

Exotic Atoms

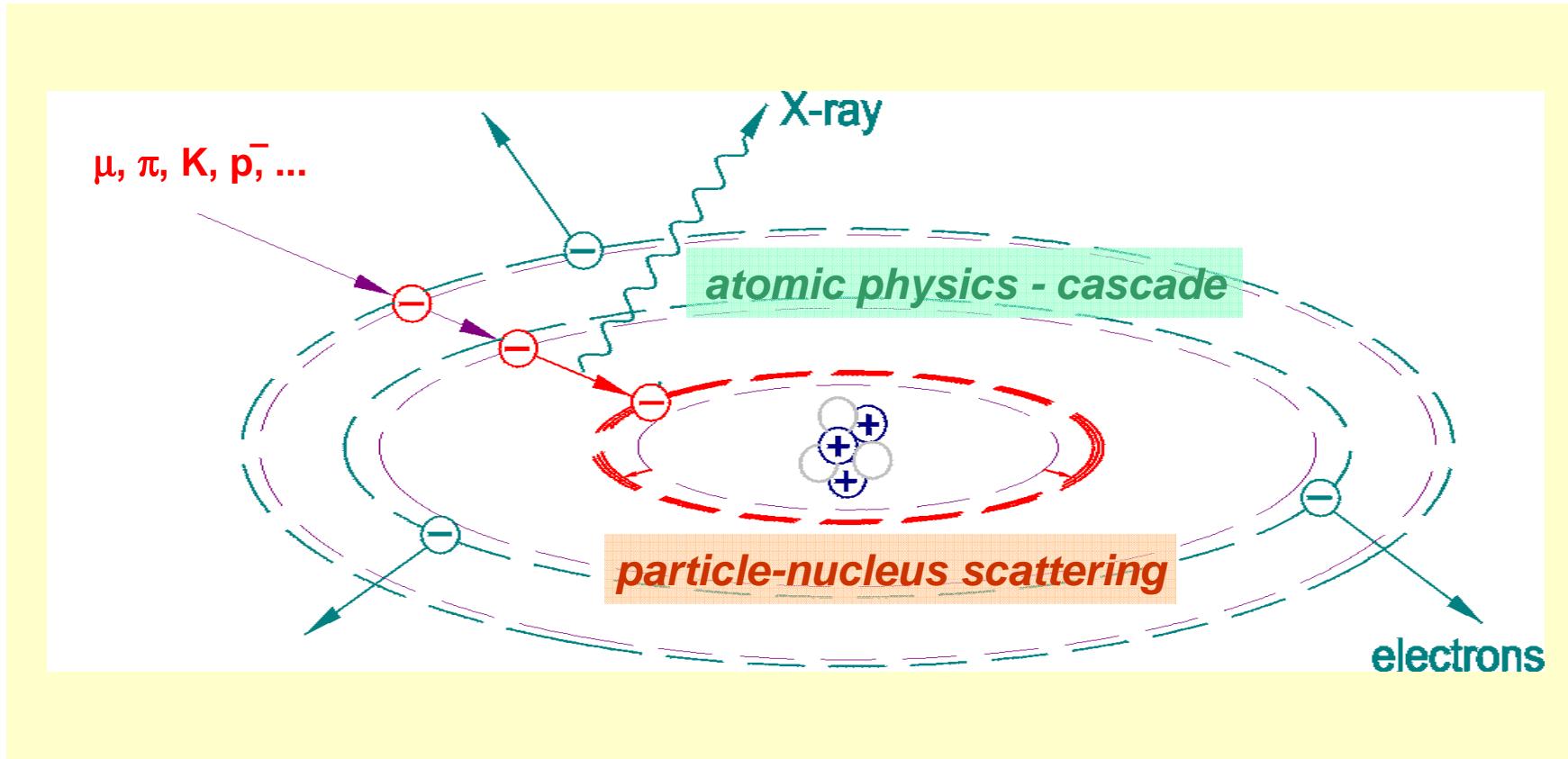
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EXOTIC ATOM



CAPTURE → DE-EXCITATION CASCADE → STRONG PARTICLE-NUCLEUS INTERACTION
PARTICLE DECAY
ELECTRO-WEAK PARTICLE-NUCLEUS INTERACTION

ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE

$$V_{\text{Coulomb}} = -Ze^2 / r$$

binding energies $B_n = -m_{\text{red}} c^2 \alpha^2 \cdot Z^2 / 2n^2$

radii $a_n = (hc / m_{\text{red}} c^2 \alpha) \cdot (n^2/Z)$

		<i>m</i> / MeV/c	<i>B_{n=1}</i> / keV	"Bohr" radius / fm	
atomic	<i>ep</i>	0.511	0.0136	$0.5 \cdot 10^5$	<i>capture</i>
	<i>μp</i>	105	2.5	279	↓ atomic cascade
	<i>πp</i>	140	3.2	216	<i>hadronic interaction</i>
	<i>$\bar{p}p$</i>	938	12.5	58	
"nuclear" dimension	$\langle r_p \rangle$			0.8	<p><i>particle-nucleus scattering at "rest"</i> <i>elastic and inelastic</i></p>

HISTORY

- *Prediction*

1947

$\tau_{\text{capture}} \ll \tau_{\text{meson}}$

Fermi & Teller

- *First X-ray experiment*

1952

pion

π^- C

Nal

1953

muon

..., μ^- Pb *fine structure splitting* ...

Nal

1965

kaon

K $^-$ He

prop. counter

1969/70

sigma

Σ^- S, Σ^- K

Ge(Li)

1970

antiproton \bar{p} Tl

Ge(Li)

- *FACILITIES*

1974 ...

pions, muons

Paul-Scherrer-Institut (*PSI*), *TRIUMF, LAMPF*

1983-1996

antiprotons

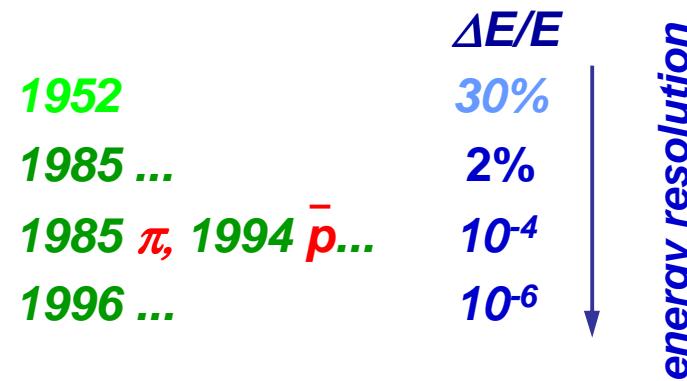
Low-Energy-Antiproton-Ring *LEAR, AD*

kaons

no dedicated KAON facility yet @KEK, DAΦNE

(X-ray) spectroscopy

- NaI(Tl)
- dedicated semiconductor detectors
- crystal spectrometers
- laser excitation



study of

- molecules
- atoms
- nuclei
- properties of elementary particles
- particle-nucleus interaction

depletion of electron shells
proton charge radius
pion mass
pion-nucleon
antinucleon-nucleon



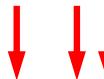
WHAT DO WE EXPECT ?

WHAT CAN BE MEASURED ?

PIONIC HELIUM

semiconductor detector (pnCCD PSI 2006)

Balmer series



2500

$\pi^4\text{He L}\alpha$ 1991 eV

$\pi^3\text{He L}\alpha$ 1968 eV

$\pi^4\text{He L}\beta$ 2688 eV

$\pi^3\text{He L}\beta$ 2656 eV

higher L

$\mu^4\text{He K}\alpha$ 8224 eV

$\mu^3\text{He K}\alpha$ 8149 eV

Lyman series



2000

$\pi^4\text{He K}\alpha$ 10773 eV

$\pi^3\text{He K}\alpha$ 10645 eV

$\pi^4\text{He K}\beta$

12764 eV

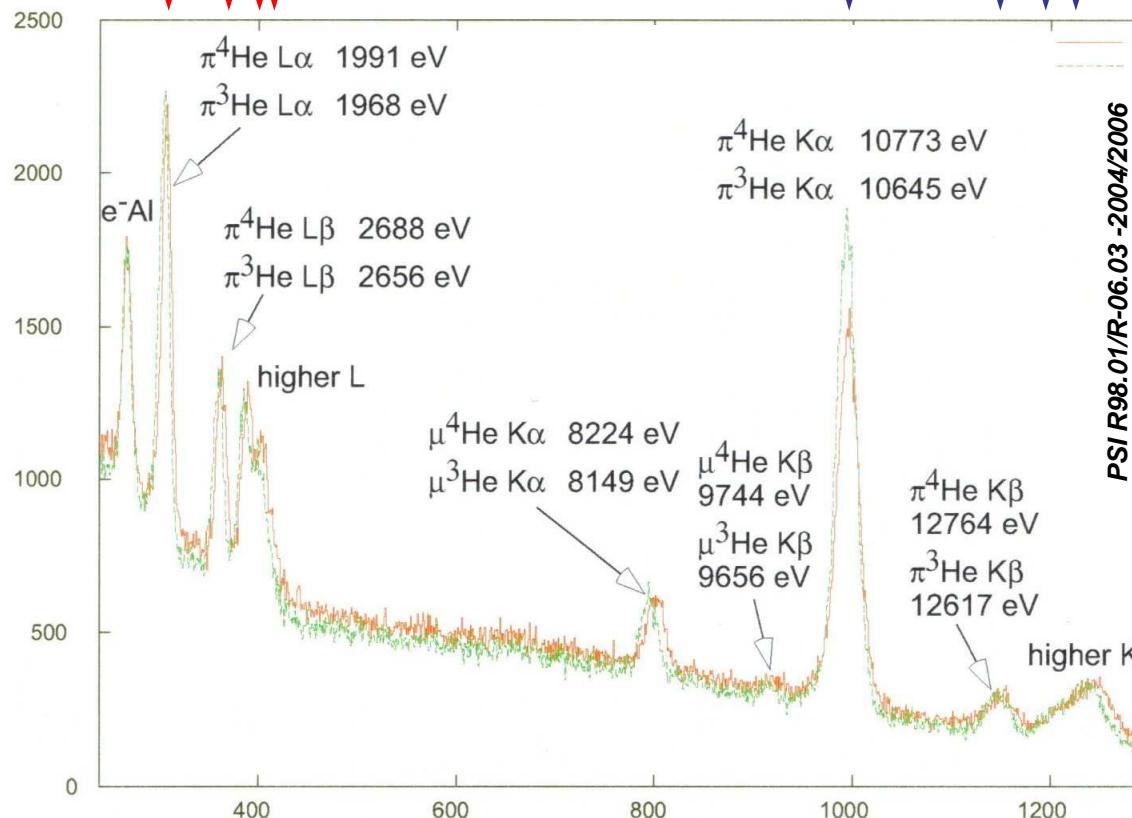
$\pi^3\text{He K}\beta$

12617 eV

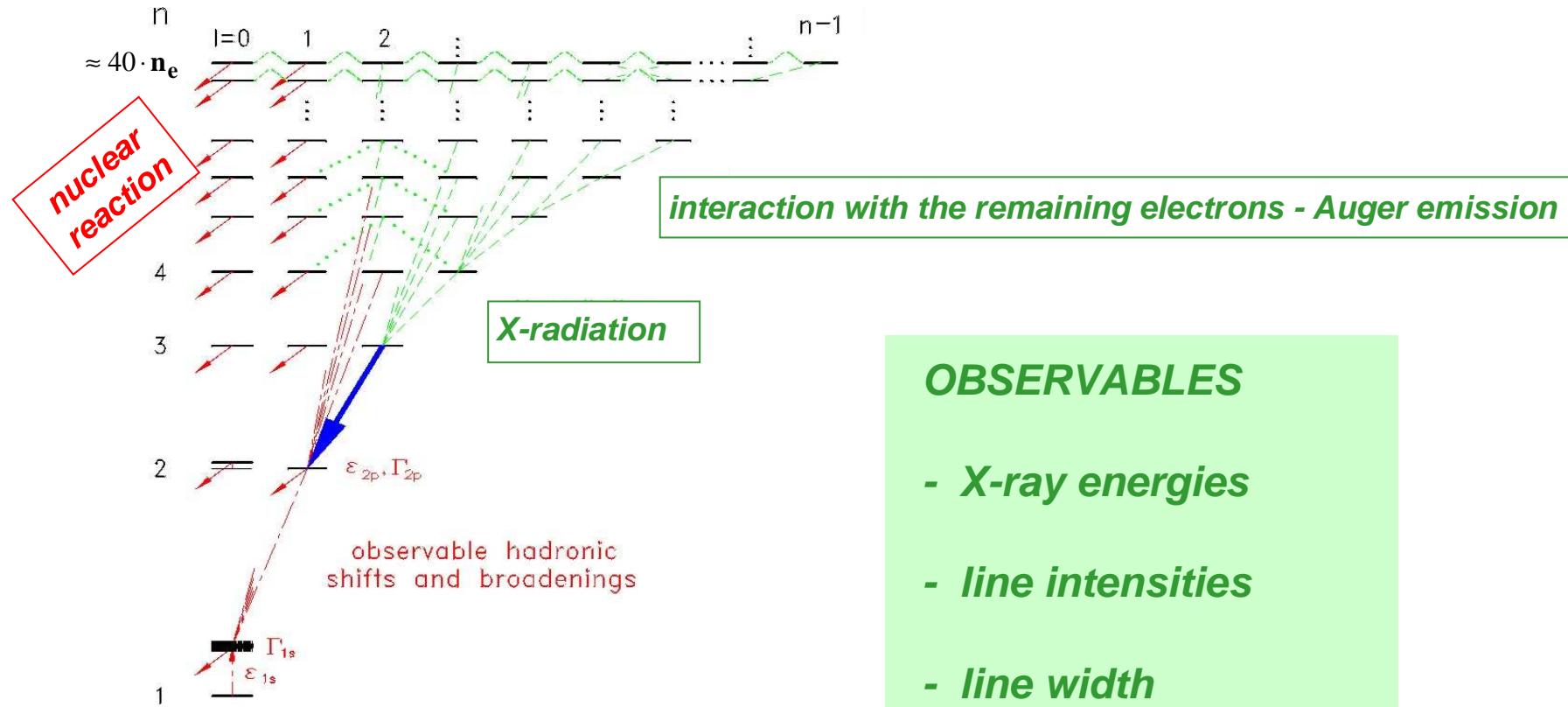
PSI R98.01/R-06.03-2004/2006

$\pi^4\text{He}$

$\pi^3\text{He}$



particle capture when slowed down to a few eV kinetic energy



OBSERVABLES

- X-ray energies
- line intensities
- line width

ATOMIC BINDING ENERGY

$$E_B = E_{\text{Coulomb}}$$

$- Ze$
Input

$+ Ze$

$$+ \Delta E_{\text{QED}}$$

\rightarrow
 $e^+ e^-$

\rightarrow
 $e^+ e^-$

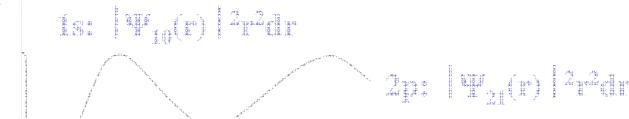
$$+ \Delta E_{\text{screening}}$$

Output

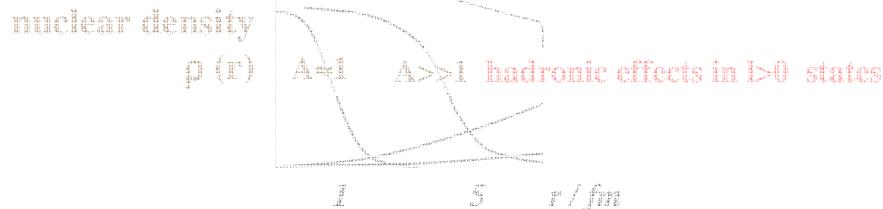


$$+ \Delta E_{\text{finite size}}$$

probability density
 $|\Psi_n(r)|^2 r^2 dr$



$$+ \Delta E_{\text{strong interaction}}$$



EXPERIMENT I

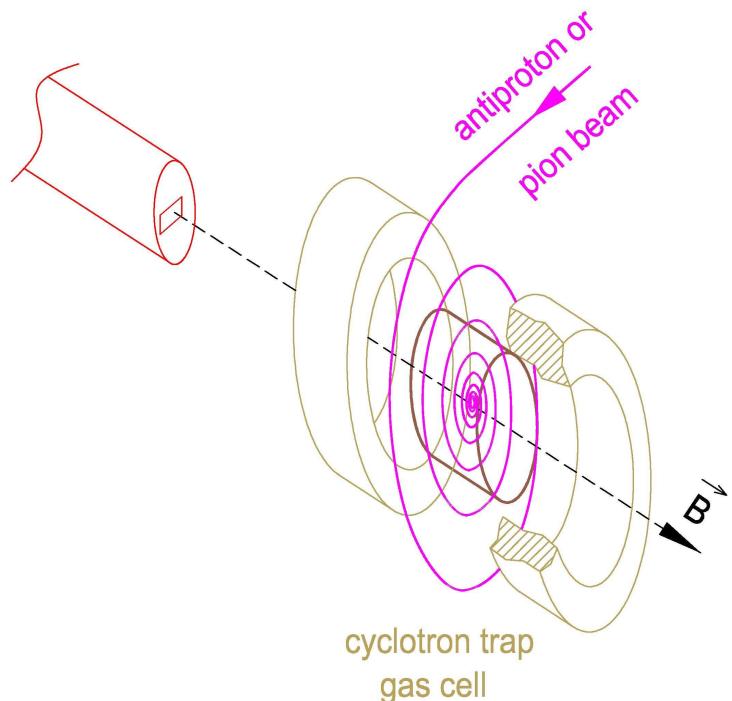
How to produce a suitable X-ray source?

