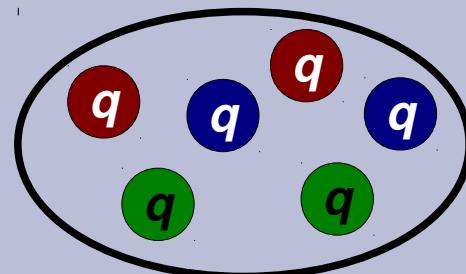
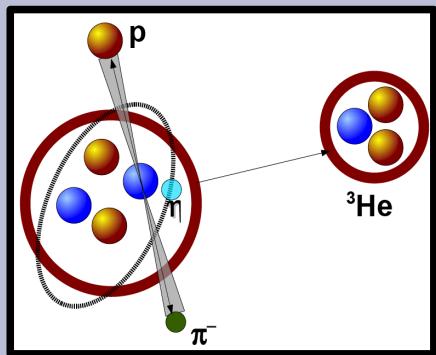


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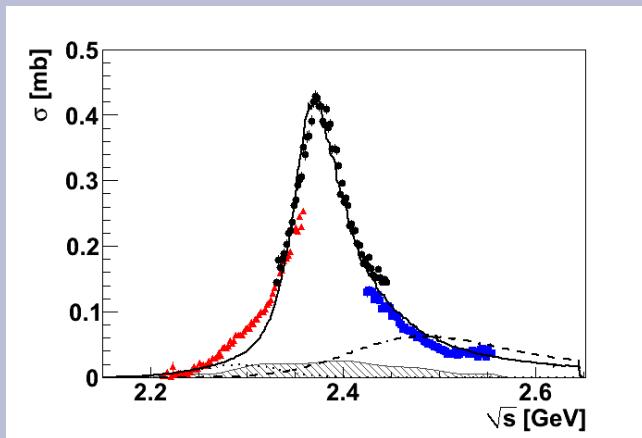


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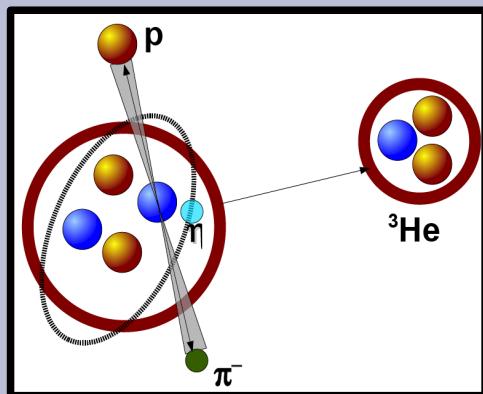
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Various Faces of QCD 2

Outline

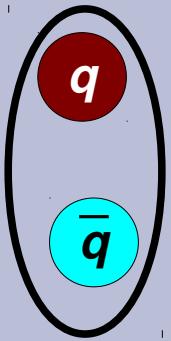
Discovery of the dibaryon state $d^*(2380)$



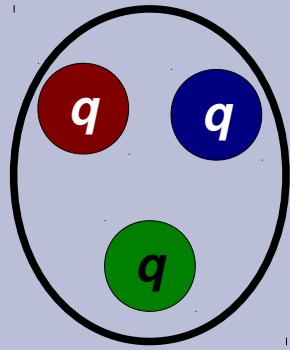
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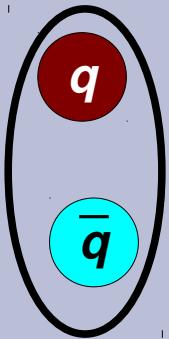
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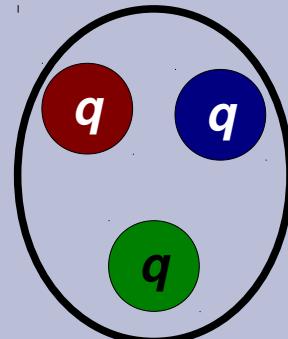
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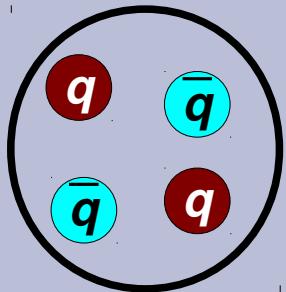


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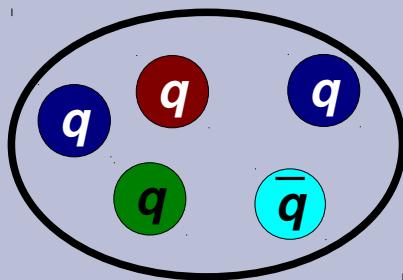


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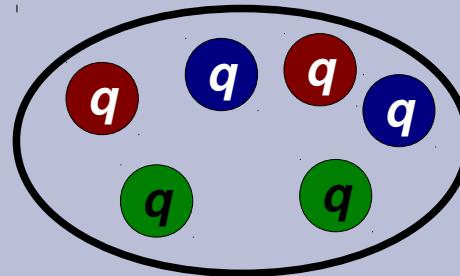
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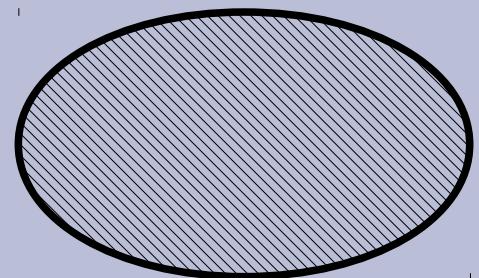
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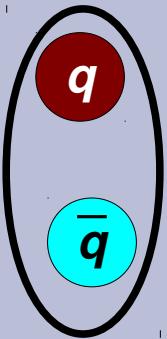


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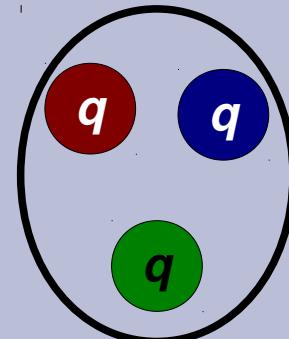


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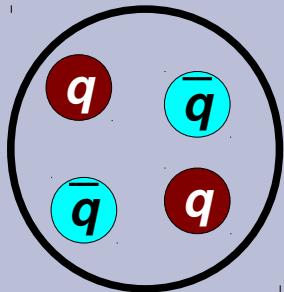


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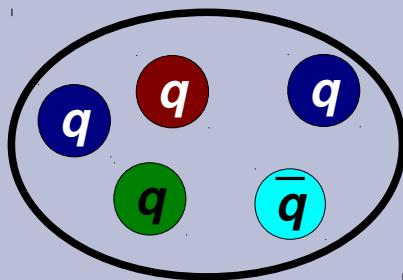


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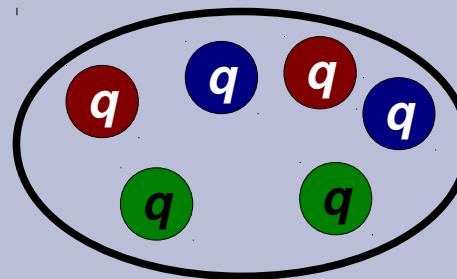
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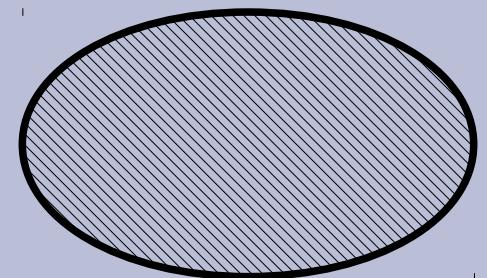
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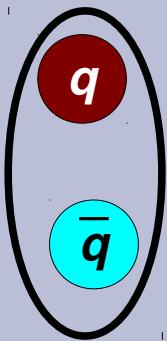


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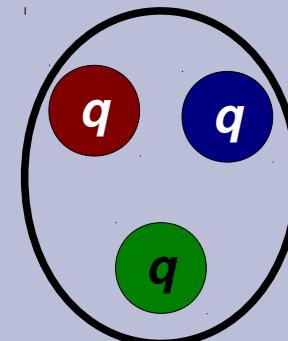


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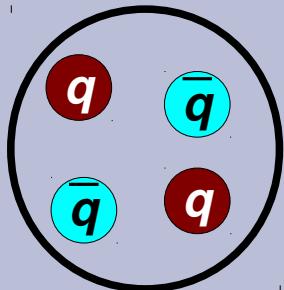


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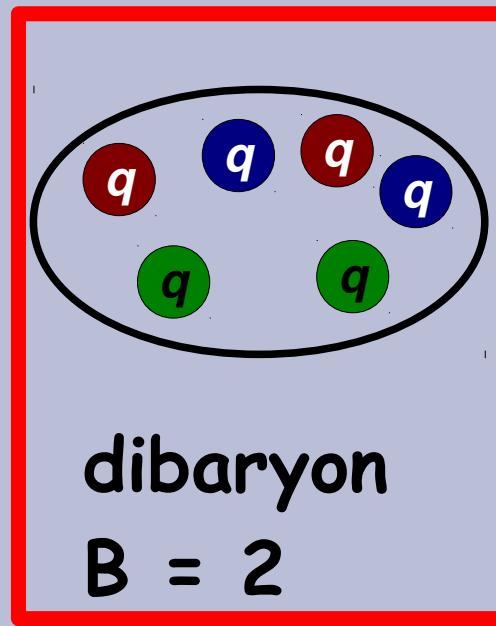
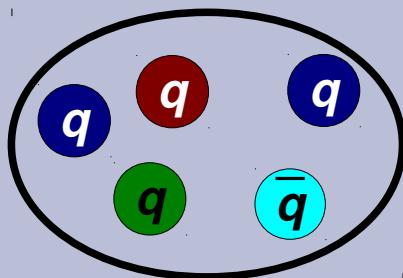


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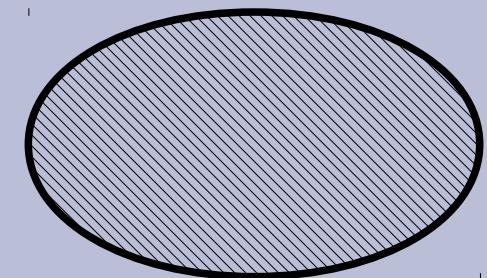
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tetraquark pentaquark



dibaryon
 $B = 2$



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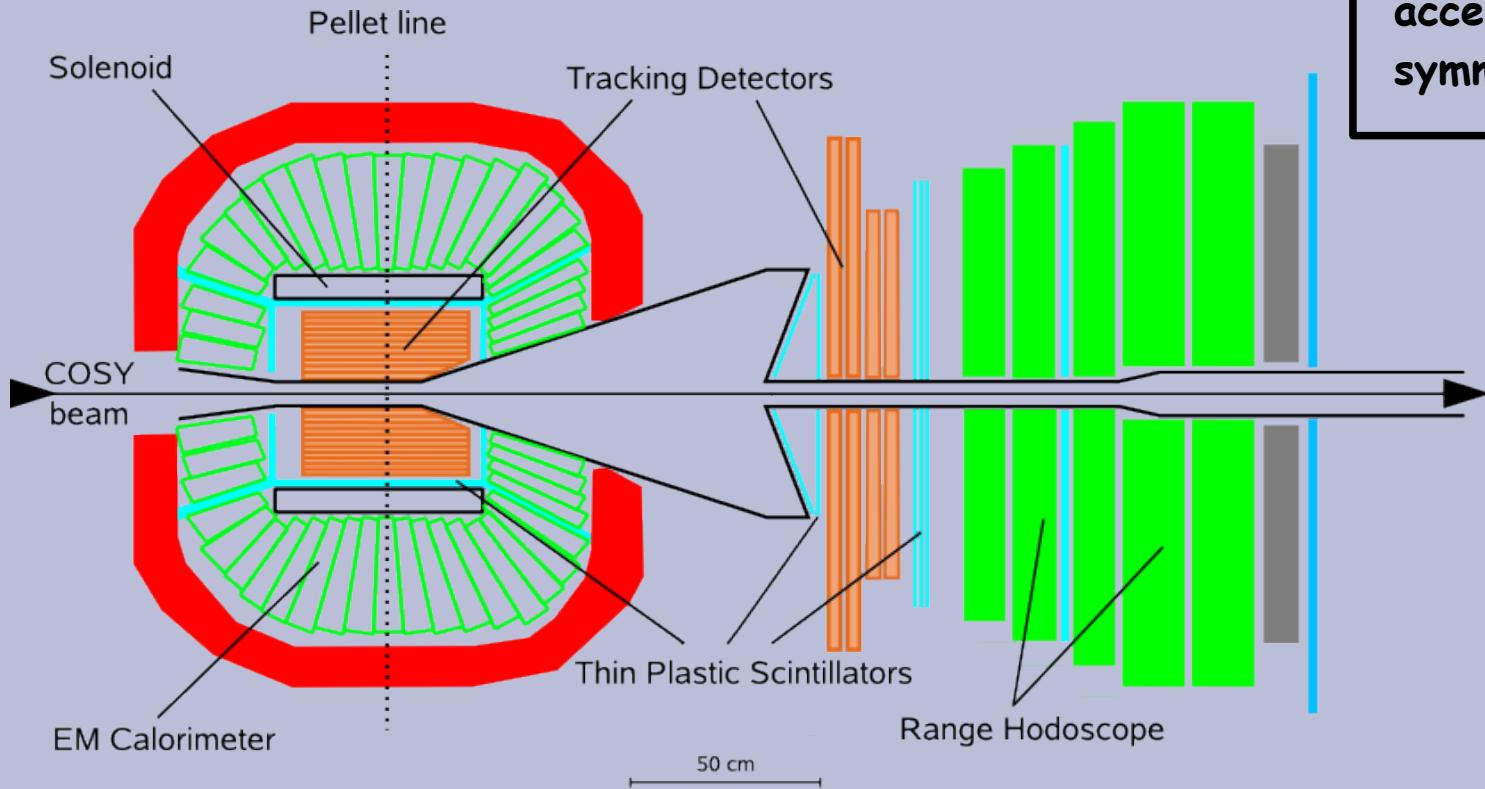
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WASA detector

(Wide Angle Shower Apparatus)

Pellet target



Central Detector:

- photons and charged particles ($\Delta E-p$, $\Delta E-E$)
- Θ_{central} 20-169°

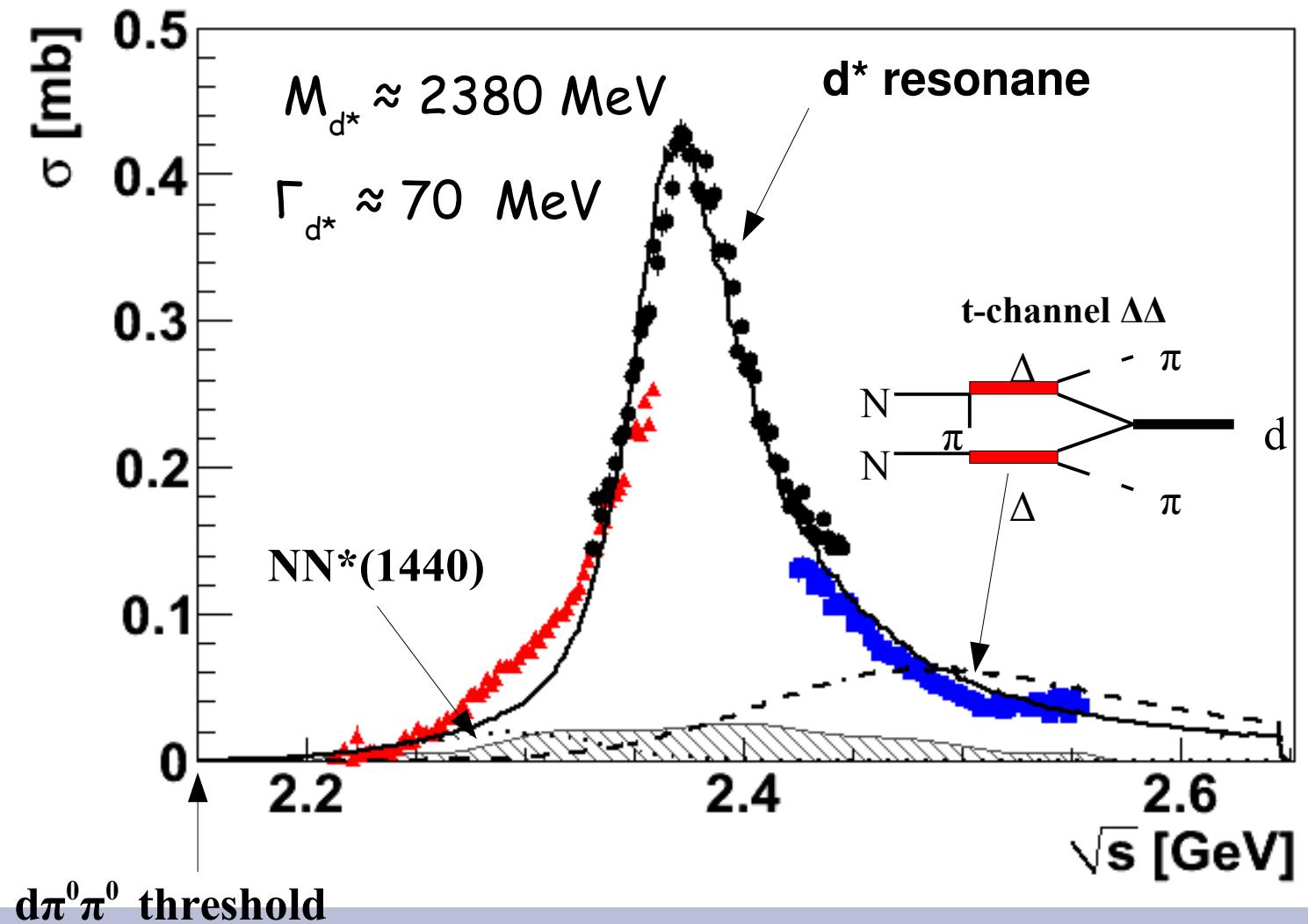
“Forward” Detector:

- charged particles ($\Delta E-\Delta E$, $\Delta E-E$)
- Θ_{forward} 3-18°

Total cross-section of $p+n \rightarrow d\pi^0\pi^0$

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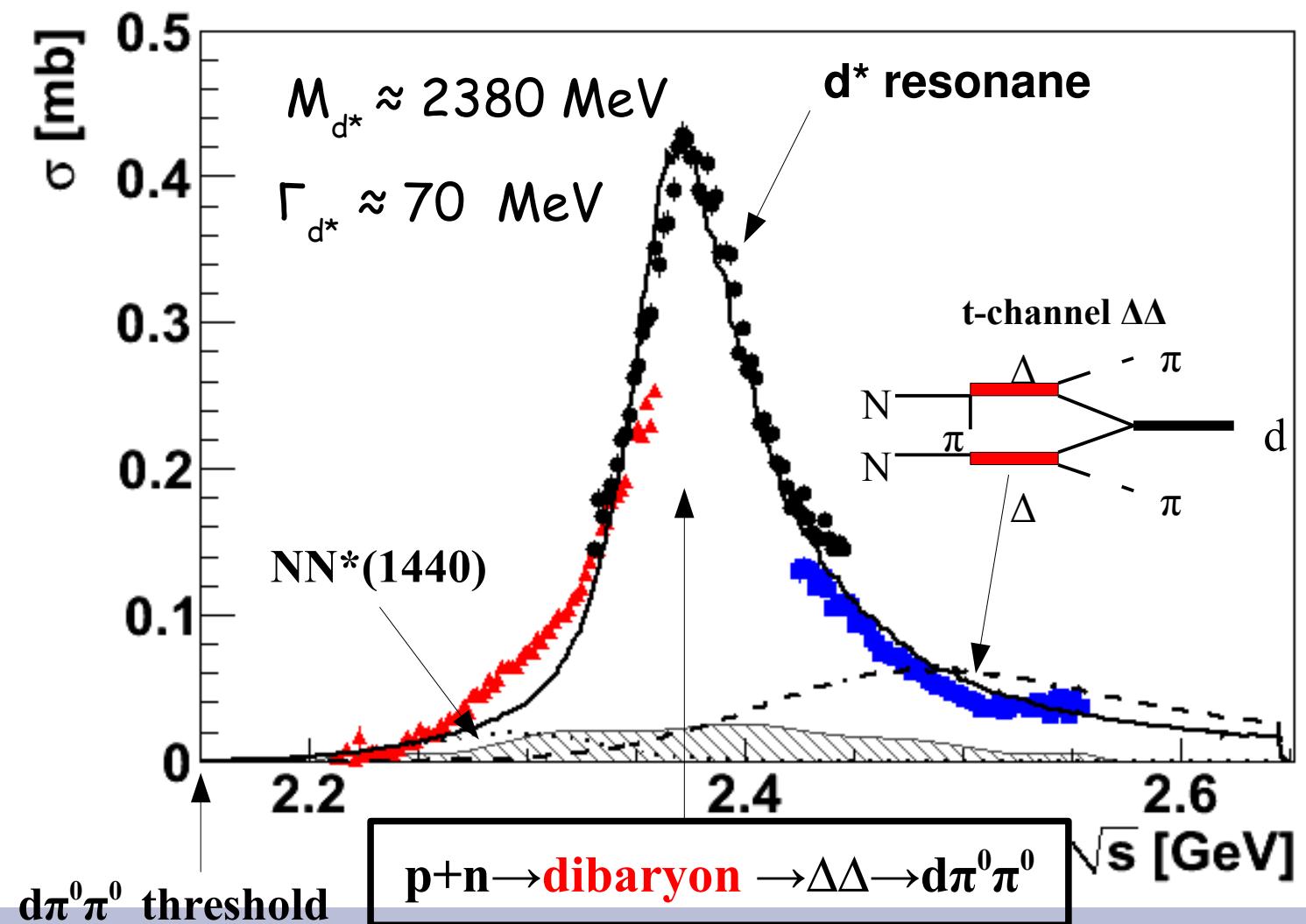
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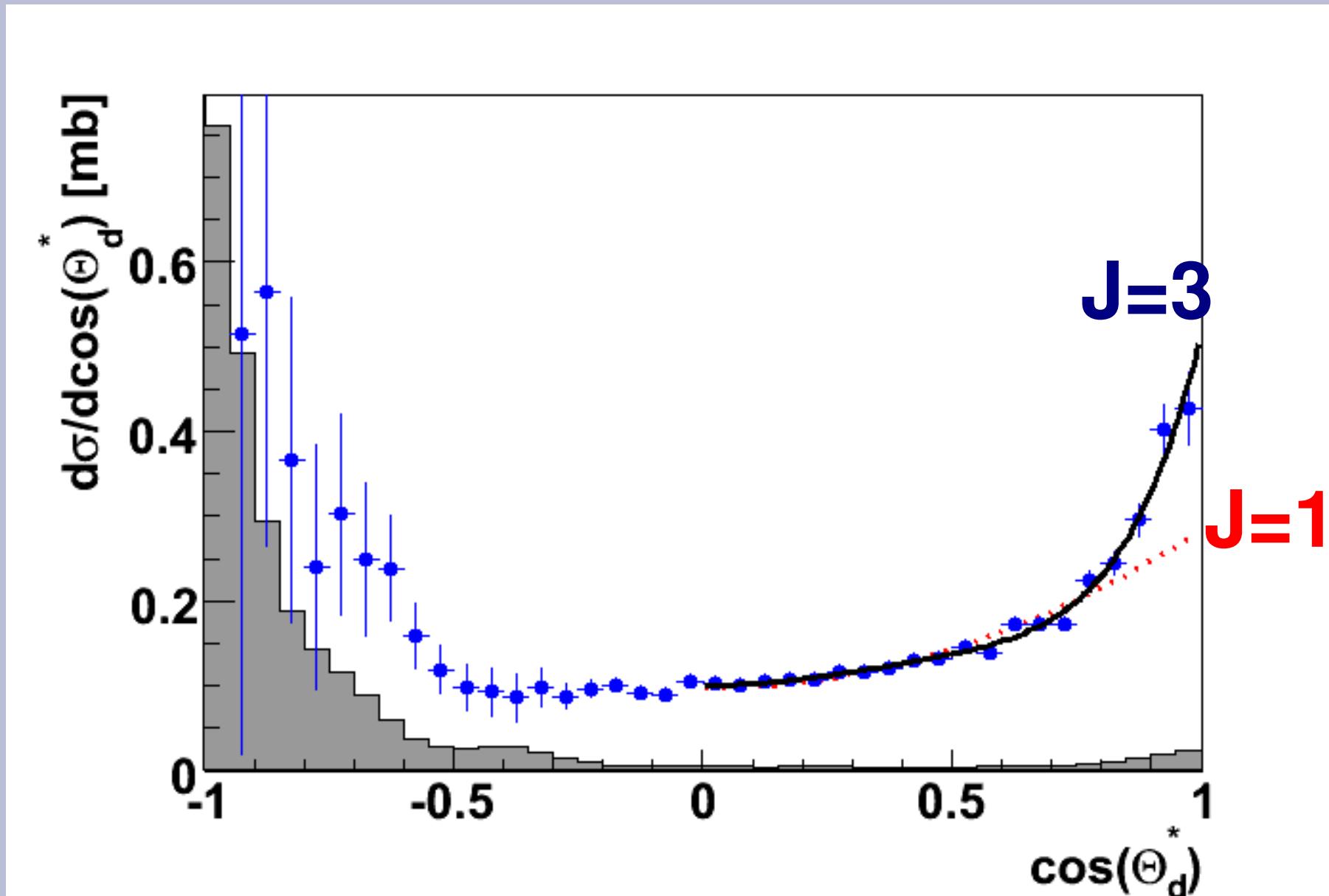
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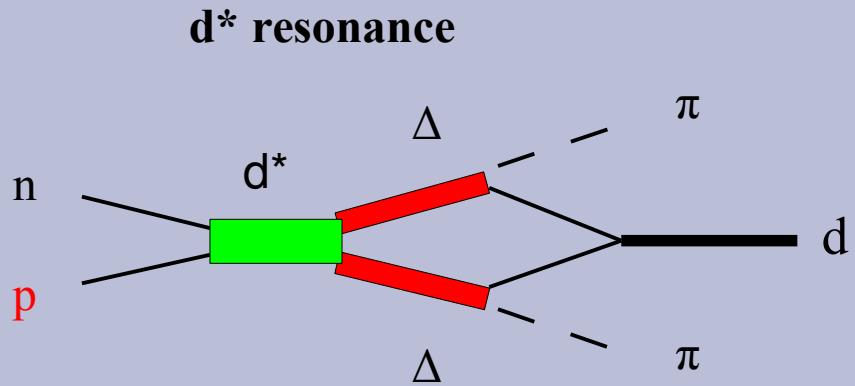
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Angular distribution at the peak cross-section ($\sqrt{s} = 2.38 \text{ GeV}$)



