

Three-nucleon continuum reactions with chiral forces

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Theoretical description of 3N continuum (elastic nucleon-deuteron scattering and the deuteron breakup reaction) requires solution of the following Faddeev-type equation for $T|\phi_d\rangle$ state:

$$T|\phi_d\rangle = tP|\phi_d\rangle + (1 + tG_0)V_4^{(1)}(1 + P)|\phi_d\rangle \\ + tPG_0T|\phi_d\rangle + (1 + tG_0)V_4^{(1)}(1 + P)G_0T|\phi_d\rangle,$$

where $|\phi_d\rangle \equiv |\varphi_d\rangle|\vec{q}_0\rangle$ is composed of the deuteron internal wave function and the state of the relative nucleon-deuteron motion.

The transition amplitude for elastic scattering is given by:

$$\langle\phi_d'|U|\phi_d\rangle = \langle\phi_d'|PG_0^{-1}|\phi_d\rangle + \langle\phi_d'|V_4^{(1)}(1 + P)|\phi_d\rangle \\ + \langle\phi_d'|PT|\phi_d\rangle + \langle\phi_d'|V_4^{(1)}(1 + P)G_0T|\phi_d\rangle$$

for breakup :

$$\langle\phi_0|U_0|\phi_d\rangle = \langle\phi_0|(1 + P)T|\phi_d\rangle$$

Resolution of Discrepancy Between Backward Angle Cross-Section Data for Neutron-Deuteron Elastic Scattering

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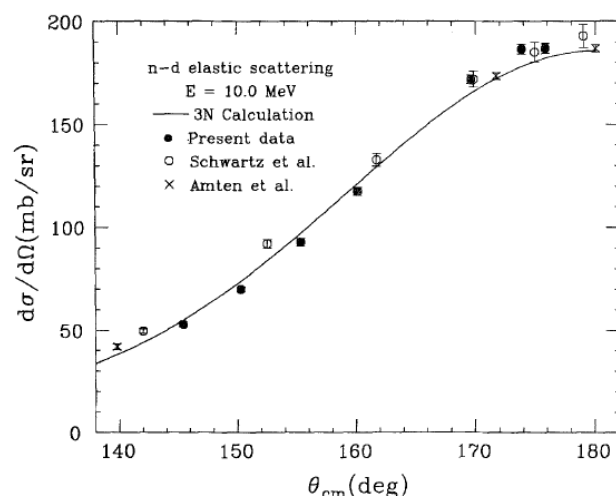


Fig. 13. Backward-angle $d\sigma(\theta)/d\Omega$ for n - d elastic scattering at 10 MeV. The data and curve are the same as in Fig. 2 with the addition of the present data

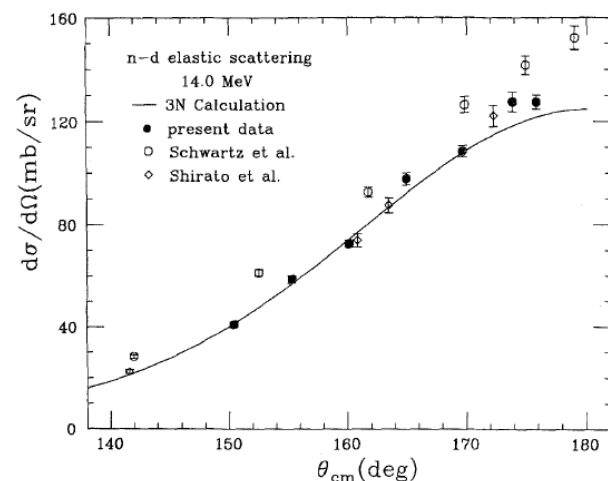


Fig. 14. Backward-angle $d\sigma(\theta)/d\Omega$ for n - d elastic scattering at 14 MeV. The data and curve are the same as in Fig. 3 with the addition of the present data and the exclusion of the data of Brüllmann et al. [13], which do not extend to backward angles

The three-nucleon continuum: achievements, challenges and applications

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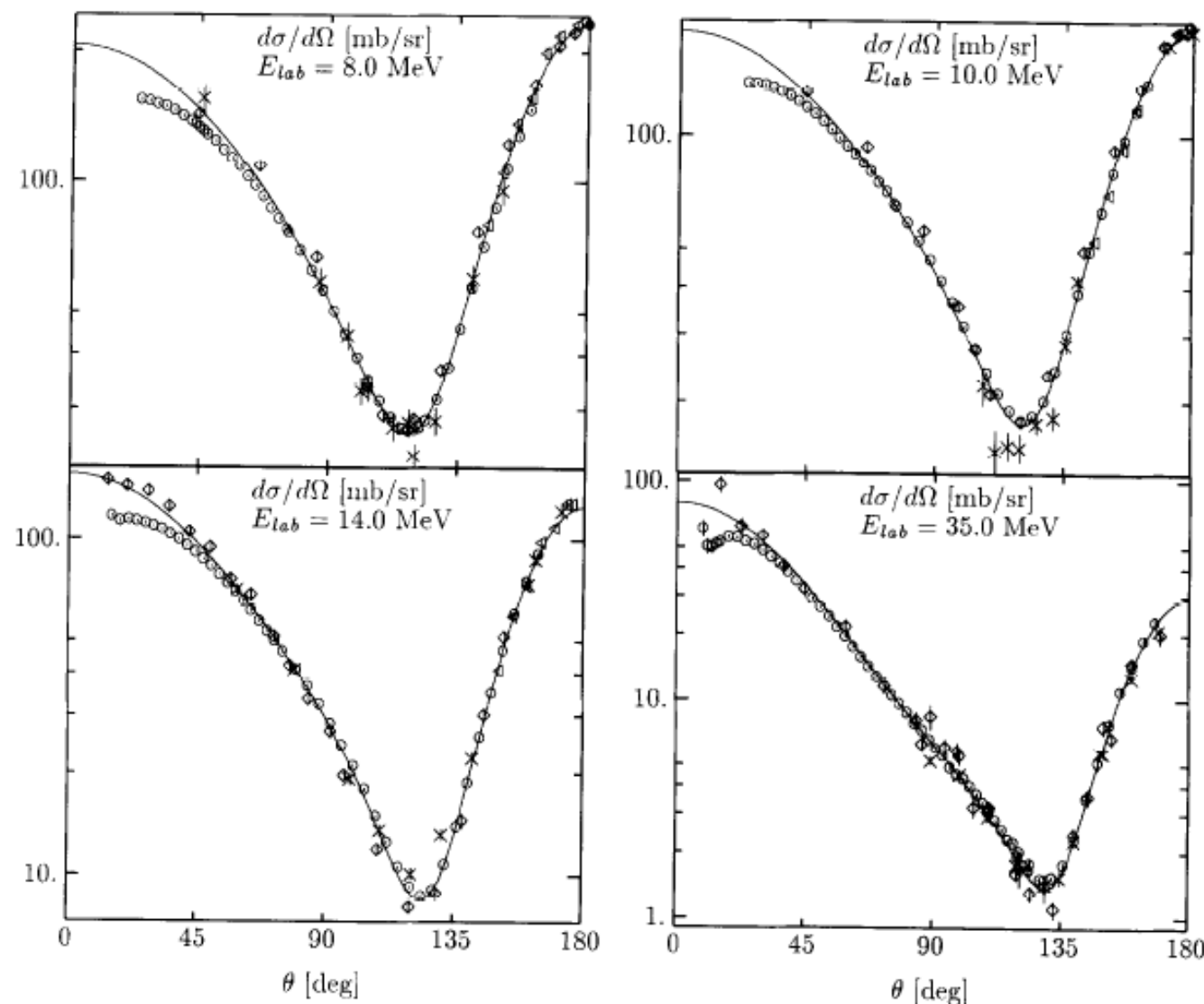


Fig. 7. Angular distributions for elastic Nd scattering. Comparison of pd and nd data. 8 MeV: nd data (\diamond) [431], (\bullet) [252], (\times) [436], (\triangleleft) [234]; pd data (\circ) [416]. 10 MeV: nd data (\diamond) (10.3 MeV) [431], (\times) [24], (\triangleleft) [234]; pd data (\circ) [416]. 14 MeV: nd data (\times) [440], (\triangleleft) [234], (\diamond) [47]; pd data (\circ) [416]. 35 MeV: nd data (\times) [62], (\diamond) (36 MeV) [411]; pd data (\circ) [71]. The solid curve is the AV18 NN force prediction for 8, 10 and 14 MeV and the Nijm I NN force prediction for 35 MeV.

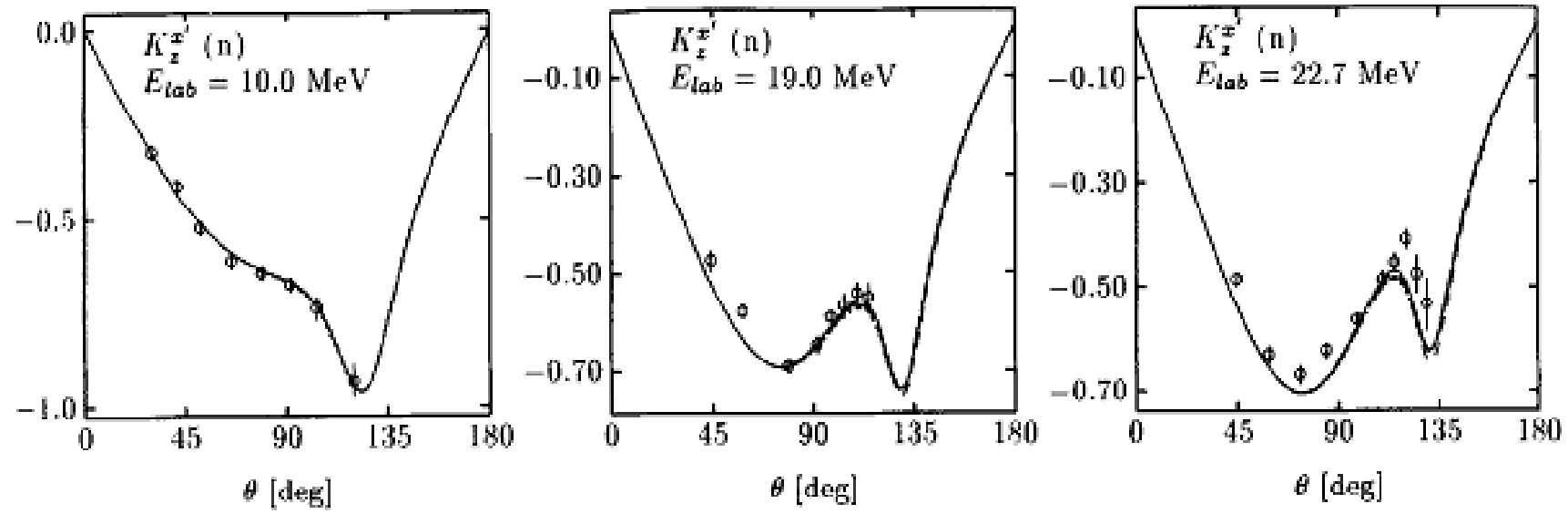


Fig. 22. The nucleon to nucleon spin transfer coefficient $K_z^{x'}$ for elastic Nd scattering. Comparison of data with NN force predictions. 10 MeV: pd data (\circ) [457]. 19 MeV: pd data (\circ) [474]. 22.7 MeV: pd data (\circ) [300,301,186]. The NN force predictions are (—) Nijm I, (---) Nijm II, (- - - -) Nijm 93, and (.....) AV18.

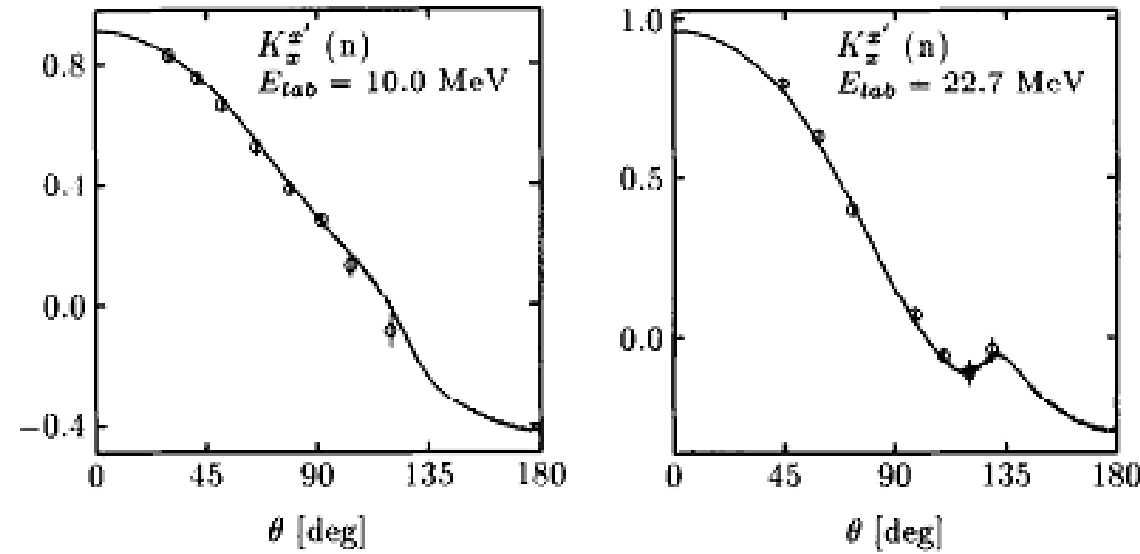
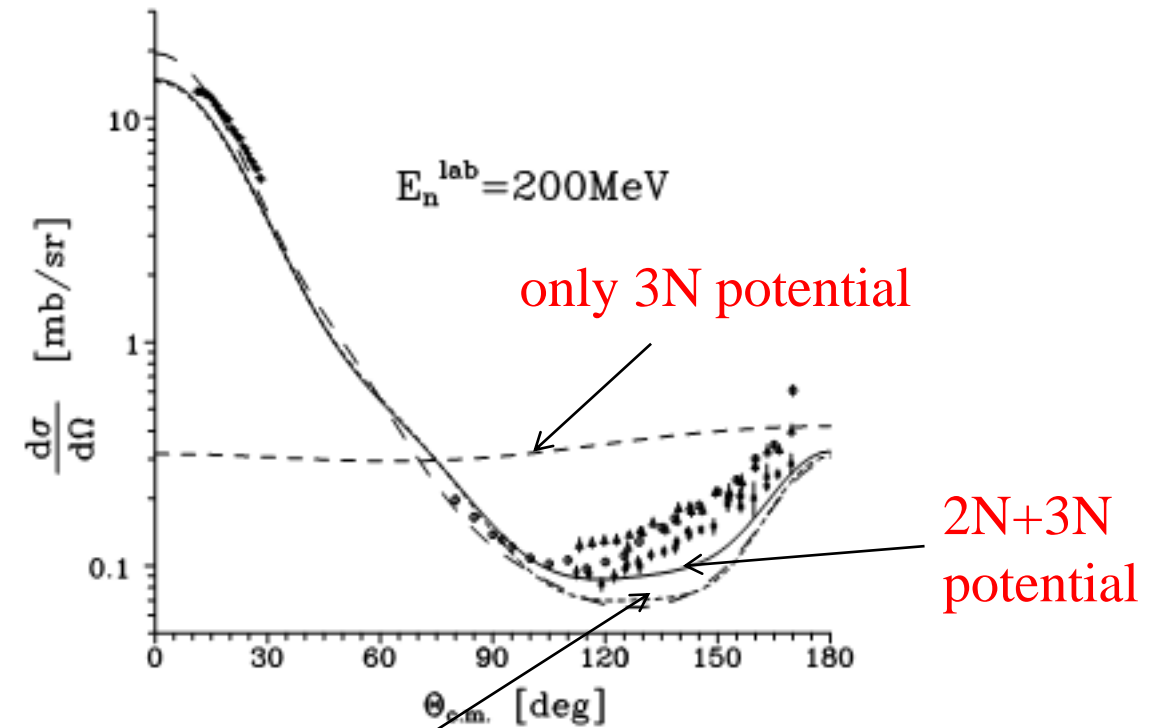
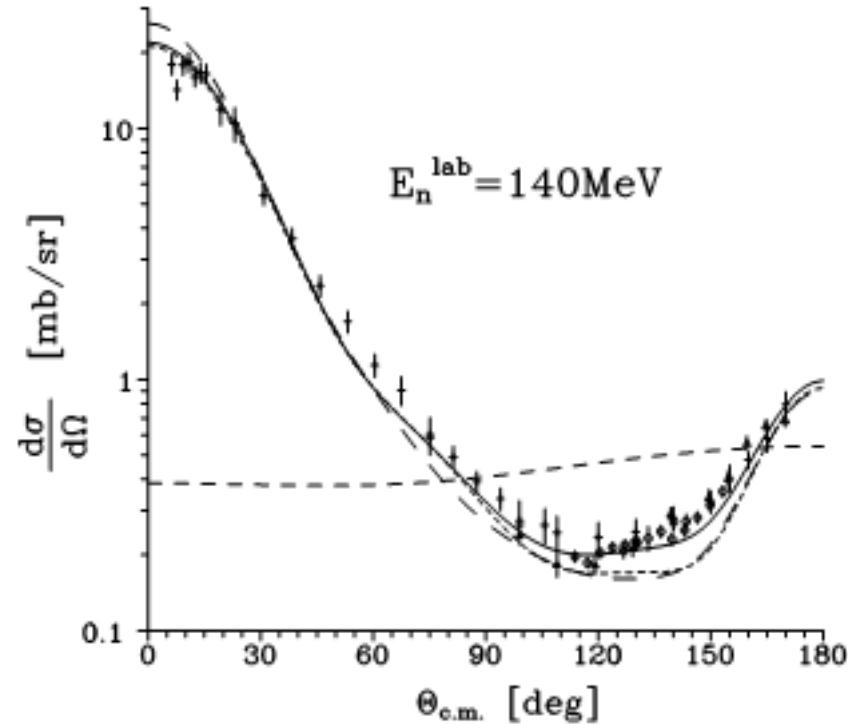
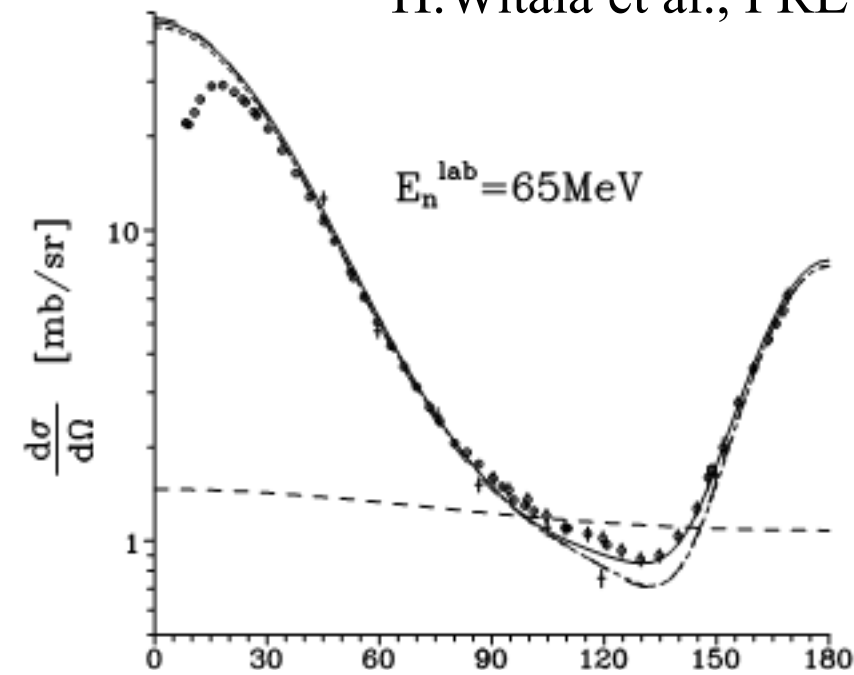
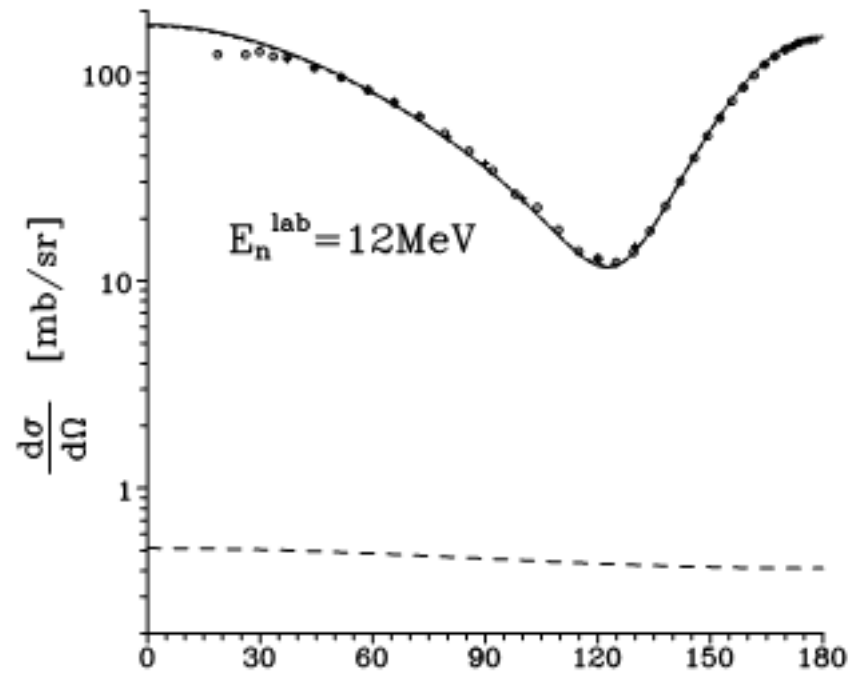


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For elastic N+d scattering 3N force effects grow with energy !

H.Witała et al., PRL 81, 1183 (1998)

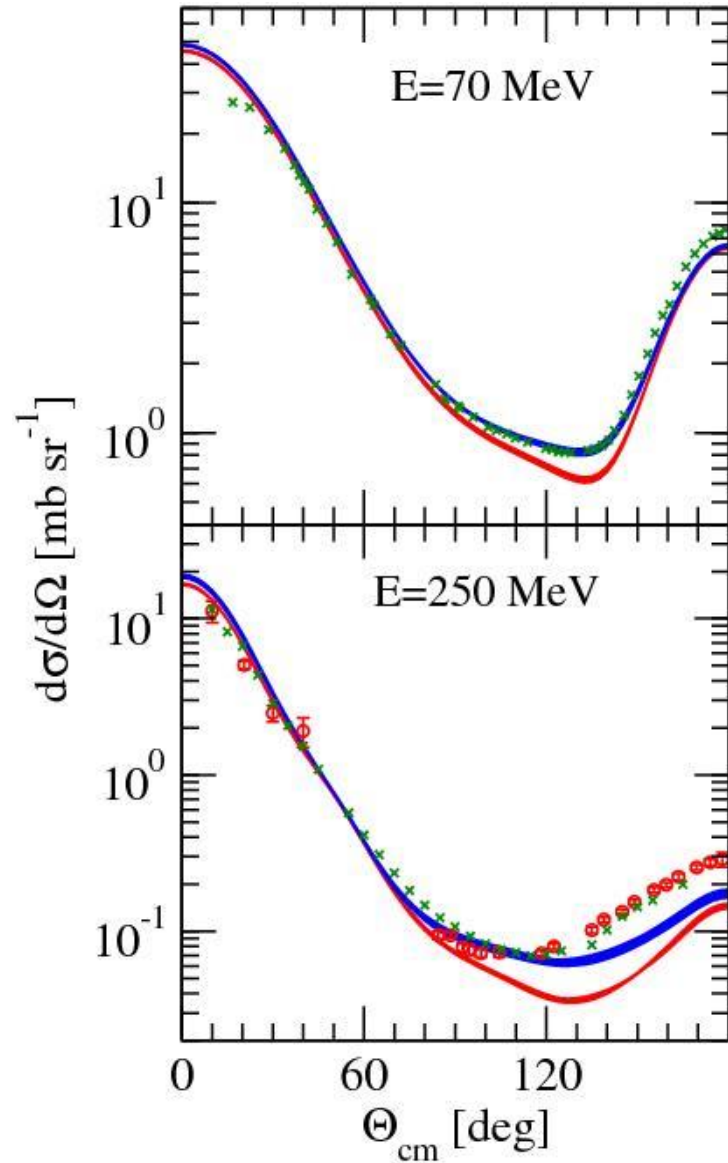


only 2N potential

Higher energy discrepancies

Elastic scattering d(p,p)d

- NN only (AV18, CD Bonn, Nijm1, Nijm2)
- NN+3NF TM99



data 70: K.Sekiguchi et al., PR C65, 034003 (2002)