CYCLOTRON TRAP

concentrates particles

super-conducting split coil magnet

X-ray detector



"wind up" range curve

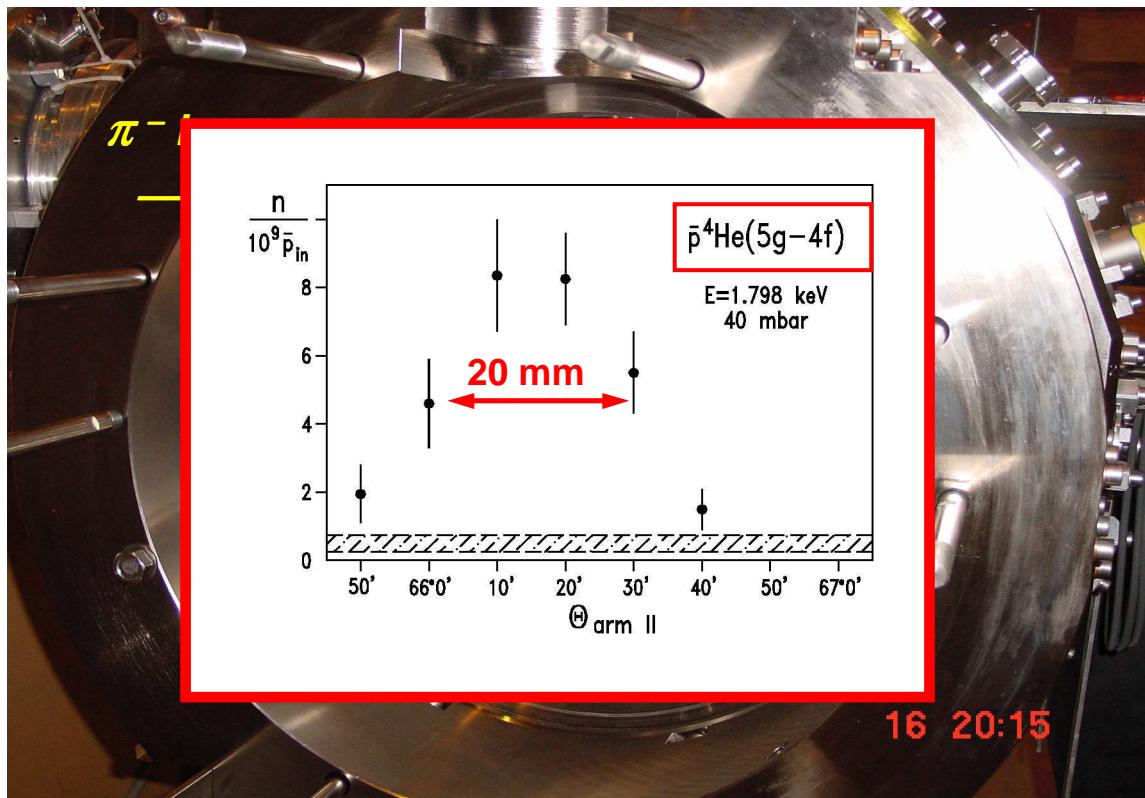
in (weakly) focusing magnetic field

increase in stop density

pions (PSI) $\times 200$
antiprotons (LEAR) $\times 1.000.000$

- ⇒ high X - ray line yields
- ⇒ bright X - ray source

***DEGRADERS and CRYOGENIC TARGET
inside
CYCLOTRON TRAP II
super-conducting split coil magnet***





CAPTURE

and

DE-EXCITATION CASCADE

ATOMIC BINDING ENERGY

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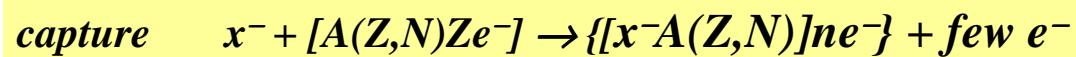
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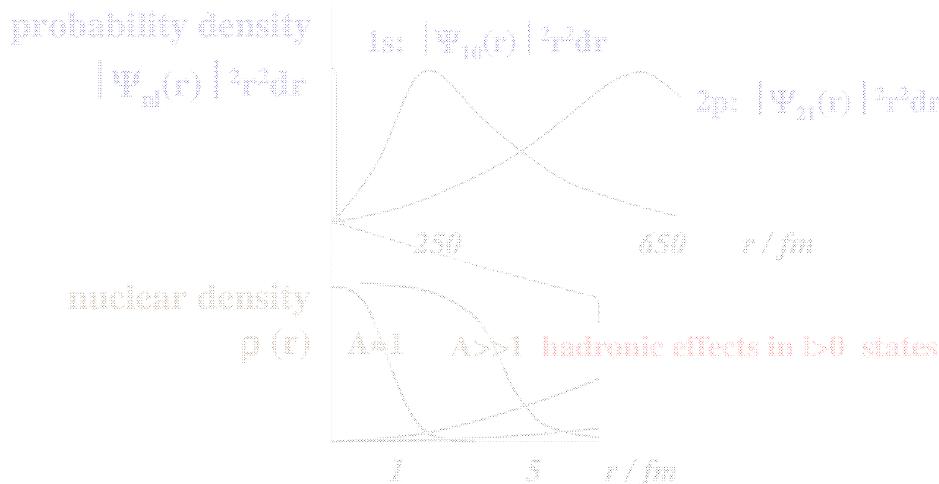
self energy

vakuum polarisation + higher orders

$$+ \Delta E_{\text{screening}}$$



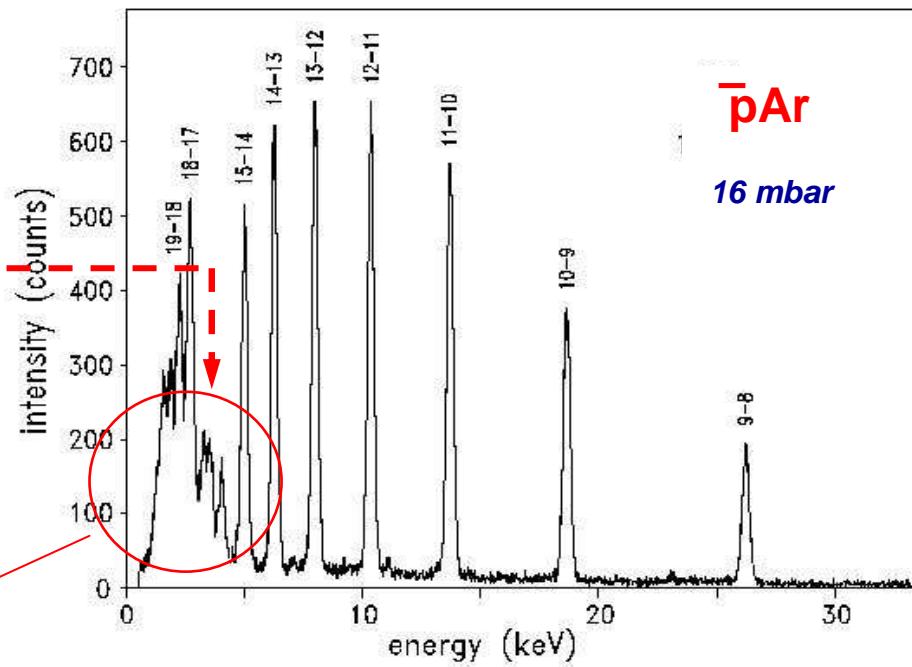
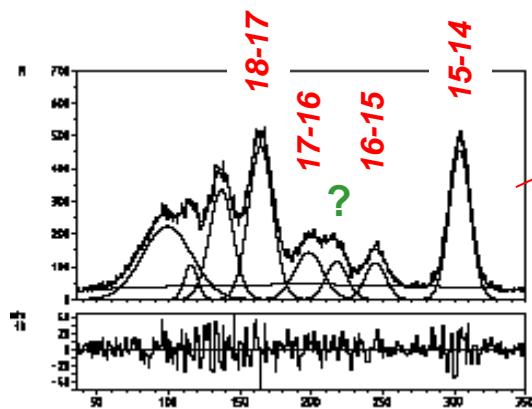
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$$+ \Delta E_{\text{strong interaction}}$$

ANTIPROTONIC X-RAYS - ARGON

- many $\Delta n=1$ transitions
- starts at high n
- hole ? 



data: PS175 Ar, Kr, Xe

Reanalysis: D.G., K.Rashid, B. Fricke, P. Indelicato, L.M. Simons,
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CAPTURE and UPPER PART of the ATOMIC CASCADE antiprotonic atom

where?

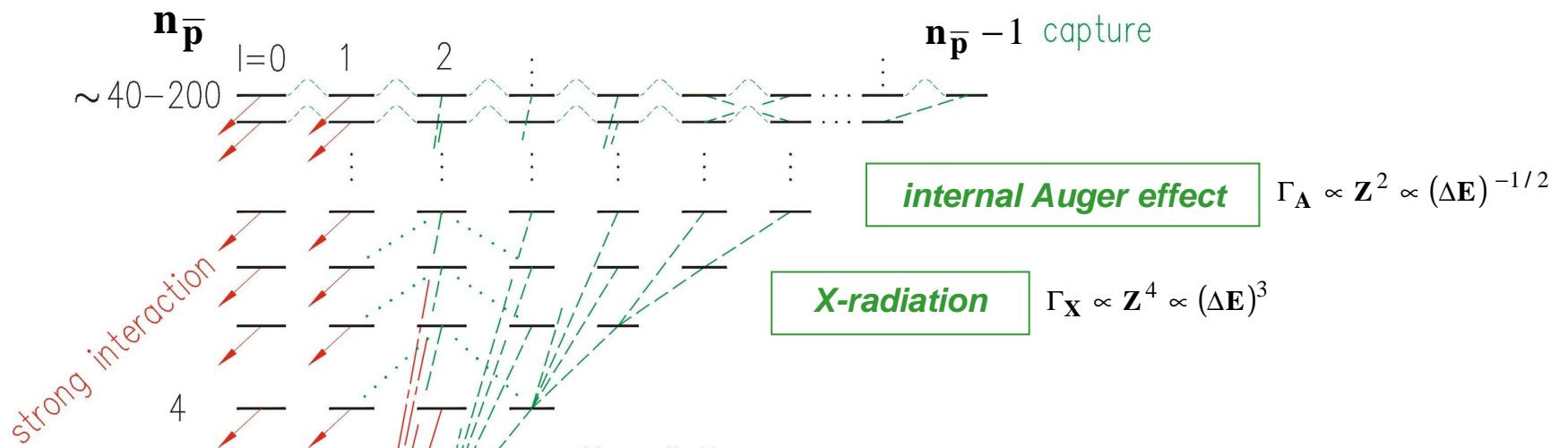
$$n_{\bar{p}} \approx 40 \cdot n_e$$

probability?

$$\Gamma_{\text{capture}} \propto Z$$

how?

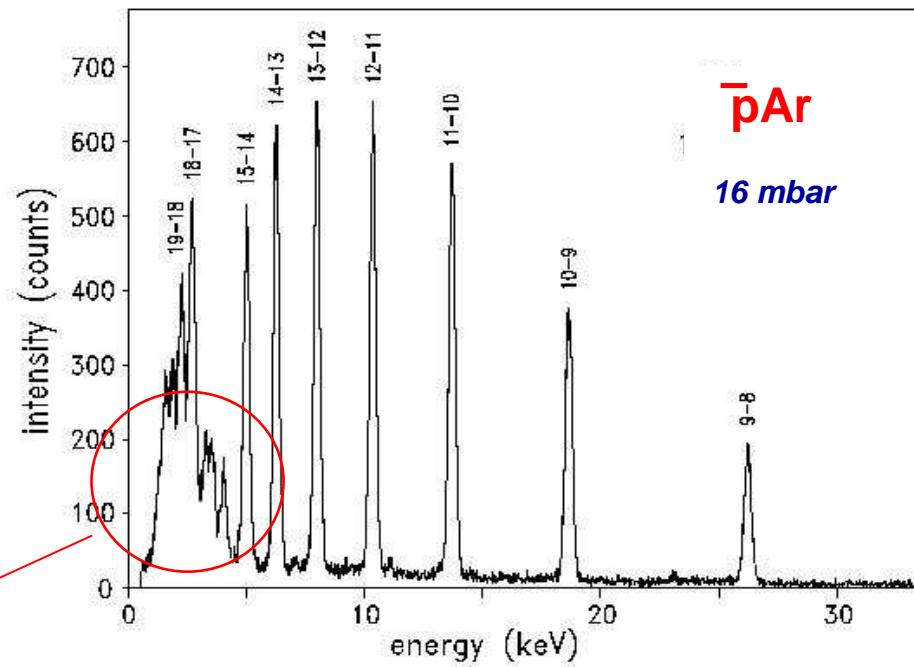
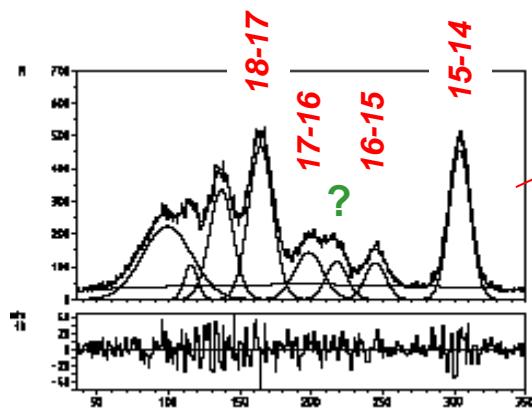
$$\text{Pop}(n, \ell) \propto (2\ell + 1) \cdot e^{-\alpha\ell}$$



competition between AUGER and RADIATIVE DE-EXCITATION
electrons are peeled off like onion shells

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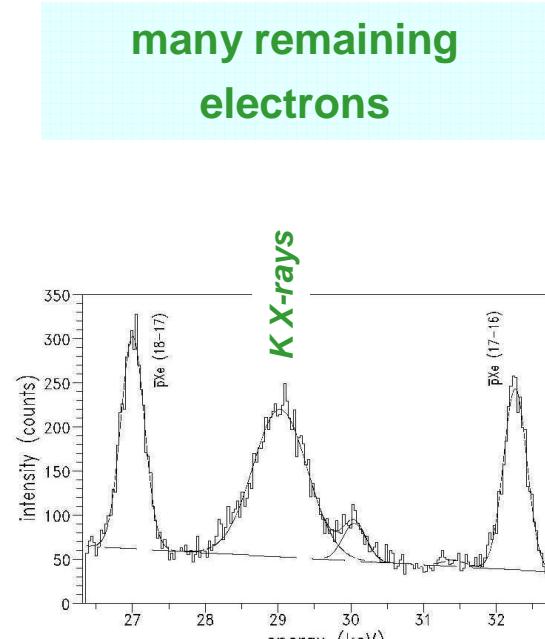
Auger
vs.
radiative
de-excitation



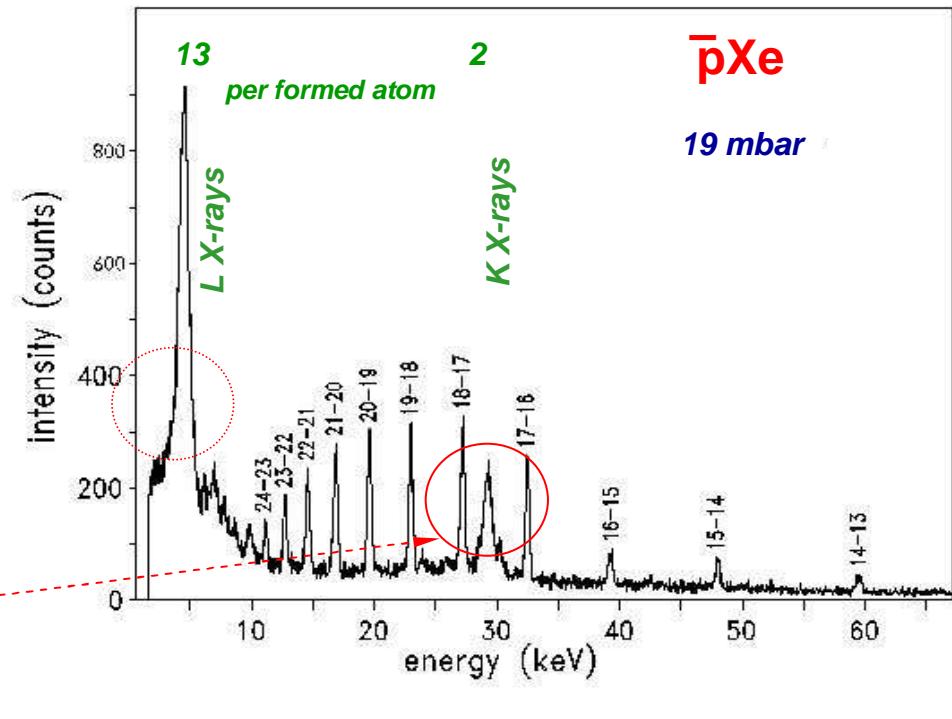
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ELECTRONIC & ANTIPIROTOMIC X-RAYS - XENON



many unresolved lines ?



