

Meson production in pd fusion to ^3HeX with WASA-at-COSY

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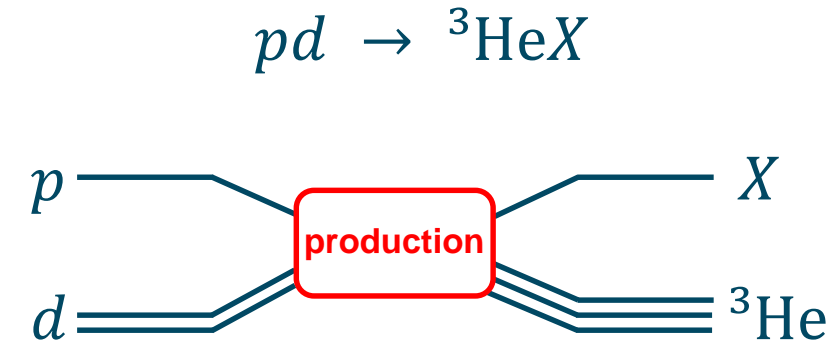
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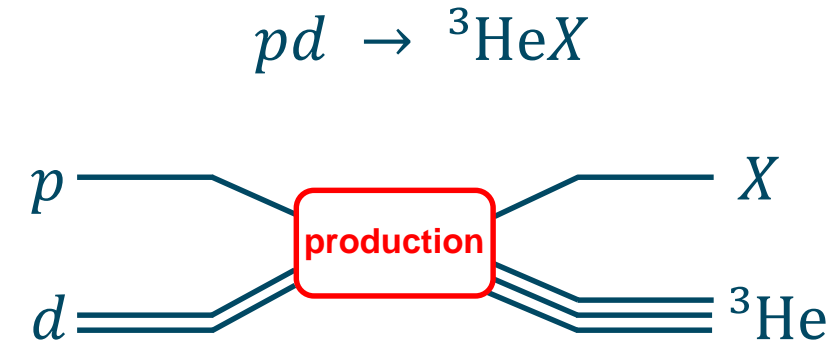
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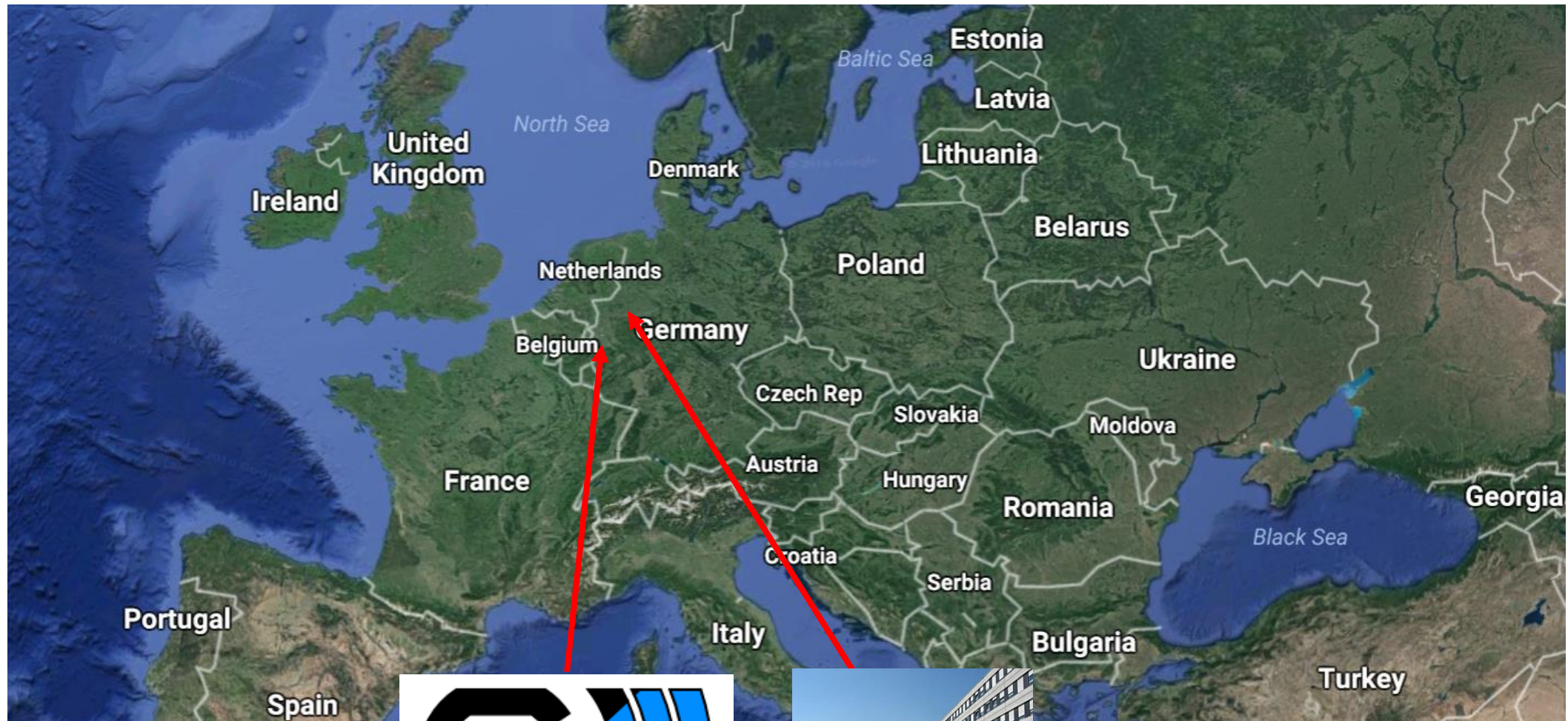
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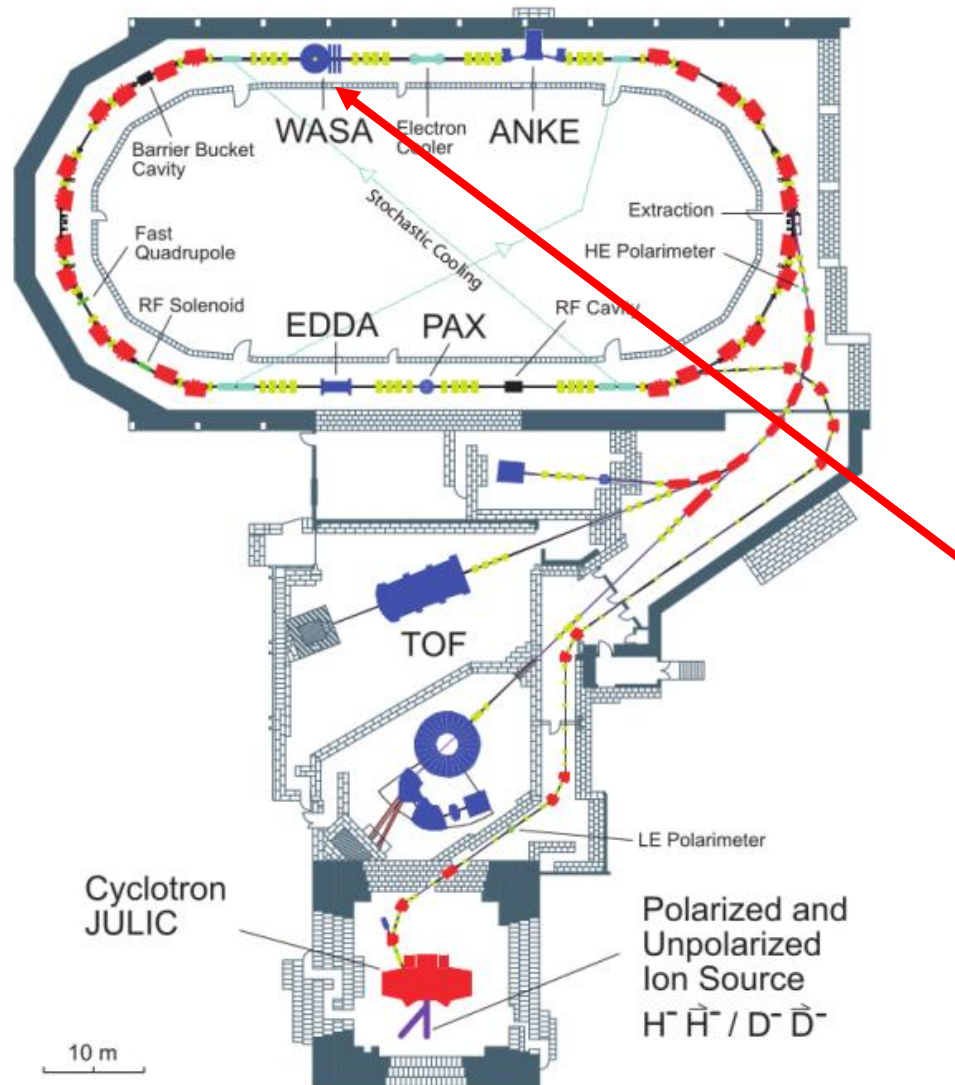
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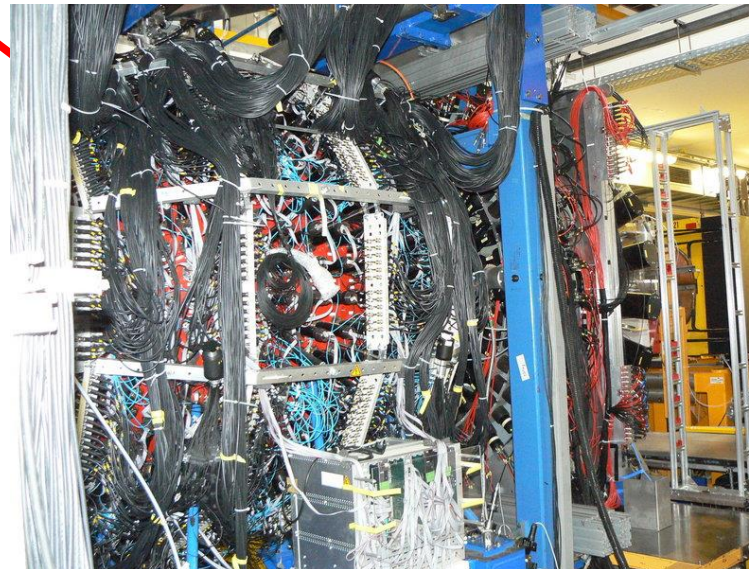




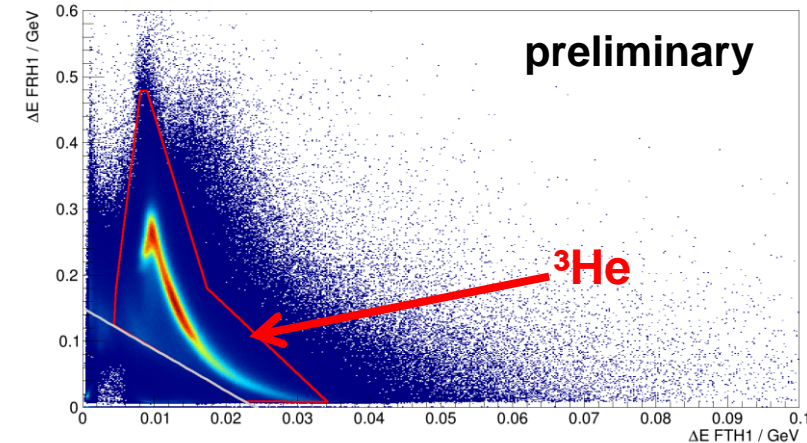
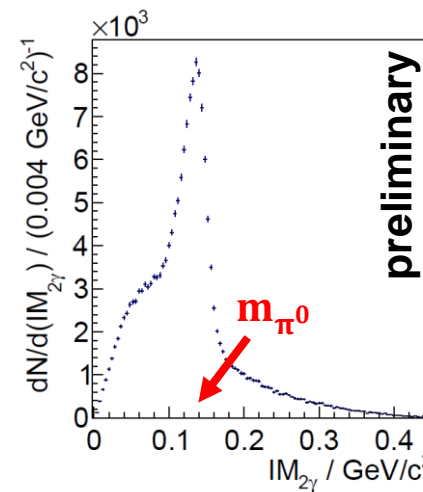
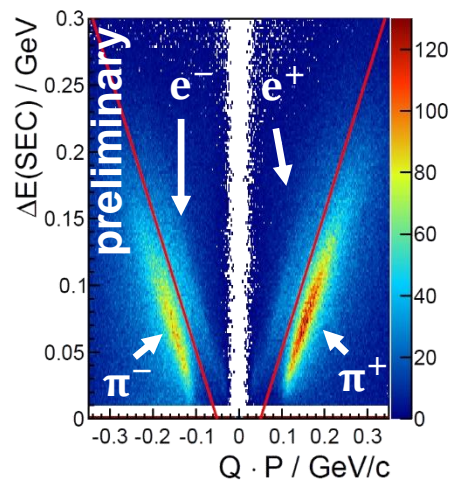
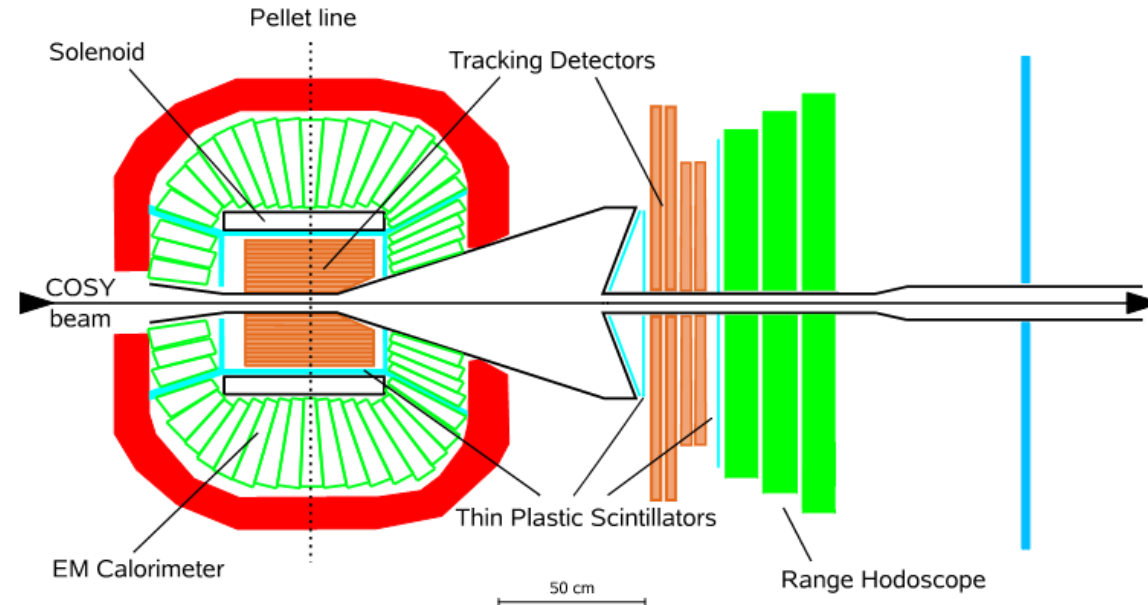
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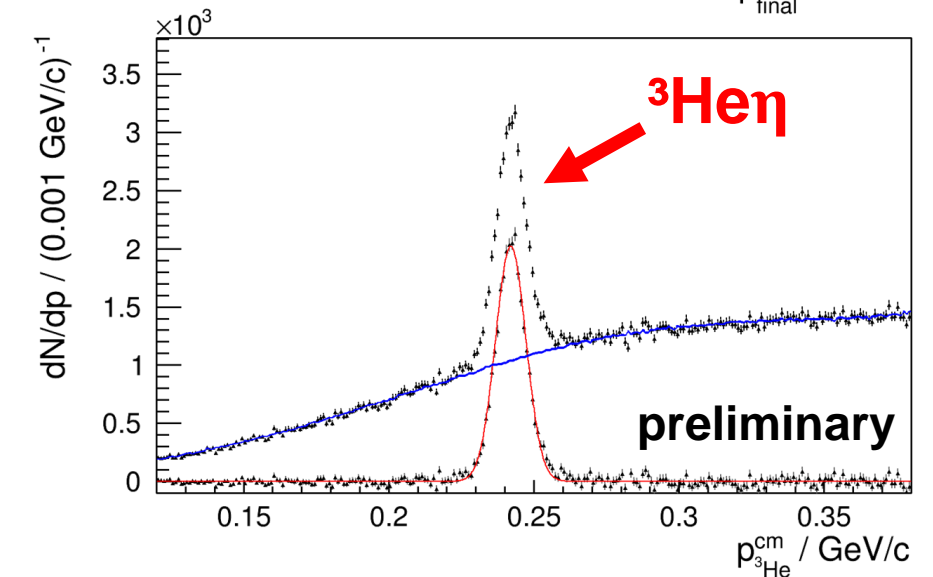
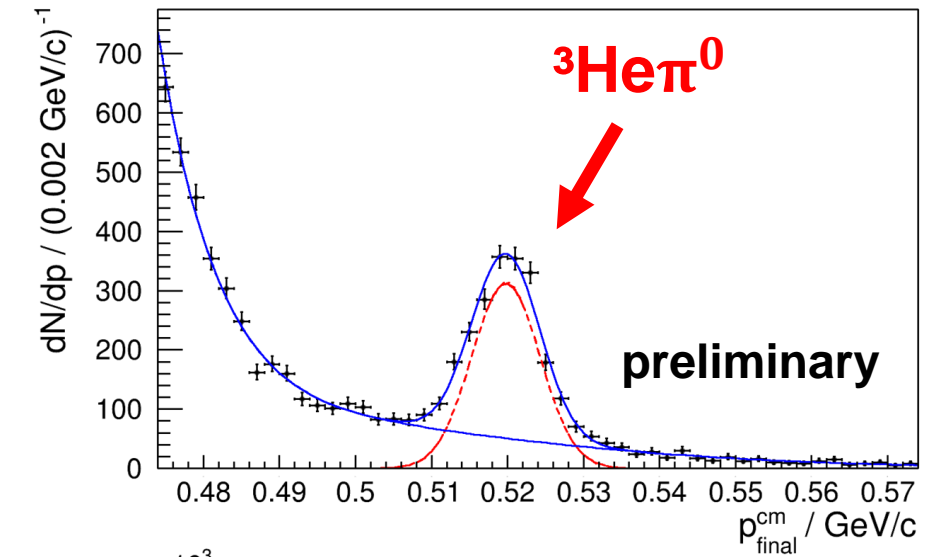
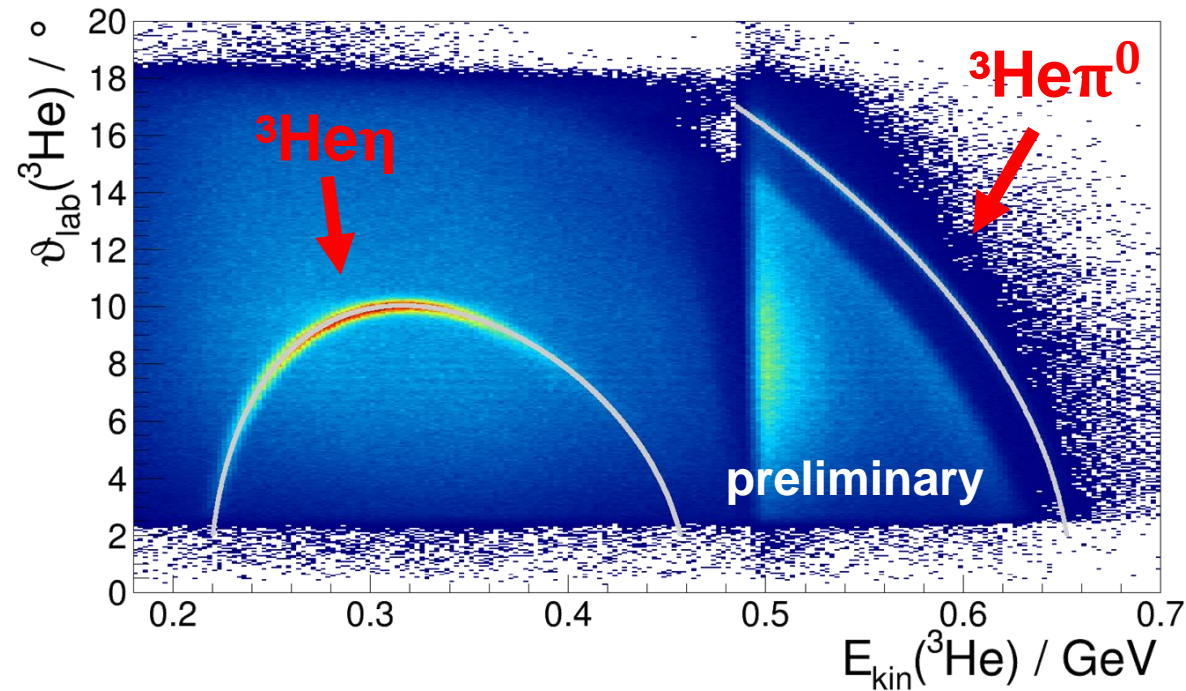
- polarized and unpolarized proton and deuteron beams
- momentum range from 0.3 GeV/c to 3.7 GeV/c
- **WASA**: internal experiment, proton or deuteron pellet target



