

Search for γ decay of near-threshold states in light nuclei



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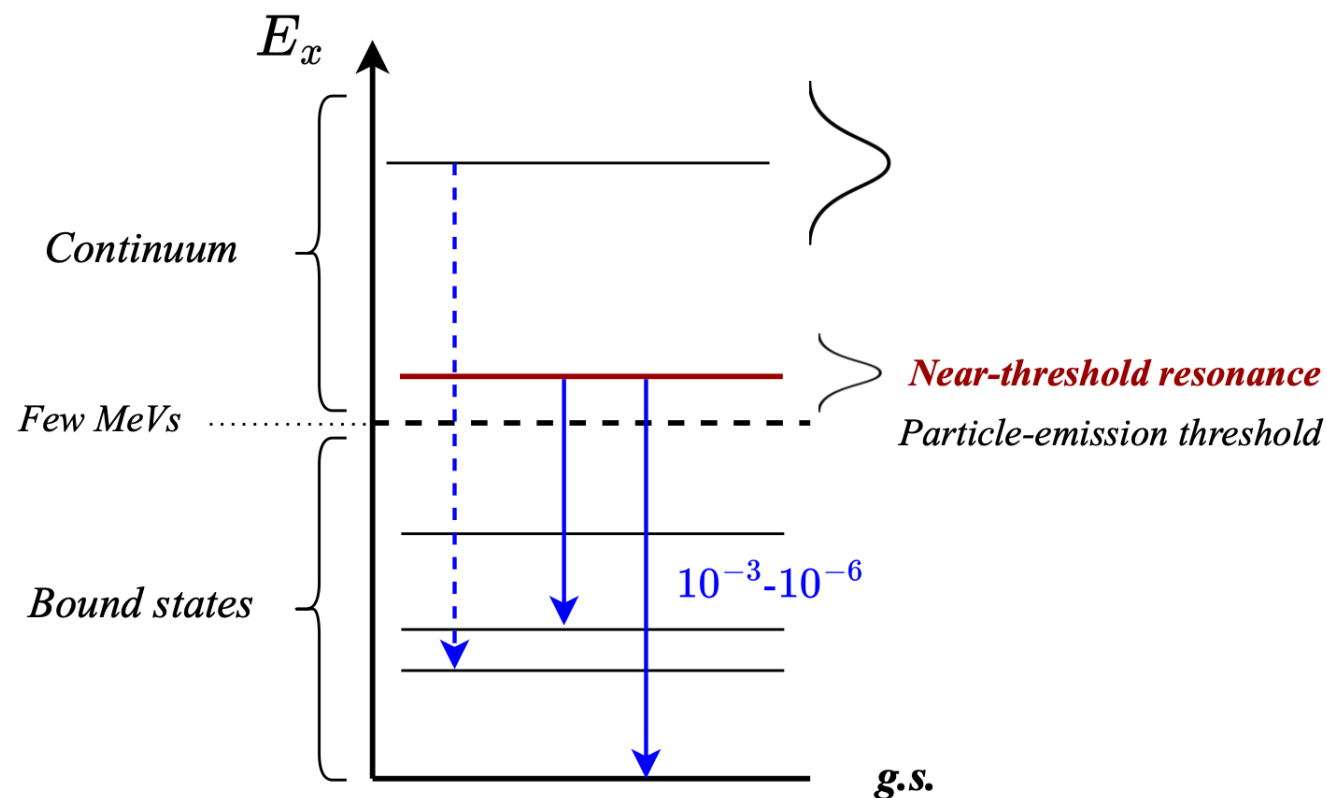
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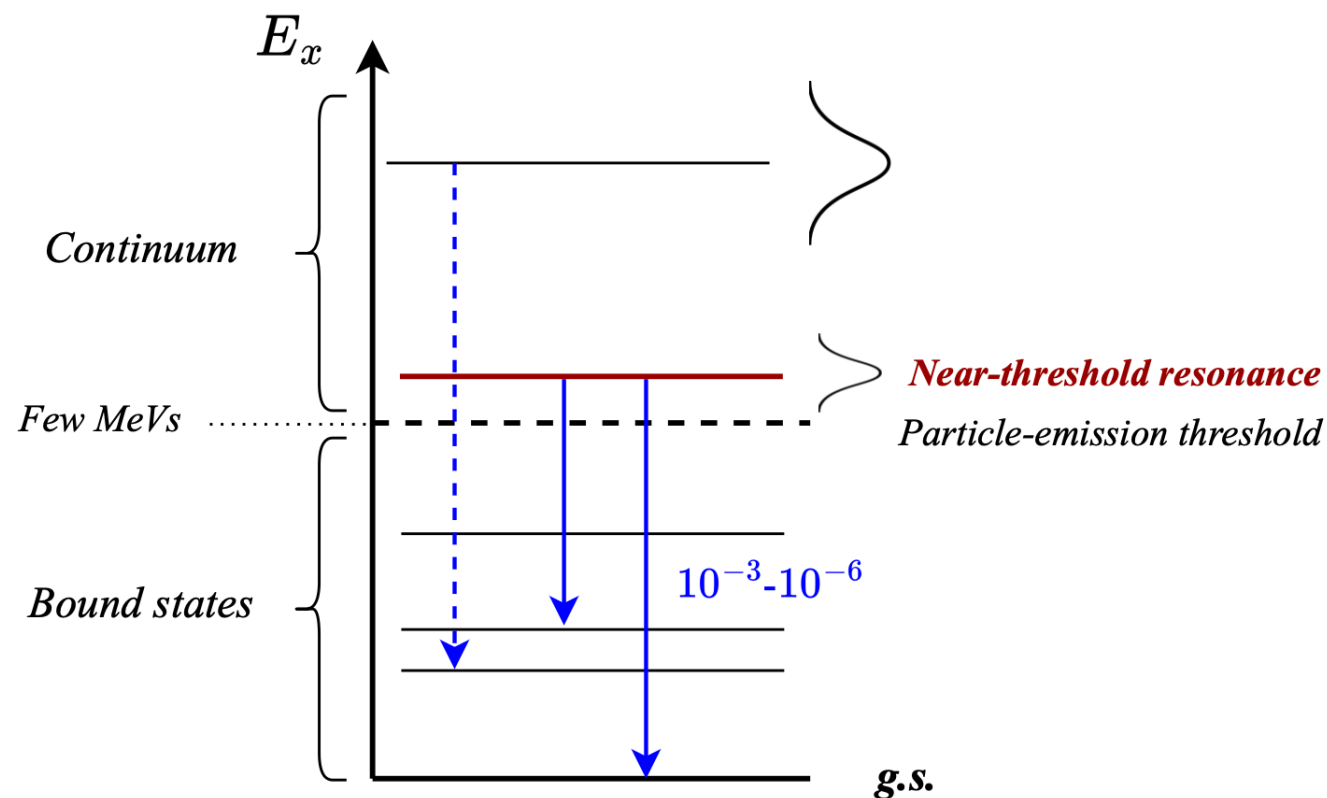


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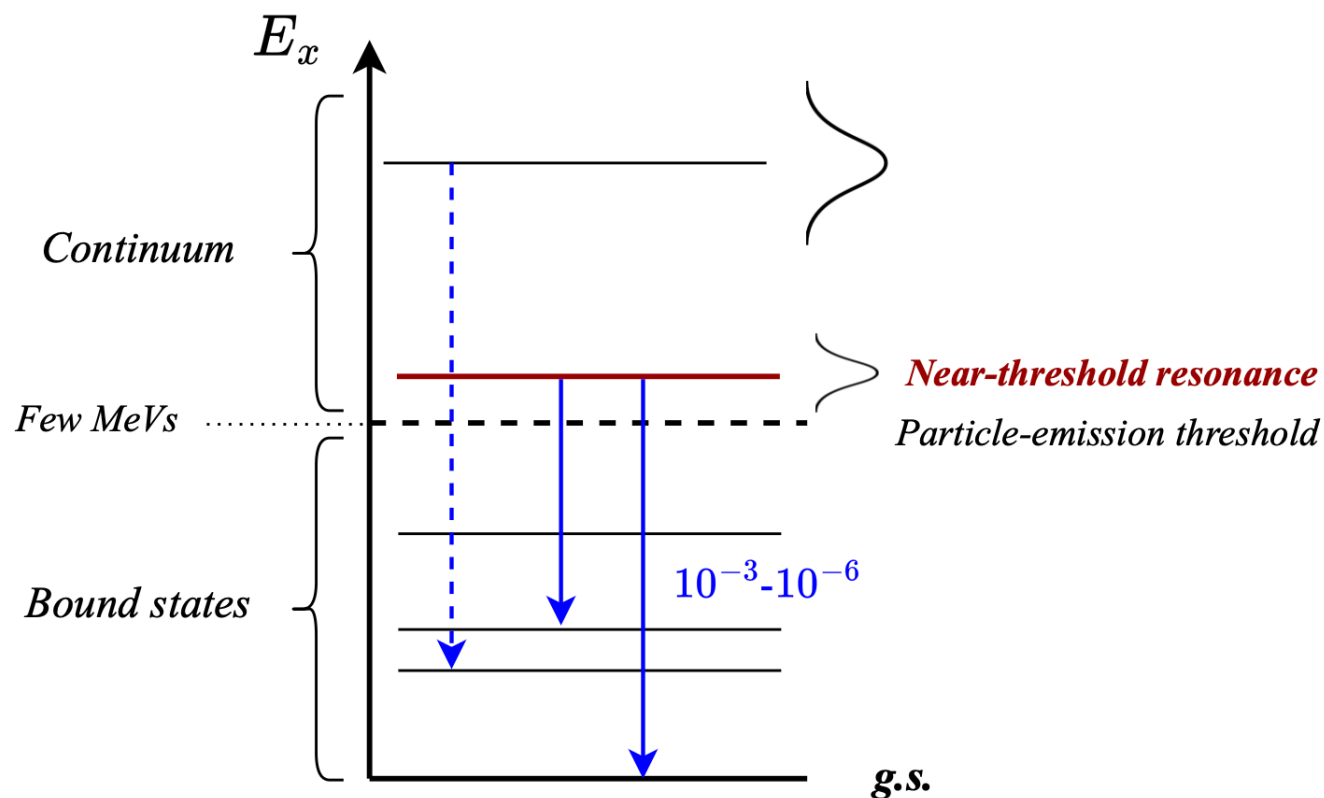


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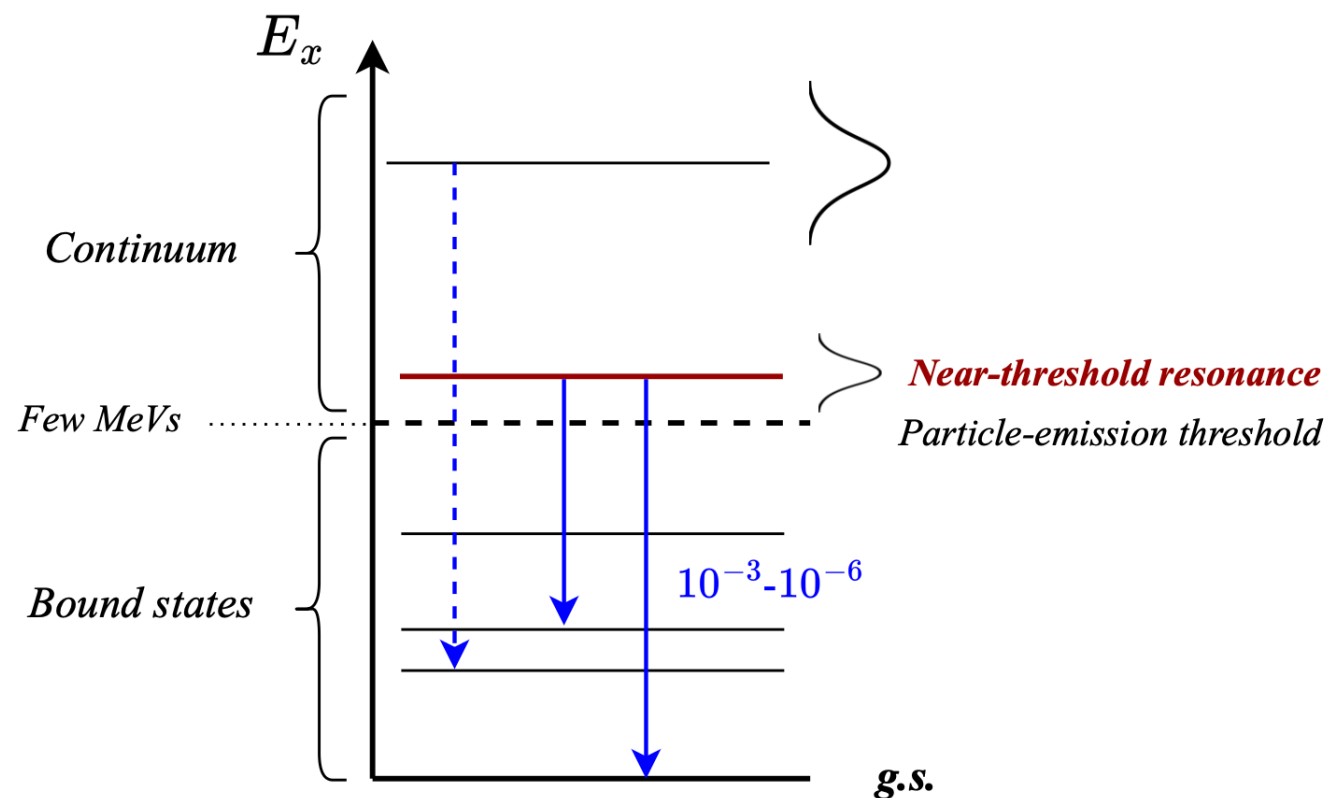
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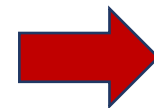
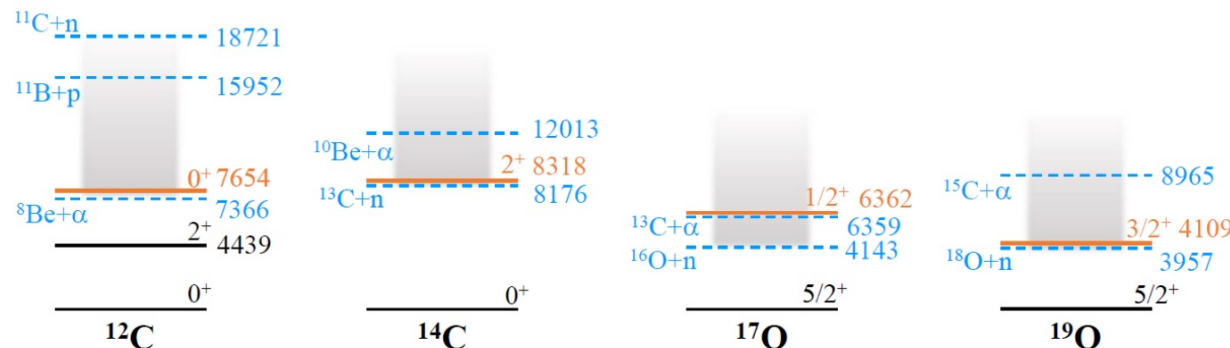
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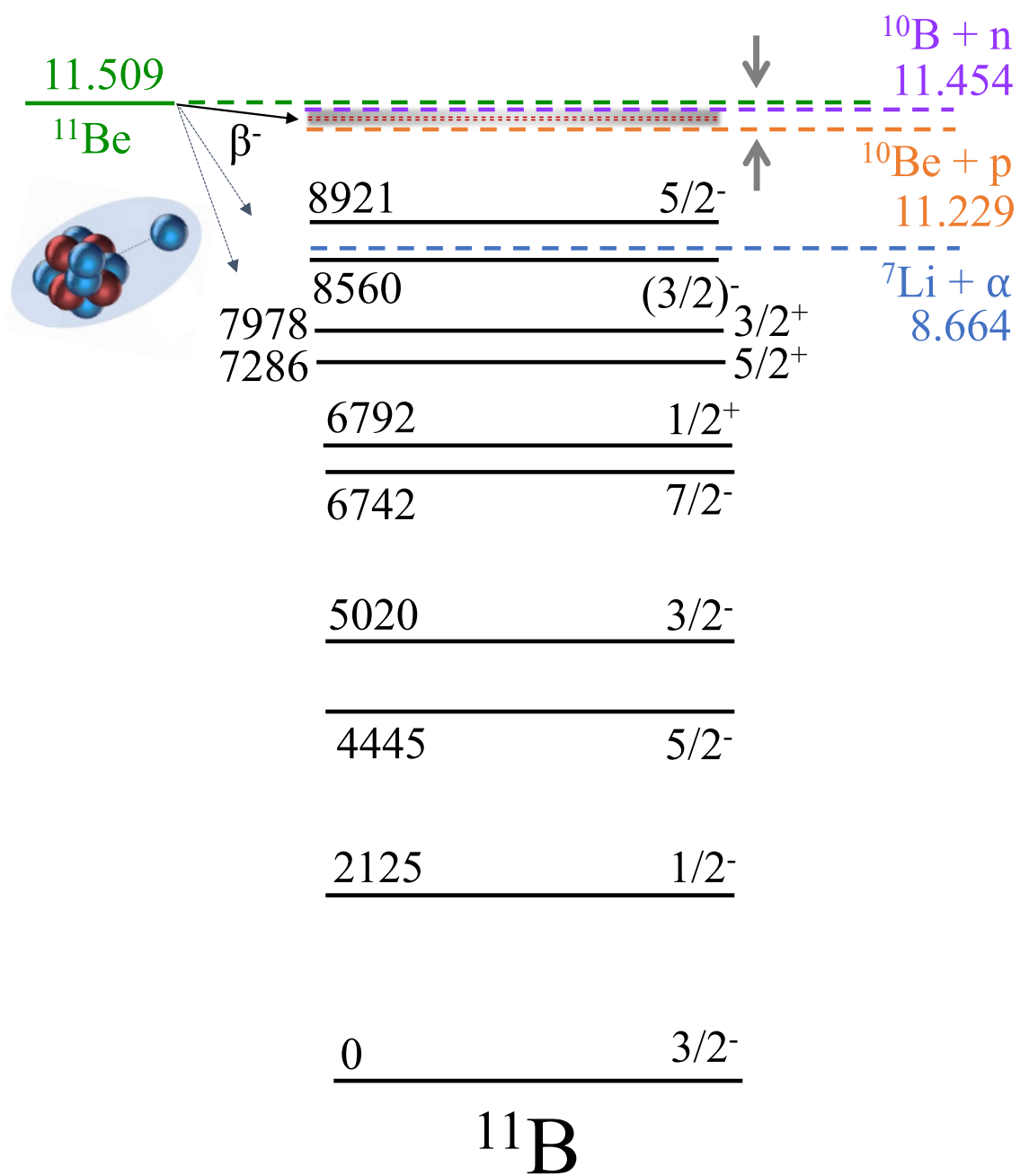
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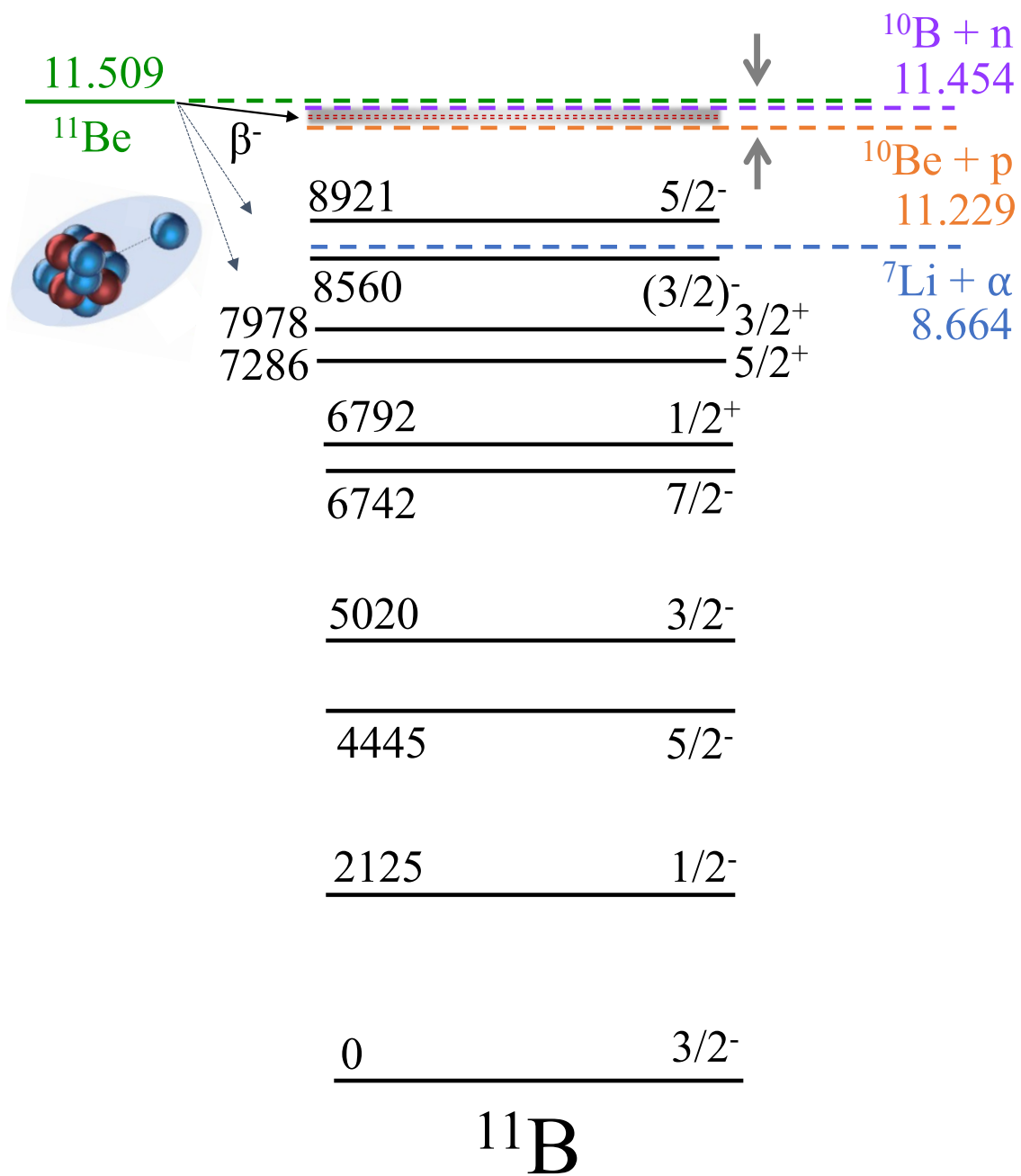
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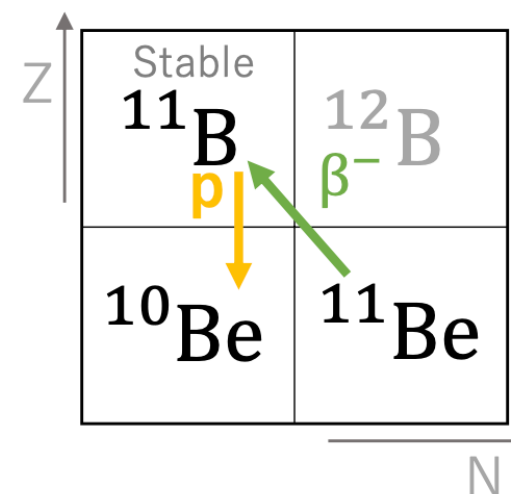


