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Investigation of the *dp*-breakup  
reaction at *intermediate* energies at  
Nuclotron

# Motivation

**Understanding the nature of the nuclear force** is one of the most important questions in nuclear physics. The detailed knowledge of the nuclear forces provides **description** of the **nuclear properties** and their reactions.

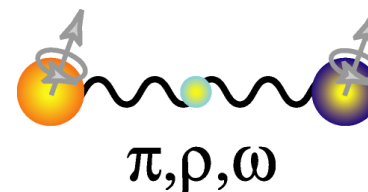
## Two Nucleon Force (2NF)

1935 Yukawa's meson theory (2NF)



Theory :

- ✓ One Pion Exchange Model
- ✓ One Boson Exchange Model



1990's Realistic Modern NN Force CD Bonn, AV18, Nijmegen I,II,93

## Three Nucleon Force (3NF)

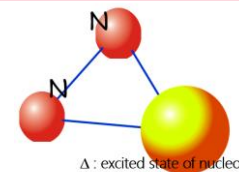
1957 Fujita-Miyazawa 3NF



$2\pi$ -exchange 3NF :

- Main Ingredients :

**$\Delta$  - isobar excitations** in the intermediate

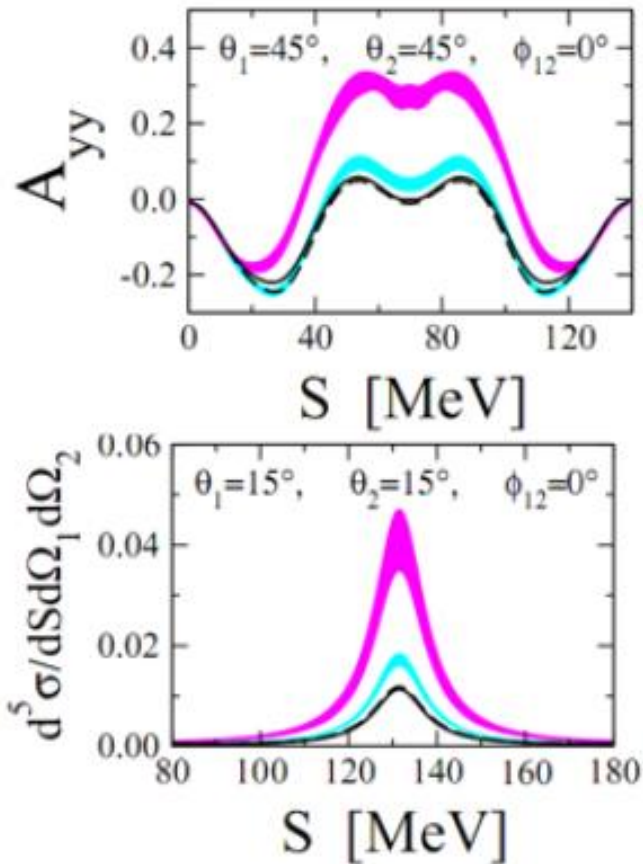


Tucson-Melbourne (TM) , Urbana IX, etc...

2NF and 3NF effects can be studied in  $dp \rightarrow dp$  and  $dp \rightarrow ppn$ .

The **dp breakup** reaction has been investigated at the angles of 19 – 54 degrees in the laboratory frame at the energy of **300 - 500 MeV** in a various detector configurations, in which the sensitivity to the three nucleon correlations and relativistic effects are assumed.

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Tensor analyzing power  $A_{yy}$  and differential cross section at 200 MeV.

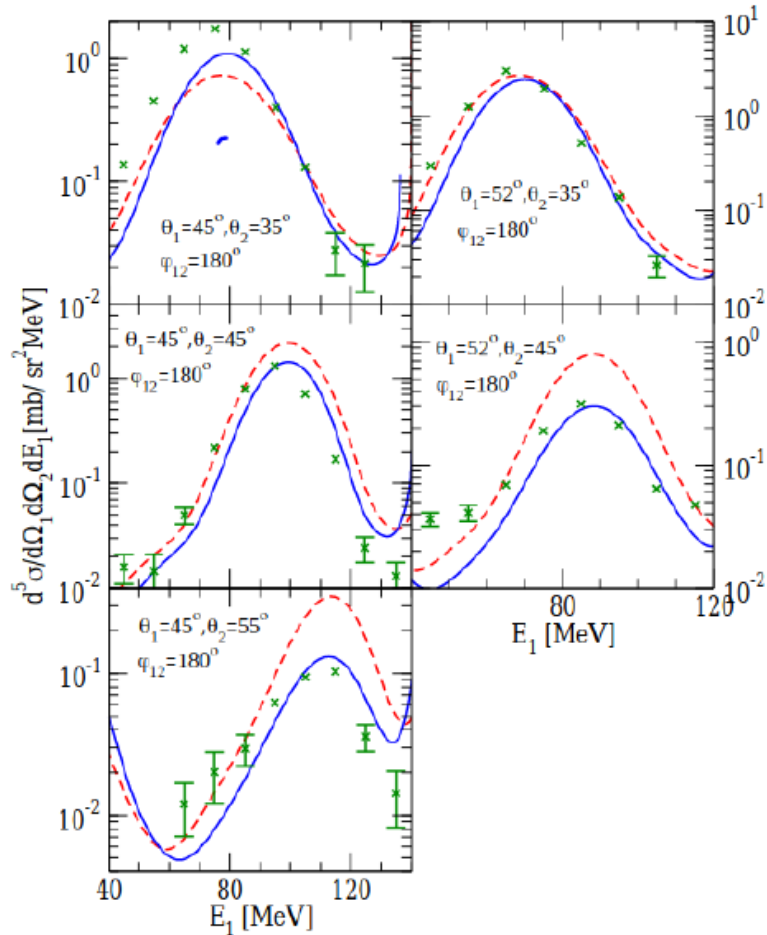
The light blue band contains theoretical predictions on CD-Bonn, AV18, Nijm I, II and Nijm 93;

