

Precision Spectroscopy of Pionic Atoms at RIBF and Deduction of Chiral Condensate at Nuclear Density

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The strong interaction is modified in the presence of nuclear matter. An experiment has now quantified with high precision and accuracy the reduction of the order parameter of the system's chiral symmetry, which is partially restored.

The vacuum state of quantum chromodynamics (QCD) sounds dull, boring and empty. However, due to the strength of the strong force underlying QCD, it turns out to be extremely complex and is teeming with pairs of virtual particles that cannot be directly observed.

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“ π ”で探る真空の秘密

—真空に隠された構造「クォーク凝縮」の精密測定に成功—

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一般に真空は、「空（から）」の空間を意味しますが、現代物理学の理論によると、宇宙がビッグバン以降広がりがりながら冷えていく過程で、クォーク^[2]と反クォーク^[2]の対が空間に凝縮（クォーク凝縮^[3]）し、真空を満たした状態です。この理論は物質の質量の起源に関する基礎的理論である一方、実験的な実証が課題でした。クォーク凝縮は直接には観測できませんが、環境の温度や物質密度によって変化し、クォーク凝縮の量が変化したことの影響は

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New experimental evidence of the restoration of chiral symmetry at high matter density

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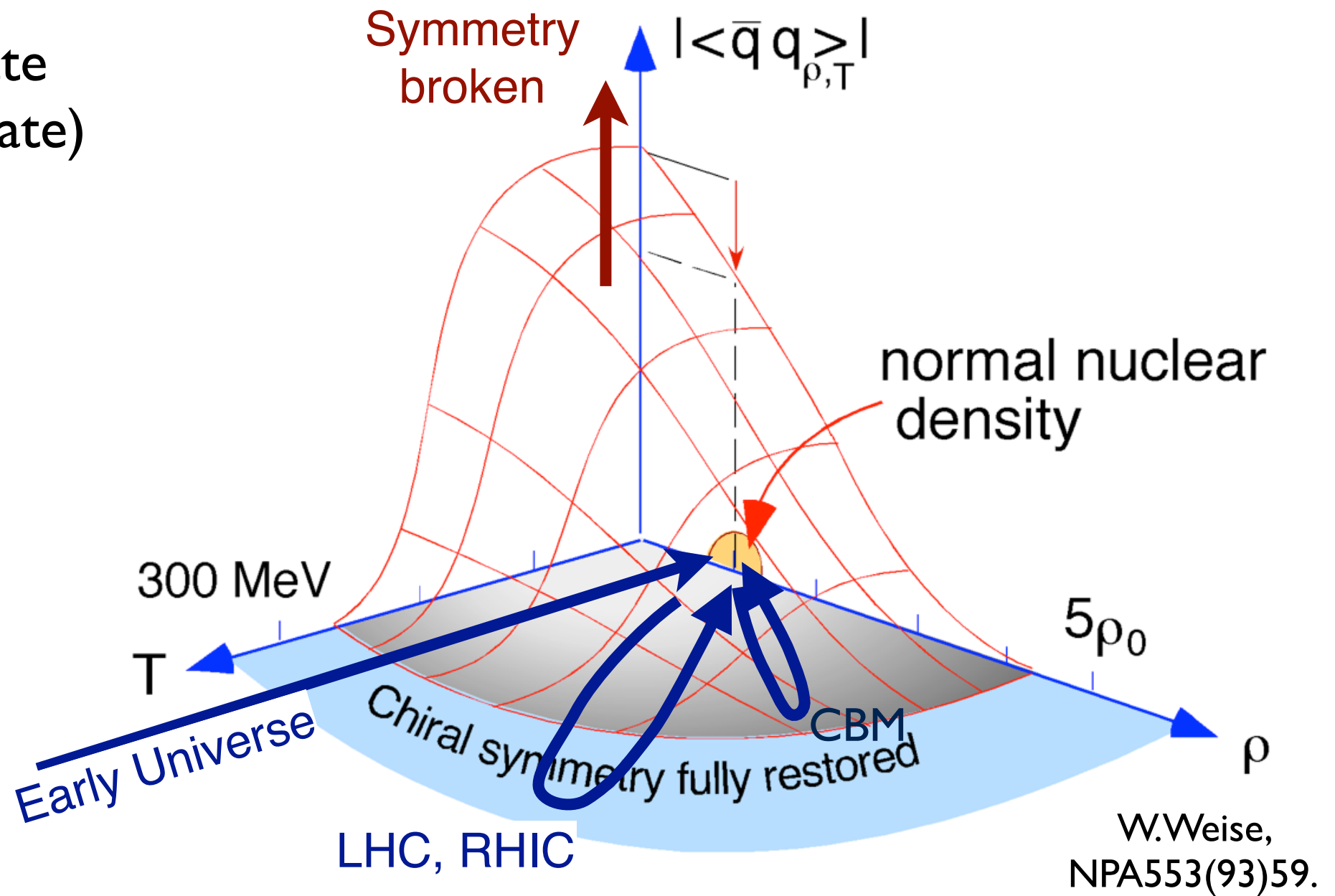
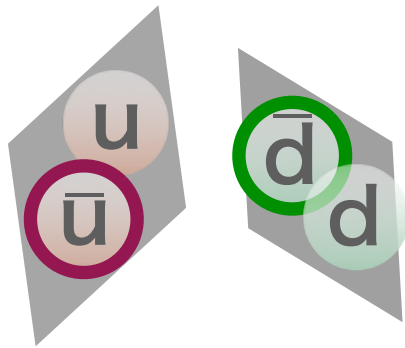
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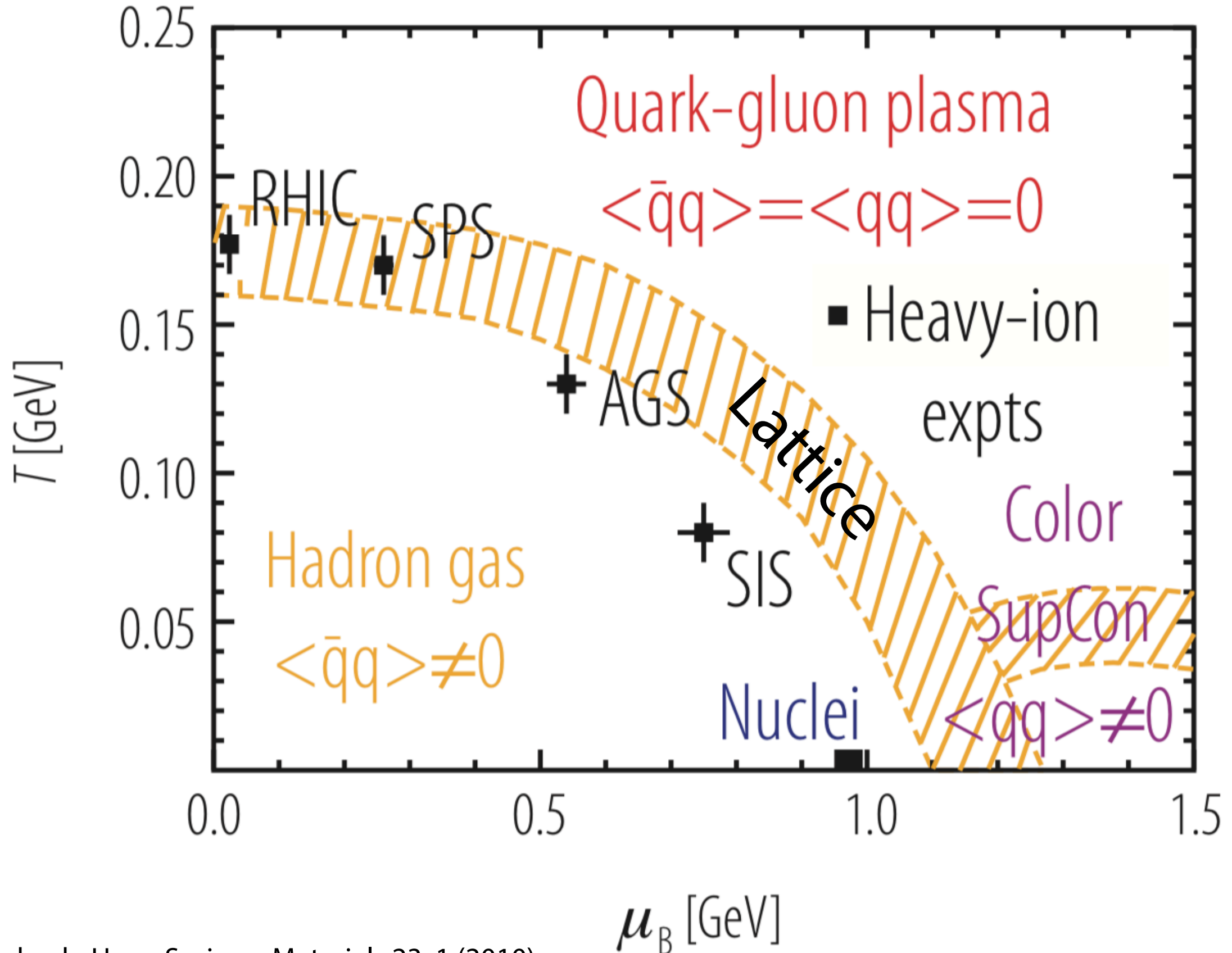
Order parameter of chiral symmetry depends on T and ρ

Chiral condensate
(= quark condensate)



Analysis of material properties
of QCD vacuum

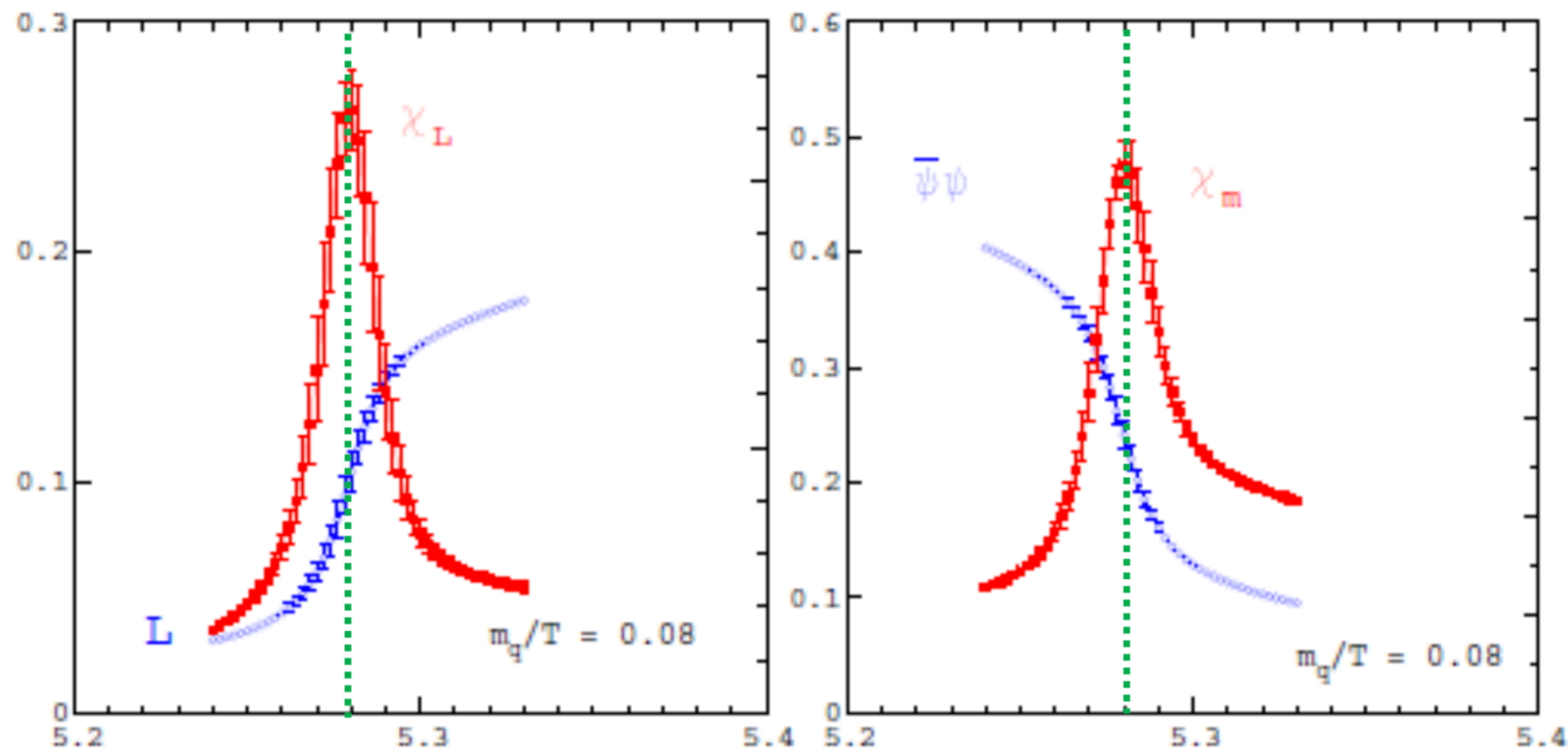
QCD phase and chemical freezeout points



Chiral transition & Quark confinement

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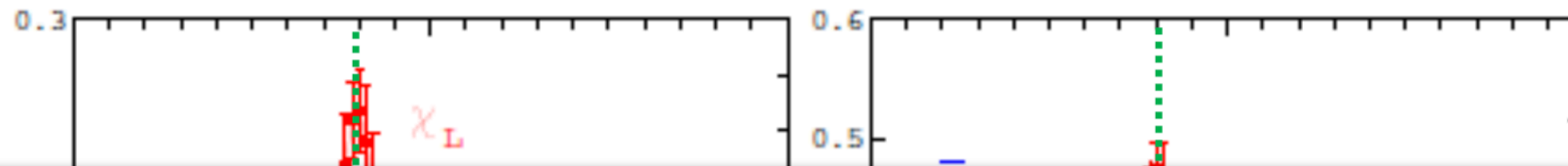
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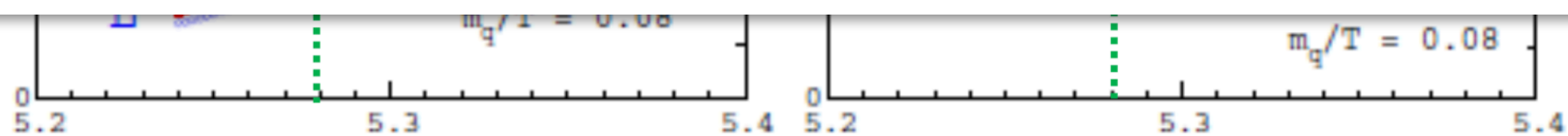
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Color confinement and CSB

Existence of correlation is obvious however
the details are not yet known



Polyakov Loop $\langle P \rangle$

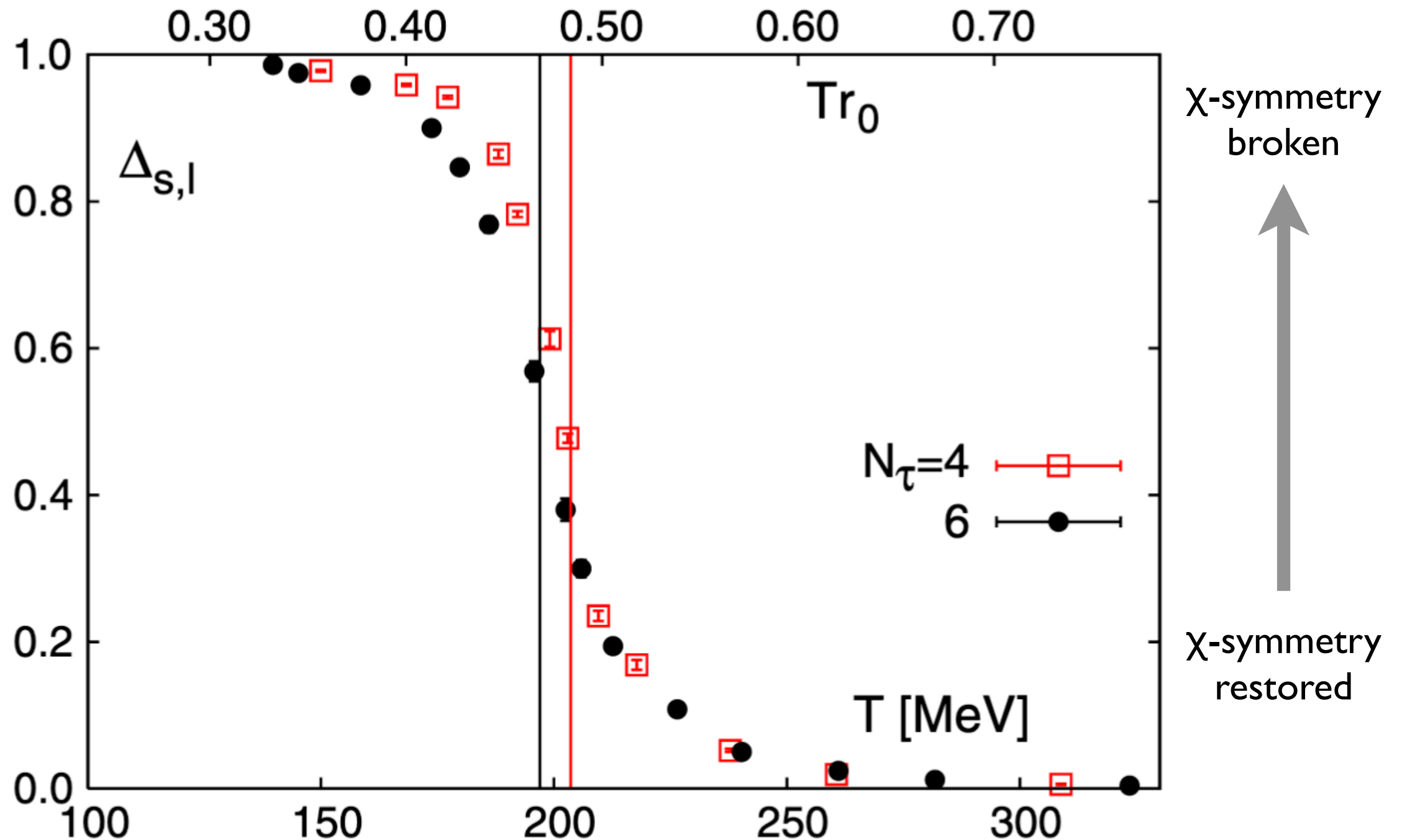
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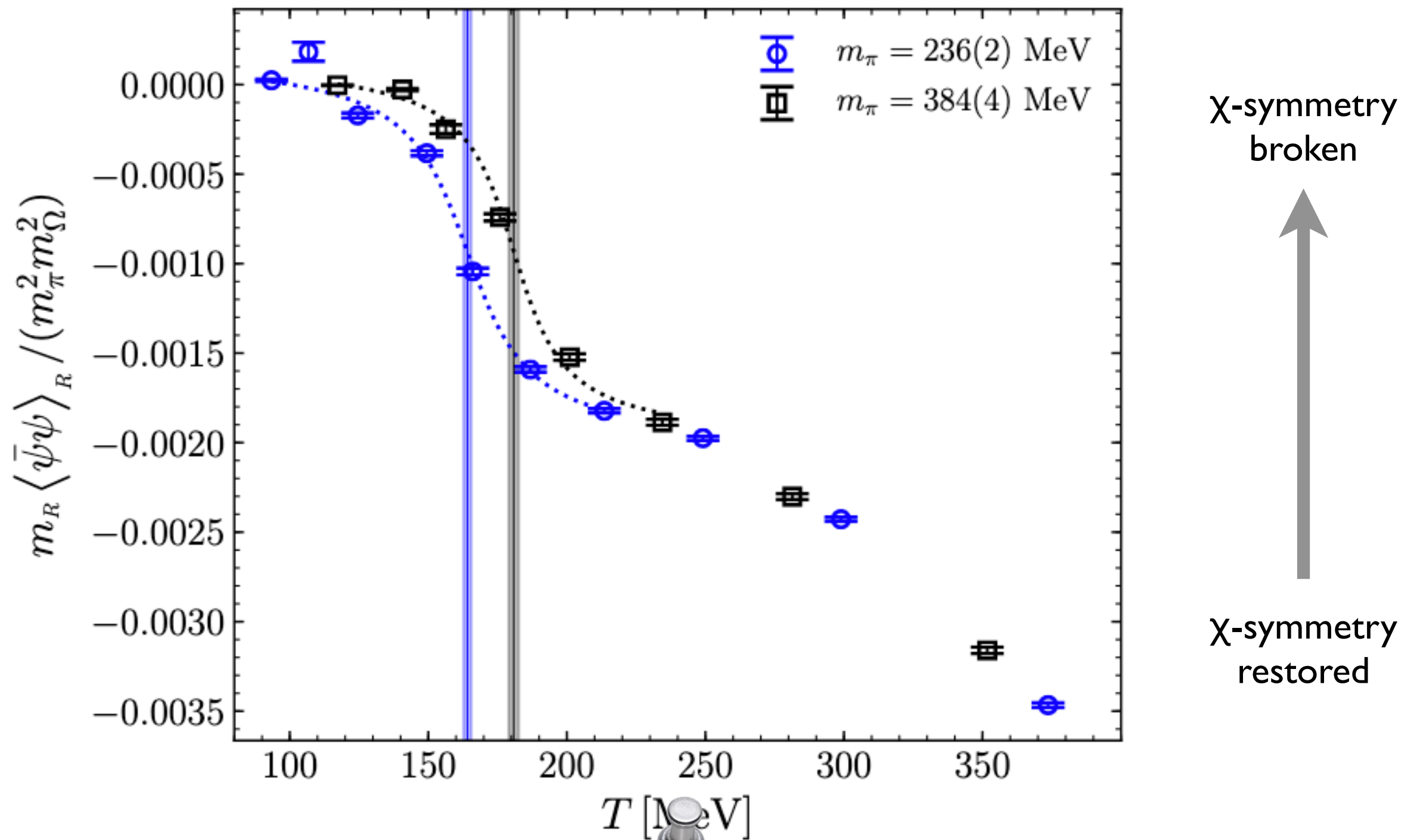
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Lattice QCD calculated T dependence of chiral condensate



Temperature dependence of the chiral condensate from lattice QCD with 2 + 1 quark flavours and almost physical quark masses

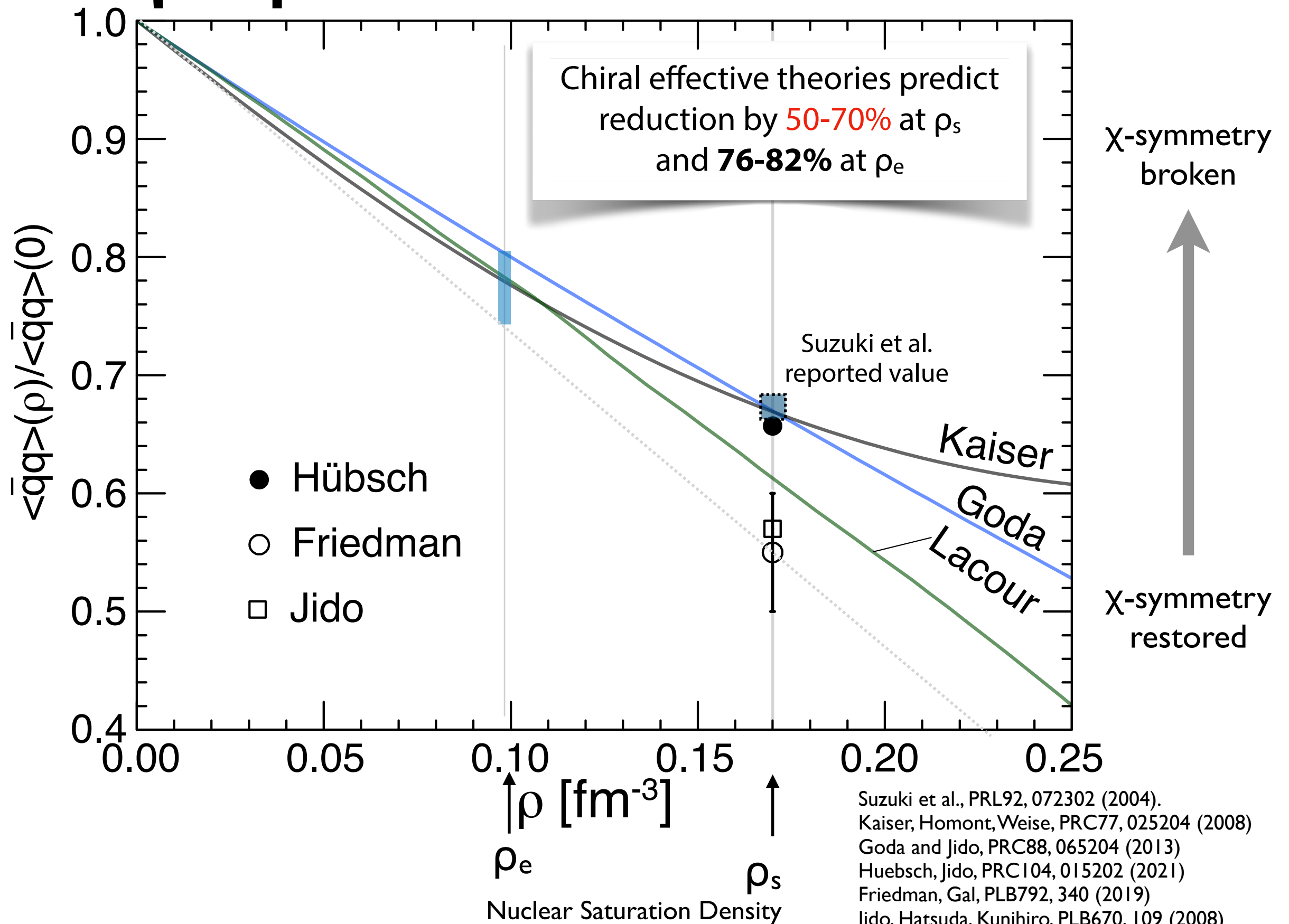
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Remark: sign problem makes it difficult for lattice to approach non-zero ρ region

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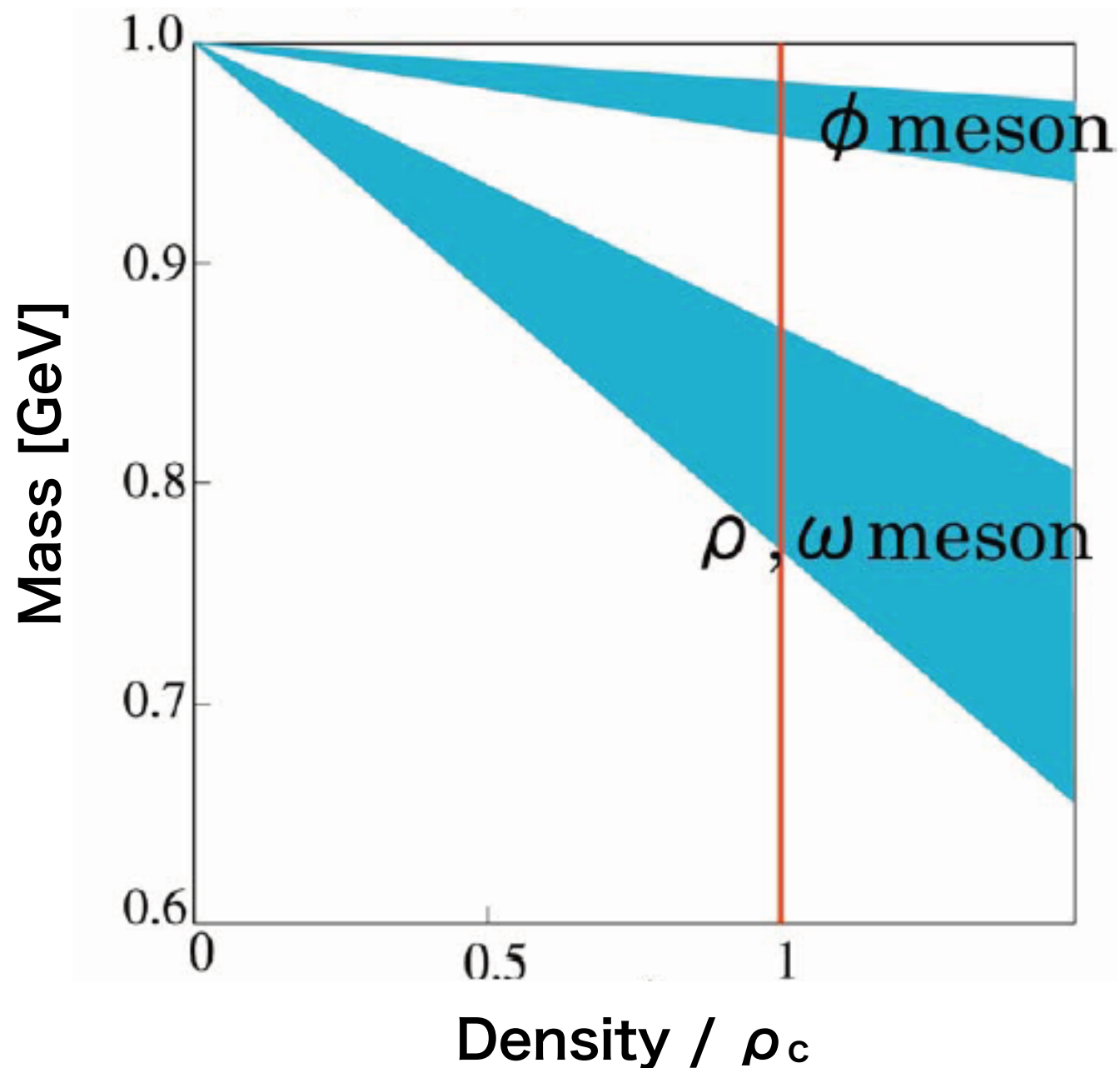
ρ dependence of chiral condensate



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Meson masses and QCD medium effect

Vector meson mass modification in QCD sum rule (J-PARC E16)



$\phi(1020)$

$$J^{PC} = 0^-(1^{--})$$

Mass $m = 1019.455 \pm 0.020$ MeV (S = 1.1)

Full width $\Gamma = 4.26 \pm 0.04$ MeV (S = 1.4)

$\phi(1020)$ DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	Scale factor/ Confidence level	ρ (MeV/c)
K^+K^-	(48.9 \pm 0.5) %	S=1.1	127
$K_L^0 K_S^0$	(34.2 \pm 0.4) %	S=1.1	110
$\ell^+ \ell^-$	—		510
$e^+ e^-$	(2.954 \pm 0.030) $\times 10^{-4}$	S=1.1	510
$\mu^+ \mu^-$	(2.87 \pm 0.19) $\times 10^{-4}$		499

$\rho(770)$ ^[h]

$$J^{PC} = 1^+(1^{--})$$

Mass $m = 775.49 \pm 0.34$ MeV

Full width $\Gamma = 149.1 \pm 0.8$ MeV

$\Gamma_{ee} = 7.04 \pm 0.06$ keV

$\omega(782)$

$$J^{PC} = 0^-(1^{--})$$

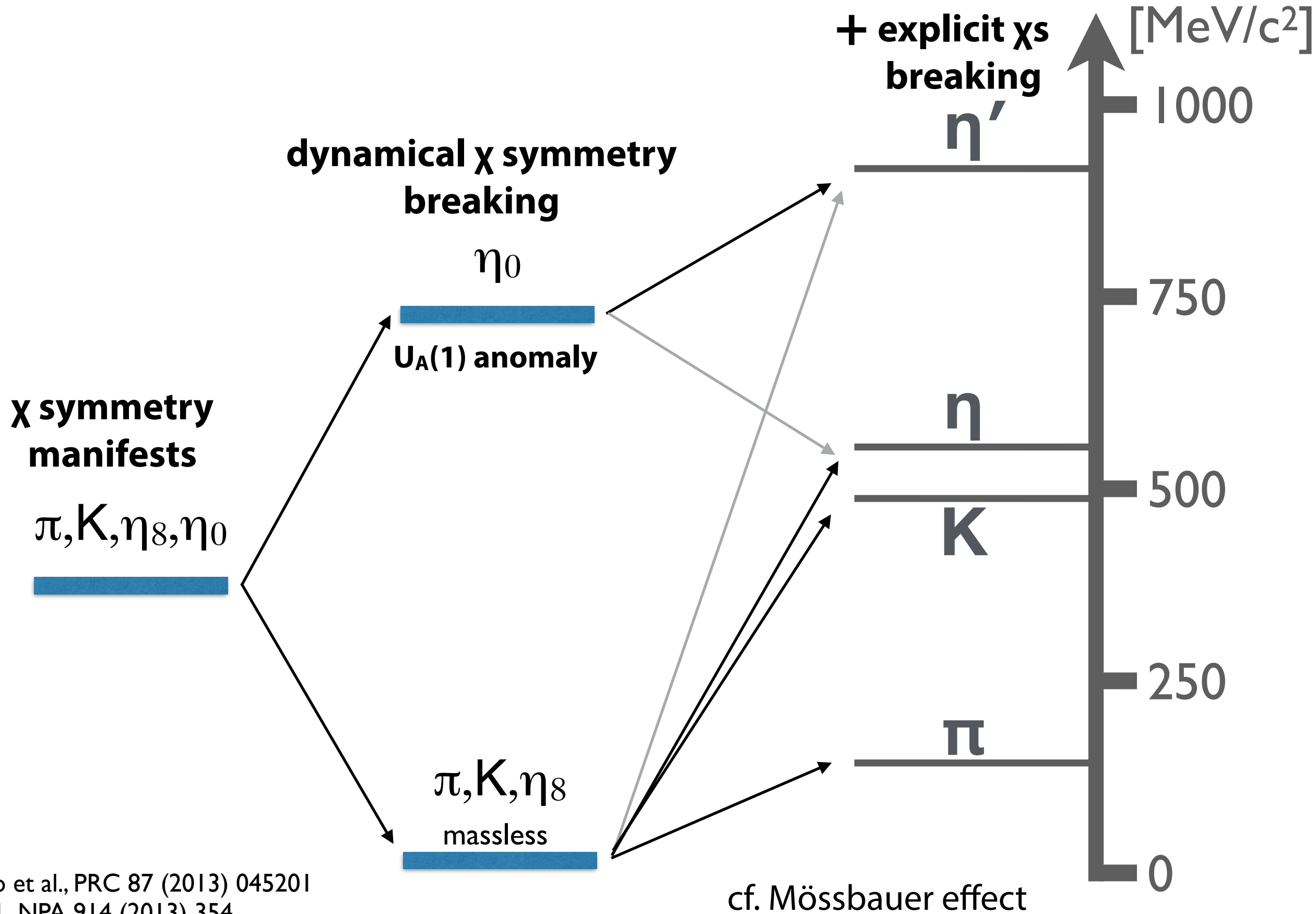
Mass $m = 782.65 \pm 0.12$ MeV (S = 1.9)

Full width $\Gamma = 8.49 \pm 0.08$ MeV

$\Gamma_{ee} = 0.60 \pm 0.02$ keV

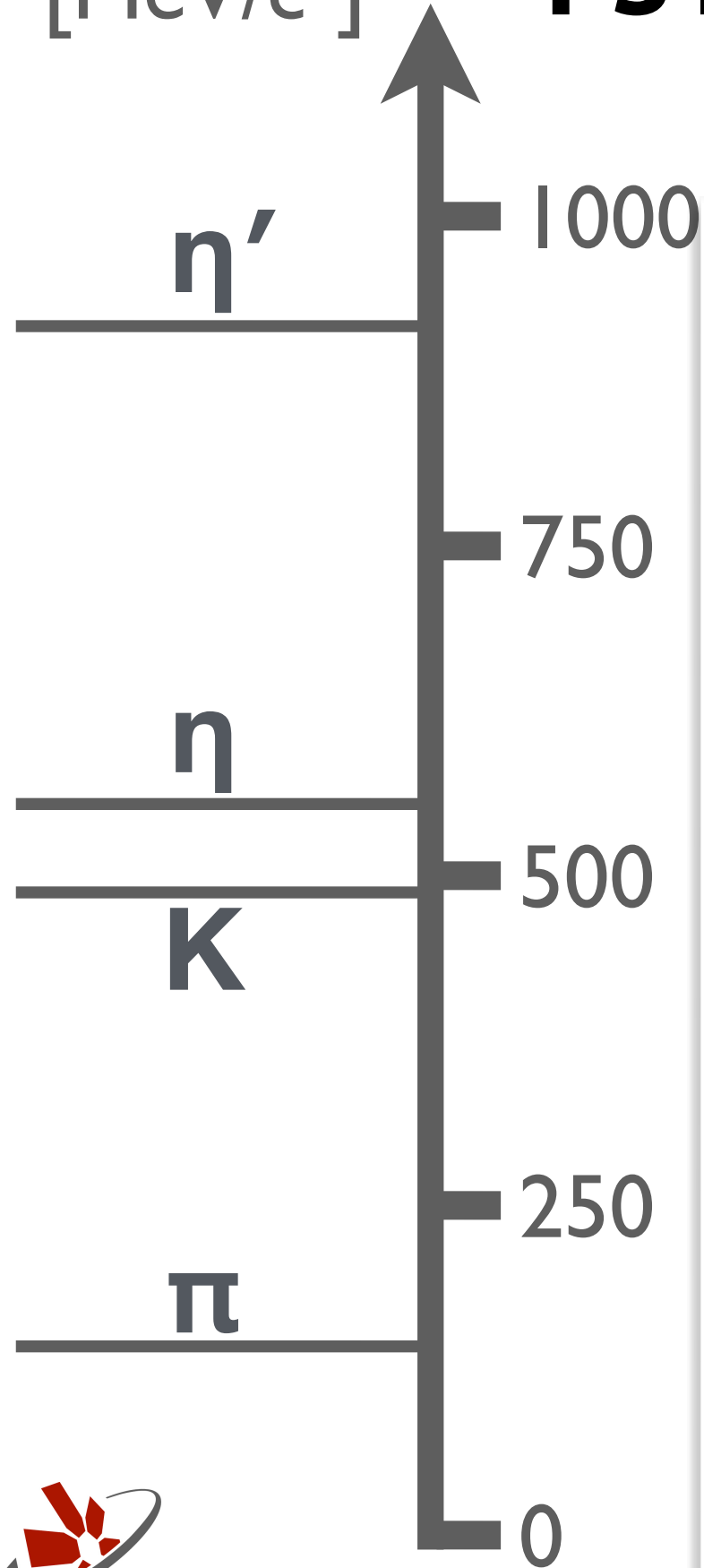
Masses of Pseudo-Scalar Mesons

with various symmetry breaking patterns

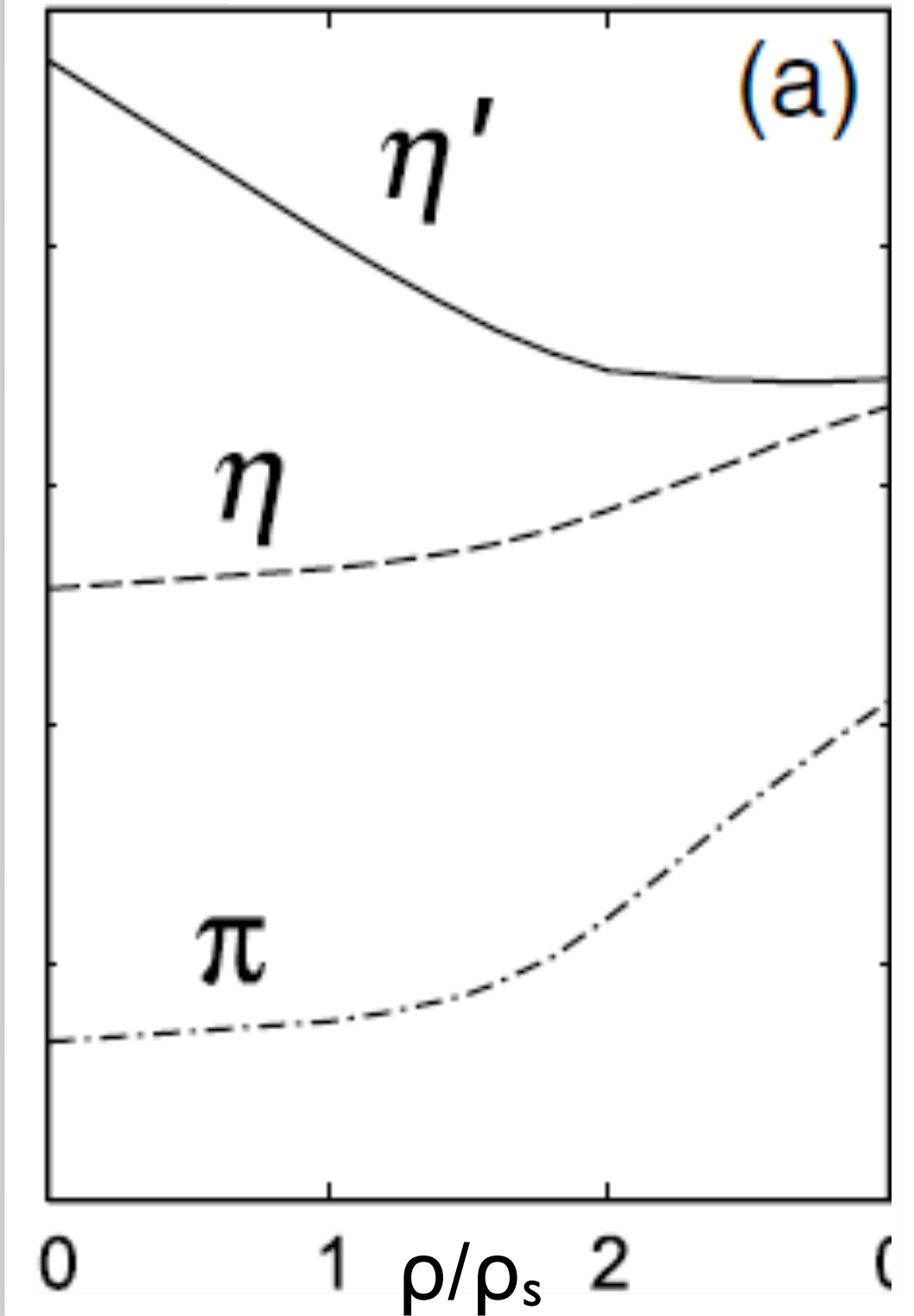


PS in high density medium

[MeV/c²]



NJL model

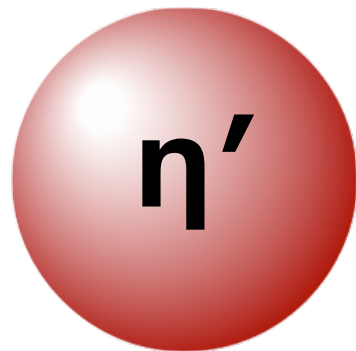


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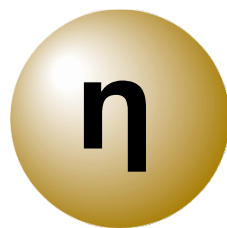
Systematic measurement
is important.

