

# **FIRST EXPERIMENTS WITH SUPER-FRS**

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## Super-FRS





# Uniqueness

## ■ FAIR Uniqueness:

### ■ *High-energy primary and secondary nuclear beams*

- $>400A$  MeV only at FAIR in the world.
- Provides fully stripped ions of the heaviest elements.

### ■ *High intensity*

- The most exotic nuclei can be produced.

## ■ Super-FRS Uniqueness

### ■ *High separation power for exotic nuclei*

### ■ *High momentum resolution ( $\Delta p/p$ )*

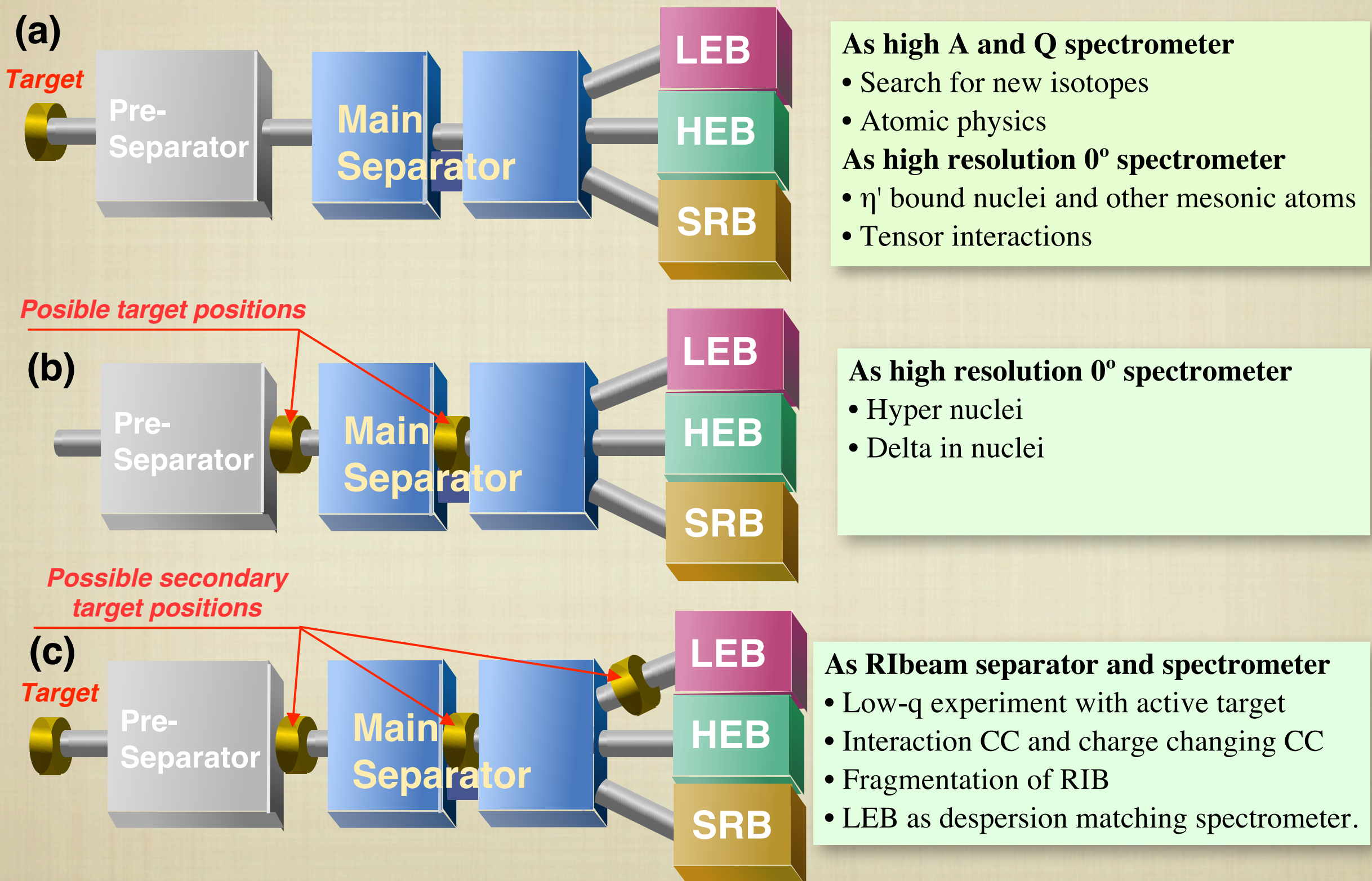
- $10^{-4}$  or even better with dispersion matching modes.

### ■ *Muti-staged spectrometer*

- Combined use of a separator section and various spectrometer modes.



# Various modes of Super-FRS





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Experiments taking advantages of multi-stage spectrometer design of the Super-FRS.

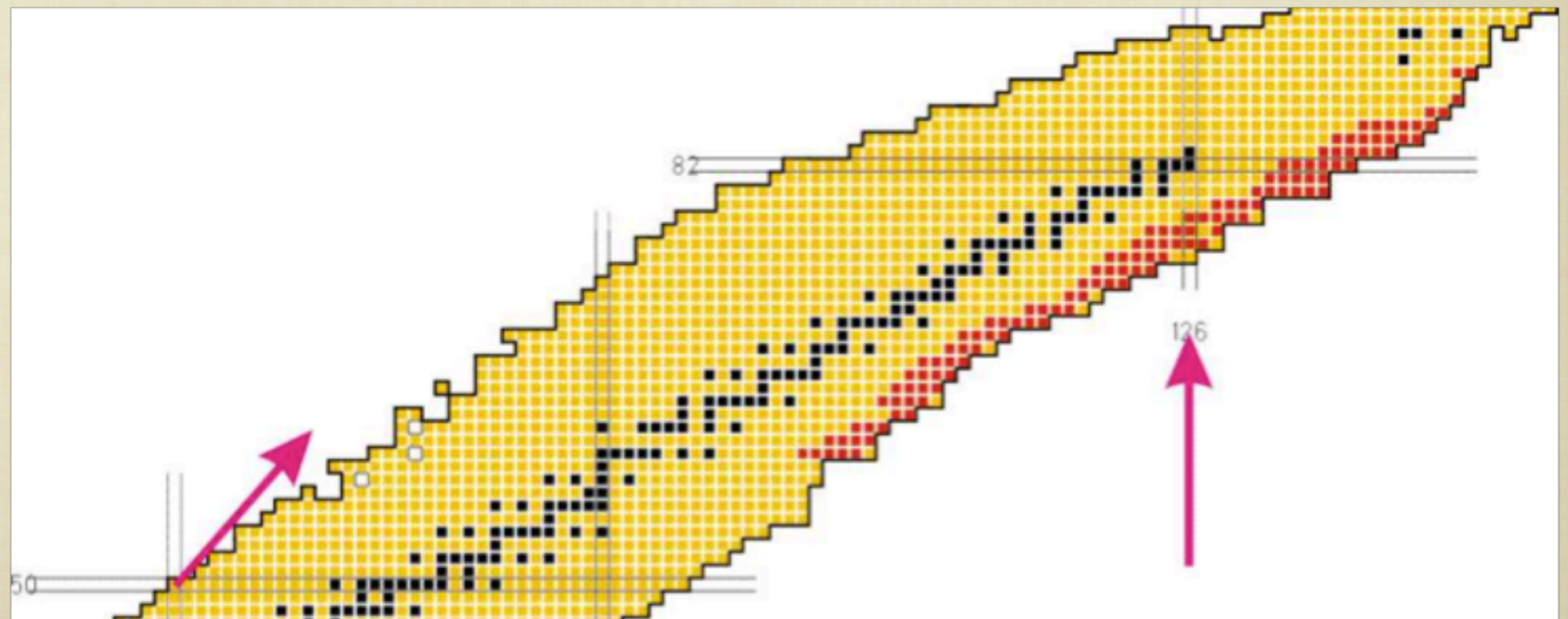
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# 1. Search for new isotopes and ground state properties

(Pietri, Jokinen, Plaß et al.)

- Take advantage of  $E > 500A$  MeV U or other beams, many new isotopes would be produced.
- The determinations of production cross sections and kinematics of unstable nuclei are imperative for Super-FRS operation.



Experience continues from FRS.



## 2. Atomic collisions

(Purushothaman, Geissel et al.)

- Accurate knowledge of the atomic interaction of ions penetrating through a matter, such as charge-state distributions of ions of heavy elements, is essential.
  - *It is important also for delivering RIB from Super-FRS.*
- New data for stopping power, energy and angular straggling will be obtained at high energies.
  - *Important also for gas stopping cells optimization.*
- Resonant coherent excitation in crystals (nuclear Okorokov effect) will be measured for the first time.

