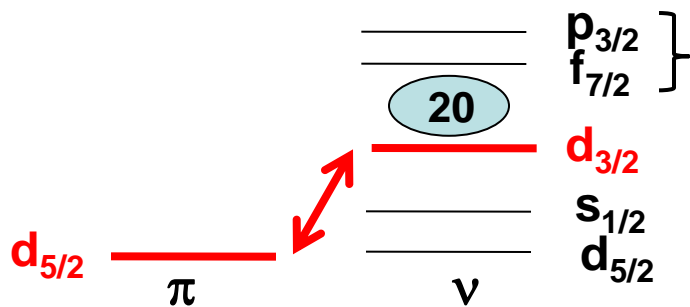


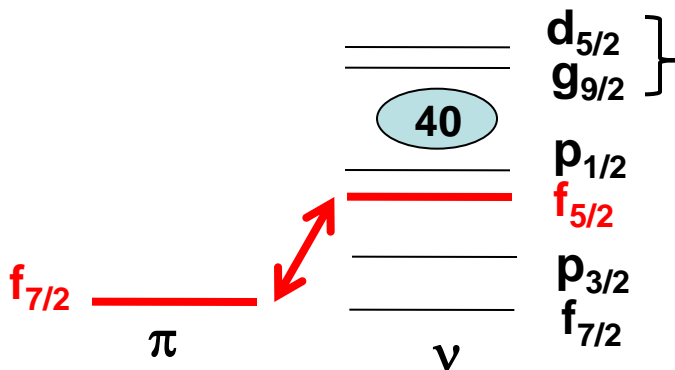


# Evolution of Harmonic Oscillator Shell Closures

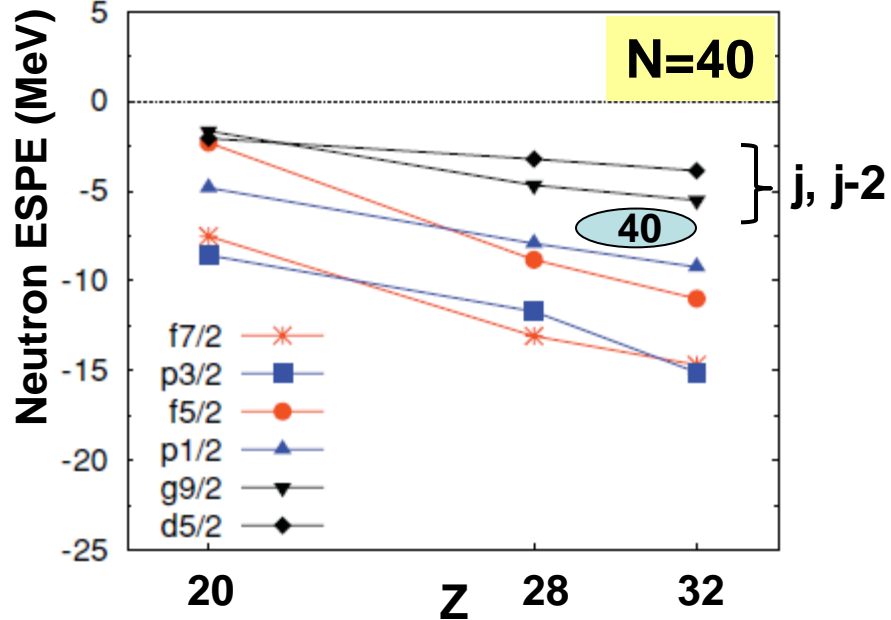
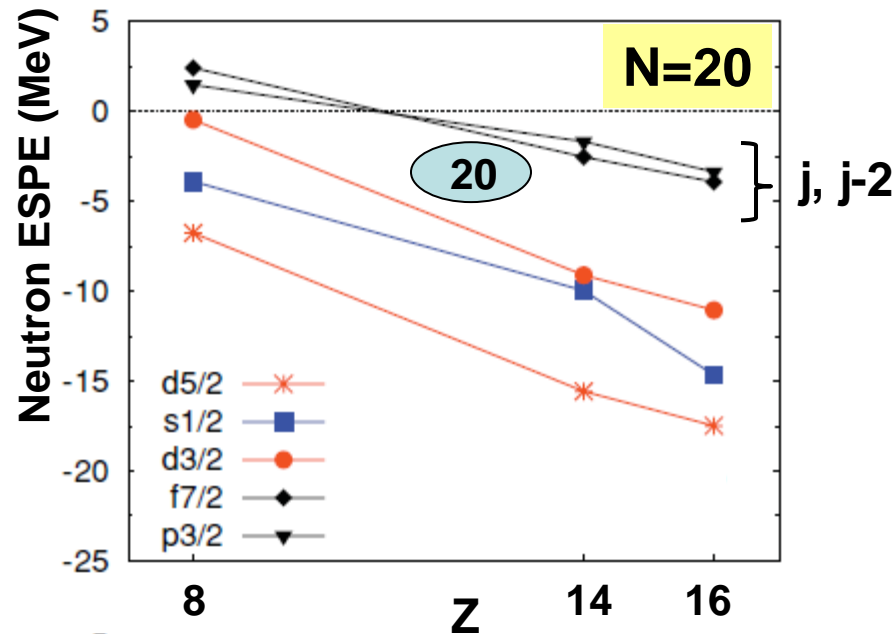


- reduction of the gap when  $Z$  decreases
- quasi-degeneracy of a  $j, j-2$  sequence above the fermi surface