Pseudo-scalar mesons

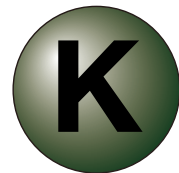
(in the lowest-mass nonet)



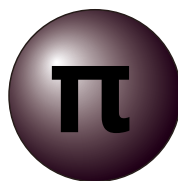
η' $M=958 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



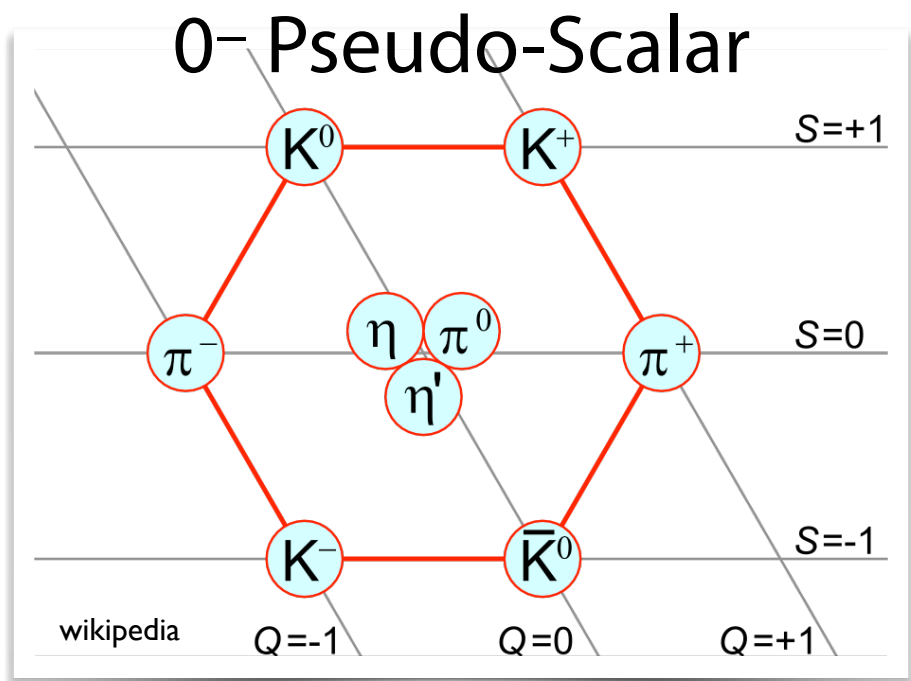
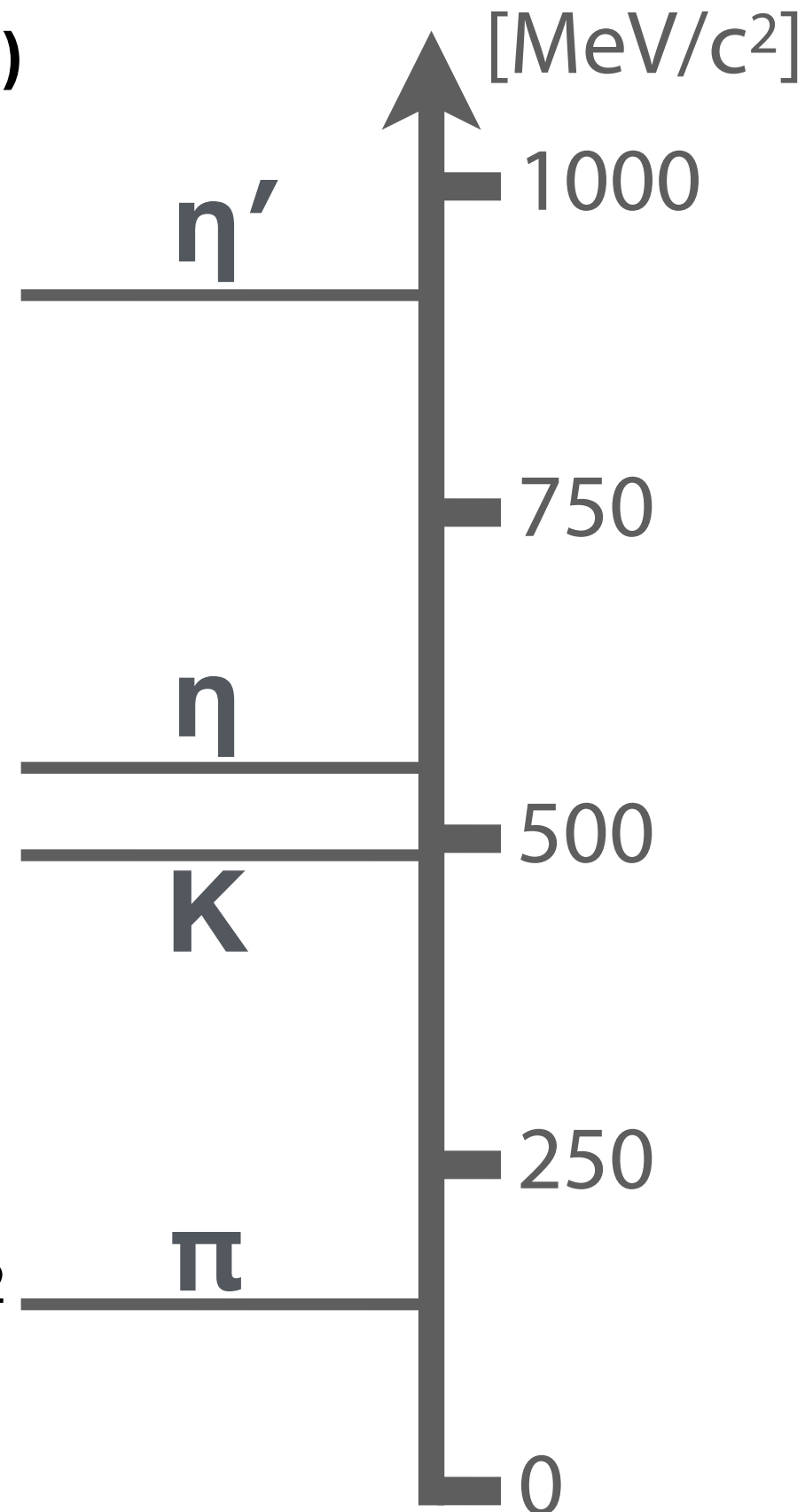
η $M=548 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



K $M=498 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



π $M=140 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



Spectroscopy of K - pp bound states

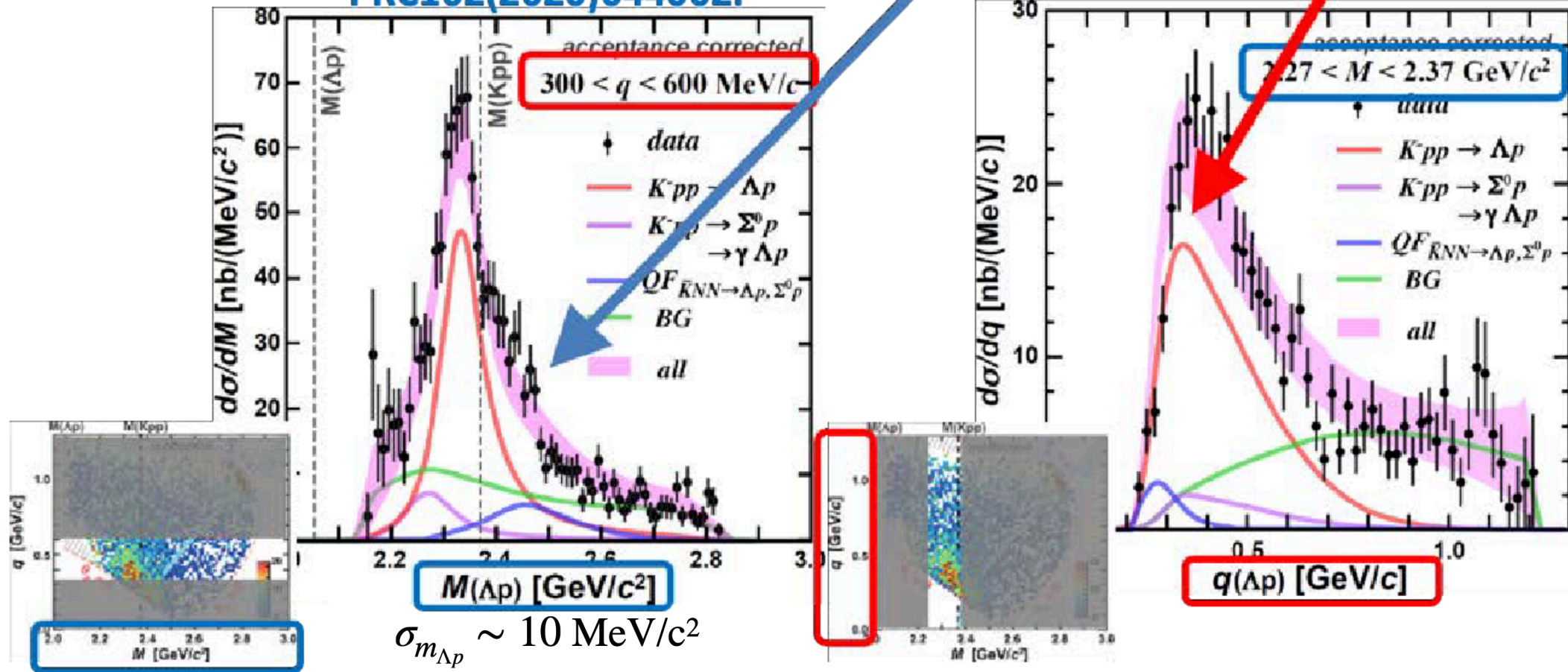
2D Fit for the “ $\bar{K}NN$ ” state

$0.3 < q_x < 0.6$ GeV/c: Signals are well separated from other process

Fit with PWIA $\sigma(M, q) \propto \rho(M, q) \times$ phase space \times Breit Wigner \times form factor

$$\frac{(\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2}{(M - M_{Kpp})^2 + (\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2} \times \exp\left(-\frac{q^2}{Q_{Kpp}^2}\right)$$

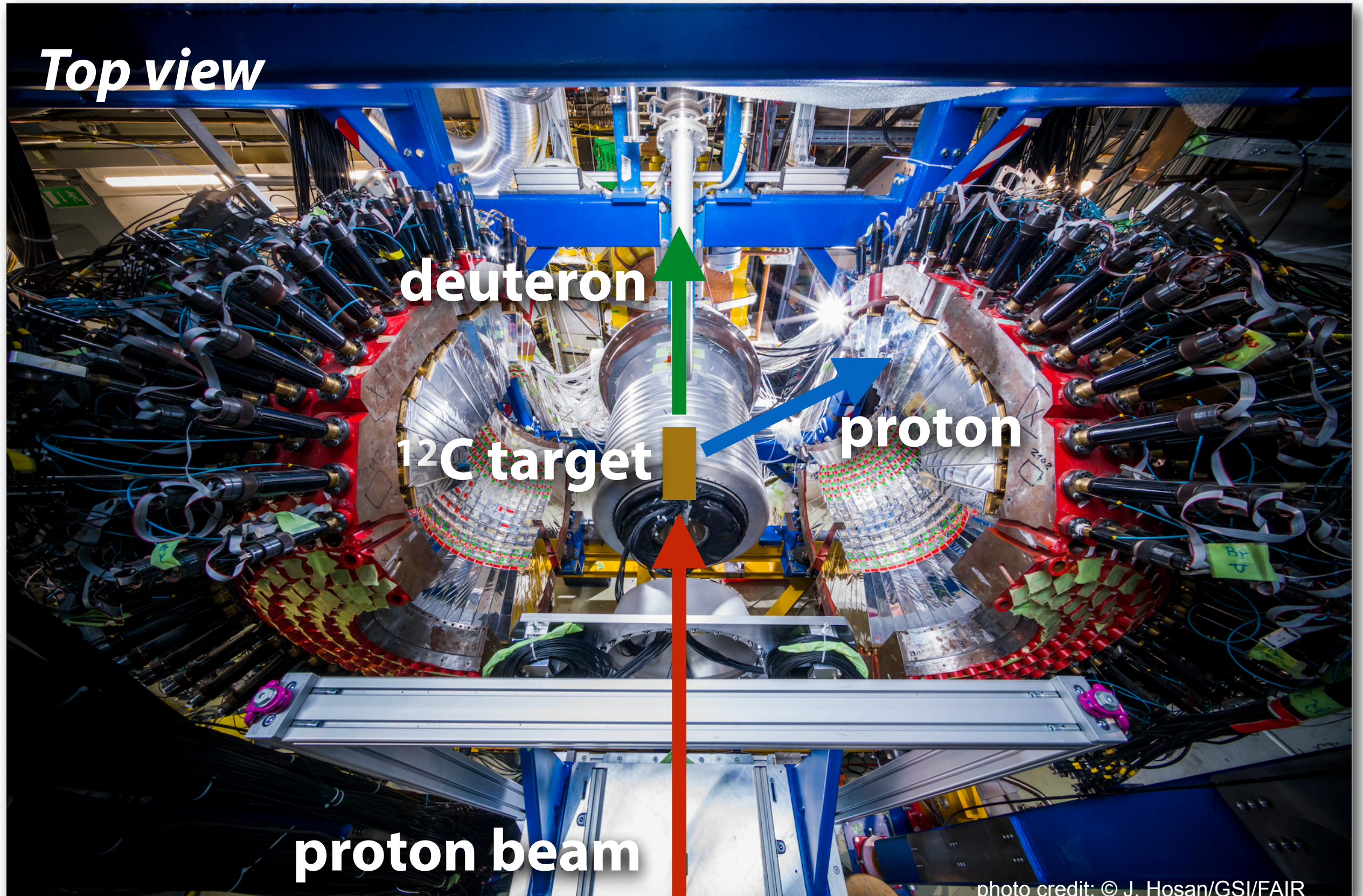
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$B_{Kpp} \sim 40$ MeV, $\Gamma_{Kpp} \sim 100$ MeV
 \rightarrow large binding energy

$Q_{kpp} \sim 400$ MeV (c.f. $Q_{QF} \sim 200$ MeV)
 \rightarrow wide momentum transfer

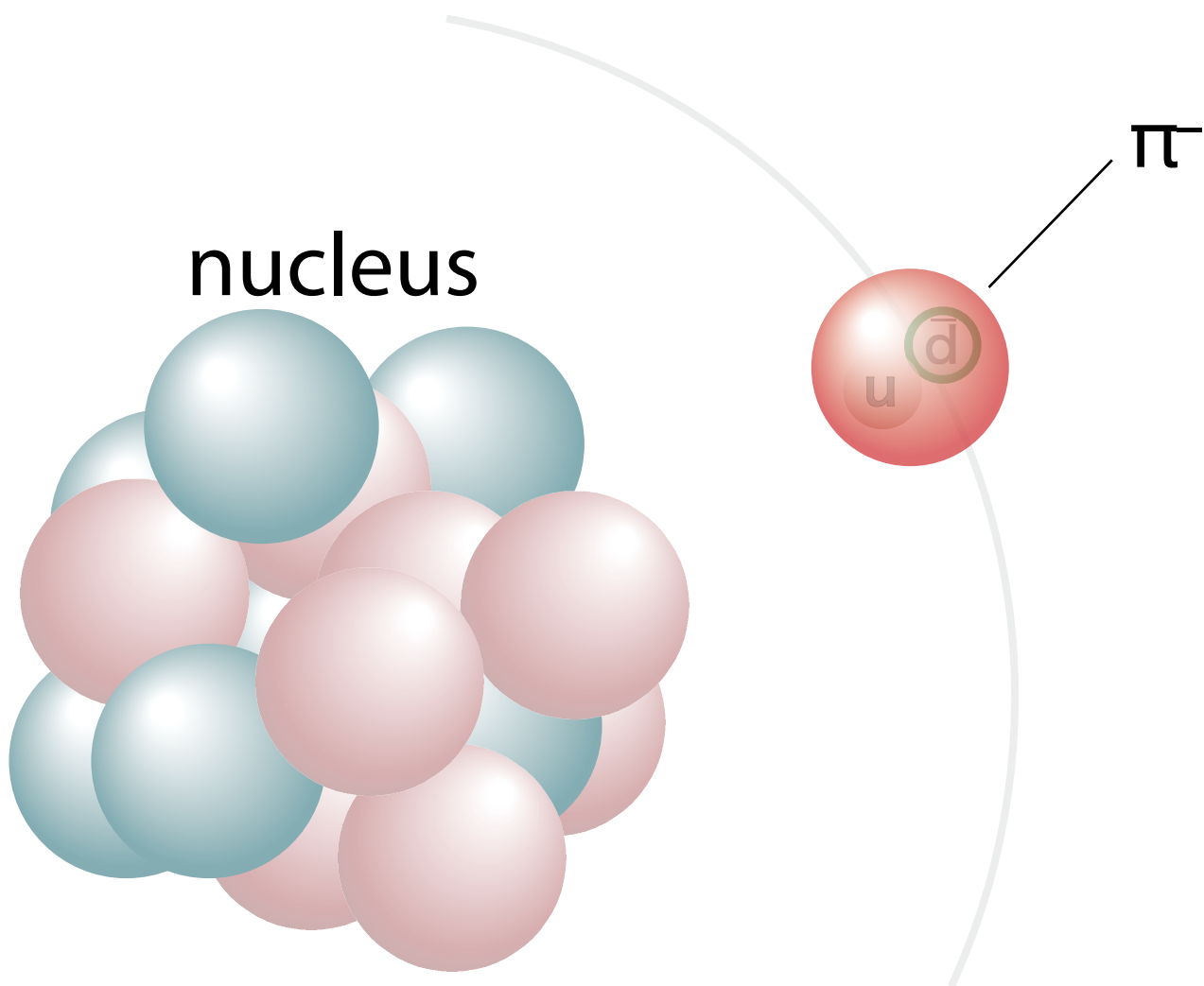
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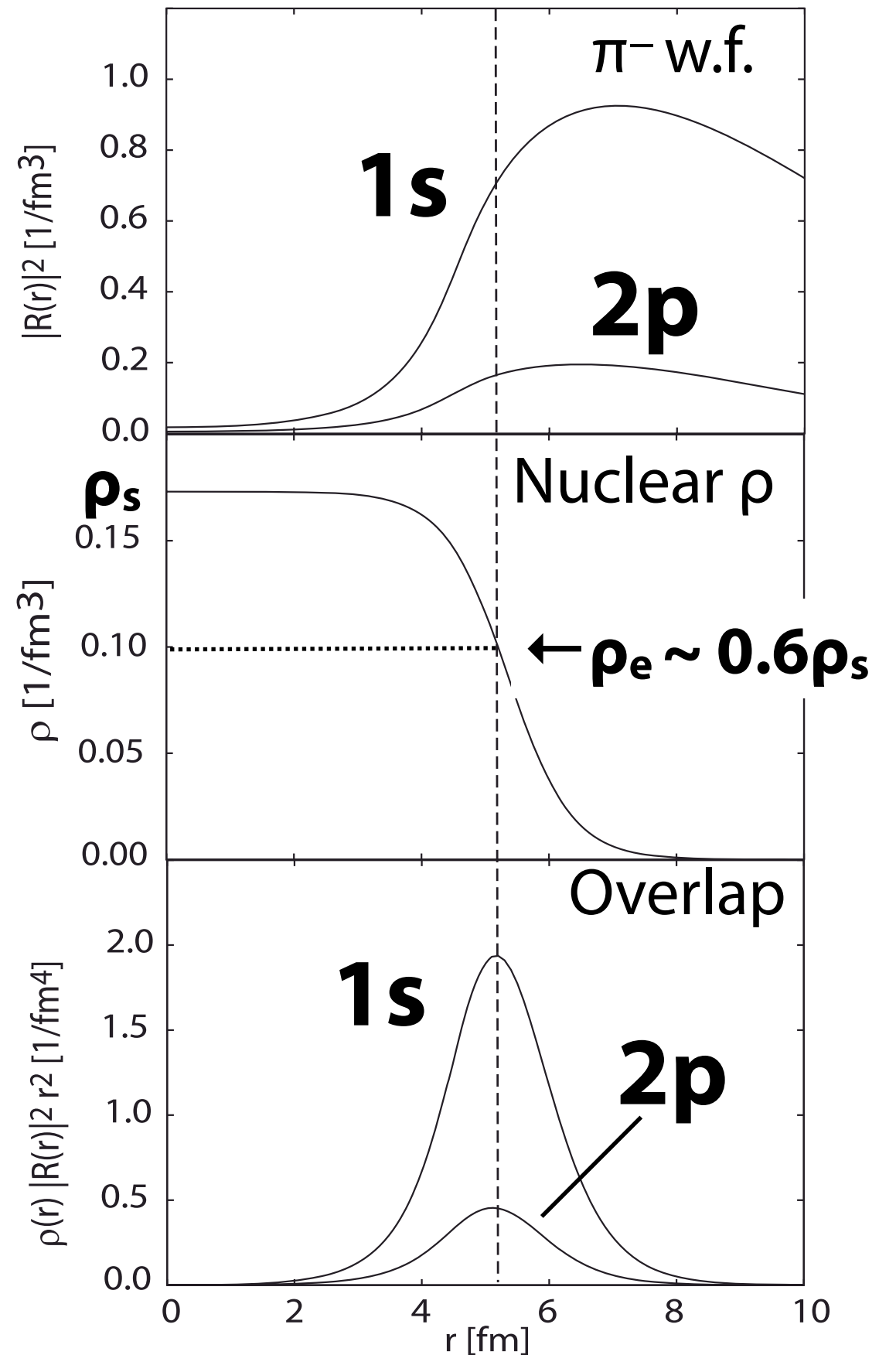


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Pion-nucleus interaction

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pion w.f. and nucleus
→ π works as a probe
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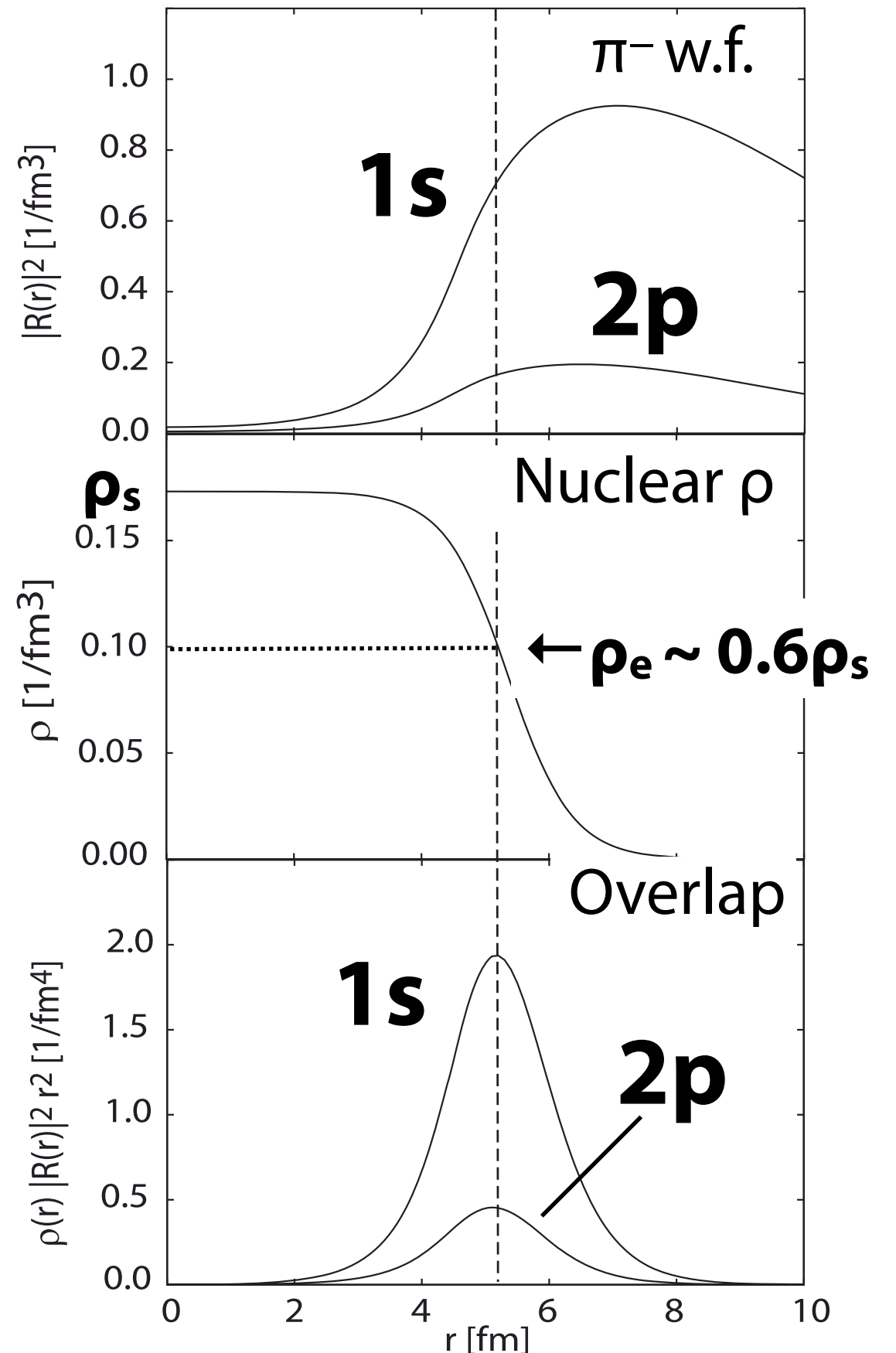
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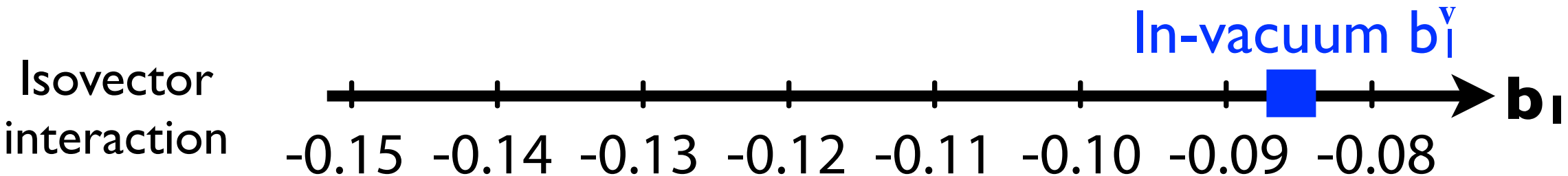
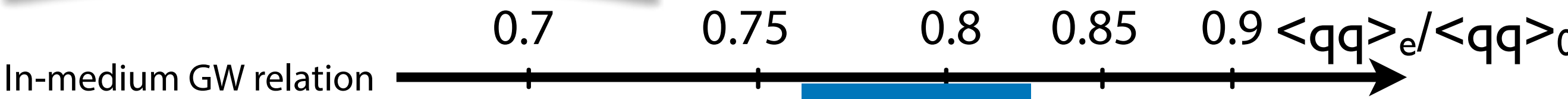
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Pionic hydrogen and deuterium

$$b_1^{\text{v}} = 0.0866 \pm 0.0010$$

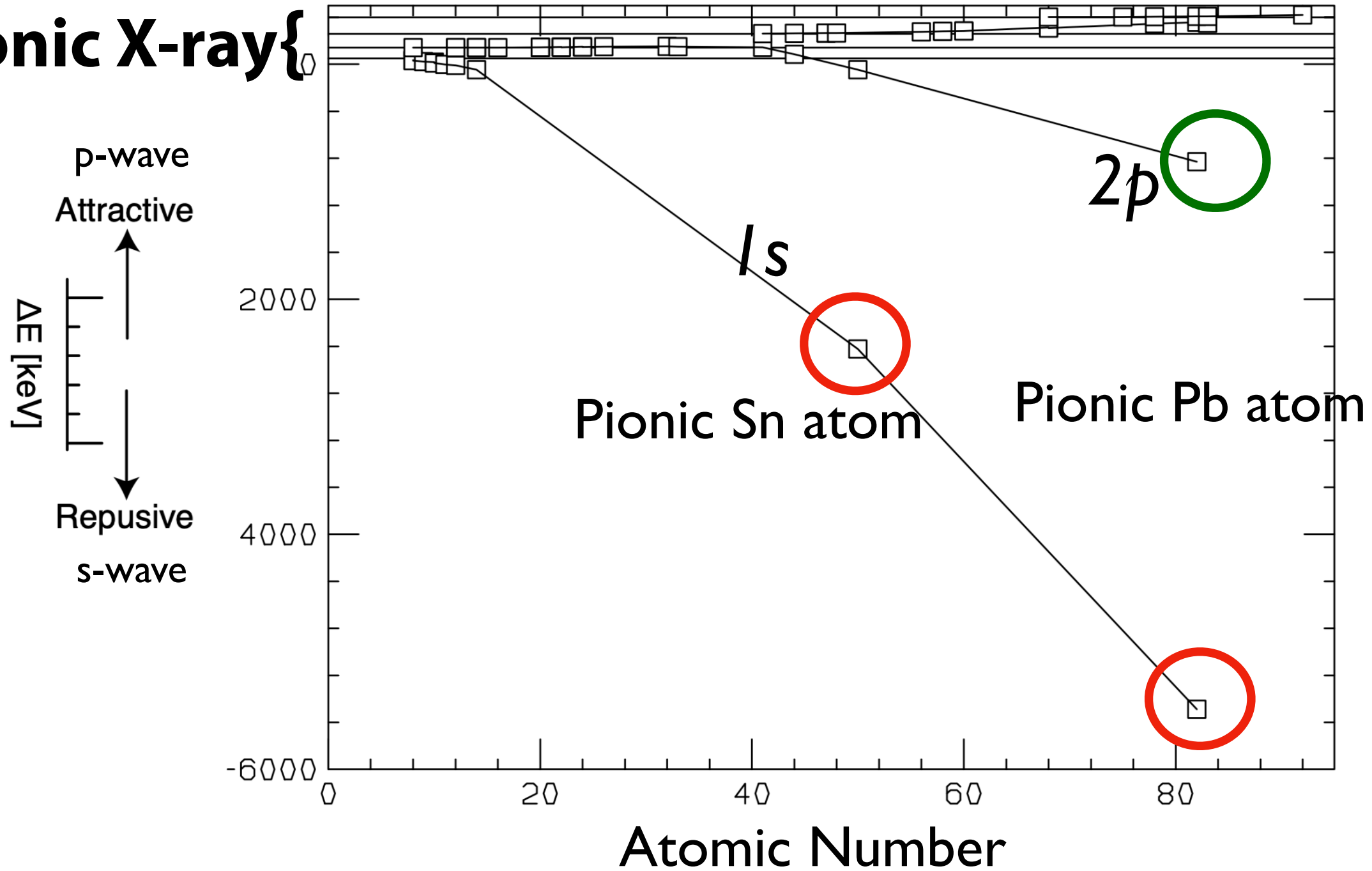
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Deeply bound pionic atoms

Level shifts

Pionic X-ray{

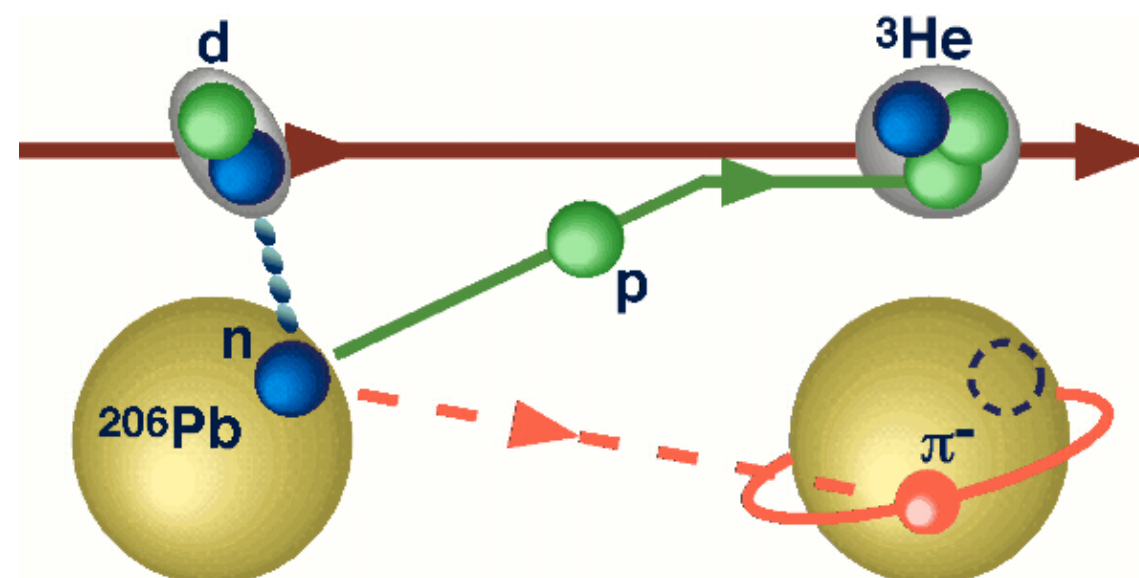


Deeply bound atoms have "super" repulsive shifts and provide s-wave information

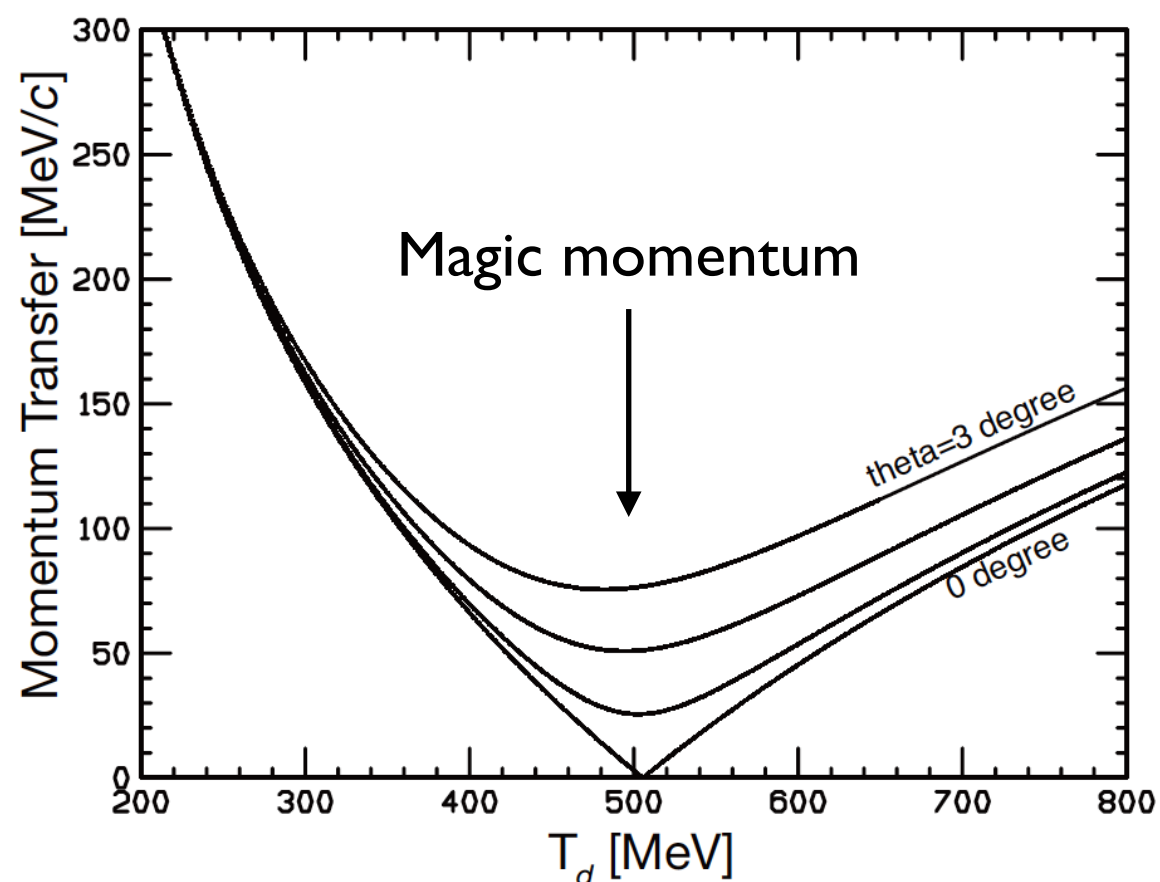
Spectroscopy of pionic atoms in $(d, {}^3\text{He})$ reactions