The darker magenta band represents predictions NN + 3NF;

The solid line is for AV18+Urbana IX and the dashed line for CD Bonn+TM.

One can see that the inclusion of 3NF have great impact on the values of the analyzing power and cross section.

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H. Witala, Few Body Syst. (2011) 49, 61.

*The cross section of the dp-breakup reaction at 200 MeV.*

The **red curve** is the non relativistic CD Bonn potential prediction;  
the **blue one** is the corresponding relativistic results.

**Important contribution comes from relativistic effects.**

# DSS<sub>plu</sub> structure deuteron

The purpose of the **DSS** experimental program is to obtain the information about **2NF** and **3NF** from two processes:

- ✓ **dp-elastic scattering** at the energies between **300 - 2000 MeV**
- ✓ **dp-breakup** with registration of two protons at deuteron energies of **300 - 500 MeV**

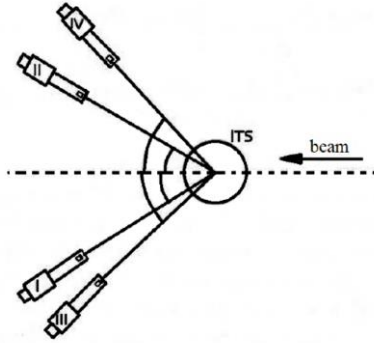
The experimental data were obtained at the **ITS** at **Nuclotron** at the Veksler and Baldin Laboratory of High Energy Physics of Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (**JINR**).



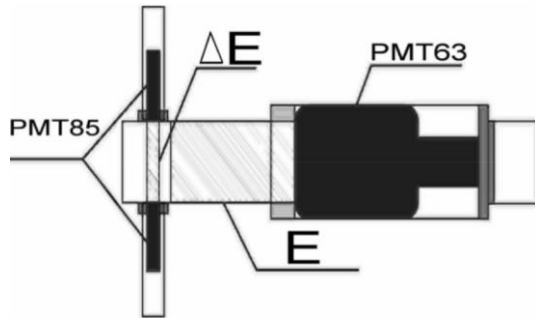
**Internal Target Station** is very well suited for the measurements of the **deuteron** induced reactions observables **at large scattering angles**.

- ITS consists of
- ✓ **Spherical chamber**;
  - ✓ **Target sweeping system**

# Particle detection system for dp-breakup



The view of the detector positions relative to the beam direction.



Schematic view of  $\Delta E - E$  detector

- Protons in coincidences using  $\Delta E - E$  detectors;
- Data collection for  $\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{C}$  targets, LED;
- Calibration measurement at 300, 400, 500 MeV;

$E_d$ , MeV	$\theta_1^\circ$	$\theta_2^\circ$	$E_1$ , MeV	$E_2$ , MeV
300	43.5	43.5	73.9	73.9
400	43.3	43.3	98.9	98.9
500	43.0	43.0	123.9	123.9

Tab.1: Kinematic configurations for  $pp$ -quasi elastic reaction for three deuteron energies ( $E_d$ ).  $\theta_1^\circ$  and  $\theta_2^\circ$  are the polar scattering angles;  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are the scattered particle energies.

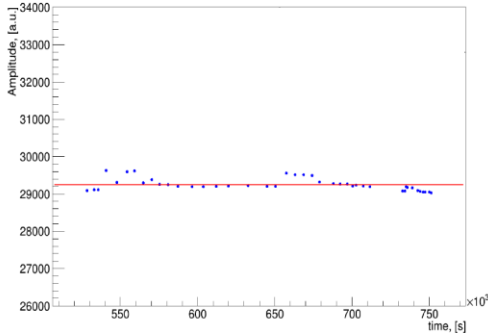
- Physical measurement at 300 MeV.

