

Nuclear Physics studied by Neutrino induced Coherent Pion Production

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Motivation from the point of view of nuclear physics

Neutrino-Nucleus scattering

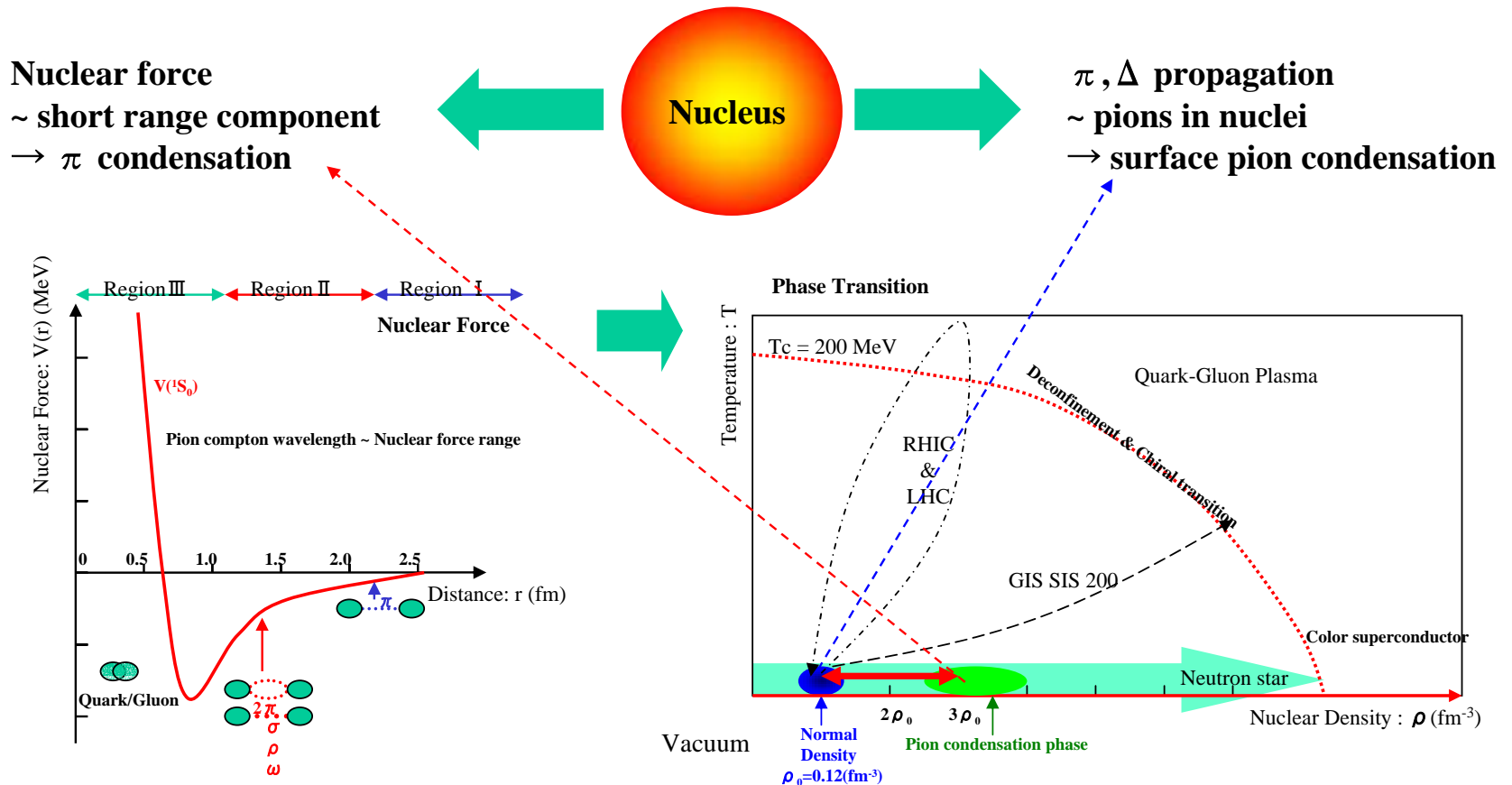
1. **Neutrino oscillations ~ Detector response**
2. **Hadron physics ~ Spin structure of nucleon**
3. **Input into Astrophysics ~ Core collapse supernovae , r-process nucleosynthesis**
4. **Nuclear physics ~ π , Δ propagation in the interior of nucleus**

Physics motivation

New probe ~ neutrino

Physics ~ search of nuclear interior , property of high density nuclear matter

pion, Δ propagation in the nuclear medium ~ Chiral symmetry in nuclear physics

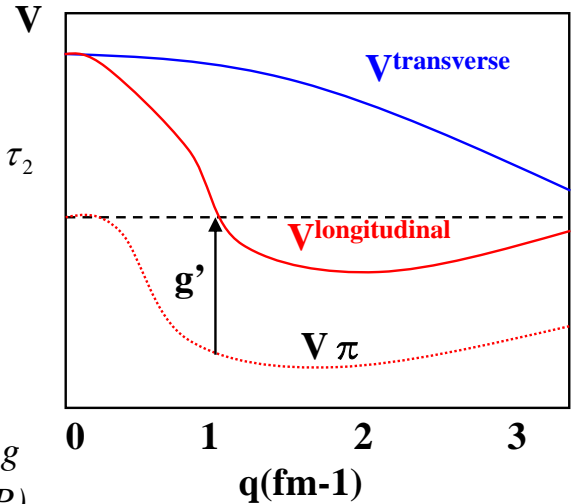


Nuclear force and short range correlation

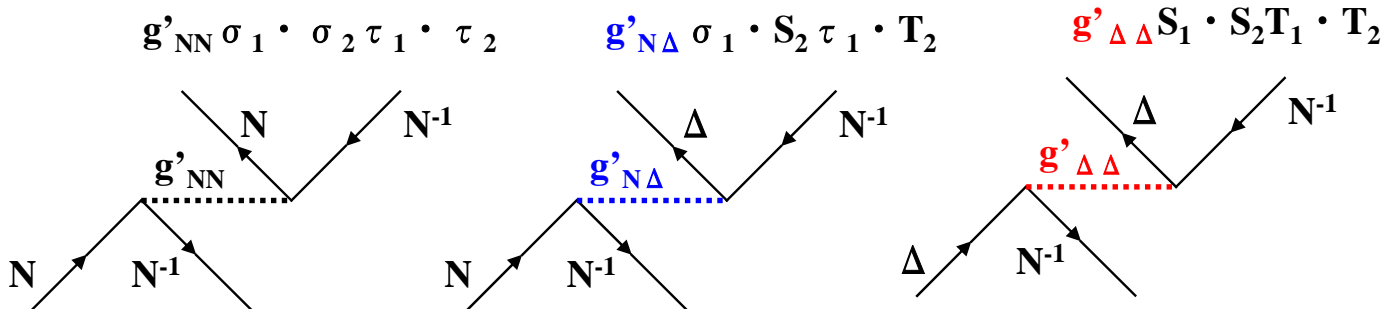
- Nuclear force
 - short range correlation of the nuclear interaction
 $\Rightarrow 1 \pi$ exchange + 1ρ exchange + g' (short range: phenomenological parameter)

$$V_{ph}^{longitudinal} = 4\pi f^2 \left(g'_{NN} + \frac{k^2}{\omega^2 - k^2 - m_\pi^2} \right) (\sigma_1 \cdot k)(\sigma_2 \cdot k) \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2$$

$$V_{ph}^{transverse} = 4\pi f^2 \left(g'_{NN} + \frac{f_\rho^2}{f^2} \cdot \frac{k^2}{\omega^2 - k^2 - m_\pi^2} \right) (\sigma_1 \times k)(\sigma_2 \times k) \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2$$



- Critical Density of Pion Condensation
- Finite expectation value of pion in nuclei
- Landau-Migdal parameter $g' \sim g'_{NN}, g'_{N\Delta}, g'_{\Delta\Delta}$
- $(N-h)(N-h), (\Delta-h)(N-h), (\Delta-h)(\Delta-h)$ residual interaction
- $g'_{NN}, g'_{N\Delta} \sim$ Gamow-Teller region, $g'_{N\Delta} \sim$ quasi-free scattering
- $g'_{\Delta\Delta} \sim \Delta$ excitation region \rightarrow Coherent Pion Production (CPP)