Missing mass spectroscopy to measure excitation spectrum of pionic atoms

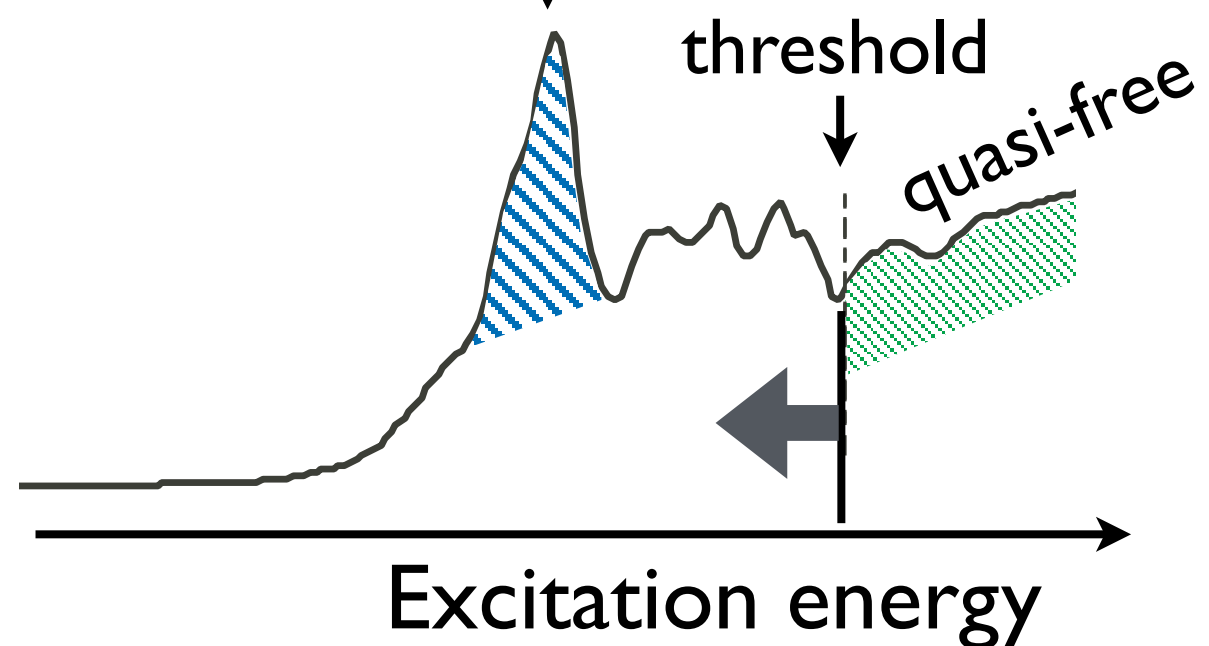
Direct production of pionic atoms



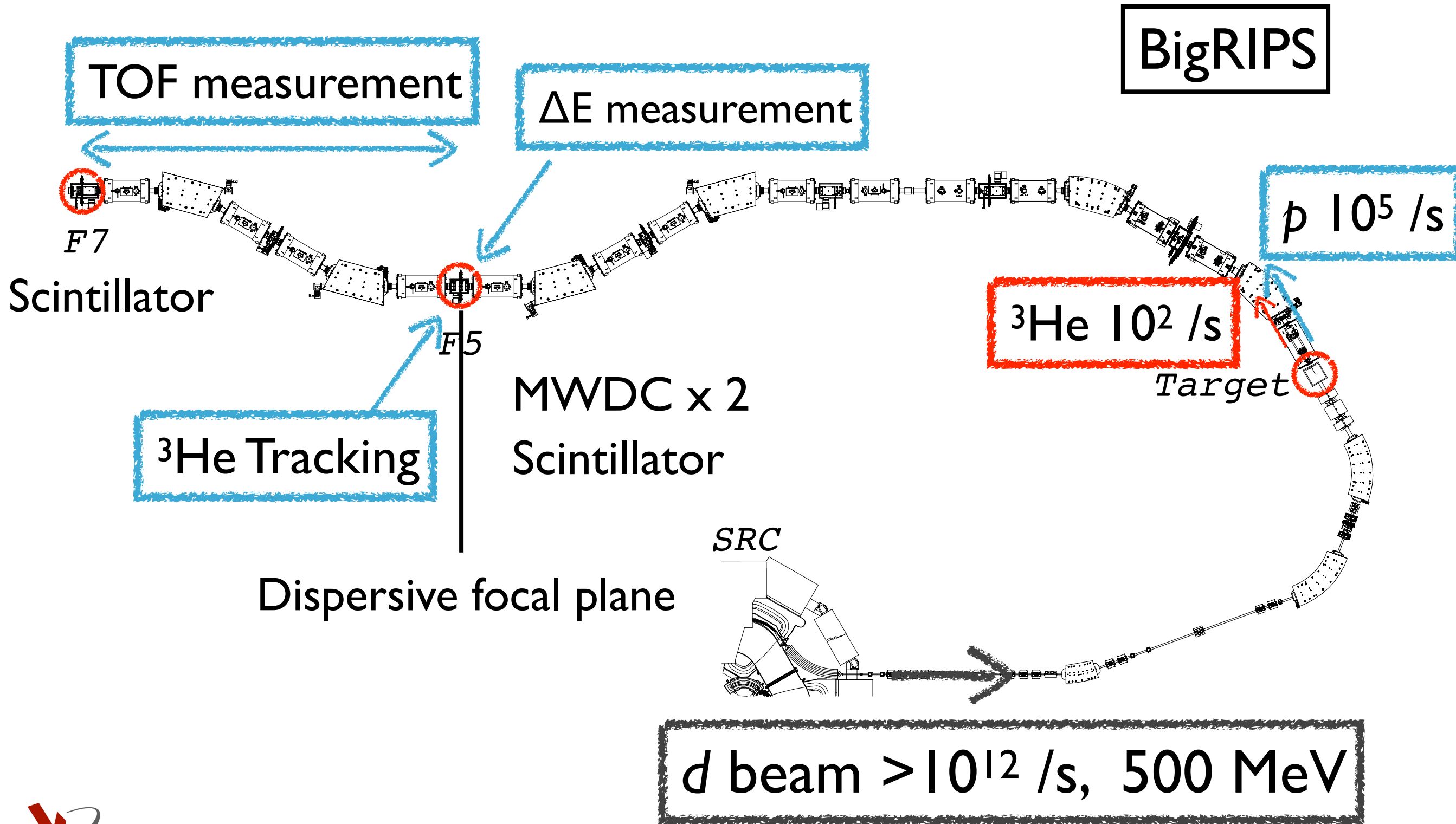
Momentum transfer



Pion bound state (coupled with n hole)

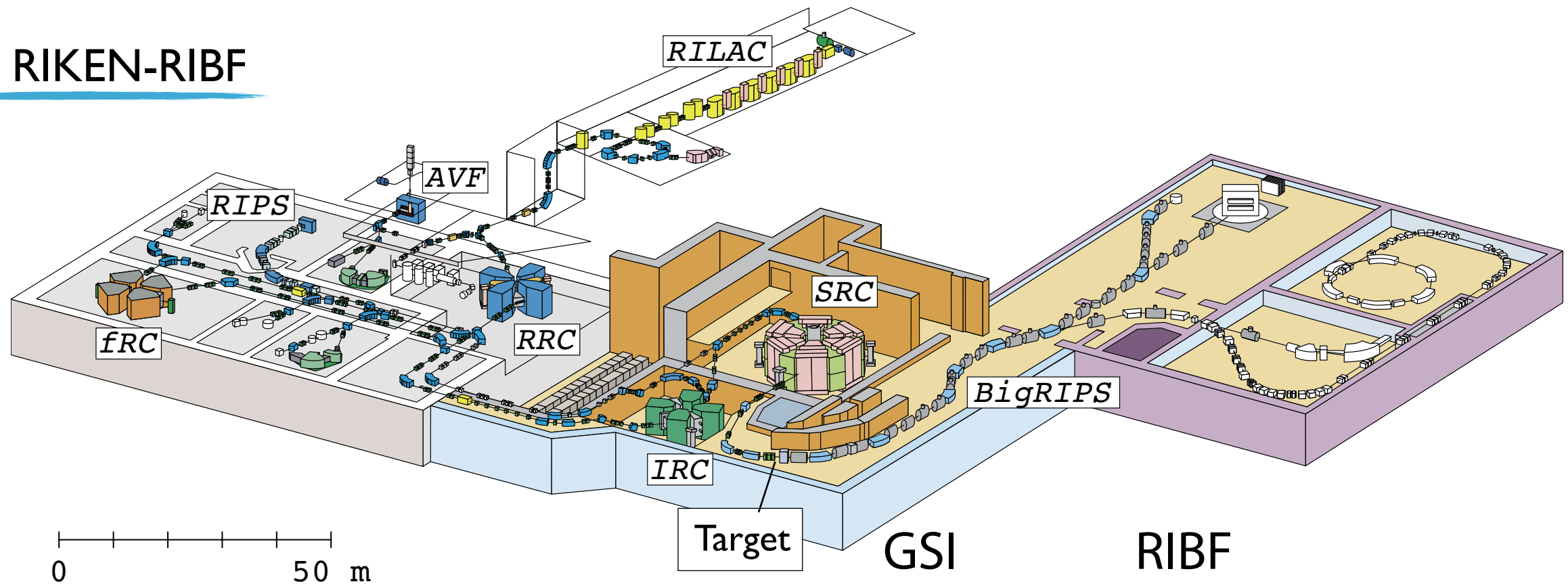


(d,³He) Reaction Spectroscopy in RIBF



RI Beam Factory

RIKEN-RIBF



d beam Intensity

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

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

$\times 50!!$

Target

$20 \text{ mg}/\text{cm}^2$

$10 \text{ mg}/\text{cm}^2$

$\Delta p_d/p_d$ (FWHM)

0.02%

0.04%

Resolution (FWHM)

400 keV

$\sim 800 \text{ keV}$

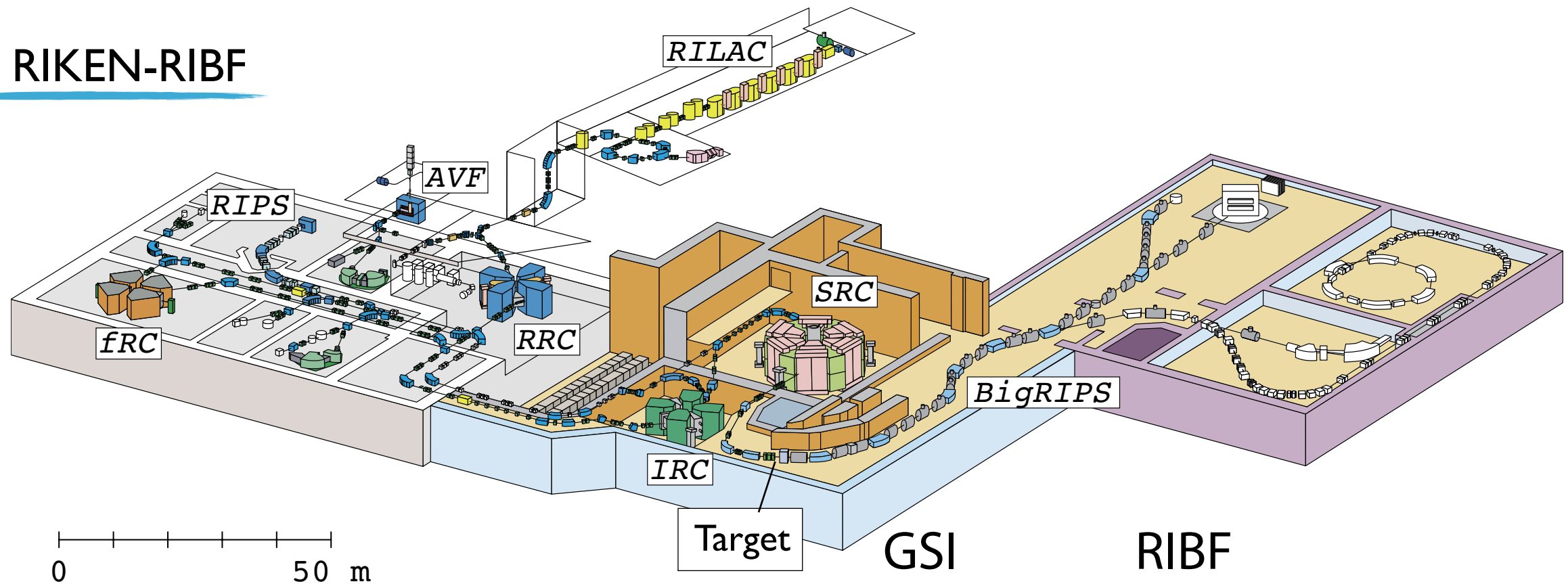
Acceptance (mrad)

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**SRC tuning +
Dispersion matching
required**

Resolution improvement technique

$+\delta p$ $-\delta p$

Dispersion matching

Analysis of beam energy in the beam line

target

← 45 mm/%

focal plane

	Pilot (2010)	Standard
$\sigma_{p_{\text{primary}}}$ [%]	0.04	0.04
$\sigma_{X_{F0}}$ [mm]	0.7	1
resolution _{exp} [keV]	500	800

Dispersion matching of primary beam

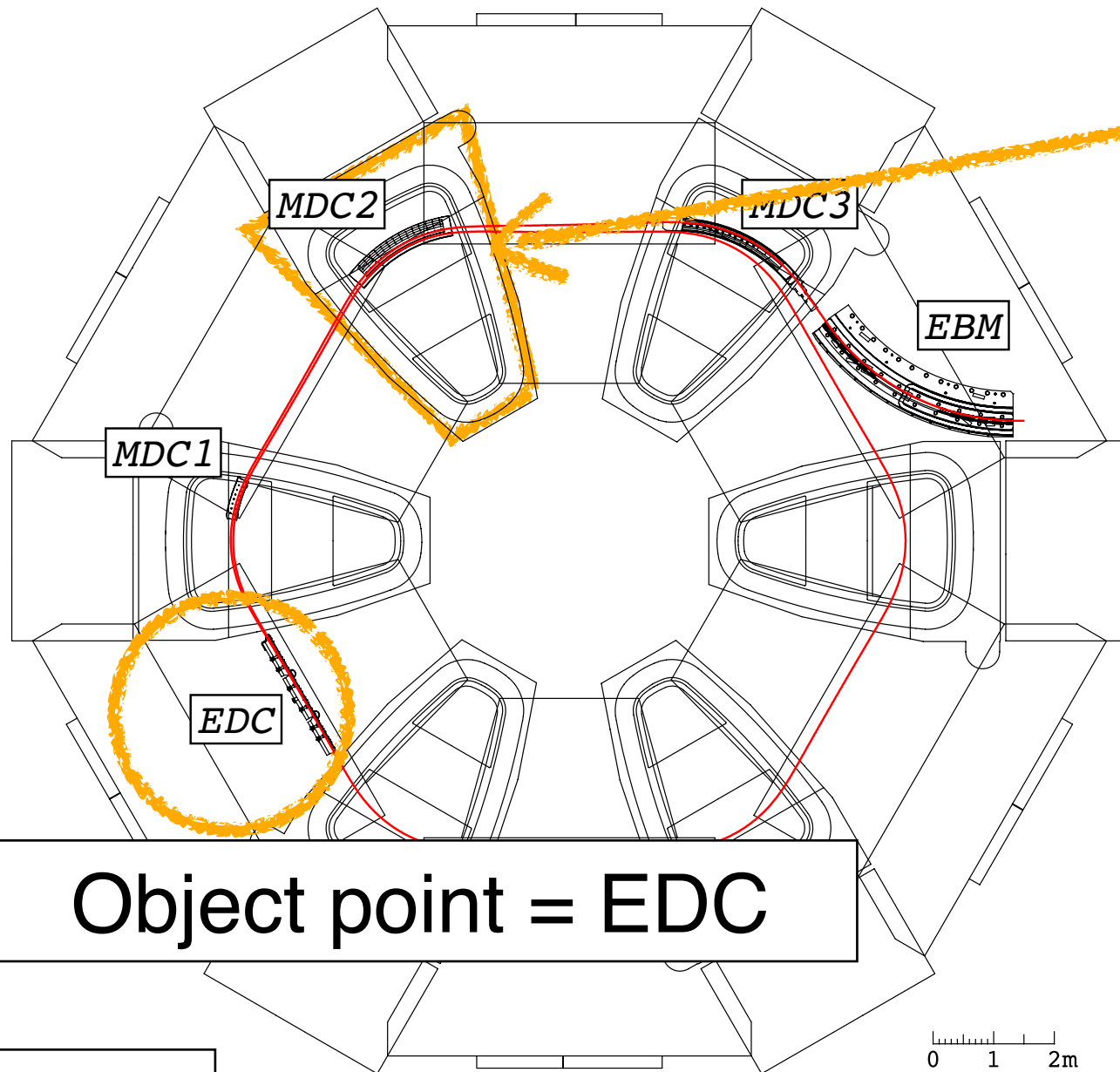
Dispersion matching to eliminate contribution of beam momentum spread in spectral resolution

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{F5} \\ \theta_{F5} \\ \delta p_{F5} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{16} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{26} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{16} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{26} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \theta_0 \\ \delta p_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

*C: kinematical factor = 1.31

$$x_{F5} = \dots + \underbrace{(S_{11} A_{16} + C S_{16})}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{\delta p_0}_{\text{blue}}$$

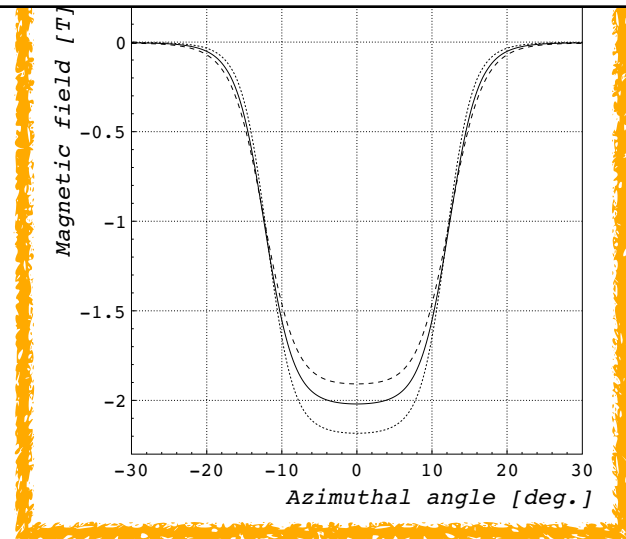
Dispersion matching of primary beam



Object point = EDC

SRC

magnetic field in the magnet



calculate the transfer matrix using Runge-Kutta method

$$\begin{pmatrix} (x|x) & (x|a) & (x|y) & (x|b) & (x|\delta) \\ (a|x) & (a|a) & (a|y) & (a|b) & (a|\delta) \\ (y|x) & (y|a) & (y|y) & (y|b) & (y|\delta) \\ (b|x) & (b|a) & (b|y) & (b|b) & (b|\delta) \end{pmatrix}_{\text{EDC} \rightarrow \text{EBM}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1.00 & -3.35 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 76.9 \\ 0.30 & -0.01 & 0.0 & 0.0 & -25.4 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & -1.03 & -1.75 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & -0.09 & -1.12 & 0.0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Dispersion matching of primary beam

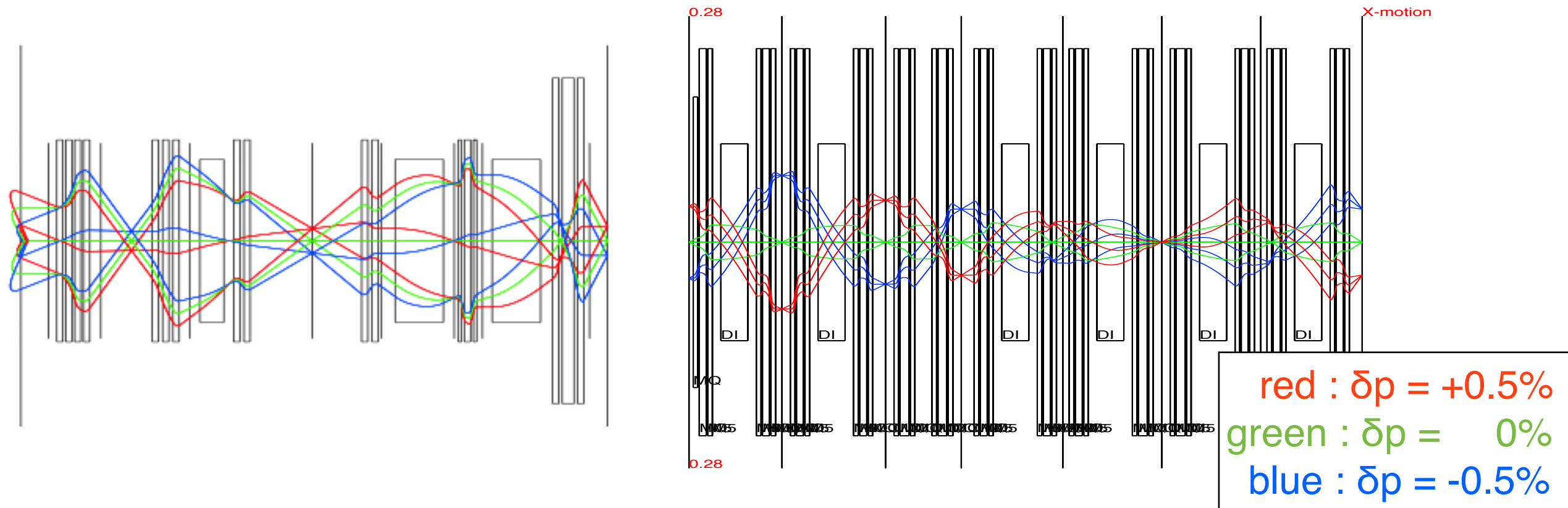
EBM

F0

F3

F5

F7



$$x_{F5} = \dots + \underbrace{(S_{11} A_{16} + C S_{16})}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{\delta p_0}_{\text{blue}}$$

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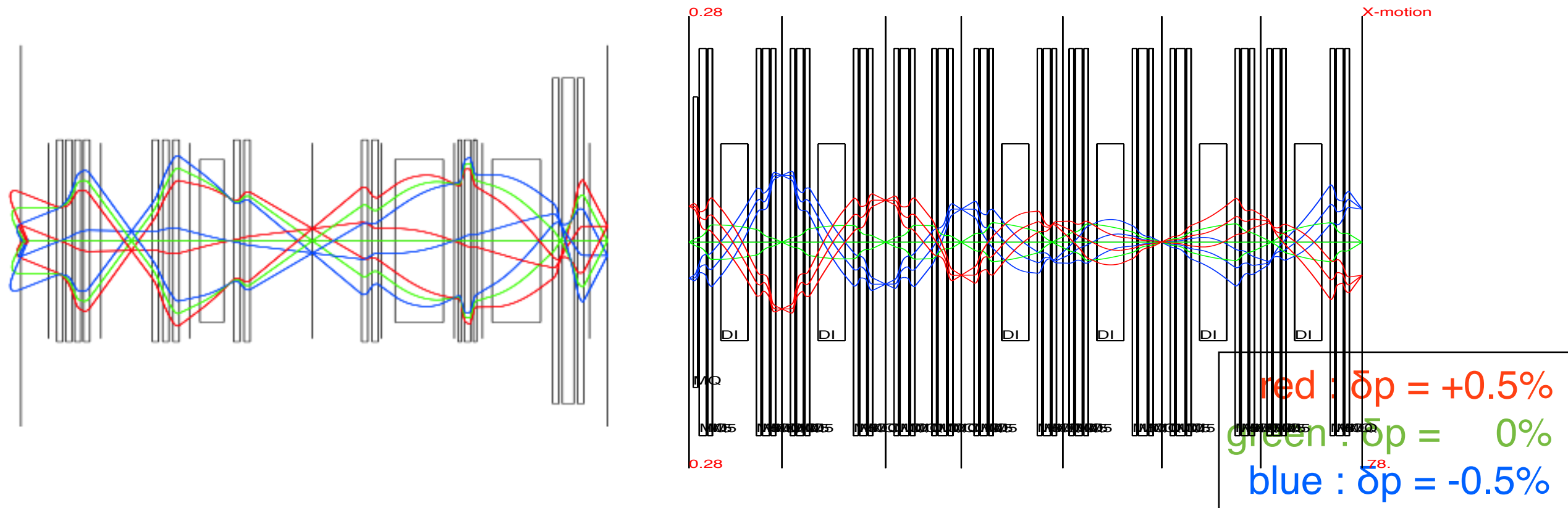
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$$x_{F5} = \dots + \underbrace{(S_{11} A_{16} + C S_{16})}_{\text{magnification of BigRIPS}} \underbrace{\delta p_0}_{\text{position at F0}}$$

magnification of
BigRIPS

position at F0

Dispersion matching of primary beam

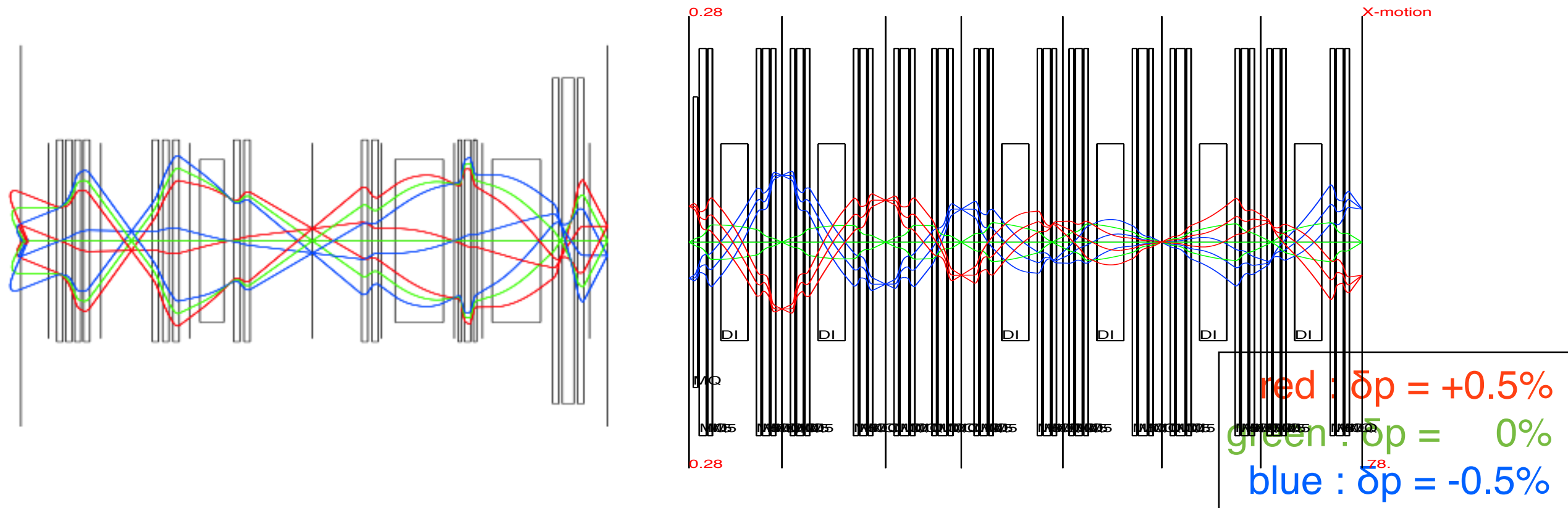
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$$x_{F5} = \dots + \underbrace{(S_{11} A_{16} + C S_{16})}_{\text{Cancel out}} \delta p_0$$

← → Cancel out

design values: $S_{11} = -1.8$

$C = 1.31$ $S_{16} = 62$ mm/%

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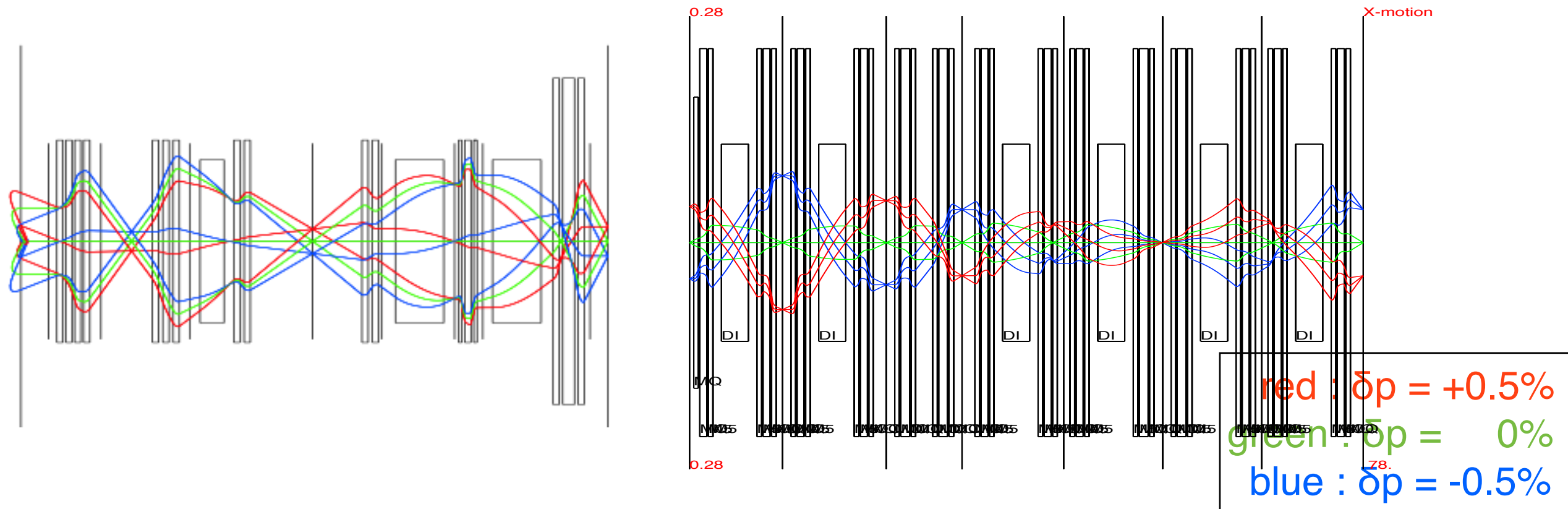
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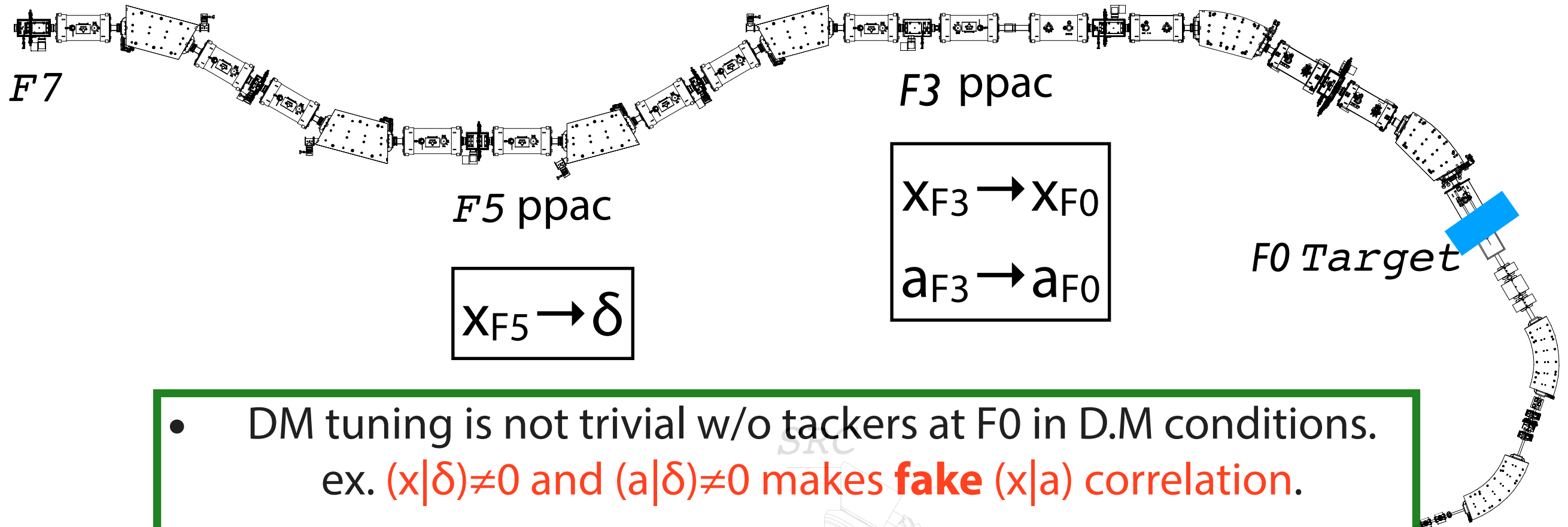
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design values: $S_{11} = -1.8$ $A_{16} = 44.6 \text{ mm}/\%$
 $C = 1.31$ $S_{16} = 62 \text{ mm}/\%$

New Method for Dispersion Matching Tuning

Track back to F0 using F3 and F5 trackers

RIKEN-BigRIPS



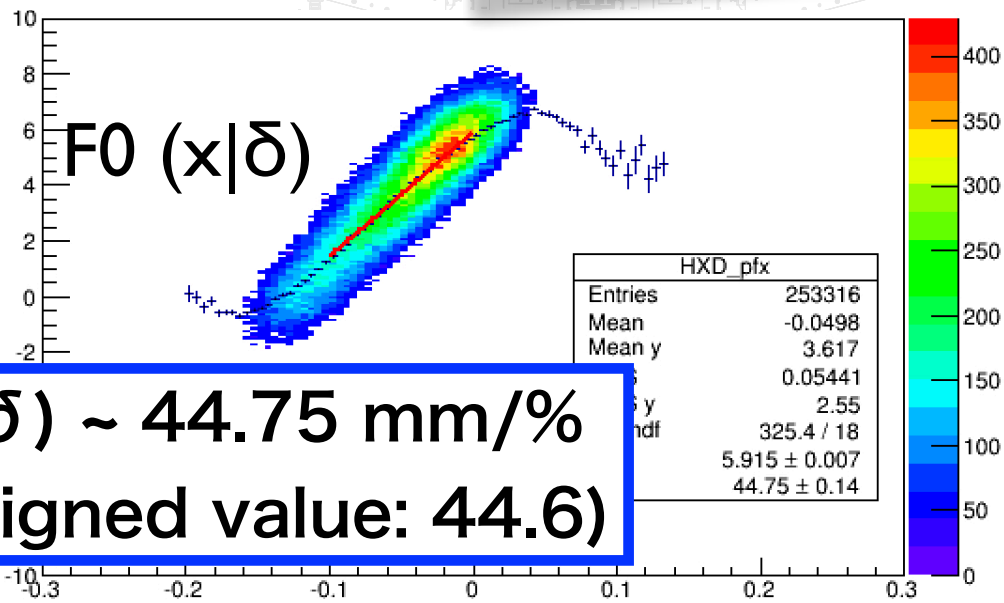
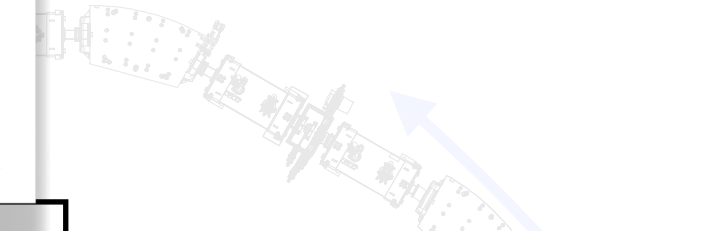
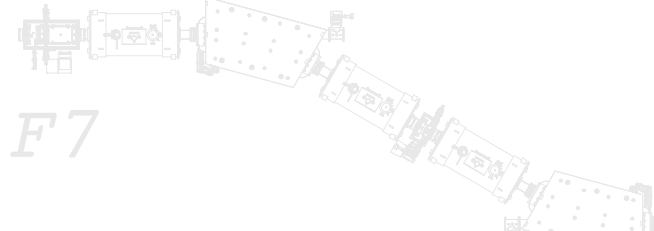
- DM tuning is not trivial w/o trackers at F0 in D.M conditions.
ex. $(x|\delta) \neq 0$ and $(a|\delta) \neq 0$ makes **fake** $(x|a)$ correlation.
- We established a new method "Trace-back method" by taking point-to-point image at F3 and dispersion measurement at F5

New Method for Dispersion Matching Tuning

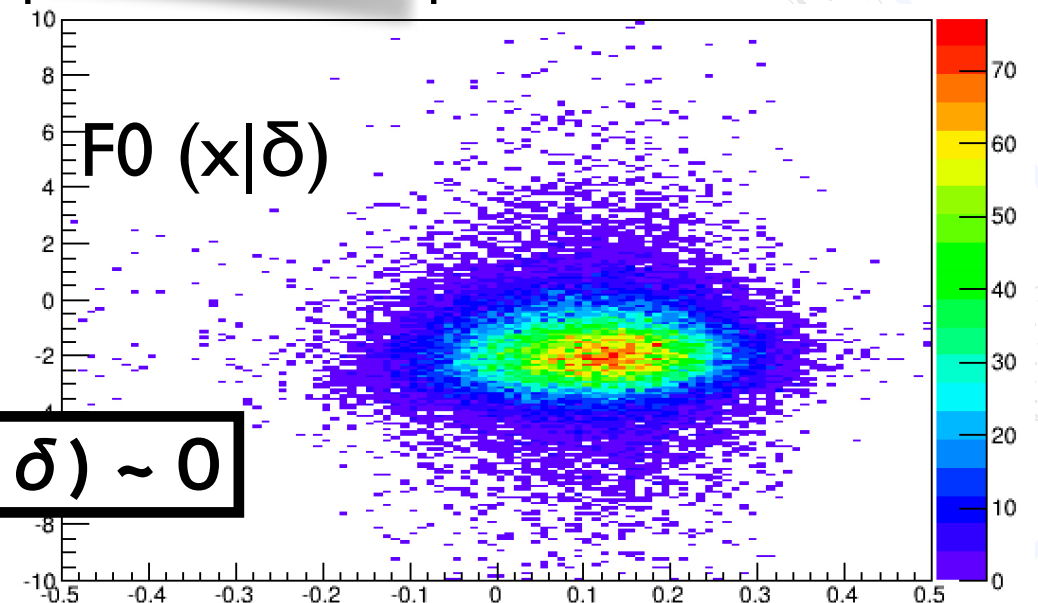
Track back to T11 using F3 and F5 trackers

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We have in our hands capability of freely tuning optical conditions at F0



