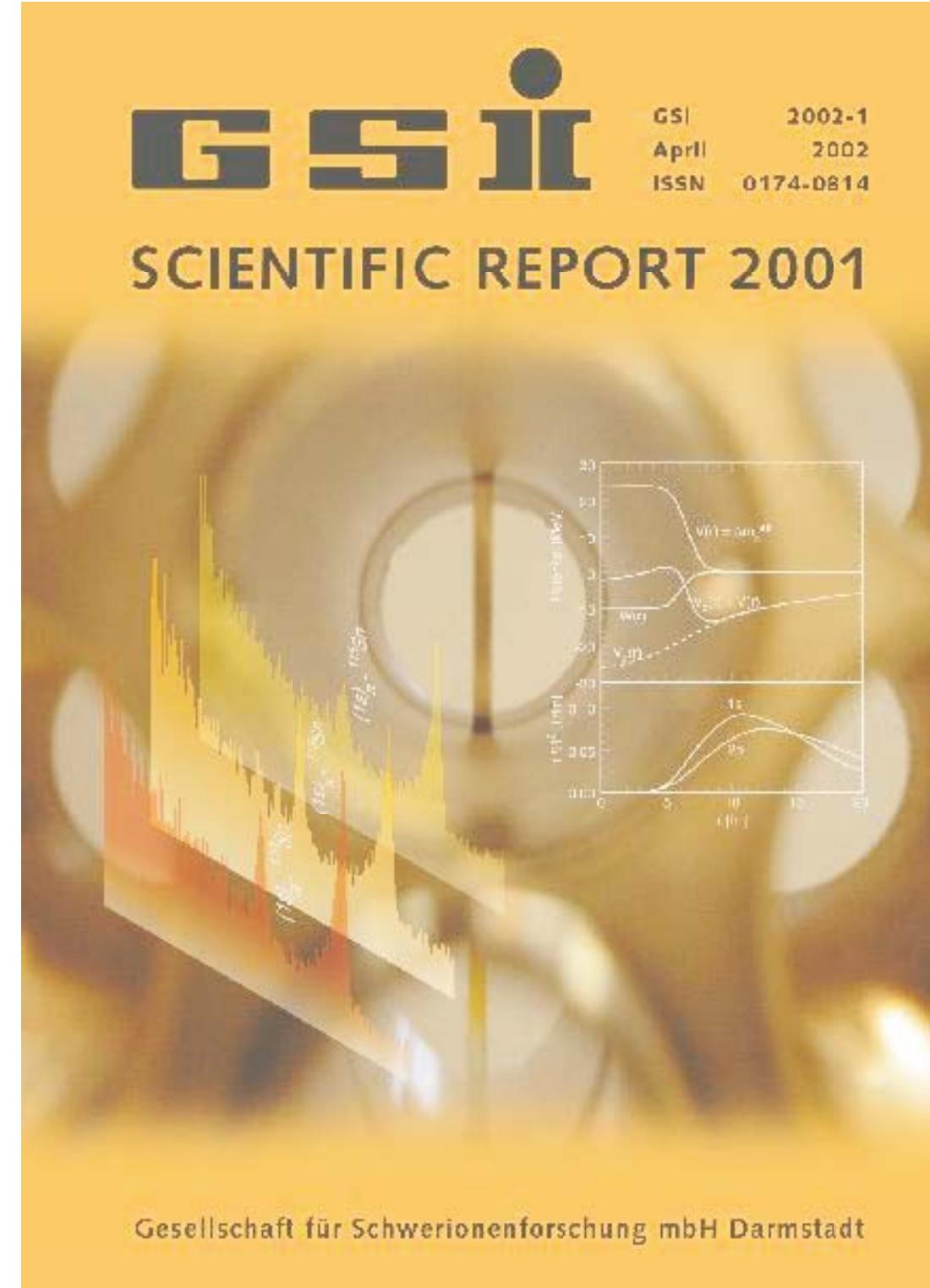


Recent results from experiments with pionic Sn atoms

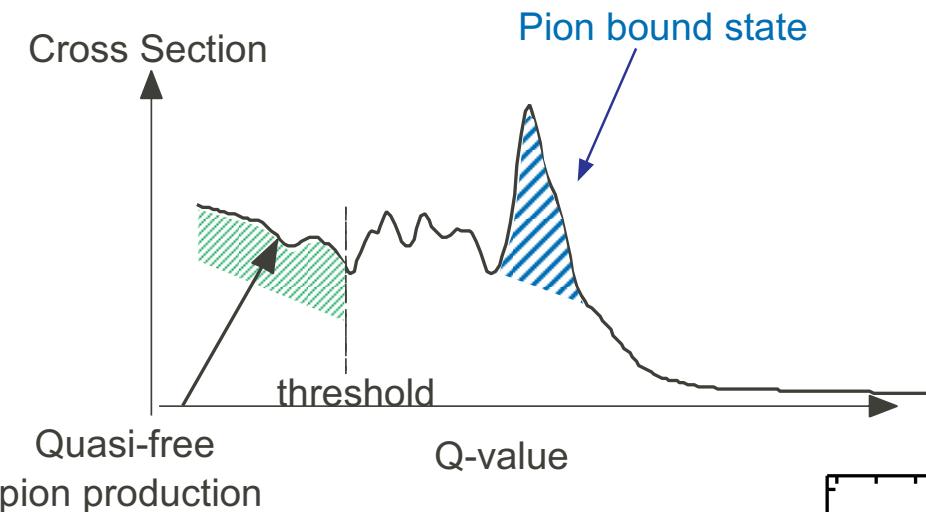