γ rays as probes
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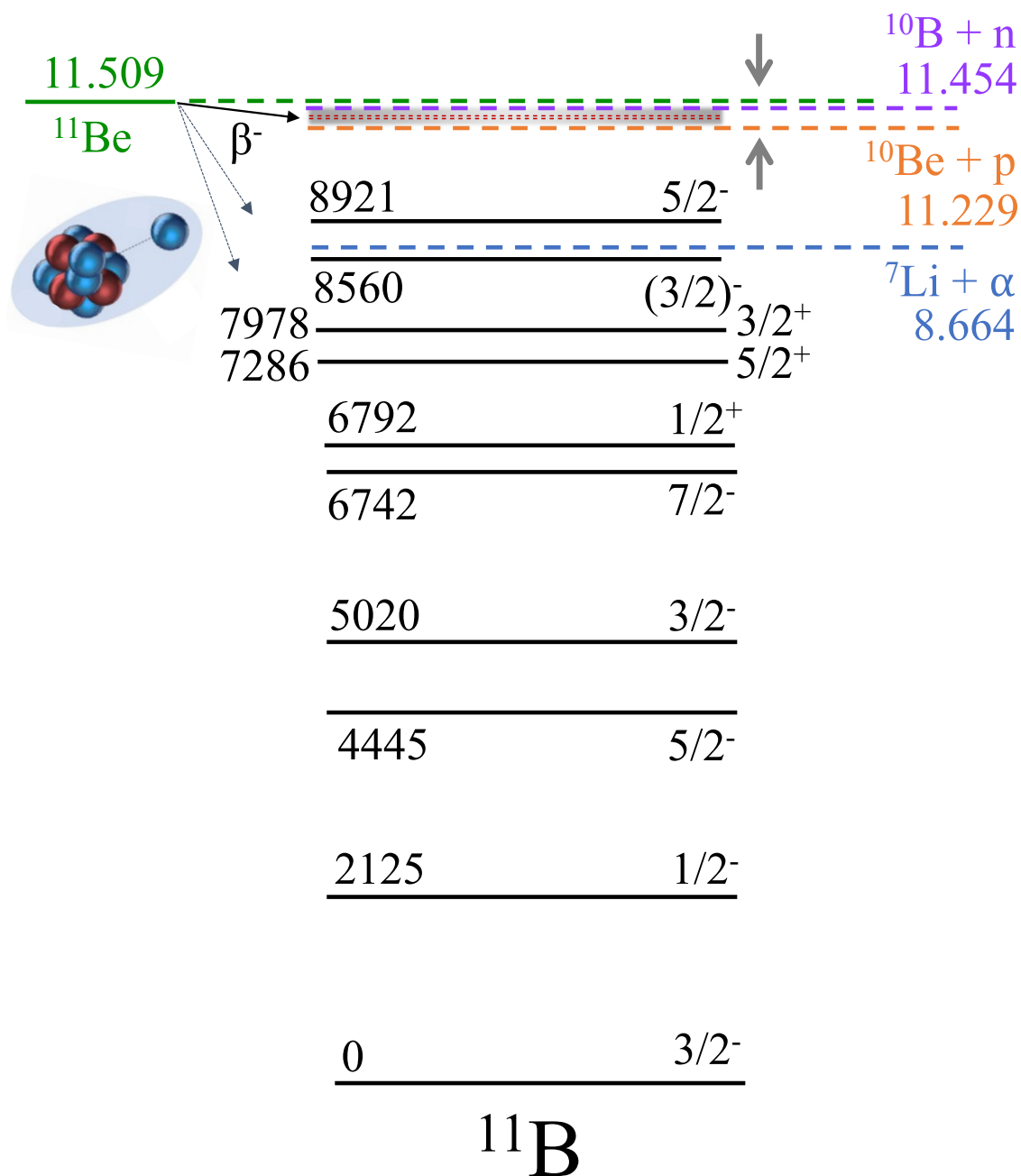
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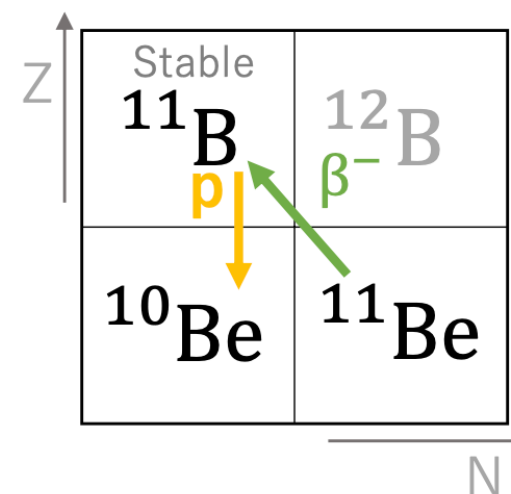
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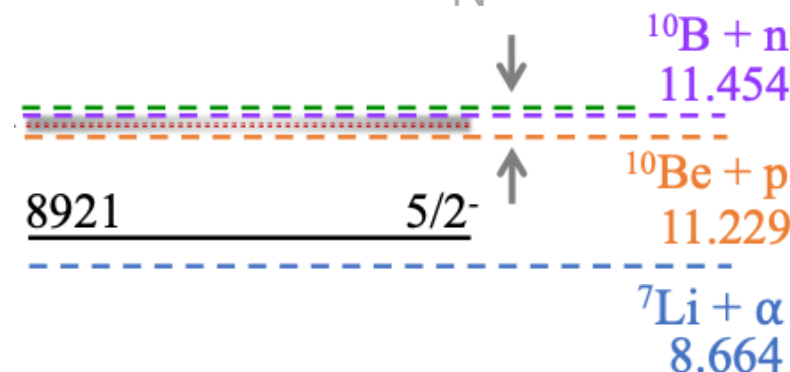
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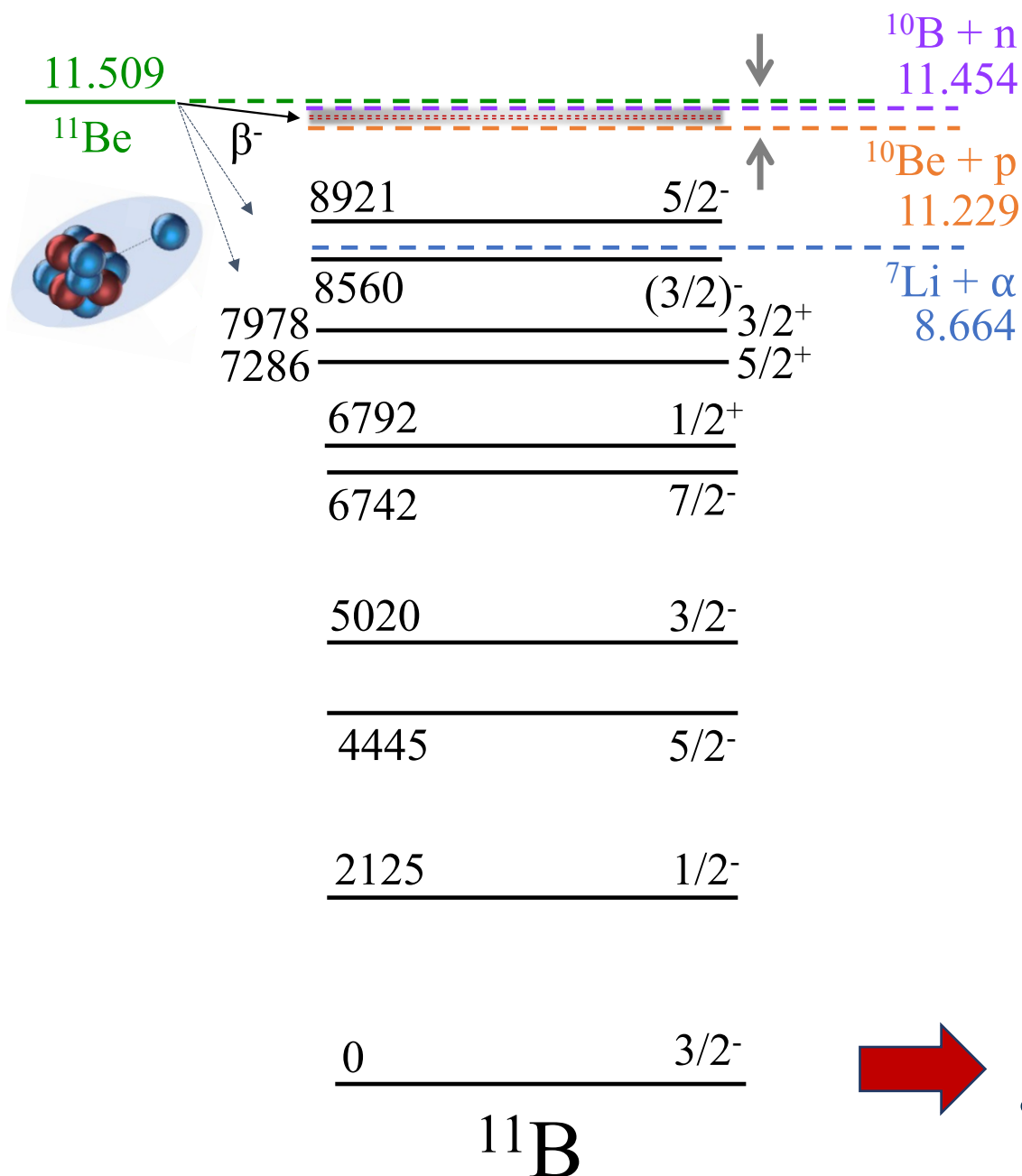
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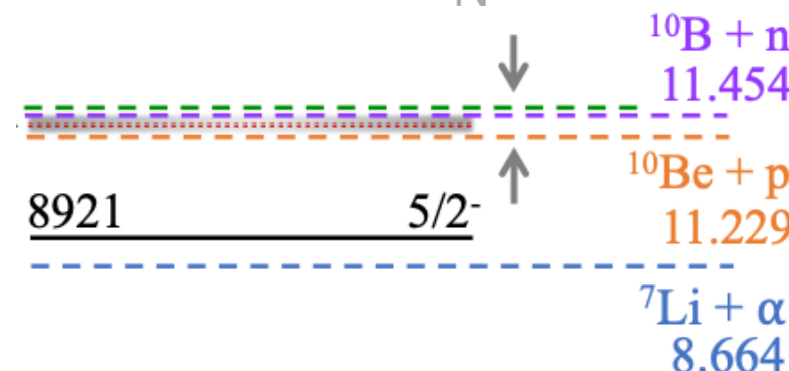
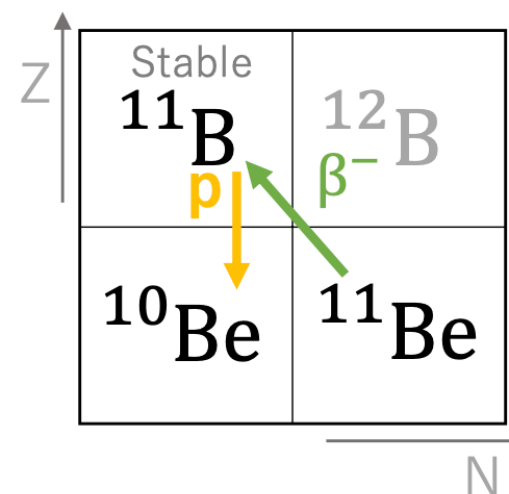


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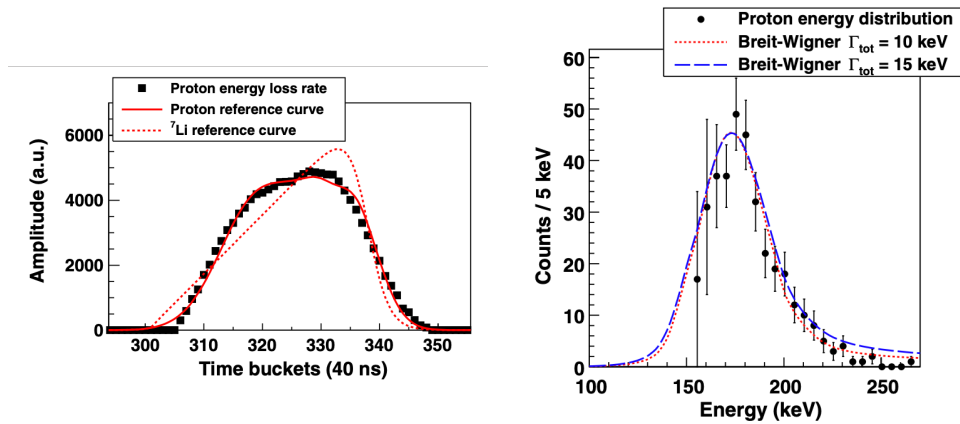
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May this decay proceed through
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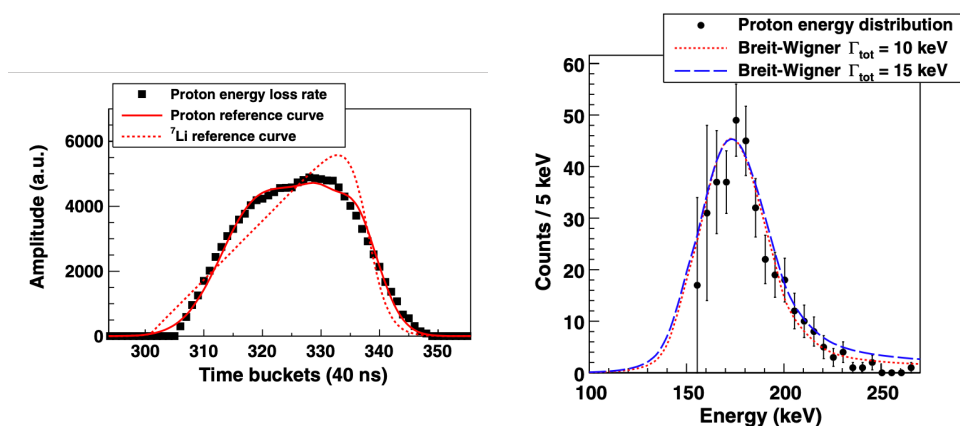