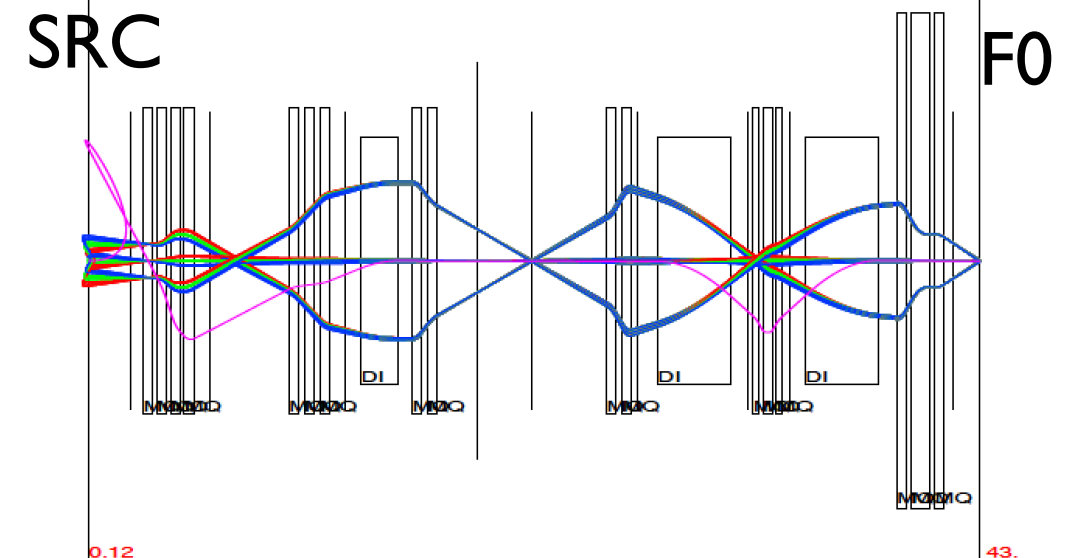
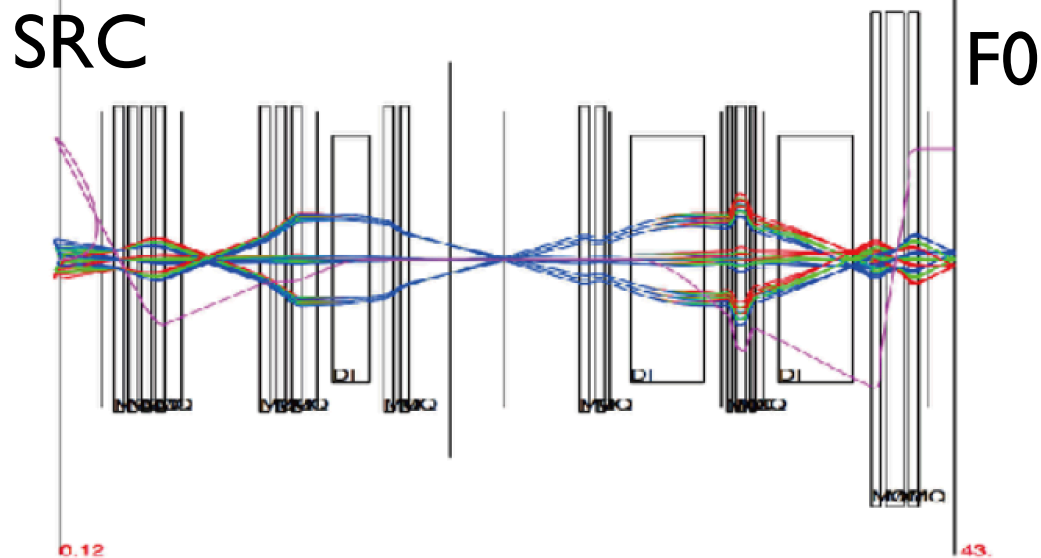
$(x|\delta) \sim 44.75 \text{ mm}/\%$
(designed value: 44.6)



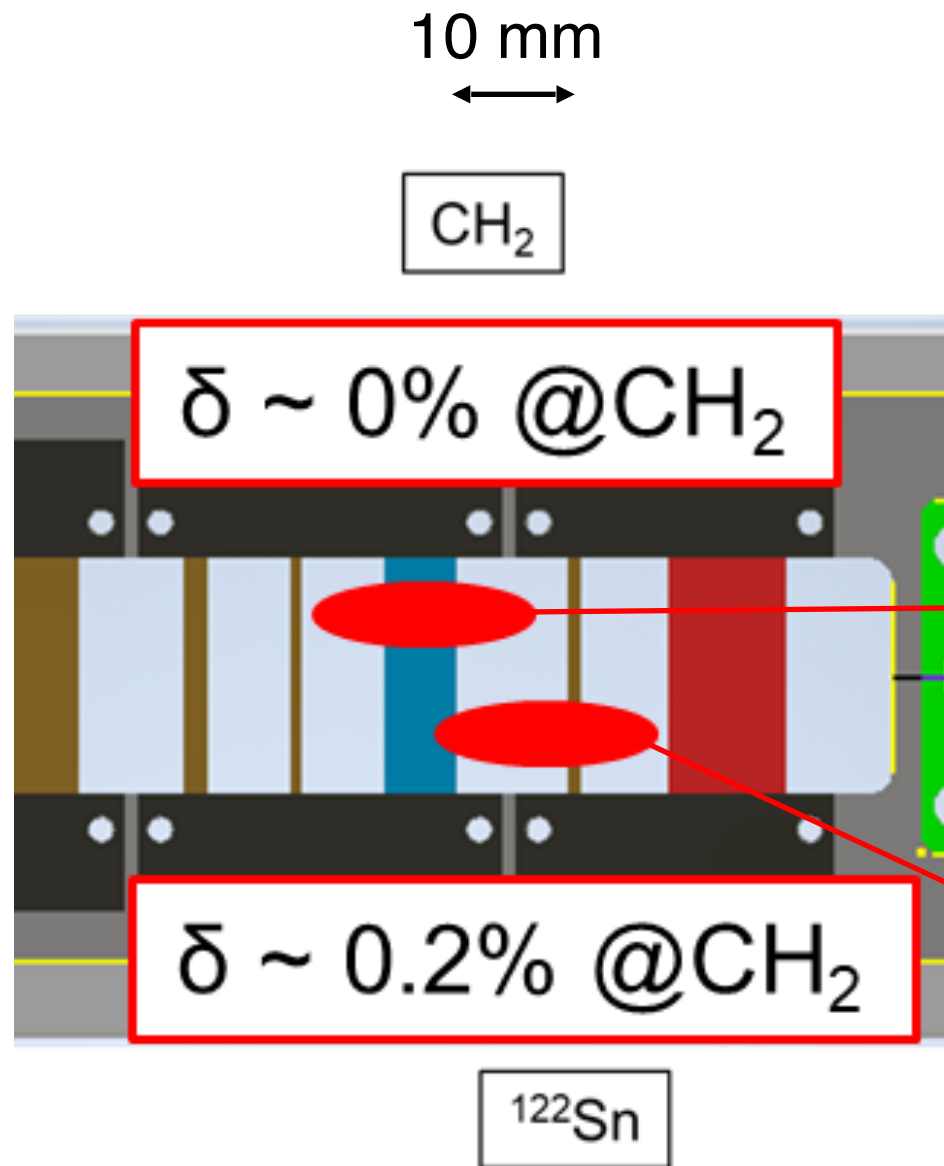
$(x|\delta) \sim 0$

$(x|\delta) = 44.6 \text{ [mm}/\%]$
(for piAF exp.)

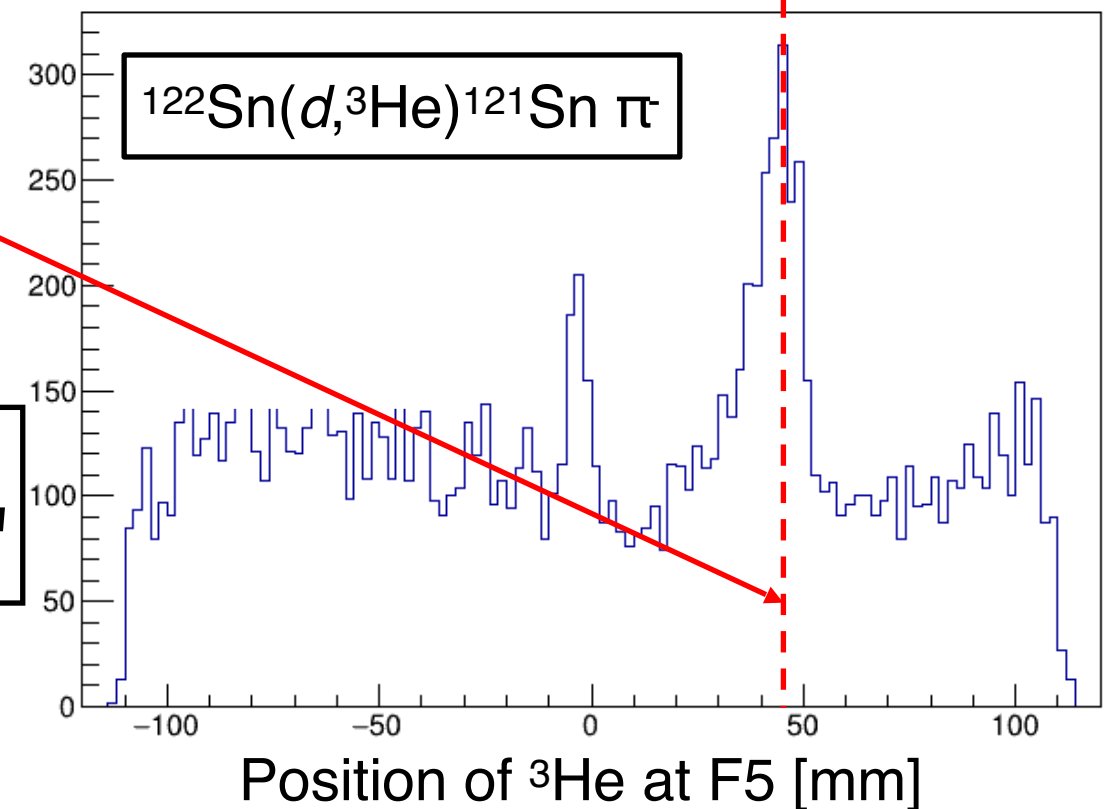
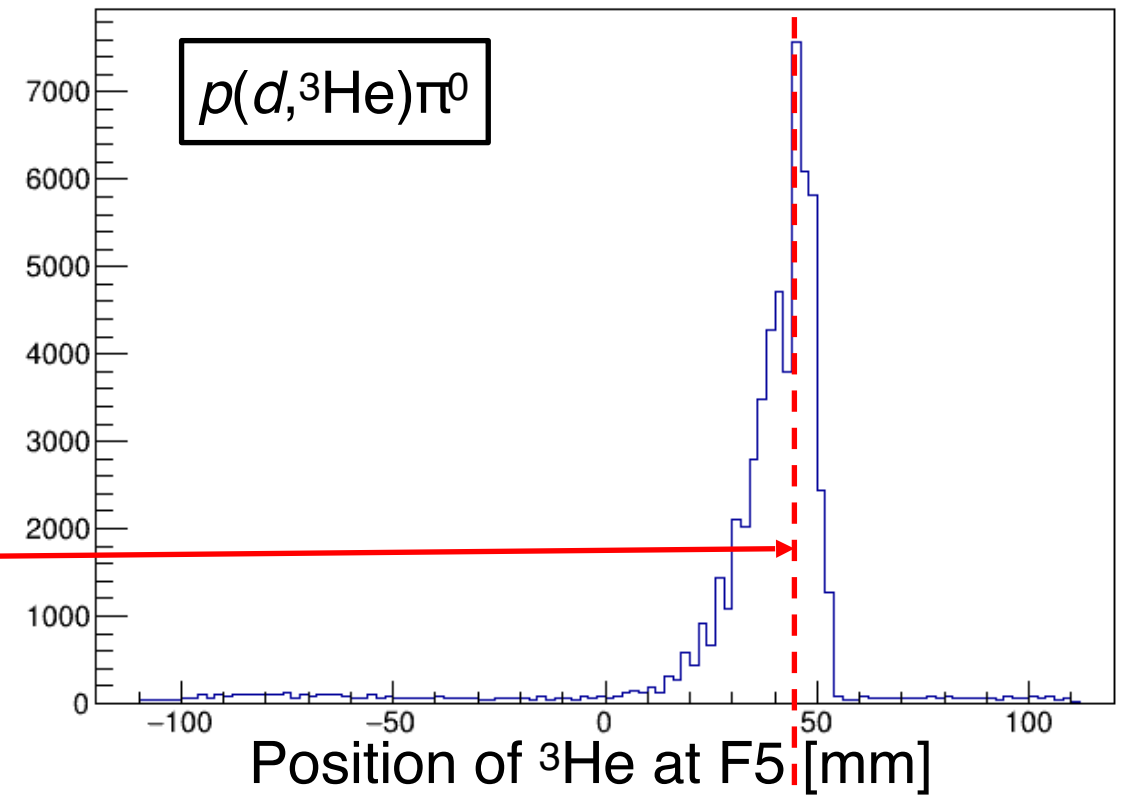
$(x|\delta) = 0 \text{ [mm}/\%]$
(for achromatic condition)



Improved dispersion matching in 2021

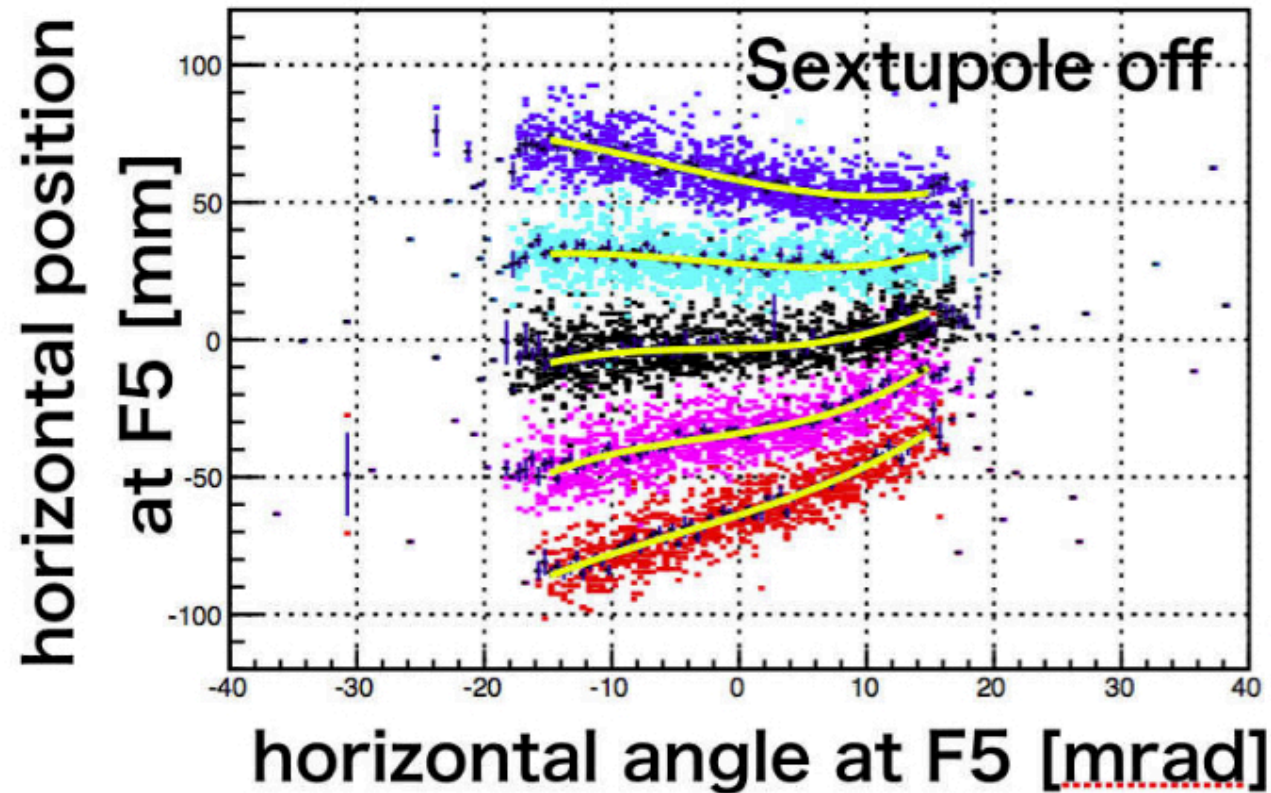


same position



**Even with 20mm displacement at TA,
same position at F5 for same "physics"**

Higher-order aberration corrections of BigRIPS as a spectrometer



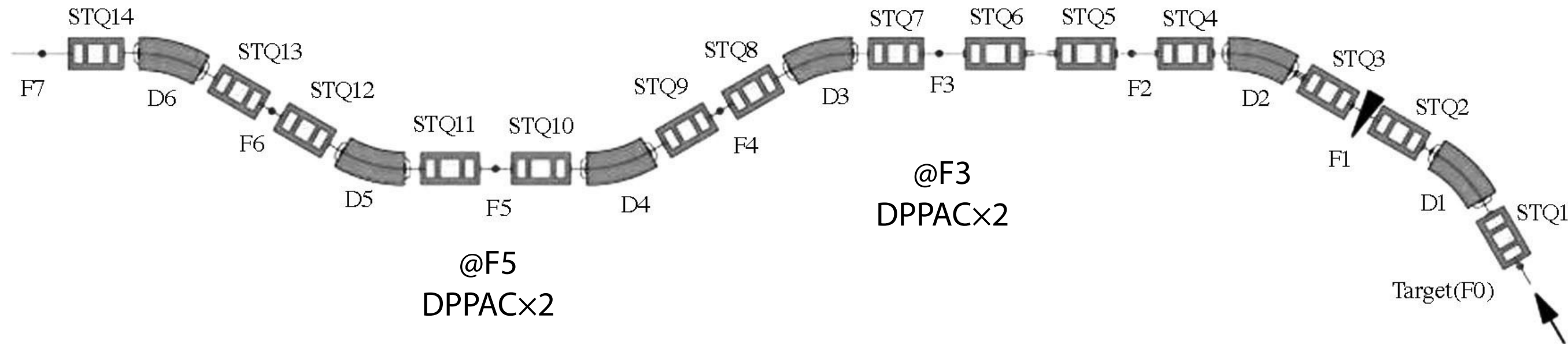
2nd (x|ad) and 3rd (x|aaa) order aberrations correction is required.

Higher-order aberration corrections

Primary beam : ^{18}O 230 MeV / u
target : 30mm Be
fragment : ^9C ~ 1kcps ($B\rho=2.47$ Tm)

@F7
PPAC

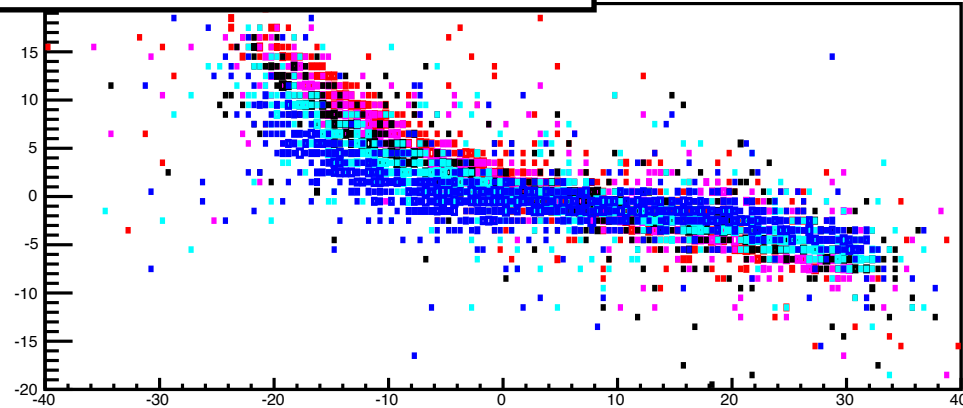
plastic scintillator



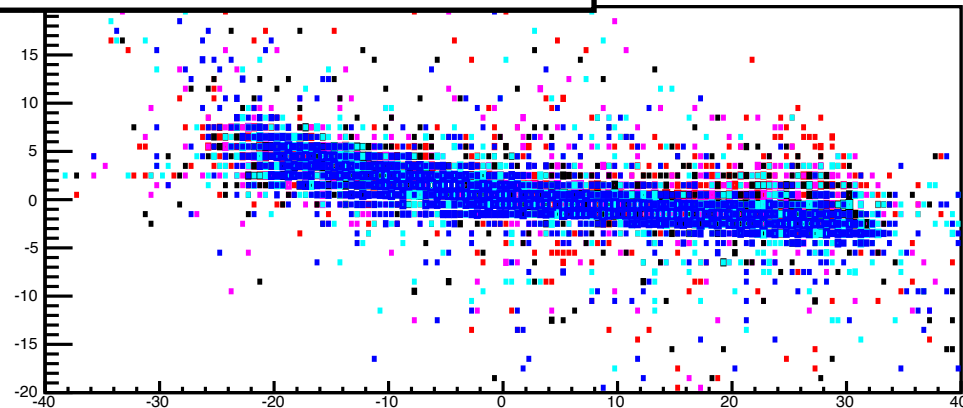
- ToF(F3-F7) : dE @F7 for PI
- Measure aberration at F3/F5 by selecting δ by ToF (RF-F7)
- Change SX settings respecting symmetry

Higher-order aberration measurement

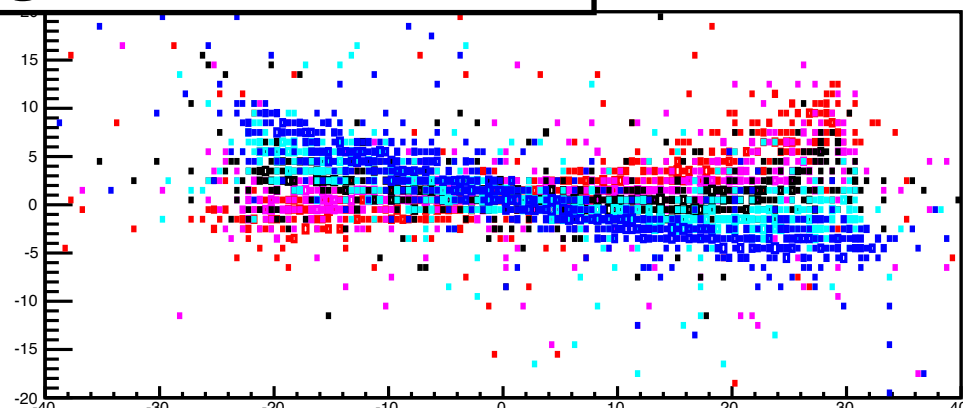
designed value $\times 2.0$



designed value $\times 1.0$



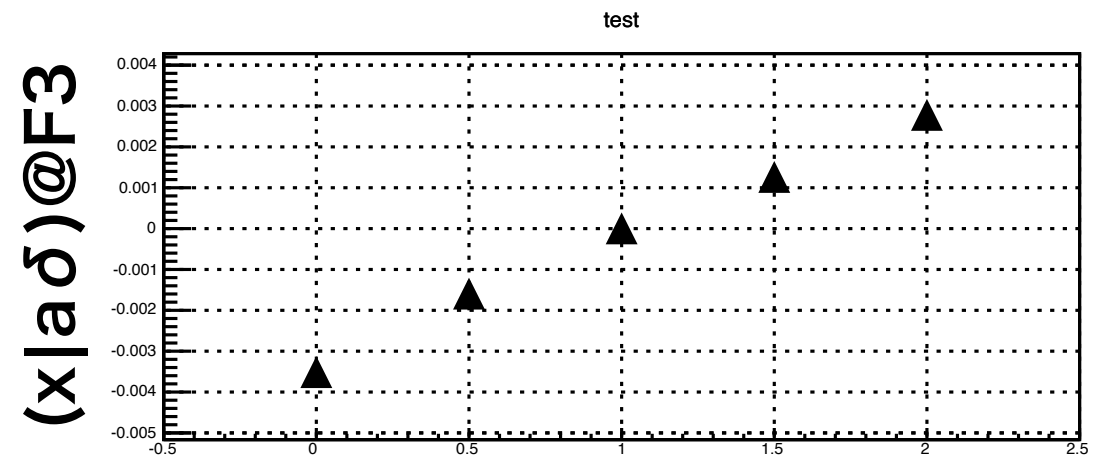
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horizontal angle @ F3 [mrad]

Chromatic aberration

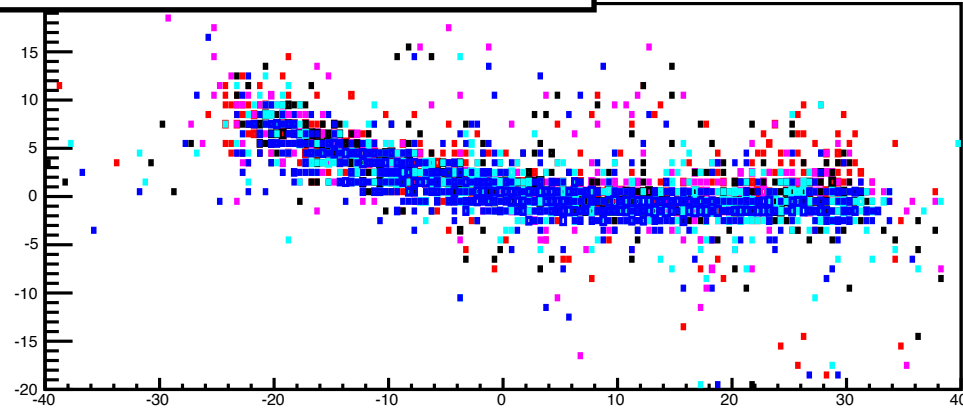
$(x|a\delta)@F3$
(SX 2, 3)



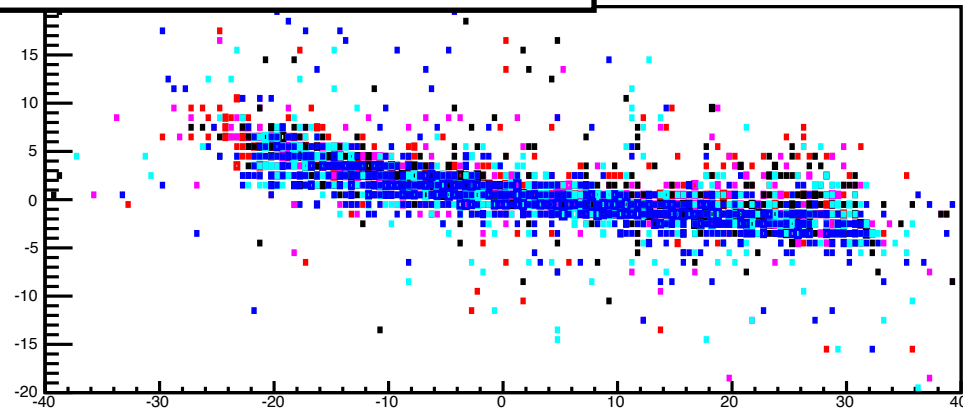
factor

Higher-order aberration measurement

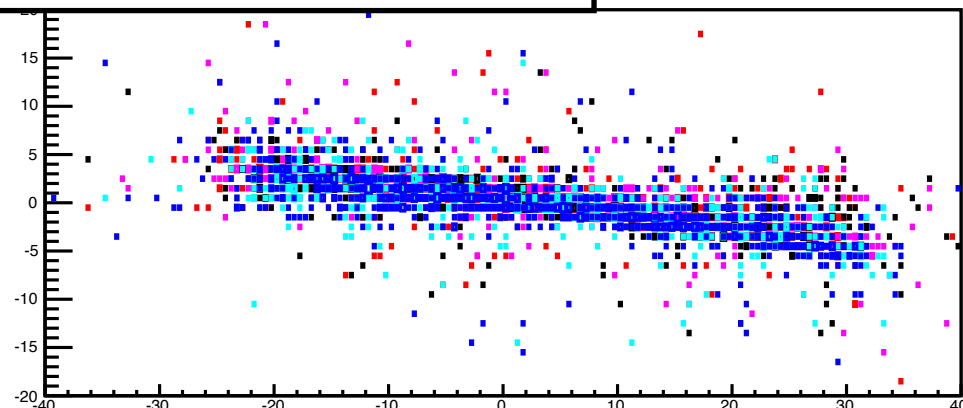
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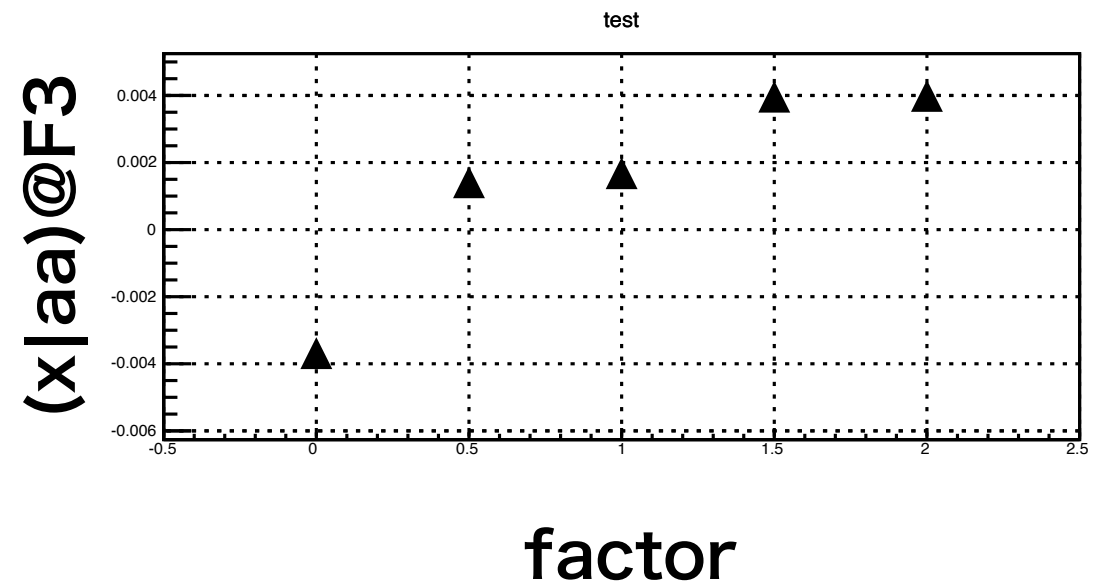
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horizontal angle @ F3 [mrad]

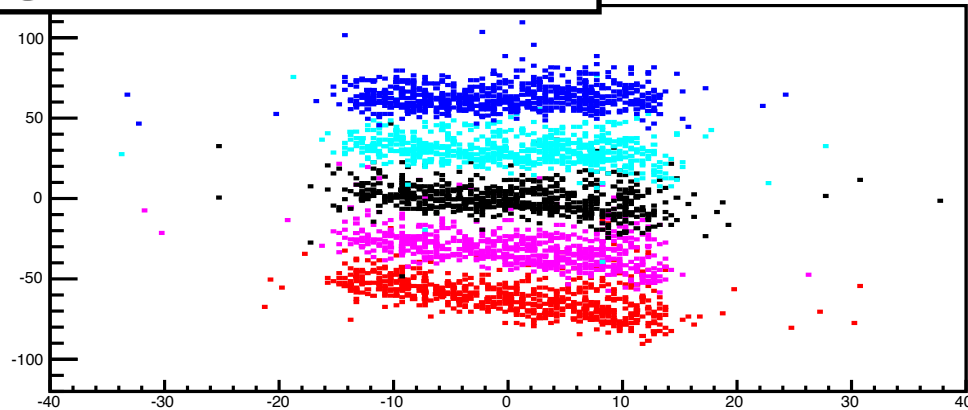
Field curvature

$(x|aa)@F3$
(SX 1, 4)

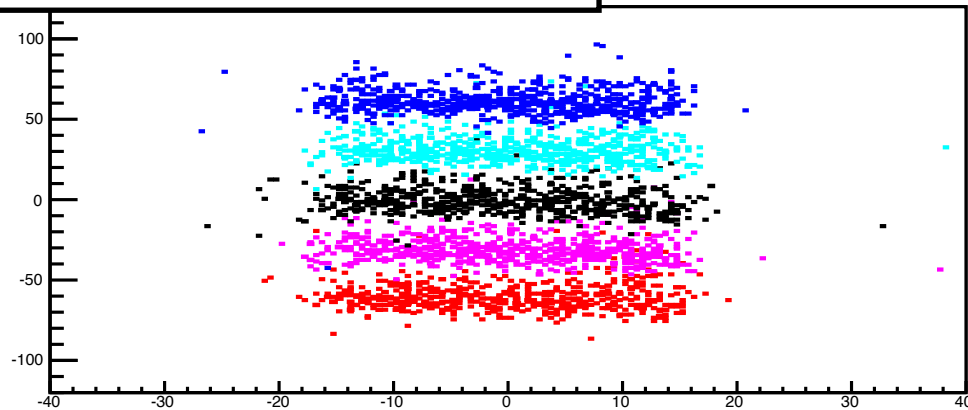


Higher-order aberration measurement

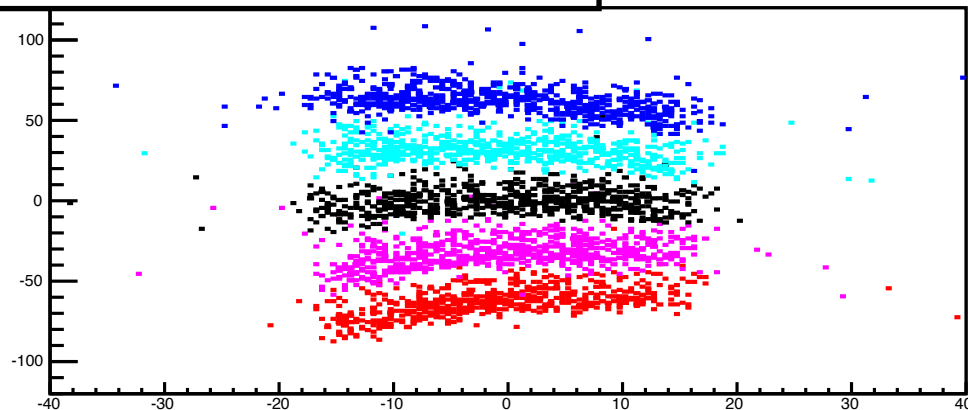
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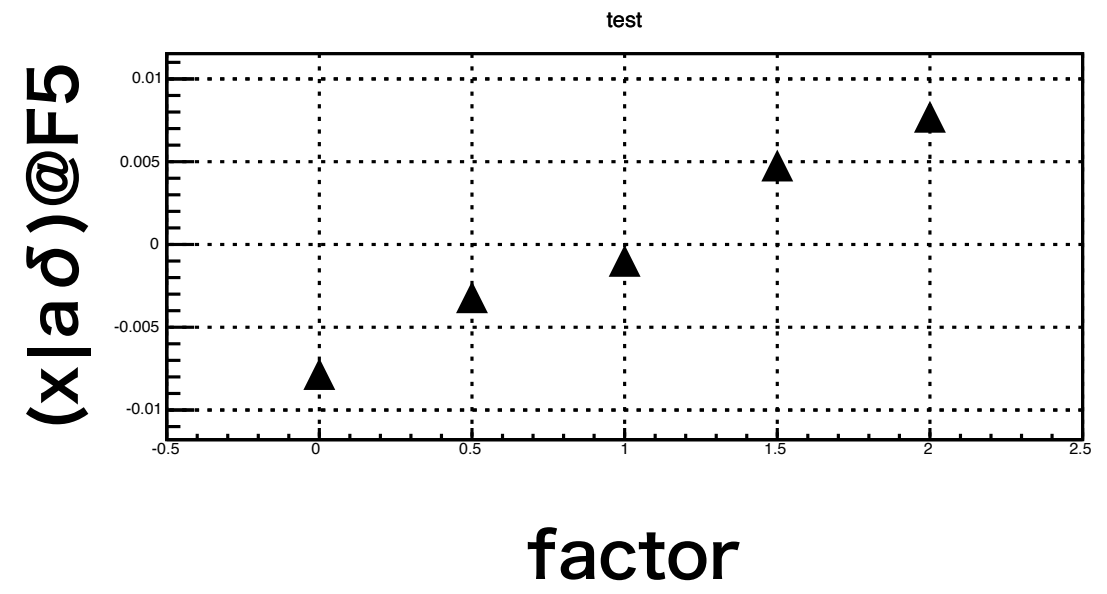
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horizontal angle @ F5 [mrad]

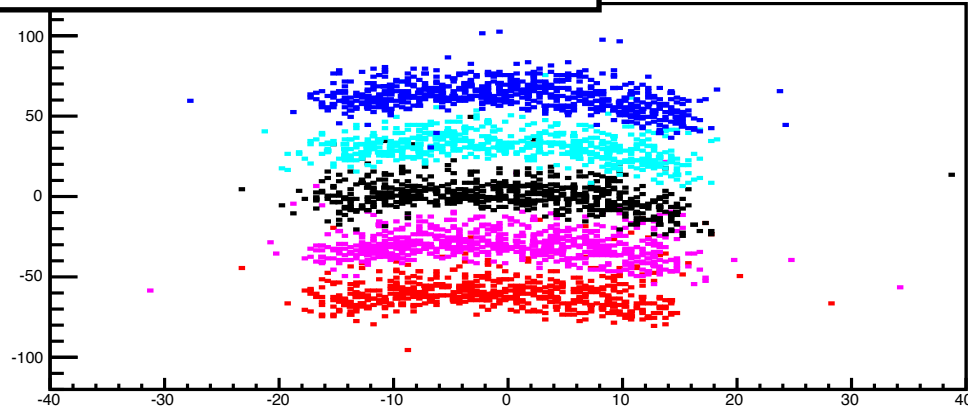
Chromatic aberration

$(x|a\delta)@F5$
(SX 7, 14)

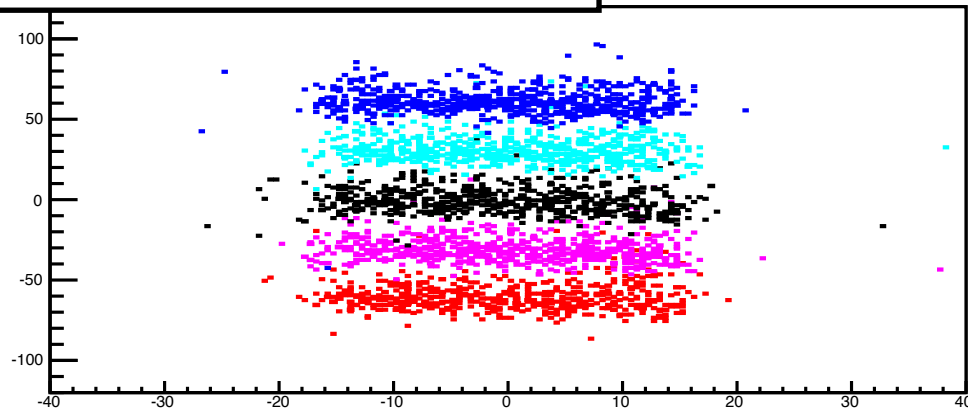


Higher-order aberration measurement

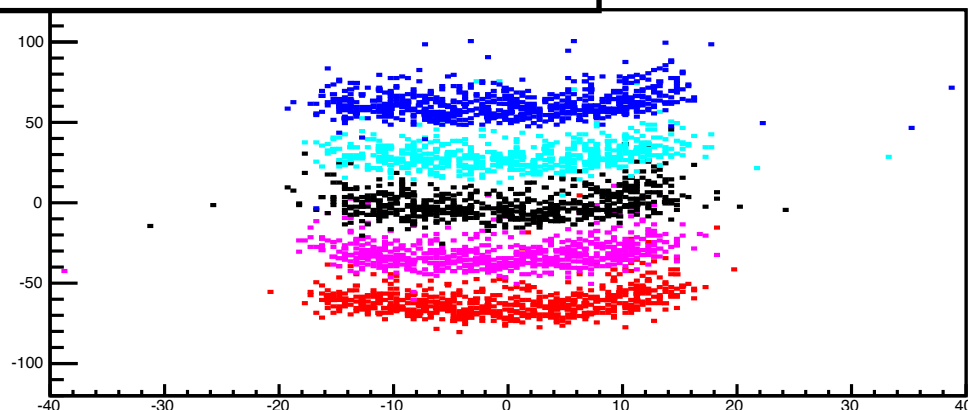
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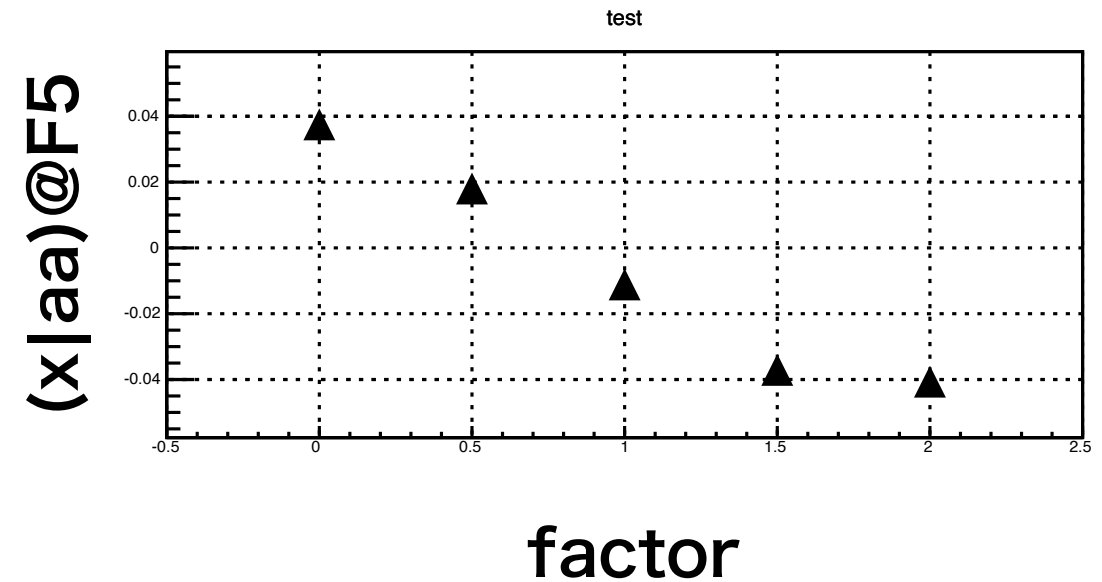
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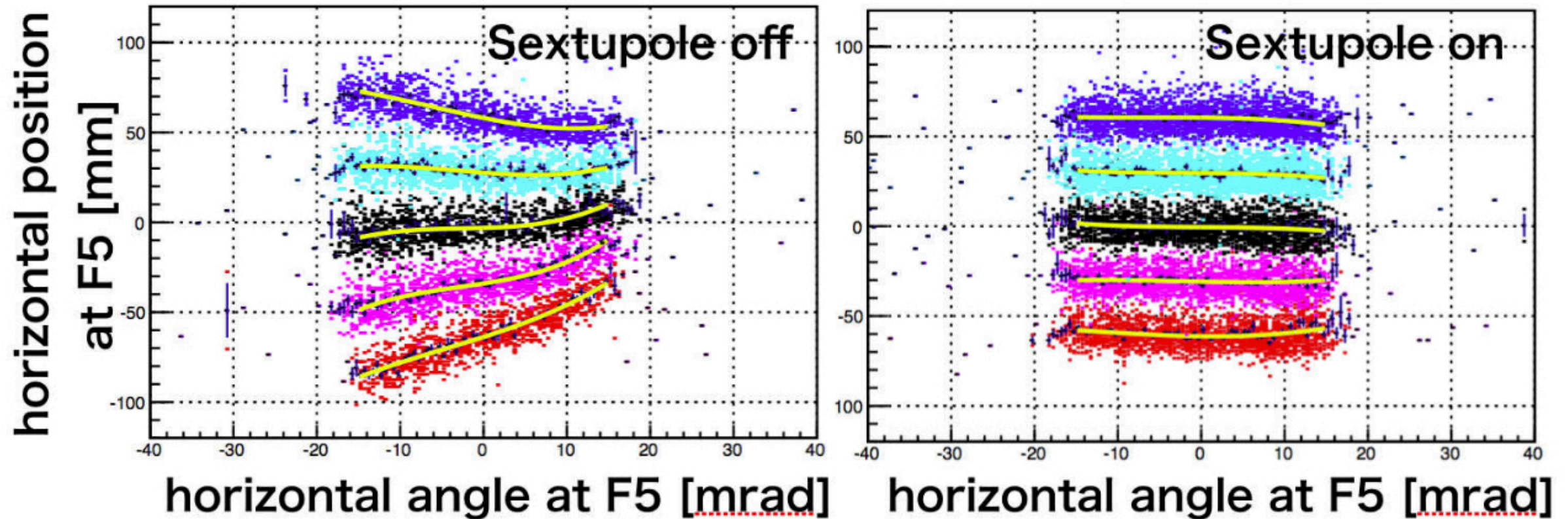
horizontal angle @ F5 [mrad]

Field curvature

$(x|aa)@F5$
(SX 8, 9, 12, 13)



Higher-order aberration corrections



We achieved reduction of 2nd ($x|ad$) and 3rd ($x|aaa$) order aberrations.

