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ηd interaction studied in $\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta d$

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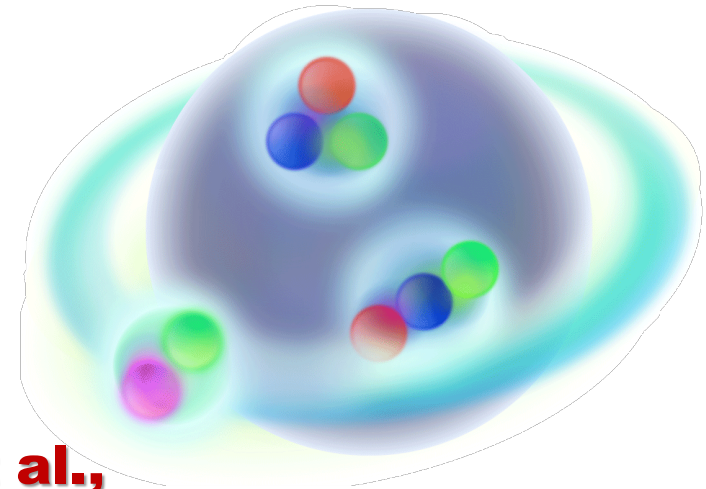
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$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0 d$

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T. Ishikawa et al.,

Phys. Rev. C 104, L052201 (2021);

Phys. Rev. C 105, 045201 (2022).





Meson-nucleus interaction

QCD in the non-perturbative regime

Medium modification

Meson: excitation of the QCD vacuum described by various nonvanishing condensates

The properties of a **meson**: may change in a nucleus due to the partial restoration of chiral symmetry (decrease of the chiral condensate)

Meson-nucleus interaction reflects this modification





Meson-nucleus interaction

η -nuclear interaction

η - η' mixing

S.D. Bass, A.W. Thomas, Phys. Lett. B634, 368 (2006).

**S. Hirenzaki, H. Nagahiro,
Acta Phys. Polon. B45, 619 (2014).**

S.D. Bass, P. Moskal, Rev. Mod. Phys. 91, 015003 (2019).

ηN couples to $N(1535)1/2^-$

candidate for the chiral
partner of the nucleon

D. Jido et al., Phys. Rev. C 66, 045202 (2002);

Nucl. Phys. A 811, 158 (2008);

H. Nagahiro et al., Phys. Rev. C68, 035205 (2003);

Nucl. Phys. A761, 92 (2005).



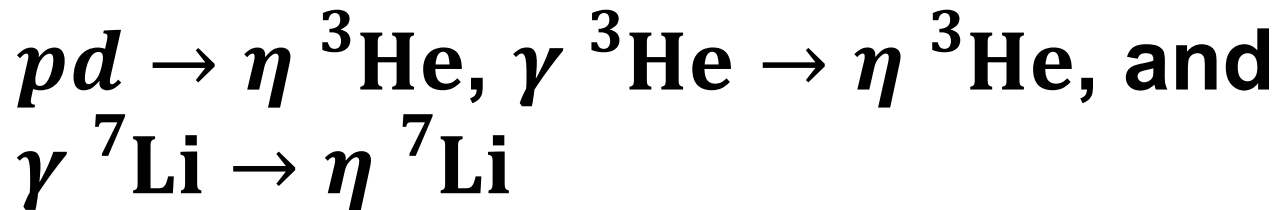


η -nuclear interaction

Traditional tool

single η production from a nucleus

a significant increase in the η yield at low relative η -nuclear momenta is interpreted as a signature of attractive forces between ηA



B. Mayer et al., Phys. Rev. C 53, 2068 (1996);

J. Smyrski et al., Phys. Lett. B 649, 258 (2007);

T. Mersmann et al., Phys. Rev. L 98, 242301 (2007);

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

Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 049102 (2005);

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

B. Krusche and C. Wilkin, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 80, 43 (2014);

Y. Marghrbi et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 49, 38 (2013). 27 June 2024 5





η -nuclear interaction

Hadronic process

Rich information on the low-energy η -nuclear dynamics has been obtained from the final-state interactions in $pn \rightarrow \eta d$, $pd \rightarrow \eta pd$

Their analysis can be **complicated** by various ambiguities associated with

initial-state interaction, and

various **two-step mechanisms**,

leading to undesirable model dependence

H. Calén et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 79, 2672 (1997);

Phys. Rev. Lett. 80, 2069 (1998);

F. Hibou et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 7, 537 (2000);

R. Bilger et al., Phys. Rev. C 69, 014003 (2004)





η -nuclear interaction

These disadvantages are overcome when turning to electromagnetic processes

Electromagnetic process

It is not necessary to consider **initial-state interaction**

$\gamma A \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta A$ is advantageous

ηA : low relative-momentum condition

$\pi^0 A$: small absorption

$\pi^0 \eta$: negligibly small below $a_0(980)$

Elementary process is rather well understood

$\gamma N \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta N$: $\Delta(1700)3/2^-$, $\Delta(1940)3/2^-$



η -mesic nucleus

η -meson nucleus bound state

Exotic: bound by the strong force alone
Strong ηA attraction is required

S -wave ηd system $\mathcal{D}_{\eta d}$ with $I = 0, J^\pi = 1^-$

The lightest η -mesic nucleus if bound

**Bag model in a q^2-q^4 configuration: $M =$
2.41 GeV**

**P.J.G. Mulders, A.Th.M. Aerts, and J.J. de Swart,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 40, 1543 (1978).**

**Three-body calculation for the $\eta NN-\pi NN$
coupled channels:**

**T. Ueda, Phys. Rev. Lett. 66,
297 (1991).**

$$M \simeq M_\eta + M_d, \quad \Gamma = 0.01 \sim 0.02 \text{ GeV}$$

ηNN bound state, ηd bound state ?





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$$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta d$$

$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta d$
to study ηd





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Experiment

Experiment

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Science (ELPH), Tohoku University



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Accelerator

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Electron Beam

LINAC 150 MeV

Booster Ring 1200 MeV (max)

Photon Beam

Bremsstrahlung

Tagged



1.3 GeV Booster Storage Ring



740~1150 MeV @ 1200 MeV

~20 MHz (photon: 10 MHz)

$W_{\gamma d} = 2.50 \sim 2.80 \text{ GeV}$

570~890 MeV @ 930 MeV

~2.8 MHz (photon: 1.2 MHz)

$W_{\gamma d} = 2.38 \sim 2.61 \text{ GeV}$

T. Ishikawa et al., NIMA 622, 1 (2010); T. Ishikawa et al., NIMA 811, 124 (2016);
Y. Matsumura et al., NIMA 902, 103 (2018); Y. Obara et al., NIMA 922, 108 (2019).



EM calorimeter

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Backward Gamma

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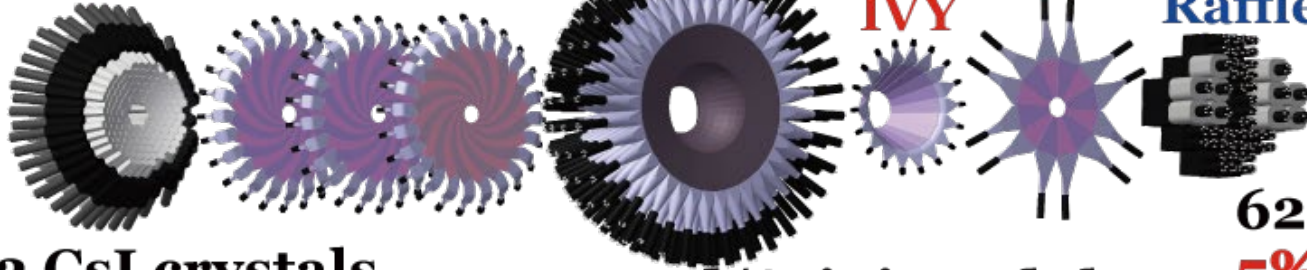
SPIDER

LOTUS

IVY

Rafflesia II

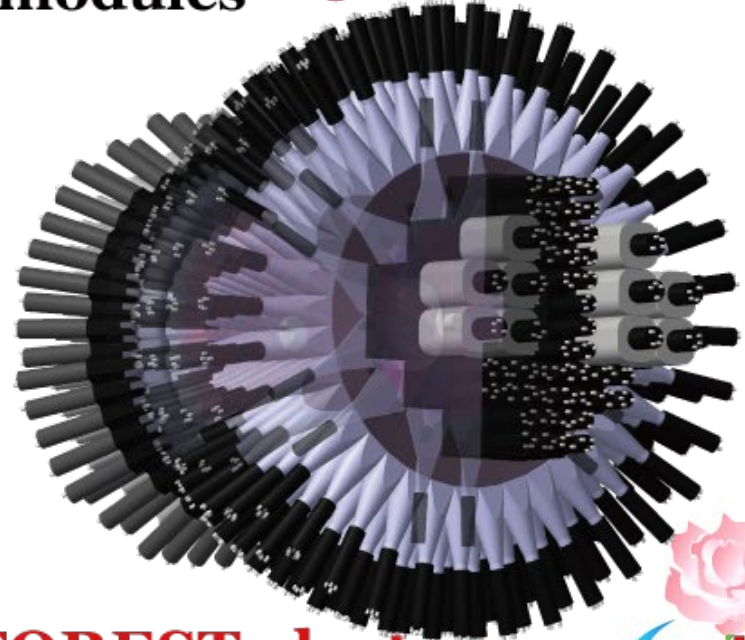
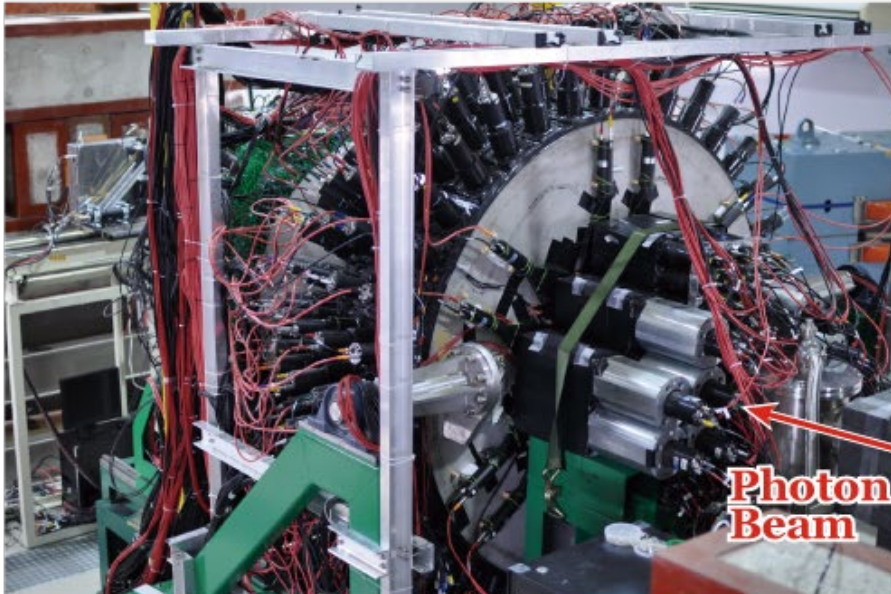
Photon Beam



192 CsI crystals
3% @ 1 GeV

252 Lead/SciFi modules
7% @ 1 GeV

62 Lead Glasses
5% @ 1 GeV



Target: 45 mm thick LH2 & LD2

T. Ishikawa et al., NIMA 832, 108 (2016).

FOREST electro-magnetic calorimeter

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Analysis

Analysis



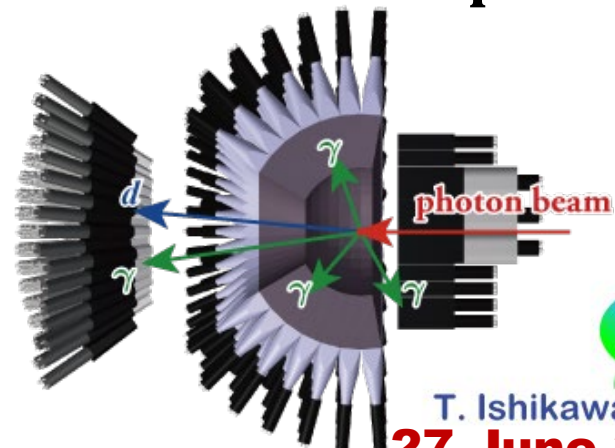
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Event selection

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1. 4 neutral particles and 1 charged particle
2. π^0 and η : $\gamma\gamma$ decay
time difference is less than $3\sigma_t$
between every 2 neutral clusters out of 4
3. d is detected with SPIDER
time delay is larger than 1 ns with respect
to average $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ time
Energy deposit is higher than $2E_{\text{mip}}$
4. Sideband background
subtraction to remove
accidental coincidence
between STB-Tagger II
and FOREST



