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BASED ON AN R-MATRIX ANALYSIS OF THE  $^5\text{HE}$  SYSTEM**

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## Arguments Against:

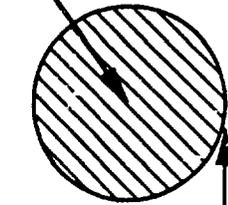
### Theory-based evaluation

- Harder to do; takes longer.
- Limited ranges of mass, energy over which any one theory (model) is practical.
- Too much (approximate) theory ⇒ bad representations of data.

### Curve-fitting evaluation

- Completely unconstrained by physical principles.
- Burden falls entirely on measurements to get reliable results.
- Can get *good* representations of *bad* data.

INTERIOR REGION  
(Microscopic Calculations)



SURFACE

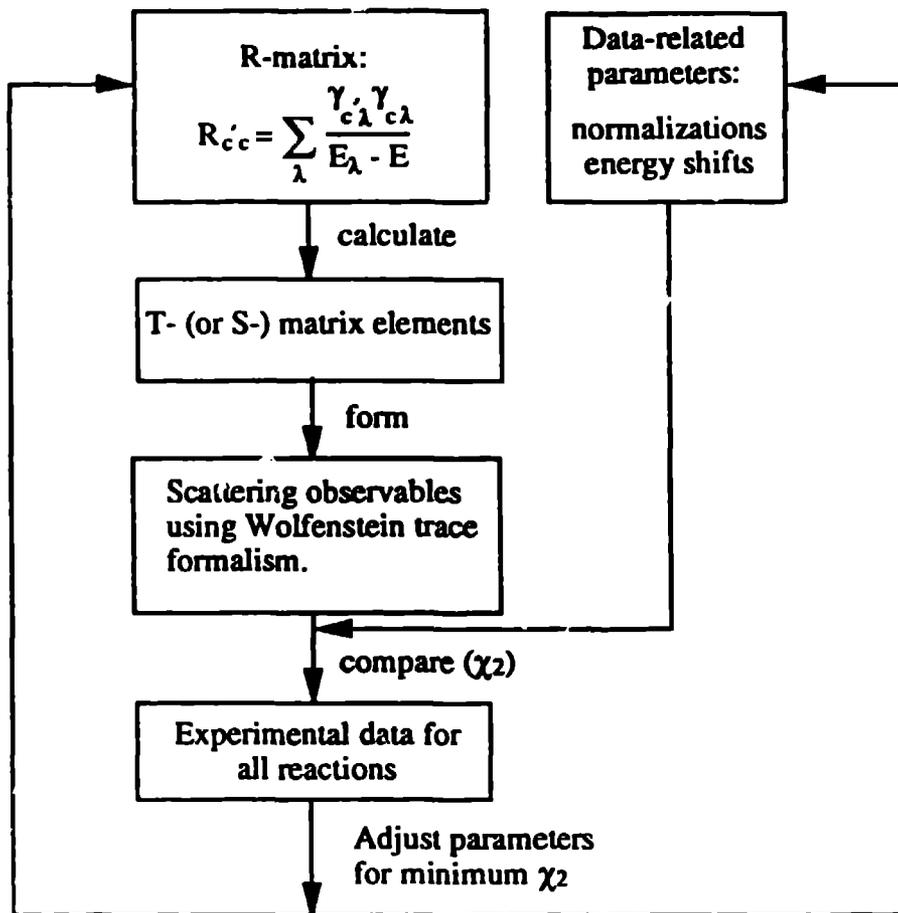
$$R_{c'c} = (c' | [H + \mathcal{L} - E]^{-1} | c) = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{\gamma_{c'\lambda} \gamma_{c\lambda}}{E_{\lambda} - E}$$

- builds in fundamental conservation laws, symmetries, and analytic properties (causality, unitarity, etc.) of nuclear reactions.
- parametrizes only interior quantities (correct Coulomb, angular-momentum barrier penetration built in).
- explicit energy dependence (poles) ideal for describing resonances.

ASYMPTOTIC REGION  
(S matrix, phase shifts, etc.)

Measurements

## Energy Dependent Analysis Code



## Capabilities and Features

- 1) Accommodates general (spins, masses, charges) two-body channels
- 2) Uses relativistic kinematics and R-matrix formulation
- 3) Calculates general scattering observables for  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes
- 4) Has rather general data-handling capabilities
- 5) Uses modified variable-metric search algorithm that gives parameter covariances at a solution.

## $^5\text{He}$ System Analysis

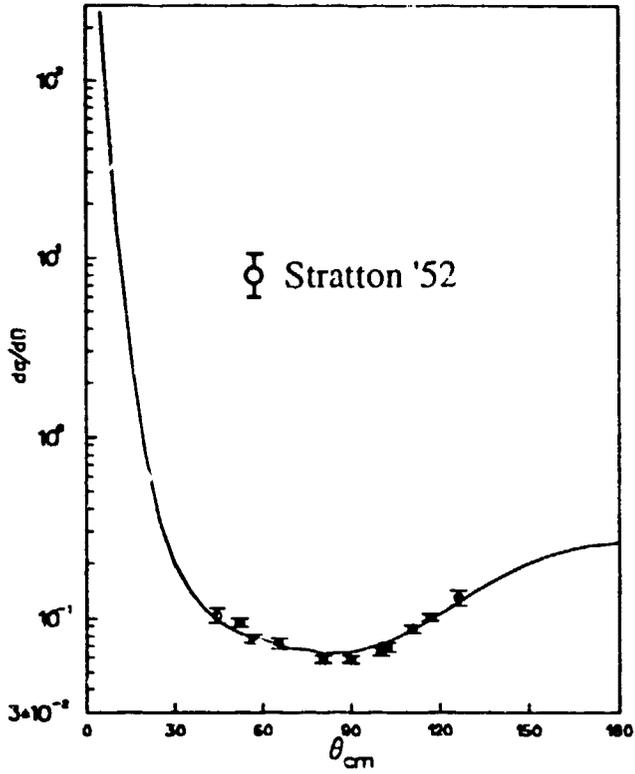
<u>Channel</u>	<u><math>l_{\text{max}}</math></u>	<u><math>a_c</math> (fm)</u>
d-t	5	5.1
n- $^4\text{He}$	5	3.0
n- $^4\text{He}^*$	1	5.0

<u>Reaction</u>	<u>Energy Range</u>	<u># Observable Types</u>	<u># Data Points</u>	<u><math>\chi^2</math></u>
T(d,d)T	$E_d=0-8$ MeV	6	683	1284
T(d,n) $^4\text{He}$	$E_d=0-10$ MeV	14	1241	1727
T(d,n) $^4\text{He}^*$	$E_d=4.8-8$ MeV	1	10	15
$^4\text{He}(n,n)^4\text{He}$	$E_n=0-28$ MeV	2	813	1108
Totals:		23	2747	4134

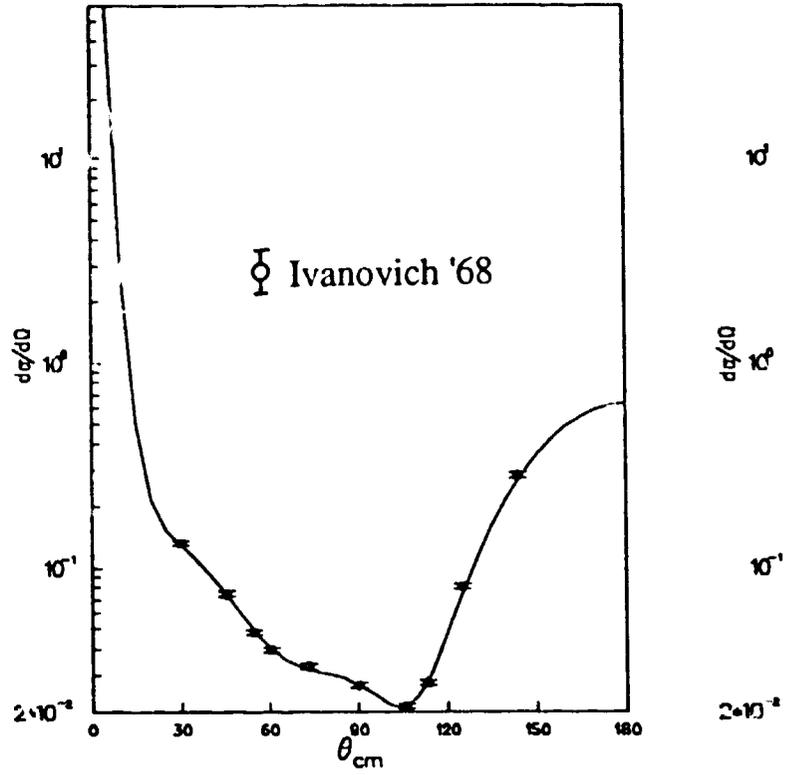
# parameters = 117  $\Rightarrow$   $\chi^2$  per degree of freedom = 1.57

[109 phase parameters are necessary to describe the S matrix at a single energy]

