

Photoproduction of baryon resonances - recent results from the A2 collaboration

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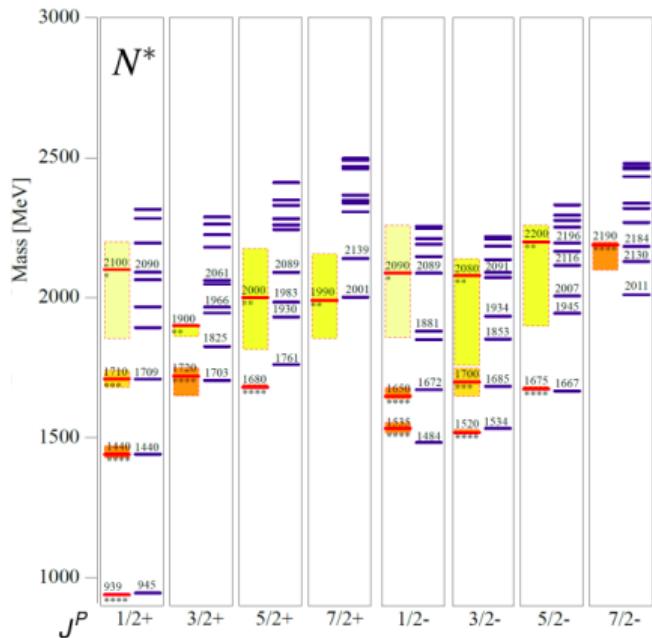
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Baryon spectroscopy

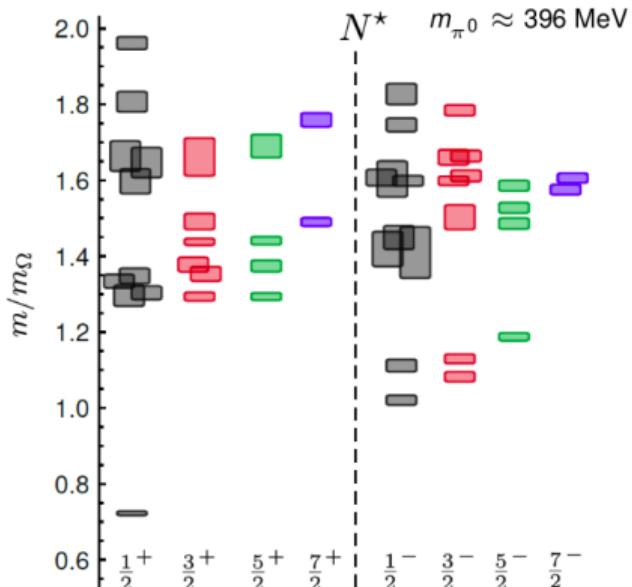
Theoretical description of nucleon excitation spectra

Quark model with experimental data



[M. Ronninger and B. Metsch, Eur. Phys. J. A 47 (2011) 162]

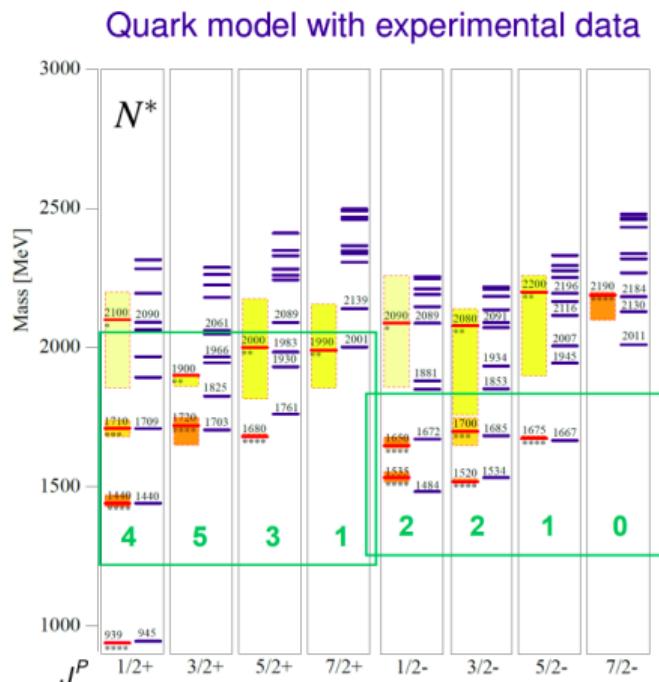
Lattice QCD calculations



[R. G. Edwards et al., Phys. Rev. D 84 (2011) 074508]

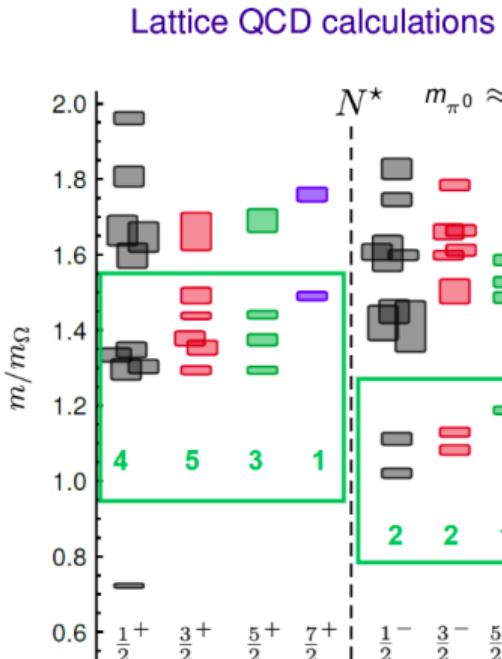
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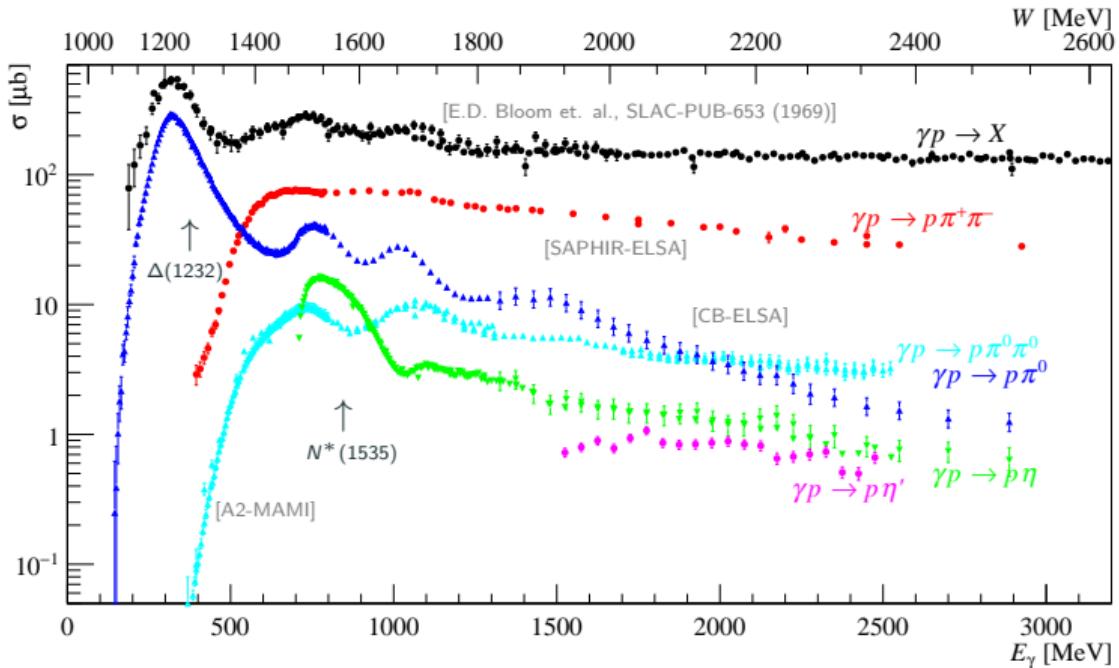
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- most resonances observed in πN scattering → experimental bias?



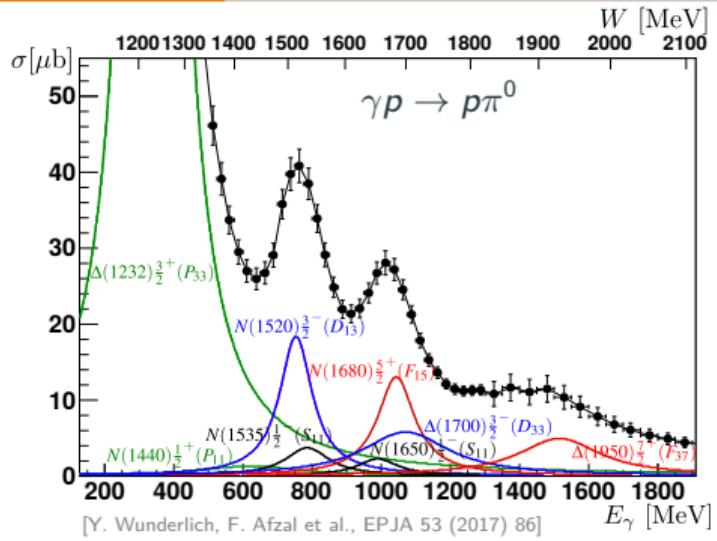
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Worldwide effort to get high precision data (ELSA, **MAMI**, JLab, SPring-8, ...)

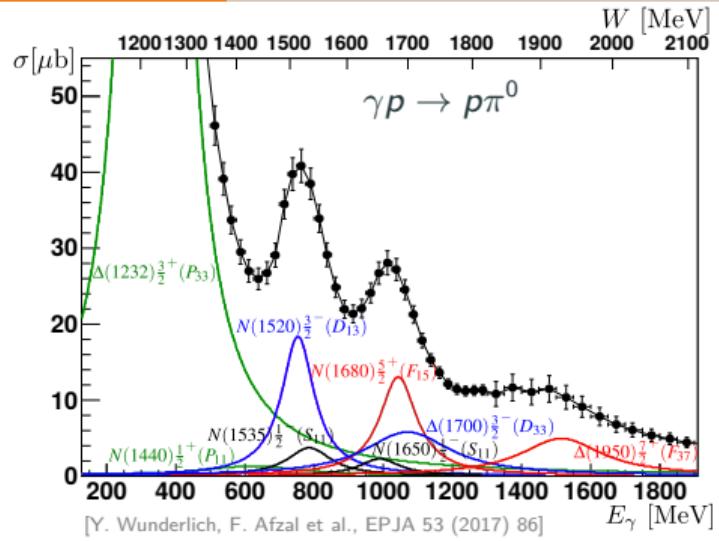


- Photoproduction reactions are an excellent tool to probe excitation spectra!
- Resonances contribute with different strength to distinct channels
- How can we disentangle contributing resonances?

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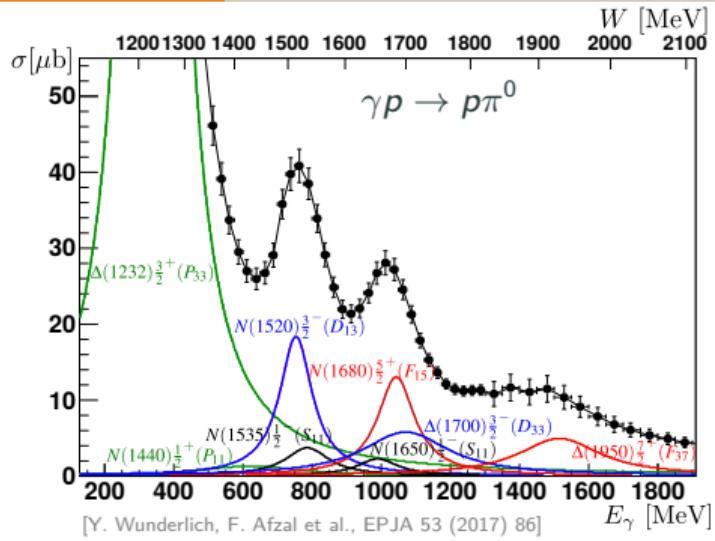


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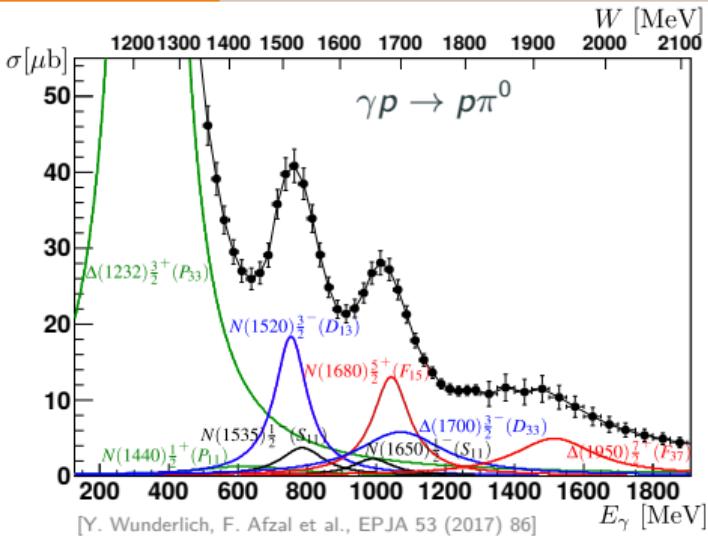
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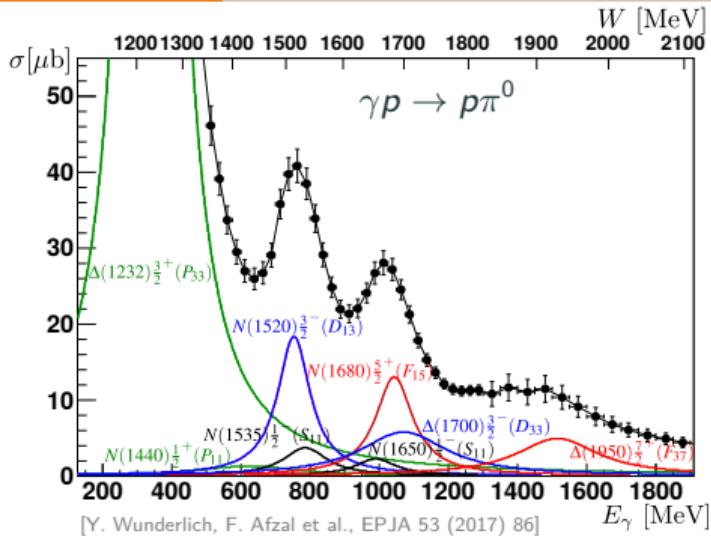


