

# Electroweak processes in nuclei

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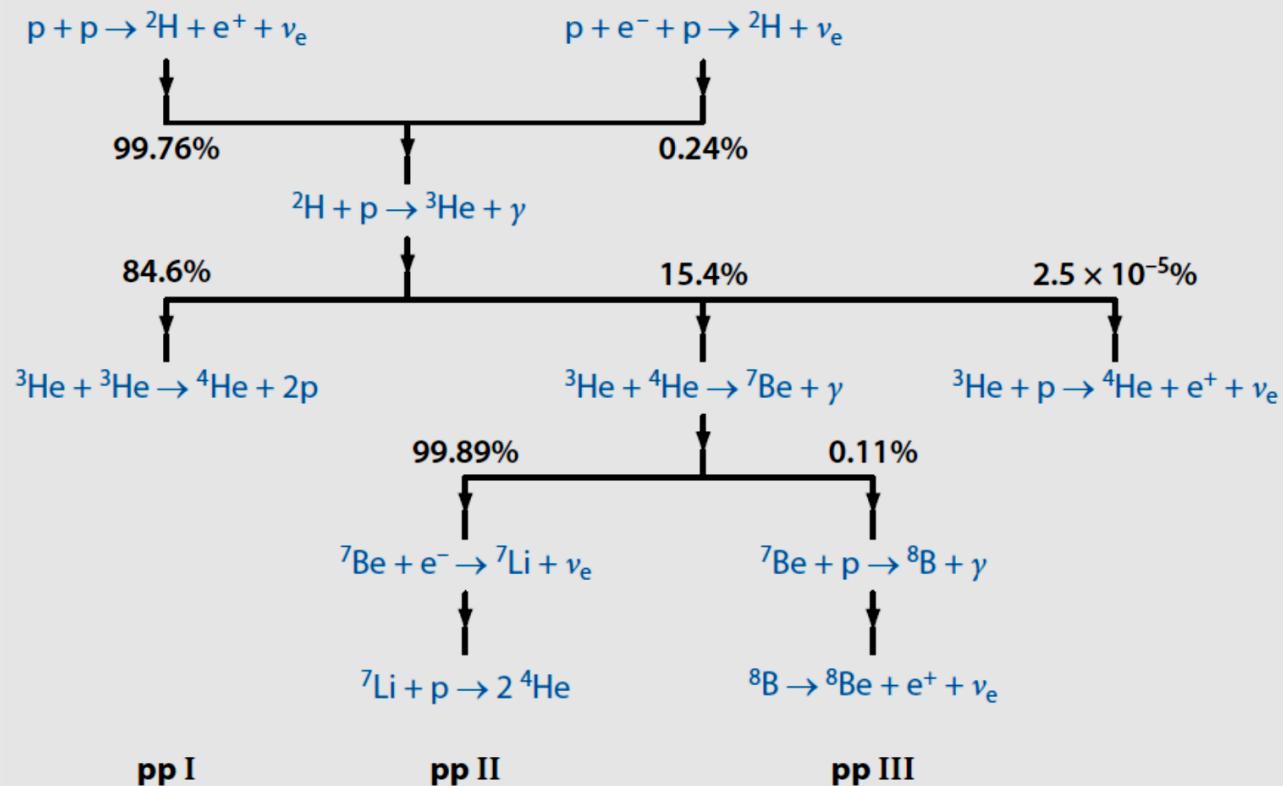
*“From nucleons to nuclei: enabling discovery for neutrinos, dark matter and more”, INT workshop, Seattle, WA, June 2018*

# Outline

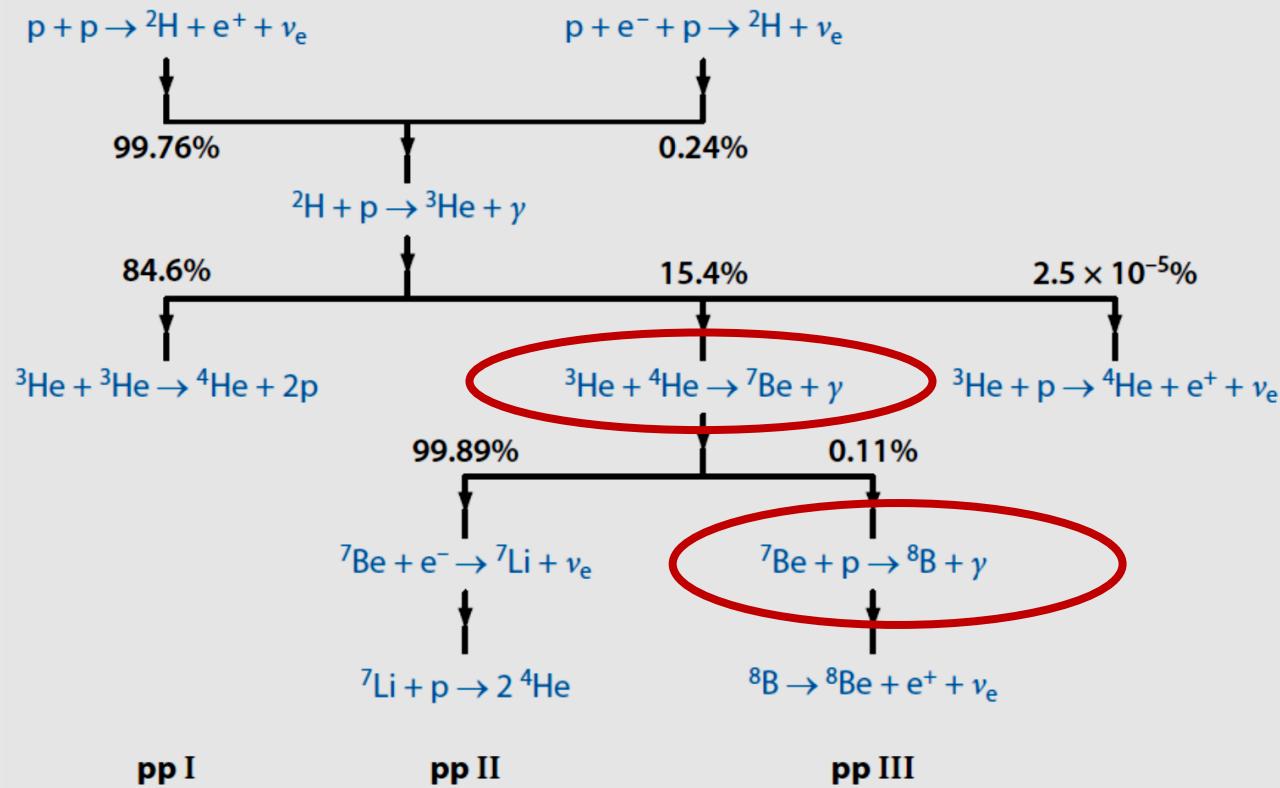
- Low-energy nuclear physics for solar neutrino generation: radiative capture reactions
- GeV-neutrino—nucleus reactions for base-line neutrino experiment: neutral-current induced photon production
- Hadronic physics for base-line neutrino experiment: weak-Compton scattering and nucleon form factors
- Dark-photon explanation in Be-8 anomaly
- Summary

# Solar neutrinos: radiative capture reactions

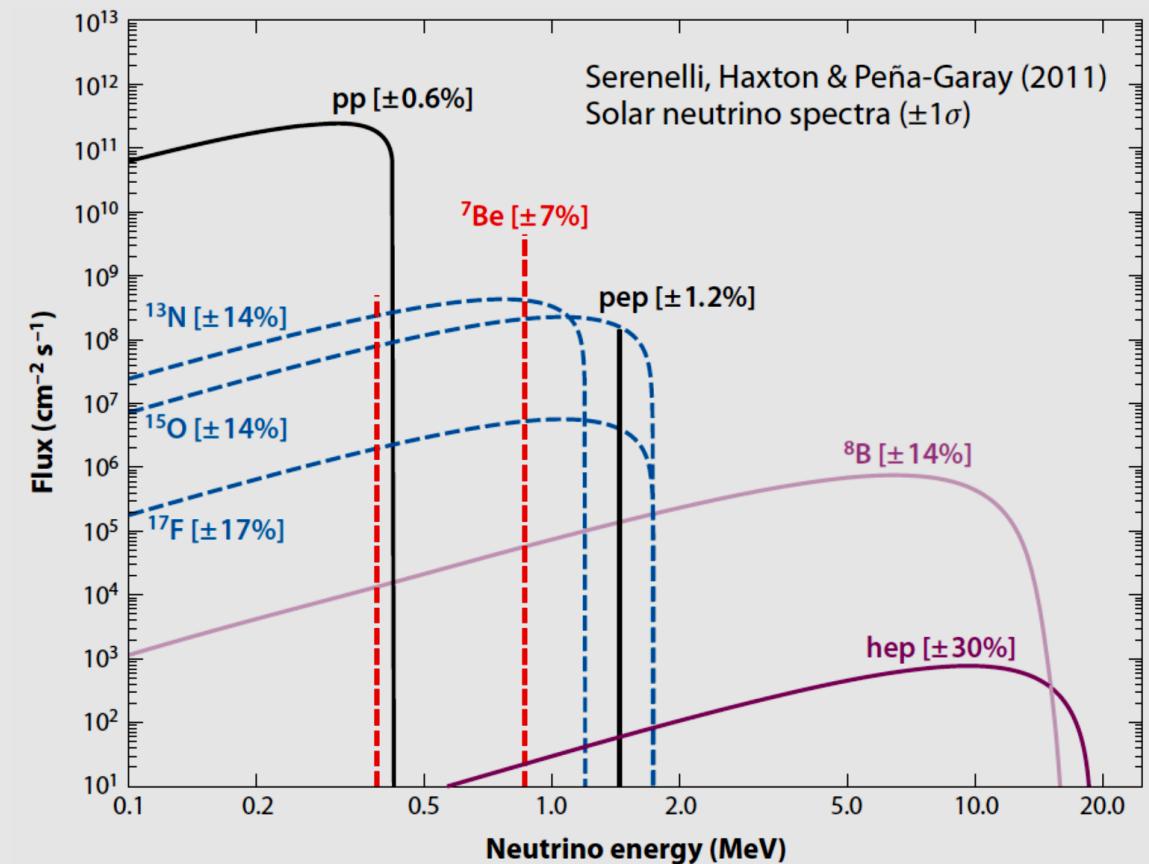
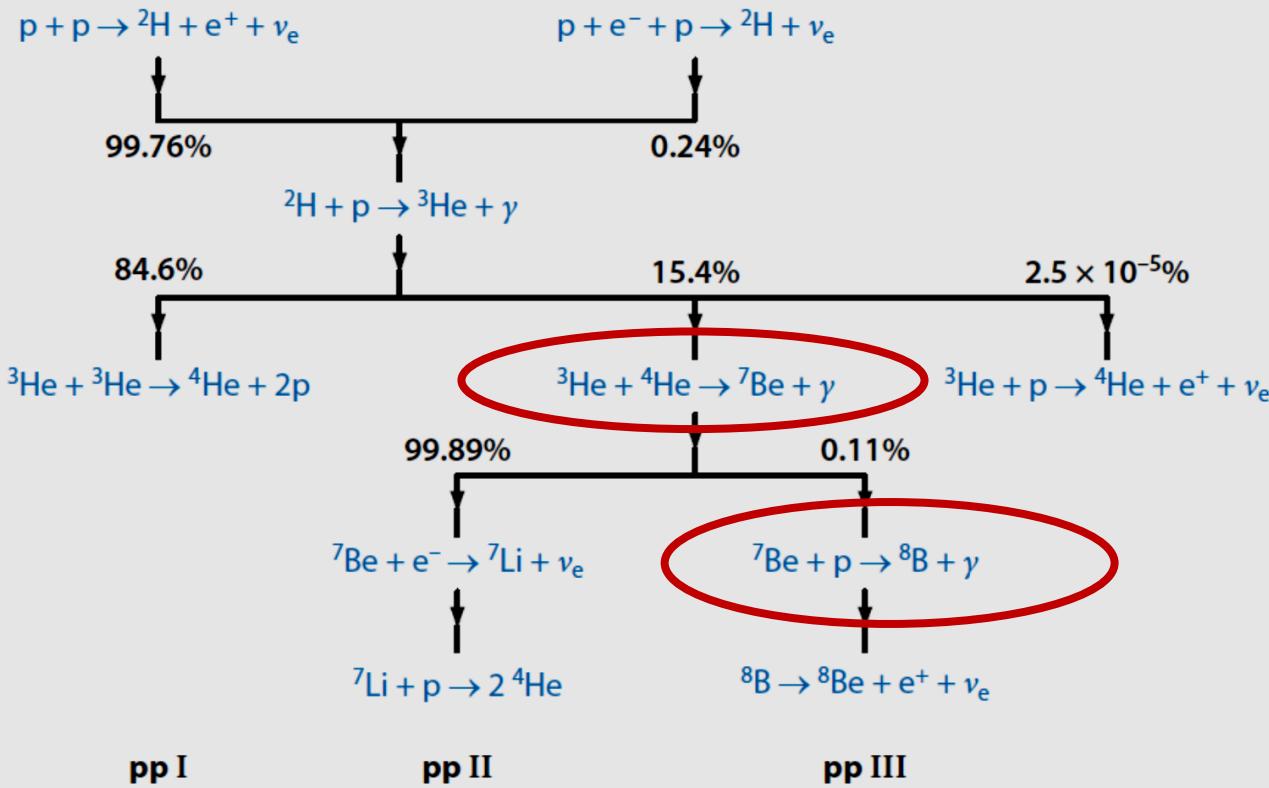
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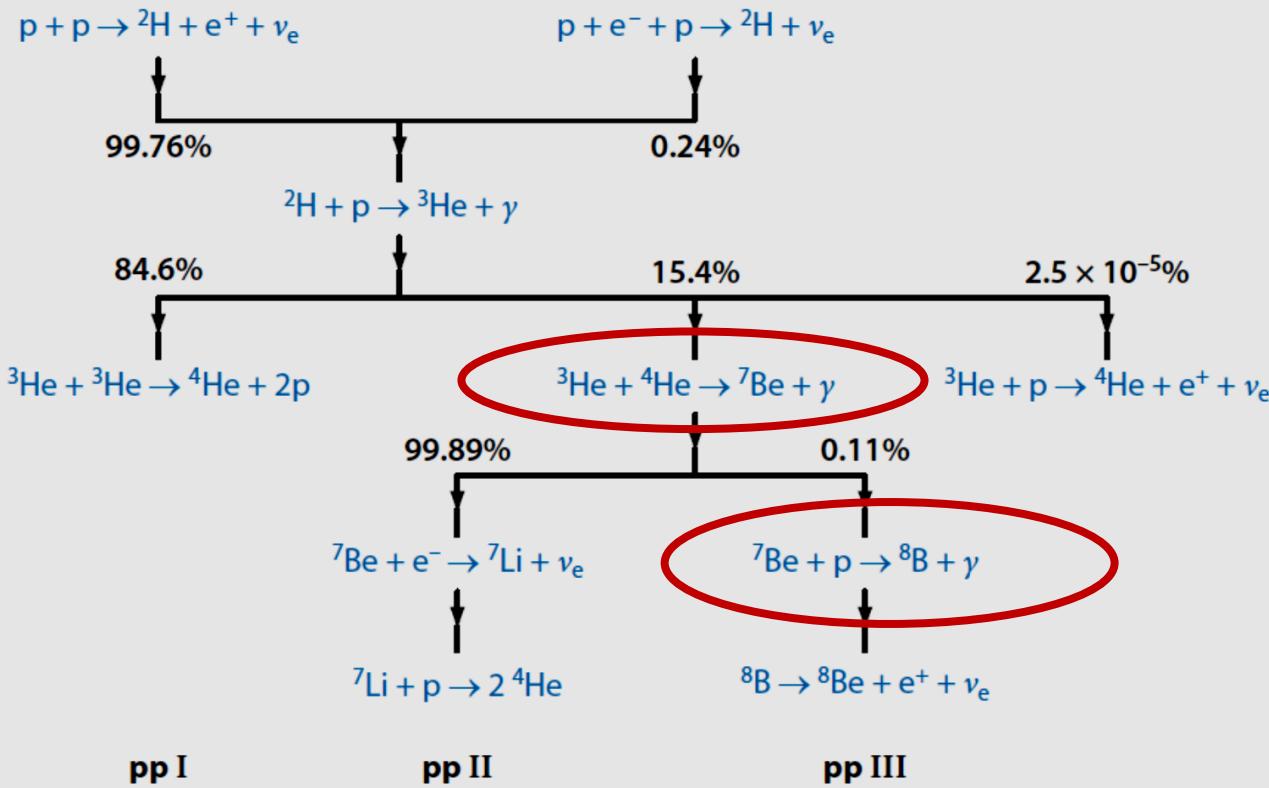
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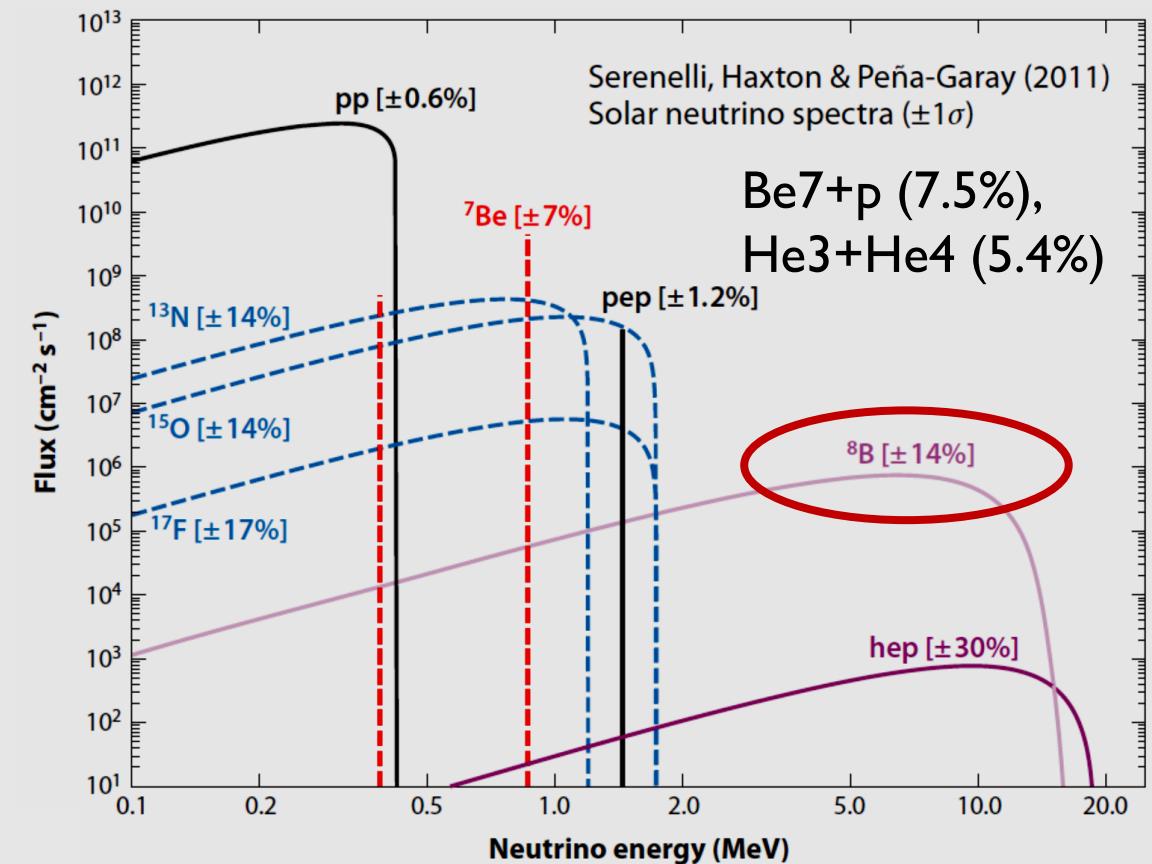
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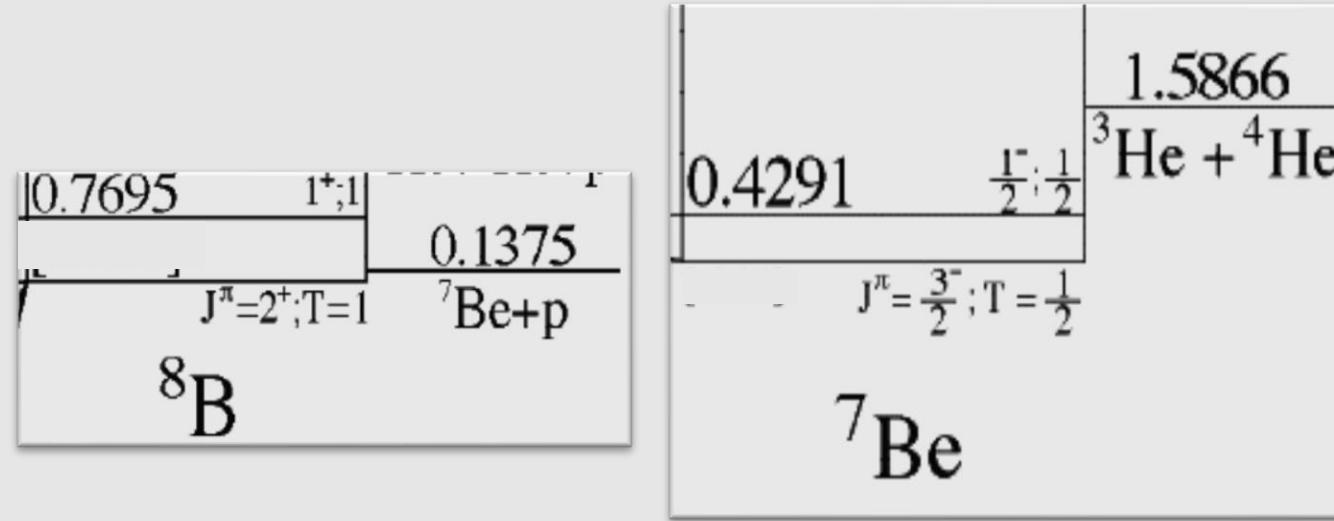
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Not experimentally accessible (20 keV CM energy)



# ${}^7_4\text{Be} + \text{p} \rightarrow {}^8_5\text{B} + \gamma$ : basics



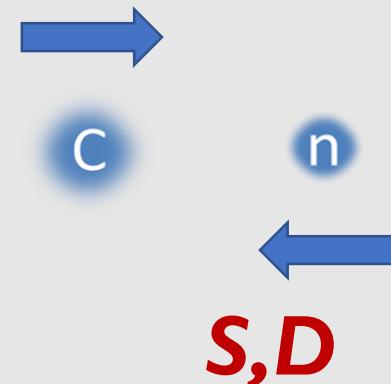
- B8: a p-wave **shallow** bound state
- Proton-Be s-wave has large scattering lengths
- Strong Coulomb effect

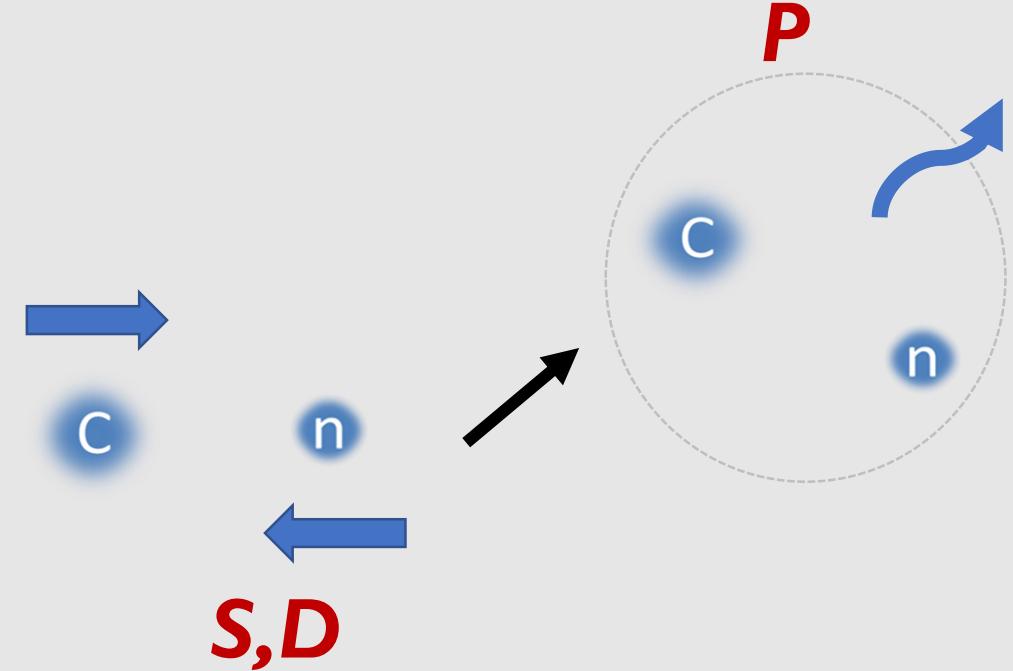
$$\frac{Q_{low}}{\Lambda} \approx 0.2$$

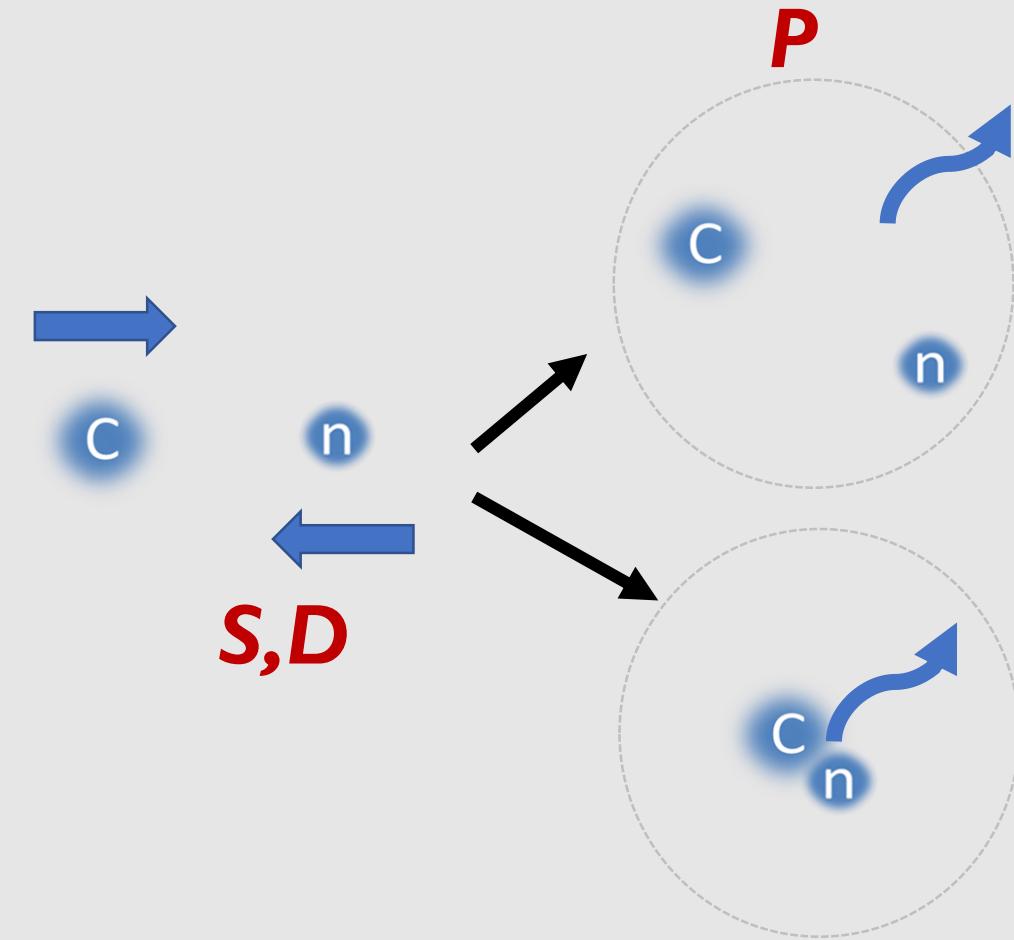
$$\eta = \frac{Z_c Z_N \alpha_{EM} M_R}{Q_{low}} \approx 1$$