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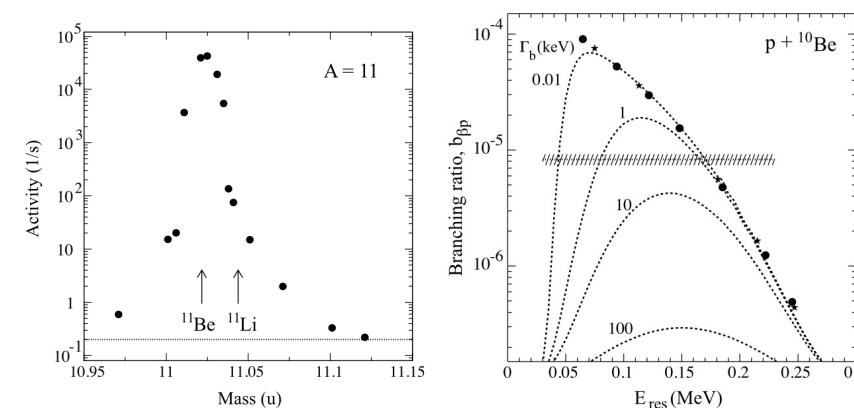


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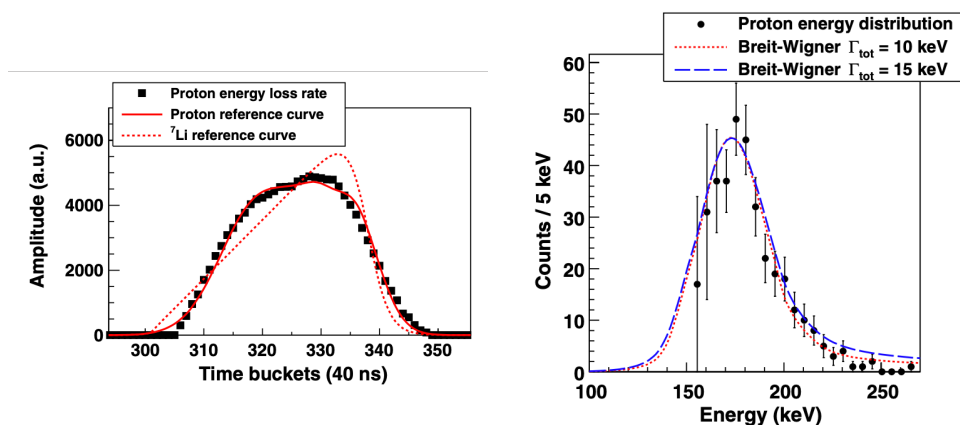
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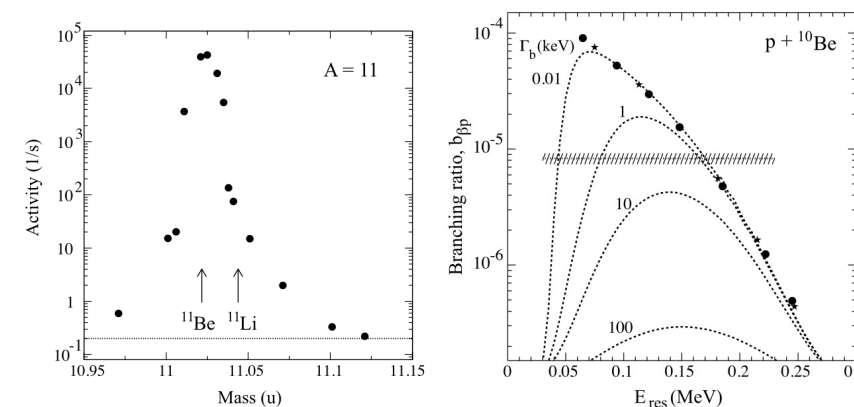


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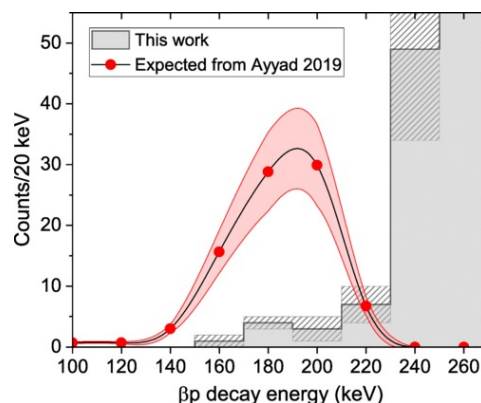
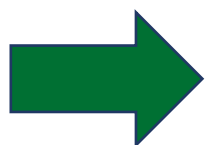
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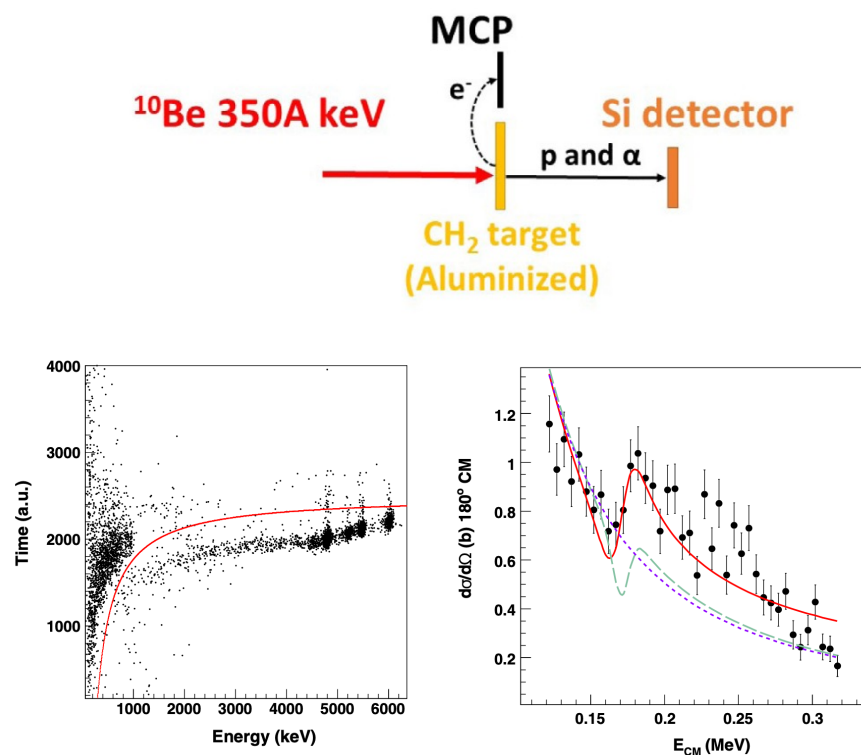
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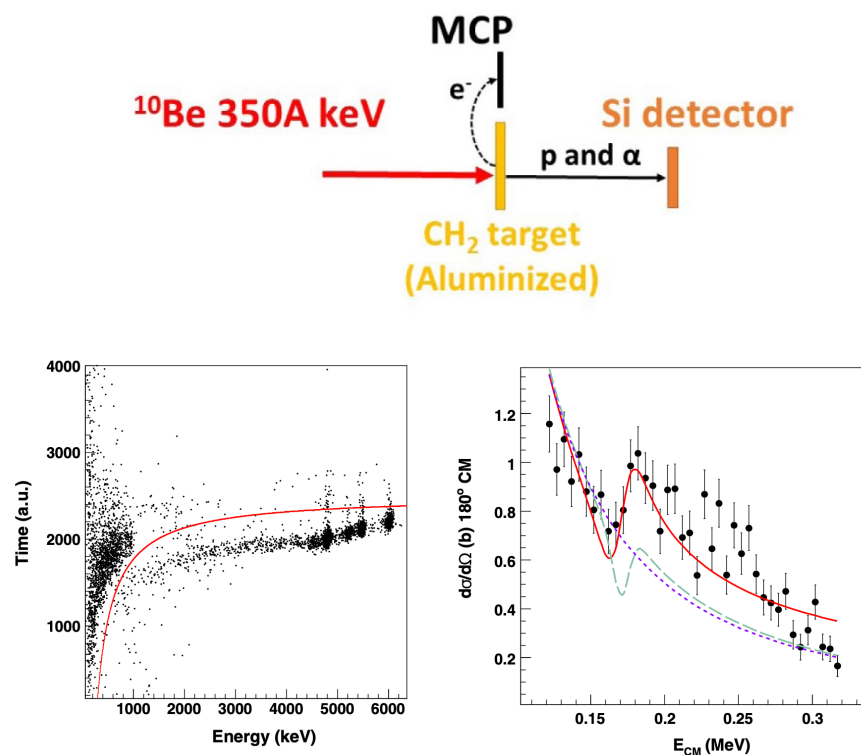
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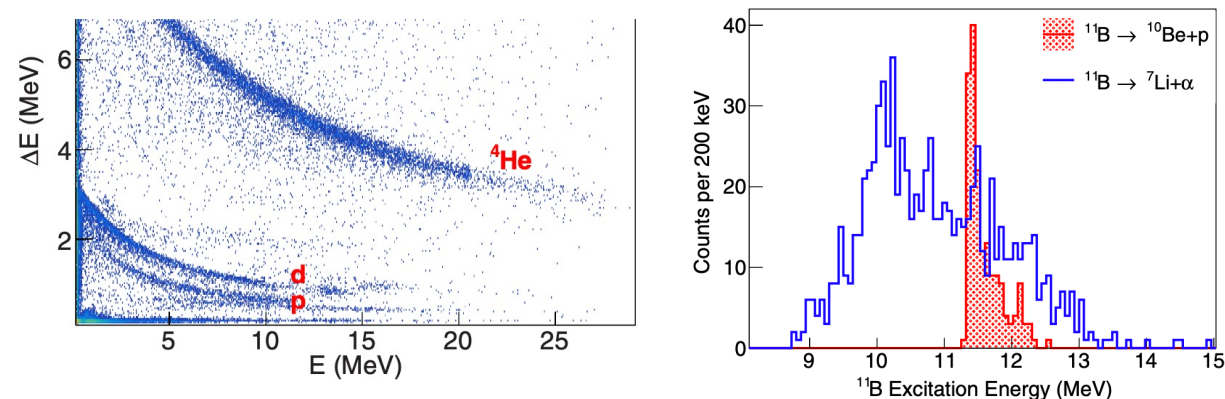
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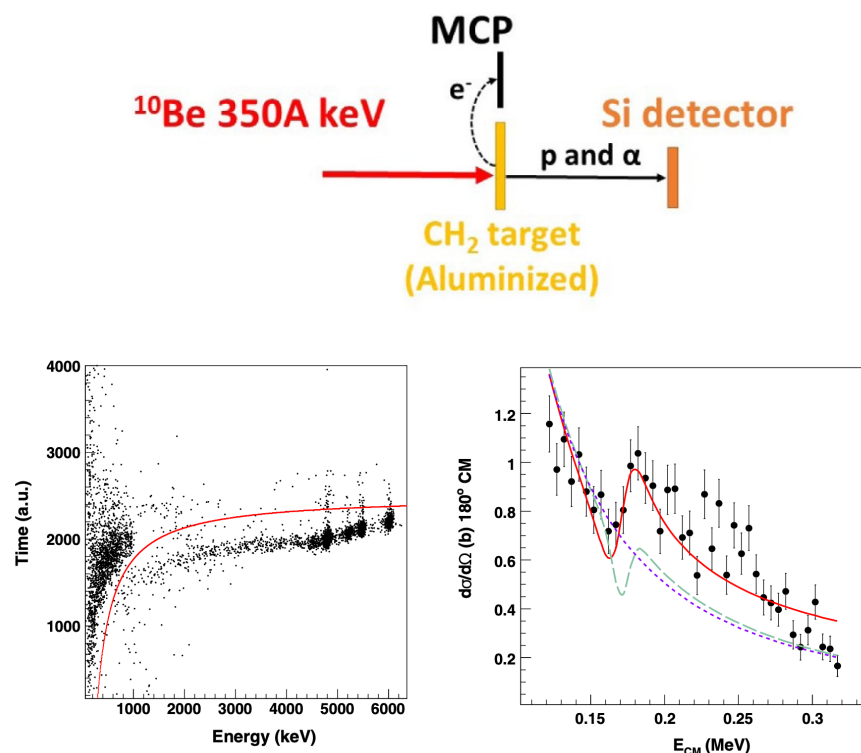
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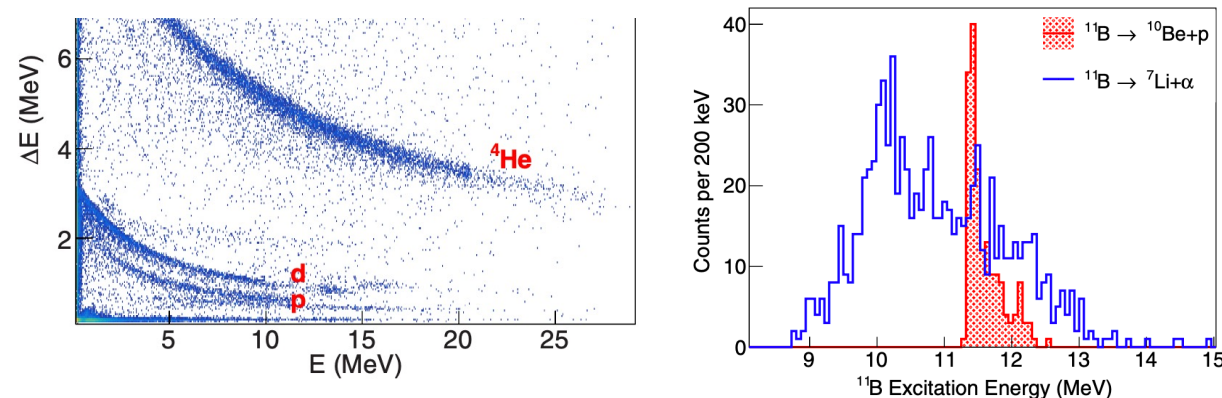
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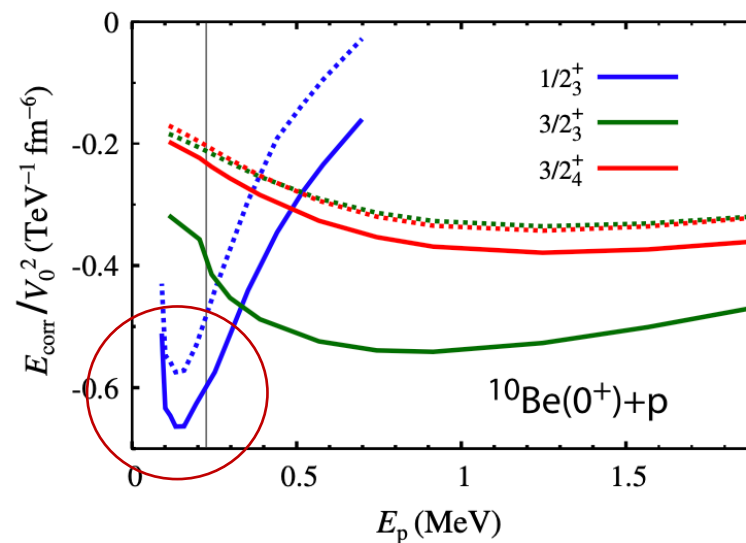
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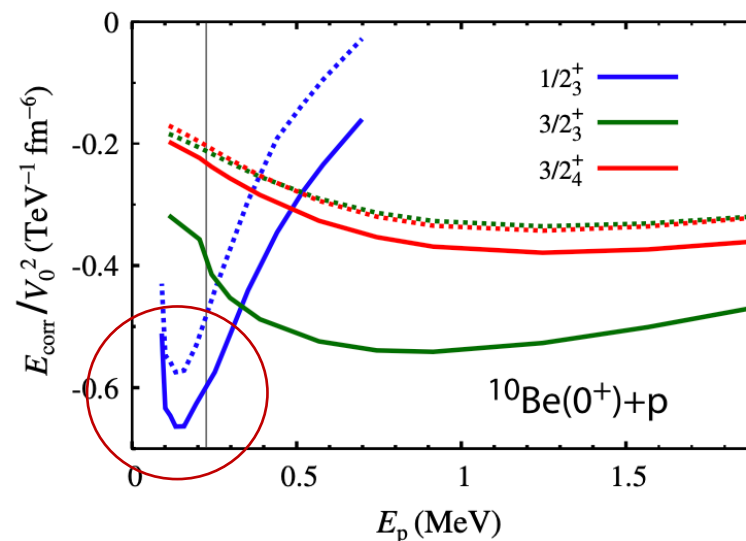
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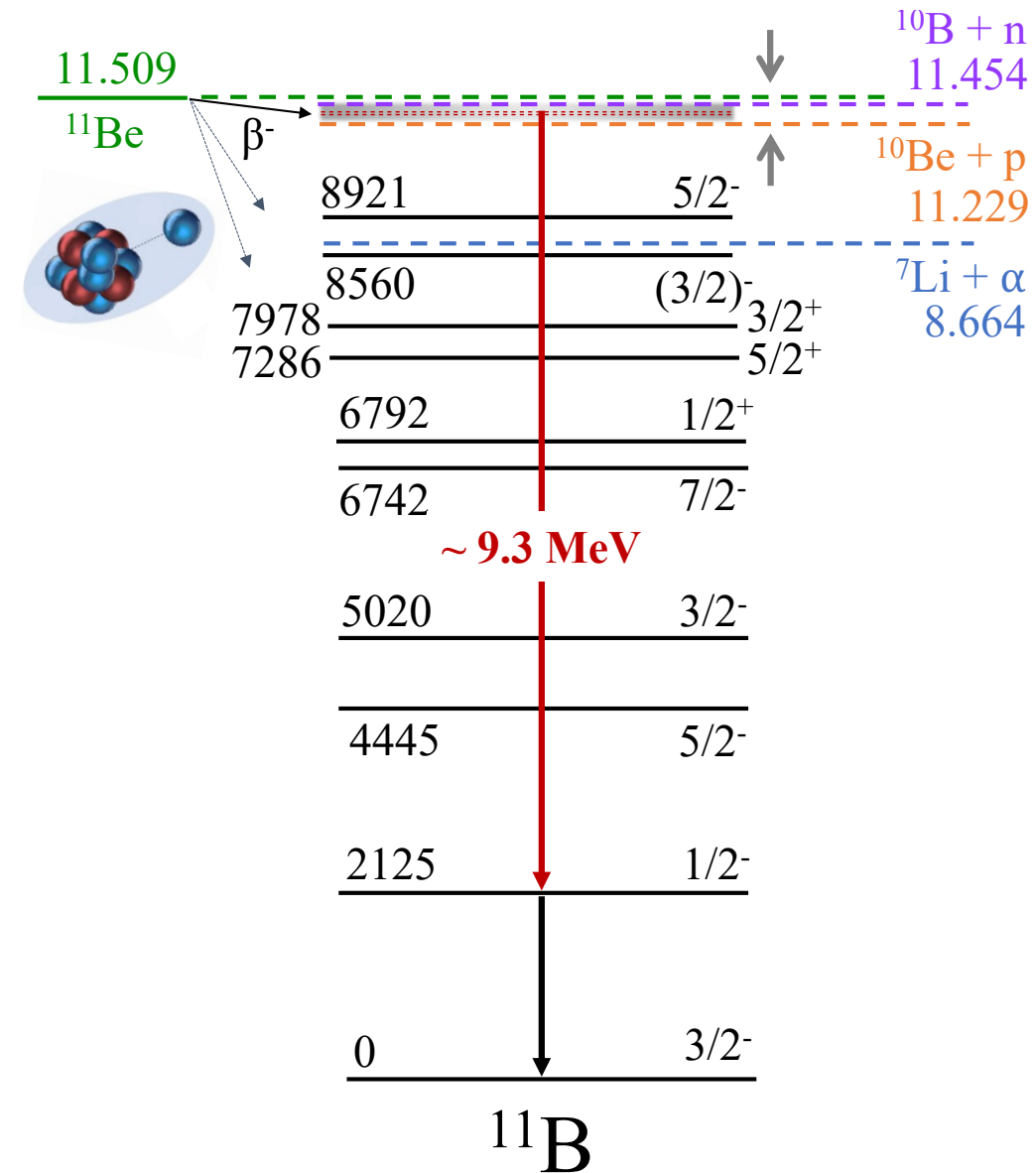
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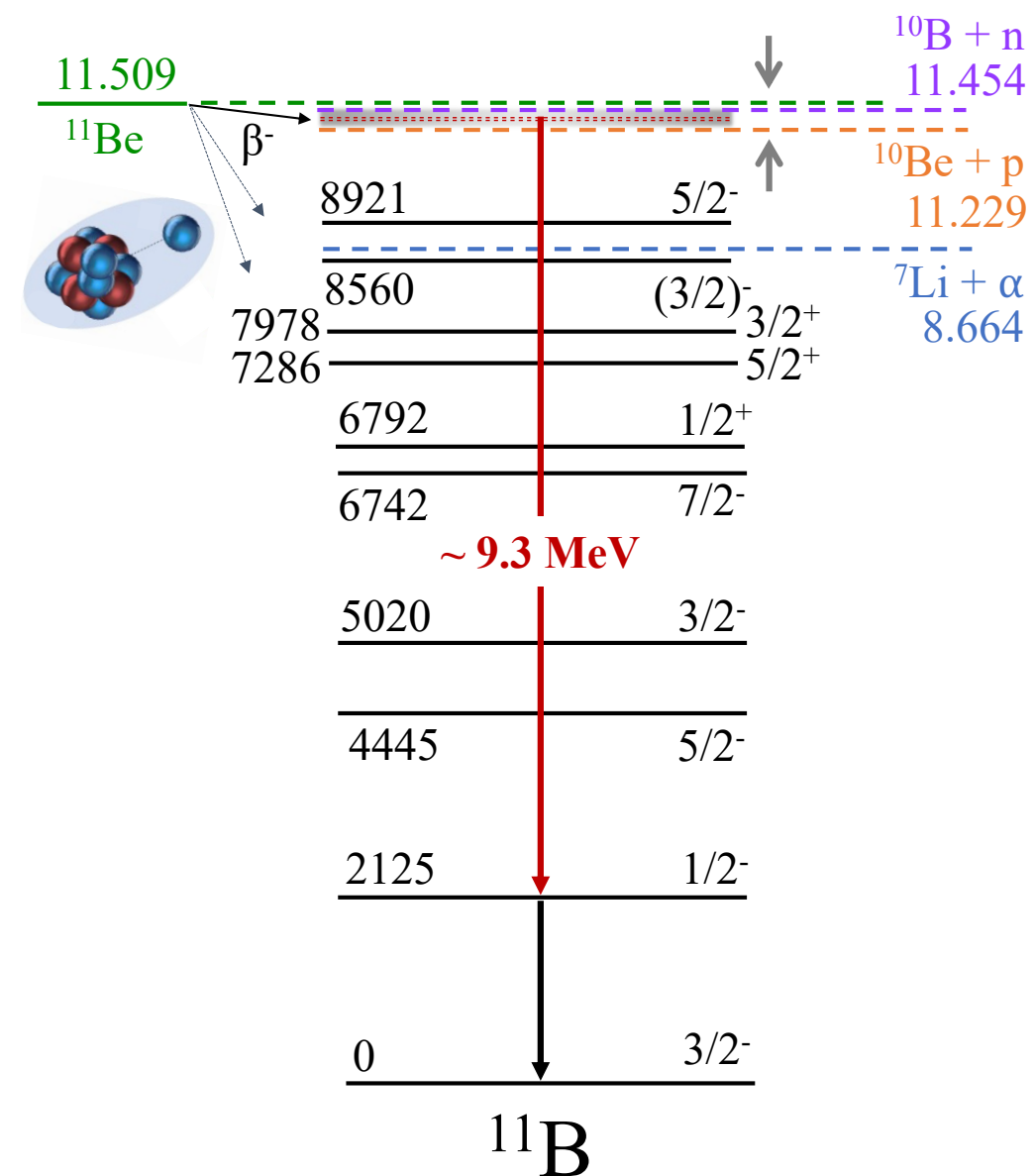
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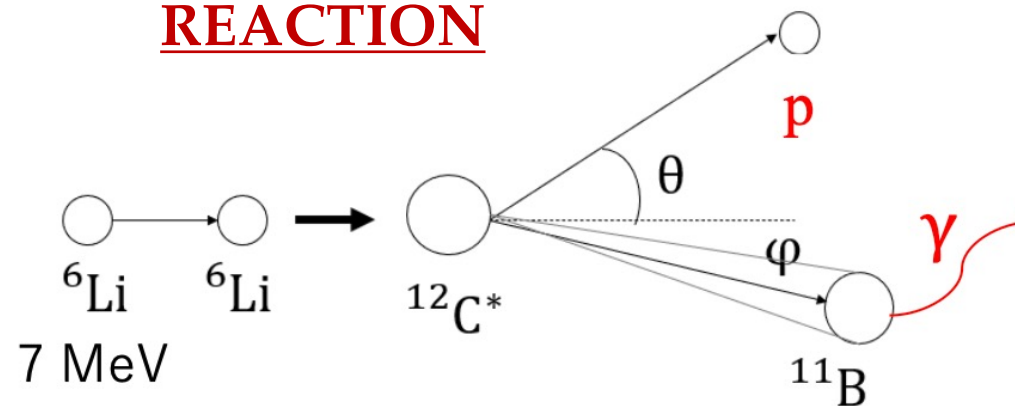
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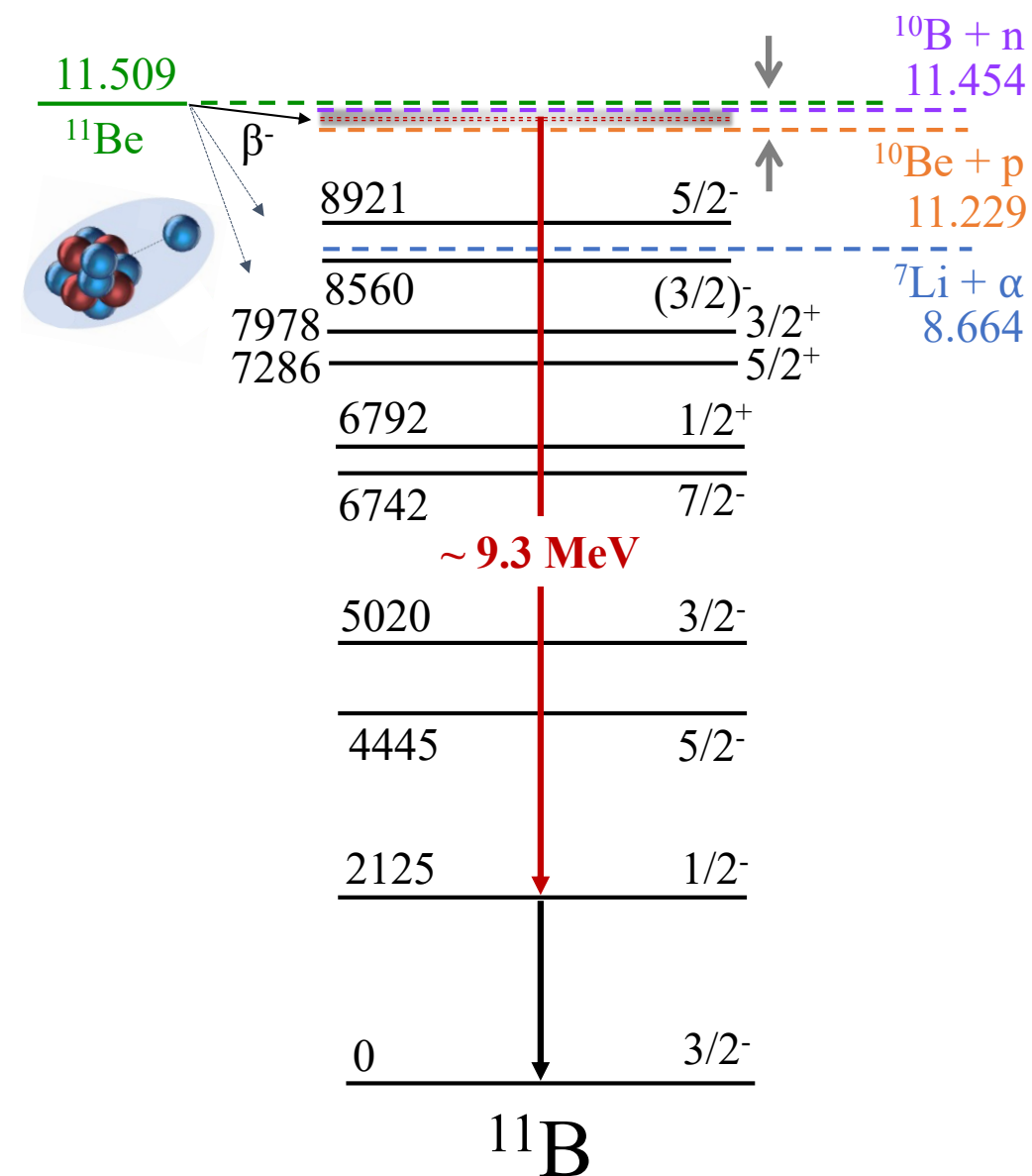
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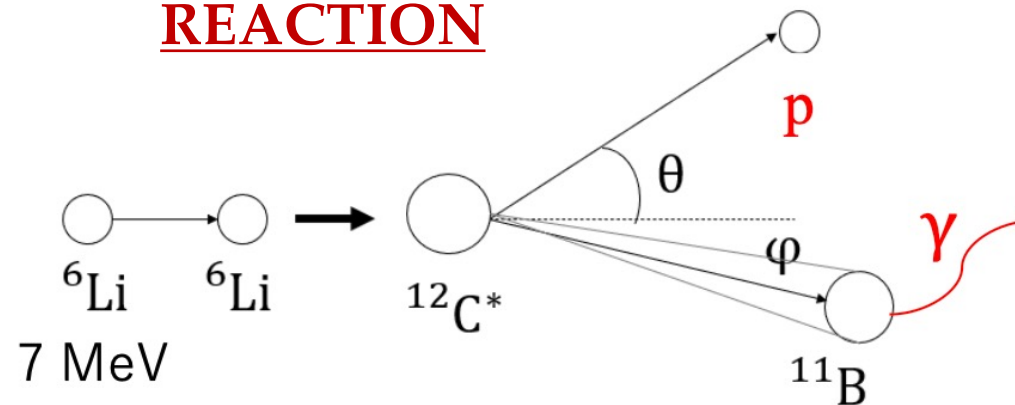