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OUTLOOK - *high resolution spectroscopy*
- *coincidence experiments X-rays / Auger electrons*

PROTON CHARGE RADIUS

muonic atoms - no strong interaction

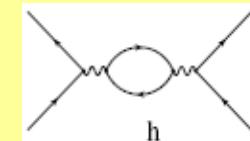
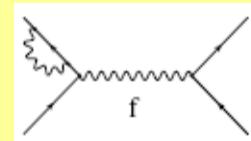
cyclotron trap as muon source

ATOMIC BINDING ENERGY

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$$-\frac{Ze}{r}$$

$$+ \Delta E_{\text{QED}}$$



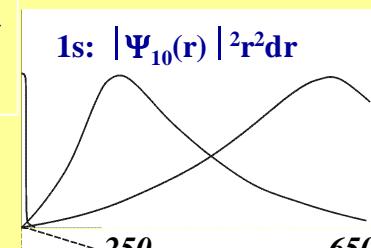
self energy + *vakuum polarisation* + *higher orders*

$$+ \Delta E_{\text{screening}}$$

capture $x^- + [A(Z,N)Ze^-] \rightarrow \{[x^-A(Z,N)]ne^- \} + \text{few } e^-$

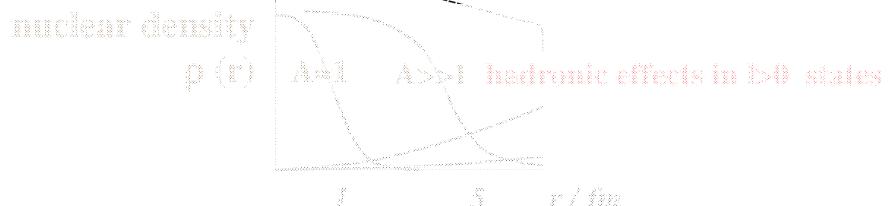
$$+ \Delta E_{\text{finite size}}$$

probability density
 $|\Psi_{nl}(r)|^2 r^2 dr$



$$2p: |\Psi_{21}(r)|^2 r^2 dr$$

$$+ \Delta E_{\text{strong interaction}}$$



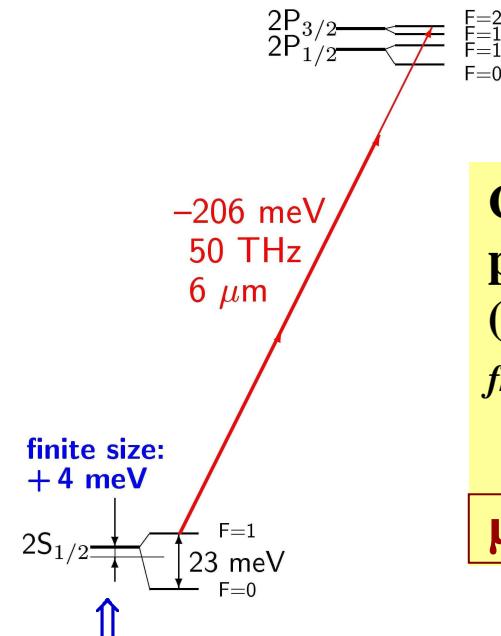
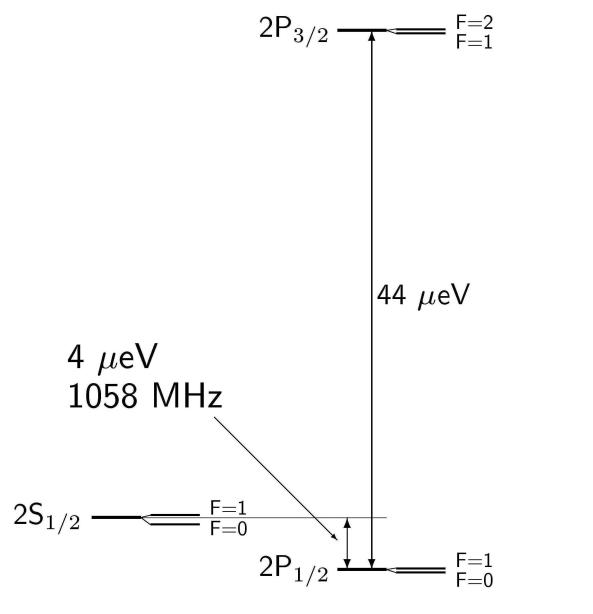
MUONIC HYDROGEN LAMB SHIFT

e^-p

large! $2 \cdot 10^5 \text{ fm}$

μ^-p

small! $1 \cdot 10^3 \text{ fm}$



CODATA
proton rms charge radius
 $(0.8768 \pm 0.0069) \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ m}$
from electron scattering

μp : error $\rightarrow \approx \text{error} / 10 !$

very sensitive to proton charge radius

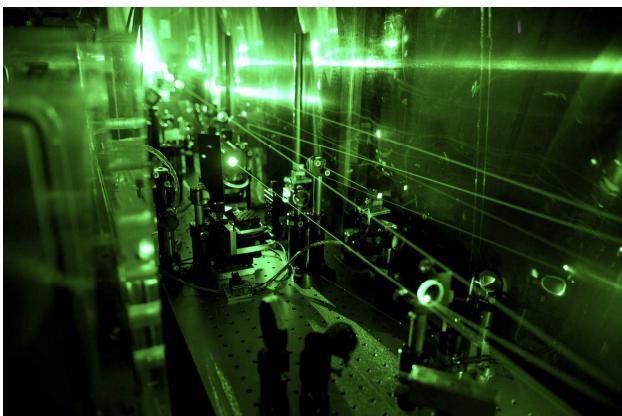
μH collaboration: see e.g. R. Pohl et al., Hyperf. Int. 193 (2009) 115.

MUONIC HYDROGEN LAMB SHIFT - EXPERIMENT

extraction channel



part of LASER system



- 1. Stop pions in cyclotron trap**
- 2. extract decay muons to extraction channel**
- 3. Form μ H in dilute hydrogen**
- 4. Pump 2s-2p resonance with laser**
- 5. Identify 2s-2p energy difference by resonance condition**

EXPERIMENT II

How to achieve ultimate energy determination and resolution?

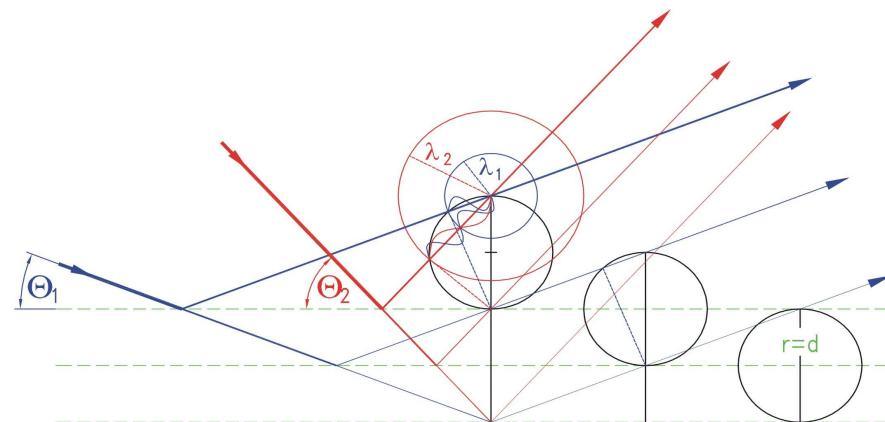
together with

sufficient count rate?

BRAGG'S LAW

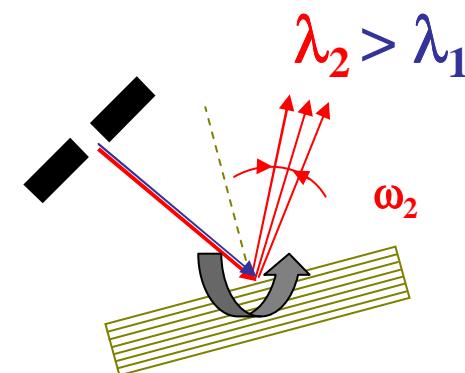
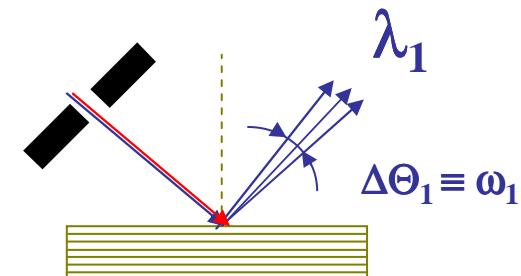
$$n\lambda = 2d \cdot \sin\theta_B$$

n order of diffraction
 λ wave length
d spacing of diffracting planes
 θ_B Bragg angle

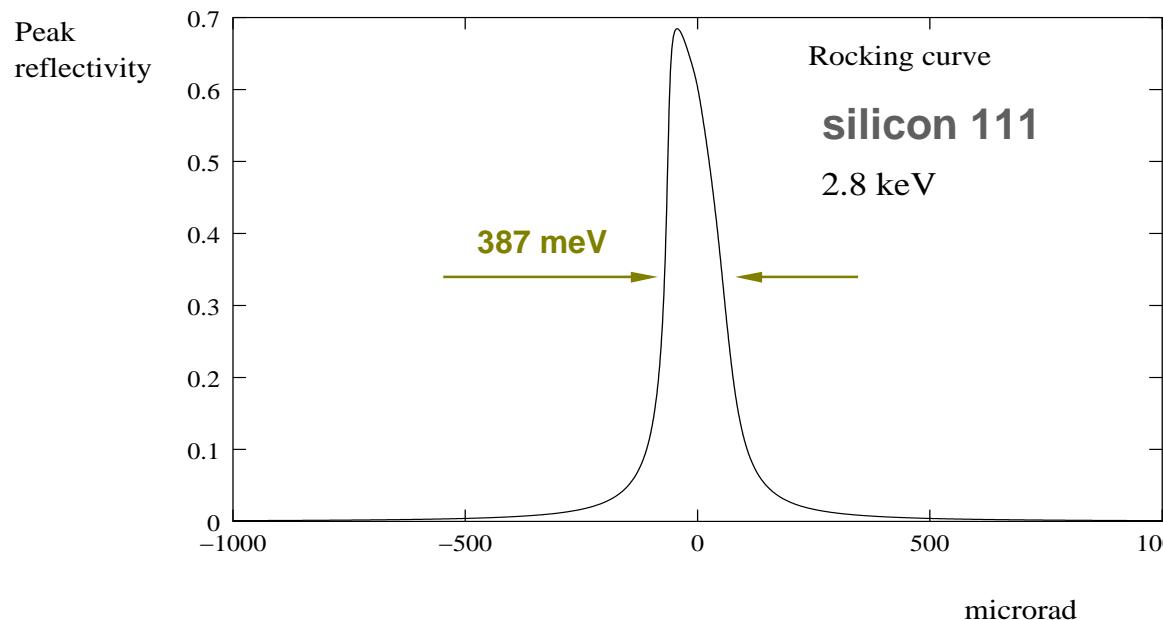


τ_e extinction length *coherent reflection*
 τ_a absorption length *incoherent*
usually $\tau_e \ll \tau_a$

ω angular spread of reflection



calculated CRYSTAL RESPONSE



diffraction theory

*XOP2 code
plane crystal*

for real crystal mounting?

no narrow few keV γ lines

BASIC RELATIONS derived from Bragg's law

conversion

$$n\lambda = 2d \cdot \sin\theta_B$$

derivatives

angular dispersion

$$\frac{\Delta E}{\Delta \Theta} = - \frac{E}{\tan \Theta}$$

energy resolution \Leftrightarrow Bragg angle

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = - \cot \theta_B \cdot \Delta \theta_B$$

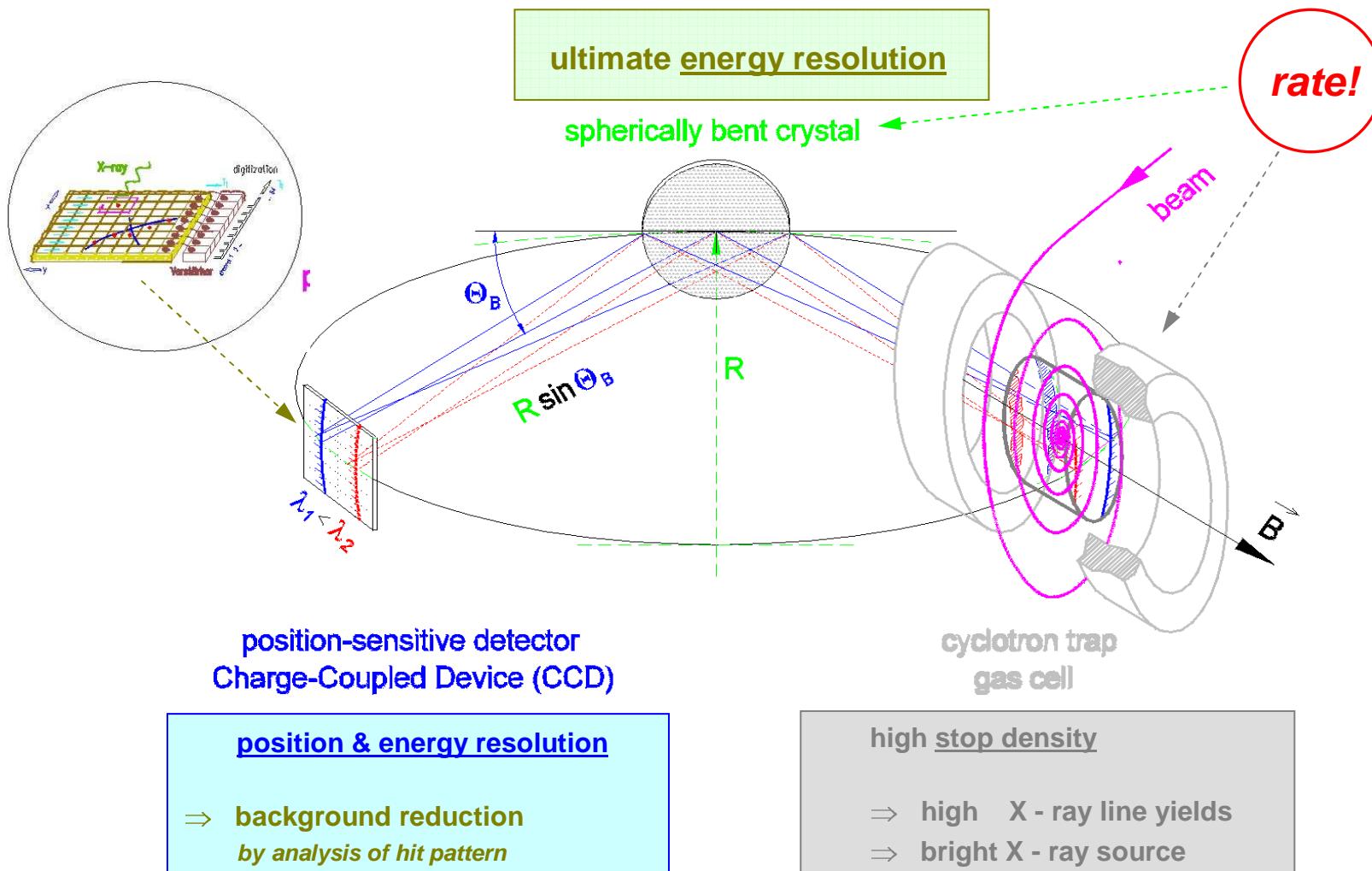
energy resolution \Leftrightarrow energy

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \propto \frac{E}{n}$$

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \quad \text{i}onisation detectors$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= 2\pi \frac{\hbar c}{E} \\ &= 2\pi \frac{197.326968(17) \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm}}{E} \quad (85 \text{ ppb}) \\ &= \frac{12.39841857(48) \text{ } \text{\AA}^o}{E/\text{keV}} \approx \frac{4\pi \text{ } \text{\AA}^o}{E/\text{keV}} \end{aligned}$$

