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# Proton- $^3\text{He}$ Scattering at Intermediate Energies

A green circular graphic containing a magnifying glass. Inside the magnifying glass, there is a small illustration of three particles: a blue sphere, an orange sphere, and a red sphere, with a wavy line between them, representing a scattering process.

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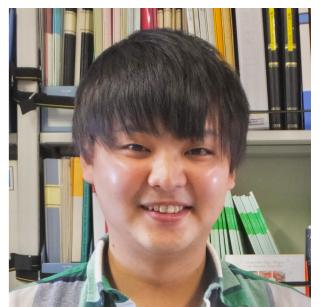
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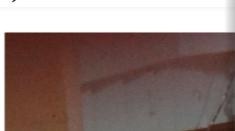
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Experiment at ENN, RCNP (2018)



Experiment at WS course, RCNP (2017)

# Three-Nucleon Force (3NF)

- nuclear forces acting in systems more than  $A > 2$  nucleons -

**Key to fully understand properties of nucleus**

**Existence of 3NF** was predicted in 1930's (after Yukawa's meson theory).

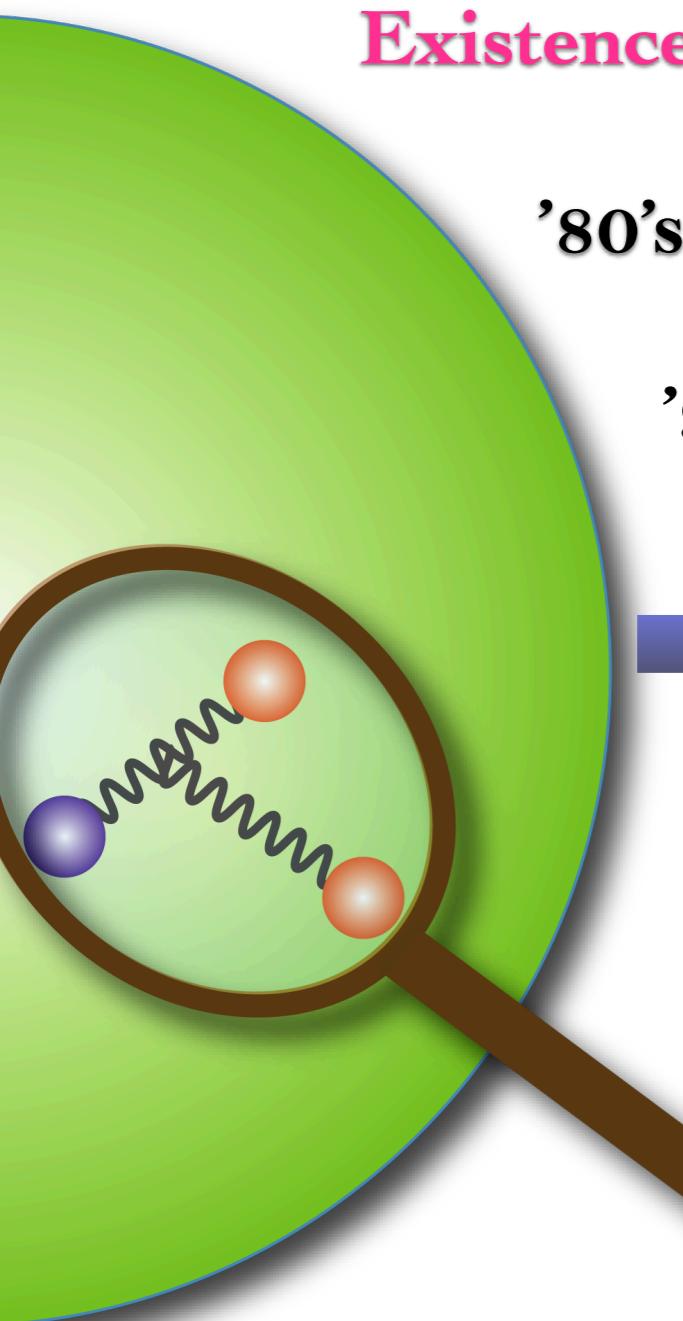
'80's **First evidence** of 3NF : Binding Energies of Triton ( ${}^3\text{H}$ )

'90's **Realistic Nucleon-Nucleon Potential**  
(CD Bonn, AV18, Nijmegen I, II)



**Evidence / Candidates of 3NF Effects**

- Nucleon-Deuteron Scattering at Intermediate Energies
- Binding Energies / Levels of Light Mass Nuclei
- Equation of State of Nuclear Matter
- etc ...



# Few-Nucleon Scattering

a good probe to study the dynamical aspects of 3NFs.

- ✓ Momentum dependence
- ✓ Spin & Iso-spin dependence

## Direct Comparison between Theory and Experiment

- Theory : Faddeev / Faddeev-Yakubovsky Type Calculations  
Rigorous Numerical Calculations of 3, 4N System

### 2NF Input

- CDBonn
- Argonne V18 (AV18)
- Nijmegen I, II, 93

### 3NF Input

- Tucson-Melbourne
- Urbana IX
- etc..

### 2NF & 3NF Input

- Chiral Effective Field Theory

- Experiment : Precise Data
  - $d\sigma/d\Omega$ , Spin Observables ( $A_i$ ,  $K_{ij}$ ,  $C_{ij}$ )

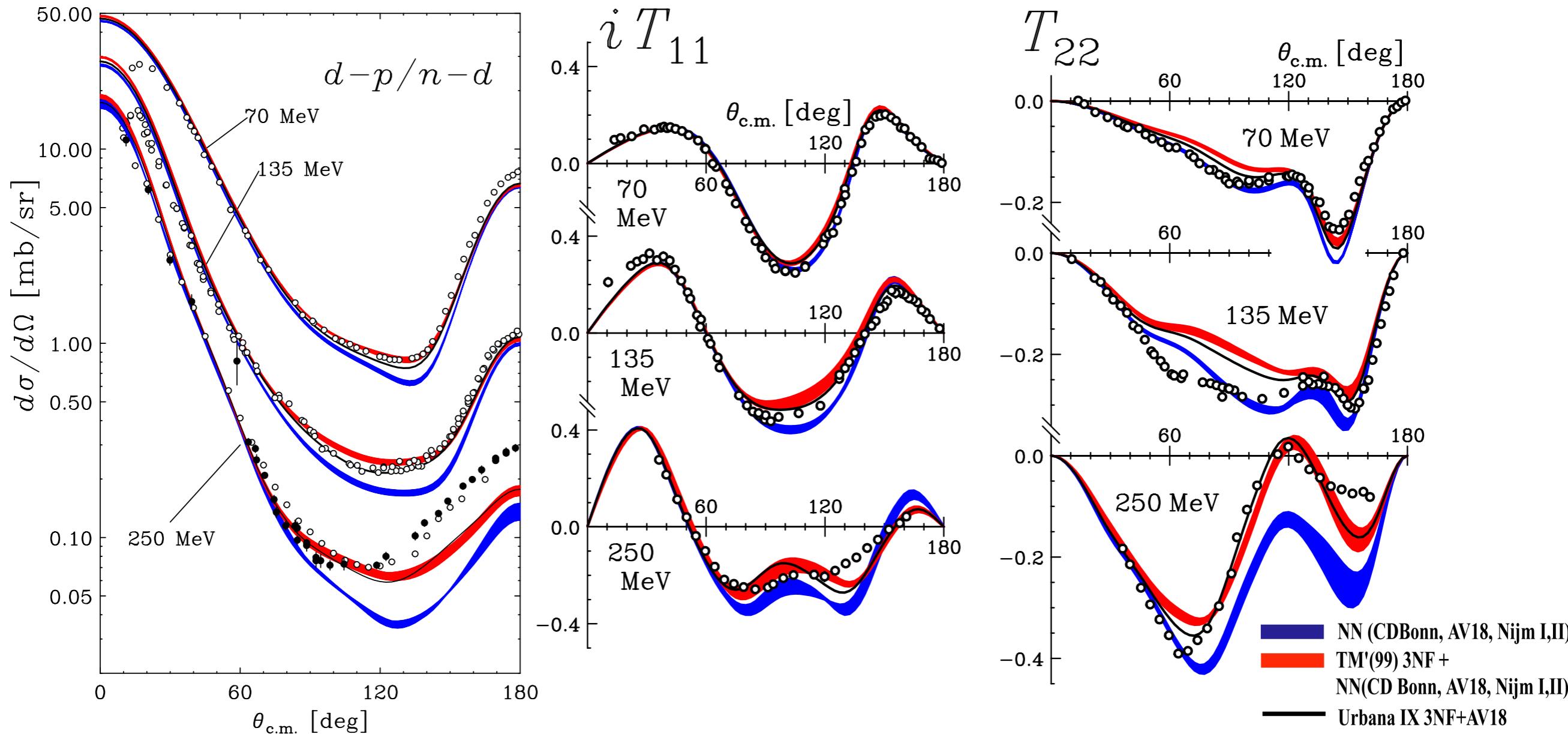
Extract fundamental information of Nuclear Forces.

# 3NF effects in proton-deuteron scattering at 70-250 MeV

K. S. et al., Phys. Rev. C 65, 034003 (2002),  
K. Hatanaka et al., Phys. Rev. C 66, 044002 (2002),  
Y. Maeda et al., Phys. Rev. C 76, 014004 (2007),  
K. S. et al., Phys. Rev. C 89, 064007 (2014) etc...

Solid base for study of detailed properties of 3NFs

- Clear signatures of 3NF Effects in the cross section minimum.
- 3NF effects become larger with increasing an incident energy.
- Spin dependent parts of 3NFs are deficient.



# $p+^3\text{He}$ Scattering

1. Four Nucleon Scattering *First Step from Few to Many*
2. Isospin Dependence of 3NFs :  $T=3/2$  3NFs
3. Large 3NF effects in cross section minimum at intermediate energies

