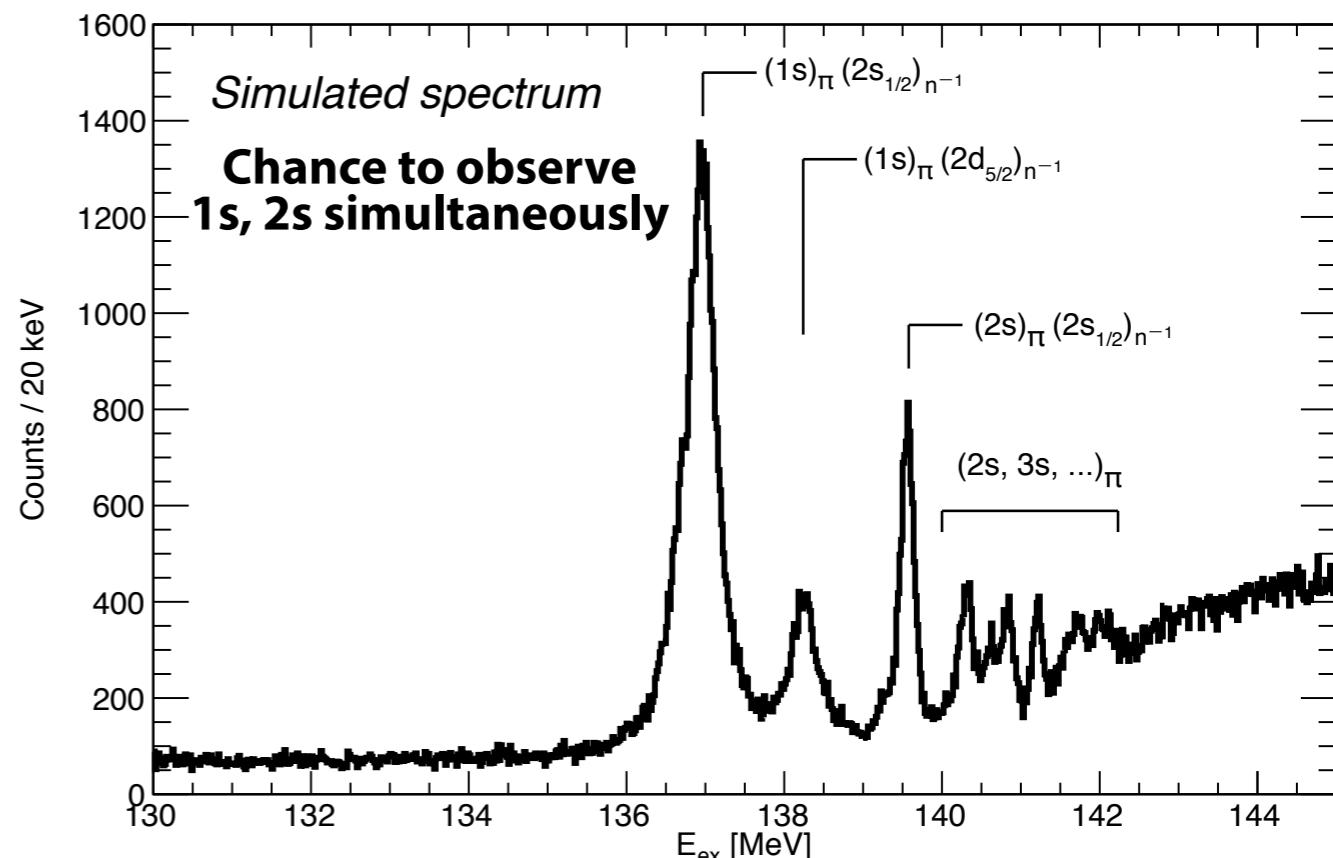
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MM resolution does not depend on incident beam energy spread.