Configuration No.	$\alpha_1$ , [°]	$\alpha_2$ , [°]	$\beta_1$ , [°]	$\beta_2$ , [°]	$\theta_1$ , [°]	$\theta_2$ , [°]	$\phi_{12}$ , [°]
1	1.2	1.2	23.7	23.7	23.1	23.1	180
2	10.2	10.2	25.1	25.1	27	27	180
3	14	14	27.4	27.4	30.5	30.5	180
4	16.2	16.2	30.3	30.3	34	34	180
5	1.6	20.8	23.2	37.5	23.3	42.1	152.1
6	7.8	27.9	25.3	30	26.9	40.1	152.1
7	10.4	30	28.8	23	30.5	37.1	145

Tab.2: Detector location is determined by the polar and azimuthal angles. Angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the angles of mechanics.

# Amplitude corrections

## Using LED amplitude information

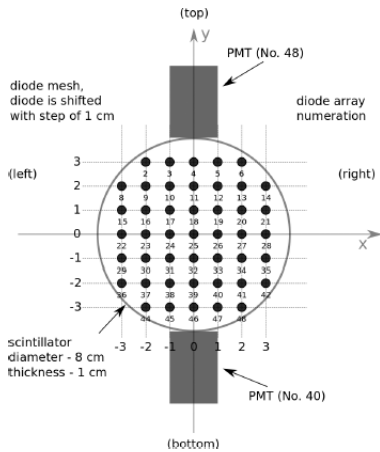


LED's amplitude mean value of first  $\Delta E$  detector vs time for each run (blue dots). By fitting a constant (red line).

The average amplitude value correction for each run is extracted.

## Positional dependence correction of PMT's amplitude of the $\Delta E$ detector.

### Methodical measurement:



Setup setting:  
scintillator, photomultiplier tubes (No. 40, No. 48), LED positions.

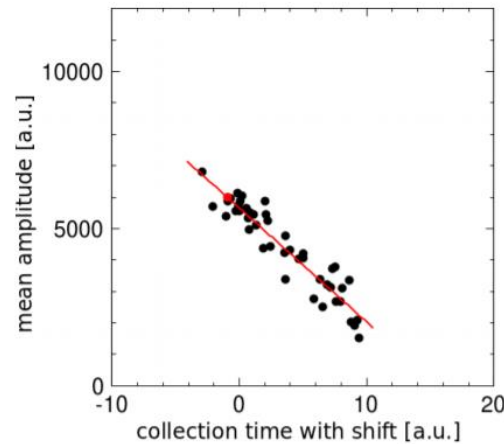


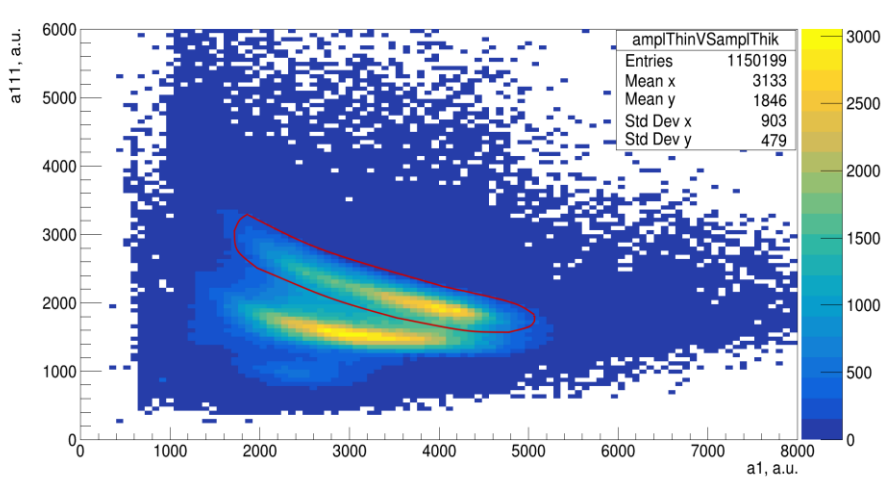
Fig.13: Mean amplitude vs collection time.

Mean amplitude:  $samp = \sqrt{amp40 * amp48}$ .

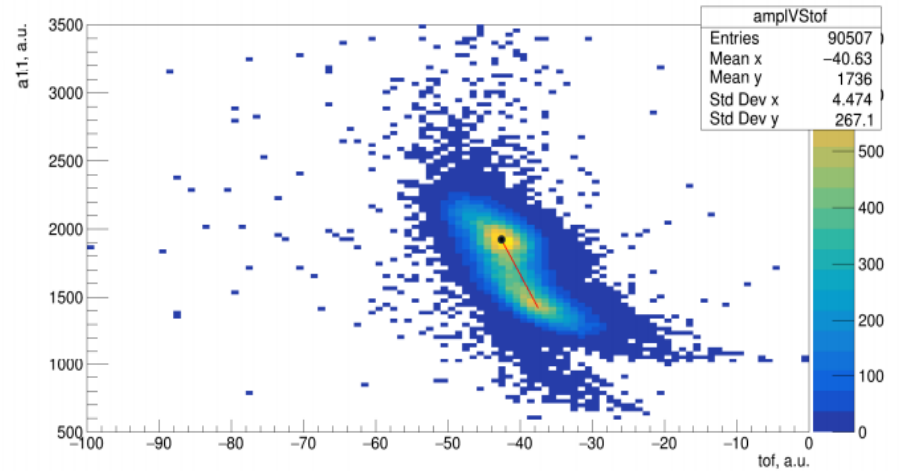
Red dot - amplitude value for the central geometrical point of scintillator and collected time ( $stime = \sqrt{t40 * t48 - const}$ ) value = zero.

