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# **Nishina-center's vision on FQSP and EIC**

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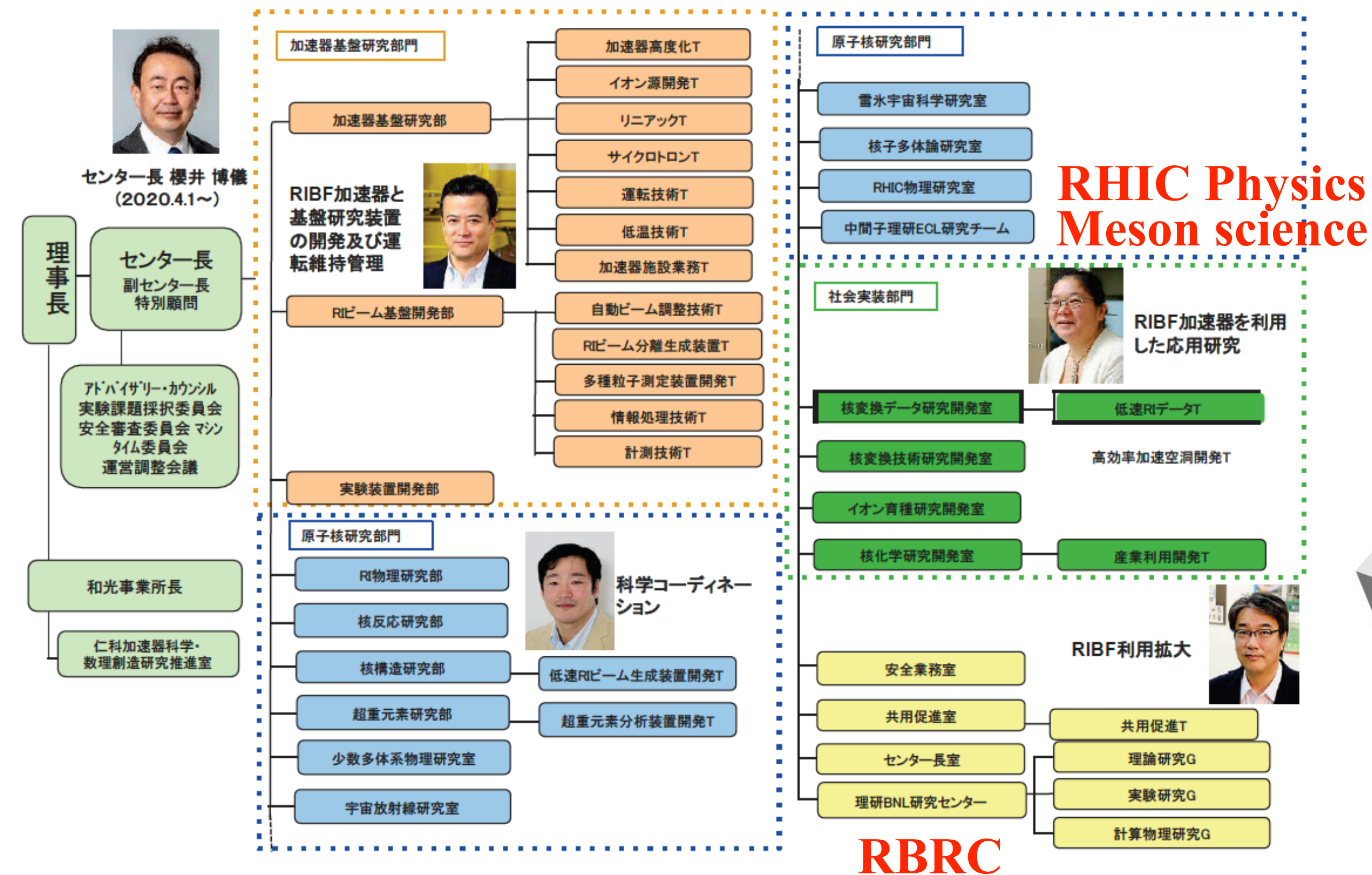
## 3 divisions

**Accelerator division** (3 groups+12 teams)

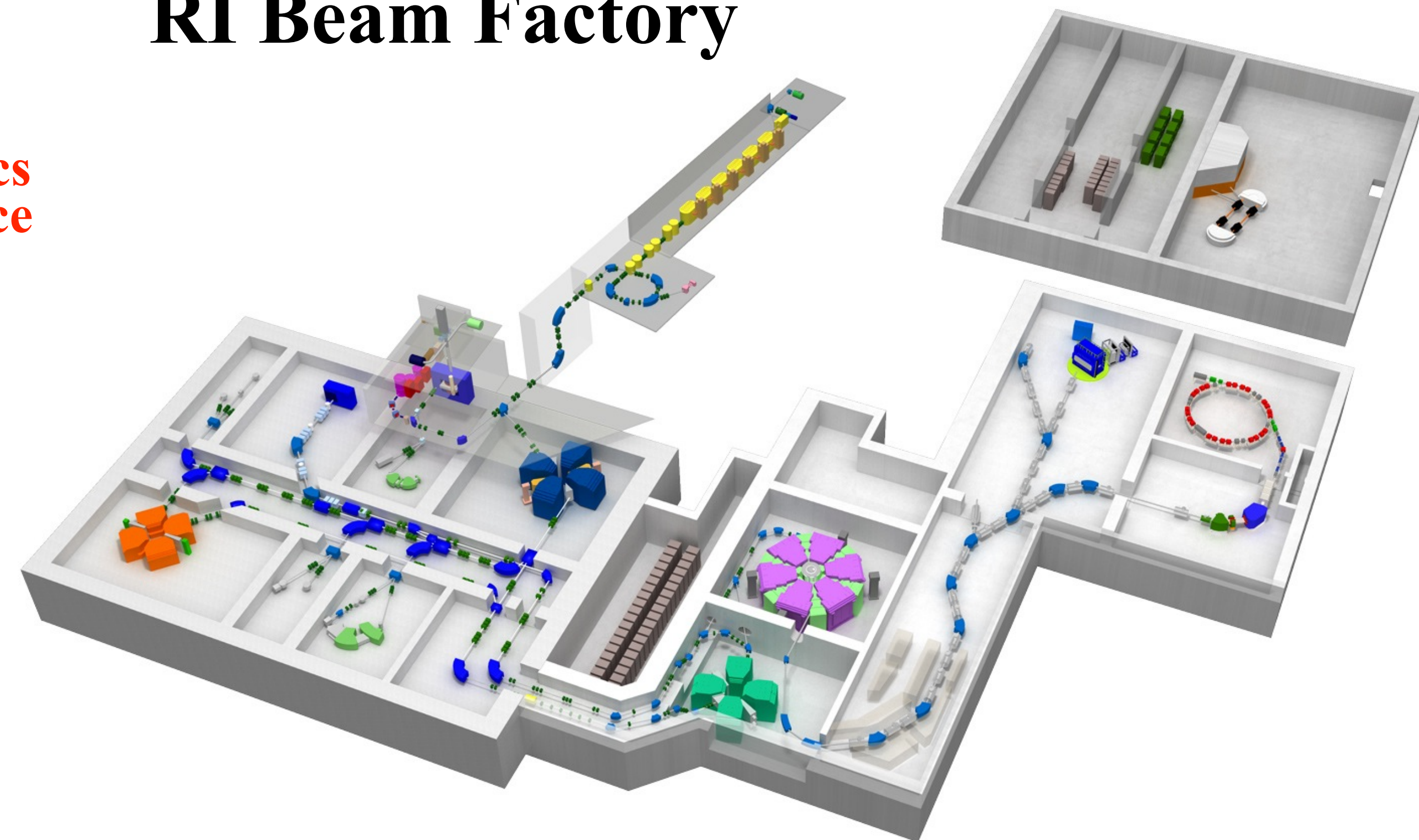
**Nuclear science division** (11 groups + 2 teams)

**Social implementation division** (4 groups + 2 teams)

RBRC, safety, user-liaison . . .



