

Theoretical study of Deeply Bound Pionic Atoms

(A curtain-raiser)

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Meson-nucleus bound system

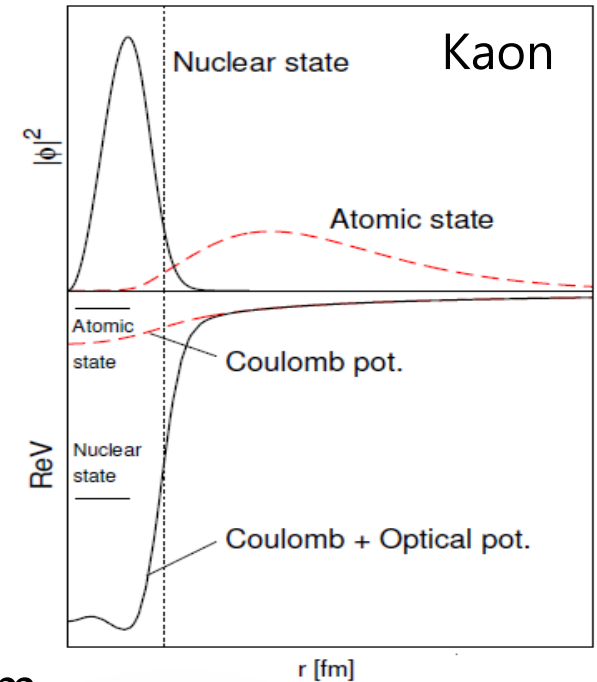
REAL meson exists inside and/or very close to the nuclear surface

□ Mesonic Atoms: Strong+Coulomb interaction

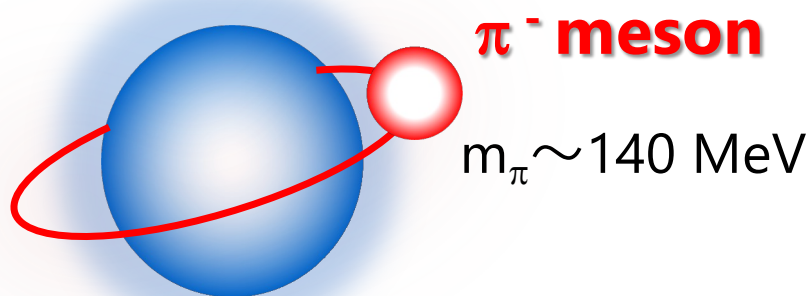
Pionic atom, Kaonic atom

□ Mesonic Nuclei: Strong interaction

K, η , η' , ... meson-nucleus



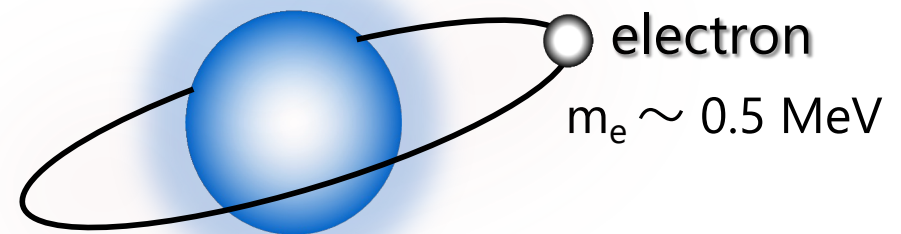
Pionic atom



Coulomb + Strong Interaction

Typical energy scale: B.E. \sim keV- MeV

(cf.) Normal atom



Coulomb Interaction

B.E. \sim eV

Interest and Motivation

1. Exotic Many Body Physics:

Interaction, Structure, Formation

Like unstable nuclei, hypernuclei ... etc.

⇒ Extension of the research area of nuclear physics

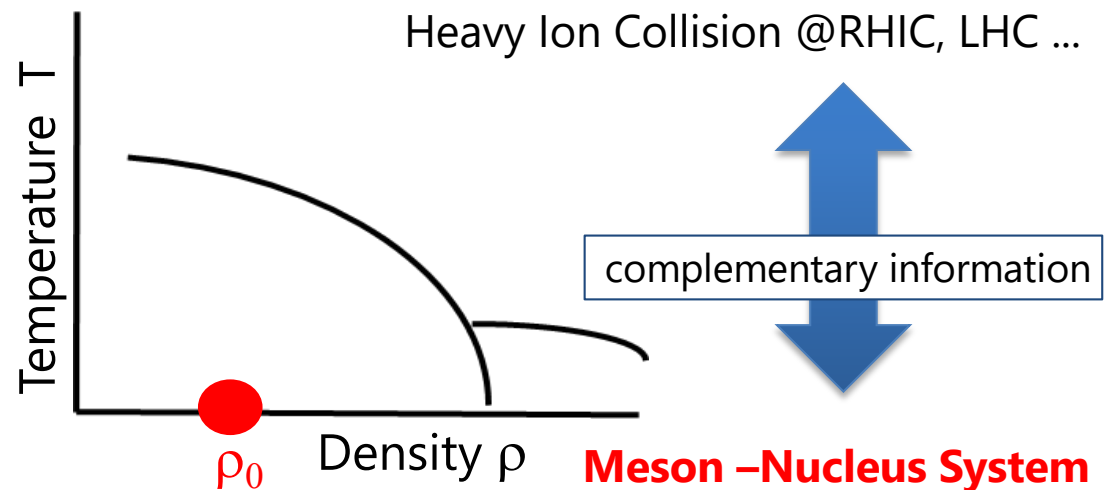
2. Meson properties at finite density:

Aspect of QCD symmetries

Chiral symmetry

Spontaneous, Explicit
breaking @ Vacuum

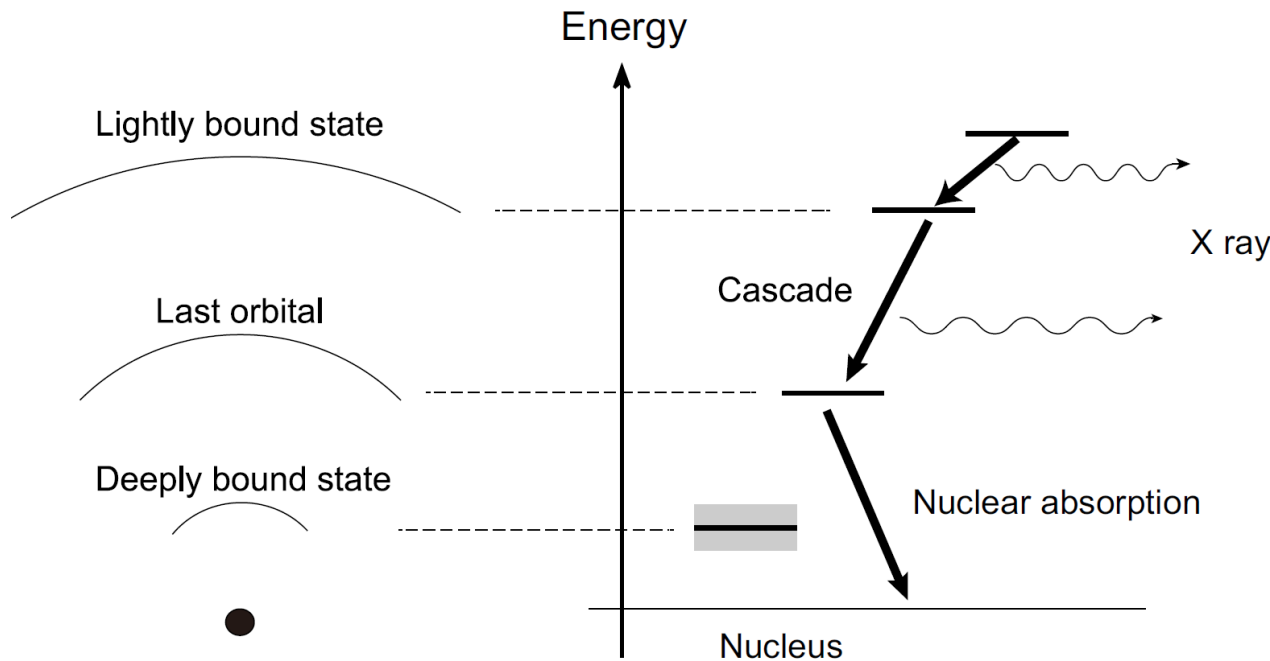
Partial restoration
@ Nuclear density



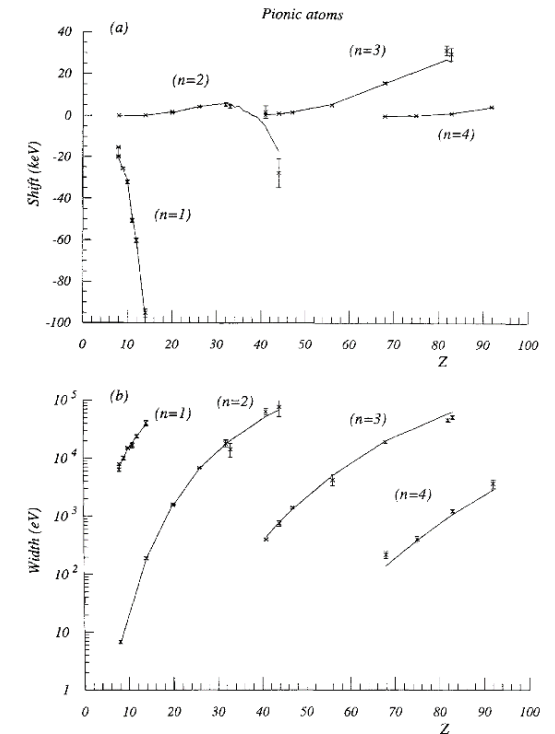
How do the hadron properties change
in the nucleus from the vacuum?

How to observe the exotic atoms (traditional)

X-ray spectroscopy (1950s~)



C. Batty, E. Friedman, and A. Gal,
Phys. Rep. 287(97)385



The deeply bound states such as 1s and 2p states in heavy nuclei could not be observed because of the absorption

→ **“Deeply” Bound Pionic Atom**

Structure of the pionic atoms

➤ Klein-Gordon equation:

$$[-\nabla^2 + \mu^2 + 2\mu V_{\text{opt}}(r)]\phi(\mathbf{r}) = [E - V_{\text{coul}}(r)]^2\phi(\mathbf{r})$$

➤ Pion-Nucleus Optical Potential :

$$2\mu V_{\text{opt}}(r) = \underbrace{-4\pi[b(r) + \varepsilon_2 B_0 \rho^2(r)]}_{\text{s-wave term}} + \underbrace{4\pi \nabla \cdot [c(r) + \varepsilon_2^{-1} C_0 \rho^2(r)] L(r) \nabla}_{\text{p-wave term}}$$

$$b(r) = \varepsilon_1 \{b_0 \rho(r) + b_1 [\rho_n(r) - \rho_p(r)]\}$$

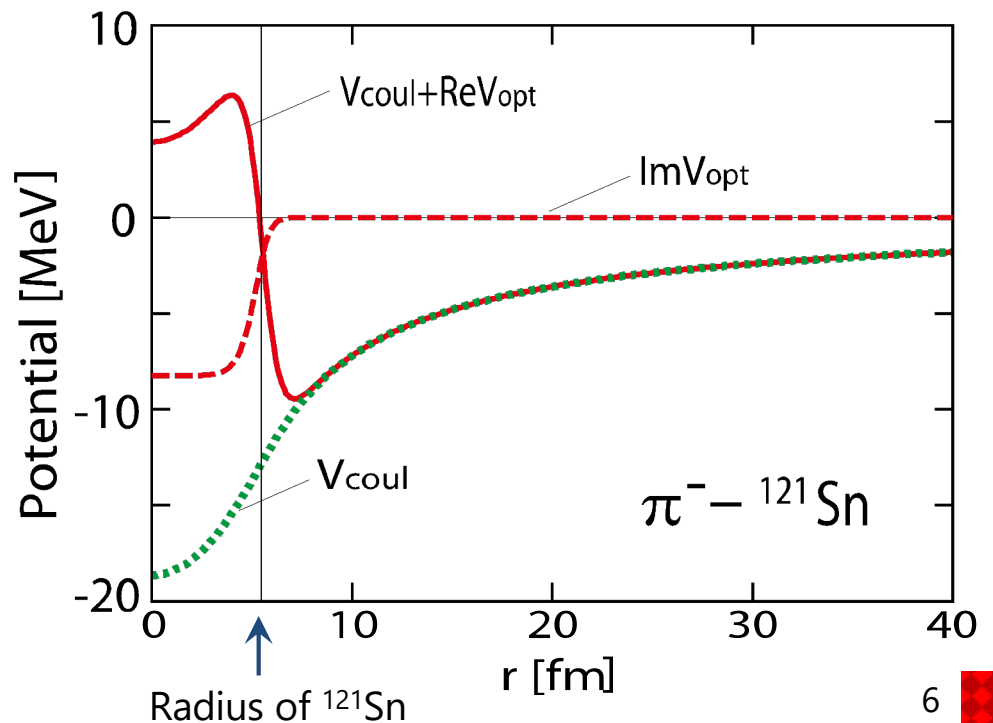
$$c(r) = \varepsilon_1^{-1} \{c_0 \rho(r) + c_1 [\rho_n(r) - \rho_p(r)]\}$$

$$L(r) = \left\{1 + \frac{4}{3}\pi\lambda[c(r) + \varepsilon_2^{-1} C_0 \rho^2(r)]\right\}^{-1}$$

