

Calculation of light nuclei sub-barrier fusion cross section in an imaginary time-dependent mean field theory

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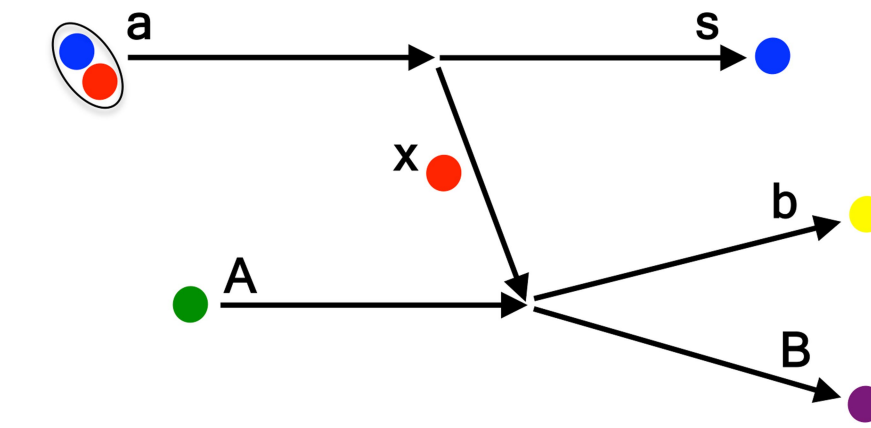
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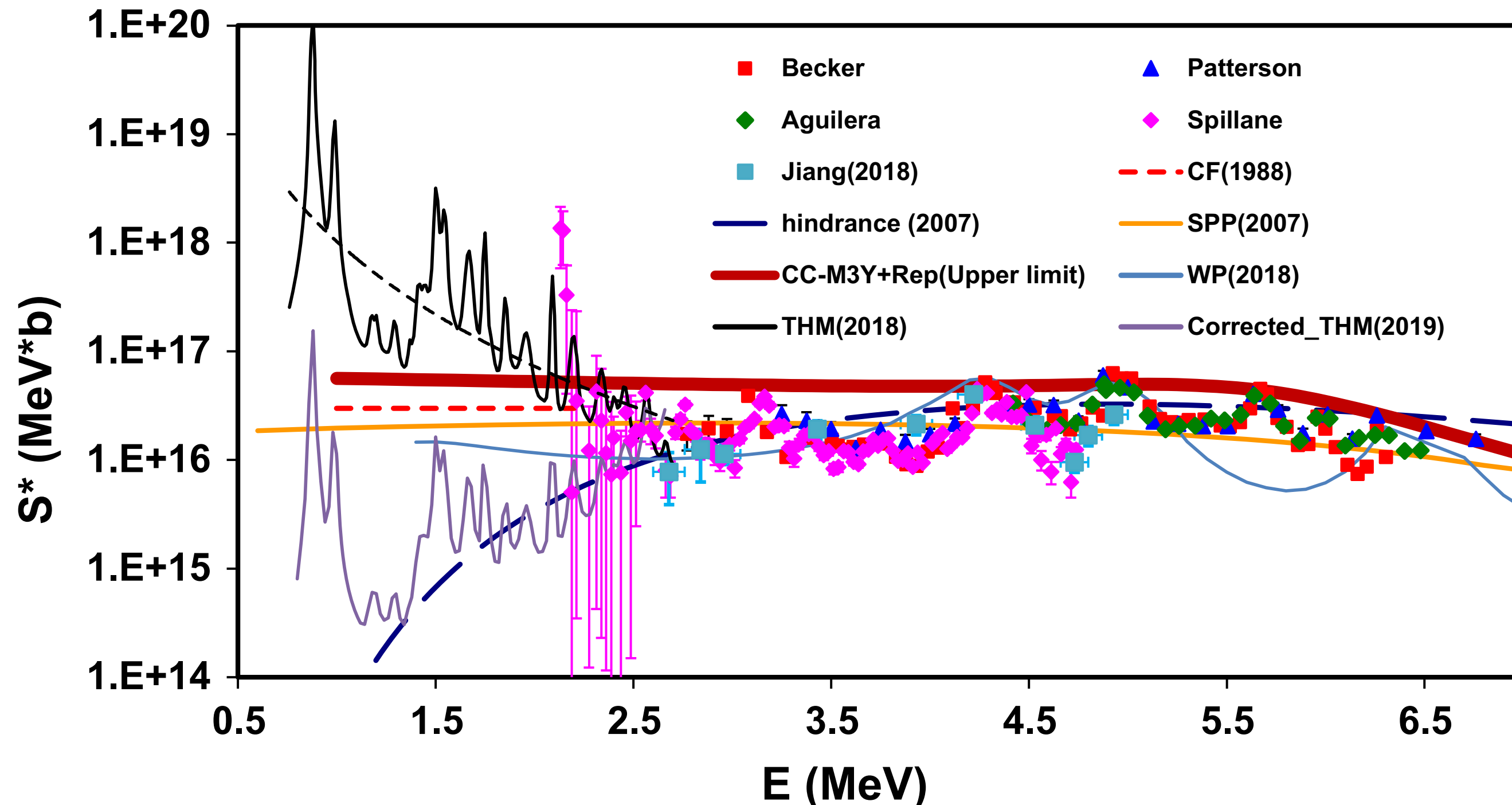
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An increase in the $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ fusion rate from resonances at astrophysical energies