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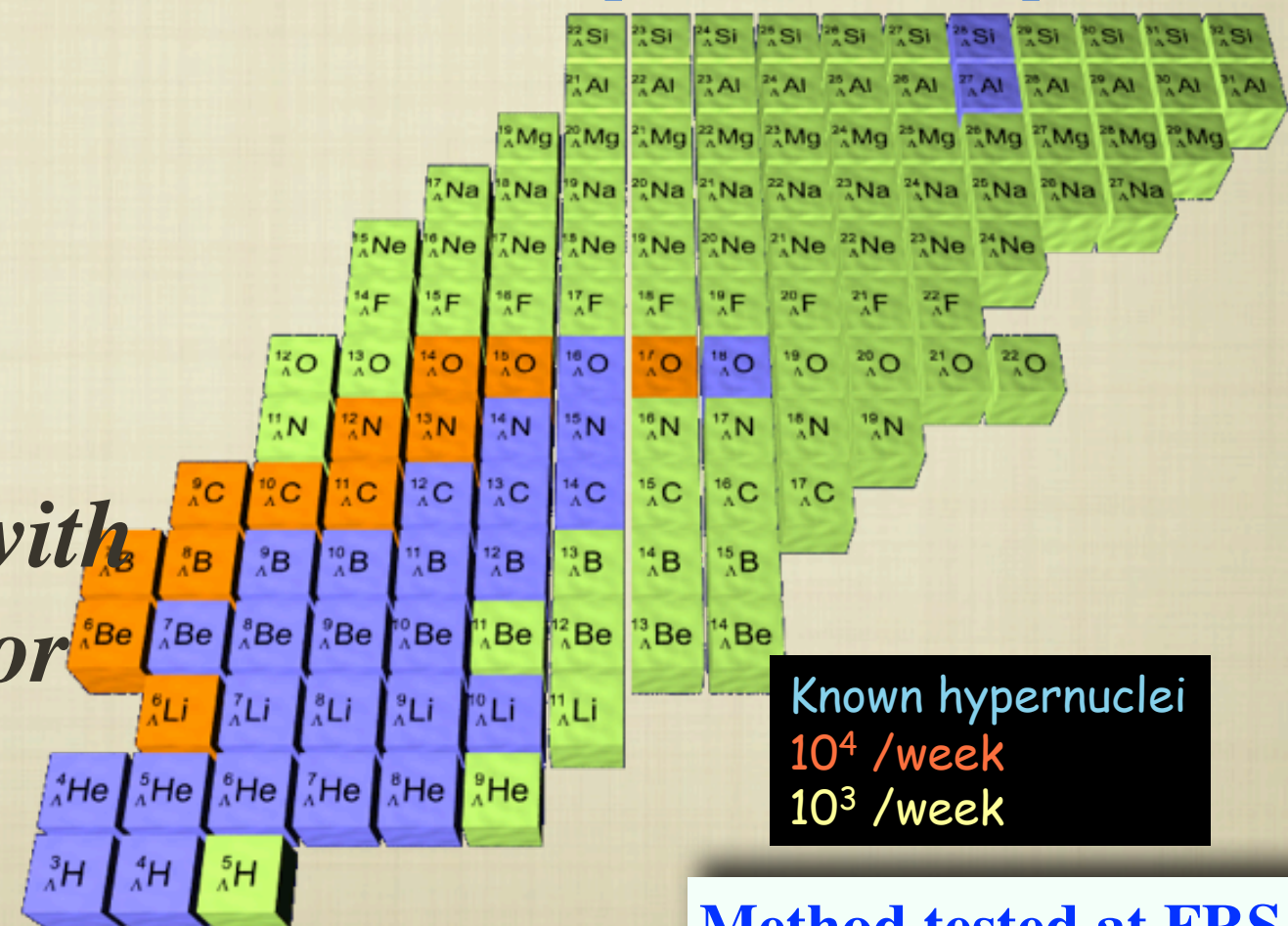


# 4. Exotic hypernuclei and their properties

(Saito, Nociforo et al.)

- Production of hypernuclei by high-energy ( $>1.2A$  GeV) heavy-ions peripheral collision is expected to have large cross sections.
- Also this method is suitable for determination of lifetimes.
- Pilot experiment shows several new evidences of  $^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ,  $^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 
  - *The lifetime have also been determined.*
- $^3_{\Lambda}n$  has been suggested.
- *Higher resolution of mass with FRS/Super-FRS will help for identifications.*

Land scape with FRS/Super-FRS



Method tested at FRS.



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(Ong, Terashima, Toki et al.)

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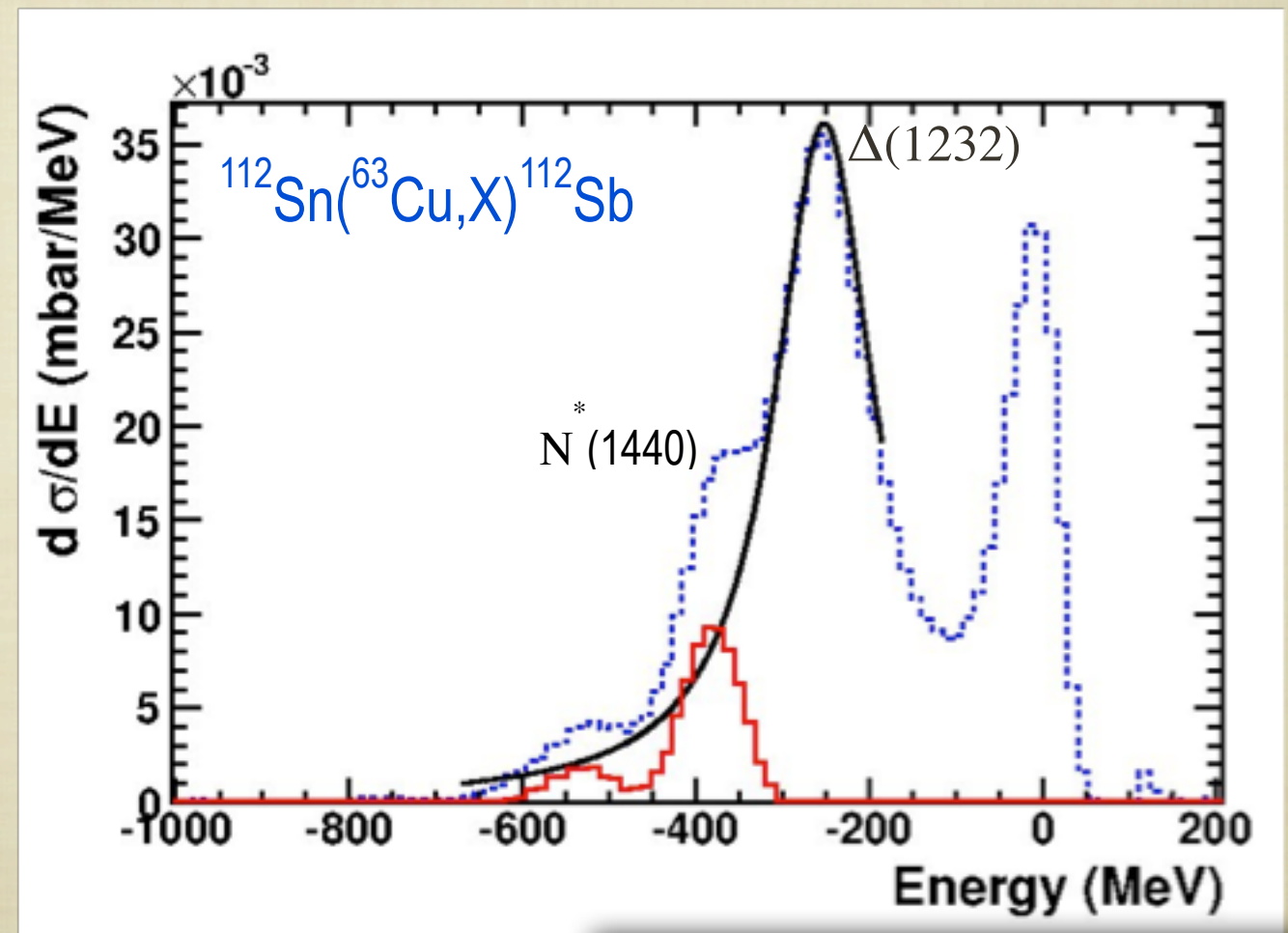
# 6. Delta resonances probing nuclear structure

(Benlliure, Lenske et al.)

- Charge changing reactions with high-energy heavy ions provide unique possibilities to study baryon resonances, including  $\Delta$ -resonances in exotic nuclei.
- *So far  $\Delta$ -resonances in nuclei has been studied exclusively in stable or near stable nuclei*

## ■ Studying

- *In-medium properties of baryon resonance in isospin asymmetric nuclear matter*
- *Gamow-Teller transition strength*
- *Radial distribution of neutrons and protons*
- *Nuclear matrix elements for inelastic neutrino interactions*



Some data obtained at FRS.



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**Experiments developed at FRS lead the world study of exotic nuclei.**

**Halos, neutron skins, new magic numbers, and spectroscopy of drip line nuclei.**

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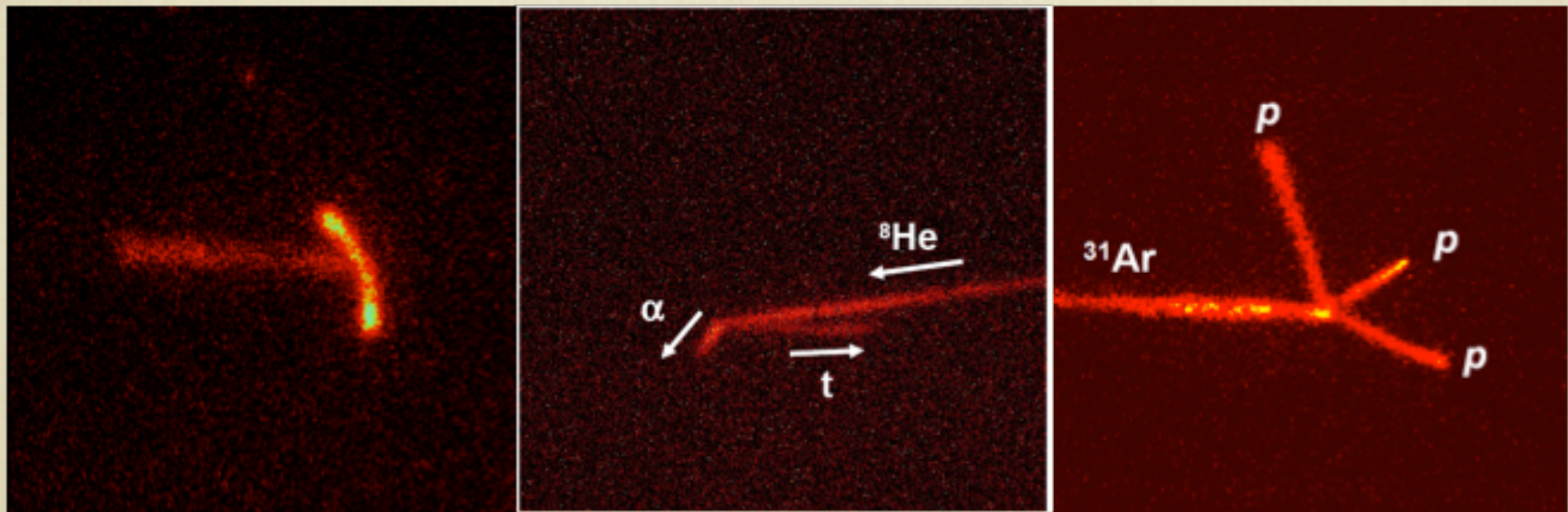
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# 8. Radioactive in-flight decays and continuum spectroscopy by particle emission

(Fomichev, Pfützner, Mukha et al.)