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Nuclear reaction

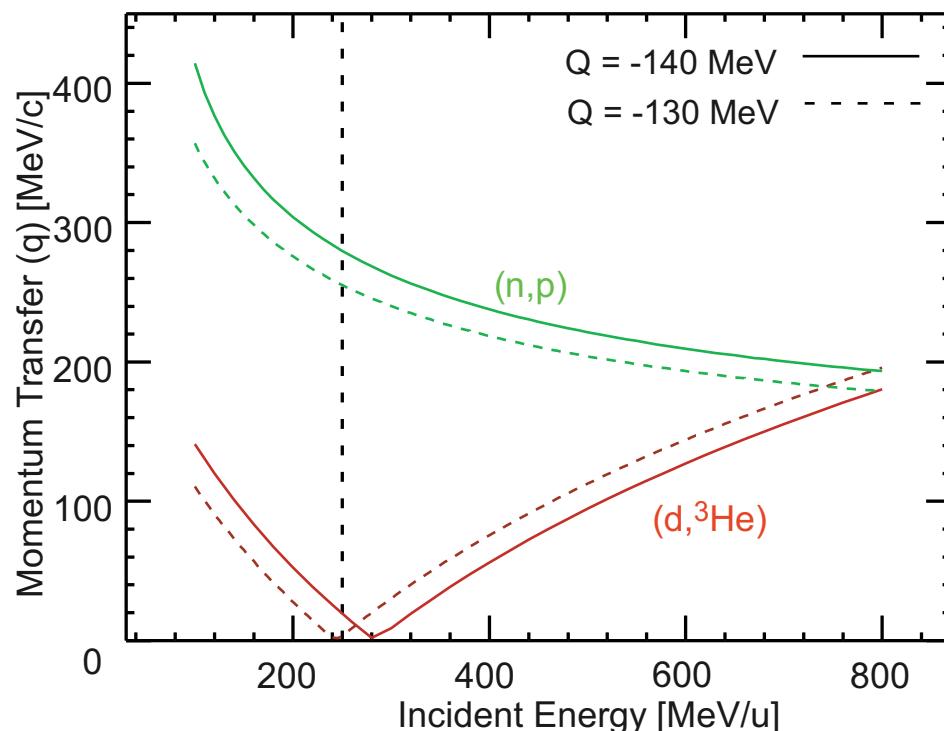
Direct population of deeply bound states



