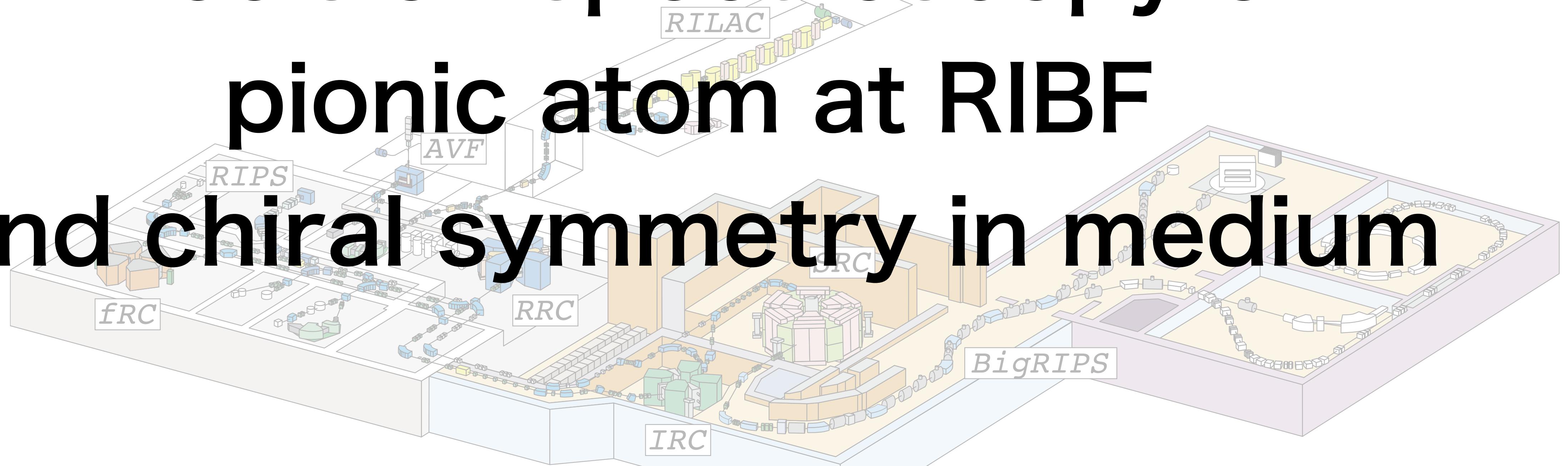


# Precision spectroscopy of pionic atom at RIBF and chiral symmetry in medium



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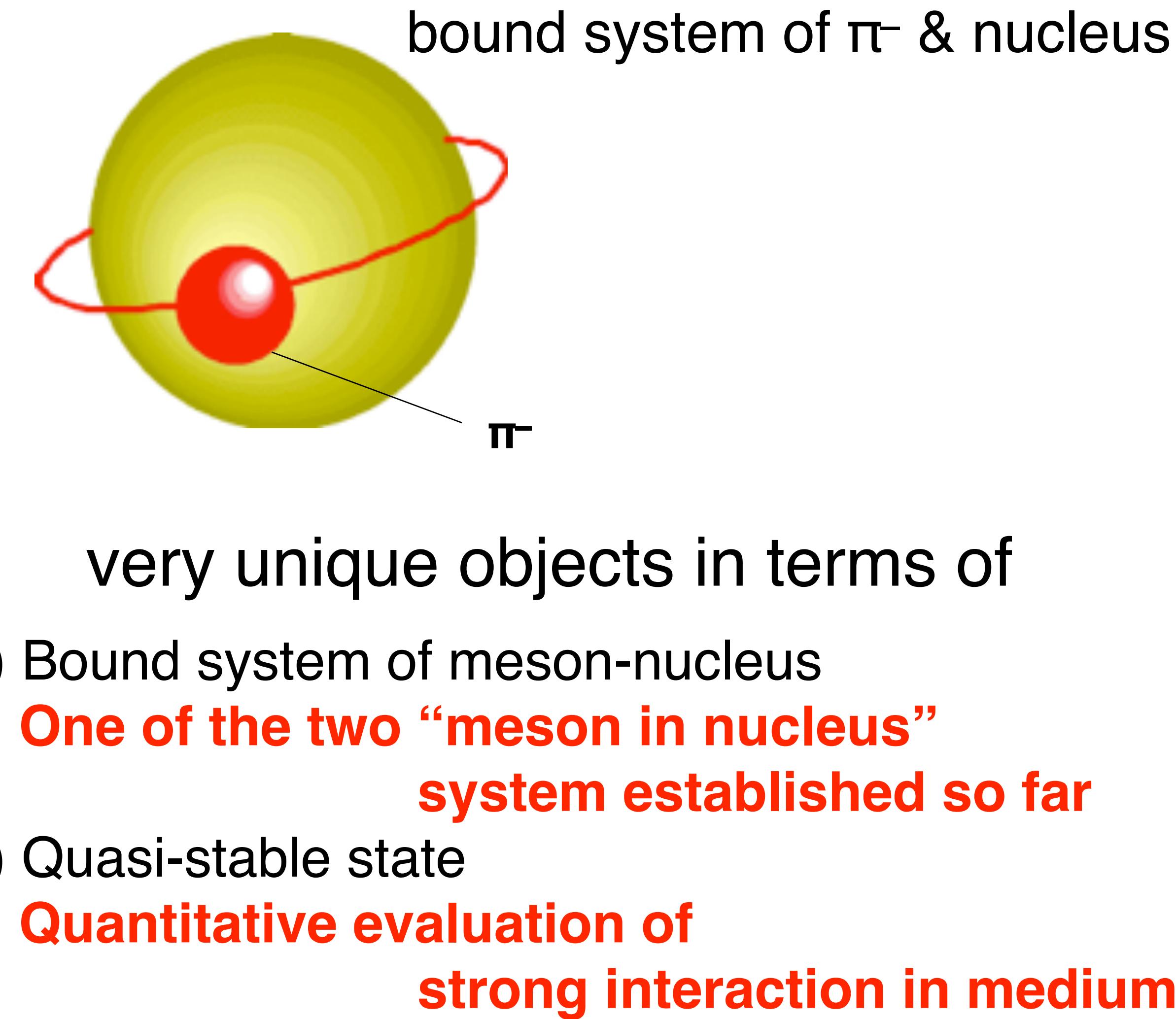
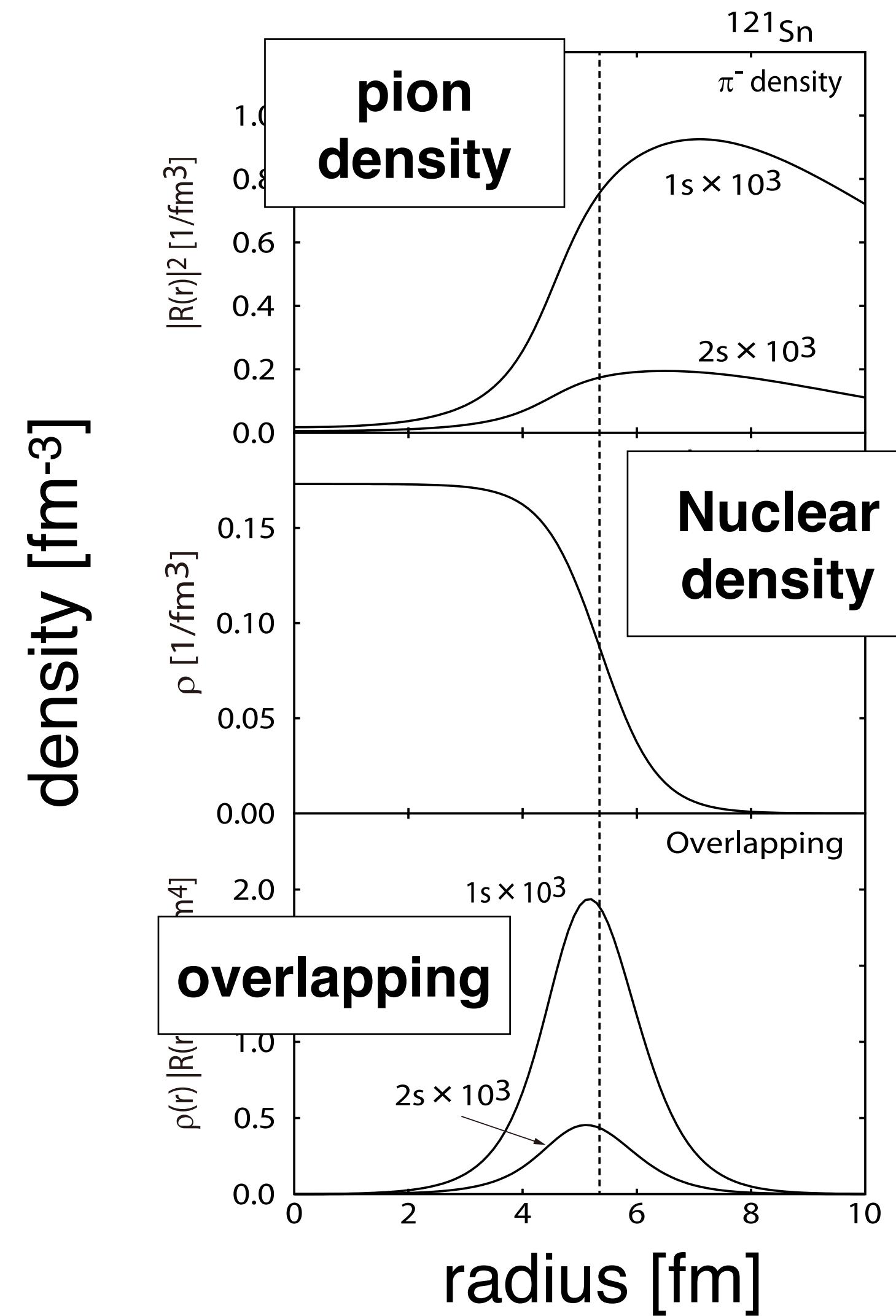
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# Deeply bound pionic atoms



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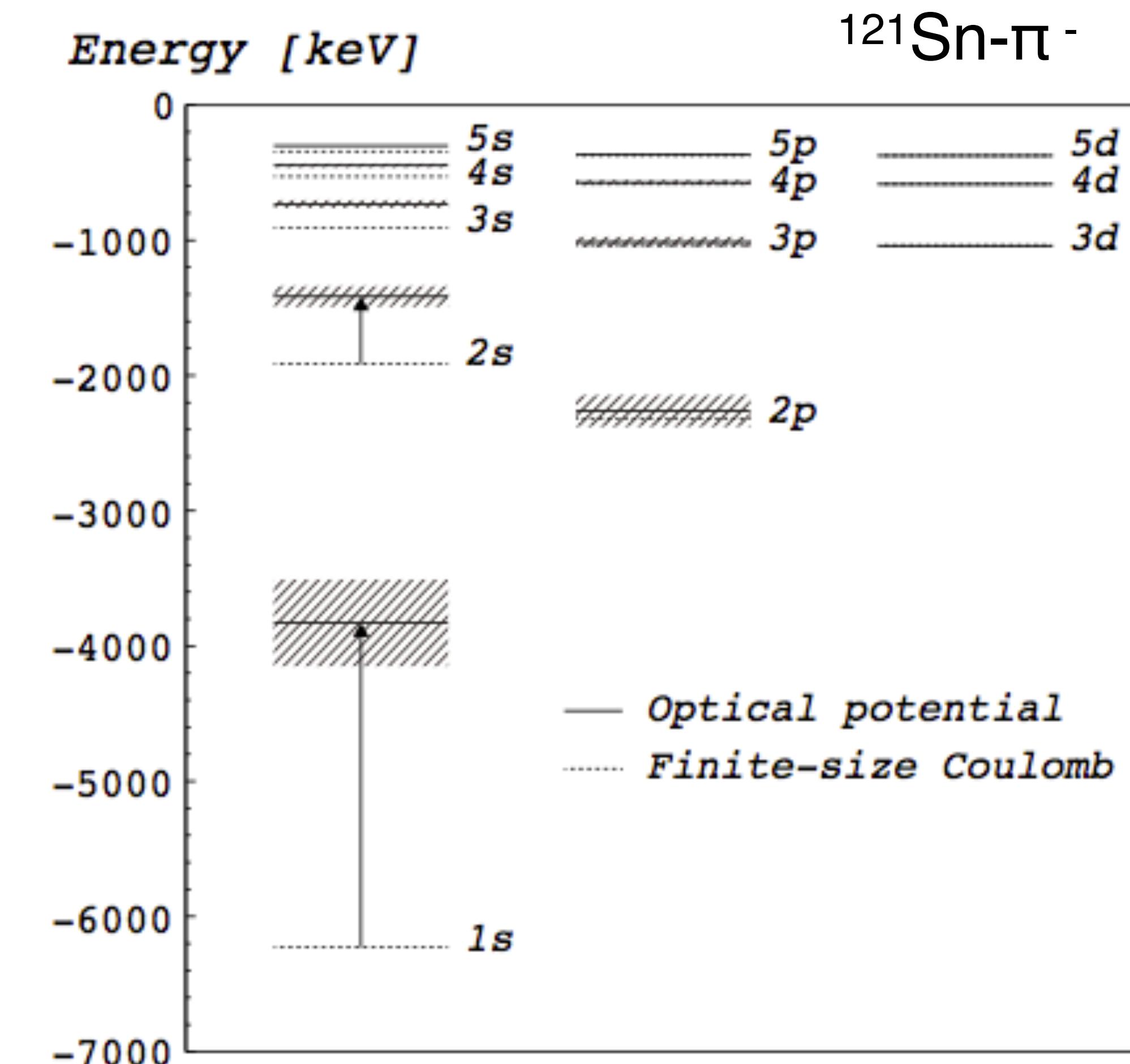
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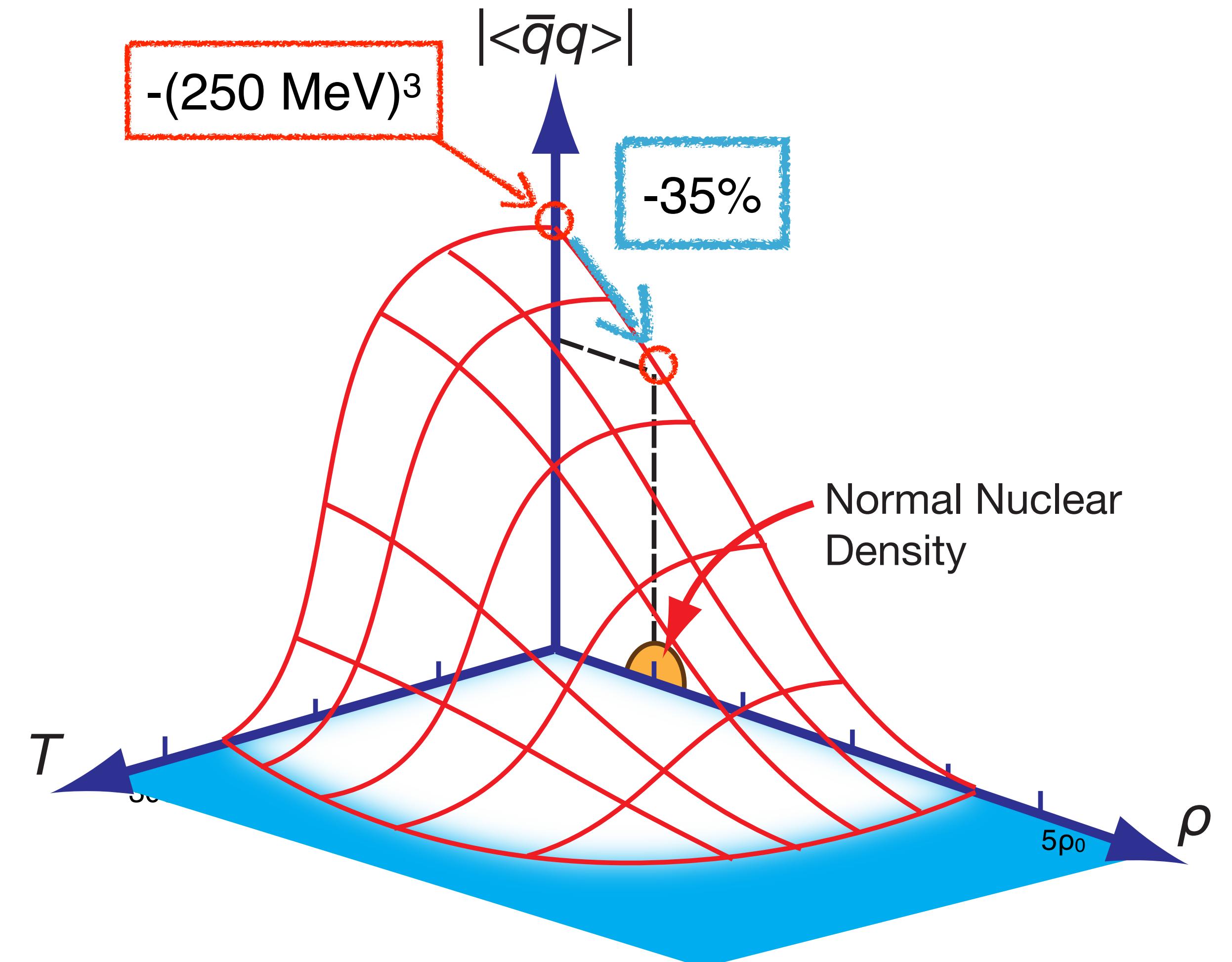
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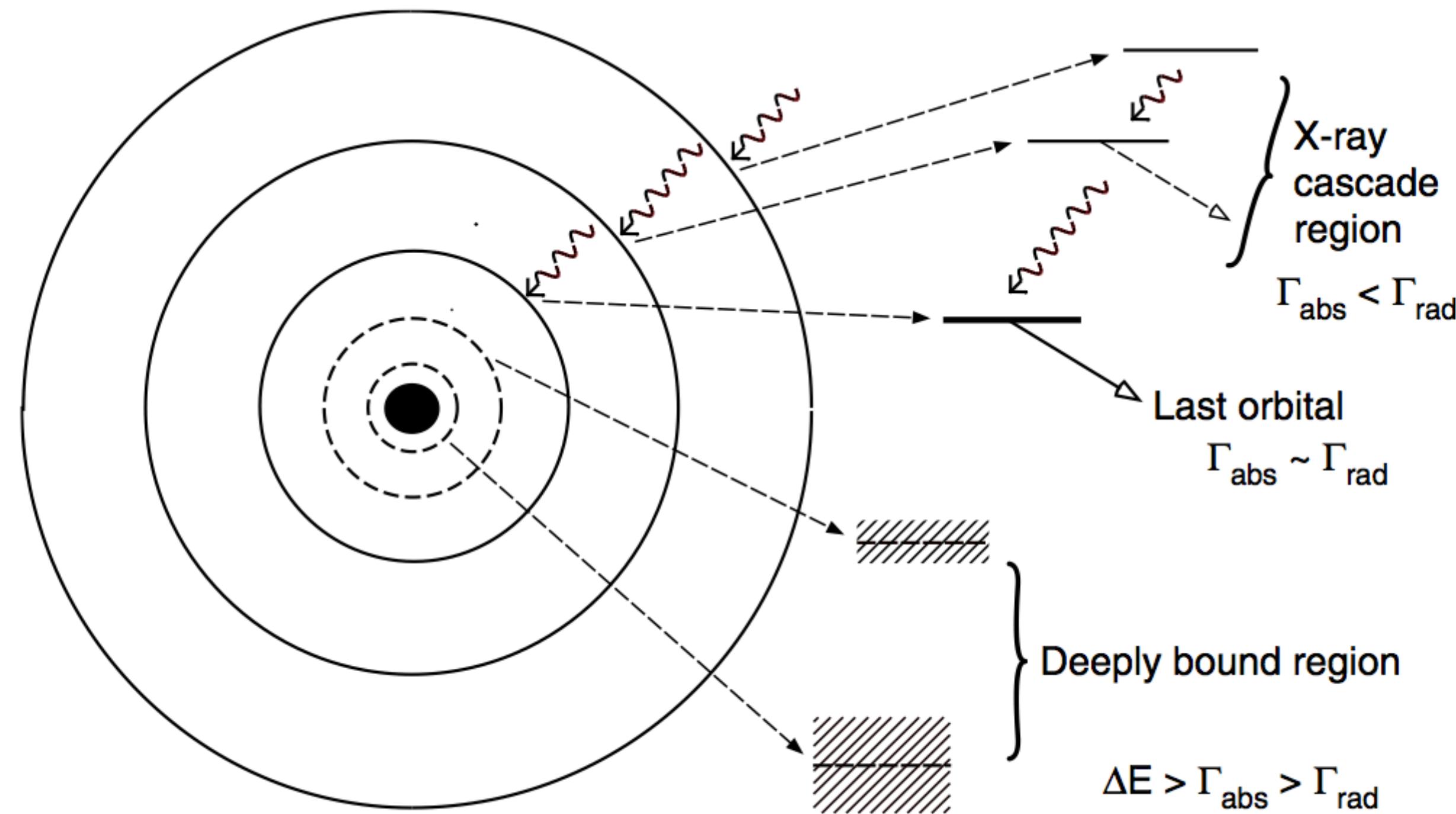
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W. Weise, Nucl. Phys. A, vol. 553, pp. 59–72, Mar. 1993.