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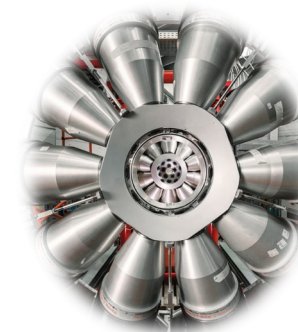




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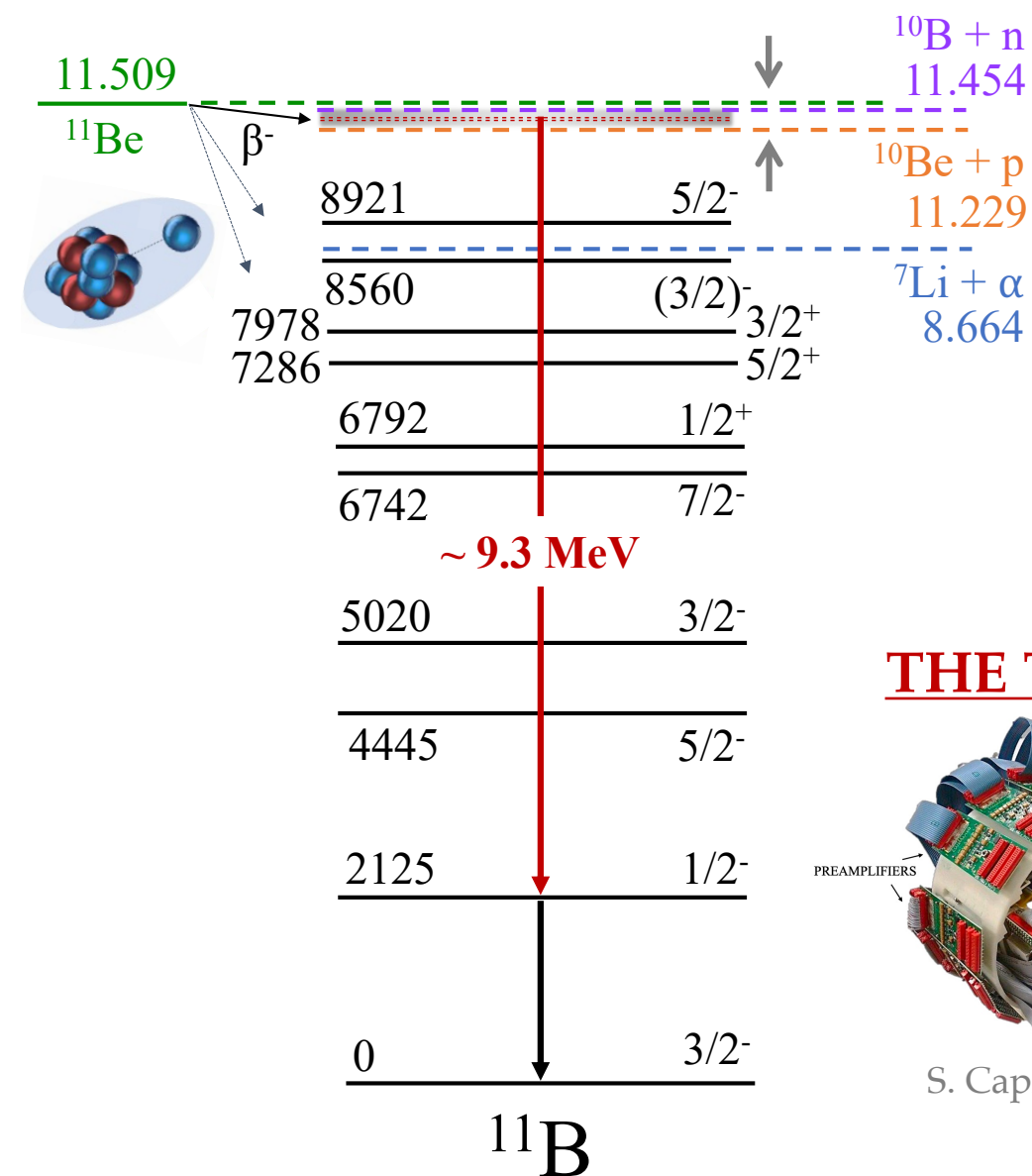


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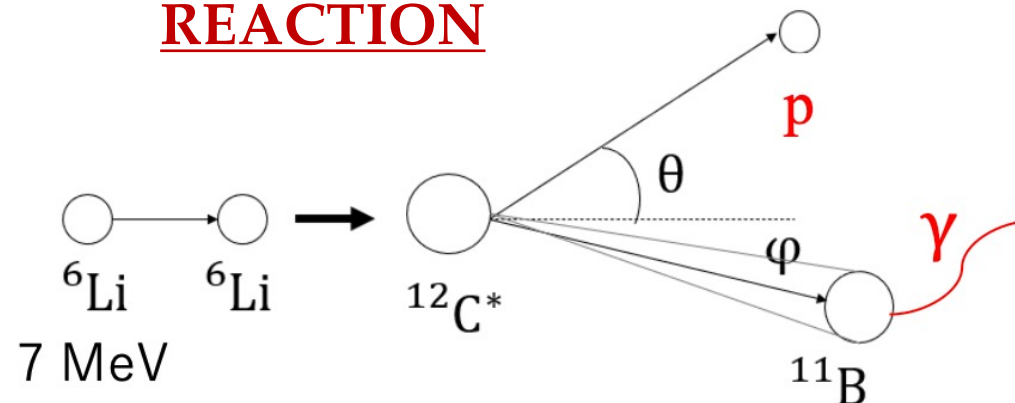