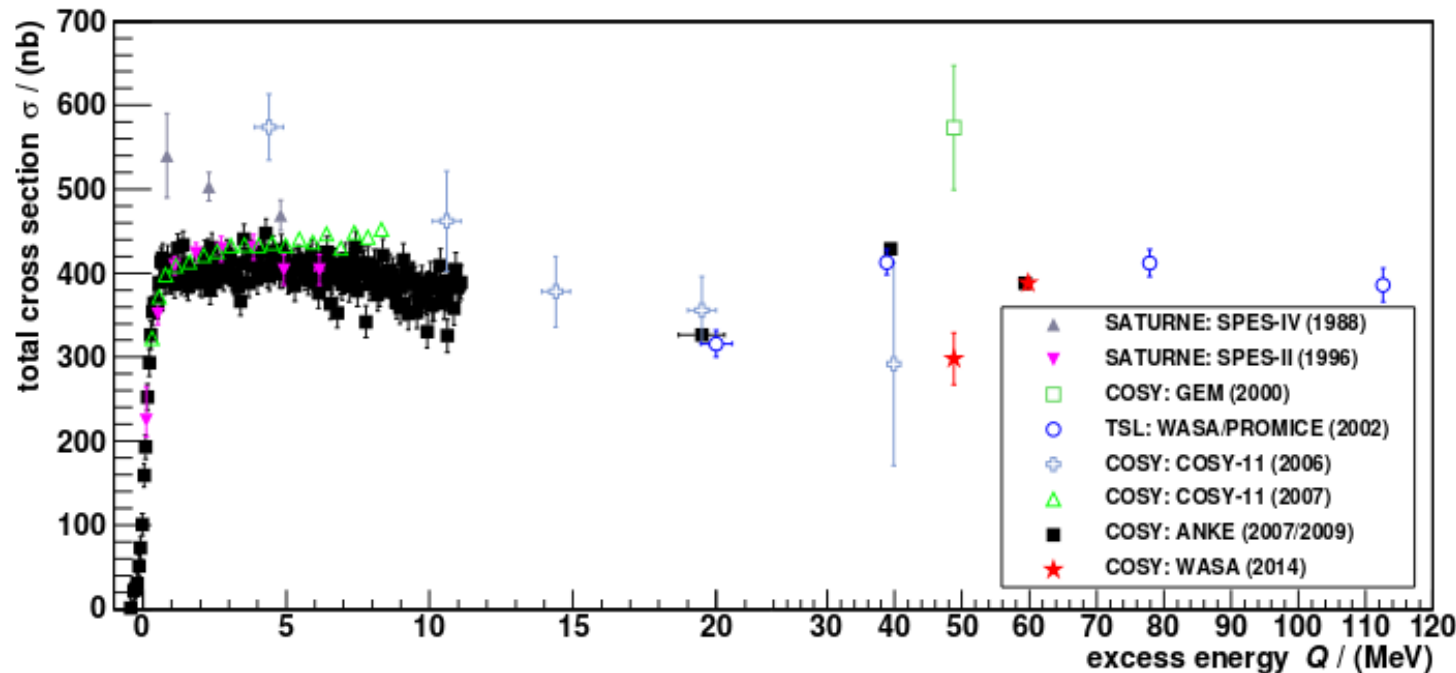
- Central detector:
 - solenoid & drift chamber
 - plastic scintillator
 - calorimeter
- Forward detector:
 - proportional chamber
 - scintillators
- near 4π -coverage
- detection & reconstruction of $\pi^\pm, e^\pm, \gamma, p, d$ and ^3He



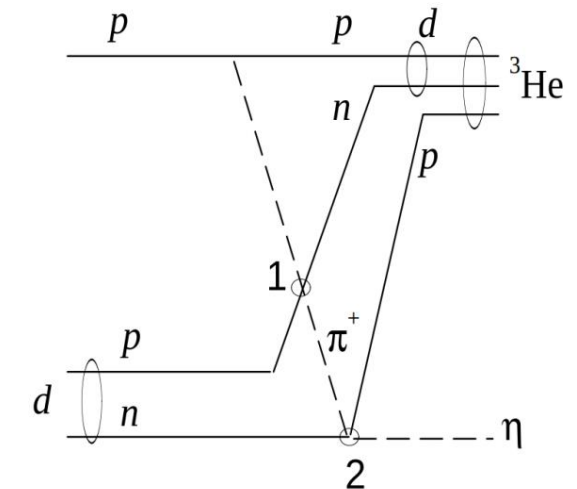
- calibration can be checked with two-particle kinematics
- identification of two-particle final states by final-state-momentum of ^3He



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- large database near threshold
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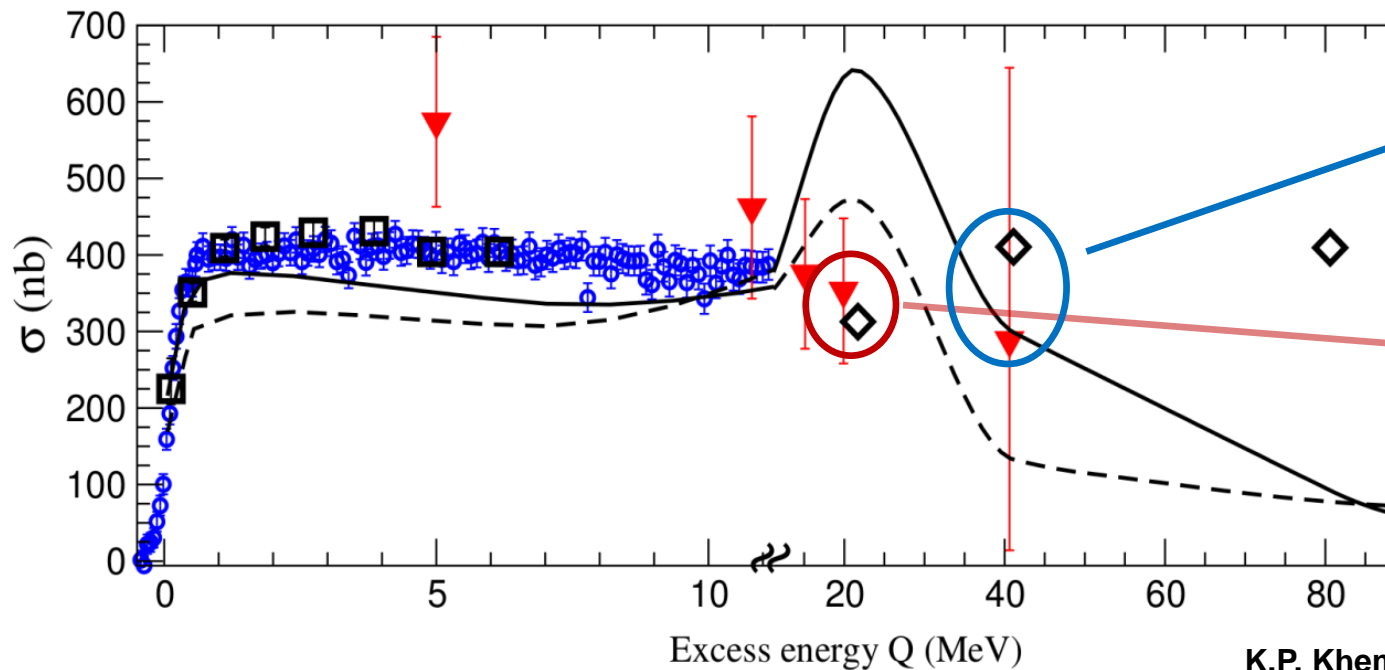


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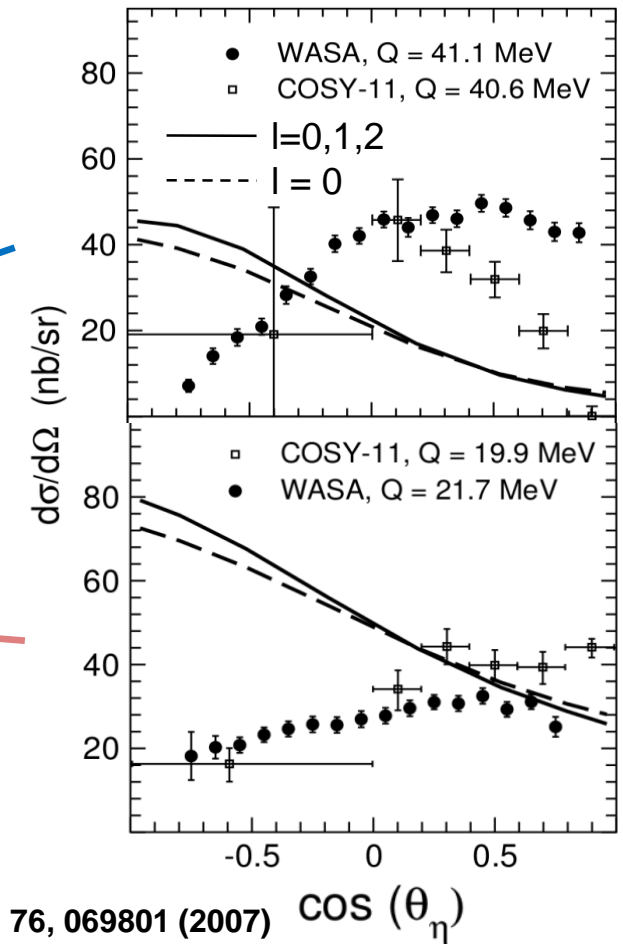
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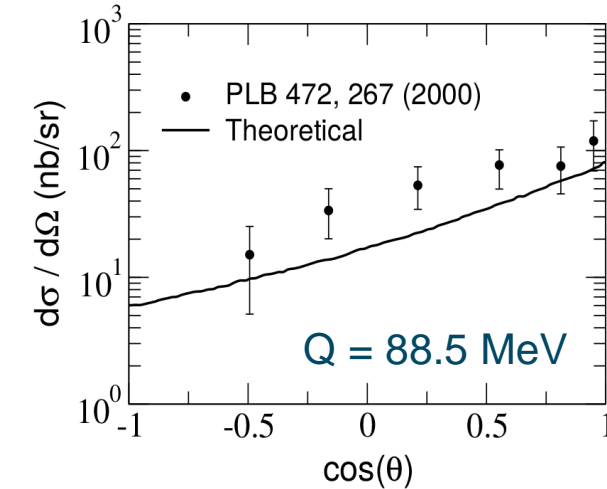
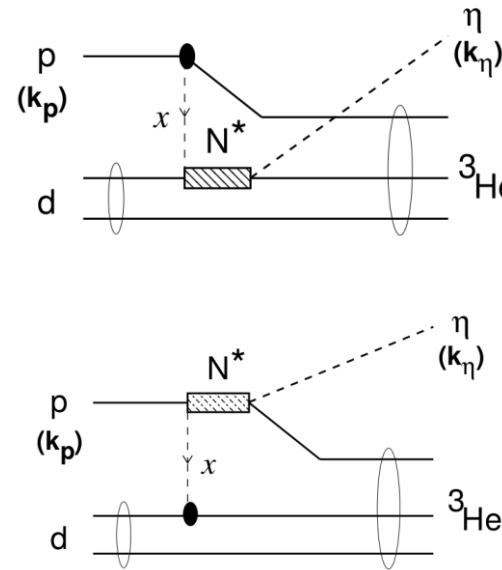
what happens
at higher Q ?



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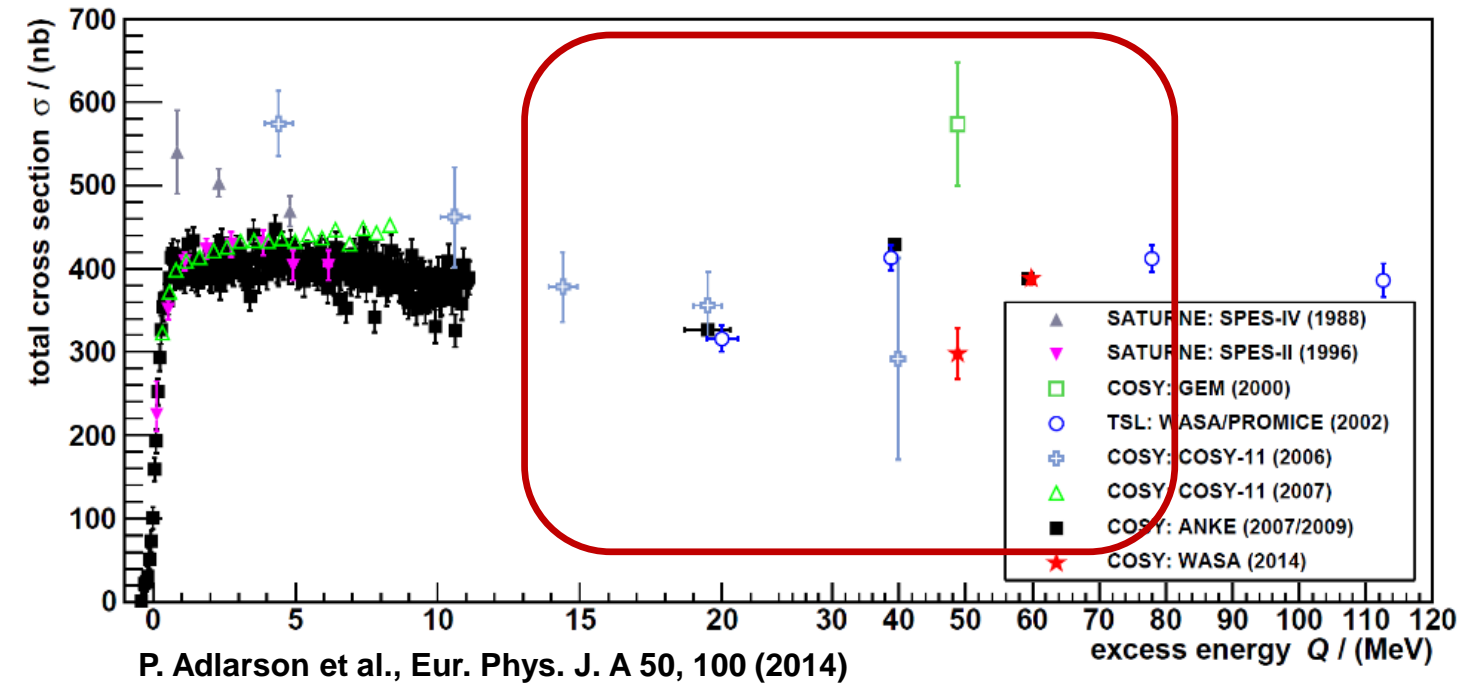


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S	L	π	J	S'	L'	wave
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1/2	0	+1	1/2	1/2	1	p
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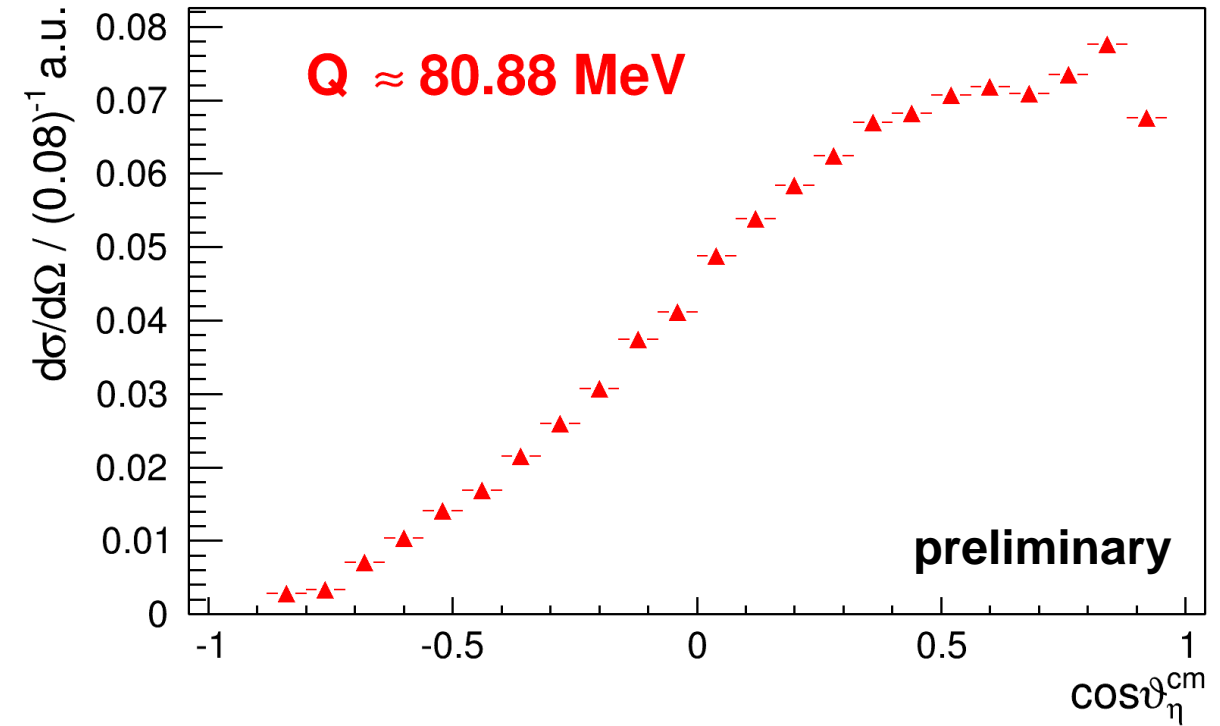
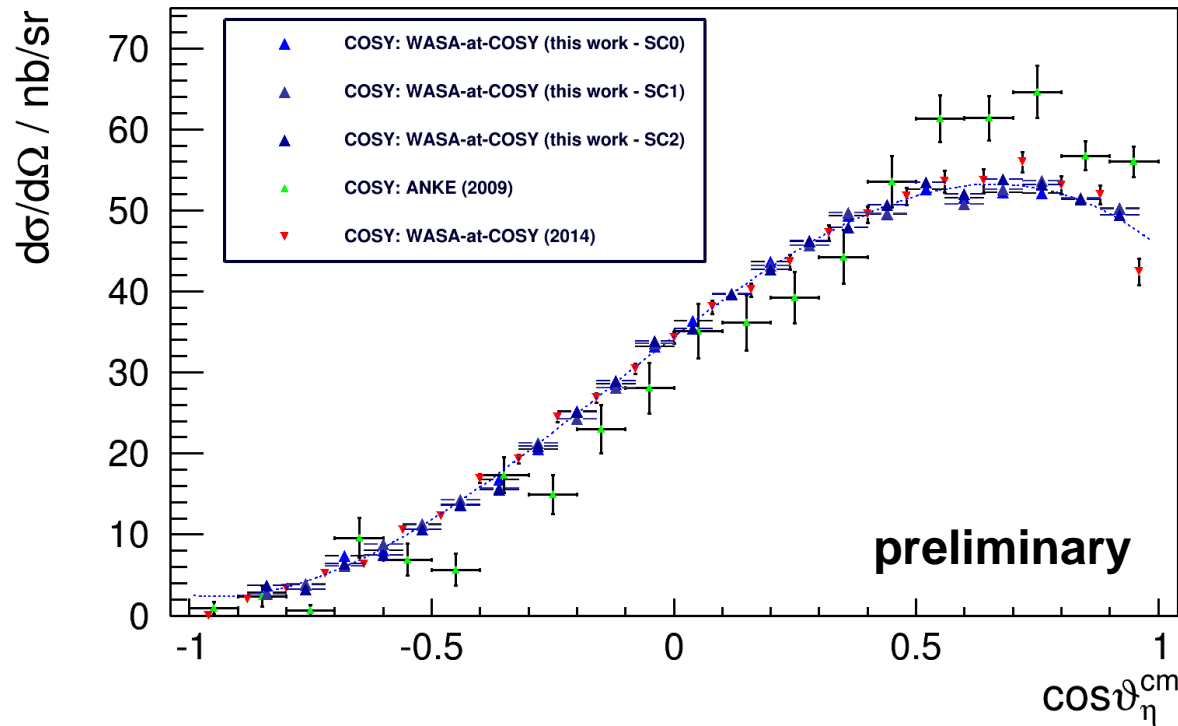


