

**Meson bound states spectroscopy in nuclei**

**Pionic atoms at RIBF and Eta-prime  
mesic nuclei at GSI/FAIR**

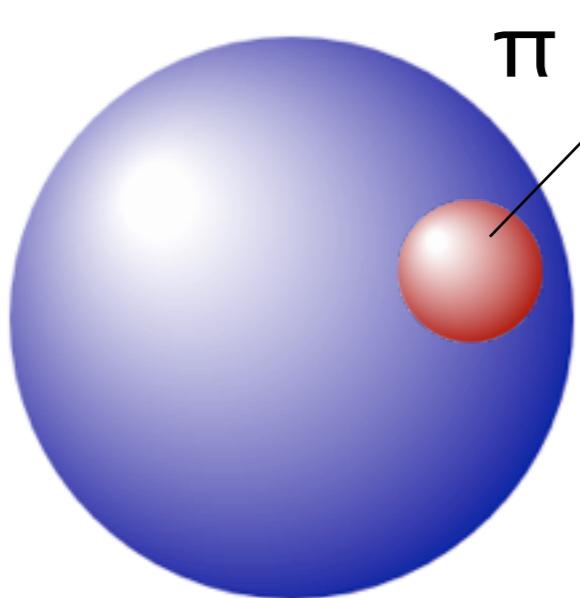
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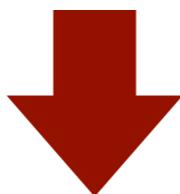
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- Spectroscopy of eta-prime mesic nuclei

# Motivations



$\pi$  or  $\eta'$

High precision bound meson spectroscopy to determine  $(B, \Gamma)$



Understanding low energy region of QCD

1. Chiral symmetry

← Isovector scattering length between  $\pi$  and nuclei

2. Origin of  $\eta'$  mass

←  $U_A(1)$  anomaly +  $\langle q\bar{q} \rangle$

# Two experiments: $\pi^-$ atoms & $\eta'$ mesic nuclei

	$\pi^-$	$\eta'$
Bound by	EM	Strong
$\sim B, \Gamma$ [MeV]	4, 0.4	80-150, <13-20
Reaction	$(d, {}^3He)$ at $q \sim 0$	$(p, d)$ at $q \neq 0$
Facility	$(GSI \rightarrow) RIBF$	$GSI \rightarrow FAIR$
Research Stage	Precision systematic → more <b>exotic</b>	<b>Discovery</b>

# Precision Spectroscopy of Pionic Atoms

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R.S. Hayano, N. Inabe, K. Itahashi, S. Itoh, D. Kameda, T. Kubo,  
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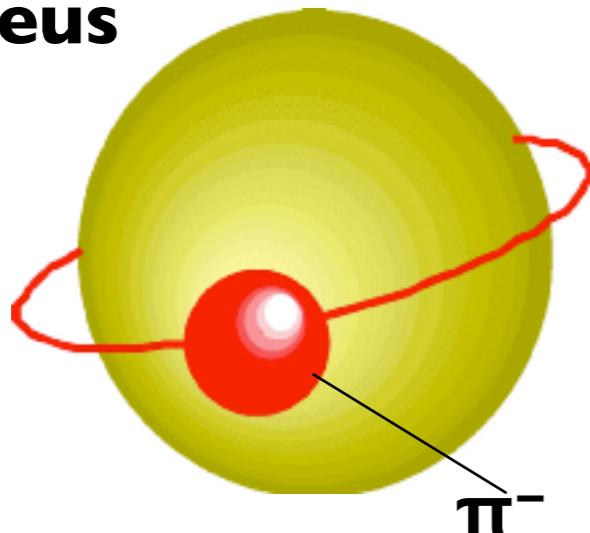
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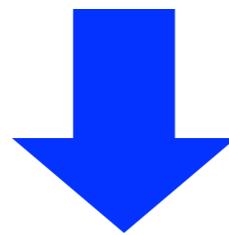
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# Strong Interaction between pi and A

Nucleus

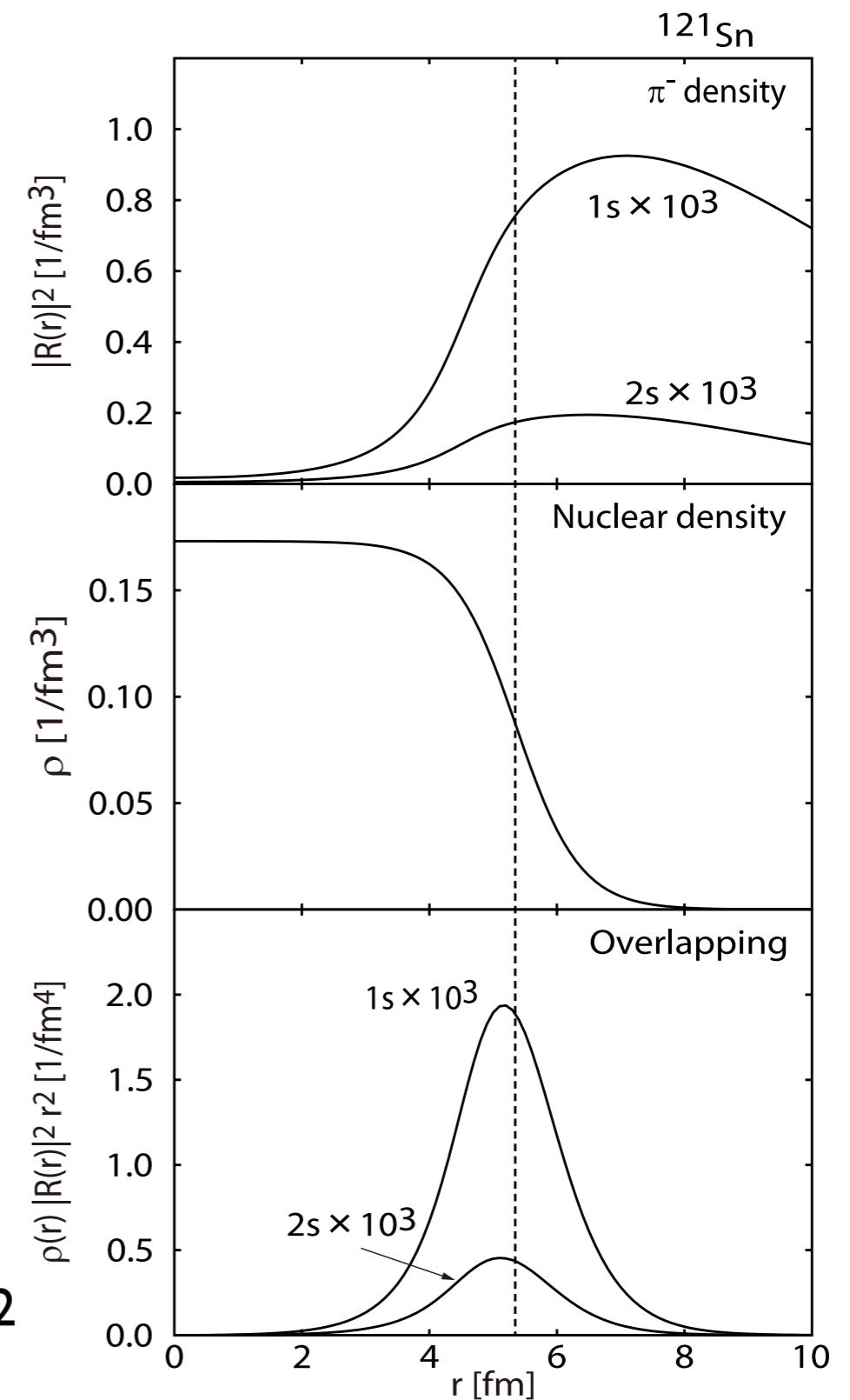


Large overlap between  
pion and nucleus



sensitivity to  
 $\pi$ -nucleus strong interaction potential

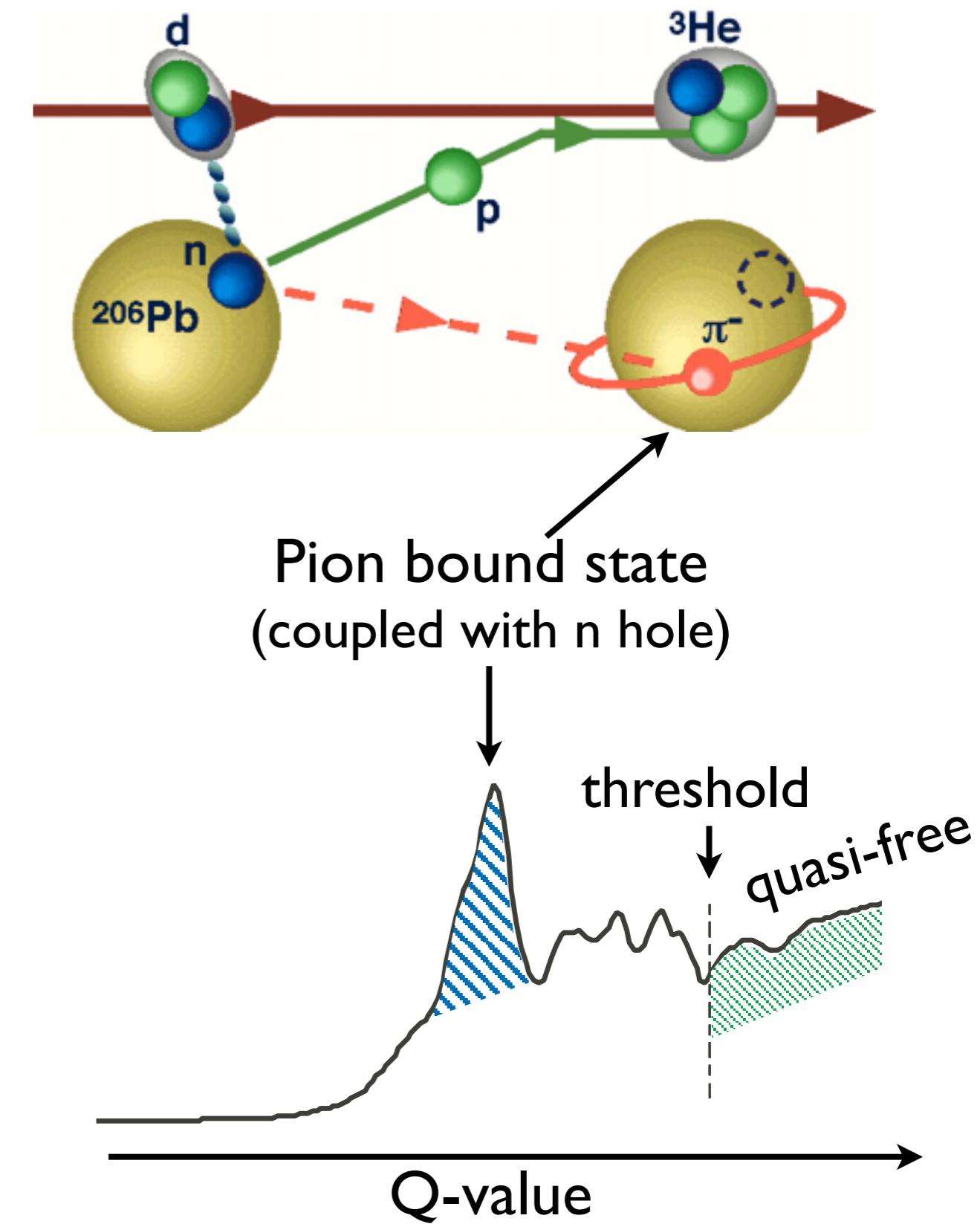
$$V_{\text{s-wave}} = b_0 \rho + \mathbf{b}_1 (\rho_n - \rho_p) + B_0 \rho^2$$



N. Ikeda et al., PTP126(2011)483.

# Experimental Method

(d, $^3\text{He}$ ) nuclear reaction  
to directly produce pionic atom

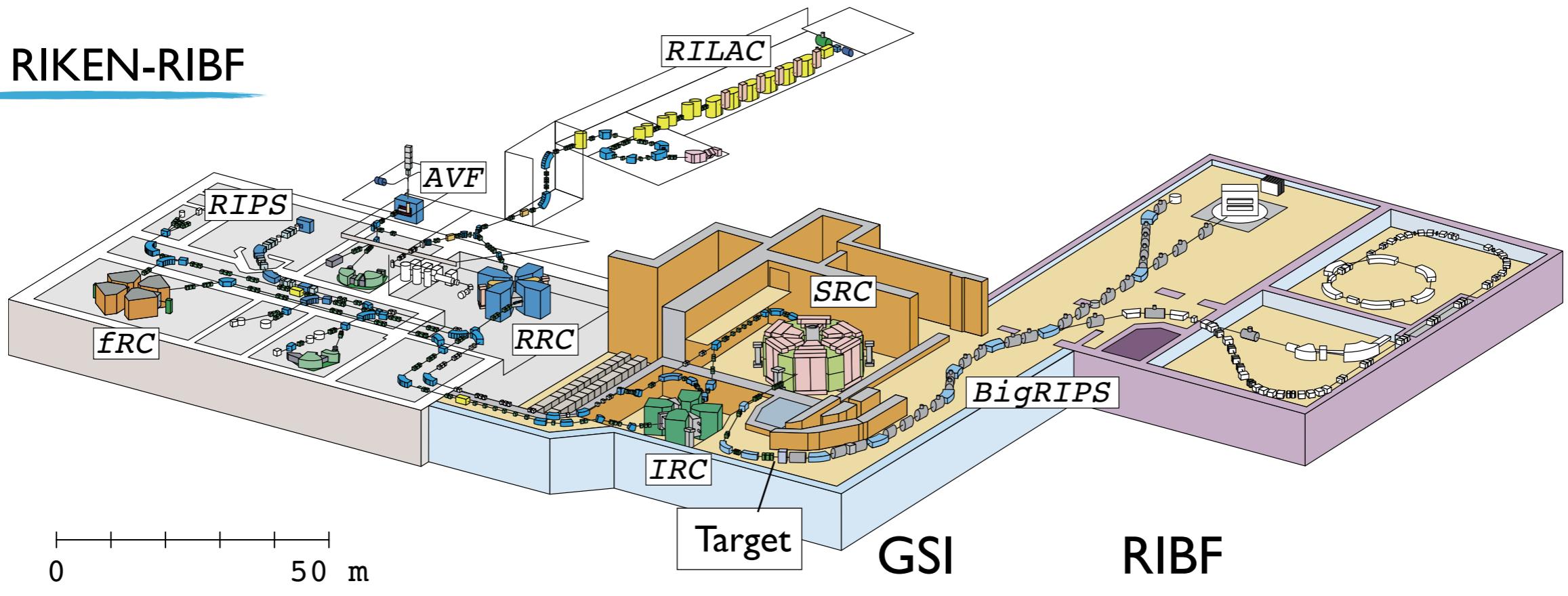


Missing mass spectroscopy  
to measure excitation spectrum  
by Q-value measurement

We are aiming at  
 $< 400$  keV (FWHM) resolution  
at  $\sim 140$  MeV excitation energy.