# Conventional production; $\pi^-$ beam



Yamazaki *et al.*, Phys. Rep. 514, 1(2012)

x rays during atomic cascade  
 $\rightarrow$  higher orbits / light nuclei  
 $(\sim {}^{24}\text{Mg} \text{ for } 1s)$

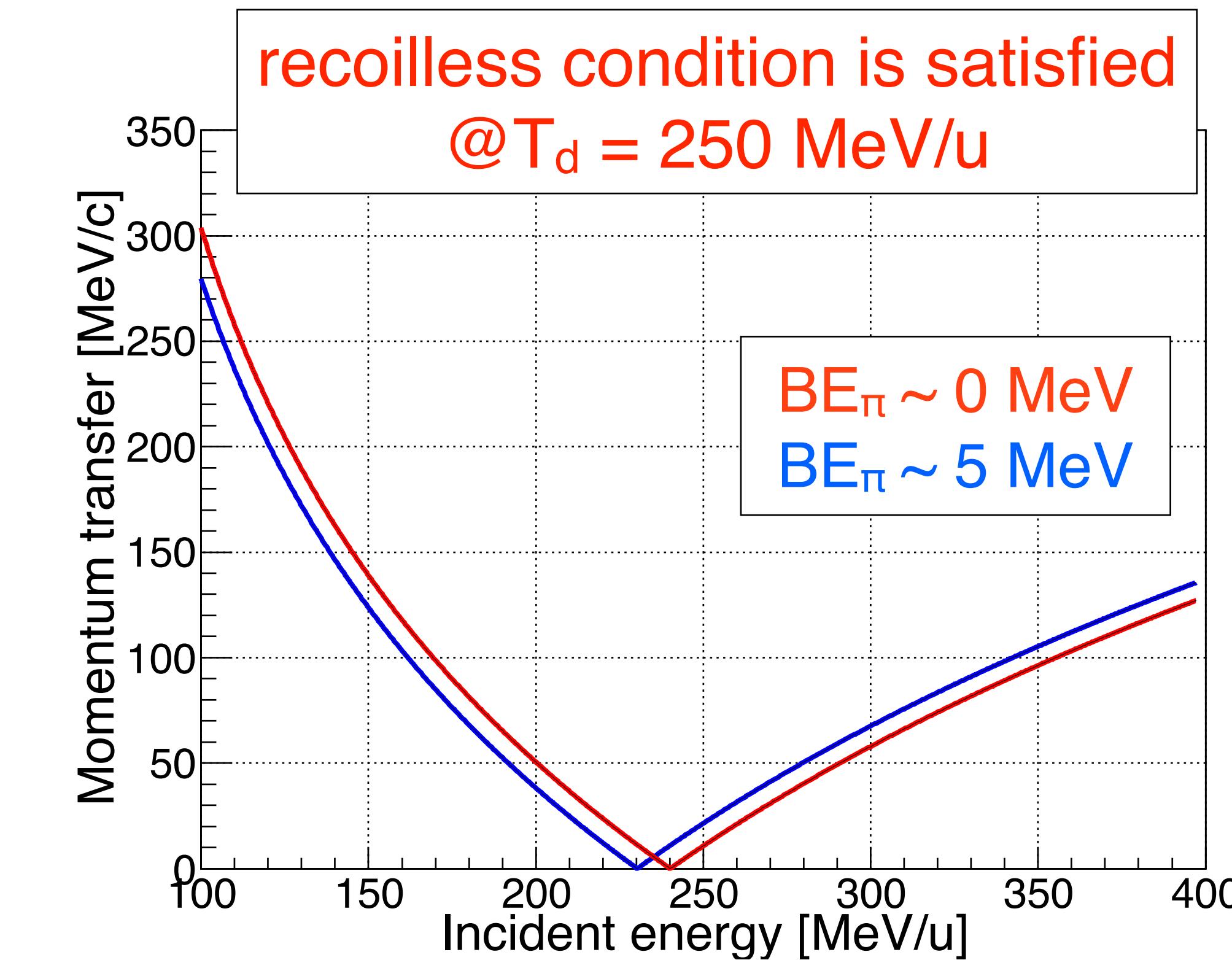
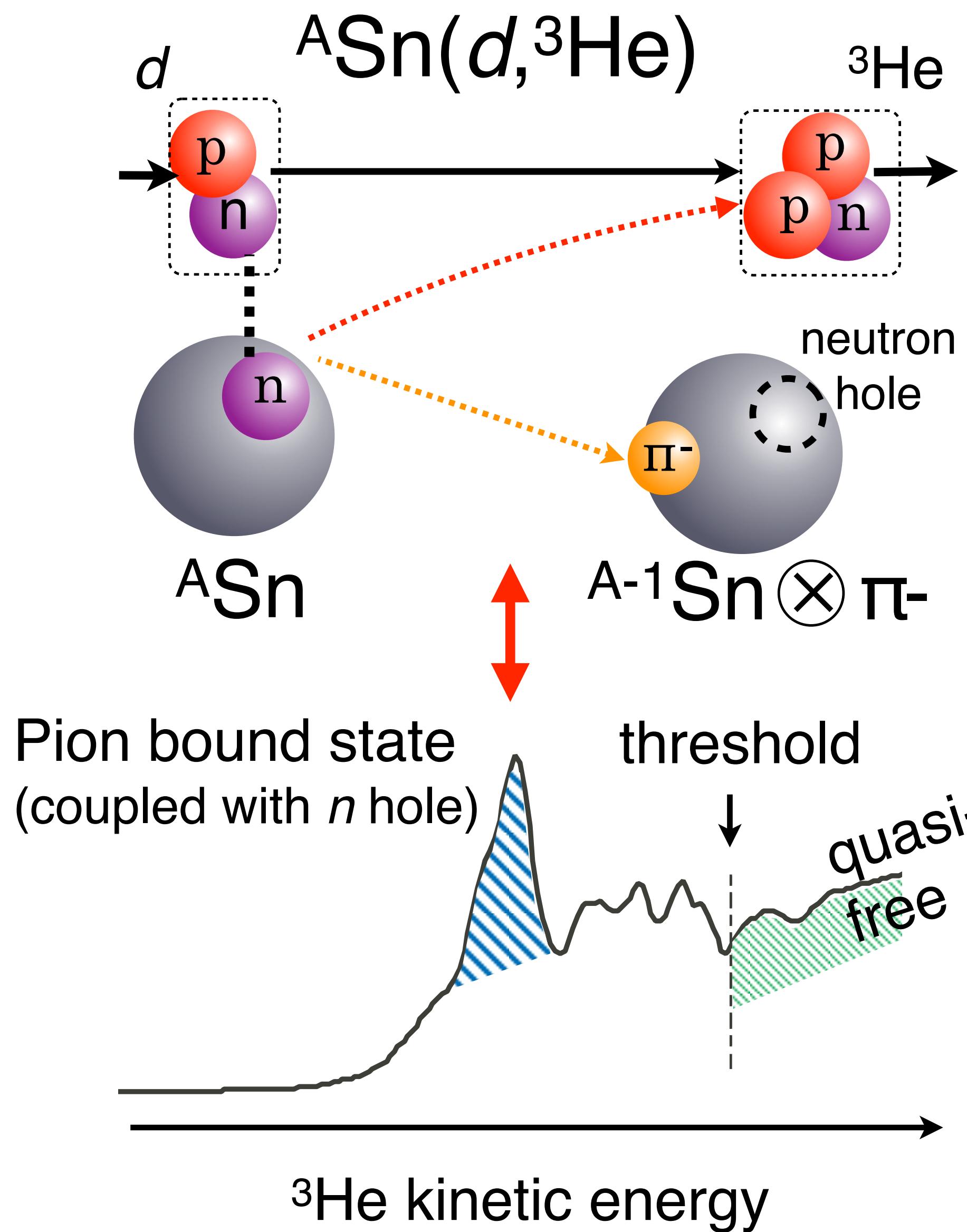
pionic 1s state in H  
 $\rightarrow b_1$  in vacuum

H. Schröder *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. C 21, 473 (2001).

$\Gamma_{\text{abs}} > \Gamma_{\text{rad}}$   
 for deep orbit in heavy nuclei  
 absorption is faster

This method can **NOT** produce “deeply-bound” pionic atom...

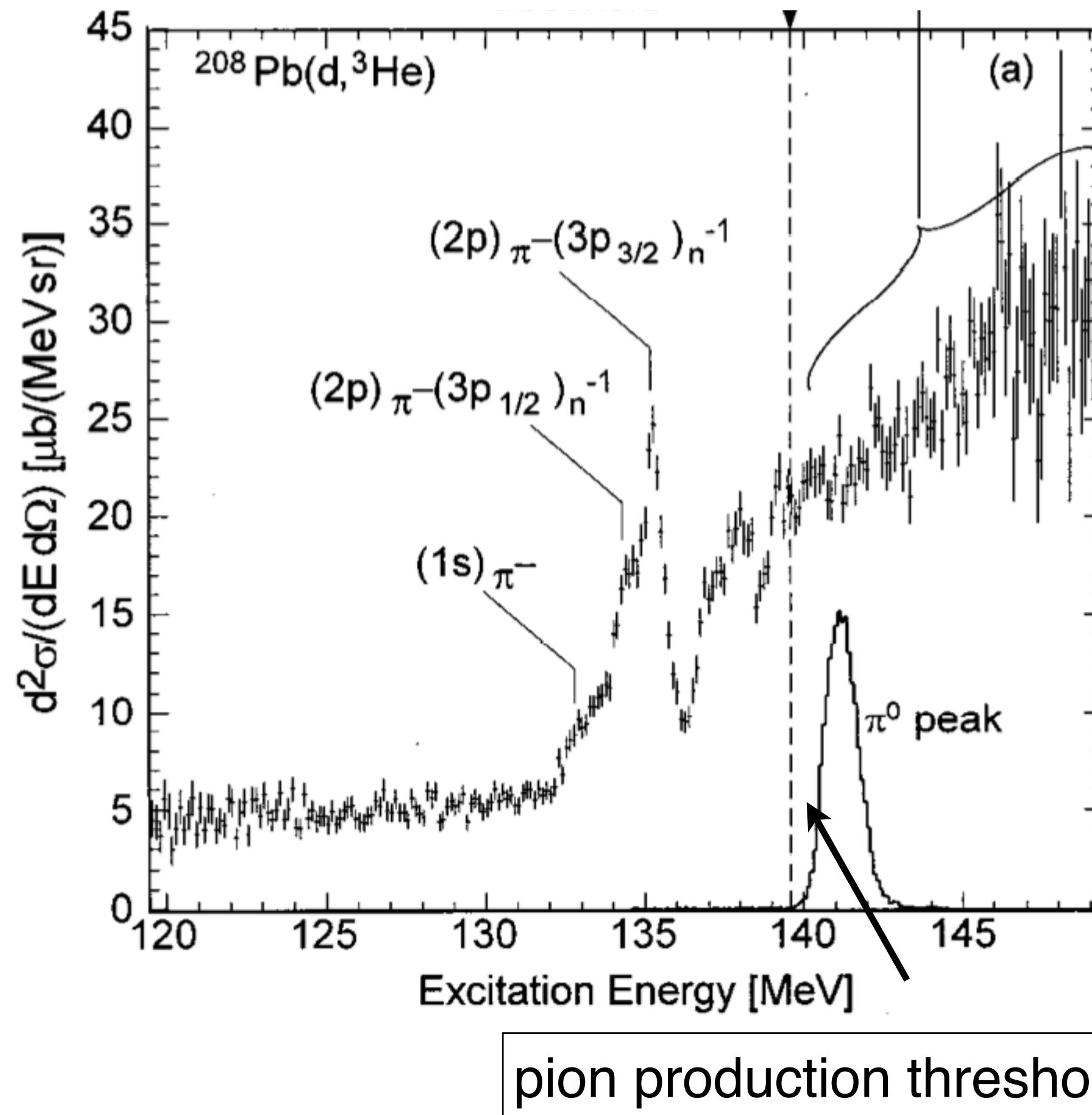
# Direct production: ( $d, {}^3\text{He}$ ) reaction



Recoilless  $\rightarrow$  angular momentum transfer = 0  
 $(1s)_\pi \otimes (3s_{1/2})_n^{-1}$  etc... are relatively enhanced!

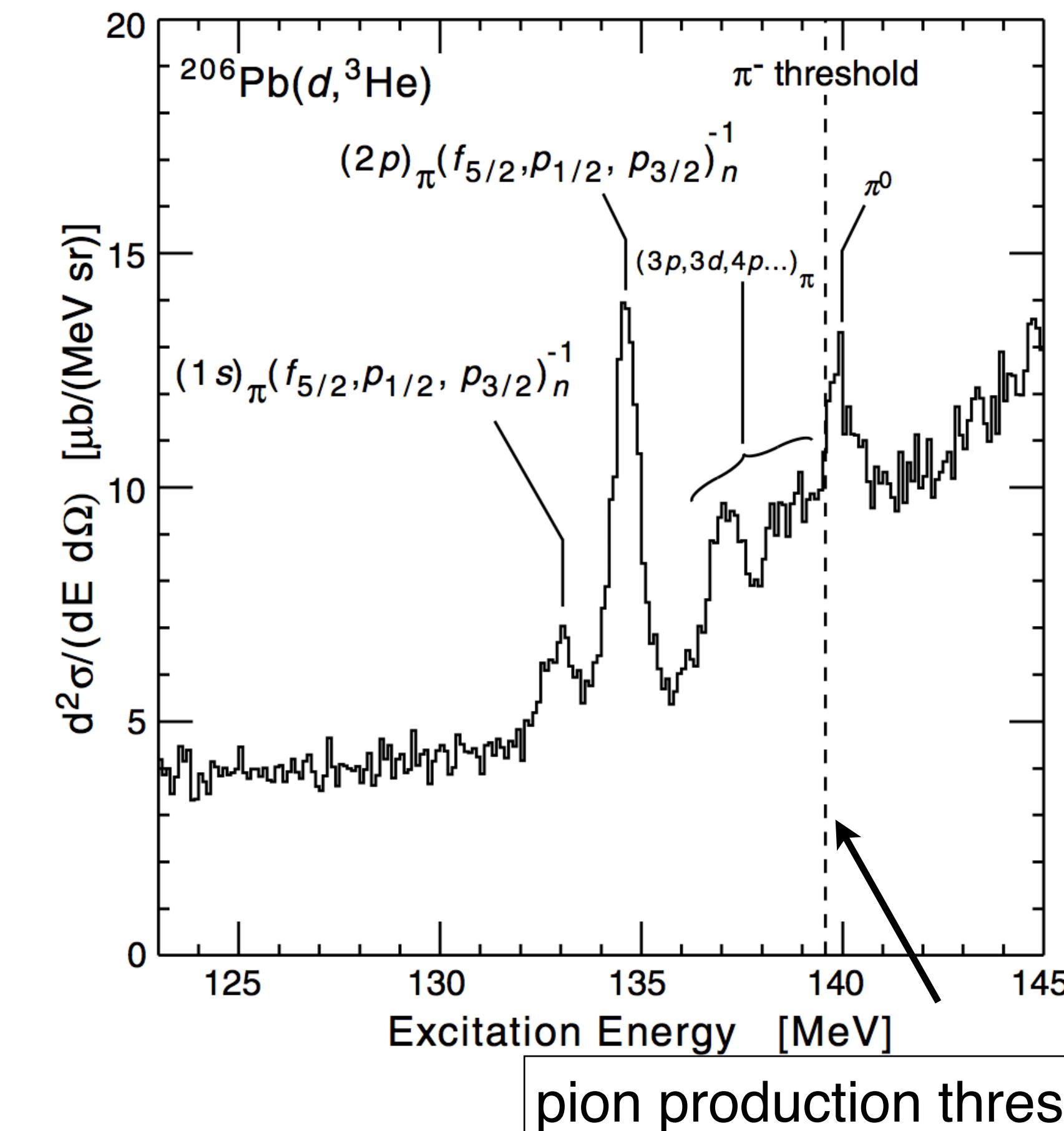
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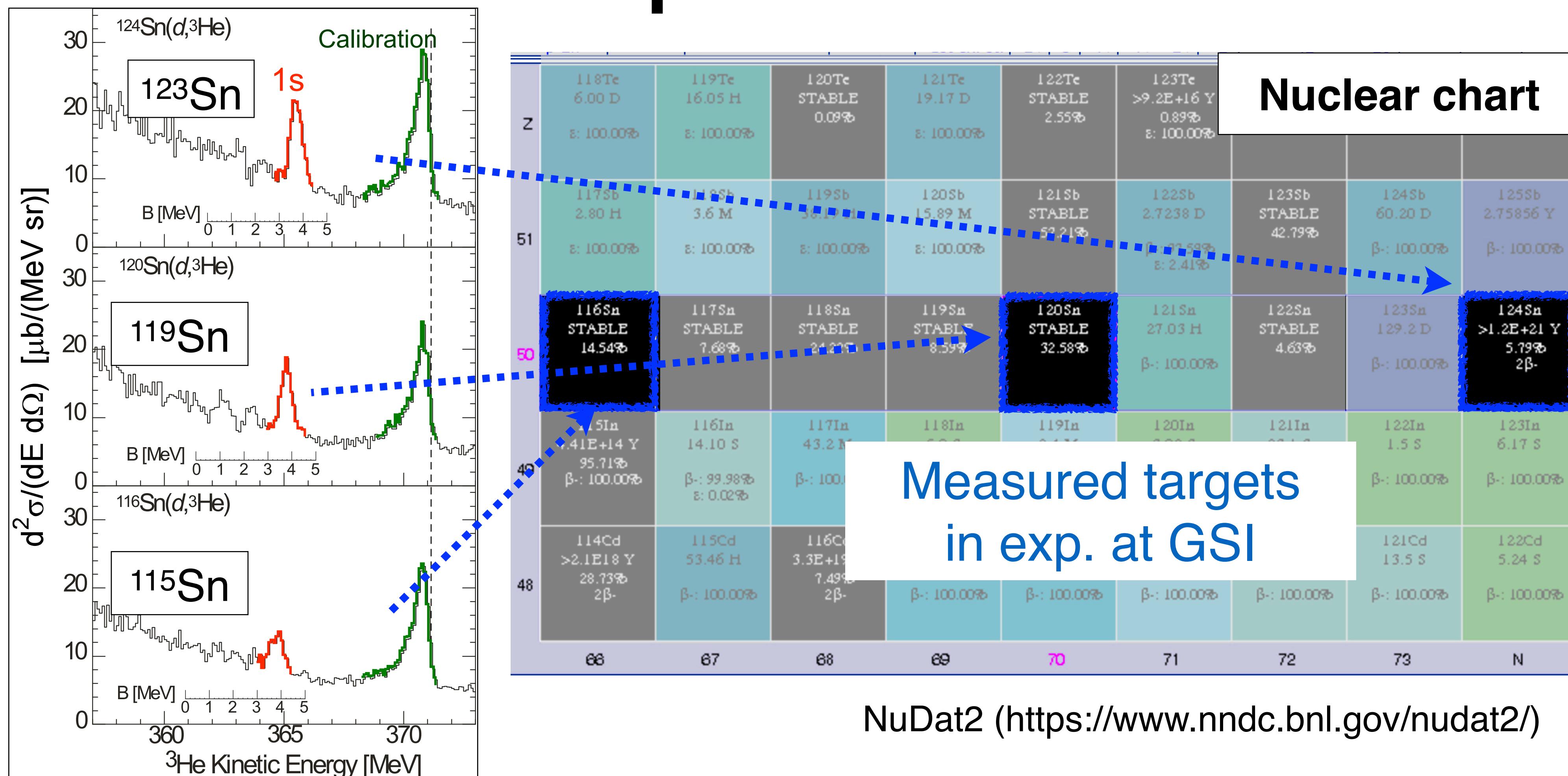
K. Itahashi, et al.,  
Phys. Rev. C62 (2000) 025202

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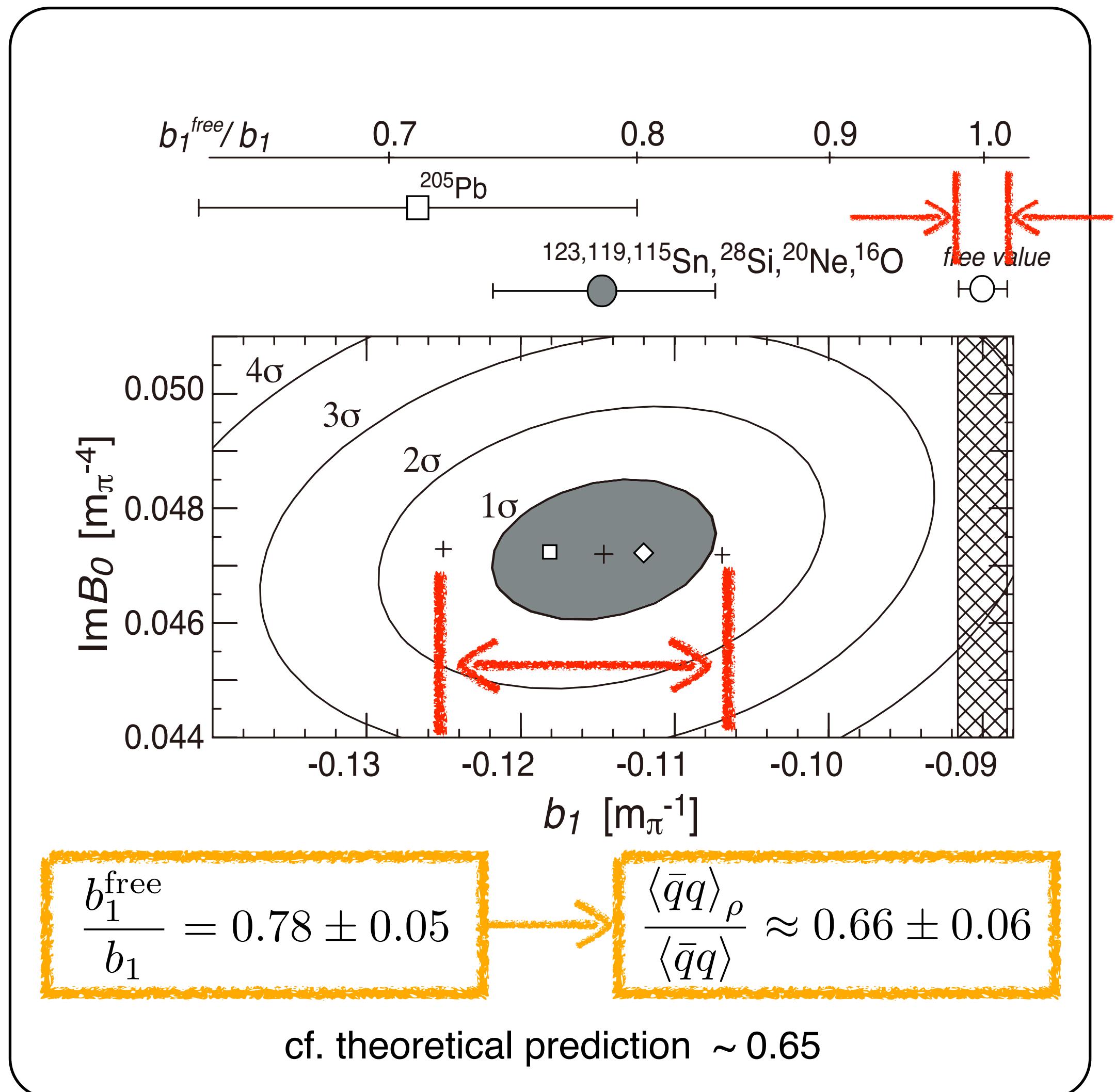


K. Suzuki et al., PRL92 072302 (2004)

Systematic study of pionic Sn isotopes  
~ 2 month measurement for 3 isotopes (w/ detector tuning etc...)

