Correlations in Direct Two-Proton Knockout and Details of the Reaction Mechanism

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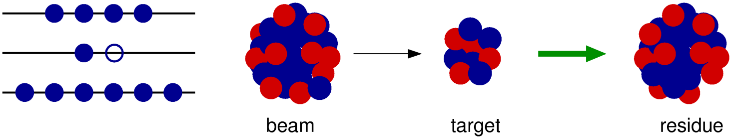
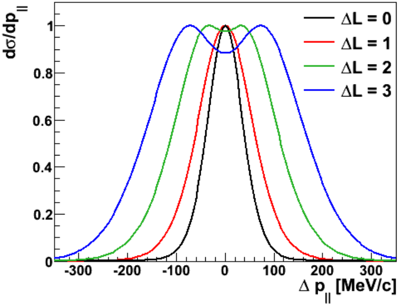
Intermediate energy knockout reactions

- fast ($\approx$ 100 MeV/u) beam interacts with light target (typically ^{9}Be or ^{12}C)
- peripheral collision removes one nucleon



- momentum conservation:
  measure momentum of residue
  $\rightarrow \Delta L$
- measure cross section
  $\rightarrow$ spectroscopic factors

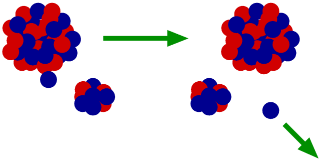
$$\sigma_{\text{exp}}(J^{\pi}) = S \cdot \sigma_{\text{sp}}(nlj)$$



The knockout reaction mechanism

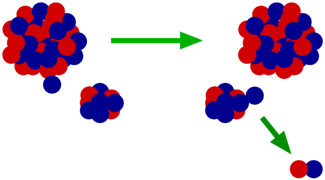
two processes contribute to the knockout reaction

- diffractive or elastic breakup



- dissociation through two-body interaction with target (elastic)
- forward direction with beam velocity
- target remains in the ground state

- stripping or inelastic breakup



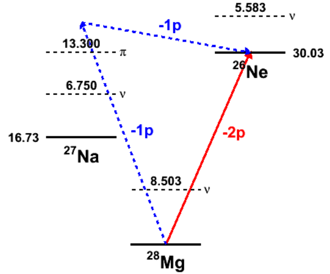
- removed nucleon reacts with target
- excites the target
- loses energy or picks up nucleons from the target

- stripping typically dominant
- calculate both processes $\rightarrow$ incoherent sum compared to experiment

Two-nucleon knockout spectroscopy

Two-proton knockout reactions from neutron-rich nuclei

- give access to even more exotic nuclei
- are direct reactions



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- can be used to determine angular momenta

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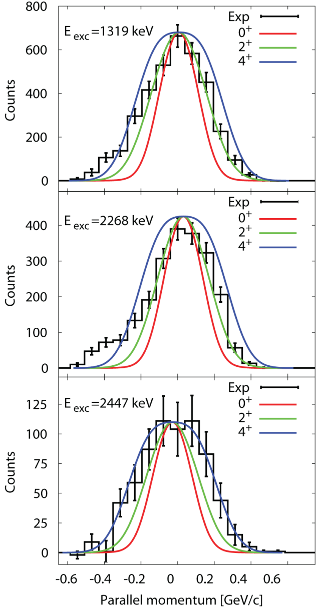
- however, more complicated reaction mechanism

→ the cross section has three components:

$$\sigma = \sigma_{\text{dif}^2} + \sigma_{\text{str-dif}} + \sigma_{\text{str}^2}$$

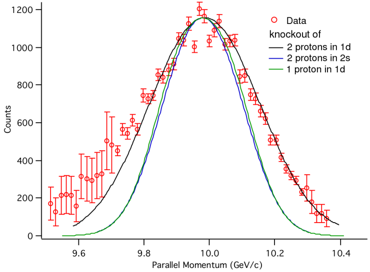


D. Santiago-Gonzalez et al., Phys. Rev. C **83** (2011) 061305(R)

The experiment

two-proton knockout from a neutron-rich beam ^{9}Be(^{28}Mg, ^{26}Ne+X)Y

- simple structure, proton *sd* and semi-magic $N = 16$ nuclei
- intense ^{28}Mg beam available at NSCL
- cross sections known from previous ^{26}Ne–γ coincidence experiment