M. Ericson, T. E. O Ericson, Ann. Phys.36(66)496

R. Seki, K. Masutani, PRC27(83)2799

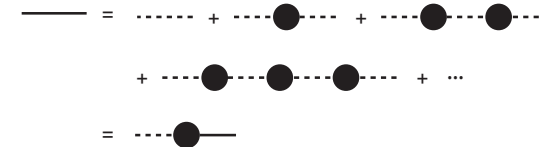
- ✓ Strong interaction s-wave terms are repulsive
- ✓ Pocket structure near the nuclear surface



Optical pot. by Dyson eq.

$$iD^0(q^\mu) = \frac{i}{q^2 - m_\pi^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$\begin{aligned} iD(q^\mu) &= iD^0 + iD^0(-i\Pi)iD^0 + iD^0(-i\Pi)iD^0(-i\Pi)iD^0 + \dots \\ &= i(D^0 + D^0\Pi D^0 + D^0\Pi D^0\Pi D^0 + \dots) \\ &= iD^0(q^\mu) + iD^0(q^\mu)\Pi(q^\mu)D(q^\mu), \end{aligned}$$



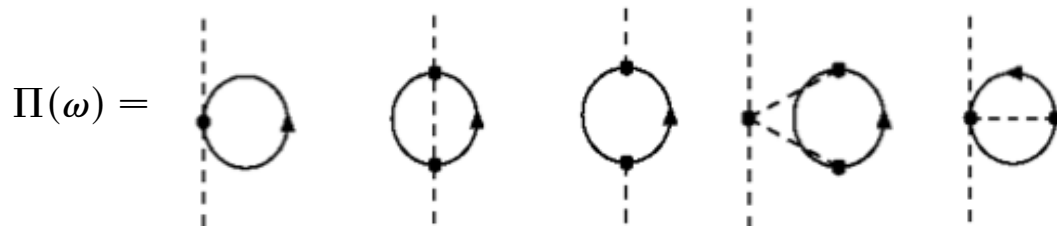
$$iD(q^\mu) = \frac{iD^0(q^\mu)}{1 - D^0(q^\mu)\Pi(q^\mu)} = \frac{i}{(D^0(q^\mu))^{-1} - \Pi(q^\mu)} = \frac{i}{q^2 - m_\pi^2 - \Pi(q^\mu)}$$

$$H = D^{-1} = q^2 - m_\pi^2 - \Pi(q^\mu)$$

$$\Pi(q^\mu) = \Sigma \Pi^{\text{irreducible}} \quad \rightarrow \text{Optical Potential}$$

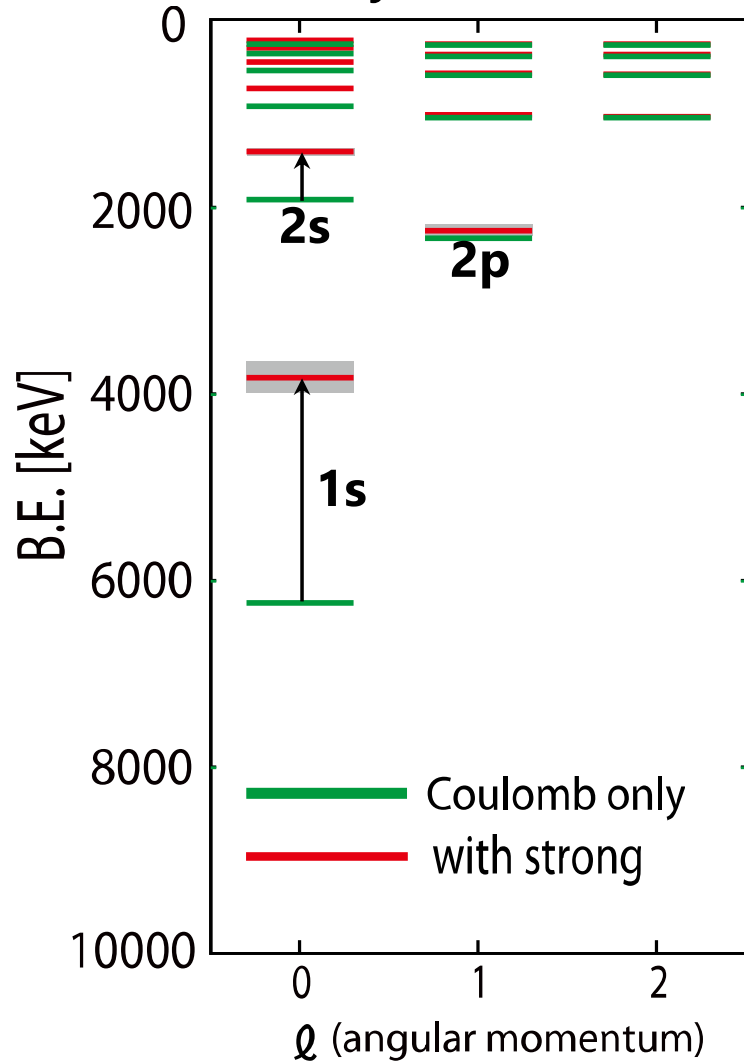
Ex.) Kolomeitsev, Kaiser, & W. Weise, Phys.Rev.Lett. 90 ('03)

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{\text{tot}}(\omega; \rho_p, \rho_n) &= \Pi(\omega) + \Delta\Pi_S(\omega; \rho_p, \rho_n) && (\text{ChPT up to NNLO}) + (\text{Pheno. 2-body abs.}) \\ &+ \Pi_P(\omega; \rho_p, \rho_n), && +(\text{Pheno. Pwave}) \end{aligned}$$

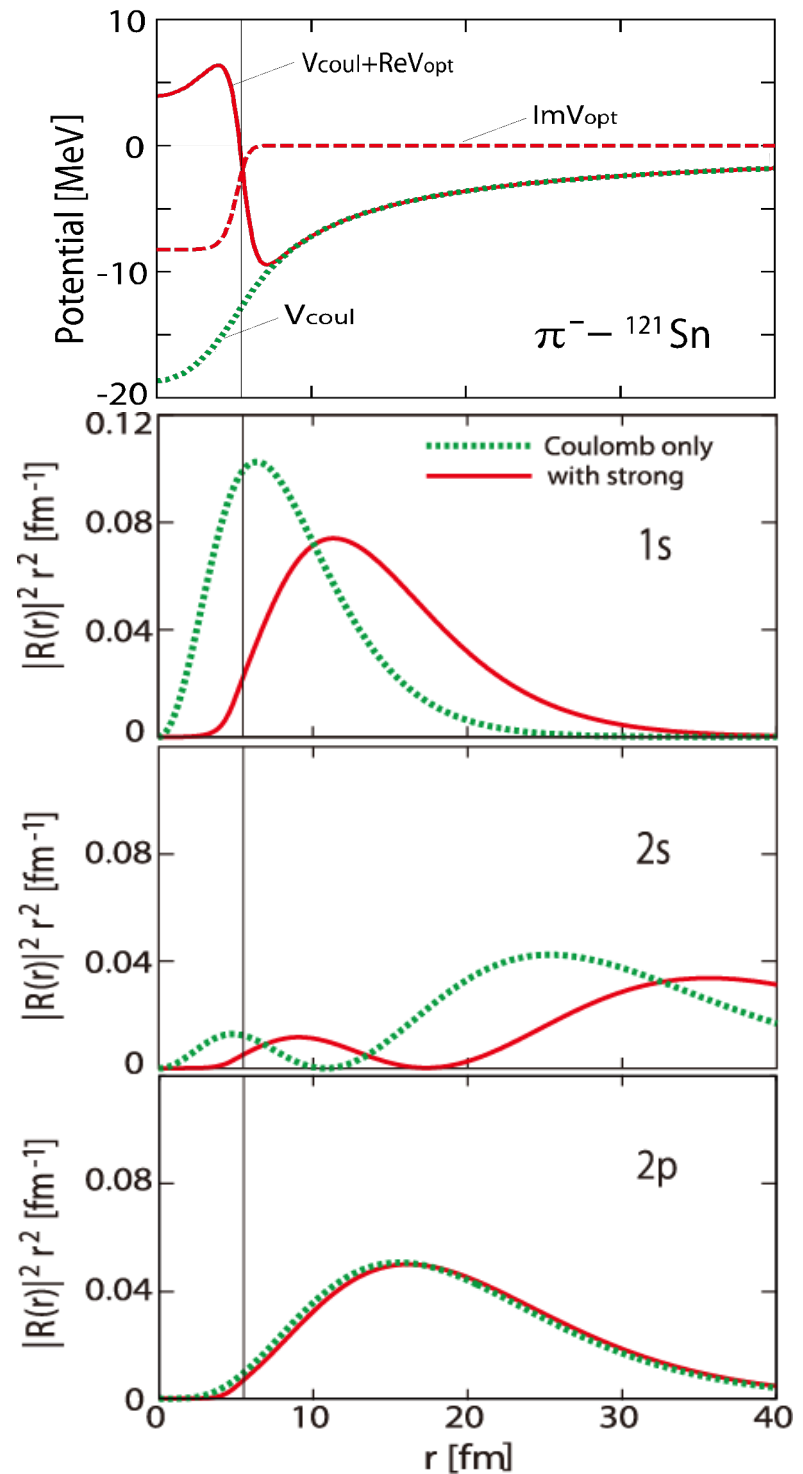


Structure of the pionic atoms

➤ π^- - ^{121}Sn system



Deeply bound pionic states **1s, 2s, 2p** :
Strong interaction effects are large



s-wave interaction → s state

p-wave interaction → higher partial wave states

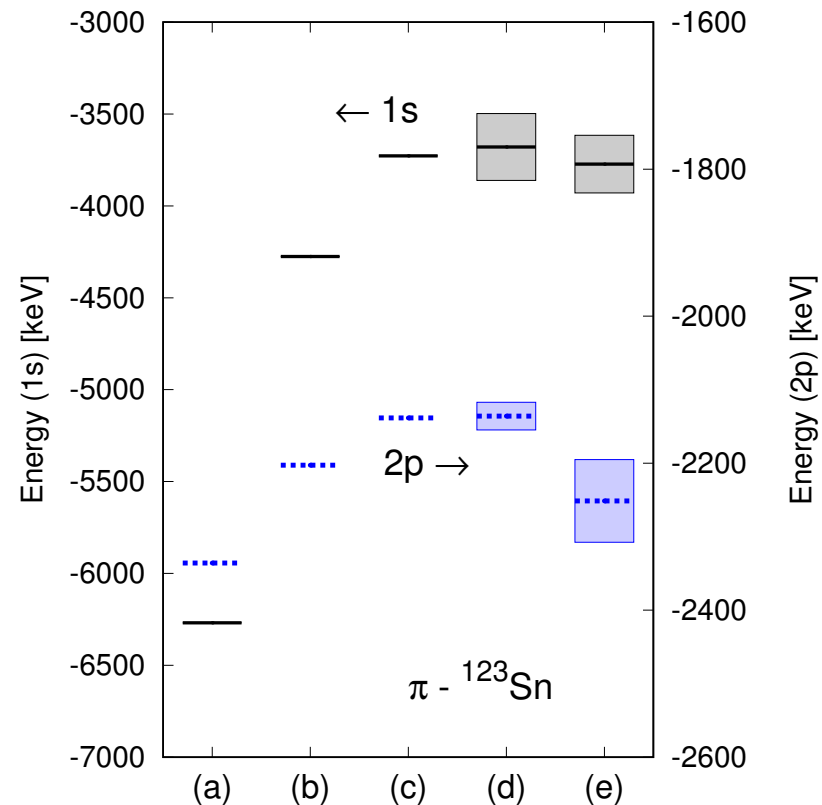
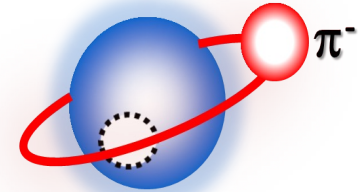


Fig. 8 The calculated energy levels with the several combinations of the potential terms are shown in the solid lines for 1s state and dotted lines for the 2p state in ^{123}Sn . The level widths are indicated by the hatched area. The potential terms included in the calculation for the energy levels are (a) the electromagnetic interaction V_{em} , (b) V_{em} and the isoscalar s-wave interaction (b_0 term), (c) V_{em} , b_0 term, and the isovector s-wave interaction (b_1 term), (d) V_{em} and the whole part of the local potential (b 's and B_0 terms), and (e) the full potential (V_{em} and V_{opt}).