$^{7}_{4}\text{Be} + \text{p} \rightarrow ^{8}_{5}\text{B} + \gamma$ : picture

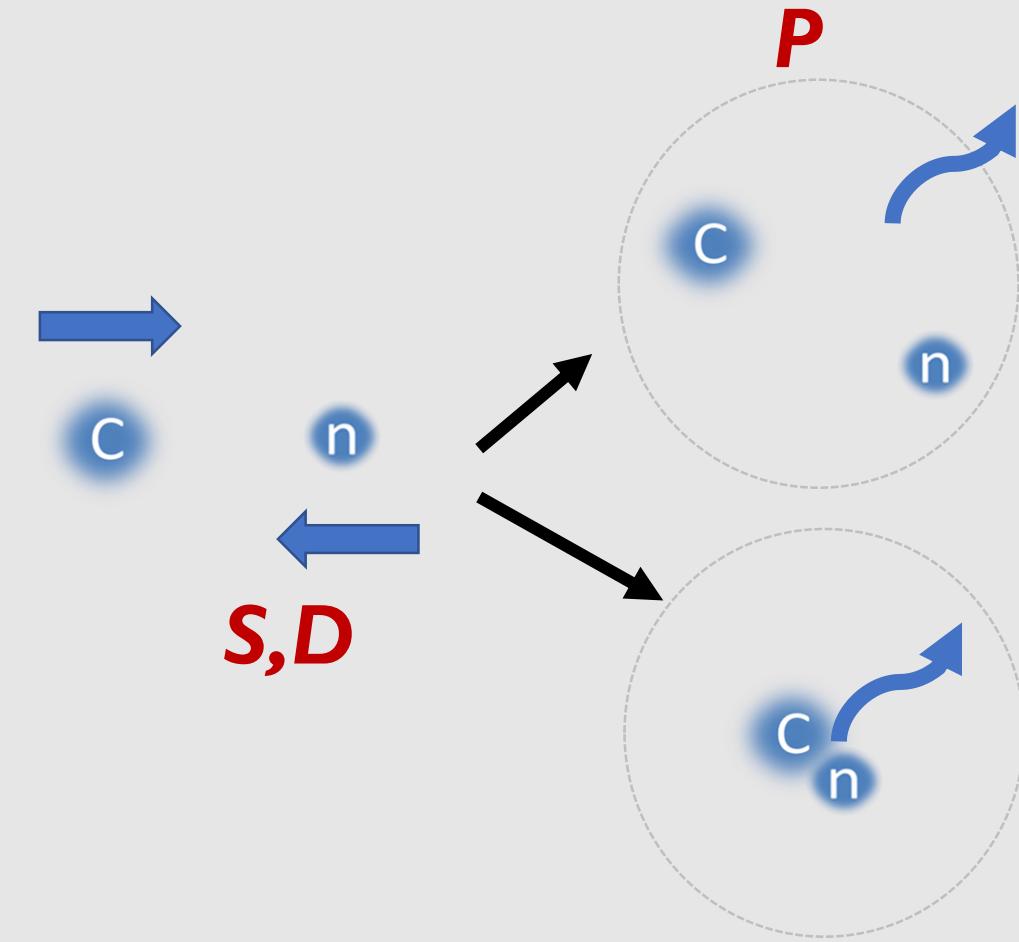






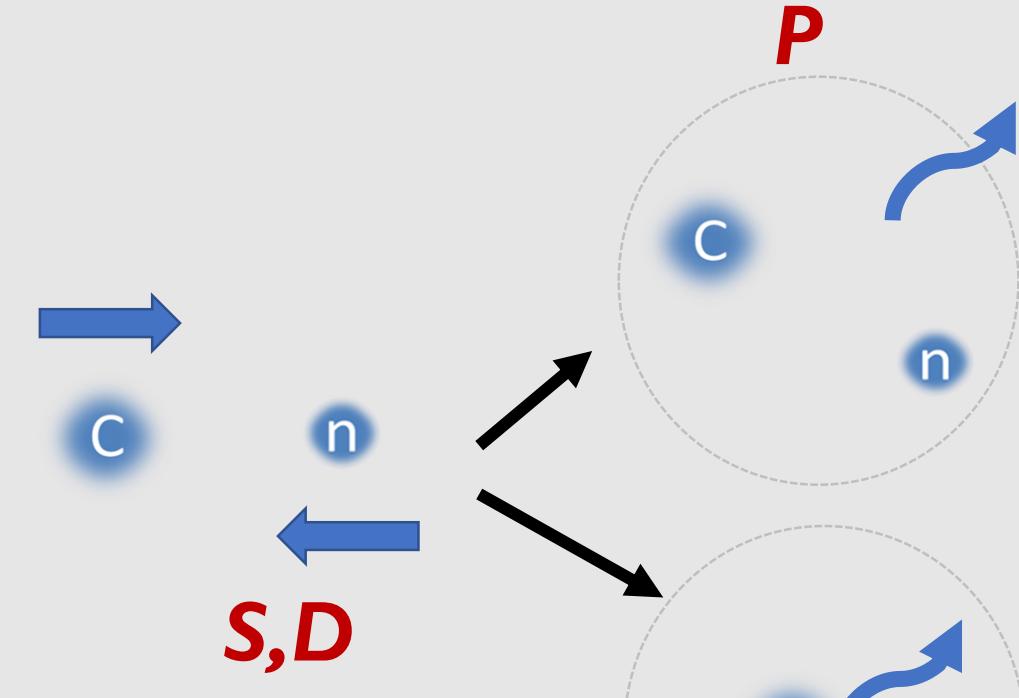


$$AMP \sim \int_{>\Lambda^{-1}}^{+\infty} dr \psi_f(r) r \psi_i(r) + \int_0^{\Lambda^{-1}} dr \psi_f(r) r \psi_i(r)$$

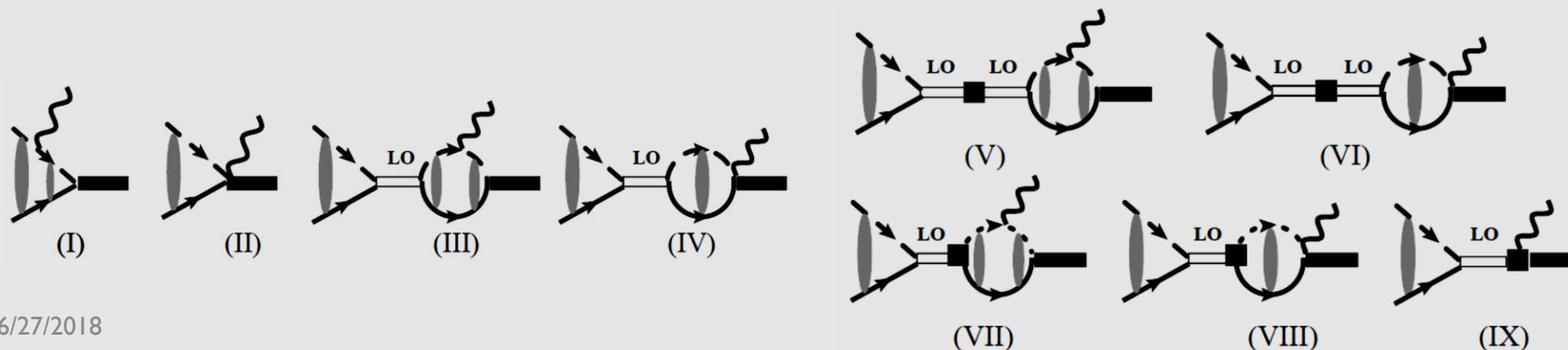


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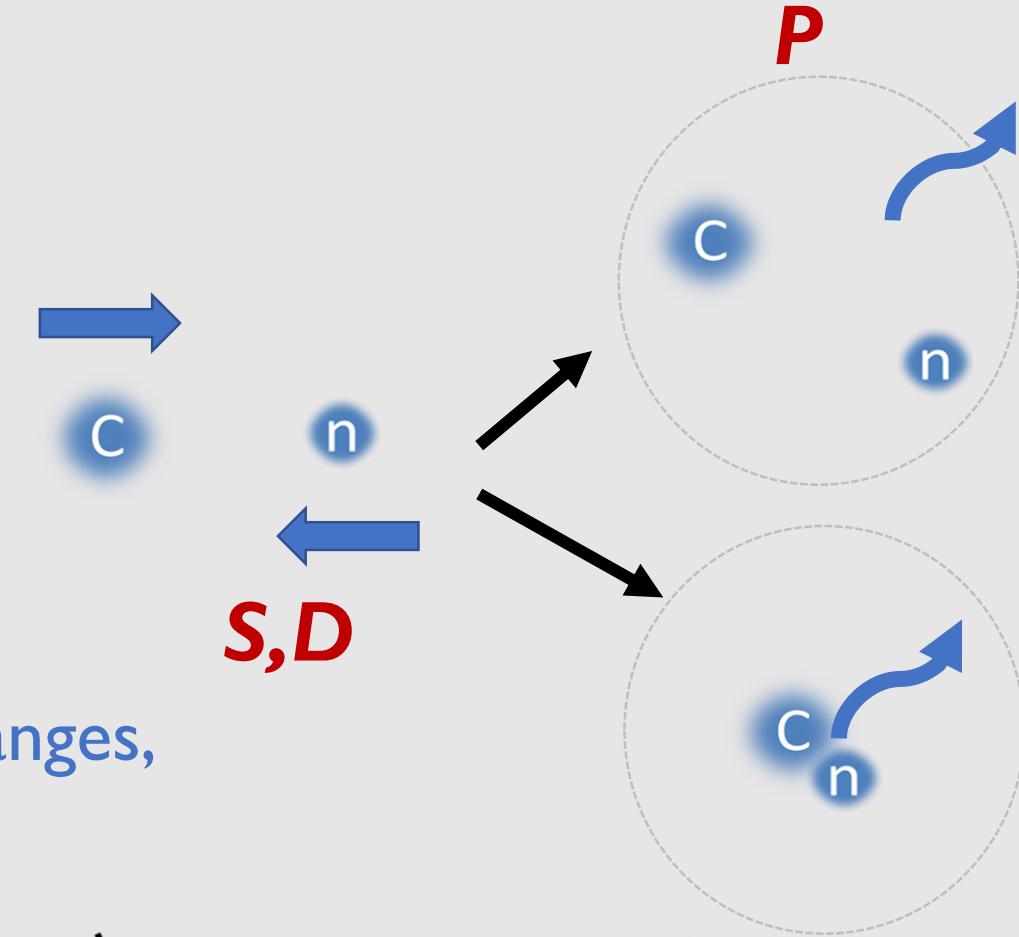


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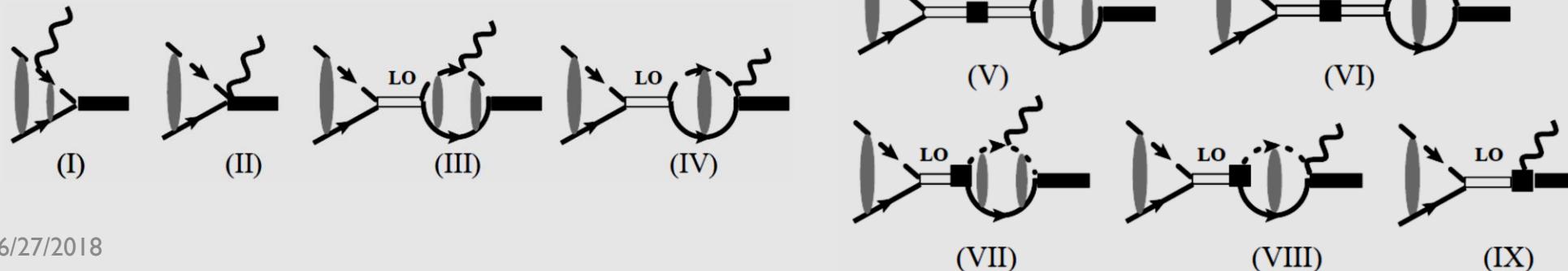
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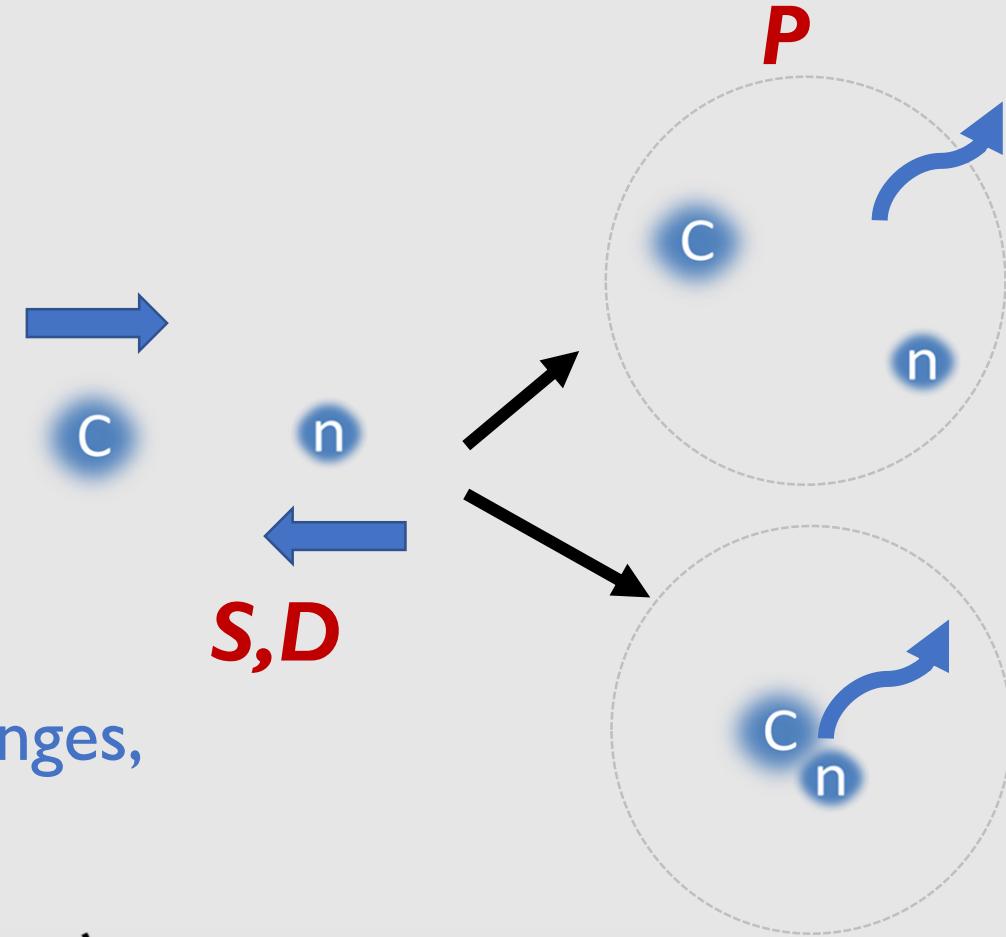
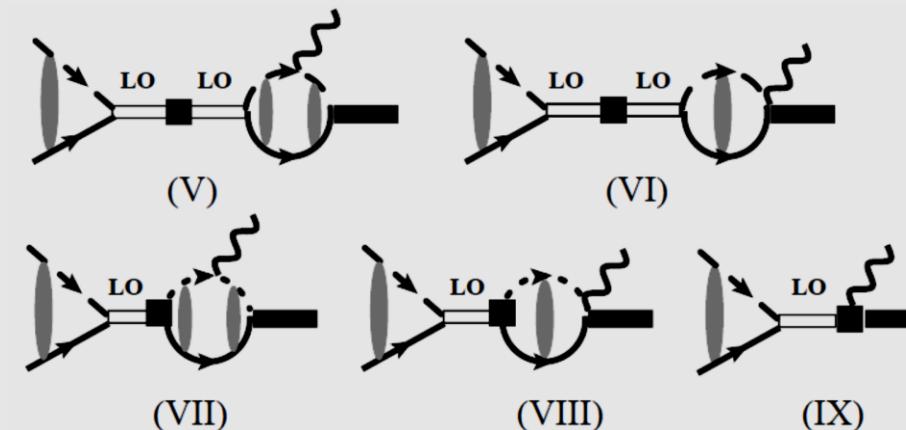
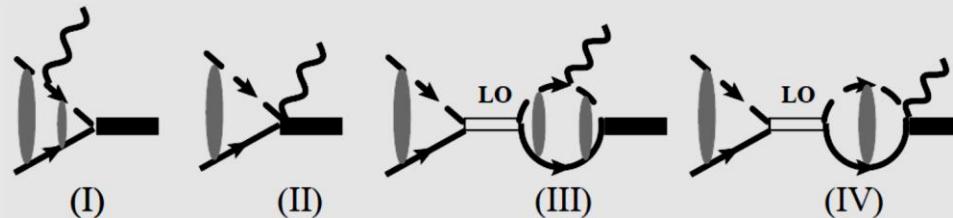


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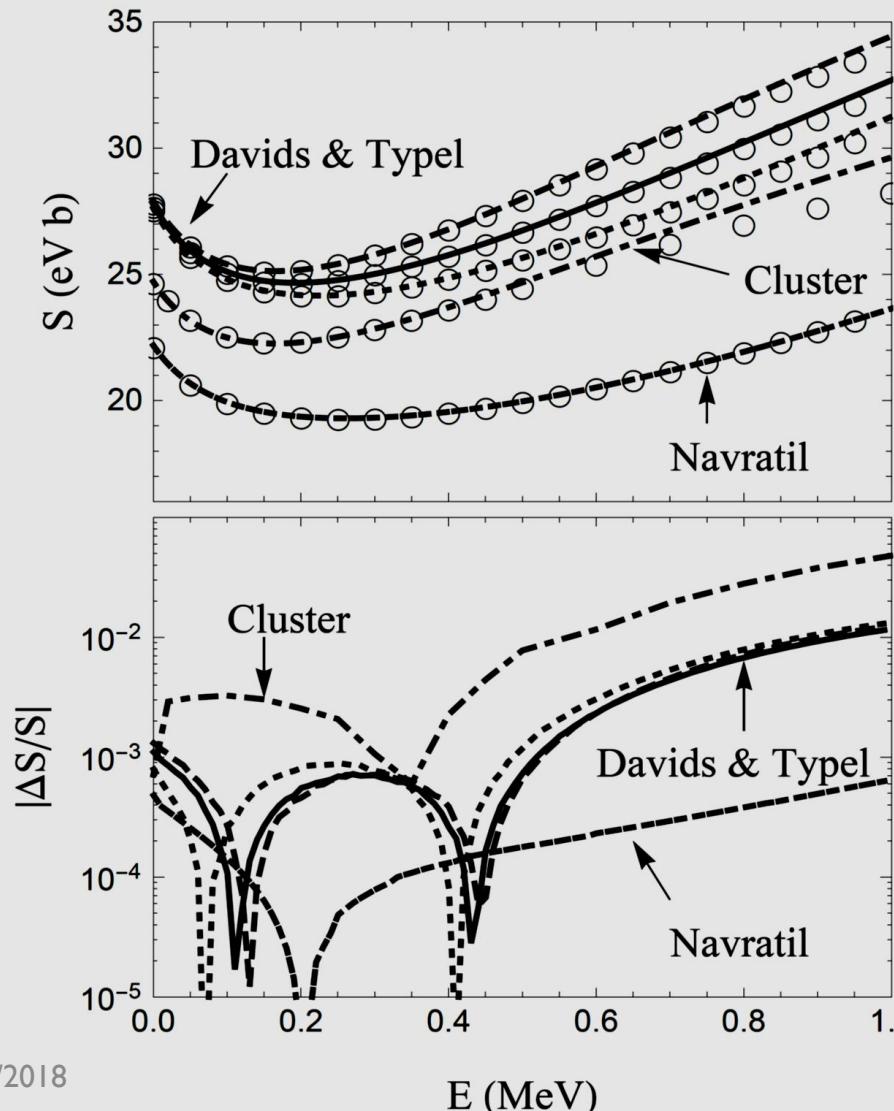
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# $^{7}_{4}\text{Be} + \text{p} \rightarrow ^{8}_{5}\text{B} + \gamma$ : comparisons



- The EFT at NLO reproduces other models by 1% below 1 MeV
- Other models can be “projected” into EFT parameter space.

X.Z., K. Nollett, and D. Phillips, 2018

# $^{74}\text{Be} + \text{p} \rightarrow {}^{85}\text{B} + \gamma$ : uncertainty analysis

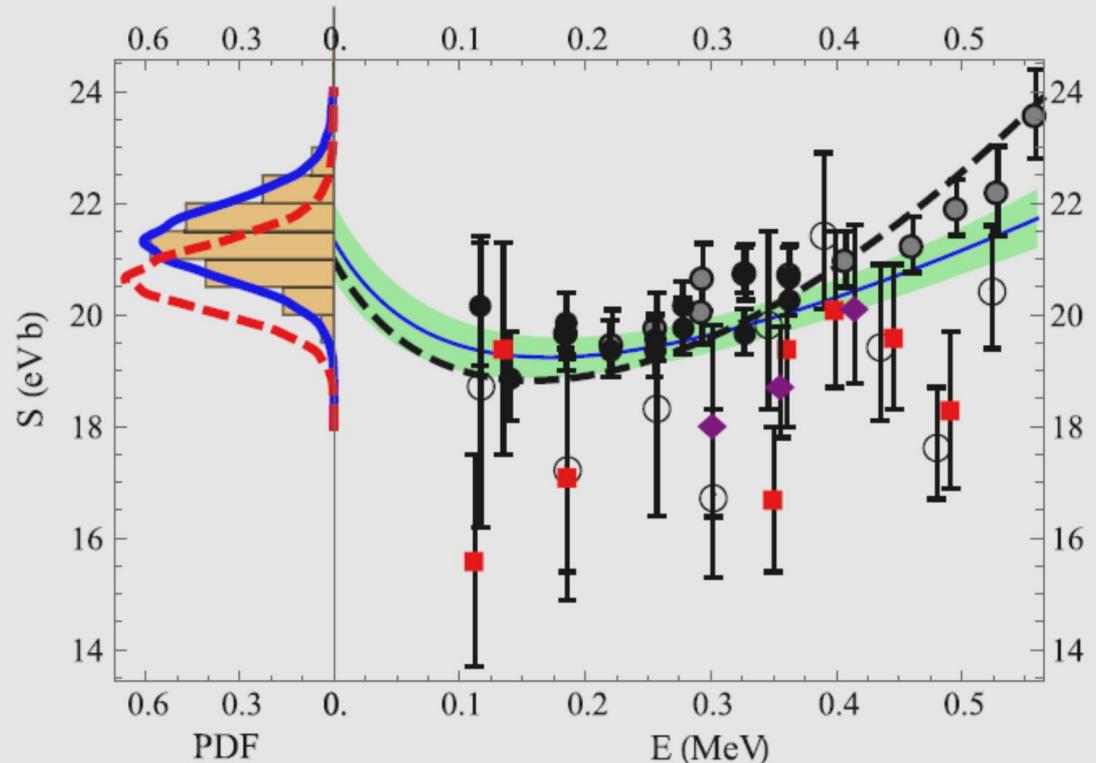
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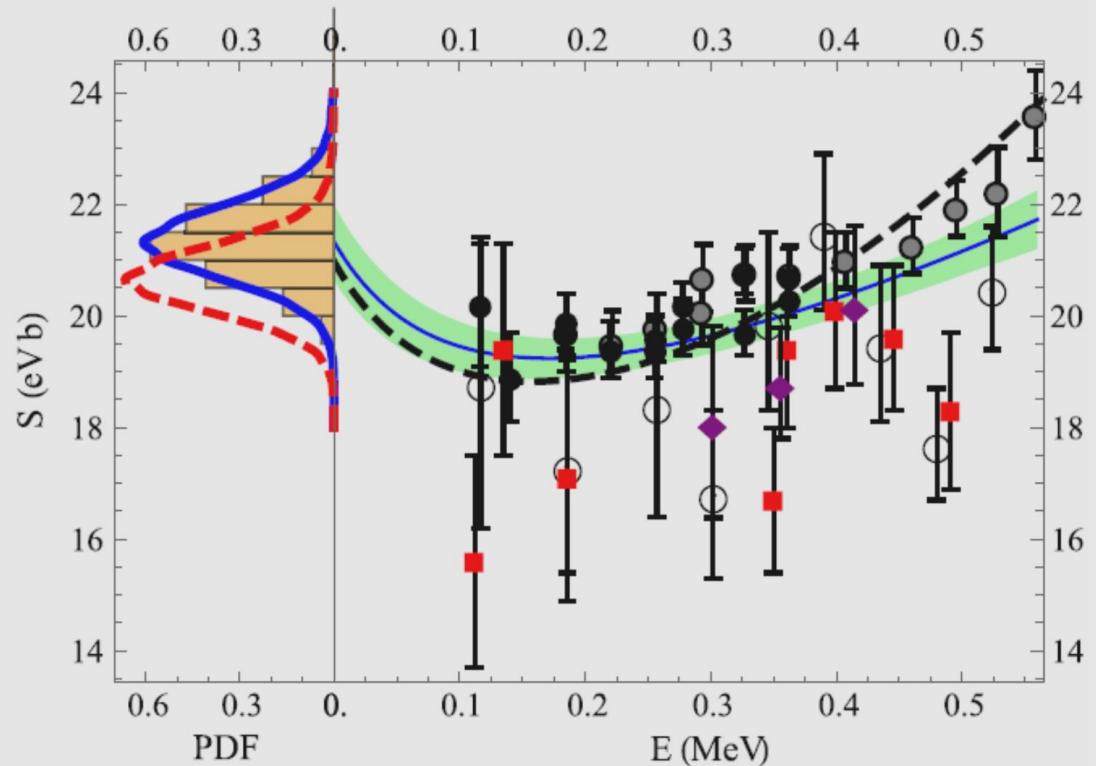
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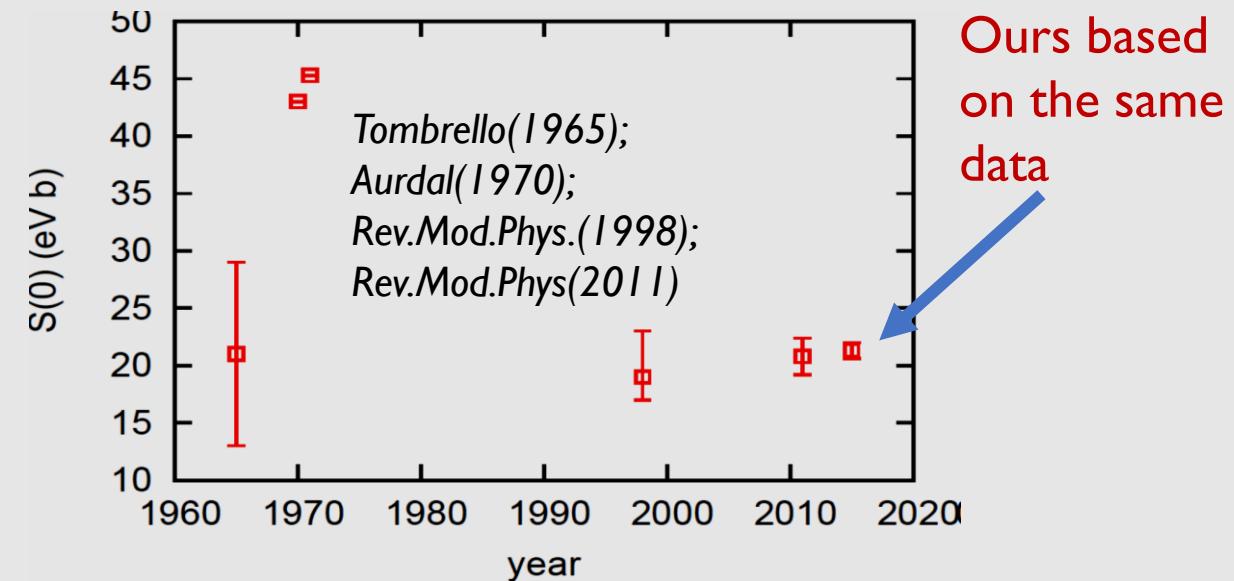
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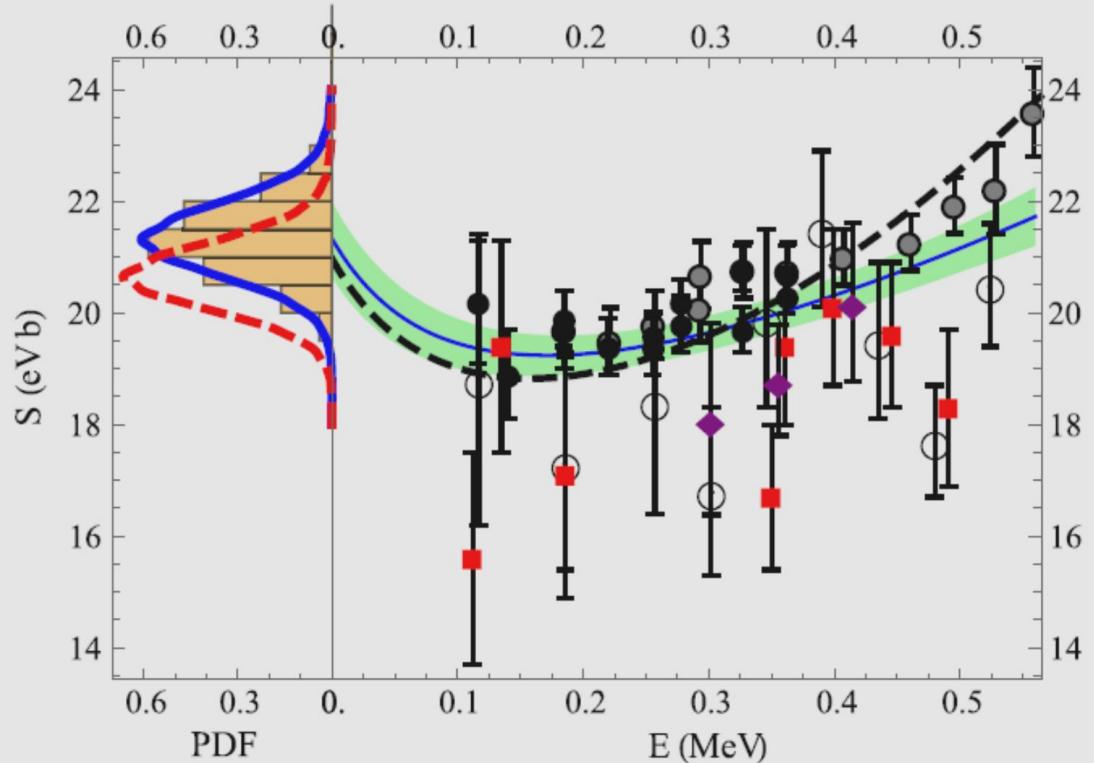