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Status on $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ fusion at deep subbarrier energies: impact of resonances on astrophysical S^* factors

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$$S^*(E_{c.m.}) = E_{c.m.} \sigma(E_{c.m.}) \exp(87.12E_{c.m.}^{-1/2} + 0.46E_{c.m.}) = S(E_{c.m.}) \exp(0.46E_{c.m.}) \quad (1)$$

Feynman path integration in phase space

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Solve the Vlasov equation in imaginary time. Define collective variables R&P

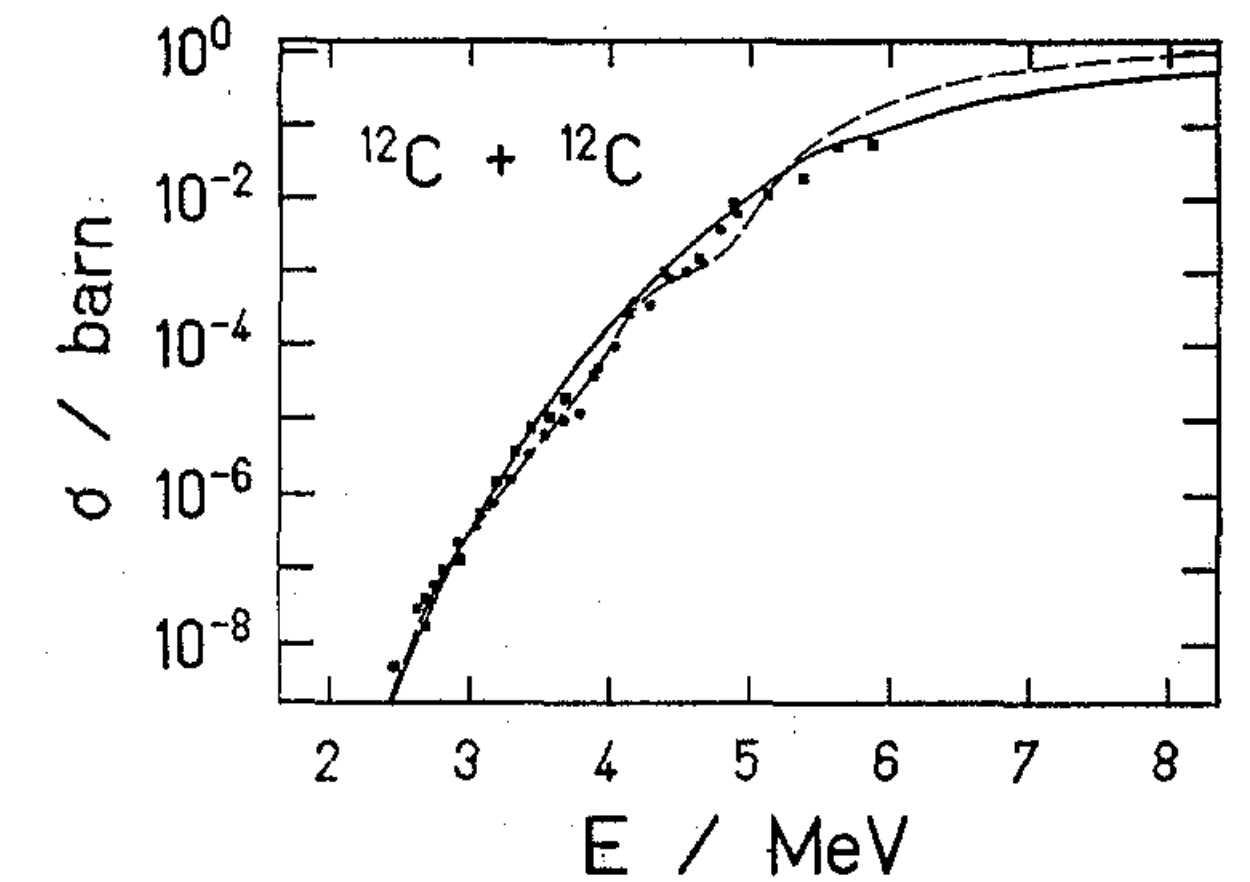
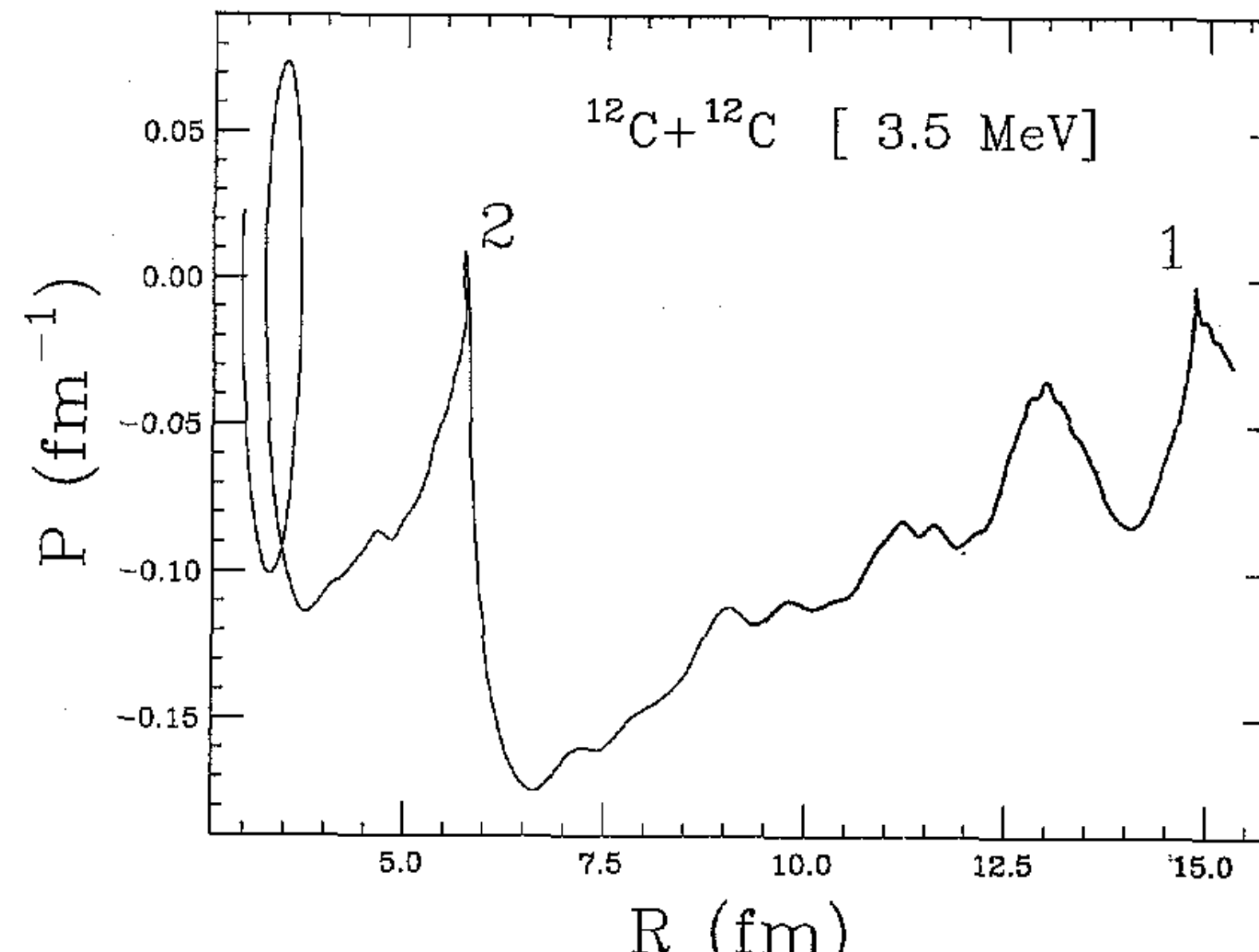
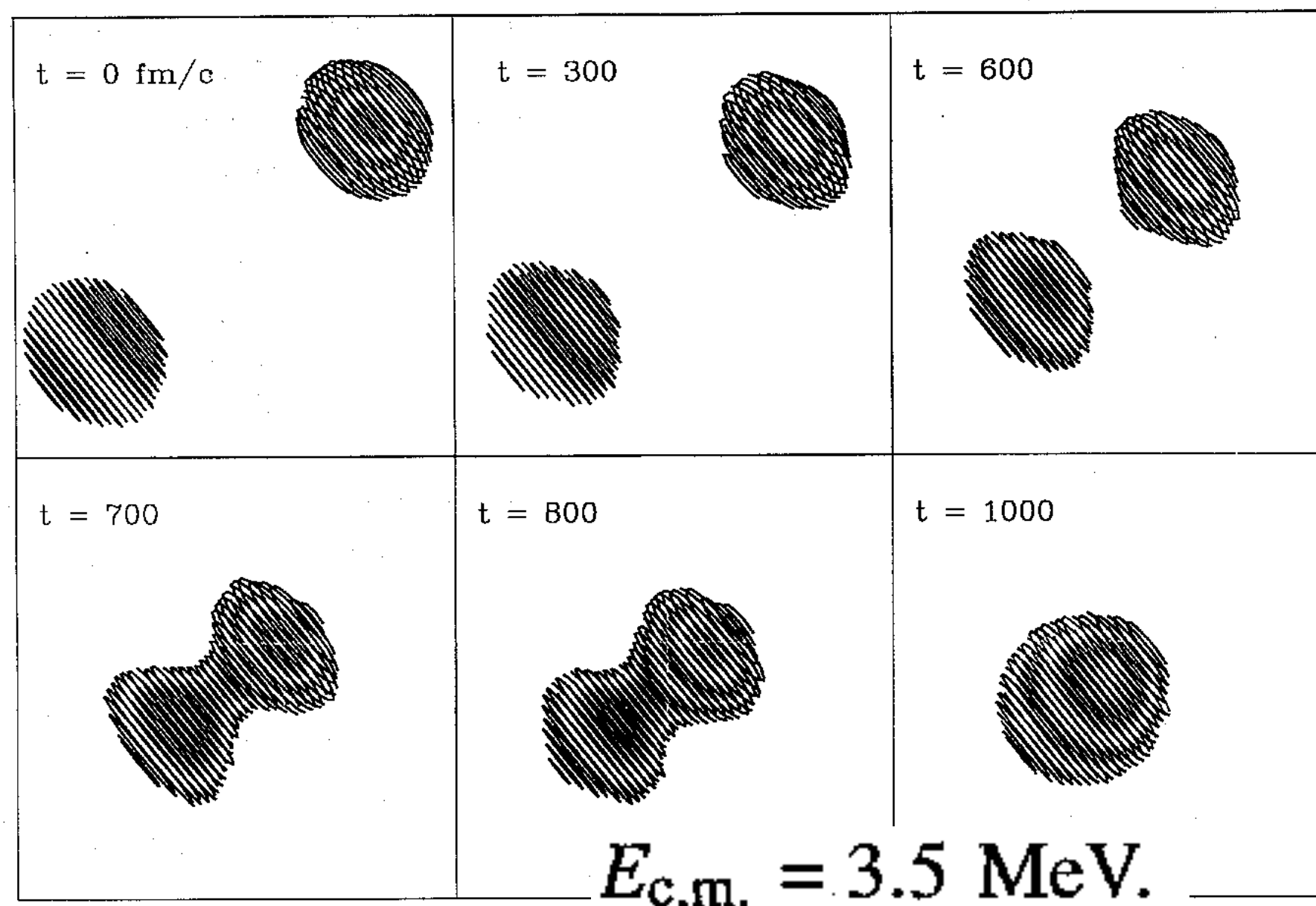
$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{P} \end{matrix} \right\} = \int_A d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{p} \left\{ \begin{matrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{matrix} \right\} f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}; t)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{R}_{A(B)}}{dt} = \frac{\mathbf{P}_{A(B)}}{m}; \quad \frac{d\mathbf{P}_{A(B)}}{dt} = \mathbf{F}_{A(B)}$$