Johann-type SET-UP



L. Simons, Physica Scripta 90 (1988), Hyperfine Int. 81 (1993) 253

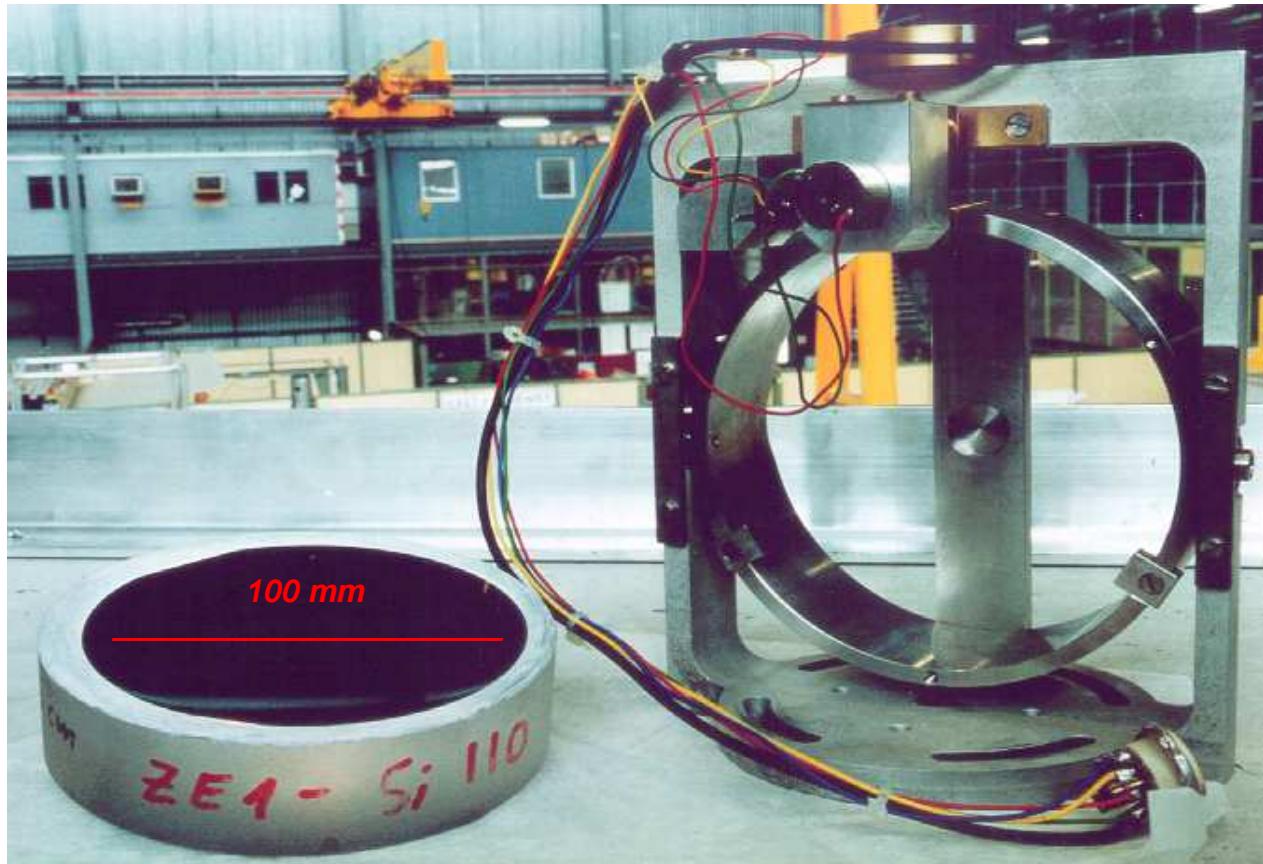
SPHERICALLY BENT BRAGG CRYSTALS

radius of curvature
2985.4 mm

energy range
quartz, Si
 $E = 1.7 - 15 \text{ keV}$

energy determination
 $\Delta E/E \geq 1-2 \cdot 10^{-6}$

energy resolution
 $\Delta E/E \approx 10^{-4}$



CHARGED PION MASS

ATOMIC BINDING ENERGY

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self energy + *vakuum polarisation* + *higher orders*

$$+ \Delta E_{\text{screening}}$$

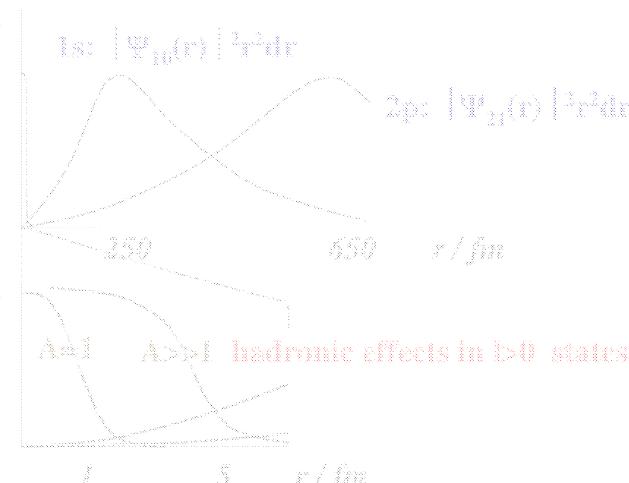
capture



$$+ \Delta E_{\text{finite size}}$$

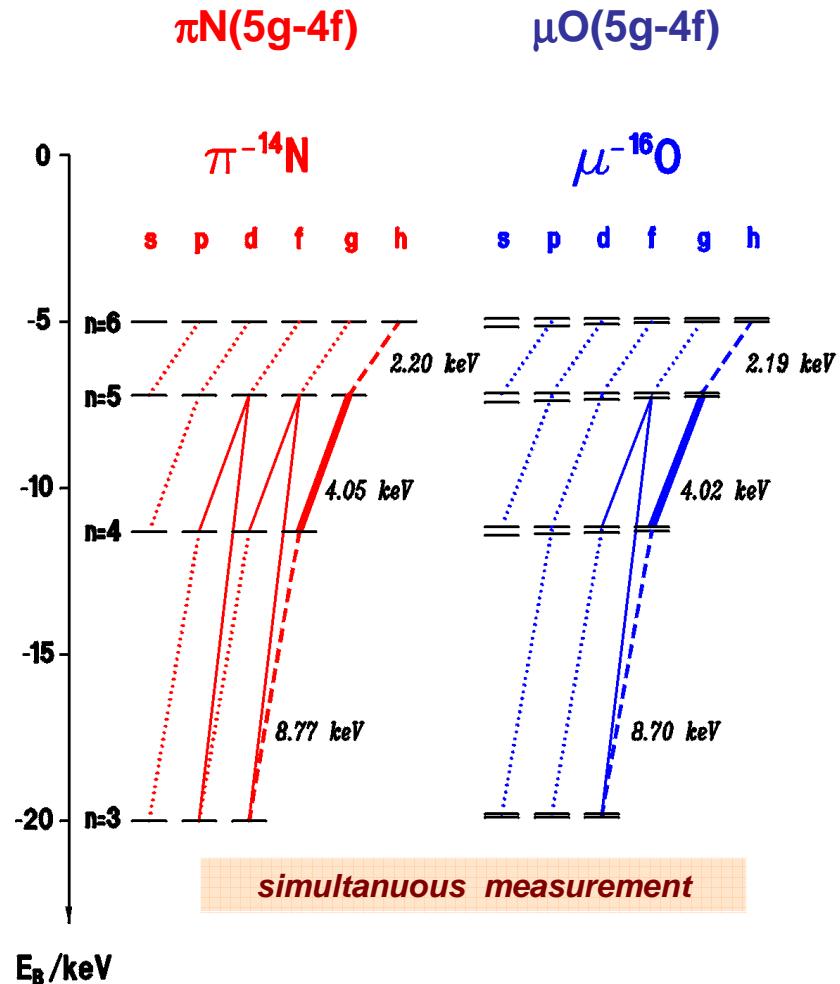
probability density
 $| \psi_{1s}(r) |^2 dr$

nuclear density
 $\rho(r)$

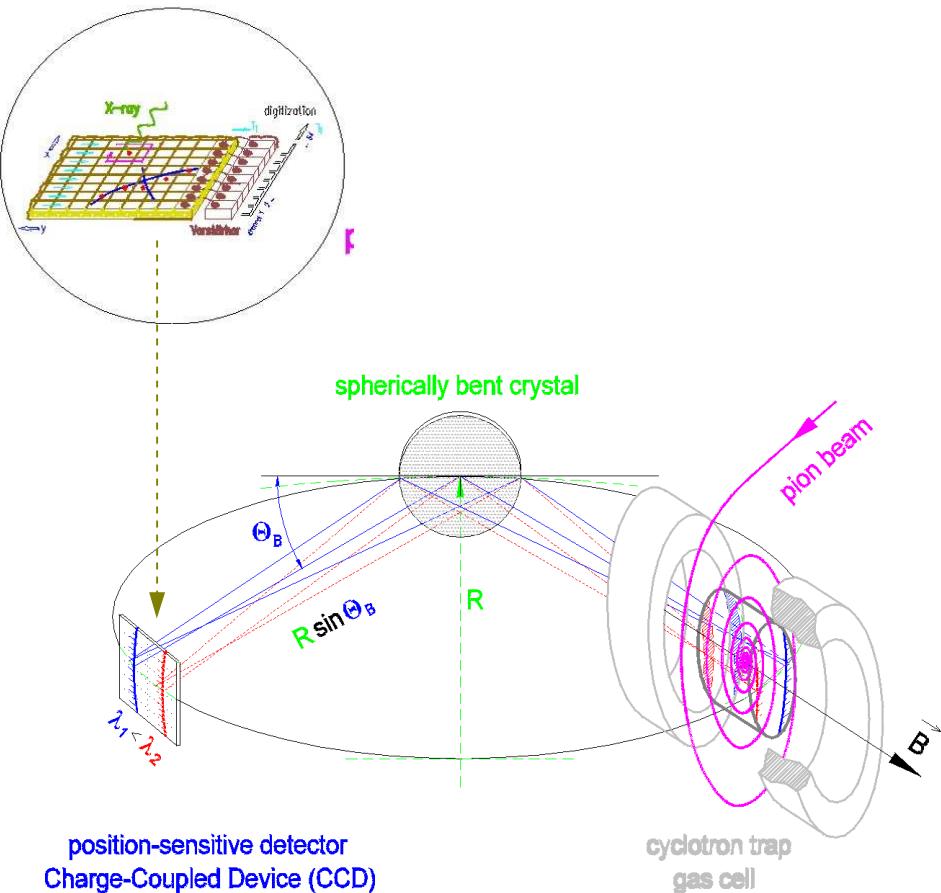


$$+ \Delta E_{\text{strong interaction}}$$

measurement calibration

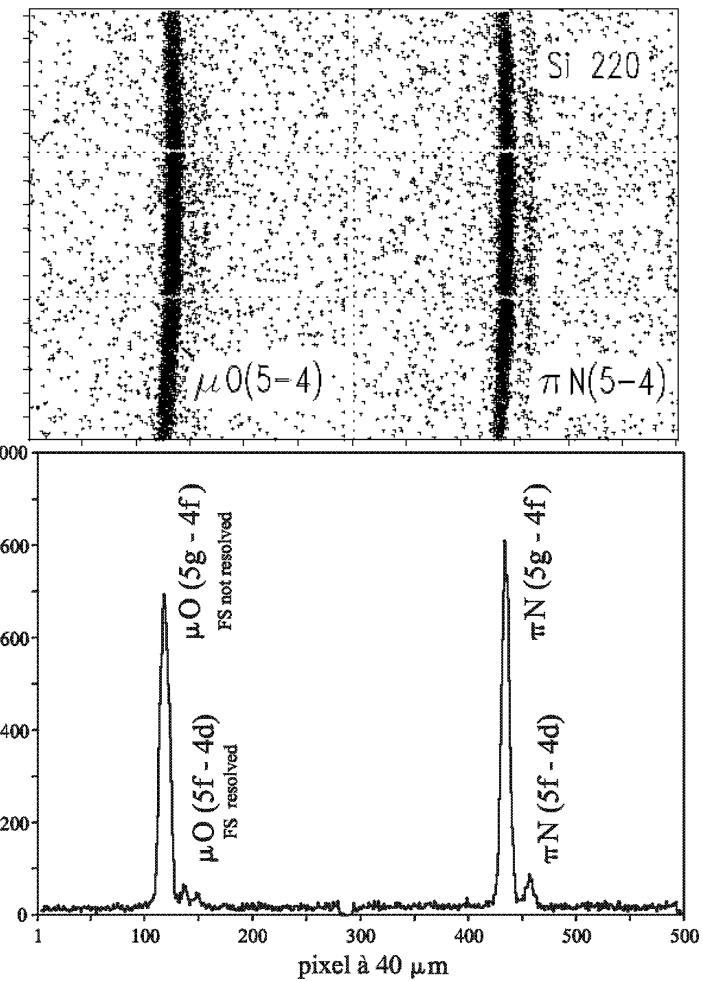


- point like Coulomb potential
- no electron screening
- $E_{\mu O(5g-4f)} / E_{\pi N(5g-4f)} = m_\mu / m_\pi$



$$\Delta E/E \geq 1-2 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

\leftarrow pion mass \rightarrow



EXPERIMENT III

What about background?

DETECTOR

crystal spectrometer **Large - Area Focal Plane Detector**

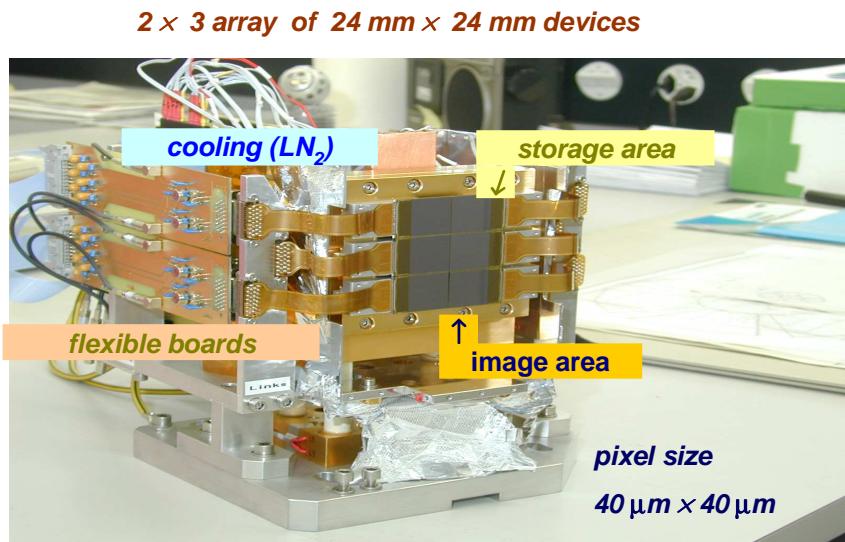
CCD: charge-coupled device

pixel distance

manufacturer

@ 20°C $40.0 \mu\text{m} \pm 0.17 \text{ nm}$
@ -100°C $39.9775 \mu\text{m} \pm 0.6 \text{ nm}$

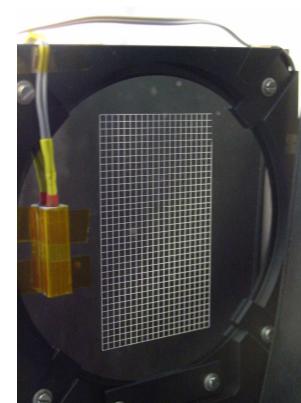
P. Indelicato et al., Rev. Sc. Instr. 77 (2006) 043107



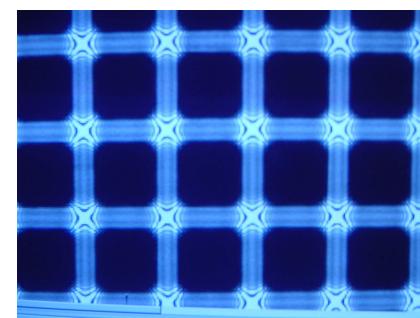
N. Nelms et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth 484 (2002) 419

1. try **wire eroded mask**
- gap ☐
- pixel size ?