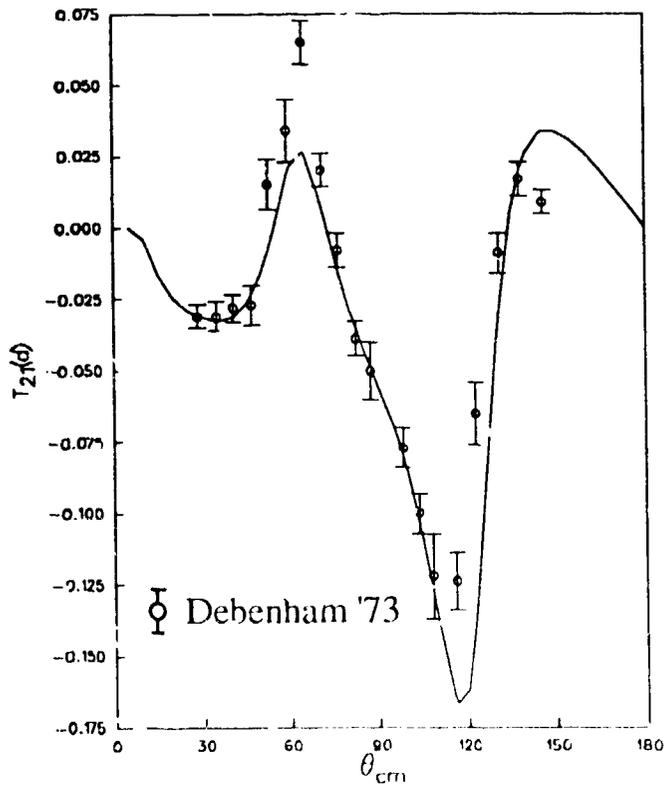
T(d,d)T 1.97 MeV



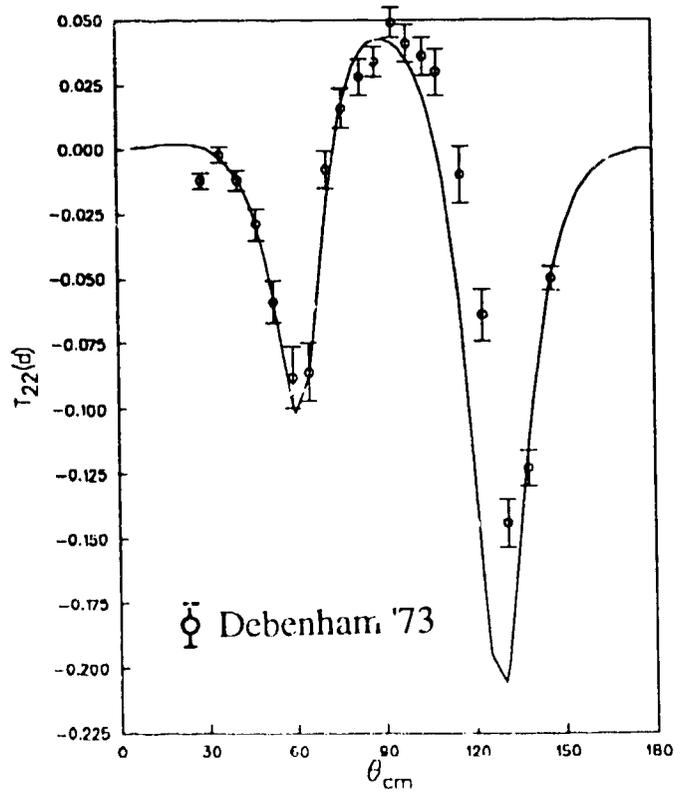
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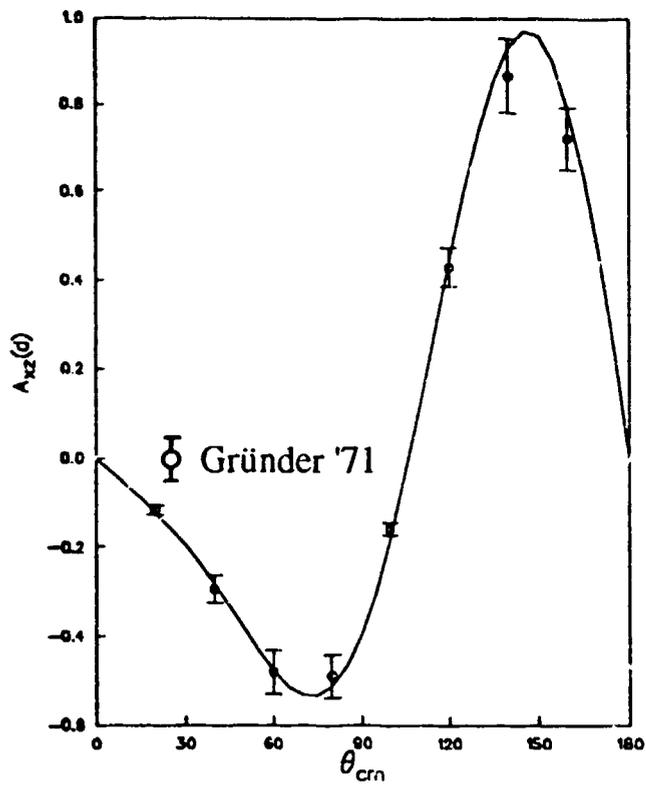
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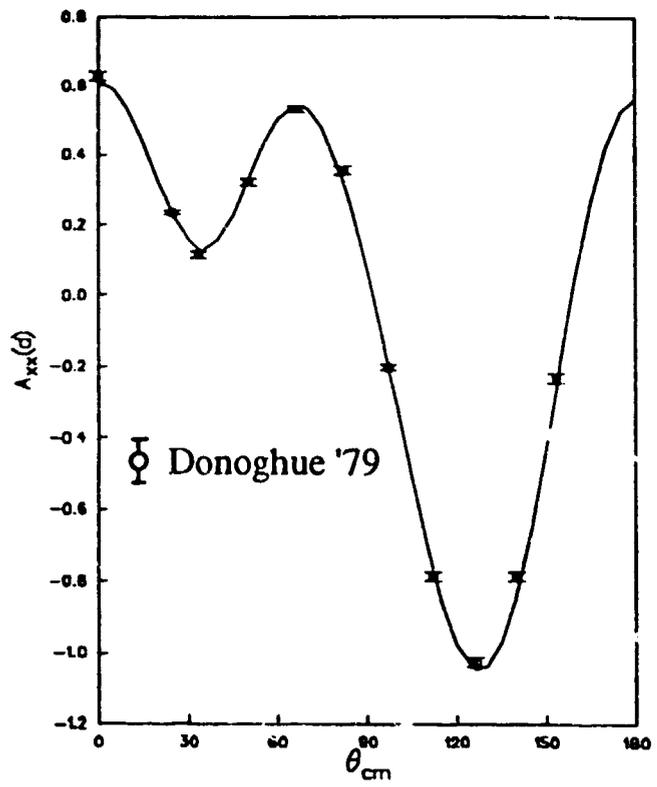
T(d,d)T 8.00 MeV



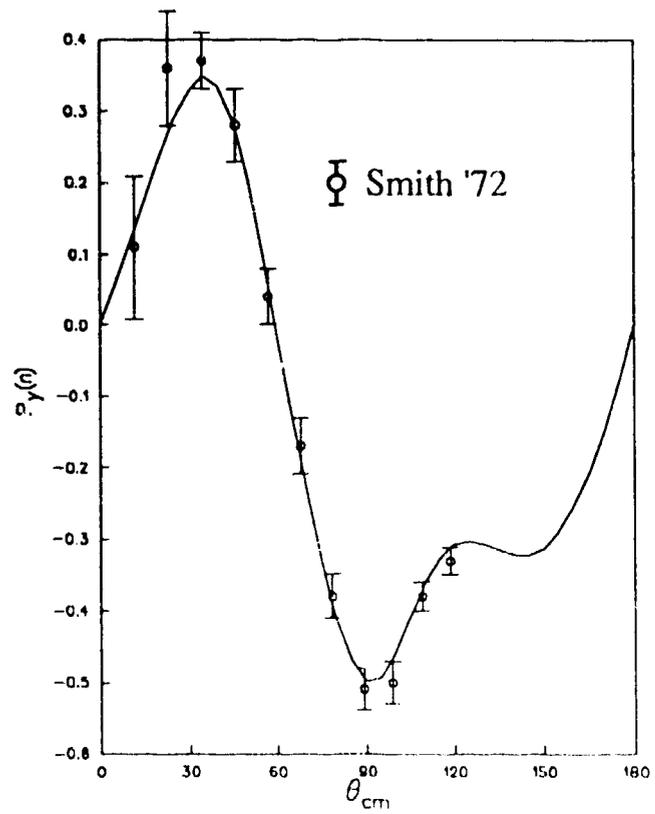
$T(d,n)^4\text{He}$  100 MeV



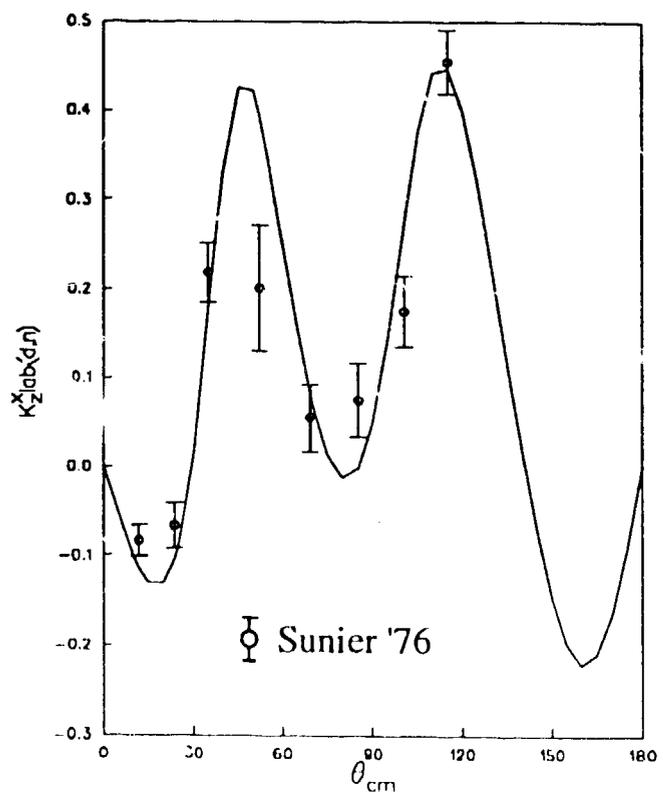
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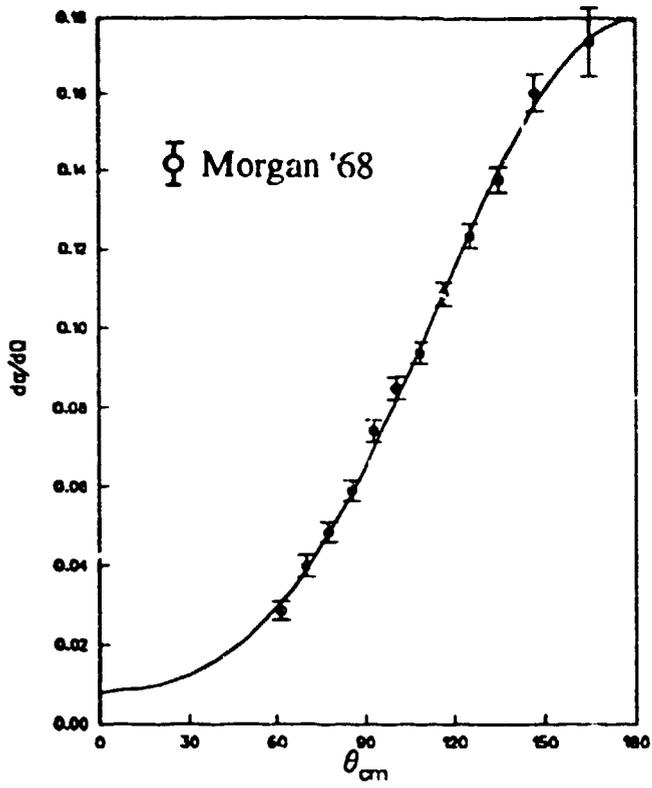
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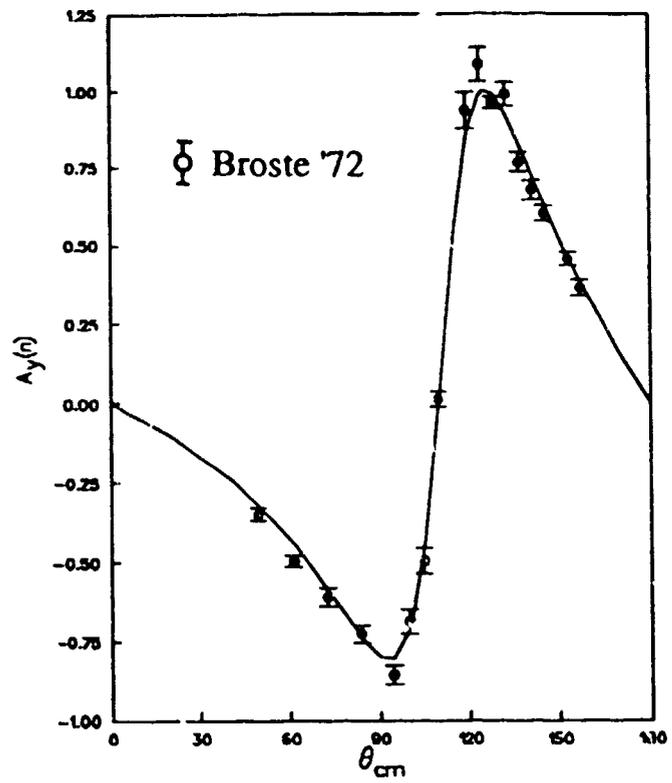
$T(d,n)^4\text{He}$  7.00 MeV