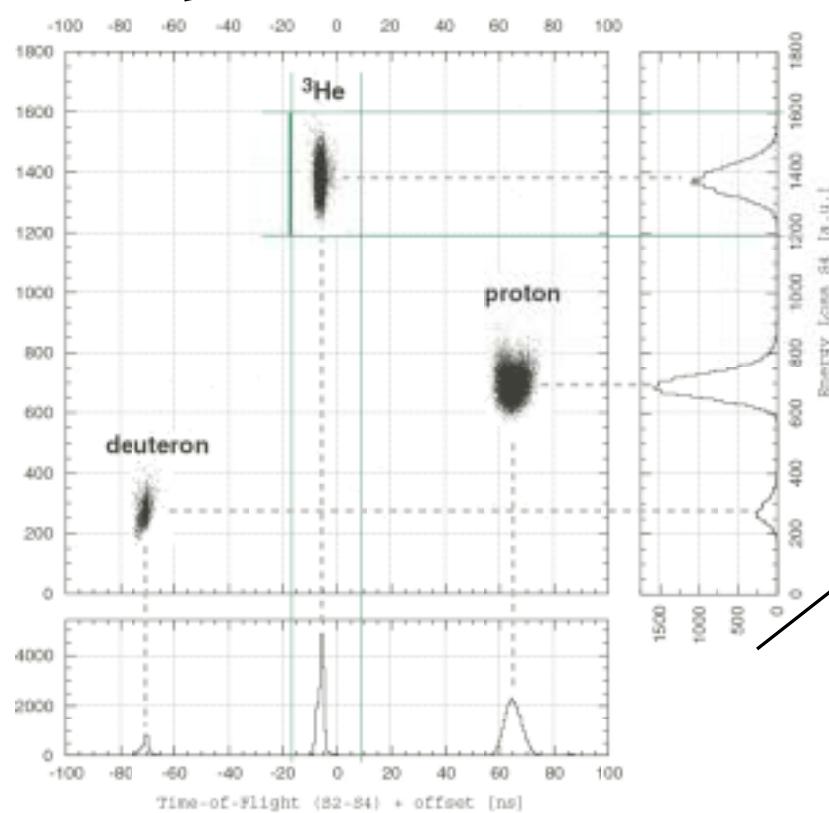
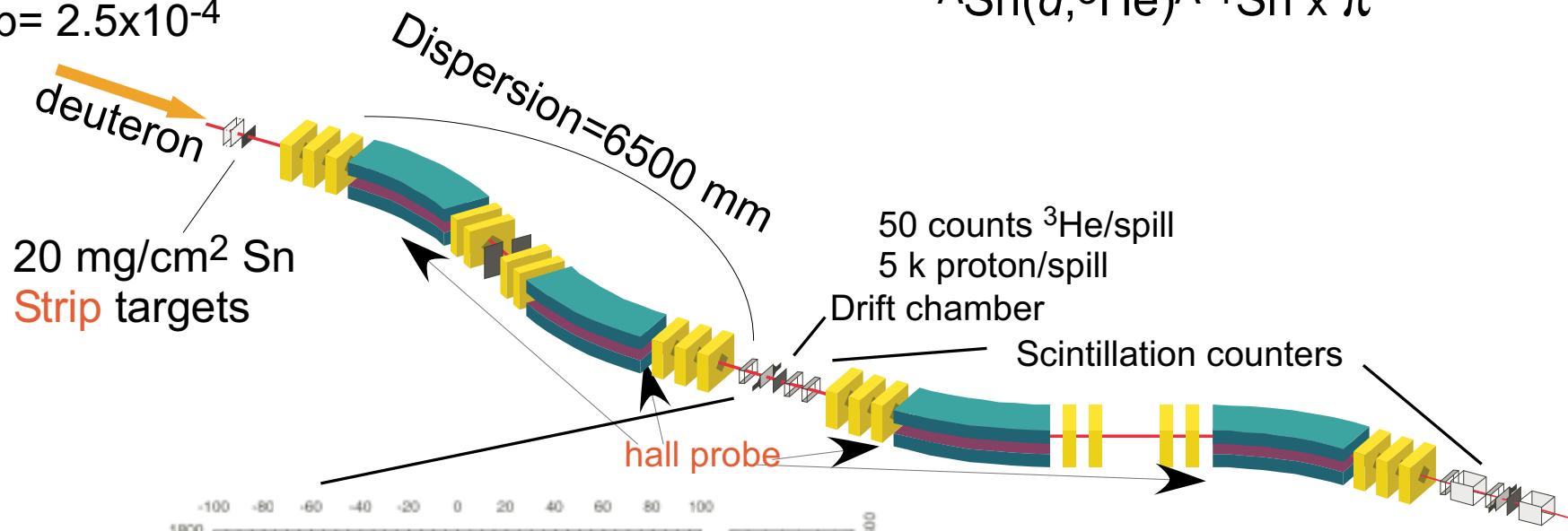
($d, {}^3\text{He}$) reaction:
Formed state is coupling with a neutron hole

{ 1996 pionic 2p state in ${}^{207}\text{Pb}$
1998 pionic 1s state in ${}^{206}\text{Pb}$

Proper choice of incident energy leads to **small momentum transfer** to enhance the bound state formation.



$T_d = 503.388 \text{ MeV}$
 $I_d = 1.5 \times 10^{11} / \text{spill}$
 $\Delta p/p = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$

