

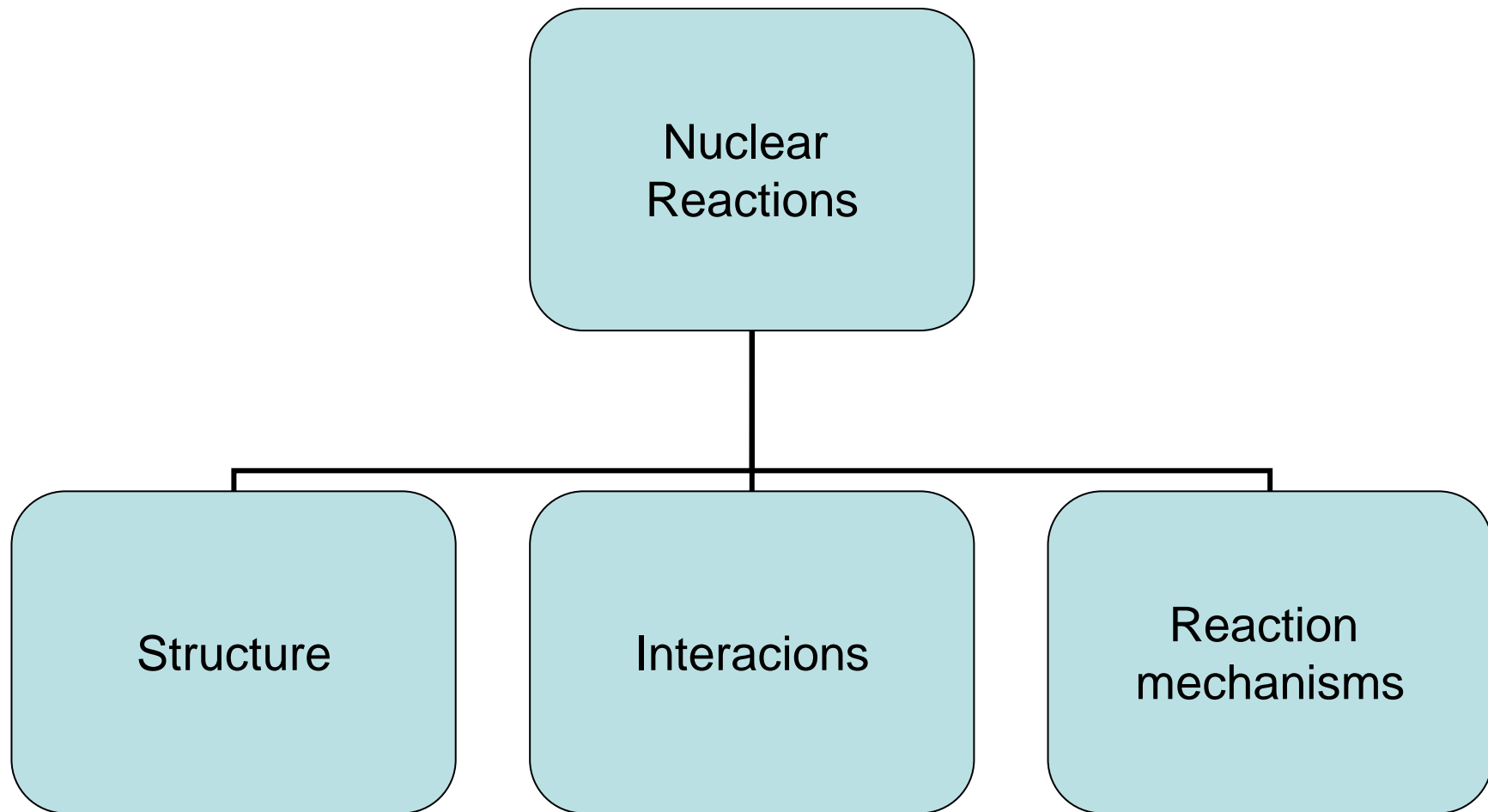
Transfer Reactions; Theory

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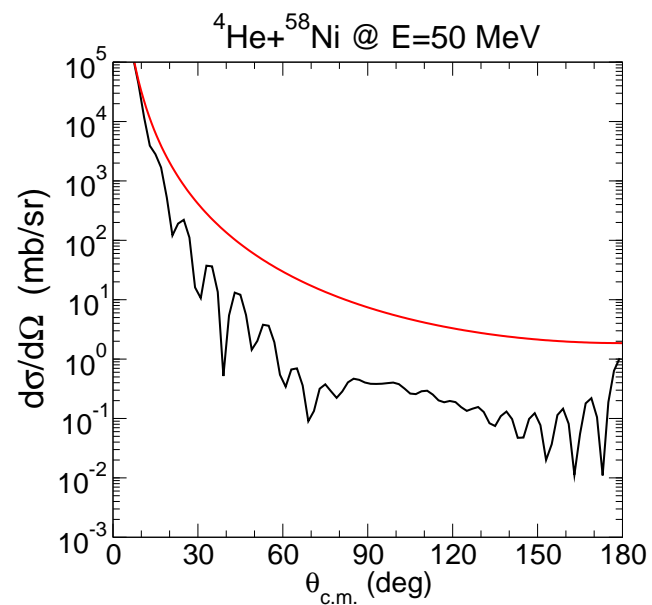
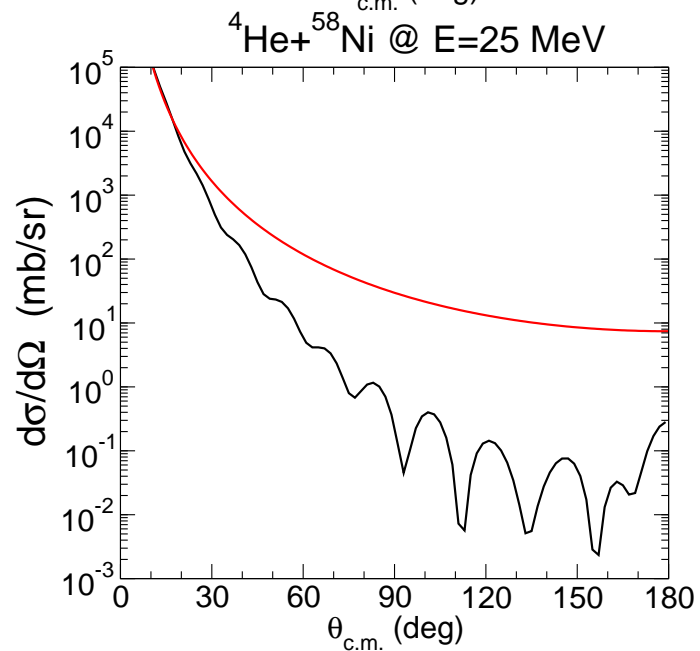
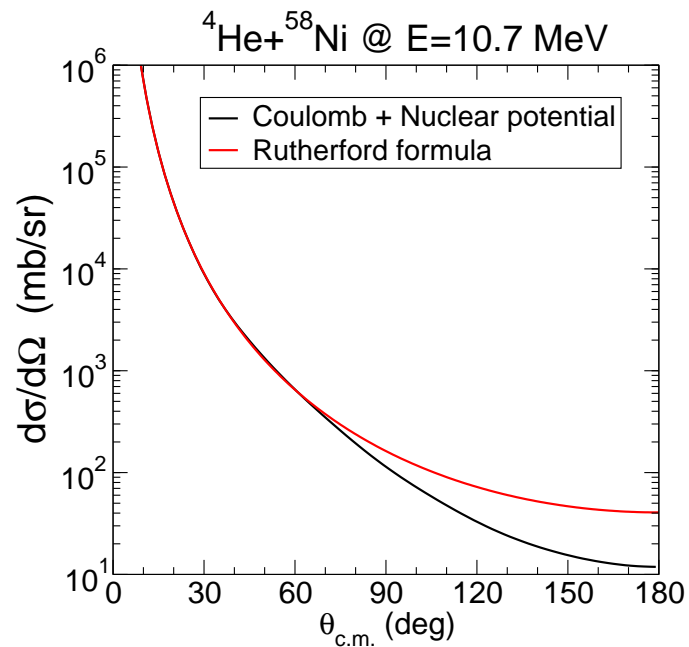
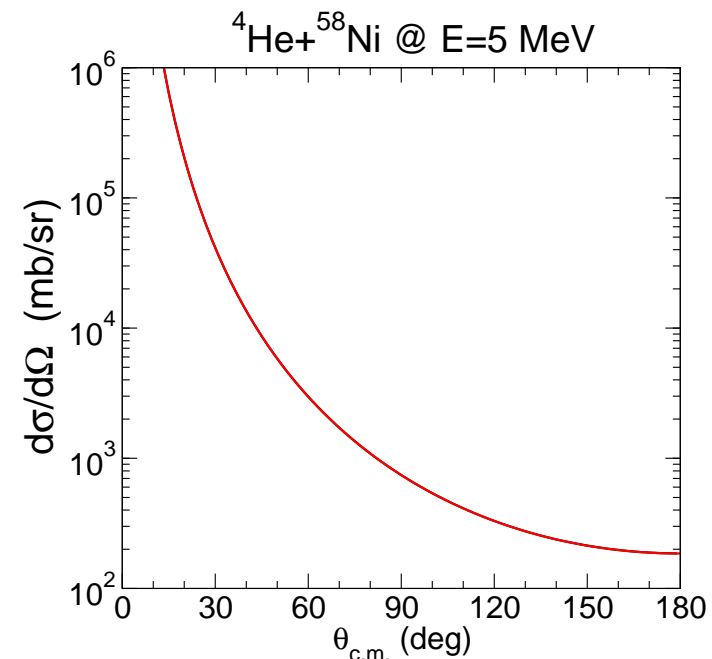
Summary

1. Transfer general concepts
2. Transfer formalism
3. Transfer to structures in the continuum

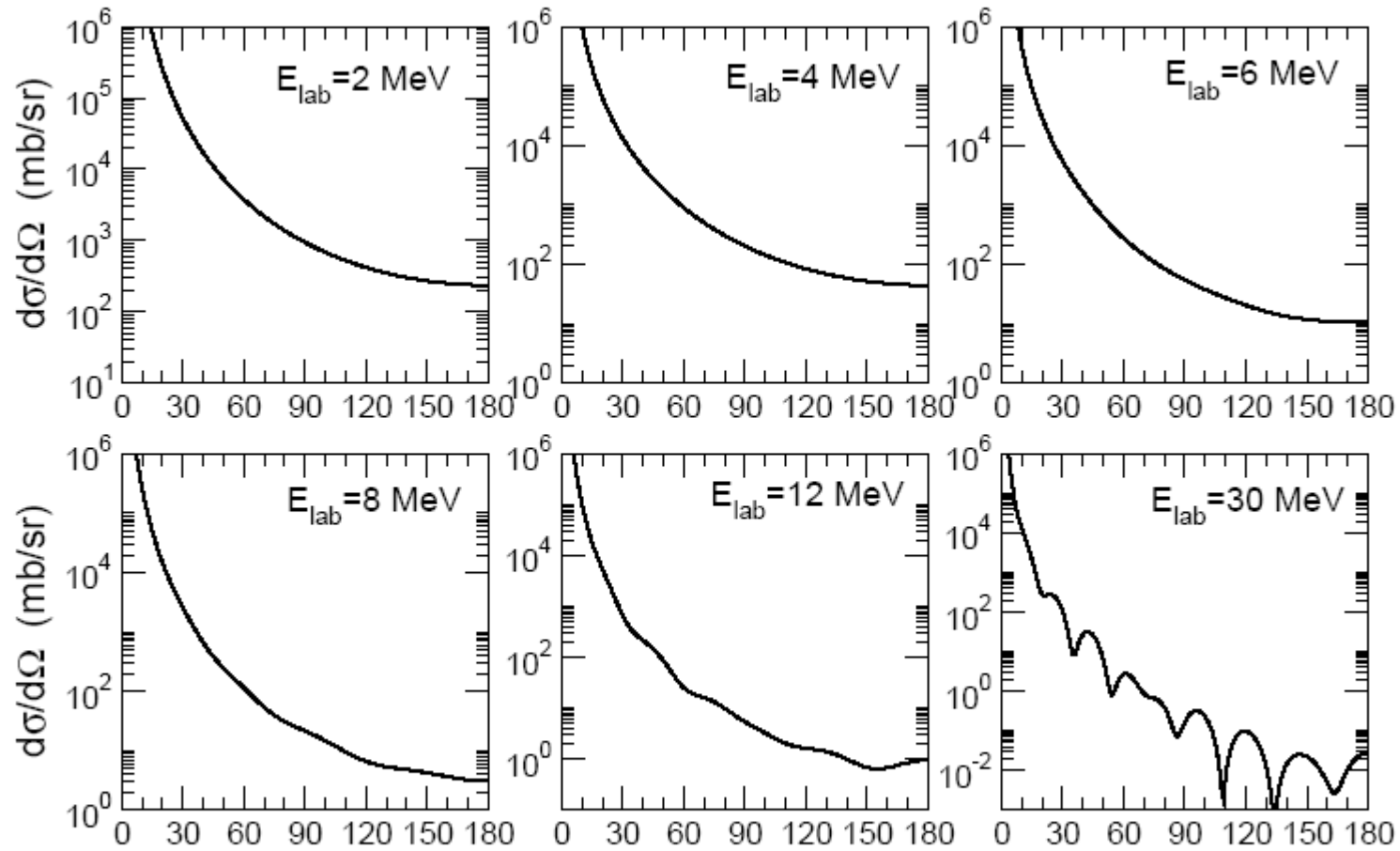
Why measure reactions?



Elastic Scattering



$d+^{56}\text{Fe}$ elastic scattering



1.1 Basic concepts

- **Half-distance of closest approach in a head-on collision:**

$$a_0 = \frac{1.44Z_1Z_2}{2E}.$$

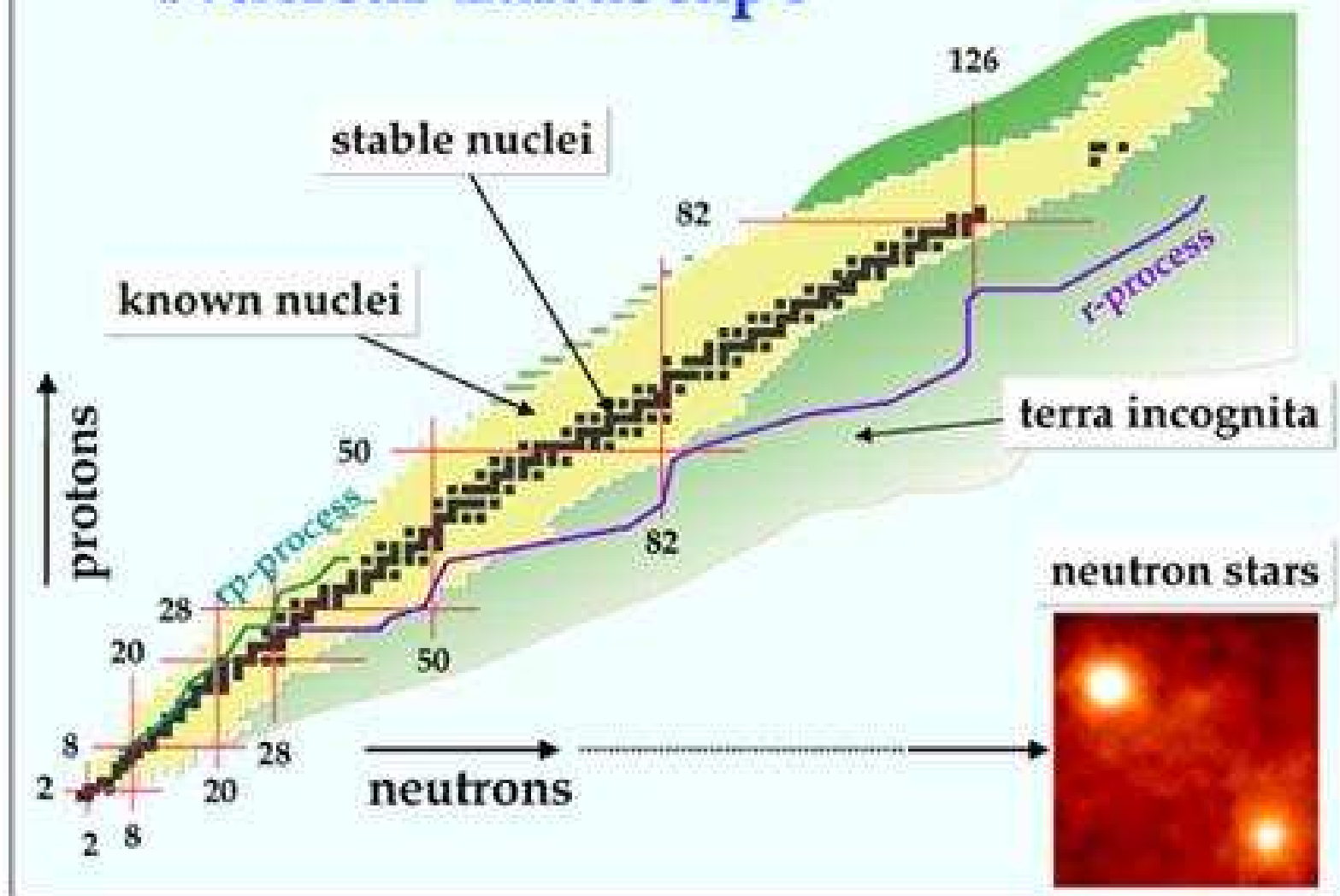
- **Strong absorption radius $R_s \simeq 1.45(A_1^{1/3} + A_2^{1/3})$ fm.**

- **Energy of the Coulomb Barrier $E_B \simeq \frac{1.44Z_1Z_2e^2}{(R_s+1.0)}$**

- **Distance of closest approach for a given angle in a Coulomb trajectory: $R_t(\theta) = a_0(1 + 1/\sin(\theta/2))$.**

- **Rutherford differential cross section: $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}_{cl} = \frac{a_0^2}{4} \frac{1}{\sin^4(\theta/2)}$.**