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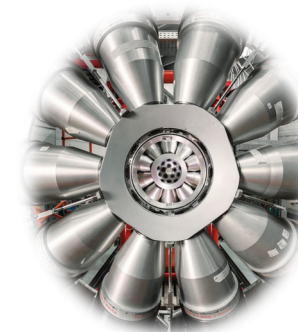
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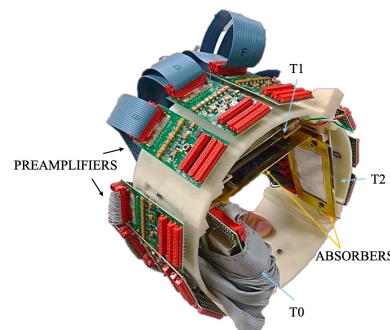
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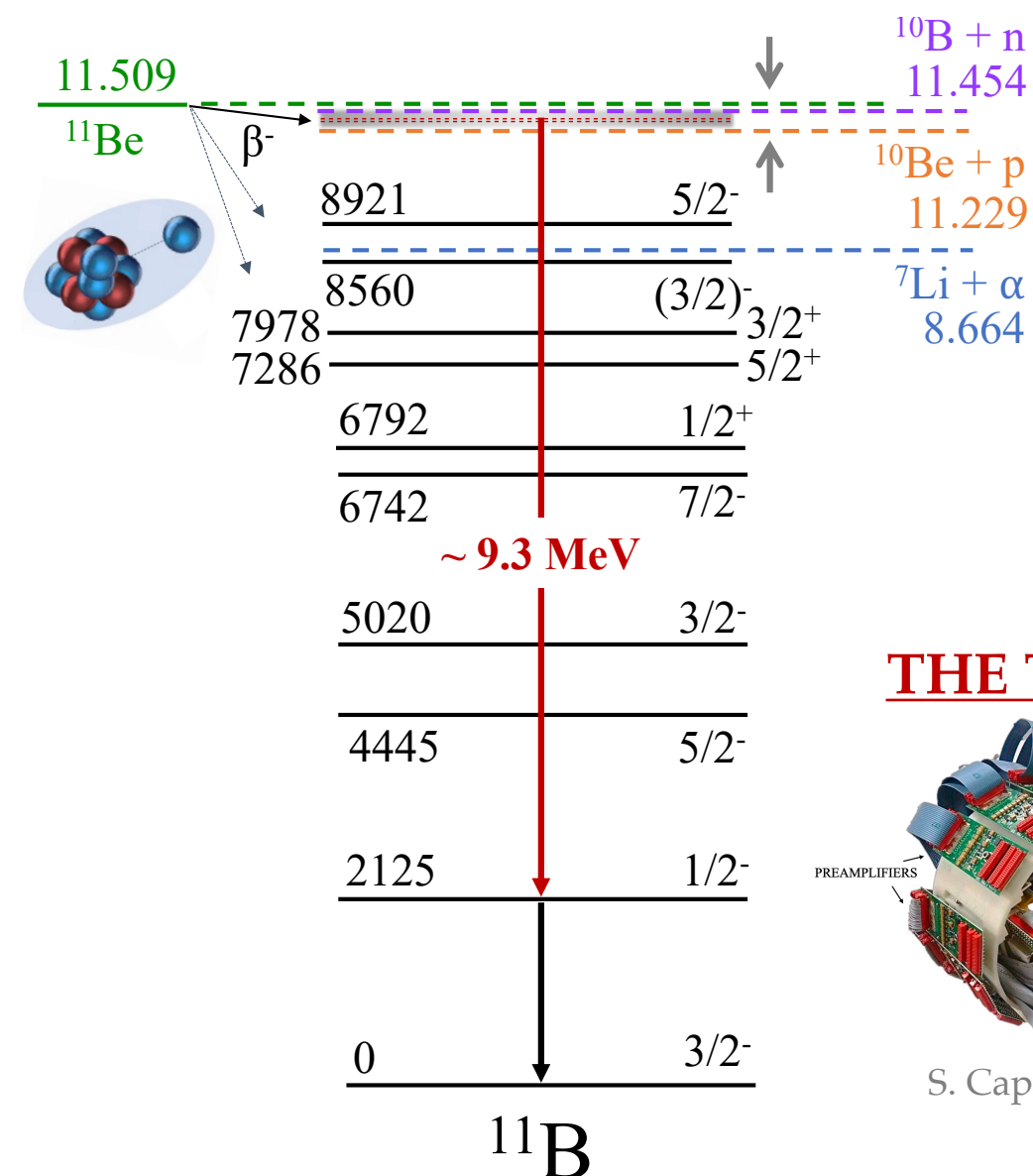
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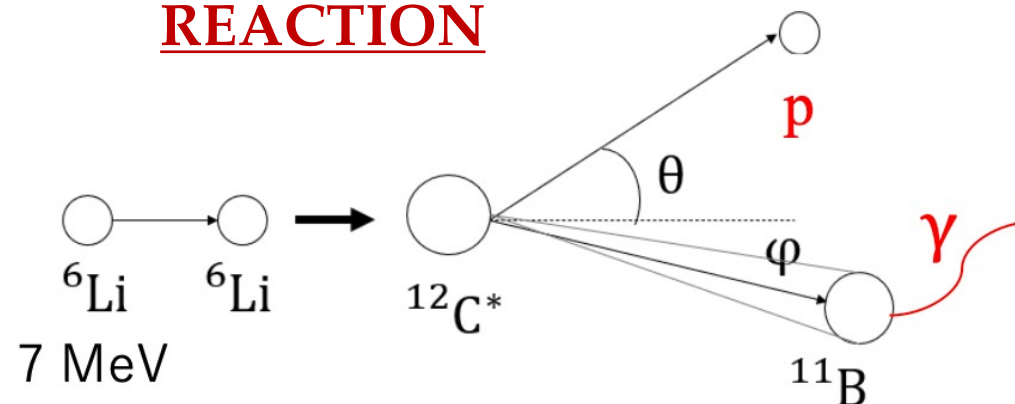


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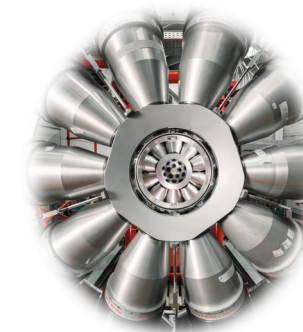
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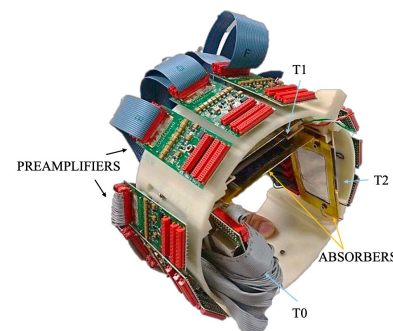
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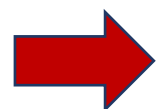
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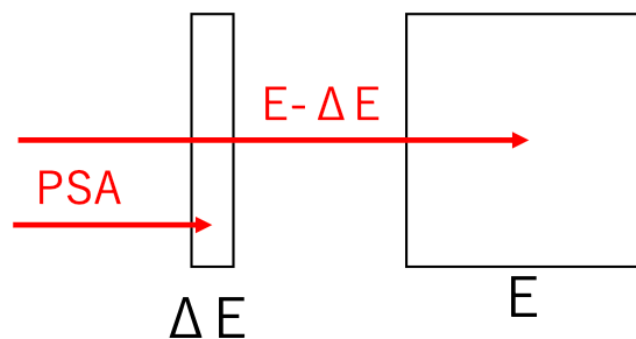
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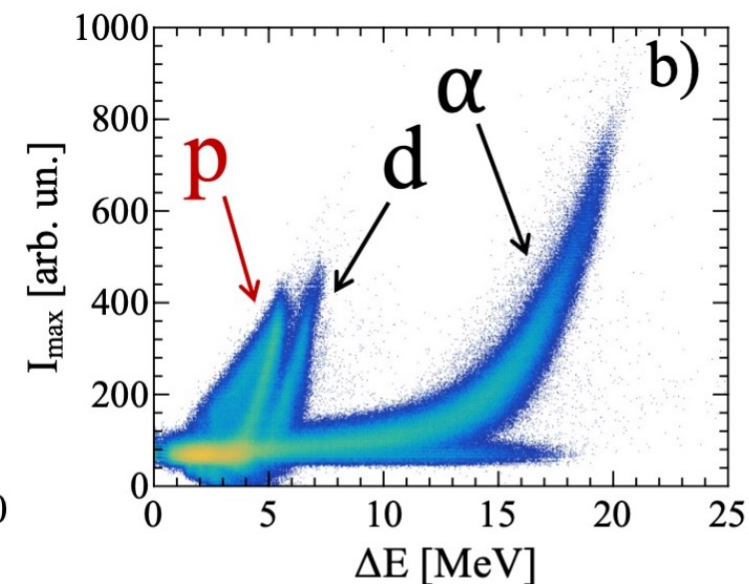
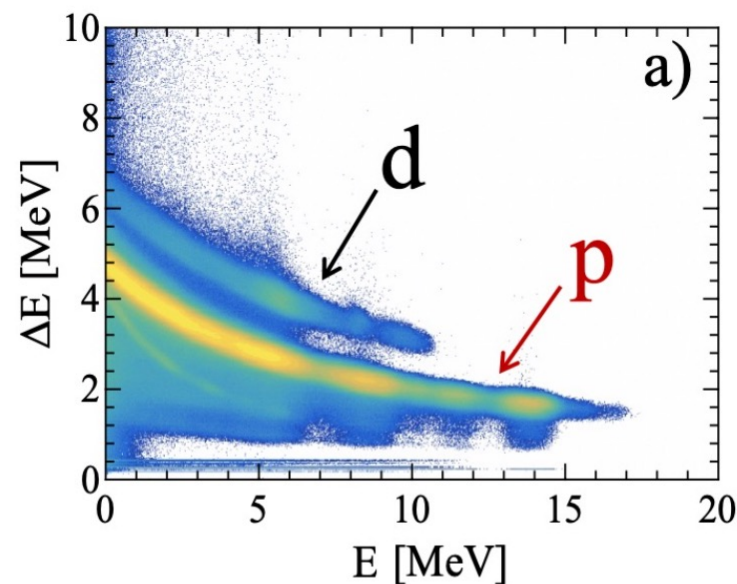
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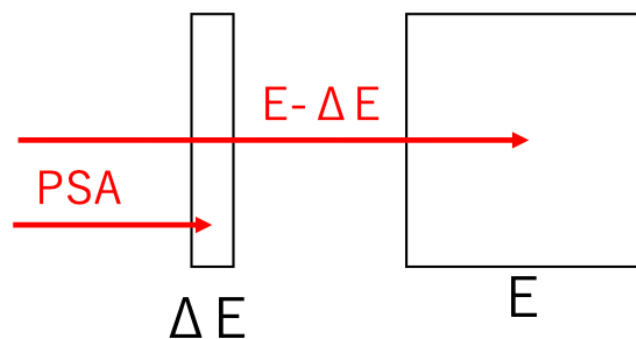


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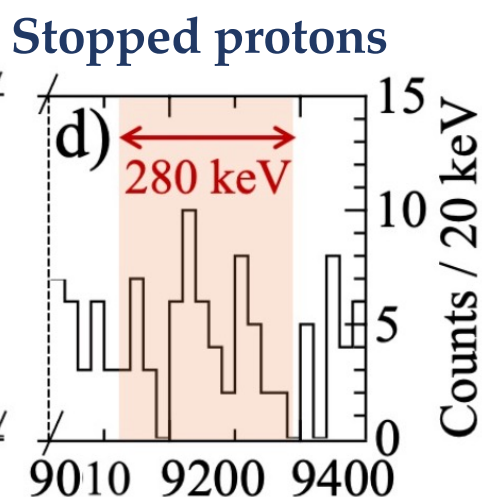
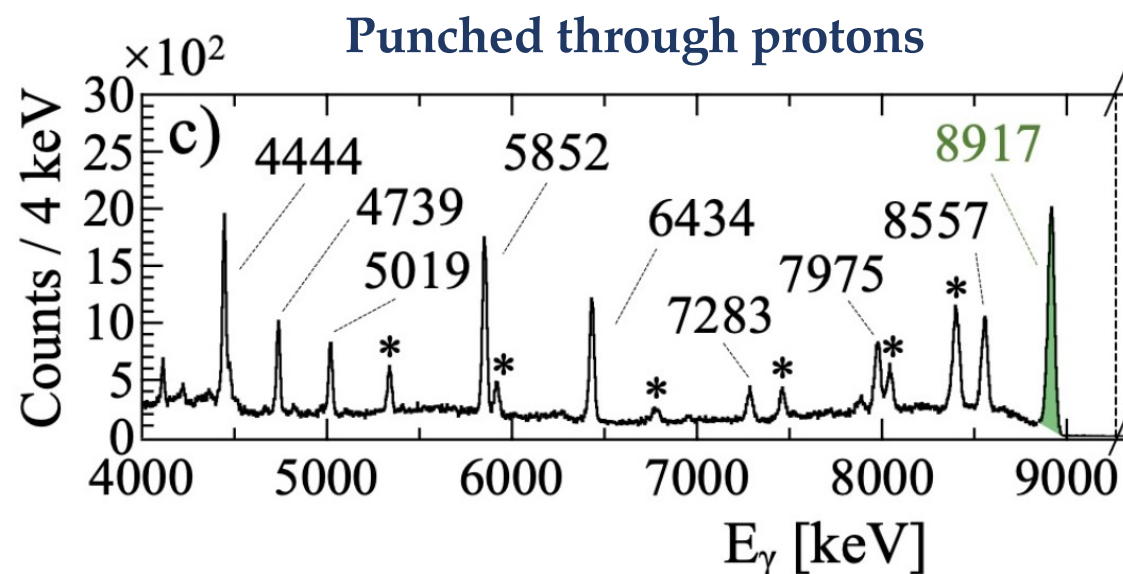
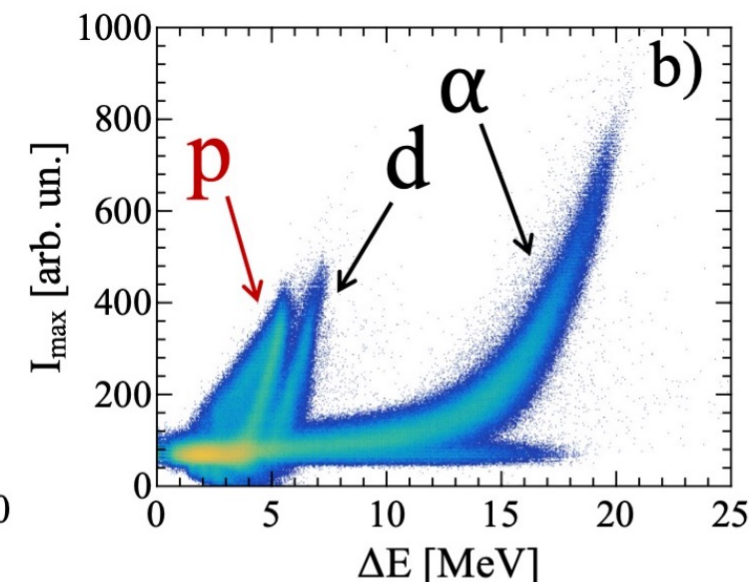
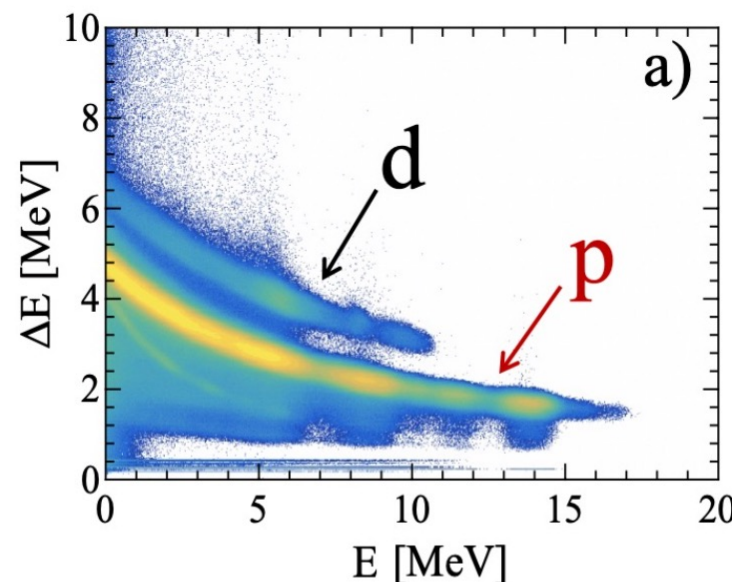