Pion condensation phase in high density nuclear matter

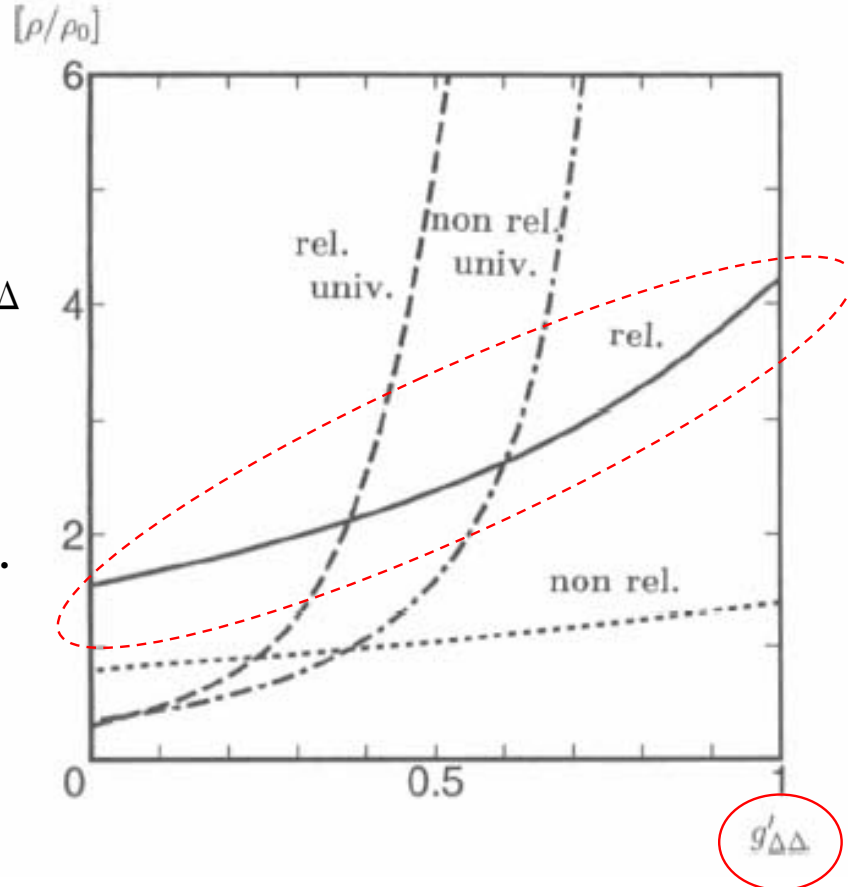
Short range correlation : $g'_{\Delta\Delta}$

~ sensitive to critical density ρ of pion condensation phase

~ determine the limit of ρ from the CPP measurement

Universality ~ $g' = g'_{NN} = g'_{N\Delta} = g'_{\Delta\Delta}$

Relativistic H.F.



[1] M. Nakano et al.,
IJMP E 10-6 (2001) 459

[2] A. Onishi et al.,
arXiv:nucl-th/0407085

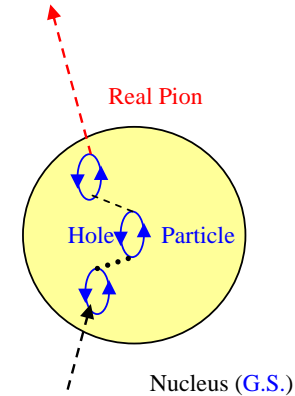
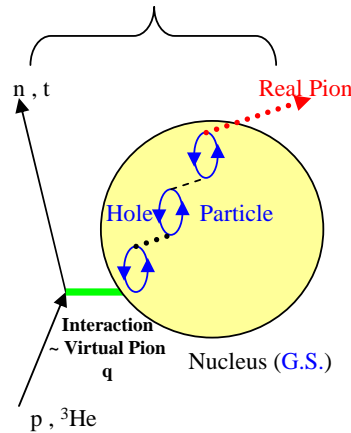
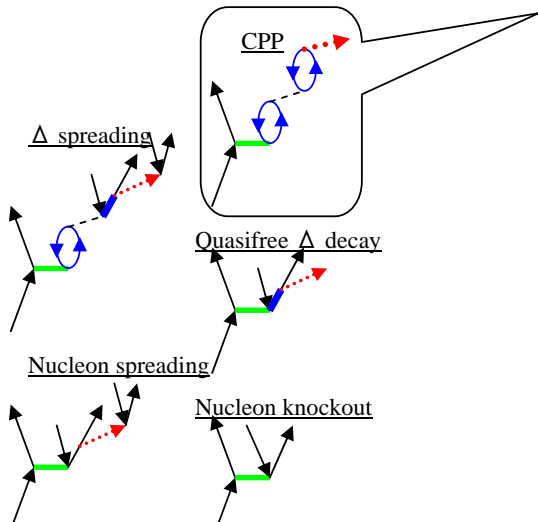
Coherent Pion Production

$$A(p, n \pi^+)A(G.S.), A(\nu, \mu^- \pi^+)A(G.S.)$$

Inclusive measurement

Coincidence measurement of neutron and pion

Cross section - spin longitudinal component : dominant



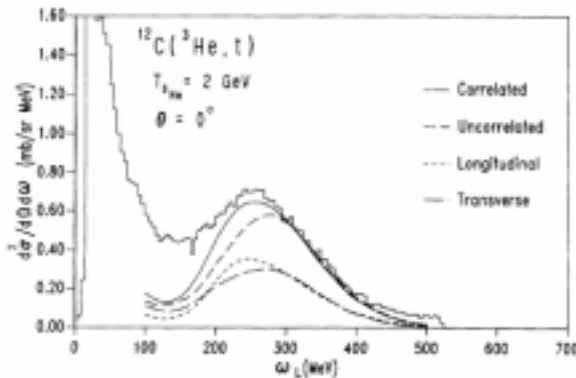
Coherent Pion Production (CPP)

- Virtual pion ~ emitted from incidence proton beam
- Excite Δ /nucleon-particle nucleon-hole states
- Propagate with mixing particle-hole states
- Produce the real pion
- Target nucleus is left in the Ground State (G.S.)

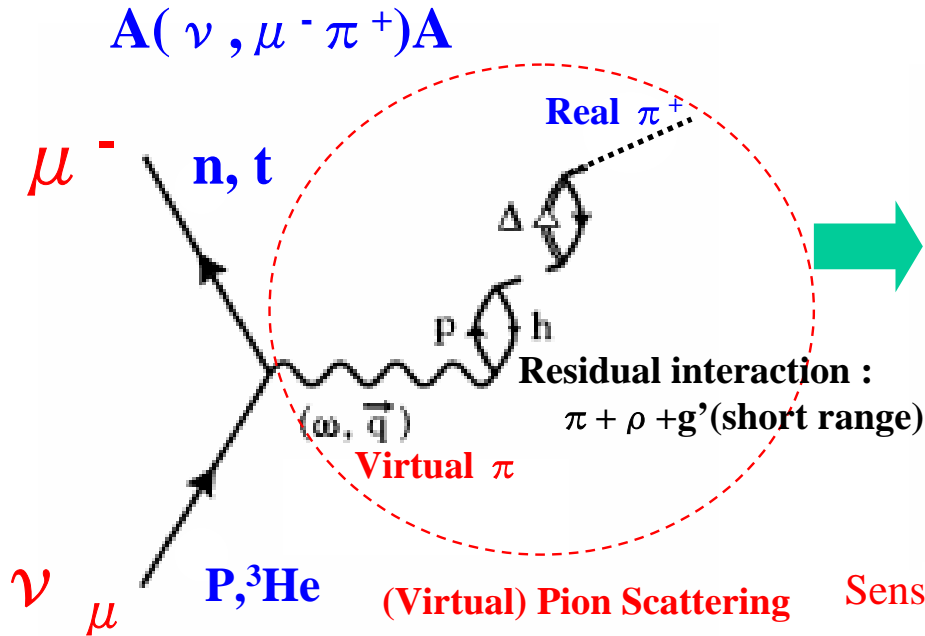
(virtual) pion scattering

Pure longitudinal mode $\sim \sigma \cdot q$

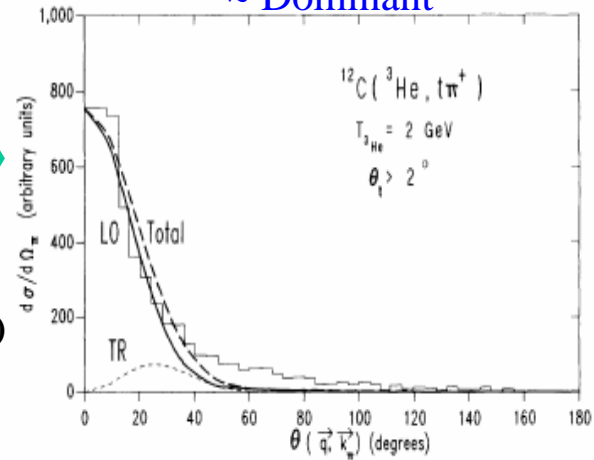
Cross section at forward angle
 \sim Longitudinal Response Function
 \rightarrow short range correlator : $g'_{\Delta\Delta}$
 at Δ resonance region