$d^*(2380)$ properties



$$M_{d^*} \approx 2380 \text{ MeV} \approx M_{\Delta\Delta} - 80 \text{ MeV}$$

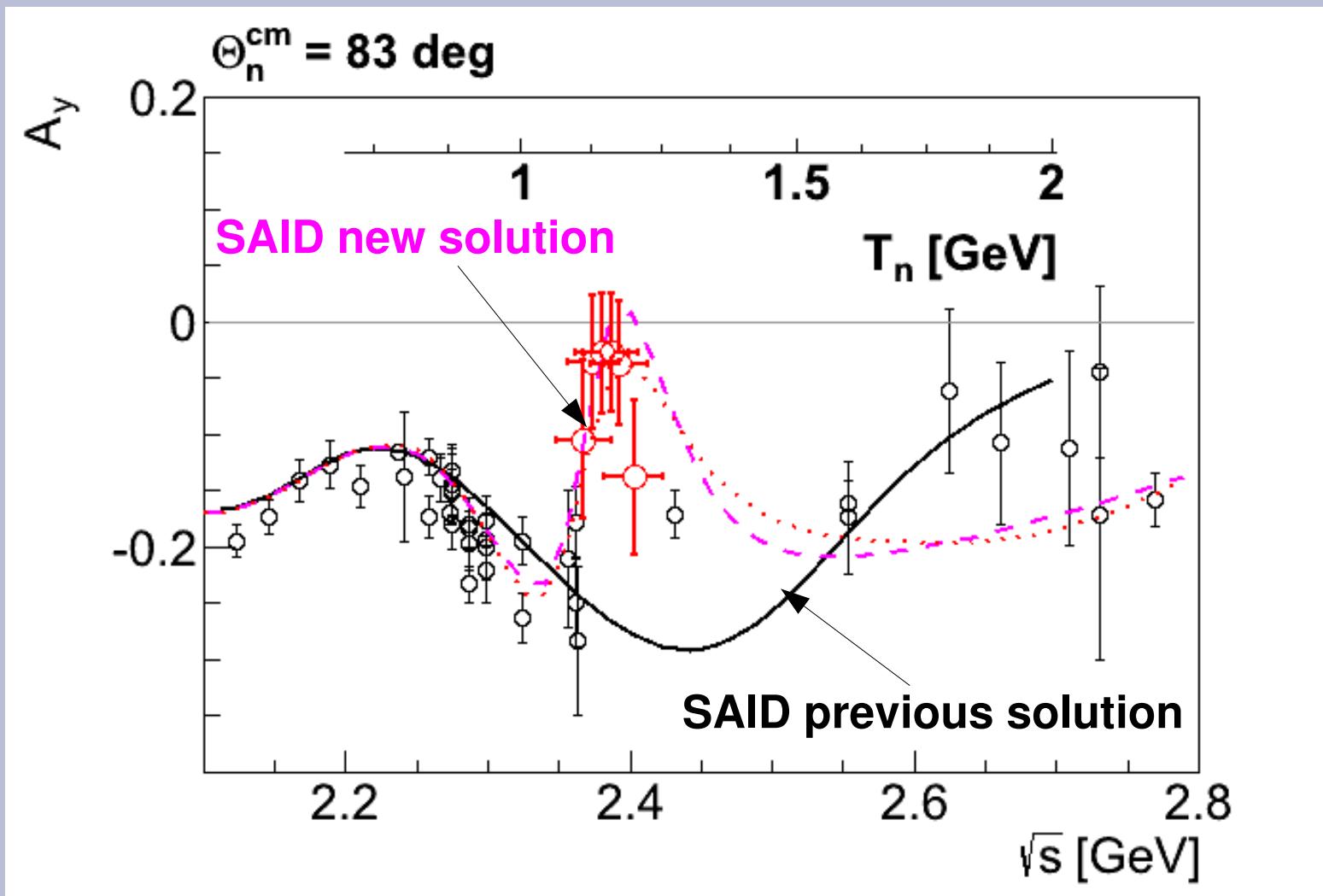
$$\Gamma_{d^*} \approx 70 \text{ MeV} \ll \Gamma_{\Delta\Delta} = 240 \text{ MeV}$$

$$I(J^P) = 0(3^+)$$

Energy dependence of np analysing power

$\overrightarrow{\text{np}} \rightarrow \text{d}^* \rightarrow \text{pn}$

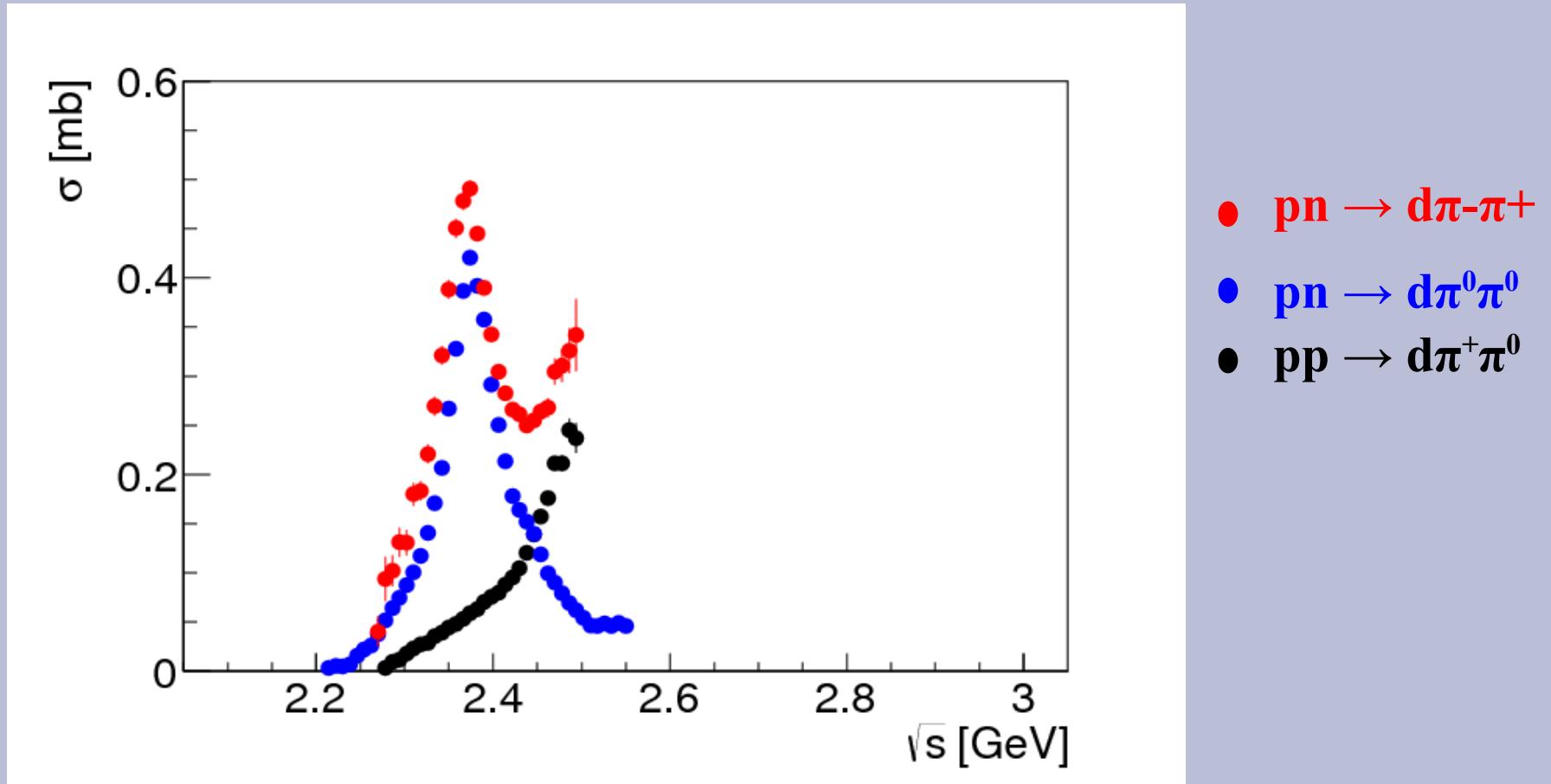
pole ($2380 \pm 10 - i40 \pm 5$) MeV



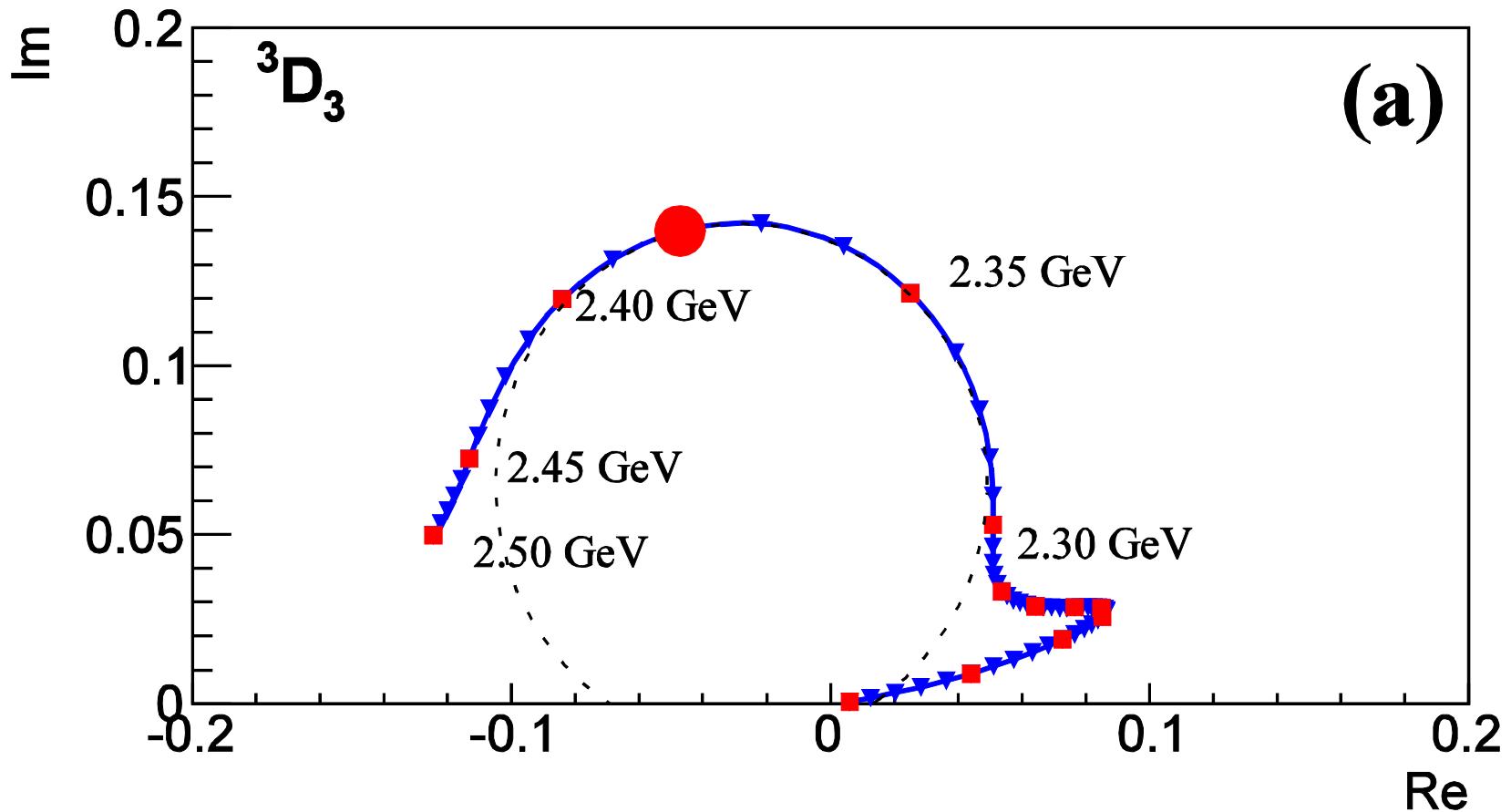
$pn \rightarrow d\pi^+\pi^-$ (isospin I= 0 and 1)

$$\sigma(pn \rightarrow d\pi^+\pi^-) = 2\sigma(pn \rightarrow d\pi^0\pi^0) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma(pp \rightarrow d\pi^+\pi^0)$$

I=0 I=1



Argand plot



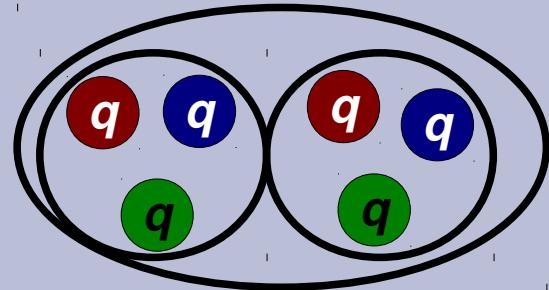
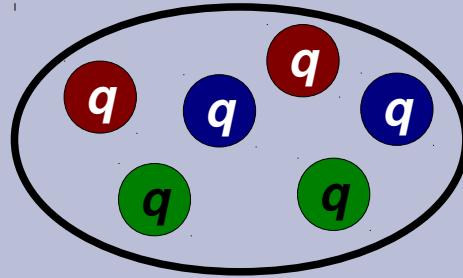
P. Adlarson et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **112**, 202301, (2014)
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Dibaryon decay branches

Channel	Publications
$d \pi^0\pi^0$	P. Adlarson et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 106 (2011) 242302 P. Adlarson et al., Phys. Lett. B721 (2013) 229-236 P. Adlarson et al., Eur. Phys. J. A52 (2016) 147
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$pp\pi^0\pi^-$	P. Adlarson et al., Phys. Rev. C 88 (2013) 055208
$np\pi^0\pi^0$	P. Adlarson et al., Phys. Lett. B743 (2015) 325-332
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${}^3He \pi\pi$	P. Adlarson et al., Phys. Rev. C91 (2015) 015201
${}^4He \pi\pi$	P. Adlarson et al., Phys. Rev. C86 (2012) 032201

$d^*(2380)$ - hexaquark or molecule ?

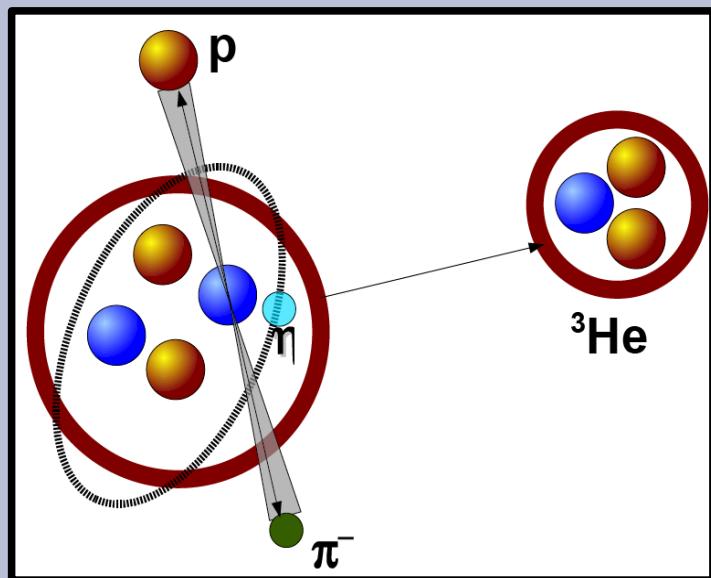


- $d^* \rightarrow \Delta\Delta \sim 88 \%$
- $d^* \rightarrow pn \sim 12 \%$

Many different theoretical models appeared:

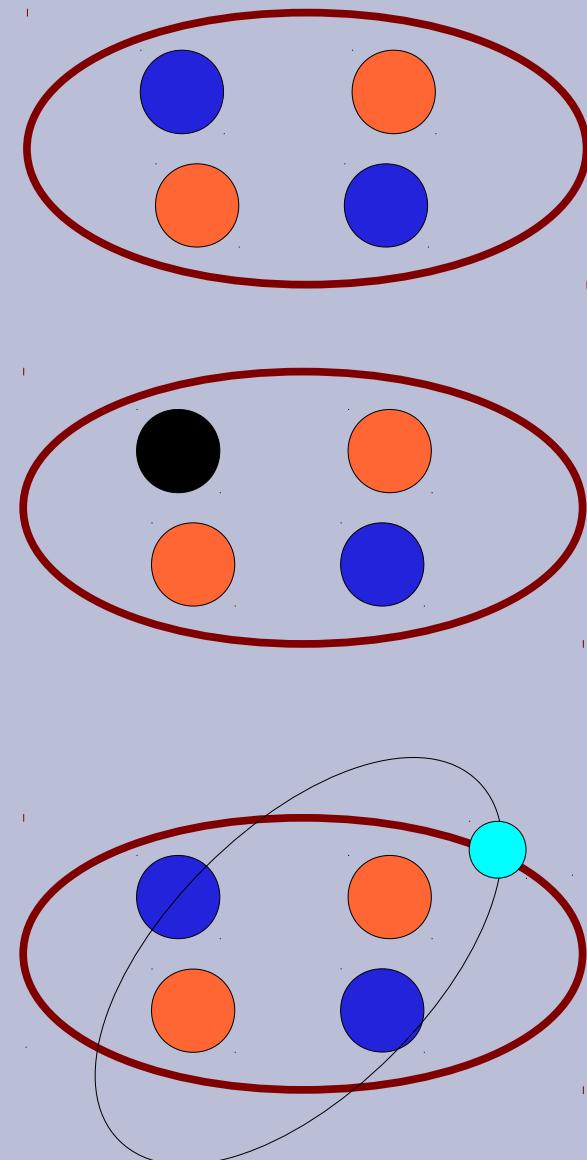
- M. Bashkanov, Stanley J. Brodsky, H. Clement Phys.Lett. B727 (2013) 438-442
- F. Huang et al, Chin.Phys. C39 (2015) 7, 071001
- Avraham Gal, Humberto Garcilazo Nucl. Phys. A928, (2014), 73

Search for eta-mesic nuclei



„Exotic“ systems

- | - - - - - | Classical nucleus:
 - | Bound state of nucleons
- | - - - - - | Hypernuclei:
 - | Bound states of nucleons
 - | + hyperion Λ, Σ
- | - - - - - | Mesic atoms and nuclei:
 - | Bound state of nucleons
 - | + meson $\pi, K, \eta, \eta', \omega, \dots$



η meson

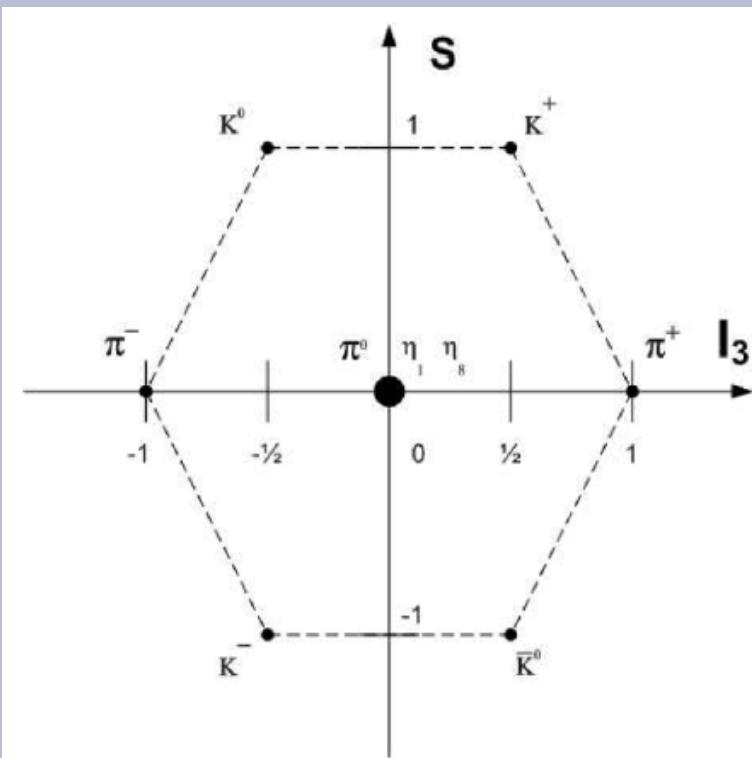
$$m_\eta = 547.3 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 1.18 \text{ keV}$$

$$C |\eta\rangle = +1 |\eta\rangle$$

$$P |\eta\rangle = -1 |\eta\rangle$$

$$t = 10^{-19} \text{ s}$$



$$|\eta\rangle = \cos\theta |\eta_8\rangle - \sin\theta |\eta_1\rangle$$

$$|\eta_8\rangle = (d\bar{d} + u\bar{u} - 2s\bar{s})/\sqrt{6},$$

$$|\eta_1\rangle = (d\bar{d} + u\bar{u} + s\bar{s})/\sqrt{3}$$

Mixing angle $\theta \sim -15$ degree

Bramon et al. Eur.Phys.J. C7 (1999)
271-27

(2 and 3 π decays forbidden via strong interaction due to P a G symmetry conservation)
Small width

All additive quantum numbers = 0

Beam unavailable. We have to create η meson in the final state to study it.

