

# Parallel Session 1: Nuclear Physics

Studying Hadrons with Electron Beams

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Fundamental Physics and Applications

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# Outline

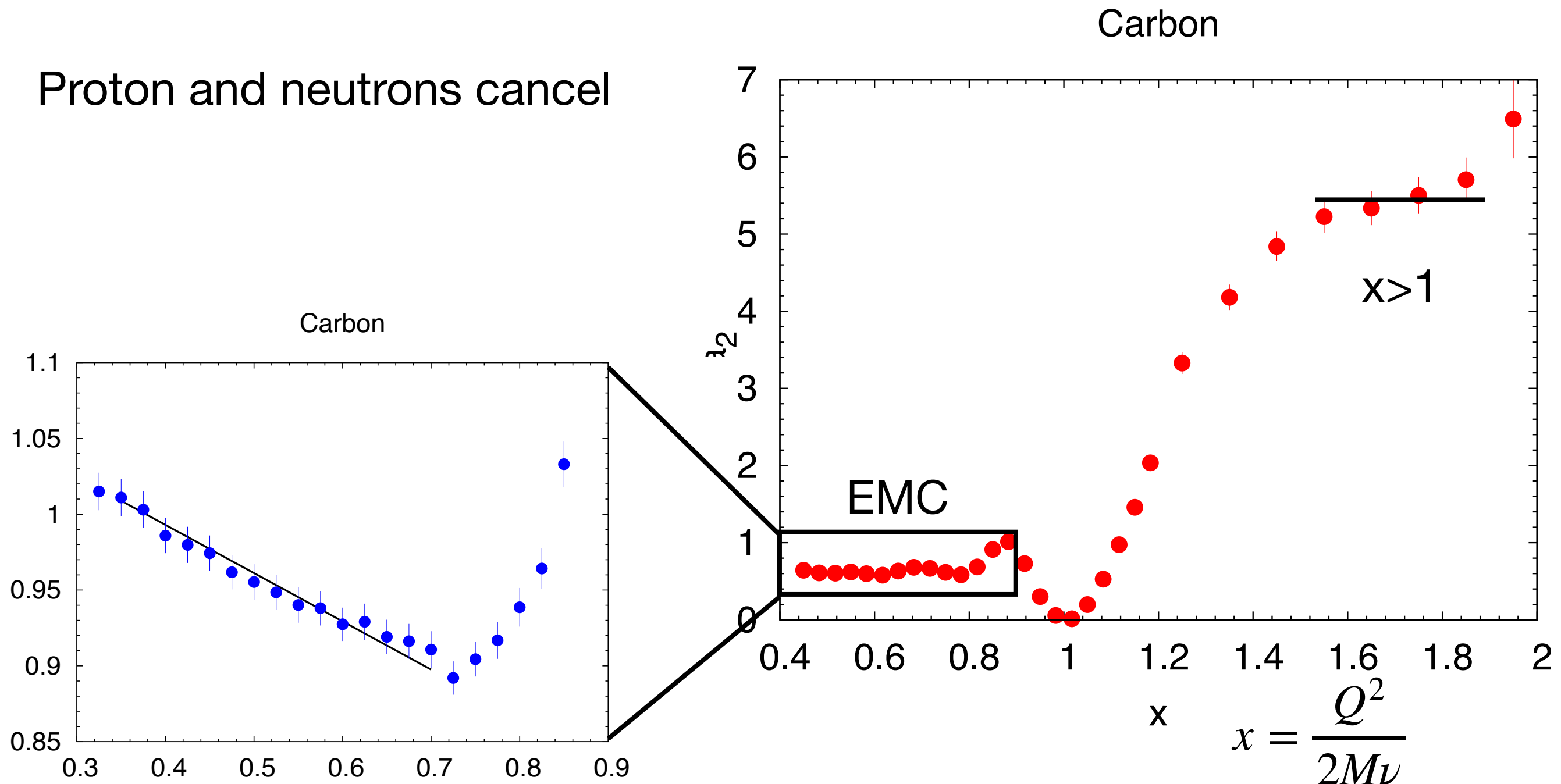
Introduction: what are we trying to learn?  
Introduction to electron scattering  
Form factors  
Deep inelastic scattering  
New insights about the nucleus  
Exotic spectroscopy

# The Nucleus

# DIS on Nuclei: The EMC Effect and $x > 1$

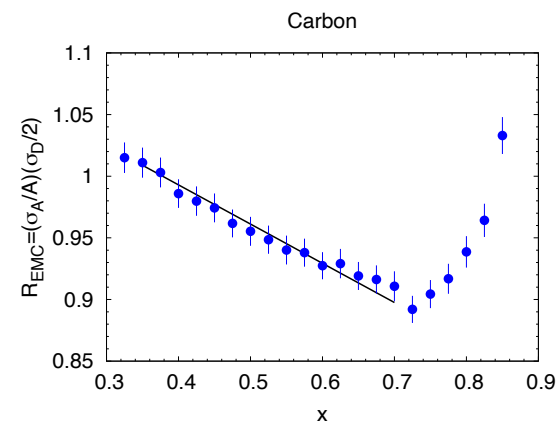
$$R = \frac{\sigma_{carbon}/12}{\sigma_{deutrium}/2} \leftarrow \text{very weakly bound}$$

Proton and neutrons cancel

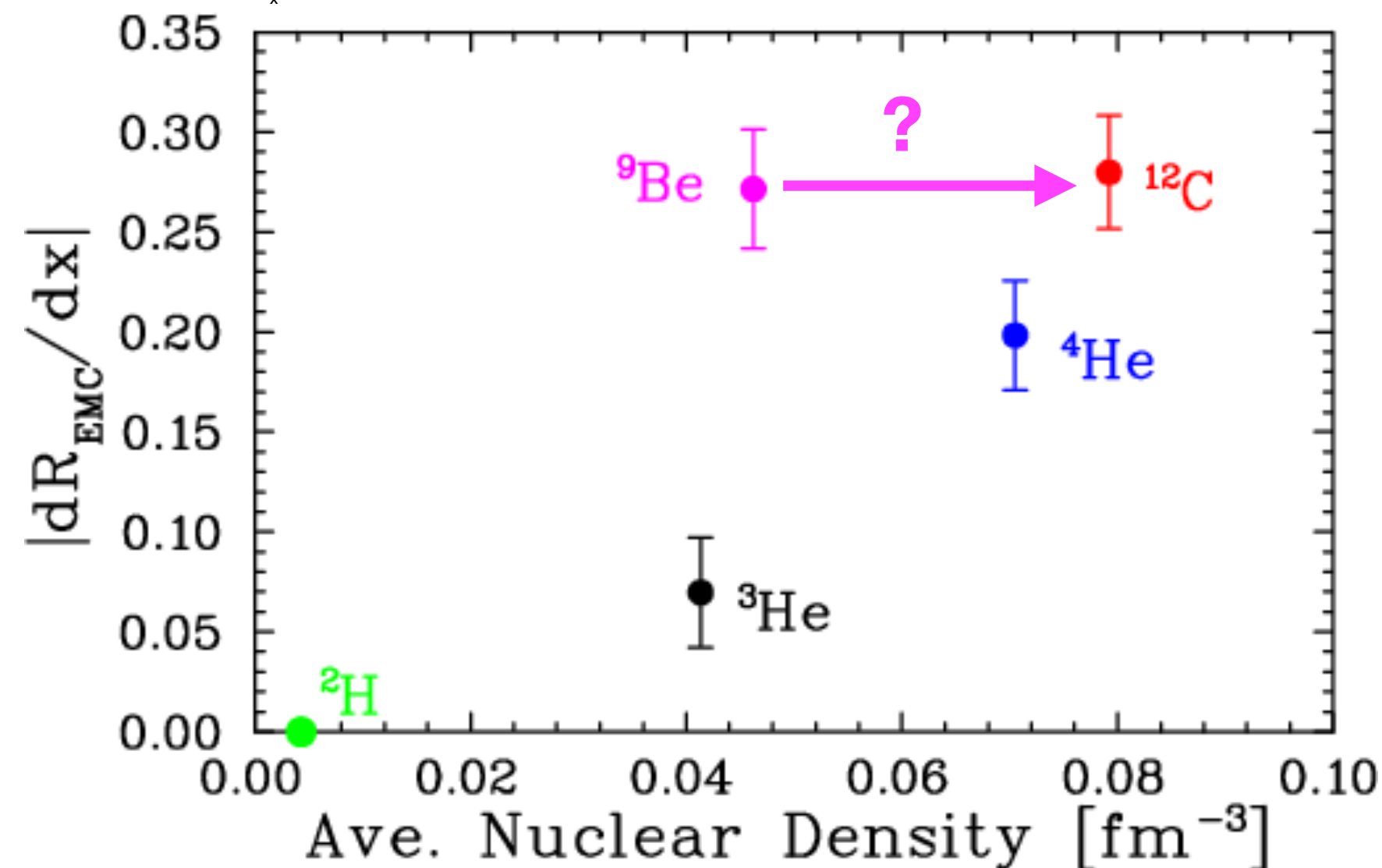


# The EMC Effect

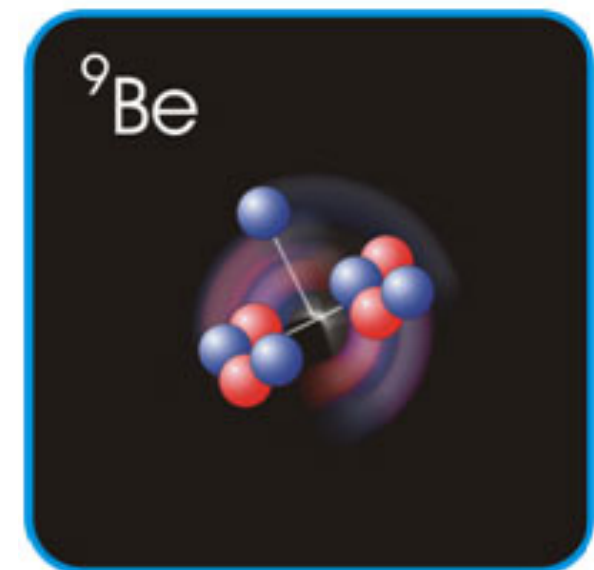
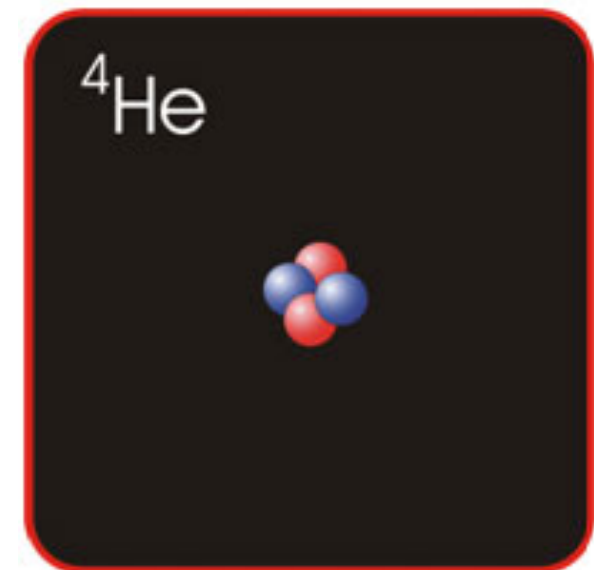
EMC effect scales with average nuclear density



