

Overview over meson-nucleus interactions and mesic states

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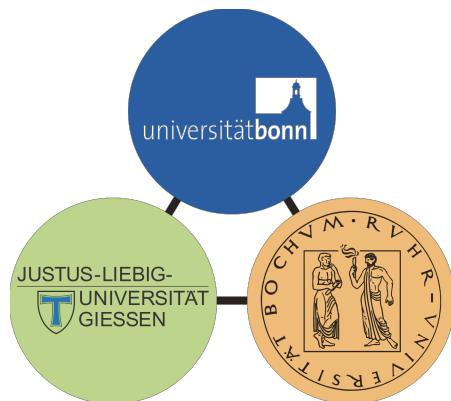


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Outline:

- ◆ meson-nucleon interactions: ω, η'
- ◆ meson-nucleus interactions: $\omega, \eta' - A$
- ◆ bound few body systems
- ◆ search for meson-nucleus bound states (π, η, ω, η')
- ◆ summary & outlook

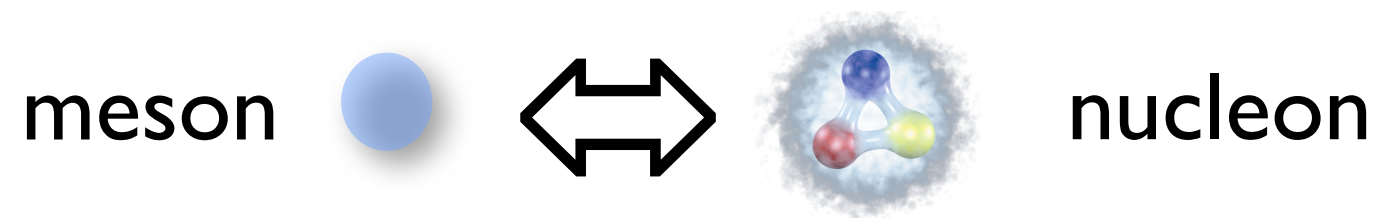
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meson-nucleon interactions



determination of the scattering length
from near-threshold meson production

meson-nucleon interaction

η'

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meson-nucleon interaction:

for short-lived mesons (η , ω , η' , Φ)
 no beams available; study of
 meson-nucleon interaction
 by final state interactions
 in elementary reactions,
 e.g. $p + p \Rightarrow p + p + \eta'$

$$|M_{pp \rightarrow pp\eta'}|^2 \approx |M_0|^2 |M_{FSI}|^2.$$

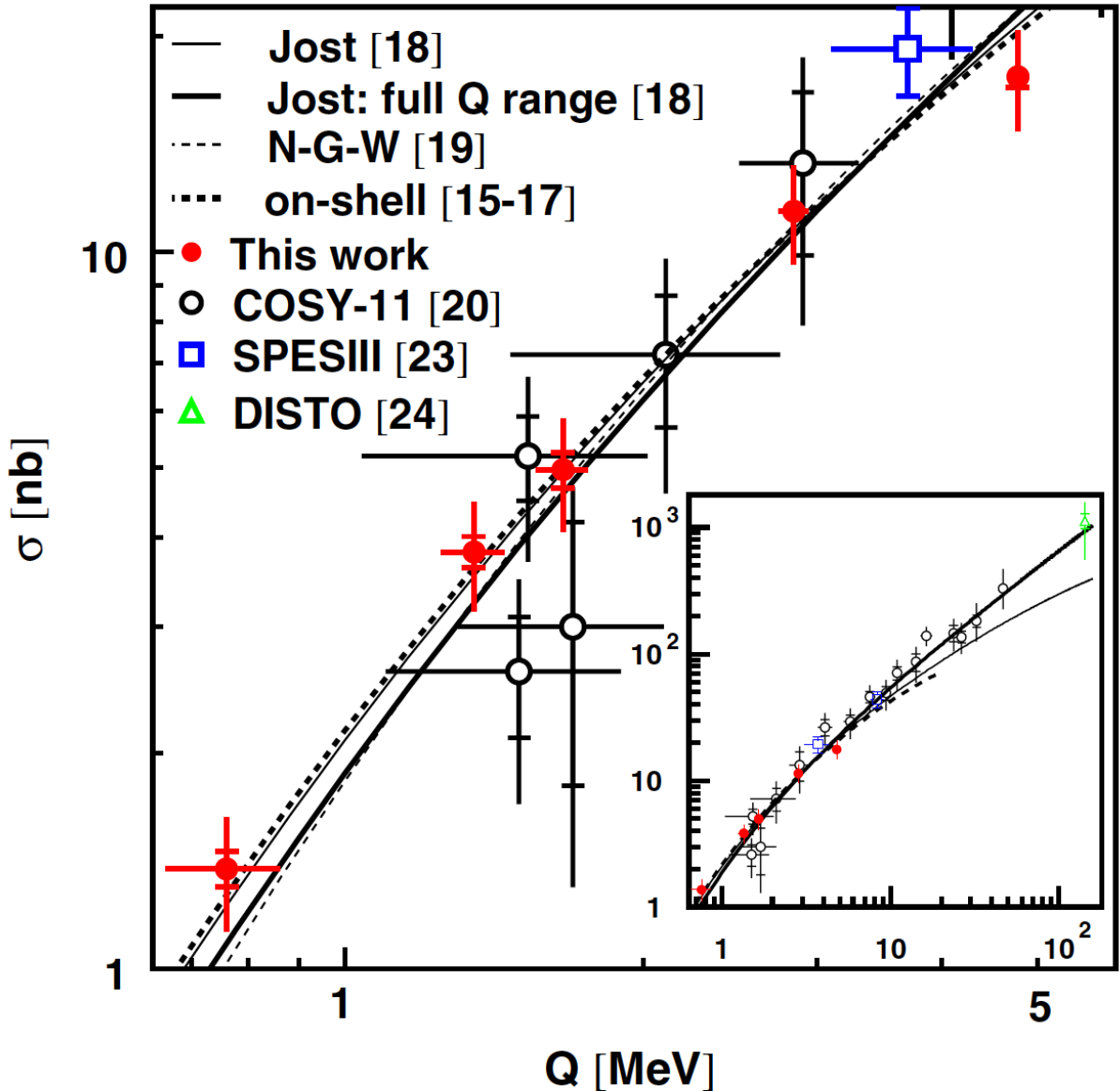
$$M_{FSI} = M_{pp}(k_1) \times M_{p_1\eta'}(k_2) \times M_{p_2\eta'}(k_3).$$

problem: pp FSI very strong

\Rightarrow scattering length $|a|$ (only modulus)

- interaction attractive or repulsive ?

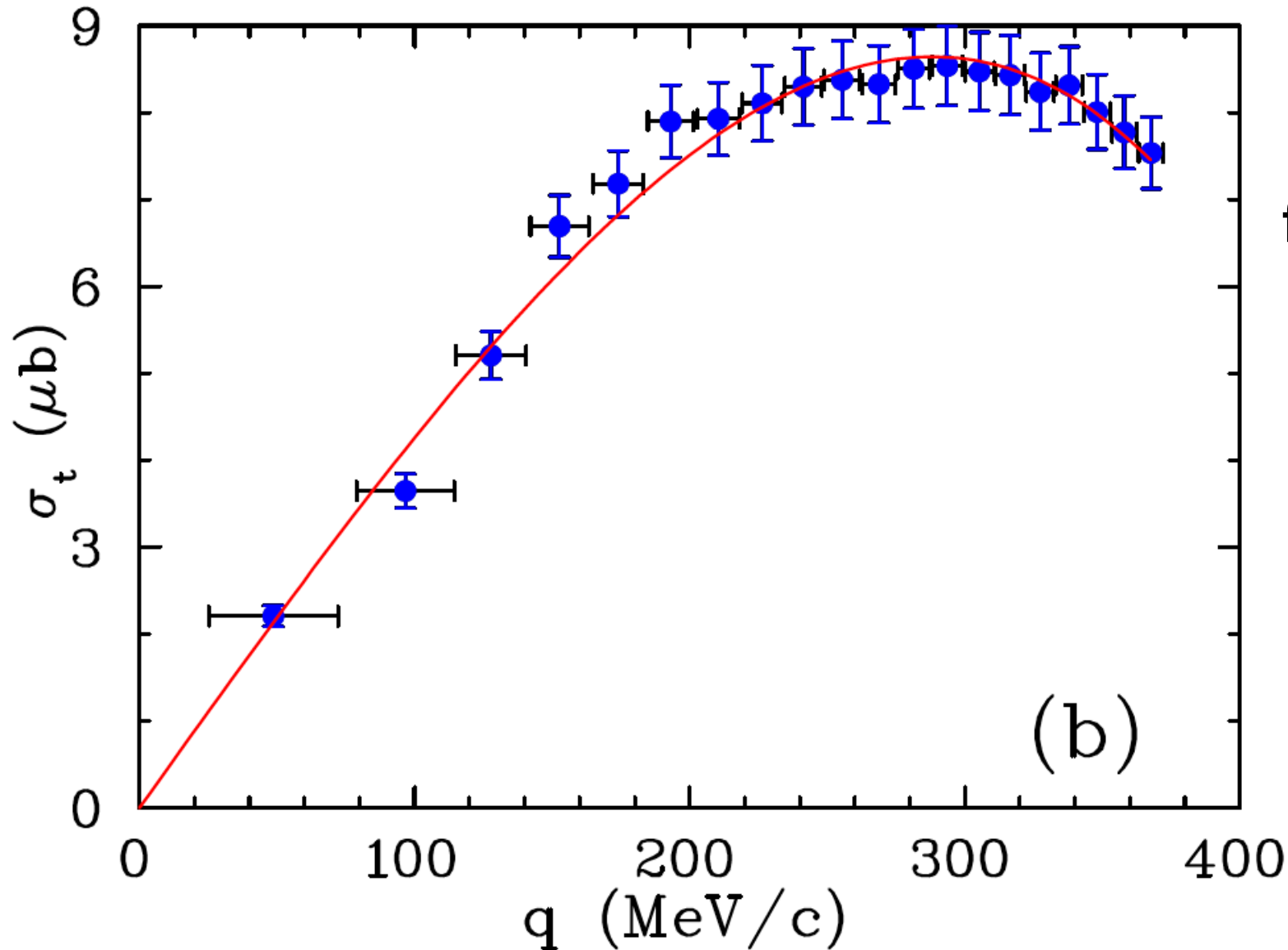
E. Czerwinski et al., PRL 113 (2014) 062004



$$\text{Re}(a_{\eta'p}) = (0 \pm 0.43) \text{ fm};$$

$$\text{Im}(a_{\eta'p}) = -(0.37^{+0.40}_{-0.16}) \text{ fm}$$

$\gamma p \rightarrow \omega p$ near threshold photo production
I. Strakowsky et al., PRC 91 (2015) 045207



Colin Wilkin

information on scattering length
from cross section near threshold

$$\sigma_t = \frac{q}{k} \cdot \frac{4\alpha\pi^2}{\gamma^2} \cdot |a_{\omega p}|$$

$$|a_{\omega p}| = (0.82 \pm 0.03) \text{ fm}$$

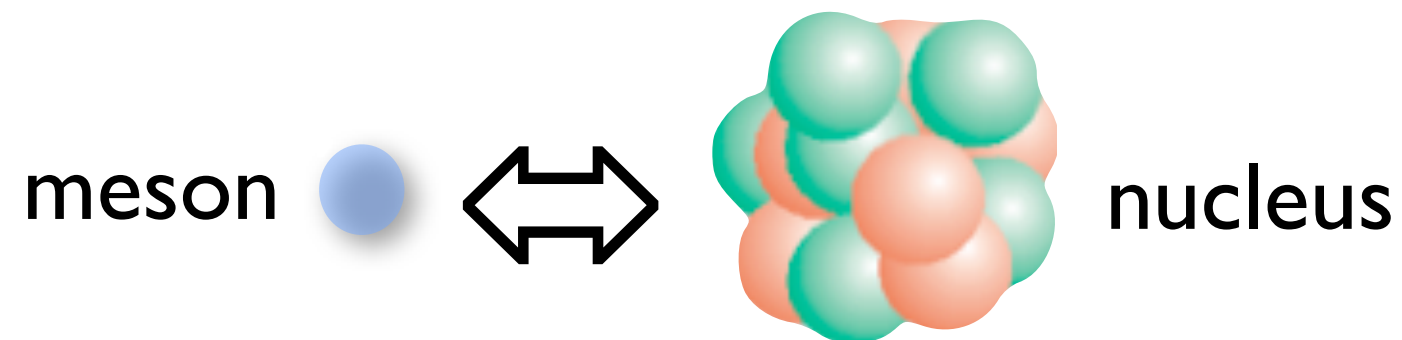
consistent with scattering amplitude deduced from ω -nucleus optical potential

(M. Kotulla et al., PRL 100 (2008) 192302; S. Friedrich et al., PLB 736 (2014) 26)

$$a_{\omega N} = -((0.17 \pm 0.40) + i(0.79 \pm 0.11)) \text{ fm}$$

$$|a_{\omega N}| = (0.81 \pm 0.41) \text{ fm}$$

**meson-nucleus interactions:
real and imaginary part of
the meson-nucleus optical potential**



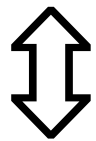
meson-nucleus optical potential

$$U(r) = V(r) + iW(r)$$

$$V(r) = \Delta m(\rho_0) \cdot \frac{\rho(r)}{\rho_0}$$

in-medium mass modification

real part



in-medium mass modification

$$W(r) = -\Gamma_0/2 \cdot \frac{\rho(r)}{\rho_0} \\ = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \hbar c \cdot \rho(r) \cdot \sigma_{inel} \cdot \beta$$

reduction of lifetime

imaginary part



in-medium width
inelastic cross section

experimental approaches to determine the meson-nucleus optical potential

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- transparency ratio measurement

$$T_A = \frac{\sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow \eta' X}}{A \cdot \sigma_{\gamma N \rightarrow \eta' X}}$$

**imaginary part of the optical potential
from transparency ratio measurements**

Photoproduction of ω and η' mesons on nuclei

ω

experiments performed with the CBELSA/TAPS detector (Bonn)

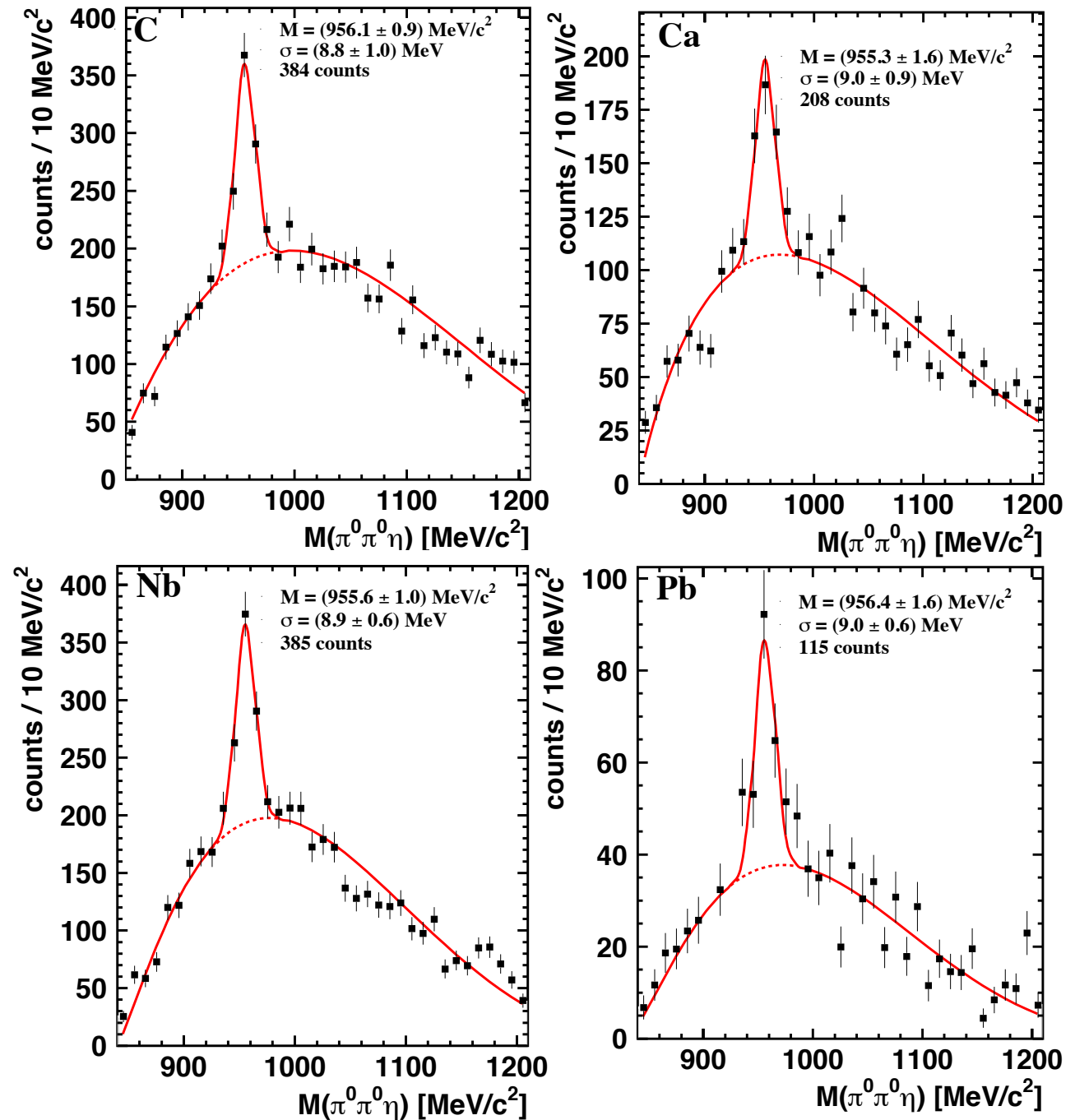
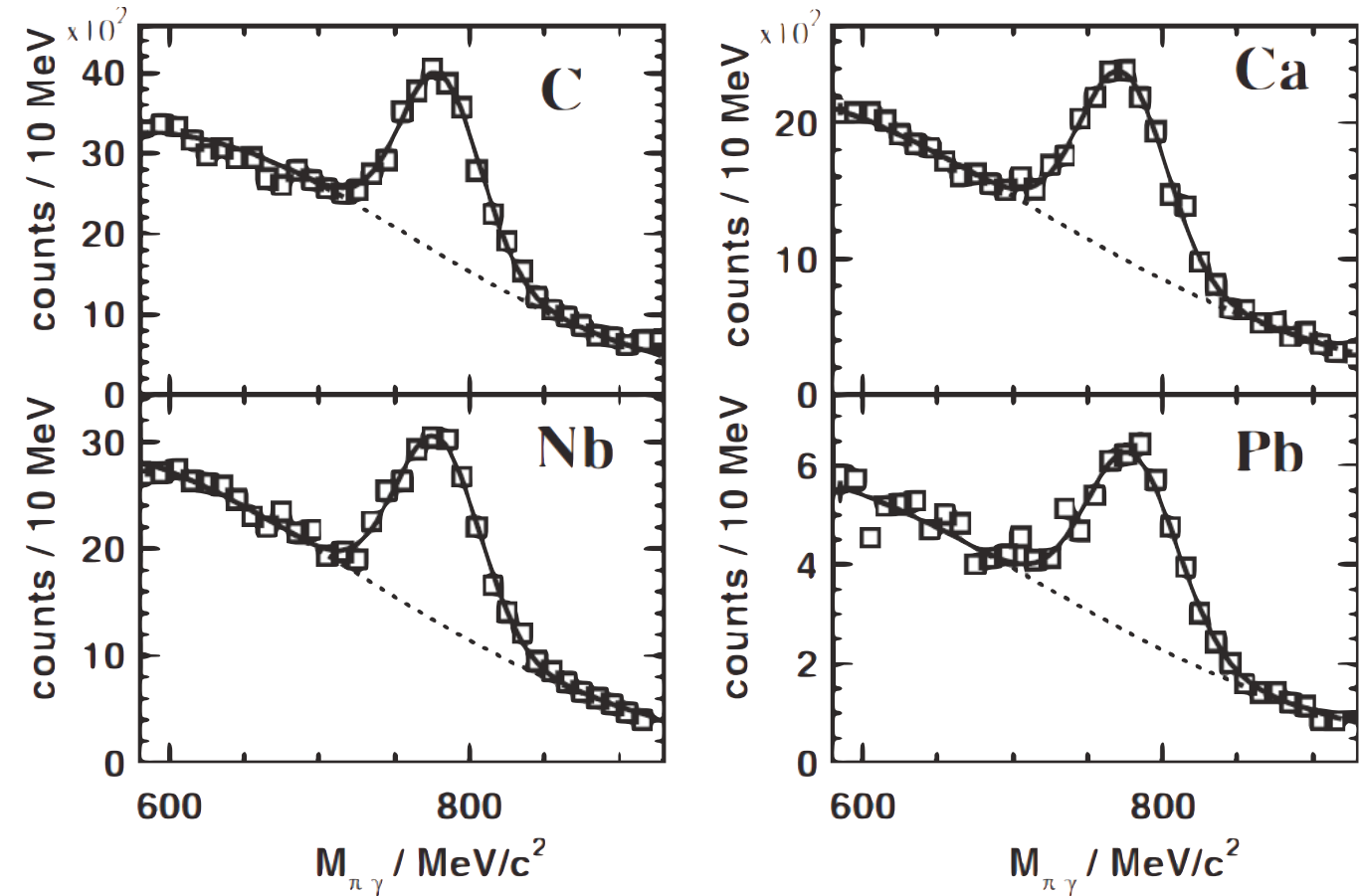
$\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \rightarrow 3\gamma$

M. Kotulla et al, PRL 100 (2008) 19230

η'

$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \eta \rightarrow 6\gamma$

M. Nanova et al., PLB 710 (2012) 600



transparency ratio

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imaginary part of the ω - and η' -nucleus optical potential

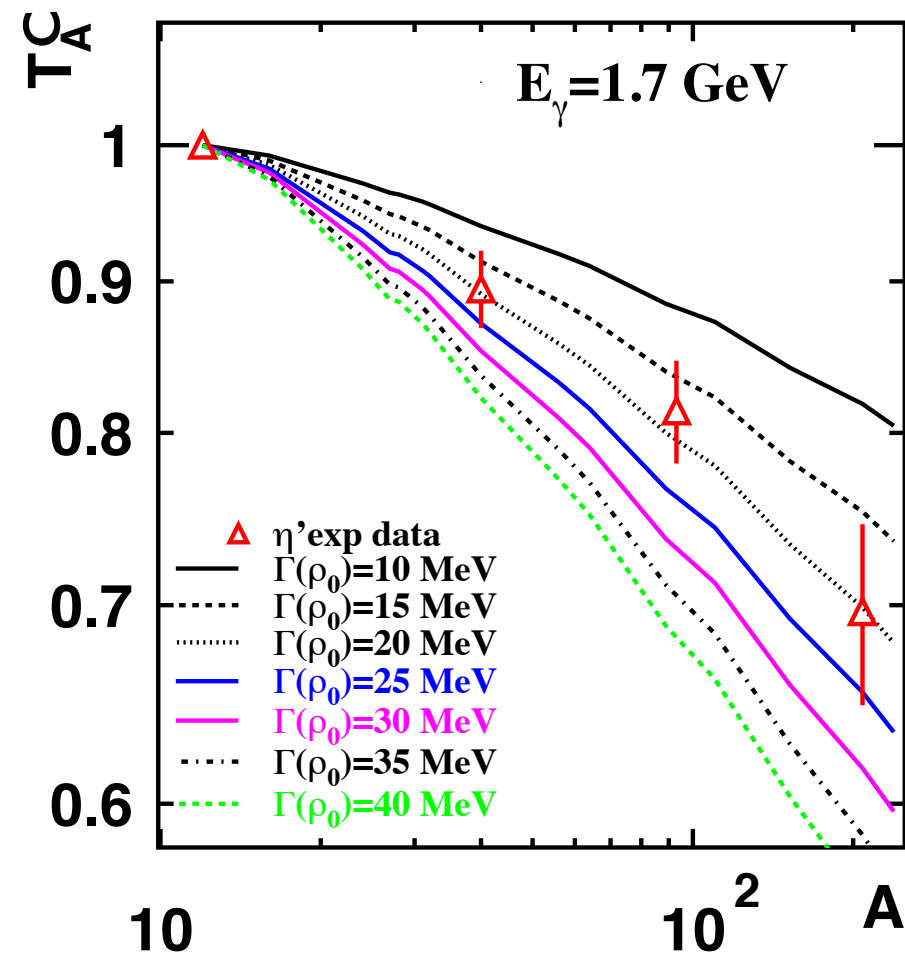
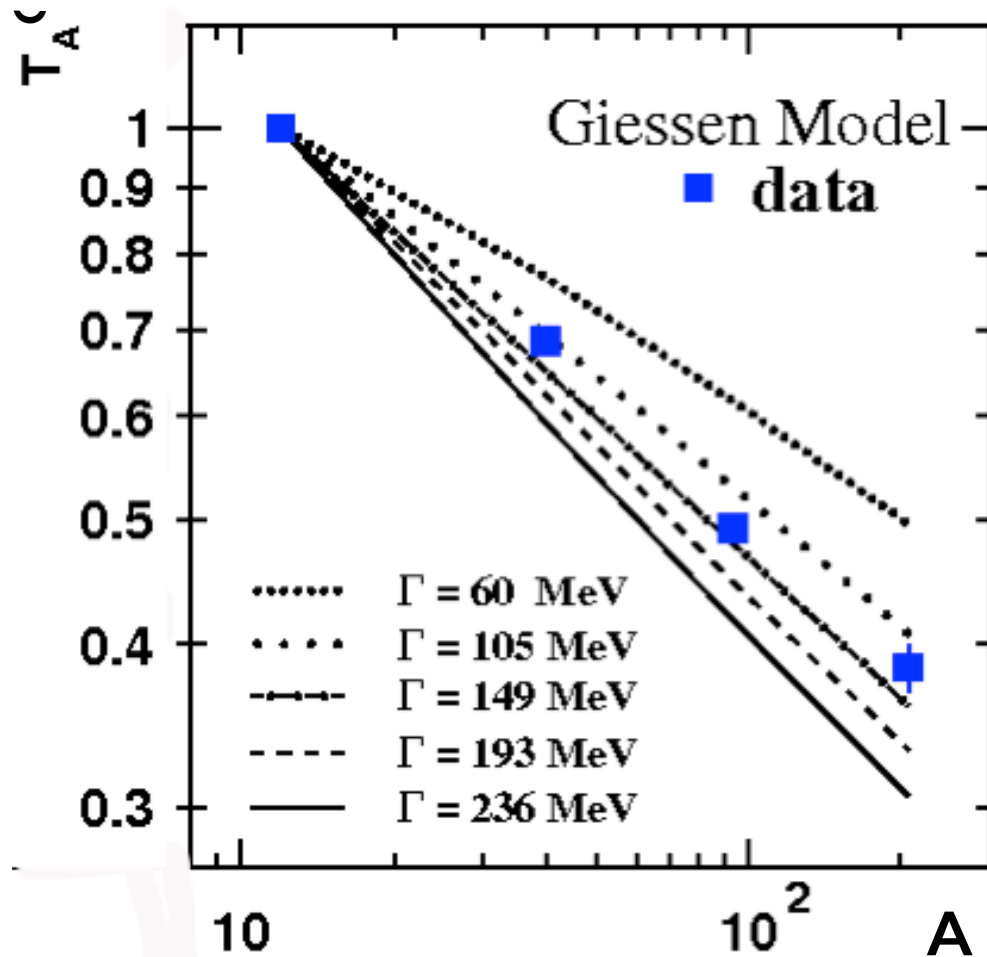
ω

η'

$$T_A^C = \frac{12 \cdot \sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow \eta' X}}{A \cdot \sigma_{\gamma C \rightarrow \eta' X}} \quad \text{normalized to carbon}$$

M. Kotulla et al.,
PRL 100 (2008) 192302,
PRL 114 (2015) 199903

M. Nanova et al., PLB 710 (2012) 600



low density approximation: $\Gamma(\rho_0) = \hbar c \cdot \beta \cdot \rho_0 \cdot \sigma_{inel}$

$\Gamma_\omega(\langle p_\omega \rangle = 1.1 \text{ GeV}/c; \rho = \rho_0) \approx 130\text{-}150 \text{ MeV}$

$\Gamma_{\eta'}(\langle p_{\eta'} \rangle \approx 1.05 \text{ GeV}/c) \approx 15\text{-}25 \text{ MeV};$