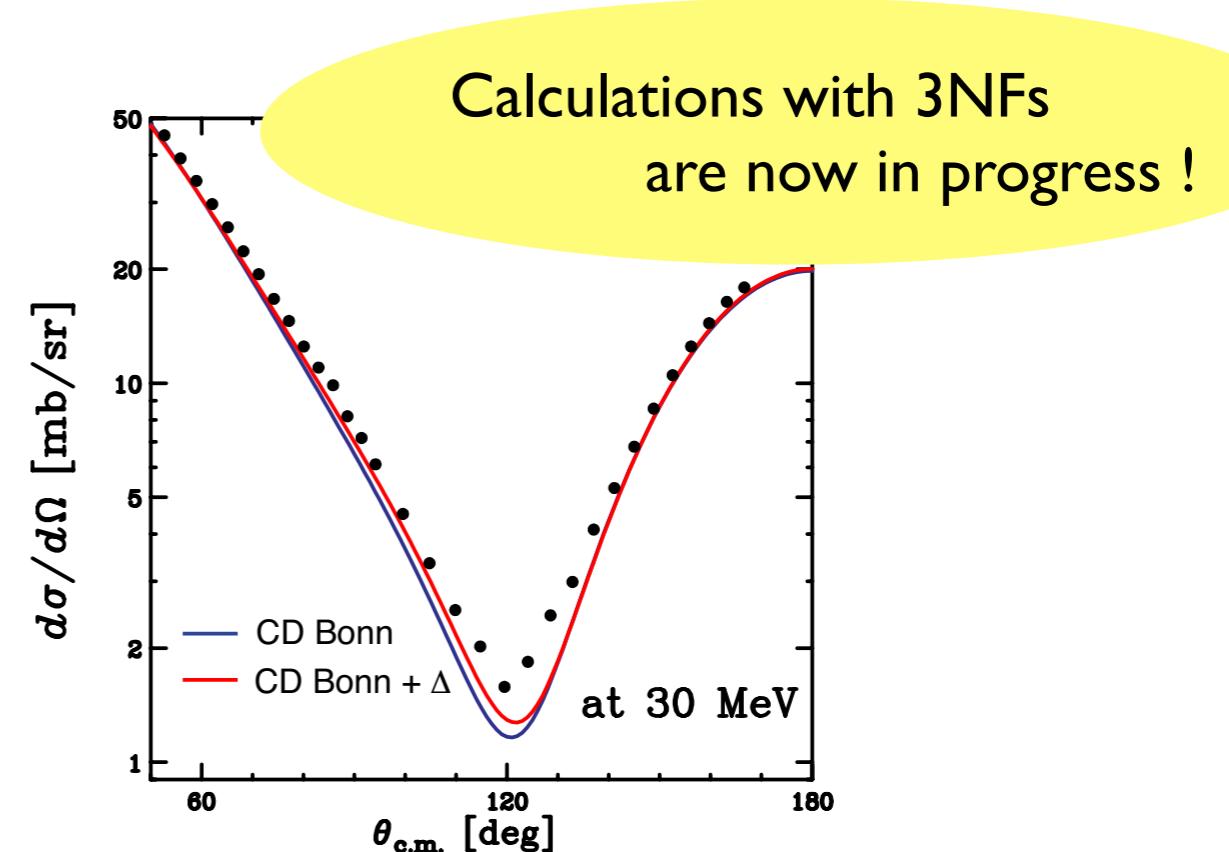
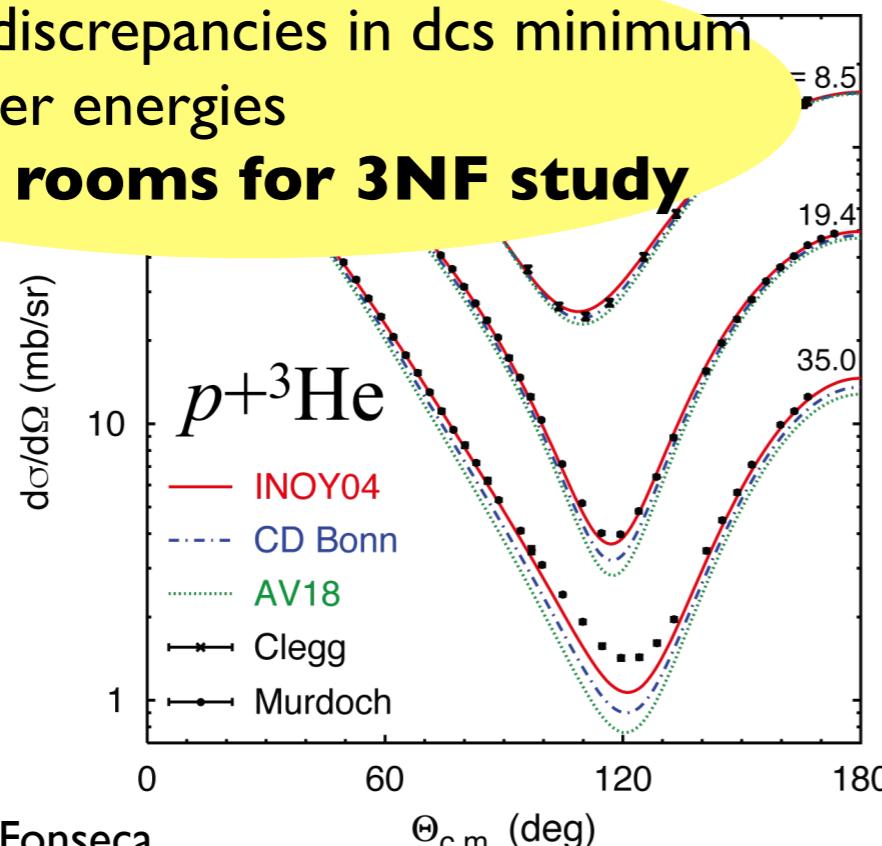
## Theory in Progress

Calculations above 4-body breakup threshold energy are available by A. Deltuva et al.

→ new possibilities for 3NF study in 4N scattering at higher energies

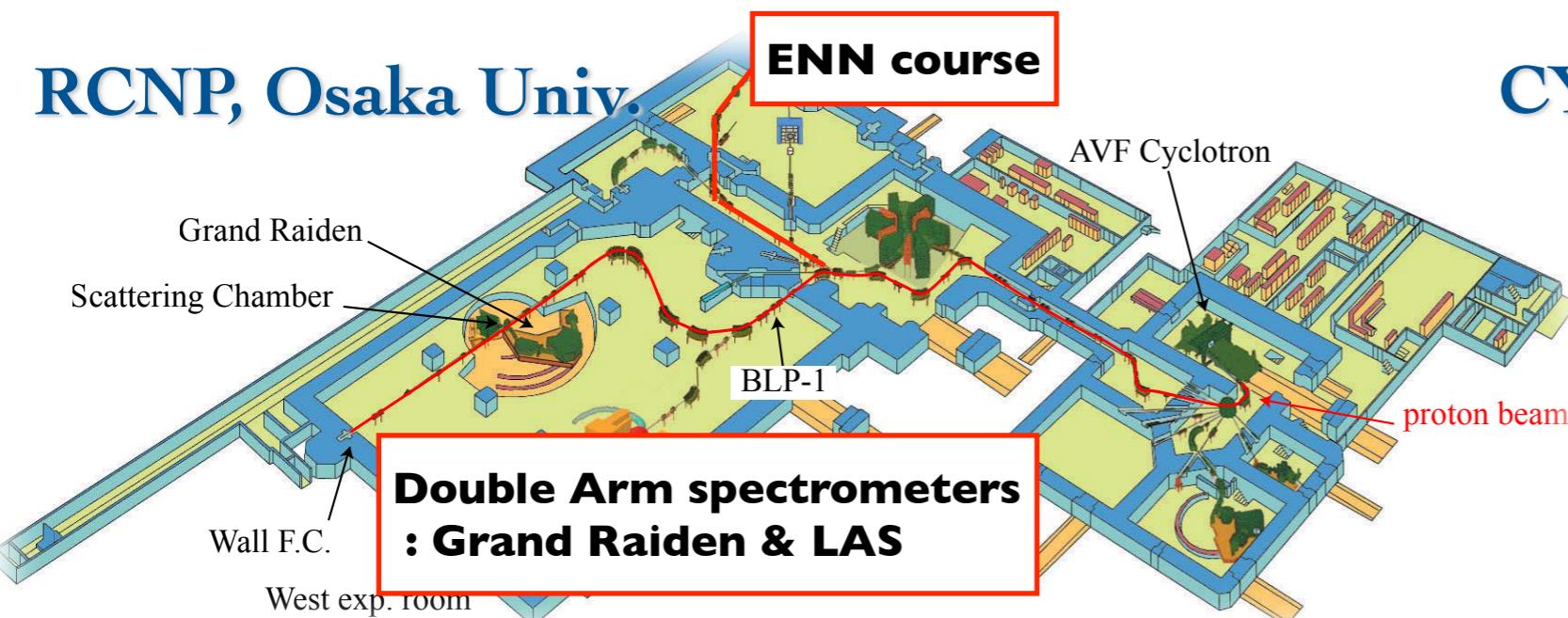
Large discrepancies in dcs minimum  
at higher energies

**New rooms for 3NF study**



# Experiments of $p+^3\text{He}$ at Intermediate Energies from RCNP & CYRIC

**RCNP, Osaka Univ.**



**CYRIC, Tohoku Univ.**

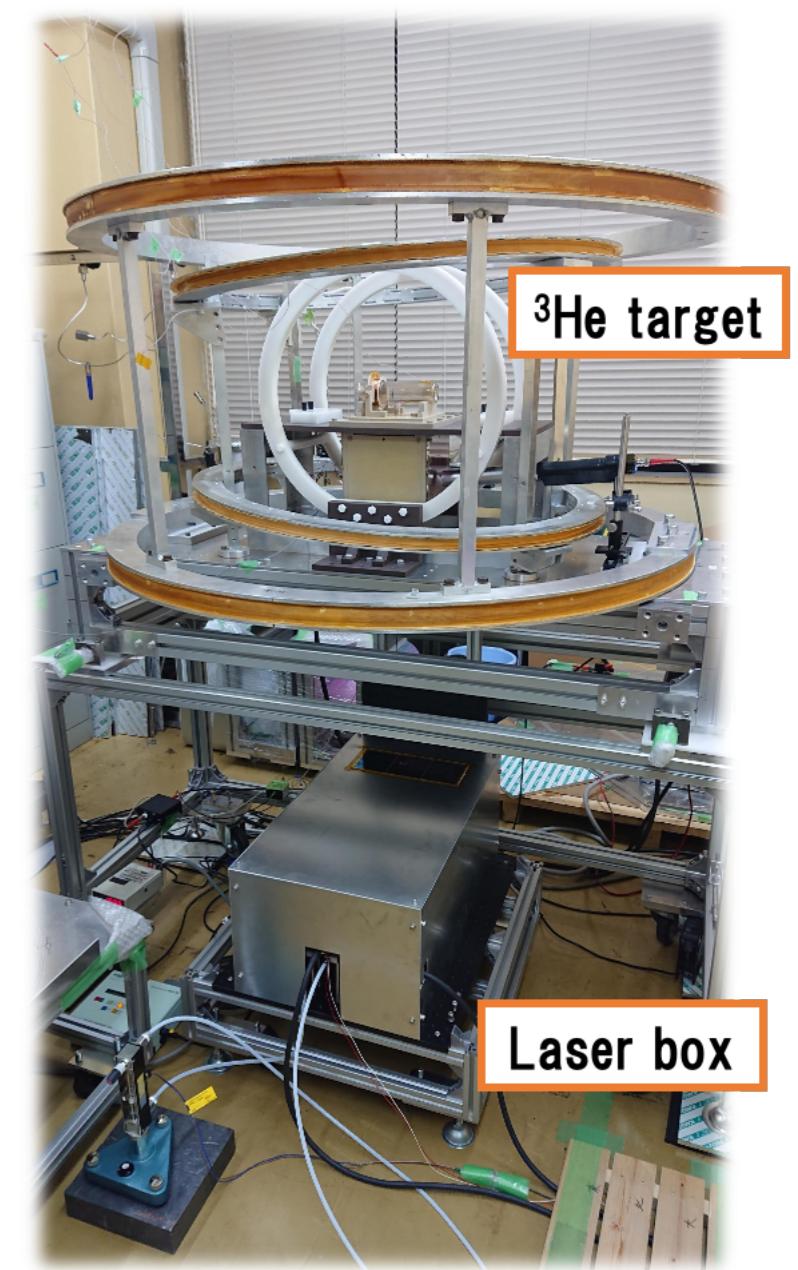
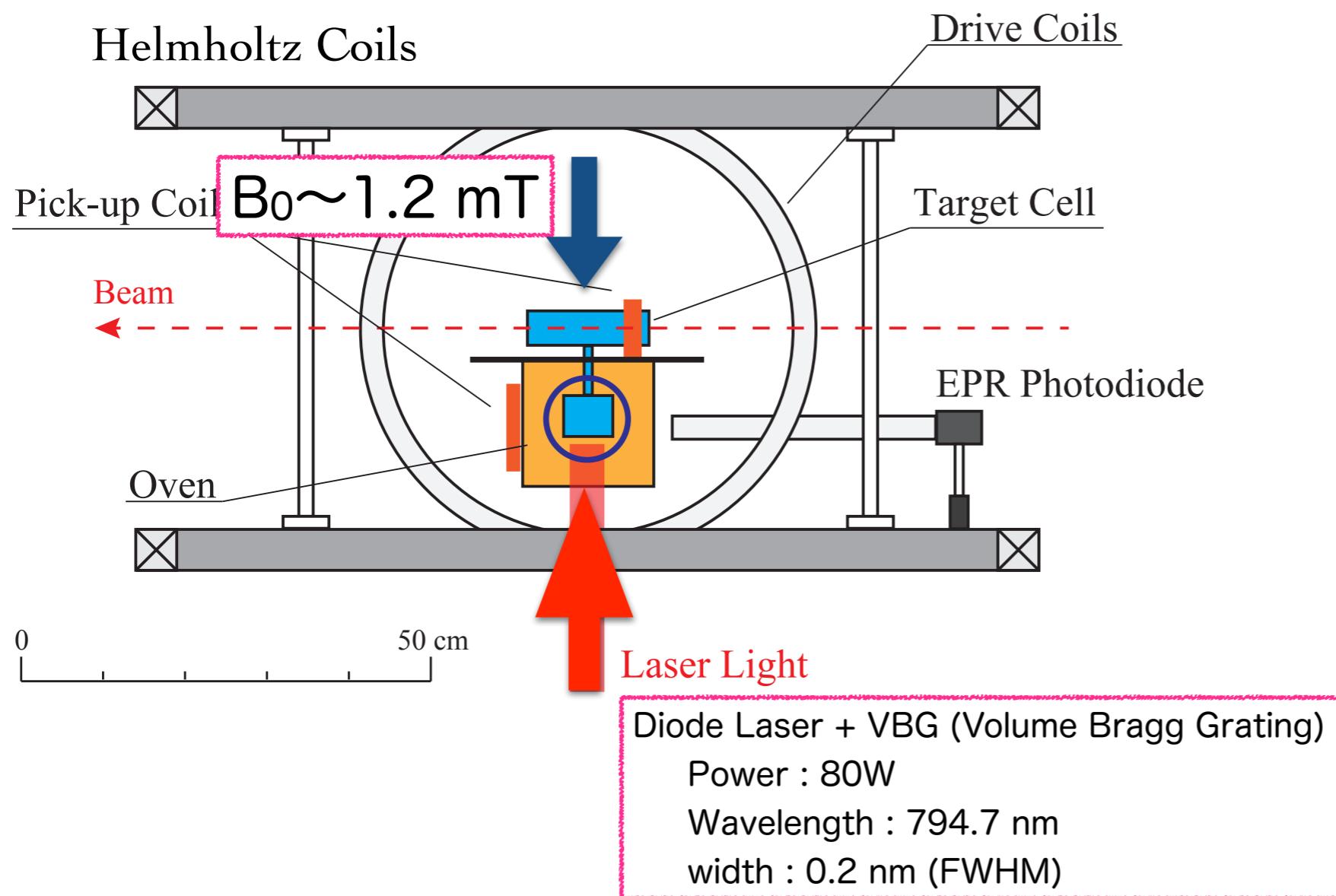