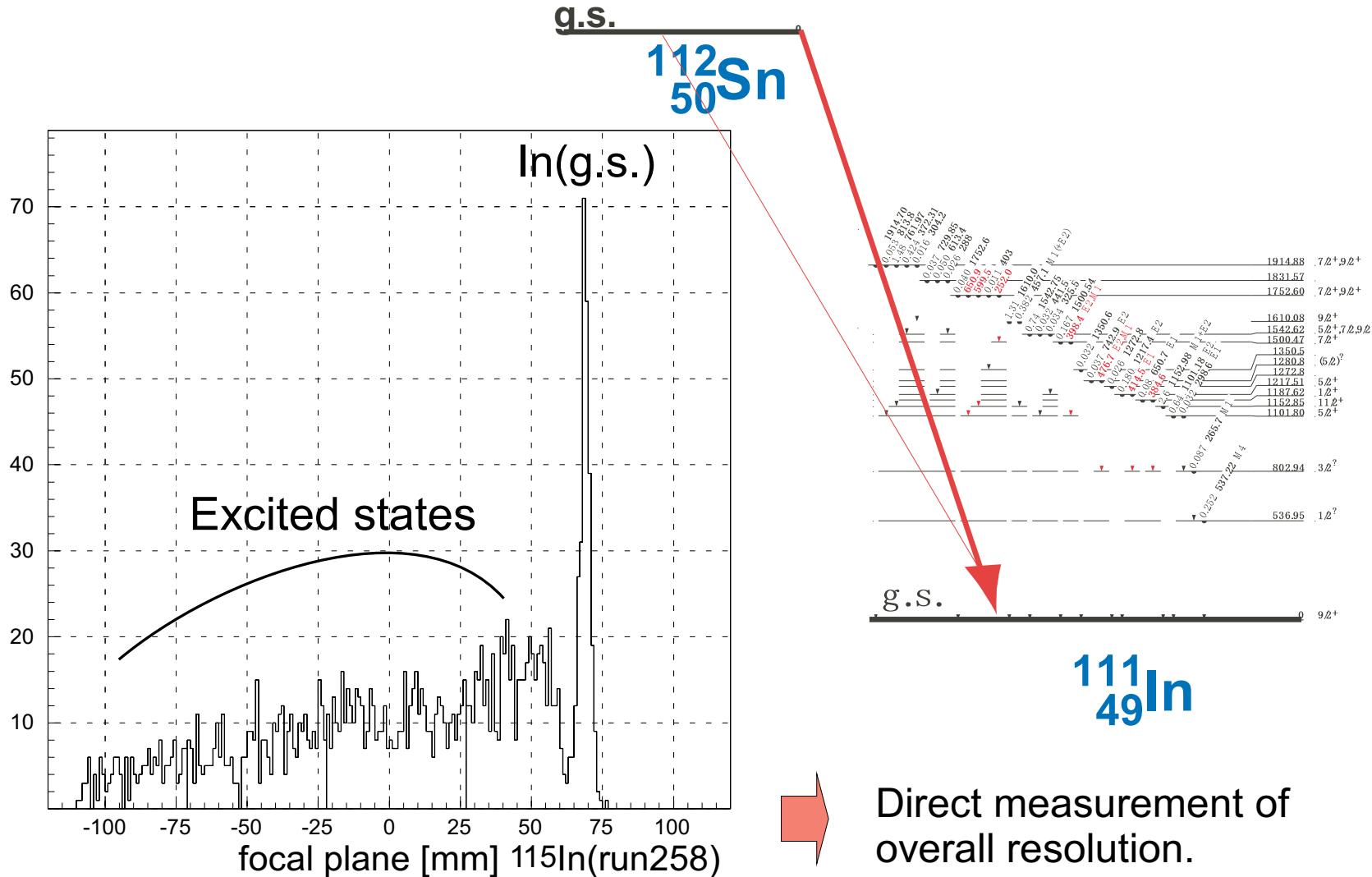


Experimental Principle and Method



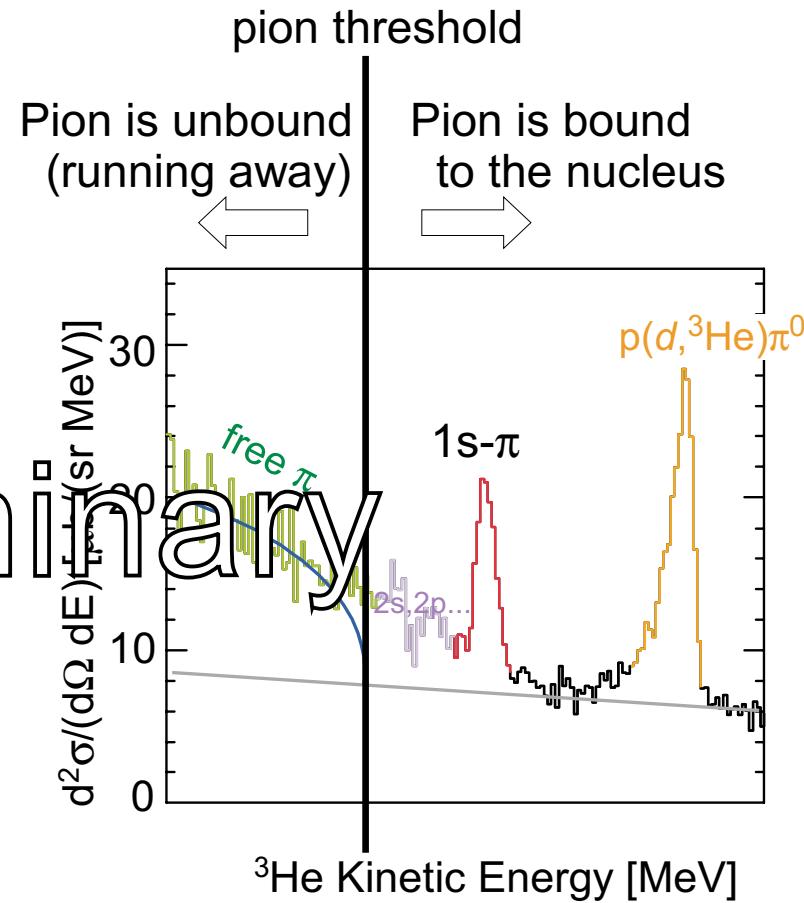