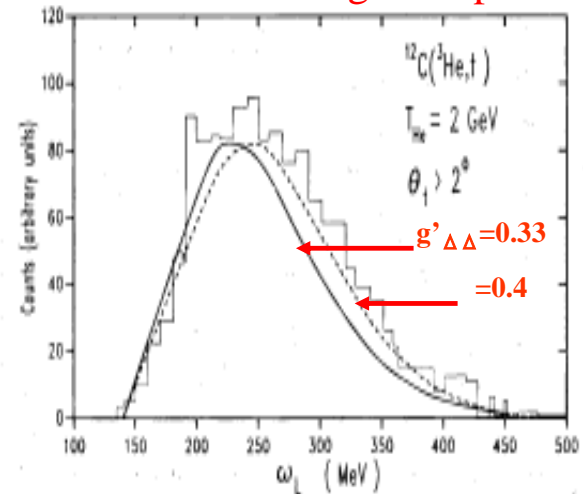
Neutrino and Hadron Probes



Spin longitudinal response function
 \sim Dominant



Sensitive to NN short range component $g'_{\Delta\Delta}$



● **Neutrino ~ Weak interaction**

→ No distortion, absorption

⇒ test the Δ, π in the interior of nucleus

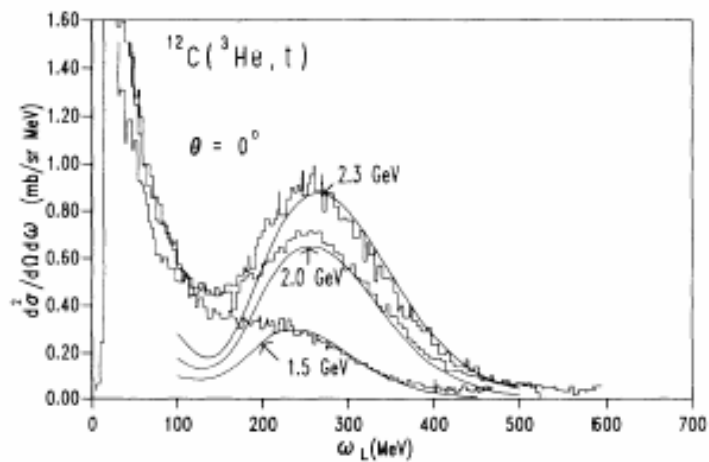
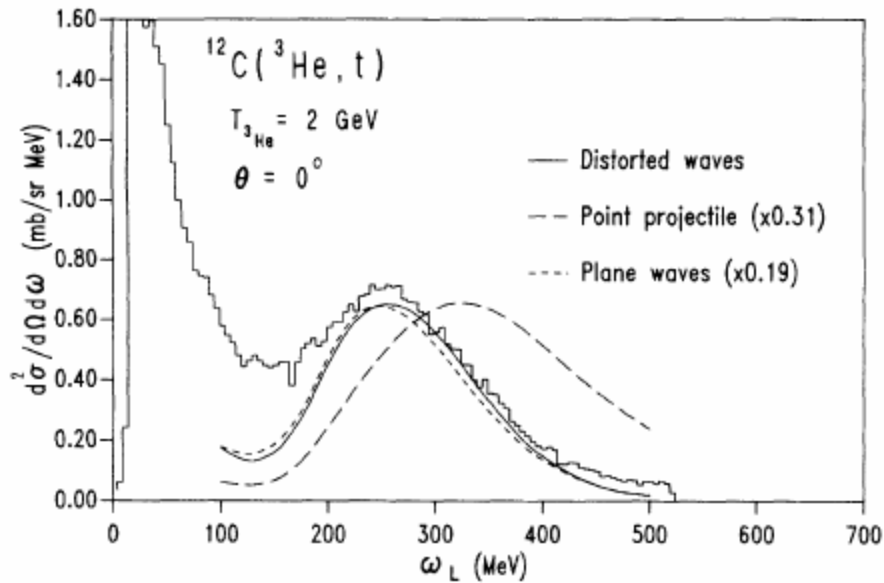
Adler's theorem : $M \sim T(\pi(q) + N \rightarrow X)$

● **Hadron ~ Strong interaction**

→ Distortion, absorption

⇒ peripheral reaction ~ nuclear surface

Distortion effects



Present status

Hadron probe

- Sacray (${}^3\text{He}, t \pi^+$)
- LAMPF ($p, n \pi^+$)
- RCNP ($p, n \pi^+$) (${}^3\text{He}, t \pi^+$)

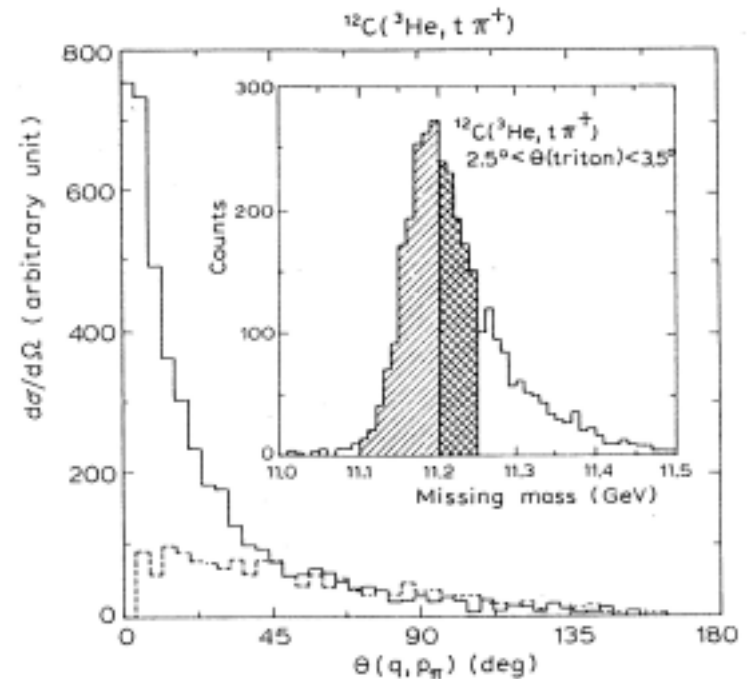
- ~ resolution : poor / shutdown
- ~ test experiment / shutdown
- ~ in progress

Neutrino ~ J-PARC !

$$A(\nu, \mu^- \pi^+)A^*$$

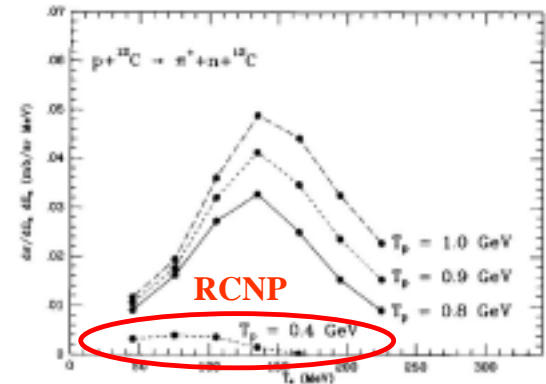
→ what should be considered

- resolution
- yield
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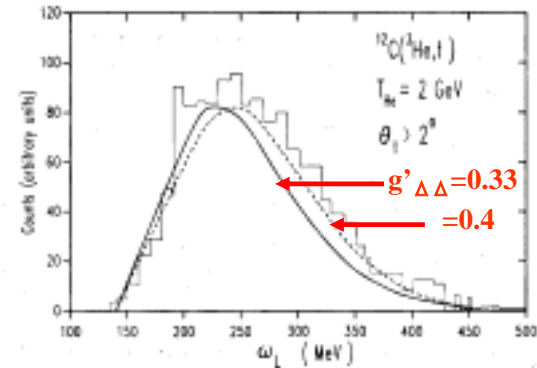
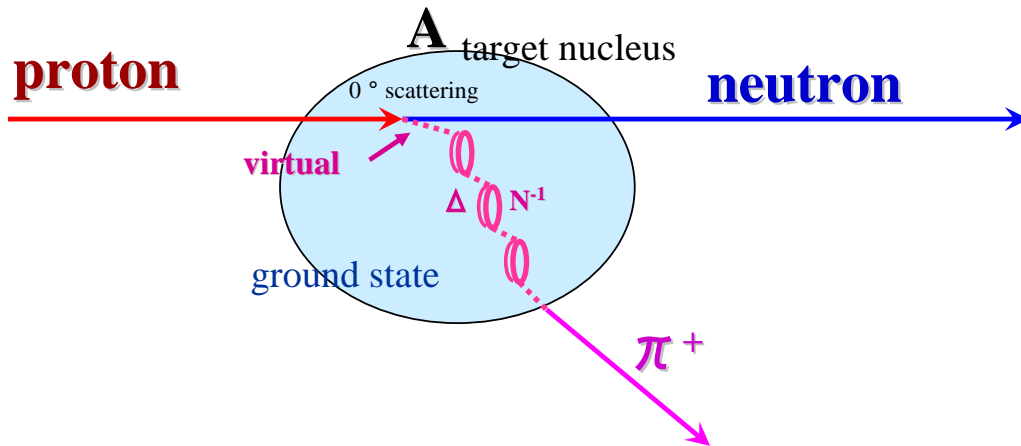


Coherent Pion Production at RCNP

- g'_{DD} extracted from Coherent Pion Production
 - $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{n} + \pi^+ + \mathbf{A} \text{ (g.s.)}$
 - 1. Peak shift from N - D residual interaction
 - $\Delta E \approx g'_{\Delta\Delta} (\hbar c f_{pND} / m_p^2) \approx 0$
 - 2. Longitudinal response function (R_L)
 - \sim dominant at 0 degree
 - $S_{cpp}(0^\circ) \rightarrow R_L \rightarrow g' (g'_{NN}, g'_{ND}, g'_{DD})$
- virtual pion scattering in target nucleus



coherent pion cross section[2].