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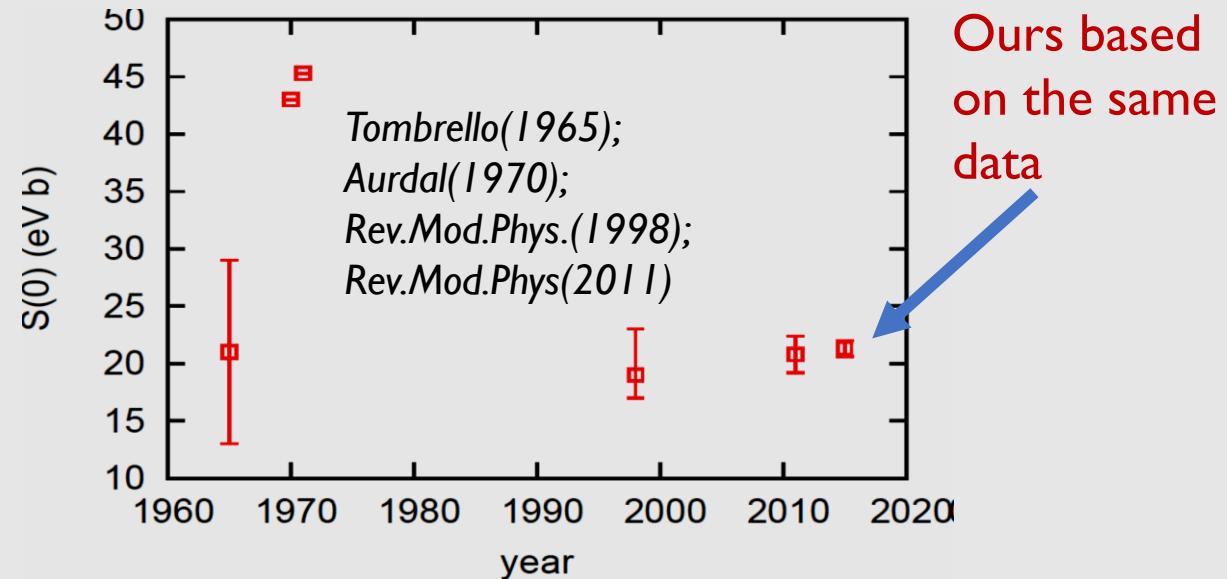
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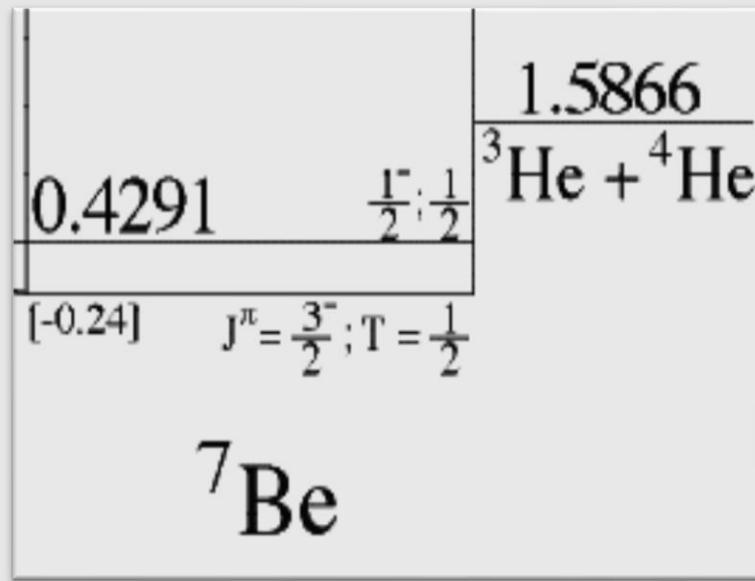
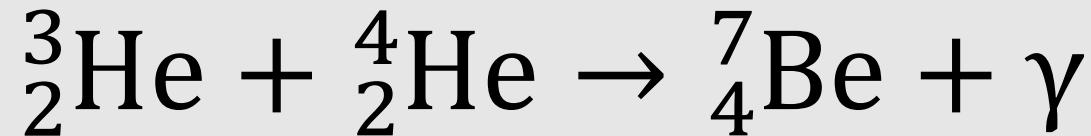
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X.Z., K. Nollett, and D. Phillips, PLB (2015)



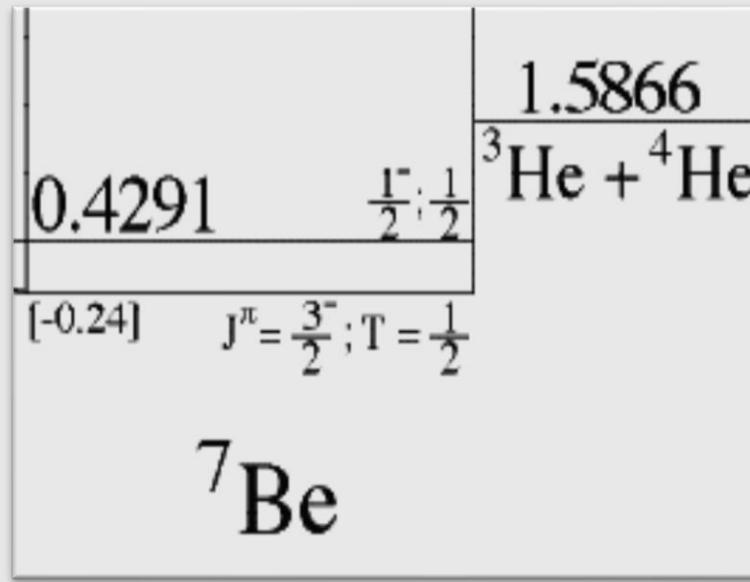
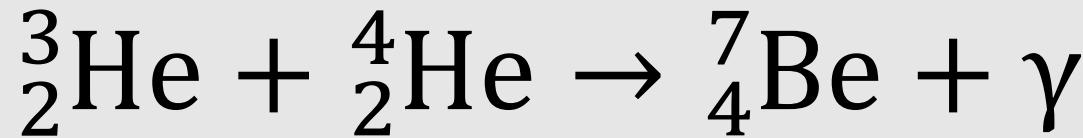
**EFT+Bayesian is a natural tool for evaluating uncertainties**

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$$\frac{Q_{low}}{\Lambda} \approx 0.4$$

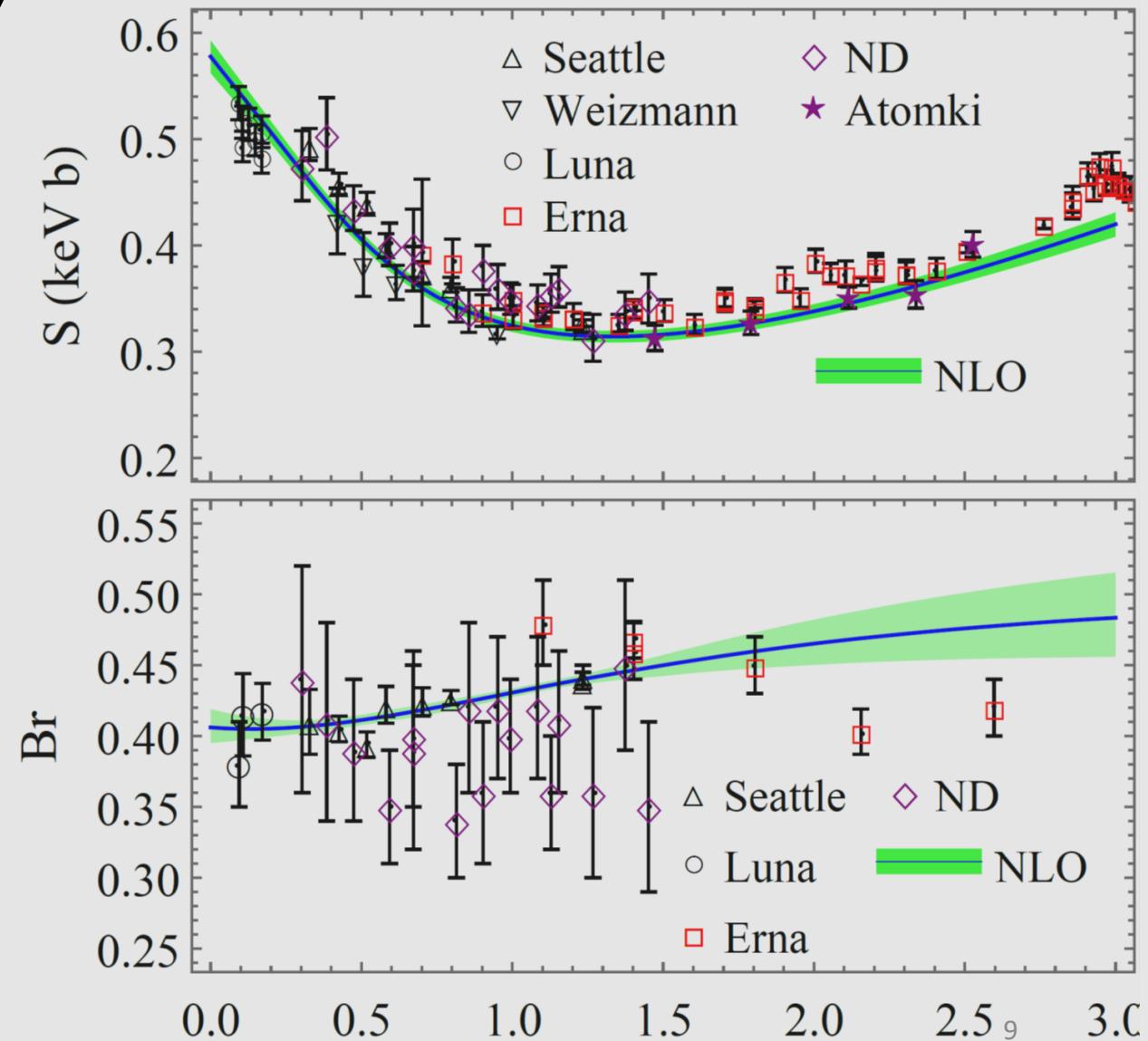
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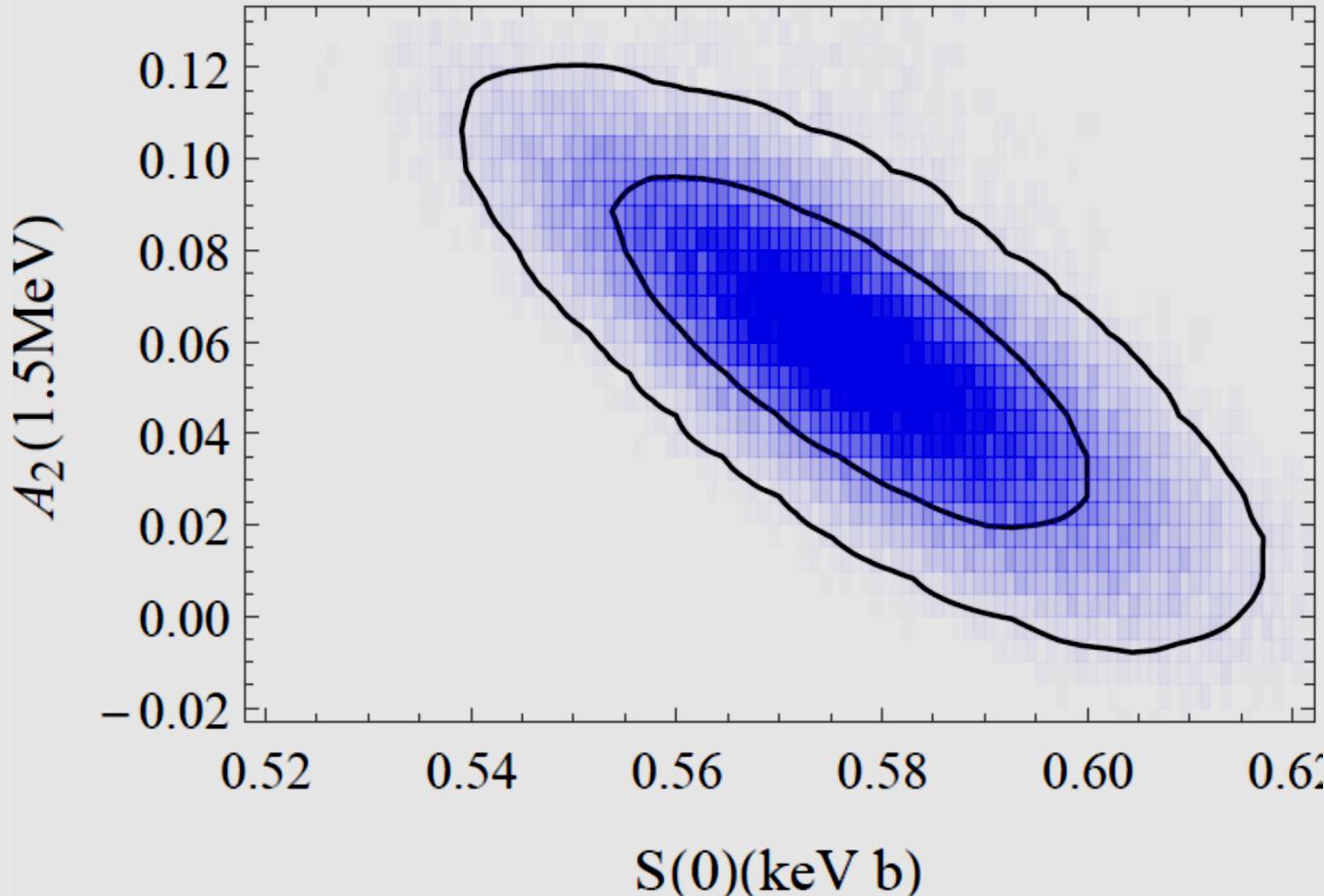
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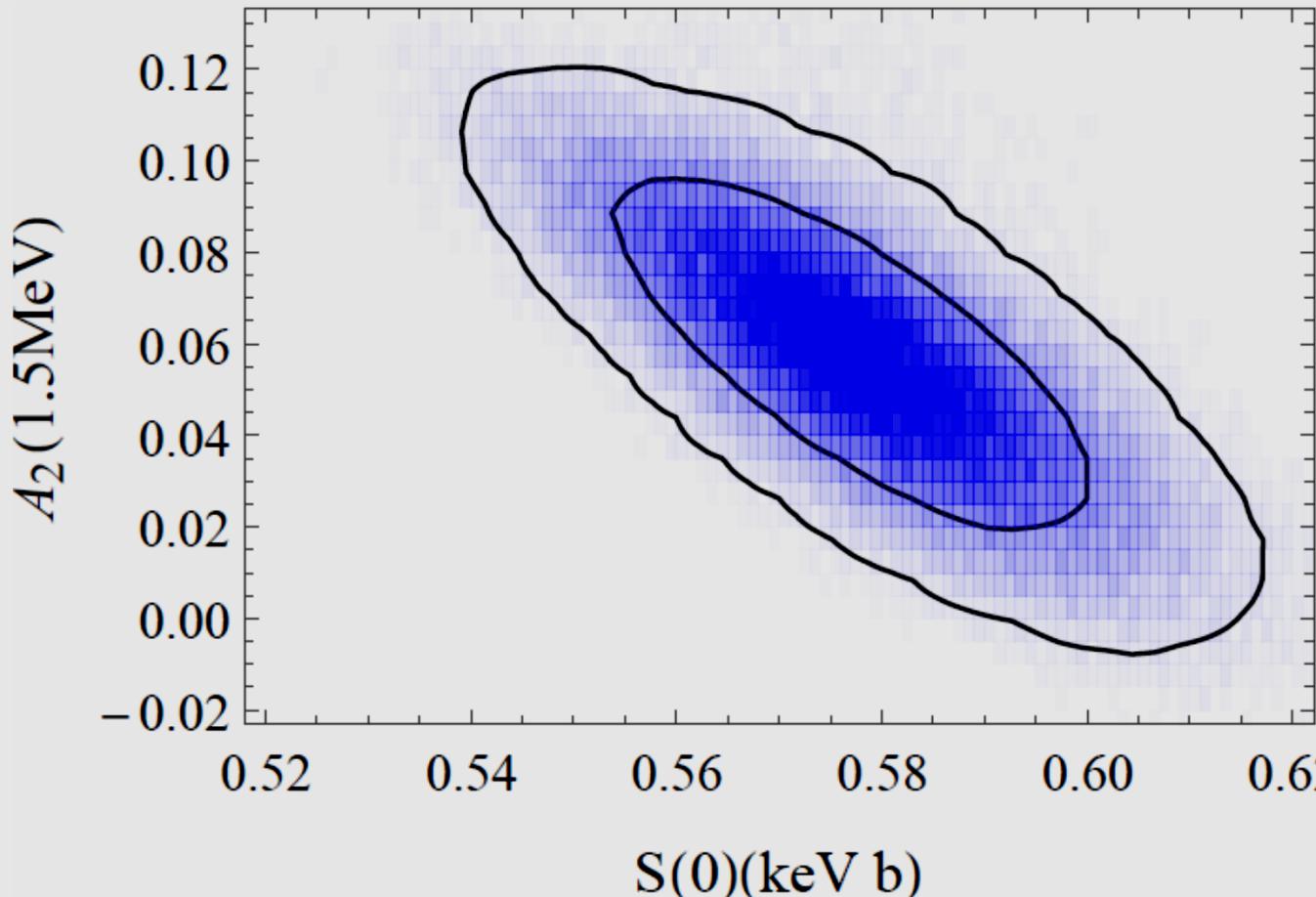


# $^{3}_{\alpha}\text{He} + ^{4}_{\alpha}\text{He} \rightarrow ^{7}_{\alpha}\text{Be} + \gamma$ : new avenue to constrain S(0)



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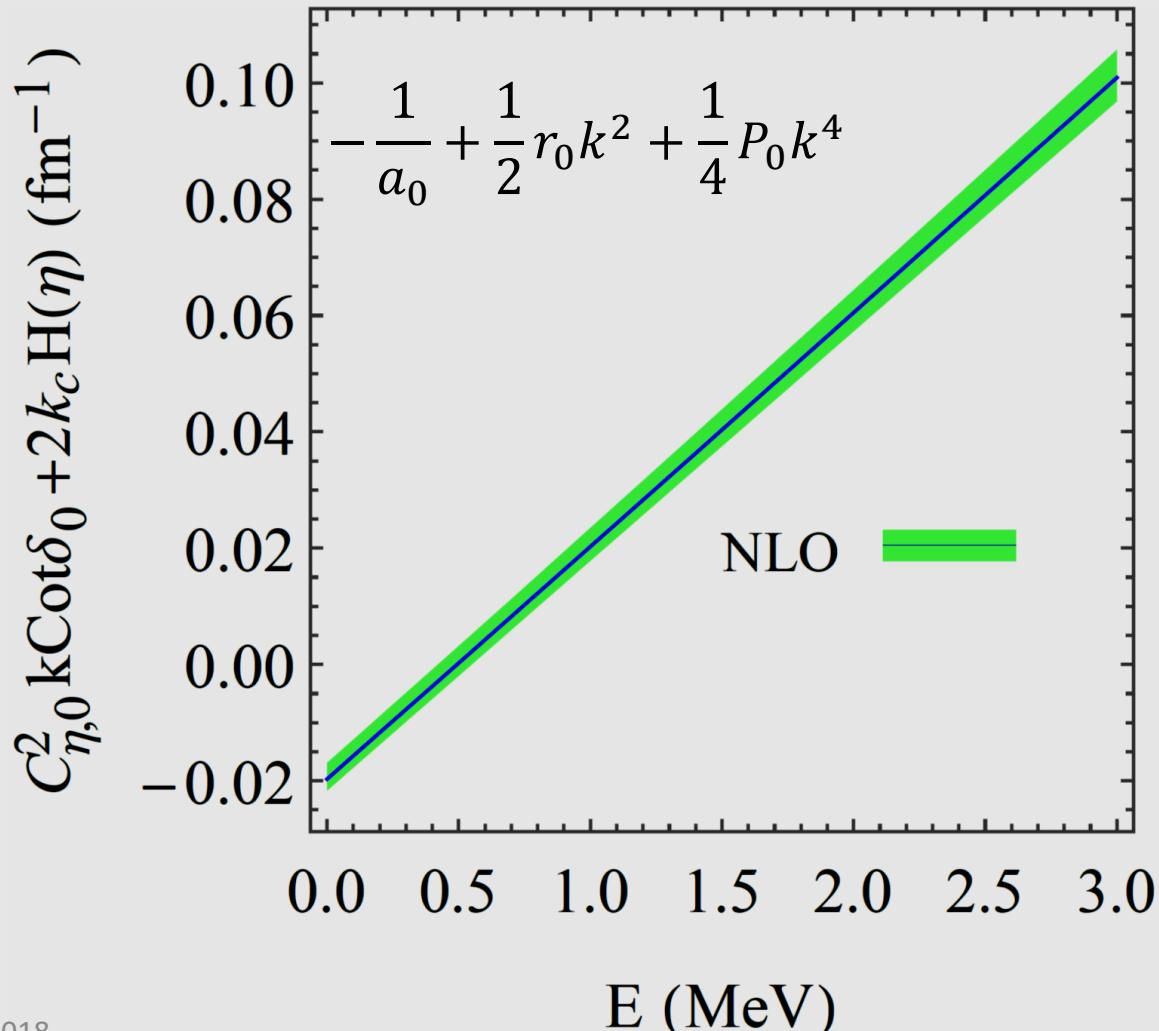
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**Halo-EFT+Bayesian  
inference can find valuable  
correlations to guide  
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# ${}^3_2\text{He} + {}^4_2\text{He} \rightarrow {}^7_4\text{Be} + \gamma$ : unexpected



