

Coherent and incoherent π^0 photoproduction at MAMI

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For the Crystal Ball at MAMI and A2 Collaboration

Meson 2008



Mainzer Mikrotron
MAMI



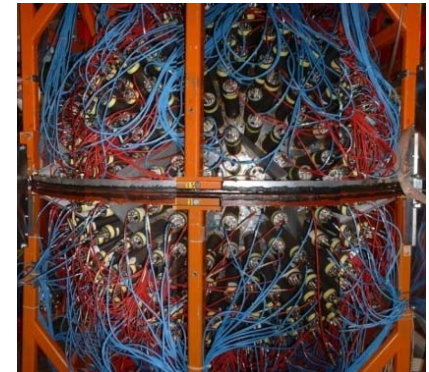
Talk Outline

- Physics motivation for accurate π^0 photoproduction measurements

Coherent – Accurate Matter form factors
Neutron skins of stable nuclei (neutron stars)

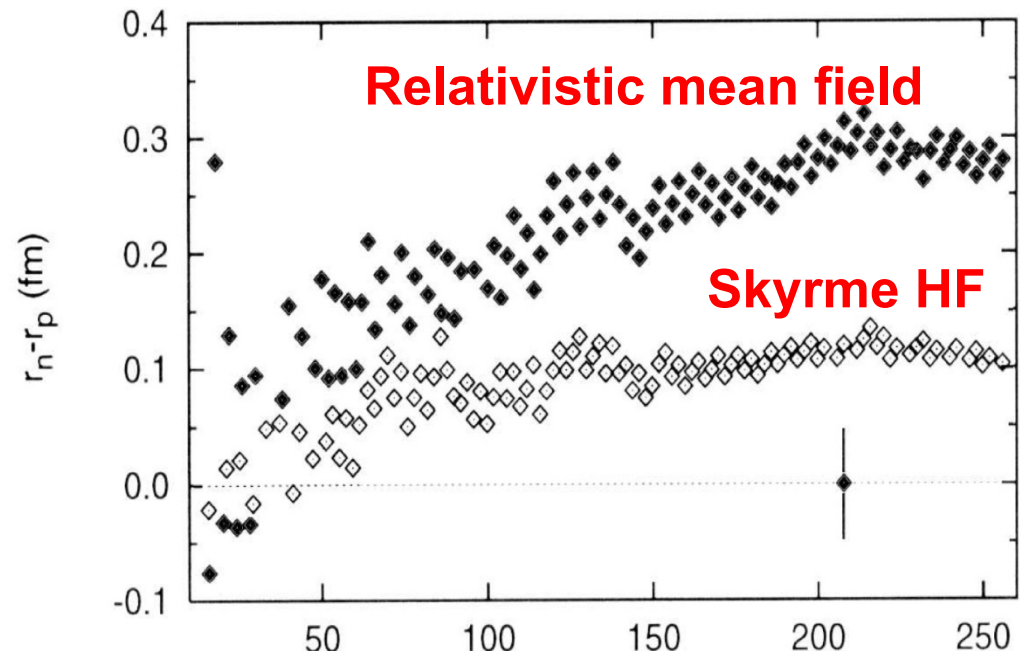
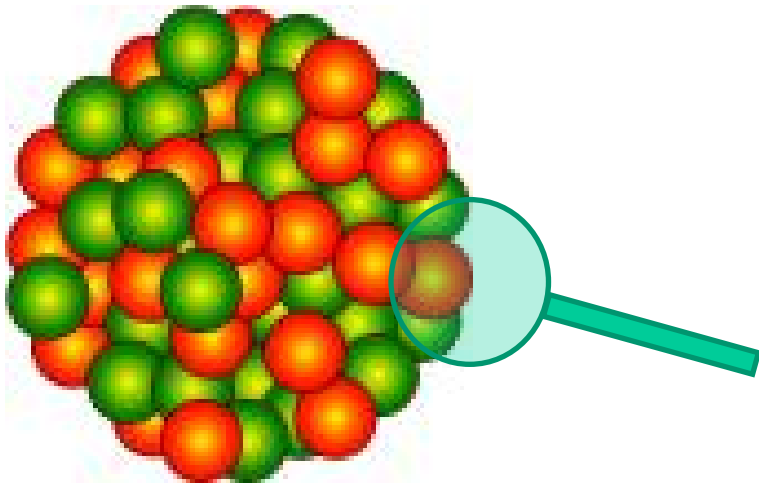
Incoherent - Transition matter form factors

- The Crystal Ball at MAMI
- Forward look



Why measure the matter form factor?

- Our knowledge of the shape of stable nuclei is presently incomplete

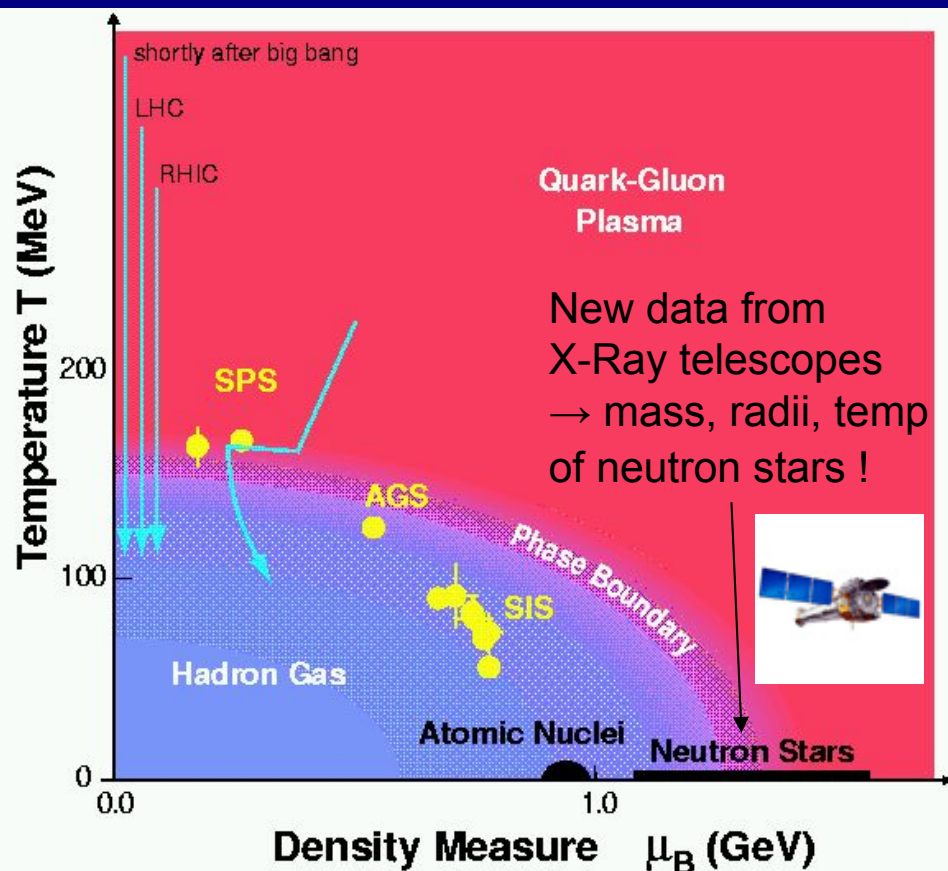


e.g. ^{208}Pb RMS charge radius accuracy < 0.001 fm
RMS neutron radius accuracy ~ 0.2 fm !!

Horowitz et al. PRC63 025501 (2001)

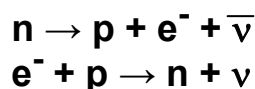
Piekarewicz et al. NPA 778 (2006)

Matter form factor and neutron stars

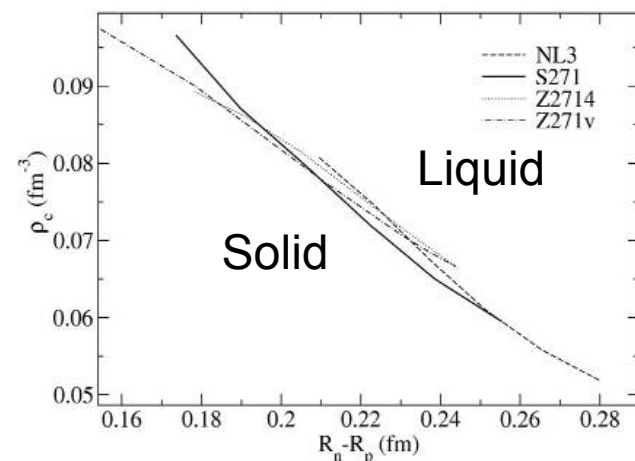


Rutel et al, PRL 95 122501 (2005)
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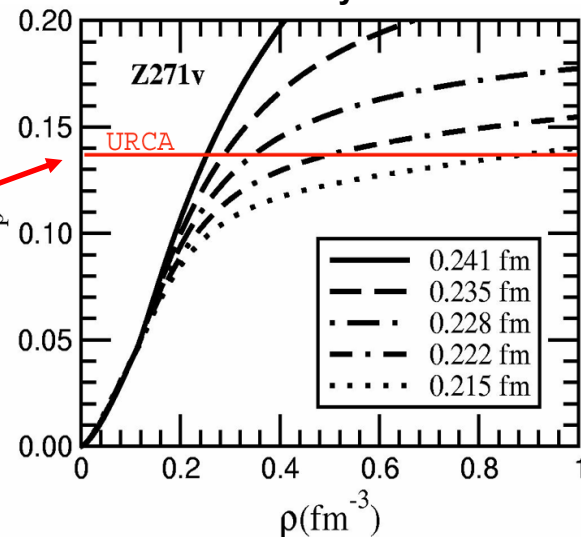
Direct URCA Cooling



Thick neutron skin
 → Low transition density in neutron star



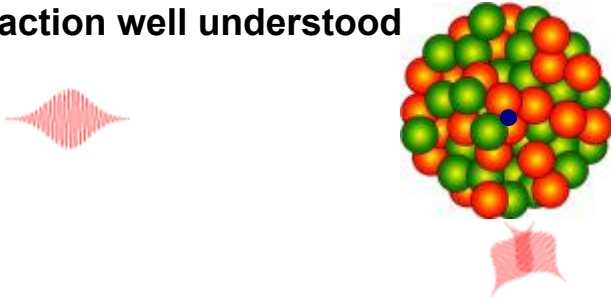
Proton fraction as a function of density in neutron star



Coherent pion photoproduction

Photon probe ✓

Interaction well understood



π^0 meson – produced with
~equal probability on
protons *AND* neutrons.

Select reactions which leave
nucleus in ground state

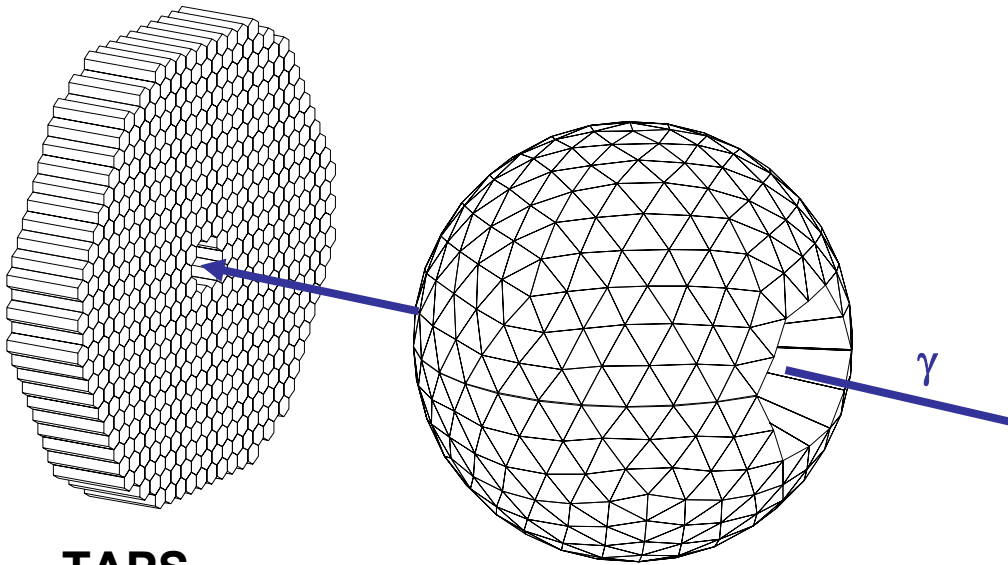
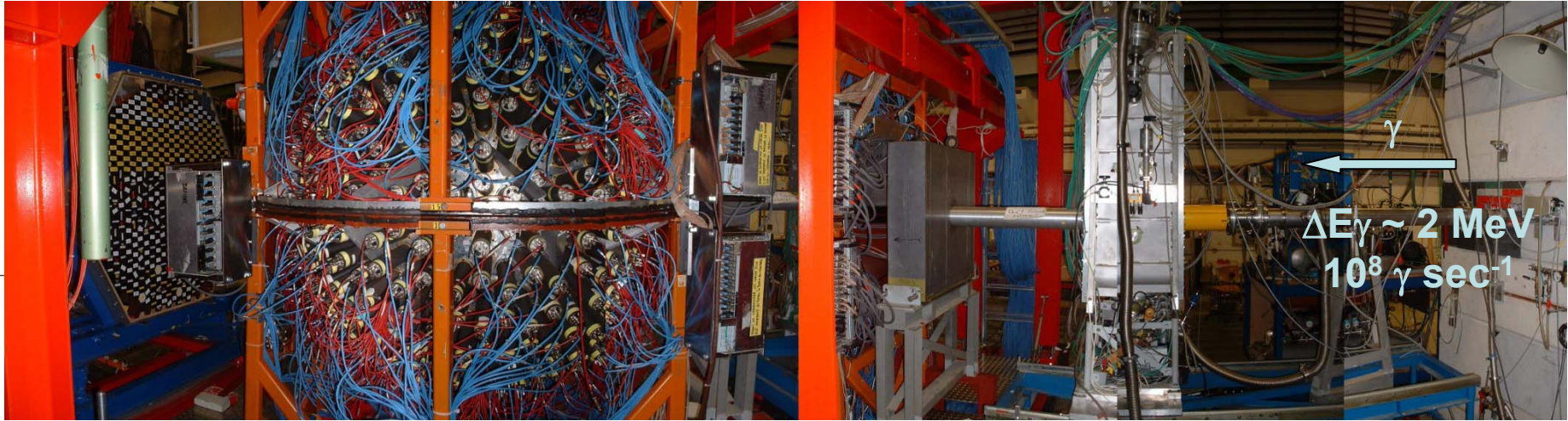
Reconstruct π^0
from $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$ decay

- Angular distribution of $\pi^0 \rightarrow$ PWIA contains the matter form factor

$$d\sigma/d\Omega(\text{PWIA}) = (s/m_N^2) A^2 (q_\pi^*/2k_\gamma) F_2(E_\gamma^*, \theta_\pi^*)^2 |F_m(q)|^2 \sin^2\theta_\pi^*$$

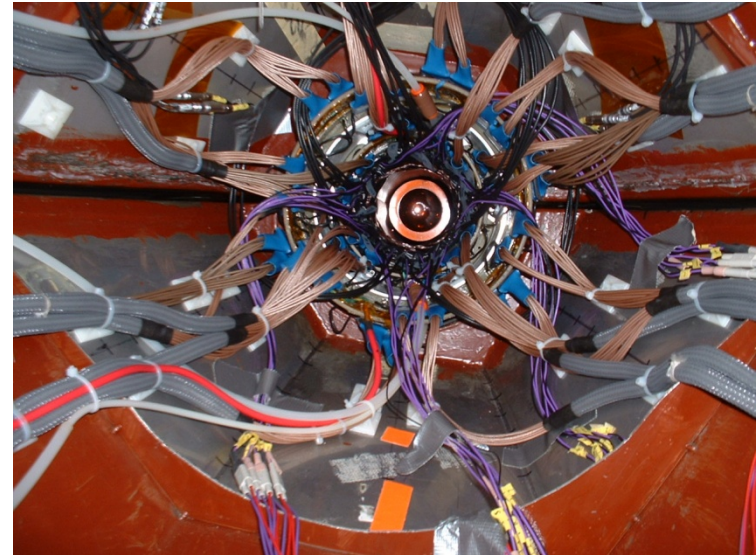
- π^0 final state interactions - use latest complex optical potentials tuned to π -A scattering data. Corrections modest at low pion momenta

Coherent pion photoproduction



TAPS
528 BaF_2 crystals

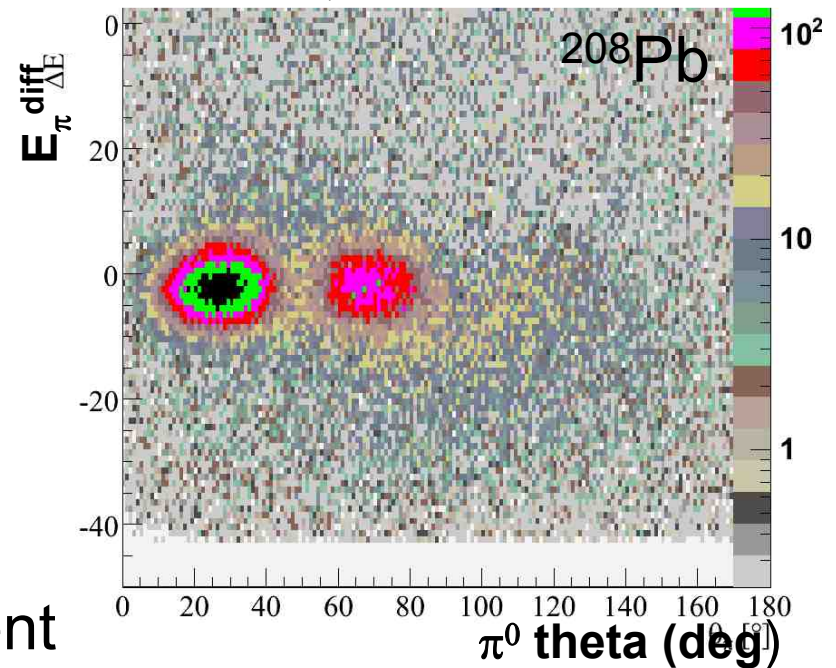
Crystal Ball
672 NaI crystals



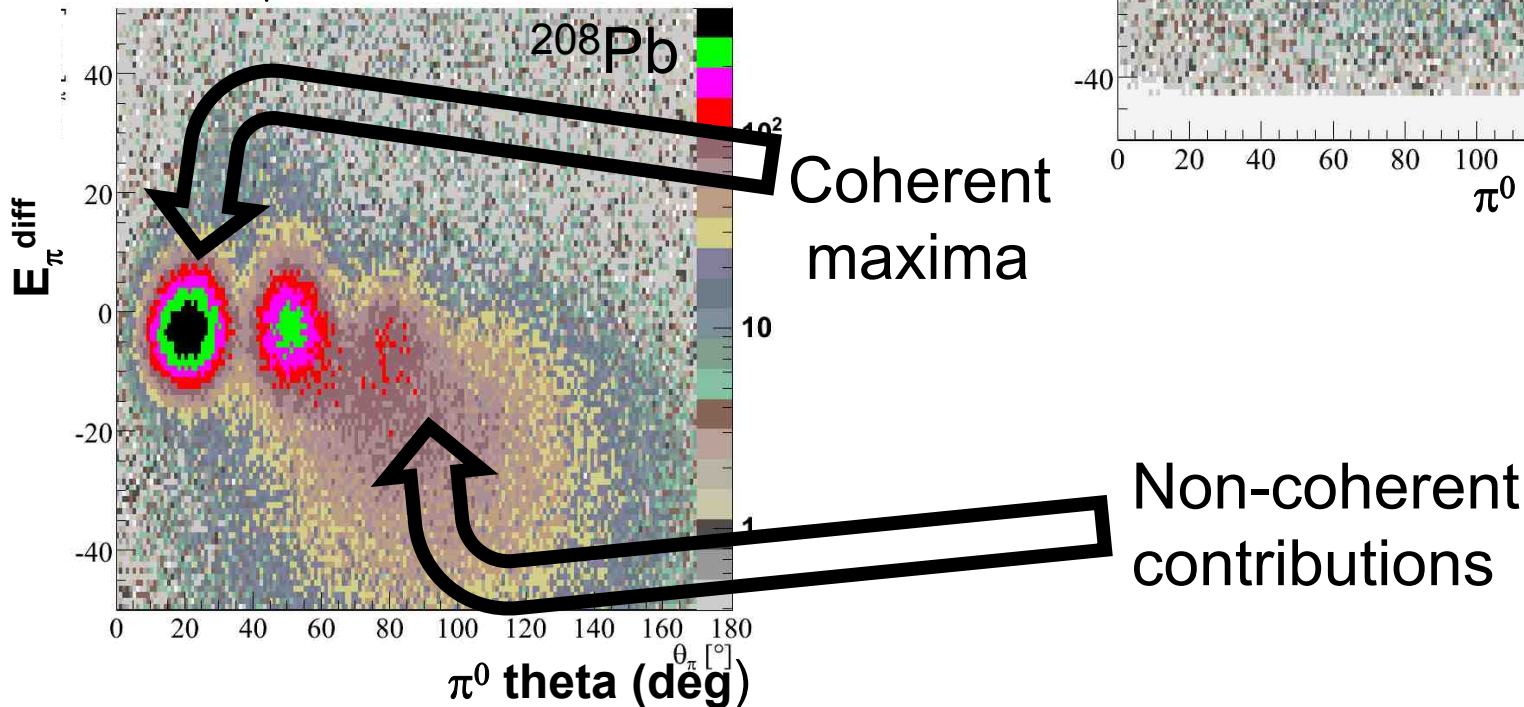
Outline of analysis

$$E_{\pi}^{\text{diff}} = E_{\pi}^{\text{measured}} - E_{\pi}^{\text{calc}}$$

$E_{\gamma} = 175 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$

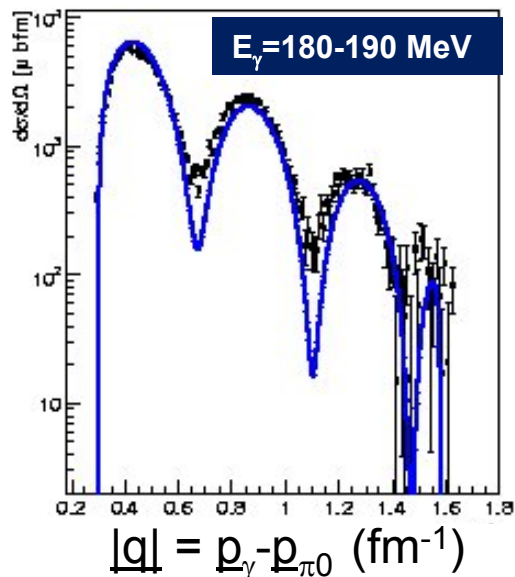


$E_{\gamma} = 210 \pm 10 \text{ MeV}$

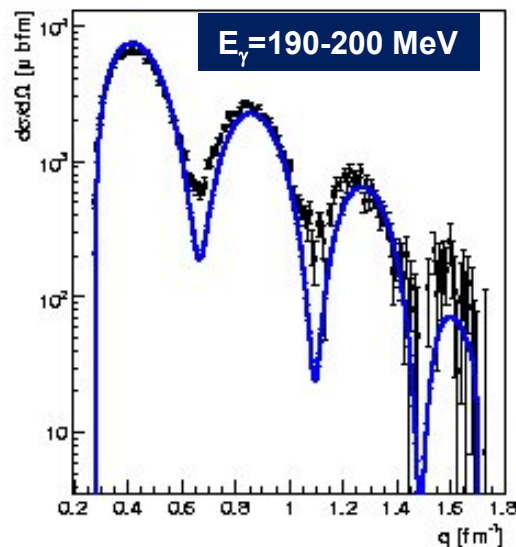


^{208}Pb : Momentum transfer distributions

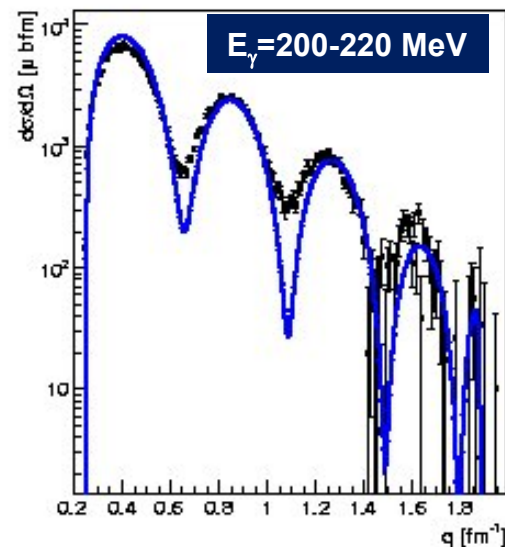
$E_\gamma = (180-190)\text{MeV}$



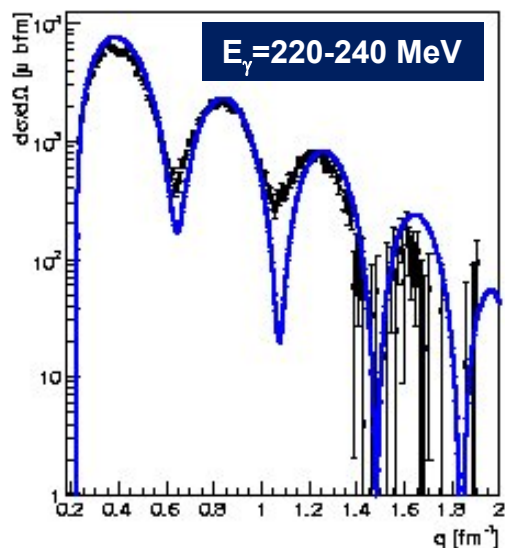
$E_\gamma = (190-200)\text{MeV}$



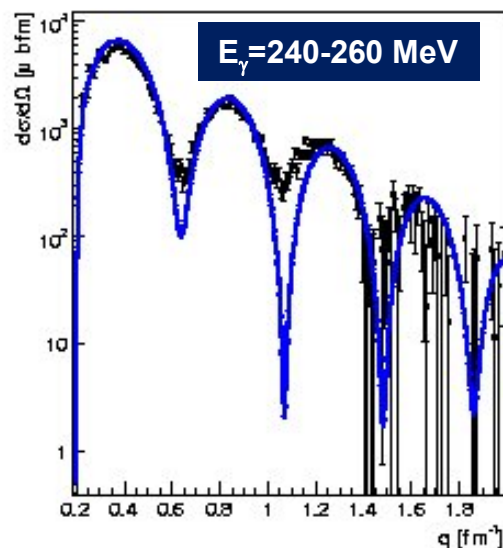
$E_\gamma = (200-220)\text{MeV}$



$E_\gamma = (220-240)\text{MeV}$



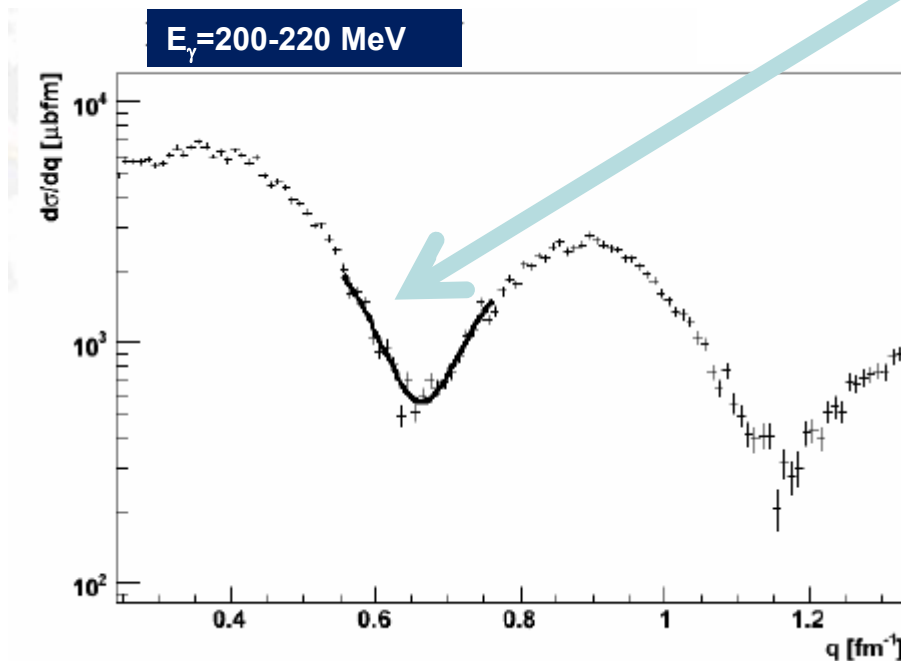
$E_\gamma = (240-260)\text{MeV}$



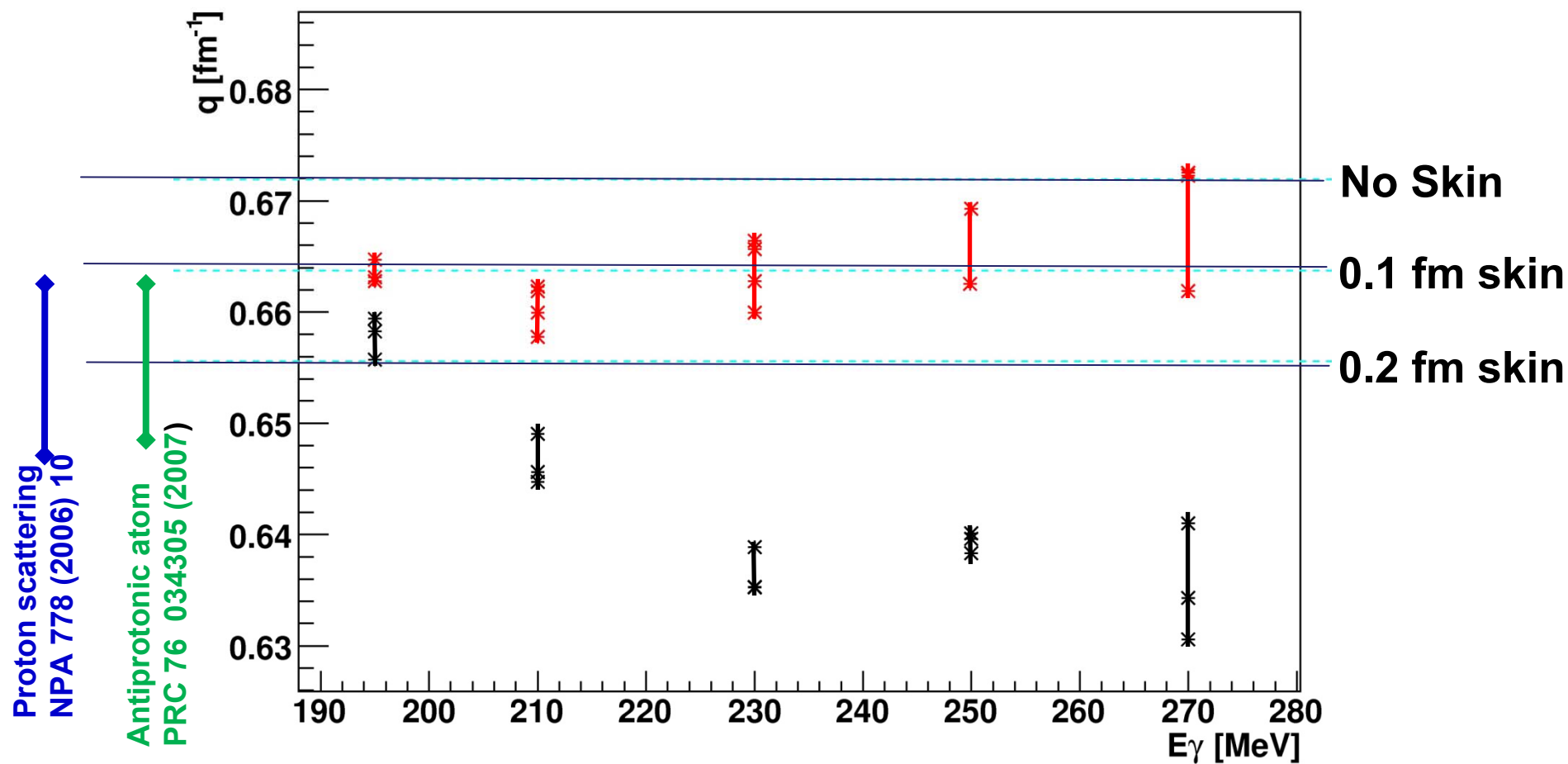
— Unitary isobar model (γ, π)
with complex optical potential
Dreschel NPA 660 (1999)

^{208}Pb : Simple correction for distortion

- Full “model independent” analysis planned
- For first preliminary assessment
 - 1) Carry out simple correction of q shift using the theory
 - 2) Analyse corrected minima - fit with **Bessel fn.**

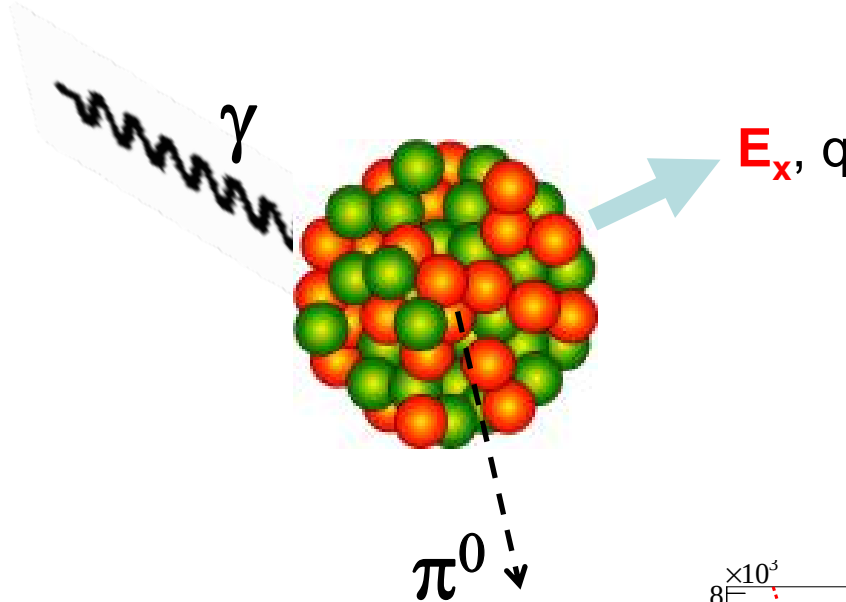


^{208}Pb neutron skin – preliminary assessment

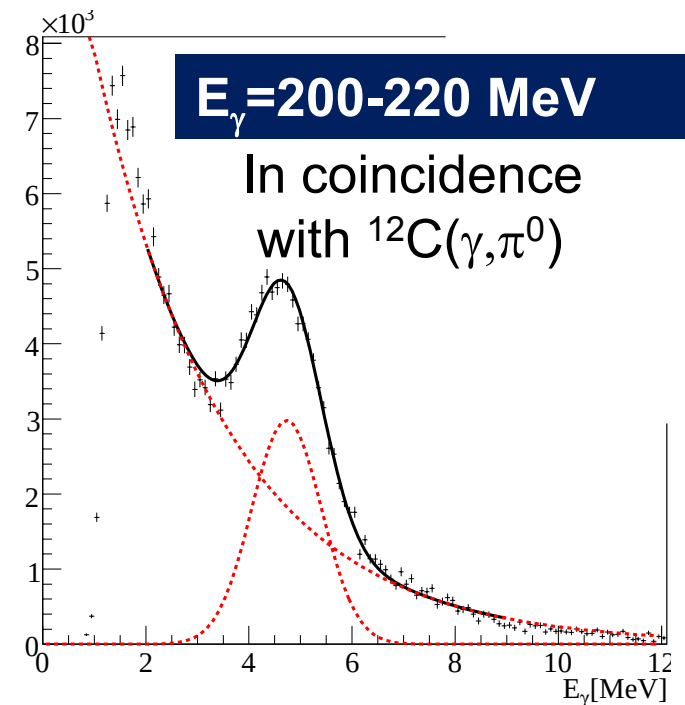


- See effects of a neutron skin of ~ 0.1 fm !! (preliminary)
- More detailed analysis in progress to reduce and assess systematics
- Future measurement - skin development across isotopic chain?

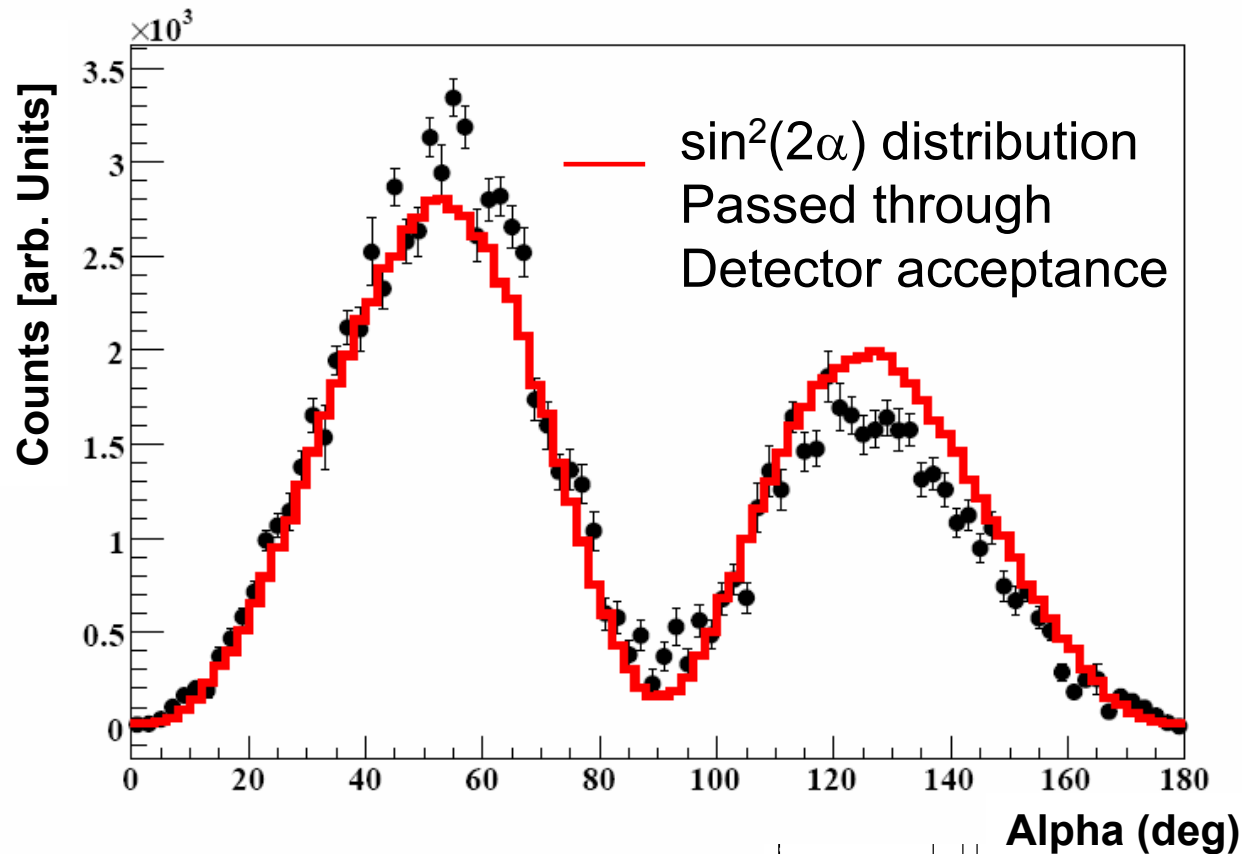
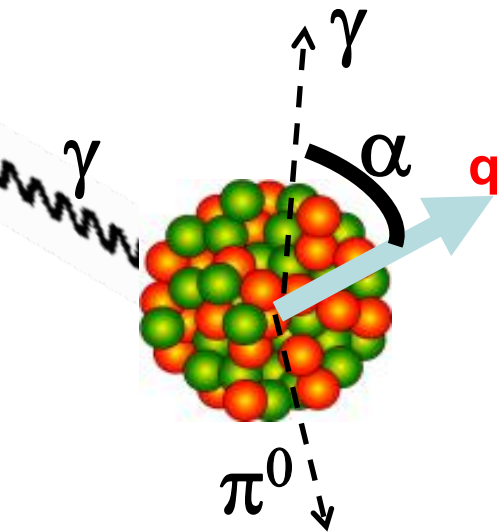
Incoherent nuclear π^0 photoproduction



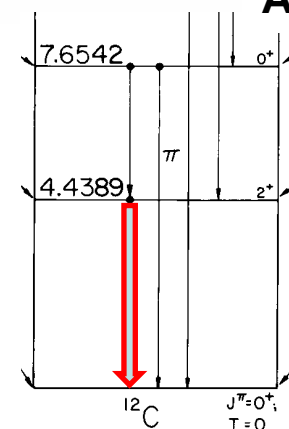
- Measurement of neutral pion production to a discrete excited nuclear state has proven elusive for many decades
- $\rightarrow$ Detect nuclear decay photon *in the same detector* as the π^0 decay photons



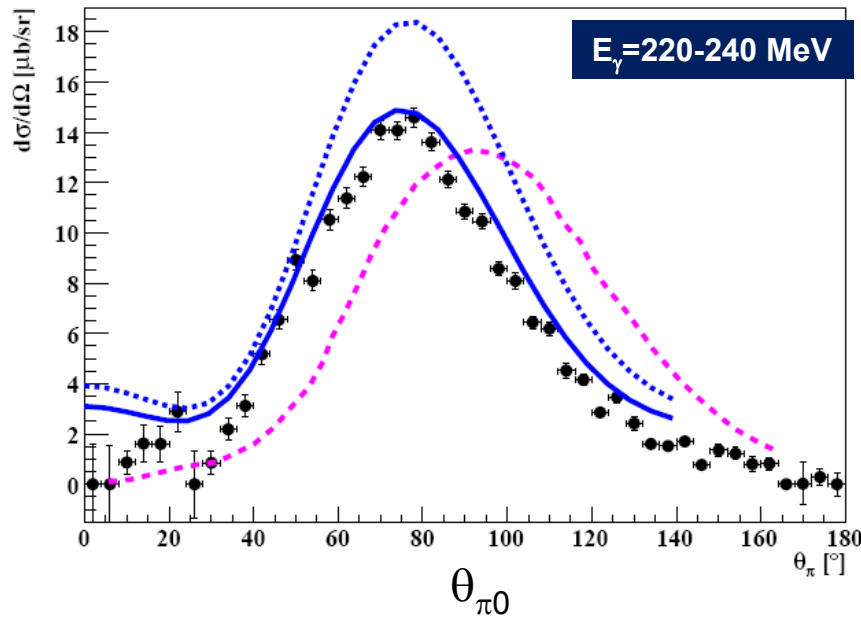
Alignment of recoiling ^{12}C nucleus



- Strong $\sin^2(2\alpha)$ distribution for 4.4 MeV photons
- 2^+ to 0^+ transition from aligned residual nucleus
- Degree of alignment - new experimental observable!!



Incoherent nuclear π^0 photoproduction



Takaki Δ -hole model (NPA 443 p570 (1985))

— Full calculation

--- Without Δ -N interaction

----- Tryasuchev (Phys At.Nuc. 70 827 (2007))

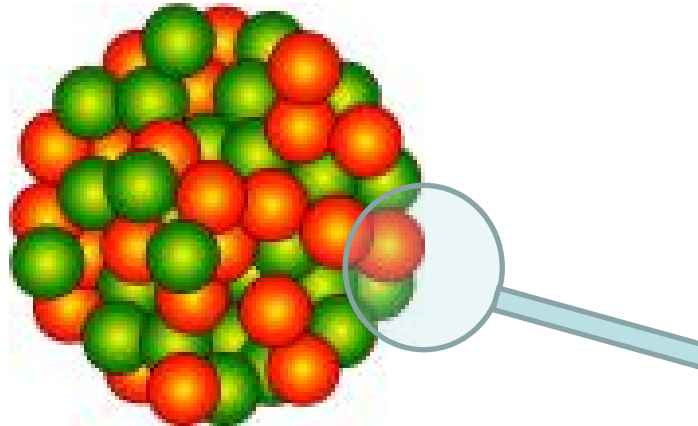
Next steps for decay γ work:

- ^{16}O , ^{40}Ca
- Neutron rich nuclei - multiproton knockout
- Hypernuclei?



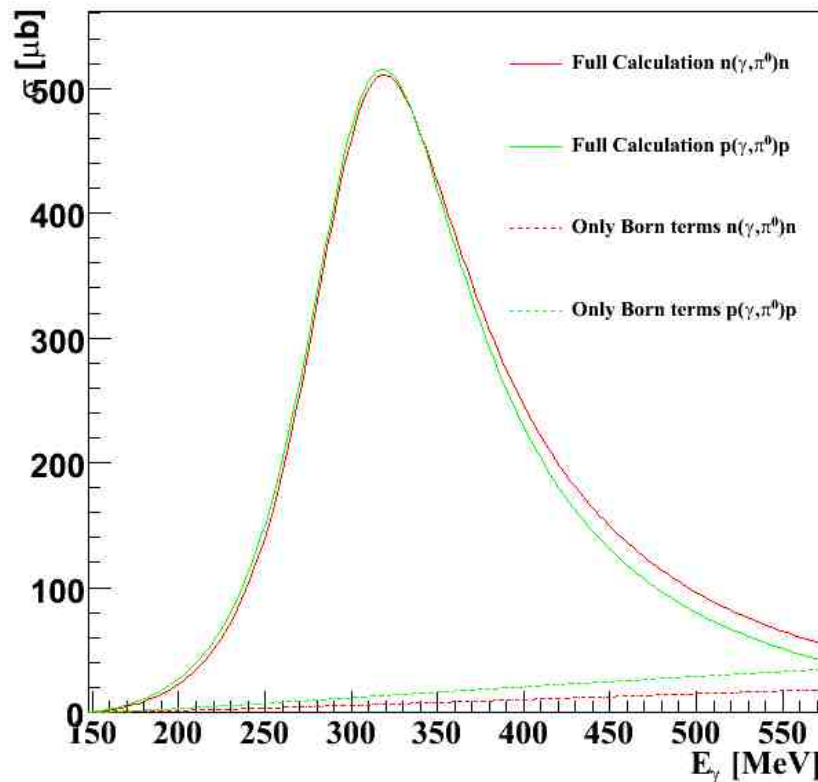
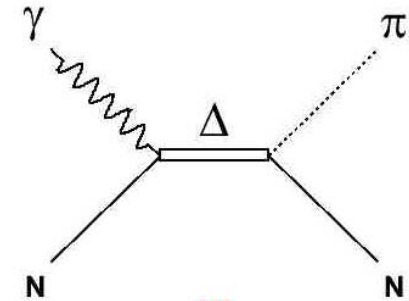
Summary

- New high quality π^0 photoproduction data will give valuable and timely constraints on the structure of the nucleus and neutron stars



π^0 photoproduction amplitude

- Basic production amplitude $\sim$ equal for protons and neutrons
- Dominated by $\Delta(1232)$ production



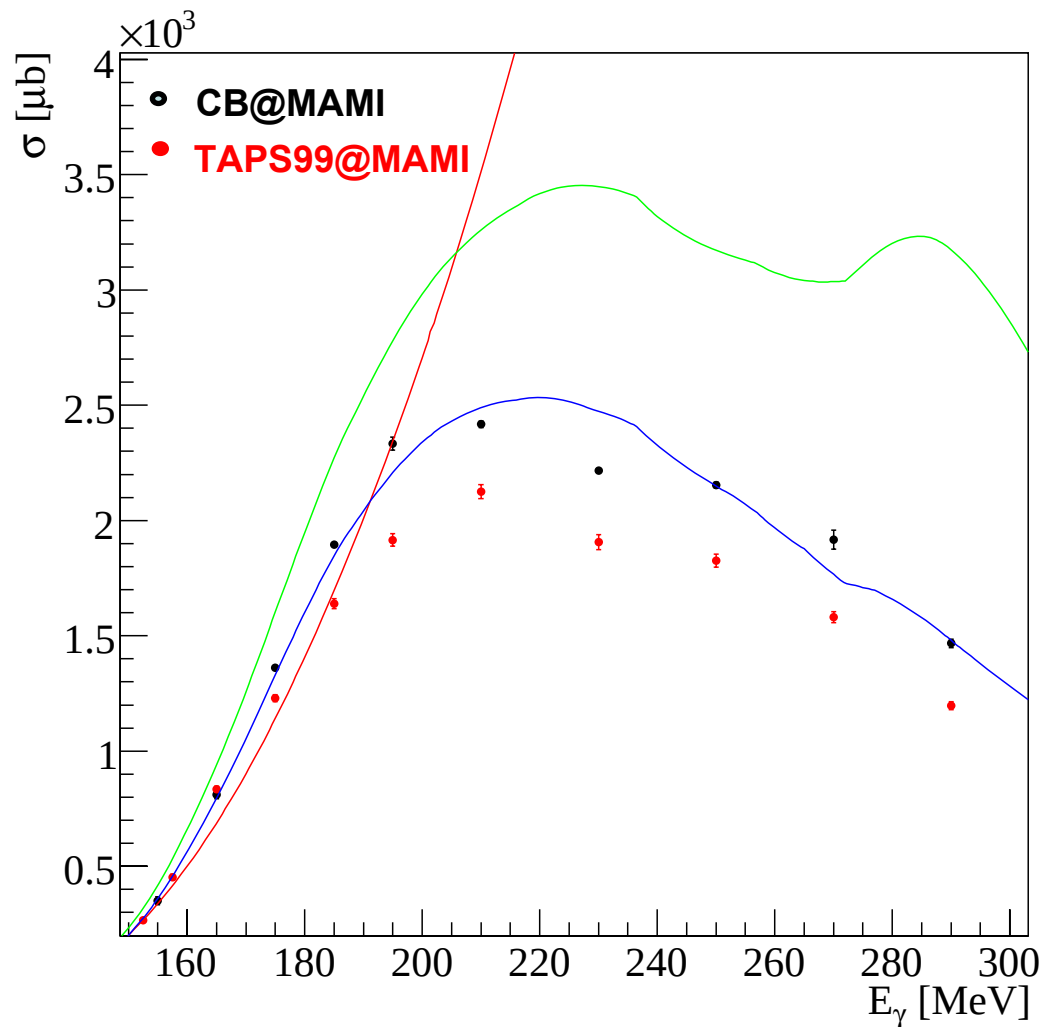
Isospin structure of amplitude

$$A(\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 p) = \sqrt{2/3} A^{V3} + \sqrt{1/3} (A^{IV} - A^{IS})$$

$$A(\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^0 n) = \sqrt{2/3} A^{V3} + \sqrt{1/3} (A^{IV} + A^{IS})$$

Δ has $I=3/2$ -- A^{V3} only

^{208}Pb : Total coherent cross sections



— PWIA
— DWIA
— DWIA+ Δ self energy.