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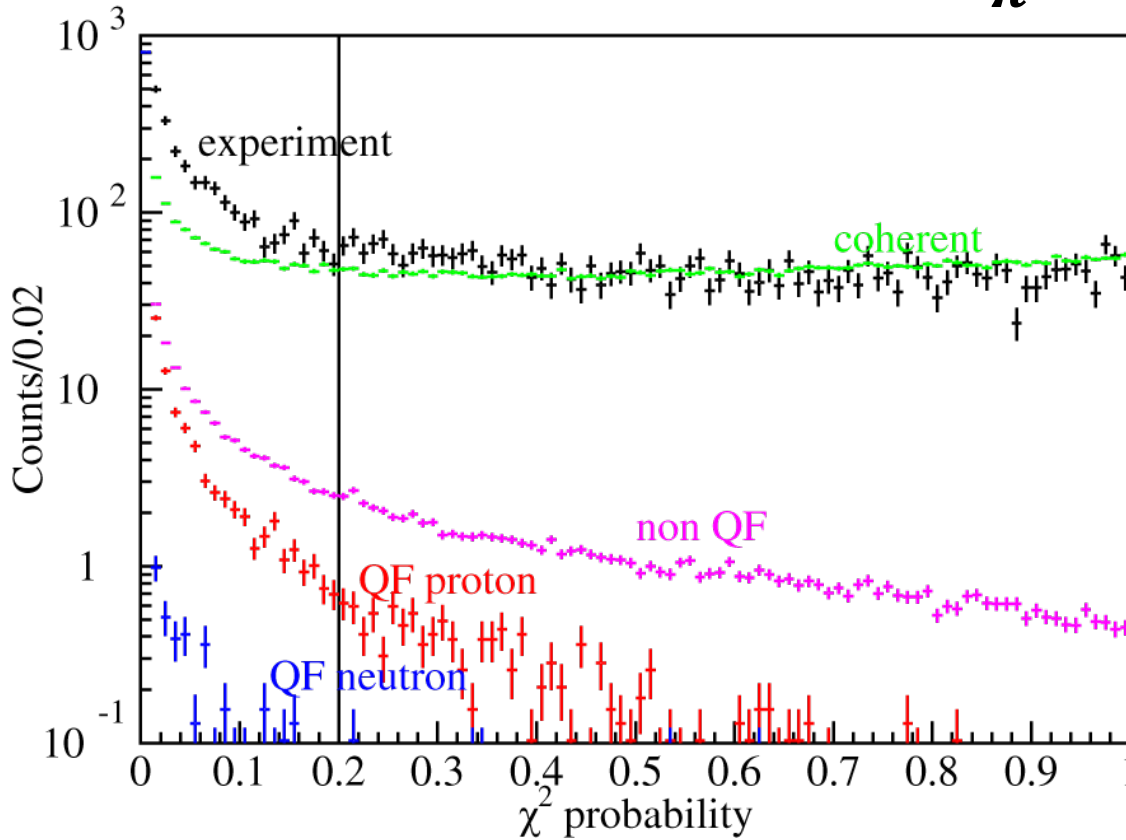


Event selection

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Further event selection

a kinematic fit (KF) with 6 constraints is applied
energy and momentum conservation (4)
 $\gamma\gamma$ invariant masses are m_{π^0} and m_{η} (2)





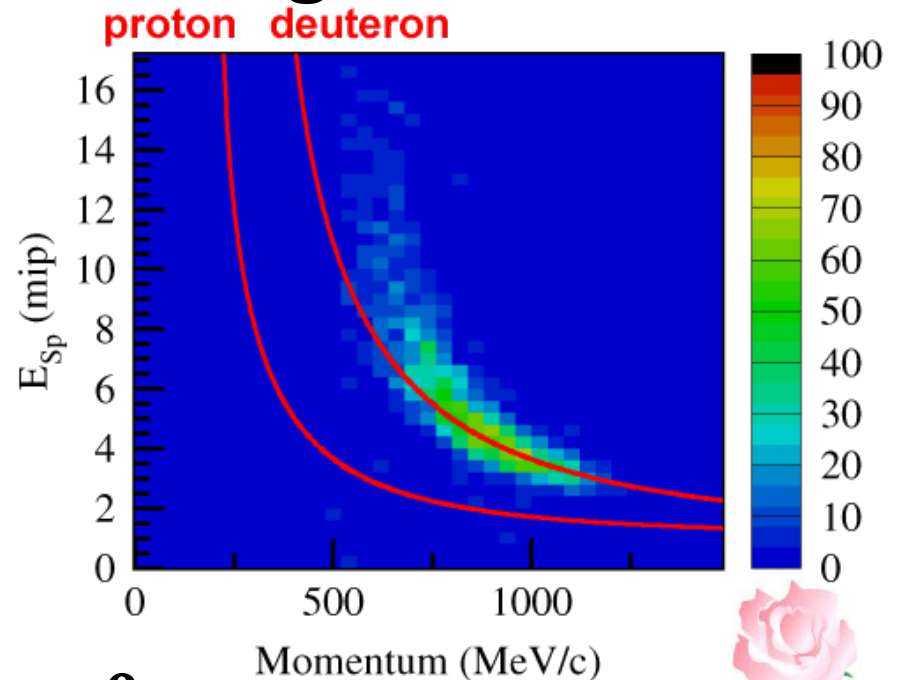
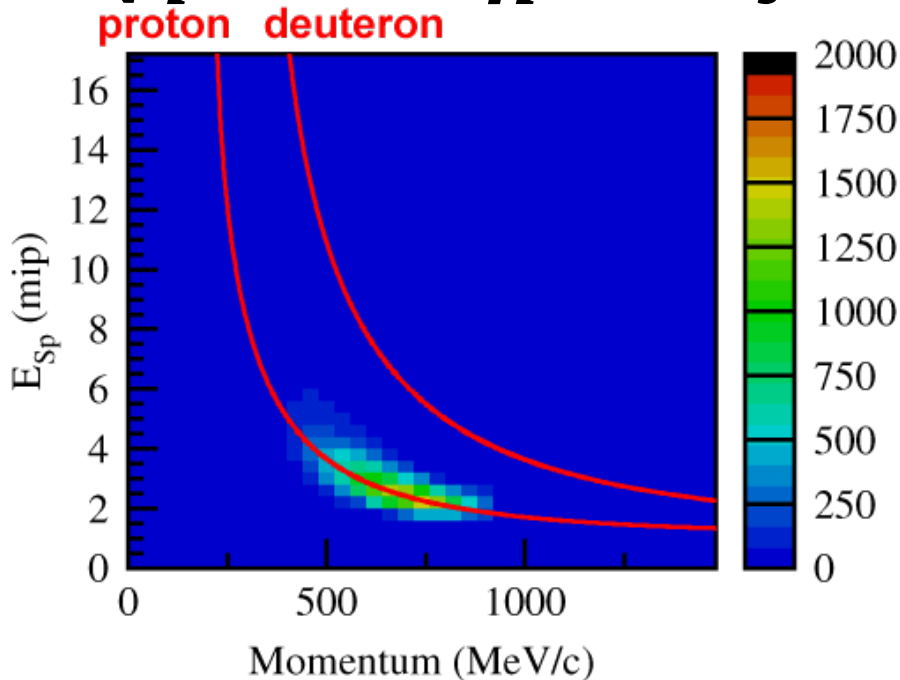
Event selection

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Further event selection

χ^2 probability is higher than **0.2**

QF $\gamma p' \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta p$ is rejected using another KF



Missing momentum $d(\gamma, \pi^0 \eta)$ is given for a charged particle



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Results

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Total cross section

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**A. Käser et al., Phys. Lett. B
748, 244 (2015).**

Excitation function

Dashed curves
impulse

Solid curves
meson-nucleus final-
state interaction

Two models

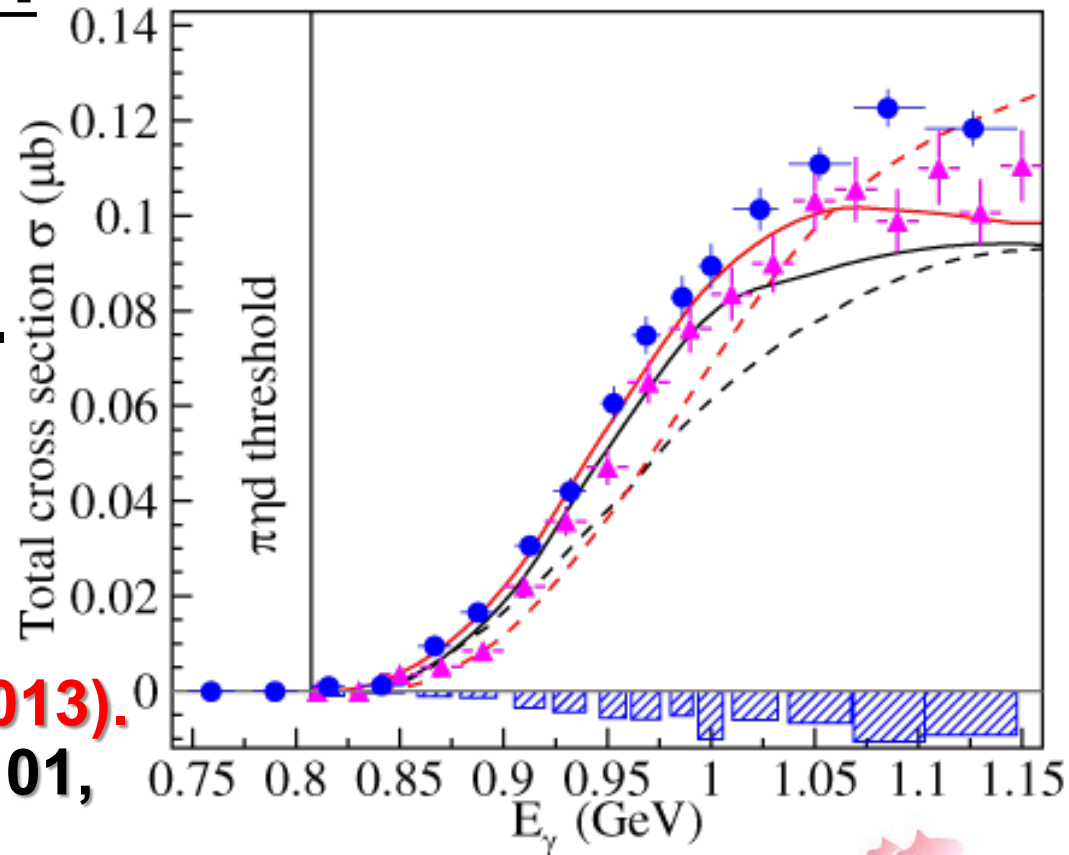
1) **M. Egorov, A. Fix,
Phys. Rev. C88, 054611 (2013).**

2) **M. Egorov, Phys. Rev. C101,
065205 (2020).**

unified microscopic approach

$\pi^\pm N \rightarrow \eta N$ and $\pi^\pm N \rightarrow N$ reaction on the spectator

nucleon



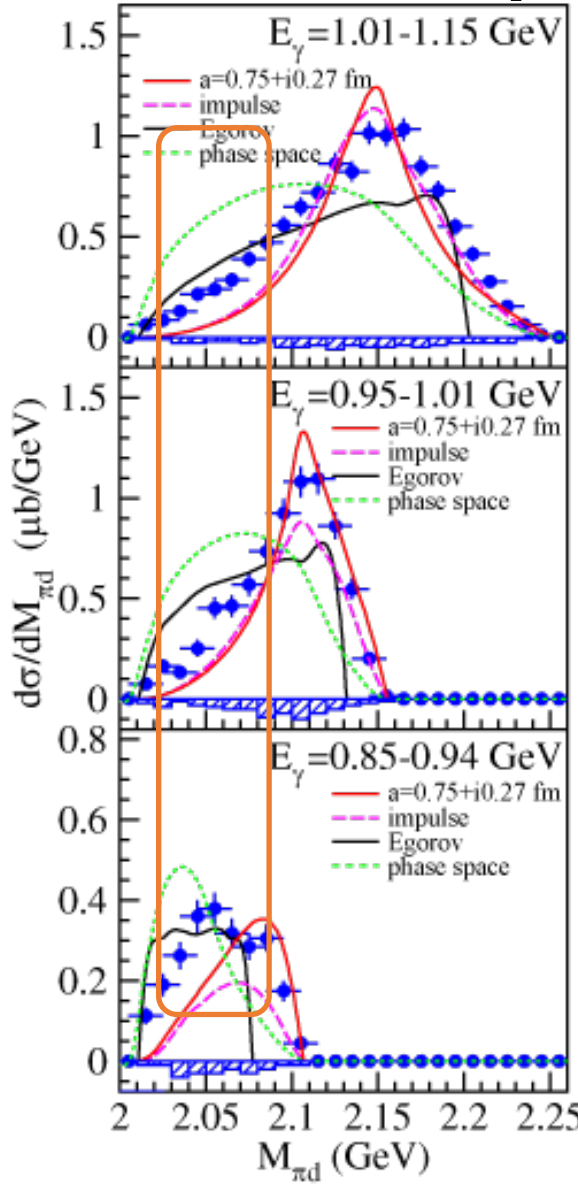
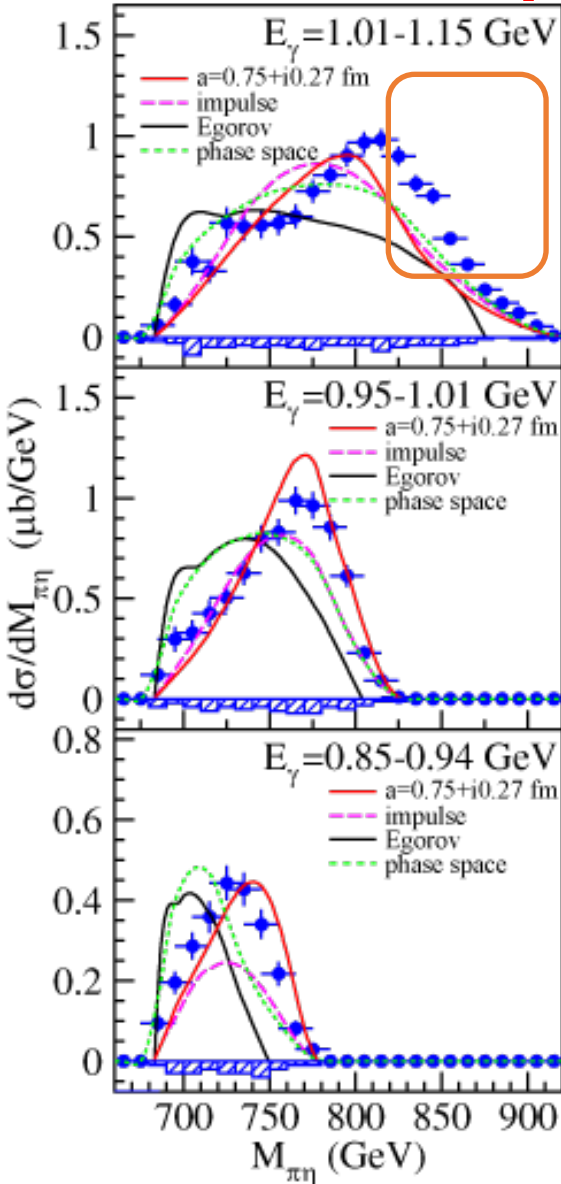


Differential cross sections

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for the first time



$d\sigma/dM_{\pi\eta}$:

little FSI effects
absence of $a_0(980)$

$d\sigma/dM_{\pi d}$:

maximum at $M_{\pi d} \approx M_N + M_\Delta$

quasifree Δ prod or D_{12} dibaryon?