- Polarized  $p$  beam : 10 - 420 MeV
  - Polarizations : < 70 %
- Beam Intensity : <  $1\mu\text{A}$

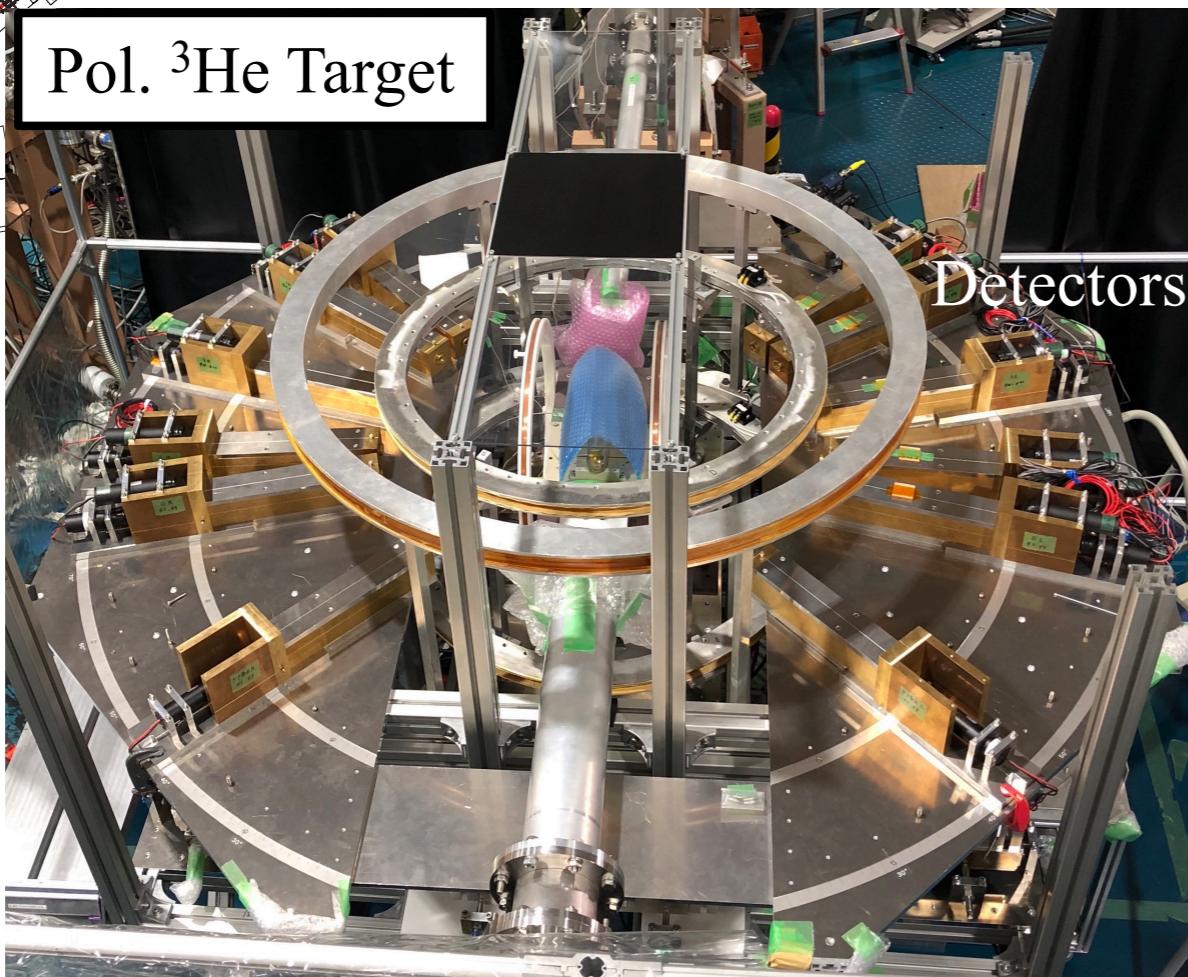
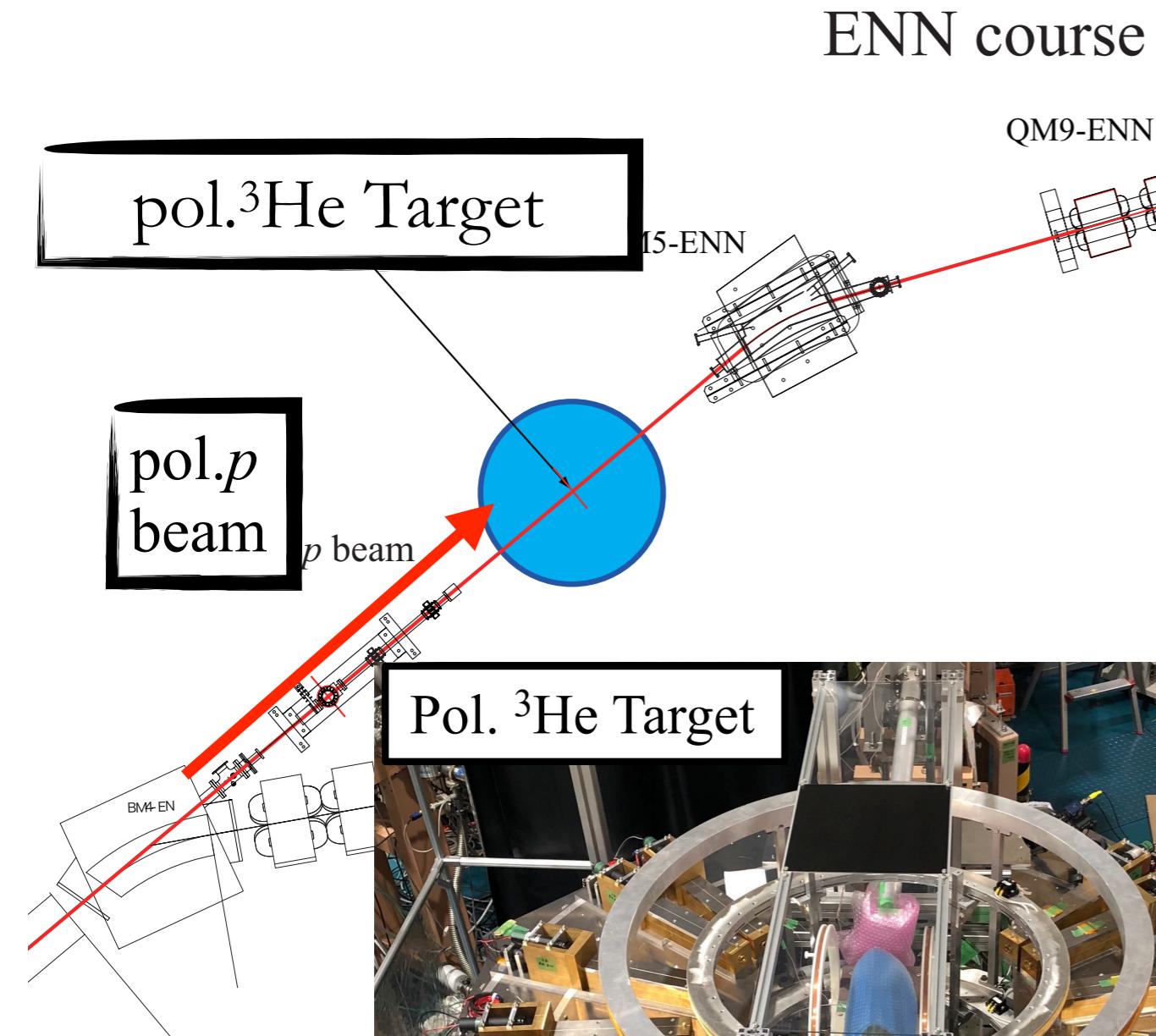
- $p$  beam : 10 - 80 MeV
- Beam Intensity : 10-20 nA

# Polarized $^3\text{He}$ Target System

- Polarization Method :
  - (Alkali-Hybrid) Spin Exchange Optical Pumping
- Polarization (current) : 50%, Relaxation time : about 40 hrs
- Calibration of absolute values : EPR & neutron-transmission



# pol.p+pol. ${}^3\text{He}$ experiment at RCNP



- Polarized  $p$  at 65, 100 MeV
  - Polarization : 40-50 %
  - B.I. = 10 - 30 nA