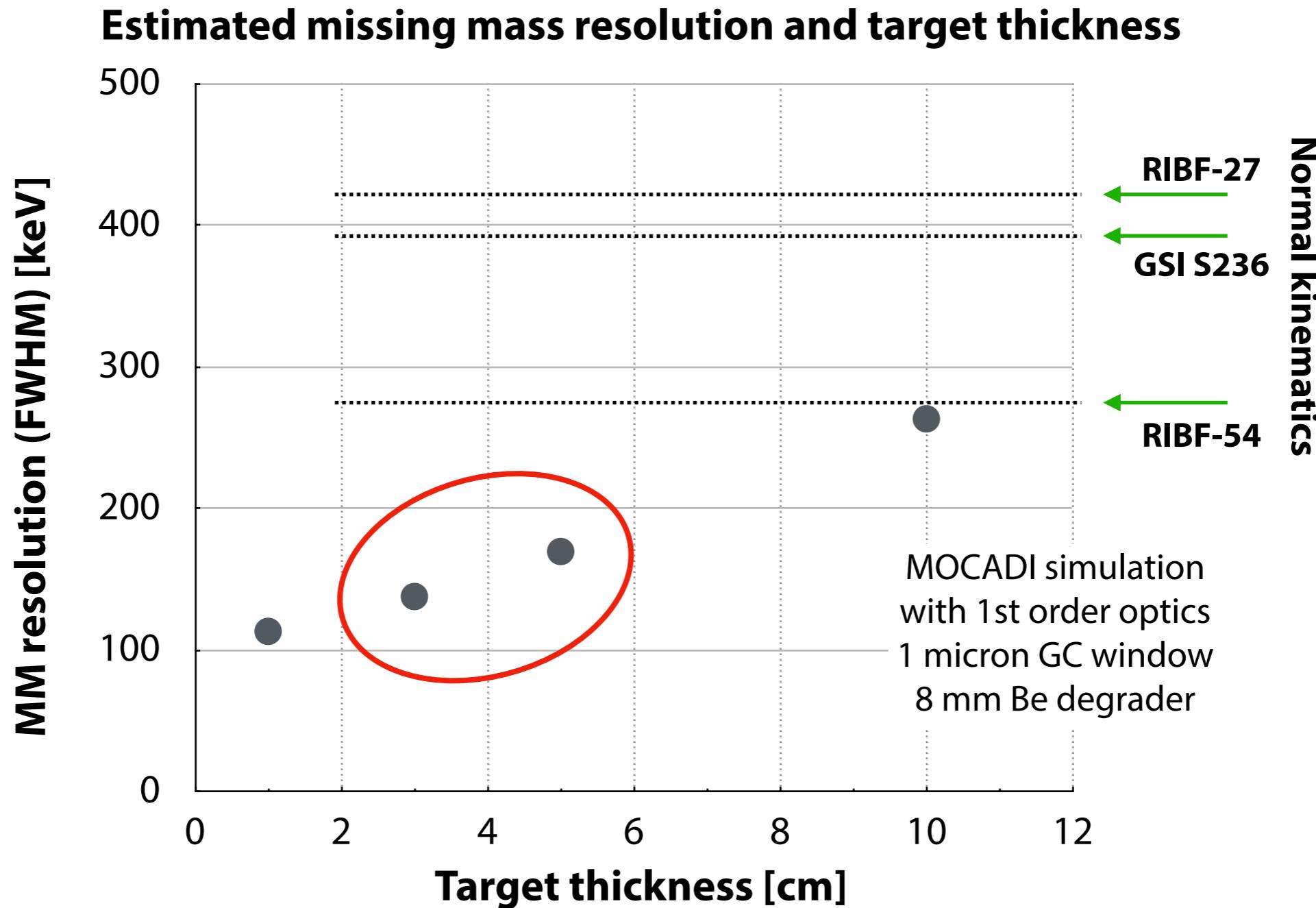
2. Extension of piA across nuclear chart

Use of materials not suited for targets including **radio active nuclei**.

36 hours with $10^{10}/\text{s}$ ^{136}Xe beam



Unprecedented MM resolution can be improved!



Unprecedented resolution can be achieved
→ Important for resolving higher orbitals and
determine the widths

cf. For normal kinematics,
resolution has been limited
by beam properties.

Summary

In-medium meson spectroscopy in missing-mass measurement of meson production reactions is a strong tool to investigate the **structure/symmetry of the vacuum at finite ρ .**

For η' -mesic nuclei search

- η' -mesic nuclei may give some hints of **$U_A(1)$ quantum anomaly.**
- We make use of $^{12}\text{C}(\text{p},\text{d})$ missing-mass measurement + $\eta'\text{NN} \rightarrow \text{NN}$ tagging.
- WASA at GSI/FRS worked as designed. Background is reduced by 1/200 as simulated.
- We are finalizing the analysis and working on the exclusive spectra.

For pionic atom spectroscopy

- We make use of $\text{Sn}(\text{d},^3\text{He})$ missing-mass measurement for the pionic atoms.
- The binding energies and widths of the $1s$ and $2p$ states in ^{121}Sn were determined. Difference between the $1s$ and $2p$ values reduces the systematic errors drastically.
- We deduced pion-nucleus interaction after including recent updates. The interaction is modified for the w.f. renormalization of the medium effect.
- Chiral condensate at $\rho_e \sim 0.6\rho_0$ is evaluated to be reduced by a factor of $77 \pm 2\%$.
- We continue study for ρ dependence of $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$. We plan measurement with “inverse kinematics” with better resolution, leading to future experiments of pionic unstable nuclei.