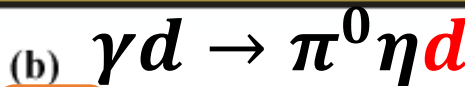
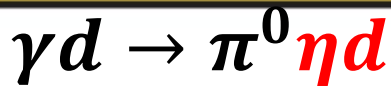
discrepancy at low masses

more complicated πd FSI?

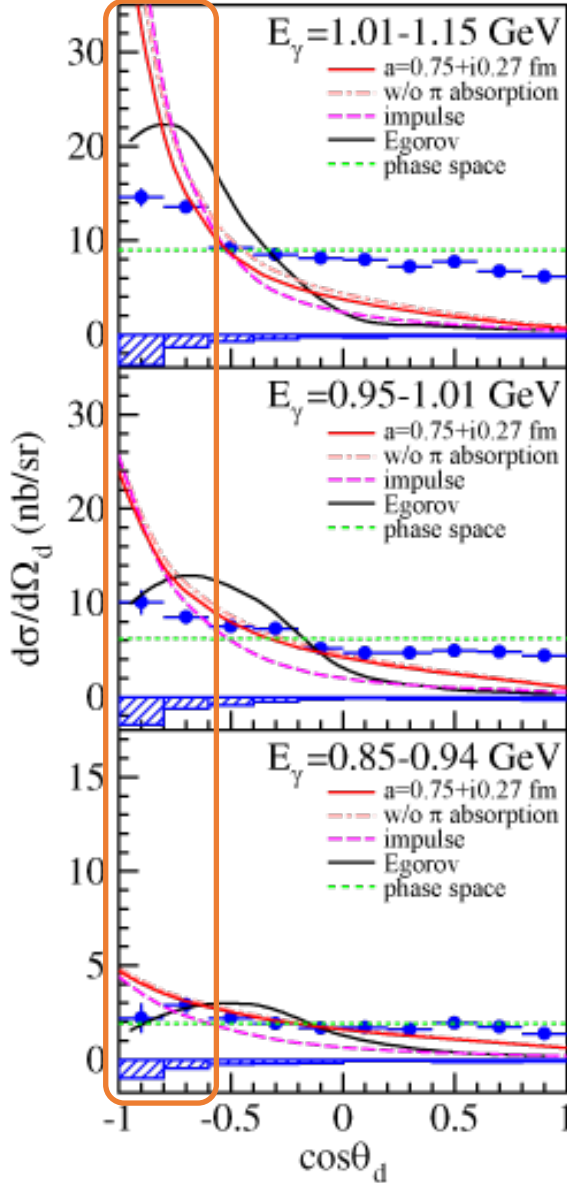
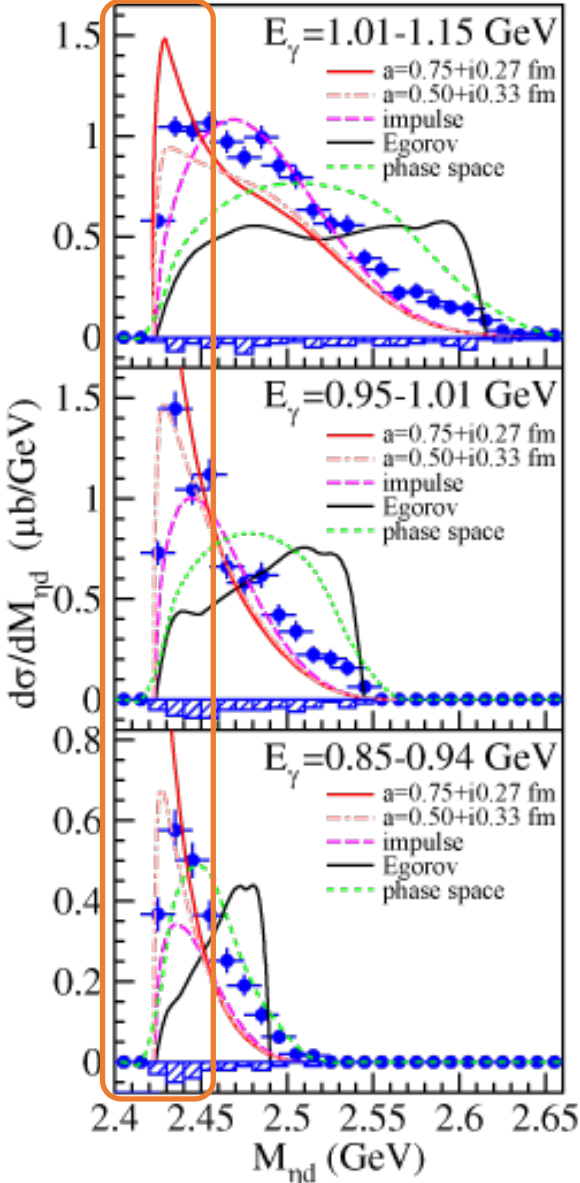


Differential cross sections

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for the first time



$d\sigma/dM_{\eta d}$:

maximum at $M_{\eta d} \approx M_\eta + M_d$

→ ηd attraction

$a_{\eta N} = 0.50 + i0.33$ fm reproduces the data well

$d\sigma/d\Omega_d$:

rather uniform

coherent sum of elementary amplitudes





Mystery in $\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta d$

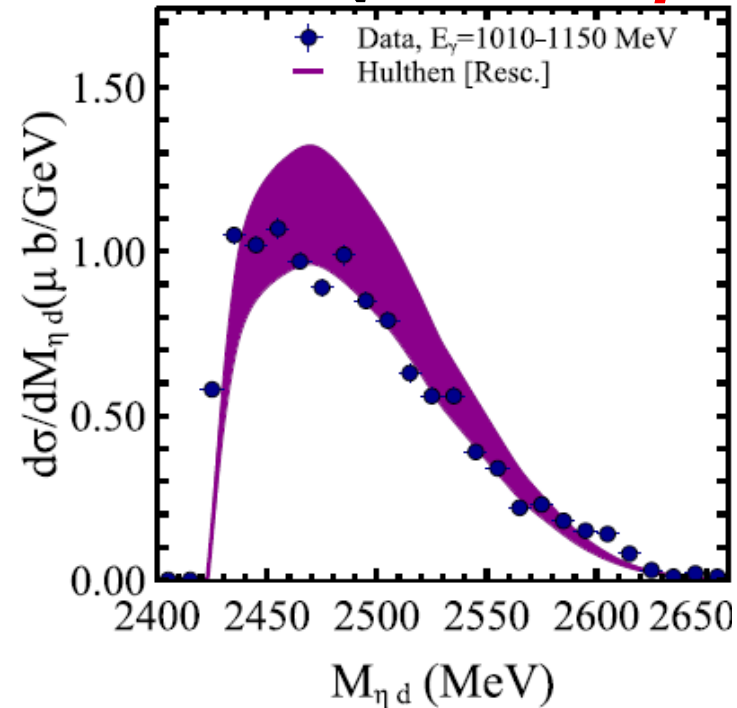
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New interpretation of $\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta d$

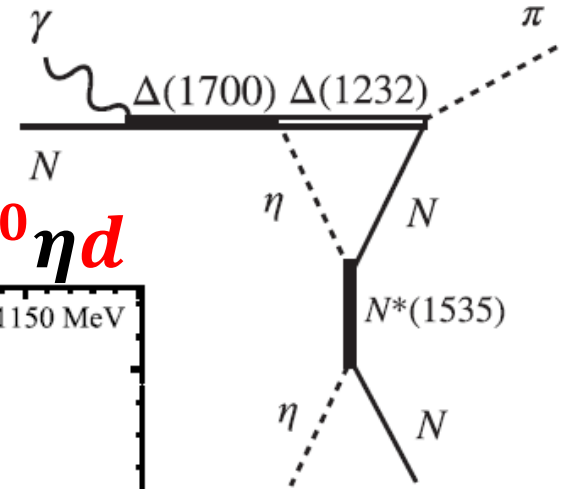
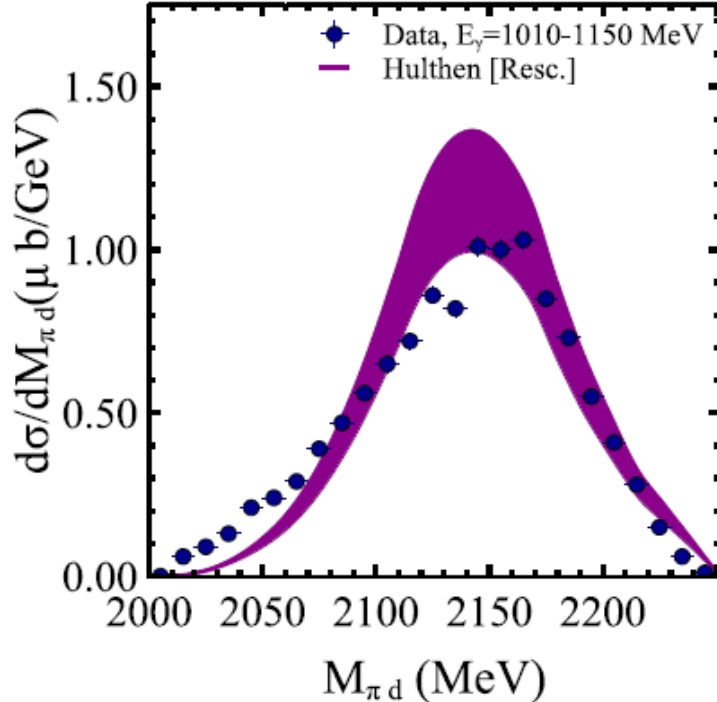
Martinez Torres, K. P. Khemchandani and E. Oset,
PRC107, 025202 (2023) [triangle singularity].

The features of the mass distributions are reproduced.

$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta d$



$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta d$



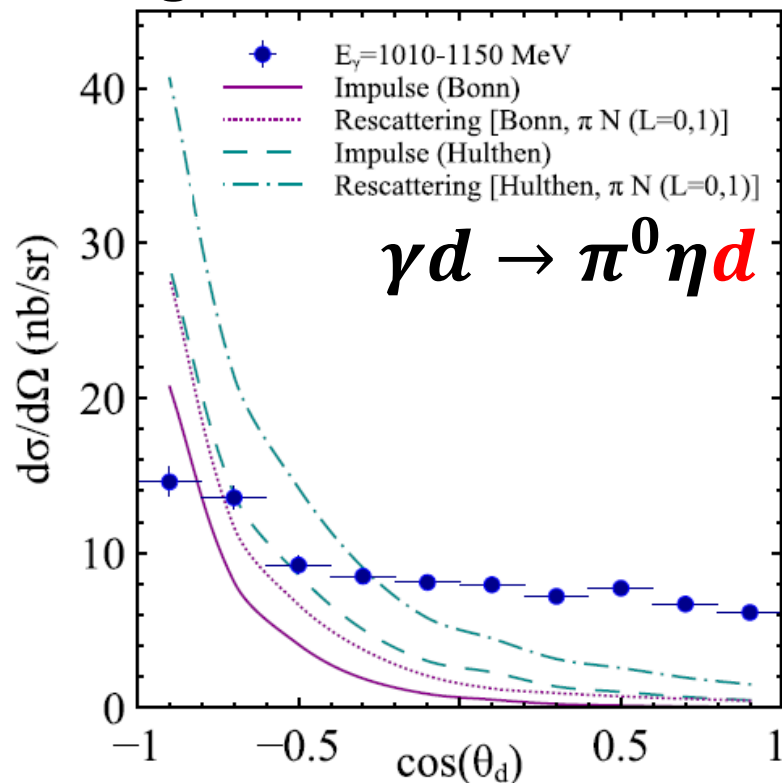


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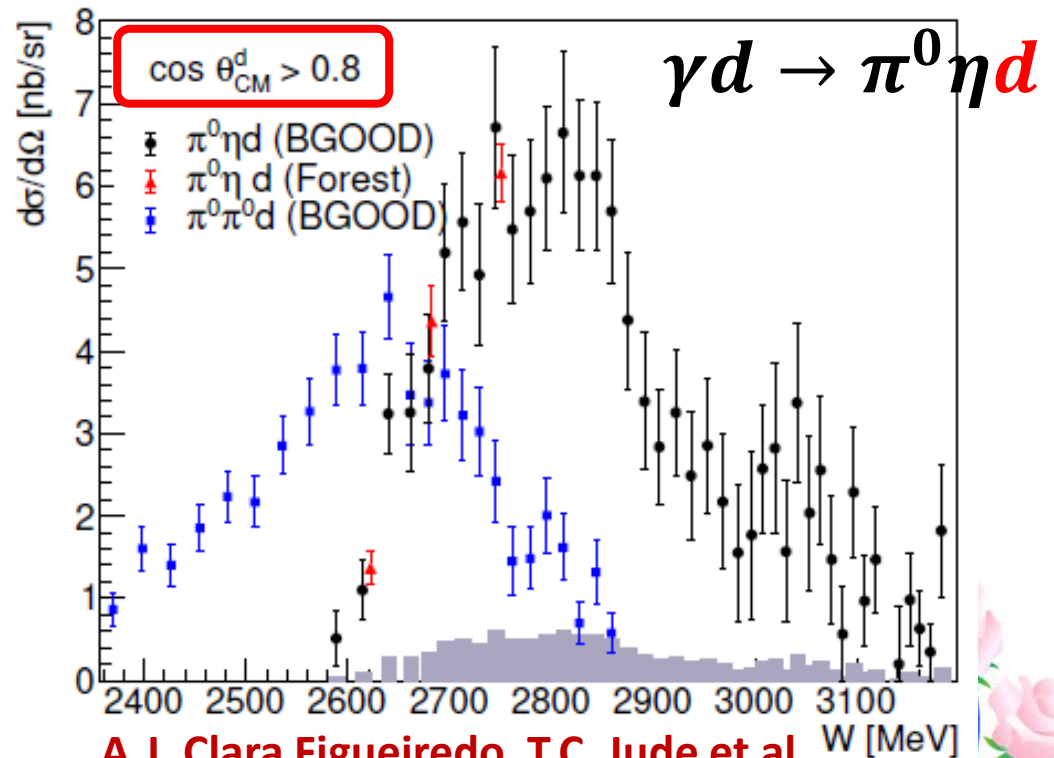
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no theoretical calculations reproduce unexpected large cross sections at forward angles of deuteron emission

Triangular calculation



Results from BGOOD



A.J. Clara Figueiredo, T.C. Jude et al.,

arXiv: 2405.09392 (2024).