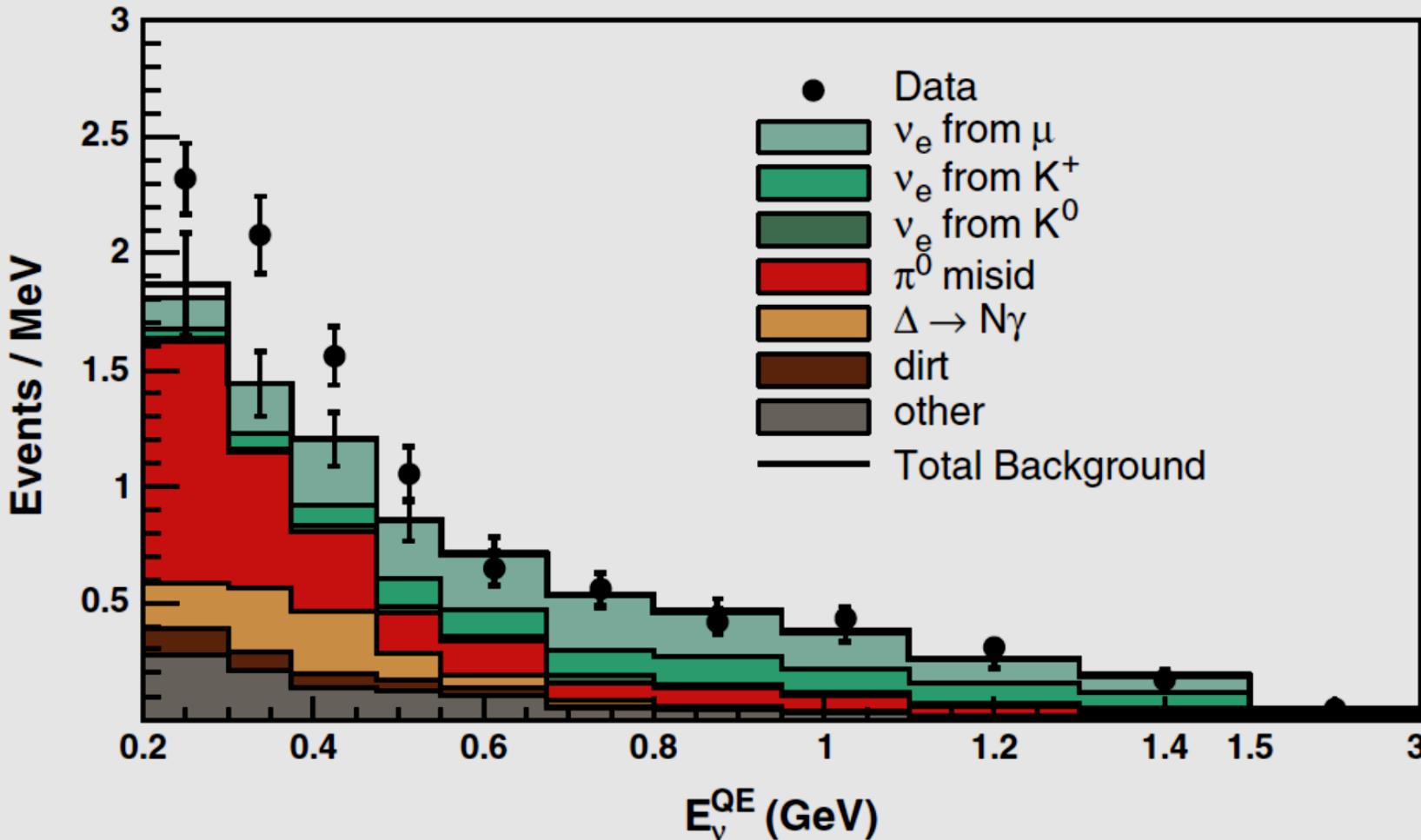
**Capture data  
constrains scattering  
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# Base-line neutrino experiment: neutral-current induced photon production

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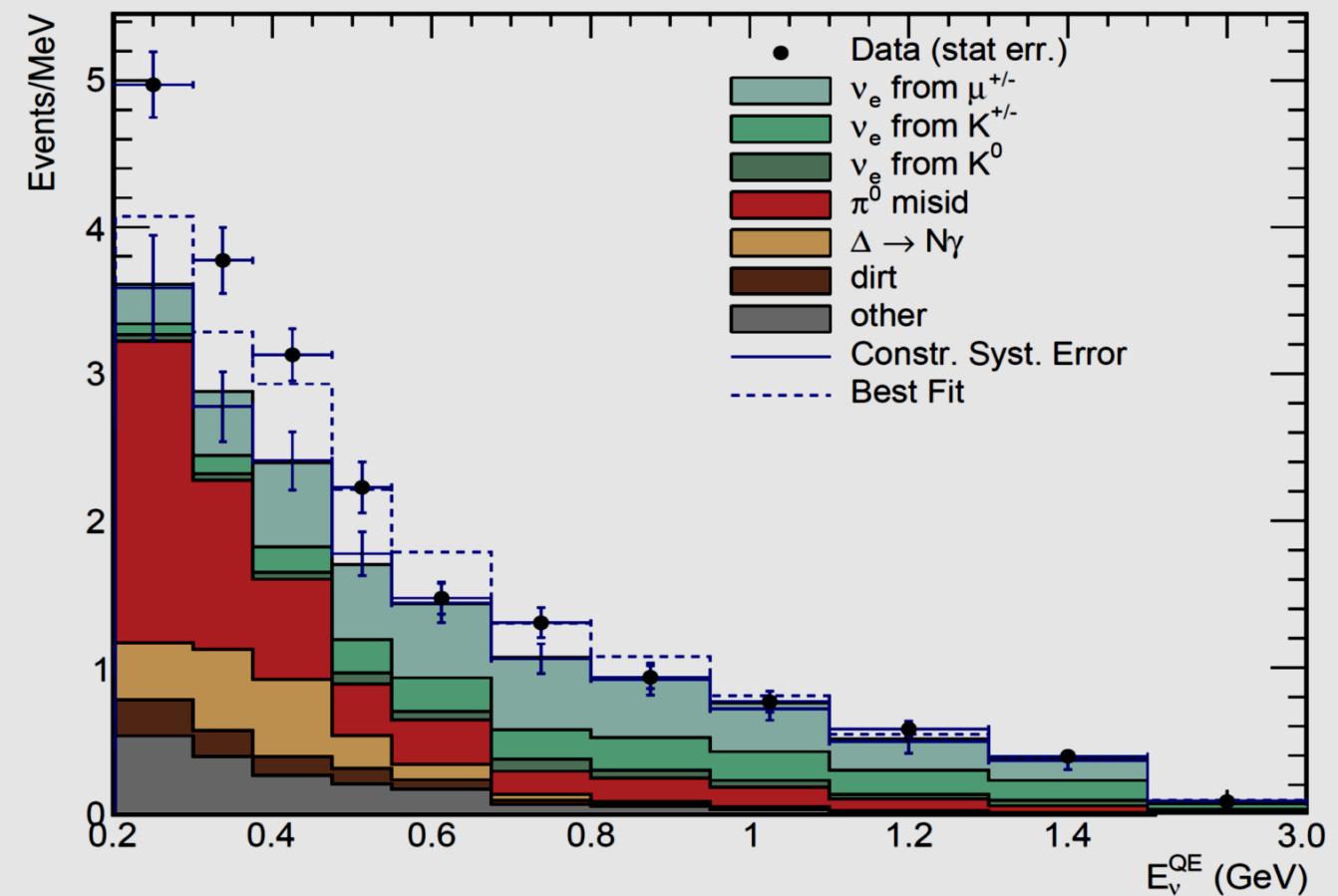
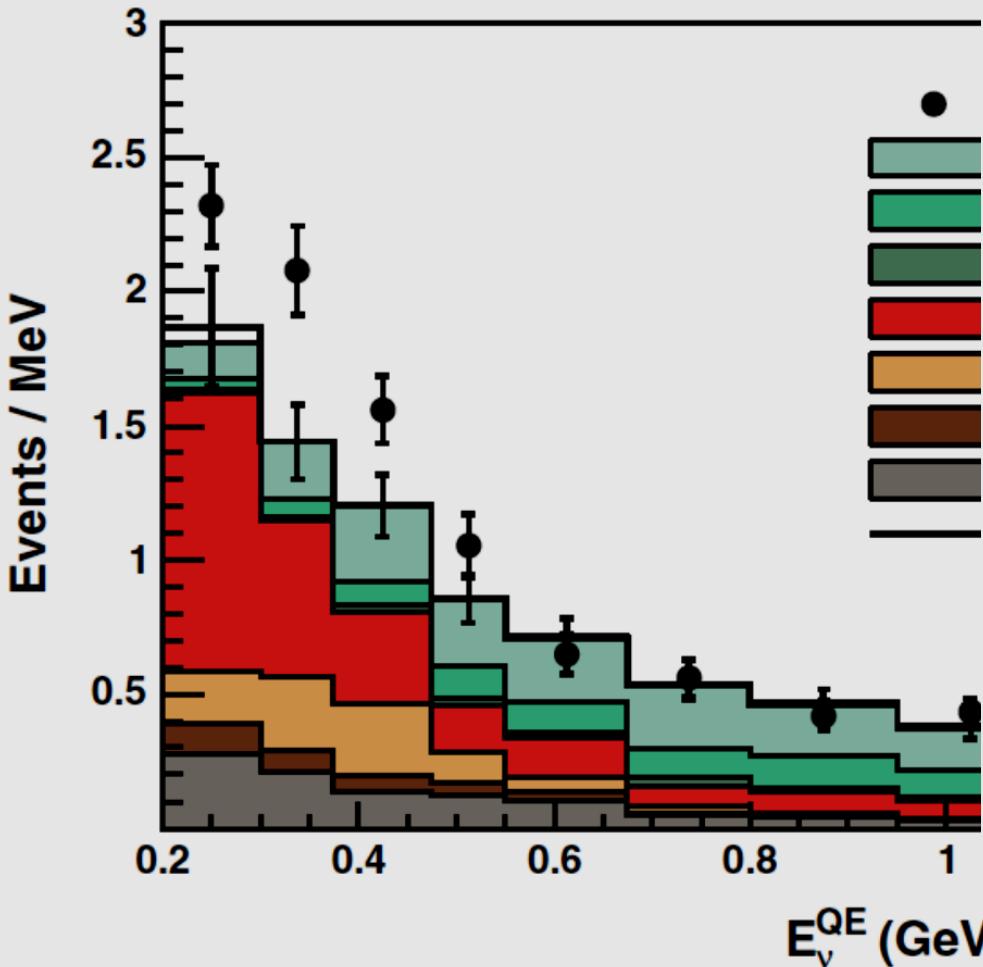
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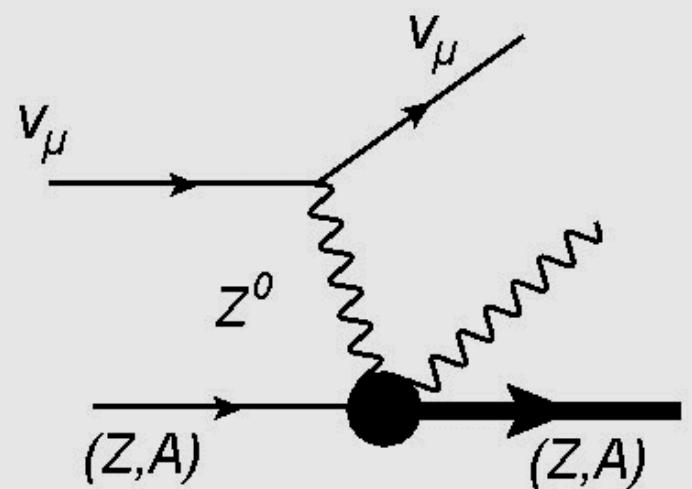
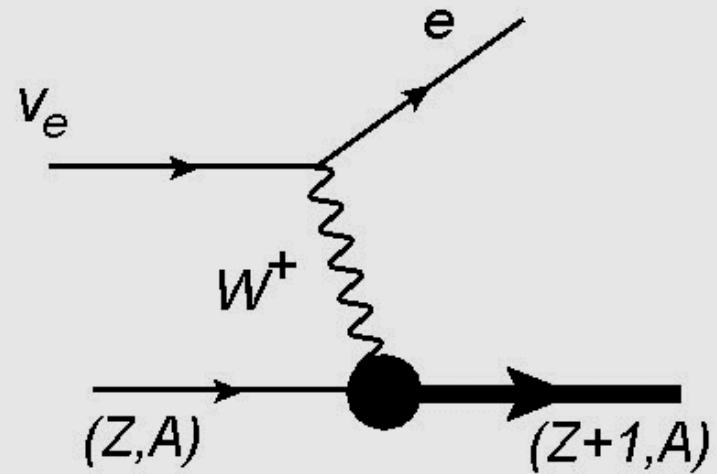
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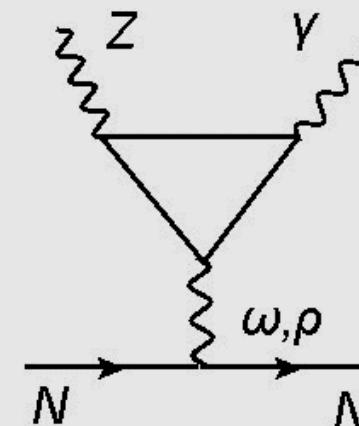
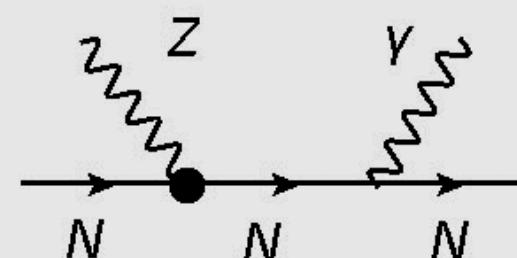
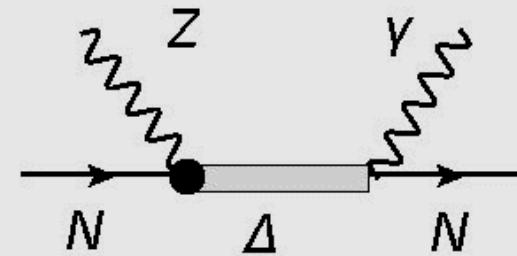
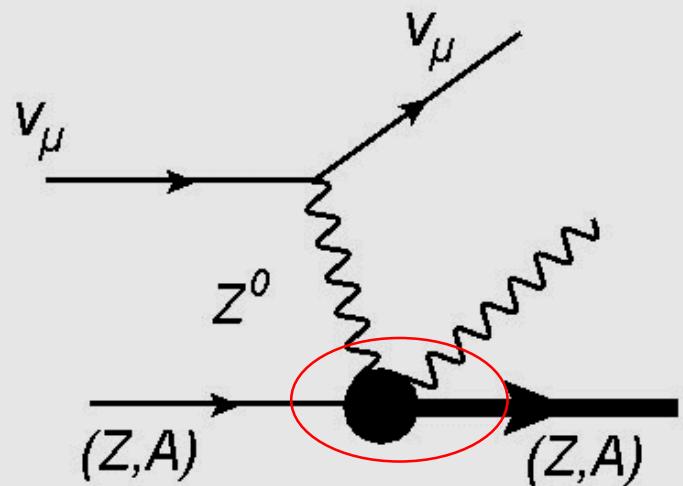
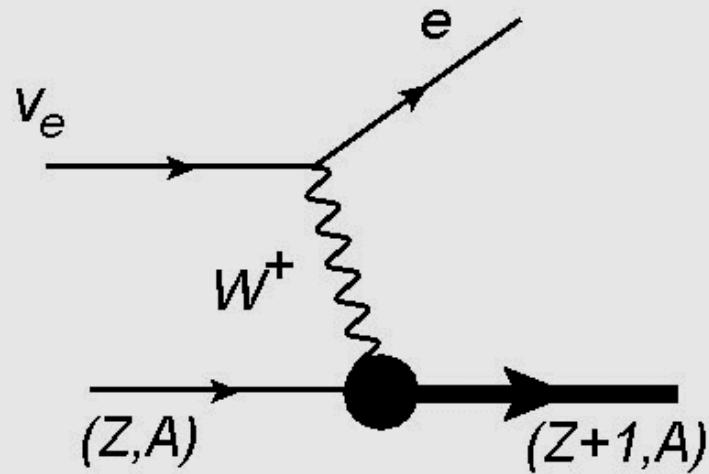


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# NC photon production?

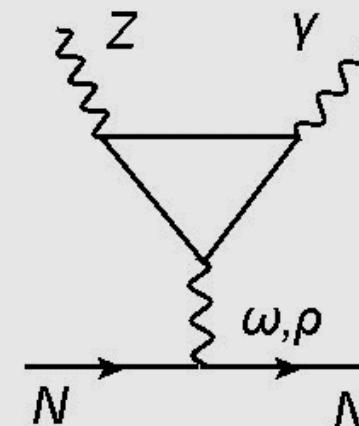
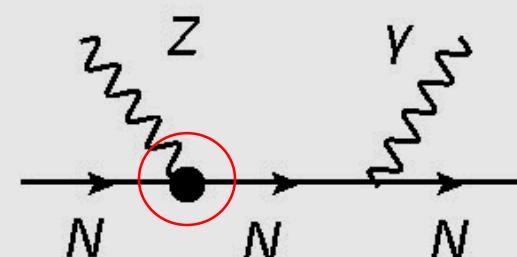
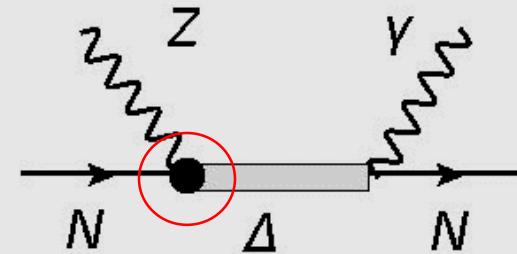
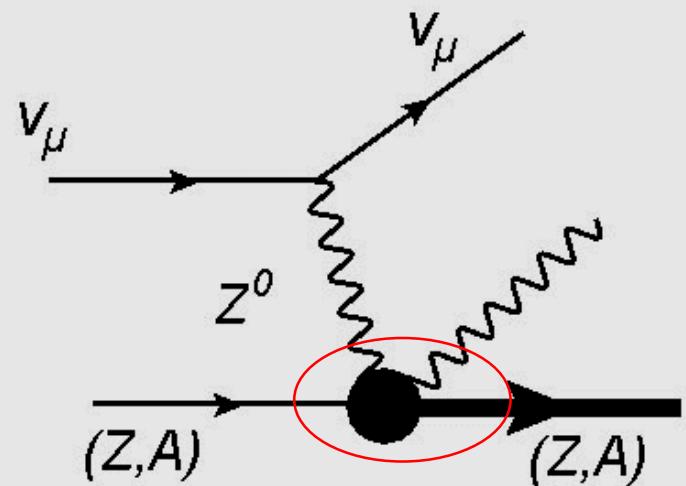
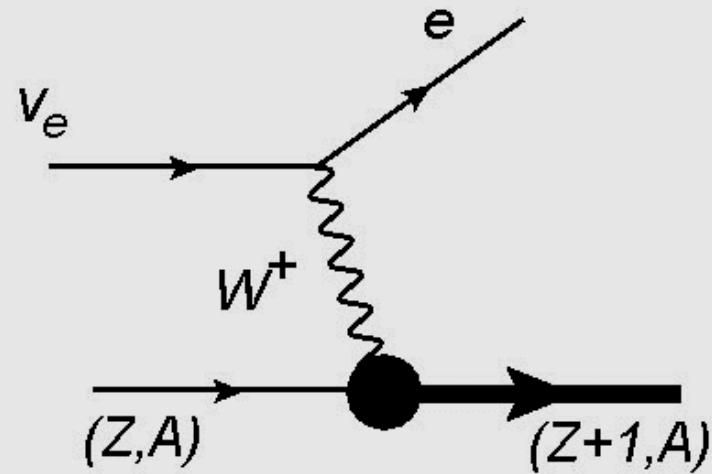


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# Production of single photons in the exclusive neutrino process $\nu N \rightarrow \nu \gamma N$

S. S. Gershtein, Yu. Ya. Komachenko, and M. Yu. Khlopov

Institute of High Energy Physics, Serpukhov  
(Submitted 16 January 1981)  
Yad. Fiz. 33, 1597–1604 (June 1981)

It is shown that the experimentally observed production of single photons in neutrino interactions involving neutral currents without visible accompaniment of other particles can be explained by the scattering of the neutrino by a virtual  $\omega$  meson with small momentum transfer to a nucleon and subsequent coherent enhancement of the process in the nucleus.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

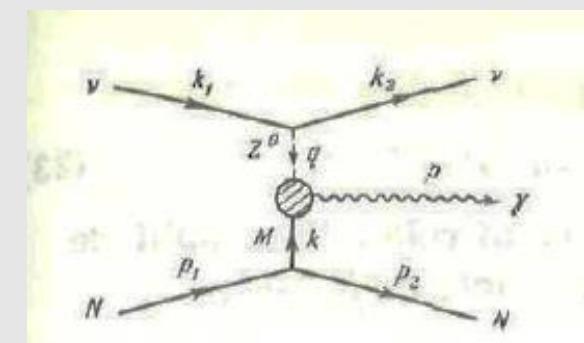
In neutrino experiments performed at CERN using the chamber Gargamelle, more than ten events were detected in which it was observed that single photons with energy 1–10 GeV were produced without visible tracks of any other particles.<sup>1</sup> It can be assumed that the observed events correspond to the weak-electromagnetic process of single-photon production in the reaction

$$\nu N \rightarrow \nu \gamma N, \quad (1)$$

$$H_{\mu\nu} = \sum_M T^{(M)} P^{(M)} J_{\mu\nu}^{(M)}, \quad (3)$$

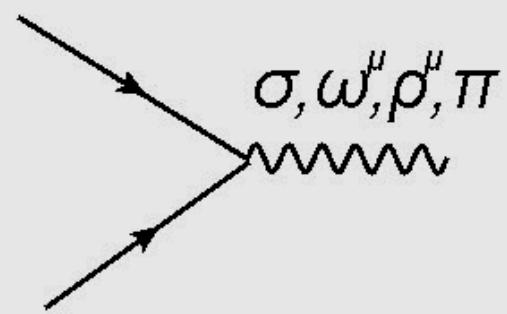
in which  $T^{(M)}$  is the vertex for emission of a virtual meson ( $M$ ) by the target nucleon,  $P^{(M)}$  is the meson propagator, and  $J_{\mu\nu}^{(M)} = \langle 0 | T(J_\mu^W(x), J_\nu^{EM}(y)) | M \rangle e^{iqx + ipy} d^4x d^4y$  is the weak-electromagnetic  $Z^0 M \gamma$  vertex. The notation for the particle momenta is given in Fig. 2.

In accordance with the estimates of Ref. 3, we shall take into account the contributions to the diagram of Fig.



# A systematic calculation

- The nucleon level physics (form factors)
- Benchmarked against electron-nucleus quasi-elastic and (in)coherent pion production reactions
- Many body effects: Fermi motion, resonance modification, final state interaction...
- A relativistic many body theory (quantum hadrodynamics, **QHD**) for studying GeV-lepton-nucleus reactions



- Dirac spinor
- Mean field approximation

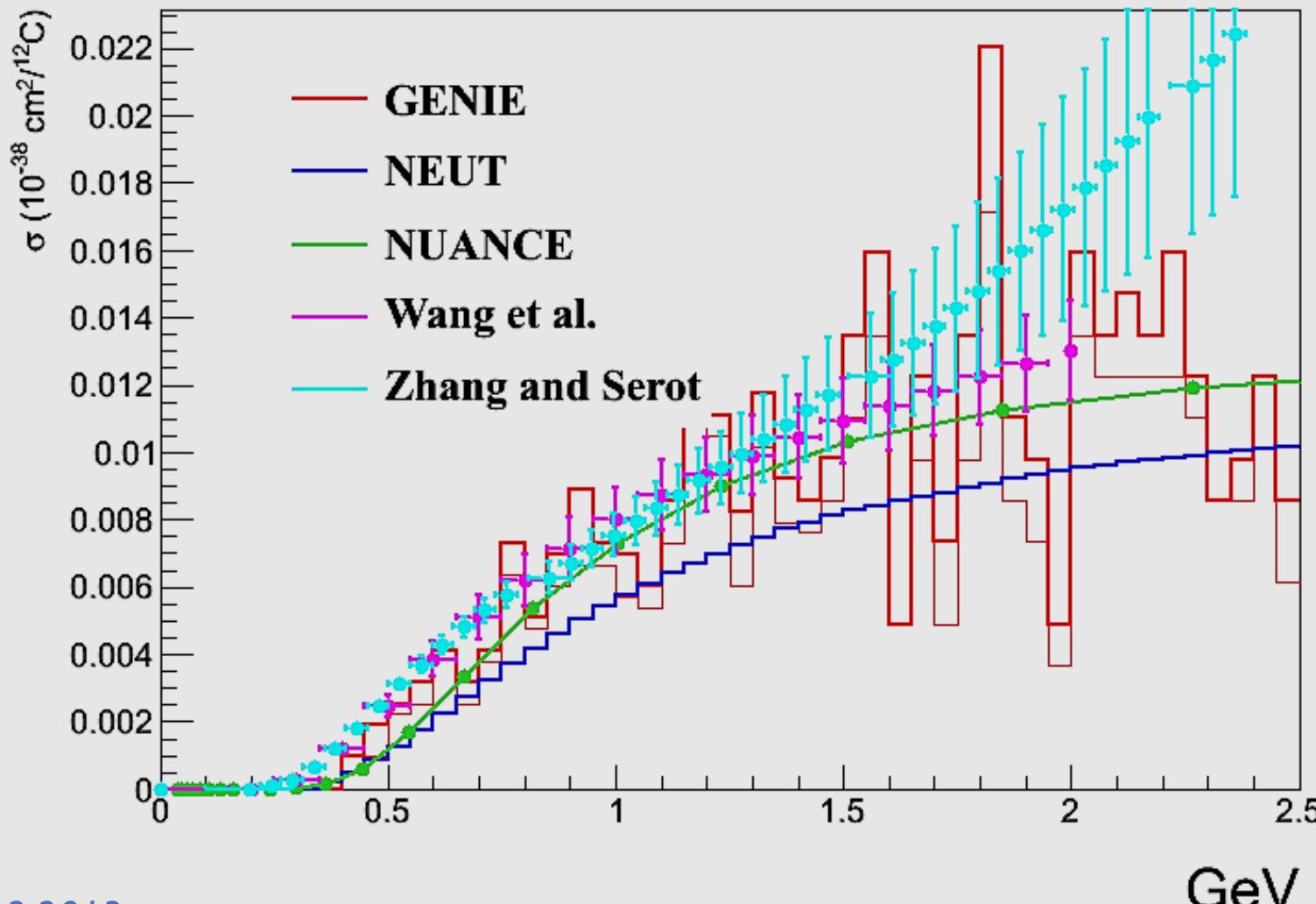
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$E_{QE}$ (GeV)	[0.2 , 0.3]	[0.3 , 0.475]	[0.475 , 1.25]
Mine	(17.6, 21.4)	(42.1, 51.9)	(19.3, 37.5)
MiniBN	19.5	47.3	19.4
Excess	$42.6 \pm 25.3$	$82.2 \pm 23.3$	$21.5 \pm 34.9$

X.Z. and B.D.Serot (2012, 2013)