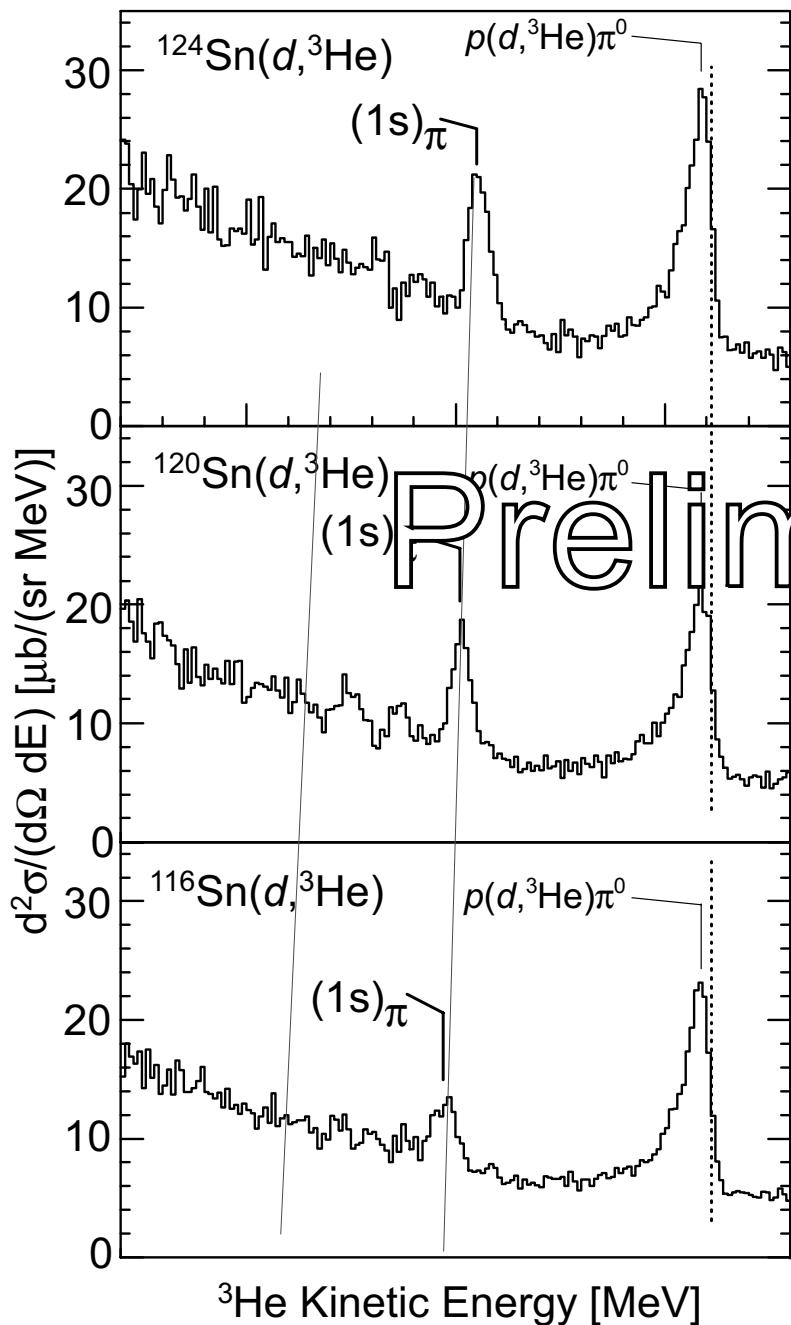
Calibration measurements

$^{A}\text{Sn}(\text{d}, ^3\text{He})^{A-1}\text{In(g.s.)}$ measurement.