# Precision spectroscopy at RI Beam Factory

RIKEN-RIBF



$d$  beam Intensity

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

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

Target

$20 \text{ mg/cm}^2$     $10 \text{ mg/cm}^2$

$\Delta p_d/p_d$  (FWHM)

0.03%

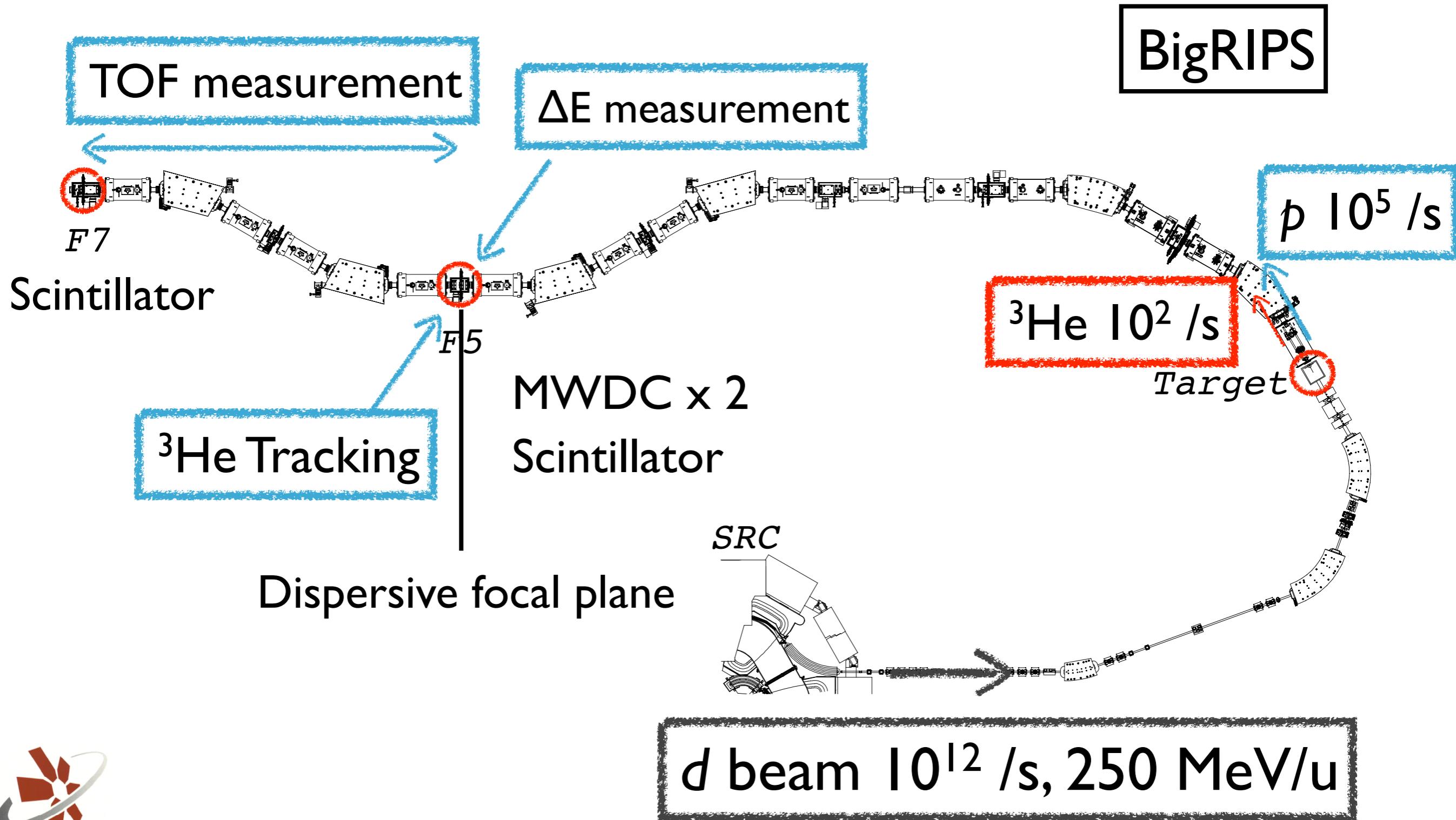
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Resolution (FWHM)

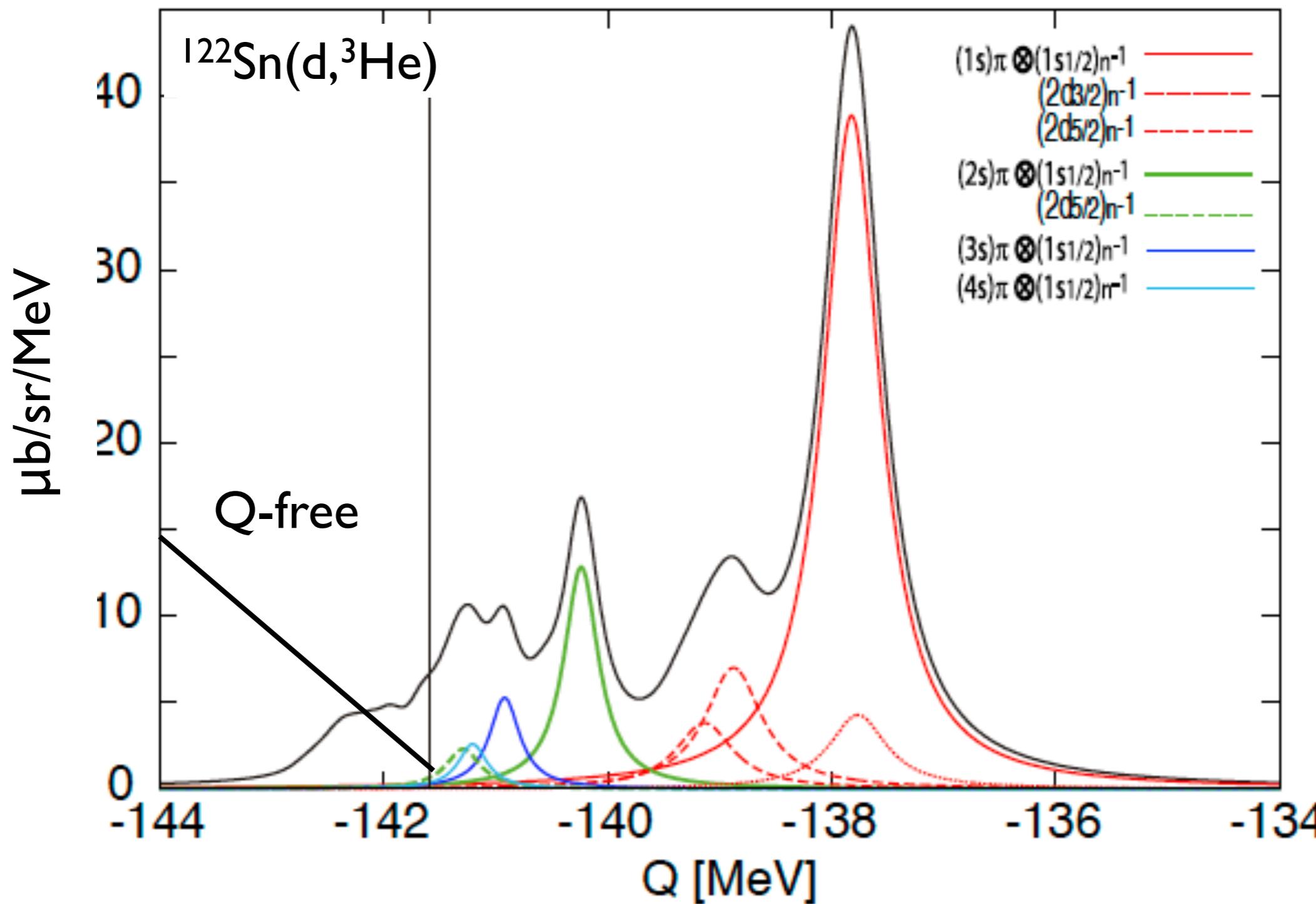
400 keV    $< 400 \text{ keV}$

by using the dispersion matching

# Experimental setup

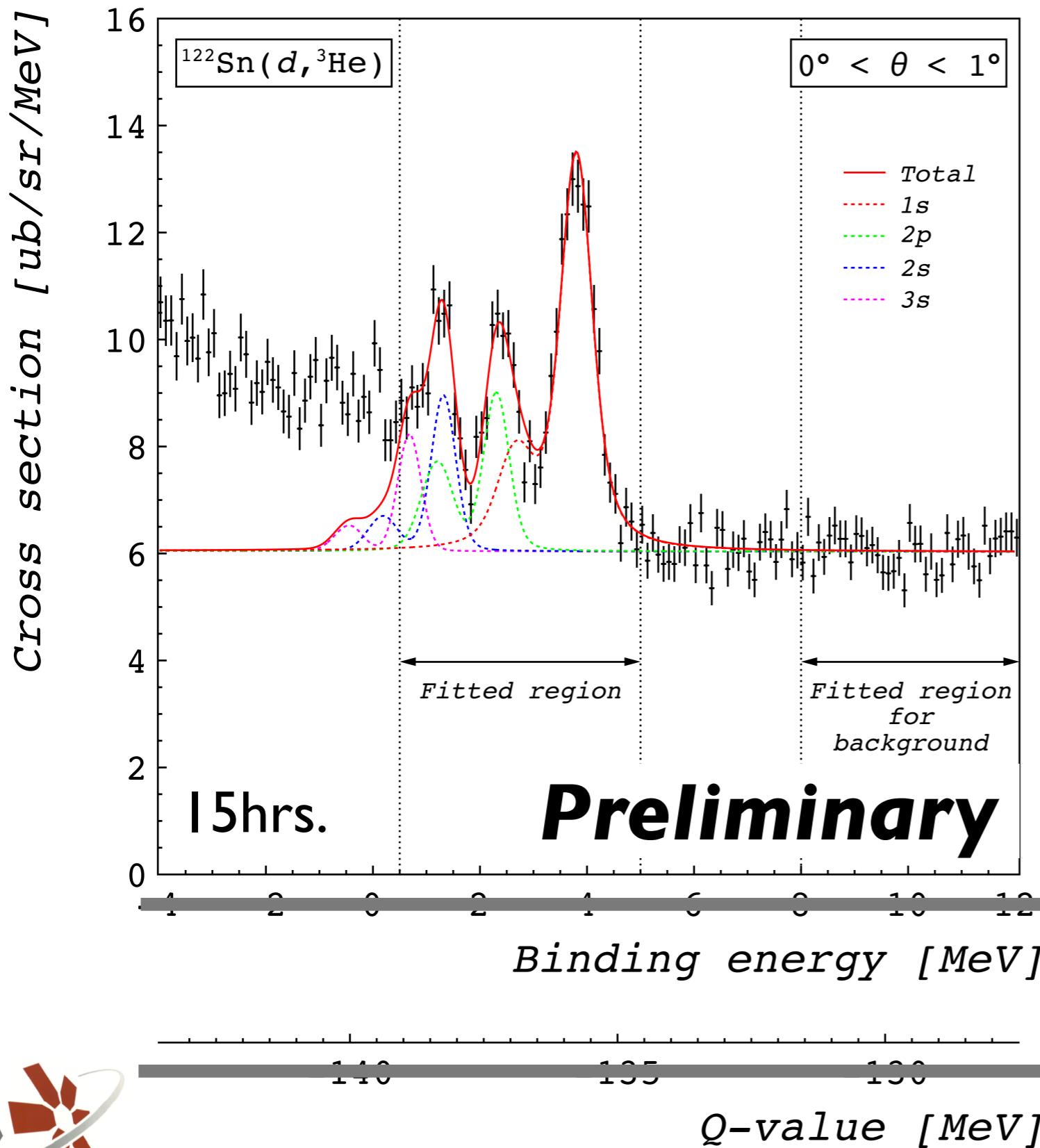


# Theoretical Spectrum for $^{122}\text{Sn}(\text{d},^3\text{He})$



N. Ikeda, Eur.Phys.J.A47 (2011) 161

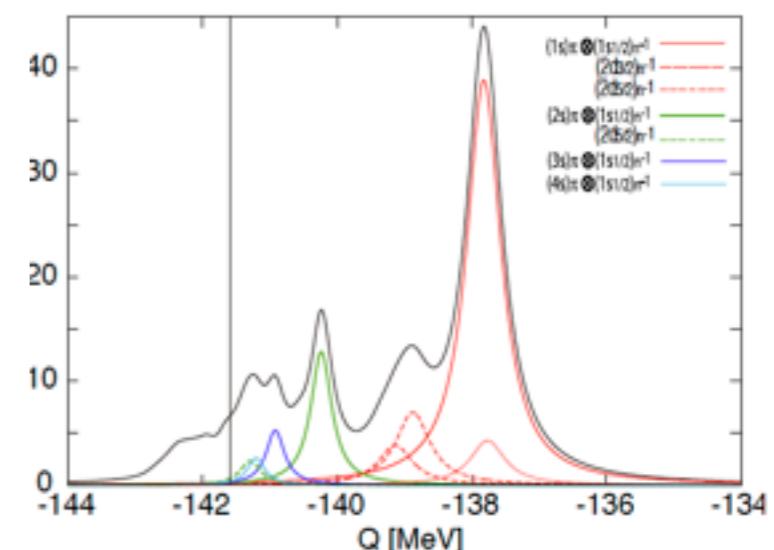
# Spectrum decomposition



## Fit parameters

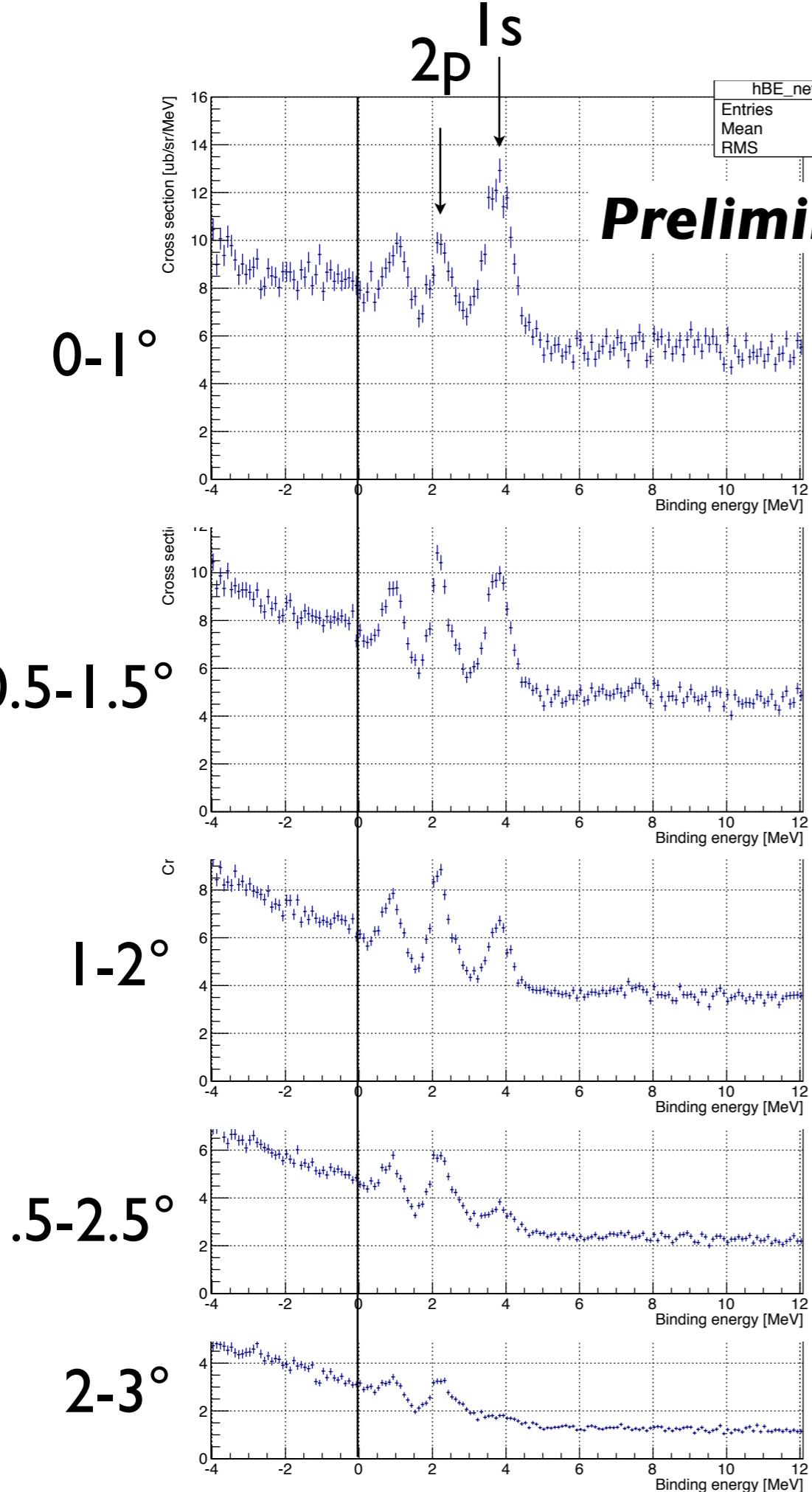
	No.	Name	Description	State
Background	1	$c_0$	constant	free
	2	$c_1$	slope	free
1s	3	$S_{1s}$	scaling factor	free
	4	$B_{1s}$	binding energy	free
	5	$\Gamma_{1s}$	width	free
2p	6	$S_{2p}$	scaling factor	free
	7	$B_{2p}$	binding energy	free
	8	$\Gamma_{2p}$	width	fixed
2s	9	$S_{2s}$	scaling factor	free
	10	$B_{2s}$	binding energy	free
	11	$\Gamma_{2s}$	width	fixed
3s	12	$S_{3s}$	scaling factor	free
	13	$B_{3s}$	binding energy	fixed
	14	$\Gamma_{3s}$	width	fixed

## Theoretical Spectrum for $^{122}\text{Sn}(d,^3\text{He})$



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# Measured Spectra for different angles



We are observing for the first time  
the angular dependence  
(= momentum transfer dependence)  
of pionic atom production cross  
section in ( $\text{d}, ^3\text{He}$ ) reaction

before going to “ongoing project”...

# Summary for piAF

## Achievements

- ✓ We have successfully measured  $^{121}\text{Sn} \times \pi$  for the first time with surprisingly rapid accumulation of statistics.
- ✓ Angular dependence of the production cross section is measured for the first time.

## Perspectives

- We're analyzing energy spectra to extract binding energies and widths by finalizing acceptance and aberration correction.
- We're trying for further resolution improvements.
- We are waiting for allocation of our main experiment leading to systematic precision spectroscopy.