# Extract $b_1$ from exp. data at GSI

Contour plot of  $\chi^2$



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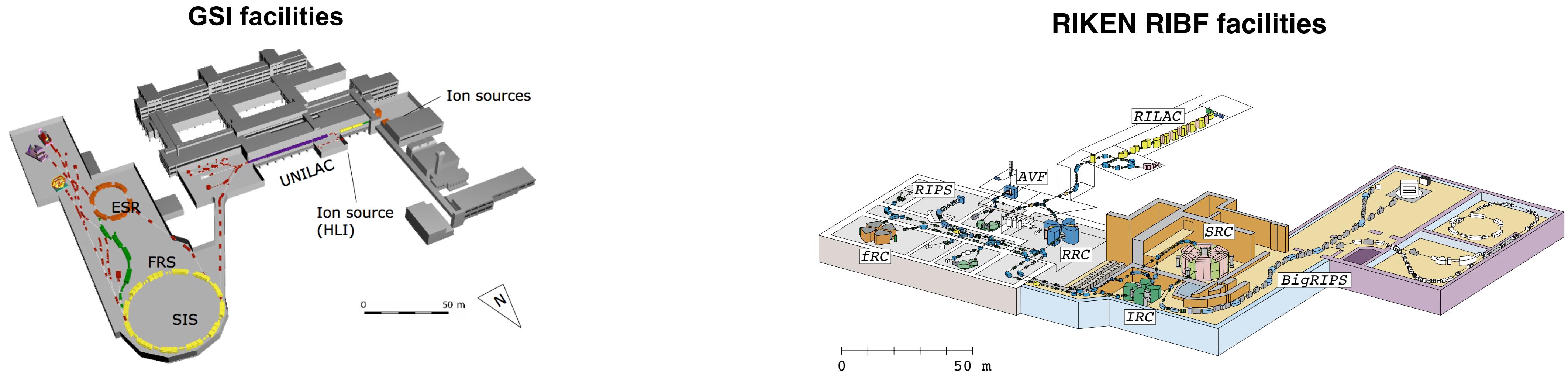
error of  $b_1$  in medium is still large compared with that in vacuum!!  
two main sources are

- experimental error
- neutron distribution ambiguities

To extract  $b_1$  with higher precision  
improve resolution / calibration  
systematic study by Isotope shift

\*  $b_0$ ,  $\text{Re}B_0$  are deduced from data of light / symmetric pionic atoms

# Comparison between RIBF and GSI

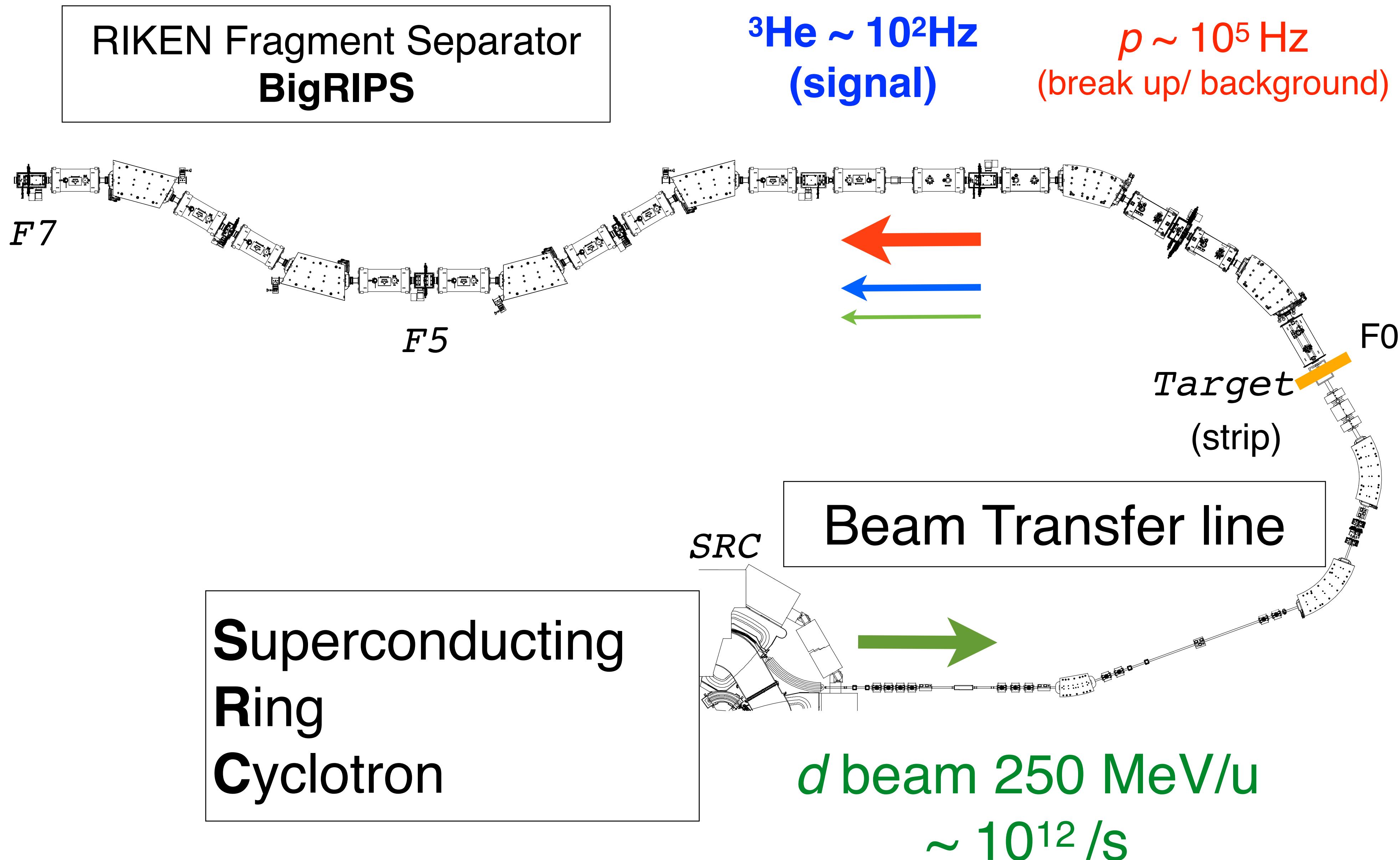


	GSI (FRS)	RIBF (BigRIPS)	Improvement
intensity	$\sim 10^{11}/6\text{ s}$ (1 spill)	$\sim 10^{12}/\text{s}$	<b><math>\times 60</math></b>
angular acceptance (H / V)	15 / 10 mrad	40 / 60 mrad	$\times 16$
resolution (FWHM)	400 keV	<b>200 ~ 300 keV</b>	improve

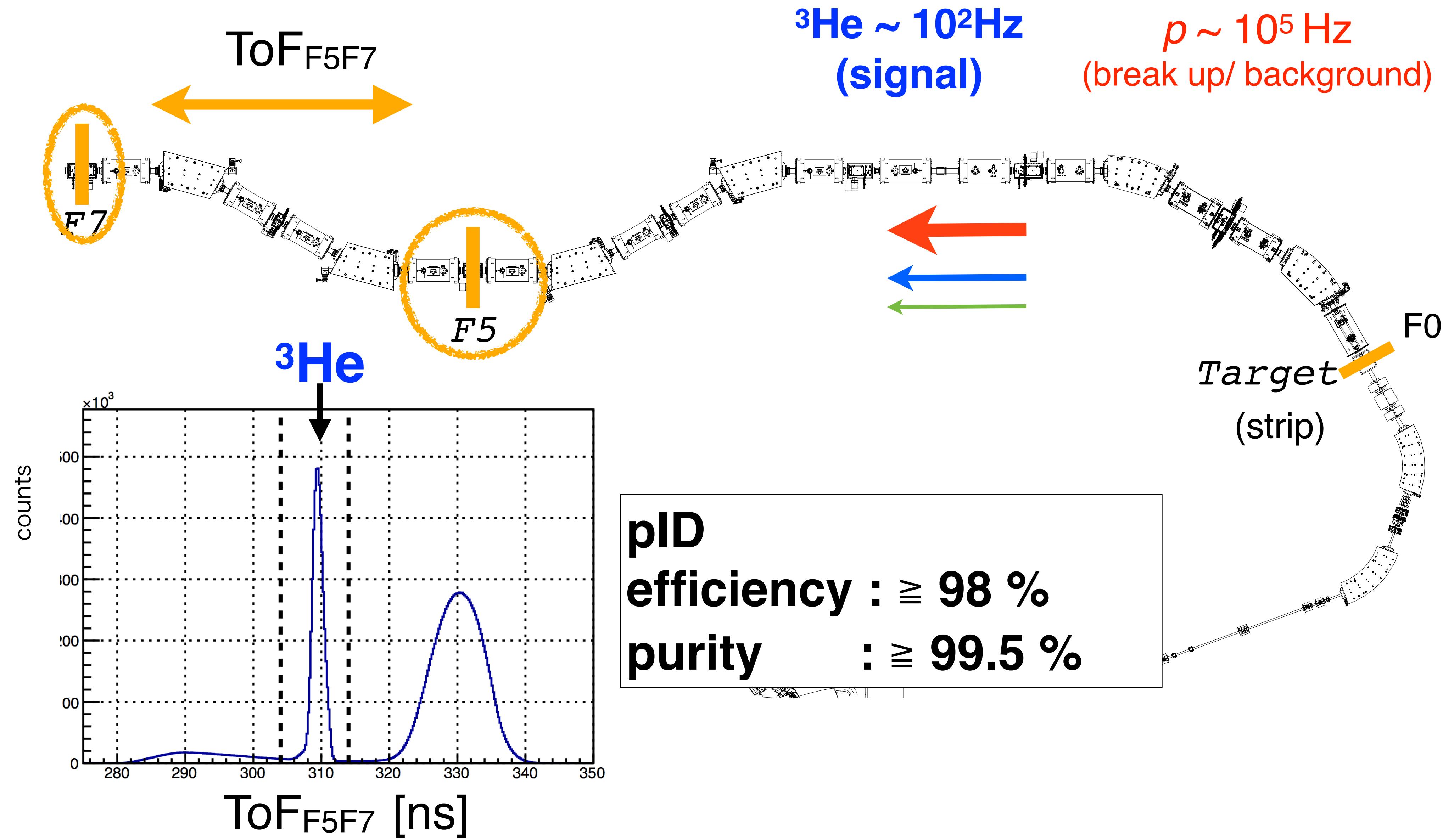
by dispersion matching optics

cf.  $\Gamma_{1s} \sim 300$  keV

# Experimental setup at RIBF



# Experimental setup at RIBF : pID

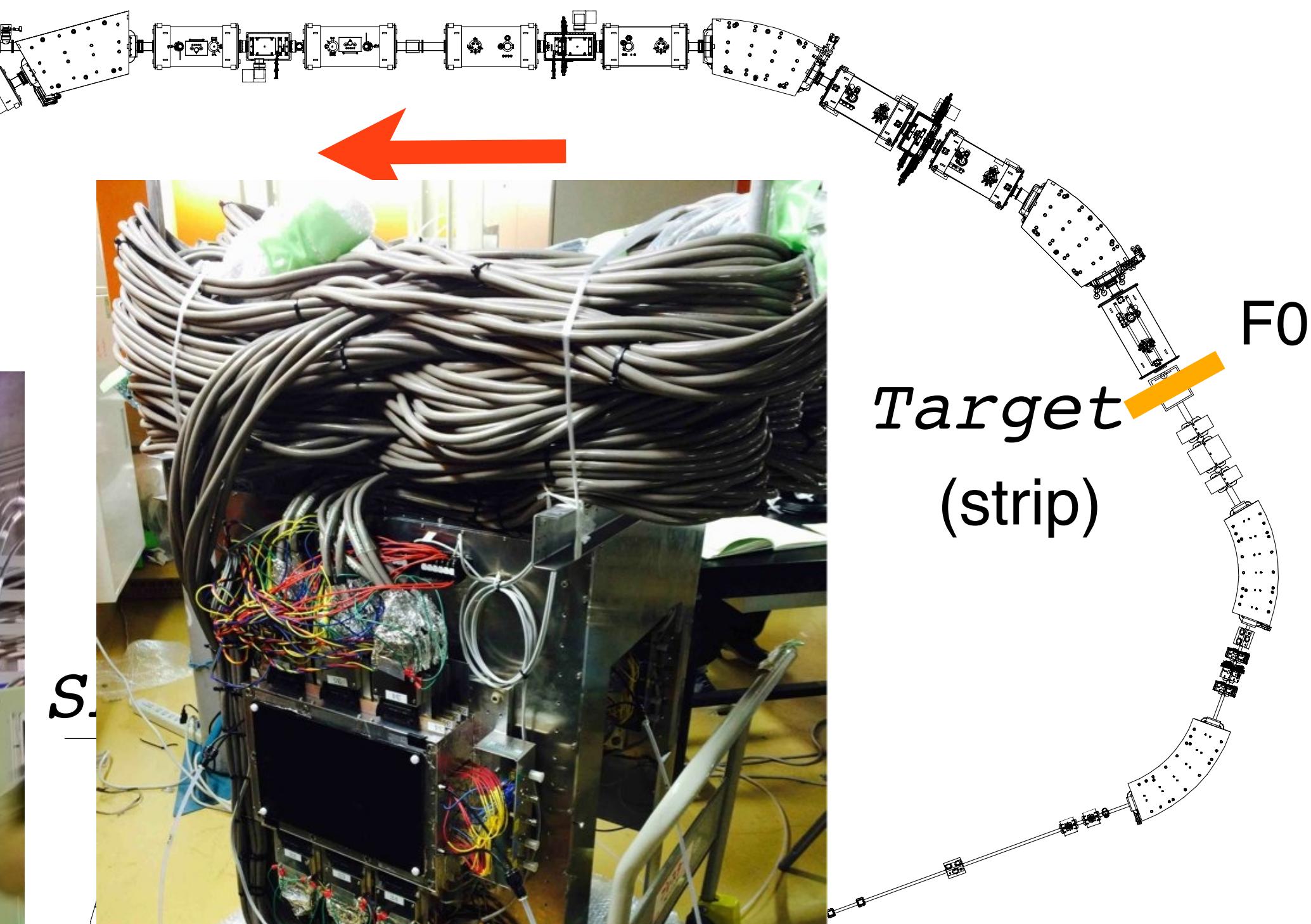
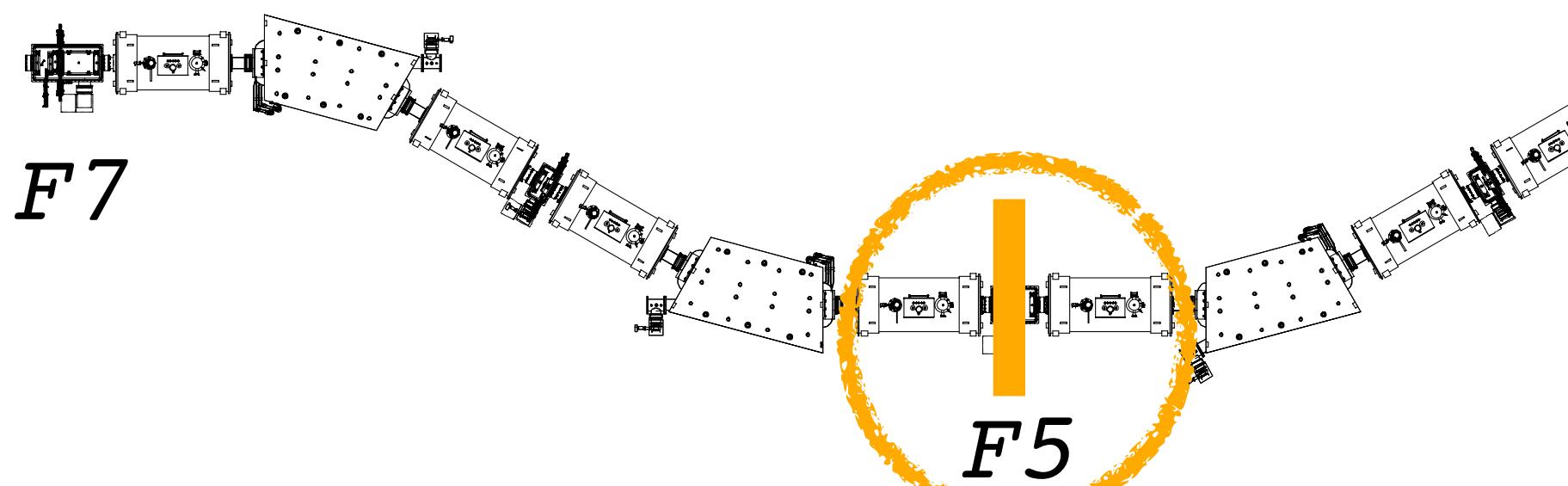


# Experimental setup at RIBF : tracking

RIKEN Fragment Separator  
**BigRIPS**

${}^3\text{He} \sim 10^2 \text{Hz}$   
(signal)

$p \sim 10^5 \text{ Hz}$   
(break up/ background)



Multi Wire Drift Chamber

S.

F0  
Target  
(strip)

# Experimental setup at RIBF : optics tuning

Dispersion matching:

Eliminate contribution of beam momentum spread

※ w/ usual primary beam settings, the contribution become ~ 800 keV (FWHM)

Spectrometer (BigRIPS)	reaction	Analyzer (Beam Transfer Line)
$\begin{pmatrix} x_{fp} \\ \theta_{fp} \\ \delta p_{fp} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{16} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{26} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{16} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{26} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \theta_0 \\ \delta p_0 \end{pmatrix}$		
F5	*C: kinematical factor = 1.31	inside SRC

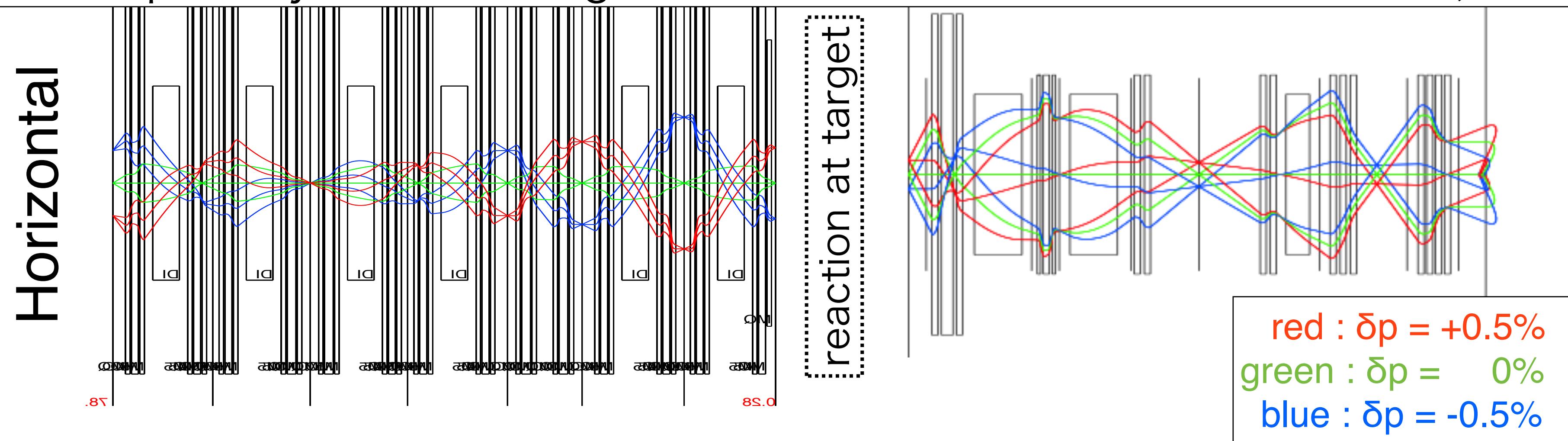
$$x_{fp} = \dots + \underbrace{(S_{11}A_{16} + CS_{16})\delta p_0}_{\text{red line}} + \underbrace{\dots}_{\text{blue line}}$$

