



Lecture 4: some topics in extrapolation
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- ❖ Theory/formalism to extrapolate data (e.g. R matrix)
Example: $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ in helium burning

known potential, Φ known

Matching $\Phi'(r)/\Phi(r)$
at the nuclear radius

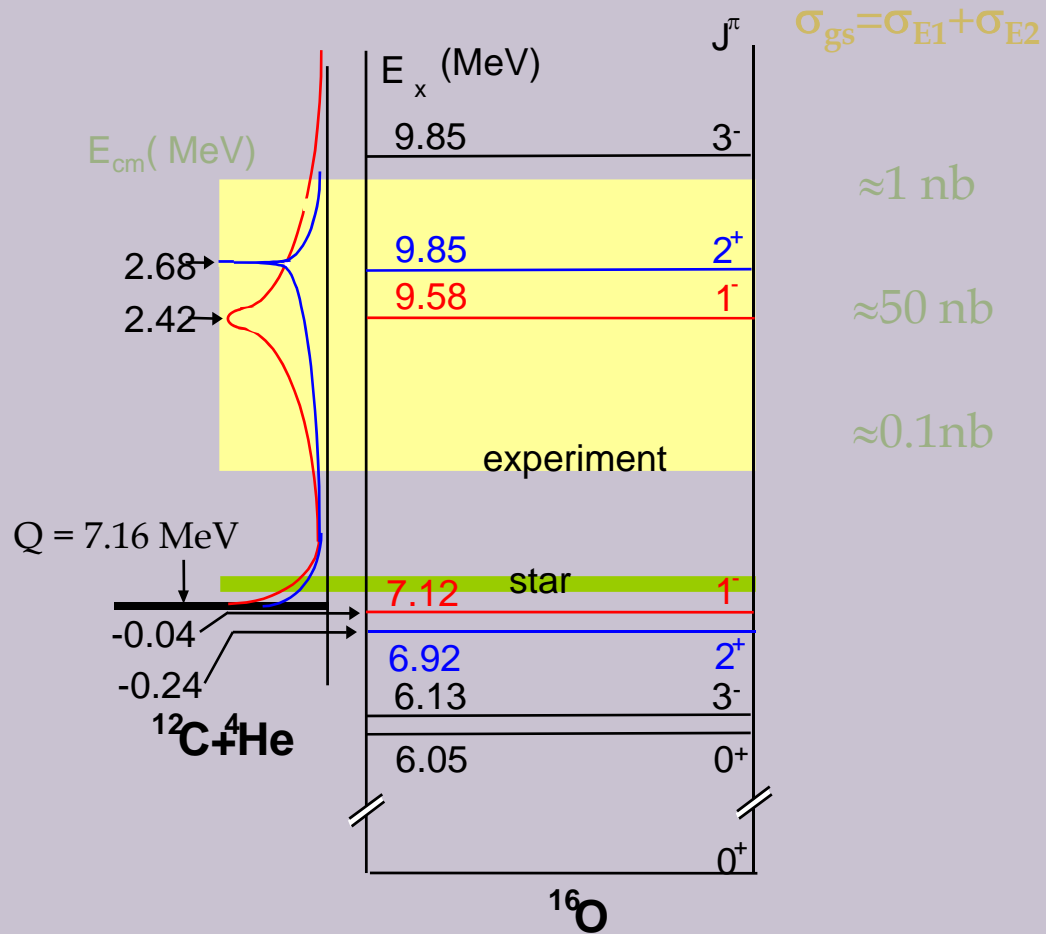
$$\sigma(A_\lambda, \gamma_\lambda, E_\lambda)$$

- ★ Cross sections include contributions from few levels
- ★ Level parameters from experimental data

unknown potential

$$\Phi = \sum_\lambda A_\lambda X_\lambda$$

$$\gamma_\lambda, E_\lambda$$



Experimental data:

- $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$
- $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \alpha)^{12}\text{C}$
- ^{16}N β -delayed α -decay

R-matrix fit to the s_{E1}

- ★ Global fit
- ★ Least square method:
 $\chi^2 = \chi^2_{\beta} + \chi^2_{\delta_1} + \chi^2_{\delta_3} + \chi^2_{\gamma}$
- ★ Extrapolation
- ★ Uncertainty on extrapolation and fitted parameters

- ★ $^{16}\text{N} \rightarrow ^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C} + \alpha$ data
- ★ $W_{\alpha}(E) = F(E, a_{\ell}, A_{\lambda\ell}, \gamma^2_{\lambda\ell}, E_{\lambda d})$
- ★ $\ell=1,3; \lambda=1,2,3$

- ★ $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$
- ★ $\sigma_{E1}(E) = H(E, a_{\ell}, \gamma^2_{\lambda\ell}, \Gamma^2_{\lambda\ell}, E_{\lambda d})$
- ★ $\ell=1; \lambda=1,2,3$

- ★ $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \alpha)^{12}\text{C}$
- ★ $\delta_{\ell}(E) = G(E, a_{\ell}, \gamma^2_{\lambda\ell}, E_{\lambda d})$
- ★ $\ell=1,3; \lambda=1,2,3$

Rmatrix code by R.E. Azuma et al., PRC 50,2(1994)1194

Least square method – uncorrelated data

- ★ Measurement of Y in conjunction with X $\rightarrow (x_i, y_i) \ i=1, \dots, n$
- ★ $\text{cov}(y_i, y_j) = E[(y_i - \langle y_i \rangle)(y_j - \langle y_j \rangle)] = V_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \cdot \sigma_{y_i}^2, \ \langle y_i \rangle = E[y_i]$
- ★ Model $Y = f(X; A_1, \dots, A_m)$
- ★ $(\partial f / \partial x) \sigma_{x_i} \ll \sigma_{y_i}$
- ★ $Q = \sum_i [y_i - f(x_i; a_1, \dots, a_m)]^2 / \sigma_{y_i}^2$
- ★ Minimization
- ★ hopefully: $Q \rightarrow \chi^2$ distribution with $\nu = n - m$ degree of freedom
- ★ error matrix ϵ : $\text{cov}(a_i, a_j) = \epsilon_{ij}, \ \epsilon = \alpha^{-1}, \ \alpha_{kl} = 1/2 \partial^2 Q / \partial a_k \partial a_l$

Simple example: linear case

★ $Y=AX+B$

I. Analytic solution (now)

II. Numerical solution (later)

III. Graphic solution (also later)

x	y	σ_y
0	0.92	0.5
1	4.15	1.0
2	9.78	0.75
3	14.46	1.25
4	17.26	1.0
5	21.9	1.5

Example: linear case – analytic solution

★ $Q = \sum_i [y_i - ax_i - b]^2 / \sigma_{y_i}^2$

★ $\partial Q / \partial a = -2 \sum (y_i - ax_i - b) x_i / \sigma_{y_i}^2 = 0$; $\partial Q / \partial b = -2 \sum (y_i - ax_i - b) / \sigma_{y_i}^2 = 0$

★ error matrix ε : $\text{cov}(a_i, a_j) = \varepsilon_{ij}$, $\varepsilon = \alpha^{-1}$, $\alpha =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial^2 Q / \partial a^2 & \partial^2 Q / \partial a \partial b \\ \partial^2 Q / \partial b \partial a & \partial^2 Q / \partial b^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

★ $a = 4.227$; $b = 0.879$

★ $\sigma_a^2 = \varepsilon_{11} = 0.044$; $\sigma_b^2 = \varepsilon_{22} = 0.203$; $\text{cov}(a, b) = \varepsilon_{12} = -0.0629$