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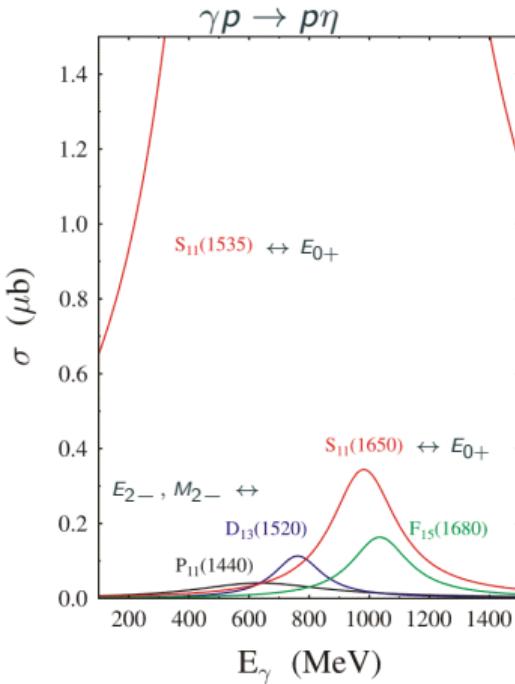
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- $\sigma \sim |E_{0+}|^2 + |E_{1+}|^2 + |M_{1+}|^2 + |M_{1-}|^2 + \dots$
 → unpolarized cross section is sensitive to dominant contributing resonances

Polarization observables in the 2-body kinematic system for the photoproduction of a pseudoscalar meson

Photon polarization		Target polarization	Recoil nucleon polarization	Target and recoil polarizations
		X Y Z _(beam)	X' Y' Z'	X' X' Z' Z' X Z X Z
unpolarized linear circular	σ $-\Sigma$ -	- T - H (-P) -G F - -E	- P - O _{x'} (-T) O _{z'} C _{x'} - C _{z'}	T _{x'} L _{x'} T _{z'} L _{z'} (-L _z) (T _z) (L _x) (-T _x) - - - -

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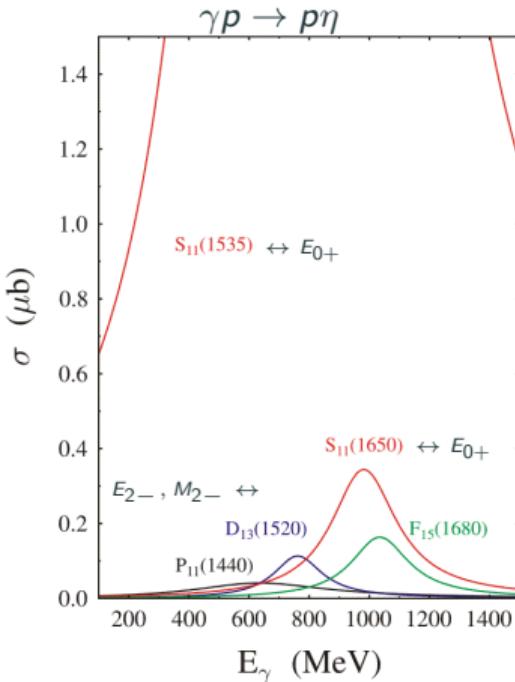
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linear	- Σ	H (-P) -G	O _{x'} (-T) O _{z'}	(-L _z)	(T _z)	(L _x)	(-T _x)
circular	-	F - E	C _{x'} - C _{z'}	-	-	-	-

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$$\Sigma \sim \underbrace{-2E_{0+}^* E_{2+} + 2E_{0+}^* E_{2-} - 2E_{0+}^* M_{2+} + 2E_{0+}^* M_{2-}}_{< S, D >} + \dots$$

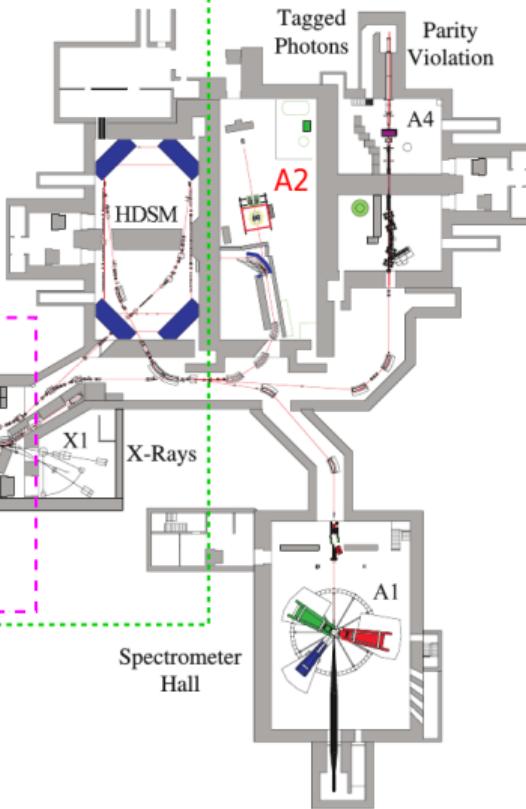


→ Polarization observables are sensitive to interference terms!

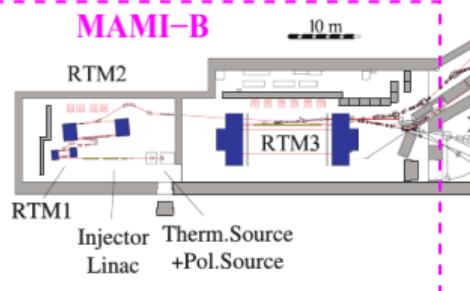
→ Interferences with the dominant S-wave (E_{0+}) important in η photoproduction!

Experimental setup

MAMI-C



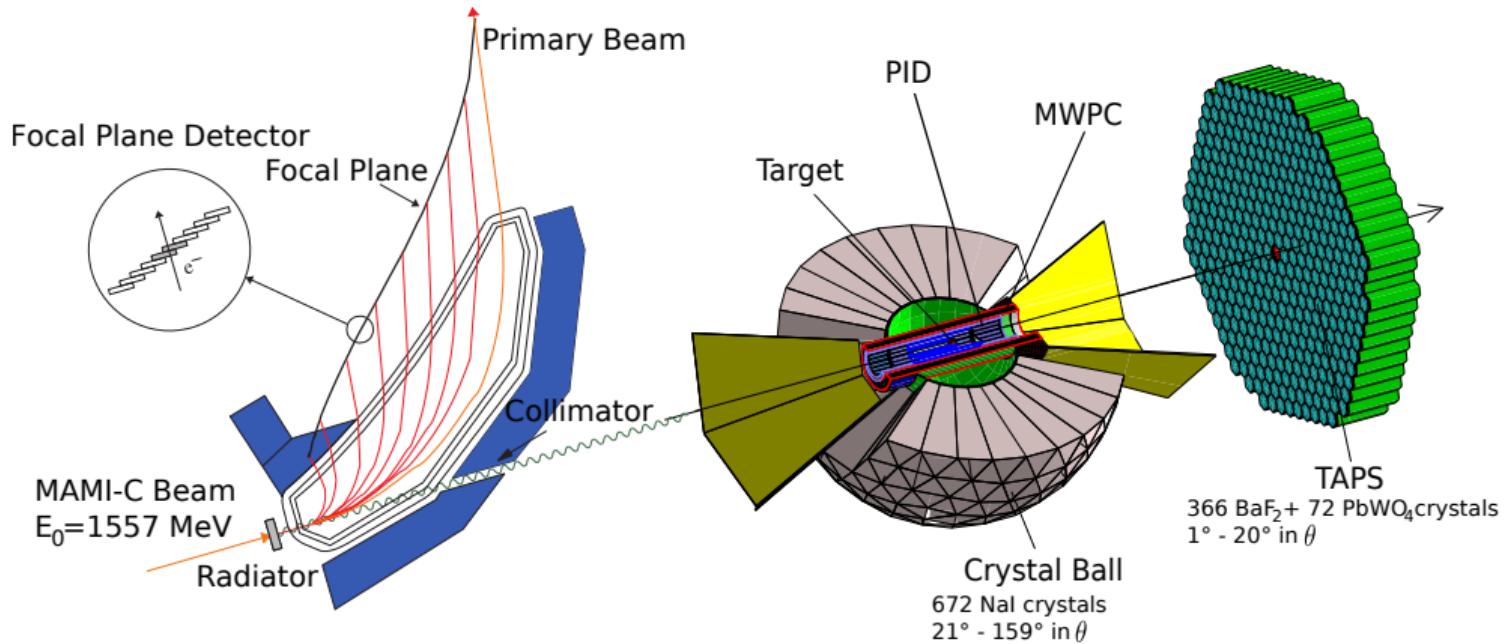
MAMI-B



- Unpolarized or longitudinally polarized electrons
- Acceleration in 3 race track microtrons (RTM1-3) to 855 MeV (MAMI-B)
- Acceleration in harmonic double-sided microtron (HDSM) to 1600 MeV (MAMI-C)

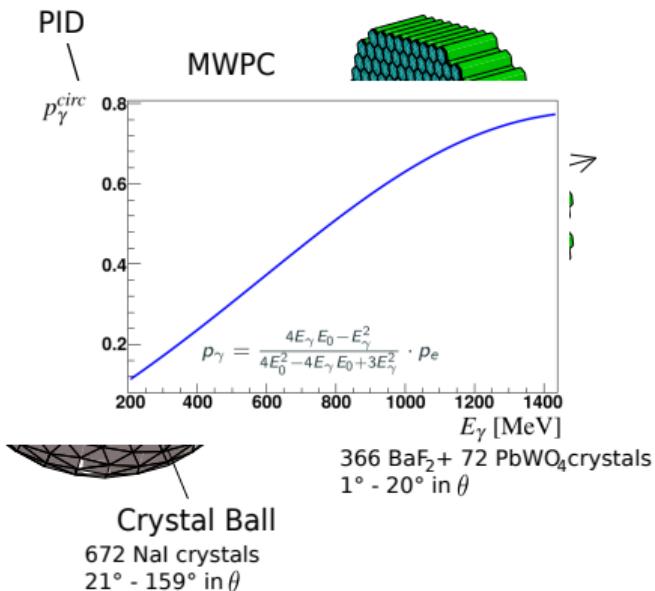
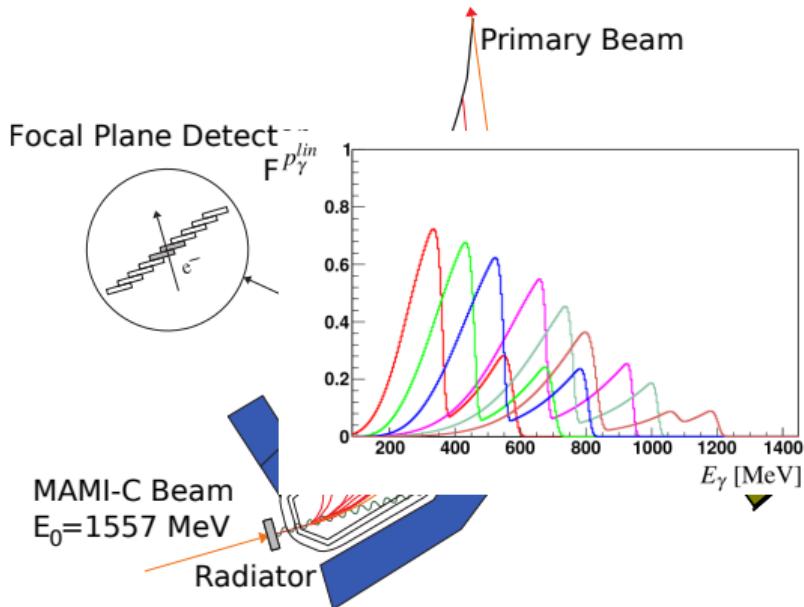
The A2 experiment at MAMI (Mainz)