$dR/dx$  = slope of line fit to  $A/D$  ratio over region  $x=0.3$  to  $0.7$



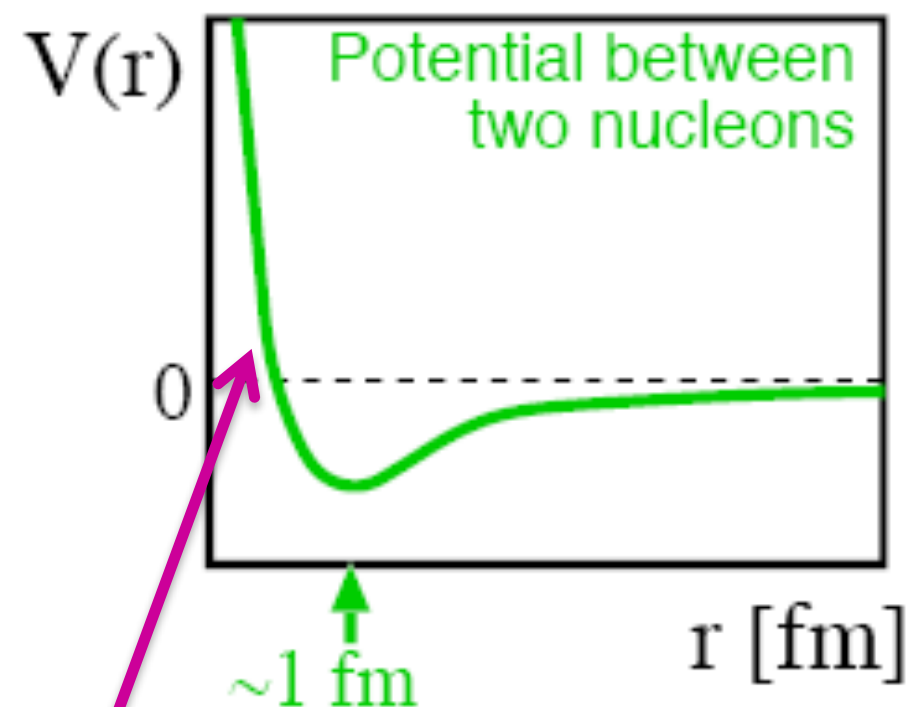
C. Seely, A. Daniel, et al, PRL 103, 202301 (2009)



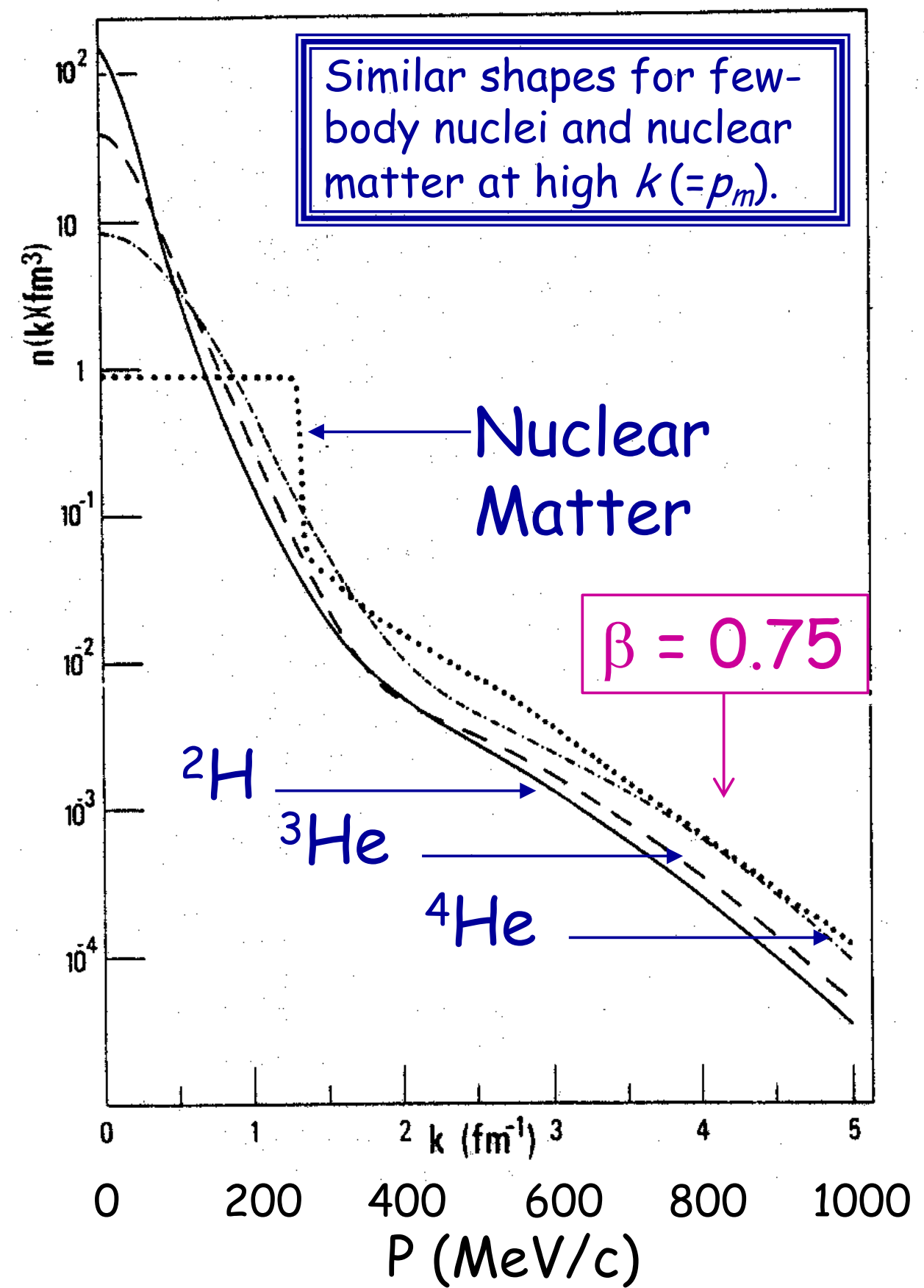
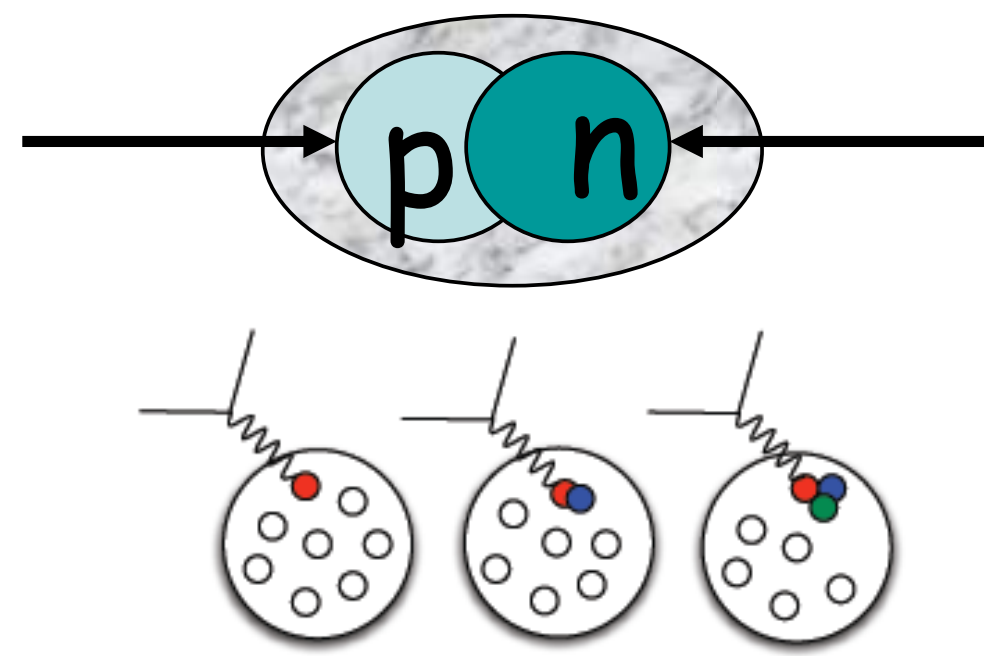
$^9\text{Be} = 2\alpha$  clusters +  
“extra” neutron

Suggests EMC effect  
depends on local  
nuclear environment

# Short Range Correlations

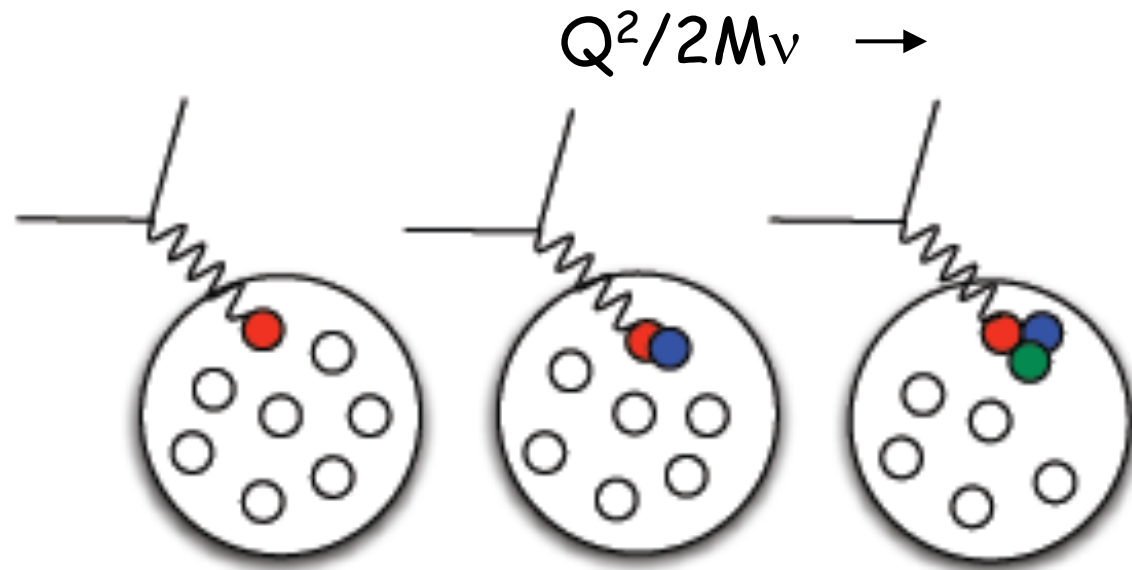


Short-range repulsive core gives rise to high proton momenta

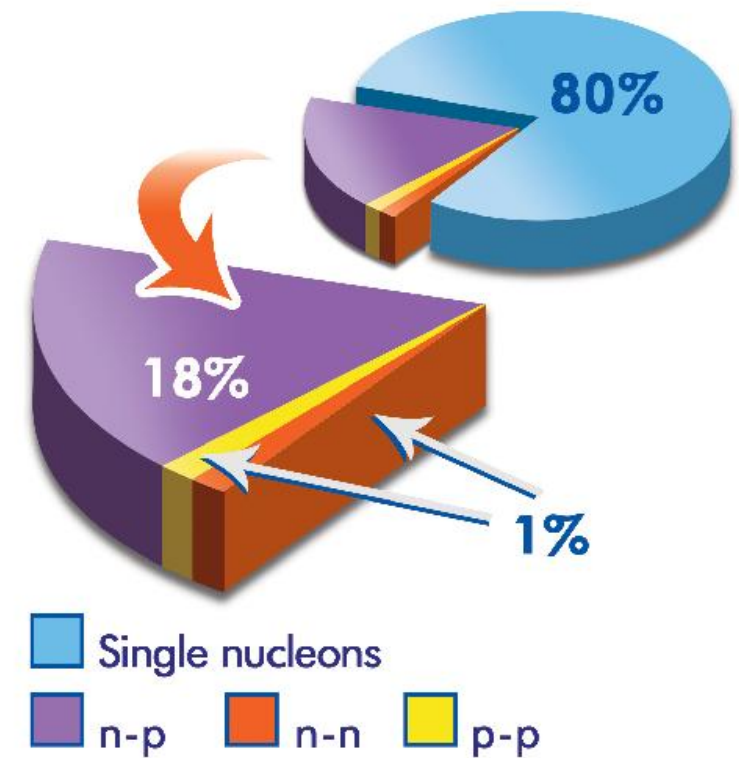


# Exclusive Varification

$$A(e,e')X, A = {}^3\text{He}, {}^4\text{He}, {}^{12}\text{C}, {}^{56}\text{Fe}$$



$$A(e,e'pN)X, A = {}^{12}\text{C}$$



## Measured Composition ( % )

	1N state	2N SRC
${}^2\text{H}$	<b>96</b> $\pm 0.7$	<b>4.0</b> $\pm 0.7$
${}^3\text{He}$	<b>92</b> $\pm 1.6$	<b>8.0</b> $\pm 1.6$
${}^4\text{He}$	<b>86</b> $\pm 3.3$	<b>15.4</b> $\pm 3.3$
${}^{12}\text{C}$	<b>80</b> $\pm 4.1$	<b>19.3</b> $\pm 4.1$
${}^{56}\text{Fe}$	<b>76</b> $\pm 4.7$	<b>23.0</b> $\pm 4.7$