Dependency has been fitted by straight line to obtain constant and slope values. To obtain true amplitude means to remove position amplitude dependence. The rotation about the red dot does this job.

# Amplitude corrections



$\Delta E - E$  correlation.



Samp vs. stime correlation + fit ( $|a1 - 4000| < 125$ ).

$$a11_{cor} = a11 - tg\alpha * (tof_{up} - tof_{measured})$$

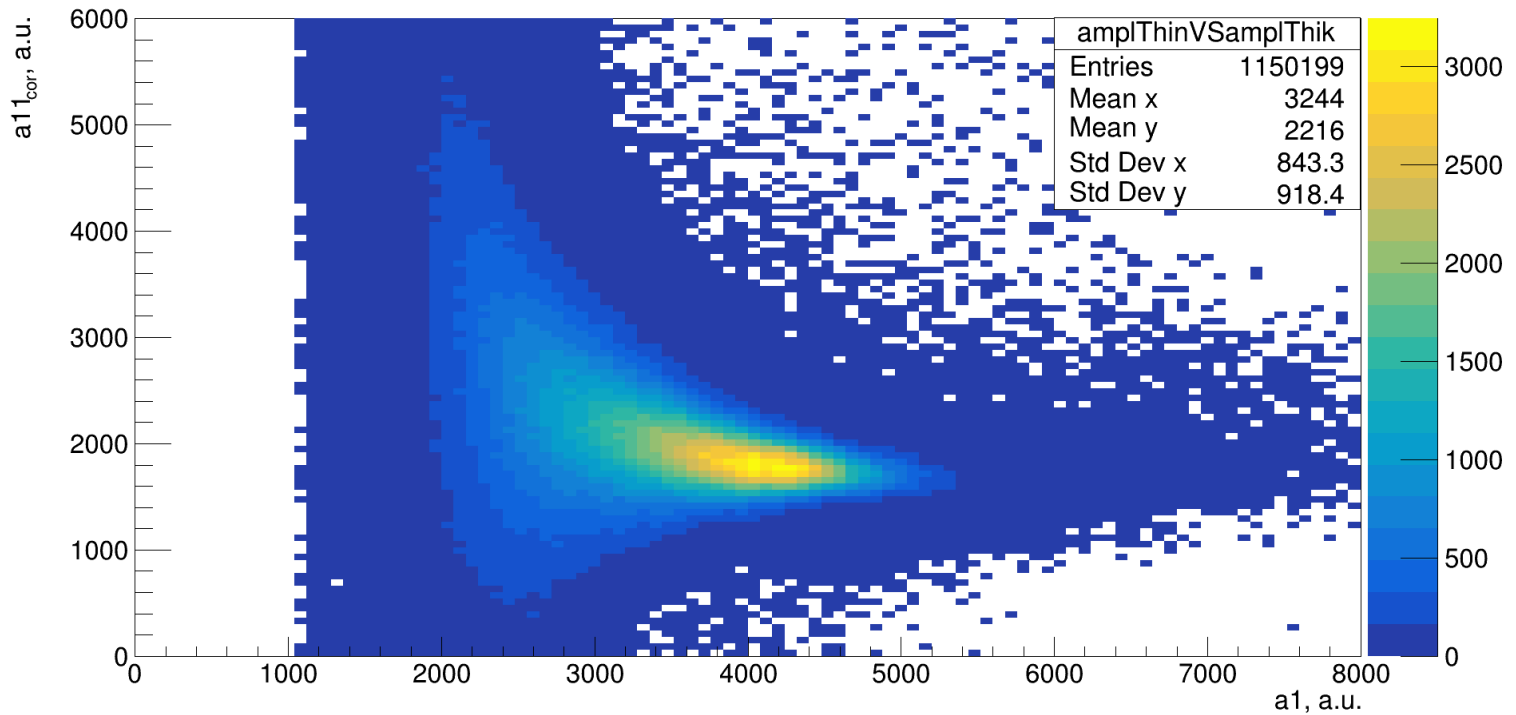
$a11_{cor}$  - the corrected amplitude,

$\alpha$  - the slope angle of the red line,

$tof_{measured}$  is the particle's time of flight - the time difference of register signal between  $E$  and  $E$  detector,

$tof_{up}$  is the time difference of register signal between PMTs-85 positioned at thin scintillator.

# Amplitude corrections



$\Delta E - E$  correlation with  $a_1$  using rotation to remove position dependence.