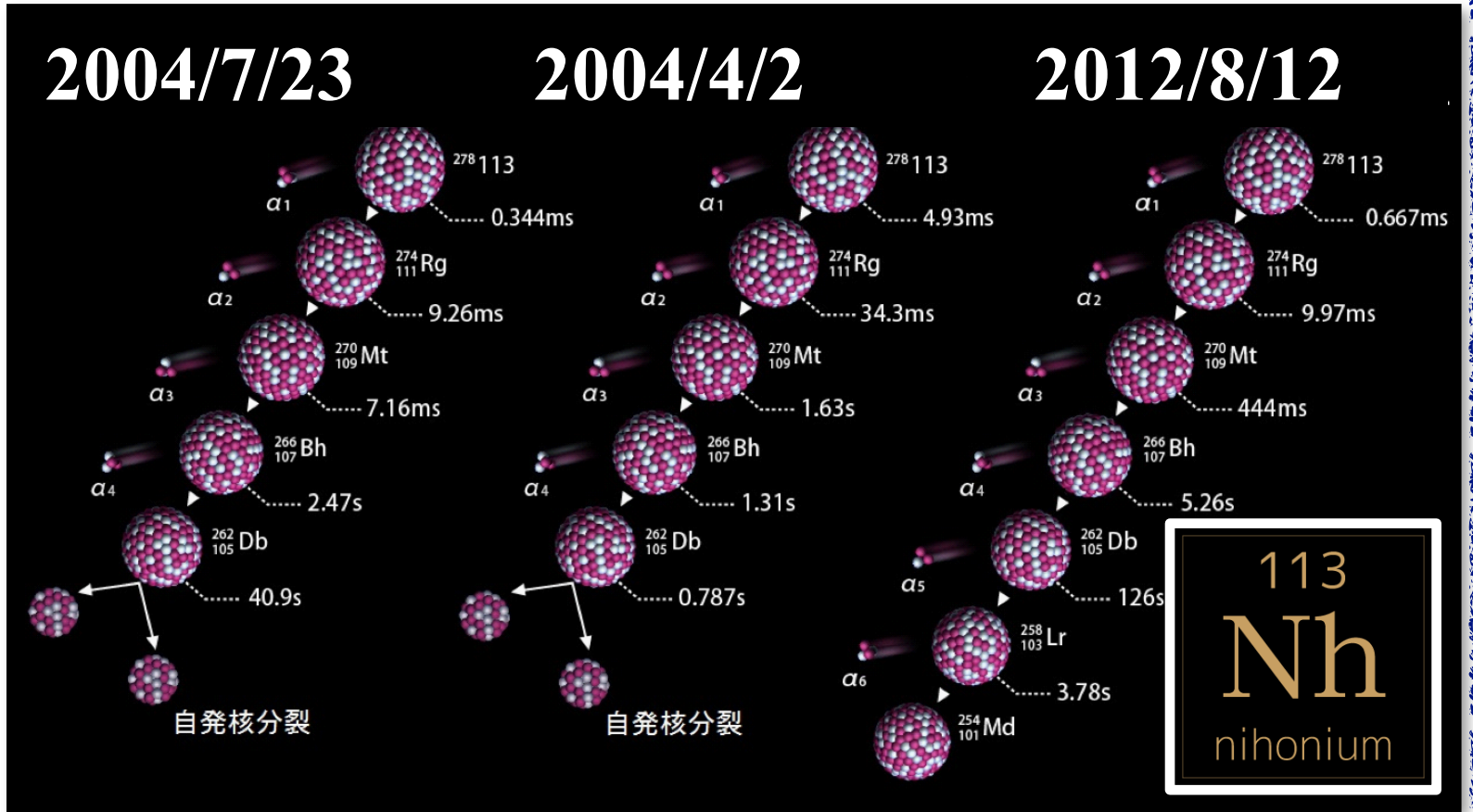
## RI Beam Factory



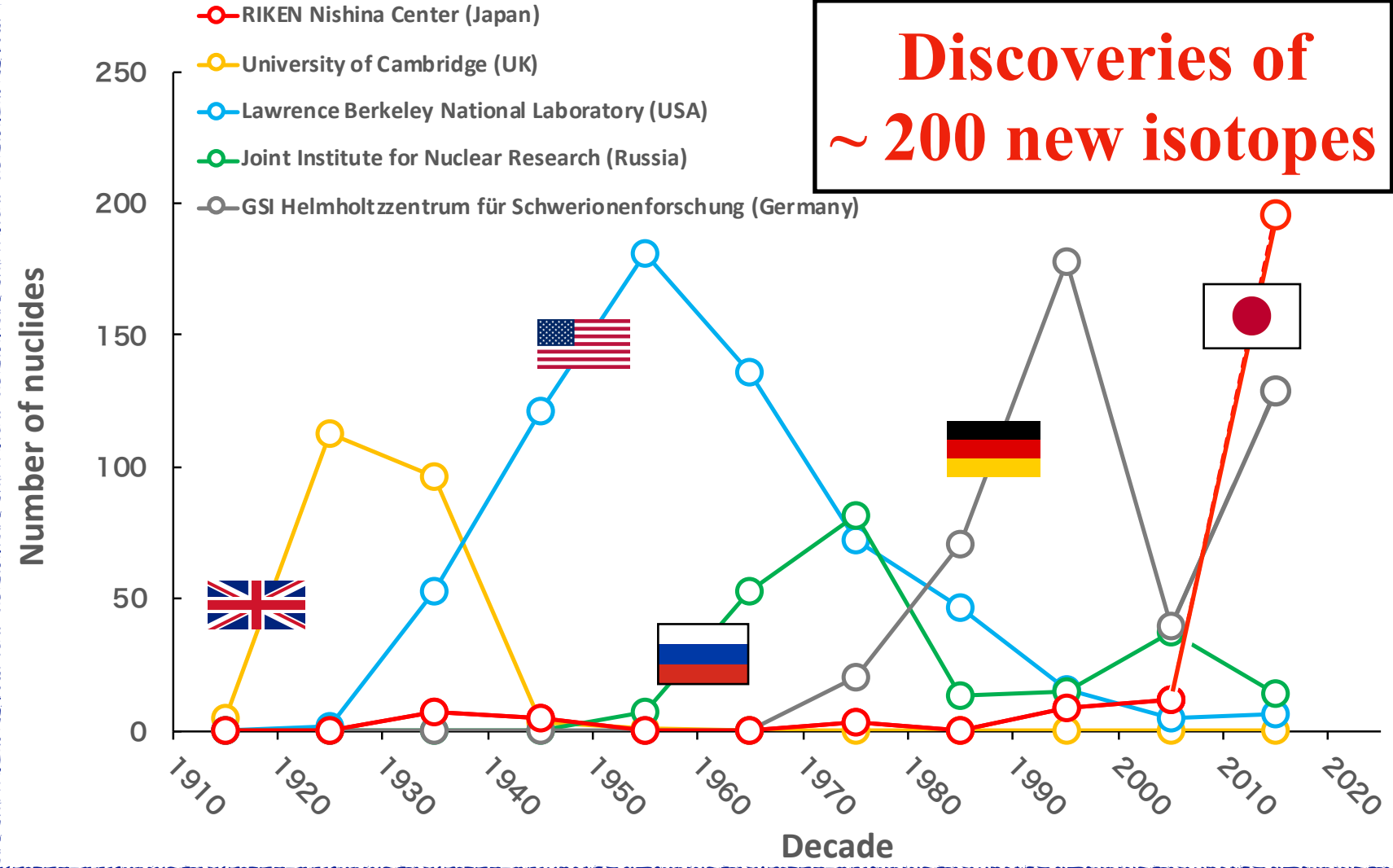


# Selected Achievements at RIBF

## Discovery of Nihonium (Z=113)

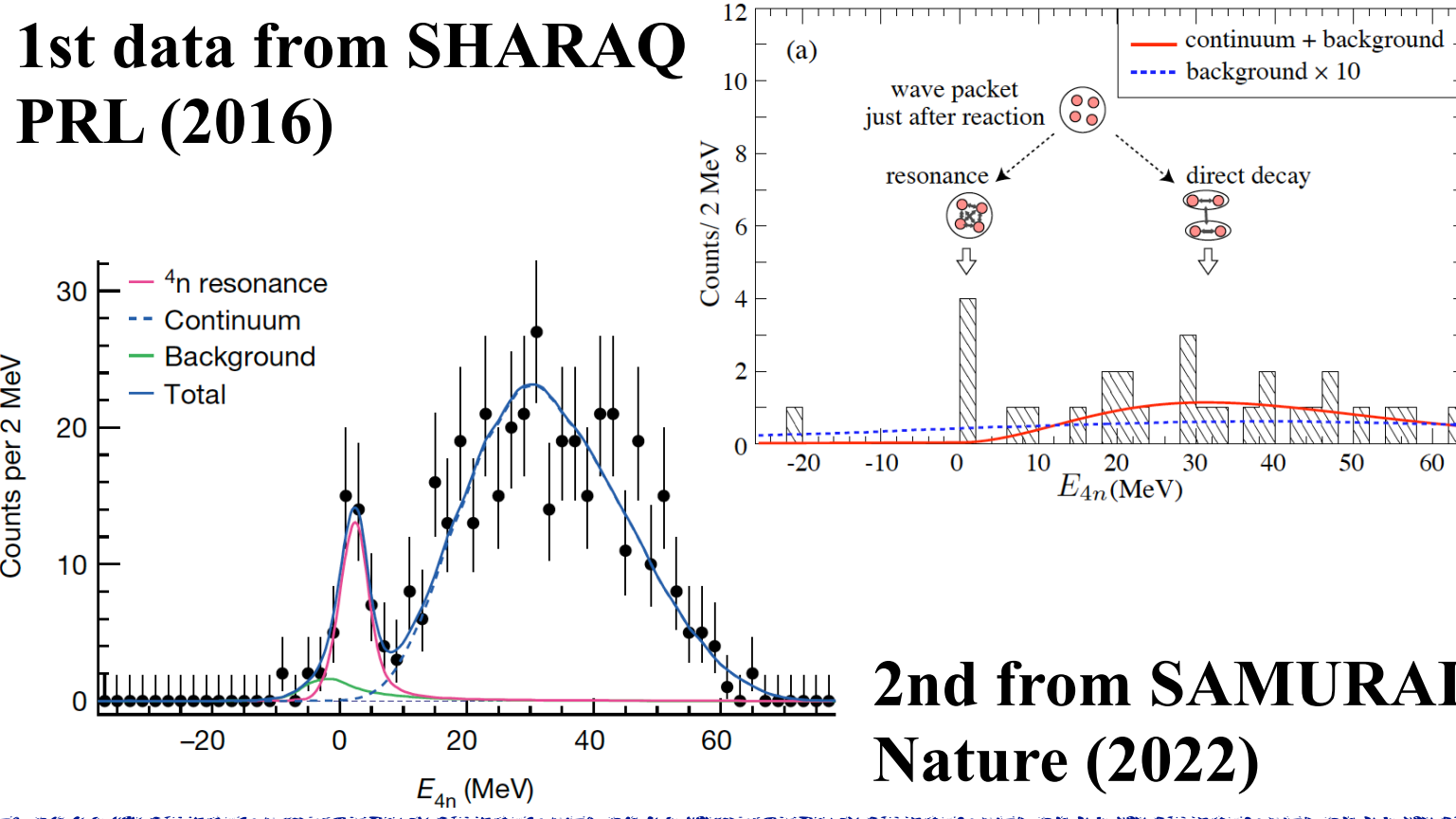


## Discoveries of ~200 new isotopes