- Target : pol. ${}^3\text{He}$  gas target
  - polarization : 30-40%

- Observables :

$$A_y(p), A_y({}^3\text{He}), C_{y,y}$$

- Measured Angles

$$\theta_{\text{c.m.}} = 47^\circ - 156^\circ$$

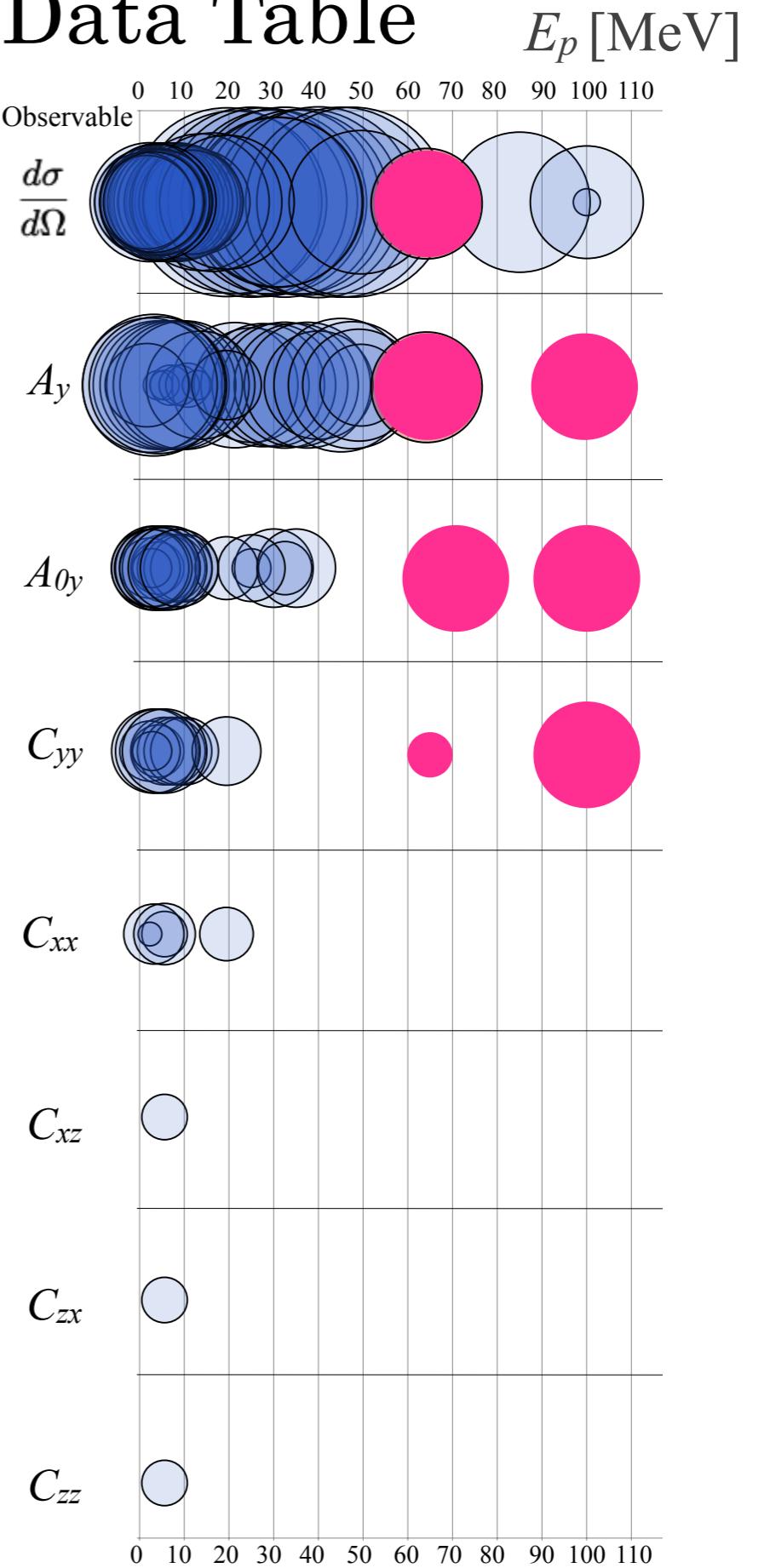
- Detectors

$dE$  : Plastic Scintillator (0.5 mm<sup>t</sup>)  
 $E$  : NaI(Tl) (55 mm<sup>t</sup>)  
2 sets  $\times$  6 angles = 12 sets

## Summary of Measurements for $p+{}^3\text{He}$

	70 MeV	50 MeV	65 MeV	65 MeV	100 MeV
Incident Energy					
Beam	$p$	$p$	pol. $p$	pol. $p$	pol. $p$
Observables	$A_{0y}$	$A_{0y}$	$d\sigma/d\Omega, A_y$	$A_y, A_{0y}, C_{y,y}$	$A_y, A_{0y}, C_{y,y}$
Measured Angles ( $\theta_{\text{c.m.}}$ )	$46^\circ - 141^\circ$	$47^\circ - 120^\circ$	$27^\circ - 170^\circ$	$47^\circ - 133^\circ$	$47^\circ - 149^\circ$
Facility	CYRIC, Tohoku Univ.	CYRIC, Tohoku Univ.	RCNP, Osaka Univ.	RCNP, Osaka Univ.	RCNP, Osaka Univ.
Exp. Course	41 course	41 course	WS course	ENN course	ENN course

# Data Table



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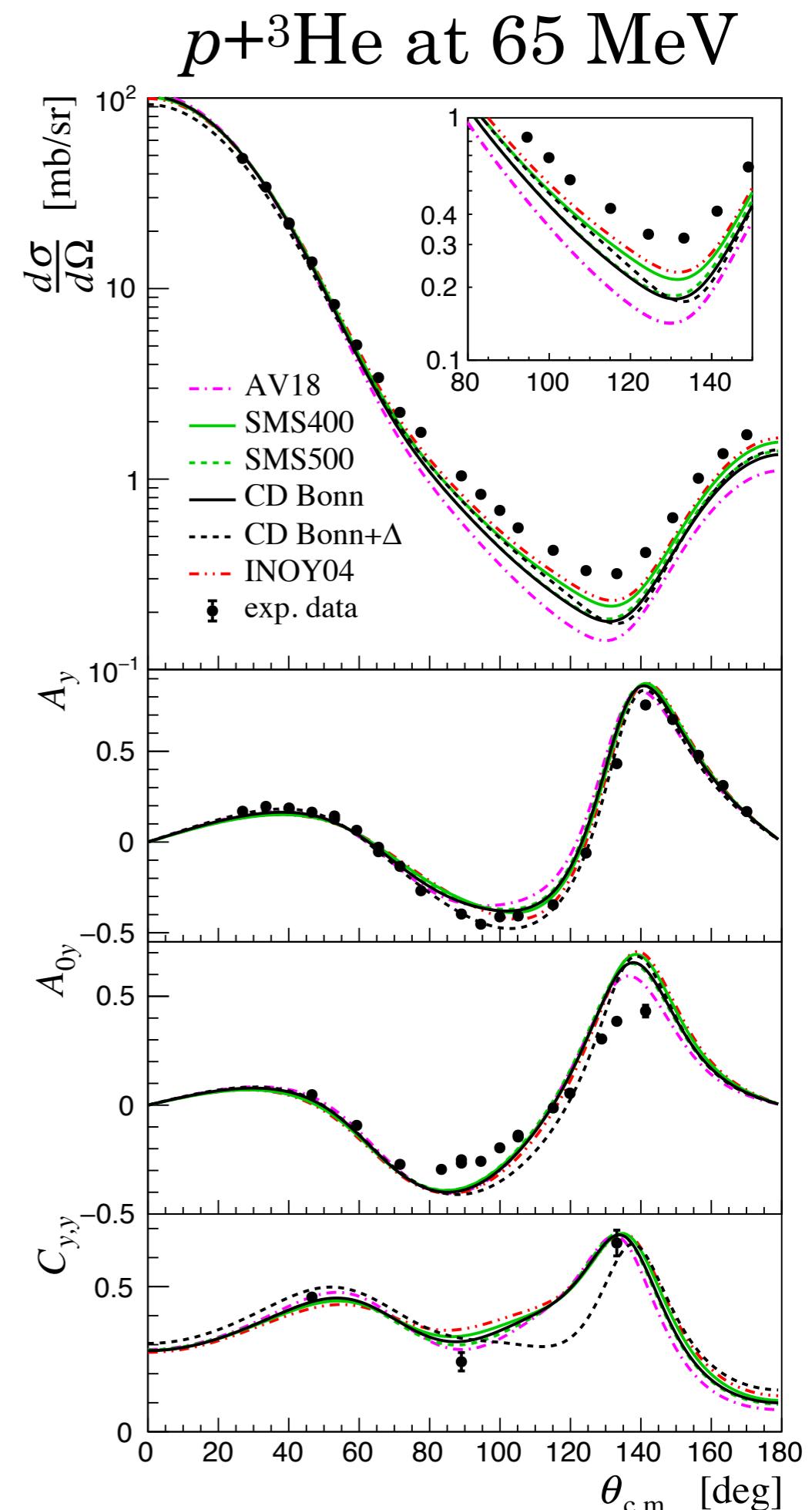
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● data from  
RCNP/CYRIC