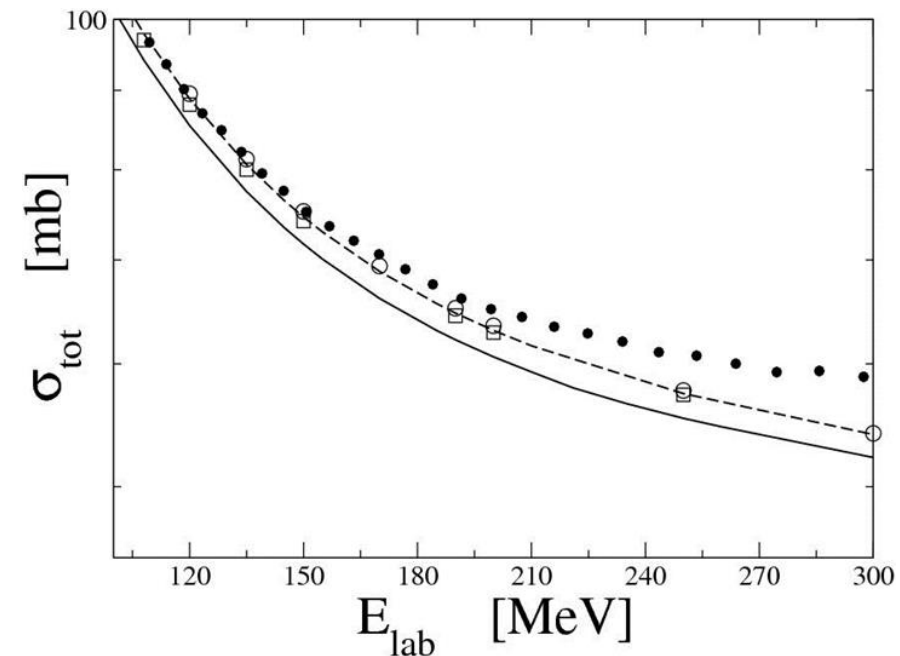
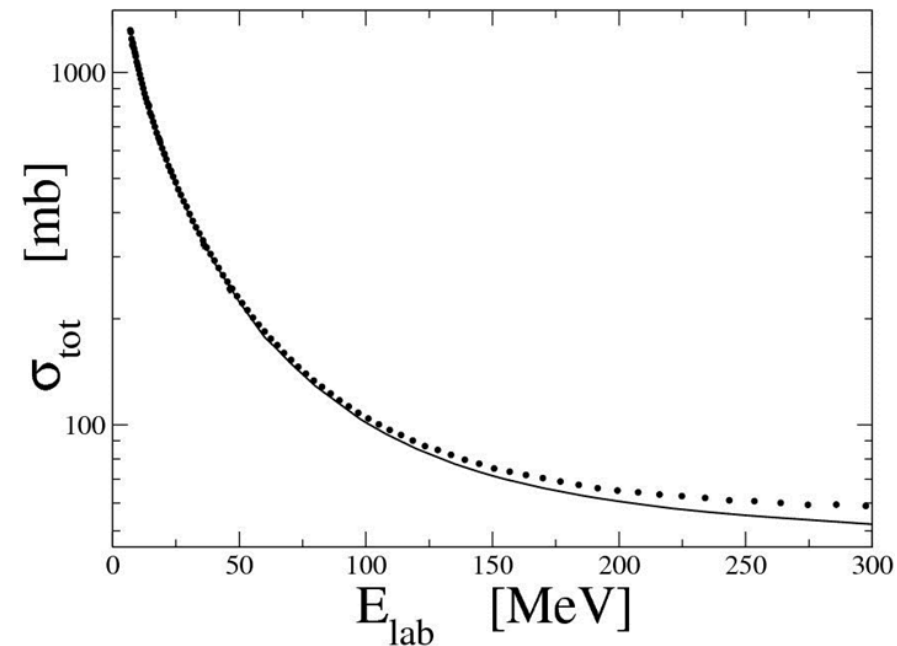
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x nd – Y.Maeda et al., PR C76, 014004 (2007)

o pd – K.Hatanaka et al., PR C 66, 044002 (2002)

Total nd cross section: (W.P.Abfalther et al. PRL 81(1998)57)

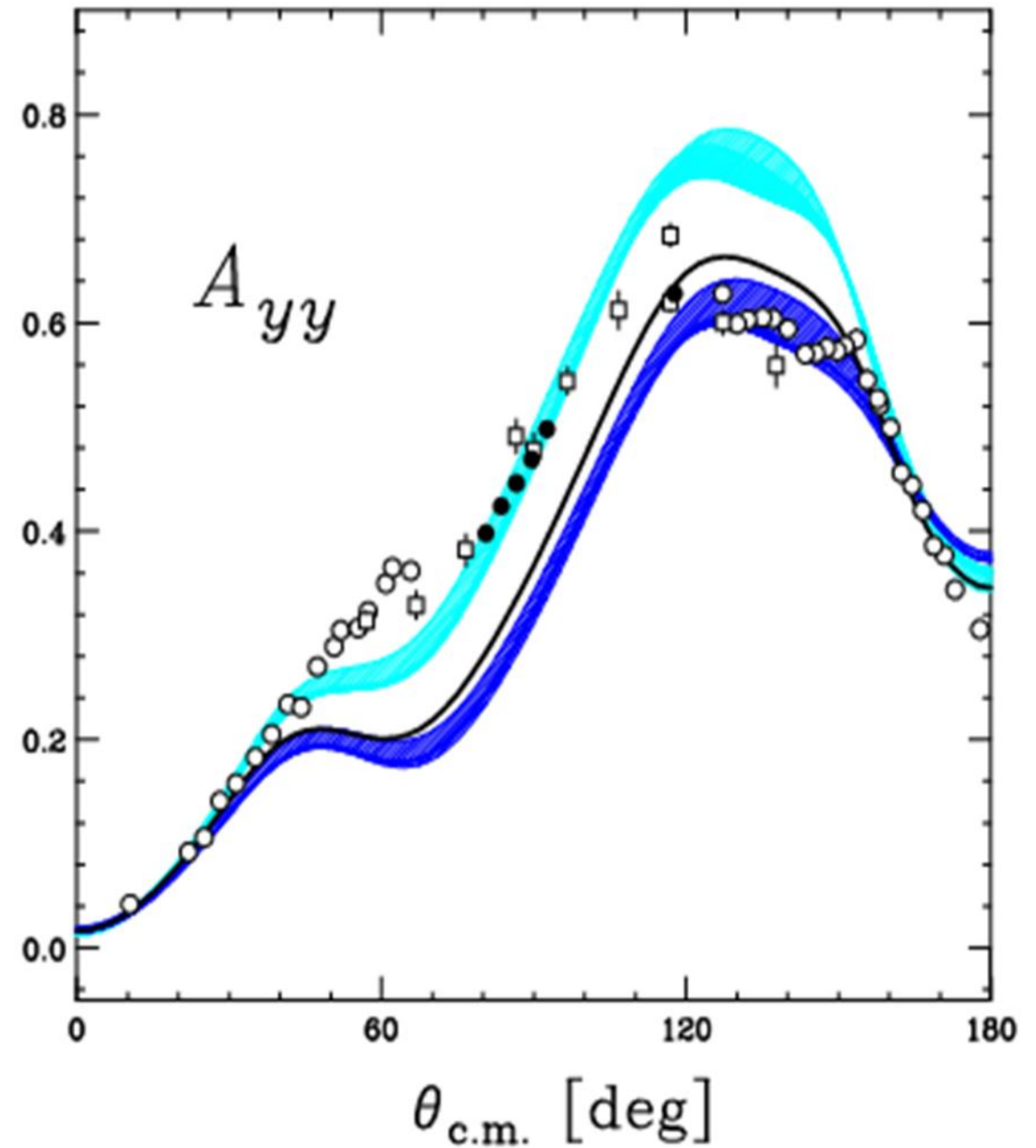
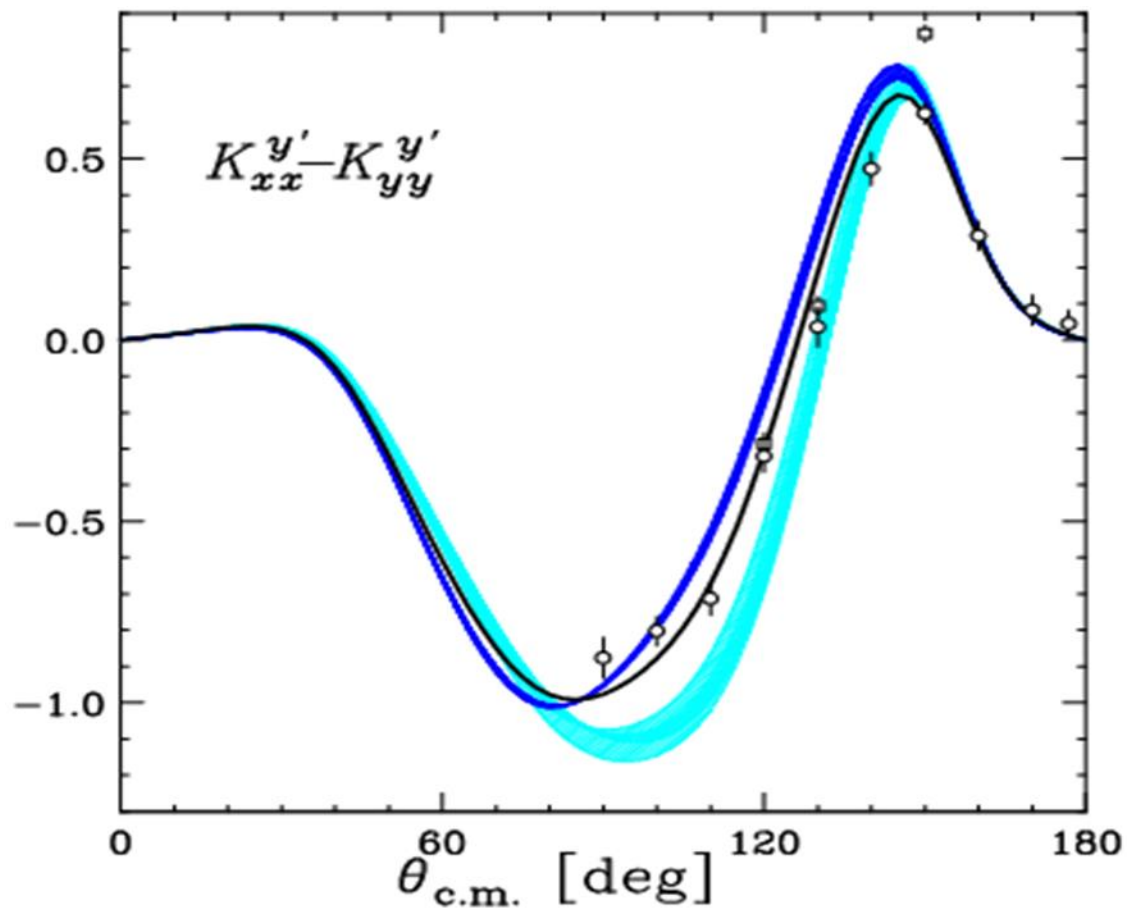
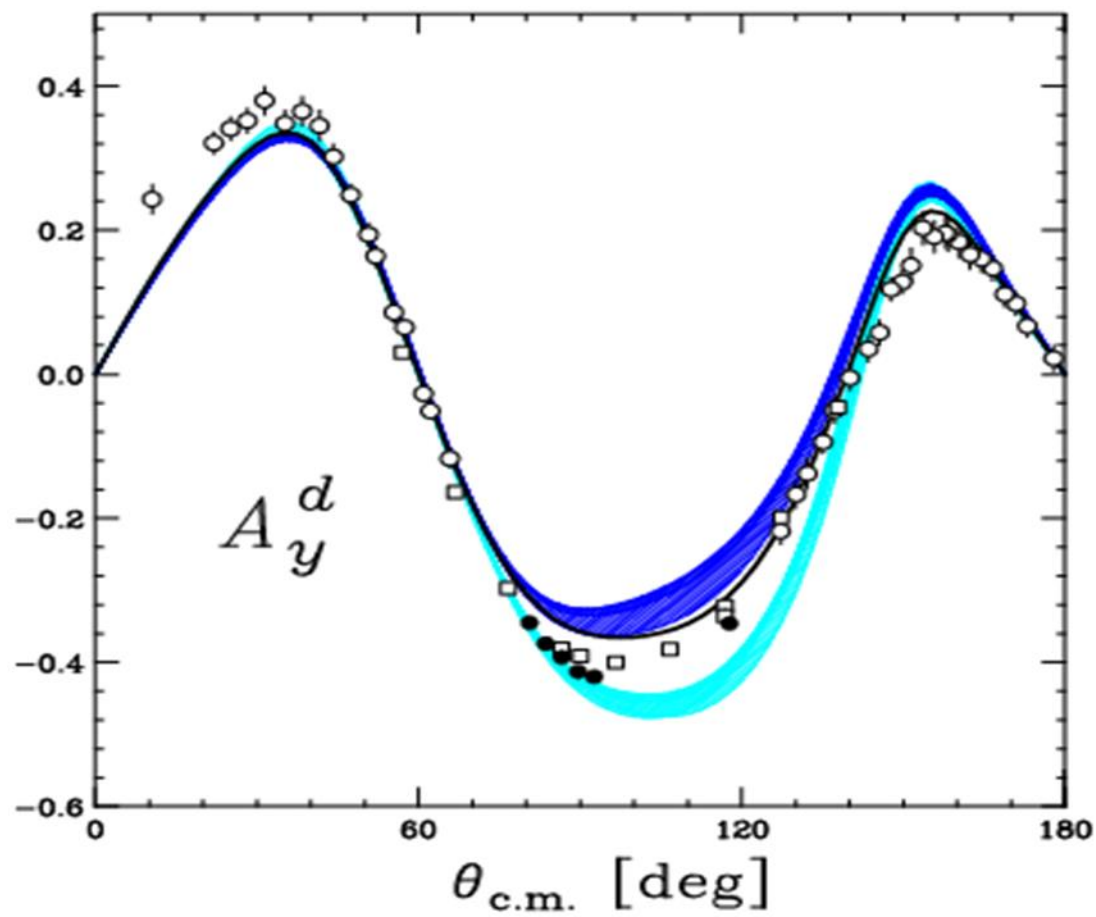
- up to ~ 50 MeV good agreement with predictions based on 2N forces
- adding 3NF provides explanation of the disagreement up to ~ 150 MeV
- at even larger energies a clear disagreement which increases with energy



E=135 MeV

K.Sekiguchi et al.,PRC70, 014001 (2004)

d(p,p)d



light shaded band: AV18, CDBonn, Nijm1 and Nijm2

blue band: standard NN + TM99 3NF

black solid line: AV18+UrbanaIX 3NF

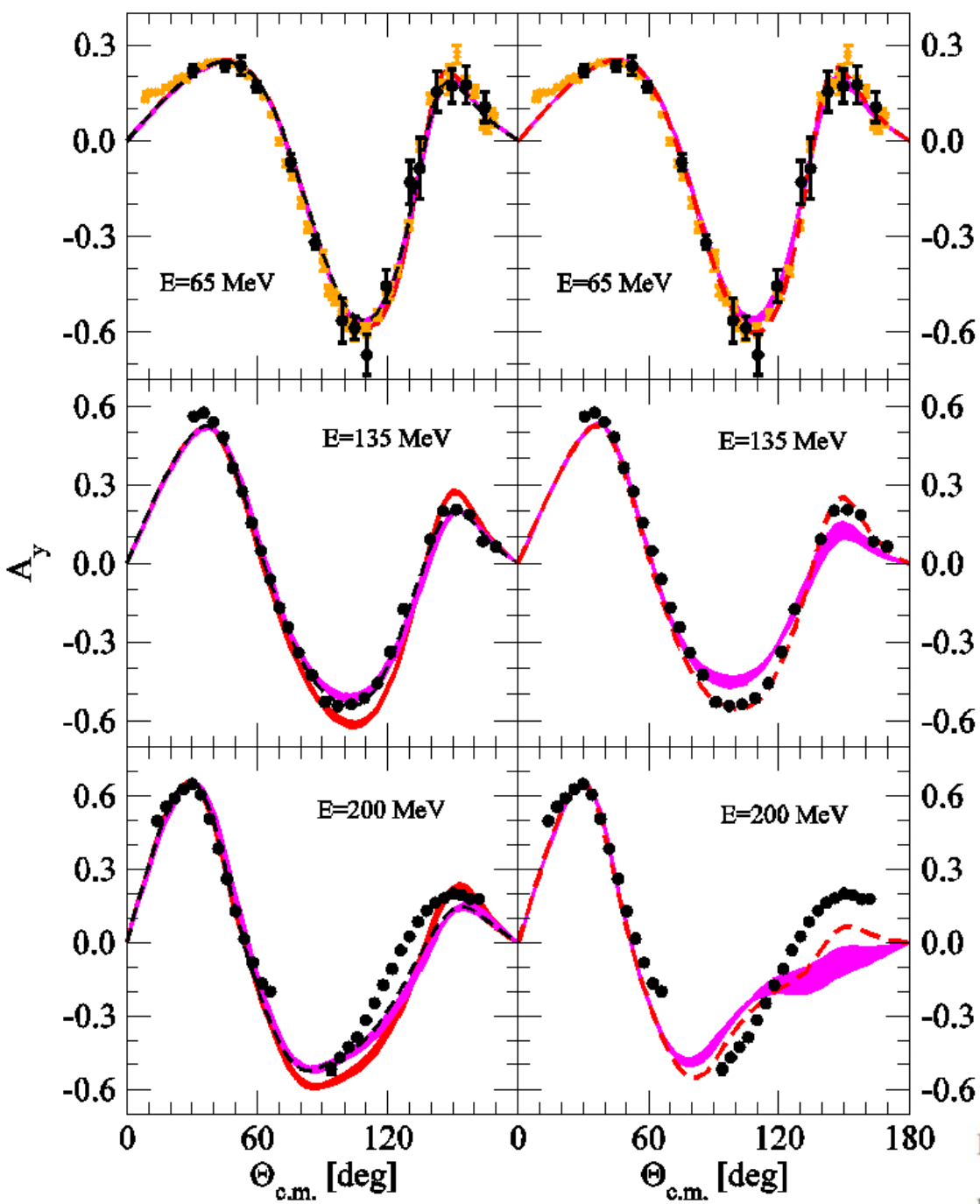
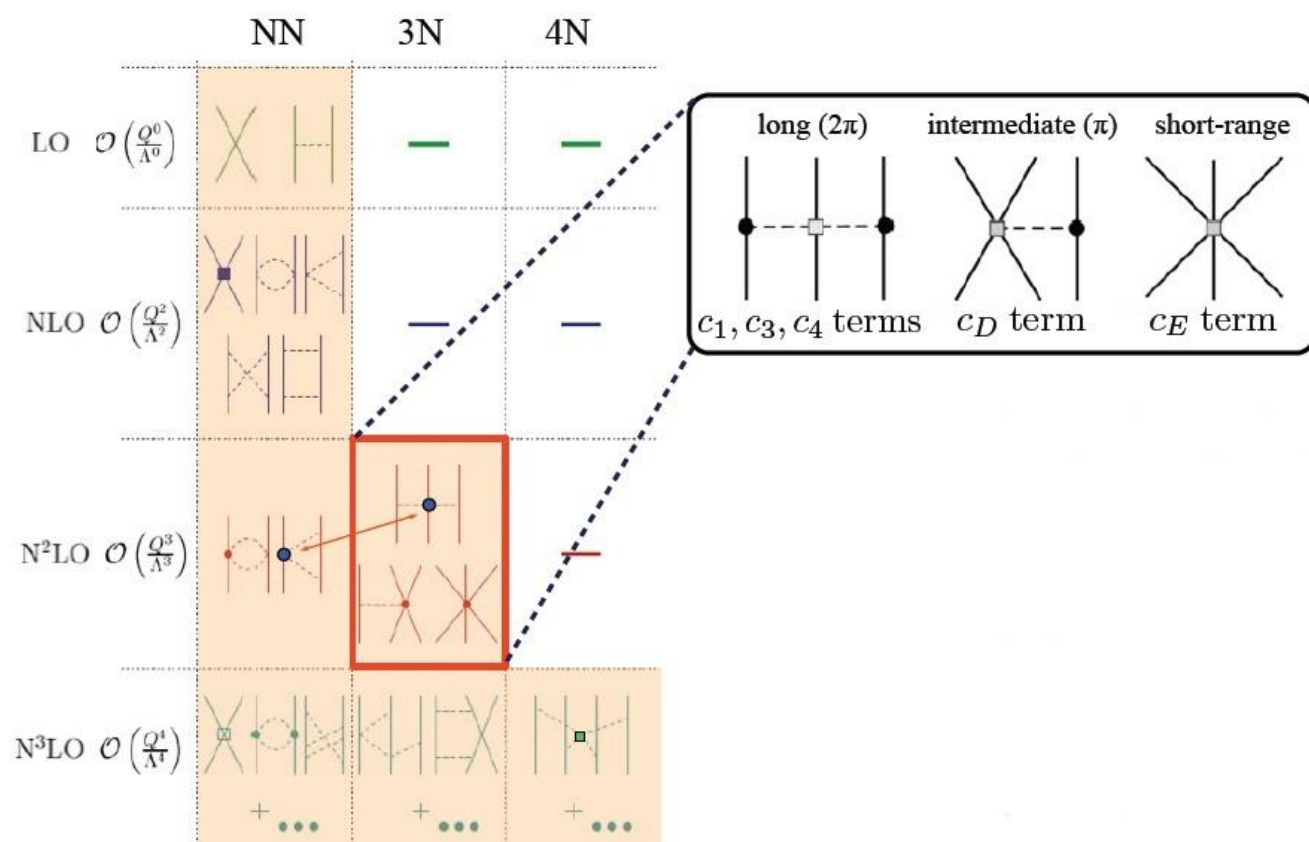


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- relativistic effects are **not responsible** for large discrepancies in elastic Nd scattering
- very probably those discrepancies come from **neglect of short-range 3NF components**, which become active at higher energies
- such short-range 3NF's are in the meson-exchange picture given by π - ρ and ρ - ρ exchanges and in χ PT comes a lot of short-range contributions in N³LO order of chiral expansion (without free parameters)

Challenge: apply NN and 3NF's derived consistently in the framework of the chiral perturbation theory



Chiral EFT for nuclear forces

perturbation in $(Q/\Lambda)^\nu$

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Few remarks on chiral forces:

- In order to reproduce properly 2N data up to about 250 MeV N3LO order of chiral expansion is required
 - About 10 years ago: NN interaction up to N3LO, 3NF interaction up to N2LO (N3LO used in preliminary calculations at low energies)
 - nonlocal momentum space regularization has been applied:
 $V \rightarrow f(p', \Lambda) V(p', p) f(p, \Lambda)$ with $f(p, \Lambda) = e^{-p^6 / \Lambda^6}$
 $V^4 \rightarrow f(p', q', \Lambda) V^4(p', q', p', q) f(p, q, \Lambda)$ with $f(p, q, \Lambda) = e^{-(p^2 + 0.75q^2)^3 / \Lambda^6}$
what leads to finite cut-off artefacts (problems when applied to higher energy Nd scattering)
- New, improved chiral force, presented by Bochum-Bonn group in 2014 (SCS):
 - E. Epelbaum, H. Krebs, U.-G. Meißner, Eur. Phys. J. A51 (2015) 3,26 – up to N3LO
 - E. Epelbaum, H. Krebs, U.-G. Meißner arXiv:1412.4623 [nucl-th] – up to N4LO
 - Local regularization in the coordinate space $V_{lr}(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow V_{lr}(\mathbf{r})f(\mathbf{r})$ with $f(r) = (1 - e^{-r^2/R^2})^n$
 - $R=0.8-1.2$ fm what corresponds to $\Lambda=330-500$ MeV
 - Such regularization preserves more long-range OPE and TPE physics
 - All LECs in the long-range part are taken from pion-nucleon scattering without fine tuning
 - Very good description of the deuteron properties, phase shifts etc.

Semilocal momentum-space regularized chiral two-nucleon potentials up to fifth order

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We introduce new semilocal two-nucleon potentials up to fifth order in the chiral expansion. We employ a simple regularization approach for the pion-exchange contributions which (i) maintains the long-range part of the interaction, (ii) is implemented in momentum space and (iii) can be straightforwardly applied to regularize many-body forces and current operators. We discuss in detail the two-nucleon contact interactions at fourth order and demonstrate that three terms out of fifteen used in previous calculations can be eliminated via suitably chosen unitary transformations. The removal of the redundant contact terms results in a drastic simplification of the fits to scattering data and leads to interactions which are much softer (i.e. more perturbative) than our recent semilocal coordinate-space regularized potentials. Using the pion-nucleon low-energy constants from matching pion-nucleon Roy-Steiner equations to chiral perturbation theory, we perform a comprehensive analysis of nucleon-nucleon scattering and the deuteron properties up to fifth chiral order and study the impact of the leading F-wave two-nucleon contact interactions which appear at sixth order. The resulting chiral potentials lead to an outstanding description of the proton-proton and neutron-proton scattering data from the self-consistent Granada-2013 database below the pion production threshold, which is significantly better than for any other chiral potential. For the first time, the chiral potentials match in precision and even outperform the available high-precision phenomenological potentials, while the number of adjustable parameters is, at the same time, reduced by about $\sim 40\%$. Last but not least, we perform a detailed error analysis and, in particular, quantify for the first time the statistical uncertainties of the fourth- and the considered sixth-order contact interactions.