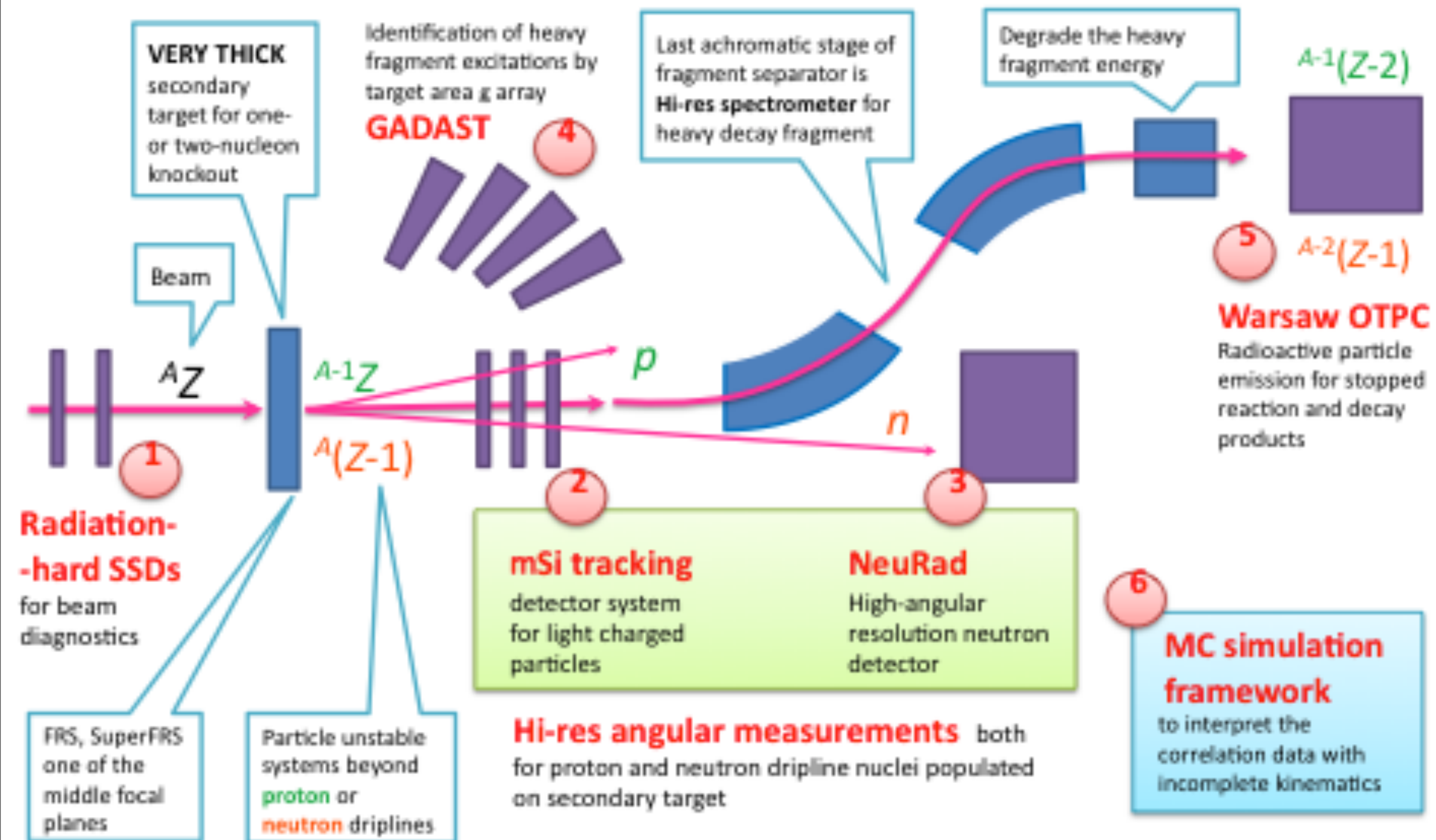
- Study decays (particle emission) of nuclear beyond the drip line and other resonances.
  - *One-, two- four- proton decays, two-proton decay*
  - *Neutron radioactivity*



- *Complementary with missing mass, invariant mass measurements.*



# EXPERT: EXotic Particle Emission and Radioactivity by Tracking

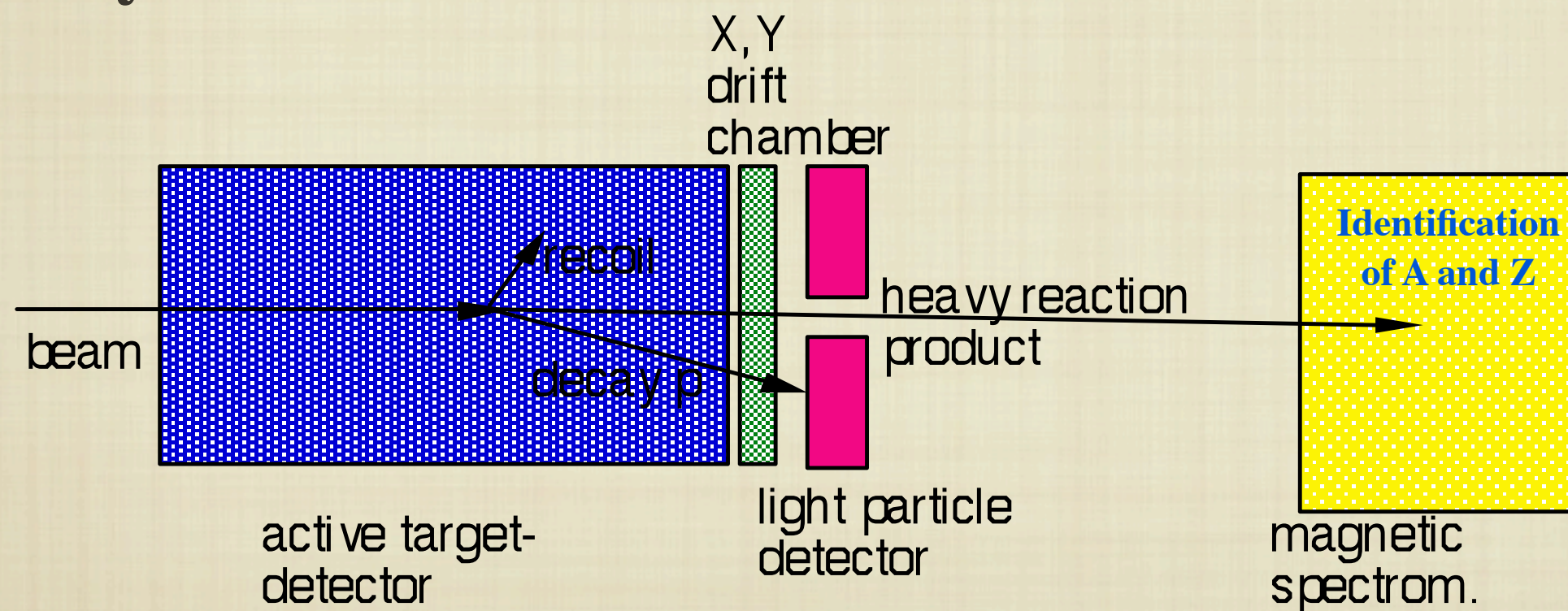




# 9. Low-q experiment with an active target

(Egelhof, Kalantar et al.)

- Elastic scattering of heavy neutron rich nuclei for study of nuclear distribution and neutron skin.
- Such systematic studies provide the information on EOS of asymmetric nuclear matter.