# Energy calibration

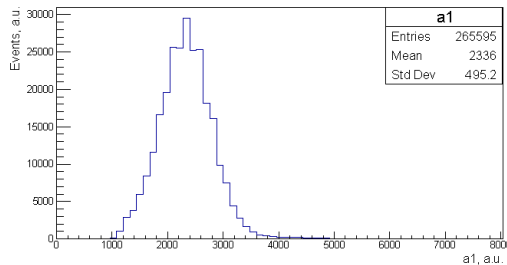
Multiplication of **the calibration coefficient** to the **amplitude** gives the information about the **energy losses** in the corresponding detector.

$$\begin{cases} k_i^1 a m_i + k_i^2 A_i = 75 \\ k_i^1 a m_i + k_i^2 A_i = 100 \\ k_i^1 a m_i + k_i^2 A_i = 125 \end{cases}$$

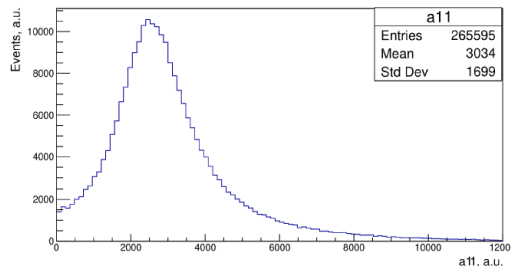
The method  
of **least squares**

Detector No.	$k_1, a.u.$	$\delta k_1, a.u.$	$k_2, a.u.$	$\delta k_2, a.u.$
I	0.0034	0.00017	0.028	0.002
II	0.0042	0.0002	0.028	0.003

Tab.3: The calibration coefficients ( $k_1$  and  $k_2$ ) for  $\Delta E$  and  $E$  scintillators.

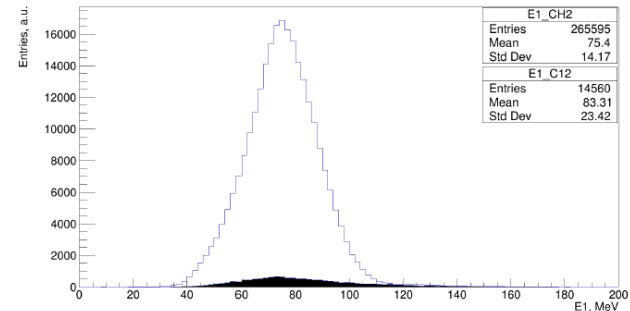


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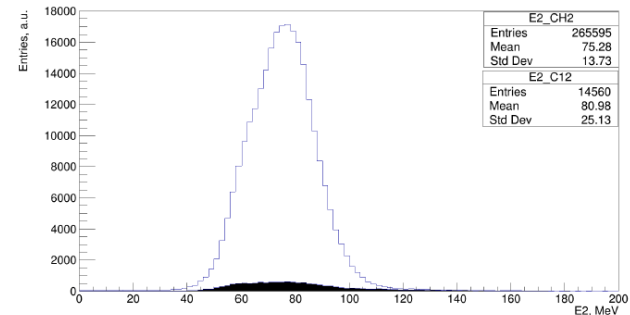


b.)

Amplitude spectra for the  $E$  PMT-85 (a) and the  $E$  PMT-63 (b) for the first  $E - E$  detector at the deuterons beam energy of 300 MeV in case of  $pp$ -quasi reaction.