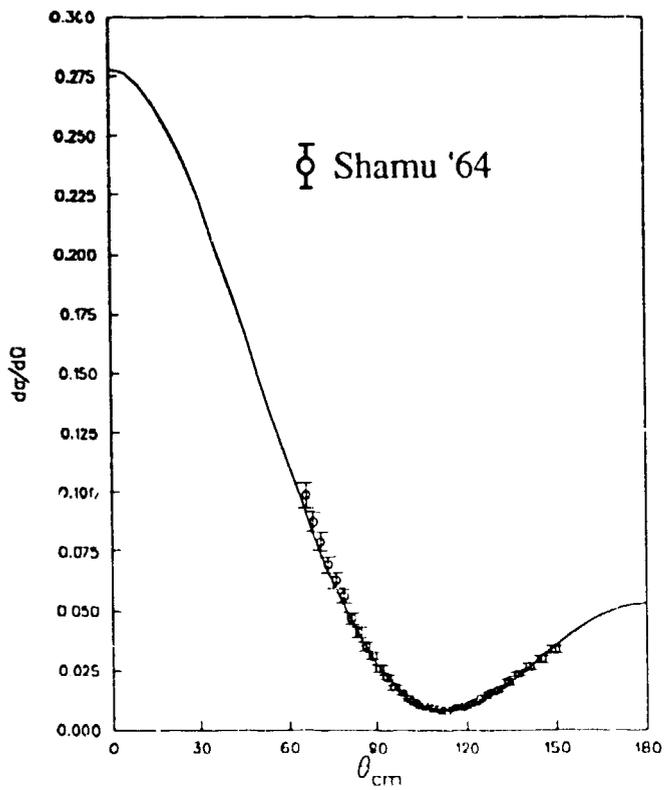
${}^4\text{He}(n,n){}^4\text{He}$  0.31 MeV



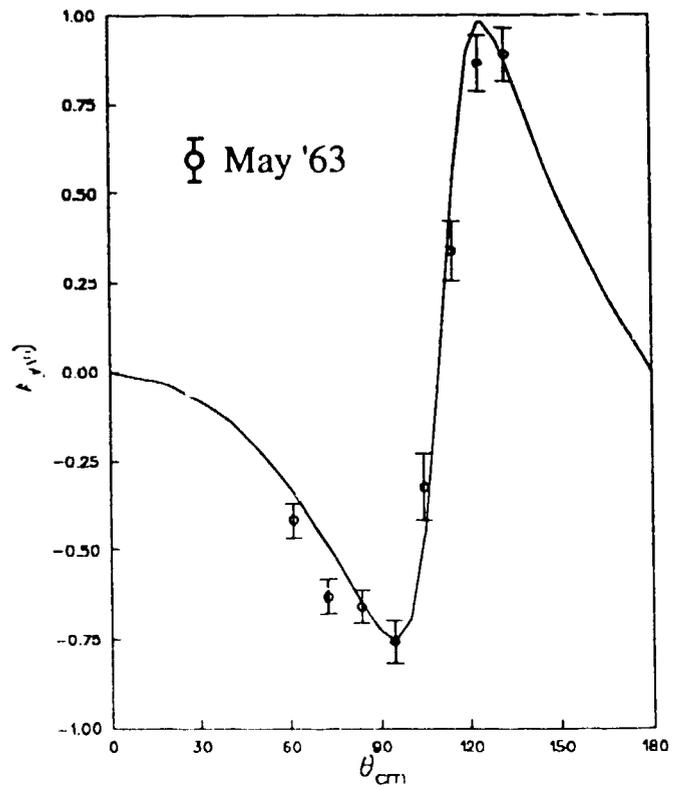
${}^4\text{He}(n,n){}^4\text{He}$  11.0 MeV



${}^4\text{He}(n,n){}^4\text{He}$  16.4 MeV



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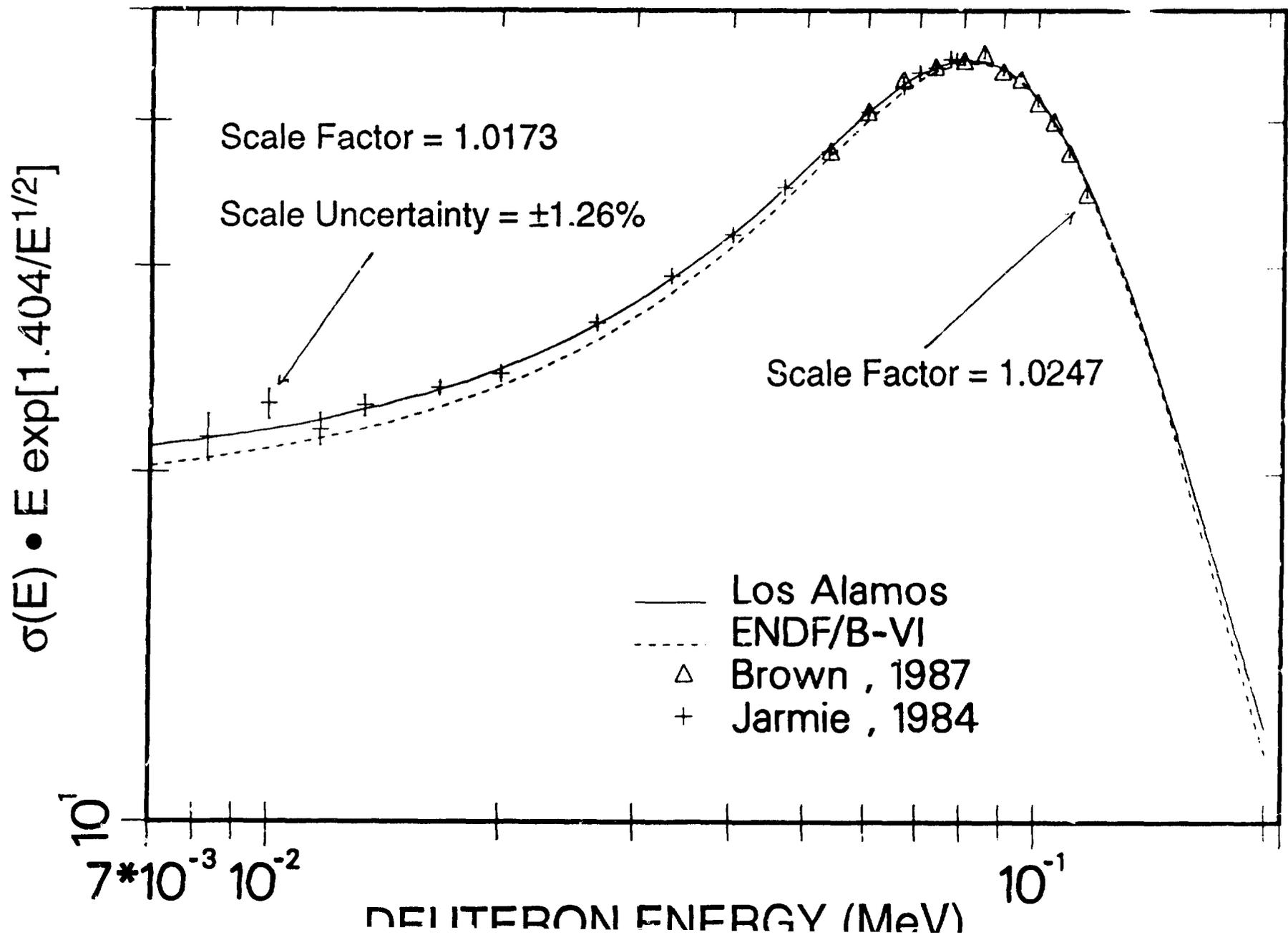
### Renormalization Factors for T(d,n) Cross-Section Data

Data set	Type	$E_d$ (MeV)	Scale factor	Scale error (%)
Jarmie '84	$\sigma(E)$	0.008 - 0.070	1.017	1.26
Brown '87	$\sigma(E)$	0.053 - 0.116	1.025	- (rel.)
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	0.50	0.939	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	0.75	0.931	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	1.0	0.949	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	1.3	0.929	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	1.5	0.912	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	2.5	0.973	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	3.0	0.977	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	3.5	0.994	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	4.0	1.004	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	4.5	0.981	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	5.0	0.986	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	6.0	0.977	10
Bame '57	$\sigma(\theta)$	7.0	0.980	10
Paulsen '64	$\sigma(\theta)$	1.0	0.956	- (rel.)
Paulsen '64	$\sigma(\theta)$	3.0	0.974	- (rel.)
Ivarovich '68	$\sigma(\theta)$	4.2 - 10	1.016*	1.0
McDaniels '90**	$\sigma(\theta)$	5.0	0.996	1.5
McDaniels '90	$\sigma(\theta)$	6.0	0.980	1.5
Drosg '82	$\sigma(\theta)$	3.973	1.024	3.0
Drosg '78	$\sigma(0^\circ)$	7 - 10	0.986	1.5
Drosg '90	$\sigma(180^\circ)$	4.7 - 10	1.009	1.0
Goldberg '61	$\sigma(\theta)$	7.9	1.004	- (rel.)

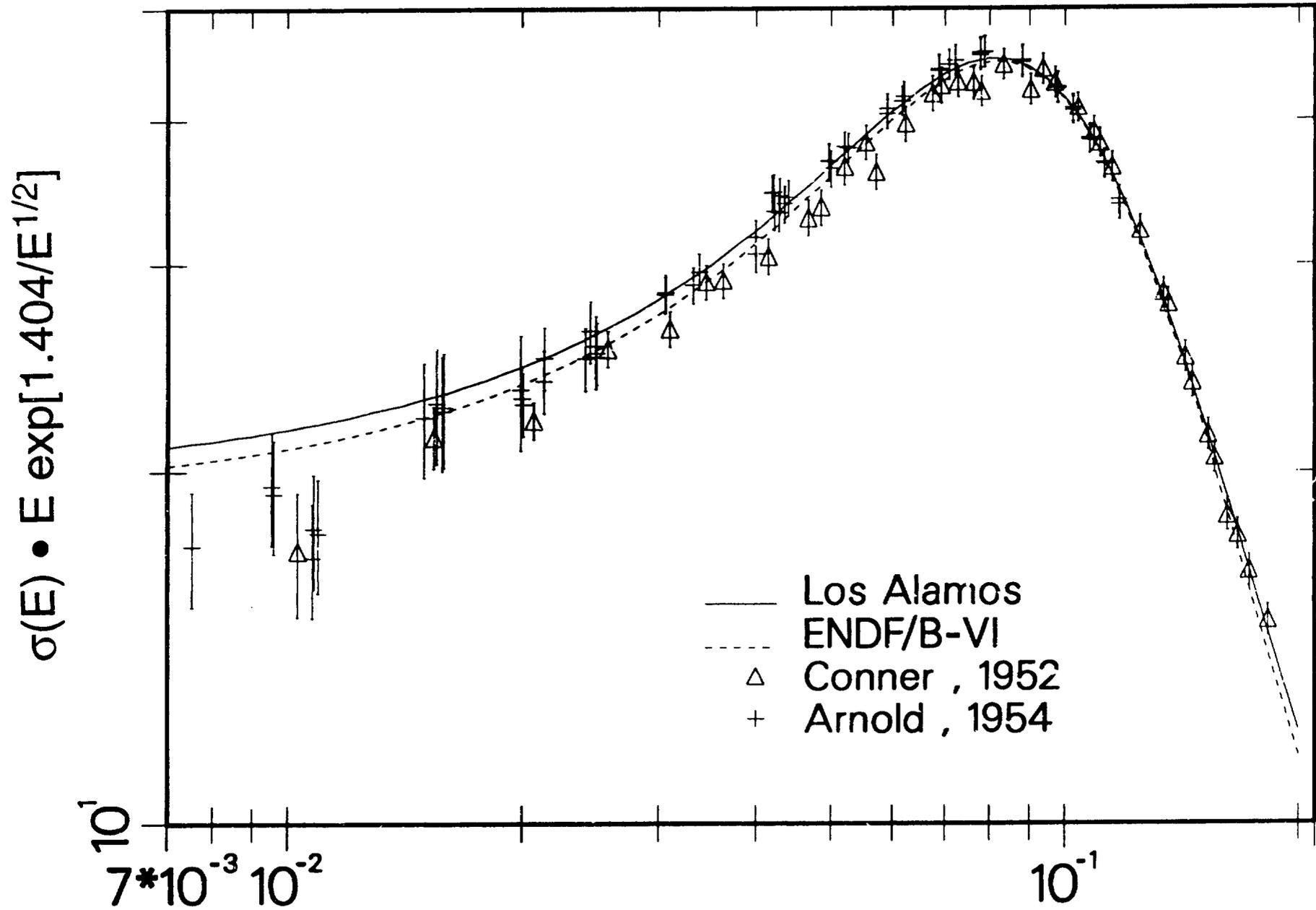
\* Experimental scale value of  $1.028 \pm 0.01$  determined by Drosg