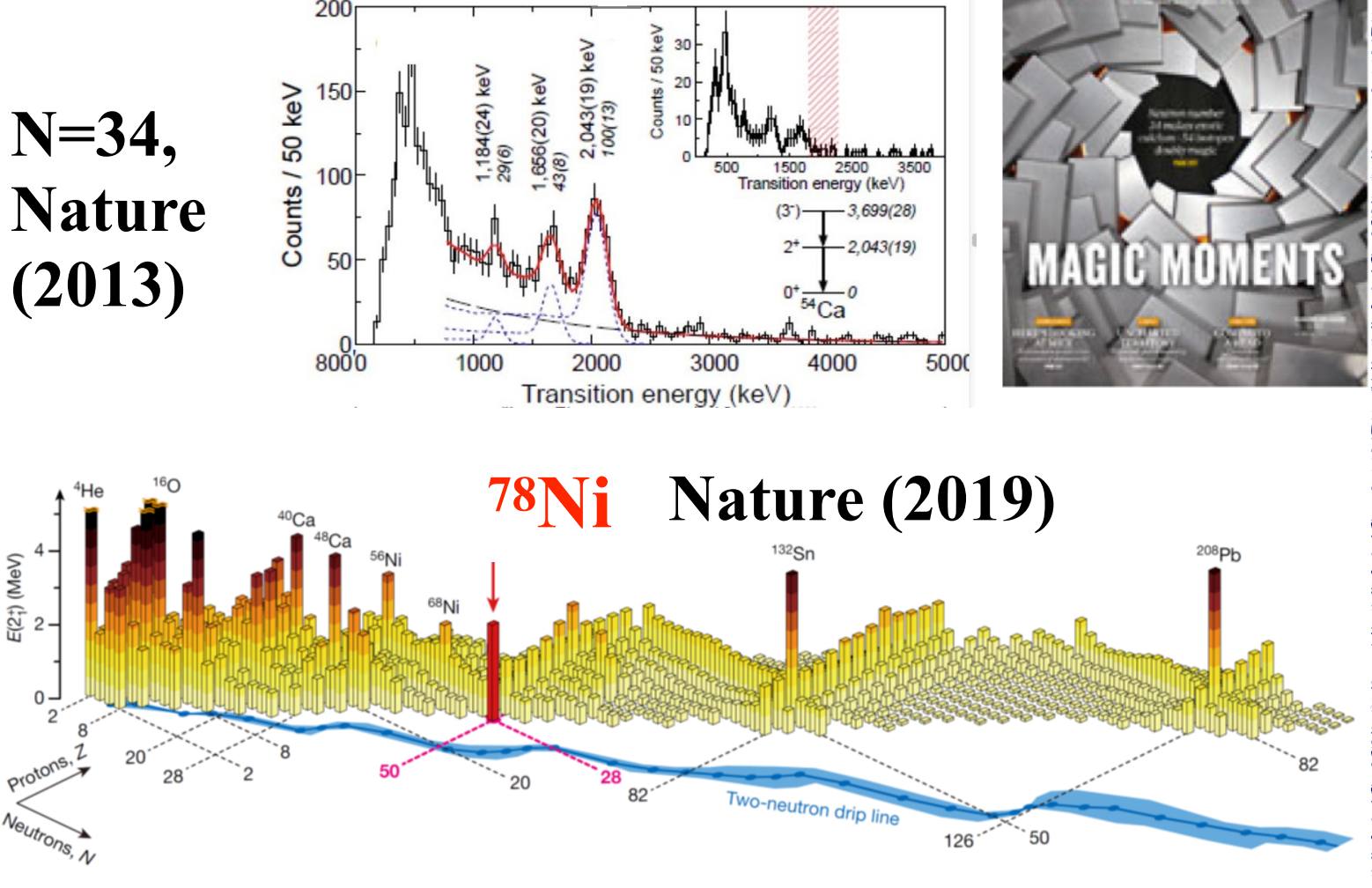


## Discovery of tetra-neutron

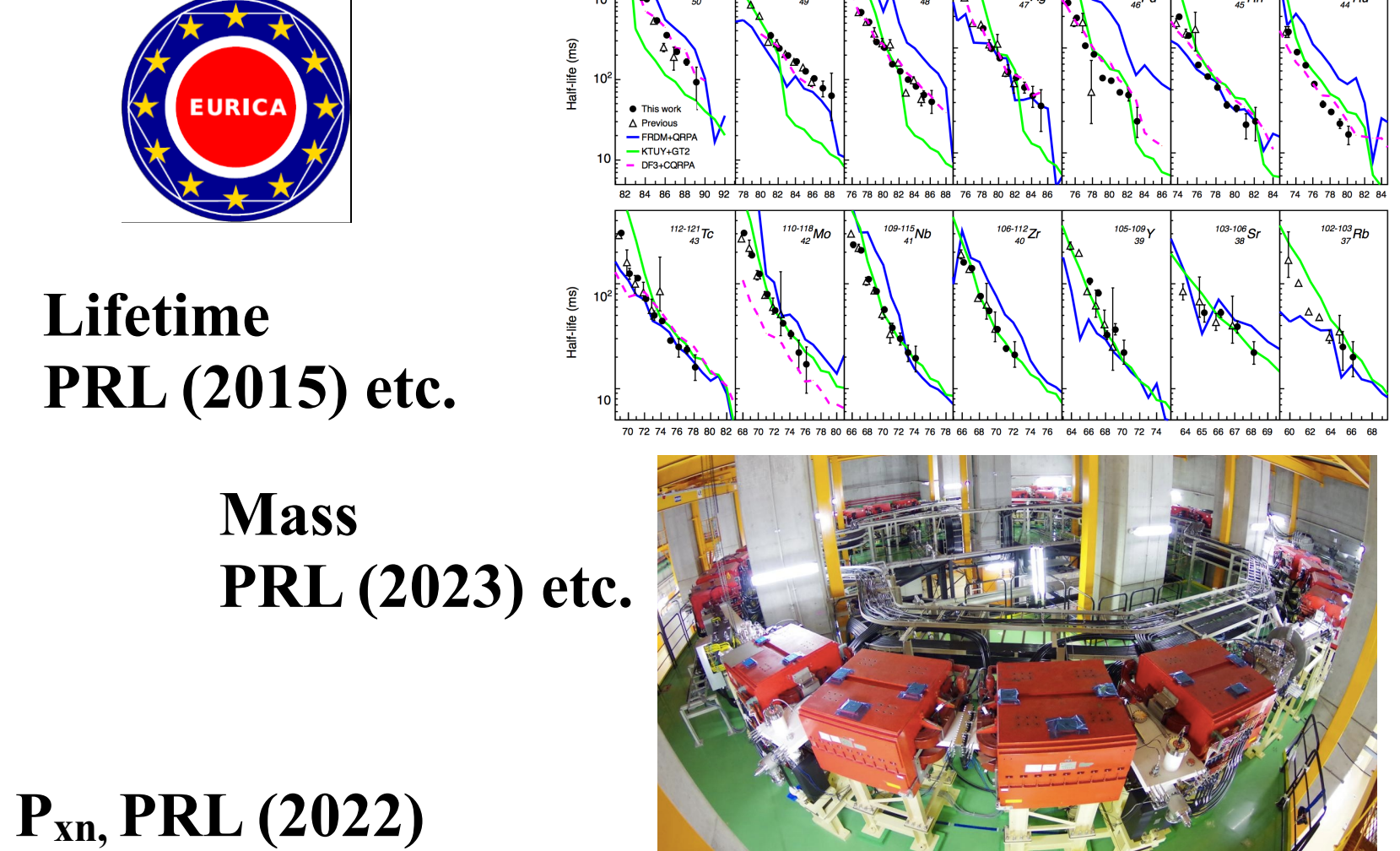
### 1st data from SHARQA PRL (2016)



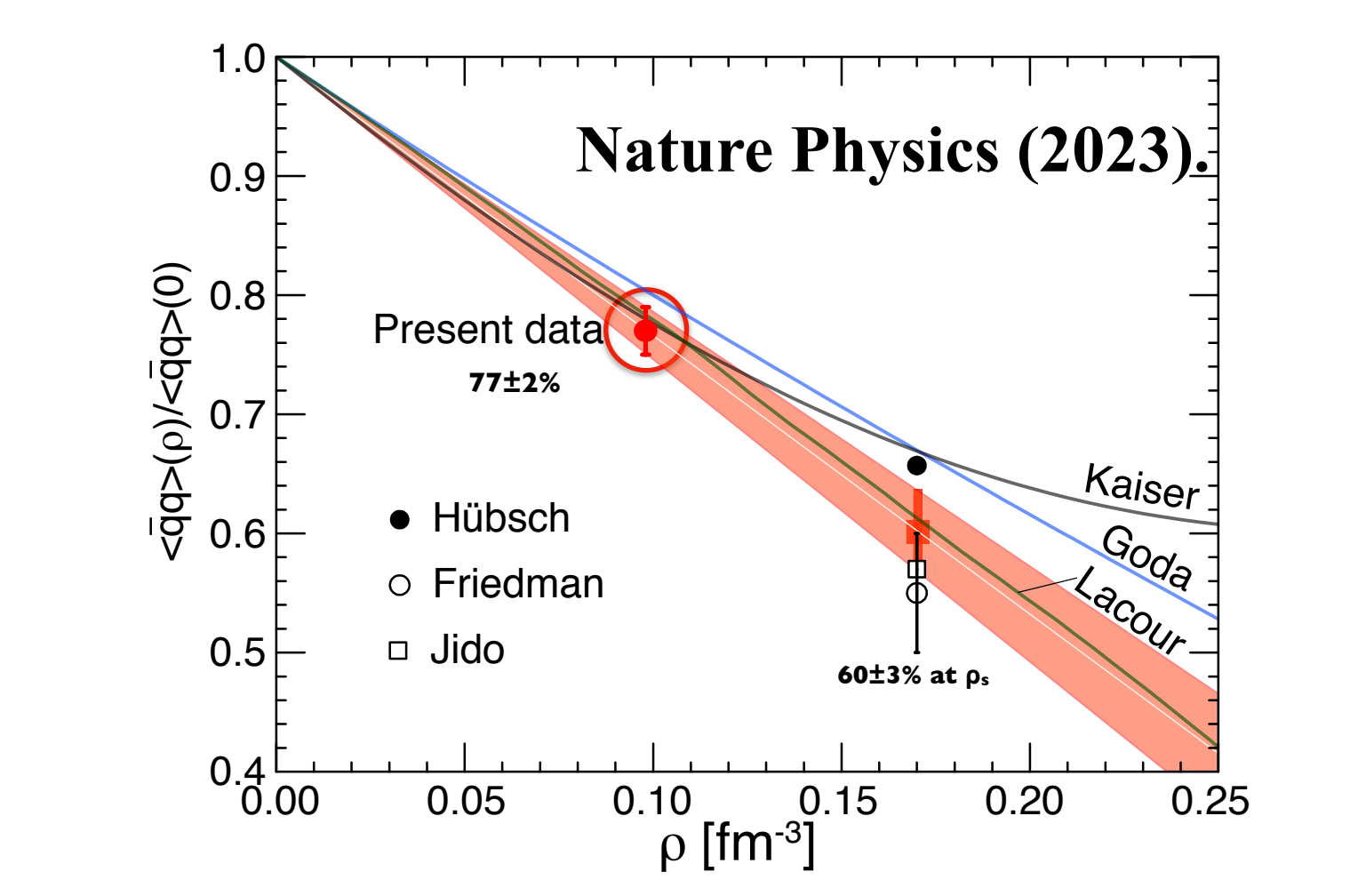
## Evolution of nuclear magicity far from the stability line