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← → Cancel out

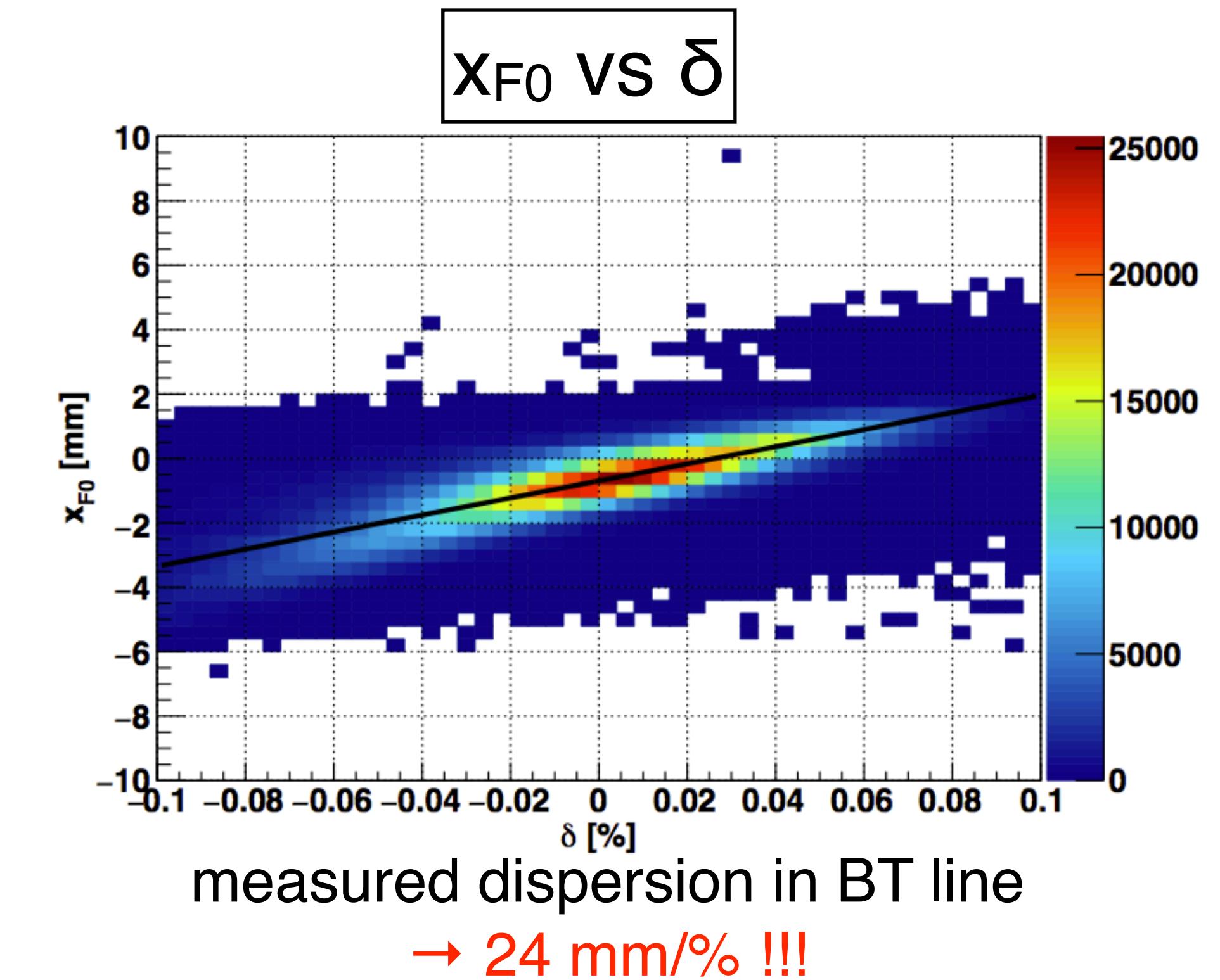
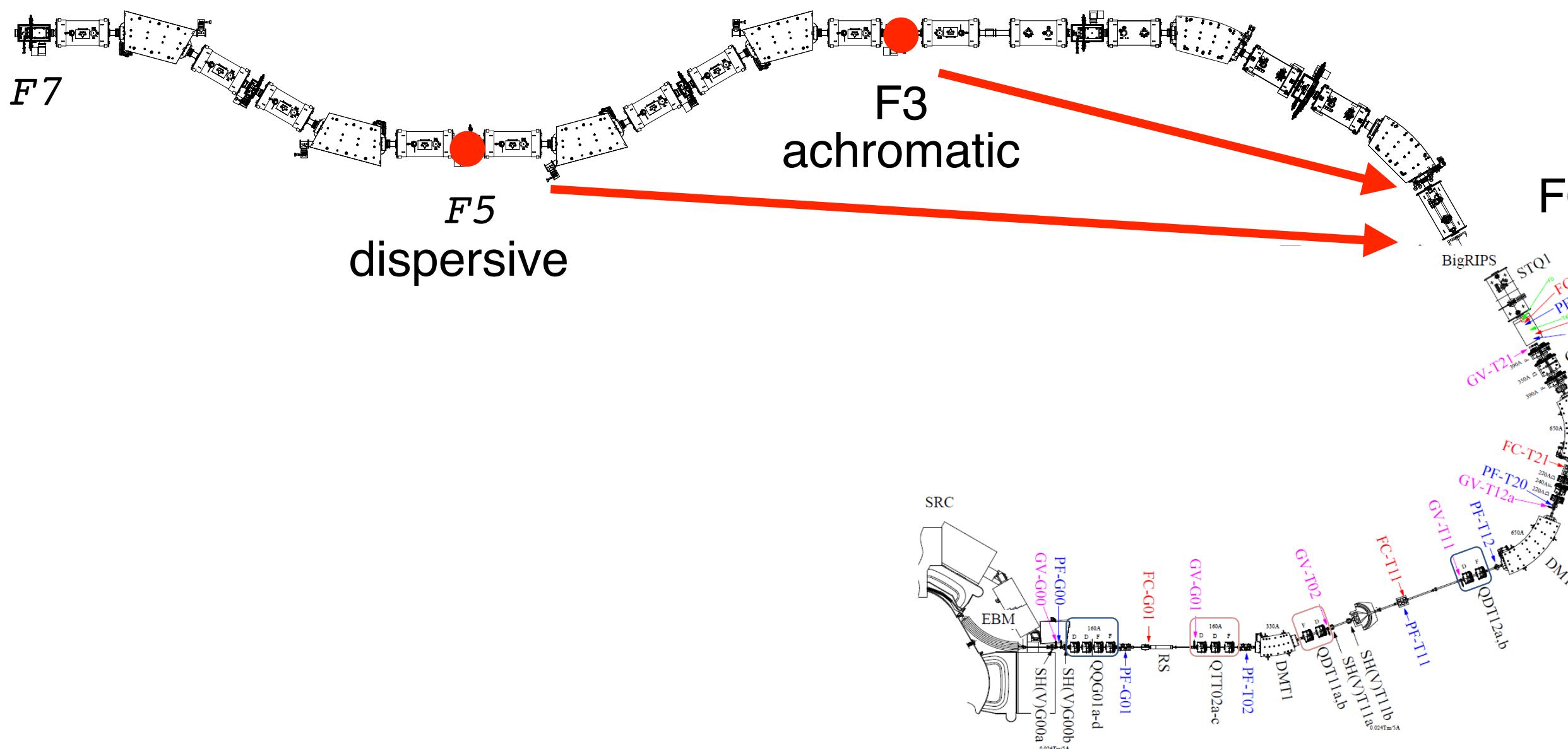
design values:  $S_{11} = -1.8$   $A_{16} = 44.6 \text{ mm}/\%$  (dispersion in transport line)

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

# Experimental setup at RIBF : optics tuning

Use BigRIPS as a diagnostics of BT line

- measure the position / angle at F3 and F5 focal plane
- trace back to F0



( cf. designed value: 44.6 mm/%)

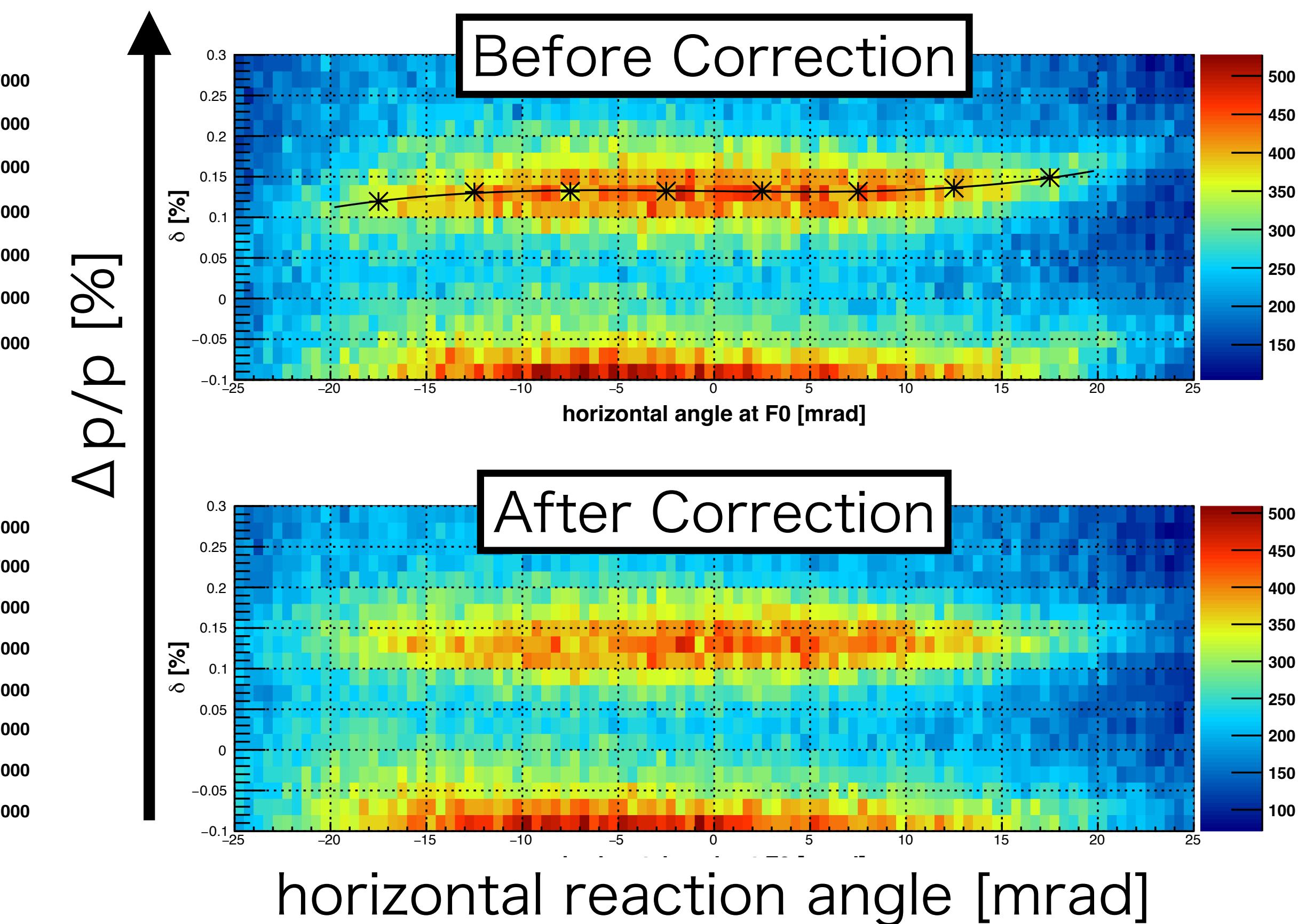
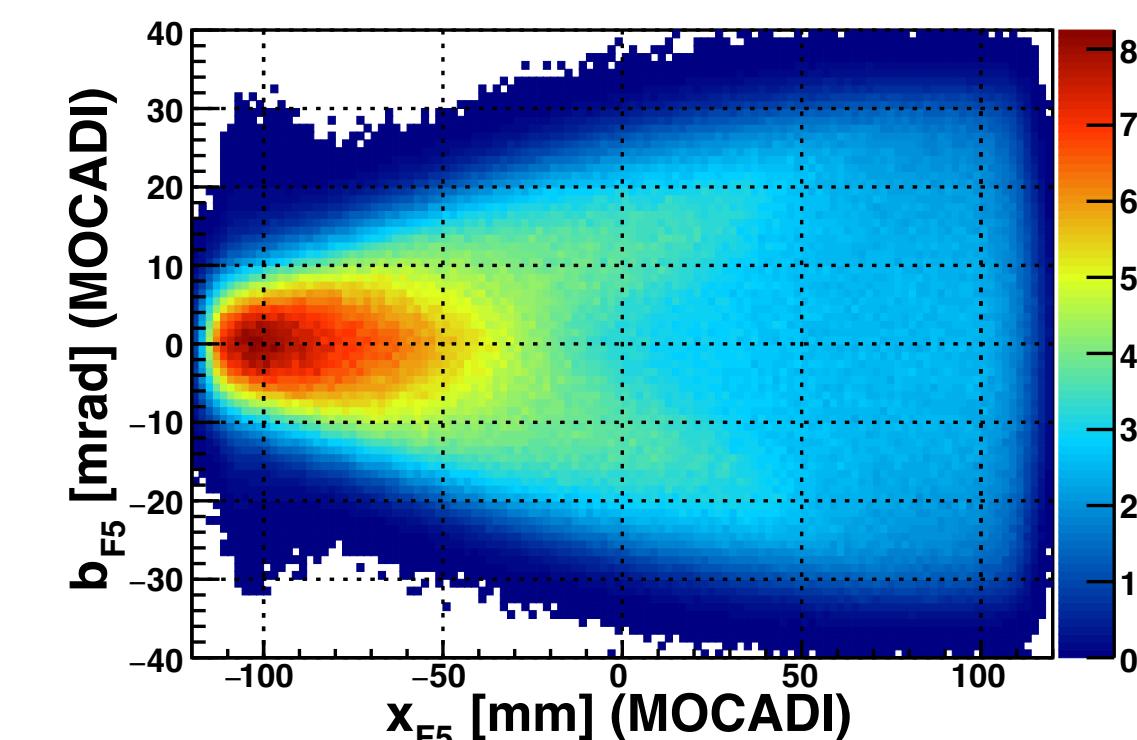
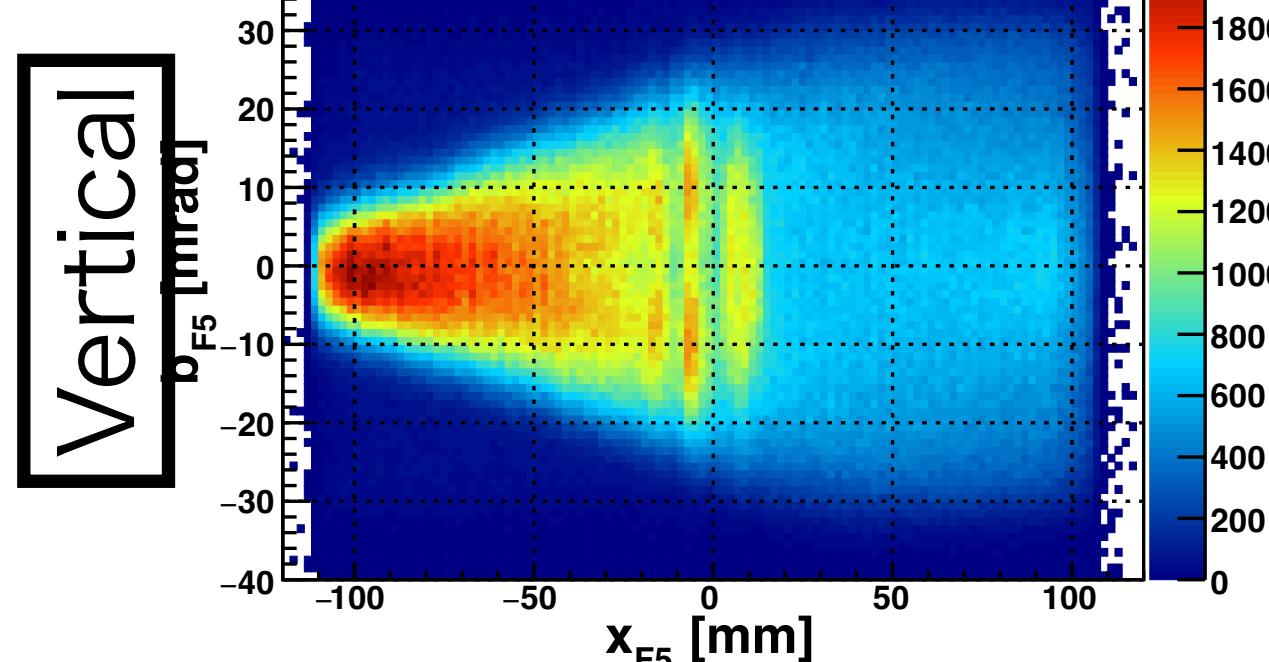
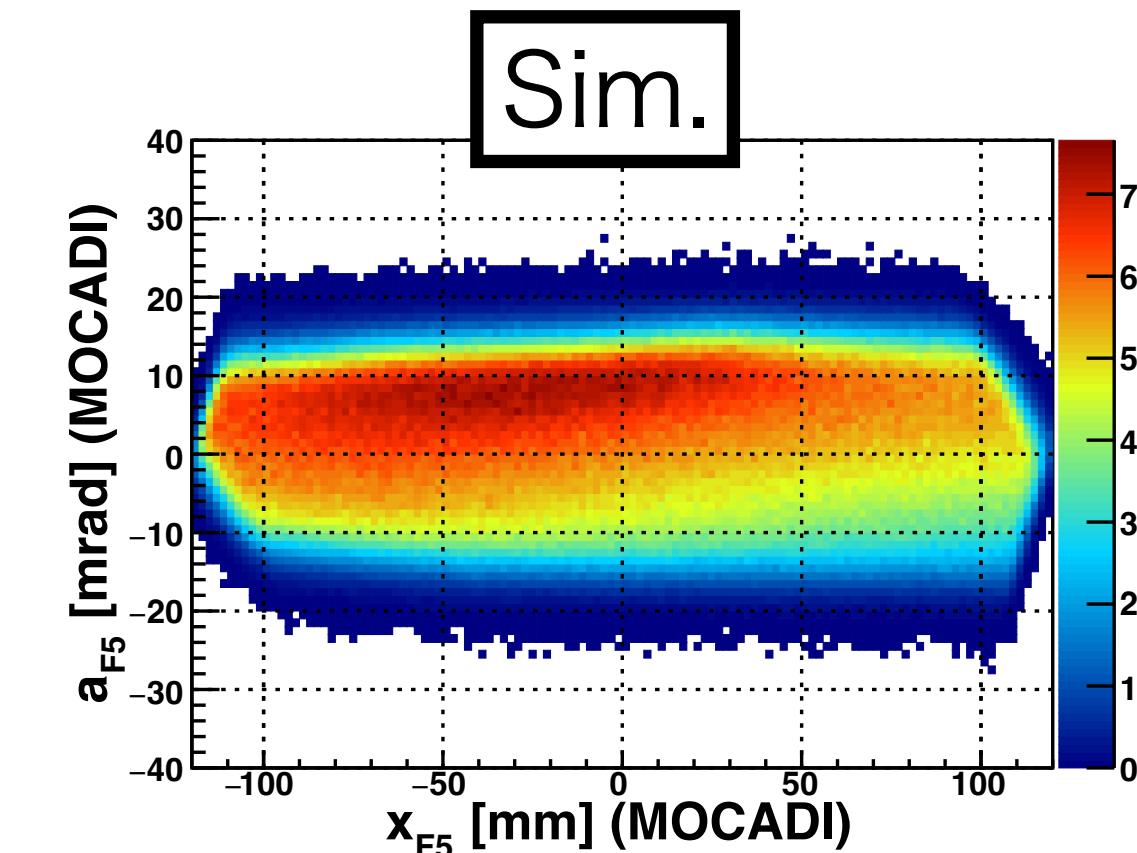
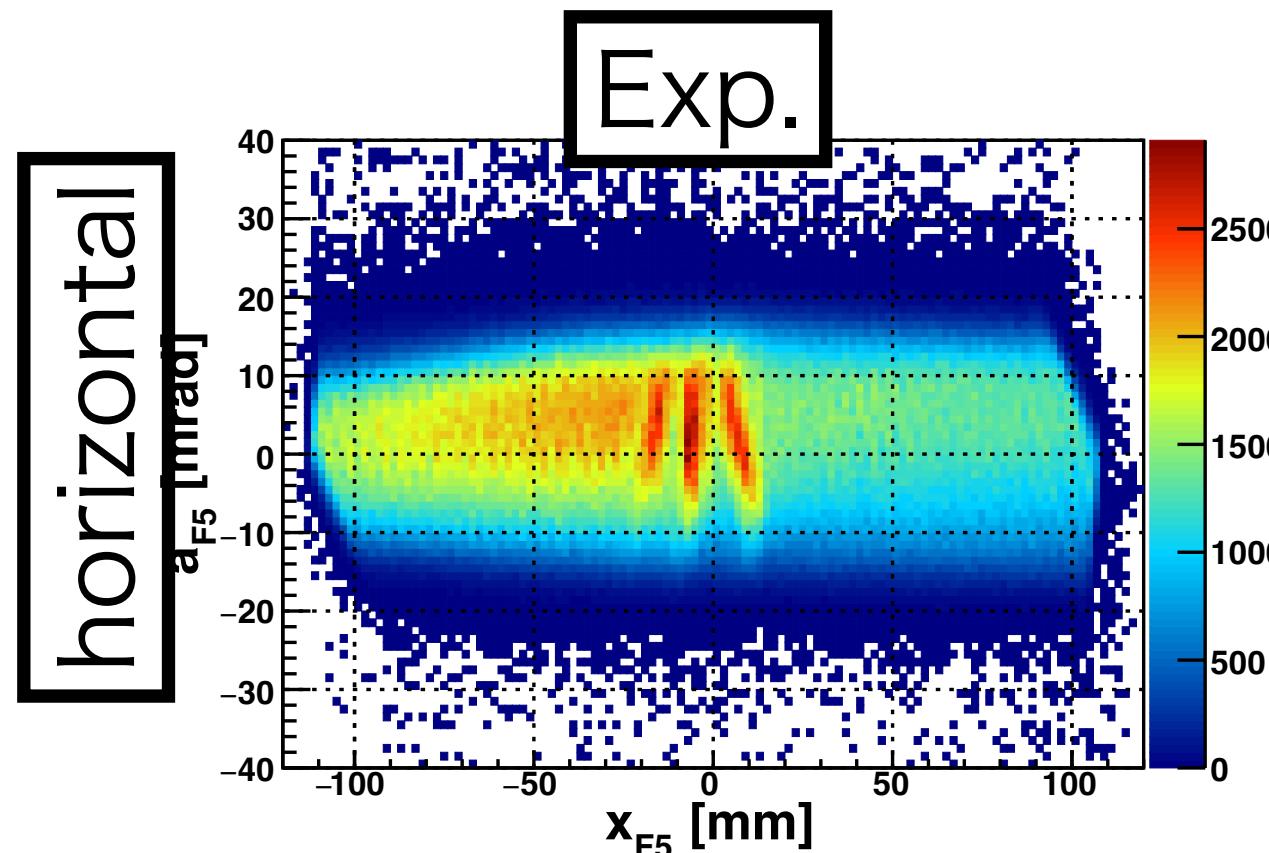
The difference may be caused by the optics inside SRC

After phenomenological tuning, dispersion is improved to be **28 mm/%**  
 ⇔ reduce the contribution of  $\delta p$  by ~ 40%