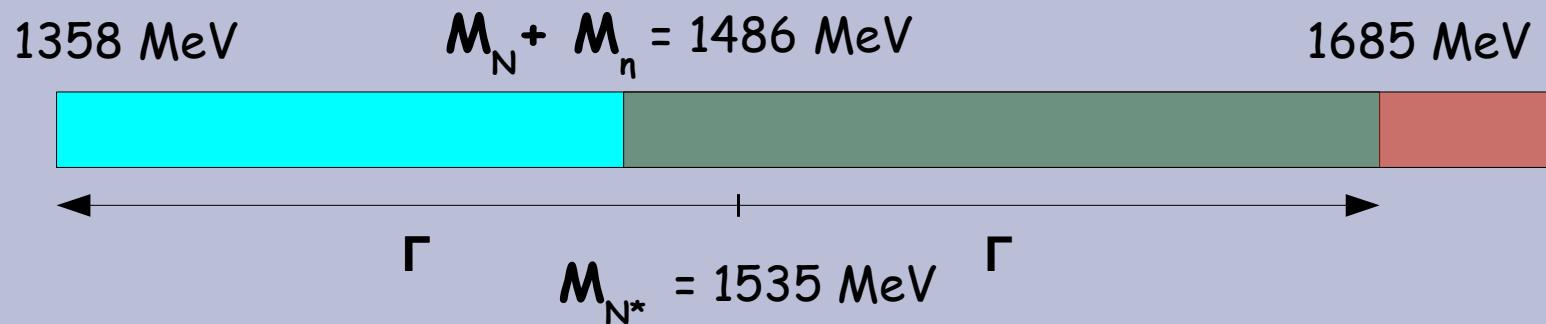
η interaction with nucleon

$$0.18 \text{ fm} \leq \text{Re } a_{\eta N} \leq 1.03 \text{ fm}$$

$$0.16 \text{ fm} \leq \text{Im } a_{\eta N} \leq 0.49 \text{ fm}$$

N. G. Kelkar, et al., Rep. Prog. Phys. 76, 066301 (2013).

For low energies η -N interaction is dominated by **N*(1535)/S₁₁** resonance



Recent review:

B. Krusche, C. Wilkin Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 80 (2015) 43

η interaction with nucleon

$N^*(1535)/S_{11}$

$J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$

$m = 1535 \text{ MeV}$

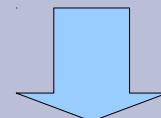
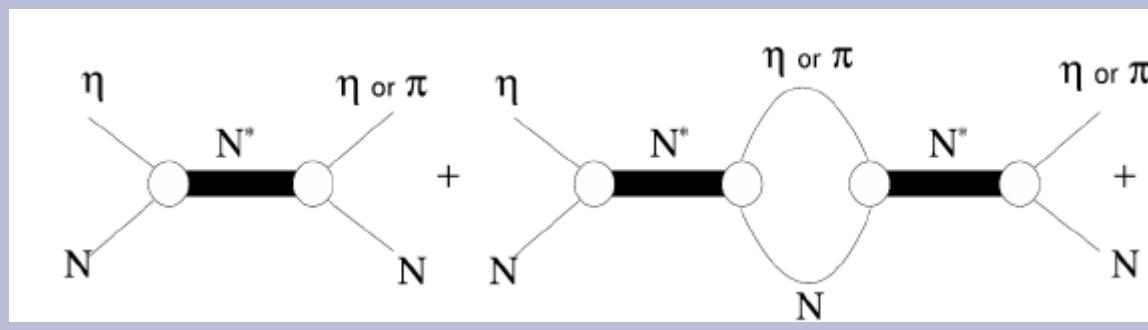
$\Gamma = 150 \text{ MeV}$

Main decay channels:

$N^* \rightarrow \pi N \sim 35\text{-}55 \%$

$N^* \rightarrow \eta N \sim 30\text{-}55 \%$

$N^* \rightarrow \pi \pi N \sim 1\text{-}10 \%$



Attractive η -N interaction

η interaction with nucleon

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Q. Haider, L.C. Liu, *Phys. Lett. B172, 257 (1986)*.

First η -mesic nuclei predictions (for $A > 12$)

η -mesic nucleus = only strong interaction

For recent calculations see:

- E. Friedman, A. Gal and J. Mares, *Phys. Lett. B725* (2013) 334.
- Q. Haider, L. C. Liu, *Int. J. Mod. Phys. E24* (2015) 1530009

Why η -mesic nuclei

- New bound state of hadrons

- Investigation η -N interactions

- Studies of η quark structure

Binding energy and effective mass of η are sensitive to the gluon component of the flavour singlet function $|\eta_0\rangle$

(more gluon content \rightarrow more attractive binding \rightarrow higher binding energy)

(*S.D. Bass, A.W. Thomas, Phys. Lett. B634 (2008)*)

- Study of in-medium properties of $N^*(1535)$ resonance:

$N-\eta$ system is strongly coupled with $N^*(1535)$ resonances. η -mesic nucleus as a probe for testing different N^* models

Jido, Oka, Hosaka, Nemoto, PTP106(01)873

Jido, Hatsuda, Kunirhiro, NPA671(00)471

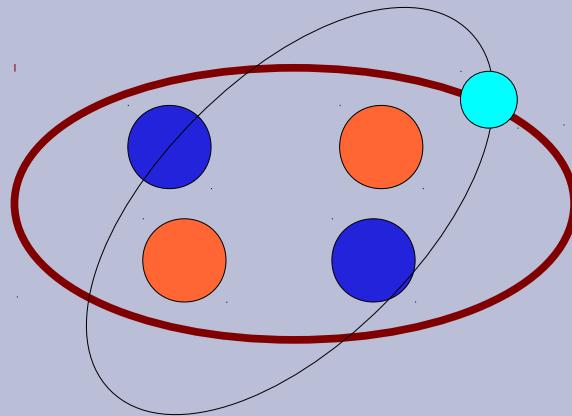
Garcia-Recio, Nieves, Inoue, Oset, PLB550(02)47

Jido, Nagahiro., Hirenzaki, PRC66(02)045202

Inoue, Oset, NPA710(02) 354

η bound states with light nuclei

C. Wilkin, Phys. Rev. C47 (1993) 938



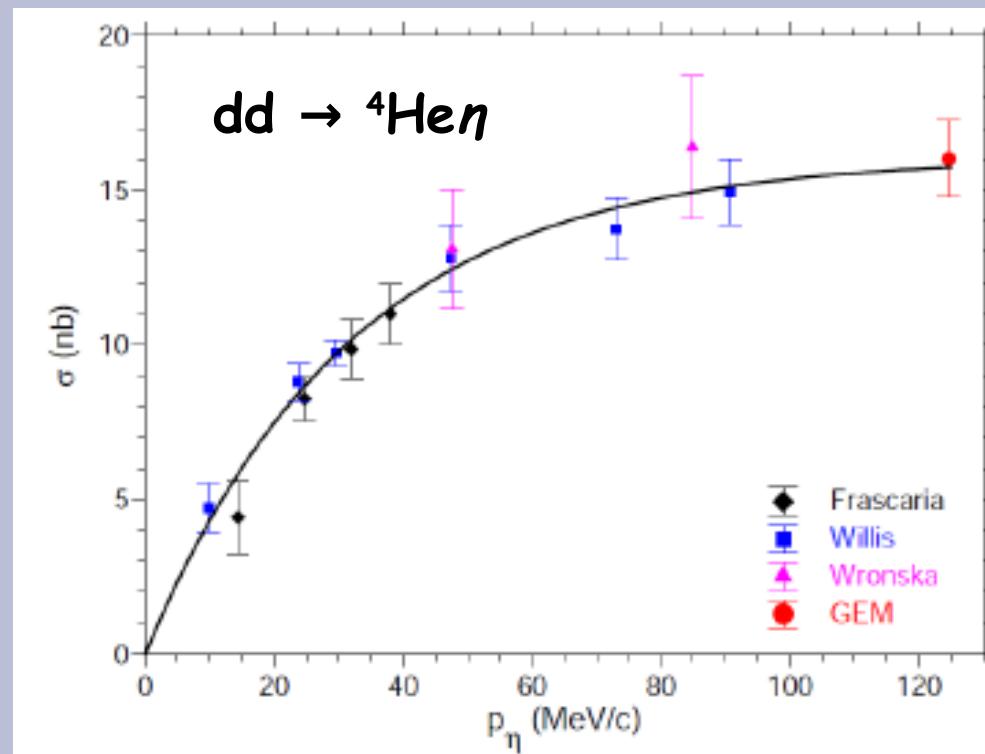
Supported by model calculations of:

- S. Wycech et al., Phys. Rev. C52(1995)544
(multiple scattering theory)

η -nuclear bound states revisited:

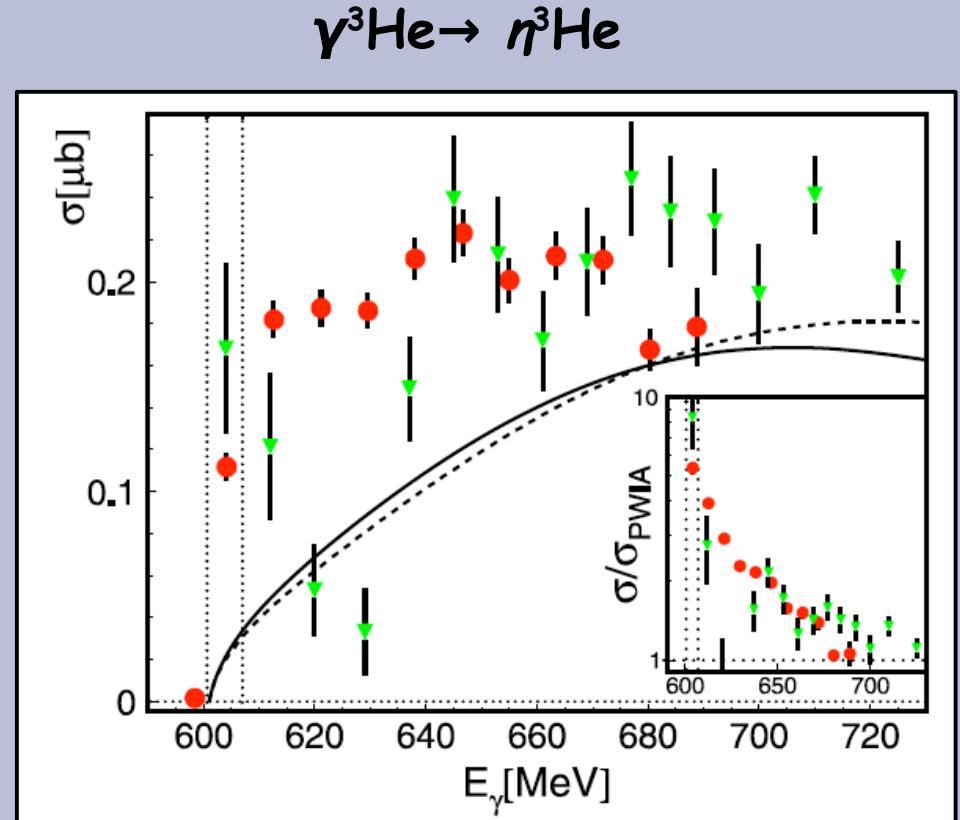
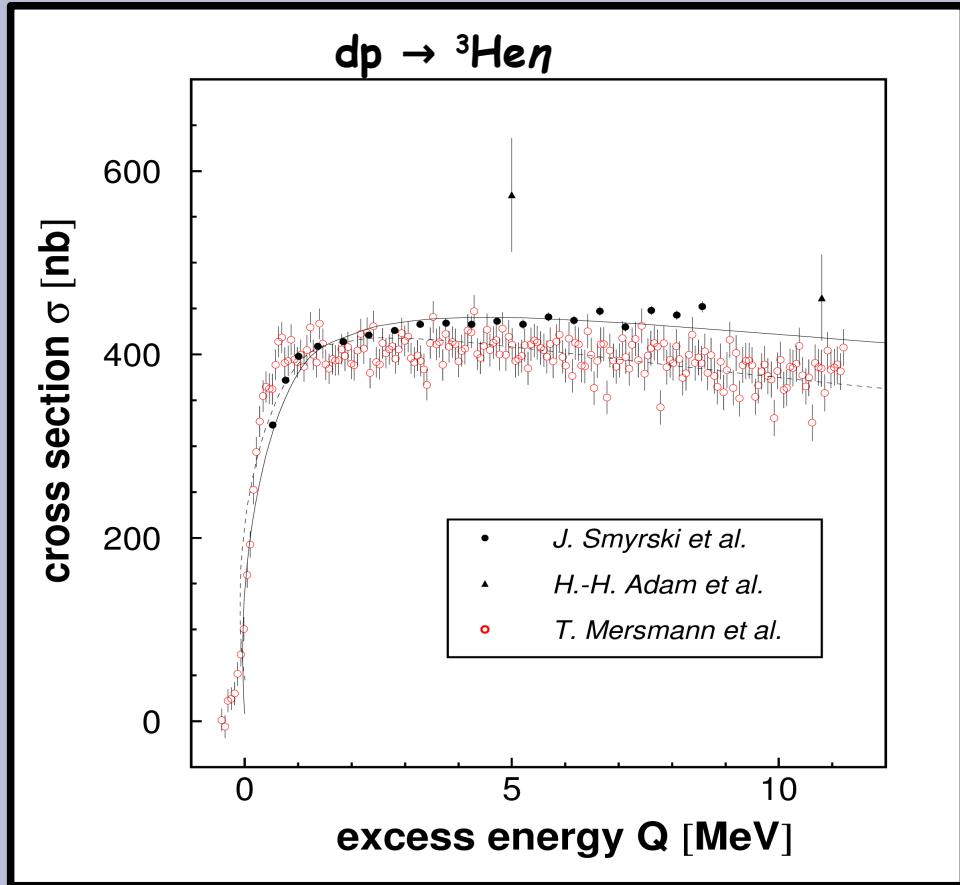
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- Q. Haider, L. C. Liu, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E24 (2015) 1530009
- H. Machner, J. Phys. G42 (2015) 043001
- N. Barnea, E. Friedman, A. Gal Phys. Lett. B 747 (2015) 345-350

Experimental indications of existence of a ${}^4\text{He}-\eta$ bound system



- R. Frascaria et al., Phys. Rev. C 50 (1994) 573.
N. Willis et al., Phys. Lett. B 406 (1997) 14.
A. Wrońska et al., Eur.Phys.J. A26 (2005) 421-428.
A. Budzanowski et al., Nucl. Phys. A821, (2009) 193.

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ANKE: T. Mersmann et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **98** 242301 (2007)

COSY-11: J. Smyrski et al., Phys. Lett. **B 649** 258-262 (2007)

MAMI:

M. Pfeiffer et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **92** 252001 (2004)

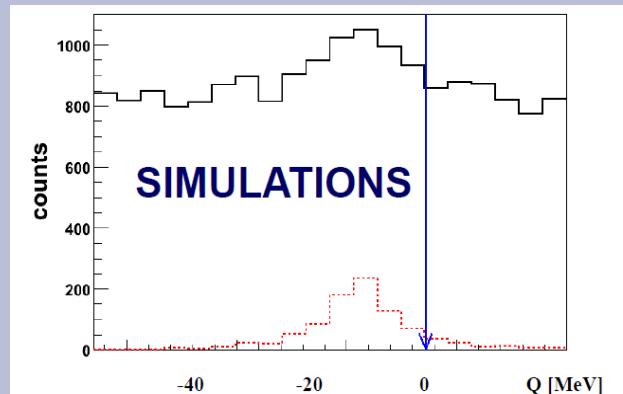
F. Pheron et al., Phys. Lett. **B709** 21 (2012)

Enhancement independent of input channel → Strong ${}^3\text{He}-\eta$ FSI

How to look for bound states

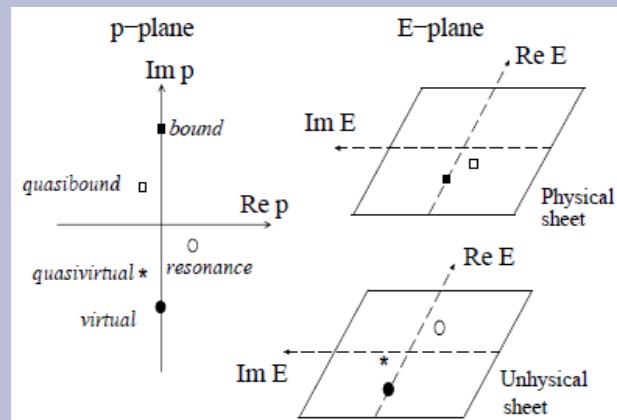
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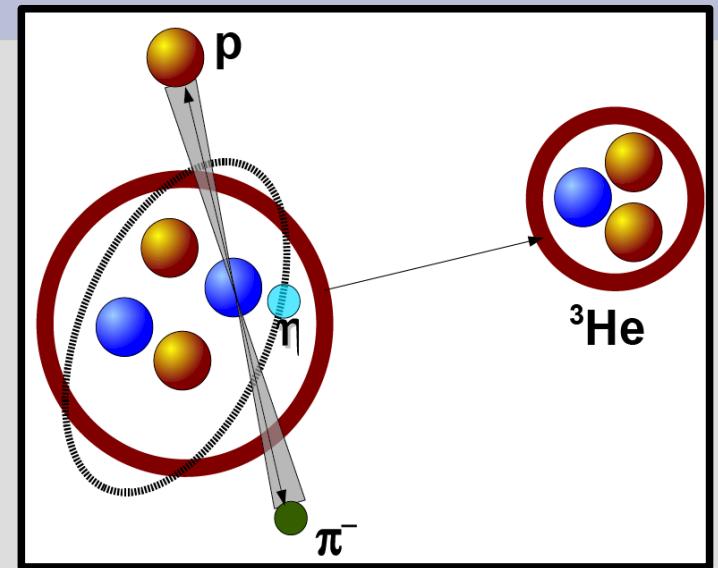
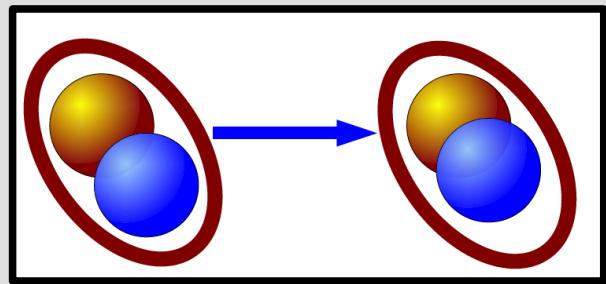
Search for some peak structure below the production threshold
(e.g. in missing mass)

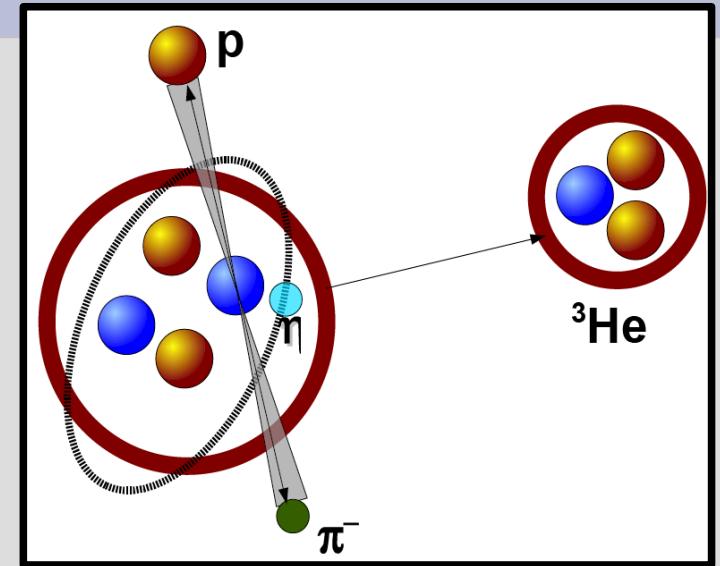
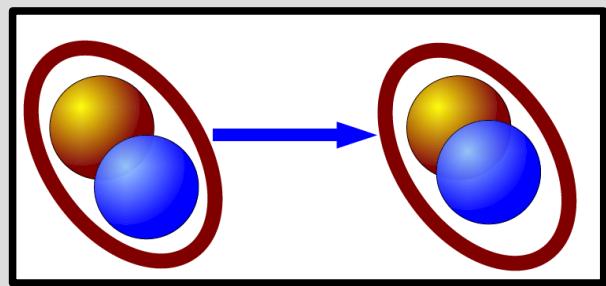


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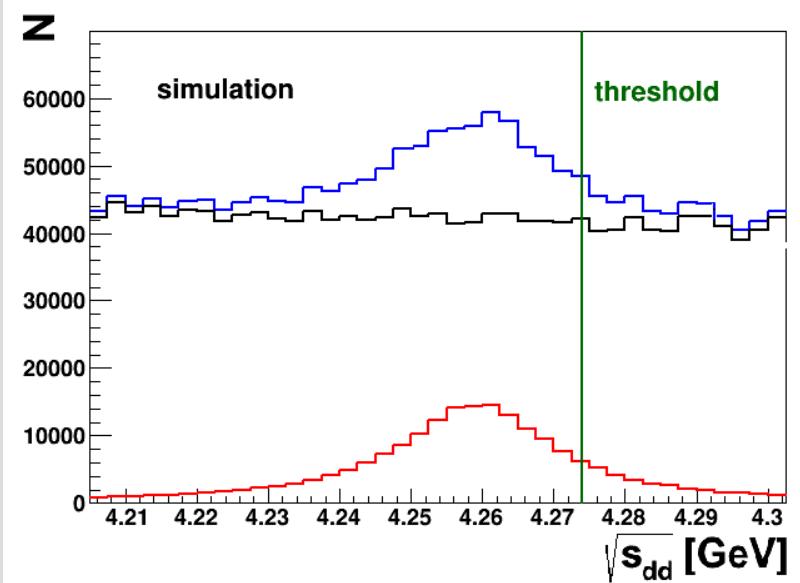
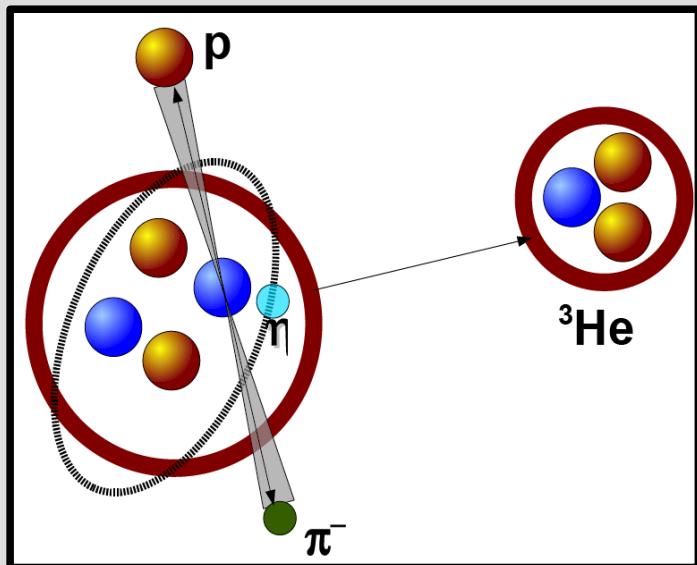
Based on cross-section behaviour above the threshold (some theoretical model must be assumed)







- relative $N\text{-}\pi$ angle in the CM : $\theta_{cm} \sim 180^\circ$
- low ${}^3\text{He}$ momentum in the CM



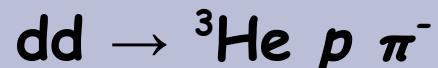
$$m_{BS} = m_A + m_\eta - E_{BE}$$

Search for a resonance-like structure
with maximum below the η - ${}^4\text{He}$ production threshold