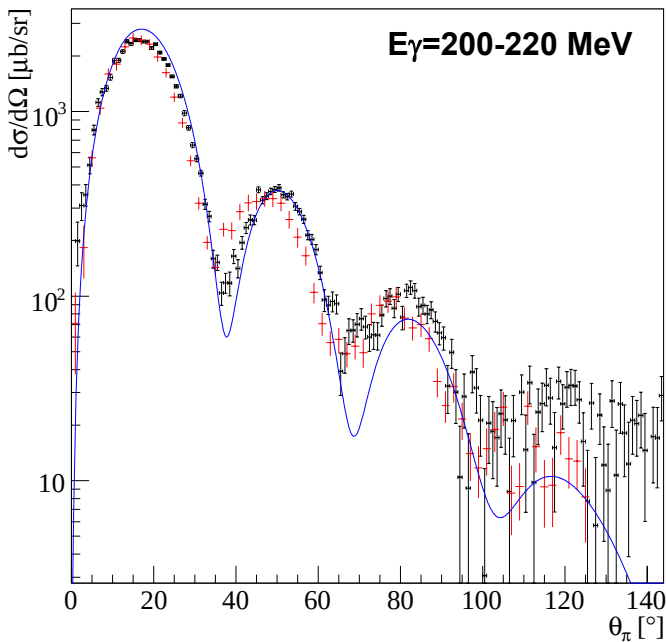
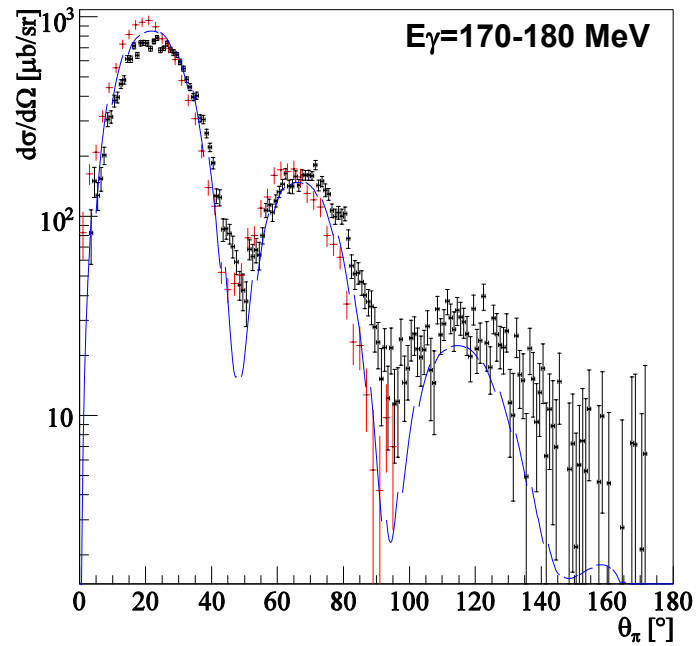
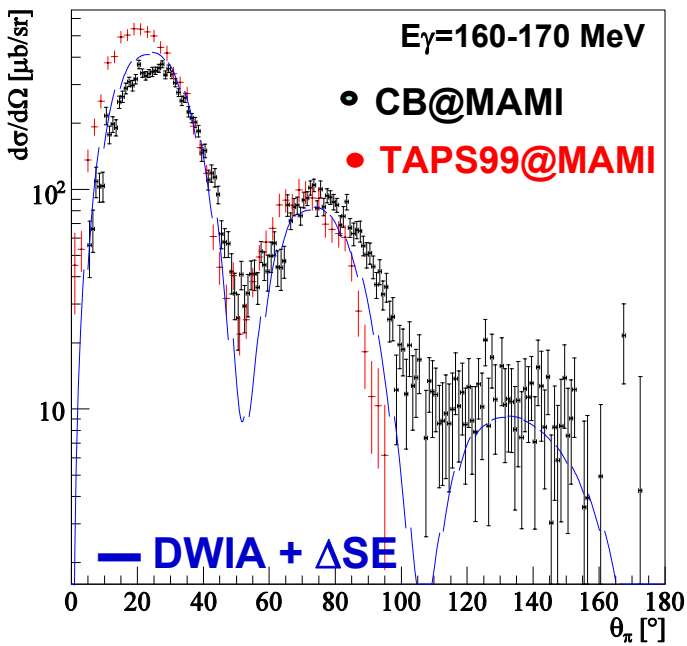
Theoretical prediction

Dreschel, Tiator, Kamalov
& Yang - NPA 660 (1999)

π^0 production amplitude
from Unitary Isobar Model

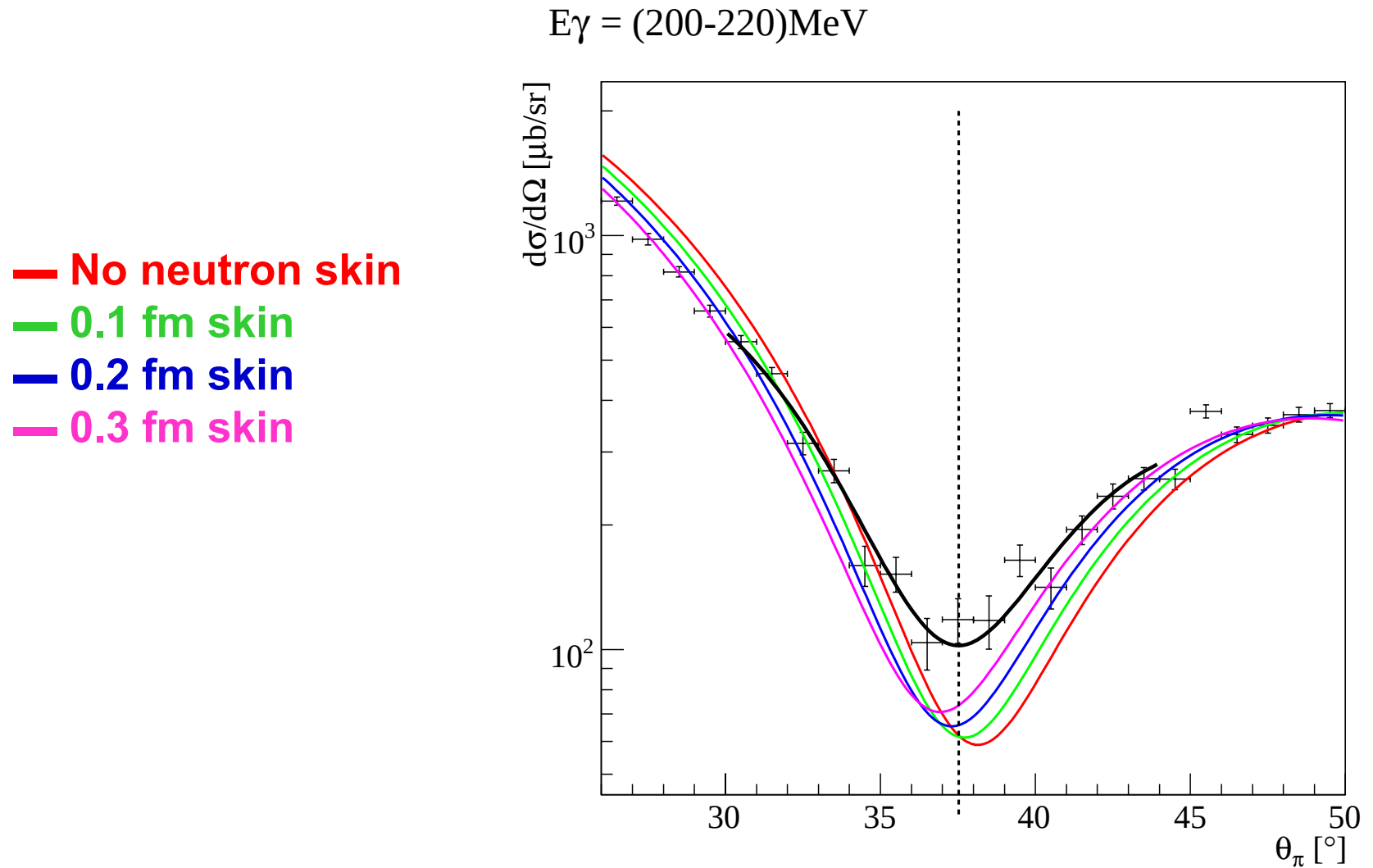
π^0 interaction treated with
momentum space optical
potential supplemented with
 Δ self-energy

^{208}Pb : π^0 angular distributions

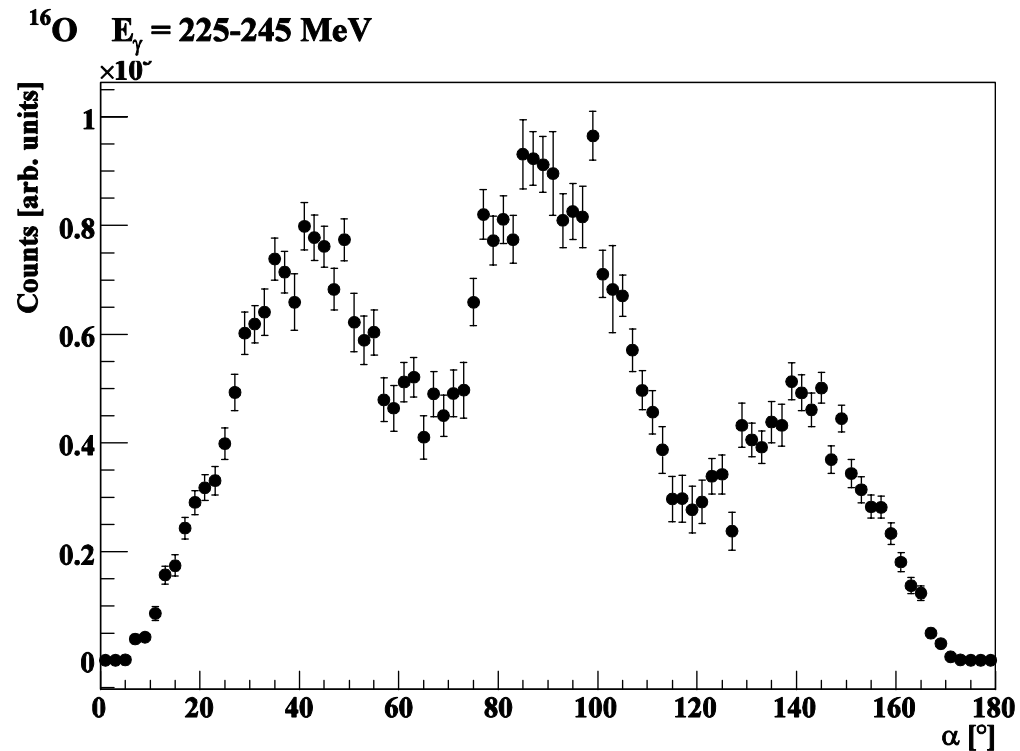
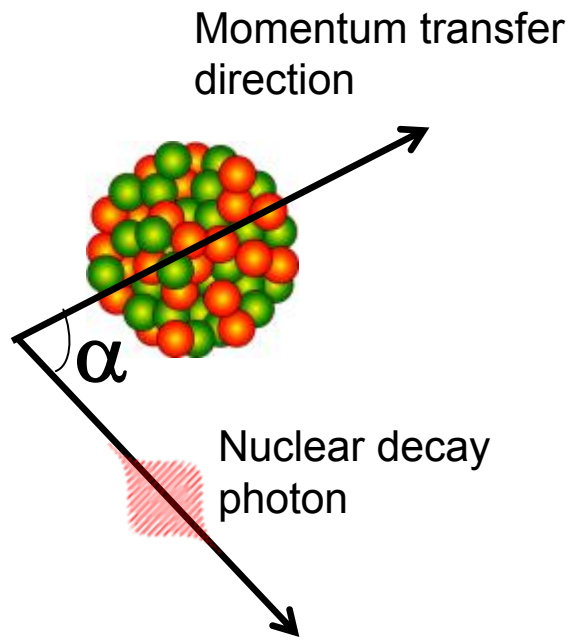


..... + spectra up to $E_\gamma = 700\text{ MeV}$

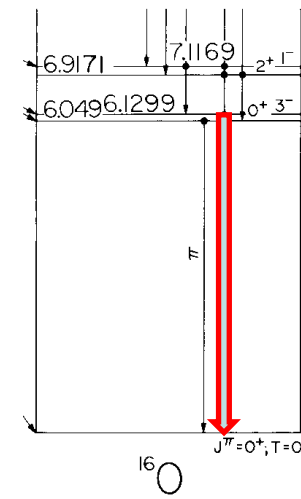
^{208}Pb : Preliminary assessment of Neutron skin



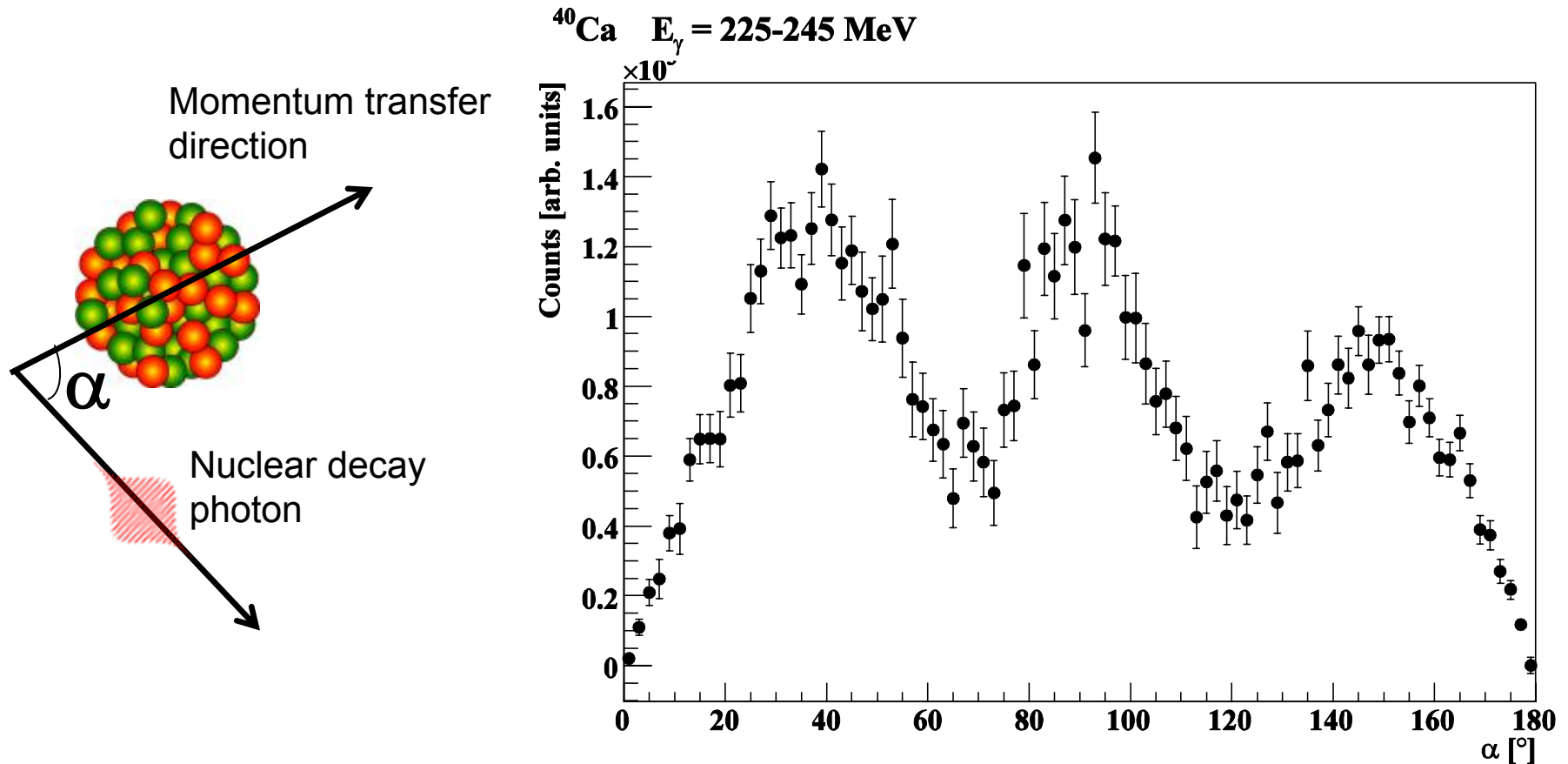
Alignment of recoiling ^{16}O nucleus



- Strong $\sin^2(3\alpha)$ component
- Expected from 3^- to 0^+ transition



Alignment of recoiling ^{40}Ca nucleus

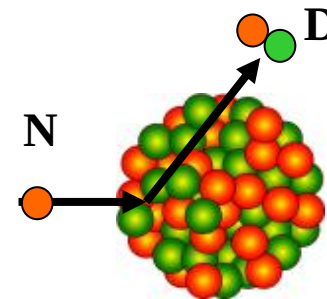
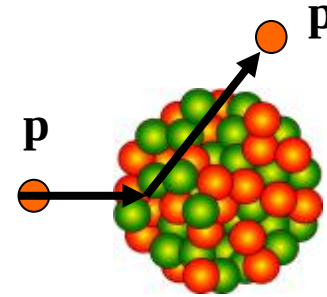


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Neutron Skins - present situation

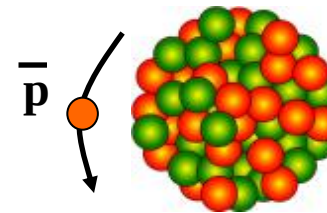
- Proton scattering**

Seminal analysis by Hoffman for all data
(0.3 - 1 GeV). $\Delta r_{np}(^{208}\text{Pb}) = -0.02 \rightarrow 0.5$
fm

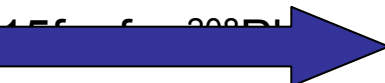


- Pickup reactions.**

Recent analysis of p and n pickup gave
 $\Delta r_{np} \sim 0.5 \text{ fm}$ for ^{208}Pb

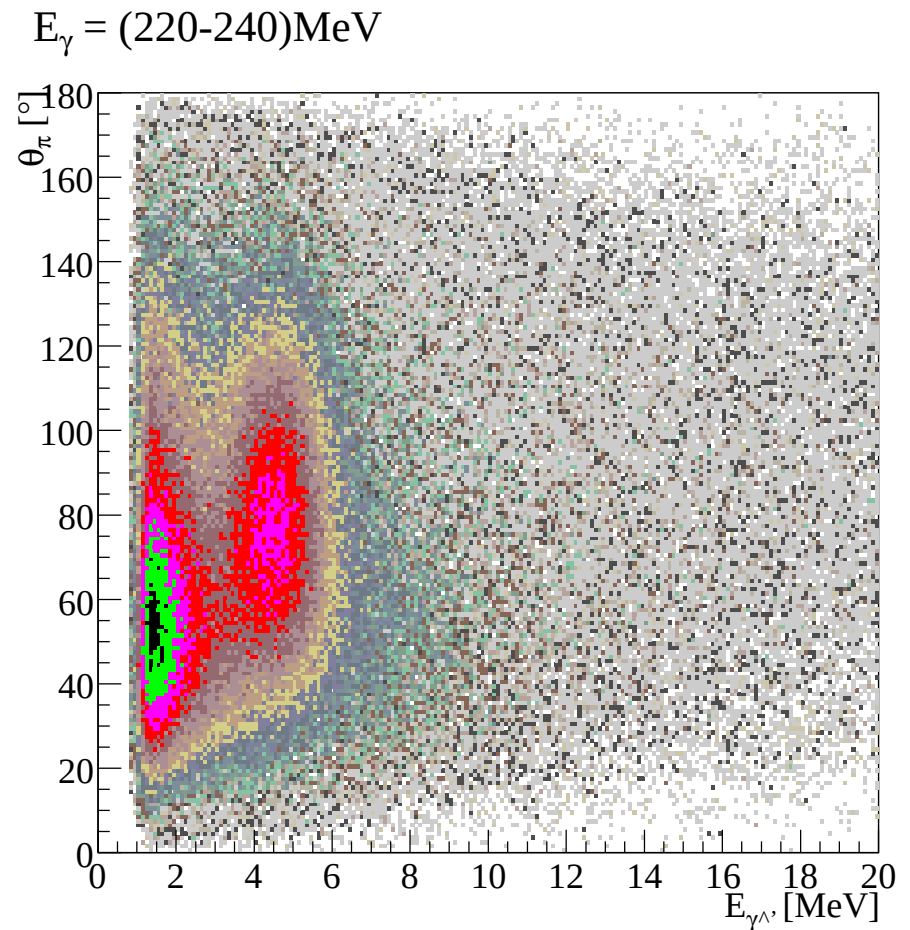
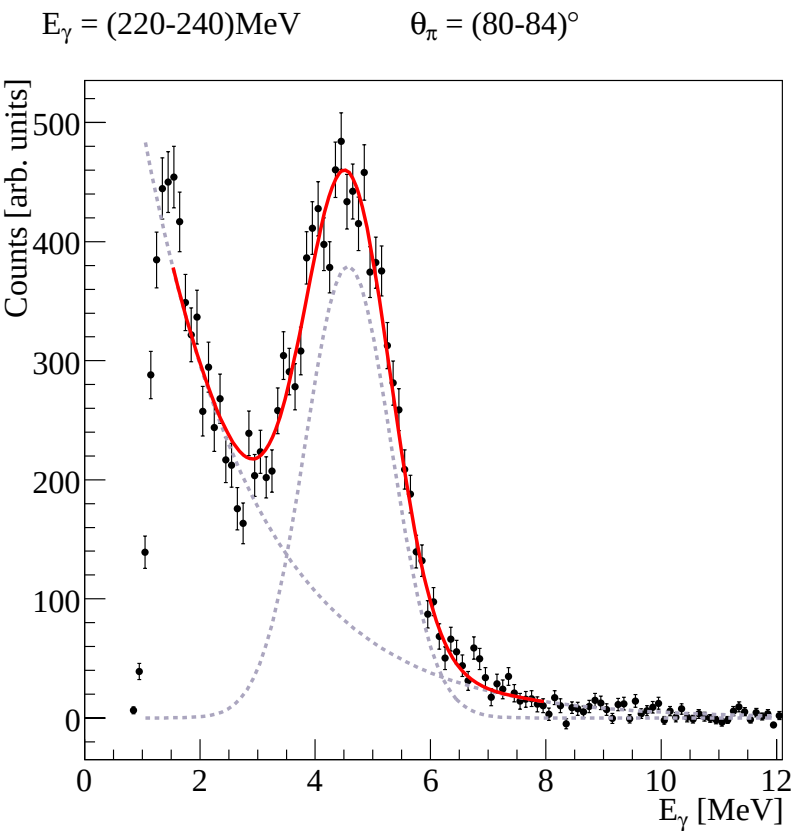


- Antiprotonic atoms**

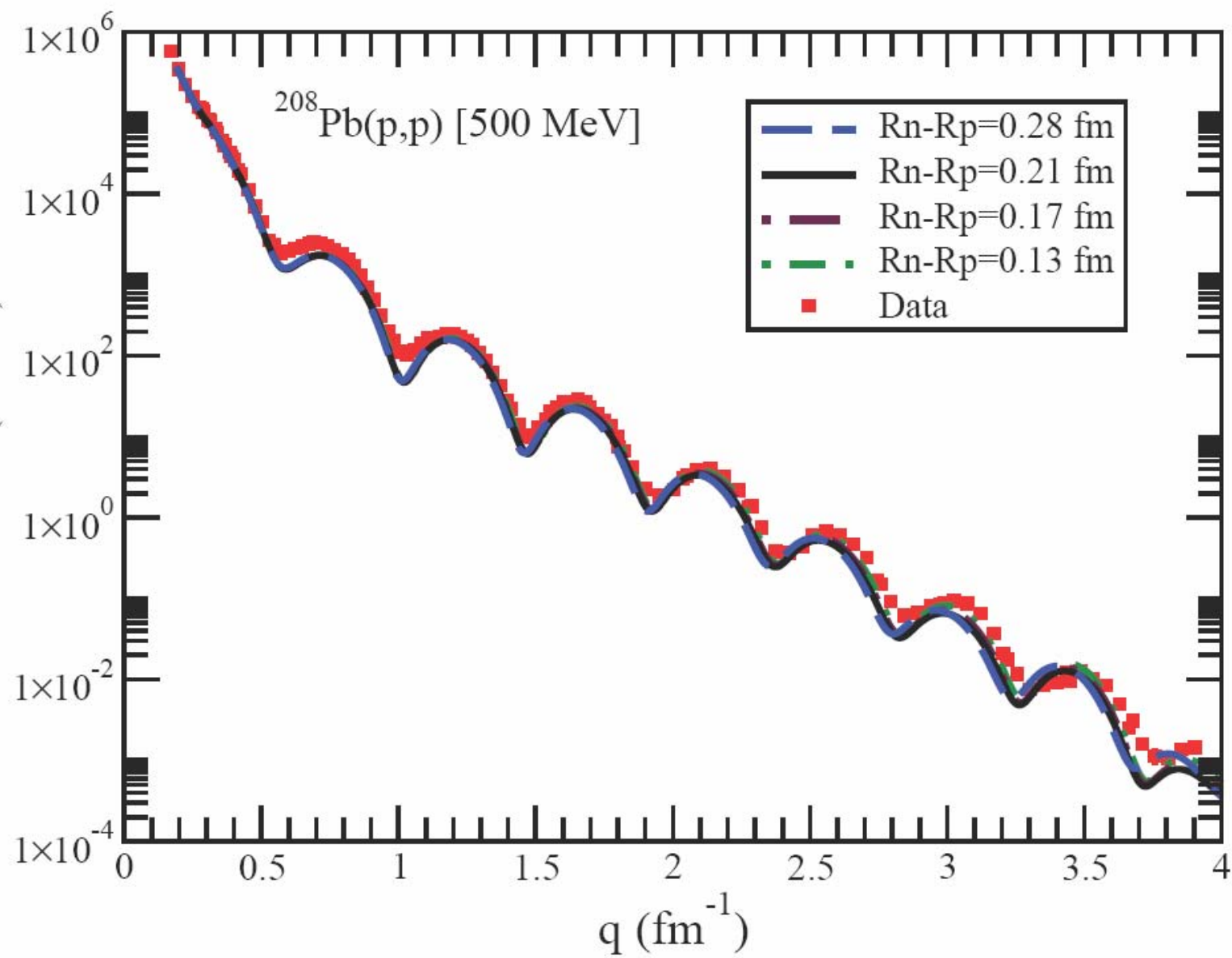
$\Delta r_{np} \sim 0.45 \text{ fm}$ 

Coherent pion photoproduction

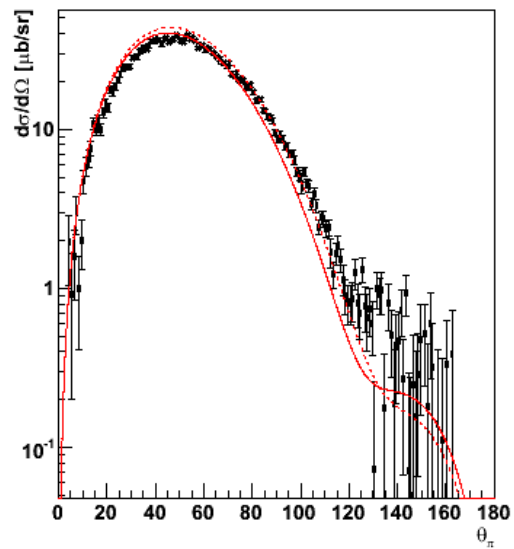
Nuclear decay photons ^{12}C



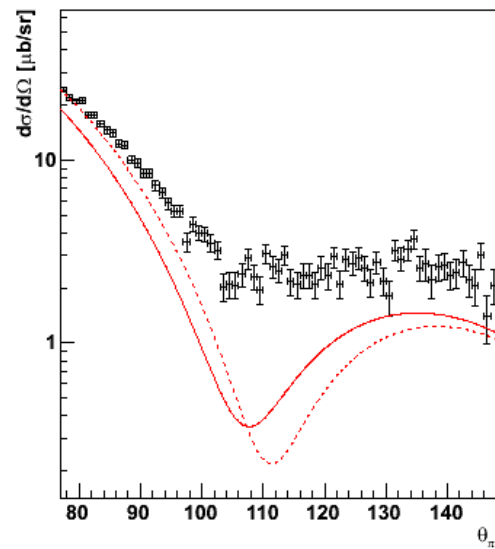
Background predominantly from split-off clusters from π^0 detection



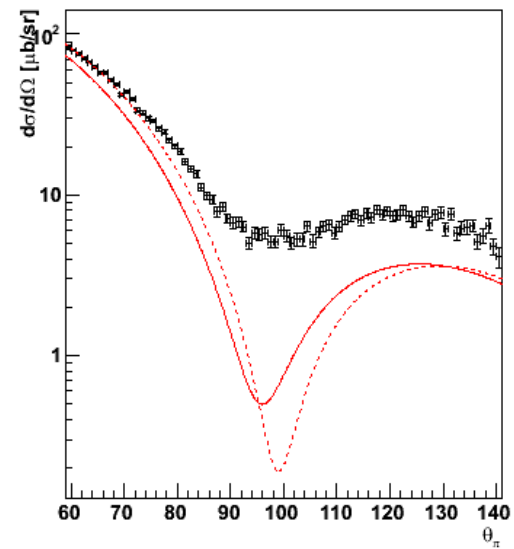
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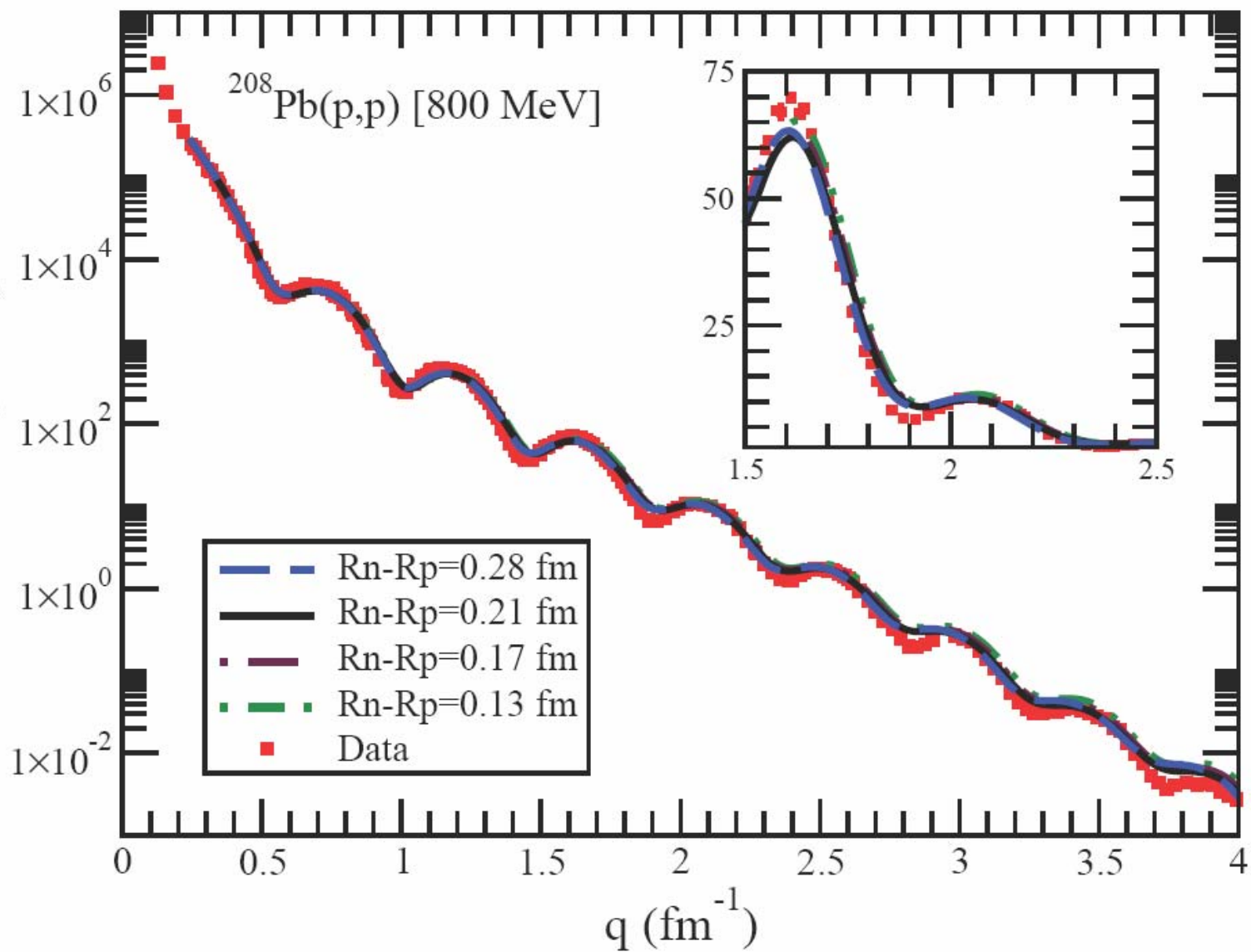


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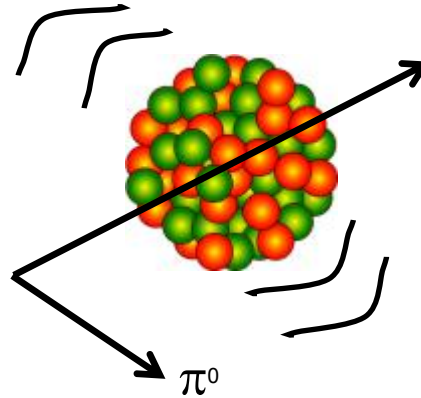
Coherent π^0 - next steps

- Plot data as function of momentum transfer (q)
- Use ratio DWIA/PWIA from theory (passed through detector acceptance)

$$d\sigma/d\Omega(\text{PWIA}) = (s/m_N^2) A^2 (q/2k_\gamma) F_2(E_\gamma^*, \theta_\pi^*)^2 |\mathbf{F}_m(\mathbf{q})|^2 \sin^2\theta_\pi^*$$

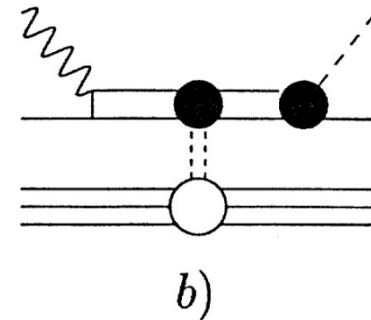
- $|\mathbf{F}_m(\mathbf{q})|^2 \rightarrow 16$ independent determinations in range $E_\gamma=150\text{-}220$ MeV
- Accuracy r_n (rms) $< 0.05\text{fm}$

Incoherent π^0 photoproduction



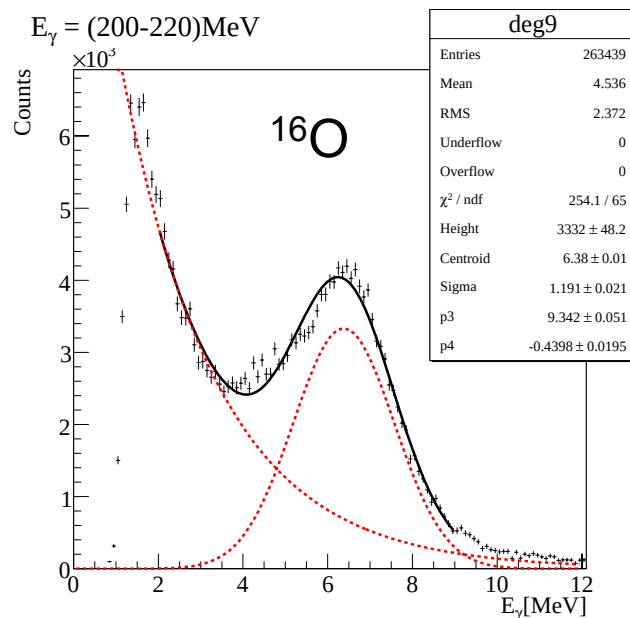
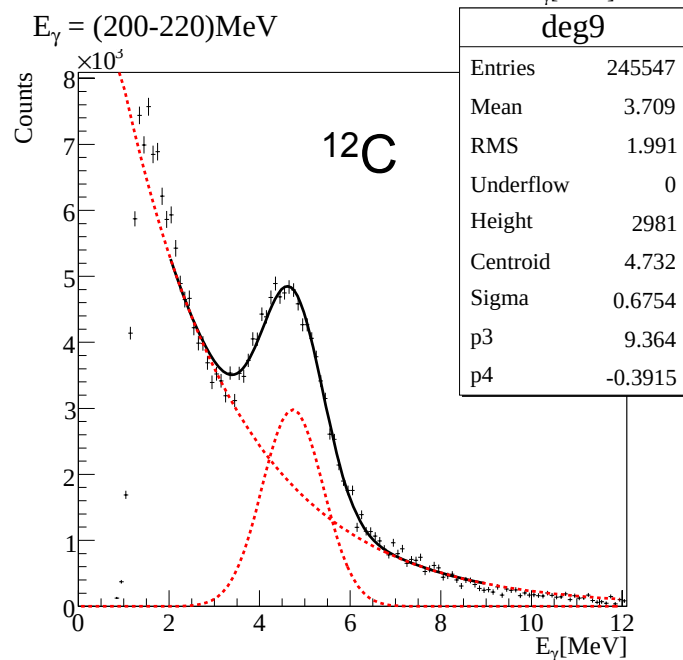
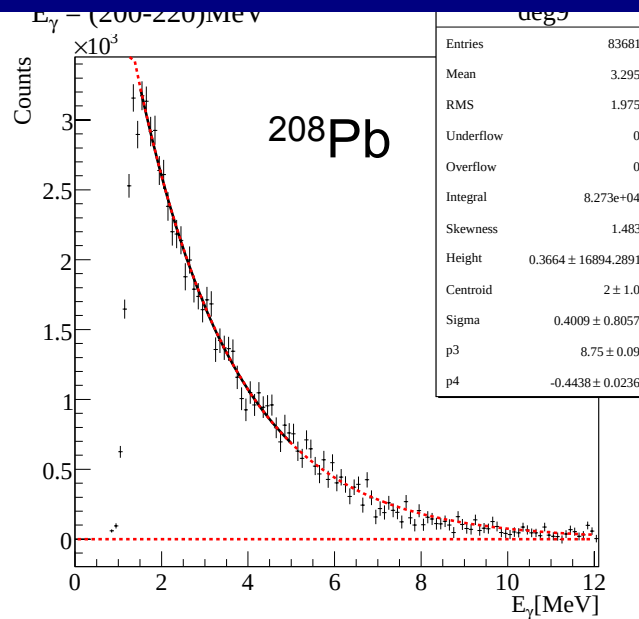
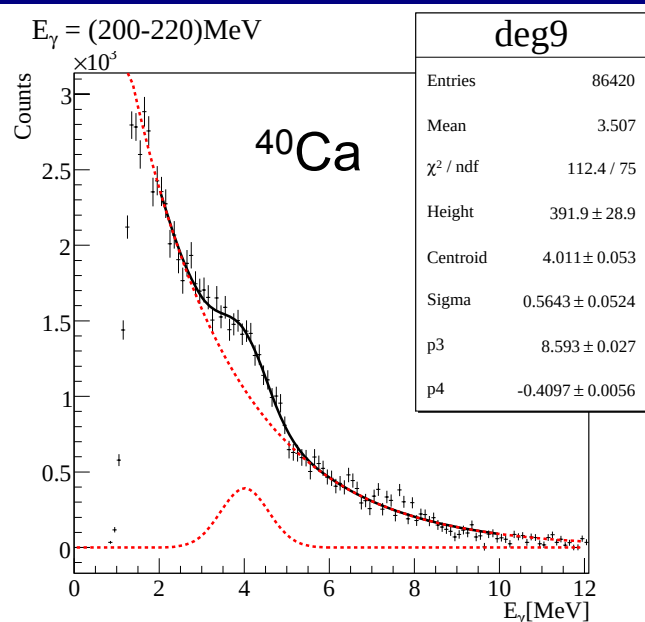
- 1) 1st measurement of transition matter form factor with an EM probe!
- 2) New precision test of the Δ -N interaction

- Cannot extract incoherent strength with attainable resolution of γ and π^0



- $\rightarrow$ Detect nuclear decay photon *in the same detector* as the π^0 decay photons

Nuclear decay photons !!



Excitation spectrum of nucleon

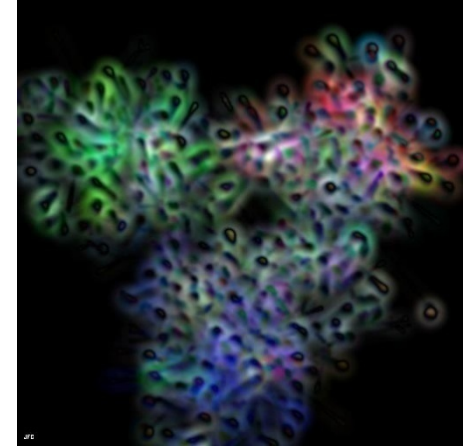
- Nucleon: 3 light quarks existing in a sea of virtual gluons and $q\bar{q}$ pairs
- Excitation spectrum $\rightarrow$ fundamental information on interactions/dynamics of constituents.
Underpins understanding of the NN force
- Predicted by various theories using different approaches)

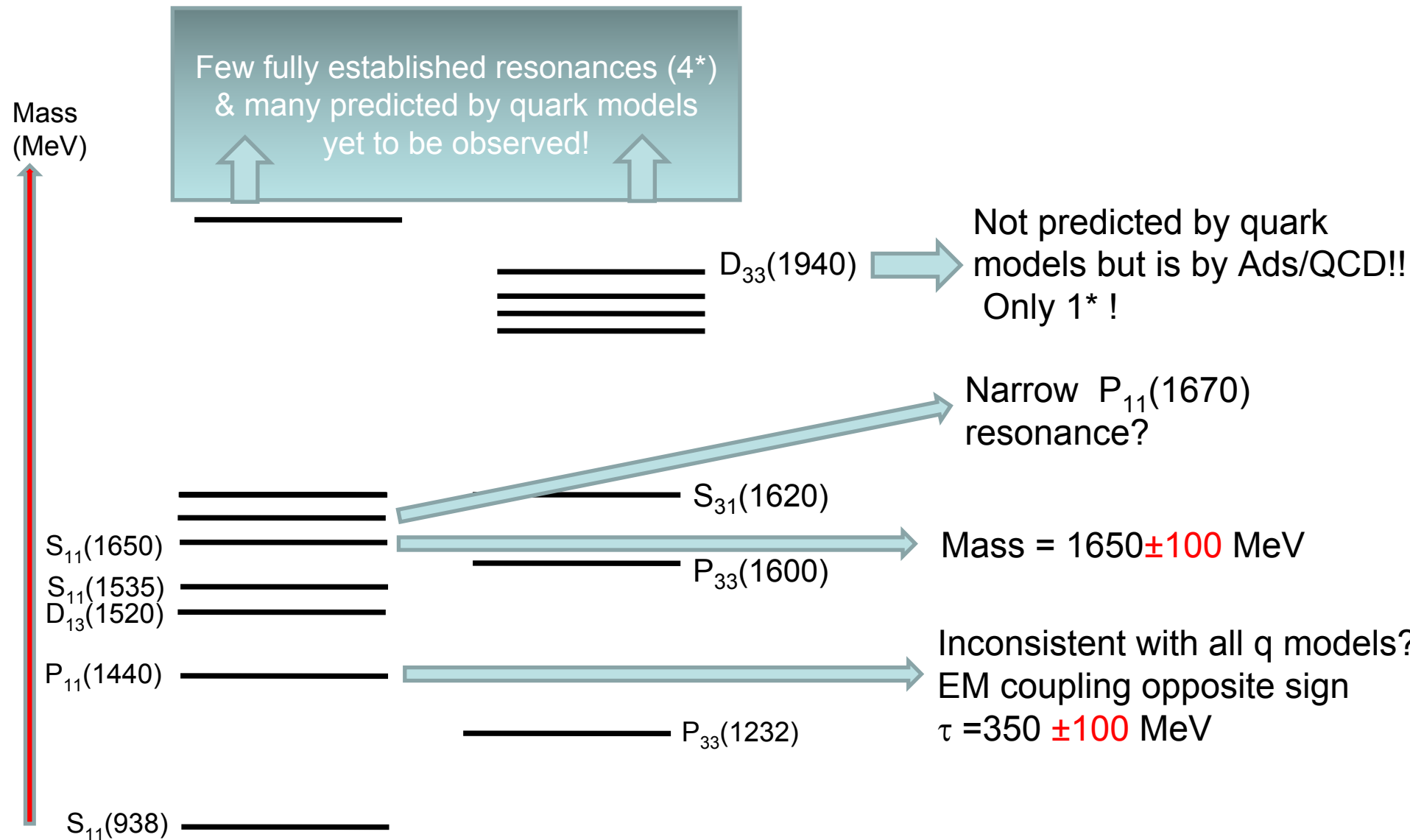
Constituent quark models (e.g. Capstick & Roberts, FSU)

Lattice QCD (fast developing) (e.g. Jefferson Lab, Morningstar)

Conformal holographic dual of QCD (e.g. Brodsky, SLAC)

- But ... Experimental determination of spectrum is poor





Polarisation observables

- σ just *one of 16 observables* in pseudo scalar meson photoproduction
- Complete measurement requires 8 well chosen observables
- Only possible with double polarisation measurements

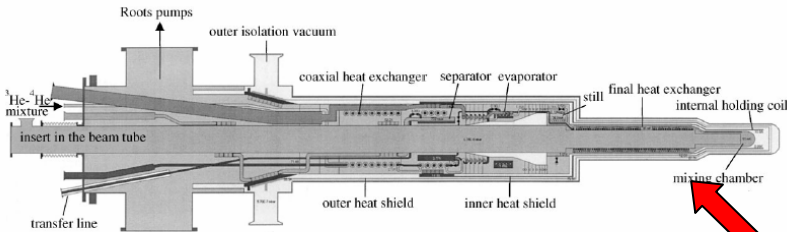
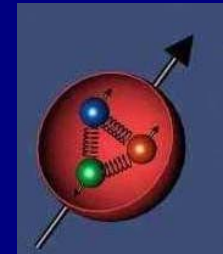
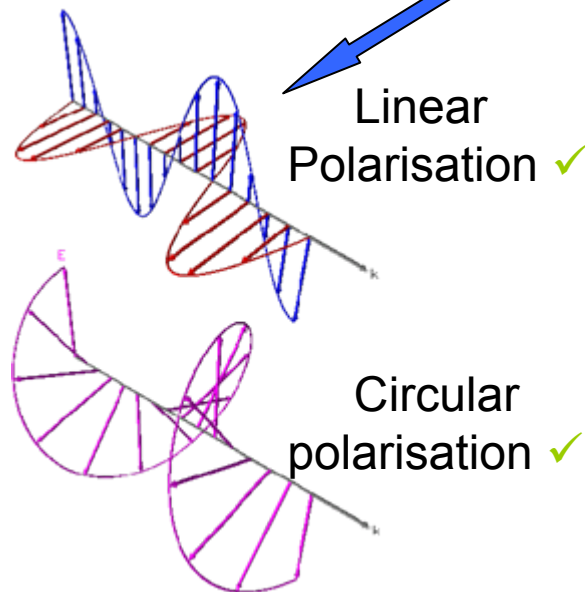
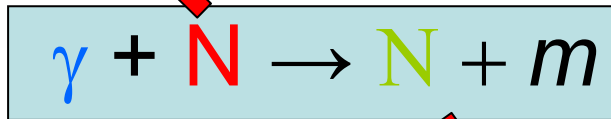


Fig. 4. Schematic diagram of the dilution refrigerator.