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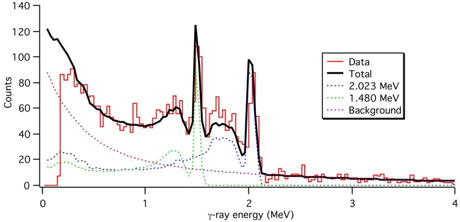

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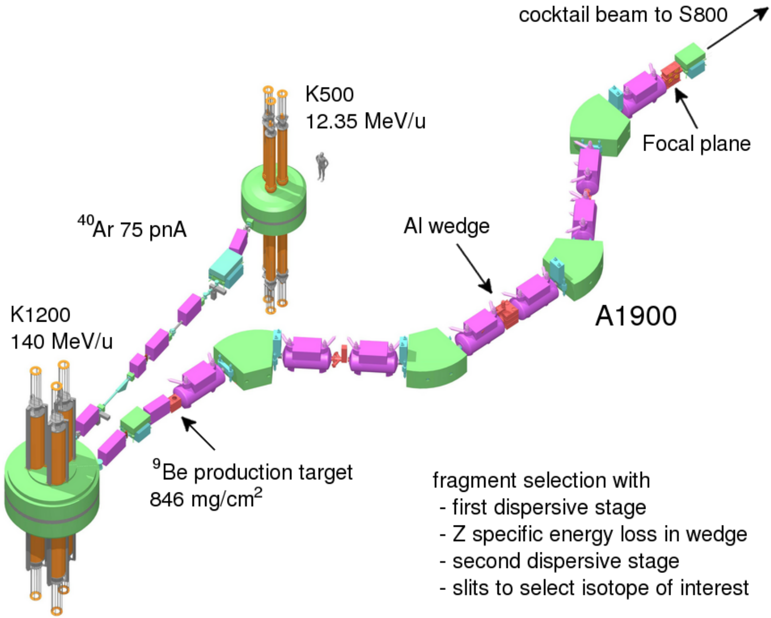
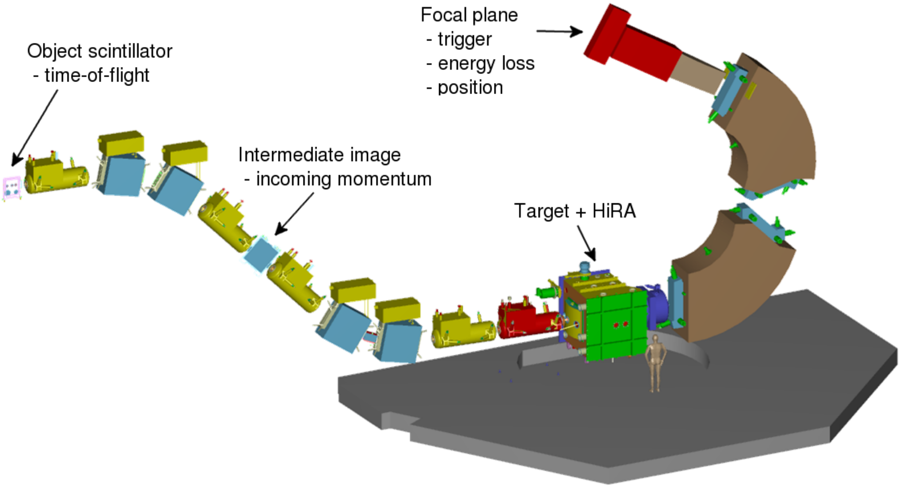
- now: first study of the reaction mechanism
- $\rightarrow$ need to measure protons in coincidence with residue nucleus
- prediction $\sigma_{\text{dif}^2} = 90\ \mu$b

The coupled cyclotron facility at NSCL



fragment selection with
- first dispersive stage
- Z specific energy loss in wedge
- second dispersive stage
- slits to select isotope of interest

The S800 spectrograph



- particle identification by time-of-flight and energy loss
- position measurement in the focal plane
- momentum and position at target position by ray-tracing