After optimization of primary beam emittance → contribution ~ 220 keV

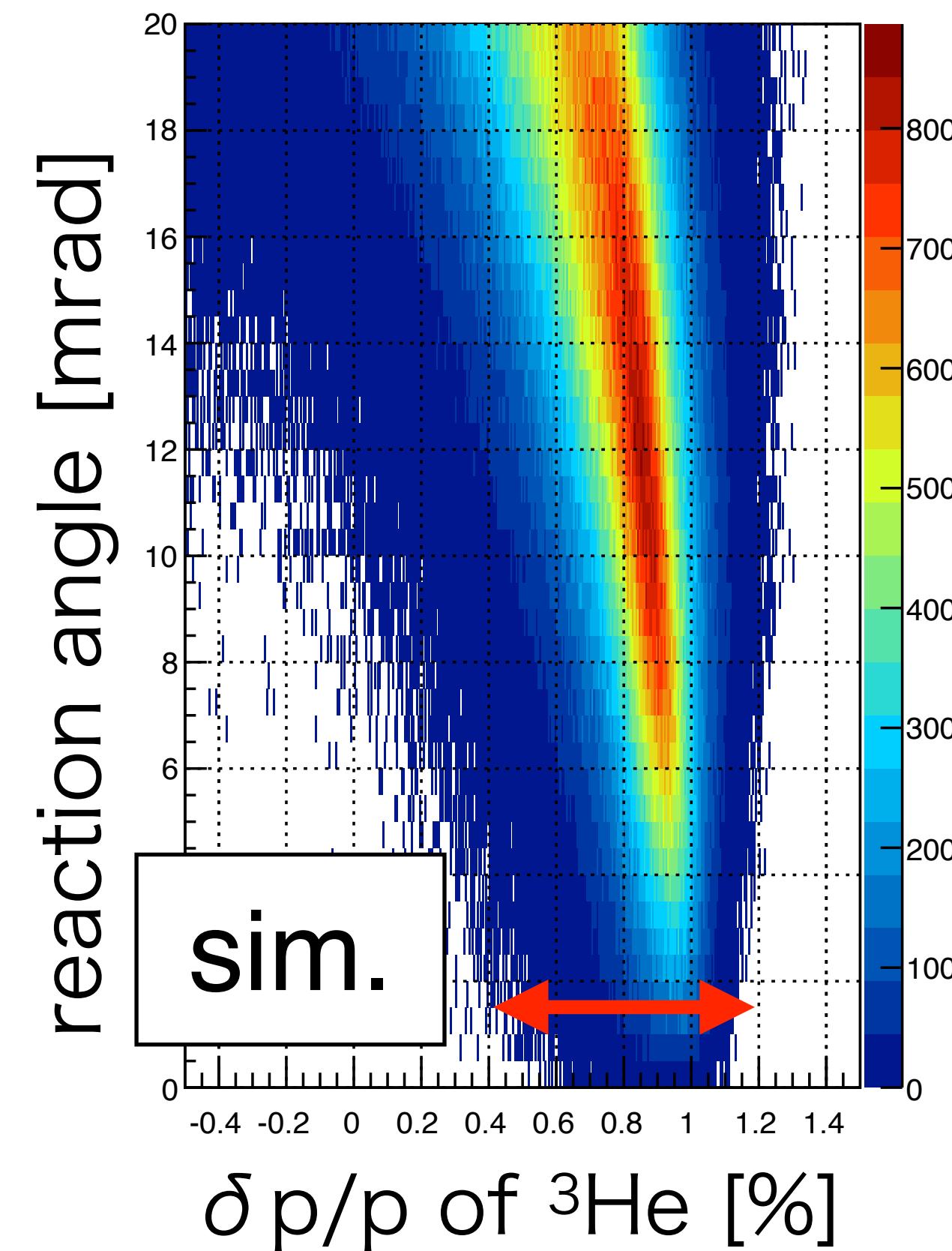
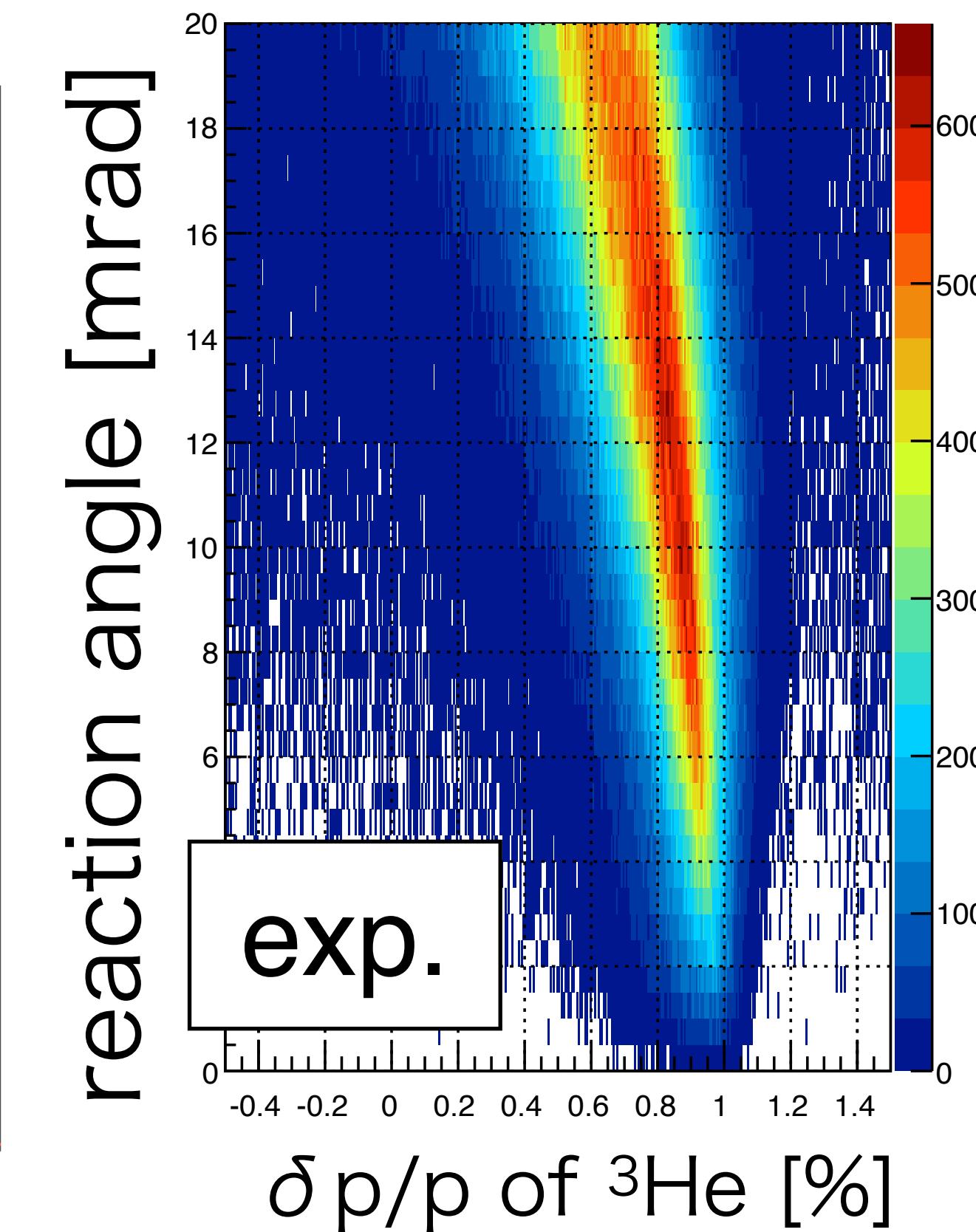
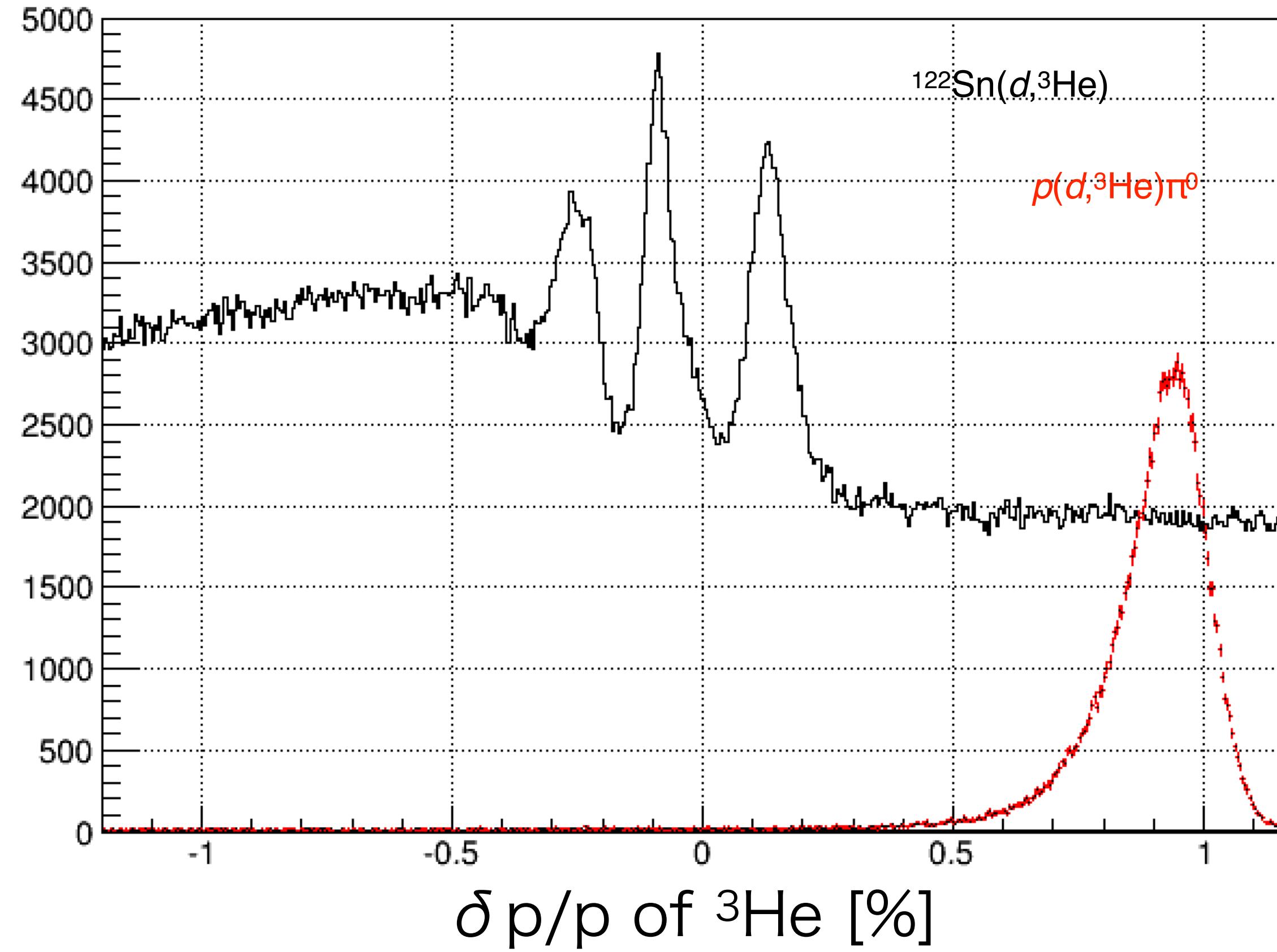
# Experimental setup at RIBF : optical correction

Acceptance correction  
reproduced by MC simulation (MOCADI)



# Experimental setup at RIBF : calibration

Calibration of  $E_{^3\text{He}}$  :  $p(d, ^3\text{He})\pi^0$  reaction  
 ( CH<sub>2</sub> target / 2-body kinematics )



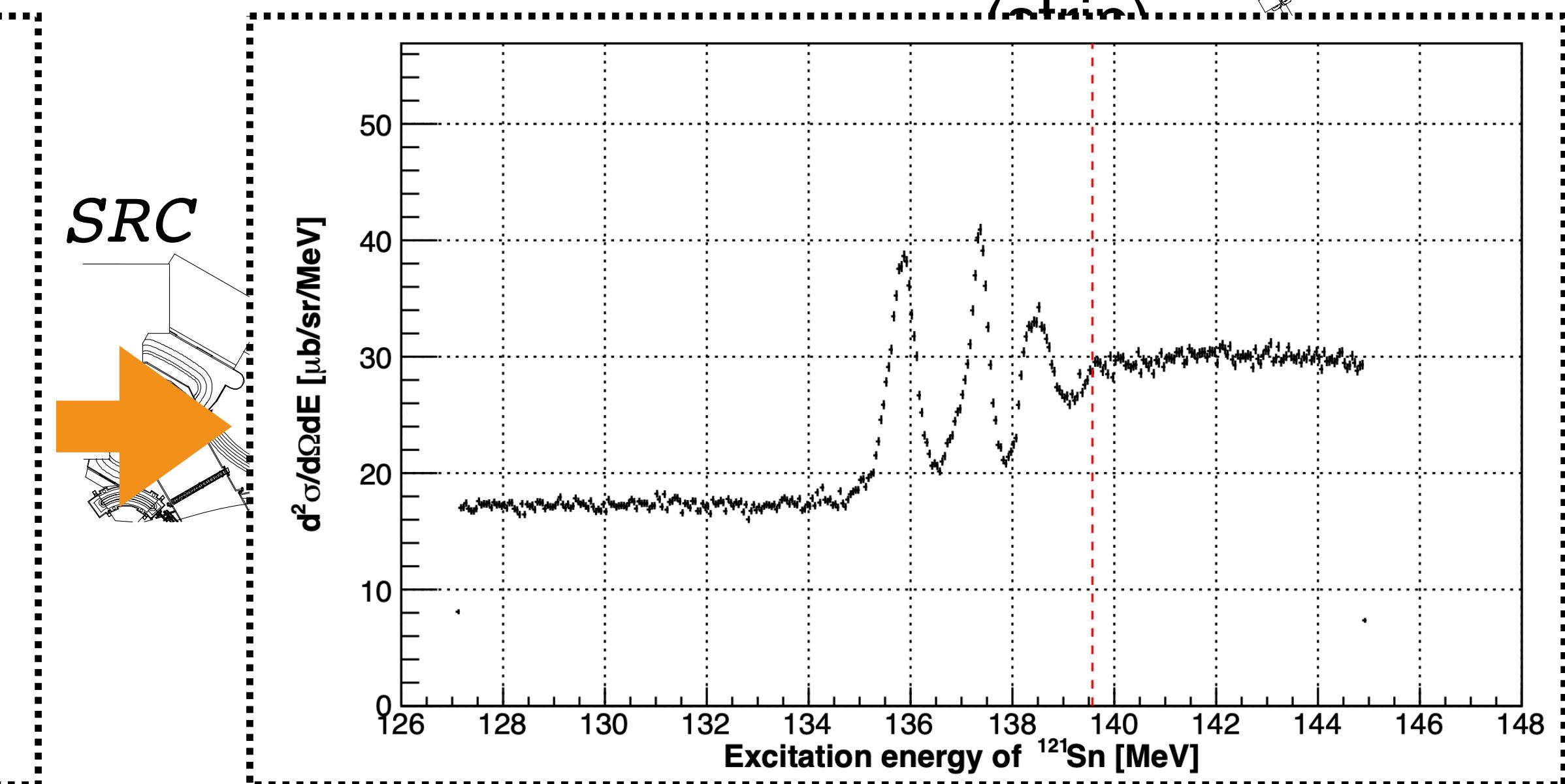
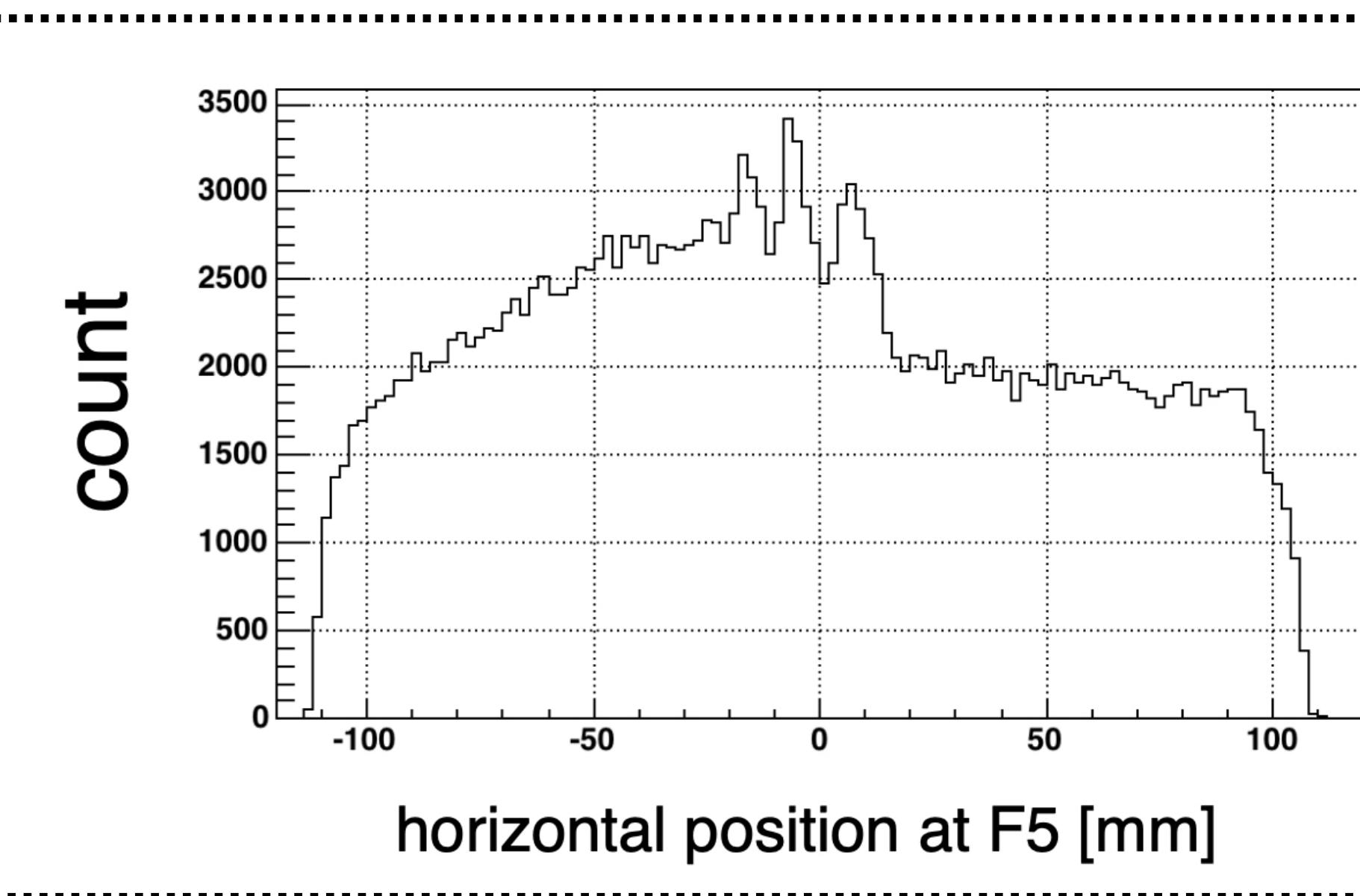
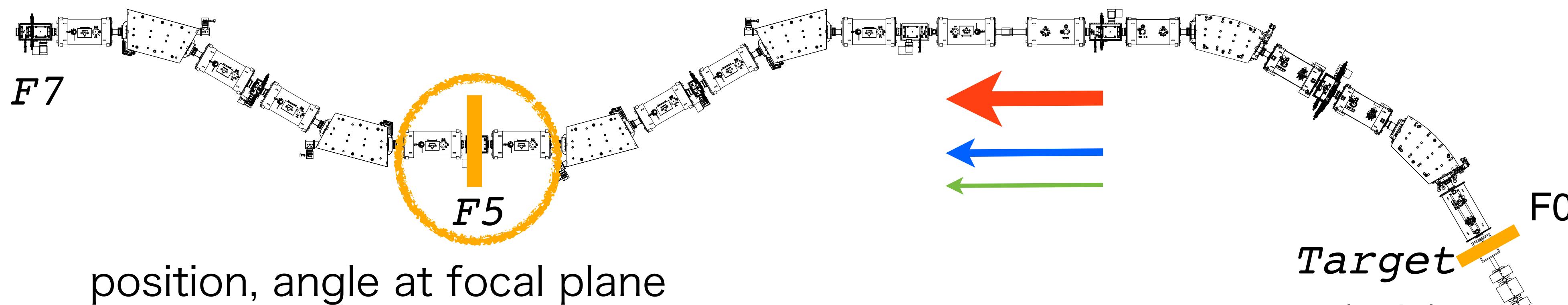
$E_{^3\text{He}}$  at center of focal plane =  $362.458 \pm 0.003$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.005$  (sys.) [MeV]  
 (Ambiguity of the primary beam energy is not included)