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Other coherent reactions

Other coherent reactions



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$$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 d$$

$$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 d$$

**to study
dibaryons**



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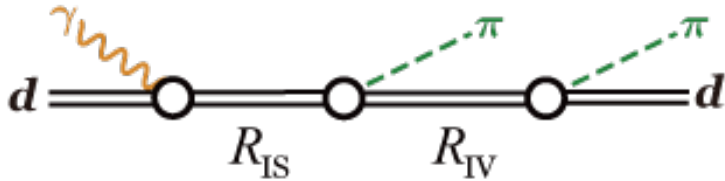


$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 d$

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Coherent photoproduction

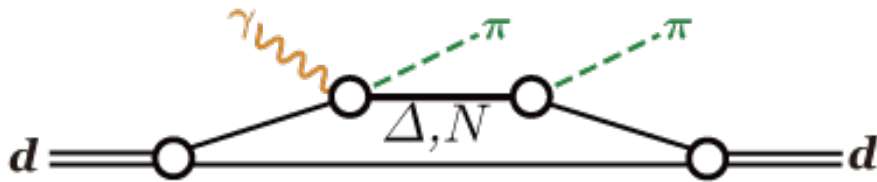
(1) dibaryon production



angular distribution of
deuteron emission

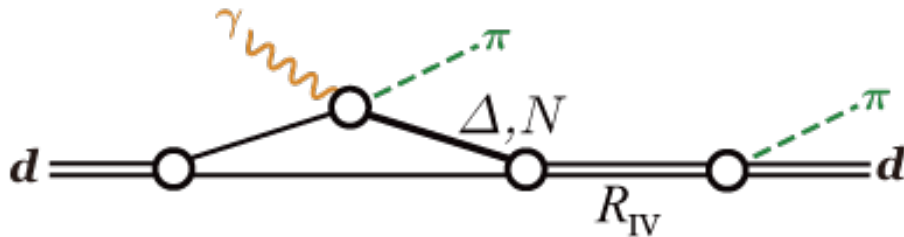
almost flat

(2) QF $\pi\pi$ production



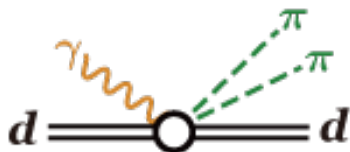
backward peaking

(3) QF $\pi\pi$ production



sideway peaking

(4) QF $\pi\pi$ production



almost flat

kinematically separable!

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$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 d$ at ELPH

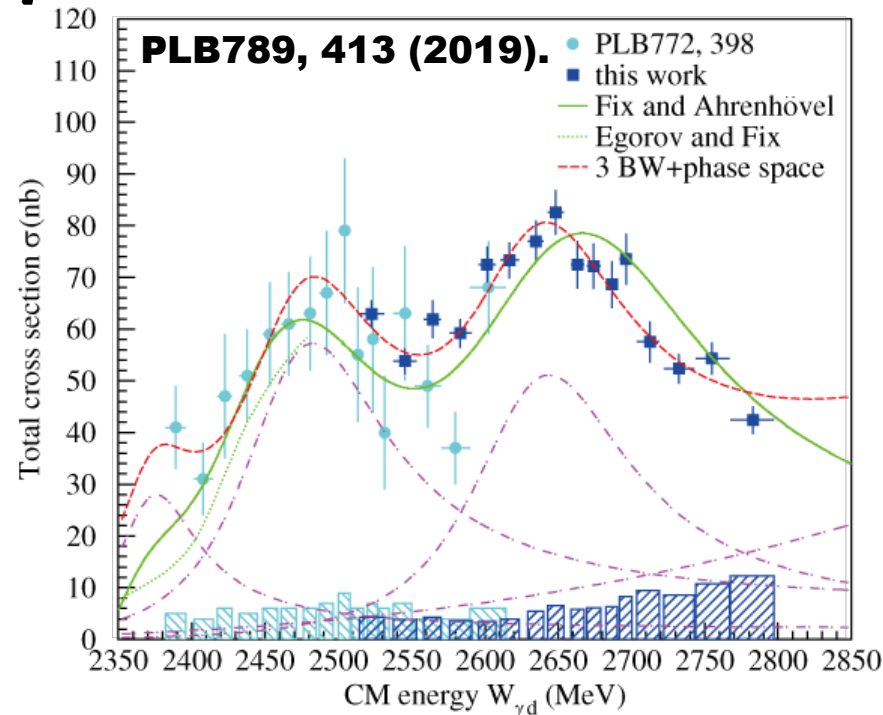
Total cross section σ

at incident energies 0.55~1.15 GeV

Two resonance-like peaks around 2.47 and 2.63 GeV

similar to the excitation function of the elementary

$\gamma N \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 N$



**naïve interpretation:
quasi-free excitation of the
nucleon in the deuteron.**

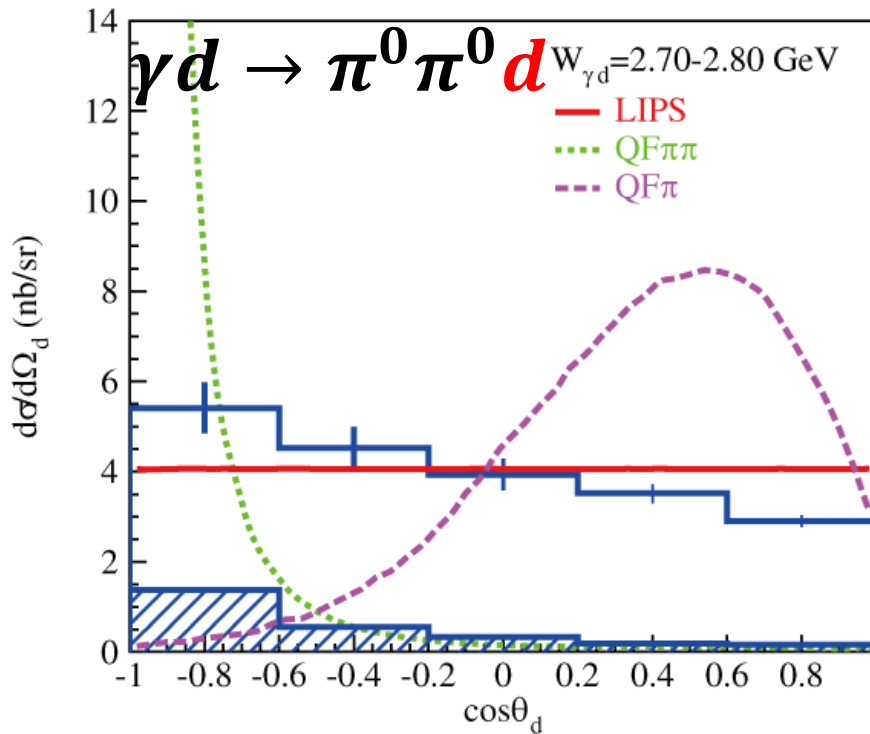


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Angular distribution of deuteron emission



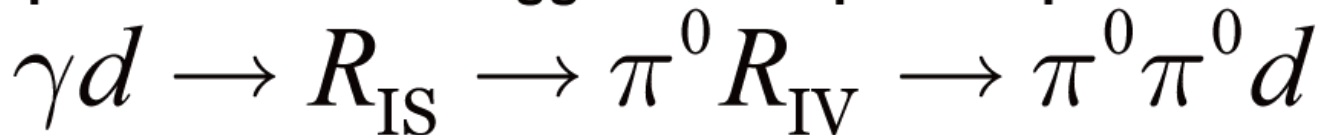
QF $\pi\pi$ production
(FA calculation)

QF π production

pure phase space
(direct $\pi\pi$ production)

PLB789, 413 (2019).

experimental data suggests a sequential process:



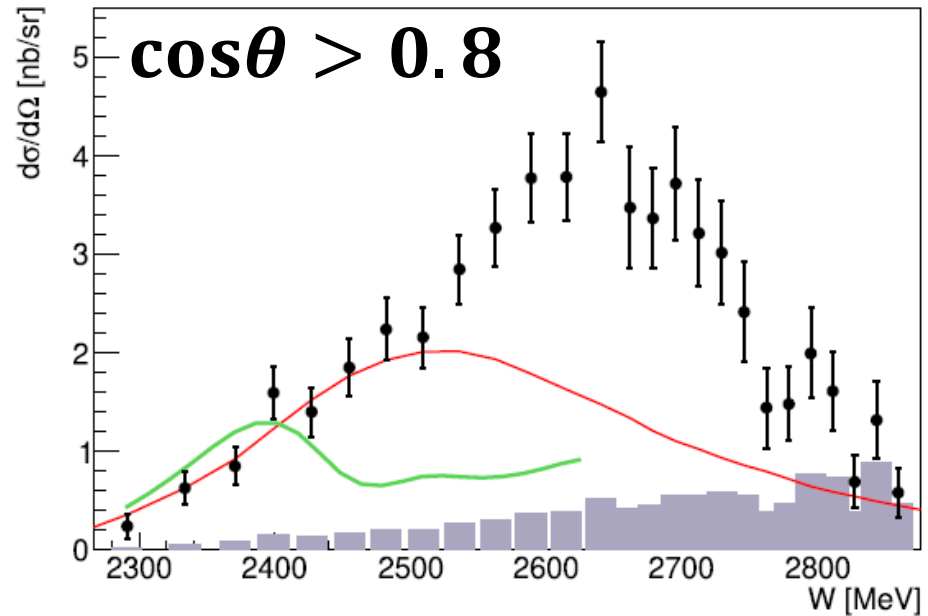
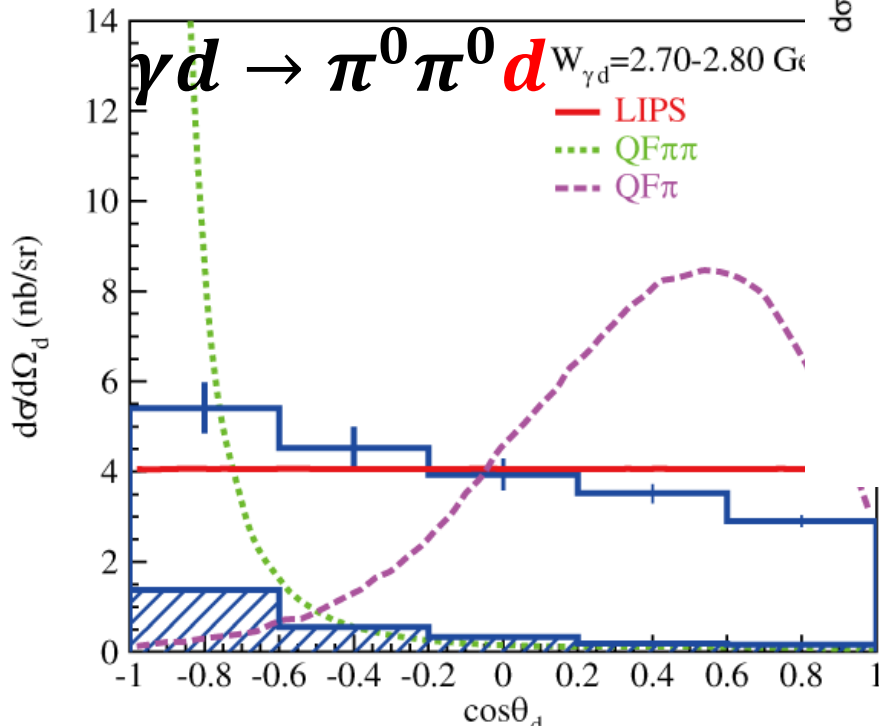
(rather flat angular distribution & 2.15-GeV peak in $M_{\pi d}$)





$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 d$ at ELPH

Angular distribution of



T.C. Jude et al., PLB832, 137277 (2022).

PLB789, 413 (2019).