Cross section needs to be at least doubled

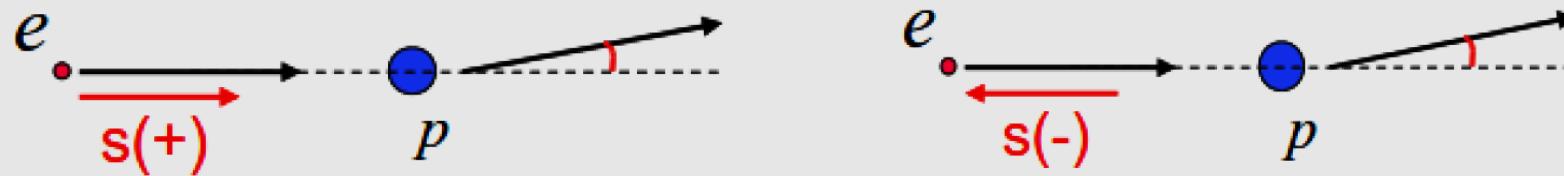
*Report for INT neutrino-nucleus cross section workshop (2013)*  
*G.T. Garvey, D.A. Harris, H.A. Tanaka, R. Tayloe, G. P. Zeller, arXiv: 1412.4294*



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# Base-line neutrino experiment: hadronic physics

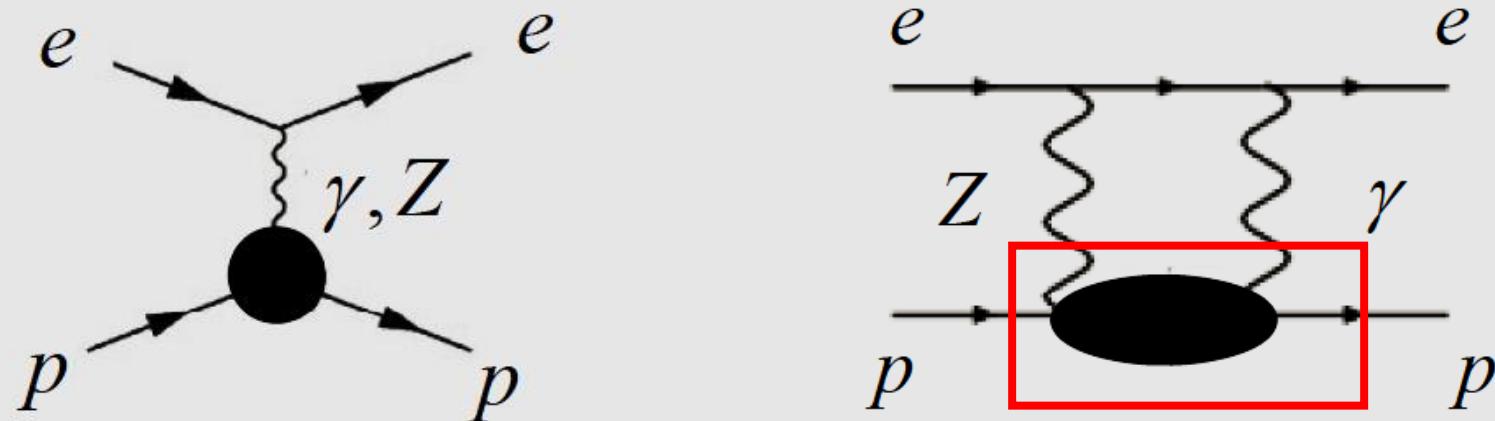
# Qweak experiment at Jlab



$$A_{ep} \equiv \frac{\sigma_+ - \sigma_-}{\sigma_+ + \sigma_-} = A_0 \left[ 1 - \underbrace{4 \sin^2 \theta_W}_{Q_W^p} + Q^2 B(Q^2, \theta) \right]$$

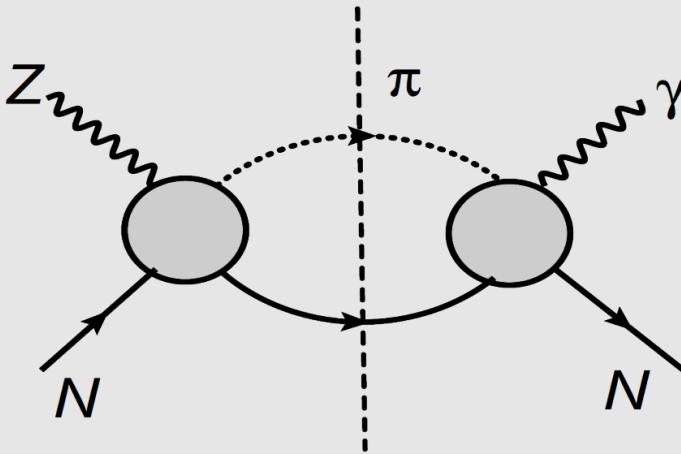
It probes high energy scale physics

# Radiative correction (gamma Z box)



M. Gorchtein and C.J. Horowitz, (2009);  
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B.C. Rislow and C.E. Carlson, (2013);  
N.L. Hall, P.G. Blunden, W. Melnitchouk, A.W. Thomas and R.D. Young, (2013)

# Dispersion analysis on weak-Compton scattering



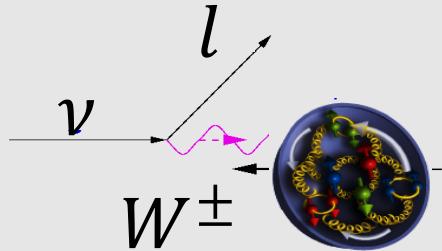
Again form factors  
are poorly known

- The Z vertex is poorly known. Need neutrino measurement
- Our first work reduces the uncertainty in extracting  $Q_W^p$   
M. Gorchtein and X.Z. (2015)

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# Axial current form factors are important

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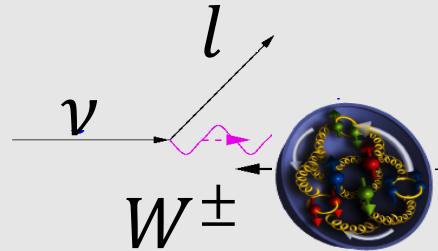


$$\langle N\lambda' | J_{EM}^\mu | N\lambda \rangle = \bar{u}_{\lambda'} \left[ F_1 \gamma^\mu + F_2 \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2M_N} \right] u_\lambda$$

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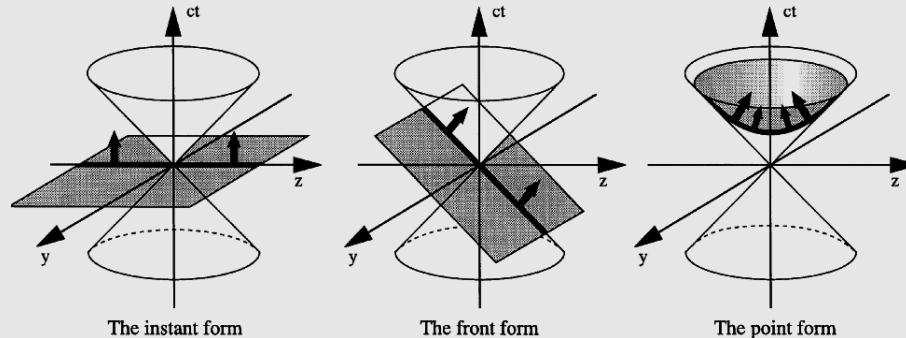


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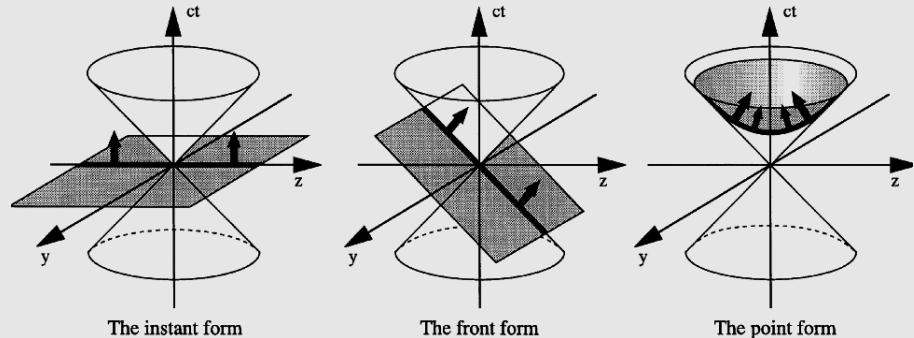
- Lattice QCD won't be the full answer: high  $Q^2$  behavior,  $N \rightarrow$ Resonance transition (inelastic) form factors
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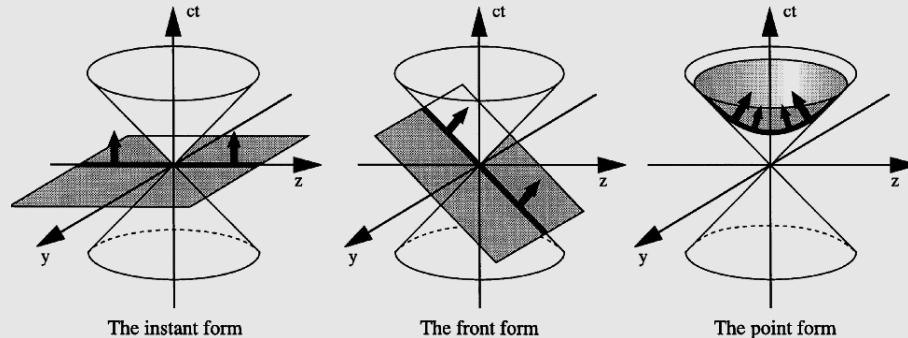


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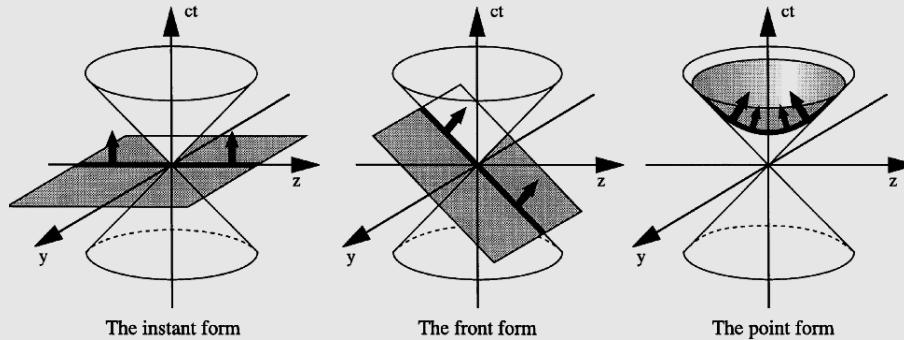
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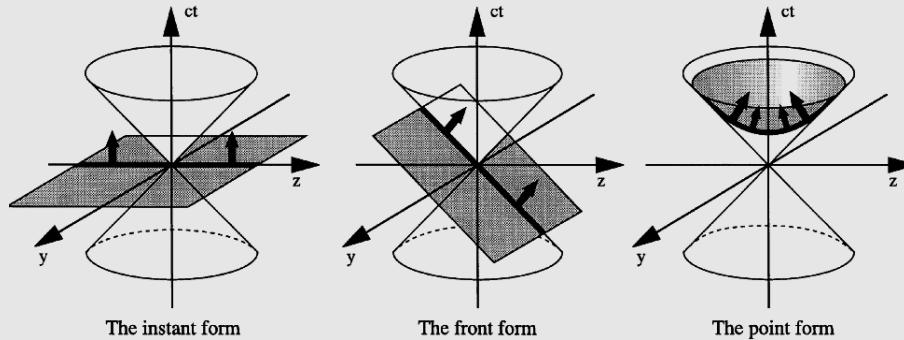
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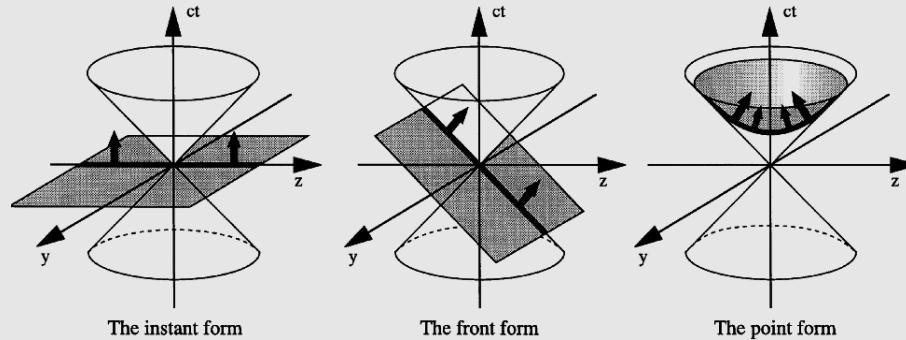
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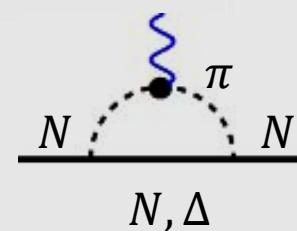
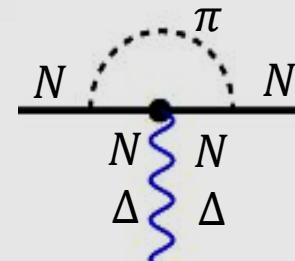
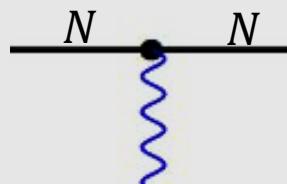
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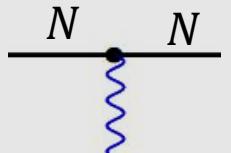
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# LFQM: EM and Axial form factors

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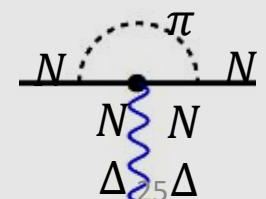
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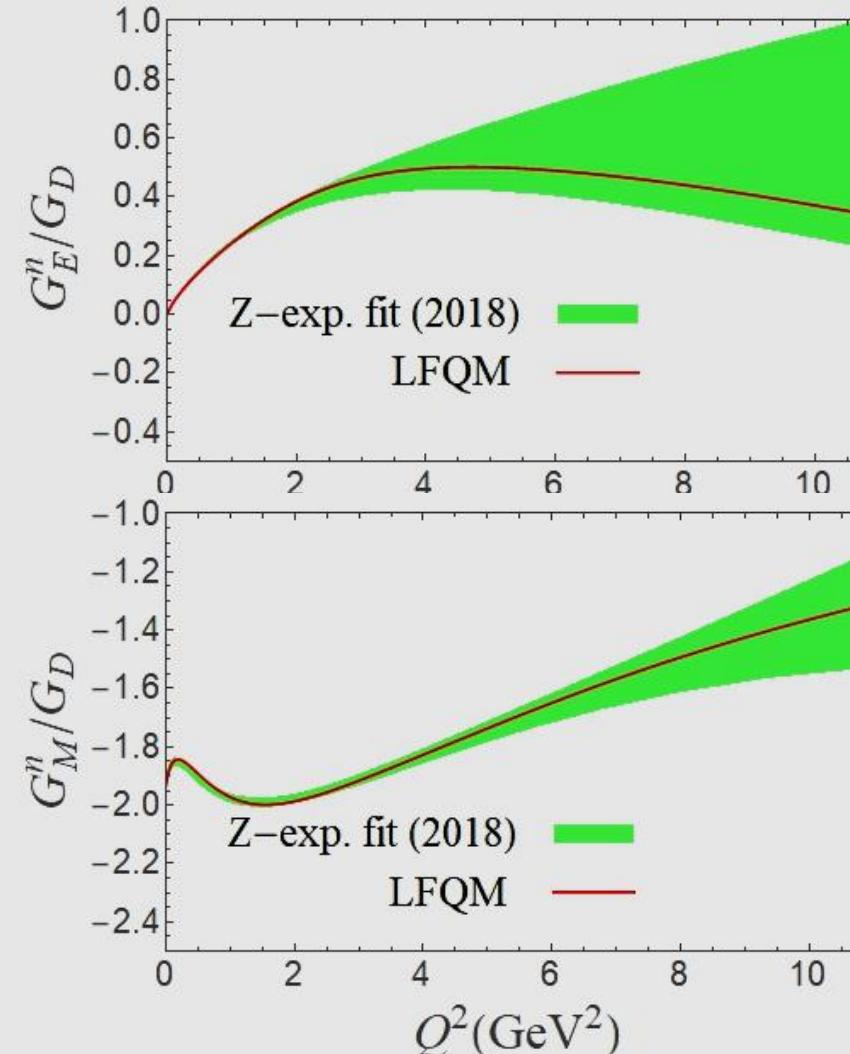
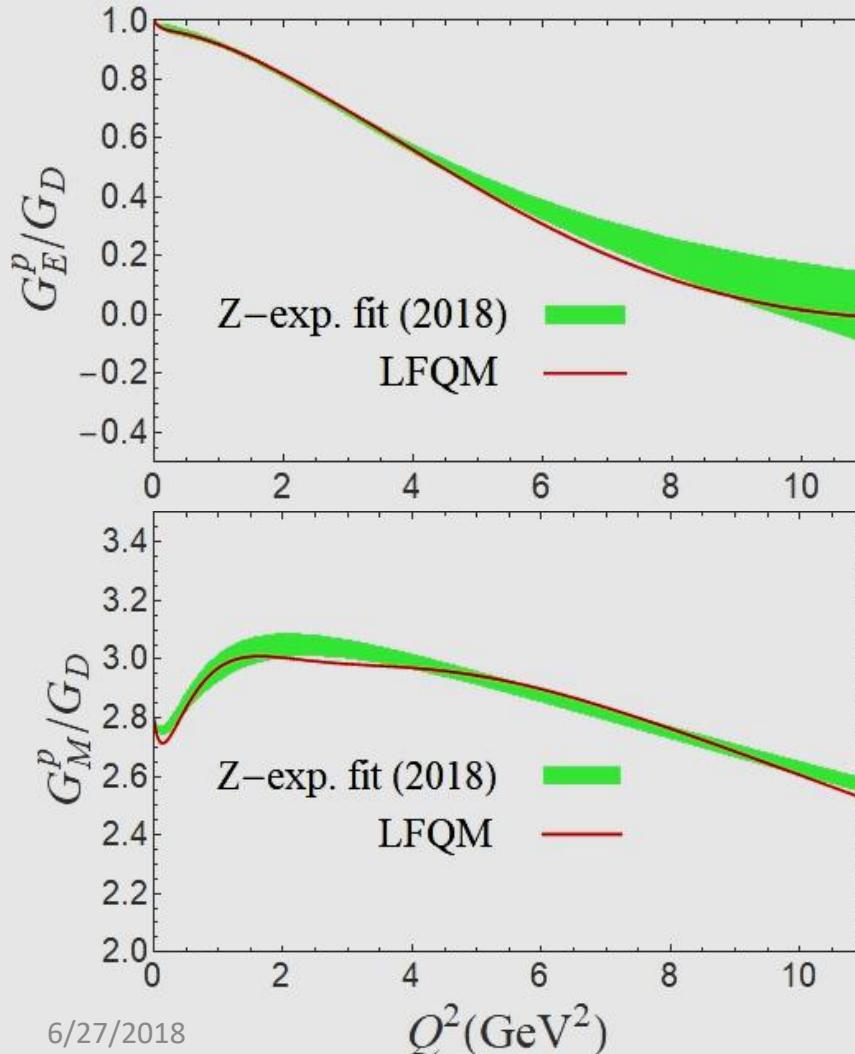
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- The pion cloud couples elastic form factor to the inelastic form factors



# Fit EM FFs: preliminary results

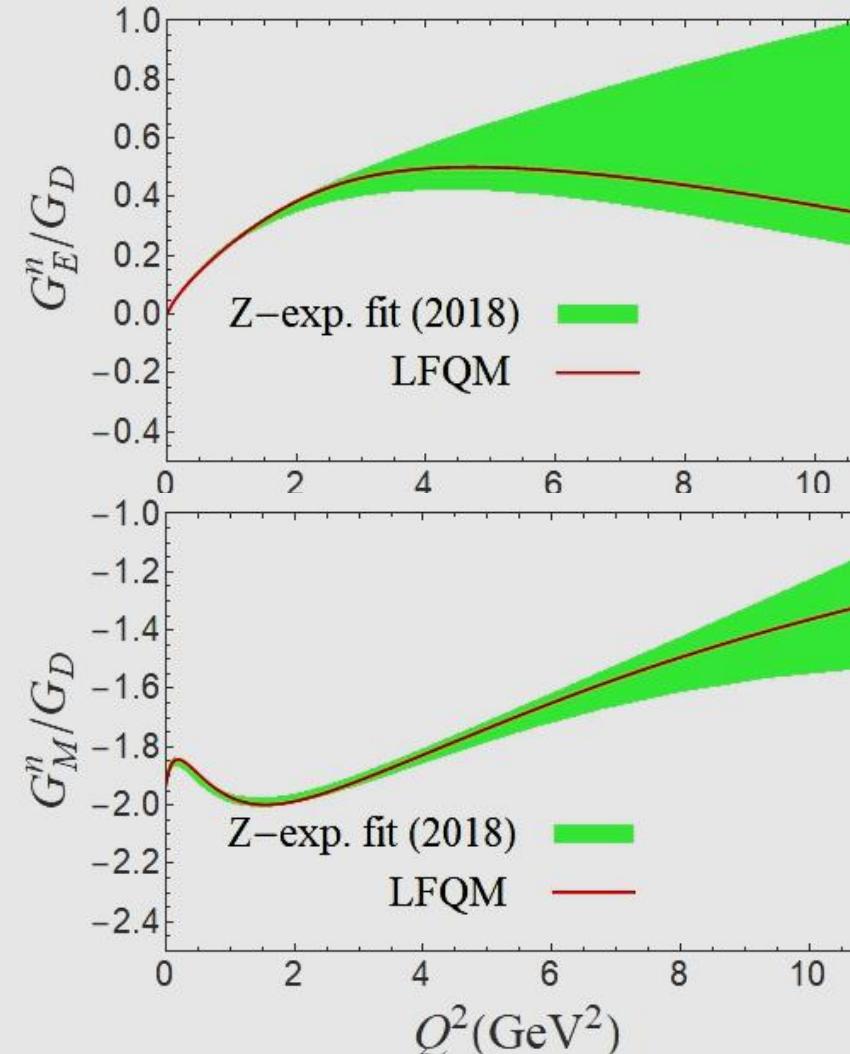
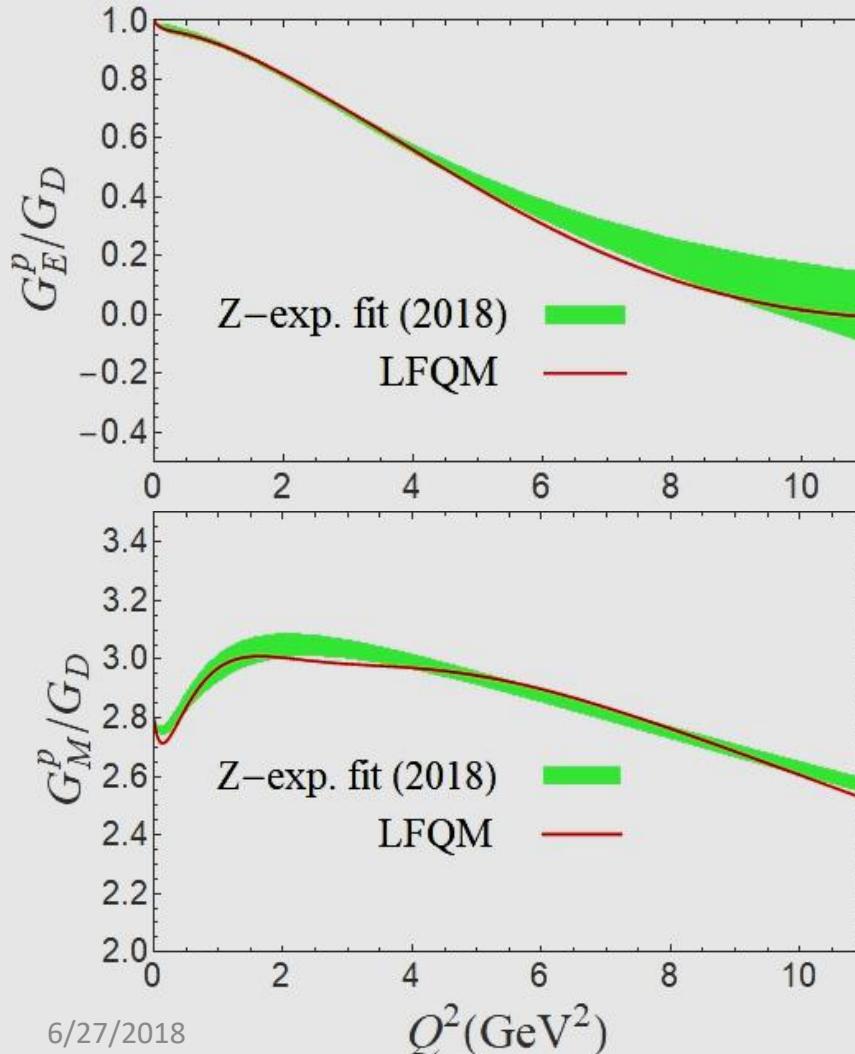