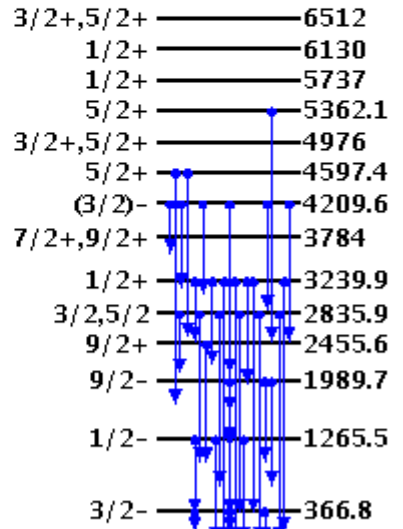
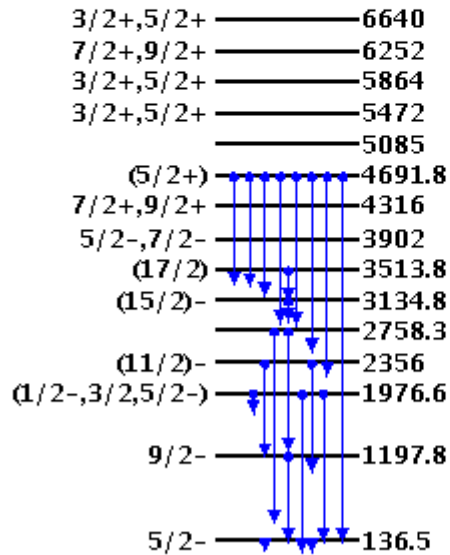
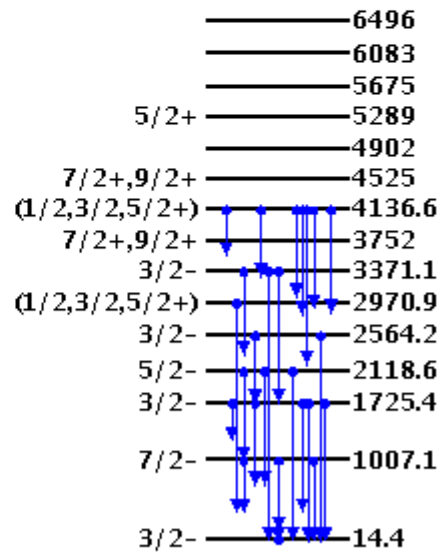
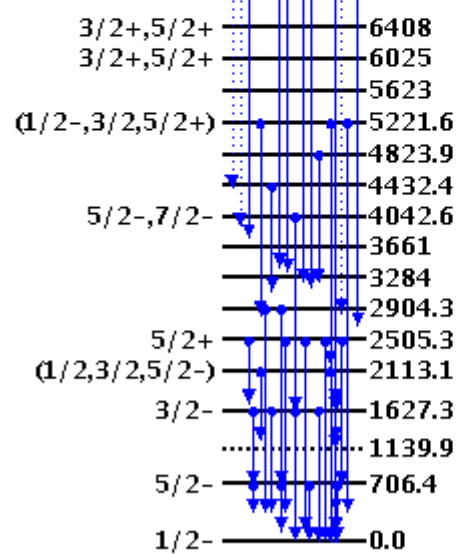
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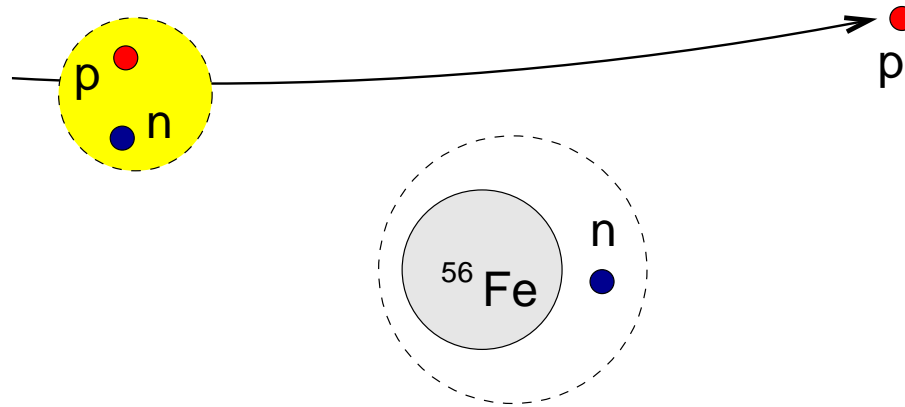
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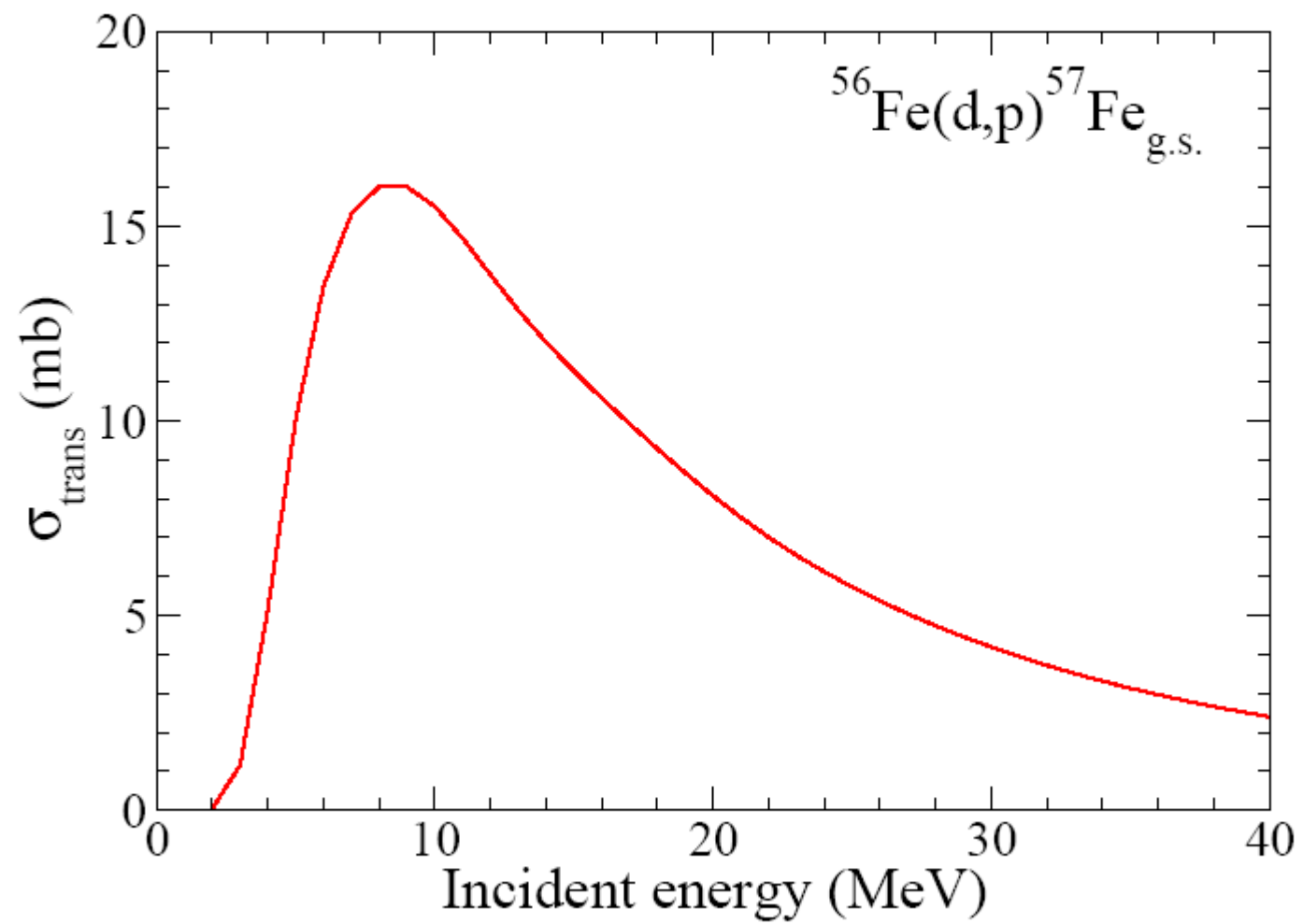
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Transfer Reactions



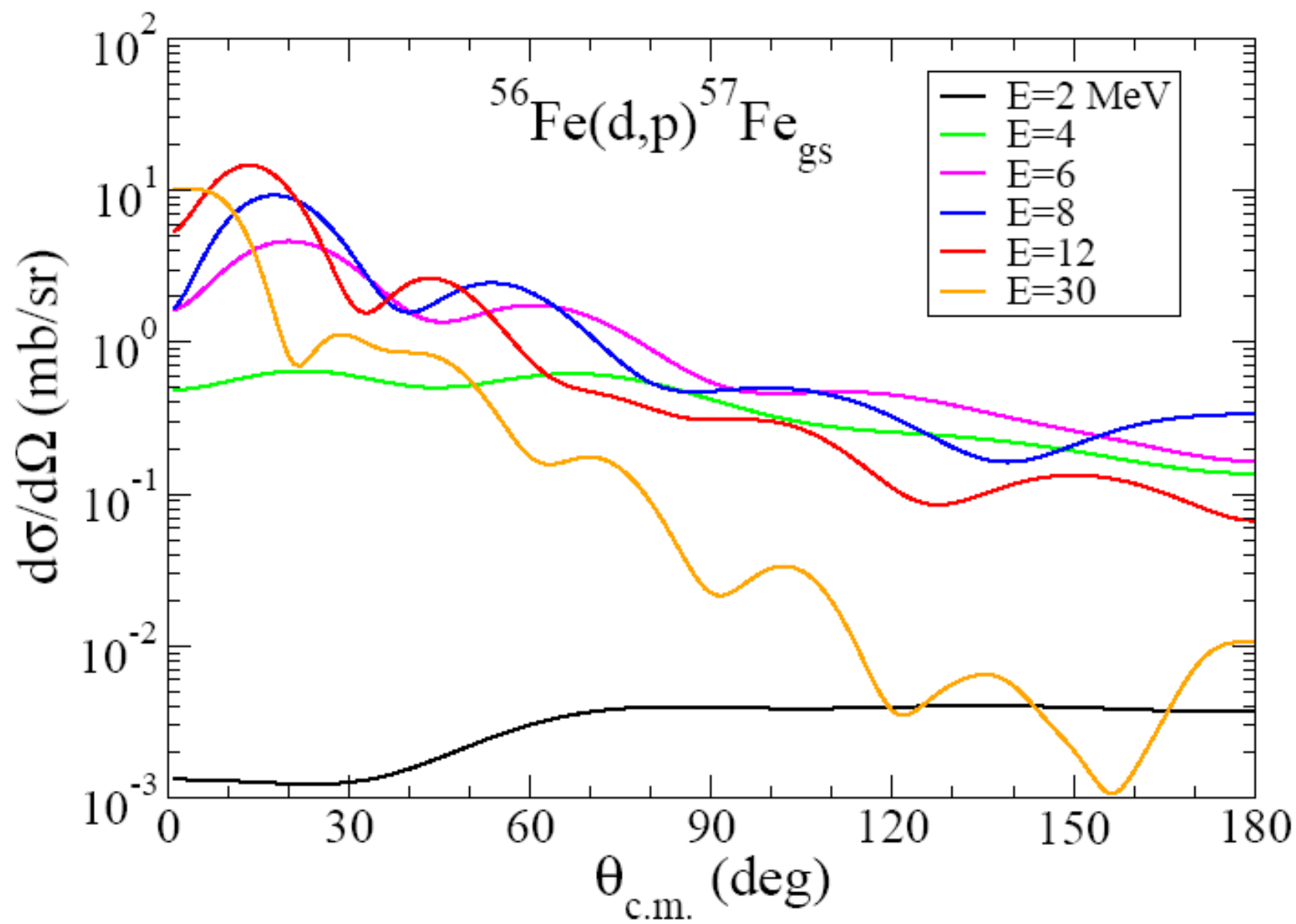


1.2 Scattering energy dependence

- Below the barrier, transfer decreases exponentially with energy.
- At high energies, transfer decreases.
- Transfer has an energy window, which is determined by matching the initial and final velocity components of the transferred particle, in the forward direction.

$$E_p/A_p = 1/2mv_i^2 \simeq 1/2mv_f^2 = E_F/3$$

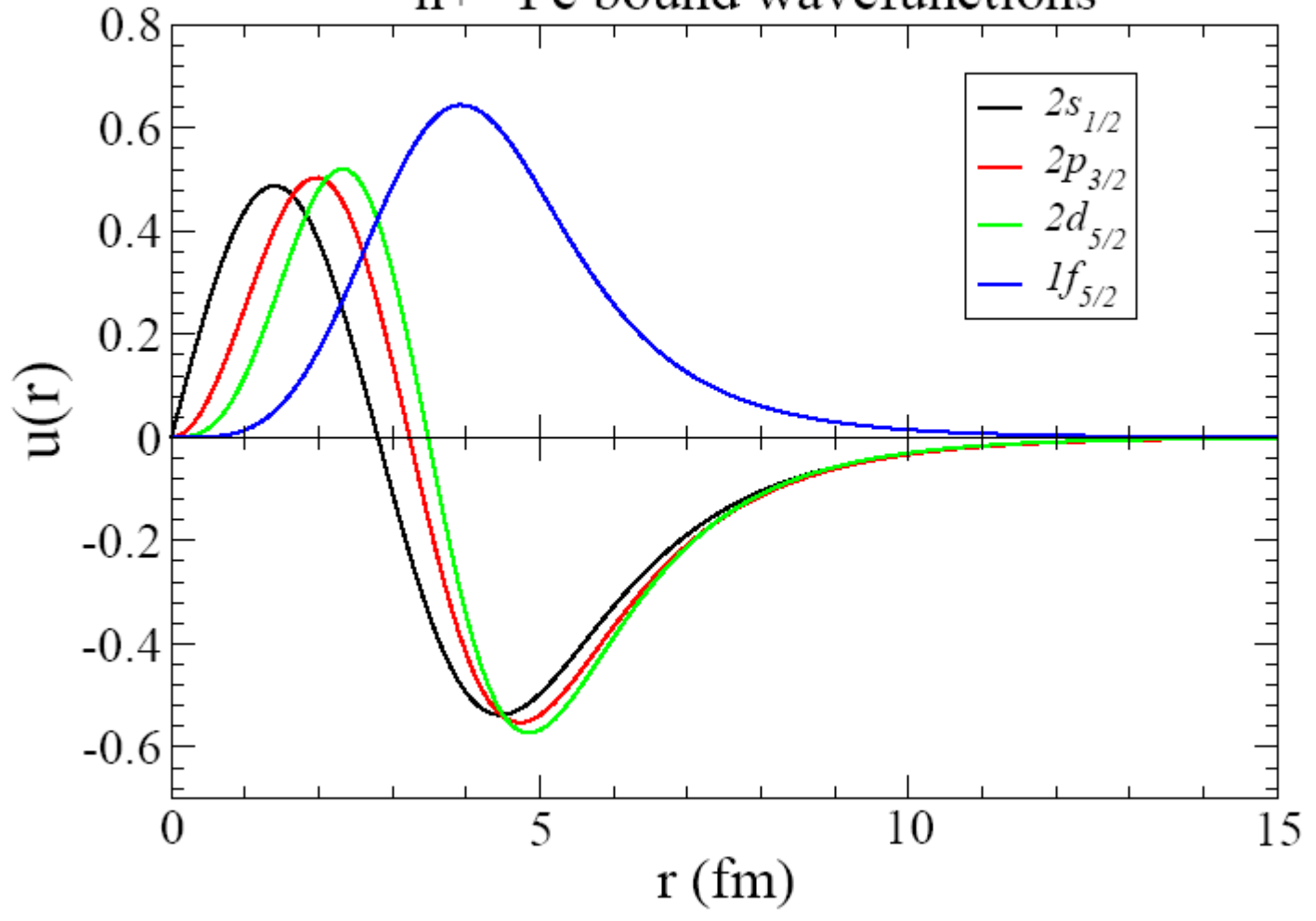
E_F is the Fermi energy, which is about 38 MeV, for stable nuclei.



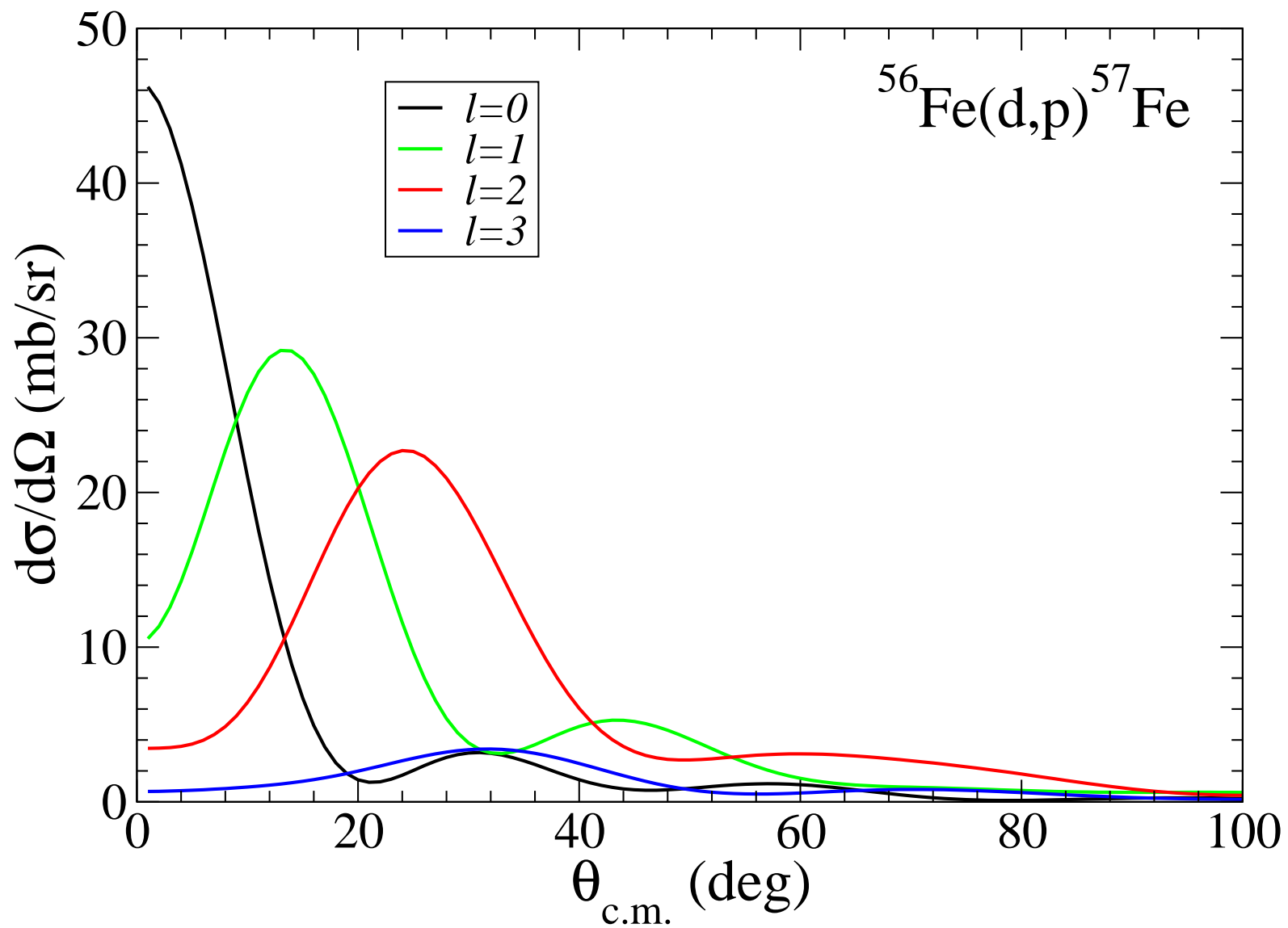
1.3 Scattering angle dependence

- Transfer differential cross sections: mb/sr (at best).
- Below the Coulomb Barrier transfer is maximum at backward angles. No angular structure.
- Above the barrier transfer is maximum around the grazing angle. There is angular structure.
- At larger energies, the angular structure becomes more acute, transfer moves to forward angles with the grazing angle, but cross sections diminish.