Although the angular coverages are different, large differential cross sections are obtained at forward angles of deuteron emission

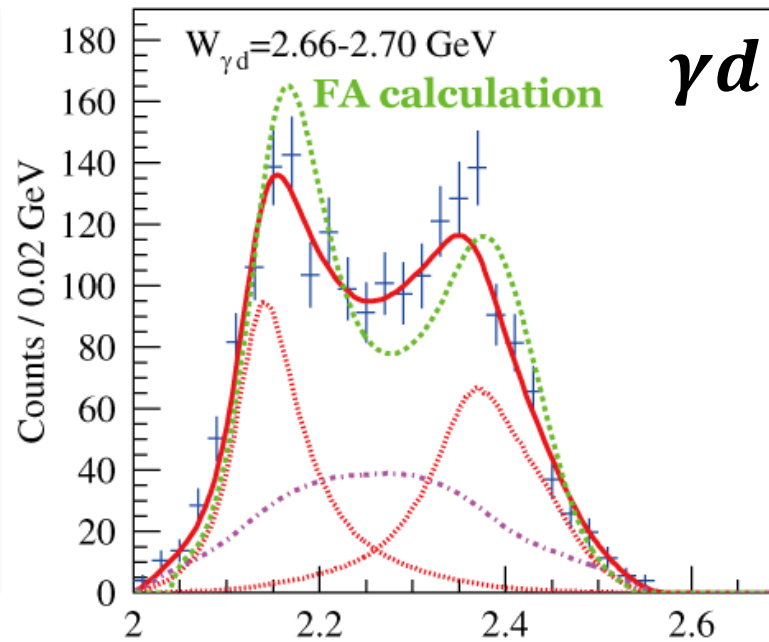
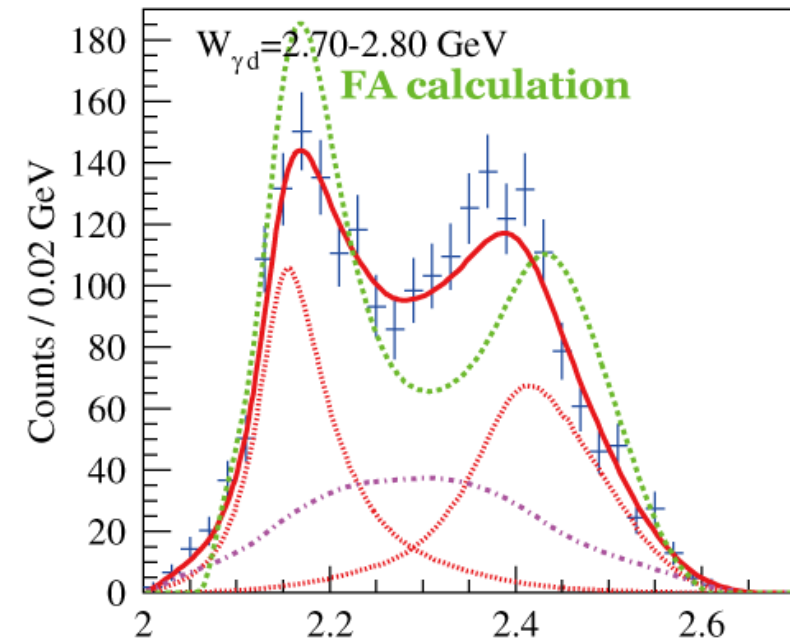


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πd invariant mass distribution

PLB789, 413 (2019).



$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 d$

$$N(m_1) = \int_{m_2} \left(\alpha \left| L_{M,\Gamma}(m_1) + L_{M,\Gamma}(m_2) \right|^2 + C \right) V_{PS}(m_1, m_2) dm_2$$

convoluted with 11-MeV- σ Gaussian

Breit-Wigner amplitude:

$$L_{M,\Gamma}(m) = \left(m^2 - M^2 + iM\Gamma \right)^{-1}$$

mass 2140 ± 11 MeV & width 91 ± 11 MeV

\mathcal{D}_{12} or $\Delta + N$

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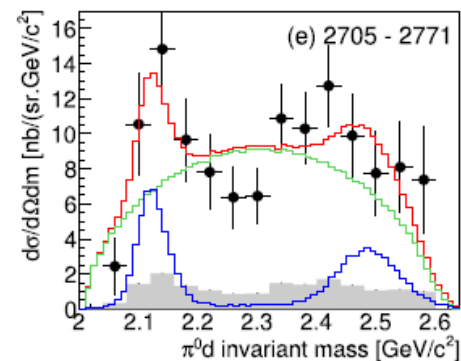
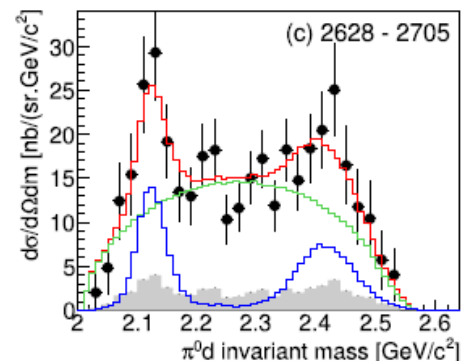
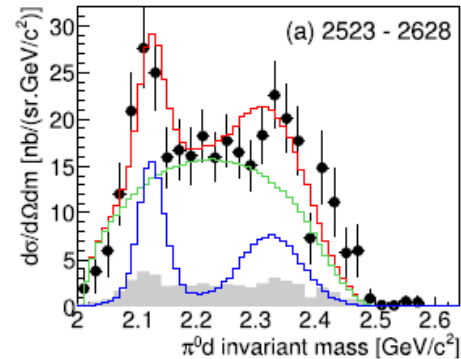
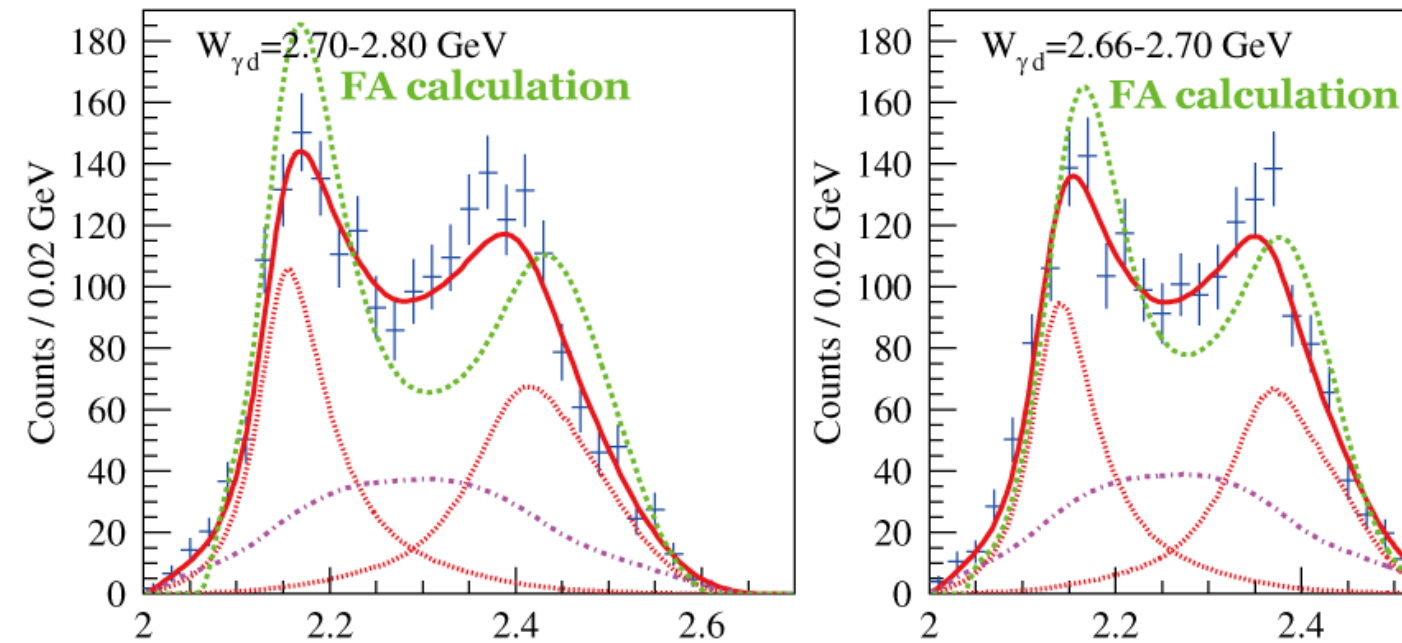


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PLB832, 137277 (2022).

πd invariant mass distribution



**A much narrower width of 20 MeV
is observed at BGOOD than that of
91 MeV**

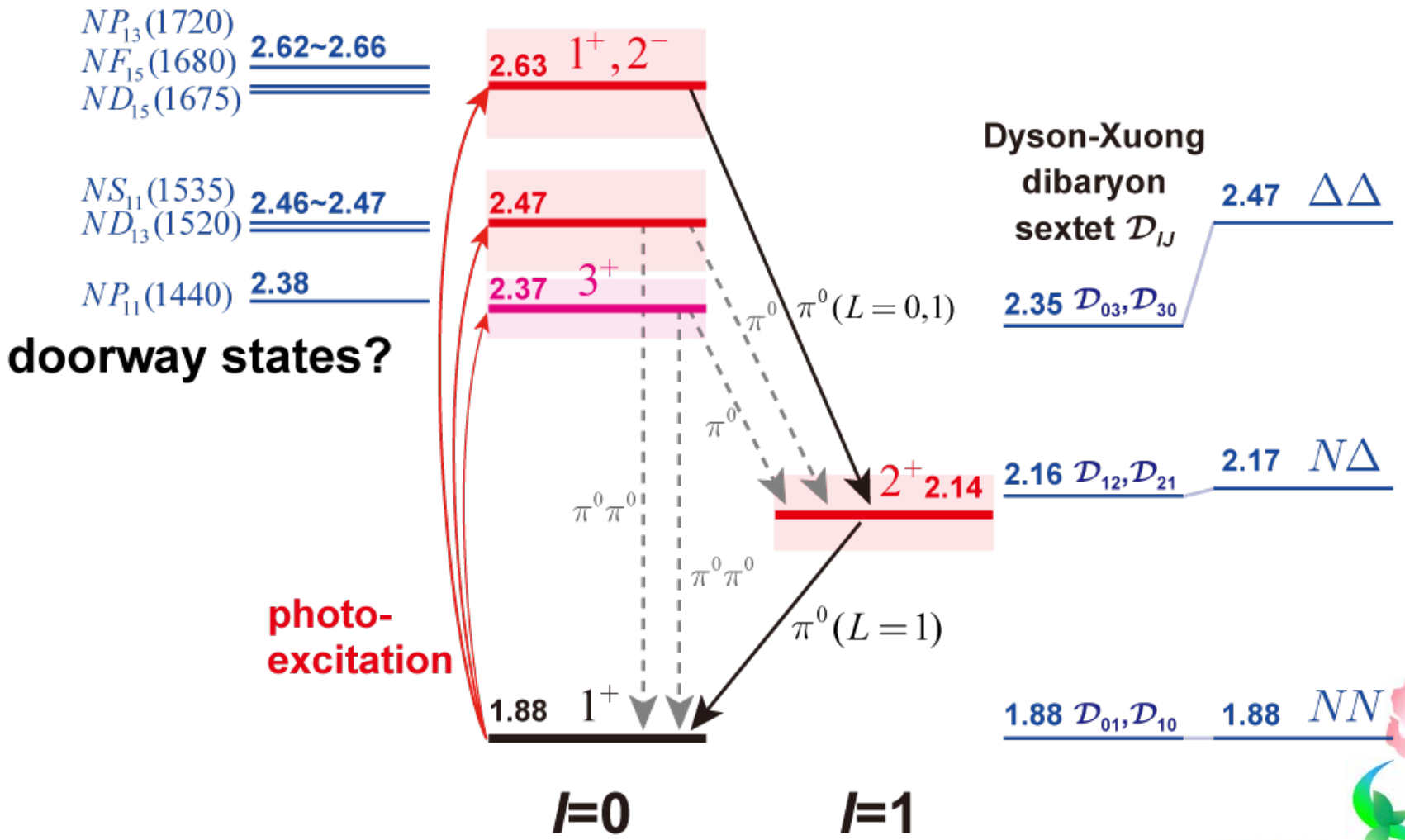
mass 2140 ± 11 MeV & width 91 ± 11 MeV



$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 d$ at ELPH

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Excitation spectra





$$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0 d$$

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**to study
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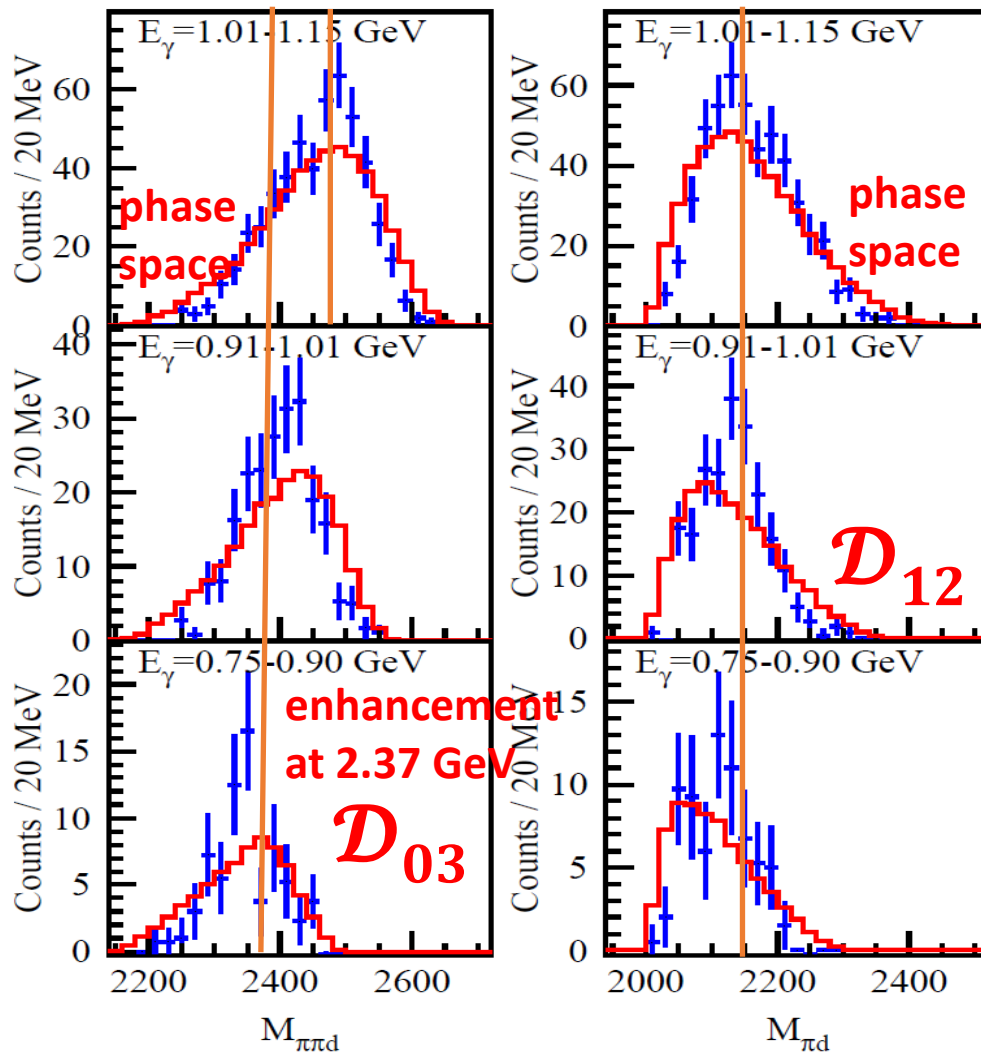