## Data crucial for understanding the origin of heavy elements



## Partial restoration of chiral symmetry observed in pionic atoms

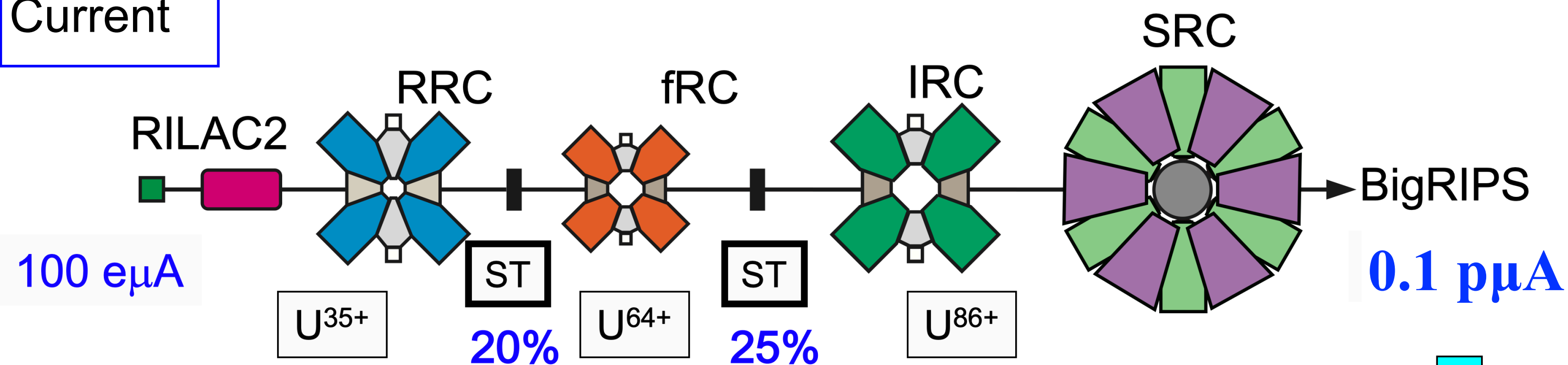




# RIBF Upgrade Plan

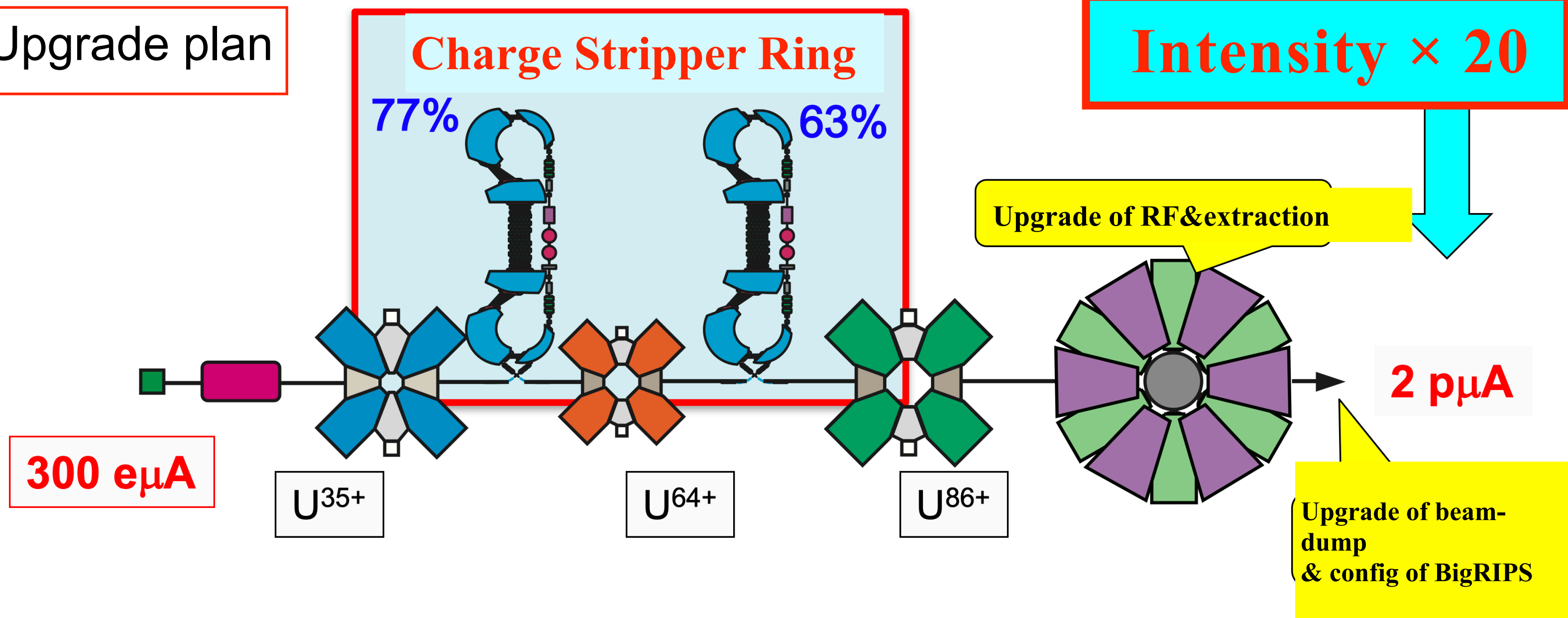
Intensity upgrade (x20) through introduction of novel “Charge stripper rings”

Current

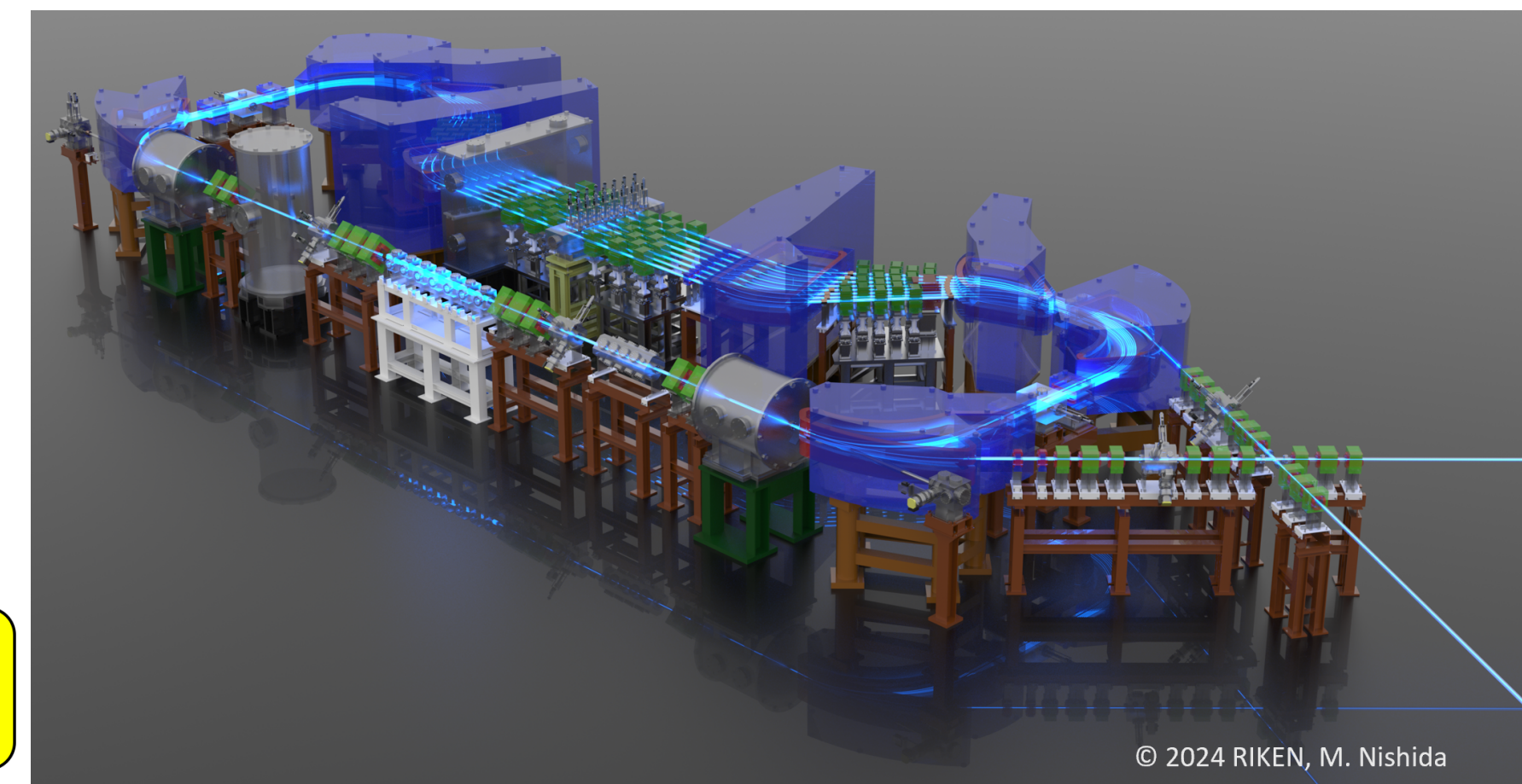


20B JPY project

Upgrade plan



Charge stripper ring

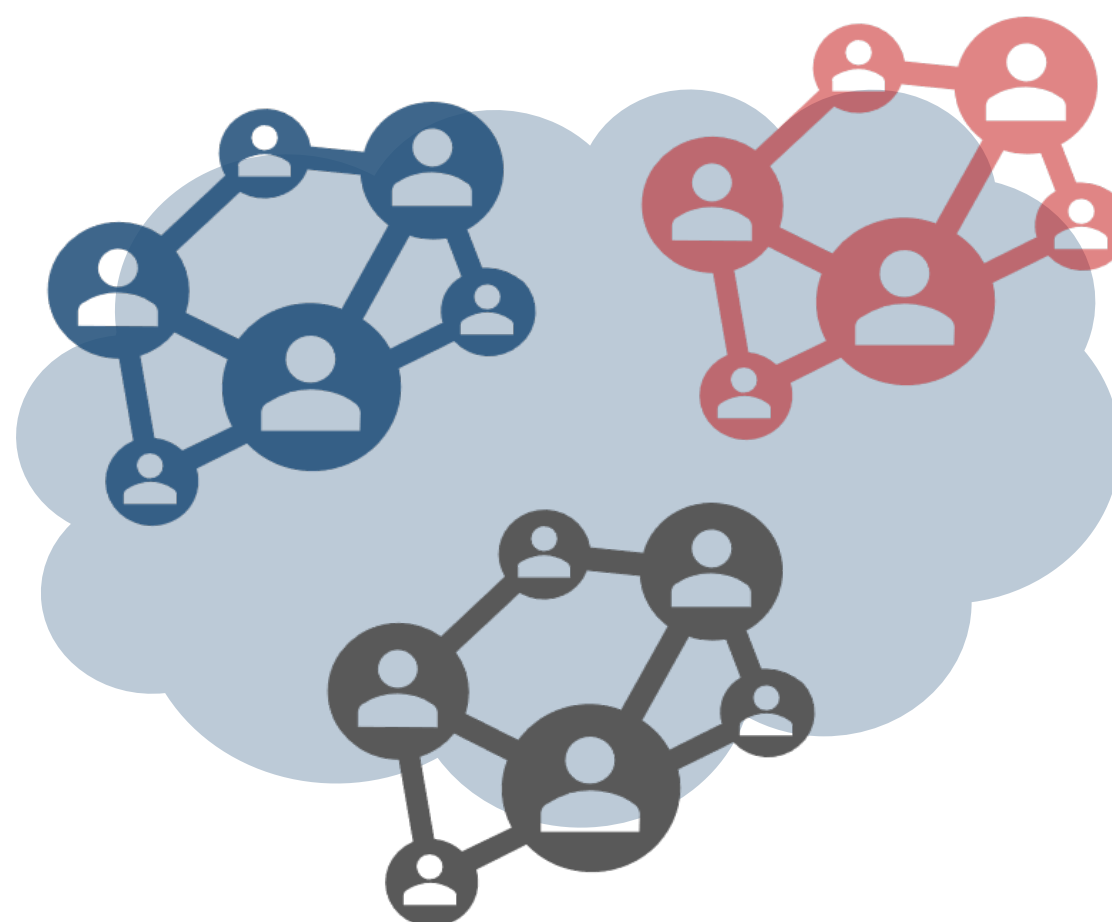
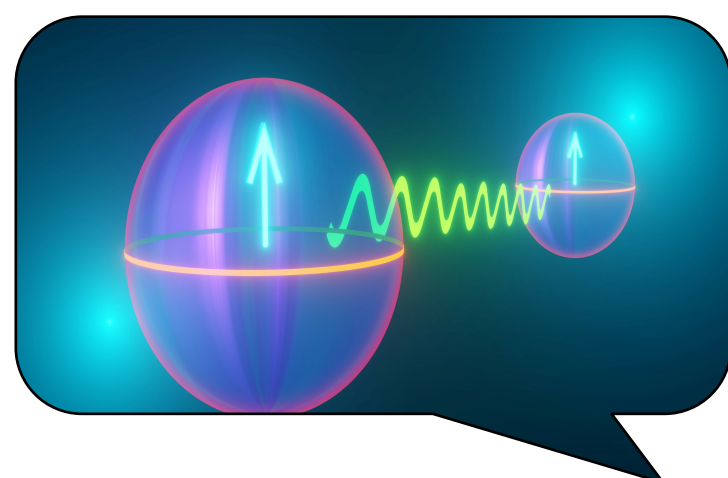