How to observe meson in nucleus (modern)

- Missing mass: $1+2 \rightarrow 3+X$ ($d + A \rightarrow 3\text{He} + \pi\text{Atom}$)

$$M_{\text{miss}}^2 = (E_1 + E_2 - E_3)^2 - (\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 - \vec{p}_3)^2$$



(X is NOT observed)

- Invariant mass: $X \rightarrow 1+2$ ($\phi \rightarrow e^- + e^+$)

$$p_{\phi}^{\mu} = p_{-}^{\mu} + p_{+}^{\mu} \quad m_{\text{inv}} = \sqrt{(p_{-} + p_{+})^2}$$

(Outside decay background, FSI)

Effective number approach

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dE_{\text{He}} d\Omega_{\text{He}}} \right)_A^{\text{lab}} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{\text{He}}} \right)_{\text{ele}}^{\text{lab}} \sum_{ph} K \left(\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\Delta E^2 + \Gamma^2/4} N_{\text{eff}} + \frac{2p_{\pi} E_{\pi}}{\pi} N_{\text{eff}} \right)$$

$$\Delta E = Q + m_{\pi} - B_{\pi} + S_n - 6.787\text{MeV} \quad \text{Bound region} \quad \text{Quasi-elastic region}$$

- **Elementary cross section** $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{\text{He}}} \right)_{\text{ele}}^{\text{lab}}$: Experimental data ($d+n \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + \pi^-$)

- **Kinematical correction factor:** Difference of kinematics between $d+n \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + \pi^-$ and

$$K = \left[\frac{|\vec{p}_{\text{He}}^A| E_n E_{\pi}}{|\vec{p}_{\text{He}}| E_n^A E_{\pi}^A} \left(1 + \frac{E_{\text{He}}}{E_{\pi}} \frac{|\vec{p}_{\text{He}}| - |\vec{p}_d| \cos\theta_{d\text{He}}}{|\vec{p}_{\text{He}}|} \right) \right]^{\text{lab}} \quad A(d, {}^3\text{He})(A-1) \otimes \pi^-$$

- **Effective Number:**

$$N_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{JMm} \left| \int d\vec{r} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} D(\vec{r}) \xi_{\frac{1}{2}m}^{\dagger} [\phi_{\ell_{\pi}}^*(\vec{r}) \otimes \psi_{j_n}(\vec{r})]_{JM} \right|^2$$

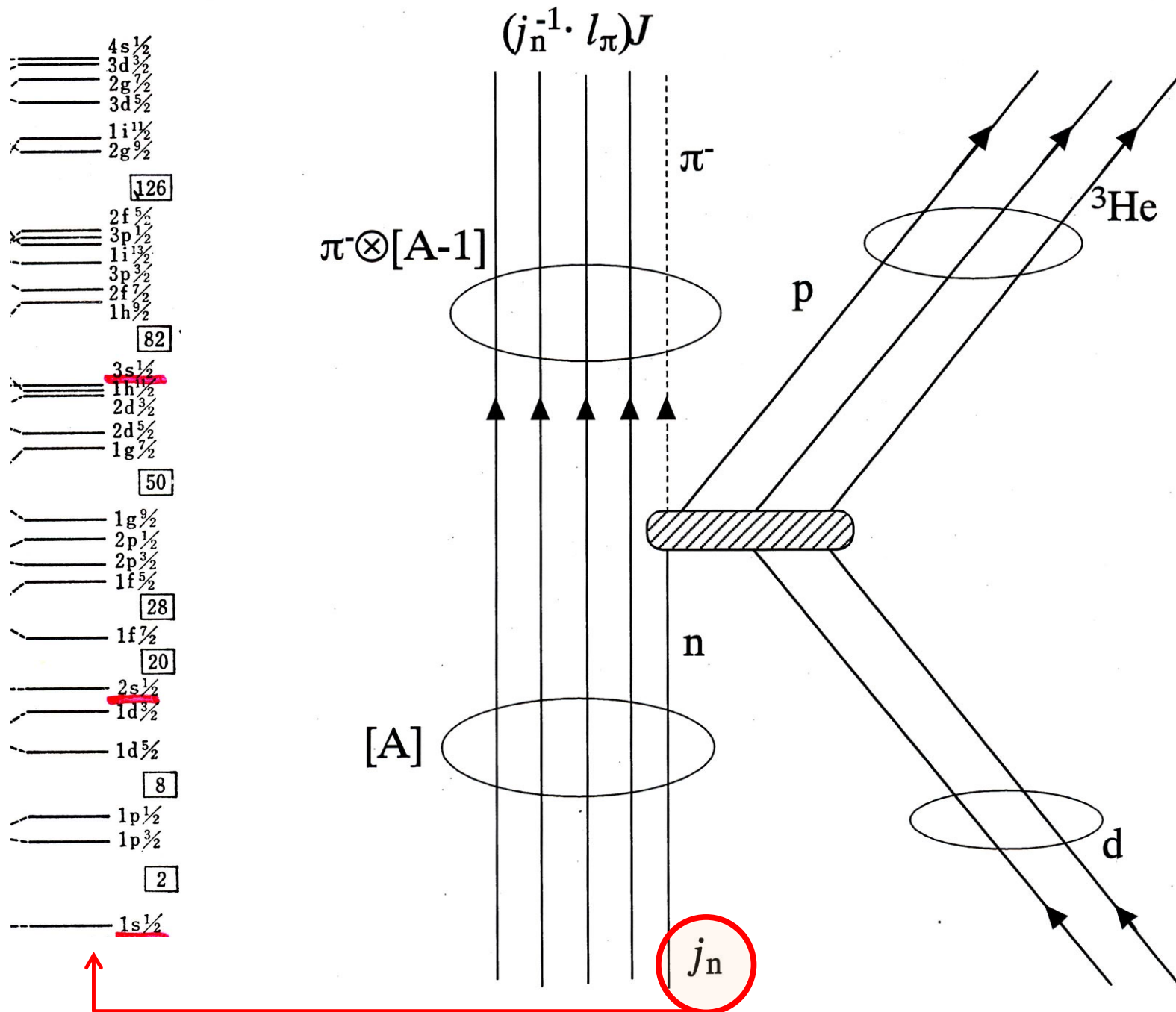
$D(r)$: Distortion factor
 q : Momentum transfer
 ψ_{j_n} : Neutron wave function

* Information on the nuclear response in one neutron pick-up reaction

$$N_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow N_{\text{eff}}(\ell_{\pi} \otimes j_n^{-1}) \times F_O(j_n) \times \begin{cases} F_R((j_n^{-1})_1), \\ F_R((j_n^{-1})_2), \\ \dots \\ F_R((j_n^{-1})_N), \end{cases}$$

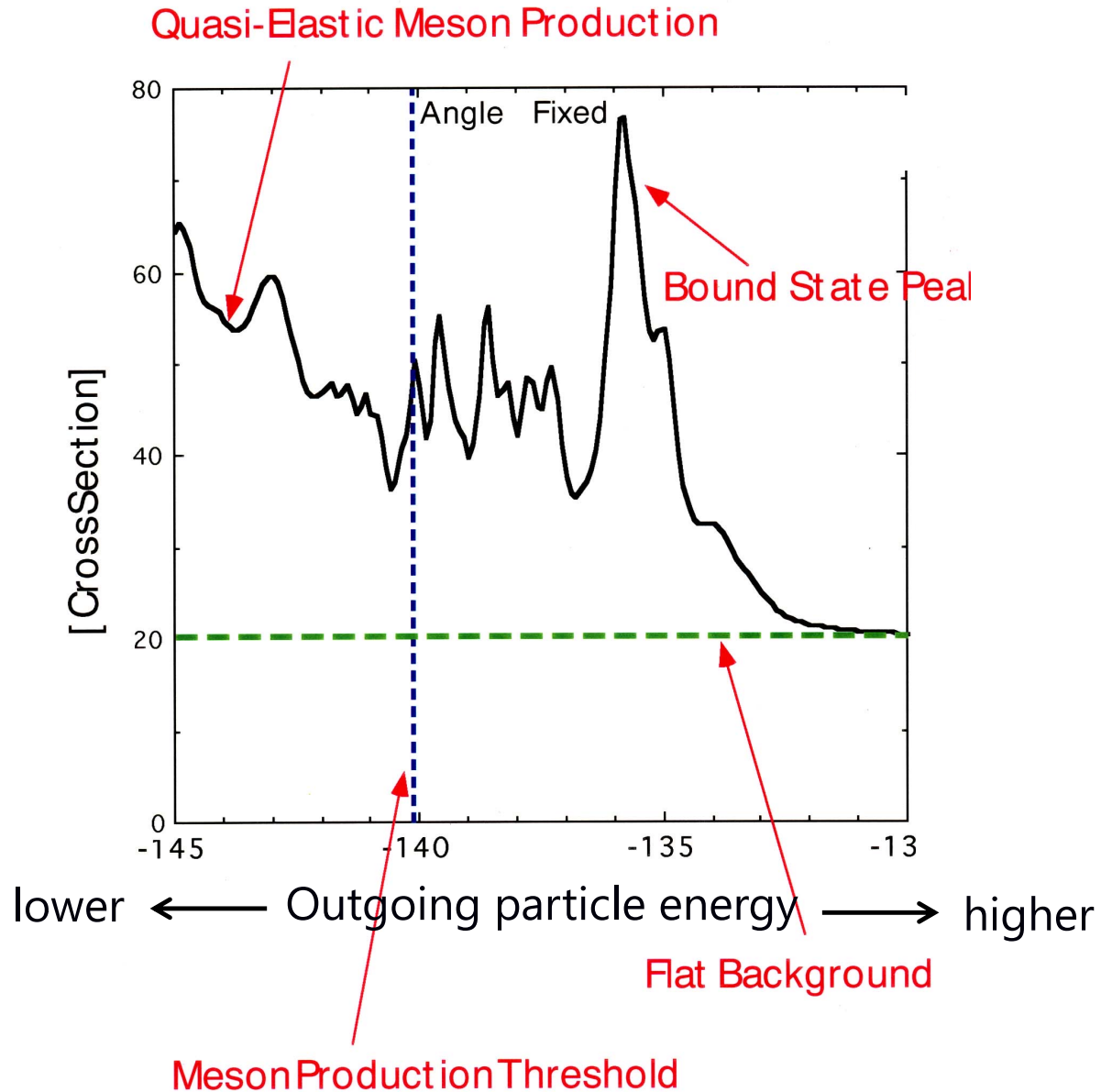
F_O : Neutron occupation probabilities in the target
 F_R : Relative strength factor of the N-th excited states in the daughter nucleus

Pick-up Reaction : $d + \text{Nucleus} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + \pi \text{ atom}$