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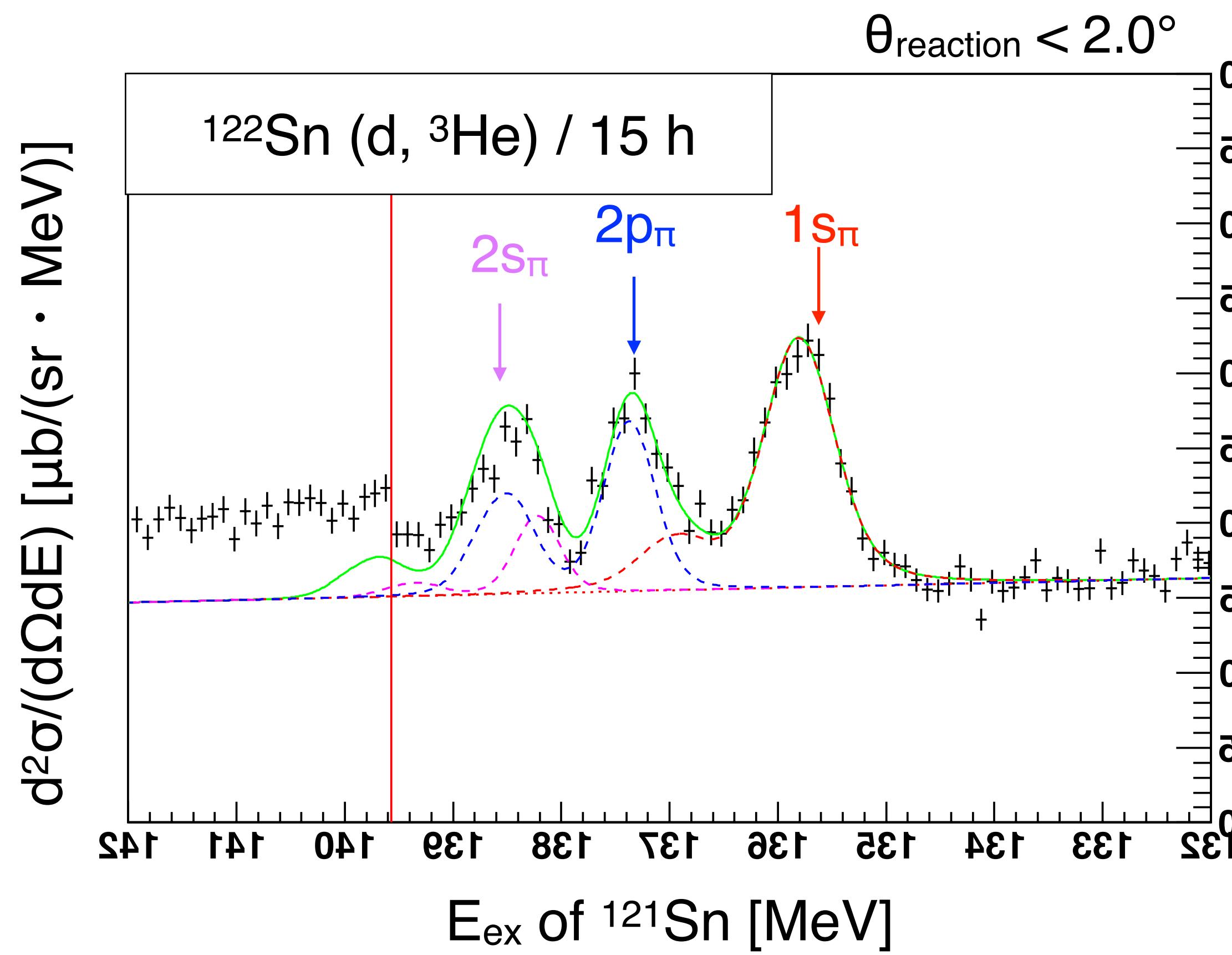
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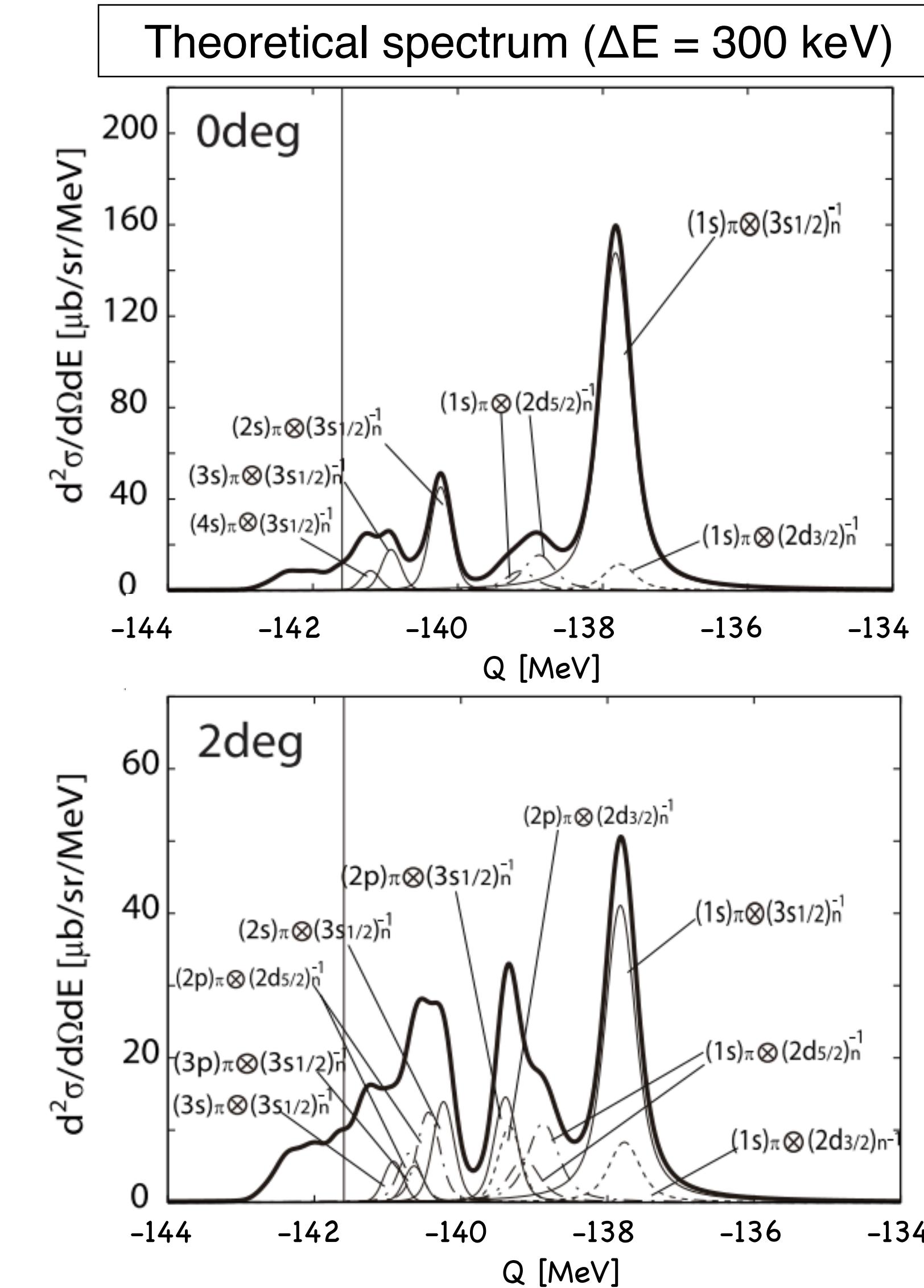
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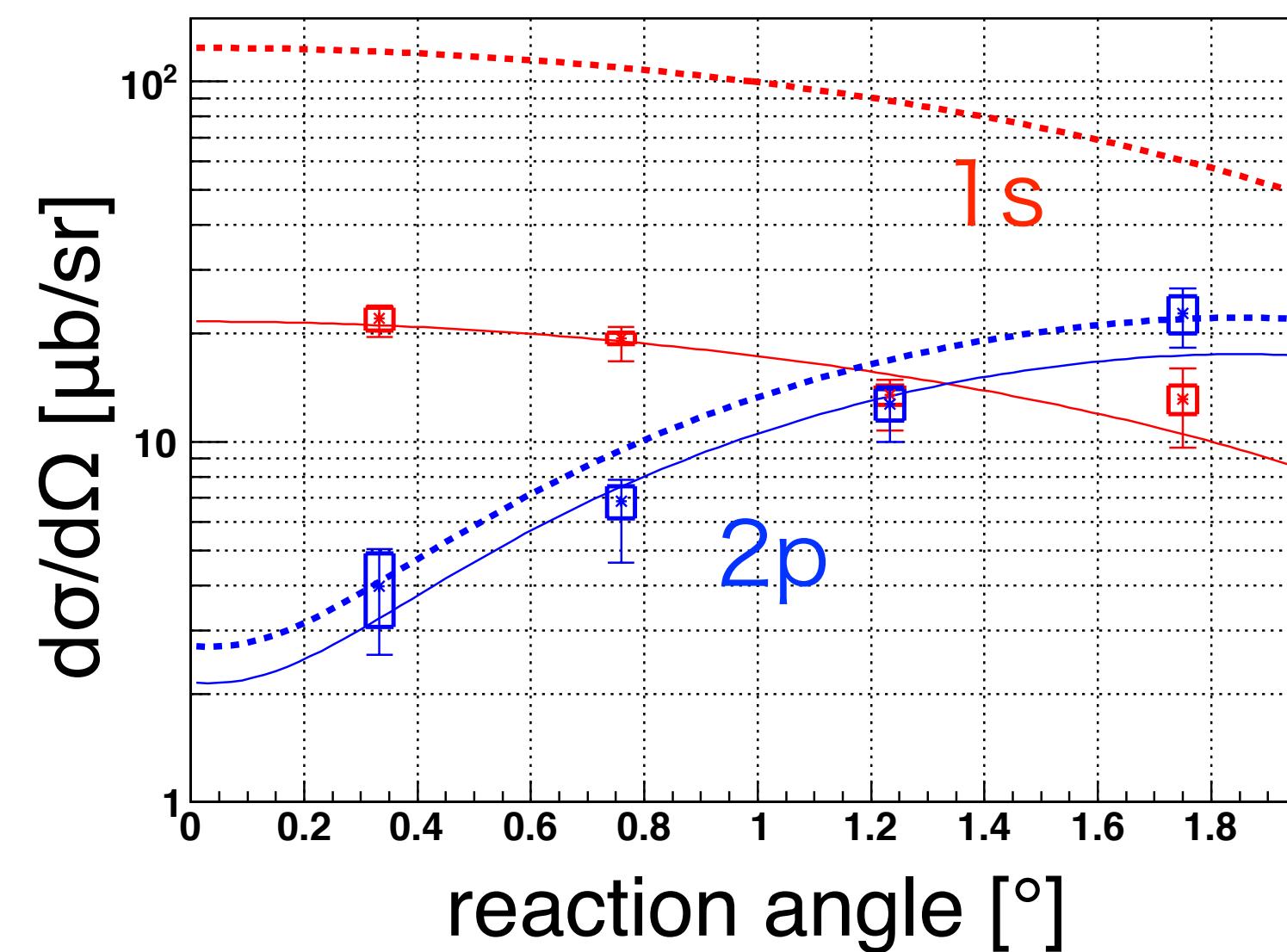
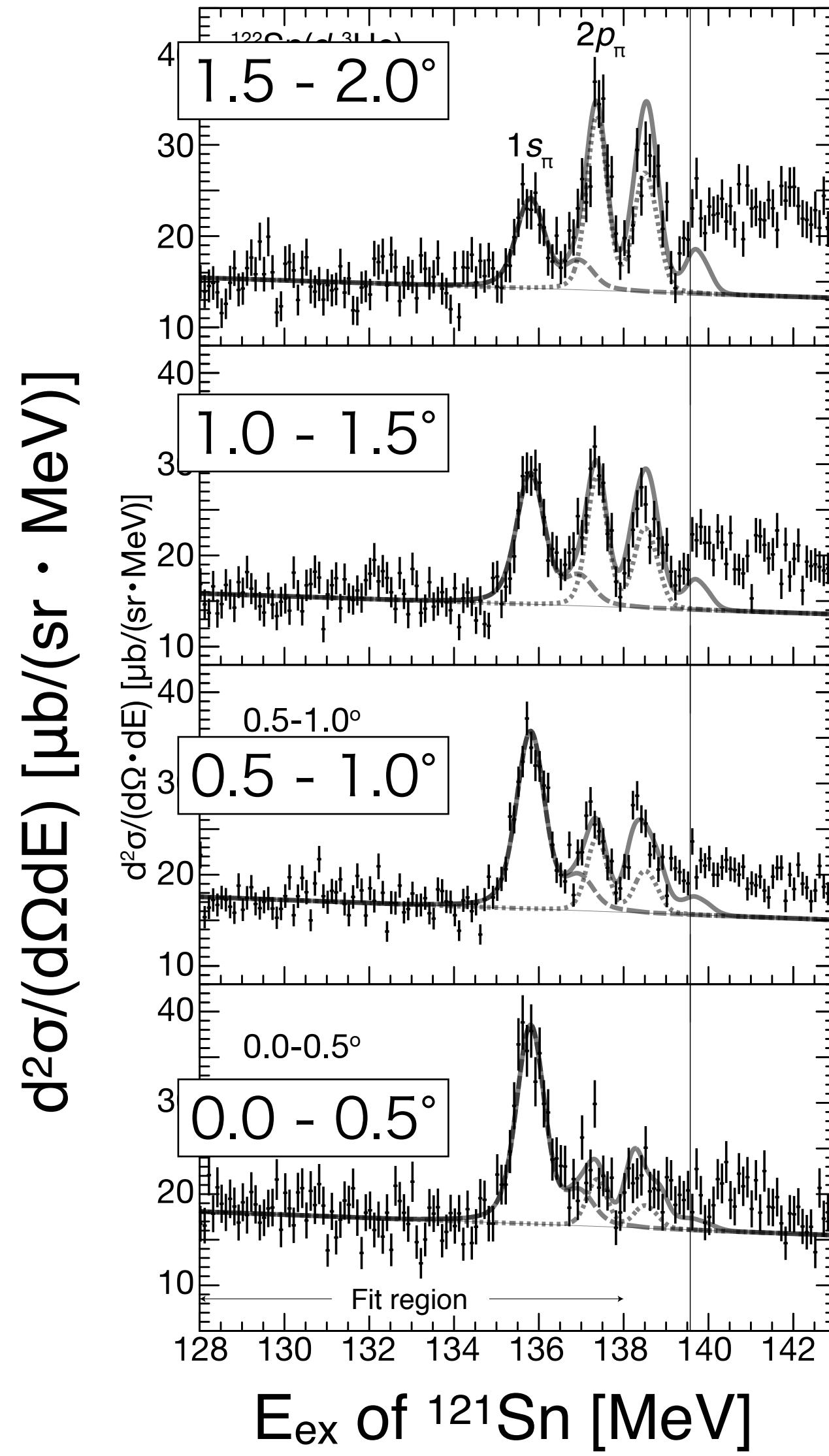
# Polot experiment @ RIKEN in 2010



- Clear peaks are observed in 15-h measurement
- Center peak corresponds to the  $(2p)_\pi \otimes (3s_{1/2})_n^{-1}, (2d_{5/2})_n^{-1} \dots$   
(grow up with finite reaction angle)



# Polot experiment @ RIKEN in 2010



- $\theta_{\text{reaction}}$  dependence
  - well reproduced by theoretical calculation
- absolute value of the reaction cross section
  - $S_{1s}^{\text{exp}} \doteq S_{1s}^{\text{theory}} \times 0.17$  Angular configuration is well understood.
  - $S_{2p}^{\text{exp}} \doteq S_{2p}^{\text{theory}} \times 0.8$  Angular dependences are almost reproduced quite well except  $S_{1s}/S_{2p}$  ratio.
  - Missing factor for reaction dynamics ??

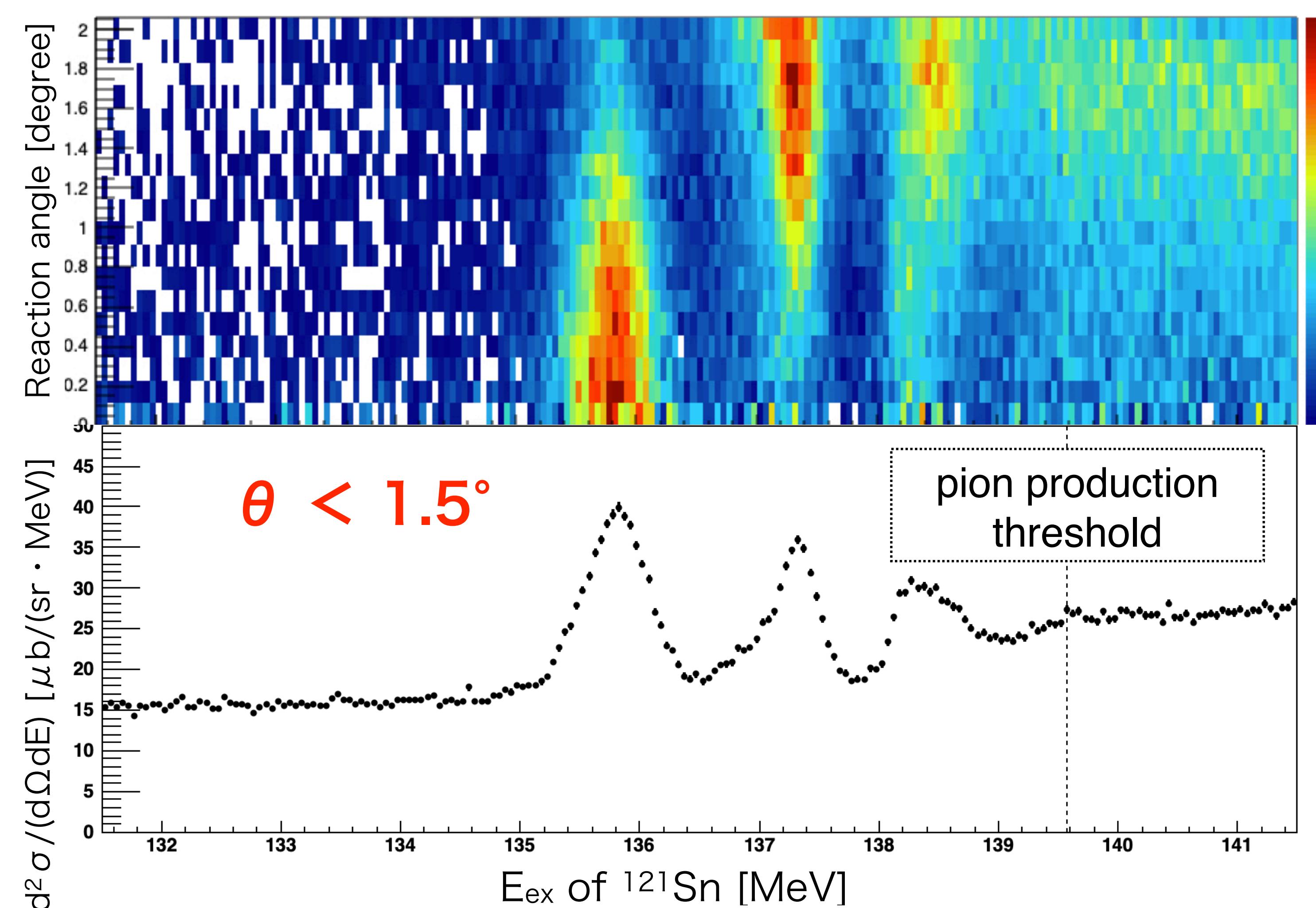
# Precision measurement @ RIKEN in 2014: $^{117,121}\text{Sn}$

- Precision measurement (~11 days)  
target:  $^{122}\text{Sn}$ ,  $^{117}\text{Sn}$   
goal : precision measurement of pionic states in  $^{121}\text{Sn}$   
first measurement of pionic states in odd nuclei

- improve optics → improve resolution
- simultaneous measurement of  $1s$ ,  $2p$  → reduce systematic error



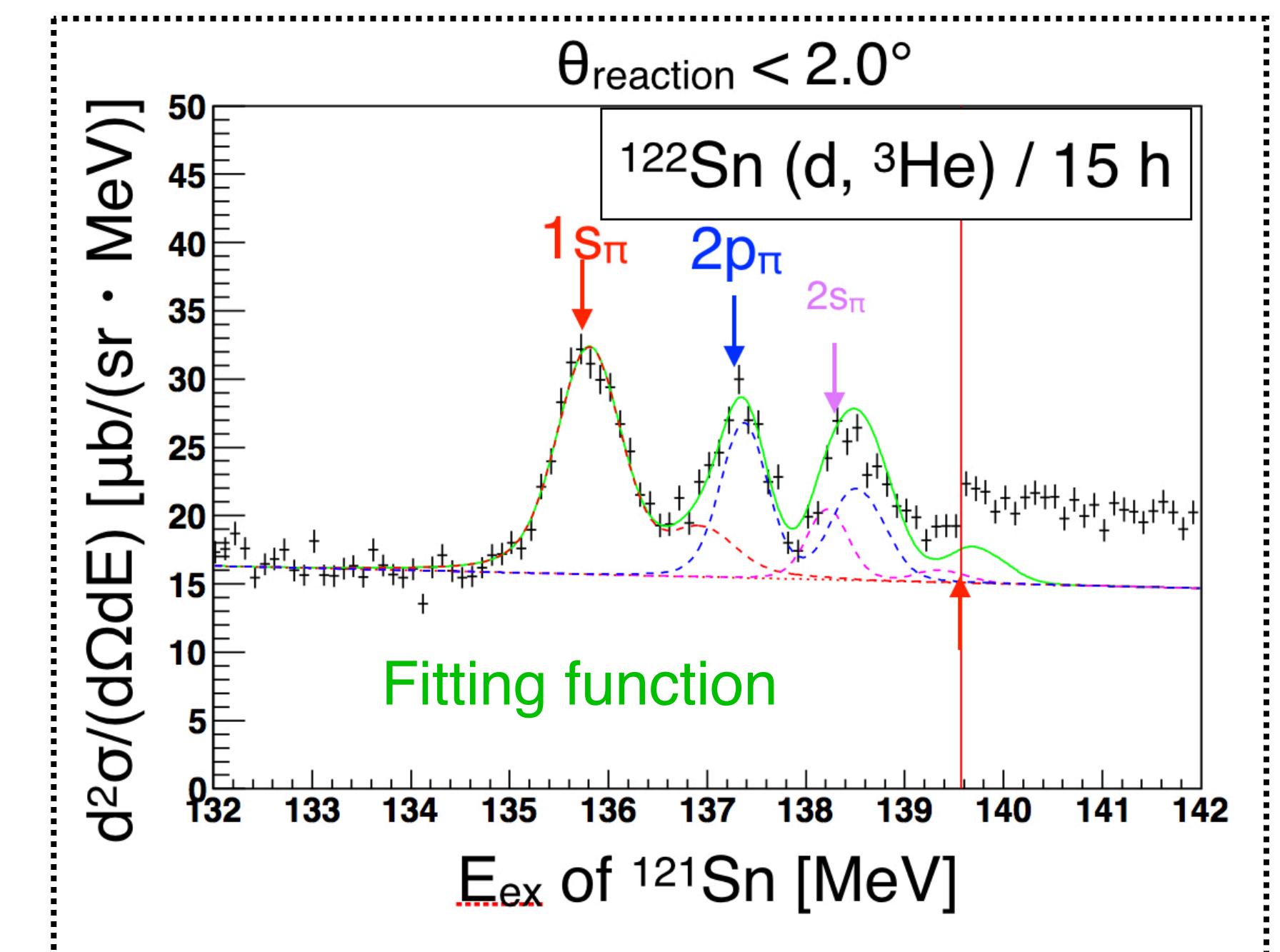
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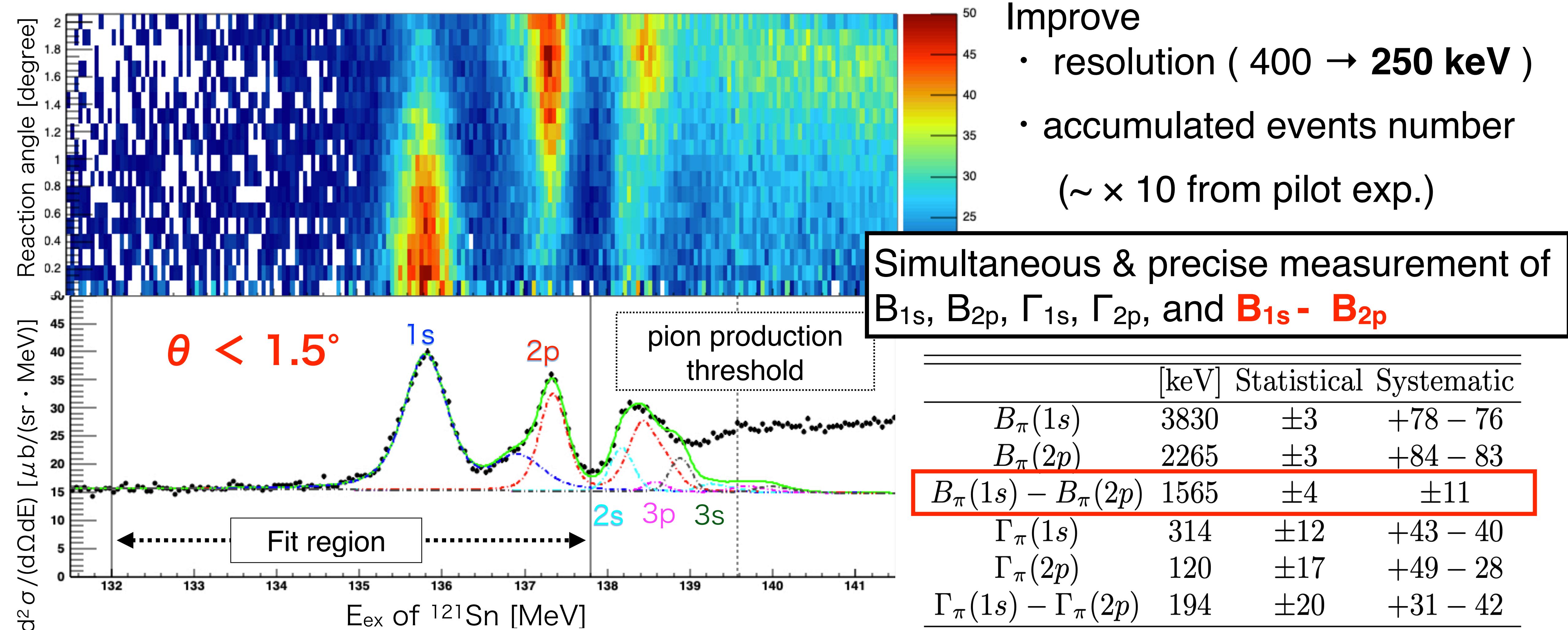
Improve

- resolution (  $400 \rightarrow 250 \text{ keV}$  )
- accumulated events number  
( $\sim \times 10$  from pilot exp.)

c.f. Result of pilot exp.