$\sigma_{inel}^\omega \approx 60 \text{ mb}$

$\sigma_{inel}^{\eta'} \approx 3\text{-}10 \text{ mb}$

$\omega: W(\rho = \rho_0) = -\Gamma_0/2 = -(70 \pm 5) \text{ MeV}$

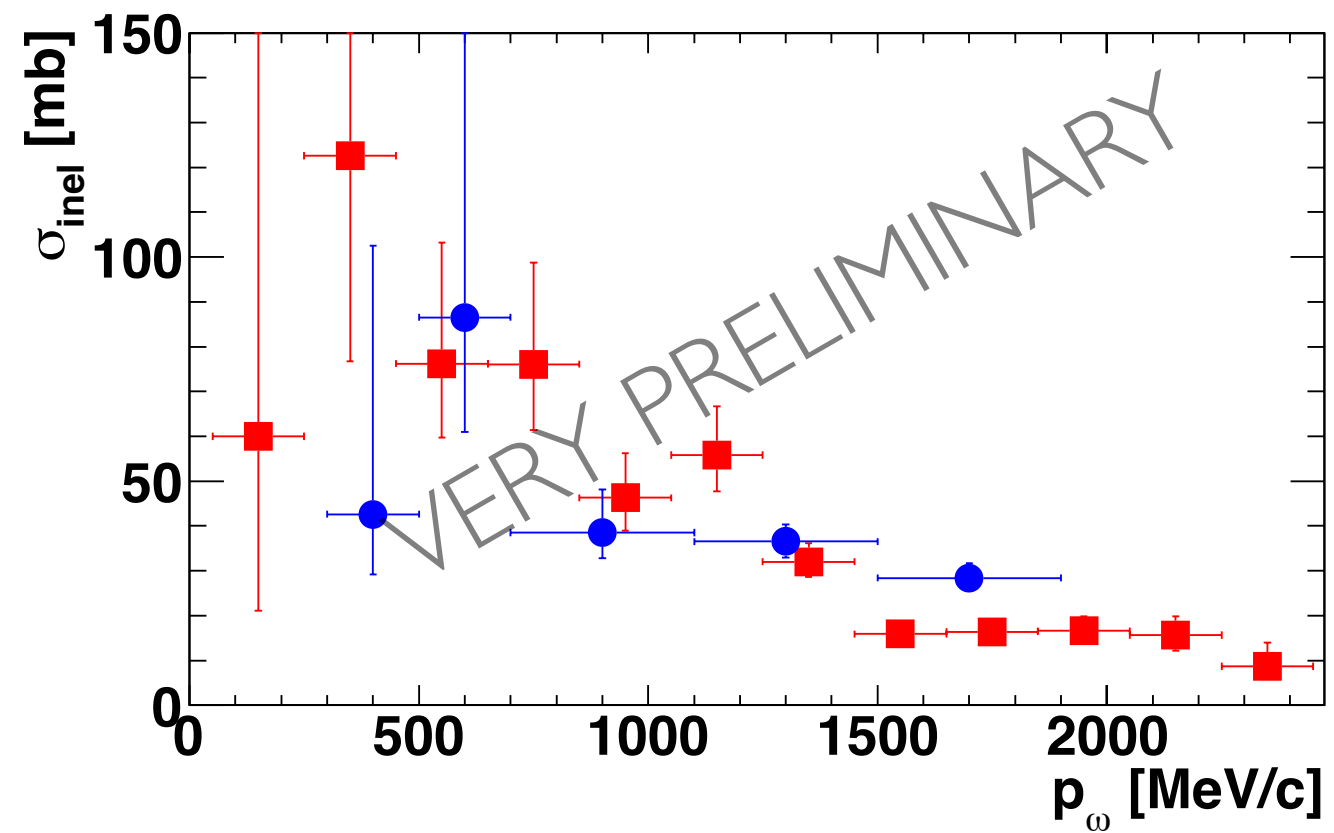
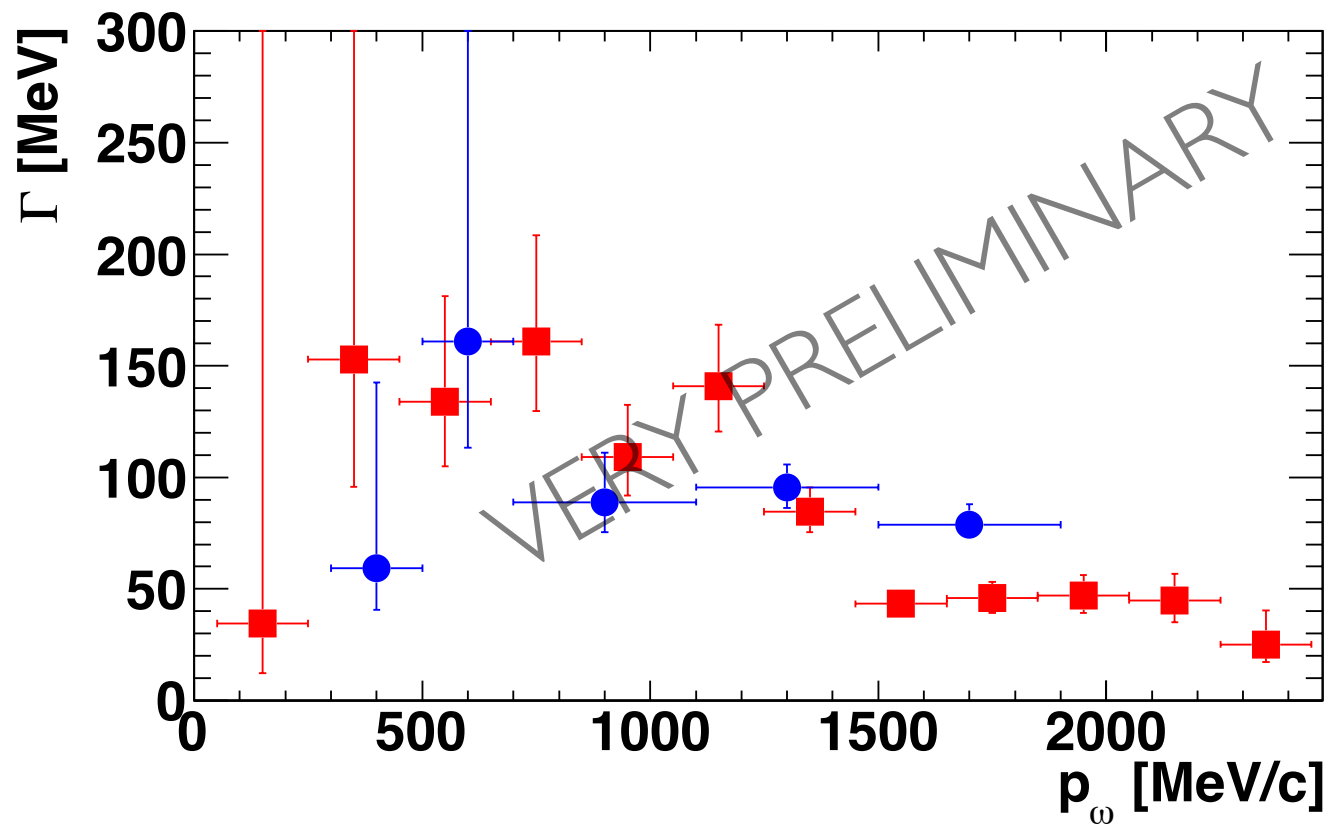
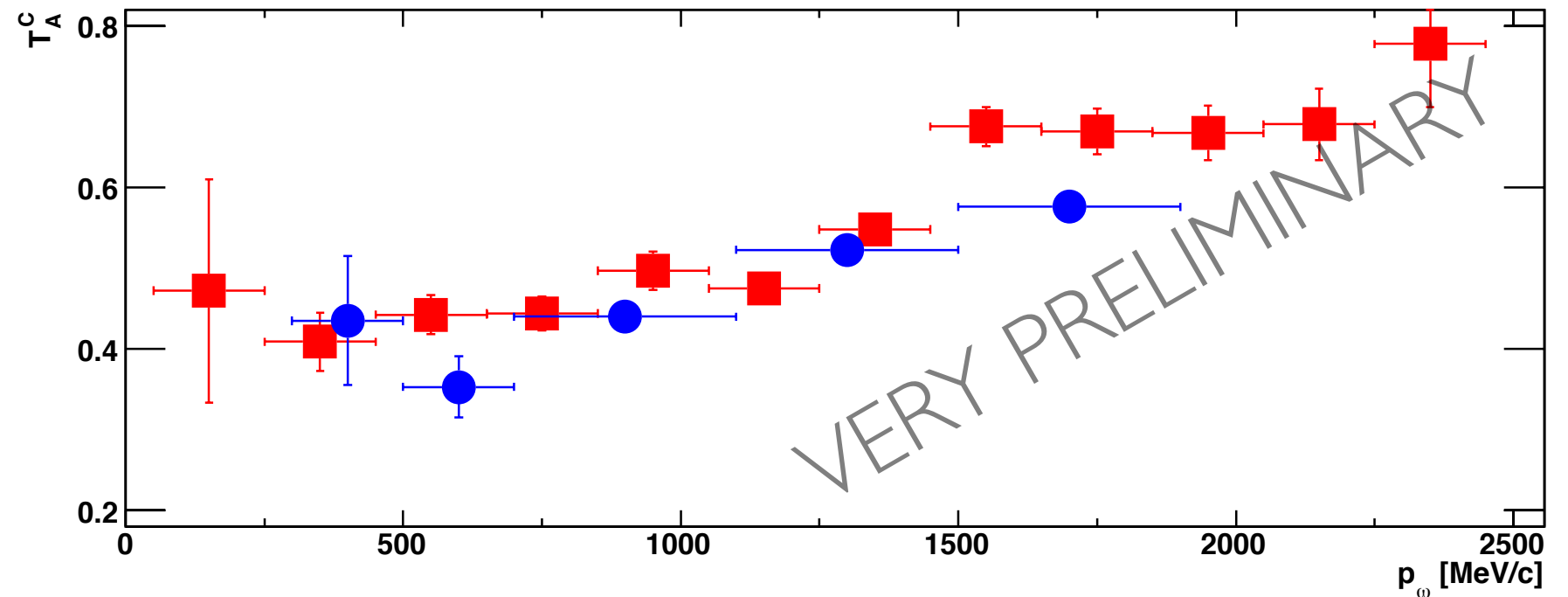
$\eta': W(\rho = \rho_0) = -\Gamma_0/2 = -(10 \pm 2.5) \text{ MeV}$

momentum dependence of T_A^C , Γ and σ_{inel} for ω mesons

■ S. Friedrich et al.

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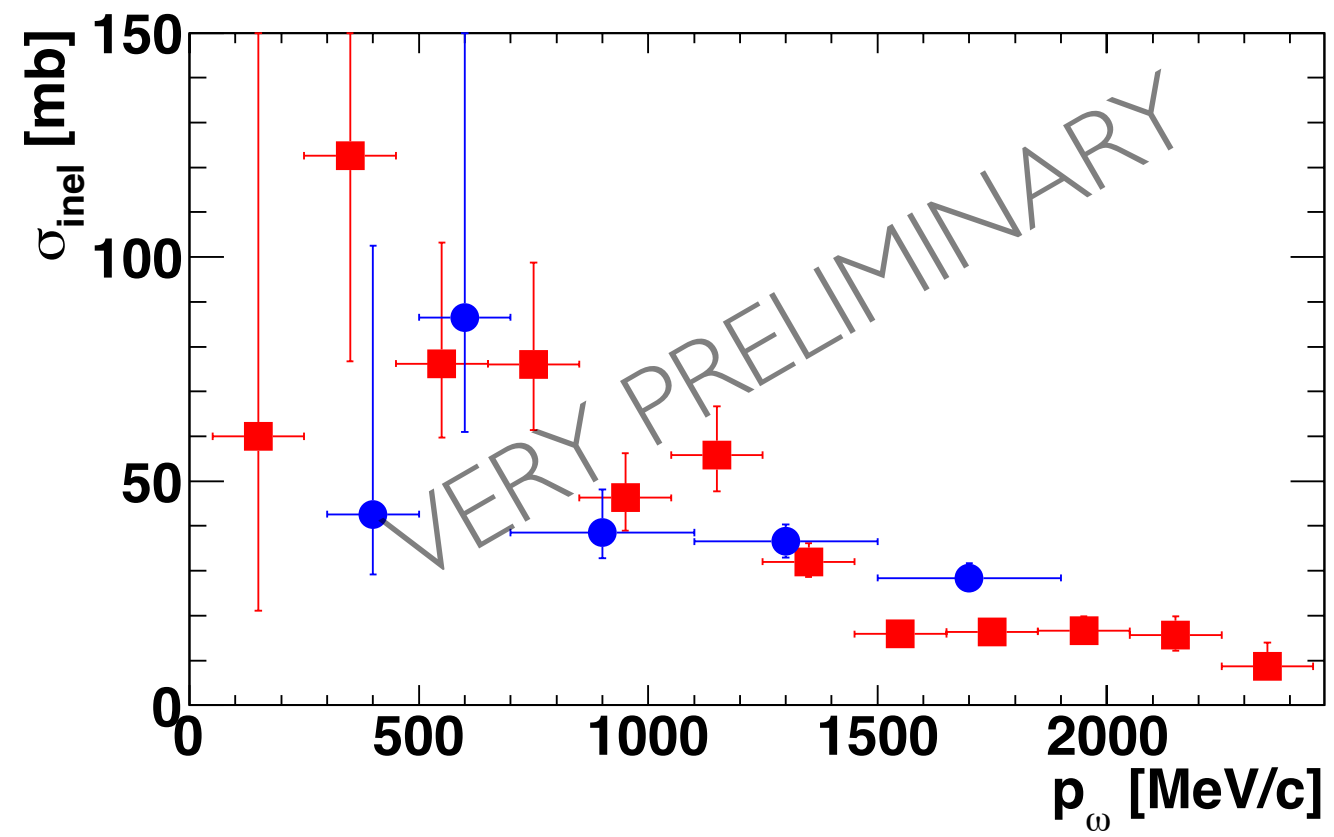
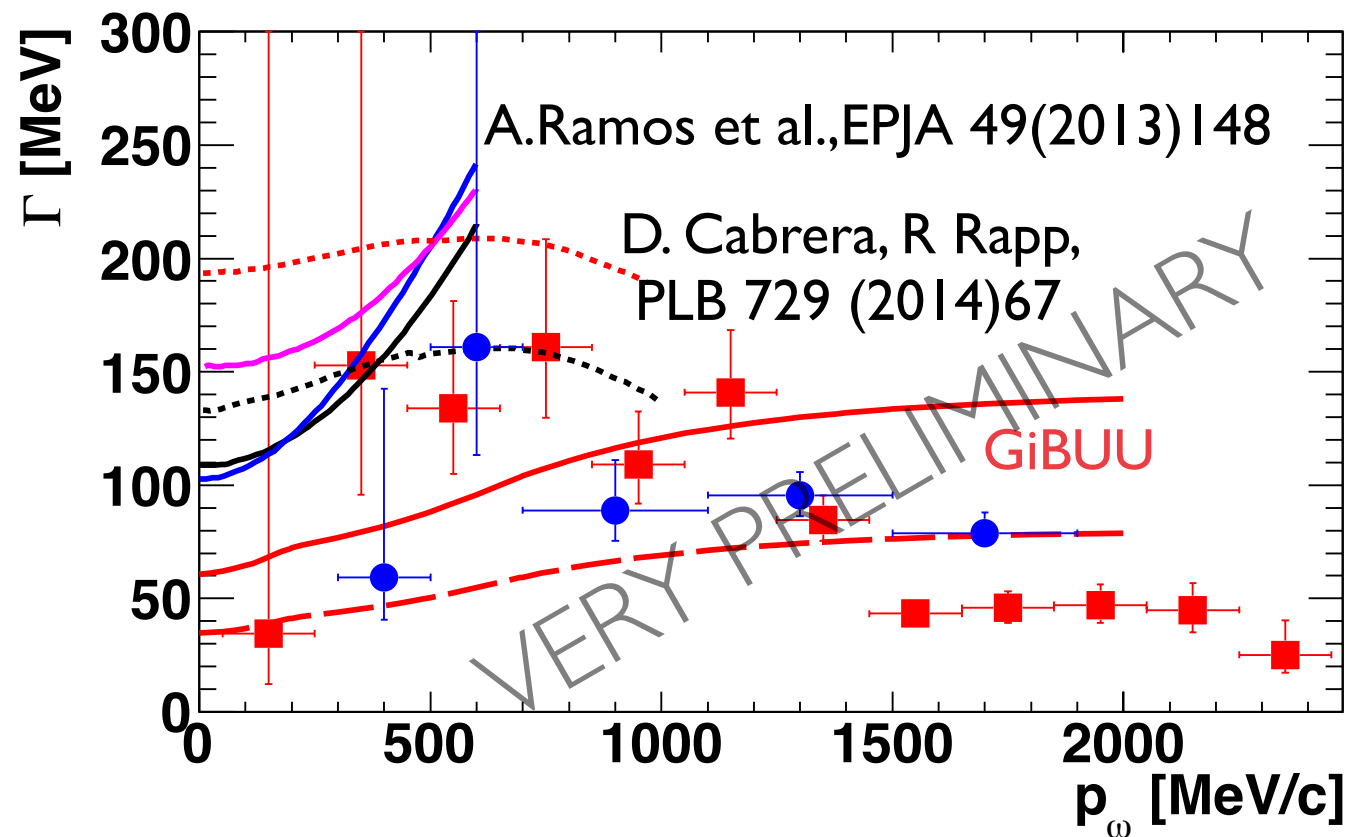
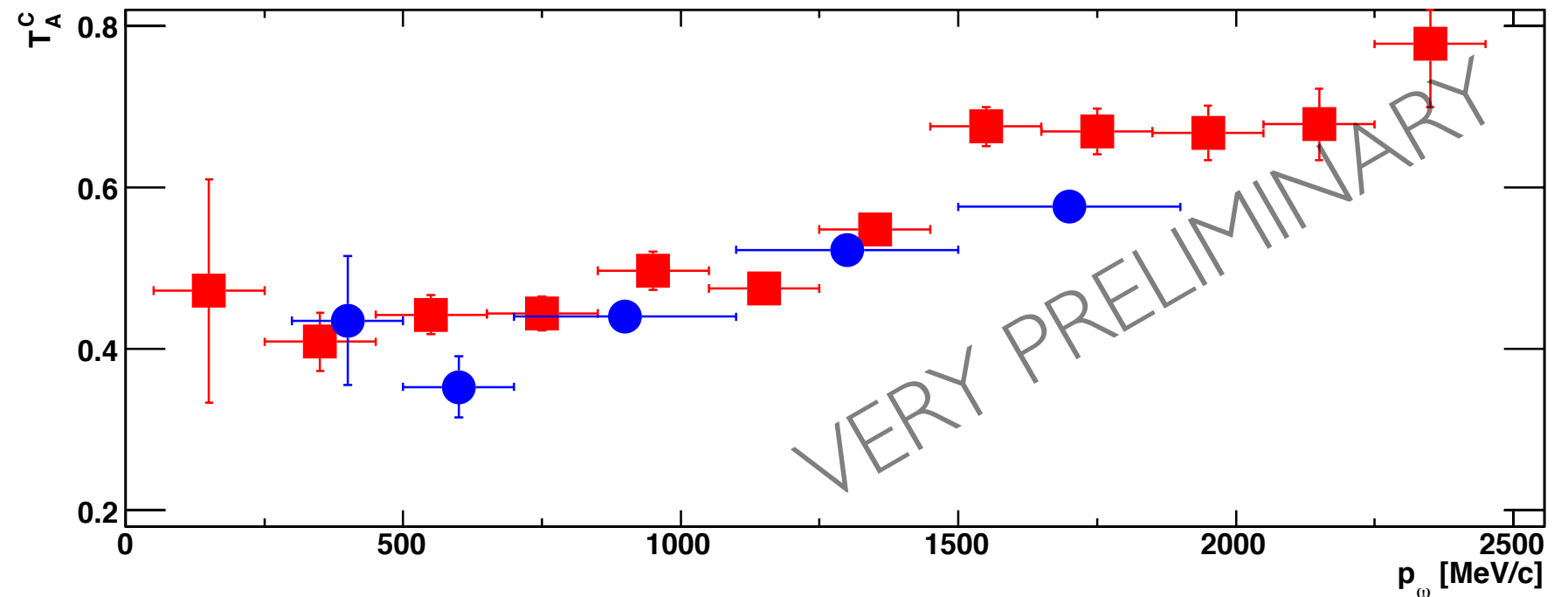


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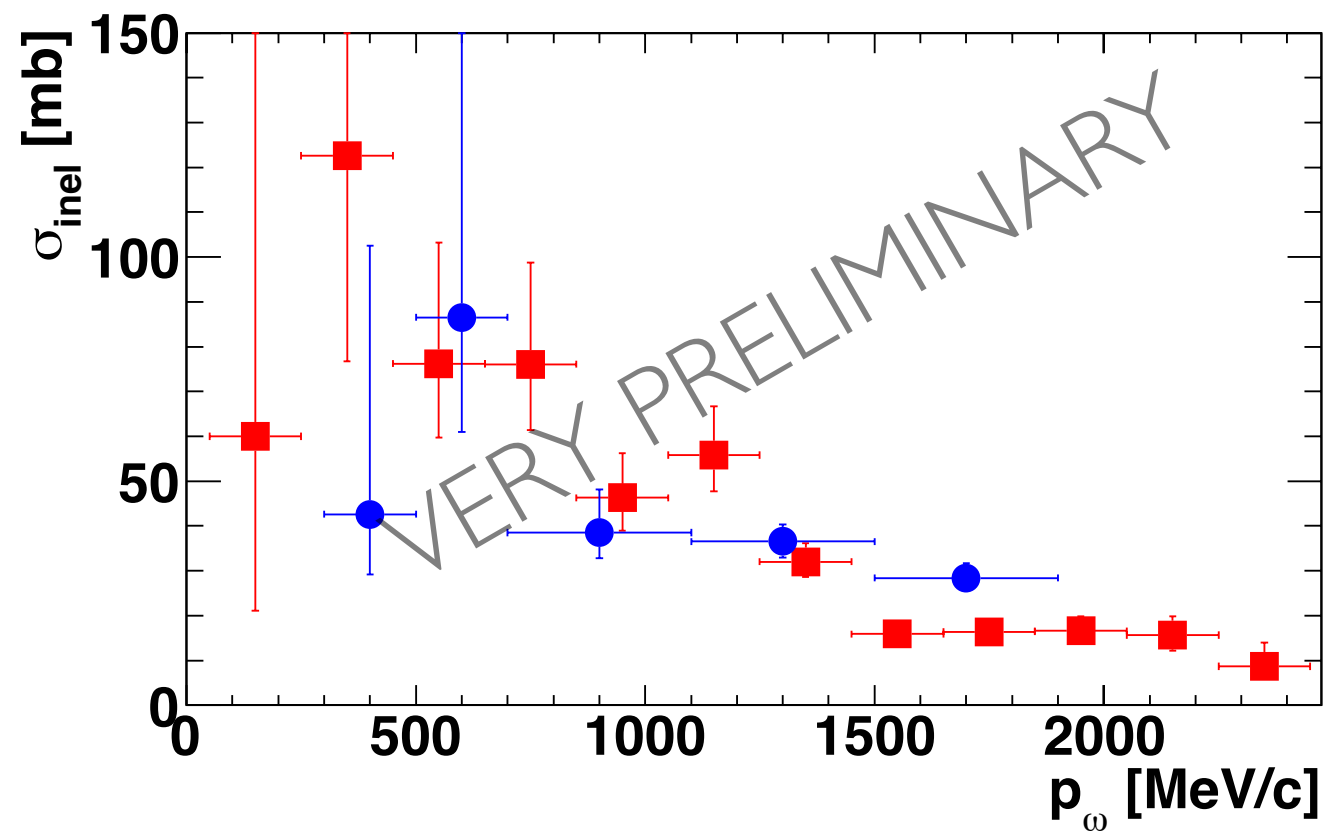
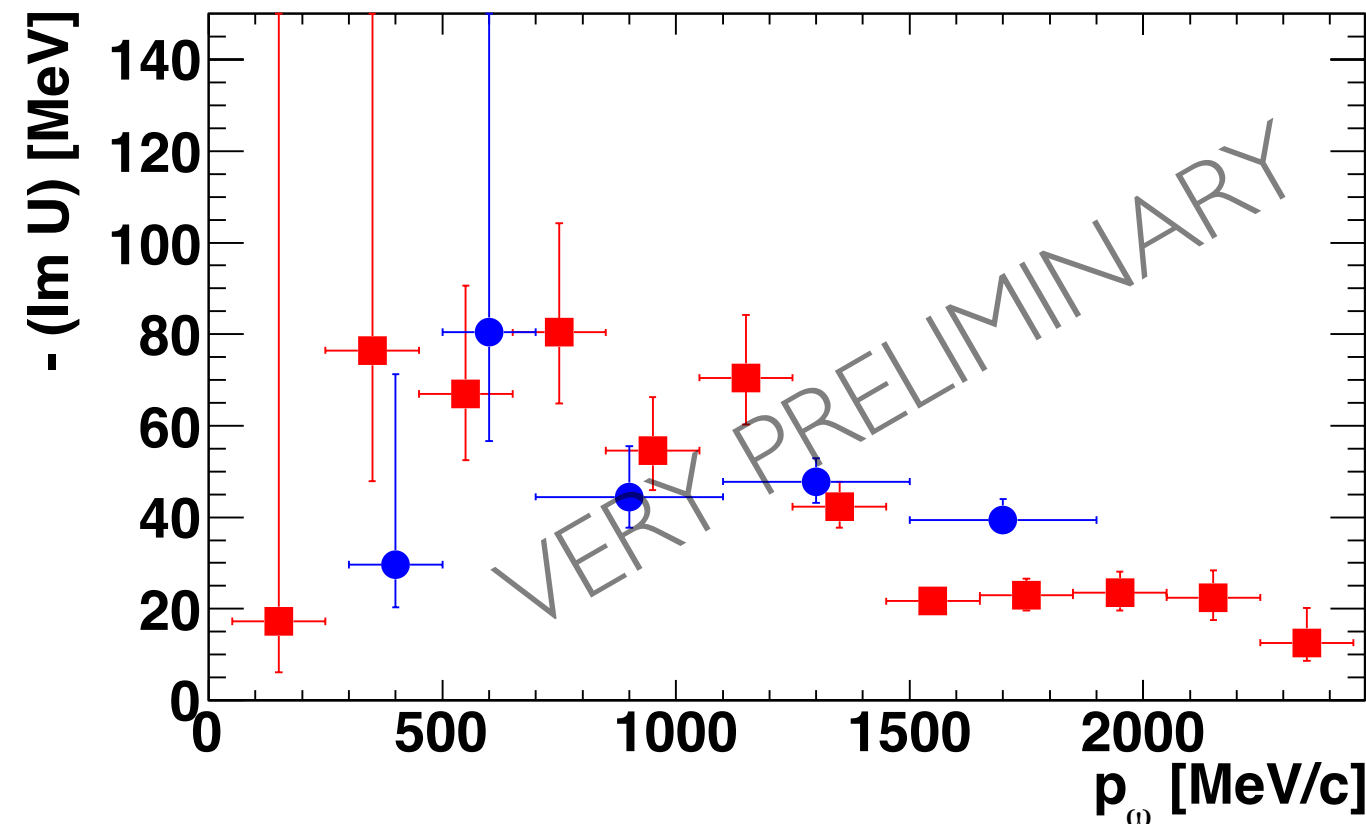
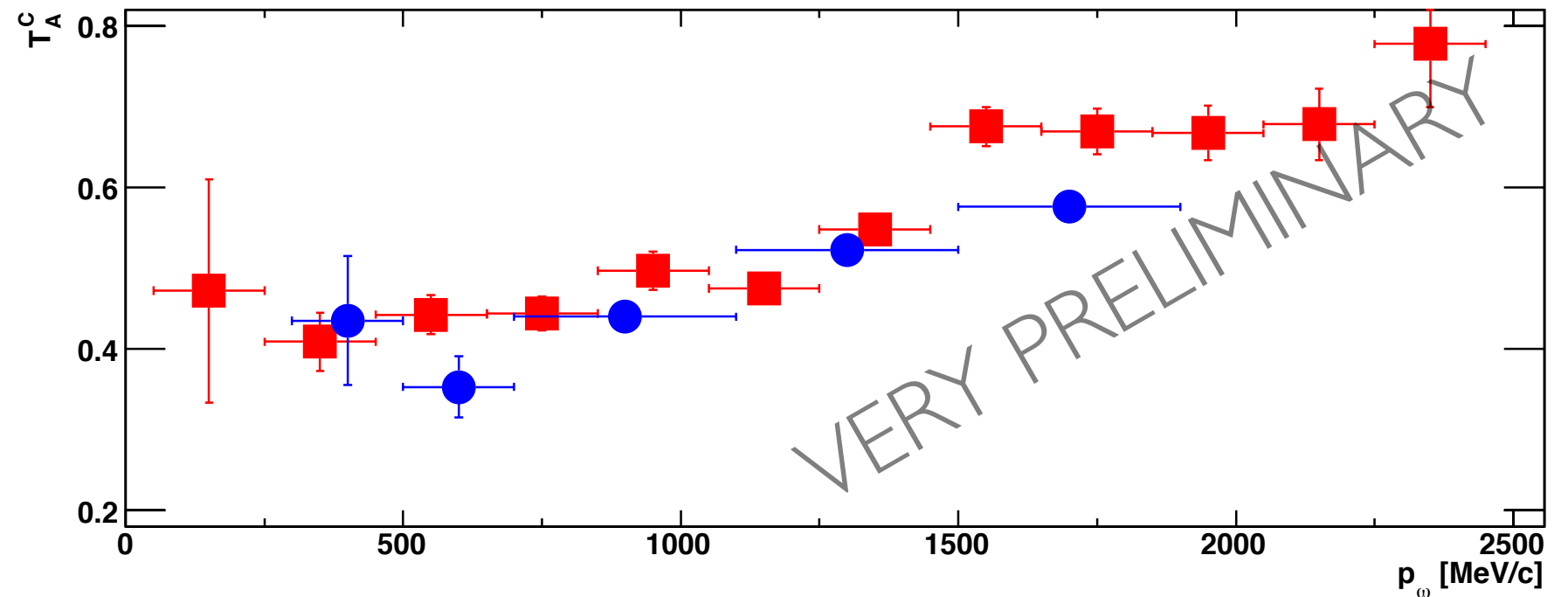


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first information on momentum dependence of the imaginary part of the ω -nucleus optical potential; important for linking optical model parameters at high momenta to scattering length at production threshold

what have we learned from transparency ratio measurements ?