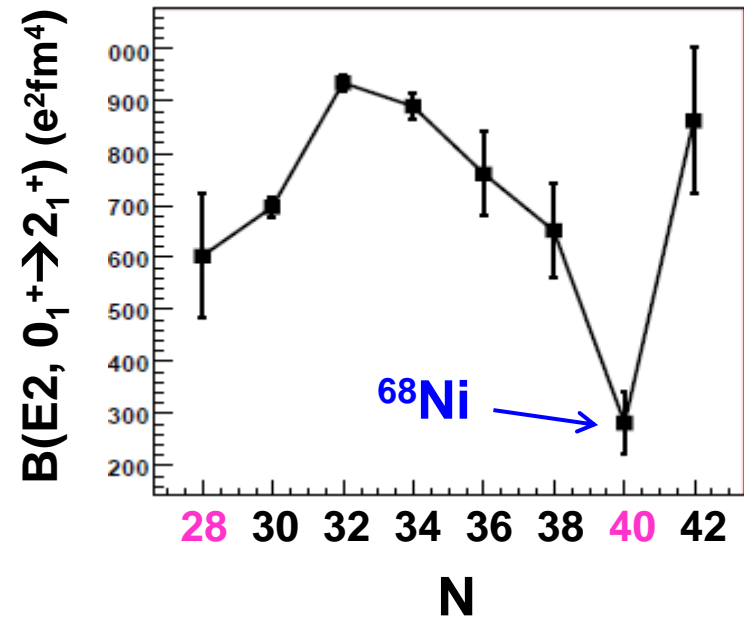
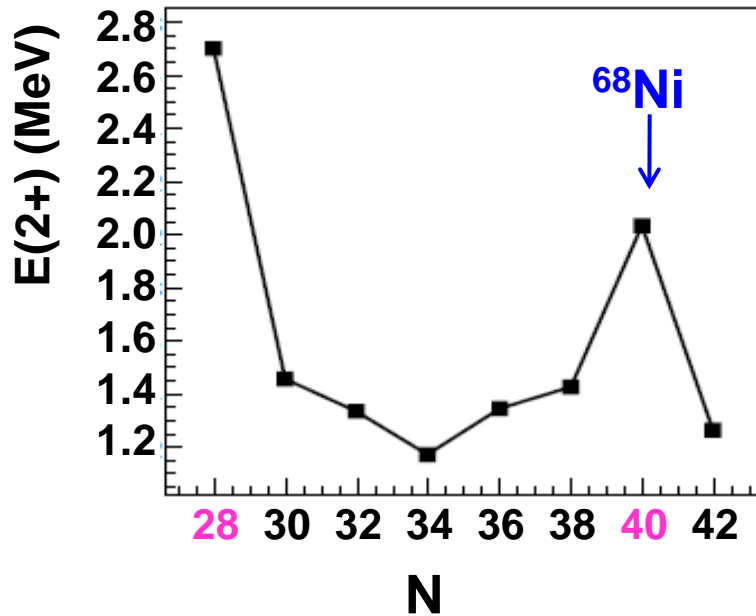
Similar situation for  $N=40$



(and also at  $N=8$ )



# The Nickel isotopes



For  $^{68}\text{Ni}$  :

- Doubly magic character of  $E(2_+)/B(E2)$
- No sign of shell closure in neutron separation energy

# Southwest of Nickel's

**N = 40**

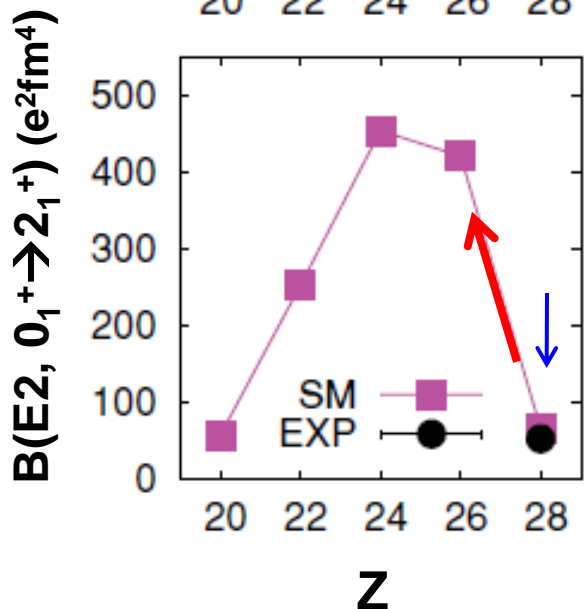
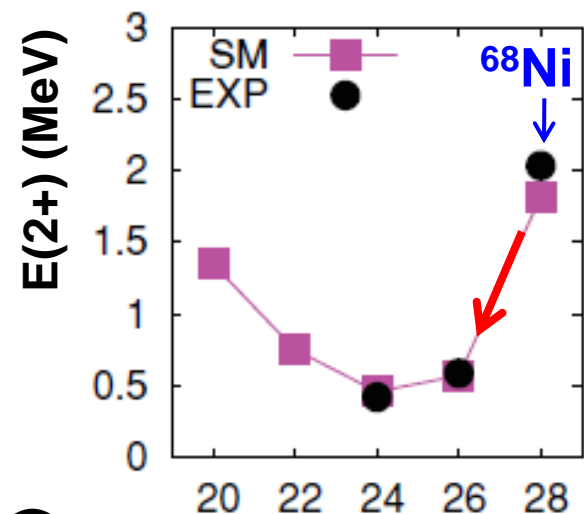
## Large valence space SM calculations

S.M. Lenzi, F.Nowacki, A. Poves, and K. Sieja, PRC 82 (2010)