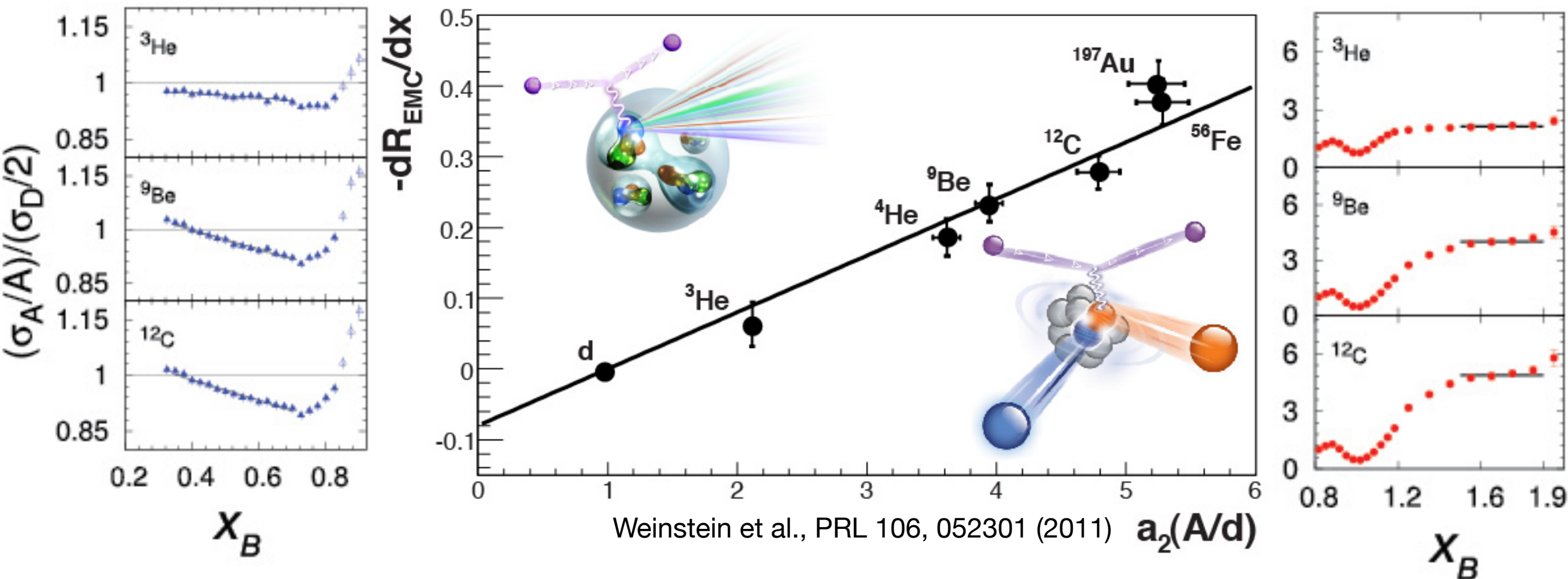
Proton-neutron rate is  $\sim 20 \times$  proton-proton rate  $\rightarrow$  two nucleons close together are almost always a p-n pair!  
Expected to be due to (**short-range**) **tensor correlations**.



# DIS on Nuclei: The EMC Effect and $x > 1$

SRC: nucleons see strong repulsive core at short distances

EMC effect: quark momentum in nucleus is altered



Correlation is suggestive of deeper relationship.

How do short range correlations the quark content of nucleon?



# Spectroscopy

# Constituent Quark Model

Classification scheme for hadrons in terms of “valence quarks” which give rise to the quantum numbers of hadrons.

$J^{PC}$  J- total angular momentum, P-symmetry and C-symmetry

SU(3) flavour “Eightfold way”

Organizes a huge number of hadrons

Symbol	Flavour	Electric charge (e)	Isospin	$I_3$	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
u	up	$+\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$+\frac{1}{2}$	$\approx 0.33$
d	down	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\approx 0.33$
c	charm	$+\frac{2}{3}$	0	0	$\approx 1.5$
s	strange	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	$\approx 0.5$
t	top	$+\frac{2}{3}$	0	0	$\approx 172$
b	bottom	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	$\approx 4.5$

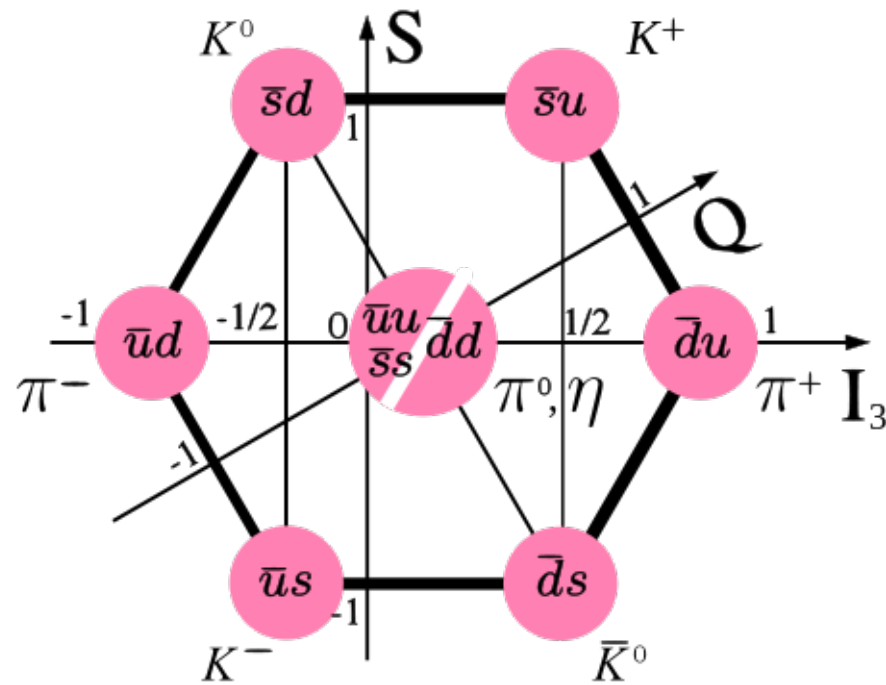
Baryon	Quark content	Spin	Isospin	$I_3$	Mass Mev/c <sup>2</sup>
$p$	$uud$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$+\frac{1}{2}$	938
$n$	$udd$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	940
$\Delta^{++}$	$uuu$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$+\frac{3}{2}$	1230
$\Delta^+$	$uud$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$+\frac{1}{2}$	1230
$\Delta^0$	$udd$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1230
$\Delta^-$	$ddd$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	1230

Meson	Quark content	Spin	Isospin	$I_3$	Mass Mev/c <sup>2</sup>
$\pi^+$	$u\bar{d}$	0	1	+1	140
$\pi^0$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (u\bar{u} - d\bar{d})$	0	1	0	135
$\pi^-$	$d\bar{u}$	0	1	-1	140
$\rho^+$	$u\bar{d}$	1	1	+1	770
$\rho^0$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (u\bar{u} - d\bar{d})$	1	1	0	770
$\rho^-$	$d\bar{u}$	1	1	-1	770
$\omega$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})$	1	0	0	782

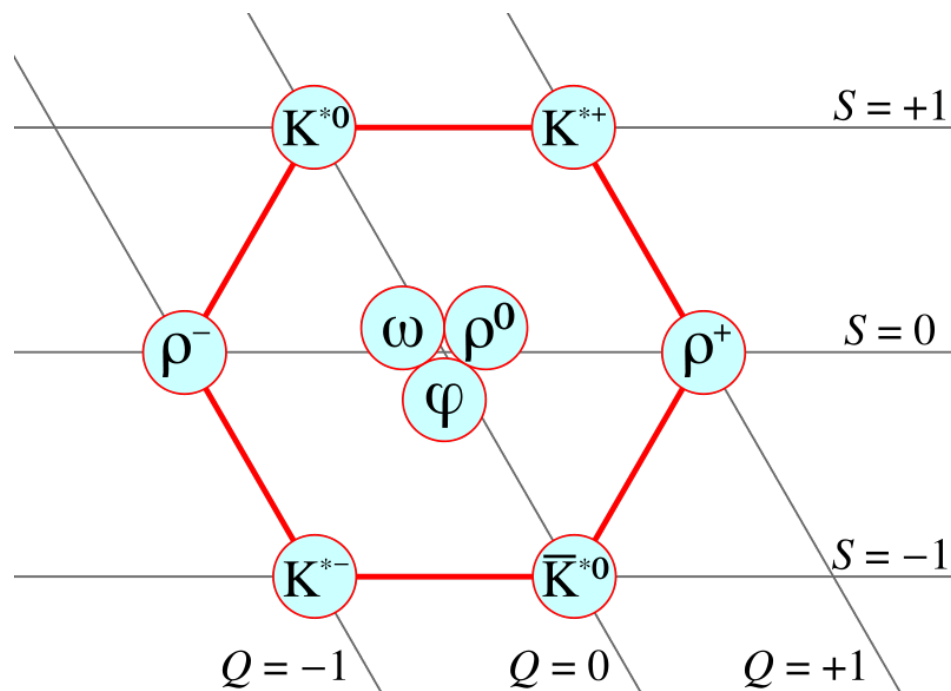
Baryon	Quark content	Spin	Isospin	$I_3$	Mass Mev/c <sup>2</sup>
$\Sigma^+$	$uus$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	+1	1189
$\Sigma^0$	$uds$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1193
$\Sigma^-$	$dds$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	-1	1189
$\Xi^0$	$uss$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$+\frac{1}{2}$	1314
$\Xi^-$	$dss$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1321
$\Lambda$	$uds$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1115
$\Sigma^{*+}$	$uus$	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	+1	1385
$\Sigma^{*0}$	$uds$	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	0	1385
$\Sigma^{*-}$	$dds$	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	-1	1385
$\Xi^{*0}$	$uss$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$+\frac{1}{2}$	1530
$\Xi^{*-}$	$dss$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1530
$\Omega^-$	$sss$	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	1672

# Mesons

Ancient Greek μέσον (méson, “middle”)