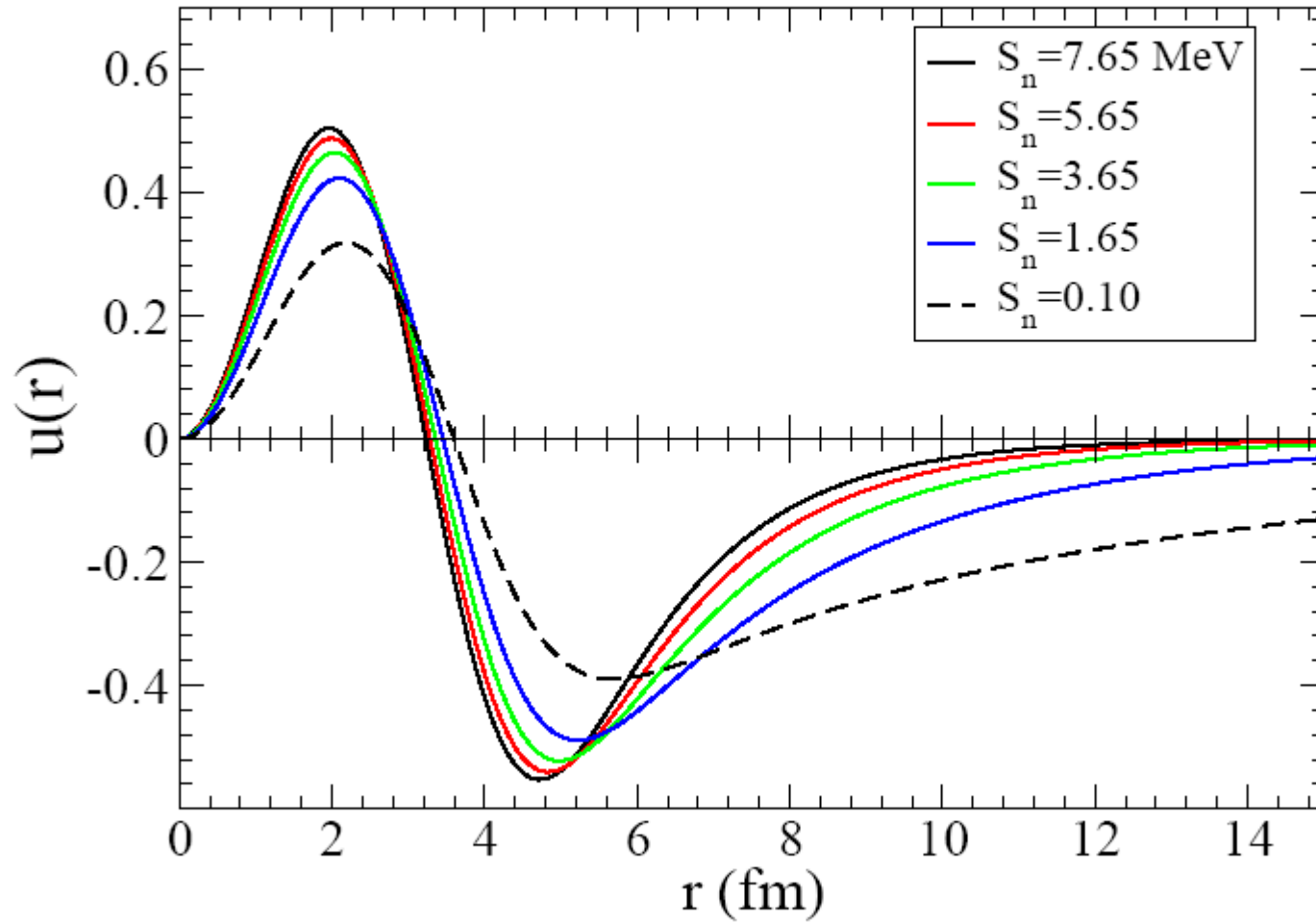
$n+^{56}\text{Fe}$ bound wavefunctions

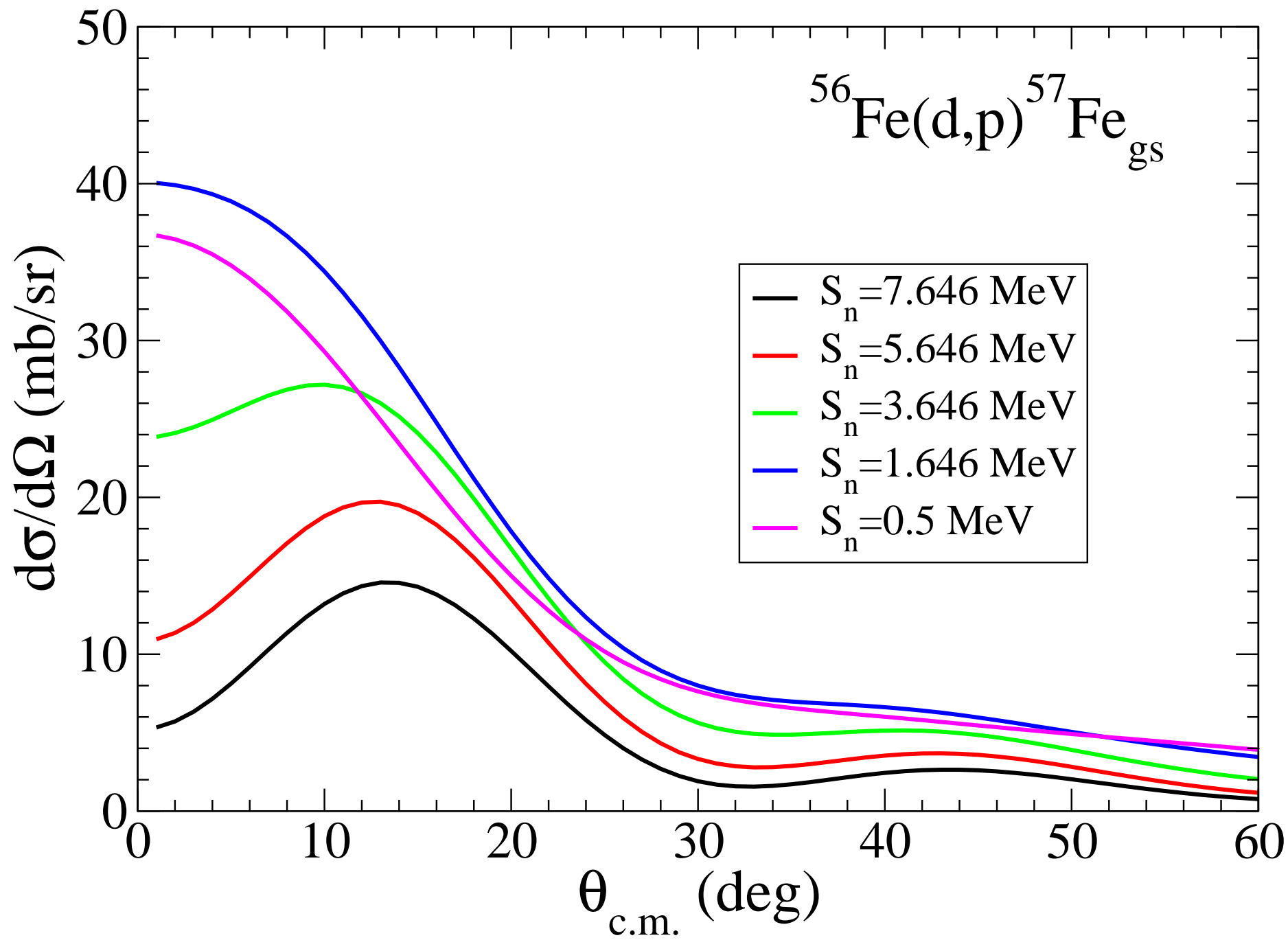


Angular momentum dependence



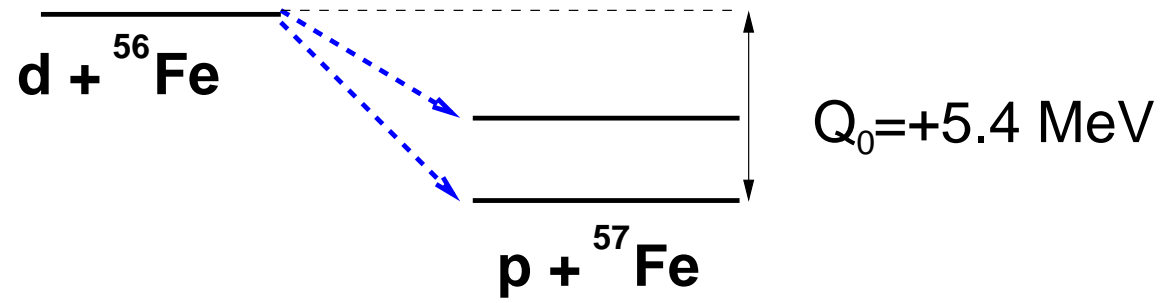
$n+^{56}\text{Fe}$ bound wavefunction ($2p_{1/2}$)

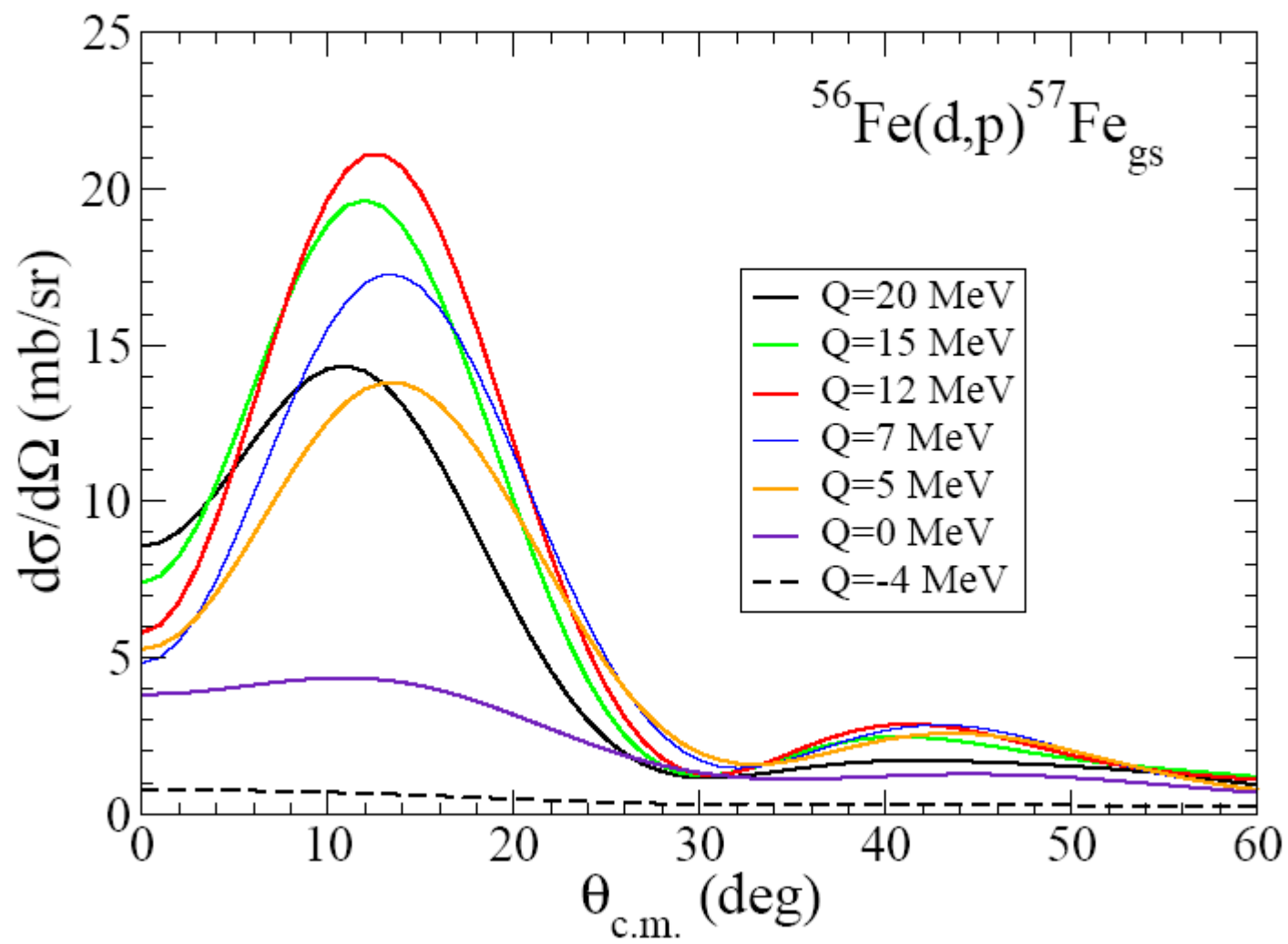




1.4 Bound state dependence

- Angular dependence depends on the angular momentum of the bound state.
- The angle for which cross sections are larger depends on the angular momentum transferred.
- Transfer is larger for weakly bound states (specially below the Coulomb barrier).
- Angular structure is lost for weakly bound states.





1.5 Q dependence

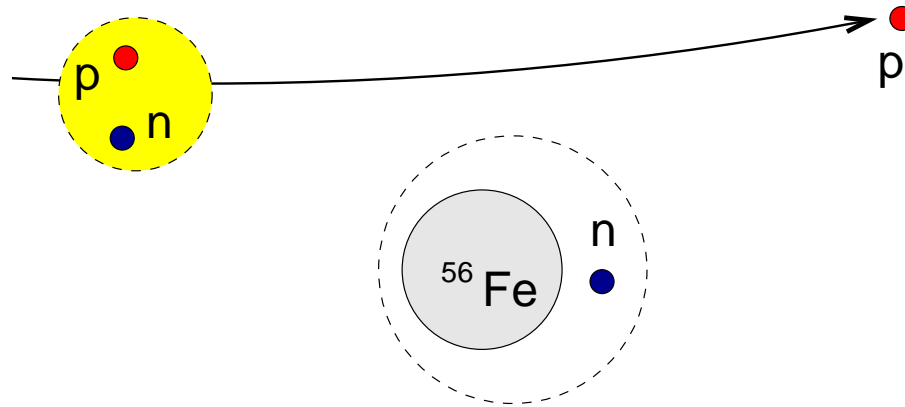
- Transfer populates states in a range of Q-values (Q-window).
- (d,p) transfer favors states with high Q:
 $E_p \simeq 2E_d$; $k_p \simeq k_d$

1.6 Summary of Transfer general concepts

- Transfer cross sections are mb/sr (at most). Transfer is maximum when the energy per nucleon of the projectile is about $1/3$ of the Fermi energy of the transferred particle.
- Transfer below the barrier is small and structureless. The maximum cross sections are at backward angles.
- Transfer above the barrier is maximum around the grazing angle. The angular structure indicates the angular momentum of the transferred particle.
- Transfer to weakly bound states is enhanced, but the angular structure is smoothed.
- (d,p) transfer favors states with high Q .

Transfer: Formalism

Transfer Reactions

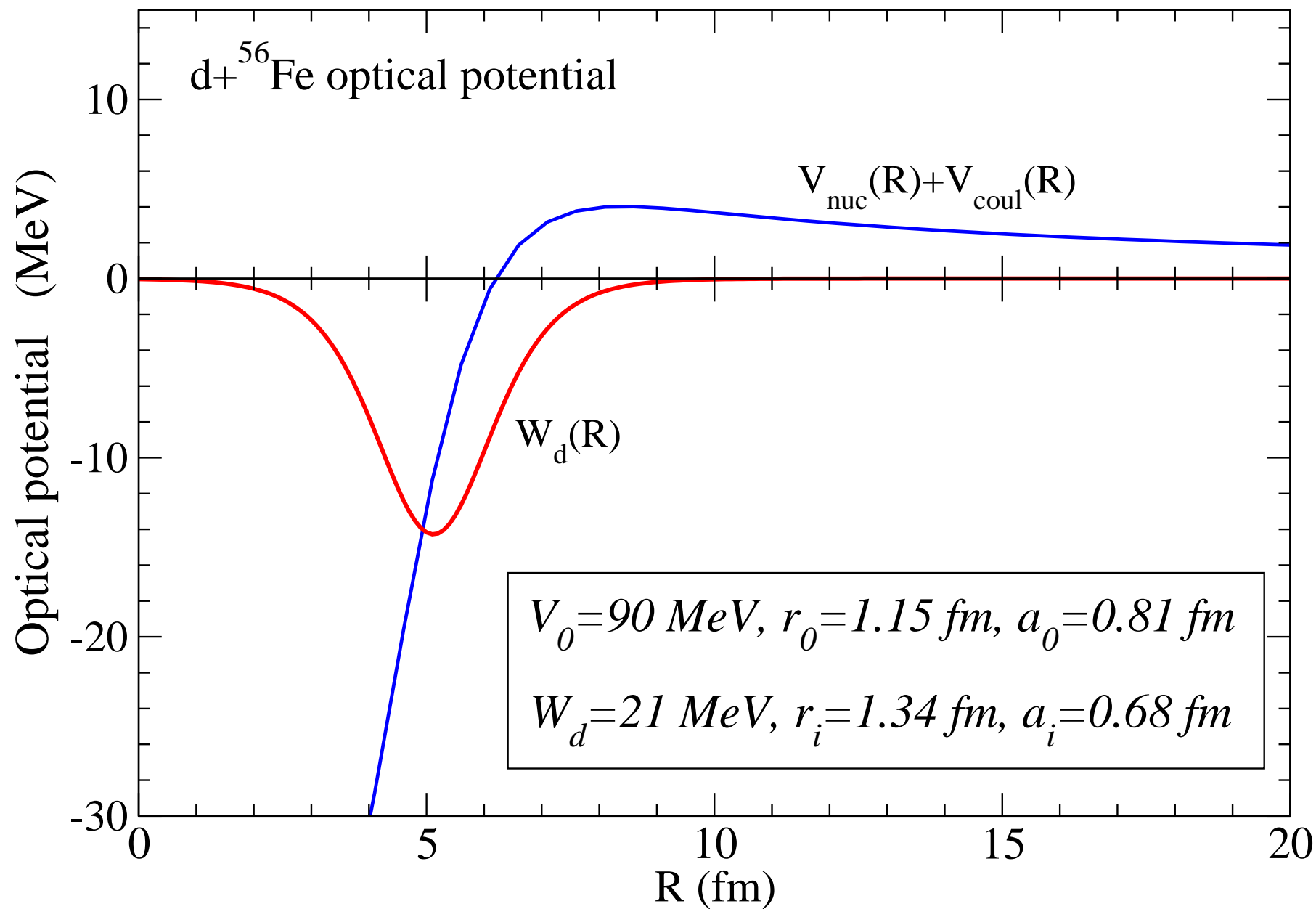


Structure

- $d+{}^{56}\text{Ni} = p+{}^{57}\text{Ni}$
- $(p+n)+{}^{56}\text{Ni} = p+(n+{}^{56}\text{Ni})$
- Structure: Describe d as $(p+n)$, ${}^{57}\text{Ni}$ as $(n+{}^{56}\text{Ni})$
 - Binding energy $(p,n); (n,{}^{56}\text{Fe})$
 - L-value $(p,n); (n,{}^{56}\text{Fe})$
 - Single-particle wavefunction $(p,n);(n,{}^{56}\text{Fe})$
 - Spectroscopic amplitude $(d;p,n); ({}^{57}\text{Fe};{}^{56}\text{Fe},n)$