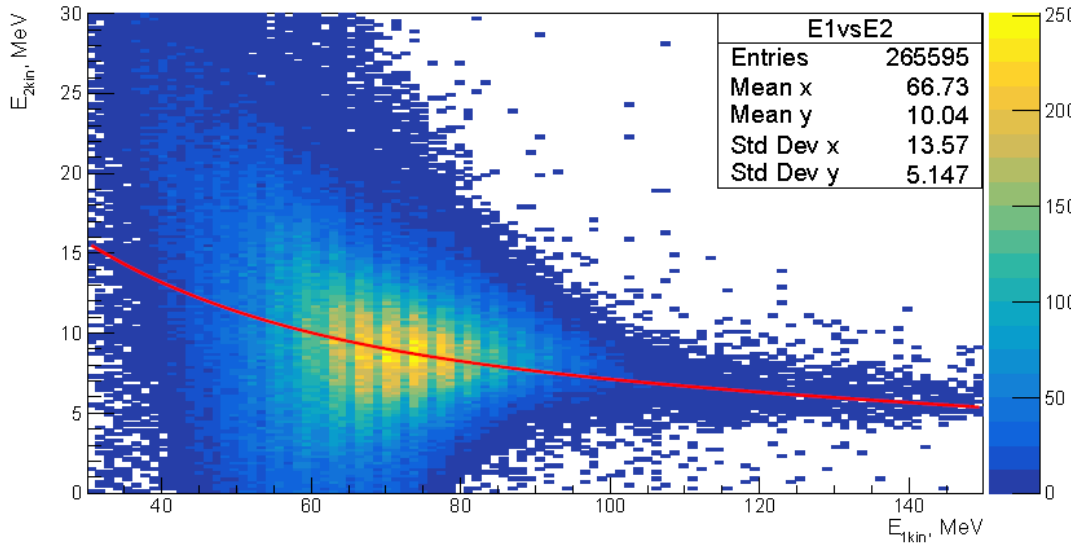


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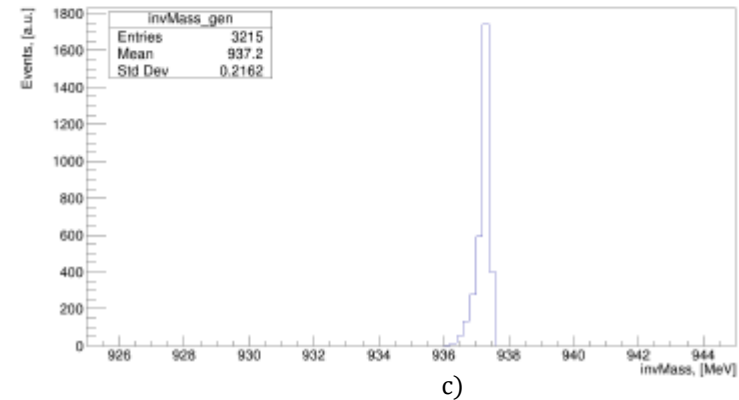
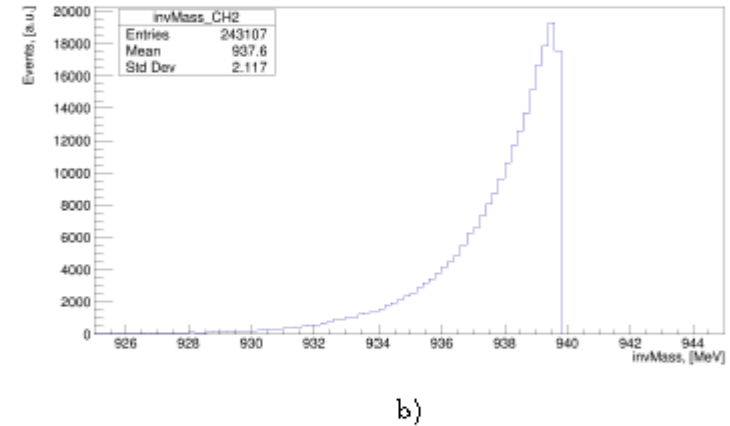
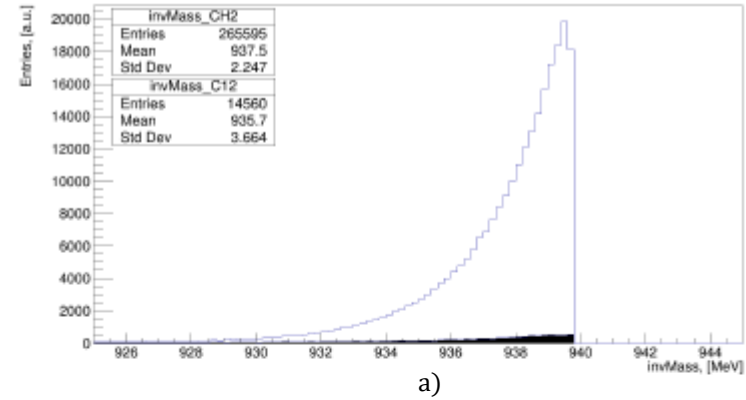
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# Energy calibration

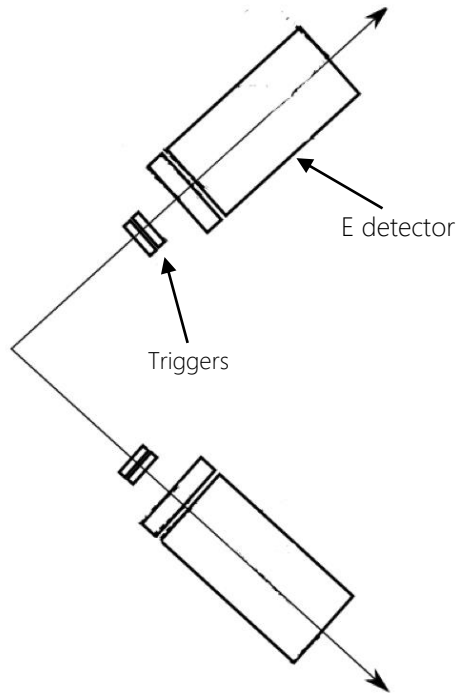


Correlation of the energy losses signal in  $E_2$  (Y-axis) and  $E_1$  (X-axis) detectors. The red curve represents the results of Geant4 simulation.

The missing mass spectra obtained for calibration data (a, b) and the results of TGenPhaseSpace simulation (c). Upper panel shows the missing mass spectra for  $\text{CH}_2$  (nonshaded histogram) and  $^{12}\text{C}$  (shaded histogram) targets. The spectrum obtained by subtracting of Carbon content from Polyethylene one is presented in b).