Expected (d,³He) spectra

* Expected Spectrum

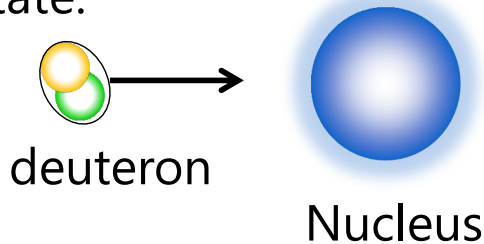


Observed (d,³He) spectra

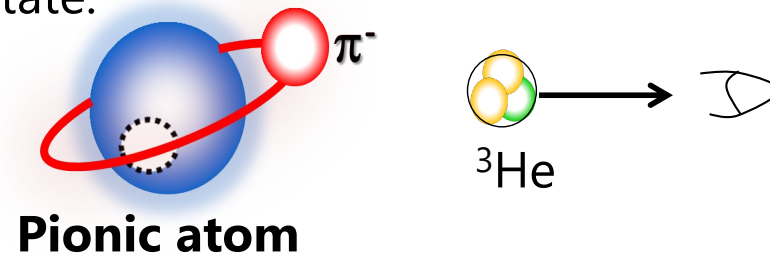
(d,³He) reaction

H. Toki, *et al.*, NPA530(91)679; S. Hirenzaki *et al.*, PRC44(91)2472

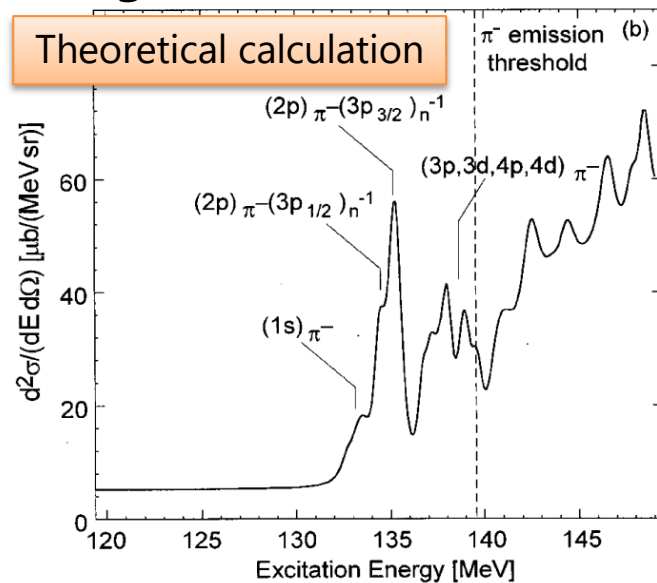
Initial state:



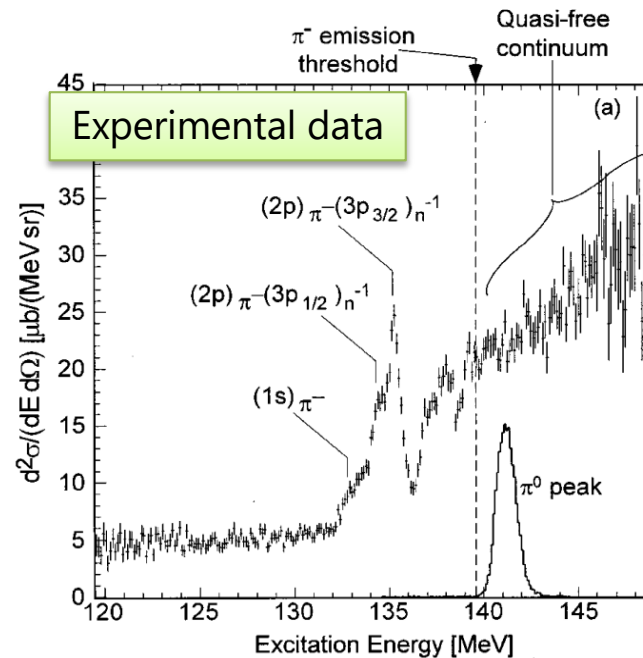
Final state:



²⁰⁸Pb target



S. Hirenzaki *et al.*, PRC44(91)2472



Experiment@GSI

K. Itahashi *et al.*, PRC62(00)025202

Observation of the deeply bound pionic state for the first time

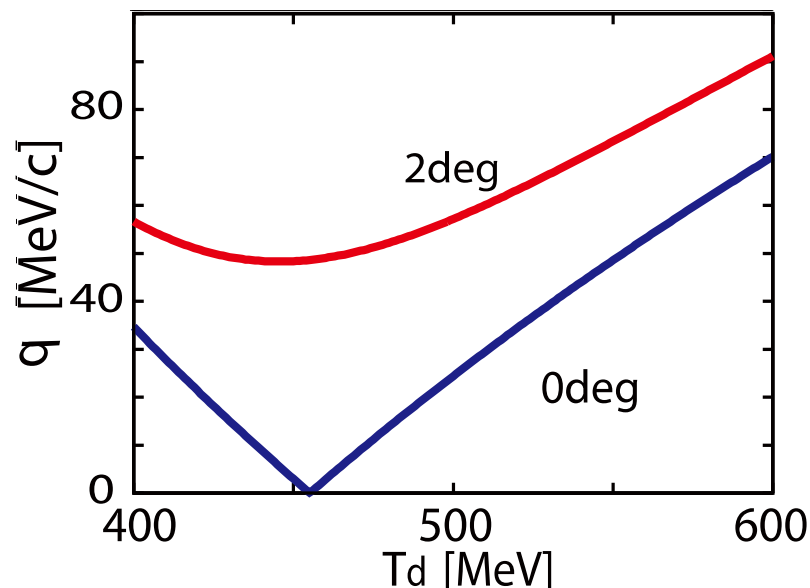
Role of the **momentum transfer q** in the reaction

- Large $q \Rightarrow$ Cross section becomes small (generally)
- **Matching condition** of the angular momentum transfer L and the momentum transfer q

$$L = [\ell_\pi \otimes \ell_n^{-1}] \simeq qR = q \times (\text{Nuclear Radius})$$

\Rightarrow the matching condition plays an important role in **determining the largely populated subcomponents**

➤ $(d, {}^3\text{He})$ reaction $\mathbf{q} = |\mathbf{p}_d - \mathbf{p}_{\text{He}}|$



- **Forward angle:** It can be **recoilless** ($q \sim 0$)
 \Rightarrow Enhanced formation with $L \sim 0$ state (s-state contributions relatively large)
- **Finite angles:** Larger q
 \Rightarrow Enhanced formation with large L state

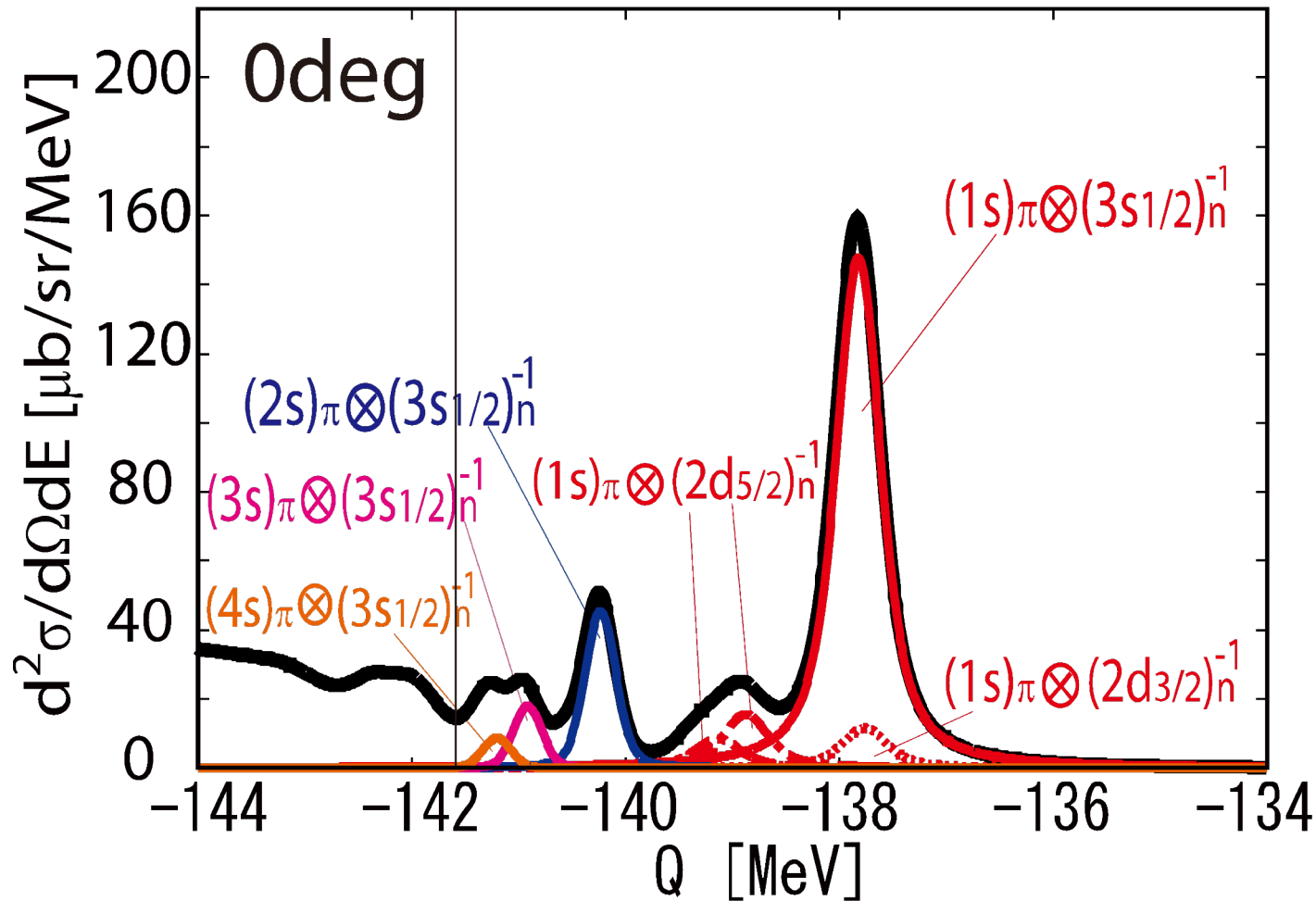
$S_n = 0$ MeV, B.E. = 0 MeV

We can observe selectively the different pionic states by adjusting q

$^{122}\text{Sn}(d,^3\text{He})$ spectrum

$$[(n\ell)_\pi \otimes (n\ell_j)_n^{-1}]$$

Quasi-elastic region Bound region



1 neutron pickup reaction
without π production

Exp. Data: $^{122}\text{Sn}(d,t)^{121}\text{Sn}$
E. J. Schneid et al.,
Phys. Rev. 156 (1967) 1316

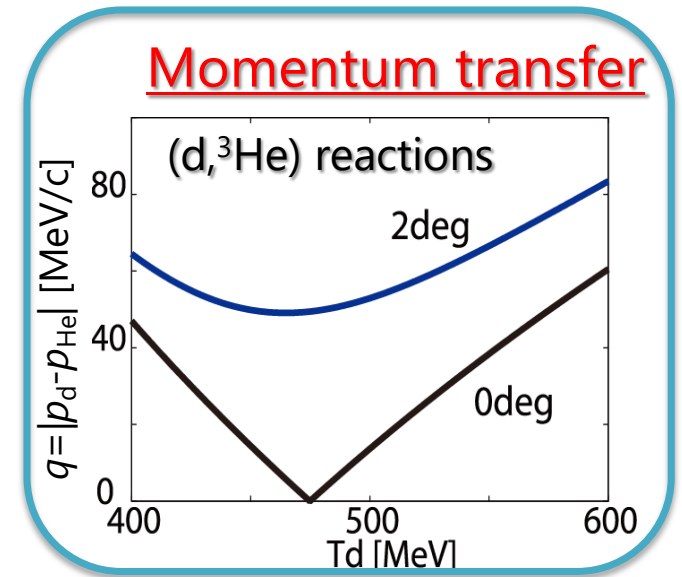
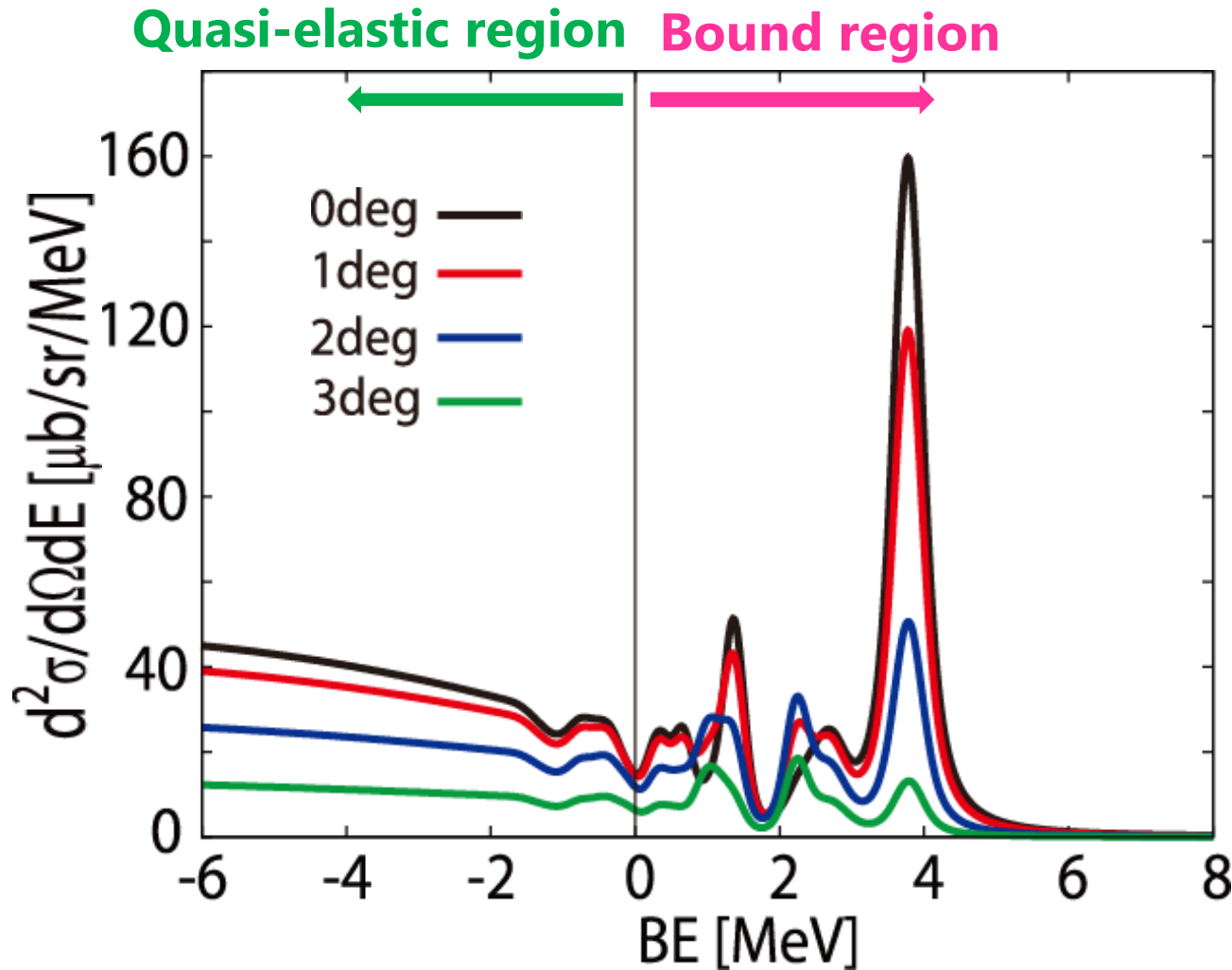
Neutron hole orbit j_h	Ex [MeV]
3s1/2	0.06
2d3/2	0.00
2d5/2	1.11
	1.37
1g7/2	0.90
1h11/2	0.05