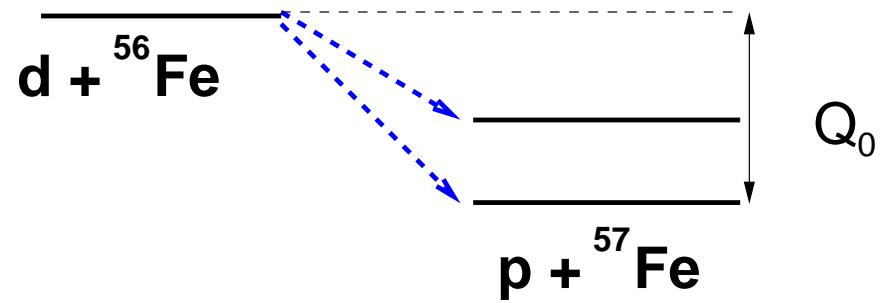
Interactions

- Optical potential $U(d, 56\text{Fe})$
- Optical potential $U(p, 57\text{Fe})$
- Core-Core Optical potential $V(p, 56\text{Fe})$
- Binding potential $V(p, n)$
- Binding potential $V(56\text{Fe}, n)$



Reaction Mechanism

- DWBA



2.1 DWBA

- Separate the interaction $V(\vec{r})$ as $V_0(r)$, which can be solved exactly, and $\Delta(\vec{r})$, which will be treated in first order.
- Obtain the solutions $\chi_{DW}^{(\pm)}(\vec{k}, \vec{r})$ for the potentials $V_0(r)$: Distorted waves.
- $\chi_{DW}^{(+)}(\vec{k}, \vec{r})$ is a solution of Schrödinger equation with the $V_0(r)$, which behaves asymptotically as plane wave $\exp(i\vec{k}\vec{r})$ plus outgoing spherical waves.
- $\chi_{DW}^{(-)}(\vec{k}, \vec{r})$ is a solution of Schrödinger equation with the $V_0(r)$, which behaves asymptotically as plane wave $\exp(i\vec{k}\vec{r})$ plus incoming spherical waves.
- The scattering amplitude is given by

$$A(\vec{k}, \vec{k}') = A_0(\vec{k}, \vec{k}') - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2 4\pi} \int d\vec{r} \chi_{DW}^{(-)}(\vec{k}', \vec{r})^* \Delta(\vec{r}) \chi_{DW}^{(+)}(\vec{k}, \vec{r}) \quad (1)$$

2.2 Transfer reactions in DWBA

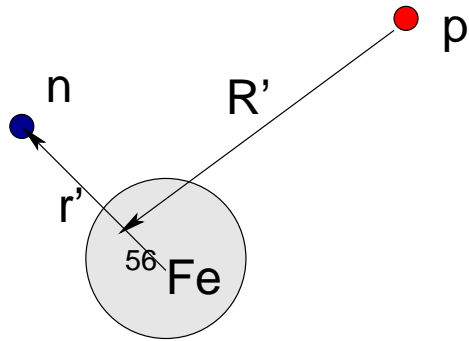
What is the quantum mechanical scattering cross sections for transfer reactions?

A three-body problem:

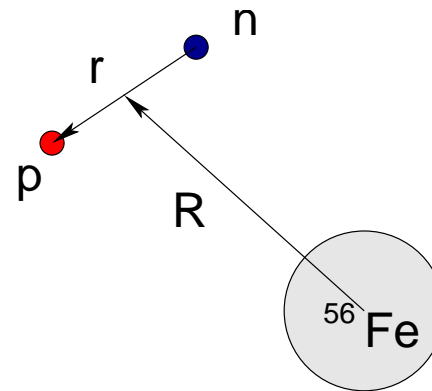
$$H = T(AC, B) + T(A, C) + V(A, C) + V(B, C) + V(A, B)$$

Post-Prior

Post



Prior



2.3 PRIOR

- Initially, fragments $A + C$ are bound.
- An approximation to the Hamiltonian is:
 $H_i = T(AC, B) + T(A, C) + V(A, C) + U(AC, B)$.
- An approximation to the wave function is:
 $\psi_i(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_{AC}) = \chi^{(+)}(\vec{k}_i, \vec{r}) c_i \phi_i(\vec{r}_{AC})$.
- The bound state of (AC) is described by the wavefunction $\phi_i(\vec{r}_{AC})$ which is the solution of

$$(T(A, C) + V(AC))\phi_i(\vec{r}_{AC}) = e_{AC}\phi_i(\vec{r}_{AC})$$

- The relative motion of (AC) with respect to B is described by the distorted wave

$$(T(AC, B) + U(AC, B))\chi^{(+)}(\vec{k}_i, \vec{r}) = (E - e_{AC})\chi^{(+)}(\vec{k}_i, \vec{r})$$

- The term that one is not considering is
 $\Delta(\text{PRIOR}) = H - H_i = V(B, C) + V(A, B) - U(AC, B)$.

2.4 POST

- Finally, fragments $B + C$ are bound.
- An approximation to the Hamiltonian is:
$$H_f = T(BC, A) + T(B, C) + V(B, C) + U(BC, A).$$
- An approximation to the wave function is:
$$\psi_f(\vec{r}', \vec{r}_{BC}) = \chi^{(-)}(\vec{k}_f, \vec{r}') c_f \phi_f(\vec{r}_{BC})$$
- The bound state of (BC) is described by the wavefunction $\phi_i(\vec{r}_{BC})$ which is the solution of

$$(T(B, C) + V(BC))\phi_i(\vec{r}_{BC}) = e_{BC}\phi_f(\vec{r}_{BC})$$

- The relative motion of (BC) with respect to A is described by the distorted wave

$$(T(BC, A) - U(BC, A))\chi^{(-)}(\vec{k}_f, \vec{r}) = (E - e_{BC})\chi^{(-)}(\vec{k}_f, \vec{r})$$

- The term that one is not considering is
$$\Delta(\text{POST}) = H - H_f = V(A, C) + V(A, B) - U(BC, A)$$

2.5 Transfer Scattering amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^{POST}(\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_f)_{if} &= -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2 4\pi} \int d\vec{r}' d\vec{r}_{BC} \psi_f(\vec{r}', \vec{r}_{BC})^* \Delta(\mathbf{POST}) \psi_i(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_{AC}) \\
 &= -\frac{2mc_f^* c_i}{\hbar^2 4\pi} \int d\vec{r}' d\vec{r}_{BC} \chi^{(-)*}(\vec{k}_f, \vec{r}') \phi_f^*(\vec{r}_{BC}) \\
 &\quad \Delta(\mathbf{POST}) \chi^{(+)}(\vec{k}_i, \vec{r}) \phi_i(\vec{r}_{AC}) \\
 A^{PRIOR}(\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_f)_{if} &= -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2 4\pi} \int d\vec{r}' d\vec{r}_{BC} \psi_f(\vec{r}', \vec{r}_{BC})^* \Delta(\mathbf{PRIOR}) \psi_i(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_{AC}) \\
 &= -\frac{2mc_f^* c_i}{\hbar^2 4\pi} \int d\vec{r}' d\vec{r}_{BC} \chi^{(-)*}(\vec{k}_f, \vec{r}') \phi_f^*(\vec{r}_{BC}) \\
 &\quad \Delta(\mathbf{PRIOR}) \chi^{(+)}(\vec{k}_i, \vec{r}) \phi_i(\vec{r}_{AC})
 \end{aligned}$$

DWBA expression

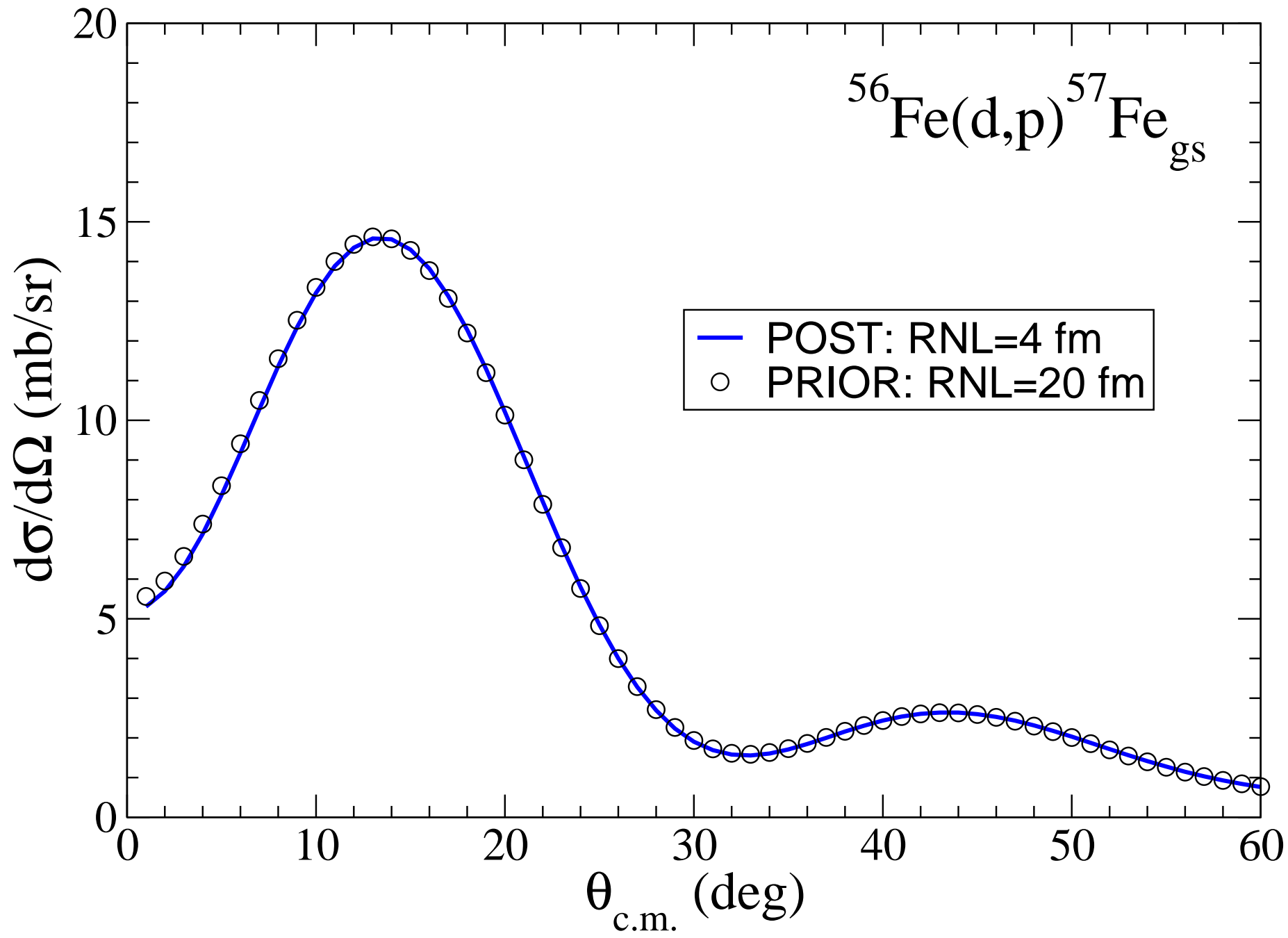
- Below the barrier: No oscillation WF- no interference
- Above the barrier; Oscillations WF – interference
- E-matching, Q-Matching: Constructive oscillations in incoming and outgoing waves.
- Binding energy dependence: Extension of wavefunction

POST-PRIOR equivalence theorem:

$$A^{PRIOR}(\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_f)_{if} = A^{POST}(\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_f)_{if}$$

Problem: Demonstrate the post-prior equivalence

Hint: Consider the equations satisfied by the distorted waves



Choice of potentials

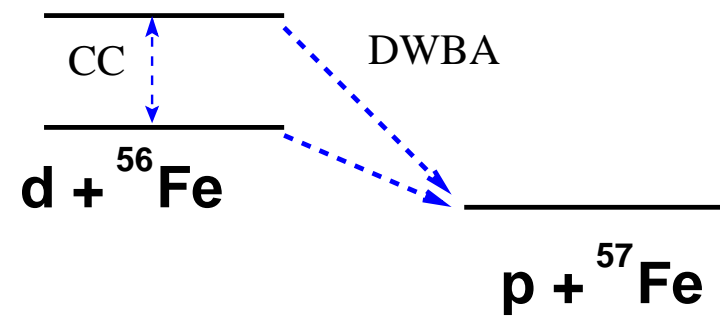
- Binding potentials $V(p,n)$; $V(n,^{56}\text{Ni})$: Real.
Reproduce the binding energy.
- Core-Core Potential $V(p,^{56}\text{Ni})$: Complex.
Reproduce p - ^{56}Ni elastic scattering.
- Auxiliary potentials $U(p,^{57}\text{Ni})$, $U(d,^{56}\text{Ni})$
 - Use potentials that describe the elastic data
 - Use single folding (to minimize D)
 - Use Johnson-Soper

2.6 What do we learn by measuring transfer reactions?

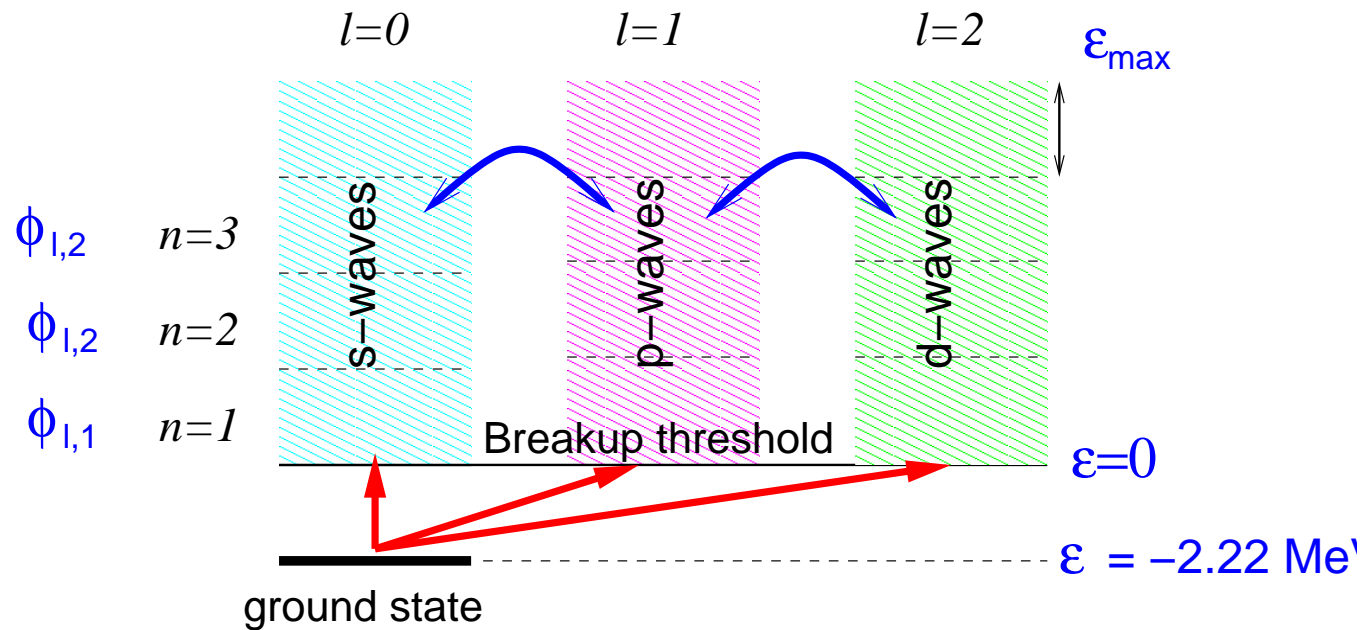
- **Structure:** Populate $C + B$ states. Energy. Angular momentum. Spectroscopic factors c_i, c_f .
- **Interactions:** Distorting optical potentials in the entrance and outgoing channels. $U(AC, B), U(A, BC)$. Inter-cluster interactions $V(AB)$. Binding interactions V_{AC}, V_{BC} .
- **Reaction mechanism:** DWBA as first order mechanism.