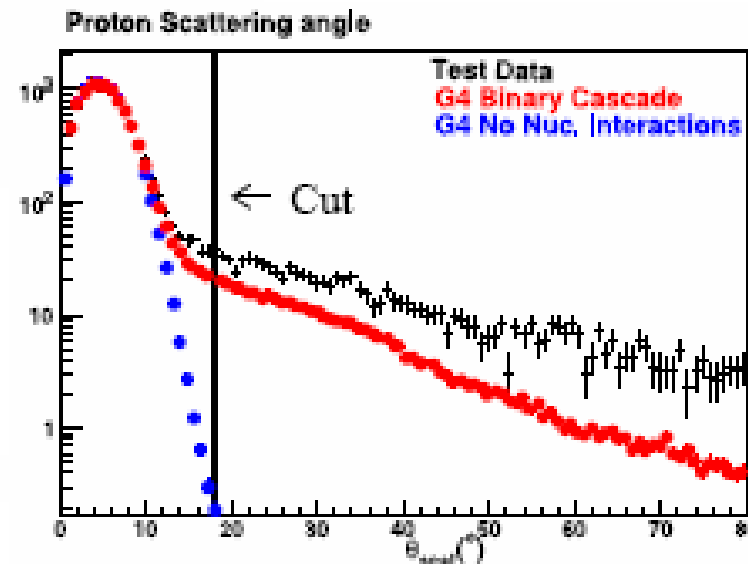
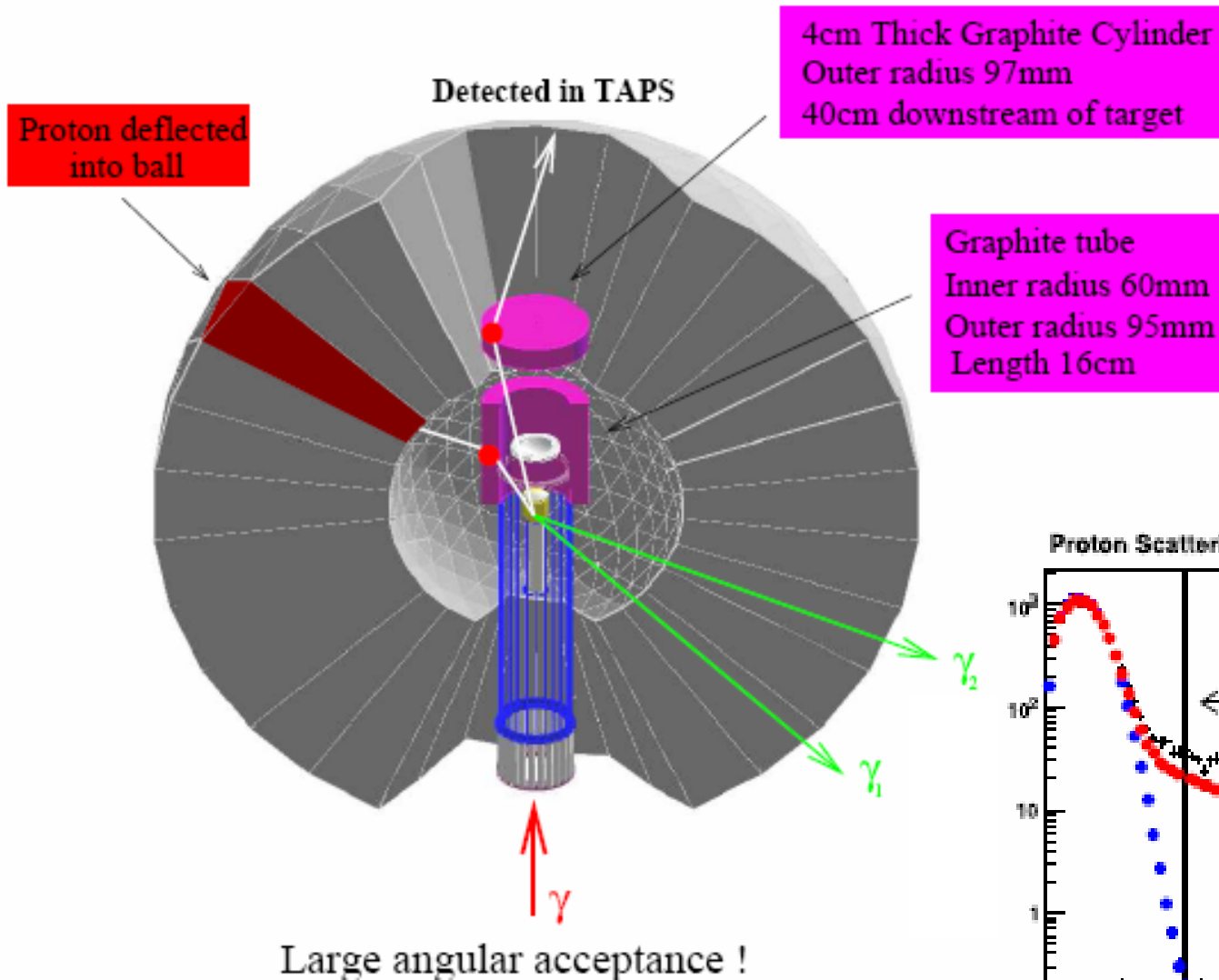
Longitudinally polarised proton target ✓
Transversely polarised ✓



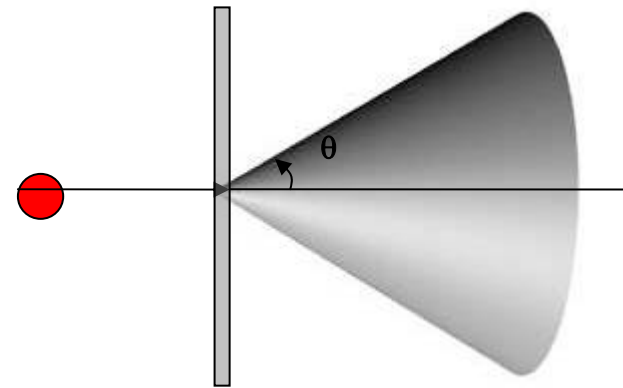
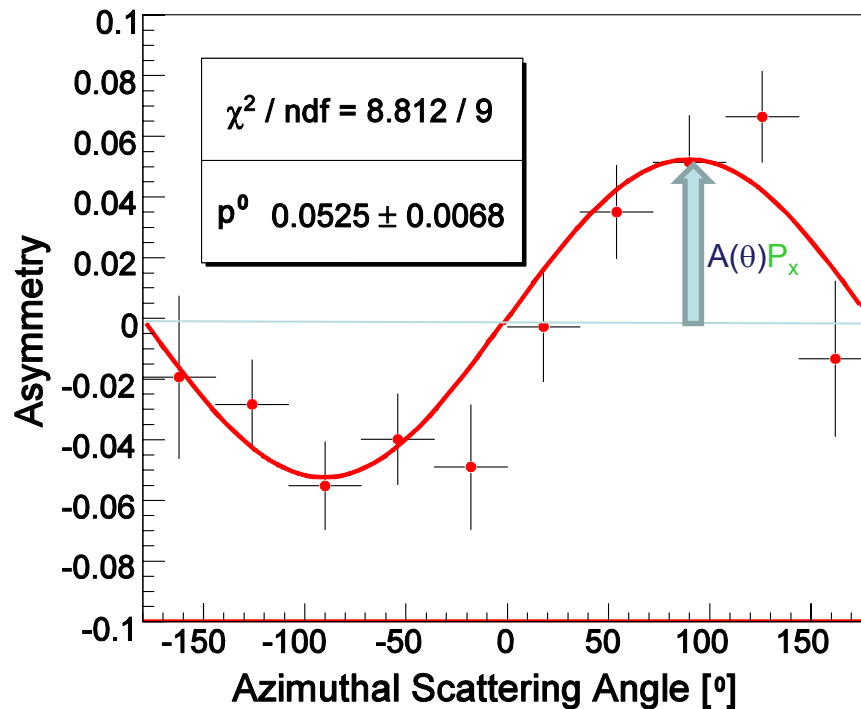
Recoil polarimeter – Provide 4 additional observables to enable the first complete measurement

Fully constrain the reaction amplitudes

The Edinburgh nucleon polarimeter – test prototype



Results from 1st test of polarimeter



$$n(\theta, \phi) = n_o(\theta) \{ 1 + A(\theta) [P_y \cos(\phi) - P_x \sin(\phi)] \}$$

Number of nucleons
scattered in the
direction θ, ϕ

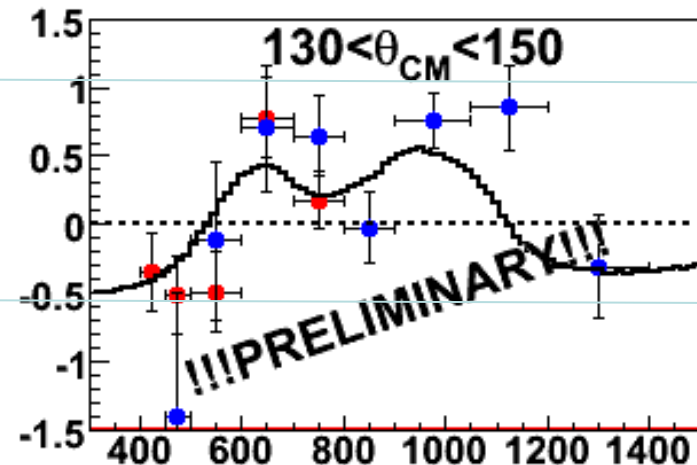
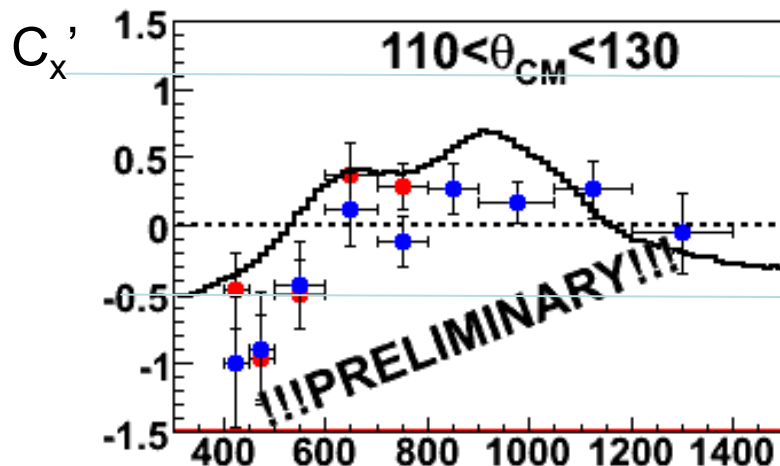
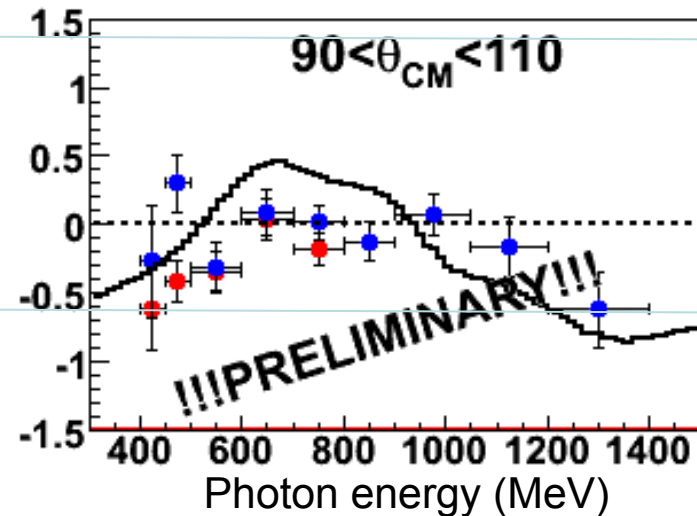
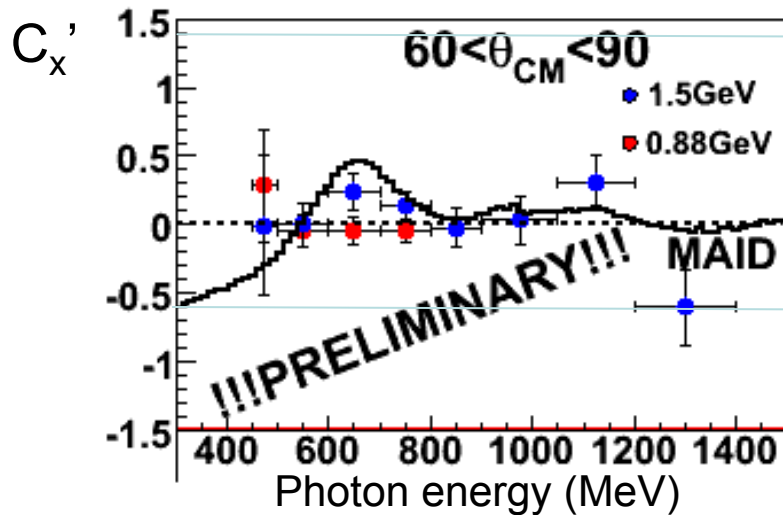
Polar angle distribution
for unpolarised nucleons

x and y (transverse) components
of nucleon polarisation

Analysing power of
scatterer

Analysis of test data – $p(\gamma, \pi^0)p$ C_x'

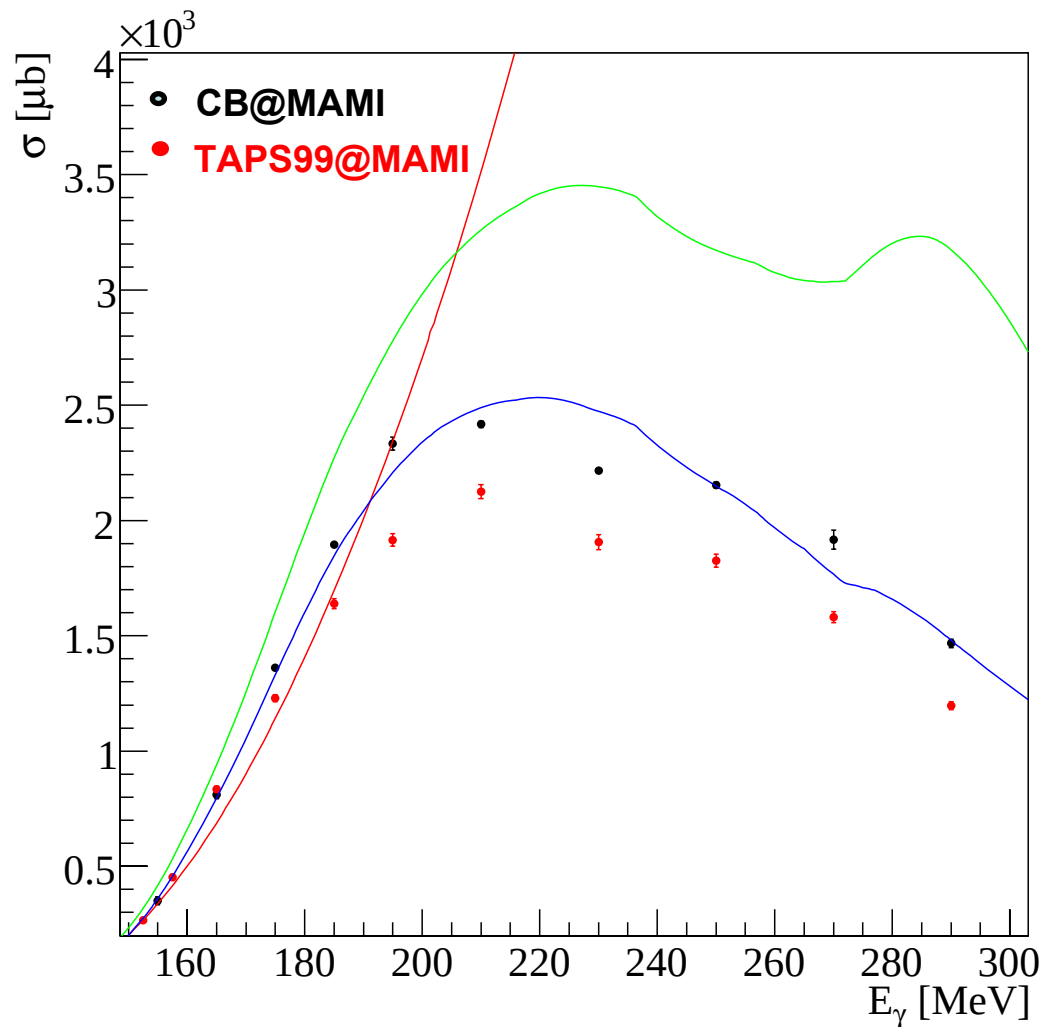
- First measurement of beam helicity transfer in resonance region
- 1000 hour production beamtime later this year



The way forward – First “Complete measurement”

Observable	γ	Polarisation of target	recoil	
1. $\{d\sigma/d\Omega\}/N$				$= b_1 ^2 + b_2 ^2 + b_3 ^2 + b_4 ^2$
Single polarization				
2. P				$= b_1 ^2 - b_2 ^2 + b_3 ^2 - b_4 ^2$
3. Σ				$= b_1 ^2 + b_2 ^2 - b_3 ^2 - b_4 ^2$
4. T				$= b_1 ^2 - b_2 ^2 - b_3 ^2 + b_4 ^2$
Double polarization				
Beam-target				
5. E				$= 2 \operatorname{Re}(b_1 b_3^* + b_2 b_4^*)$
6. F				$= 2 \operatorname{Im}(b_1 b_3^* - b_2 b_4^*)$
7. G				$= 2 \operatorname{Im}(b_1 b_3^* + b_2 b_4^*)$
8. H				$= -2 \operatorname{Re}(b_1 b_3^* + b_2 b_4^*)$
Beam-recoil				
9. C_x				$= -2 \operatorname{Im}(b_1 b_4^* - b_2 b_3^*)$
10. C_y				$= 2 \operatorname{Re}(b_1 b_4^* + b_2 b_3^*)$
11. O_x				$= 2 \operatorname{Re}(b_1 b_4^* - b_2 b_3^*)$
12. O_z				$= 2 \operatorname{Im}(b_1 b_4^* + b_2 b_3^*)$
Target-recoil				
13. T_x				$= 2 \operatorname{Re}(b_1 b_2^* - b_3 b_4^*)$
14. T_z				$= 2 \operatorname{Im}(b_1 b_2^* - b_3 b_4^*)$
15. L_x				$= -2 \operatorname{Im}(b_1 b_2^* + b_3 b_4^*)$
16. L_z				$= 2 \operatorname{Re}(b_1 b_2^* + b_3 b_4^*)$

^{208}Pb : Total coherent cross sections



— PWIA
— DWIA
— DWIA+ Δ self energy.

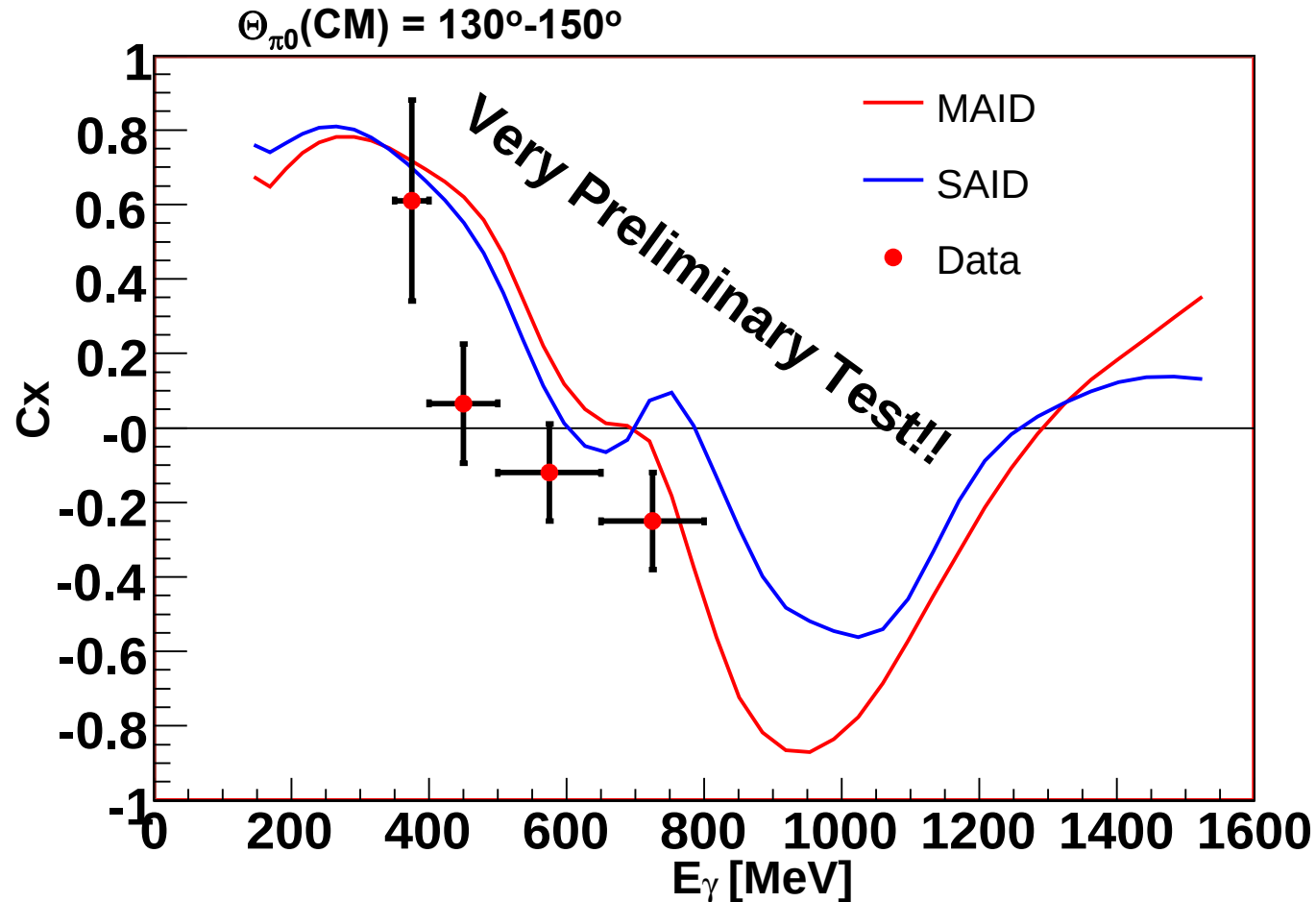
Theoretical prediction

Dreschel, Tiator, Kamalov
& Yang - NPA 660 (1999)

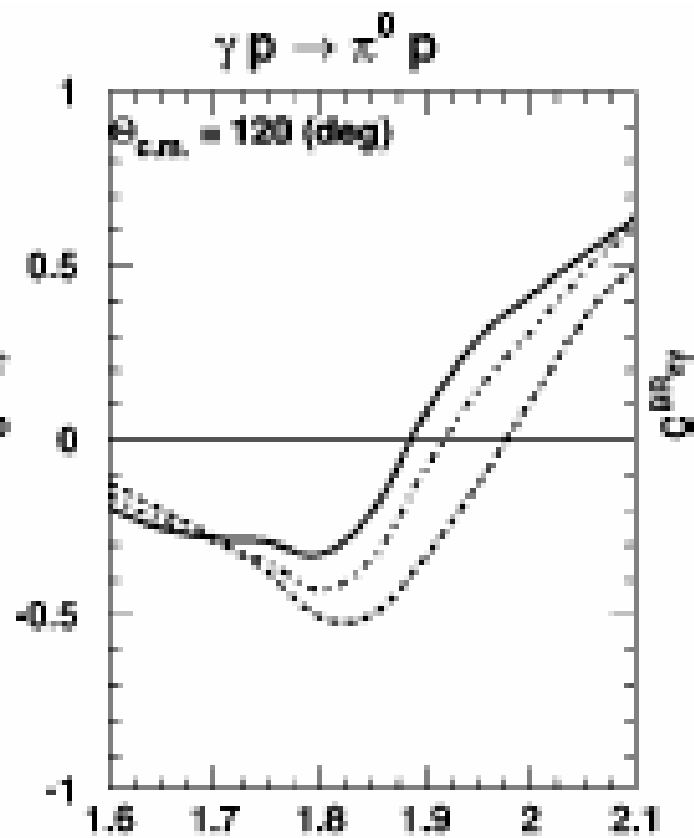
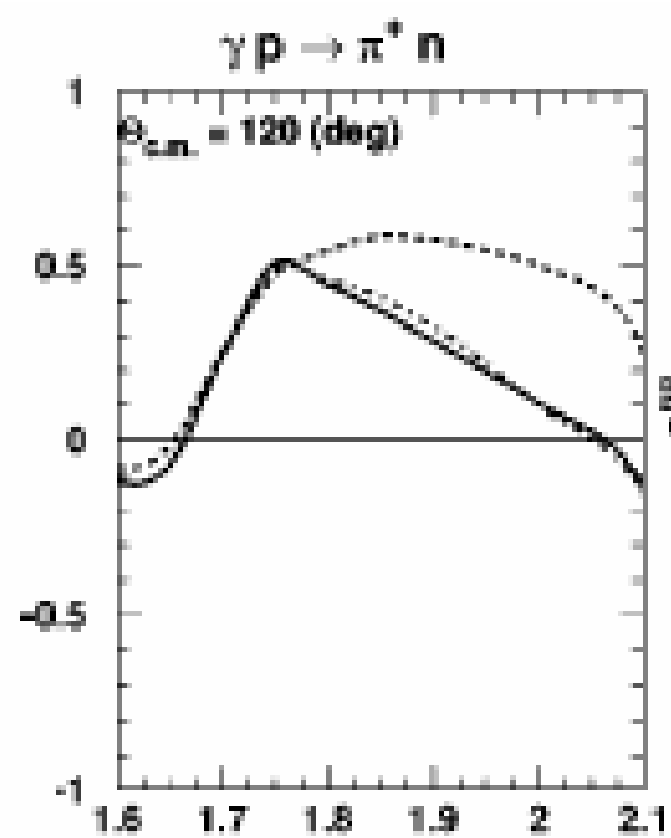
π^0 production amplitude
from Unitary Isobar Model

π^0 interaction treated with
momentum space optical
potential supplemented with
 Δ self-energy

Preliminary (!!) extraction of C_x in $p(\gamma, \pi^0)p$



- C_x – Polarisation transfer from helicity polarised beam to recoil N
- 1000 hour beamtime scheduled in 2007 !!

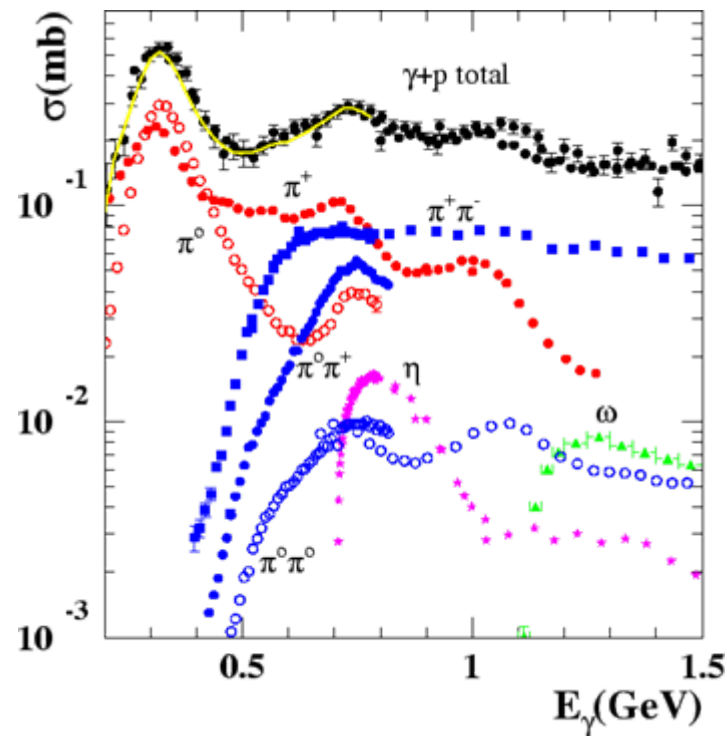
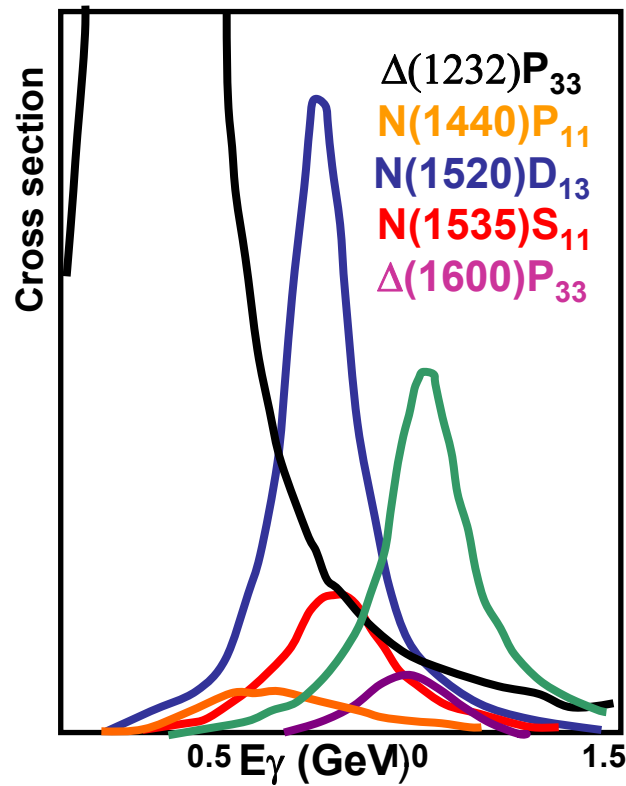
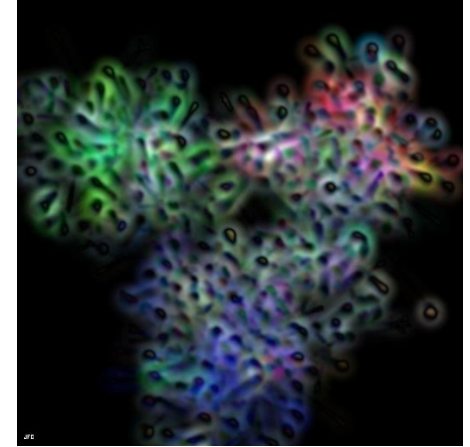


Excitation spectrum of nucleon

- Primary motivation of the new EM beam facilities
→ better establish the nucleon excitation spectrum
- Meson photoproduction reactions on nucleon targets



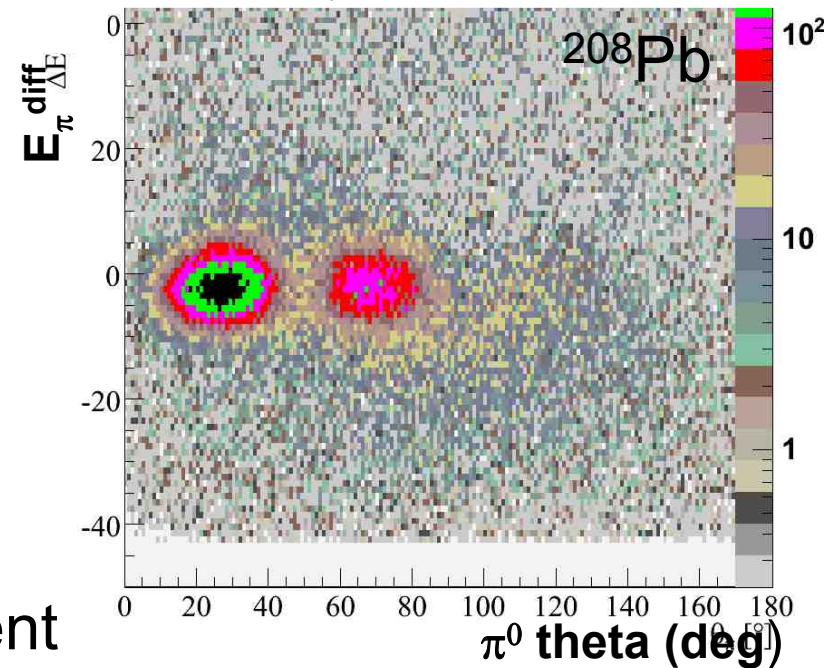
- τ small $\rightarrow$ resonances are broad ($\Delta E \Delta \tau \sim \hbar$)



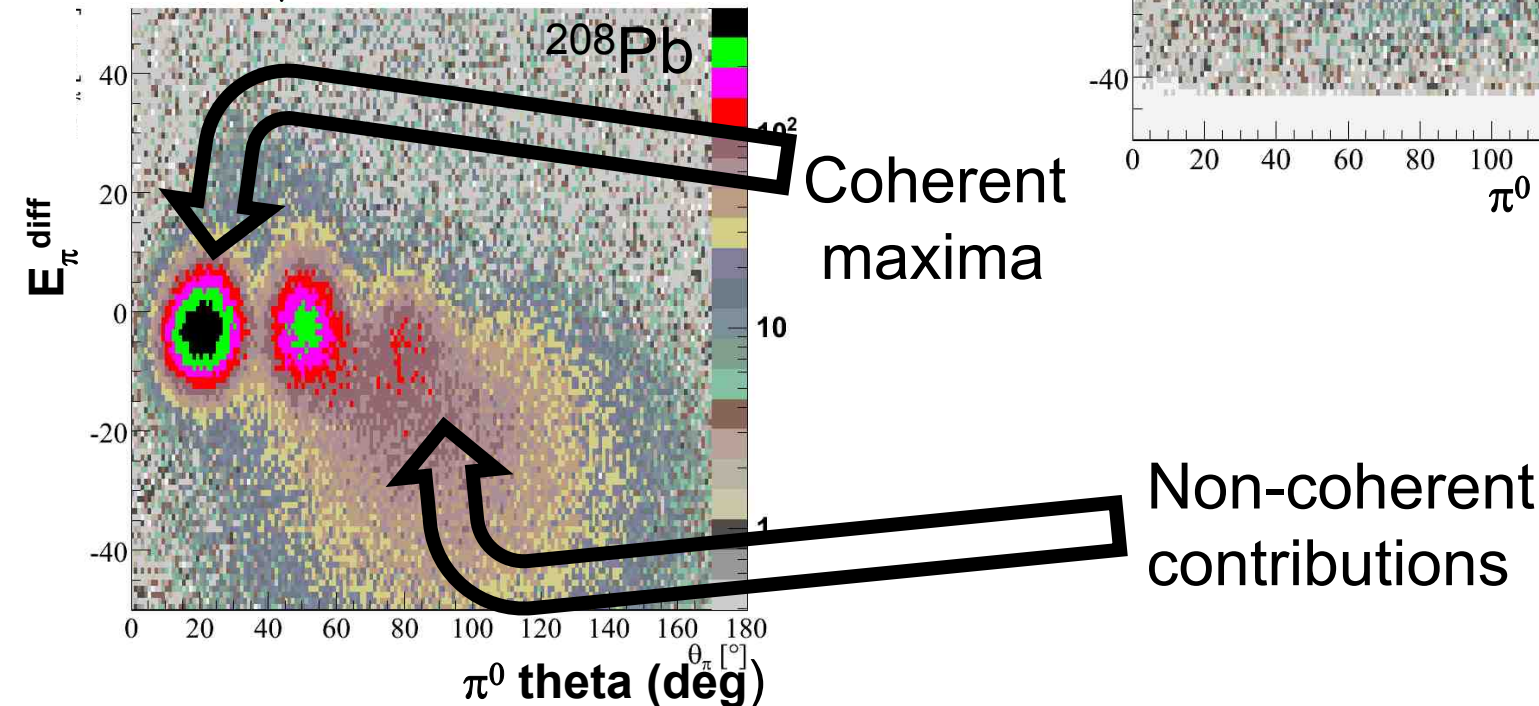
Coherent pion photoproduction - analysis

$$E_{\pi}^{\text{diff}} = E_{\pi}^{\text{measured}} - E_{\pi}^{\text{calc}}$$

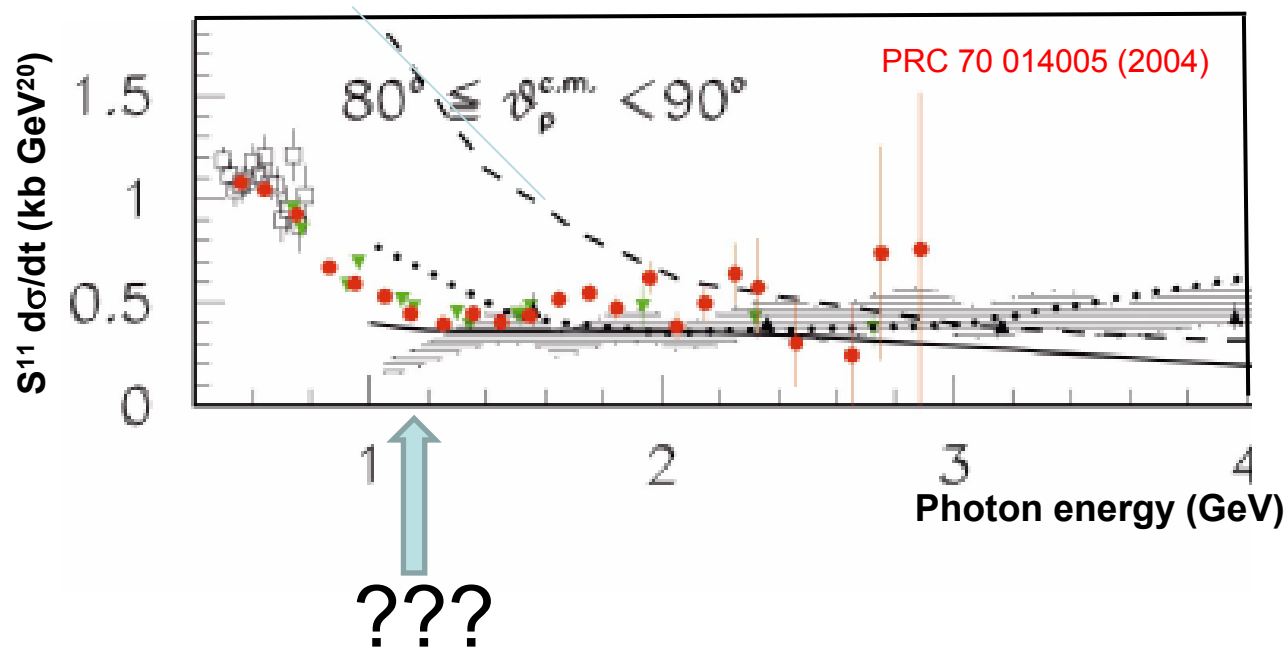
$E_{\gamma} = 175 \pm 5$ MeV



$E_{\gamma} = 210 \pm 10$ MeV



Onset of quark degrees of freedom in the Deuteron



- pQCD quark prediction: σ will scale with $s^{-11} \rightarrow D(\gamma, pn)$ at 1 GeV ??
- More sensitivity $\rightarrow$ Polarisation transfer ($=0$ for pQCD - hadron helicity conservation)
- Edinburgh polarimeter - first measurement through “transition”
- Also test new generation of baryon-meson models, quark gluon string models ...

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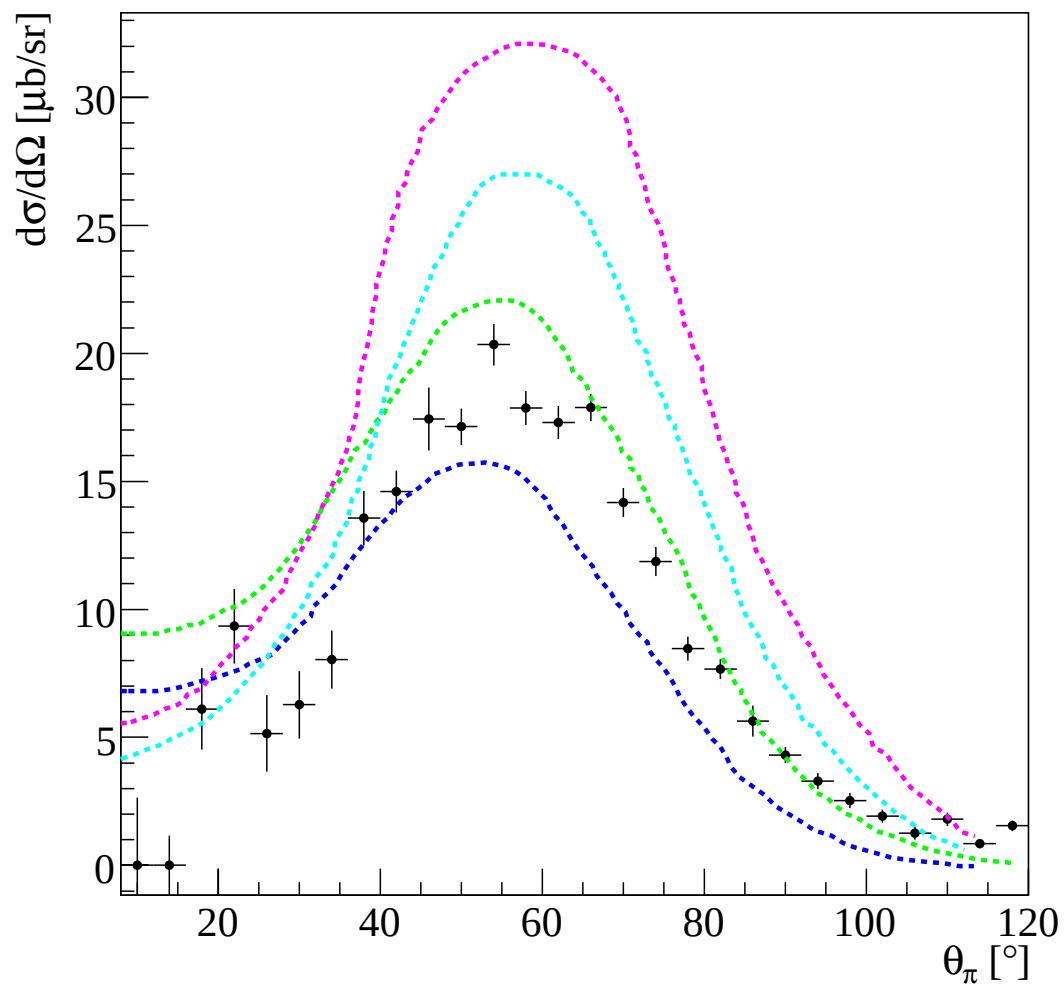
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$$E_\gamma = (280-300)\text{MeV}$$



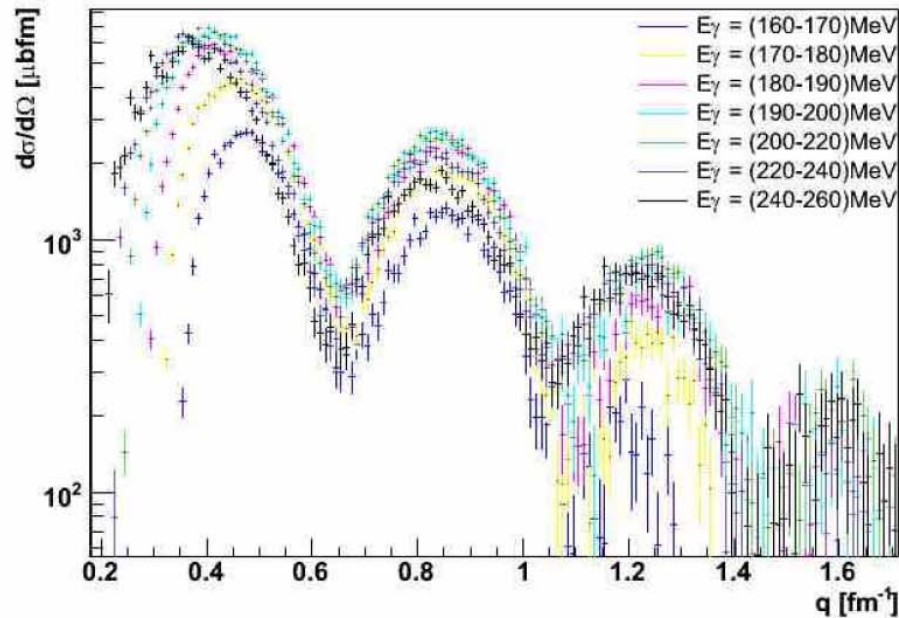
DWIA

+ Many body production operator

+ Intermediate coh. pi production

+ ΔN interaction

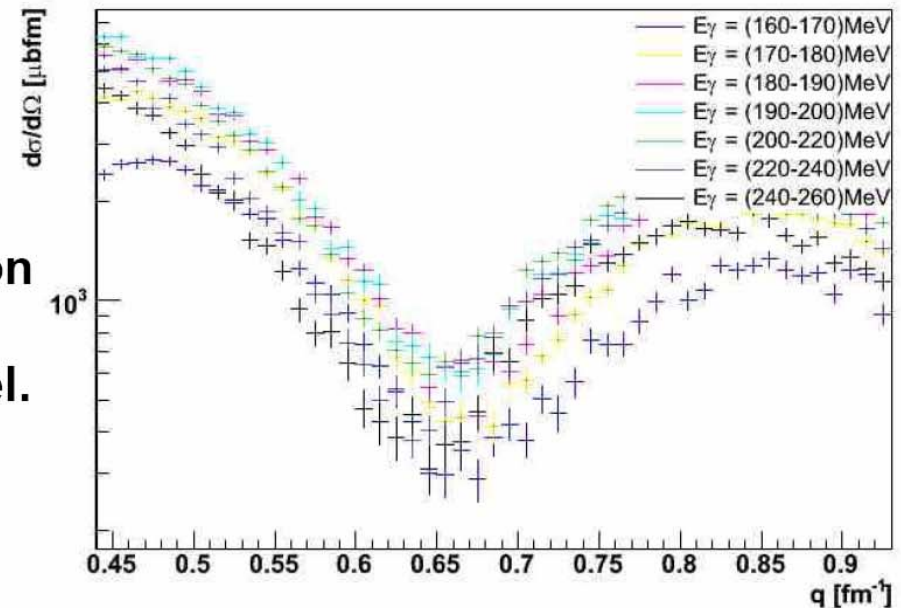
^{208}Pb : Momentum transfer distributions



Without FSI cross section could be described by PWIA.