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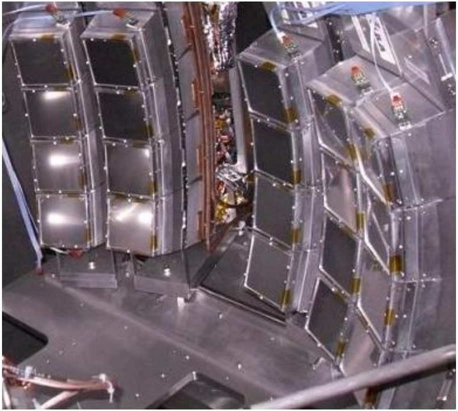
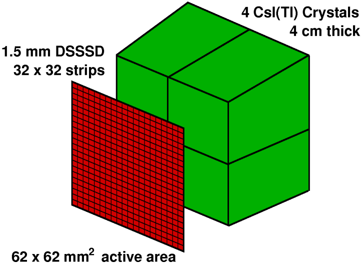
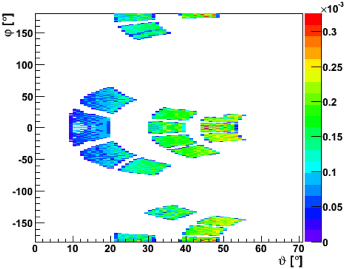
The High Resolution Array HiRA

charge particle detector array based on $\Delta E - E$ measurement

- up to 20 telescopes
- many possible configurations
- angular coverage $\vartheta = 9 - 54^{\circ}$







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The ^{9}Be(^{28}Mg,^{26}Ne)X reaction

- two-proton knockout from ^{28}Mg
- need to identify all reaction partners
- measure their energies and momenta
- $\sigma^{\mathrm{inc}} = 1.475(18)$ mb
- previous measurement:
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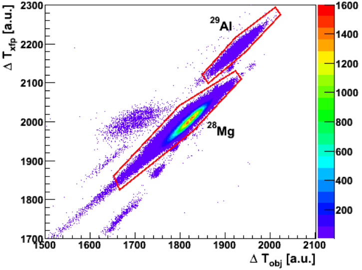
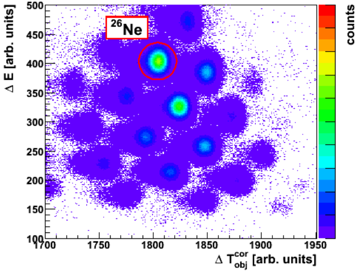
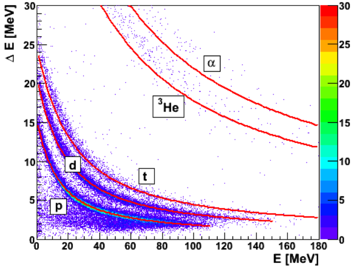
incoming beam, time-of-flight $\rightarrow$ velocity



S800 spectrograph
reaction residue, energy loss and TOF



light charged particles in HiRA



^{26}Ne + p + p triple coincidences

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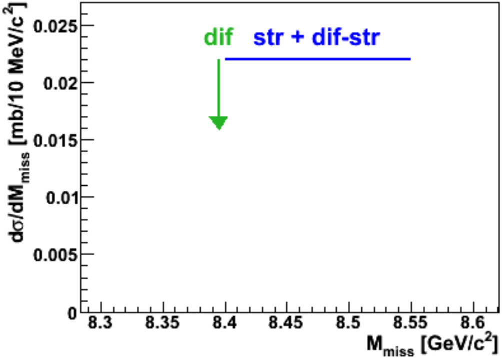

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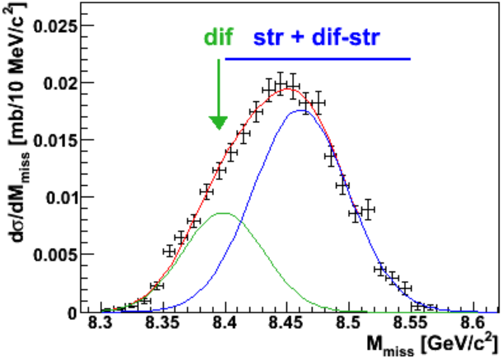

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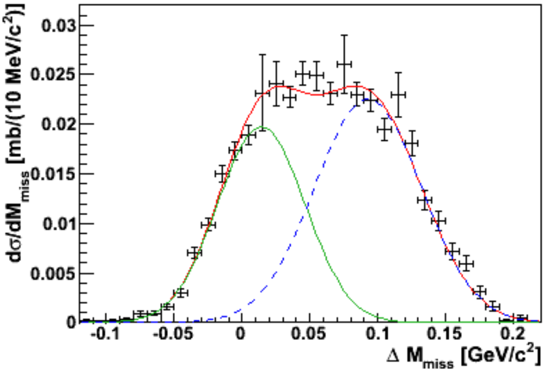
- how to determine diffraction-stripping and stripping?
- events where one particle is a proton, the other one not a proton so a deuteron, triton, etc.
- additional neutrons can only come from the target