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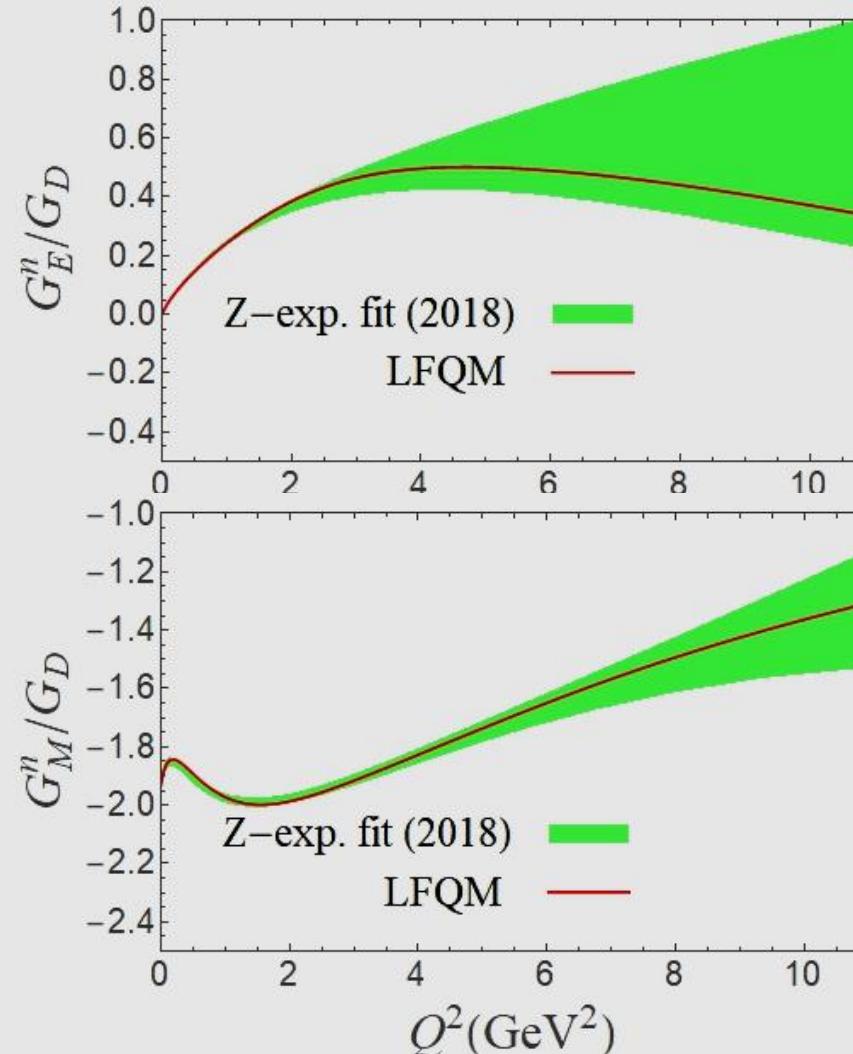
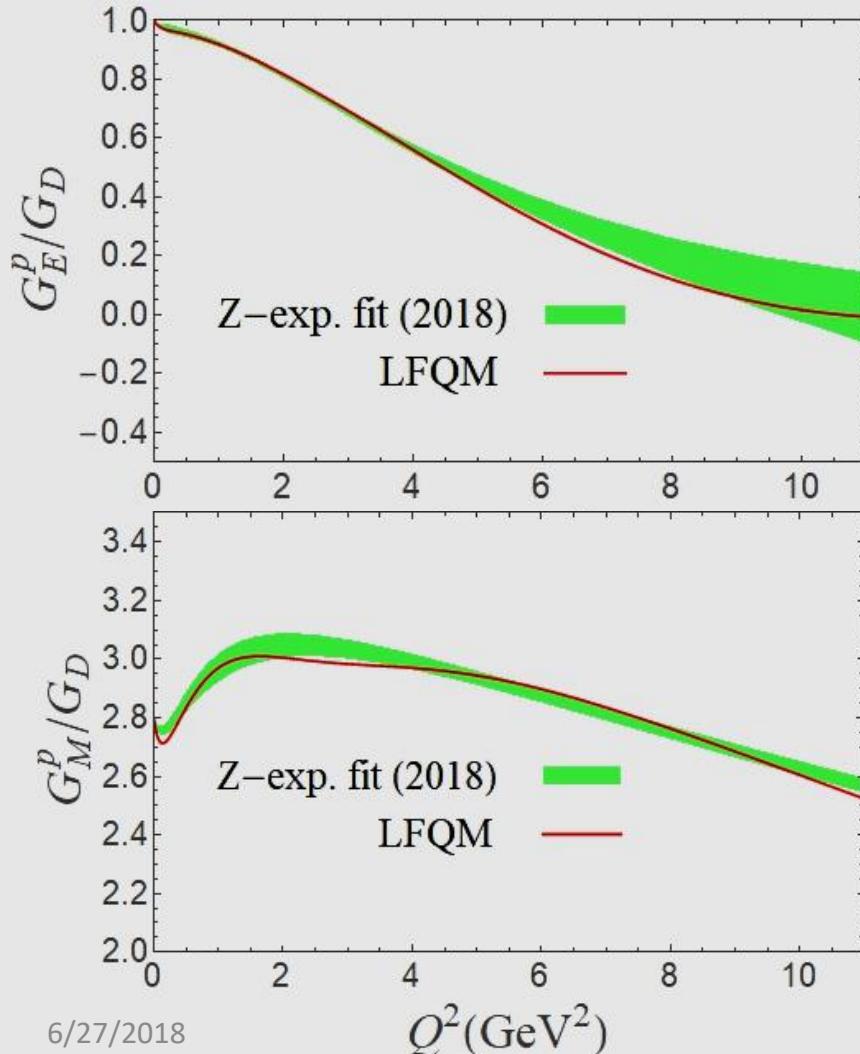
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- Just one-local minimum of  $\chi^2$  minimization
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# Dark photon: Be-8 anomaly

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## Observation of Anomalous Internal Pair Creation in ${}^8\text{Be}$ : A Possible Indication of a Light, Neutral Boson

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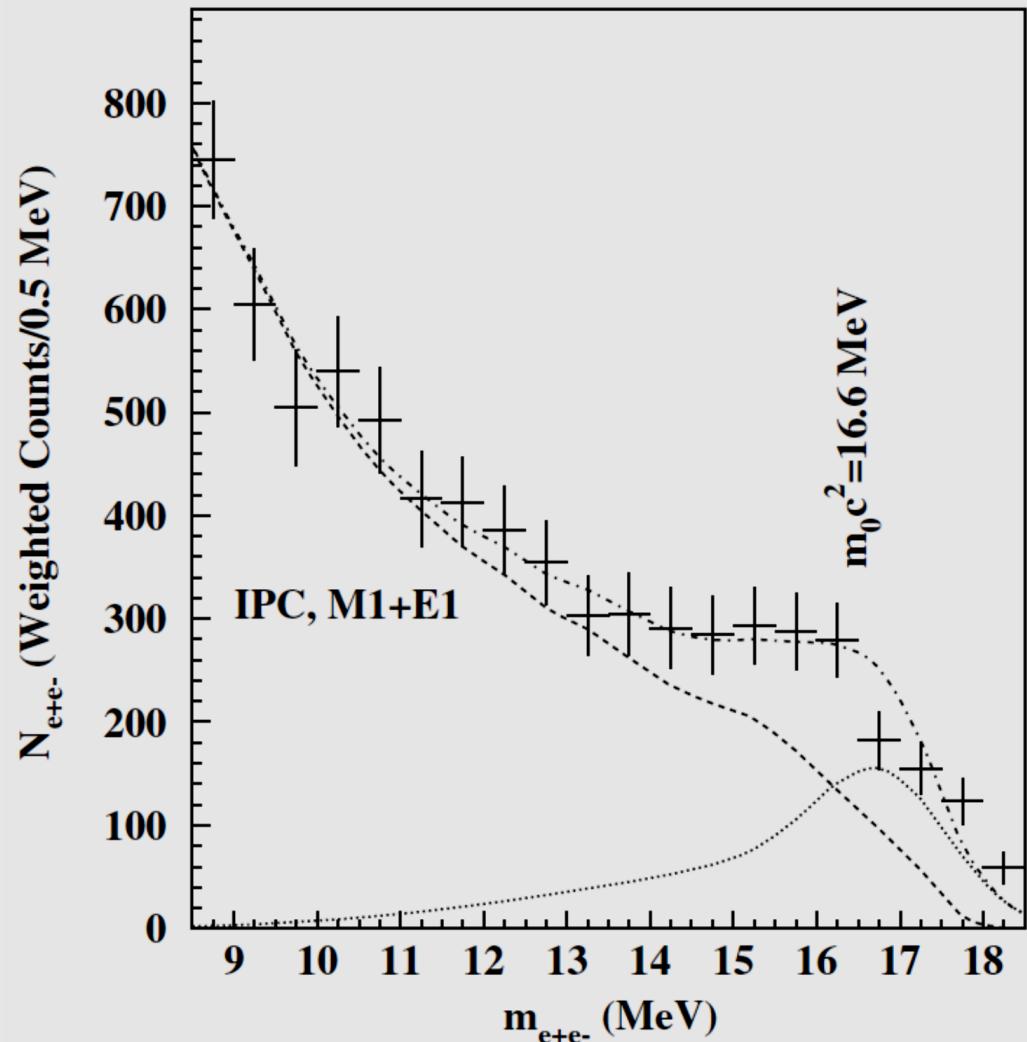
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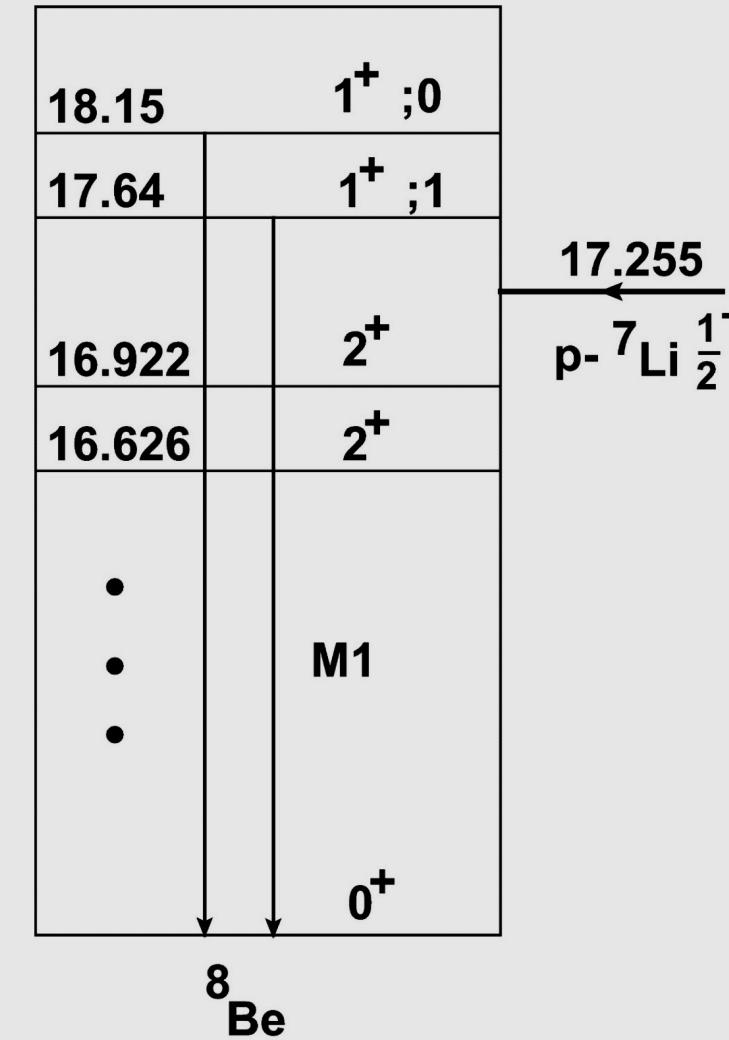
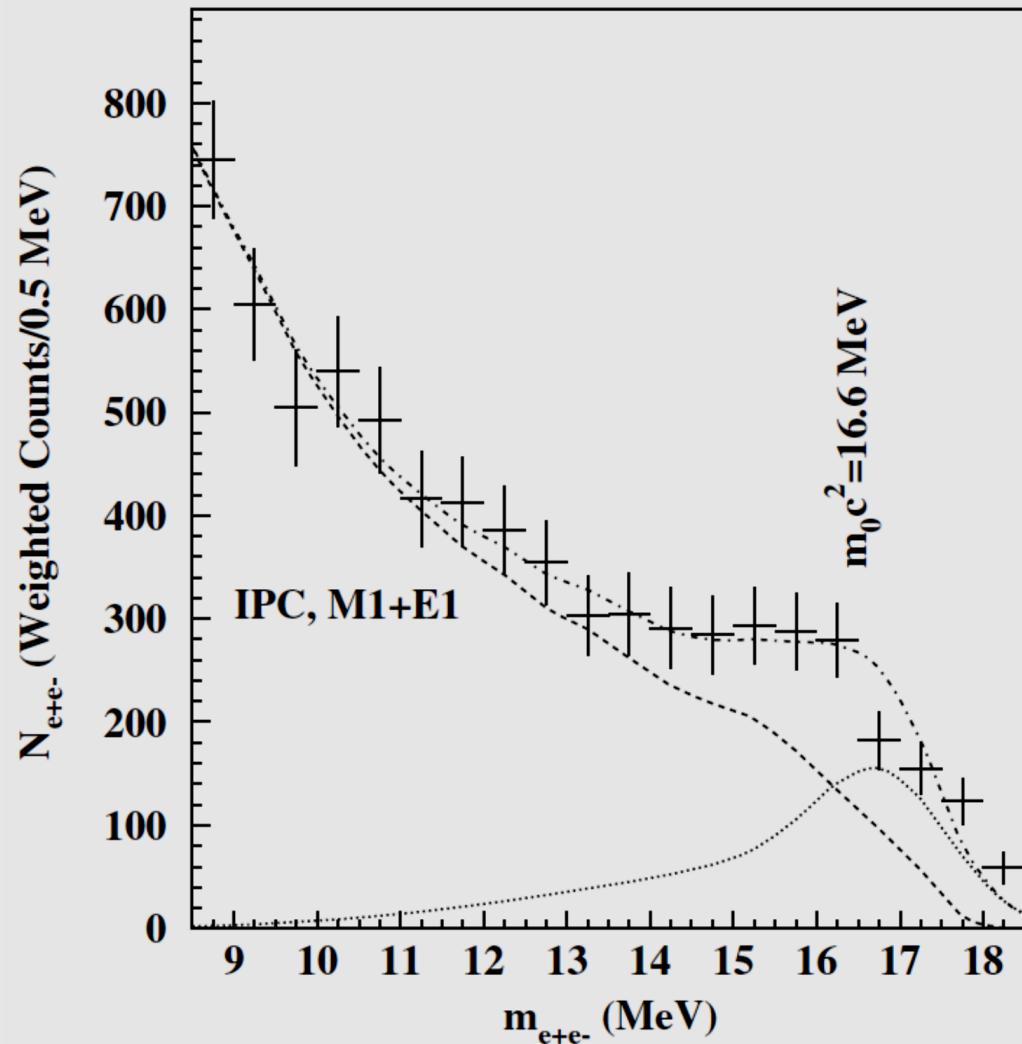
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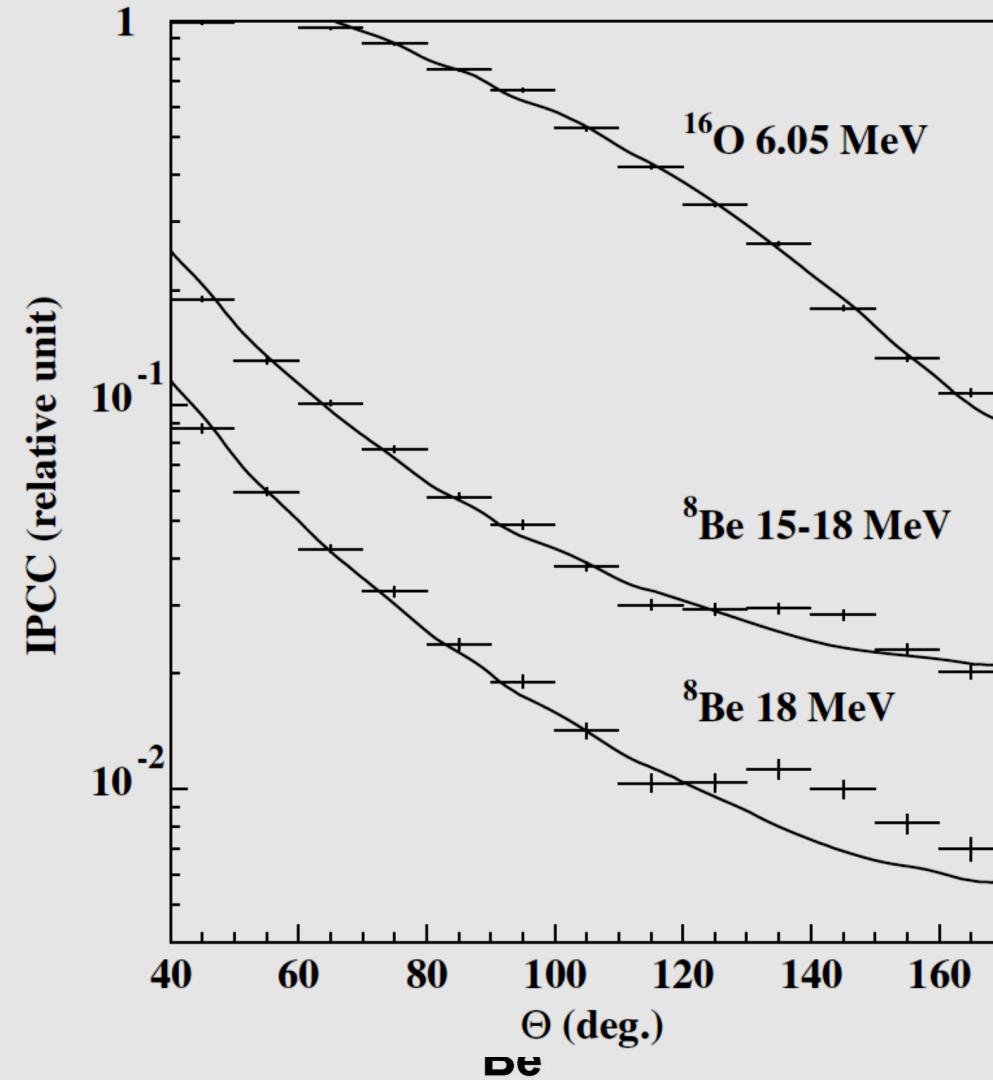
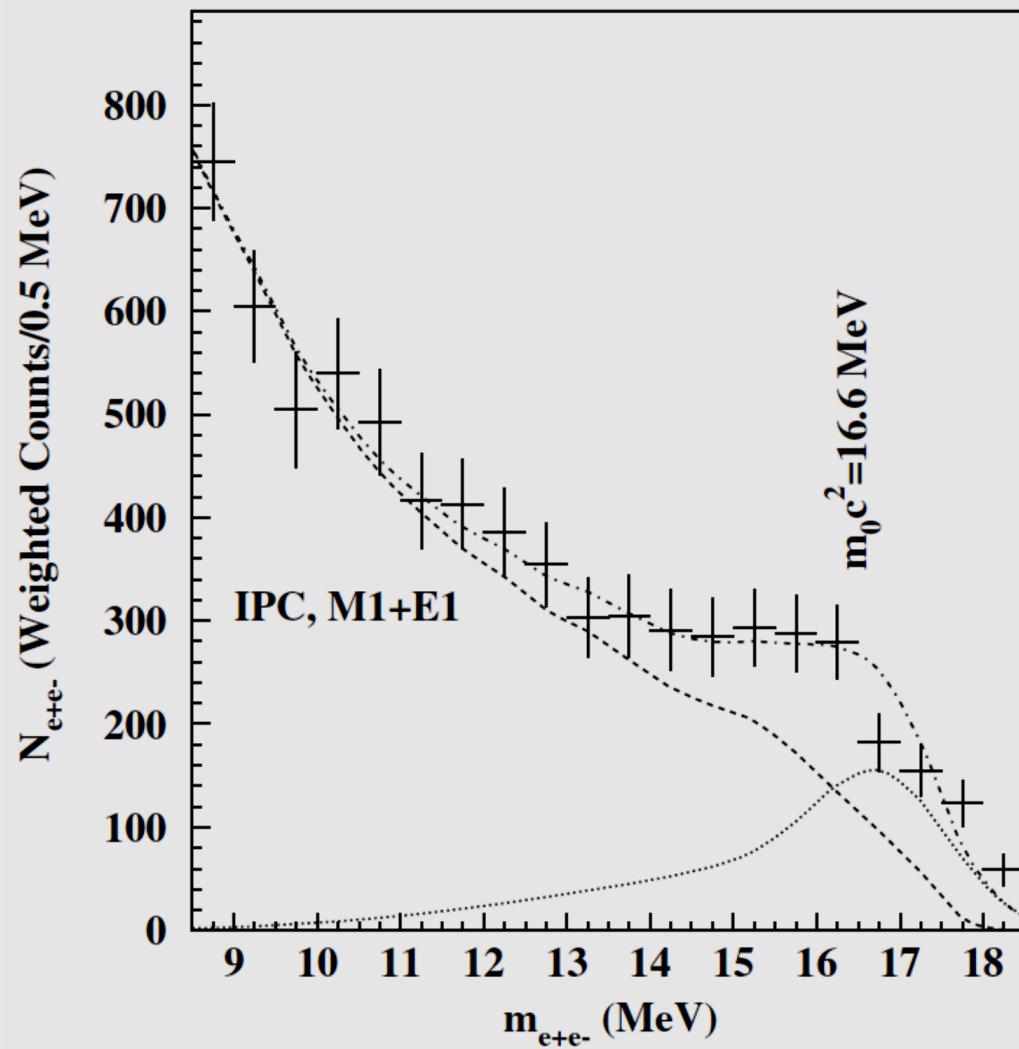
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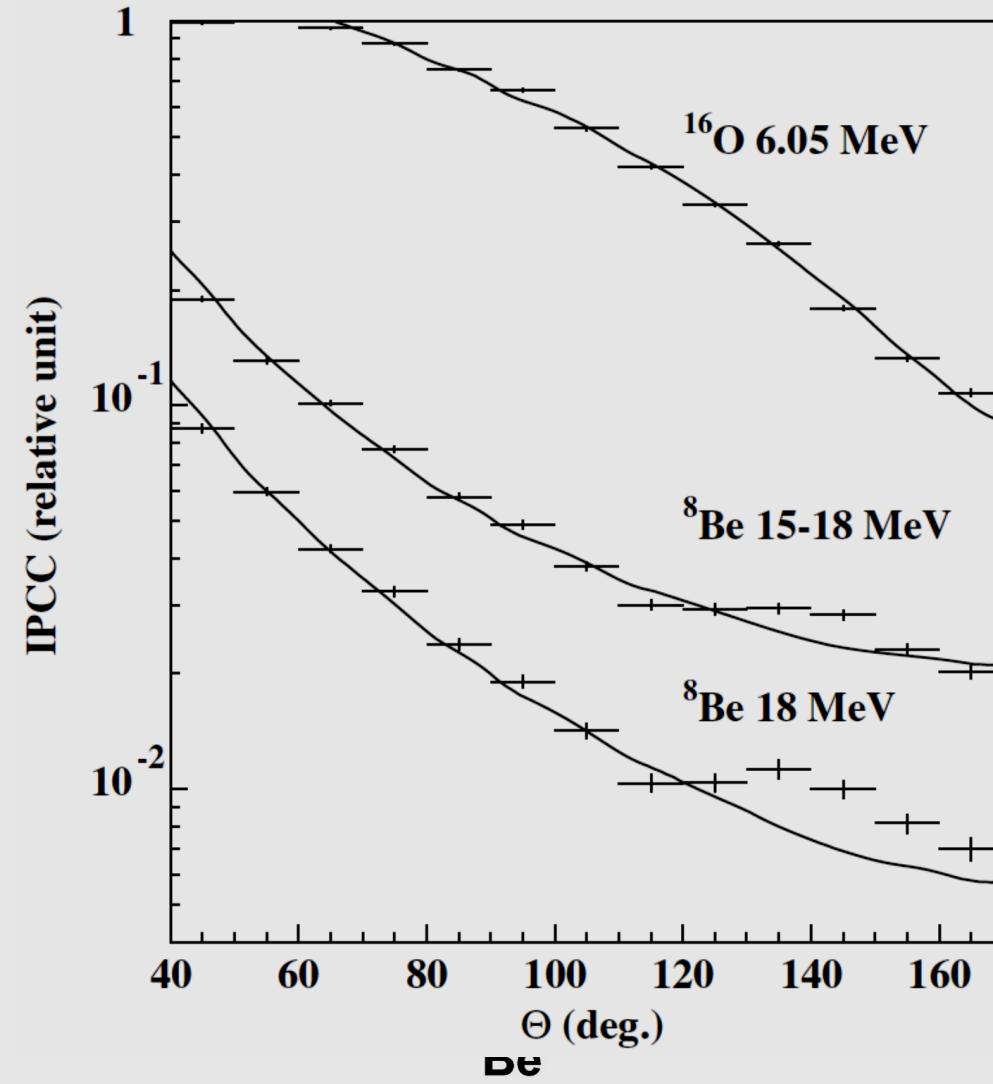
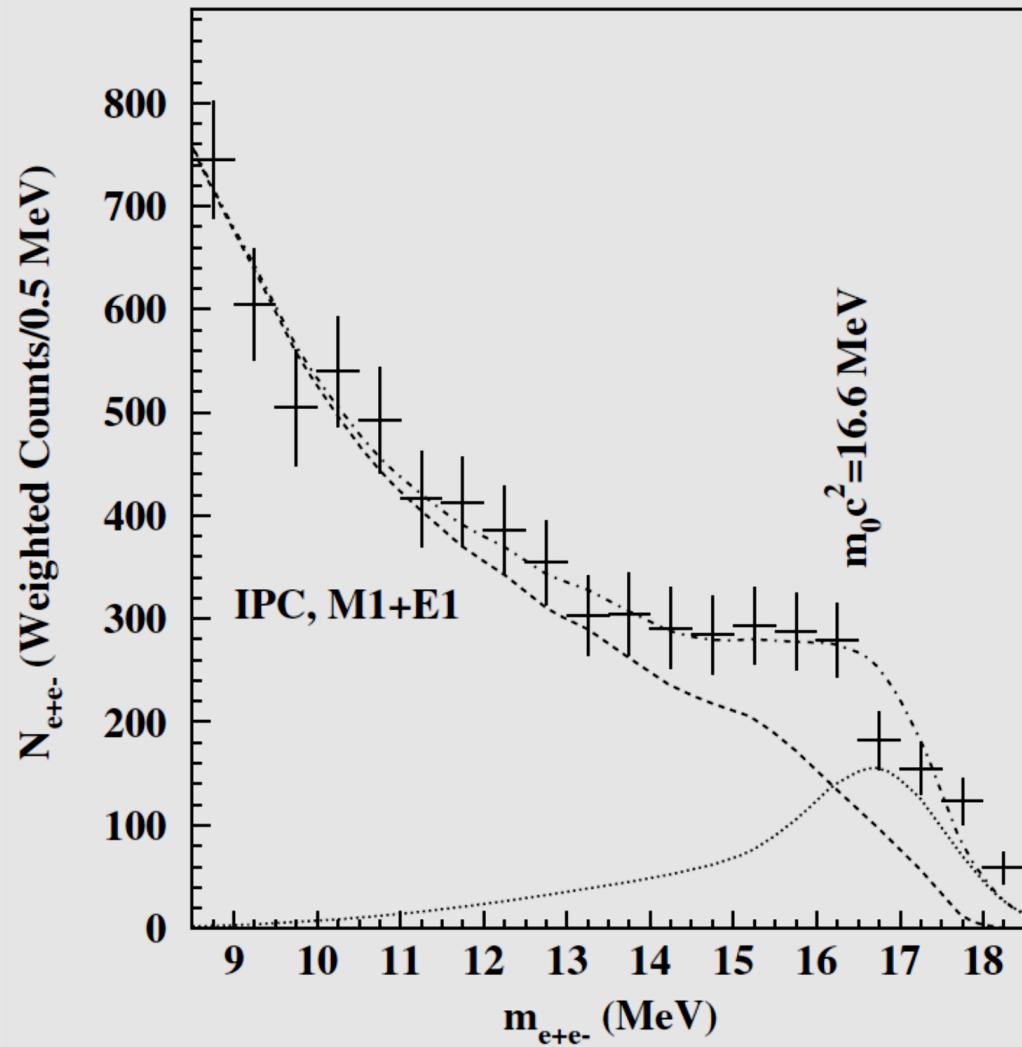
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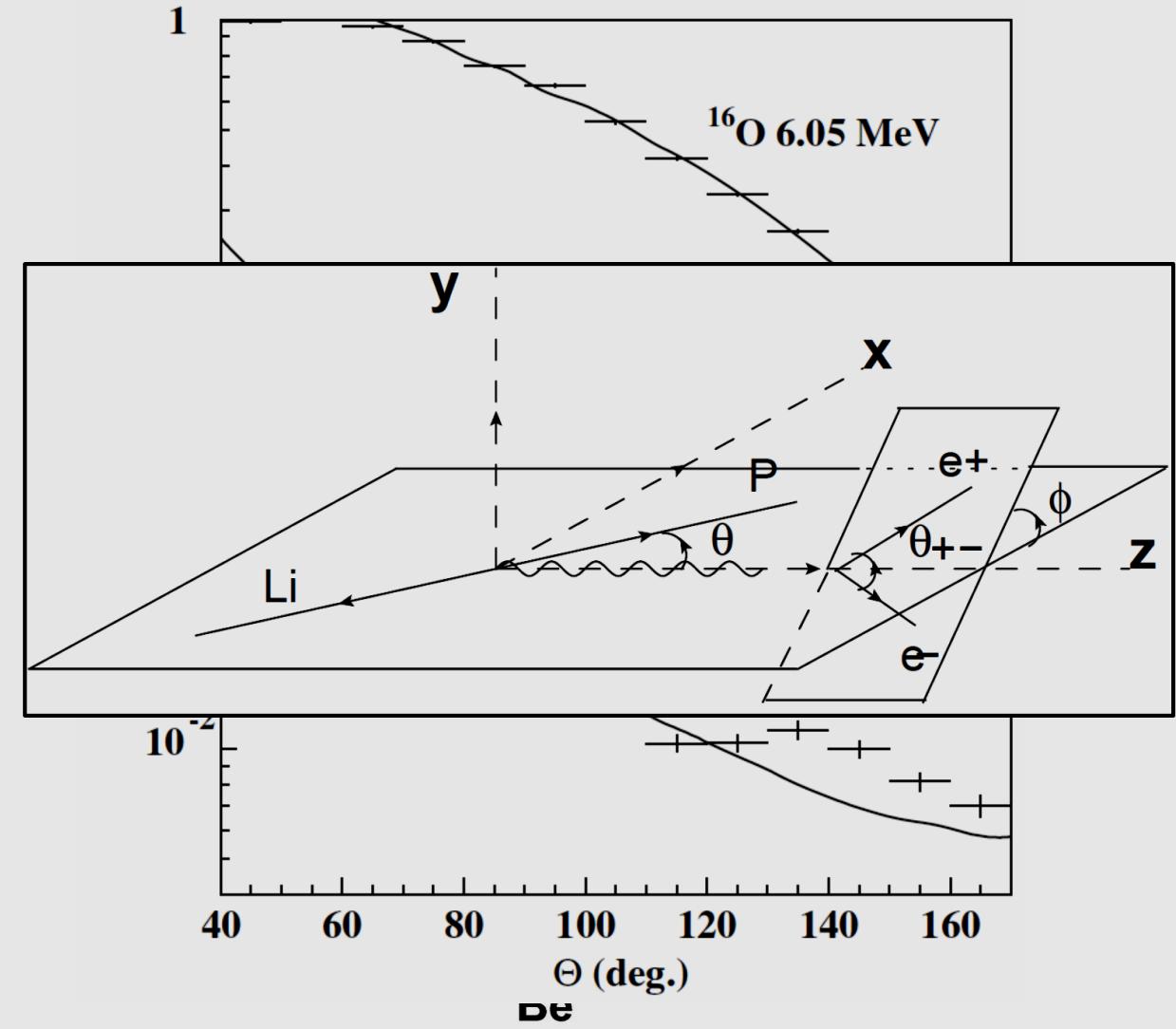
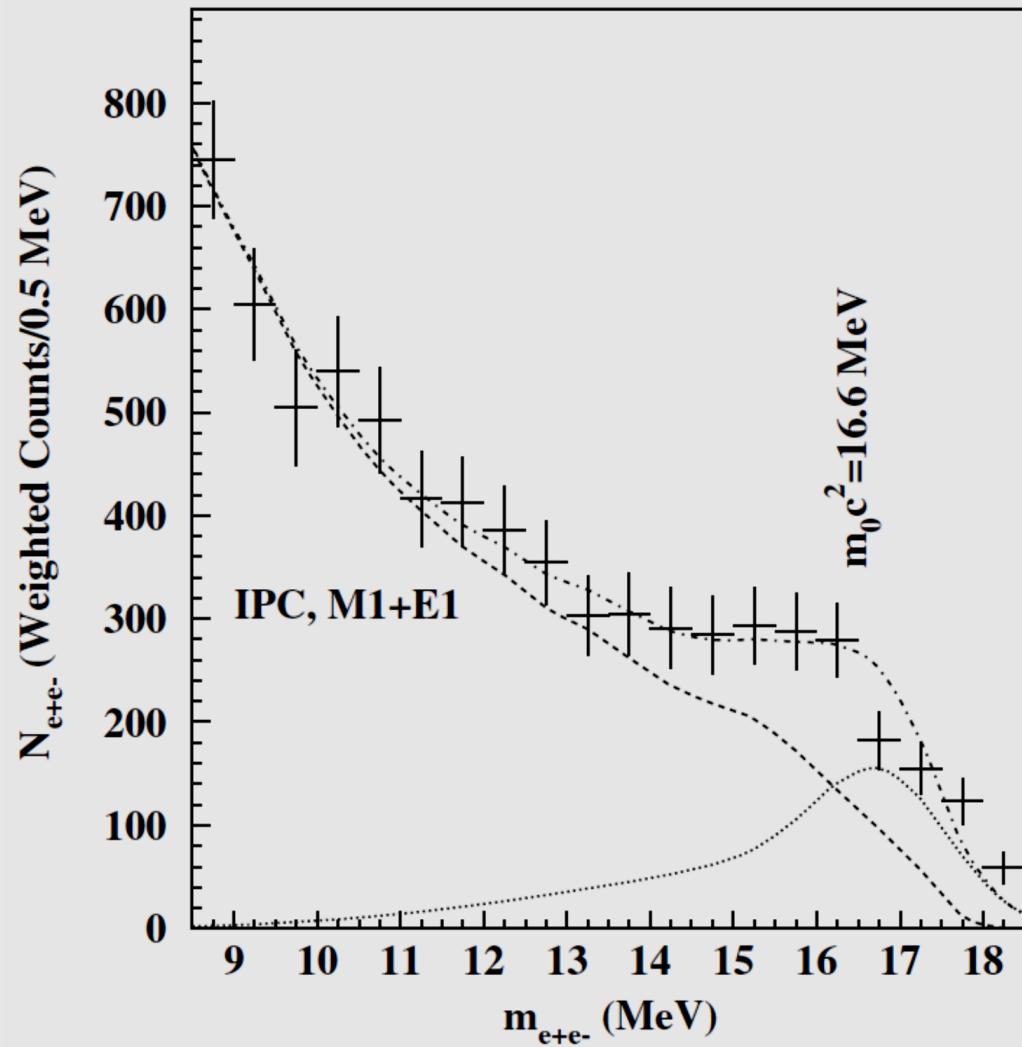