★ $x^* = 6$; $y^* = y(x^*) = 26.24$

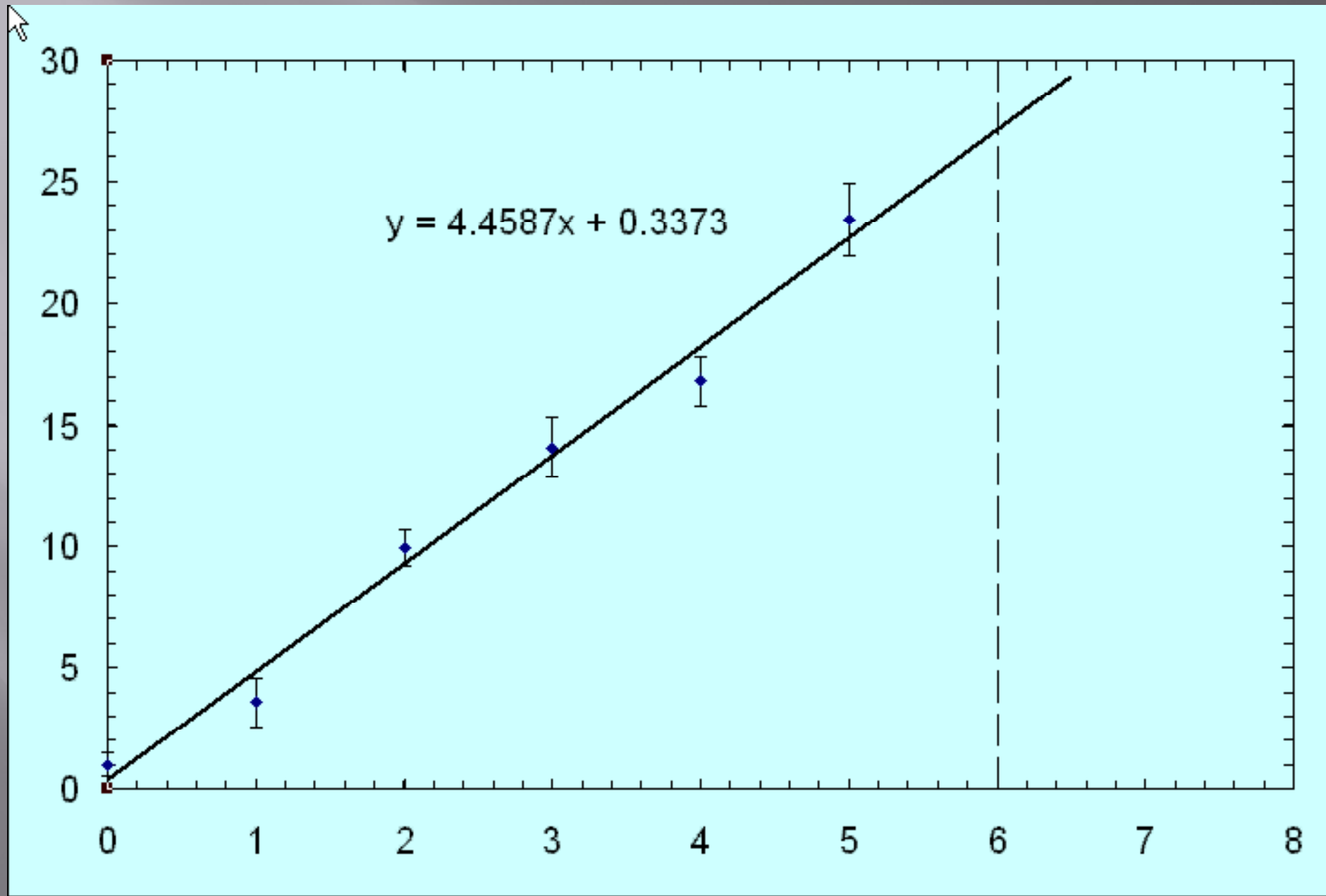
★ $\sigma_{y^*}^2 = (\partial y / \partial a)^2 \sigma_a^2 + (\partial y / \partial b)^2 \sigma_b^2 + 2 \text{cov}(a, b) \partial y / \partial a \partial y / \partial b =$

$= x^{*2} \sigma_a^2 + \sigma_b^2 + 2 x^* \text{cov}(a, b) = 1.0$

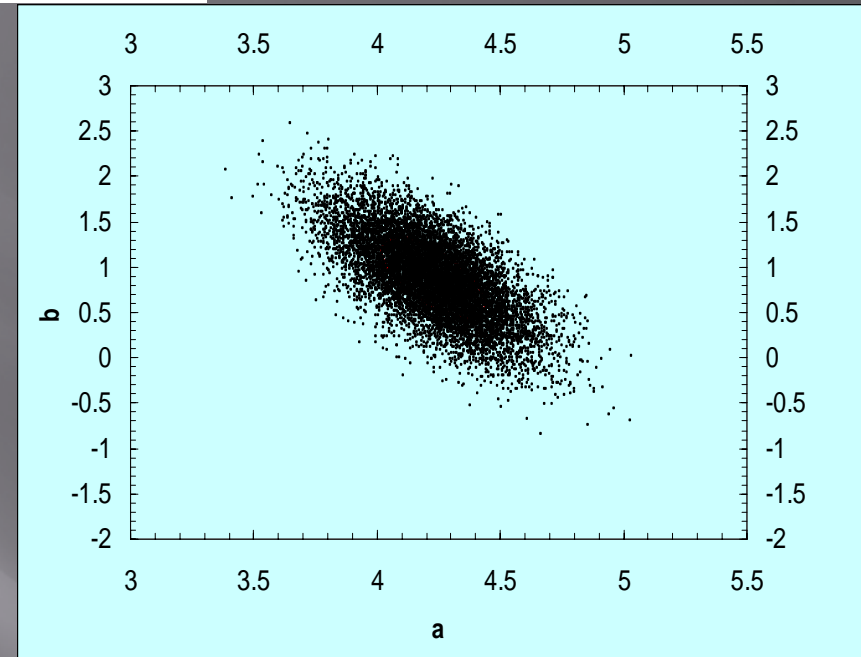
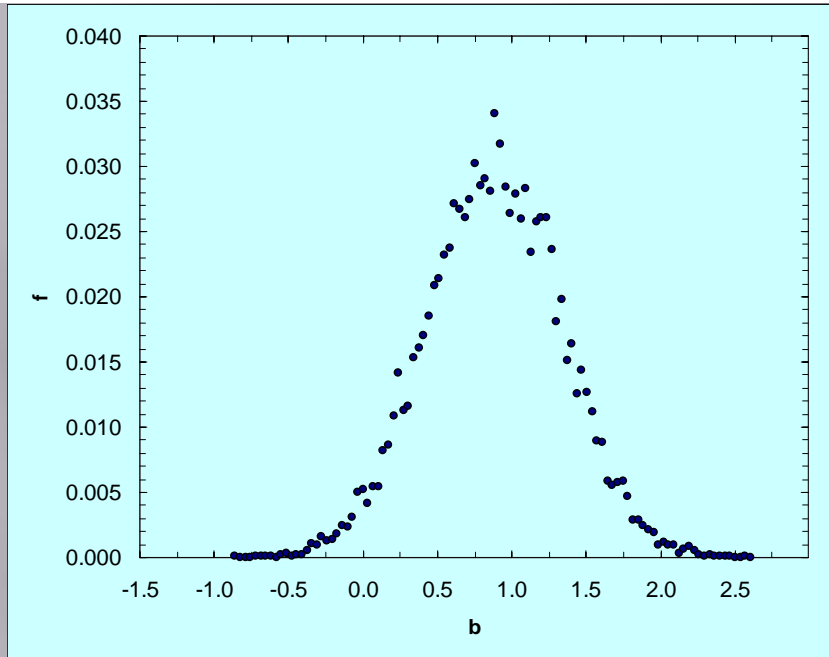
Monte Carlo estimate of the uncertainty on the extrapolation

- ★ each y_i has a normal distribution $F(\langle y_i \rangle, \sigma_{y_i}^2)$
- ★ using a (pseudo-)random number generator one can simulate a set of n possible results of repeated experiments
- ★ For each set one estimate parameters and calculate the extrapolated value (i.e. in our example a , b , and y^*)
- ★ The analysis of the distributions obtained provides the best estimate of a , b , y^* , and the corresponding variances σ_a , σ_b , σ_{y^*} ,

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Example: linear case - Monte Carlo