**An ongoing project**

# **Deeply-Bound Pionic Atom with Unstable Nuclei**

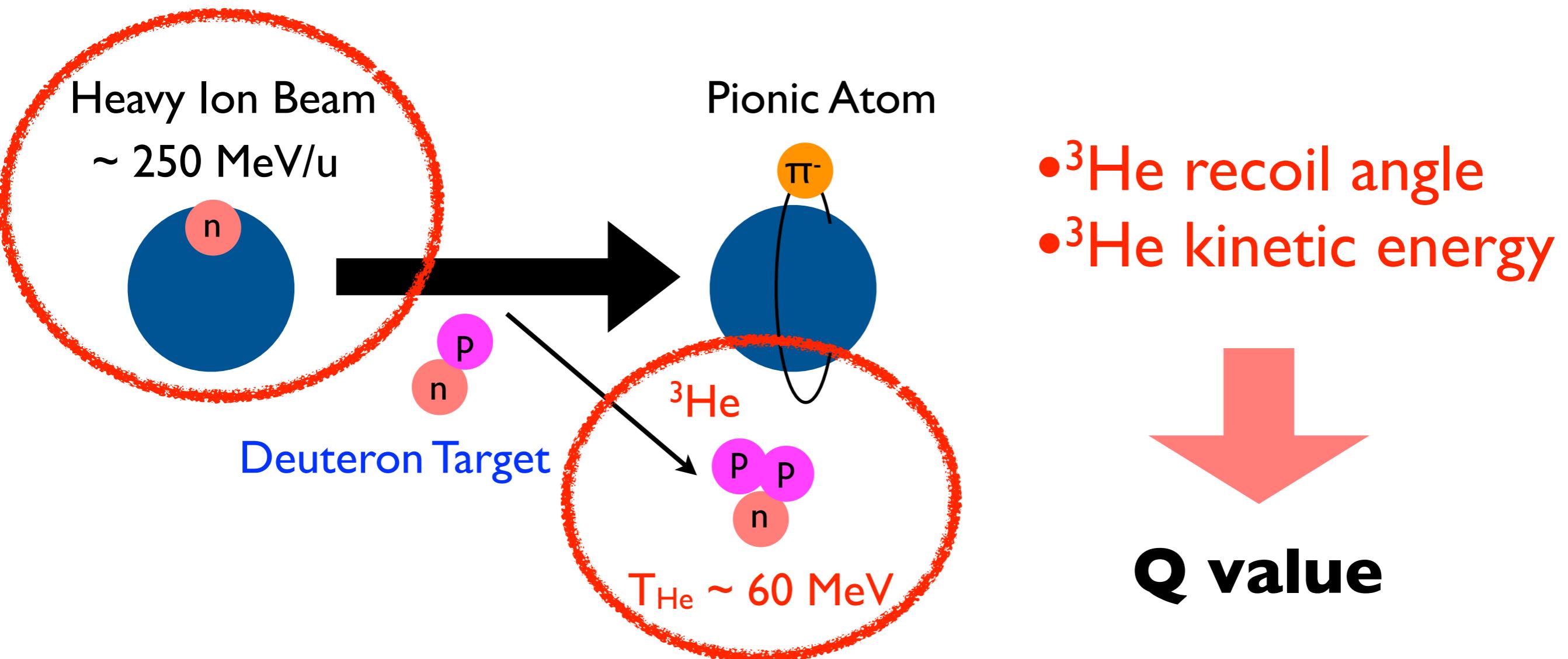
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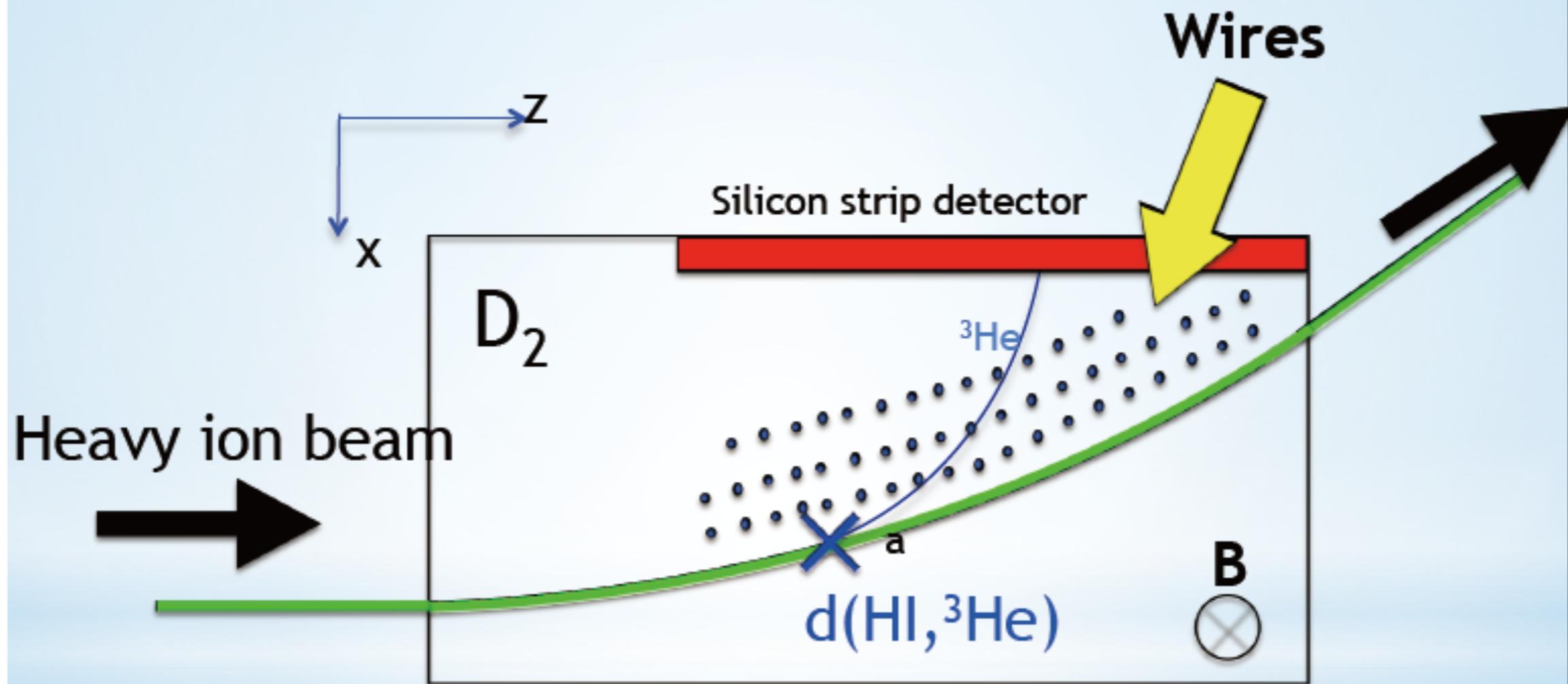
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# Missing mass spectroscopy in $d(HI, {}^3He)$ reaction

Keeping the same kinematical condition  
as normal kinematics !!



# Inverse kinematics with simple setup



${}^3\text{He}$  is tracked by anode wires which are set parallelly with B.

-> Is wire gain sufficient?

by courtesy of Y.N. Watanabe

## Yield Estimation

Target	D <sub>2</sub> gas (1 atm, 293.15 K) 100 cm
Beam Intensity [/s]	1 × 10 <sup>6</sup>
Cross Section [μb]	2.54 × 10 <sup>-1</sup>
1s Yield [/day]	1.1 × 10 <sup>2</sup>

Sufficient.

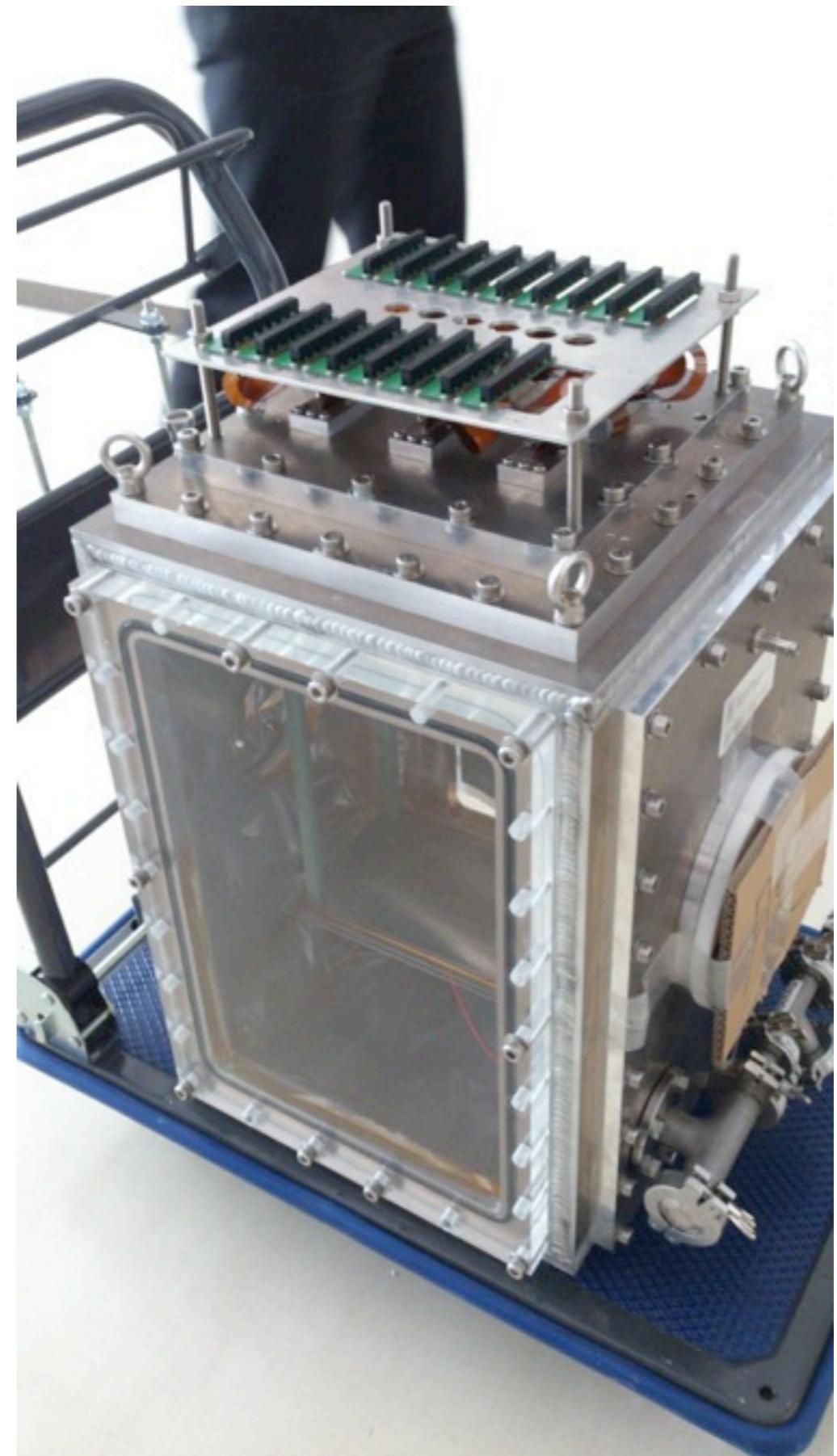
2 × 10<sup>3</sup> for normal kinematics

# Q Value Resolution

Cause	$\Delta Q$ (FWHM) [keV]
Energy Resolution of Si at $T_{He} \sim 60$ MeV $\sigma_{Si} = 0.1\%$	$\sim 350$
Energy Straggling of $^3He$ in TPC	$\sim 350$
Vertex Reconstruction With Incident Beam $\sigma_{TPC} = 500$ $\mu m$	$\sim 130$
Total	$\sim 500$

cf. 400 keV for normal kinematics

Silicon in deuterium test  
+ pure deuterium GEM-TPC  
(w. CNS) development.



Y.N.Watanabe and S. Ogawa

# Inverse Kinematics Summary

- Spectroscopy of pionic atoms with unstable nuclei will open a possibility to approach density dependence of the chiral condensate.
- Simulation with realistic experimental setup shows reasonable yield + resolution.
- We are presently working on development of fundamental detector technologies.

# Search for $\eta'$ Bound States

K. Brinkmann, S. Friedrich, H. Fujioka, H. Geissel, R.S. Hayano,  
Y. Higashi, S. Hirenzaki, K. Itahashi, S. Itoh, M. Iwasaki, D. Jido,  
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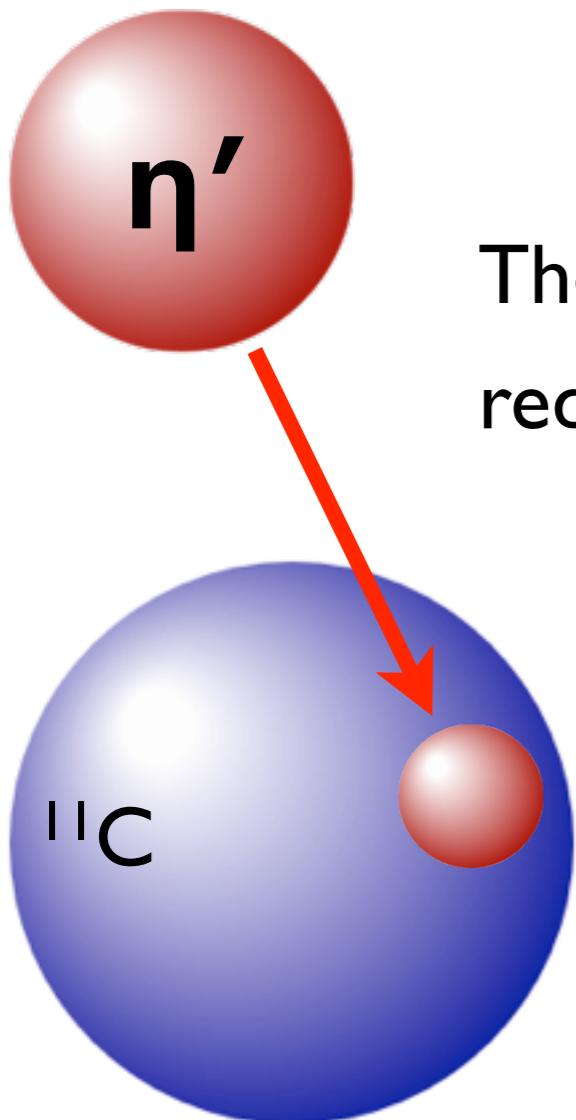
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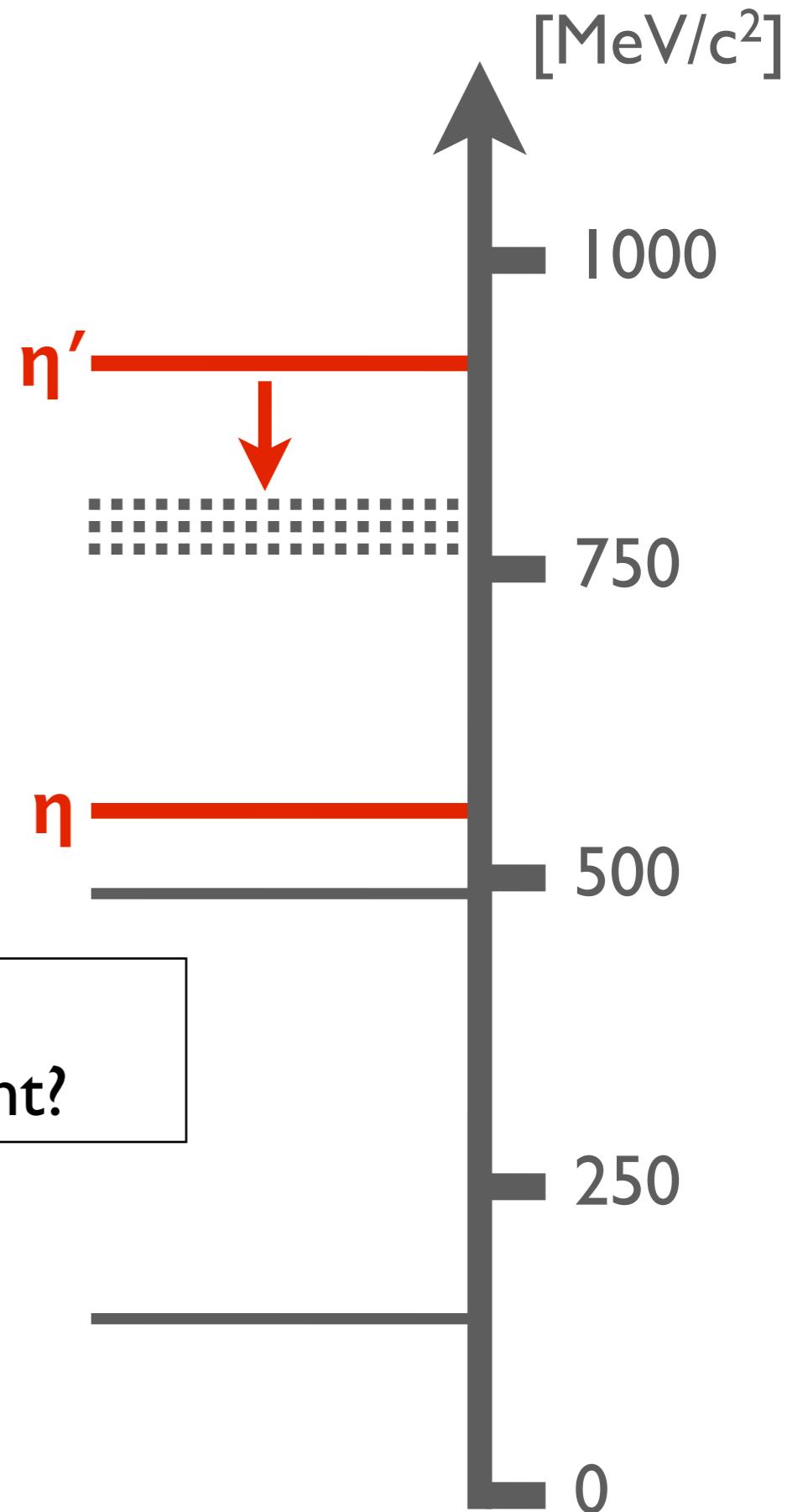
# $\eta'$ in-medium