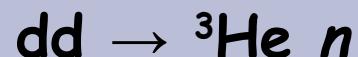
^4He η experiments

June 2008

Channels: ^3He n



Normalization:



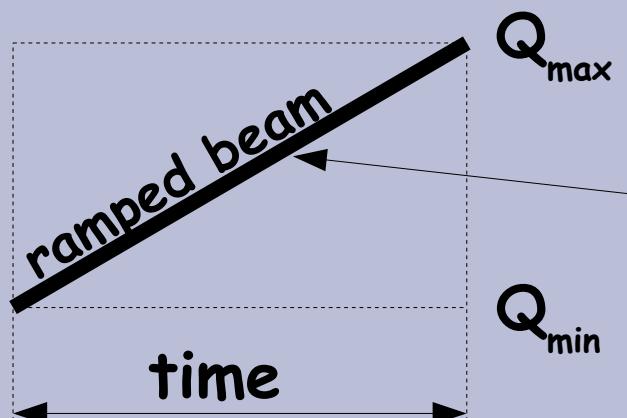
Q: -51 to 22 MeV

P: 2.185 to 2.4 GeV/c

P_{beam} [GeV/c]

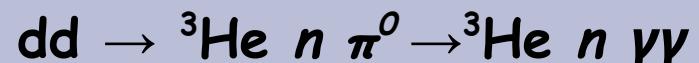
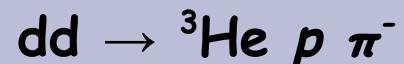
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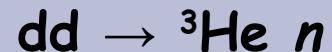


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Channels:



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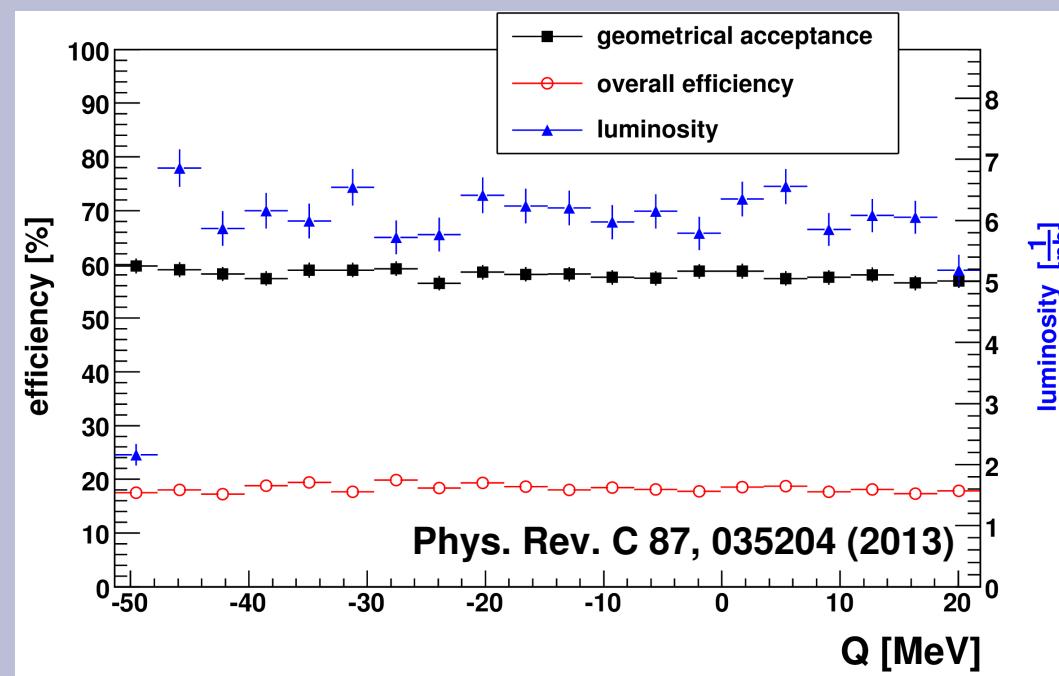
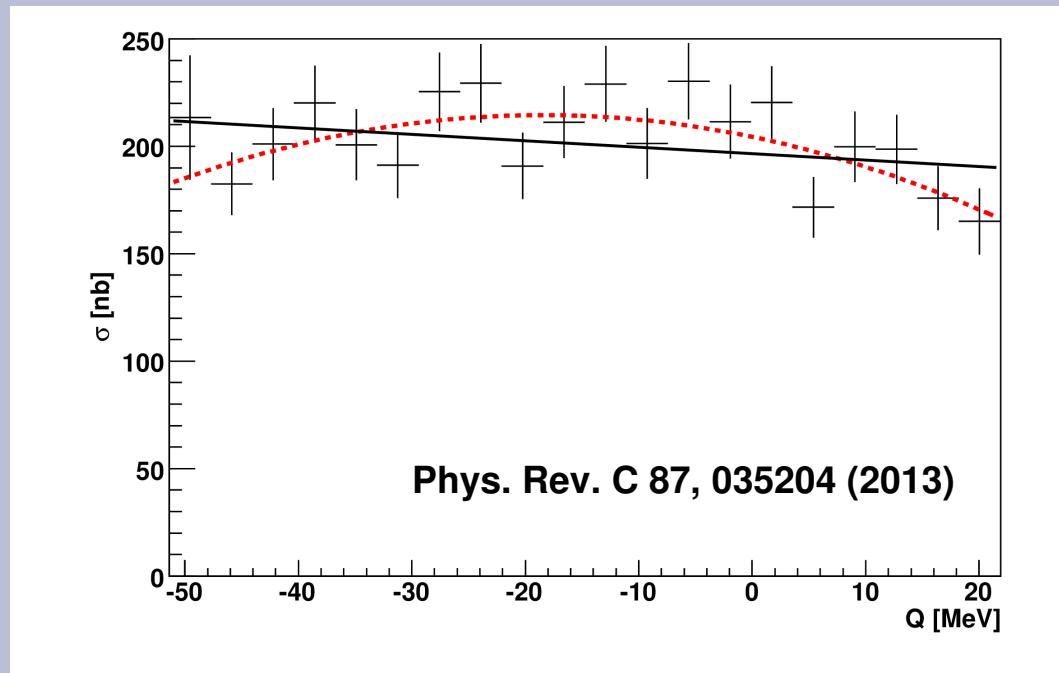
Q: -70 to 30 MeV

P: 2.127 to 2.422 GeV/c
~20 x more statistics

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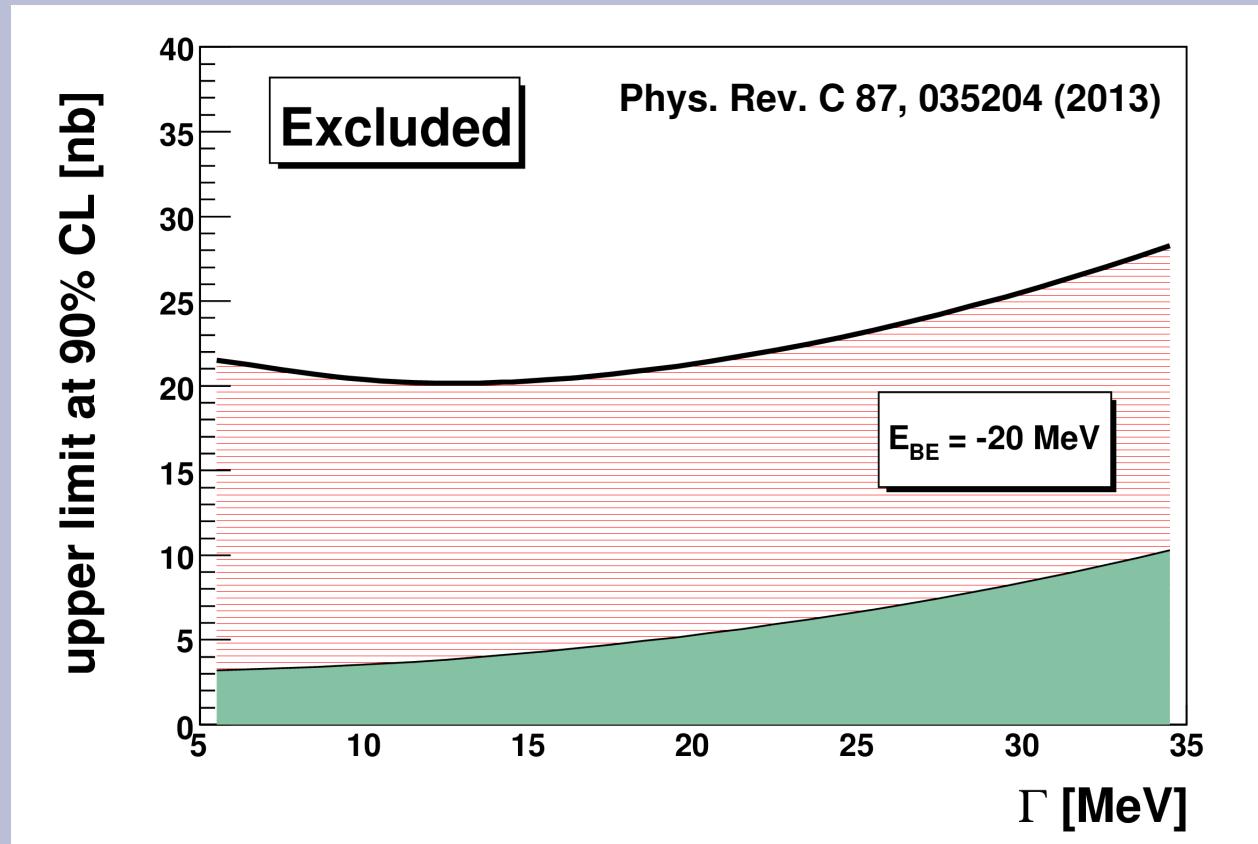
**Unique COSY
accelerator feature**

Excitation function (normalized and corrected for efficiency)



Upper limit of the maximum cross-section

for the reaction $dd \rightarrow (^4\text{He} - \eta)_{\text{bound}} \rightarrow ^3\text{He} p \pi^-$



Signal:

$$\sigma(Q, E_{BE}, \Gamma, A) = \frac{A \left(\frac{\Gamma}{2} \right)^2}{(Q - E_{BE})^2 + \left(\frac{\Gamma}{2} \right)^2}$$

Background:

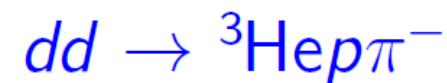
$$BG = a_0 + a_1 Q + a_2 Q^2 \quad \text{or} \quad BG = a_0 + a_1 Q$$

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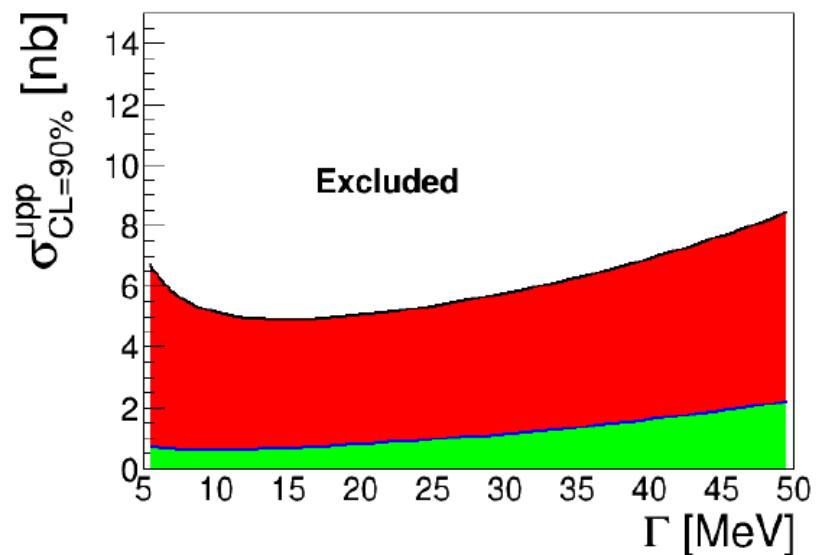
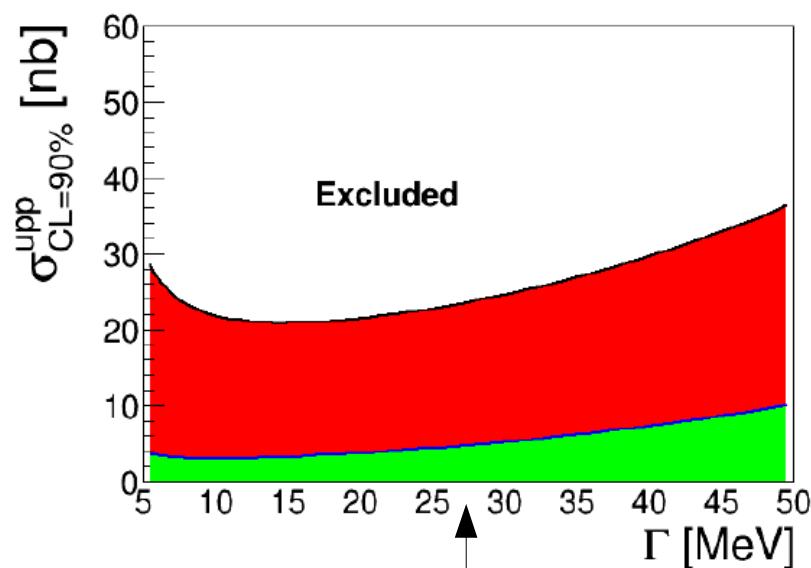
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Upper limit of the total cross section at CL=90%,

$$B_s = 30 \text{ MeV}$$



PRELIMINARY



PhD thesis of Magdalena Skurzok

few nb!

New experiment in May-June 2014

May-June 2014

Channels:



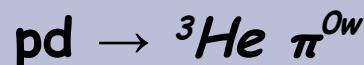
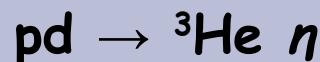
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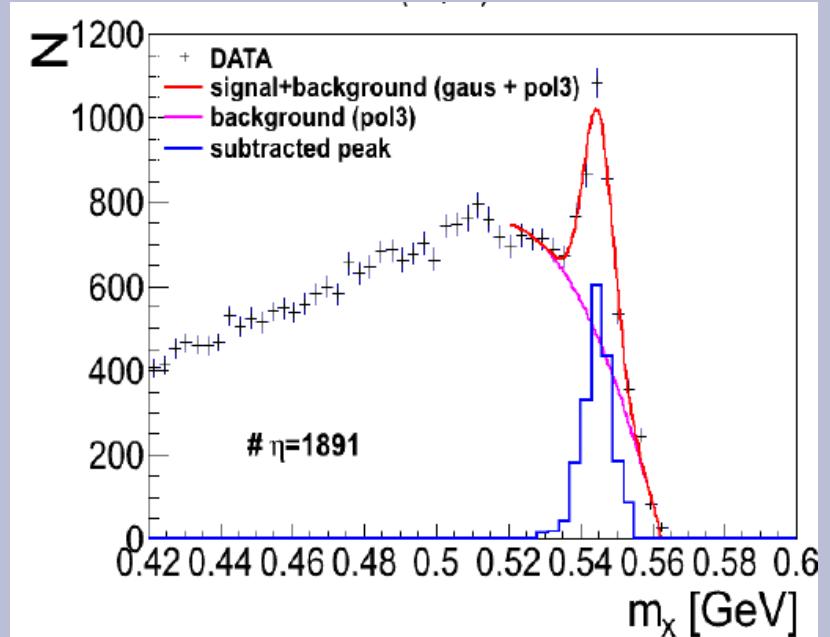
Orbiting eta:



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Test plot from experiment



Q: -50 to 20 MeV

P: 1468 to 1615 MeV/c

Predictions for He system

$\eta - {}^4\text{He}$

~ 6 nb -- Present preliminary experimental upper limit

~ 4 nb -- Theoretical estimation

S. Wycech, W. Krzemien , Acta. Phys. Pol. B45 (2014) 745

$\eta - {}^3\text{He}$

~270 nb -- Present experimental upper limit ppp π^-
COSY-11: Acta Phys. Pol B41 (2010) 21

~80 nb -- Theoretical estimation

C. Wilkin, Acta. Phys. Pol. B45 (2014) 60

~ 10nb -- expected from New WASA-at-COSY data collected in May 2014



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Can eta form a bound state with a nucleus ?

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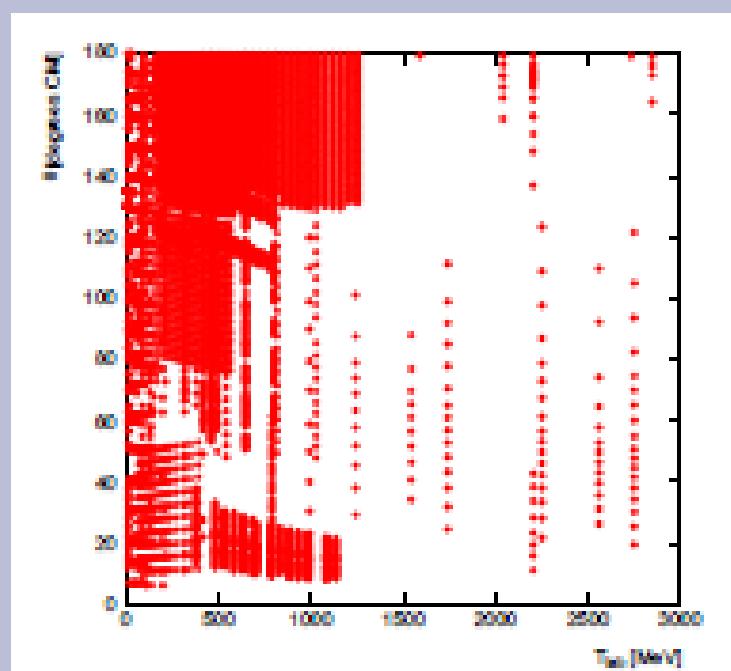
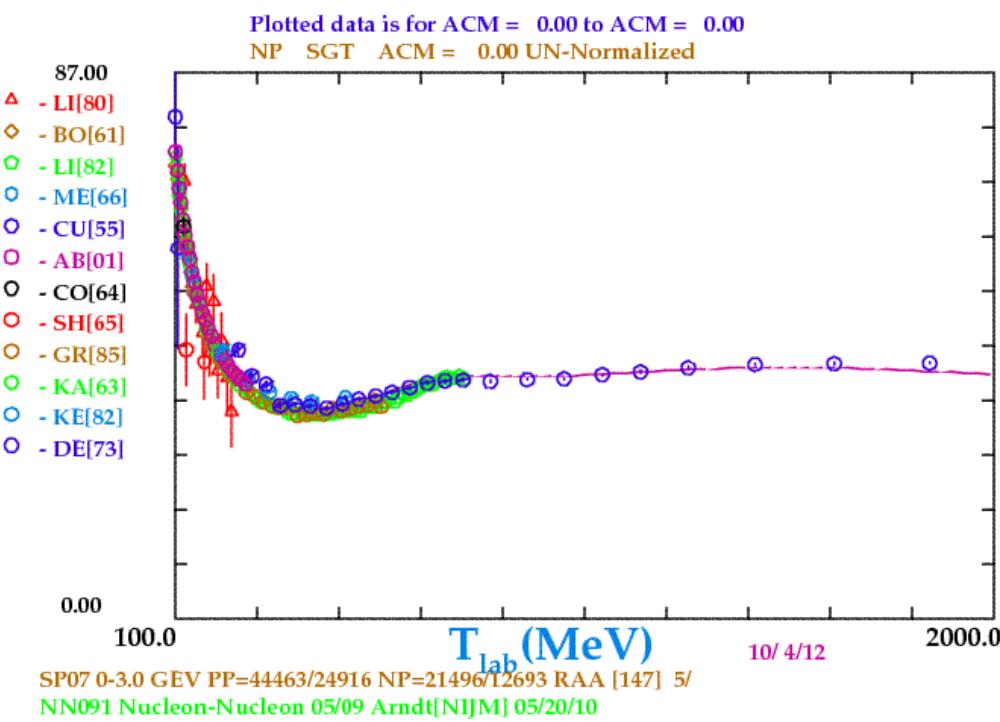
Exclusive, high-acceptance measurement with **ramped beam**,

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Thank you for your attention

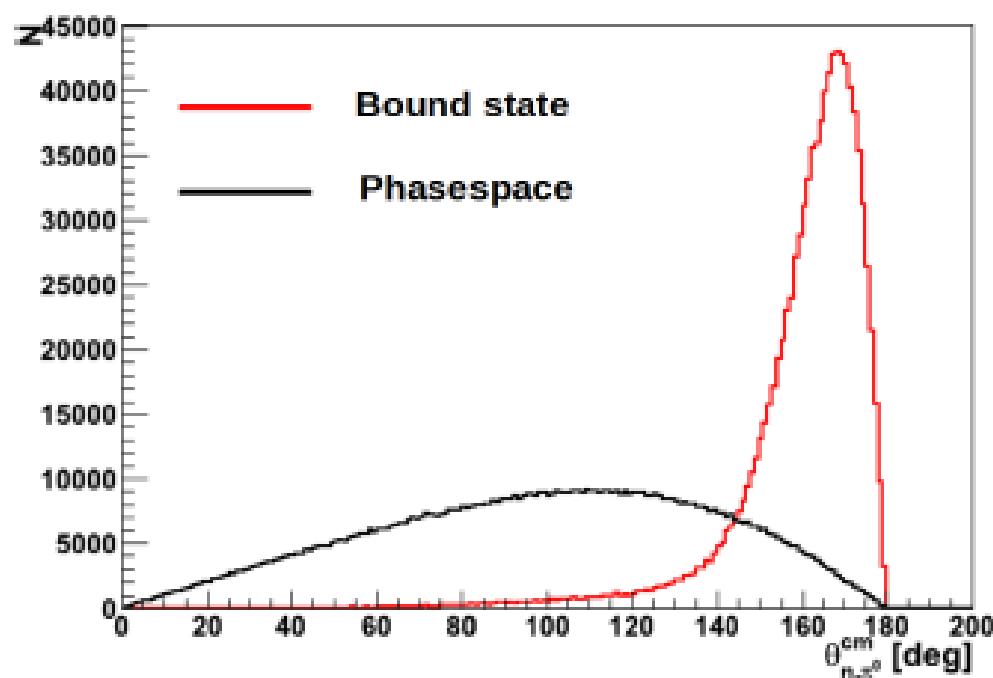
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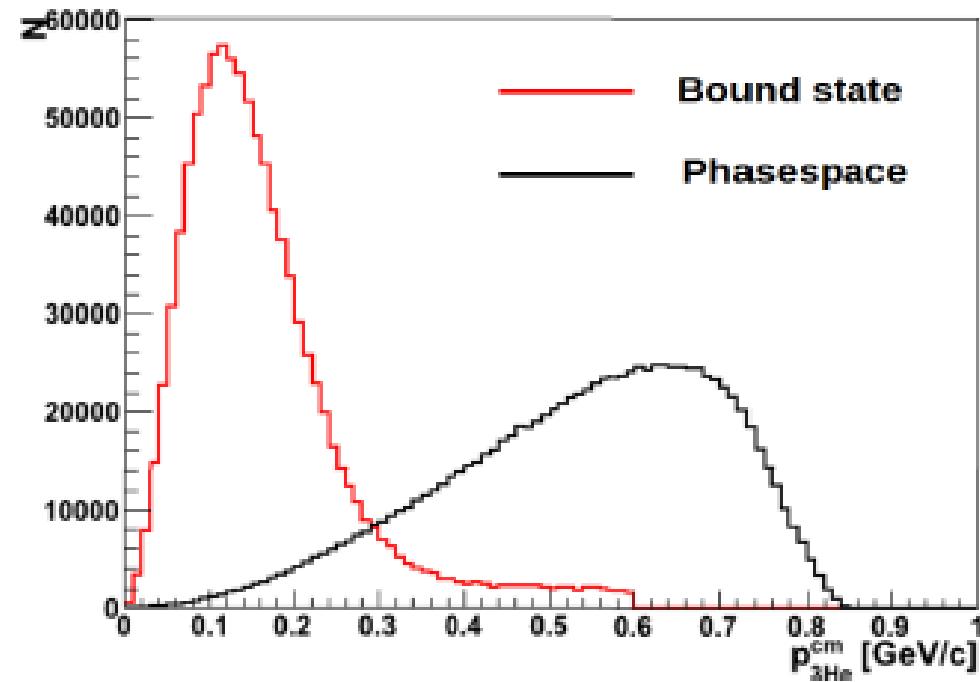