- transparency ratio measurements provide information on absorption of mesons in nuclei \Rightarrow **imaginary part $W(\rho=\rho_0)$ of meson-nucleus potential;** applicable for any meson lifetime
- **ω, η', Φ mesons show broadening in nuclei;** lifetime shortened (width increased) by inelastic processes

	$\Gamma(\rho_0)$ [MeV]	$\langle p \rangle$ [GeV/c]	$W(\rho=\rho_0)$ [MeV]	σ_{inel} [mb]	experiment
ω	130-150	1,1	65-75	≈ 60	CBELSA/ TAPS
η'	15-25	1,1	7.5-12.5	3-10	CBELSA/ TAPS
Φ	30-60	0,6-1,4	15-30	14-21	ANKE@ COSY
Φ	100^{+50}_{-30}	1,8	50^{+25}_{-15}	35^{+17}_{-11}	LEPS@ SPring-8

**real part of the optical potential from
excitation functions and momentum distributions**

The real part of the ω -nucleus potential

J.Weil, U.Mosel and V.Metag, PLB 723 (2013) 120 $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$

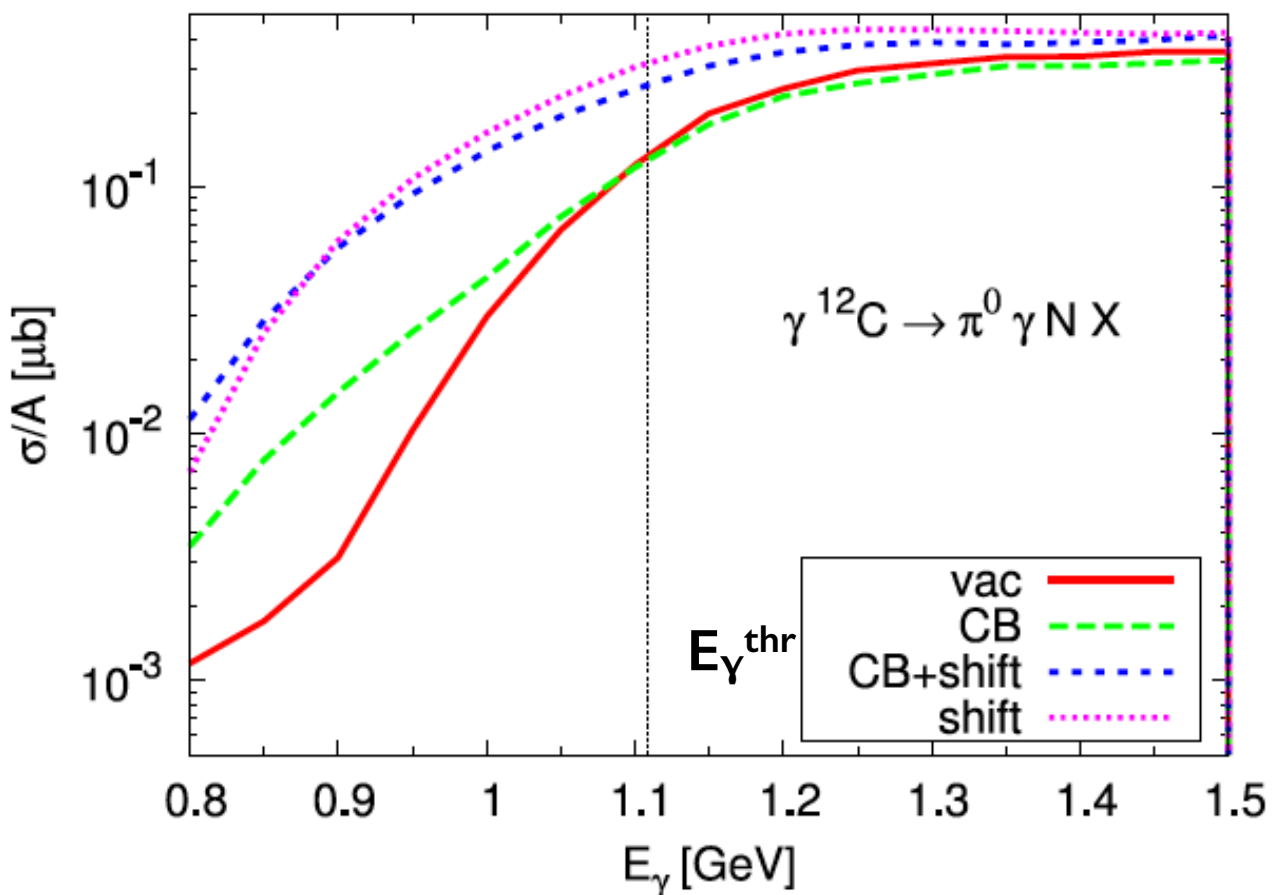
sensitive to nuclear density at production point

- [measurement of the excitation function of the meson](#)

in case of dropping mass -
higher meson yield for given \sqrt{s}
because of increased phase space
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$\pi^0 \gamma$ excitation function



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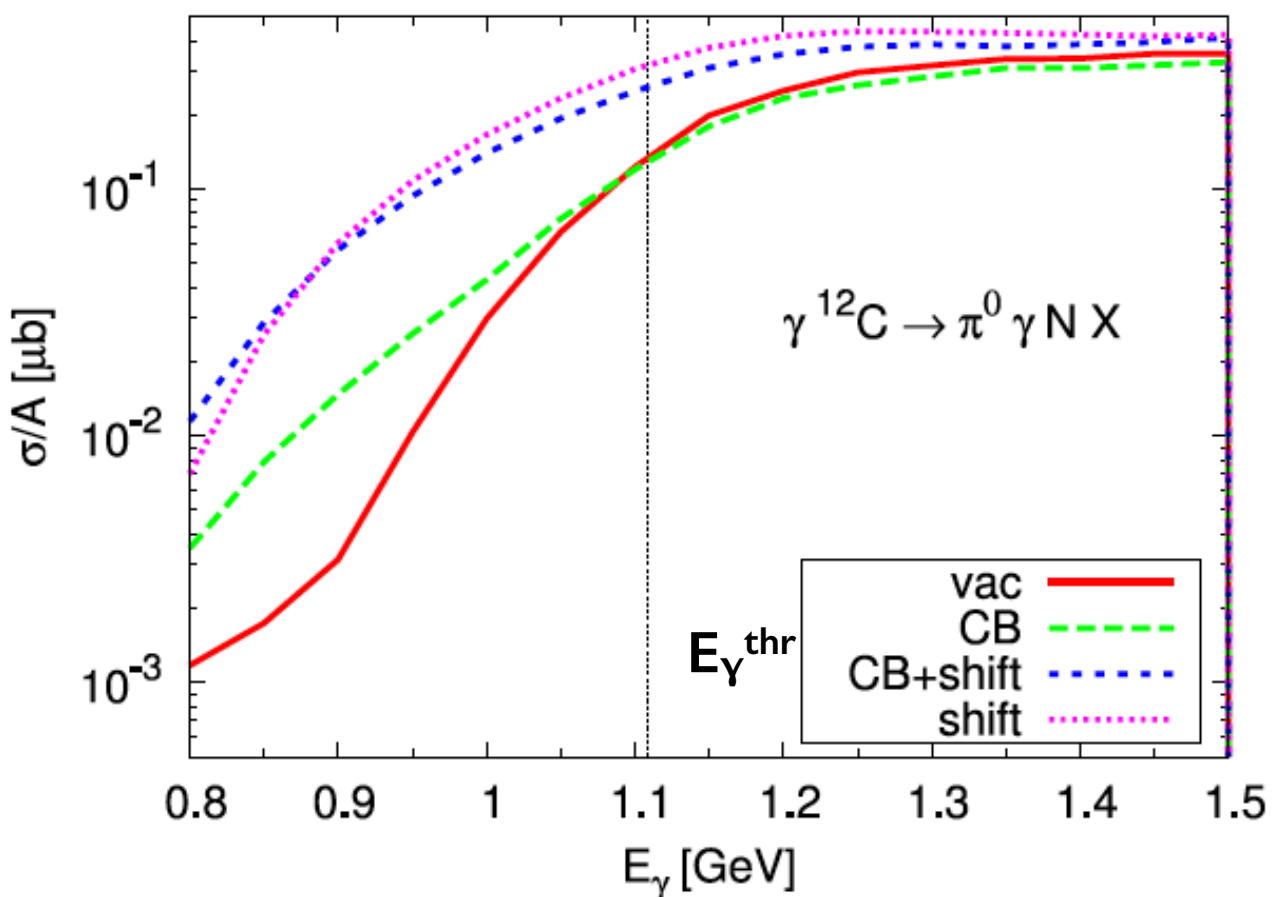
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- momentum distribution of the meson:

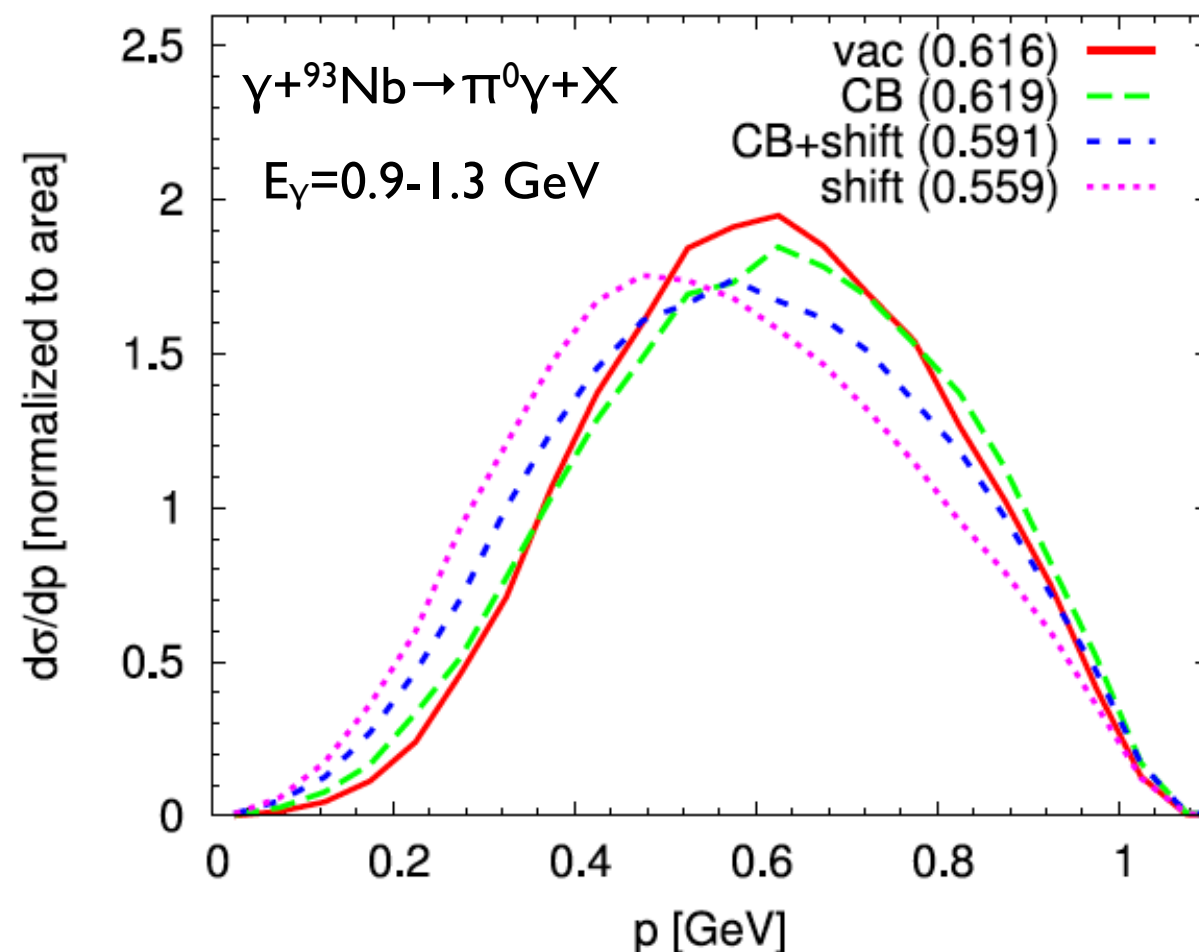
in case of dropping mass - when leaving the nucleus hadron has to become on-shell;
mass generated at the expense of kinetic energy

⇒ downward shift of momentum distribution

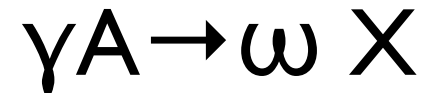
$\pi^0 \gamma$ excitation function



$\pi^0 \gamma$ momentum distribution



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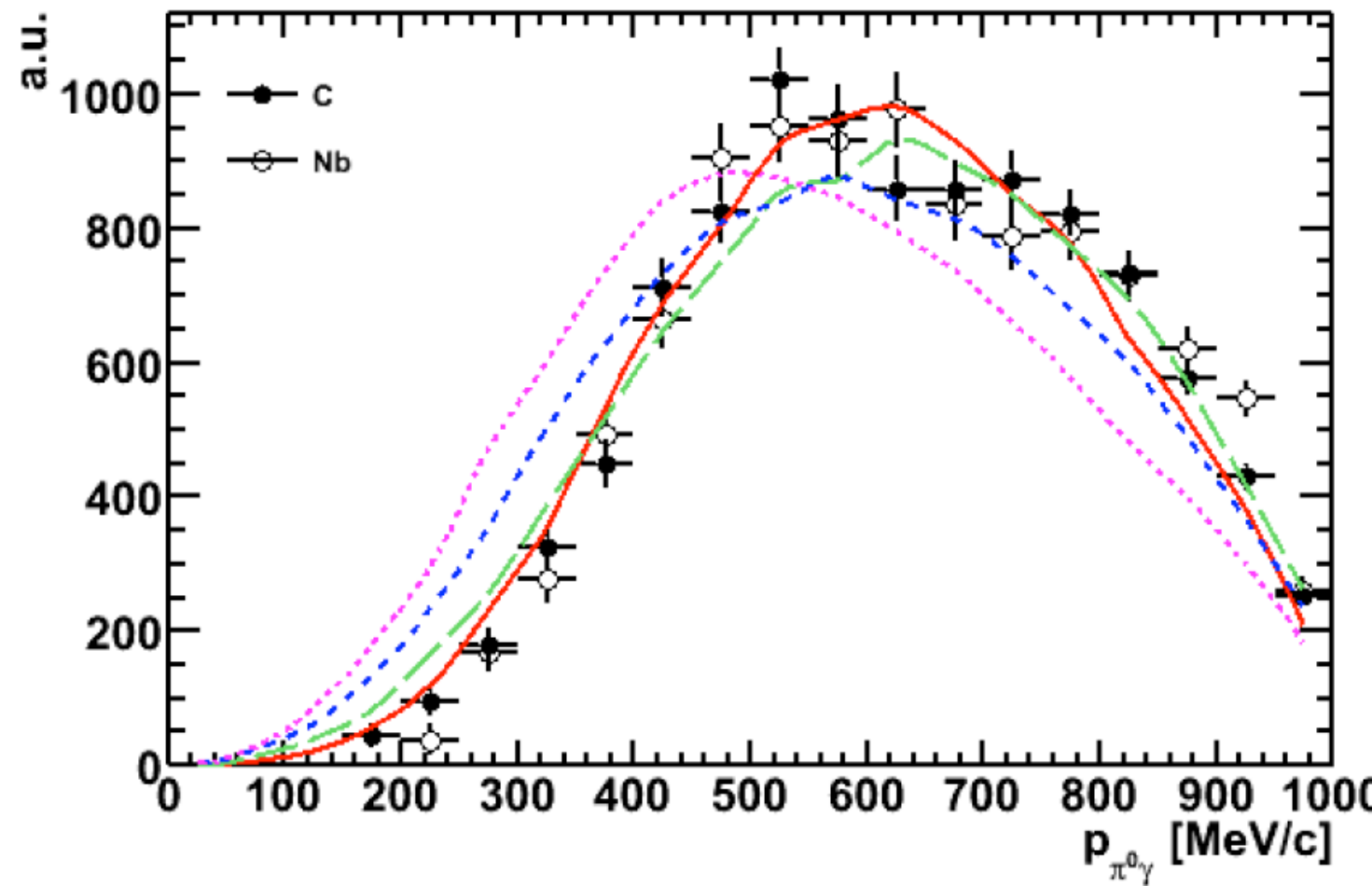
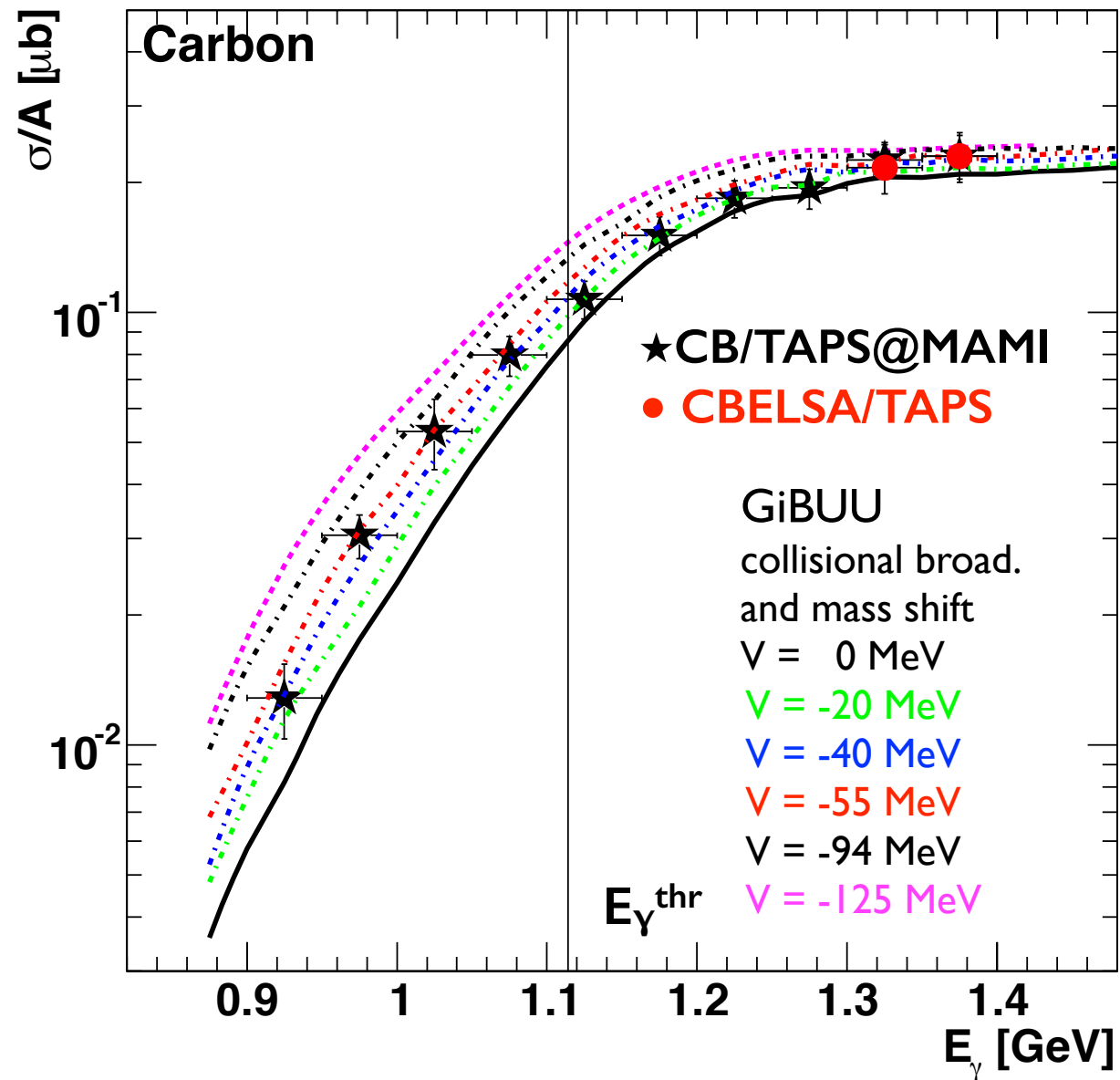


CB/TAPS @ MAMI

V. Metag et al., PPNP, 67 (2012) 530.

M.Thiel et al., EPJA 49 (2013) 132

$E_\gamma = 900 - 1300$ MeV



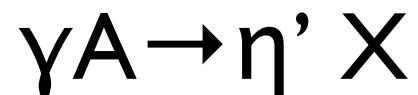
data not consistent with strong mass shift scenario ($\Delta m/m \approx -16\%$)

$$V_\omega(\rho=\rho_0) = -(42 \pm 17(\text{stat}) \pm 20(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}$$

The real part of the η' -nucleus potential

η'

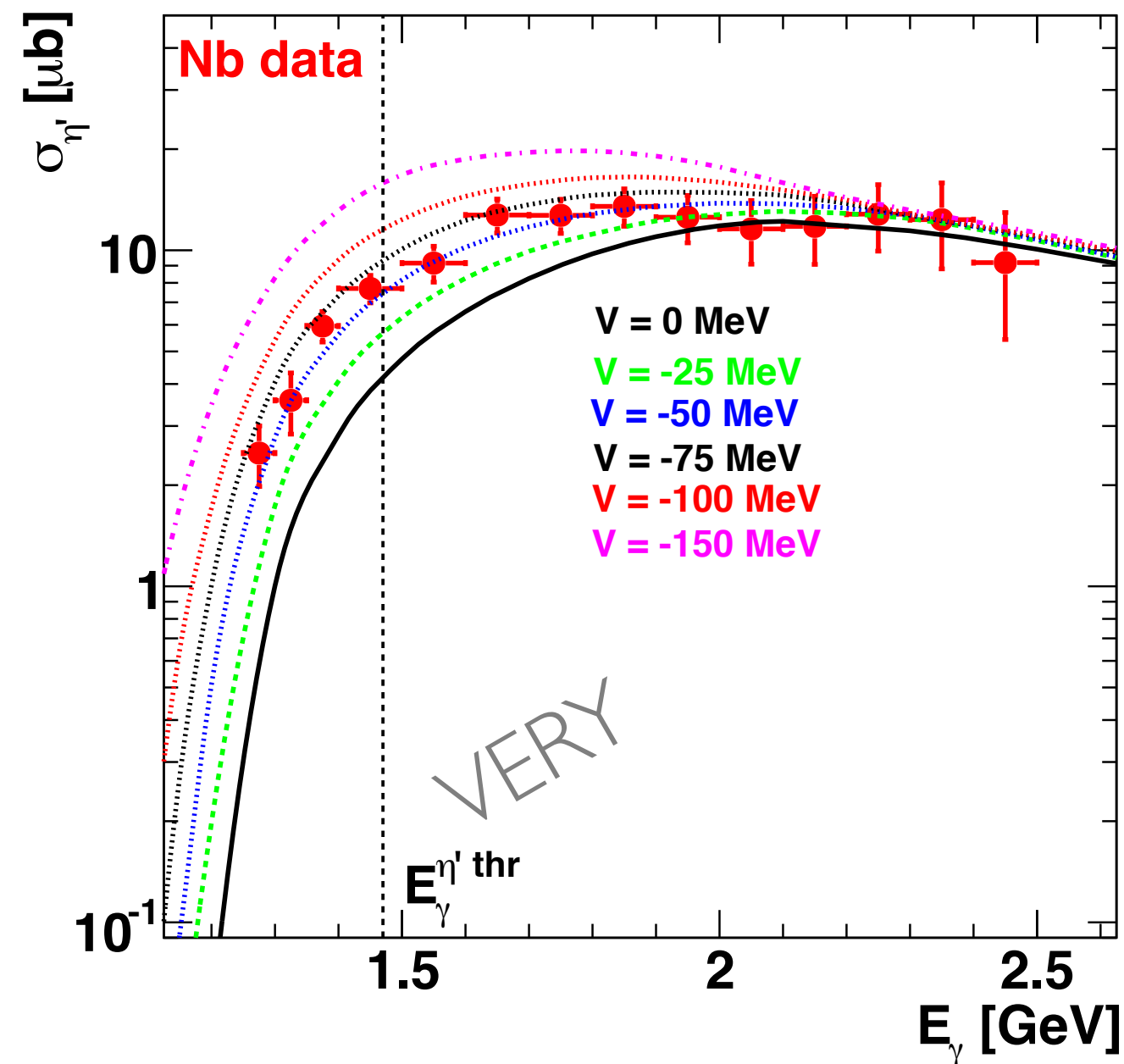
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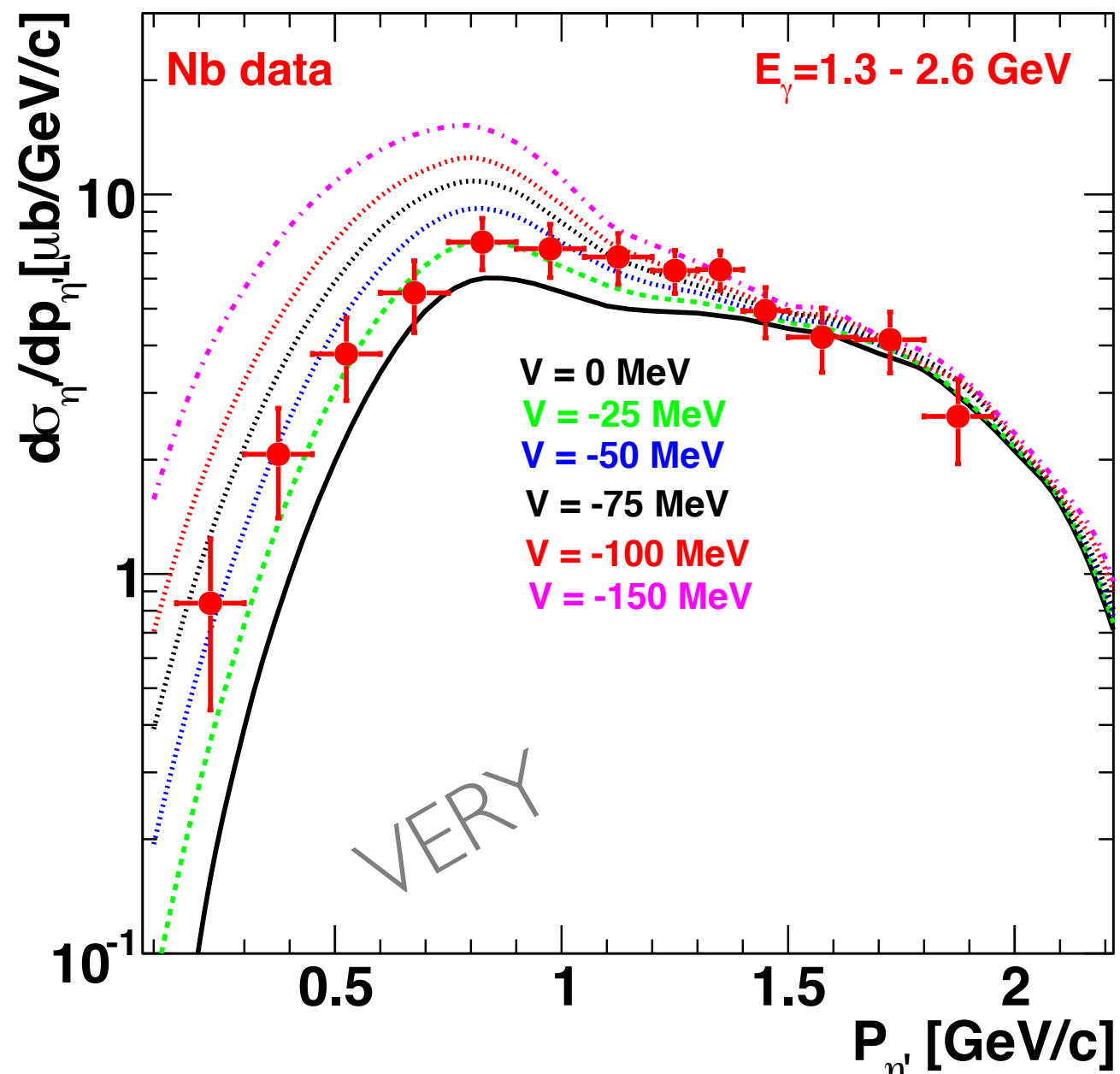
data compared to calculations by E. Paryev (priv. com.)

excitation function

η' momentum distribution



$$V_{\eta}(\rho = \rho_0) = -(57 \pm 8(\text{stat}) \pm 15(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}$$



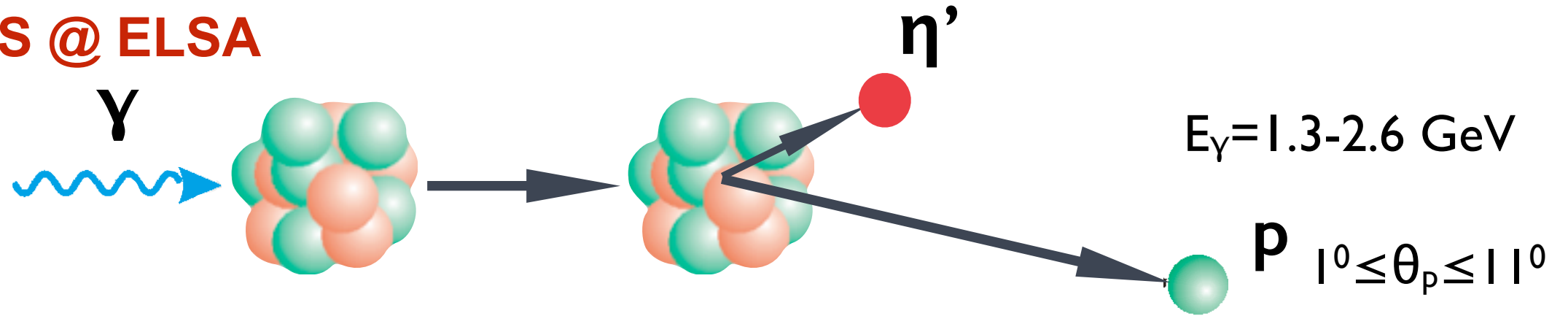
$$V_{\eta}(\rho = \rho_0) = -(29 \pm 8(\text{stat}) \pm 15(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\langle p_{\eta'} \rangle \approx 1.1 \text{ GeV/c}$$

real part of η' -nucleus potential from η' kinetic energy

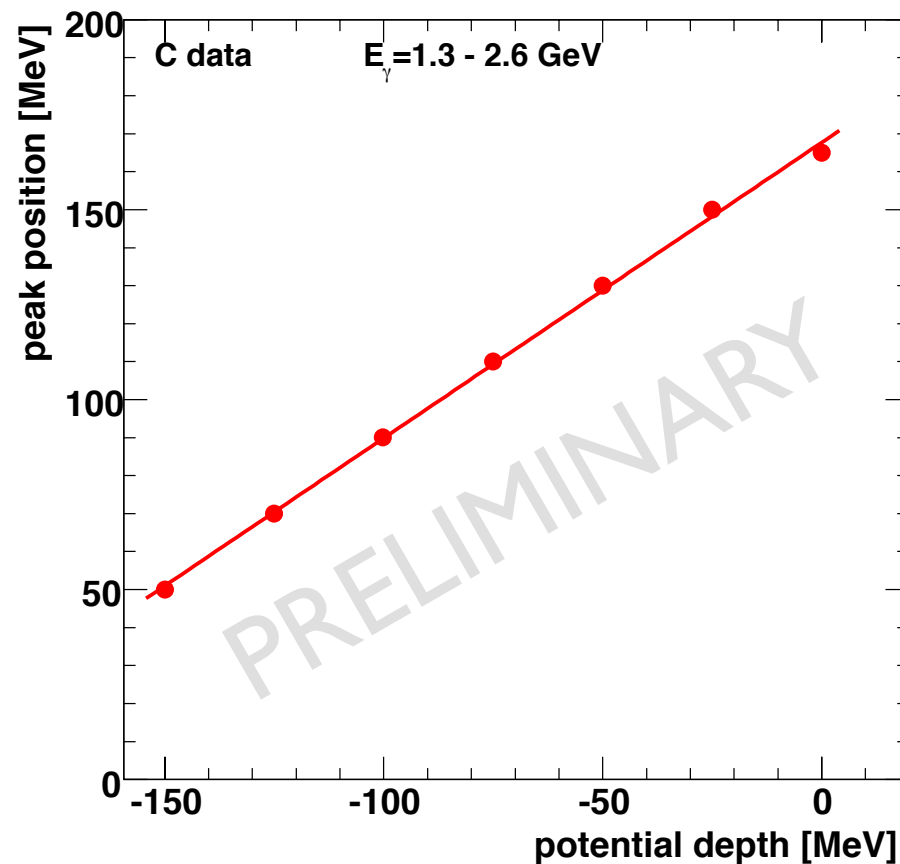
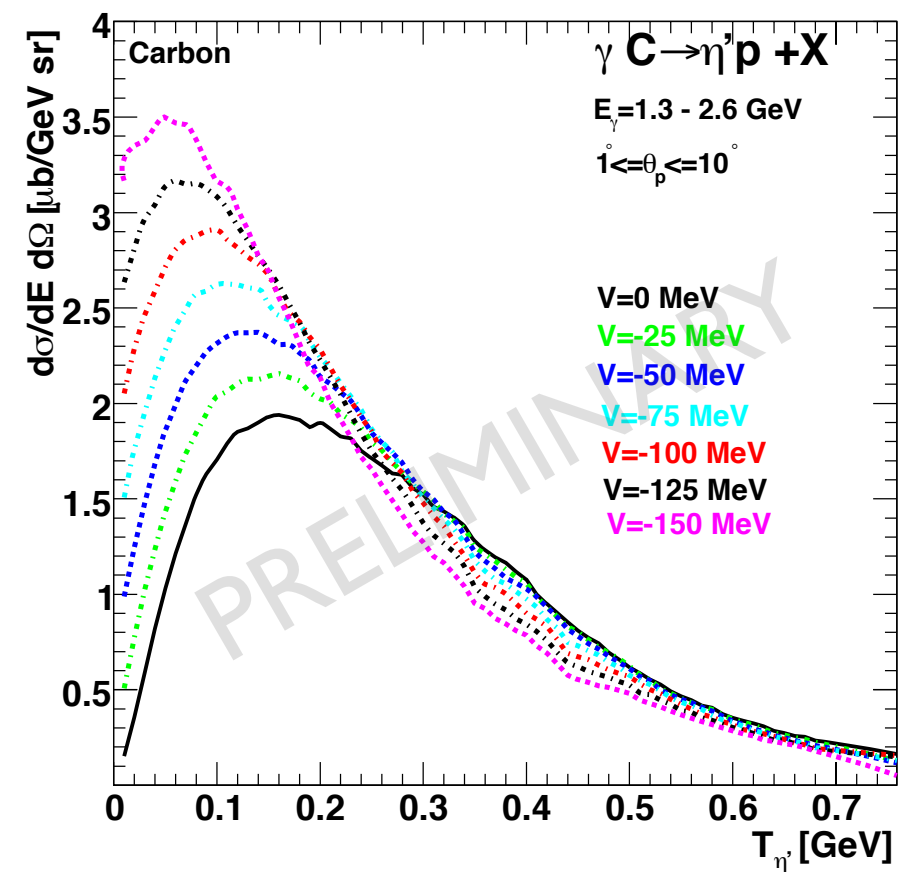
η'