Glasgow photon tagging spectrometer



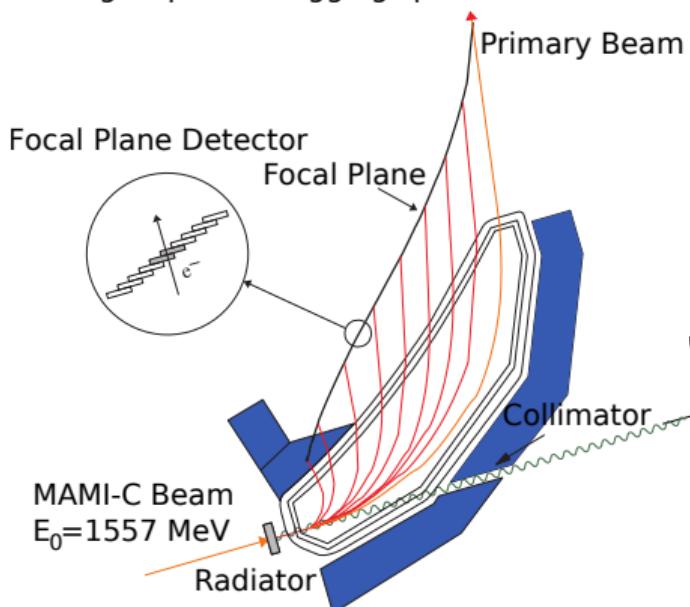
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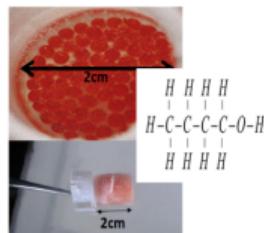


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Butanol Target

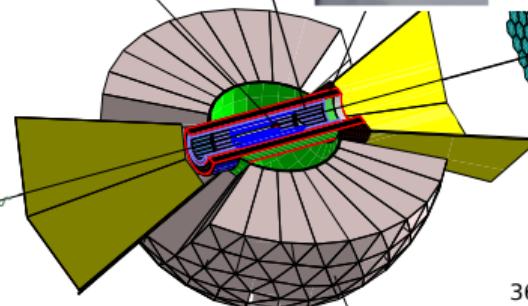


Carbon Target



PID

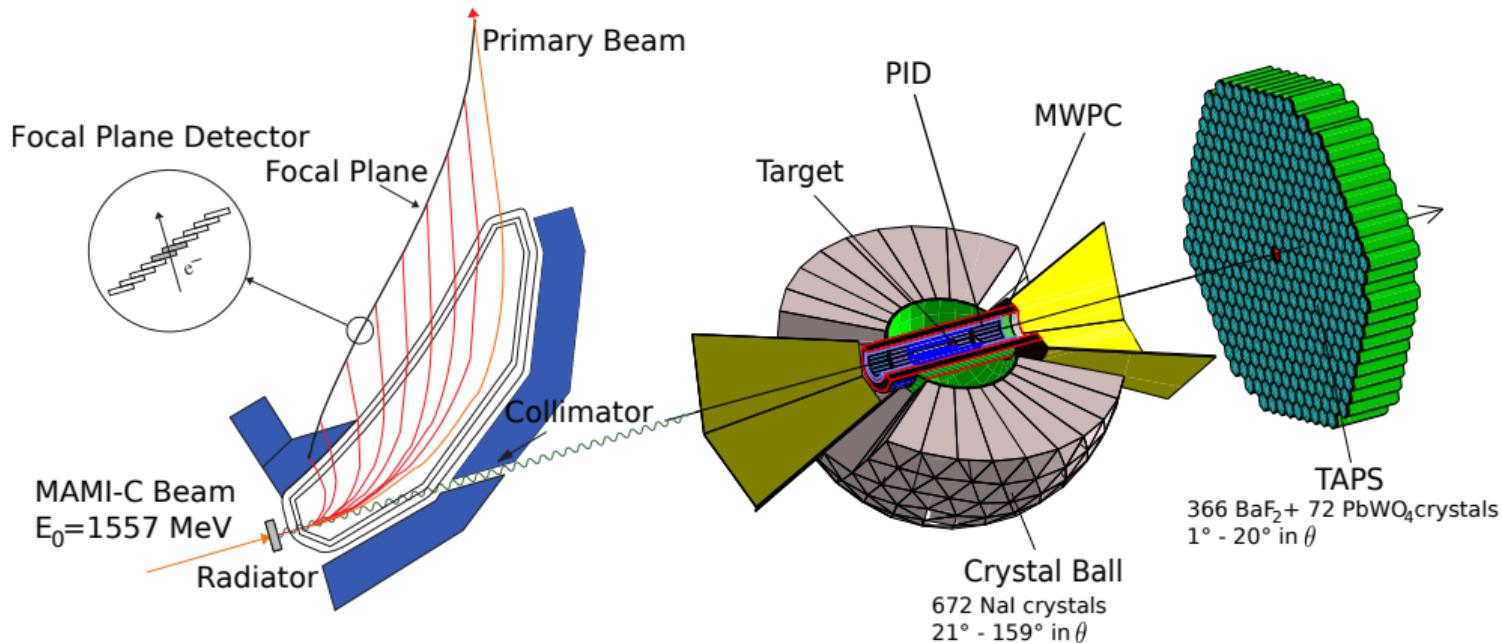
Target



366 BaF_2 + 72 PbWO_4 crystals
 $1^\circ - 20^\circ$ in θ

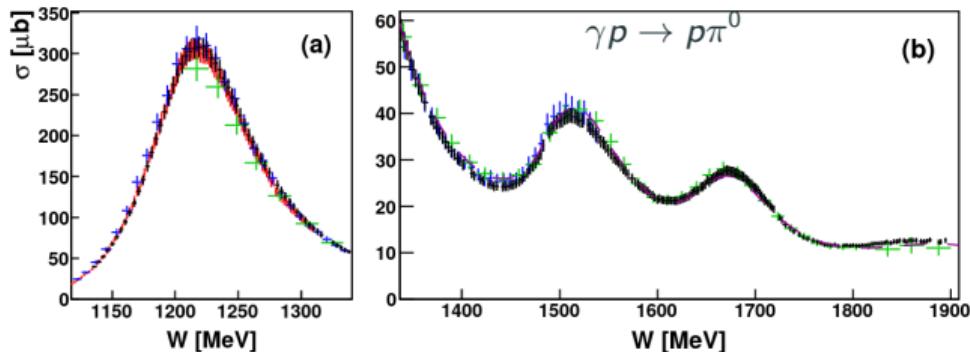
Crystal Ball
672 NaI crystals
 $21^\circ - 159^\circ$ in θ

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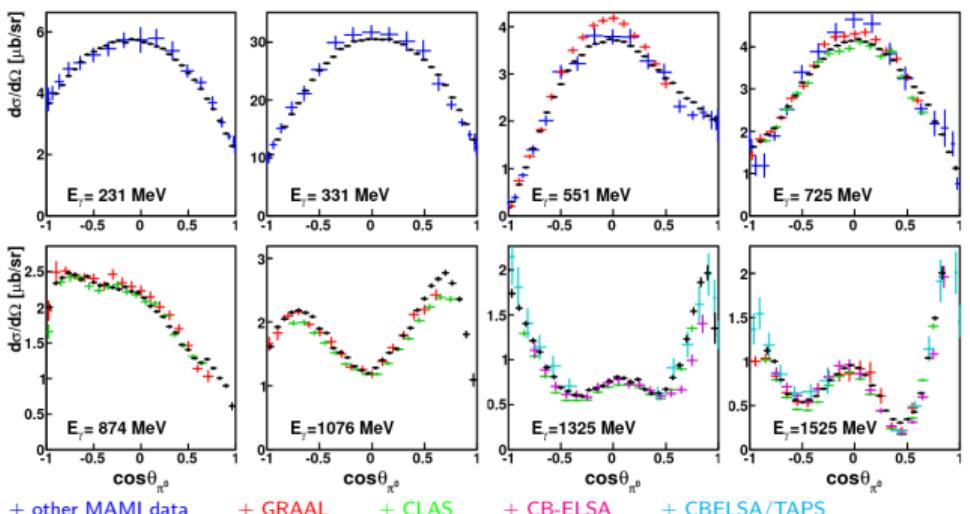
Ideally suited to identify charged and neutral final states!

Measurement of cross sections



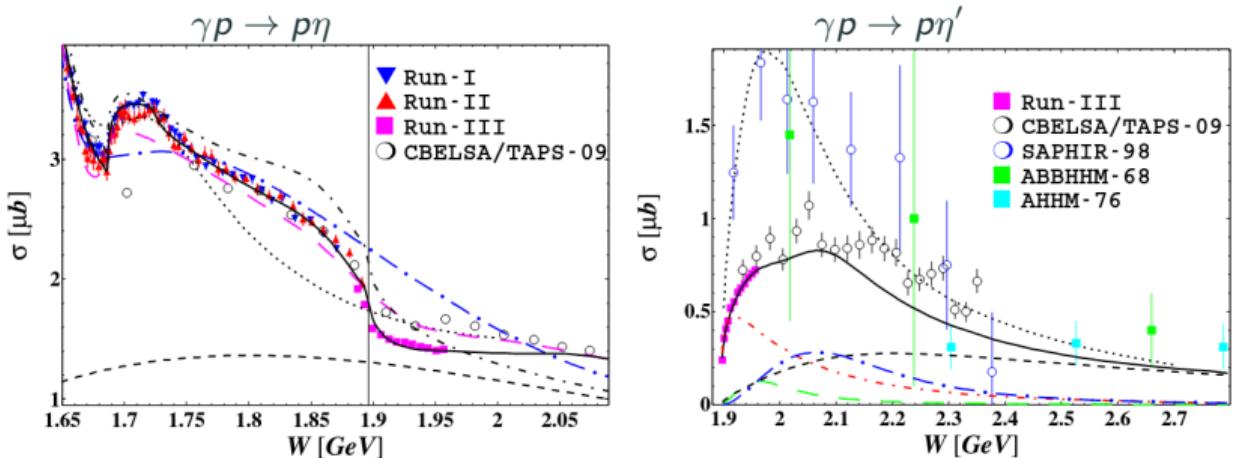
P. Adlarson et al., Phys. Rev. C 92.2 (2015), p. 024617

+ other MAMI data, + other MAMI data, + CB-ELSA



- fine energy binning
- full angular coverage
- increases existing data by 47%

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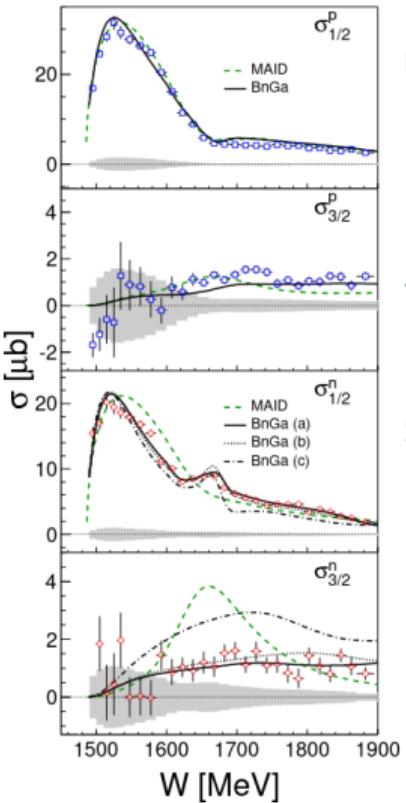
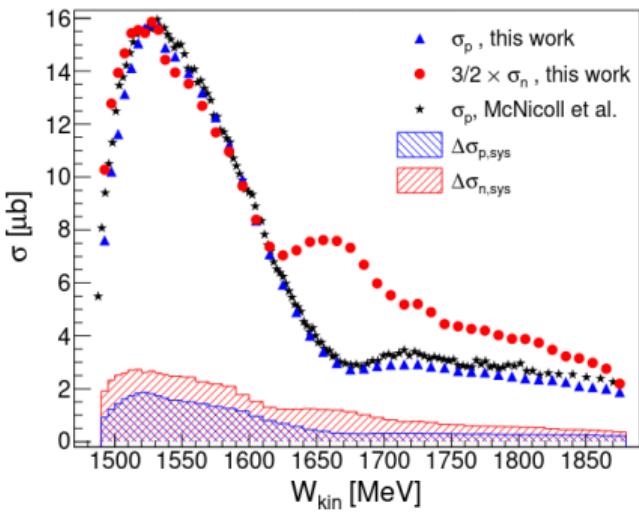
V.L. Kashevarov et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 21 (2017), p. 212001

- key role for description: 3 S -wave resonances: $N(1535)\frac{1}{2}^-$, $N(1650)\frac{1}{2}^-$ and $N(1895)\frac{1}{2}^-$
- strong $p\eta'$ cusp observed in $p\eta$ cross section
- $N(1895)\frac{1}{2}^-$ needed for description of $p\eta'$ cusp and fast rise of $p\eta'$ cross section

Measurement of cross sections

narrow peak observed in $\gamma n \rightarrow n\eta$
at $W = (1670 \pm 5)$ MeV with $\Gamma = 30$ MeV

[D. Werthmüller et al., Phys. Rev. C90 (2014) no.1, 015205]



[L. Witthauer et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, no. 13, 132502 (2016)]

helicity dependend cross sections used
to shed further light on this structure

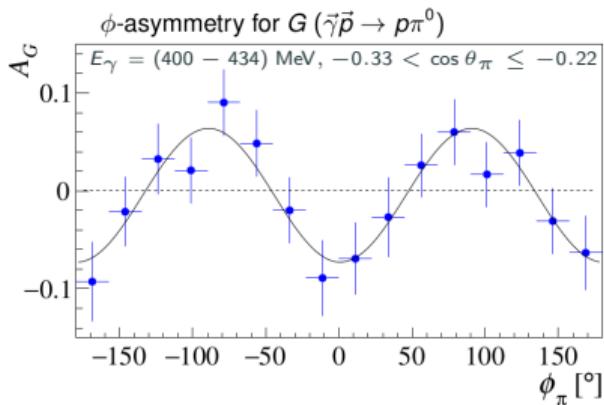
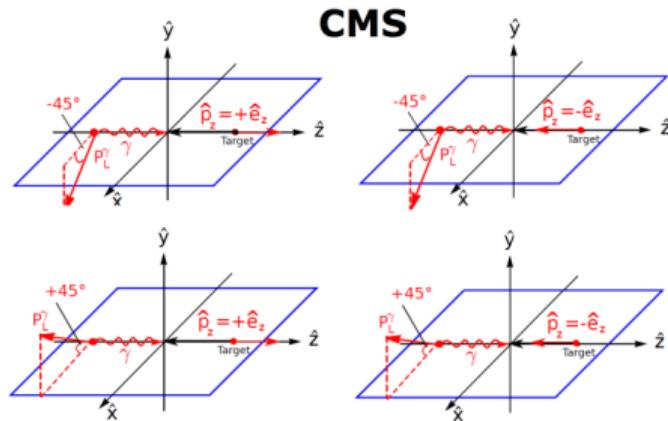
Structure only present in $\sigma_{1/2}^n$!