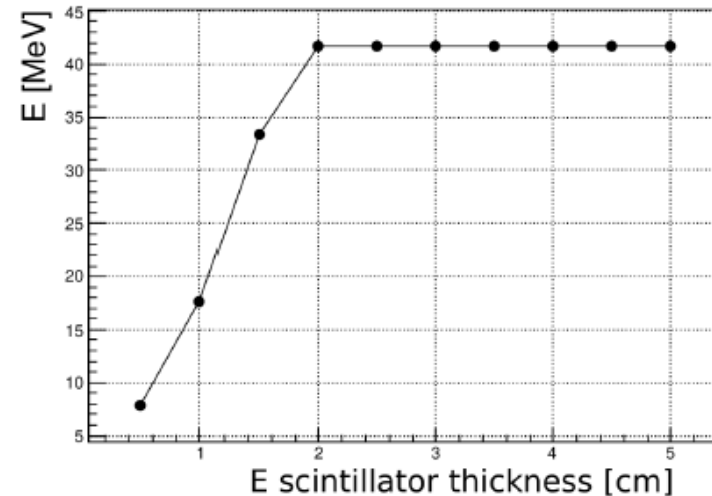


# Detector efficiency



The various **data files** are used:

- ✓ Methodical longitudinal measurement angles at  $43.9^\circ$  (55 MeV);
- ✓ calibration data (75, 100, 125 MeV);
- ✓ data file from another  $pp$ -quasi elastic experiment at  $110^\circ$  (180 MeV).



*Detector placement for longitudinal measurements.*

*Monte Carlo simulation in case of longitudinal measurement. The energy of the protons is 75 MeV. The trigger thickness is 1 cm, E detector thickness of 1 cm, thicknesses of E scintillator = 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5 cm. Various thicknesses of E detector we used in order to find the depth of particles penetration in E detector.*

# Detector efficiency

$$N^{123} = \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 N^{in},$$

$$N^{12} = \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 N^{in},$$

$$N^{13} = \epsilon_1 \epsilon_3 N^{in},$$

$$N^{23} = \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 N^{in},$$

$\epsilon_1$ ,  $\epsilon_2$ , and  $\epsilon_3$  correspond to the efficiency of the first, second triggers and  $E$  detector, respectively.

$N_{123}$  is the number of counts detected by the three detectors in coincidence;

$N_{12}$ ,  $N_{13}$ ,  $N_{23}$  are the number of events detected by two counters and detector, respectively;

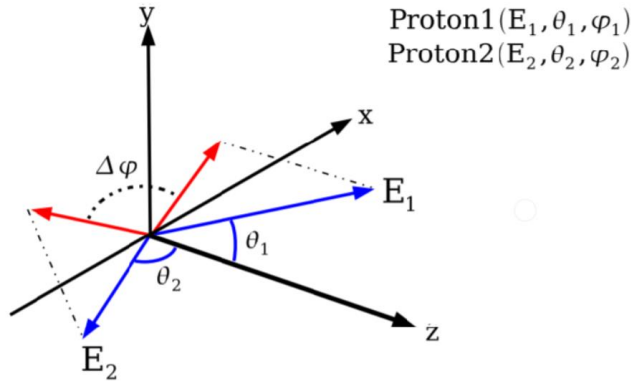
$N_{in}$  represents the number of "incident" events.

energy, [MeV]	55	75	100	125	180
efficiency	0.407±0.0097	0.998±0.017	0.997±0.013	0.976±0.011	0.97±0.01

Tab.4: The detector efficiency for selected particles energies.

The detector efficiency correction needs to be applied to obtain the proper number of protons passing through the detector

# S – curve



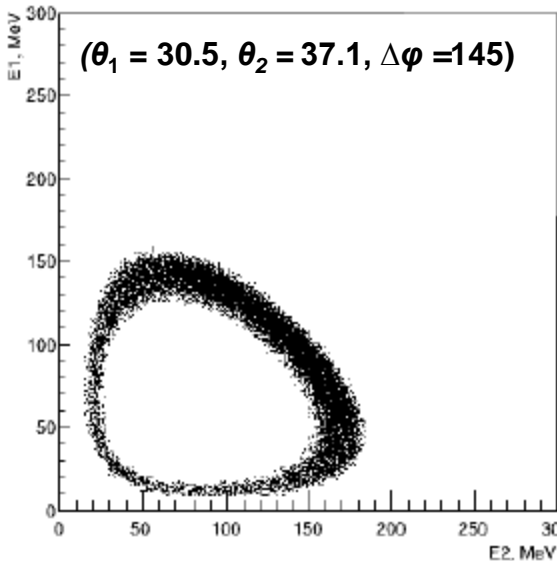
The final state particles can be determined using  
 $(E_1, \theta_1, \phi_1)_{p_1}, (E_2, \theta_2, \phi_2)_{p_2}, (E_3, \theta_3, \phi_3)_n$