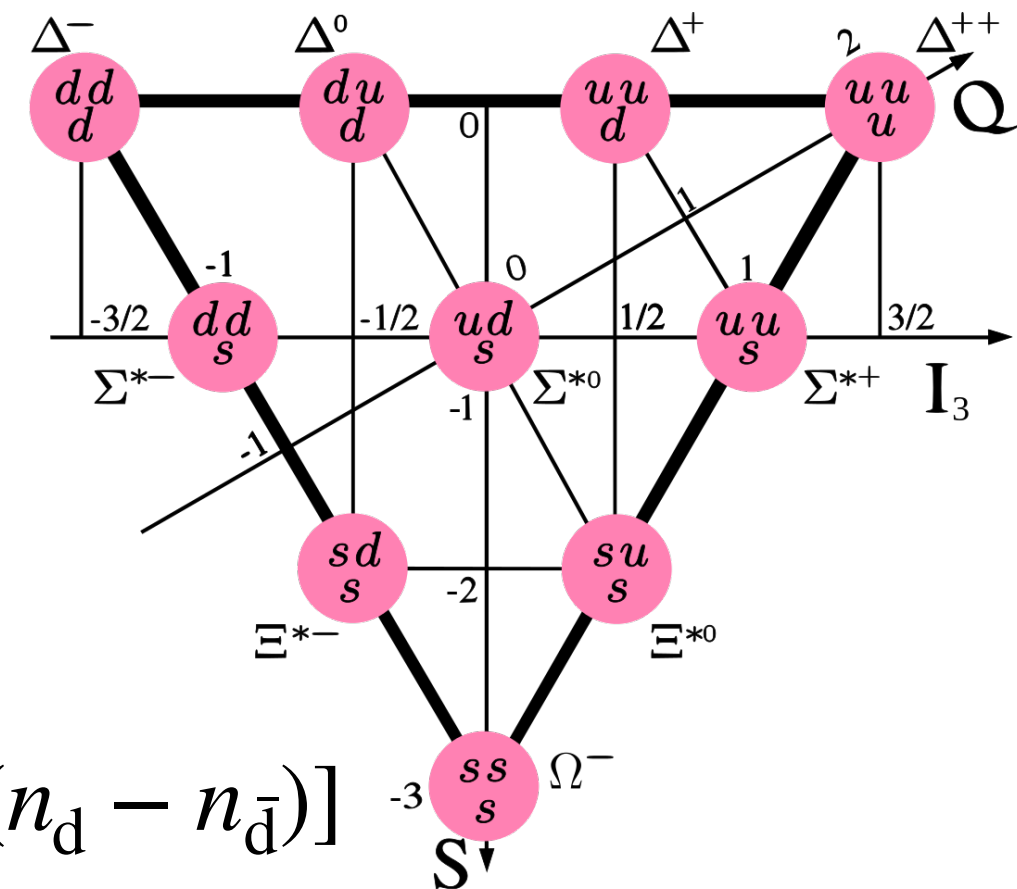
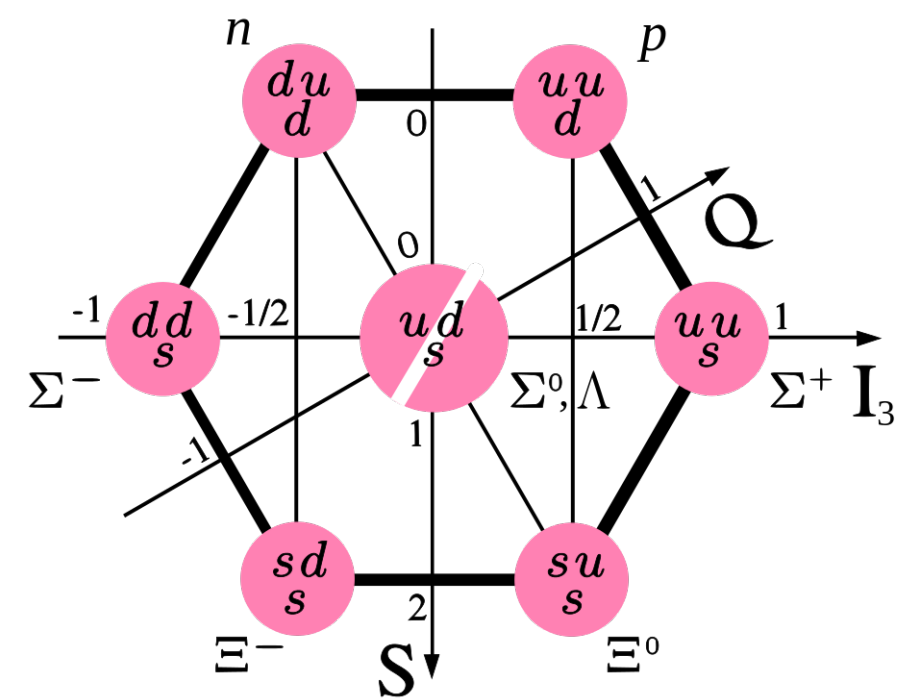
$$Q = I_3 + \frac{1}{2}(B + S)$$

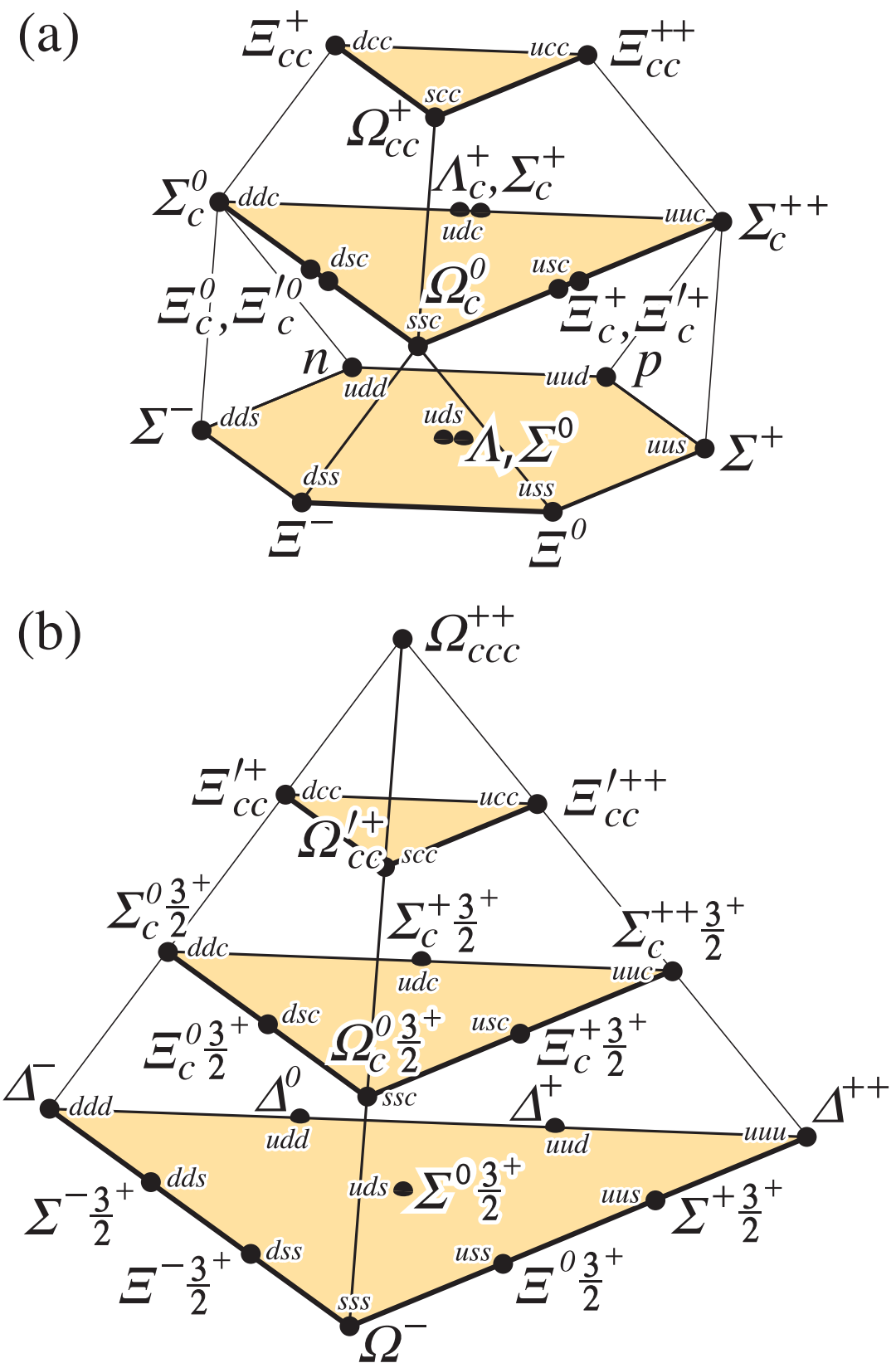
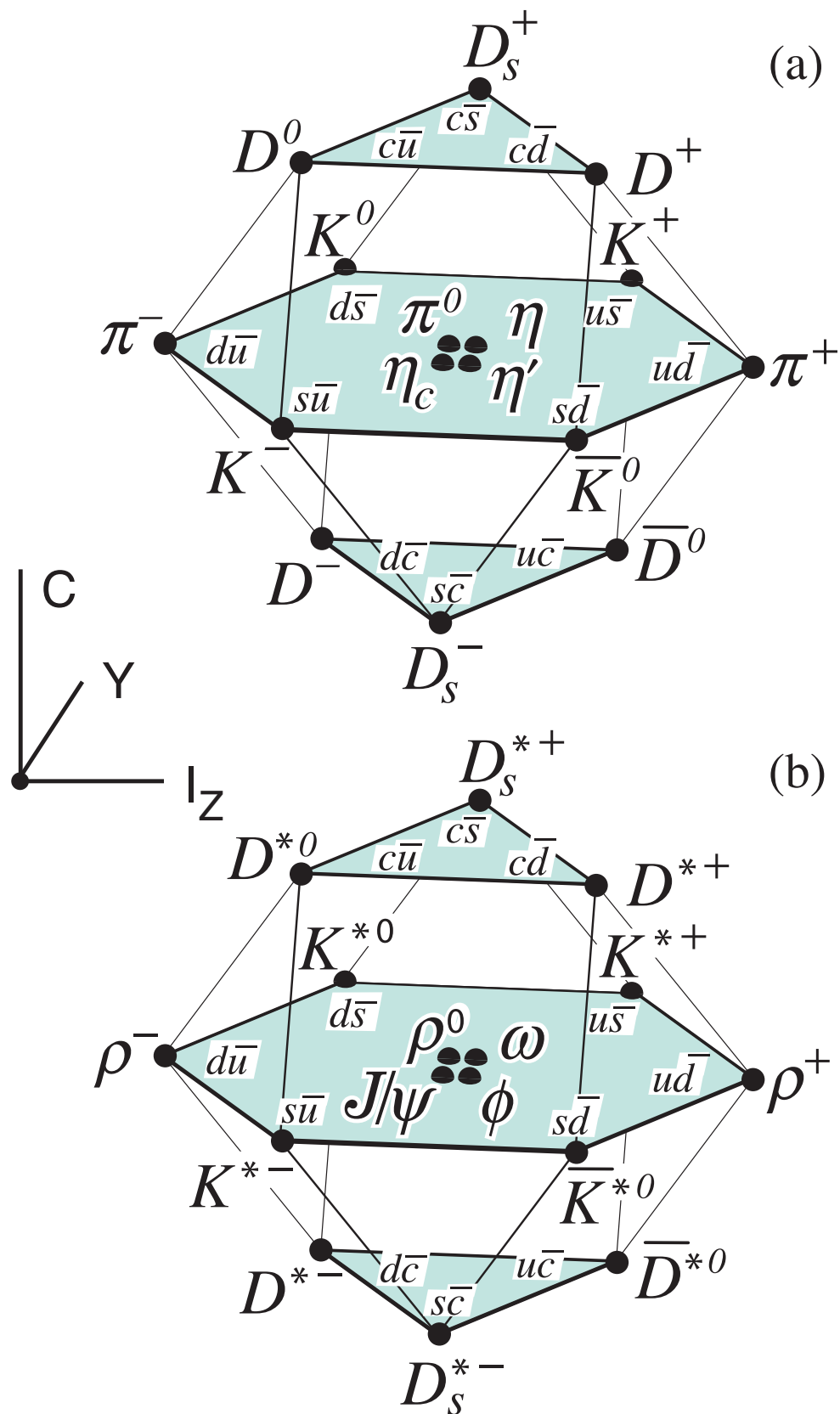


$$I_3 = \frac{1}{2}[(n_u - n_{\bar{u}}) - (n_d - n_{\bar{d}})]$$

# Baryons

Greek word for "heavy" (βαρύς, barýs)