New Exp. data:
S.V. Szewc et al.,
PRC104 (2021) 054308

Energy resolution
 $\Delta E = 300 \text{ keV}$

- We can see the large peak structure of pionic 1s state
- Combination of the pionic 1s state and neutron-hole 3s1/2 state

$^{122}\text{Sn}(d,^3\text{He})$ spectra at Finite angles



Energy resolution
 $\Delta E = 300\text{keV}$

Neutron wave function:
H. Koura *et al.*,
NPA671(2000)96

Spectra have a strong angular dependence.

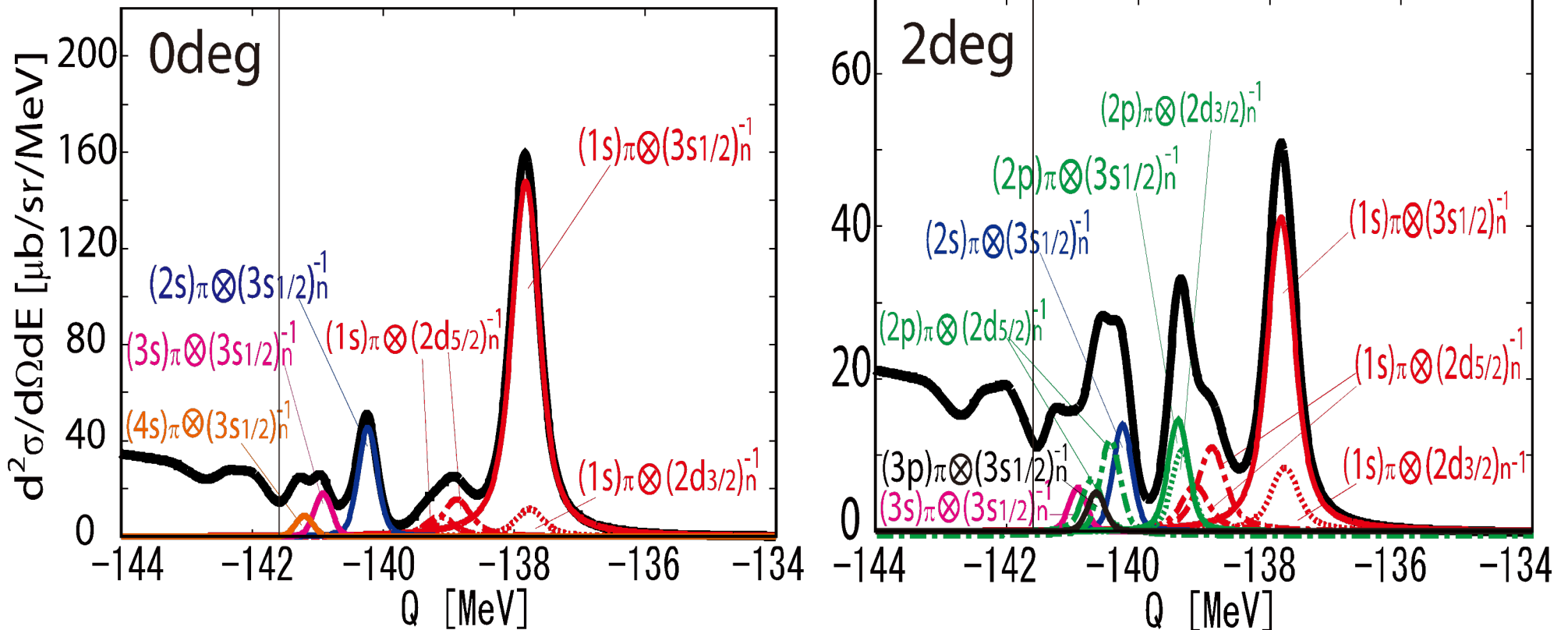
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Dominant Subcomponent $[(n\ell)_\pi \otimes (n\ell_j)_n]^{-1}$

Energy resolution
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0deg

2deg

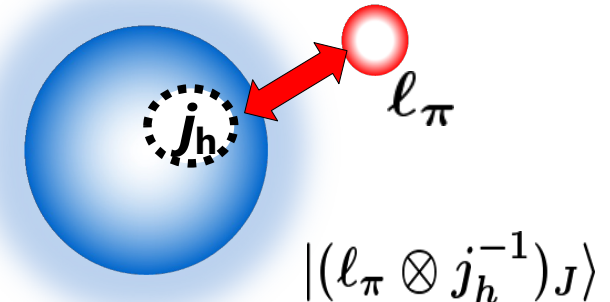


We can obtain information on the deeply bound pionic **2p** state in addition to **1s** and **2s** states.

Extension to the study of the odd-neutron nuclear target

Even-Even Nucleus: $J^P=0^+$

Pionic atoms: pion particle - neutron hole $[\pi \otimes n^{-1}]$



“Residual interaction effect”

- Energy shift
- Level splitting between different J state

S. Hirenzaki *et al.*
PRC60(99)058202;
N. Nose-Togawa *et al.*
PRC71(05)061601(R)

Shift of Peak position in the spectra



Additional difficulty to determine B.E. and pion property in the nucleus

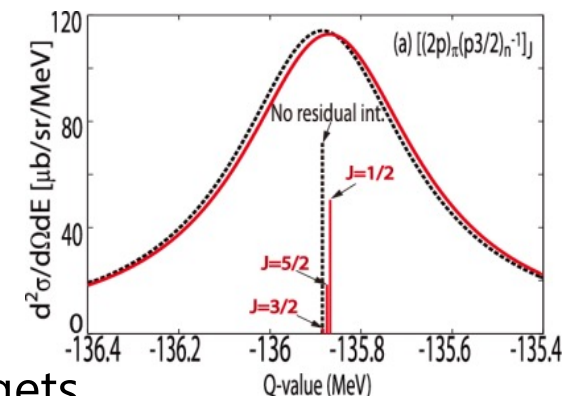
^{116}Sn complex energy shift		
j_h^{-1}	1s [keV]	2p [keV]
$3s_{1/2}^{-1}$	-15.4-4.2i	J=1/2 -4.0-1.1i
		J=3/2 -4.0-1.1i
$2d_{3/2}^{-1}$	-15.9-4.8i	J=1/2 -9.1-3.1i
		J=3/2 0.3+0.3i
		J=5/2 -5.2-1.8i
Exp. Error ± 24 [keV] @GSI		

➤ Interests of Odd target

Sn:	^{115}Sn 1/2 ⁺	^{116}Sn 0 ⁺	^{117}Sn 1/2 ⁺	^{118}Sn 0 ⁺	^{119}Sn 1/2 ⁺	^{120}Sn 0 ⁺	^{121}Sn 3/2 ⁺	^{122}Sn 0 ⁺	^{123}Sn 11/2 ⁻	^{124}Sn 0 ⁺
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Pionic state free from residual interaction effect $[\pi^- \otimes 0^+]$

⇒ Expect to extract more accurate information than even targets from data.

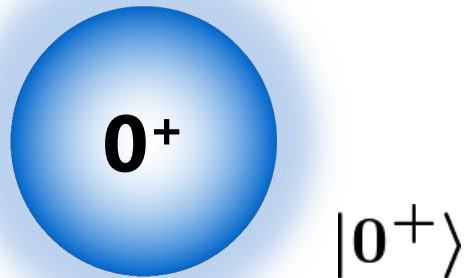


Formulation: Effective Number

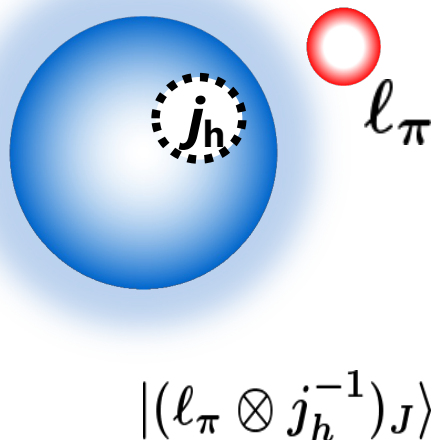
Acknowledgement
H. Nakada-san

Even target: $^{122}\text{Sn} (0^+)$

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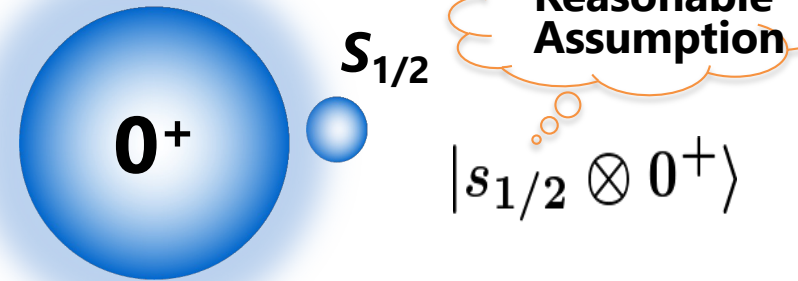


Final:



Odd target: $^{117, 119}\text{Sn} (1/2^+)$

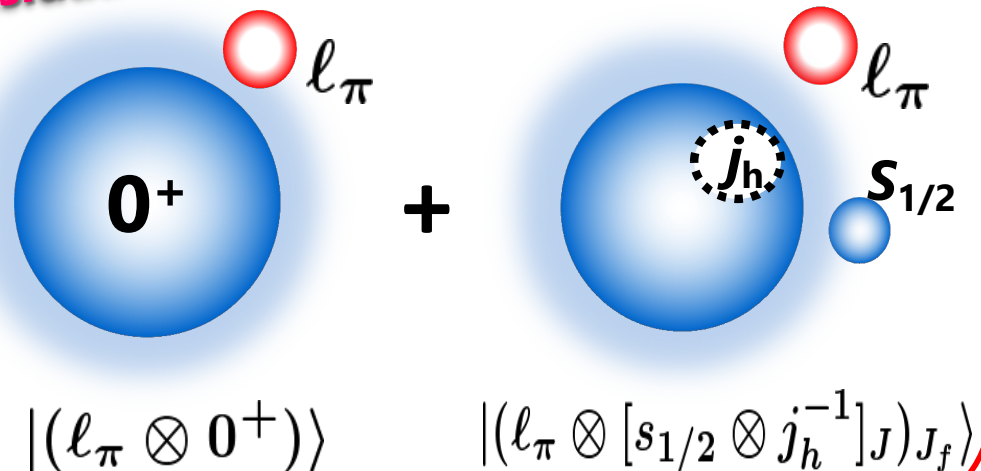
Initial:



Final:

- (1) neutron pick-up from $s_{1/2}$ orbit (2) neutron pick-up j_h orbit from other than $s_{1/2}$

No Residual Interaction



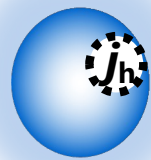
➤ Realistic neutron configurations for the target and the daughter nucleus: Exp. Data

Even target: ^{122}Sn (0^+)

Excited level of ^{121}Sn

Exp. Data: $^{122}\text{Sn}(d,t)^{121}\text{Sn}$
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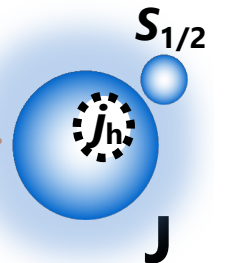
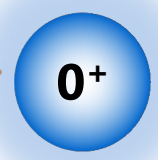
✓ Many excited levels
 ✓ Large excitation energies (Ex)
 ➔ **Pionic atom formation spectra:**
Expected to be complicated and broad spectra

Odd target: ^{117}Sn ($1/2^+$)

Excited level of ^{116}Sn

Exp. Data: $^{117}\text{Sn}(d,t)^{116}\text{Sn}$,
 J. M. Schippers et al., NPA510(1990)70

J^P	Neutron hole orbit j_h	Ex [MeV]
0+	3s1/2	0.00
		1.76
		2.03
		2.55
1+	2d3/2	2.59
		2.96
2+	2d3/2 and 2d5/2	1.29
		2.23
		3.23
		3.37
		3.47
		3.59
		3.77
		3.95
3+	2d5/2 and 1g7/2	3.00
		3.42
		3.71
		3.18
4+	1g7/2	2.39
		2.53
		2.80
		3.05
		3.10
		3.10
5-	1h11/2	2.37
6-	1h11/2	2.77



Odd target

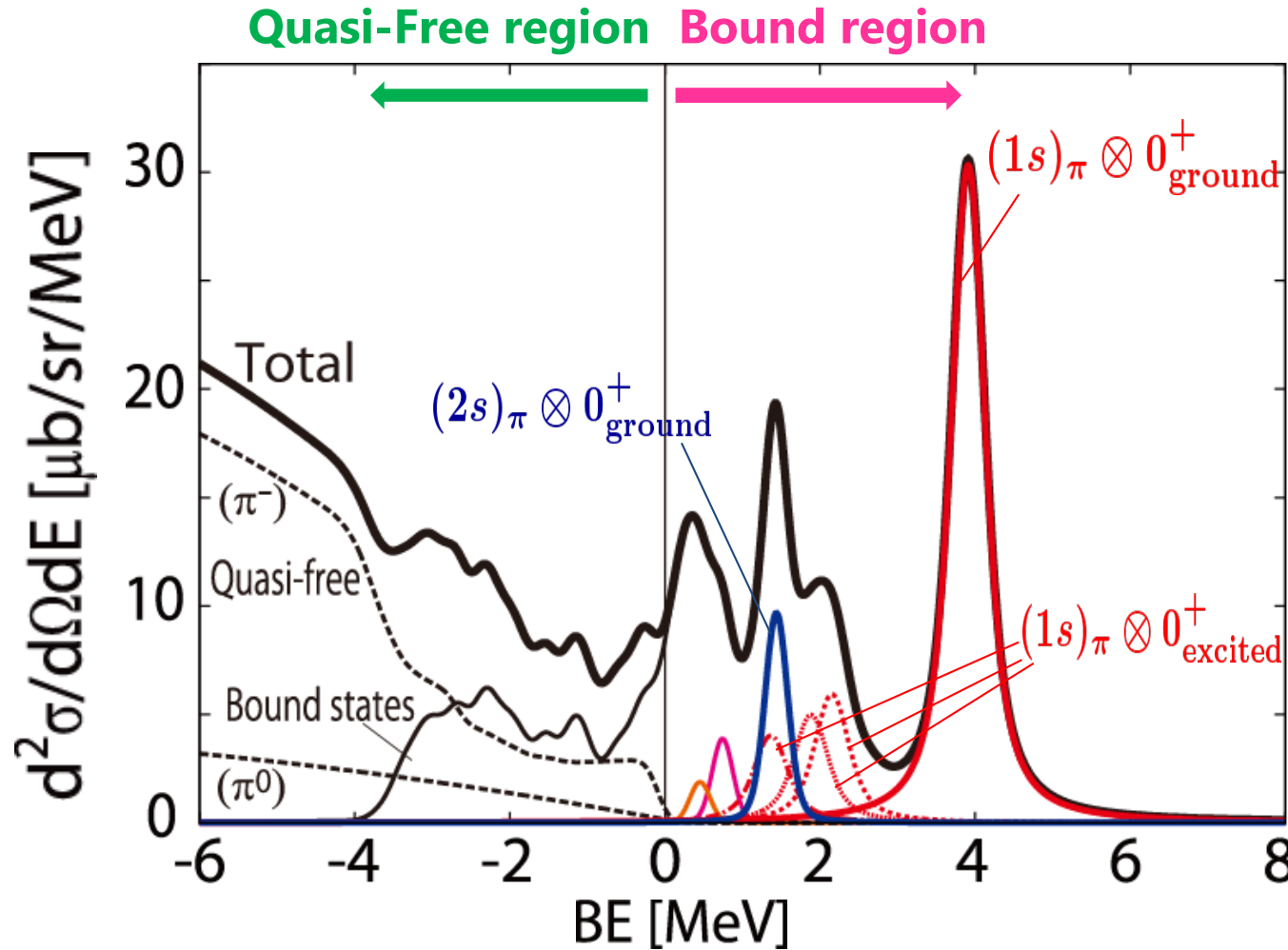
➤ $^{117}\text{Sn}(d, ^3\text{He})$ spectra at 0 degrees

Neutron wave function:
H. Koura *et al.*, NPA671(00)96

Energy resolution
 $\Delta E = 300\text{keV}$

Dominant
Subcomponent:

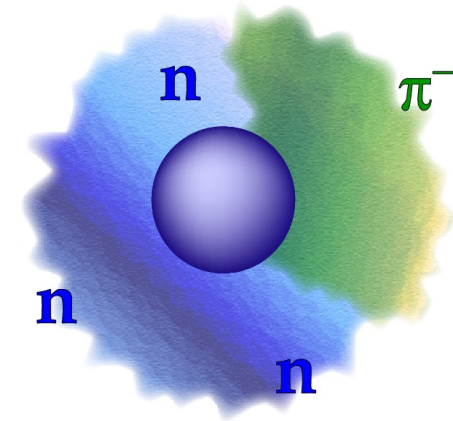
$$[(nl)_\pi \otimes J^P]$$



- We can see clear peak structure of $[(1s)_\pi \otimes ^{116}\text{Sn}(0^+)]$
 - No residual interaction effect

Interest and Motivation

(1) New exotic Hadron many body systems

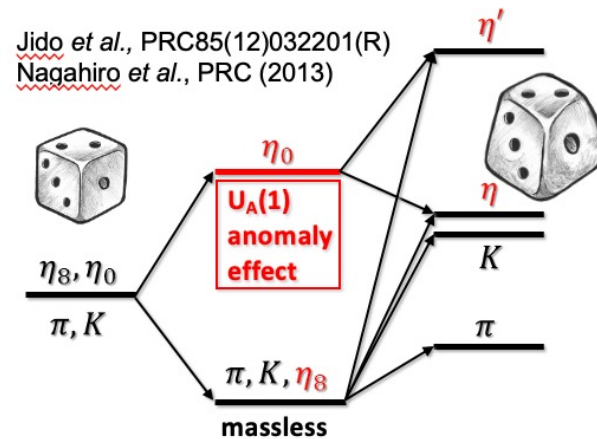


(2) Baryon resonances at finite density

$N^*(1535)$

$\Lambda(1405)$

(3) Aspects of the Strong Int.Symmetry



$m_q, m_s = 0$	$m_q, m_s = 0$	$m_q, m_s \neq 0$
$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = 0$	$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \neq 0$	$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \neq 0$

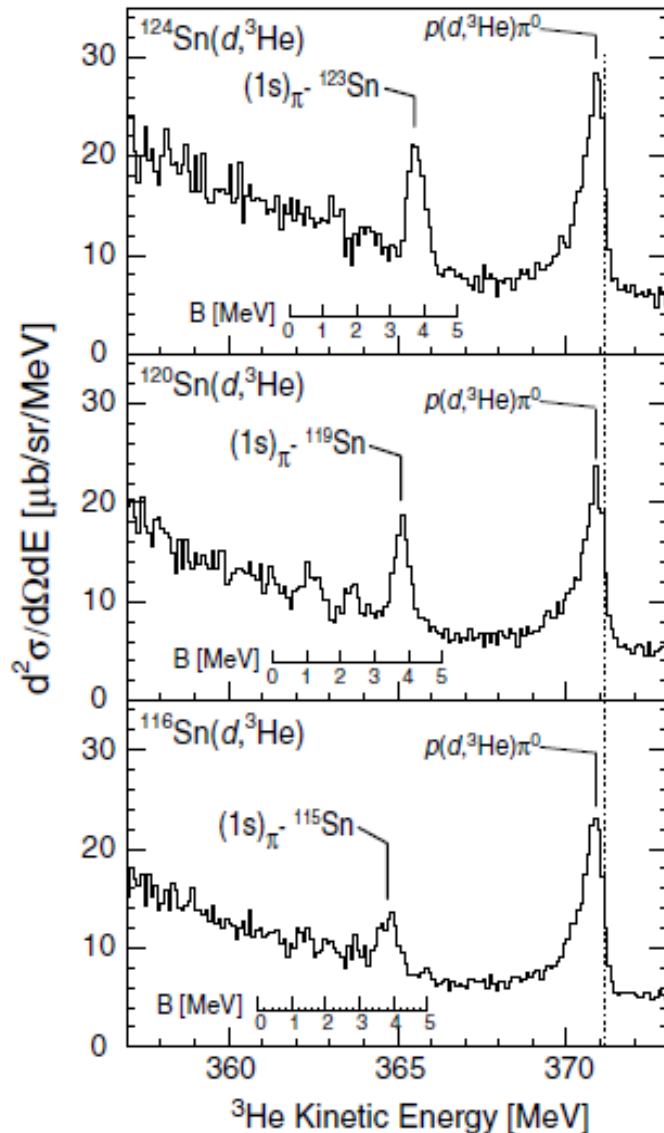
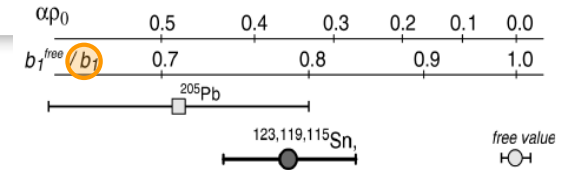
ChS manifest	dynamically broken	dyn. & explicitly broken
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In-medium pion and Chiral sym.