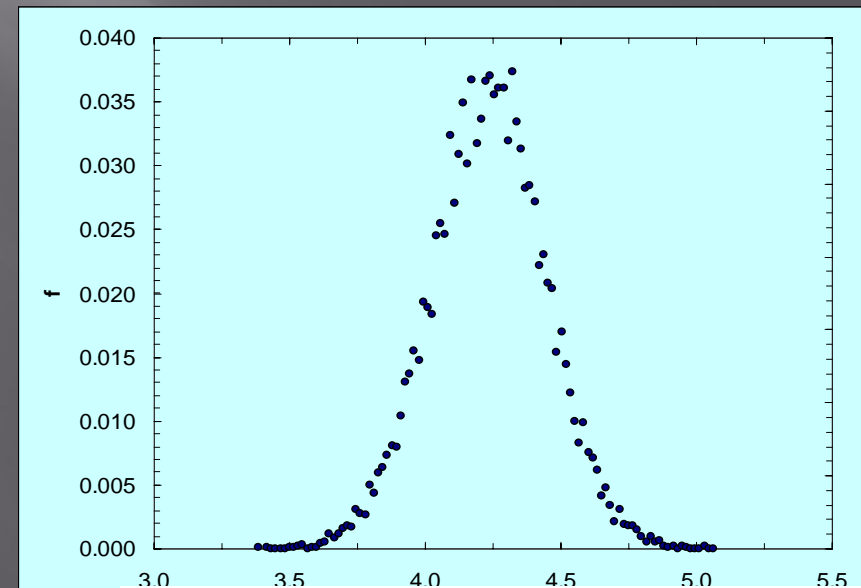
★ $N=10000$

★ $a=4.231$; $b=0.873$

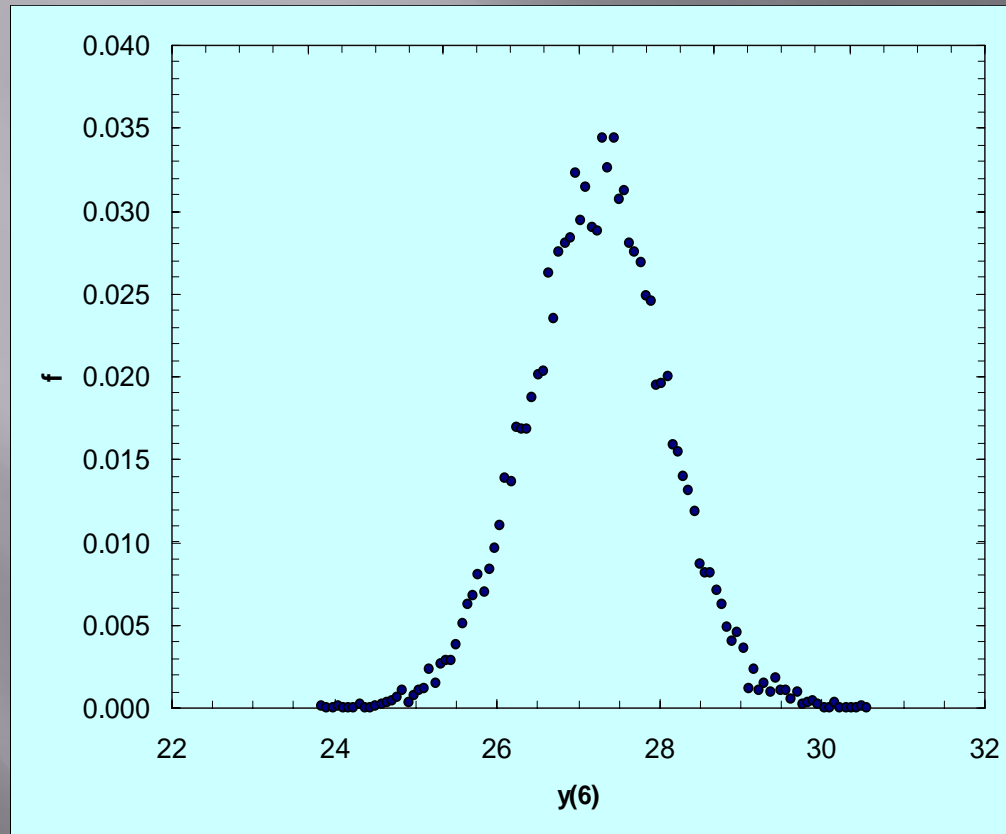
★ $\sigma_a^2 = 0.044$; $\sigma_b^2 = 0.200$; $cov(a,b)=-0.0631$

★ analytical: $a=4.227$; $b=0.879$

★ $\sigma_a^2 = 0.044$; $\sigma_b^2 = 0.203$; $cov(a,b)=-0.0629$



Example: linear case - Monte Carlo



- ★ $x^* = 6; y^* = y(x^*) = 26.26$
- ★ $\sigma^2_{y^*} = 1.02$
- ★ analytical: $\underline{y^*} = \underline{26.24}$;
- ★ $\sigma^2_{y^*} = 1.0$

Another method

- ★ In the linear case, 1 parameter

- ★ Taylor expansion around the minimum:

$$\chi^2 = \chi_{\min}^2 + 1/2 \partial^2 \chi^2 / \partial a^2 (a - a_{\min})^2$$

- ★ but $\sigma_a^2 = |1/2 \partial^2 \chi^2 / \partial a^2|^{-1} \rightarrow$ if $a = a_{\text{low}} = a_{\min} - \sigma_a$ or $a = a_{\text{high}} = a_{\min} + \sigma_a$