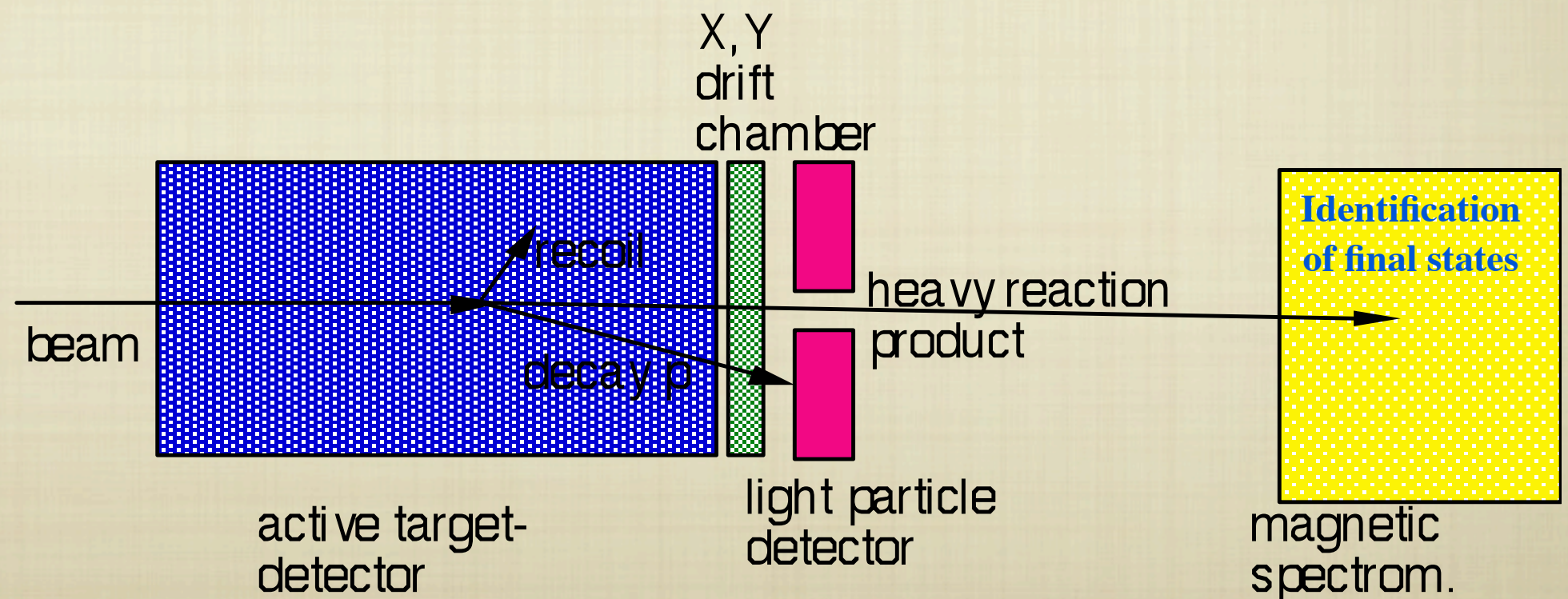
- *Some overlap with usage of other facility (R3B) has to be discussed continuously for mutual improvement.*

**Experience of IKAR at FRS.**



# 9. Low-q experiment with and active target (II)

- When heavy nuclei such as Sn isotopes are concerned.
  - *Recoil proton energies for the first bump exceed the range of active target. Therefore the inelastic scattering would not be separated by the active target itself.*
  - *A forward high-resolution spectrometer can resolve excited states but need better than  $8 \times 10^{-5}$  momentum resolution.*





# 10. Nuclear reaction studies and synthesis of isotopes with low-energy RIBs

(Heinz, Winfield et al.)

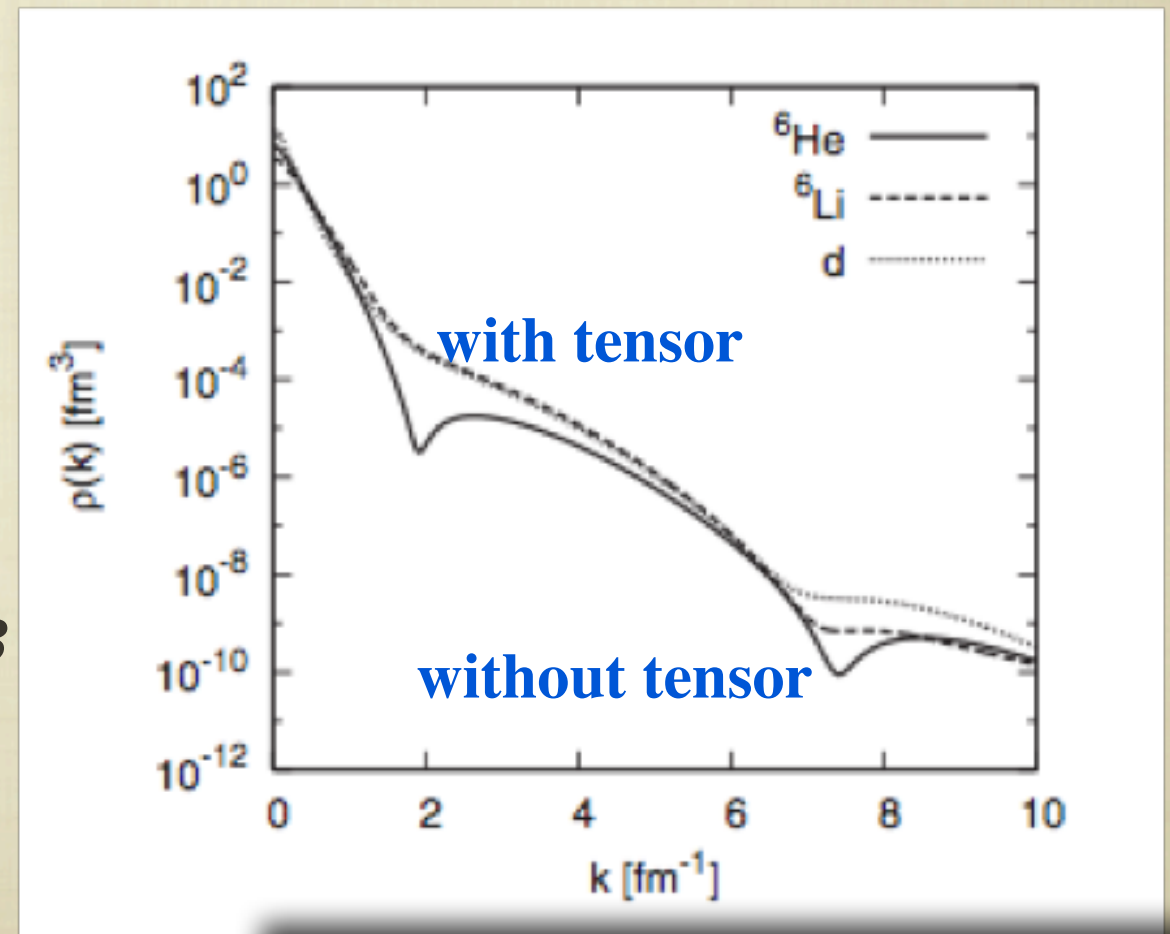
- **At Low Energy beam line.**
- Experiments with RIB at Coulomb-barrier energies challenge a new field for reaction studies.
  - *Which will contribute to a better understanding of deep inelastic, fusion-fission and complete fusion reactions.*
- This knowledge is essential for the extension of the nuclear chart towards superheavy elements beyond the existing limit. They will possibly give access to new neutron-rich isotopes beyond uranium, and also below uranium, both regions are not accessible in fusion reactions with stable beams nor in fragmentation reactions.



# 5. Importance of tensor forces in nuclear structure

(Ong, Terashima, Toki et al.)

- Although it is important for binding nuclei, tensor forces have not been treated explicitly in most of successful nuclear structure models such as mean field models and shell models.
- Those important contributions are through nucleons with high momentum.
- Studies of such high-momentum nucleons ( $P \sim 2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ) will be done by high-energy pick-up reactions.
  - $(p,d), (d,^3\text{He}), (d,t), (p,pd), (p,nd)$  reactions
- *In some complementary cases*
- $(p,pd), (p,nd)$  reactions may be better at R3B
- *It has to be carefully evaluated.*



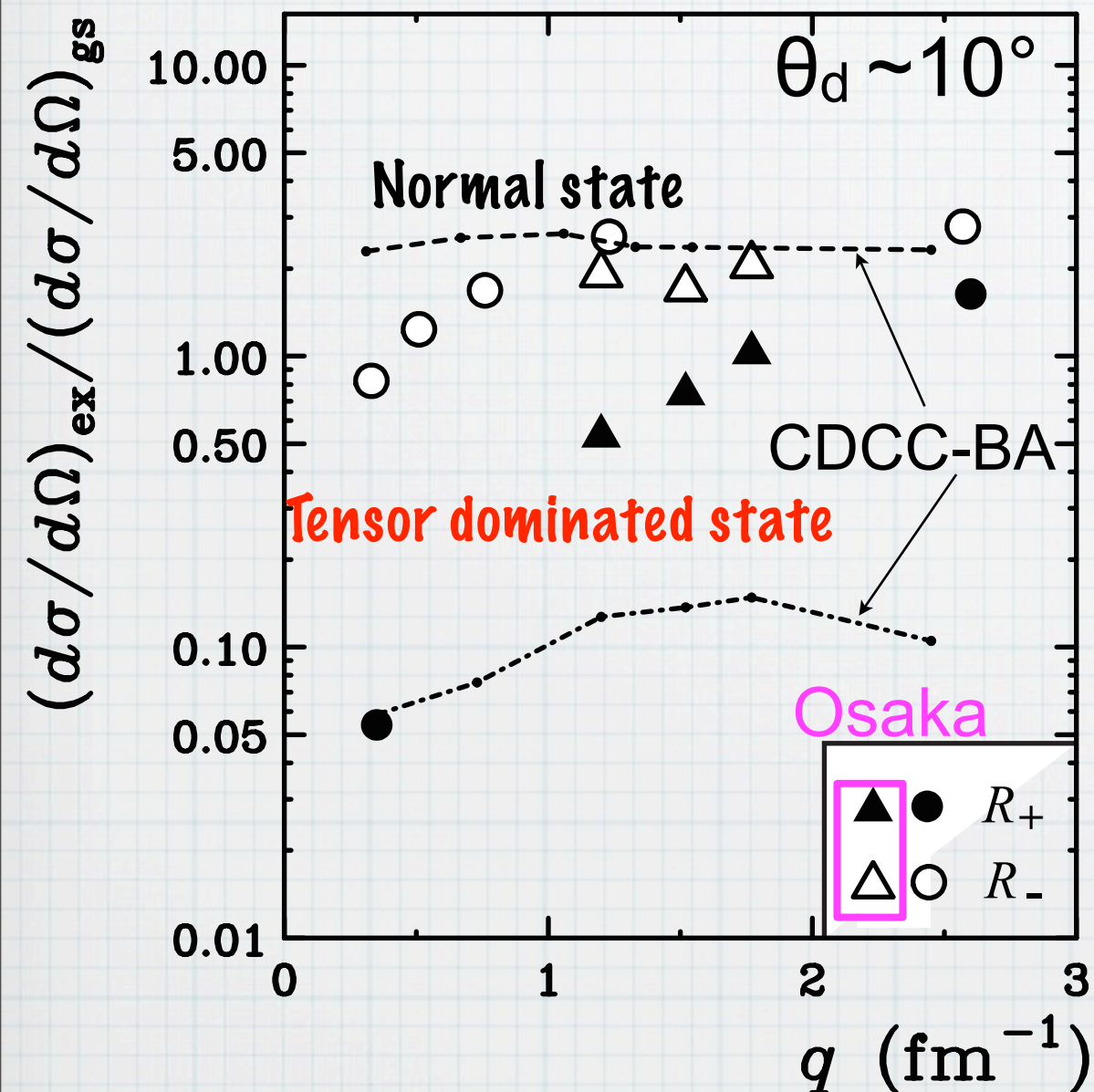
Pilot experiment planned at FRS.