Measurement of double polarization observables G, E

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Summing over both helicity states and combining different settings: $A_G = G \cdot \cos(2\phi_\pi)$



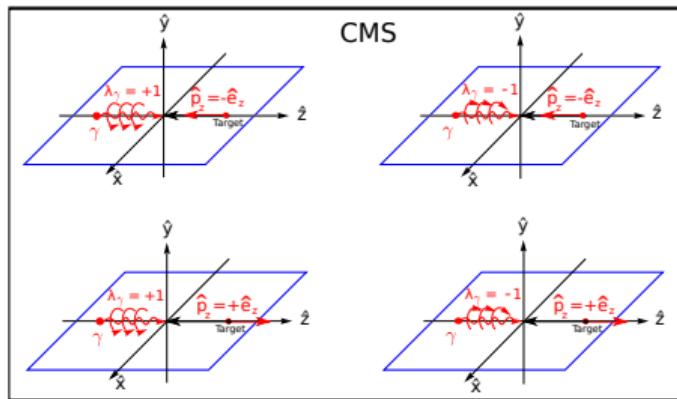
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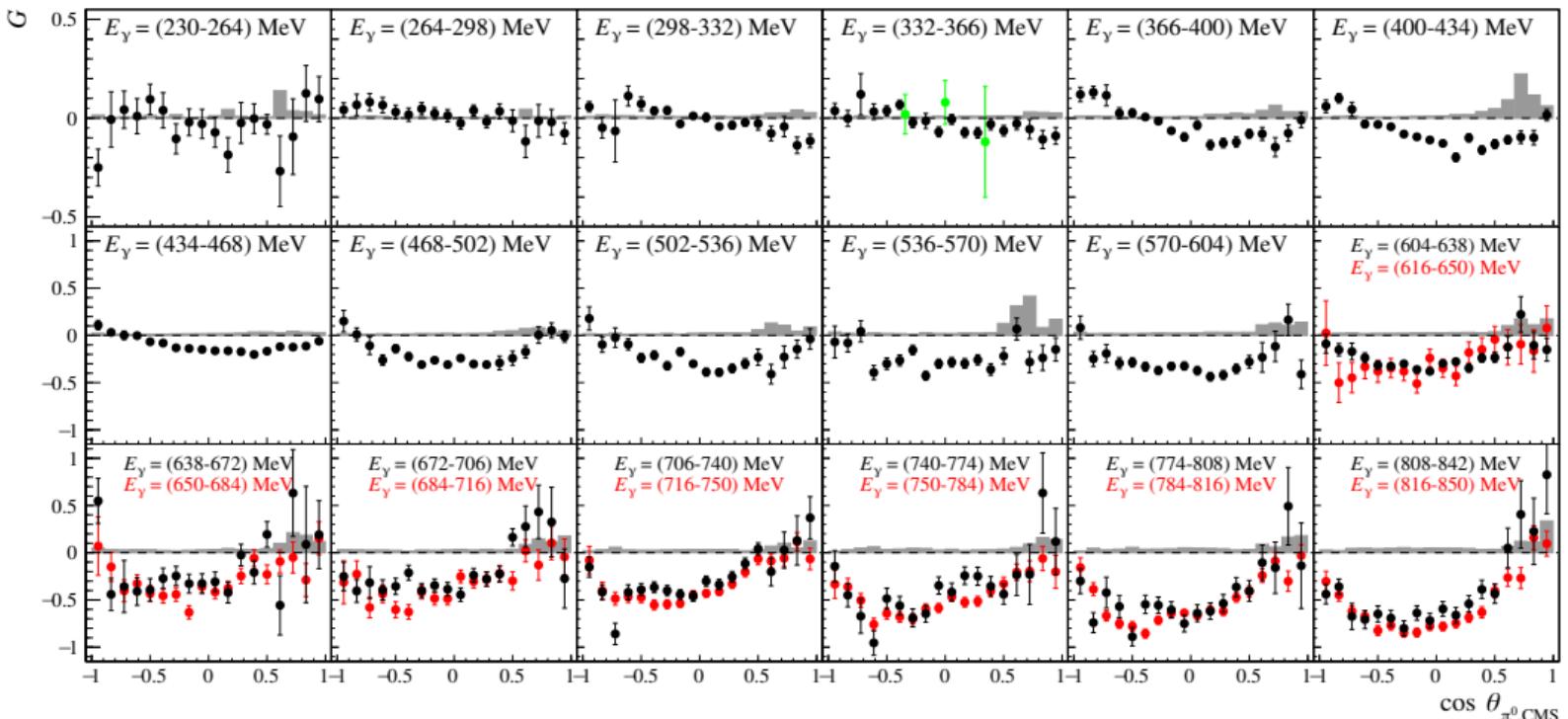
Integrating over ϕ :

$$N_B \Big|_{\pm 1}^{\pm P_z} (\theta) = N_B(\theta) \cdot [1 - dP_{circ}P_zE]$$



$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{\sigma^{1/2} - \sigma^{3/2}}{\sigma^{1/2} + \sigma^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{N_B^{1/2} - N_B^{3/2}}{N_B^{1/2} + N_B^{3/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{d} \cdot \frac{1}{P_{circ}P_z} \end{aligned}$$

Double polarization observable G in $\gamma p \rightarrow p\pi^0$

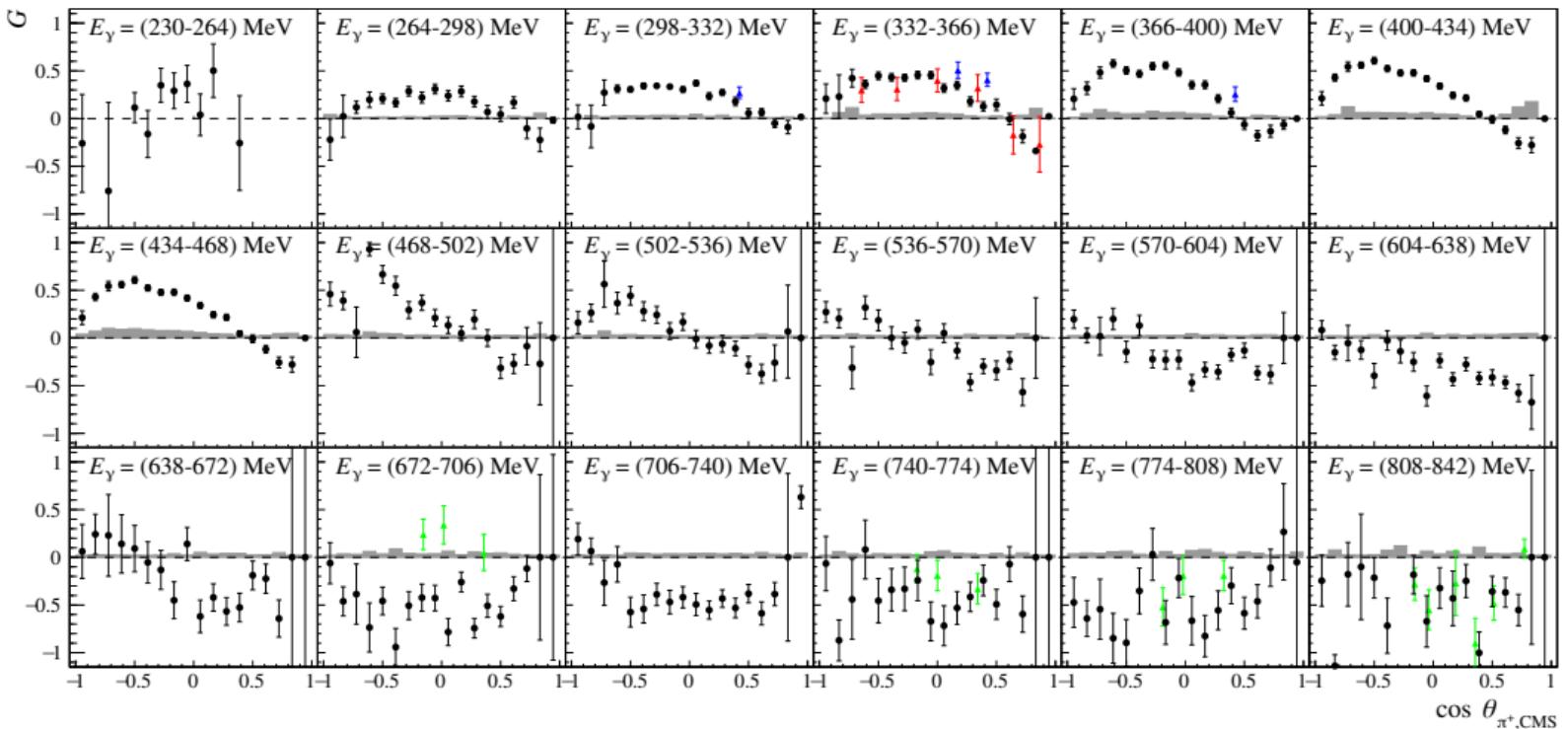


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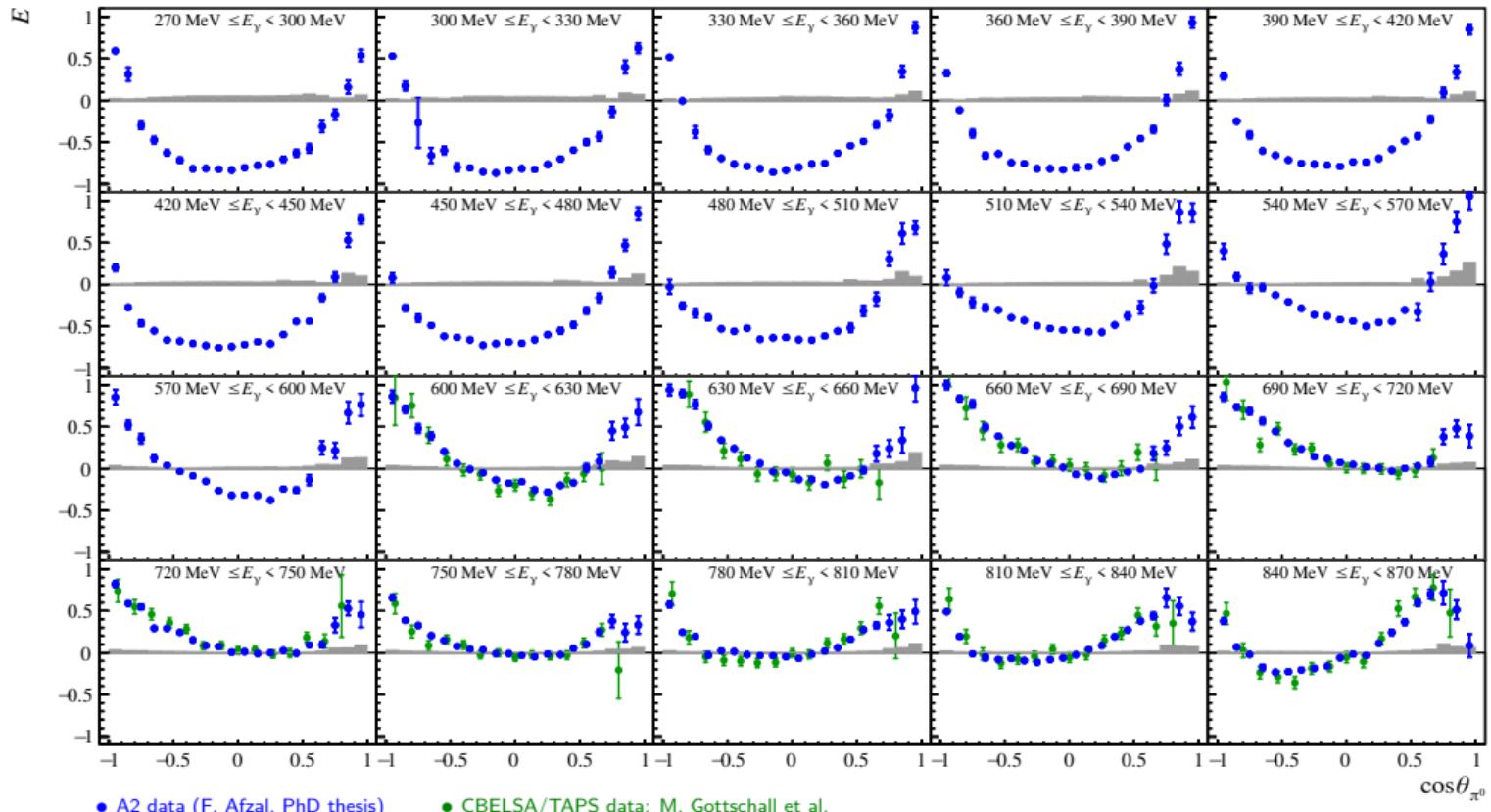