LPNS interaction

fp shell +  $1g_{9/2} + 2d_{5/2}$

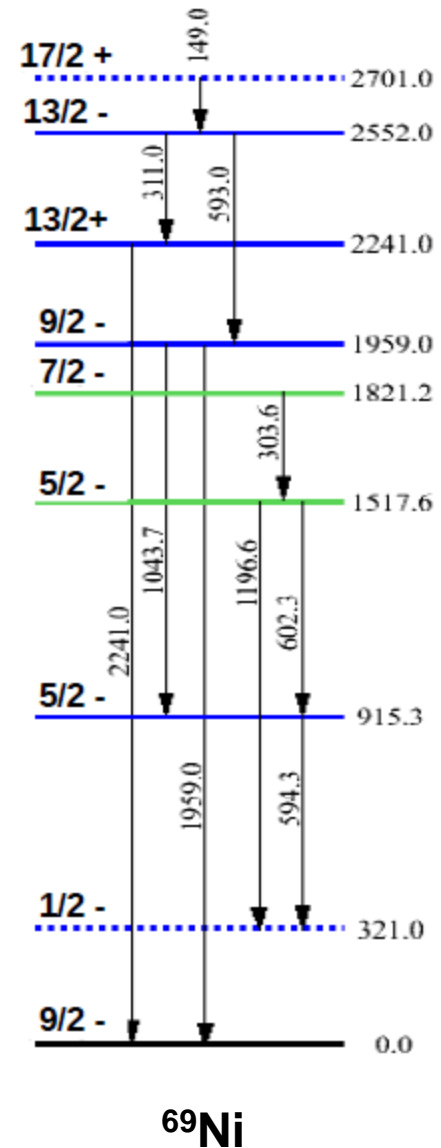
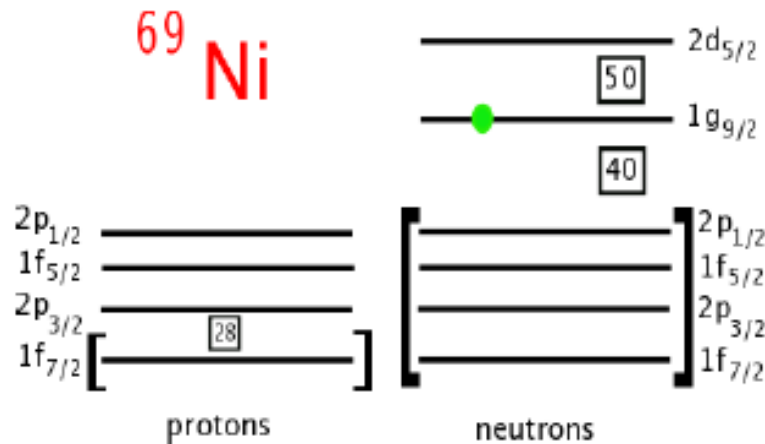
Nucleus	$\nu g_{9/2}$	$\nu d_{5/2}$	0p0h	2p2h	4p4h	6p6h	$E_{\text{corr}}$
$^{68}\text{Ni}$	0.98	0.10	55.5	35.5	8.5	0.5	-9.03
$^{66}\text{Fe}$	3.17	0.46	1	19	72	8	-23.96
$^{64}\text{Cr}$	3.41	0.76	0	9	73	18	-24.83
$^{62}\text{Ti}$	3.17	1.09	1	14	63	22	-19.62
$^{60}\text{Ca}$	2.55	1.52	1	18	59	22	-12.09



- Drastic change with only 2 protons removed
  - Strong gain in correlation energy similar to  $^{34}\text{Si} / ^{32}\text{Mg}$
- New island of inversion**

$2d_{5/2}$  plays a major role in the deformation mechanism at N = 40 *Caurier et al. EPJ, A, 15, 2002, 145*

# Our approach : the $^{68}\text{Ni}(d,p)$ reaction



## Previous experiments:

- **Isomer-state decay**  
(Grzywacz *et al.*, PRL 81 (1998))
- **$\beta$ -decay**  
(Mueller *et al.*, PRL 83 (1999))  
 **$2d_{5/2}$  ( $5/2^+$ ) was not observed**

## We proposed to measure $^{68}\text{Ni}(d,p)$

- **Selective of single-particle state**
- Promotion of the single neutron from  $g_{9/2}$  g.s. to  $d_{5/2}$   
 **$g_{9/2} - d_{5/2}$  gap**

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# Experimental setup

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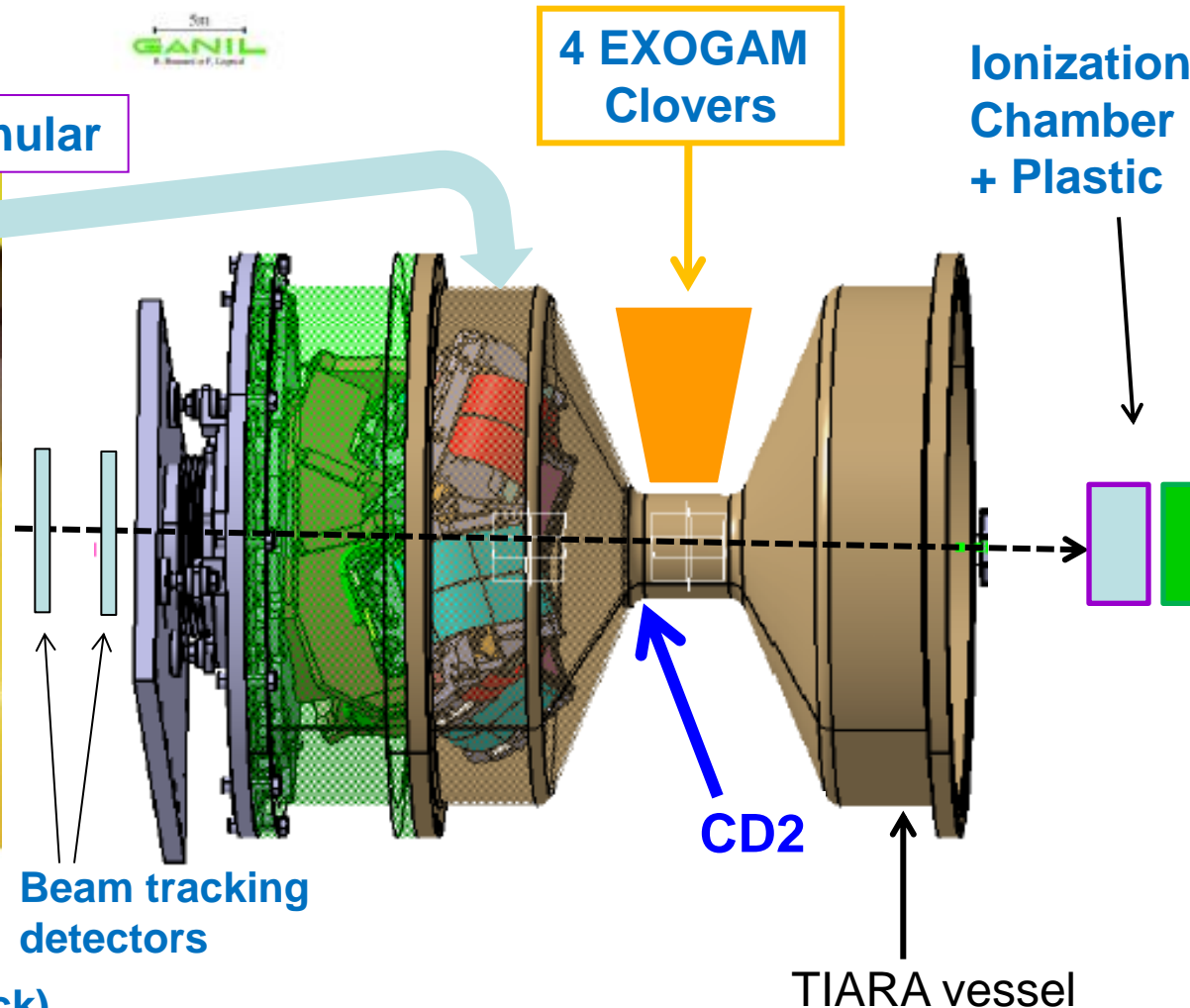