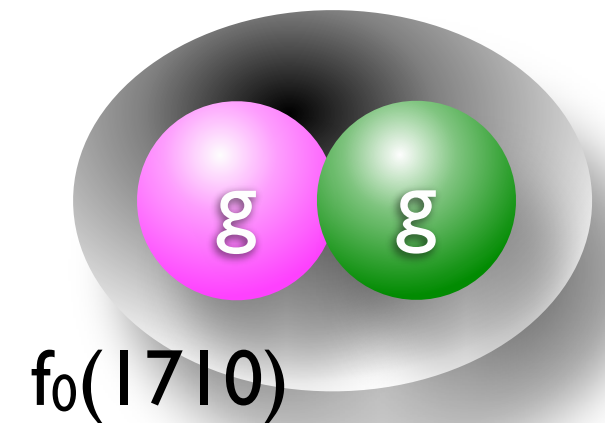




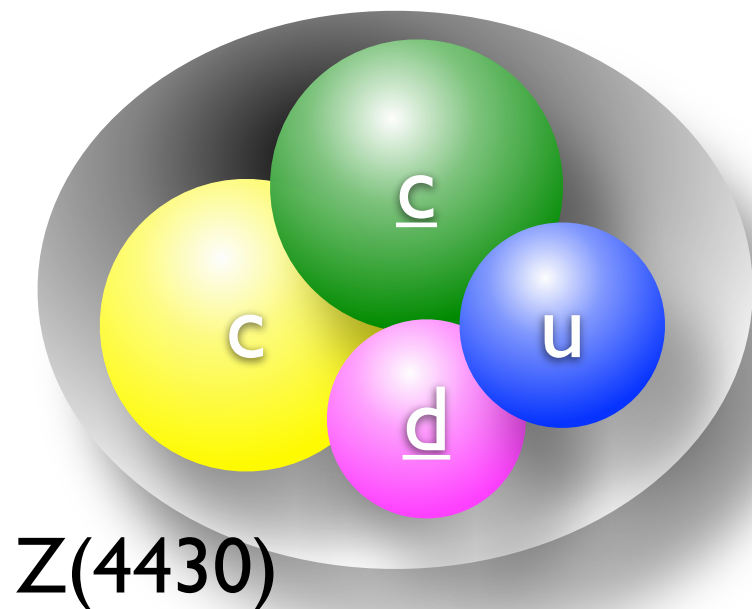
# Exotic Hadrons

Why don't we find other color-singlets?  
If they exist: what are their properties?  
Why are they so rare?

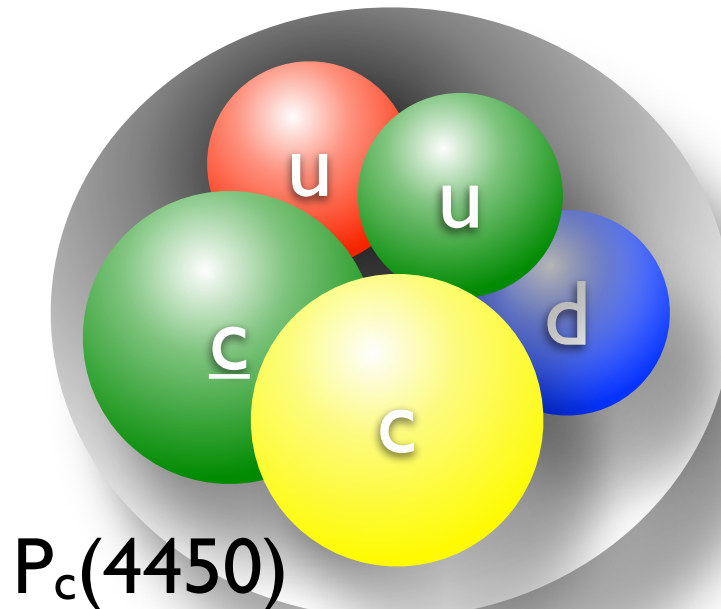
glueball



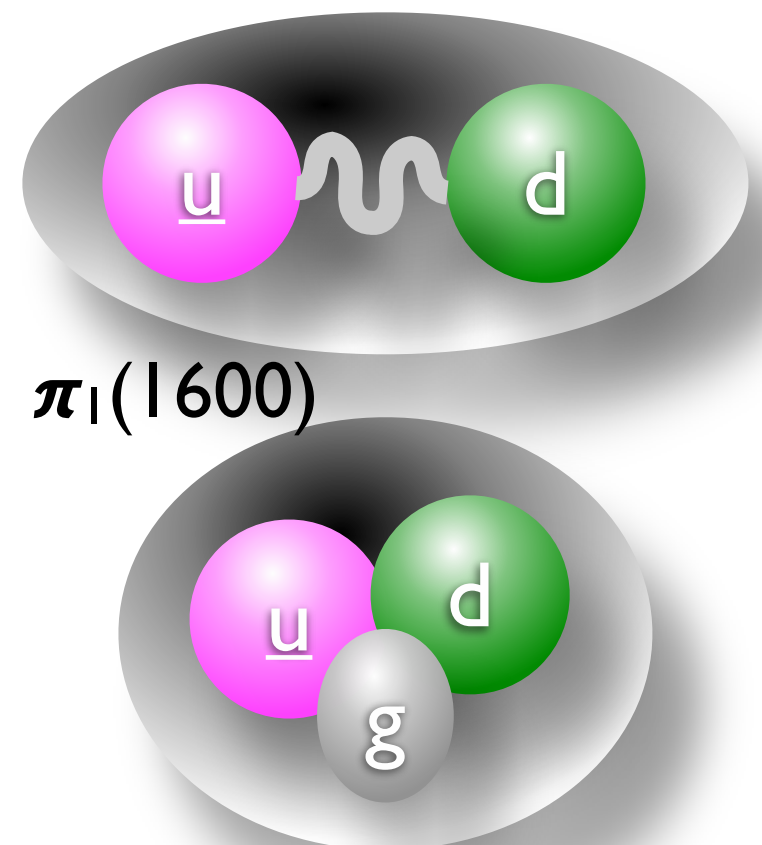
tetra-quark



penta-quark



hybrid meson



Evidence for resonant behavior  
PRL 112 (2014) 222002

PRL 115, 072001 (2015)



# Meson Quantum Numbers

Mesons have well defined quantum numbers:  
total spin J, parity P, and C-parity C represented as J<sup>PC</sup>

$$P(q\bar{q}) = (-1)^{L+1} \qquad \text{mirror}$$

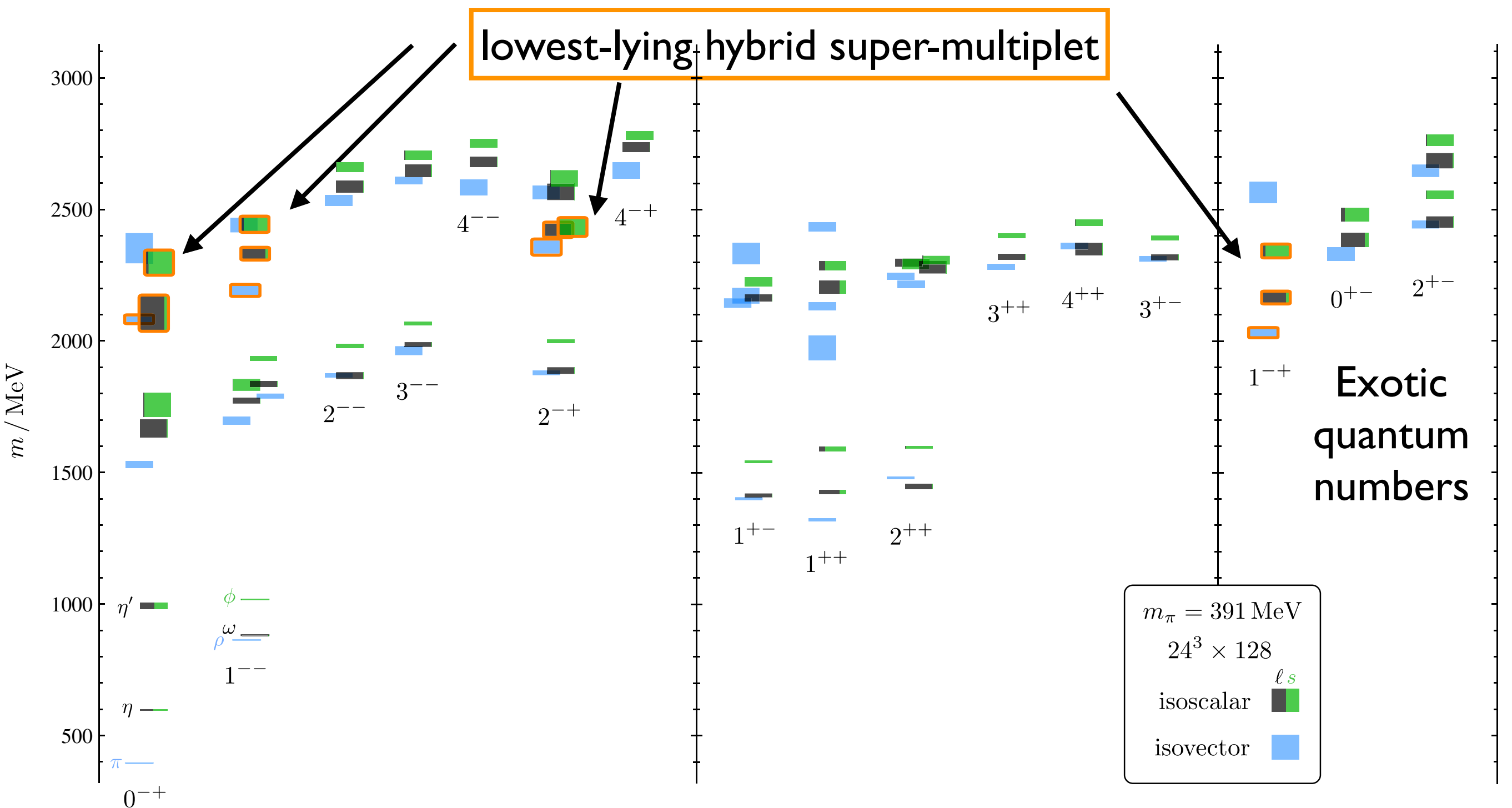
$$C(q\bar{q}) = (-1)^{L+S} \qquad \text{particle—anti-particle exchange}$$