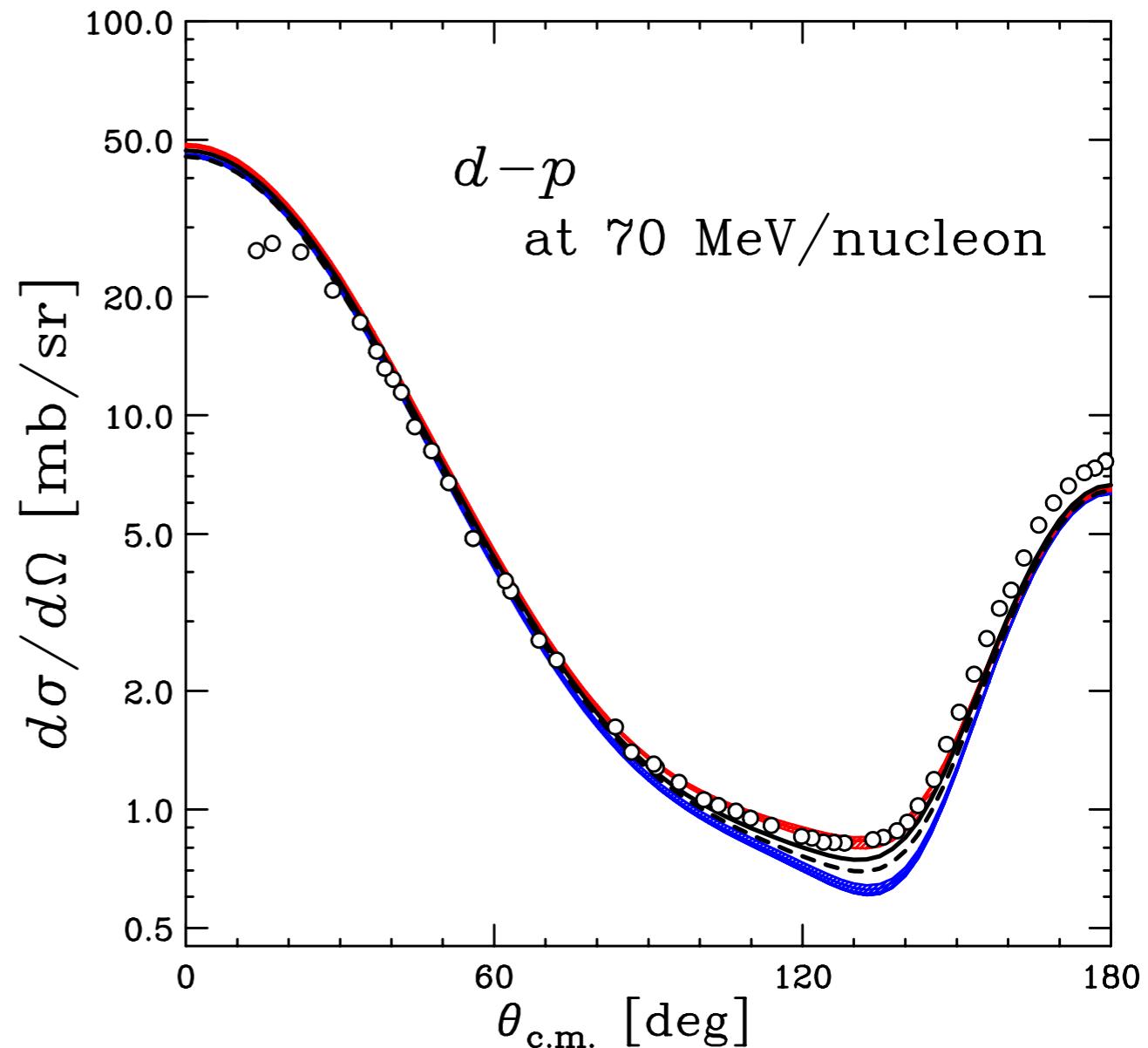
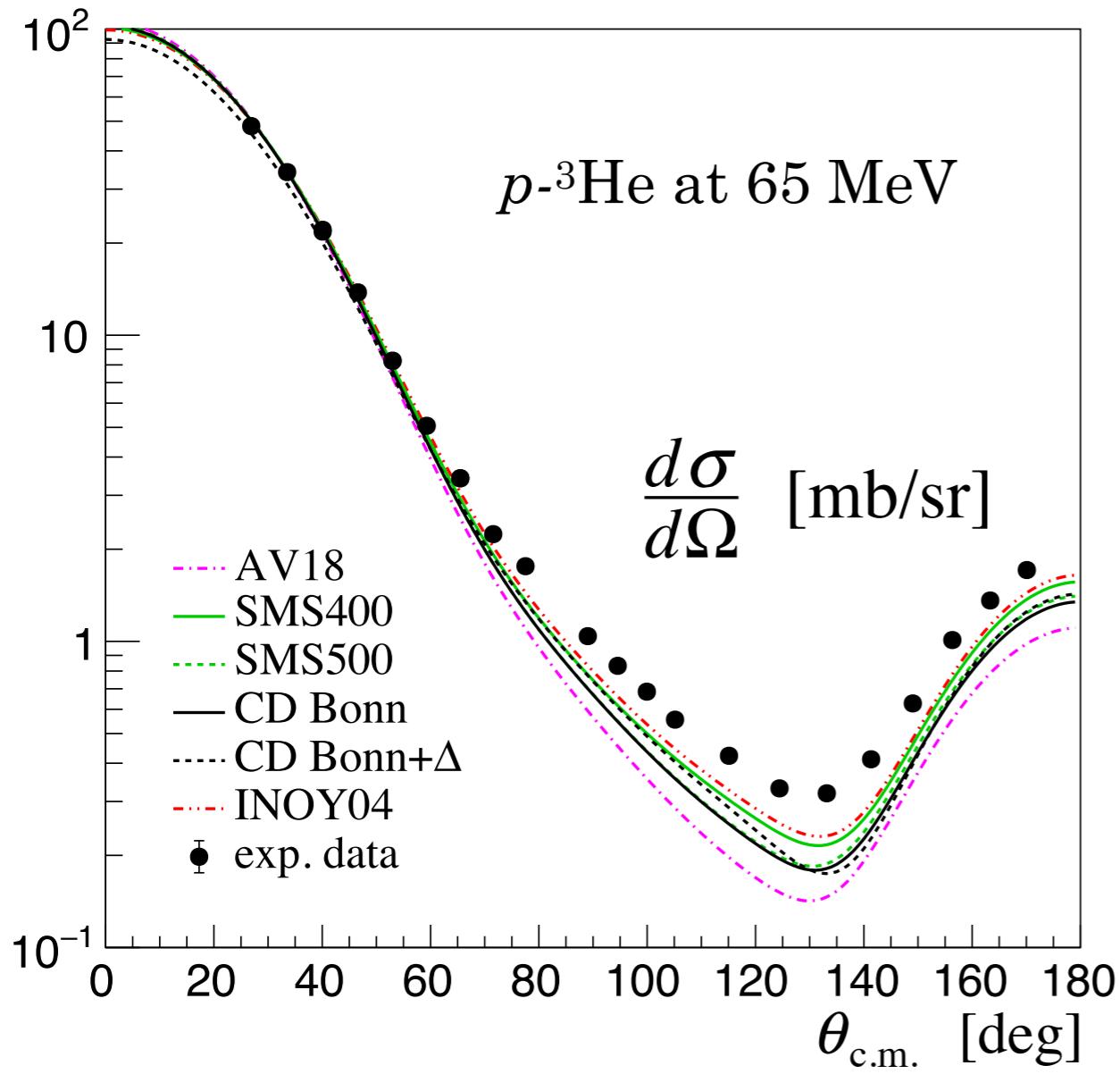
# New Data Set of $p+{}^3\text{He}$ at Intermediate Energies

A. Watanabe, S. Nakai, et al. , Phys. Rev. C 103, 044001 (2021)

- Results of Comparison between Th.&Exp.
  - Cross Section Minimum Region
    - Cross Section
      - All Calc. with 2NF underestimate.
    - Spin Observables :
      - Large discrepancy in  $A_y({}^3\text{He})$
      - Large  $\Delta$ -isobar Effects (calc.) in  $C_{y,y}$



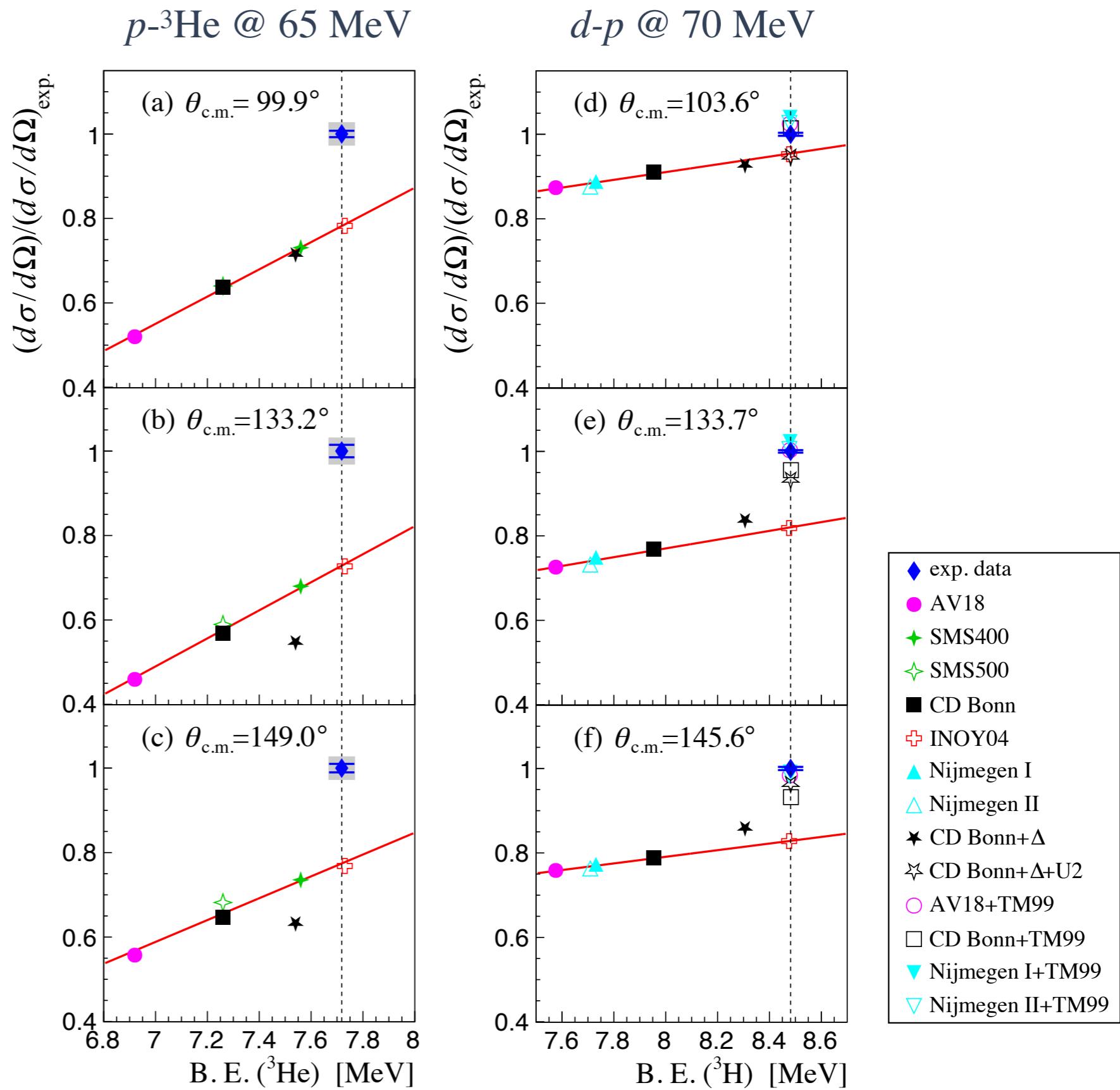
# $p$ - $^3\text{He}$ v.s. $d+p$



<span style="color: darkblue;">—</span> NN (CDBonn, AV18, Nijm I,II) <span style="color: red;">—</span> TM'(99) 3NF + NN(CD Bonn, AV18, Nijm I,II) <span style="color: black;">—</span> Urbana IX 3NF+AV18 <span style="color: black;">- - -</span> CD Bonn+ $\Delta$
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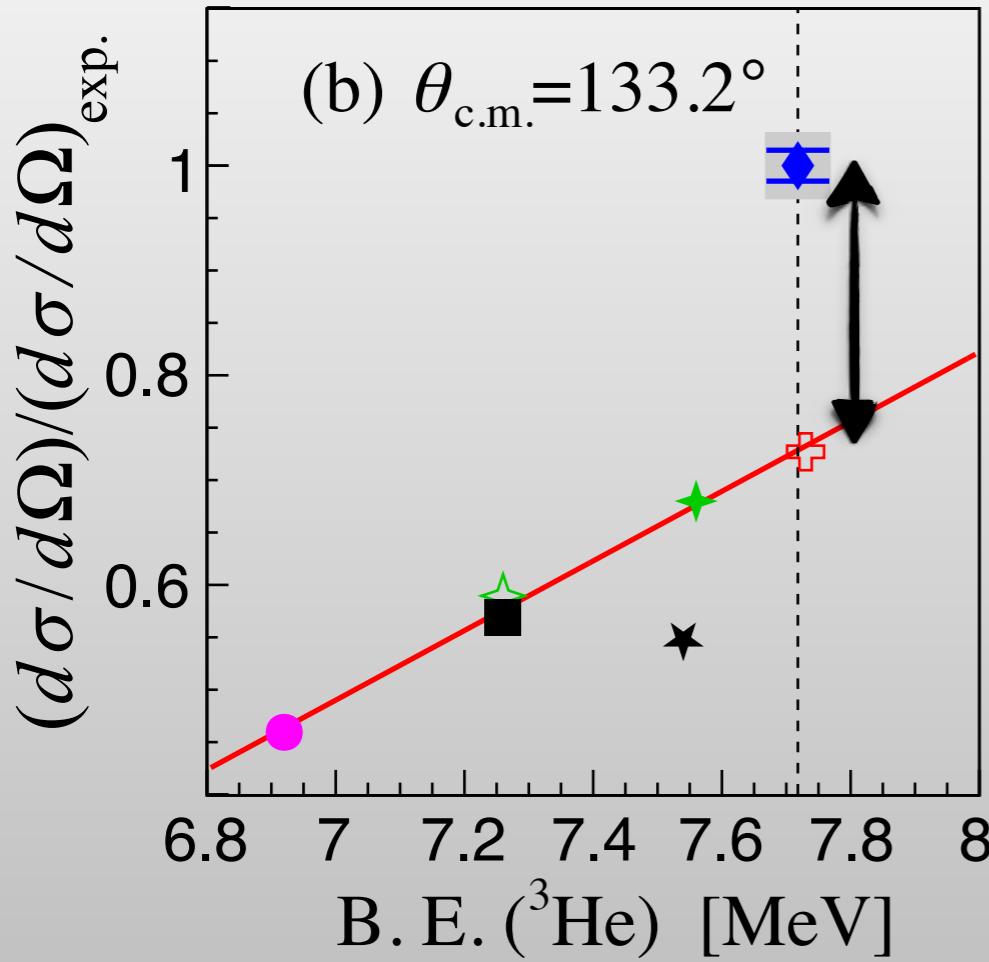
# Cross Section Minimum & 3N B.E.