Theories show  
reduction of  $|\mathbf{m}_{\eta'} - \mathbf{m}_\eta|$

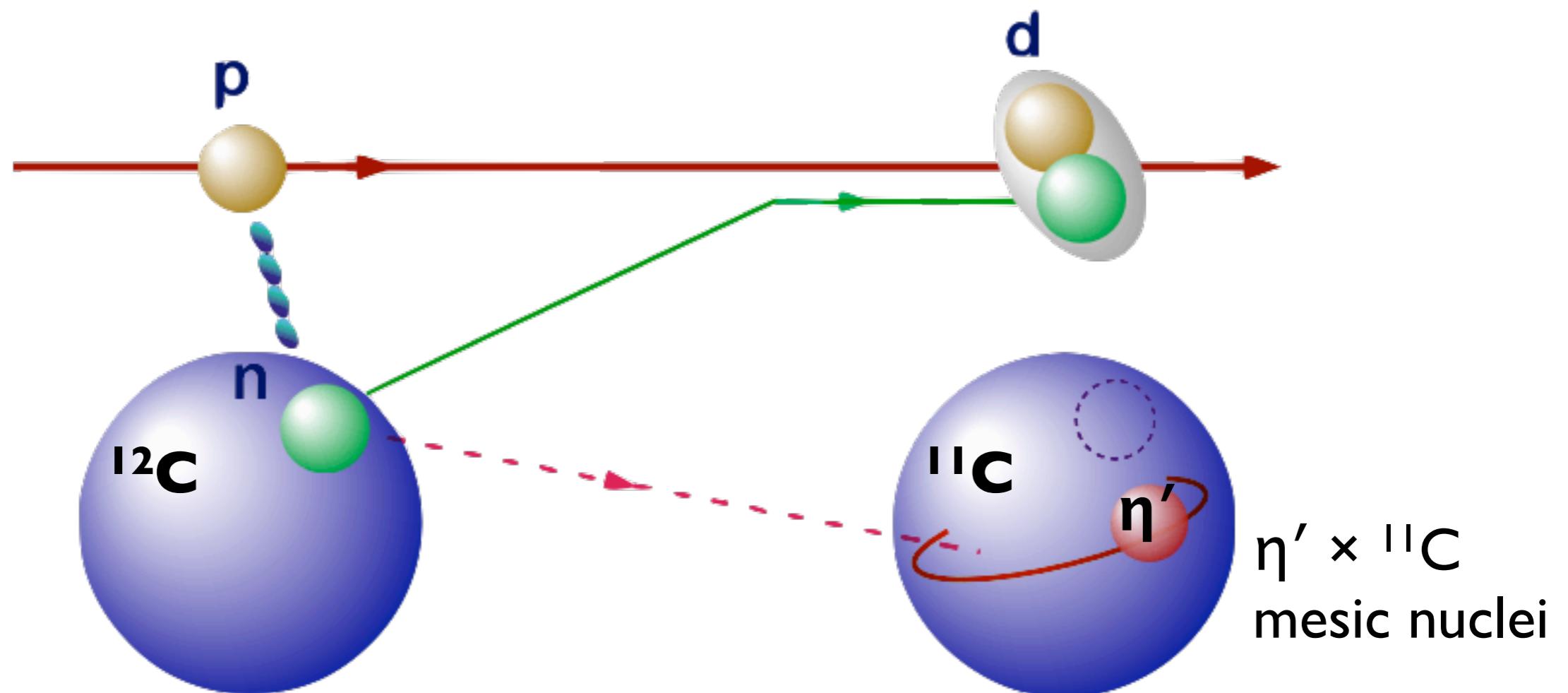
Q. Mass shift can be  
observed in experiment?

for example  
Jido et al., Phys.Rev.C85 (2012) 032201



# $\eta'$ Mesic Nuclei in $(p,d)$ Reaction

$\eta'$  transfer reaction + Missing mass measurement



$q \sim 300\text{-}400 \text{ MeV}/c$

cf.  $(\gamma,p)$   
by BGO-OD at Bonn or  
by LEPS2 at SPring-8

# Theoretical Prediction

$\eta'$ -nucleus potential:

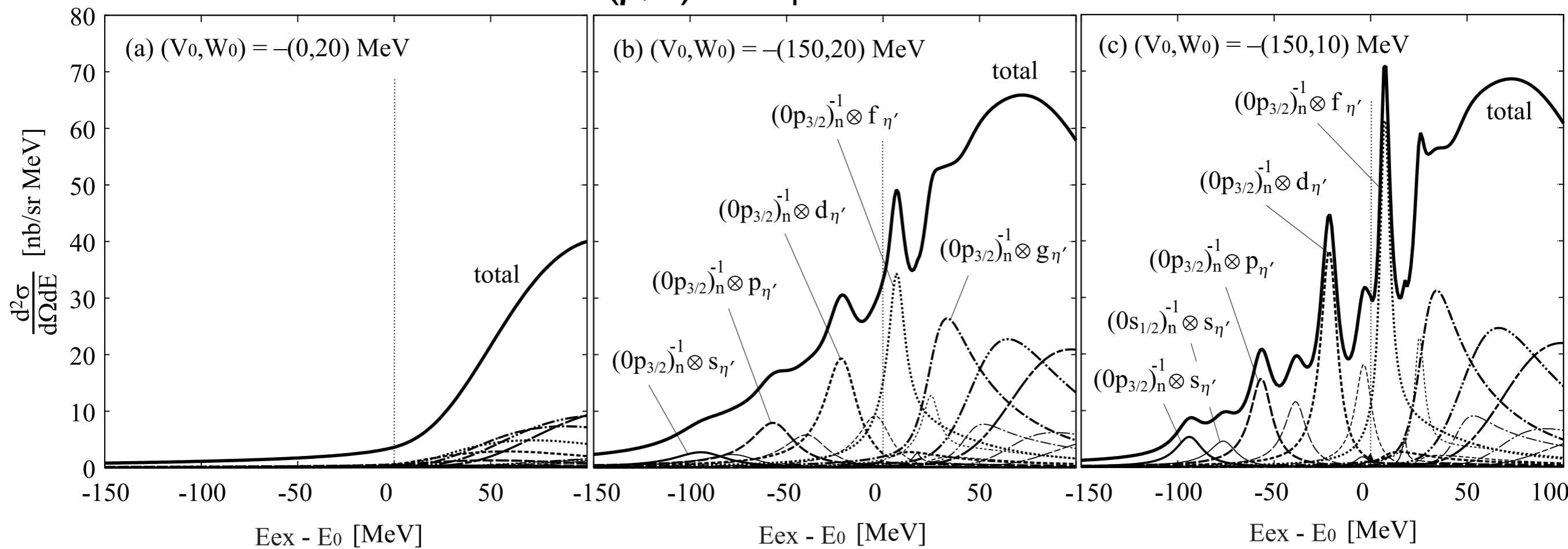
$$V_{\eta'}(r) = (V_0 + iW_0) \frac{\rho(r)}{\rho_0}$$