S	L	J	P	C	J <sup>PC</sup>	Mesons				Type
0	0	0	—	+	0 <sup>—+</sup>	$\pi$	$\eta$	$\eta'$	$K$	pseudoscaler
1	0	1	—	—	1 <sup>—</sup>	$\rho$	$\omega$	$\phi$	$K^*$	vector
0	1	1	+	—	1 <sup>+</sup> —	$b_1$	$h_1$	$h'_1$	$K_1$	axial vector
1	1	0	+	+	0 <sup>++</sup>	$a_0$	$f_0$	$f'_0$	$K_0^*$	scaler
1	1	1	+	+	1 <sup>++</sup>	$a_1$	$f_1$	$f'_1$	$K_1^*$	axial vector
1	1	2	+	+	2 <sup>++</sup>	$a_2$	$f_2$	$f'_2$	$K_2^*$	tensor

explicitly exotic quantum numbers

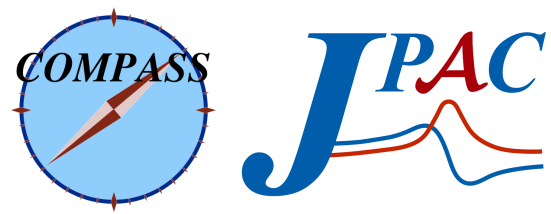
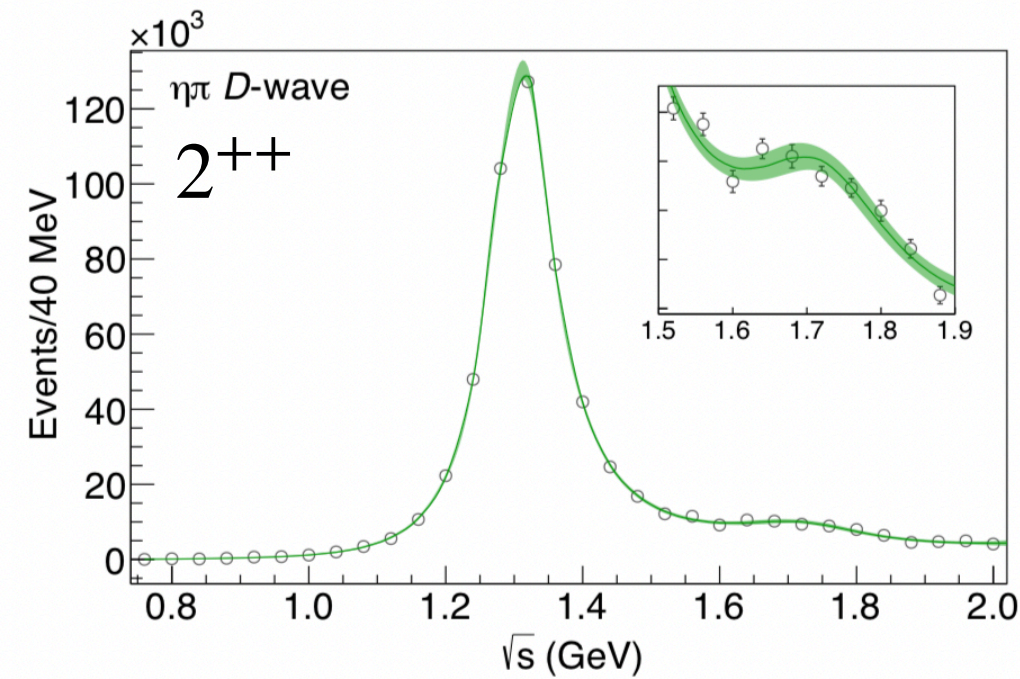
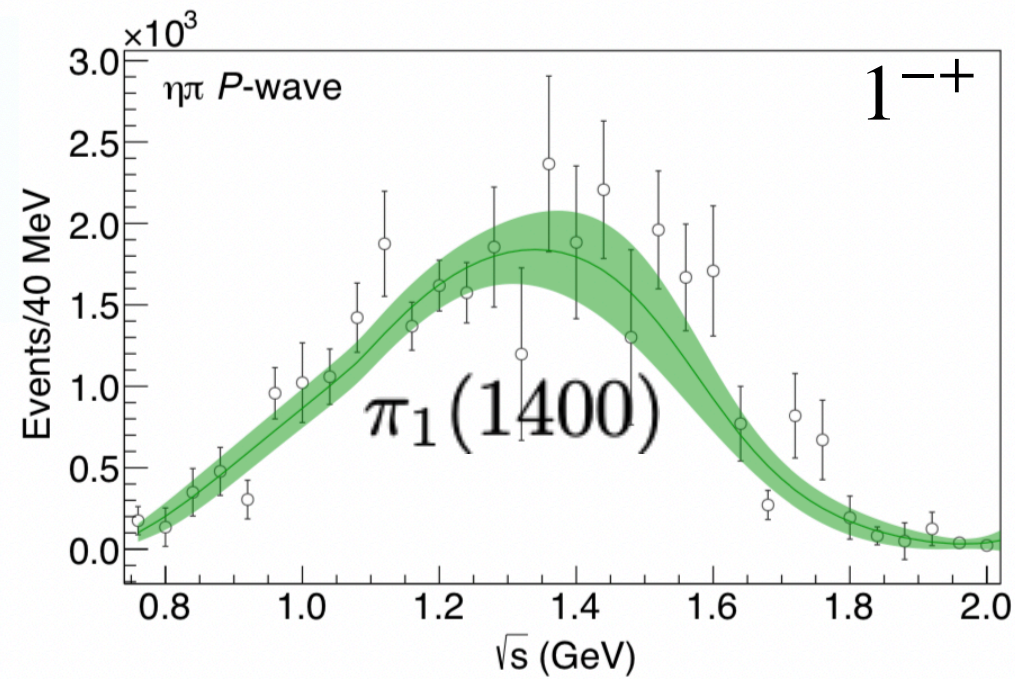
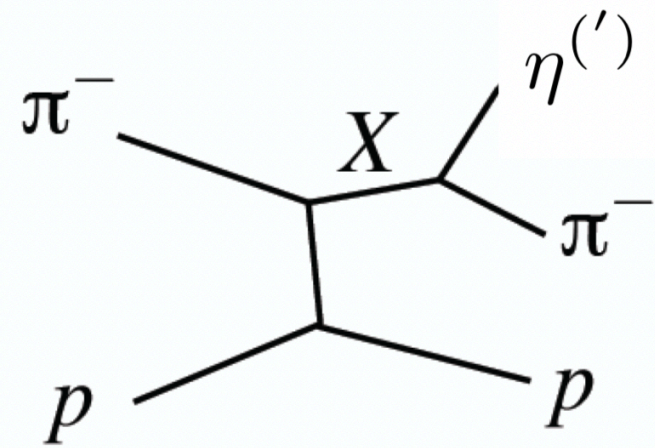
$$0^{--}, 0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, 2^{+-}, 3^{-+}, \dots$$

# Light Quark Mesons from Lattice

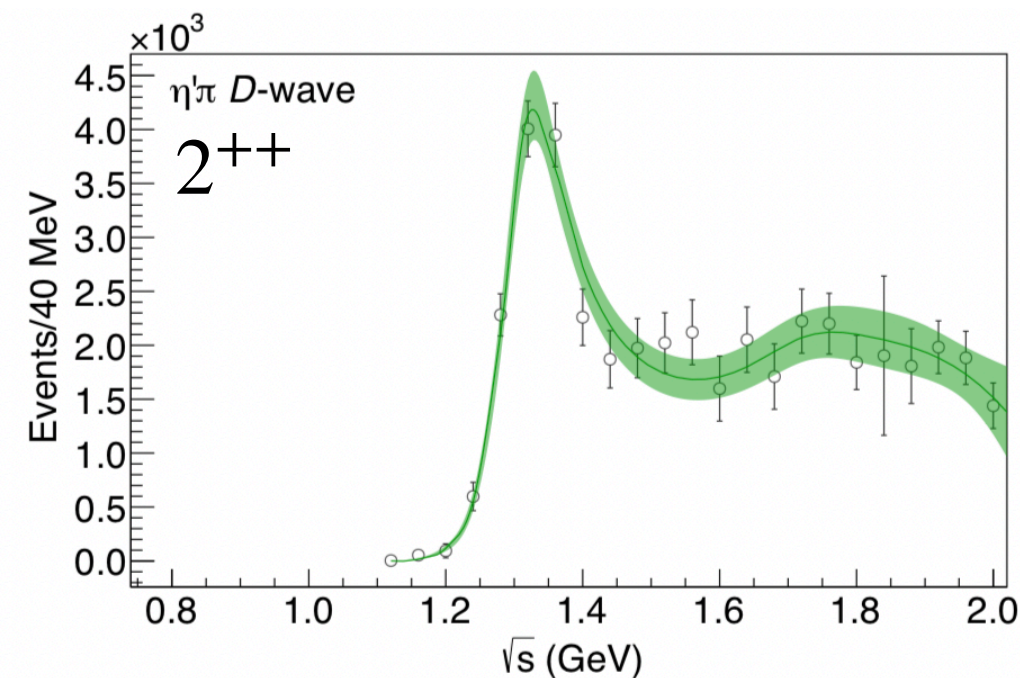
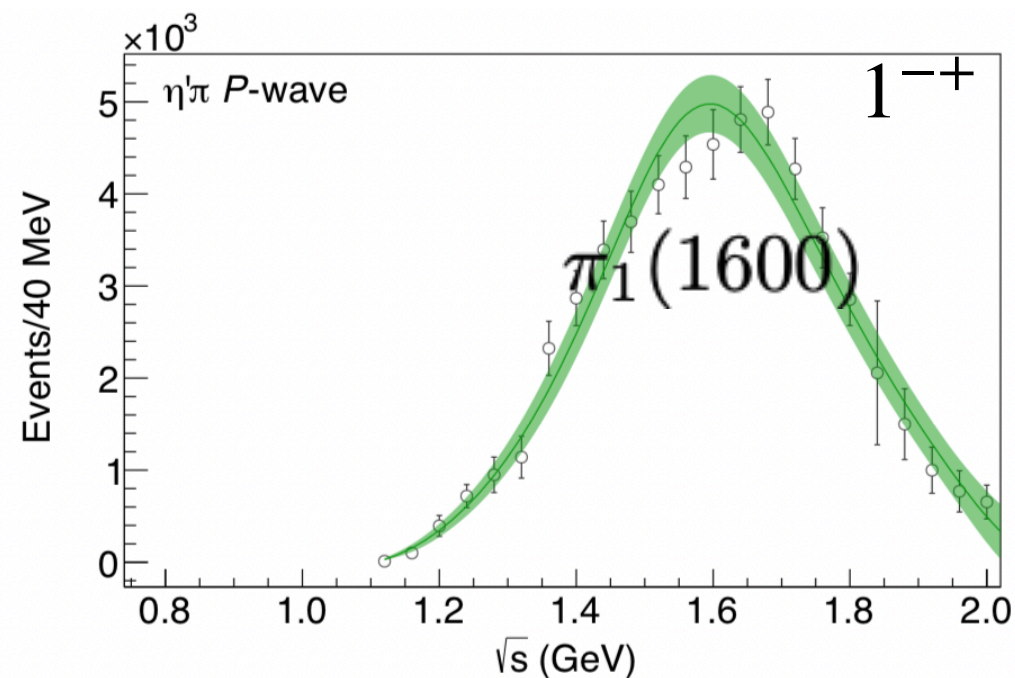