\*\* Based on McDaniels '73 as revised by Drosg

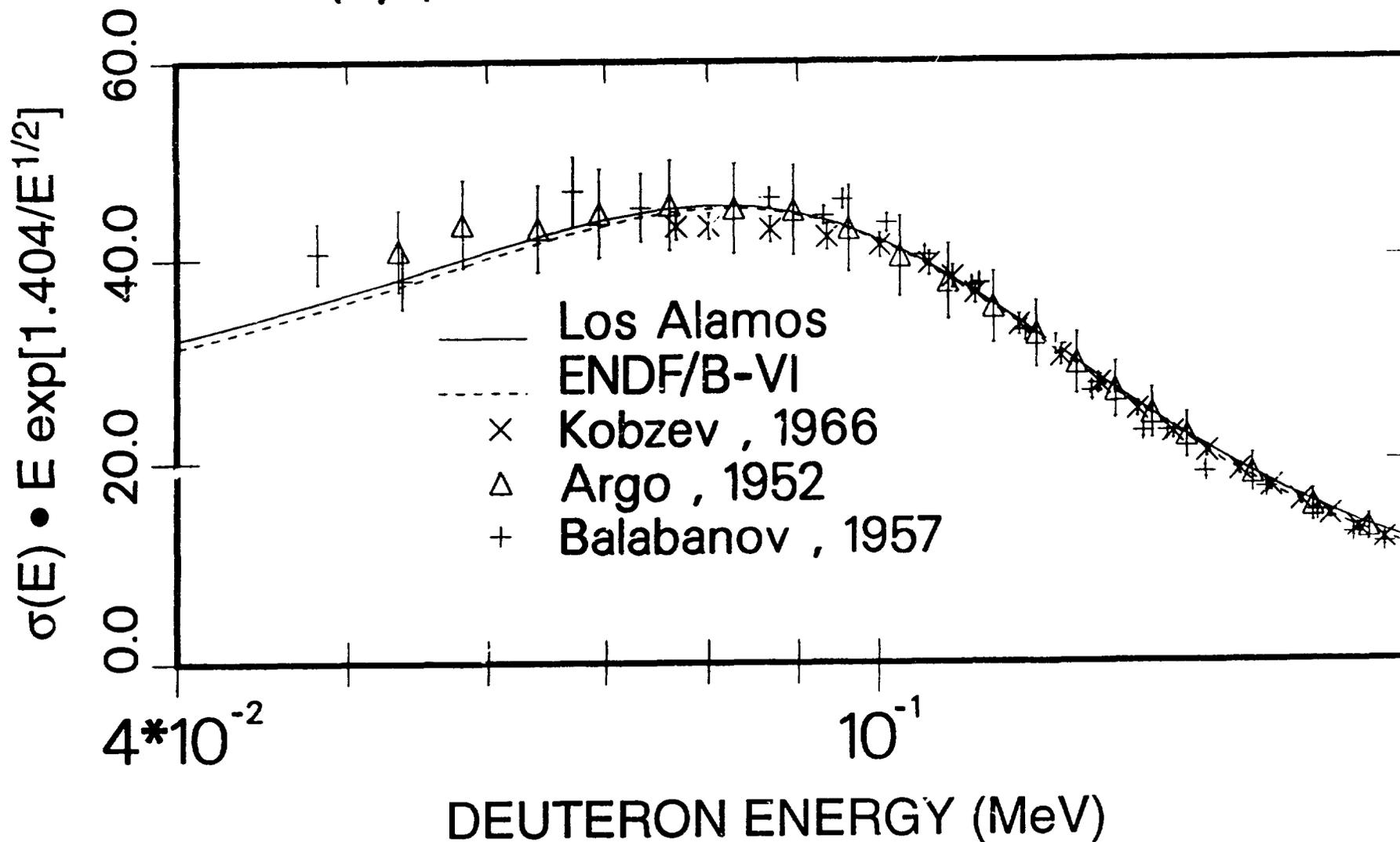
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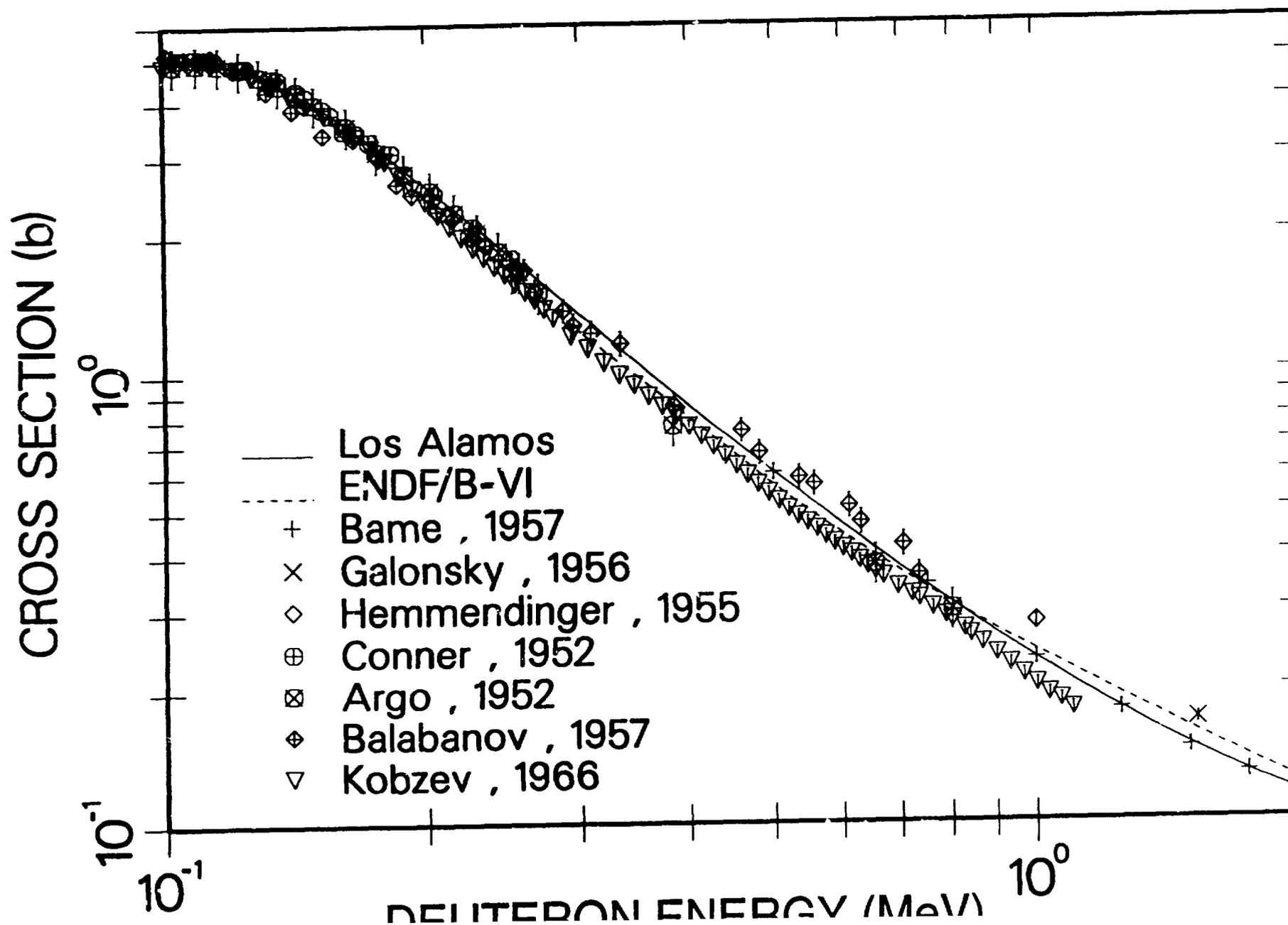
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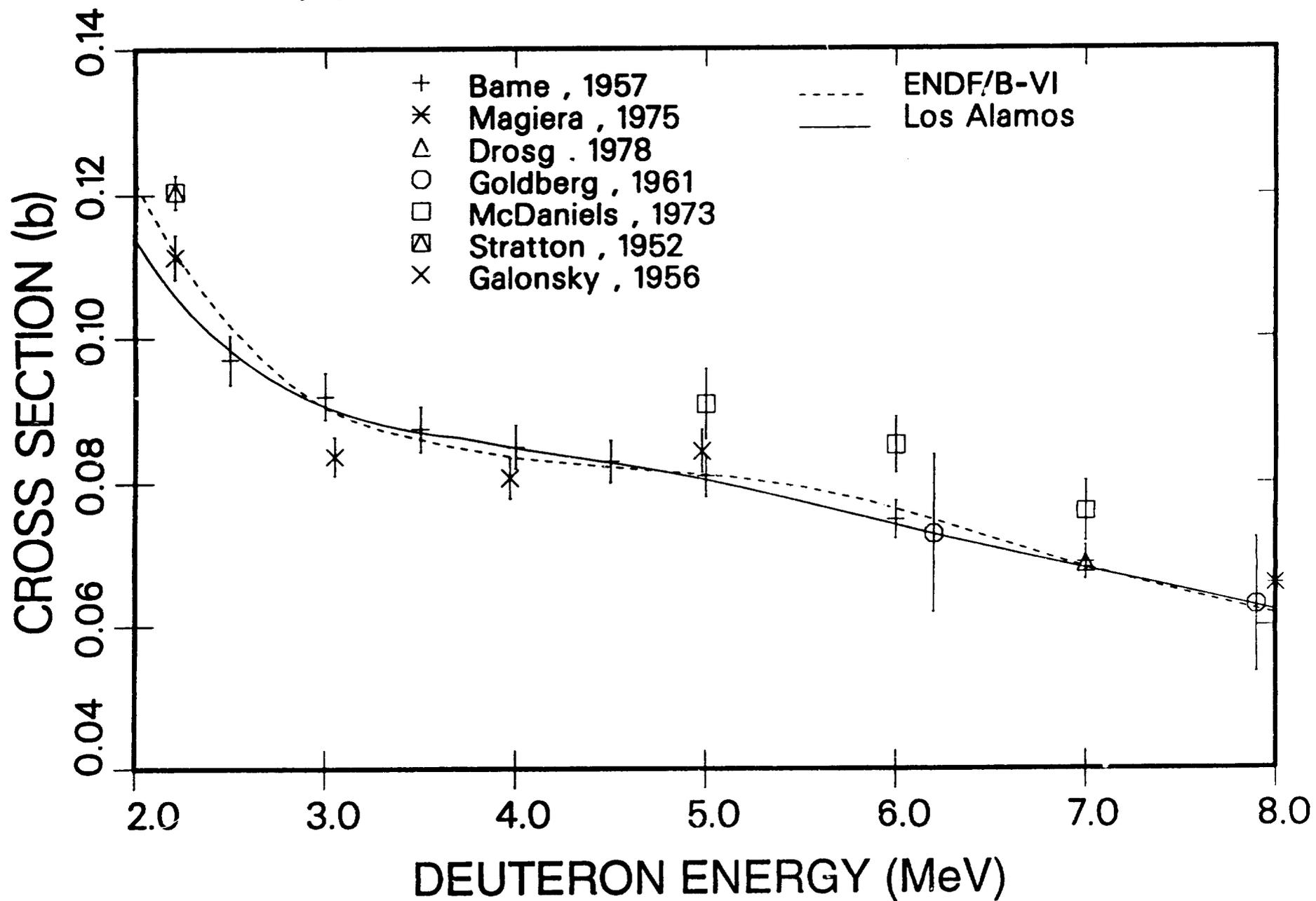
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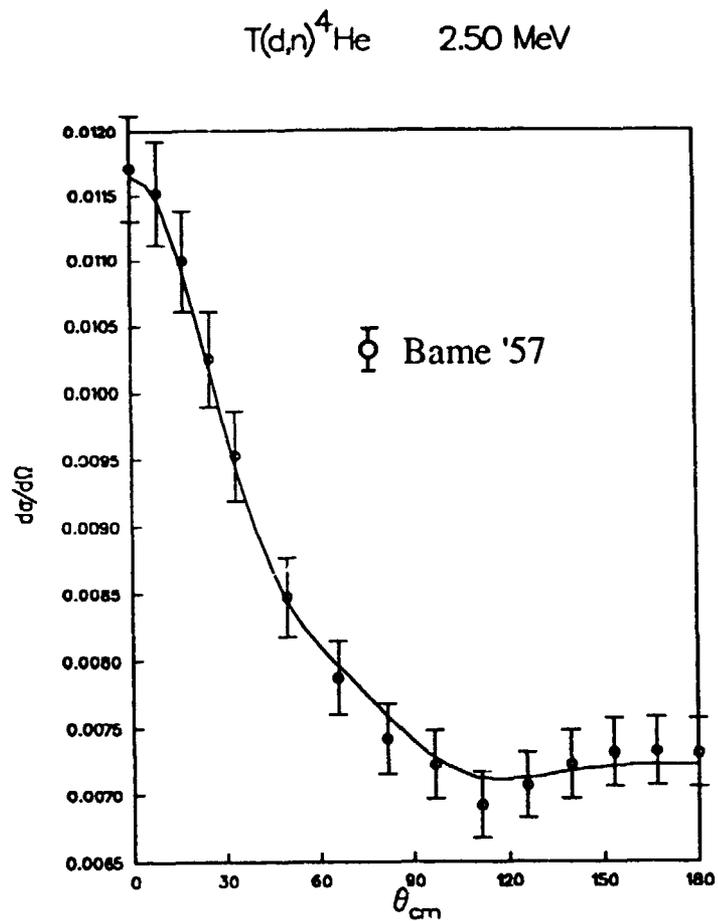
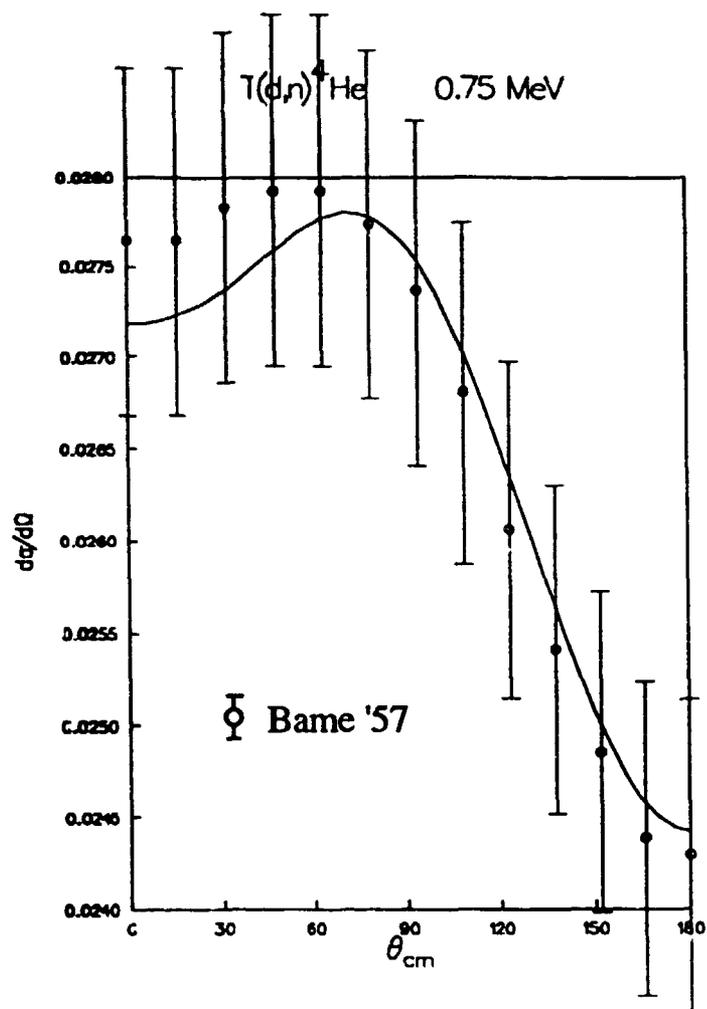