$$\text{then } \chi^2 = \chi_{\min}^2 + 1$$

- ★ Many parameters: pay attention to correlation

- ★ Non linear case: pay attention to strong asymmetry

$$\text{i.e. } (a_{\min} - a_{\text{low}}) \neq (a_{\text{high}} - a_{\min})$$

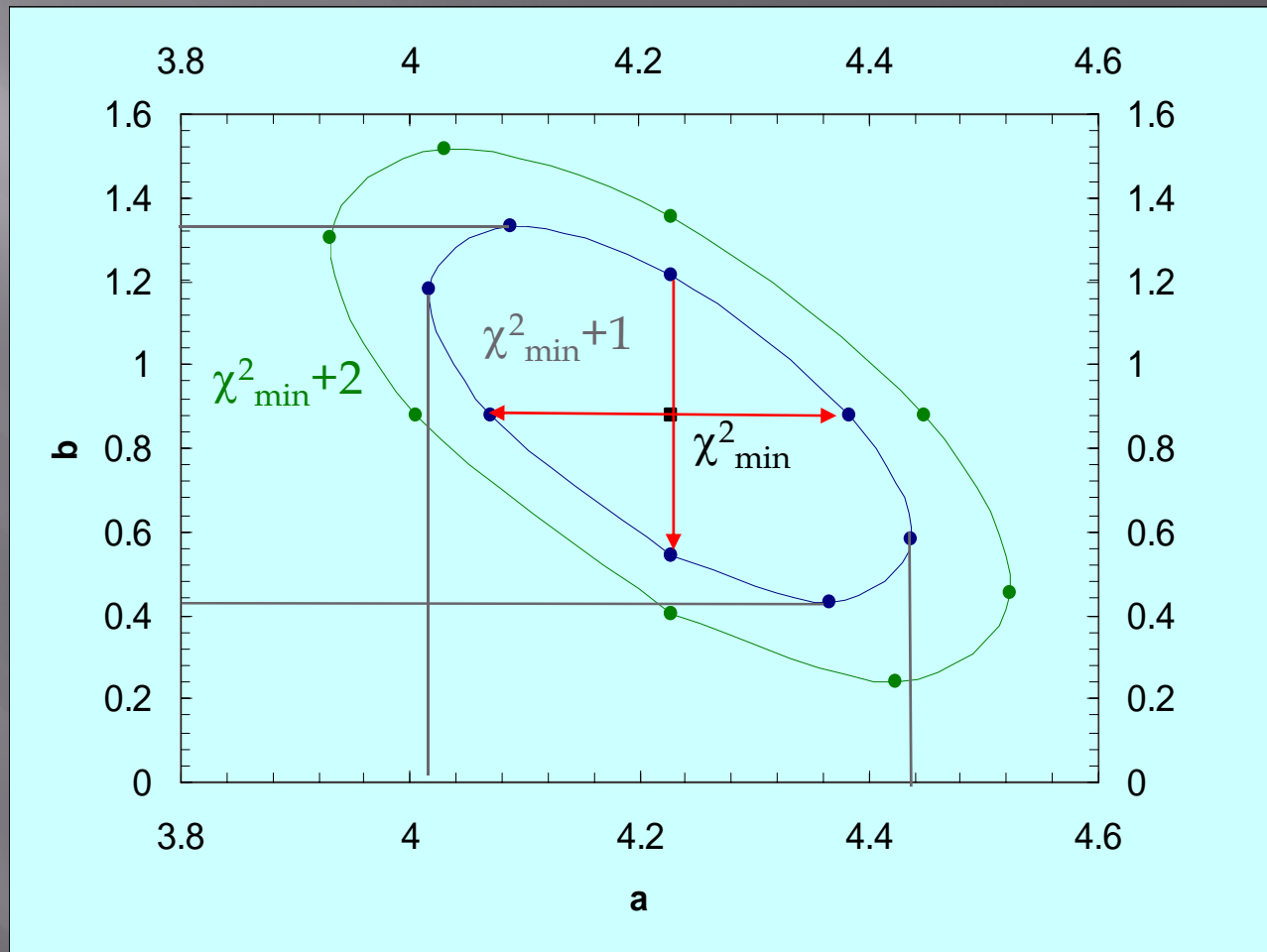
★ $a=4.227 ; b=0.879$

★ $\sigma_a^2 = 0.044 ; \sigma_b^2 = 0.203$

★ error matrix for $\text{cov}(a,b)$

★ $\sigma_a^2 = 0.024 ; \sigma_b^2 = 0.113$

i.e. don't forget covariance



What's about normalization errors?

In some cases they are neglected in the fit, and later used to estimate the uncertainties. A better procedure is to fit the unnormalized (i.e. uncorrelated data):

- ★ let $y_{i_k,k} = c_k z_{i_k,k}$ $k=1,\dots,n$ be n measurements with $i_k=1,\dots,n_k$ points each
- ★ Model $Y_k = f_k(X_k; A_1, \dots, A_m)$
- ★ $Q = \sum_k \{ \sum_{i_k} [z_{i_k,k} - f(x_{i_k}; a_1, \dots, a_m) / c_k]^2 / \sigma_{y_{i_k}}^2 + (c_k - a_{m+1})^2 / \sigma_{c_k}^2 \}$
- ★ hopefully: $Q \rightarrow \chi^2$ distribution with $v = \sum_k n_k - m - n$ degrees of freedom

An example

$$\star Y_1 = f_1(X; A_1, A_2, A_3) = A_1 + \sqrt{A_2} \cdot X$$

$$\star Y_2 = f_2(X; A_1, A_2, A_3) = A_1 + A_2 \cdot X/3 + A_3^{-2} \cdot X^3$$

★ Experiment:

$$\star \sigma_{y_{1i}}/y_{1i} = 0.01$$

$$\star \sigma_{c_1}/c_1 = 0.1$$

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$$\star \sigma_{c_2}/c_2 = 0.01$$

★ True parameter values

$$\star A_1 = 1; A_2 = 2; A_3 = 3;$$

★ Normalization:

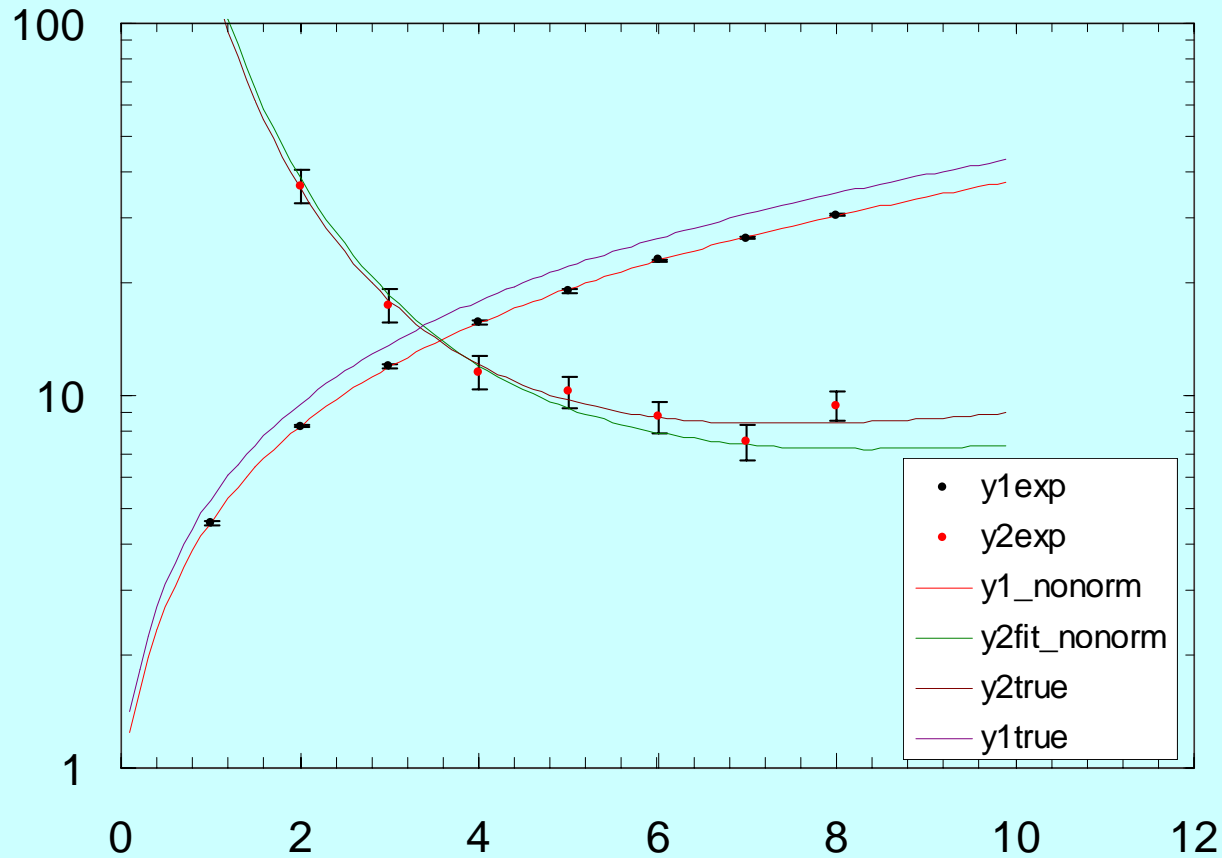
$$\star y_1 = c_1 \cdot Y_1$$

$$\star y_2 = c_2 \cdot Y_2$$

★ True normalization values

$$\star c_1 = 1.2; c_2 = 1$$

Fit without normalization constants



★ fit:

★ $A_1=0.87$ (exp.1)

★ $A_2=1.52$ (exp.2)

★ $A_3=3.08$ (exp.3)