$\rho$ : nucleon density

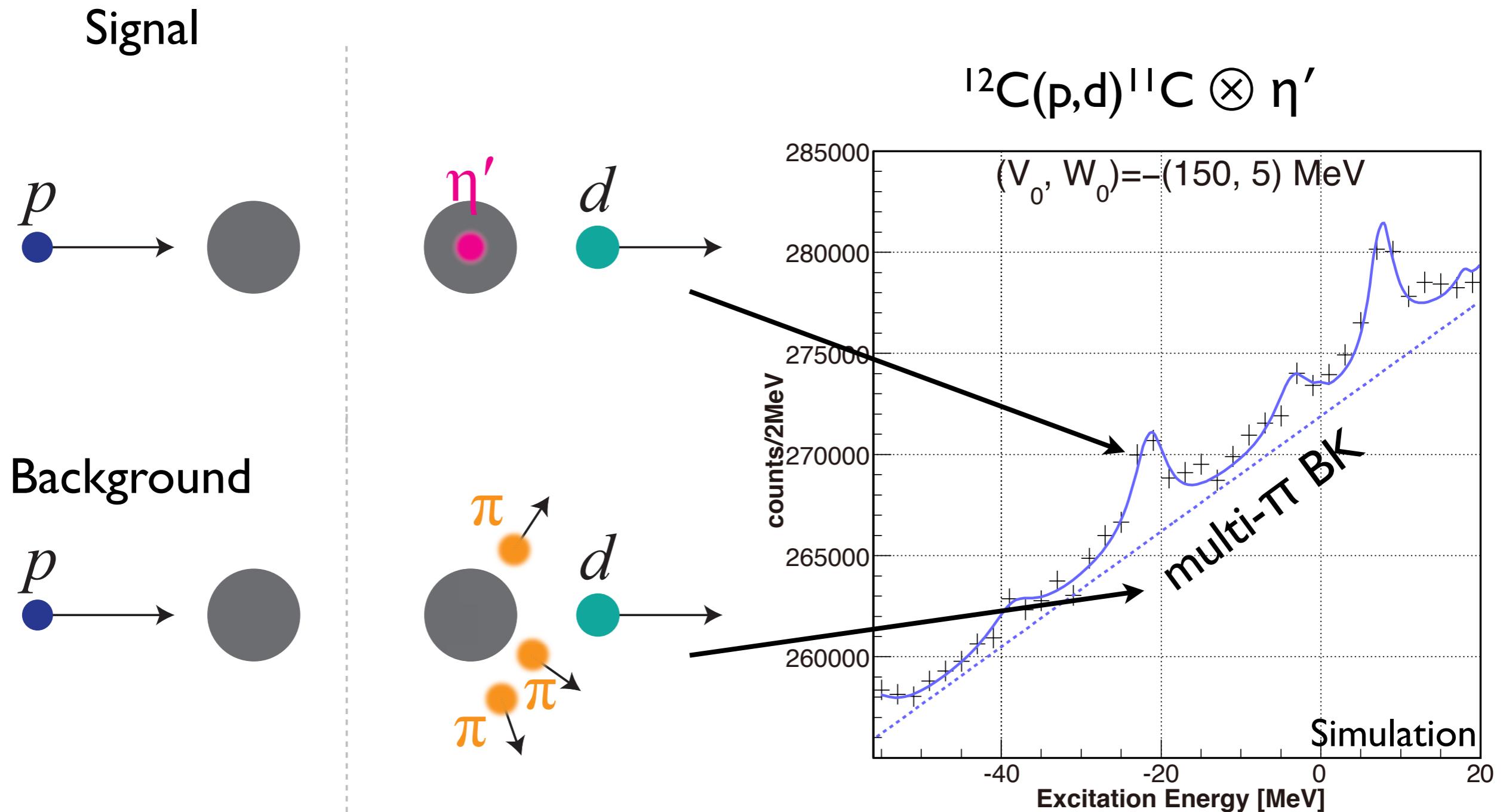
$V_0$ : Real potential depth

$W_0$ : Imaginary potential depth

$^{12}\text{C}(p,d)$  at  $T_p = 2.50$  GeV

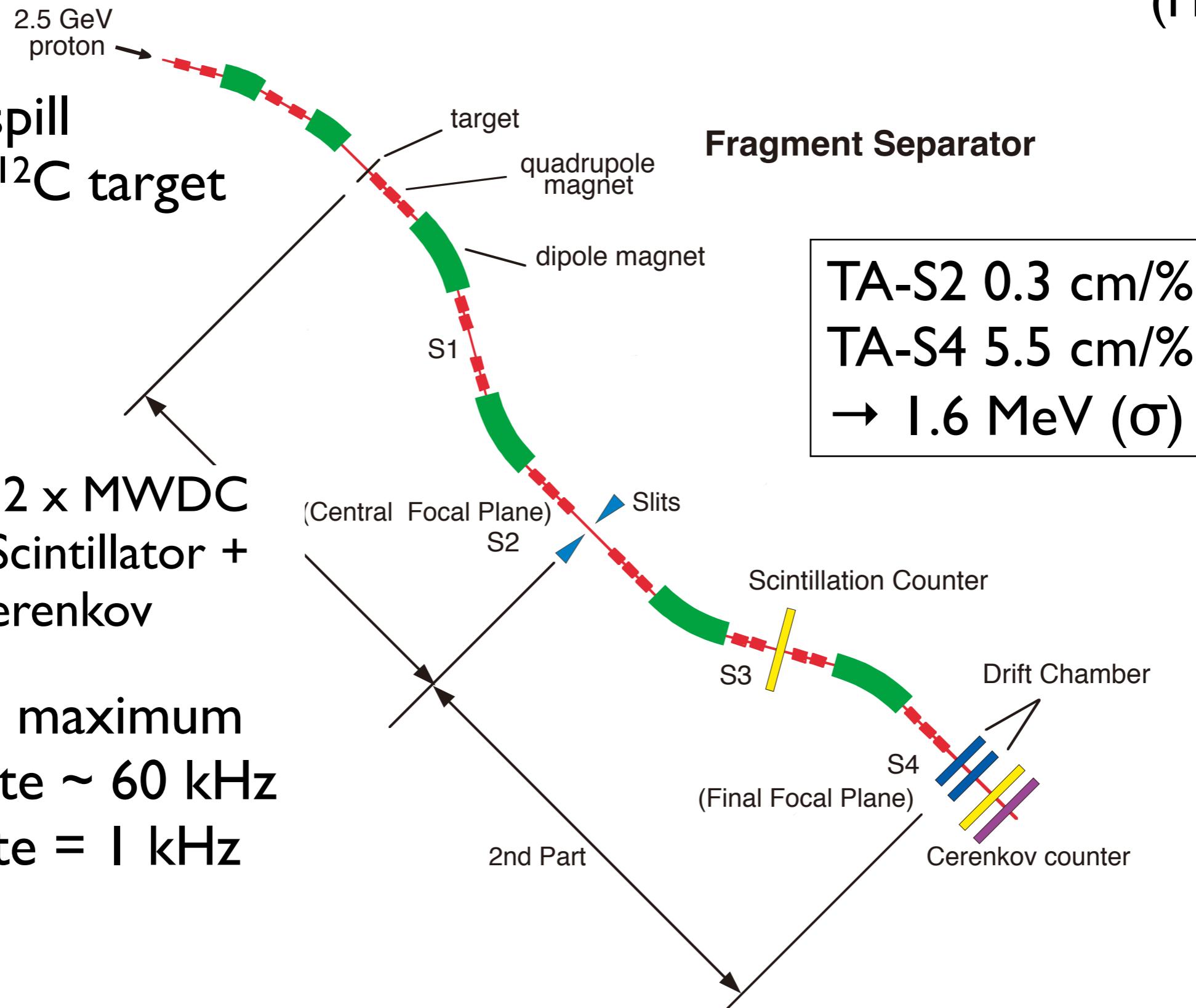


# Background in Inclusive Measurement at GSI

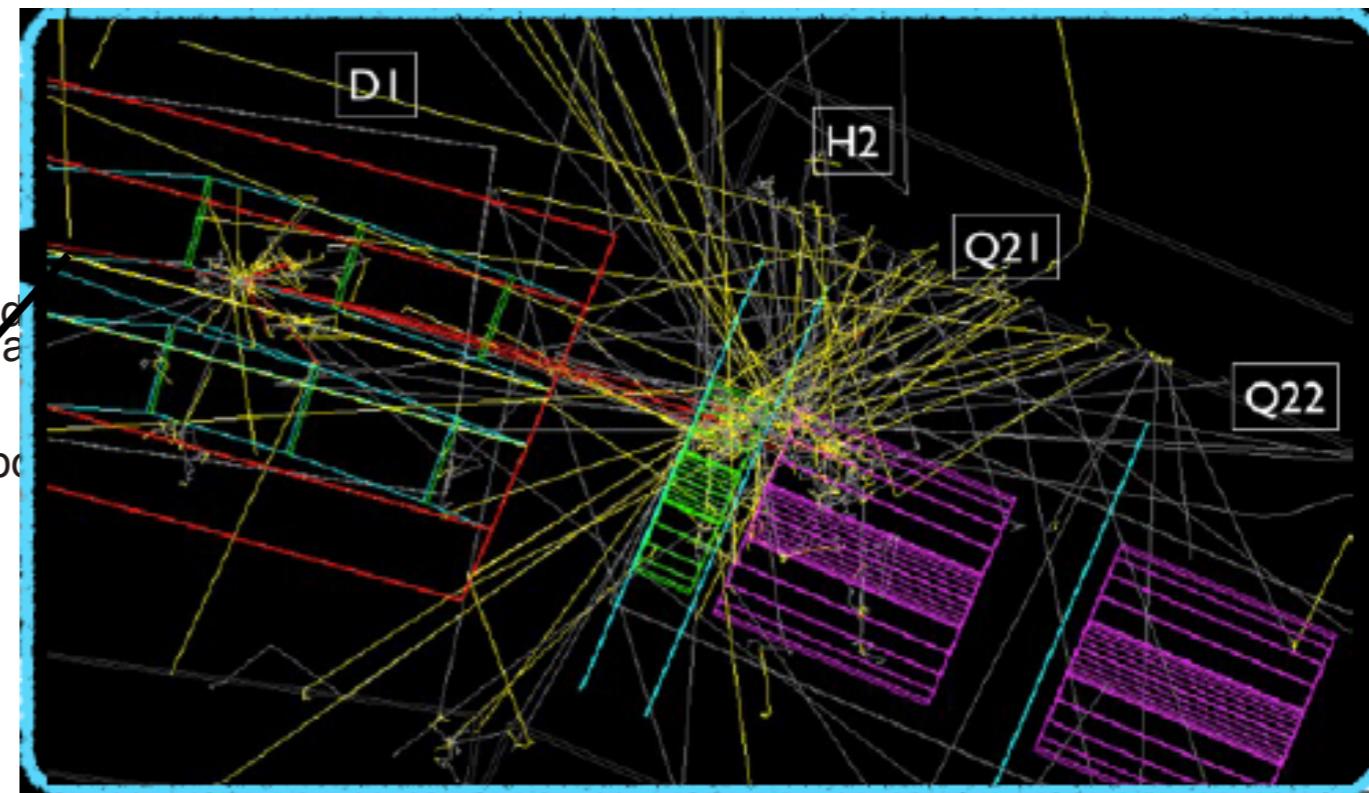
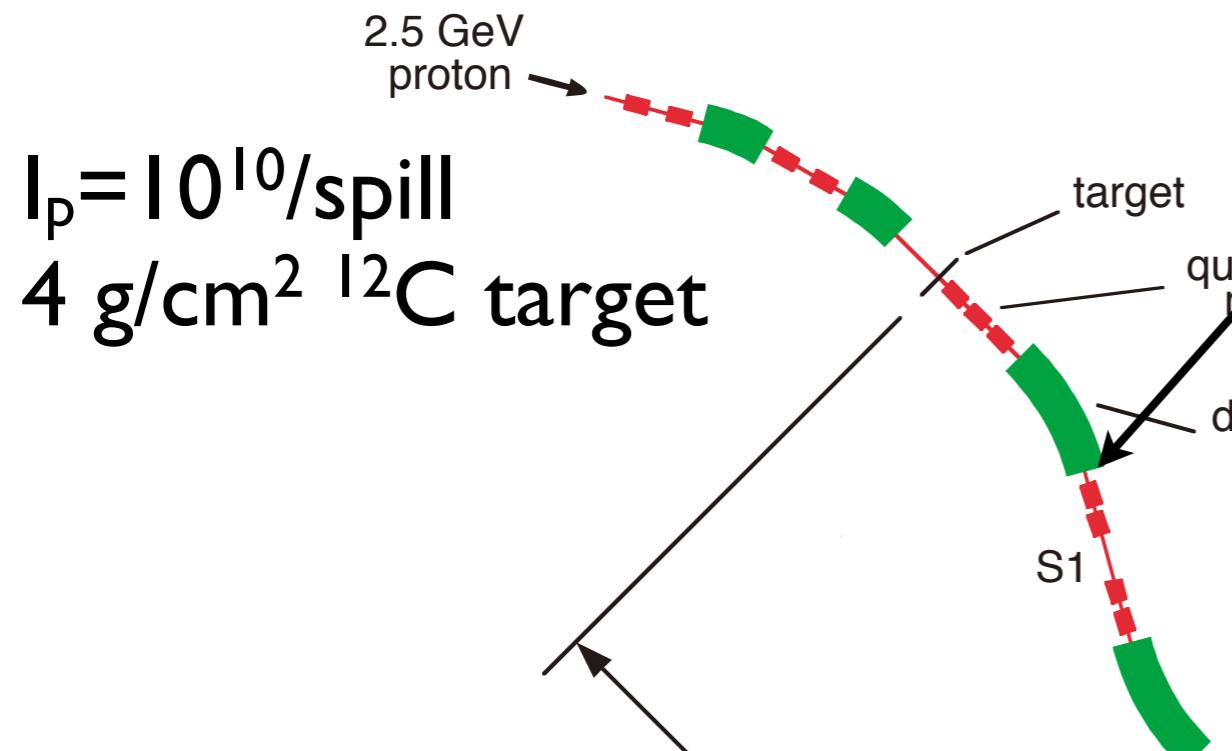


# Inclusive Measurement at GSI

(First Stage)



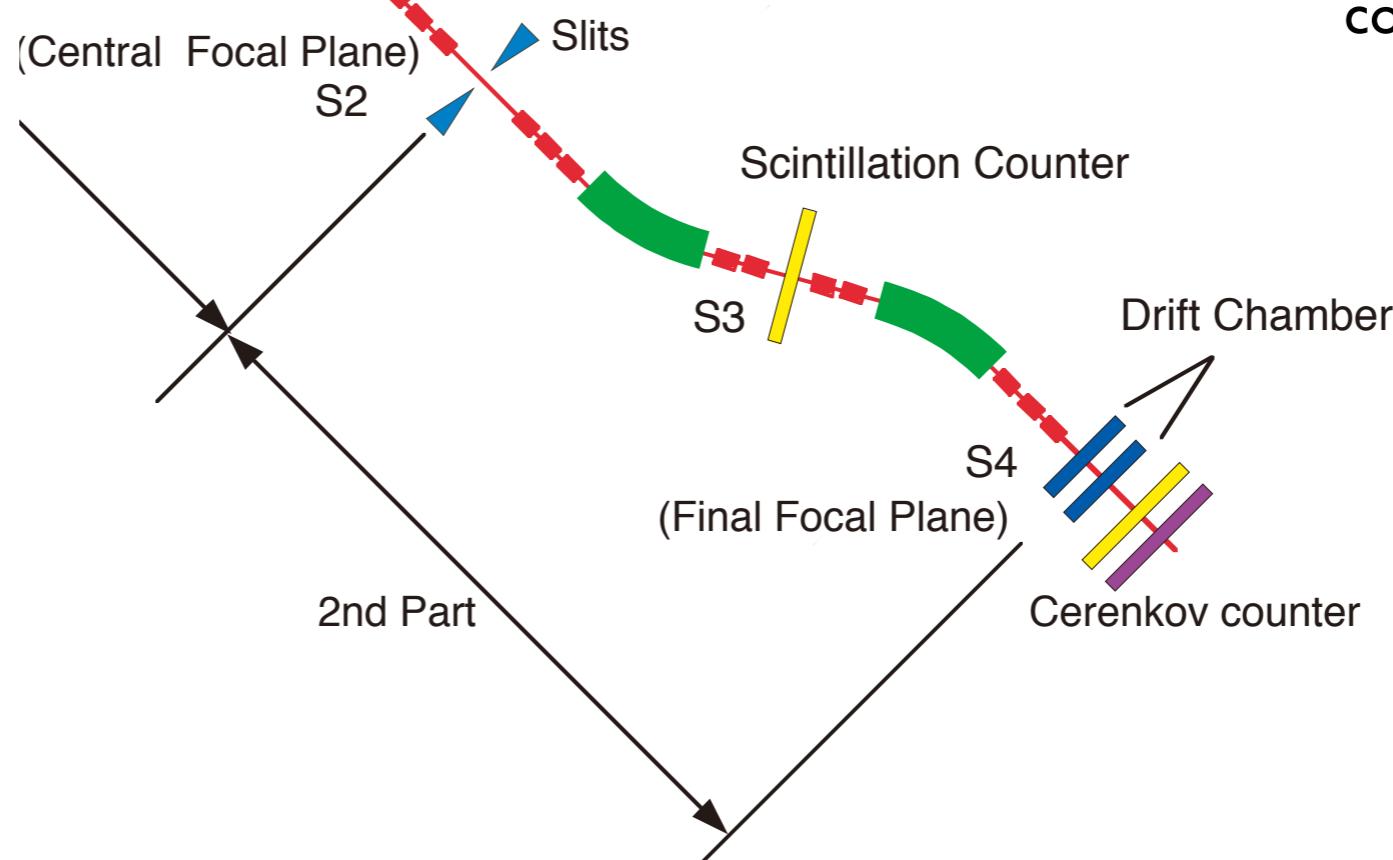
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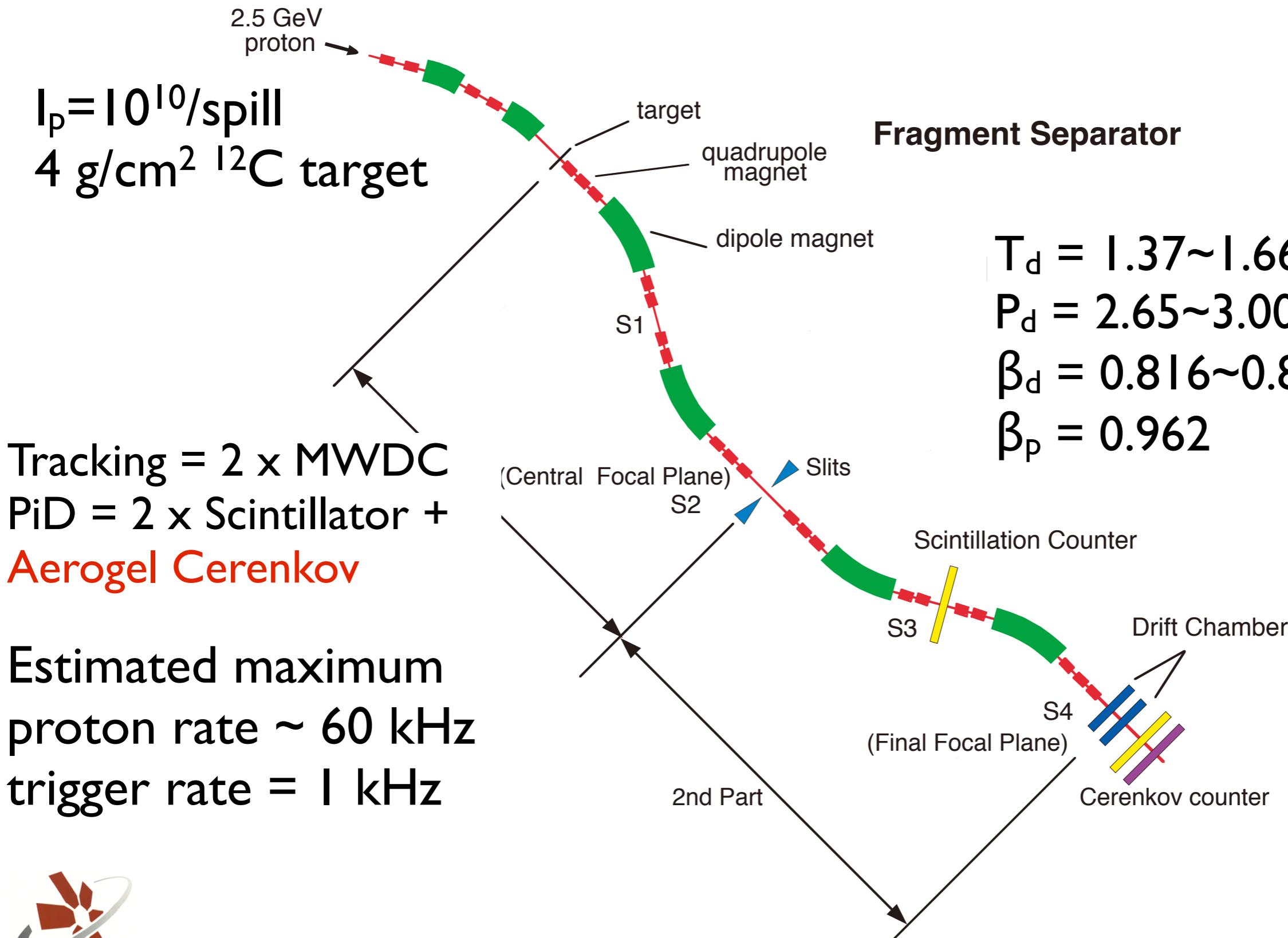
Tracking = 2 × MWDC  
PiD = 2 × Scintillator +  
Aerogel Cerenkov