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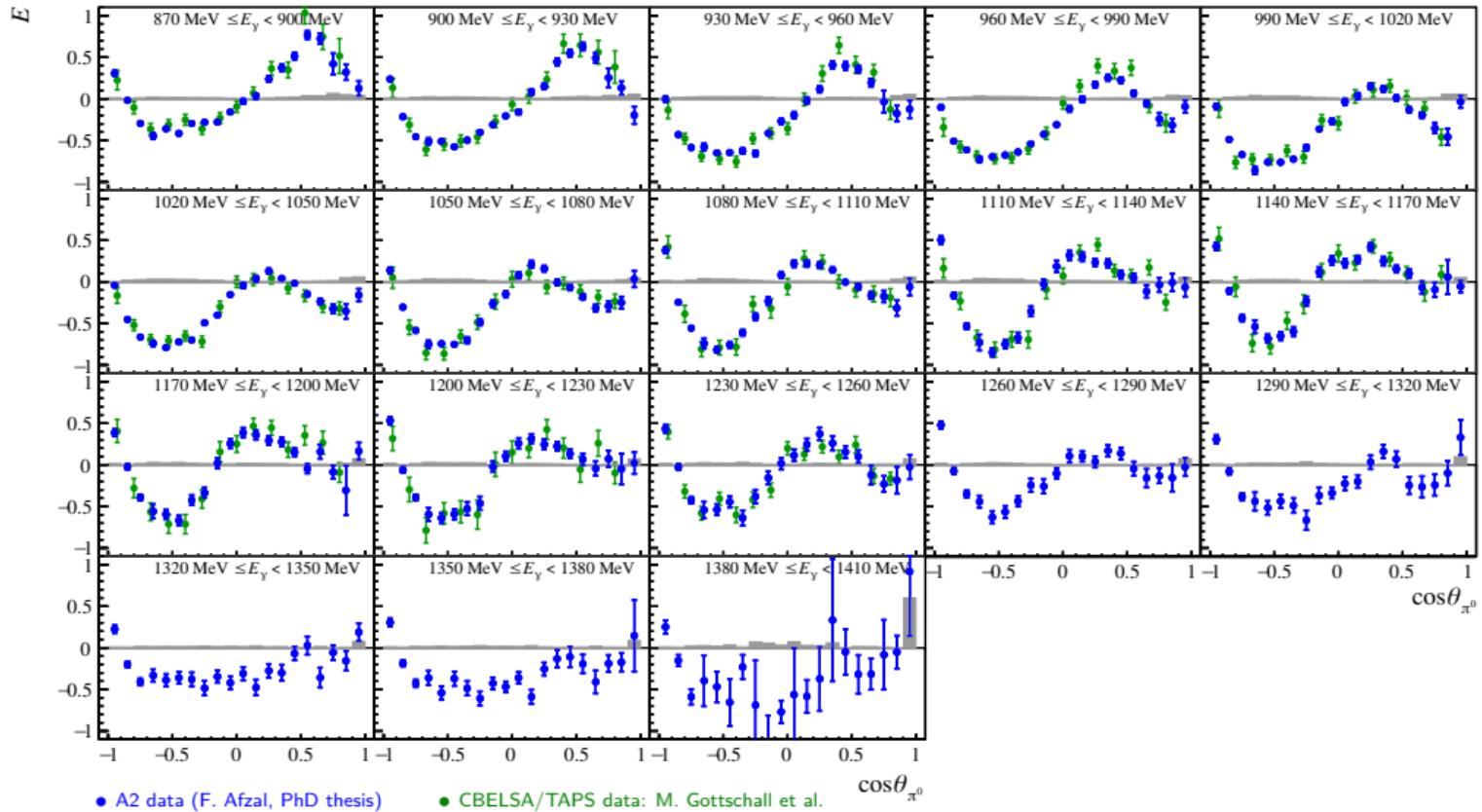
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Discussion of results

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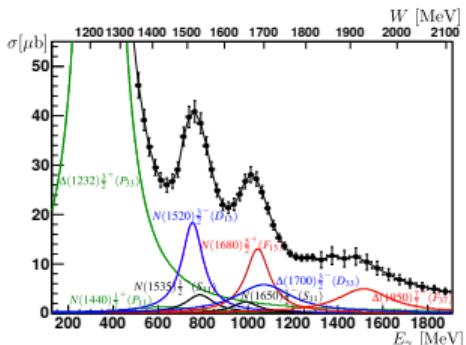
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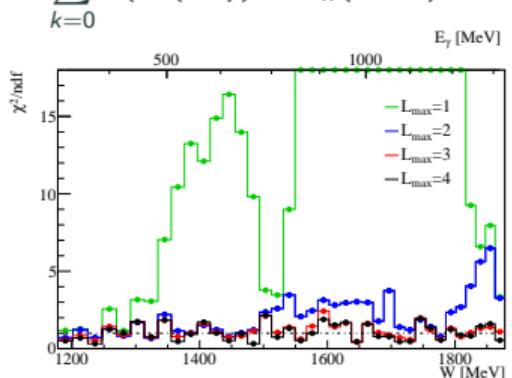
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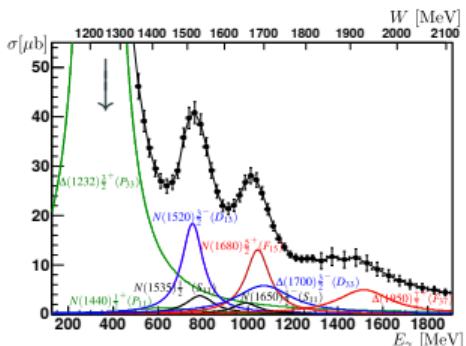


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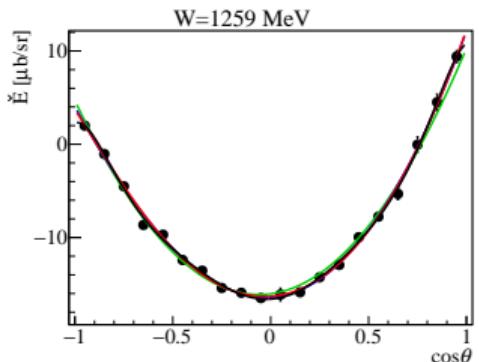
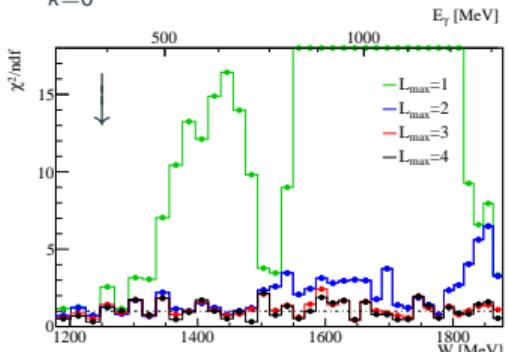


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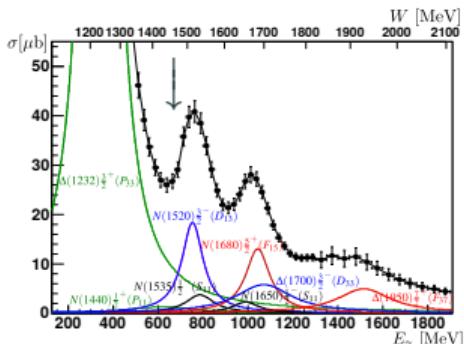


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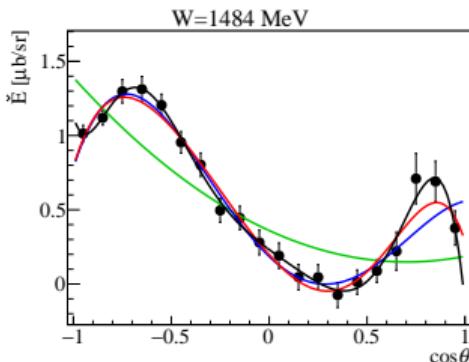
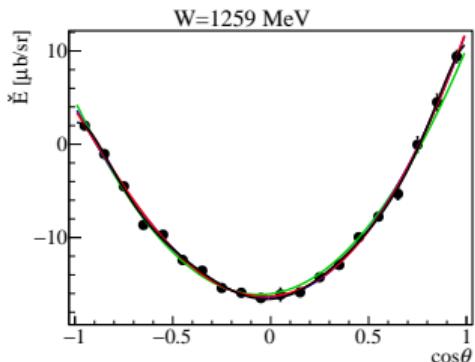
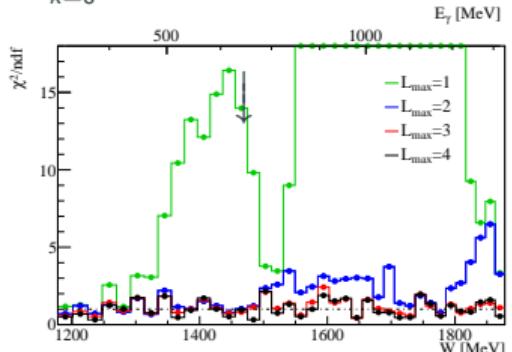


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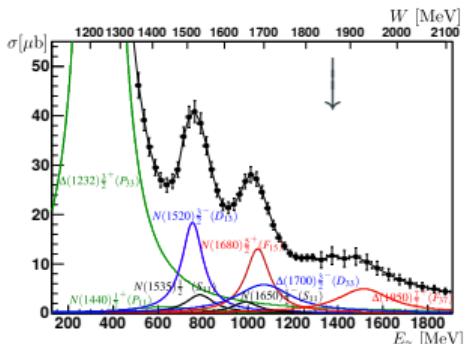


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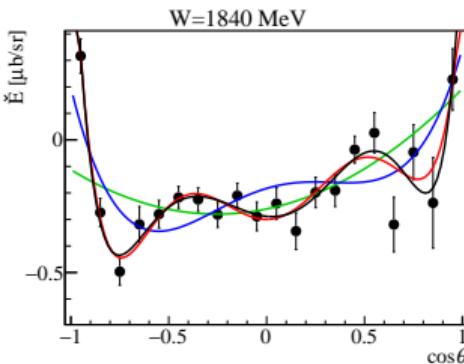
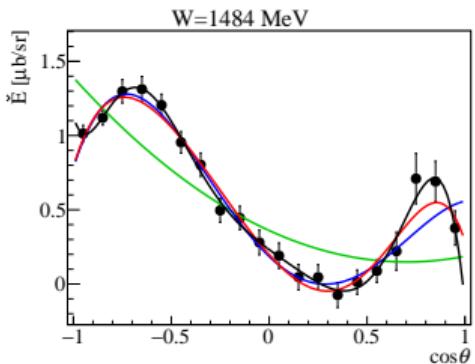
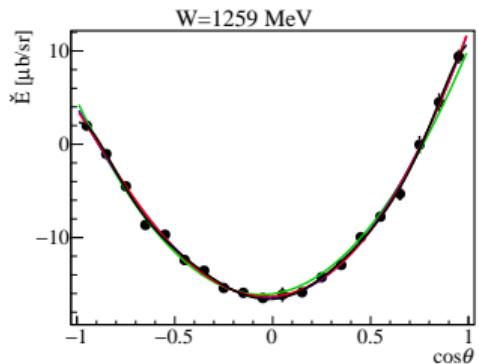
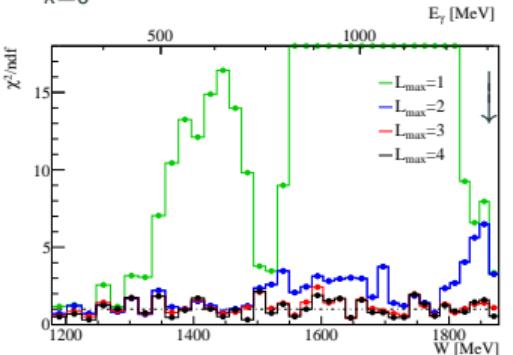


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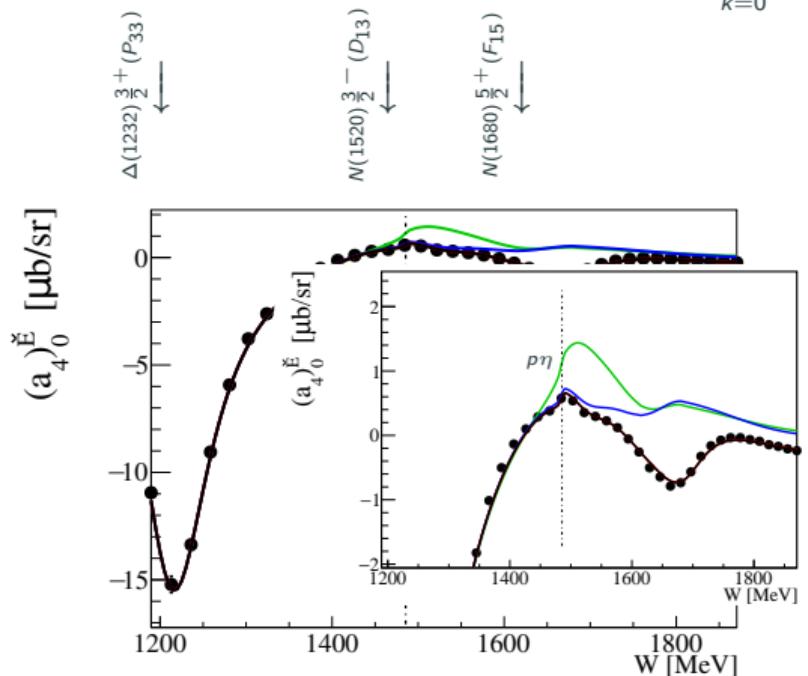