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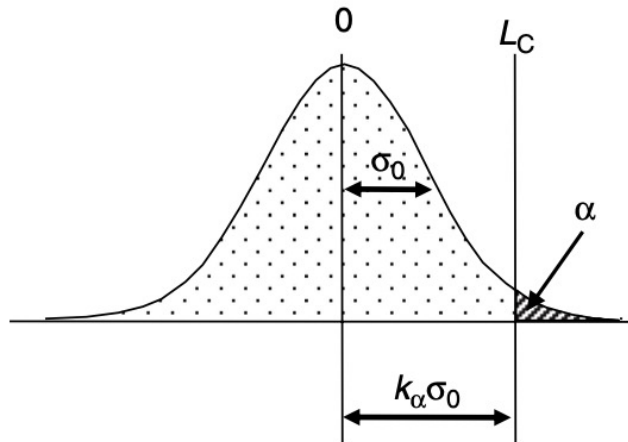
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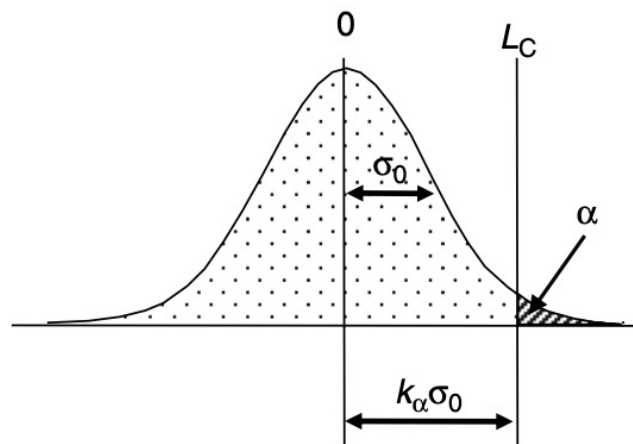
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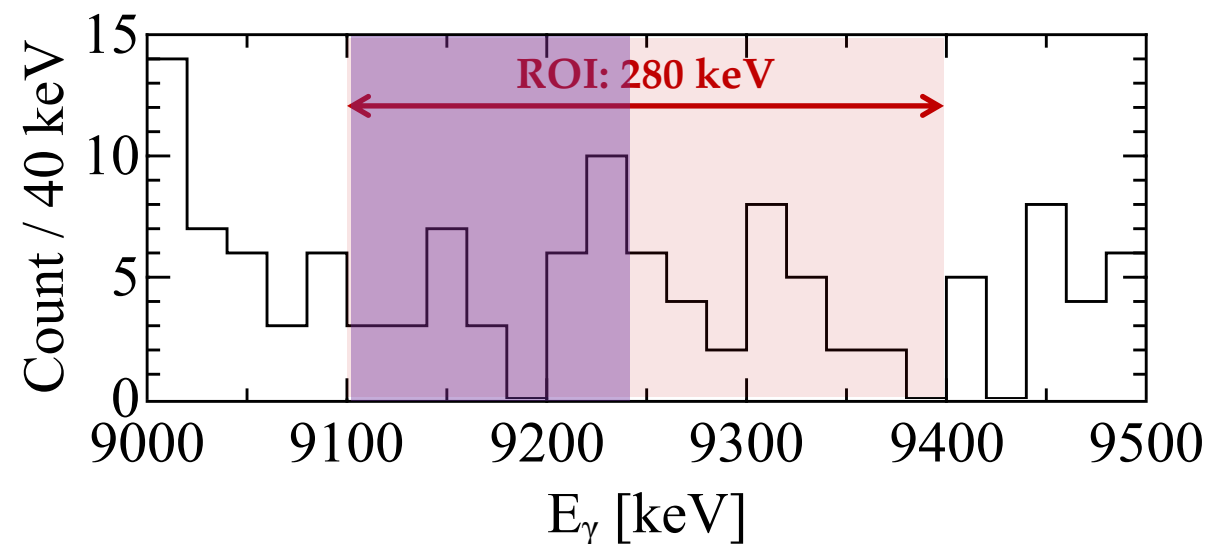


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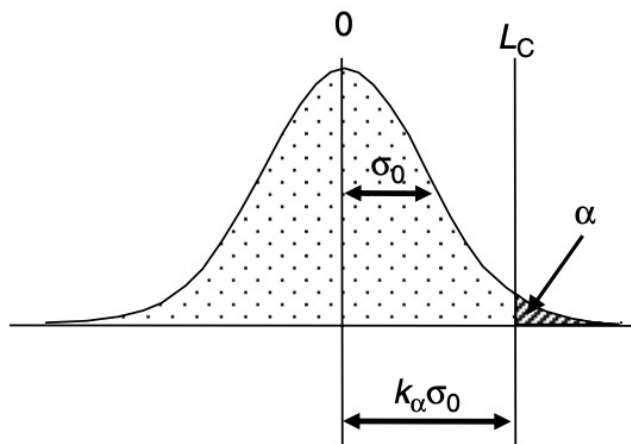
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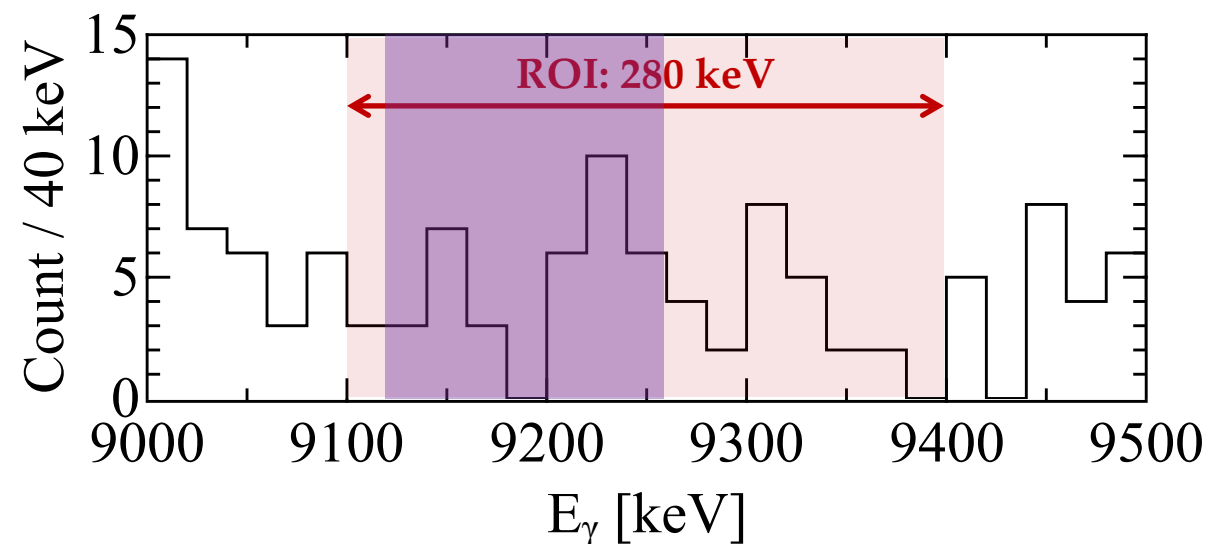


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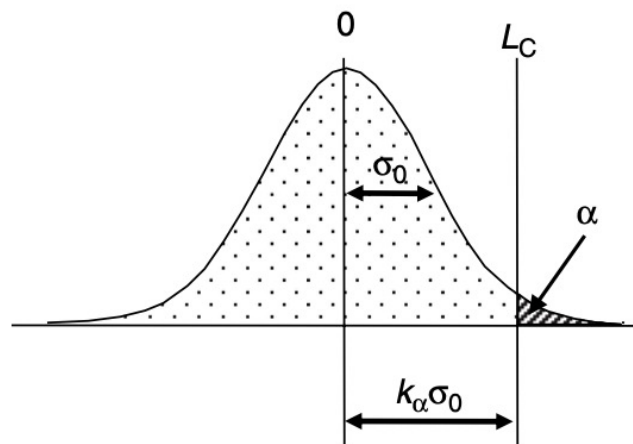
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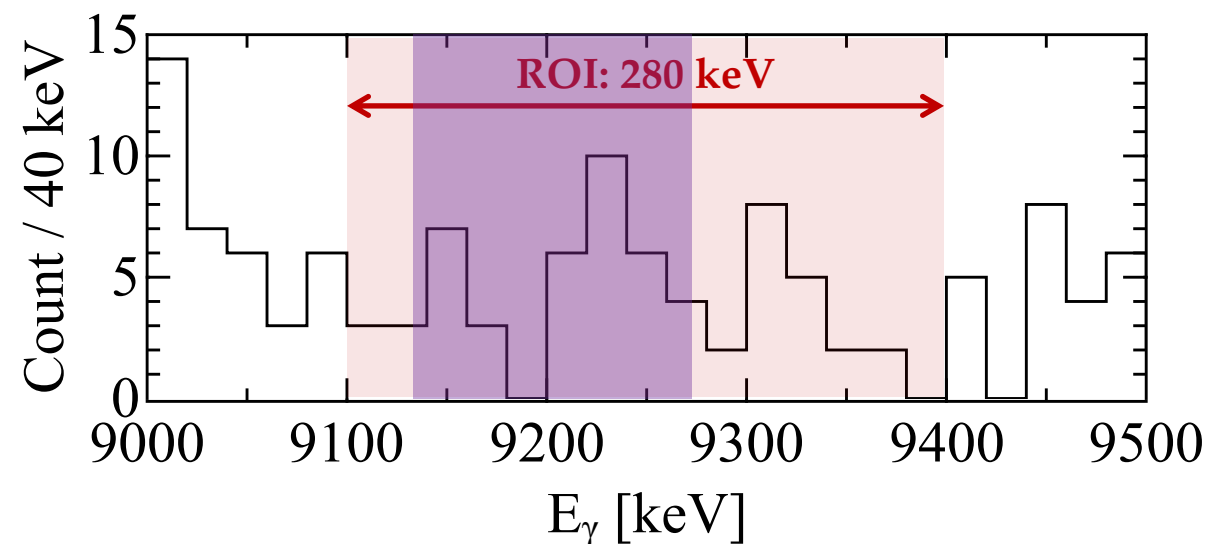


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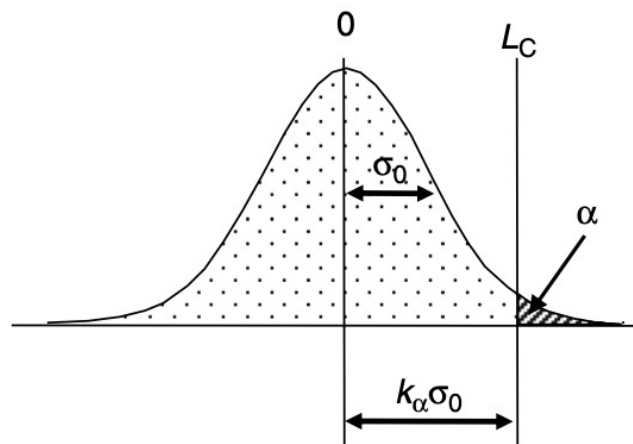
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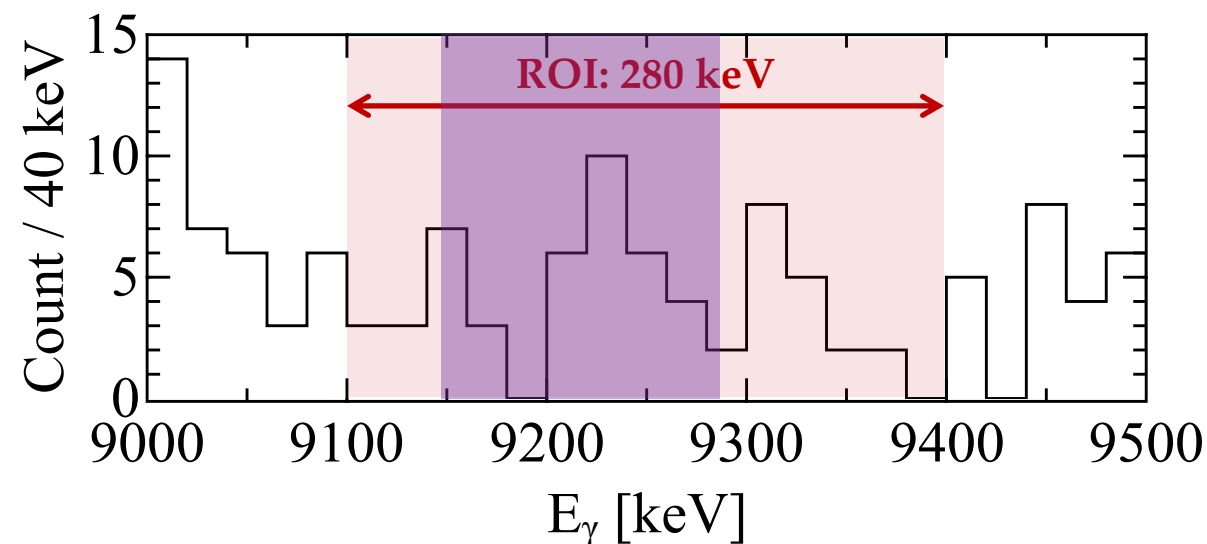


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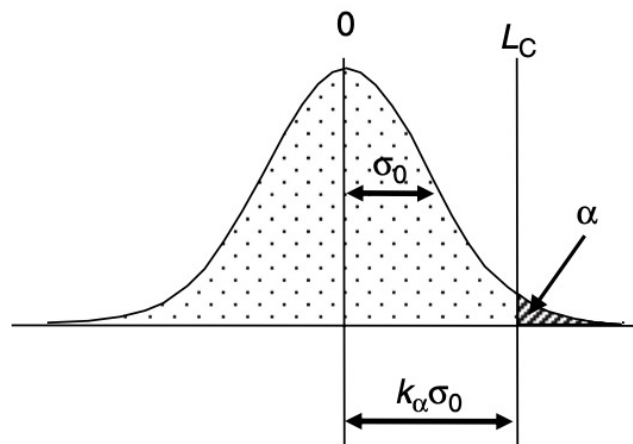
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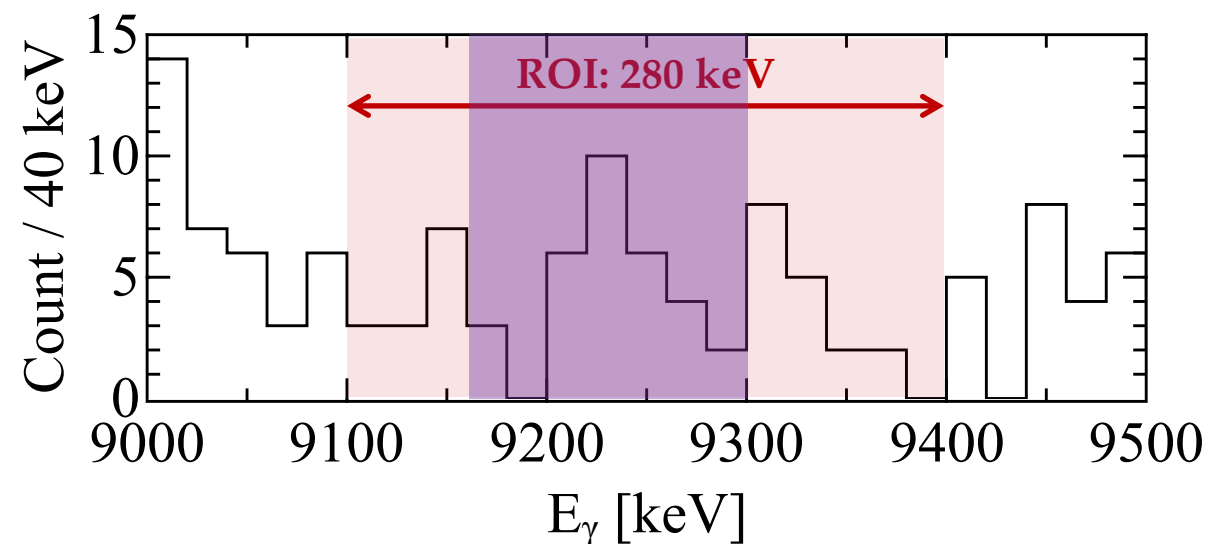


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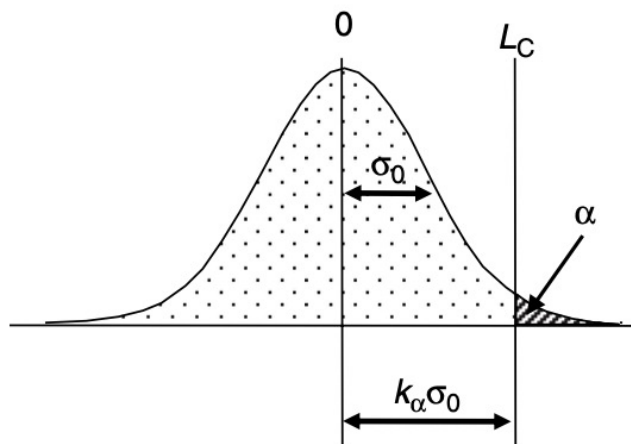
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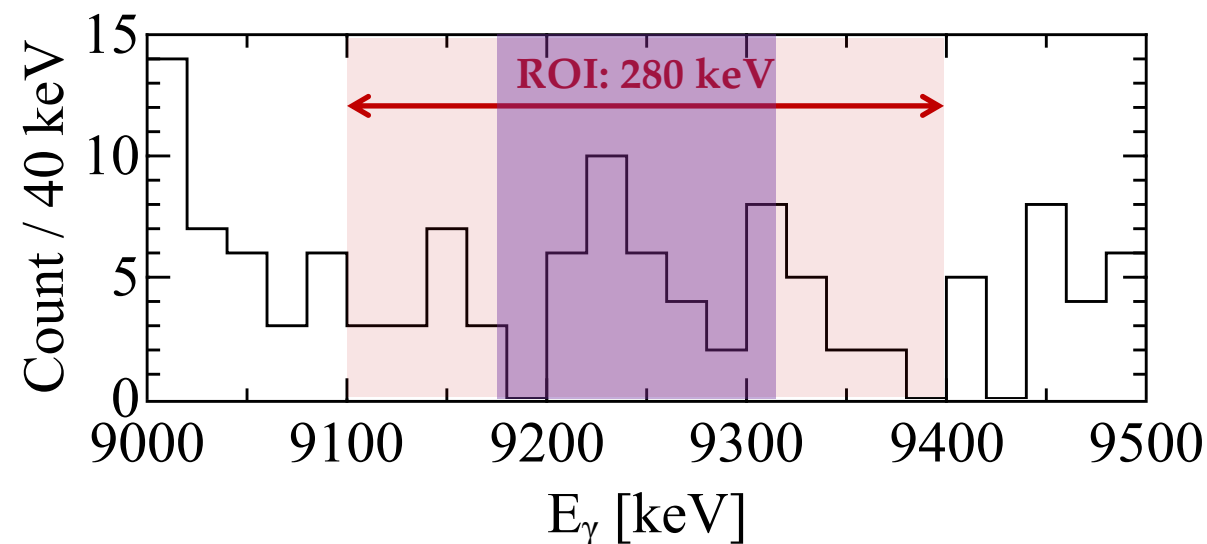