Experimental Results

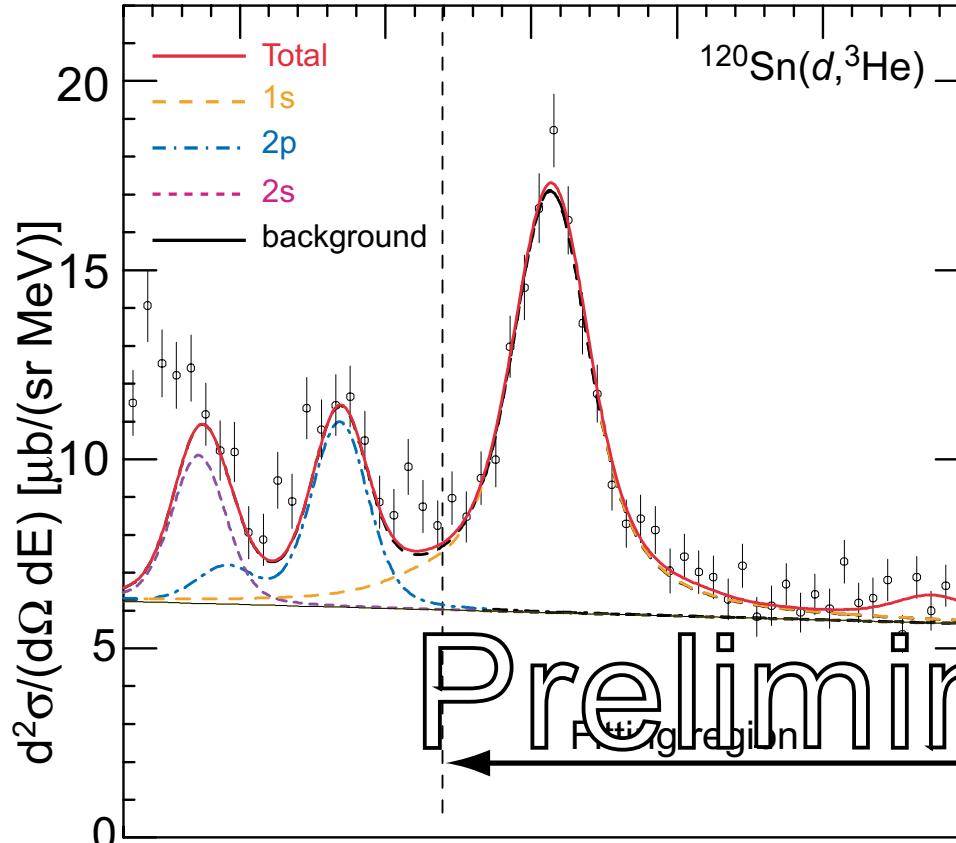
April-May 2001



Rotation of targets
 ${}^{124}\text{Sn} \rightarrow \text{CH}_2$ 2 hrs. $\rightarrow {}^{120}\text{Sn} \rightarrow \text{CH}_2$ 2 hrs. $\rightarrow {}^{116}\text{Sn} \rightarrow \text{CH}_2$ 2 hrs.

First **precise measurement** of isotope shift in deeply bound pionic atoms.

Spectral Decomposition



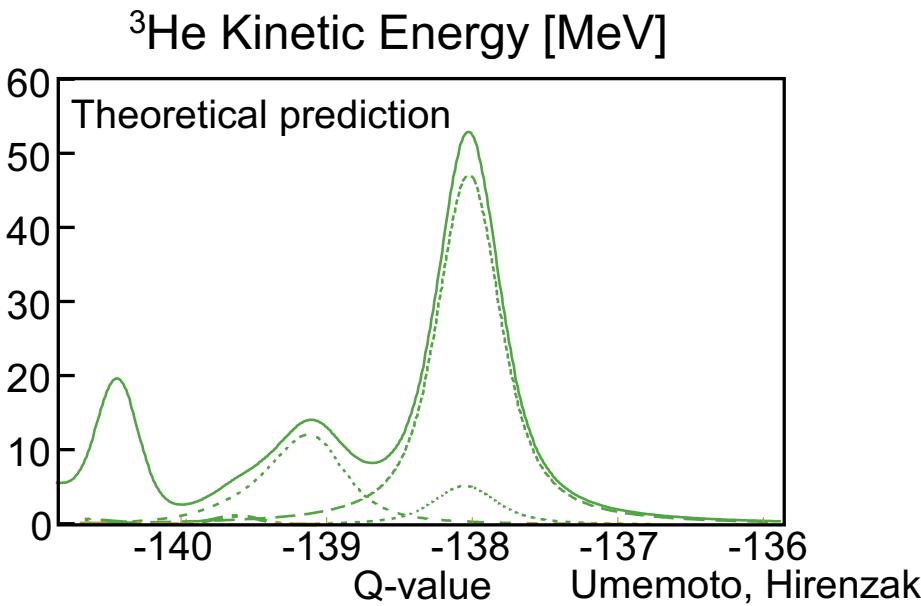
2001 Spring

	B.E.	stat.	syst.	[MeV] total
115Sn	3.906			
119Sn	3.820			
123Sn	3.744			
Width		stat.	syst.	total
115Sn	0.441			
119Sn	0.326			
123Sn	0.341			