★ $\chi^2=14.4$

★ $\nu=13$

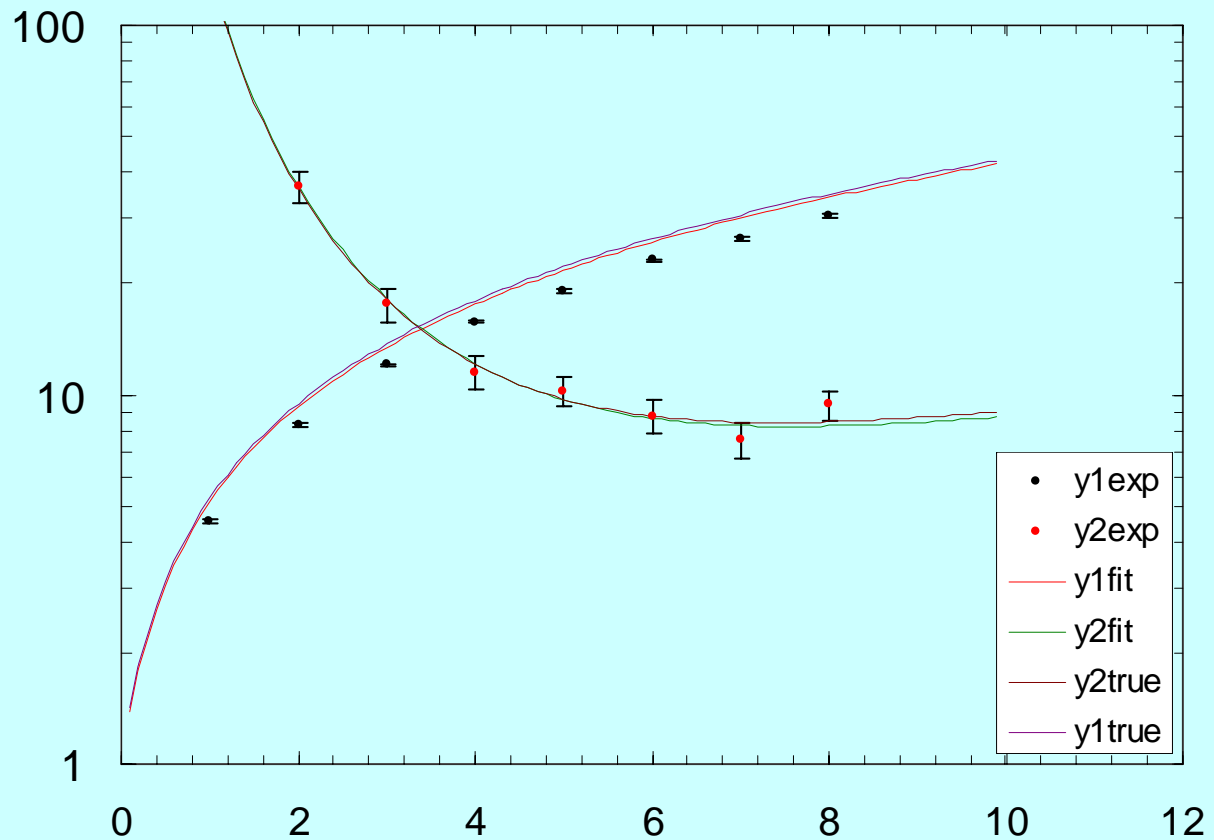
★ $\chi^2/\nu=1.11$

★ experimental :

★ $c_1=1.04\pm 0.12$ (1.2)

★ $c_2=0.99\pm 0.01$ (1)

Fit with normalization constants



★ fit:

★ $A_1=0.97$ (exp.1)

★ $A_2=1.91$ (exp.2)

★ $A_3=3.02$ (exp.3)

★ $\chi^2=9.2$

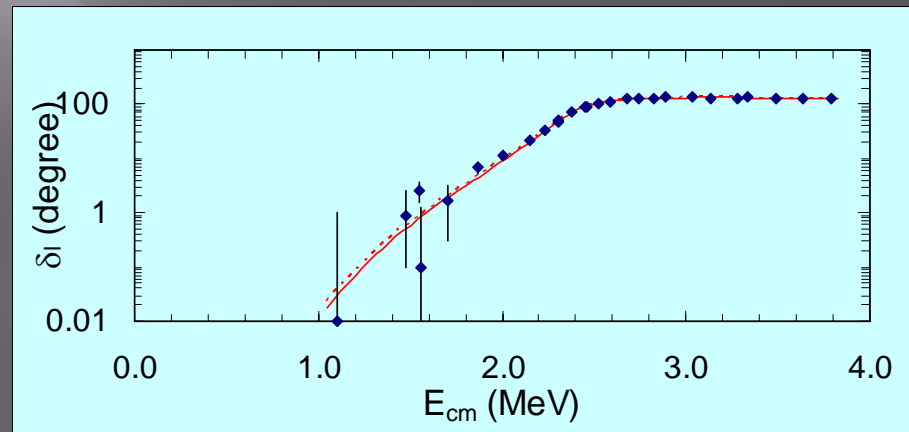
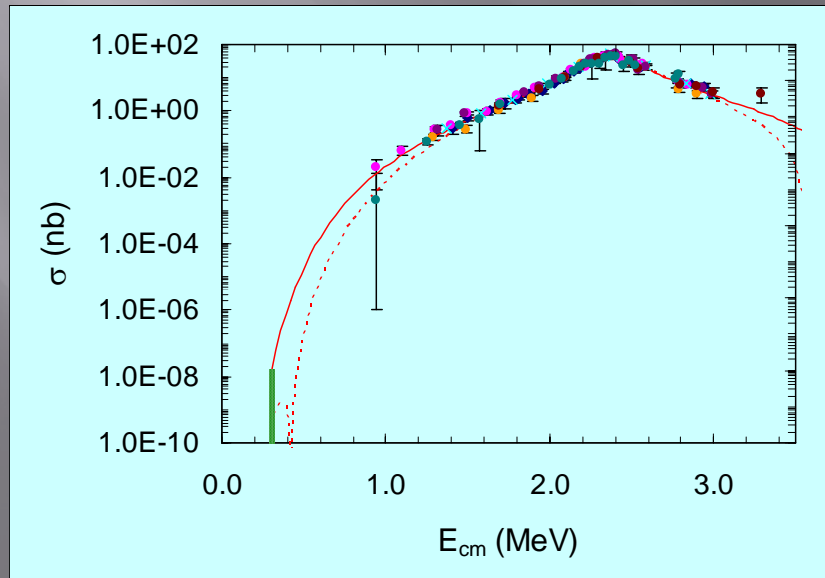
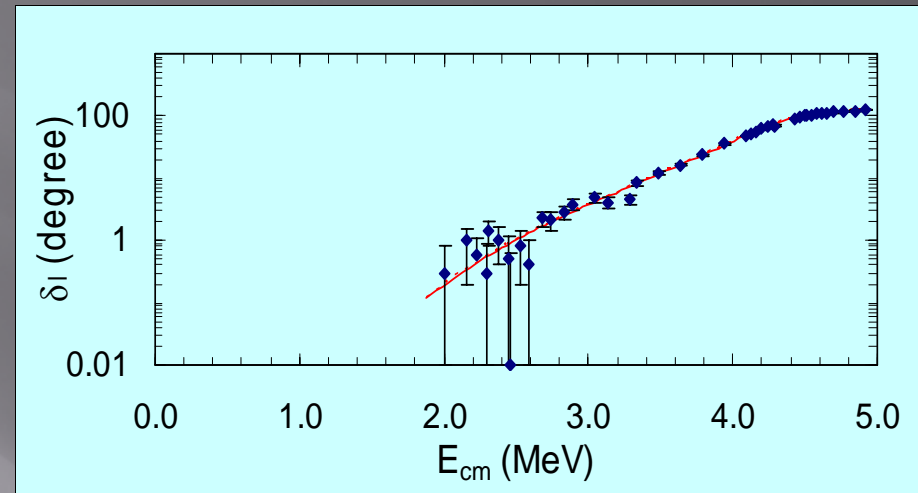
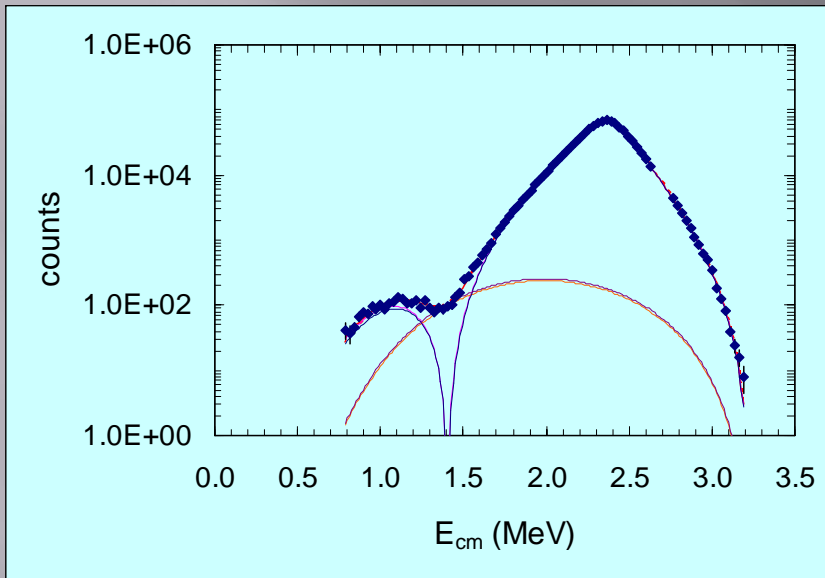
★ $\nu=11$