Estimated maximum  
proton rate  $\sim 60 \text{ kHz}$   
trigger rate = 1 kHz



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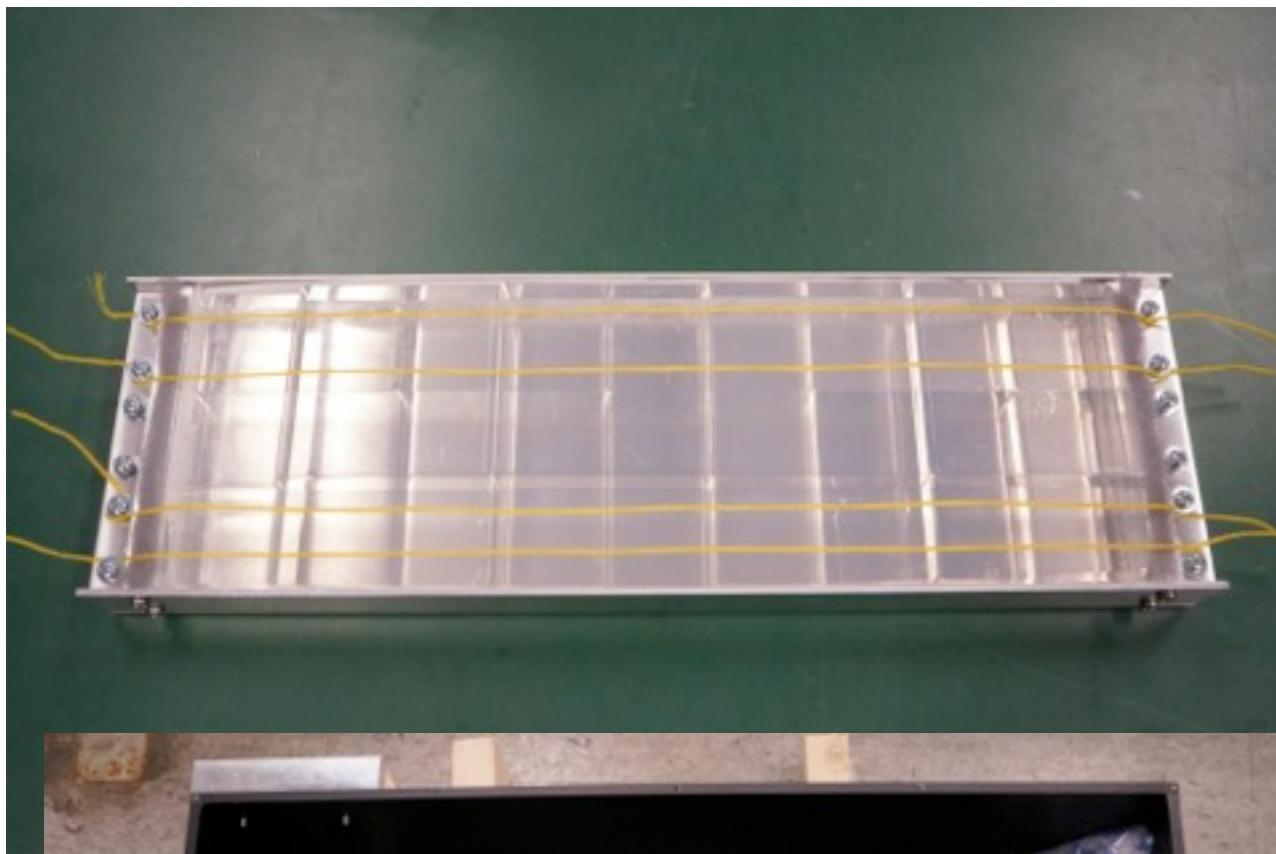
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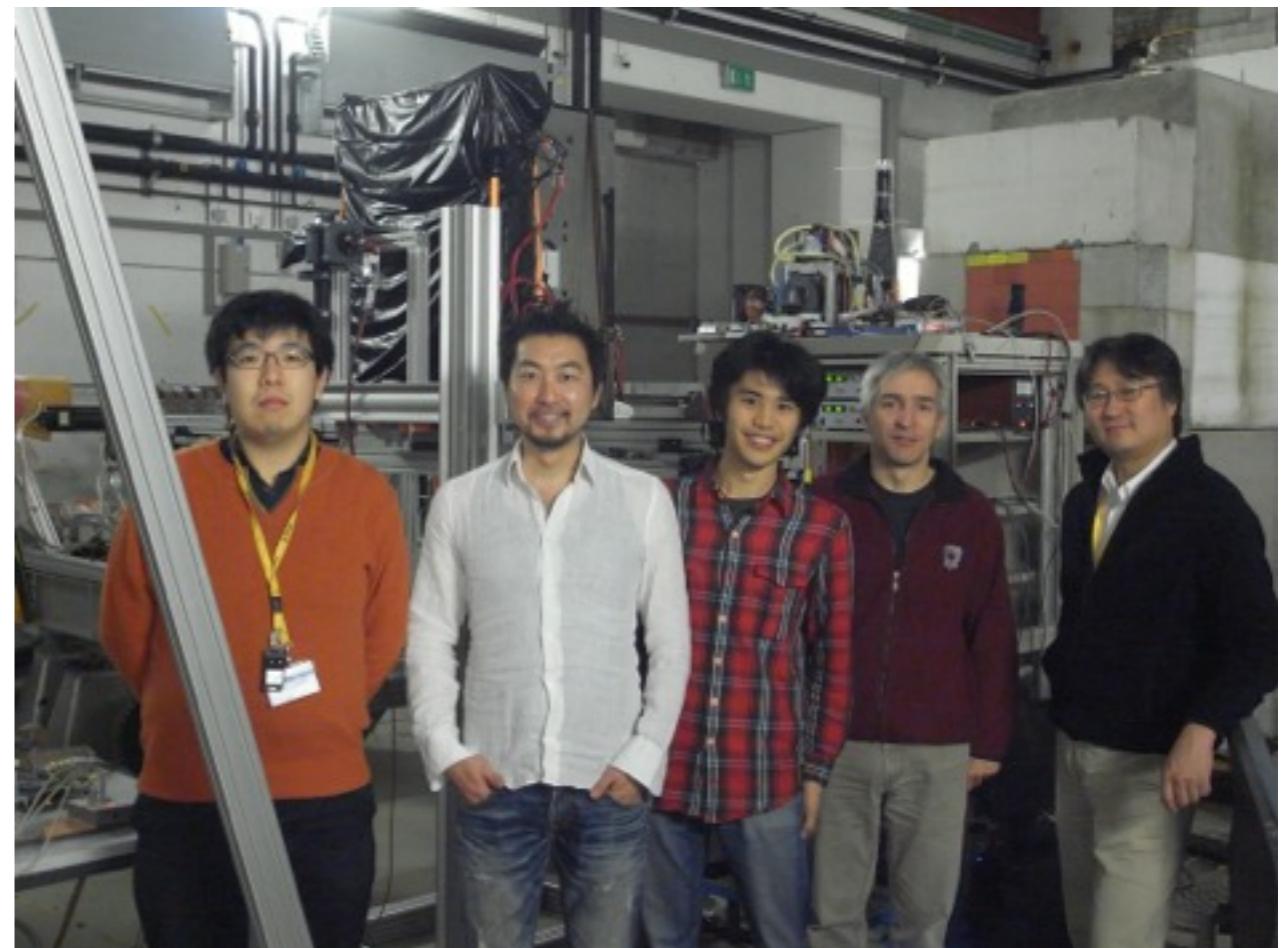
# Test of High Ref. Index Cerenkov Counter

Aerogel ( $n=1.2$ )

first time!



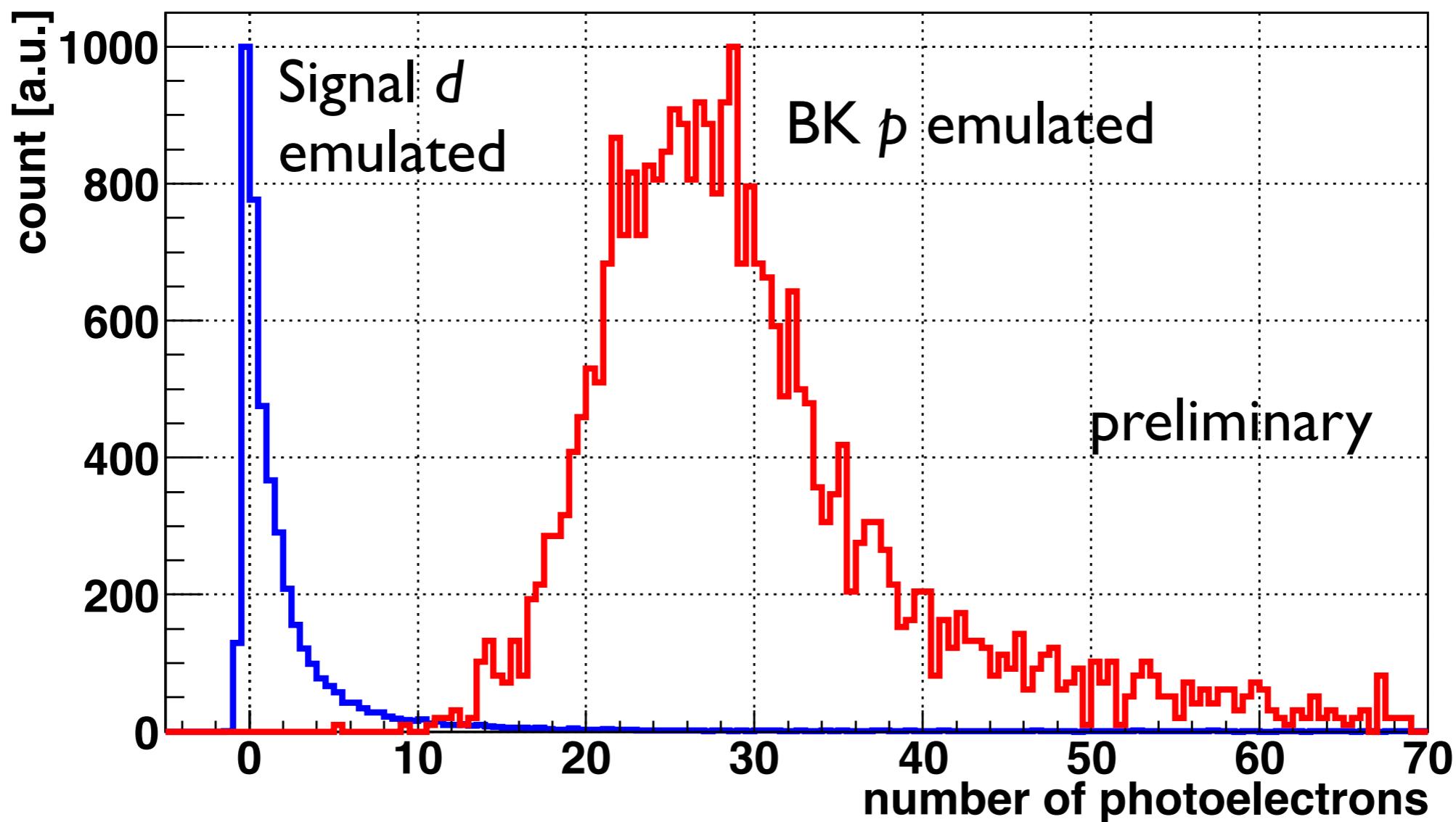
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# Test Result of Cerenkov Counter

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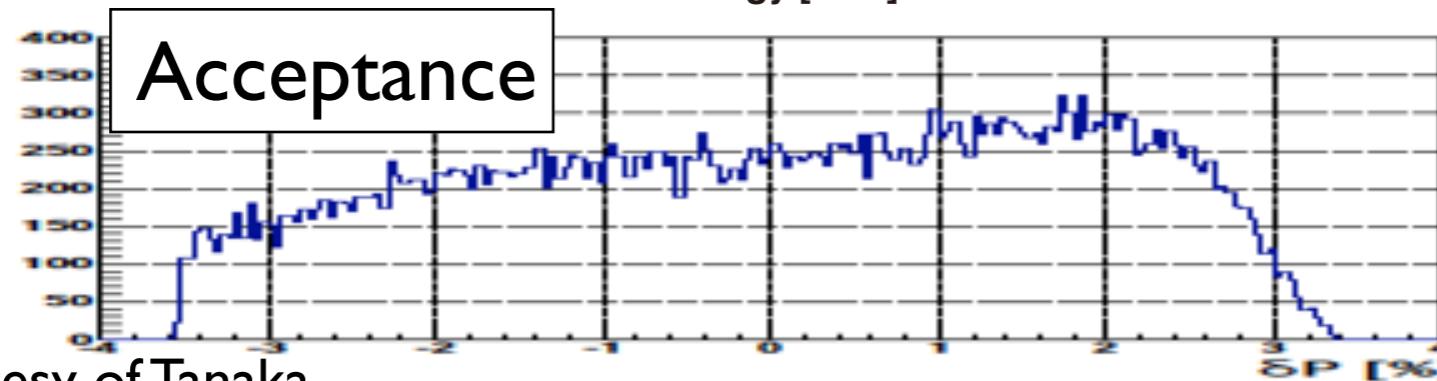
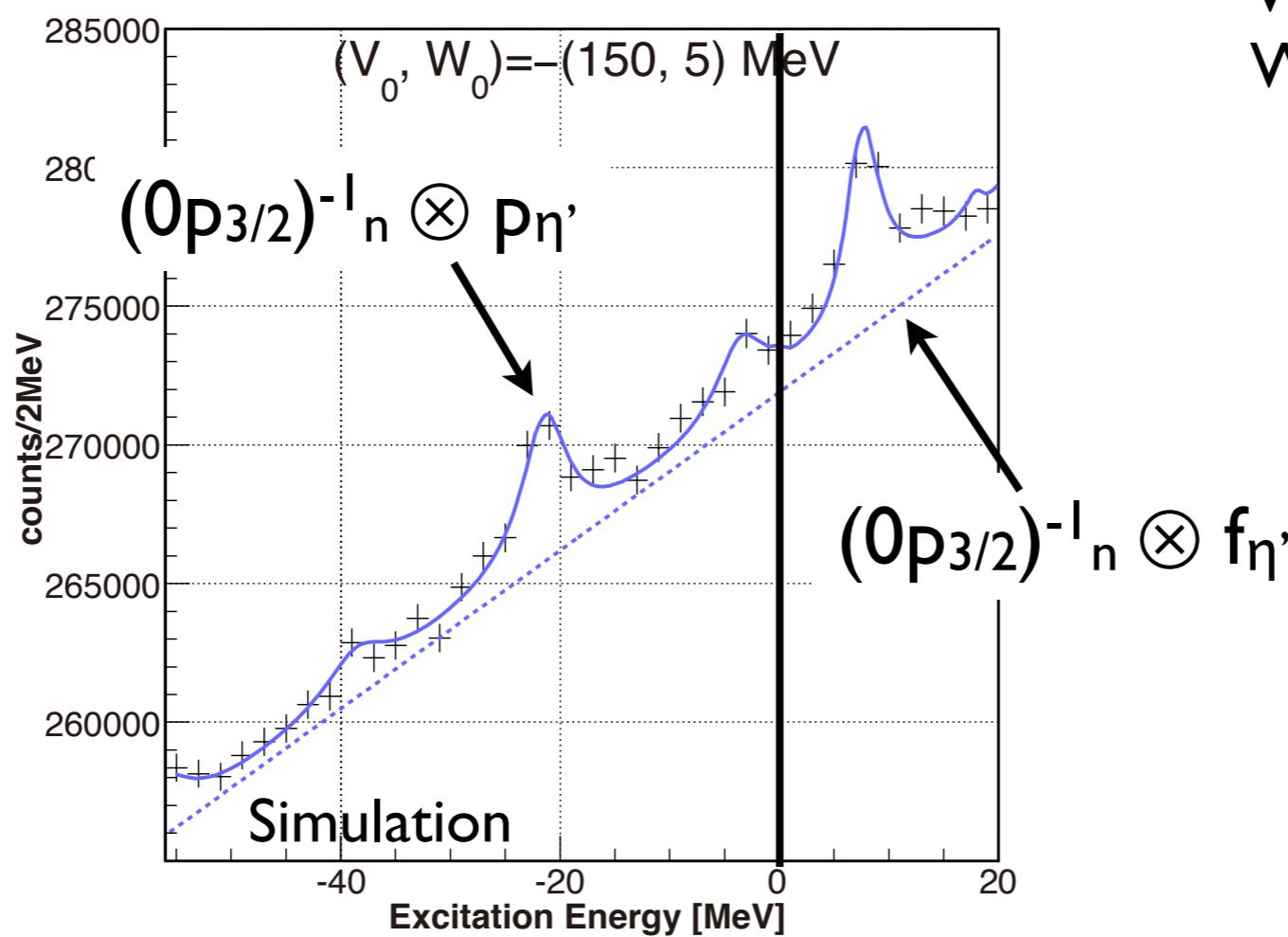


We can achieve  $> 99\%$  rejection  
with a few % overkill at online level.