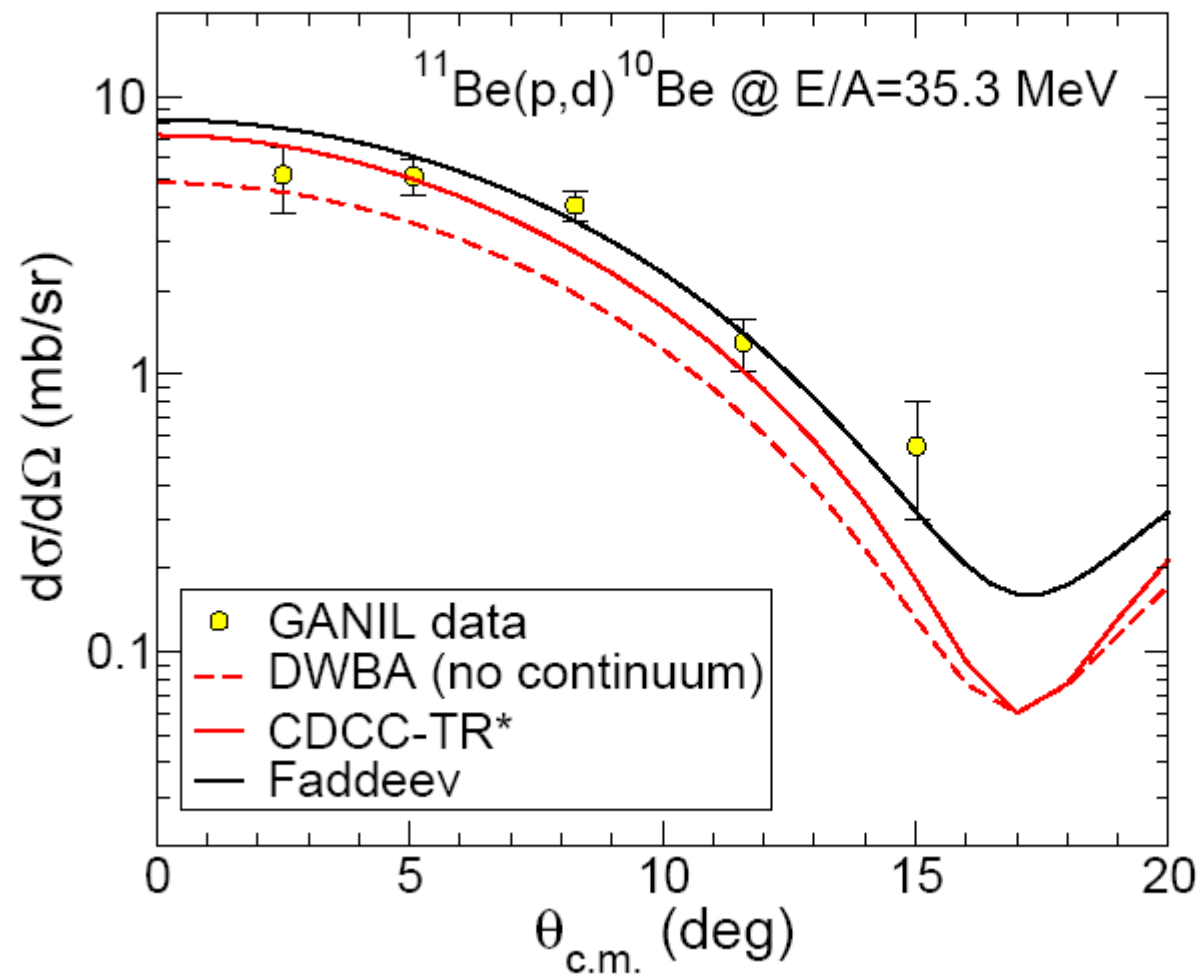
2.7 Beyond DWBA

- **CCBA: Coupled Channels Born Approximation:** Include coupling to inelastic states in projectile or target. Relevant for nuclei with collective excitation (deformed, vibrational).
- **CRC: Coupled Reaction Channels:** Include back and forth transfer to all orders. Relevant for transfer around the Coulomb barrier. Keeley et al.
- **Continuum effects:** Include the coupling to break-up states.
 - **Adiabatic approximation:** Johnson, Tostevin ...
 - **Faddeev Calculations:** A. Fonseca et al.
 - **Continuum Discretization:** Thompson, Nunes, Moro ...



Continuum discretization in the deuteron





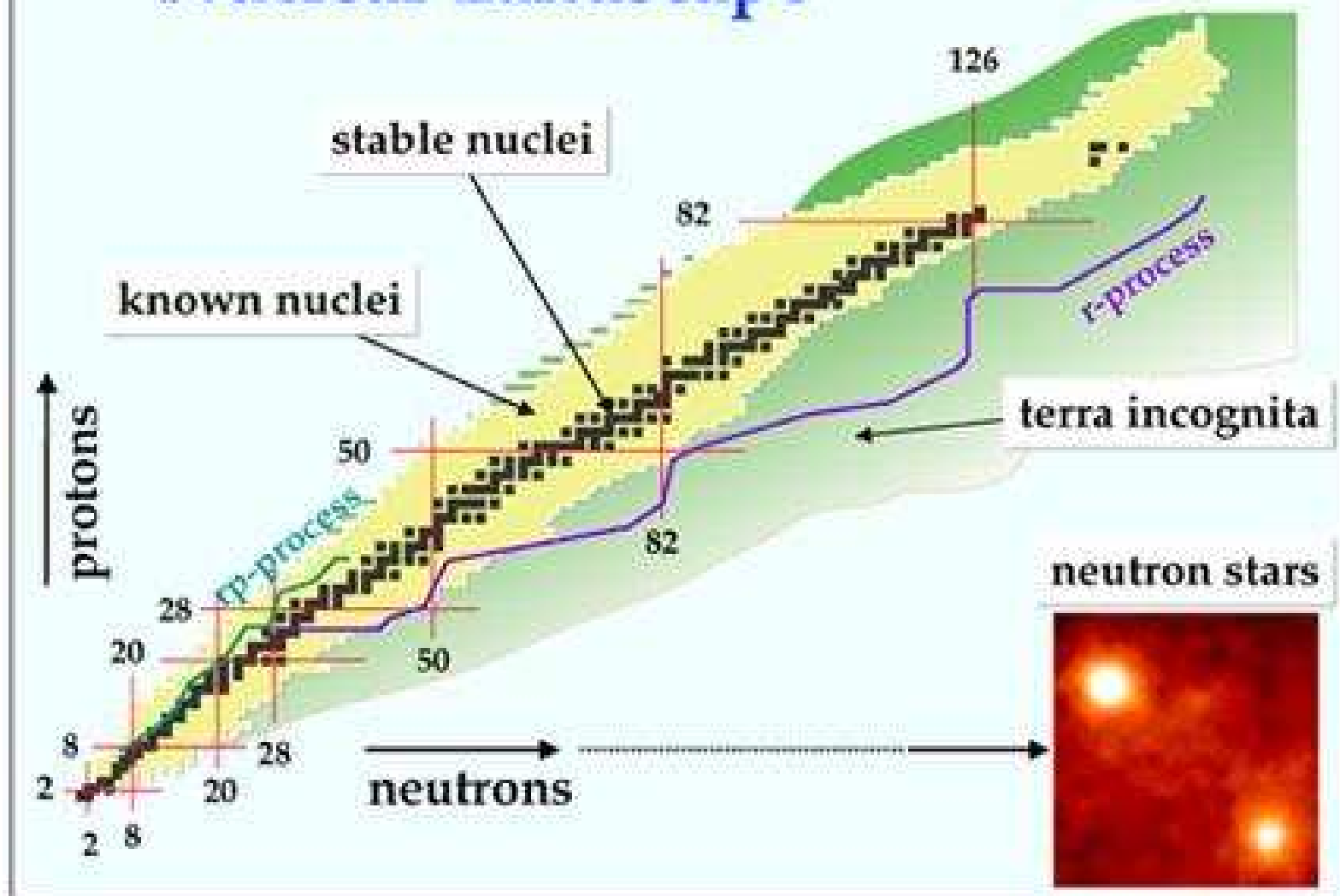
2.8 Summary of Transfer formalism

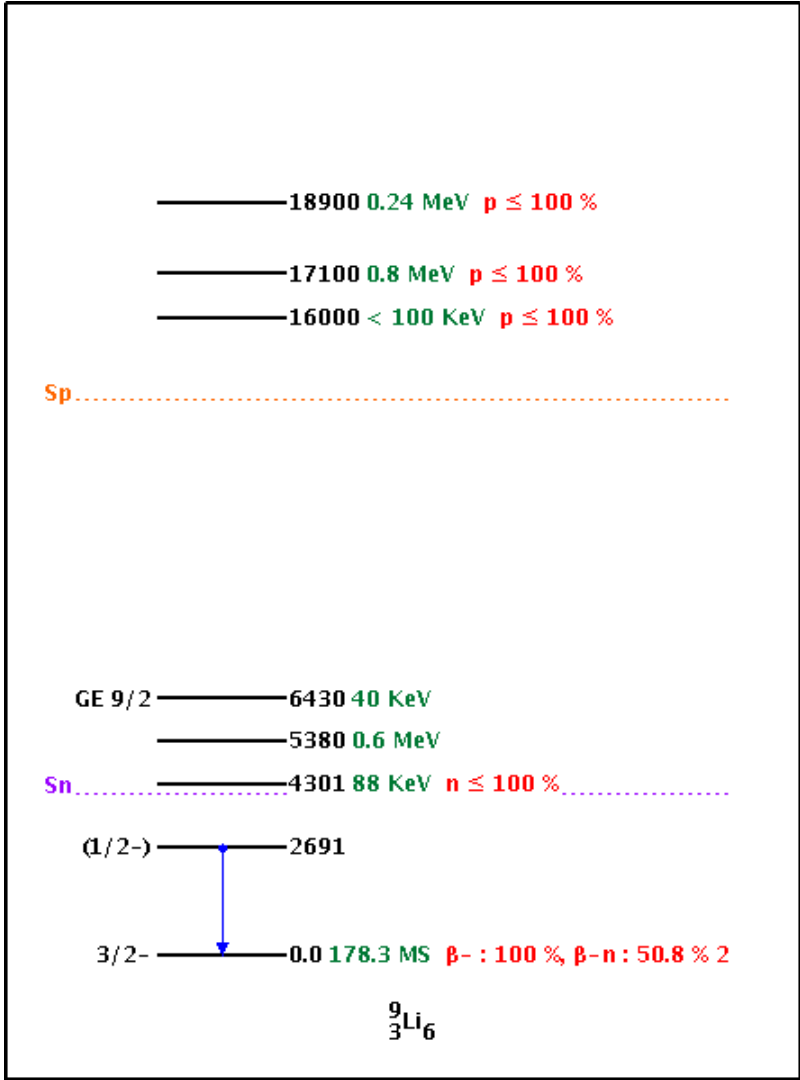
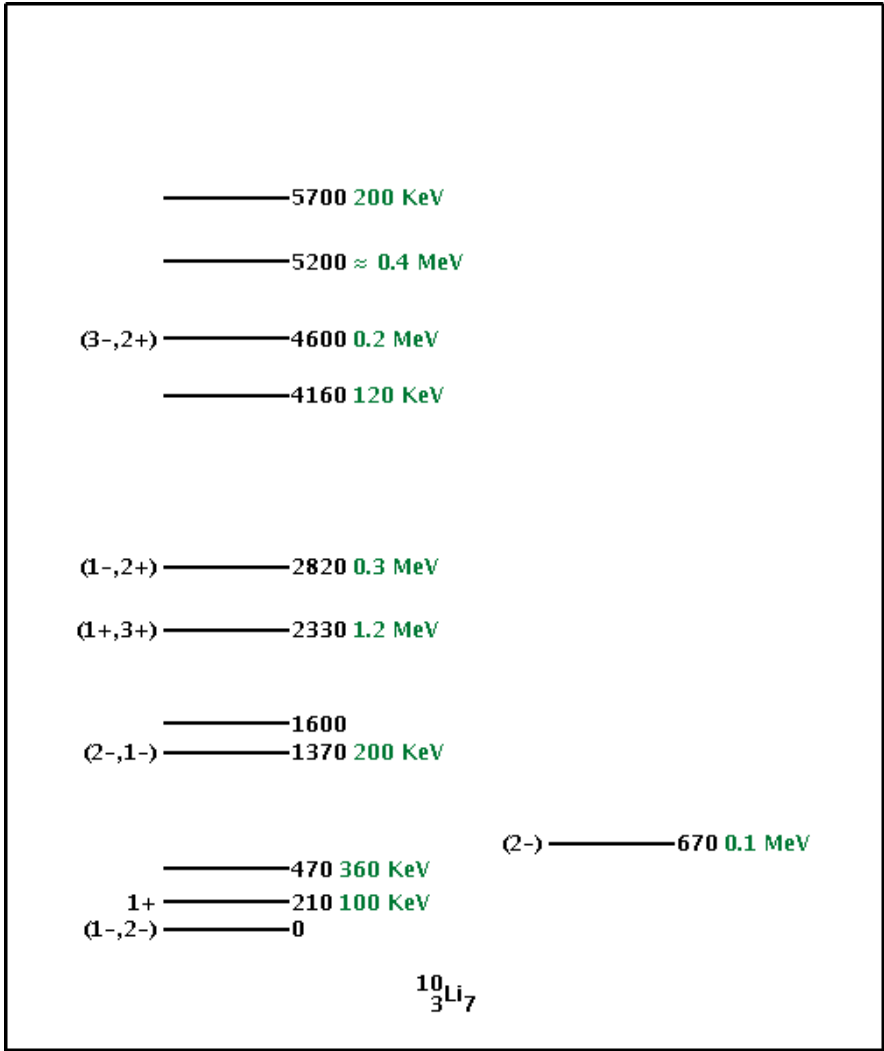
- Transfer is a 3-body quantum mechanical process. The simplest meaningful description of transfer is DWBA.
- Describing transfer in DWBA requires knowledge of structure (spectroscopic amplitudes, bound wavefunctions), interactions (binding potentials, intercluster interactions, auxiliary potentials), and reaction mechanism (DWBA).
- Transfer in DWBA can be formulated in Post or Prior forms. Both should give identical results, but one or the other is more convenient computationally.
- In DWBA, transfer cross sections are proportional to the spectroscopic factor of the final state.
- DWBA has been widely used to obtain spectroscopic factors, from the comparison of experimental transfer cross sections with DWBA calculations.

- The accuracy of DWBA is questionable. The effect of coupling to the continuum is very important for weakly bound nuclei (Including the deuteron!).
- Nuclear reaction theory needs to be improved to describe continuum effects in transfer more accurately, to measure structure properties of weakly bound exotic nuclei.