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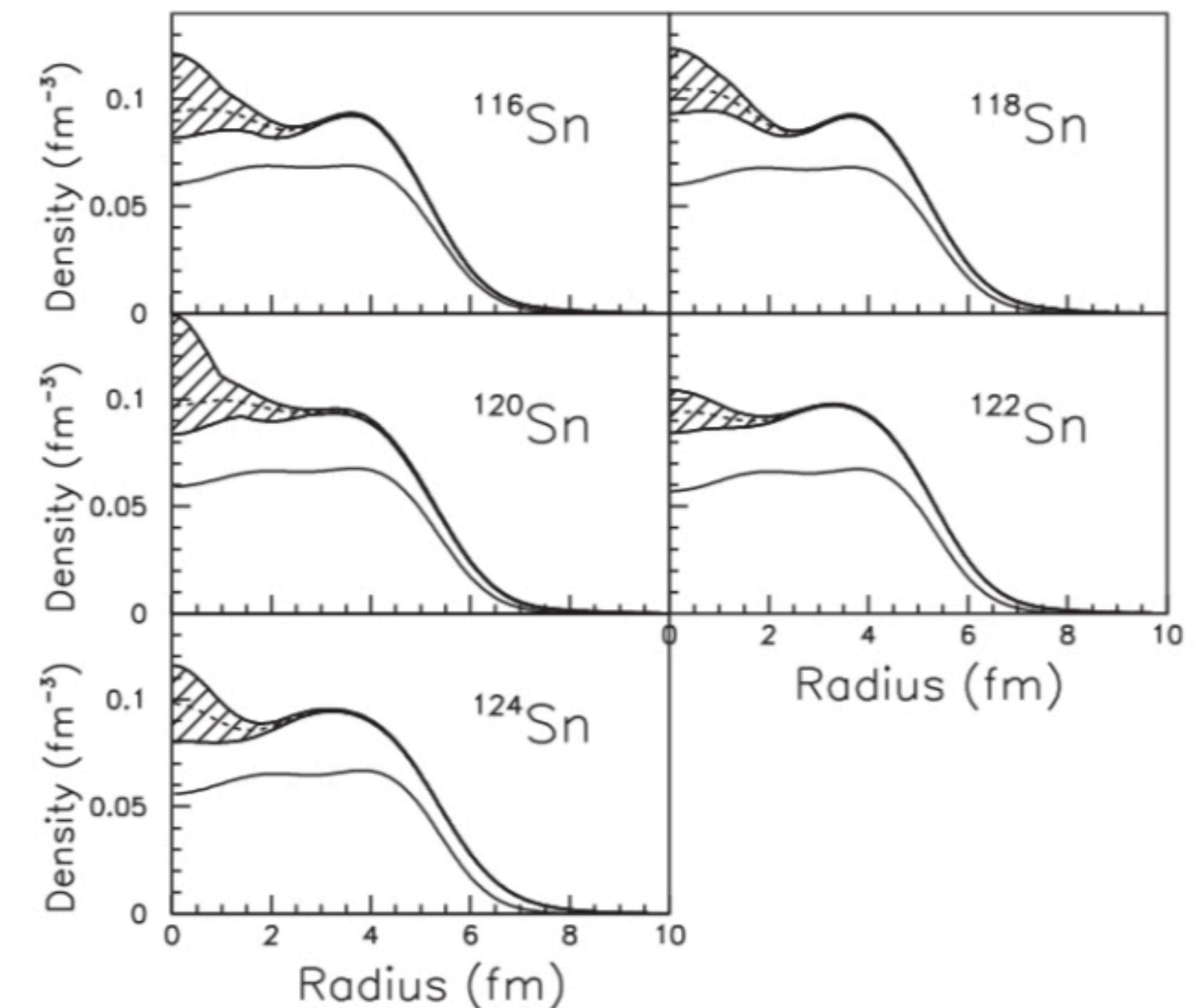
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- $b_0, \text{Re}B_0$ :  
simultaneous fit with symmetric light nuclei ( $^{16}\text{O}, ^{20}\text{Ne}, ^{28}\text{Si}$ )
  - p-wave parameters ( $c_0, c_1, \text{Re}C_0, \text{Im}C_0$ ):  
fixed to global fit results
- ※ E. Friedman and A. Gal, Nucl. Phys. A 724 (2003)

Improved points for the analysis

- **neutron distribution (p-elastic exp. @RCNP)**
- Effective number approach  $\Leftrightarrow$  Green function method※
- Residual interaction between pion and neutron hole※※
- modification of absorption term ( $\rho_p^2 + 2\rho_n\rho_p + \rho_n^2$ )
- new spectroscopic factor data. Szwec et al., Phys. Rev. C 104, 054308 (2021).

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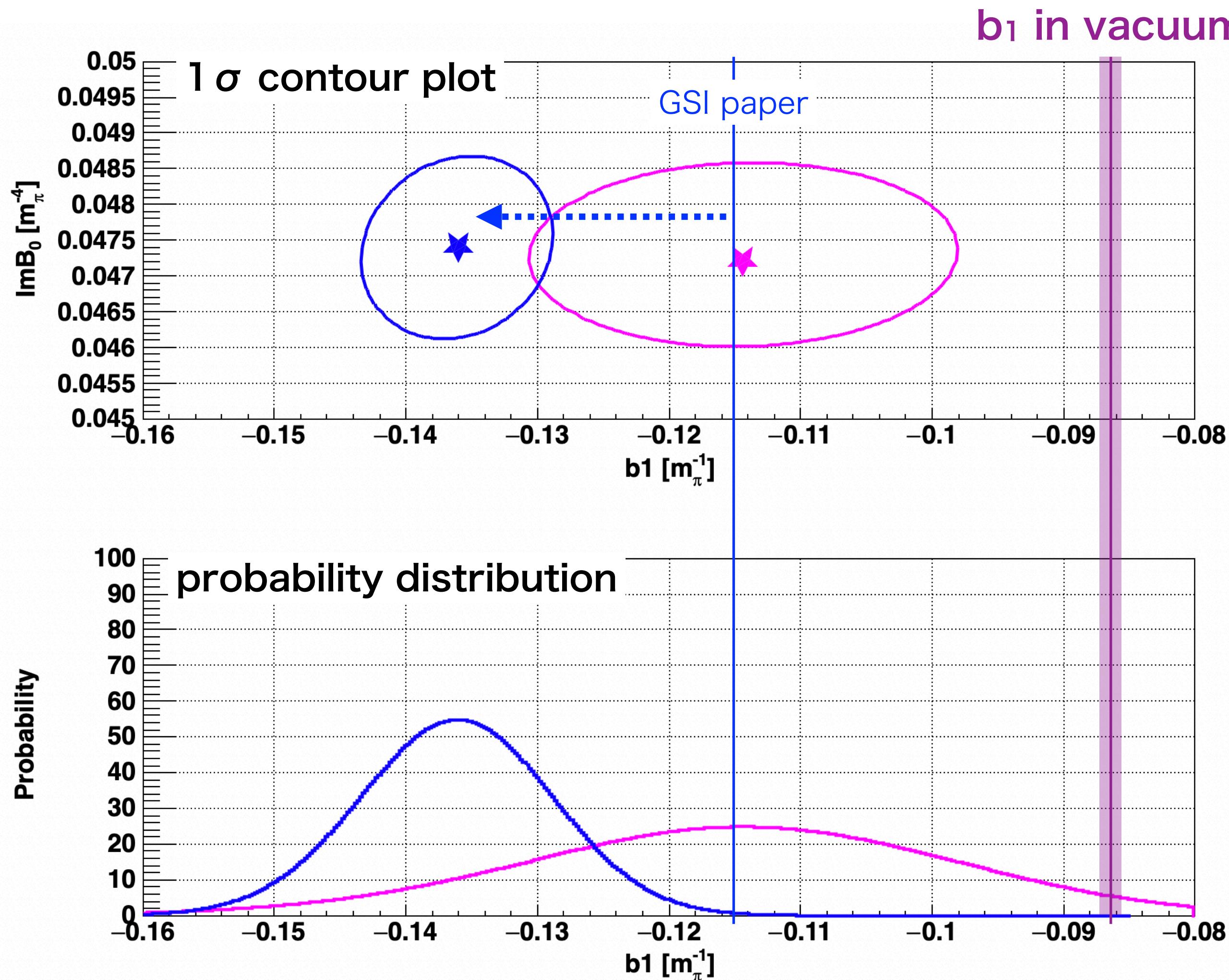
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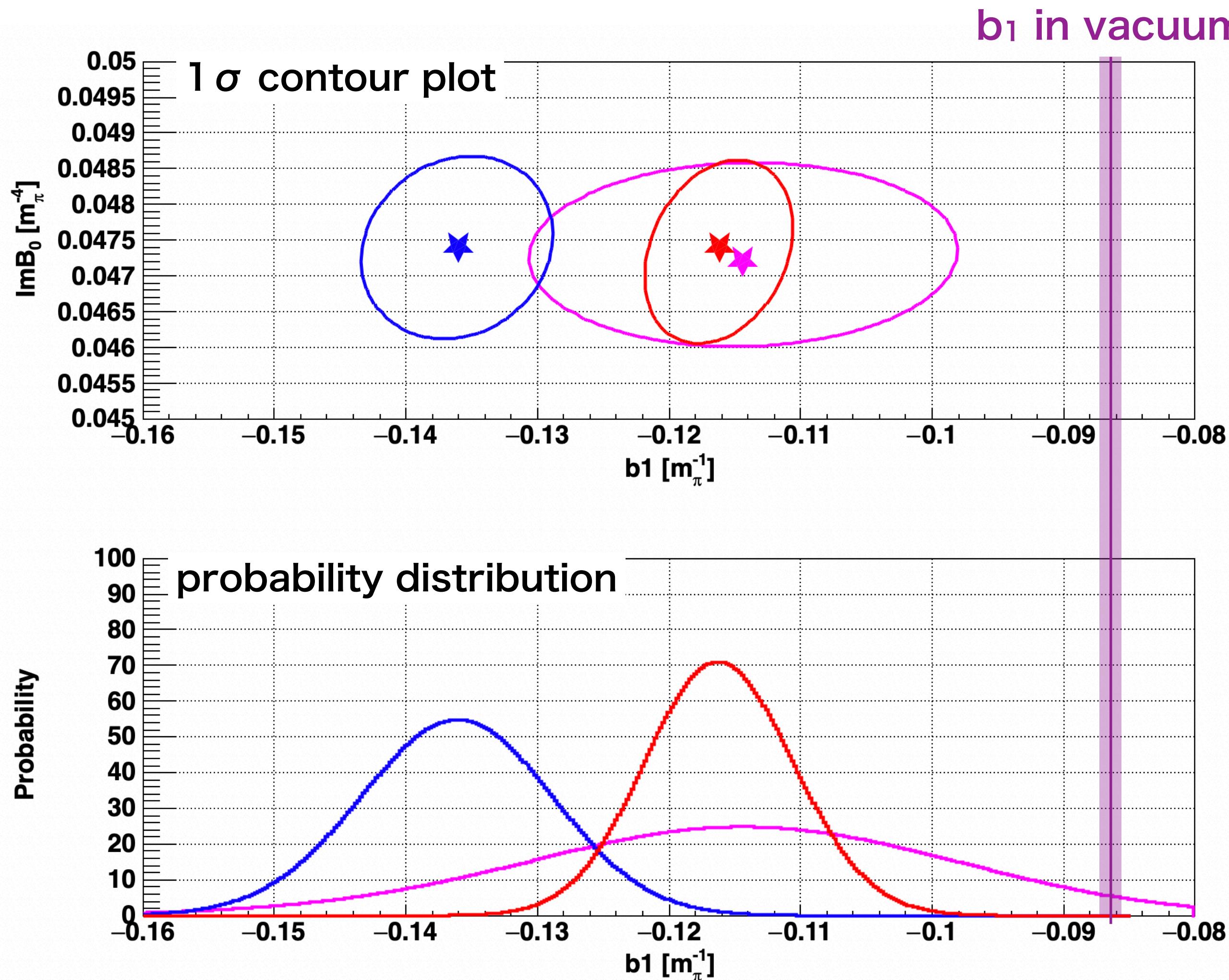
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$B_{1s}, B_{2p} / \Gamma_{1s}, \Gamma_{2p}$  in  $^{121}$  Sn @ RIKEN RIBF

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- $b_1$  is determined most precisely so far from 1s and 2p info.

$$b_1 = (-0.1163 \pm 0.0056) m_\pi^{-1}$$

# Chiral symmetry in medium

$b_1$  in medium  $\Leftrightarrow$  chiral symmetry in medium

$$\frac{\langle q\bar{q} \rangle_{\rho=\rho}}{\langle q\bar{q} \rangle_{\rho=0}} = \left( \frac{b_1(0)}{b_1(\rho)} \right)^{1/2} \left( 1 - \gamma \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)$$

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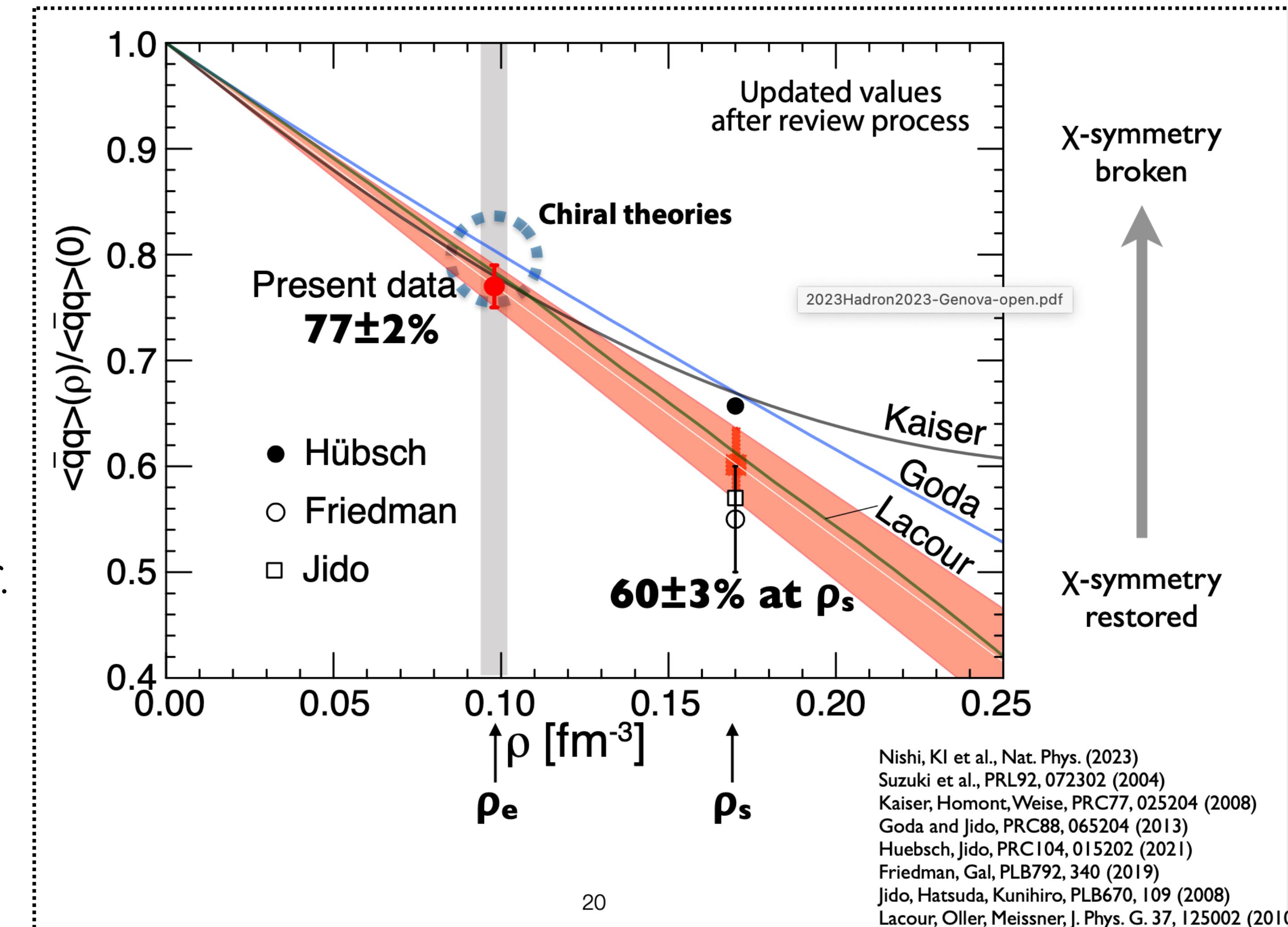
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$$\Leftrightarrow \langle q\bar{q} \rangle_{\rho=\rho} / \langle q\bar{q} \rangle_{\rho=0} = 77 \pm 2 [\%] @ \rho_{\text{eff.}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle q\bar{q} \rangle_{\rho=\rho} / \langle q\bar{q} \rangle_{\rho=0} = 60 \pm 3 [\%] @ \rho_s$$

T. Nishi *et al.*, Nat. Phys., vol. 19, no. 6, pp. 788–793, 2023.

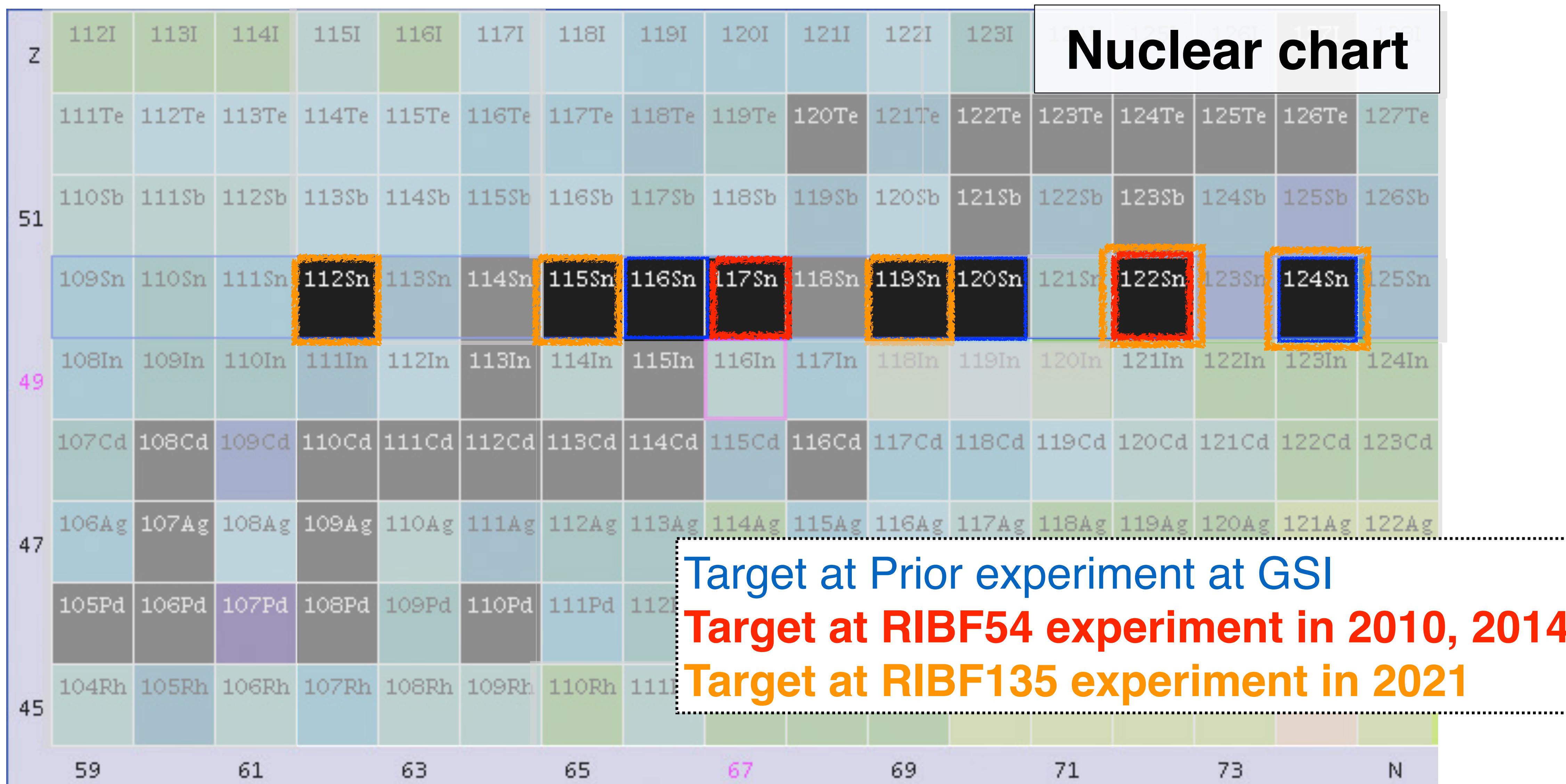
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# Summary

- Deeply bound pionic atom is a unique “meson in nucleus” system, and is a good probe for the QCD in finite density.
- So far, we performed the precision measurement of the deeply bound pionic atom at RIKEN RIBF to evaluate the chiral symmetry in medium.
- In the pilot experiment in 2010, we measure the  $E_{\text{ex}}$  of  $^{121}\text{Sn}$ , and succeeded in
  - establishment of the experimental method for pionic atom spectroscopy,
  - observation of the angular dependence of  $(d, 3\text{He})$  reaction cross section
  - discovery of the discrepancy  $S_{1s}/S_{2p}$  in measurement and theoretical prediction.
- In the precision experiment in 2014, we improved experimental/analytical methods and succeeded in
  - Simultaneous and precision measurement of  $(1s)_{\pi}, (2p)_{\pi}$  state
  - determination of  $b_1$  with unprecedented precision, which indicate the  $\langle q\bar{q} \rangle(\rho_{\text{eff}})$  is reduced by **77 ± 2 %**, corresponding to the  $68 \pm 3$  % reduction of  $\langle q\bar{q} \rangle(\rho_0)$  with linear extrapolation.