# Expected Spectra at First Step (GSI)

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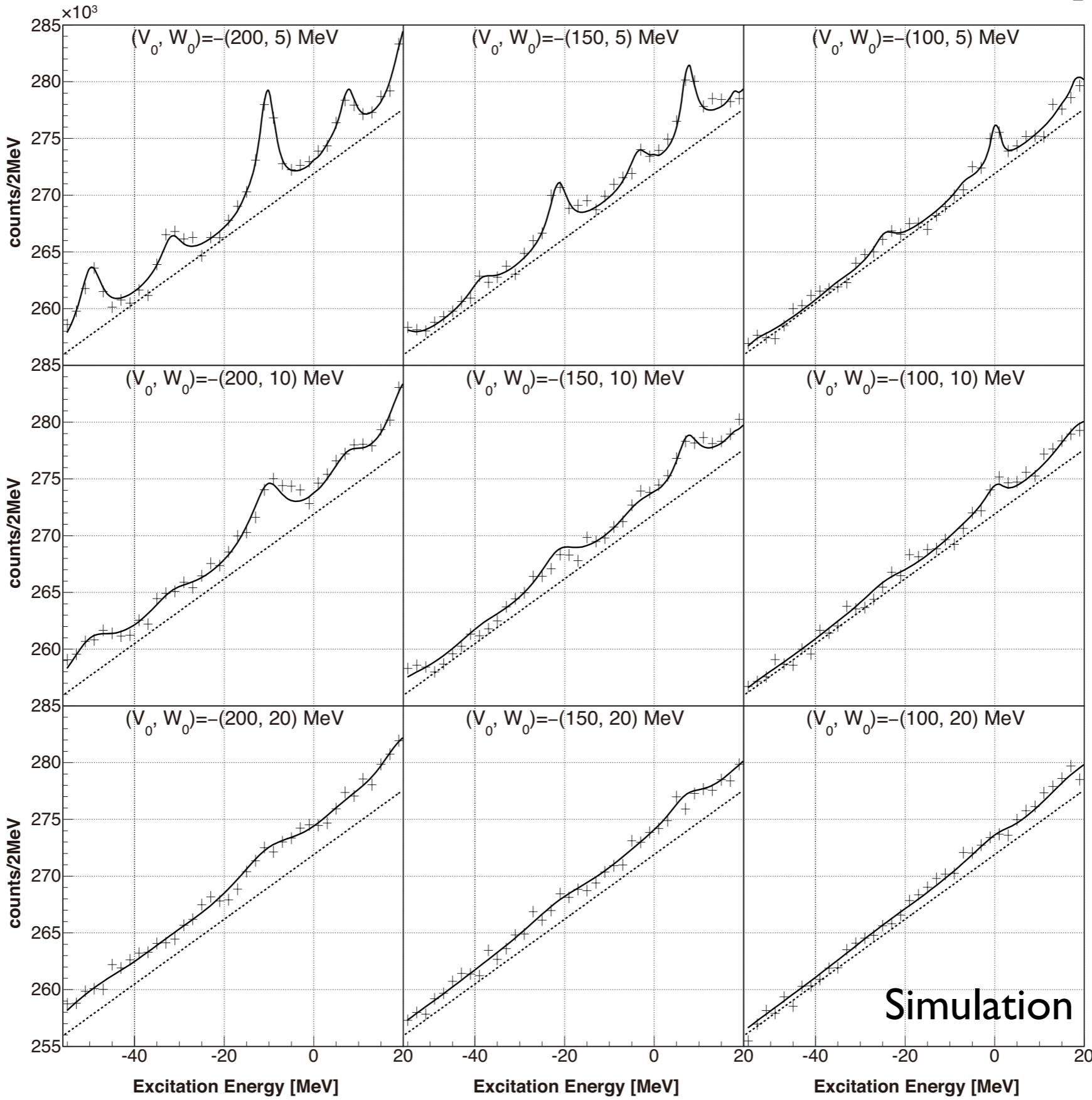
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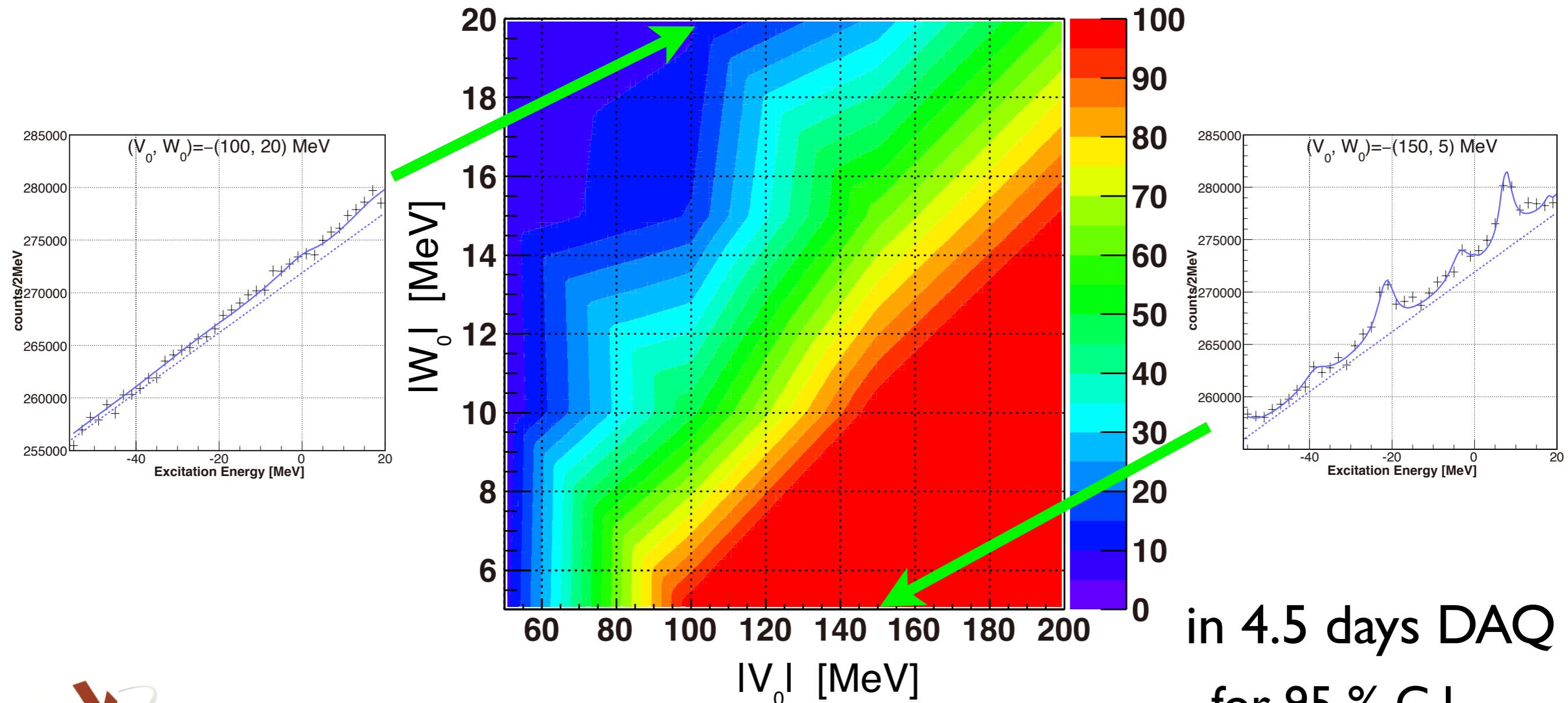
in 4.5 days DAQ

# Expected Spectra at First Step (GSI)



# Structure-finding Probability for First Step (GSI)

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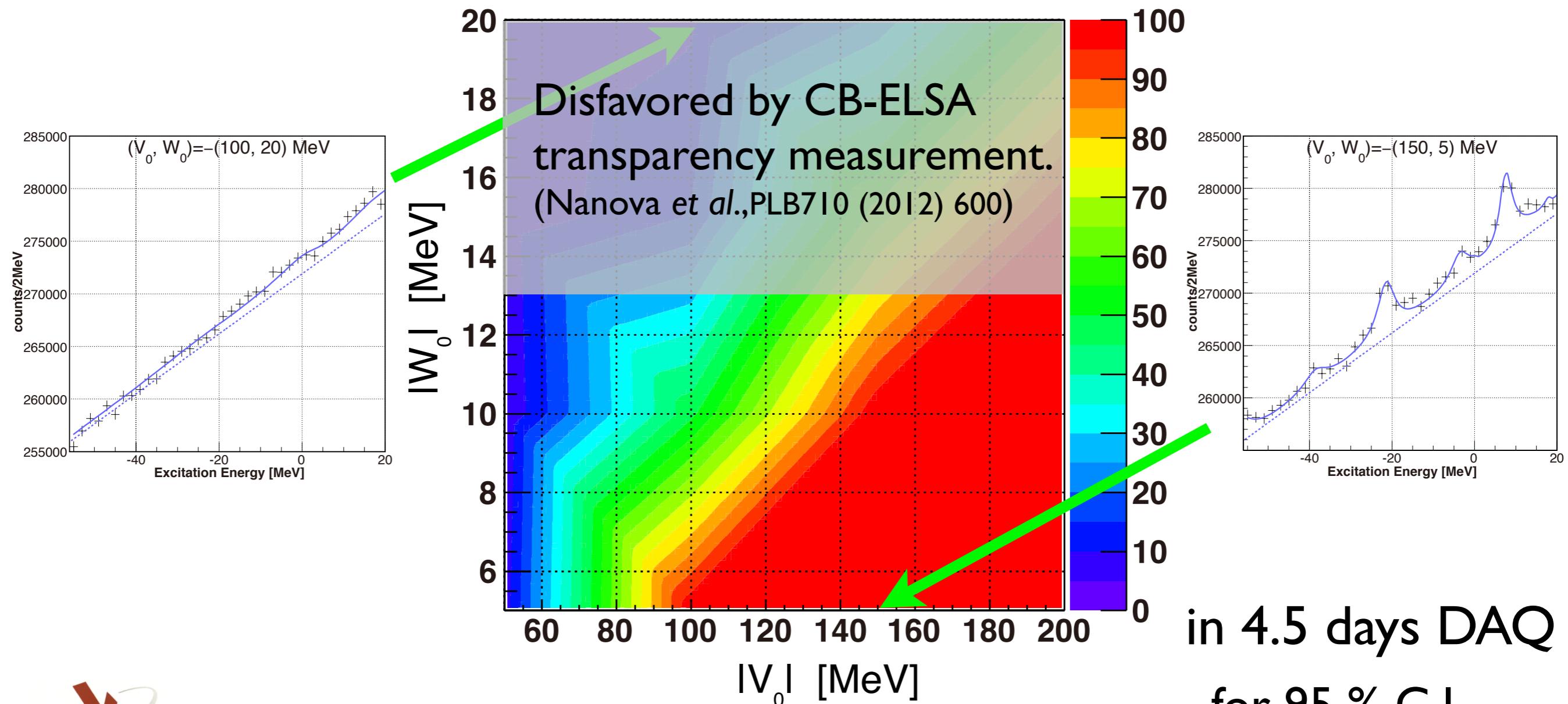


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for 95 % C.L.

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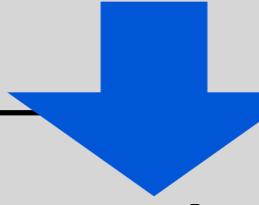
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# Step by Step from GSI to FAIR

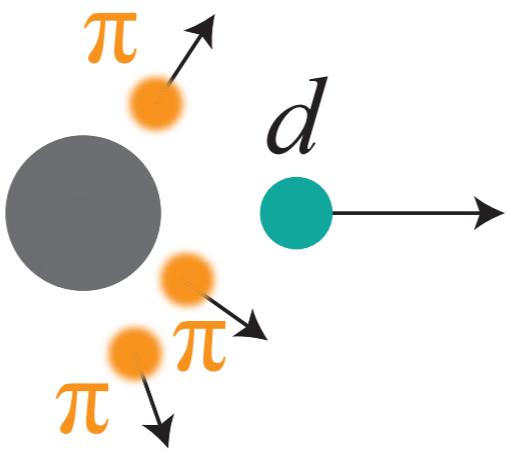
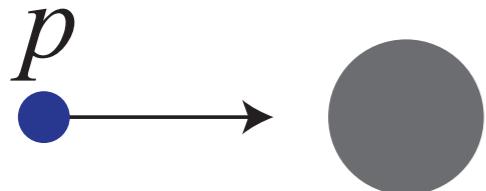
	reaction	objectives	S/N
GSI	$(p,d)$ inclusive	overall structure + BK study  Feed Back	poor
FAIR	$(p,d\mathbf{p})$ exclusive*	extended sensitivity → excited + ground states	good

\*) decay **protons** from  $\eta'$  mesic nuclei in coincidence.

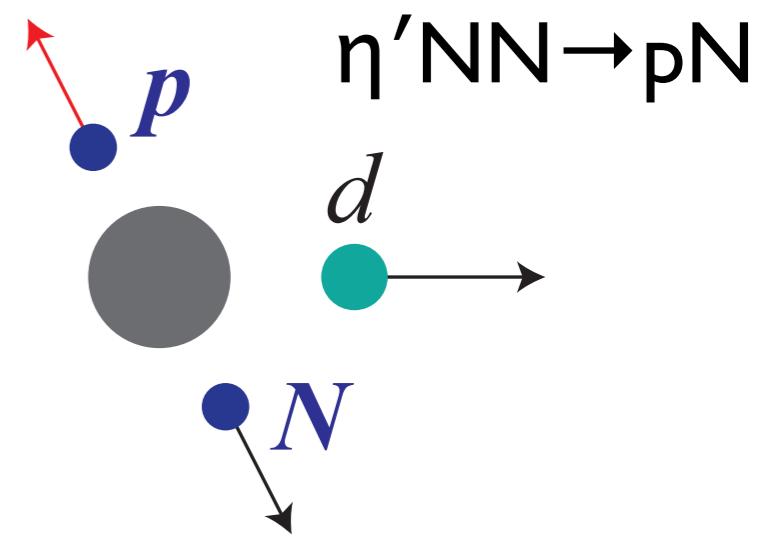
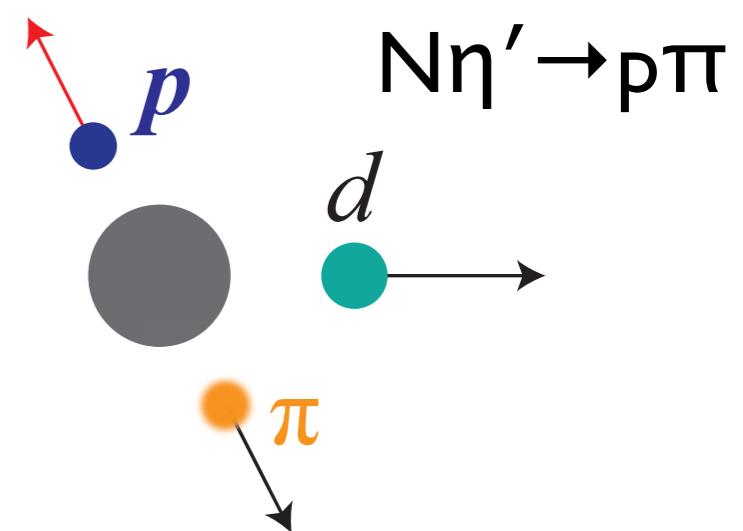
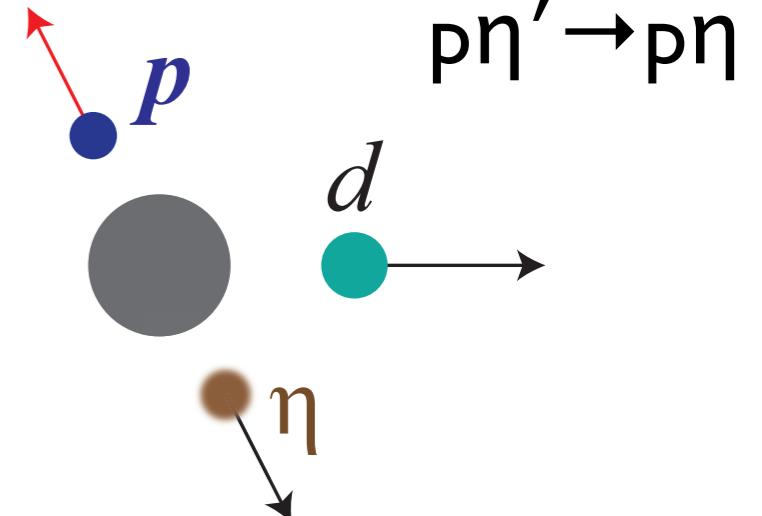
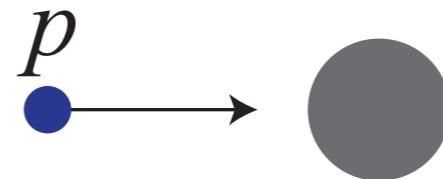
For decay branching ratio:  
both inclusive and exclusive measurements are necessary

# Principles of Exclusive Measurement at FAIR

Background

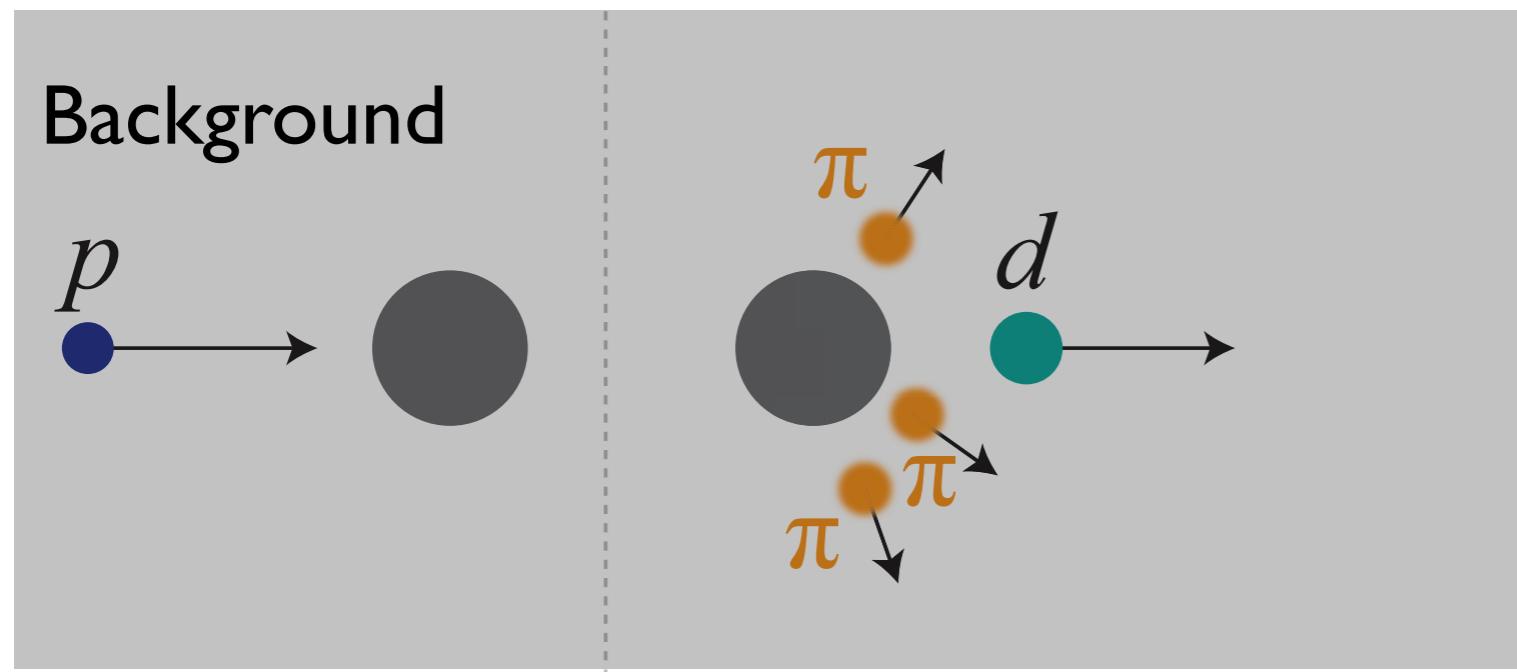


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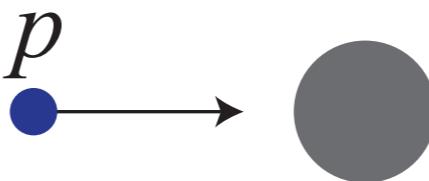
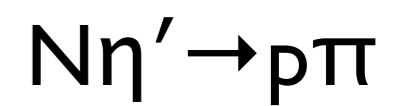
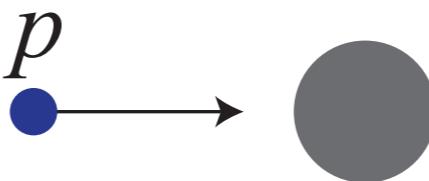
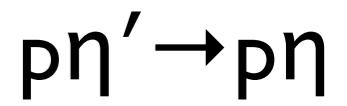
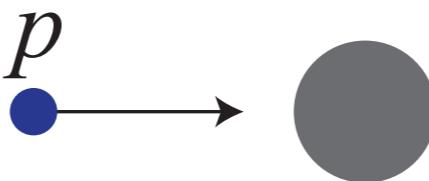