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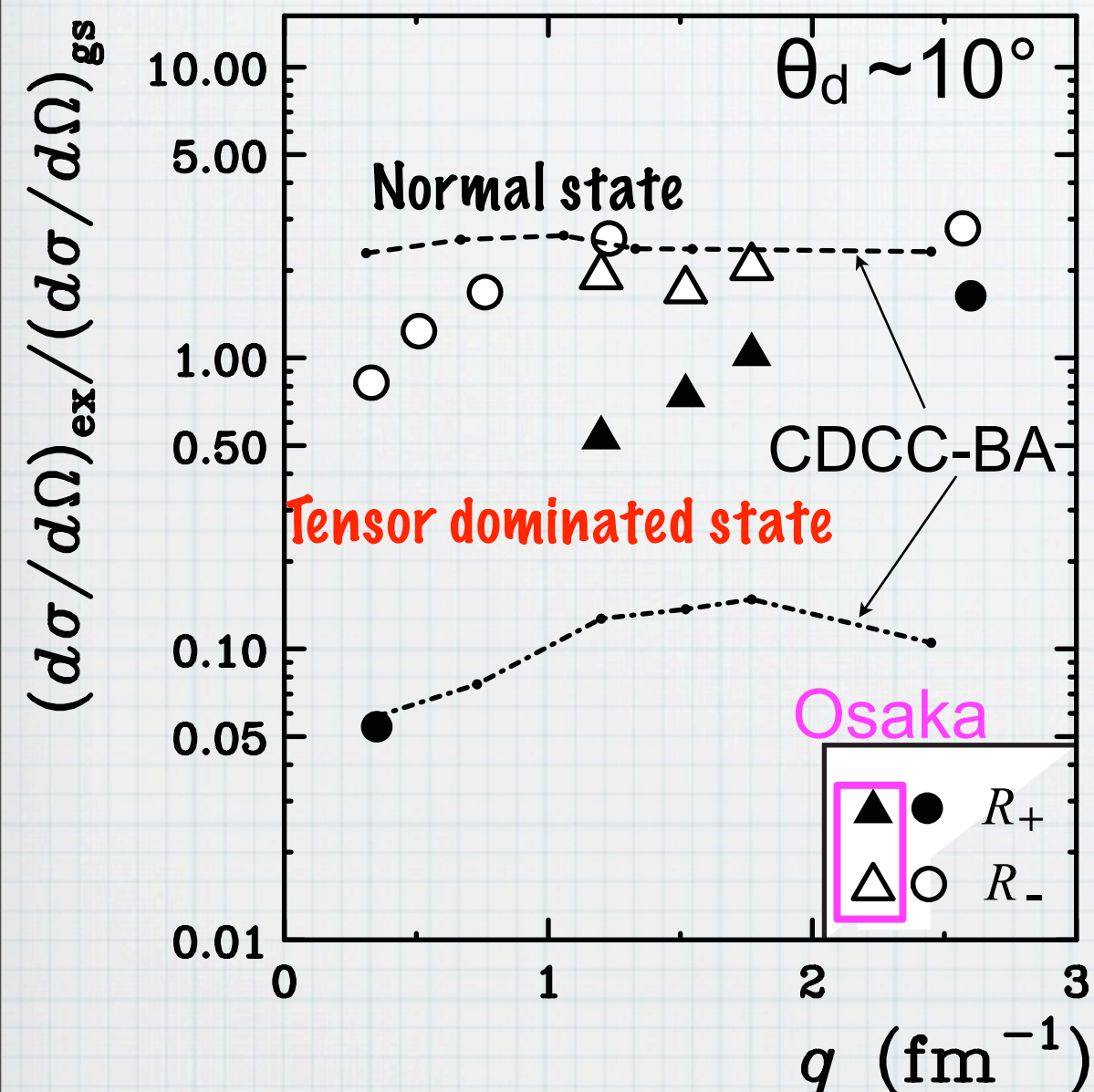
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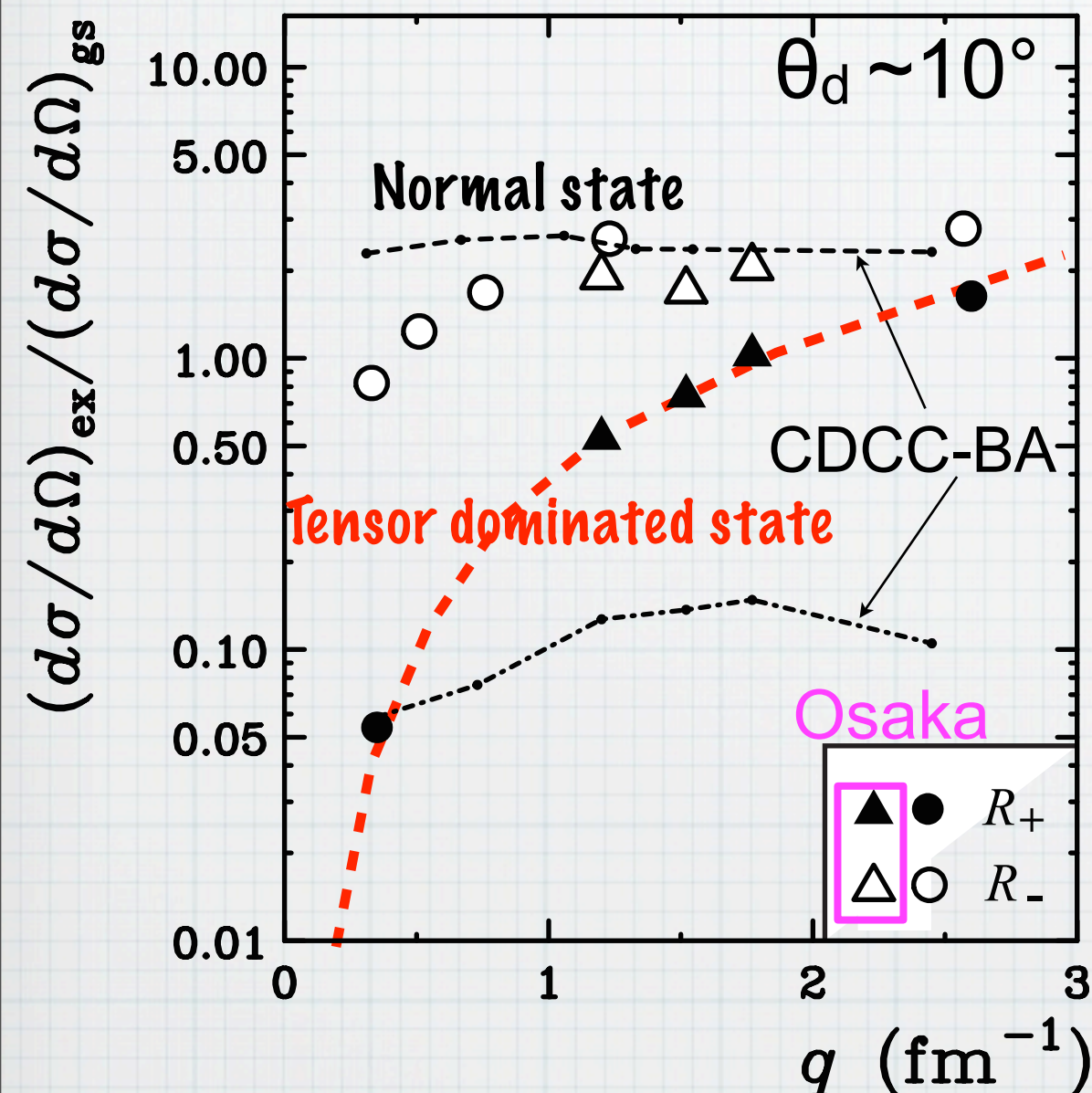




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**Possible evidence of tensor forces**