Primary beam:  $^{70}\text{Zn}$   
 $^{68}\text{Ni}$  @ 25 MeV/u, rate:  $\sim 8 \cdot 10^4$  pps  
Purity : 86%

4 MUST2 telescopes + S1 annular

4 EXOGAM  
Clovers

Ionization  
Chamber  
+ Plastic



Beam tracking  
detectors

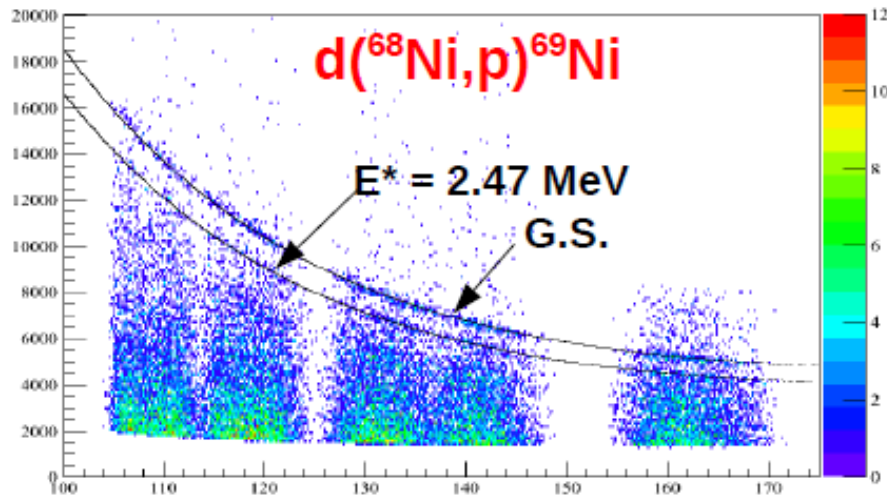
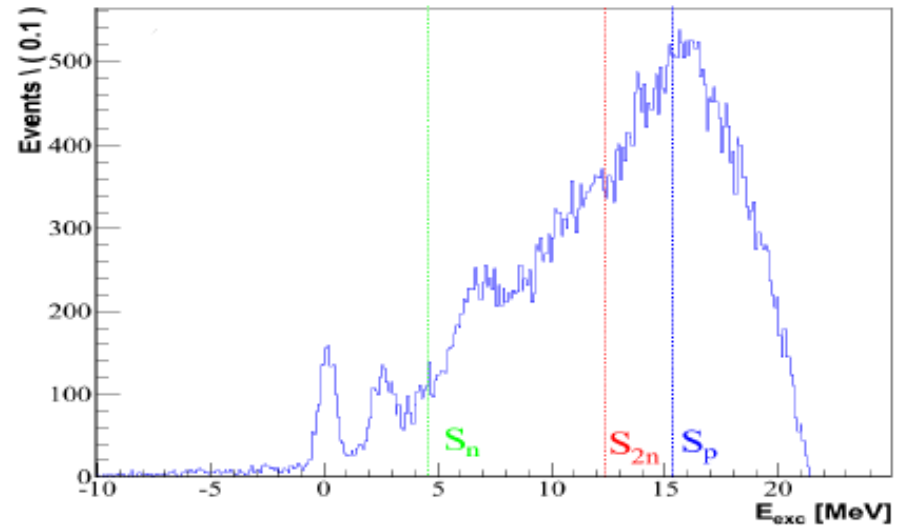
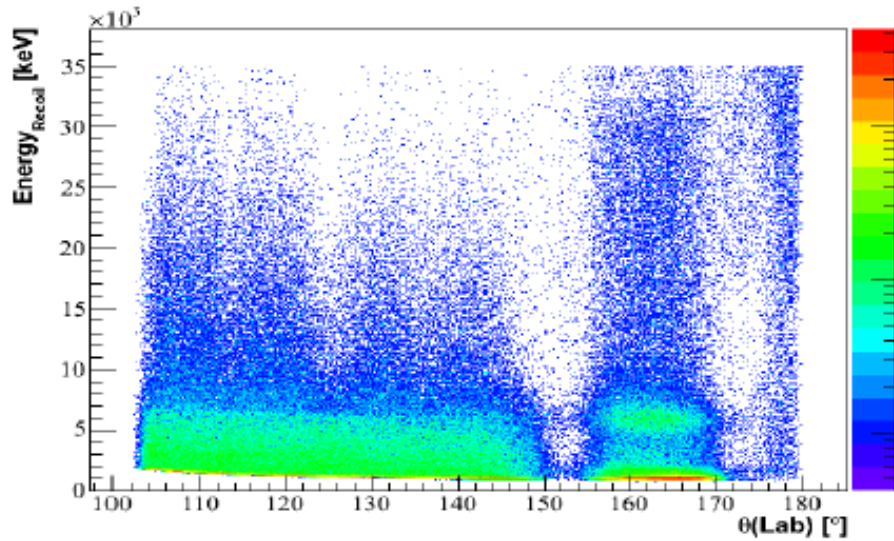
CD2