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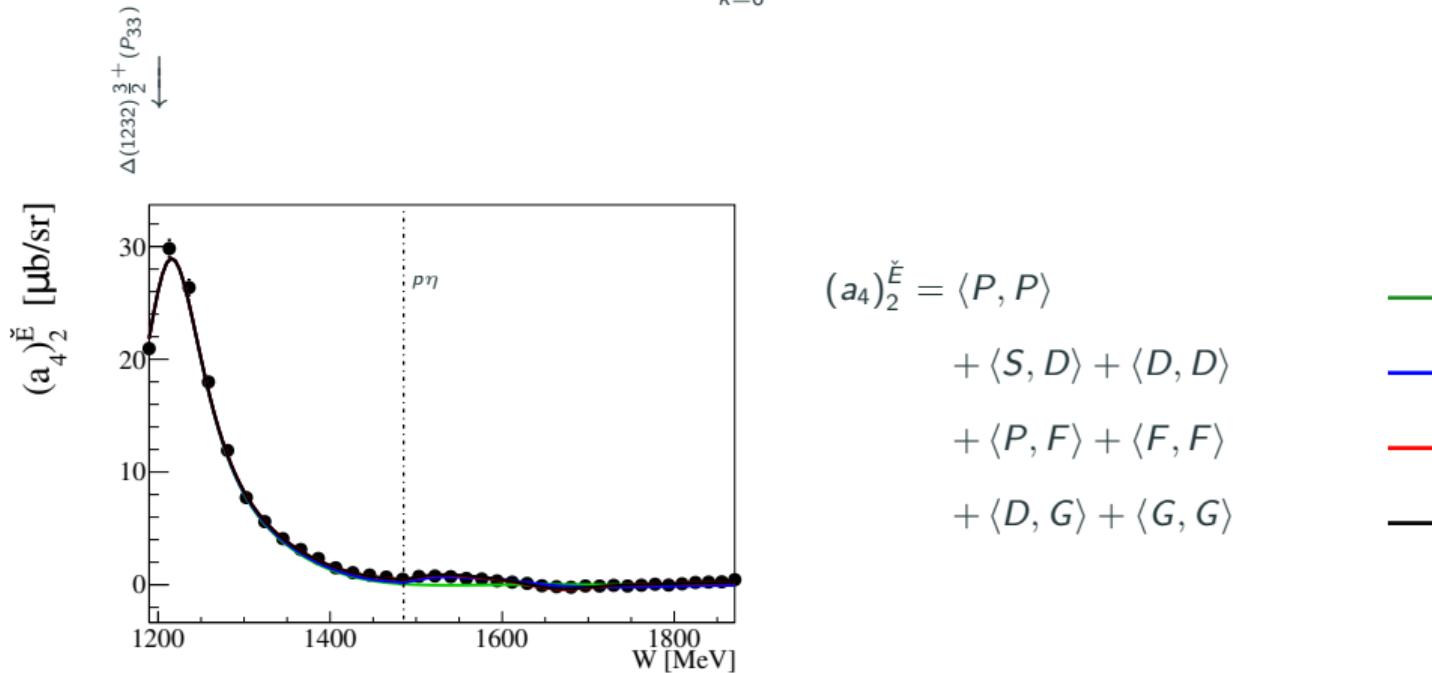
$$(a_4)_0^{\check{E}} = \langle S, S \rangle + \langle P, P \rangle \\ + \langle D, D \rangle \\ + \langle F, F \rangle \\ + \langle G, G \rangle$$

— (green)
— (blue)
— (red)

Only interference terms of the same L . Similar to differential cross section.

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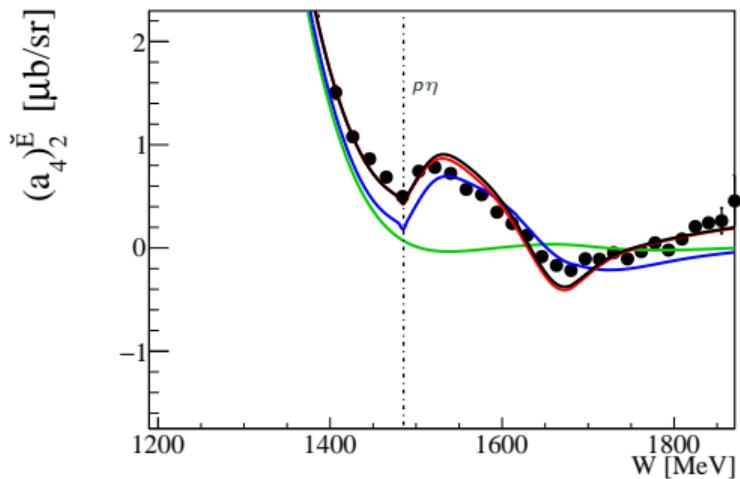


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$N(1520)\frac{3}{2}^-(D_{13})$
 \downarrow
 $N(1535)\frac{1}{2}^-(S_{11})$
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$$(a_4)_2^{\check{E}} = \langle P, P \rangle$$

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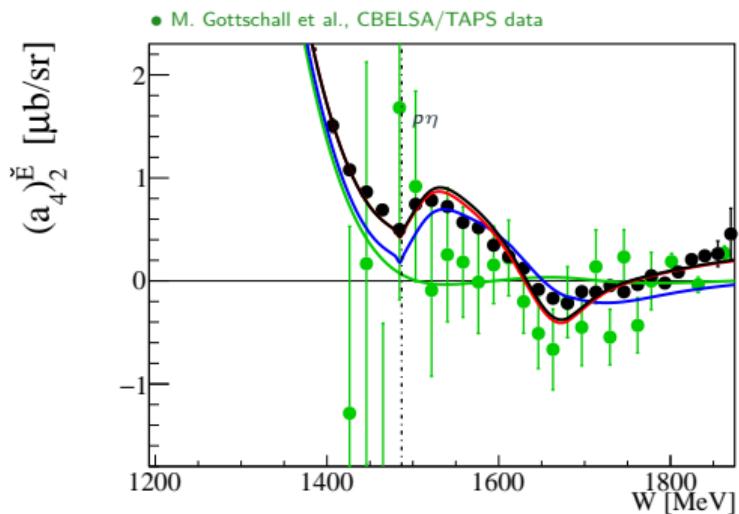
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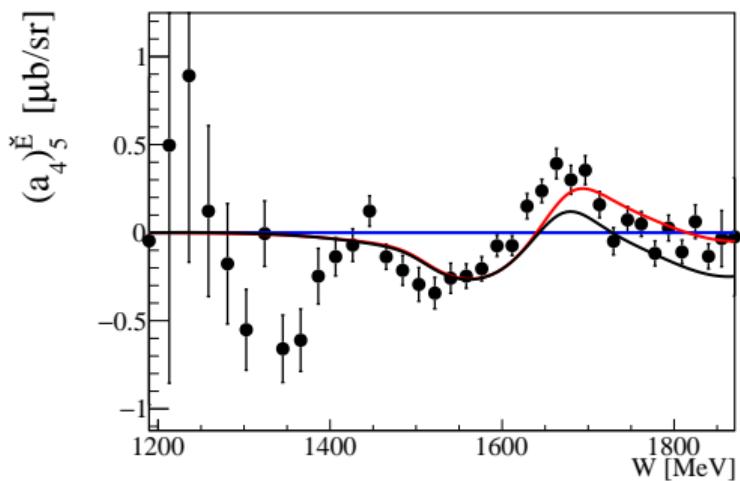
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Very precise new A2 data shows the $p\eta$ cusp.
It is important to cover the entire angular range.

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$N(1680) \frac{5}{2}^+ (F_{15})$



$$(a_4)_5^{\check{E}} = \langle D, F \rangle$$

$$+ \langle P, G \rangle + \langle F, G \rangle$$



$\langle D, F \rangle$ -term not well described by BnGa-2014-02 PWA.

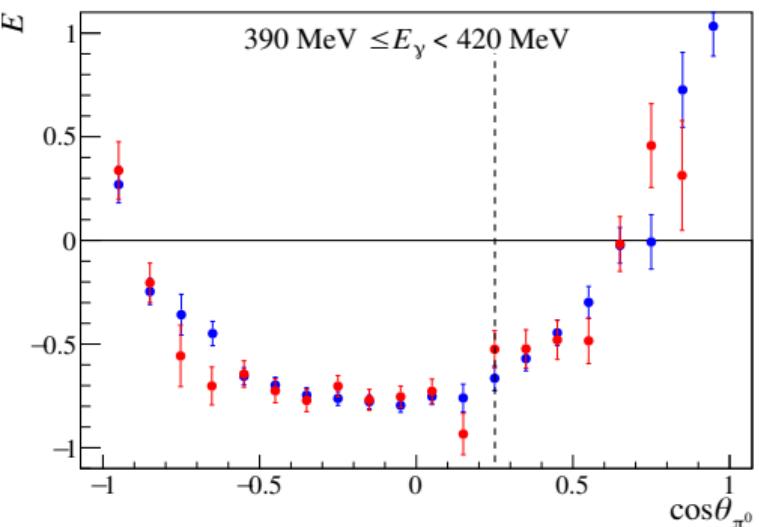
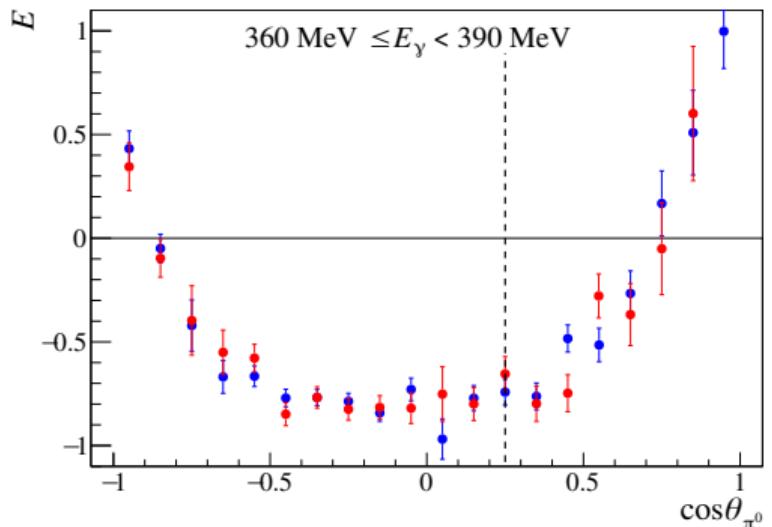
- A2 collaboration have measured many high-precision data for the unpolarized cross section as well as several double polarization observables in various different final states
 - Existence of third S -wave resonance $N(1895)_{\frac{1}{2}}^- (S_{11})$ has been confirmed in $p\eta$ cross section data
 - Full angular coverage and very fine energy binning provided
 - First simultaneous measurement of G and E with elliptically polarized photon beam
 - Observation of $p\eta$ cusp in $p\pi^0$ - E -data
- Outlook: More measurements are planned
 - more data to be expected for T, P, H and F
- New polarization data will help to understand the resonance spectrum and will provide an experimental basis for comparison with constituent quark models, lattice QCD or other methods

Thank you for your attention!

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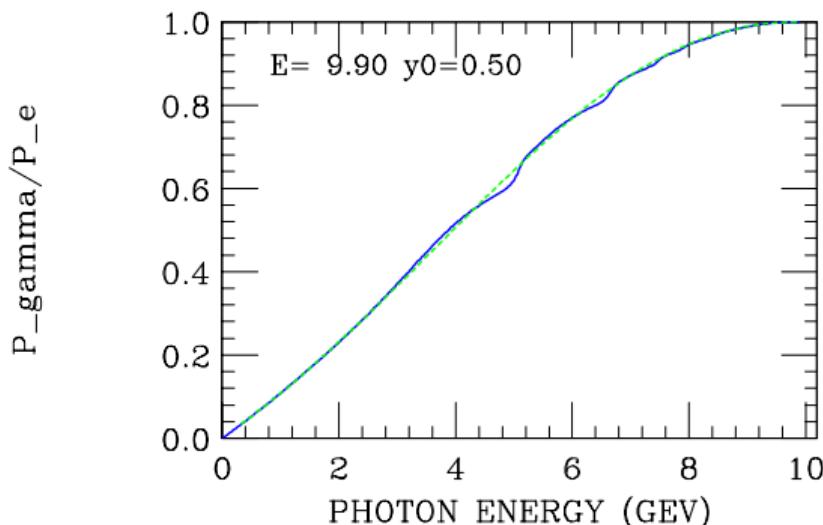
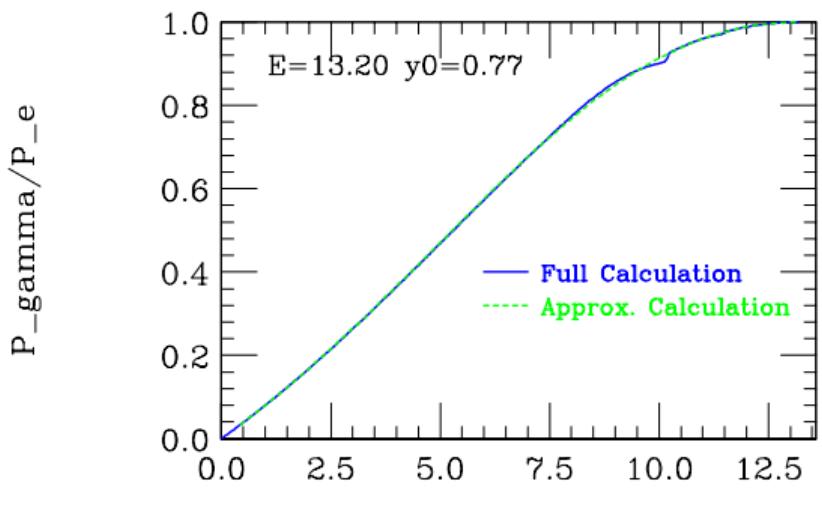
Comparison of diamond and amorphous data