SMS:

- local regularization of long-range forces in momentum space
- regularization is achieved by replacing the Feynman propagators for pions, exchanged between different nucleons, by the spectral integrals with spectra function chosen to ensure that the static pion propagators get regularized

$$\int_0^\infty d\mu^2 \frac{\rho(\mu^2)}{\vec{l}^2 + \mu^2} \rightarrow \frac{F(\vec{l}^2)}{\vec{l}^2 + M_\pi^2}$$

The form factor $F(l^2)$ is chosen to be of a Gaussian type with Λ cutoff

$$F(\vec{l}^2) = e^{-\frac{\vec{l}^2 + M_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2}}$$

Estimation of theoretical uncertainties (E.Epelbaum et al., arXiv:1412.4623 [nucl-th], arXiv:1505.07218 [nucl.th]):

$X(p)$ - observable and $X^{(i)}, i = 0, 2, 3, \dots$ prediction at order $Q^{(i)}$ in the chiral expansion

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Order-}Q^{(i)} \text{ correction :} \quad \Delta X^{(2)} &= X^{(2)} - X^{(0)} \\ \Delta X^{(i)} &= X^{(i)} - X^{(i-1)} \quad i \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$

The chiral expansion for X takes the form:

$$X^{(i)} = X^{(0)} + \Delta X^{(2)} + \dots + \Delta X^{(i)} \quad \text{Size of corrections is expected to be } \Delta X^{(i)} = O(Q^{(i)} X^{(0)})$$

Quantitative estimates of the theoretical uncertainty $\delta X^{(i)}$ of the prediction $X^{(i)}$ is made using the expected and actual sizes of higher-order contributions:

$$\delta X^{(0)} = Q^2 |X^{(0)}|$$

$$\delta X^{(2)} = \max(Q^3 |X^{(0)}|, Q^1 |\Delta X^{(2)}|)$$

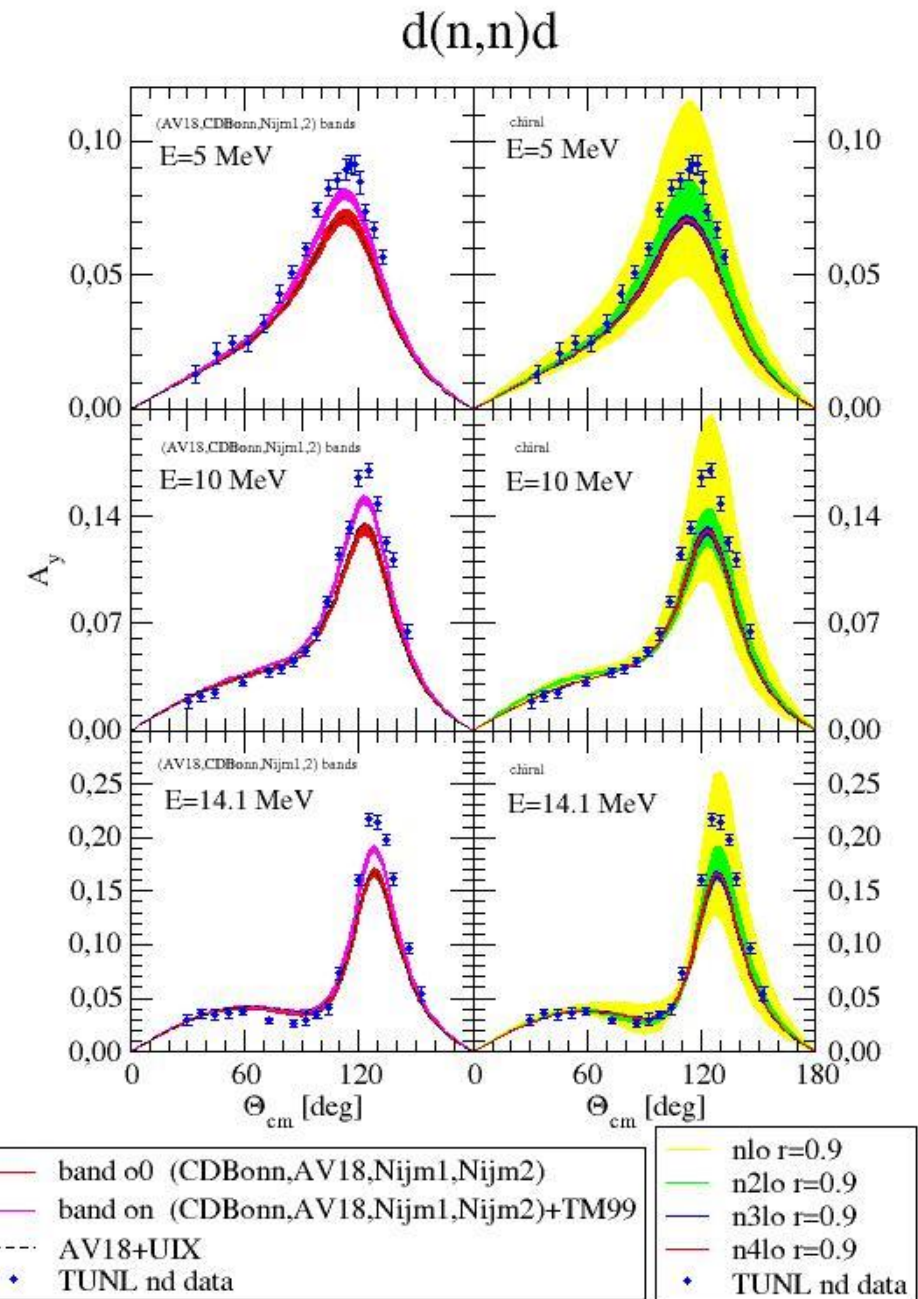
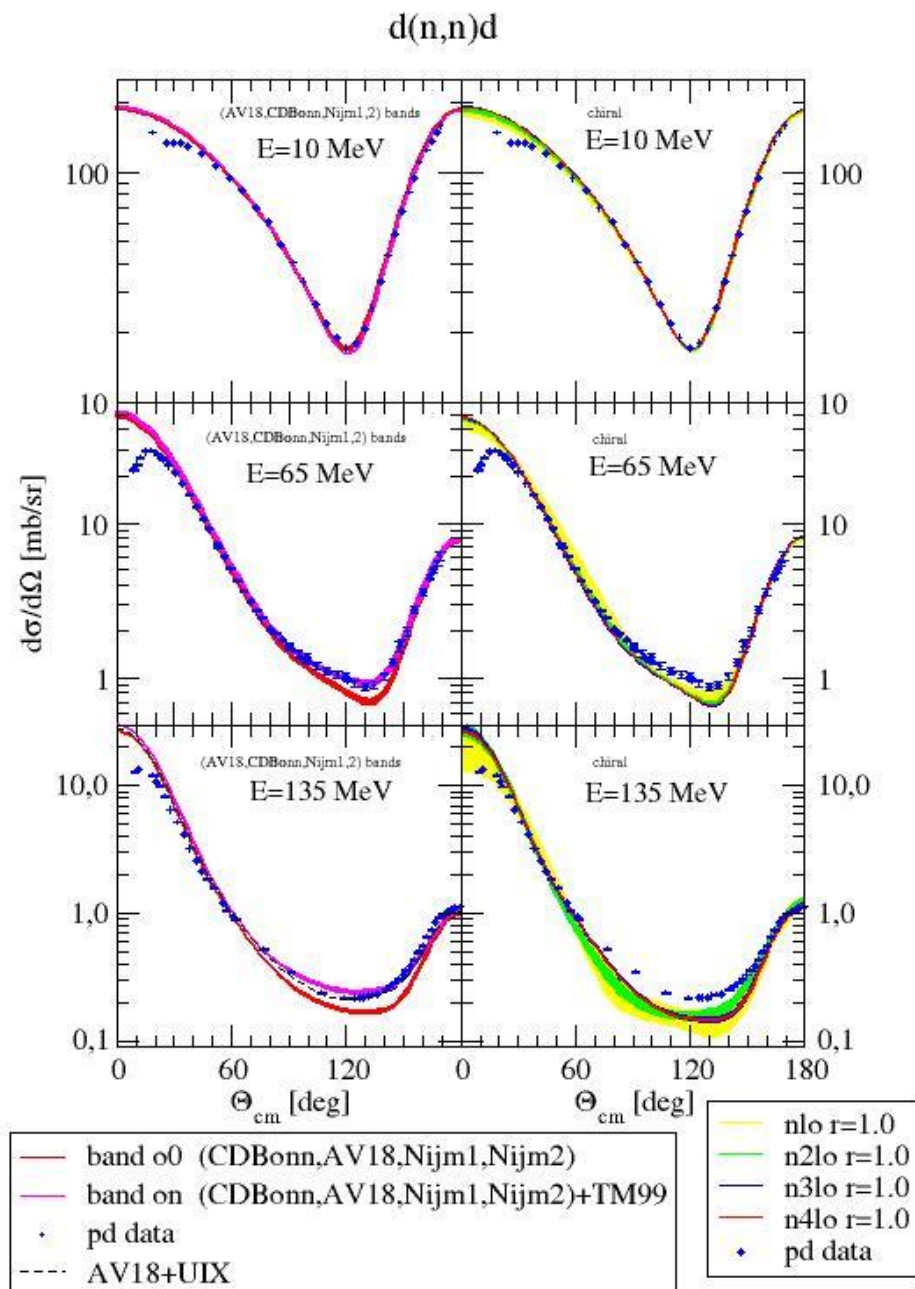
$$i \geq 3: \quad \delta X^{(i)} = \max(Q^{i+1} |X^{(0)}|, Q^{i-1} |\Delta X^{(2)}|, Q^{i-2} |\Delta X^{(3)}|)$$

$$\delta X^{(2)} \geq Q \delta X^{(0)}, \quad \delta X^{(i \geq 3)} \geq Q \delta X^{(i-1)}$$

$Q = \max(p/\Lambda_b, m_\pi/\Lambda_b)$ with $\Lambda_b = 600, 500$ and 400 MeV

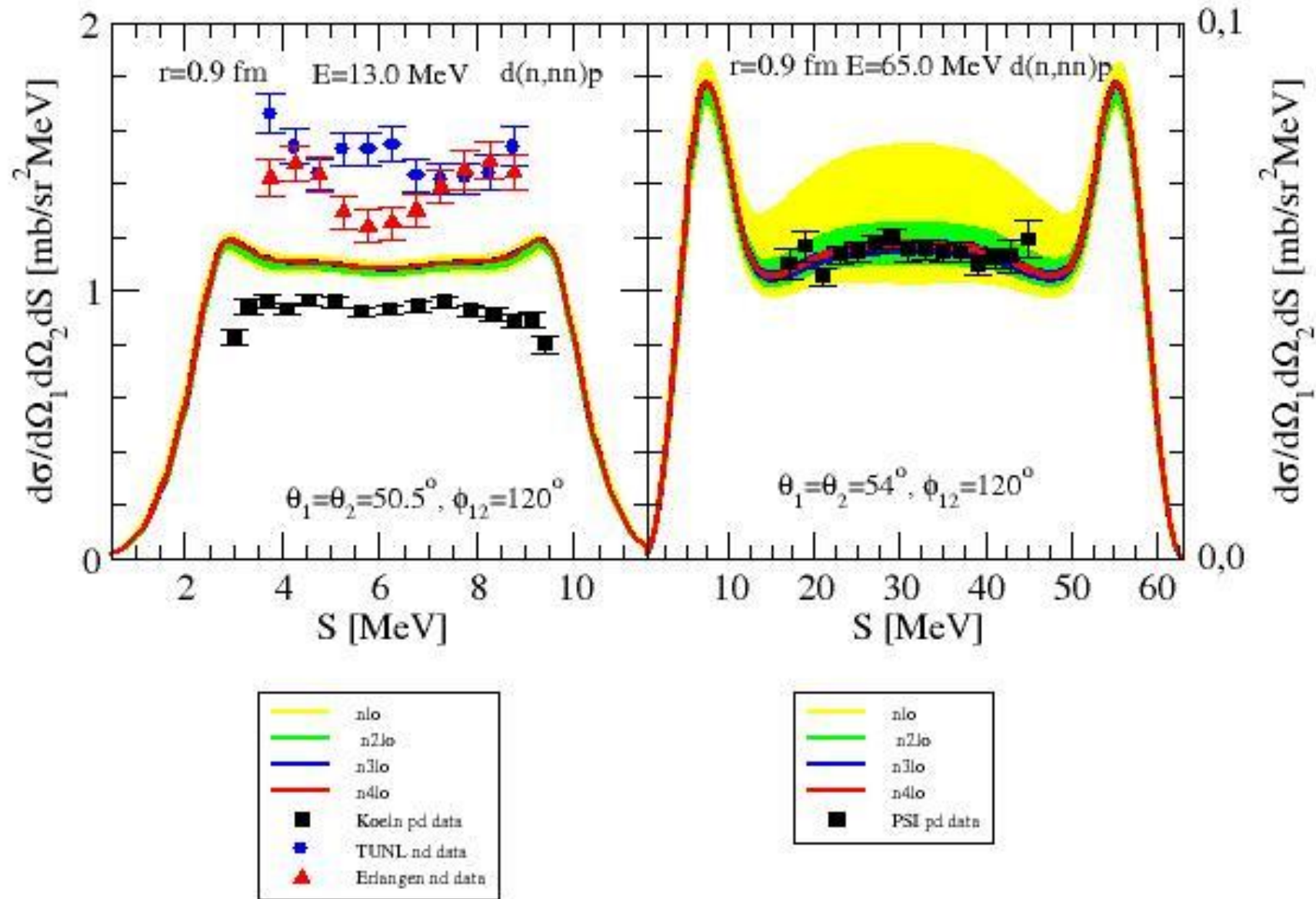
for regulator $R=0.8-1.0$ fm, $R=1.1$ fm and $R=1.2$ fm, respectively.

- NN developed up to N4LO: E.Epelbaum et al. arXiv:1412.4623 [nucl-th]
- Novel way of quantifying the theoretical uncertainty due to the truncation of the chiral expansion: E.Epelbaum et al. arXiv:1412.0142 [nucl-th]



- Theoretical uncertainty grows with energy and decreases with increasing order: one thus expects precise predictions starting from N3LO
- For many observables the results at N2LO and higher orders differ from data well outside the range of quantified observables, thus providing a clear evidence for missing three-nucleon forces

Exclusive breakup reaction: symmetric space-star configuration



Big challenge: application of full chiral force: NN + 3NF

Chiral 3N potential in N²LO order:

E. Epelbaum, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 57, 654 (2006)

$$V_{123} = V_{2\pi}^{(3)} + V_{1\pi, cont}^{(3)} + V_{cont}^{(3)}$$

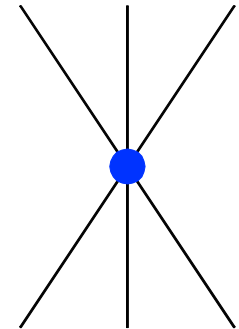
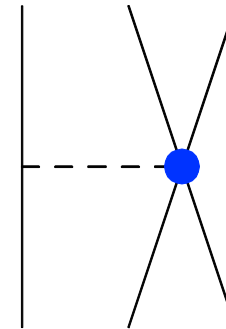
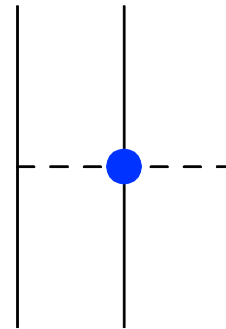
$$V_{2\pi}^{(3)} = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{g_A}{2F_\pi} \right)^2 \frac{(\vec{\sigma}_i \circ \vec{q}_i)(\vec{\sigma}_j \circ \vec{q}_j)}{(\vec{q}_i^2 + M_\pi^2)(\vec{q}_j^2 + M_\pi^2)} F_{ijk}^{\alpha\beta} \tau_i^\alpha \tau_j^\beta$$

$$\vec{q}_i \equiv \vec{p}_i' - \vec{p}_i$$

$$F_{ijk}^{\alpha\beta} = \delta^{\alpha\beta} \left[-\frac{4c_1 M_\pi^2}{F_\pi^2} + \frac{2c_3}{F_\pi^2} \vec{q}_i \circ \vec{q}_j \right] + \sum_\gamma \frac{c_4}{F_\pi^2} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \tau_k^\gamma \vec{\sigma}_k \circ [\vec{q}_i \times \vec{q}_j]$$

$$V_{1\pi, cont}^{(3)} = - \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \frac{g_A}{8F_\pi^2} D \frac{\vec{\sigma}_j \circ \vec{q}_j}{\vec{q}_j^2 + M_\pi^2} (\vec{\tau}_i \circ \vec{\tau}_j) (\vec{\sigma}_i \circ \vec{q}_j)$$

$$V_{cont}^{(3)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \neq k} E (\vec{\tau}_j \circ \vec{\tau}_k)$$



Two free parameters : D i E

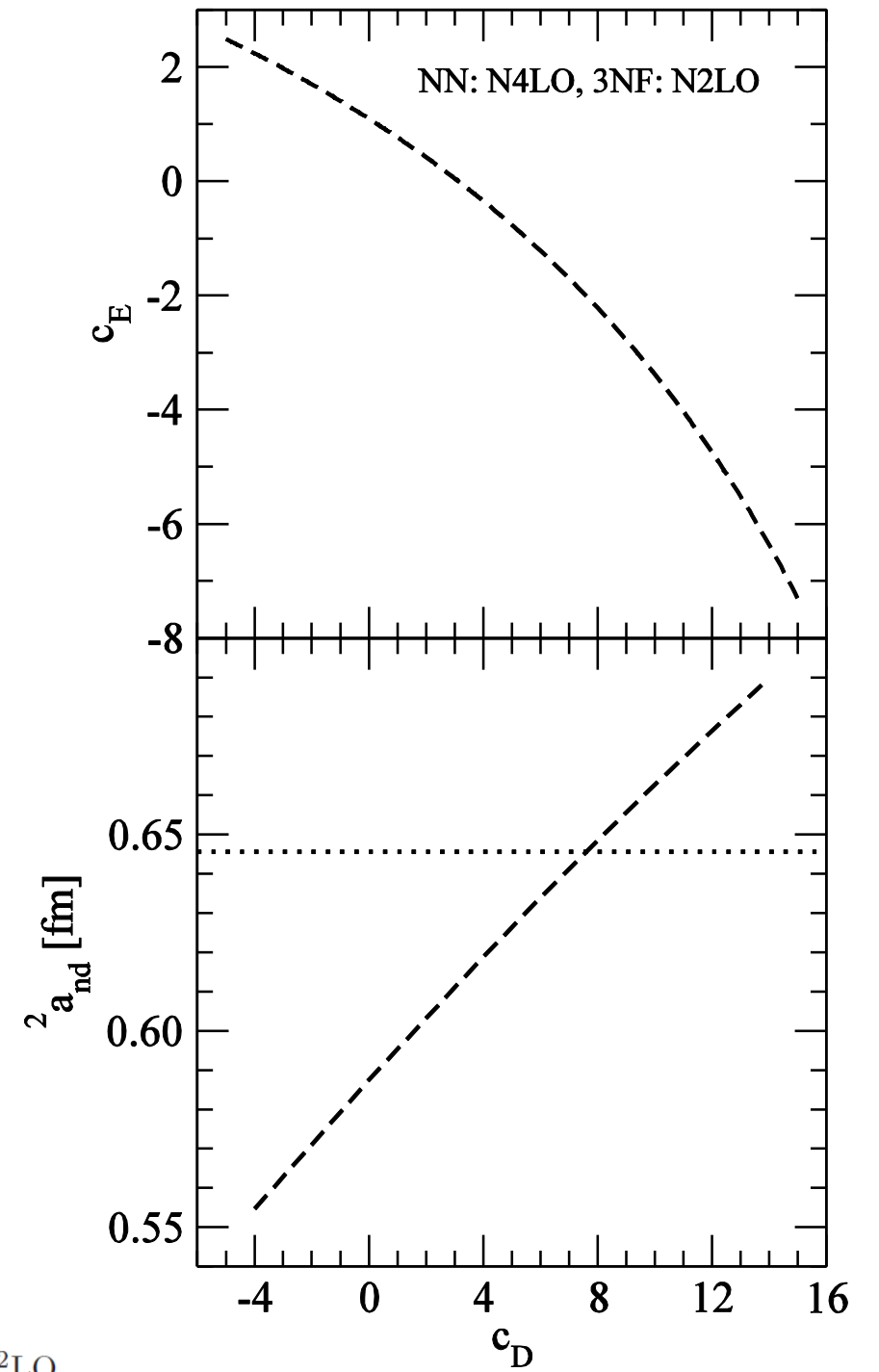


FIG. 1: (Color online) Upper part: a correlation function for the strengths c_D and c_E of the N²LO 3NF contact terms. The ³H experimental binding energy is reproduced by combining of the N⁴LO SCS chiral NN potential and a N²LO 3NF with strengths c_D and c_E lying on the dashed (black) line. In the lower part the corresponding doublet nd scattering lengths are shown by the dashed (black) line. The dotted (black) line is the experimental value ${}^2a_{nd}^{exp} = 0.645(7)$ fm [33].

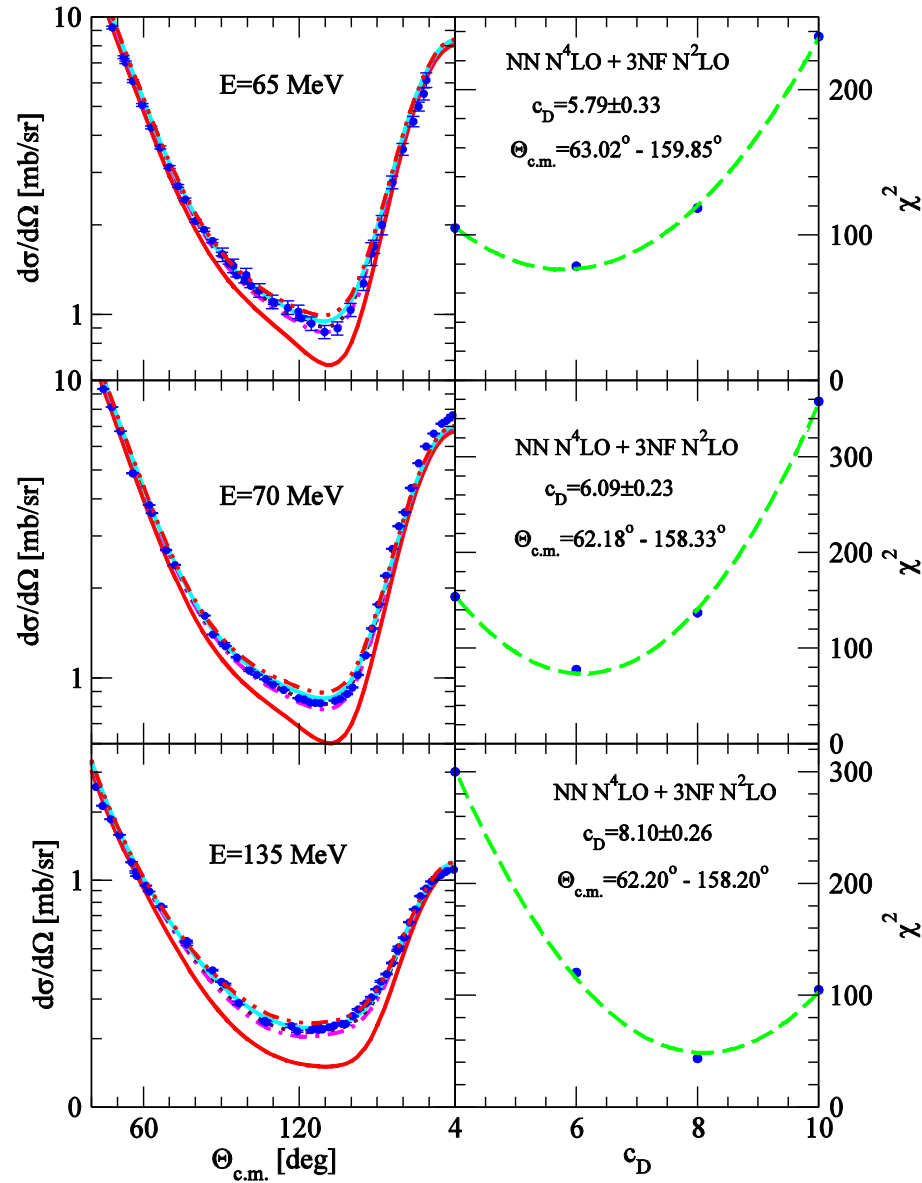


FIG. 2: (Color online) The nd elastic scattering cross section at the incoming neutron laboratory energies $E = 65, 70$, and 135 MeV. In the left part the solid (red) lines are predictions of the $N^4\text{LO}$ SCS NN potential with the regulator $R = 0.9$ fm. Combining that NN potential with $N^2\text{LO}$ 3NF with four different strengths c_D and c_E of the contact terms from the correlation line of Fig.1 leads to results obtained with different sets of (c_D, c_E) values and represented by different lines: dashed-dotted (magenta) $(4.0, -0.270)$, dotted (maroon) $(6.0, -1.094)$, solid (cyan) $(8.0, -2.032)$, and double-dotted-dashed (red) $(10.0, -3.108)$. The (blue) circles are pd data from Ref. [24] at $E = 65$ MeV, from Ref. [25] at $E = 70$ MeV, and from Ref. [25] at $E = 135$ MeV. In the right part the χ^2 fits to the experimental data, in angular region indicated at each energy, based of on these four pairs of (c_D, c_E) values, are shown by dashed (red) line together with the resulting optimal value of the strength c_D .