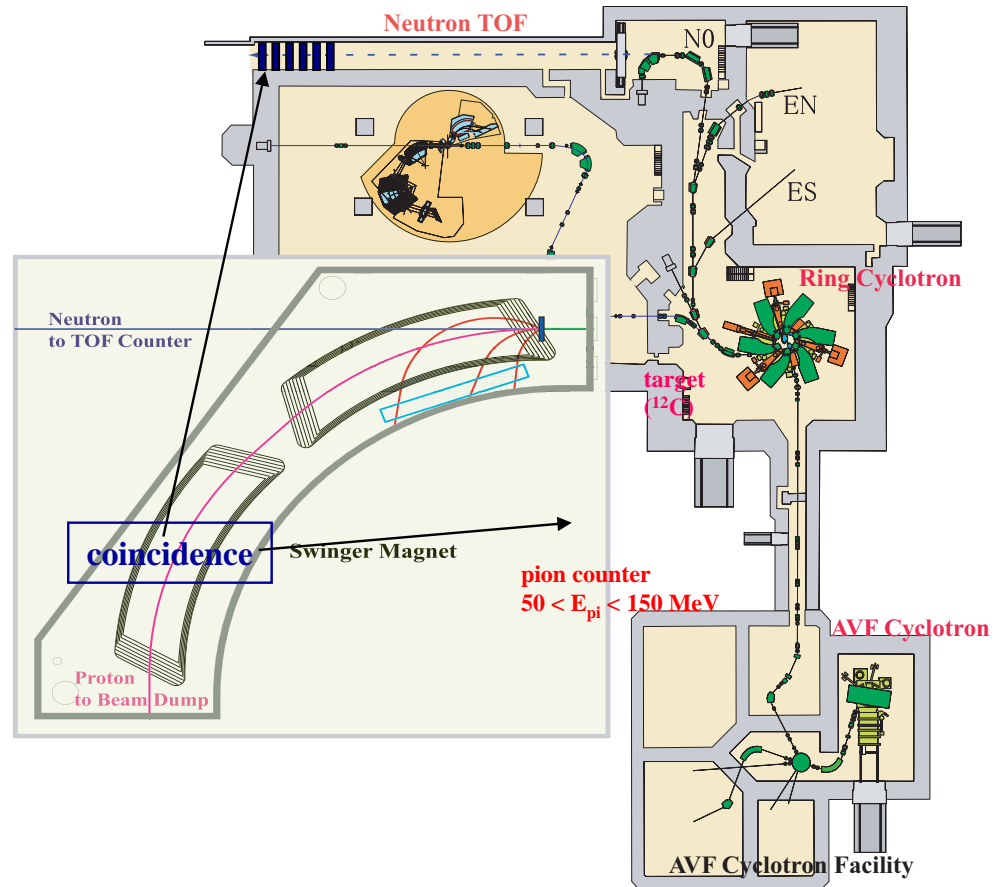
correlation of cross section and $g'_{\Delta\Delta}$ [3].

[2] E. Oset, Nucl. Phys. A 592 (1995) 472.
 [3] T. Udagawa et al., Phys. Rev. C 49 (1994) 6.

Experiment

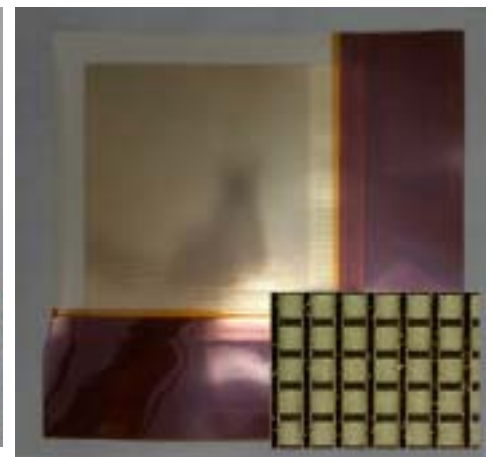
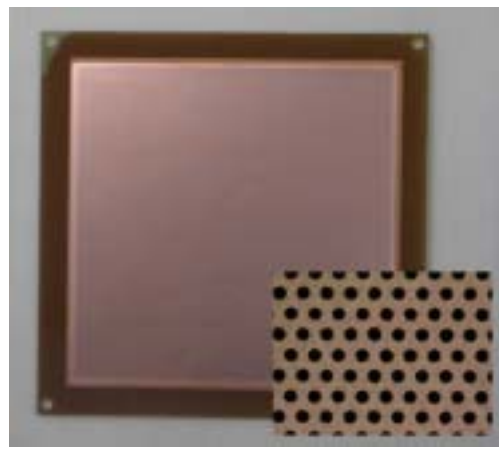
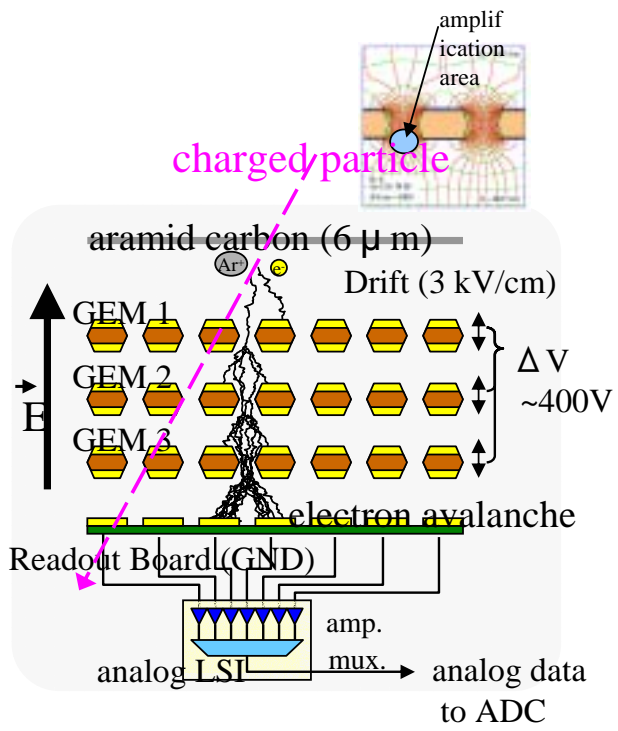
- Beam ~ proton 400MeV un-polarized
- Target ~ ^{12}C (100mg/cm²)
- True Event 100nA \rightarrow ~ 0.15 cps
- Observables
 - pion energy and angle
 - position counter (*developed newly*)
 - neutron energy
 - Neutron Counter NTOF
 - ↓ coincidence
 - missing mass spectra
- Requirements
 - high spatial and angle resolution
 - $Dx < 100\text{mm}$
 - $Dq < 1\text{ mrad}$
 - counting rate ~ 100kcps
 - High magnetic field ~ 0.5 T
 - space boundary

➤ GEM detector



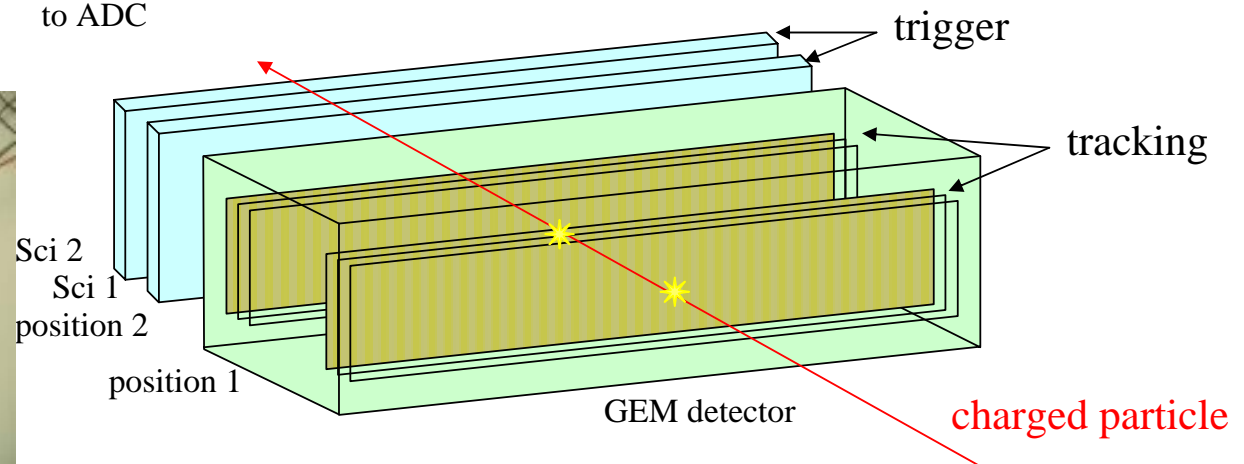
Schematic layout of the GEM+NTOF experiment