- $\Delta M_{\text{miss}} = M_{\text{miss}} - M(^8\text{Be}), M(^7\text{Be})$ etc.
- $\sigma_{\text{diff-str}} / \sigma_{\text{str}} = 0.7(2)$

Reaction mechanism

- diffraction cross section: $\sigma_{\text{obs}}^{\text{diff}} = 0.07(2)$ mb
- $\sigma_{\text{diff-str}}/\sigma_{\text{str}} = 0.7(2)$
- both detected particles are not protons $\rightarrow$ this can only be stripping

	diff	diff-str	str	tot.
σ_{obs} [mb]	0.07(2)	0.27(14)	0.54(14)	0.88(2)
σ_{extr} [mb]	0.11(3)	0.44(23)	0.87(23)	1.43(5)
fraction [%]	8(2)	31(16)	61(16)	
$\sigma_{\text{theo}} \cdot R_S(2N)$ [mb]	0.09	0.55	0.83	1.475
$\text{fraction}_{\text{theo}}$ [%]	6.3	37.4	56.3	

- good agreement for relative contributions of the reaction processes

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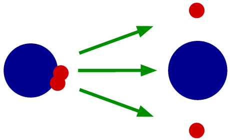
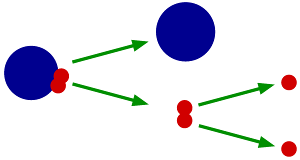
two-proton knockout: a valuable tool to study exotic nuclei

Correlations: possible processes

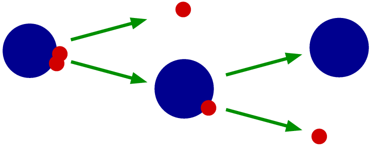
- 3-body mode



- spatially-correlated pair-removal



- two-step process through ^{27}Na (excluded by separation energy)

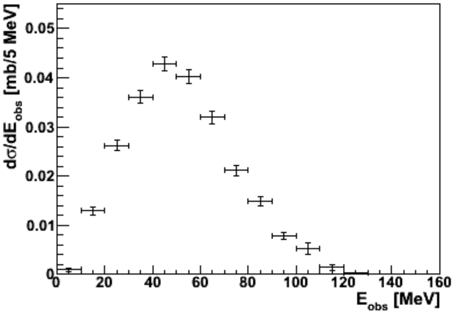


Relative energy

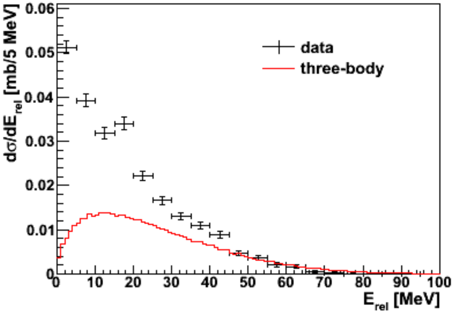
Three-particle phase space simulations:

- including all experimental resolutions and acceptance limitations
- input: energy in $P_{c12} = 0$ frame:

$$E_{\text{obs}} = \sqrt{(\sum P_{\text{i}})^2} - \sum m_{\text{i}}$$

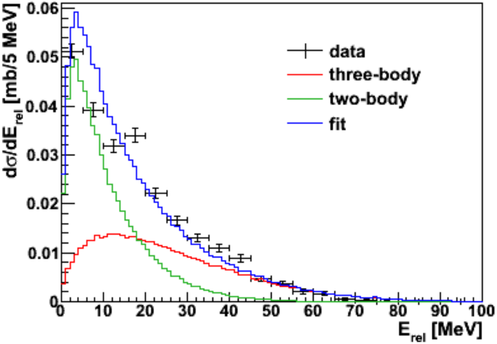


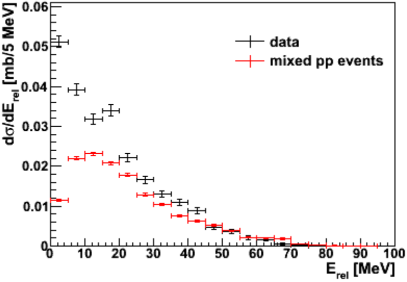
two-proton relative energy:



- three-body only does not reproduce the data
- → mix of two-body and three-body

- two-body simulation: proton pair with energy ε^* sampled from E_{rel} distribution
- surface localization and spatial proximity of nucleon pairs
- correlated proton pair breakup fraction: 0.56(12)