# Principles of Exclusive Measurement at FAIR

tagging high-momentum protons  
(300-600 MeV)



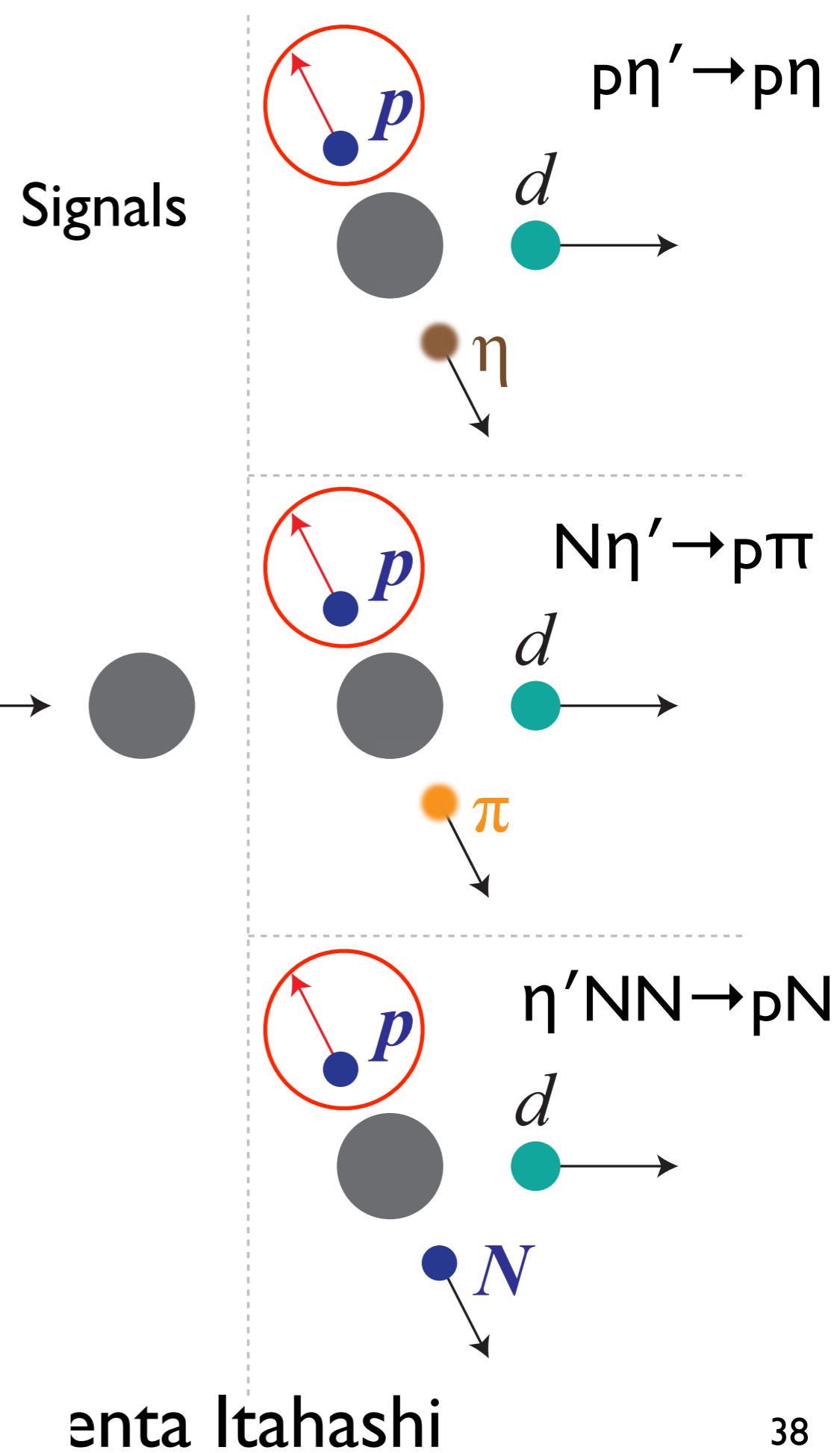
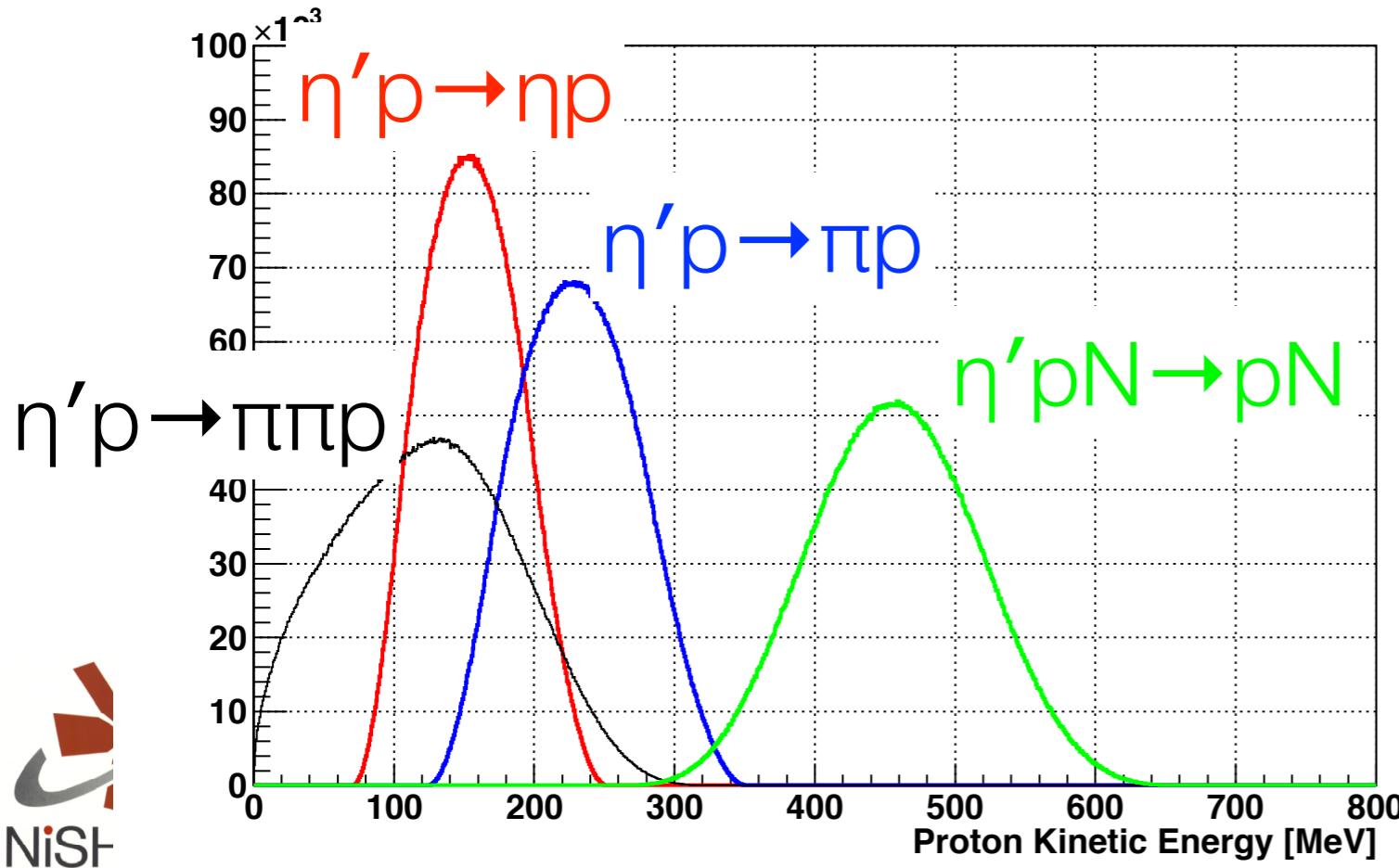
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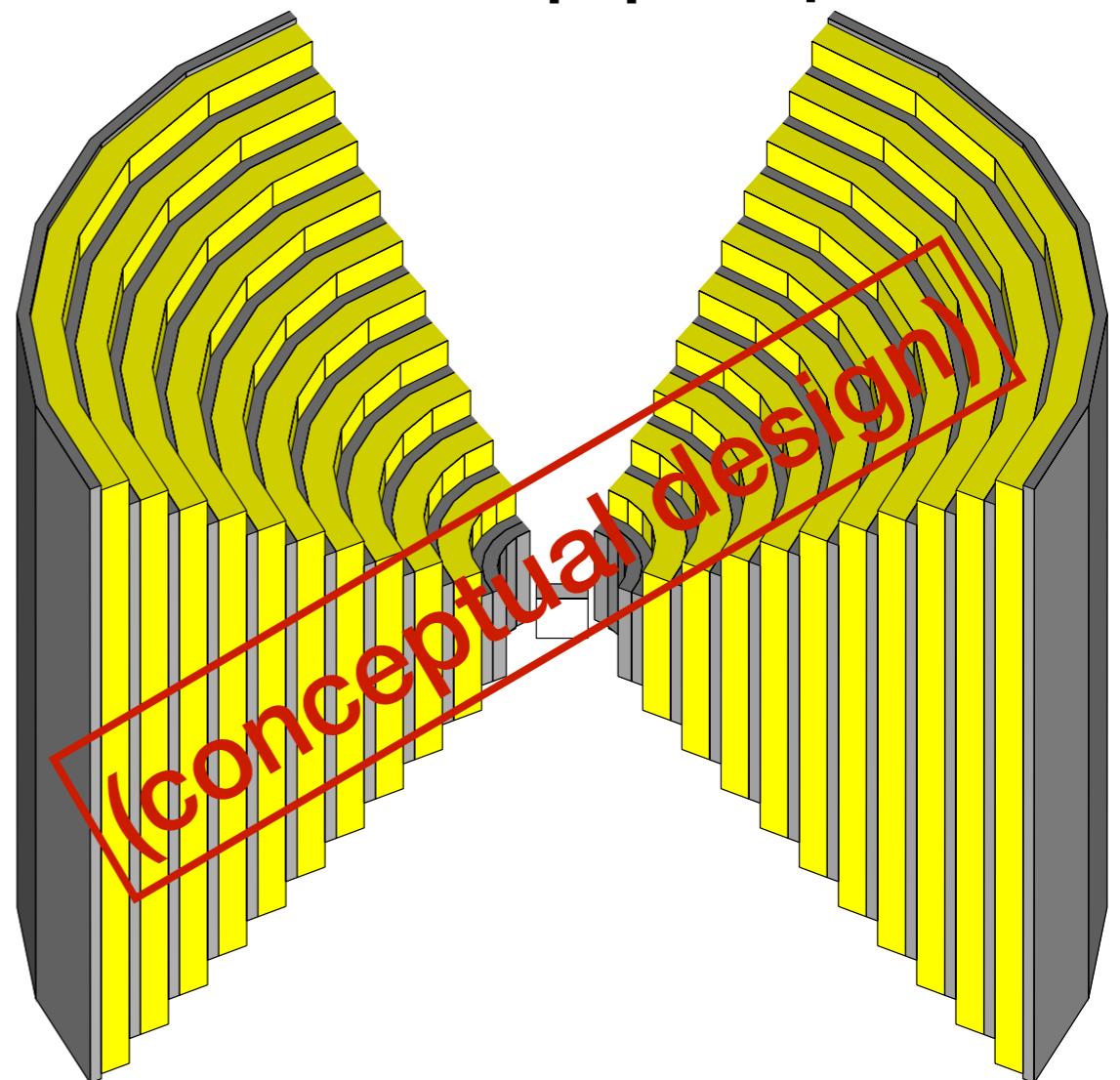
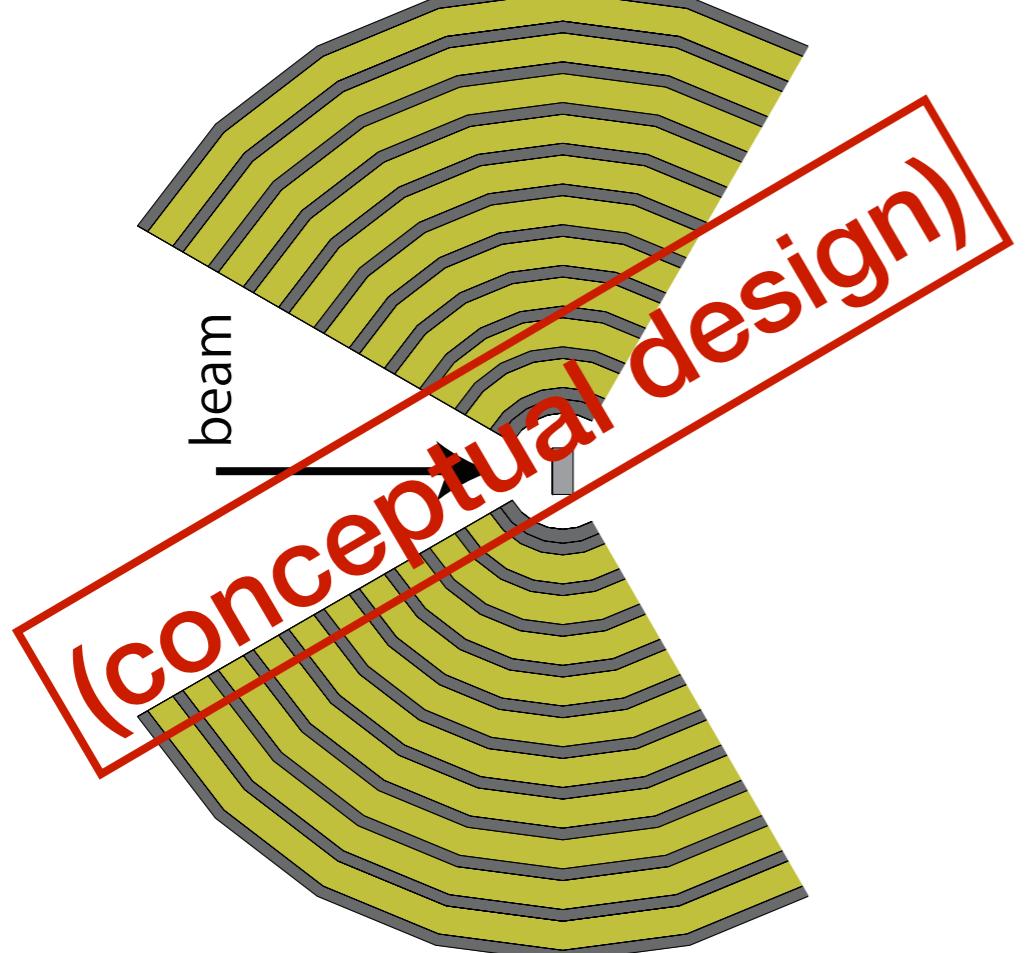
tagging high-momentum protons  
(300-600 MeV)

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# Conceptual design of decay proton counter

10 layers of Sci/Brass sampling calorimeter for p/pi separation



design in progress

# Summary

- We are working for two projects: piAF,  $\eta'$  mesic nuclei spectroscopy.
- piAF is waiting for main experiment after successful pilot experiment.
- Pionic atom spectroscopy with unstable nuclei is also in progress.
- $\eta'$  mesic nuclei spectroscopy is in preparation at GSI/FAIR.
- Detector integrity test in Jan/2014 at COSY.
- Detector design for FAIR combined with nuclear cascade code is in progress to optimize BG suppression in semi-exclusive measurement.