- diamond runs with coherent edge at 450 MeV (elliptically polarized photons)
- Møller runs (amorphous radiator with circularly polarized photons)



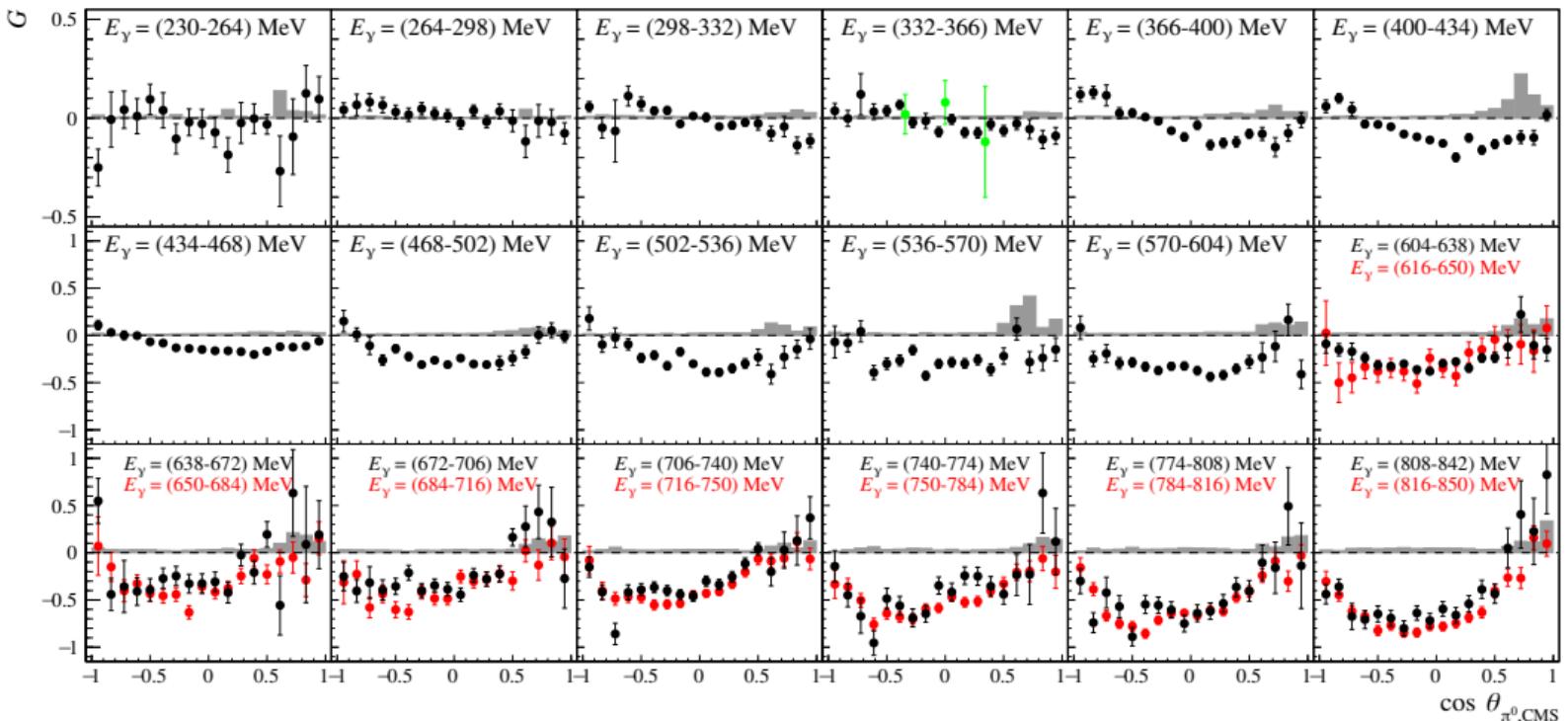
- first experimental evidence that the degree of circular polarization can be calculated in the same way for a diamond radiator as it is done for an amorphous radiator in a first approximation within 3%
- E and G can be determined using longitudinally polarized electrons and a diamond radiator