Tracking Detector: Gas Electron Multiplier



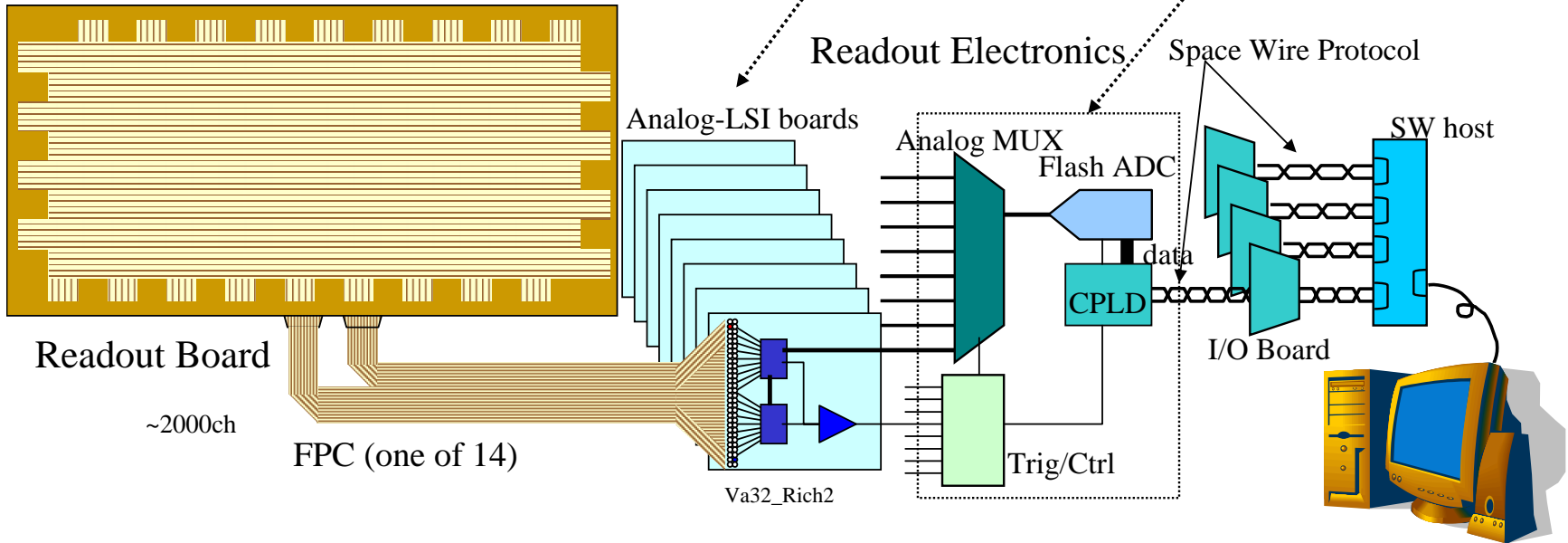
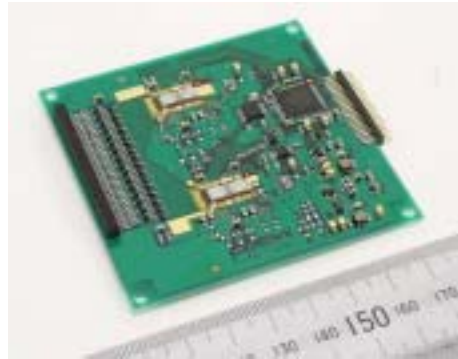
GEM

Readout Board



Readout System

- Present Status of Production
 - hardware
 - DAQ system
- Specification
 - high speed data transfer

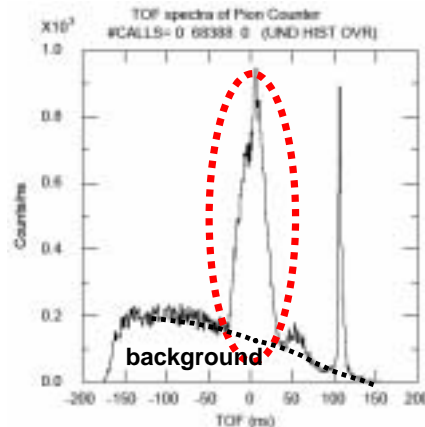
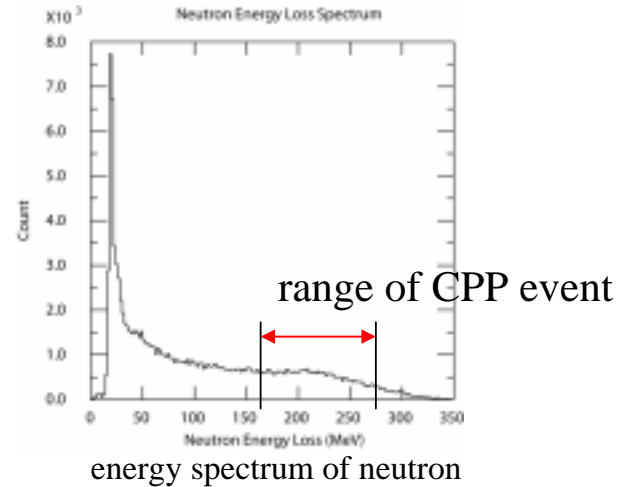


Experimental status

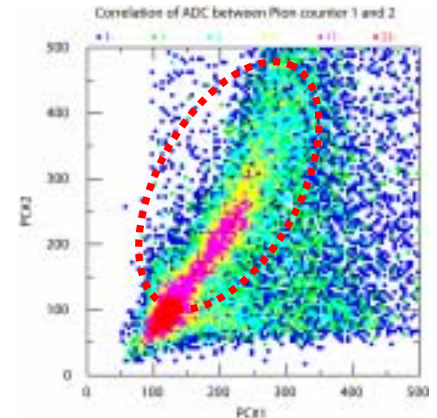
- Hardware
 - Trigger scintillator with WLS fiber
 - GEM detector ~ prototype
- Experiment and analysis Status
 - Beam: proton (392MeV, <30nA)
 - Target: ^{12}C (113mg/cm 2)
 - Event rate: 2kps ($p + n$ event)
 - proton background ~ not separated clearly
 - True/B.G. < 1/60
- Improvements
 - TOF & shield
 - longer path length
 - shielding around the beam-line
 - tracking detector
 - precise B information
 - reconstruction with high position resolution

Feasibility check ~ this year

Data production run ~ this year/next year



TOF spectrum of pion counter



ADC histogram

Neutrino induced CPP

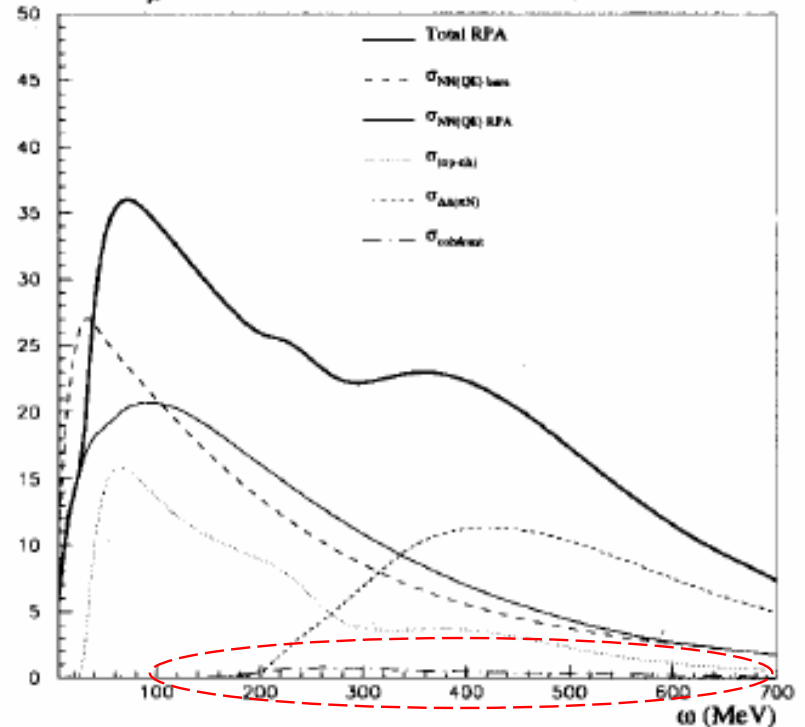
$E=1 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \Delta$ resonance region $\sim \pi, \Delta$ propagation in the interior of nucleus

$10^{-15} \text{ fm}^2/\text{MeV}$

ν_μ - ^{16}O differential cross sections ($E_\nu = 1 \text{ GeV}$)

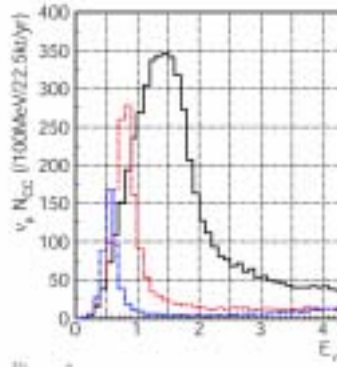
ν interaction type	ν_μ	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$
	10^{20} POT 1 ton	10^{20} POT 1 ton	10^{20} POT 1 ton
CC QE, $\nu_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^- p$	11,395	184	56
NC EL, $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \nu_\mu N$	4,903	86	22
CC π^+ , $\nu_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^- p \pi^+$	3,293	24	24
CC π^0 , $\nu_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^- p \pi^0$	725	11	6
CC π^+ , $\nu_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^- n \pi^+$	646	10	6
NC π^0 , $\nu_\mu p \rightarrow \nu_\mu p \pi^0$	606	10	5
NC π^+ , $\nu_\mu p \rightarrow \nu_\mu n \pi^+$	370	6	3
NC π^0 , $\nu_\mu n \rightarrow \nu_\mu n \pi^0$	454	8	3
NC π^- , $\nu_\mu n \rightarrow \nu_\mu p \pi^-$	290	5	2
CC DIS, $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \mu^- X$	176	0	1
NC DIS, $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \nu_\mu X$	64	0	0
CC coh π^+ , $\nu_\mu A \rightarrow \mu^- A \pi^+$	530	22	3
NC coh π^0 , $\nu_\mu A \rightarrow \nu_\mu A \pi^0$	349	14	2
other	464	14	1
total	24,364	394	134

Table 3.1: Number of events expected at 50m with a 25m decay length for 1×10^{20} POT per ton detector. These predictions do not include final state effects and assume 100% detection/reconstruction efficiency.