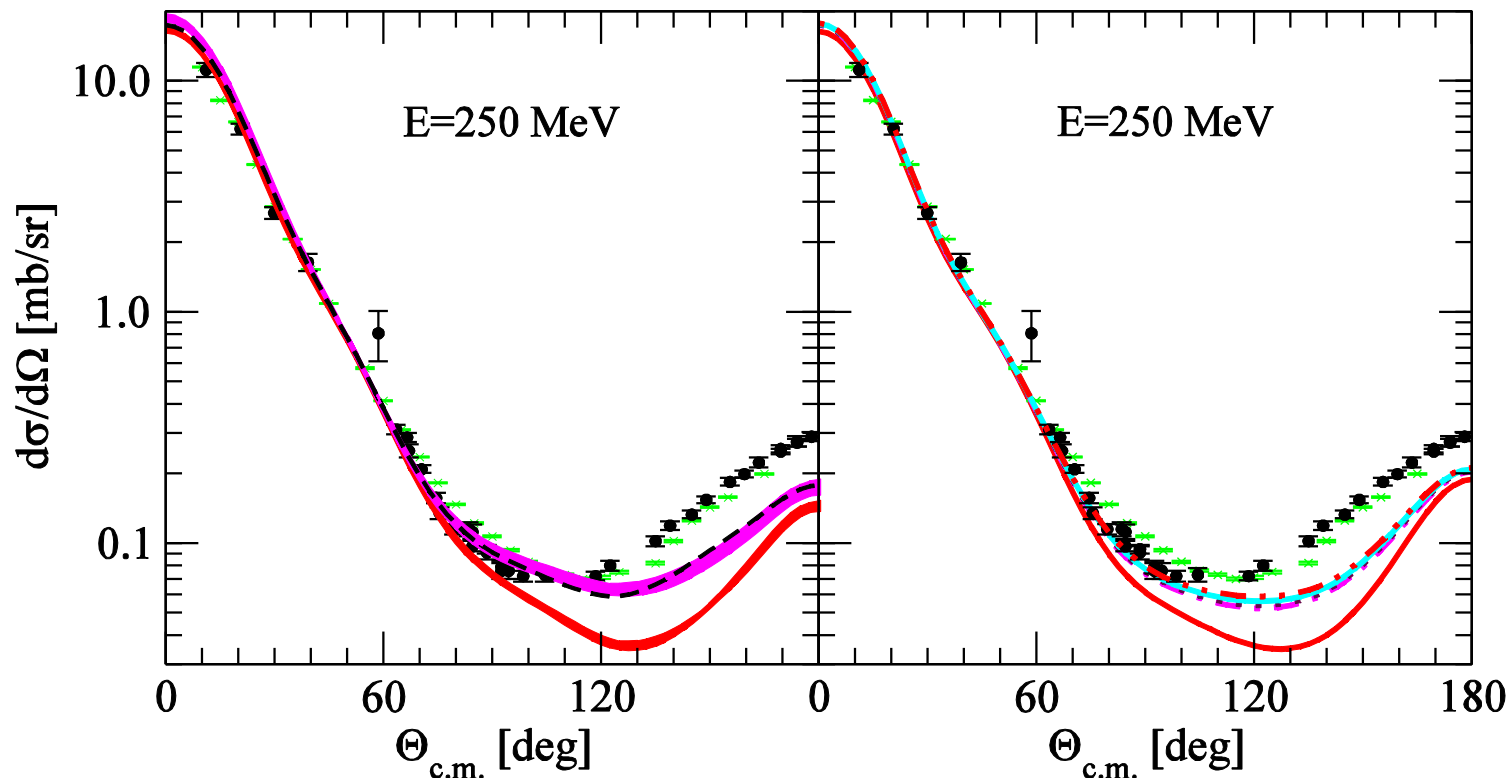
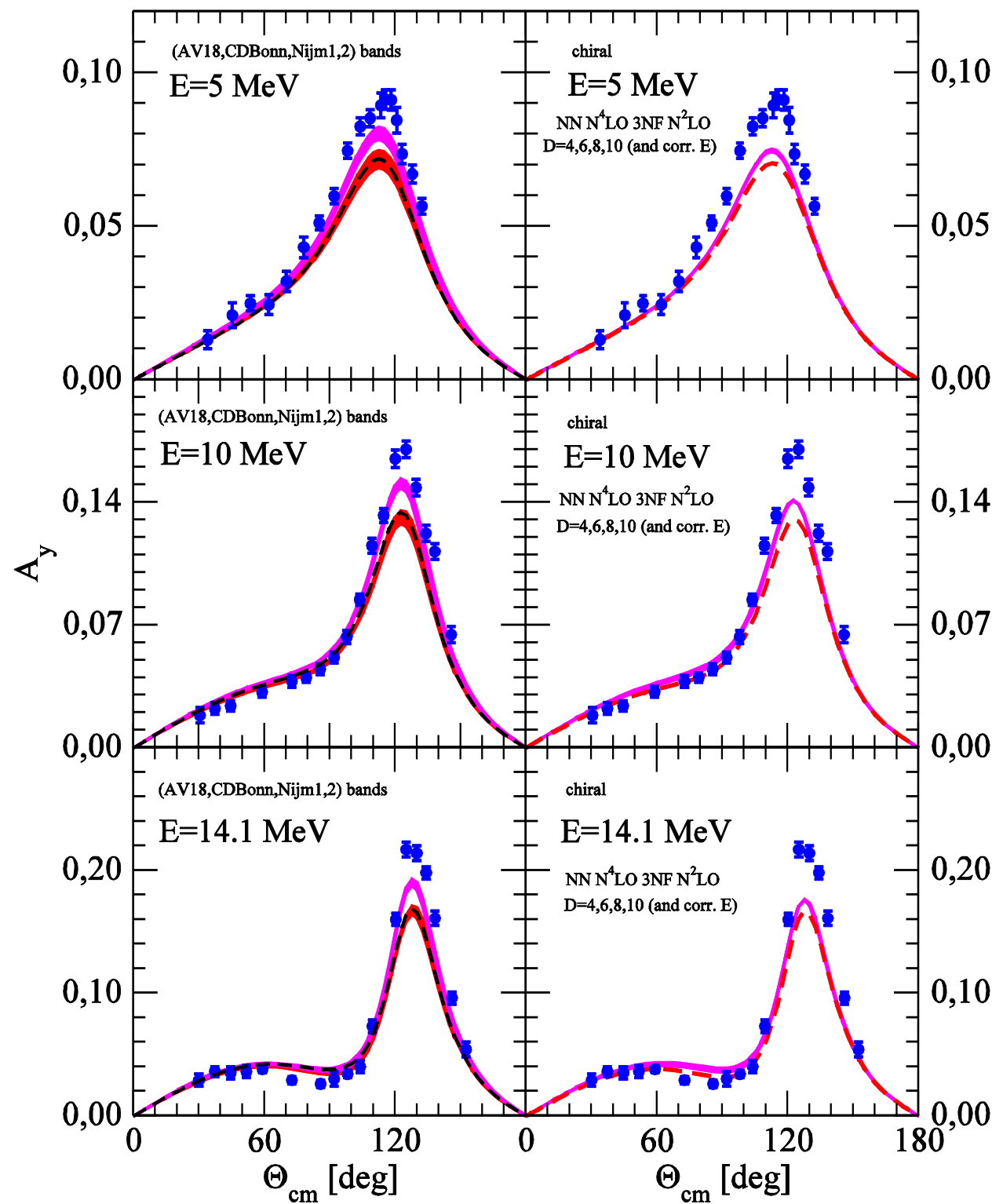


FIG. 3: (Color online) The nd elastic scattering cross section at the incoming neutron laboratory energy $E = 250$ MeV. In the left part predictions of (semi-)phenomenological NN potentials (AV18, CD Bonn, Nijm1 and Nijm2) are shown by dark (red) band. Results obtained when they are combined with the TM99 3NF are shown by a light (magenta) band. The dashed (black) line is the result of combination of the AV18 potential with the Urbana IX 3NF. In the right part the different lines are predictions of the N^4 LO SCS NN potential with the regulator $R = 0.9$ fm alone or combined with N^2 LO 3NF for four different strengths c_D and c_E of the contact terms. For explanation of these lines see Fig. 2. In left and right parts the (black) dots are pd data from Ref. [34] and (green) x-ces are nd data from Ref. [35].



- small effects of N2LO 3N force
- effects are practically independent on D (E) values used
- will 3N force explain A_y puzzle (N3LO 3NF) ?
- alternative: wrong low energy NN phase-shifts (in P-waves)

— o0 (CDB,AV18,Nijm1,Nijm2)
 — on (CDB,AV18,Nijm1,Nijm2)+TM99
 - - - AV18+UIX
 • TUNL nd data

— NN n4lo +3NF n2lo R=0.9 fm, D-E corr(D=4,6,8,10)
 - - - n4lo r=0.9 fm
 • TUNL nd data

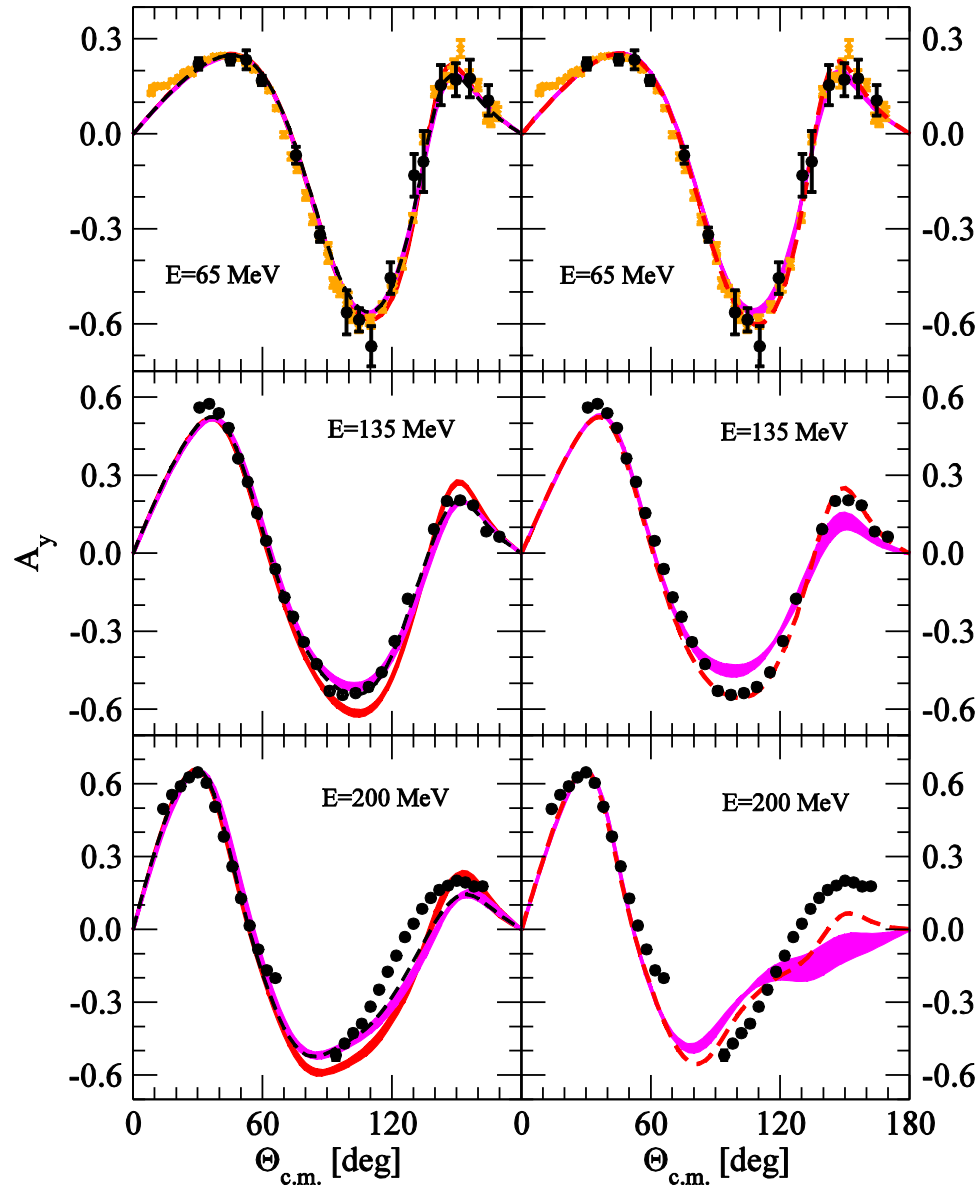


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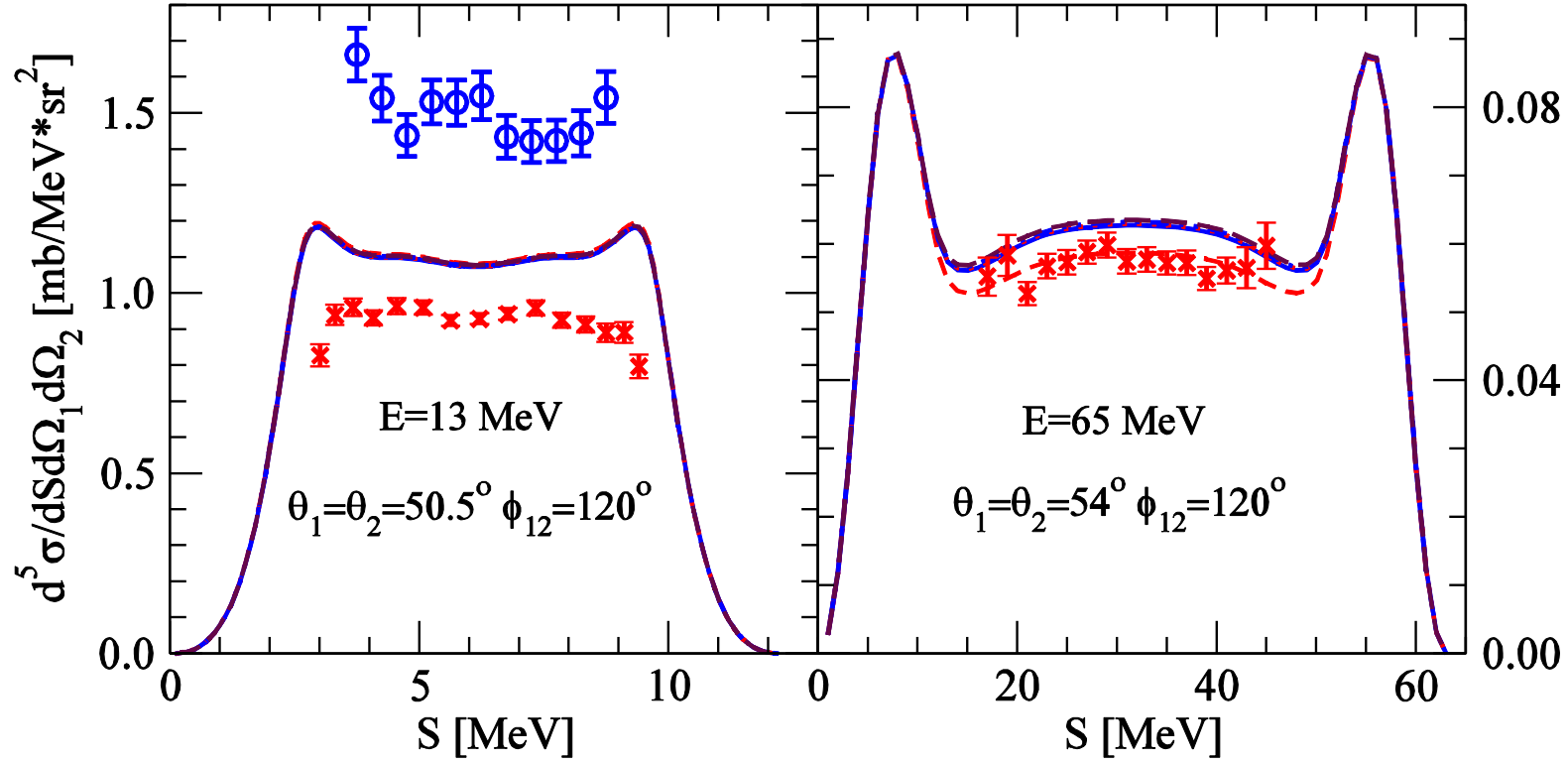


FIG. 6: (Color online) The nd breakup five-fold differential cross section in the SST complete geometry at the incoming neutron laboratory energies $E = 13$ MeV and $E = 65$ MeV, shown as a function of arc-length of the S-curve. The dashed (red) lines are predictions of the N⁴LO SCS NN potential with the regulator $R = 0.9$ fm. Combining that NN potential with the N²LO 3NF with four different strengths (c_D, c_E) of the contact terms from the correlation line of Fig.1 leads to results shown by different lines: solid (blue) (4.0, -0.270), dotted (red) (6.0, -1.094), double-dotted-dashed (blue) (8.0, -2.032), and dashed (maroon) (10.0, -3.108). At $E = 13$ MeV the (blue) circles are nd data from Ref. [42] and the (red) x-cs are pd data from Ref. [43]. At $E = 65$ MeV the (red) x-cs are pd data from Ref. [28].

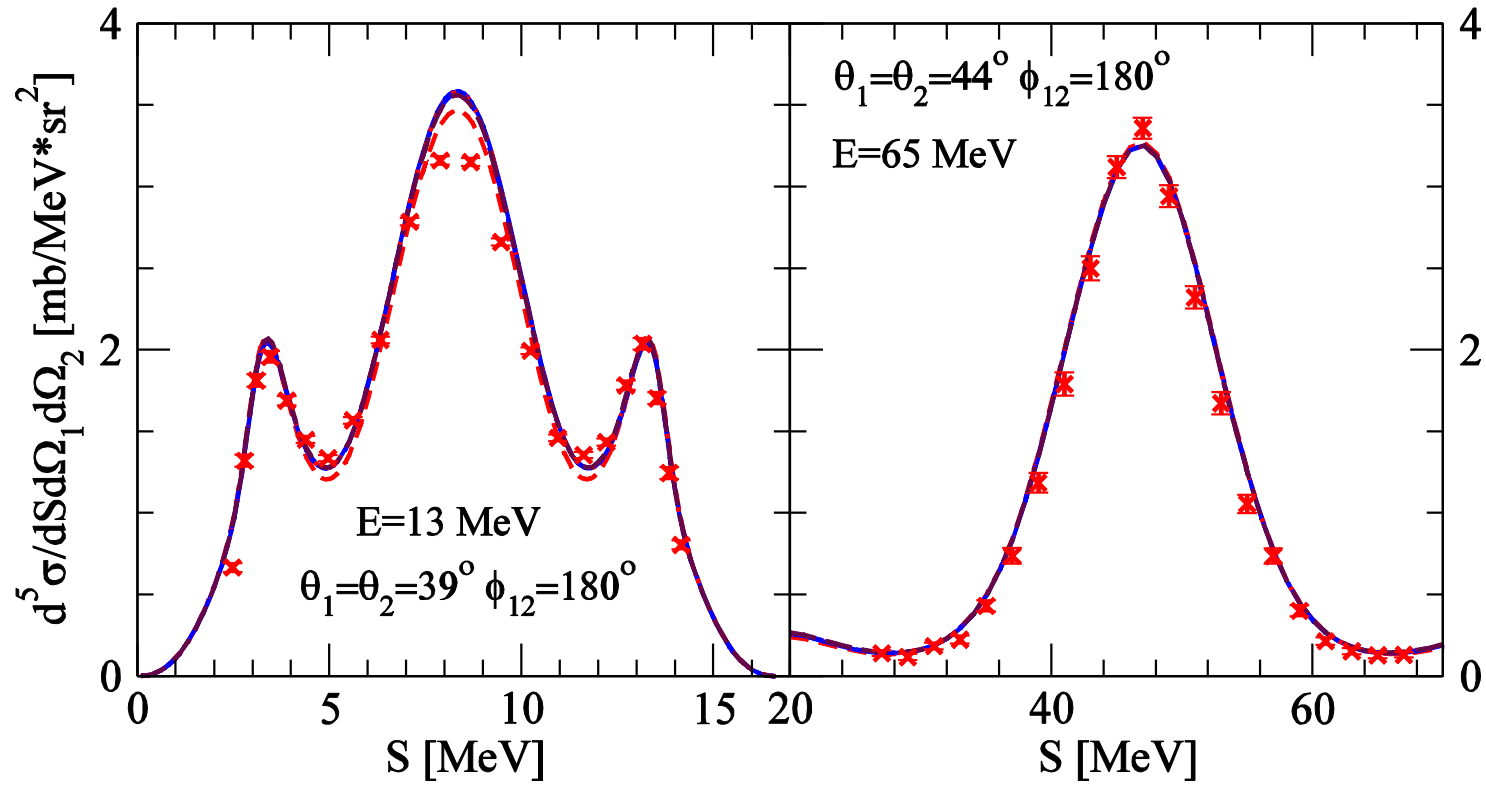
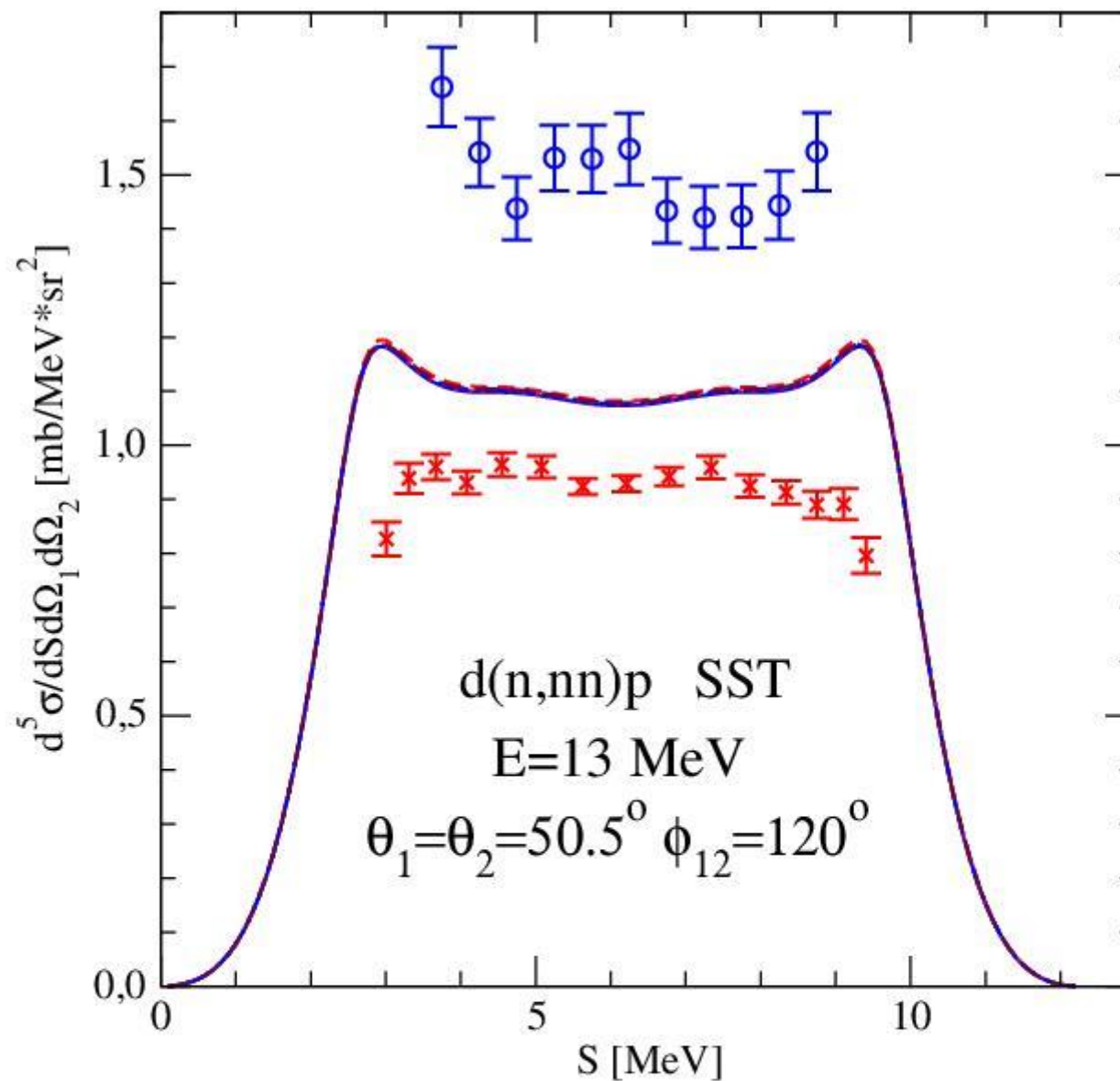


FIG. 7: (Color online) The nd breakup five-fold differential cross section in the QFS complete geometry at the incoming neutron laboratory energies $E = 13$ MeV and $E = 65$ MeV, shown as a function of arc-length of the S-curve. For description of lines see Fig. 6. The (red) x-cues are pd data from Ref. [43] at $E = 13$ MeV and from Ref. [44] at $E = 65$ MeV.