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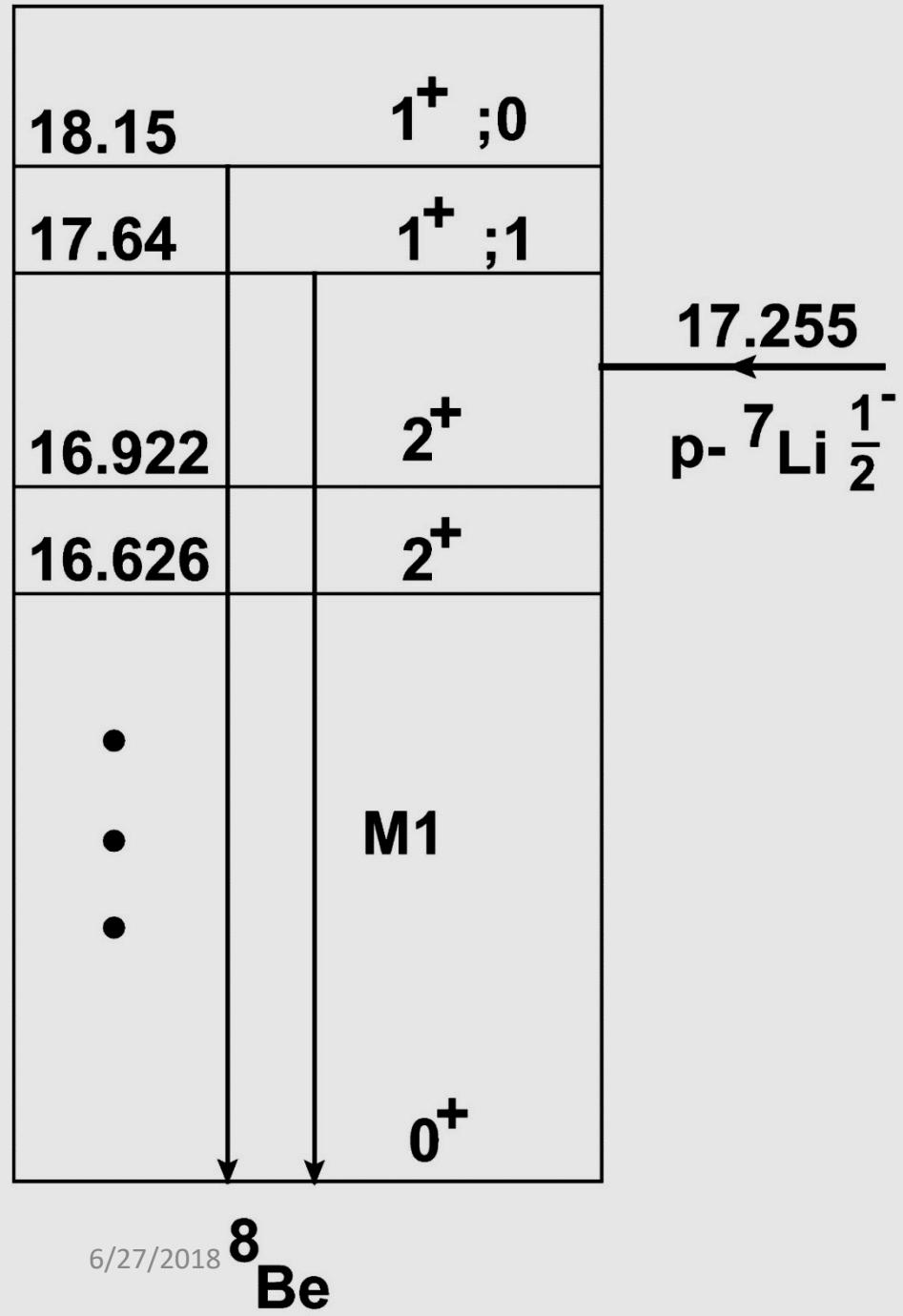
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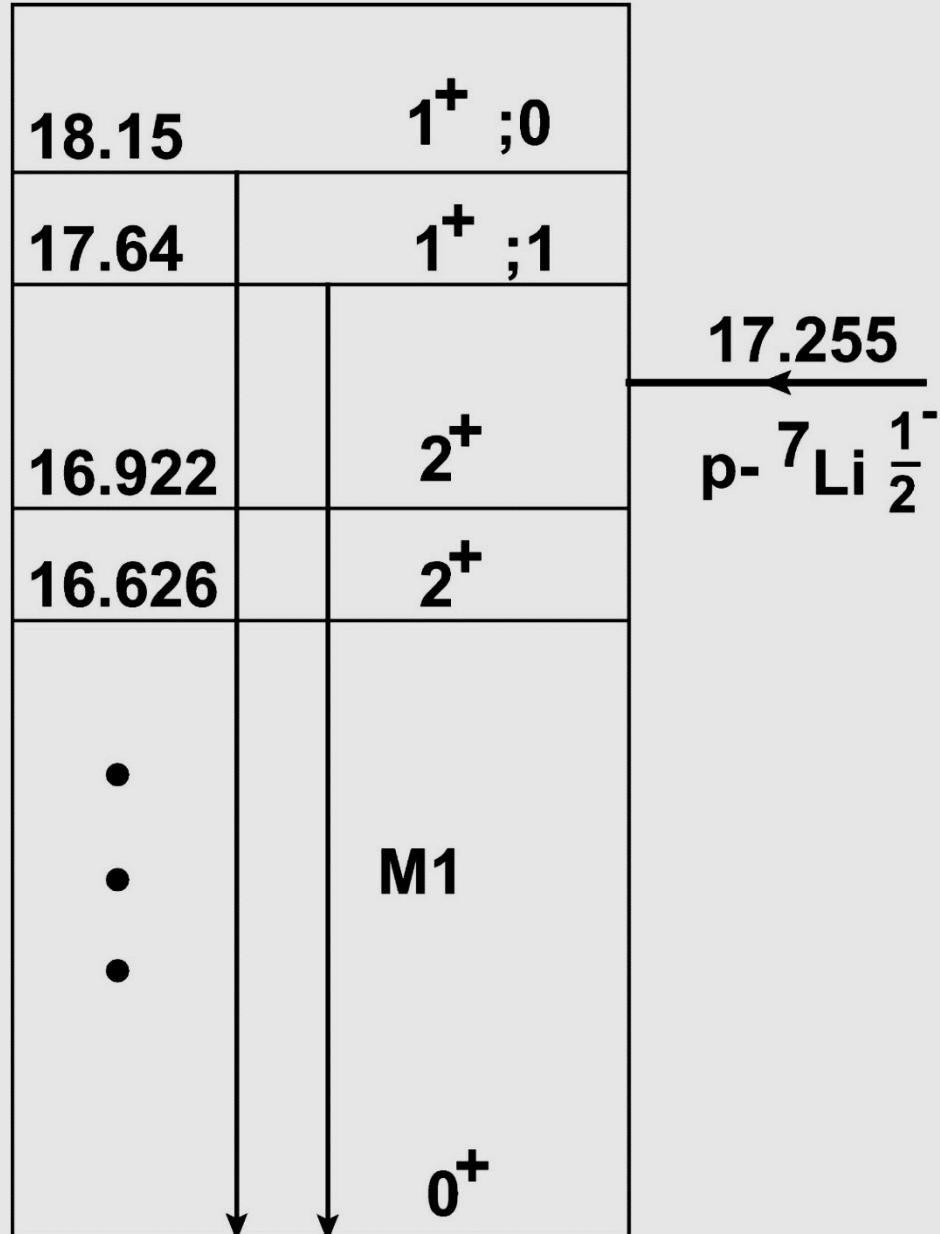


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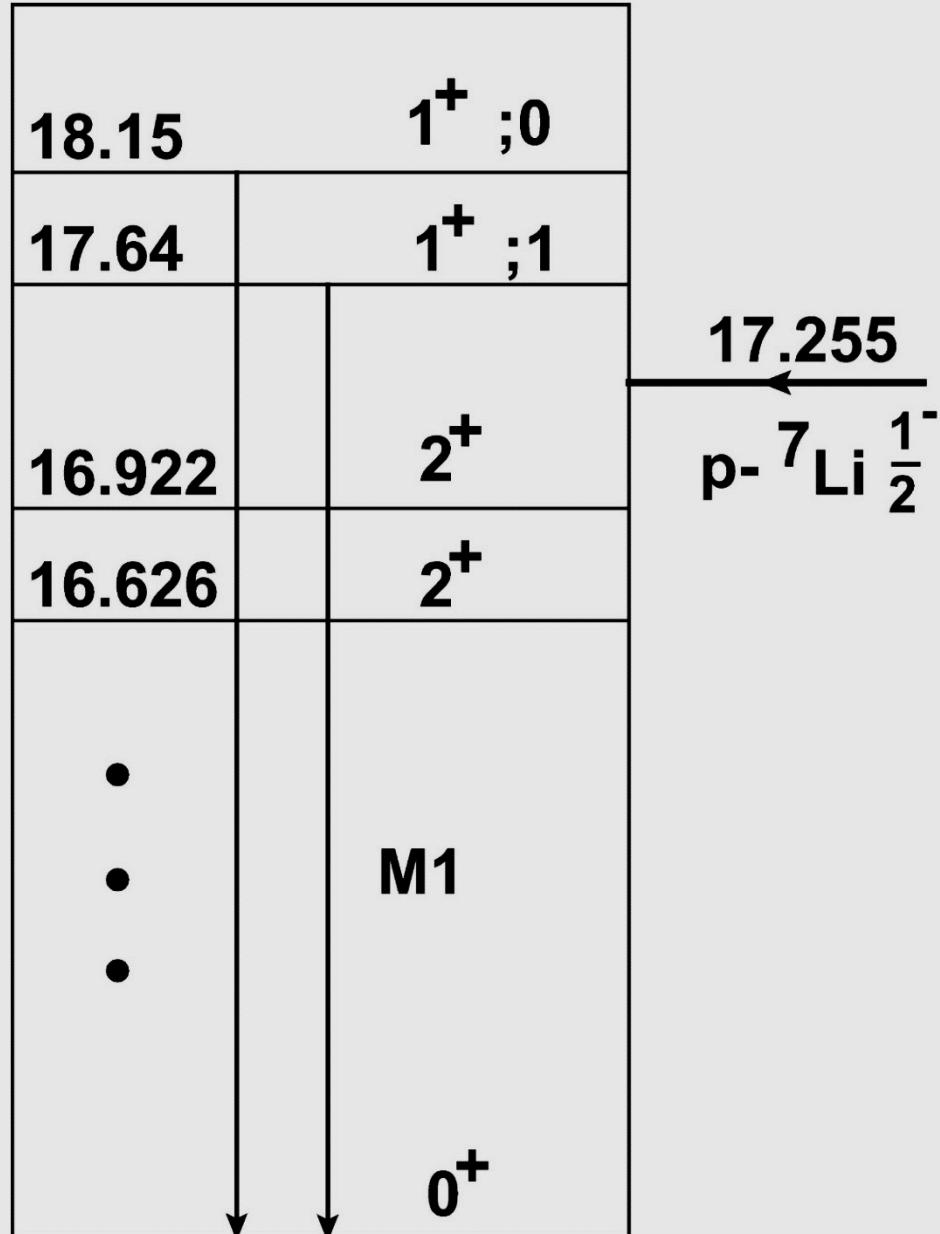
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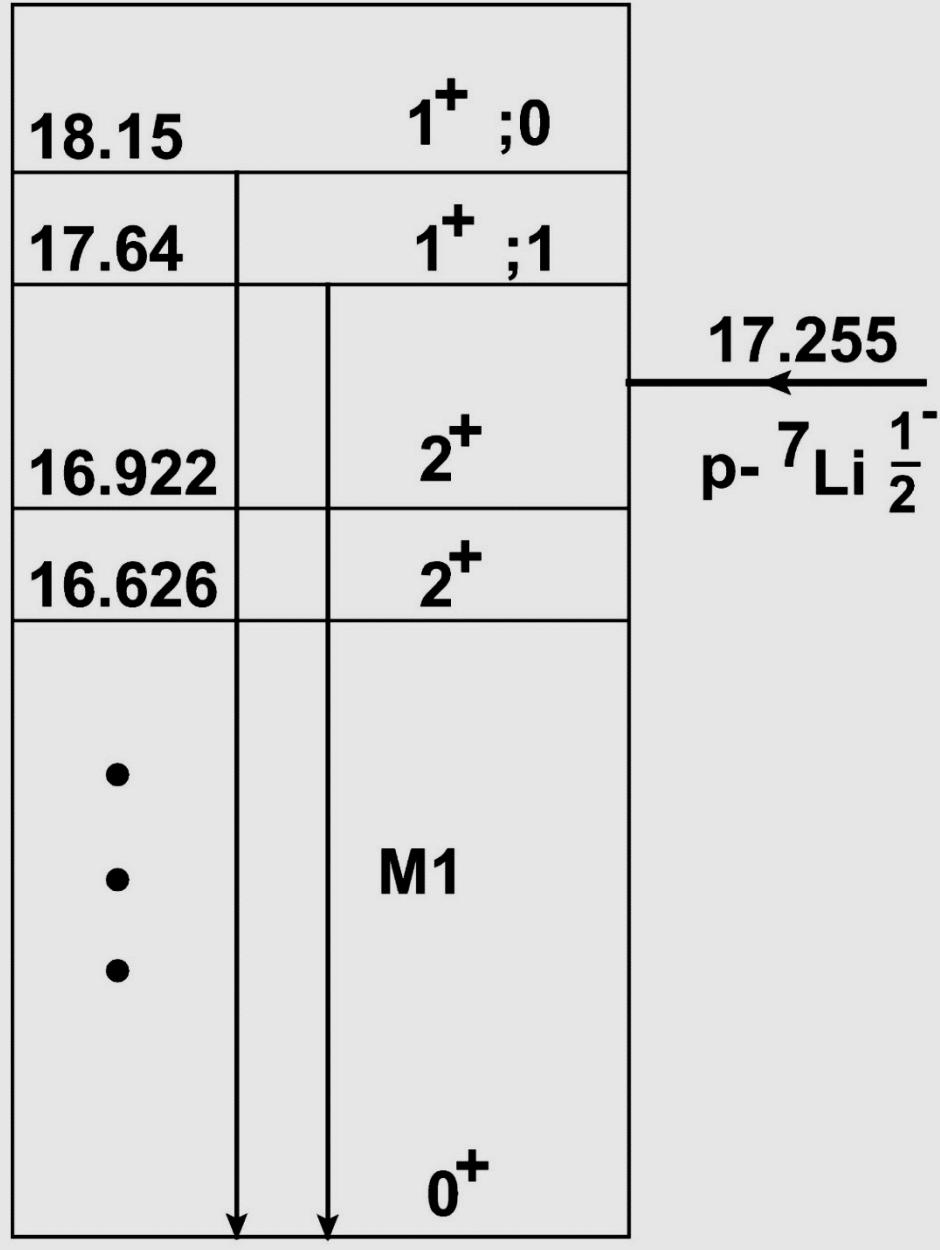
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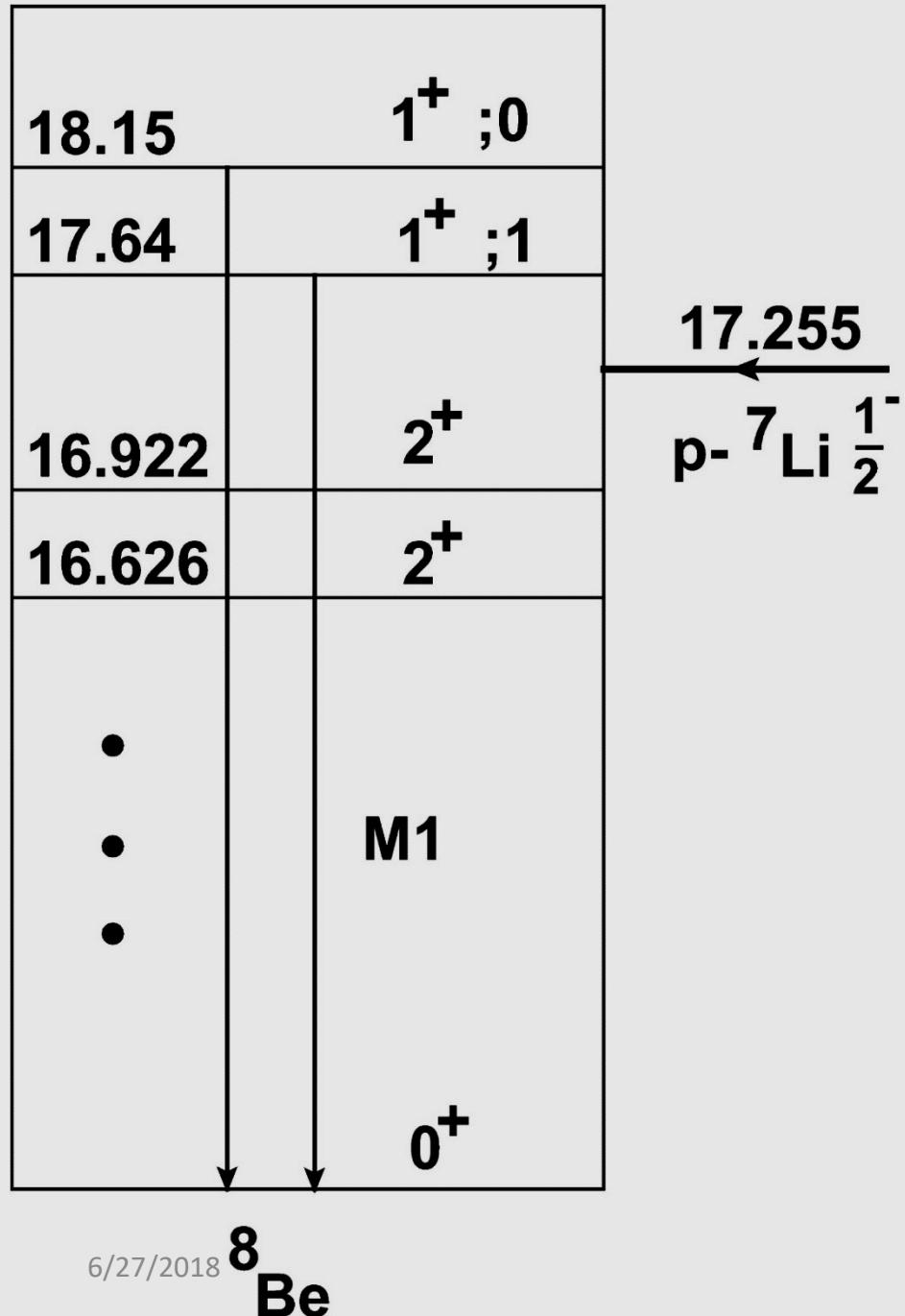


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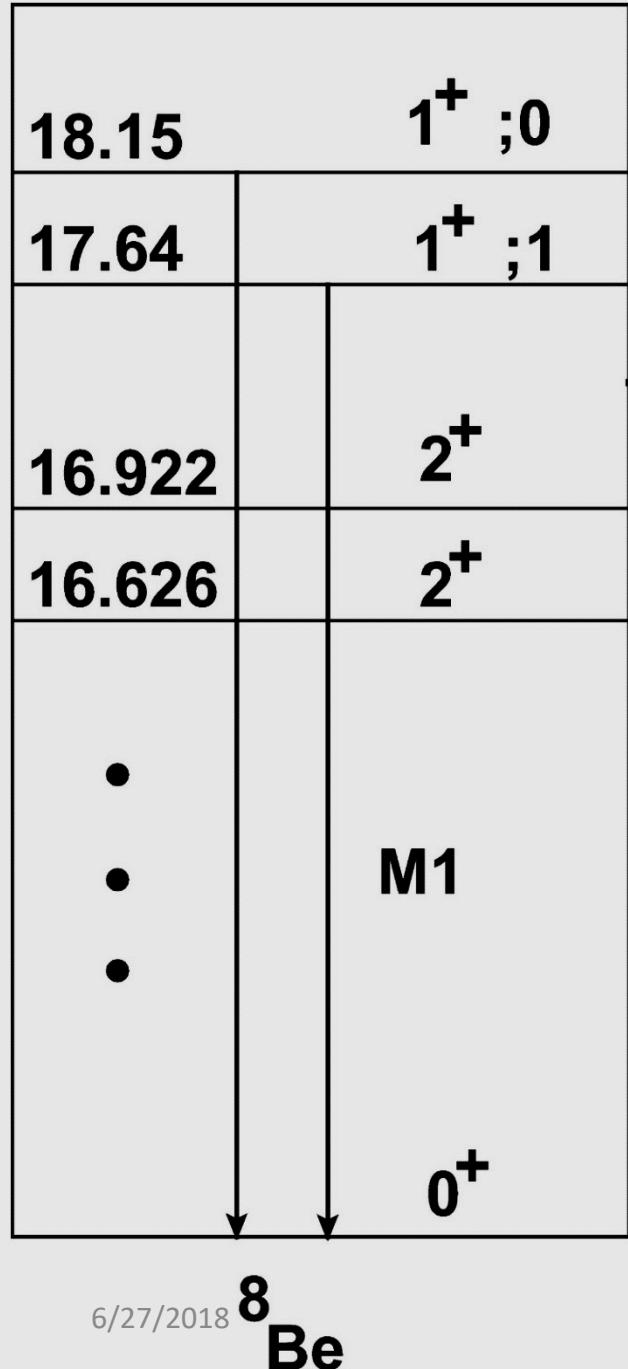
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X.Z. and G. Miller, 2017: they interfere!