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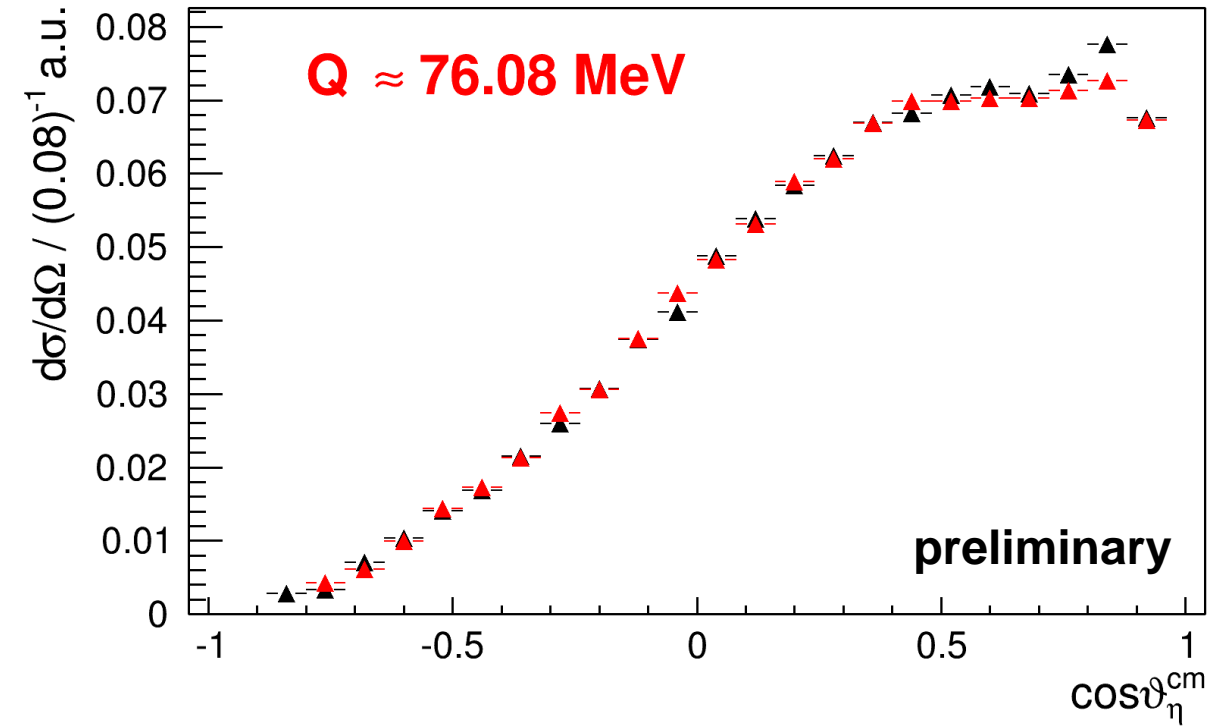
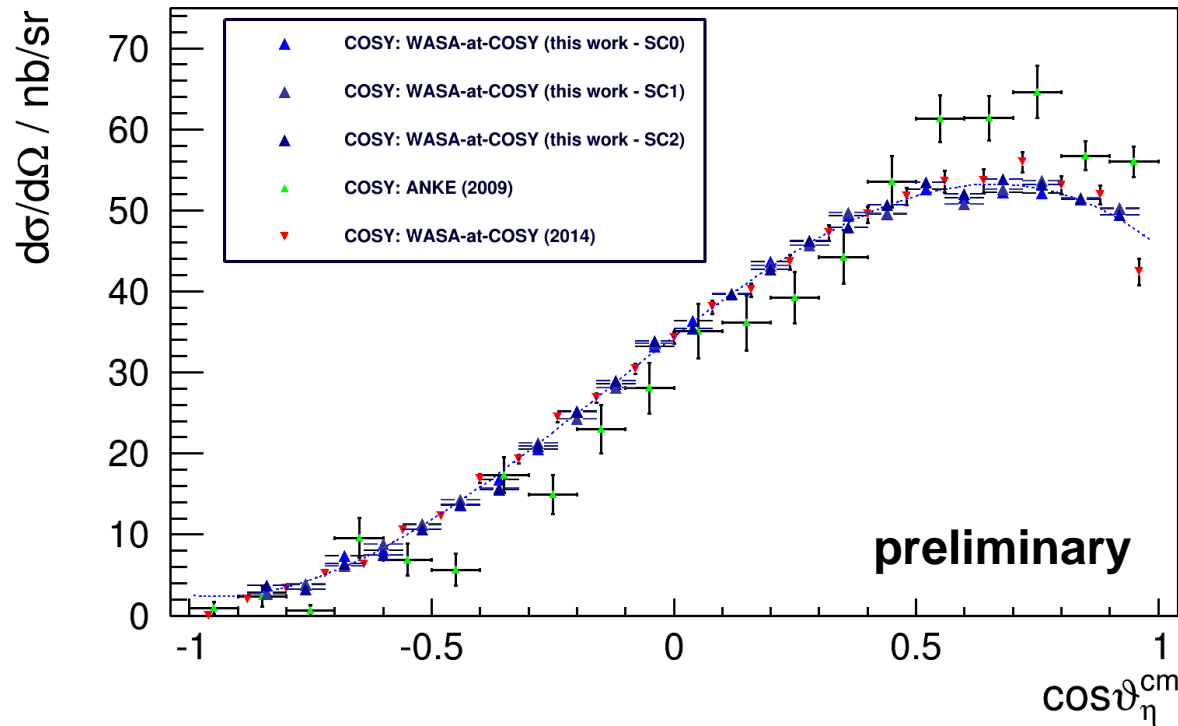
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SC 0: p / GeV/c	1.60	1.62	1.64	1.66	1.68	1.70	1.72	1.74
SC 1: p / GeV/c	1.61	1.63	1.65	1.67	1.69	1.70	1.71	1.73