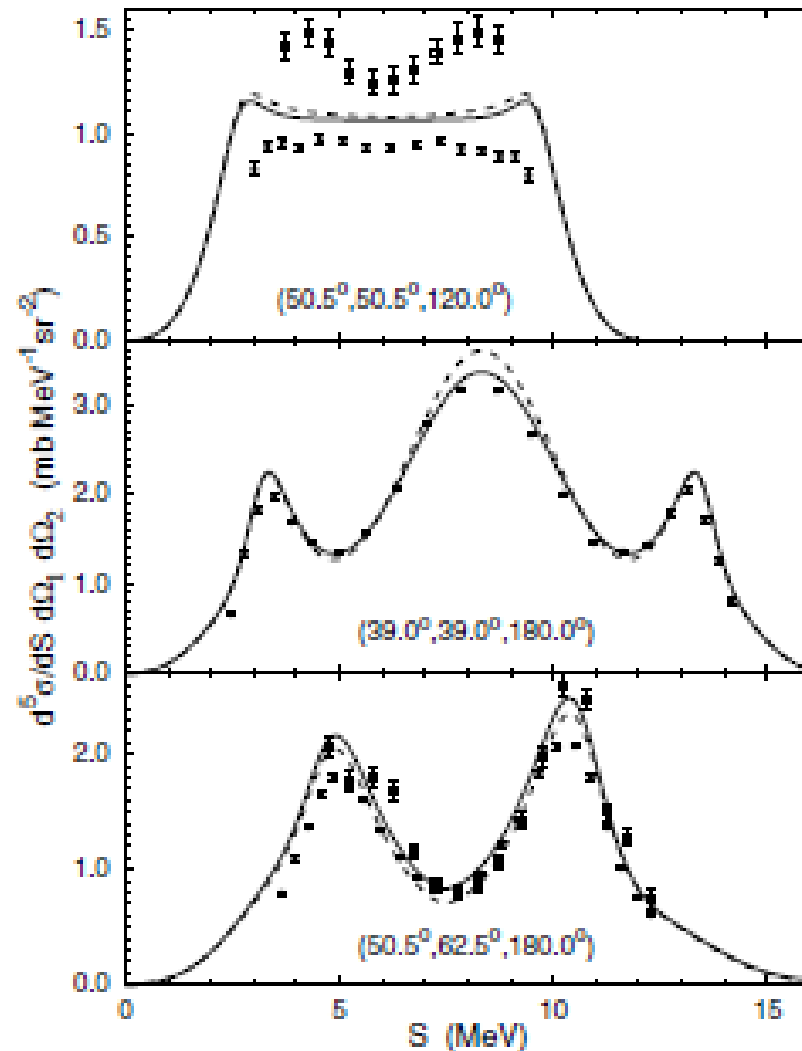


- NN N4LO R=0.9 rule ppnp
- NN N4LO 3NF N2LO R=0.9 D=4.0 E=-0.270 rule ppnp
- ... NN N4LO 3NF N2LO R=0.9 D=6.0 E=-1.094
- TUNL nd data
- NN N4LO 3NF N2LO R=0.9 D=8.0 E=-2.032 rule ppnp
- - - NN N4LO 3NF N2LO R=0.9 D=10.0 E=-3.108 rule ppnp
- × Koeln pd data

- practically no 3NF effects (at N2LO) for that configuration

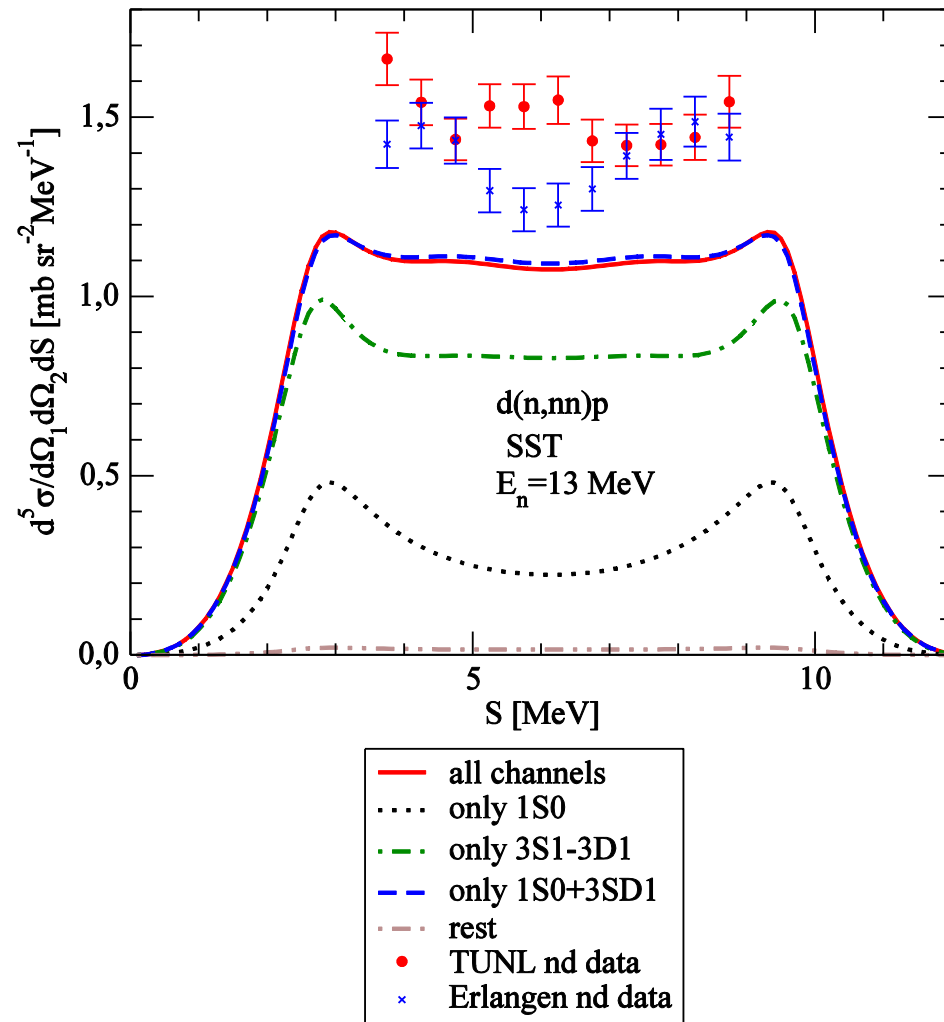
Calculation of Proton-Deuteron Breakup Reactions including the Coulomb Interaction between the Two Protons

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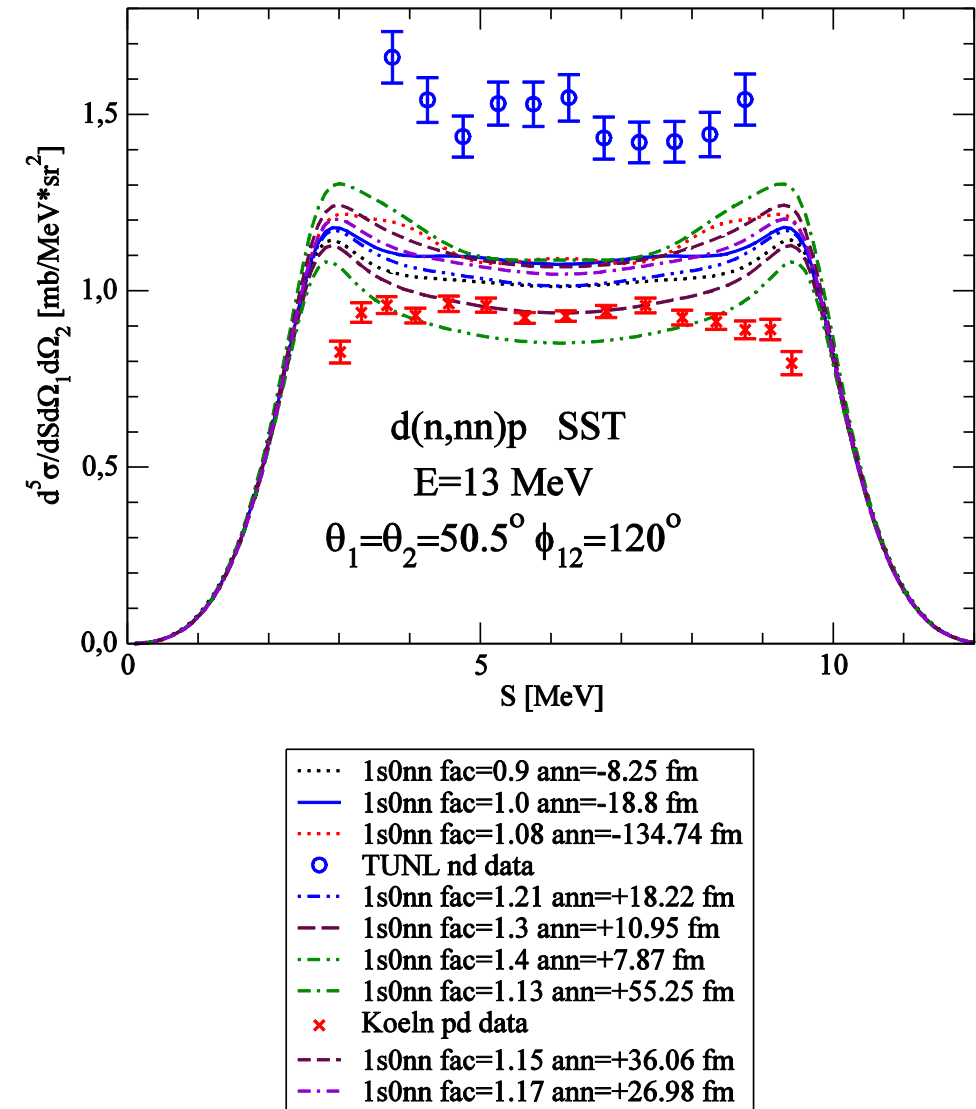


- practically no pp Coulomb force effects for low energy space star configuration !

FIG. 2. Differential cross section for pd breakup at 13 MeV proton lab energy for space star, quasi-free scattering, and col-linear configurations (from top to bottom). Results for CD Bonn + Δ potential including the Coulomb interaction (solid curves) are compared to results without Coulomb (dashed curves). The experimental pd data (circles) are from Ref. [18] and nd data (squares) are from Ref. [19].

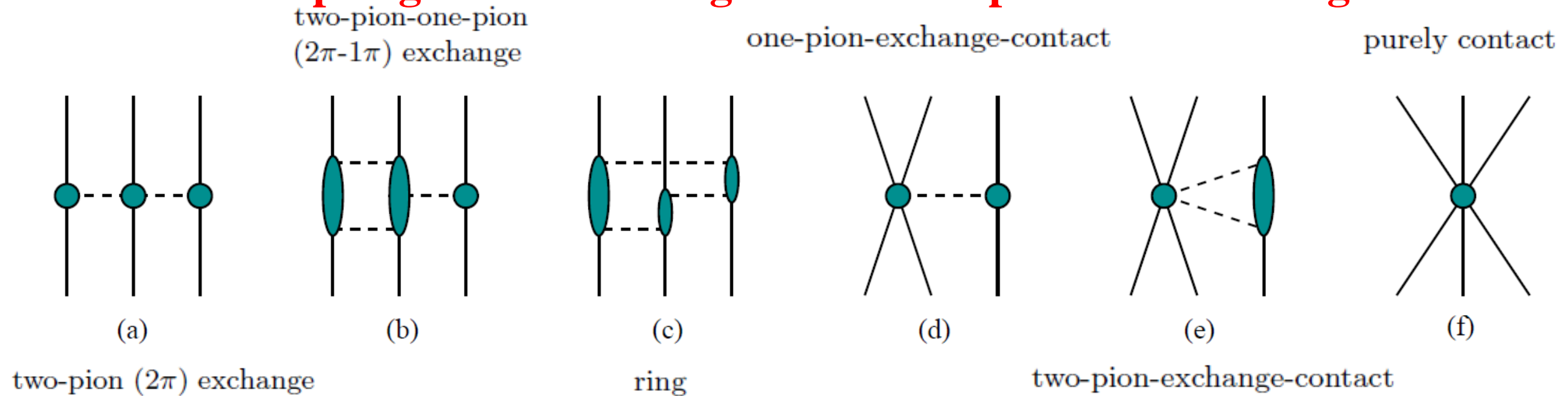


- only 1S_0 and 3S_1 contribute at this energy
- is something wrong with 1S_0 (nn or pp) at low energies ?



- making 1S_0 nn stronger (positive scattering length - bound 1S_0 nn state) could explain pd data (but not nd data !)

Various topologies contributing to the 3NF up to and including N⁴LO



□ N²LO: (a) + (d) + (f) (E.Epelbaum et al., PR C66, 064001 (2002))

□ N³LO: (a) + (b) + (c) + (d) + (e) + (f) + rel

V.Bernard et al., PR C77, 064004 (2008) - long range contributions (a), (b), (c)

V.Bernard et al., PR C84, 054001 (2011) - short range terms (e)

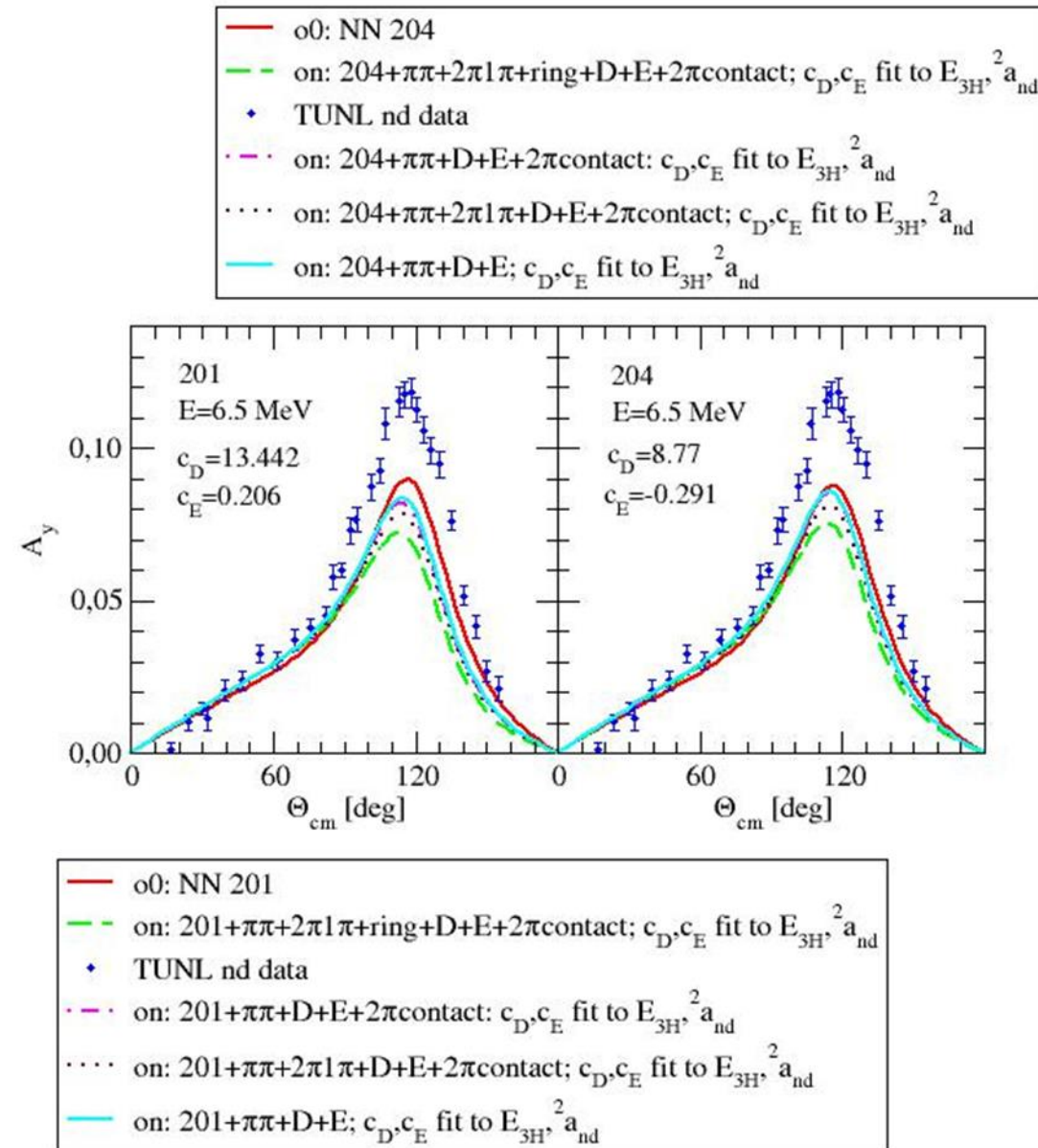
and leading relativistic corrections

N³LO contributions do not involve any unknown low energy constants !

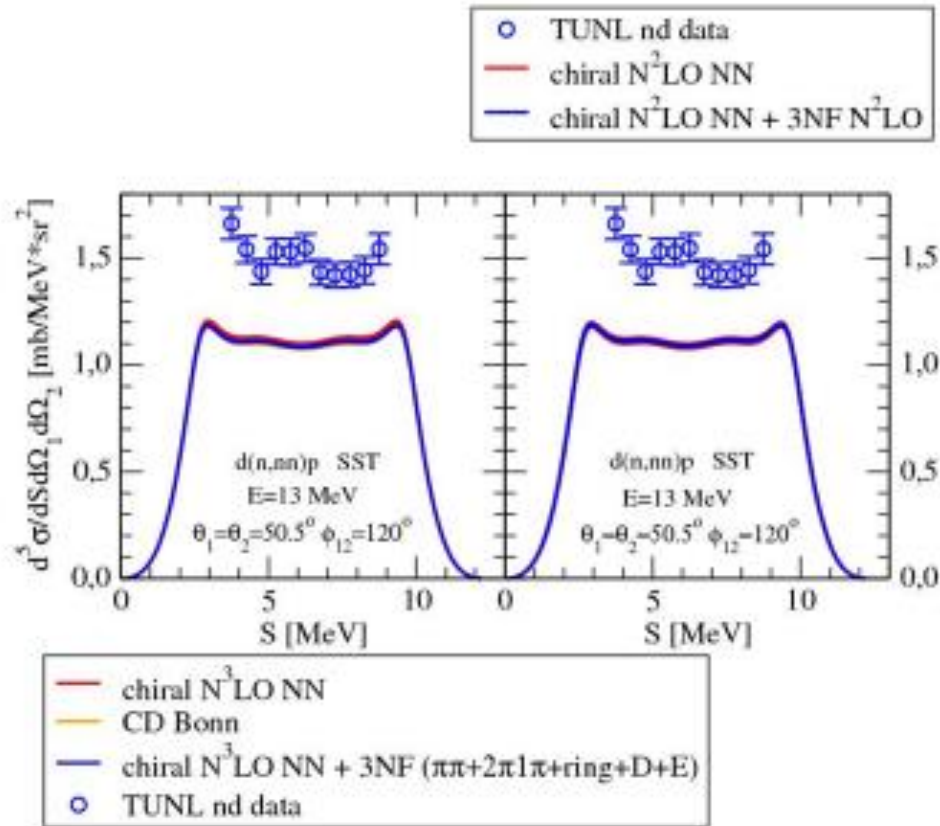
The full N³LO 3NF depends on two parameters c_D and c_E coming with (d) and (f) terms, respectively. They are adjusted to two chosen 3N observables.

□ N⁴LO (longest range contributions): (a) + (b) + (c) + (d) + (e) + (f) (H.Krebs et al., arXiv:1203.0067)

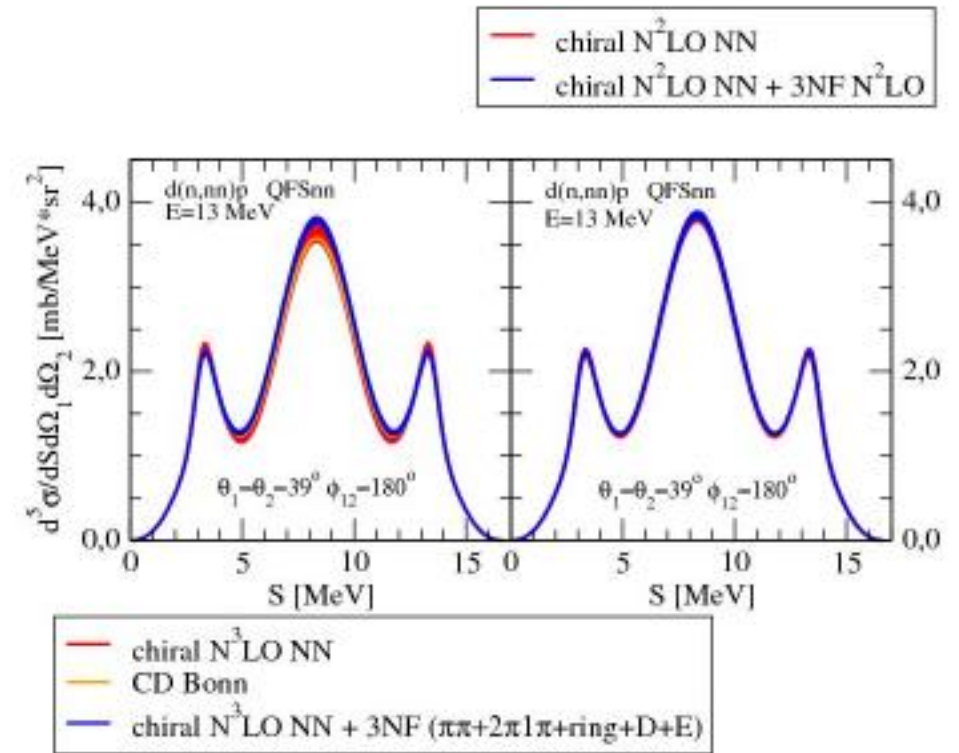
A_y puzzle: N^3 LO 3NF with short-ranged 2π -contact term



Breakup symmetric-space-star (SST) configuration:



Breakup quasi-free-scattering (QFS) configuration:



Conclusions:

- at low energies effects of N^3LO 3NF's are rather small
- they do not decrease the discrepancy between data and theory in the maximum of A_y

Subleading contributions to the three-nucleon contact interaction

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We obtain a minimal form of the two-derivative three-nucleon contact Lagrangian, by imposing all constraints deriving from discrete symmetries, Fierz identities, and Poincaré covariance. The resulting interaction, depending on 10 unknown low-energy constants, leads to a three-nucleon potential which we give in a local form in configuration space. We also consider the leading (no-derivative) four-nucleon interaction and show that there exists only one independent operator.

V. THE SUBLEADING THREE-NUCLEON CONTACT POTENTIAL

The $3N$ potential is obtained by taking the matrix element of the interaction between $3N$ states. By denoting $\mathbf{k}_i = \mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}'_i$ and $\mathbf{Q}_i = \mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{p}'_i$, \mathbf{p}_i and \mathbf{p}'_i being the initial and final momenta of nucleon i , the potential in momentum space is found to be

$$\begin{aligned}
 V = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} & \left[-E_1 \mathbf{k}_i^2 - E_2 \mathbf{k}_i^2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j - E_3 \mathbf{k}_i^2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \right. \\
 & - E_4 \mathbf{k}_i^2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j - E_5 (3\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j - \mathbf{k}_i^2) \\
 & - E_6 (3\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j - \mathbf{k}_i^2) \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j \\
 & + \frac{i}{2} E_7 \mathbf{k}_i (\mathbf{Q}_i - \mathbf{Q}_j) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) \\
 & + \frac{i}{2} E_8 \mathbf{k}_i \times (\mathbf{Q}_i - \mathbf{Q}_j) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) \boldsymbol{\tau}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_k \\
 & \left. - E_9 \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j - E_{10} \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j \right], \quad (15)
 \end{aligned}$$

Exploration of the effects of the N4LO contact 3NF of the c_{E1} , c_{E7} type

Calculations are performed using the 3NF of the kind:

$$V_{3N} = V_{3N}^{N^2LO} + E_1 \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} q_i^2 + iE_7 \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \vec{q}_i \times (\vec{k}_i - \vec{k}_j) \cdot (\vec{\sigma}_i + \vec{\sigma}_j)$$

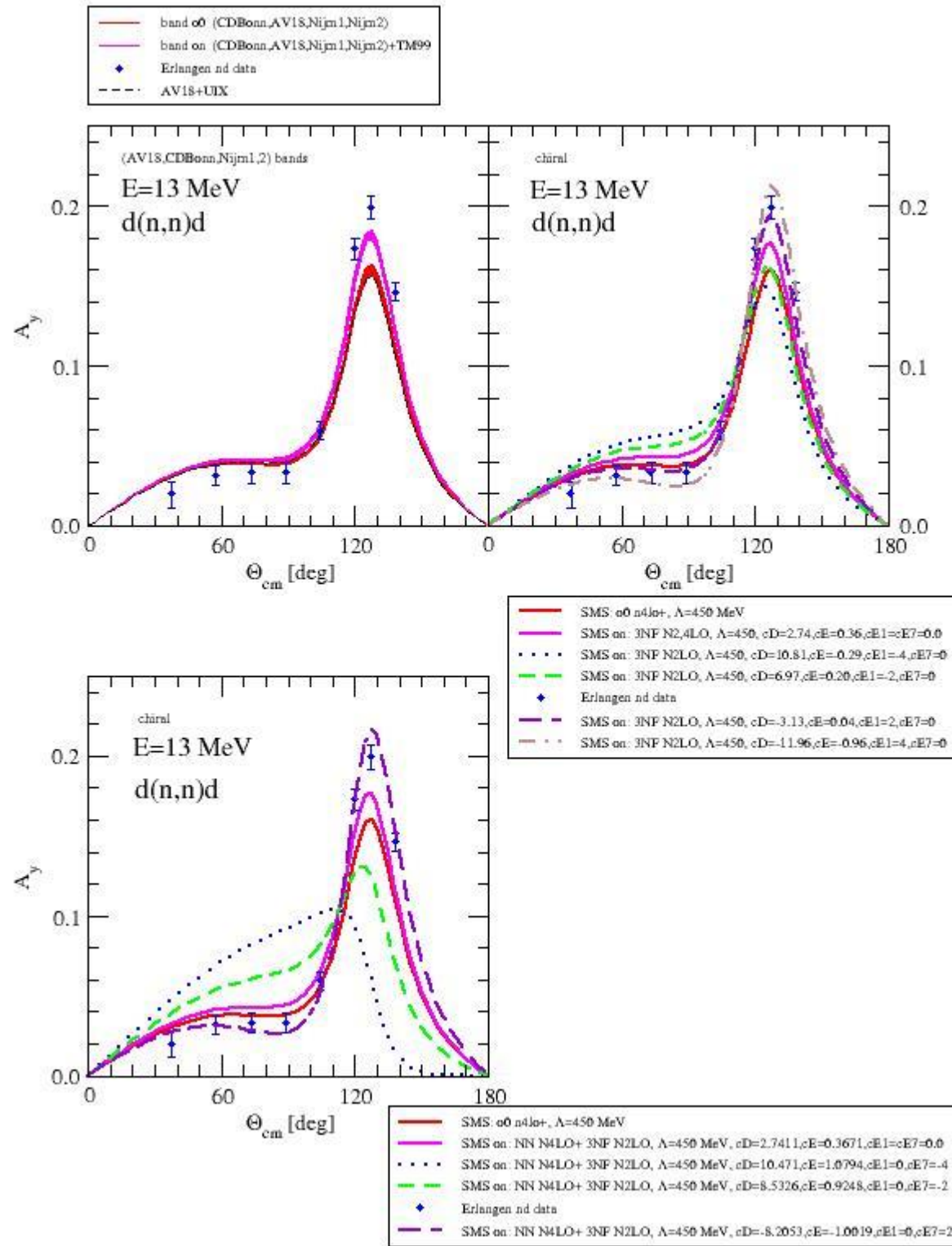
where $\vec{k}_i \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\vec{p}_i + \vec{p}_j)$. Further, dimensionless LECs are defined as $E_i = \frac{c_{E_i}}{F_\pi^4 \Lambda^3}$