TIARA vessel

Annular Si (500 $\mu\text{m}$  thick)  
MICRON SC, S1 design



# Kinematical plots and $E^*$ spectrum

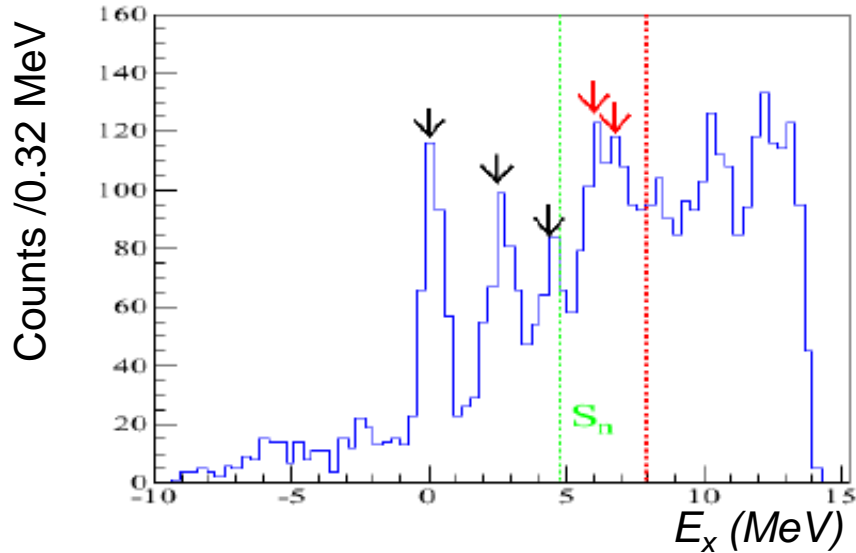


- Pronounced G.S.
- 1<sup>st</sup> excited state at  $\sim 2.5 \text{ MeV}$
- Structures  $\sim 4 \text{ MeV}$   
and  $6-7 \text{ MeV} (> S_n)$

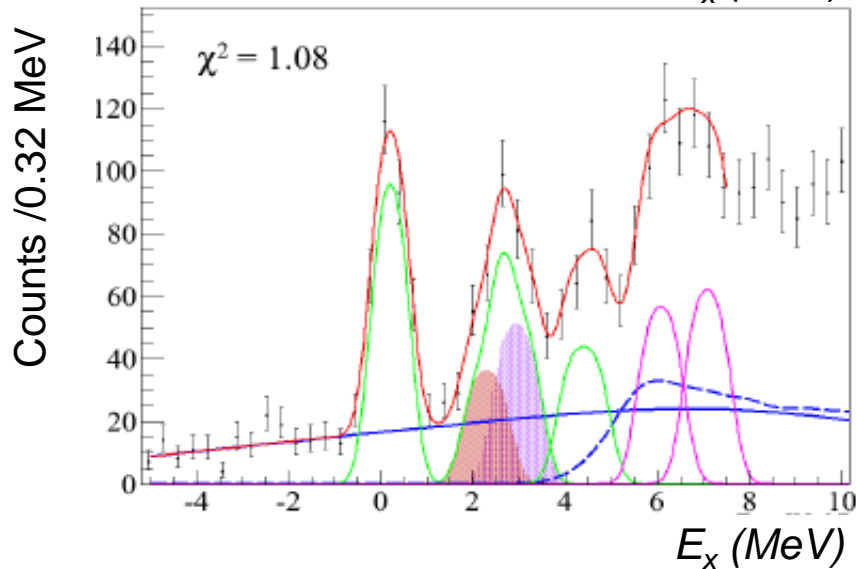


# Excitation energy spectrum

Backward (fwd) Lab(CM) angles

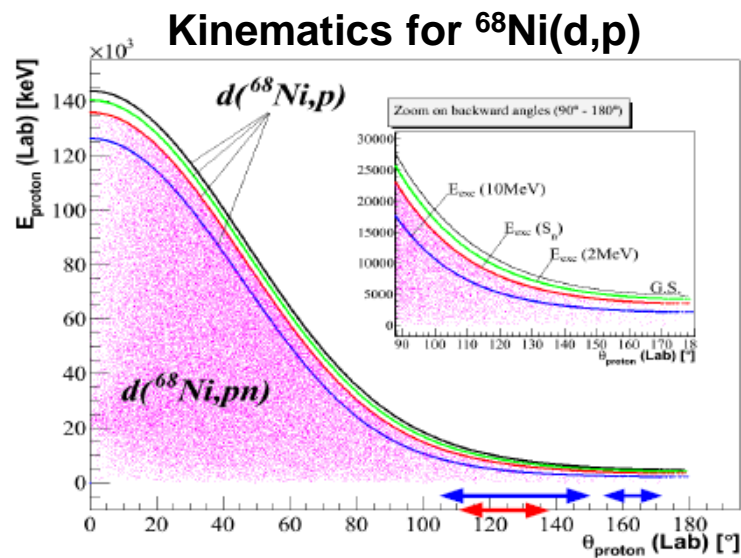


- 3 bound states
- 2 resonances above  $S_n$
- Background reactions (2 different ways)

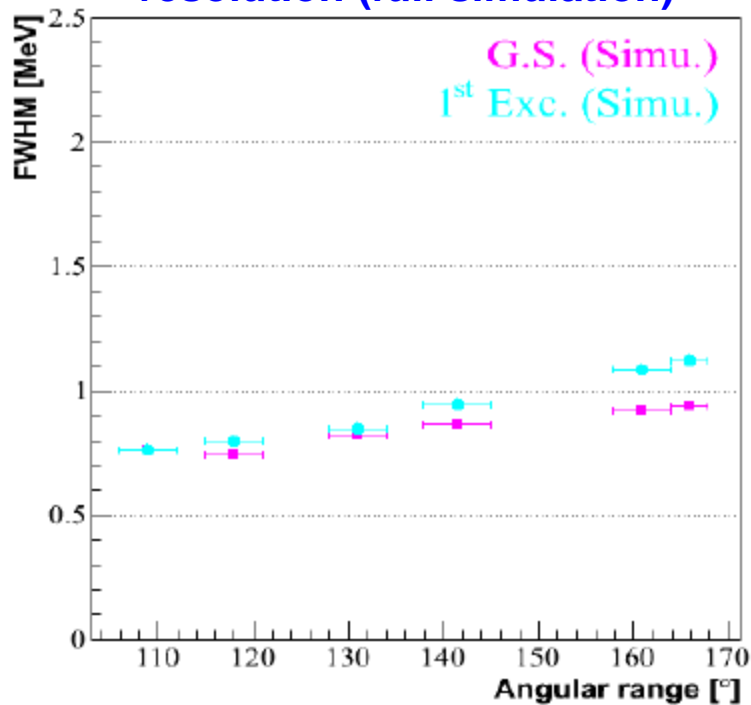


Pic #	Energy [MeV]	FWHM [MeV]
G.S	0.00	1.04
1	2.47	<b>1.43</b>
2	4.19	1.27
3	5.88	1.39
4	6.89	1.39