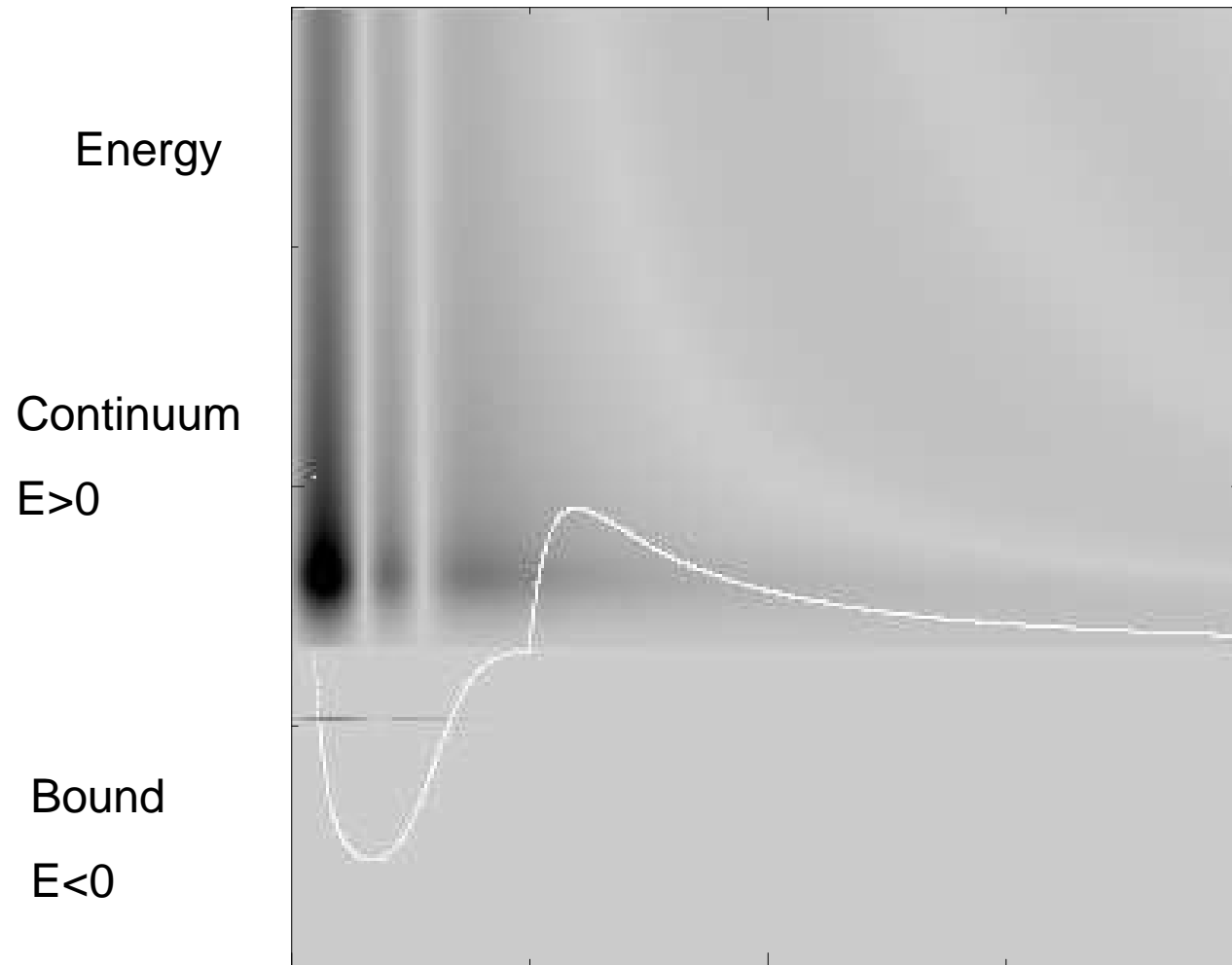
Transfer: Continuum structures

Nuclear Landscape





Bound Vs Continuum states

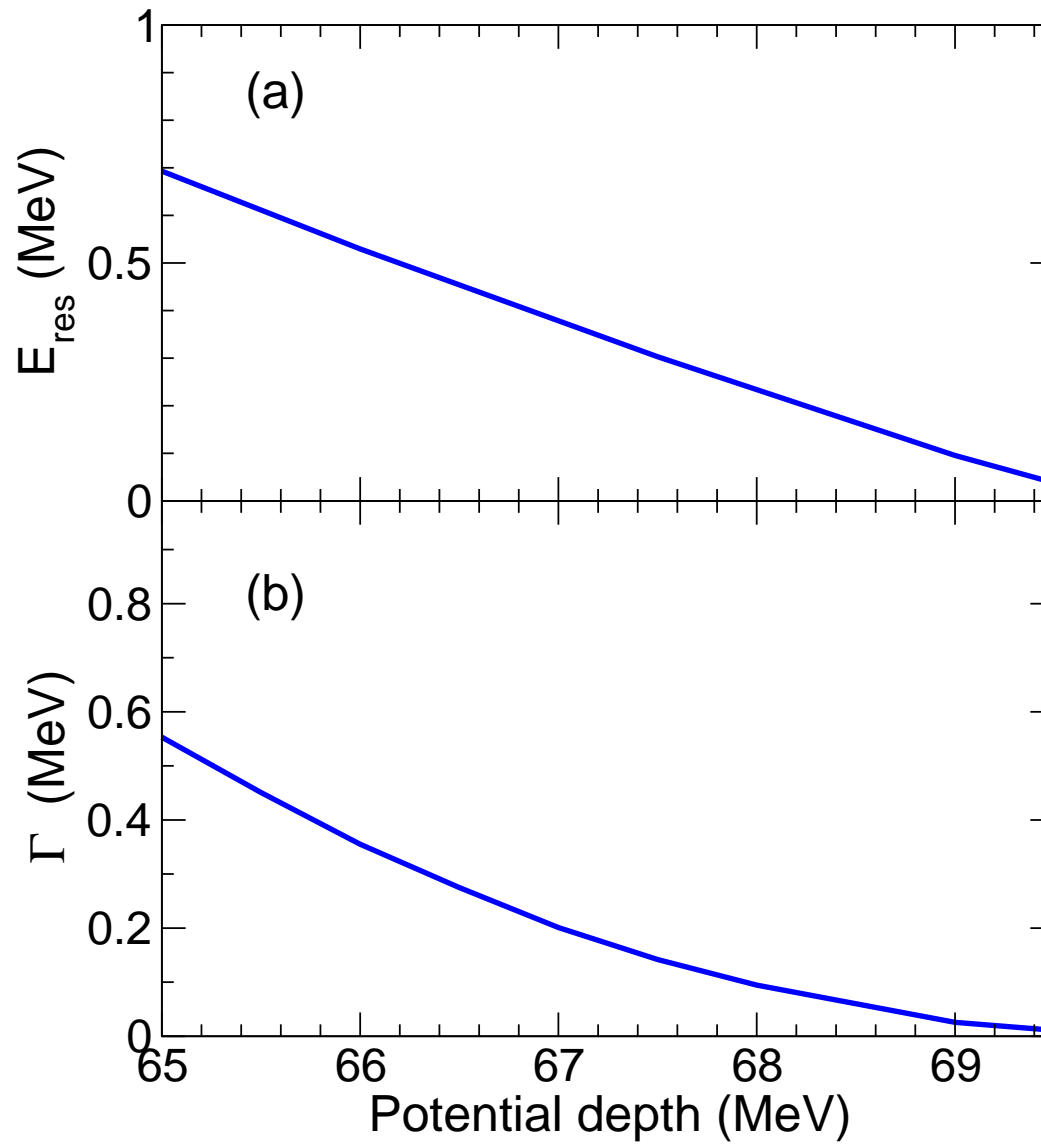


Distance Cuts and areas ordered by size

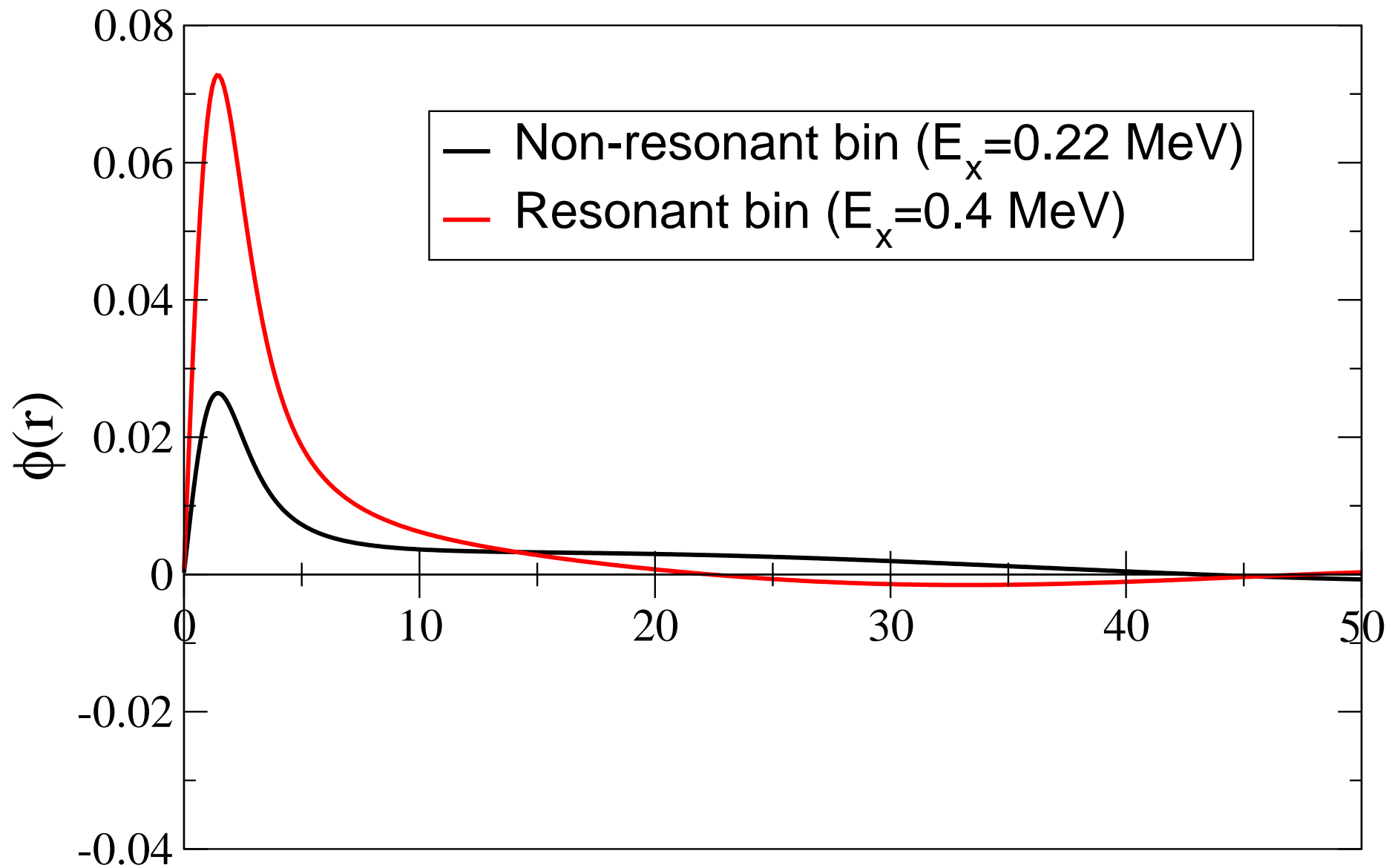
3.1 Resonances

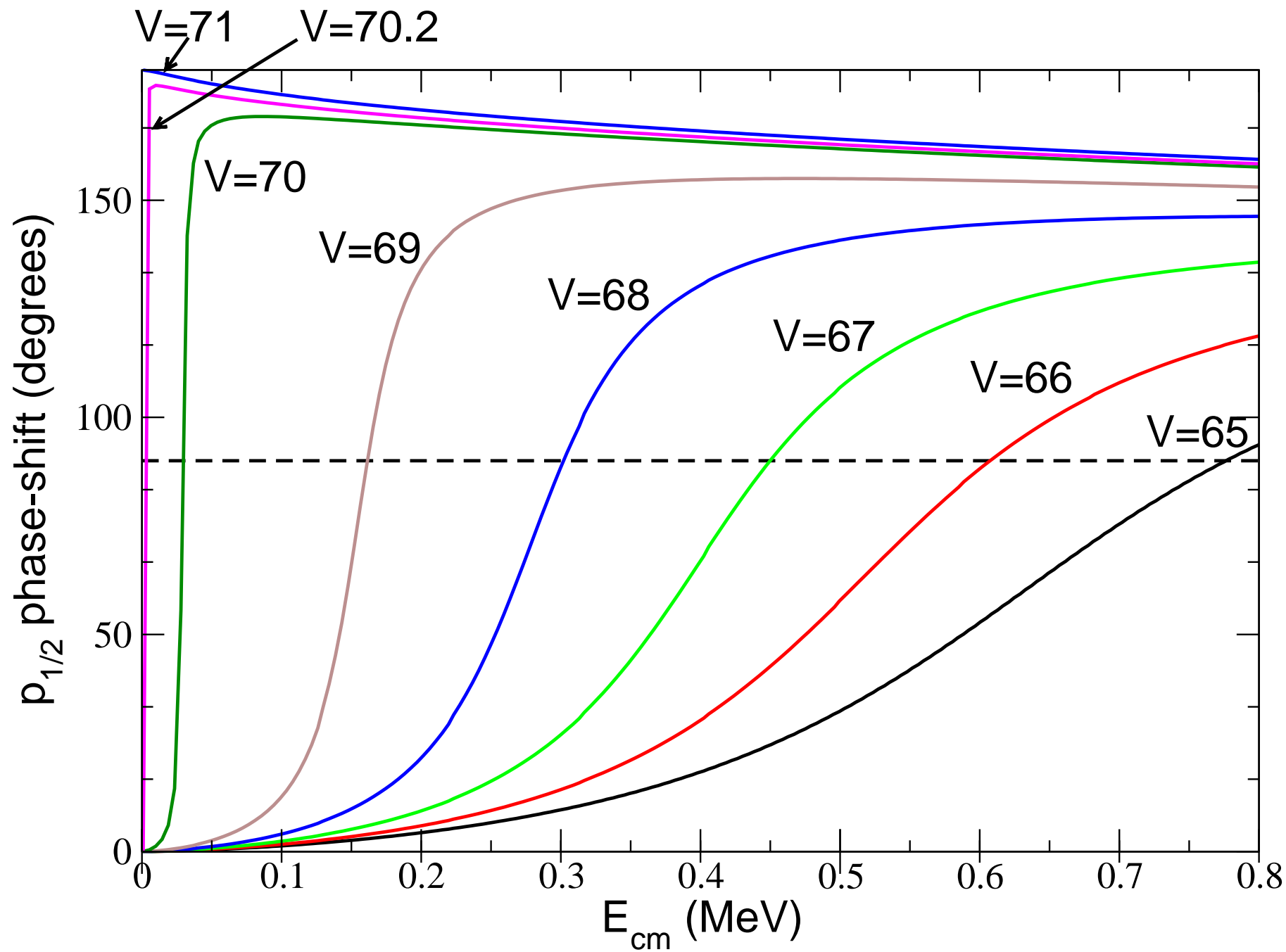
- Resonances are structures in the continuum.
- Resonances appear in Quantum Theory as non-normalizable complex energy solutions of the hamiltonian $E_r - i\Gamma/2$.
- Continuum states around the resonance energy $E_r - \Gamma \leq E \leq E_r + \Gamma$, display larger probability of presence at short distances.
- Phase shifts cross 90 degrees at the resonance energy.
- Resonances appear when there is some effective barrier (not s-wave neutrons)
- Transfer cross sections are usually larger around the resonance energy.