★ $\chi^2/\nu=0.84$

★ $c_1=1.17$ (exp 1.2)

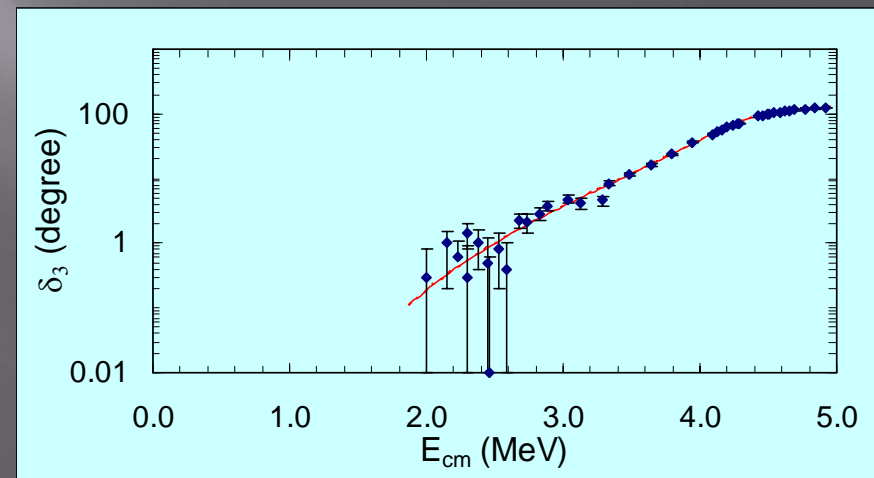
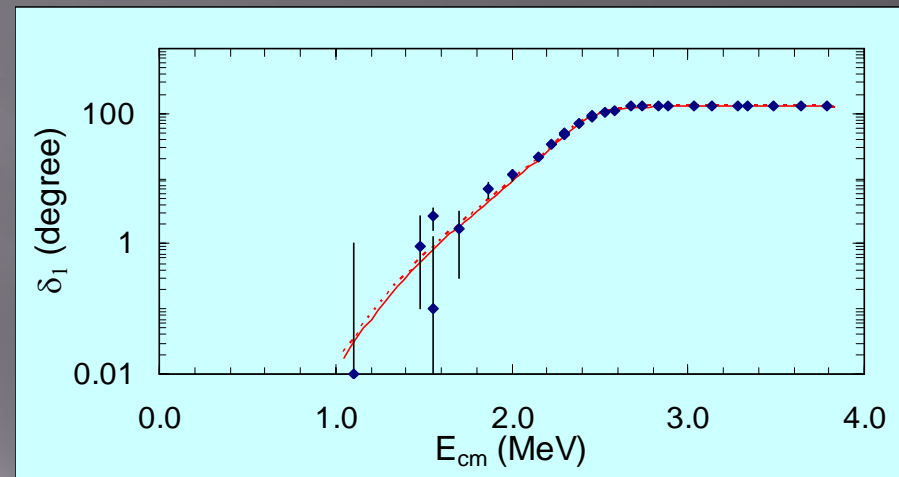
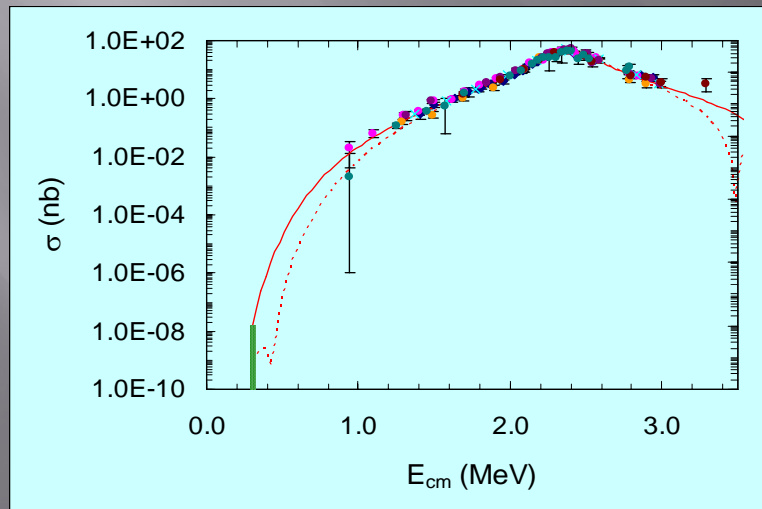
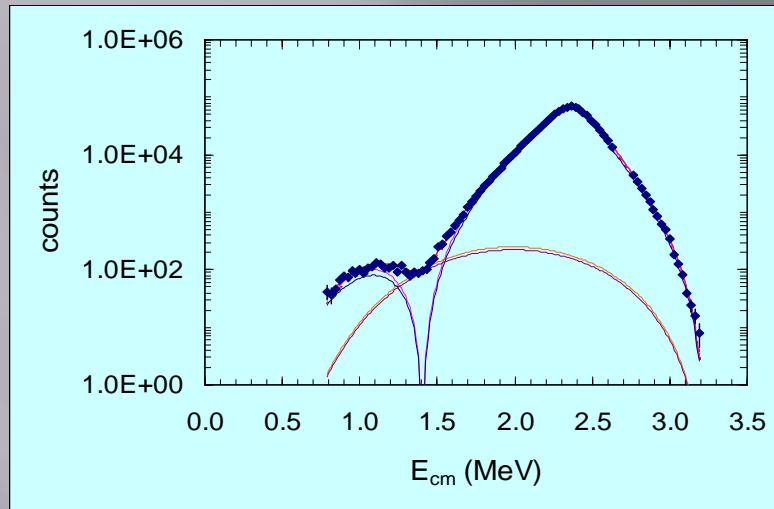
★ $c_2=0.99$ (exp 1)

R-matrix fit to the s_{E1} - no normalization



Constructive :
 $S_{300} = 83.1$ keV b
 $\chi^2 = 401$; $\nu = 279 - 14$
 $\chi^2/\nu = 1.51$