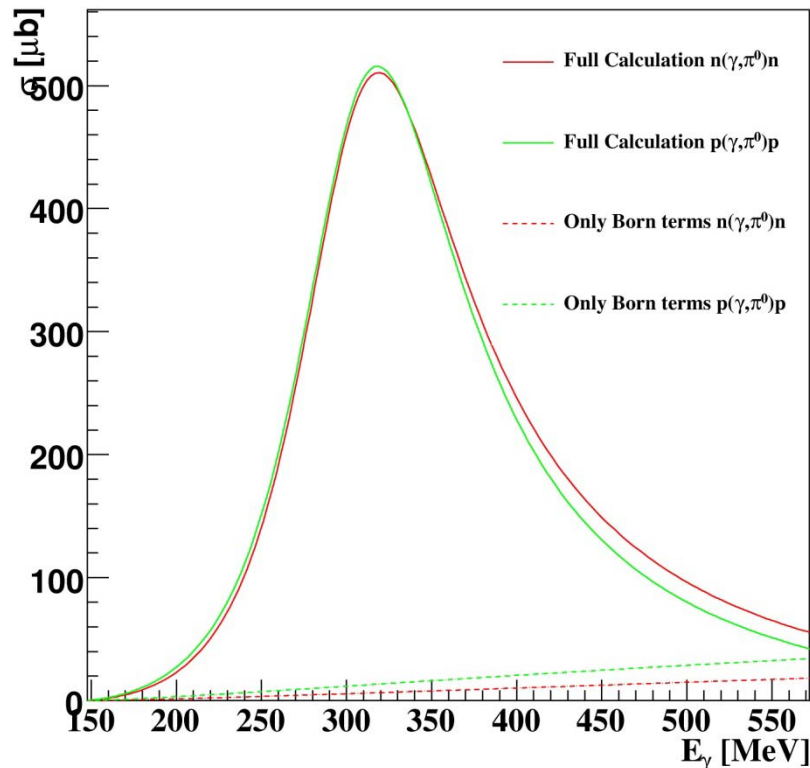
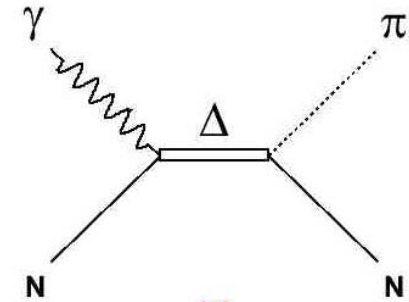
FSI has effect of:

1. Changing momentum of outgoing pion as it leaves the nucleus (shift in q).
2. Loss of strength with another channel.



π^0 photoproduction - amplitude

- Basic production amplitude $\sim$ equal for protons and neutrons
- Dominated by $\Delta(1232)$ production



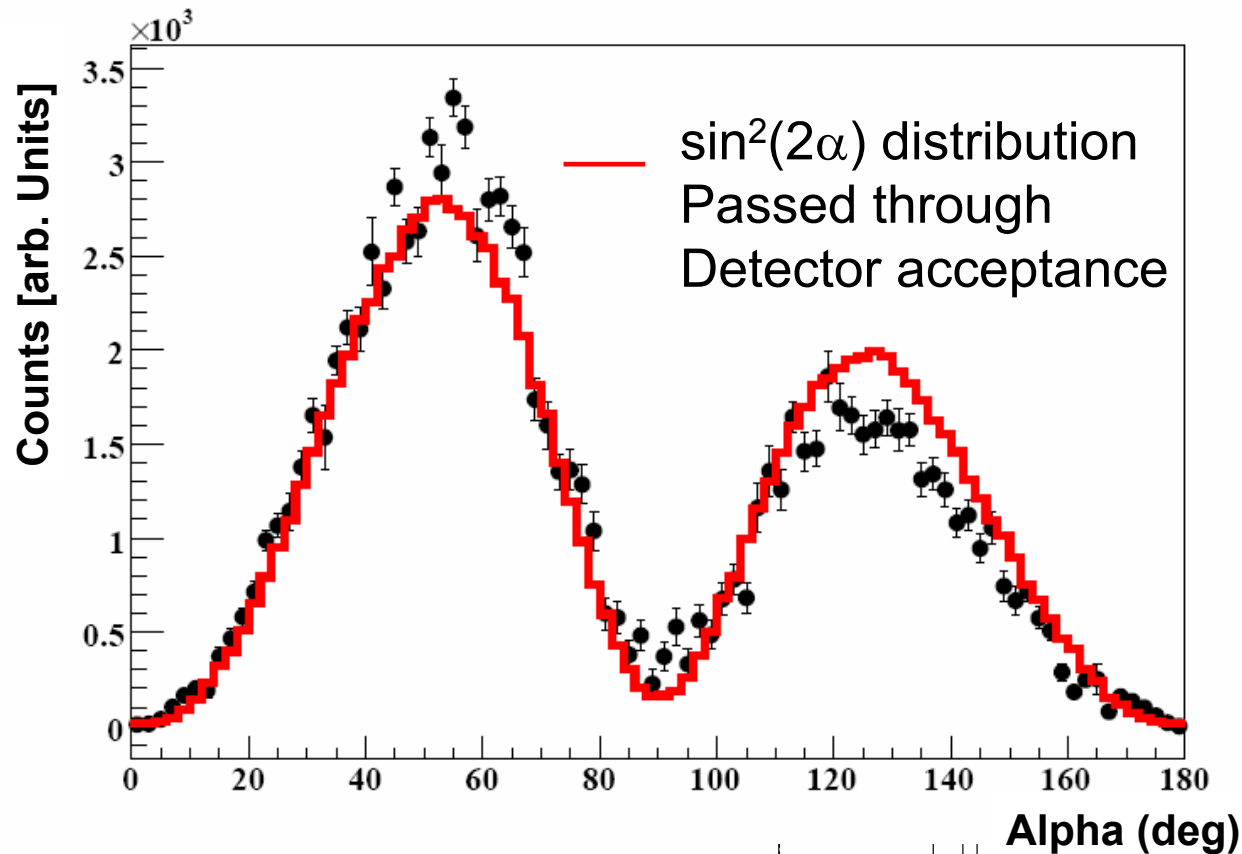
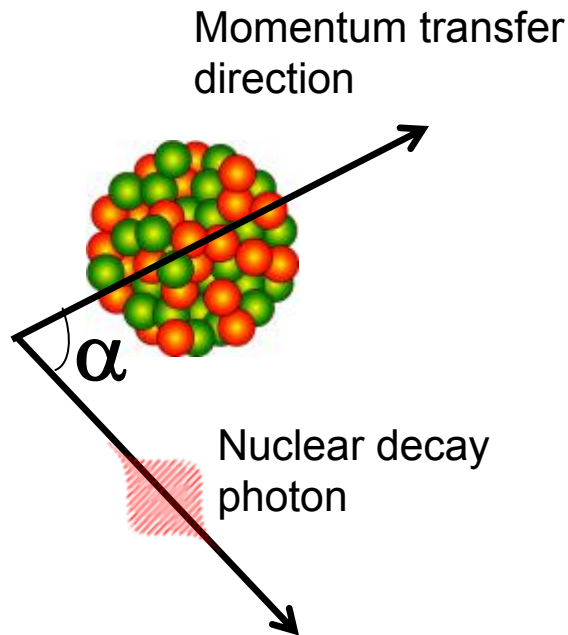
Isospin structure of amplitude

$$A(\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 p) = \sqrt{2/3} A^{V3} + \sqrt{1/3} (A^{V1} - A^{IS})$$

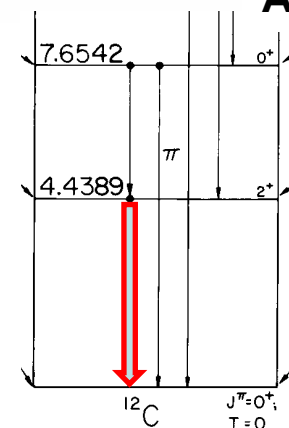
$$A(\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^0 n) = \sqrt{2/3} A^{V3} + \sqrt{1/3} (A^{V1} + A^{IS})$$

Δ has $I=3/2$ -- A^{V3} only

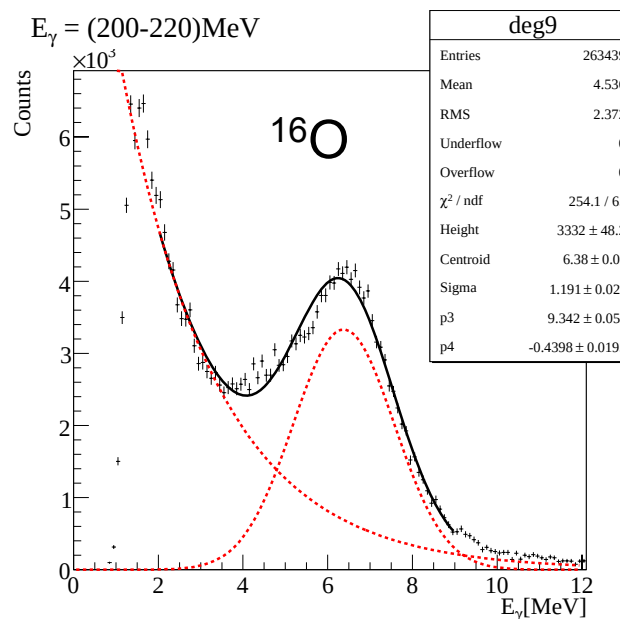
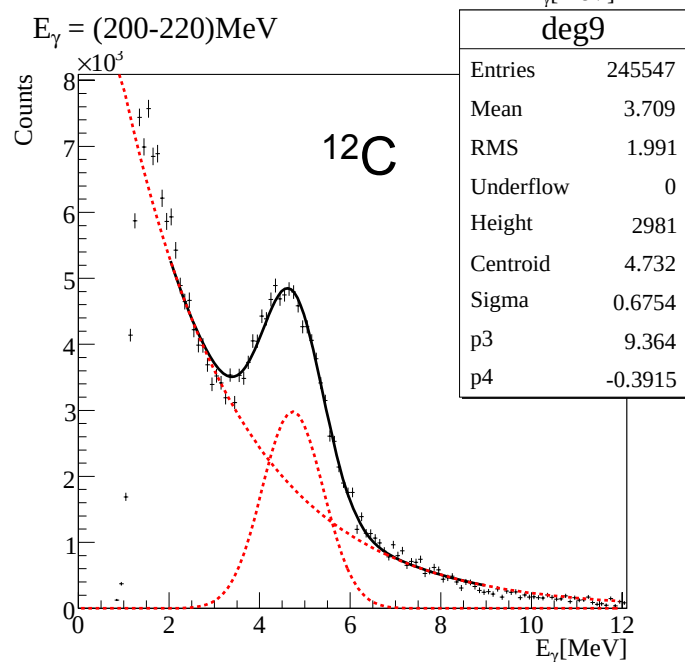
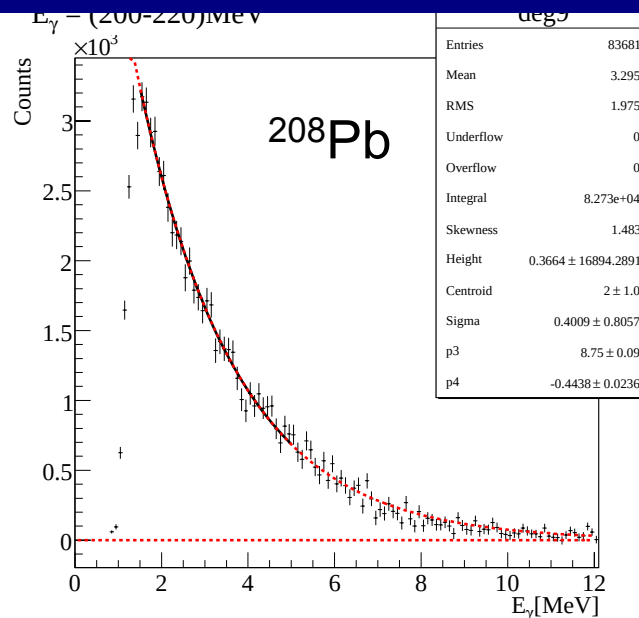
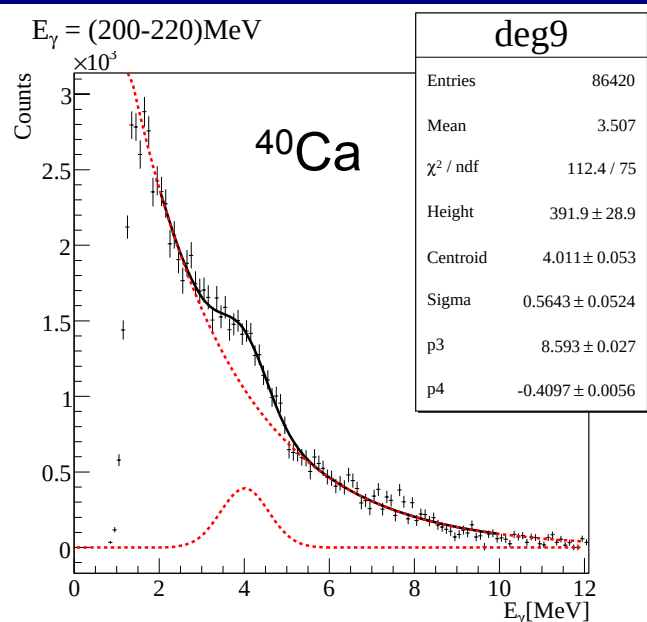
Alignment of recoiling ^{12}C nucleus



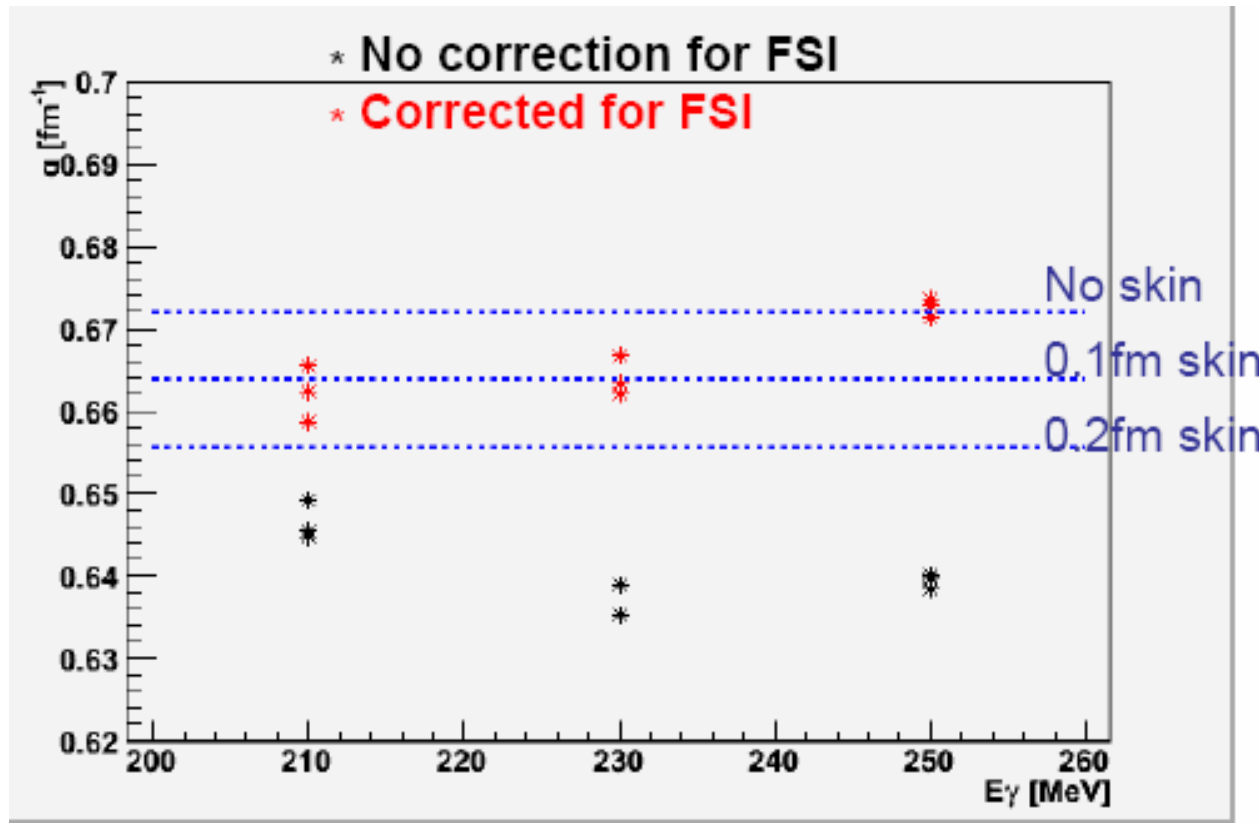
- Strong $\sin^2(2\alpha)$ distribution for 4.4 MeV photons
- 2^+ to 0^+ transition from aligned residual nucleus
- Degree of alignment - new experimental observable!!



Nuclear decay photons in the Crystal Ball !!

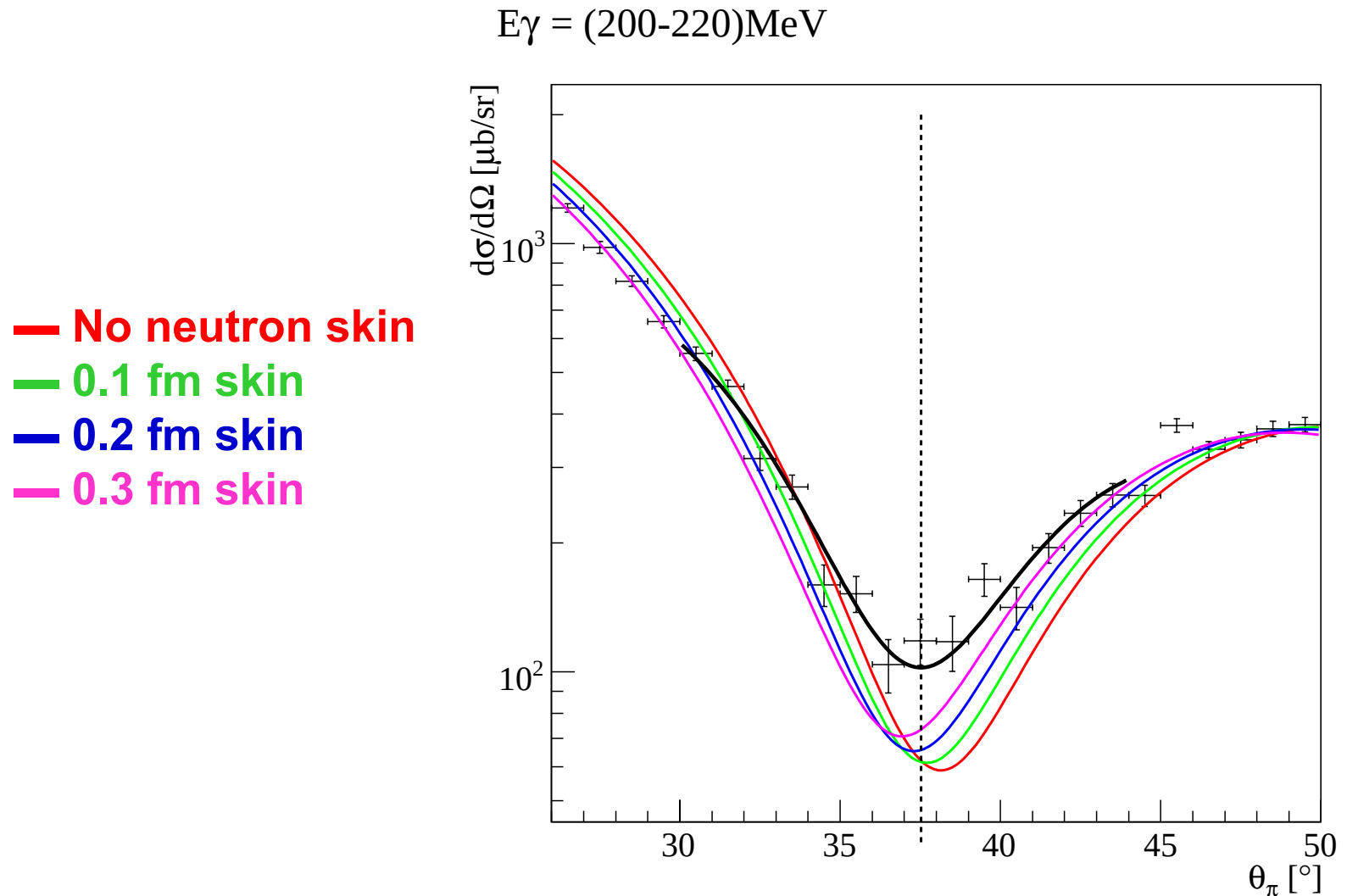


^{208}Pb neutron skin – preliminary assessment



- See effects of a neutron skin of 0.1-0.15 fm !! (preliminary)
- More detailed analysis in progress to reduce and assess systematics
- Future measurement - skin development across isotopic chain?

^{208}Pb : Preliminary evaluation of Neutron skin effects

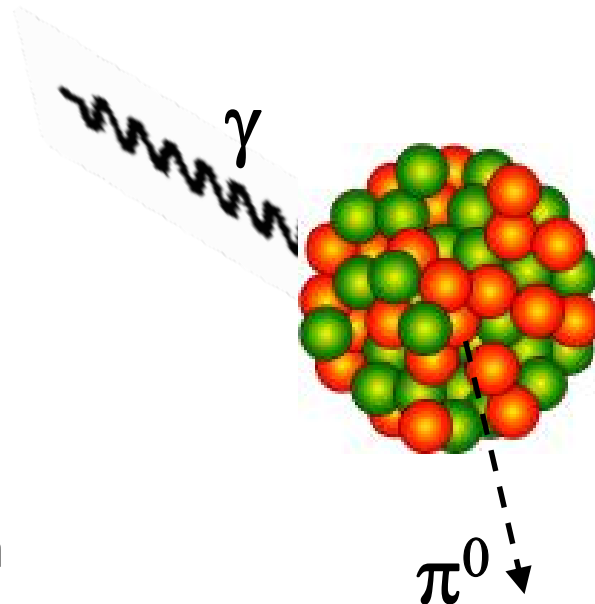


π^0 photoproduction as a nuclear probe

- Gives information on the matter distribution **with EM probe**
- π^0 production $\sim$ identical probability from protons & neutrons

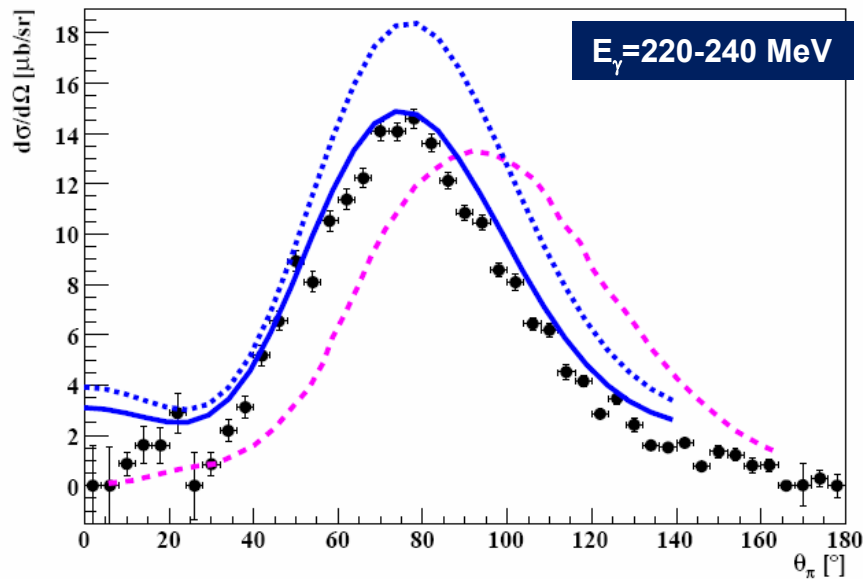
Access **matter form factor**
and **matter transition form factors**

Precision test of our
understanding of the
 Δ -nucleon interaction



Test specific aspects
of the pion production
amplitude

Transition matter form factors

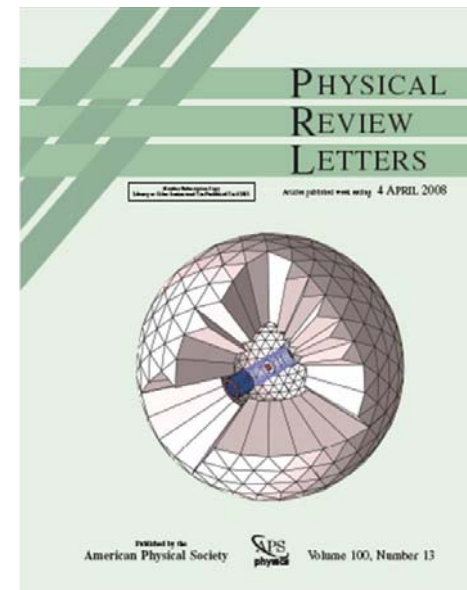
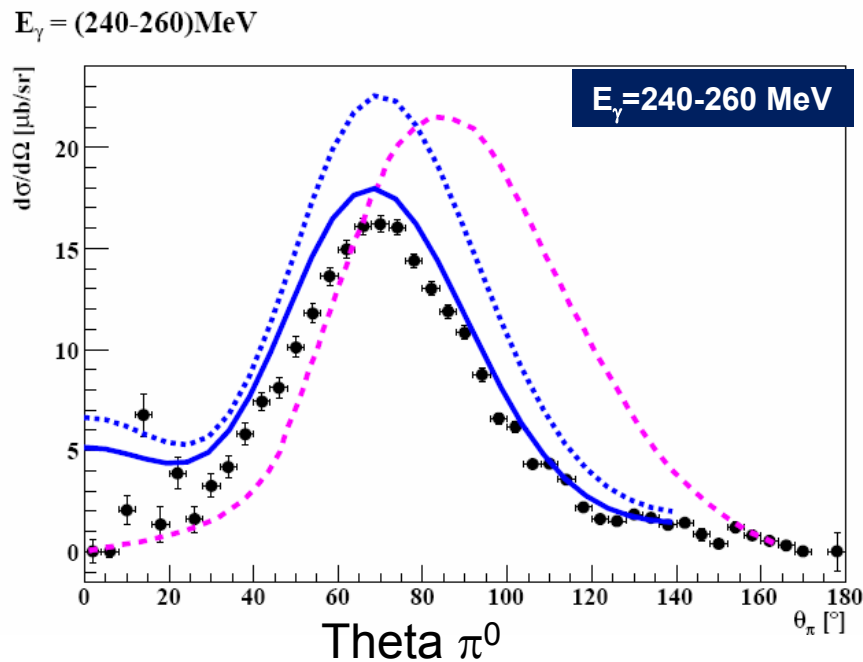


Takaki Δ -hole model (NPA 443 p570 (1985))

— Full calculation

--- Without Δ -N interaction

— Tryasuchev (Phs At. Nuc. 70 827 (2007))

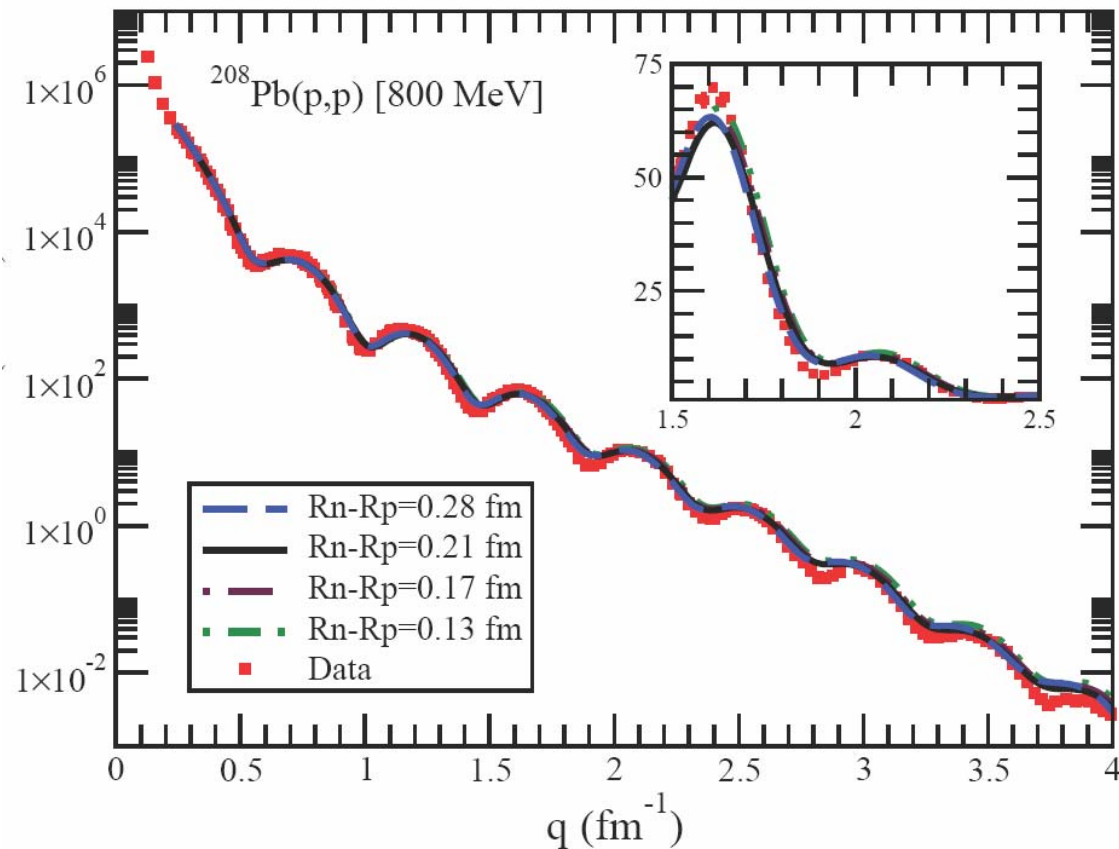


CM Tarbert, DP Watts et. al., Phys. Rev. Lett (2008)

Coherent π^0 analysis - next steps

- “Model independent” extraction of matter form factor as done for elastic electron scattering
- Parameterise $\rho(r)$ - sum of bessel functions
- Fit theoretical predictions to data to extract coefficients
- Active collaboration with people involved in charge distribution measurements

Why is neutron radius hard to establish?



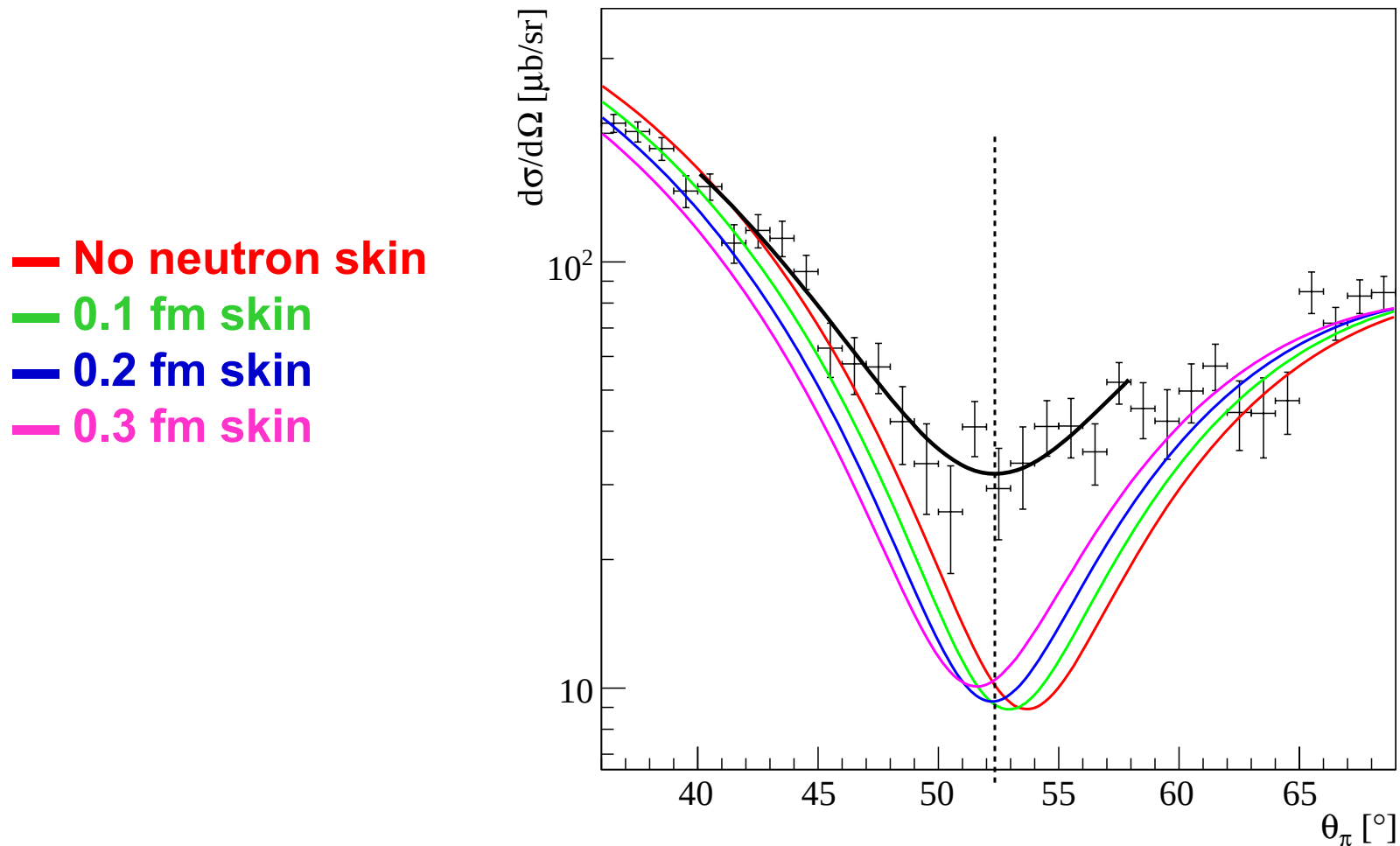
“Insensitivity of the elastic proton–nucleus reaction to the neutron radius of ^{208}Pb ”

Piekarewicz and Pieper
NPA 778 10 (2006)

Maybe mention antiproton stuff?

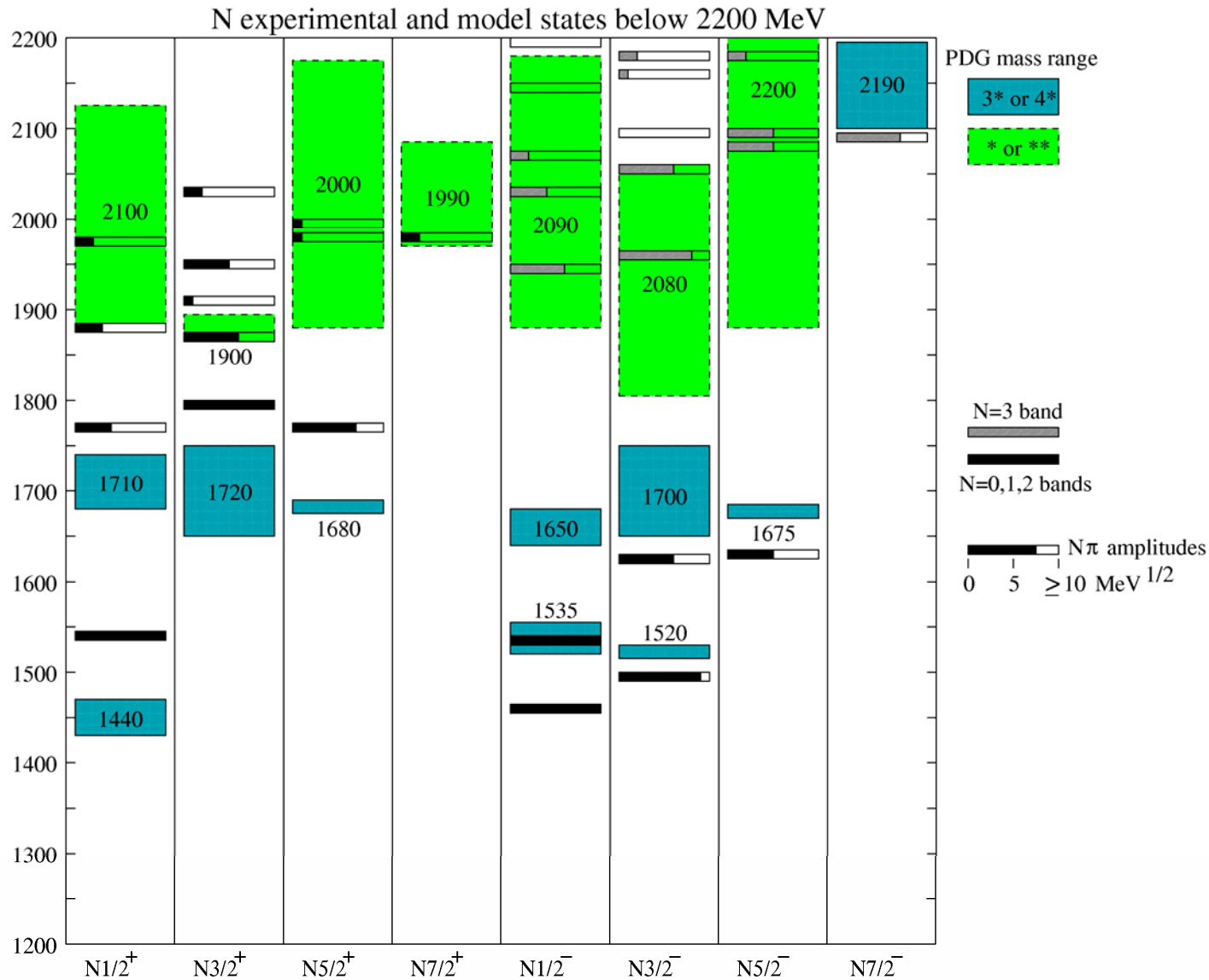
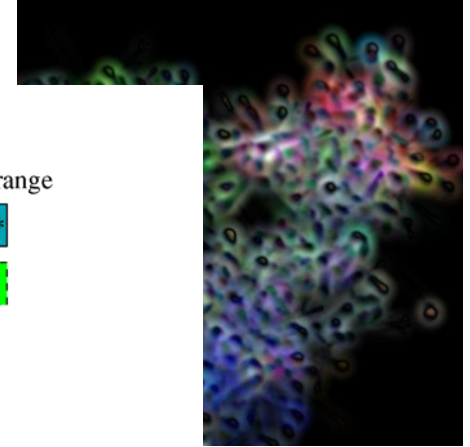
^{208}Pb : Preliminary evaluation of Neutron skin effects

$E_\gamma = (160-170)\text{MeV}$

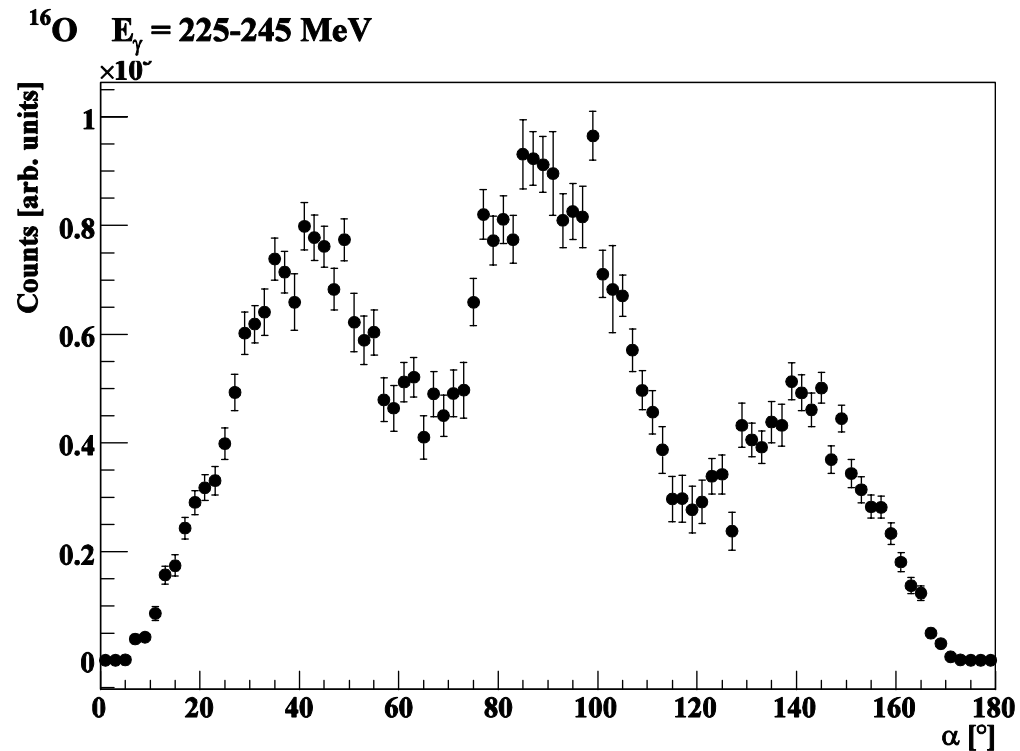
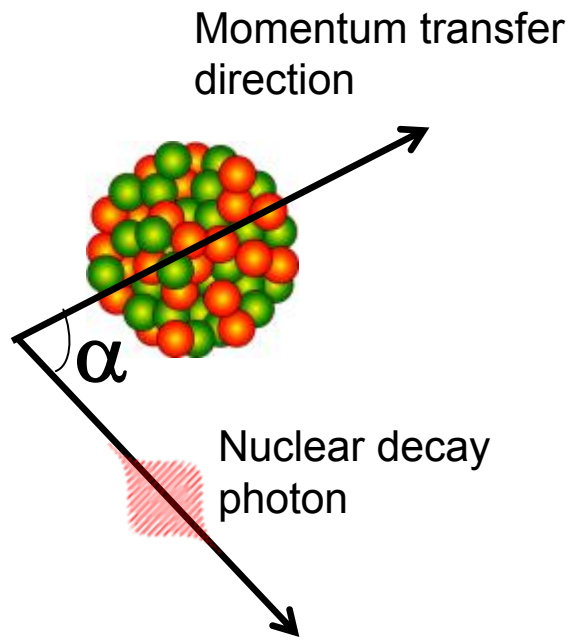


Excitation spectrum of nucleon

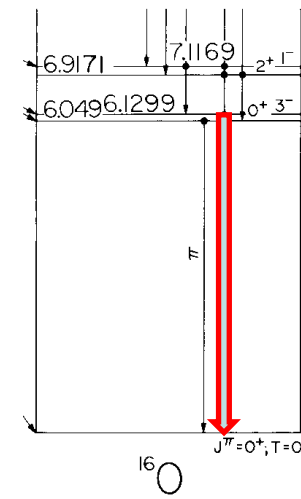
- Structure of nucleon fundamental – gives important information on nature of quark confinement

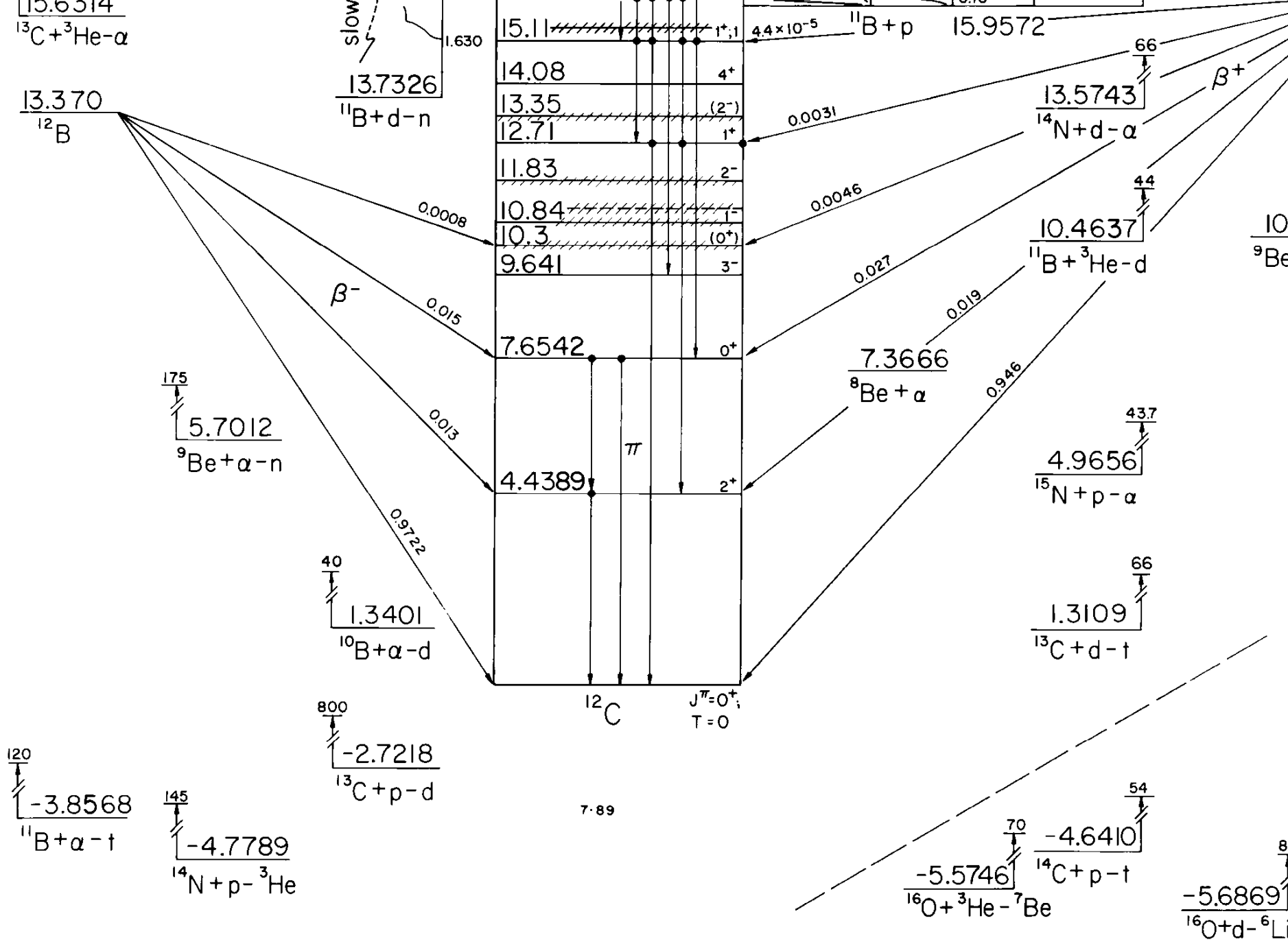


Alignment of recoiling ^{16}O nucleus



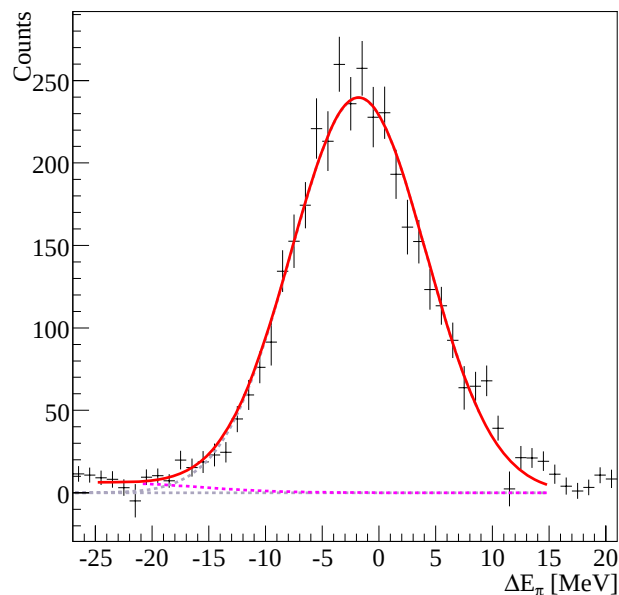
- Strong $\sin^2(3\alpha)$ component
- Expected from 3^- to 0^+ transition



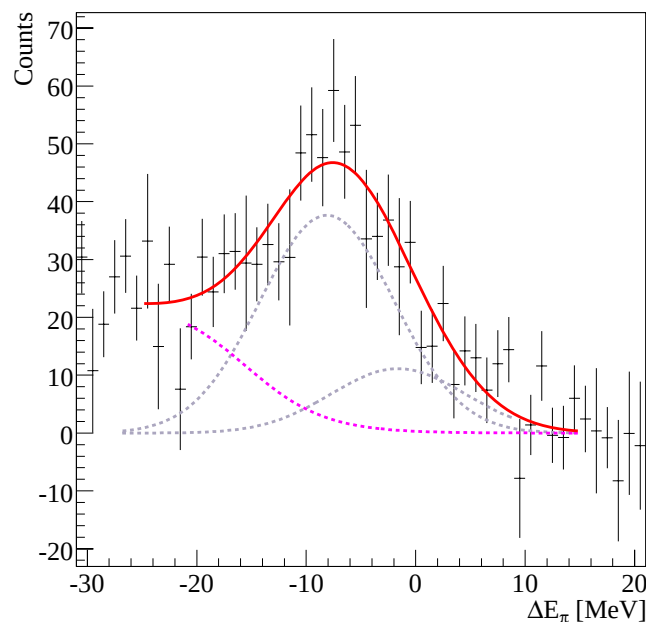


Fitting the pion energy difference Spectra

$E_\gamma = (200-220)\text{MeV}$, $\theta_\pi = (42-43)^\circ$



$E_\gamma = (200-220)\text{MeV}$, $\theta_\pi = (101-102)^\circ$



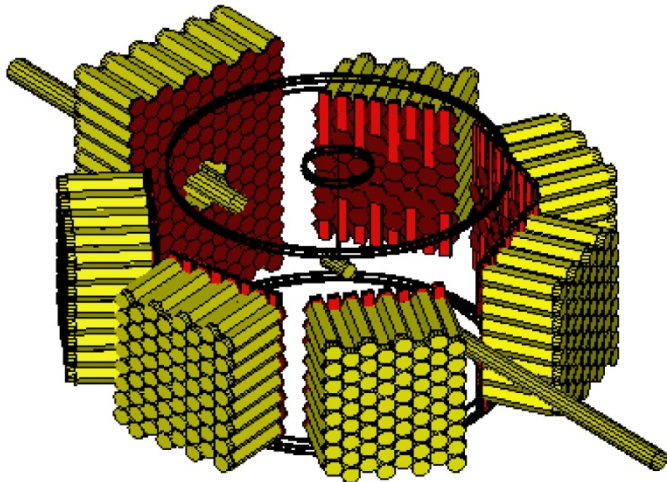
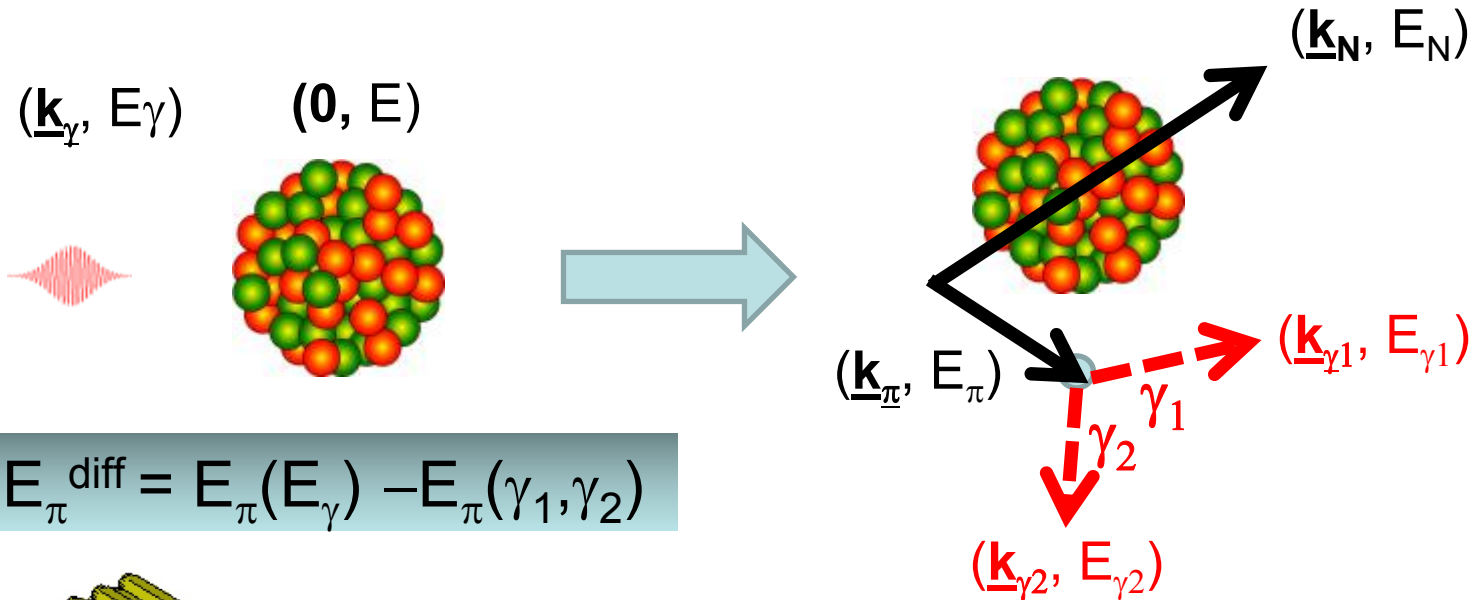
Coherent $\rightarrow$ Gaussian with $\sigma(E_\pi)$ extracted from coherent maximum)

Smearred step function at $A(\gamma, \pi^0 N)A-1$ threshold

For light nuclei with well separated 1st excited state(s)
Include second gaussian centered at appropriate energy

How do we get the Coherent part?