2. try **nano mask** (C. David LNS/PSI)

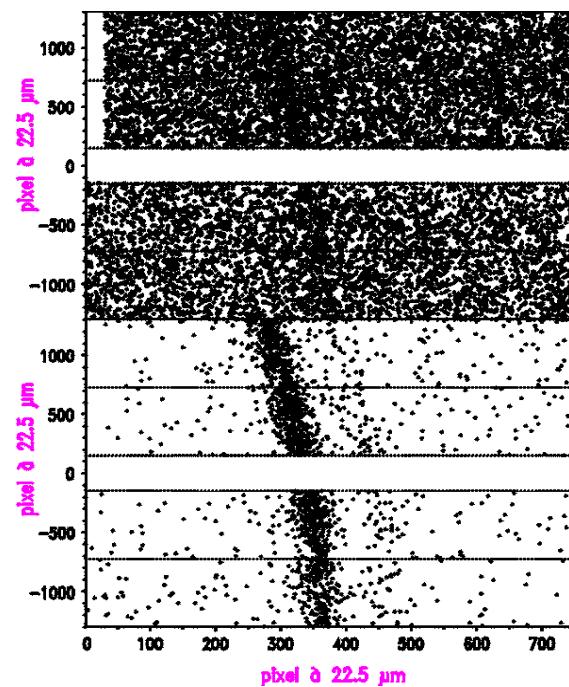
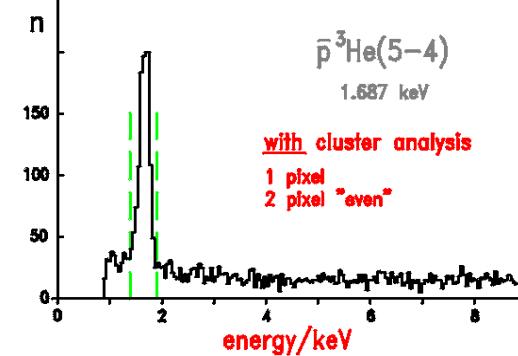
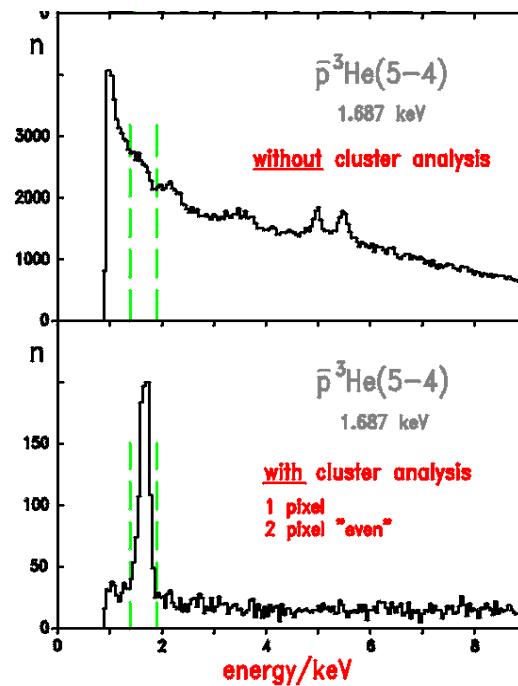
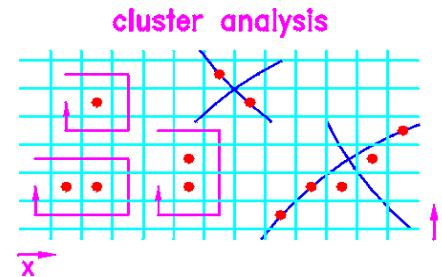
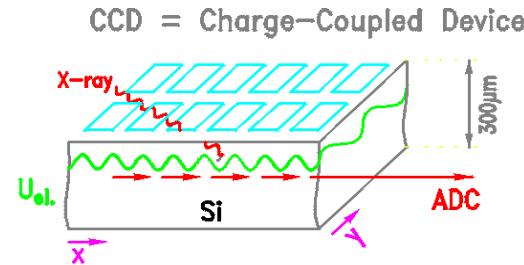


illuminated
by light source
at 6 m distance
 $T = 20^\circ\text{C}$



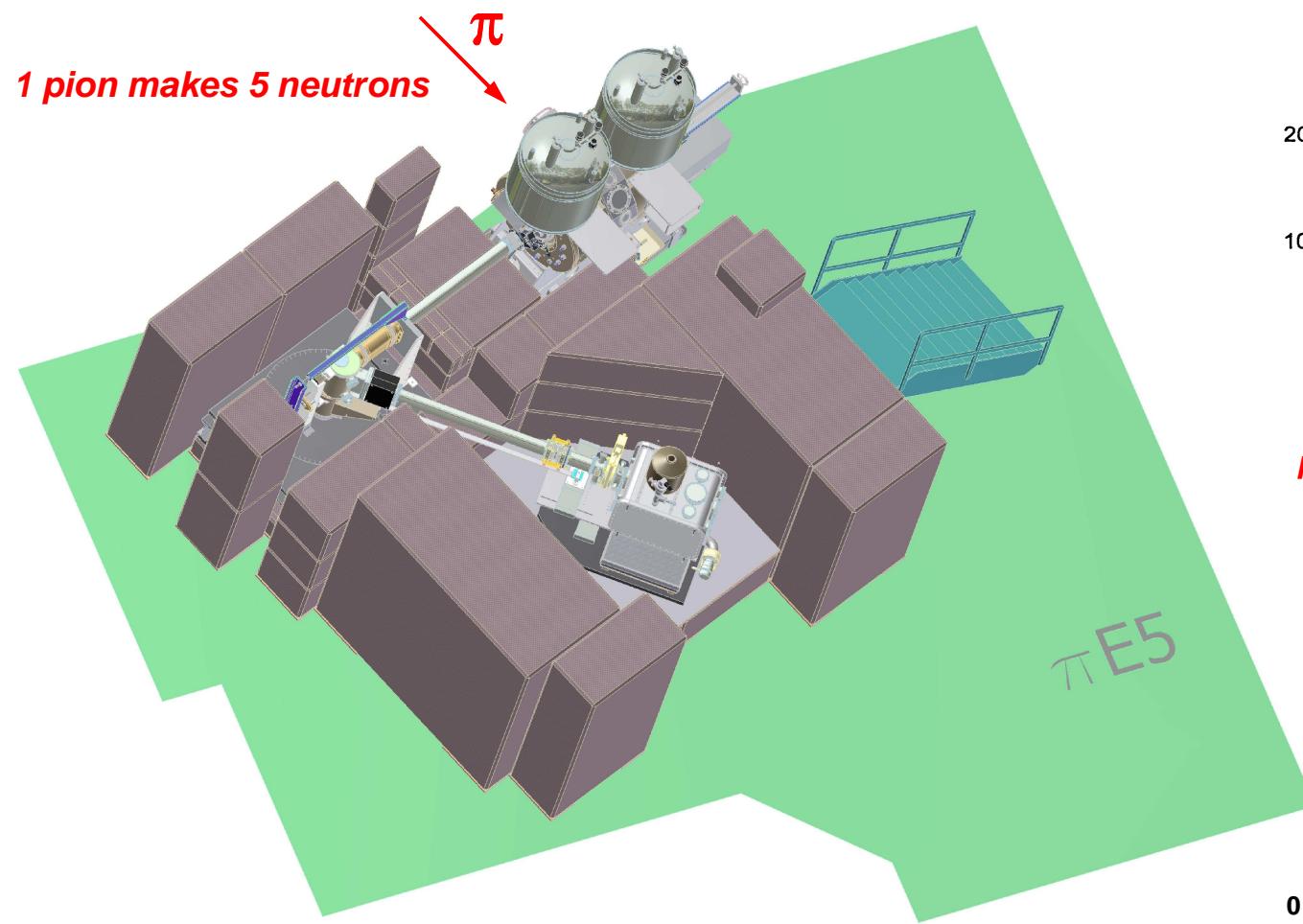
@ -100°C HOR $39.9802 \pm 0.0026 \mu\text{m}$
VER $39.9794 \pm 0.0022 \mu\text{m}$

BACKGROUND SUPPRESSION WITH CCDs

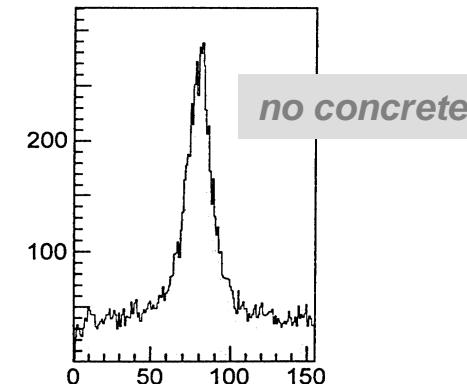


charge deposit \propto X-ray energy

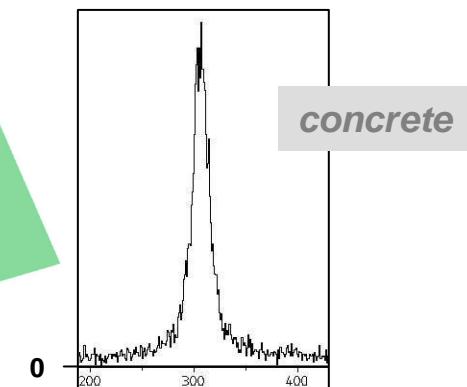
TYPICAL SET-UP at PSI



pionic hydrogen



peak/background x 10



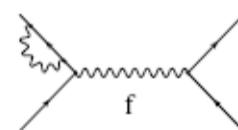
STRONG INTERACTION

ATOMIC BINDING ENERGY

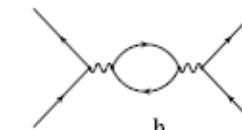
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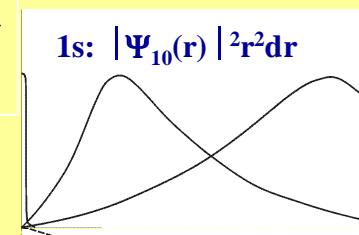
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Captions

$$\beta^{(0)} + \beta A(Z,N) Ze^2 r^{-3} \rightarrow \beta e^2 A(Z,N) \ln(r) + \beta e^2 \pi r^2$$

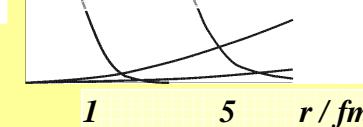
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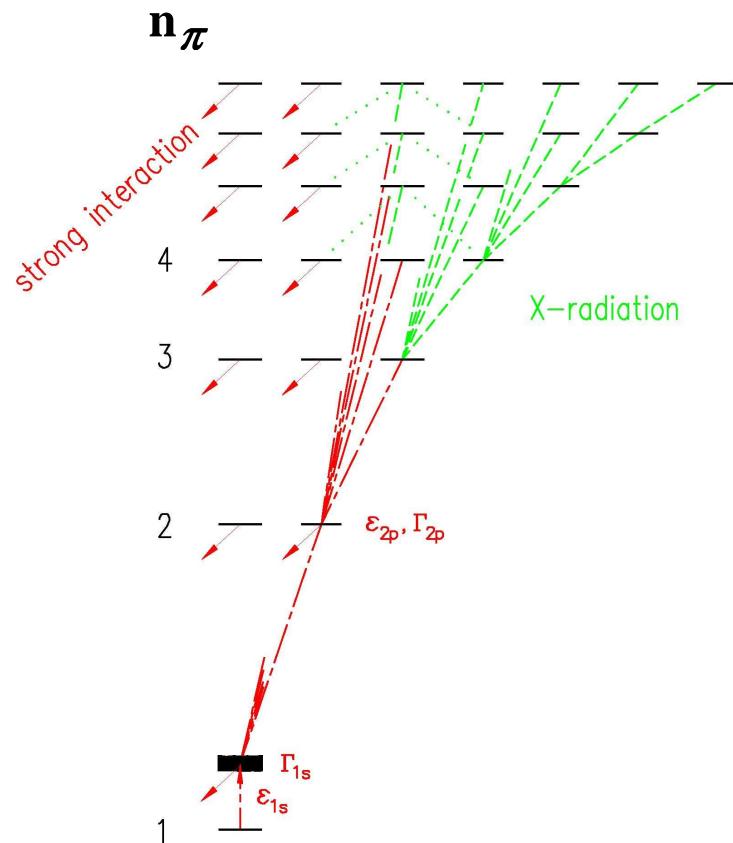
nuclear density
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$$+ \Delta E_{\text{strong interaction}}$$

LOWER PART of the ATOMIC CASCADE pionic deuterium

equivalent to scattering experiment at threshold



scattering amplitude reduces to

- *scattering length a* s-wave
- *scattering volume b* p-wave
- ...

*measure shift ε of X-ray energy
relative to QED value*

$$\varepsilon \propto a + \text{higher orders}$$

PIONIC DEUTERIUM

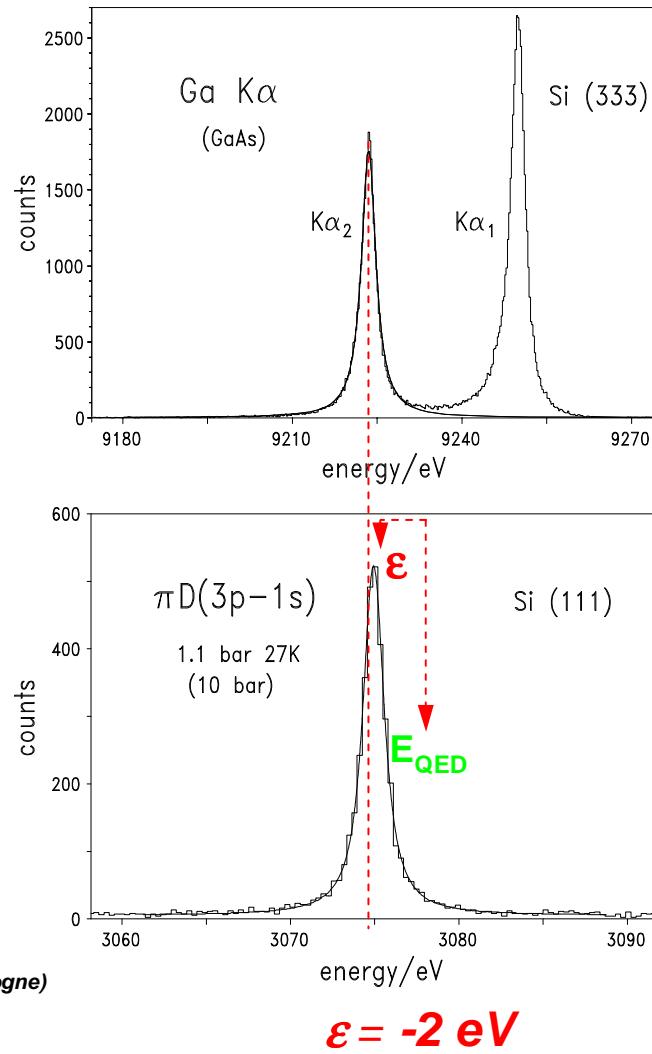
energy calibration

Ga K α

strong interaction

$\pi D(3p-1s)$

T.Strauch, PhD thesis: (FZJ, Univ. Cologne)



target material: GaAs

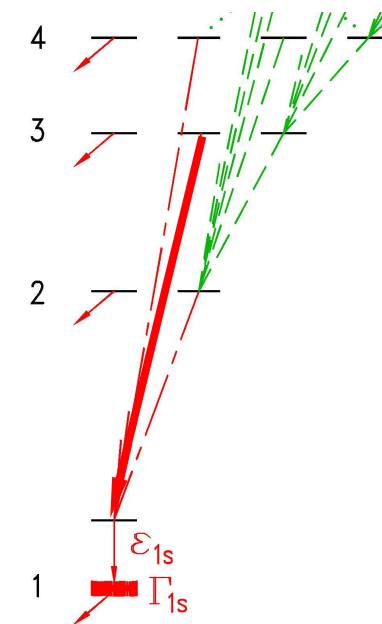
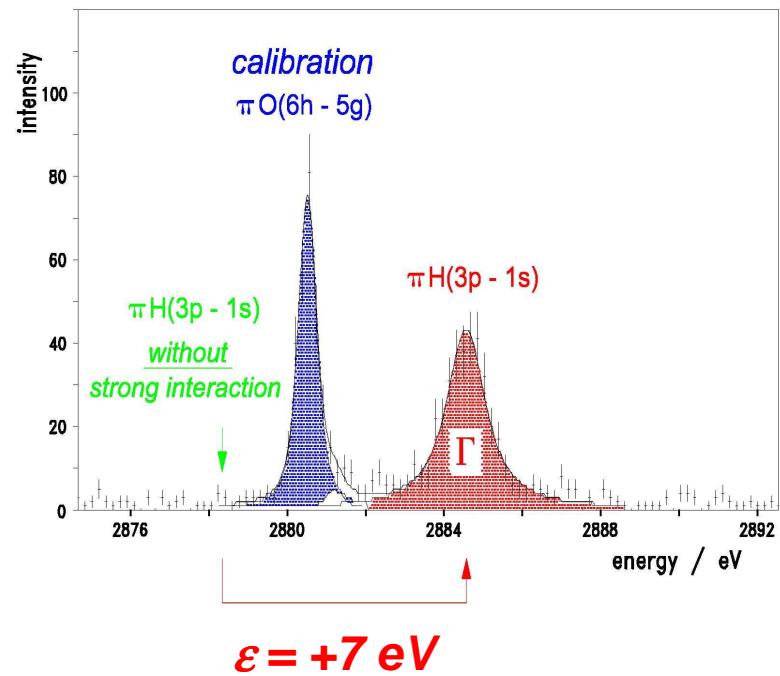
by chance: tabulated energy
also
from GaAs

identical Bragg angle

3 bar
10 bar
22 bar

to identify molecule formation

PIONIC HYDROGEN



first conclusions

πp

attractive

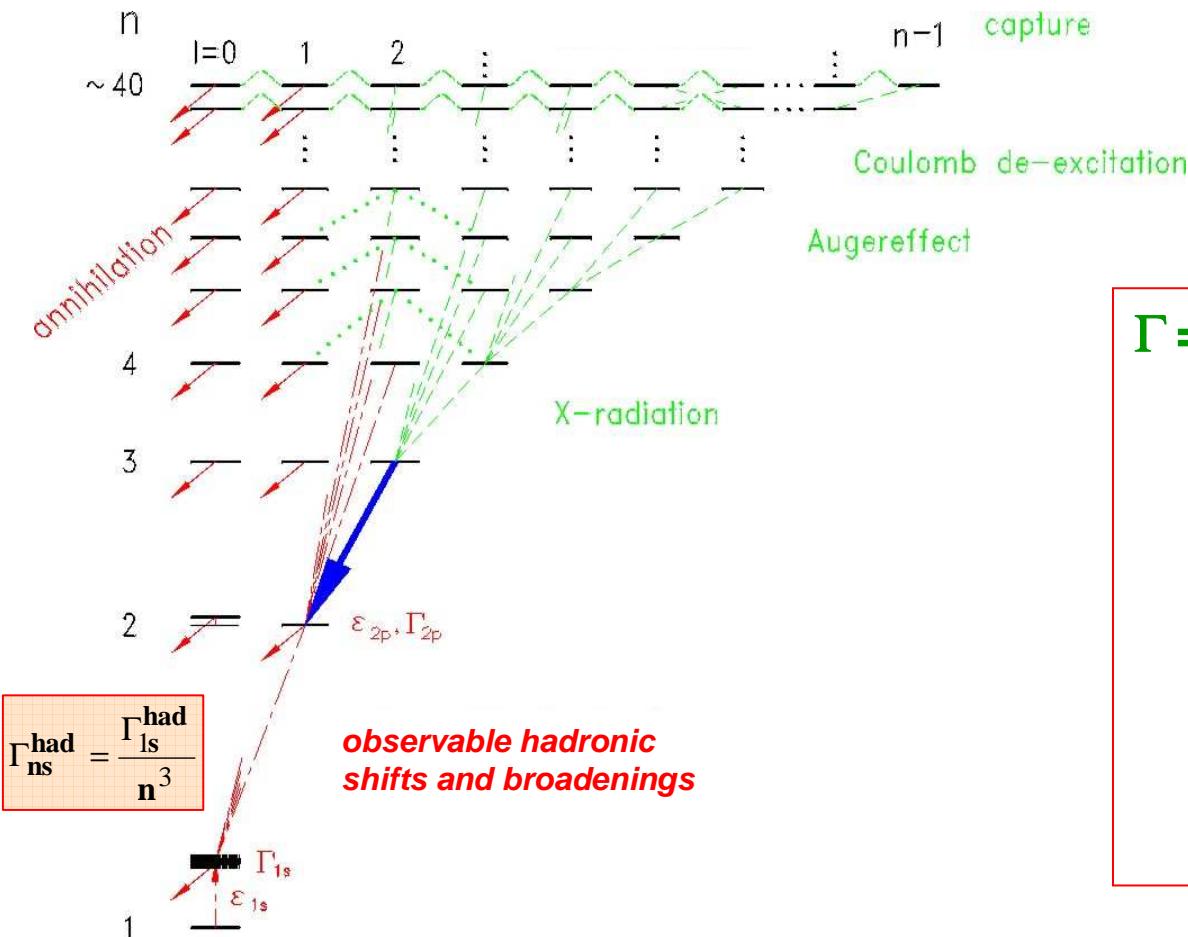
πd

repulsive

strength (πp) \approx - strength (πn)