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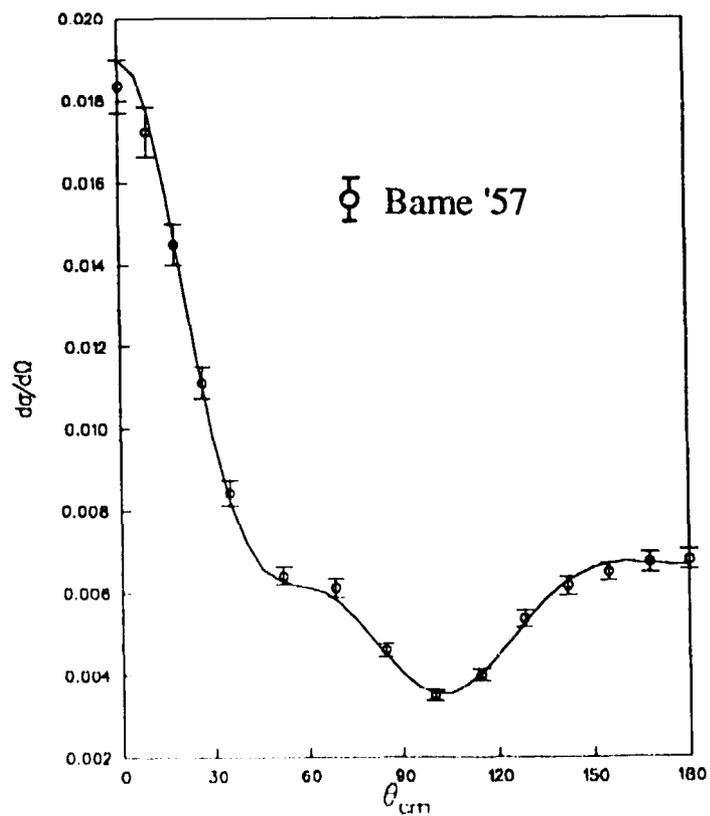
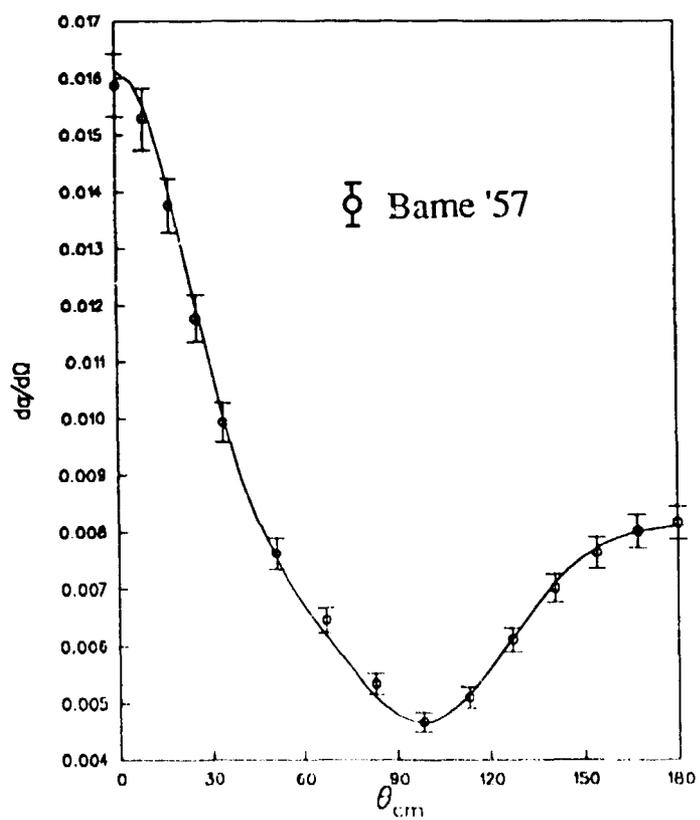
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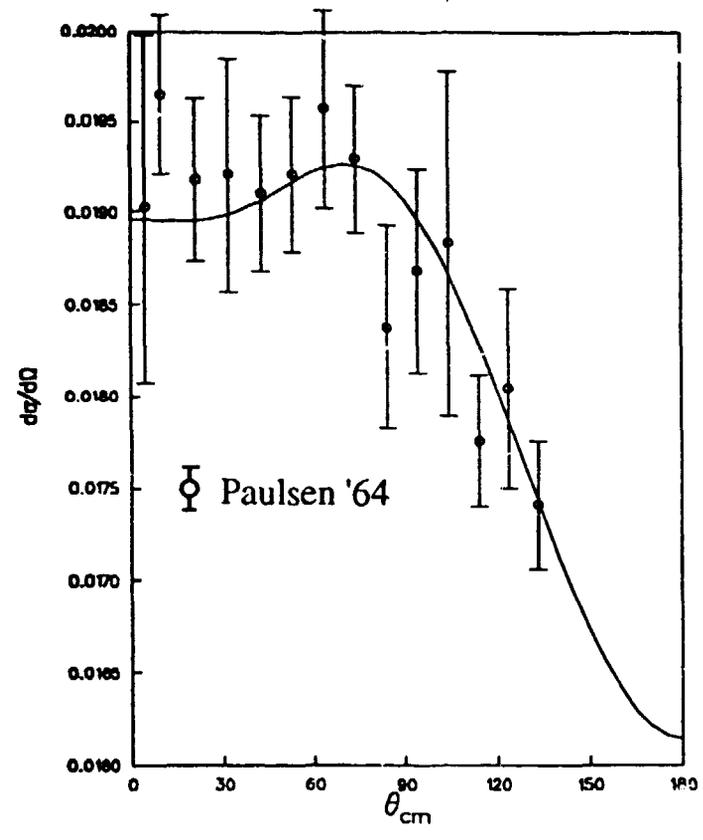