## Outline

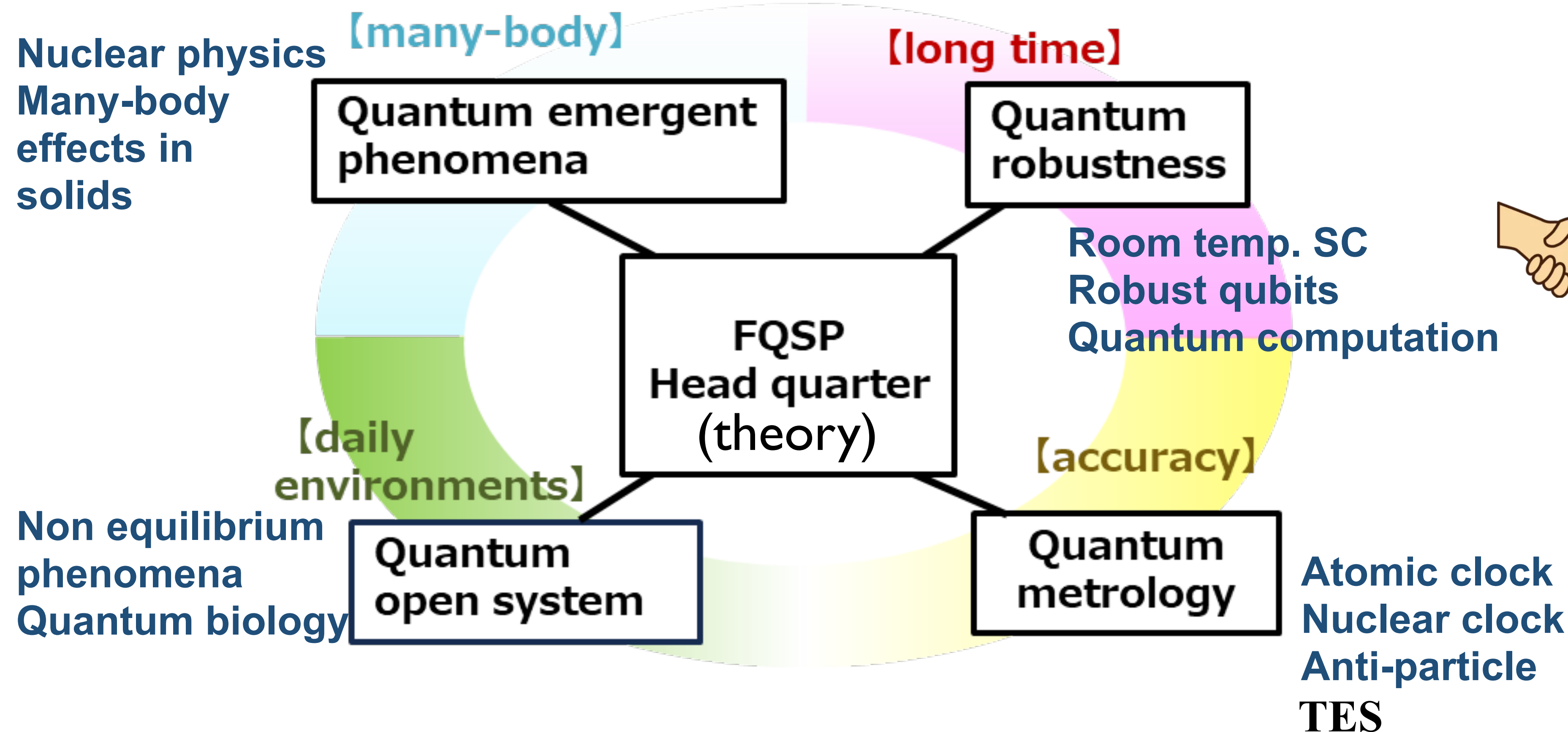
April 2024 ~

- **Expanding forefront** of quantum science and technology but the deep understanding of the basic principles is still lacking.
- Return to the **fundamentals of quantum science** and **develop research from a mid- to long-term perspective**.
- **Invite top-class researchers** by creating an open and secure research environment and implementing flexible personnel policies.
- Promote research and human resource exchange with **workshops and visitor programs as core measures**.
- **Build a flexible organizational structure** with steady and hearty connections not bound by traditional organizational forms.

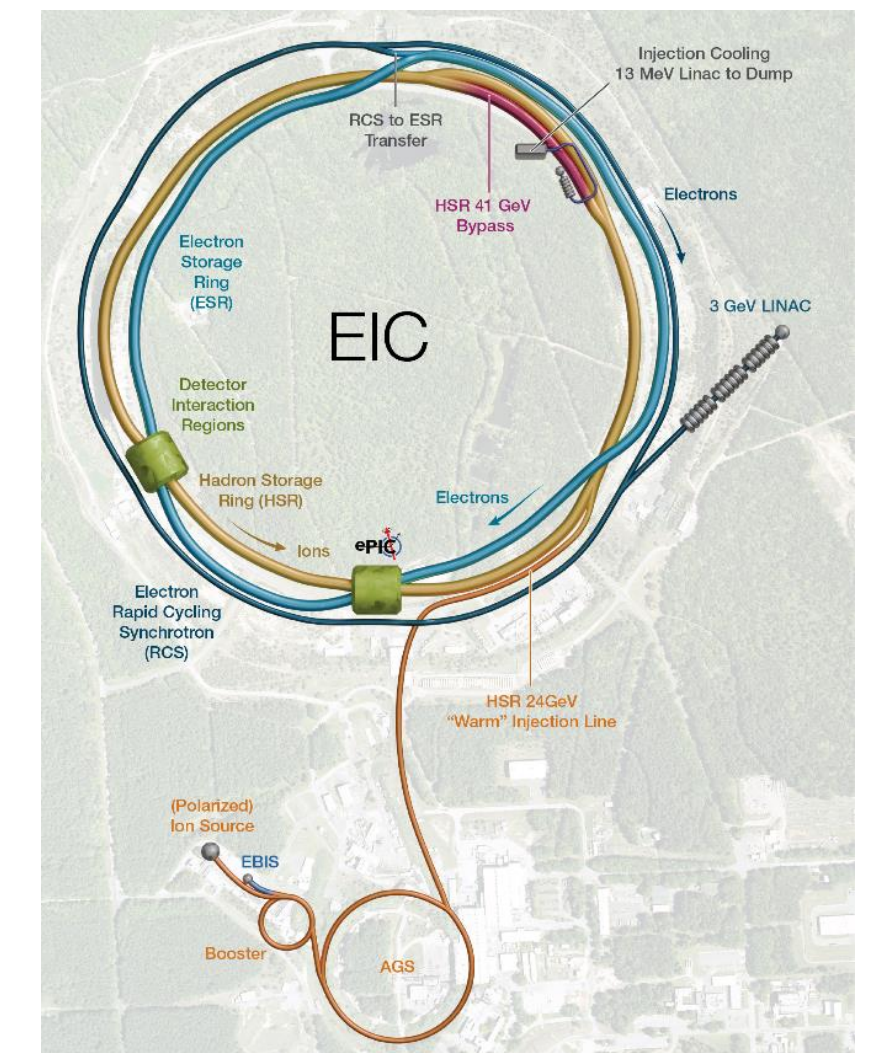




**Unified principles** of quantum science in **multi-scales** of energy and length.  
Interaction between “system” and “environment”  
**Offers collaboration platform for both experiments and theory in RIKEN**



**Electron Ion Collider**  
(Elucidation of the structure, including the dynamic motion within the nucleus)





# **Nishina's recognition on synergies with FQSP and EIC**

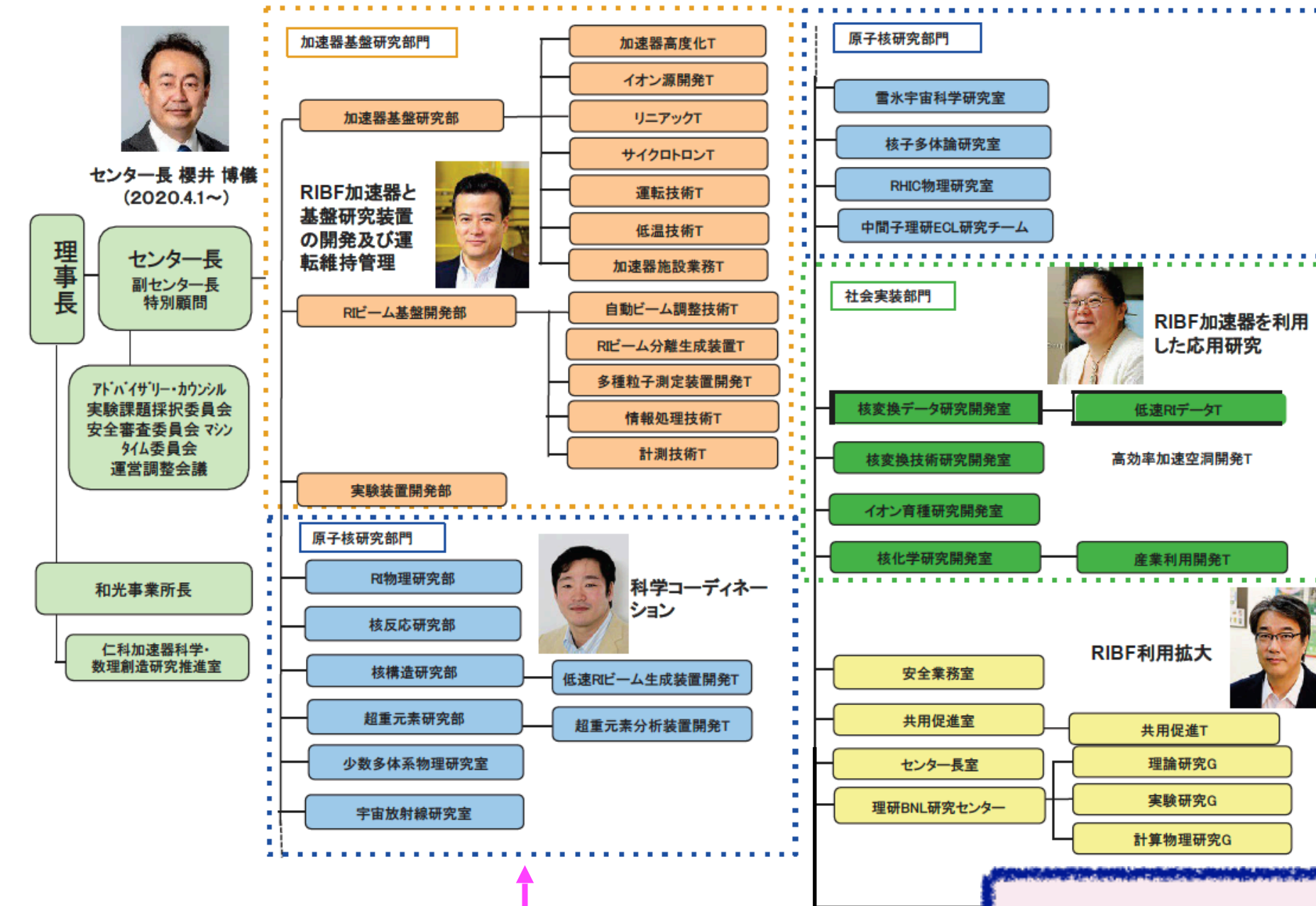
- **Nuclear physics deals with finite quantum systems of strongly-interacting particles. Their nature can be revealed with a renewed quantum viewpoints to be established in FQSP.**