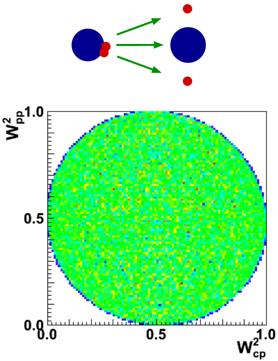
- comparison with mixed events: does not show increse at small E_{rel}

Dalitz plots

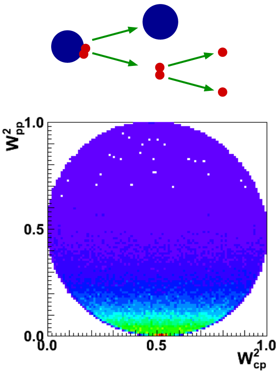
- further information from Dalitz plots
- normalized invariant mass

$$W_{ij}^2 = \frac{M_{ij}^2 - (m_i + m_j)^2}{(E_{\mathrm{obs}} + m_i + m_j)^2 - (m_i + m_j)^2}$$

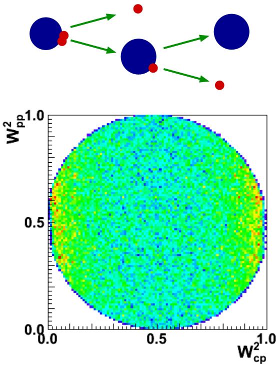
F. M. Marqués et al., Phys. Rev. C **64** (2001) 061301



- uniform filling

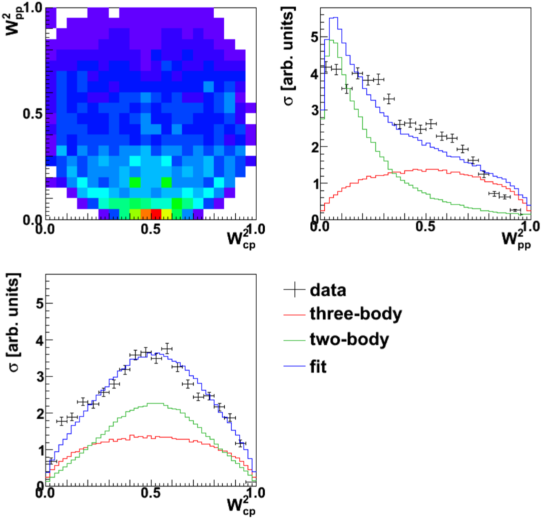


- small W_{pp} $\leftrightarrow$ small relative momentum



- vertical bands for ^{27}Na resonance

Dalitz plots



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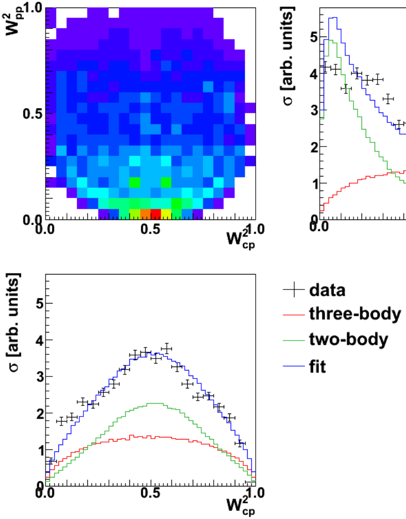

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- no intermediate ^{27}Na found
- significant correlation of the two protons
- small relative momentum
- $\rightarrow$ surface localization and spacial proximity

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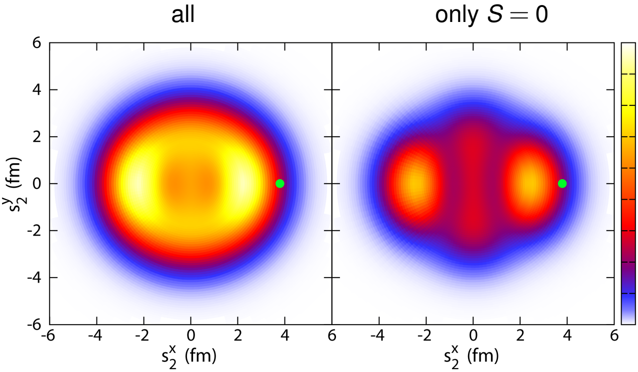
Correlations

