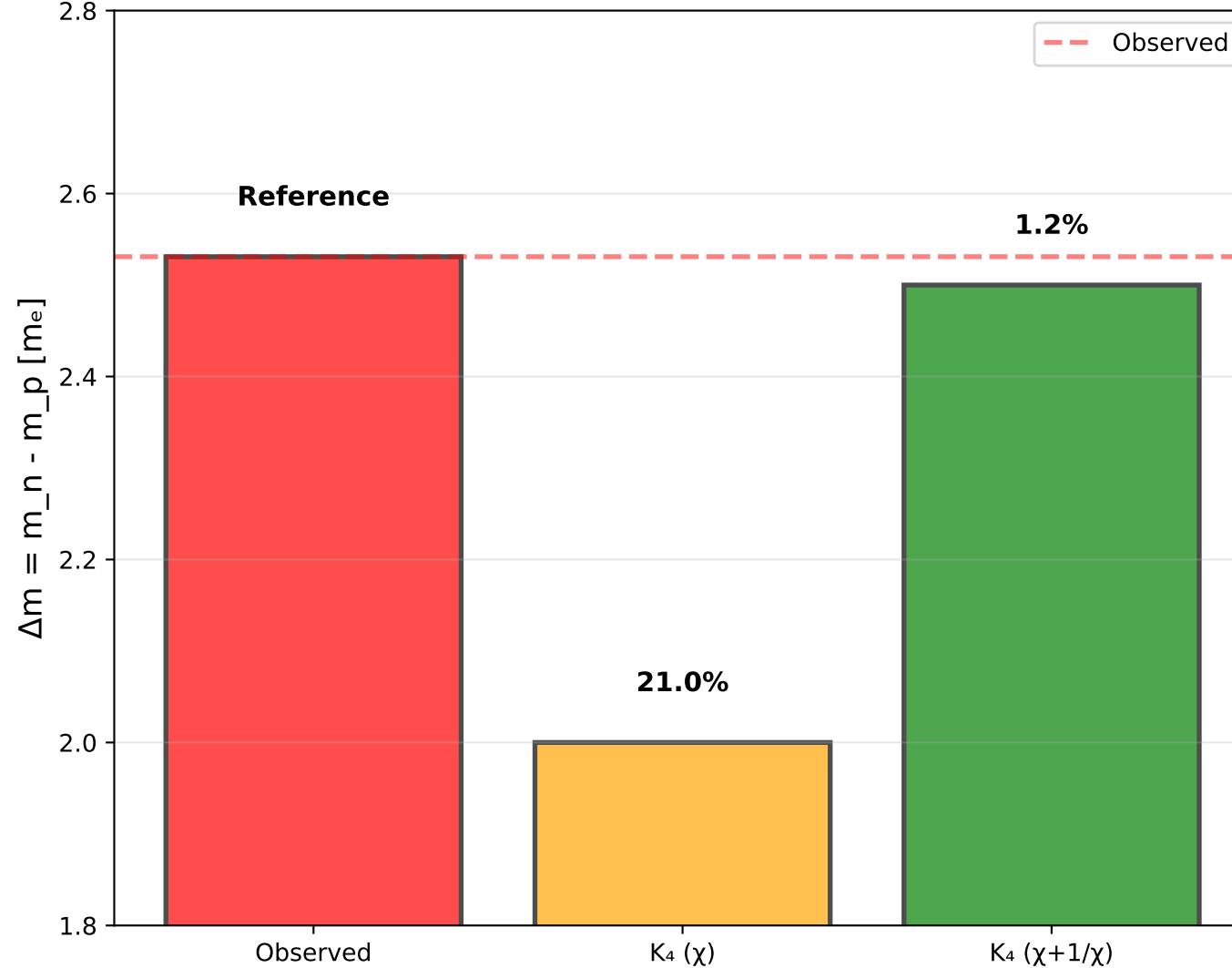


# Neutron-Proton Mass Difference



## NEUTRON-PROTON MASS DIFFERENCE

$K_4$  STRUCTURE:

$V = 4$  (vertices)

$E = 6$  (edges)

$\chi = 2$  (Euler characteristic)

PROTON (exact):

$$m_p/m_e = 1836 = 9 \times 6 \times F_2$$

NEUTRON (OLD):

$$m_n/m_e = 1836 + \chi = 1838$$

$$\Delta m = 2.0 m_e$$

Error: 21.0%

NEUTRON (NEW):

$$\begin{aligned} m_n/m_e &= 1836 + \chi + 1/\chi \\ &= 1836 + 2 + 1/2 \\ &= 1838.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta m = 2.5 m_e = 1.277 \text{ MeV}$$

Error: 1.22%

OBSERVED:

$$\Delta m = 2.531 m_e = 1.293 \text{ MeV}$$

IMPROVEMENT: 17.1× better!