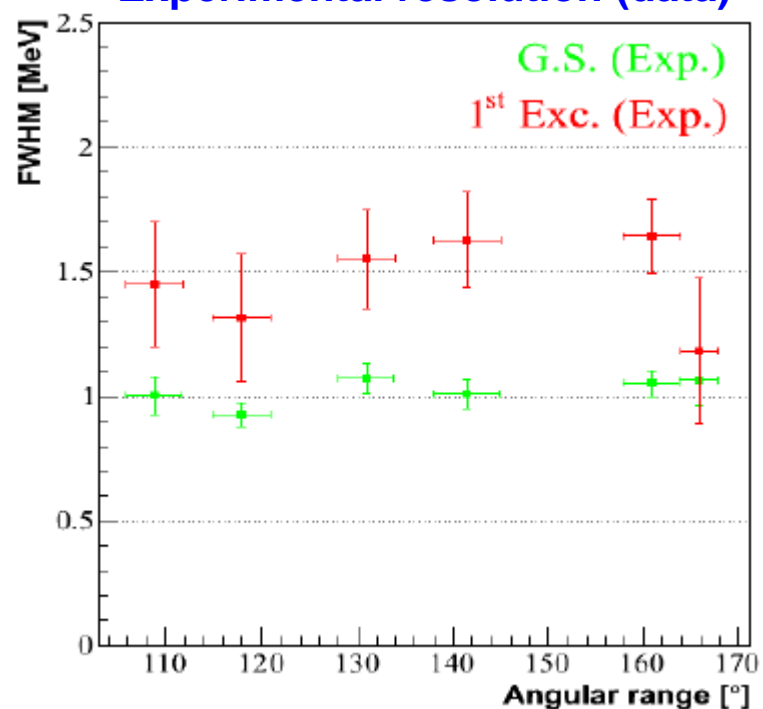
# Evidence for a doublet state at $E^* \sim 2.5\text{MeV}$



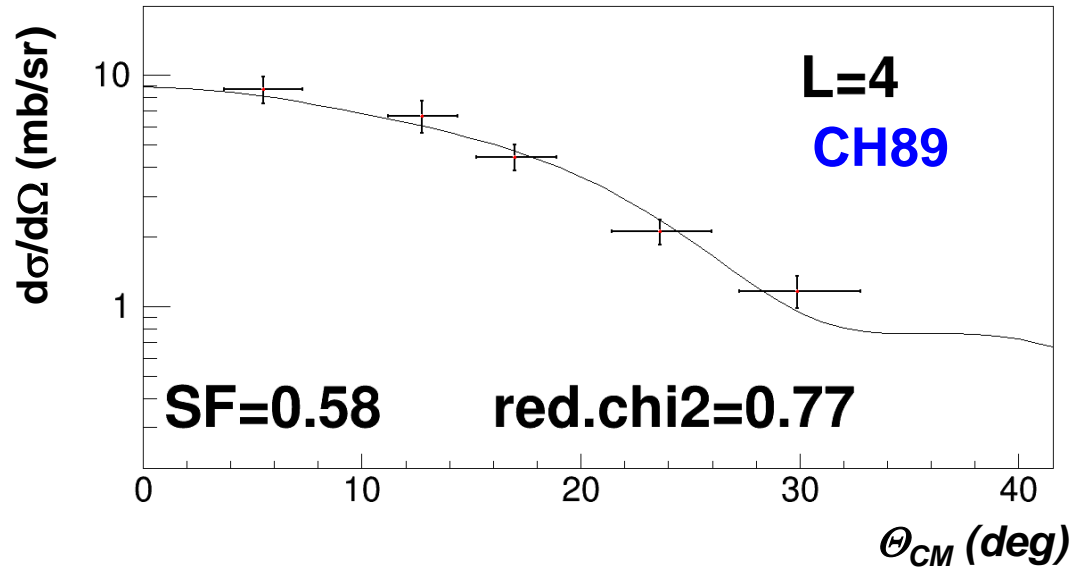
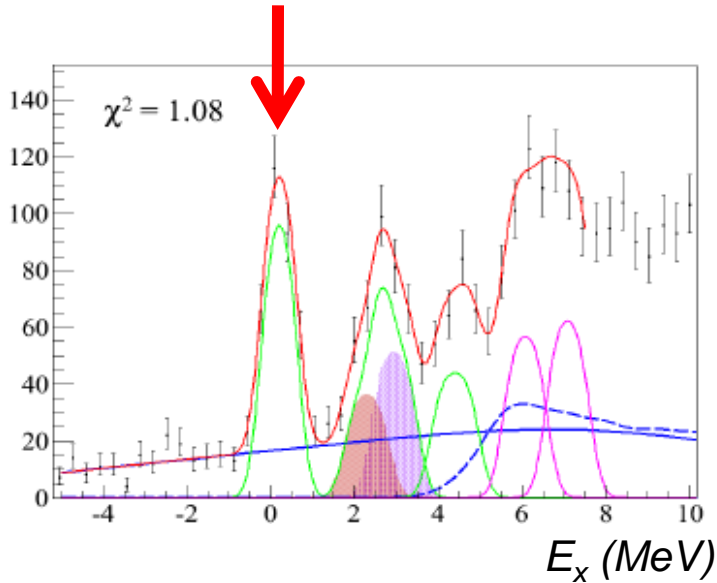
resolution (full simulation)



Experimental resolution (data)