CBELSA/TAPS @ ELSA



the higher the attraction the lower the kinetic energy of the η' meson

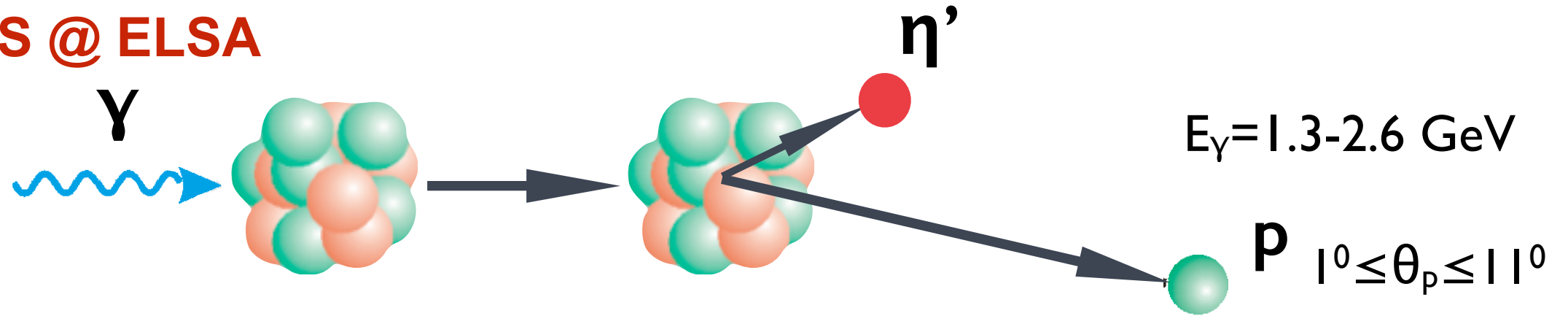
E. Paryev, arXiv:1503.09007



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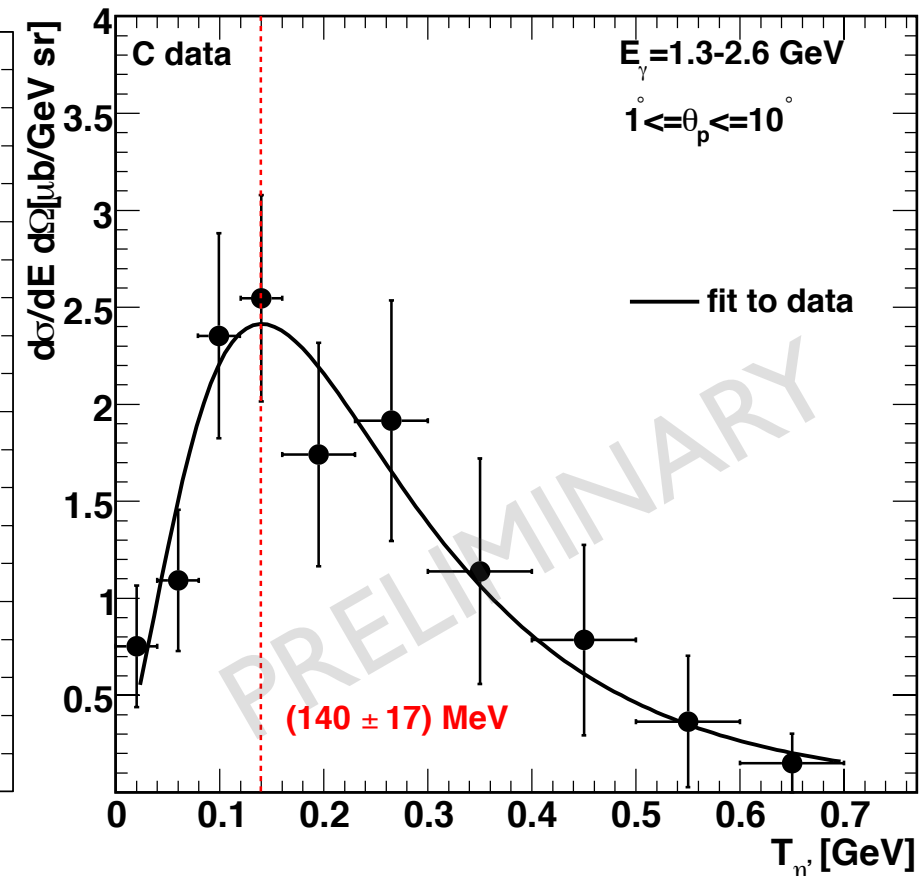
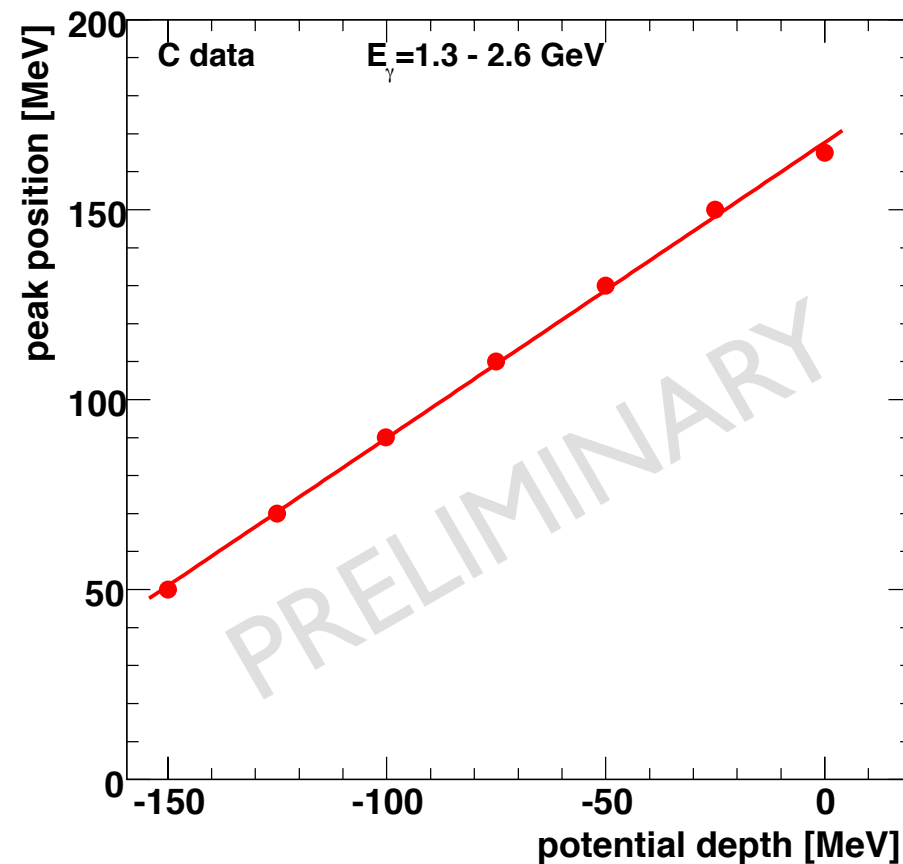
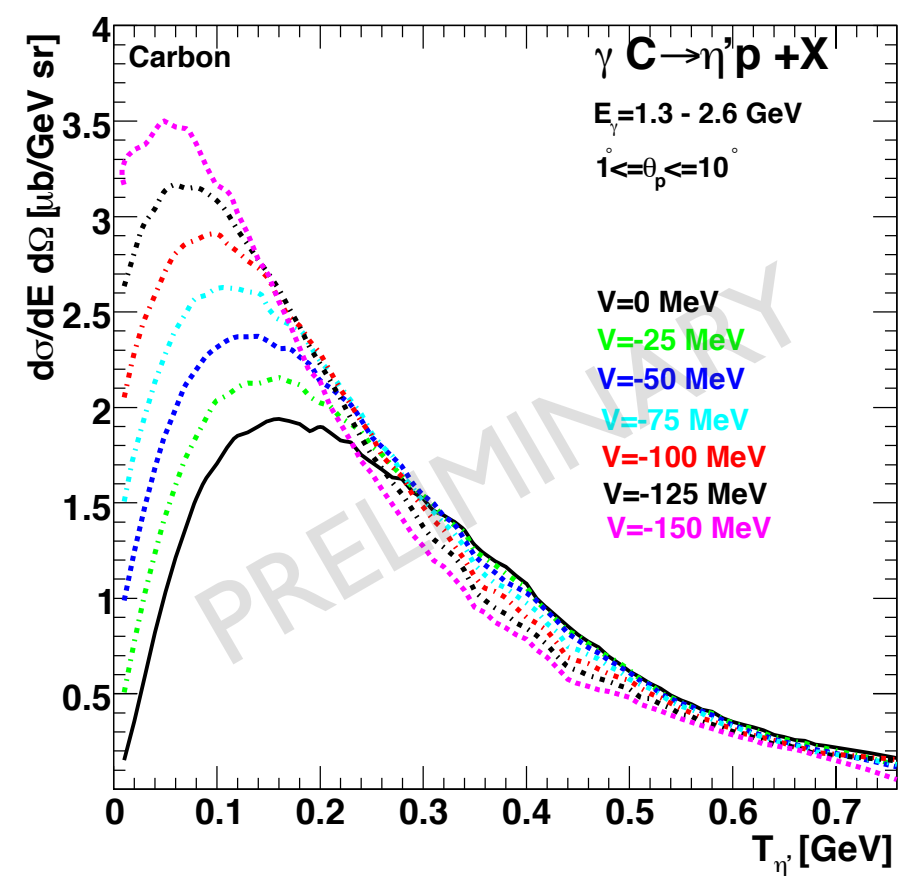
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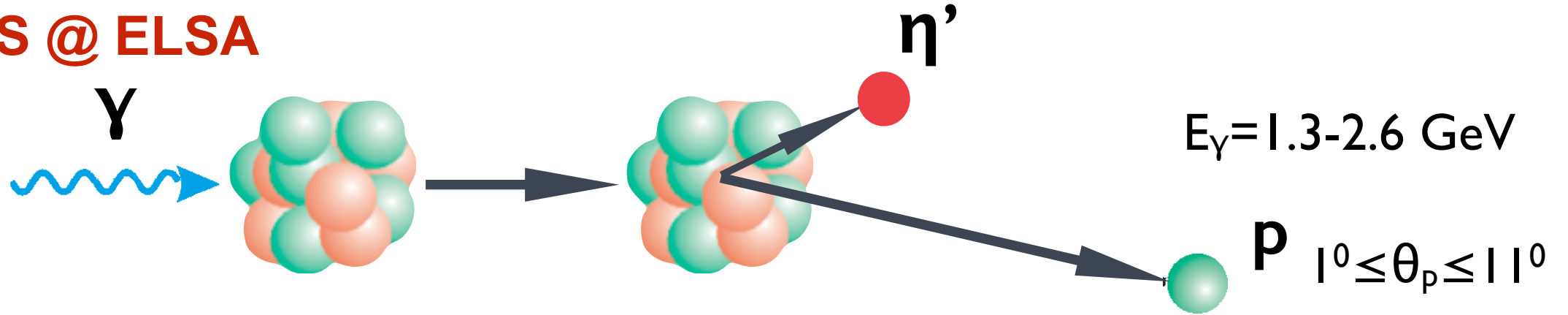
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real part of η' -nucleus potential from η' kinetic energy

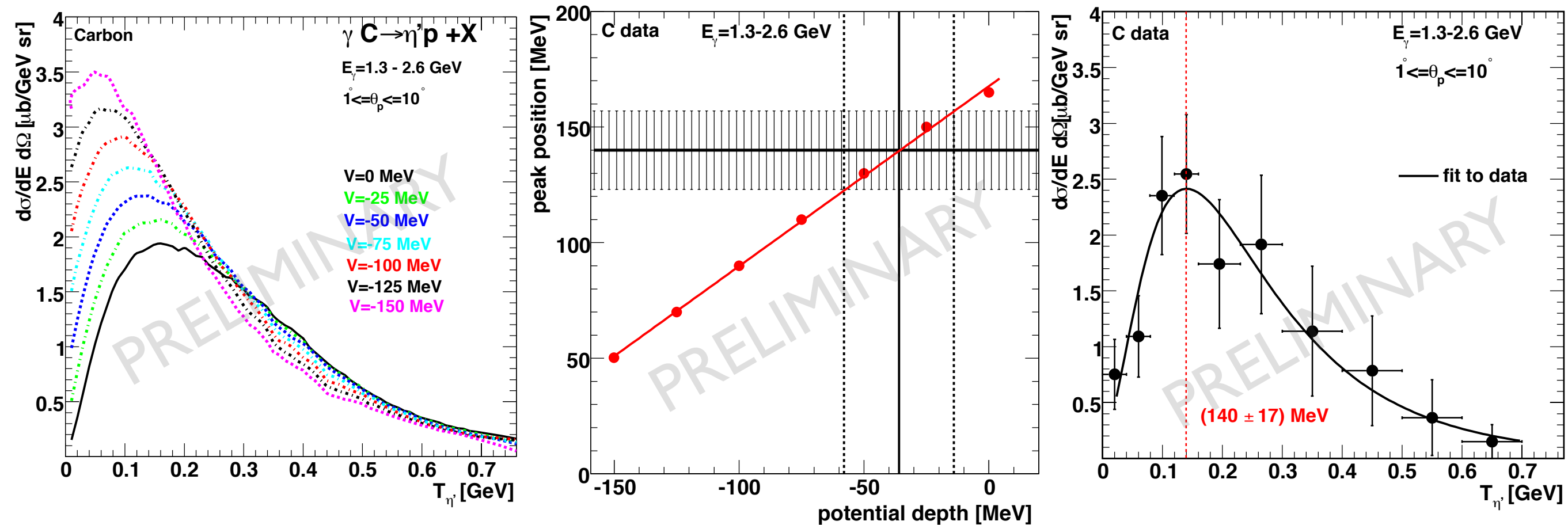
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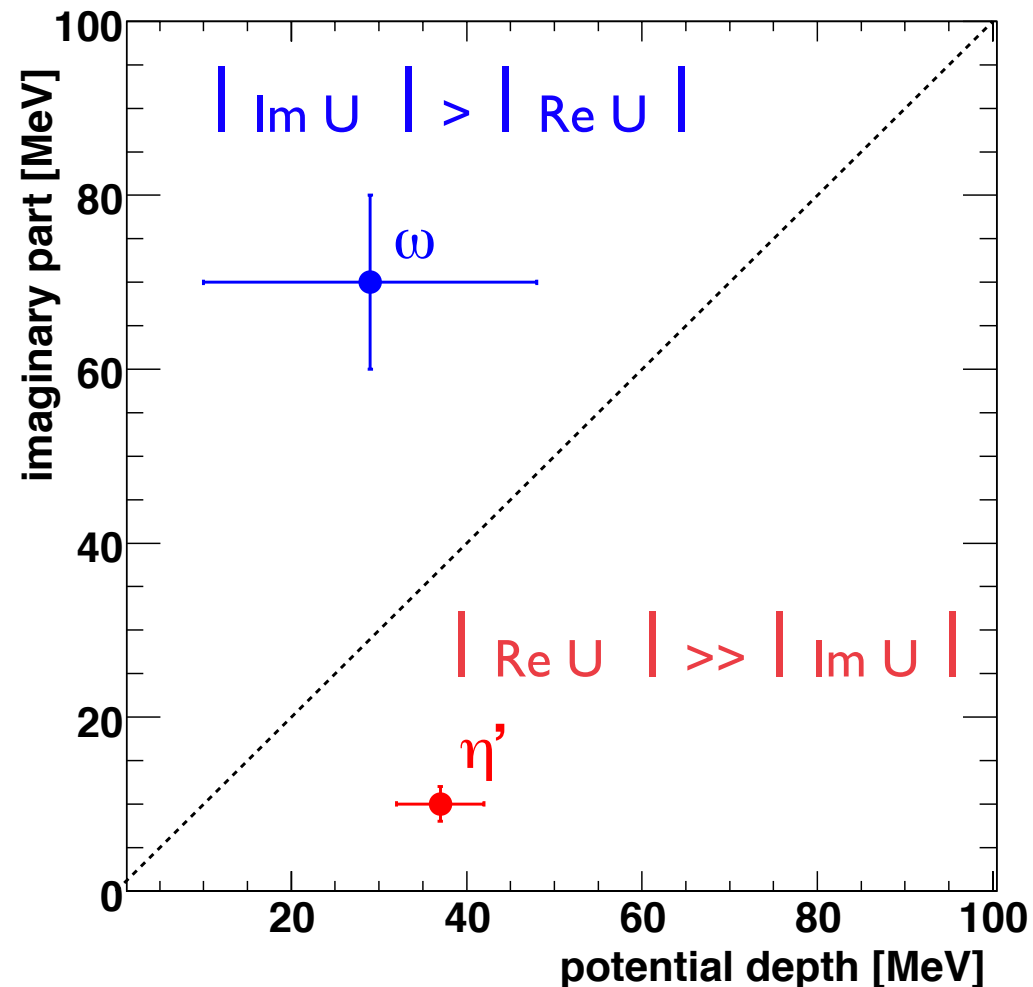
$$V_{\eta'}(\langle p_{\eta'} \rangle \approx 500 \text{ MeV}/c; \rho = \rho_0) \approx - (36 \pm 22) \text{ MeV}$$

compilation of results for real and imaginary part of the ω , η' -nucleus optical potential

$$U_{\omega A}(\rho=\rho_0)=$$

$$U_{\eta' A}(\rho=\rho_0)=$$

$$-((29 \pm 19(\text{stat}) \pm 20(\text{syst}) + i(70 \pm 10)) \text{ MeV} \quad -((39 \pm 11(\text{stat}) \pm 15(\text{syst}) + i(10 \pm 3)) \text{ MeV}$$



$| \text{Im } U | > | \text{Re } U | ; \Rightarrow \omega$ not a good candidate
to search for meson-nucleus bound states!

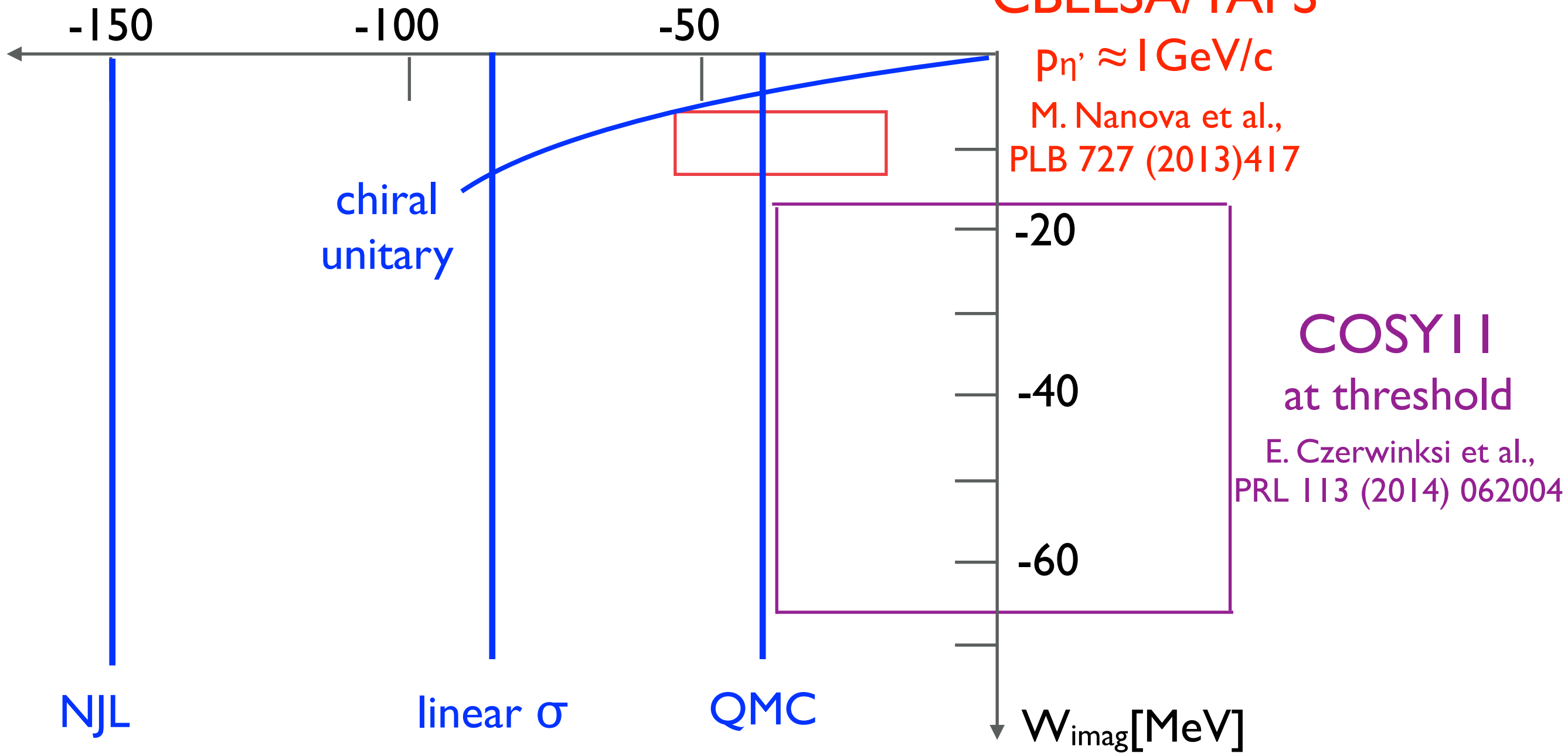
$| \text{Re } U | \gg | \text{Im } U | ; \Rightarrow \eta'$ promising candidate to search for mesic states

first (indirect) observation of in-medium mass shift of η' at $\rho=\rho_0$ and $T=0$
in good agreement with QMC model predictions (S. Bass et al., PLB 634 (2006) 368)

summary of theoretical predictions and experimental results on

$$U_{\eta'}(\rho_0) = V_{\text{real}}(\rho_0) + i W_{\text{imag}}(\rho_0)$$

$$V_{\text{real}}[\text{MeV}] = m_{\eta'}(\rho_0) - m_{\eta'}$$



Satoru Hirnezaki

Steven Bass

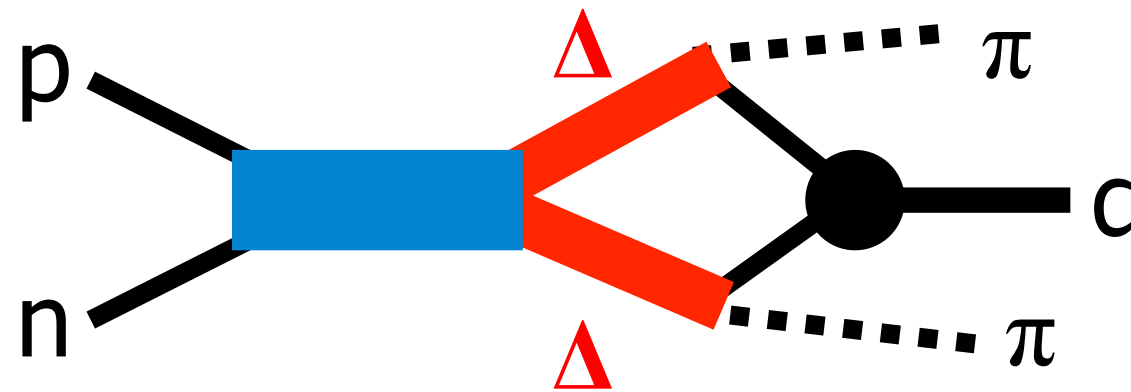
bound few body systems

Mikhail Baskanov:

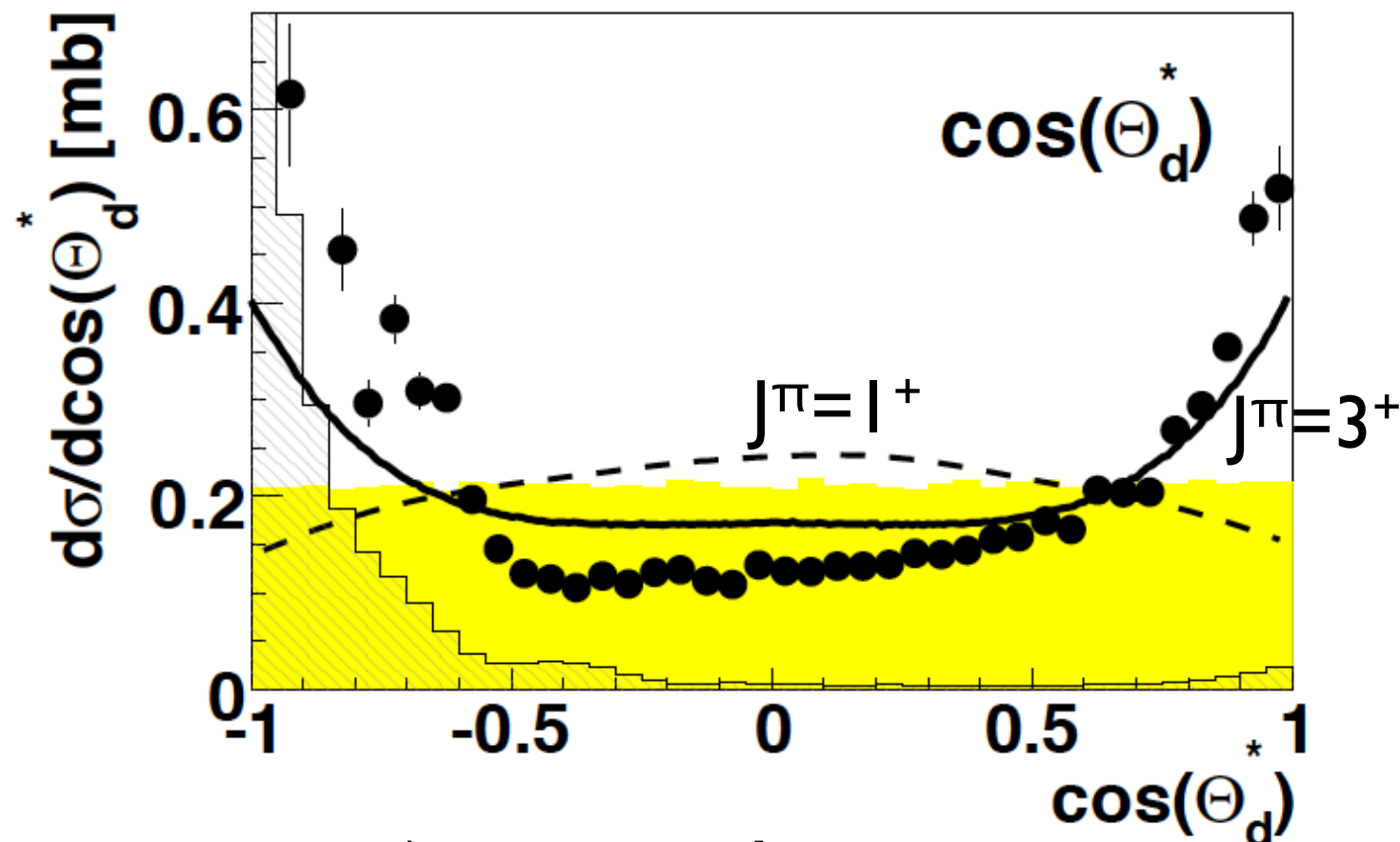
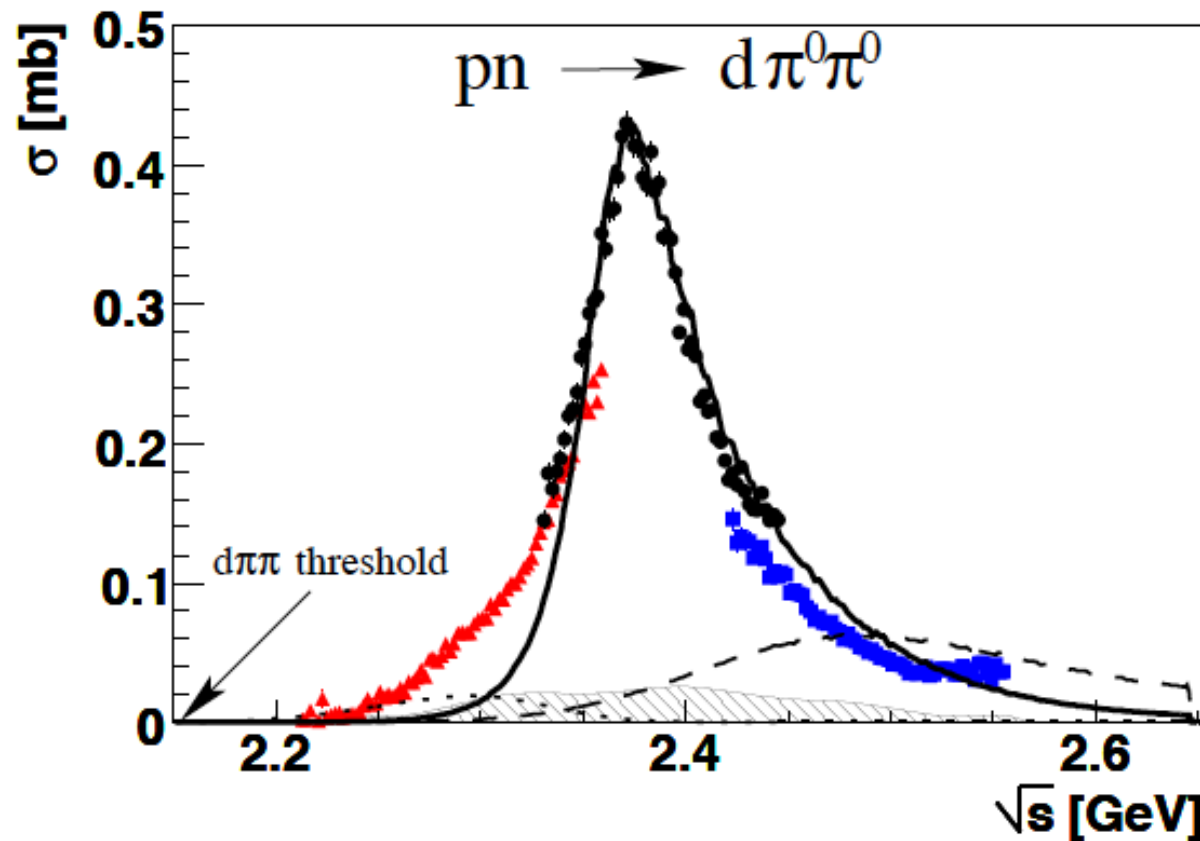
The dibaryon $d^*(2380)$; (deltaron)

WASA@COSY: first observation in $pn \rightarrow d^*(2380) \rightarrow \Delta\Delta \rightarrow d\pi^0\pi^0$