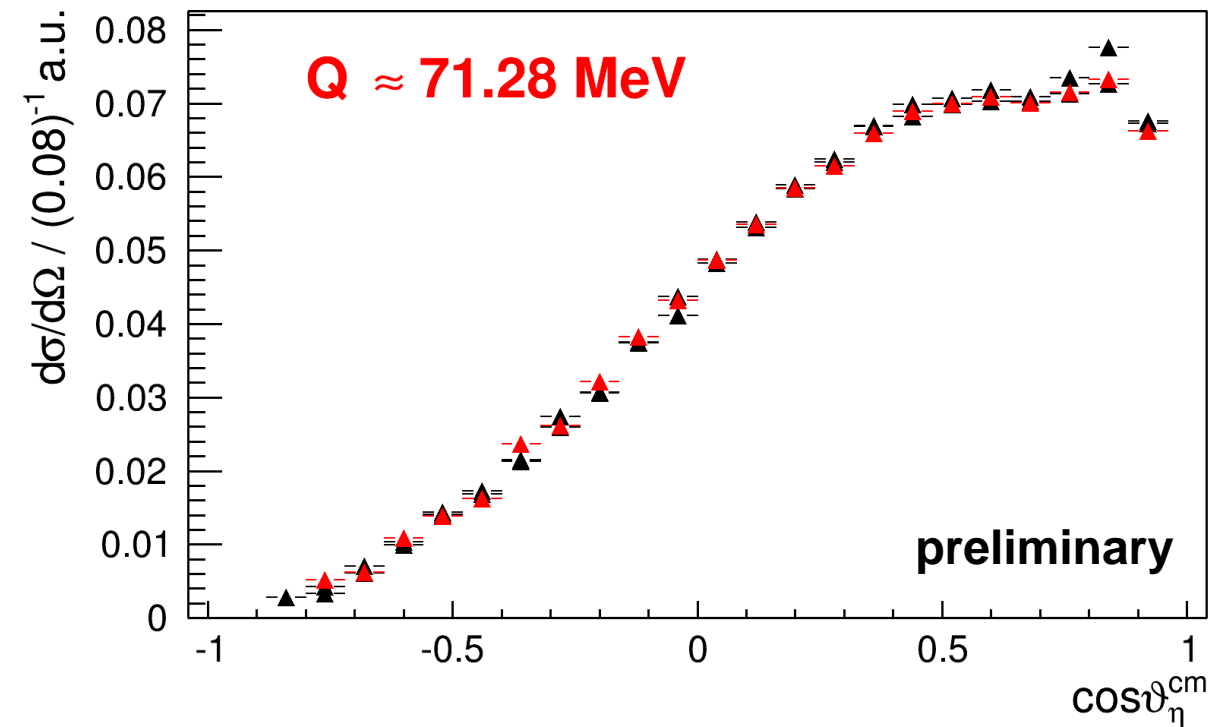
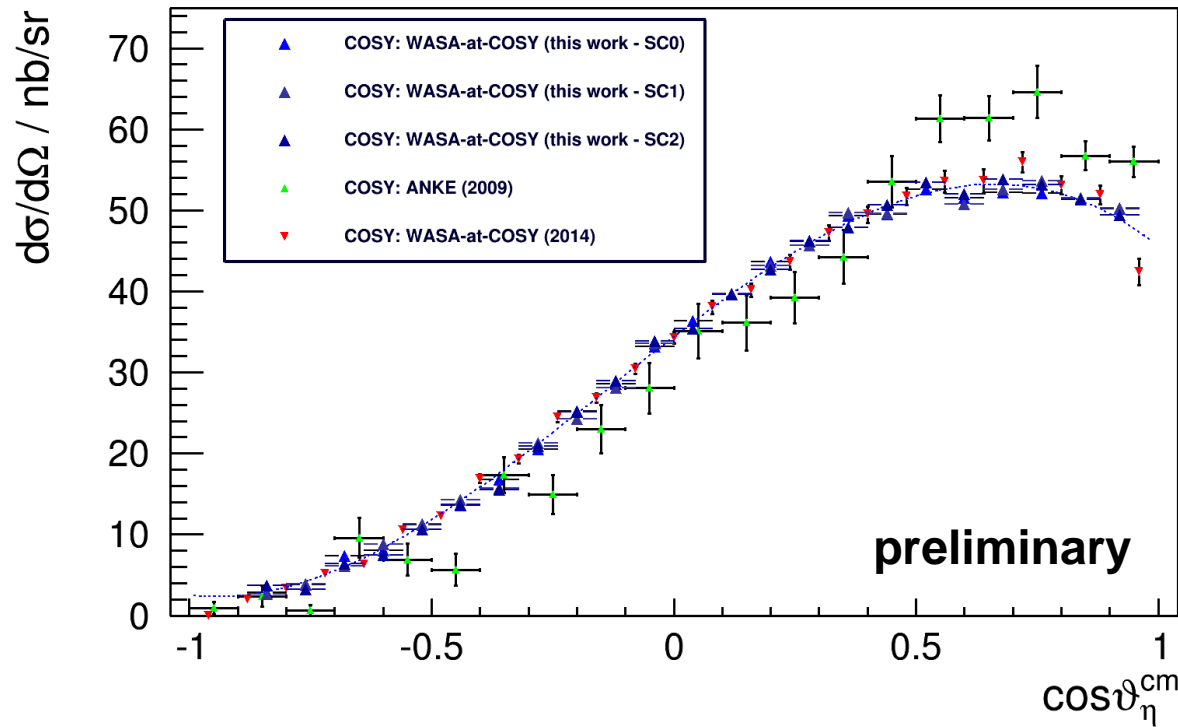
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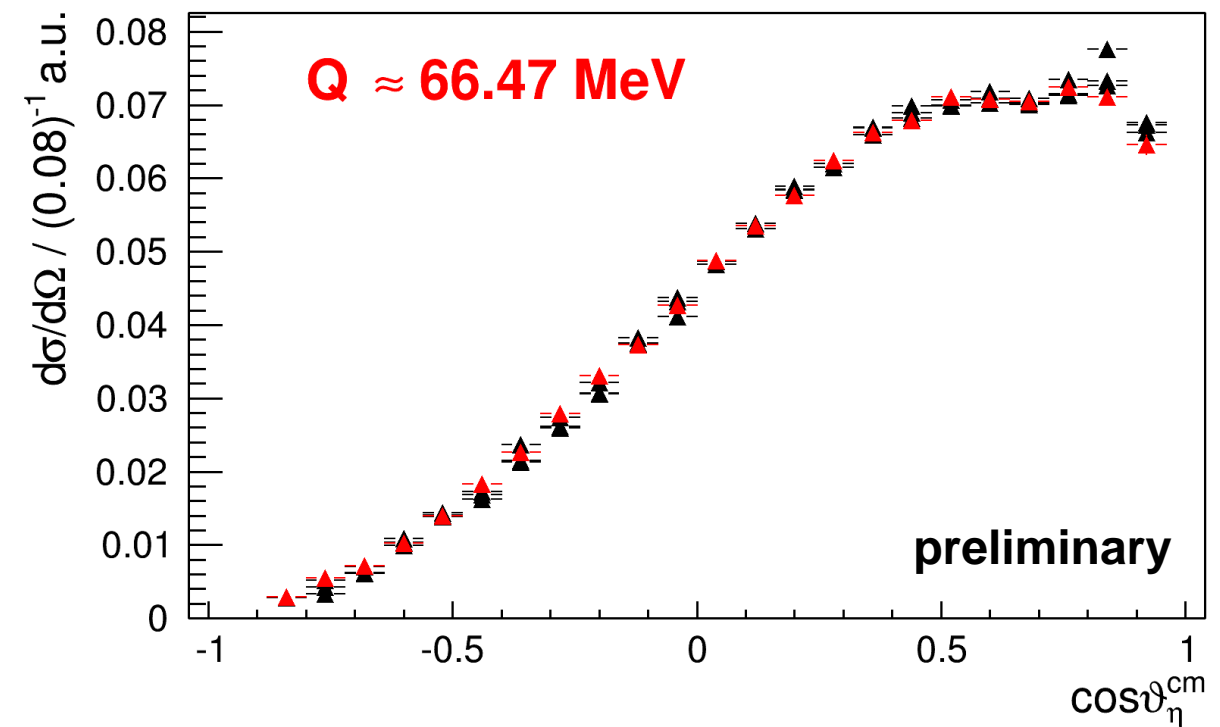
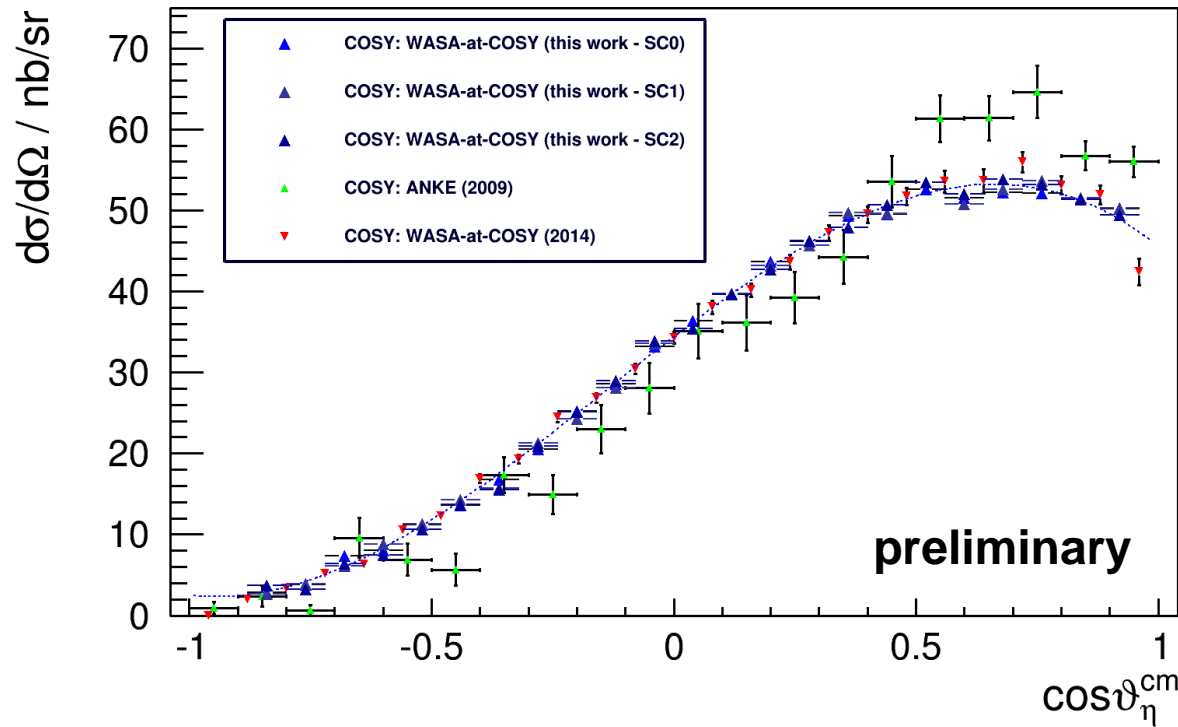
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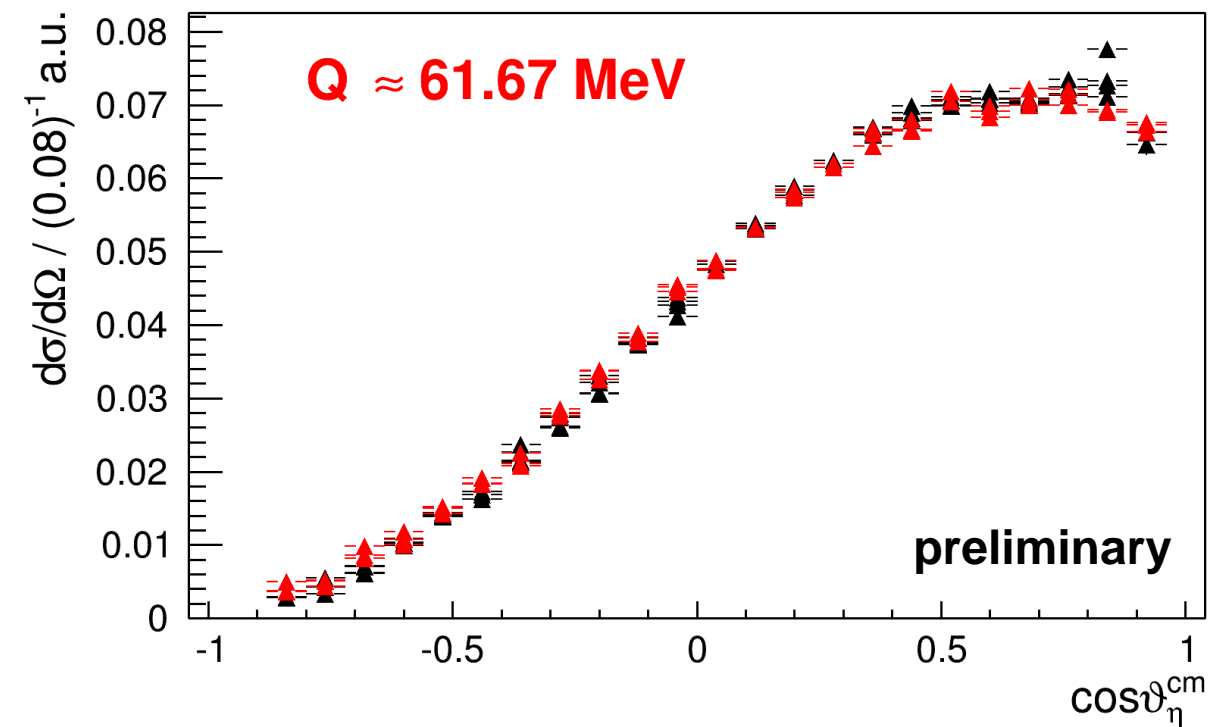
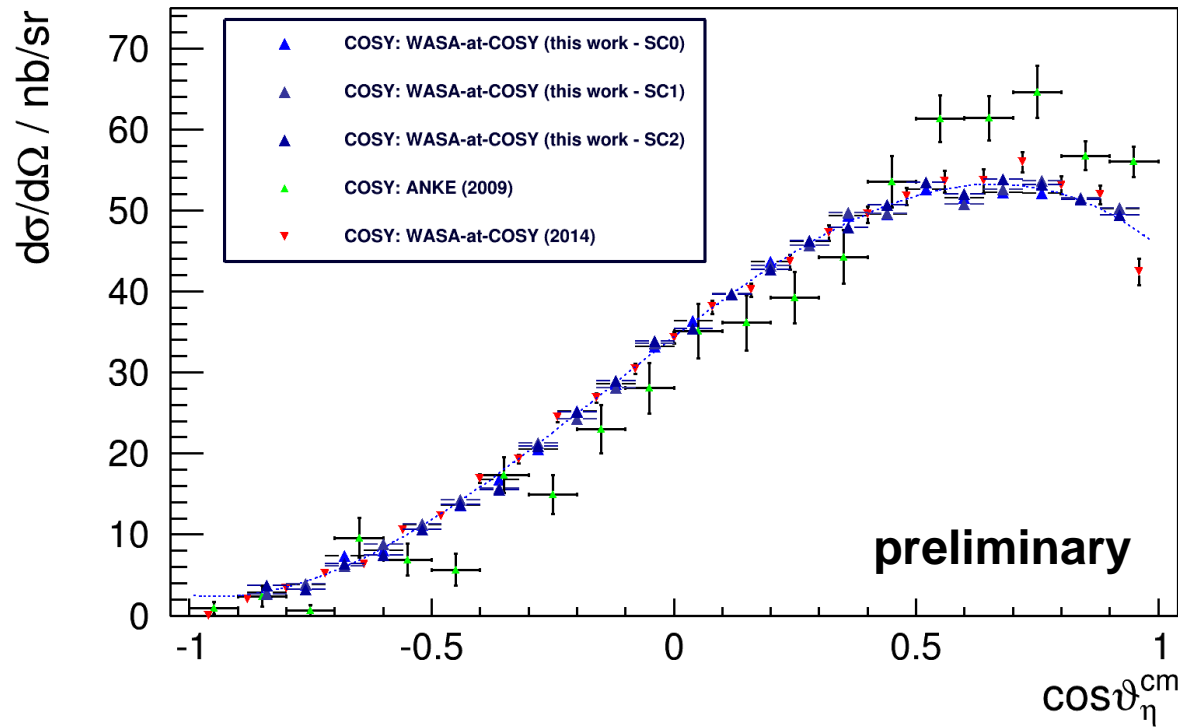
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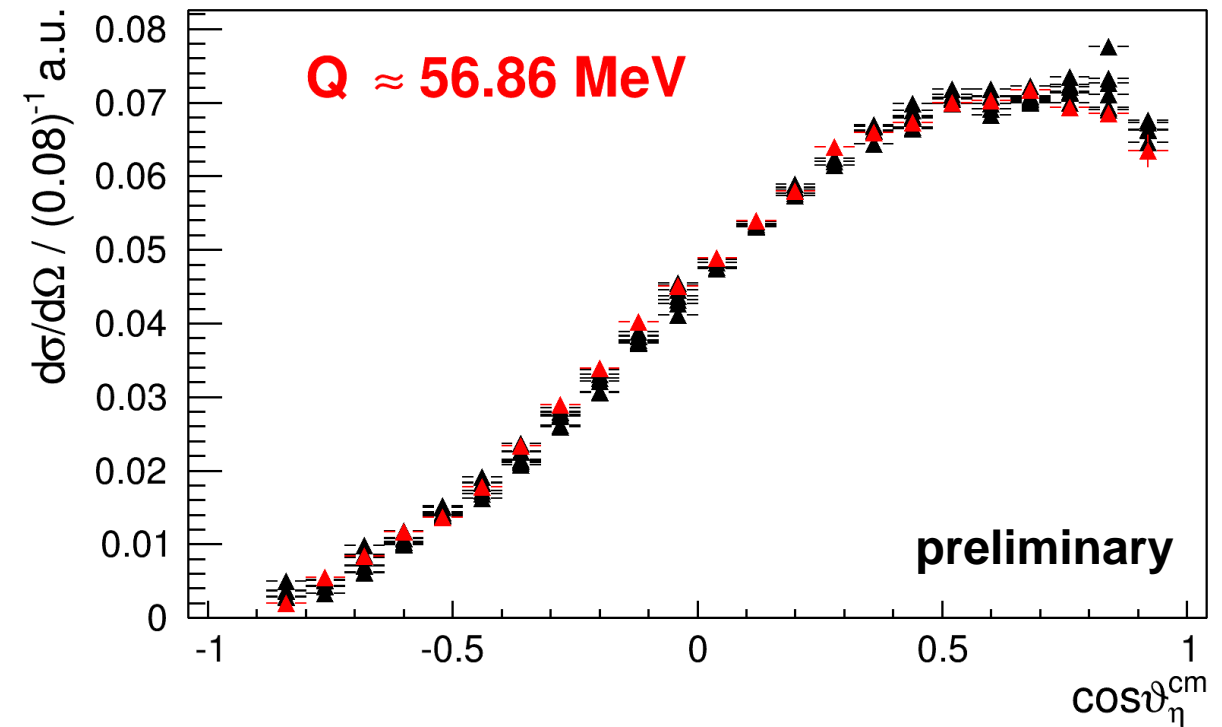
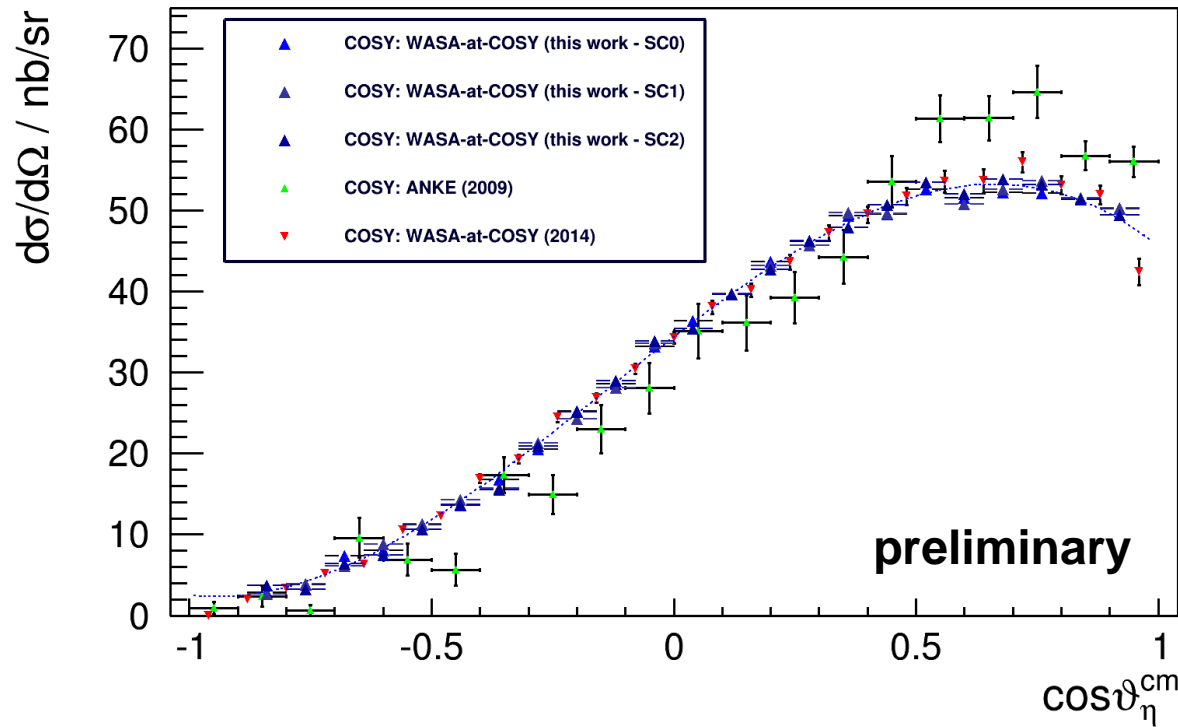
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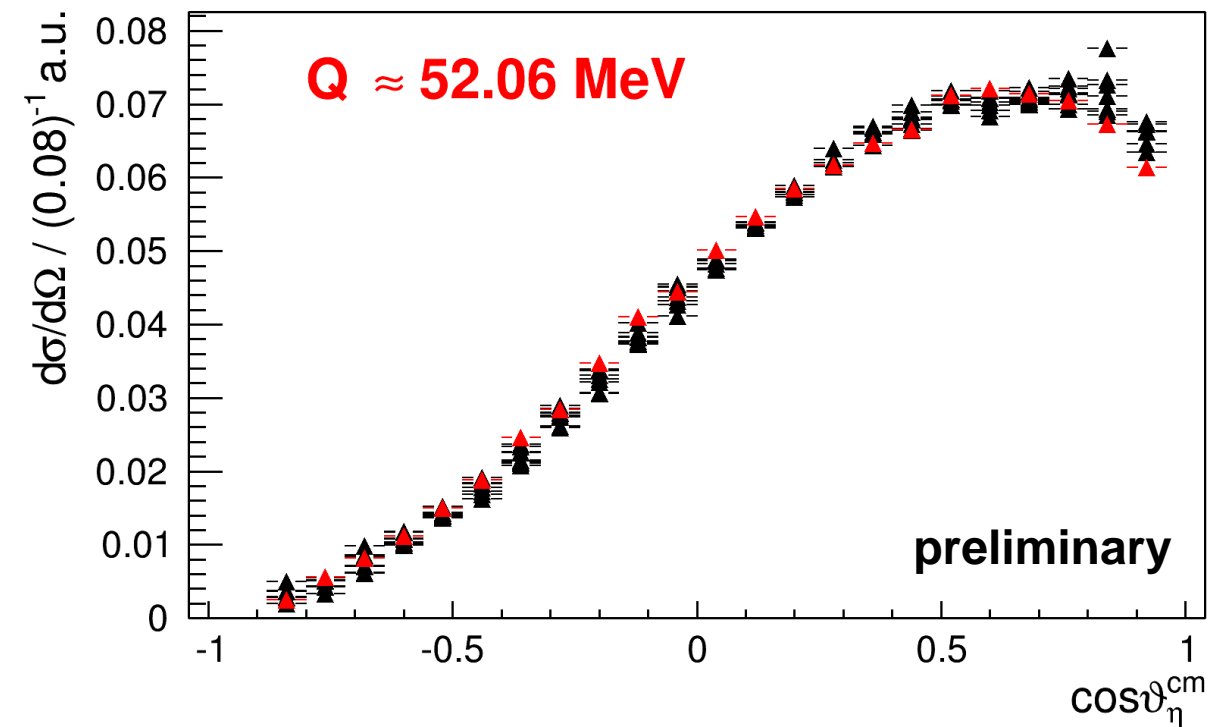
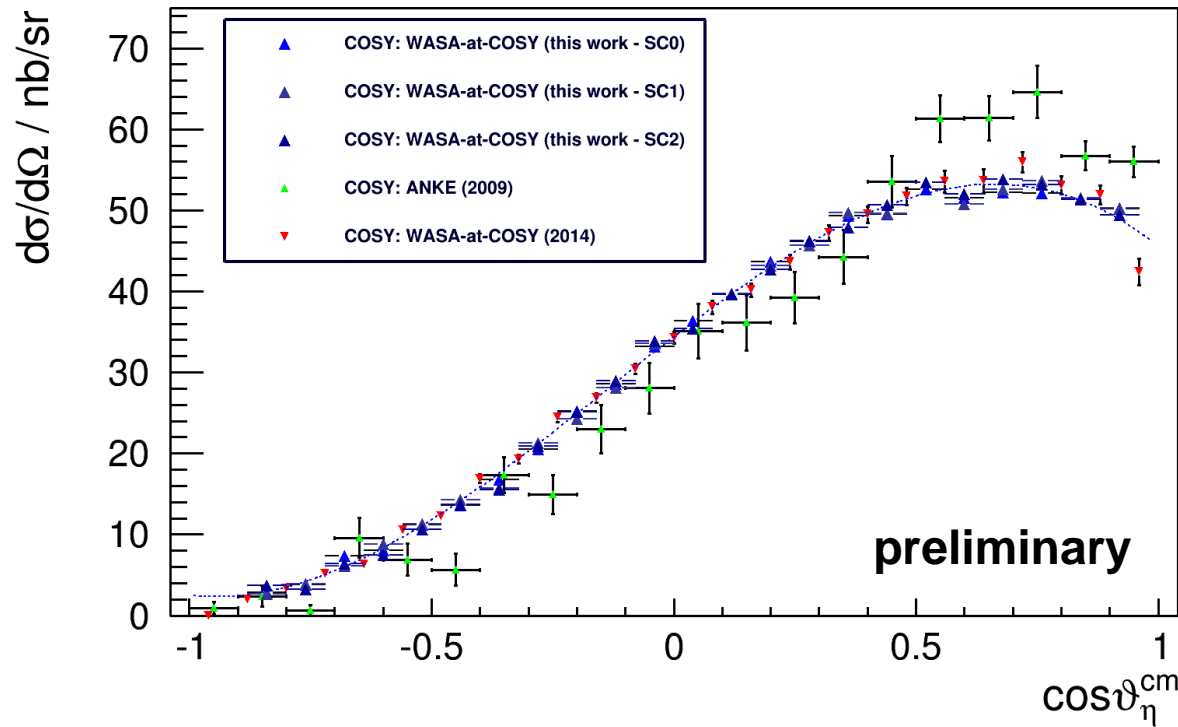
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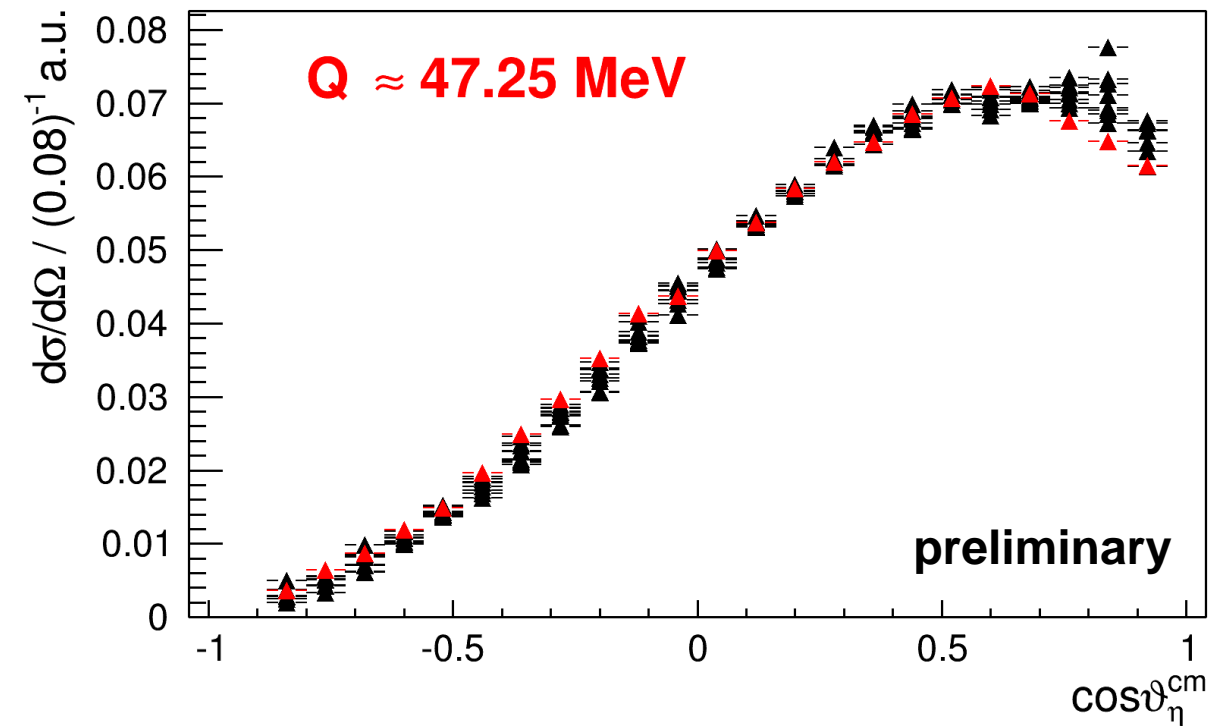
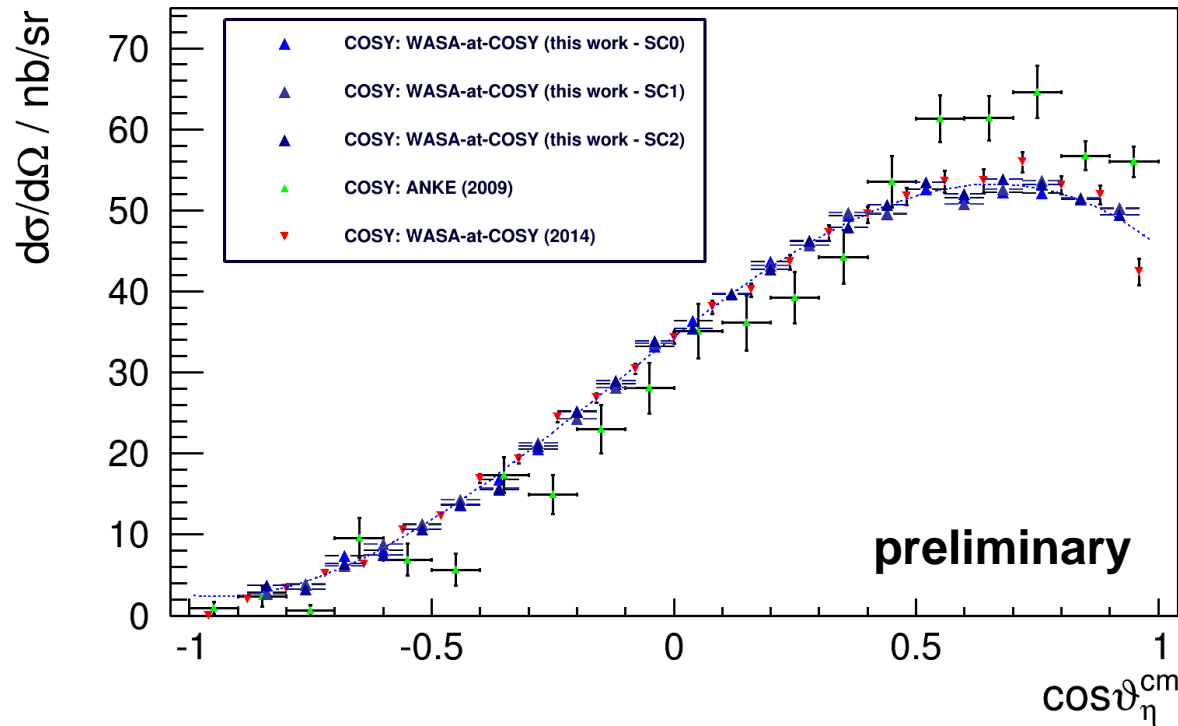
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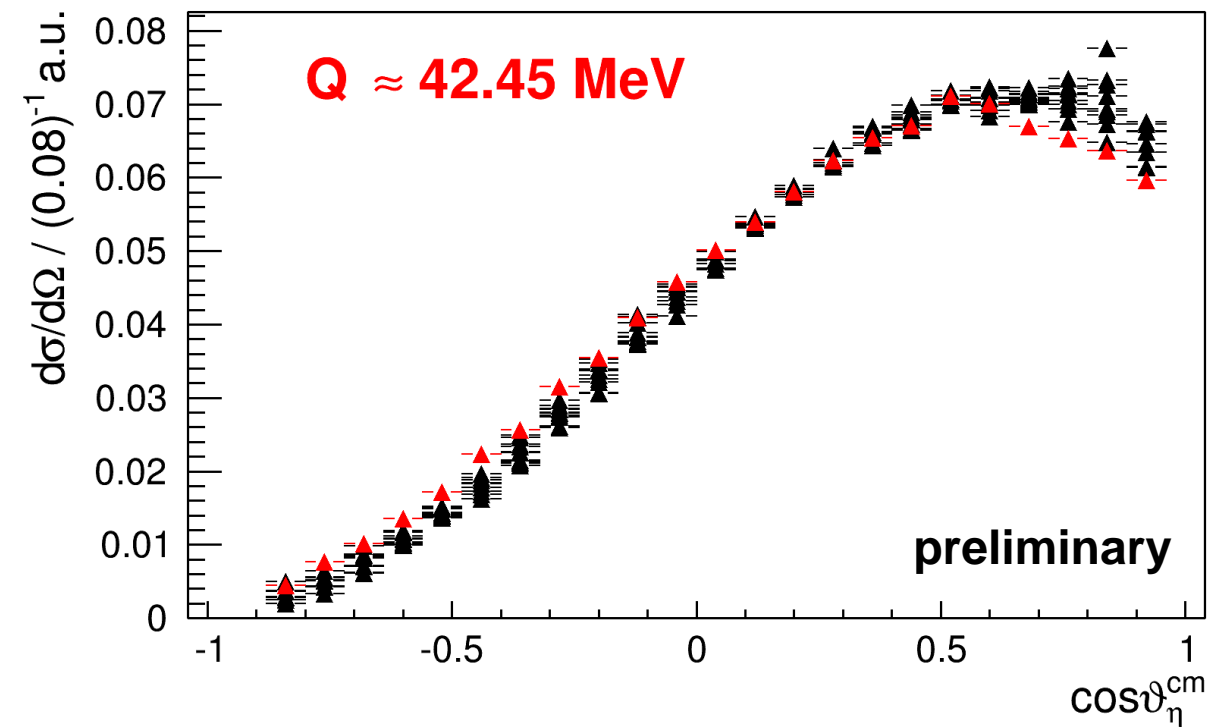
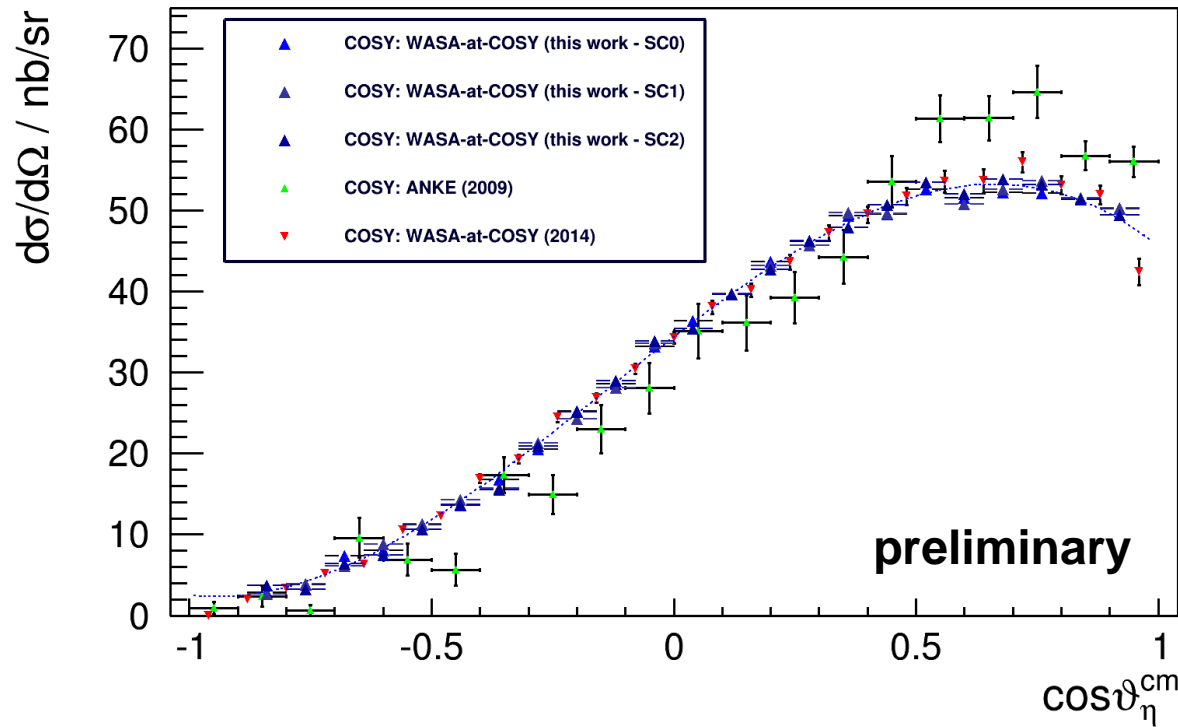
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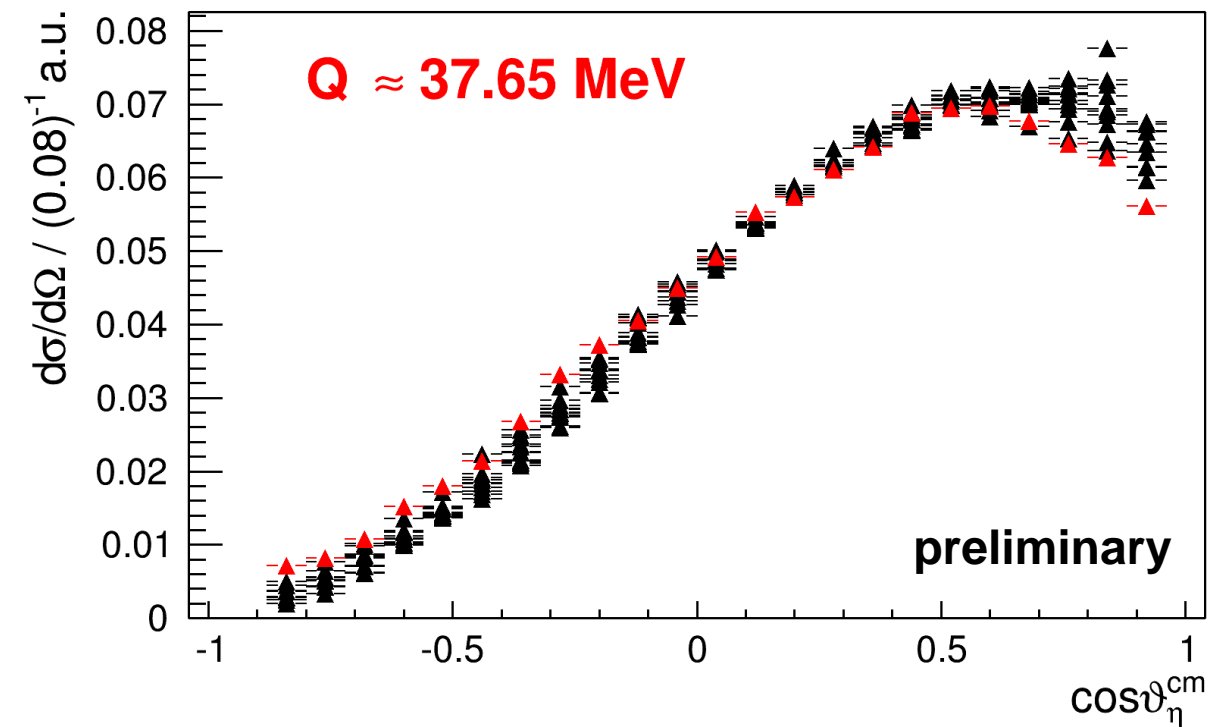
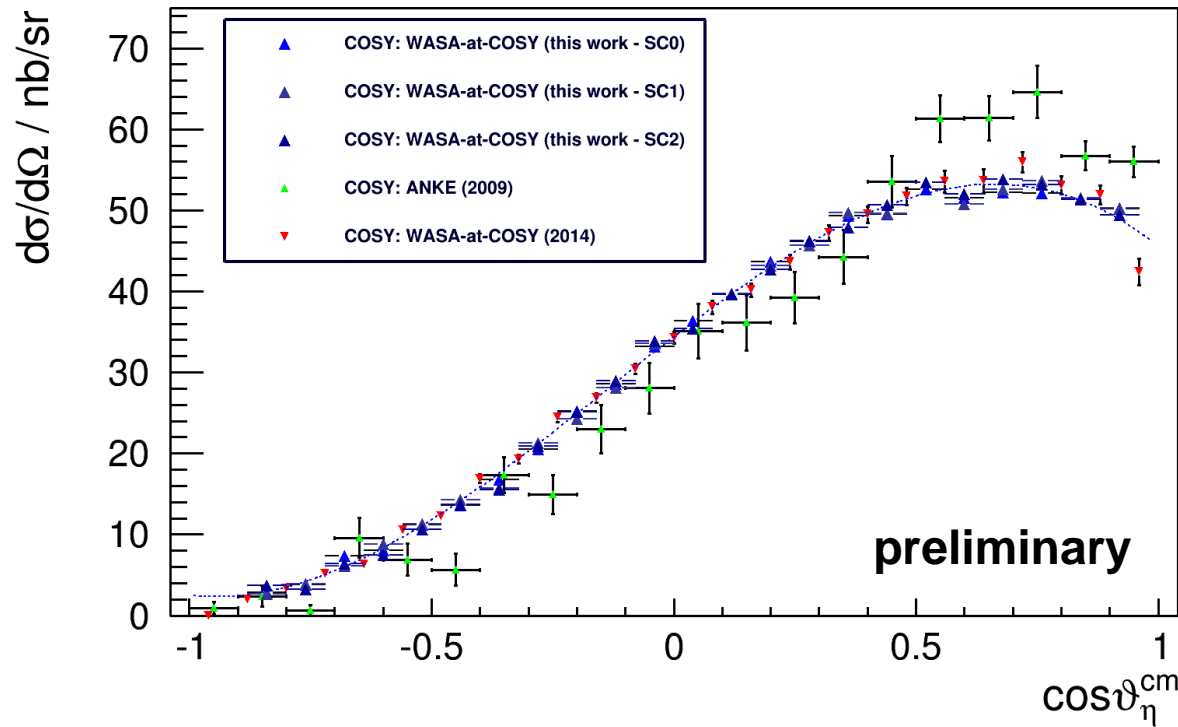