Neutrino Beam Line

Beam energy ~ 1 GeV



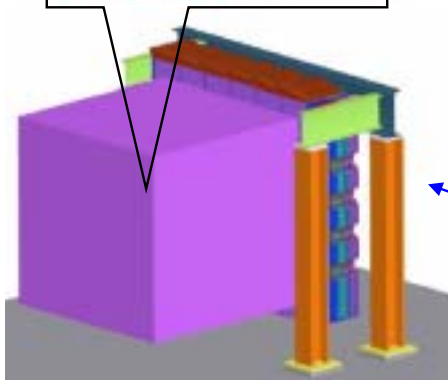
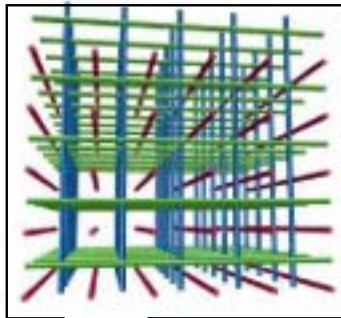
Detector

~ BNL case

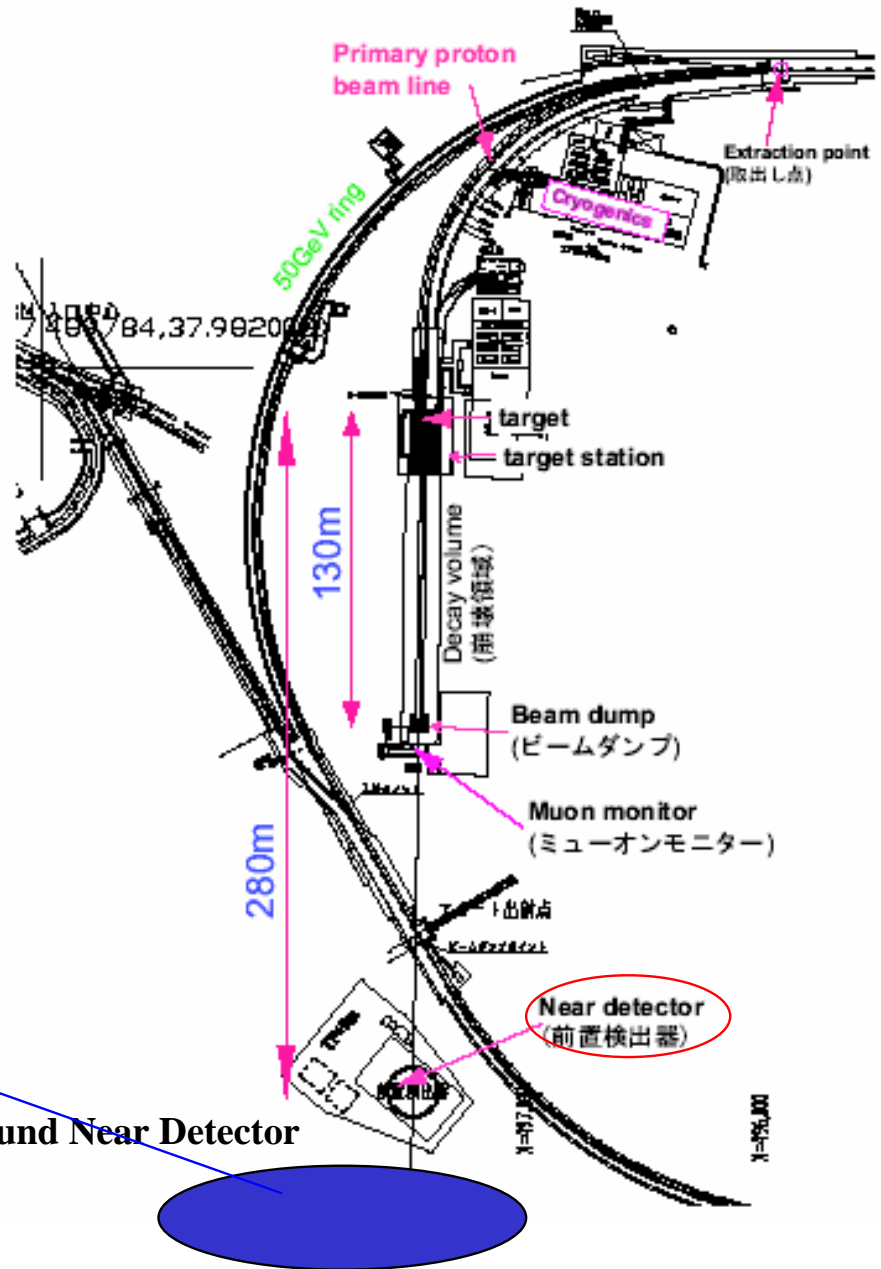
Liquid Sci.
With W.L.S

Target

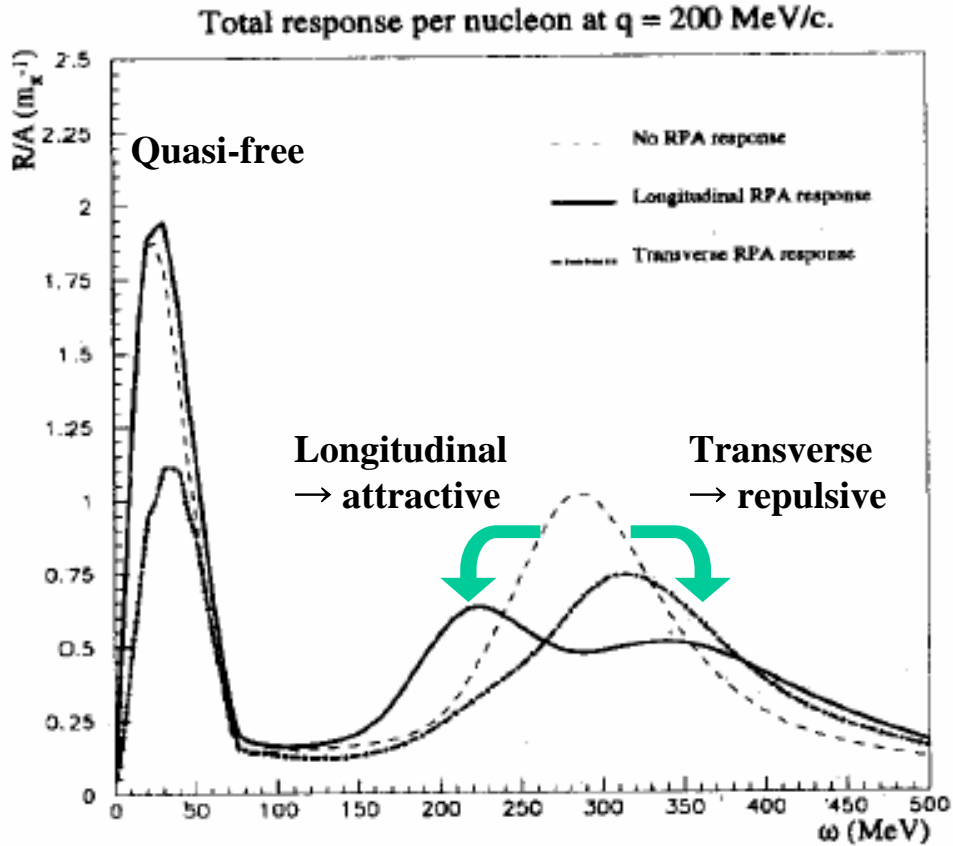
- Proton
- Carbon !
- Nucleus



Around Near Detector



Predicted response function

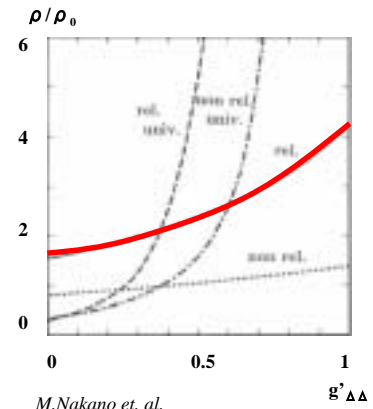


$g' \Delta \Delta$
 Critical density of pion condensation

Nuclear density dependence $\sim g'$

- **Neutrino** \sim interior of nucleus
 \sim saturated density
- **Hadron** \sim surface of nucleus
 \sim low density

- **Pion condensation phase**
- **Neutron star structure**
- **Cooling mechanism of neutron star**



M.Nakano et. al.
Int. J. of Mod. Phys. E10(2001) 459

Pion distribution in nuclei

Nuclear structure ~ pion distribution

Surface pion condensation ~ finite expectation value of pions in the nuclear surface !