P. Adlarson et al,
PRL 106 (2011) 242302



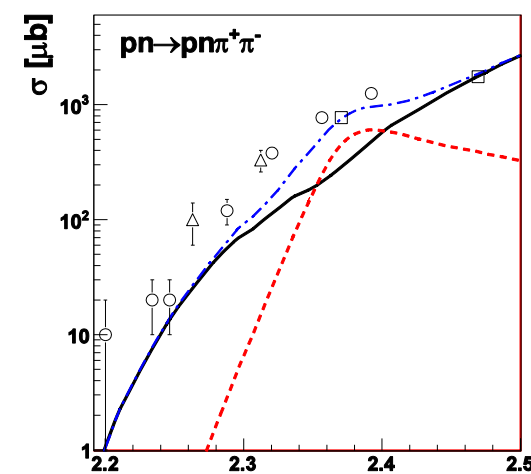
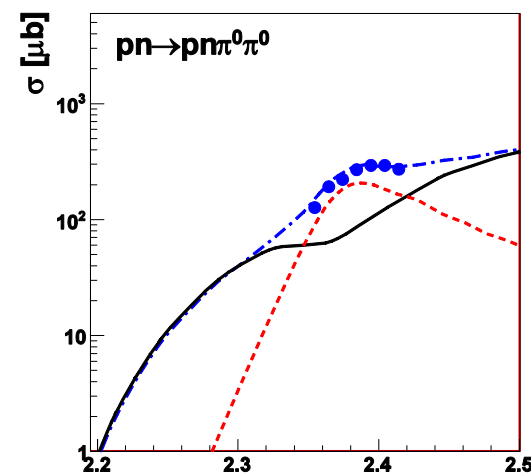
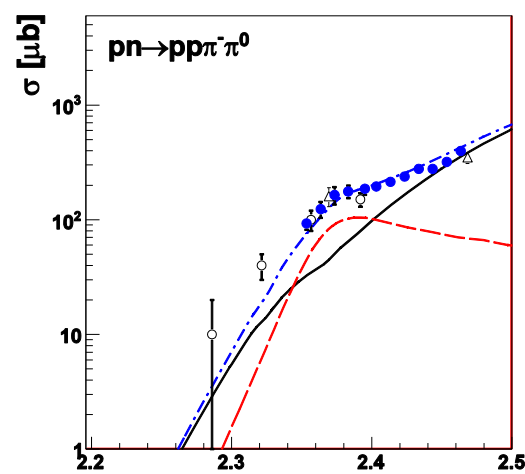
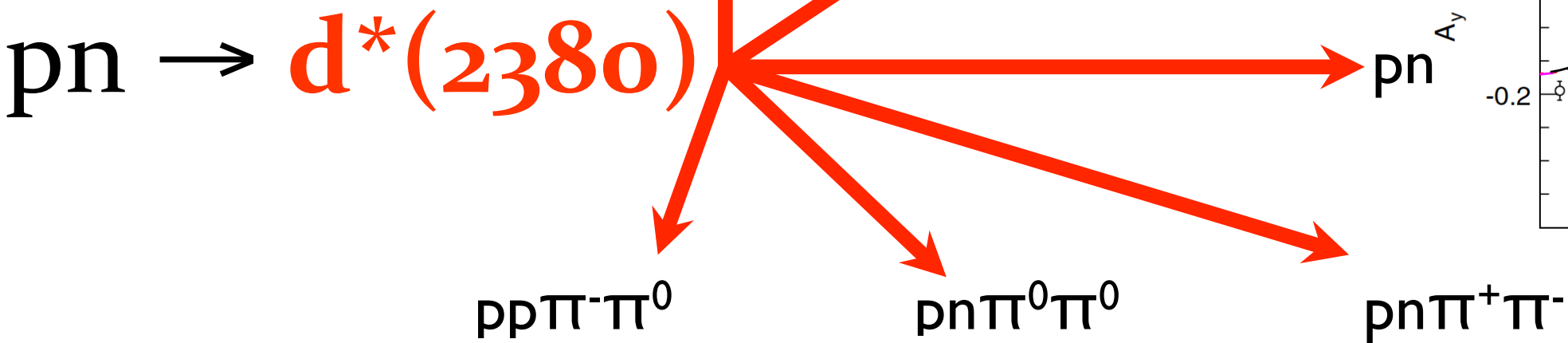
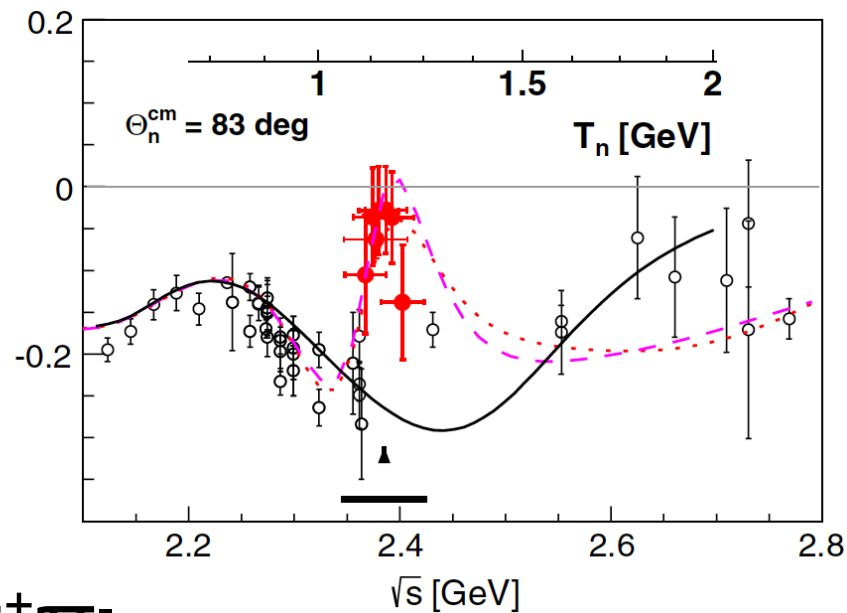
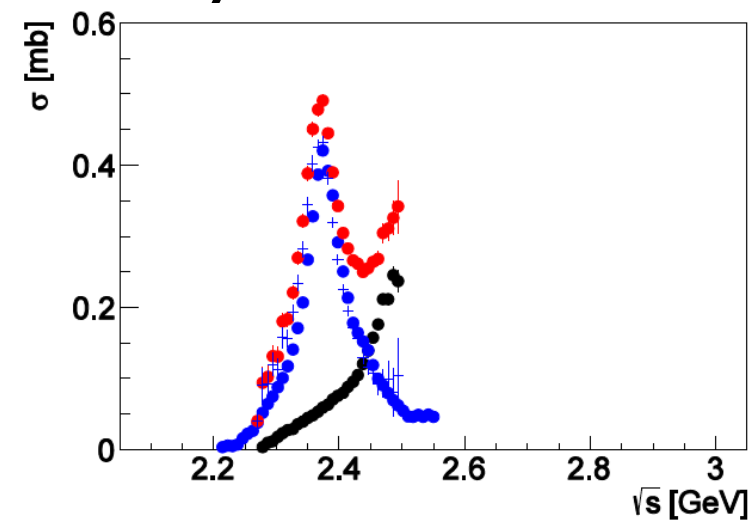
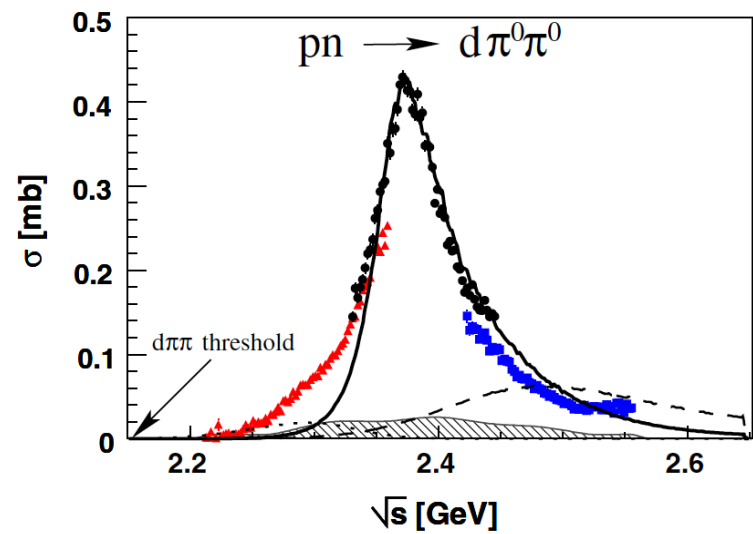
$M=2.38 \text{ GeV}/c^2; \Gamma=70 \text{ MeV} \quad I(J^\pi)=0(3^+)$



Avraham Gal: pion assisted dibaryons; also $d^*(2150) (N\Delta)_{\text{bound}}$
quantitatively described by long range interaction among N, π, Δ

The dibaryon $d^*(2380)$

established in various decay channels



Search for kaonic clusters

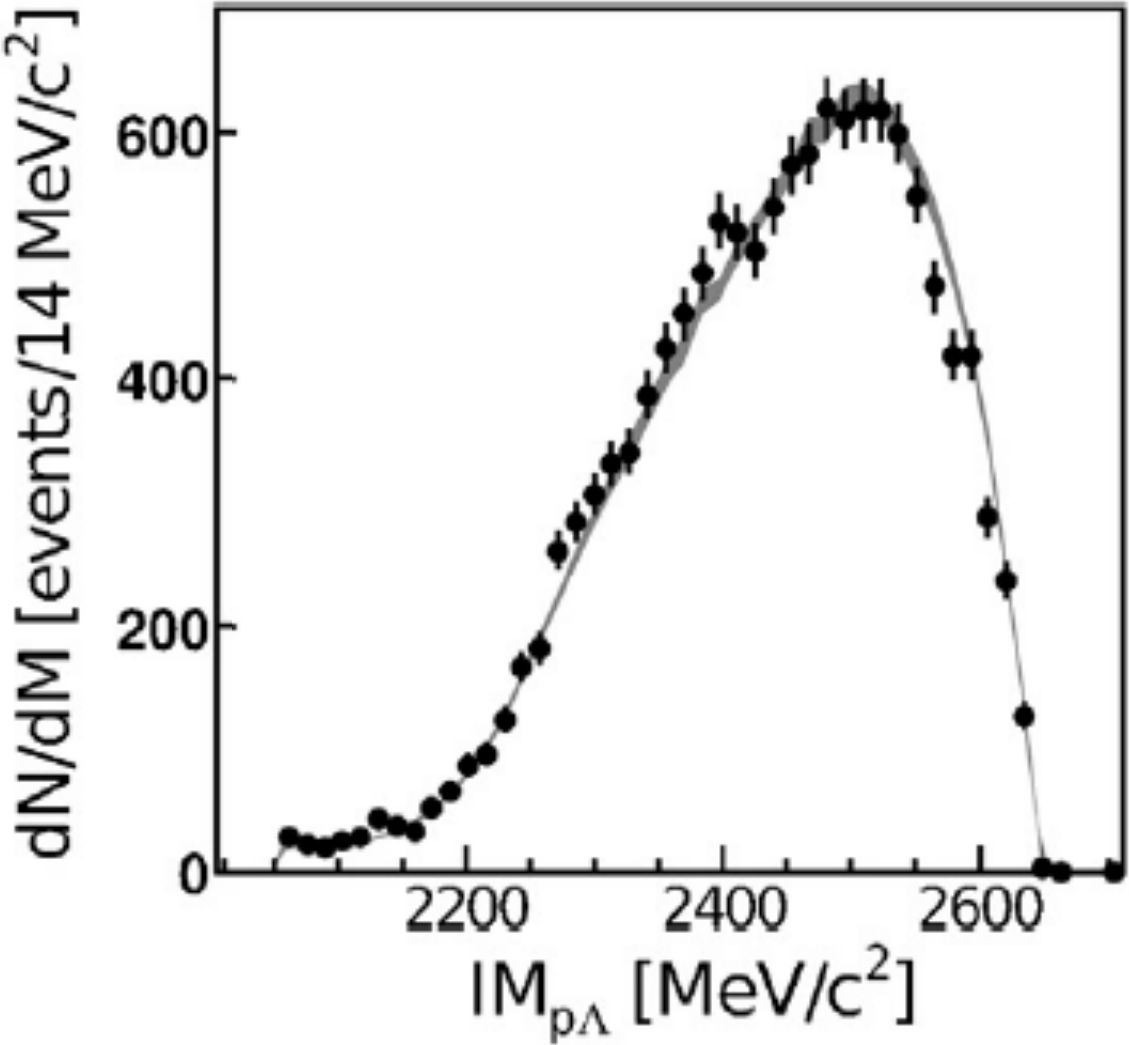
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x-ray spectroscopy of kaonic hydrogen: strong K^-N attraction in $l=0$ channel

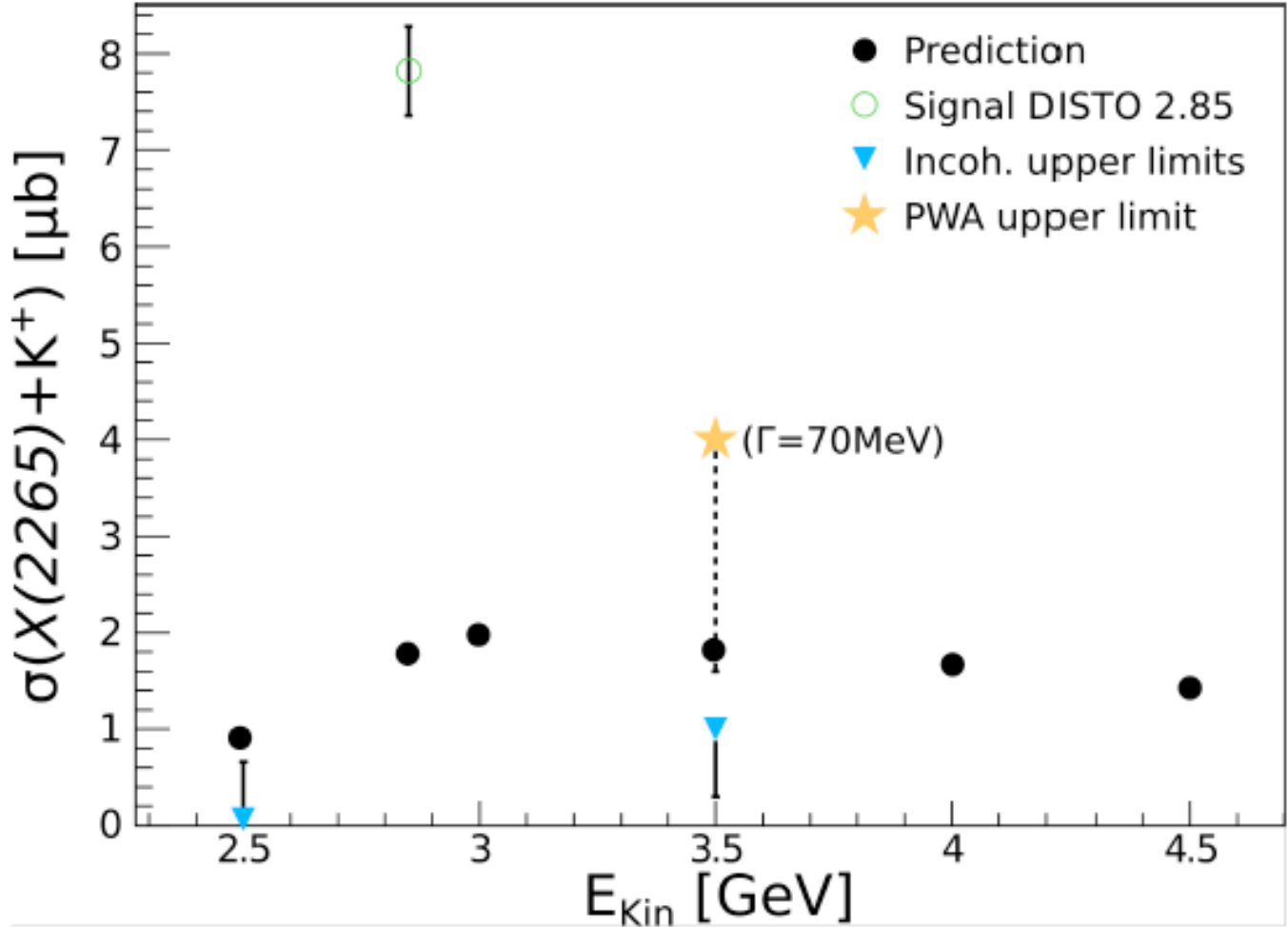
FINUDA, DISTO: evidence for K^-pp cluster

Laura Fabbietti: HADES@GSI G.Agakishiev et al., PLB 742 (2015) 242

$pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+$ @ 3.5 GeV



E. Epple and L. Fabbietti [arXiv:1504.02060](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.02060)

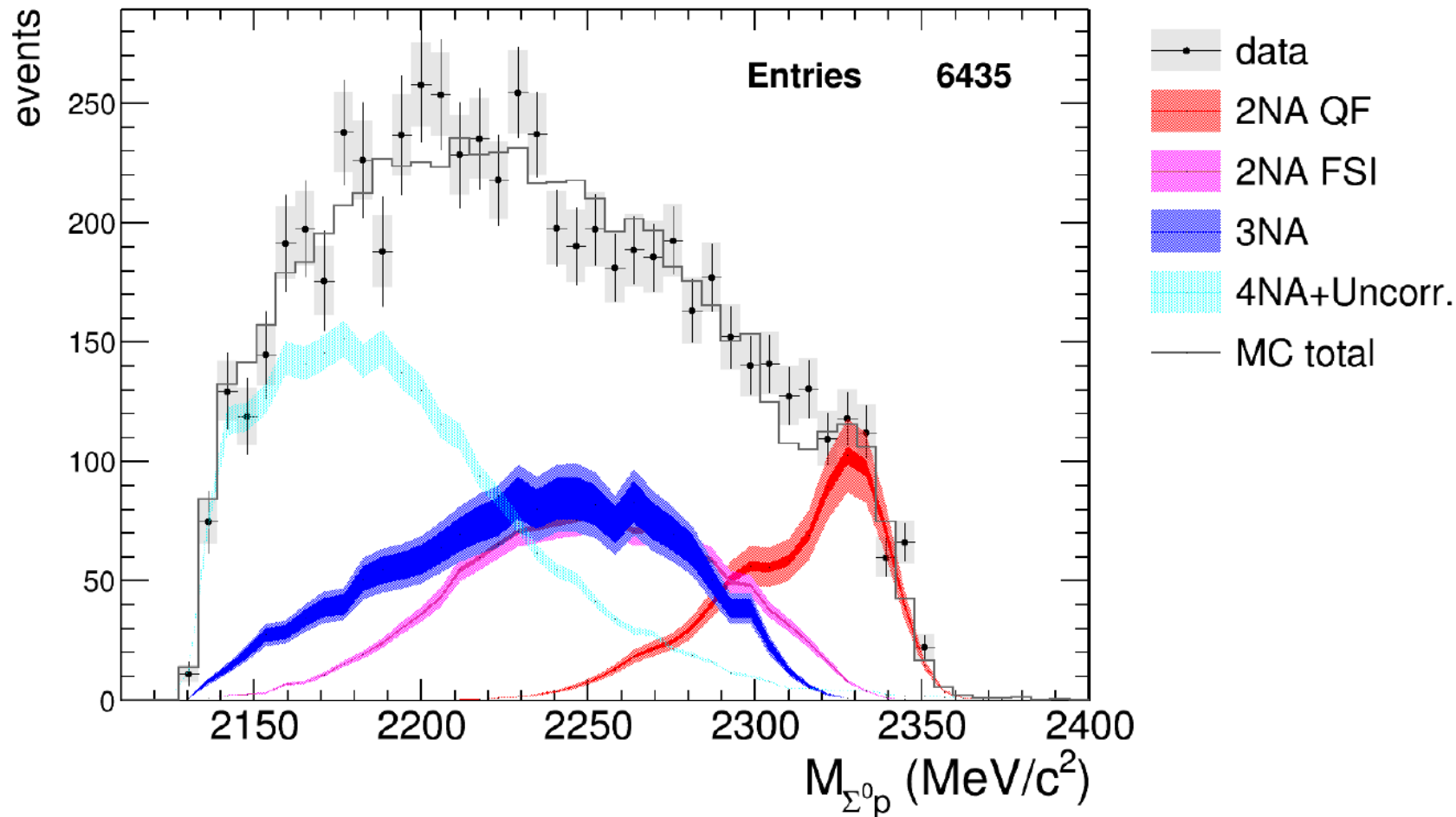


PWA analysis, using known sources:
no evidence for K^-pp cluster in mass range 2.20-2.37 GeV/c^2

Search for kaonic clusters

using low energy K^- from Φ decay

$K^- + C \rightarrow \Sigma^0 + p + X$; looking for $ppK^- \rightarrow \Sigma^0 + p$

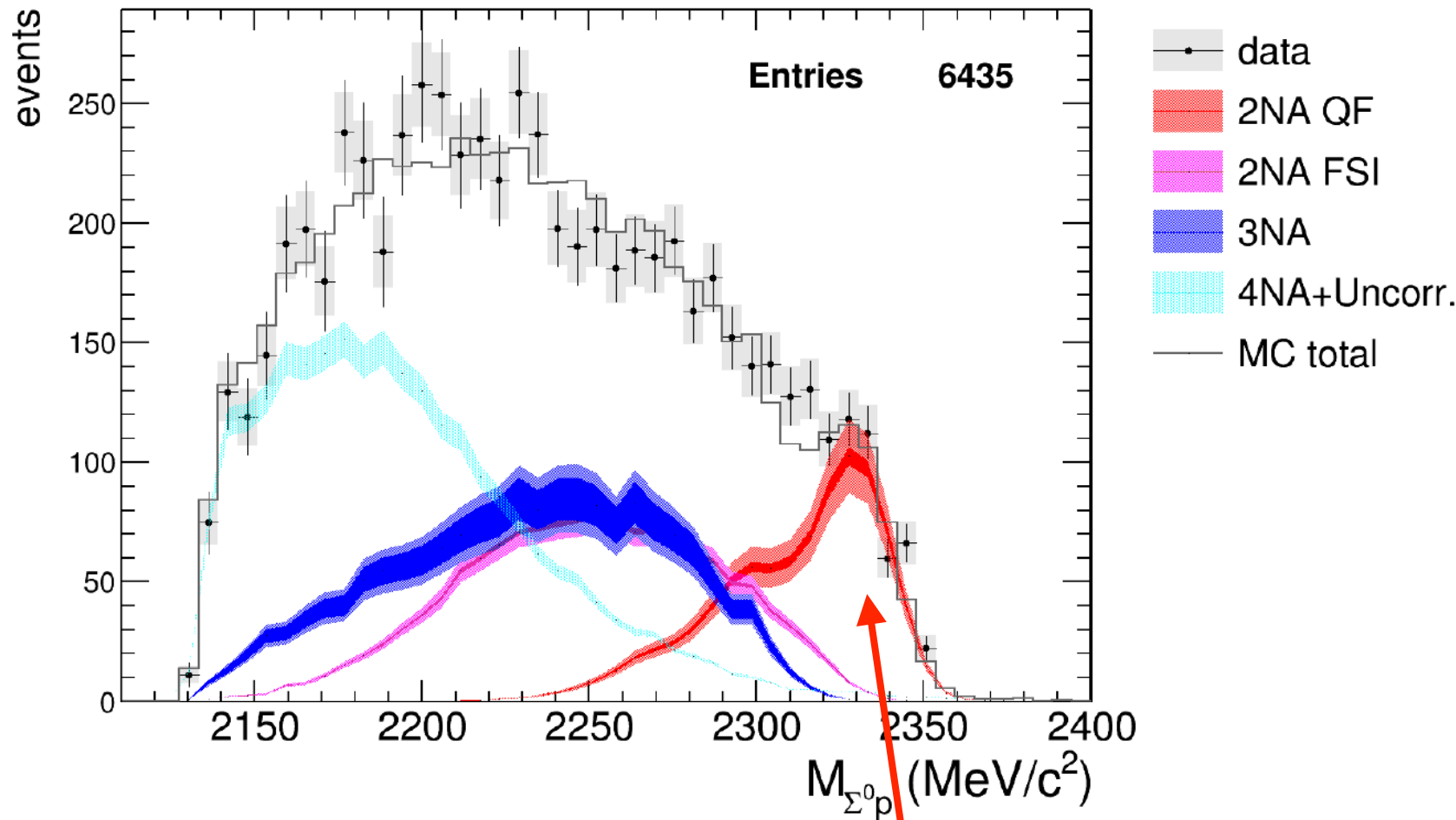


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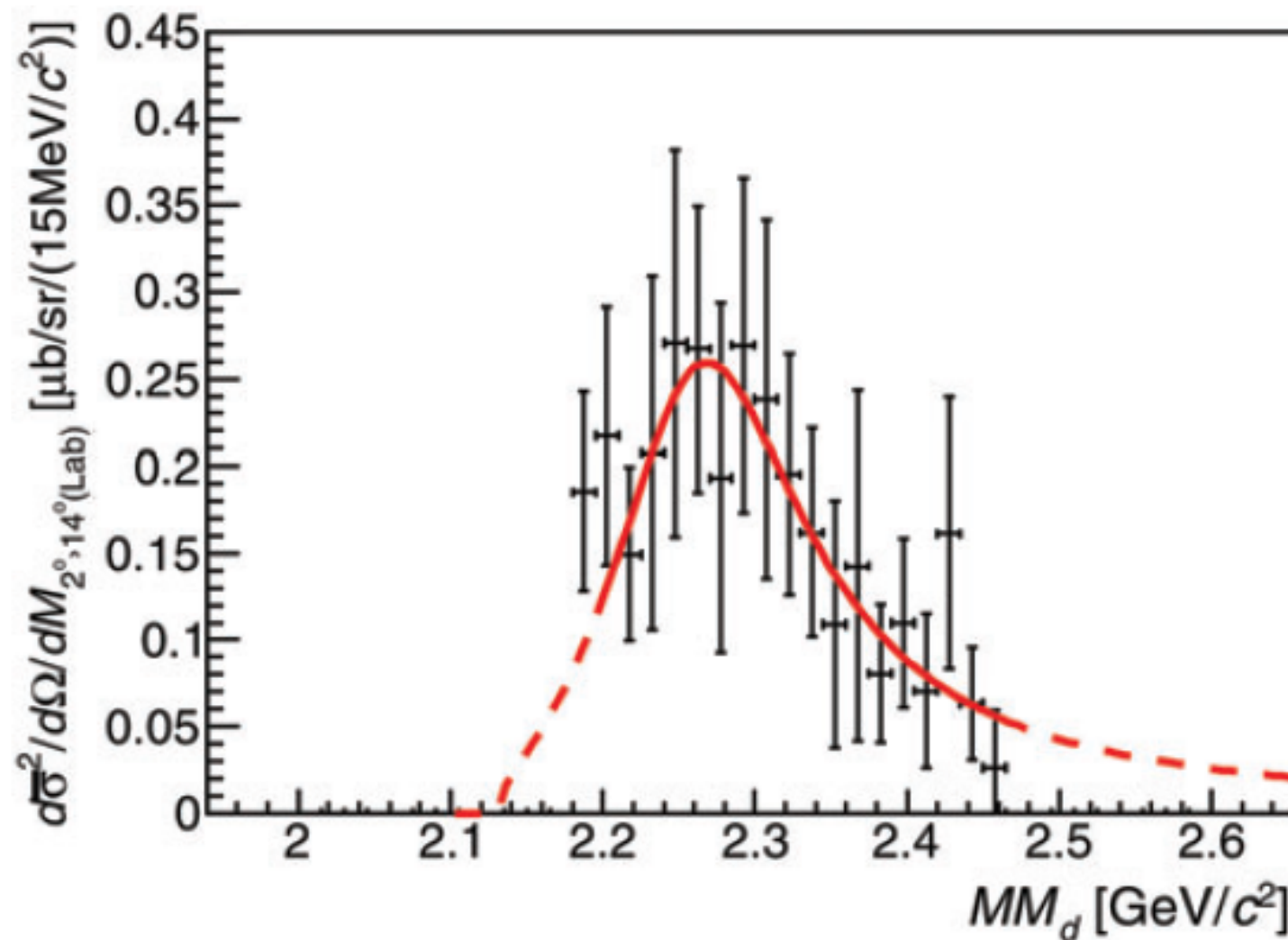
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Slawomir Wycech: importance of multi-nucleon clusters in K^- capture

Search for kaonic clusters

E27@J-PARC Y. Ichikawa et al., Prog.Theor. Exp. Phys.(2015) 021D01

missing mass spectrum for $d(\pi^+, K^+)$ in coincidence with protons at $39^\circ < \theta_p^{\text{lab}} < 122^\circ$



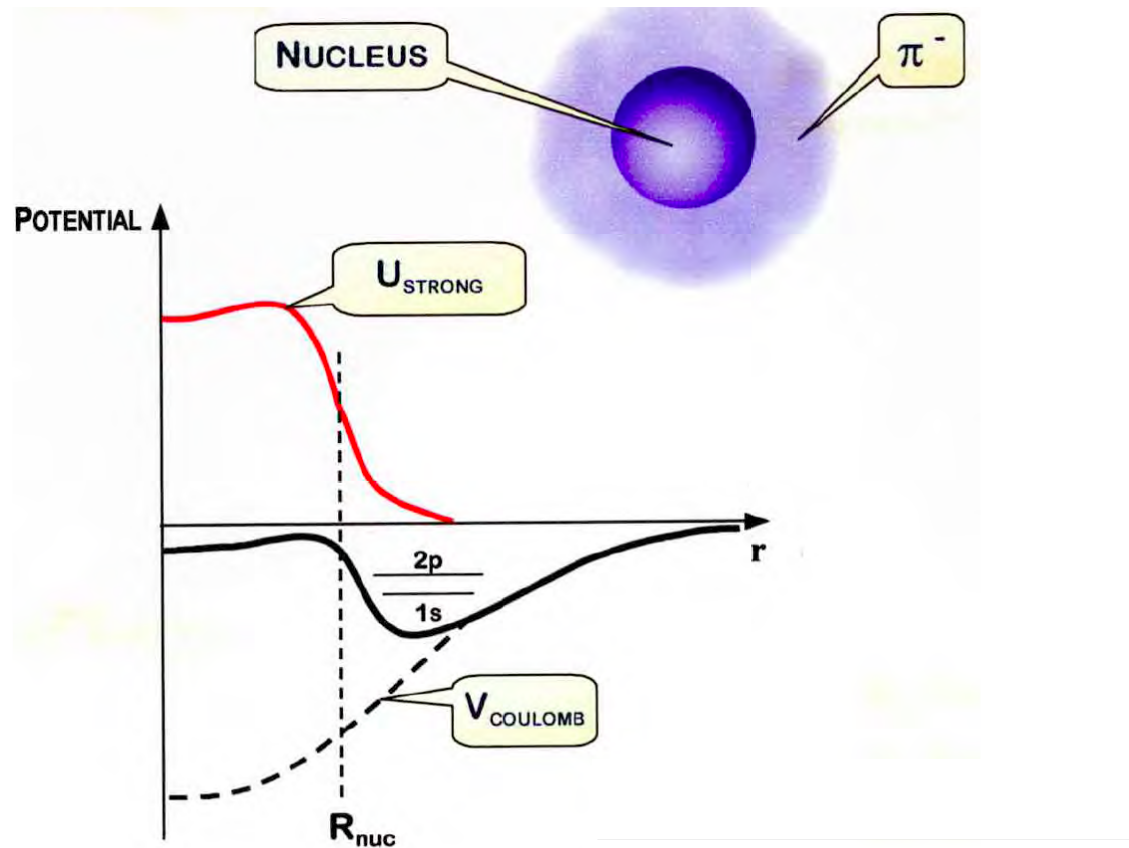
$$B(\text{"K}^-pp\text{"}) = (95^{+18}_{-17}(\text{stat})^{+30}_{-21}(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}; \quad \Gamma(\text{"K}^-pp\text{"}) = (162^{+87}_{-45}(\text{stat})^{+66}_{-78}(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}$$

evidence for K^-pp - like structure

**search for and study of
meson-nucleus bound states**

meson-nucleus interactions; mesic states

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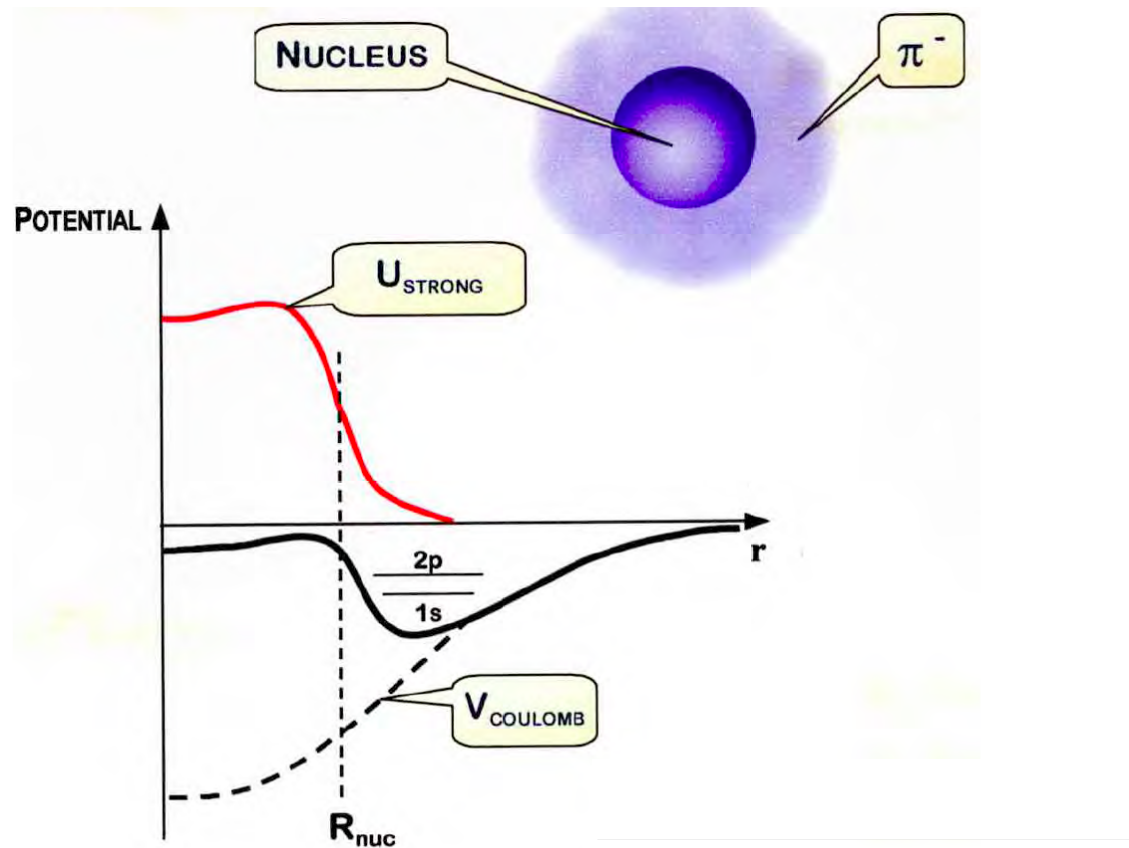
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$\omega, \eta, \eta' \leftrightarrow$ nucleus



bound solely by
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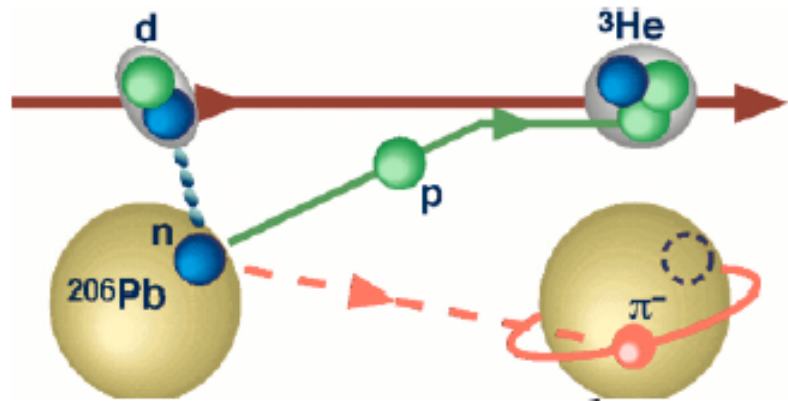
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deeply bound pionic states