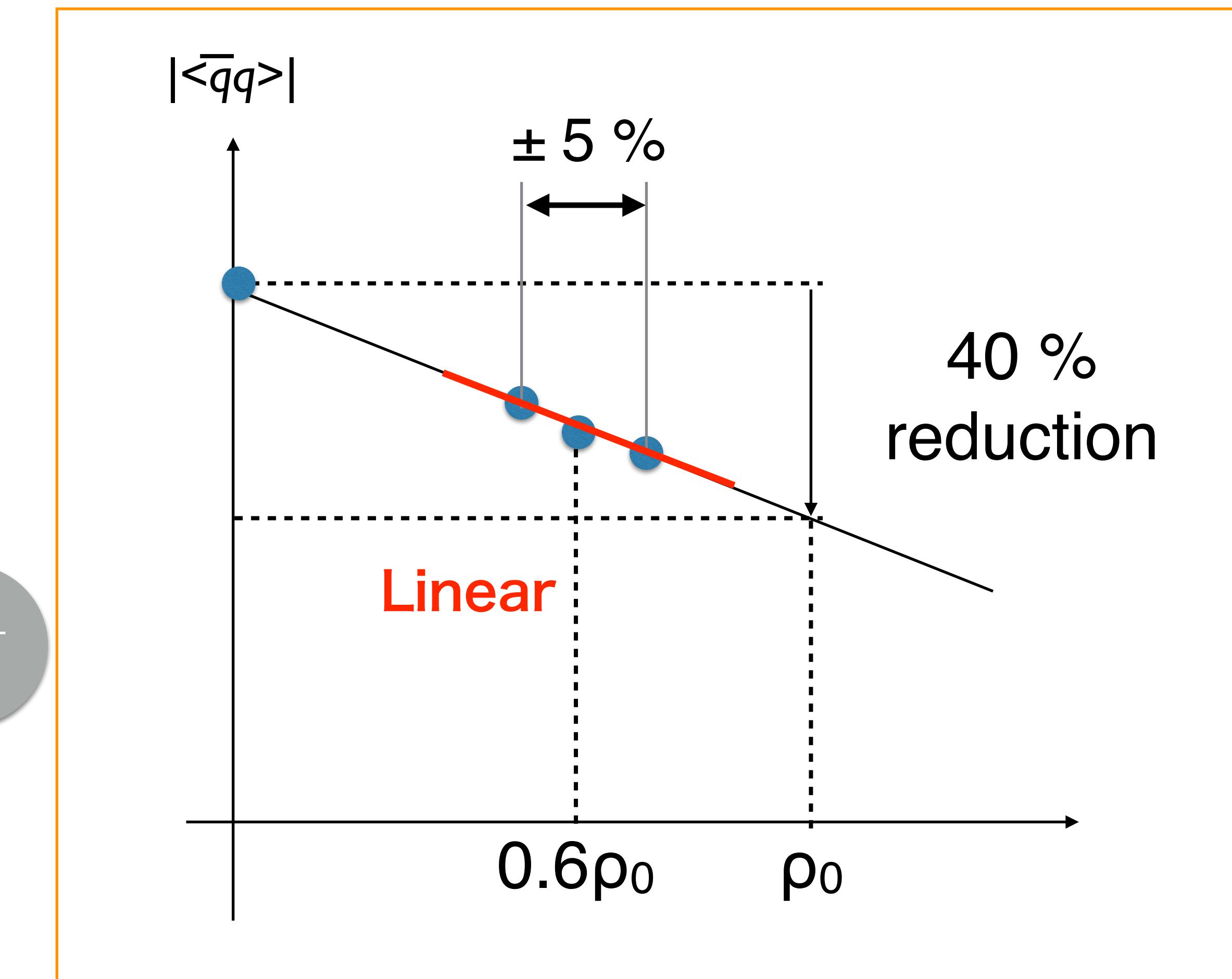
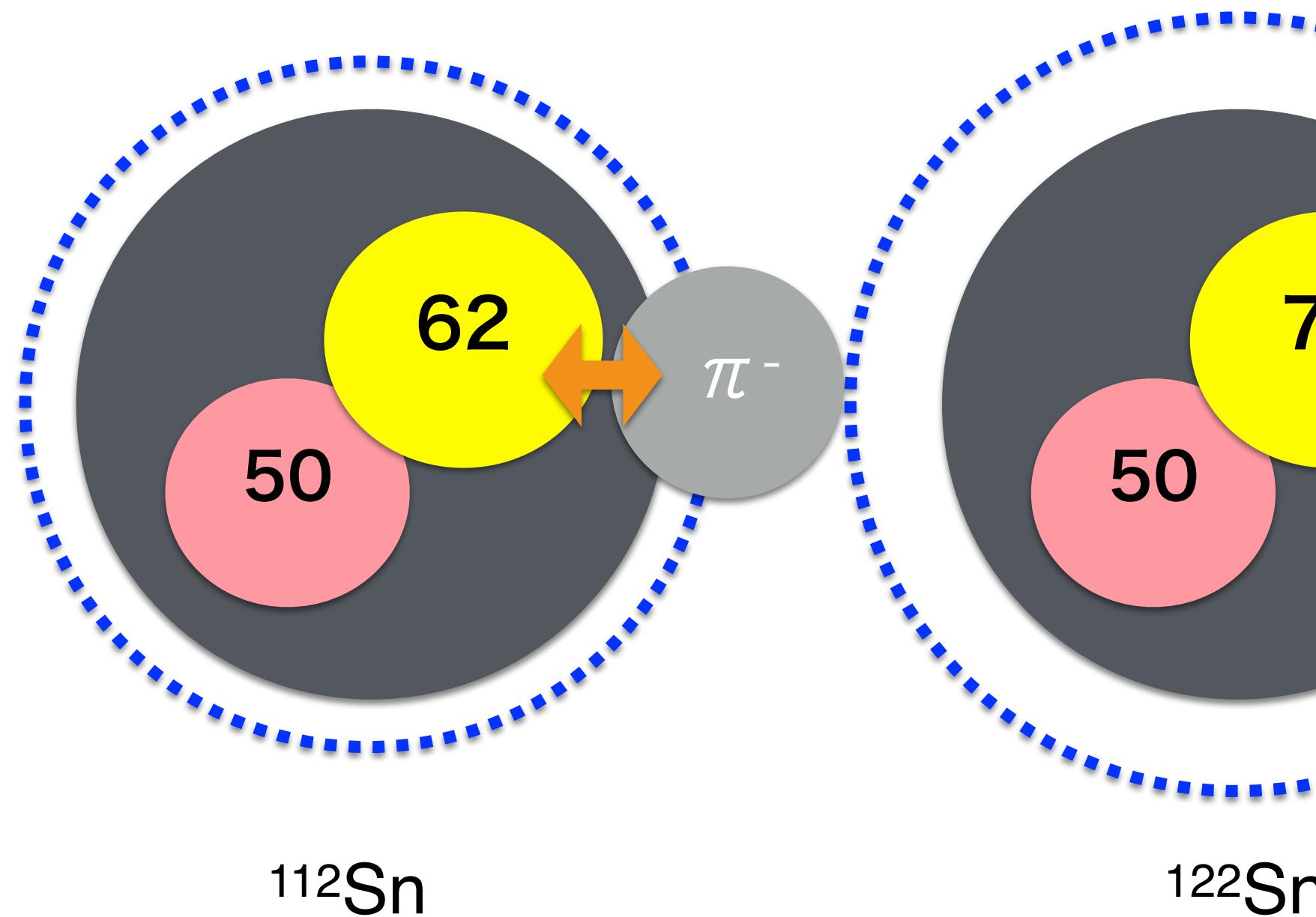
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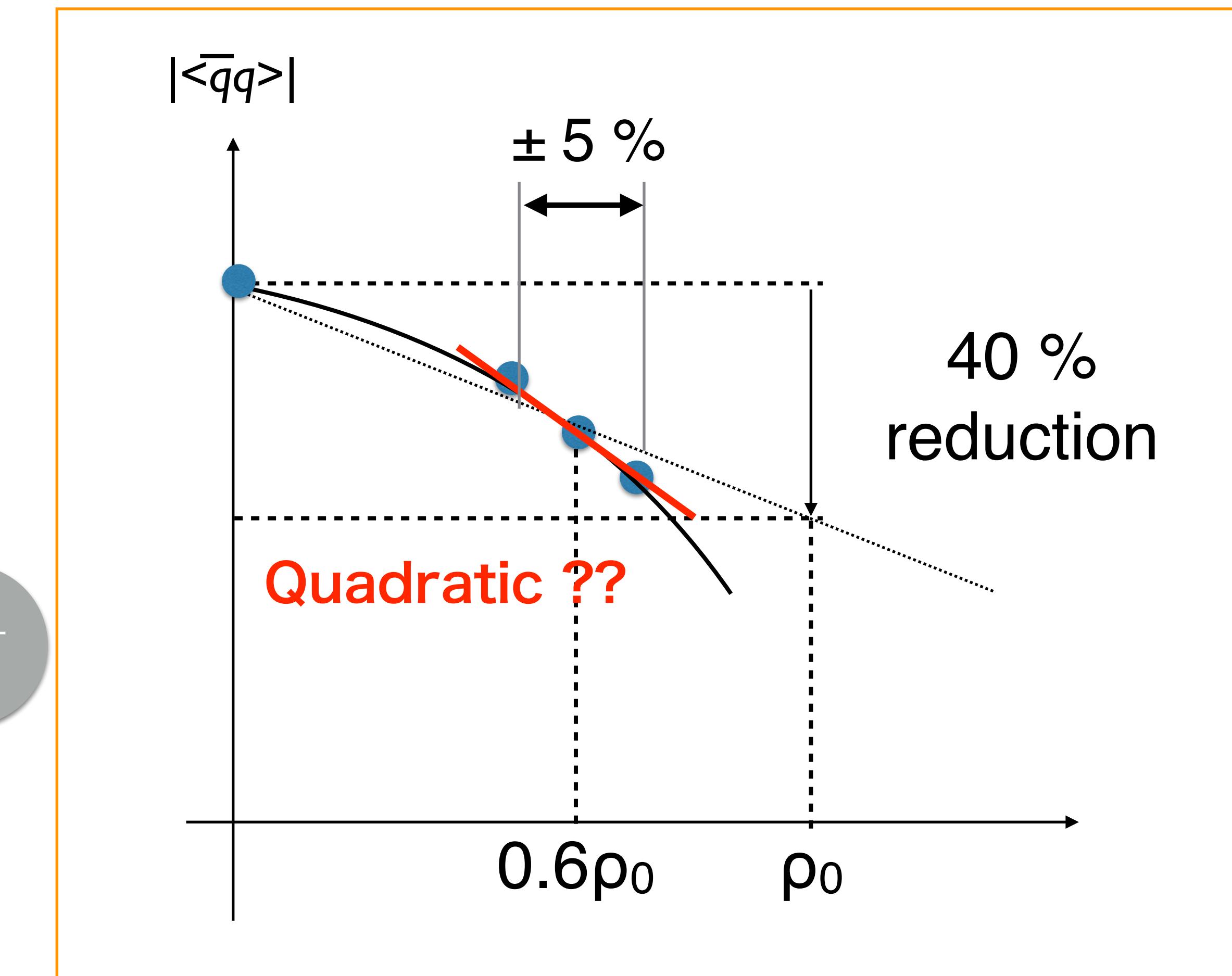
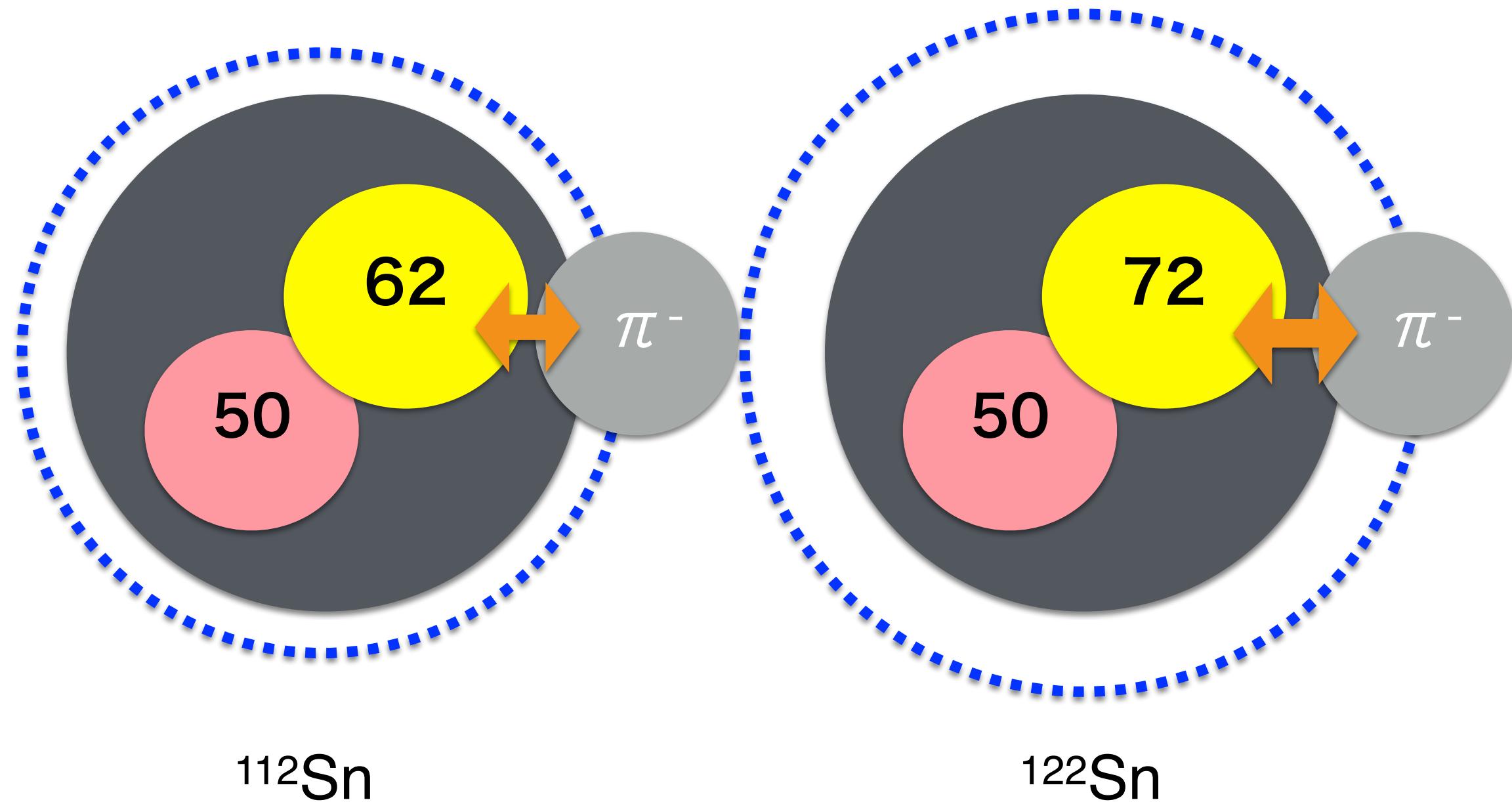


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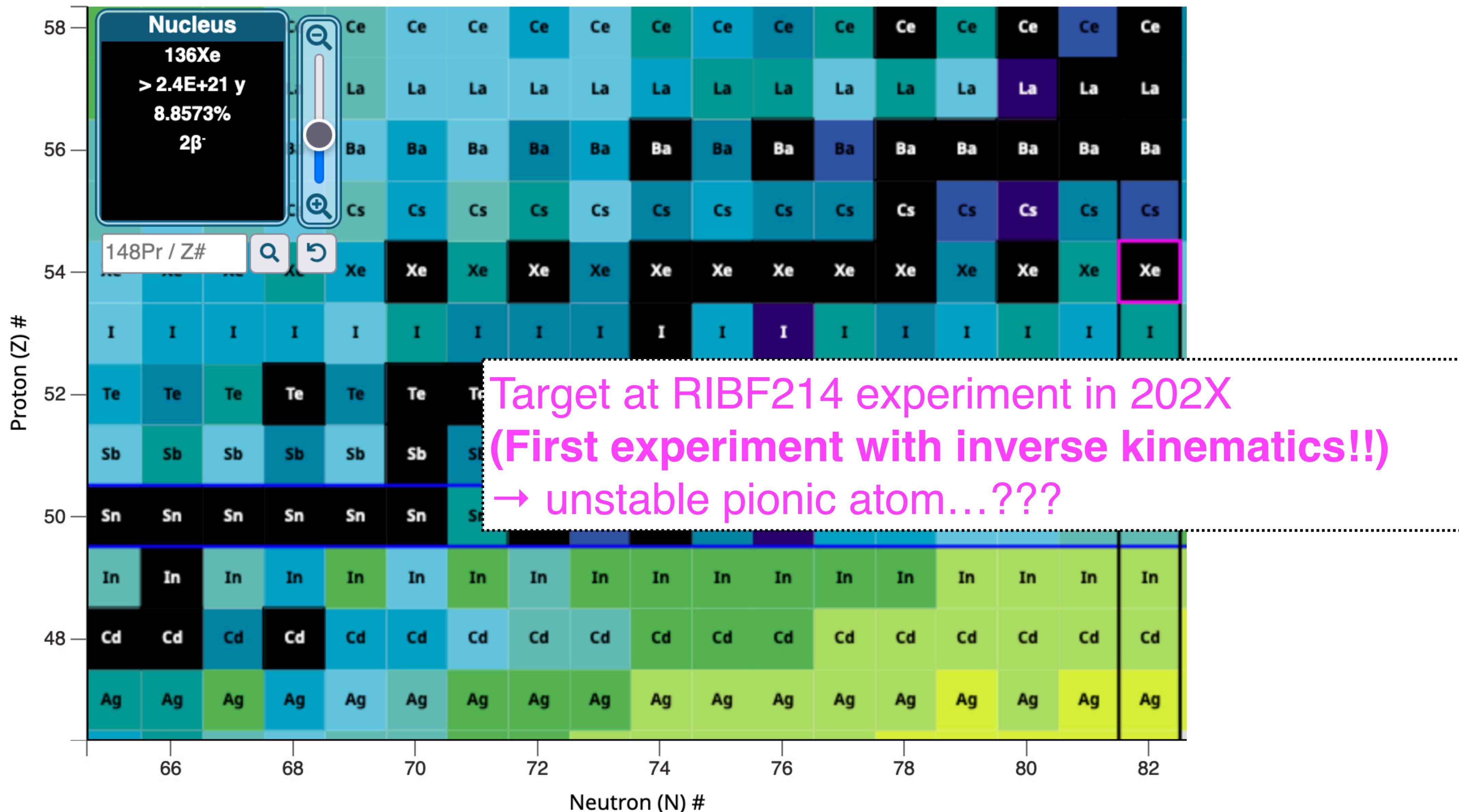
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# Current works: beam dynamics × machine learning

not deep learning

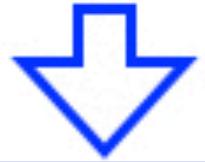
## Beam dynamics × Machine learning

Optics tuning at RIBF:  
many operation parameters ( $\geq 600$ ) under environmental changes

### Beam tuning with Humans

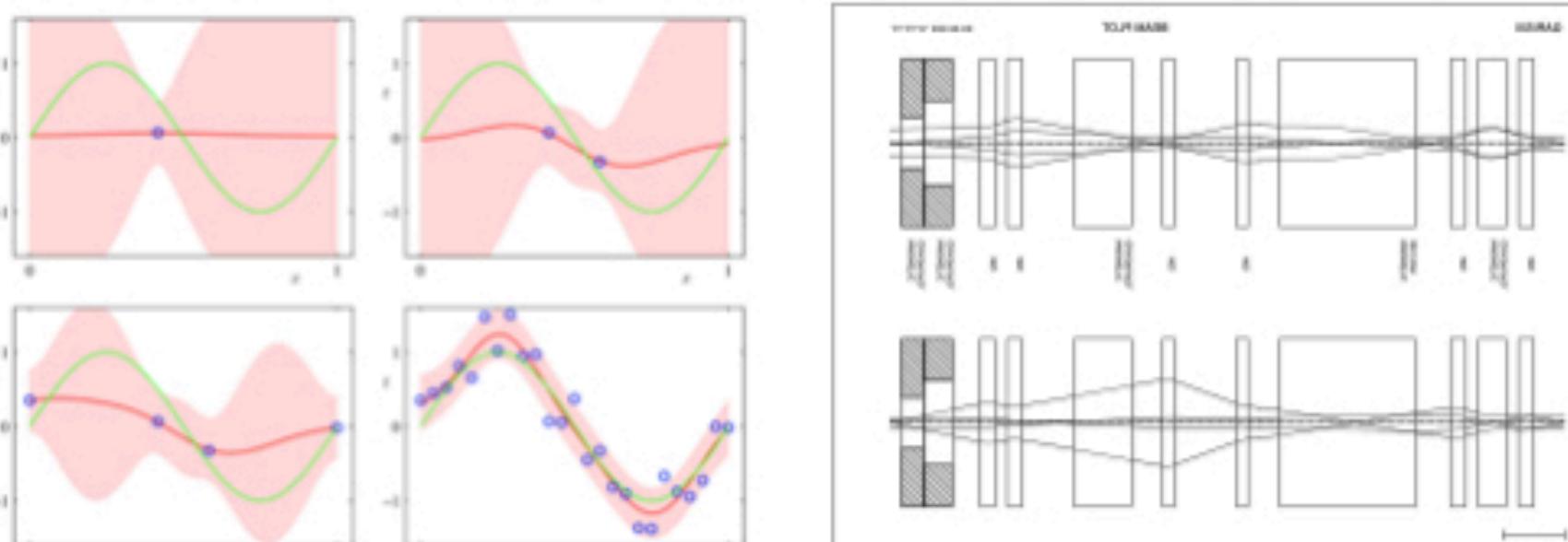


### Beam dynamics calculation



Manual tuning based on  
15 years of experience

### Beam tuning with Beam dynamics × Machine learning



### Beam dynamics calculation



Optimize beyond human  
Continuous adjustment

Machine learning

Beam dynamics × BPM\*

\* Beam Position Monitor

Welcome for the various difficult requirements to the primary beam !  
( not just beam intensity...)



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