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$\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0 d$ at ELPH

πd and $\pi\pi d$ invariant mass distributions

$\pi^0 \pi^0 d$ invariant mass $\pi^0 d$ invariant mass



A peak corresponding to \mathcal{D}_{03} is observed at around **2.37 GeV** in the $\pi^0 \pi^0 d$ invariant mass distribution

A peak corresponding to \mathcal{D}_{12} is observed at around **2.16 GeV** in the $\pi^0 d$ invariant mass distribution

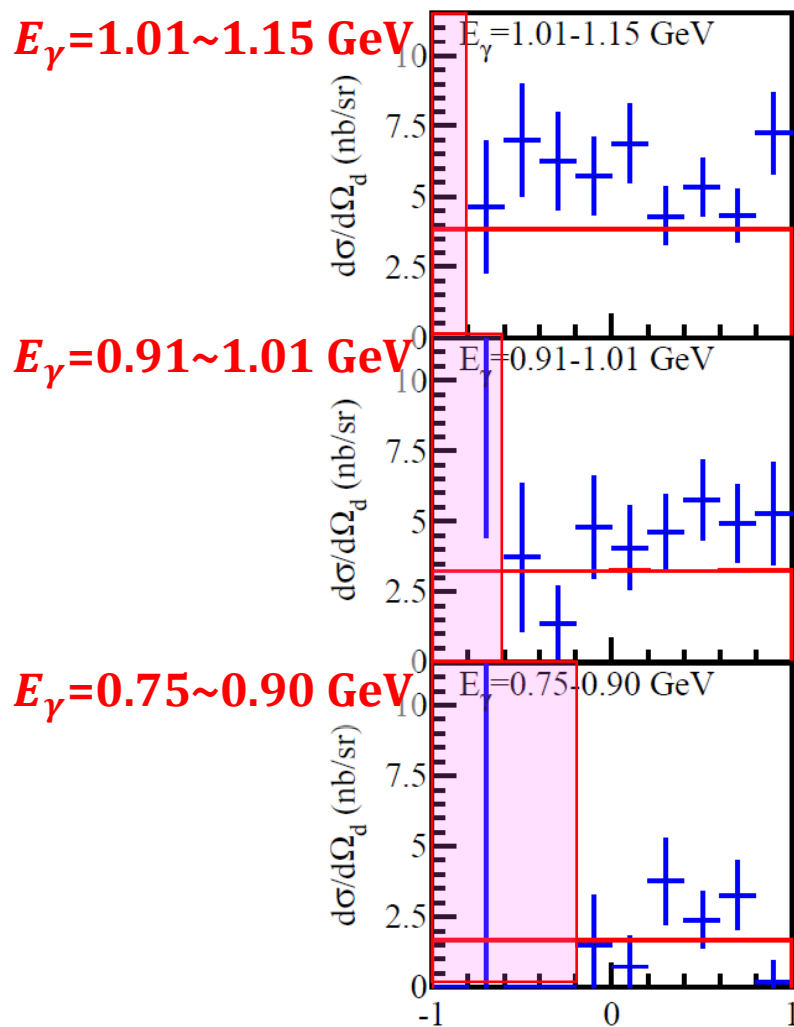




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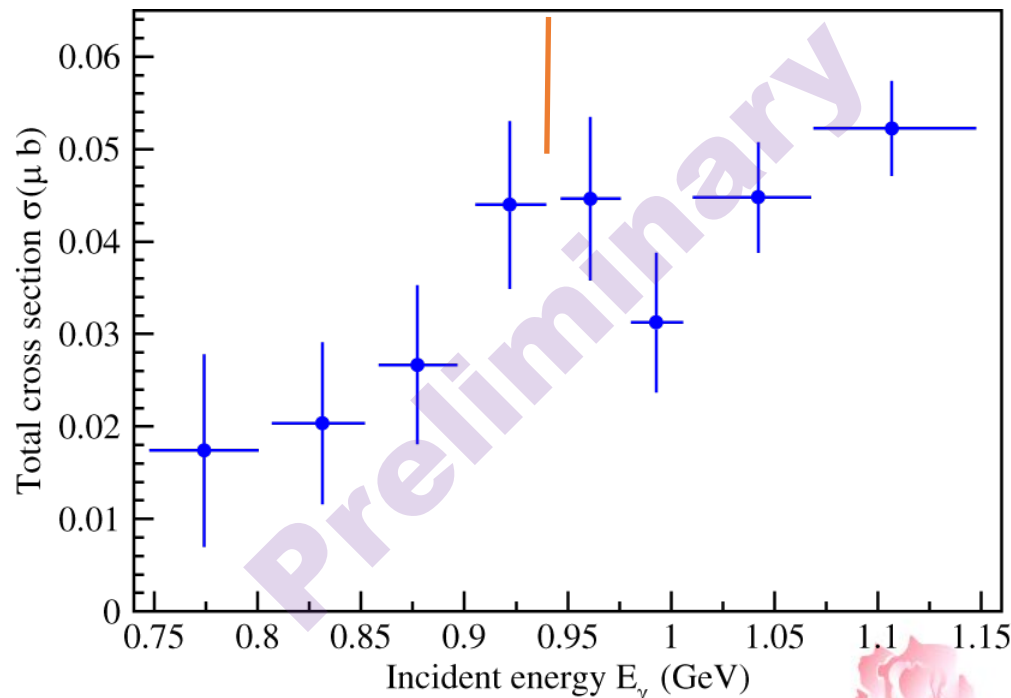
Excitation spectra



no acceptance $\cos\theta_d$

angular distribution of deuteron emission in the CM frame:

isotropic



enhancement at 0.94 GeV

$$W_{\gamma d} = M_{\pi\pi\pi d} \sim 2.64 \text{ GeV}$$

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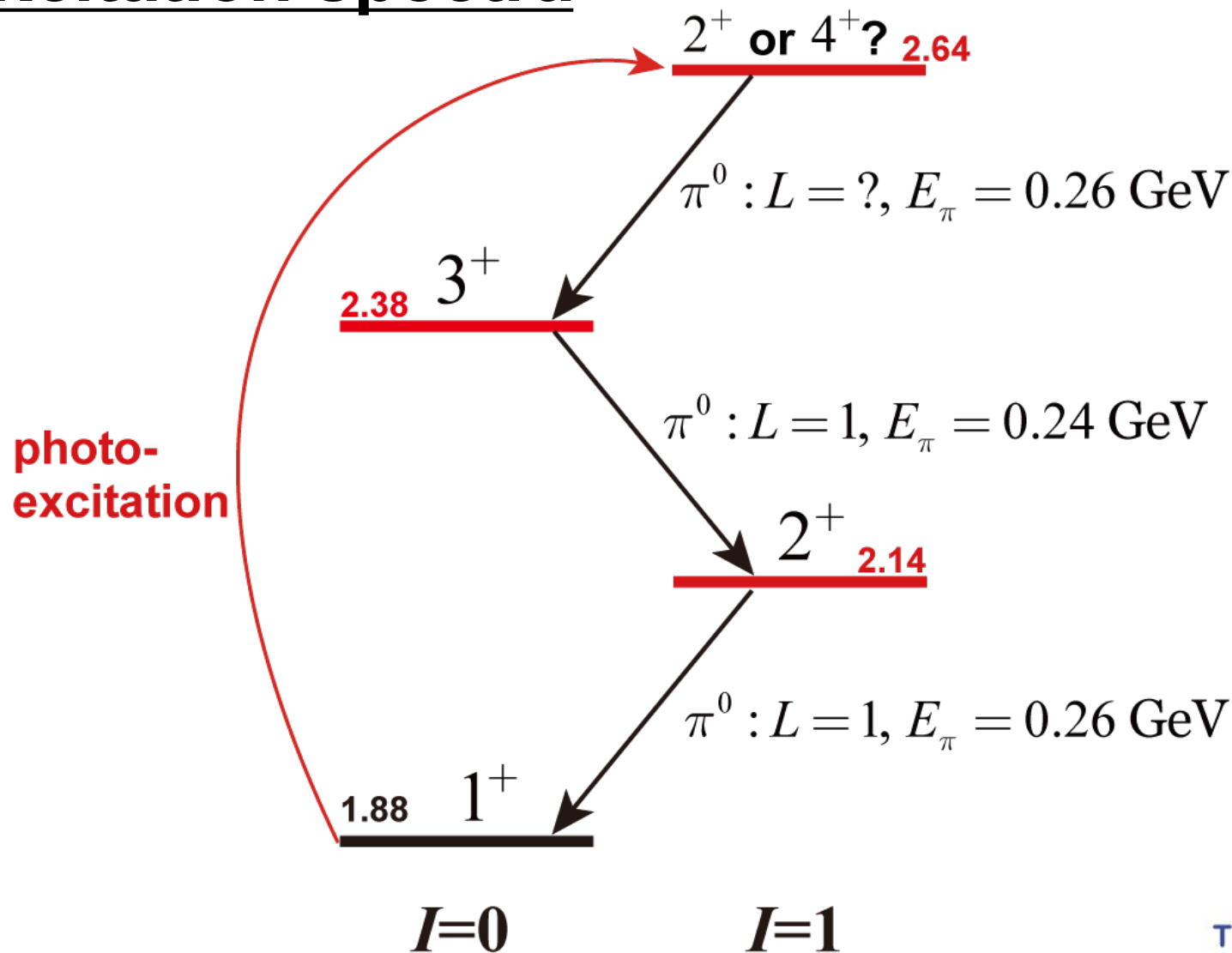




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Excitation spectra





D_{30} dibaryon

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To understand the internal structure of dibaryons, it is important to establish their excitation spectrum

Non-strange dibaryon sextet **F.J. Dyson and N.-H. Xuong, PRL13, 815 (1964).**

spin-flavor SU(6) symmetry observed J-PARC E79

D_{IJ}	D_{01}	D_{10}	D_{12}	D_{21}	D_{03}	D_{30}
BB	NN	NN	ΔN	ΔN	$\Delta\Delta$	$\Delta\Delta$
M [MeV]	1878	1878	2160	2160	2348	2348

3S_1 deuteron
 1S_0 NN virtual state

observed in $pp \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ pp$?
P. Adlarson et al., PRL121, 052001 (2018).

observed in $\pi^+ d \rightarrow pp$
B.S. Neganov and L.B. Parfenov, JETP7, 528 (1958).

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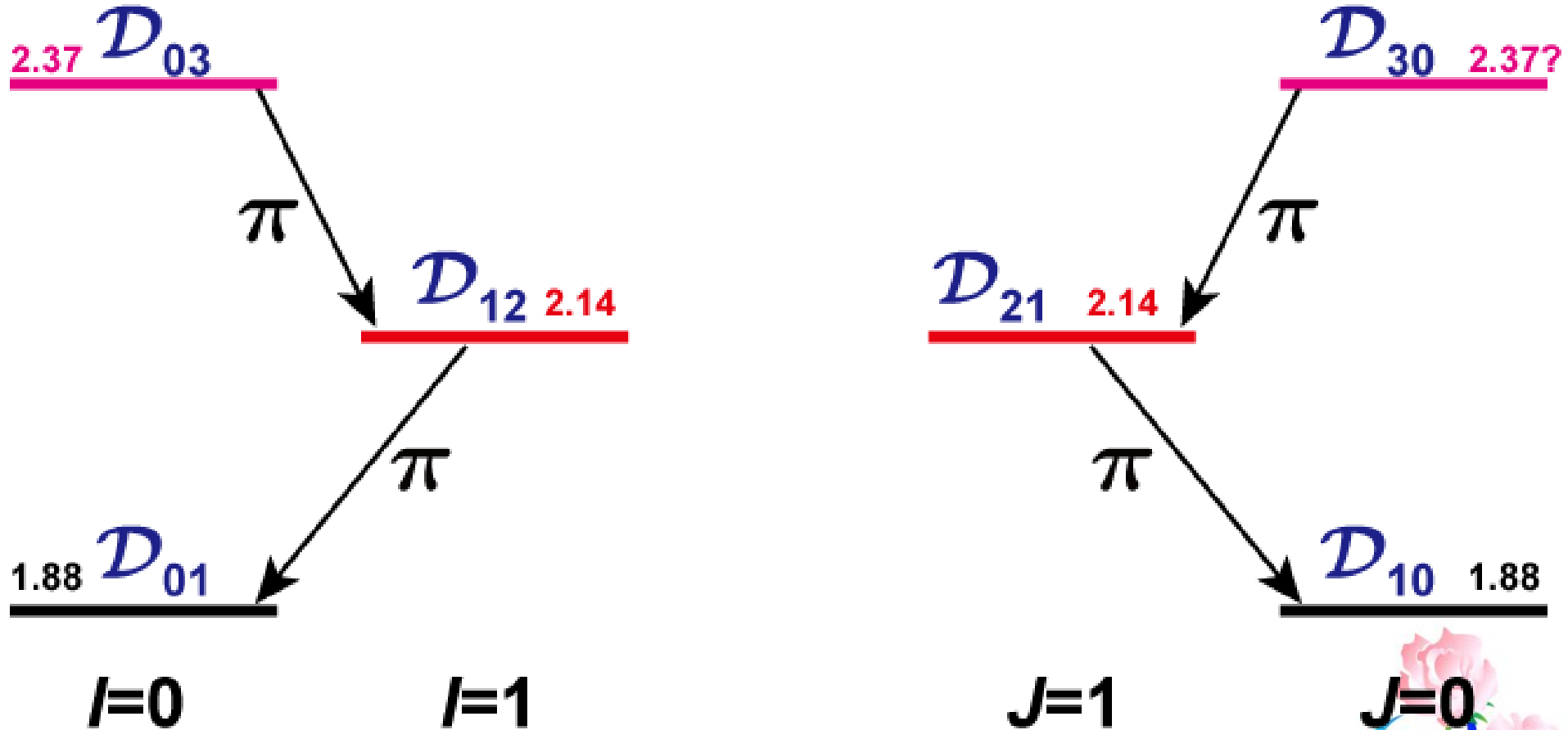