Chiral Symmetry ~ Pion

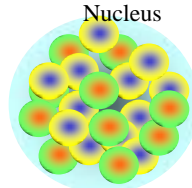
Vacuum : Spontaneously broken
~ Pion as Goldstone boson

Nucleus (finite density) : Partially restored

High Density Matter : Restored

Nucleon $\partial^\mu A^i{}_\mu(x) = m_\pi^2 f_\pi \pi^i(x) \neq 0$
 $\langle 0 | \bar{q}q | 0 \rangle \approx (-250 \text{ MeV})^3 \neq 0$



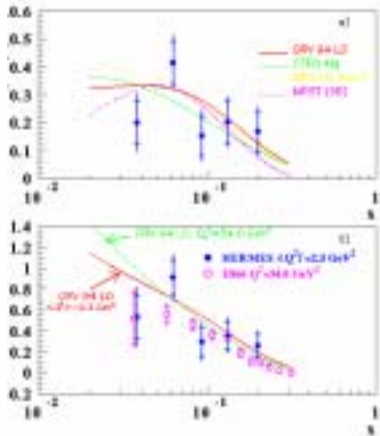
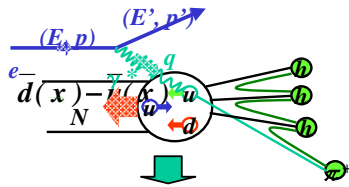


Appeared Phenomena

Simple transition to study the pion behavior in the nucleus

1. Gamow-Teller states (GT):
 $\Delta S=1, \Delta L=0$ ~ interaction from pi/rho-meson exchange
 Polarized ^3He beam \Rightarrow separate pi / rho response to GT
2. Pion-like 0^+ states :
 Carry a quantum number of pion
 Polarized $^3\text{He}/^6\text{Li}$ beam \Rightarrow 0^+ state search/identify

1. Meson Cloud in Nucleon : Sea Quark Flavor Asymmetry
 ~ Drell-Yan process / lepton-DIS



2. Nuclear force mediated by pion
 ~ Strong tensor force

π meson : $J^P=0^-$
 $H_{(N.R.)}^{pv} = -\frac{f_p}{u_p} (\psi^+ \sigma \psi) \cdot \nabla \phi$
 $V^{(1,2)} = -\sum_{a=1}^3 \left(\frac{f}{\mu_\pi} \tau_a^1 \sigma_1 \cdot \nabla_1 \right) \left(\frac{f}{\mu_\pi} \tau_a^2 \sigma_2 \cdot \nabla_2 \right) \frac{e^{-m_\pi r_{12}}}{4\pi r_{12}}$
 $V^{OPEP}(1,2) = -m_\pi c^2 f^2 (\tau_1 \cdot \tau_2) [(\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2) Y(x) + S_{12} Z(x)]$

3. Mean field theory with pion-nucleon coupling
 ~ Finite pion density in the nuclear surface

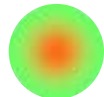
Include pion exchange explicitly in the mean field

$\bar{\sigma} \cdot \bar{\nabla} \psi'_{jl} \xrightarrow{\pi} \psi_{jl} \Rightarrow \xi \psi_{jl} + \zeta \psi'_{jl}$
 $\psi'_{jl} \propto (\bar{\sigma} \cdot \bar{\nabla}) \psi_{jl}$
 $(l' = l \pm 1)$

$\left[i \alpha \cdot \nabla + \gamma_0 (M + g_\sigma) + \frac{f_\pi}{m_\pi} \gamma_0 \gamma_3 \gamma_5 \gamma \cdot \tau \cdot \nabla \pi^a + g_\omega \omega + g_\rho \tau^a \rho^a + e \frac{1 + \tau_3}{2} A \right] \psi = E \psi$

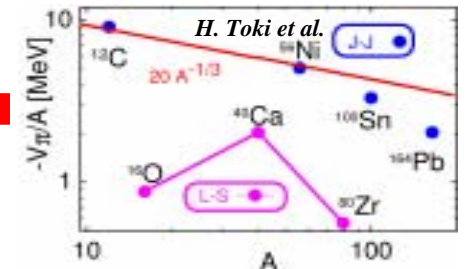
Pion Distribution
 In Nucleus
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Meson Cloud



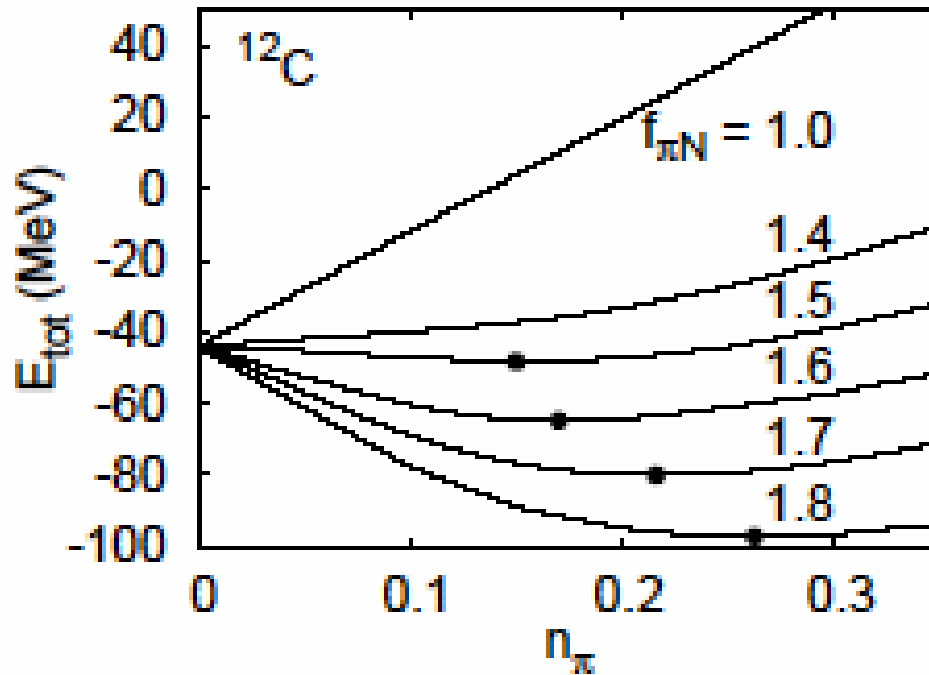
$P \rightarrow n + \pi^+$

Pion energy
 ~ Surface like :
 $V \sim A^{-1/3}$



Pions in nuclei

Volume type or Surface type distribution ?



Intrinsic energy of ^{12}C as a function of pion number expectation [1].

Search for 0^- state with Polarized ^3He Beam

Motivation

1. $J^P=0^-$ excitations : carry the simple Pion-like quantum number \Rightarrow will have a pion correlation in the nucleus
2. 0^- state is not clearly separated \Rightarrow poor data , limited
3. (p,n) data by Orihara et al. \sim low incident energy \Rightarrow large difference between data and DWBA at large $q \sim$ signature of pionic field ?

Physics Goal

1. 0^- states search with high resolution charge exchange reaction ($^3\text{He},t$) and ($^6\text{Li},^6\text{He}$)
2. Polarized beam \sim Powerful tool to identify 0^- states with spin observables
3. Pion correlation in the nucleus