Scaling Relation between  
the cross sections with the NN  
potentials &  
the 3N binding energies

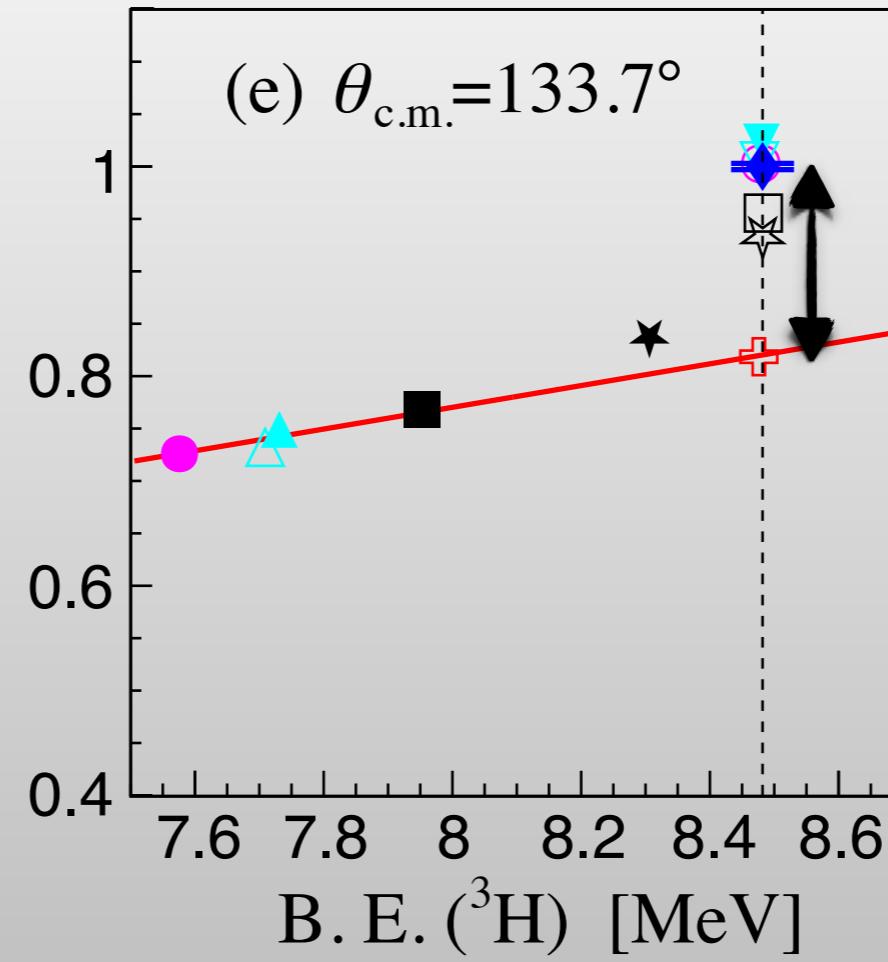


# Cross Section Minimum & 3N B.E.

$p\text{-}{}^3\text{He}$  at 65 MeV



$d\text{-}p$  at 70 MeV/N

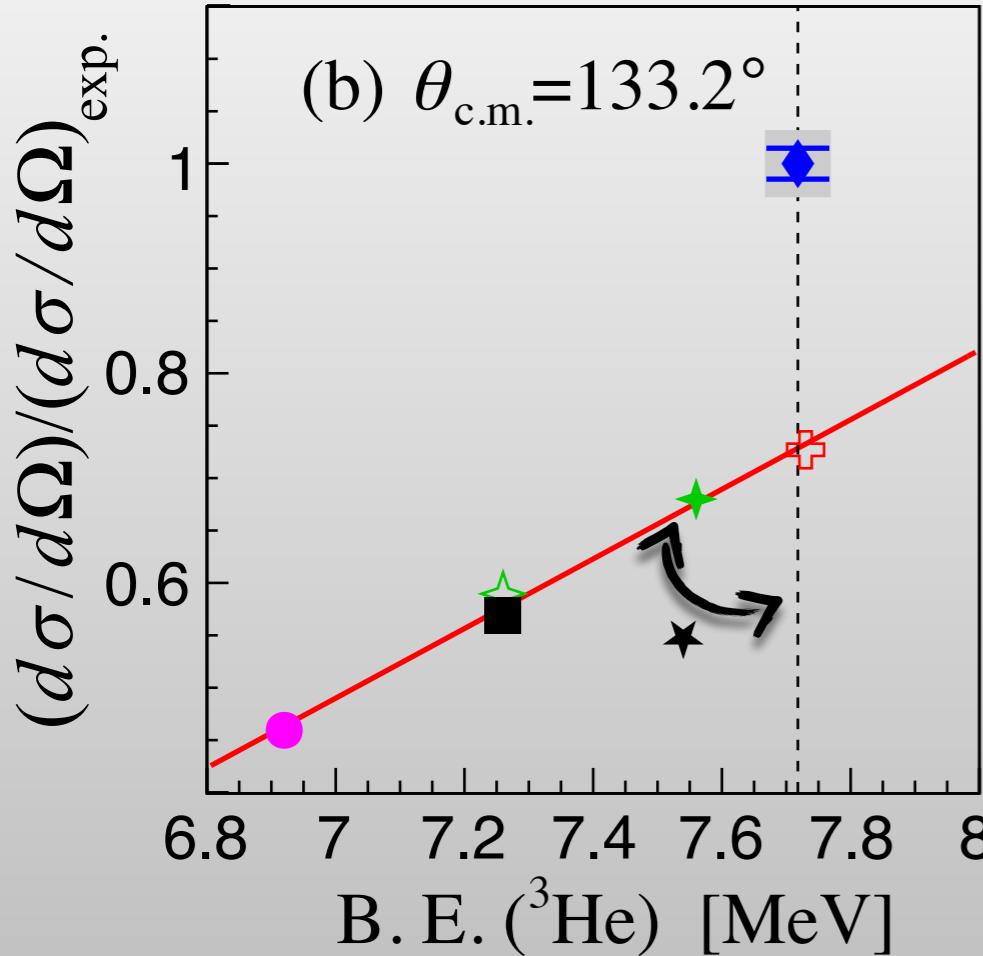


- ◆ exp. data
- AV18
- ★ SMS400
- ★ SMS500
- CD Bonn
- + INOY04
- ▲ Nijmegen I
- △ Nijmegen II
- ★ CD Bonn+ $\Delta$
- ☆ CD Bonn+ $\Delta$ +U2
- AV18+TM99
- CD Bonn+TM99
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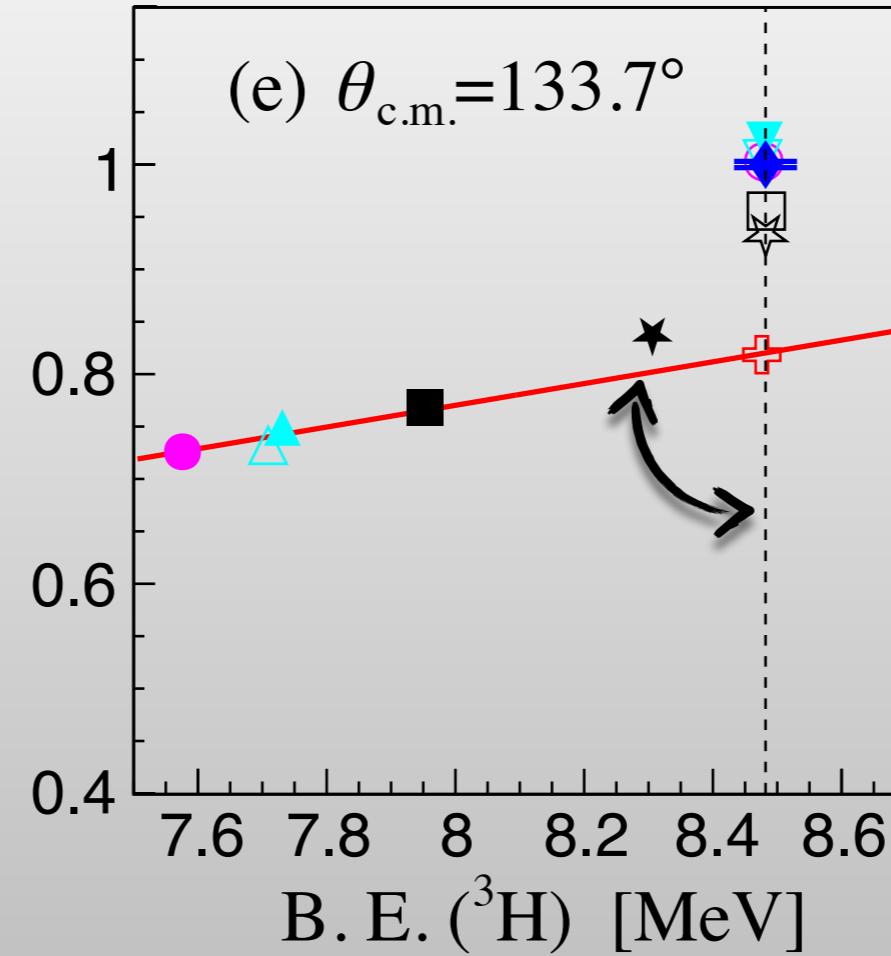
- 📌 Linear correlation exists for the NN potentials.
- 📌 Cross section with a NN potential which reproduces the experimental B.E. (3N) underestimate the experimental value.
  - ▶  $p\text{-}{}^3\text{He}$  : 20–30 %  $d\text{-}p$  : 10–20 %
  - ▶ The discrepancies are explained by 3NF in  $d\text{-}p$  scattering.

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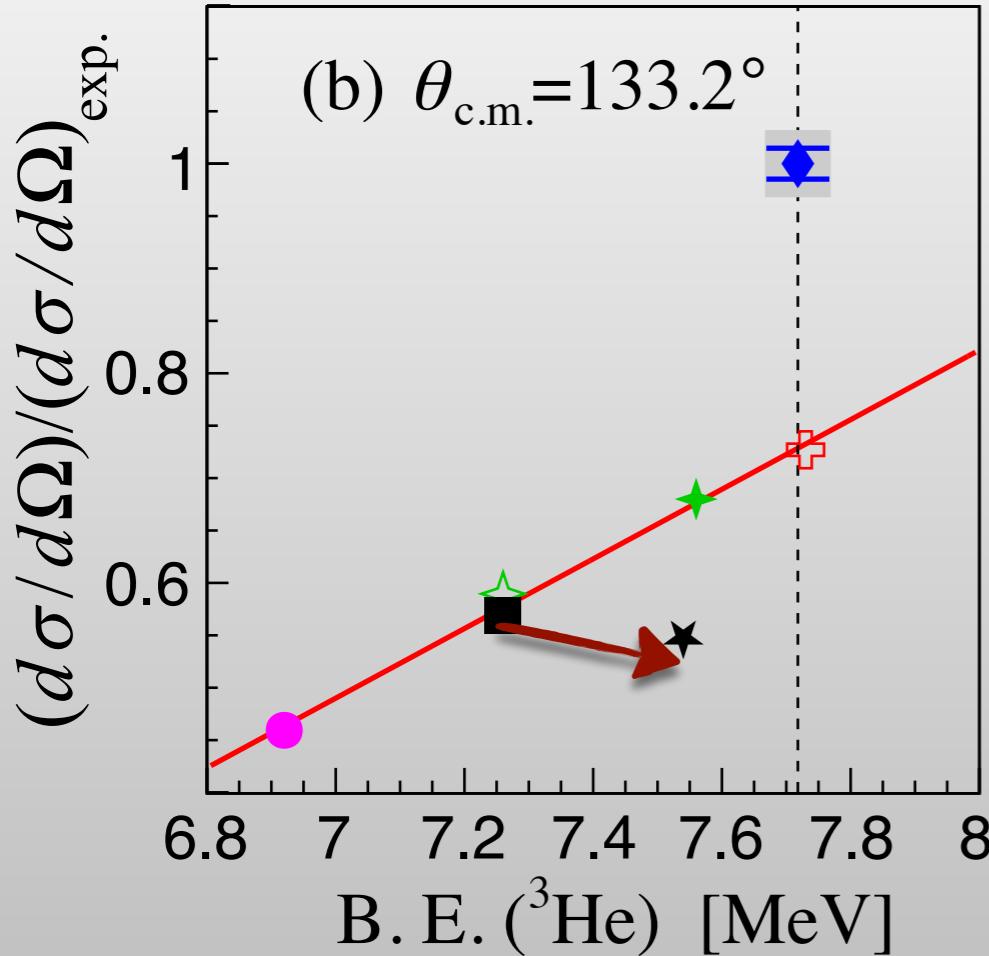
📍 Gradient of the correlation lines (NN potential dependence)