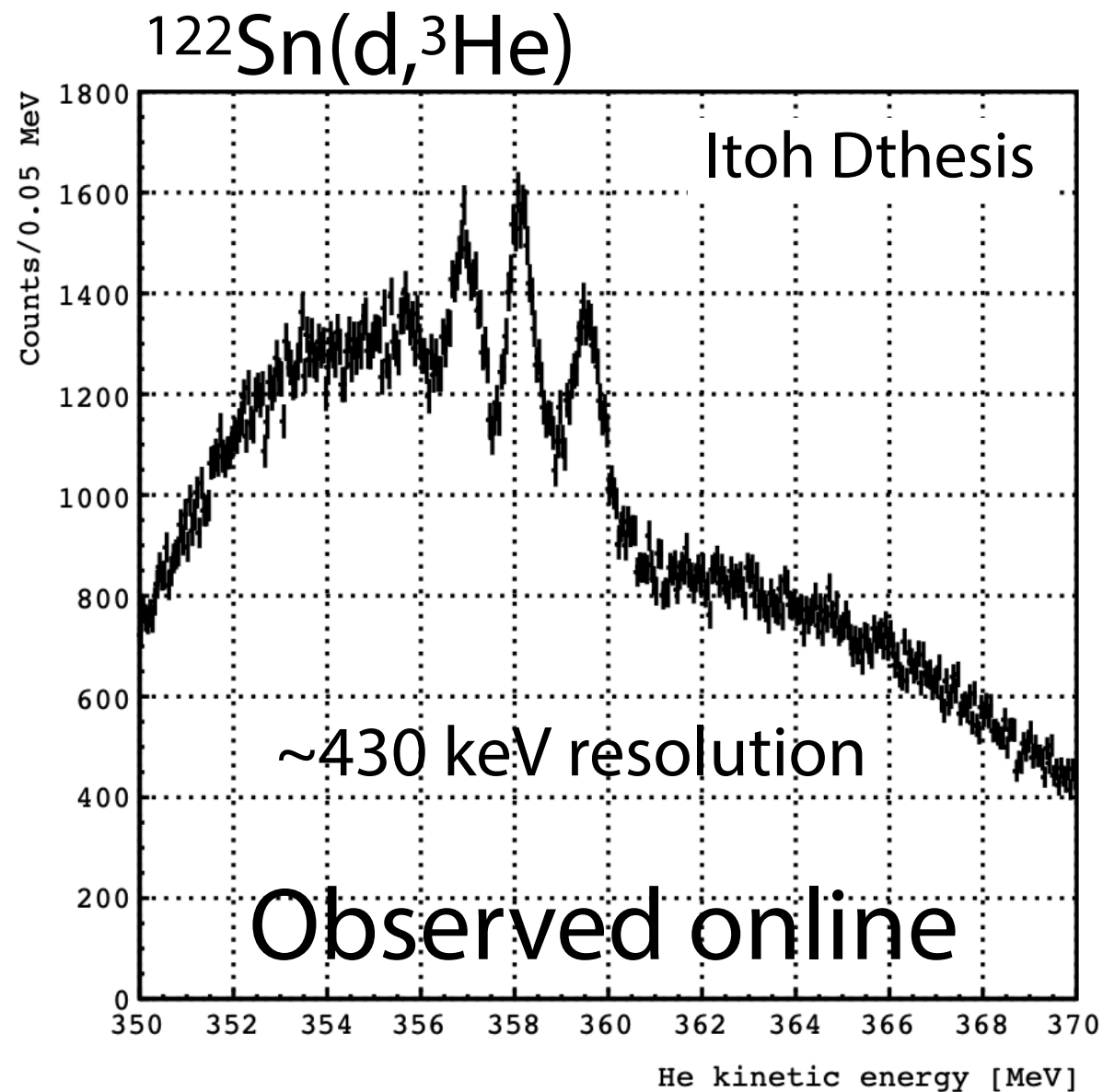
Ready for high resolution spectroscopy!!

**Measured spectra, pion-nucleus interaction,
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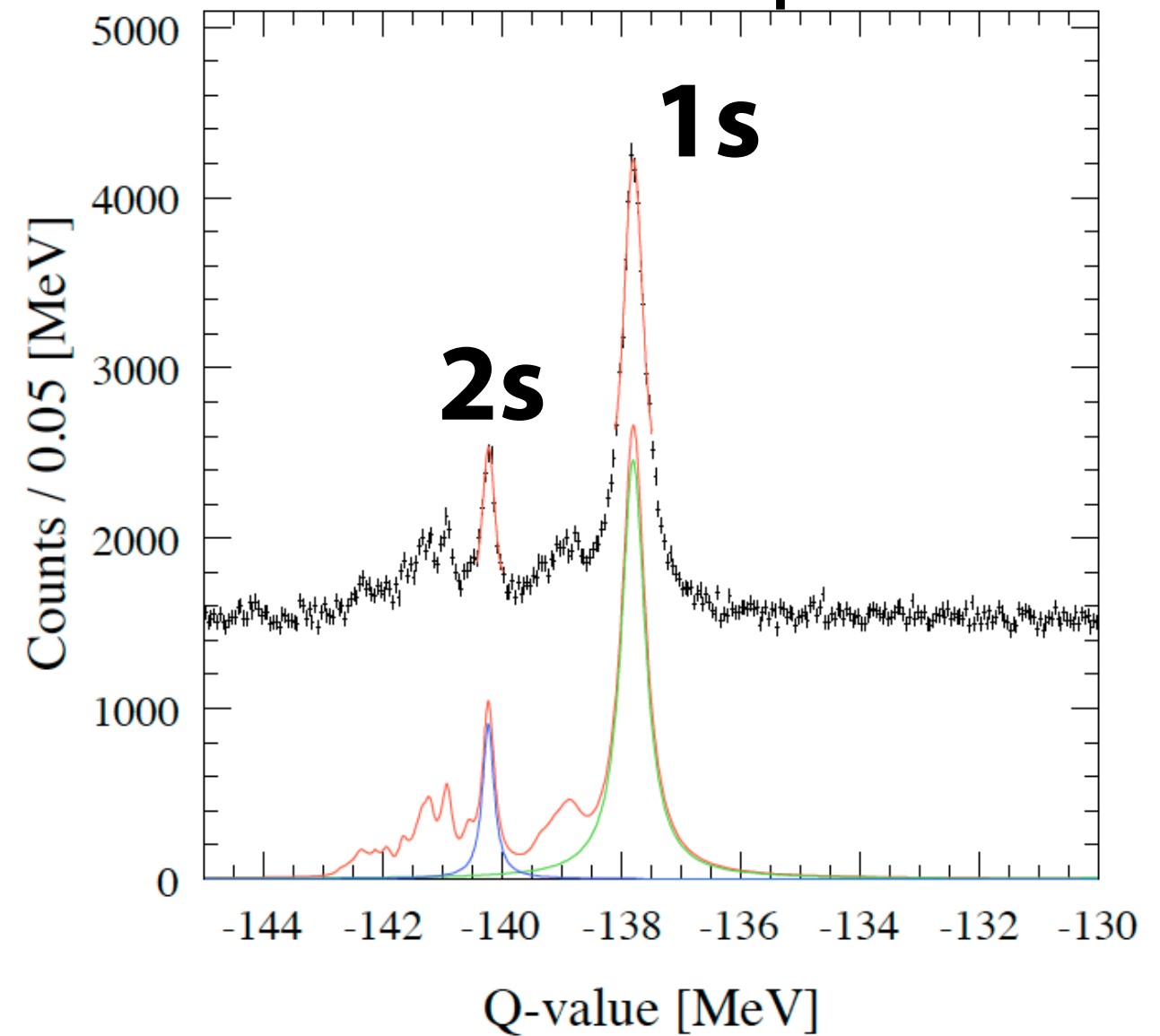
Pionic ^{121}Sn atom

Pilot run of $^{122}\text{Sn}(d,^3\text{He})$

15 hours DAQ in 2010



Theoretical spectra

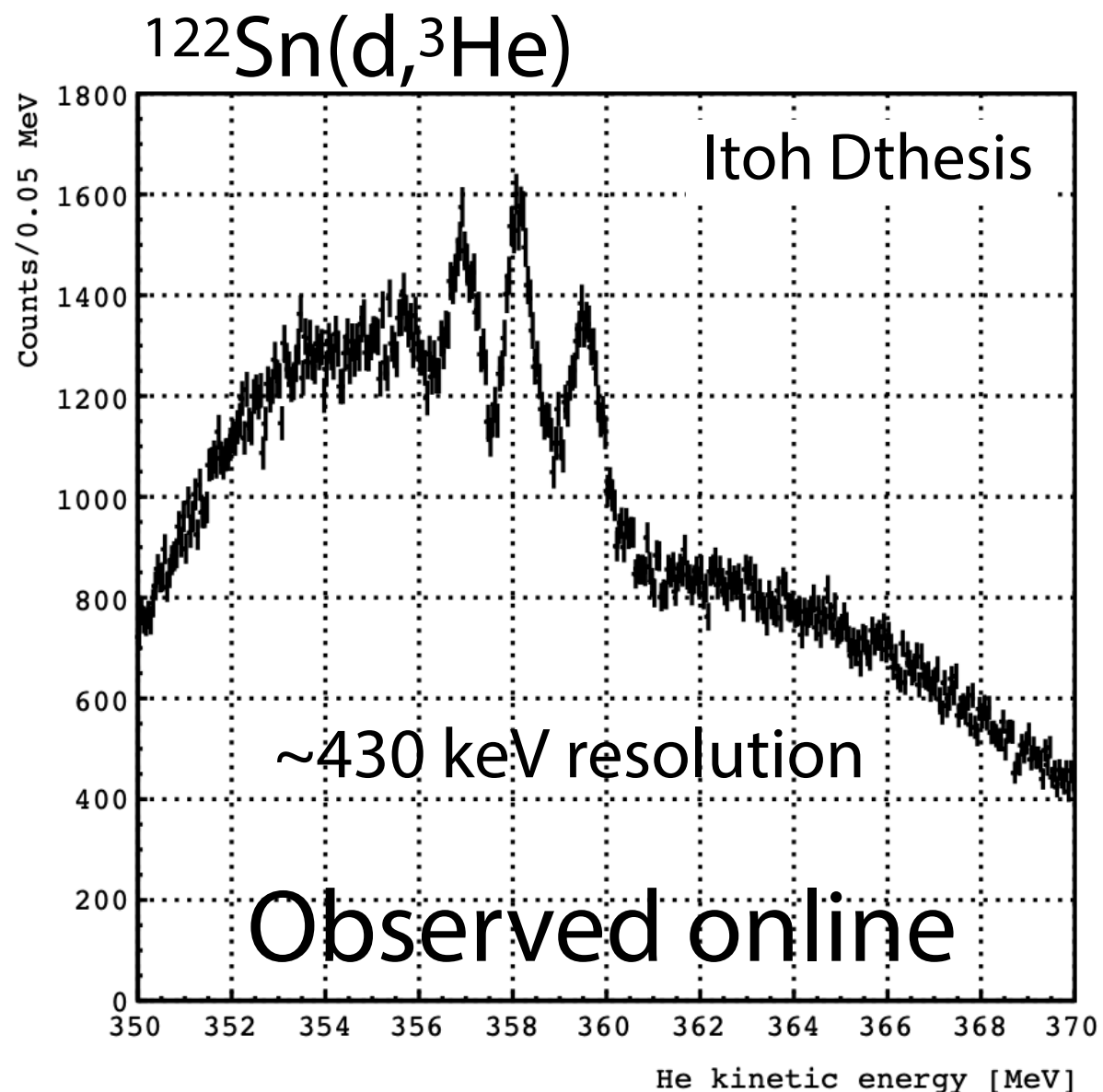


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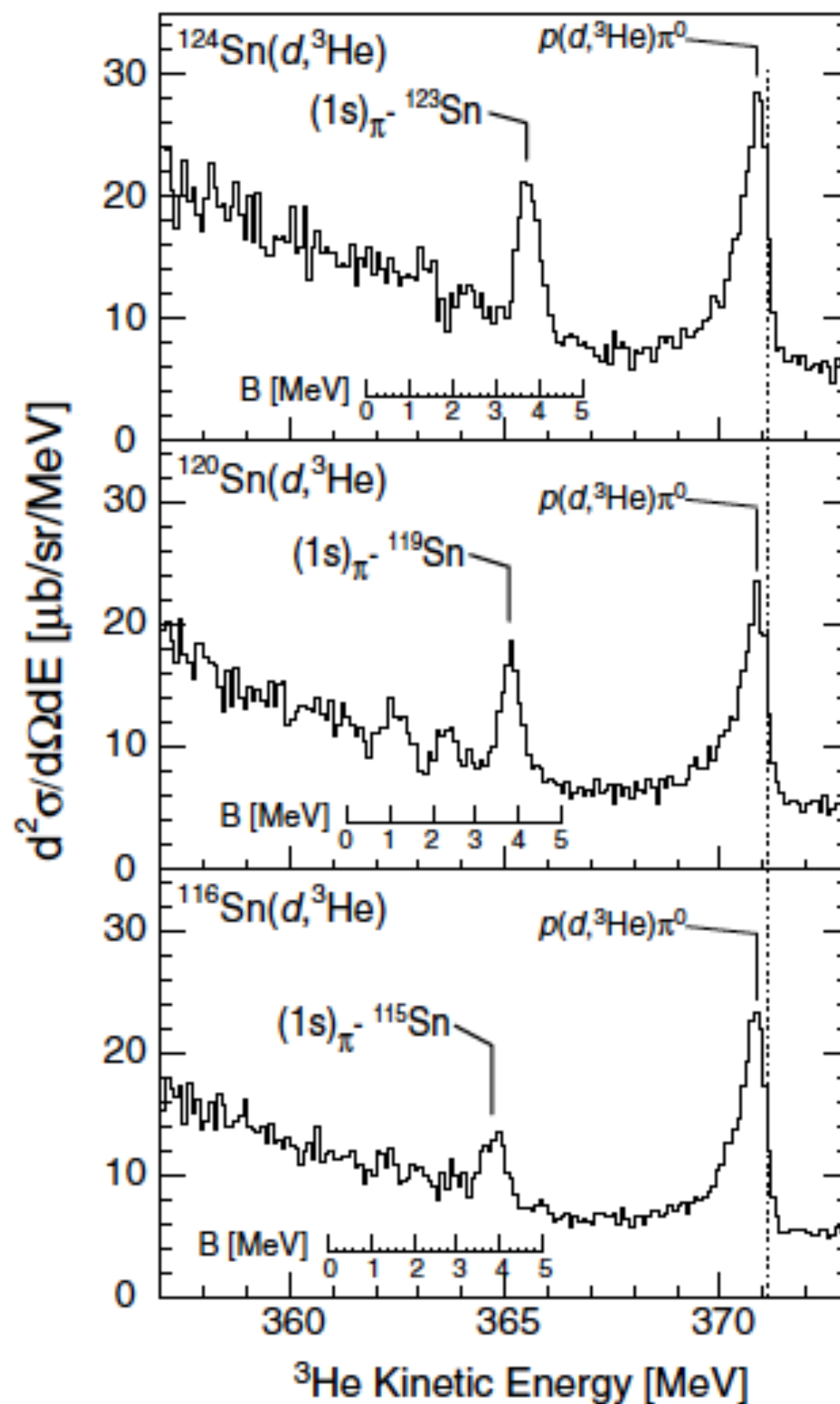
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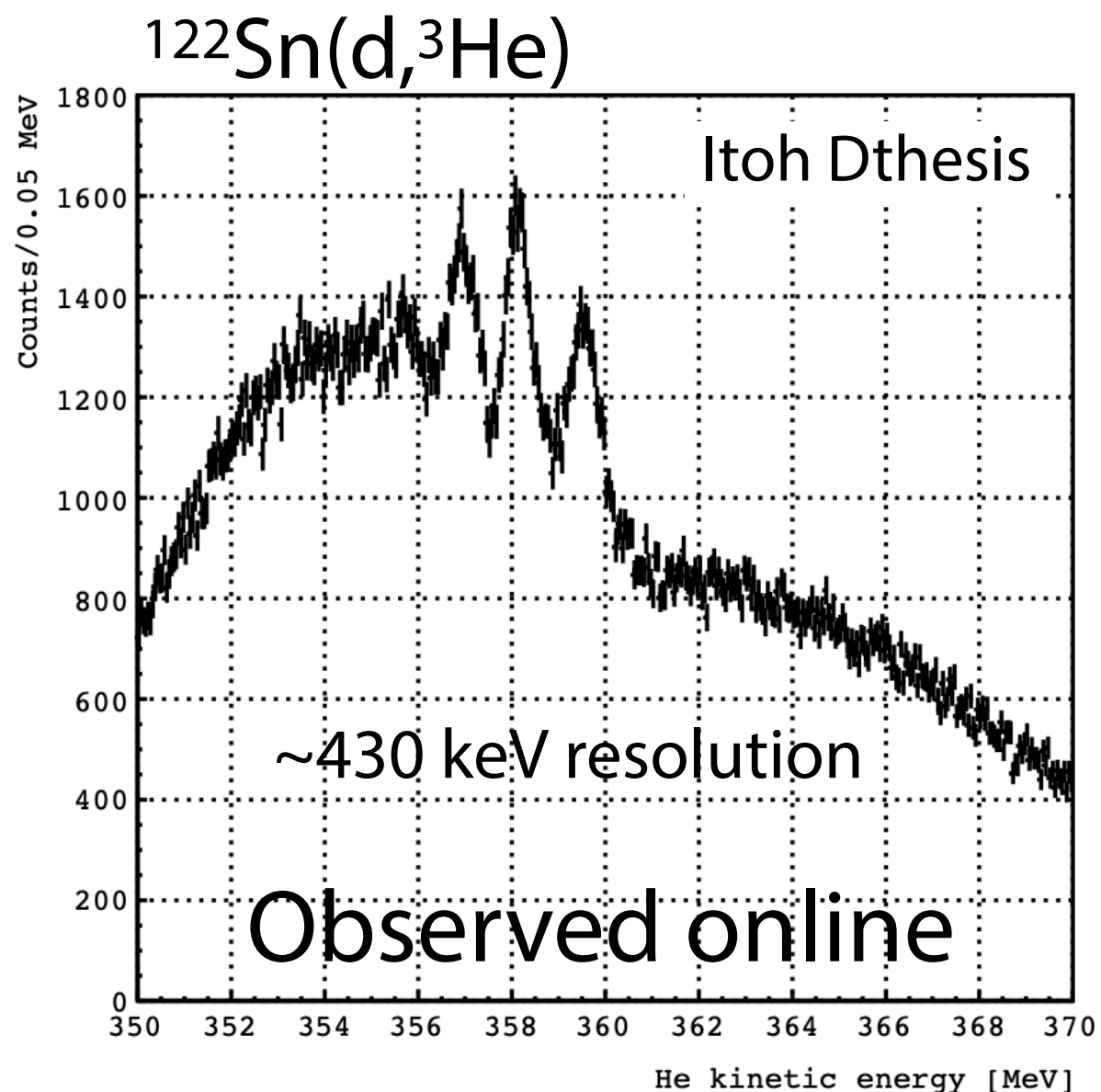
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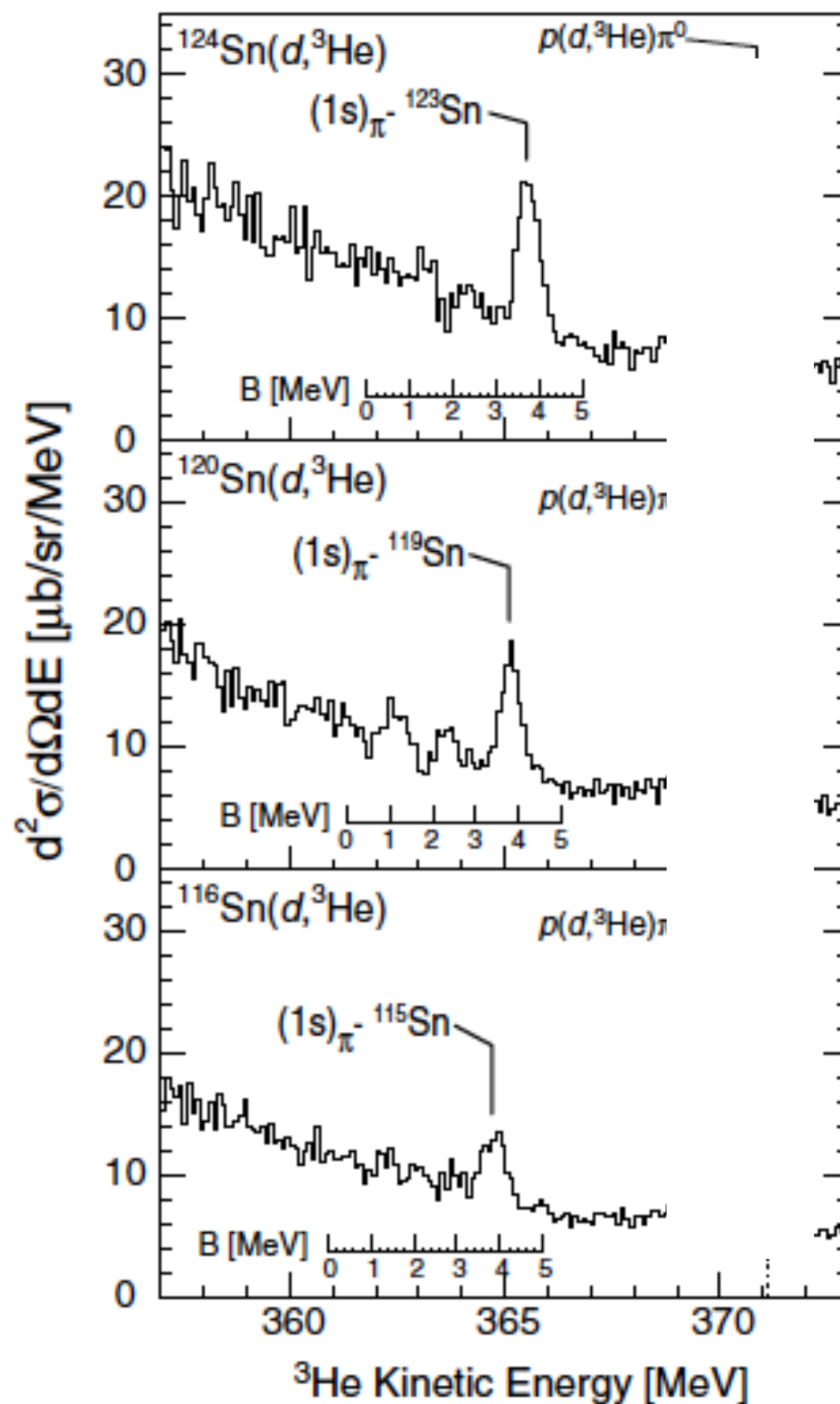
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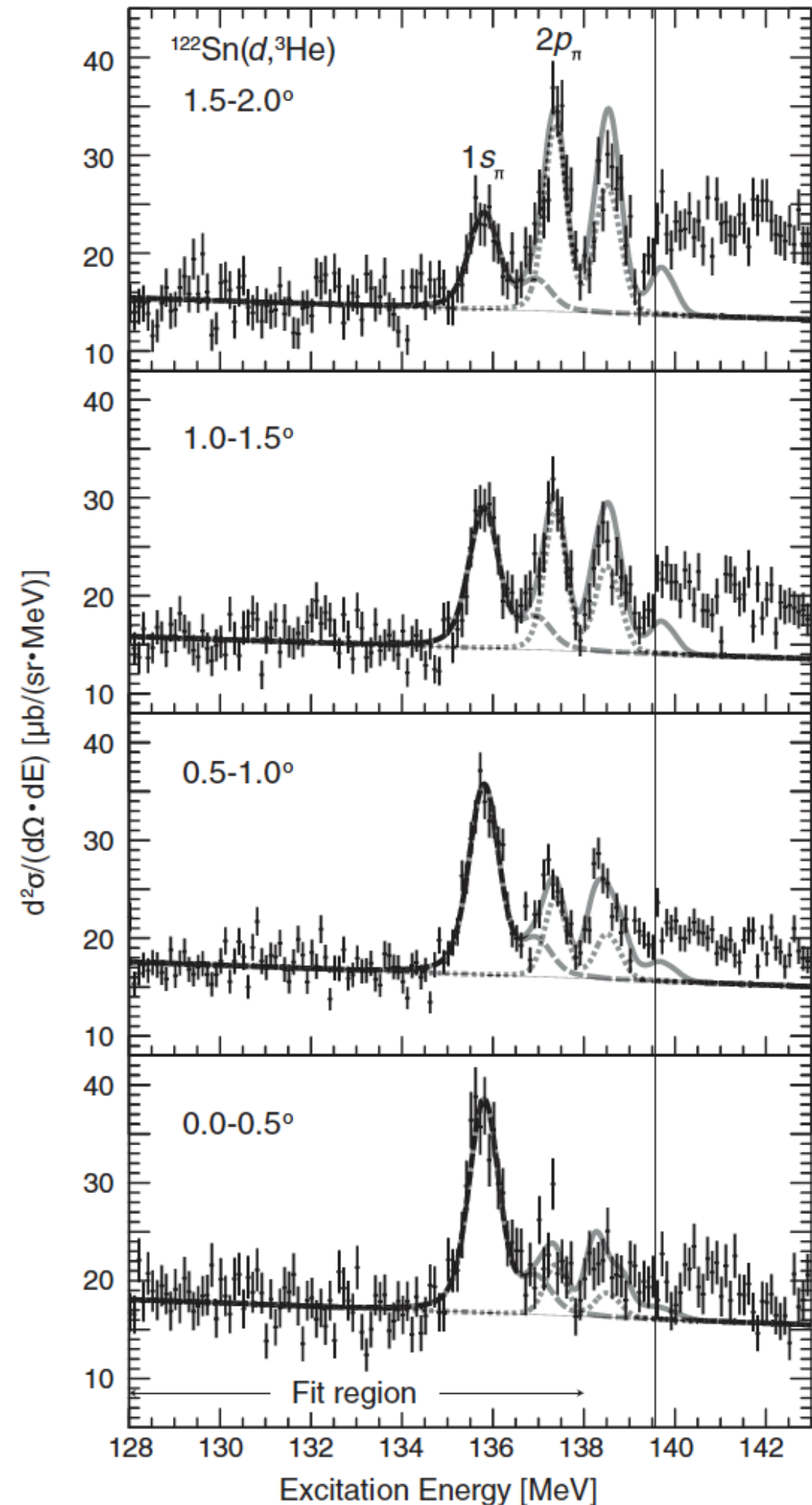
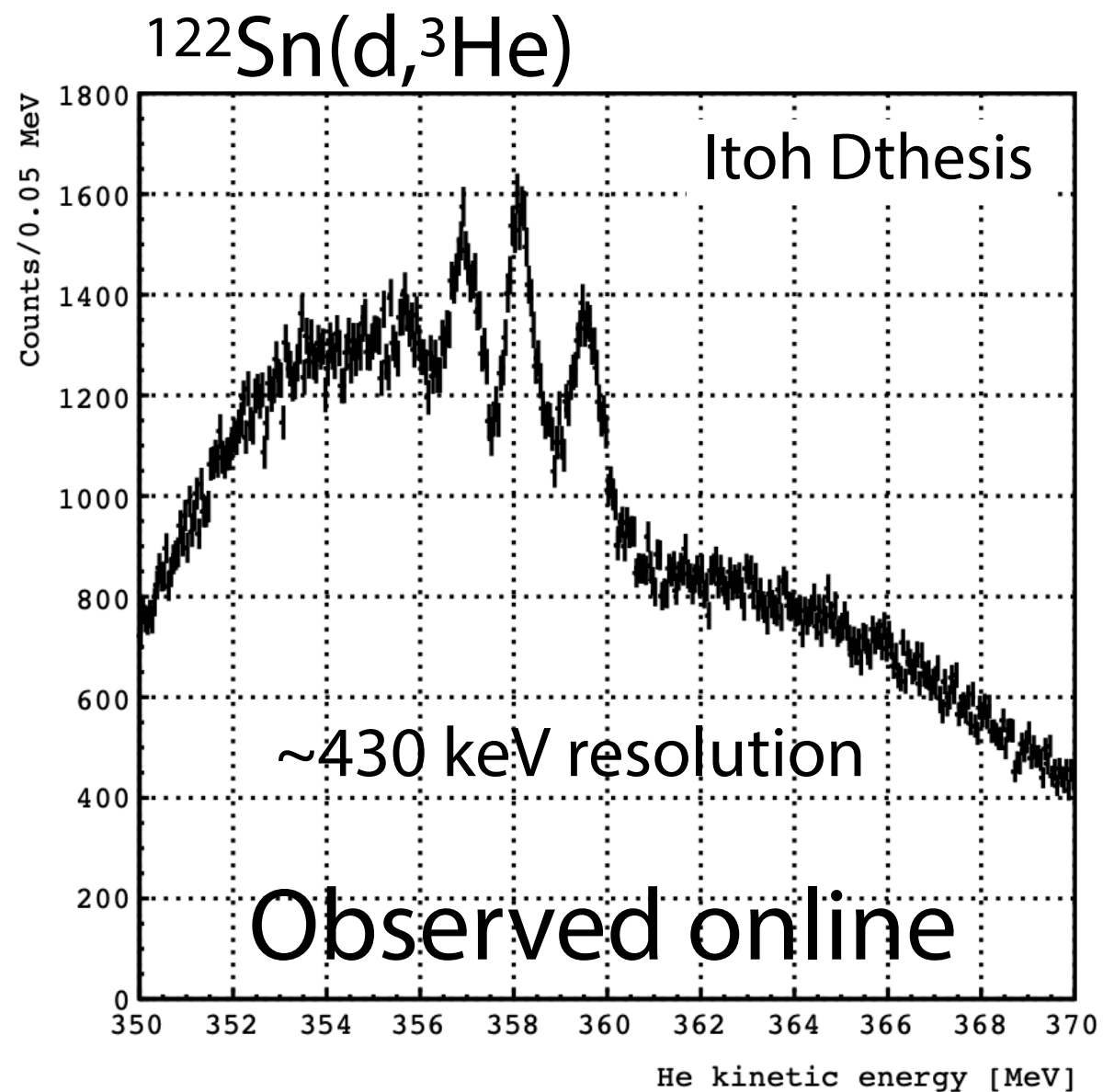


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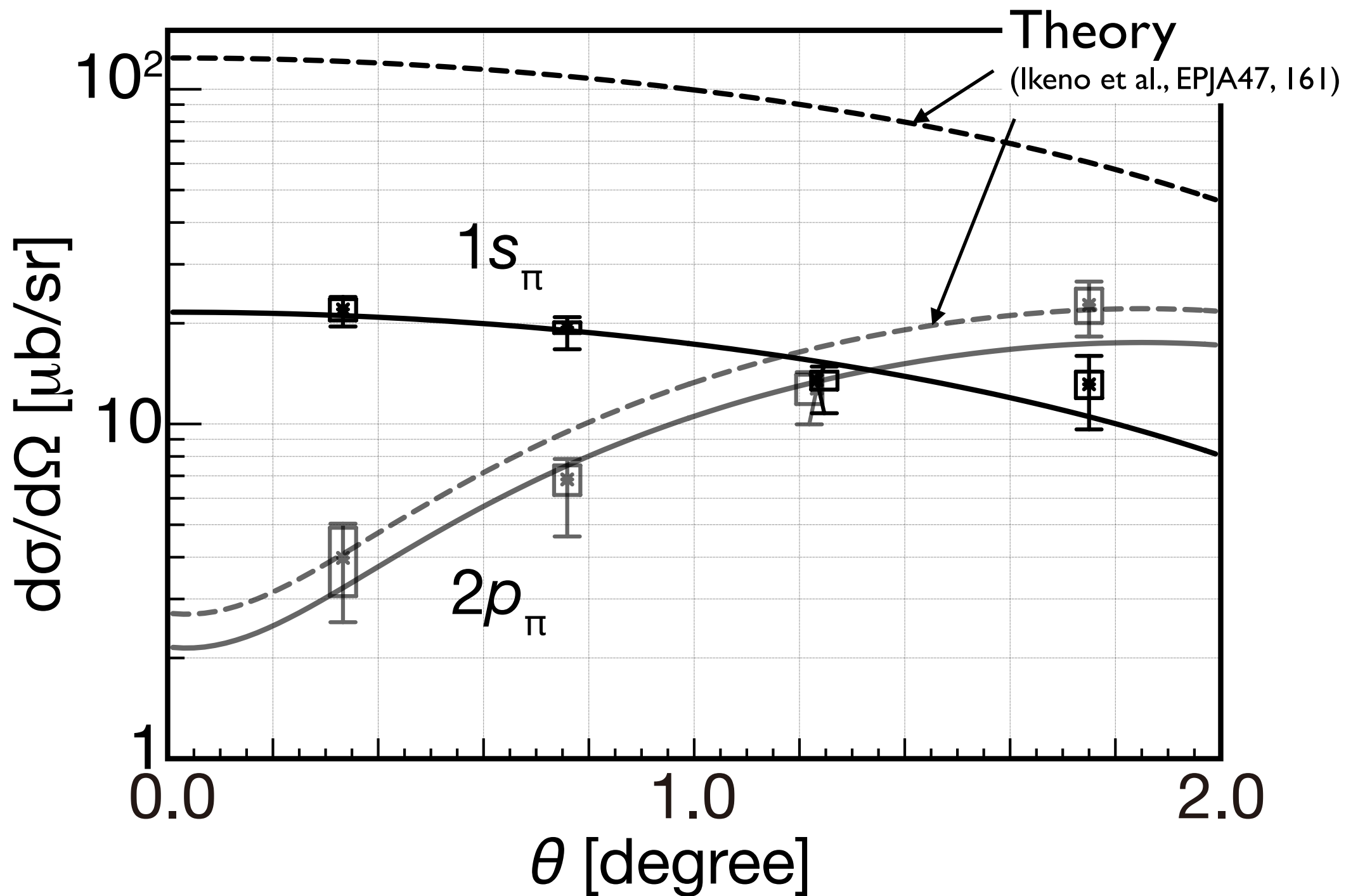
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First observation of
 θ dependence of
 π atom cross section



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



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

T. Nishi KI et al., PRL120, 152505 (2018)

Pionic ^{121}Sn atom

Pilot run

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First simultaneous $1s$ and $2p$ observation