10Li=n+9Li
p1/2
resonance



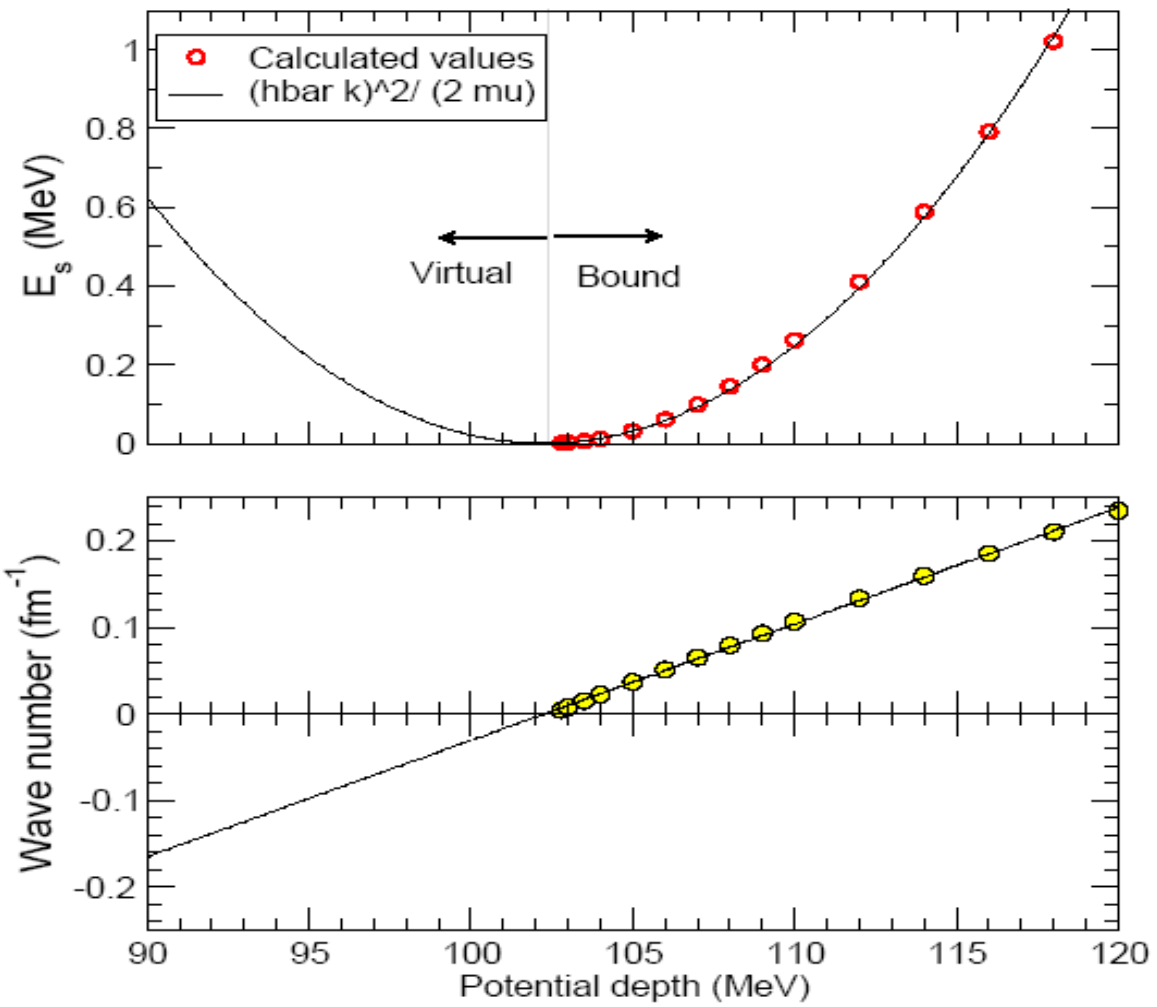
n-9Li bin wavefunction

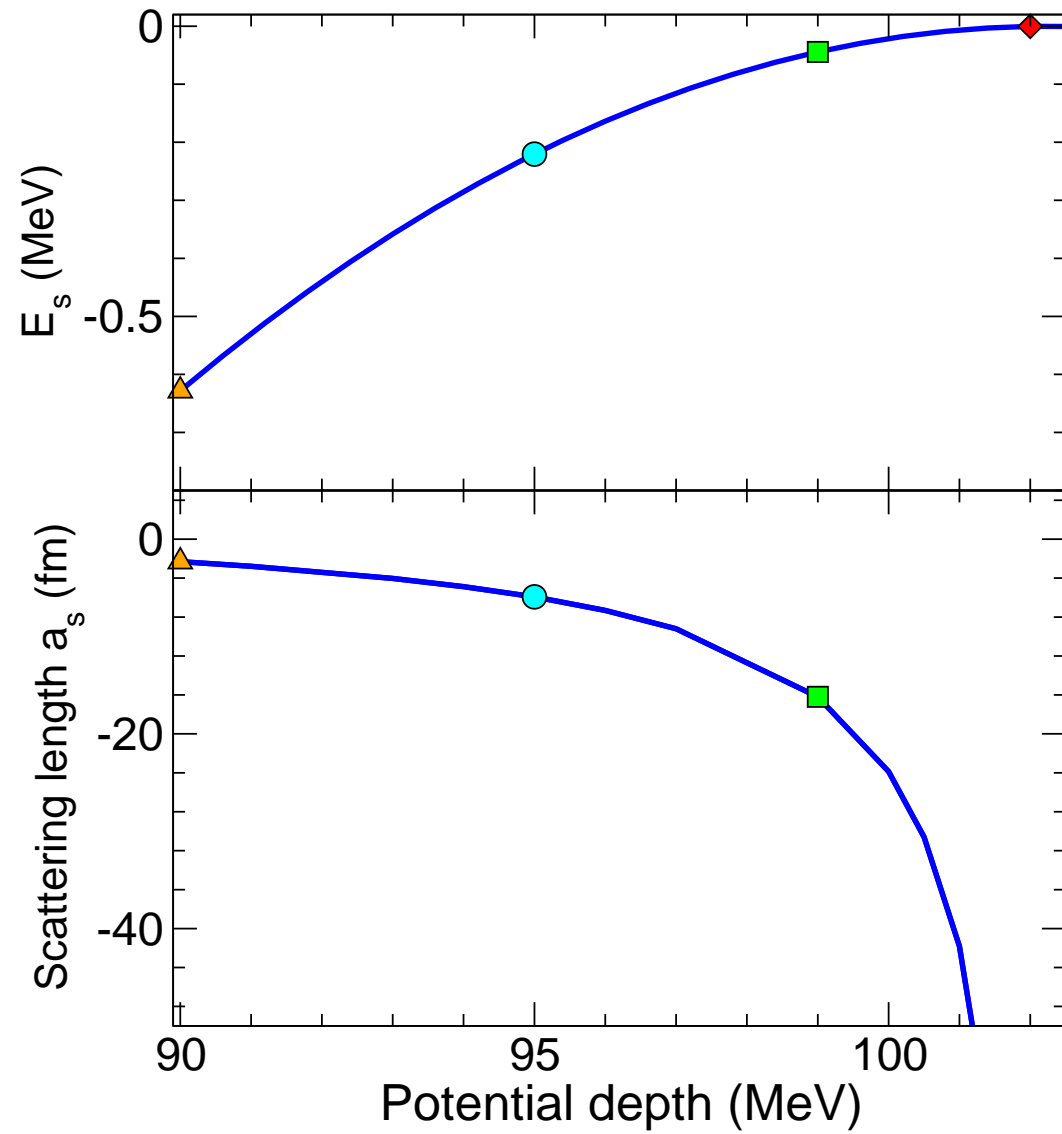


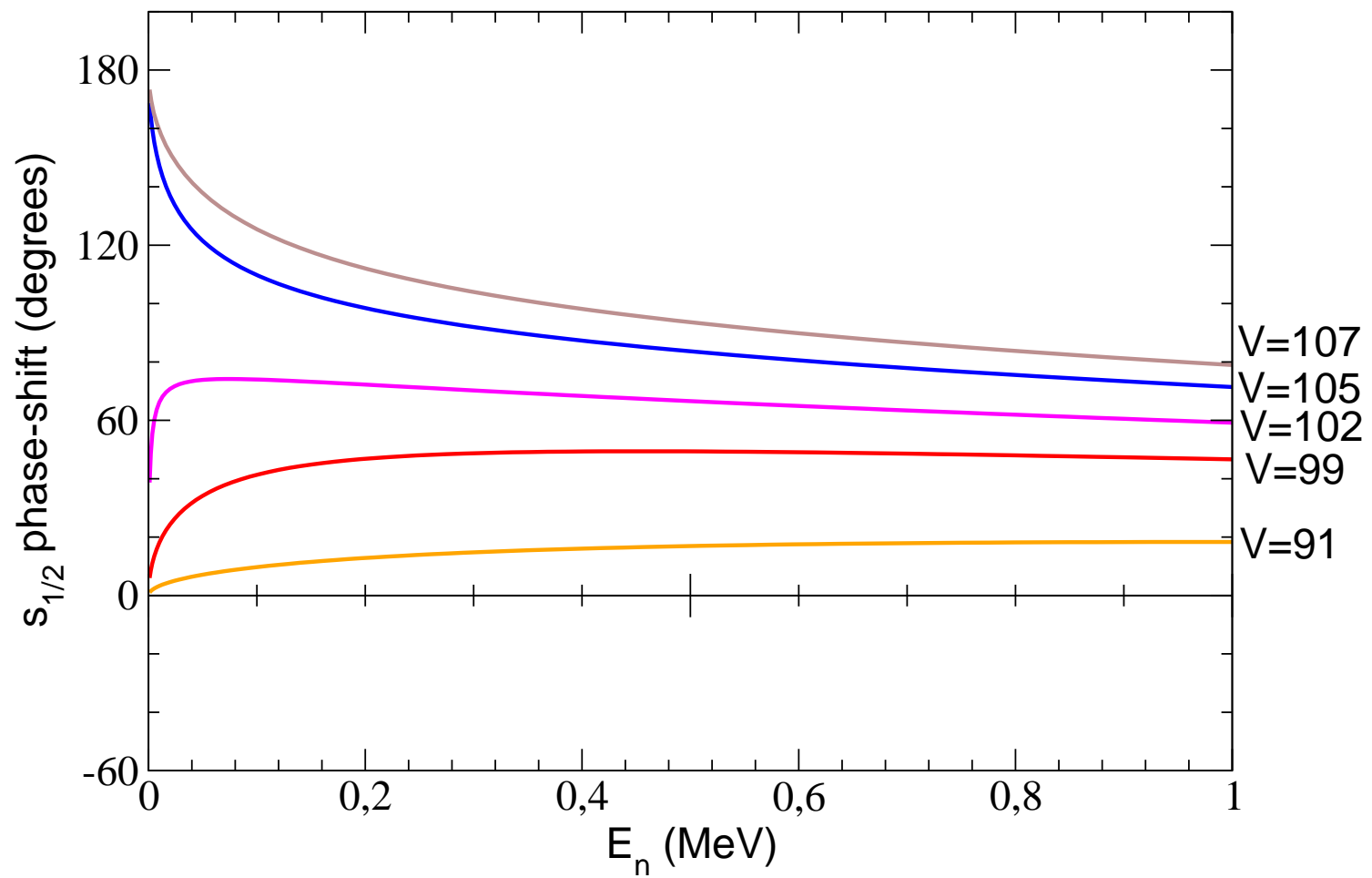


3.2 Virtual States

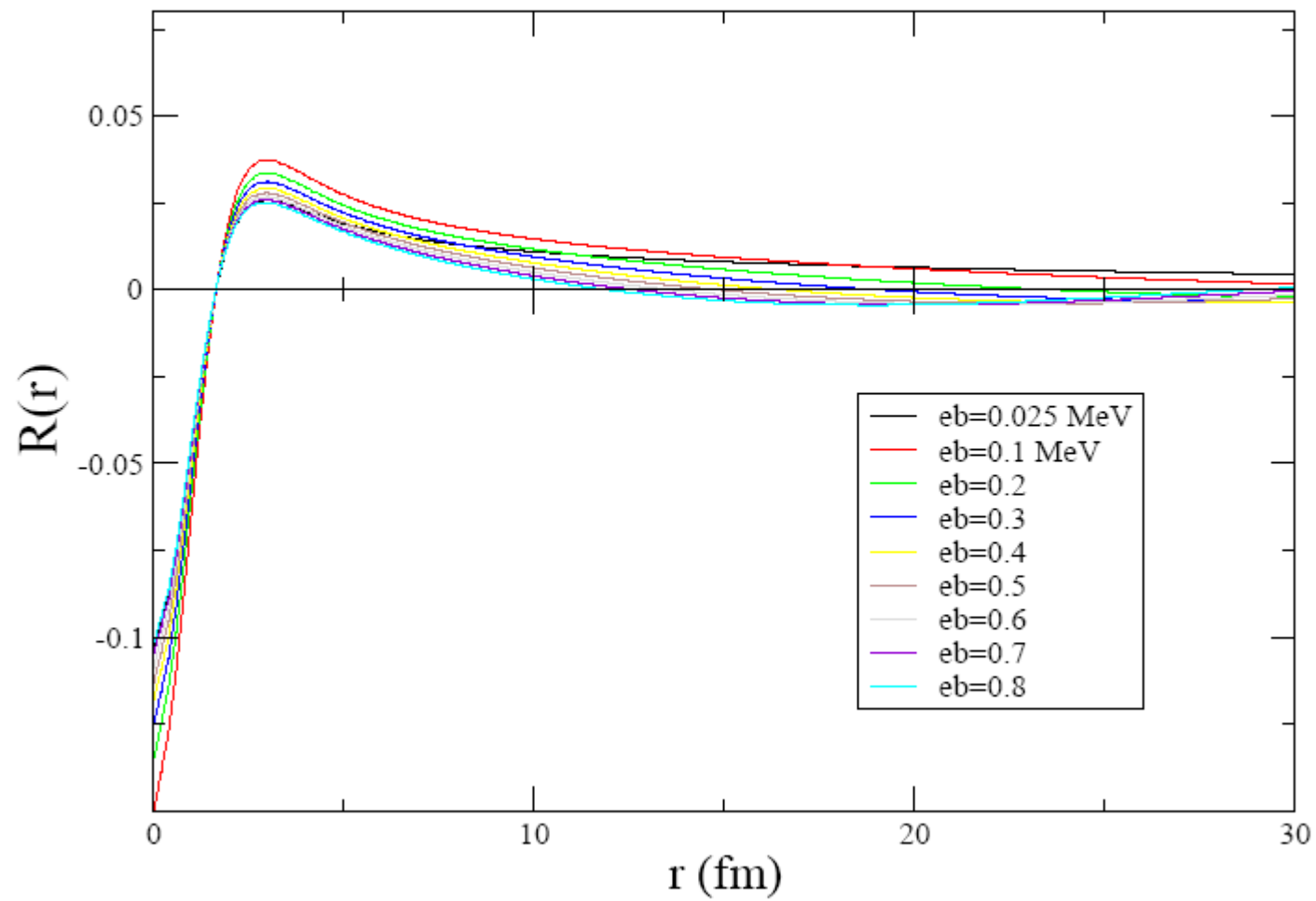
- Virtual states are structures in the continuum.
- Virtual states appear in Quantum Theory as non-normalizable (exponentially increasing) negative energy solutions of the hamiltonian $E_v < 0$.
- Continuum states at small positive energies $0 \leq E \leq |E_v|$ display a larger probability of presence at short distances of continuum states is larger.
- When the energy of a virtual state is close to the threshold, the scattering length is very large. Phase shifts depend strongly on energy.
- Virtual states appear when there is no barrier (s-wave).
- The presence of virtual states enhances the transfer cross sections at energies just above the threshold.





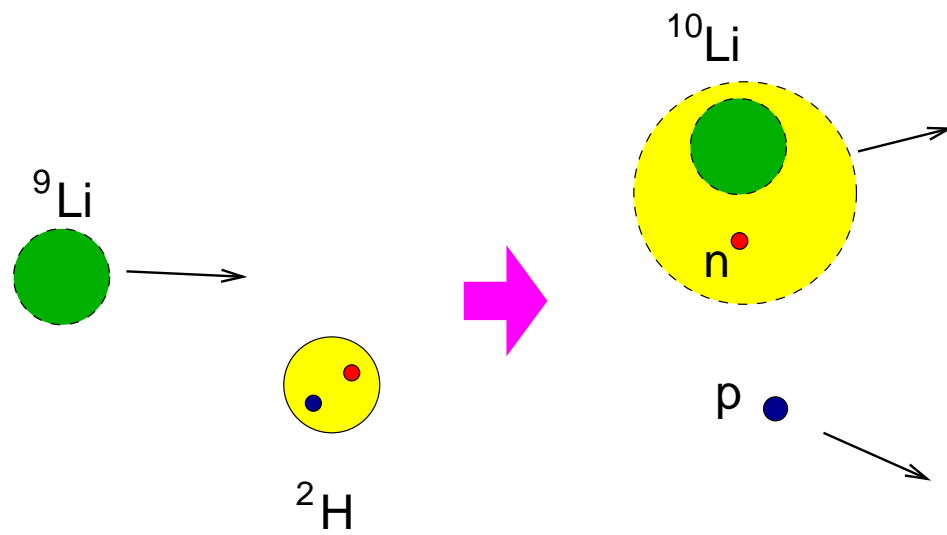


$n+{}^9\text{Li}$ $l=0$ bin wavefunctions
Gaussian potential ($V=-100$ MeV $r=2$ fm)

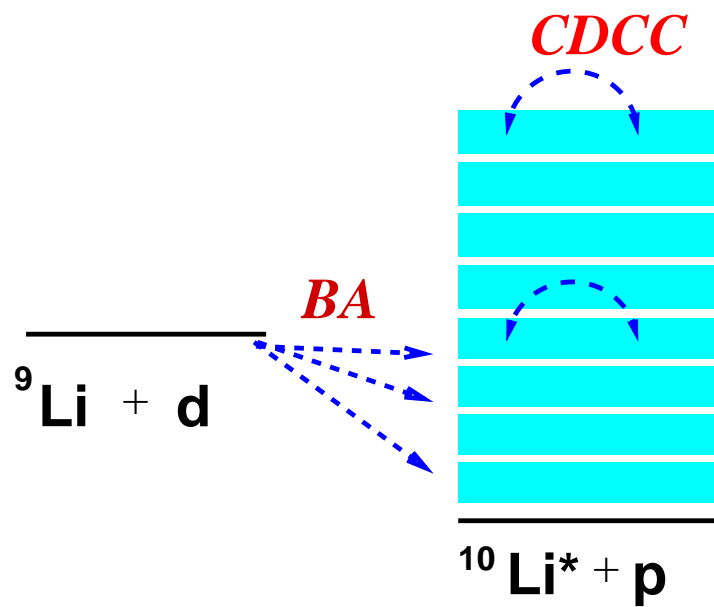


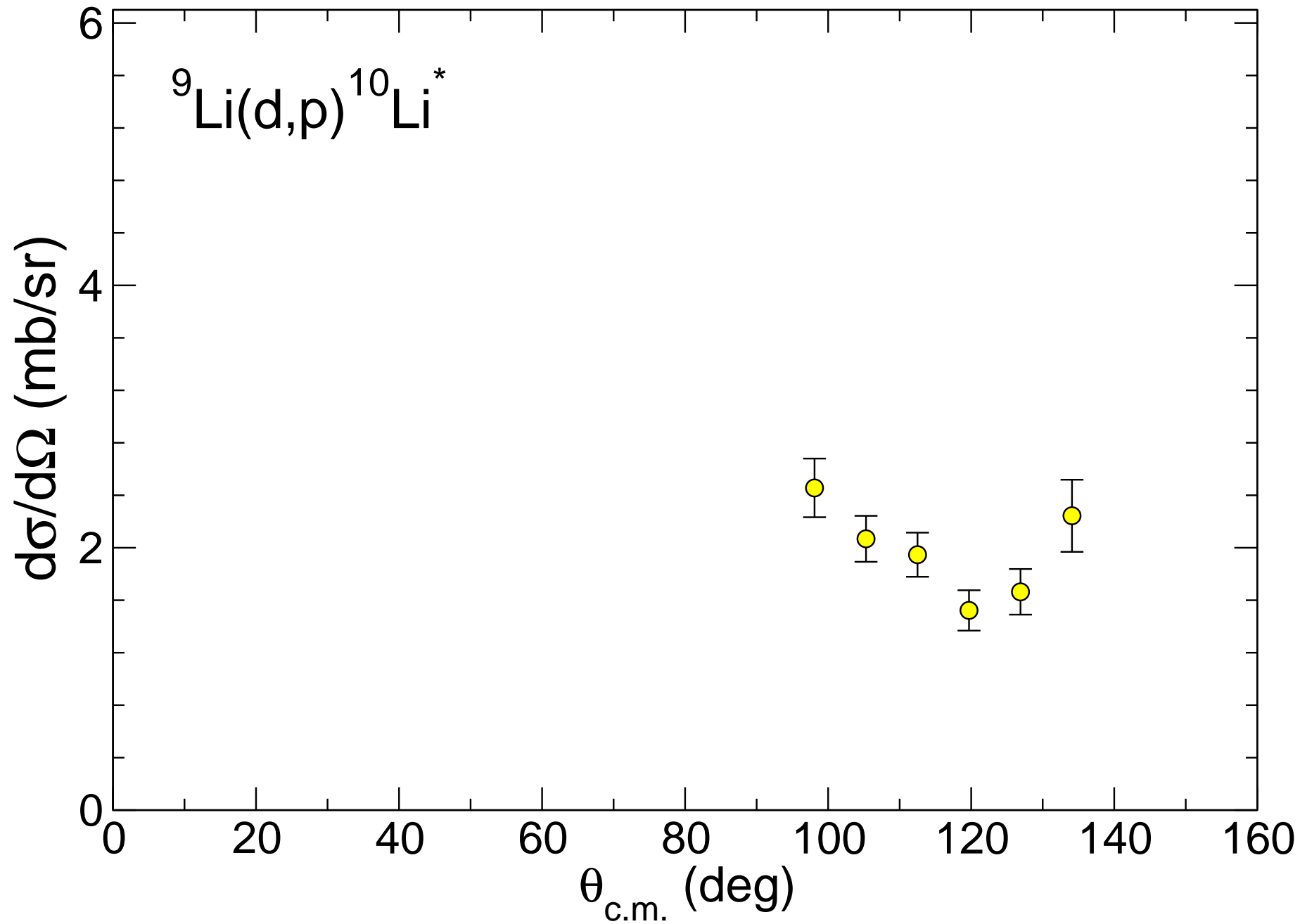
3.3 Transfer to structures in the continuum

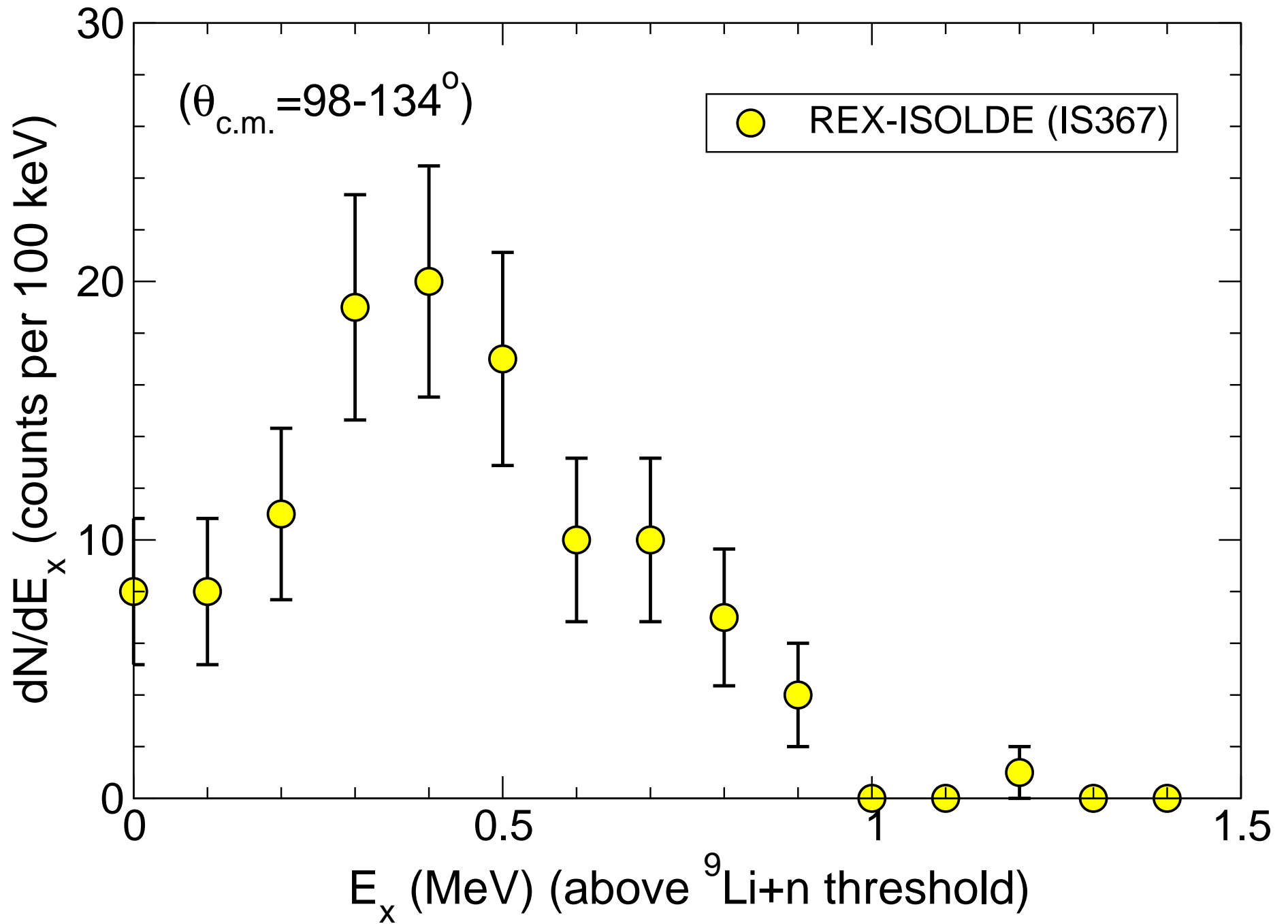
- **Structure:** All $L = 0$ and $L = 1$ continuum states in ^{10}Li as $^9\text{Li}(gs) + n$ considered.
- **Interactions:** $U(p, 9\text{Li})$, $U(d + 9\text{Li})$ from elastic scattering. $V(n, 9\text{Li})$ adjusted to reproduce cross sections.
- **Reaction mechanism:** CDCC-BA. Born approximation for transfer, Coupling to the $^9\text{Li} + n$ continuum to all orders.
- **Cross sections are extremely sensitive to the $V(n, 9\text{Li})$ interaction.** A careful analysis allows to obtain accurately the energy and width of the $l = 1$ resonance, as well as the energy of the $l = 0$ virtual state.