ATOMIC LEVEL WIDTH Γ

life time equivalent to energy uncertainty = width (uncertainty relation $\Gamma \Delta t \approx \hbar$)

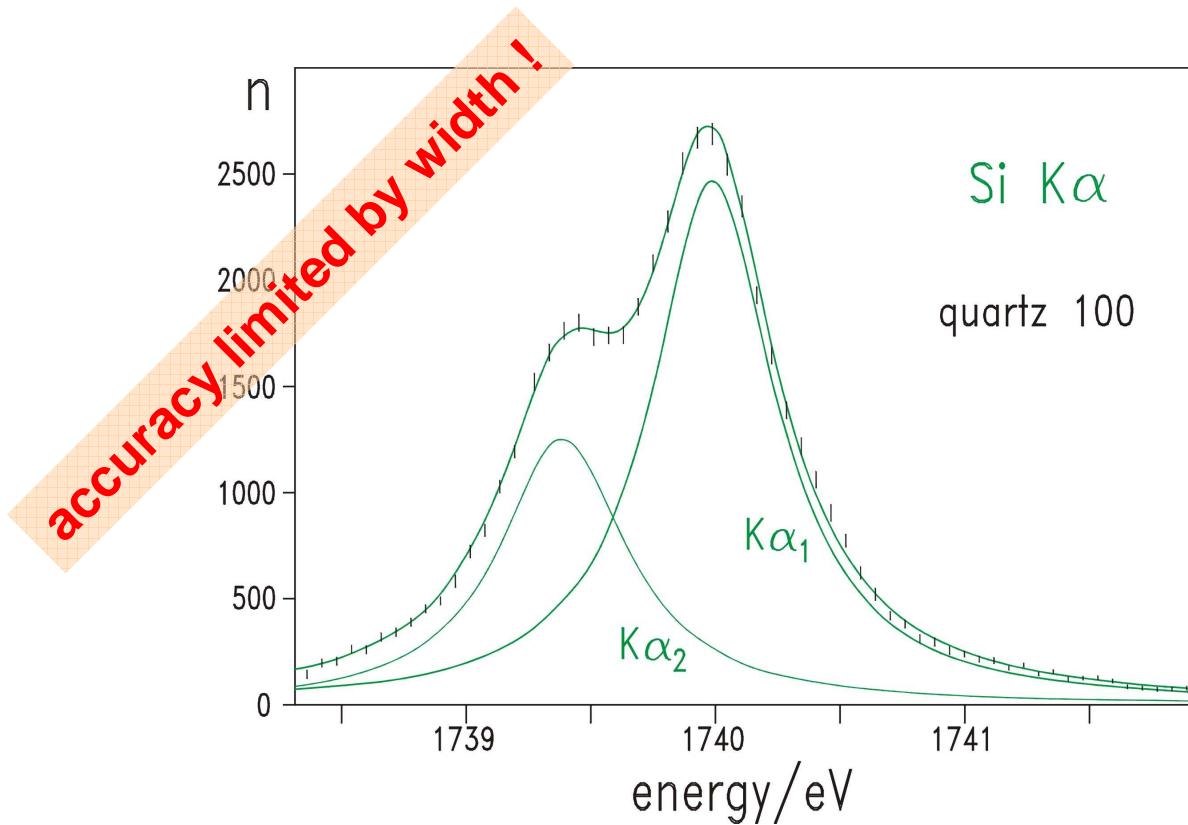


$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma &= \Gamma_{\text{X-ray}} \\
 &+ \Gamma_{\text{Auger}} \\
 &+ \dots \\
 &+ \dots \\
 &+ \Gamma_{\text{strong interaction}}
 \end{aligned}$$

EXPERIMENT IV

How to measure the resolution of the crystal spectrometer ?

ENERGY CALIBRATION for Balmer α transition



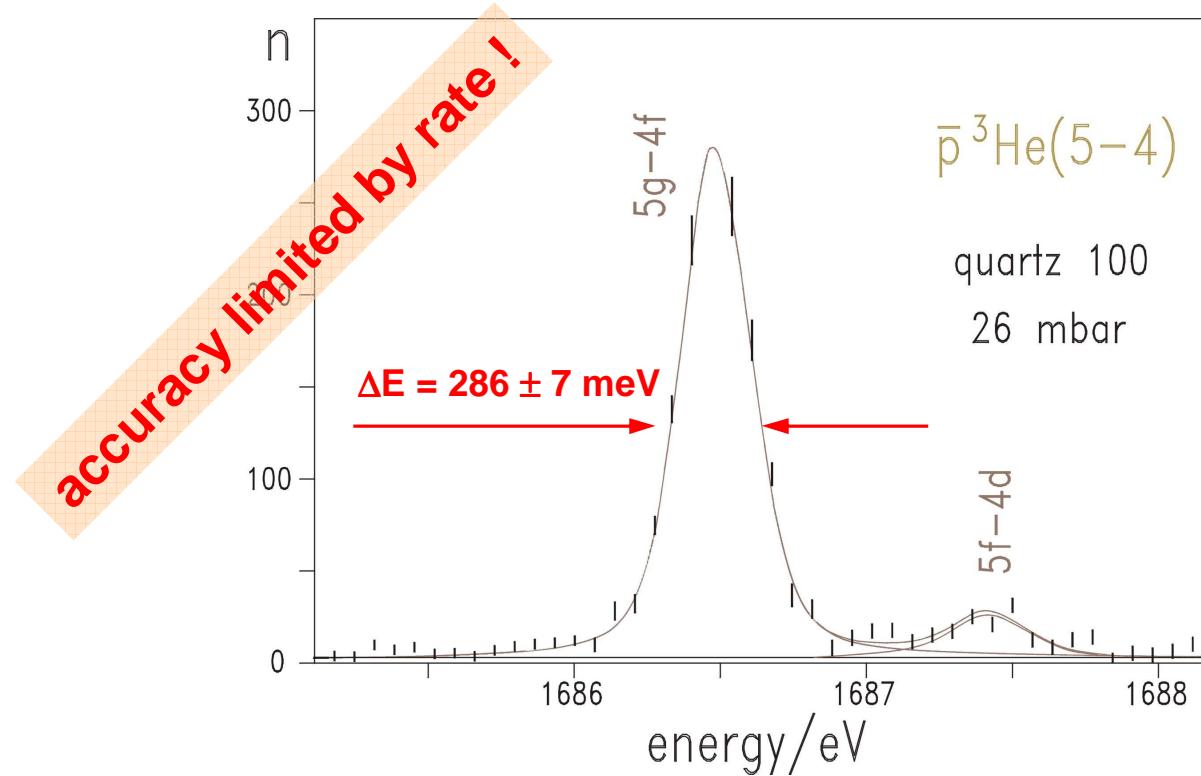
closest to energy of $\bar{p}H(3d-2p)$

excitation
of Si X-rays
by means of
X-ray tube

high rate

large line width and satellites - resolution hardly measurable

RESPONSE FUNCTION for Balmer α transition



closest to energy of $\bar{p}\text{H}(3d-2p)$

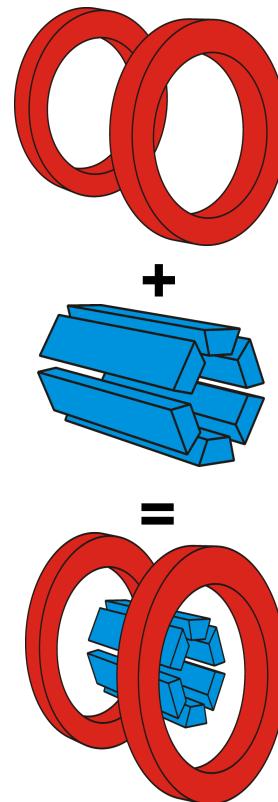
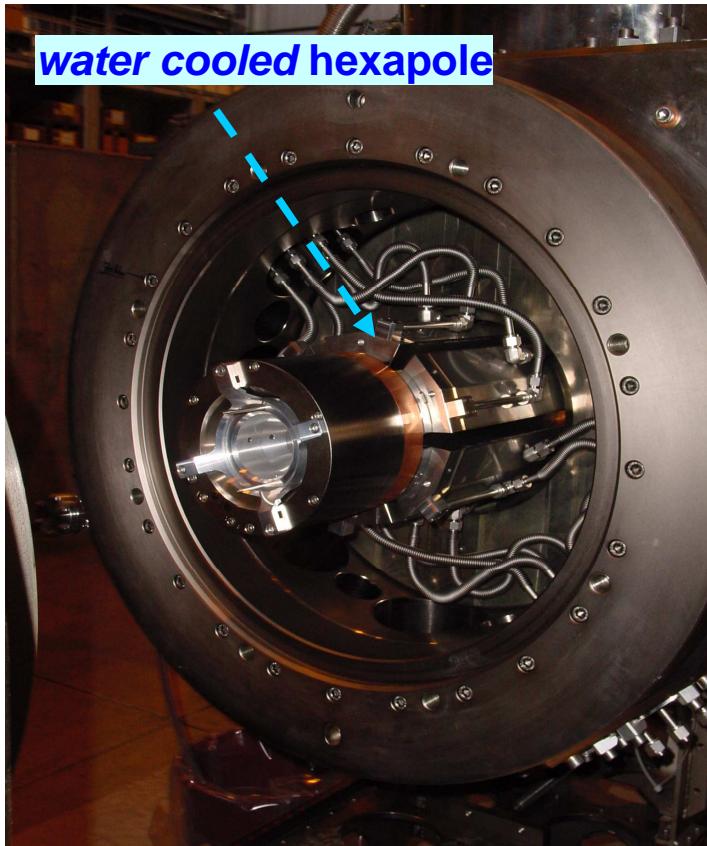
920 events

3 days

SPECTROMETER RESPONSE

new approach (PSI) ECRIT

ECRIT = Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Trap



Superconducting coils

- *cyclotron trap*

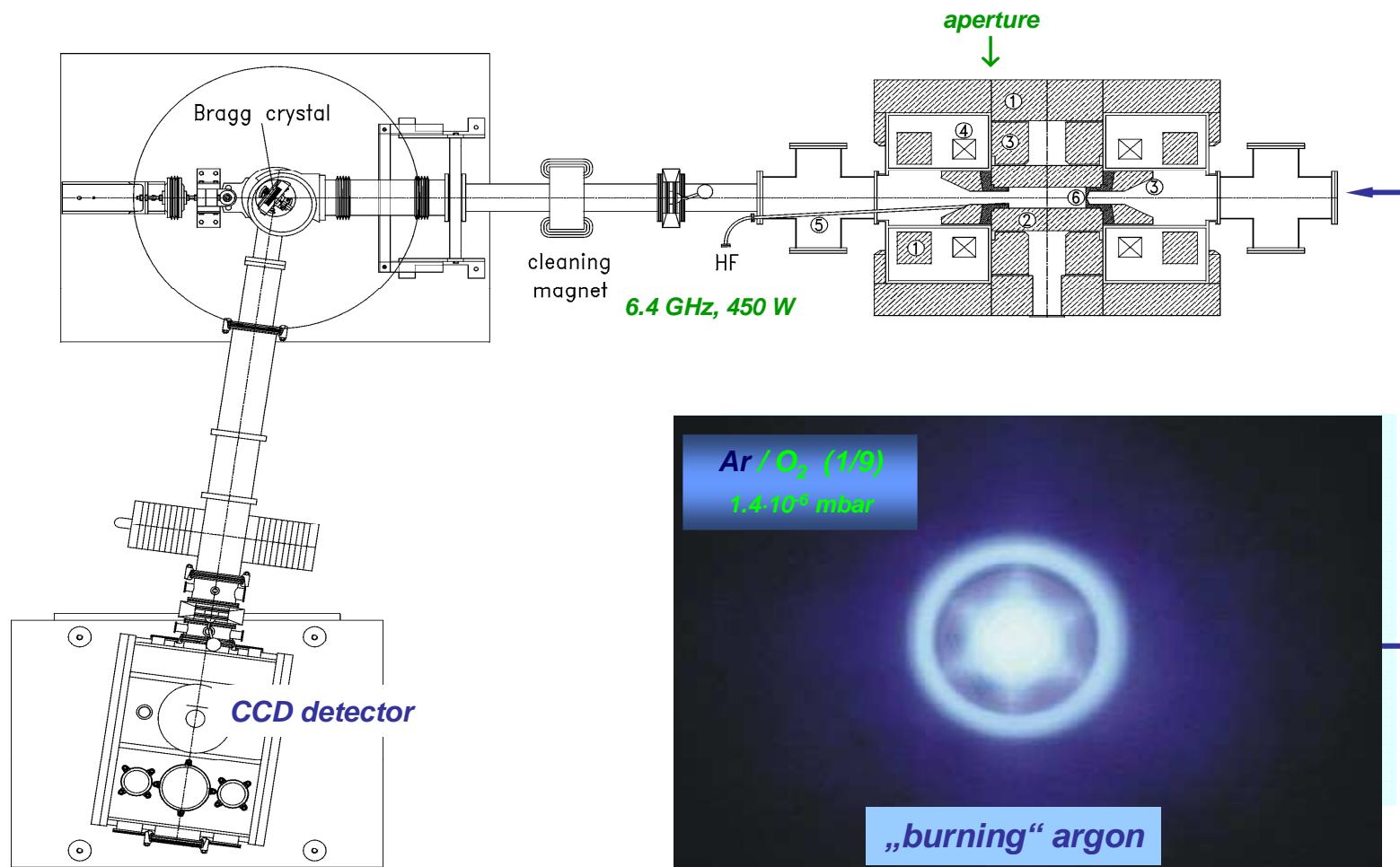
permanent hexapole

- *AECR-U type*
- *1 Tesla at the hexapole wall*
- *open structure*

*large mirror ratio = 4.3
 B_{max} / B_{min} !*

*S. Biri, L. Simons, D. Hitz et al., Rev. Sci. Instr., 71 (2000) 1116
K. Stiebing, Frankfurt – design assistance*