- One technique is to use energy difference analysis



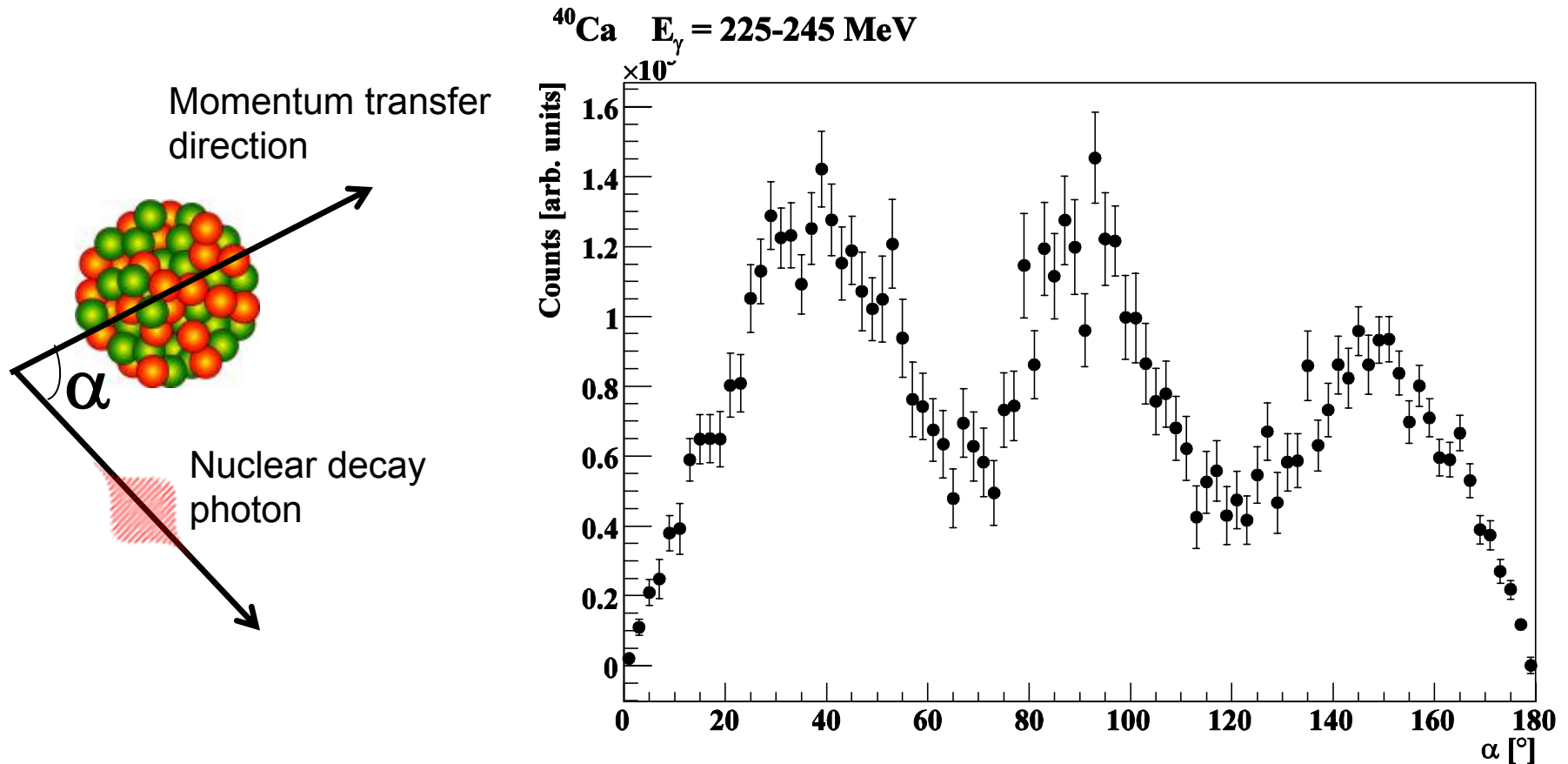
Best previous measurements → segmented arrays

Reliable coherent extraction limited due to sharply θ_π dependent systematic effects in E_π determination

The excitation spectrum of the nucleon

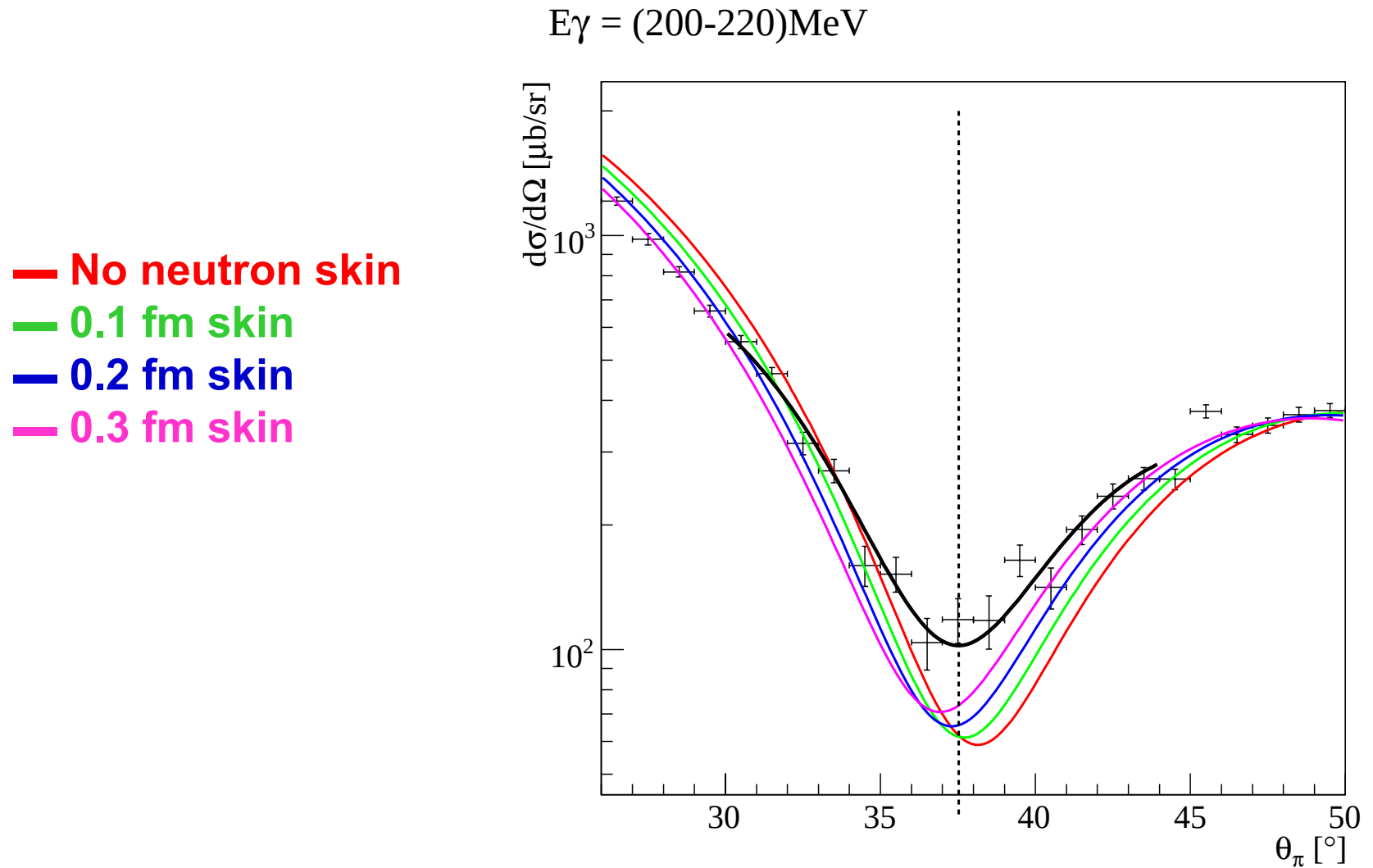
- Coherent process extracted with a new level of accuracy
- Data set of sufficient quality to extract information on matter form factor
- Nuclear decay photon analysis allows determination of incoherent production -> study in it's own right and use to improve coherent extraction

Alignment of recoiling ^{40}Ca nucleus

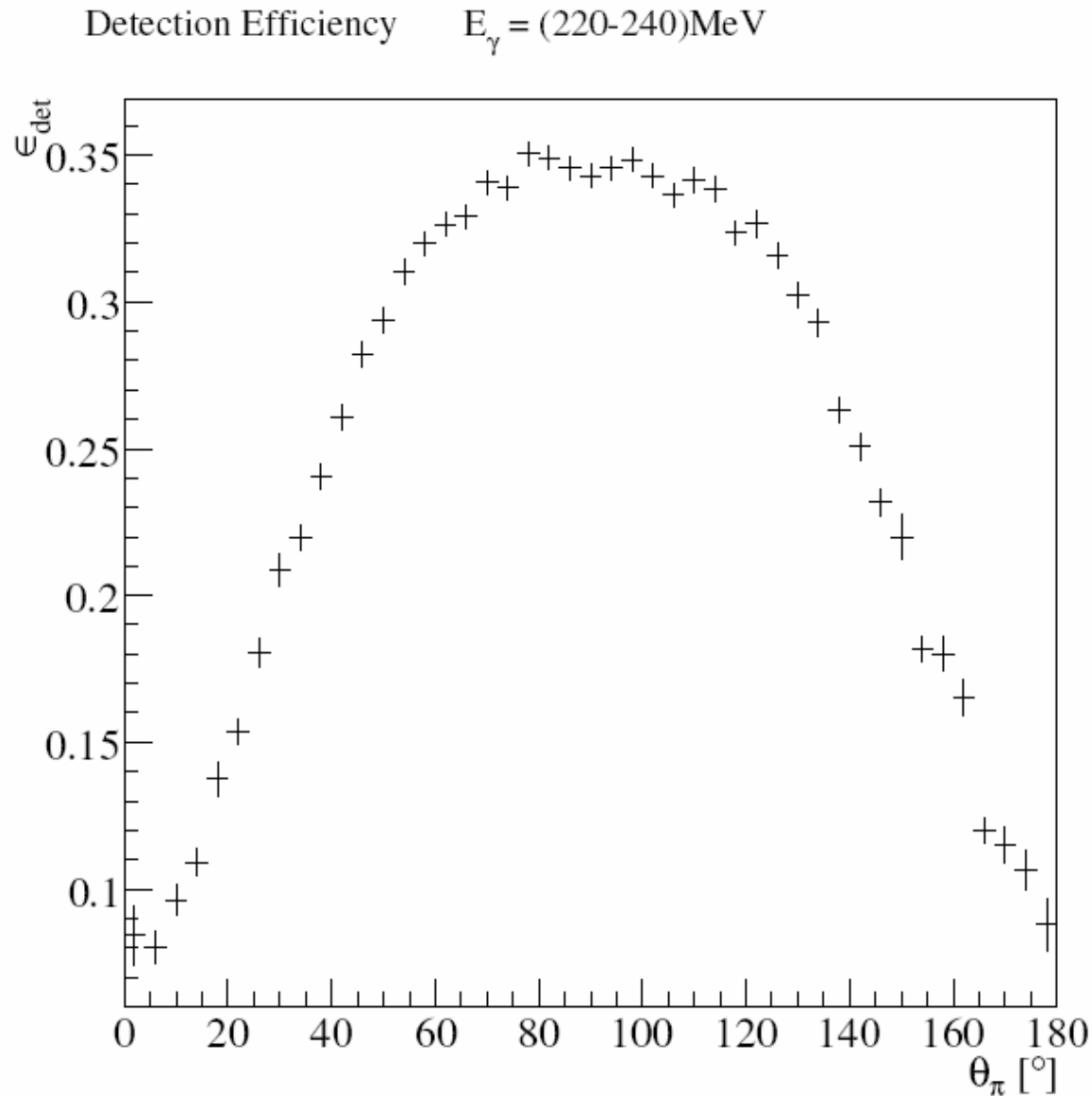


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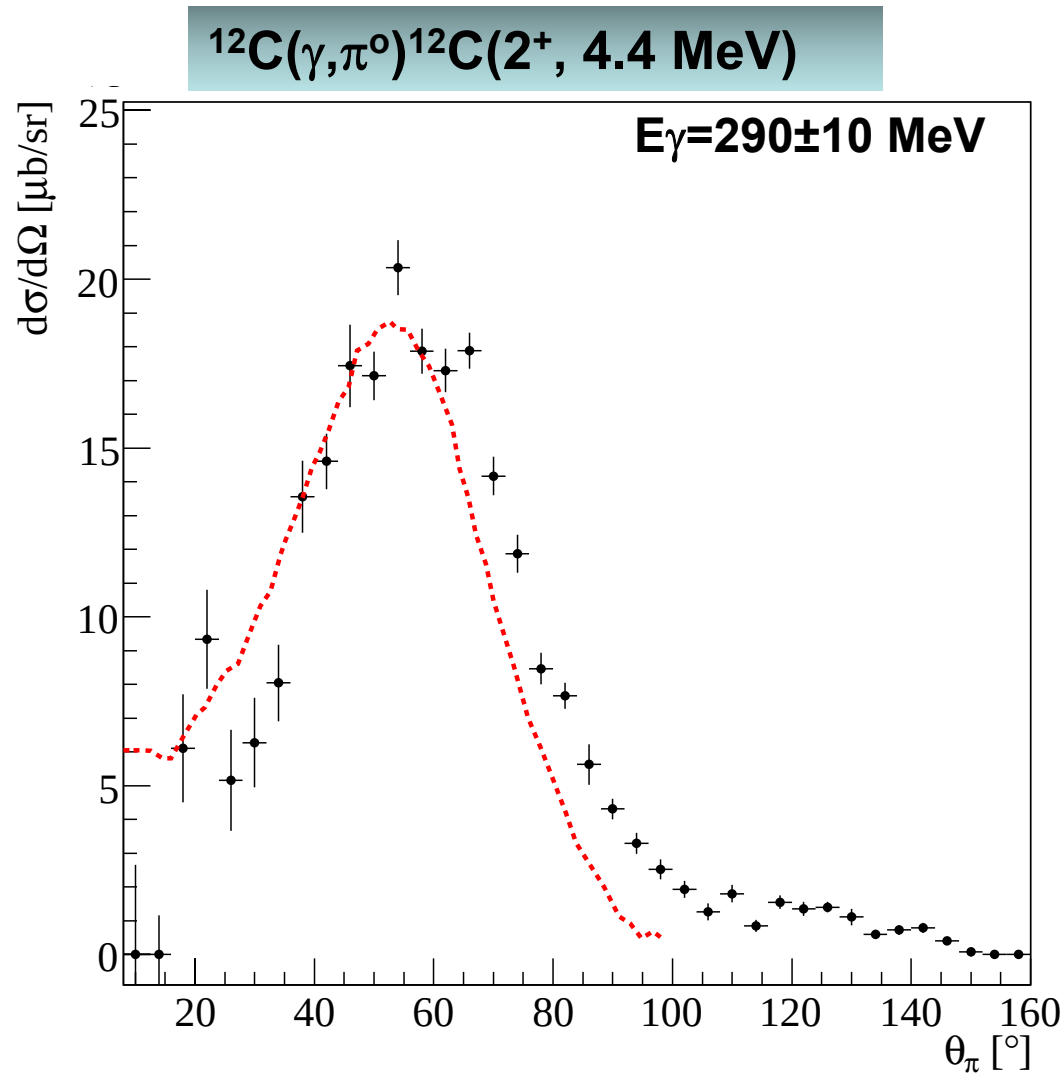
^{208}Pb : Preliminary assessment of Neutron skin



Combined p0 and decay g detection efficiency



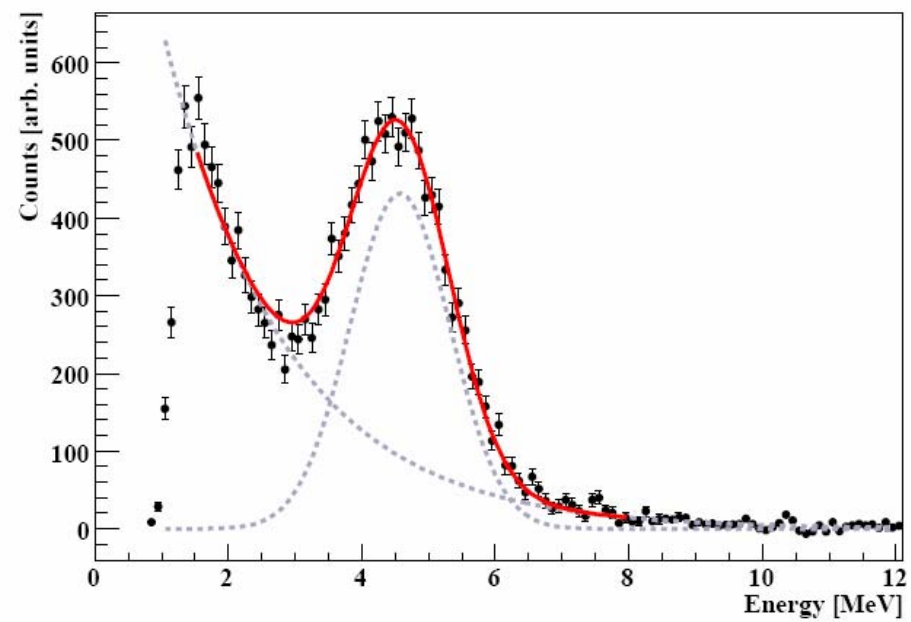
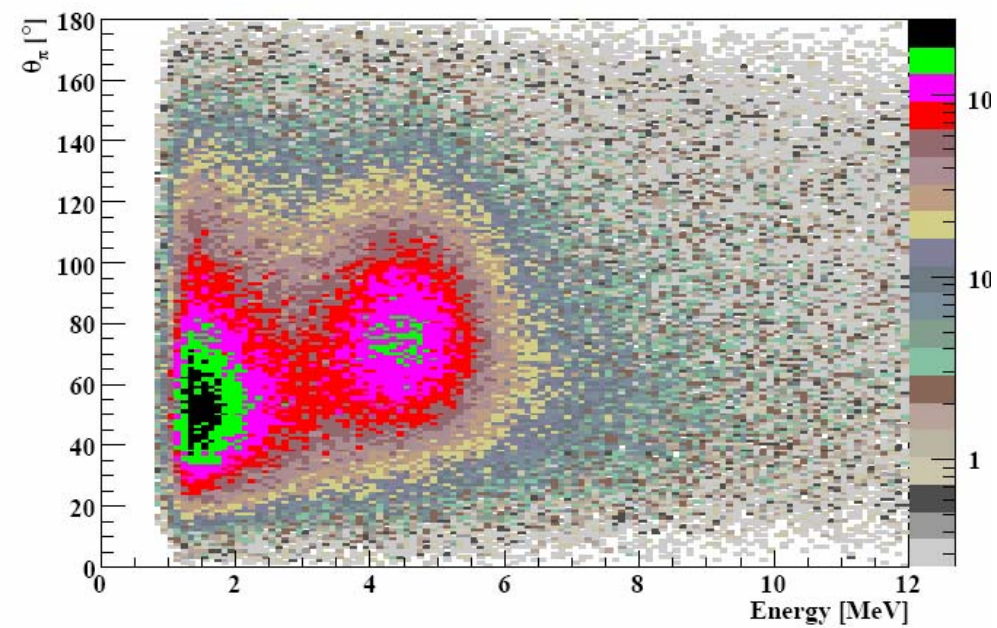
Incoherent nuclear pion photoproduction



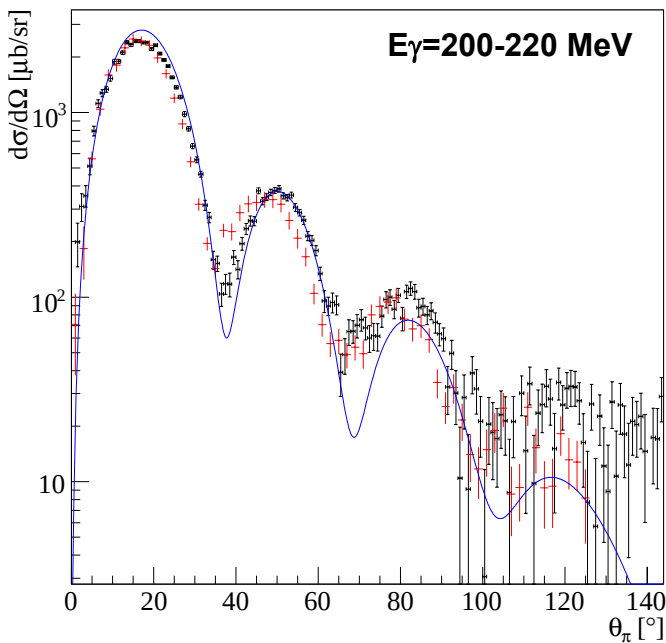
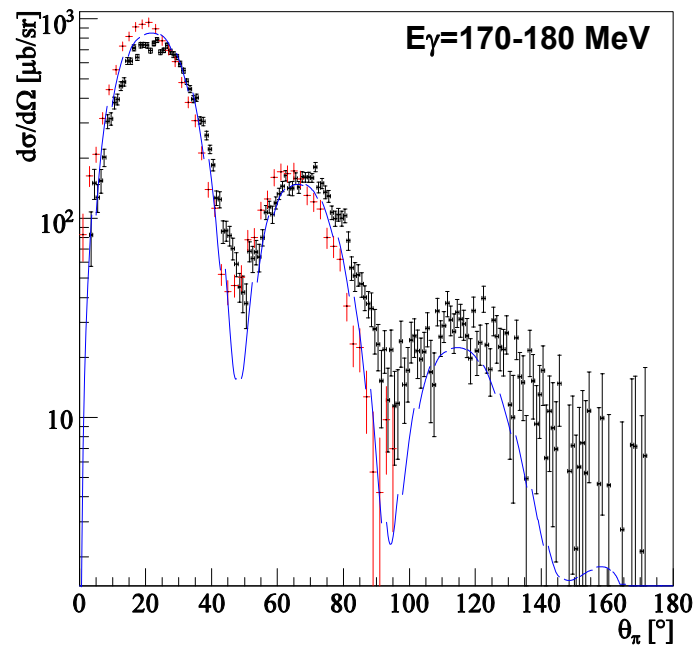
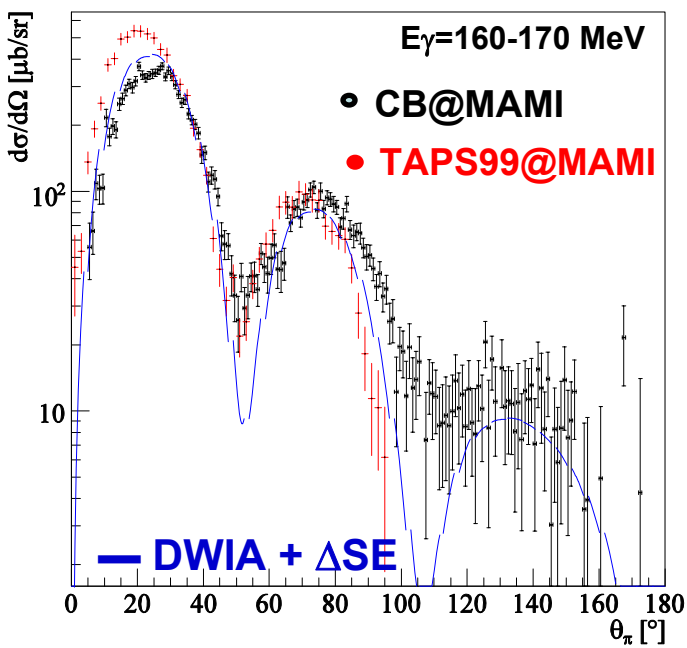
— Takaki Δ -hole model
NPA 443 p570 (1985)

Nuclear wavefunctions have
configuration coefficients
extracted from e- scattering

- $d\sigma/d\Omega$ corrected for both π^0 and nuclear decay γ detection efficiency
- First determination of incoherent photoproduction

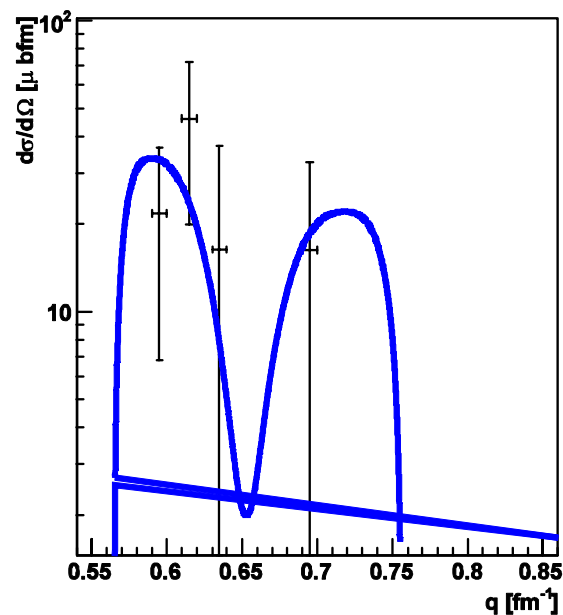


^{208}Pb : π^0 angular distributions

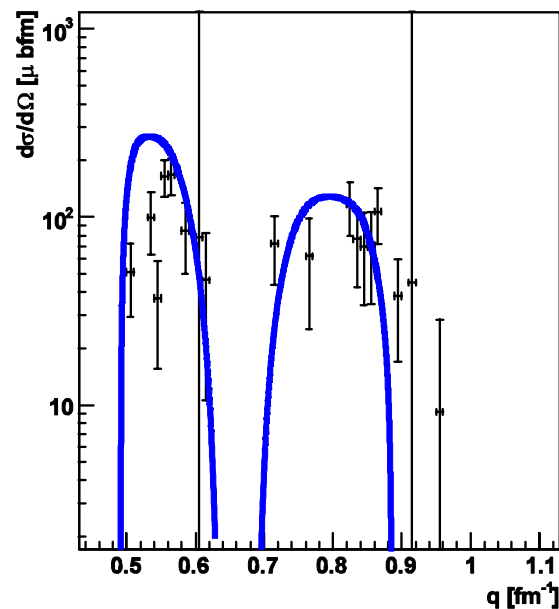


..... + spectra up to $E_\gamma = 700 \text{ MeV}$

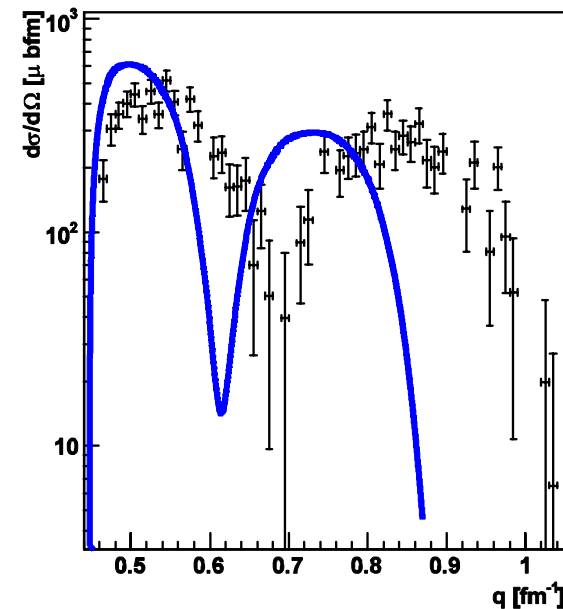
$E_\gamma = (135-140)\text{MeV}$



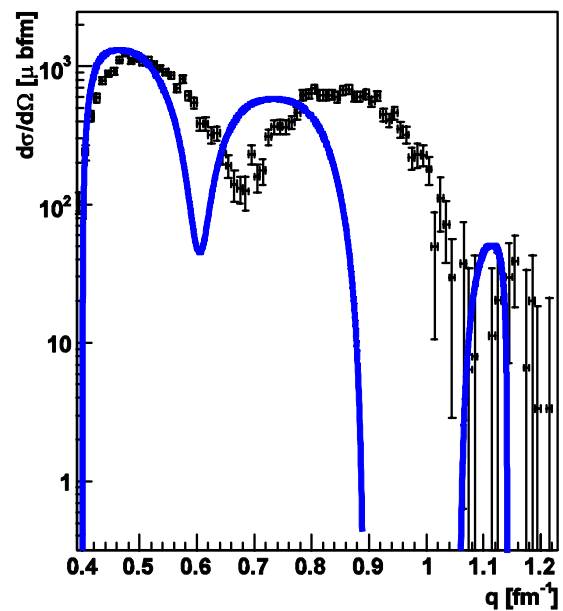
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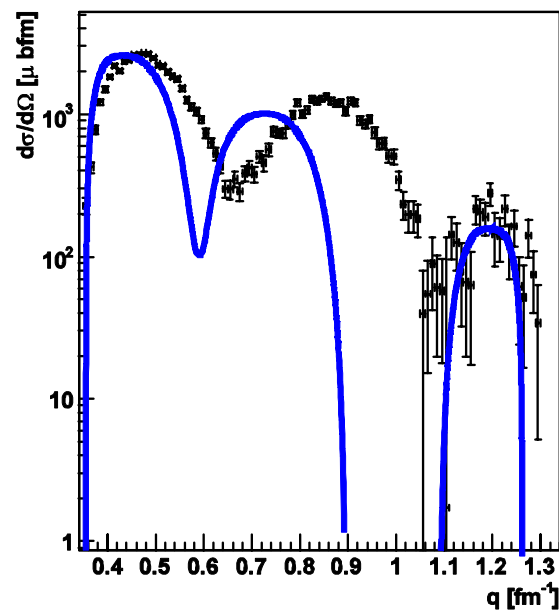
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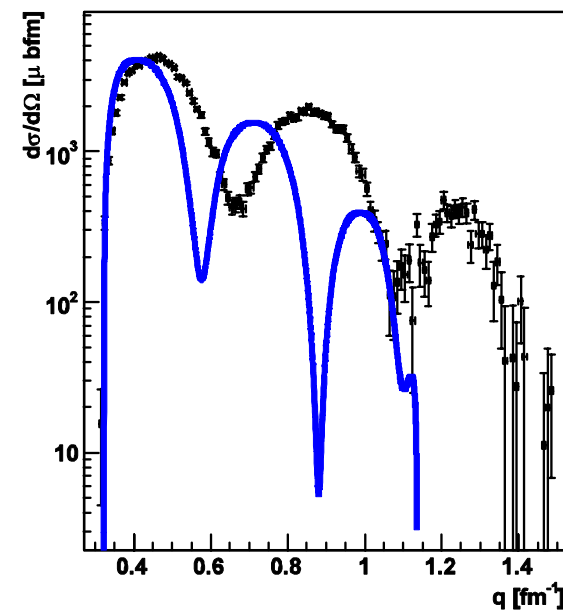
$E_\gamma = (150-160)\text{MeV}$



$E_\gamma = (160-170)\text{MeV}$

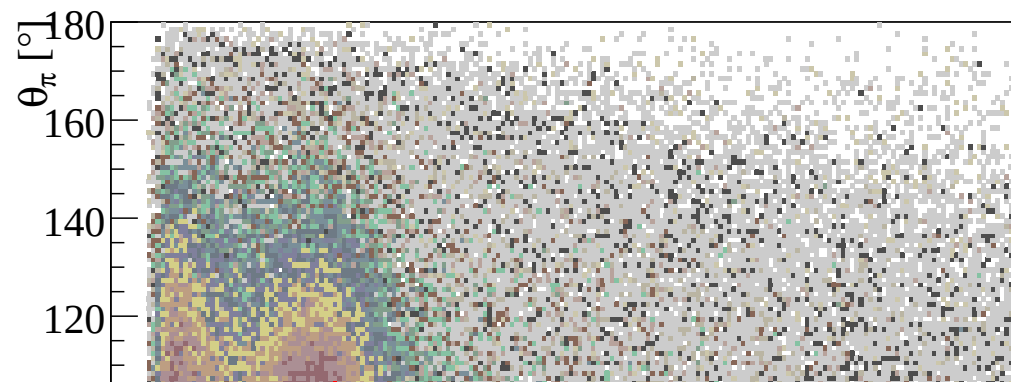


$E_\gamma = (170-180)\text{MeV}$

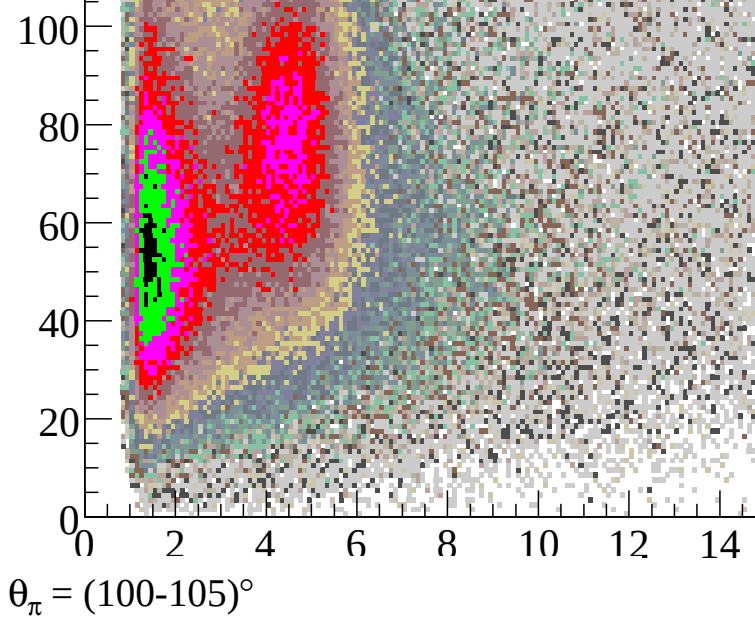


$E_\gamma = (220-240)\text{MeV}$

$= (20-24)^\circ$



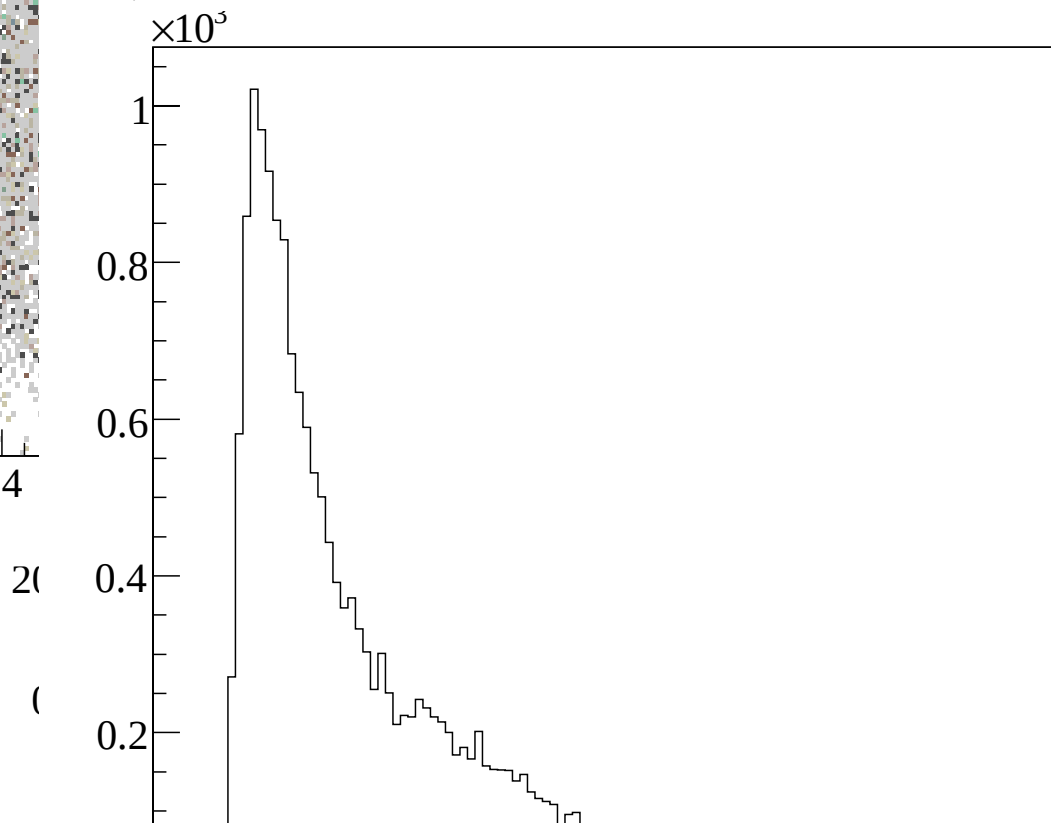
$\theta_\pi = (128-132)^\circ$

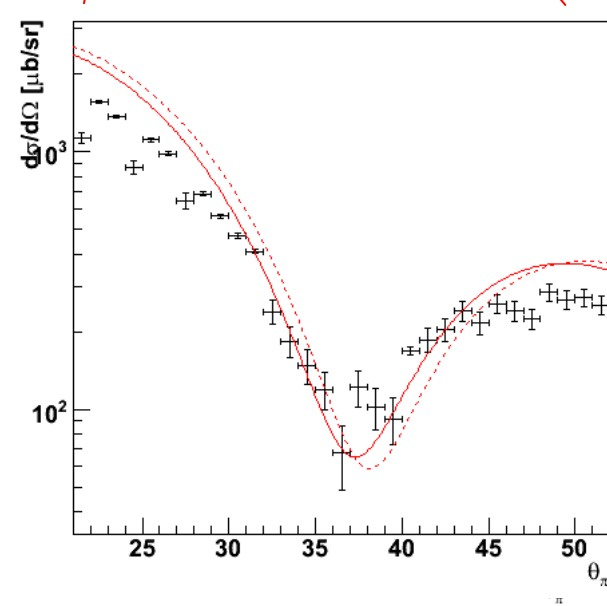
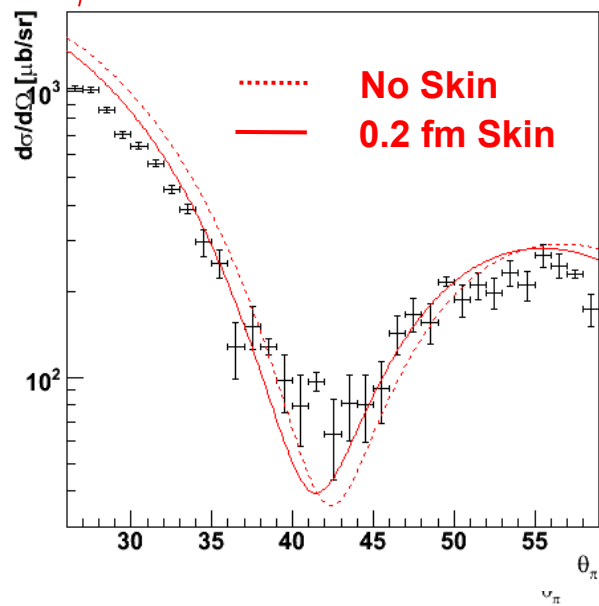
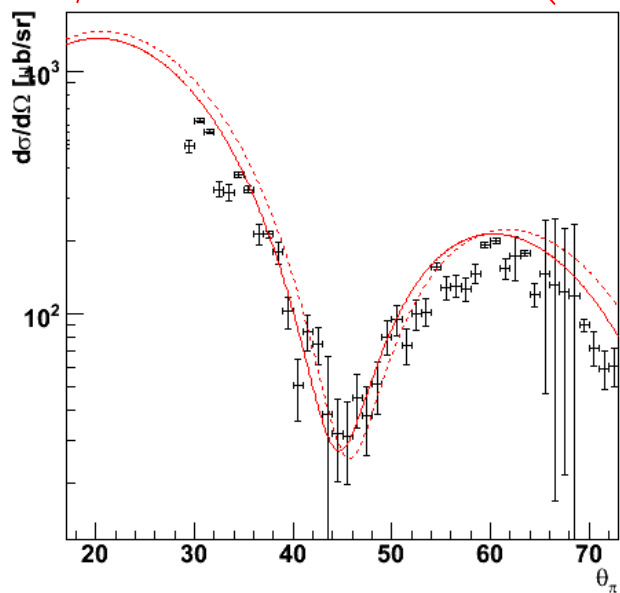
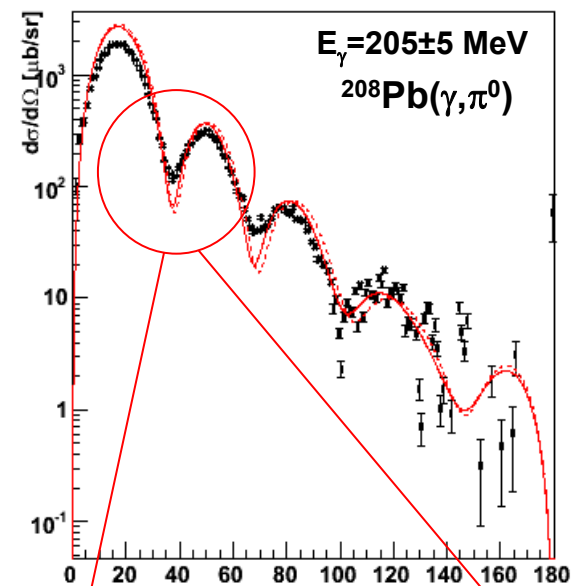
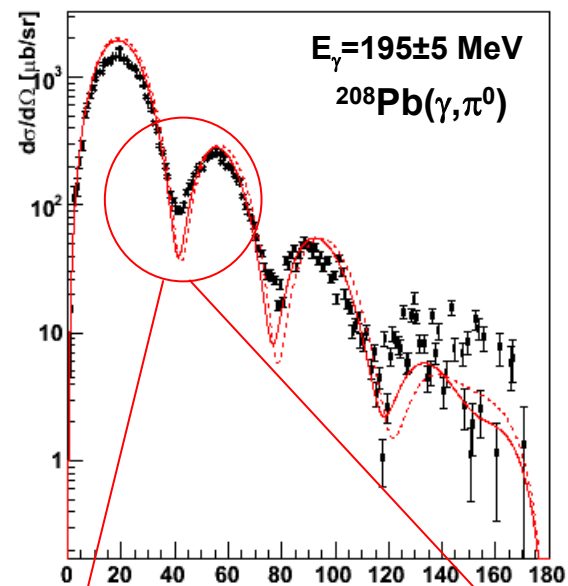
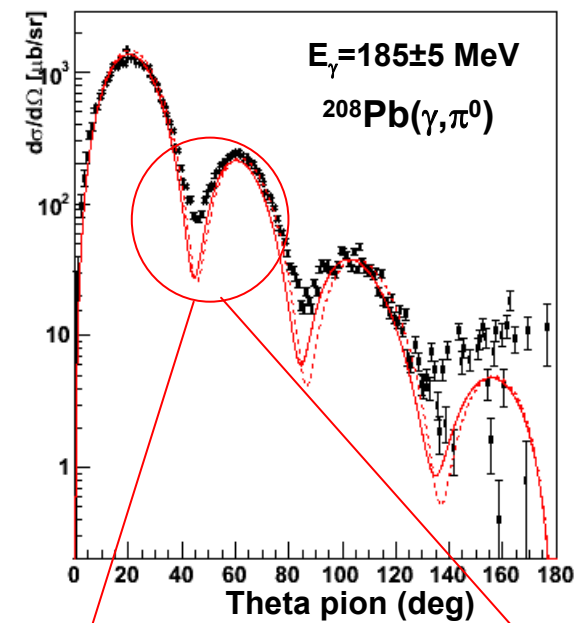


$\theta_\pi = (100-105)^\circ$

$E_\gamma = (220-240)\text{MeV}$

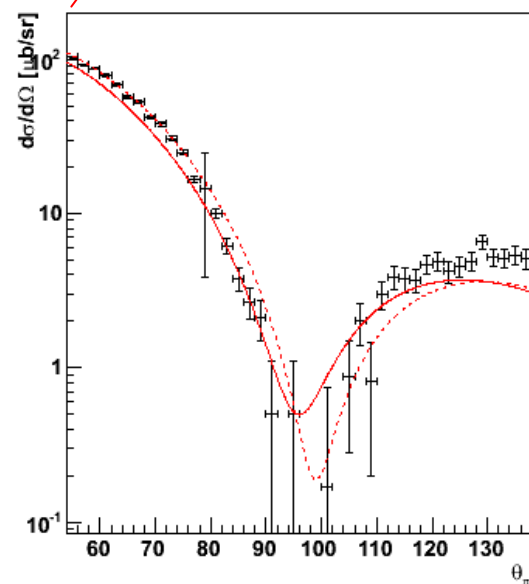
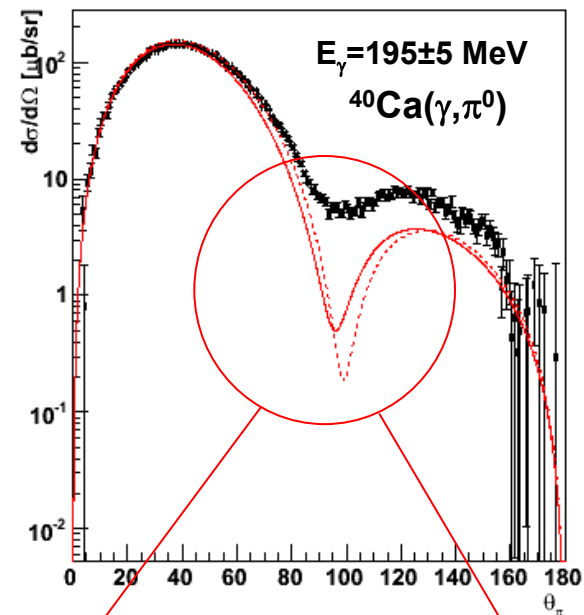
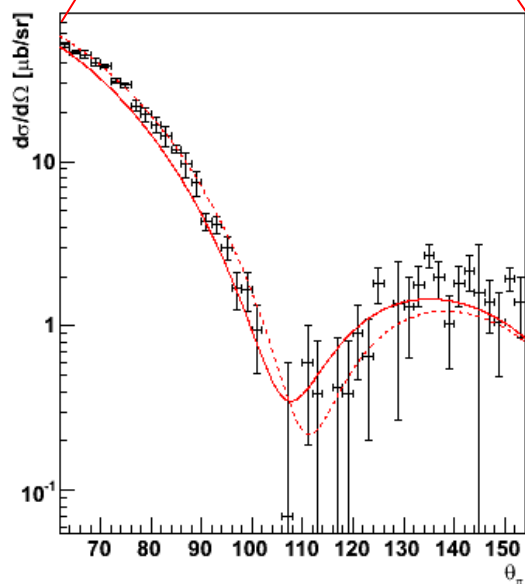
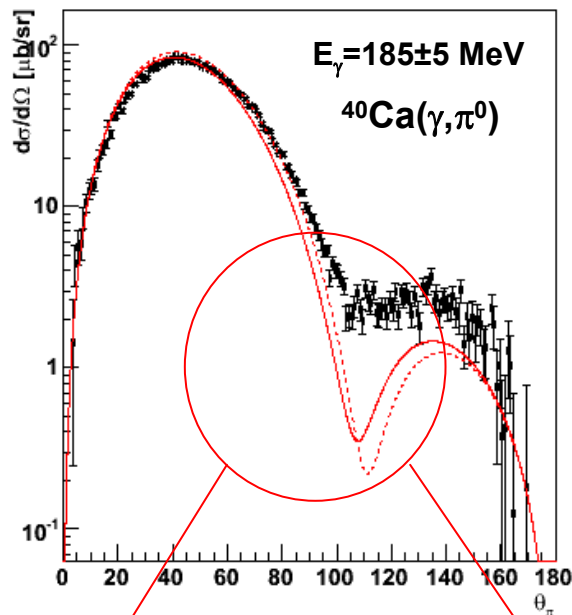
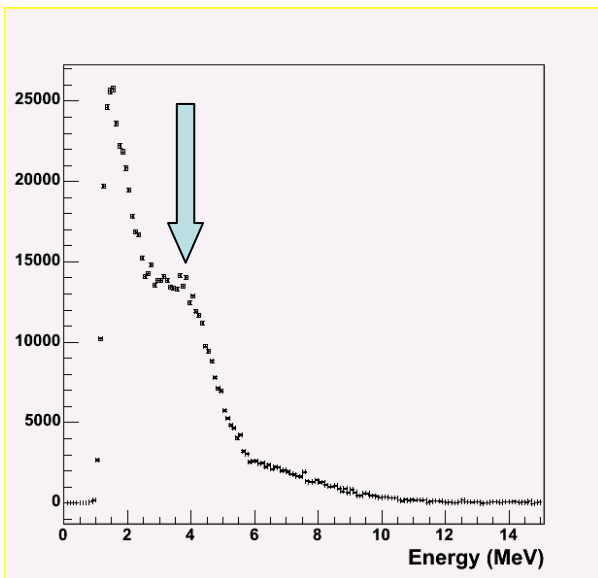
$\theta_\pi = (35-40)^\circ$