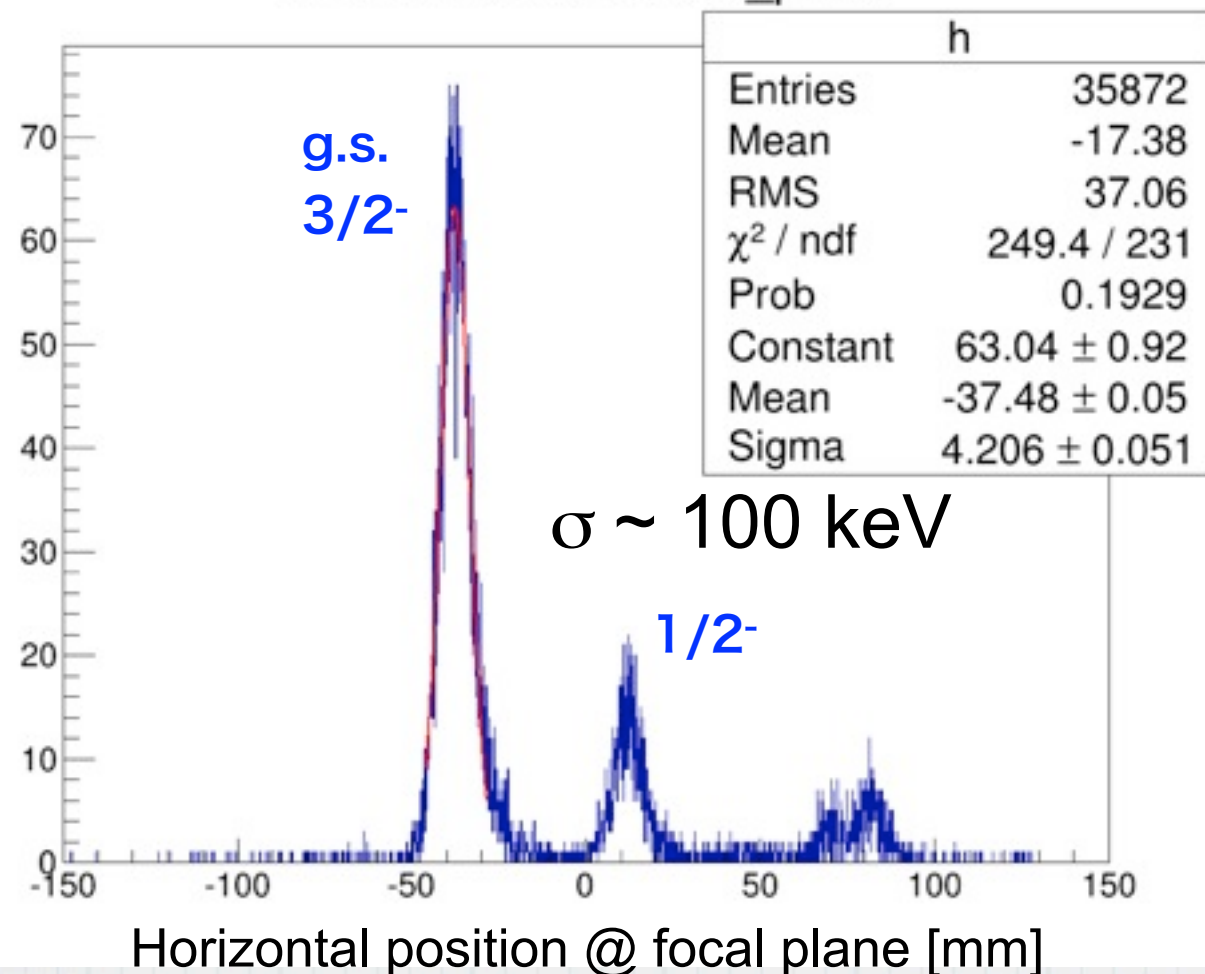
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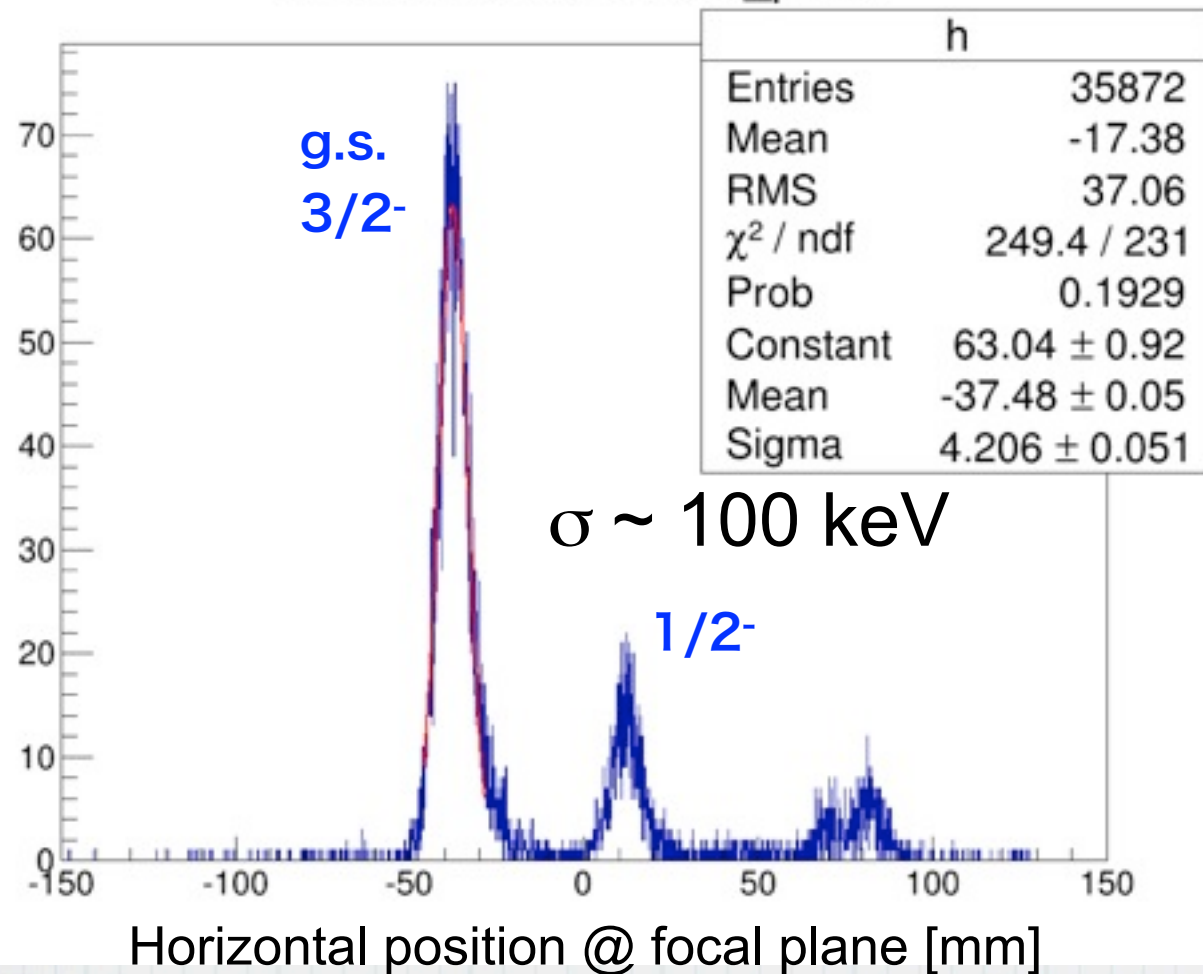
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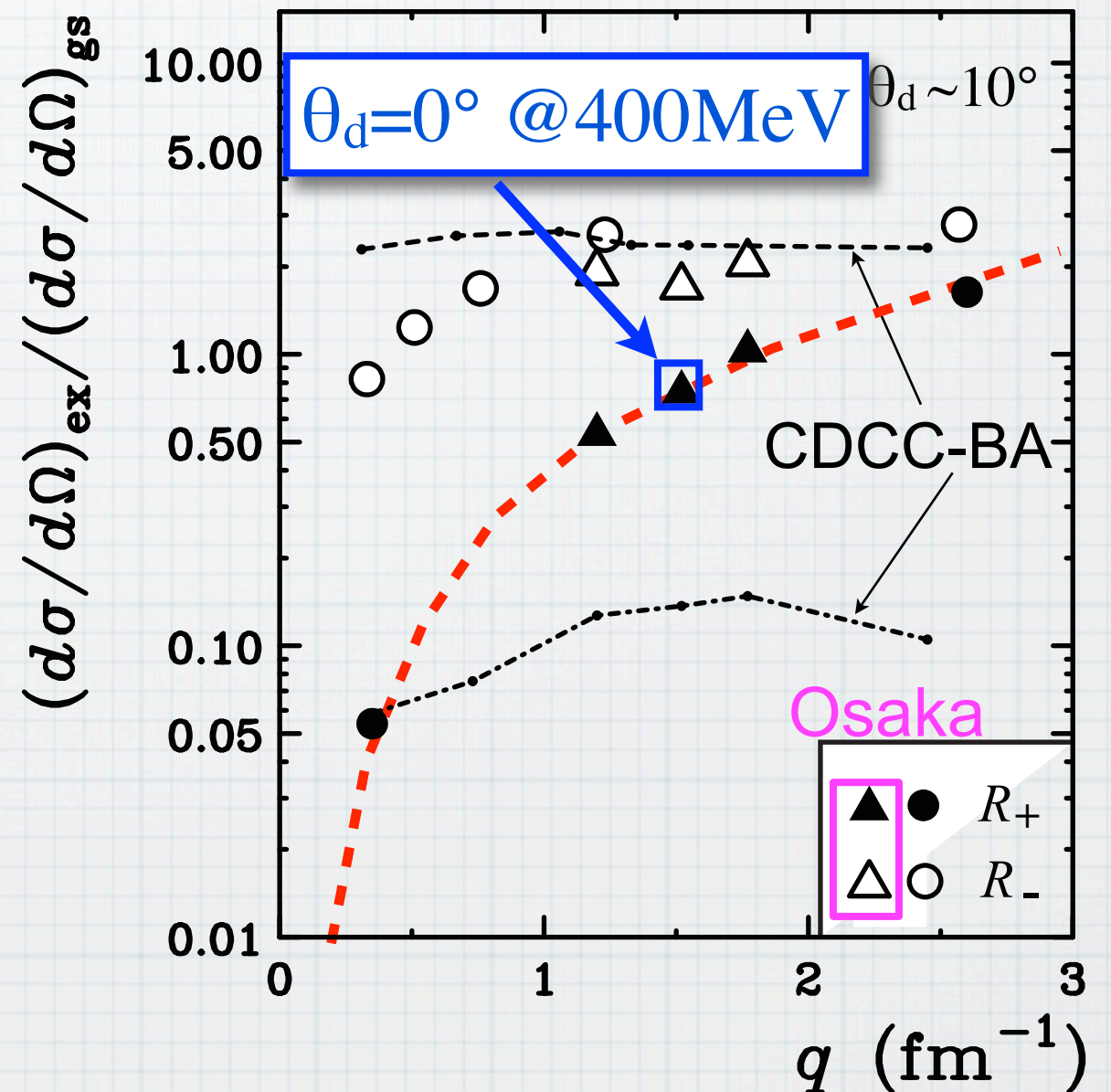
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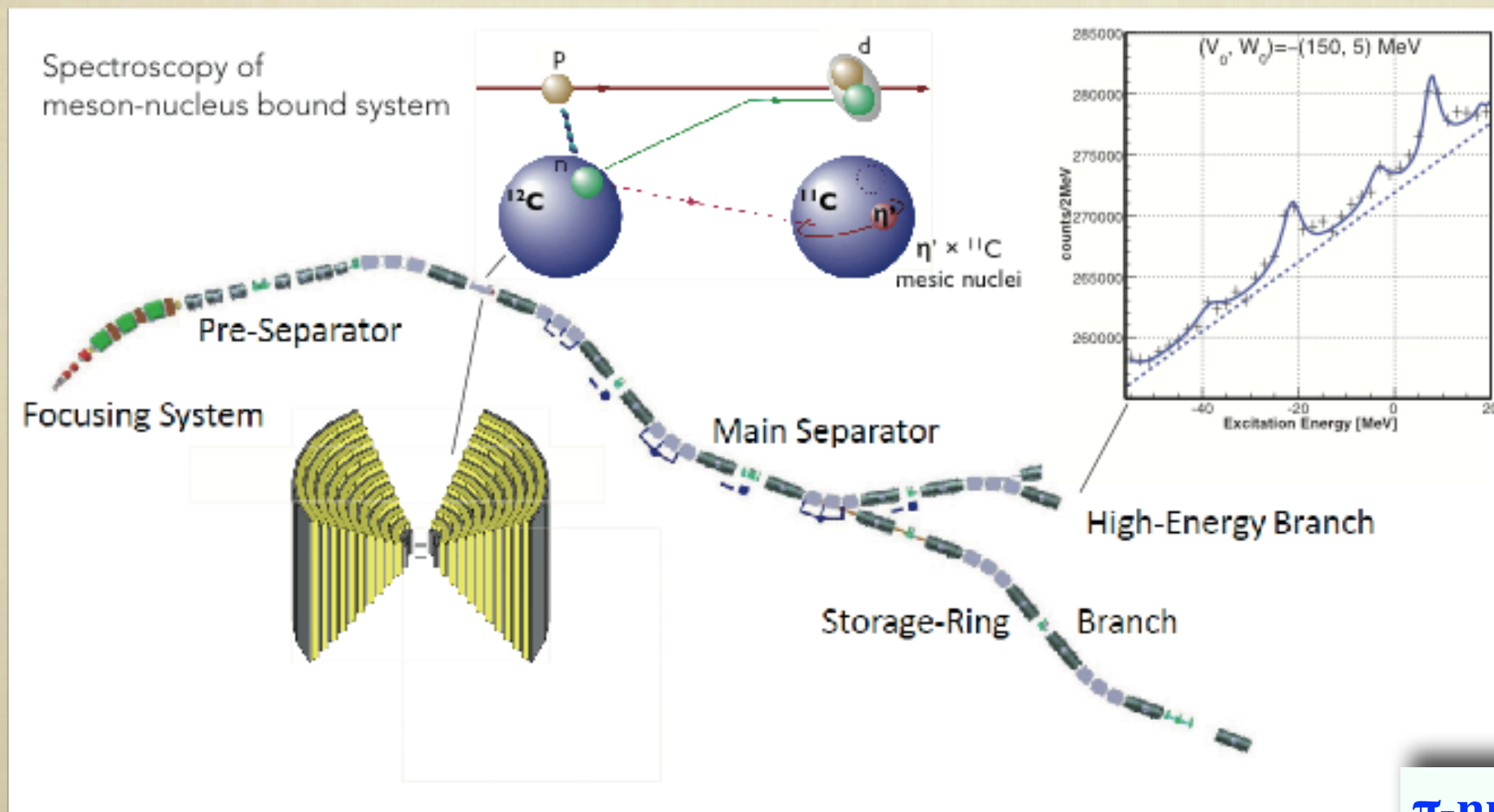