CRYSTAL SPECTROMETER and PSI ECRIT

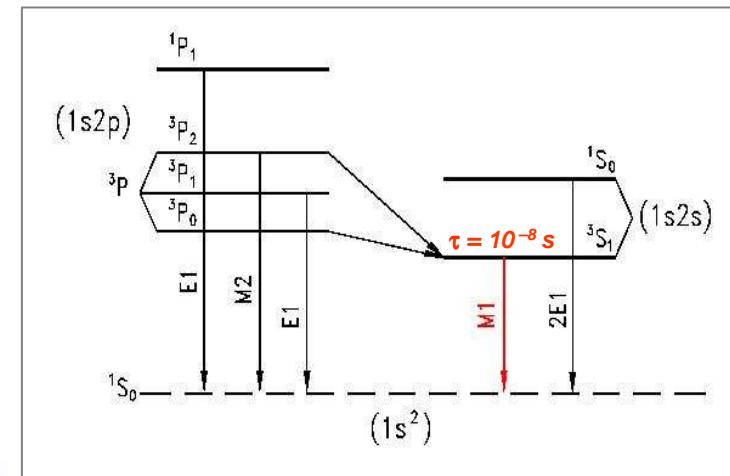
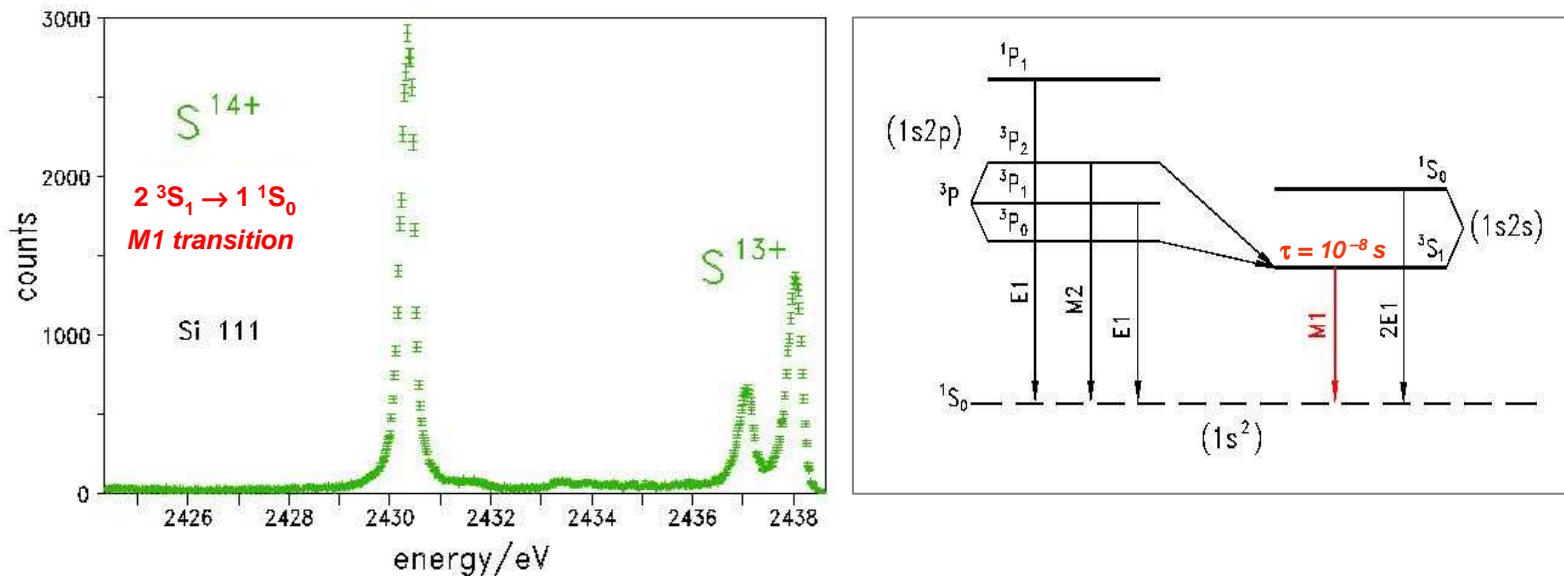


SPECTROMETER RESPONSE at πH Lyman ENERGIES

M1 transitions in He - like S $\leftrightarrow \pi H(2p-1s)$

Cl $\leftrightarrow \pi H(3p-1s)$

Ar $\leftrightarrow \pi H(4p-1s)$



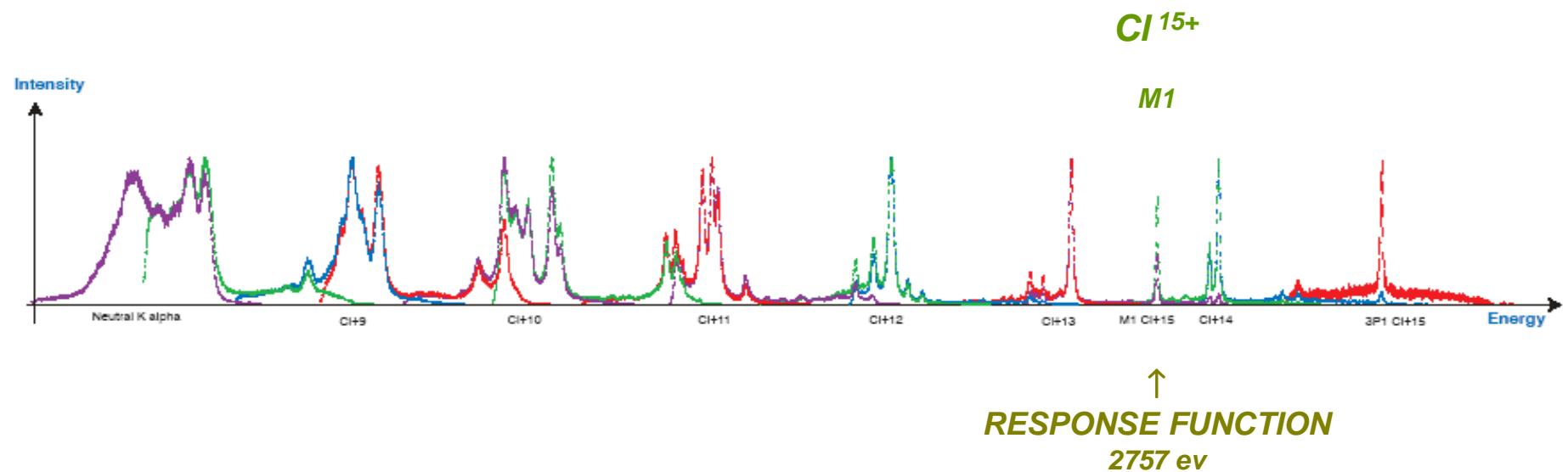
30000 events in line (3 h) \leftrightarrow tails can be fixed with sufficient accuracy

to be compared with Monte-Carlo ray tracing folded with plane crystal response

D.F.Anagnostopoulos et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. B 205 (2003) 9

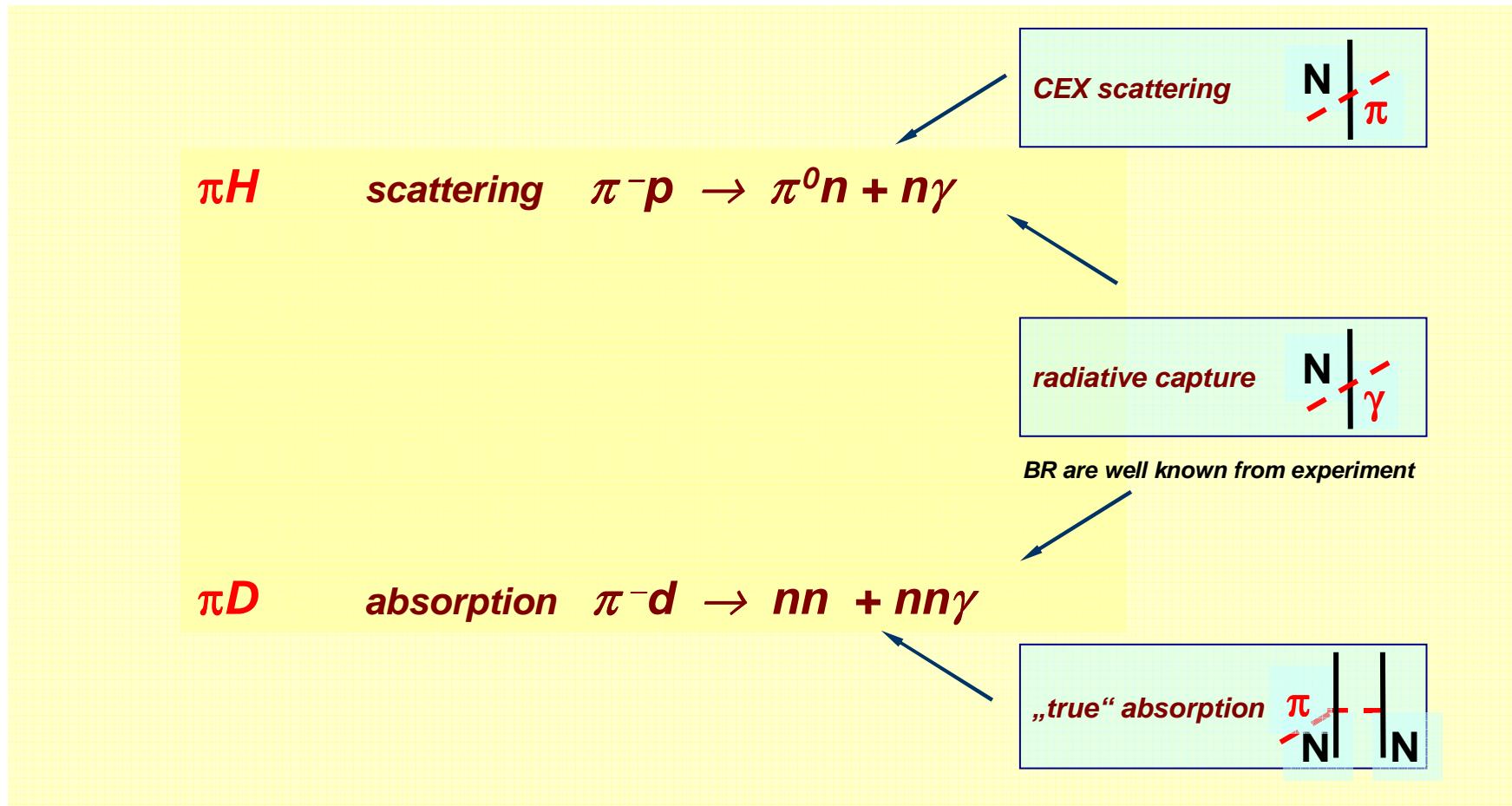
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CHLORINE SKY LINE



PION-NUCLEON SCATTERING LENGTHS

HYDROGEN & DEUTERIUM - ORIGIN OF Γ_{1s}



which scattering length?

$\pi H(np - 1s)$ energy shift ε_{1s} \Rightarrow $a_{\pi-p \rightarrow \pi-p}$

$\pi H(np - 1s)$ level width Γ_{1s} \Rightarrow $a_{\pi-p \rightarrow \pi^0 n}$

$\pi D(np - 1s)$ level shift ε_{1s} \Rightarrow $a_{\pi-p \rightarrow \pi-p} + a_{\pi-n \rightarrow \pi-n}$

two independent scattering length - all others linked by isospin

!!! $\pi D(np - 1s)$ level width Γ_{1s} \Rightarrow $\Im a_{\pi-d \rightarrow nn+nn\gamma}$

PION PRODUCTION / ABSORPTION



πNN threshold parameter α

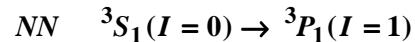
charge symmetry

$$\sigma_{\pi^- d \rightarrow nn}$$

detailed balance

$$\sigma_{\pi^+ d \rightarrow pp}$$

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \pi^+ d}$$



πD atom

$$\Im a_{\pi D} \propto \Gamma_{\pi^- d \rightarrow nn} + \Gamma_{\pi^- d \rightarrow nn\gamma}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6\pi} m_p \cdot \alpha$$

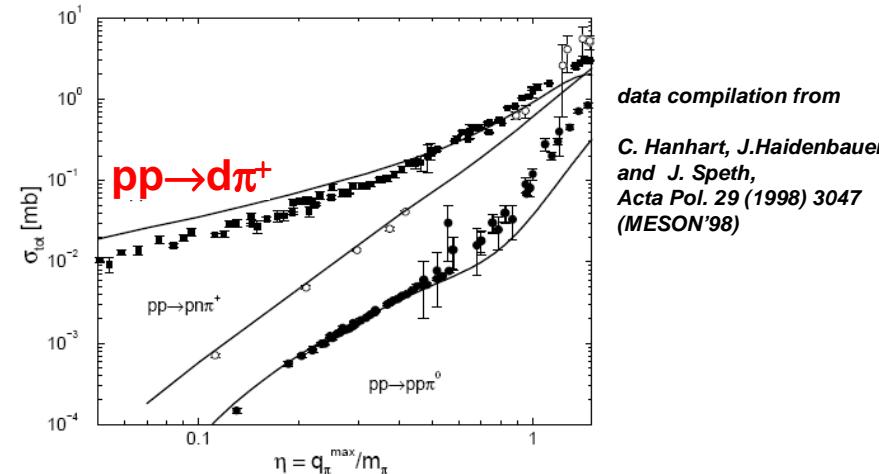
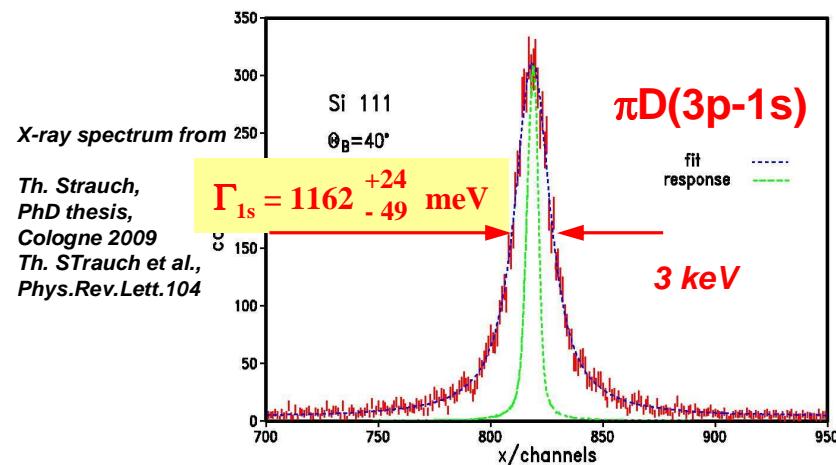
J. Hüfner,
Phys. Rep. 21 (1975) 1

π production

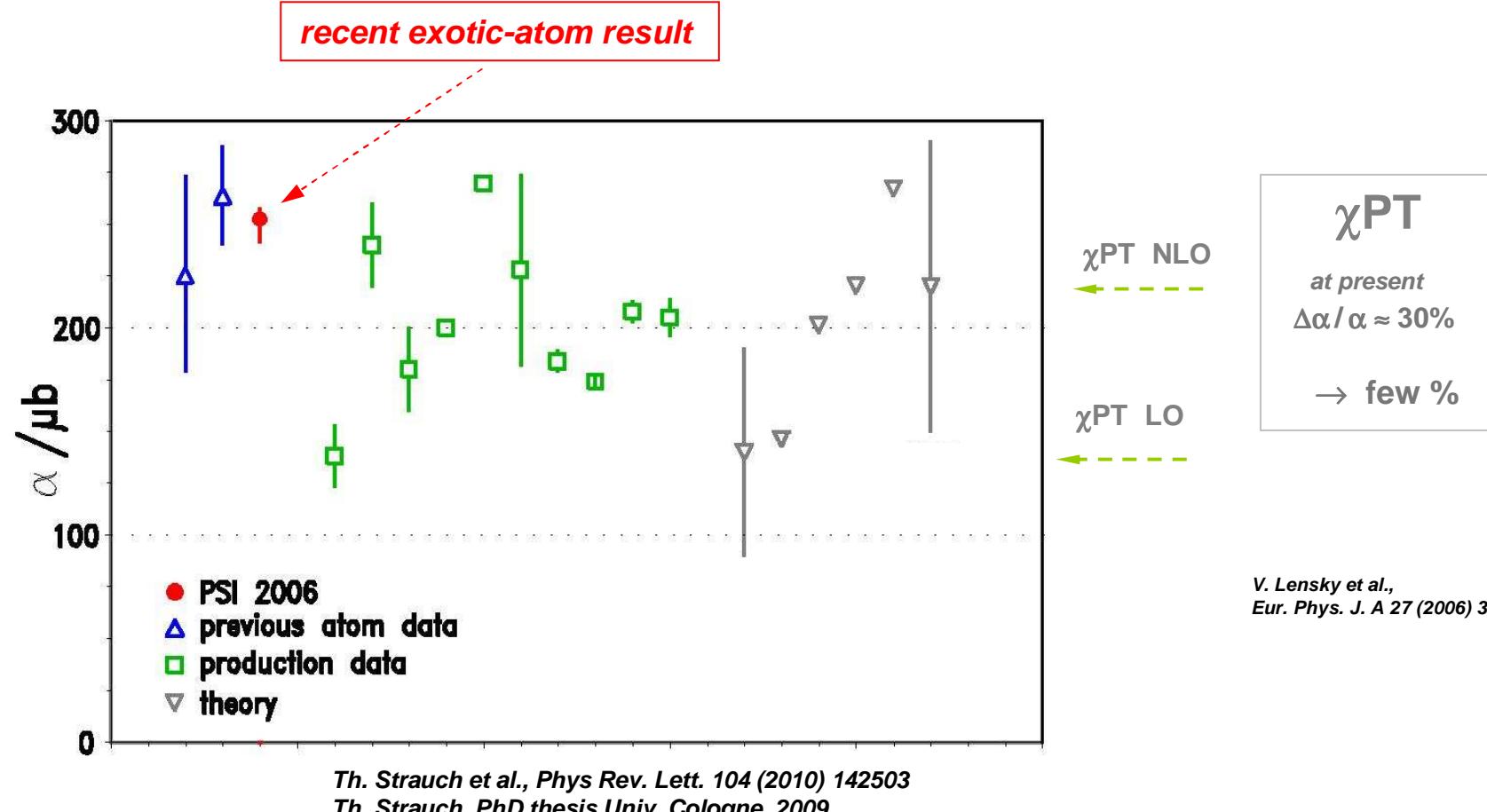
$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \pi^+ d} \rightarrow \alpha C_0^2 \eta + \beta C_1^2 \eta^3$$