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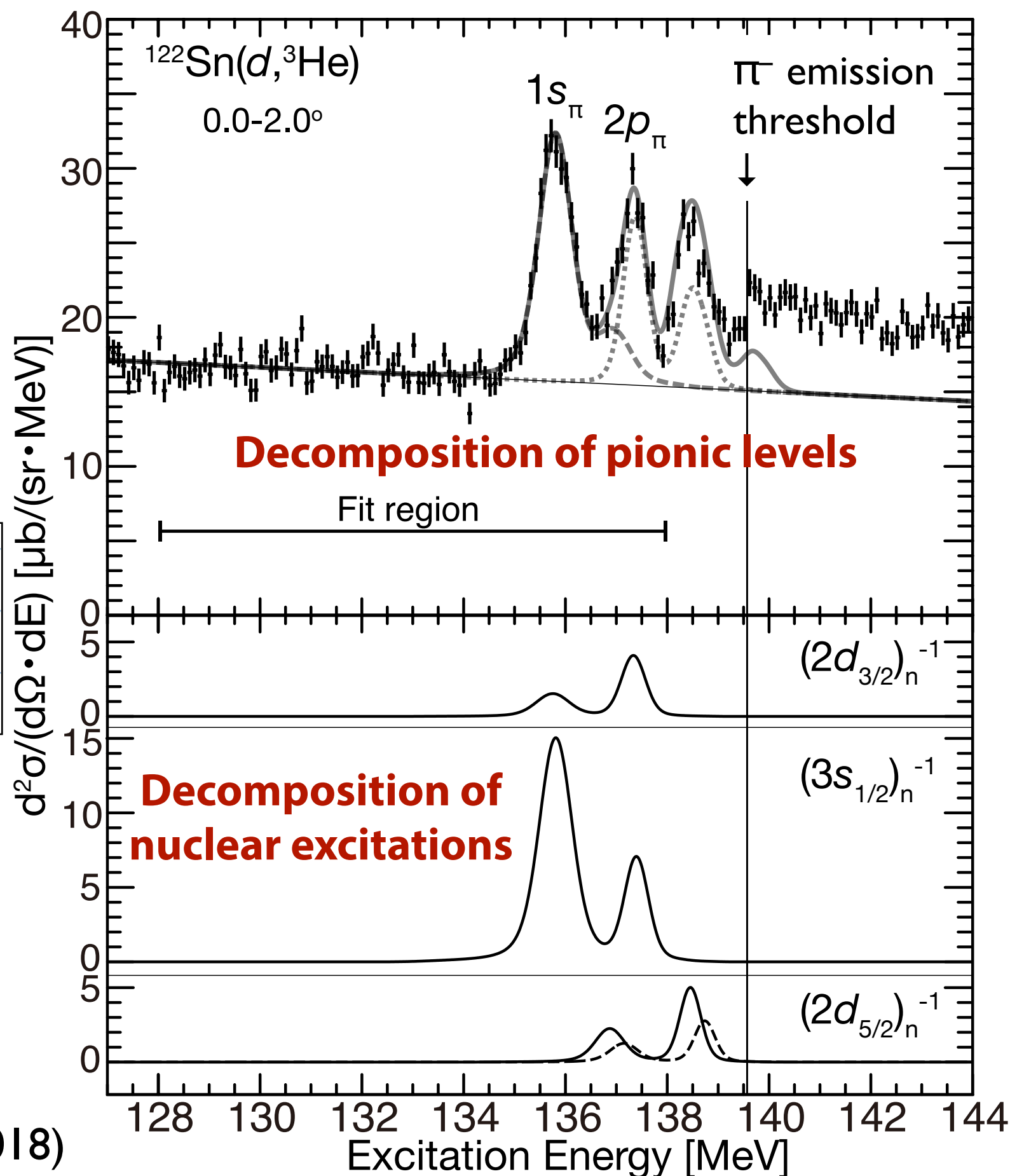
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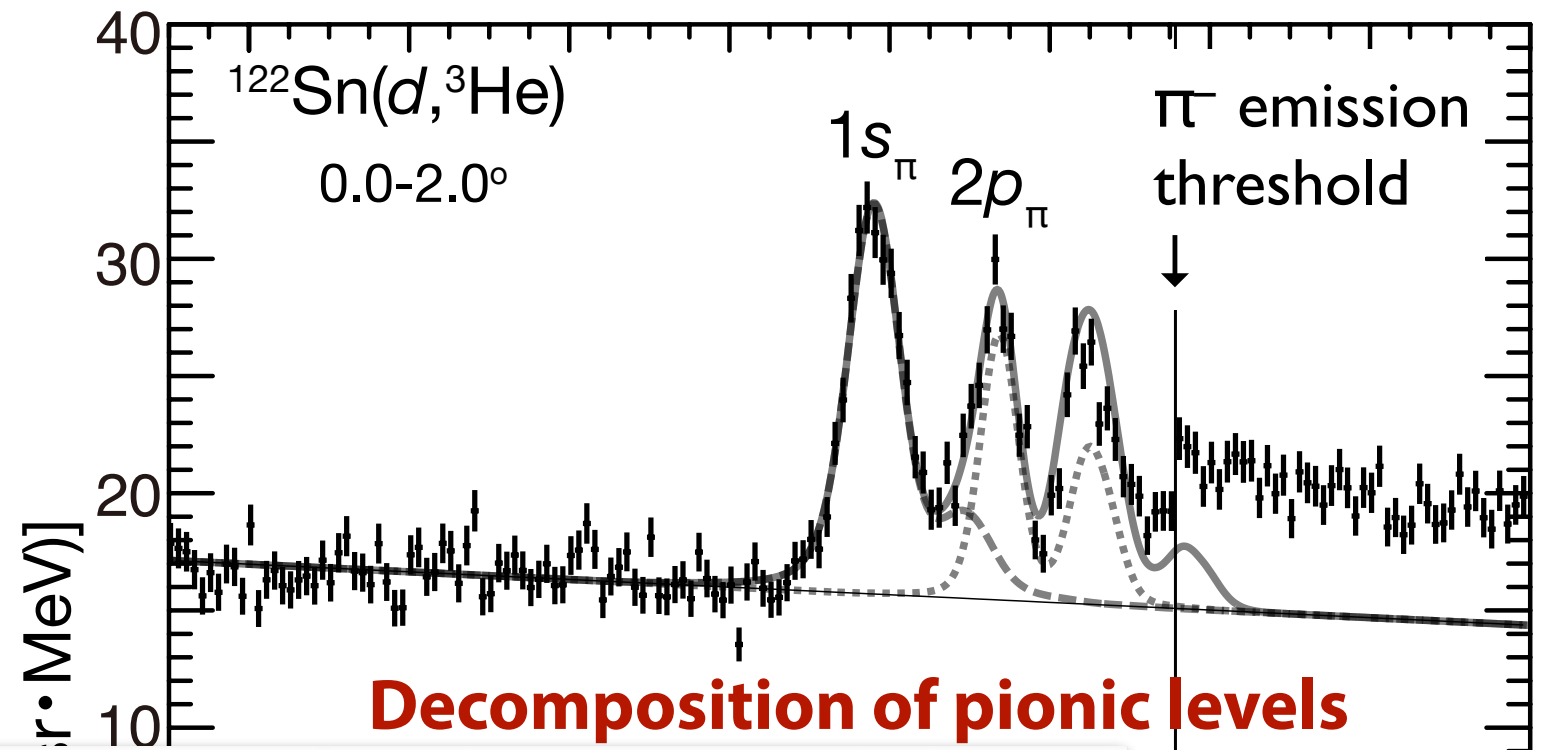


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Decomposition of pionic levels

**However, precision was not enough...
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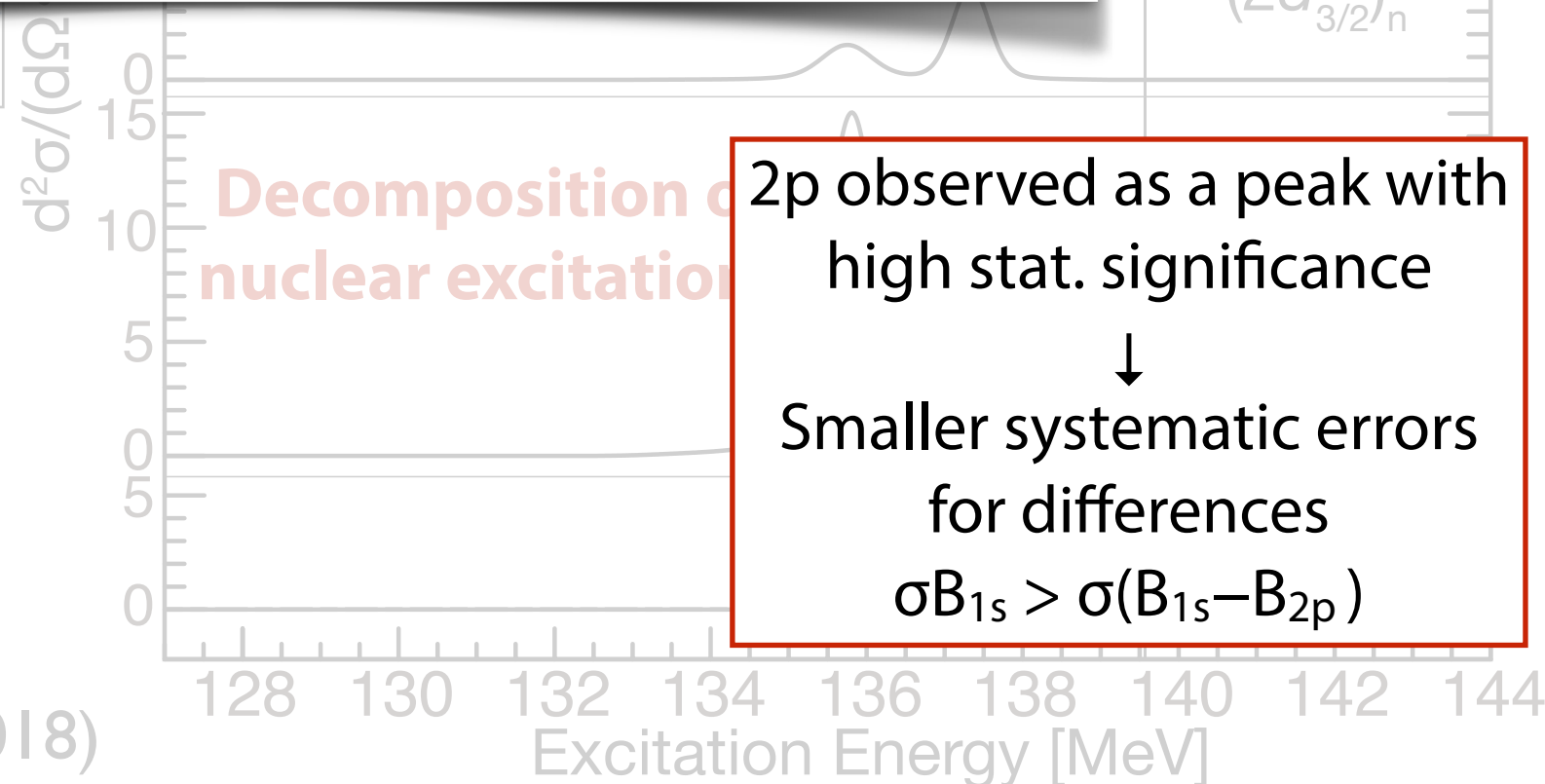
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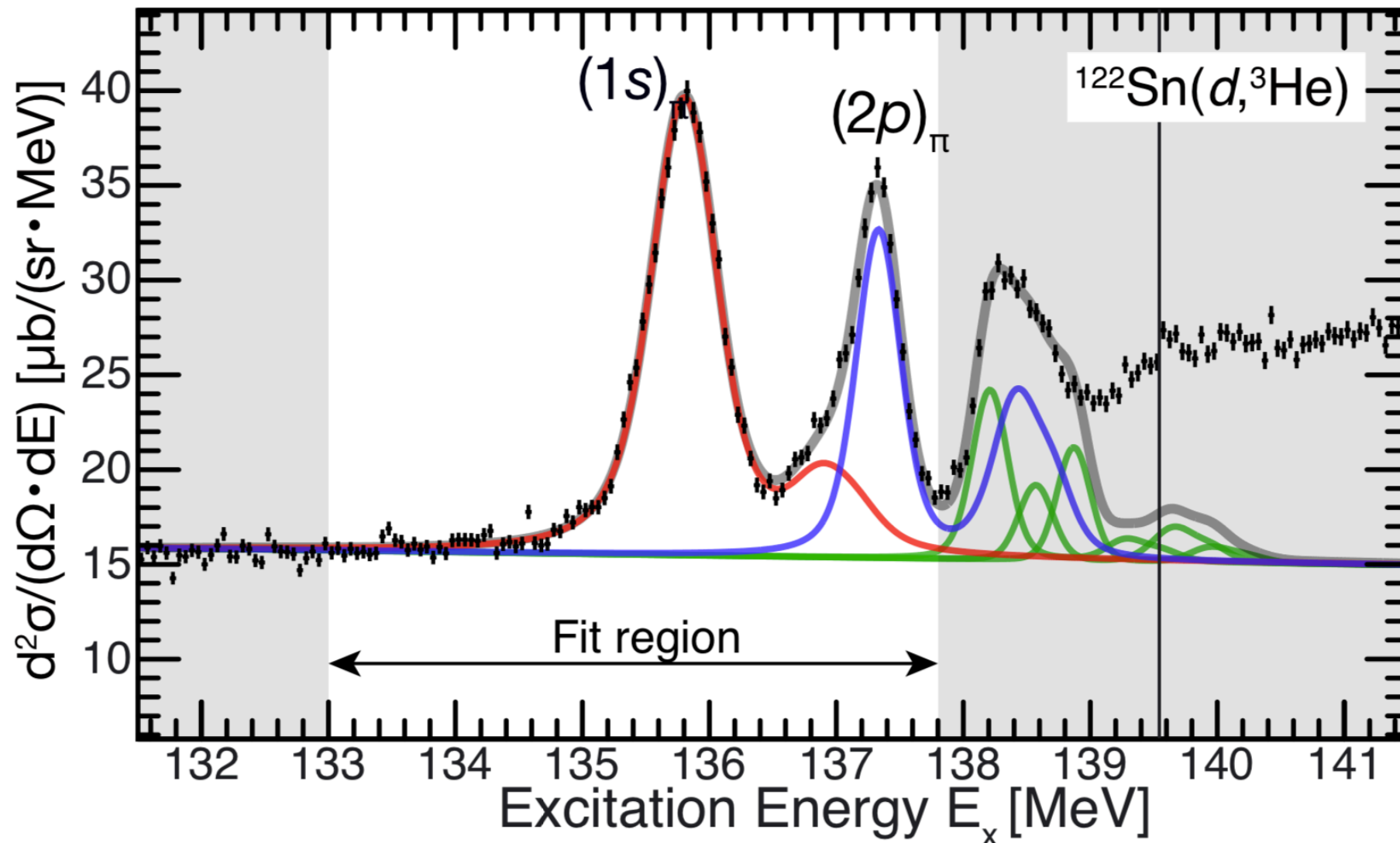


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High Precision Spectrum of $^{122}\text{Sn}(d,^3\text{He})$ in 2014 run

Pionic atom unveils hidden structure of QCD vacuum

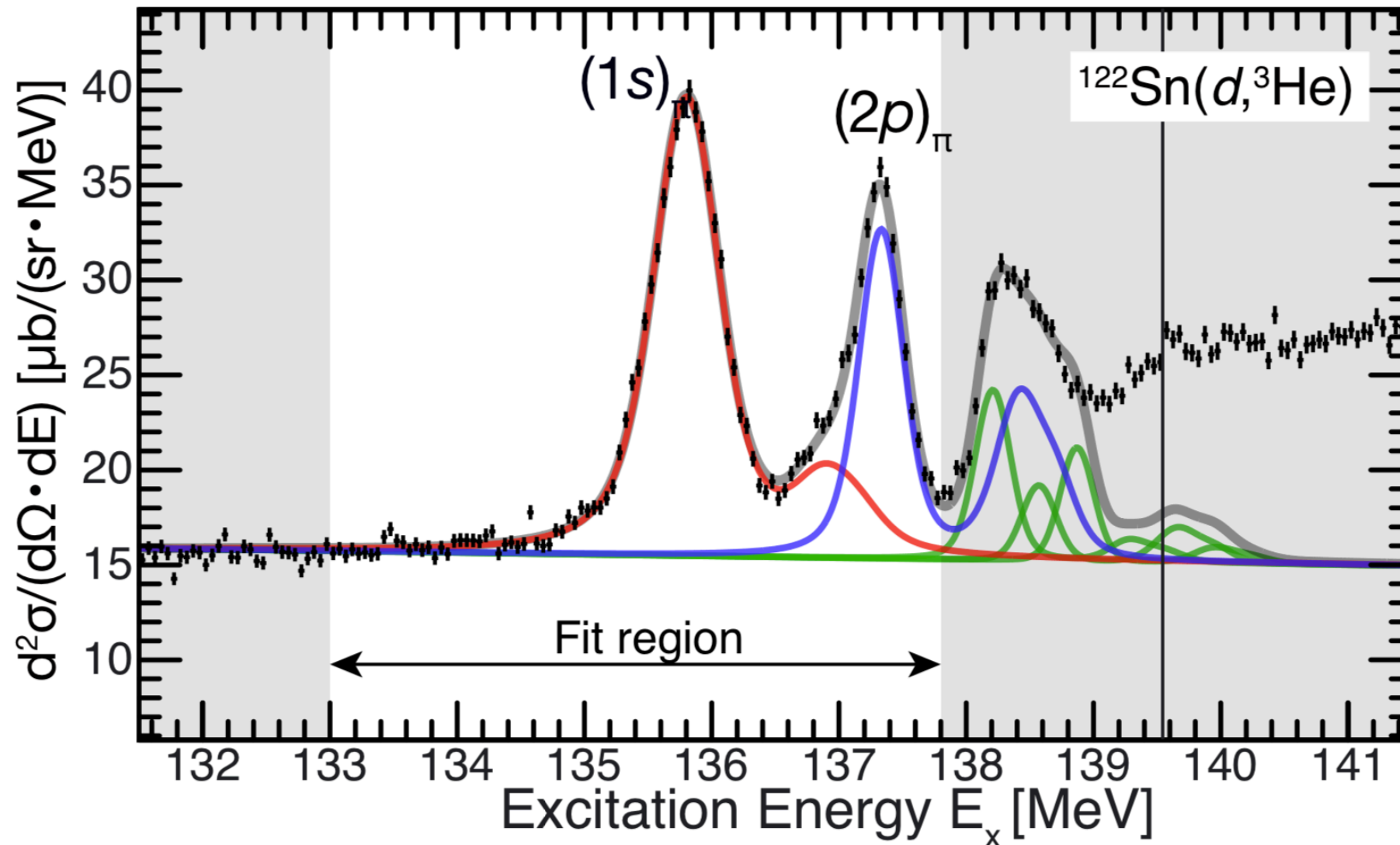
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Optimized DM

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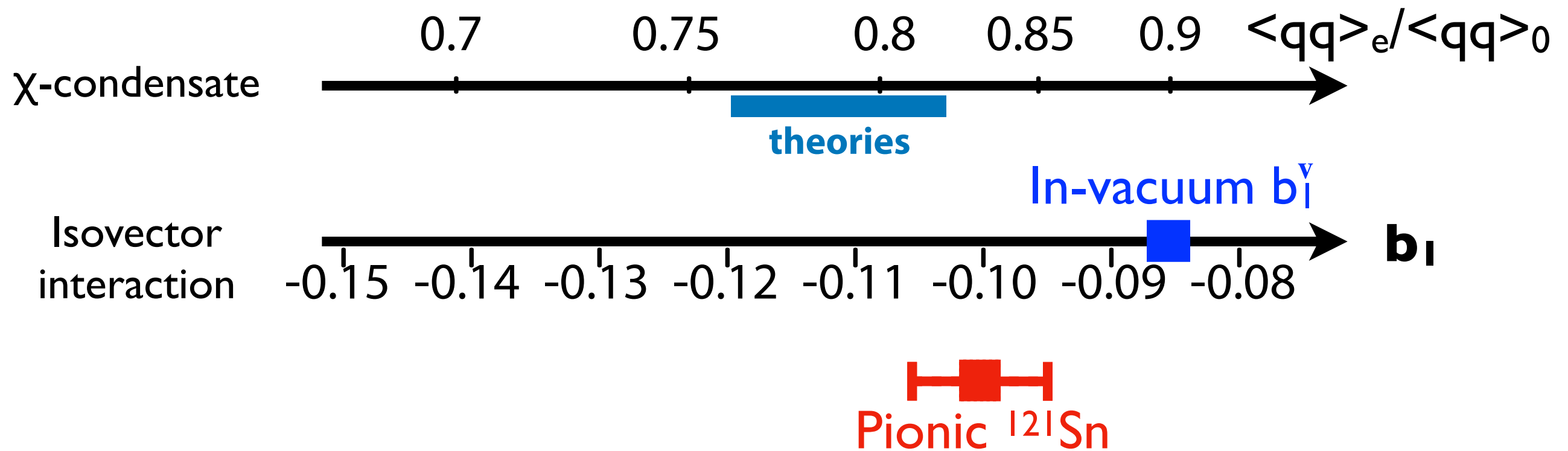
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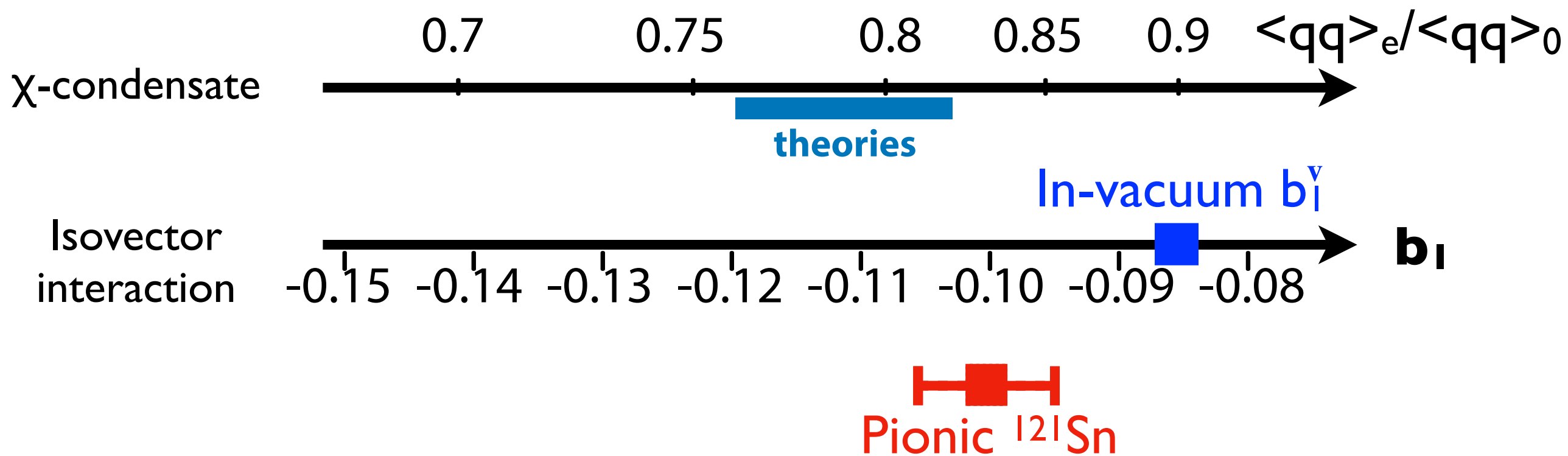
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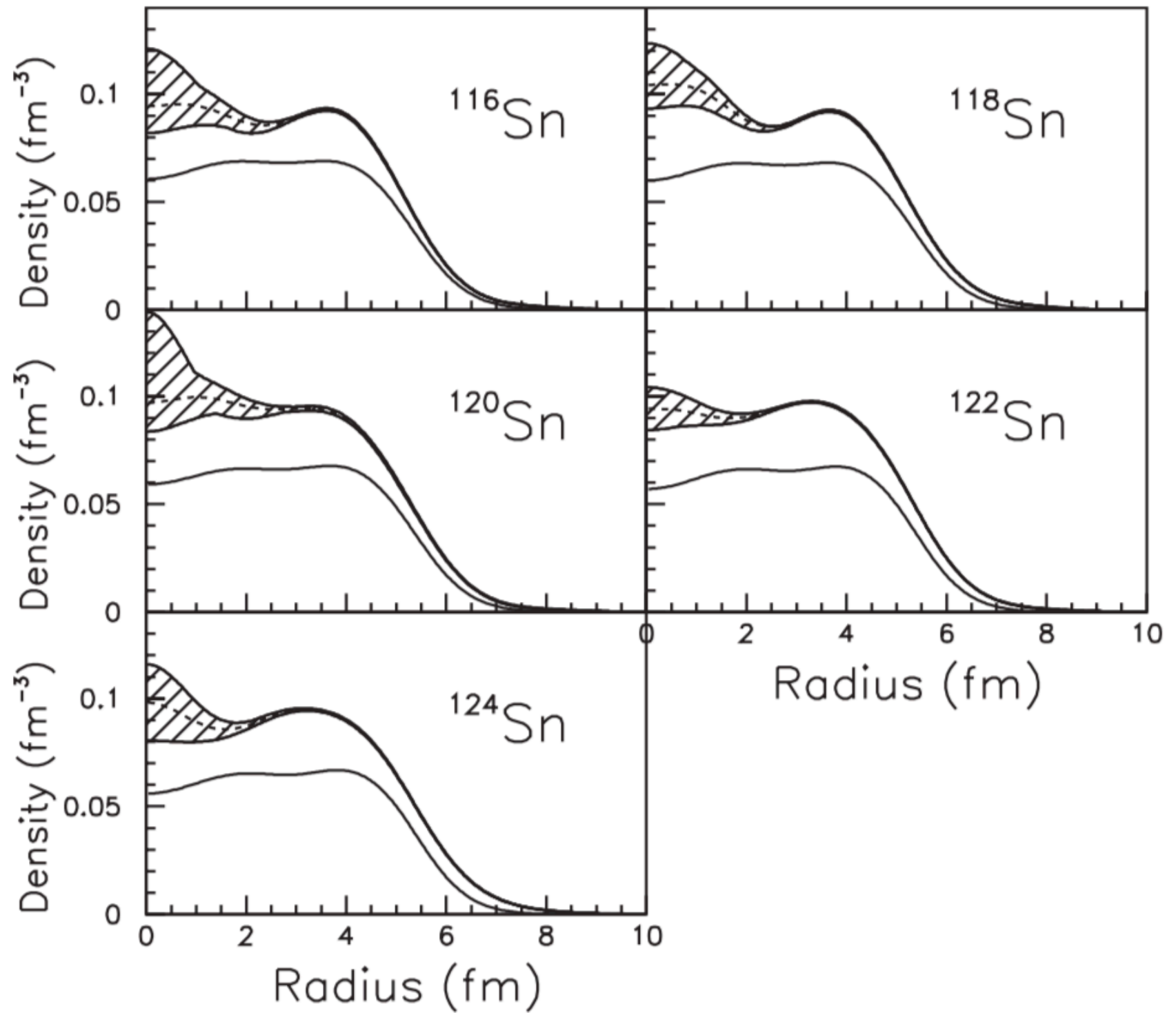
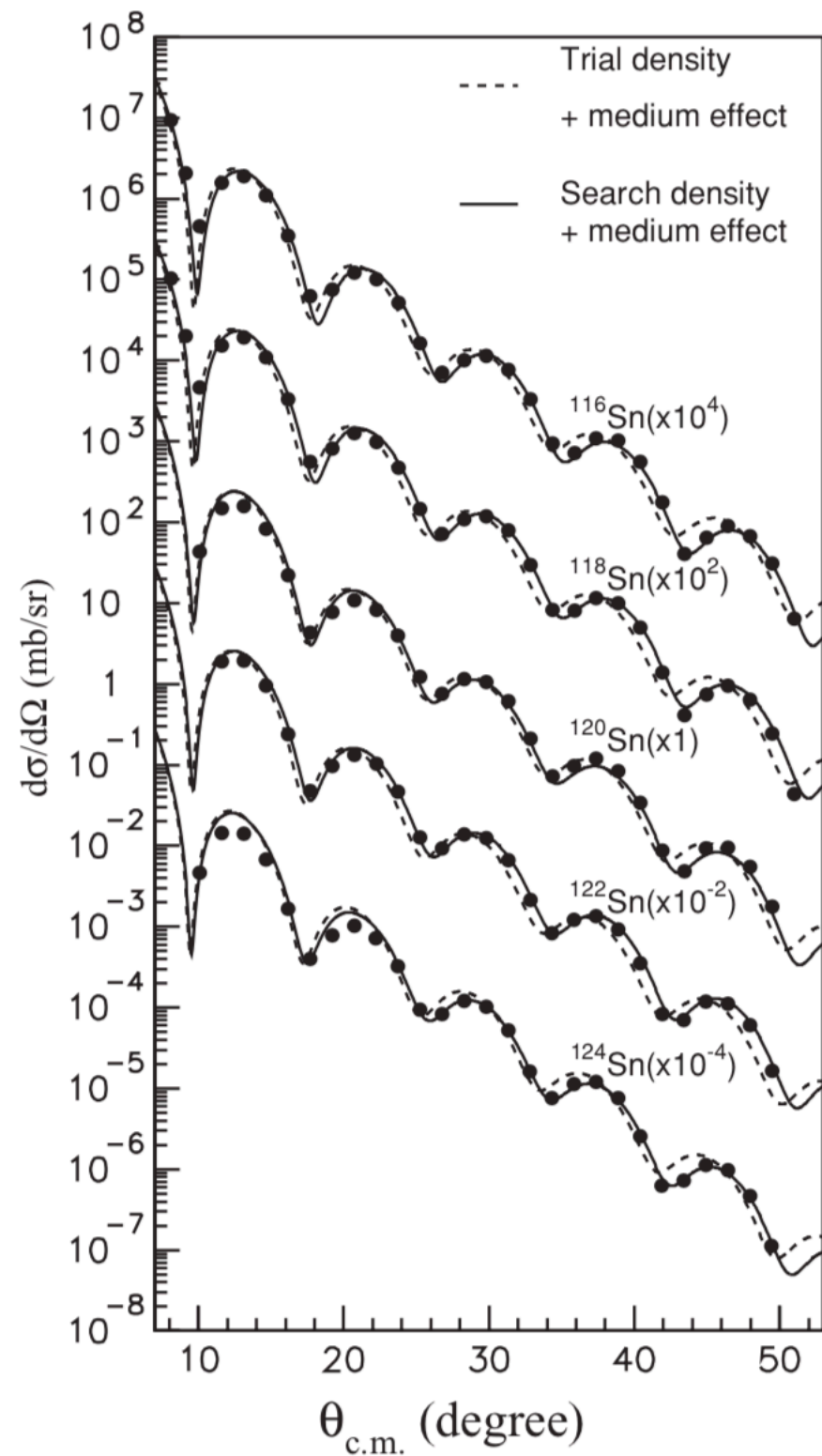
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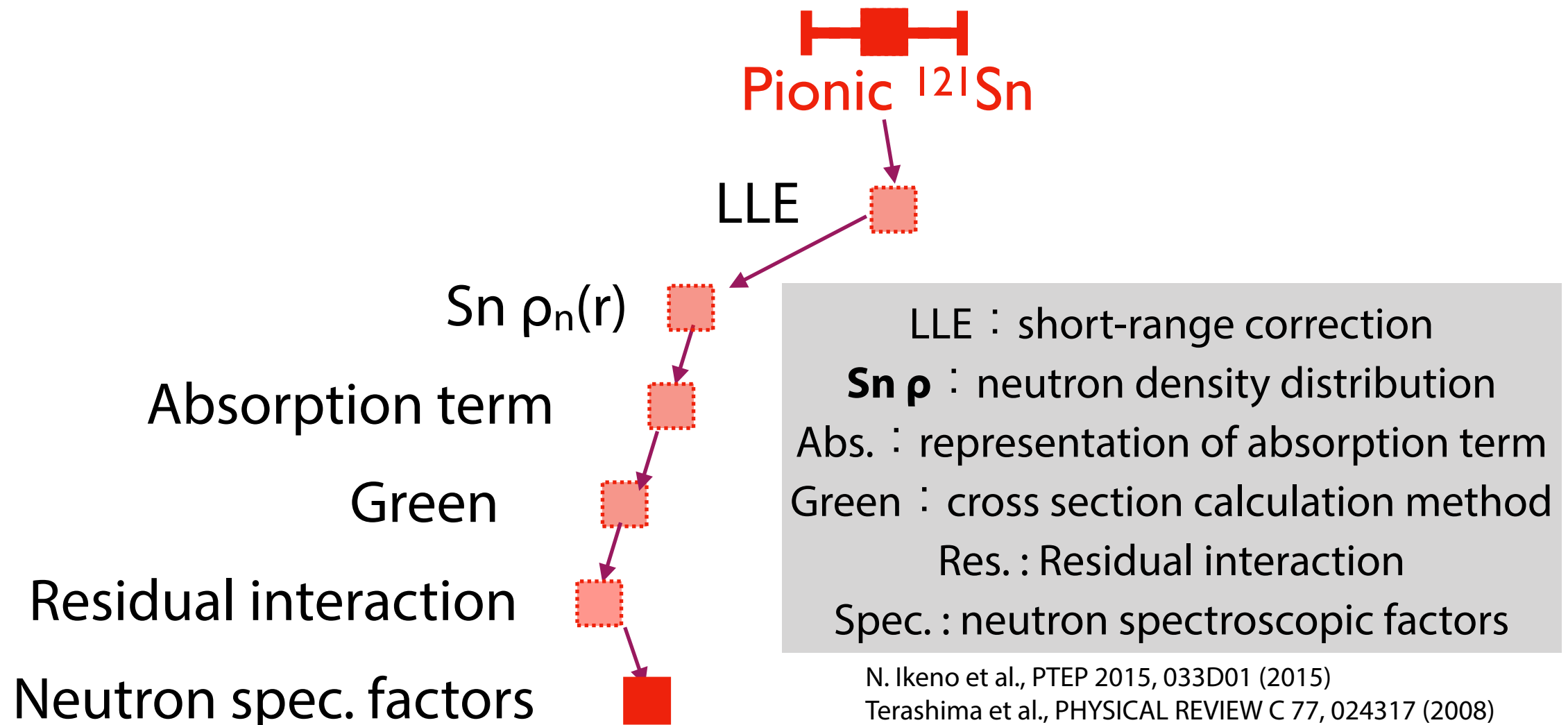
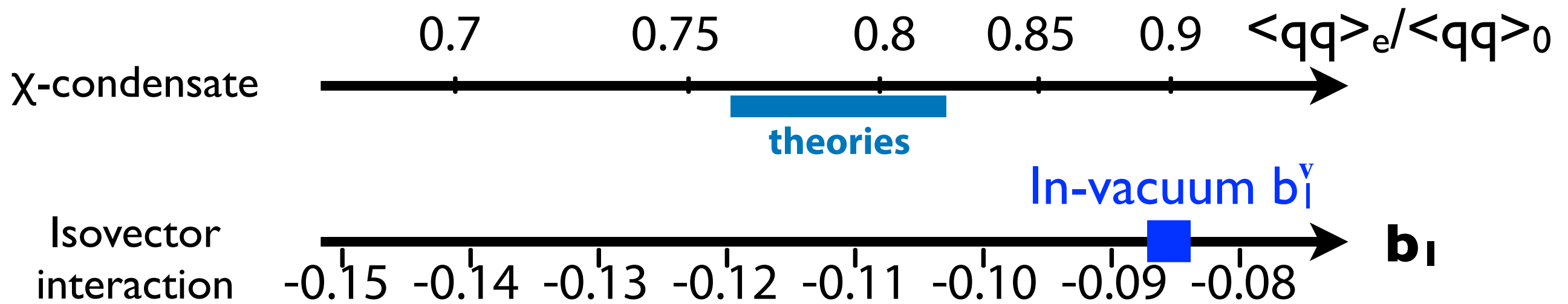
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Measured nuclear density distribution of Sn isotopes

Sn(p,p') reaction at RCNP, Osaka

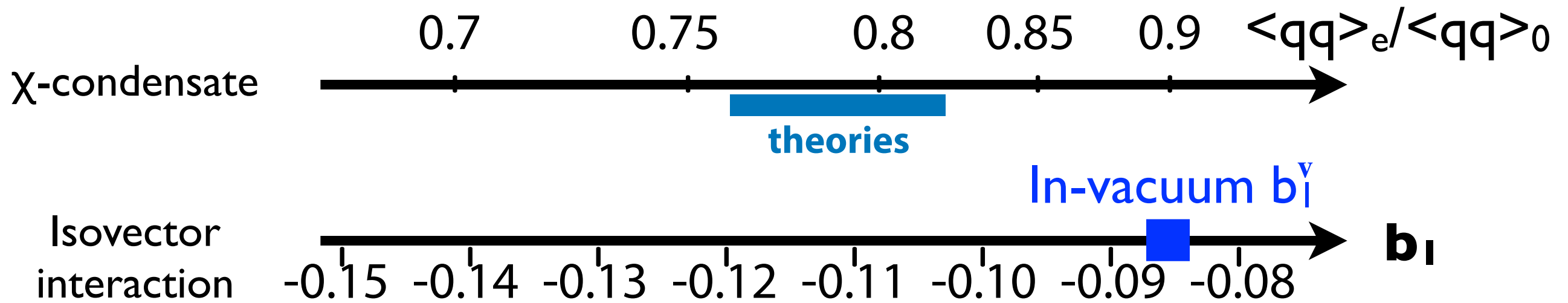


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LLE

Sn $\rho_n(r)$

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Res. : Residual interaction
 Spec. : neutron spectroscopic factors