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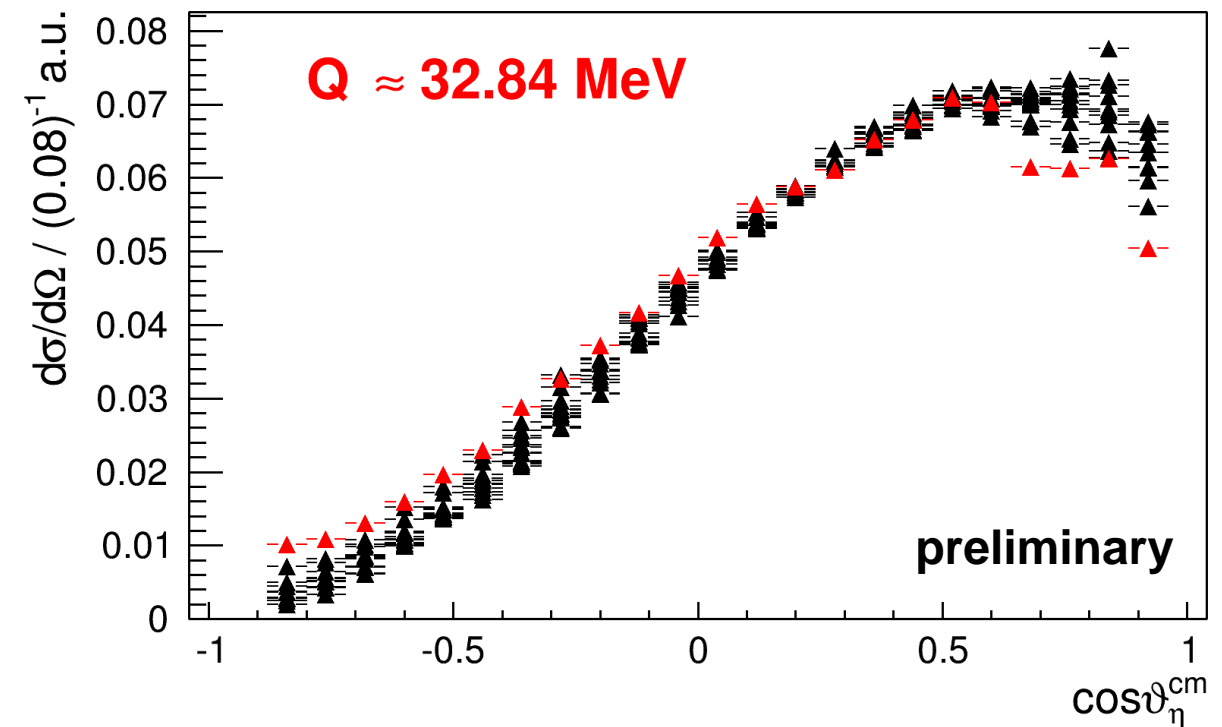
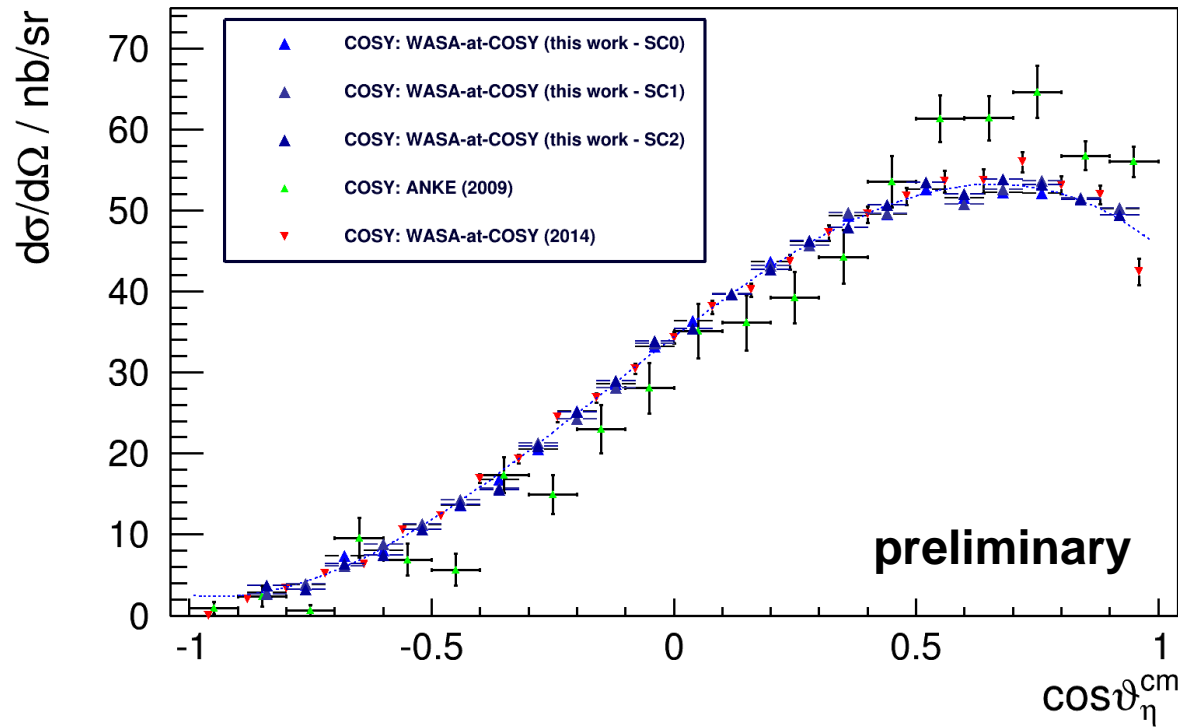
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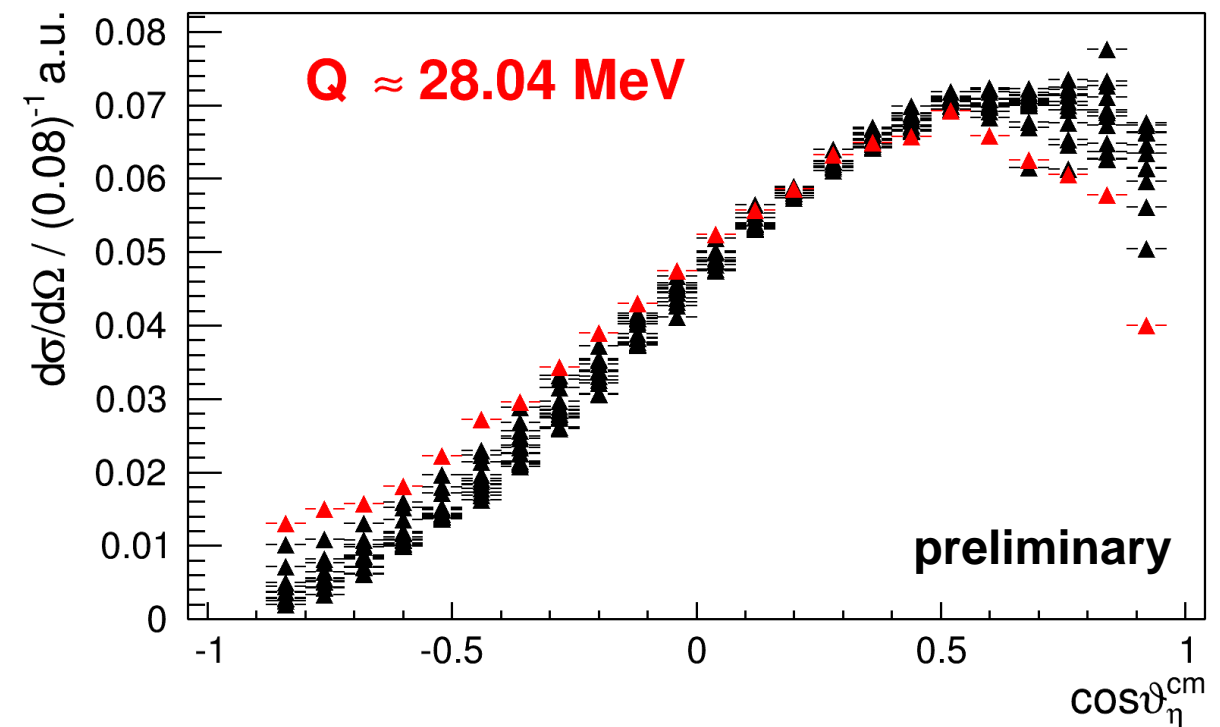
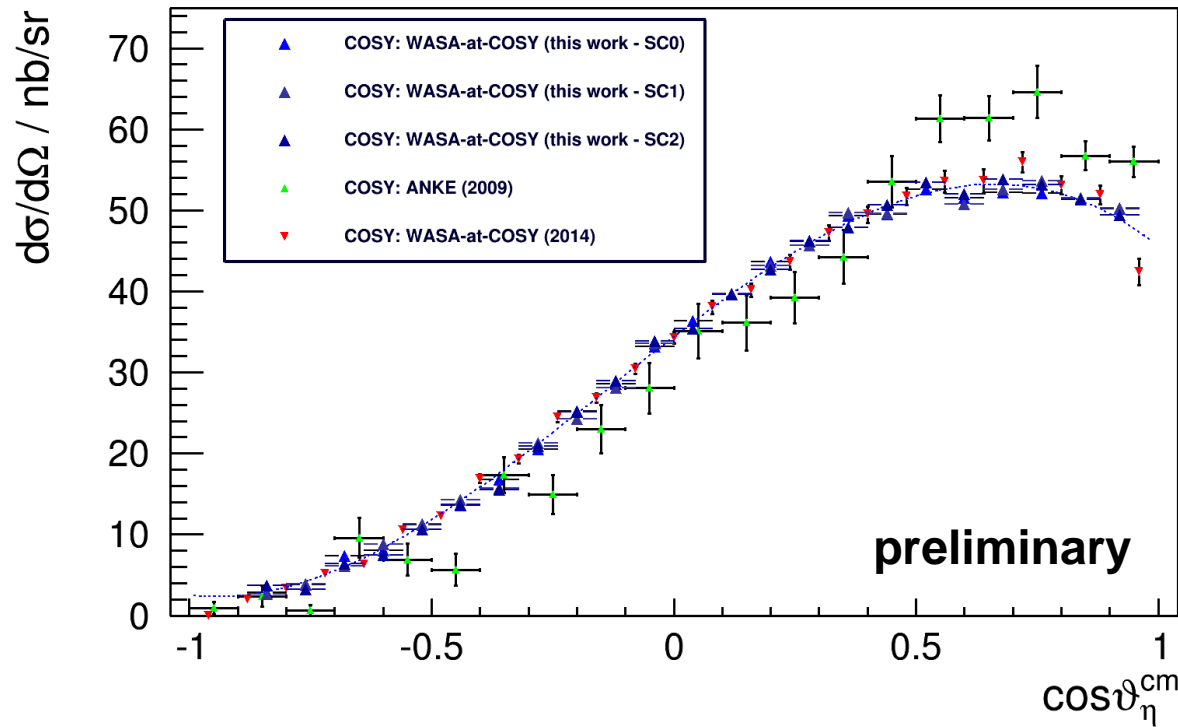
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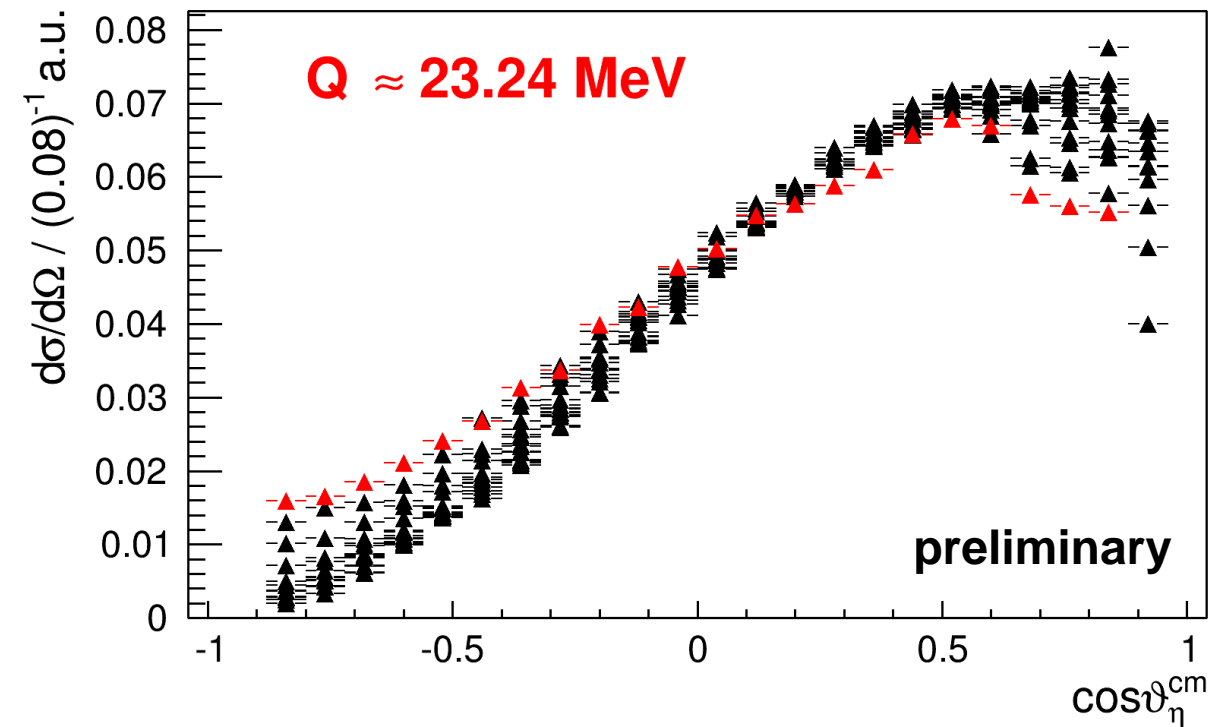
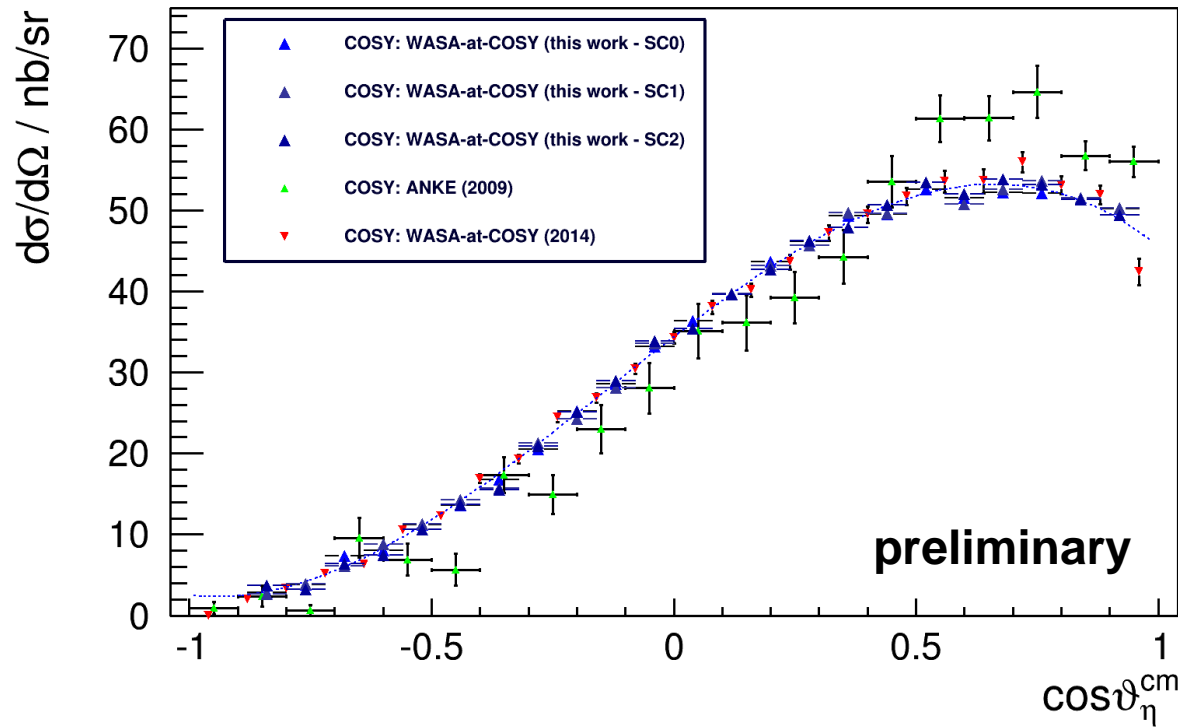
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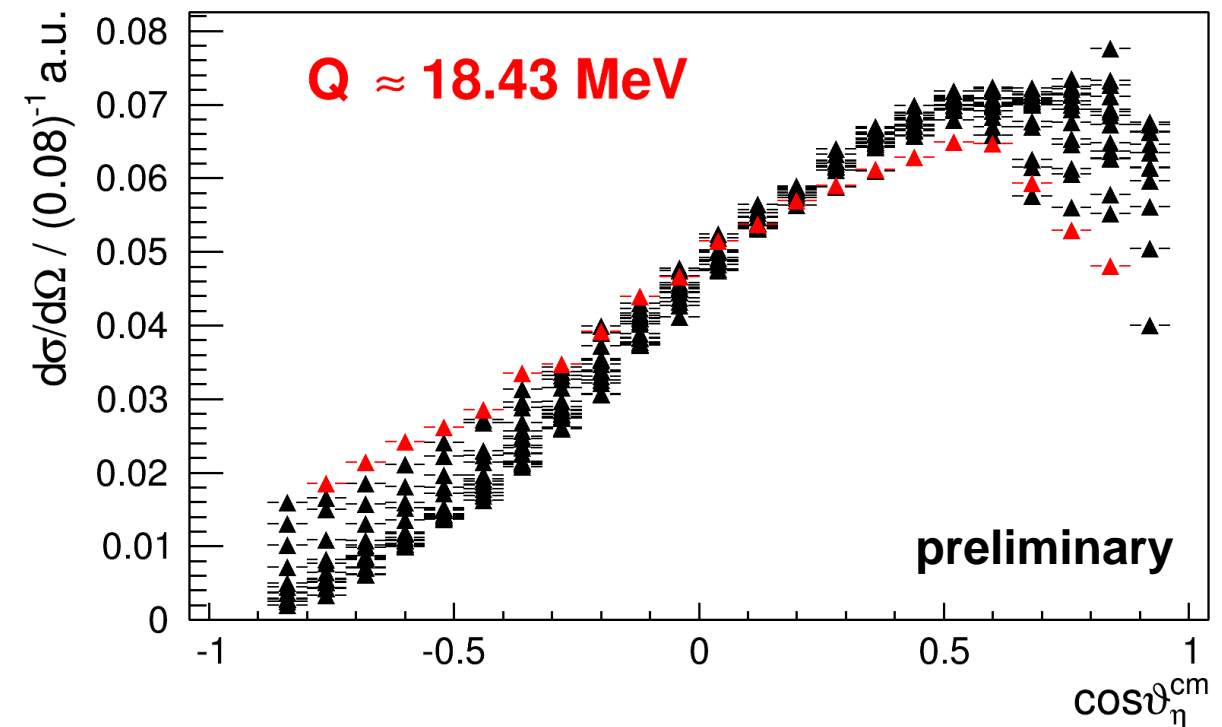
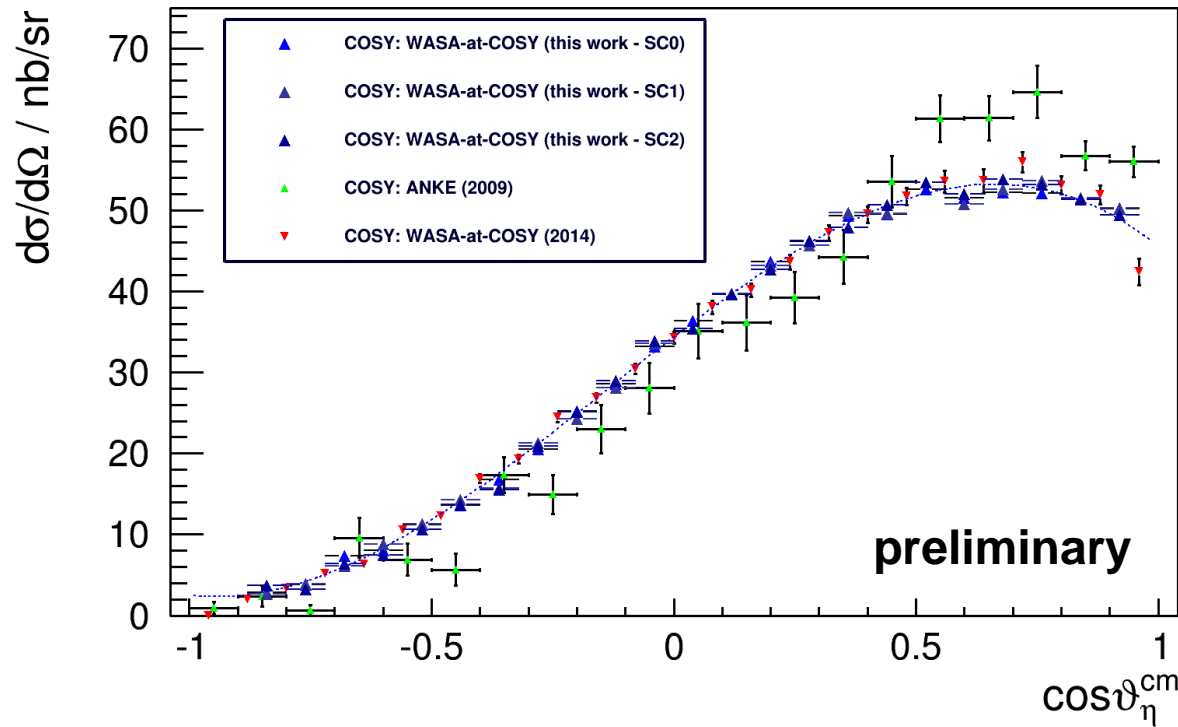
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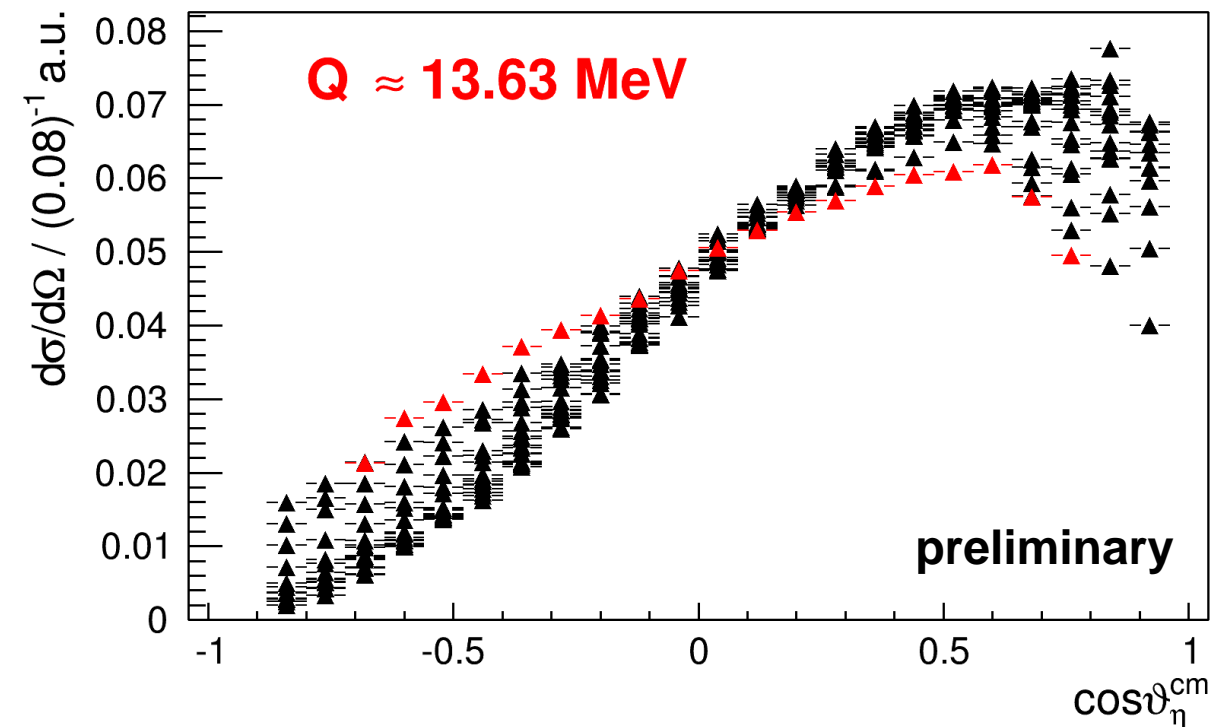
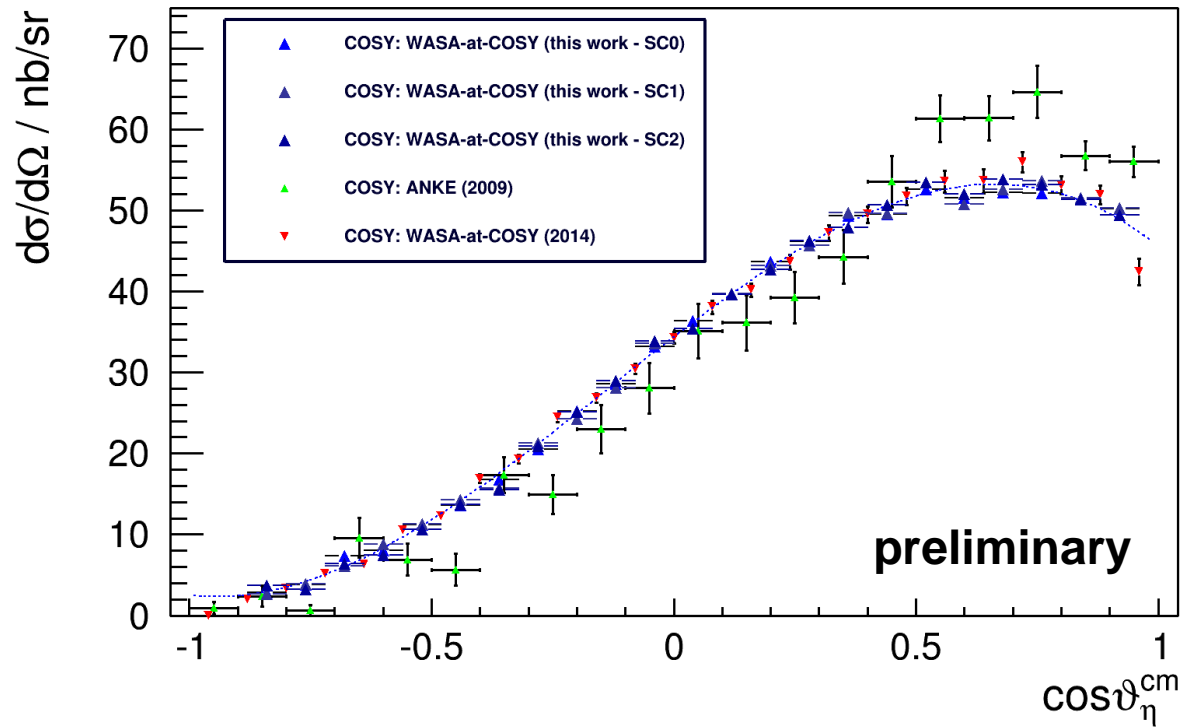
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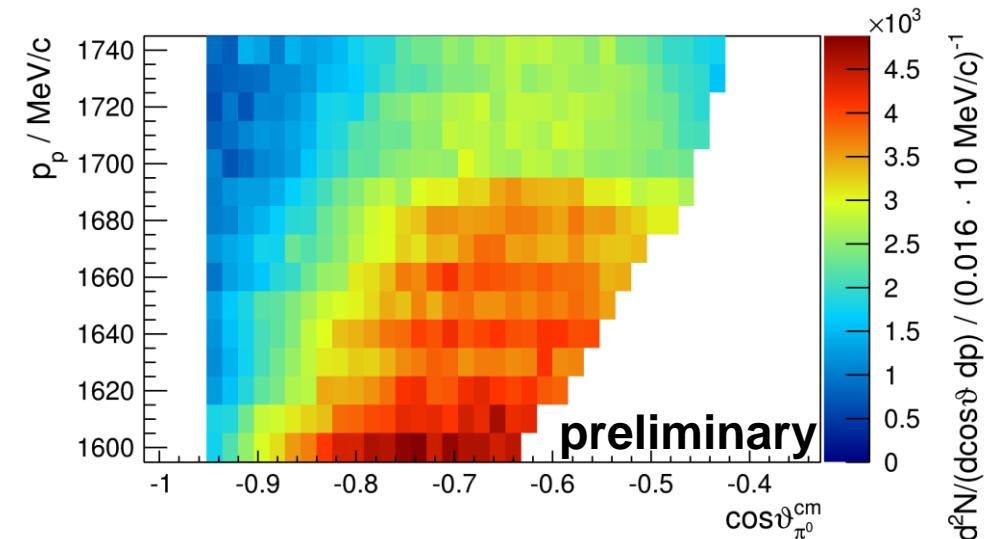
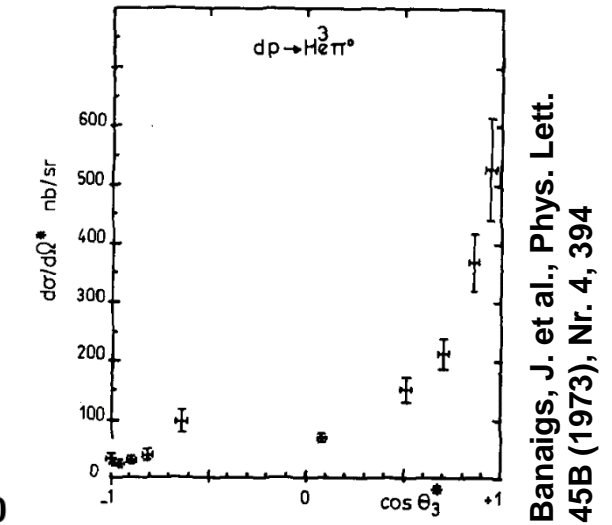
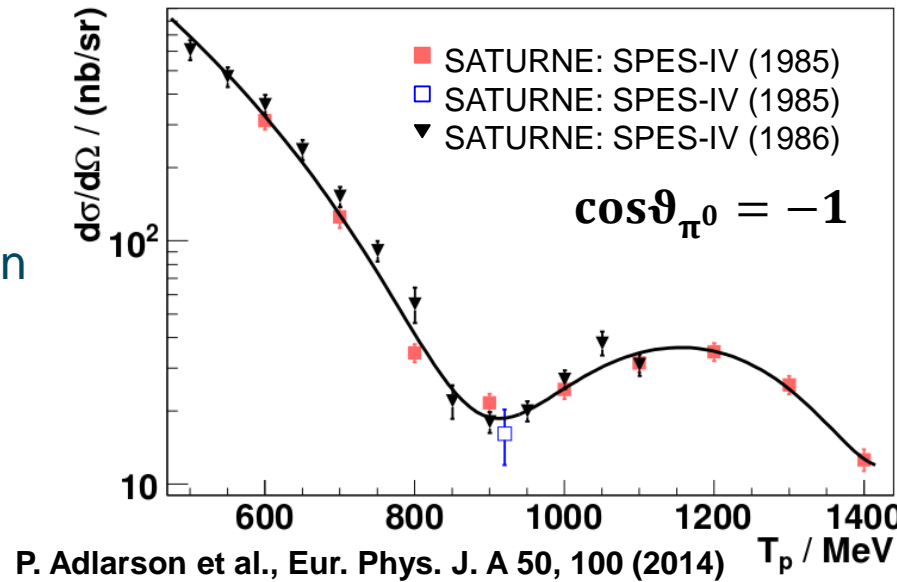
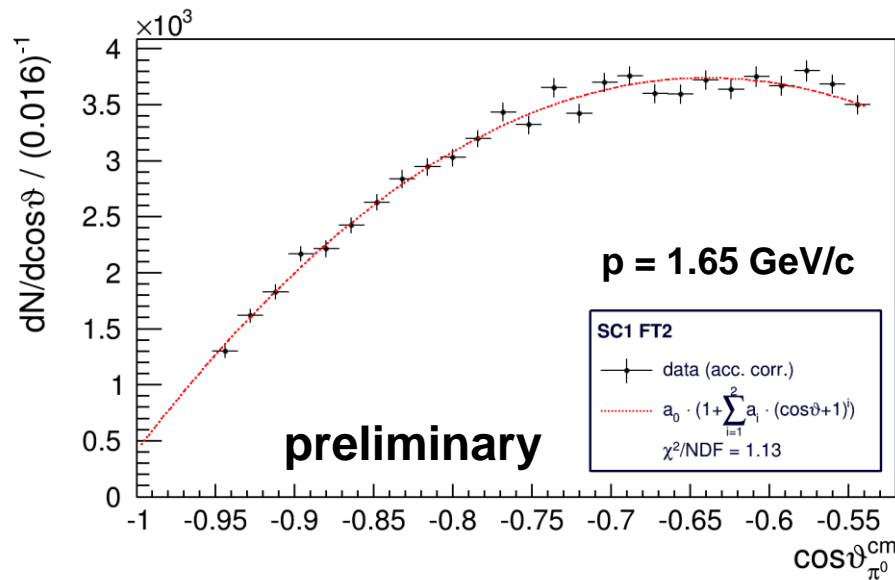
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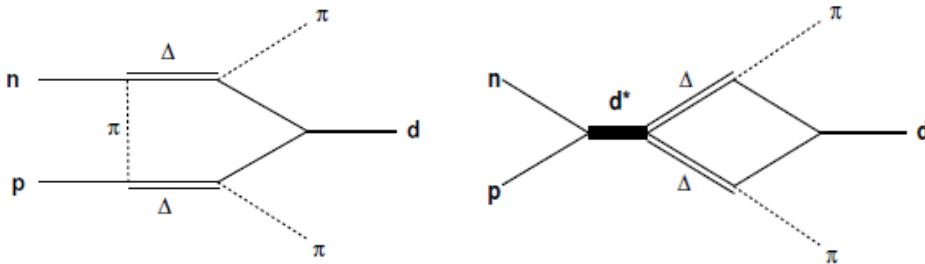