\mathcal{D}_{30} dibaryon

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Decay chains for \mathcal{D}_{03} and \mathcal{D}_{30}

expected decay chain for \mathcal{D}_{30}



decay chain for $d^*(2380) \equiv \mathcal{D}_{03}$

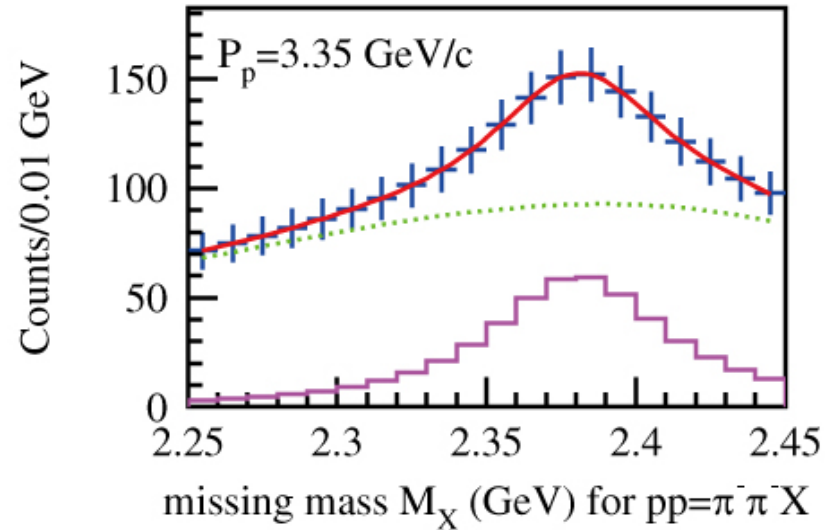
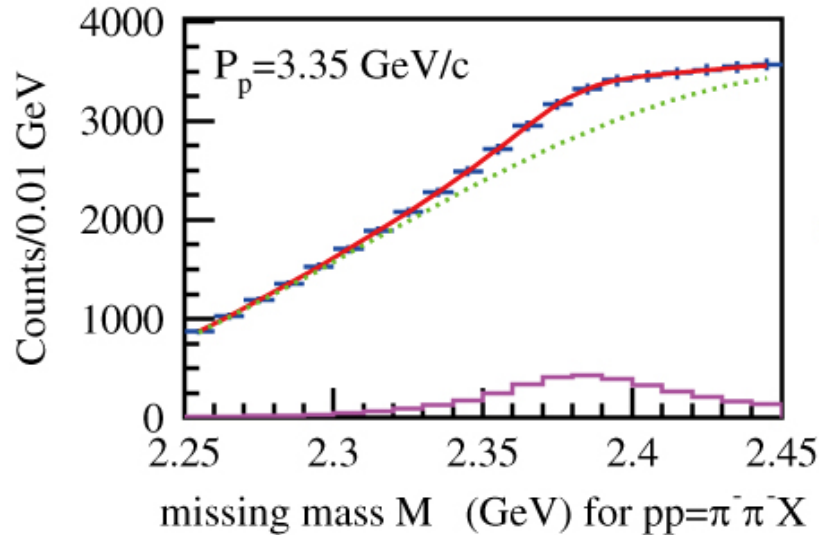


D_{30} dibaryon

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P79 experiment at J-PARC

$$pp \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- D_{30}^{++++} \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- (\pi^+ \pi^+ pp)$$



$${}^2\text{He tagging} : D_{30}^{++++} \rightarrow \pi^+ D_{21}^{+++} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ {}^2\text{He}$$

hexaquark state: much heavier mass

$\Delta\Delta$ molecule-like state: unbound

π cloud-like state: similar mass





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Summary

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1. cross sections are measured at $E_\gamma < 1.15$ GeV for $\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta d$
2. $\sigma(E_\gamma)$ is well-reproduced by the existing theoretical calculations with ηd FSI
3. $d\sigma/dM_{\eta d}$ shows ηd attraction, suggesting rather weak ηd attraction ($a_{\eta N} = 0.50 + i0.33$ fm)
4. no theoretical calculations reproduce a rather flat angular distributions of deuteron emission
6. Equally spaced energy levels for dibaryons are suggested from $\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 d$ and $\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0 d$ data: pion is a degree of freedom?
7. Observation or non-observation of \mathcal{D}_{30} at J-PARC (E79) would reveal the structure of dibaryons.



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Phenomenological analysis 1

Decomposition of the obtained $\pi^0 d$ and ηd invariant mass distributions at two highest incident energies

Two sequential processes

$$\gamma d \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{IV} \rightarrow \pi^0 \mathcal{D}_{\eta d} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta d$$

$$\gamma d \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{IV} \rightarrow \eta \mathcal{D}_{12} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta d$$

$\mathcal{D}_{\eta d}$: S-wave ηd system with $I = 0, J^\pi = 1^-$

Flatté: Breit-Wigner with M and $\Gamma = \Gamma_0 + g p_\eta$

\mathcal{D}_{12} : well-known πd resonance with $I = 1, J^\pi = 2^+$

Breit-Wigner with $M \sim 2.14 \text{ GeV}$ and $\Gamma \sim 0.09 \text{ GeV}$
constant

simultaneous fit of $d\sigma/dM_{\pi d}$ and $d\sigma/dM_{\eta d}$
distributions to determine five parameters

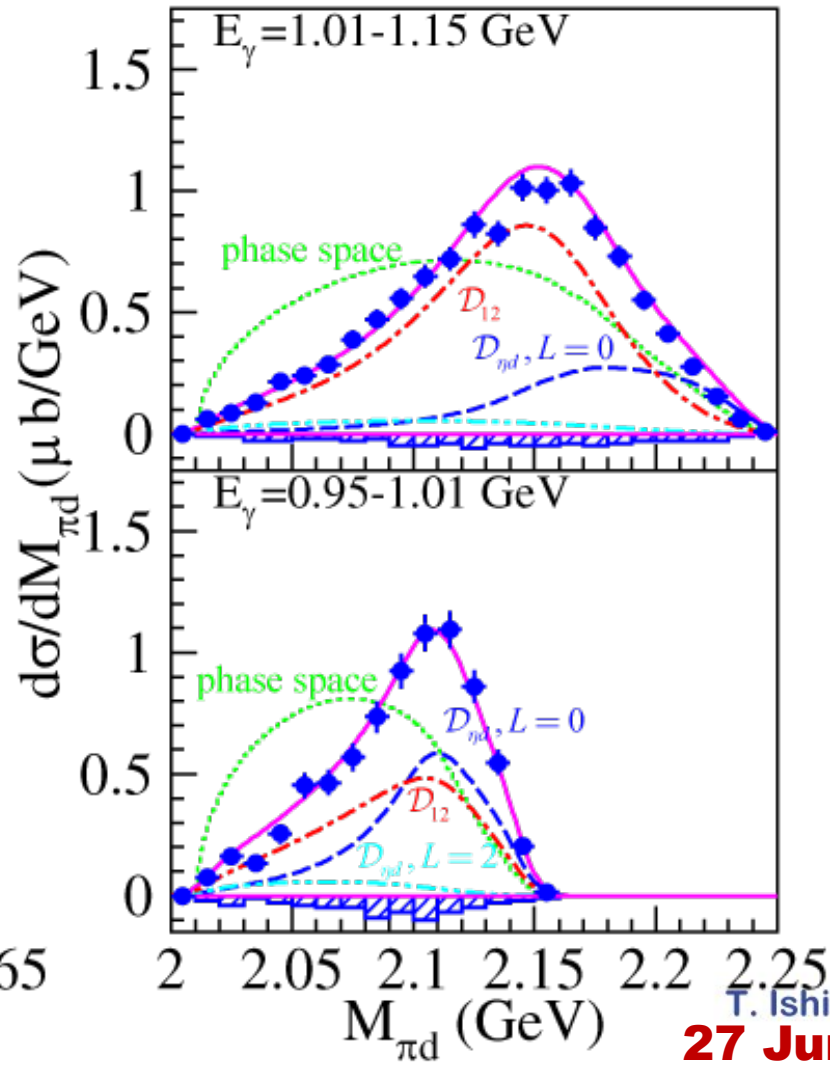
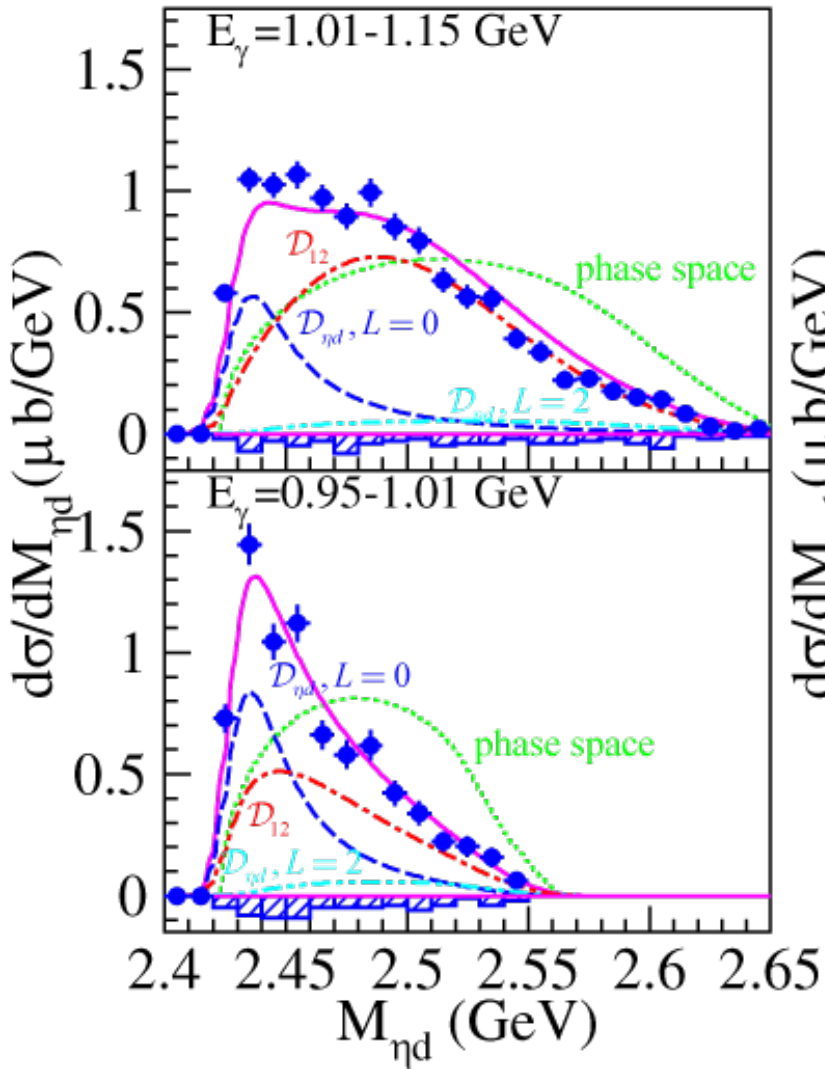




Phenomenological analysis 1

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$$d\sigma/dM_{\eta d} \text{ and } d\sigma/dM_{\pi d}$$





Phenomenological analysis 1

$$\mathcal{D}_{\eta d}: M = 2.427_{-0.006}^{+0.013} \text{ GeV}, \Gamma_0 = 0.029_{-0.029}^{+0.006} \text{ GeV}, \\ g = 0.00_{-0.00}^{+0.41}$$

1) *S*-wave ηd resonance with a width broader than 0.05 GeV is ruled out

2) $g = 0$ gives a predicted ηd bound state isoscalar ηNN state from $\eta NN - \pi NN$

$$M \simeq M_\eta + M_d, \Gamma = 0.01 \sim 0.02 \text{ GeV}$$

3) $\Gamma_0 = 0$ gives an ηd virtual state

$$\mathcal{D}_{12}: M = 2.158_{-0.003}^{+0.003} \text{ GeV}, \Gamma = 0.116_{-0.011}^{+0.005} \text{ GeV}$$

4) consistent with the \mathcal{D}_{12} parameters obtained in $\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 d$