**^{40}Ca shows large
Incoherent contamination
At larger π^0 angles**

**Also evident in
Nuclear Decay
photon spectra
Picked up by CB!!**



Neutron Skins - present situation

- **Proton scattering**

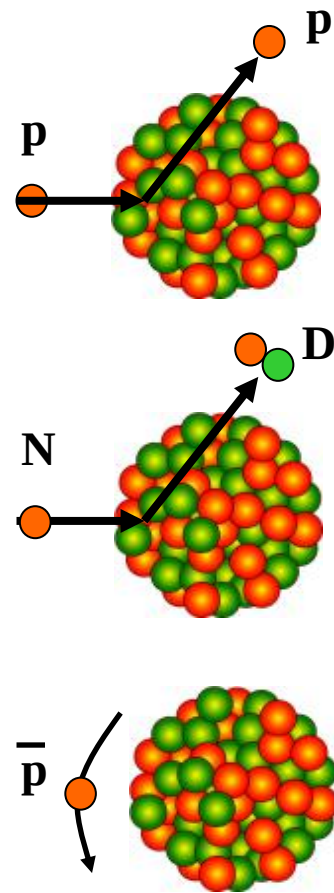
Seminal analysis by Hoffman for all data (0.3 - 1 GeV). $\Delta r_{np}(^{208}\text{Pb}) = -0.02 \rightarrow 0.5 \text{ fm}$

- **Pickup reactions.**

Recent analysis of p and n pickup gave $\Delta r_{np} \sim 0.5 \text{ fm}$ for ^{208}Pb

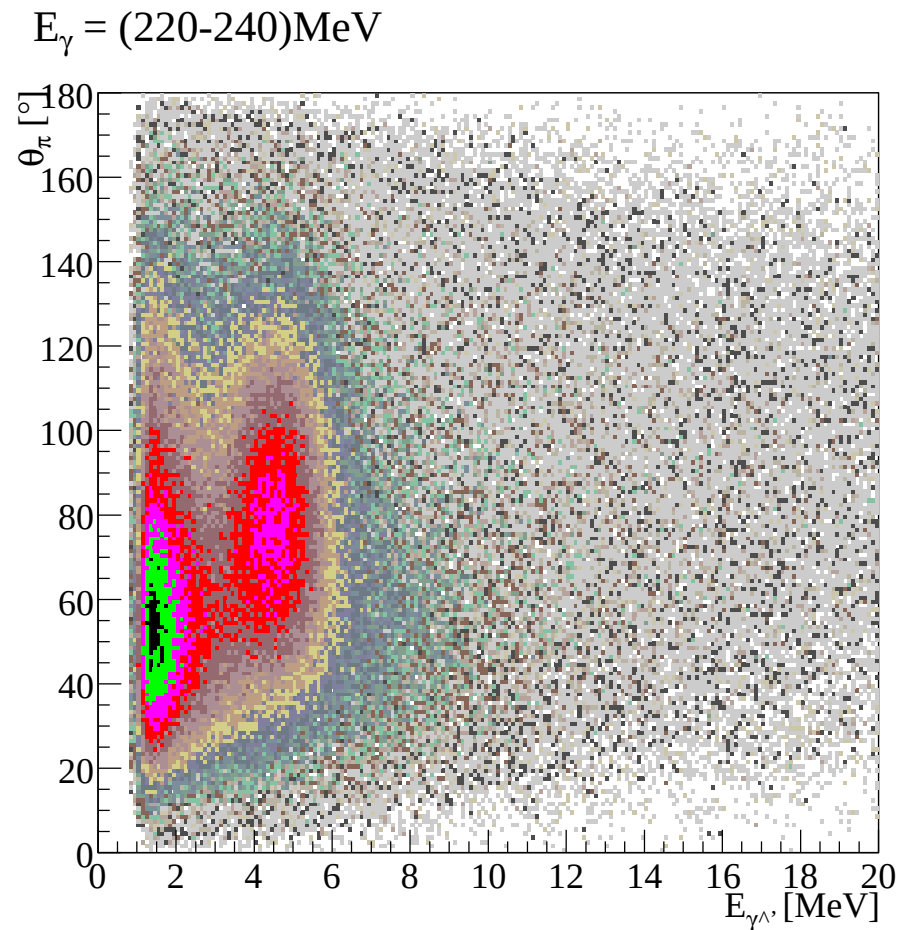
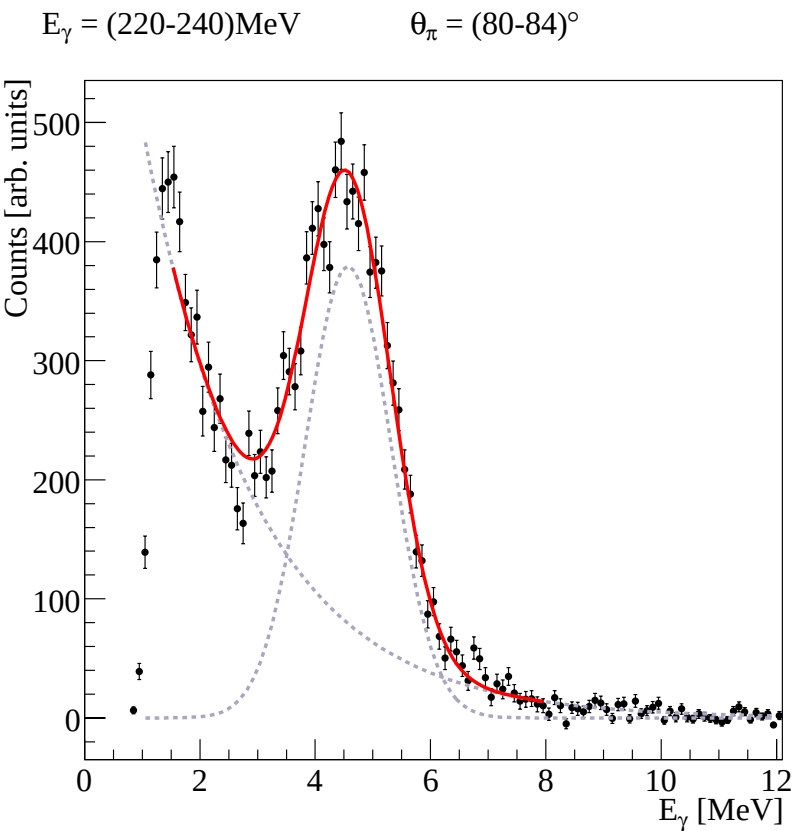
- **Antiprotonic atoms**

$\Delta r_{np} \sim 0.15 \text{ fm}$ for ^{208}Pb .



Coherent pion photoproduction

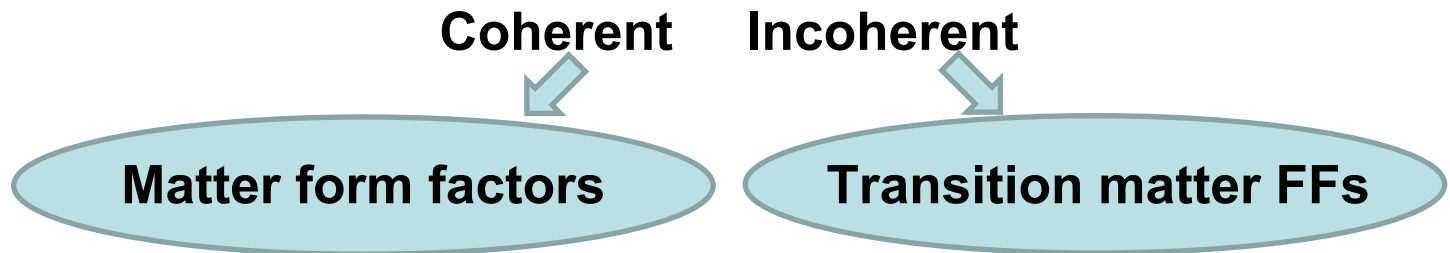
Nuclear decay photons ^{12}C



Background predominantly from split-off clusters from π^0 detection

Talk Outline

- CrystalBall@MAMI
- π^0 photoproduction from nuclei



- The new Edinburgh nucleon polarimeter

π photoproduction from nucleon

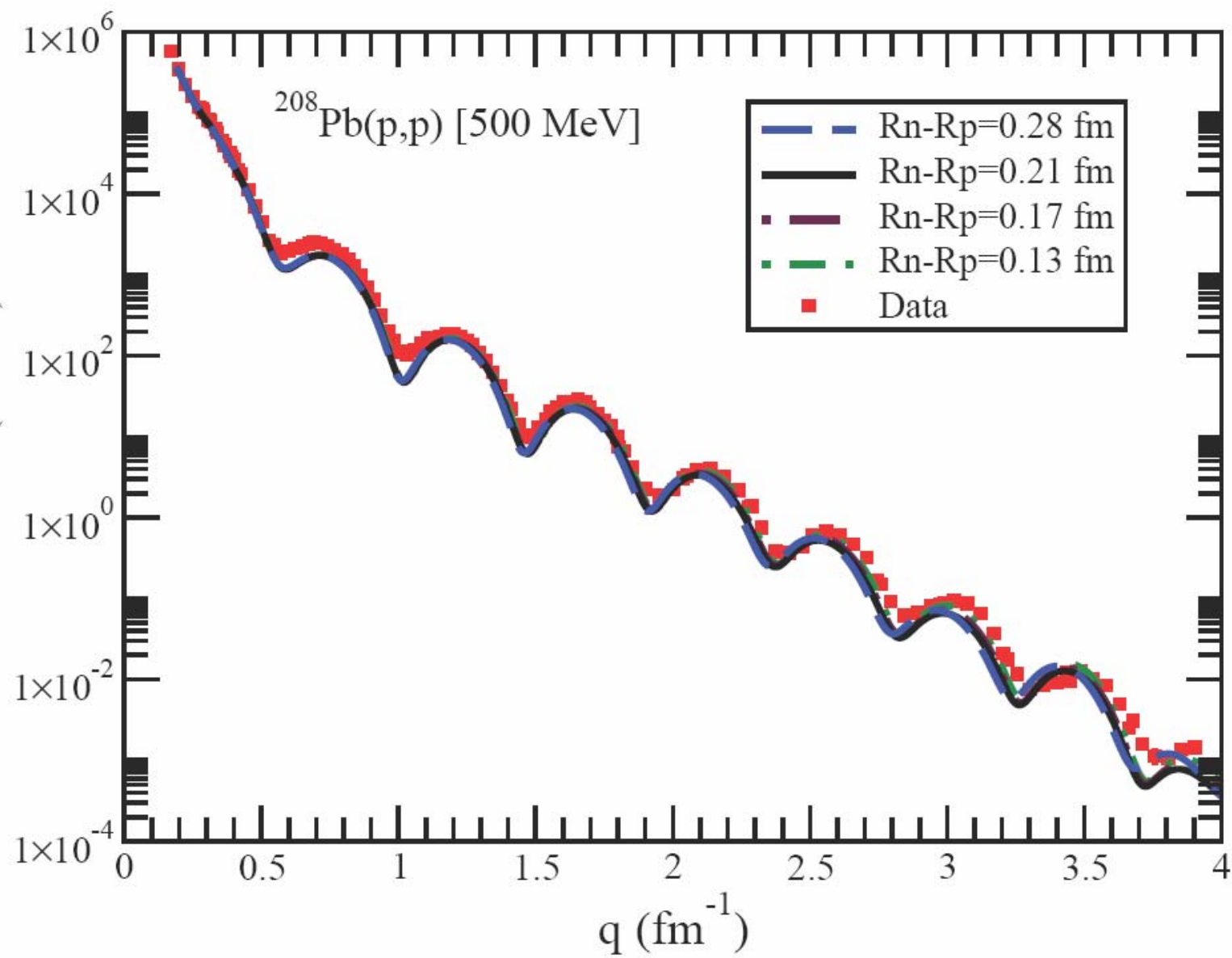


Nucl. excitation spectrum

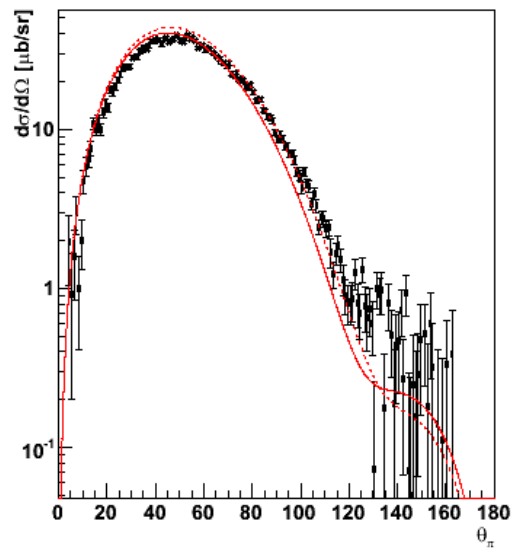
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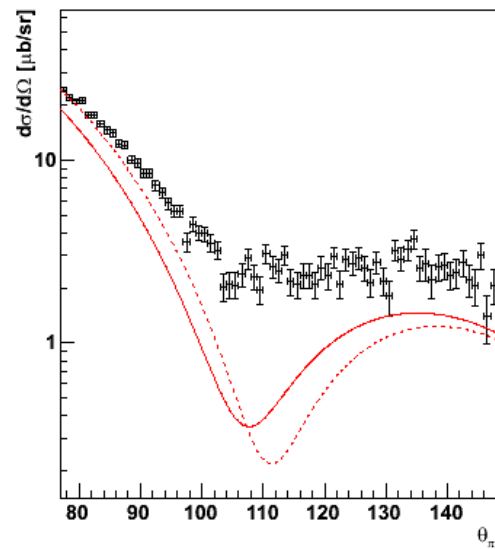
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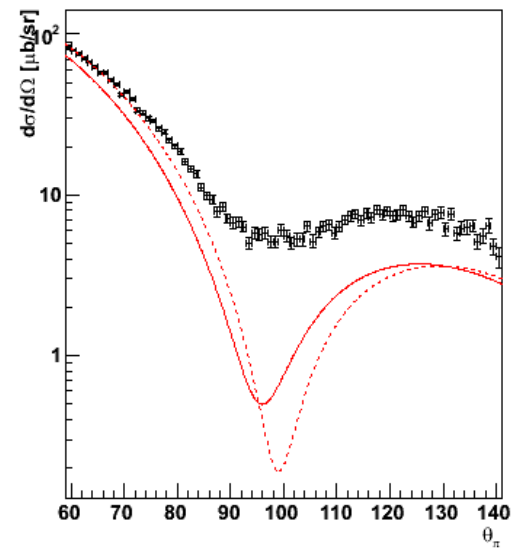
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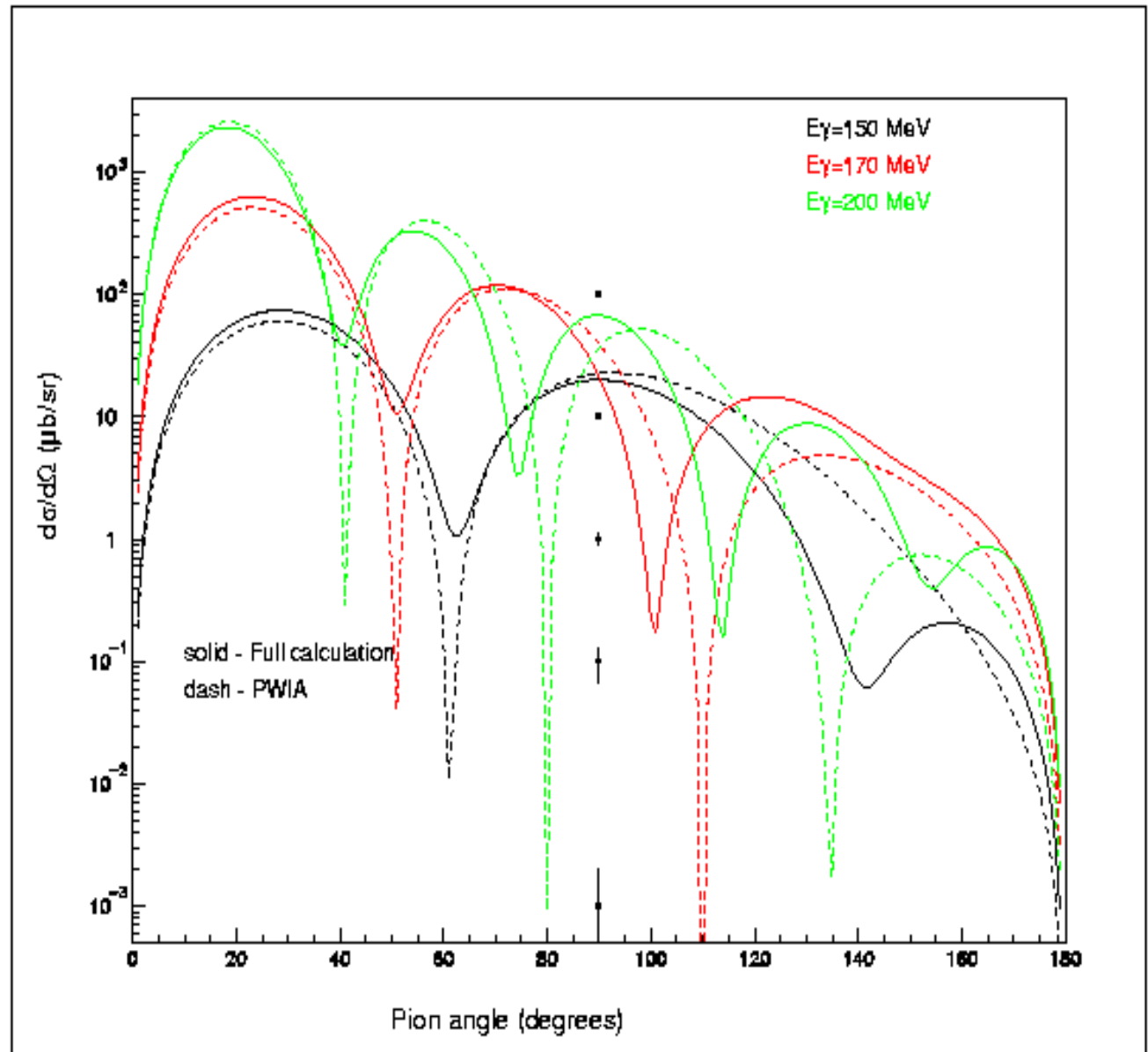


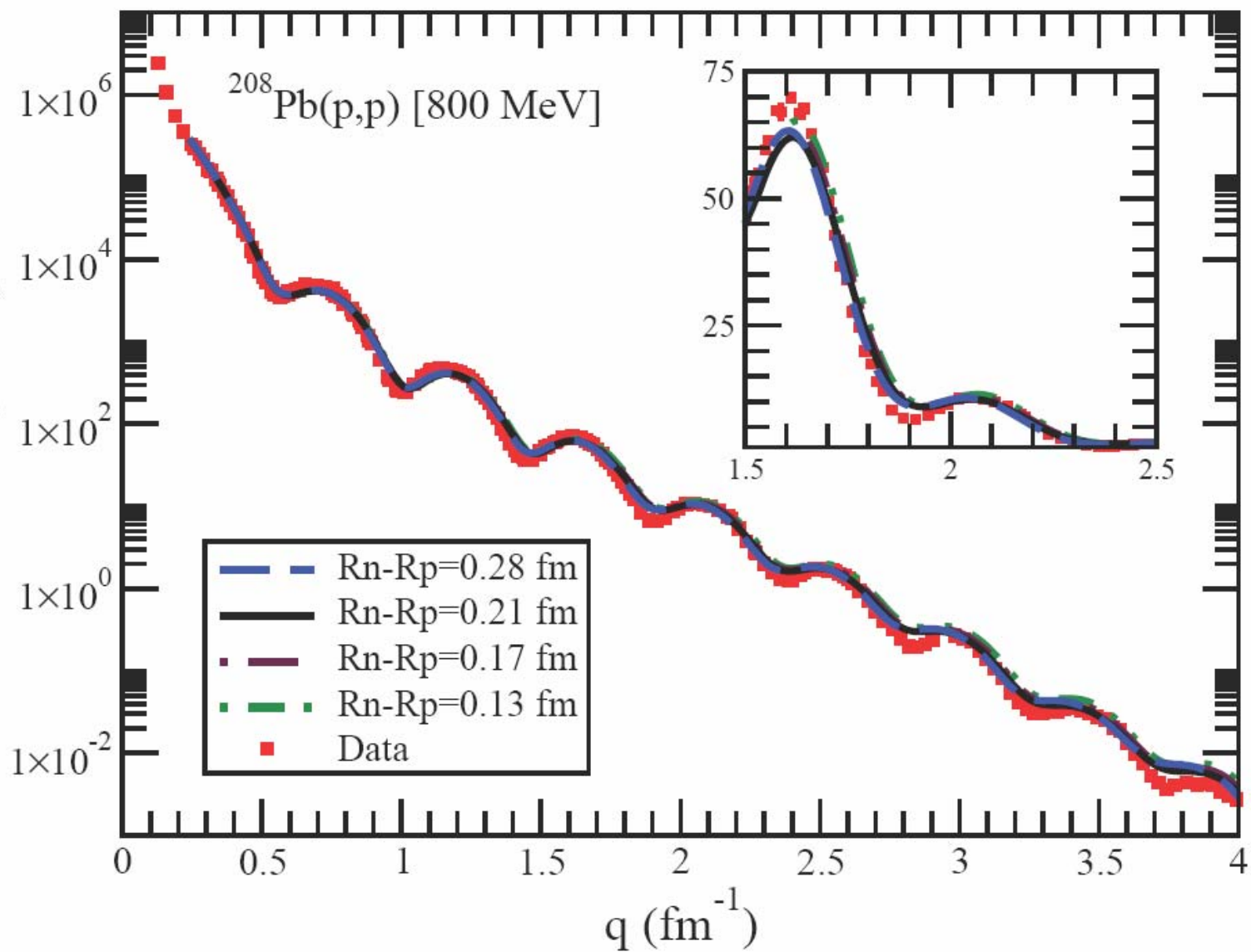
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Pion – Nucleus interactions

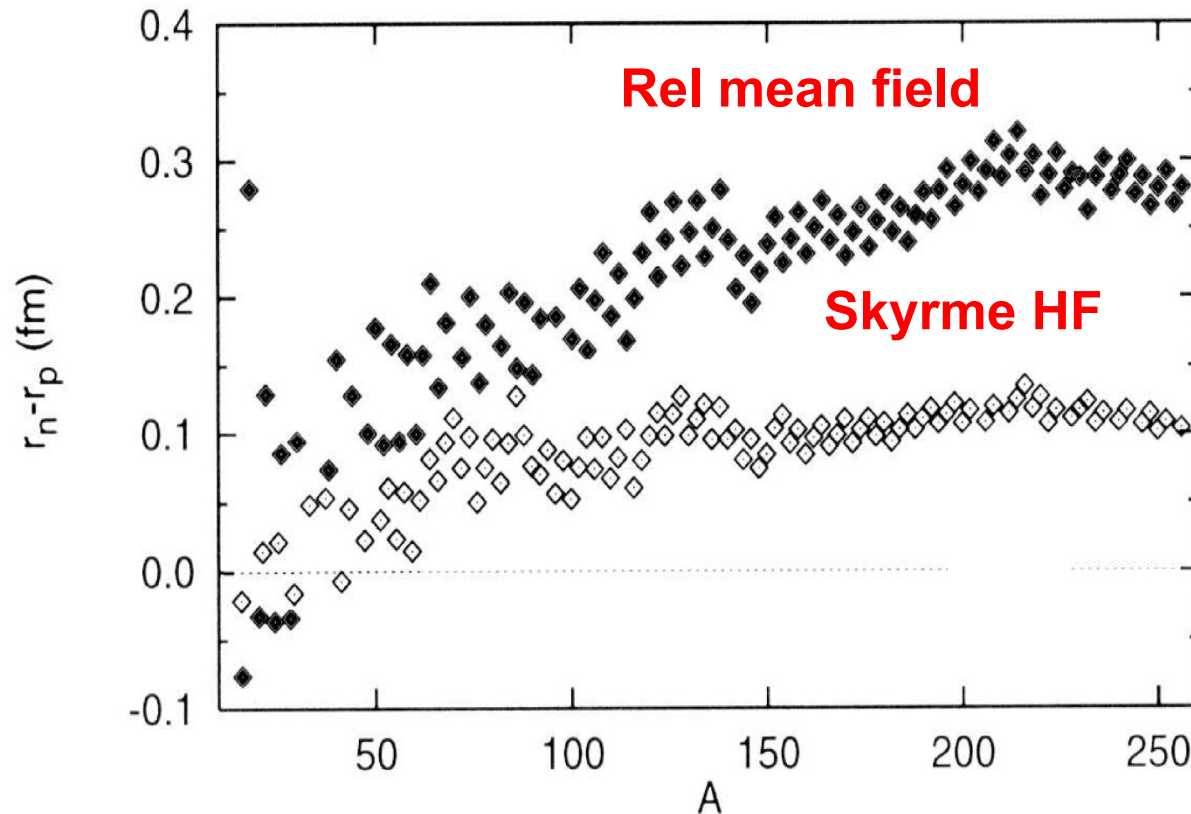
- Diffraction pattern distorted due to π -A interactions (FSI)
- Optical potential constructed from p amplitude in $\mathbf{p}$ space
- Intermediate Δ also included (impo higher P_π)
- Accurately describes wealth of $A(\pi, \gamma)$
- If $\Delta(\text{FSI}) \sim 10\%$
 $(0.07) \times (\pm 2^\circ) \times 0.1 = \pm 0.014 \text{ fm}$
- Each $\mathbf{q}$ occurs for different $\mathbf{P}_\pi$ at different incident $\mathbf{E}_\gamma$ – check predicted FSI effects





Neutron Skins - why are they interesting?

1) Fundamental quantity of Nuclear physics

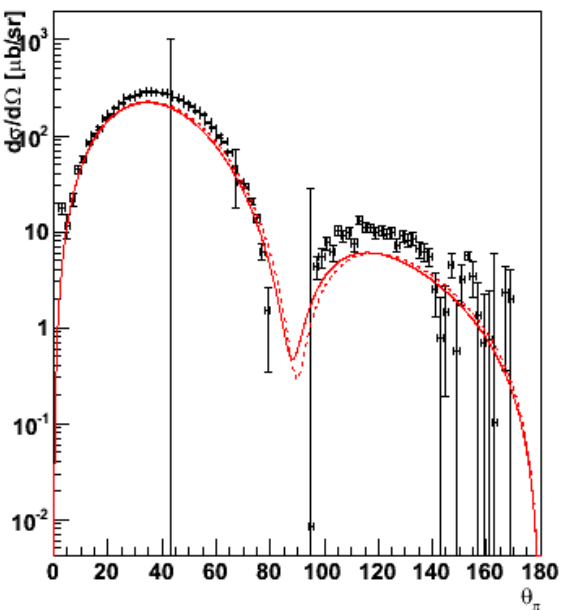


RMS charge radius known to < 0.0001 fm

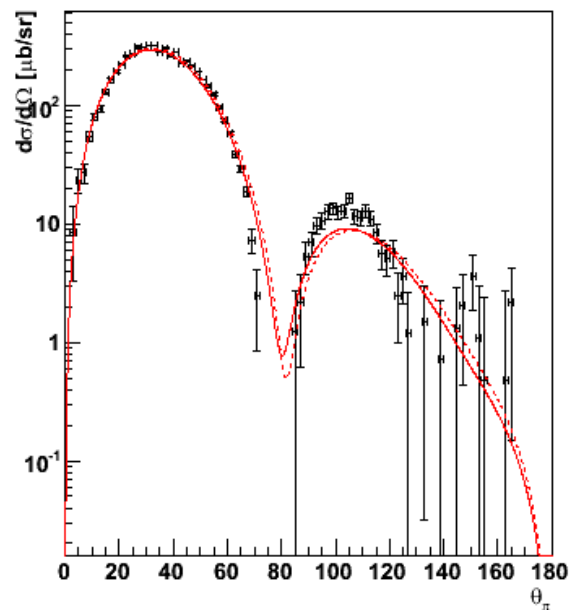
RMS neutron radius known to ~ 0.2 fm !!

[Horowitz et al. PRC63 025501 \(2001\)](#)

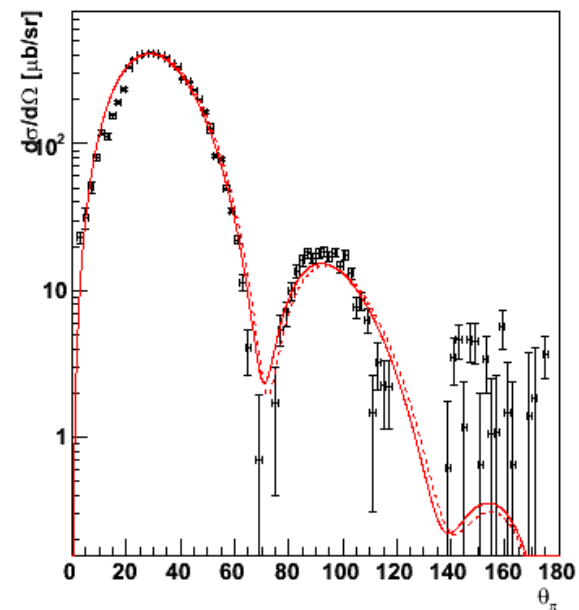
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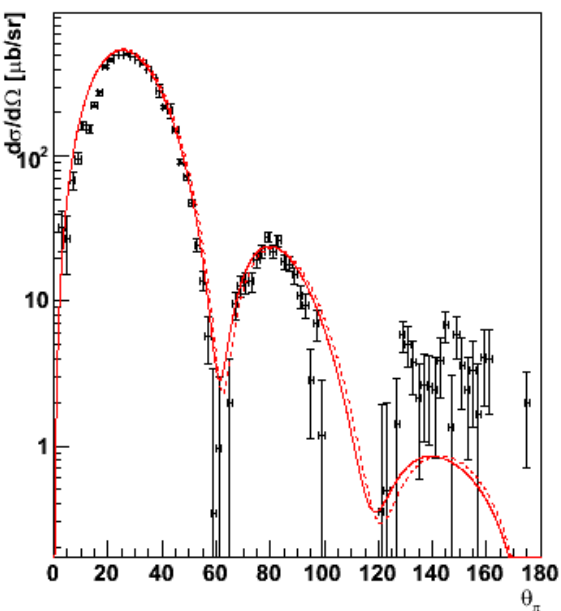
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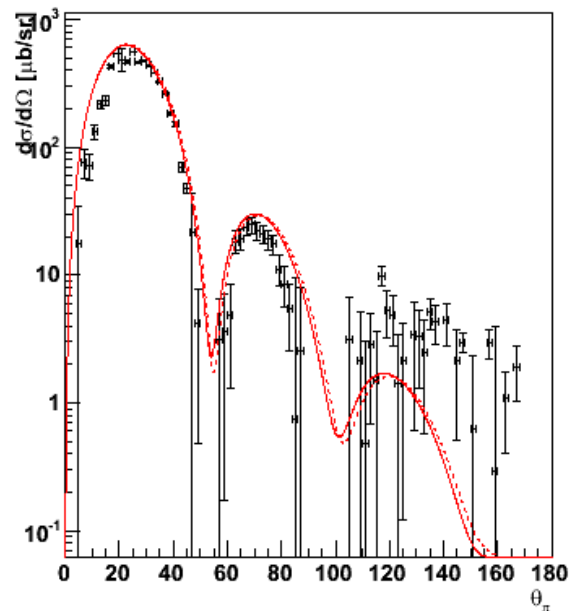
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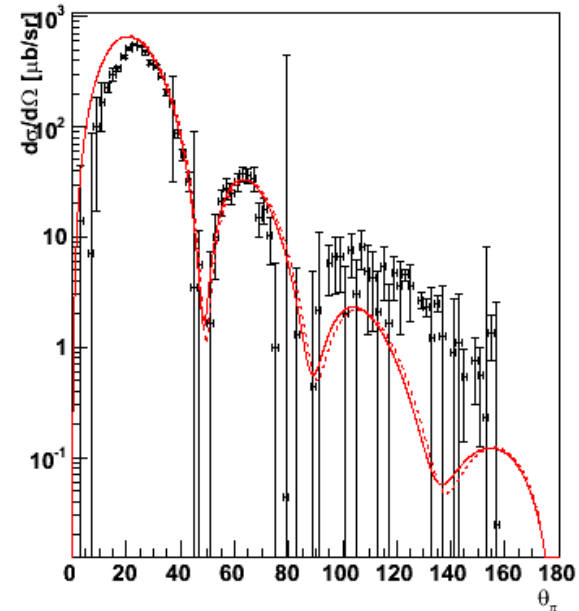
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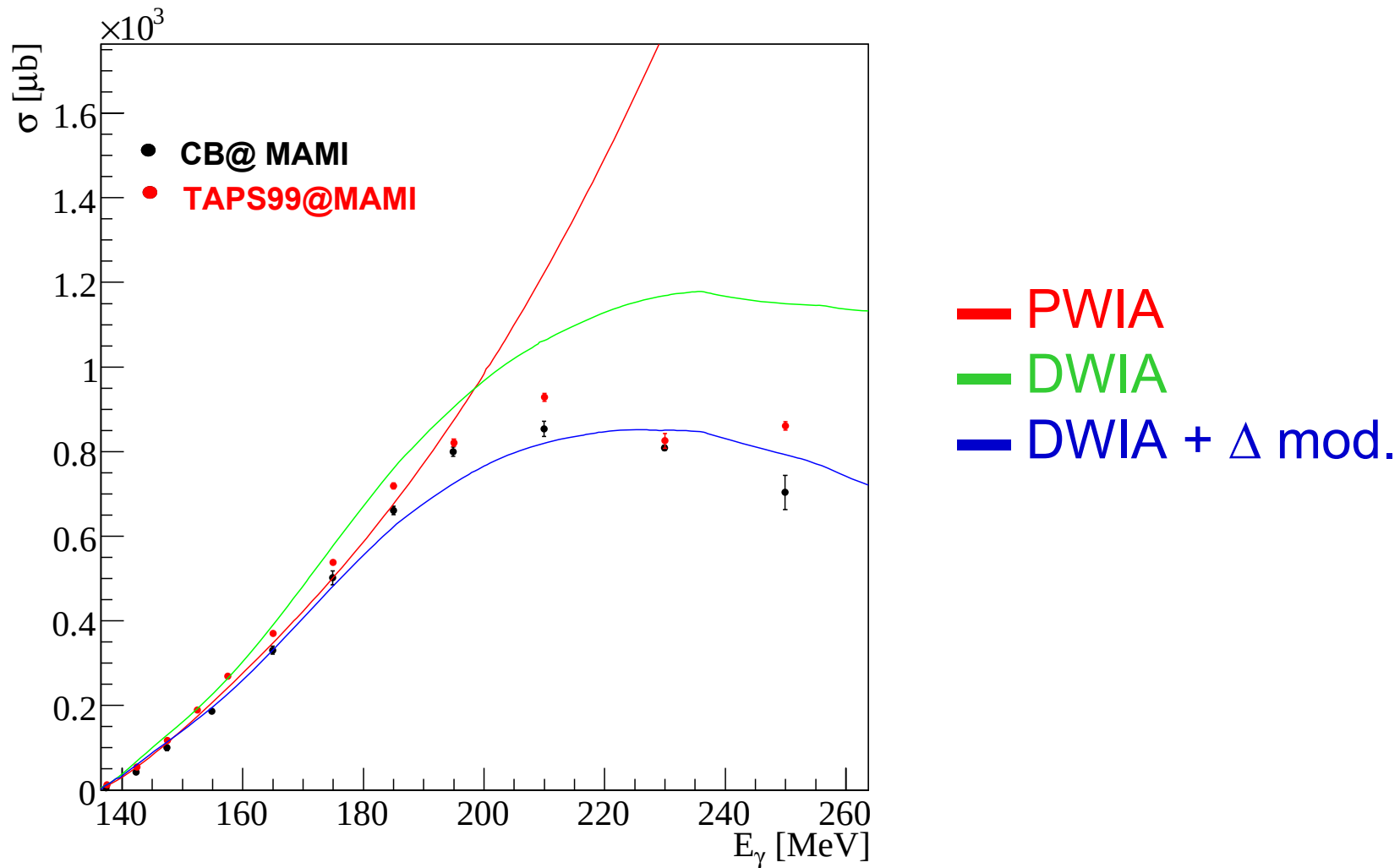
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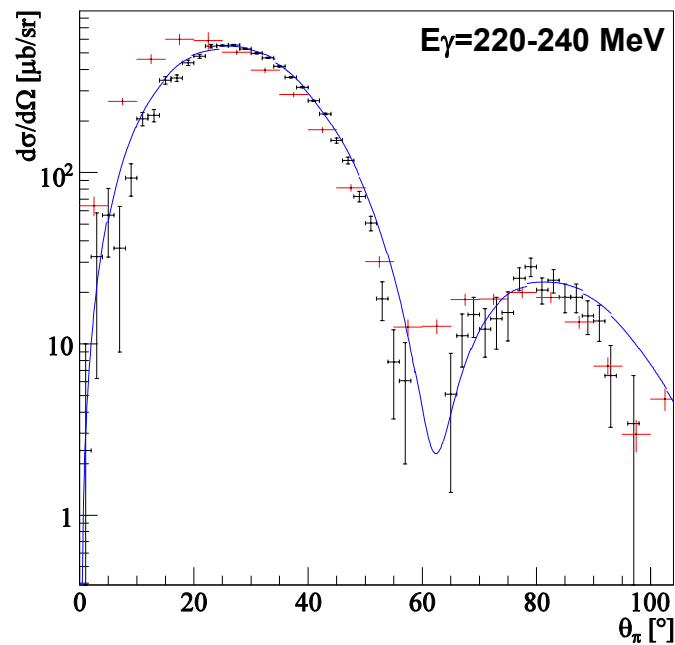
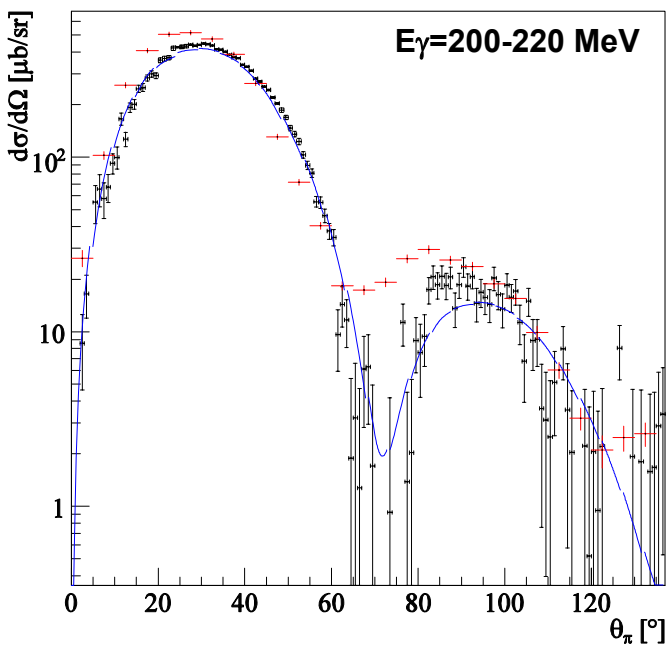
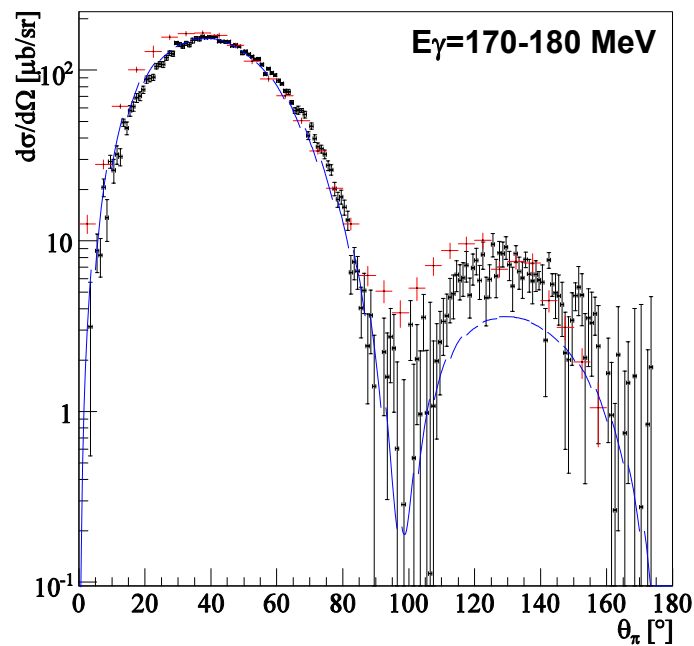
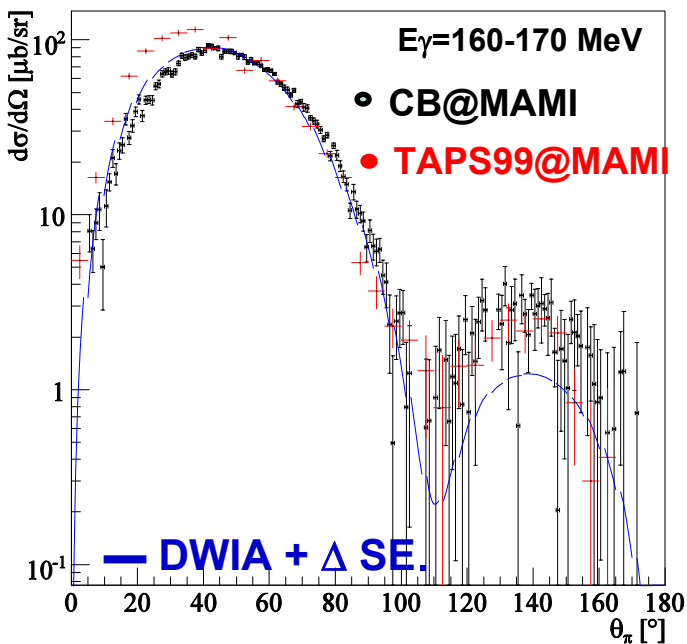
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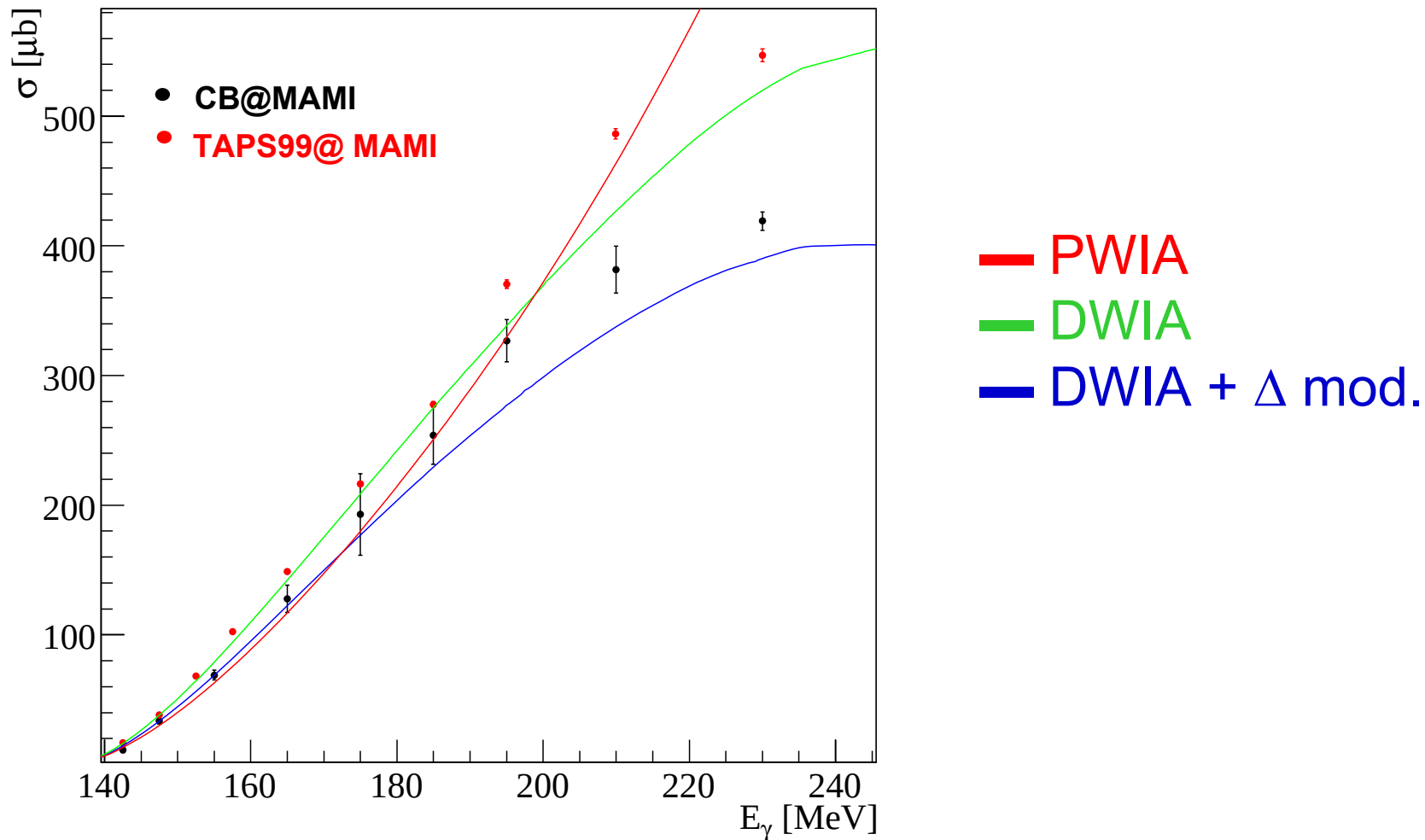
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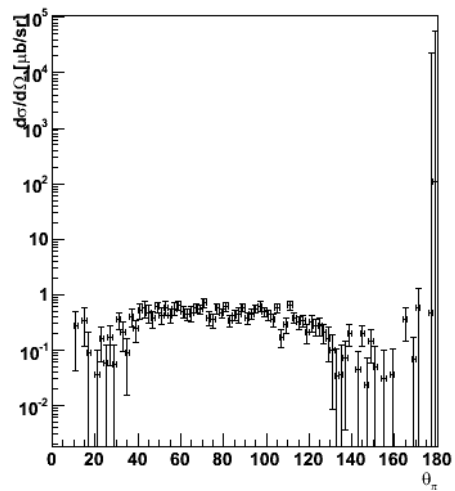
^{40}Ca : π^0 angular distributions