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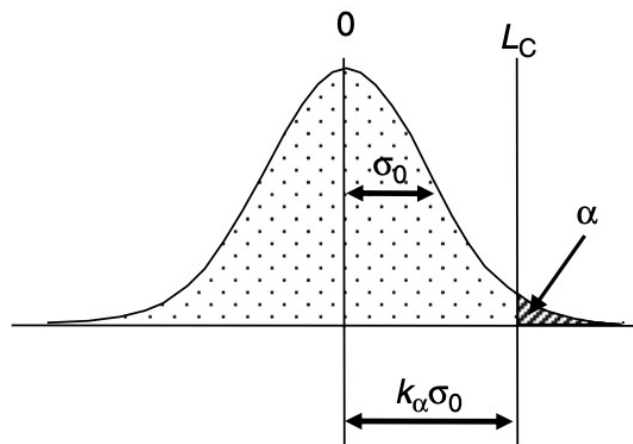
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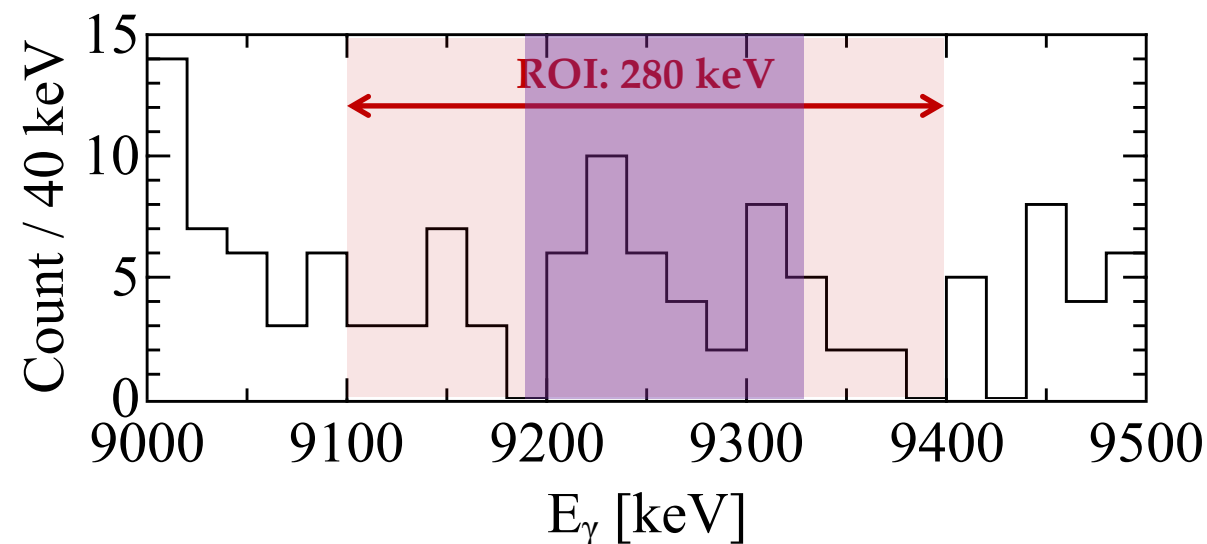


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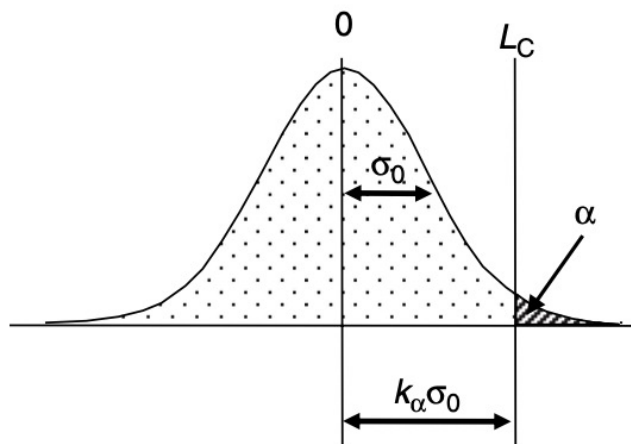
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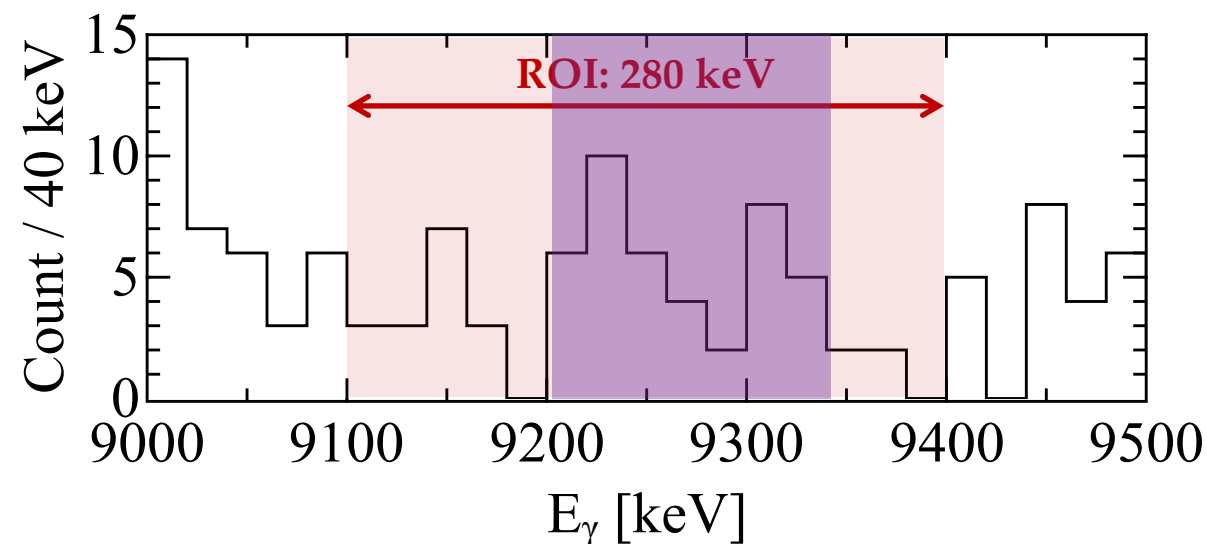


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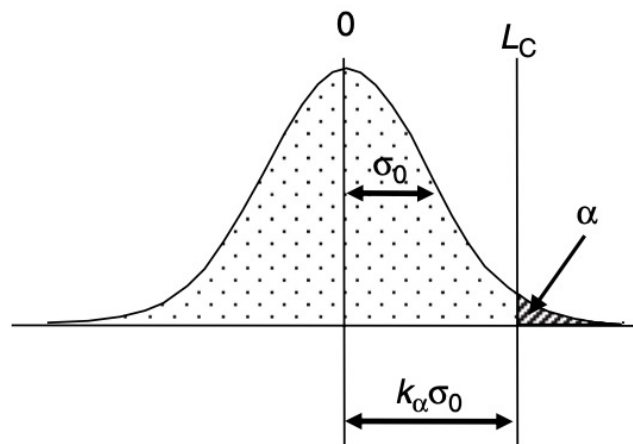
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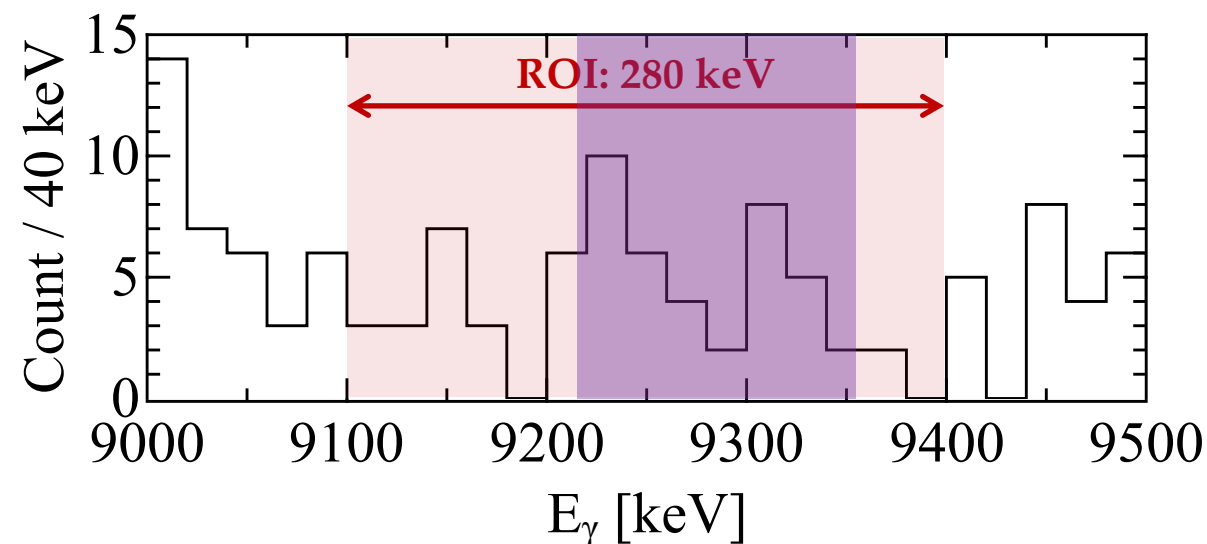


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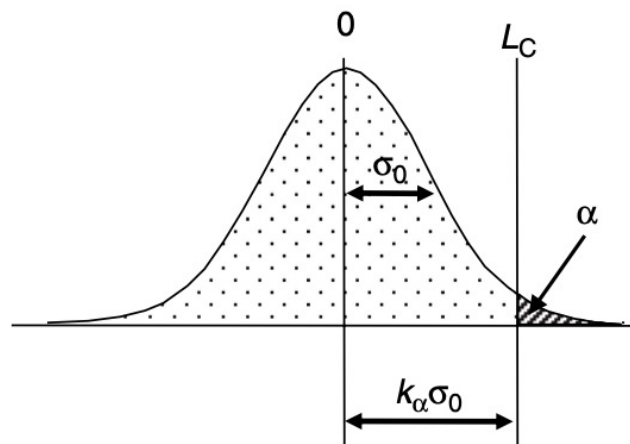
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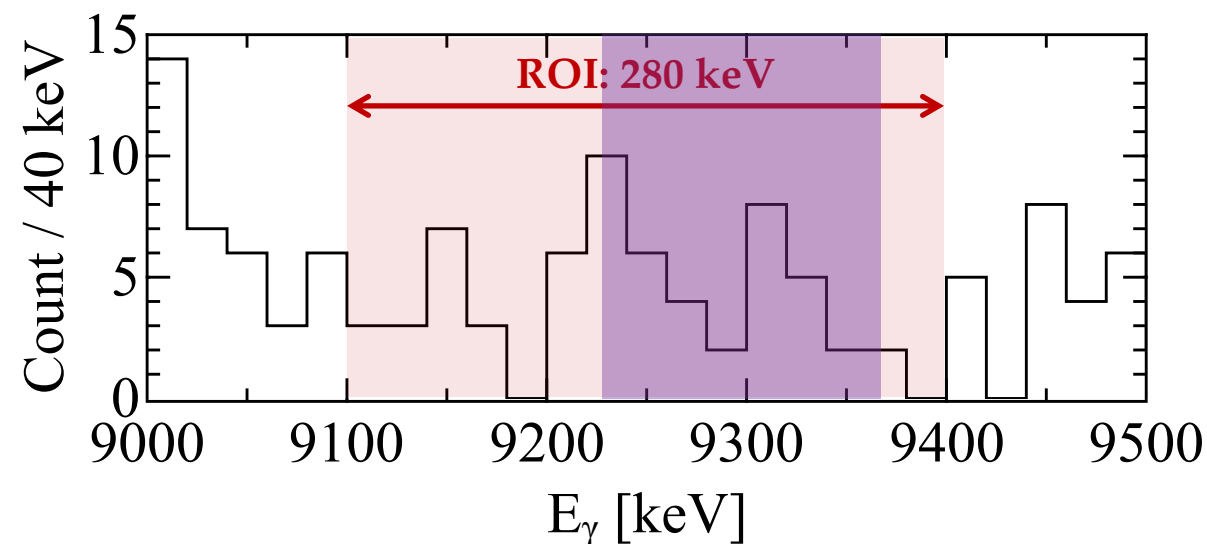


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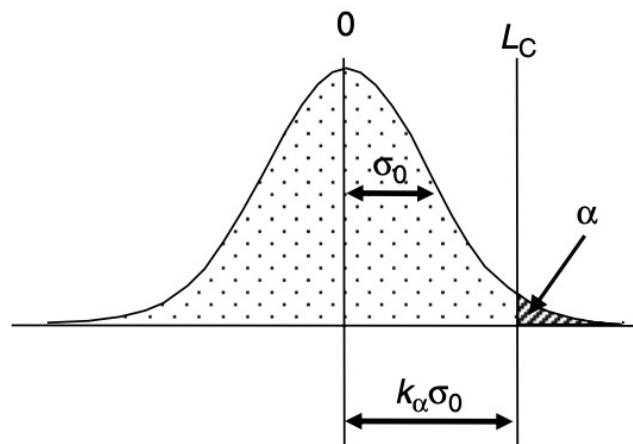
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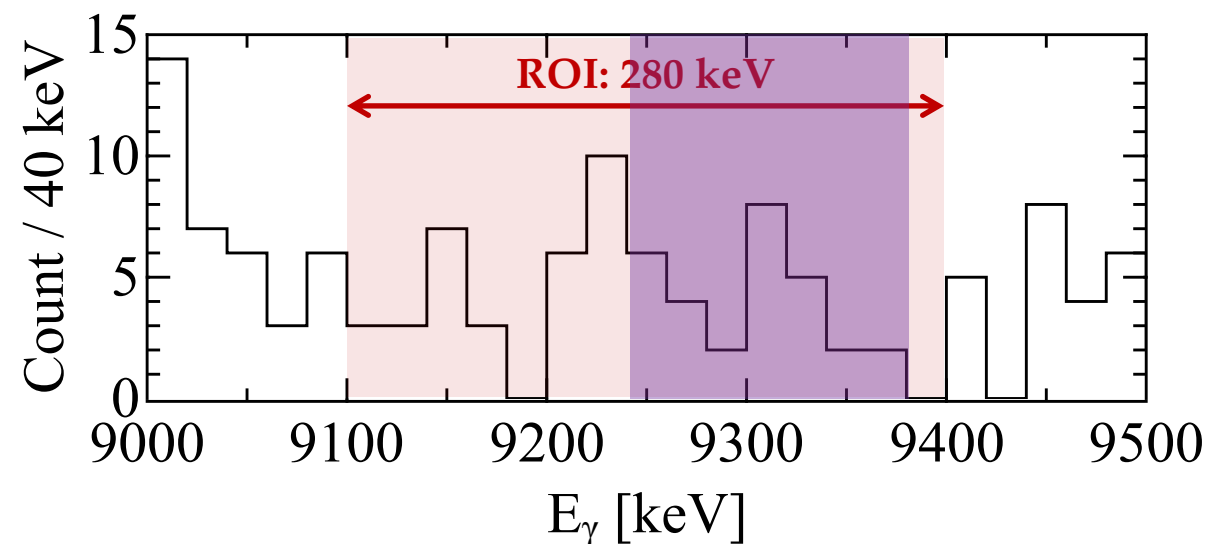


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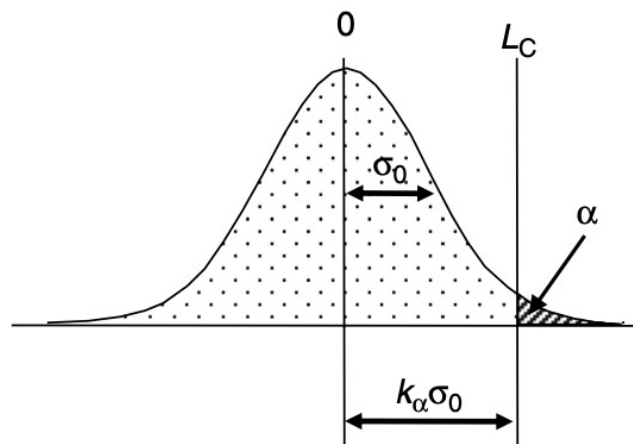
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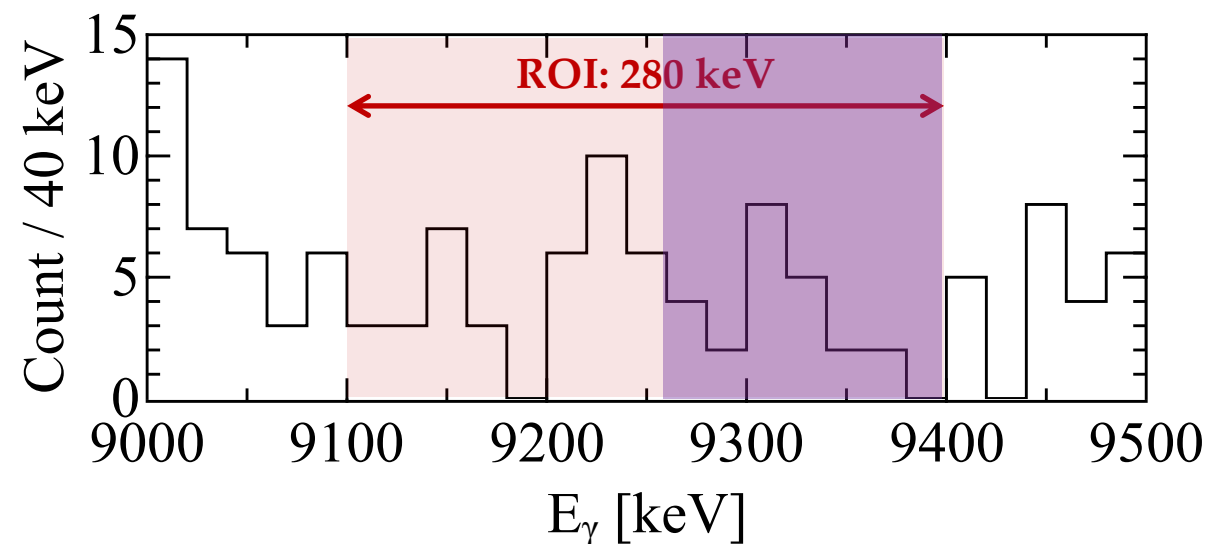