**Scopes and directions of FQSP fit well with those of Nishina's activities.**

- **EIC has strong research and technical synergies with those at RIBF. By combining researches at RIBF and EIC (together with those at J-PARC and other facilities), we can challenge the physics that connects quark-gluon and nucleon-meson hierarchies.**



# Nishina's new organization



Fundamental Quantum Science Program (FQSP)  
HQ (Naganaga, Kawakami, Aoki),  
Research at other centers

collaboration

## Multi-Scale Quantum Dynamics (MSQD) Joint Group

January 2025 —

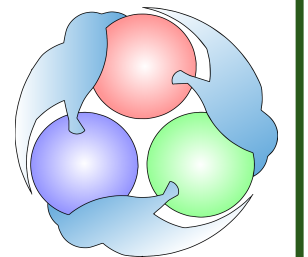
Director: Uesaka (in charge of RIBF-EIC and other management)  
Deputy Director to be appointed (in charge of EIC)

EIC: **TOF**, **ZDC**, **DAQ** Development

RIBF-EIC: **silicon tracker**, **DAQ**, neutron detector  
Tracking Germanium Development  
(Concurrently from existing Nishina groups)

collaboration

QNSI  
University of  
Tokyo



High energy QCD

Quark many-body  
systems

Nucleon many-body  
systems

Collaboration within  
Nishina Center



# **Topics connecting RIBF and EIC**

- 1. The origin of nucleon mass and nature of the QCD vacuum**
  - 2. Properties of proton-neutron pairs at different resolutions/environment**
  - 3. Mechanism that prevents matter from collapsing (equation of state)**
- and more**



# Topics connecting RIBF and EIC

## 1. The origin of nucleon mass and nature of the QCD vacuum

### $\pi$ -atom spectroscopy and chiral symmetry

T. Nishi, K. Itahashi et al.,  
Nature Physics 19, 788 (2023).

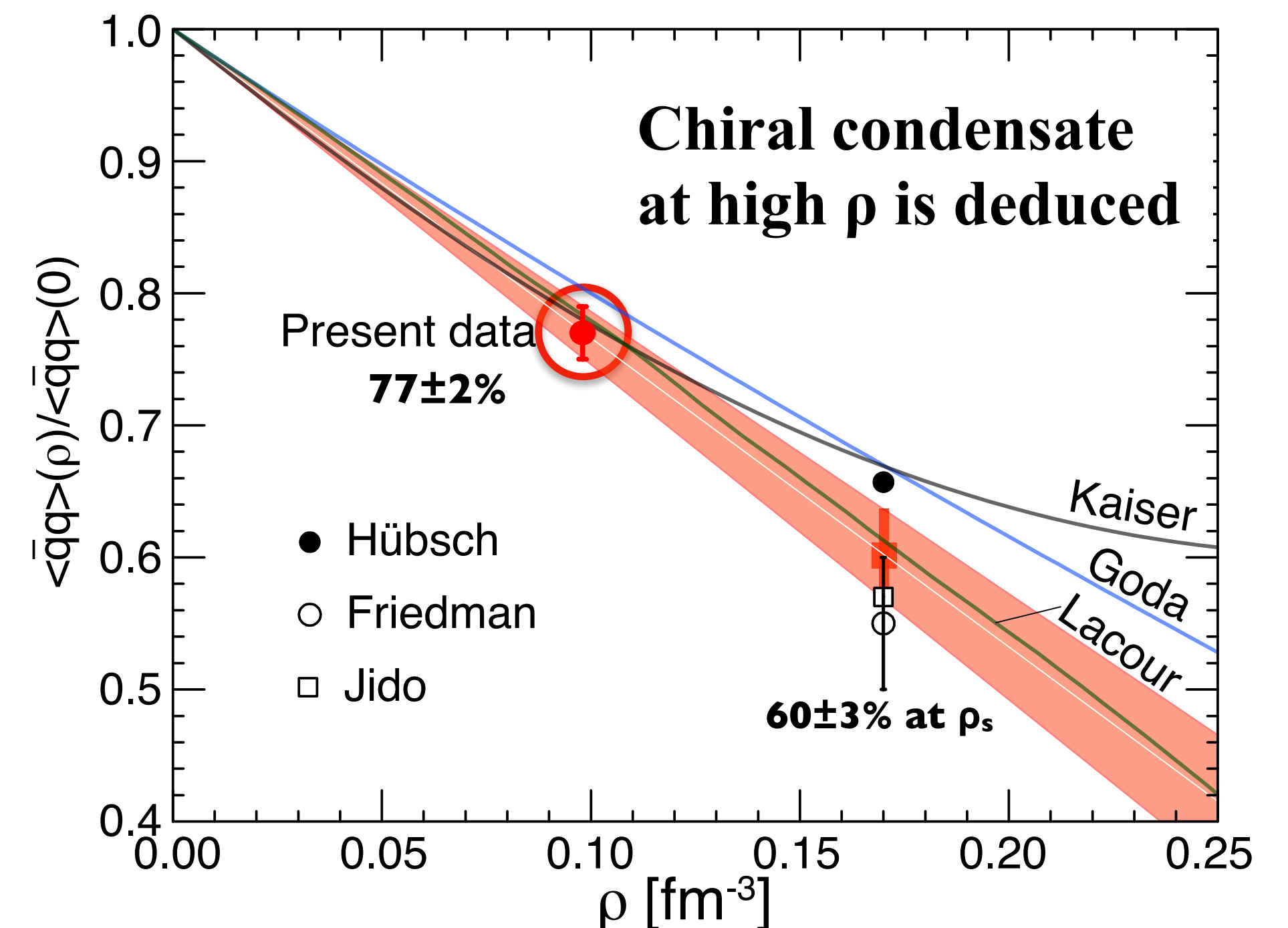
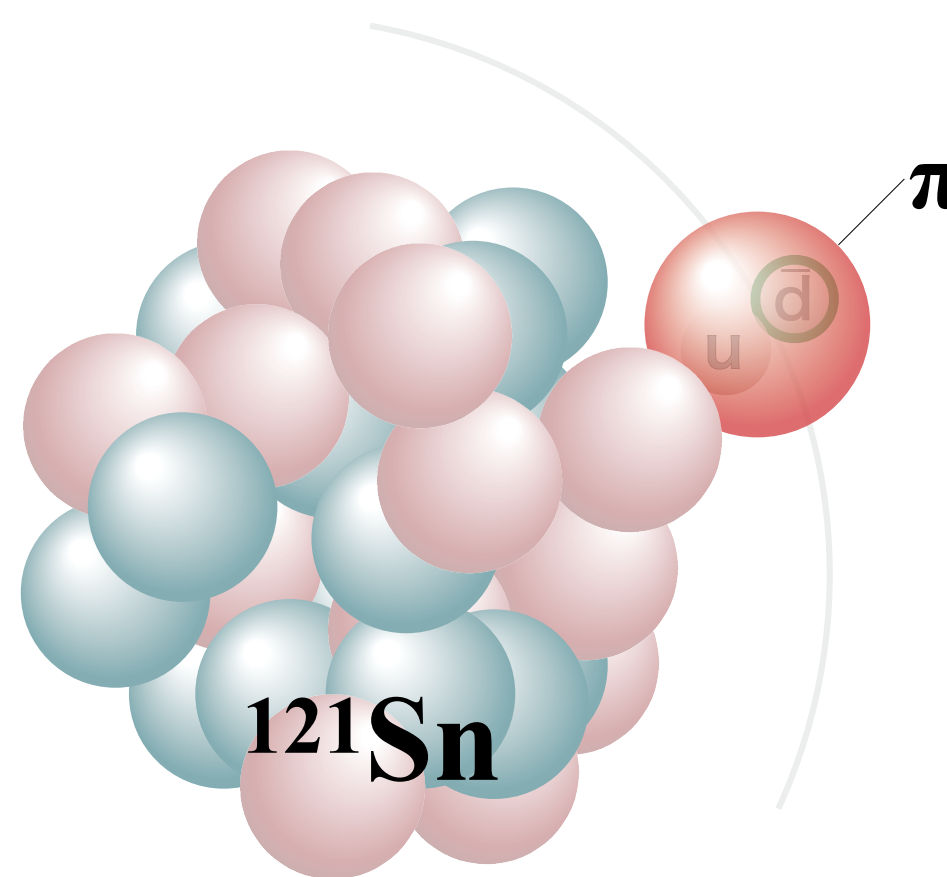
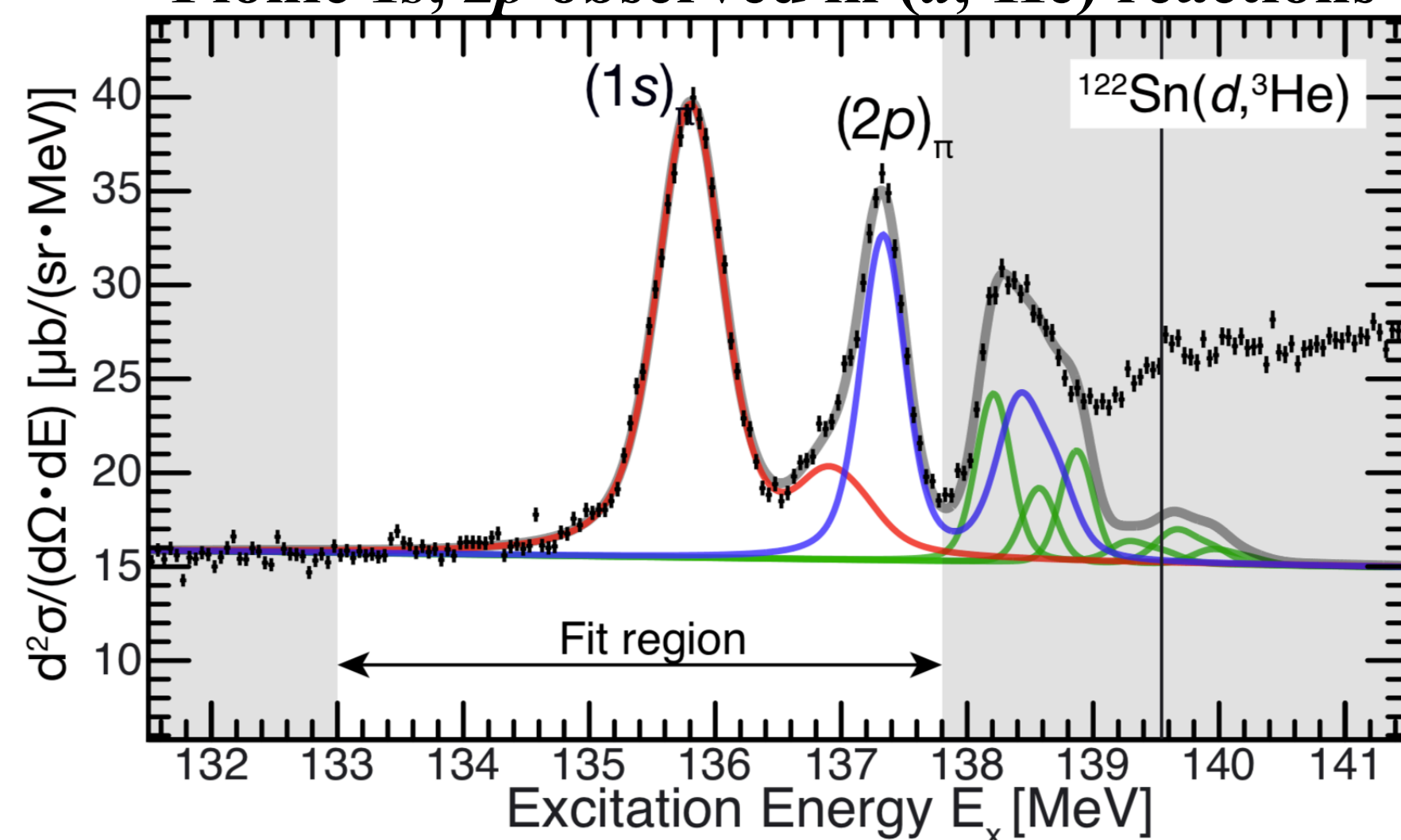
nature physics