- broad database for $\cos\vartheta_{\pi^0} = \pm 1$
- little information on angular distributions
- regularly used for luminosity determination in $pd \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}X$ reactions
- extracting more information on angular distributions highly useful

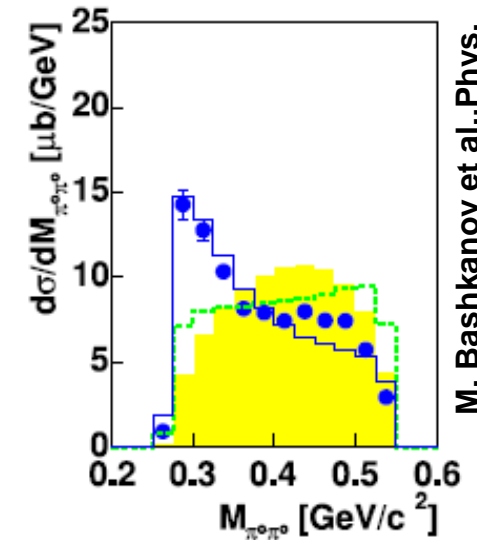
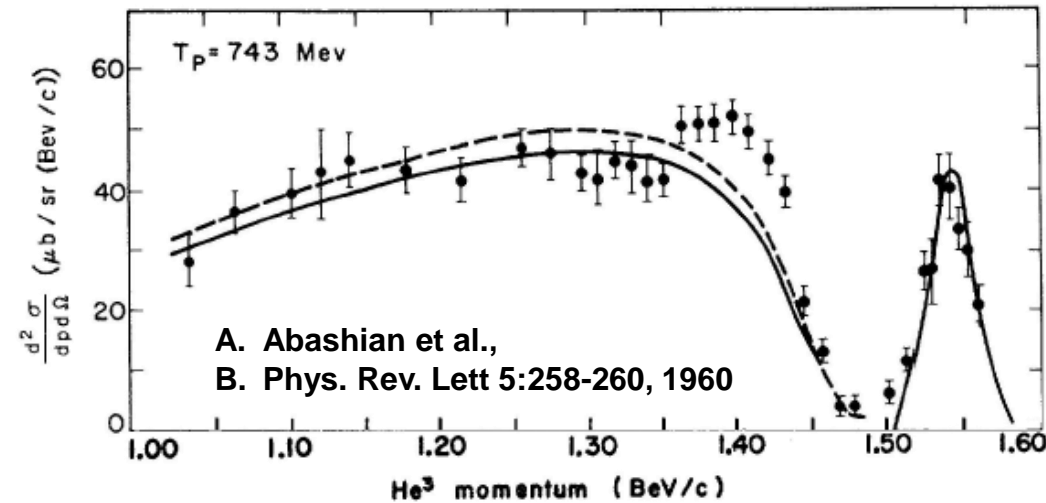


$\pi^0\pi^0$ production

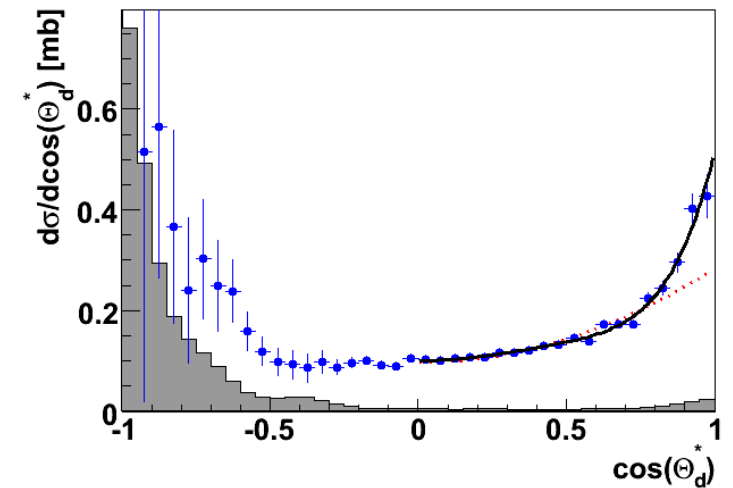
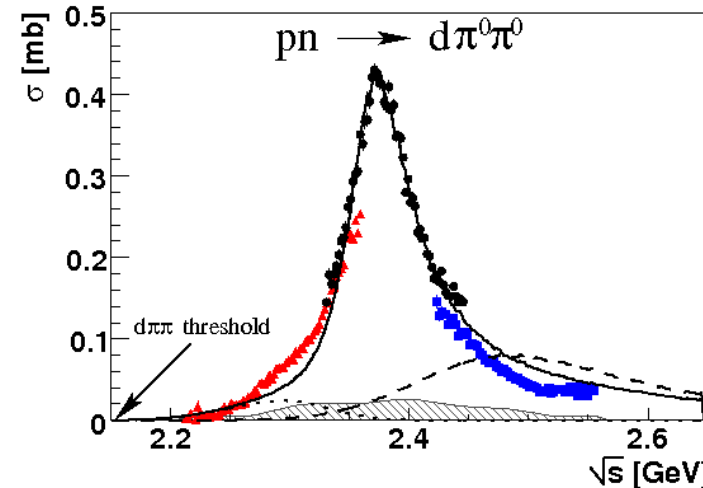
- ABC effect discovered in 1960 by Abashian, Booth & Crowe
- first exclusive measurement only in 2005
- many explanations explored
 - $\pi\pi$ -FSI
 - $\Delta\Delta$ production
 - recently: dibaryon $d^*(2380)$



- connection to ^3He double pionic fusion?