Dudek et al. PRD 88 (2013) 094505

# $\eta\pi/\eta'\pi$ spectroscopy

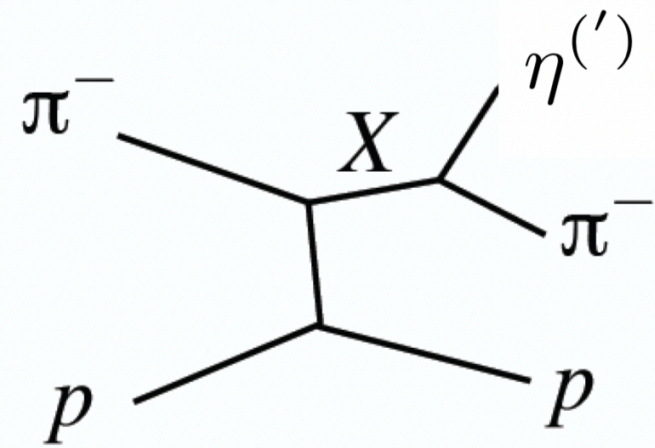


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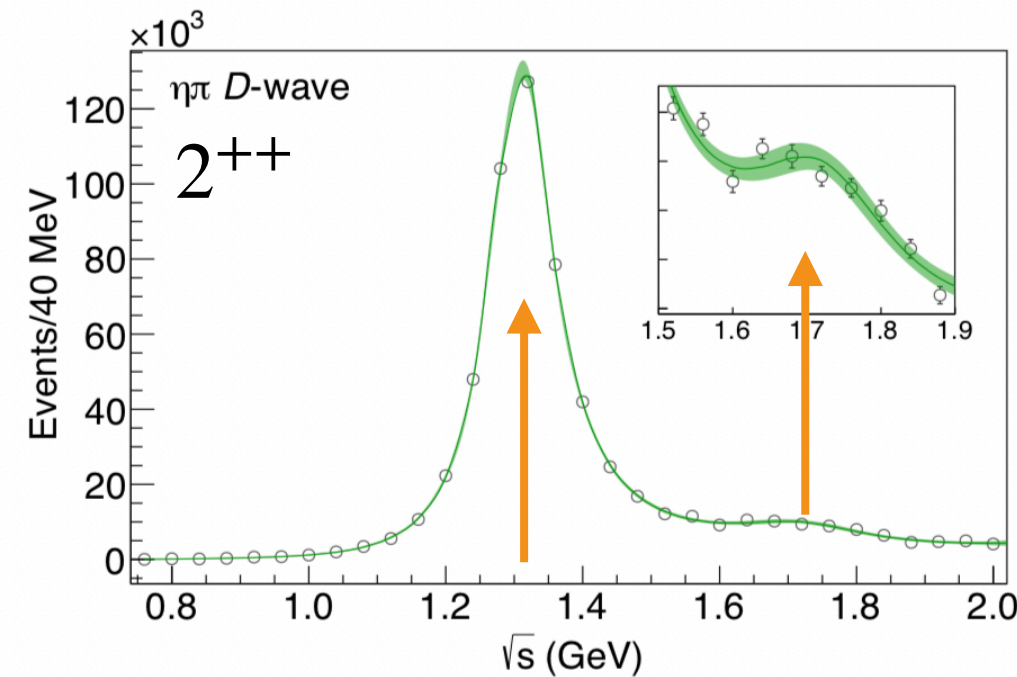
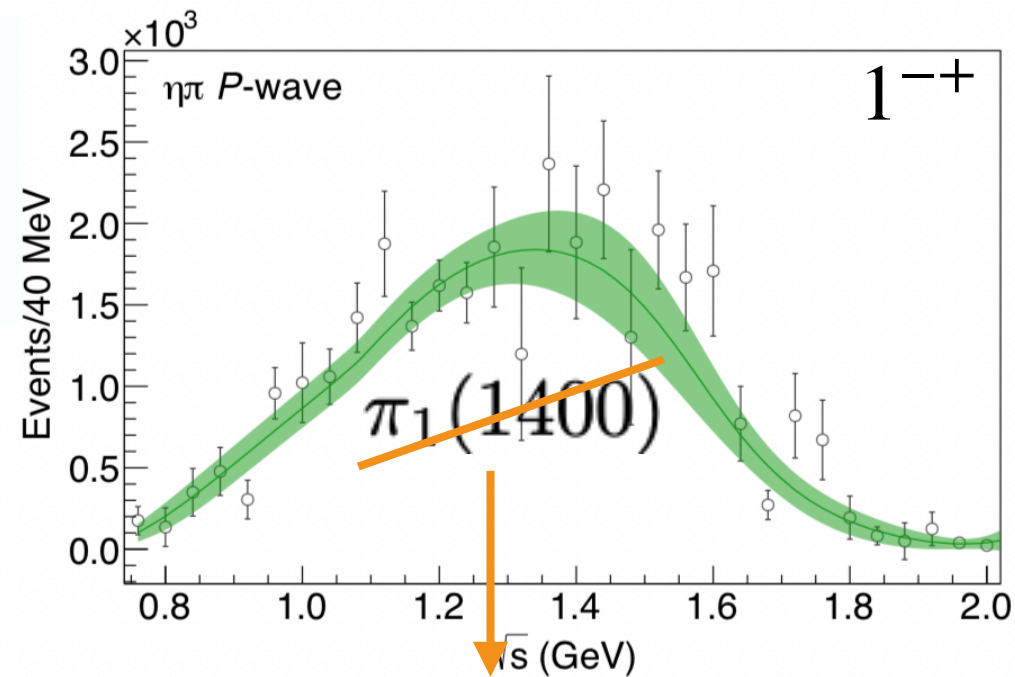




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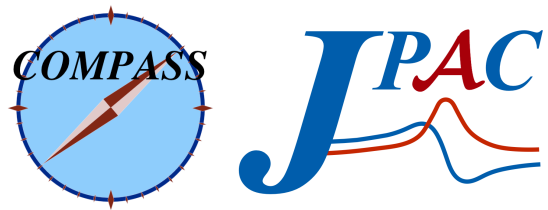
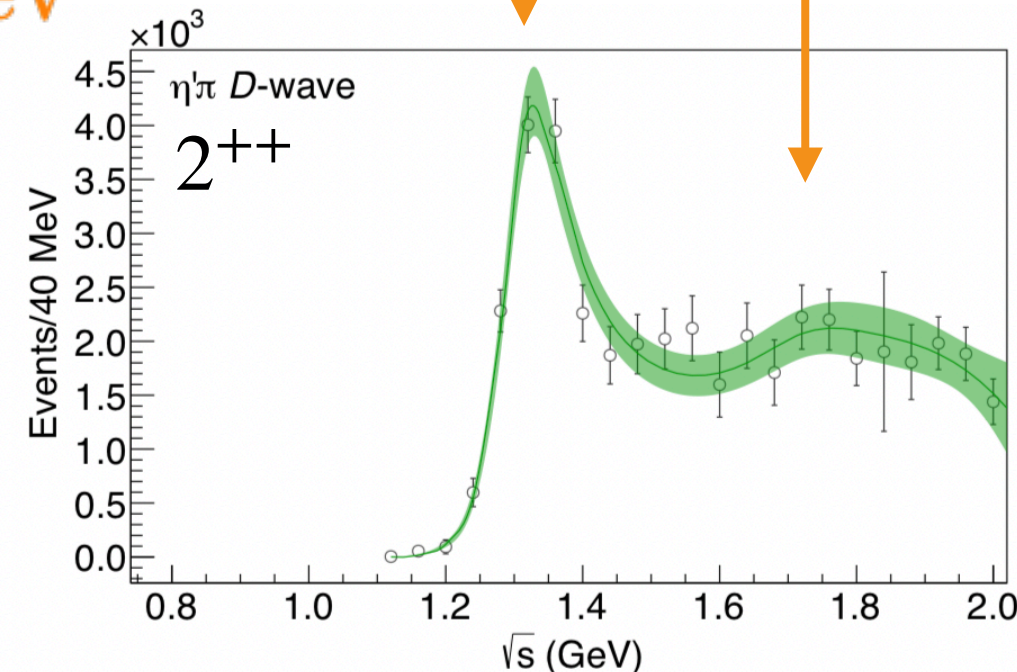
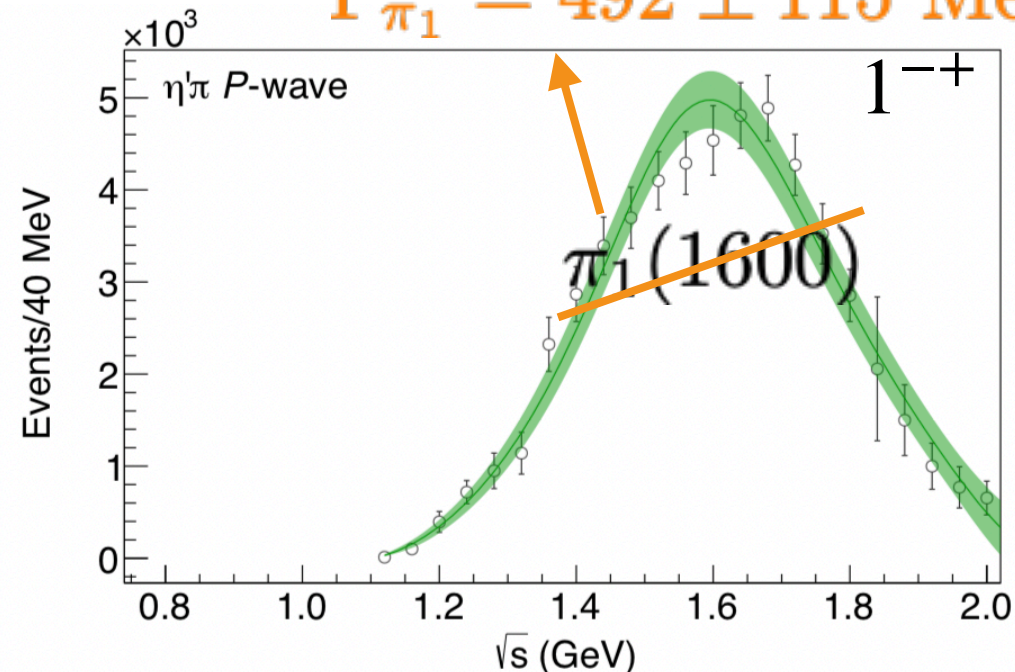


coupled channel fit to  $\eta\pi$  and  $\eta'\pi$  determine pole positions for  $a_2$ ,  $a_2'$ , and exotic  $\pi_1$

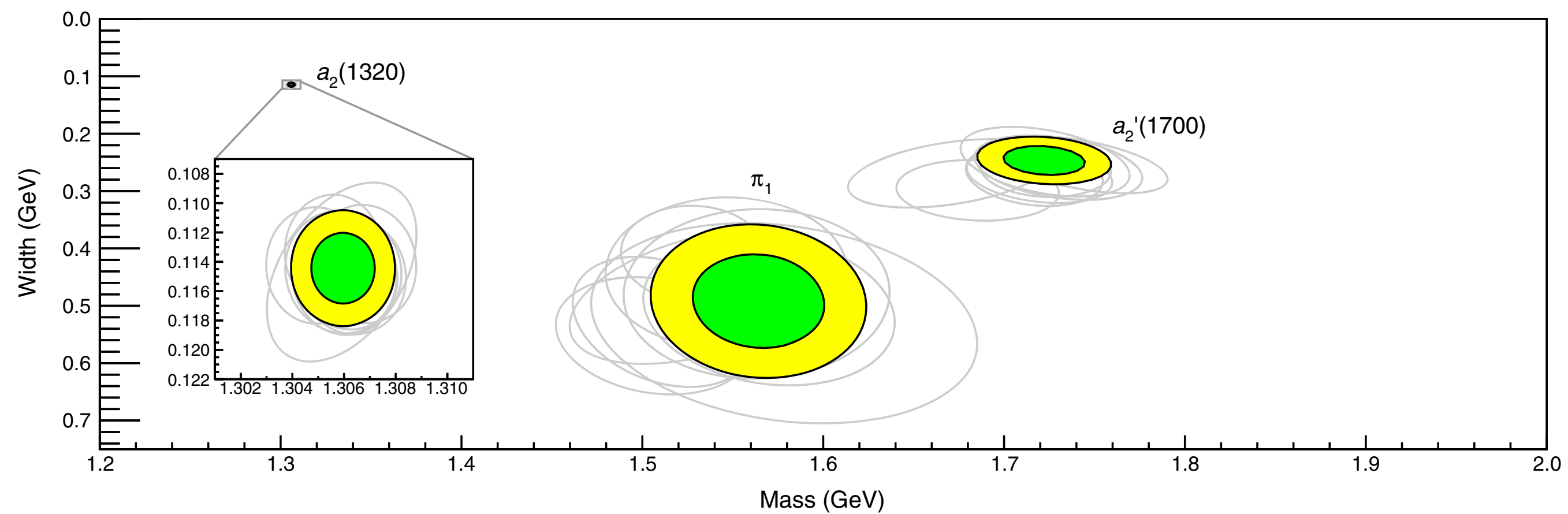


$$M_{\pi_1} = 1564 \pm 89 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma_{\pi_1} = 492 \pm 115 \text{ MeV}$$