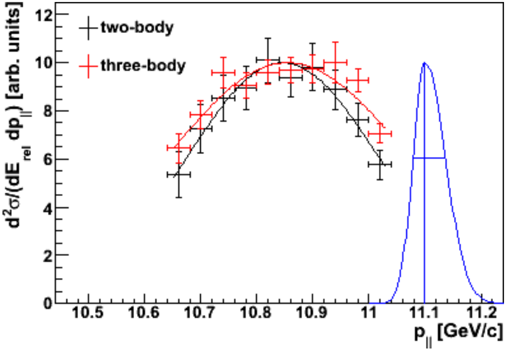
- two-nucleon joint position probabilities in the impact parameter plane: $P(\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2)$ integrated over $z_{1,2}$ ($z =$ beam axis)
- proton 1 $\mathbf{s}_1$ at the surface
- $S = 0$ enhances spacial correlation



E. C. Simpson and J. A. Tostevin, pirv. comm.

- 64 % of the inclusive cross section $S = 0$
- 56(12) % correlated proton pair fraction measured

$S = 0$ should have a more narrow momentum distribution:



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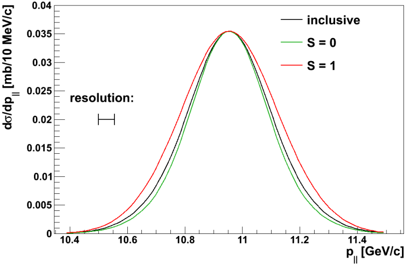

J_f	$S = 0$ [%]
0^+	90
2_1^+	22
4^+	49
2_2^+	54
Incl.	64

new probe of the spin correlations of valence nucleons

→ we need final state exclusive measurements

Summary

detailed study of the two-proton knockout reaction at NSCL

- first exclusive measurement of diffractive and stripping components for two-particle knockout
- fractional cross sections of the individual components in agreement with theory
  $\rightarrow$ use for spectroscopy of exotic nuclei

observation of correlated proton pairs

- removal of a $S = 0$ pair
- correlations in the entrance channel
  $\rightarrow$ final state exclusive measurements
  neutron-neutron-γ-residue coincidence experiment planned

Collaboration

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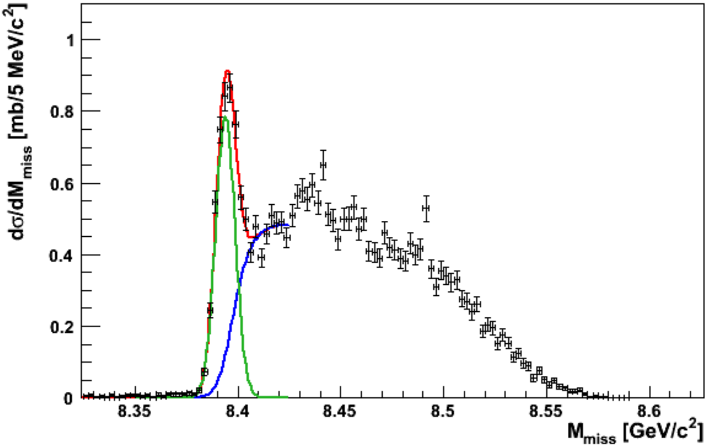
Backup

missing mass in high-resolution one-proton knockout:



- thin target
- high resolution mode
- this is not possible for the two-proton knockout

Two proton knockout

- no separation of reaction dynamics and structure anymore
- transition amplitudes for total angular momentum J coherent sum of many pair contributions
- three contributions to the cross section

$$\sigma = \sigma_{\text{str}^2} + \sigma_{\text{str-dif}} + \sigma_{\text{dif}^2}$$

- both stripped

$$\sigma_{\text{str}^2} = \frac{1}{2J_i+1}\sum_{M_i}\int \mathrm{d}\vec{b}\langle\psi_{J_iM_i}||S_r|^2(1-|S_1|^2)(1-|S_2|^2)|\psi_{J_iM_i}\rangle$$

- one diffracted, one stripped $\sigma_{\text{str-dif}} = \sigma_1^{\text{dif}} + \sigma_2^{\text{dif}}$

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- both diffracted, only estimate:

$$\sigma_{\text{dif}^2} = \left[\frac{\sigma_1^{\text{dif}}}{\sigma_{\text{str}^2}}\right]^2 \cdot \sigma_{\text{str}^2}$$

J. A. Tostevin and B. A. Brown, Phys. Rev. C **74** (2006) 064604