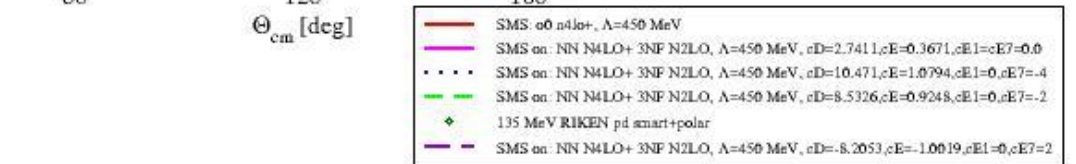
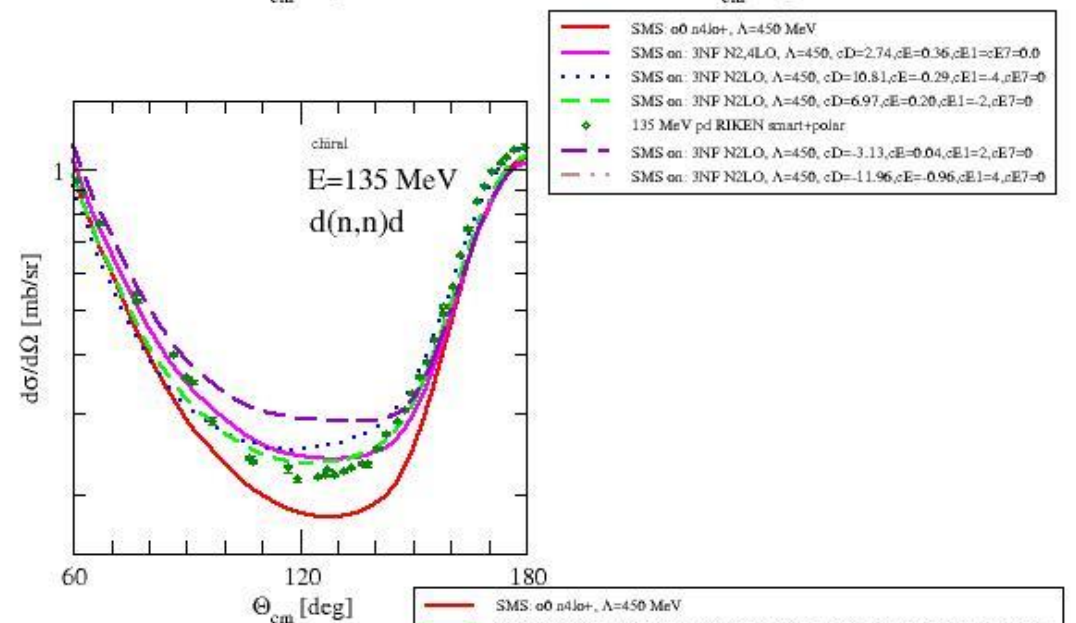
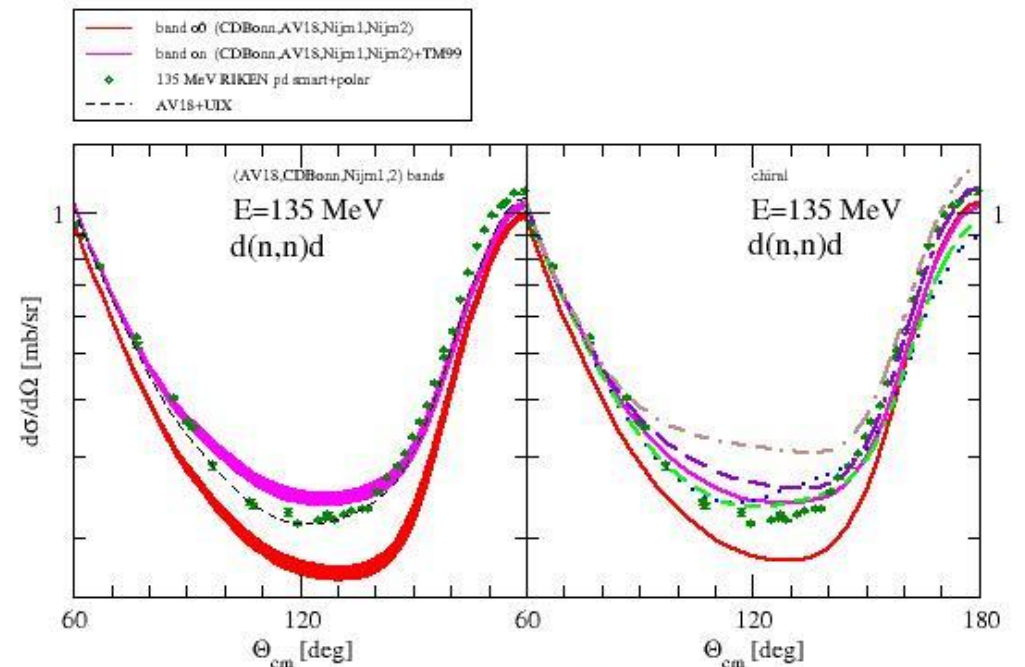
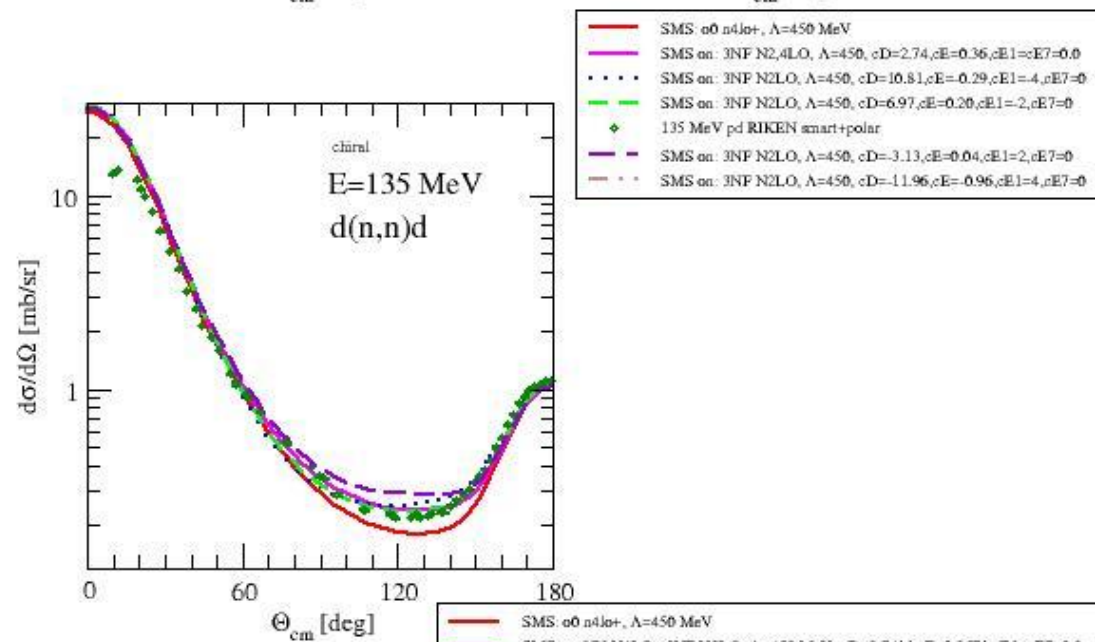
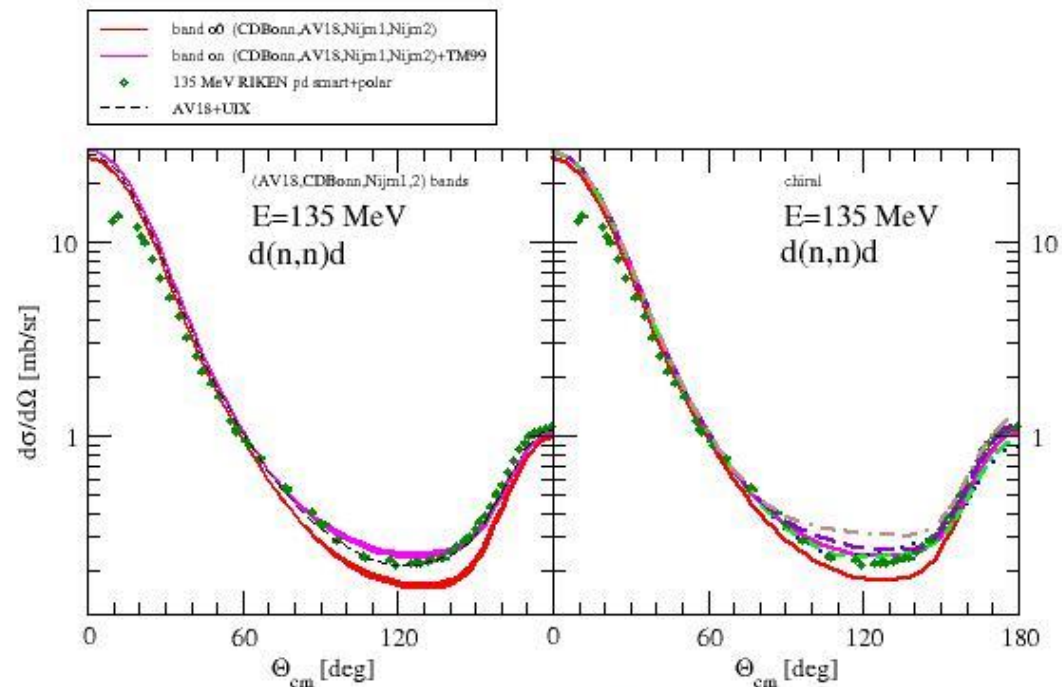
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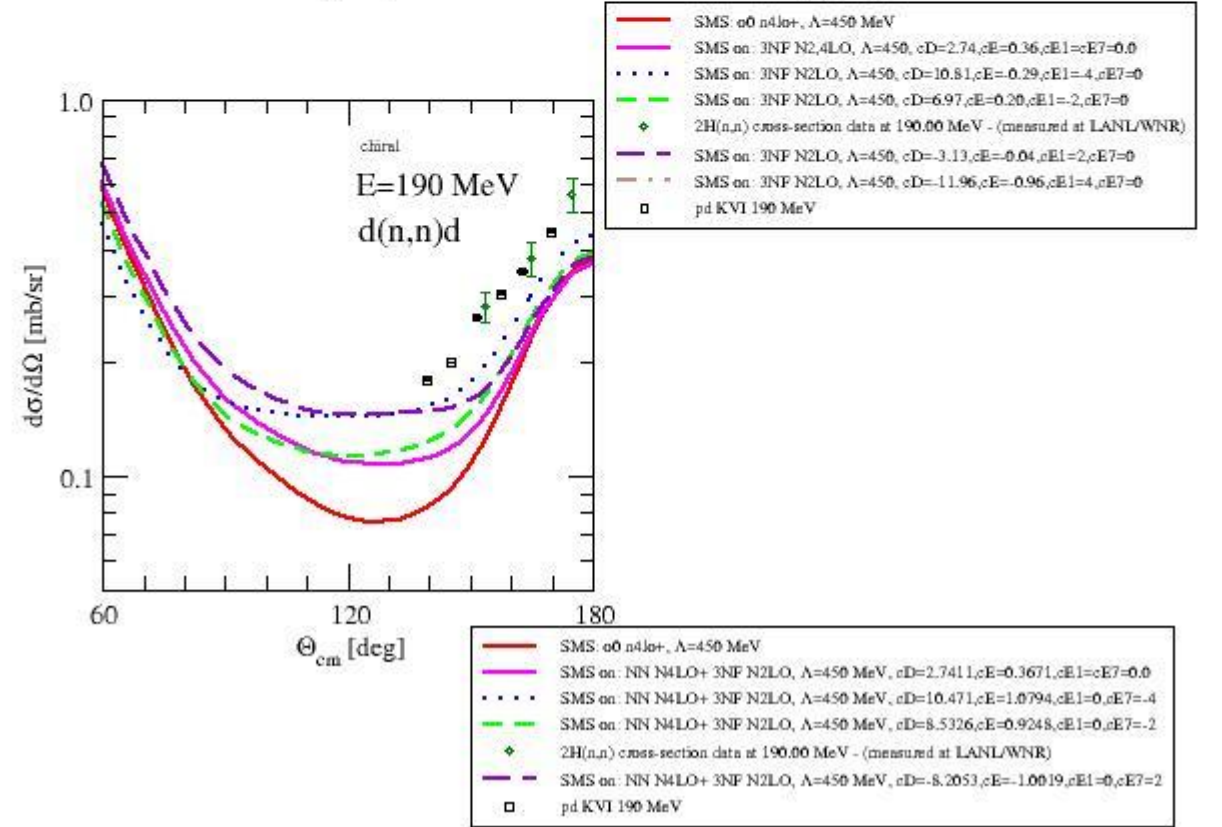
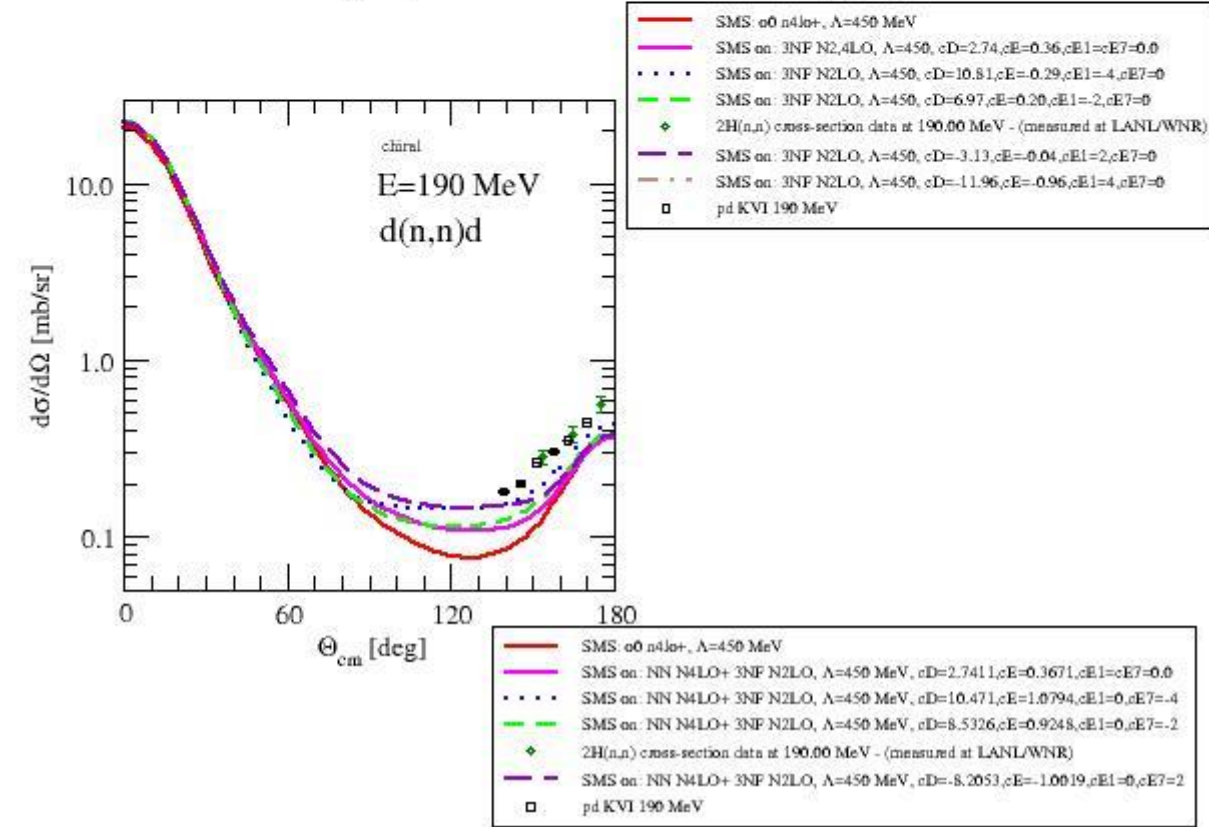
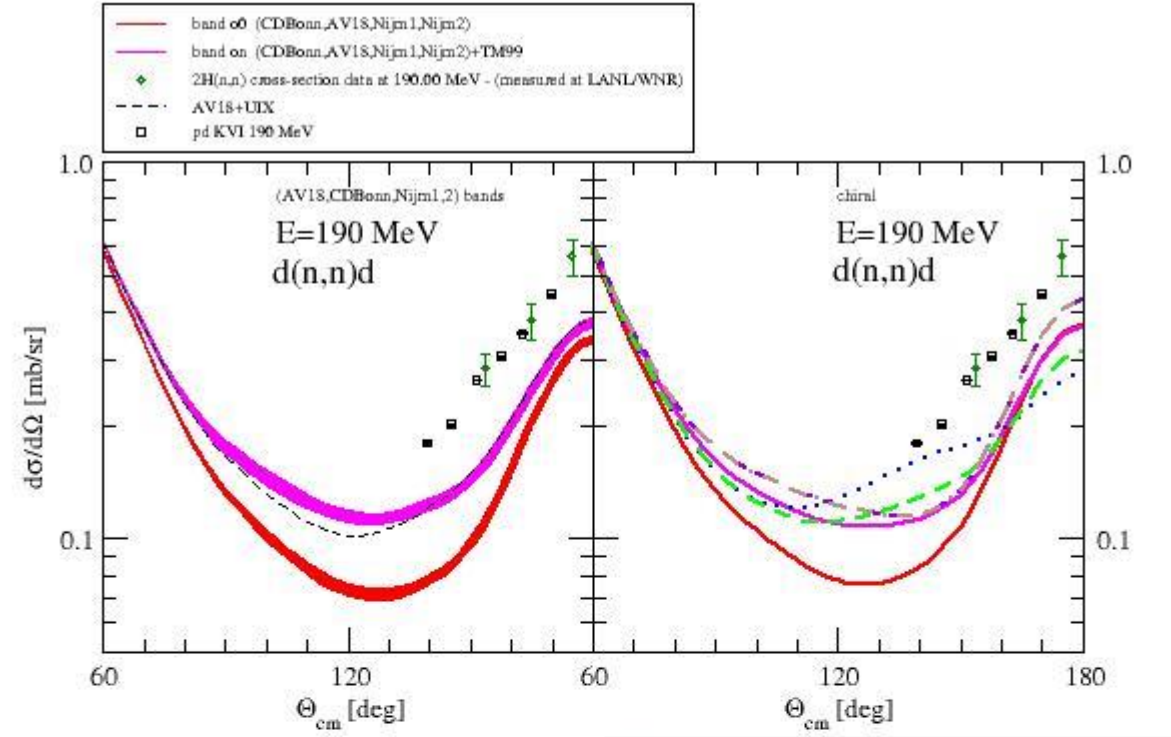
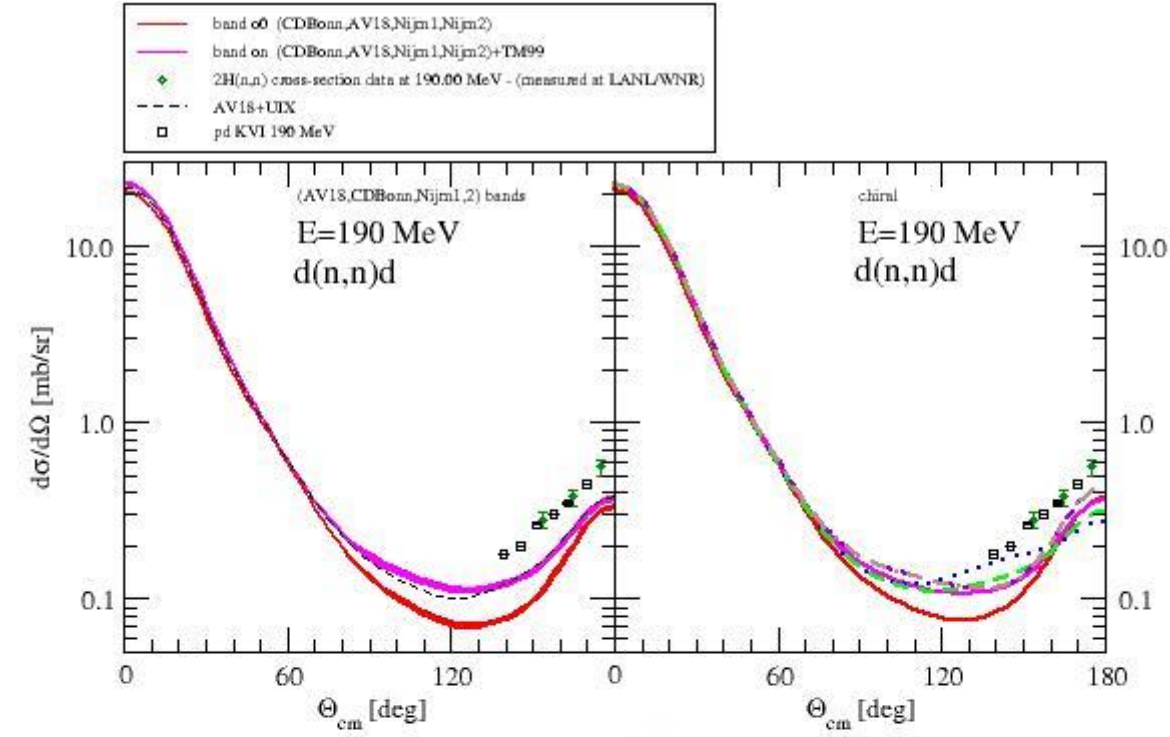
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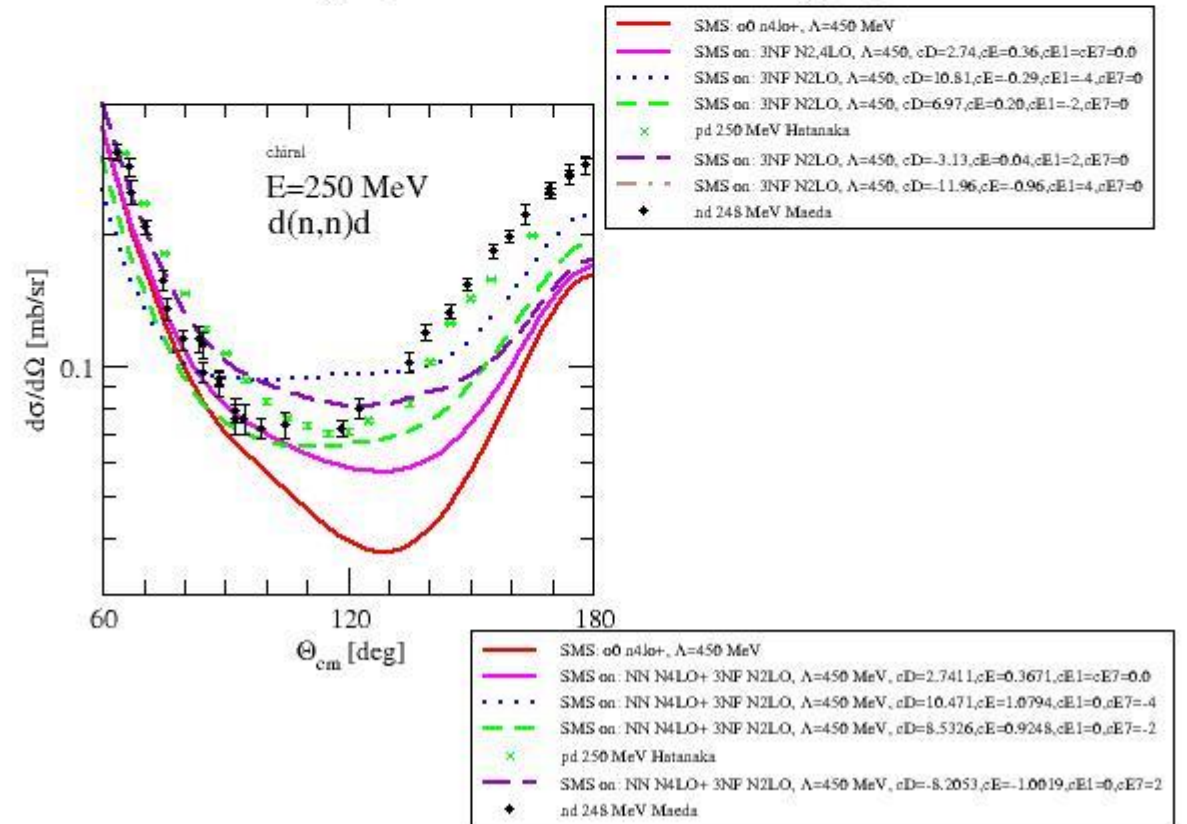
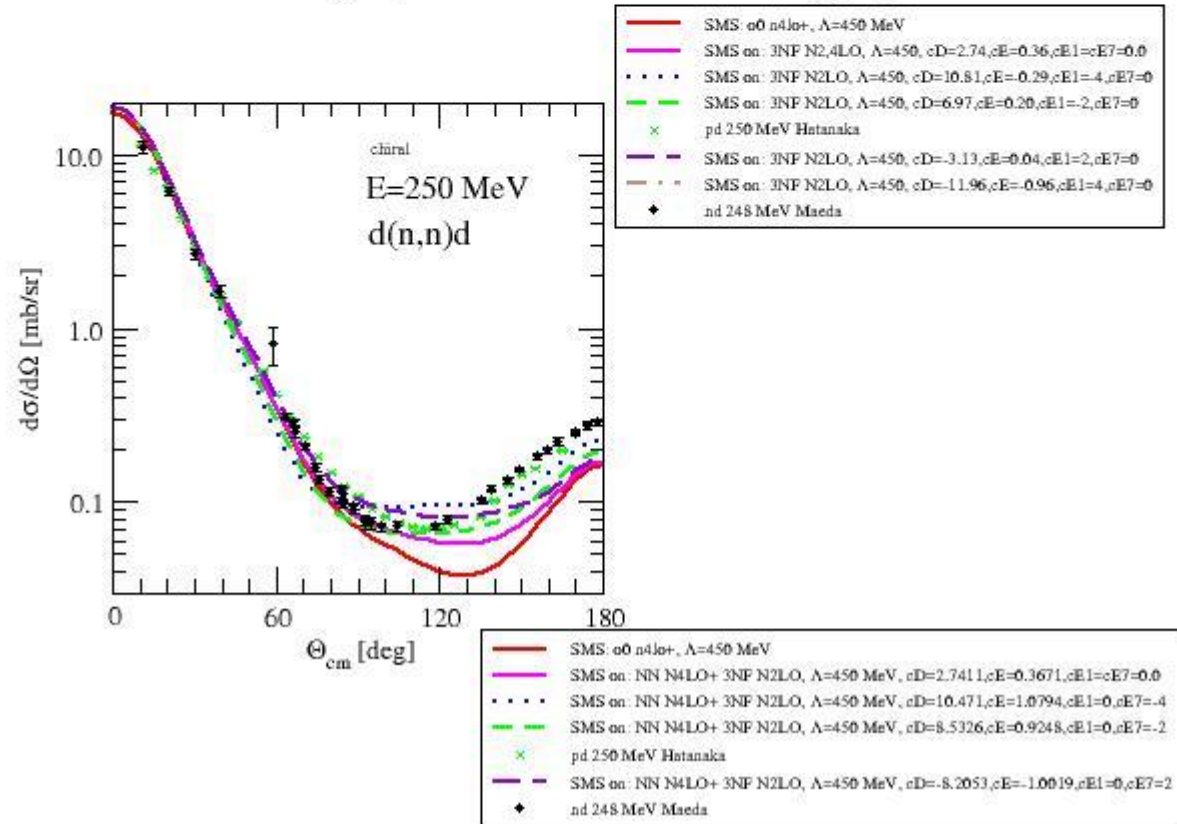
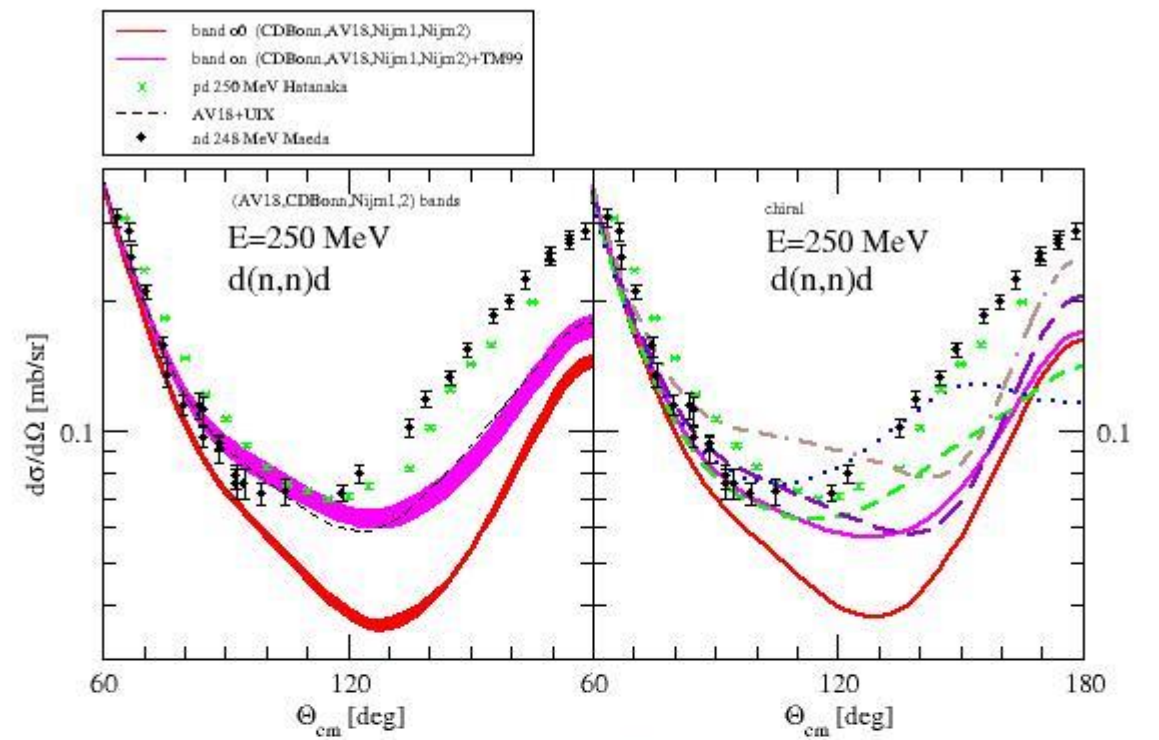
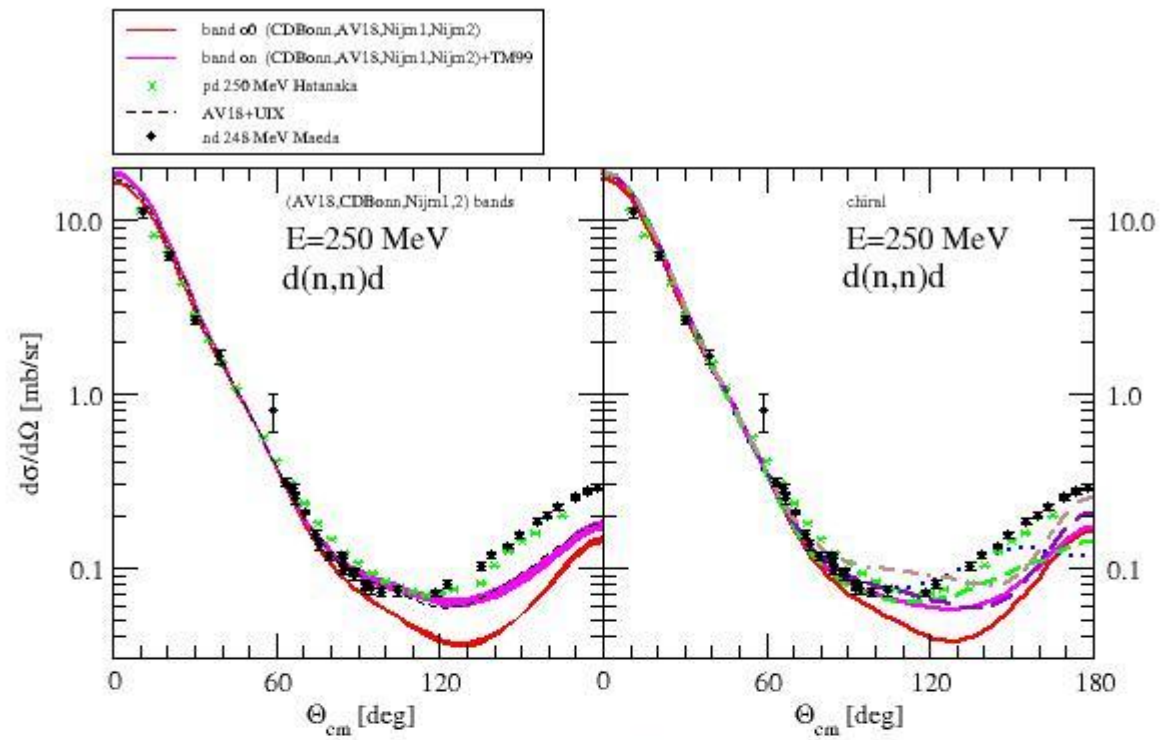
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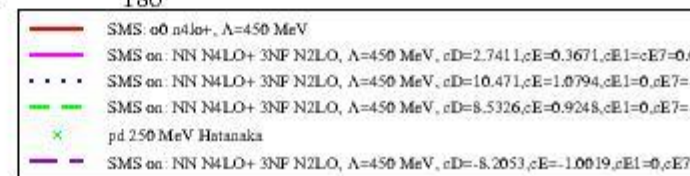
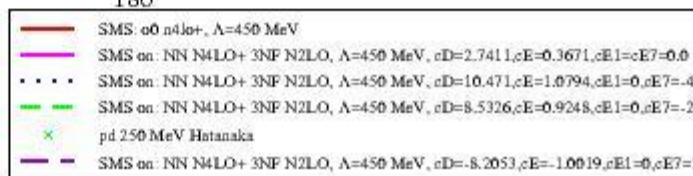
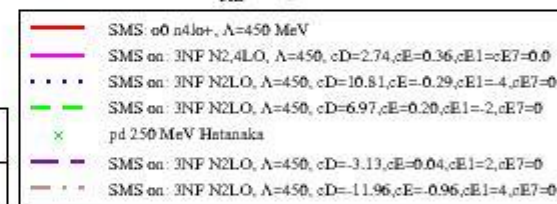
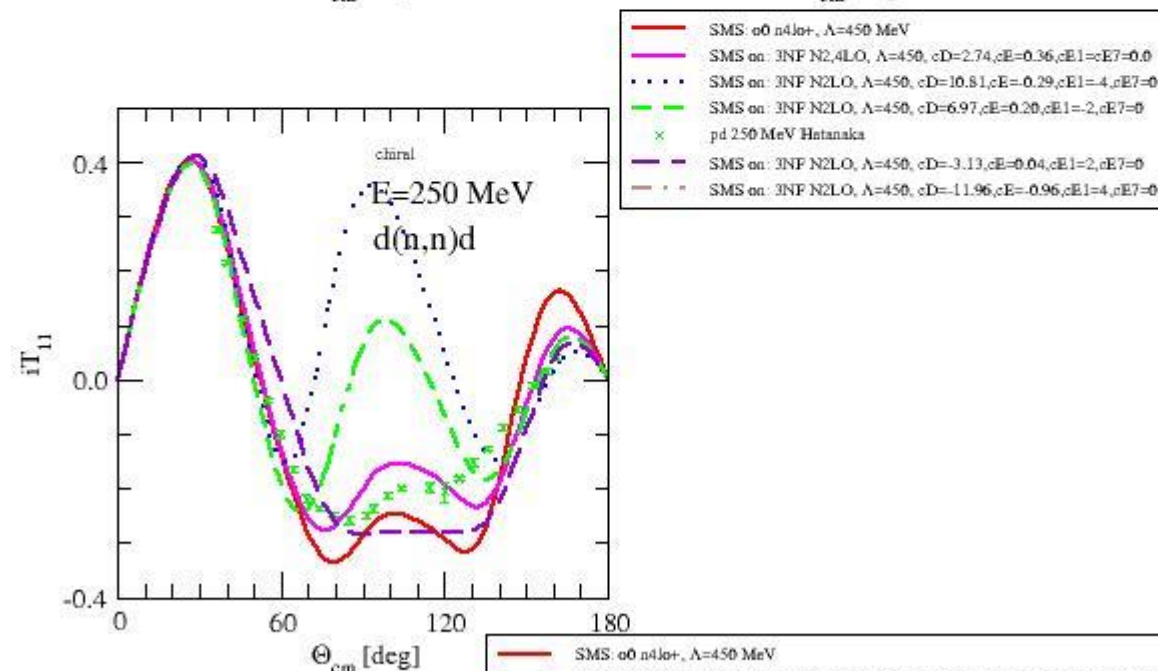
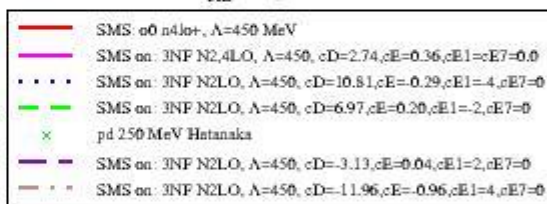
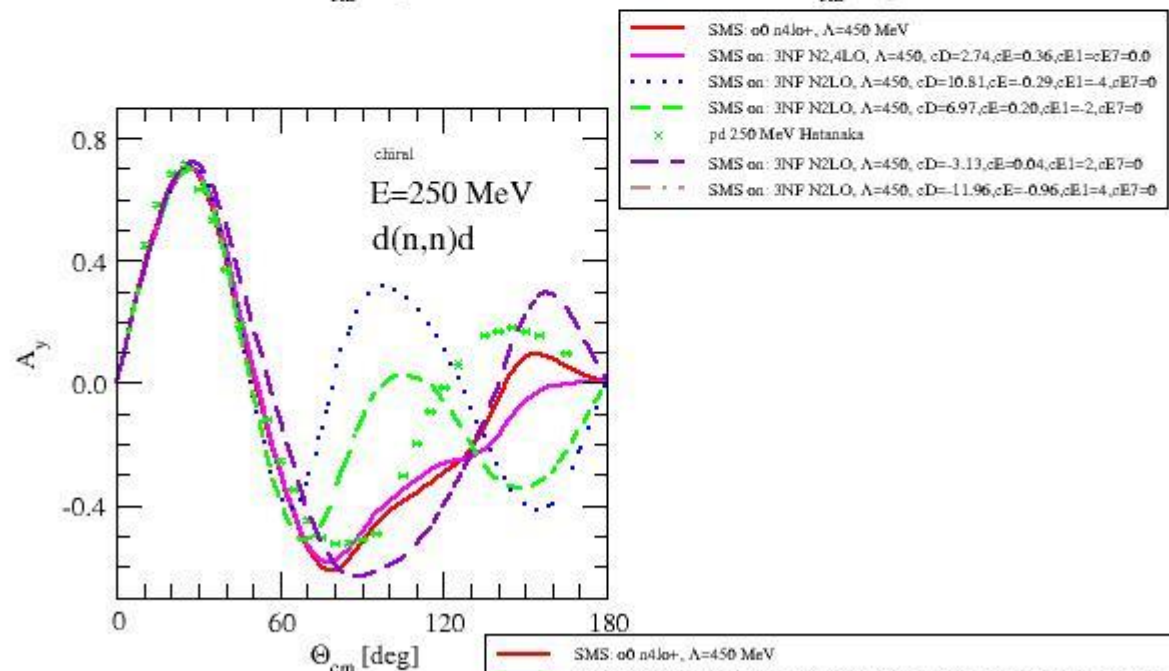
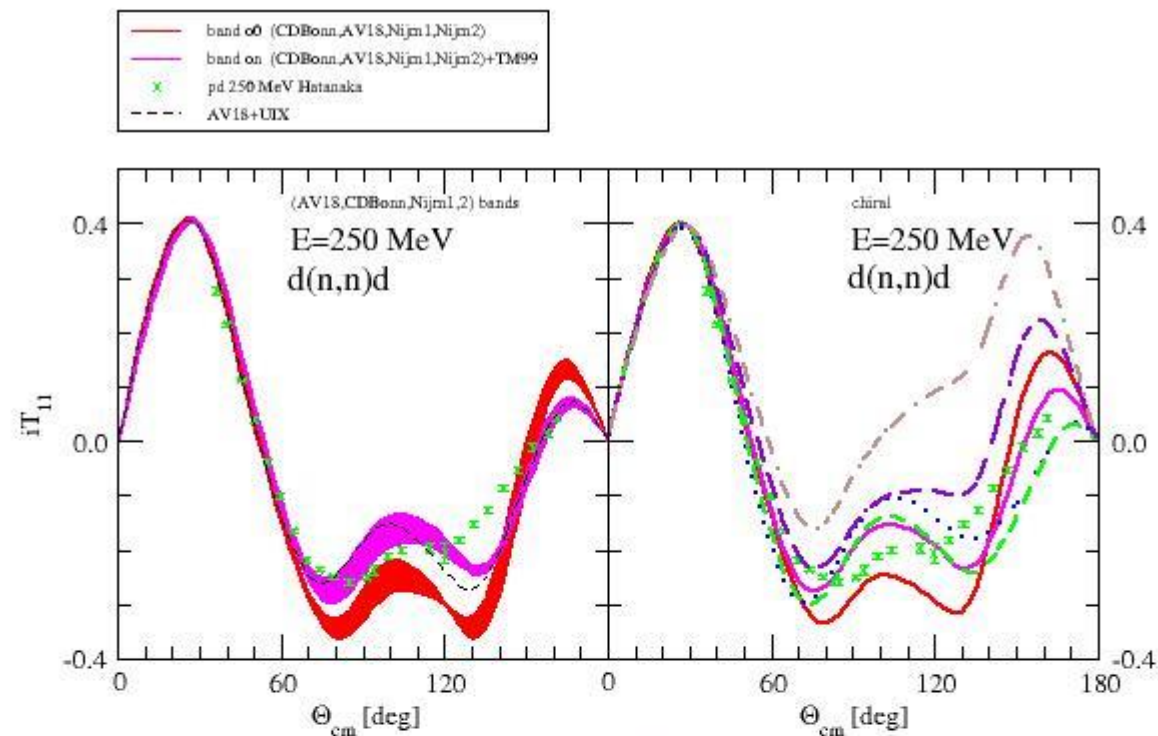
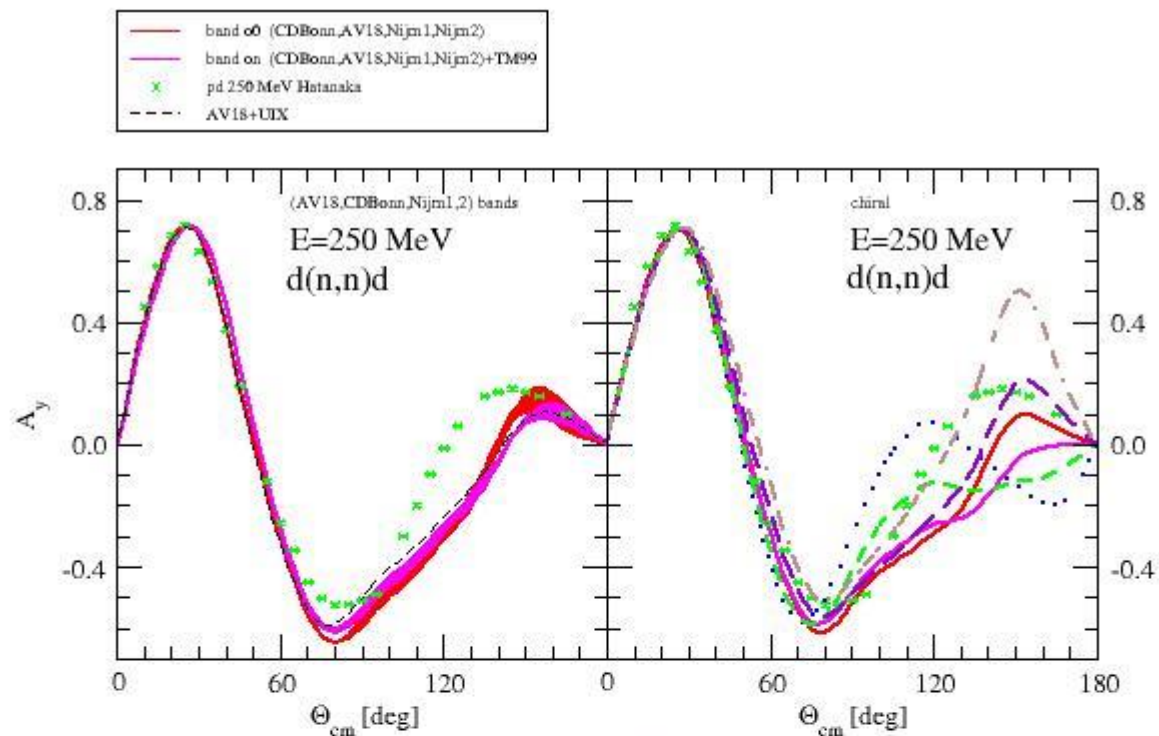
- for fixed values of c_{E1} and c_{E7} , the LECs c_D and c_E are determined from the ³H BE and the cross section minimum at $E_N = 70$ MeV. The c_D - c_E correlation fits were performed by Patrick. Nd scattering calculations done in the usual way with $j_{\max} = 5$ and the 3NF is included up to $J = 7/2$.
- Altogether, 9 calculations have been performed: $c_{E1} = c_{E7} = 0$ (standard N²LO) and $c_{E1} = \{-4, -2, 2, 4\}$, $c_{E7} = 0$ as well as $c_{E1} = 0$, $c_{E7} = \{-4, -2, 2, 4\}$.