R-matrix fit to the s_{E1} - with normalization



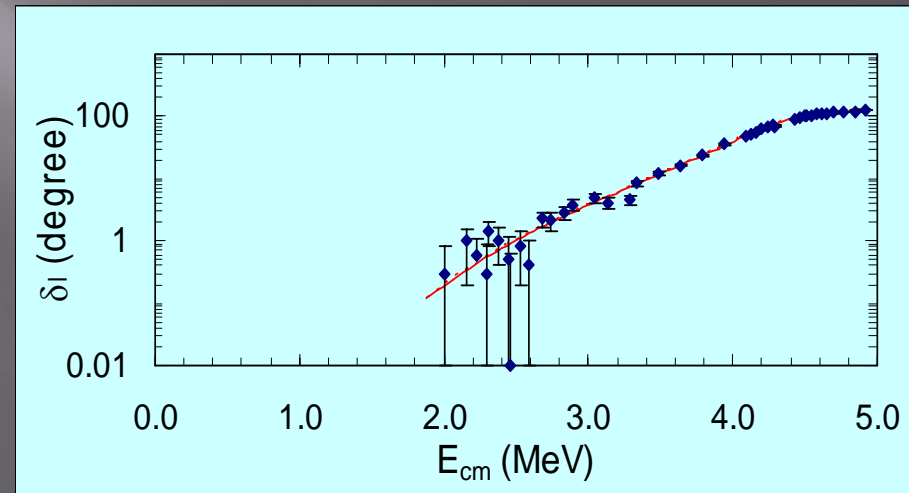
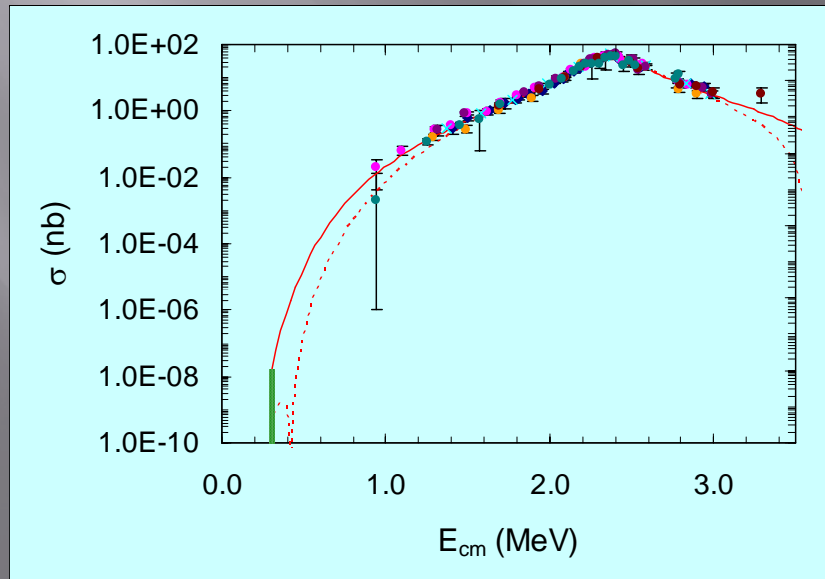
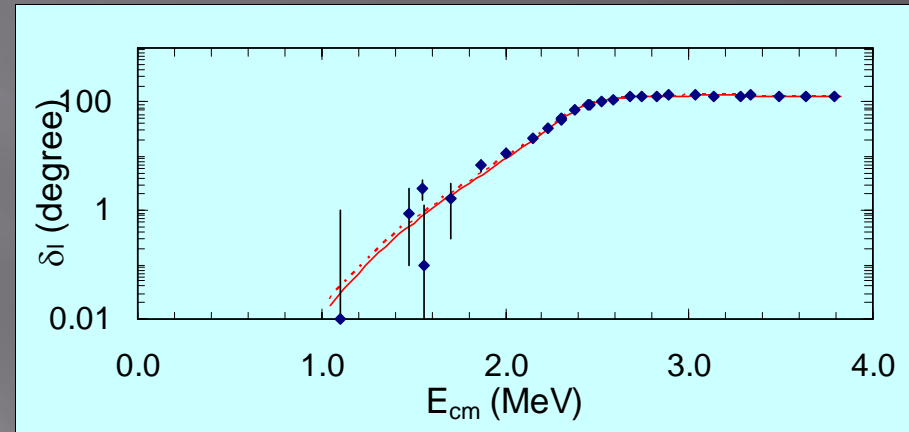
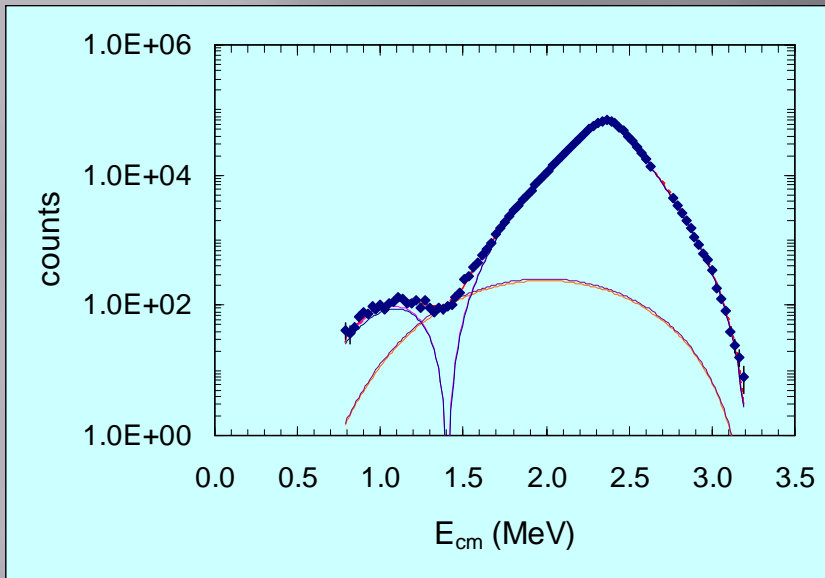
Constructive :

$S_{300}=86.4$ keV b

$\chi^2=352$; $\nu=279-14$

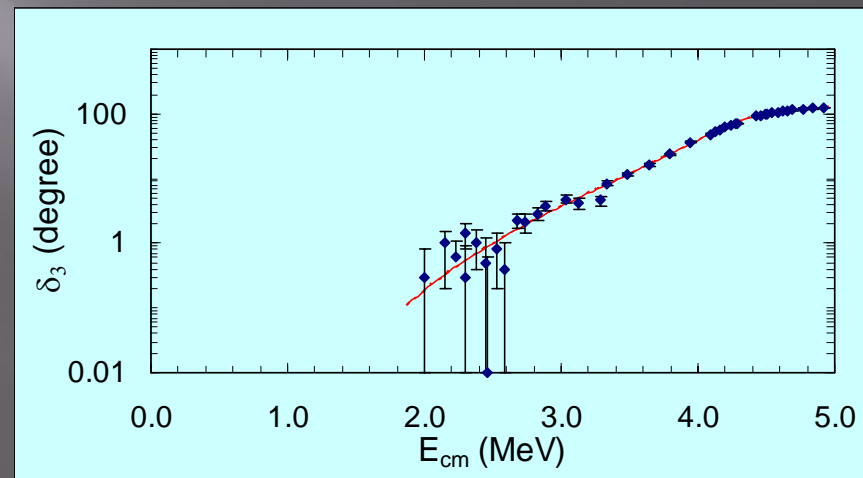
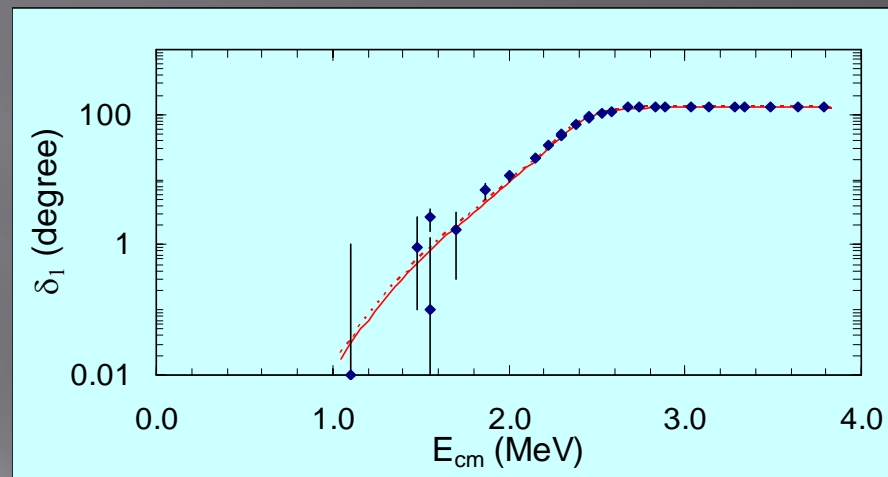
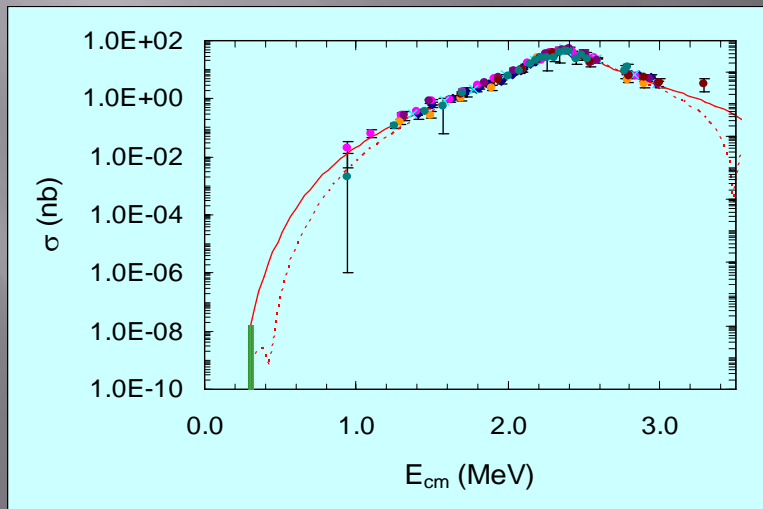
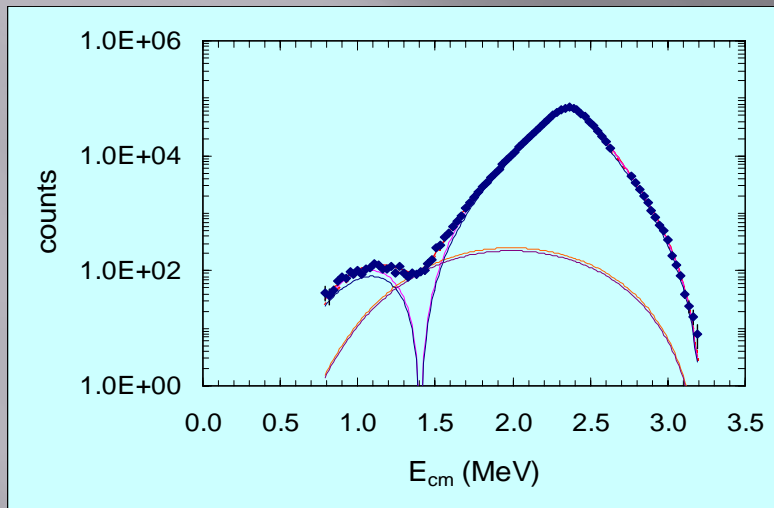
$\chi^2/\nu=1.38$ L. Gialanella- SLENA 2012, Kolkata, India