►  $p\text{-}{}^3\text{He}$  : 0.3 / MeV,  $d\text{-}p$  : 0.1 / MeV

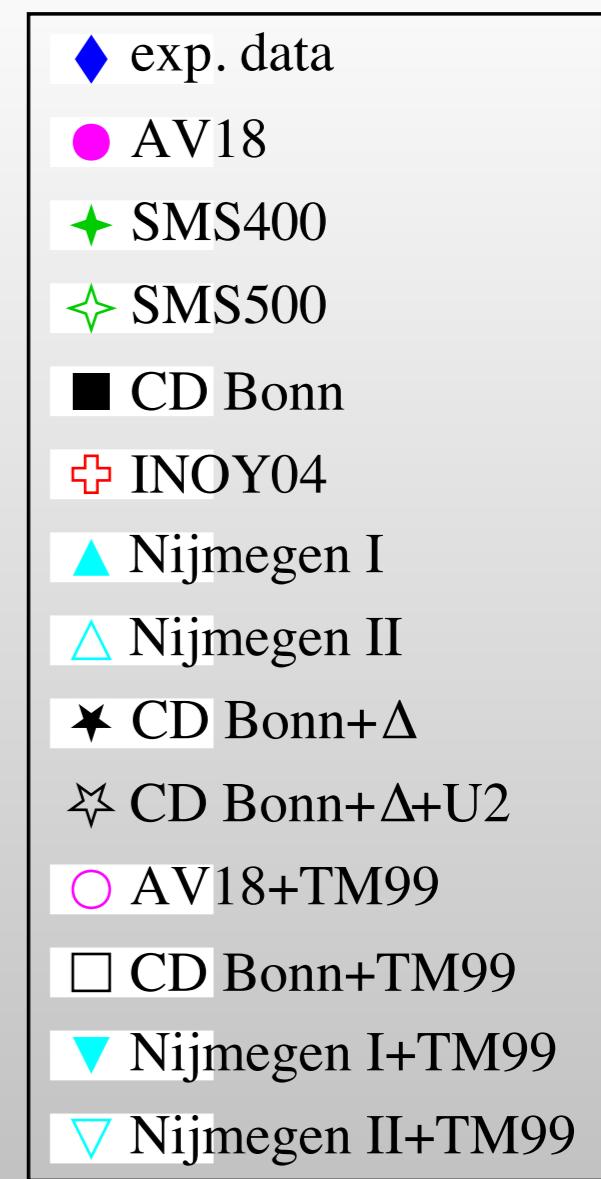
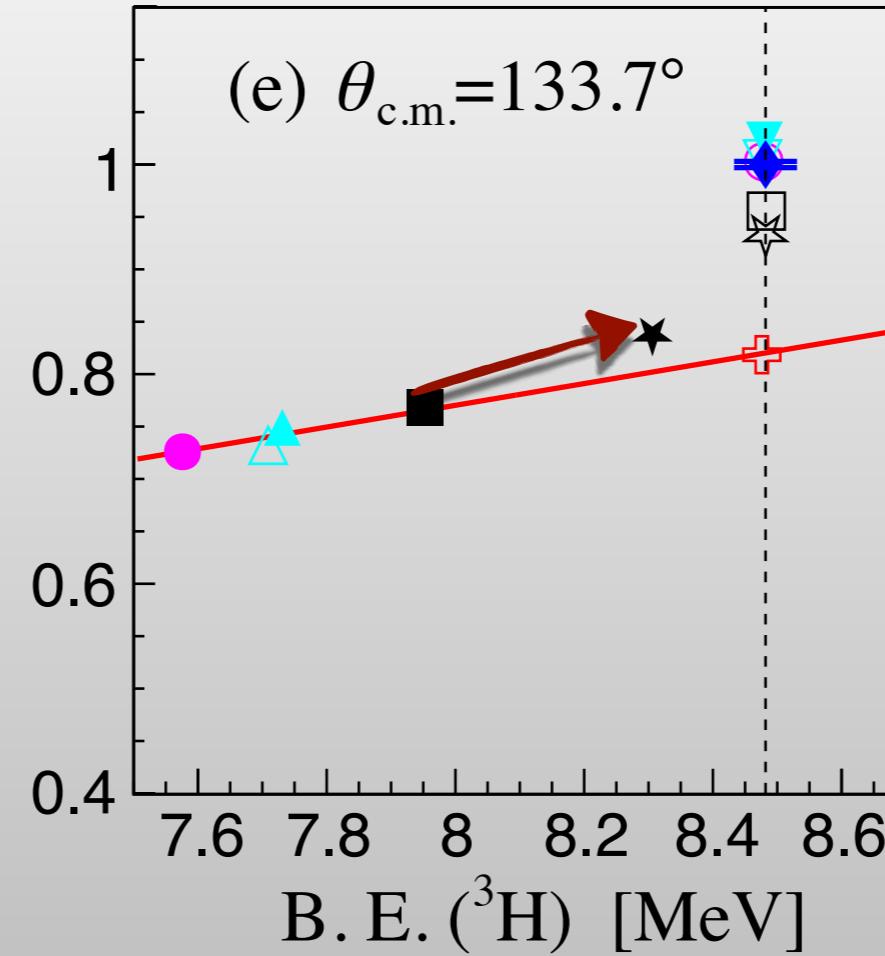
► Less dependence in  $d\text{-}p$  : dominance of spin quartet states ( $S=3/2$ )

# Cross Section Minimum & 3N B.E.

$p\text{-}{}^3\text{He}$  at 65 MeV



$d\text{-}p$  at 70 MeV/N



📌 Δ-isobar effects

▶  **$d\text{-}p$**  : Δ-isobar effects improve the agreements to the data.

▶  **$p\text{-}{}^3\text{He}$**  : CD-Bonn+Δ moves in an opposite direction to the exp. data.

# $\Delta$ -isobar Effects

- NN- $N\Delta$  coupled channel approach

- **3, 4NFs :**

- ▷ Effective 3 & 4NFs with single  $\Delta$ -isobar
- ▷ 3N binding : stronger (attractive).

- **2N dispersion**

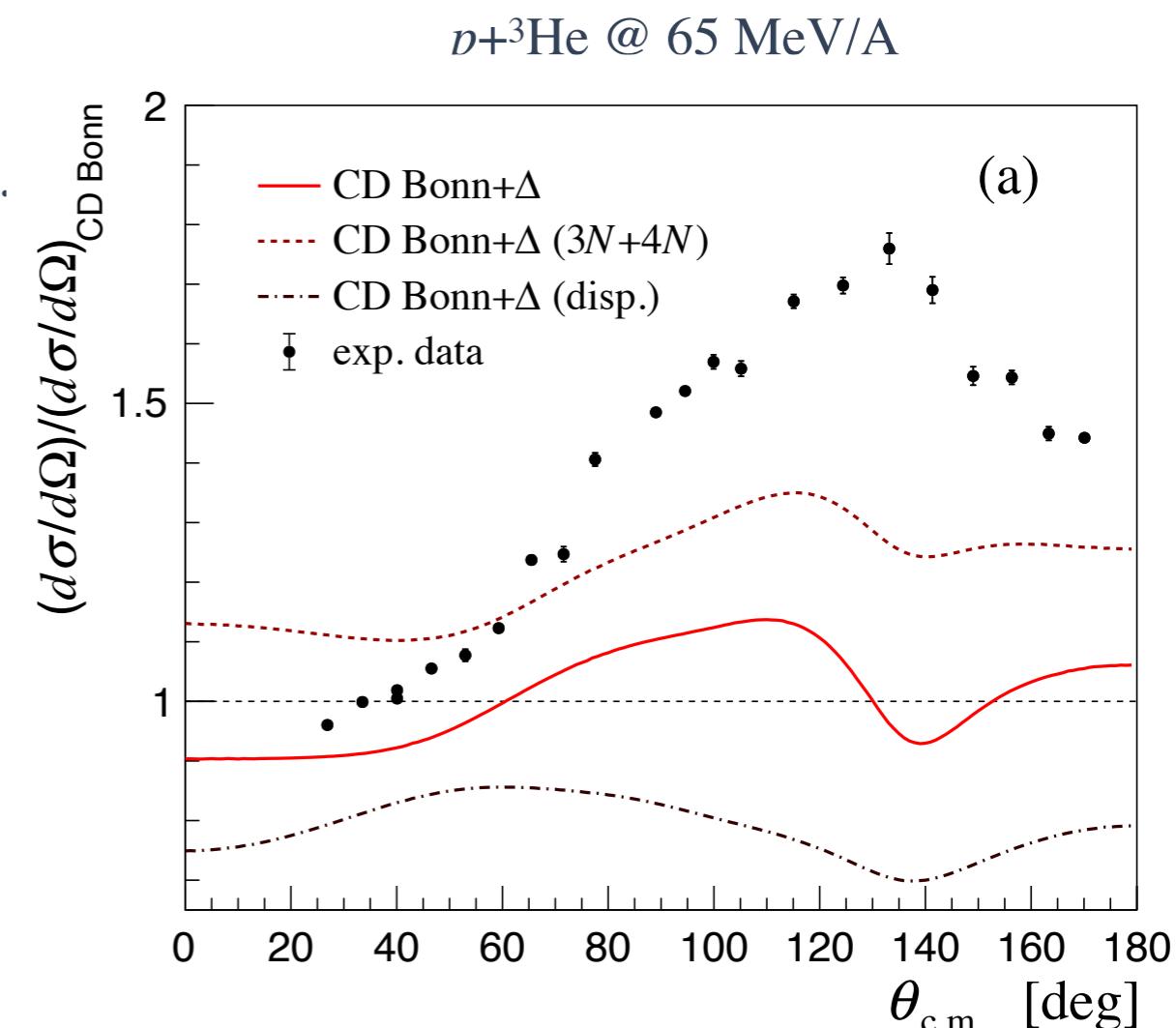
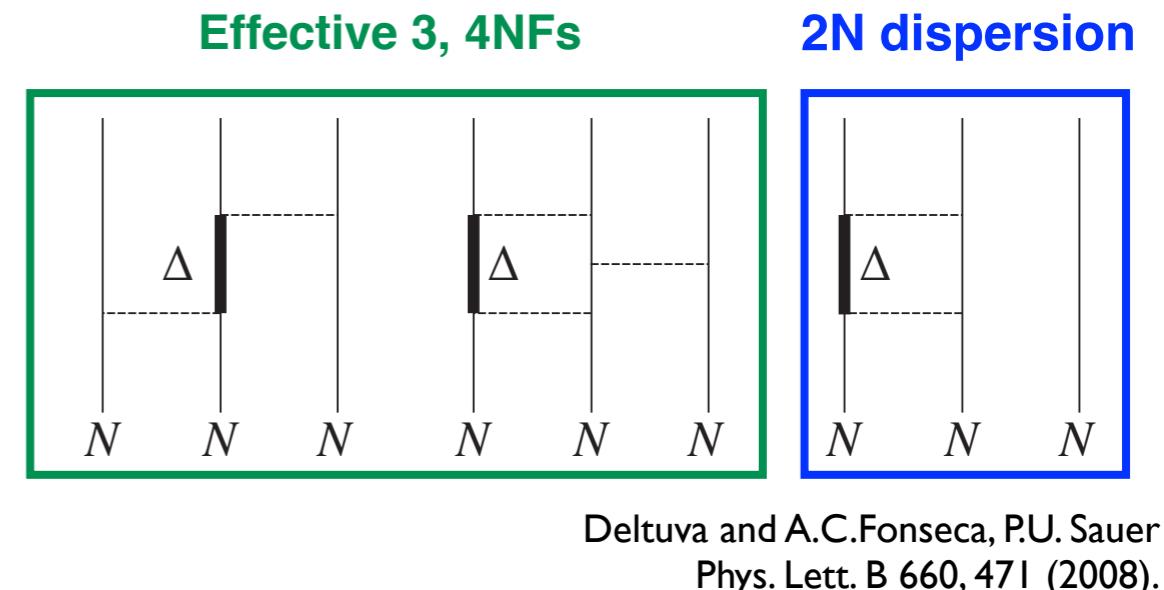
- ▷ 2N interaction including  $\Delta$ -isobar.
- ▷ 3N binding : weaken (repulsive)

- ▷  **$p$ - $^3\text{He}$**

- ▷  $\Delta$ -generated 3NFs increase the cross section.
- ▷ Dispersive  $\Delta$ -isobar effects are strong and opposite to the 3,4NFs.
- ▷ Net  $\Delta$ -isobar effects are small.