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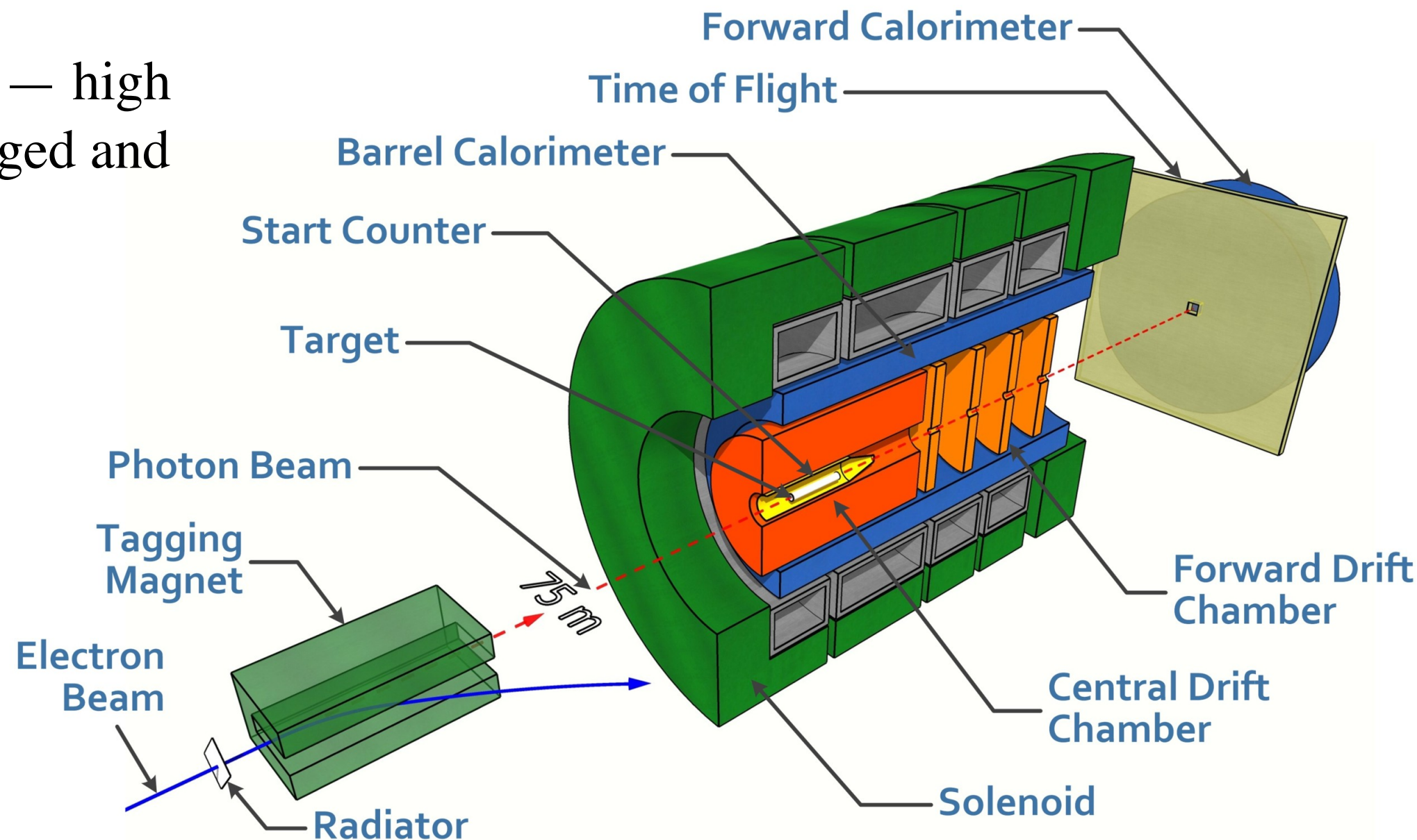
# Experiment and Detector

Hall D at Jefferson Lab

Linearly polarized photon beam

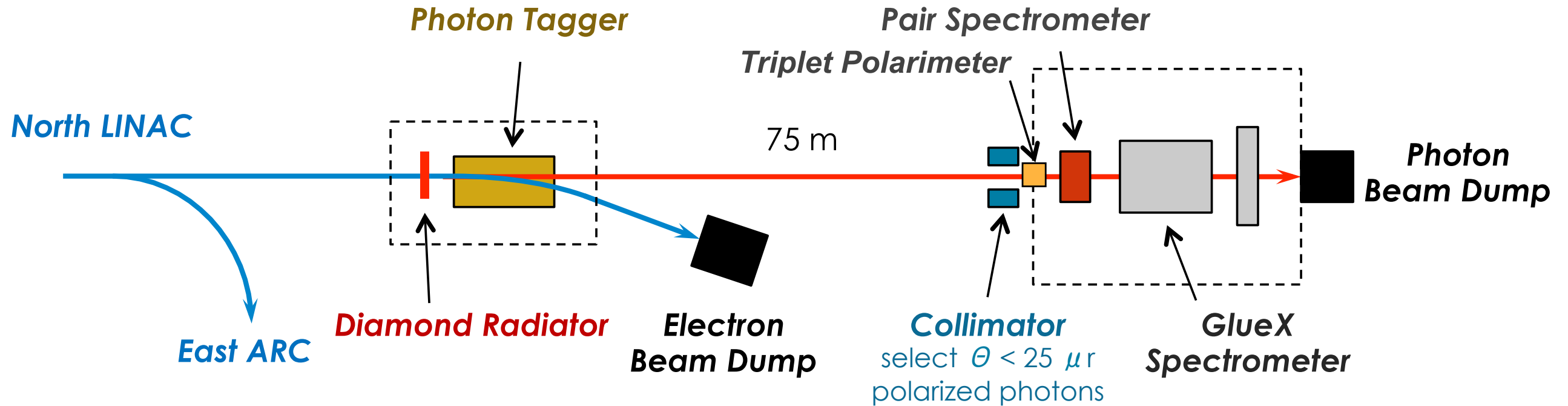
Proton target

Hermetic detector — high efficiency for charged and neutral particles



[Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A987, 164807 \(2021\)](#)

# Photon Beamline



~12 GeV electrons from CEBAF  
Coherent bremsstrahlung on thin  
diamond wafer

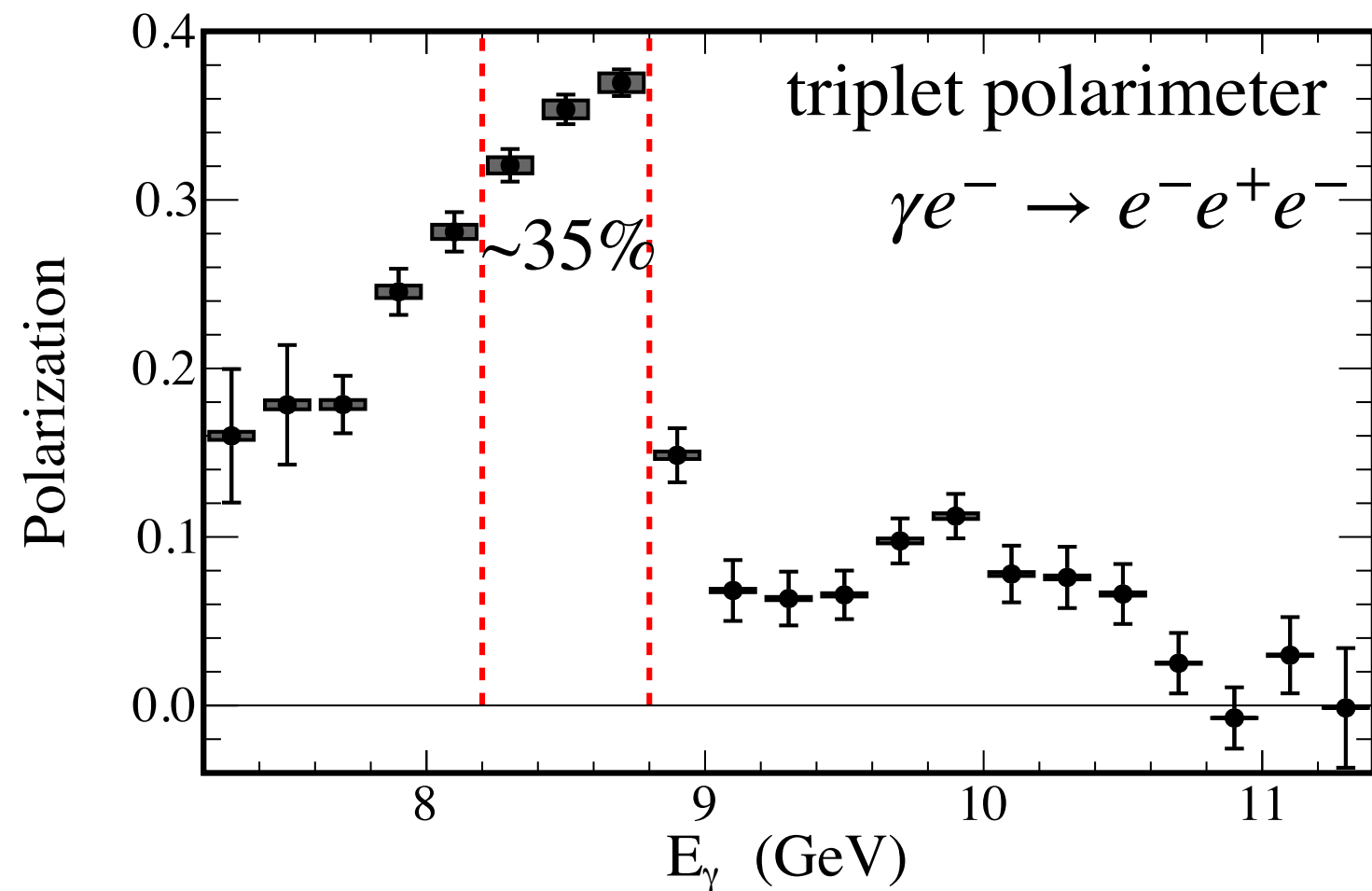
Linearly polarized in coherent  
peak ~35%

Tagged photon energy

GlueX phase 1 tagged luminosity

8.2 - 8.8 GeV    125 pb<sup>-1</sup>

6.0 - 11.6 GeV    440 pb<sup>-1</sup>





# Summary

Electron scattering is a versatile and powerful experimental technique

It continues to provide new insights in nucleon structure and nuclear structure and the spectroscopy of strongly interacting systems.