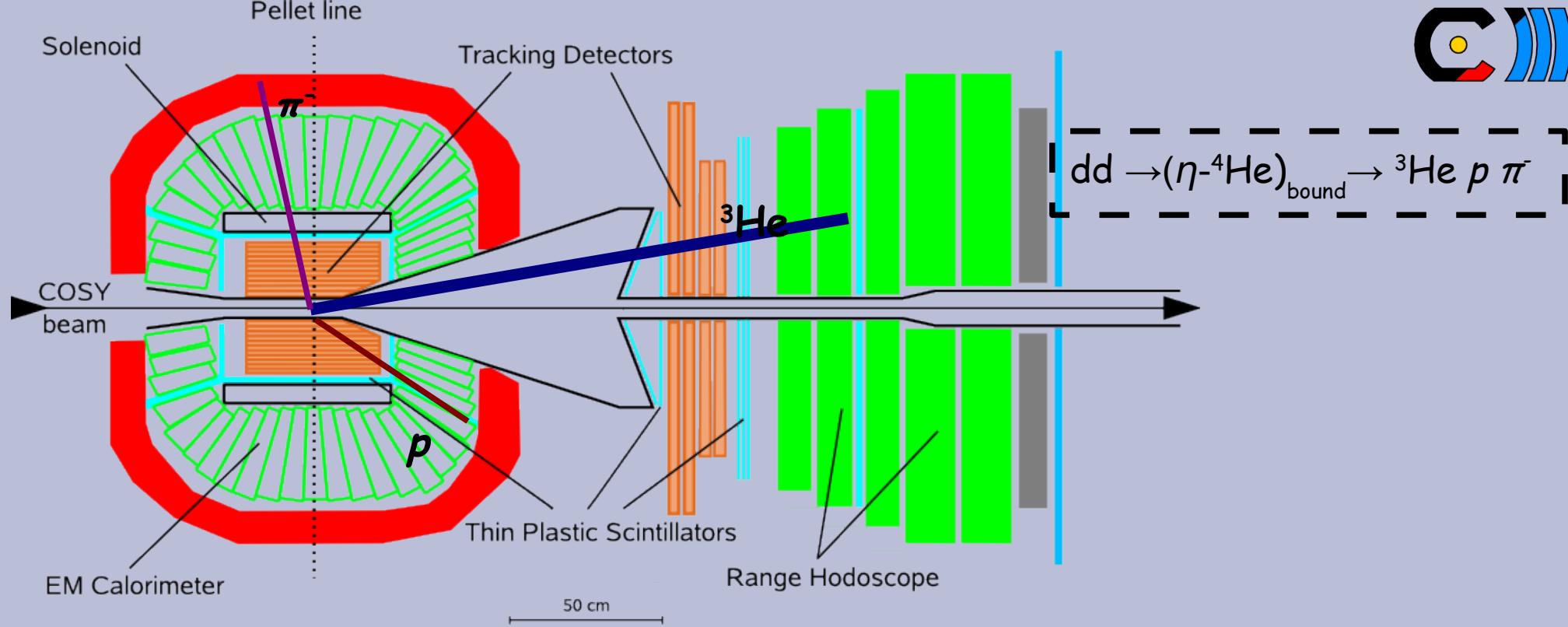
Signatures of the bound state

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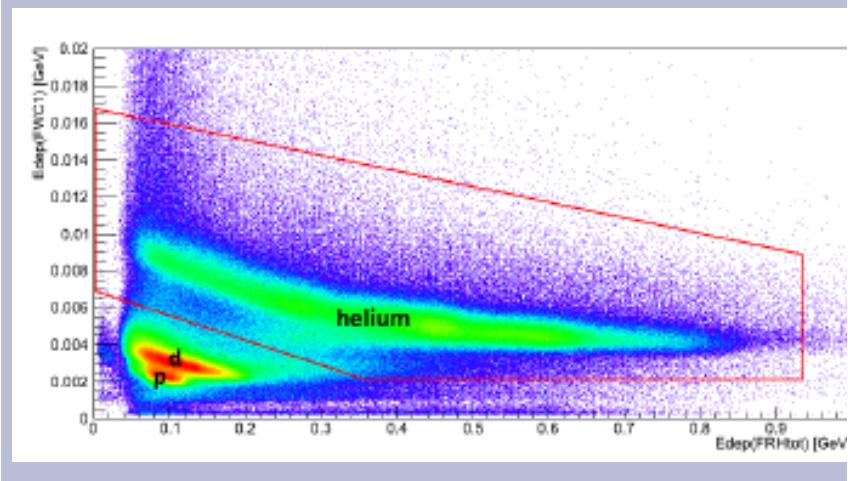
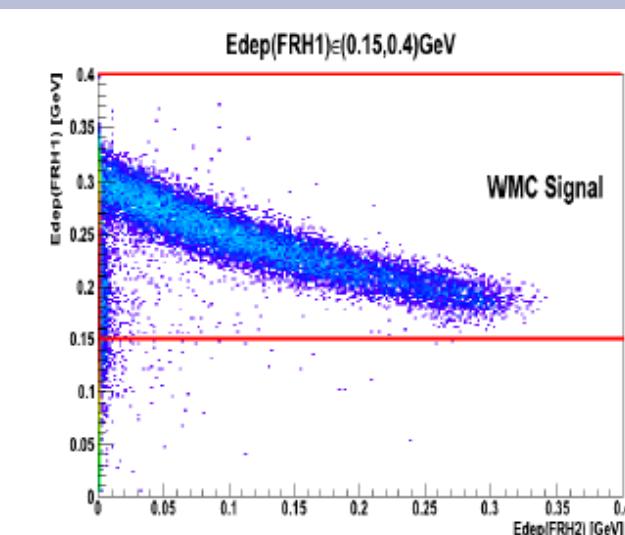
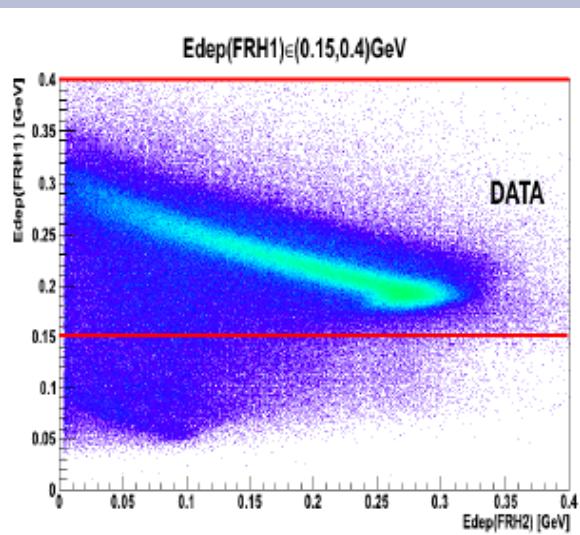


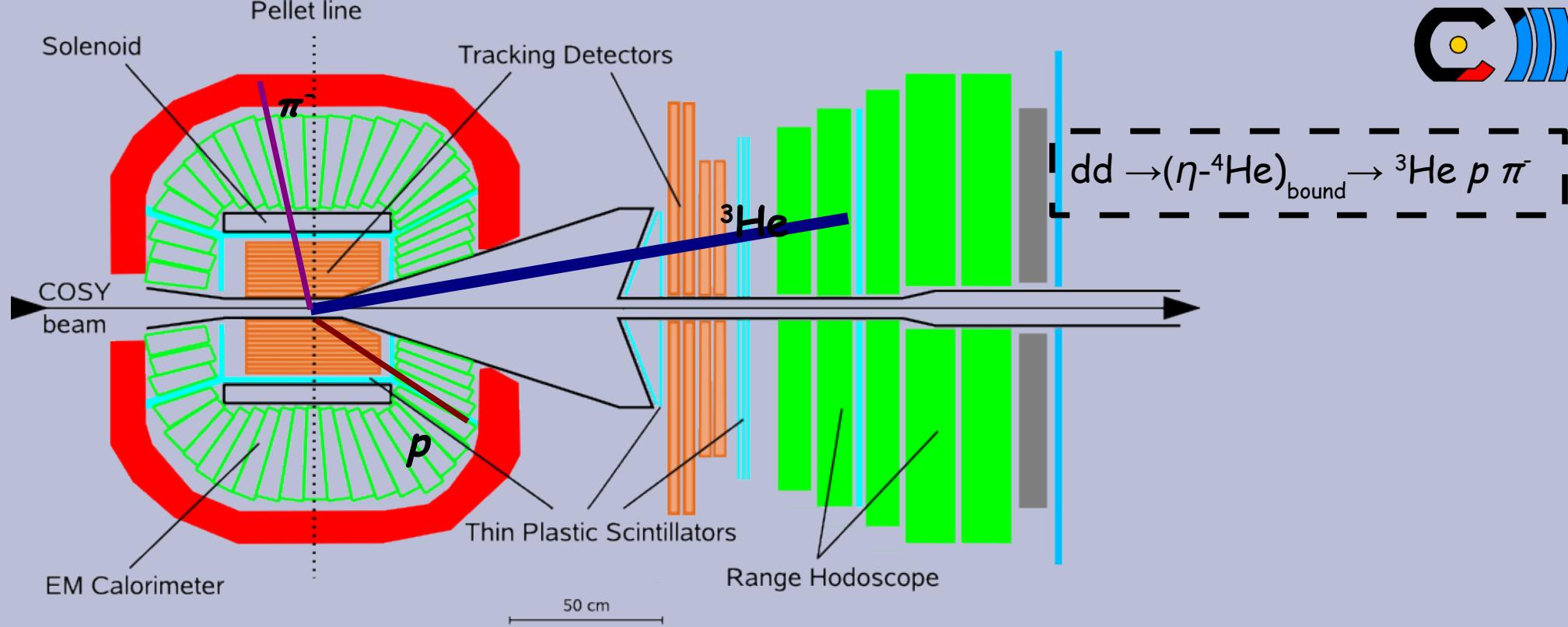
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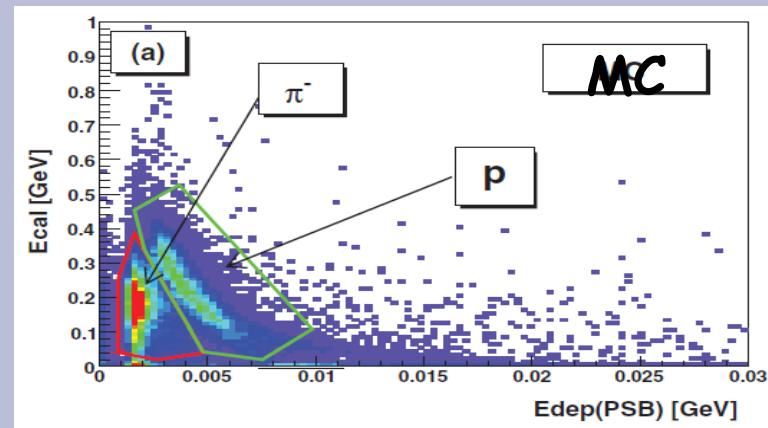
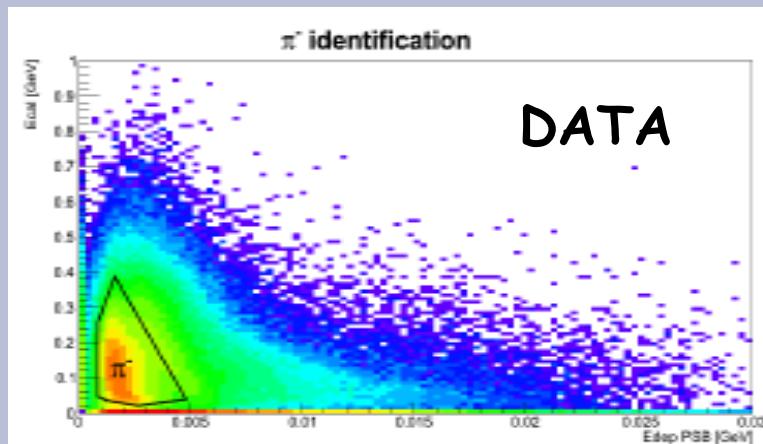


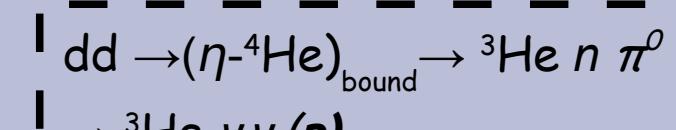
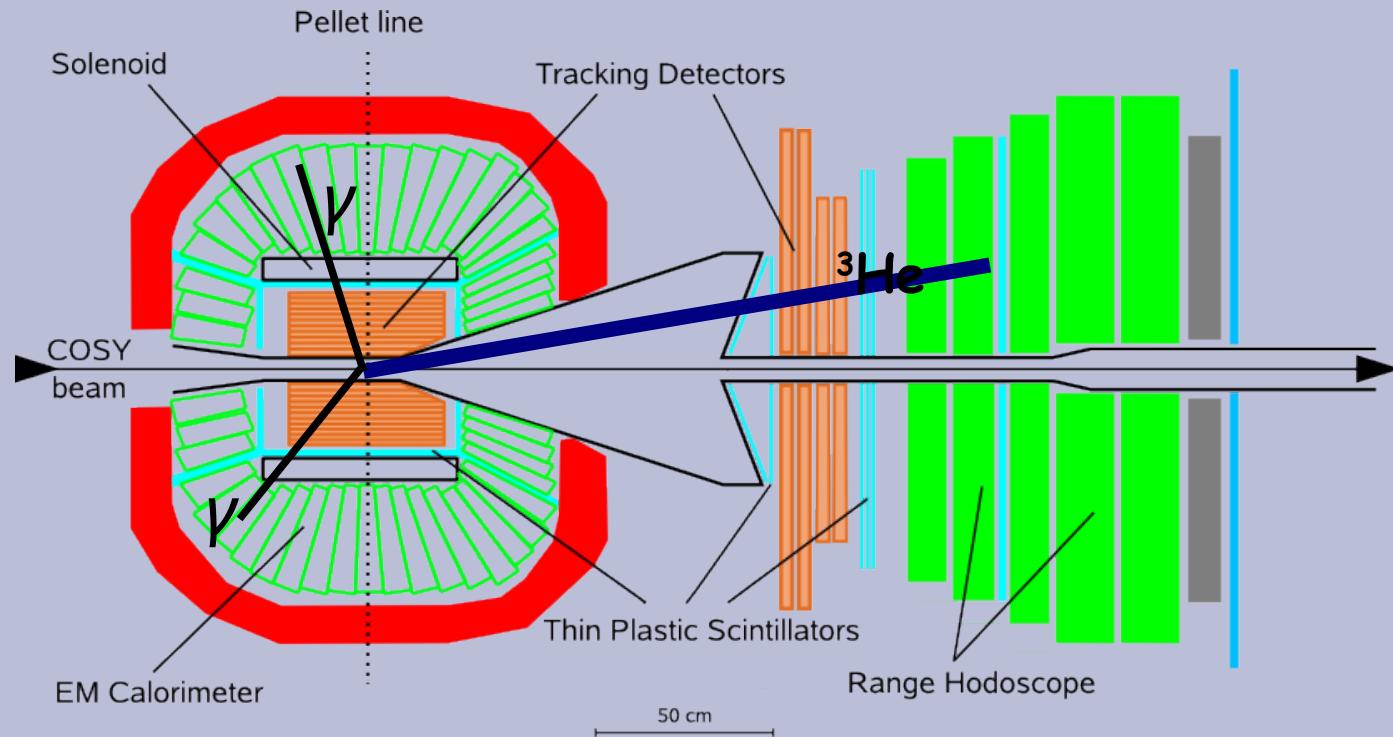
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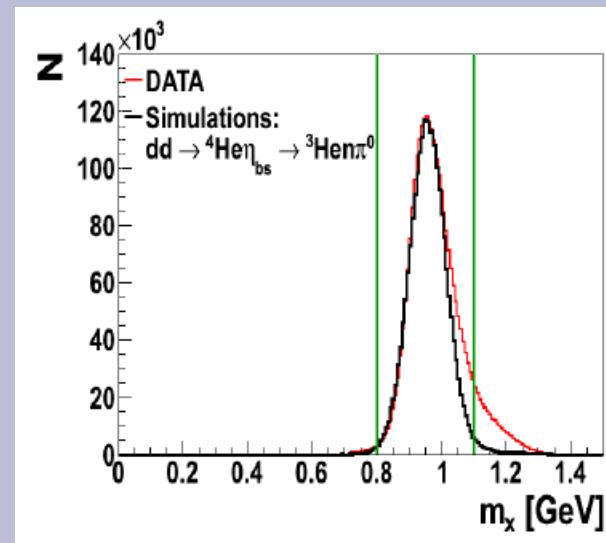
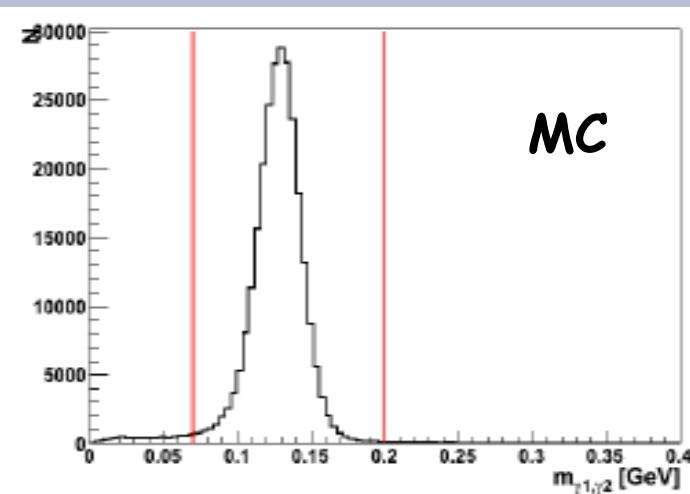
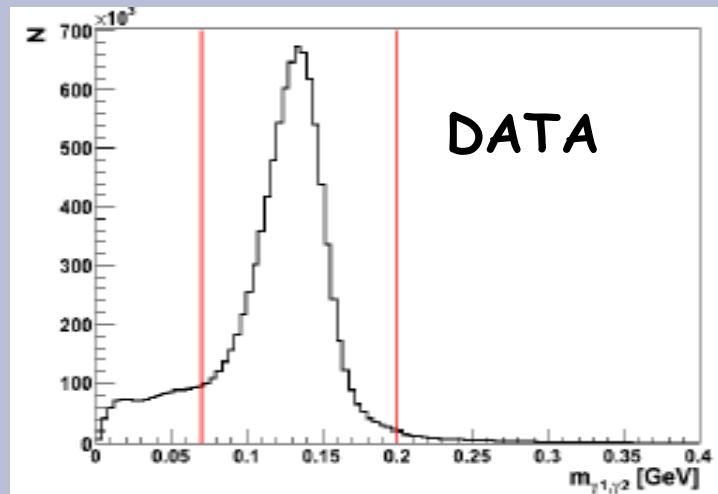


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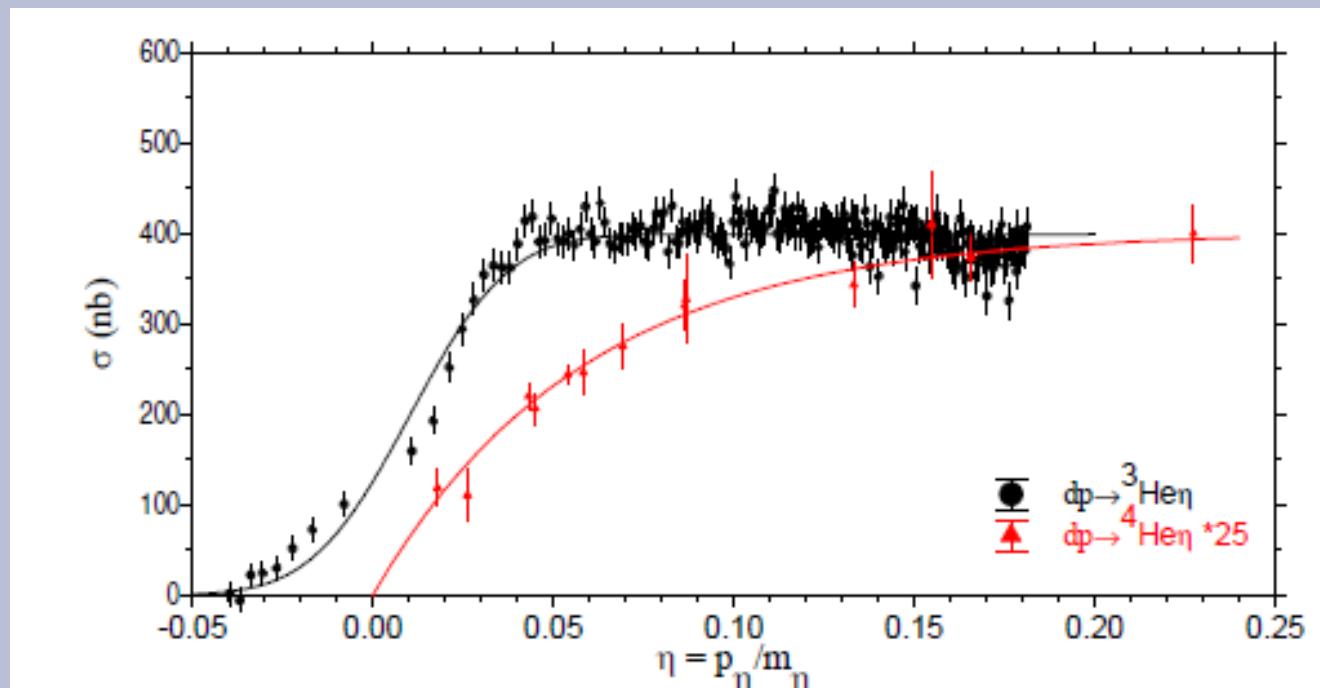