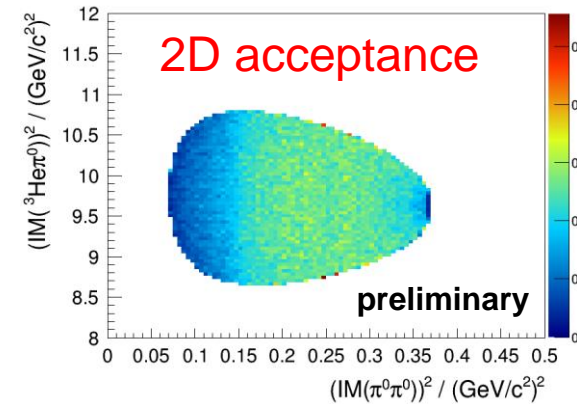
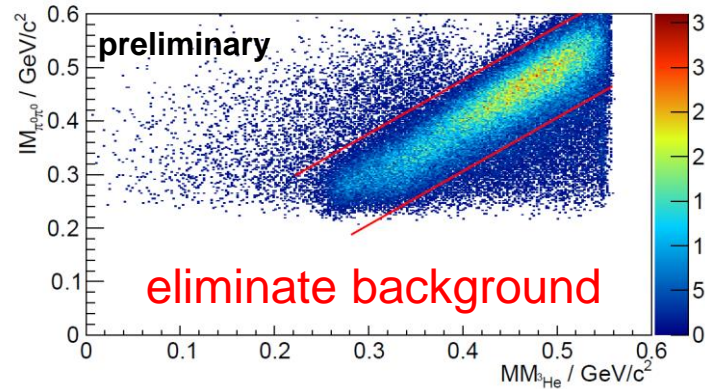
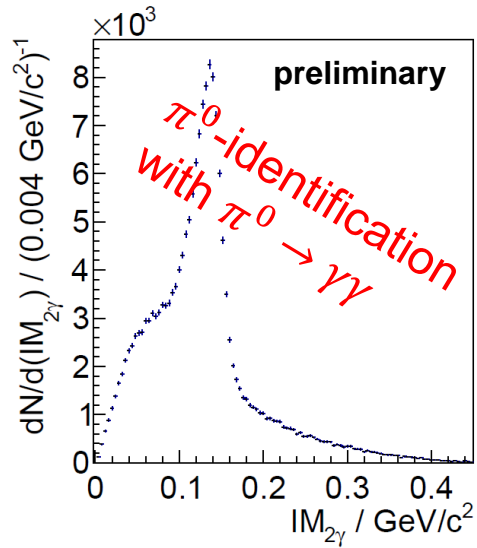


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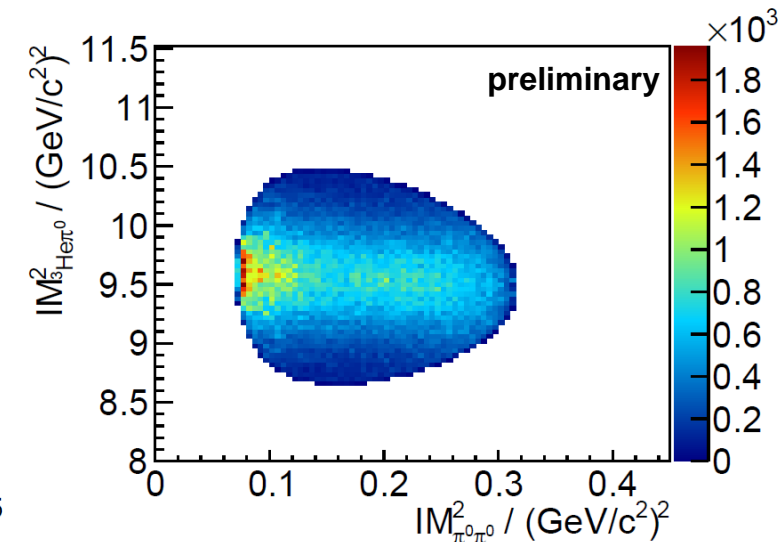
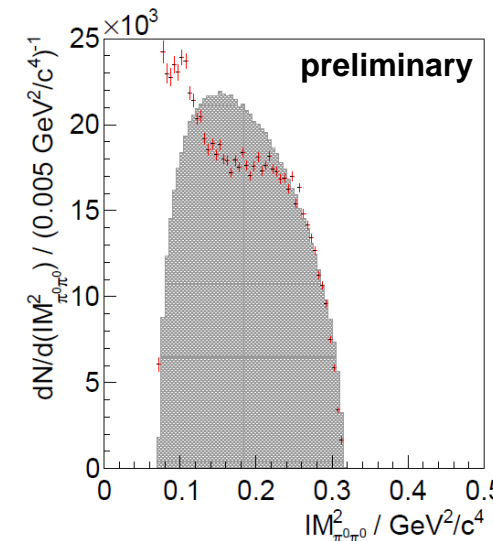
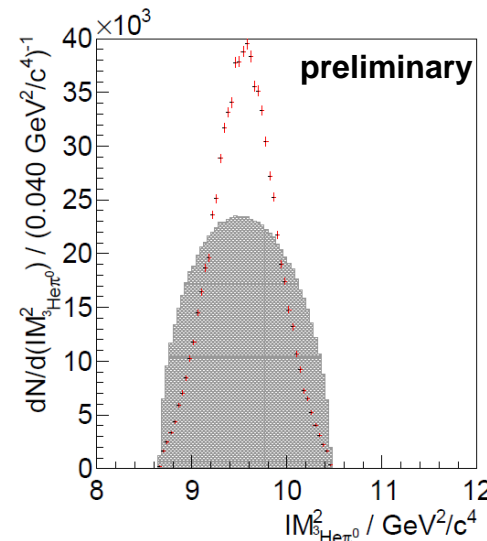


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- π^0 reconstructed in $\gamma\gamma$ decay
- kinematically complete measurement of all final state particles
- kinematic fit can be used
- 2D acceptance correction performed

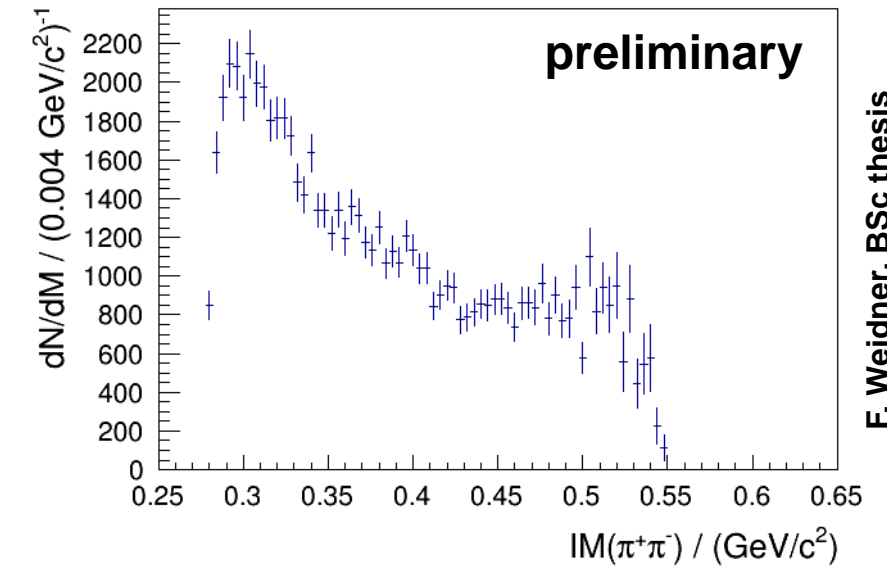


- $IM(\pi^0\pi^0)$ exhibits clearly visible ABC enhancement
- $IM(^3He\pi^0)$ hints at Δ -contributions
- high statistics allow detailed differential distributions

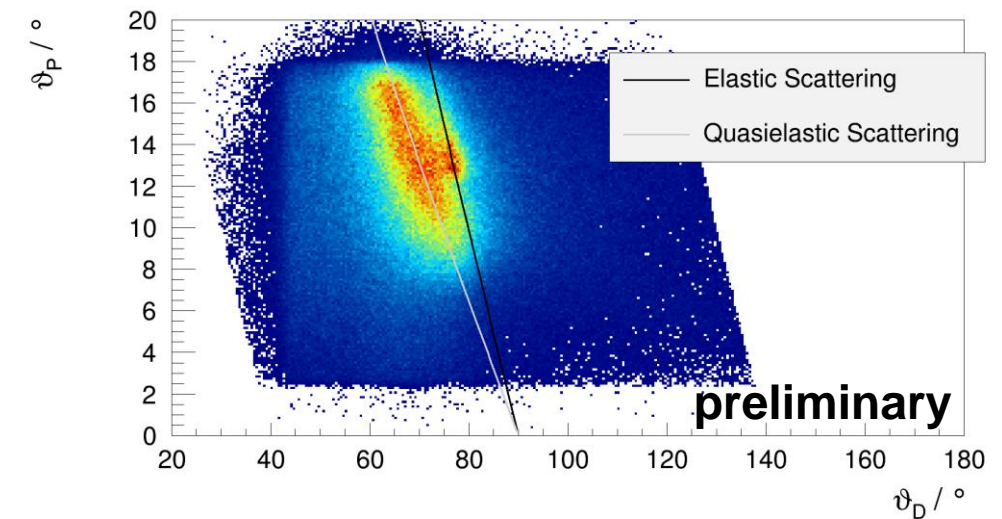


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- new $pd \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}X$ dataset at 15 different p_p between 1.60 GeV/c and 1.74 GeV/c
- no consensus on the η -production mechanism away from threshold
- detailed investigation of ϑ and Q dependency will provide new insight
- considerable extension of the current ${}^3\text{He}\pi^0$ database
- ${}^3\text{He}\pi^0\pi^0$ can be studied in unprecedented detail
- ${}^3\text{He}\pi^+\pi^-$ currently under investigation
- (relative) normalization using pd elastic scattering