In-medium property of pion

K. Suzuki *et al.*, PRL92 (04) 072302

Exp@GSI



➤ Pion-Nucleus optical potential

$$2\mu V_{\text{opt}}^s = -4\pi[\varepsilon_1\{b_0\rho(r) + b_1\delta\rho(r)\} + \varepsilon_2 B_0\rho^2(r)]$$

- ✓ b1 determination, Comparison with value in vacuum
- ✓ Relation between $b_1 \Leftrightarrow f_\pi \Leftrightarrow \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$

- Tomozawa – Weinberg (TW) relation

$$T_{\pi A}^{(-)} = -4\pi\varepsilon_1 b_1 = \frac{\omega}{2f_\pi^{*2}}$$
- Gell-Mann – Oakes – Renner (GOR) relation

$$m_\pi^2 f_\pi^{*2} = -2m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_\rho$$

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$$\sim 0.67 \quad @ \quad \rho = \rho_0$$

Some memos for pi atom

Basic Story (Prediction, Observation, Feedback)

- Observe meson in nucleus (B.E., Width, , , ,)
- Deduce in-medium meson properties (b1, , ,)
- Relate them to fundamental parameters
(Condensate, , ,)

Some points

- * States with well-defined quantum numbers
(something like “selection rule”)
- * Exclusive information (s-wave isovector int., , ,)
- * Reliable connection between Theoretical formula
and Exp. Result
- * Model independent theoretical treatment
(... for feedback/fitting)

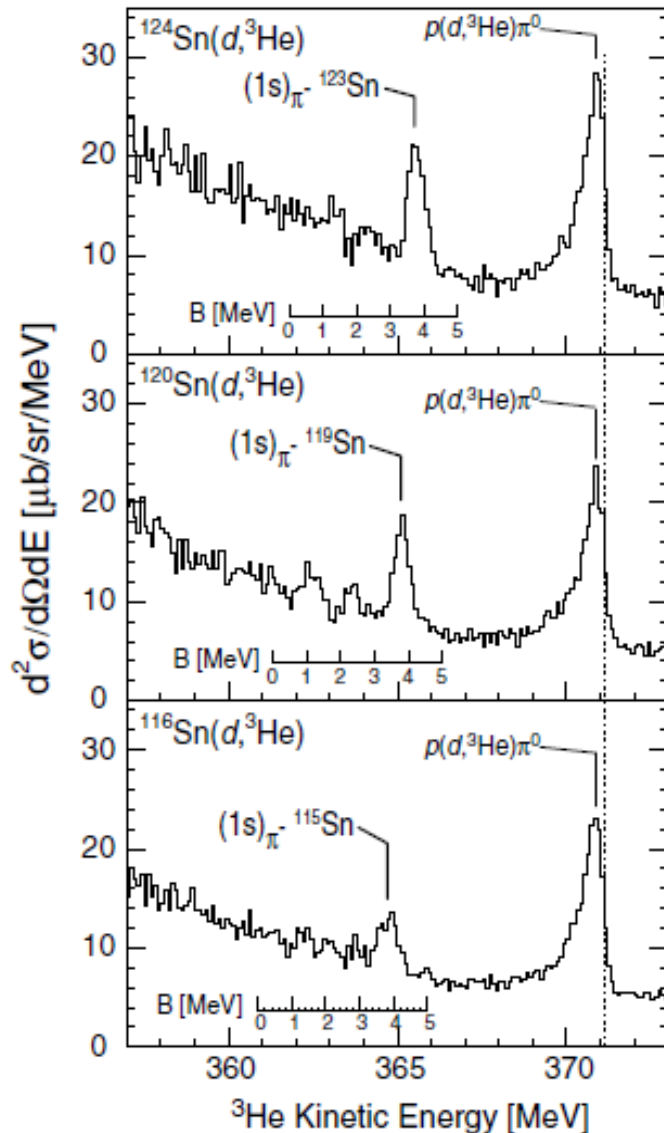
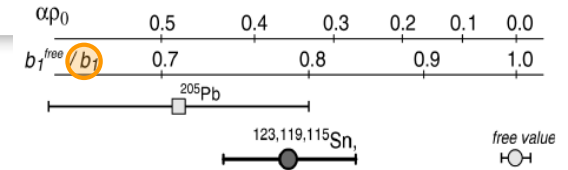
In reality, we need some phenomenological pieces.

In-medium Chiral sym.

In-medium property of pion

K. Suzuki *et al.*, PRL92 (04) 072302

Exp@GSI



➤ Pion-Nucleus optical potential

$$2\mu V_{\text{opt}}^s = -4\pi[\varepsilon_1\{b_0\rho(r) + b_1\delta\rho(r)\} + \varepsilon_2 B_0\rho^2(r)]$$

- ✓ b_1 determination, Comparison with value in vacuum
- ✓ Relation between $b_1 \Leftrightarrow f_\pi \Leftrightarrow \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$

- Tomozawa – Weinberg (TW) relation

$$T_{\pi A}^{(-)} = -4\pi\varepsilon_1 b_1 = \frac{\omega}{2f_\pi^{*2}}$$
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- Data corresponds to info. at Effective Density

Parameter correlation and Effective density

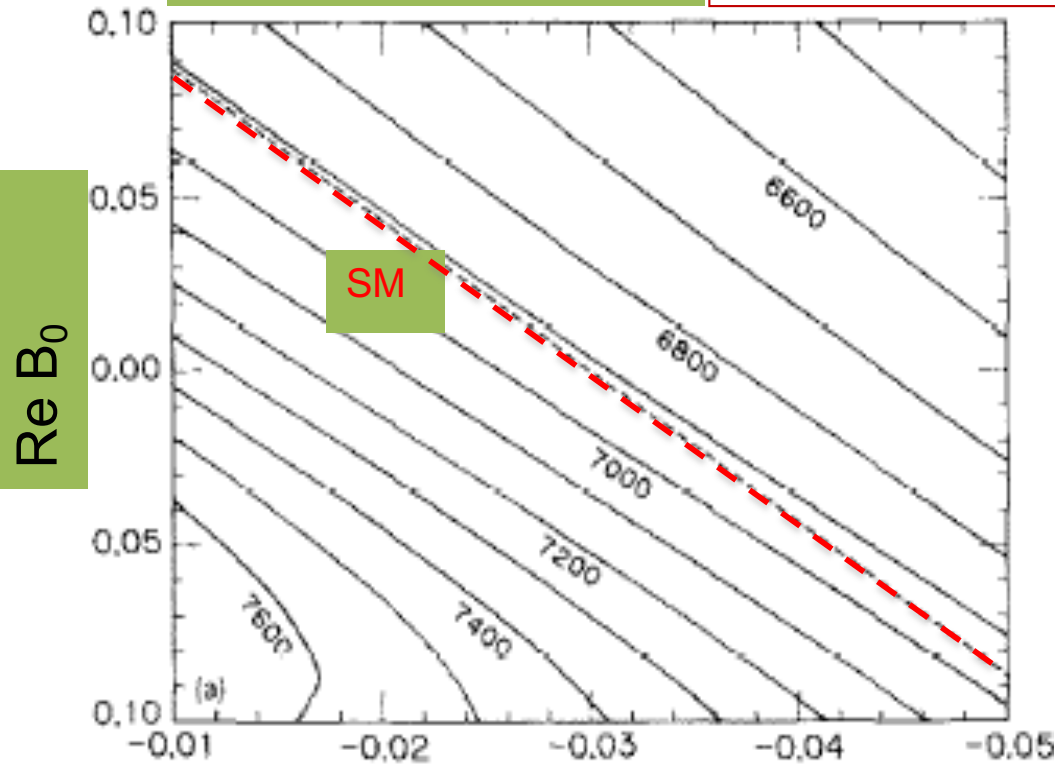
R. Seki, K. Masutani,
Phys. Rev. C27(1983)2799

$$b_0 + \alpha_s B_0 = \beta_s = (0.003 + 0.01i)m_\pi^{-1}$$
$$\alpha_s \simeq 0.23m_\pi^3$$

All potentials which satisfies the SM relation between potential parameters

reproduce the experimental data.

Contour plot of B.E. ^{208}Pb 1s state



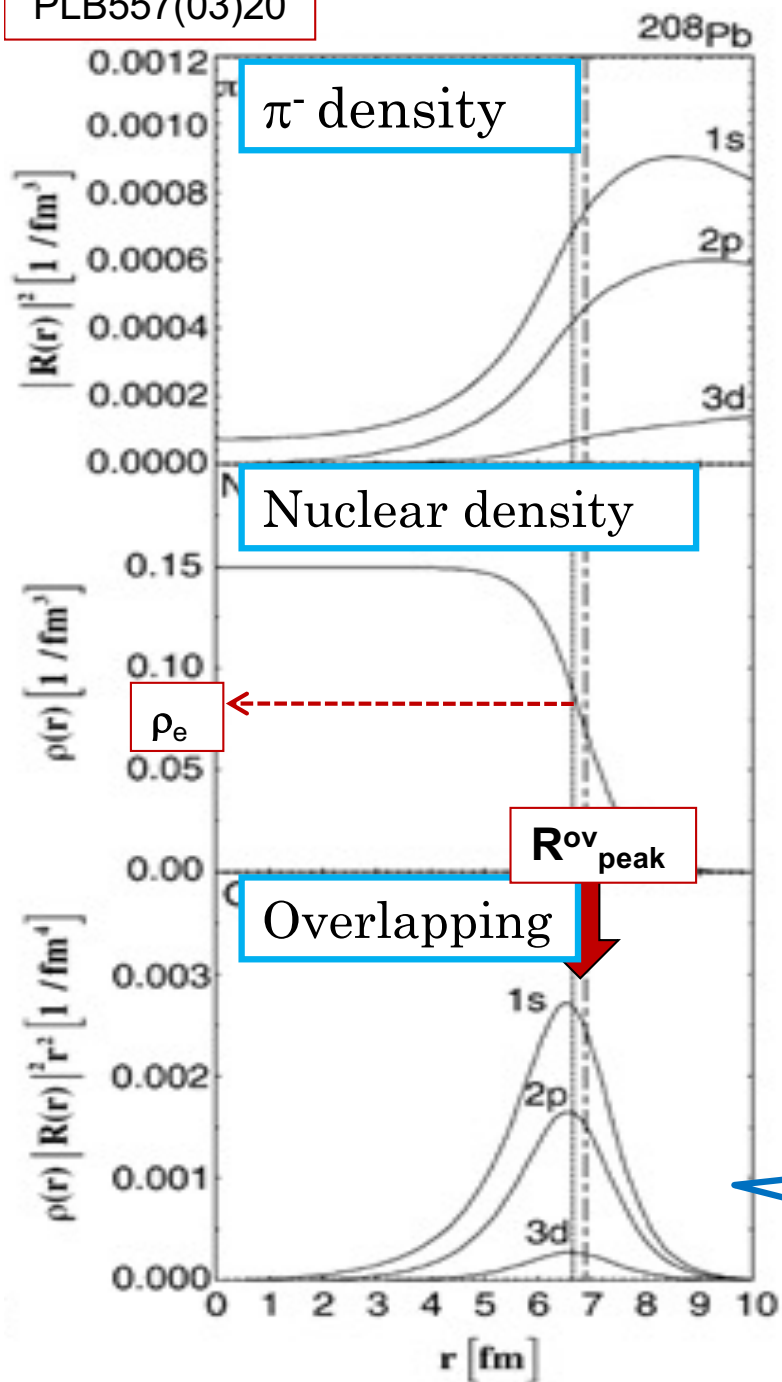
Binding energies are almost **unchanged** along the line of **SM relation**.

\Rightarrow Pionic atom properties are determined by potential strength at $\rho_e \sim 1/2\rho_0$

H. Toki, S. Hirenzaki,
T. Yamazaki, R. S. Hayano,
Nucl. Phys. 501(1989)653

b_0

Parameter correlation and Effective density



◆ Peak positions of the overlapping density are almost same for all states.

◆ The effective nuclear density ρ_e is almost same, $\rho_e \sim 1/2\rho_0$ for all states.

\Rightarrow consistent with the expectation from the contour plot

$$S(r) = \frac{\rho(r)}{N} \frac{|R_{nl}(r)|^2 r^2}{\pi} : \text{Overlapping density}$$

Model independent analysis (here low density expressions)

In-medium pion and partial restoration of chiral symmetry

D. Jido^{a,*}, T. Hatsuda^b, T. Kunihiro^{a,c}

Physics Letters B 670 (2008) 109–113

$$\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^*}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle} \simeq \left(\frac{b_1}{b_1^*} \right)^{1/2} \left(1 - \gamma \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right), \quad \text{where} \quad Z_\pi^{*1/2} \equiv \left(\frac{G_\pi^*}{G_\pi} \right)^{1/2} = 1 - \gamma \frac{\rho}{\rho_0}$$

- * Model independent (low density expression)
- * Z_π : wave function renormalization
- * Equivalent to GOR
- * m_π^* not necessary (but scattering length)

In-medium GOR

$$\left(F_\pi^t \right)^2 m_\pi^{*2} = -2m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^*, \quad \rightarrow \quad \left(\frac{F_\pi^t}{F_\pi} \right)^2 \left(\frac{m_\pi^*}{m_\pi} \right)^2 = \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^*}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle}$$

→ Adopt these theoretical relations at the effective density

Another "prescription"