Pion and neutron in the Central Detector



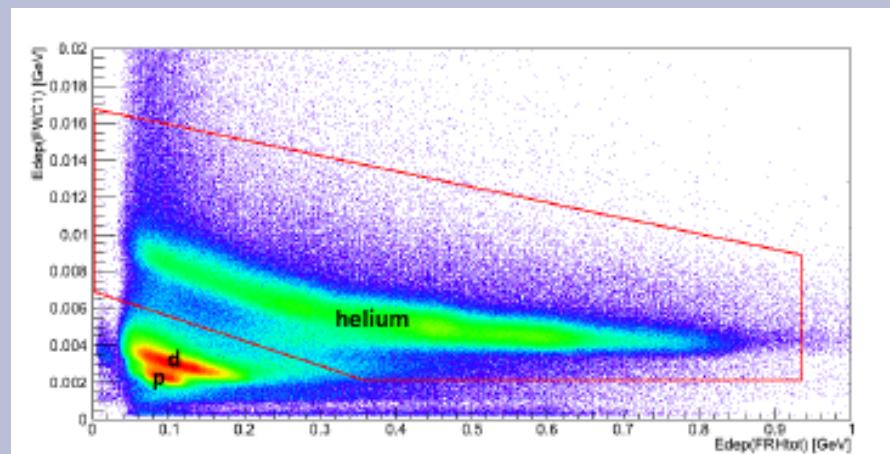
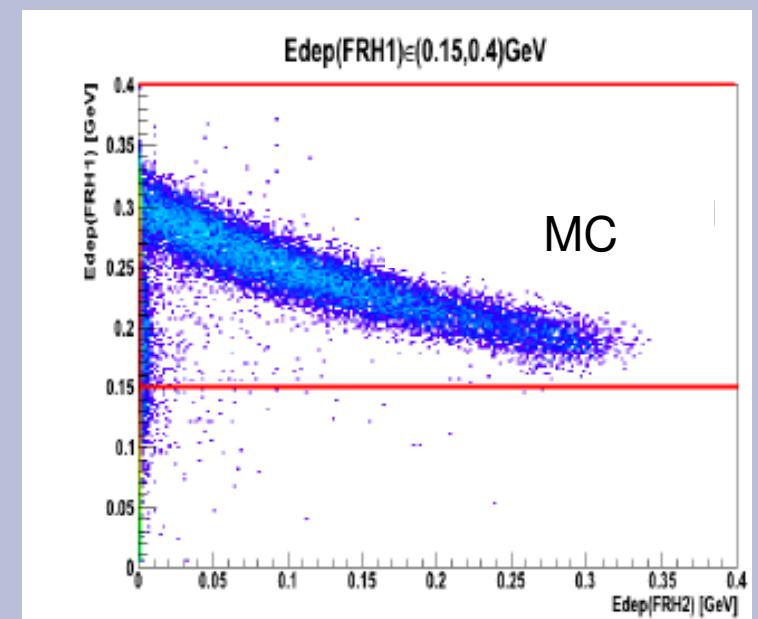
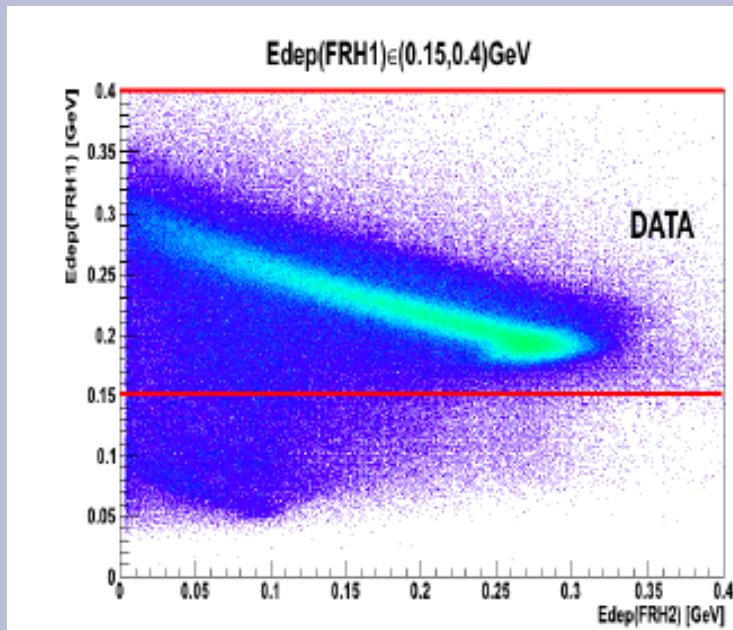
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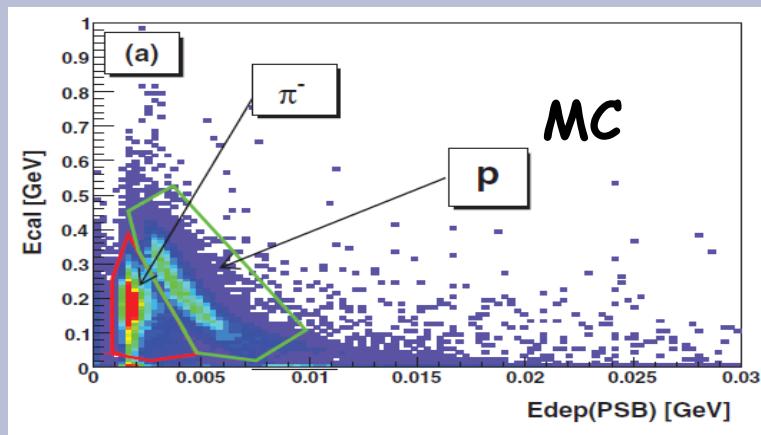
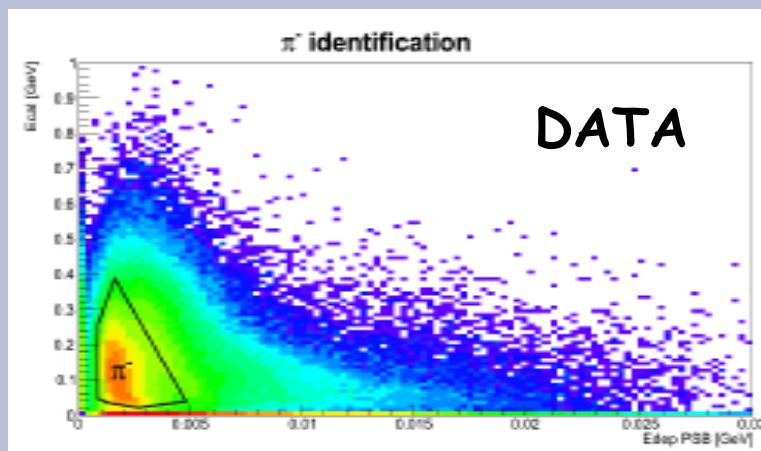
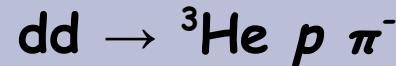
Machner et al. Acta Phys. Pol. B (2014)



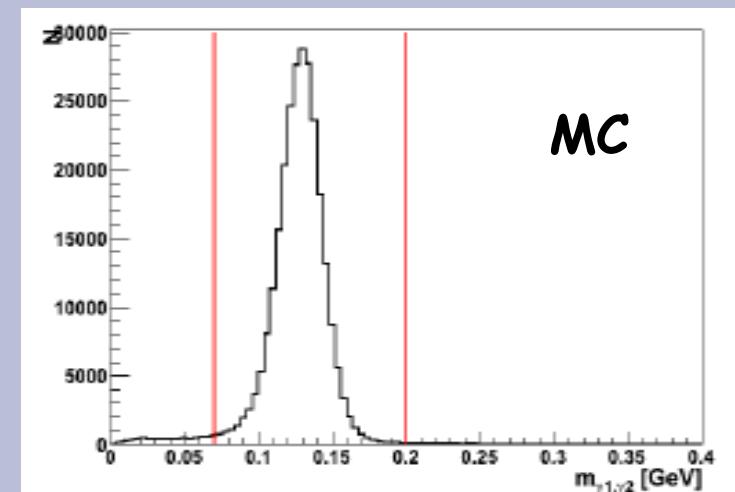
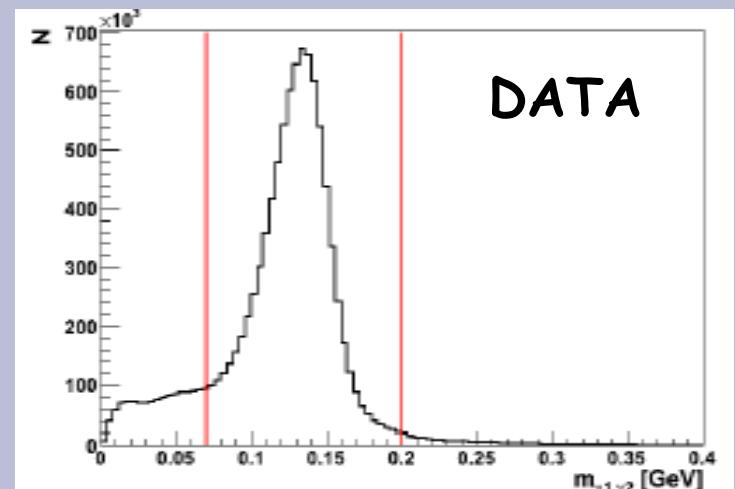
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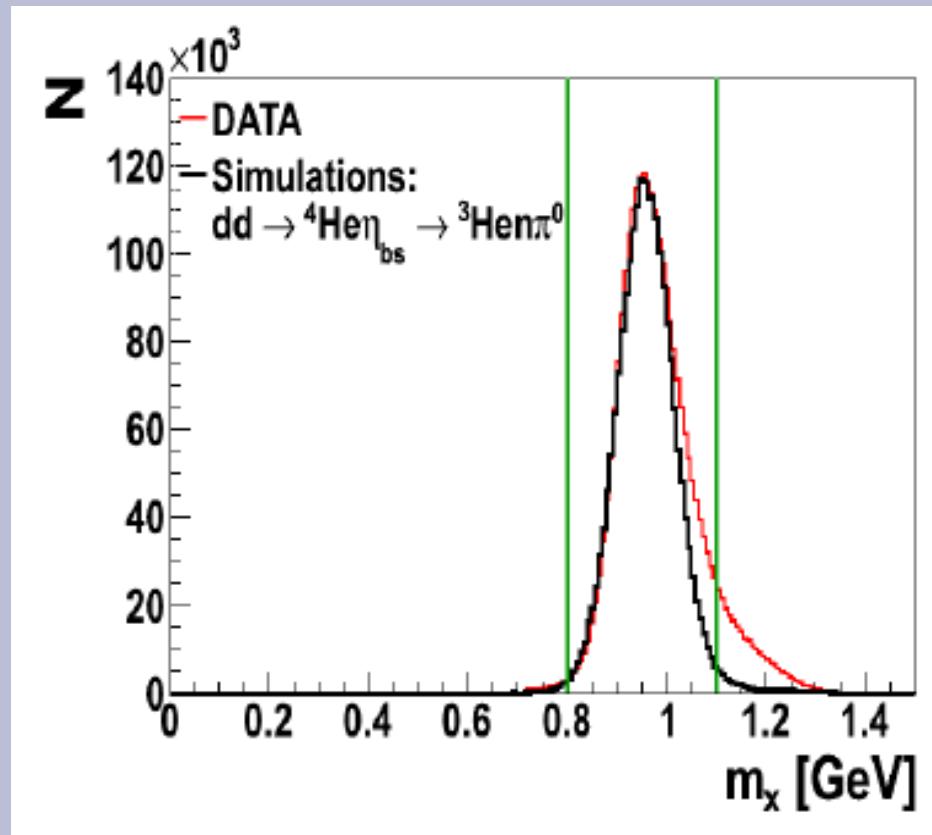
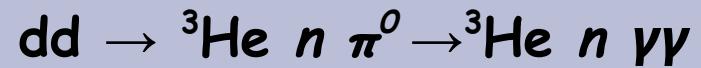


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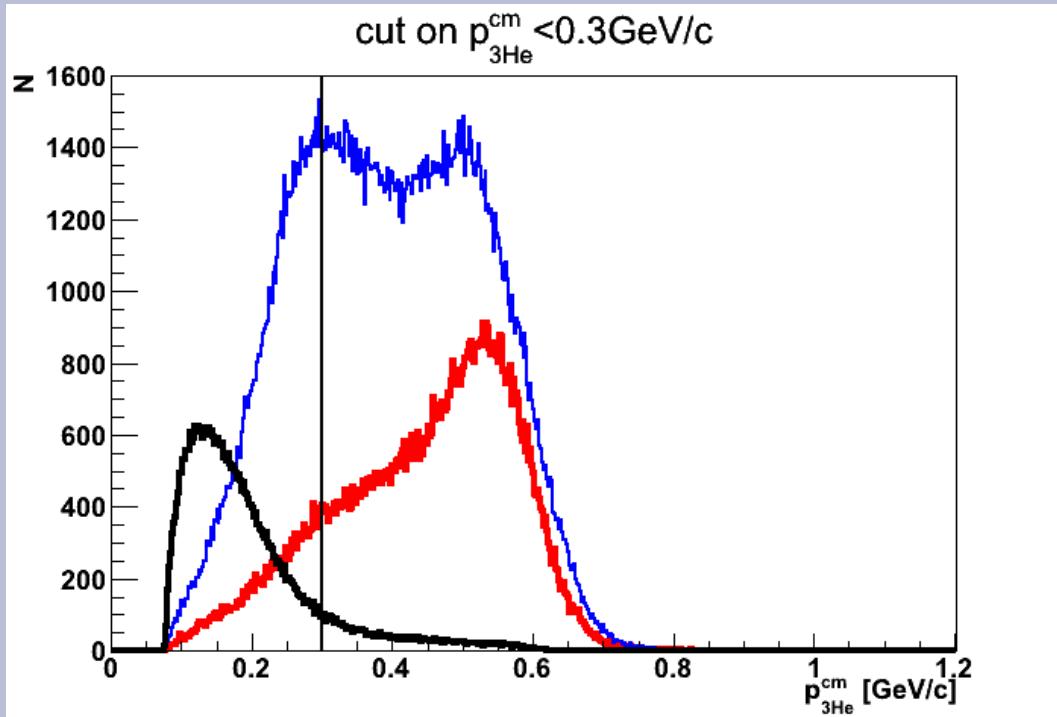


π^0 identification

Neutron identification (missing mass method)



„Signal-rich“ vs „Signal-poor“ area



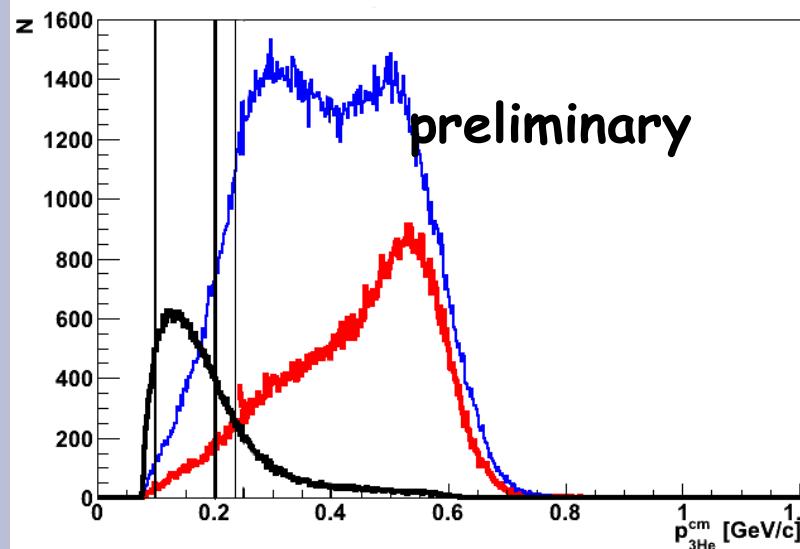
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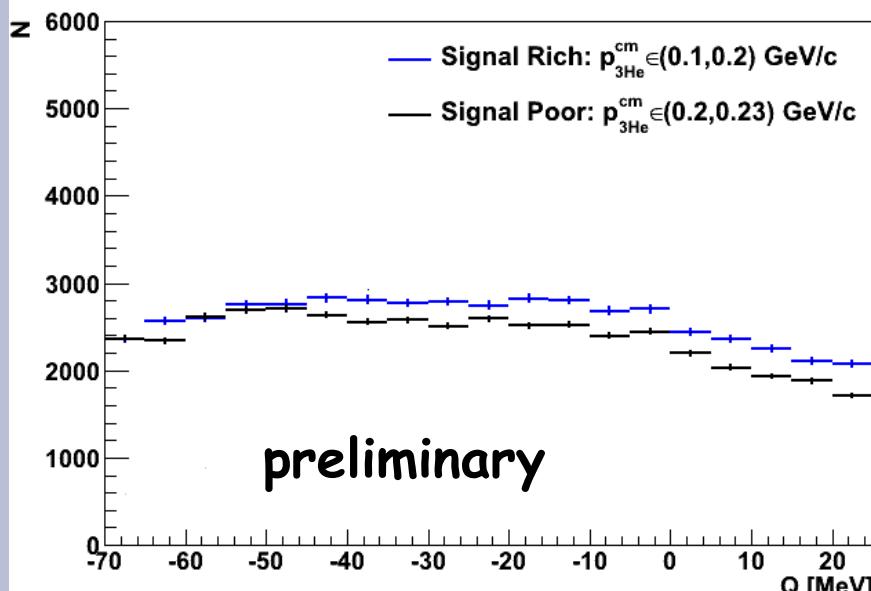
Excitation function examples



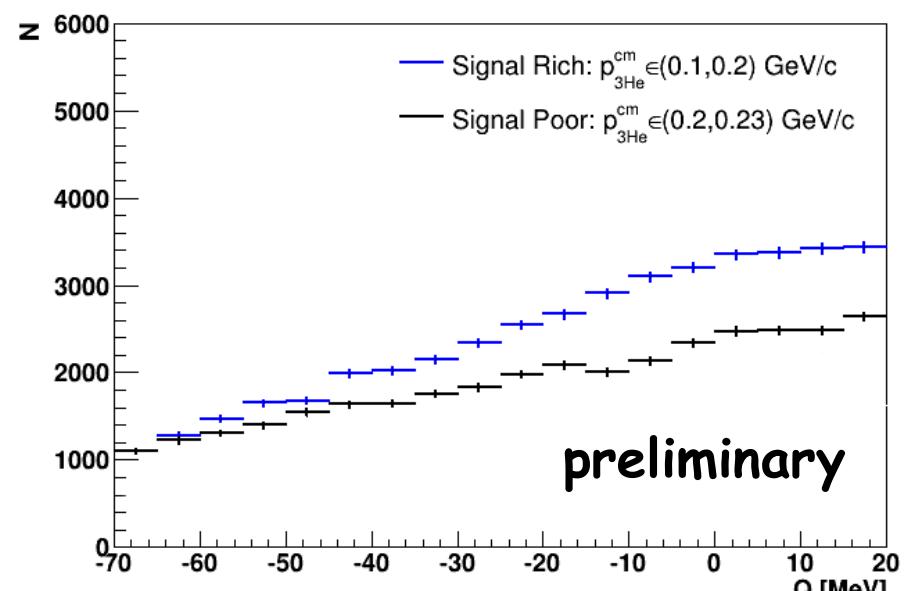
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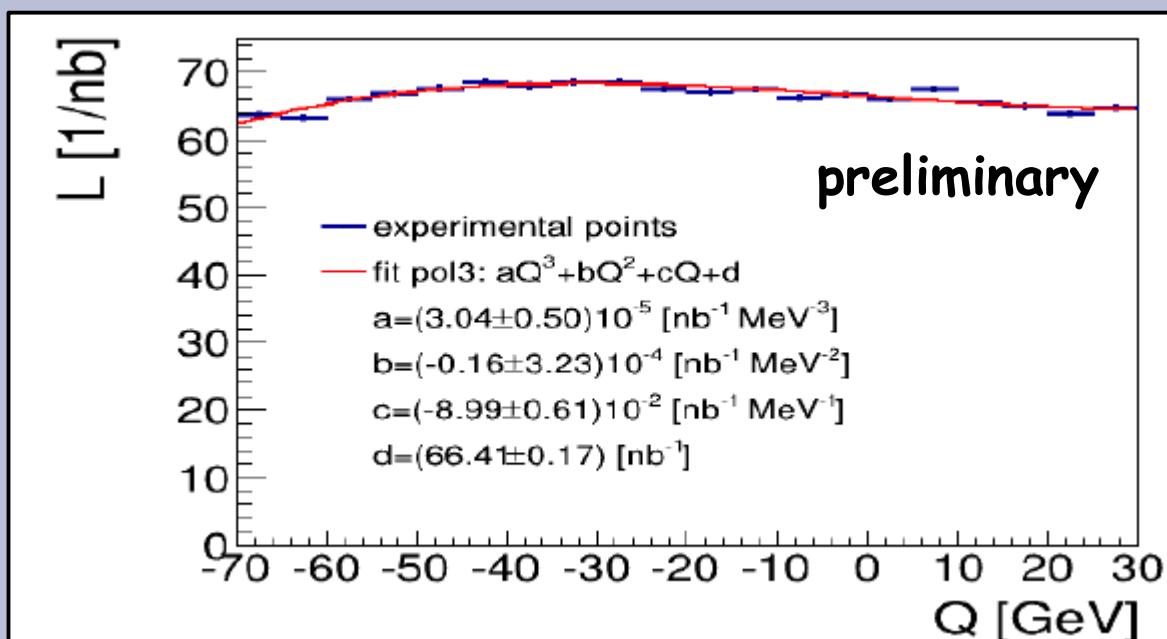
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Normalization

Total integrated luminosity determined in two independent processes:

- $d\bar{d} \rightarrow {}^3He + n$
- $d\bar{d} \rightarrow p + p (n \bar{n})$ quasi-free $p + p$ collisions

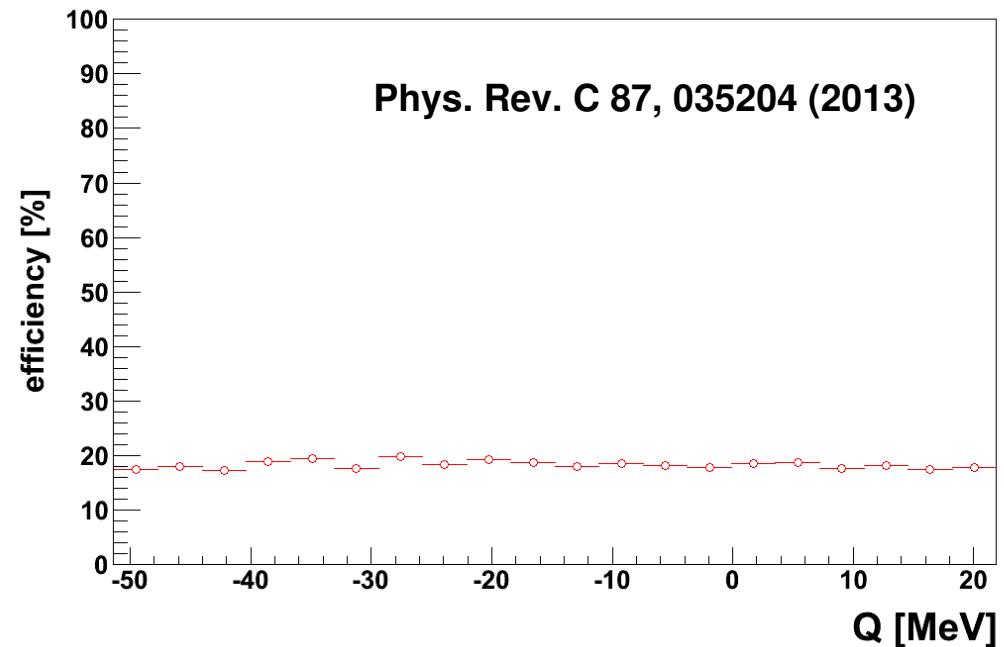
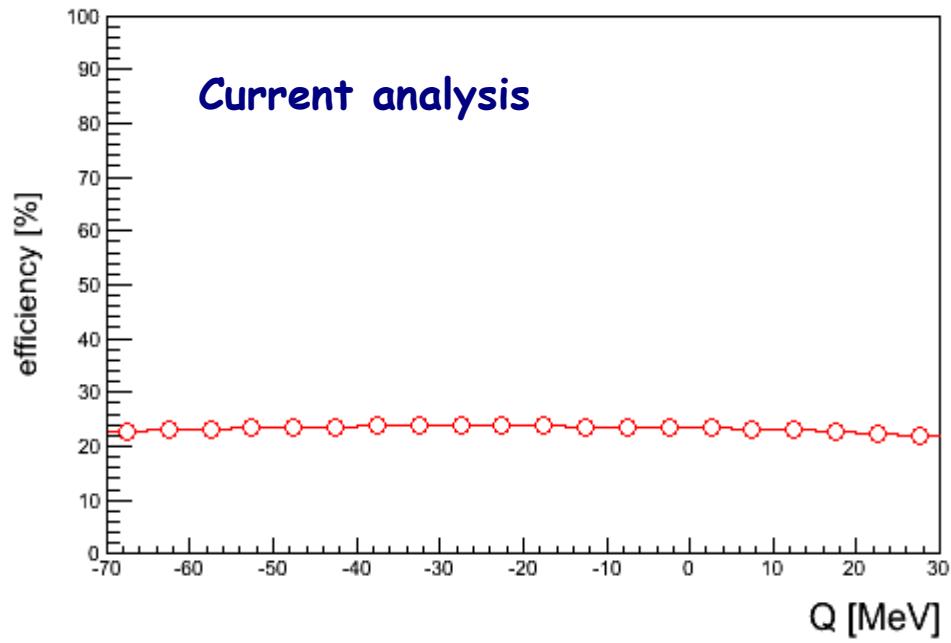
Luminosity variation as function of beam energy based on quasi free $d\bar{d} \rightarrow p + p (n \bar{n})$.



$$L_{tot} = (1329 \pm 2) nb^{-1}$$



Overall reconstruction efficiency

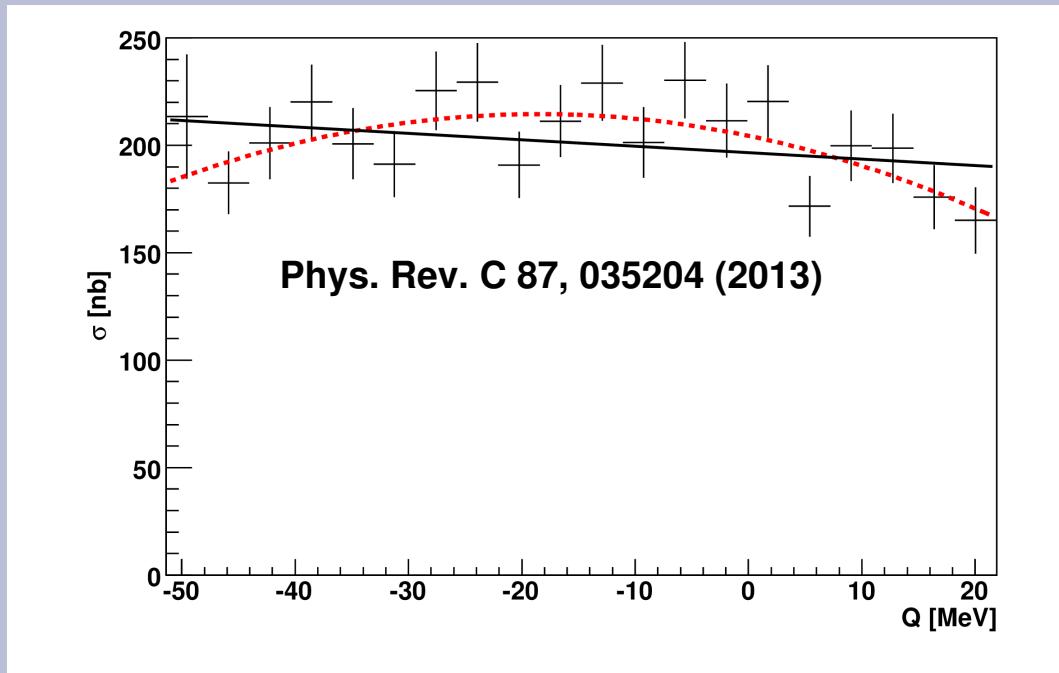


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Efficiency flat as a function of excess energy !!!