$T(d,n)^4\text{He}$  4.00 MeV

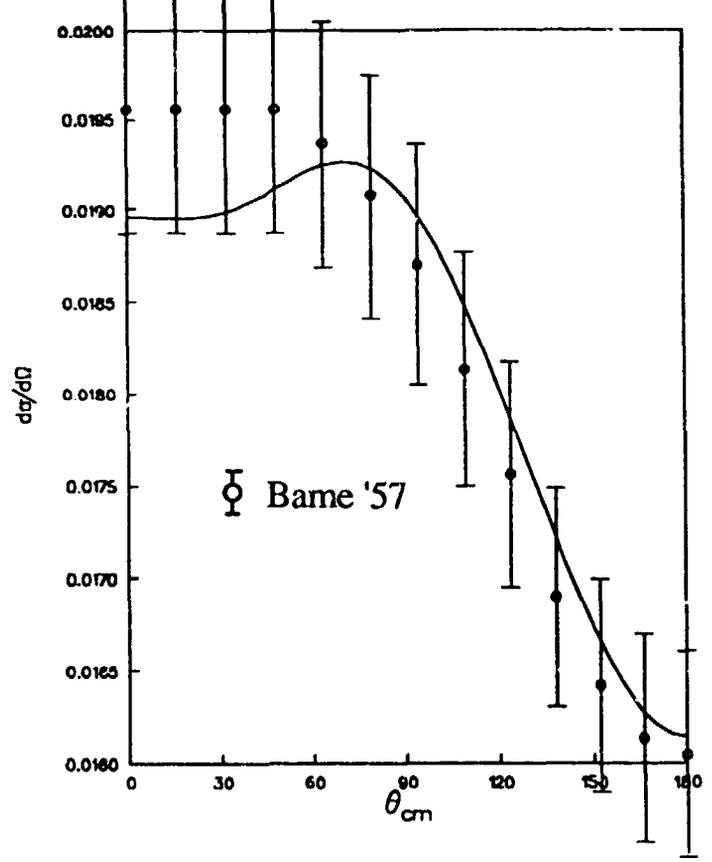
$T(d,n)^4\text{He}$  6.00 MeV



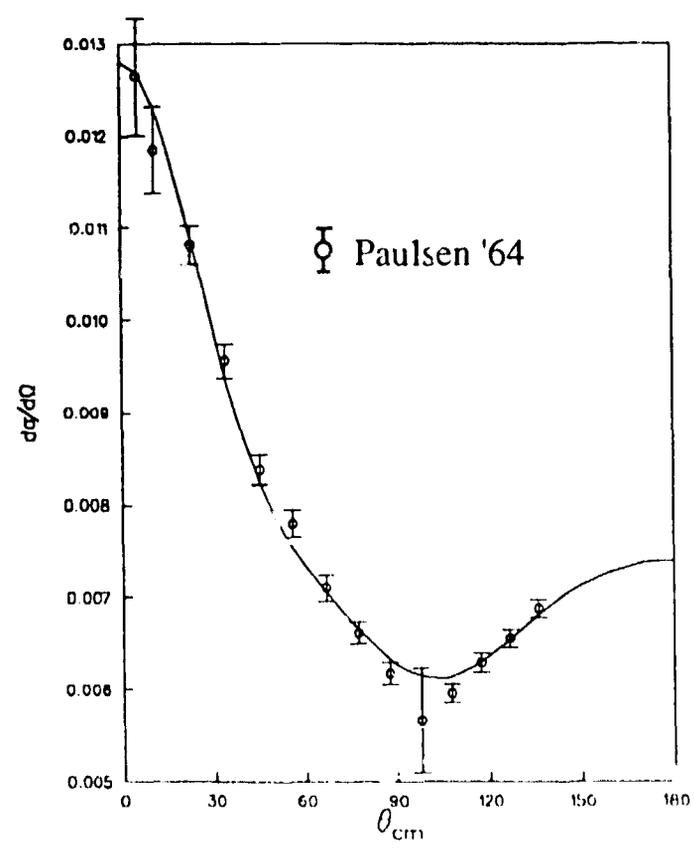
$T(d,n)^4\text{He}$  100 MeV



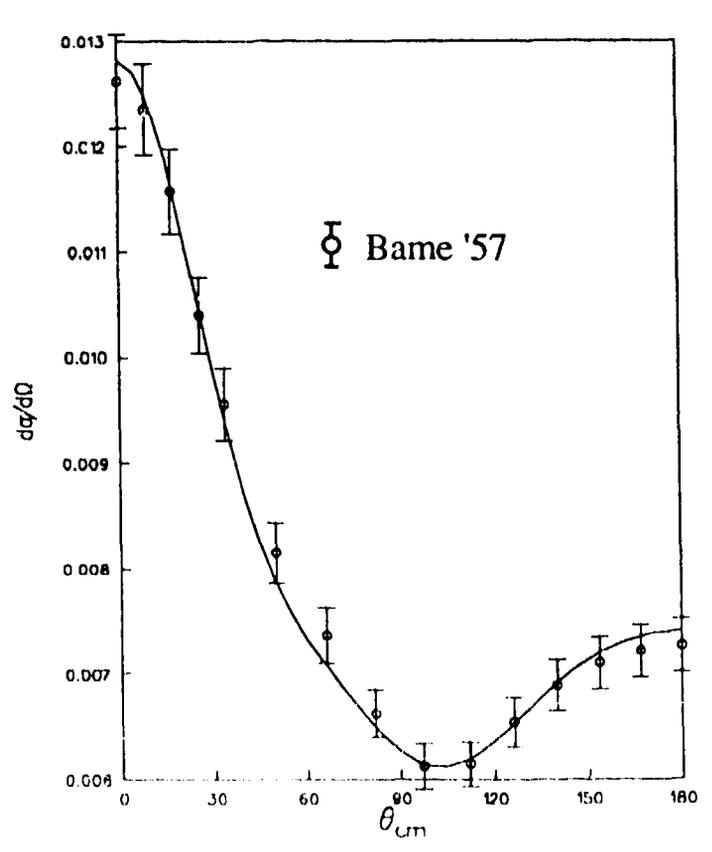
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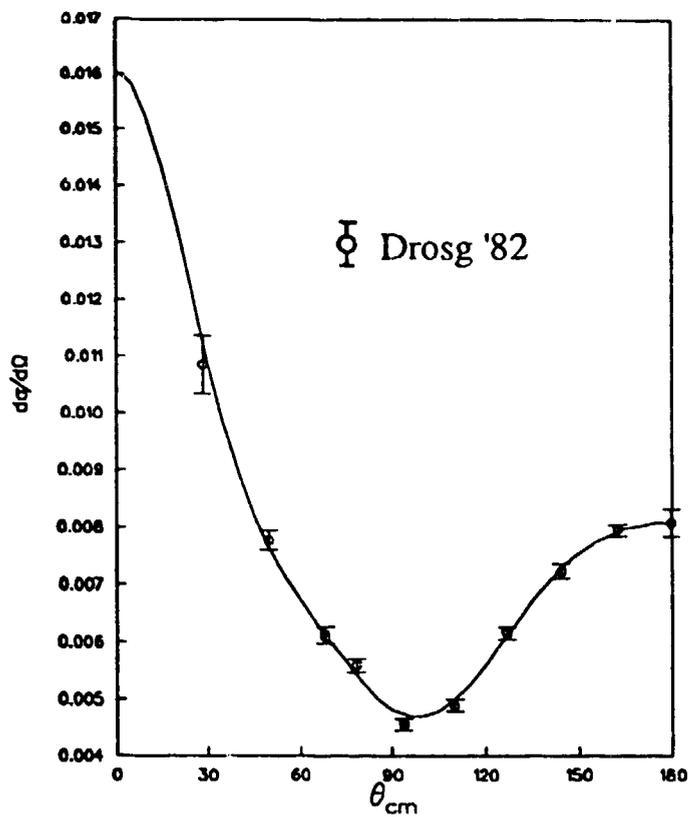
$T(d,n)^4\text{He}$  3.00 MeV



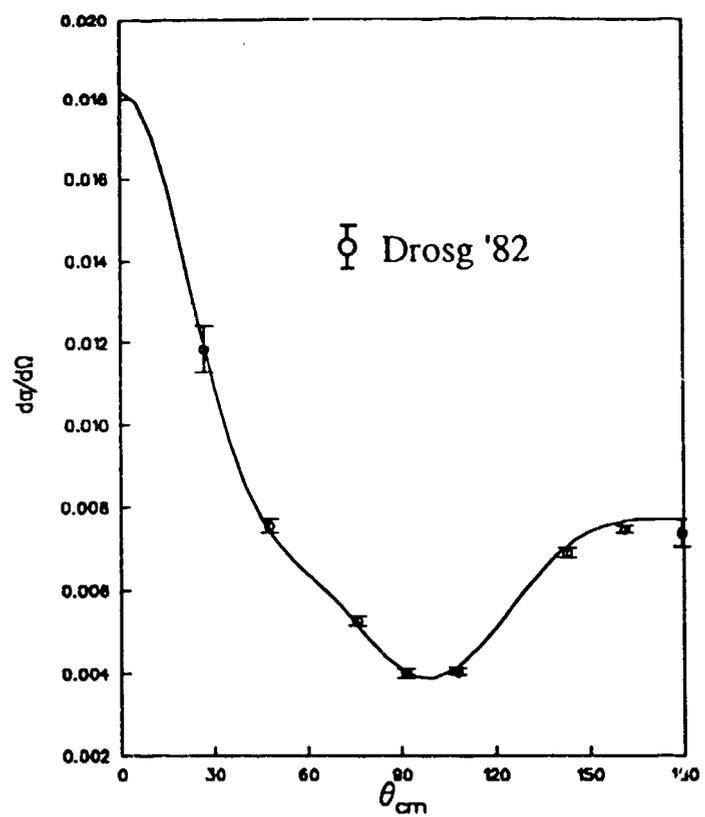
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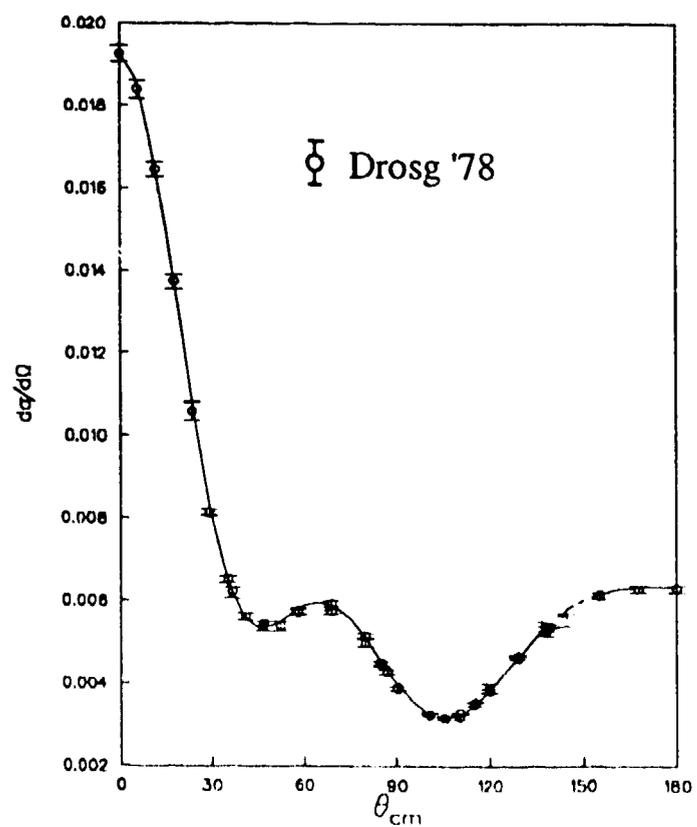
$T(d,n)^4\text{He}$  3.97 MeV