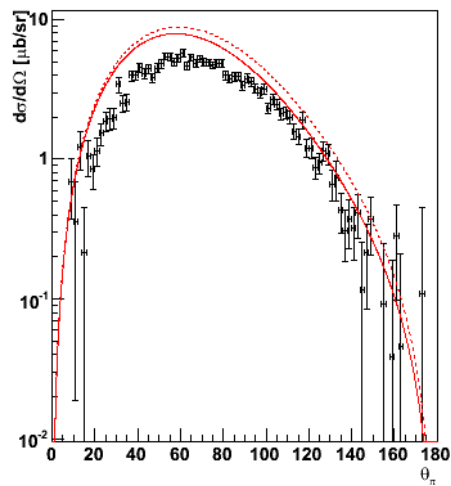
^{12}C : Total coherent cross sections



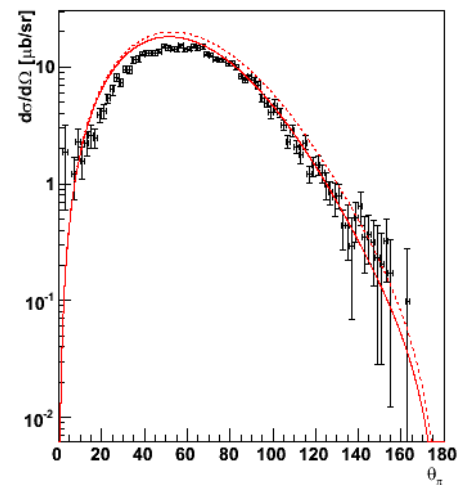
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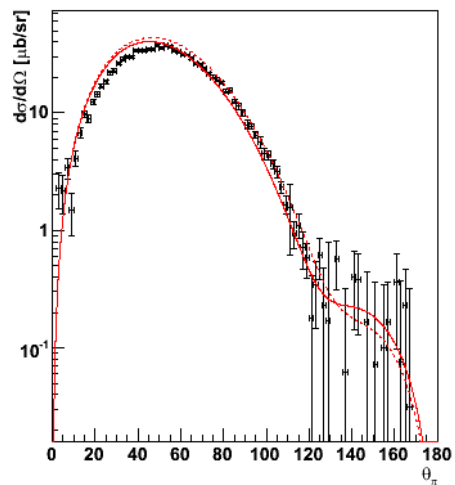
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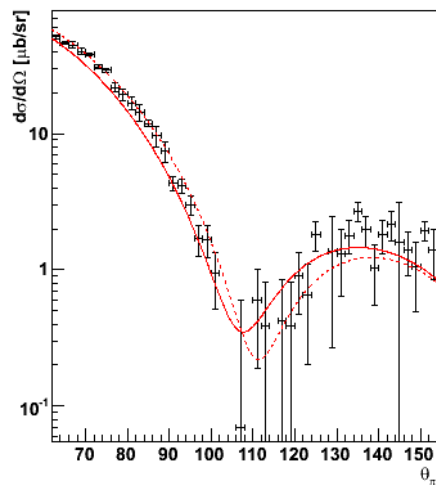
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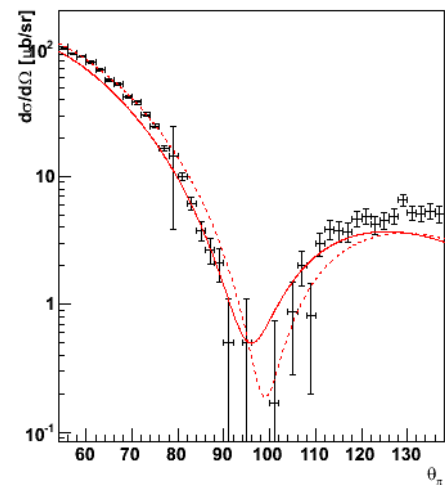
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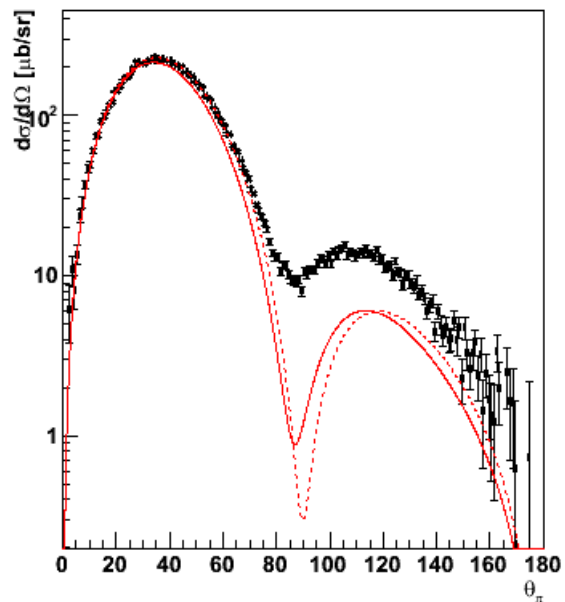
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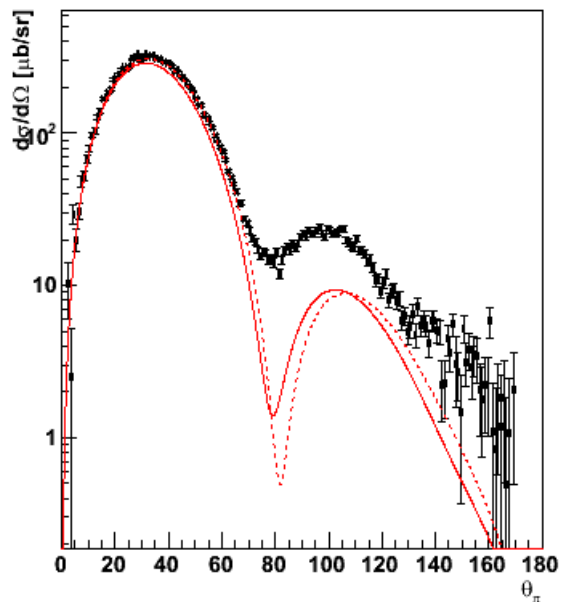
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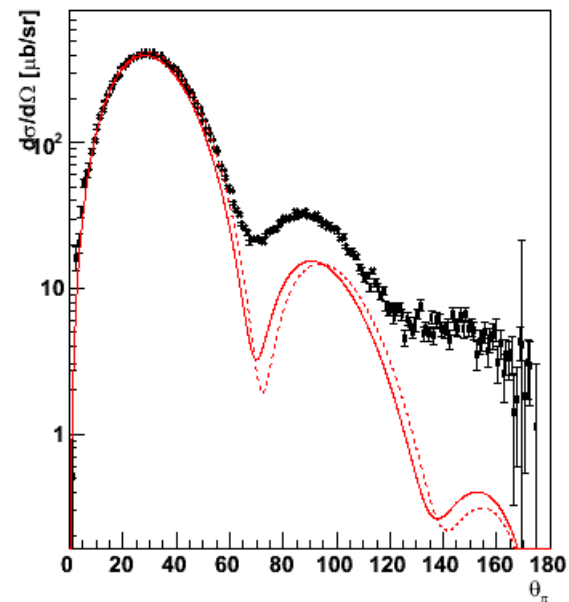
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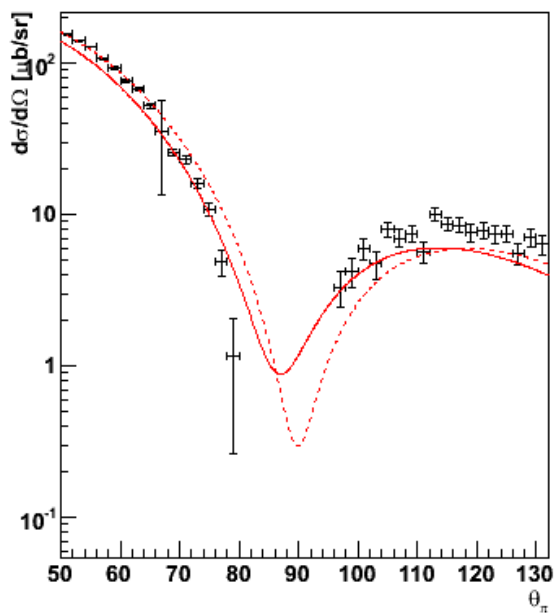
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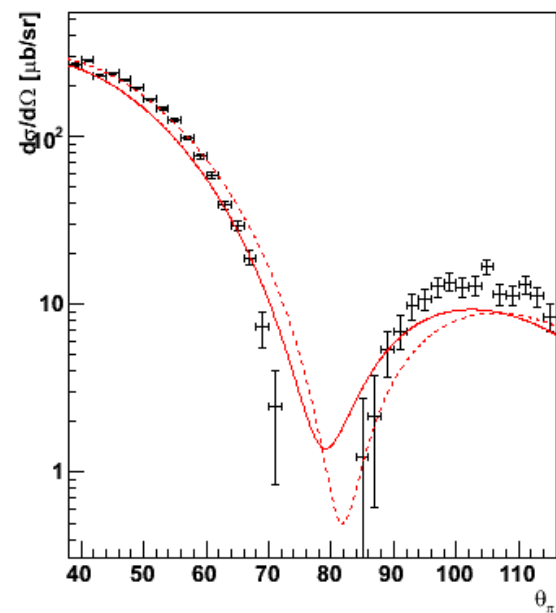
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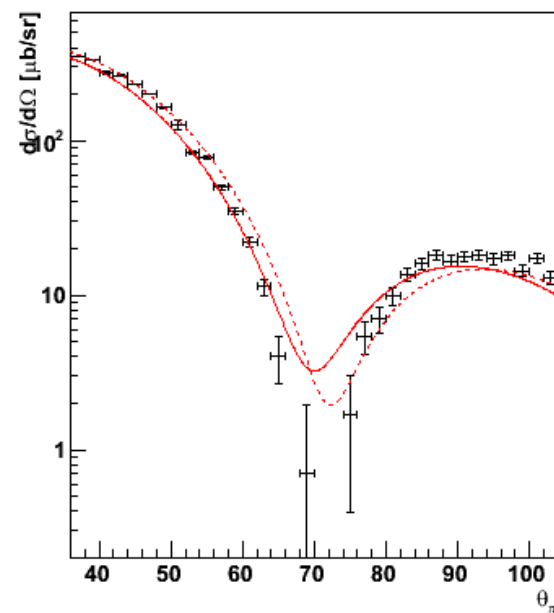
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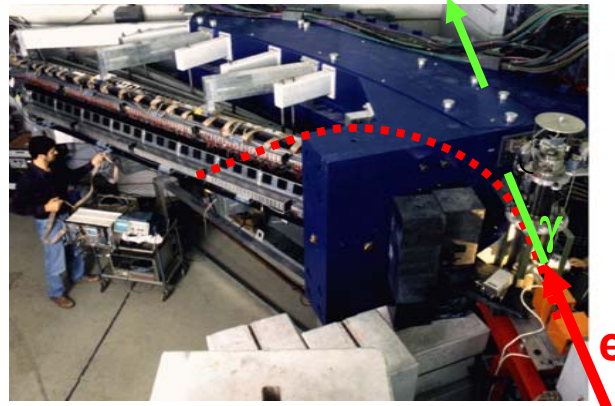
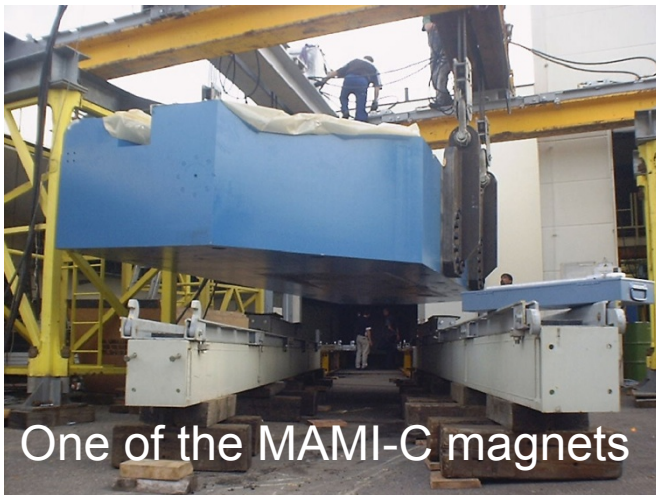
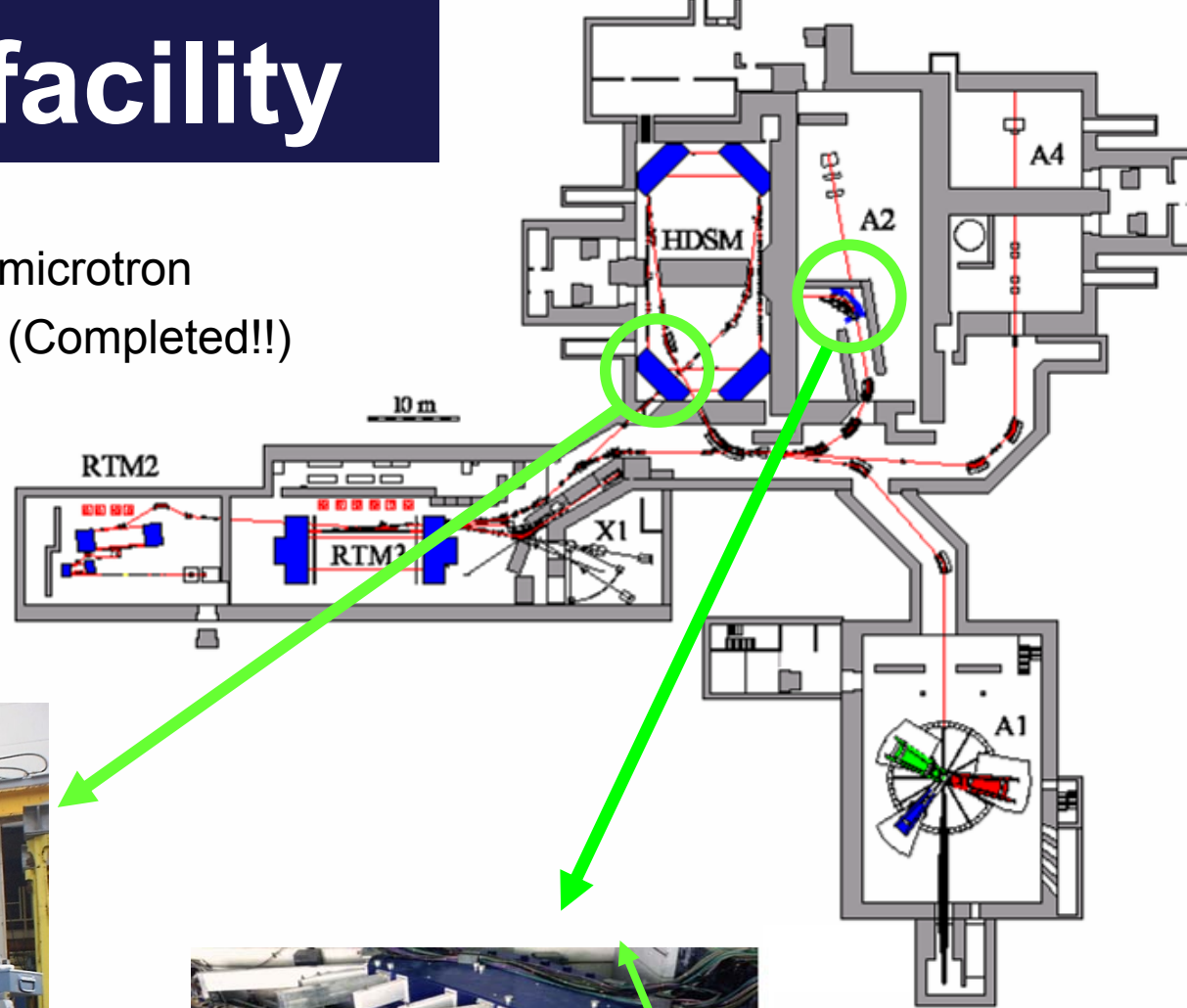


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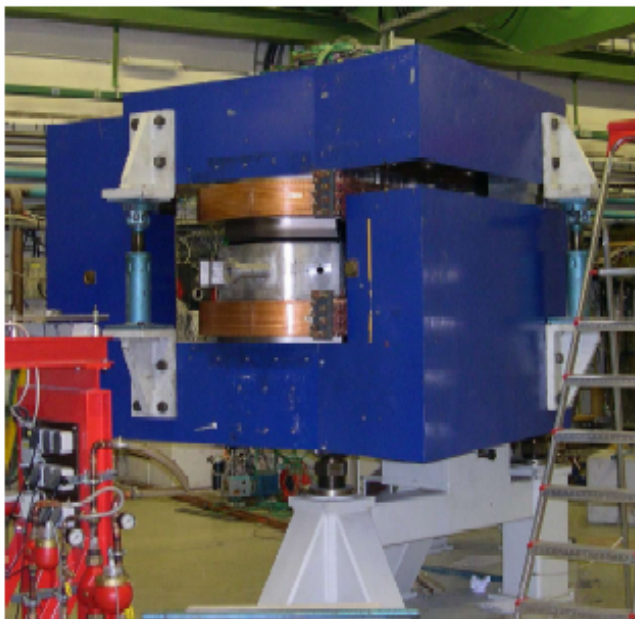


The MAMI facility

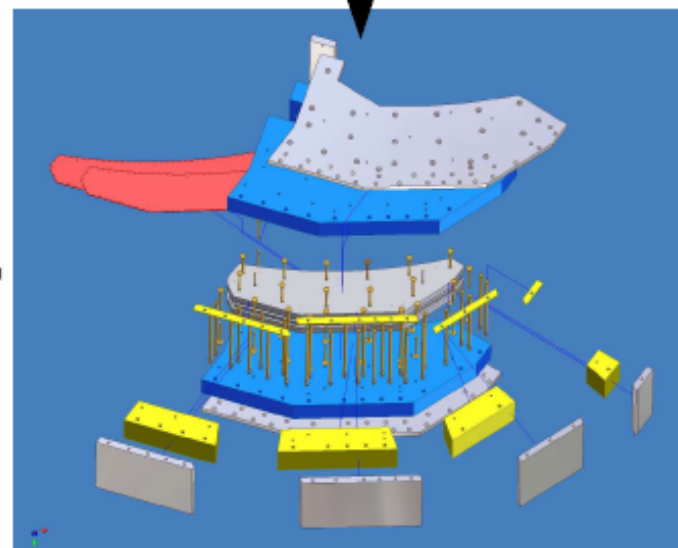
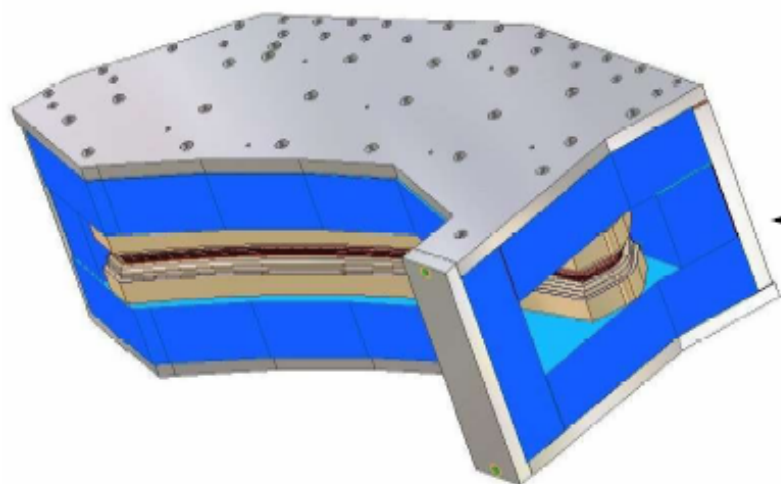
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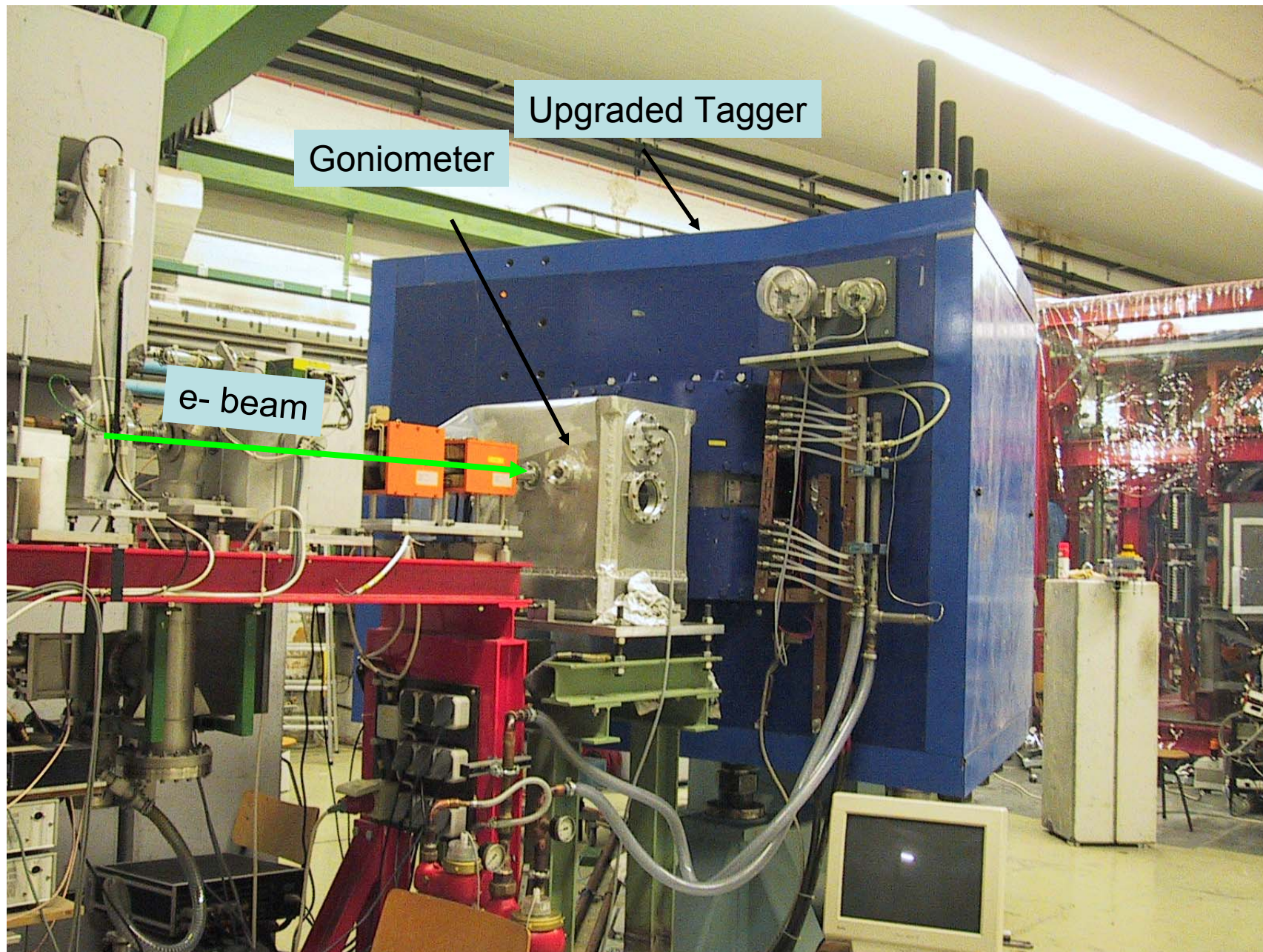


Photon Tagger upgrade



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Upgraded Tagger

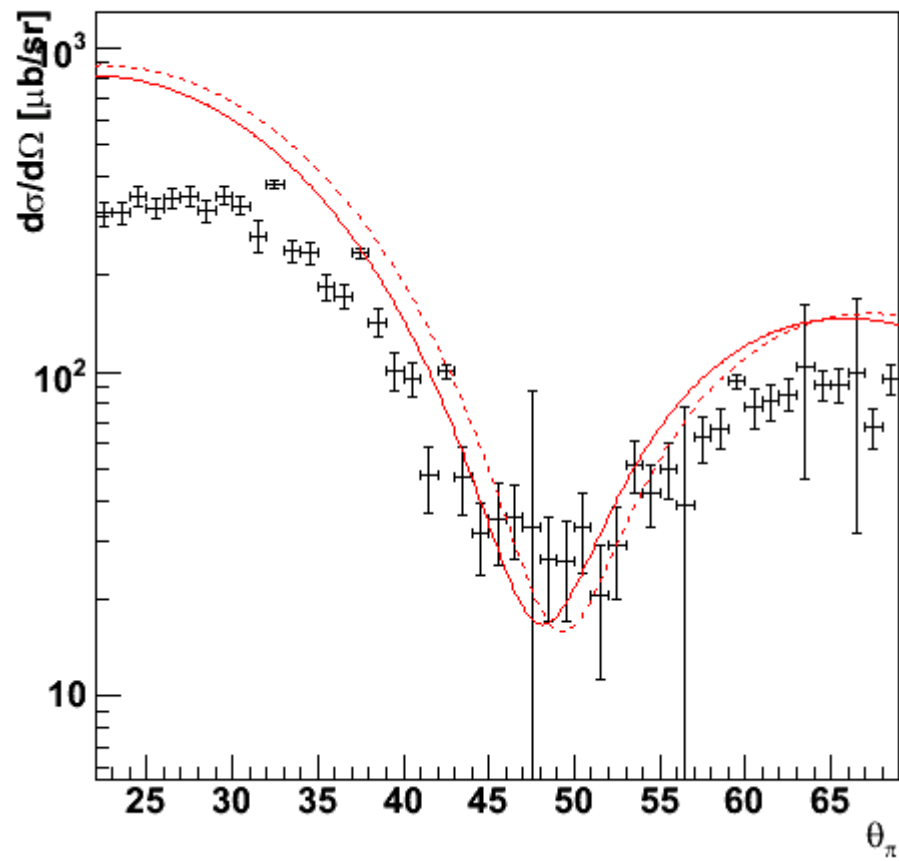
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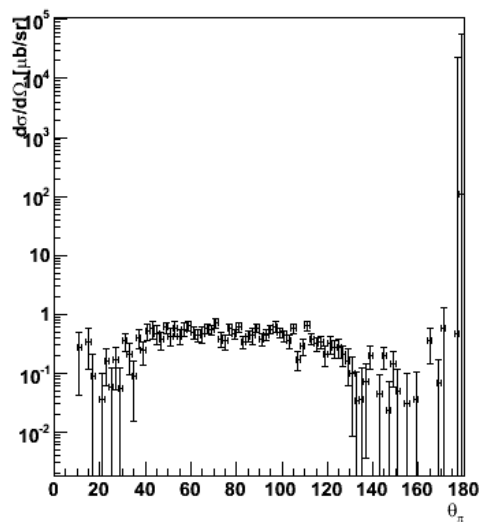
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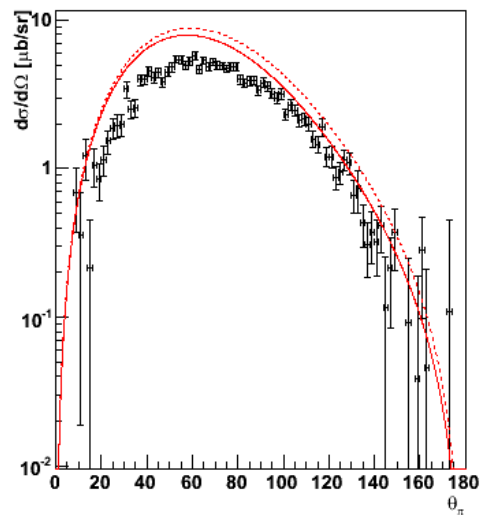
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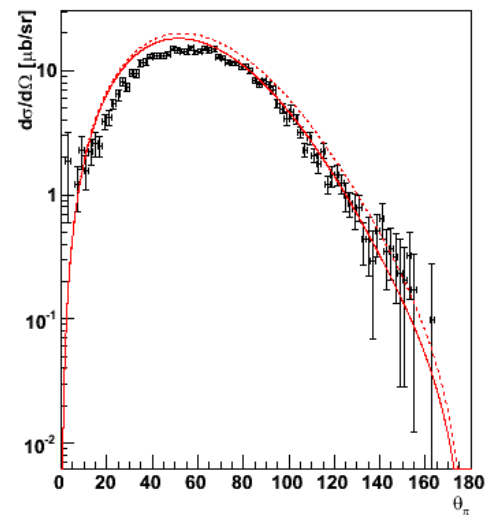
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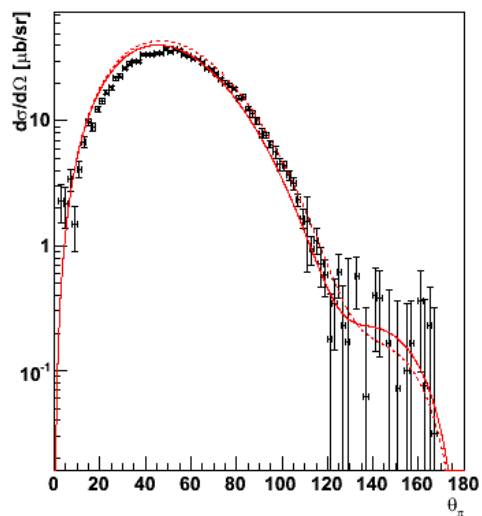
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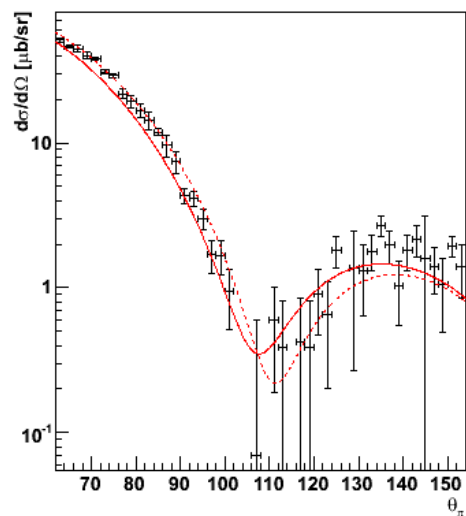
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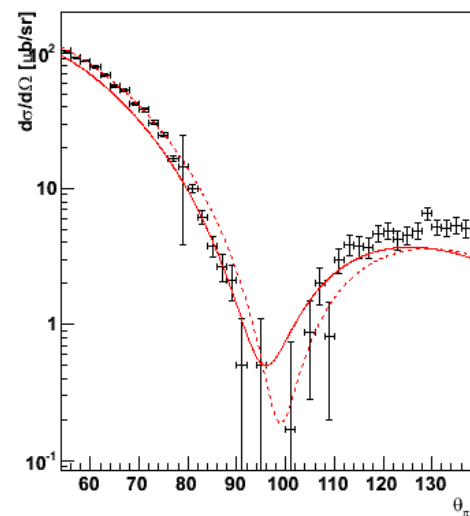
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Setup at MAMI

TAPS:

510 BaF₂-detectors
maximum kin. Energy

$\pi^\pm$: 180 MeV

$K^\pm$: 280 MeV

p : 360 MeV

Crystal Ball:

672 NaI-detectors
maximum kin. energy

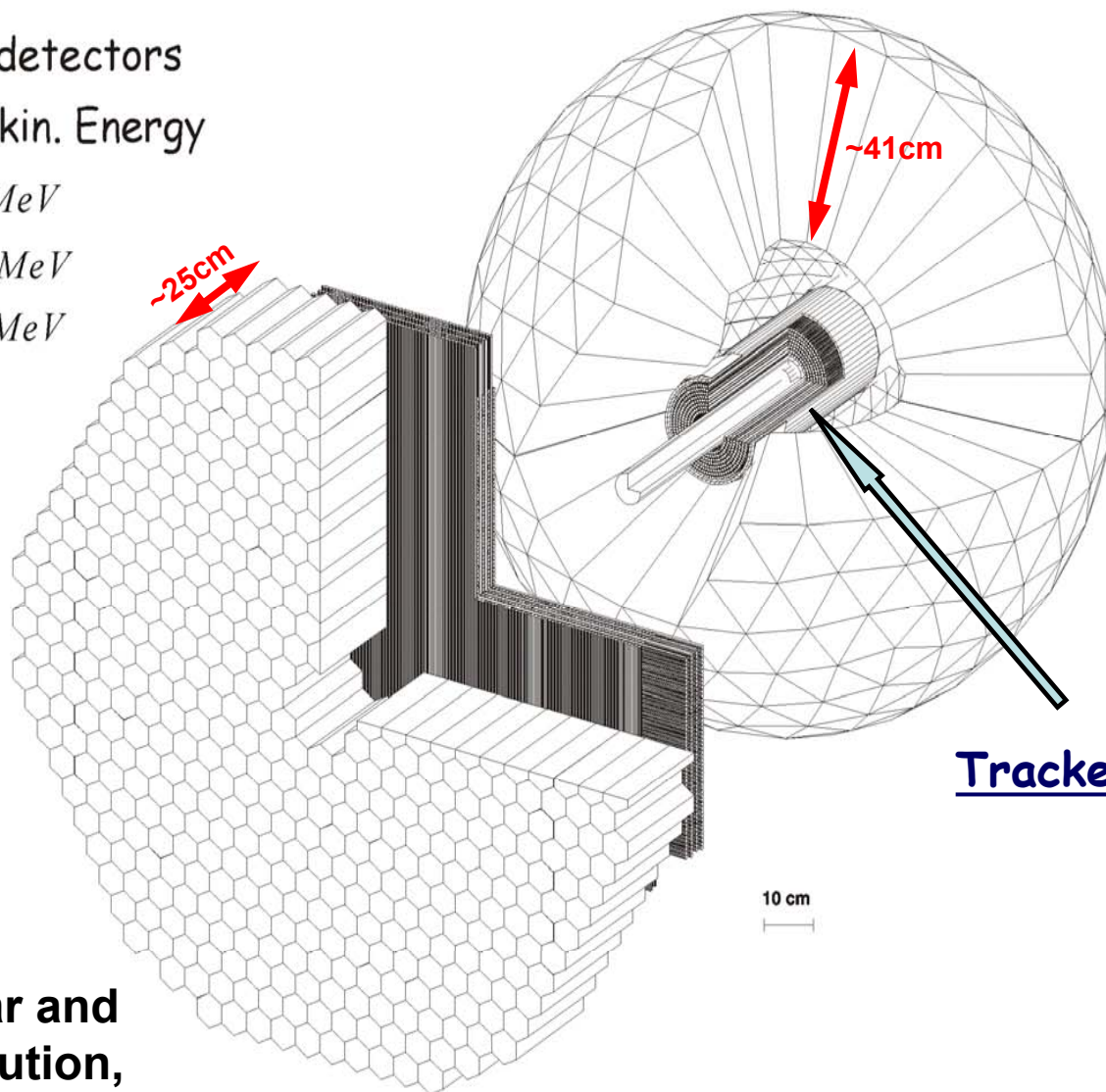
$\mu^\pm$: 233 MeV

$\pi^\pm$: 240 MeV

$K^\pm$: 341 MeV

p : 425 MeV

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma/E\gamma &= 1.7\% / E_\gamma(\text{GeV})^{0.4} \\ \sigma_\theta &= 2-3^\circ \\ \sigma_\phi &= 2^\circ / \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$



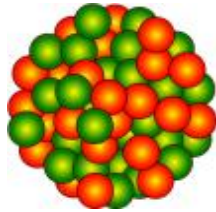
Tracker & Particle-ID

**Good angular and
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close to 4π acceptance**

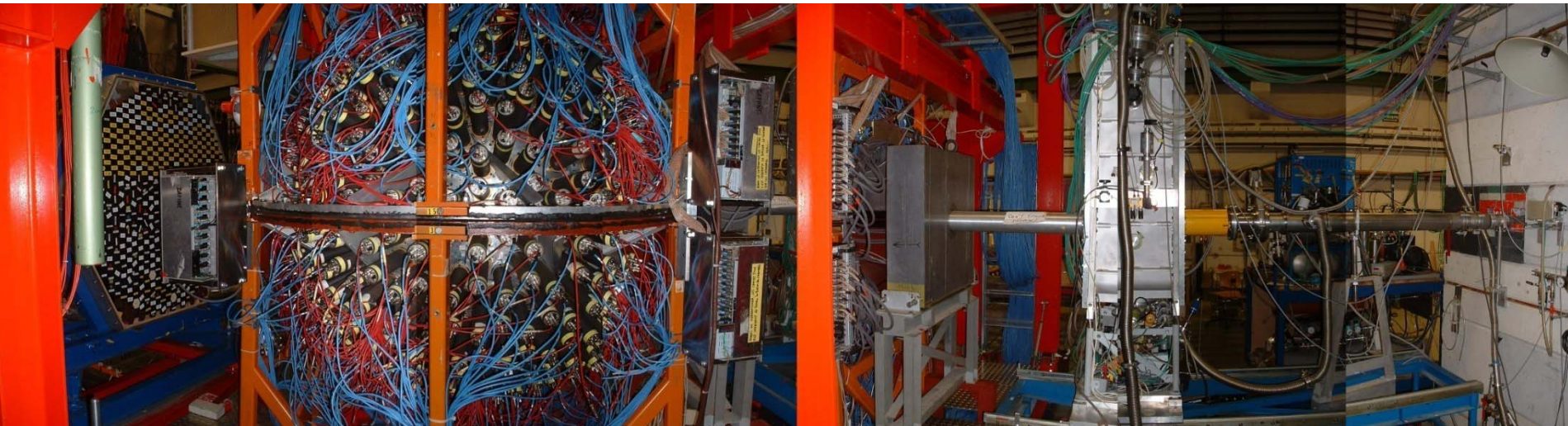
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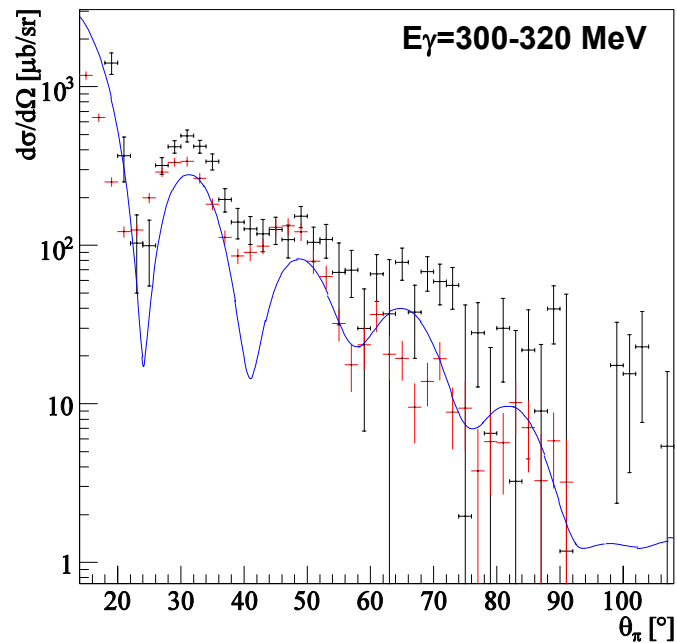
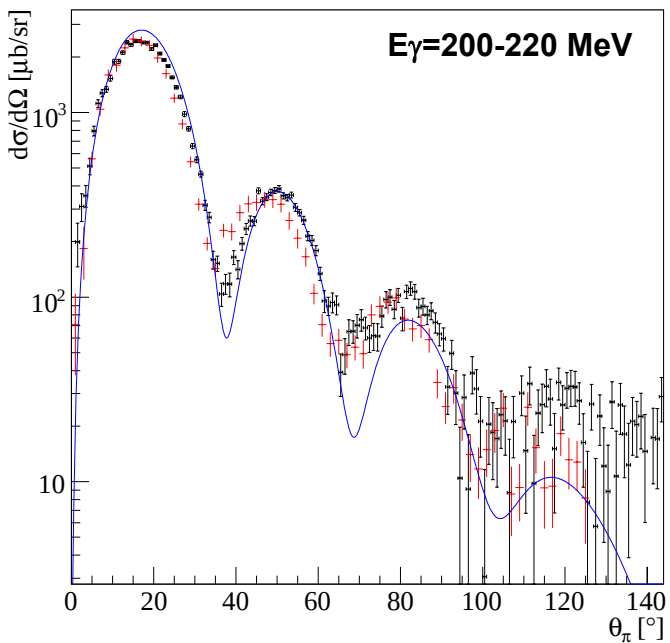
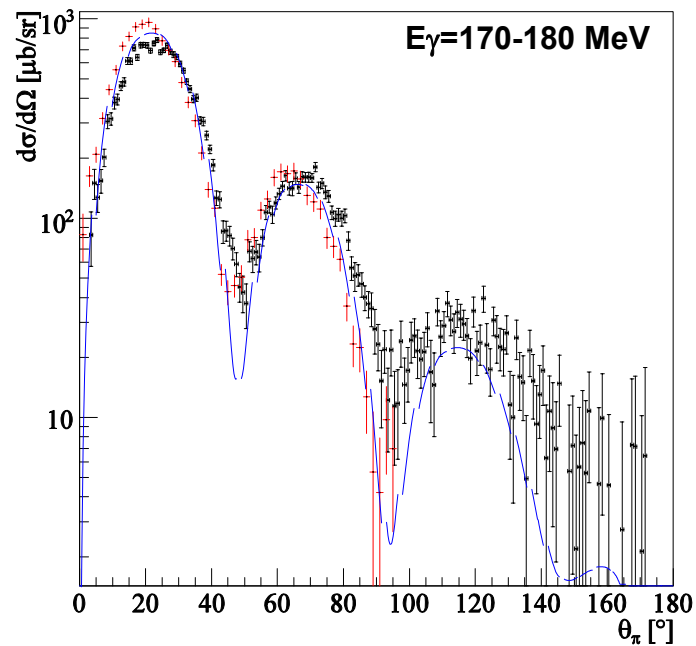
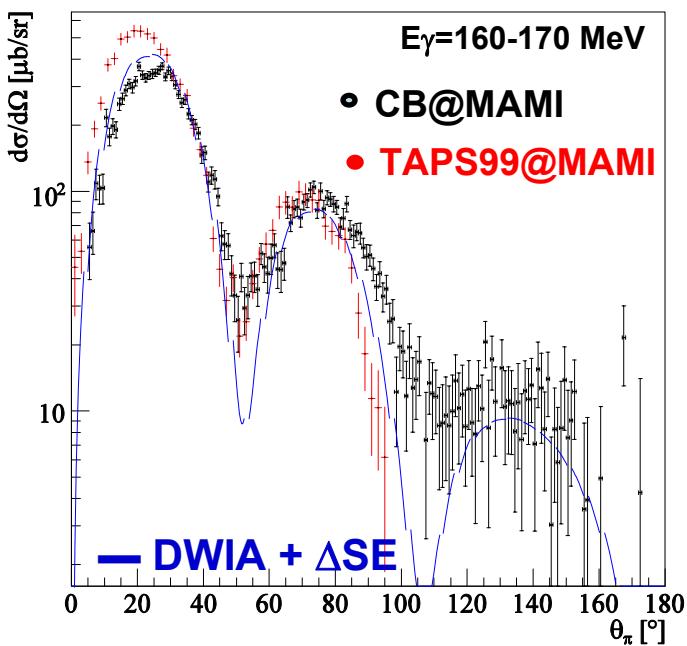
$A_{gs}(\gamma, \pi^0)A_{gs}$ coherent π^0 photoproduction



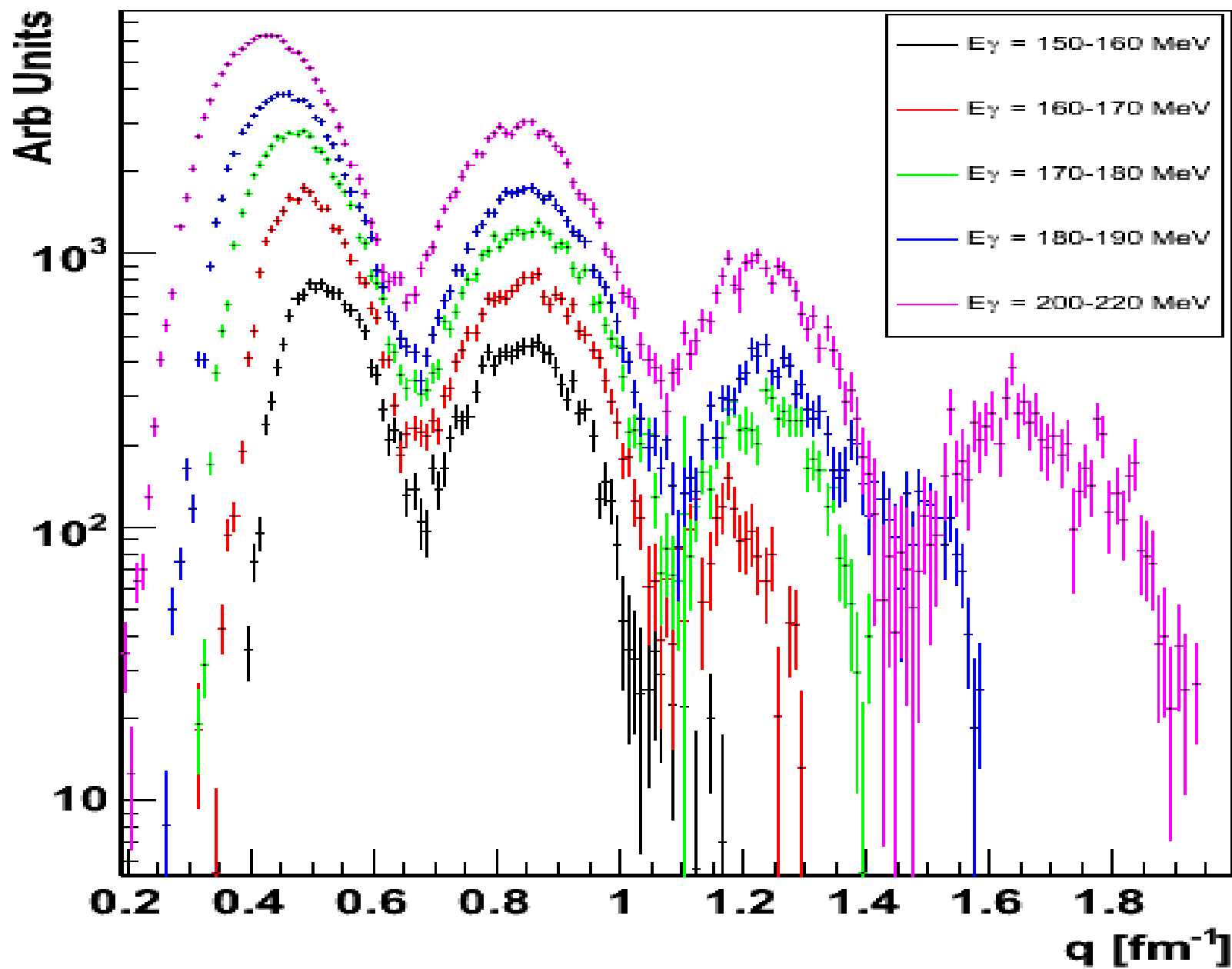
$$d\sigma/d\Omega \sim A^2(q/k_\gamma) P_3^2 |F_m(q)|^2 \sin^2\theta_\pi$$