Article

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41567-023-02001-x>

#### Chiral symmetry restoration at high matter density observed in pionic atoms

##### Pionic 1s, 2p observed in ( $d, {}^3\text{He}$ ) reactions

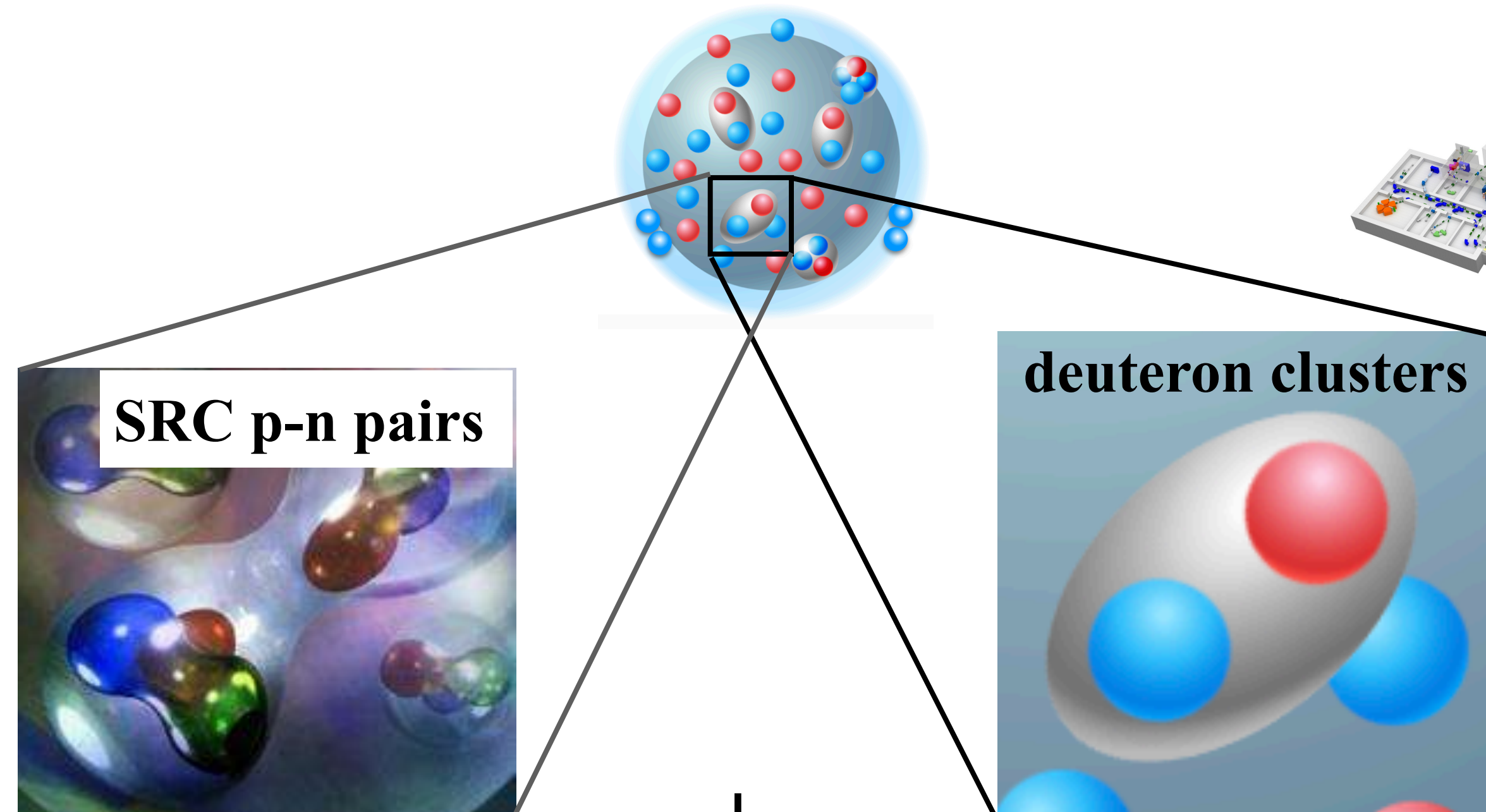
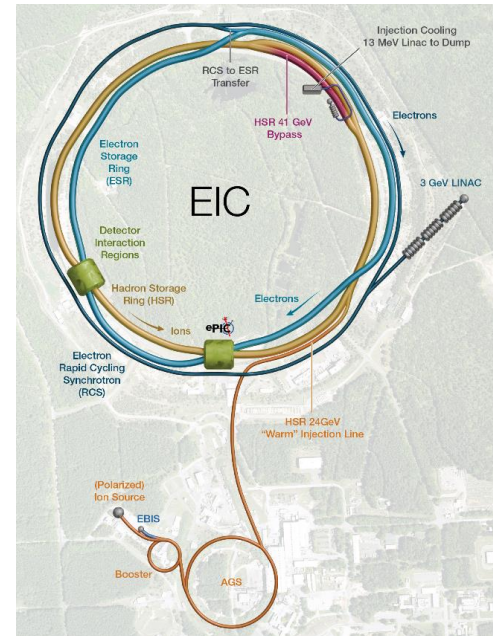


**How can we understand consistently the origin of mass in terms of partial restoration of the chiral symmetry breaking and that to be revealed at EIC?**



# Topics connecting RIBF and EIC

## 2. Properties of proton-neutron pairs at different resolutions/environment



small p-n  
distance

quark-gluon  
dynamics

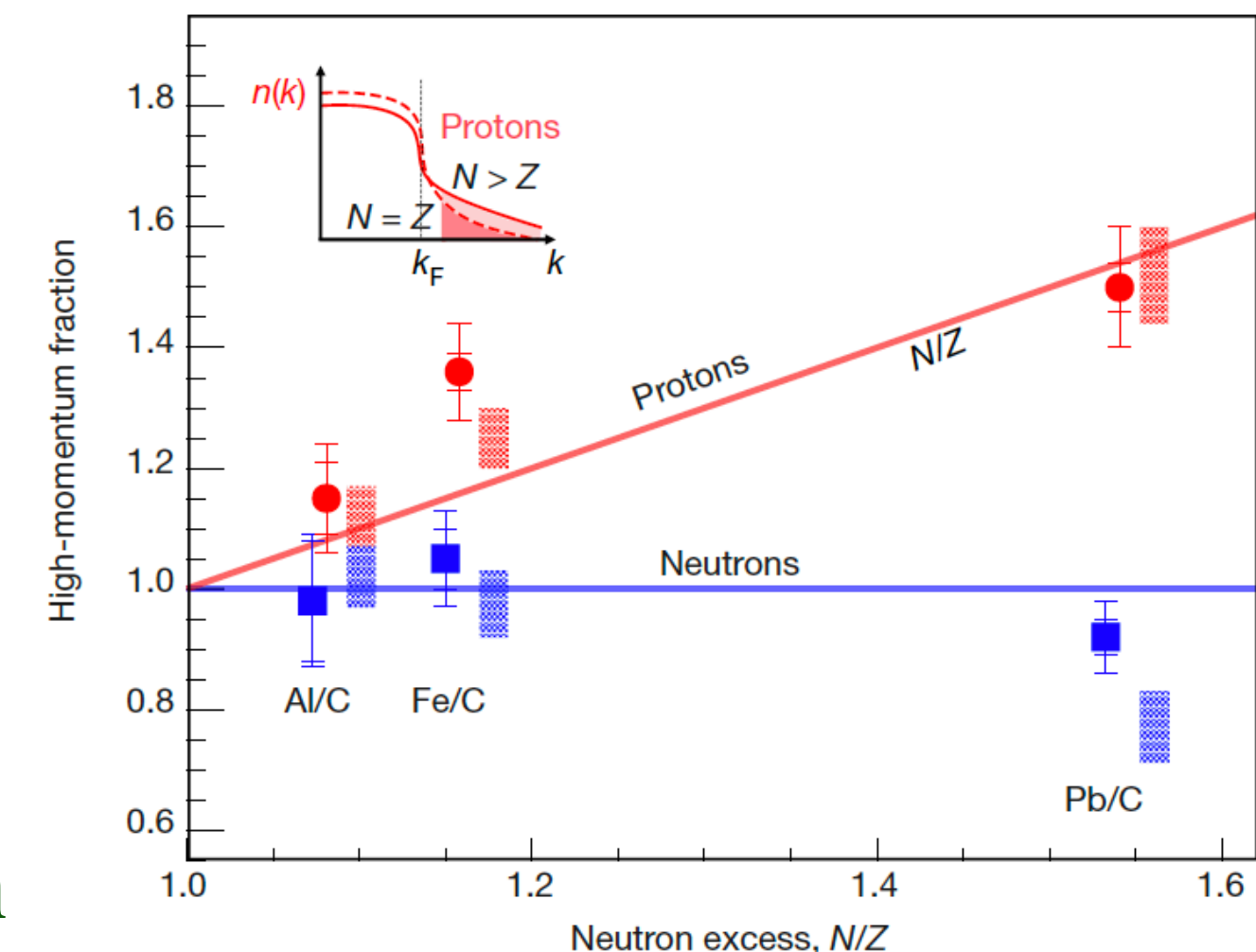
Proton  
radius  
(~0.8 fm)