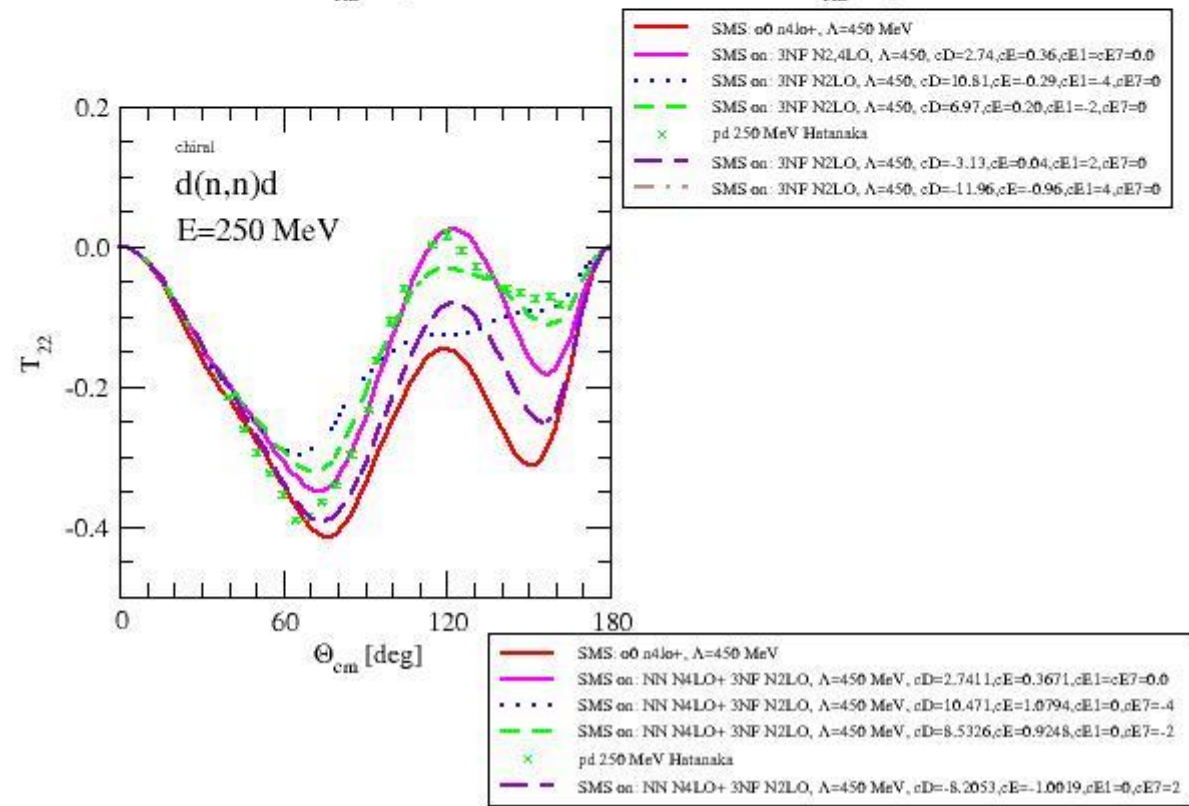
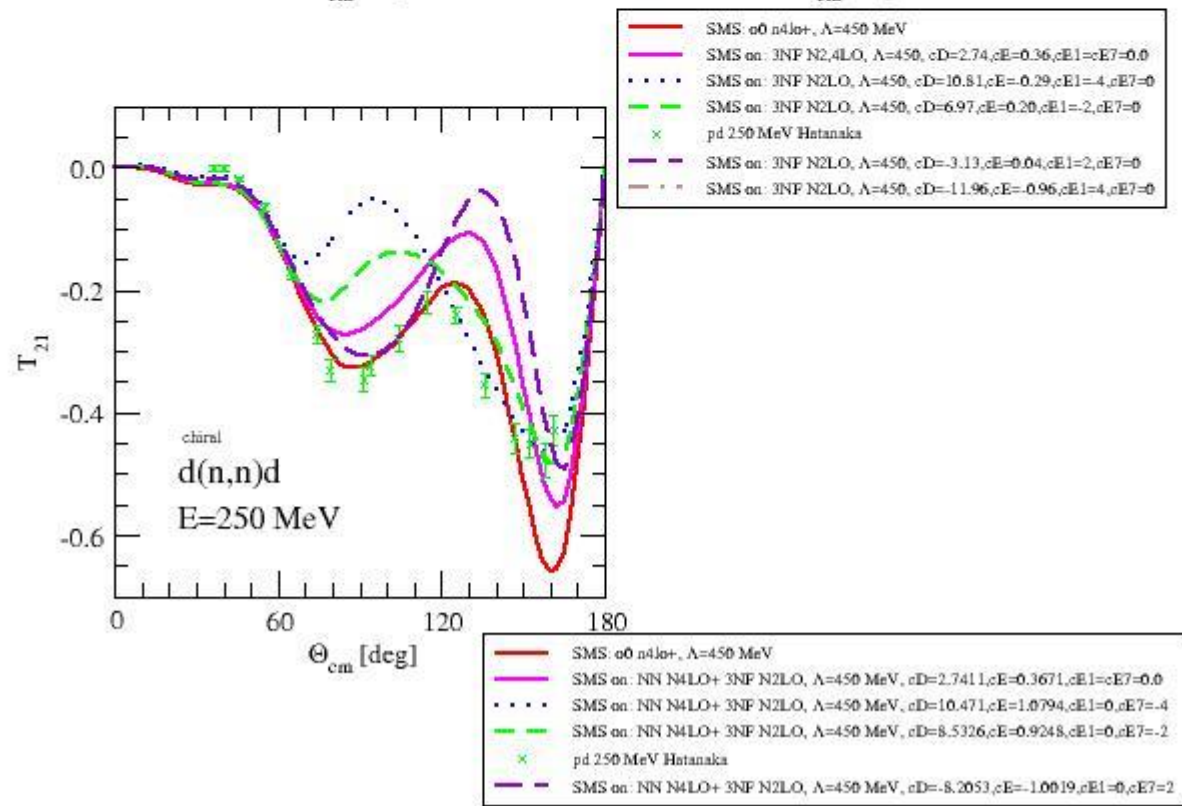
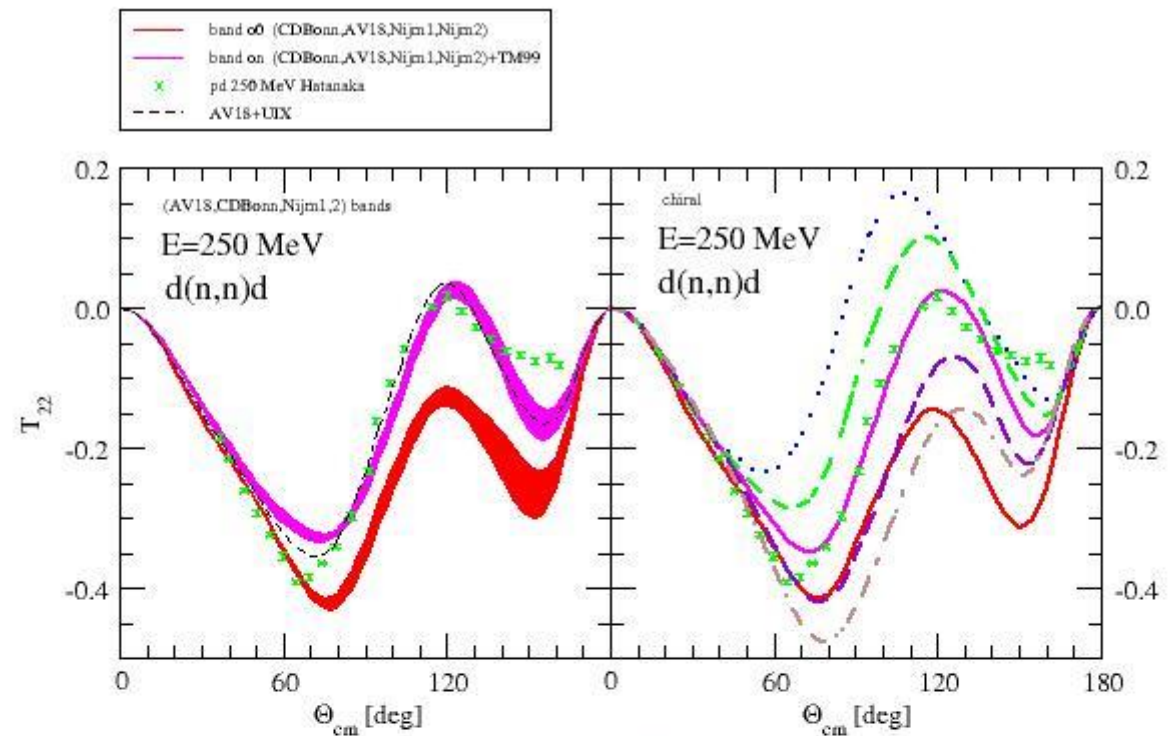
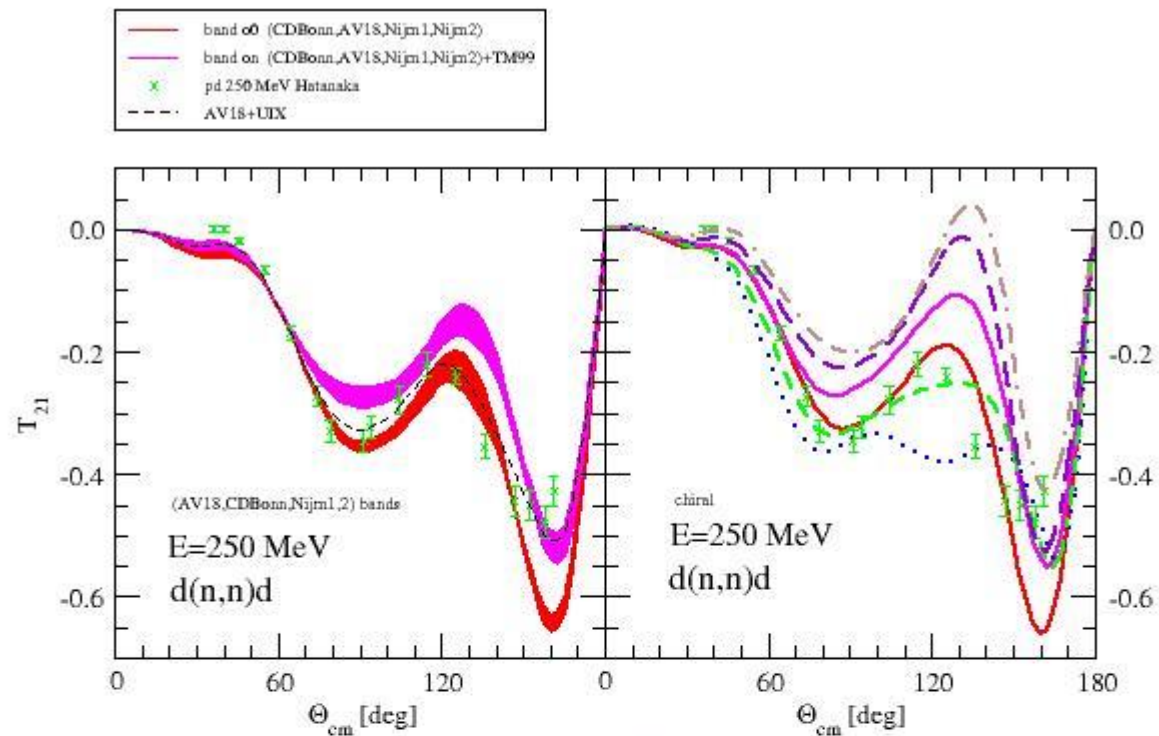