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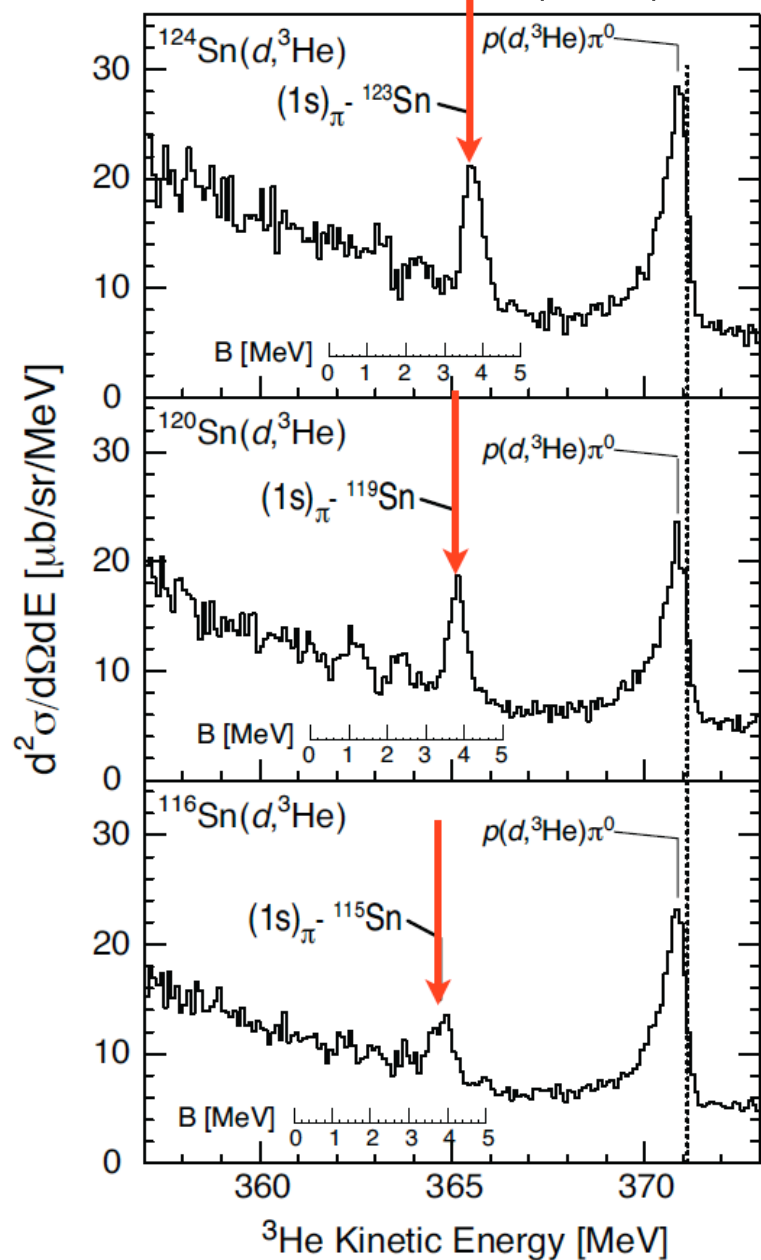


halo-like π^- distribution around nucleus

$$^{119}\text{Sn}: B_{1s} = (3.82 \pm 0.01) \text{ MeV}; \Gamma_{1s} = (0.33 \pm 0.05) \text{ MeV}$$

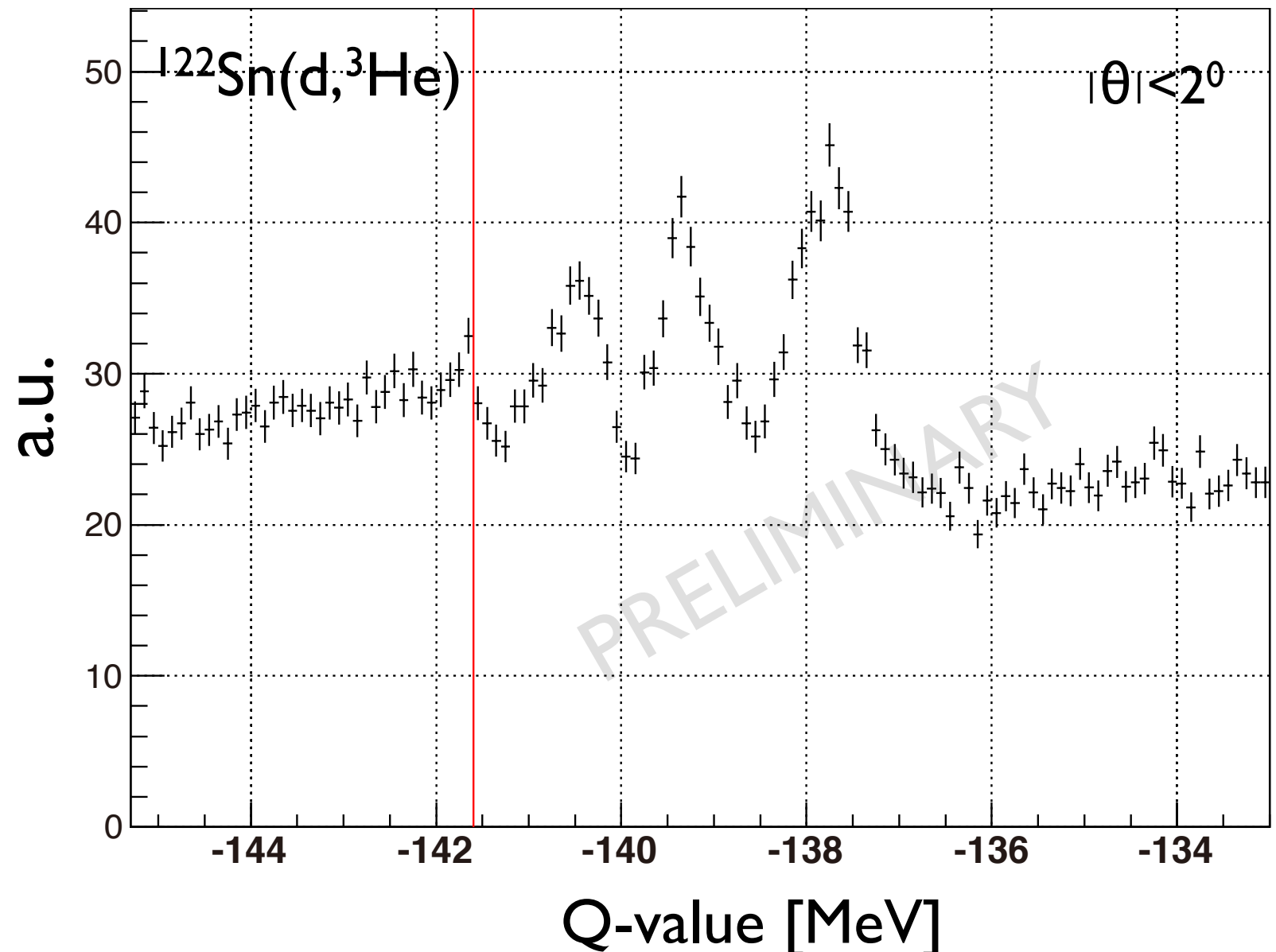
optical potential parameters (real and imaginary part)
determined from binding energy and width of bound states

Suzuki et al., PRL 92 (2004) 072302



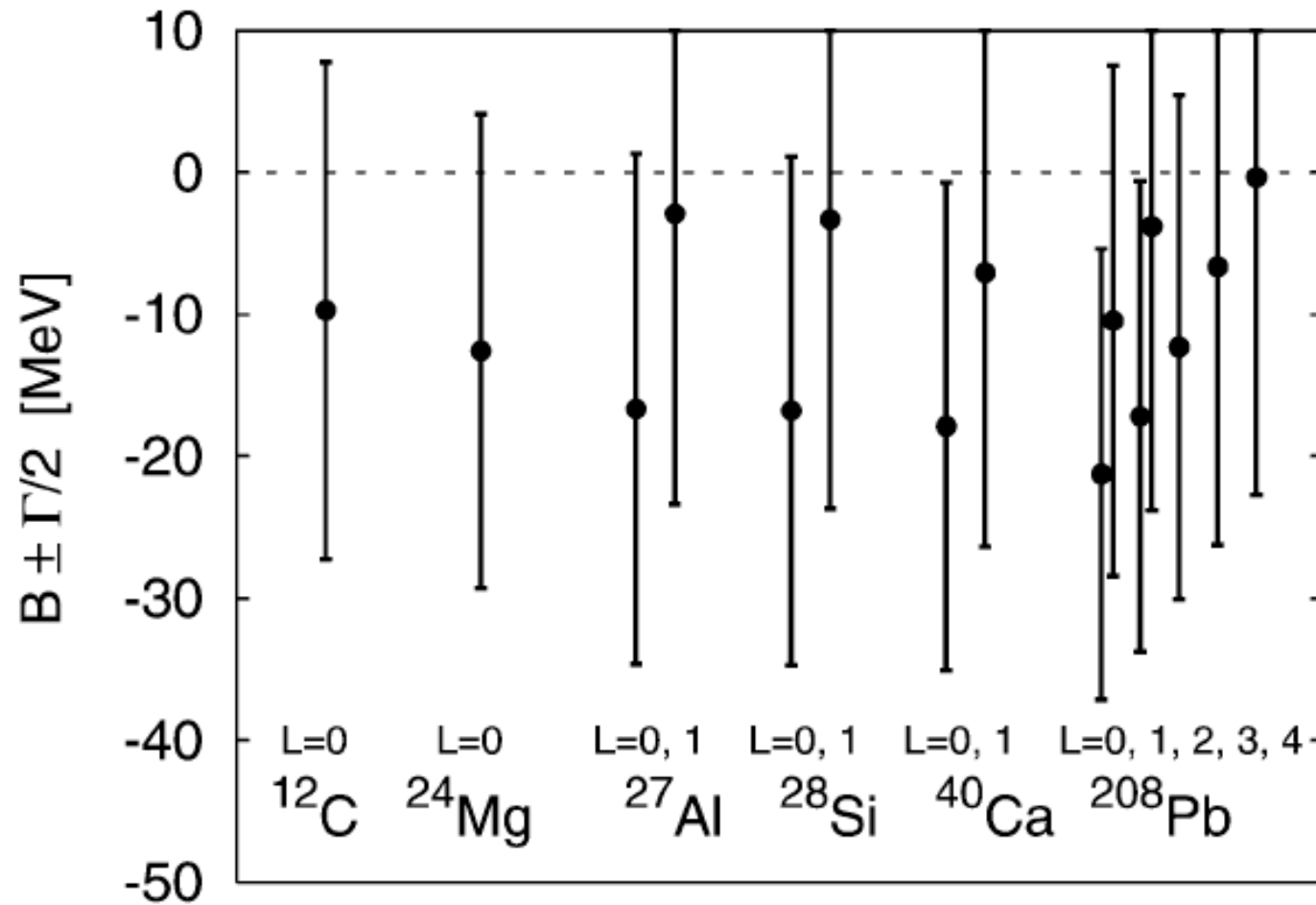
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theoretical predictions for η -nucleus bound states

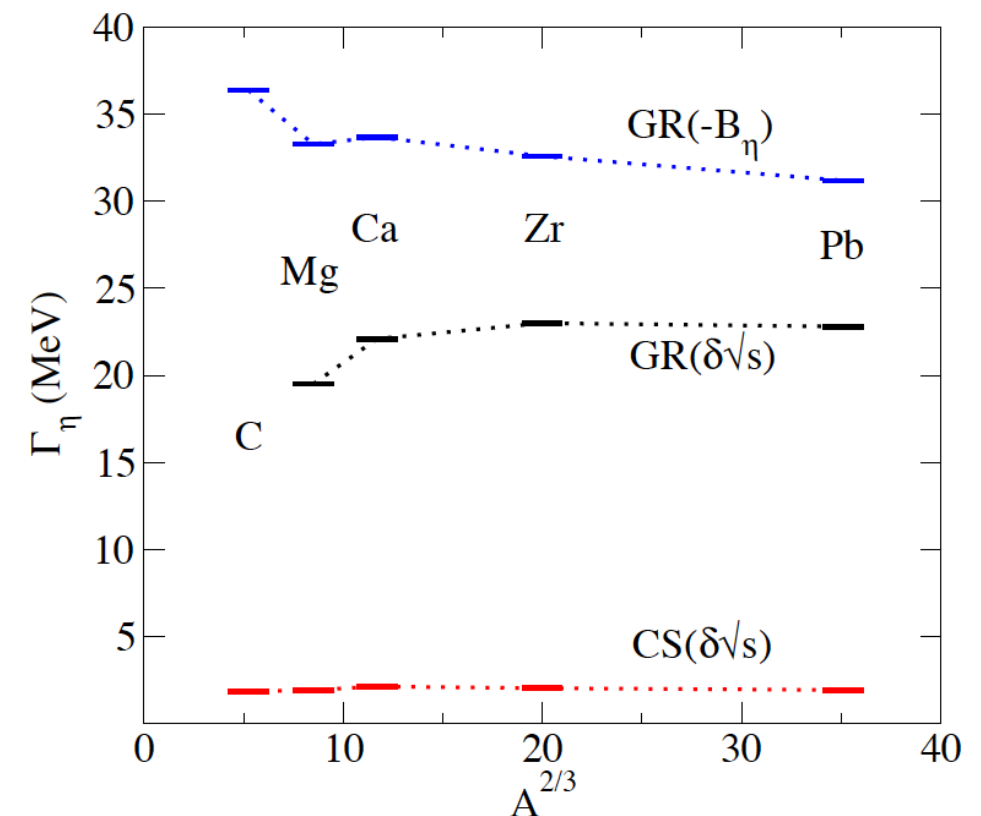
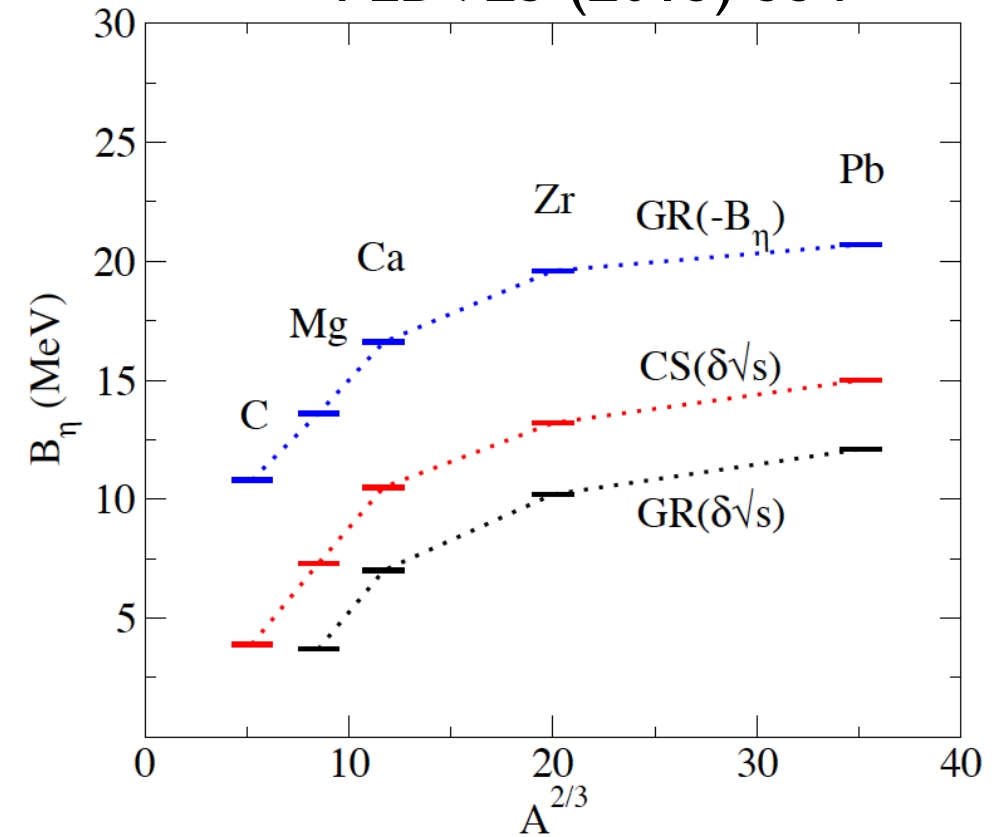
C. Garcia-Recio et al., PLB 550 (2002) 47



for most nuclei $B_\eta \approx \Gamma_\eta$

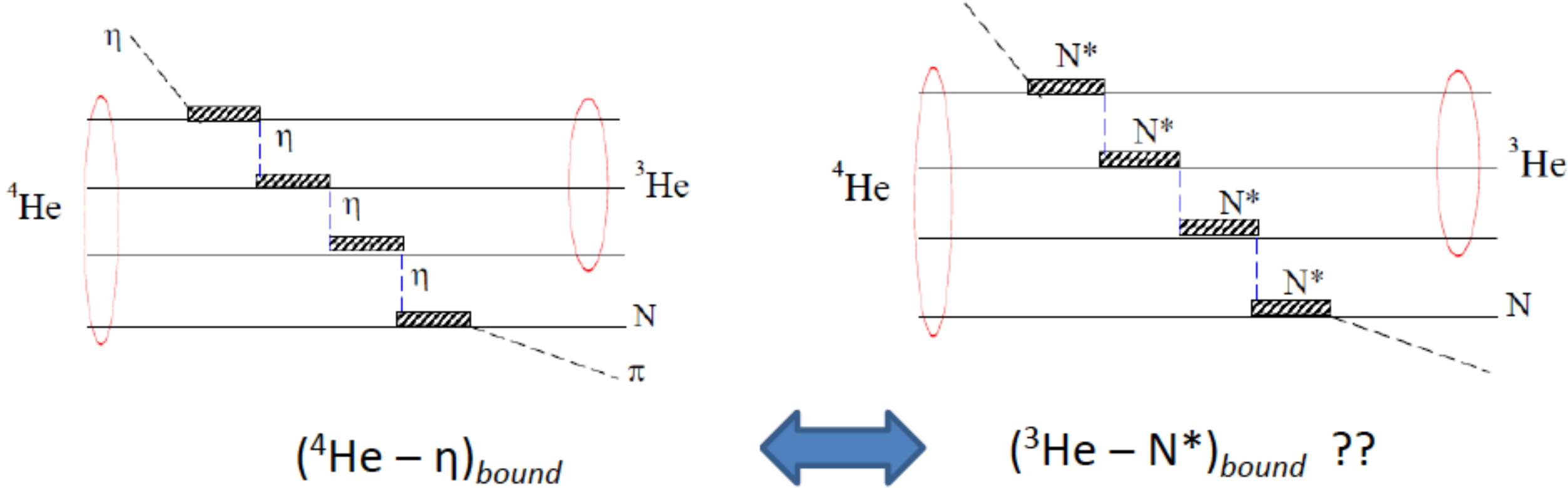
most states predicted to have tails into the continuum, allowing for η decays of bound states

E. Friedman, A. Gal, J. Mares
PLB 725 (2013) 334



η-nucleus or N*-nucleus bound states ?

Neelima Kelkar



N*-nucleus bound states may exist, however very broad:
 $\Gamma \approx$ several 10 MeV

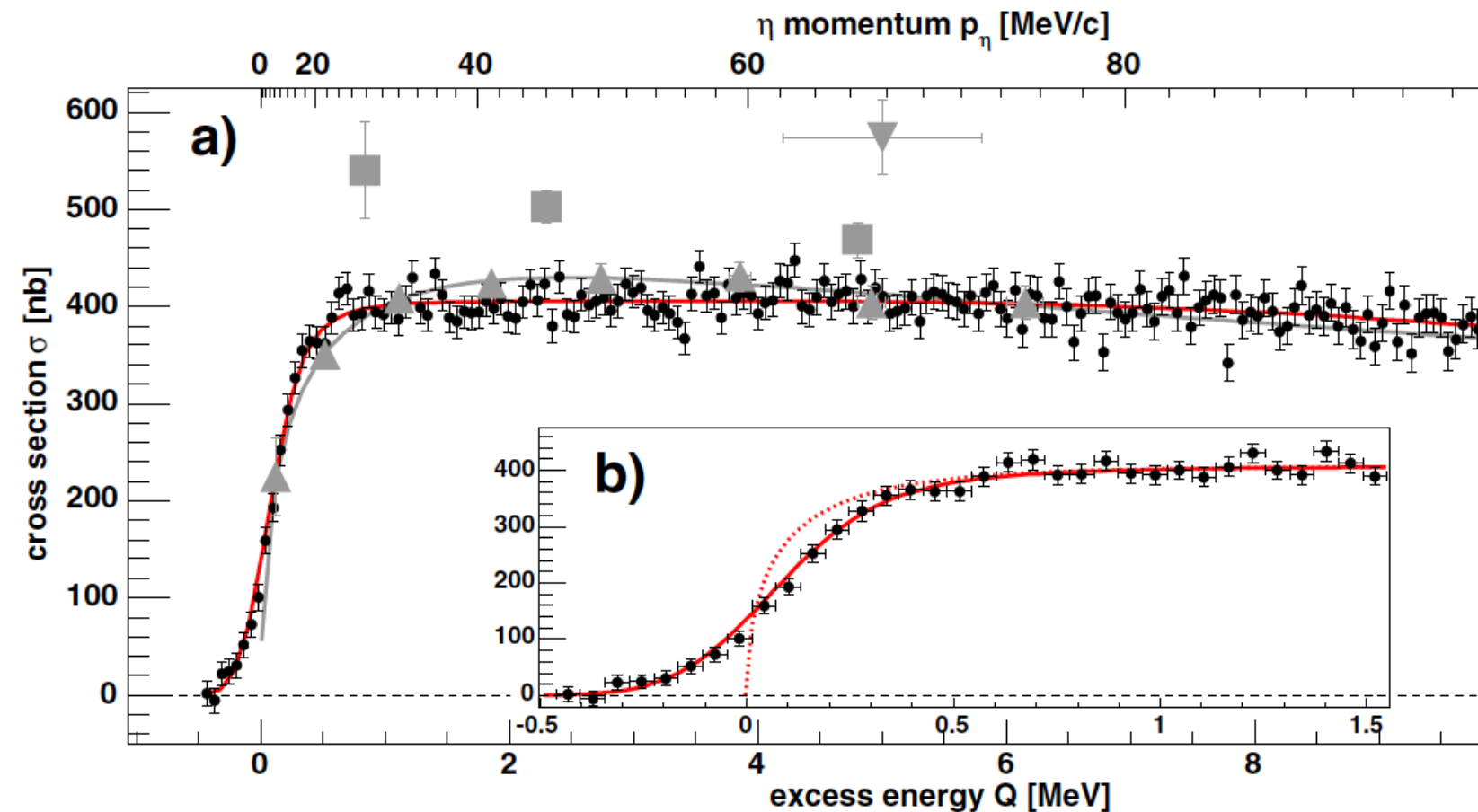
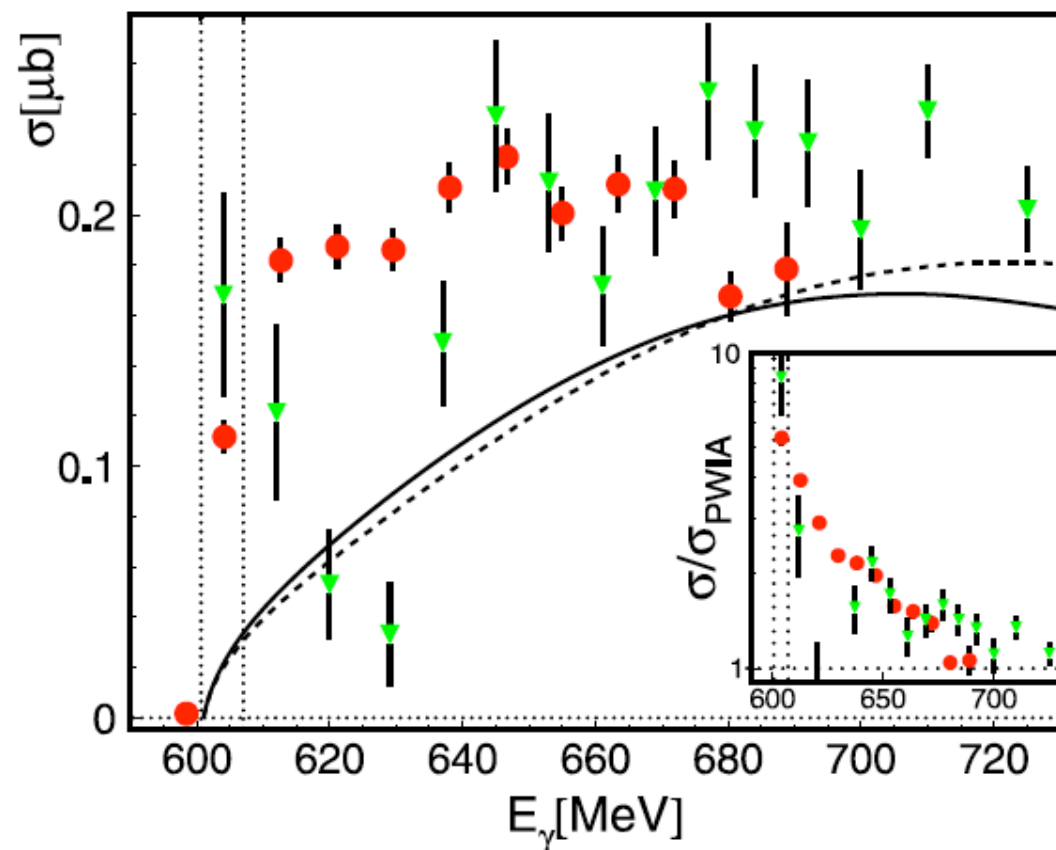
coherent η photo production on ${}^3\text{He}$

- M. Pfeiffer et al., PRL 92 (2004) 252001
- F. Pheron et al., PLB 709 (2012) 21

T. Mersmann et al., PRL 98 (2007) 242301

$d p \rightarrow \eta {}^3\text{He}$

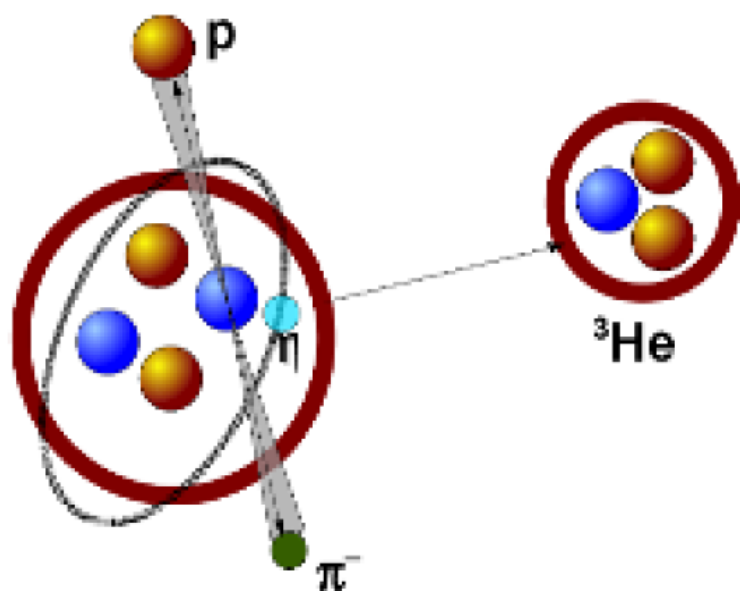
$\gamma {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow \eta {}^3\text{He}$



very strong rise of cross section directly at threshold
 in contrast to phase-space expectations
 \Rightarrow strong ${}^3\text{He}$ - η FSI; quasi bound state close to threshold ??