R-matrix fit to the s_{E1} - no normalization



Destructive :
 $S_{300}=2.5$ keV b
 $\chi^2=547; \nu=279-14$
 $\chi^2/\nu=2.06$

R-matrix fit to the s_{E1} – with normalization



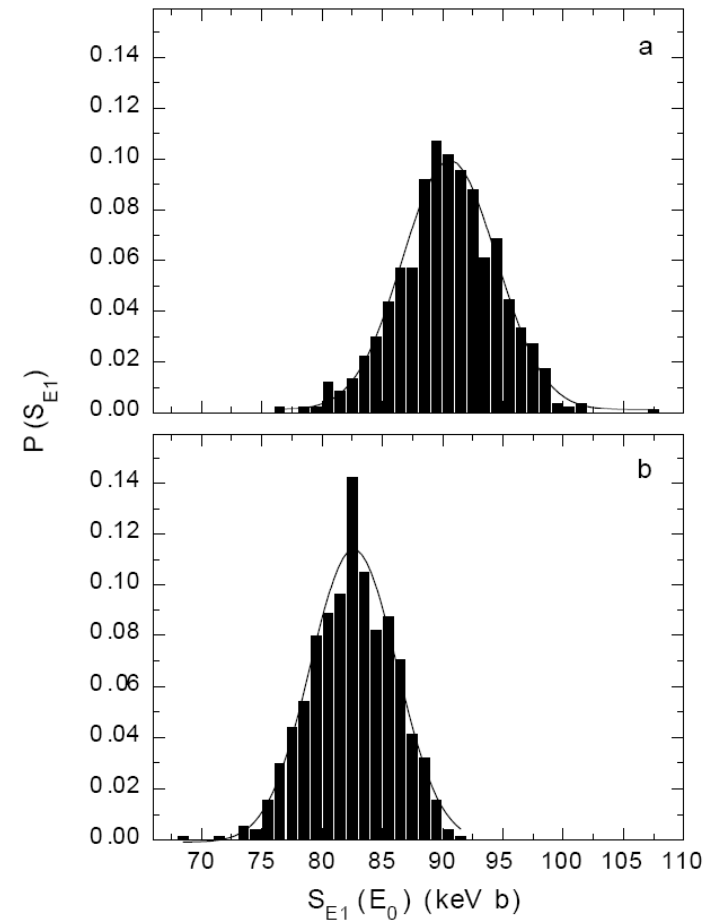
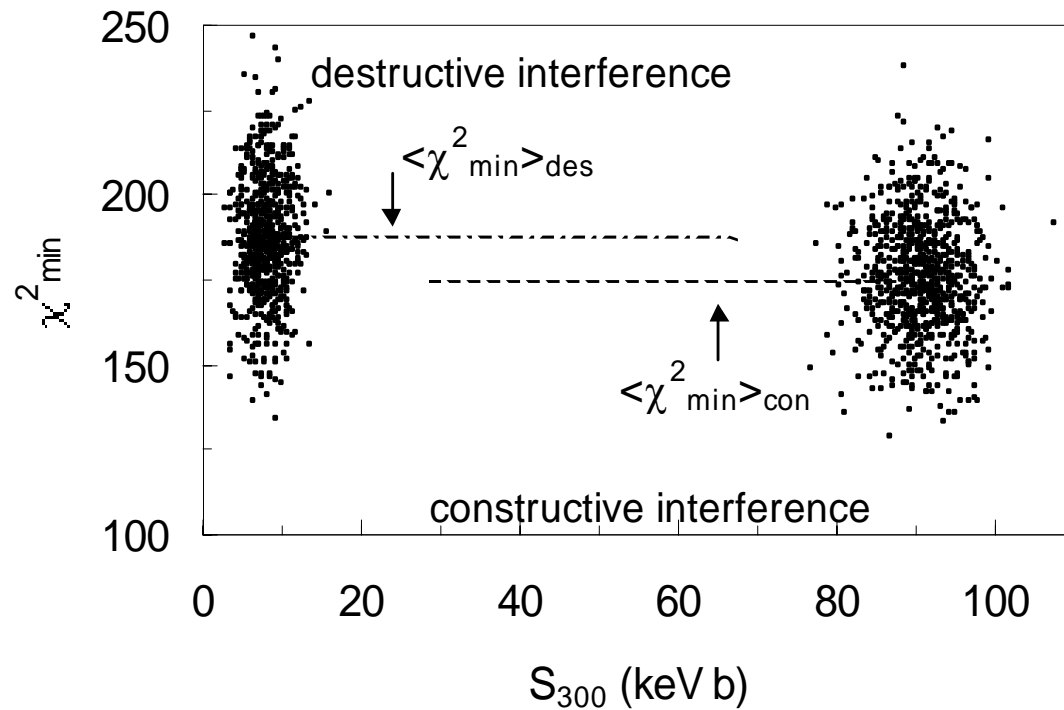
Destructive :

$S_{300}=3 \text{ keV b}$

$\chi^2= 500; \nu=279-14$

$\chi^2/\nu=1.96$ L. Gialanella- SLENA 2012, Kolkata, India

Rmatrix – Monte Carlo



For a full calculation, including normalization and using MonteCarlo, see D. Schürmann et al., PLB 2012

summary

- ★ To which cases do these consideration apply?
 - ★ Efficiency
 - ★ calibration
 - ★ Relative measurements
 - ★ etc
- ★ So: to which cases these consideration do not apply?
 - ★ few
- ★ Special attention must be paid to high precision experiments