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- The discovery of deeply-bound pionic state in heavy atoms with FRS opened a new field of fundamental studies of the meson-nucleus interactions, which contributes to the understanding of the non-trivial structure of the vacuum of QCD.
- Observation of  $\eta'$ -bound nuclei with (p, d) reaction is the first aim of the experiment.

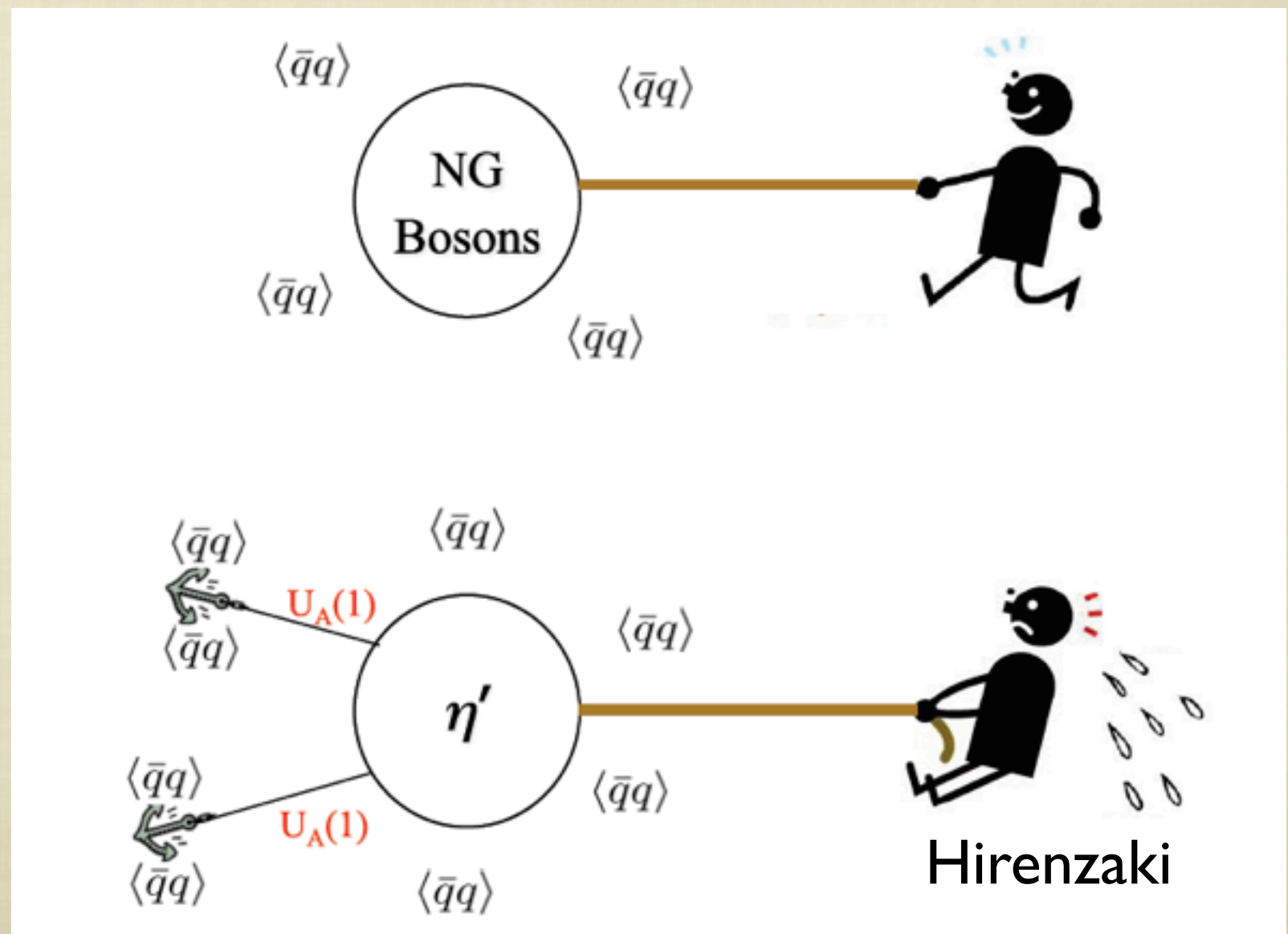


$\pi$ -nucleus discovered at FRS.