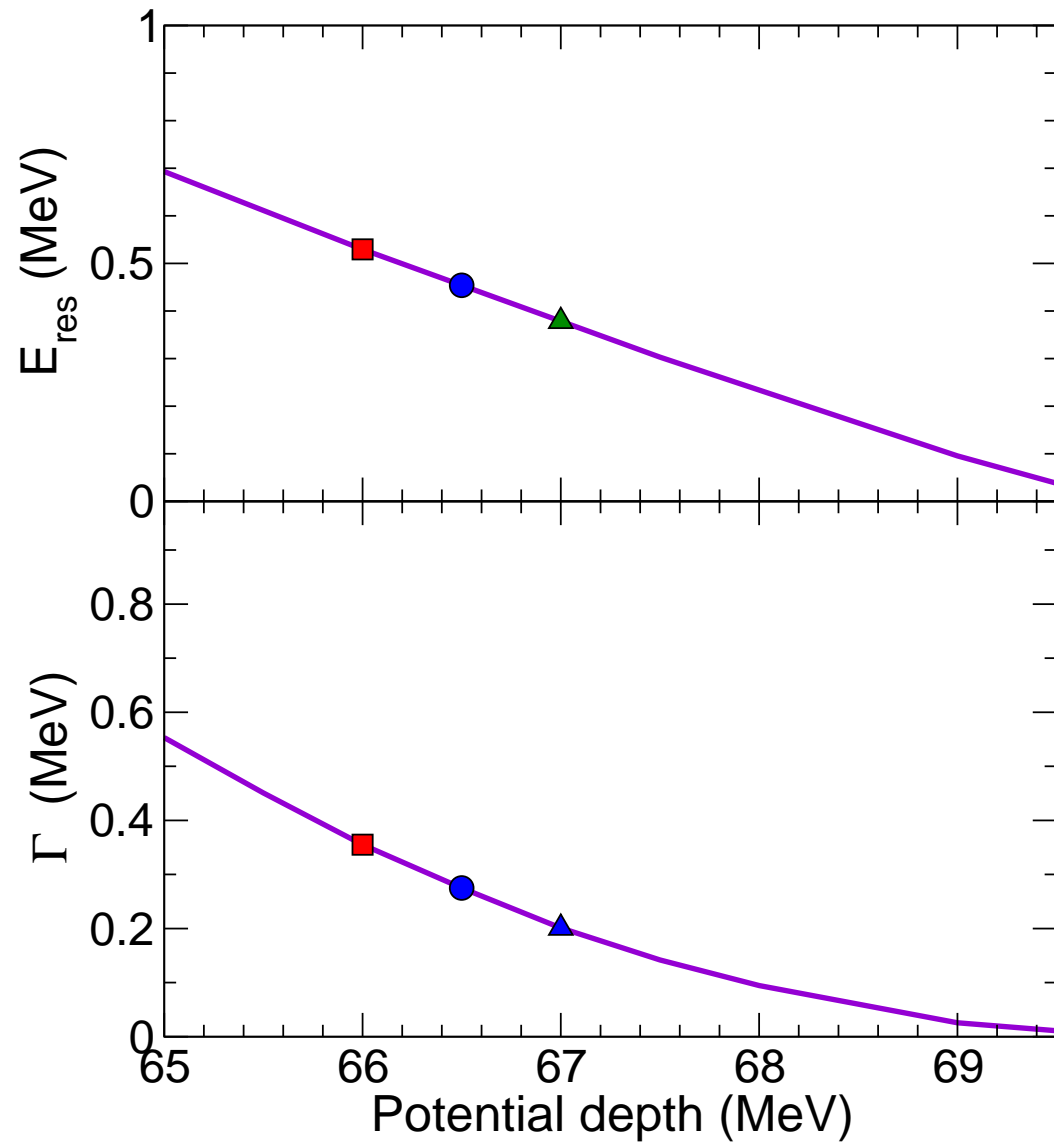


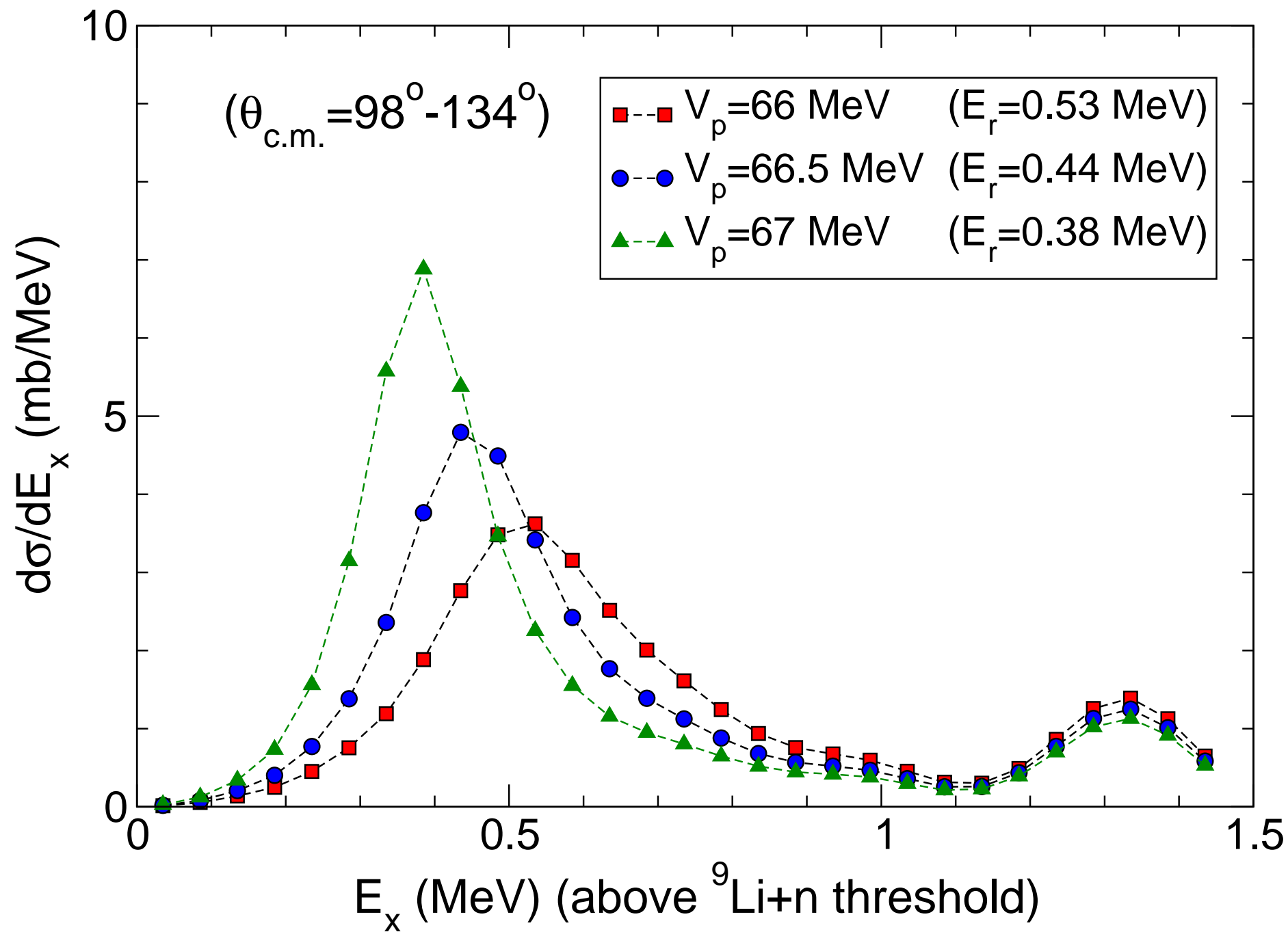
Reaction mechanism: CCBA

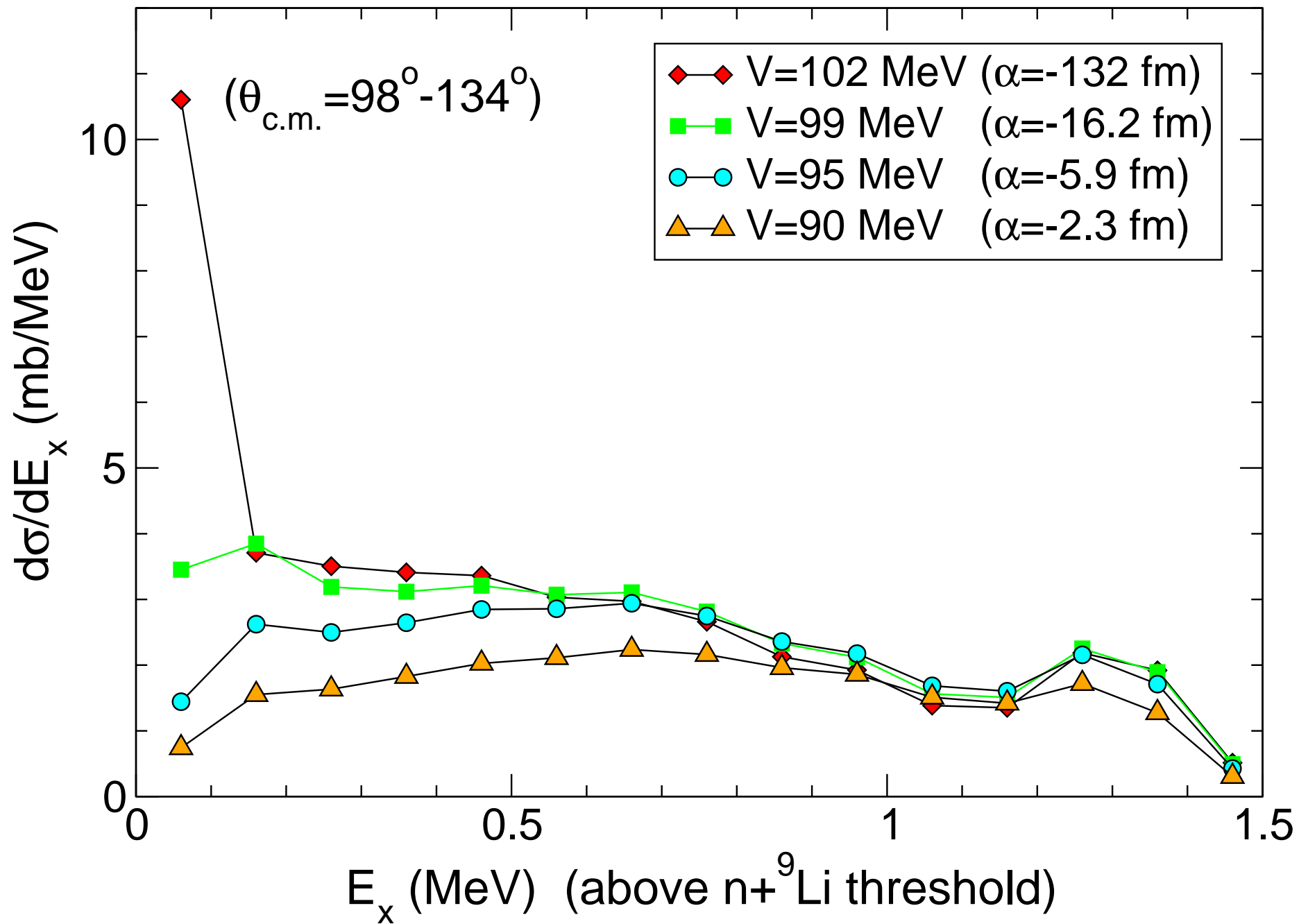


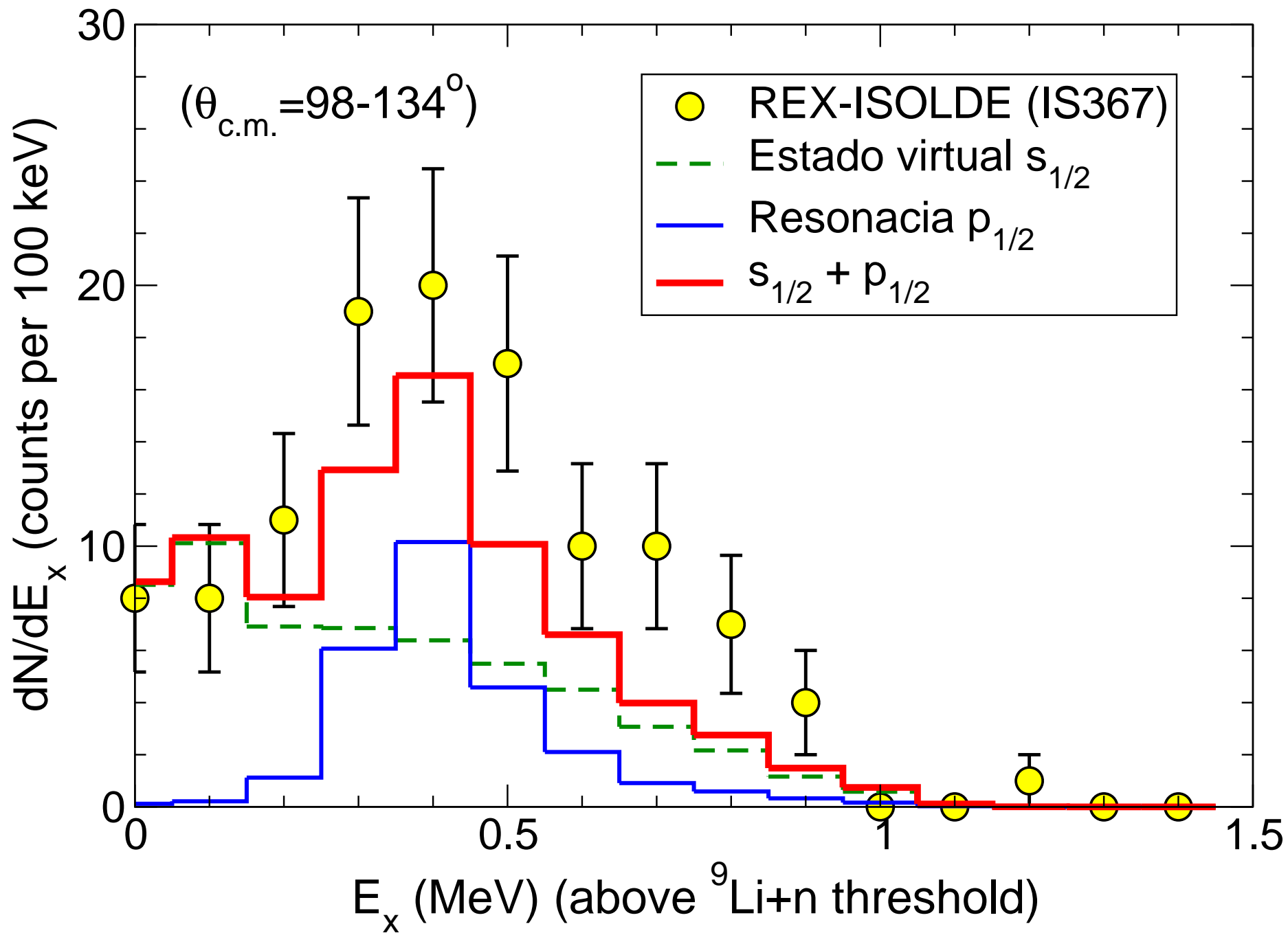


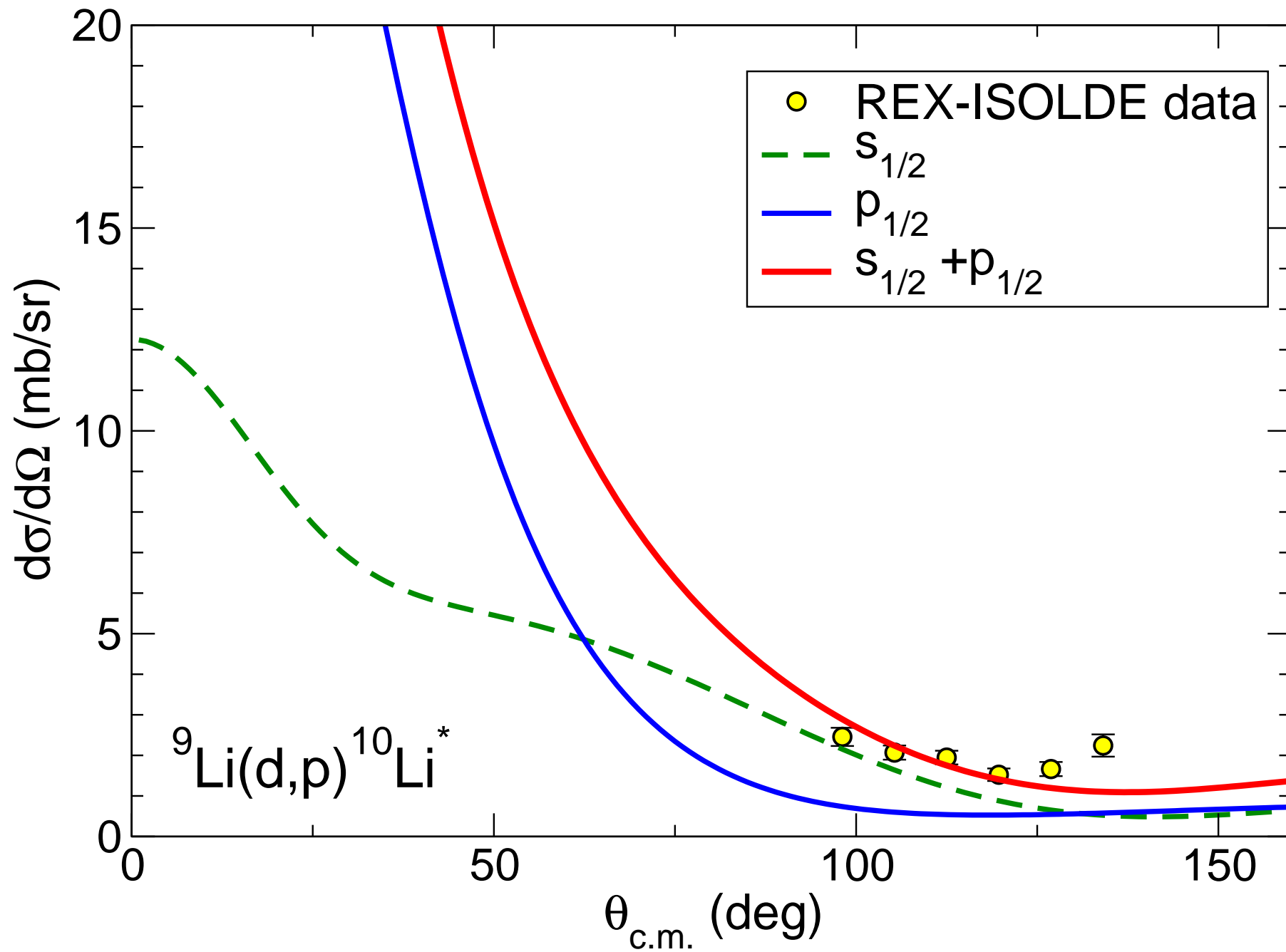












3.4 Summary of Transfer to Structures in the continuum

- Unbound, or weakly bound nuclei display structures in the continuum.
- Resonances are structures in the continuum associated to complex energy solutions of the hamiltonian. They require an effective barrier.
- Virtual states are structures in the continuum associated to exponentially increasing negative energy solutions of the hamiltonian. They require the absence of barriers.
- Transfer to continuum states can be calculated combining DWBA transfer with continuum discretization.

- The analysis of $d(^9\text{Li}, p)^{10}\text{Li}$ data are consistent with the presence of a p resonance and an s virtual state in ^{10}Li .
- A gaussian or lorentzian fit to the cross sections is not justified and is inaccurate to determine continuum structures of weakly bound systems.

Reactions with exotic nuclei