+ four momentum conservation law:

$$Q + 2[(E_1 + E_2)(E_p + m_d) - \sqrt{(E_1^2 - m_1^2)(E_p^2 - m_p^2)}\cos\theta_1 - \sqrt{(E_2^2 - m_2^2)(E_p^2 - m_p^2)}\cos\theta_2 + \sqrt{(E_1^2 - m_1^2)(E_2^2 - m_2^2)}\cos\theta_{12} - E_p m_d - E_1 E_2] = 0,$$

$$Q = m_3^2 - m_1^2 - m_2^2 - m_d^2 - m_p^2.$$

The dependence of  $E_2$  on  $E_1$  is the **S - curve**

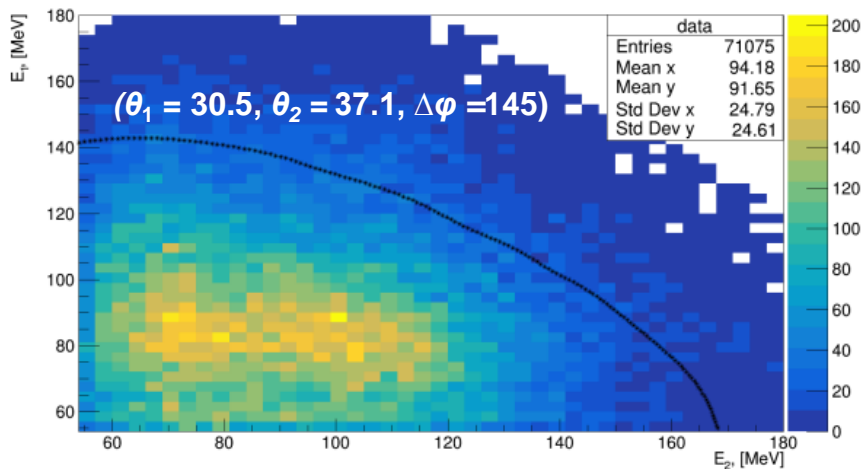


*The correlation of the energy of protons (S - curve) obtained from phase space simulation performed in ROOT. Angular coverage of detector is taking into account.*

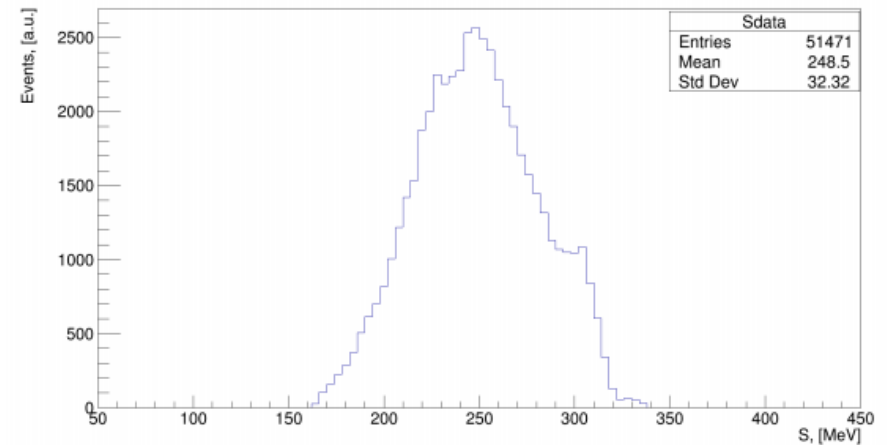
**The S-curve contains all the kinematically allowed combinations**

# S – curve

The **experimental data** are **projected** onto the S - curve points to obtained the number of events for each point of the kinematical curve.



*The correlation between the energy of the outgoing protons in the breakup.  
The relativistic S - curve is added as a dots with the step of 1 MeV.*



*The results of the experimental points projection into S - curve within acceptance of the detector.*

The number of breakup events in each point of S - curve is needed for calculation of the differential cross section in future.

# Summary and conclusions

Investigation of **dp-breakup** reaction was performed at the kinetic energy of the deuteron beam of **300, 400, 500 MeV**. Processing of the  $dp \rightarrow ppn$  reaction can be divided into three main steps:

- The particles **amplitude** is **corrected** using information from
  - measurement with LED during data taking,
  - positional dependencies of PMT's amplitude of  $\Delta E$

detector.

- **The energy calibration** of the  $\Delta E - E$  detector has been performed at **300, 400, and 500 MeV**. The **calibration coefficients** for  $\Delta E$  and  $E$  detectors are calculated by solving the system of linear equation.

- **Detector efficiencies** of  $\Delta E - E$  were obtained.

- Studies of the deuteron proton breakup reaction in the **space star configuration** were performed at 300 MeV. Distribution of events along the kinematical S - curve has been obtained taking into account detector efficiency.

These results will be used for the calculation of the cross section of the breakup reaction.

Thank you for your  
attention