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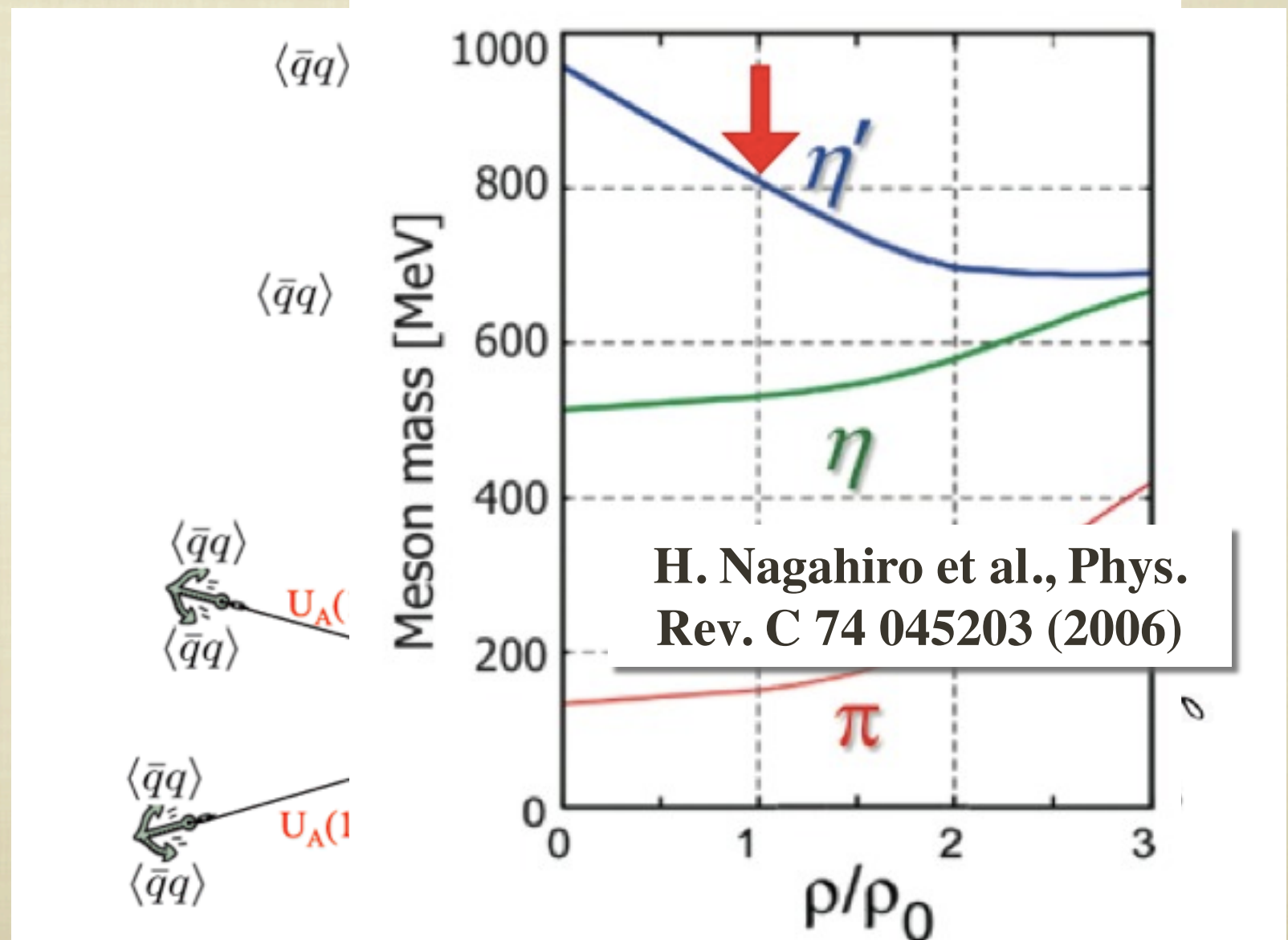
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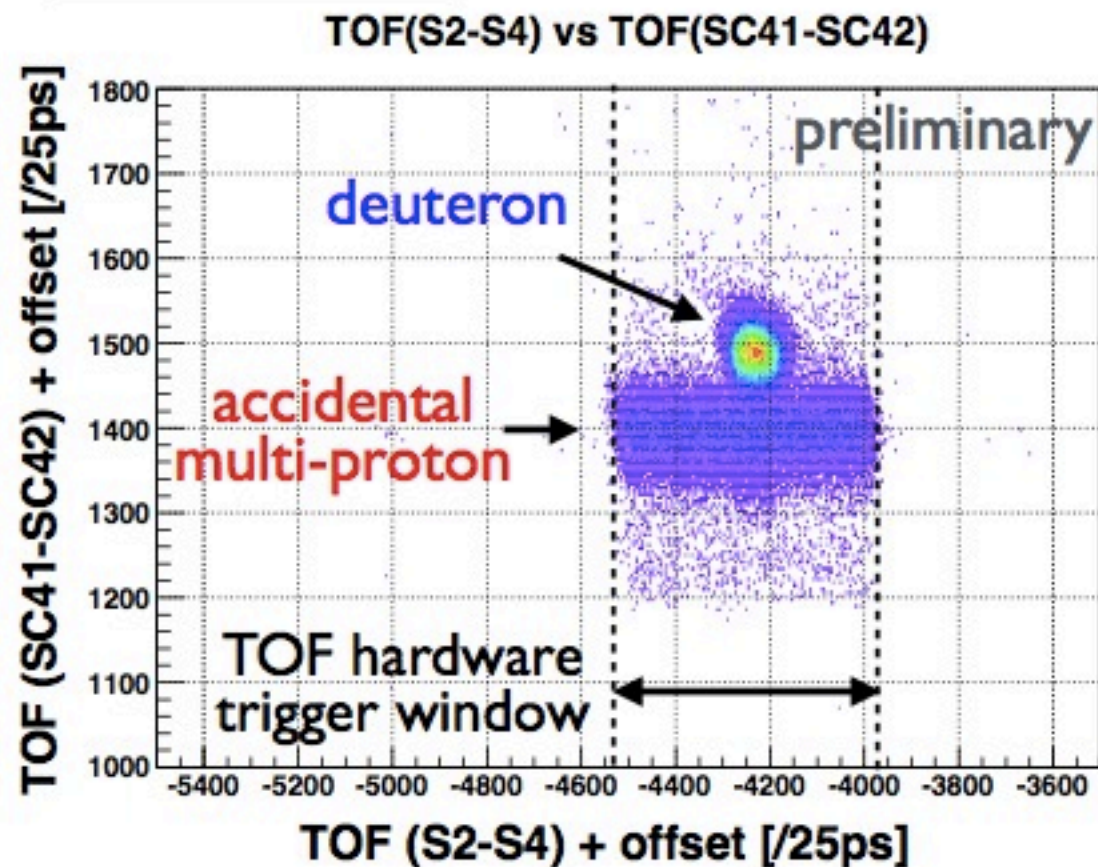




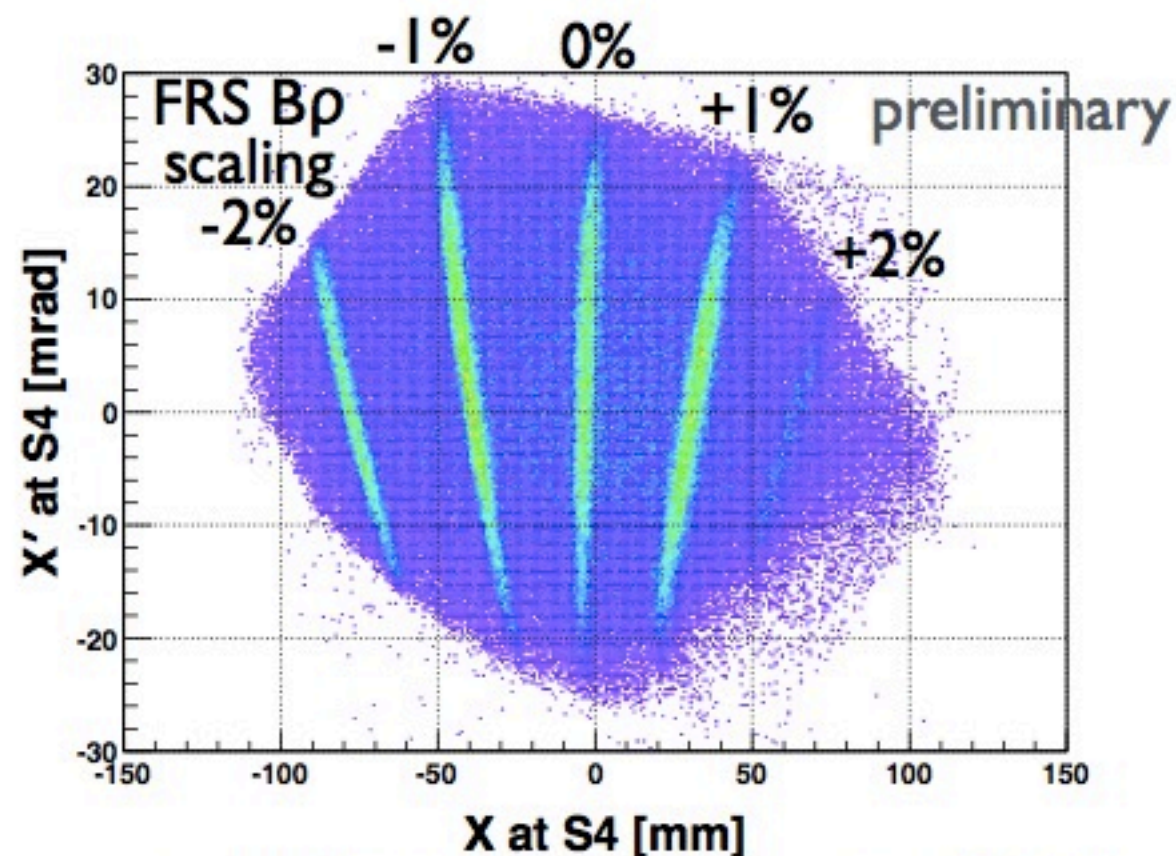
# With 2.5 GeV proton on $^{12}\text{C}$ target $^{12}\text{C}(p,d)$

## Online status of experiment in 2014 August

### Deuteron PID



### FRS spectrometer calibration



- using  $d(p,d)p$  elastic scattering at  $T_p = 1.6\text{ GeV}$
- FRS ion-optical properties were measured.

### Production run

- $\eta'$  excitation energy from -90 MeV to +40 MeV was measured.
- In total,  $O(10^7)$  deuterons were accumulated.

Good quality and high statistics data were successfully obtained



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Efficient and continuing effort.



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**Thank you very much for your attention.**