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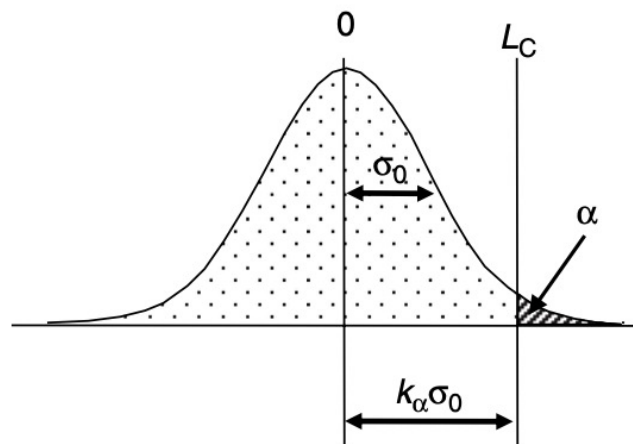
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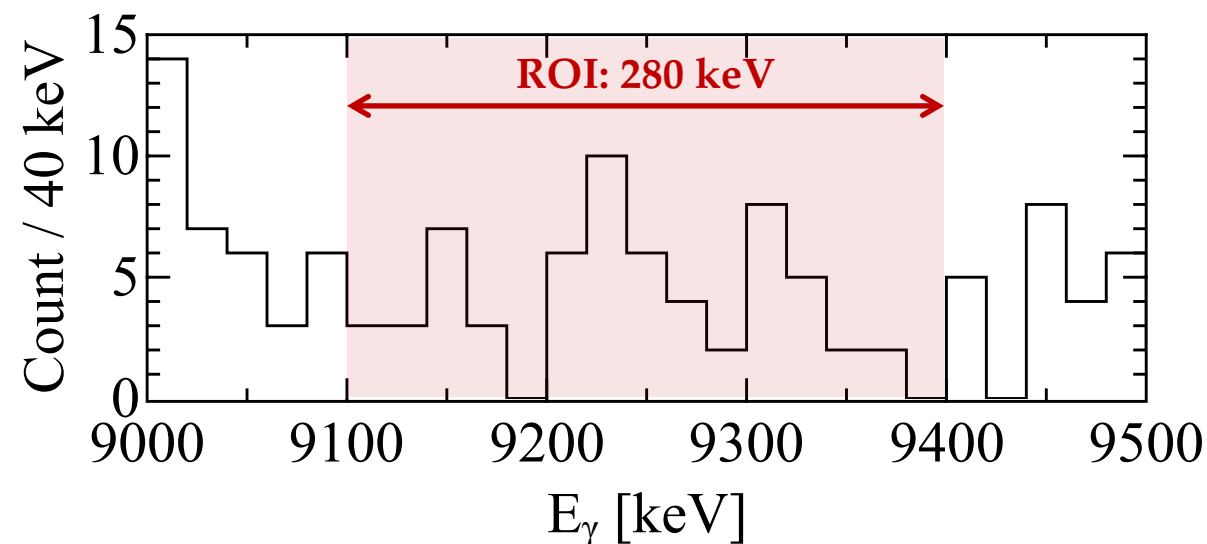


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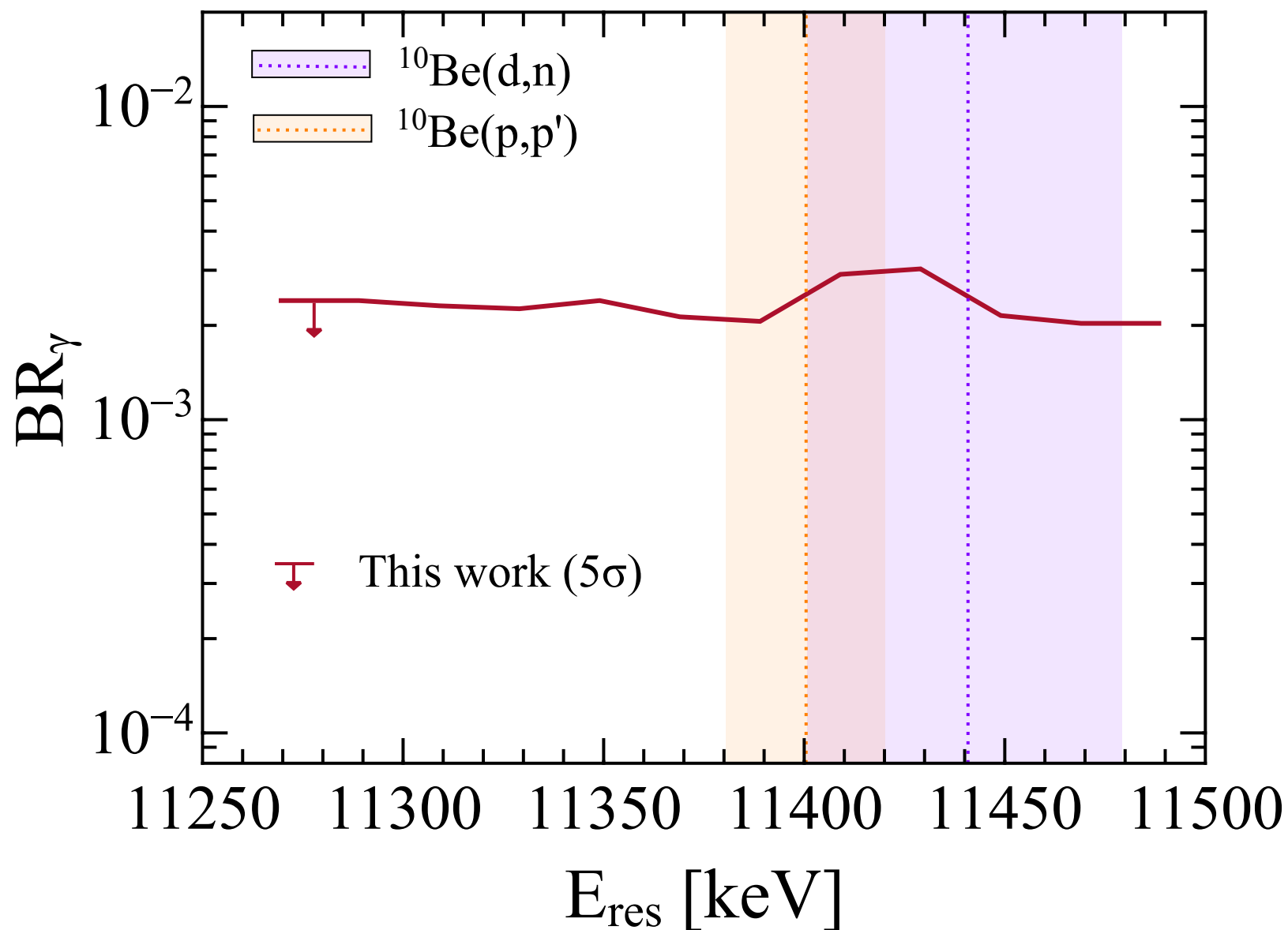
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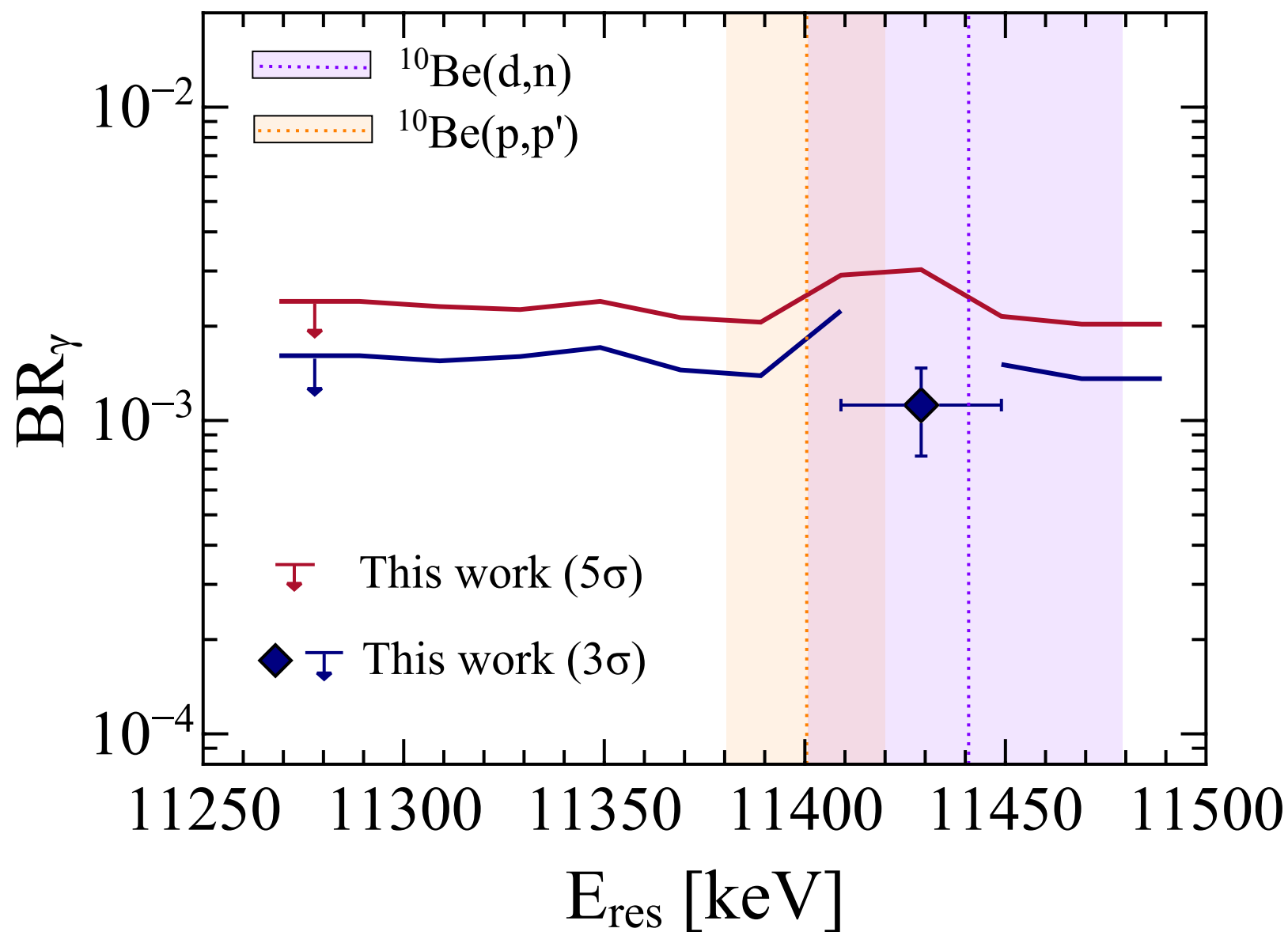
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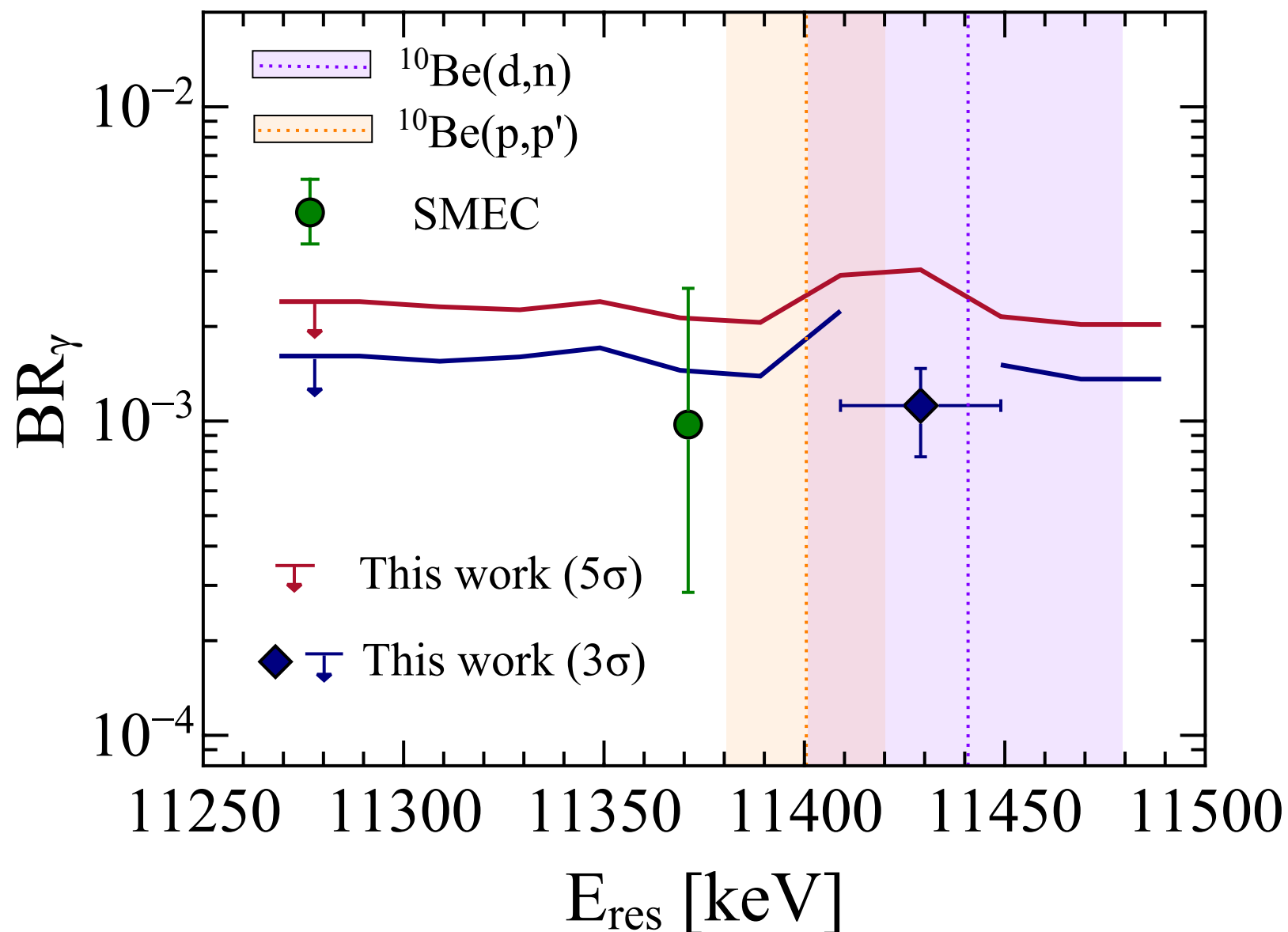
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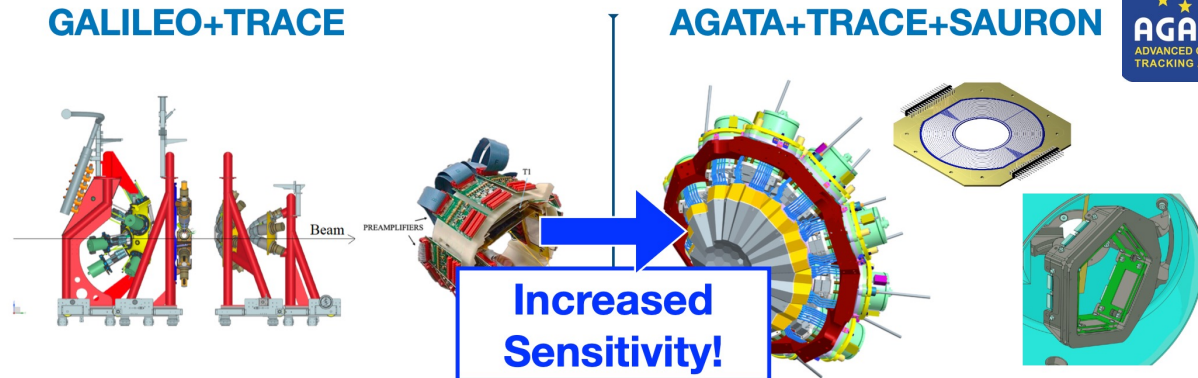
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APPROVED EXPERIMENT AT LNL

GALILEO+TRACE

AGATA+TRACE+SAURON



Increased Sensitivity!

GALILEO Phase II:

- 10 GTC with BGO
- 25 HPGE with BGO

TRACE prototype

- 3 ΔE -E telescopes
- Custom ASIC

AGATA:

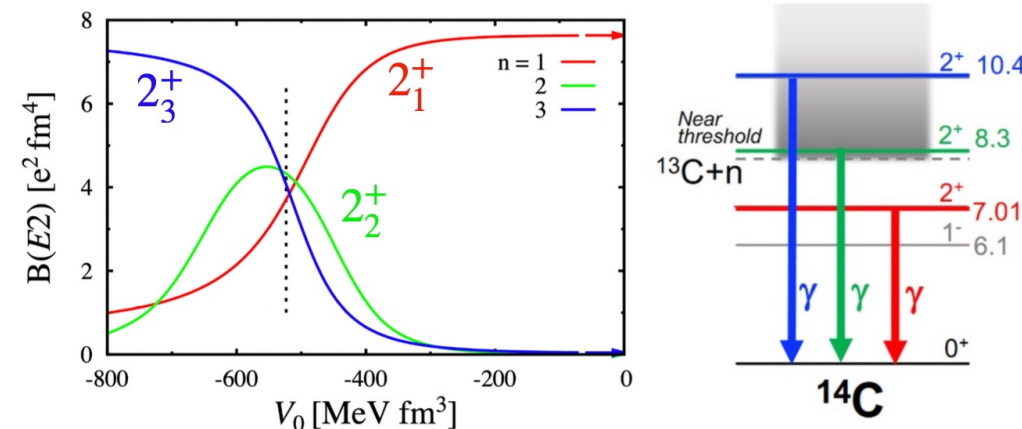
- 1 π configuration
- 13 ATC

Upgraded TRACE:

- 5 ΔE -E telescopes
- New FEE

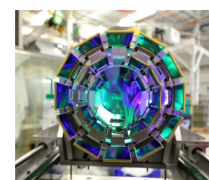
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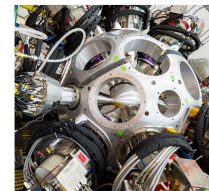
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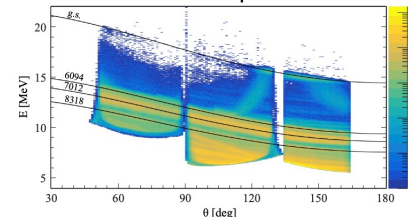


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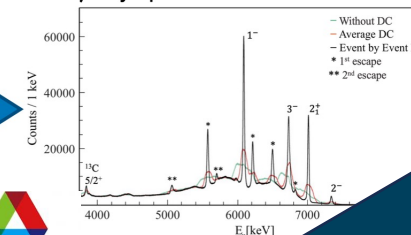
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Kinematic lines of protons



γ -ray spectra



ONGOING ANALYSIS

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Thank you!



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