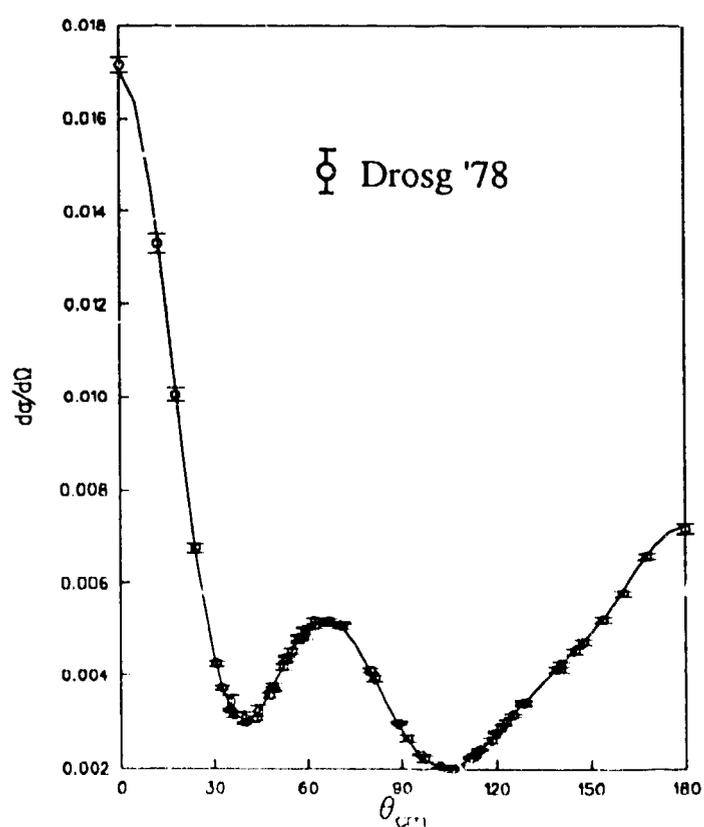
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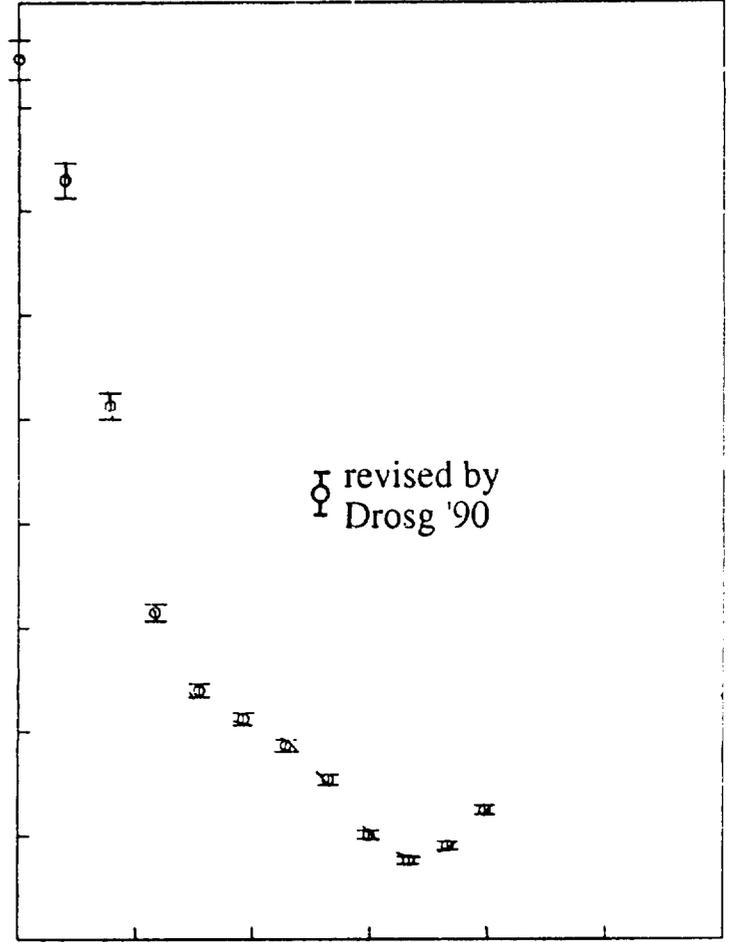
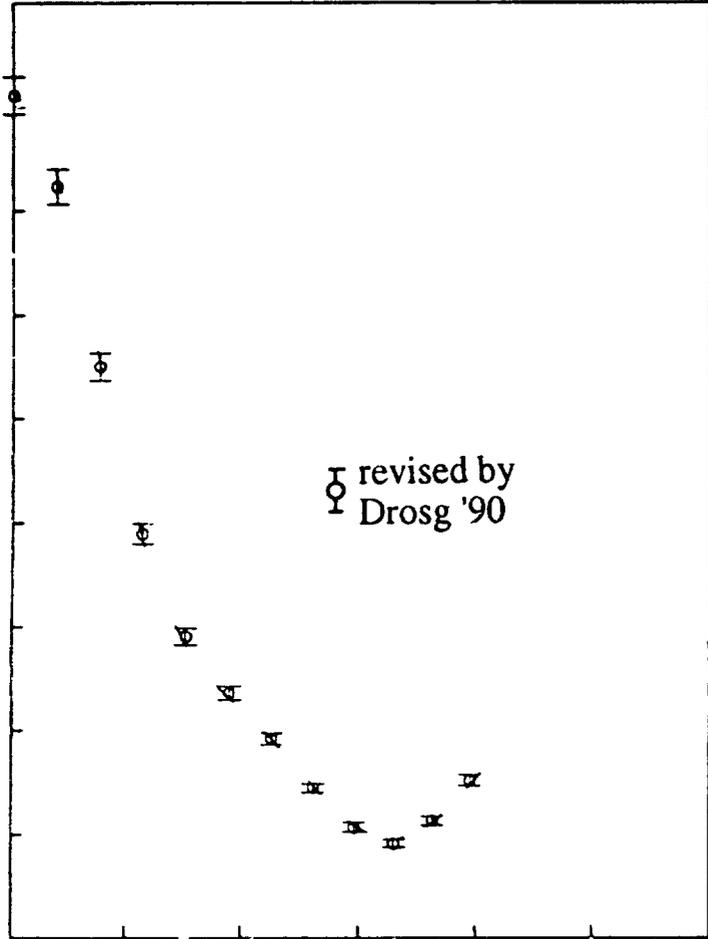


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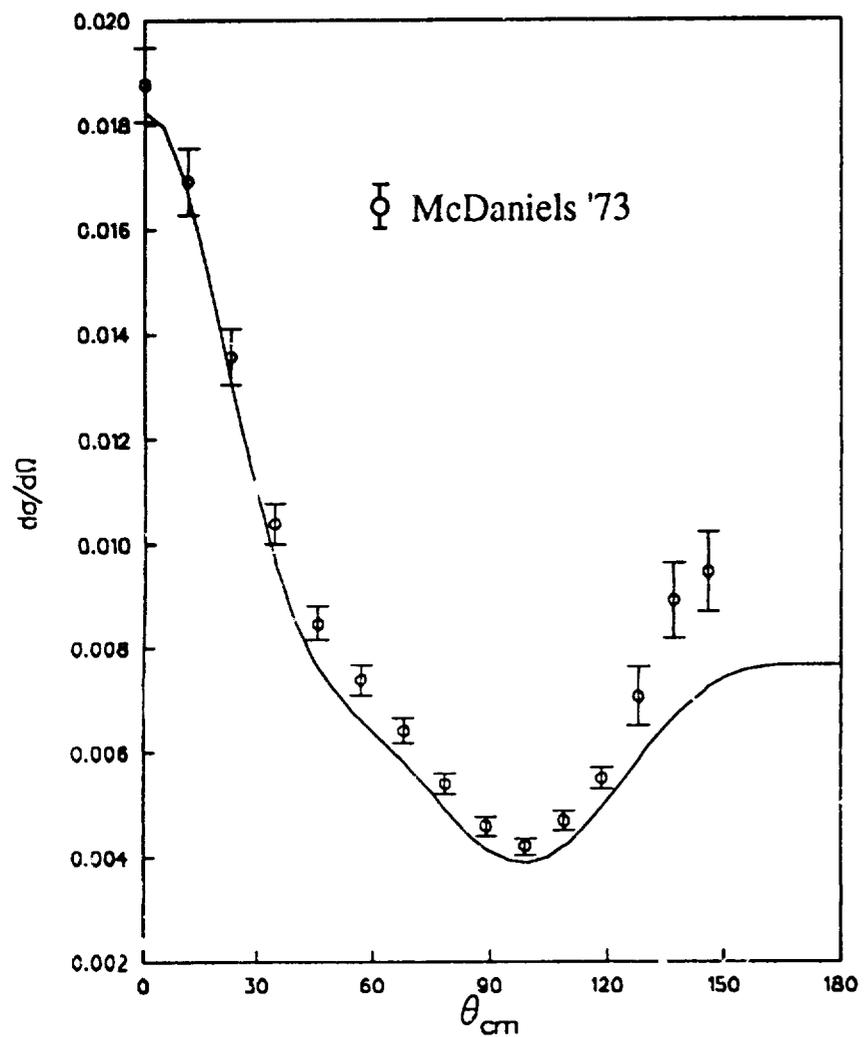