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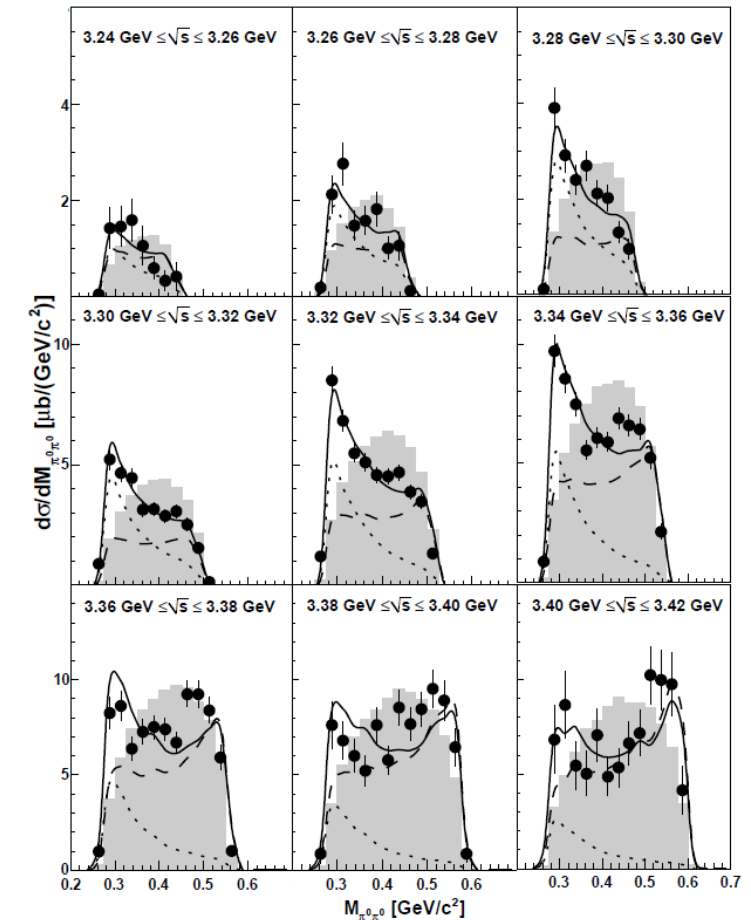
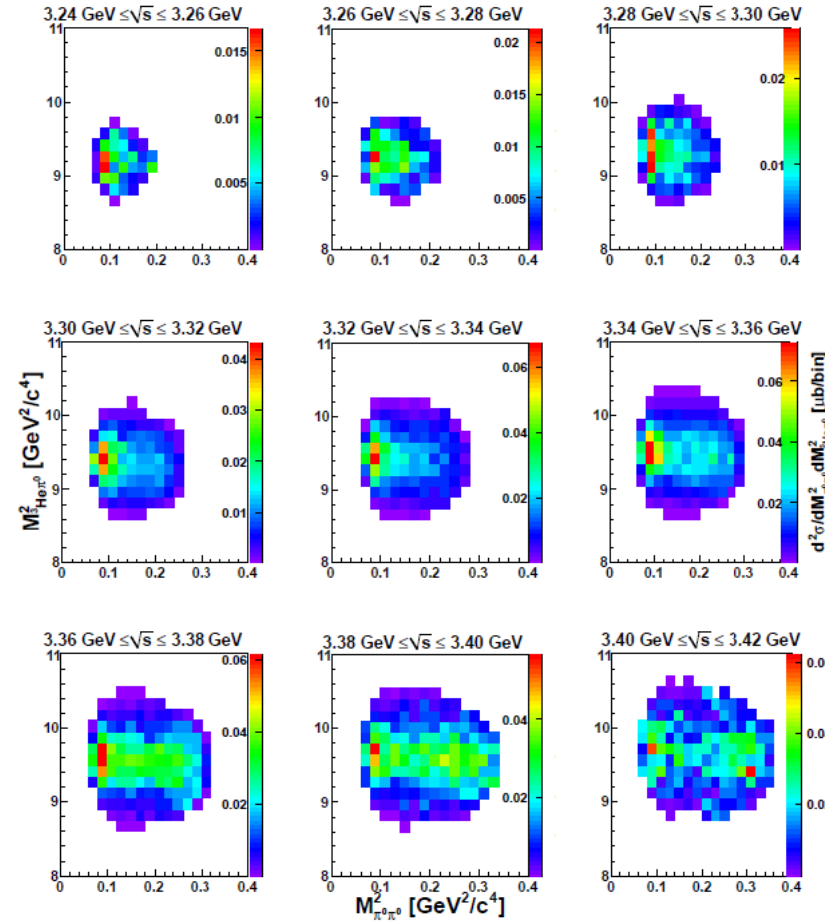
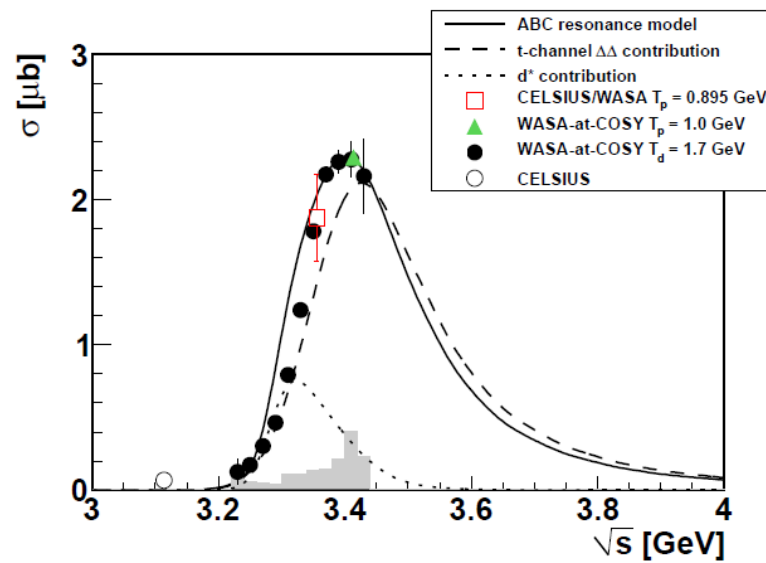
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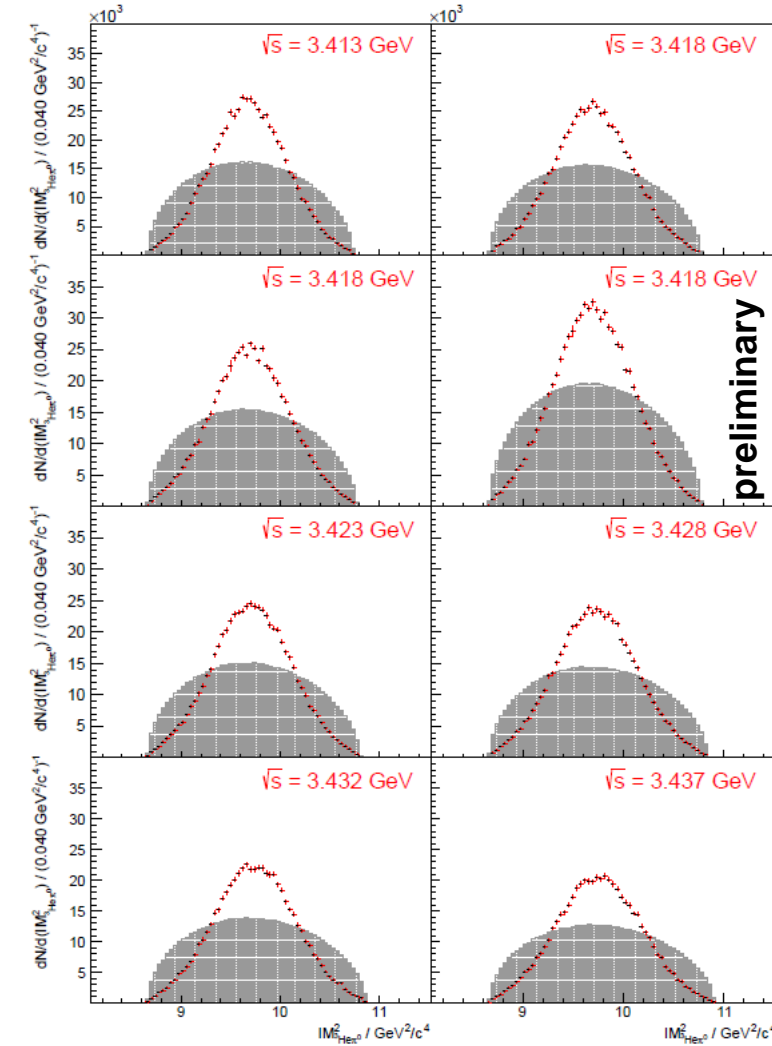
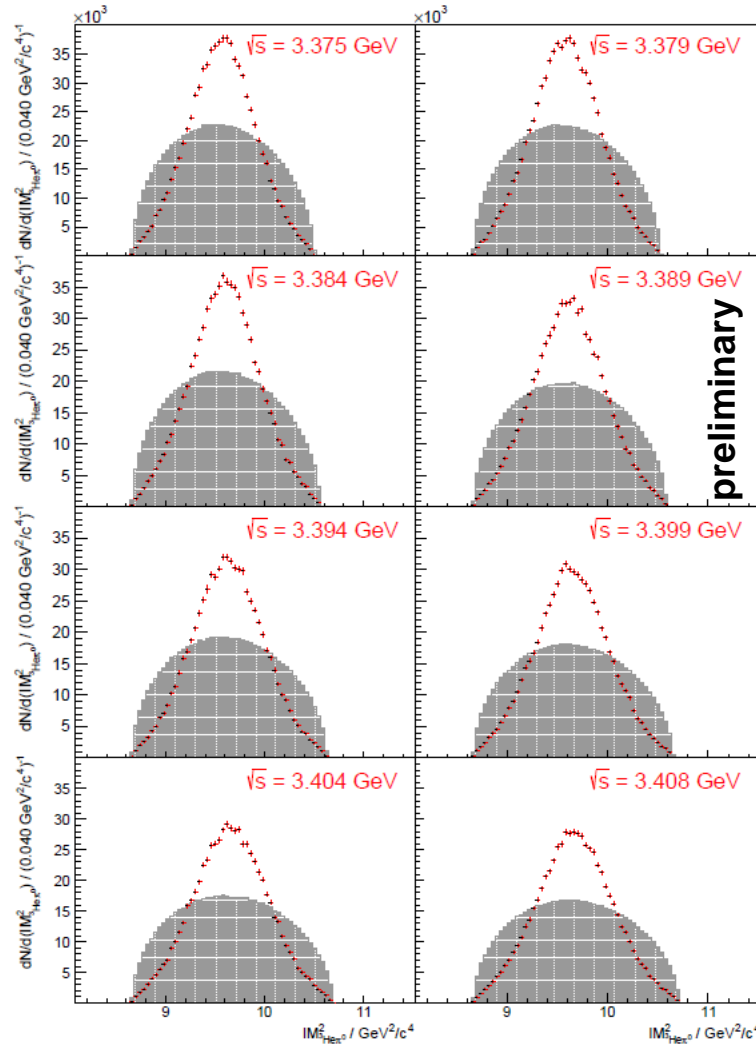
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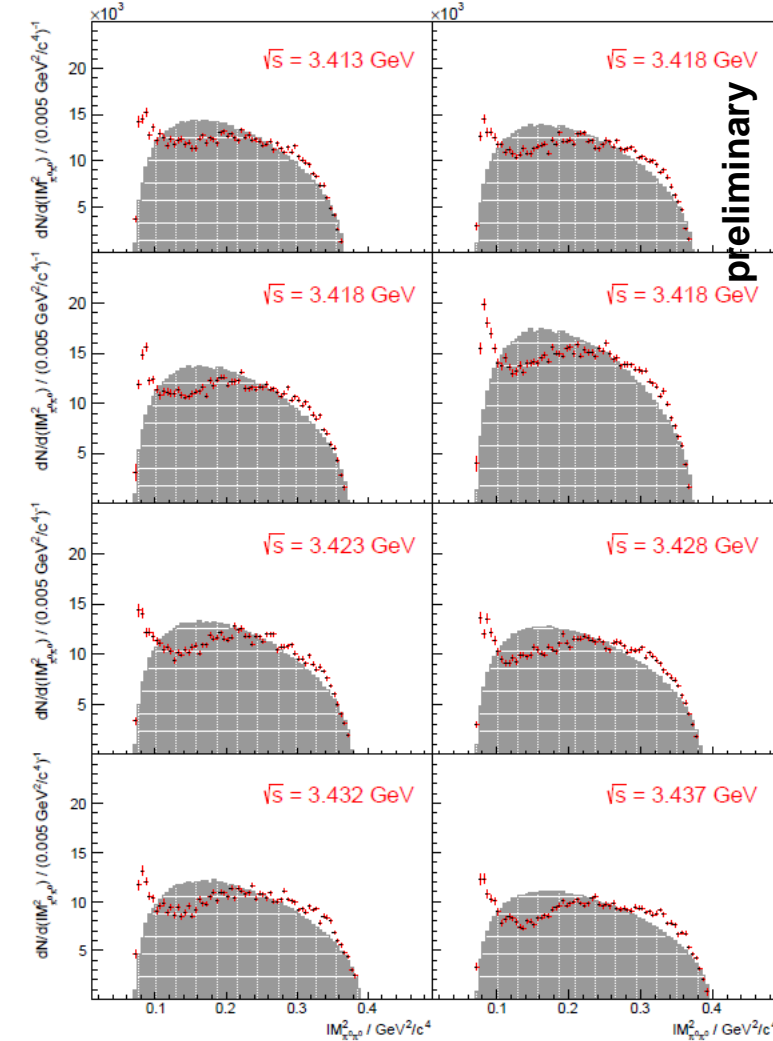
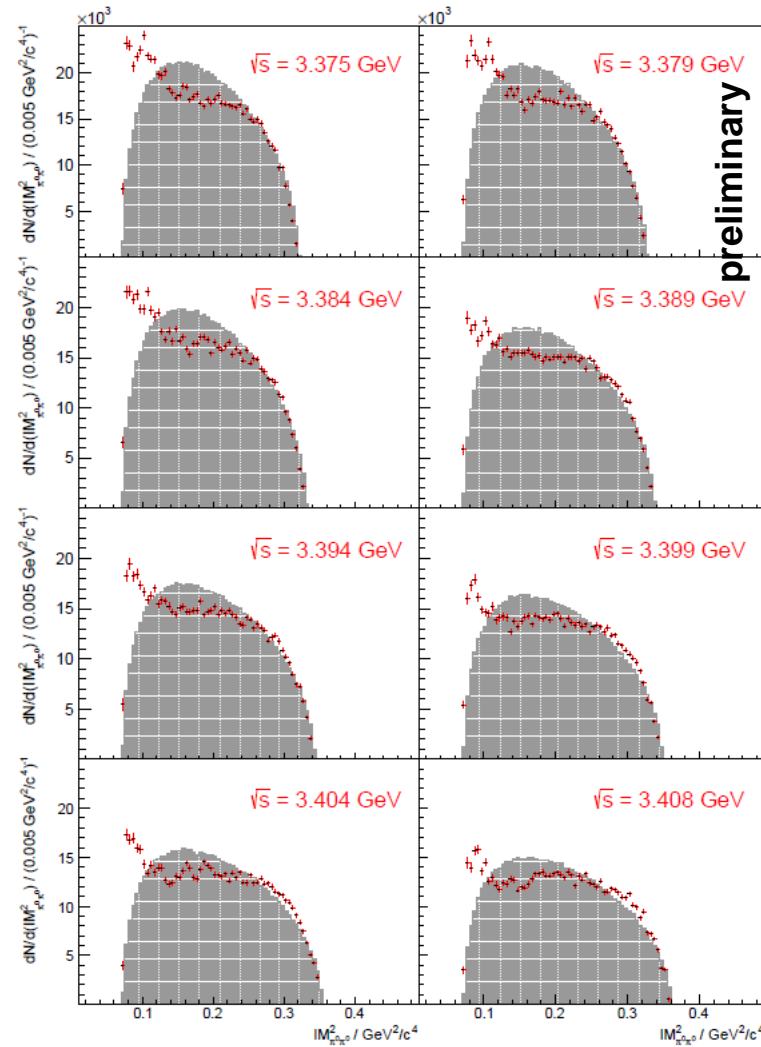
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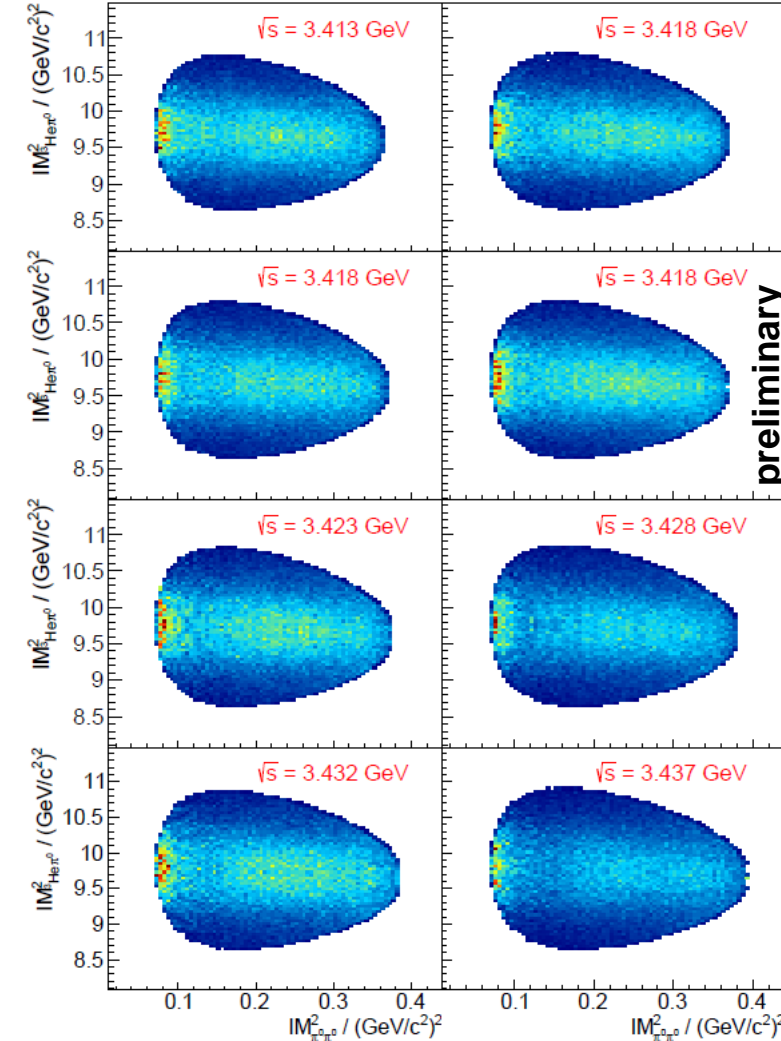
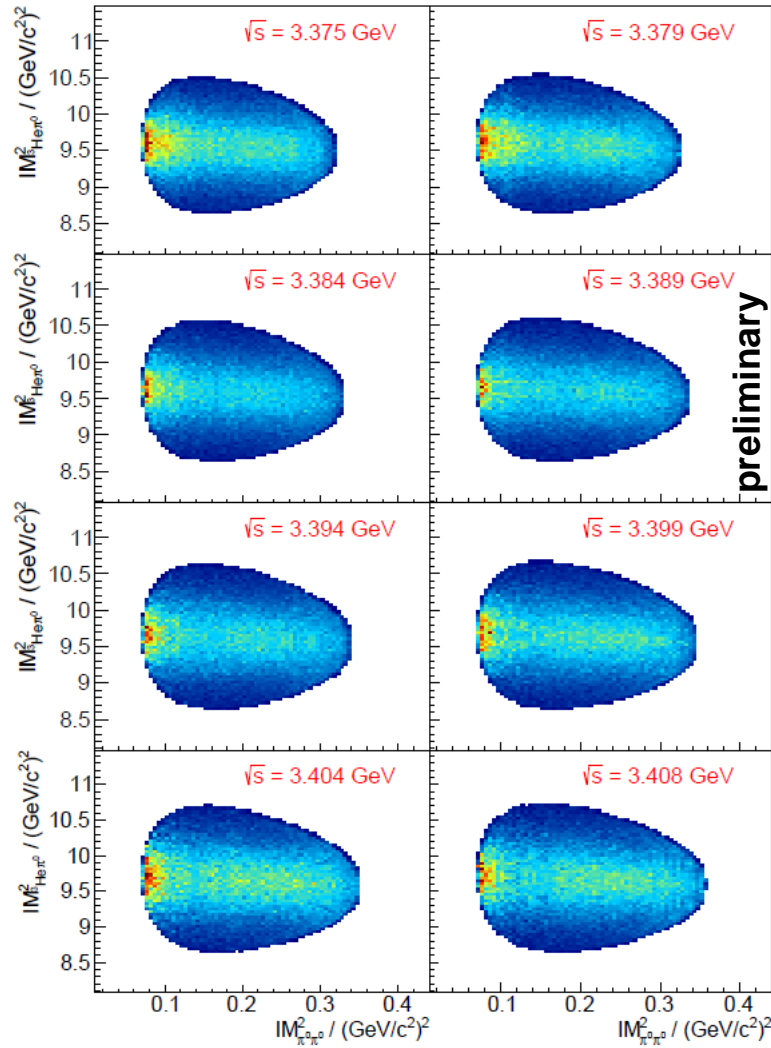
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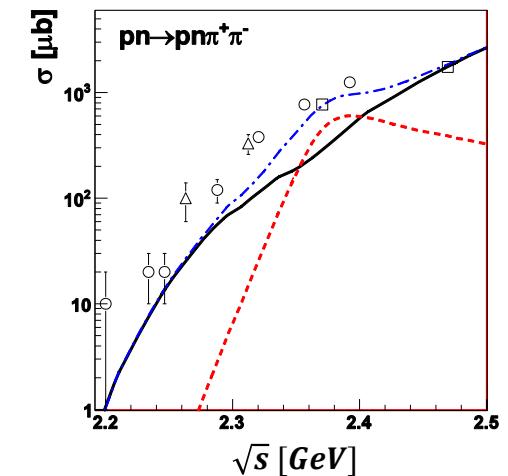
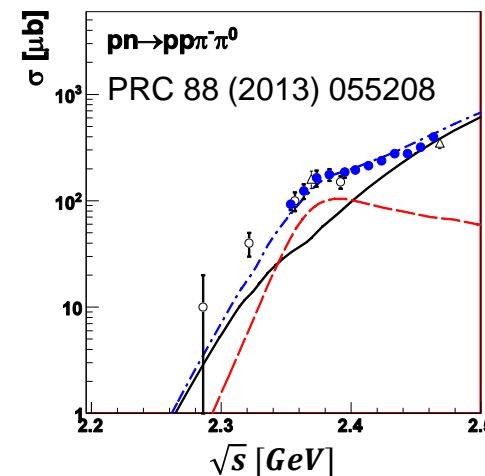
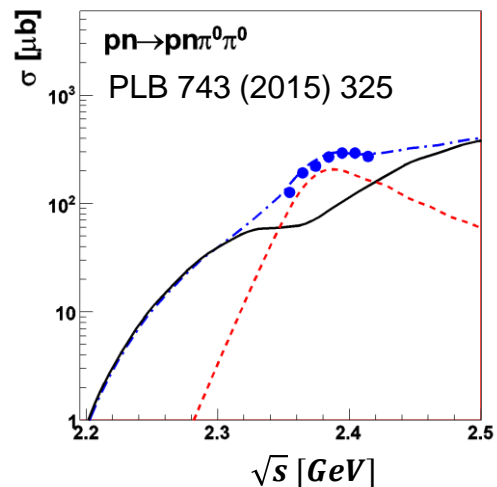
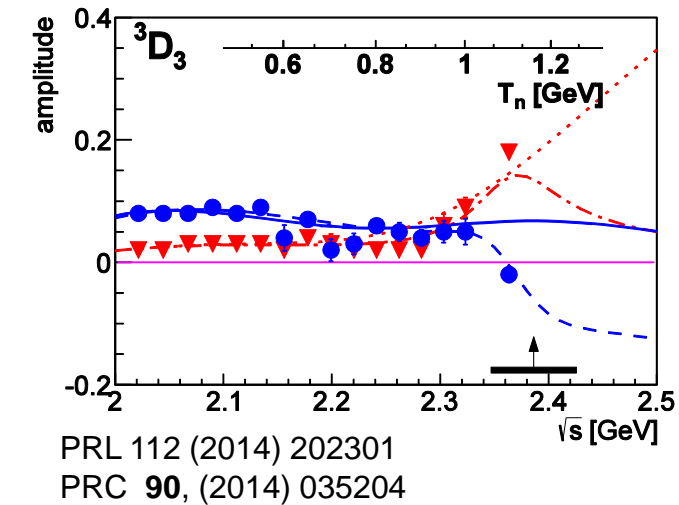
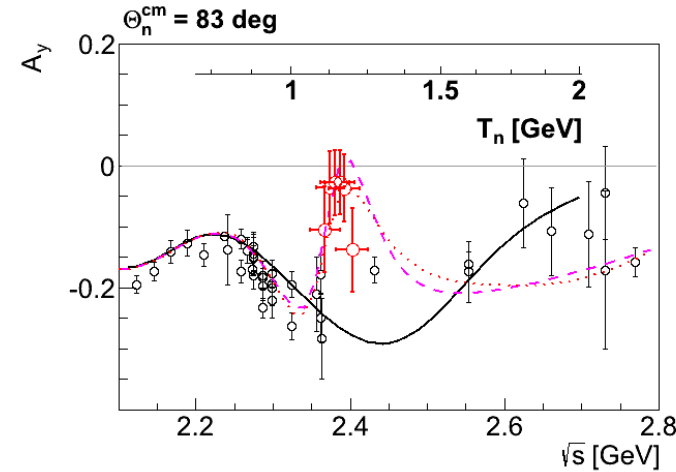
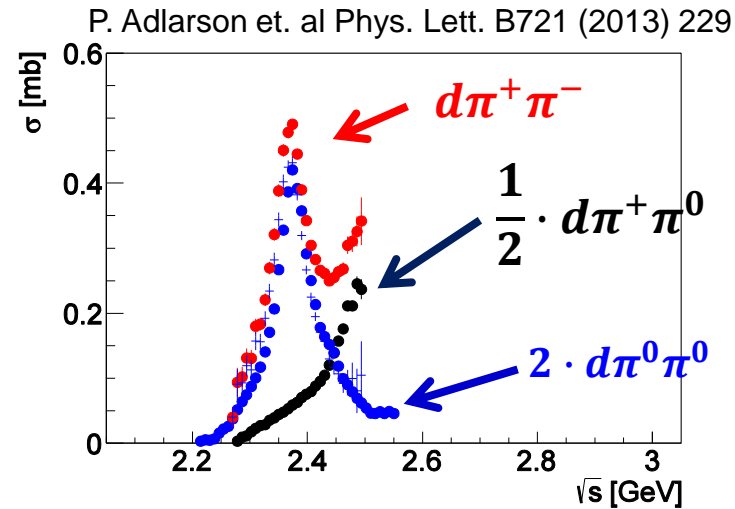
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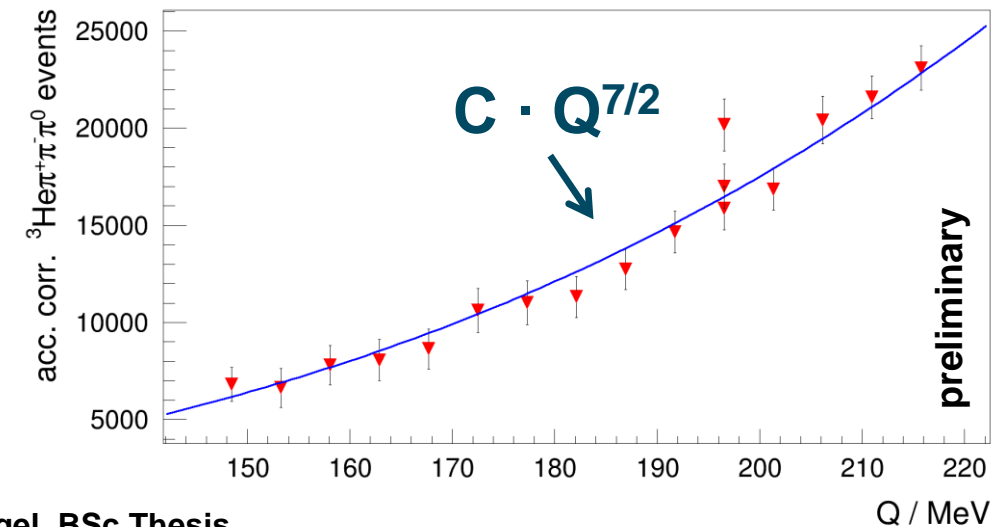
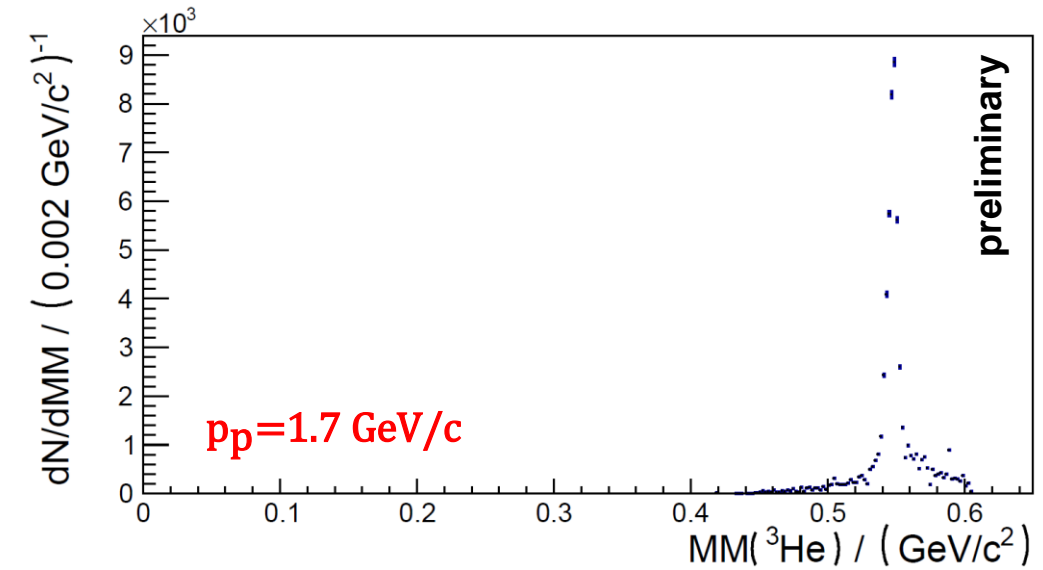
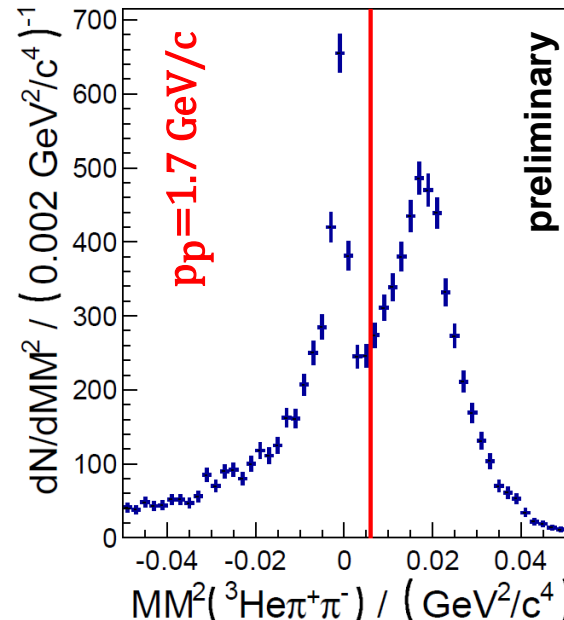
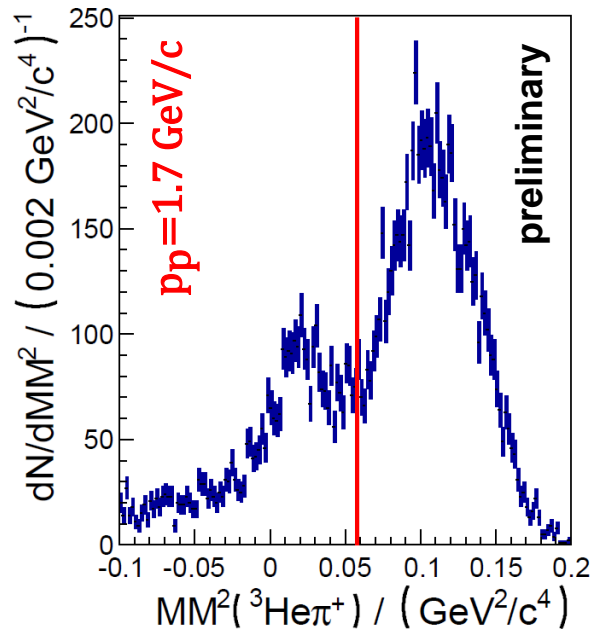
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- subsequently, the dibaryon was confirmed in other channels

$$pn \rightarrow d^* \rightarrow pn$$



- $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ production can also be studied
- nearly clean sample after cuts on $MM(^3\text{He}\pi)$ and $MM(^3\text{He}\pi\pi)$
- clear η signal, on top of direct $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ production



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pd elastic scattering

- identified by scattering angle measurement
- signal/background separation using the difference to expected relation
- broad database of t-dependent cross sections available
- will allow for a normalization with a point-to-point uncertainty of $\approx 10\%$