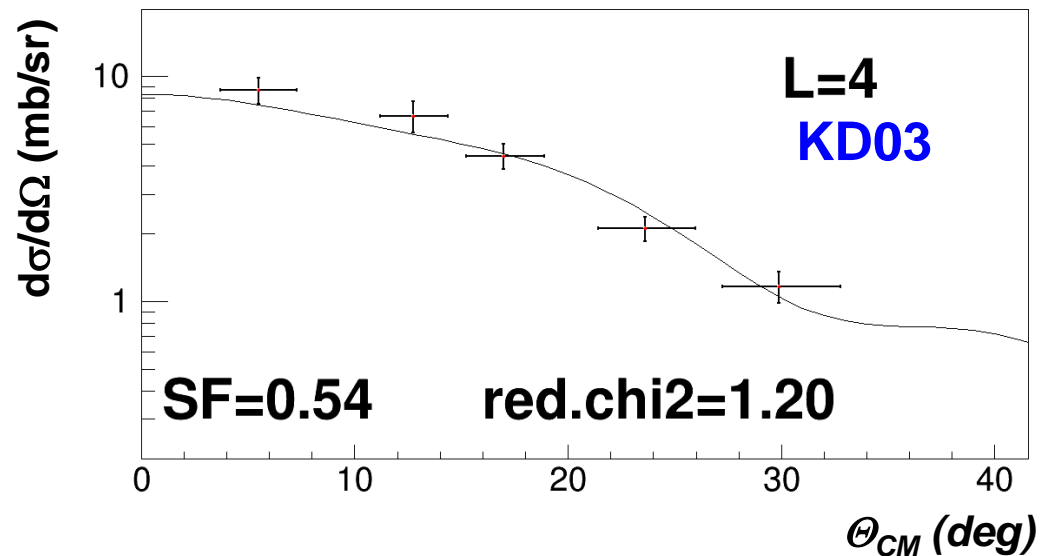


# Differential cross-sections for **ground-state**

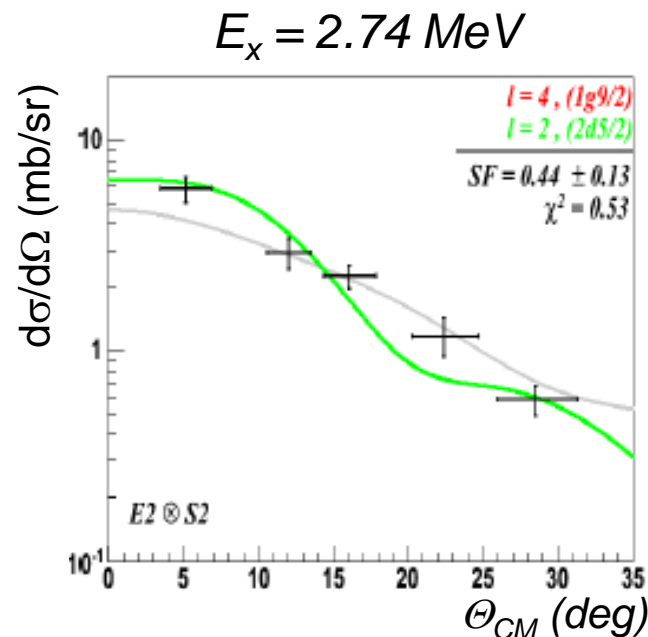
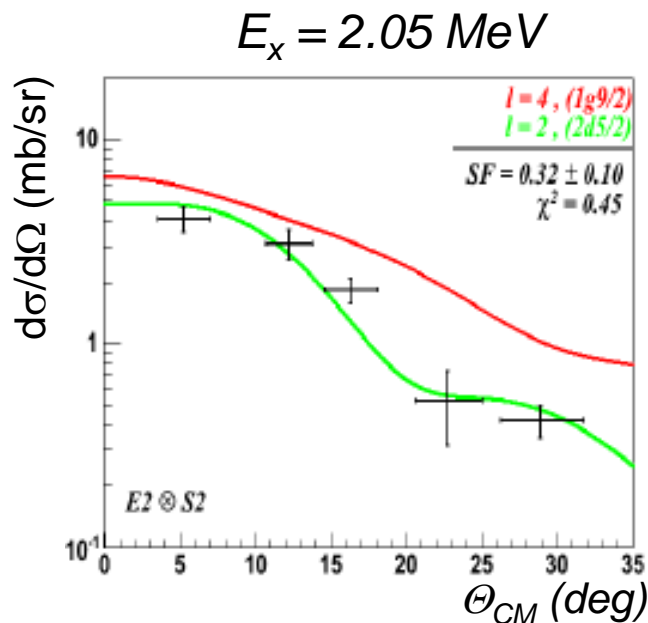


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**Code TWOFNR**  
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**Proton potentials :**  
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- **Weak dependence on the exit channel pot.**
- **Significant dependence on the entrance pot.**