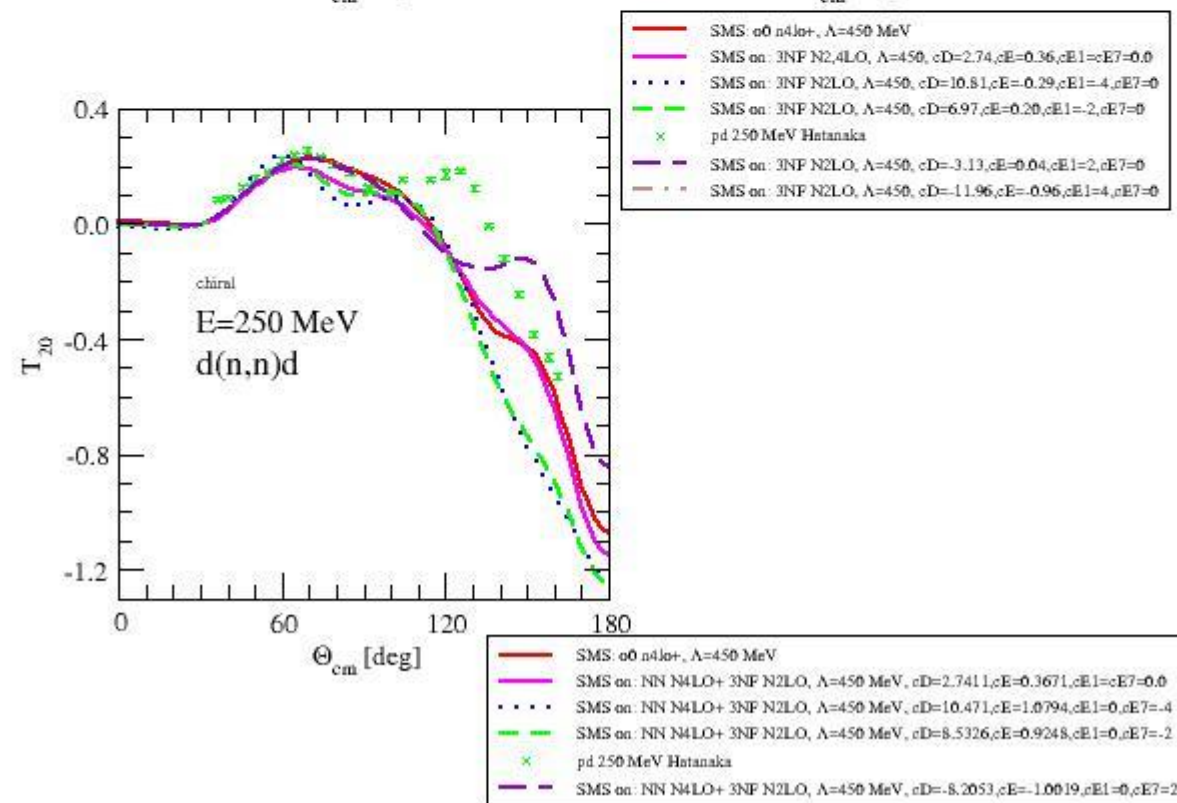
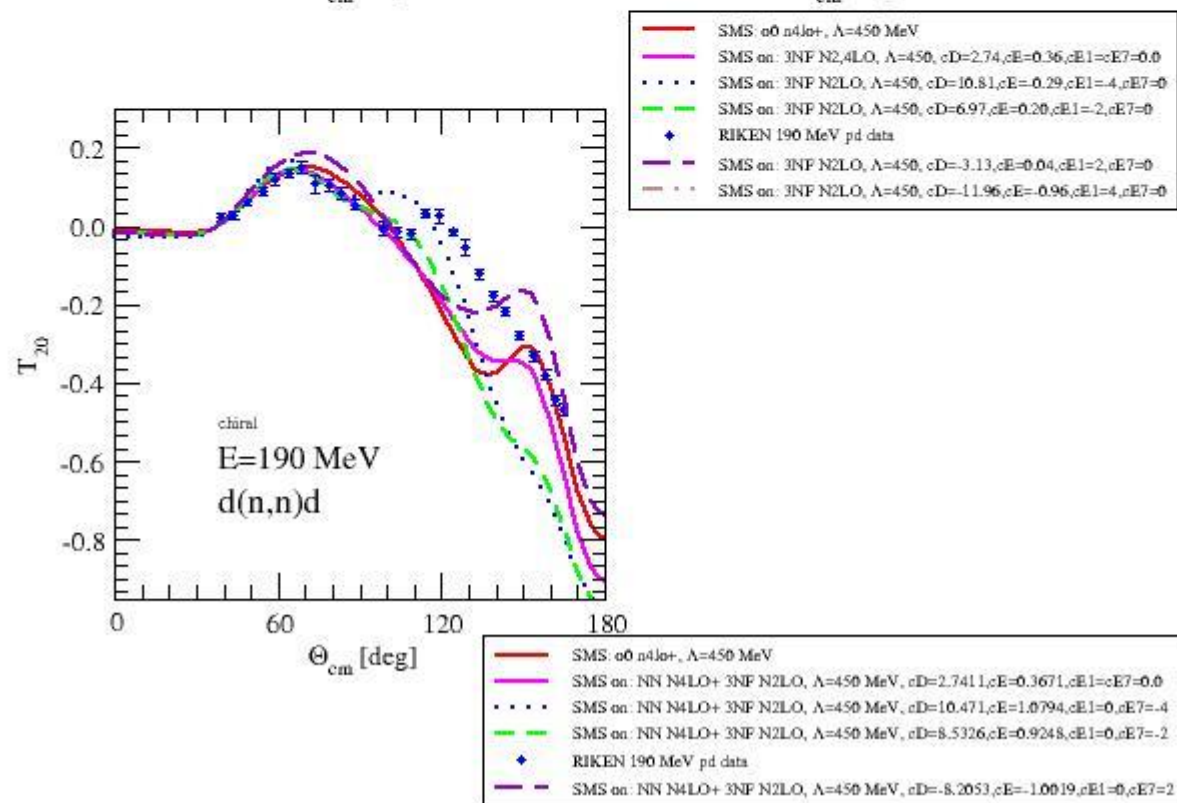
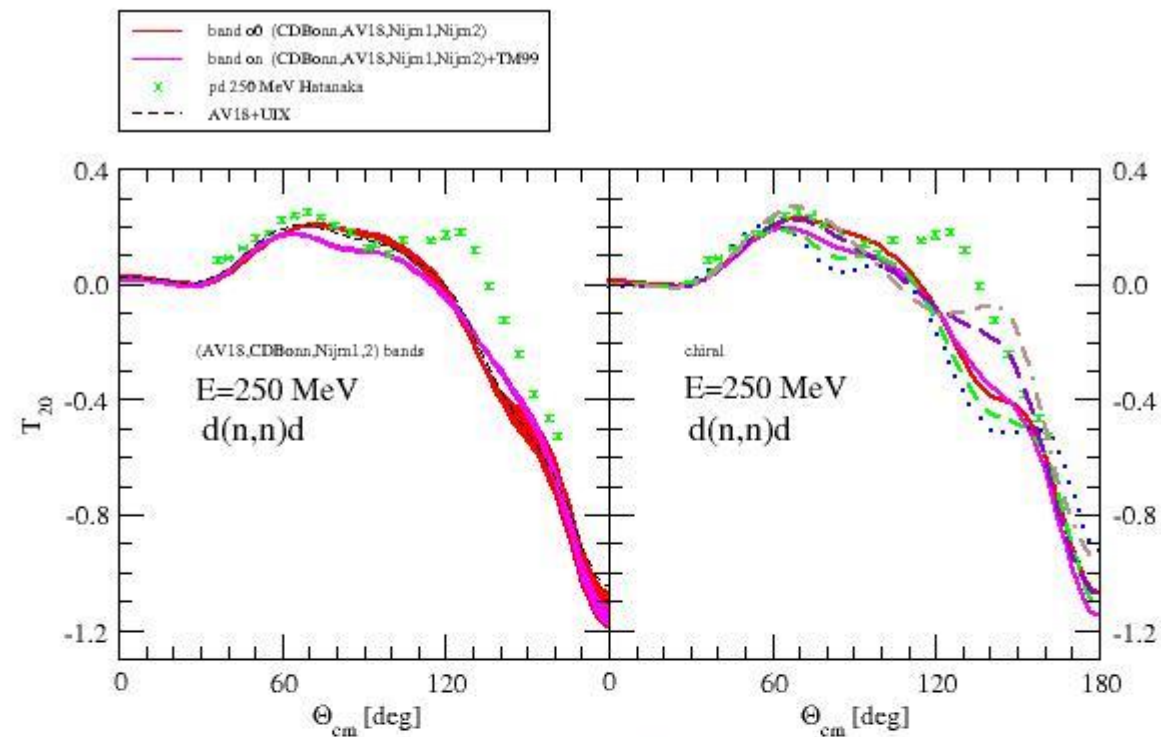
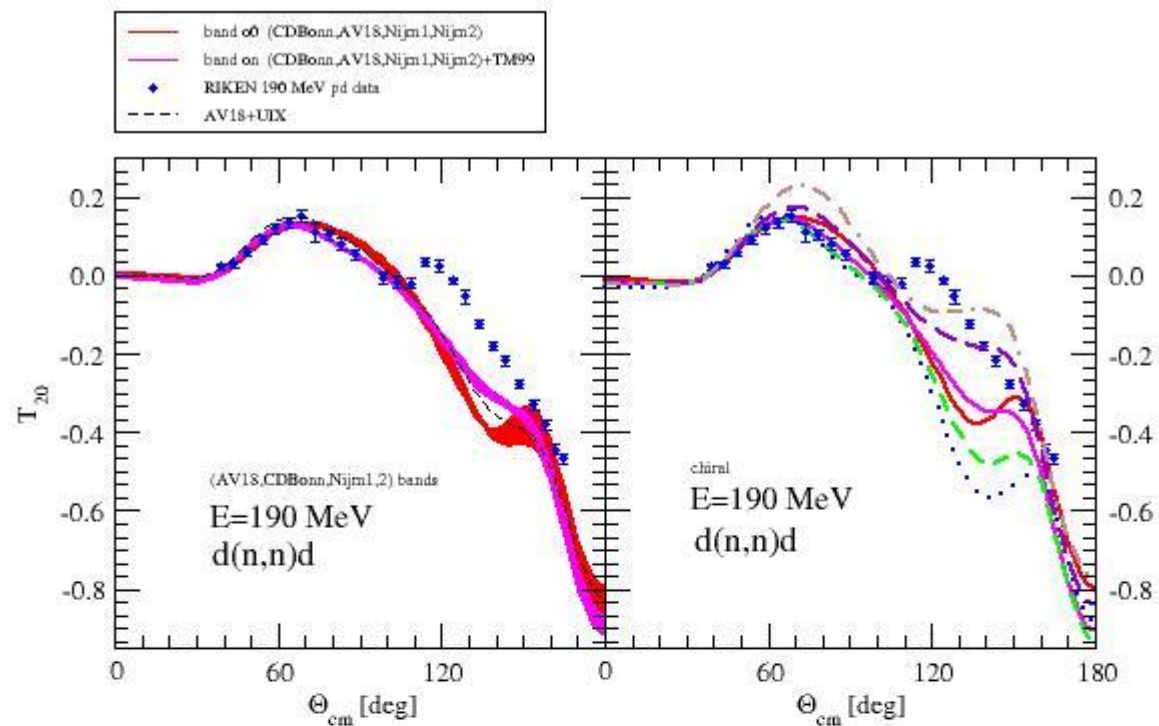


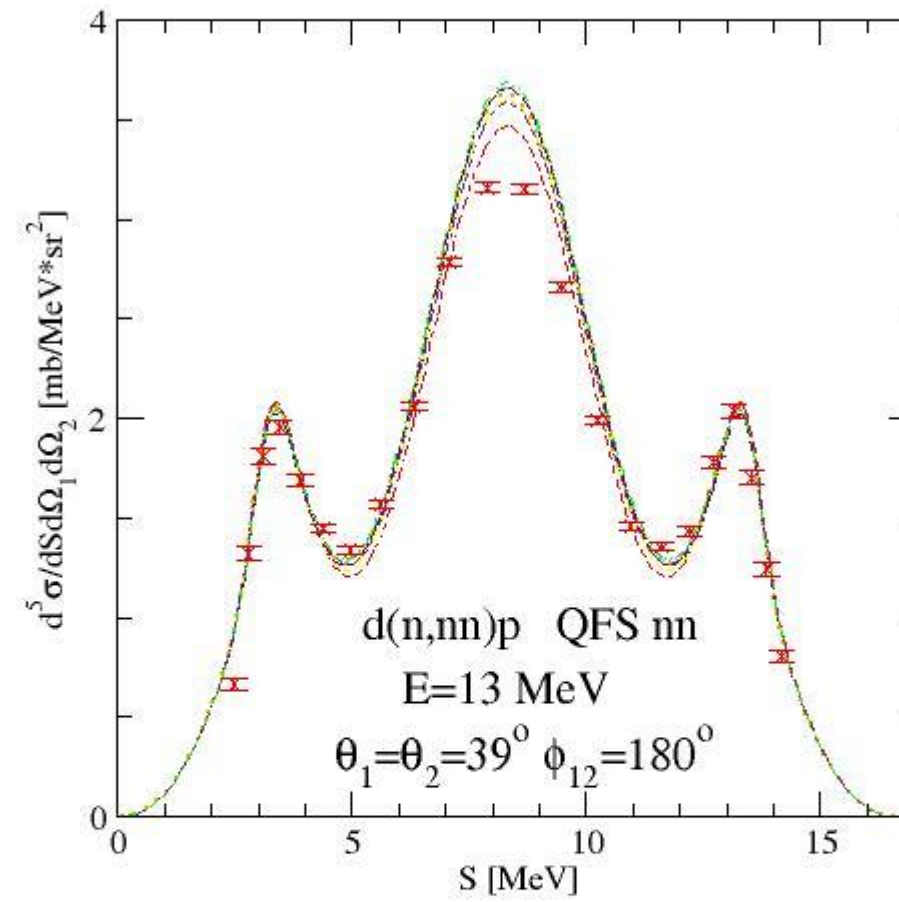




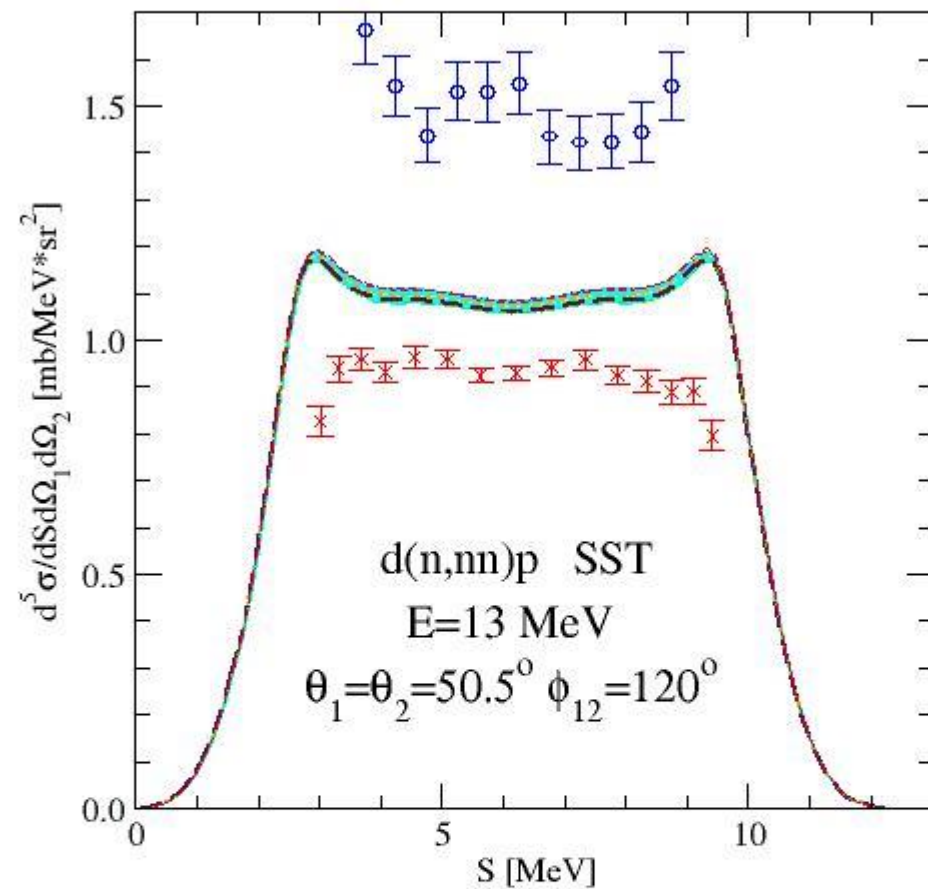




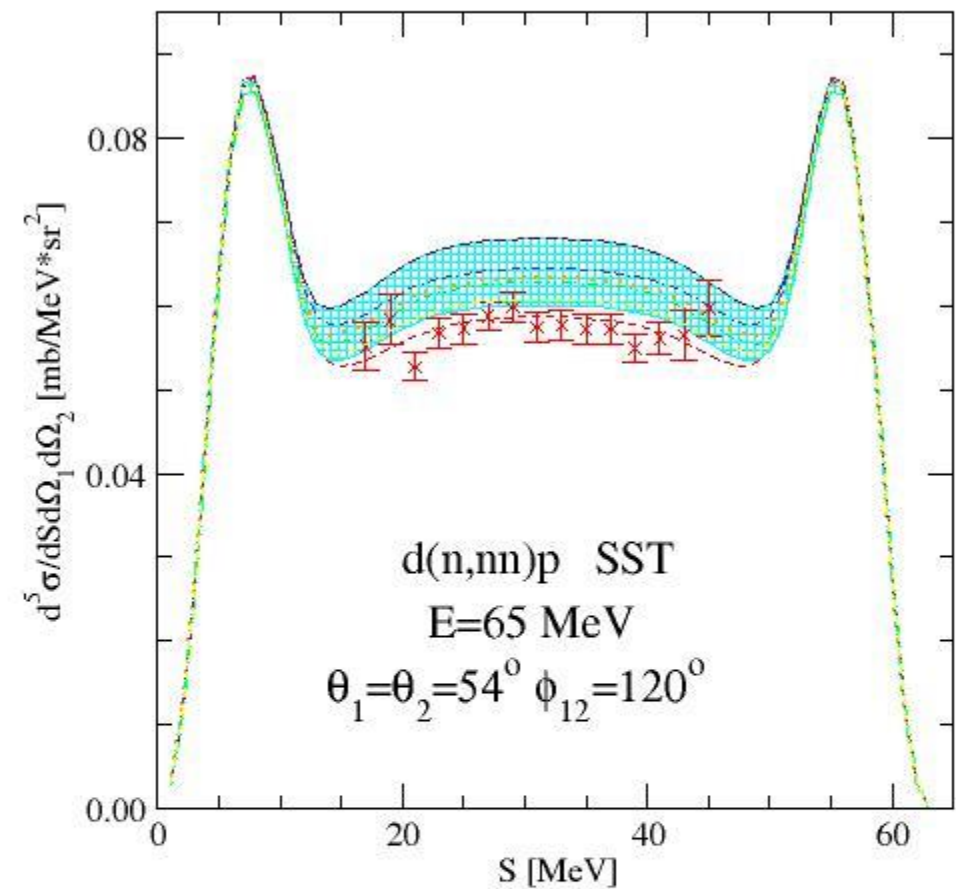




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- o0: SMS $\Lambda=450$ NN N4LO+ rule ppnp
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- × Koeln pd data



- on: band of predictions for 8 combinations of cE1 and cE7
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Conclusion:

The subleading contact 3NF have a potential to resolve the observed discrepancies in Nd scattering between theory and data. In particular, they can increase the differential cross section at backward angles and generate lots of structure in polarization observables seen in the data. (Of course, the inclusion of the long- and intermediate-range contributions to the 3NF will change the pictures.)

Summary:

- Nd elastic scattering and deuteron breakup reaction reveal large sensitivity to underlying nuclear forces --> good tools to test nuclear Hamiltonian
- it is clear, that based on the present day NN forces additional term in nuclear Hamiltonian is needed --> 3NF
- call for consistency between 2N and 3N forces: support and guidance --> chiral perturbation theory approach
- Big challenge: application of chiral $N^3\text{LO}$ and $N^4\text{LO}$ forces (2- and 3-body) to 3N continuum (especially at higher energies)
- Big challenge (after establishing forces): application of consistent forces and electro-weak currents to different reactions induced by electro-weak probes on 3N bound (^3H and ^3He) systems
- Final goal: explanation of standard nuclear physics phenomena by chiral dynamics