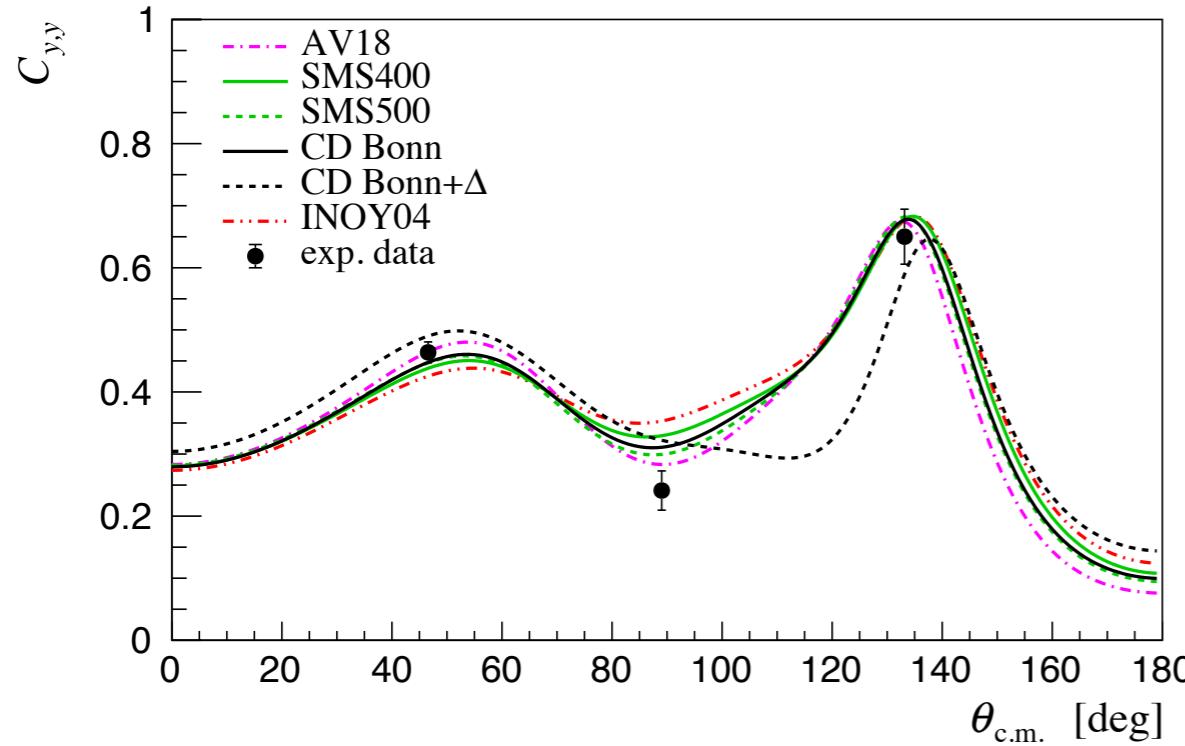
- ▷  **$d$ - $p$**

- ▷  $\Delta$ -generated 3NFs  $\gg$  2N dispersive effects  
[S. Nemoto Ph.D thesis (1999)]

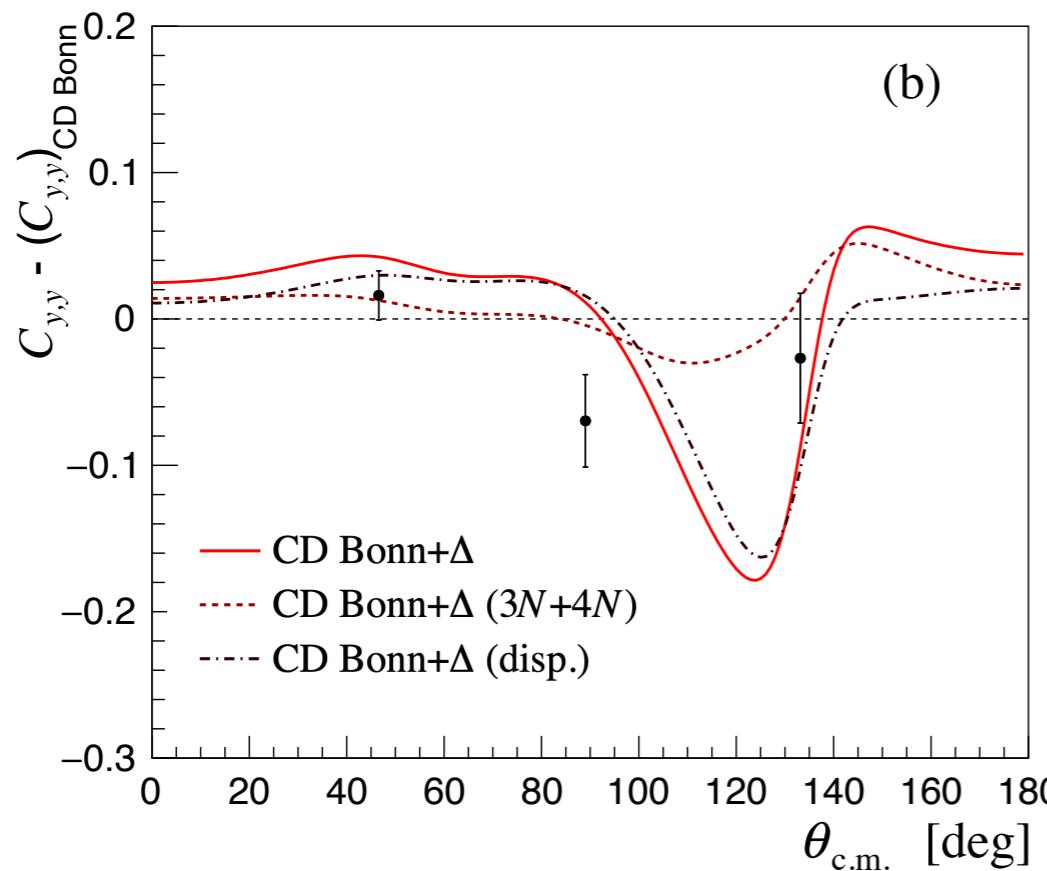
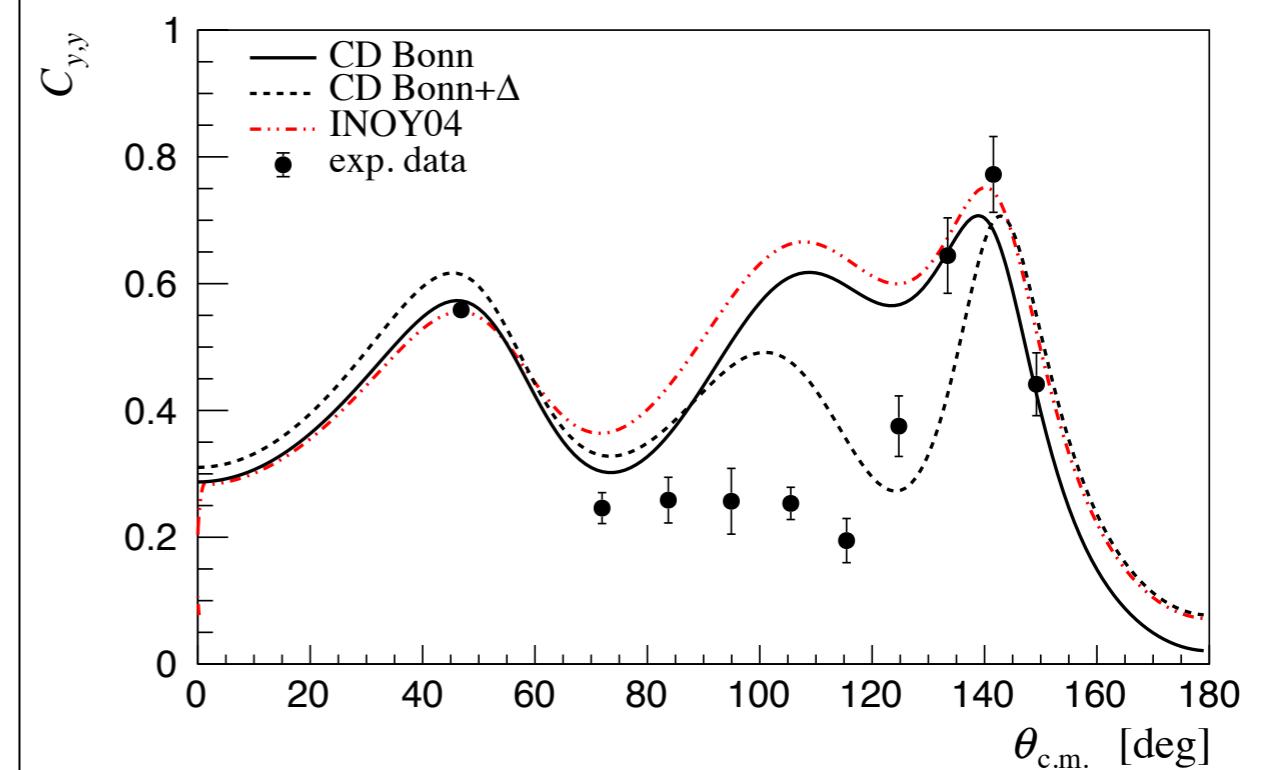


# $\Delta$ -isobar Effects in Spin Correlation Coefficient $C_{y,y}$

65 MeV



100 MeV



# Summary : $p$ - $^3\text{He}$ elastic scattering at intermediate energies

• Direct comparison between Exp. and Th.

Large discrepancy in the cross section minimum angles

• Scaling relation between B.E. (3N) and the cross section in  $p$ - $^3\text{He}$

- $d\sigma/d\Omega$  with NN potential which reproduces B.E.(3N) underestimate the data.
- Similar discrepancies in  $d$ - $p$  scattering are resolved by 3NF.
- Relatively larger NN potential dependence
  - reflection of medium & short interactions

•  $\Delta$ -isobar effects by NN+ $N\Delta$  coupled-channel approach

- $p$ - $^3\text{He}$  : Large 3NF effects are cancelled by strong 2N dispersive effects.
  - $d$ - $p$  scattering : 3NF  $>>$  2N dispersive
- Large  $\Delta$ -isobar effects in Spin correlation coefficient  $C_{y,y}$

**$p$ - $^3\text{He}$**  scattering at intermediate energies is an excellent tool to explore the nuclear interactions that could not be accessible in  **$d$ - $p$**  scattering.

**$p$ - $^3\text{He}$**  could provide sources of T=3/2 3NF. Note, T=1/2 dominant in  **$d$ - $p$** .