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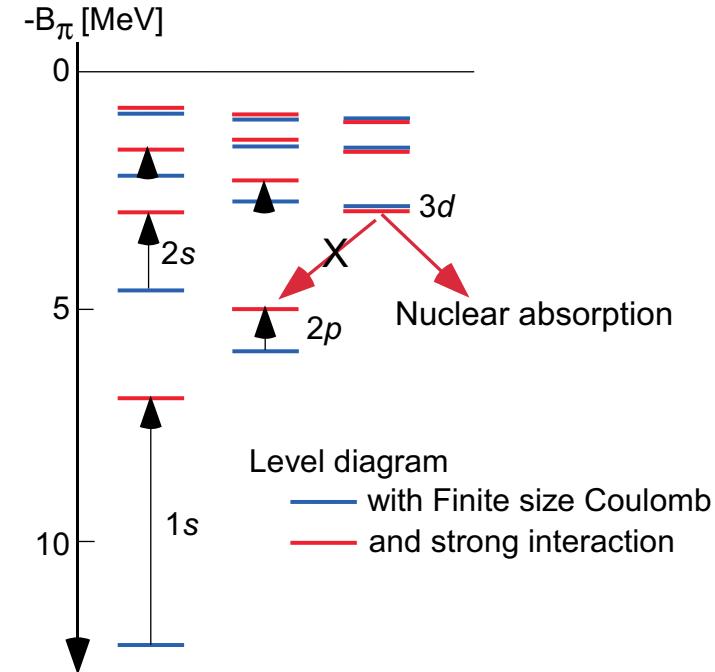
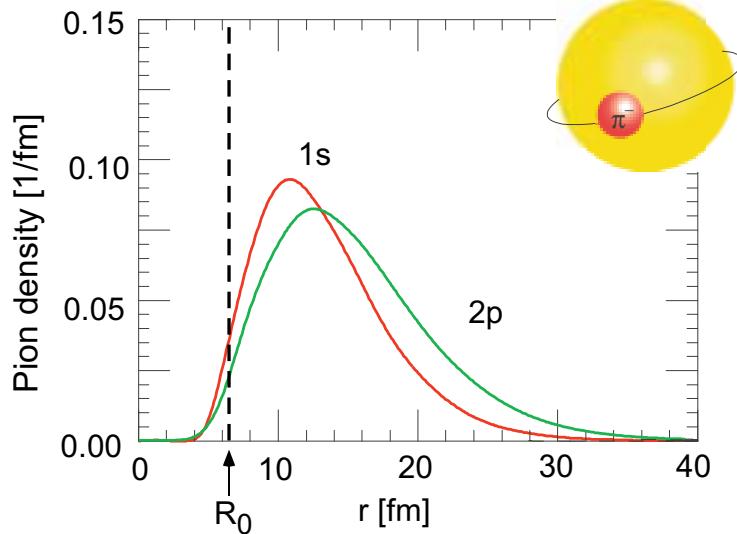
1998 Autumn

$${}^{207}\text{Pb} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} B_{1s} = 6.762 \pm 0.061 \\ \Gamma_{1s} = 0.764 \pm 0.171 \\ B_{2p} = 5.110 \pm 0.045 \\ \Gamma_{2p} = 0.321 \pm 0.060 \end{array} \right.$$

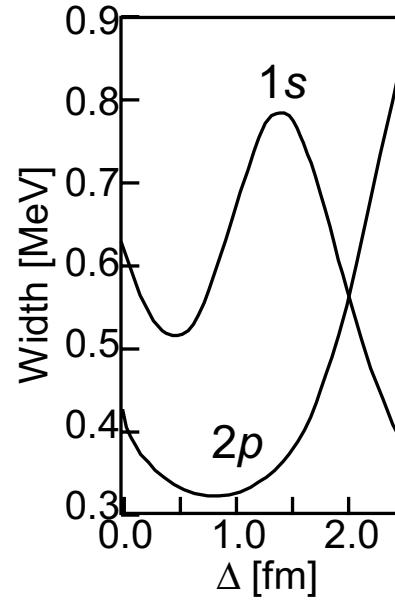
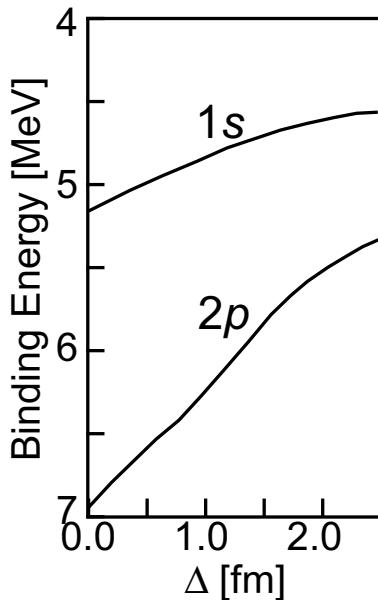


What are interesting in pionic Sn nuclei?