in imaginary time $t \rightarrow it$

$$- \int_B d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{p} \left\{ \begin{matrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{matrix} \right\} f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}; t)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{R}_{A(B)}^i}{dt} = \frac{\mathbf{P}_{A(B)}^i}{m}; \quad \frac{d\mathbf{P}_{A(B)}^i}{dt} = -\mathbf{F}_{A(B)}$$



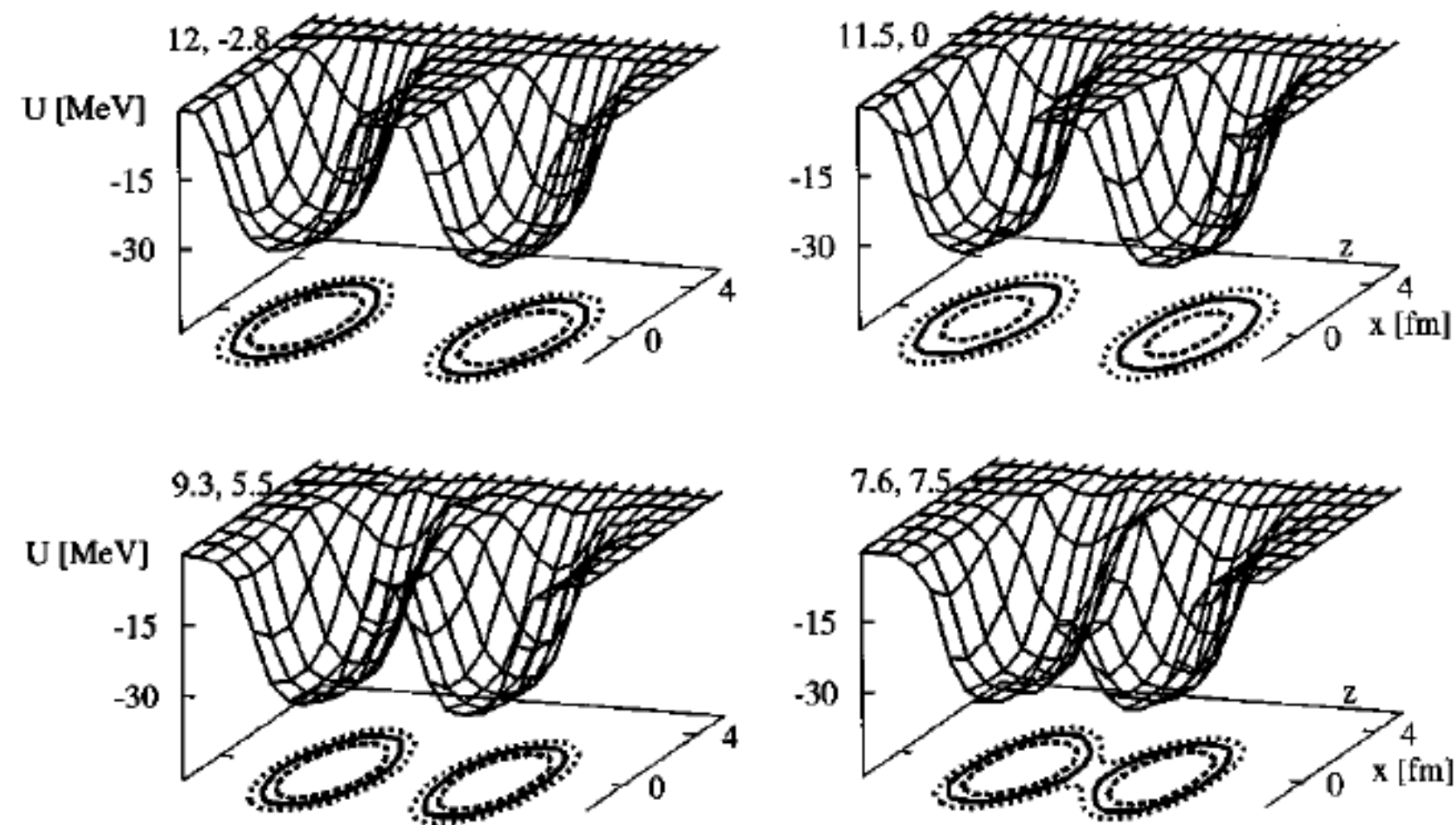


FIG. 1. Snapshots from the mean-field simulation of the fusion reaction for a head-on $^{16}\text{O}+^{16}\text{O}$ collision at the energy 8 MeV. The