Excitation functions



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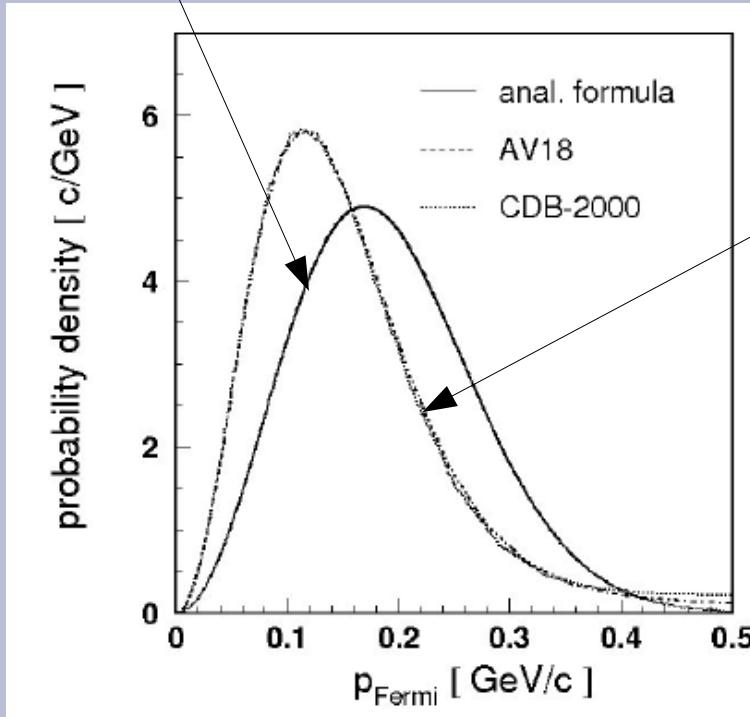
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1	$pd \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}\eta \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}3\pi^0$	5.3	16	0.13	0.007	0.021
2	$pd \rightarrow pd\eta \rightarrow pd3\pi^0$	0.9	13	0.05	0.0004	0.006
3	$pd \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}\eta \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}2\gamma$	1.8	5.4	0.157	0.003	0.008
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6	$pd \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}2\pi^0$	0.0007	0.08	2.8	$2 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.002
7	$pd \rightarrow pd3\pi^0$	0.02	7.2	0.068	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.005
8	$pd \rightarrow pd2\pi^0$	0.0001	0.003	1.26	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-6}$
9	$pp \rightarrow pp3\pi^0$	4.3	8.4	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-9}$
10	$pp \rightarrow pp2\pi^0$	0.0001	0.021	0.849	$8.5 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$
11	$pn \rightarrow pn3\pi^0$	5.4	9	$8.4 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$
12	$pn \rightarrow pn2\pi^0$	2.5	21.8	2.55	0.064	0.56

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1	$pd \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}\eta \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}3\pi^0$	1.573	0.893	60	0
2	$pd \rightarrow pd\eta \rightarrow pd3\pi^0$	1.583	0.902	0 (5)	0 (30)
3	$pd \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}\eta \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}2\gamma$	1.573	0.893	85	0
4	$pd \rightarrow pd\eta \rightarrow pd2\gamma$	1.583	0.902	0 (12)	0 (42)
5	$pd \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}3\pi^0$	1.273	0.643	8	53
6	$pd \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}2\pi^0$	0.977	0.416	3	68
7	$pd \rightarrow pd3\pi^0$	1.283	0.651	0.07	23
8	$pd \rightarrow pd2\pi^0$	0.988	0.424	0.01	9
9	$pp \rightarrow pp3\pi^0$	1.578	0.898	0 (25)	0 (9)
10	$pp \rightarrow pp2\pi^0$	1.192	0.579	0.08	30
11	$pn \rightarrow pn3\pi^0$	1.577	0.897	0 (28)	0 (15)
12	$pn \rightarrow pn2\pi^0$	1.1915	0.578	2	42

Nucleon momentum distribution in ${}^4\text{He}$

Used in old analysis



Used in new analysis

Analytical formula derived based on:

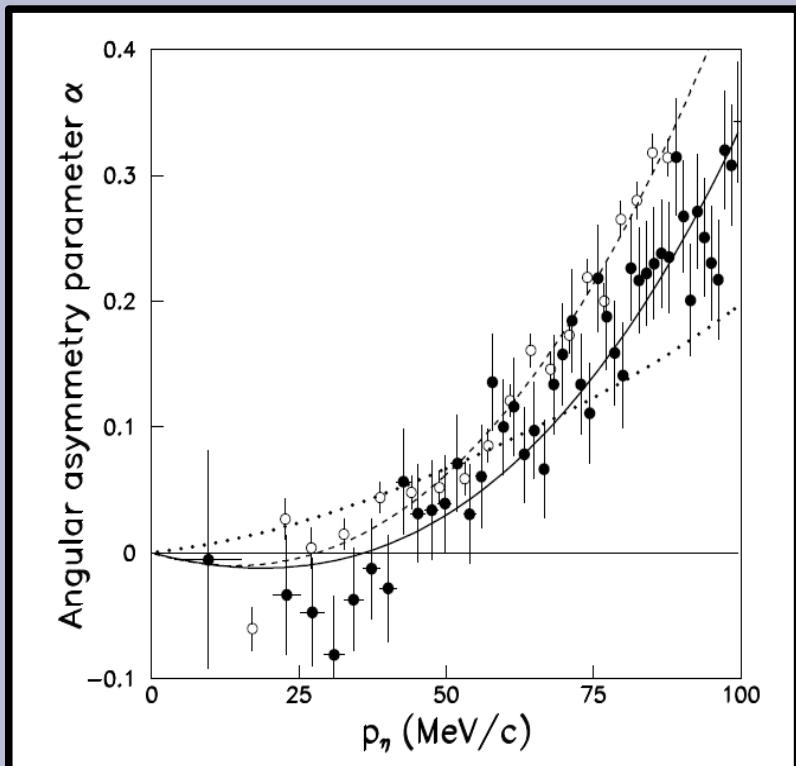
J. S. McCarthy et al., Phys. Rev. C 15, 1396 (1977).

More details in Magdalena Skurzok's Master thesis: arXiv:1009.5503v2

- the difference was included as systematic uncertainty in previous results.
- After discussions with theoreticians (S. Wycech, S. Hirenzaki, A. Nogga) we decided for AV18 version:

Experimental indications of existence of the ${}^3\text{He}-\eta$ bound system

C.Wilkin et al., Phys. Lett. B654 (2007) 92



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\sigma_{tot}}{4\pi} [1 + \alpha \cos \theta_\eta].$$

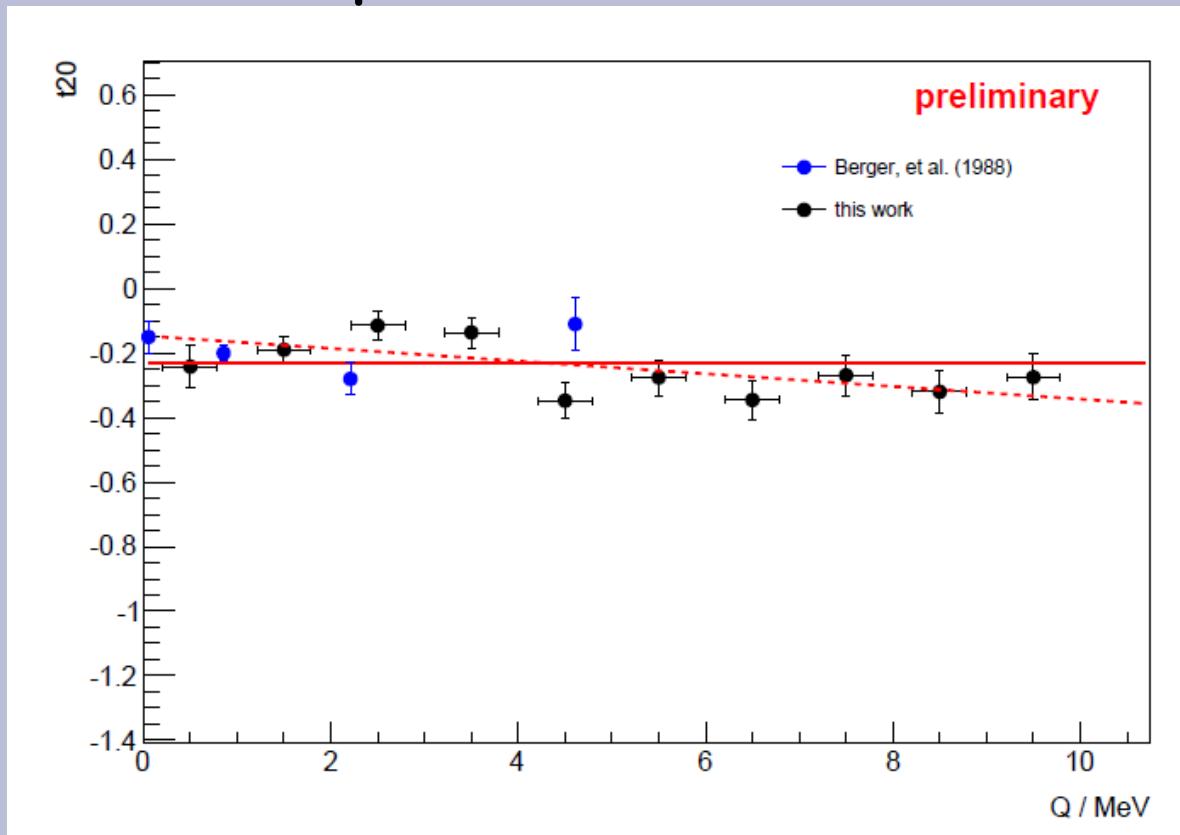
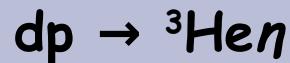
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(T.Mersmann et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 98 242301-1-4
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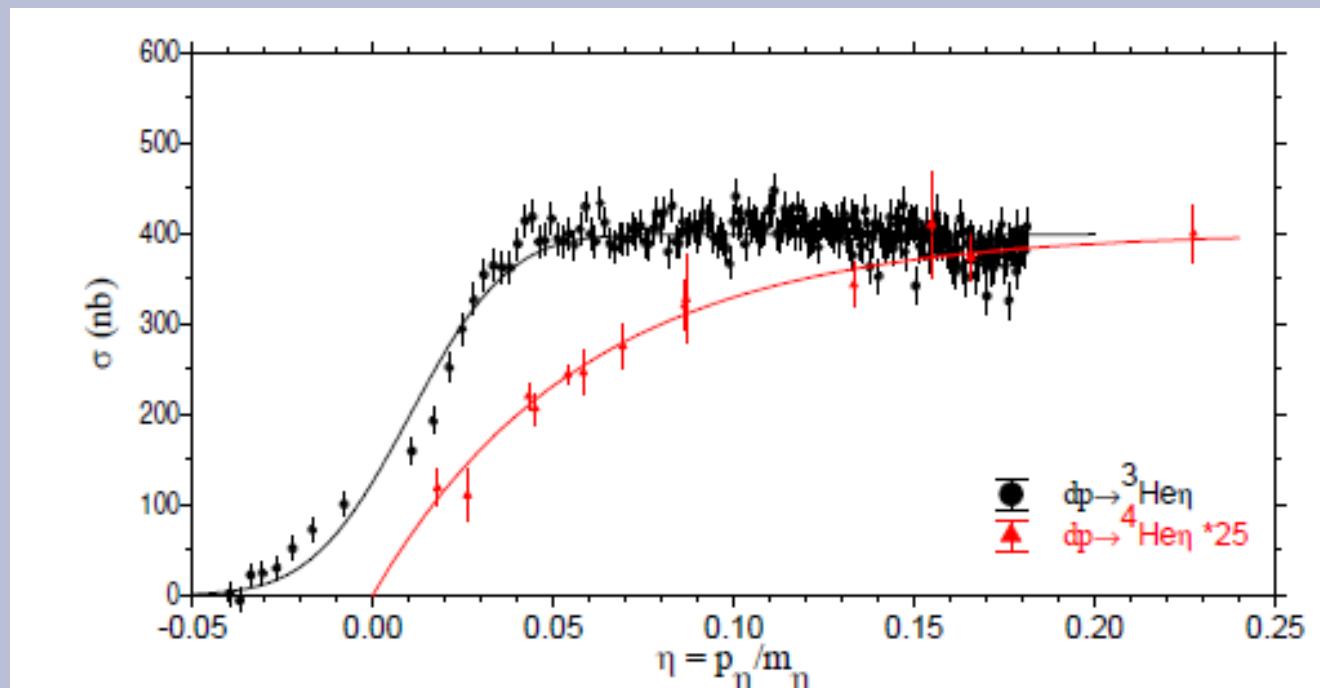
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Tensor analysing power T_{20} almost flat \rightarrow independent
of the input channel state $S = \frac{1}{2}$ I $S = 3/2$

$^4\text{He}-\eta$ vs $^3\text{He}-\eta$ systems



Machner et al. Acta Phys. Pol. B (2014).

COSY accelerator in Juelich (Germany)



Beam:

- Unpolarized and polarized protons or deuterons.

Energy range:

- T_p to 2.8 GeV
- T_d to 2.3 GeV

(maximum momentum: 3.7 GeV/c)

Cooling:

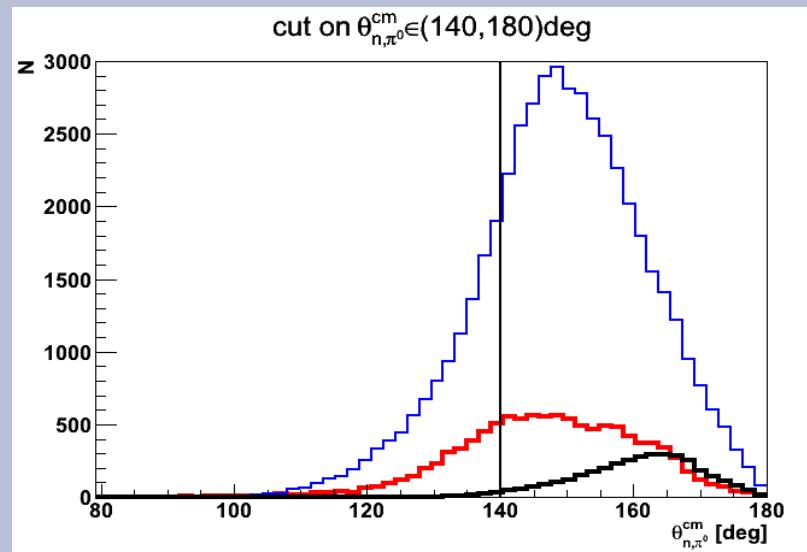
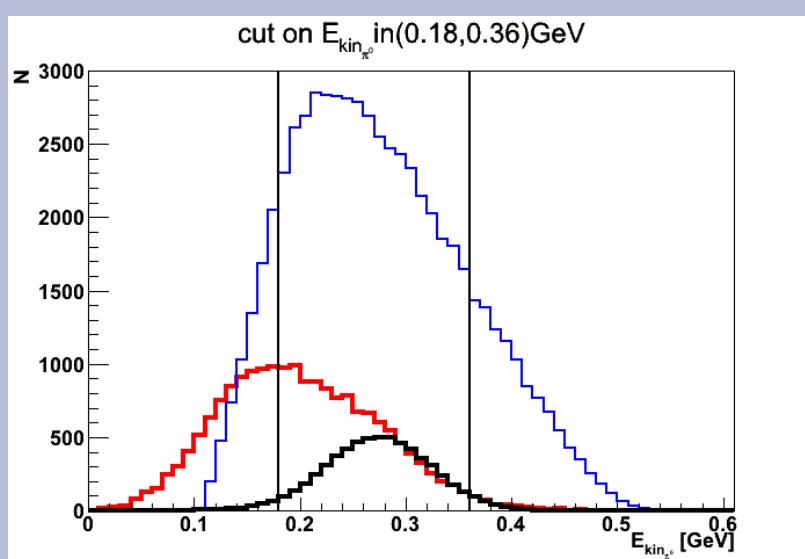
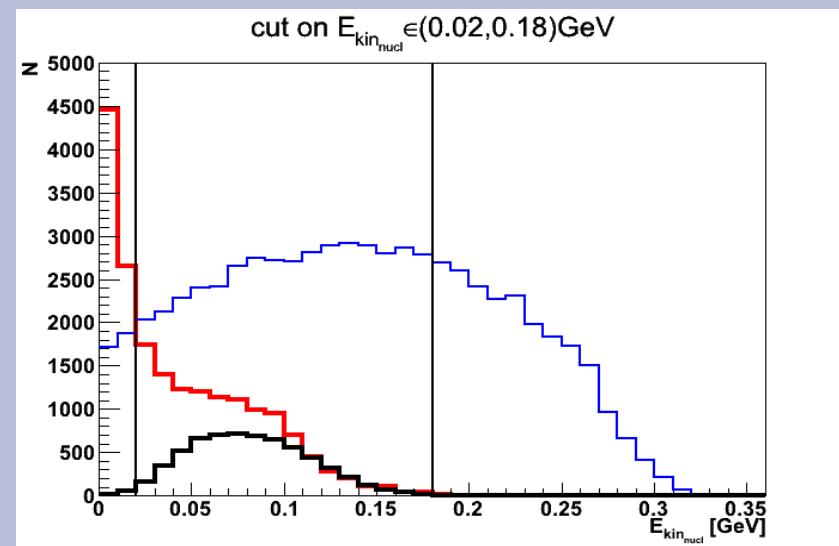
- stochastic
- electron beam

Nb of particles: 10^{11}

(COoler SYnchrotron)

Ramped beam

Kinematical conditions



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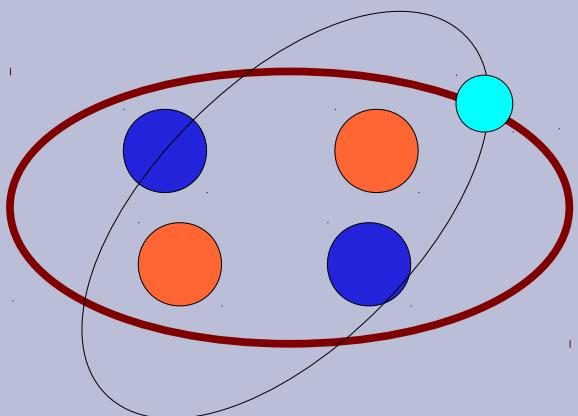
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Possible decay scenarios

- Absorption of orbiting η :