large p-n  
distance

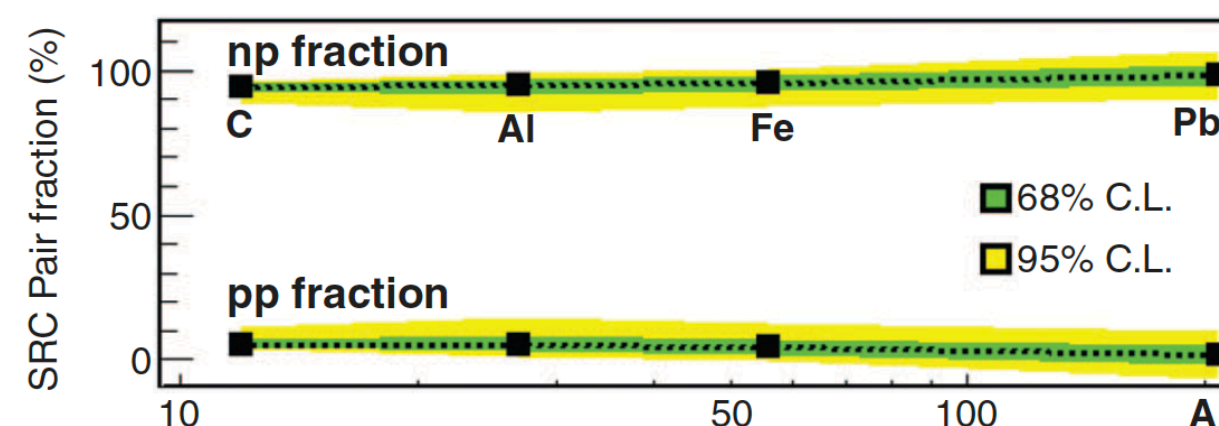
nucleon-meson  
dynamics

Isospin dependence of  
p-n correlation

M. Duer et al., Nature 560



O. Hen et al., Science 364



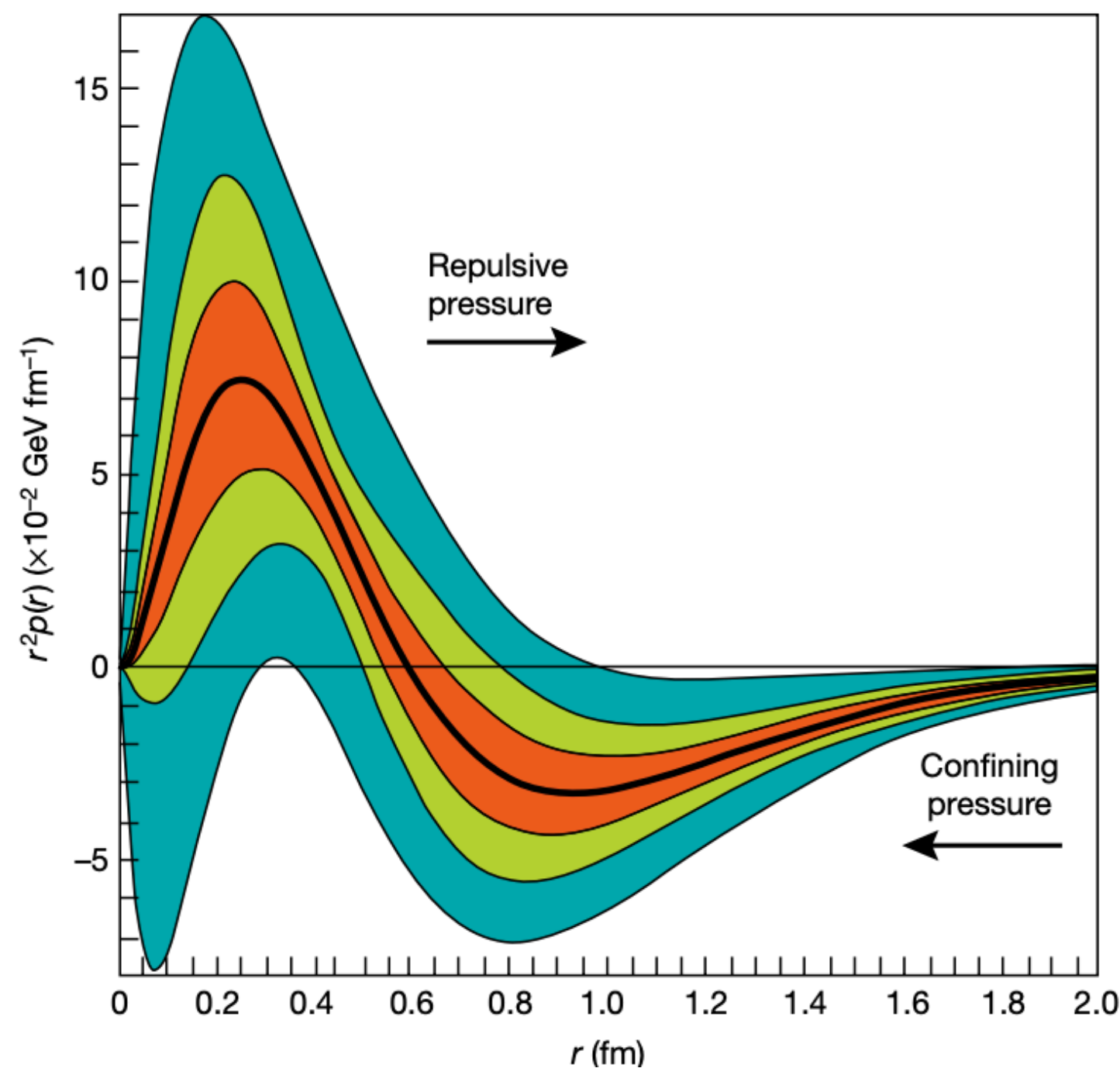
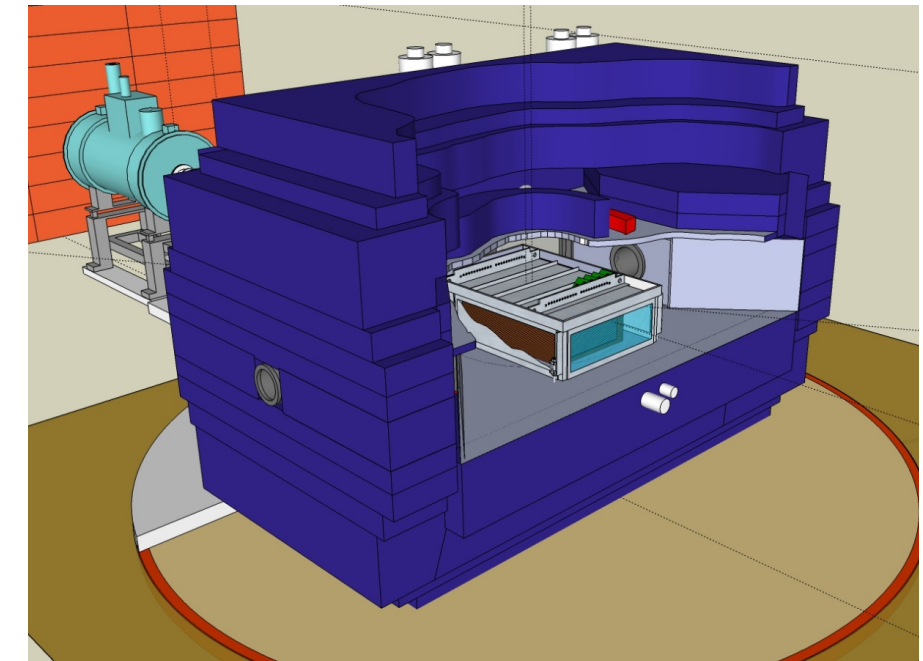
hints to understand  
the EMC effect



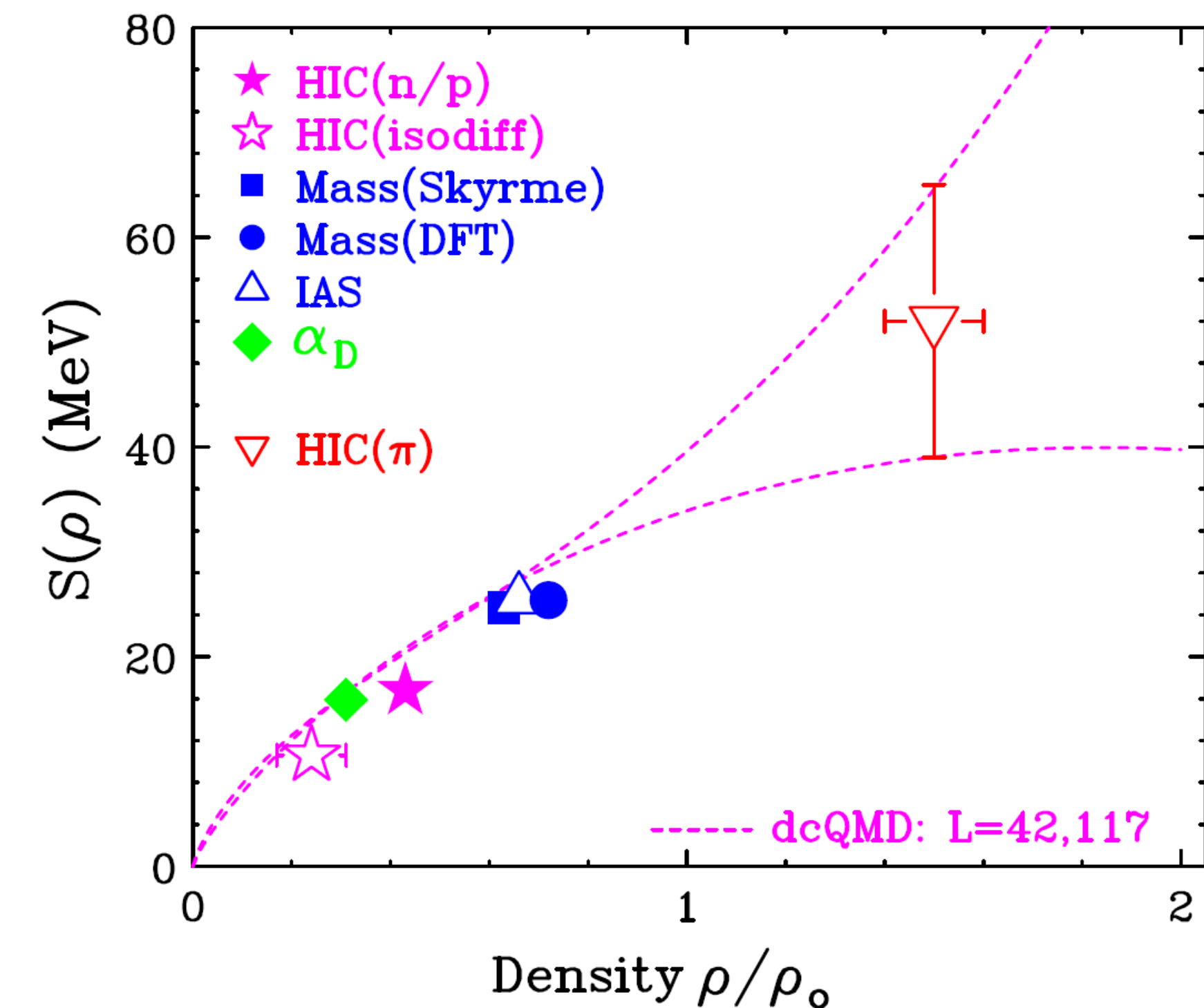
# Topics connecting RIBF and EIC

## 3. Mechanism that prevents matter from collapsing (equation of state)

Why can heavy neutron stars avoid collapsing?  
Why can hadrons avoid collapsing?  
How do changes of hadron properties in  
a high-density matter affect the equation of state?



Visualization of hot-spots on the 1.4 solar mass Pulsar J0030+0451.





**We are excited to initiate novel research programs by contributing to EIC and by connecting it to RIBF activities.**

**More topics to come.**

**I hope the BNL-RIKEN collaboration serves as a main body to lead the programs at both facilities.**

**RIKEN FQSP can be an excellent framework to shed new light on nuclear physics and to develop quantum science using new discoveries from nuclear physics.**