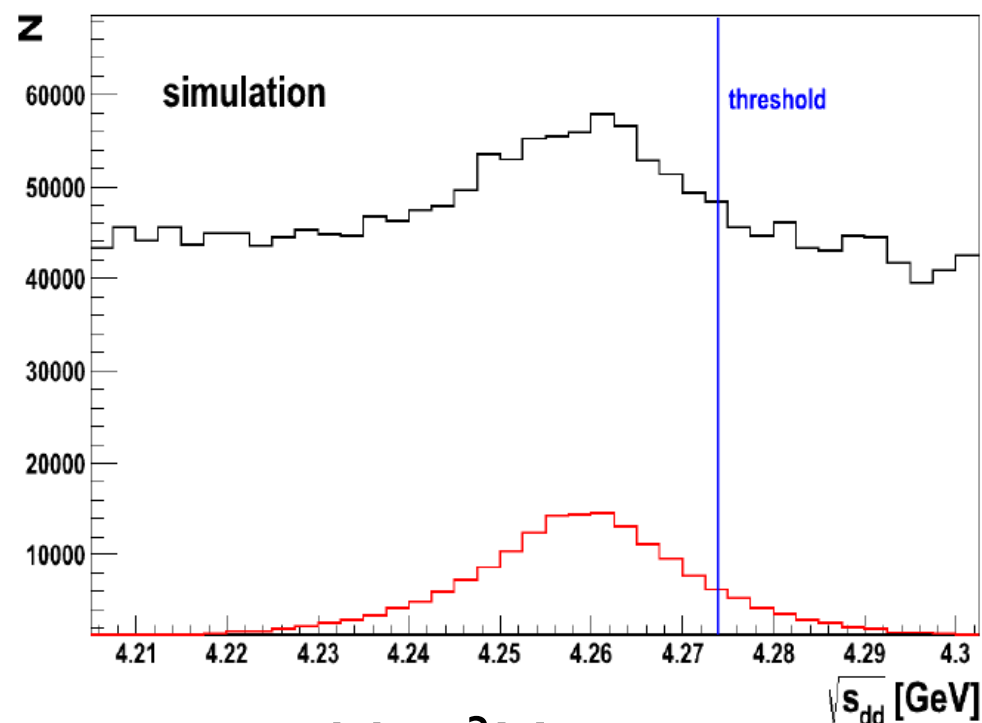
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$$dd \rightarrow \eta \otimes ^4\text{He} \rightarrow ^3\text{He} p \pi^-, ^3\text{He} n \pi^0$$



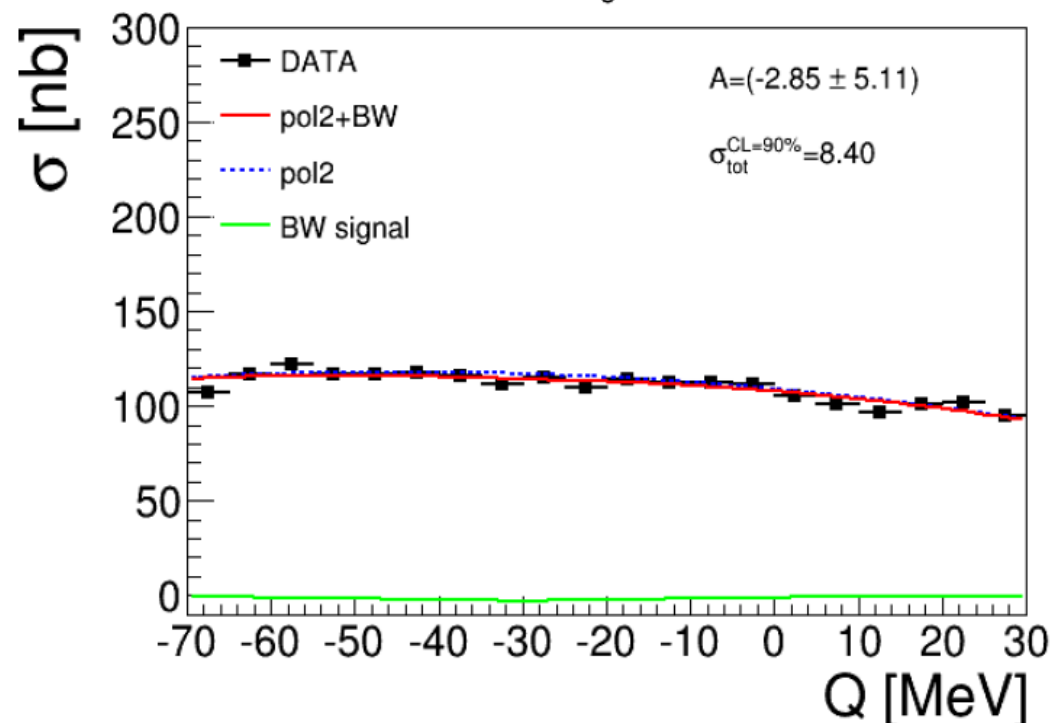
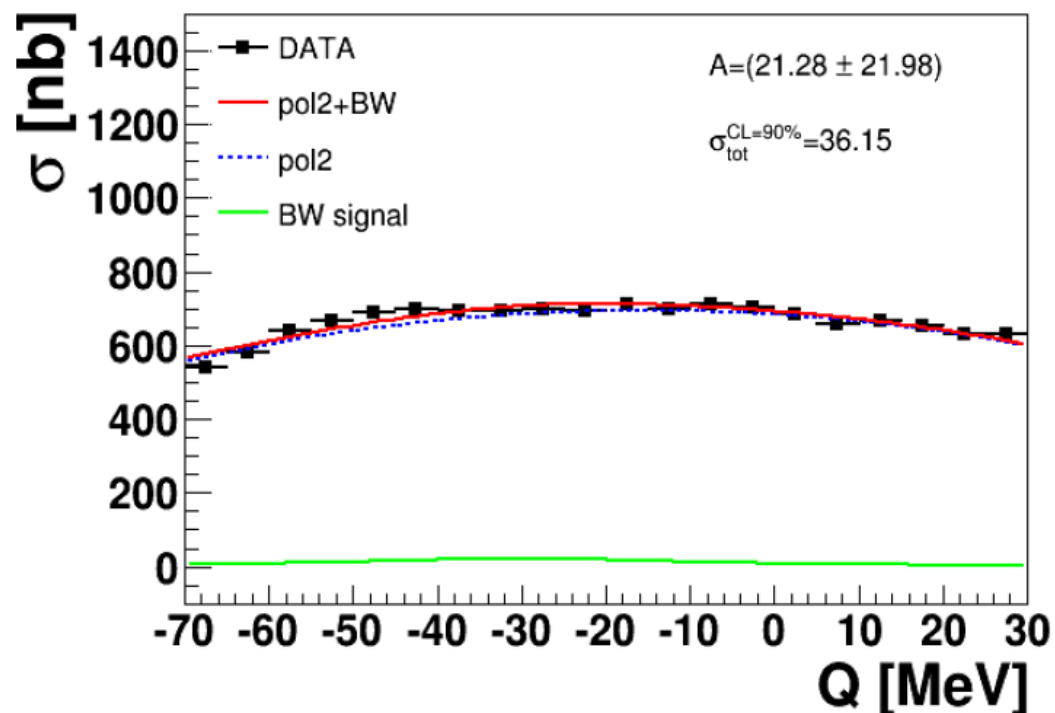
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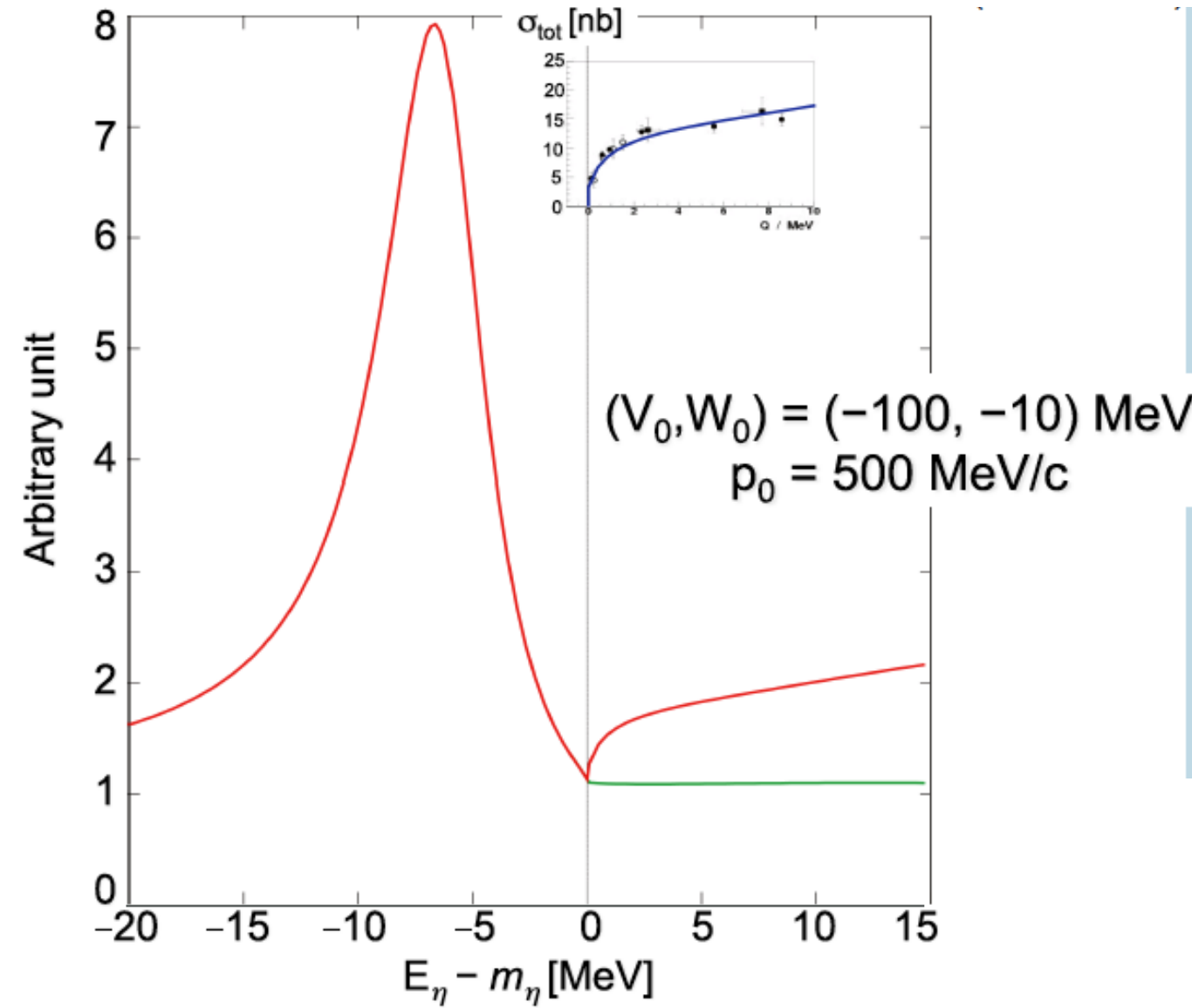
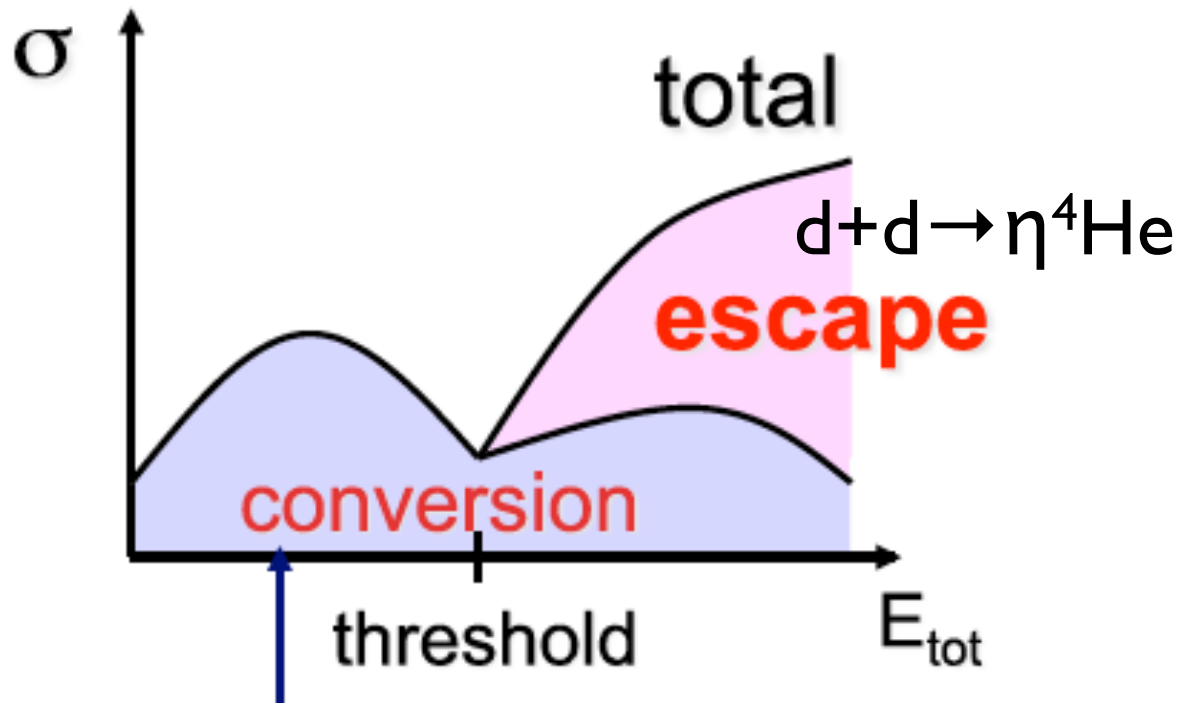
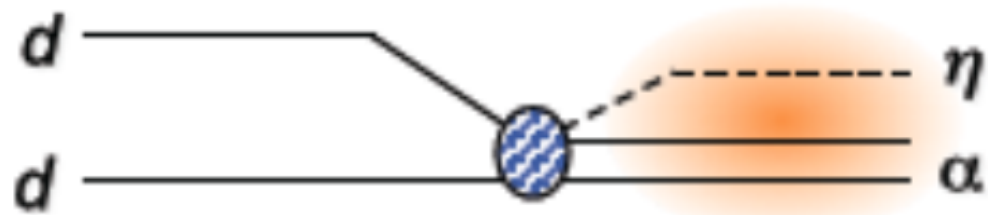
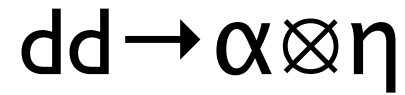


upper limit for bound state signal \approx few nb

search for η -mesic states

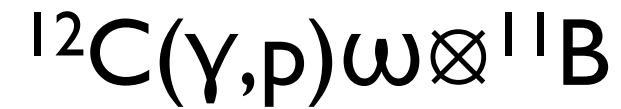
η bound state formation in d+d fusion

Satoru Hirenzaki



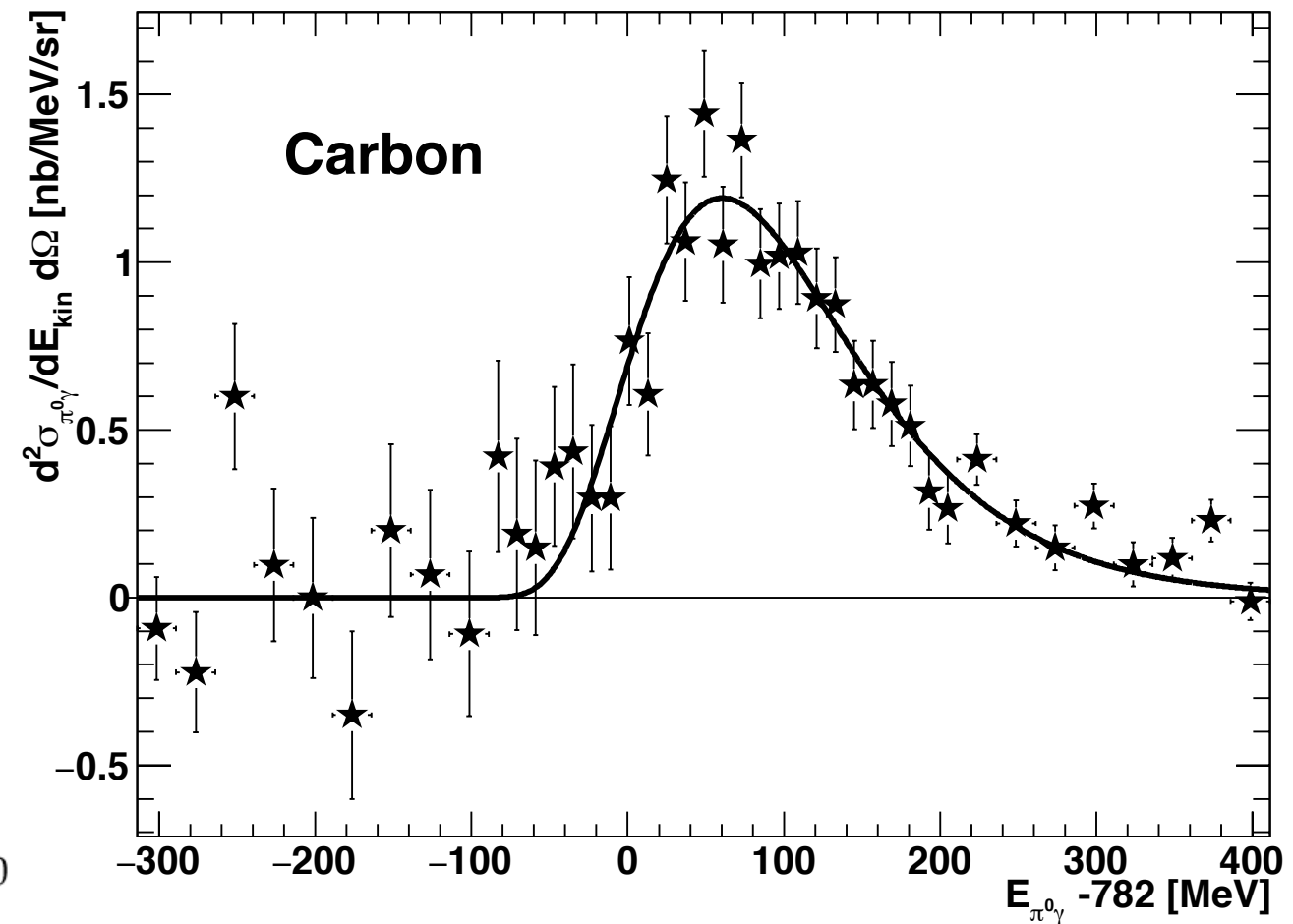
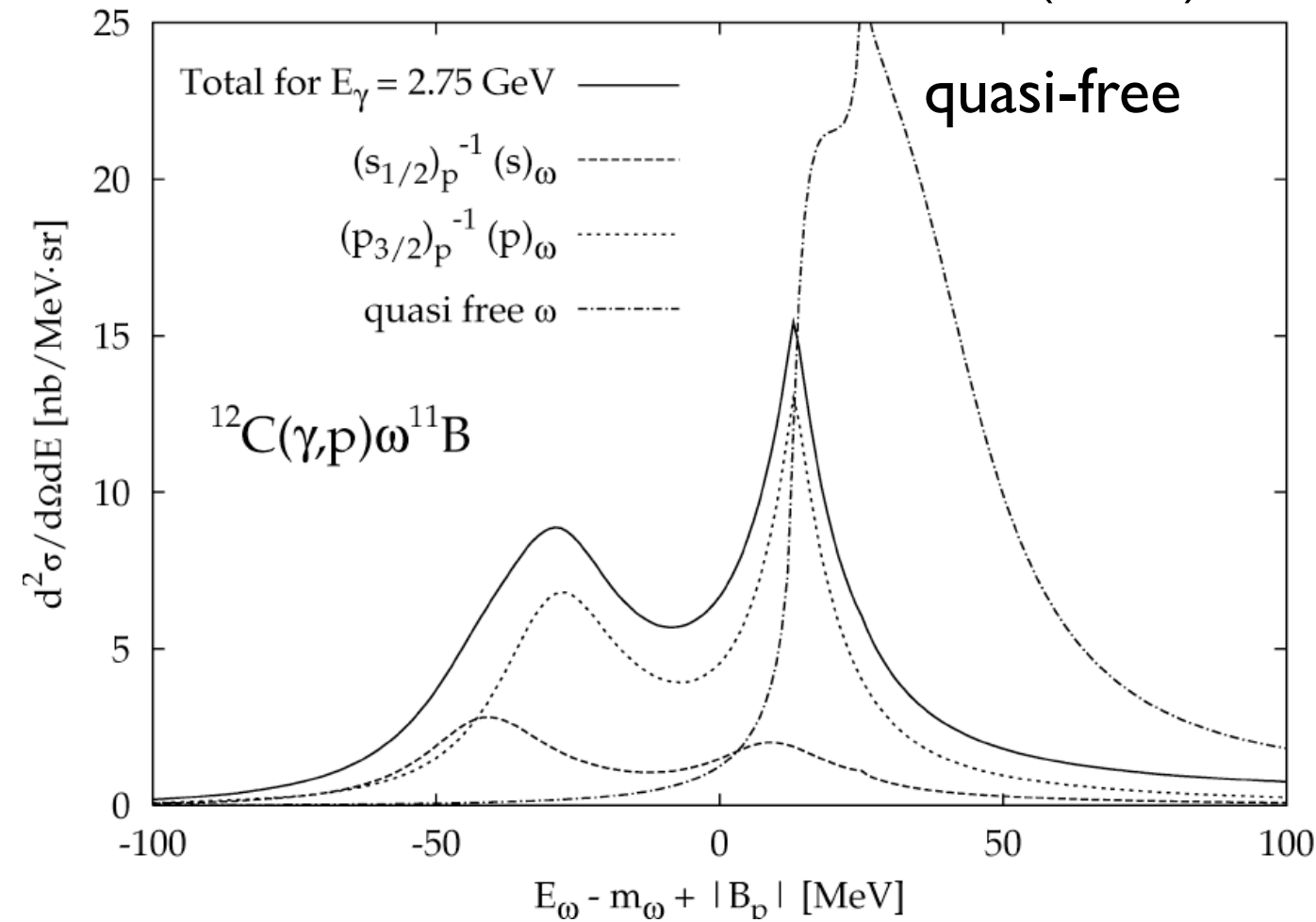
formation of $\eta \otimes ^4\text{He}$ bound states
with $\sigma \approx 80 \text{ nb}$

ω - mesic states



E. Marco and W. Weise, PLB 502 (2001) 59

S. Friedrich et al., PLB 736 (2014) 26

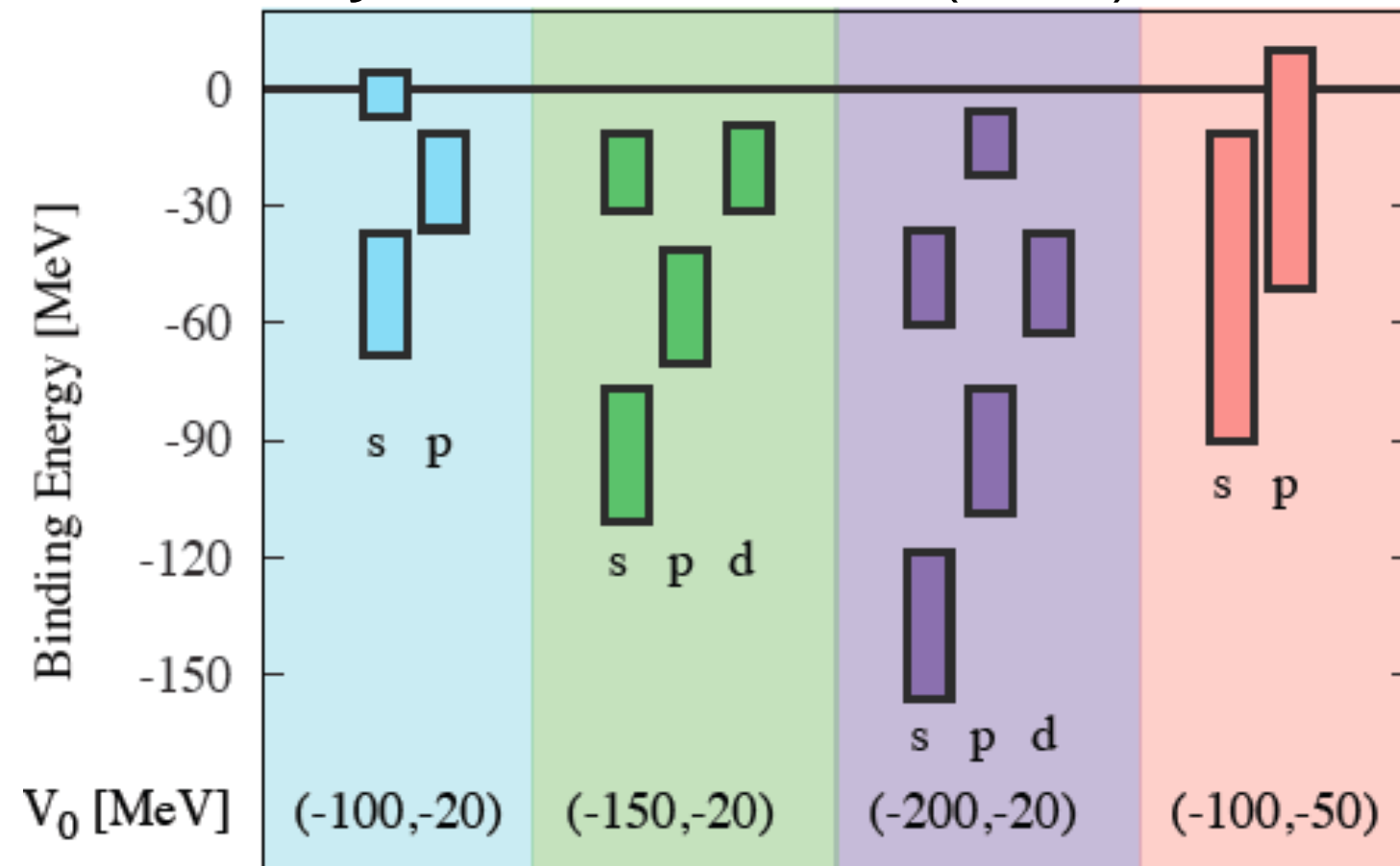


cross section in bound state region compatible with theoretical predictions, but no pronounced structure observed; consistent with tails extending into bound state region due to large imaginary part of the ω -nucleus optical potential

theoretical predictions for η' -nucleus bound states

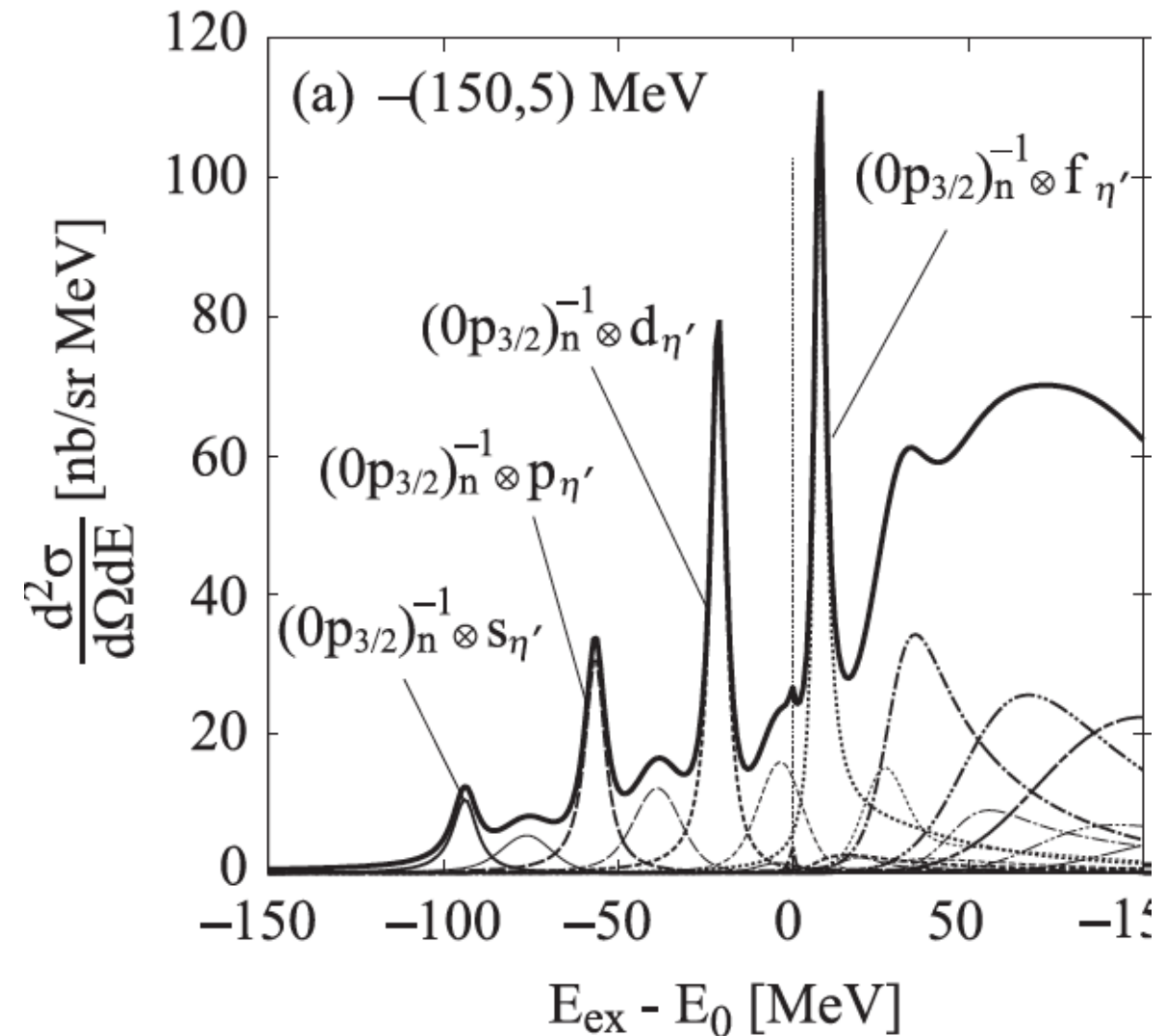
η' - mesic states: $\eta' \otimes {}^{12}\text{C}$

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most states with $\Gamma_{\eta'} \approx B_{\eta'}$