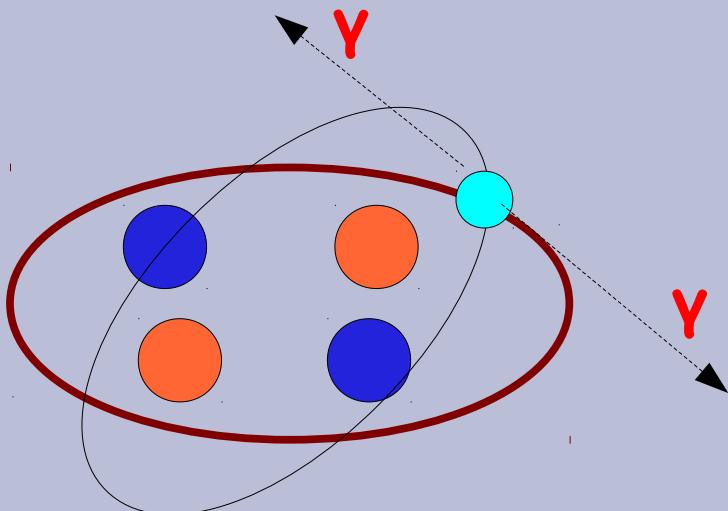
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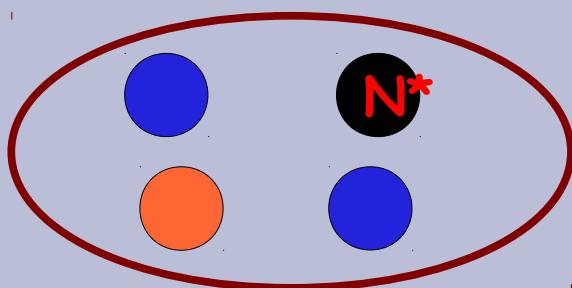
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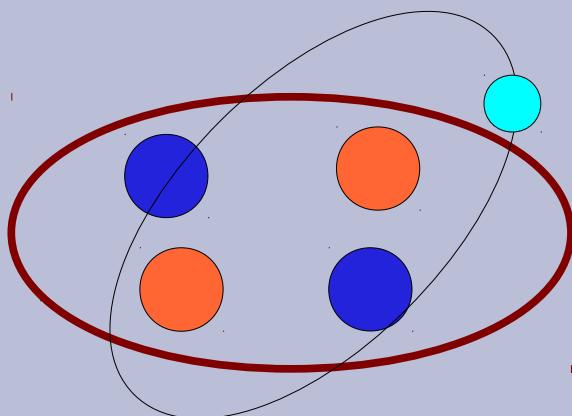
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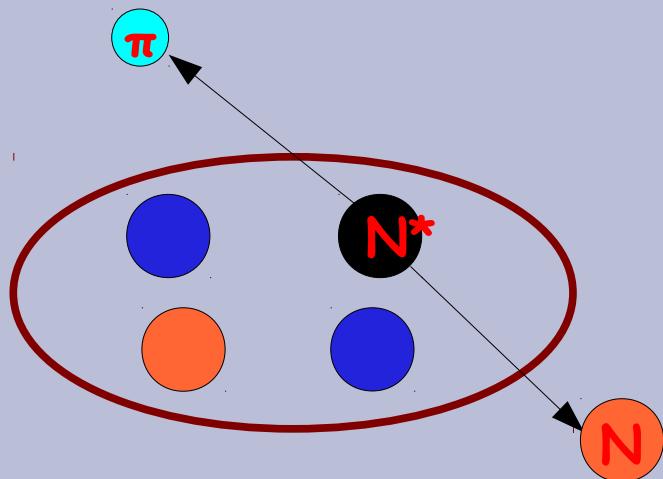
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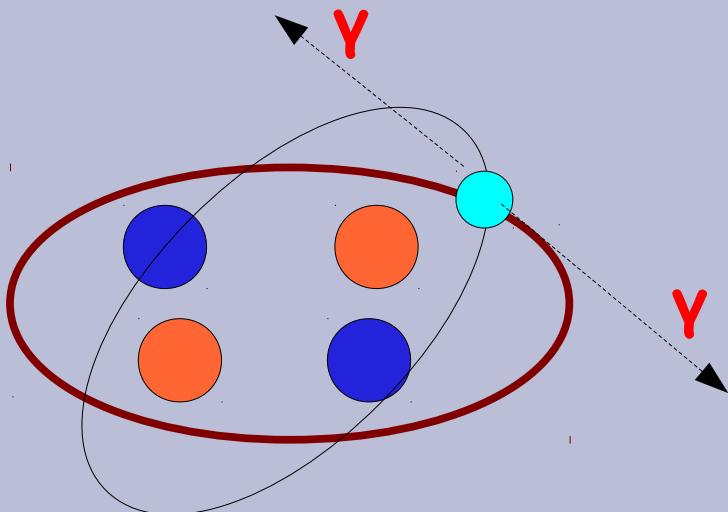
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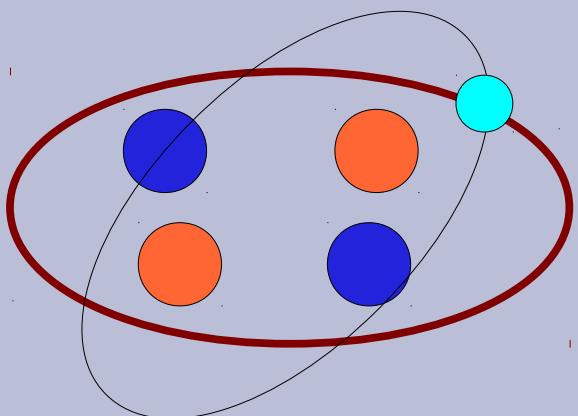
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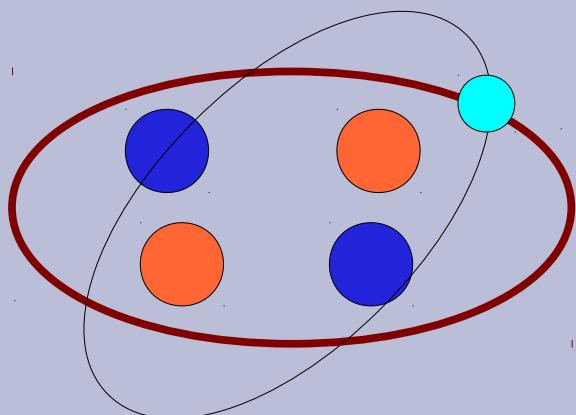
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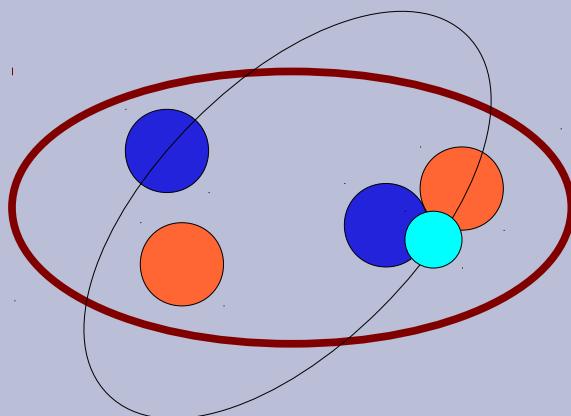
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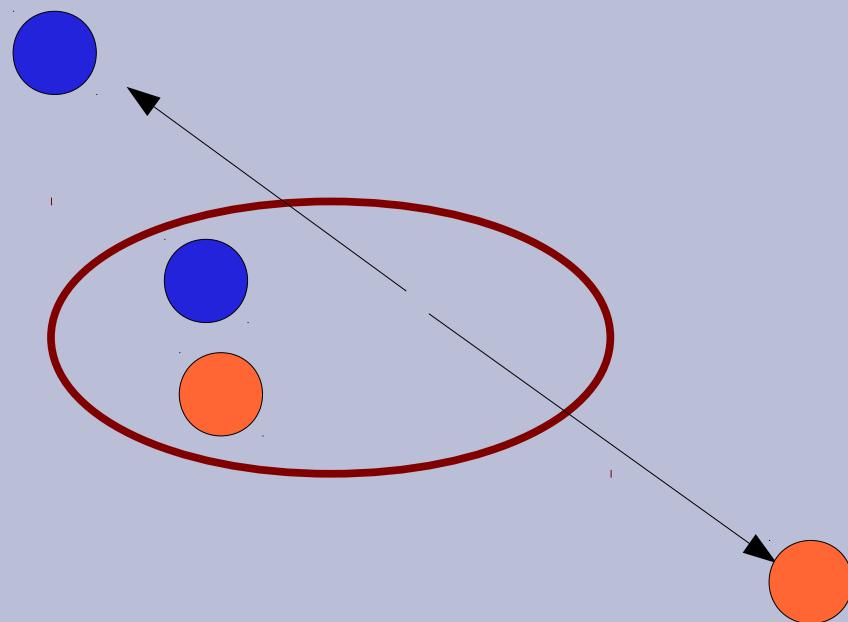
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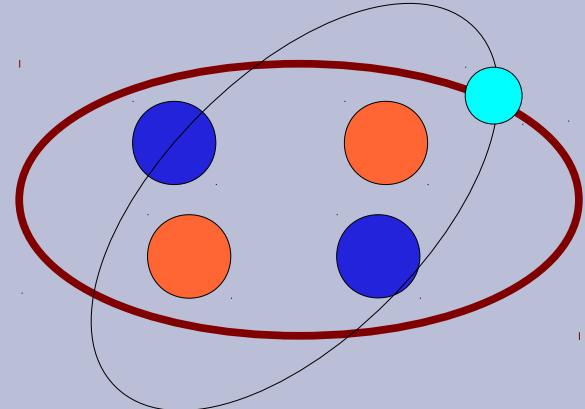
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Dominant decay channels

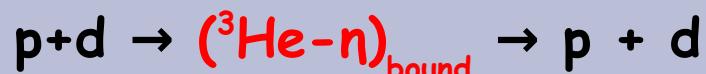
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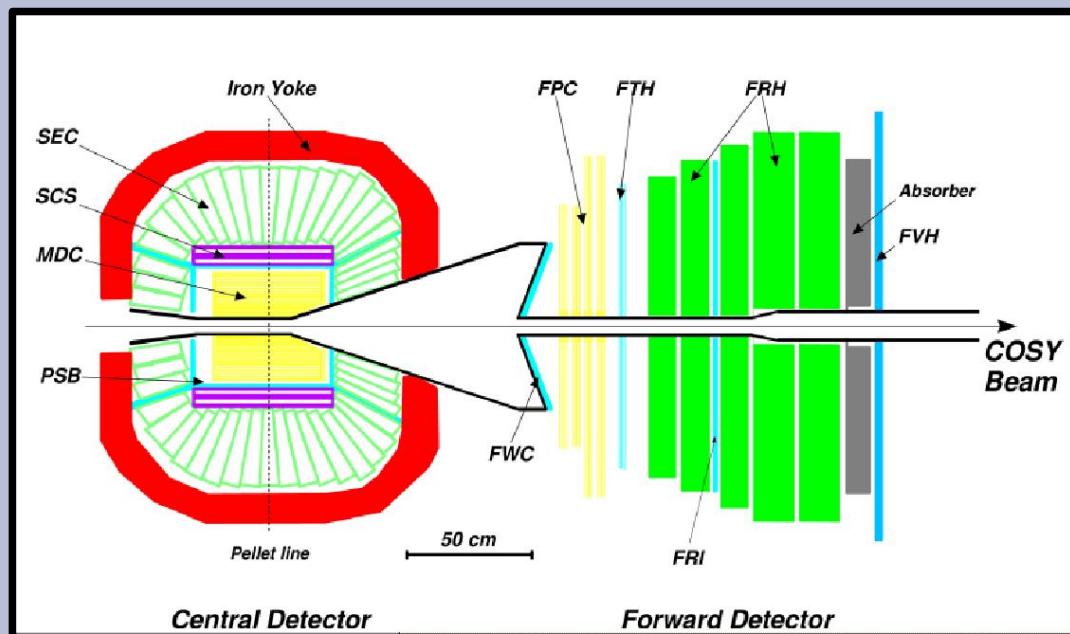
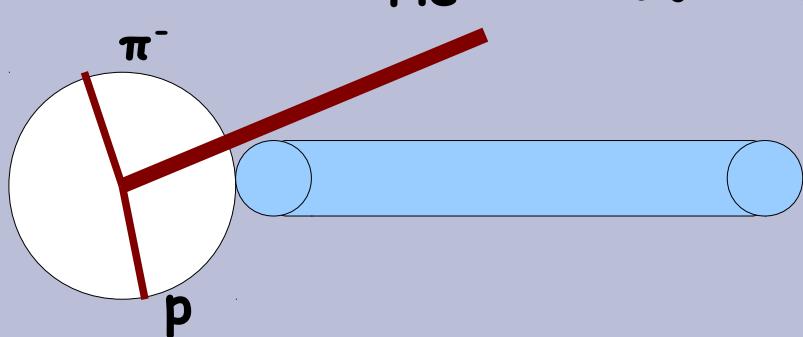
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WASA-at-COSY



Forward detector:

Scattering angle coverage $3^\circ - 18^\circ$

Scattering angle resolution 0.2°

Maximum energies for stopping

$\pi^-/\text{p}/\text{d}/\alpha$ 170/300/400/900 MeV

Time resolution $< 3\text{ ns}$

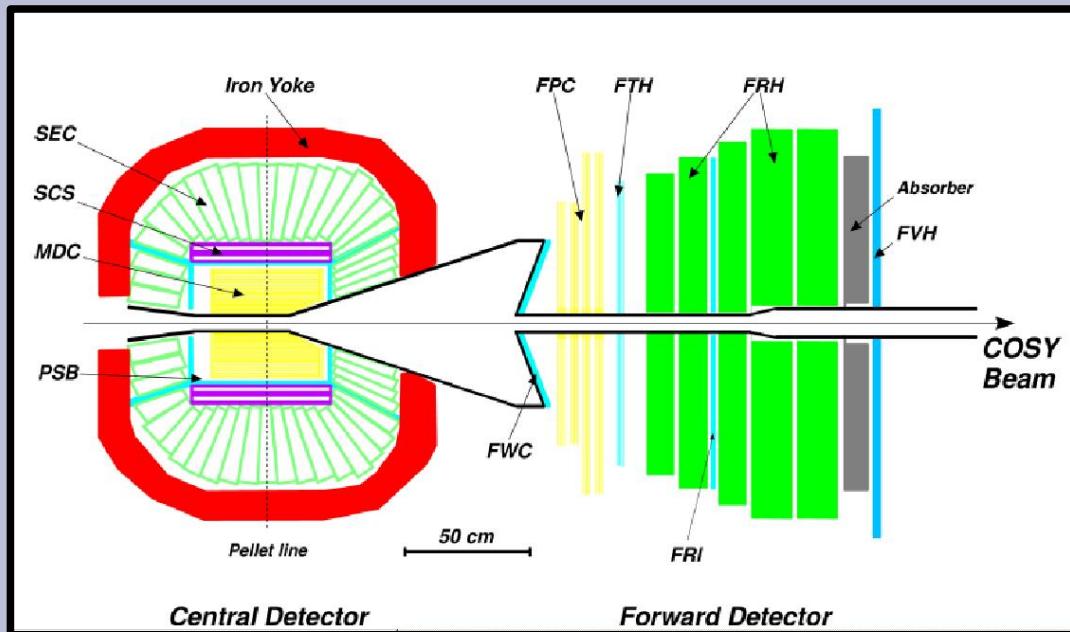
Relative energy resolution

particles $T_{\text{stop}} < T < 2T_{\text{stop}}$ 3-8%

stopped particles $T < T_{\text{stop}}$ 1.5-3%

WASA-at-COSY

4 π detector for charged and neutral particles



Central detector:

Max. stopping energy

$\pi \pm / p/d$ 190/400/450 MeV

Angular resolution

charged

$\sim 1.2^\circ$

neutral

$\sim 5^\circ$

Relative energy resolution by SE

photons

$\sim 8\%$

stopped charged particles

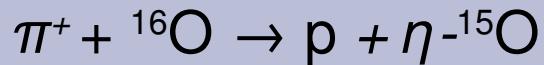
$\sim 3\%$



Heavy-nuclei

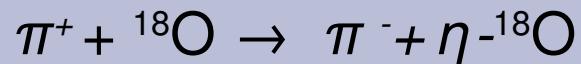
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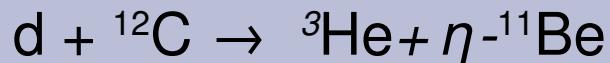
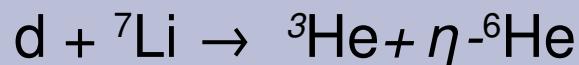
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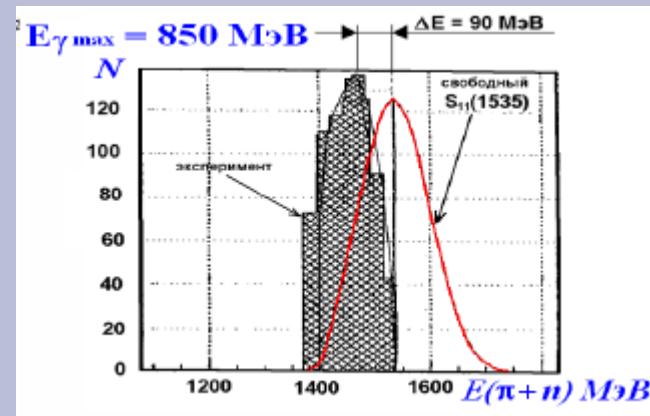
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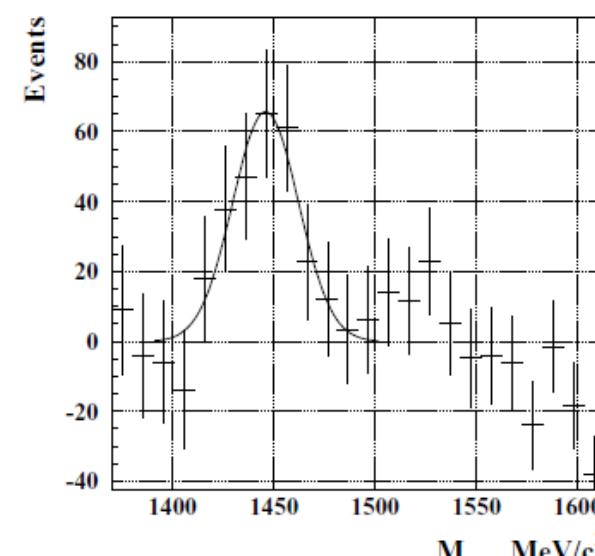
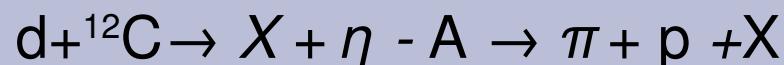


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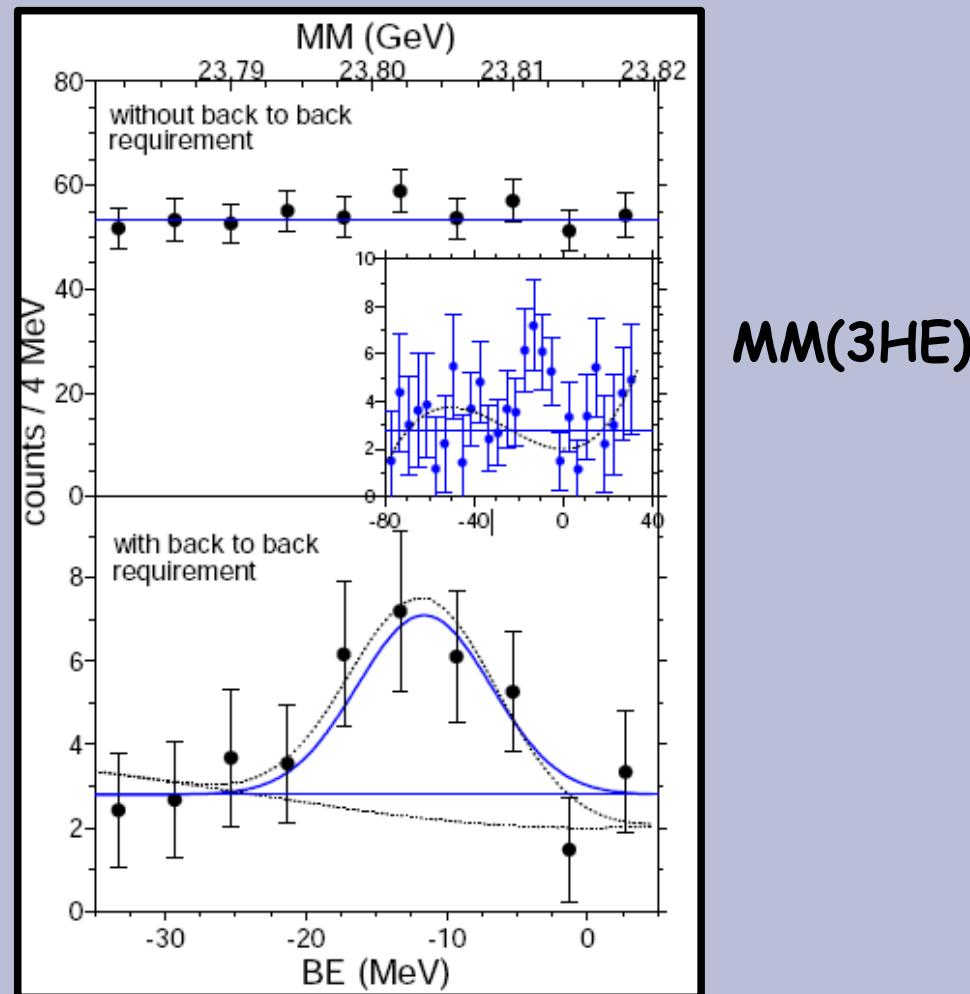


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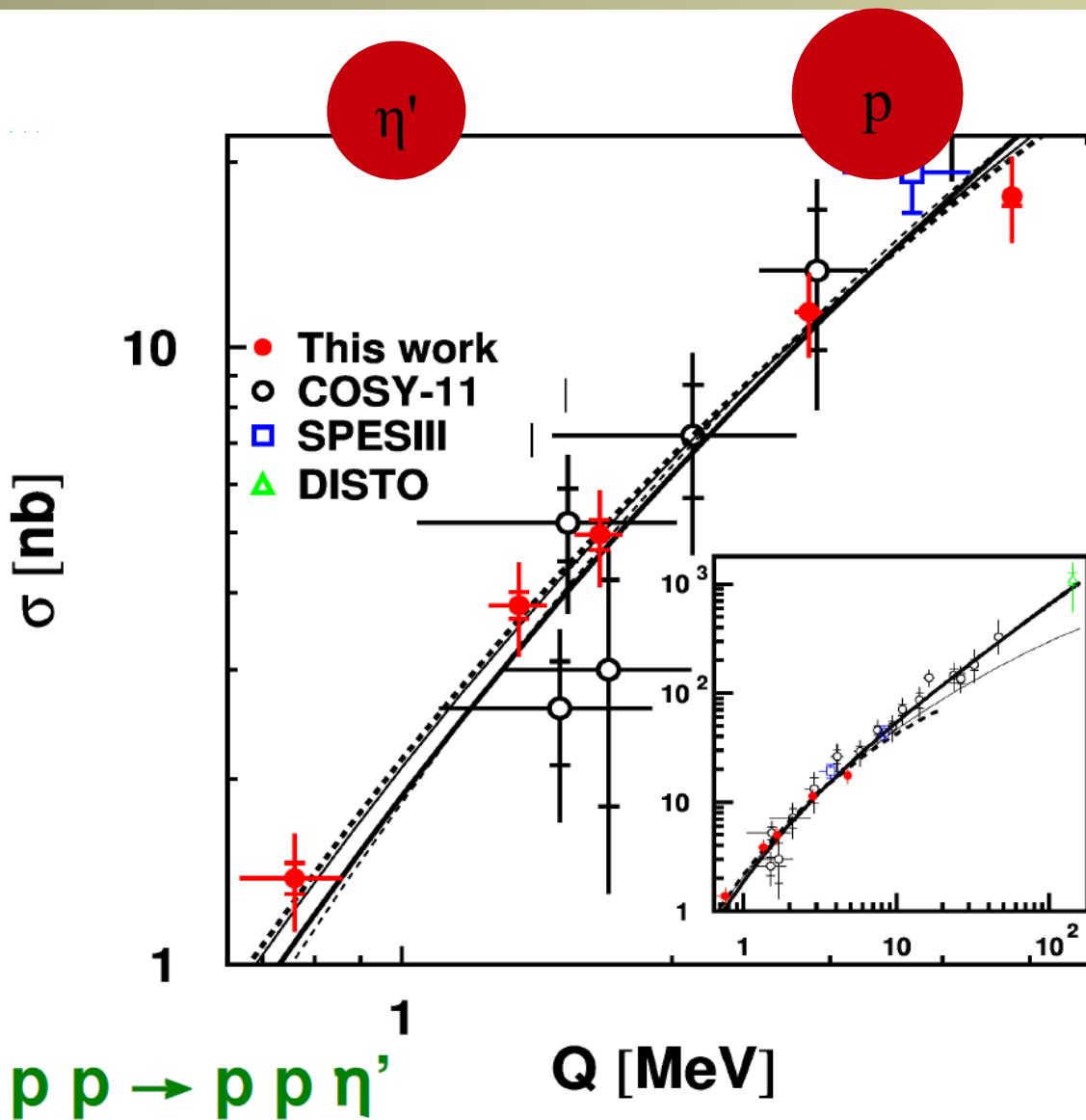
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The η' - proton hadronic interaction



$$\text{Re}(a_{p\eta'}) = 0 \pm 0.43 \text{ fm} \text{ and } \text{Im}(a_{p\eta'}) = 0.37^{+0.40}_{-0.16} \text{ fm.}$$