$T(d,n)^4\text{He}$  10.0 MeV

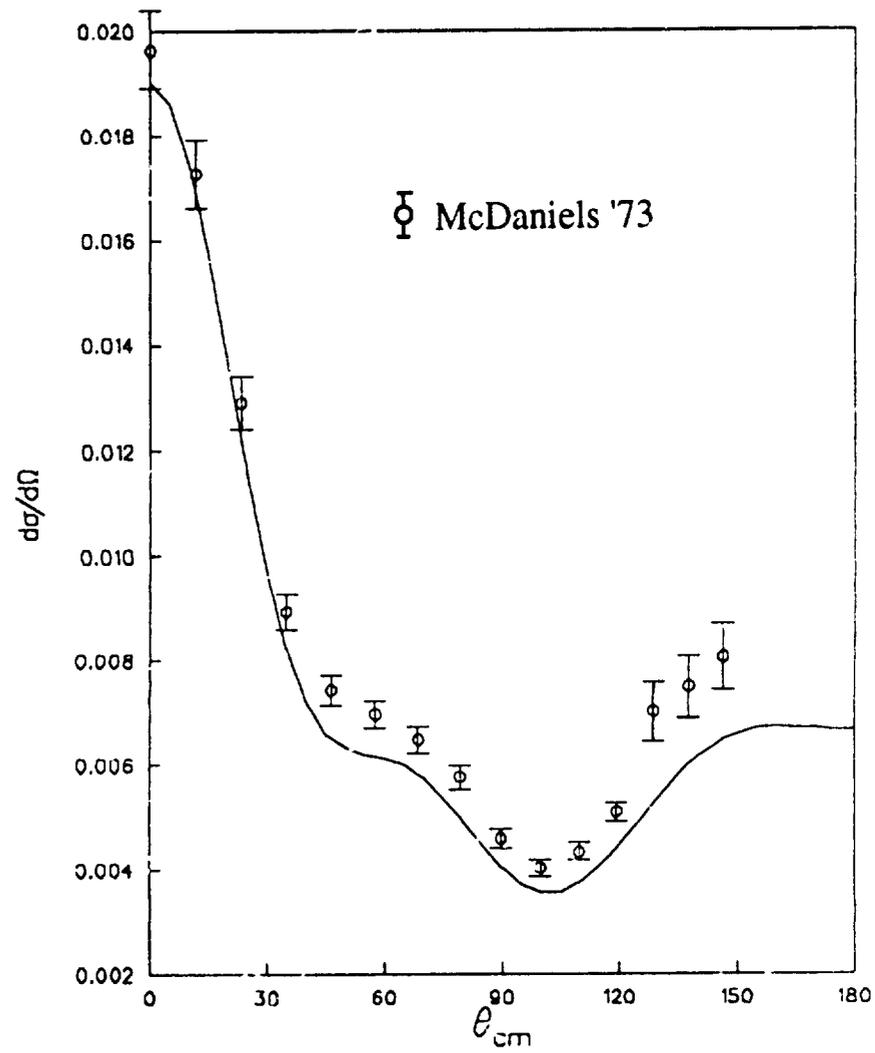




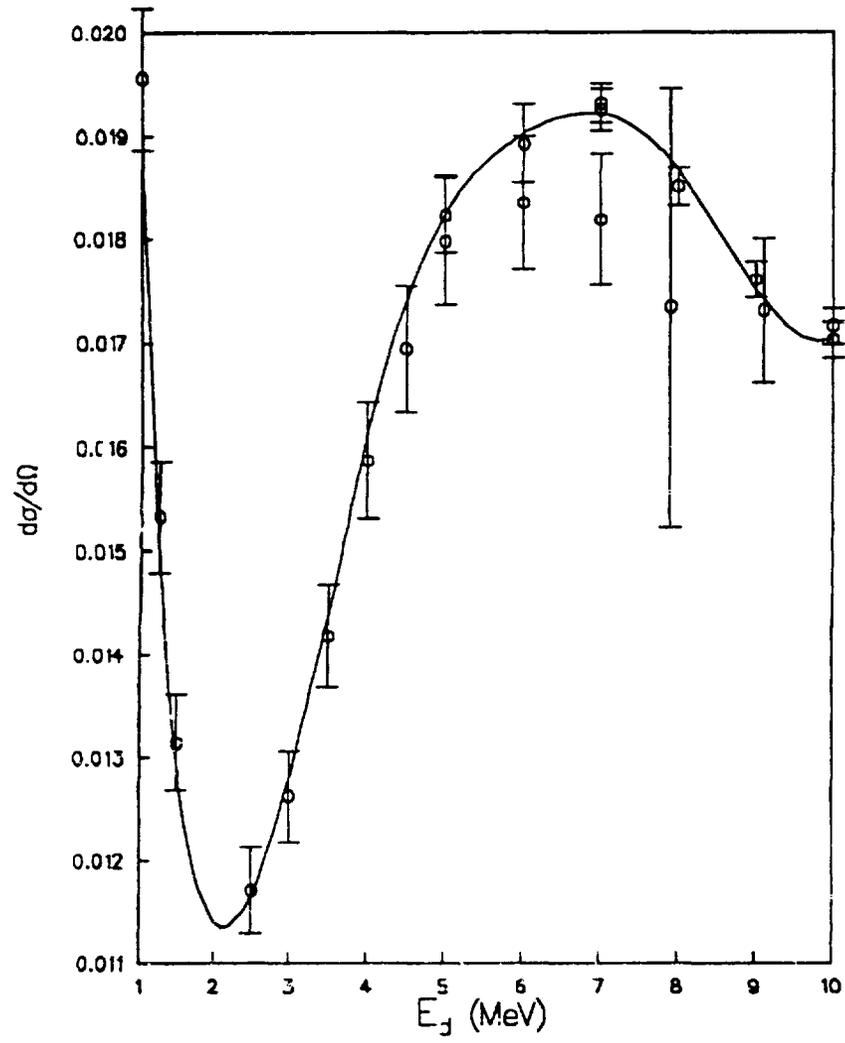
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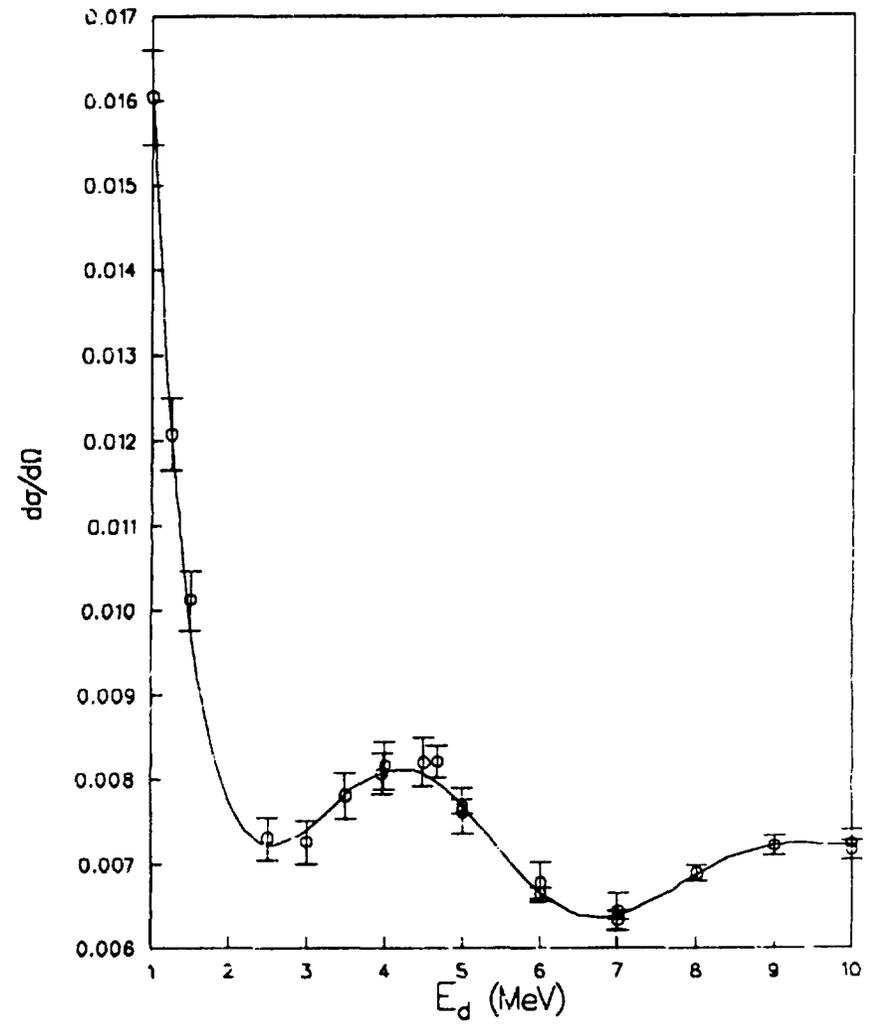
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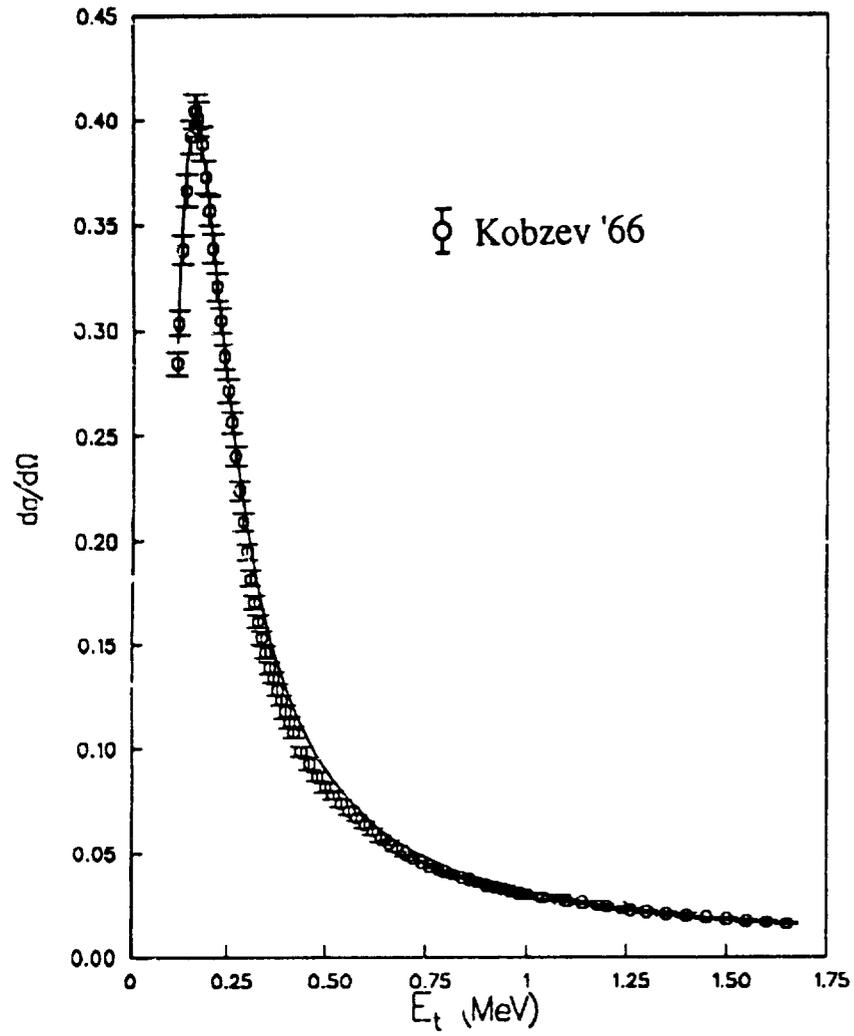
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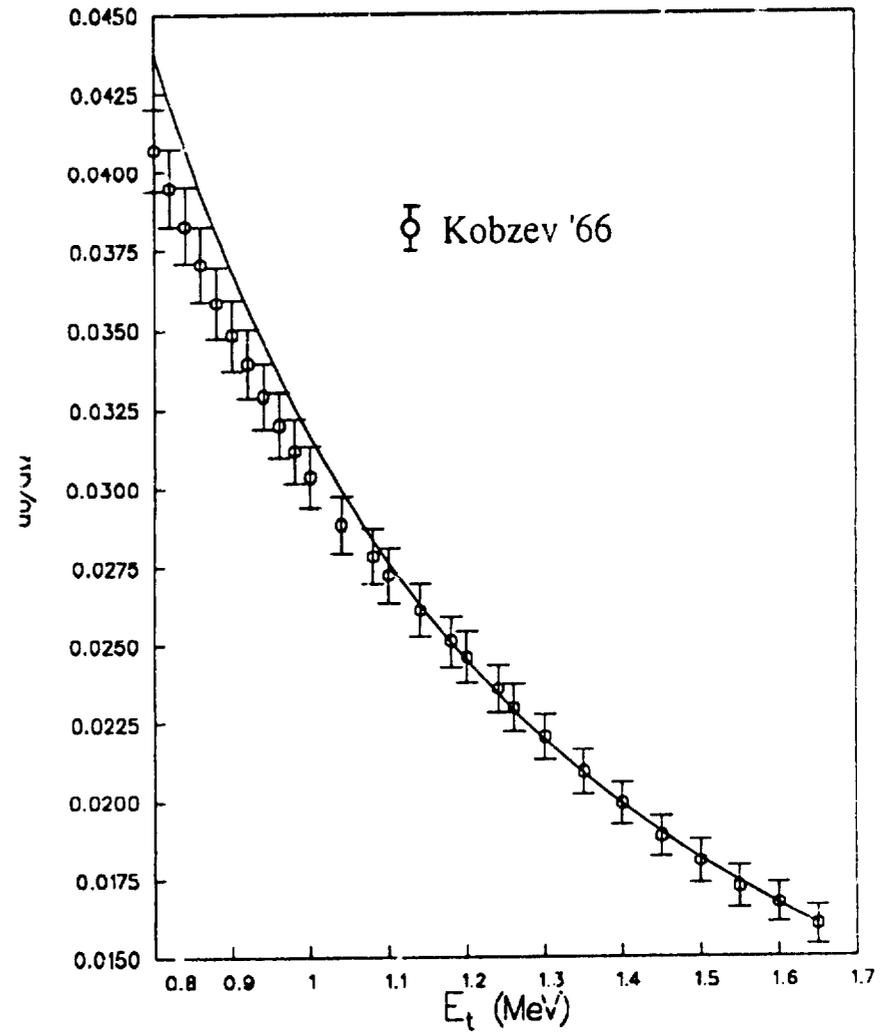
$T(d,n)^4\text{He } \theta_{\text{cm}} = 180.0$



$D(t,\alpha)n \theta_{lab} = 90.0$



$D(t,\alpha)n \theta_{lab} = 90.0$



## **Stability of Low-Energy Cross-Section Extrapolation**

Present value of  $\sigma_{d,n}(100 \text{ eV}) = 2.0506 \times 10^{-56} \text{ b}$

$\Rightarrow S(0) = 11.75 \text{ MeV-b]$

is:

5.5% higher than the value we had in 1979 (pre-Jarmie&Brown)

0.2% higher than the value we had in 1986 (used in Bosch&Hale)

0.5% higher than the value we had in 1992 (CSEWG 1993)

## Conclusions

1. R-matrix theory, when used in its full multilevel, multichannel form, is an extremely useful tool for doing charged-particle evaluations for reactions in light systems at moderate energies.
2. No other evaluation for the d+t reactions has considered more data, and has been constrained by as much theory as the R-matrix calculations reported here. They give a good fit to all the data in the system, and especially for the  $T(d,n)^4\text{He}$  cross sections at energies below 10 MeV.
3. A single-level representation of the  $J^\pi = 3/2^+$  R-matrix in the  $^5\text{He}$  system gives a cross-section extrapolation to low energies that is adequate to only about 5%. There are two other  $J^\pi = 3/2^+$  resonances in the range below  $E_d = 8$  MeV, plus higher background-level contributions, that contribute 2.3% of the total reaction R-matrix element (or about 4.6% in the cross section) at low energies.
4. The calculations presented here allow a consistent evaluated file of cross sections and angular distributions to be constructed for all the d+t reactions [ $T(d,d)$ ,  $T(d,n)$ , and  $T(d,n^*)$ ] at energies below 10 MeV, which give all the information necessary to do charged-particle transport.
5. The results of the R-matrix calculation at energies up to 10 MeV match well with the evaluation that has been done recently by Drosg for the  $T(d,n)$  cross section at higher energies.