^{208}Pb : π^0 angular distributions

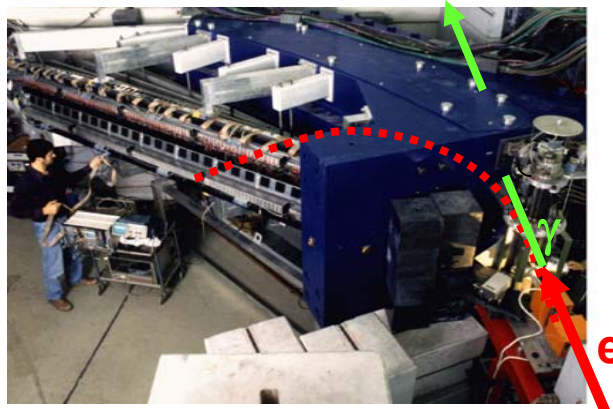
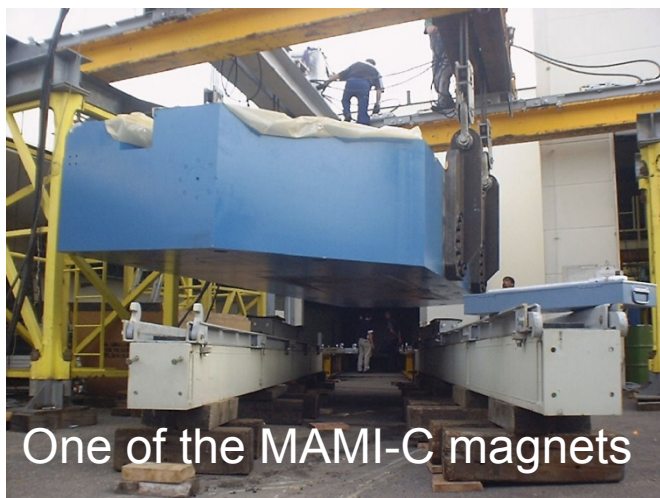
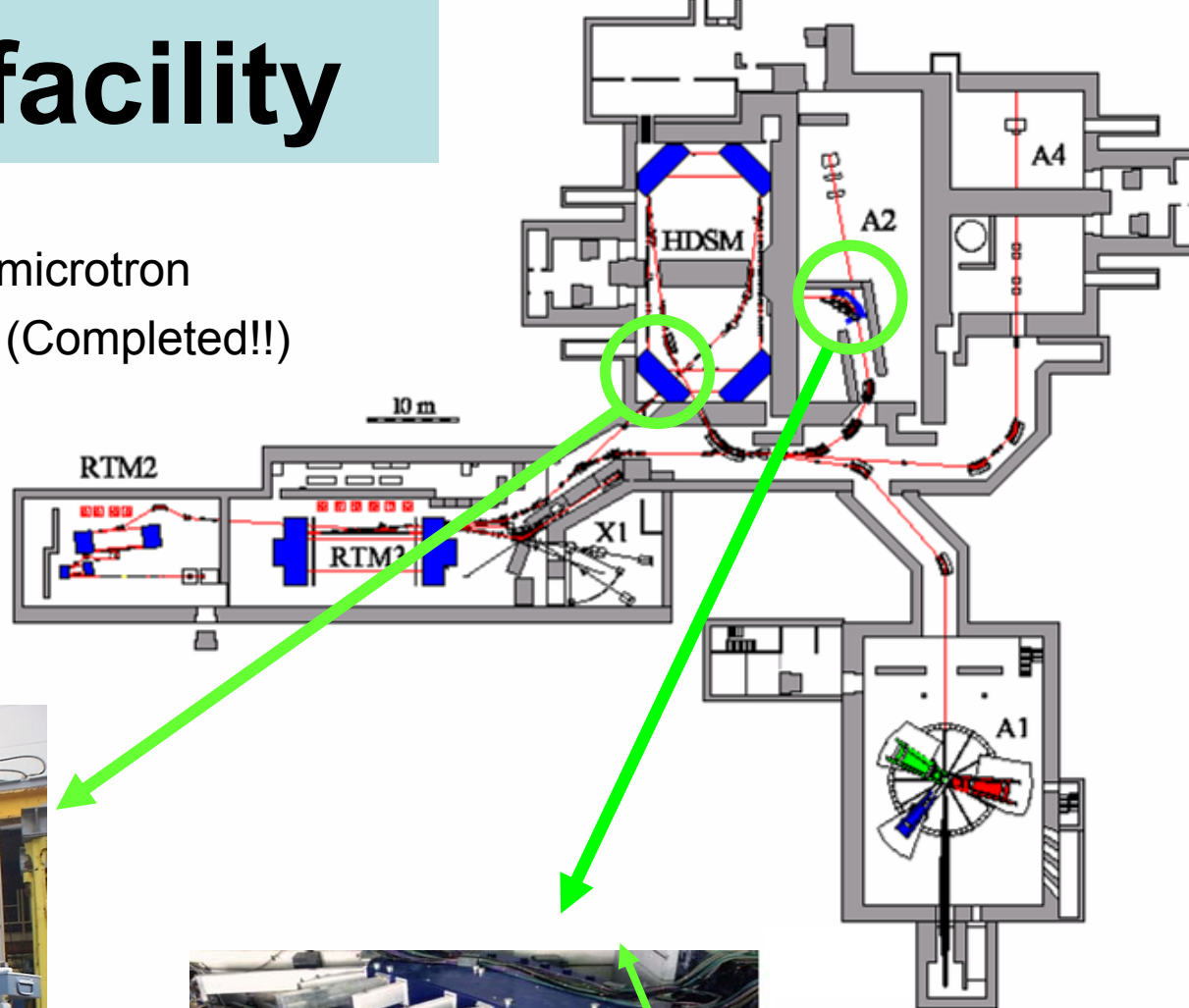


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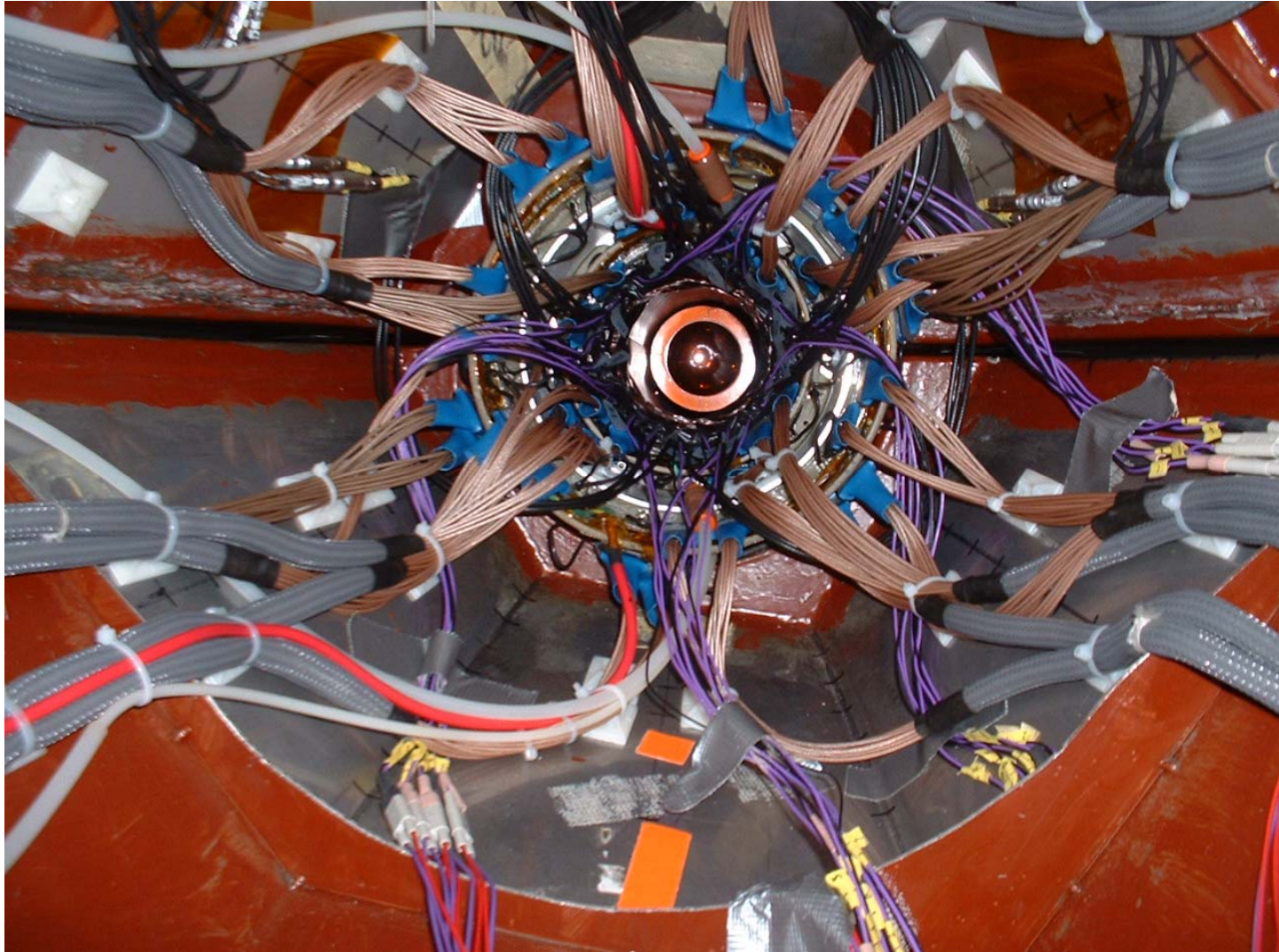


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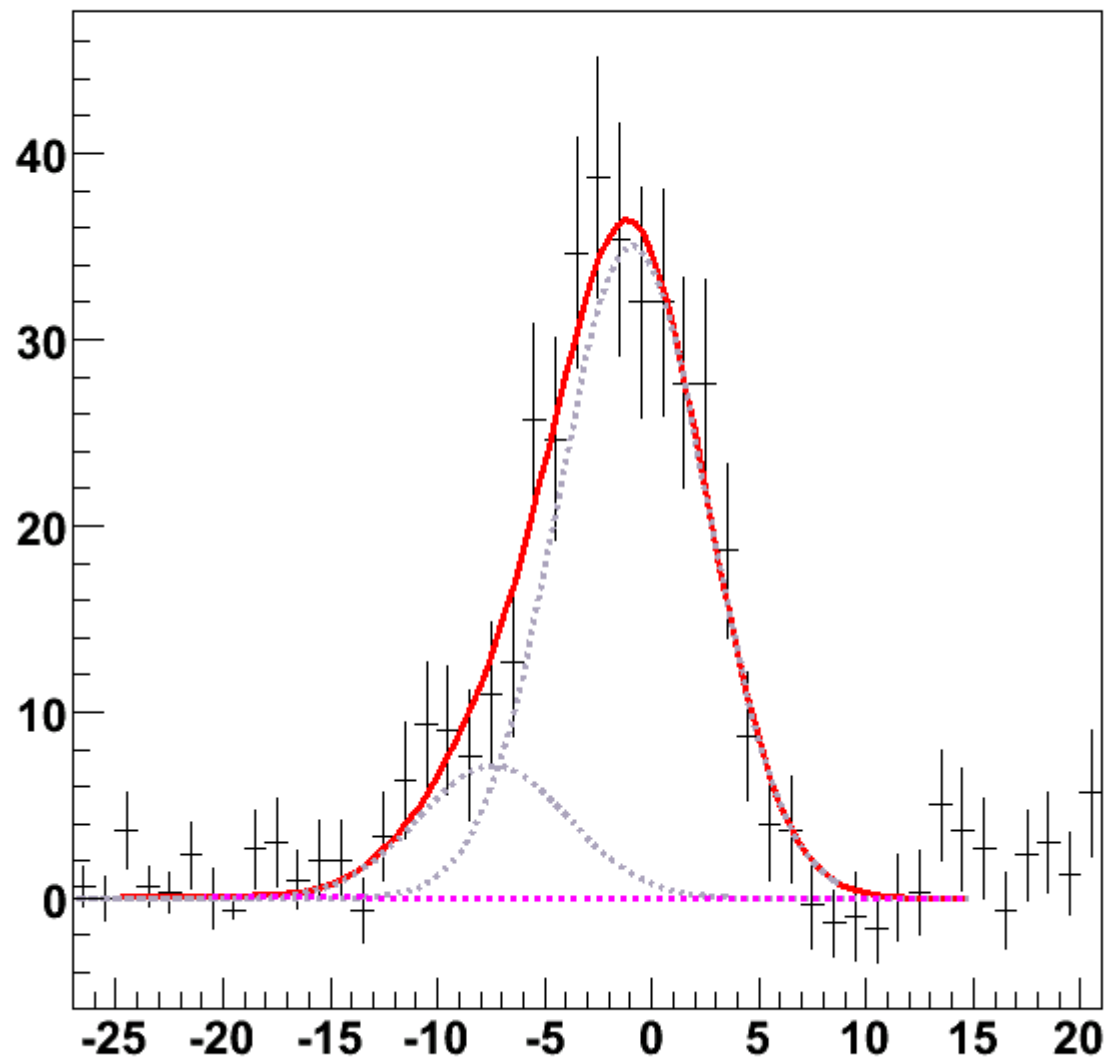
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MWPC & Particle-ID in situ



π MissEn vs π Theta $E_\gamma = (160 - 170)\text{MeV}$



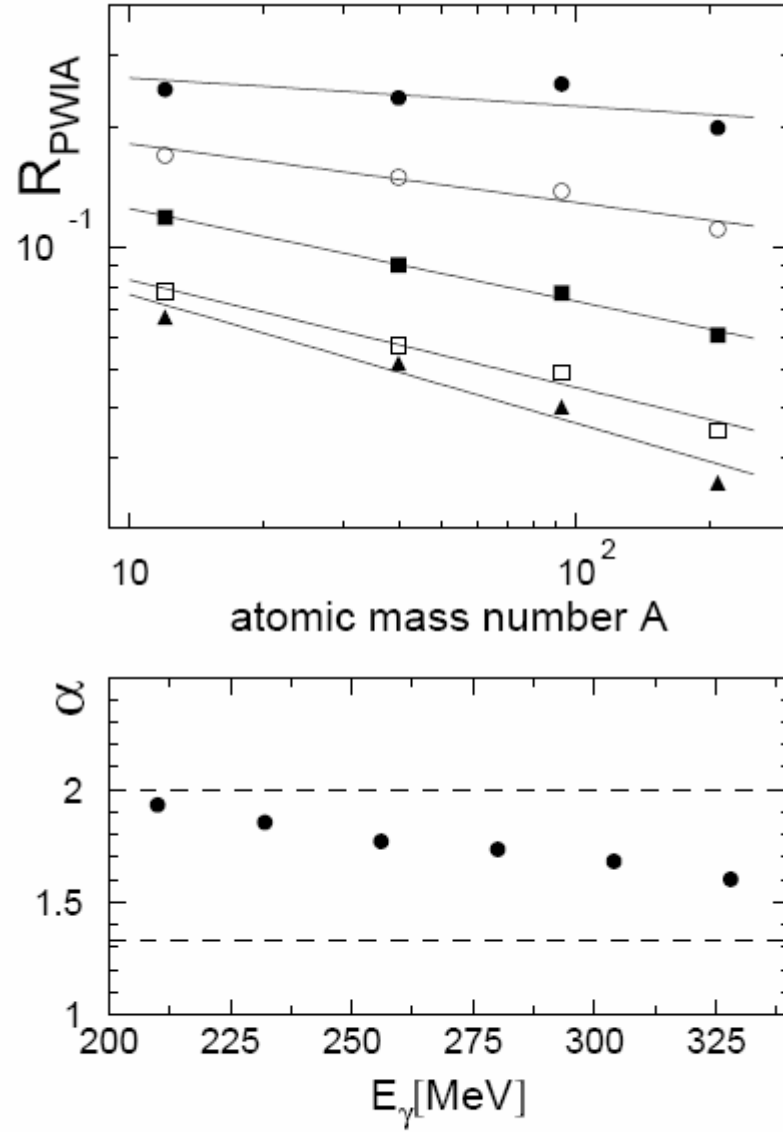
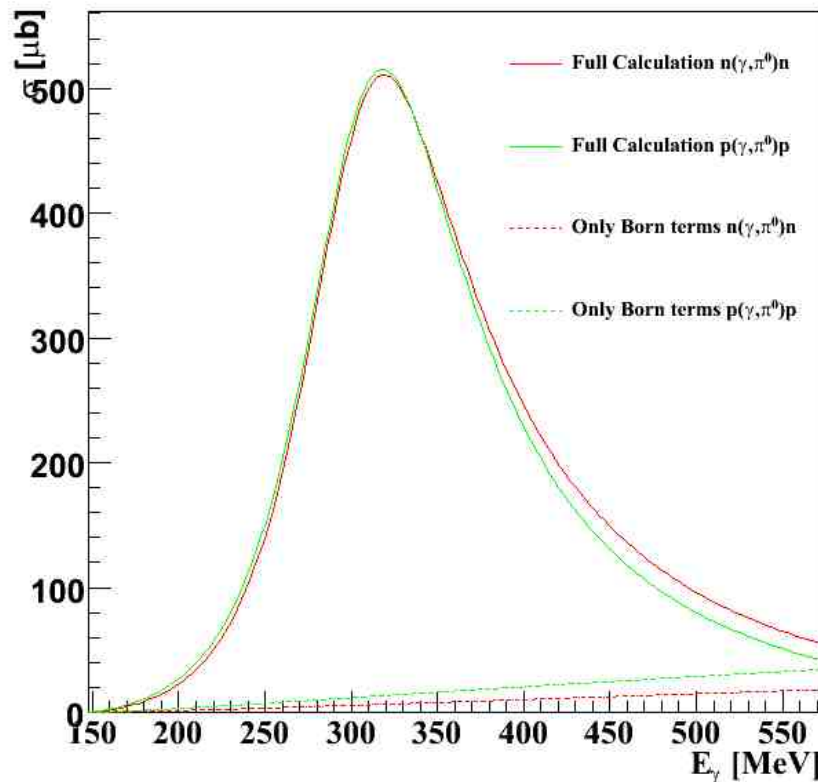
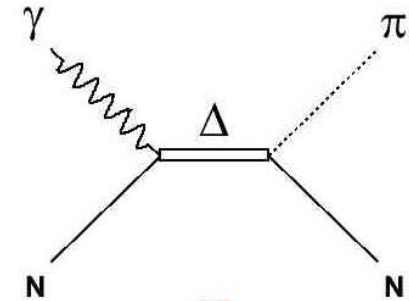


Fig. 3. Upper part: A -dependence of R_{PWIA} at $q = 0.5q_1$ for incident photon energies of 210, 230, 255, 280, and 305 MeV (from top to bottom). Lower part: fitted coefficients α of the mass dependence.

π^0 photoproduction amplitude

- Basic production amplitude $\sim$ equal for protons and neutrons
- Dominated by $\Delta(1232)$ production



Isospin structure of amplitude

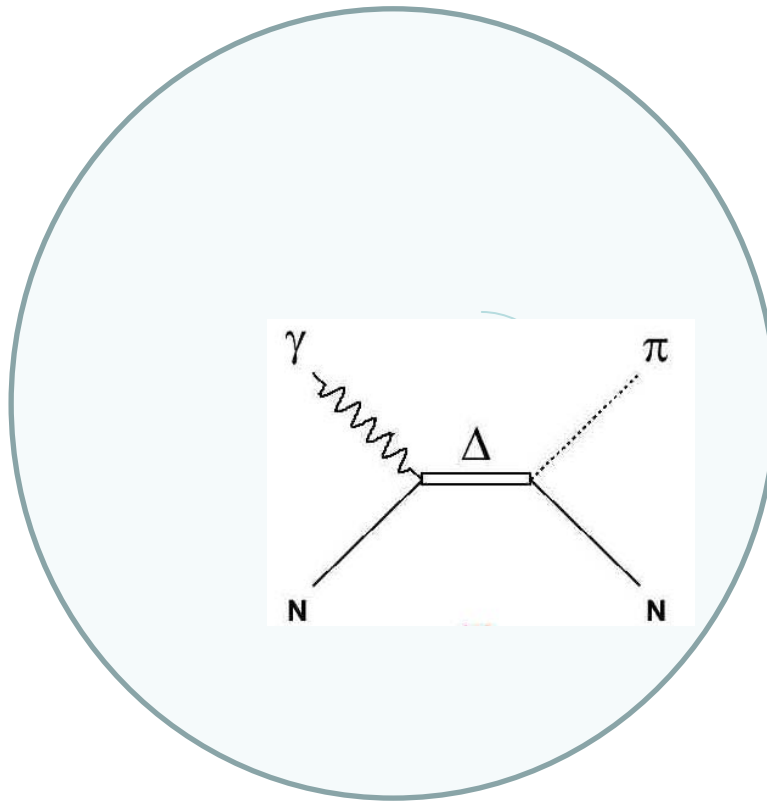
$$A(\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 p) = \sqrt{2/3} A^{V3} + \sqrt{1/3} (A^{IV} - A^{IS})$$

$$A(\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^0 n) = \sqrt{2/3} A^{V3} + \sqrt{1/3} (A^{IV} + A^{IS})$$

Δ has $I=3/2$ -- A^{V3} only

π^0 production in the nucleus

Access matter form factor
and matter transition form factor
with EM probe



“Clean” test of π^0 -nucleus
interaction & effect of
medium on Δ -properties

Test more specific aspects of the
basic production amplitude

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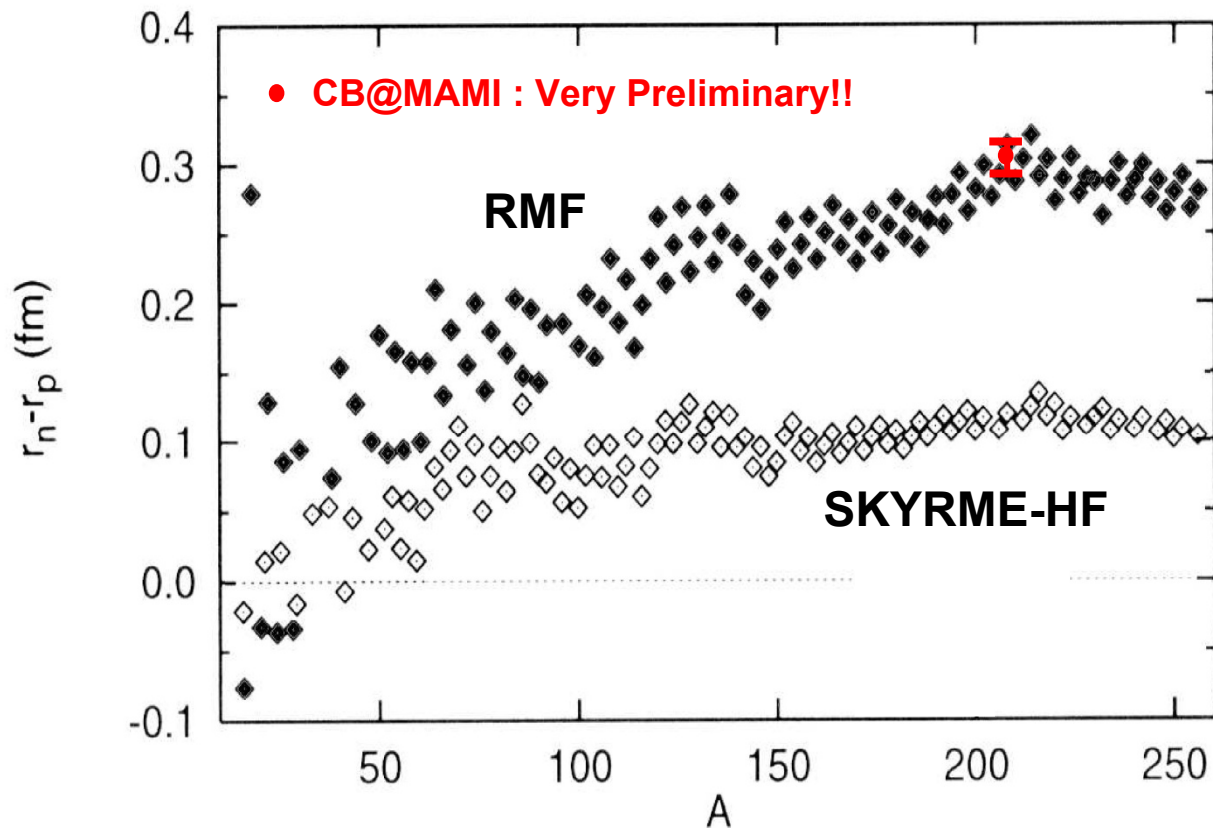
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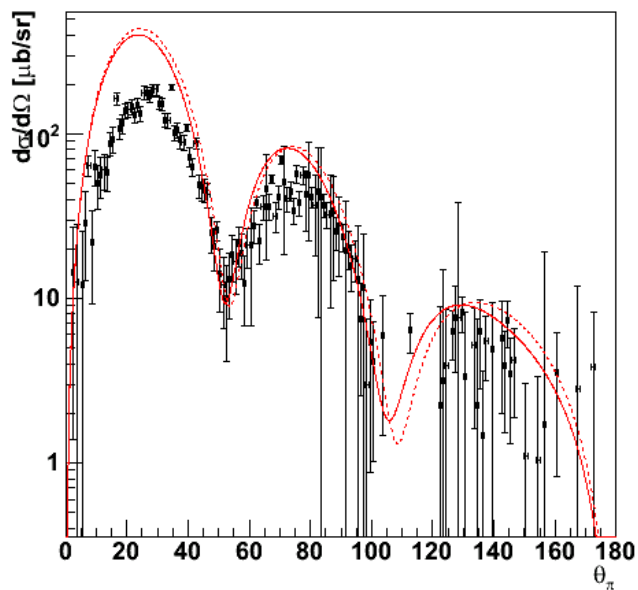
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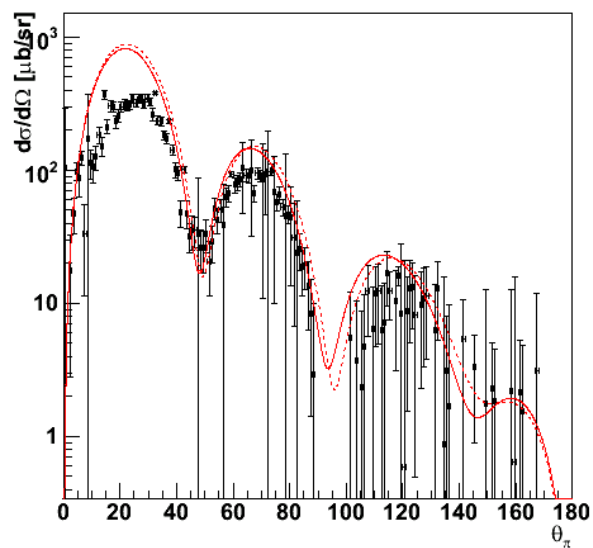
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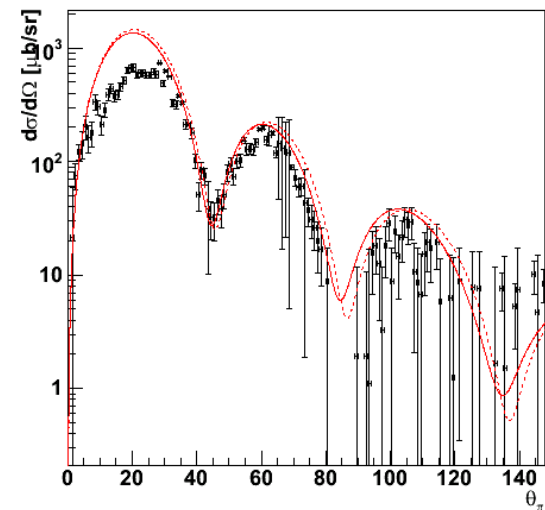
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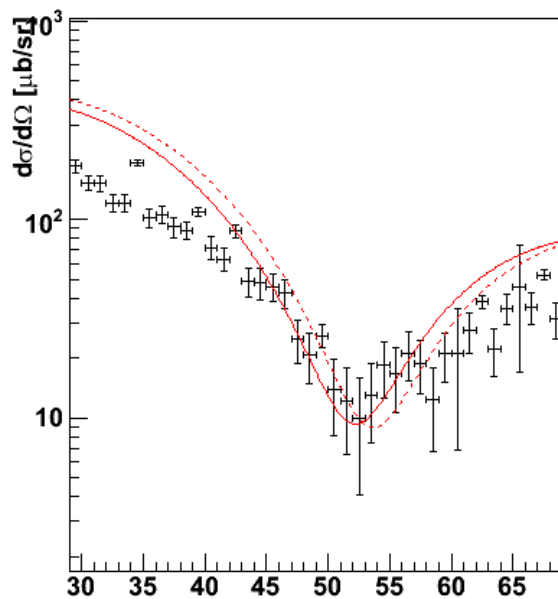
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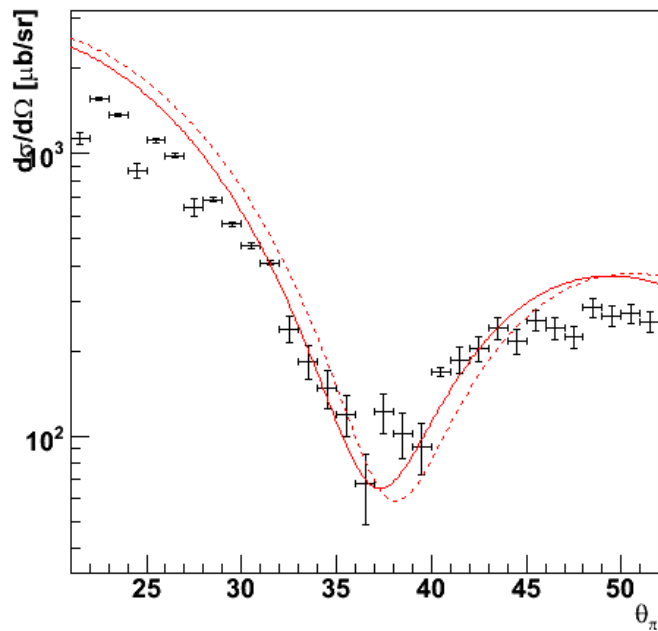
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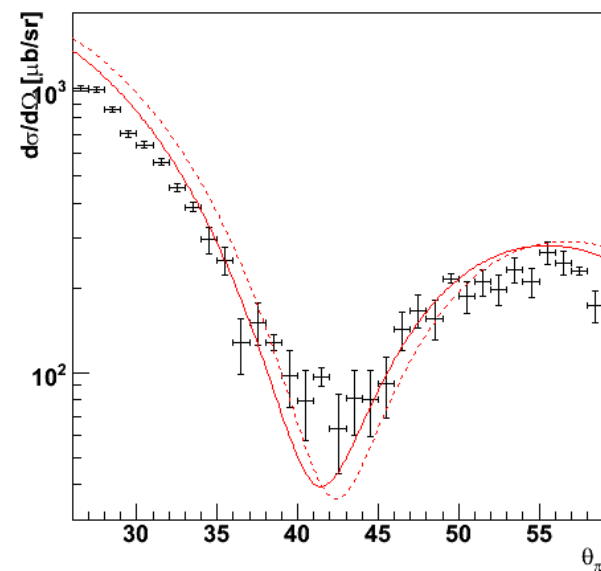
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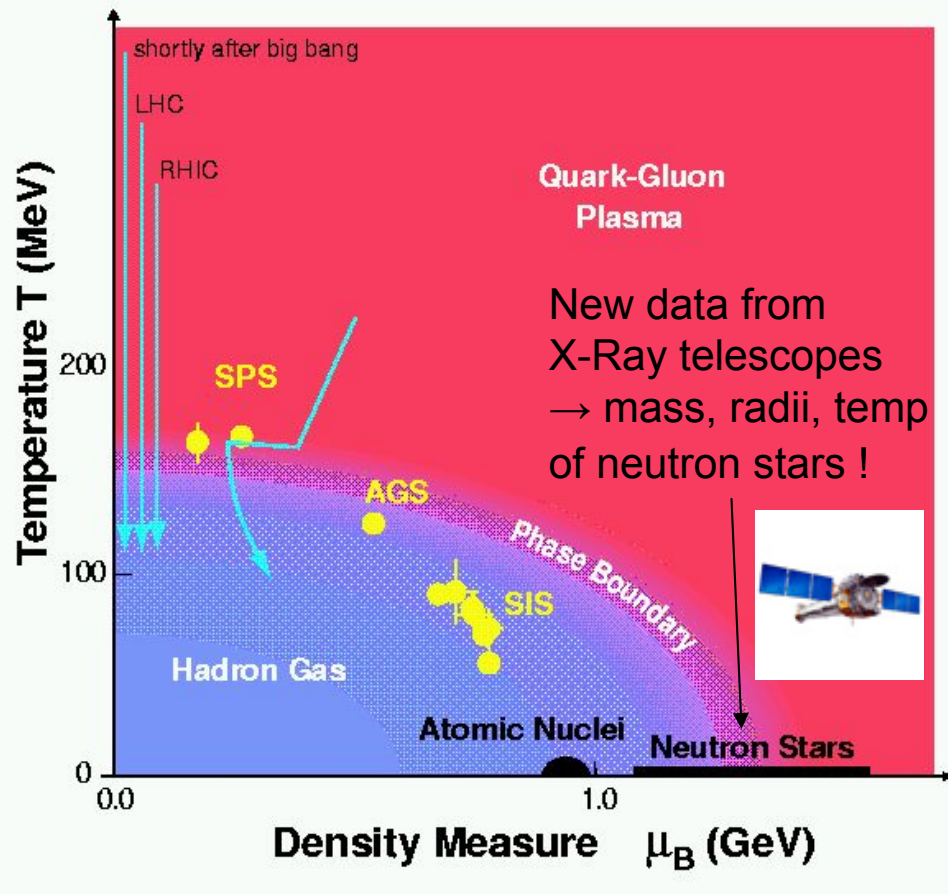
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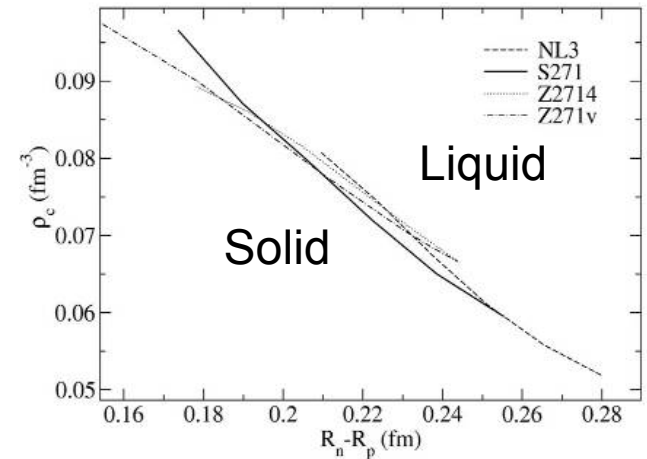


^{208}Pb Neutron skin and Neutron stars

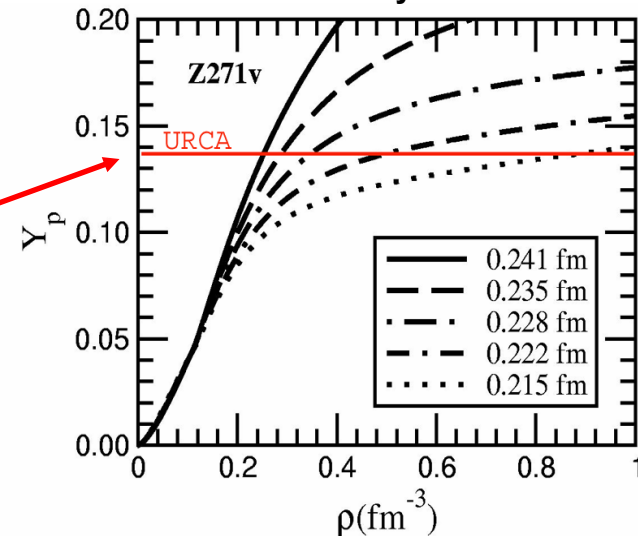


URCA Cooling
 $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}$
 $e^- + p \rightarrow n + \nu$

Thick neutron skin
 → Low transition density in neutron star



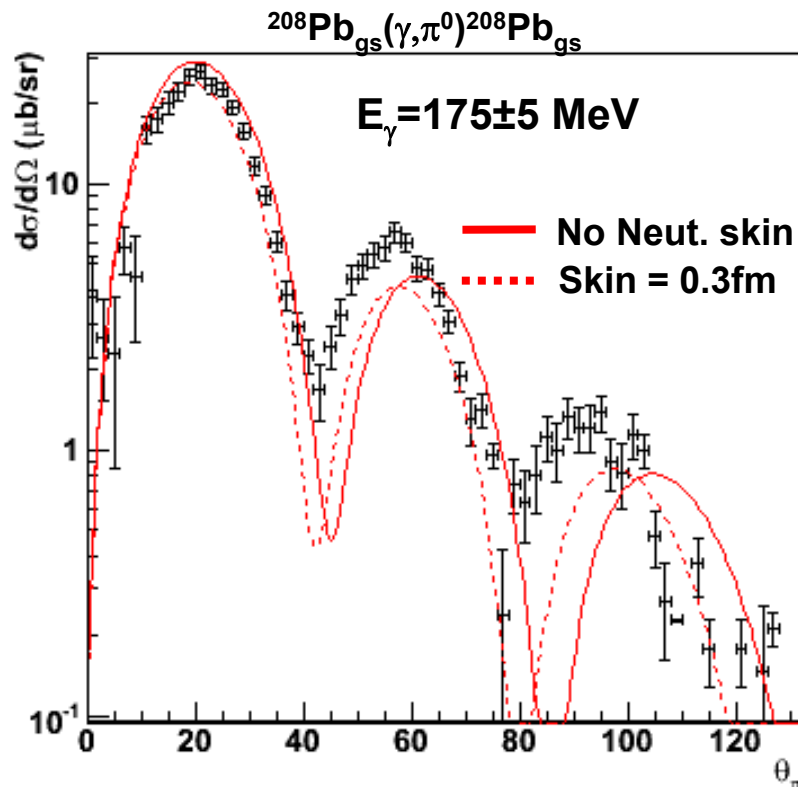
Proton fraction as a function of density in neutron star



Preliminary analyses: Neutron skin determination from $A_{gs}(\gamma, \pi^0)A_{gs}$ coherent π^0 photoproduction

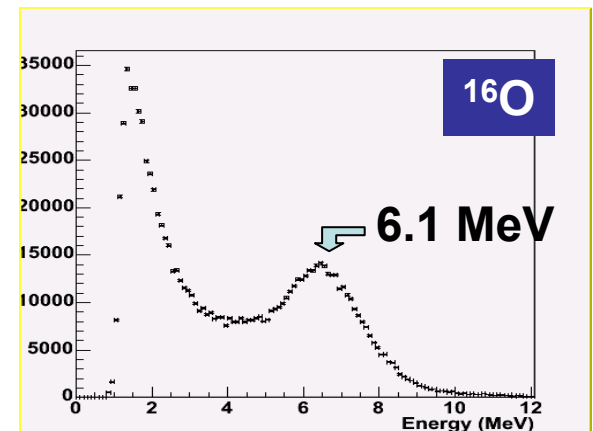
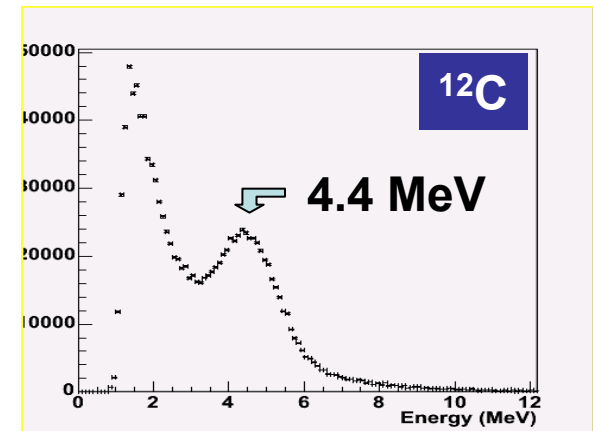
- Clear diffraction patterns for ^{208}Pb and a range of lighter nuclei

$$d\sigma/d\Omega \sim A^2(q/k_\gamma) P_3^2 |F_m(q)|^2 \sin^2\theta_\pi$$



Data analysis
Of C. Tarbert

Also see coincident low energy
Nuclear Decay Photons !!



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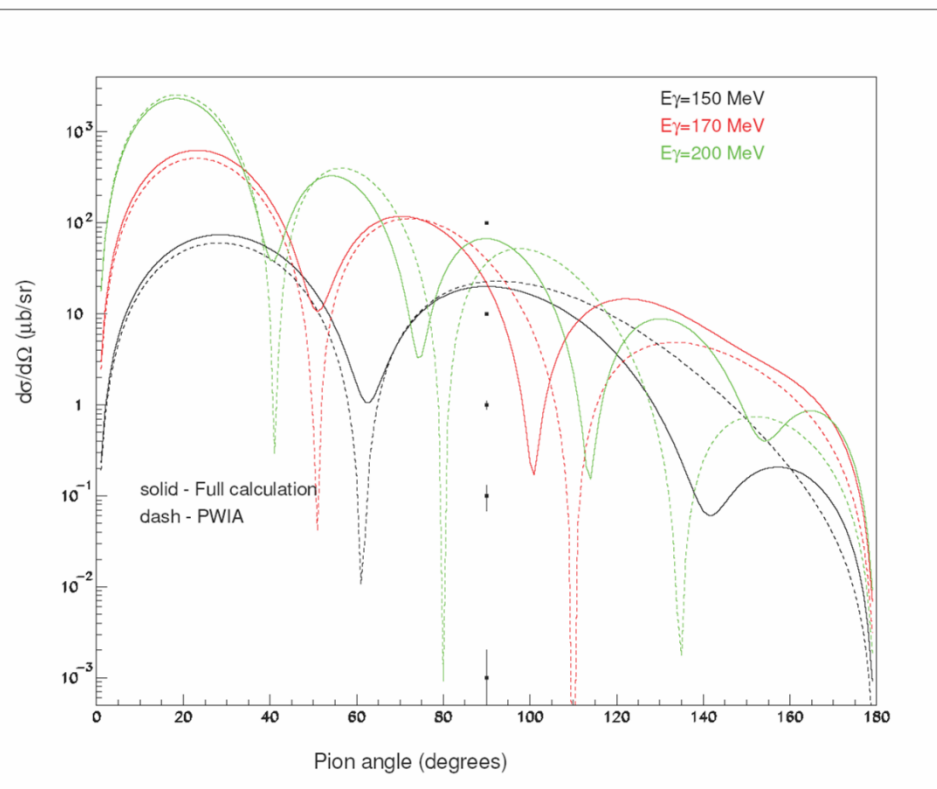
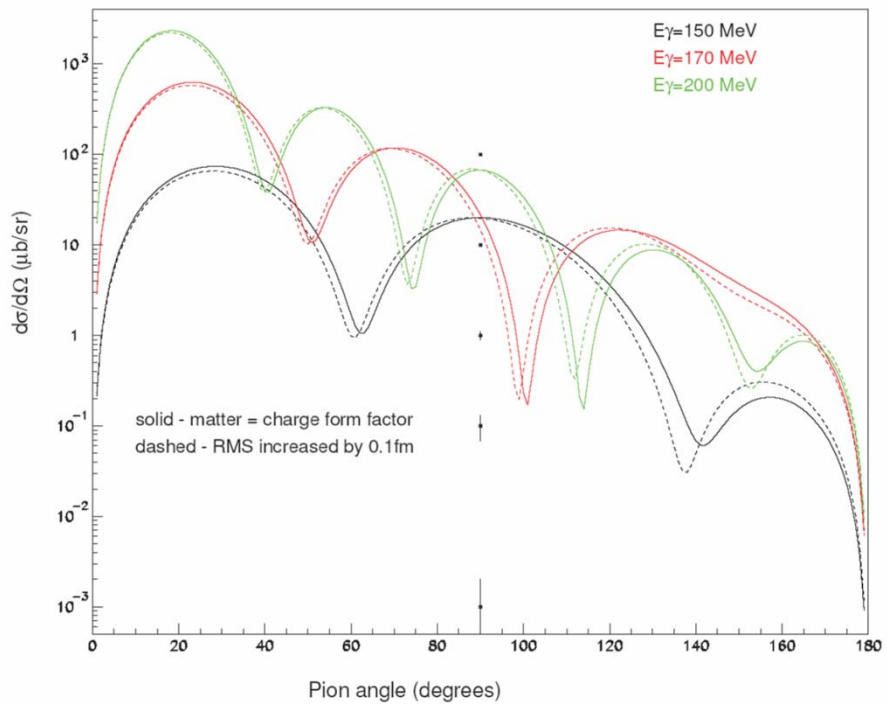
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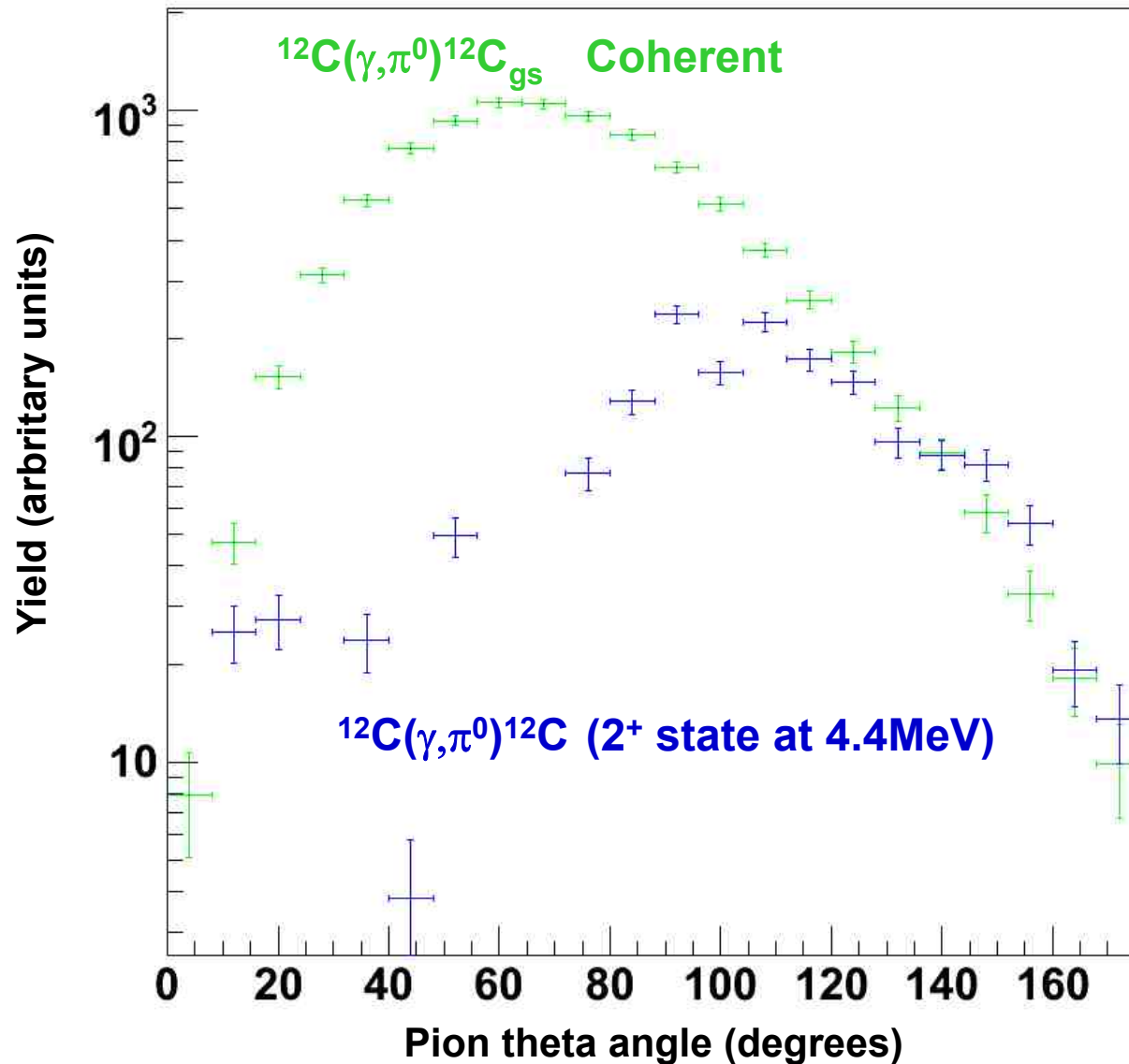
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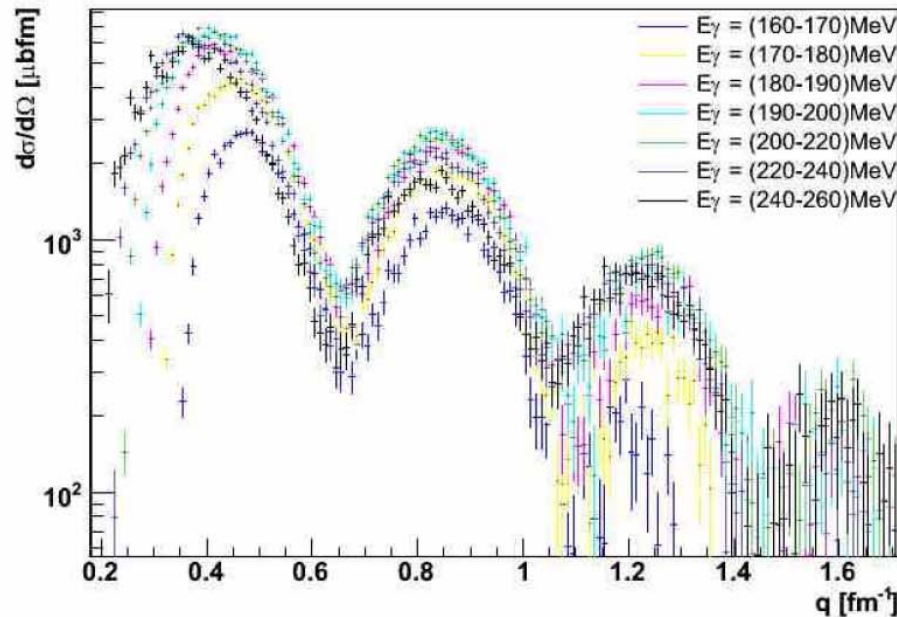
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Preliminary analyses: Incoherent π^0



^{208}Pb : Momentum transfer distributions



Without FSI cross section could be described by PWIA.

FSI has effect of:

1. Changing momentum of outgoing pion as it leaves the nucleus (shift in q).
2. Loss of strength with another channel.