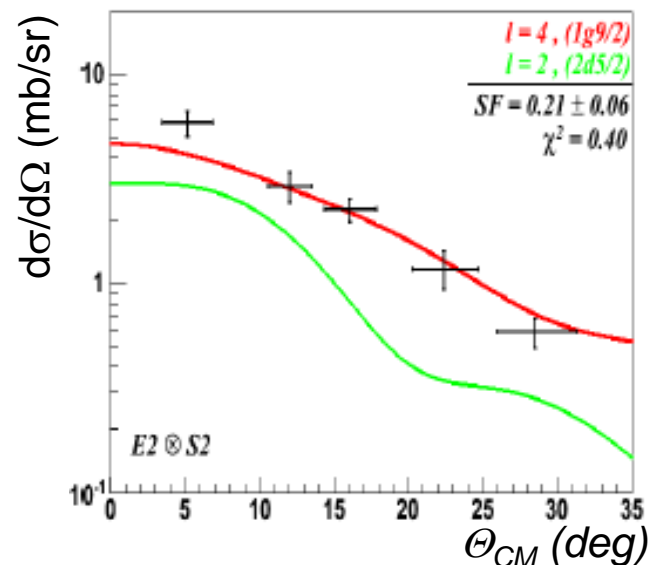


# Differential cross-sections: 1<sup>st</sup> excited peak



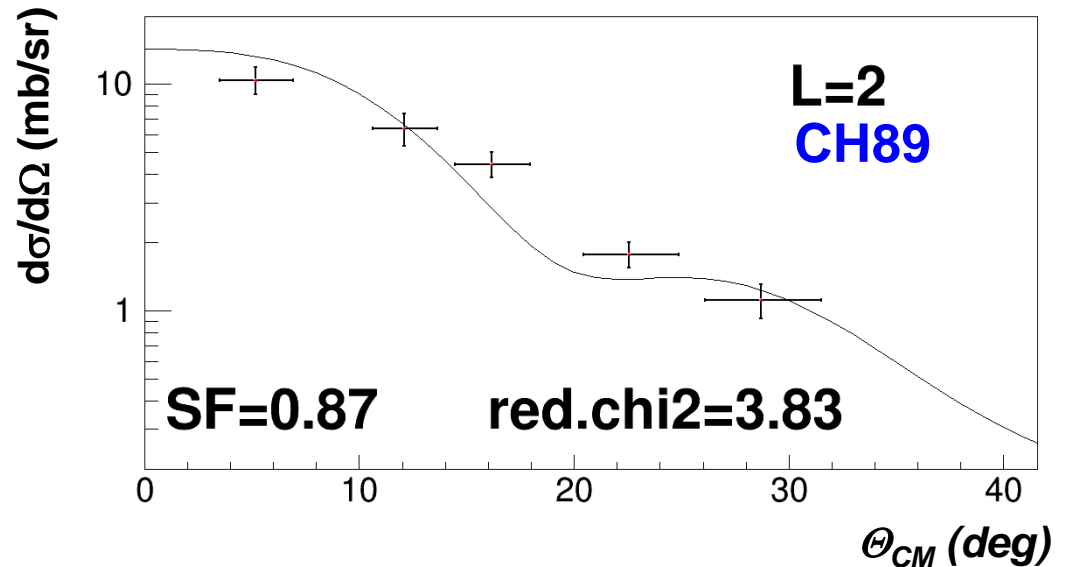
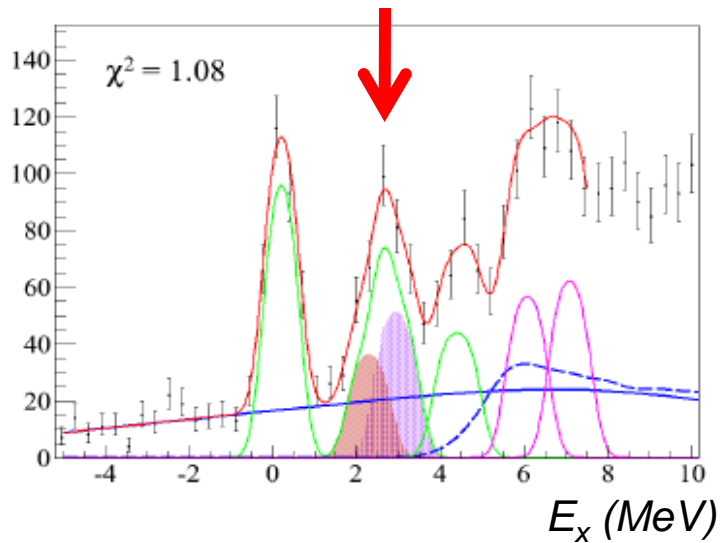
**L=2**  
**C<sup>2</sup>S = 0.44 ± 0.13**

**We favor the interpretation  
in terms of two l=2 fragments**



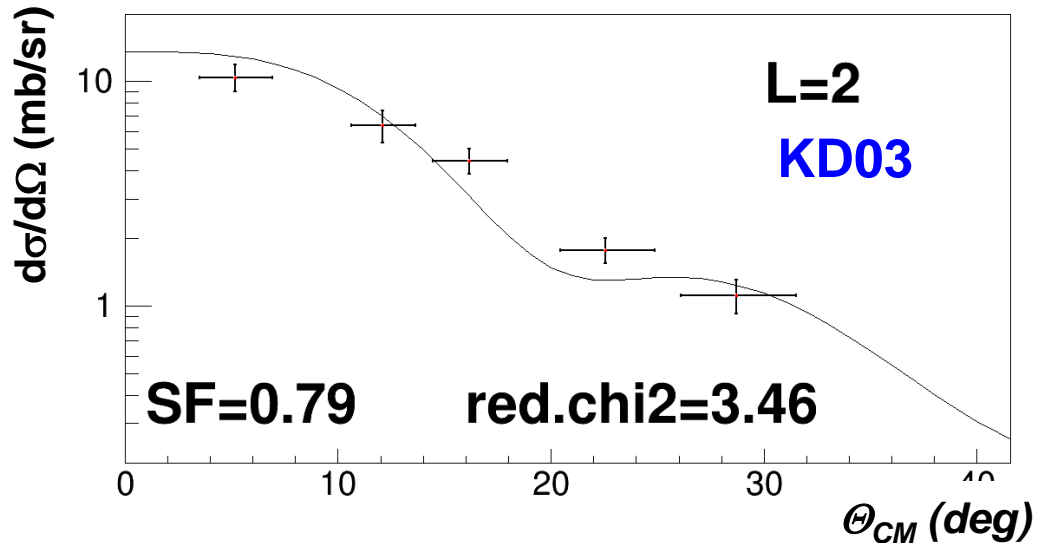
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# Differential cross-sections at $E_x \sim 2.5$ MeV

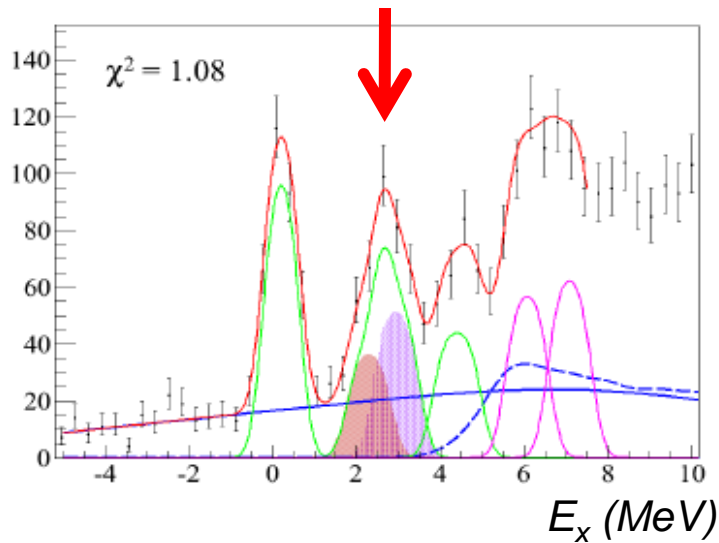


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