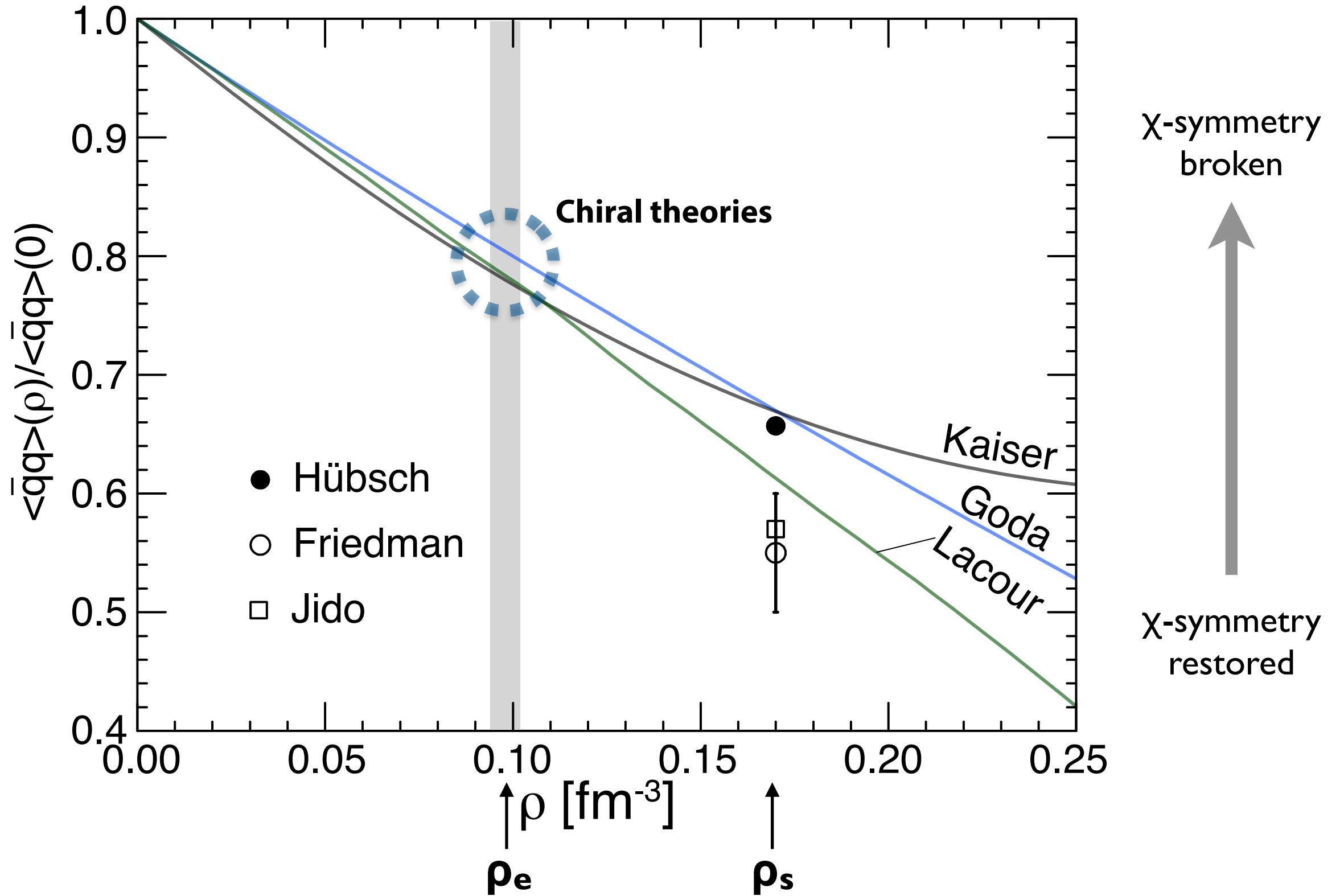
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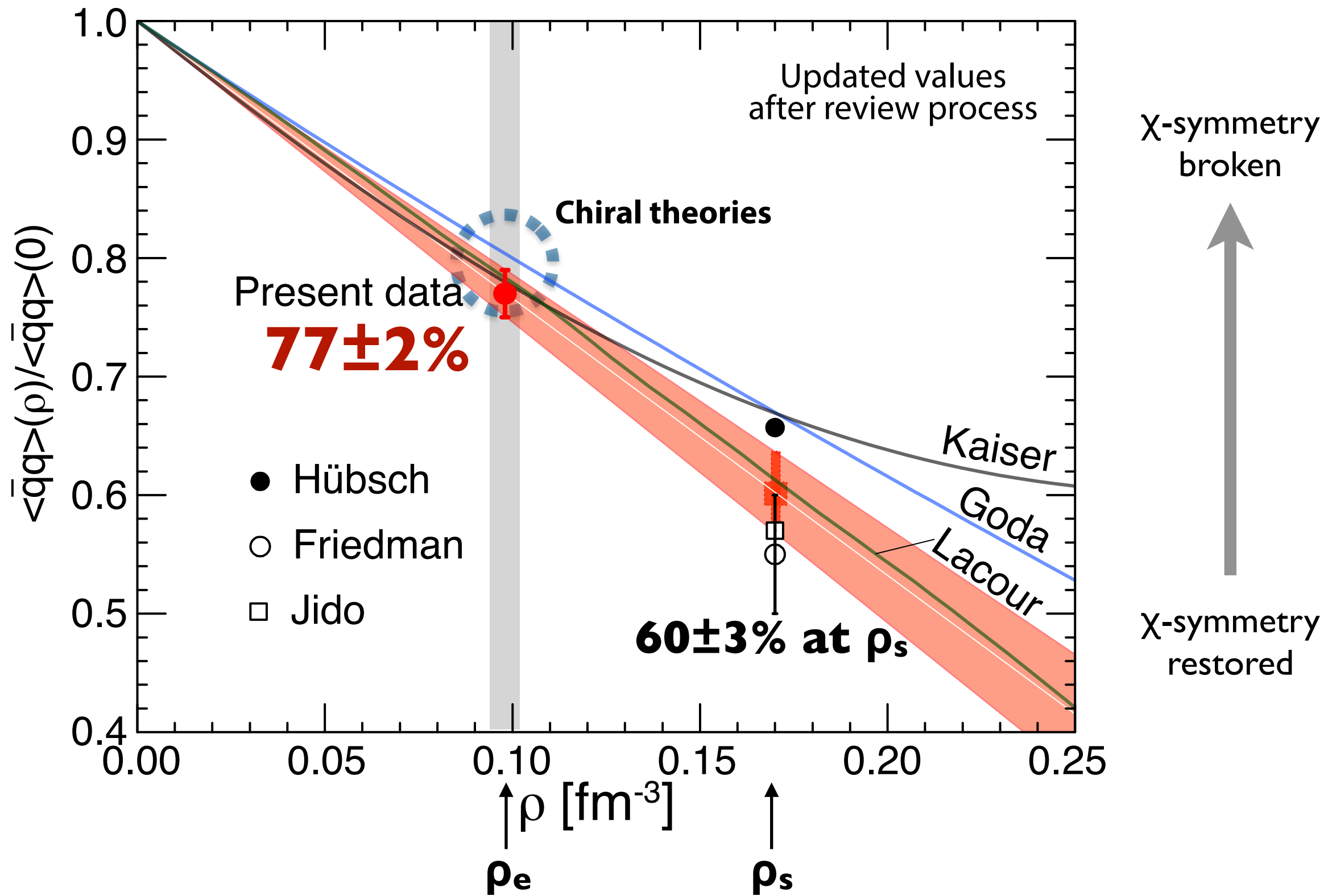
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Next Experiments and Future plans

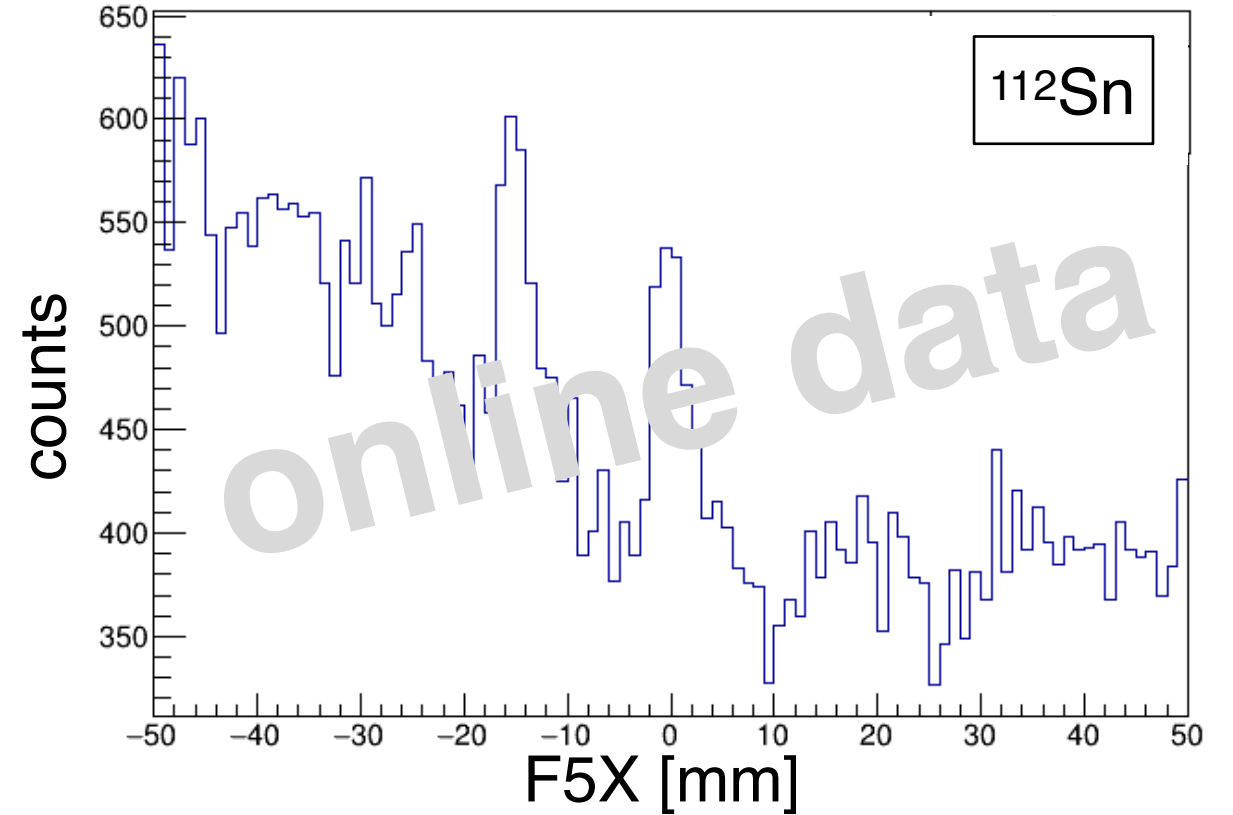
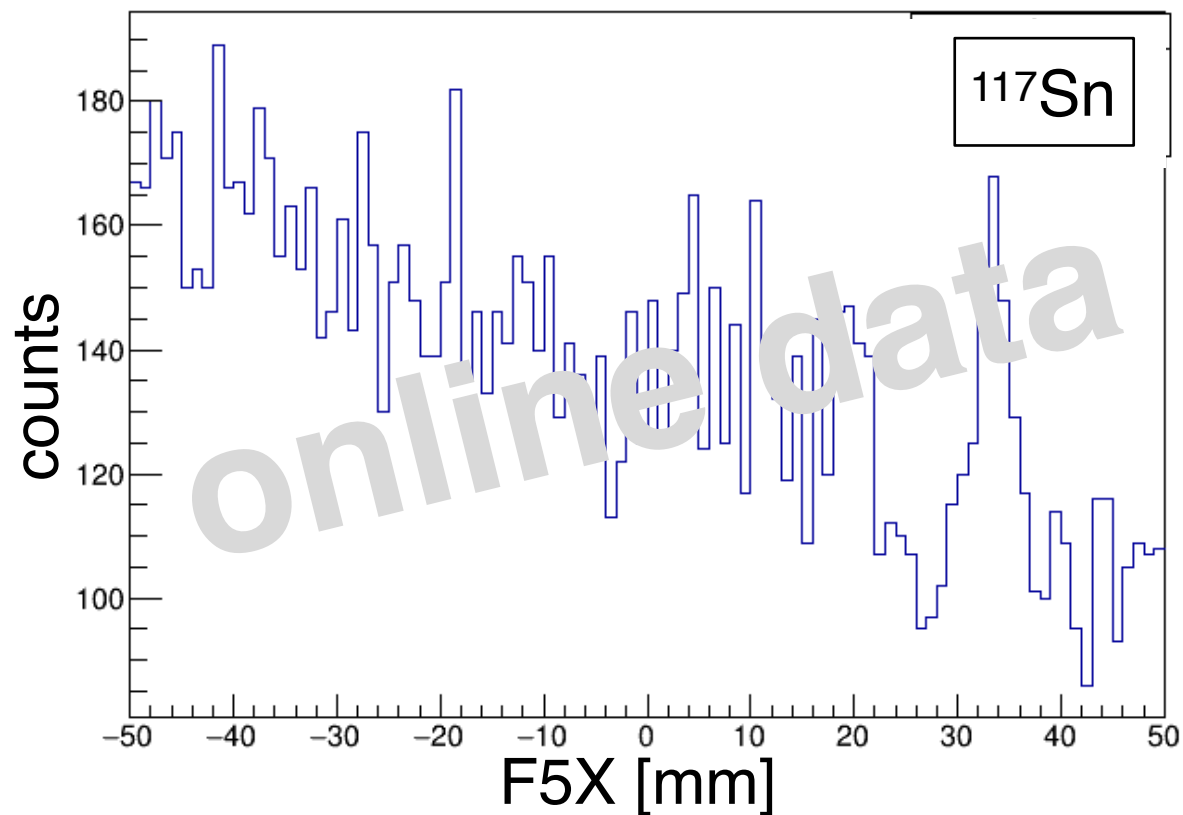
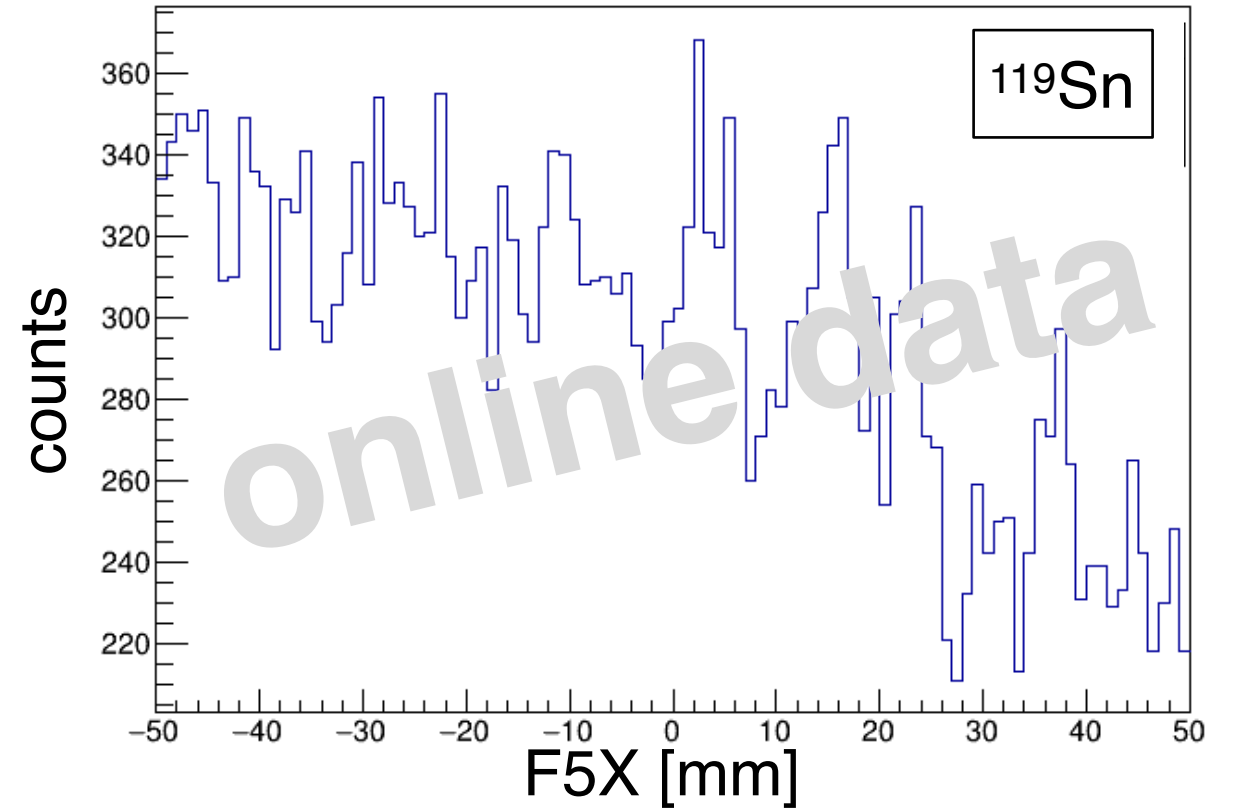
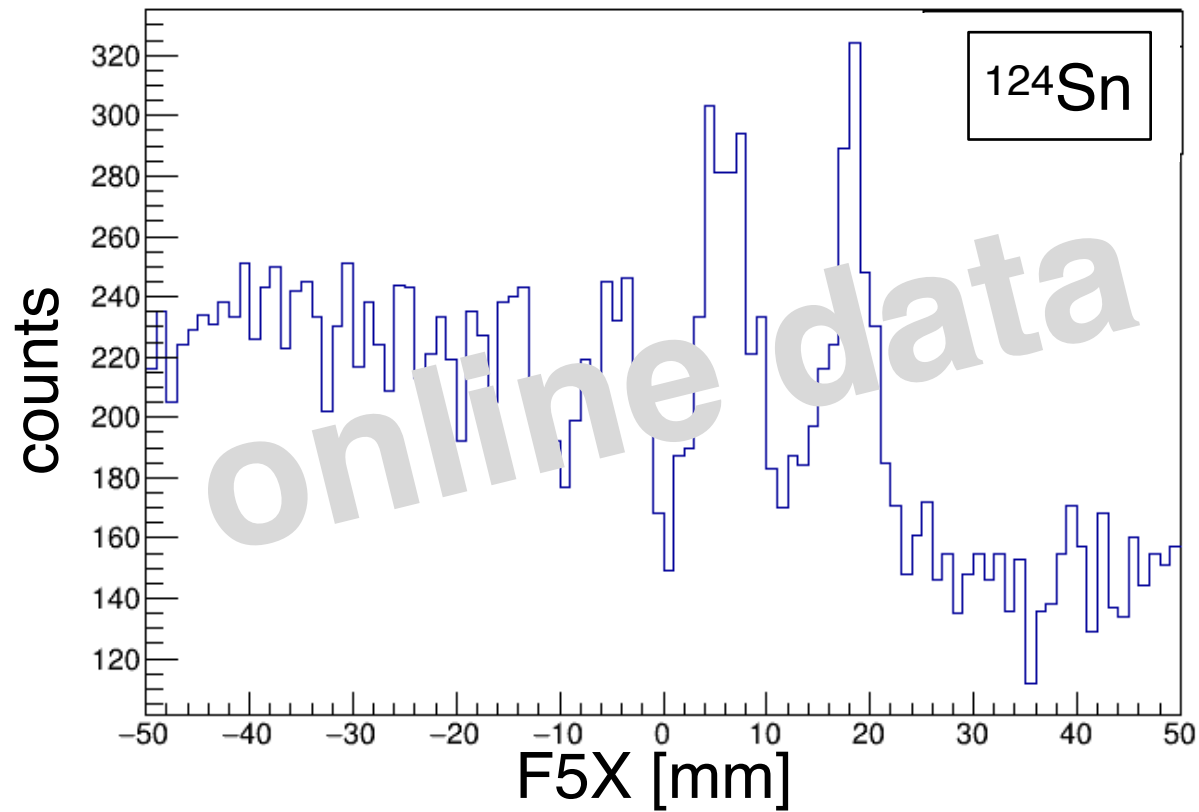
Systematic spectroscopy of pionic Sn isotopes

RIBF-135

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Te	Te	Te	Te	Te	Te	Te	Te	Te	Te	Te	Te	Te	Te	Te	Te
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Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb	Sb
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Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn	Sn
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for better precision

Online spectra in RIBF-135 (2021)



Now, we are interested in $\sigma_{\pi N}$

$$\sigma_{\pi N} \equiv m_q/2m_N \Sigma_{u,d} \langle N | \bar{q}q | N \rangle$$

quark contribution to nucleon mass

$$\frac{b_1^0}{b_1(\rho)} = \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle(\rho)}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle(0)} \simeq 1 - \frac{\rho \sigma_{\pi N}}{f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2} \left(1 - \frac{3k_F^2}{10M_N^2} + \frac{9k_F^4}{56M_N^4} \right) + O(\rho^2)$$

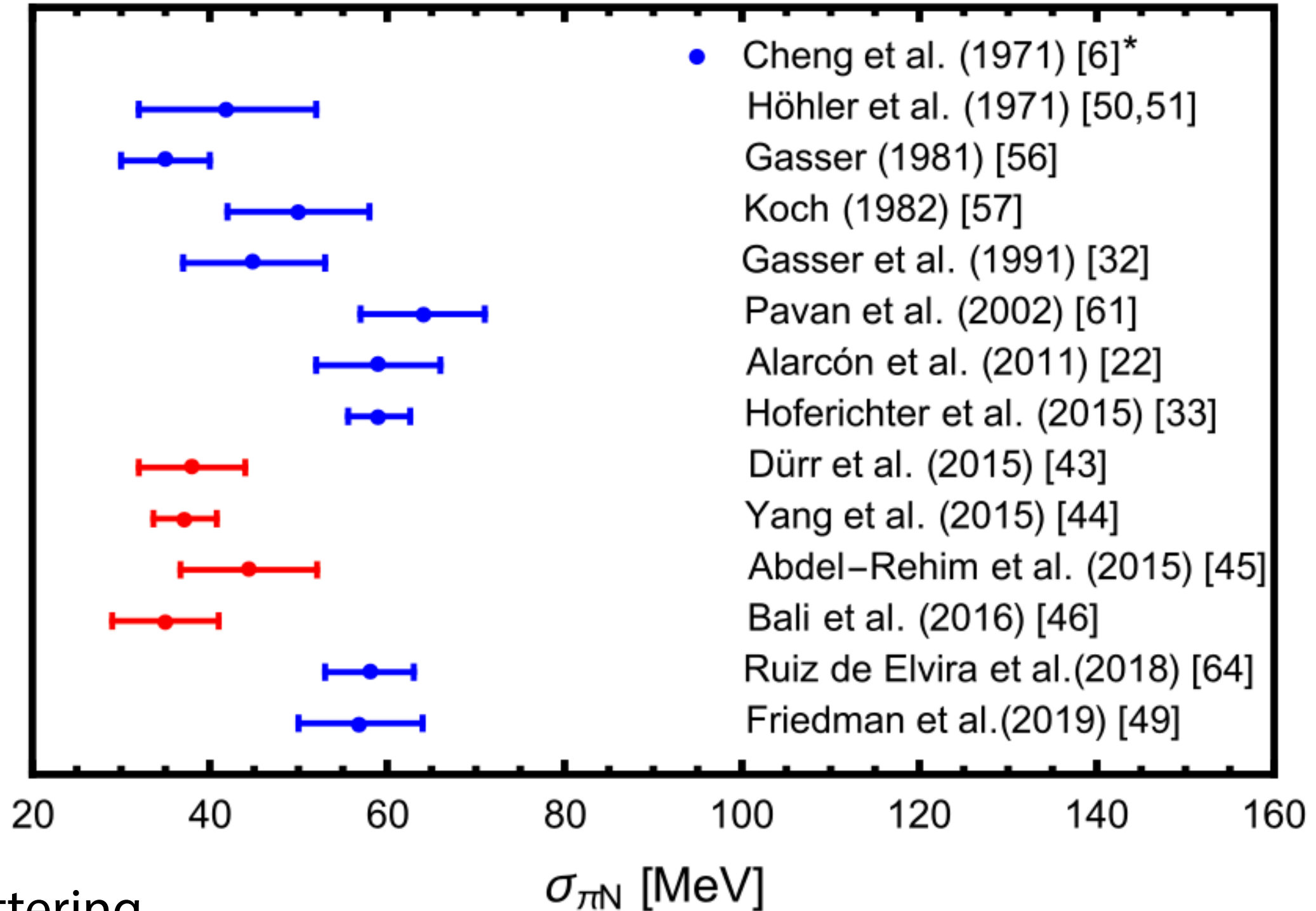
$$k_F = (3/2\pi^2\rho)^{1/3}$$

Kaiser et al., PRC77, 025204 (2008)
Gubler, Sato, PPNP106,1(2019)

Two approaches:

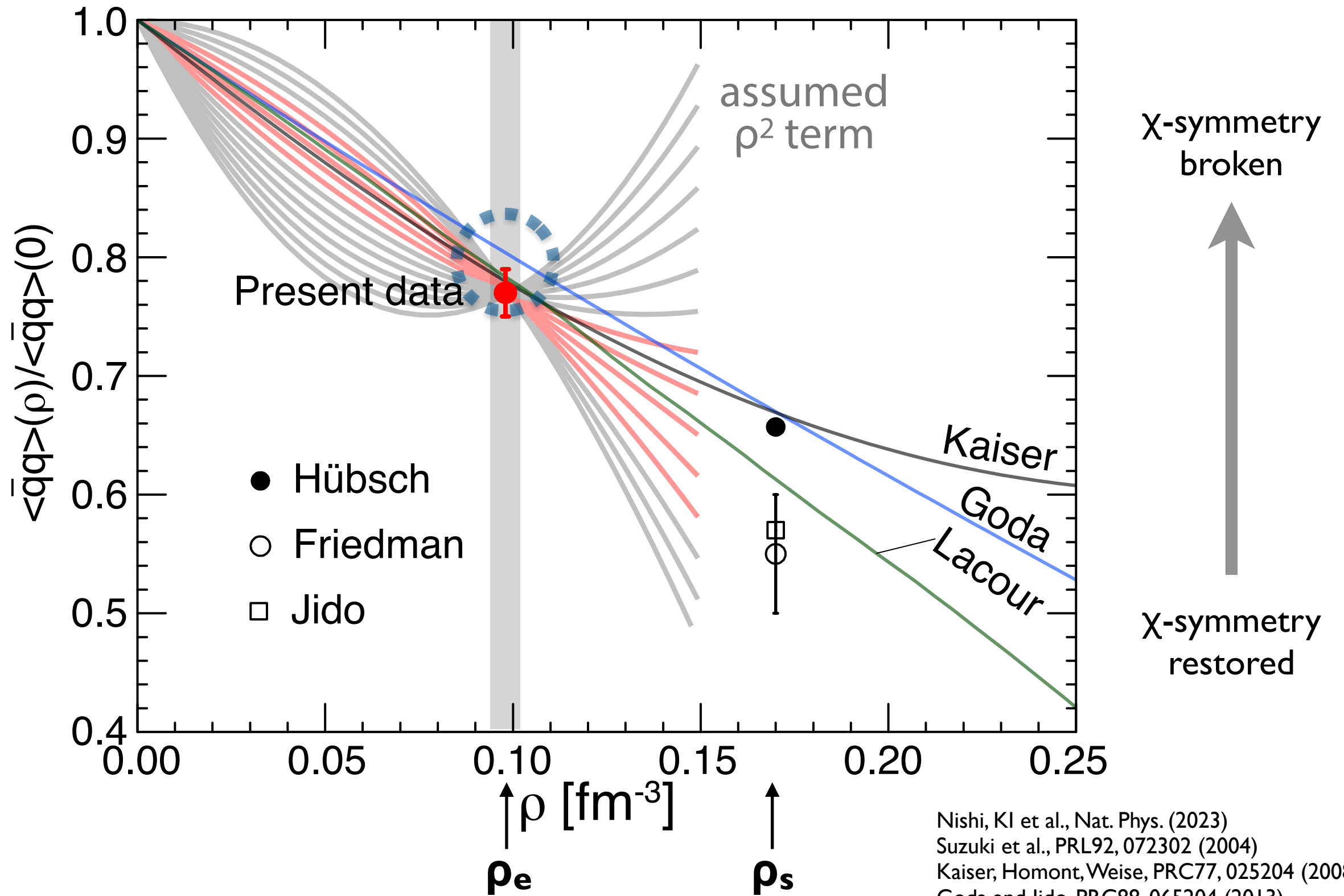
1. derivation from $b_1(\rho)$
Ikeno et al., PTEP 2023, 033D03
2. determine $d\langle qq \rangle/d\rho$ at ρ_e
and extrapolate to $\rho=0$

Now, we are interested in $\sigma_{\pi N}$



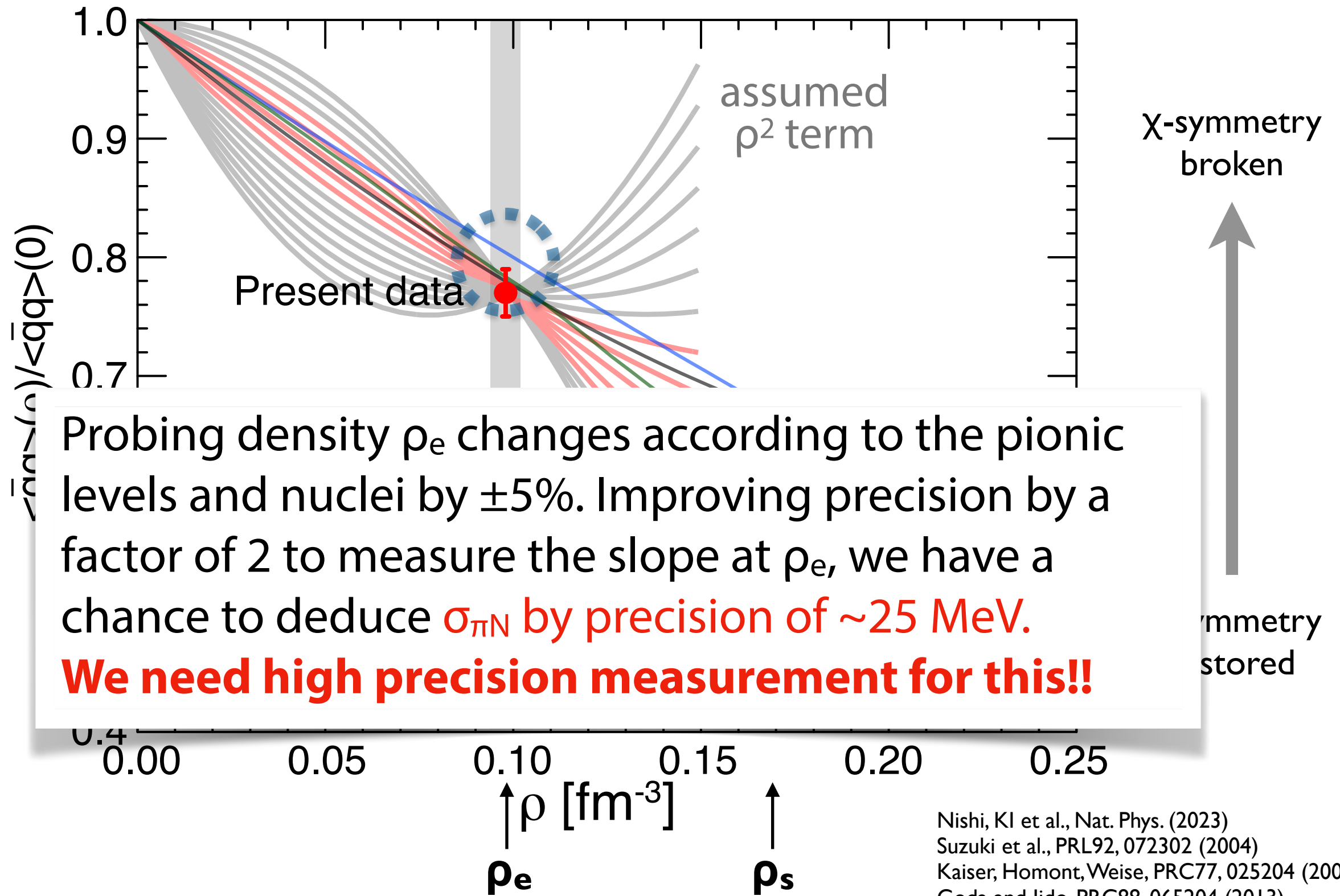
πN scattering
Lattice QCD
Chiral effective theory...

New interest in $\sigma_{\pi N}$ term



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Next Experiment RIBF-214

PAC approved with A

Proposing $D(^{136}\text{Xe}, ^3\text{He})$ reaction at $T = 250 \text{ MeV/u}$ at RIBF

131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146
Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm	Sm
130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145
									Pm	Pm	Pm	Pm	Pm	Pm	Pm
									138	139	140	141	142	143	144
									Nd	Nd	Nd	Nd	Nd	Nd	Nd
									137	138	139	140	141	142	143
									Pr	Pr	Pr	Pr	Pr	Pr	Pr
									135	136	137	138	139	140	141
									Ce	Ce	Ce	Ce	Ce	Ce	Ce
									134	135	136	137	138	139	140
									La	La	La	La	La	La	La
									133	134	135	136	137	138	139
									Ba	Ba	Ba	Ba	Ba	Ba	Ba
									124	125	126	127	128	129	130
									Cs	Cs	Cs	Cs	Cs	Cs	Cs
									123	124	125	126	127	128	129
									Xe	Xe	Xe	Xe	Xe	Xe	Xe
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Crossing point of long isotope and isotone chains

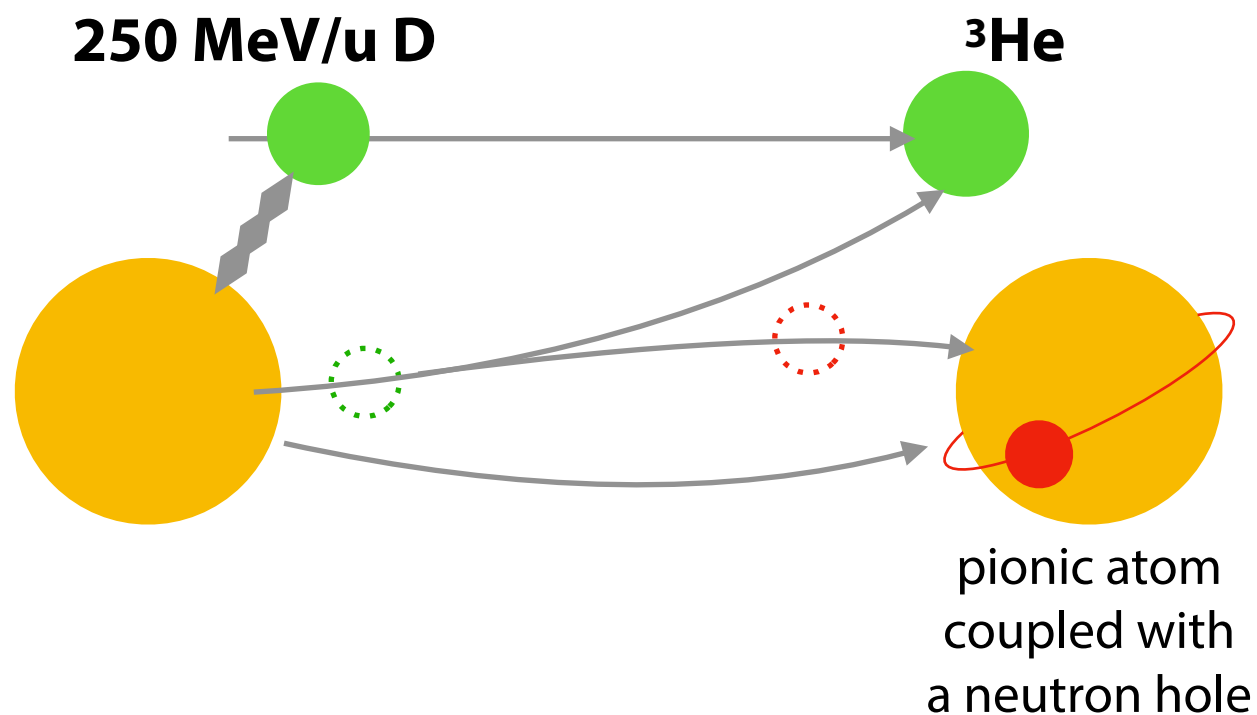
Systematic measurement of isotone chain may have smaller ambiguities from nuclear density distributions



N=82

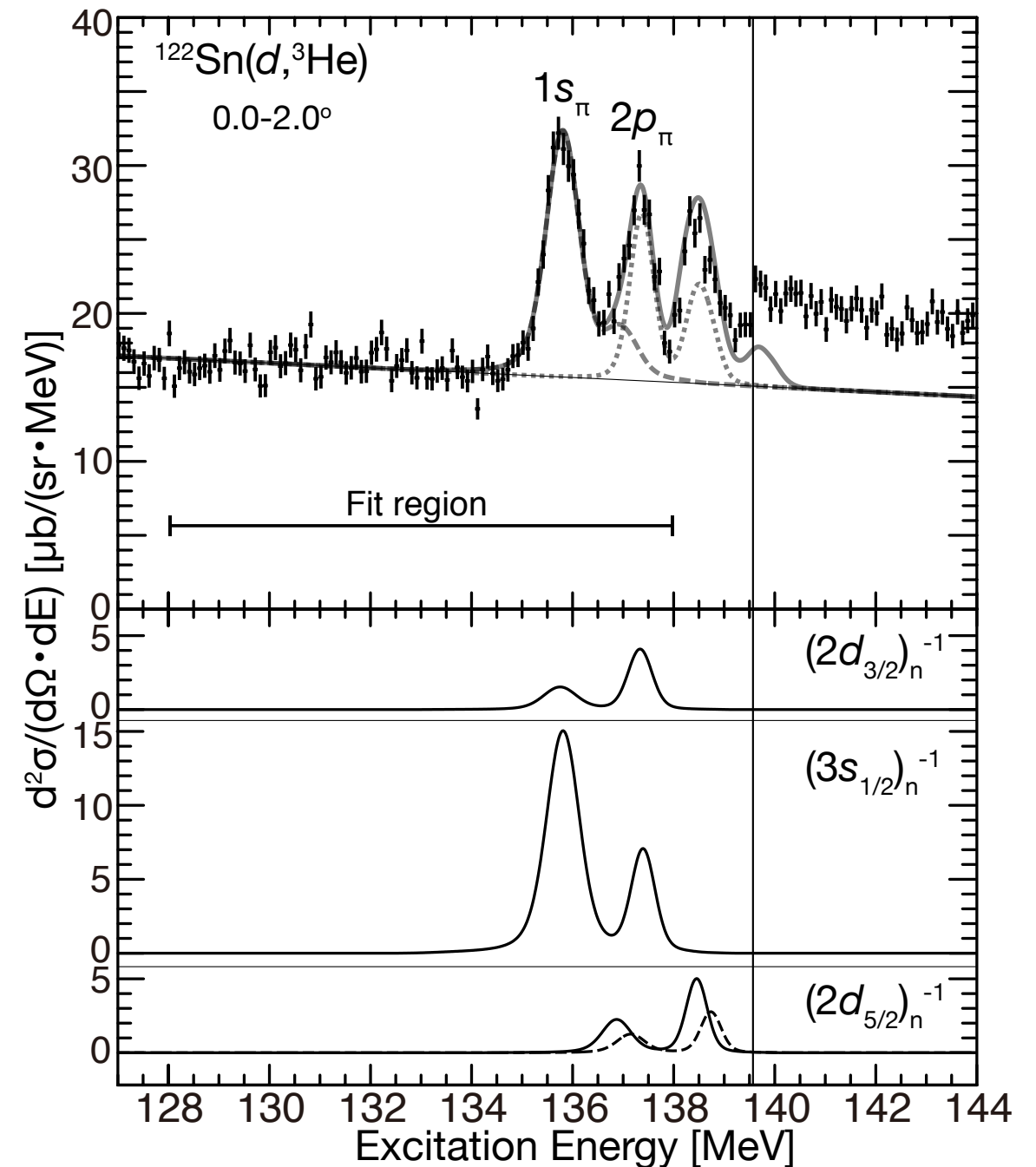
inverse kinematics reactions

Normal kinematics ($d, {}^3\text{He}$) reactions

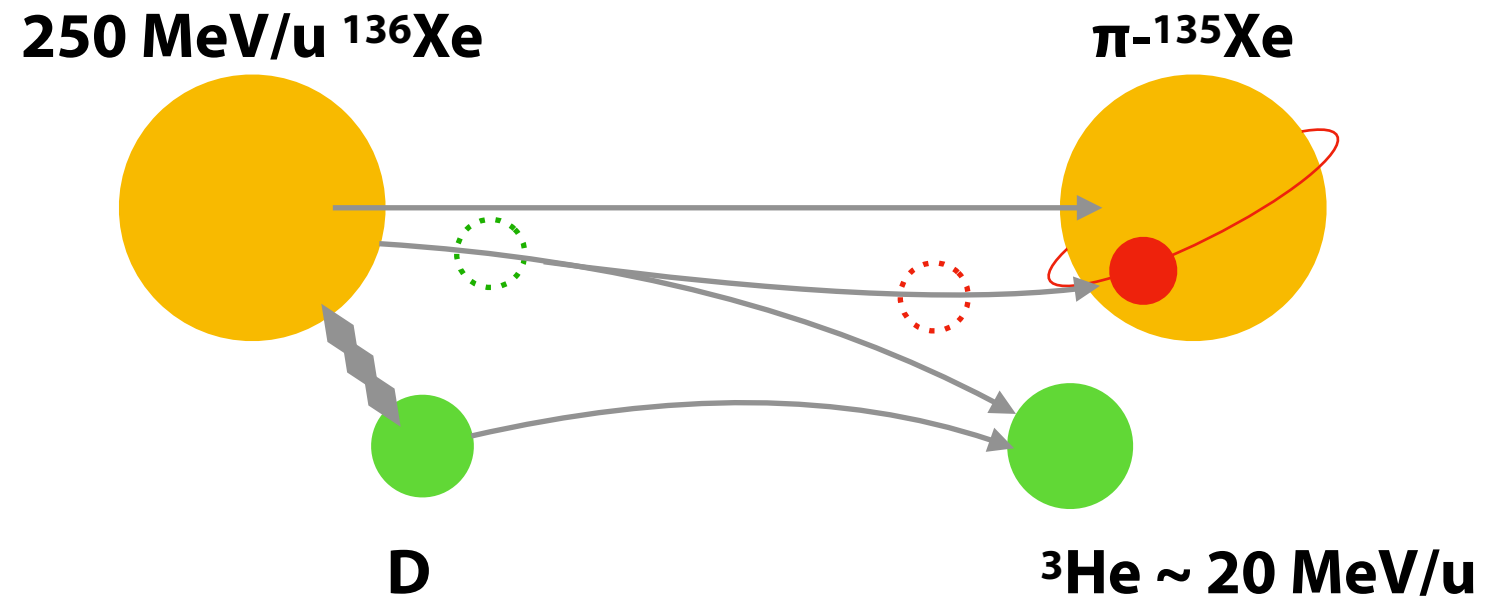


We measure ${}^3\text{He}$ energy for missing-mass and deduce mass of reaction product