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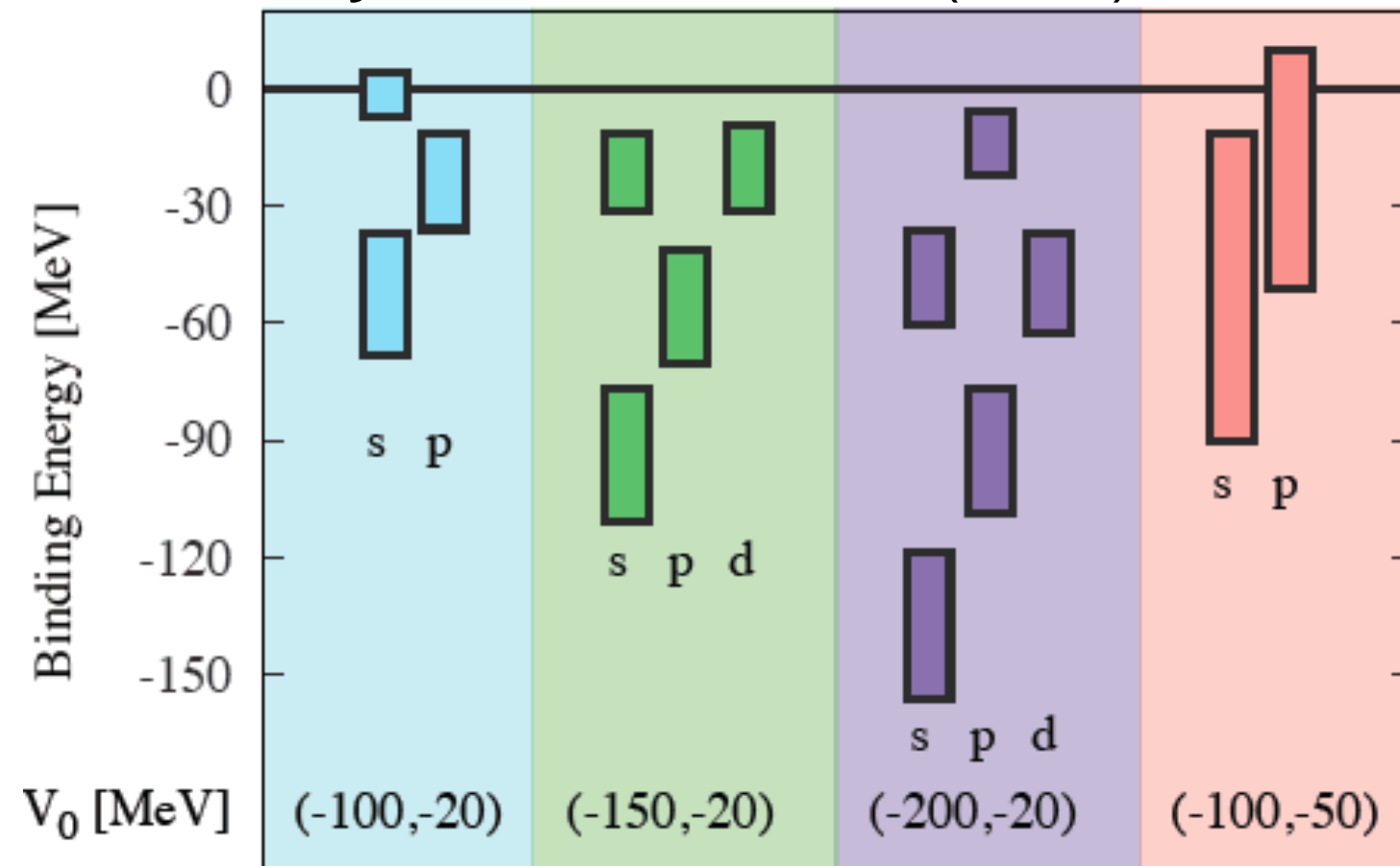


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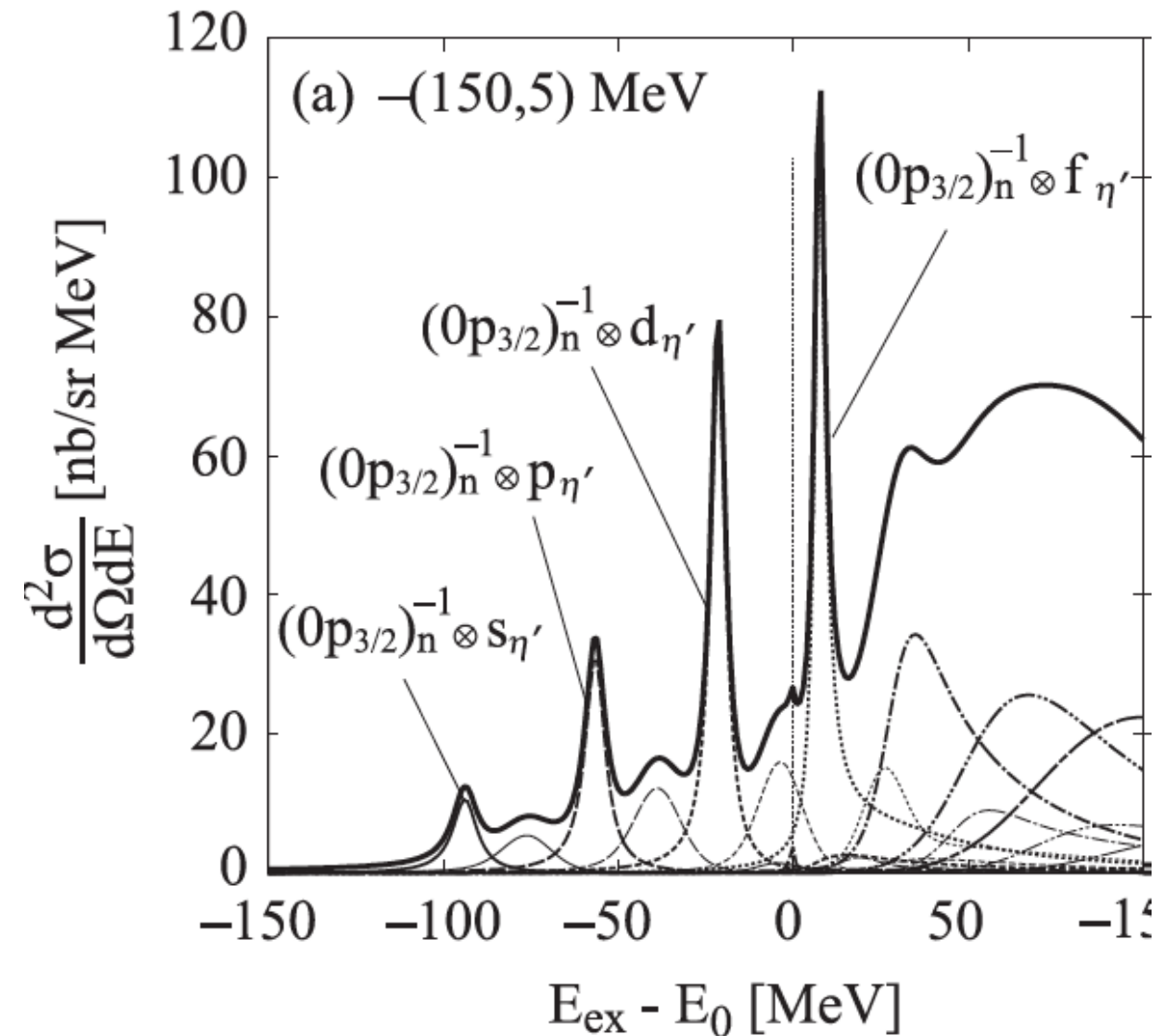
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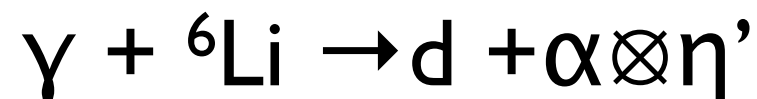
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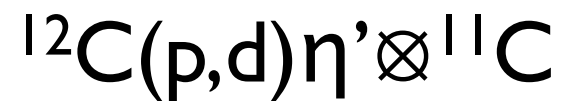
Moeki Miyatani:



recoilless η' production off quasi deuteron in ${}^6\text{Li}$; $\frac{d^2\sigma}{dE d\Omega} \approx 10 \text{ pb}/(\text{MeV sr})$

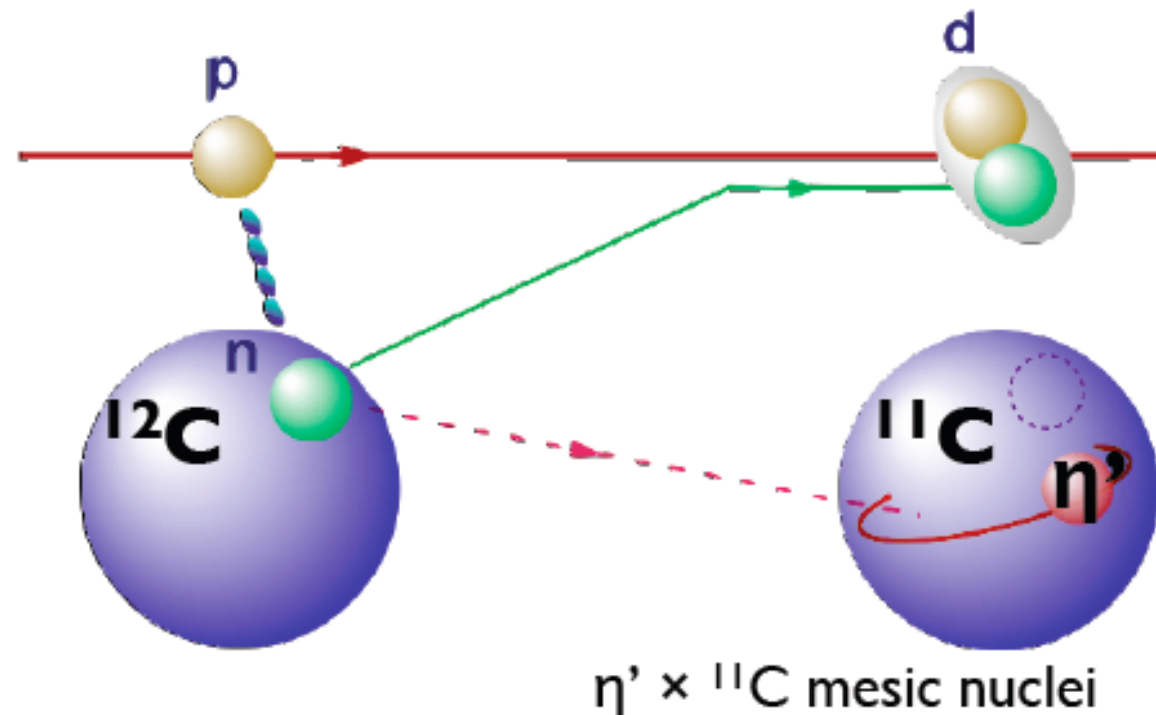
search for η' -mesic states in hadronic reactions

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K. Itahashi et al., PETP 128 (2012) 601

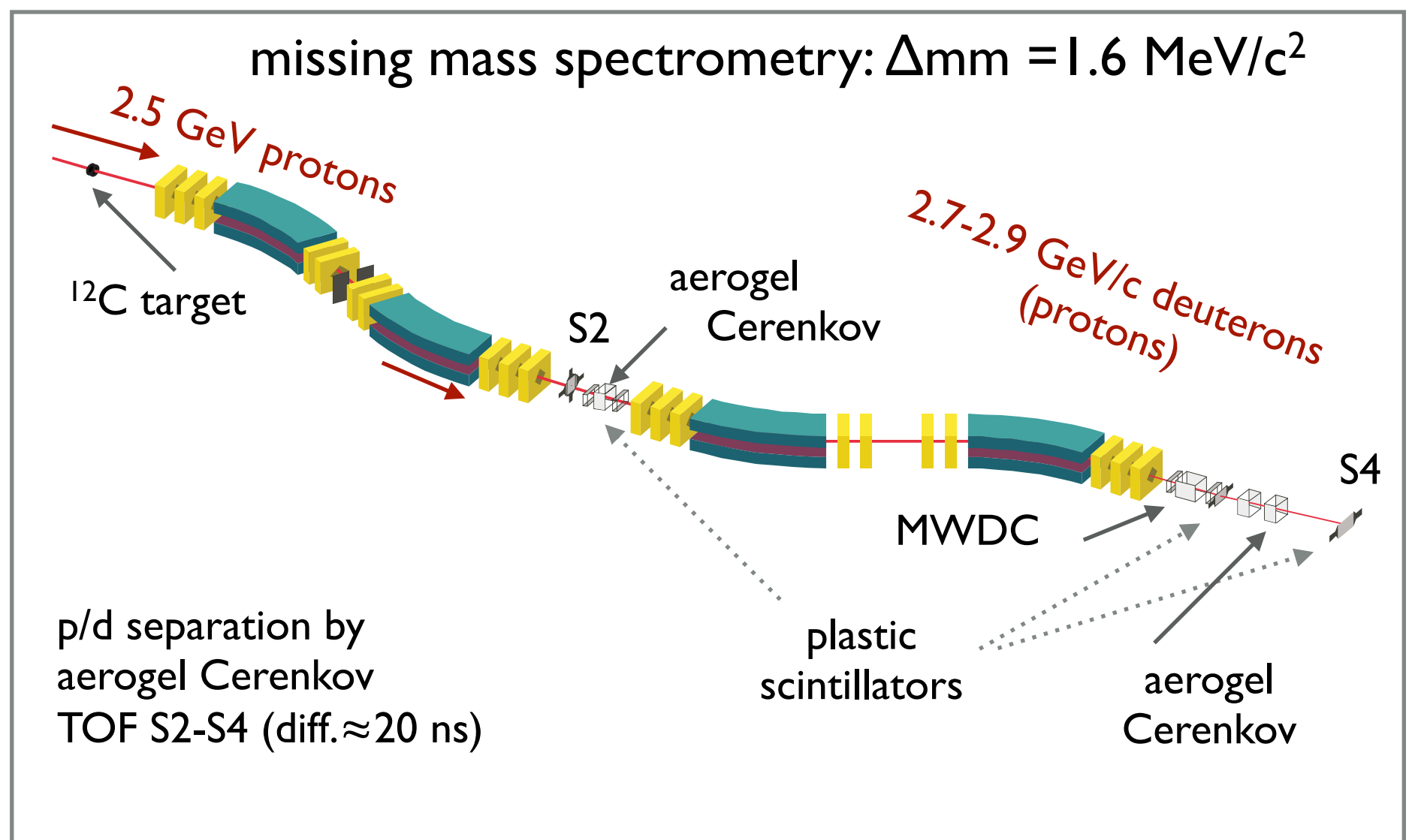
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particle identification
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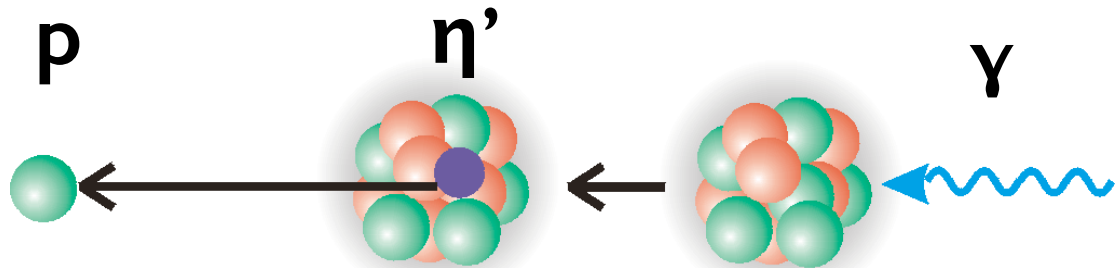
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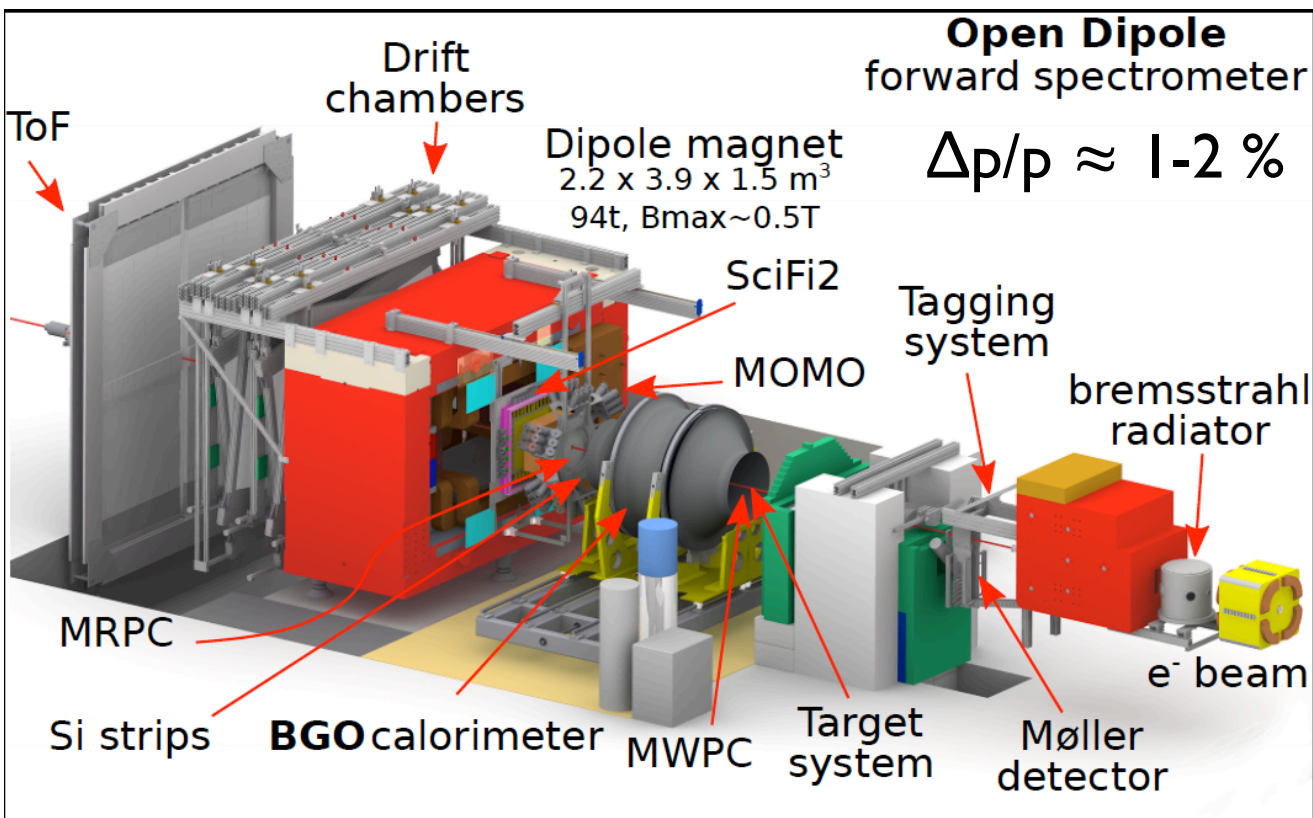
outlook: search for η' -mesic states in photo-nuclear reactions

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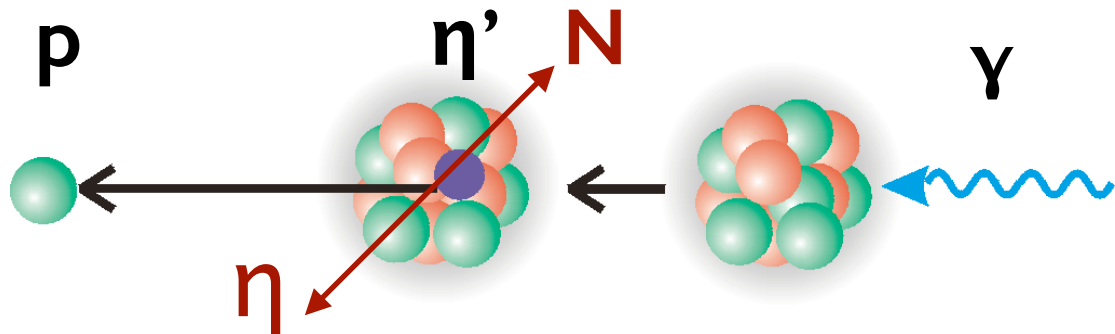
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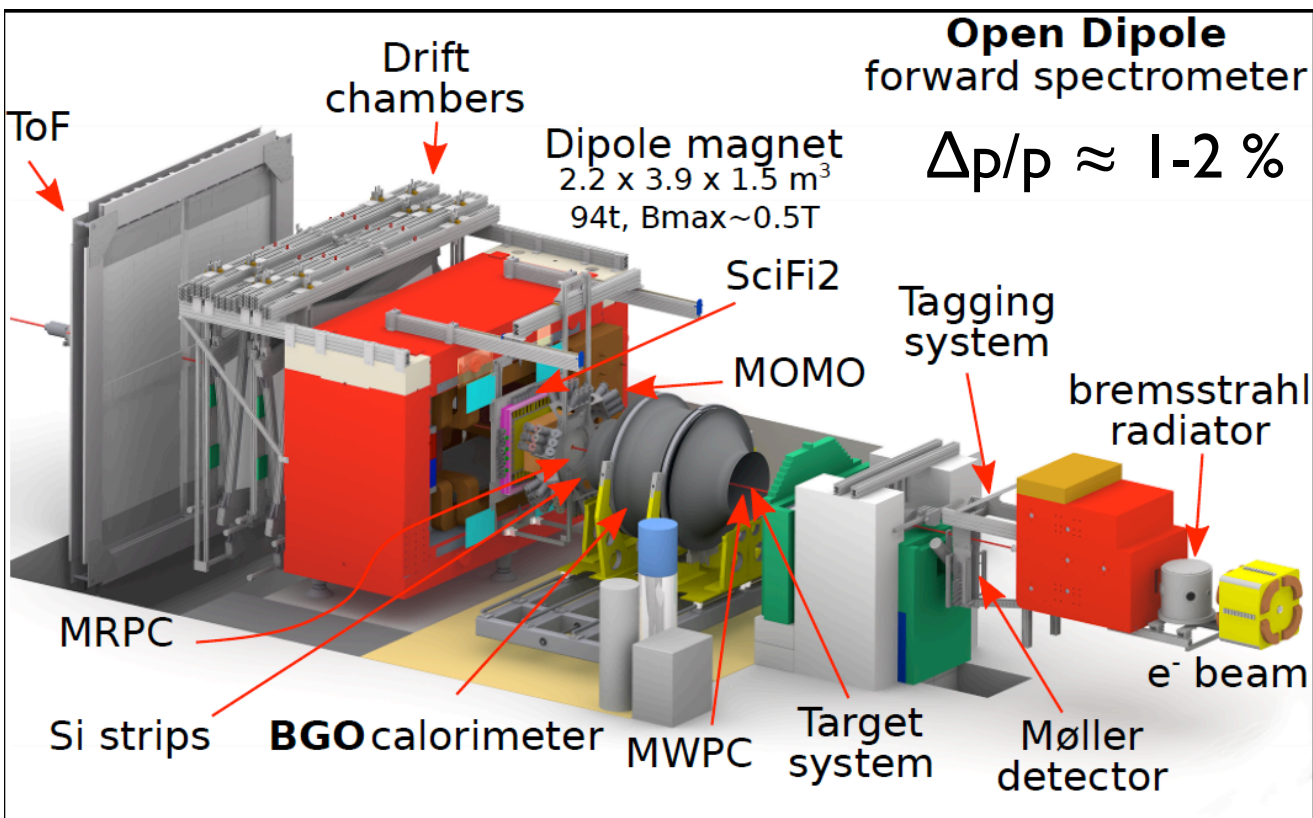
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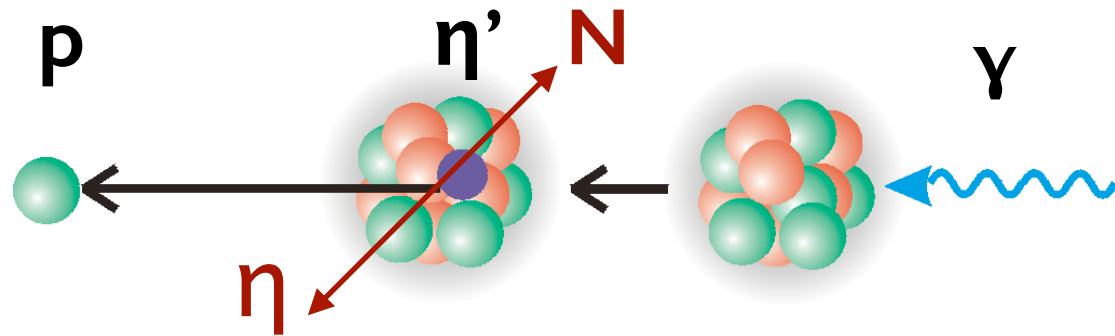
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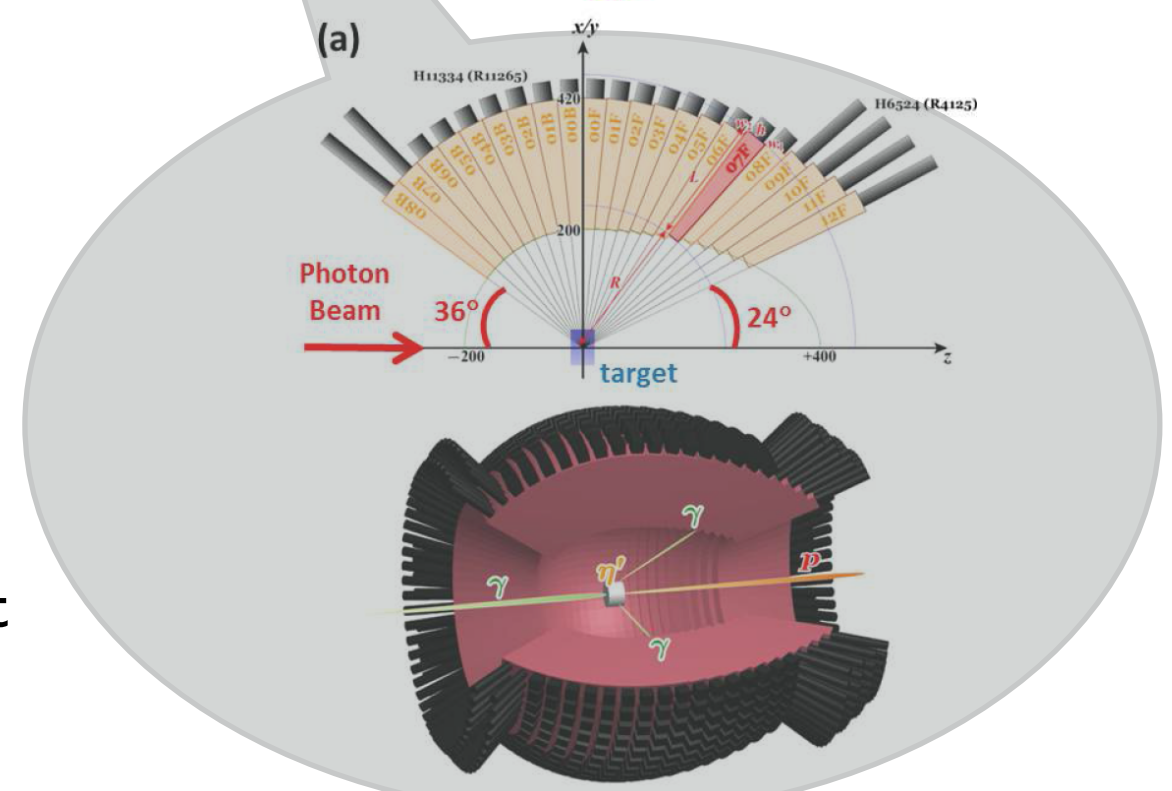
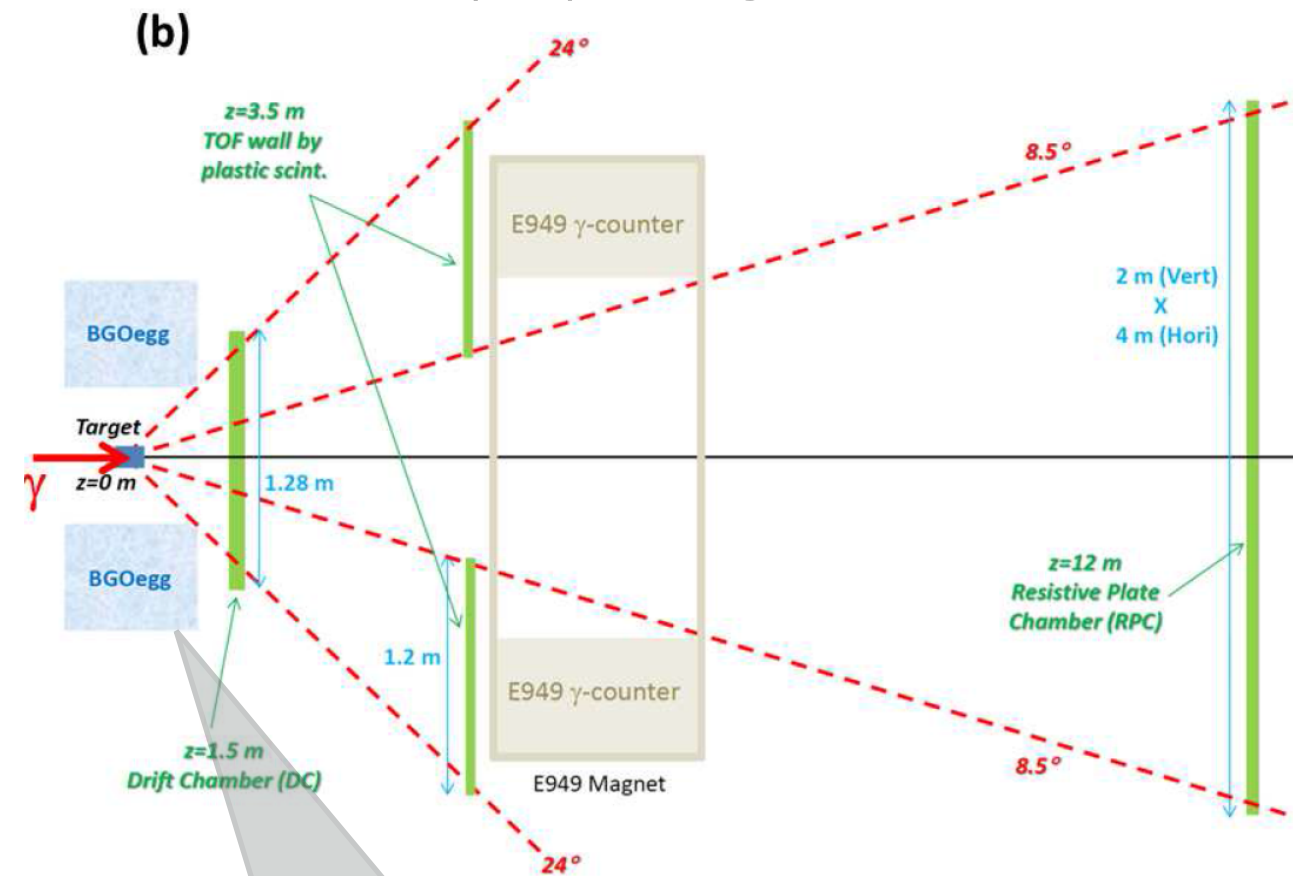
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formation and decay of η' -mesic state

LEPS2@SPring-8

$^{12}\text{C}(\gamma, p) \eta' X @ 1.5-2.4 \text{ GeV}$



Open Dipole forward spectrometer

$$\Delta p/p \approx 1-2 \%$$

Dipole magnet
2.2 x 3.9 x 1.5 m³
94t, B_{max} ~ 0.5T

SciFi2

Tagging system

bremsstrahlung radiator

MOMO

e⁻ beam

MRPC

BGO calorimeter

MWPC

Target system

Møller detector

Drift chambers

ToF

Si strips

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summary

meson-nucleus optical potential:

ω : weak attraction; strong absorption; $|V_{\text{real}}| \ll |V_{\text{imag}}|$

η' : weak attraction, small absorption; $|V_{\text{real}}| > |V_{\text{imag}}|$

measure momentum dependence of potential parameters
to provide link to scattering length at production threshold

few body systems:

$d^*(2380)$ well established in various reactions and decay channels

existence of K^-pp clusters still controversial

search for mesic states:

π : deeply bound pionic states well established

η : indication for bound $\eta \otimes {}^4\text{He}$ state with large width ??

ω : no evidence for bound state due to large in-medium width

η' : promising candidate for meson-nucleus bound state:

search ongoing at FRS@GSI, BGO-OD@ELSA, LEPS2@Spring8