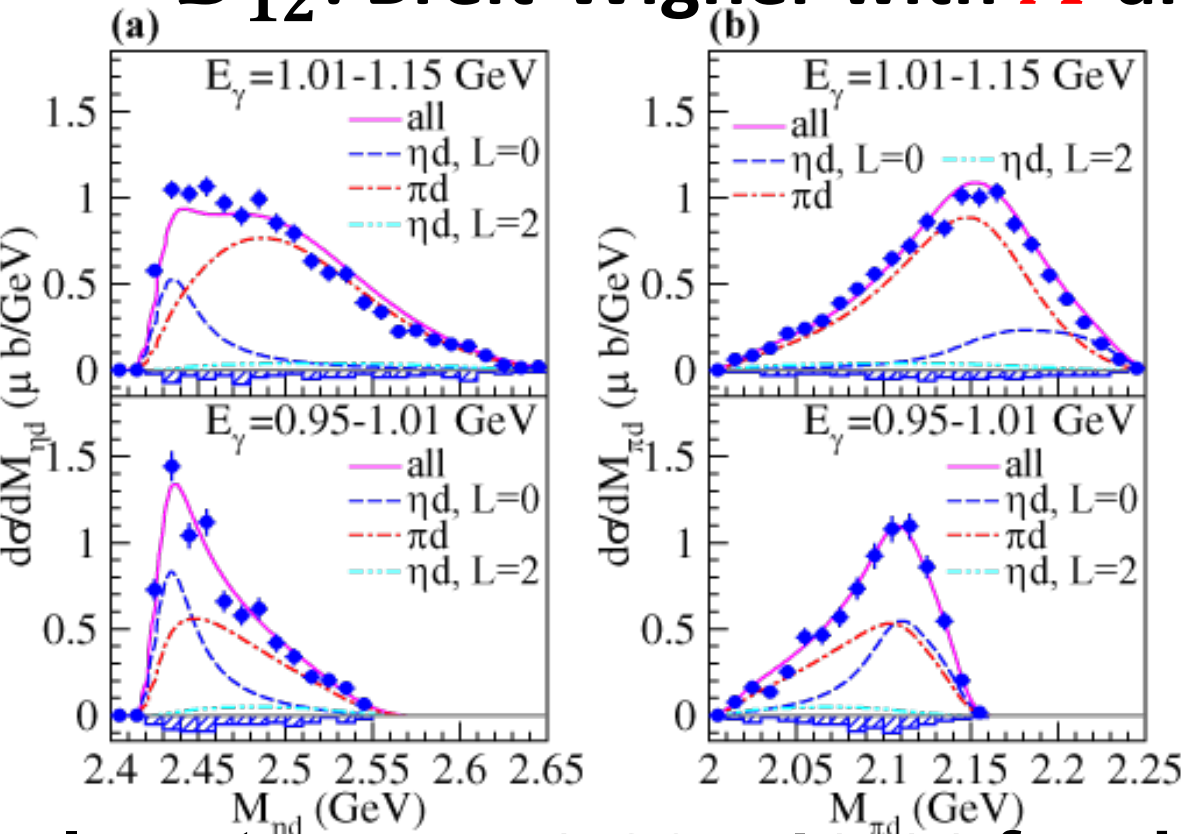


Phenomenological analysis

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$\mathcal{D}_{\eta d}$: scattering parameters $\sim |k \cot \delta|^{-2}$

\mathcal{D}_{12} : Breit-Wigner with M and Γ (constant)



$$a_{\eta d} = \pm (0.7_{-0.6}^{+0.8}) + i(0.0_{-0.0}^{+1.5}) \text{ fm}$$

$$r_{\eta d} = \mp (4.3_{-2.9}^{+8.6}) + i(6.7_{-8.4}^{+6.0}) \text{ fm}$$

close to $a_{\eta d} = 1.23 + i1.11$ fm obtained in a three-body calculation using $a_{\eta N} = 0.50 + i0.33$ fm

M. Egorov, A. Fix, Phys. Rev. C 88, 054611 (2013).

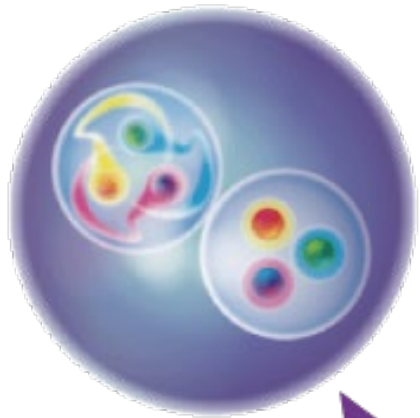




Dibaryons

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The internal structure of a dibaryon
($B = 2$ system):



a **molecule-like** state
consisting of two baryons
such as the deuteron



a spatially-compact
hexaquark hadron state

The current problem in hadron physics





$d^*(2380)$ dibaryon

observed in $pn \rightarrow d^*(2380) \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0 d$

$$m = 2.37 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma = 0.07 \text{ GeV}, I = 0, J^\pi = 3^+$$

T. Kamae, PRL38, 468 (1977);

M. Bashkanov *et al.* (CELSIUS/WASA), PRL102, 052301 (2009);

P. Adlarson *et al.* (WASA-at-COSY), PRL106, 242302 (2011).

hexaquark state

$$R = \frac{\hbar c}{\sqrt{2\mu B}} \sim 0.6 \text{ fm}$$

μ : reduced mass

B : binding energy

F. Piccini, School in Erice (2015).

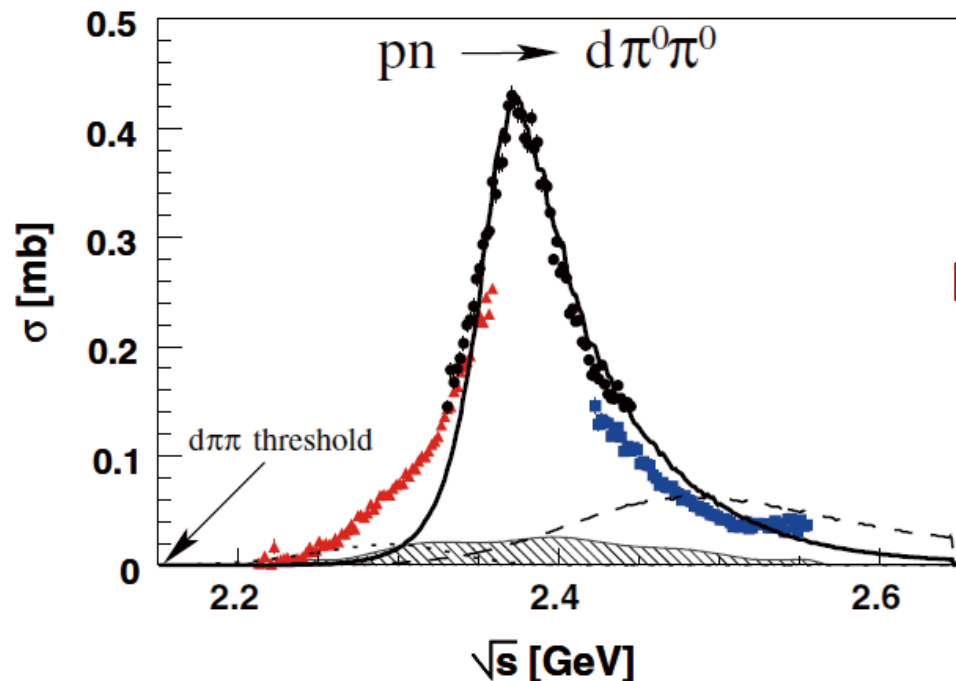
and/or

isoscalar $\Delta\Delta$ quasi-bound state \mathcal{D}_{03}

F.J. Dyson and N.-H. Xuong, PRL13, 815 (1964).

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d^* (2380) dibaryon

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To understand the internal structure of dibaryons, it is important to establish their excitation spectrum

Non-strange dibaryon sextet **F.J. Dyson and N.-H. Xuong, PRL13, 815 (1964).**

spin-flavor SU(6) symmetry observed

\mathcal{D}_{IJ}	\mathcal{D}_{01}	\mathcal{D}_{10}	\mathcal{D}_{12}	\mathcal{D}_{21}	\mathcal{D}_{03}	\mathcal{D}_{30}
BB	NN	NN	ΔN	ΔN	$\Delta\Delta$	$\Delta\Delta$
M [MeV]	1878	1878	2160	2160	2348	2348

3S_1 deuteron
 1S_0 NN virtual state

observed in $pp \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ pp$?
P. Adlarson et al., PRL121, 052001 (2018).

observed in $\pi^+ d \rightarrow pp$
B.S. Neganov and L.B. Parfenov, JETP7, 528 (1958).

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\mathcal{D}_{12} dibaryon

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Corresponding peaks were clearly observed
Partial wave analysis (PWA) shows 2^+

$\pi^+ d \rightarrow pp$ **R. Arndt et al.,
PRC48, 1926 (1993).**

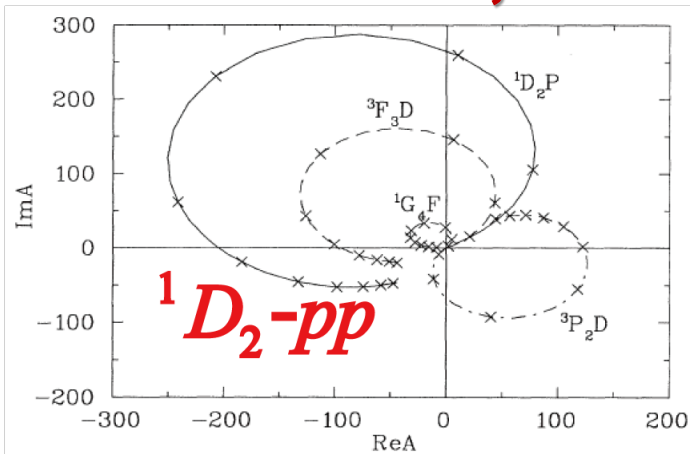


FIG. 7. Argand plot of dominant partial-wave amplitudes. The X points denote 50 MeV steps. All amplitudes have been multiplied by a factor of 10^3 .

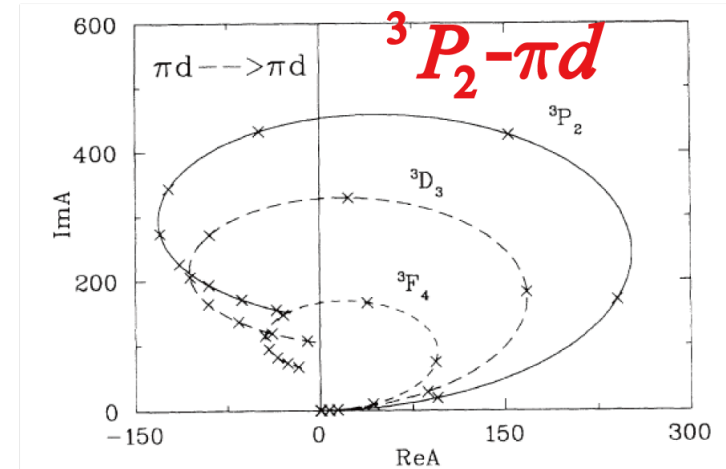


FIG. 7. Argand plot of the dominant πd partial-wave amplitudes 3P_2 , 3D_3 , and 3F_4 which correspond to the 1D_2 , 3F_3 , and 1G_4 pp states, respectively. (Compare Fig. 7 of Ref. [3]). The X points denote 50 MeV steps. All amplitudes have been multiplied by a factor of 10^3 .

**R. Arndt et al., $\pi^\pm d \rightarrow \pi^\pm d$
PRC50, 1796 (1994).**

SAID group provides a pole for \mathcal{D}_{12} from a combined analysis including $pp \rightarrow pp$.

C.H. Oh et al., PRC56, 635 (1997).

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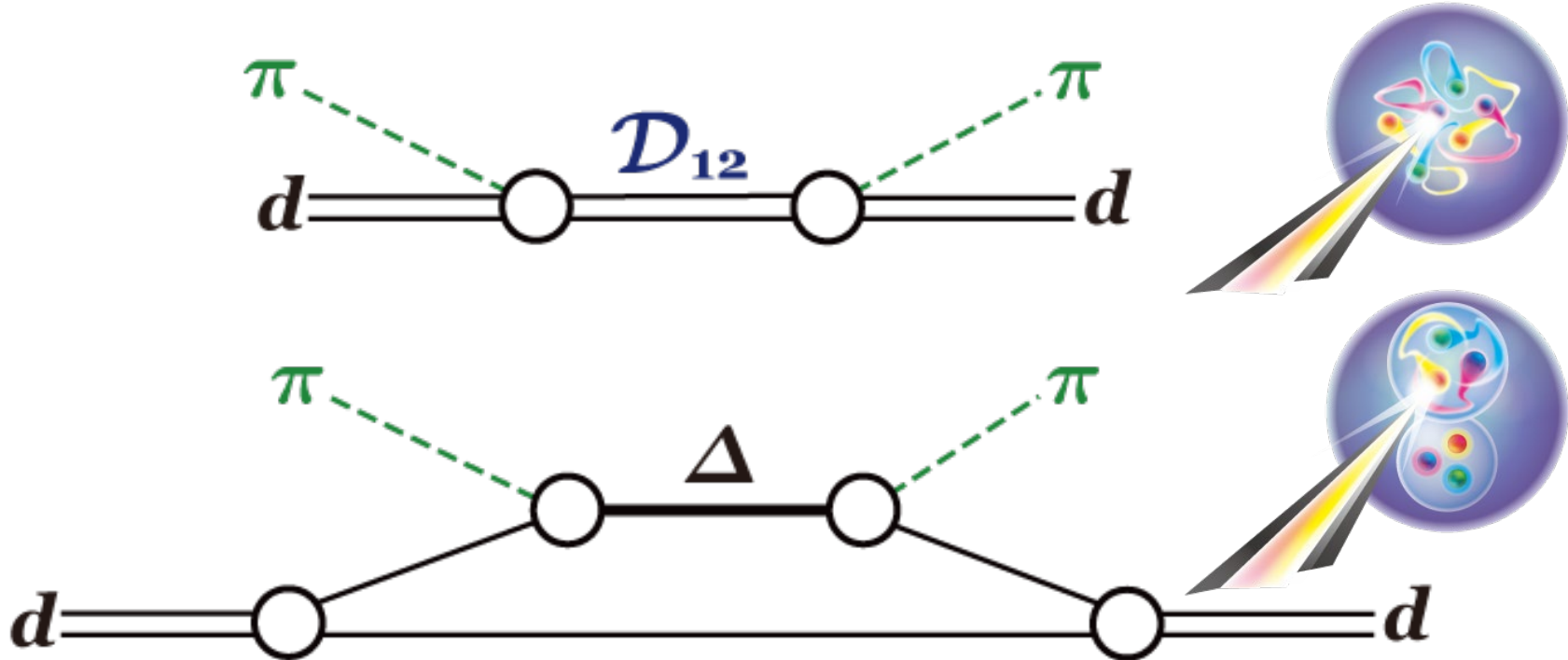




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D_{12} dibaryon

Dibaryonic interpretation is still questionable



quasi-free (QF) Δ excitation cannot be kinematically separated