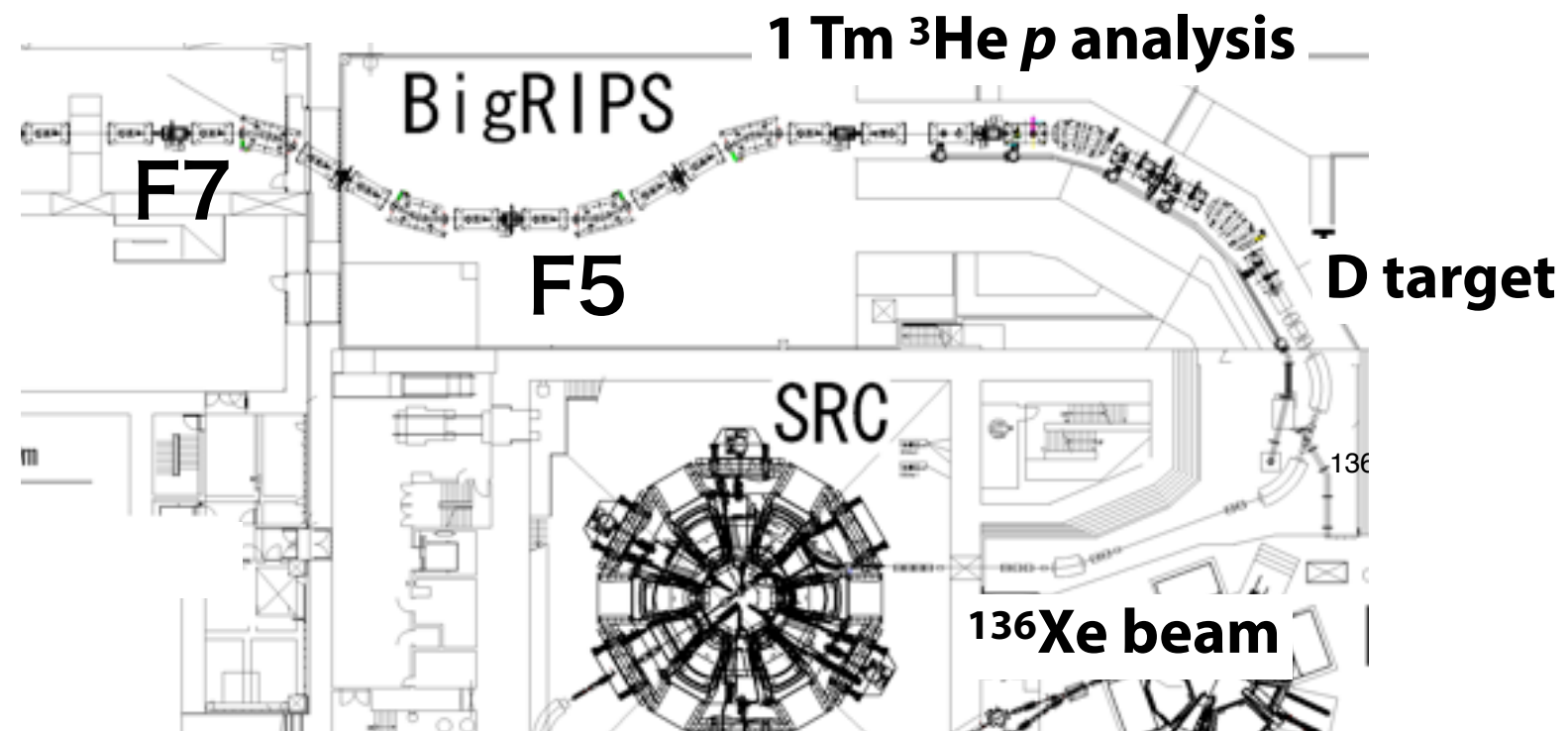
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inverse kinematics reactions



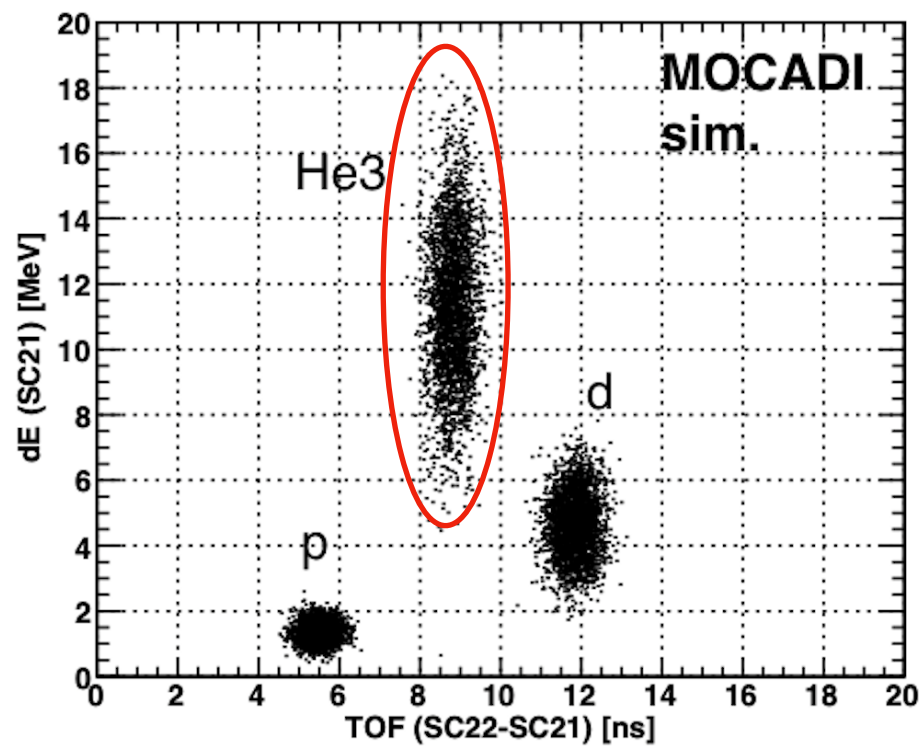
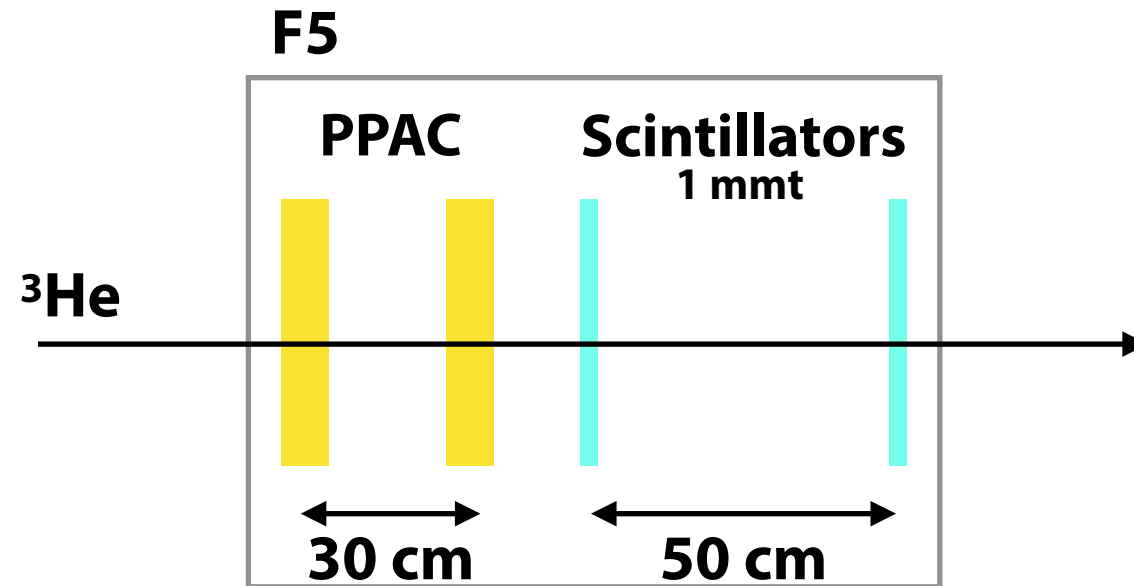
We make use of BigRIPS as spectrometer and deduce MM by ^3He momentum measurement



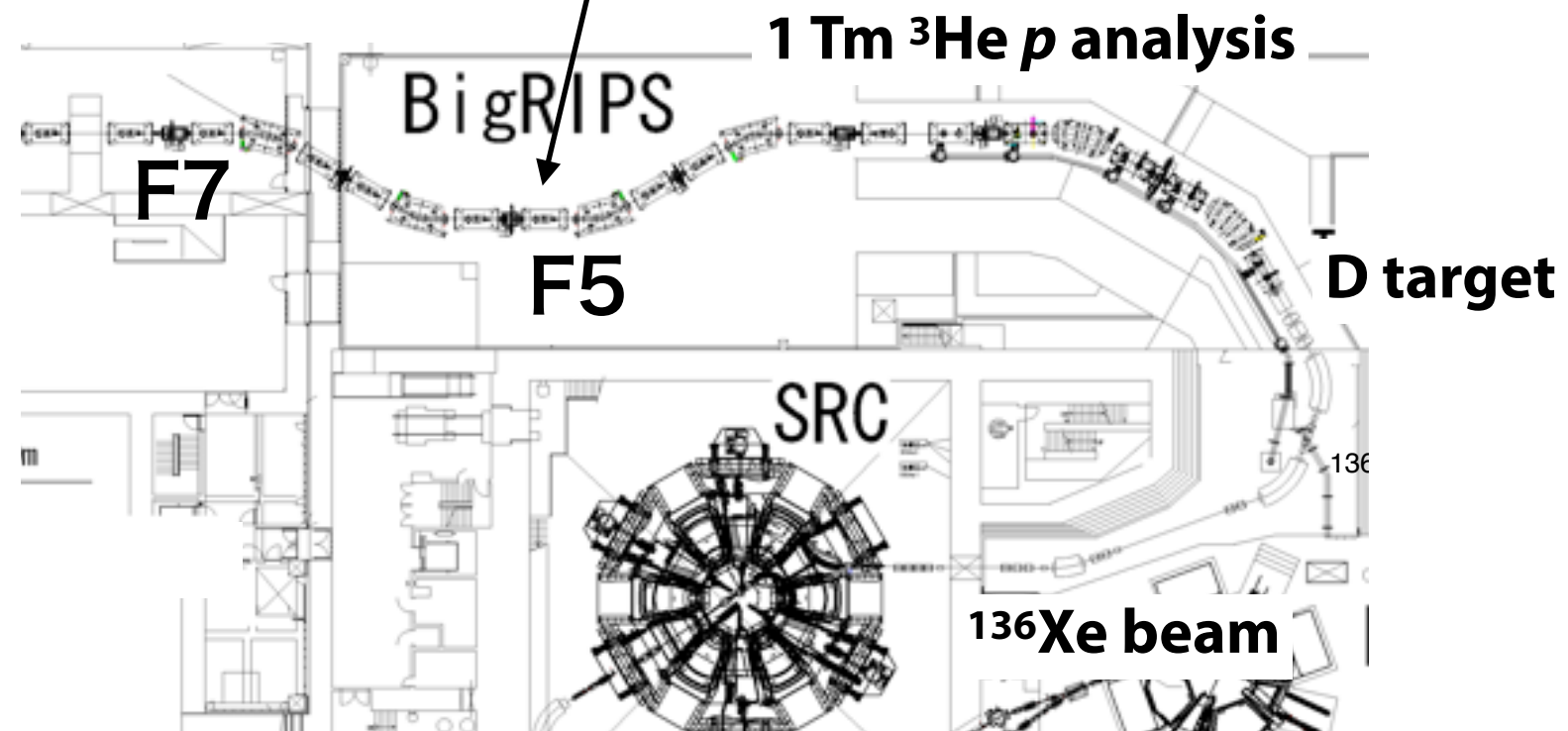
Experimental setup

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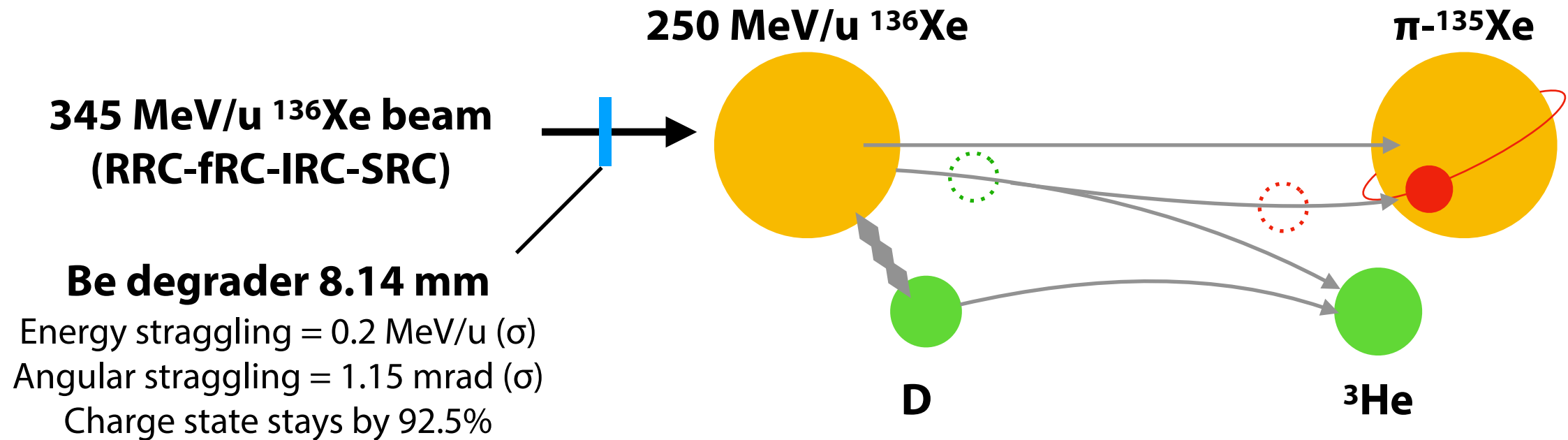


^3He trigger by ΔE (and TOF)



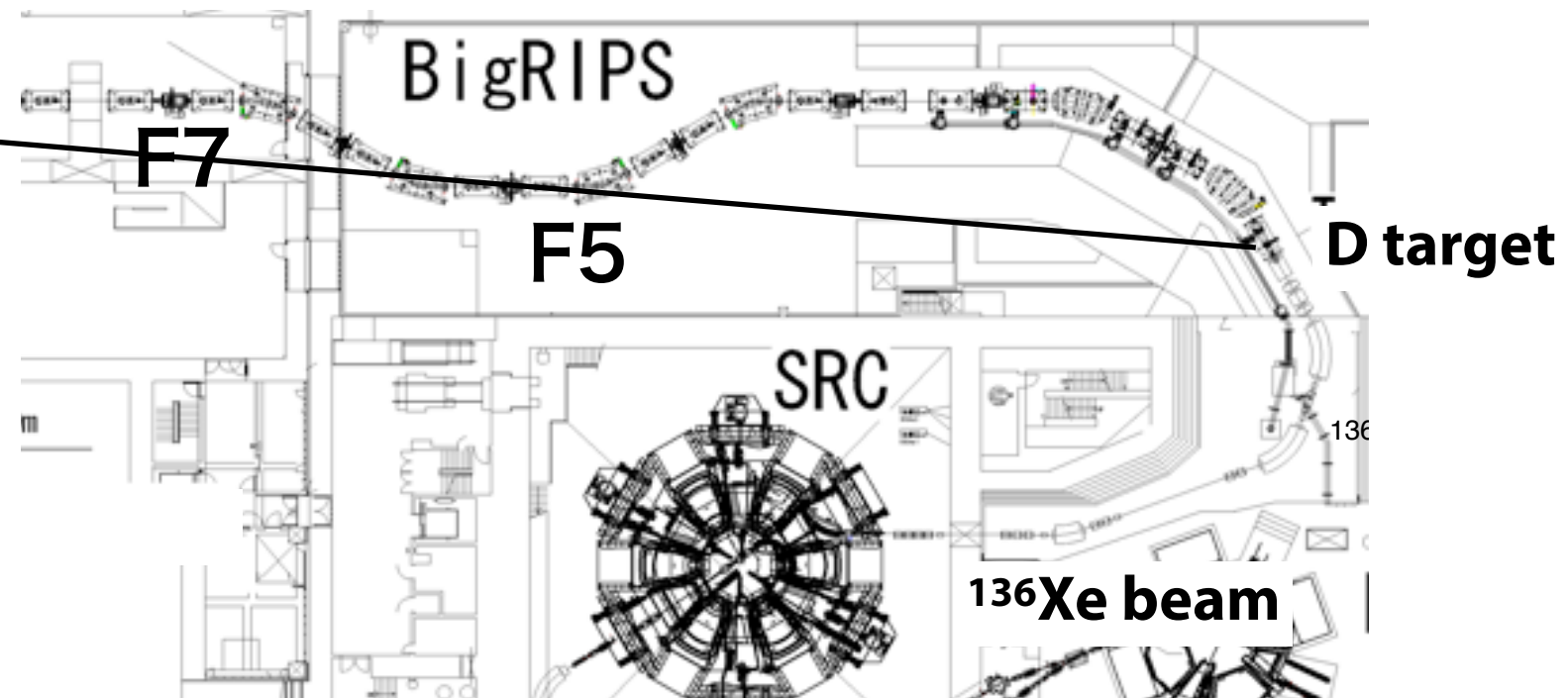
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**BigRIPS as spectrometer to measure
 $\sim 1 \text{ Tm } ^3\text{He}$ momentum**

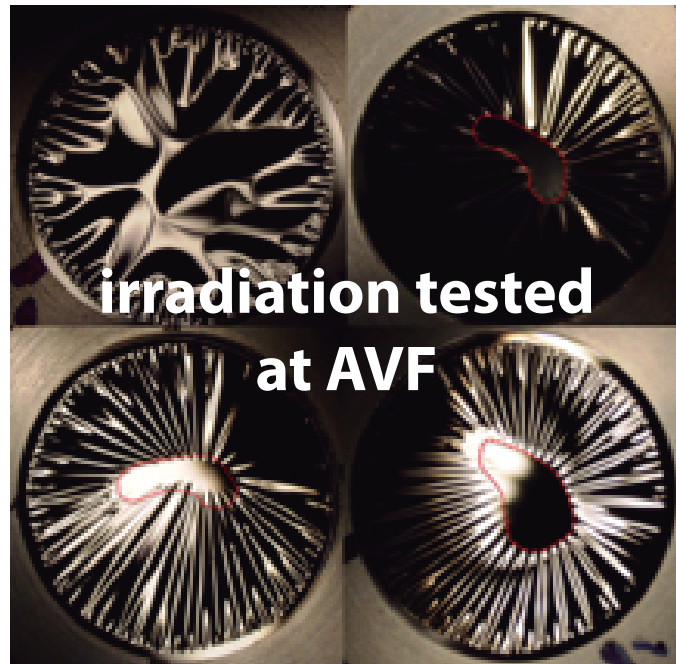
1-atm deuterium gas target at F0
with **thin membrane** windows



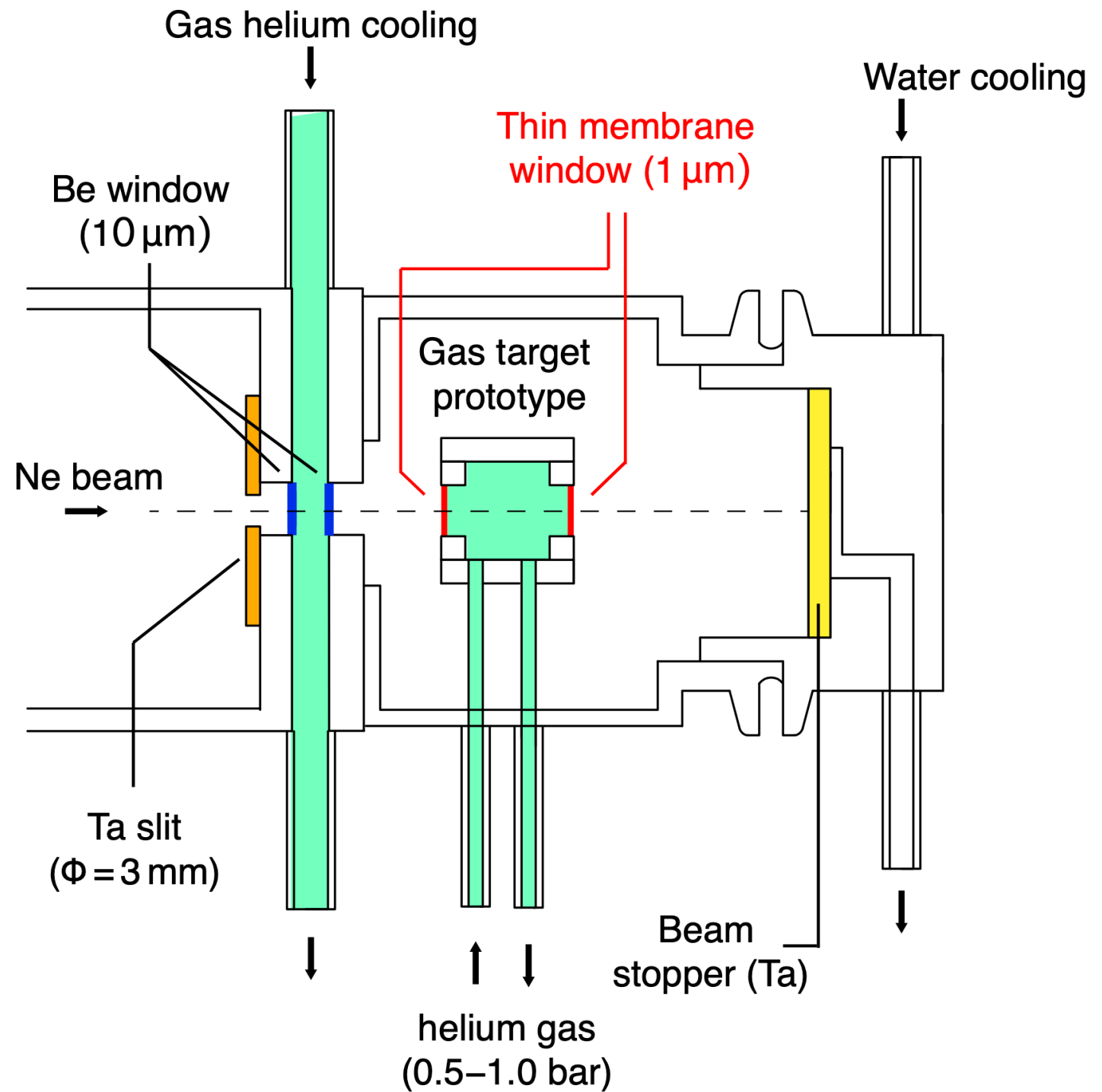
Deuterium gas target development

**Beam test in 2024/4-5
to hold 0.5-1 atm He**

1 μm graphene foil
tested till breakdown
with 5 MeV Ne beam (2018)

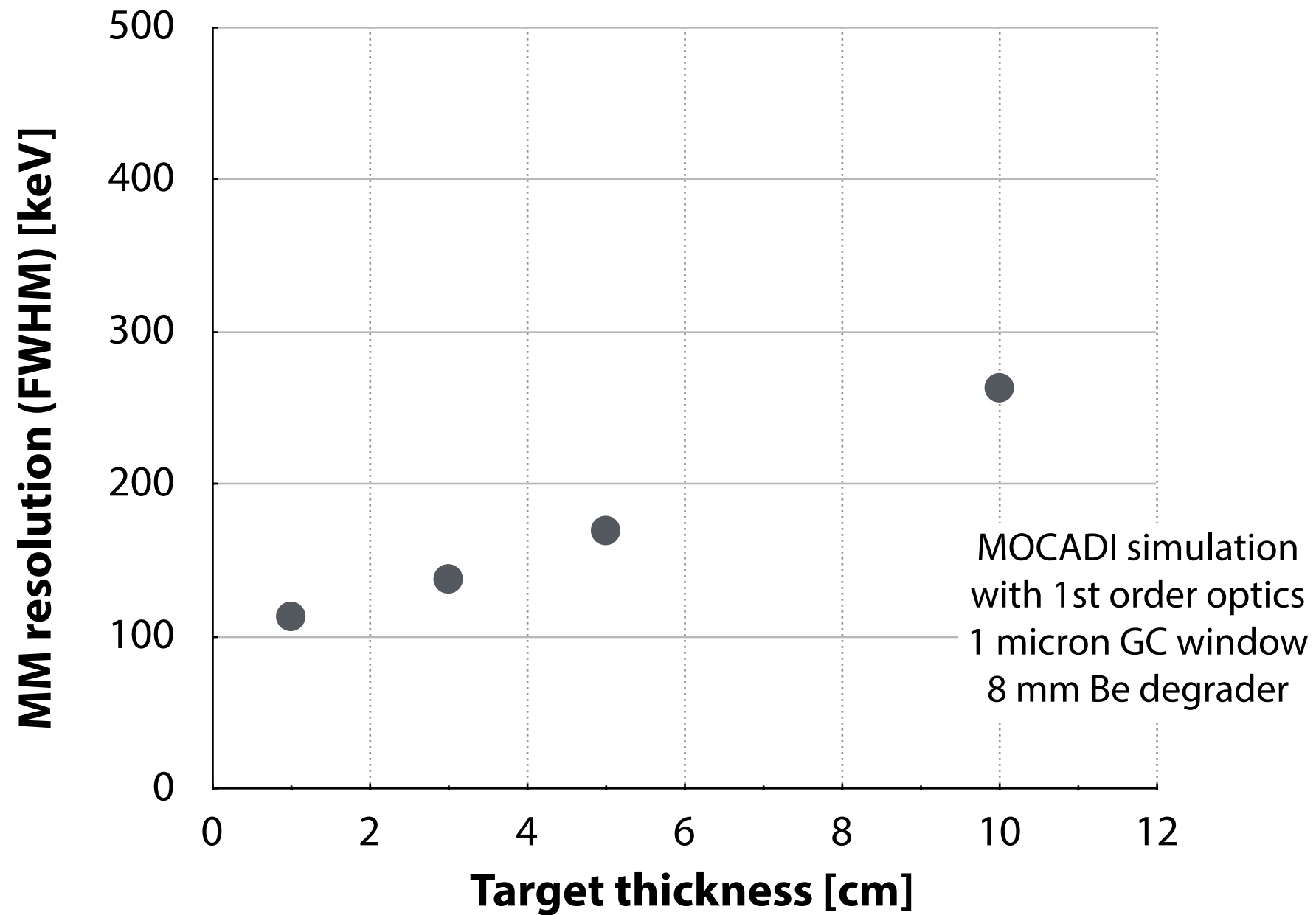


S. Purushothaman et al., APR **53**, 134 (2019)

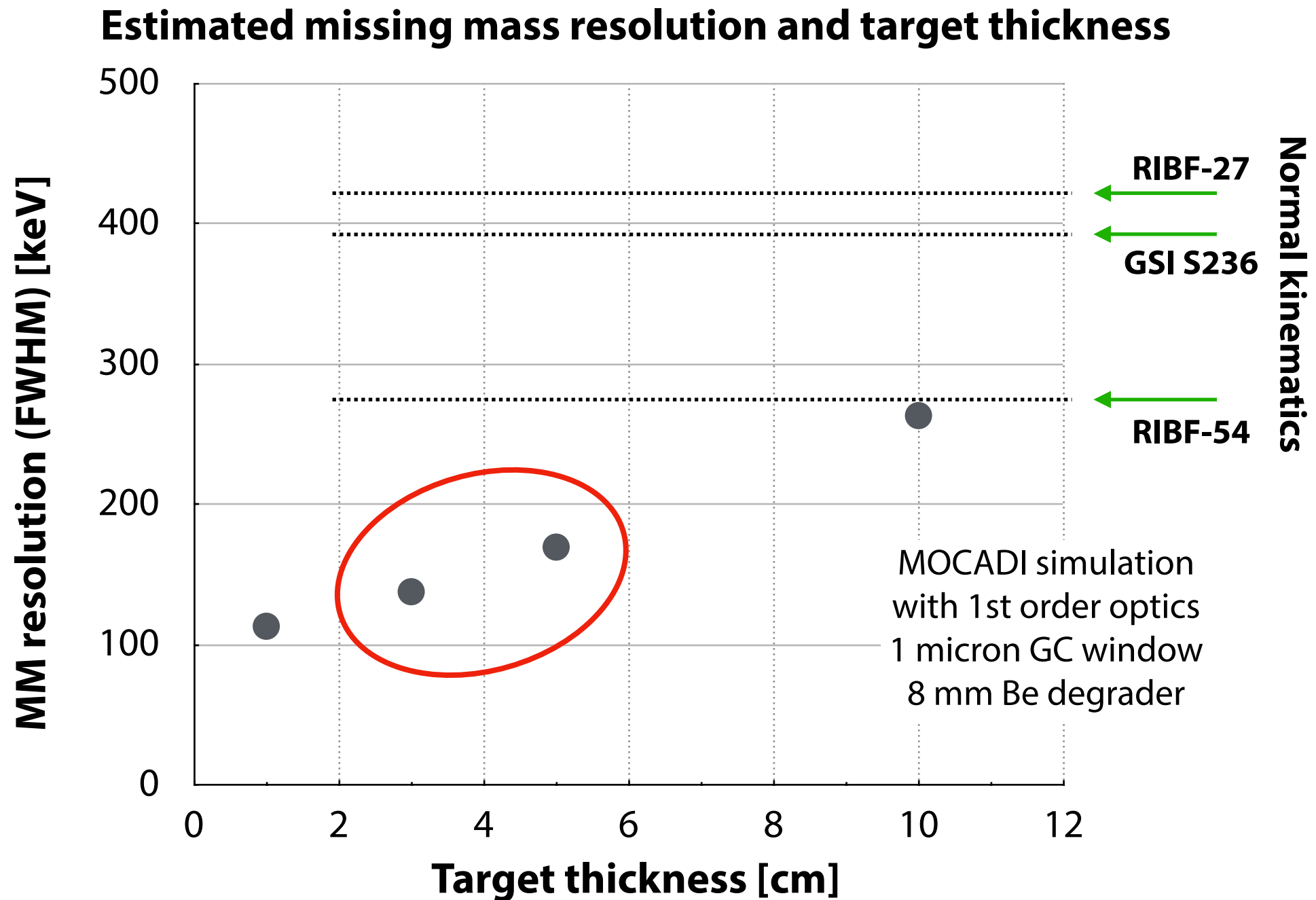


Missing mass resolution

Estimated missing mass resolution and target thickness



Missing mass resolution can be improved!

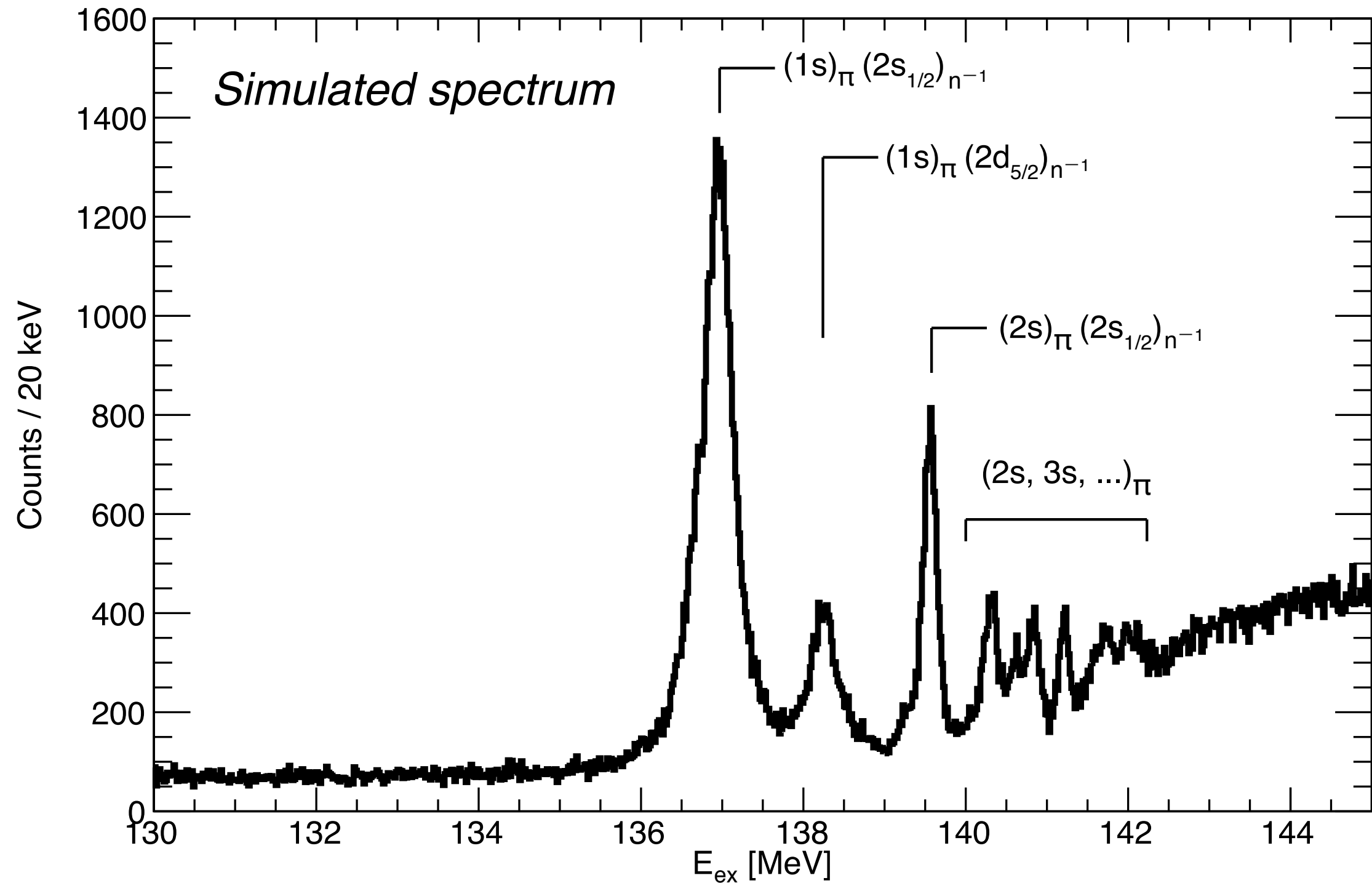


Unprecedented resolution can be achieved
 → Important for resolving higher orbitals and
 determine the widths

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

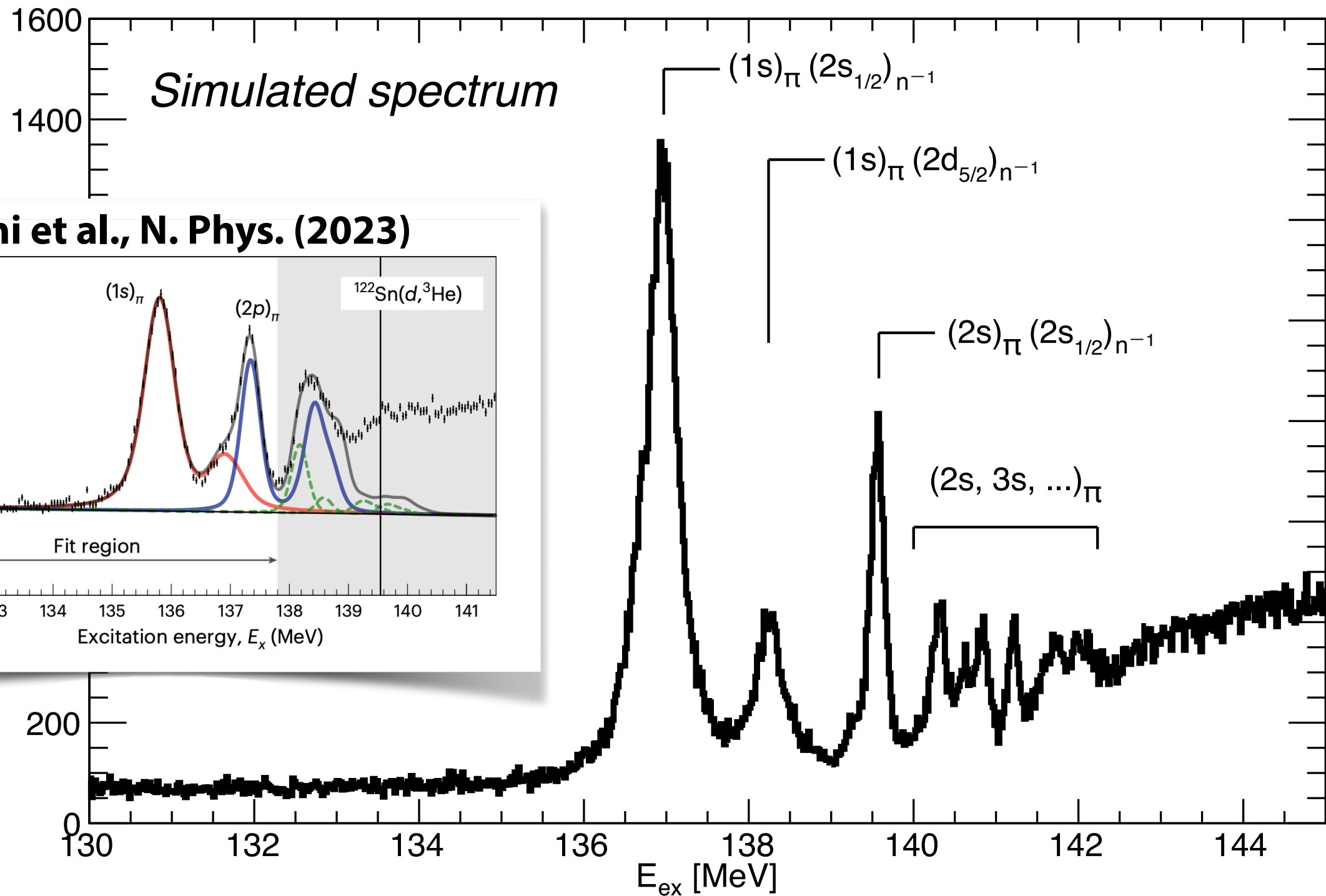
Striking spectrum with 150 keV resolution

36 hours with $10^{10}/s$ ^{136}Xe beam 4 cm target



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Summary

- Chiral condensate at ρ_e is evaluated to be reduced by $77 \pm 2\%$, which is linearly extrapolated to $60 \pm 3\%$ at the nuclear saturation density.
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- Recent theoretical progress was adopted to the $\langle qq \rangle$ deduction, which directly relates the chiral condensate and the pion-nucleus interaction.
- We calculated various corrections for the first time and applied them. The corrections made substantial effects. After the corrections, the chiral condensate ratio was deduced with much higher reliability.
- For future, we are analyzing data of systematic study of pionic Sn isotopes to achieve higher precision $\langle qq \rangle$.
- We also plan measurement in “inverse kinematics” reactions for pionic Xe 136. The resolution will be further improved. Now, we are aiming at determination of the $\pi N \sigma$ term.