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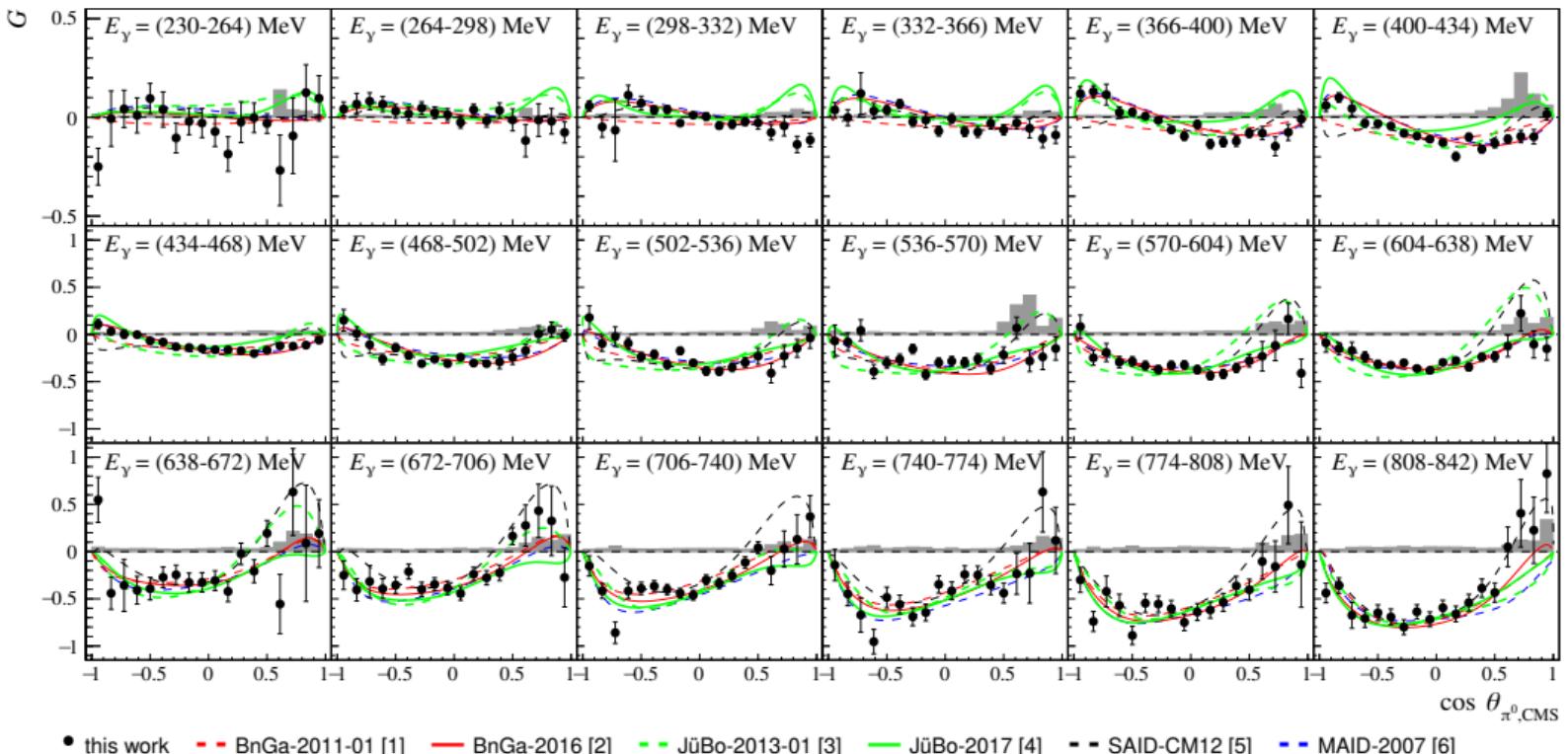
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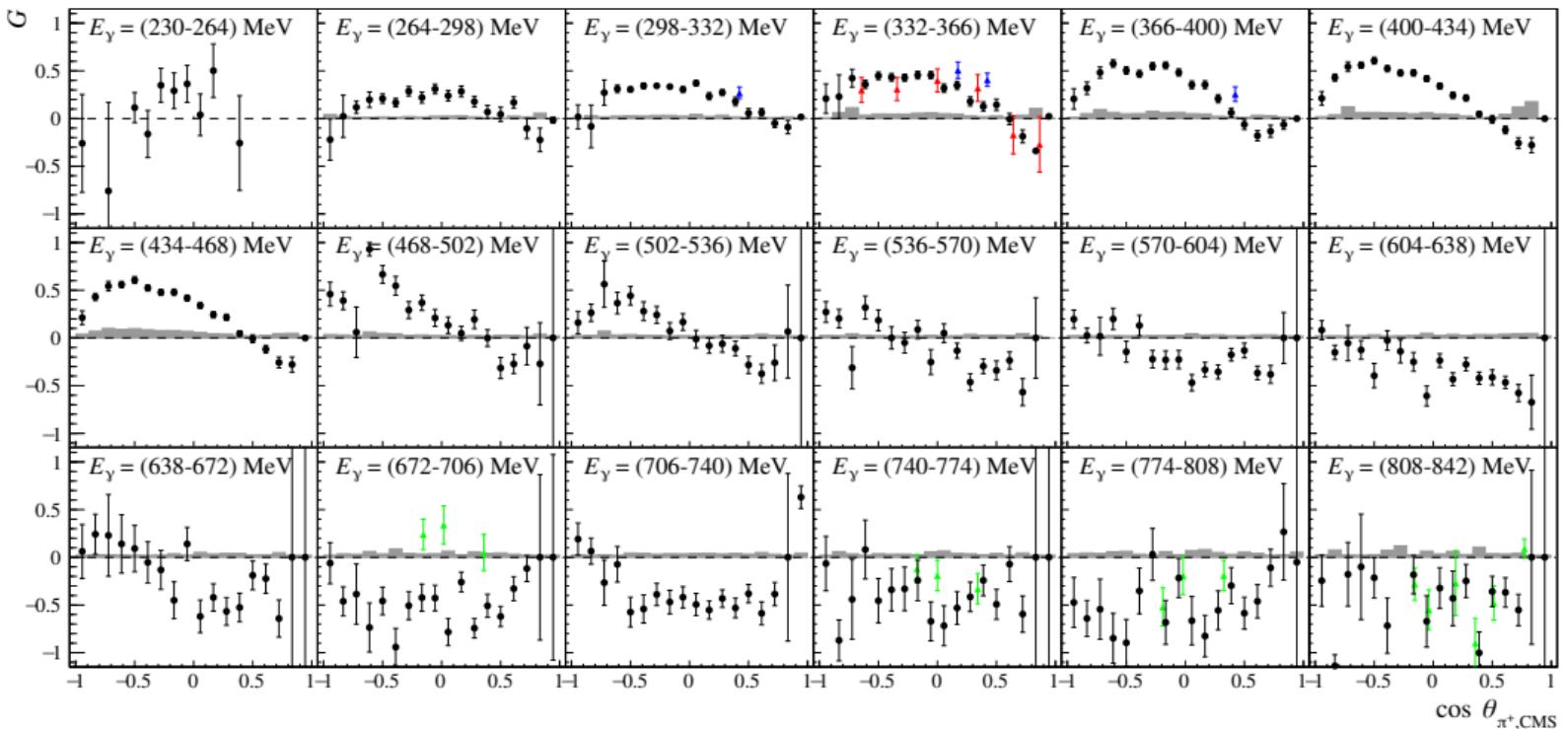
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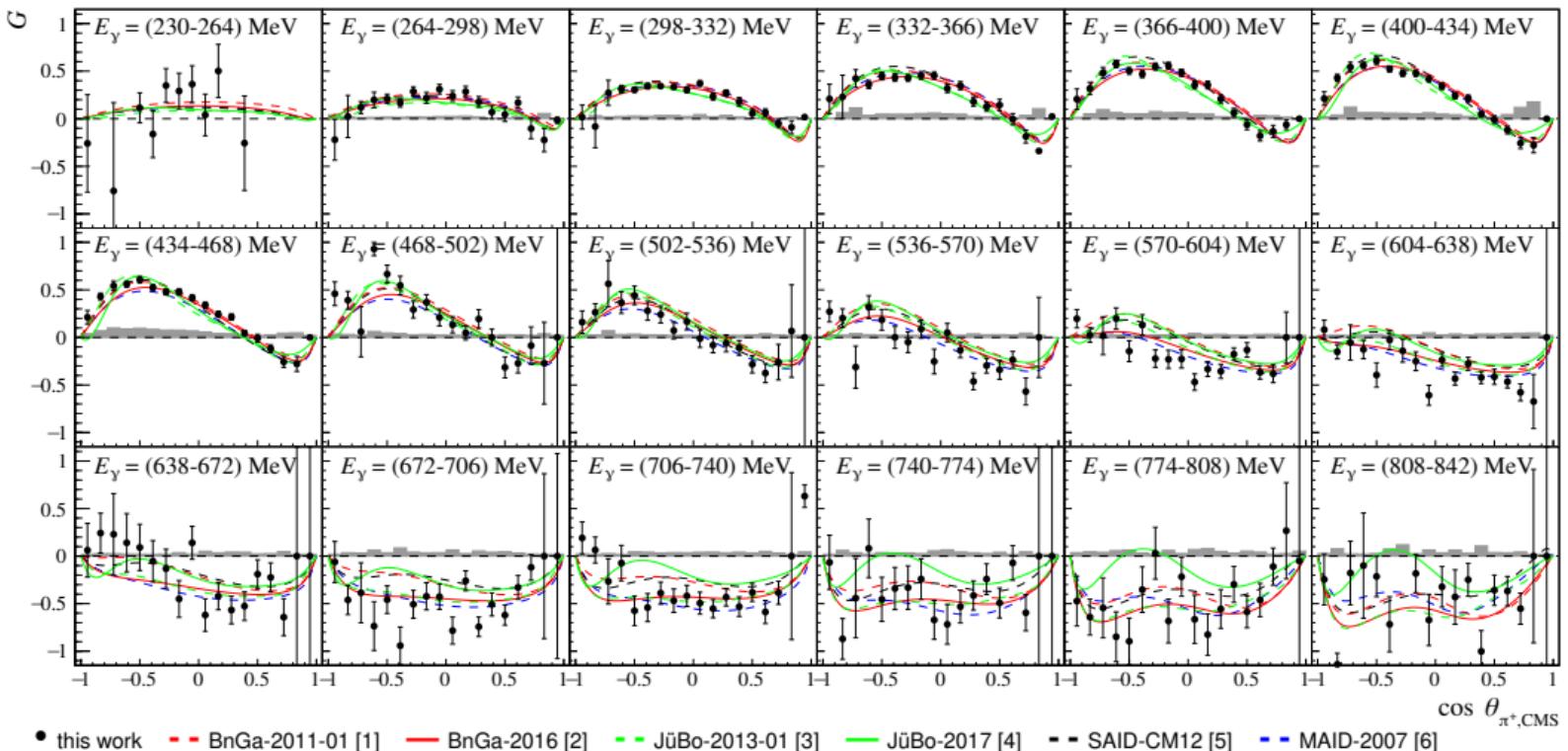
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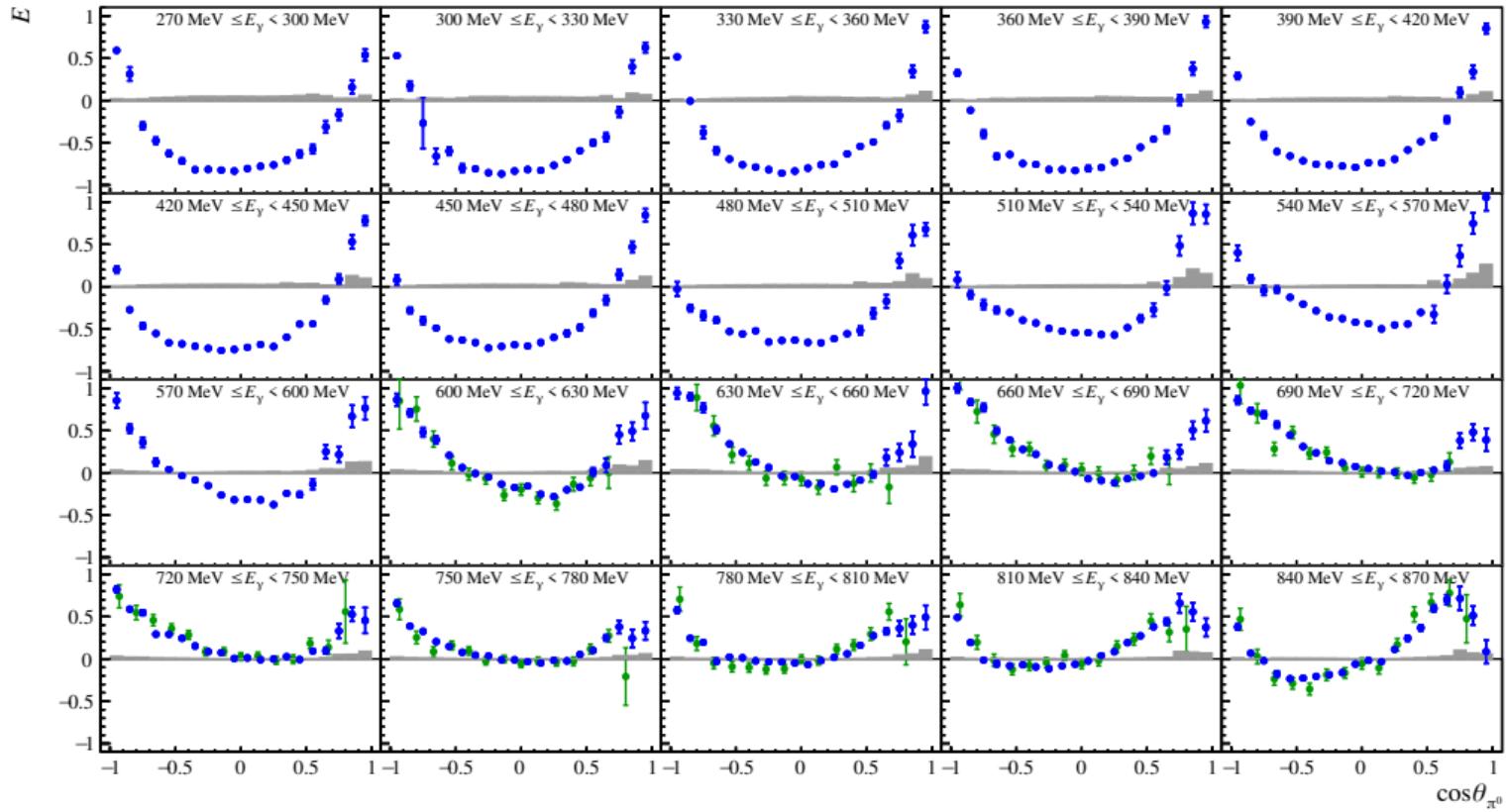
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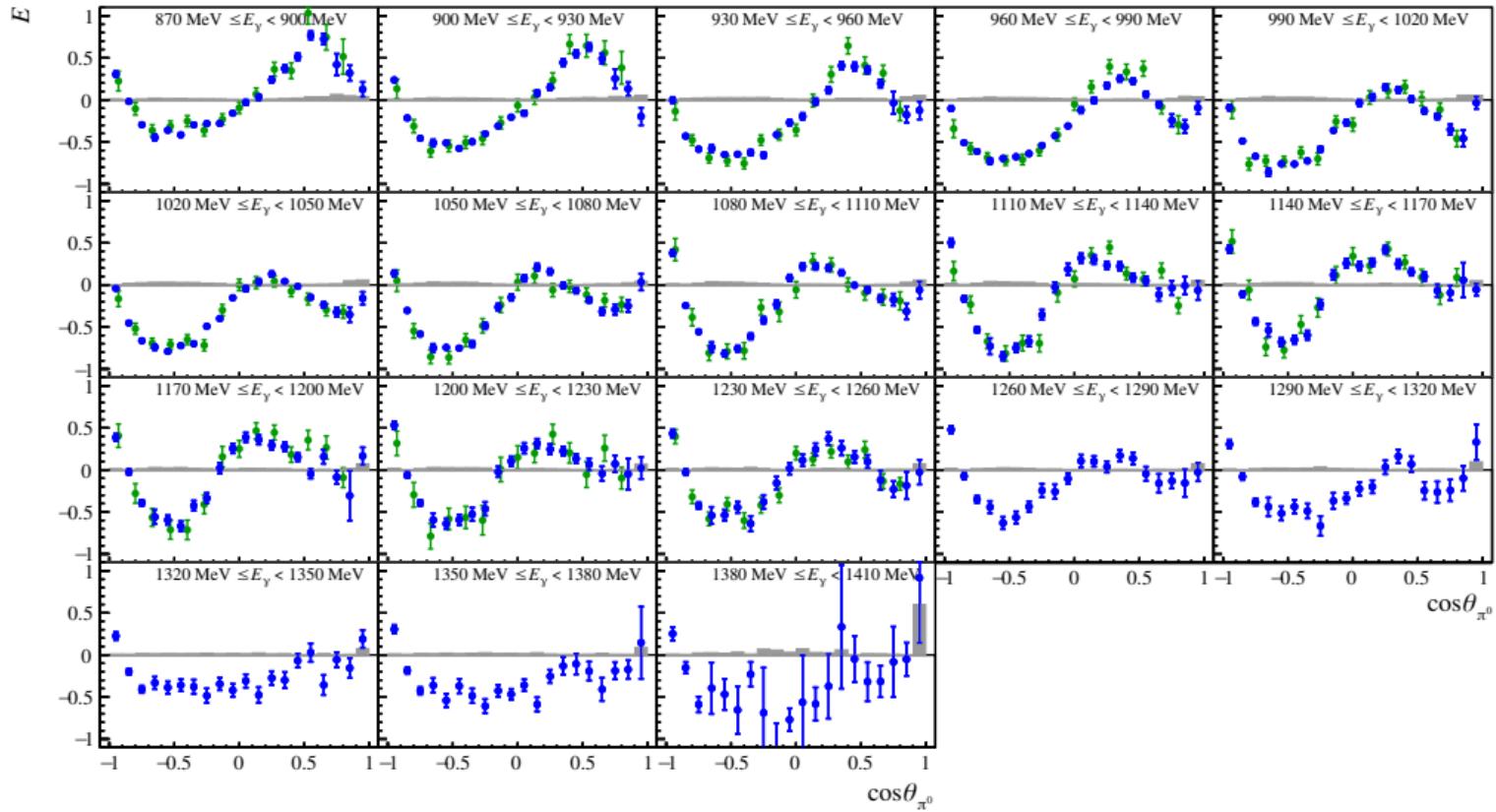
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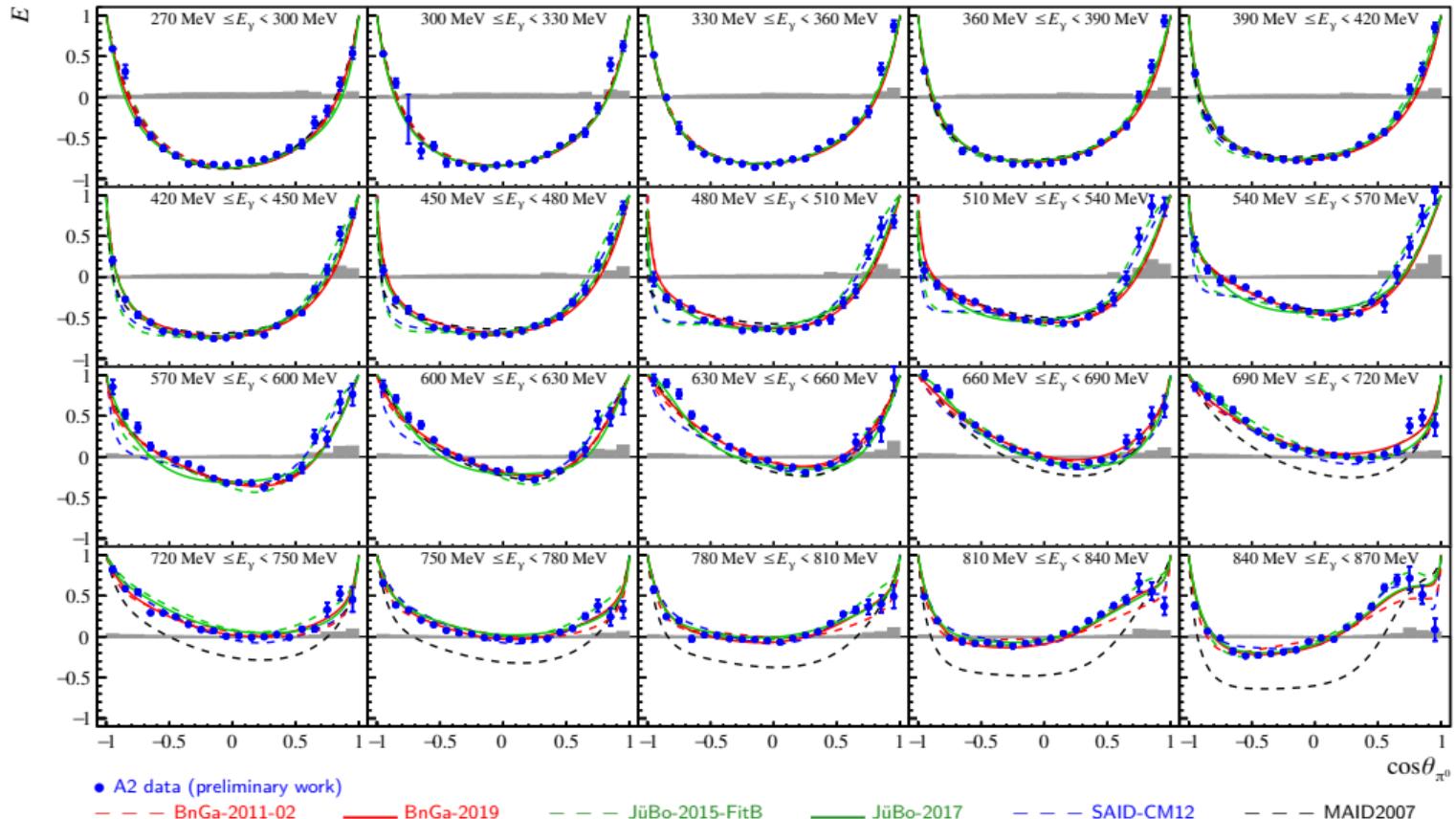
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