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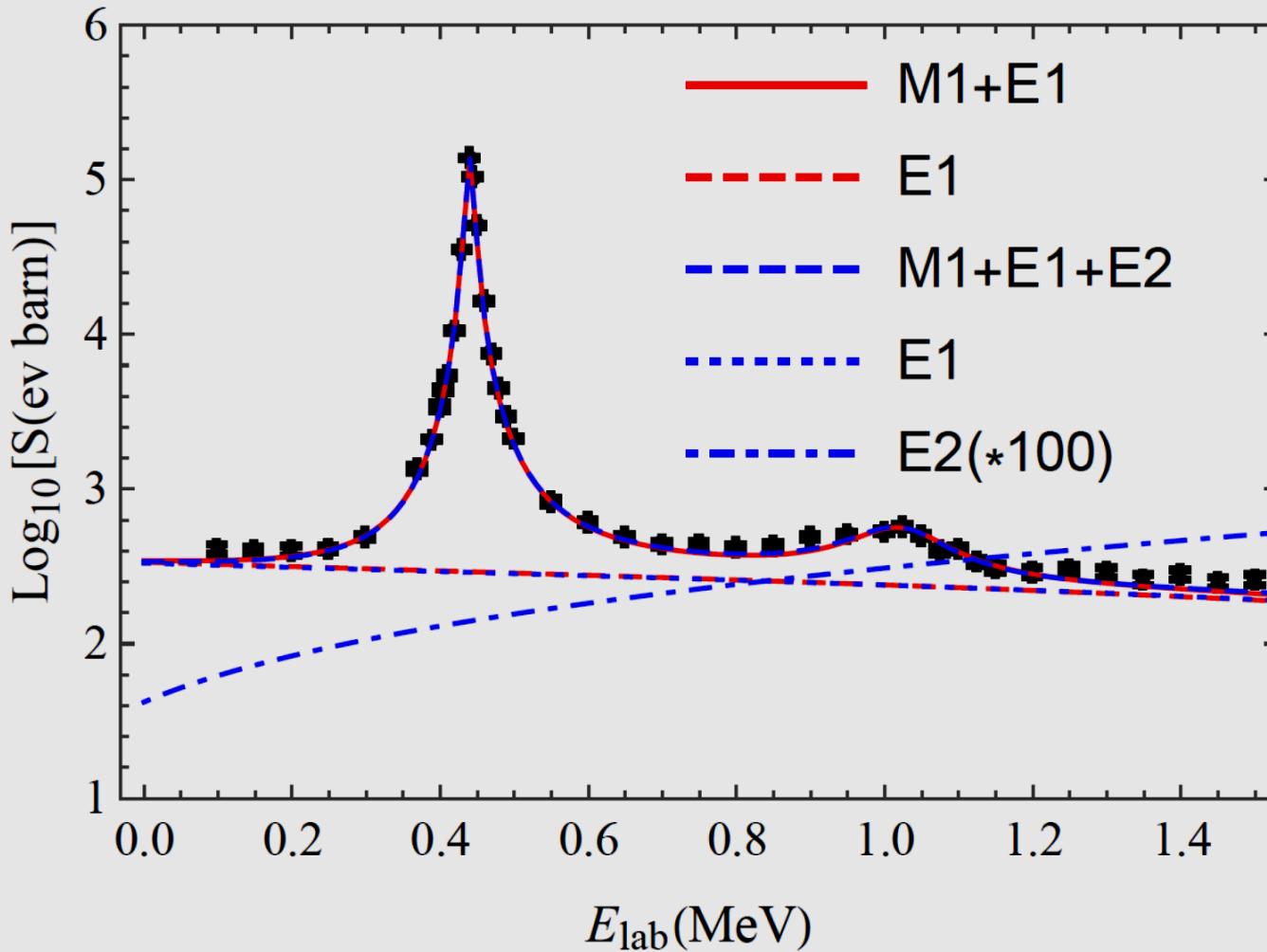
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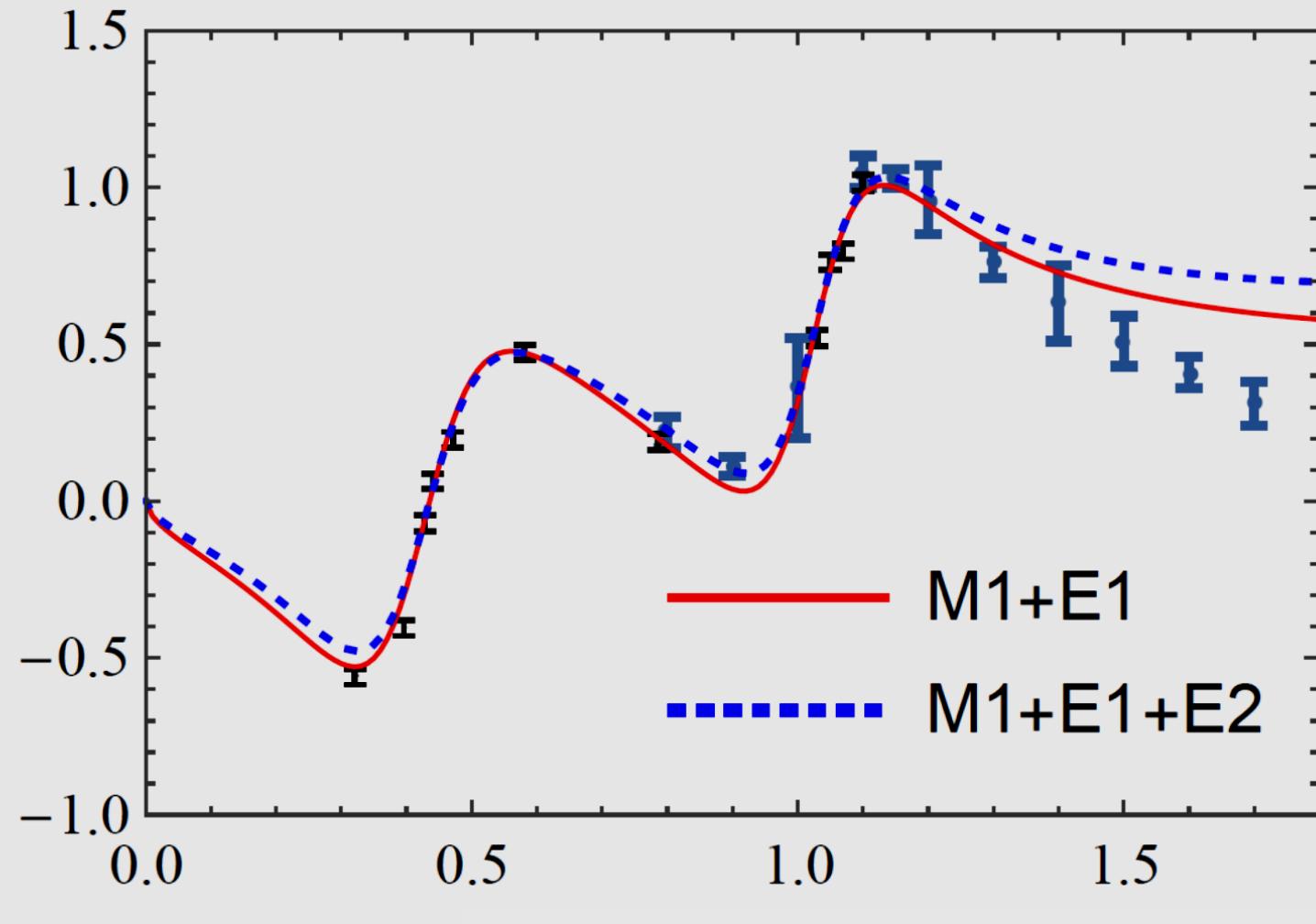
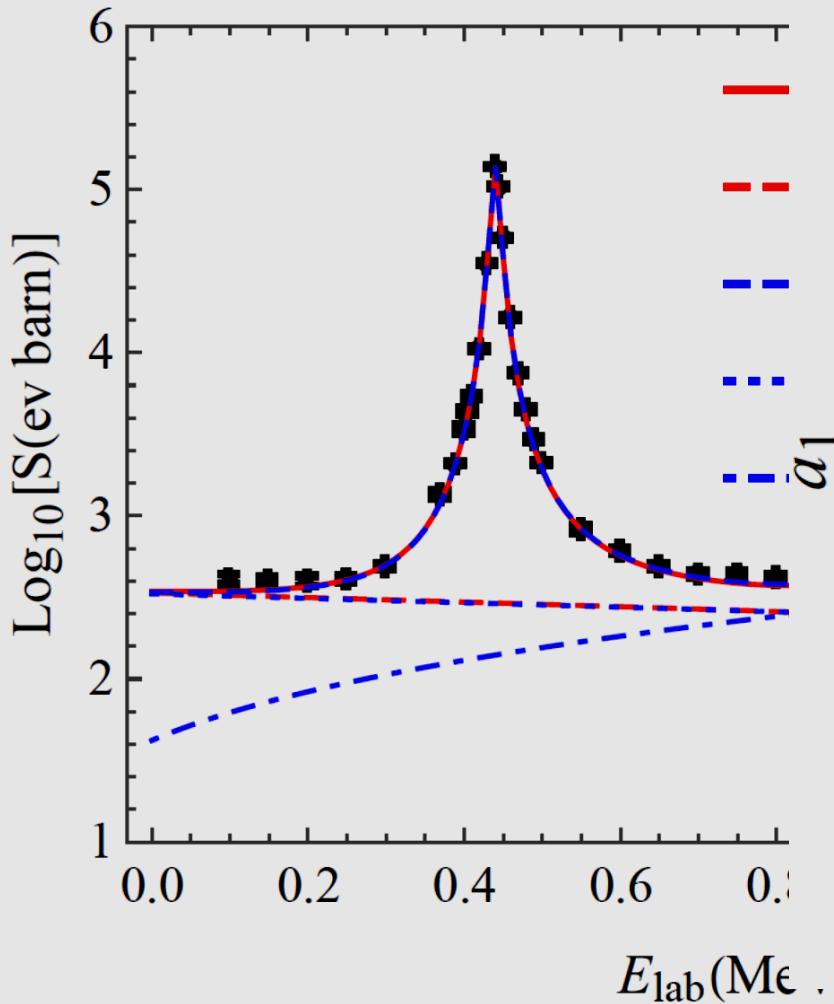
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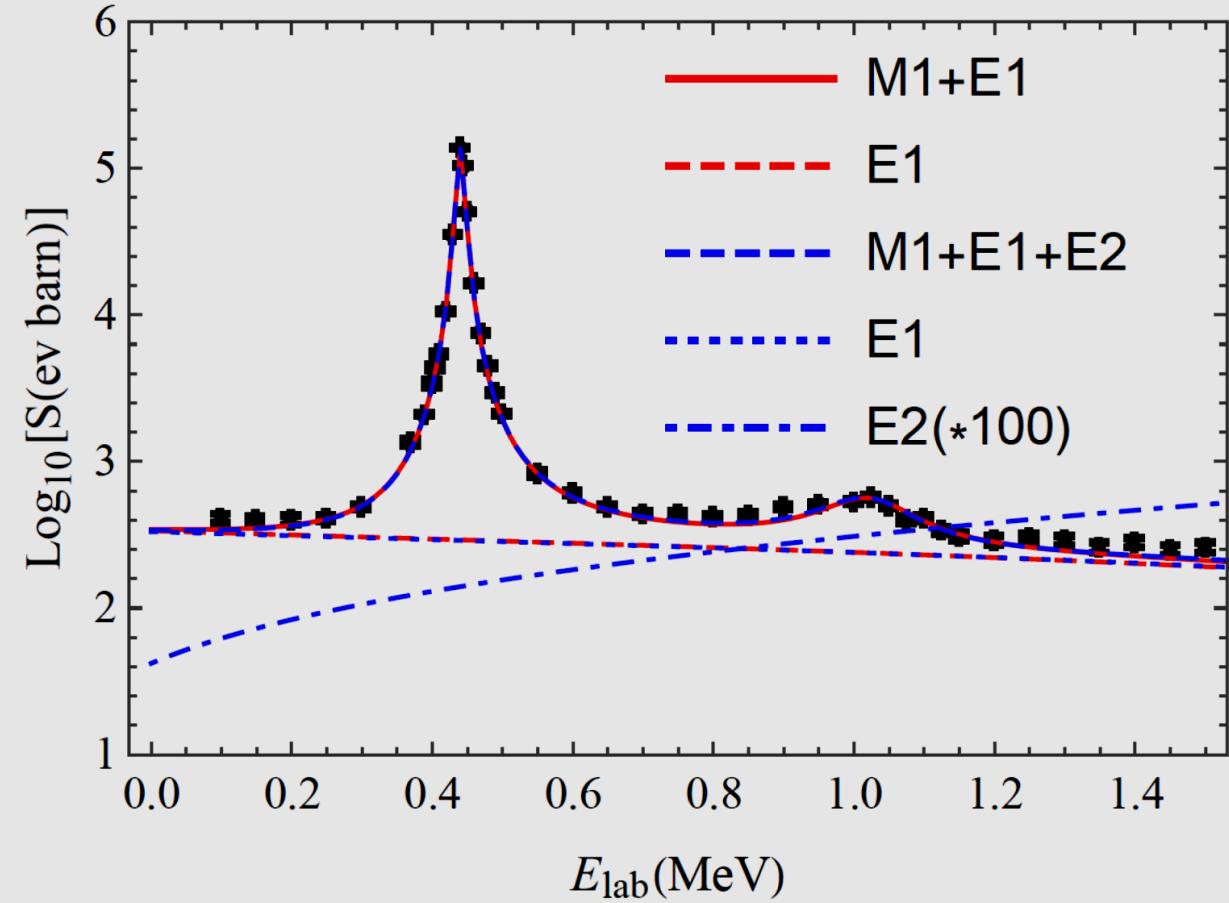
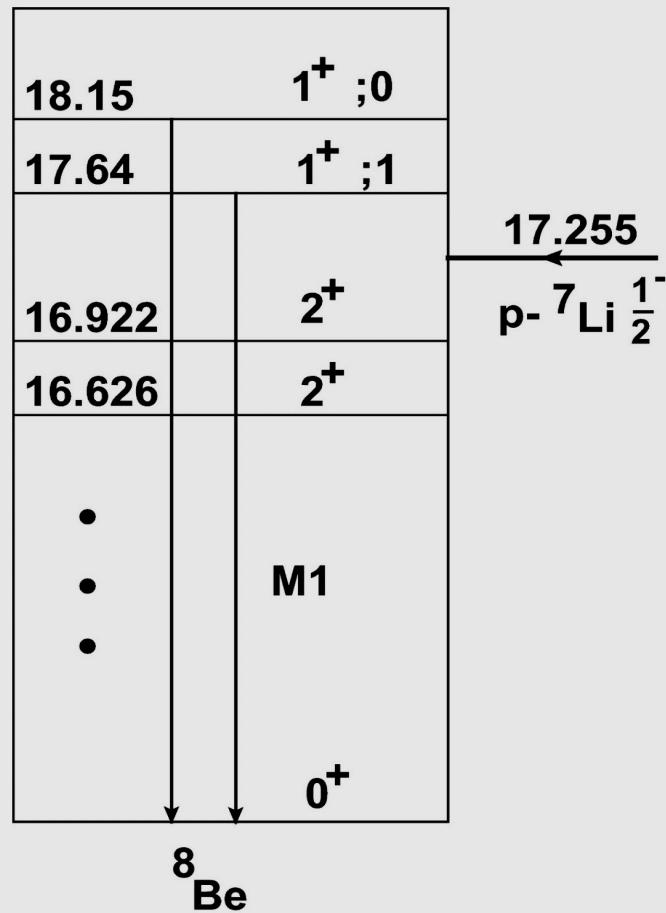
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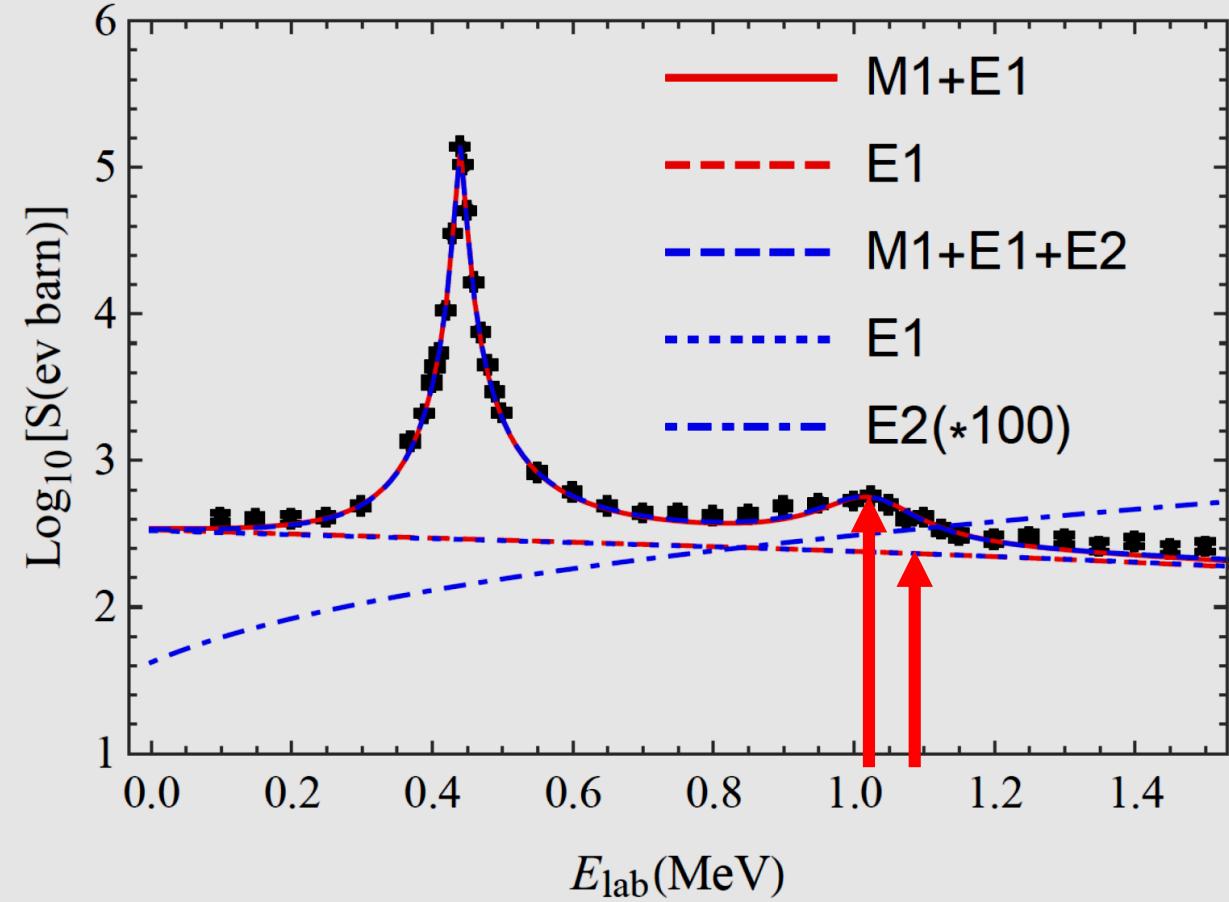
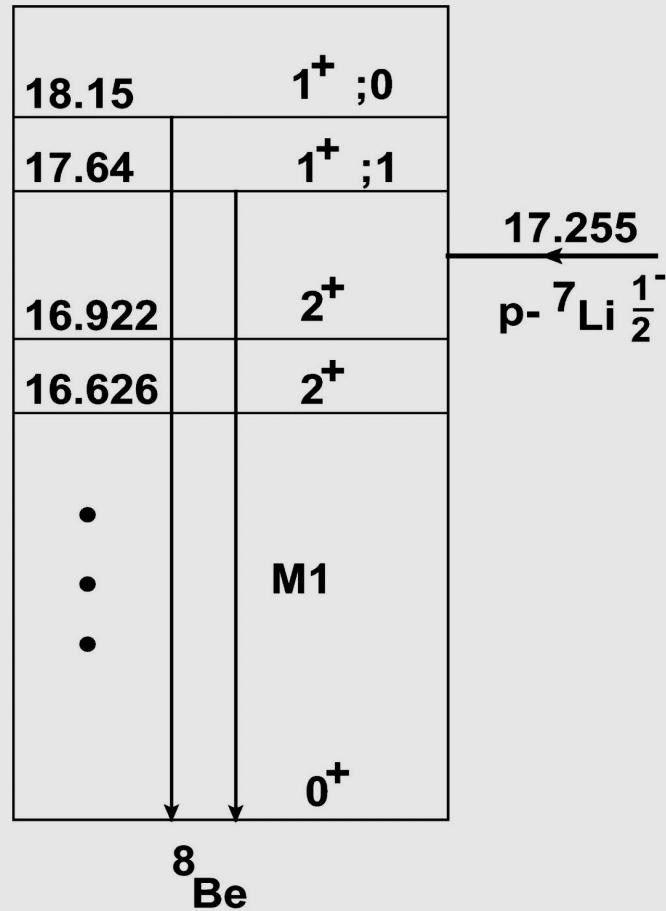
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- A dark-photon with 17-MeV mass might be the cause (e.g. J. L. Feng et.al., 2017)
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# Summary

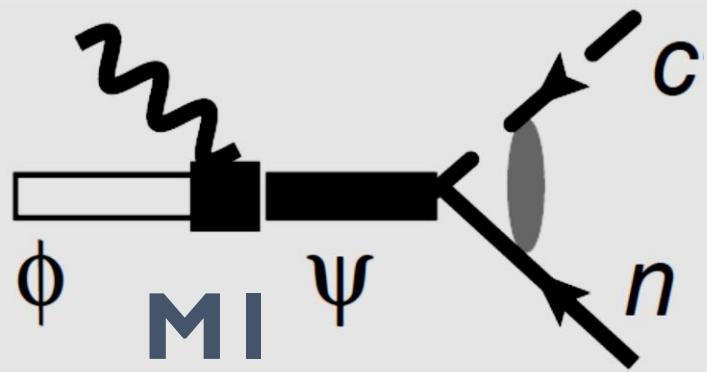
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- Weak-Compton scattering amplitude is relevant for the NC photon production, and radiative correction to weak processes (parity-violating electron-nucleon scattering, neutrino-nucleon scattering, and neutron beta decay)
- Nucleon axial current form factors are being studied in a light-front quark model as well as other approaches. Stay tuned
- Be-8 anomaly: the dark-photon explanation seems inconsistent with the experiment

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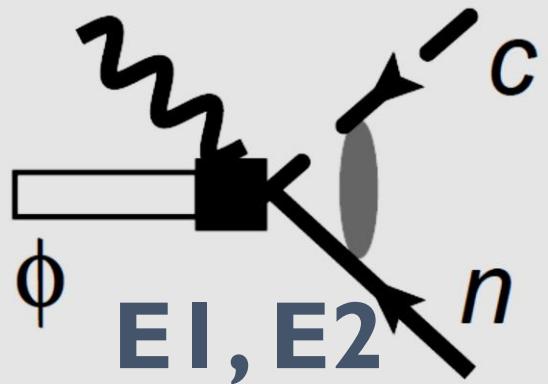
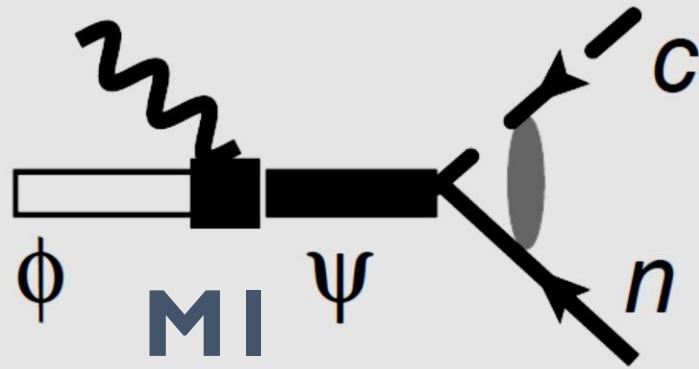
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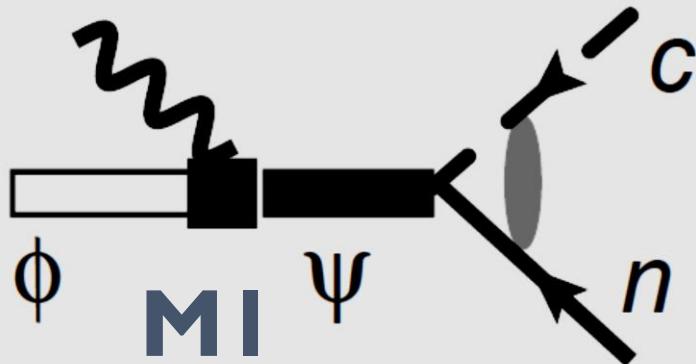
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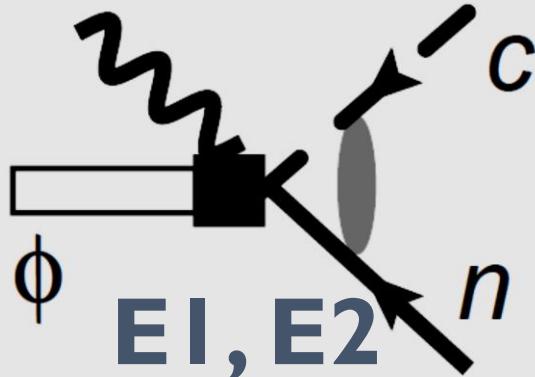
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