*extrapolation
to threshold*

$$\eta = k_\pi / m_\pi$$



π NN threshold parameter α - data & theory



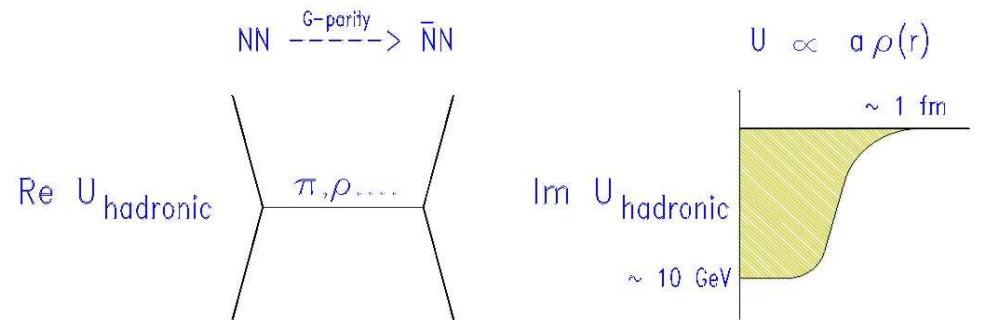
NUCLEON-ANTINUCLEON

SPIN-SPIN and SPIN-ORBIT INTERACTION

THEORETICAL DESCRIPTION

$$V_{\text{Coulomb}} + U_{\text{hadronic}}$$

$U_{\text{hadronic}} = \begin{matrix} \text{meson exchange} \\ \text{scattering: } \bar{p}p \leftrightarrow \bar{p}p \\ \bar{p}p \leftrightarrow \bar{n}n \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \text{annihilation} \\ \bar{p}p \rightarrow \text{mesons} \end{matrix}$



$\varepsilon, \Gamma \leftrightarrow \text{medium} + \text{long-range part of } \bar{\text{N}}\text{N} \text{ interaction}$

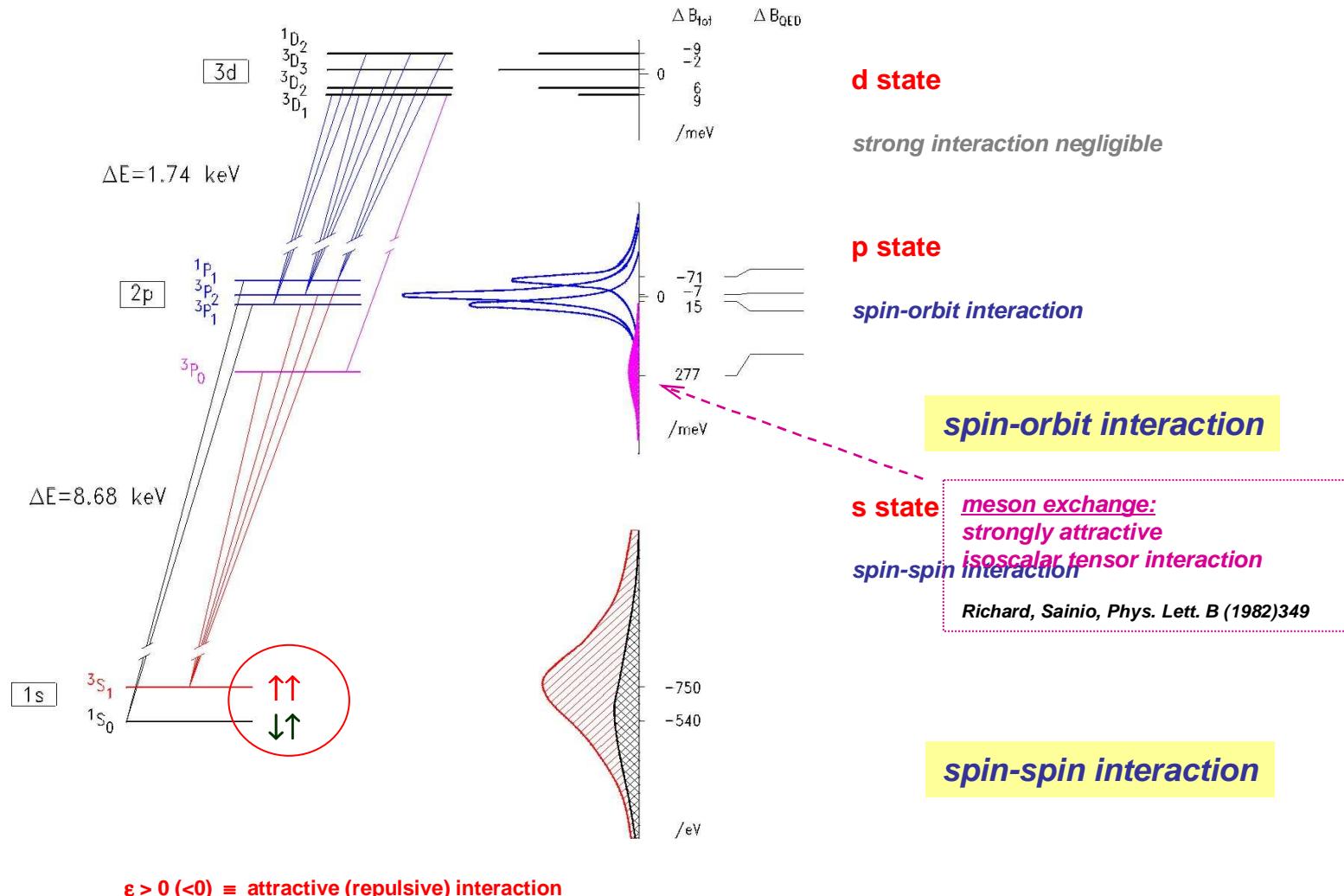
Buck, Dover, Richard, Ann. Phys. (NY) 121 (1979) 47

*spin-spin "deuteron"
spin-orbit effects*

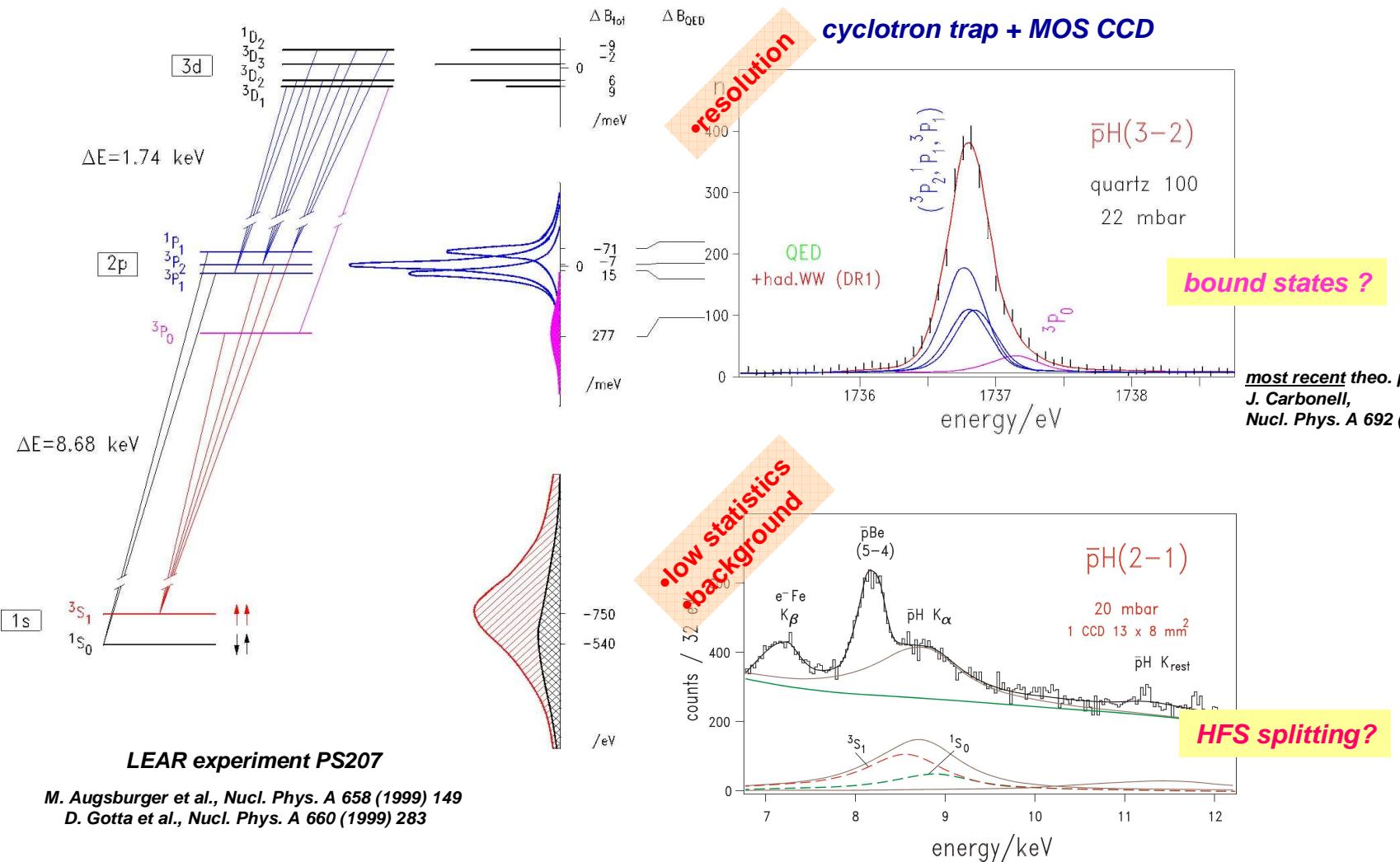
no microscopic theory

check spin dependence !

PROTONIUM - s & p state strong-interaction effects

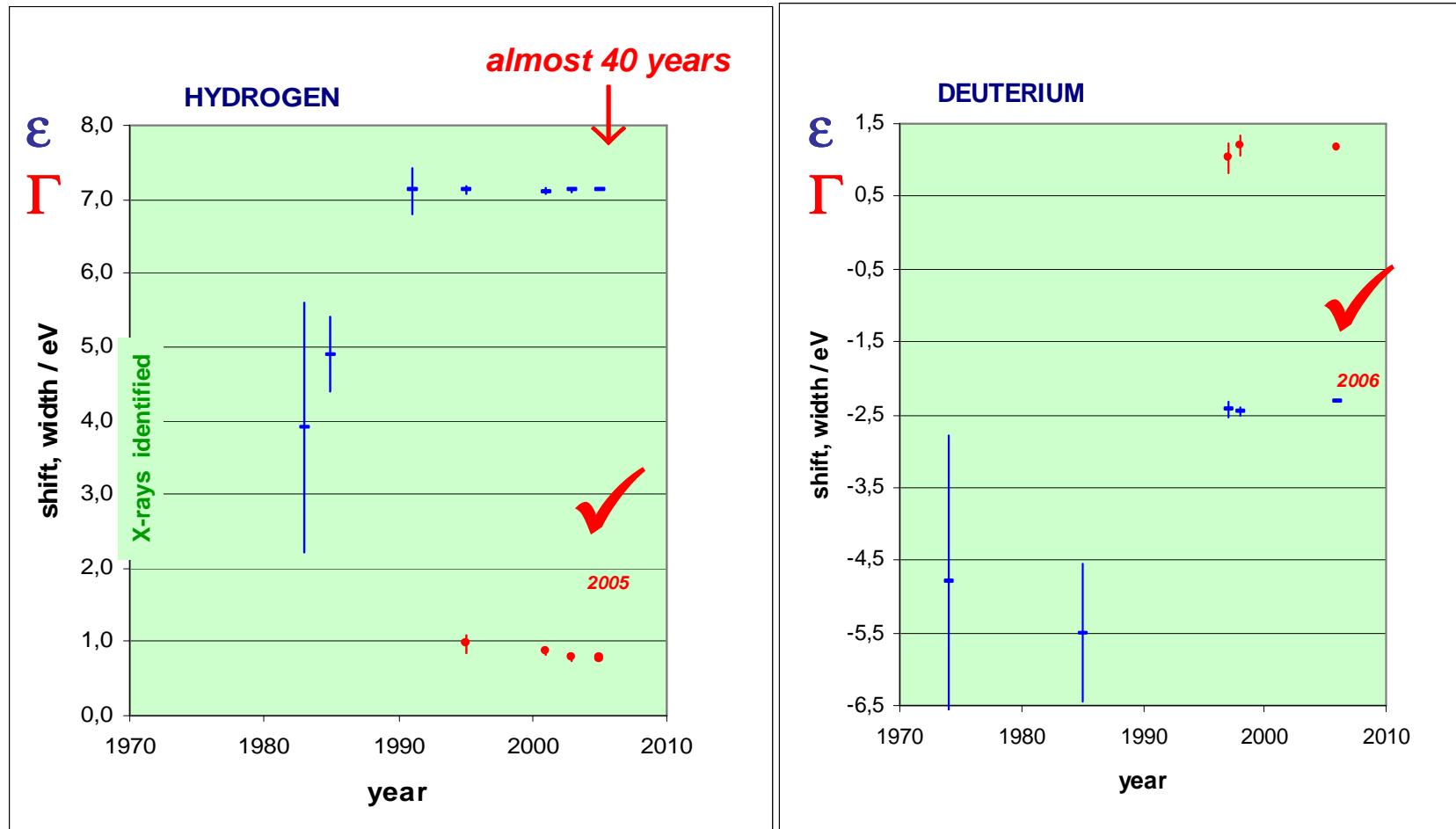


PROTONIUM - EXPERIMENT

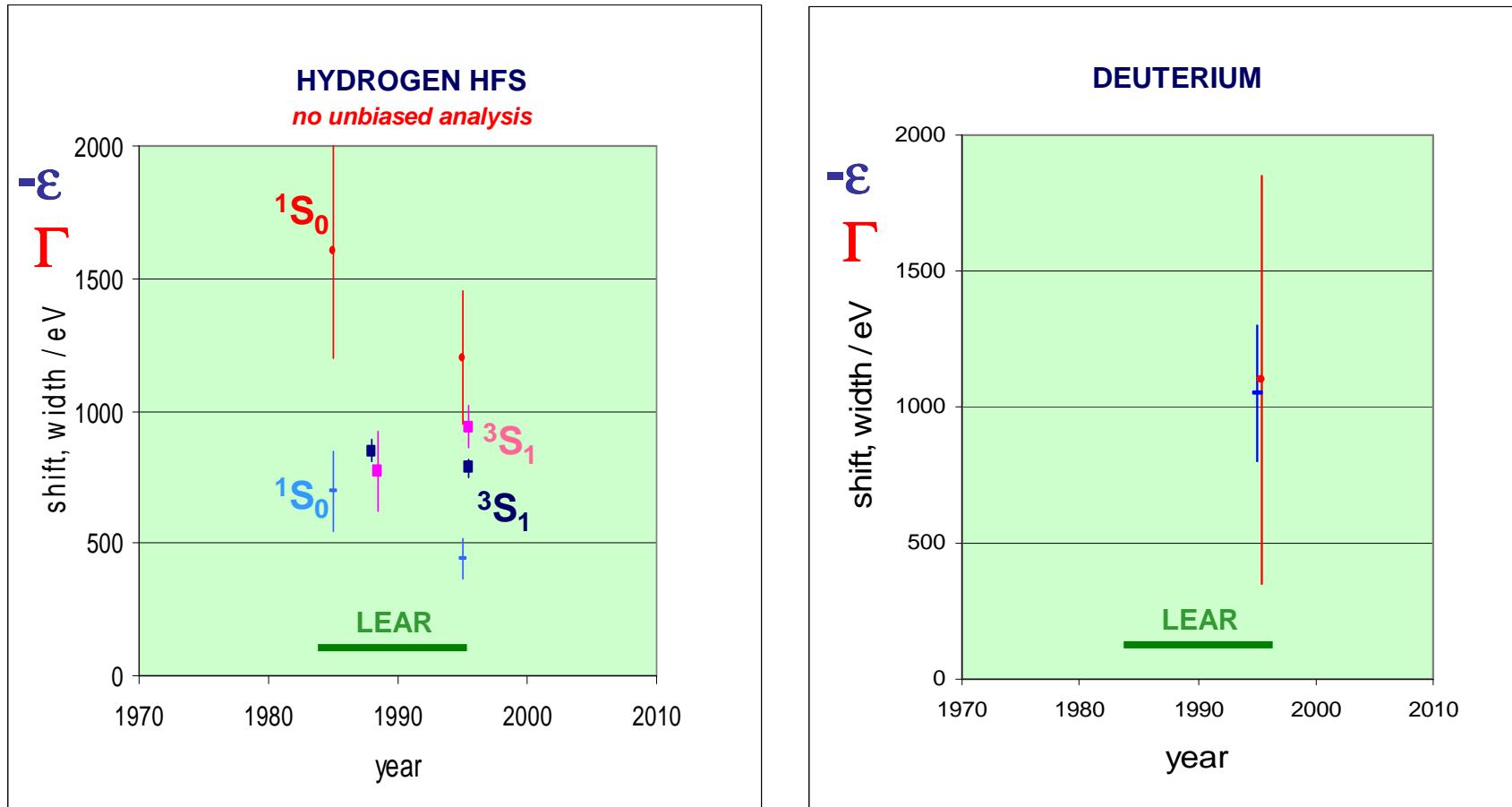


SUMMARY

PIONIC HYDROGEN STORY



ANTIPROTONIC HYDROGEN STORY s -wave



still a lot to do !



THANK YOU