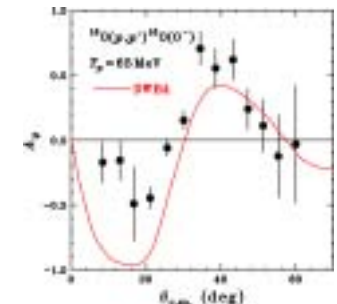
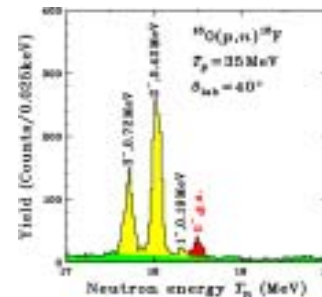
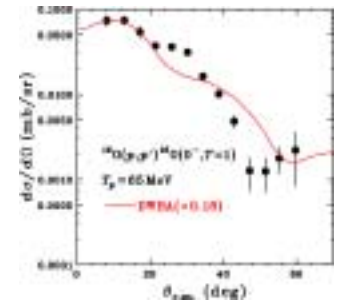
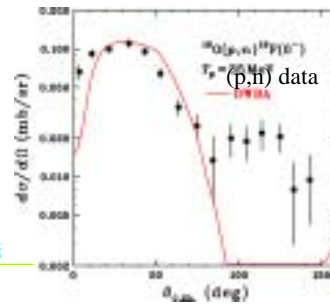
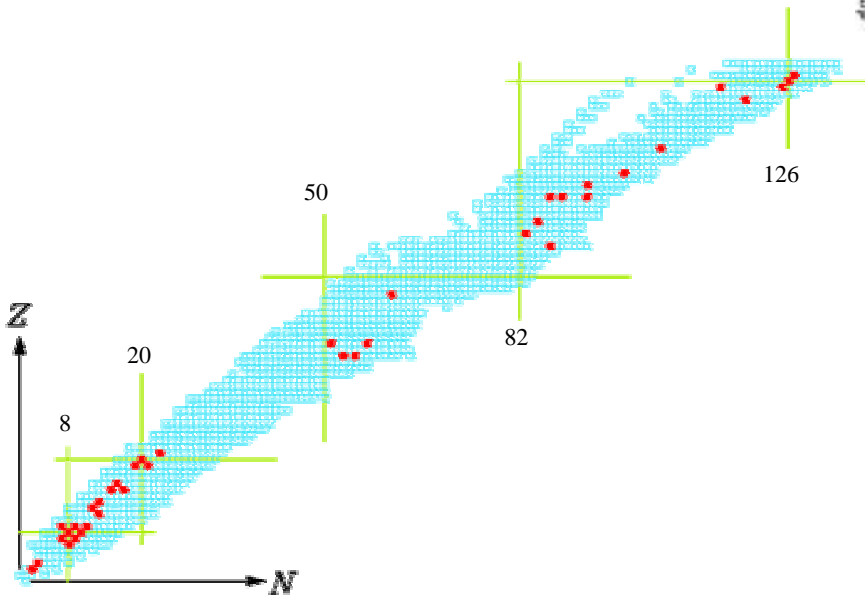
$$D_{nn} = \frac{-1}{1 + 2 \frac{\sigma_t}{\sigma_l}} \rightarrow -1$$

Spin Observables = Tool for 0^- - state Search/Identification

1. Spin transfer
2. High resolution charge exchange reaction

If longitudinal character \sim dominant

(p,p') data



H. Orihara et al., PRL 49, 1318 (1982)

K. Hosono et al., PRC 30, 746 (1984)

Microscopic structure of Gamow-Teller states

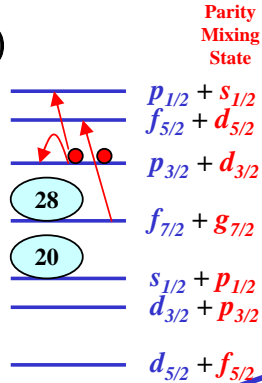
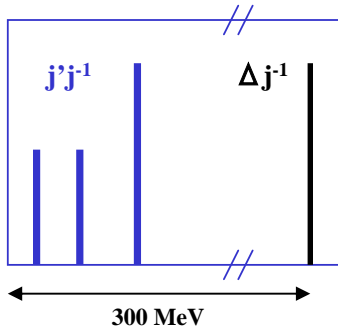
Motivation :

1. Microscopic structure of Gamow-Teller States ~ observed in high resolution ($^3\text{He},t$) : Can not explain with usual shell model
2. Parity mixing state due to pion field in the nuclear medium ~ possible explanation ?

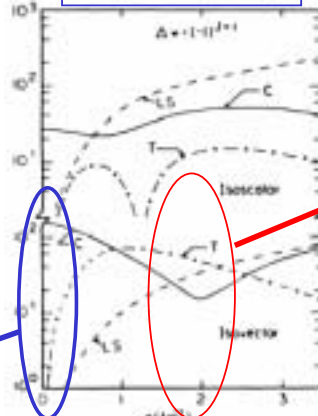
Physics Goal :

1. Determine the pion response (contribution) to Gamow-Teller states \Rightarrow obtain the information on parity mixing state
2. Pion distribution in nucleus ~ Surface pion condensation

$$\sigma(q=0) \propto |V_{\sigma}(q=0)|^2 \propto B(GT)$$



Nuclear Interaction



At large $q \neq 0$,

1. Tensor interaction ~ dominant
2. Pion correlation ~ large
3. Sensitive to pion behavior in nuclei

Spin transfer measurement

1. Separate pion / rho-meson contribution
2. Identify GT states at 0 degree

① Identify spin flip ($\Delta S=1, \Delta L=0$) states with Polarization Transfer D_{nn} at 0 degree

② At large q , measure the spin transfer :

$$D_{nn} = \frac{\sigma'(\hat{n}) - \sigma'(\hat{Q}) - \sigma'(\hat{q})}{\sigma'(\hat{n}) + \sigma'(\hat{Q}) + \sigma'(\hat{q})} = \frac{-1}{1 + 2\sigma' / \sigma^l}$$

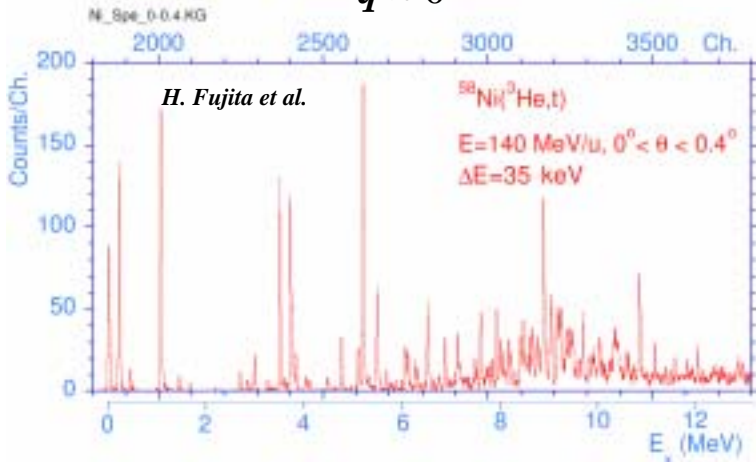
③ Determine transition density :

$$\frac{\sigma^l}{\sigma^t} = \left| \frac{\rho^l_{fi,\tau} \cdot V^l_{\tau}(q)}{\rho^t_{fi,\tau} \cdot V^t_{\tau}(q)} \right|^2$$

④ Discuss the parity mixing state and pion distribution

$$\rho^l_{fi,\tau} = \left\langle I_f M_f \left| \sum_j \exp[iq \cdot r_j] \sigma_j \cdot q \tau_j \right| I_i M_i \right\rangle$$

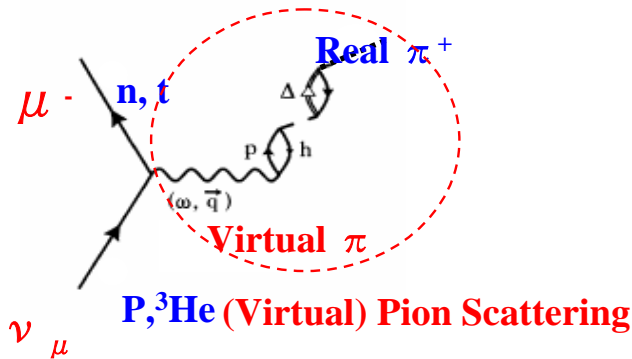
$$\rho^t_{fi,\tau} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\langle I_f M_f \left| \sum_j \exp[iq \cdot r_j] \sigma_j \times q \tau_j \right| I_i M_i \right\rangle$$



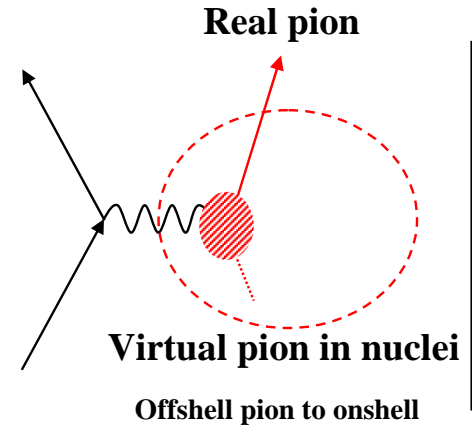
Simple transition

CPP reaction mechanism

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- Neutrino probe ~ can penetrate **interior** of nucleus ~ volume type
- Hadron probe ~ sensitive to **surface**

What should be done next

- $g'_{\Delta\Delta} \sim$ measurement accuracy
- pions in nuclei \sim theoretical calculation \sim what should be observed
- Neutrino beam \sim Coherent Pion Production \sim separation difficult
→ measured observables and extracted physics
- MC preparation \sim physics/detector study
- Required specification for the detector
- Detector design

Summary

Nuclear physics with Neutrino Beam

- New probe ~ **Neutrino** at J-PARC
 - ✓ Coherent Pion Production
 - ✓ Interior of nucleus ~ Spin response function
- Short range correlation of nuclear force g' ~ phase transition of nuclear matter
- Pions in Nuclei
- Natural extension of Spin-Isospin Physics at RCNP

- Physics discussion, Detector design