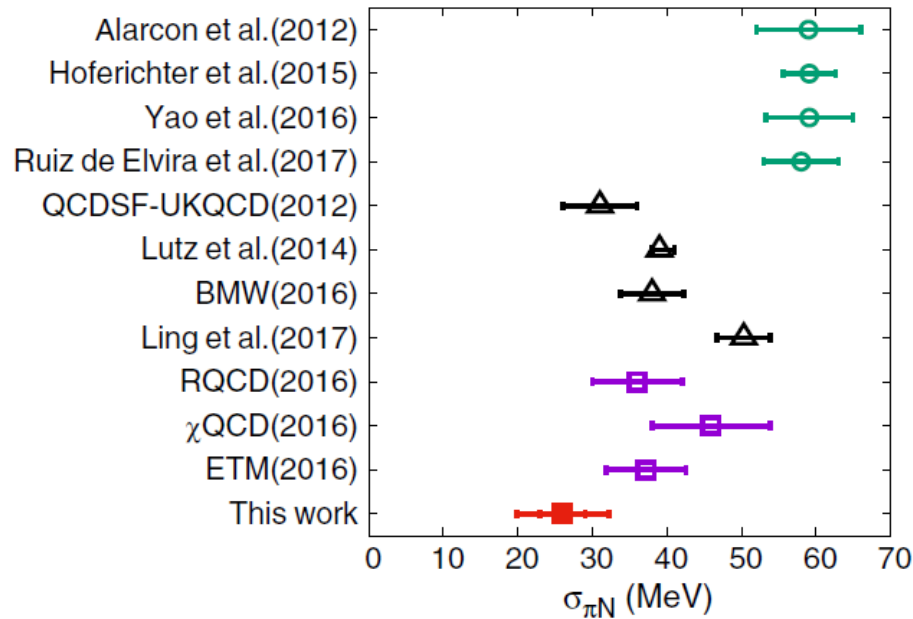
$$\sigma_{\pi N} = \frac{\bar{m}_q}{2m_N} \sum_{u,d} \langle N | \bar{q}q | N \rangle$$

Pion-nucleon sigma term $\sigma_{\pi N}$ "distribution" $\bar{m}_q = \frac{m_u + m_d}{2}$

Nucleon charges with dynamical overlap fermions

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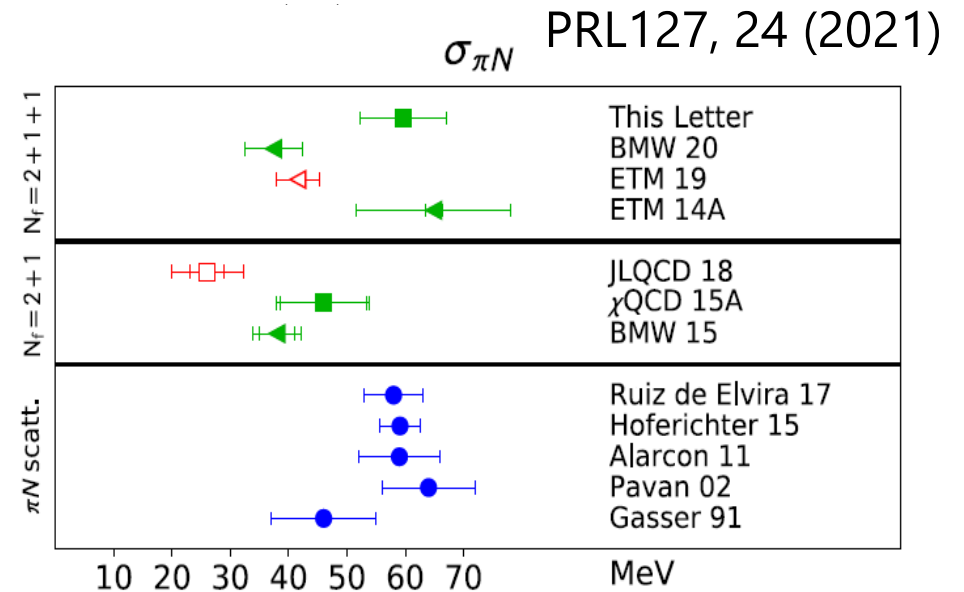
N. Yamanaka* et al., (JLQCD Collaboration)



The nucleon sigma term from lattice QCD

R. Gupta, S. Park, M. Hoferichter, E. Mereghetti, I

B. Yoon and T. Bhattacharya, [arXiv:2105.12095 [hep-lat]].



The value of $\sigma_{\pi N}$ has **not** been determined accurately enough: $\sigma_{\pi N} = 25 \sim 60$ MeV

=> It seems to be very interesting to determine the $\sigma_{\pi N}$ value by the deeply bound pionic atoms.

$\sigma_{\pi N}$ term in the optical potential

➤ Pion-Nucleus optical potential

$$2\mu V_{\text{opt}}(r) = -4\pi[b(r) + \varepsilon_2 B_0 \rho^2(r)] + 4\pi \nabla \cdot [c(r) + \varepsilon_2^{-1} C_0 \rho^2(r)] L(r) \nabla$$

$$b(r) = \varepsilon_1 \{b_0 \rho(r) + b_1 [\rho_n(r) - \rho_p(r)]\}$$

$$c(r) = \varepsilon_1^{-1} \{c_0 \rho(r) + c_1 [\rho_n(r) - \rho_p(r)]\}$$

$$L(r) = \{1 + \frac{4}{3}\pi\lambda[c(r) + \varepsilon_2^{-1} C_0 \rho^2(r)]\}^{-1}$$

$$b_1(\rho) = b_1^{\text{free}} \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_{\pi N}}{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \rho\right)^{-1}, \quad b_0(\rho) = b_0^{\text{free}} - \varepsilon_1 \frac{3}{2\pi} (b_0^{\text{free}2} + 2b_1^2(\rho)) \left(\frac{3\pi^2}{2} \rho\right)^{1/3}$$

- The $\sigma_{\pi N}$ value determined by [the existing pionic atom data](#) was reported:

χ^2 fitting for (all) atomic data (BE, Width)



$$\sigma_{\pi N}^{\text{FG}} = 57 \pm 7 \text{ MeV},$$

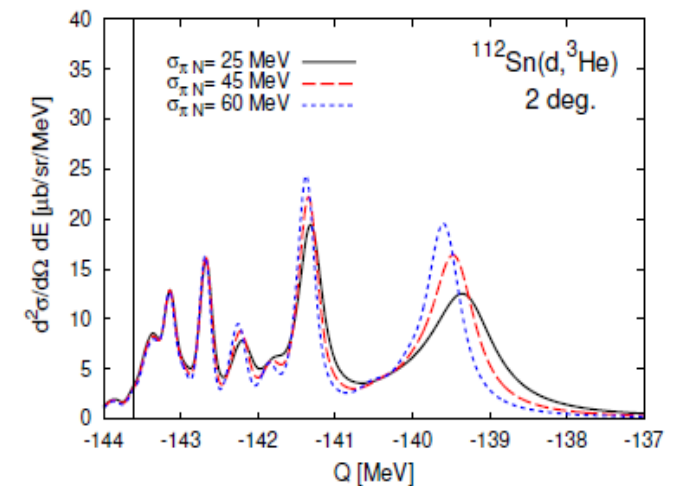
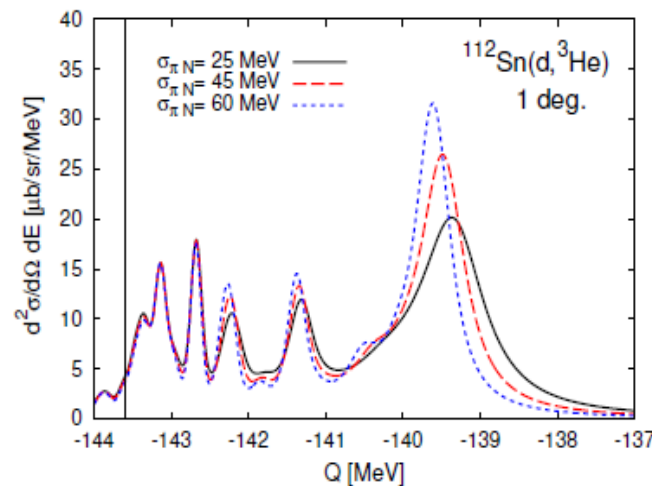
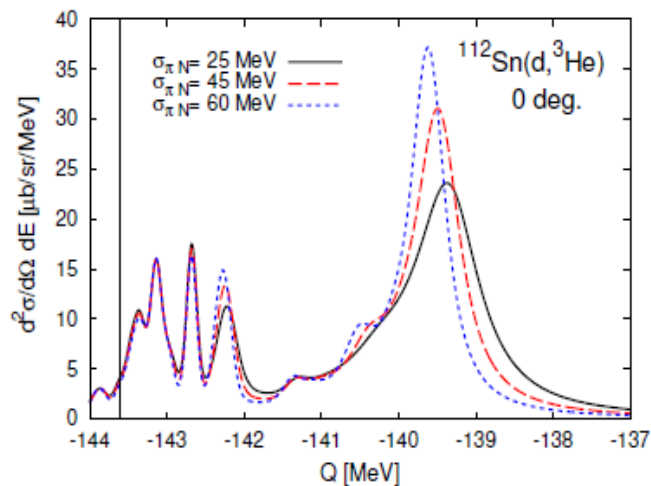
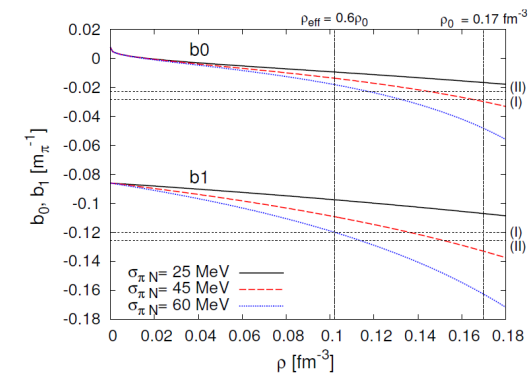
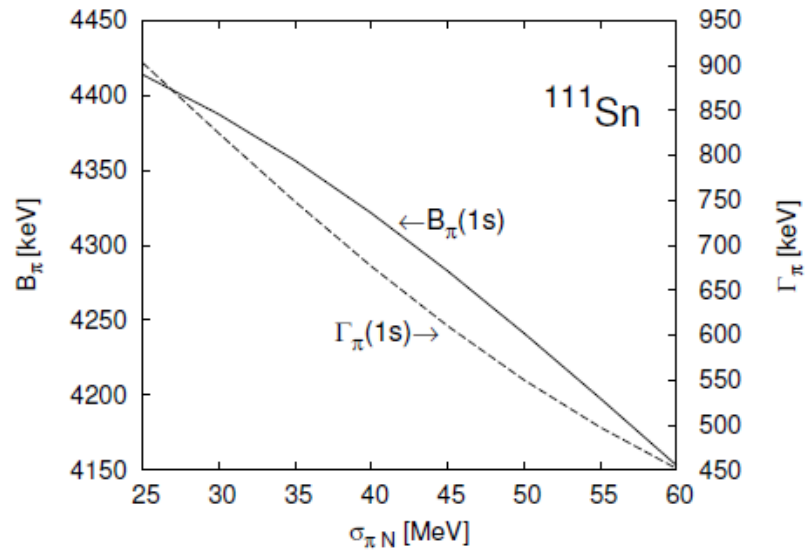
E. Friedman and A. Gal, Phys. Lett. B **792**, 340 (2019).

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We especially focus on **the observables of the high-precision deeply bound pionic states**

$\sigma_{\pi N}$ term dependence of the pionic atom observables

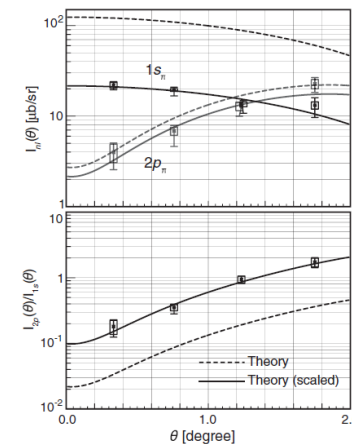
N. Ikeno, T. Nishi, K. Itahashi, N. Nose-Togawa, A. Tani, S. Hirenzaki, arXiv:2204.09211 [nucl-th]



We can see clearly the **strong sensitivities** of the observables to $\sigma_{\pi N}$
 \Rightarrow It would be interesting to determine $\sigma_{\pi N}$ values from experimental data

Future Outlook

- Beyond the linear density (model independent)
- Another prescription ?, GOR with b_0 for mass ?
- Pionic atom in unstable nuclei by inverse kinematics
chiral symmetry restoration in asymmetric nuclear matter,
structure of unstable nuclei by pion
Exp. of the $d(^{136}\text{Xe}, ^3\text{He})$ at RIKEN in a few years ? K. Itahishi et al.
Old works: Y. Umemoto et al. NPA679(2001)549, S. Hirenzaki et al. PLB194 (1987)20,
- Improvement of the theoretical calculations:
To reproduce quantitatively the data by
T. Nishi, K. Itahashi et al., PRL120, 152505 (2018)
- Extension to other meson systems
- Combined analysis with transport models such as JAM (for heavier meson sys.)
(Y. Higashi, Master's thesis (Nara Women's 2015))



etc....