1. Pionic 1s Sn atoms have never been observed by anybody.



2. Pionic atoms are sensitive to the nuclear density parameters



Pionic atom Binding energy and width vary largely if neutron skin exists

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3. Real pion is located inside nuclear matter.

In-medium properties of pion can be measured.

$$U_{\text{opt}}(r) = \dots + V_s(r) \text{ [Local (s-wave) part]}$$

$$V_s(r) \propto b_0 \rho(r) + b_1 \Delta \rho(r) + \varepsilon_2 B_0 \rho^2(r)$$

Isoscalar Isovector

Pionic $^{123}\text{Sn}, ^{119}\text{Sn}, ^{115}\text{Sn}$



Unknown isovector part interaction.

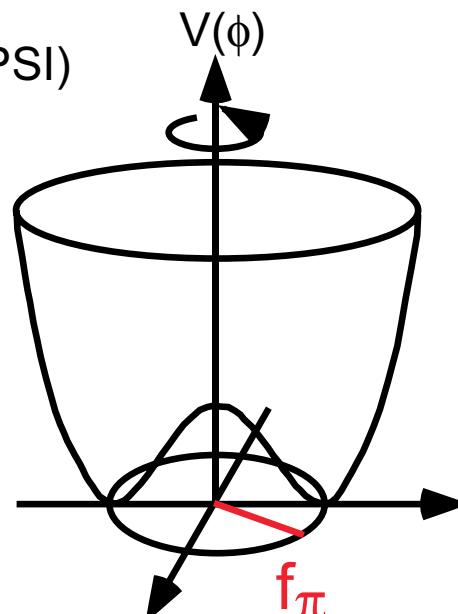
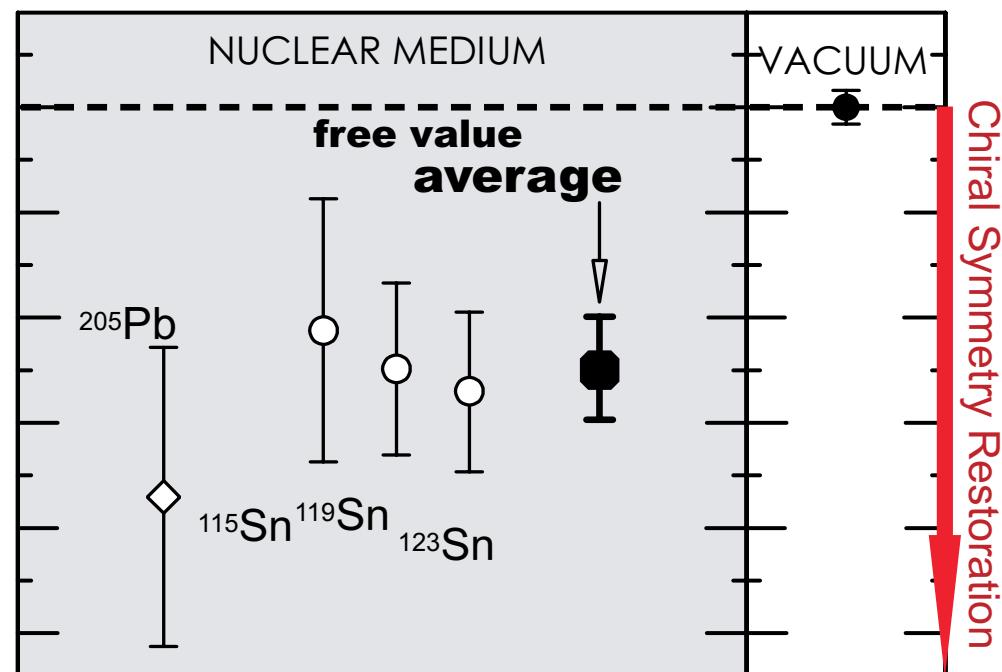
in-medium b_0, b_1 values



free b_0, b_1 values (Pionic H precise measurement at PSI)

$$b_1 f_\pi^2 = b_1(\rho) f_\pi^*(\rho)^2$$

Pionic atoms have sensitivity to the chiral symmetry.



Summary

We performed a **high precision** measurement of the excitation spectrum of 1s pionic Sn atoms at ~ 140 MeV above the ground state. B_π and Γ_π are respectively determined with accuracy of < 30 keV and < 90 keV.

The binding energies and widths are related to the optical potential of π -N interaction and also to the **proton and neutron density distributions**.

Pionic atoms are used as probes to measure the **fundamental symmetry** of the vacuum.

In order to clarify the property modification of the bound meson and the vacuum, it is effective to perform **systematic observation** of meson bound states.

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