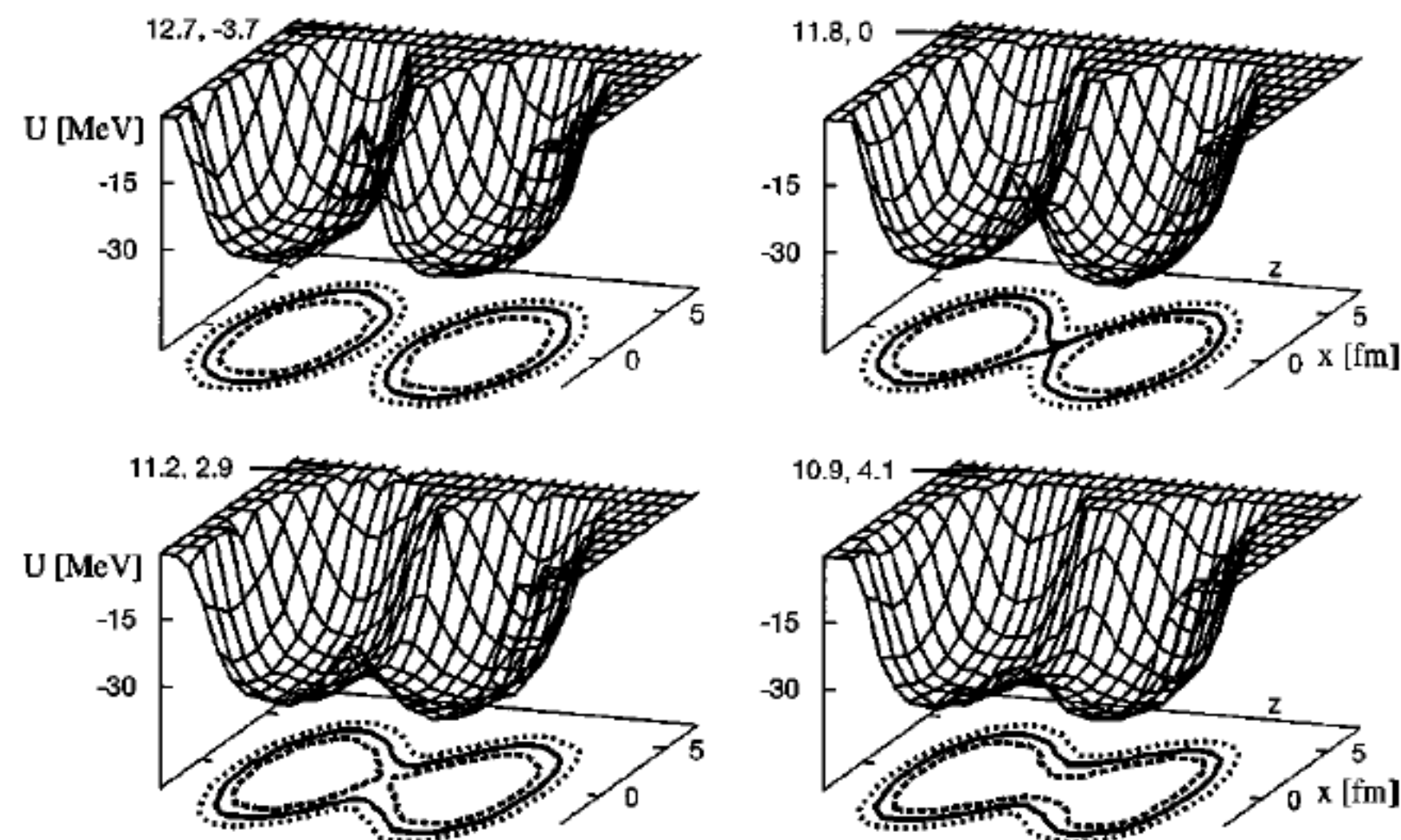


FIG. 2. The same as Fig. 1 for a $^{58}\text{Ni}+^{58}\text{Ni}$ collision at the energy 93 MeV.

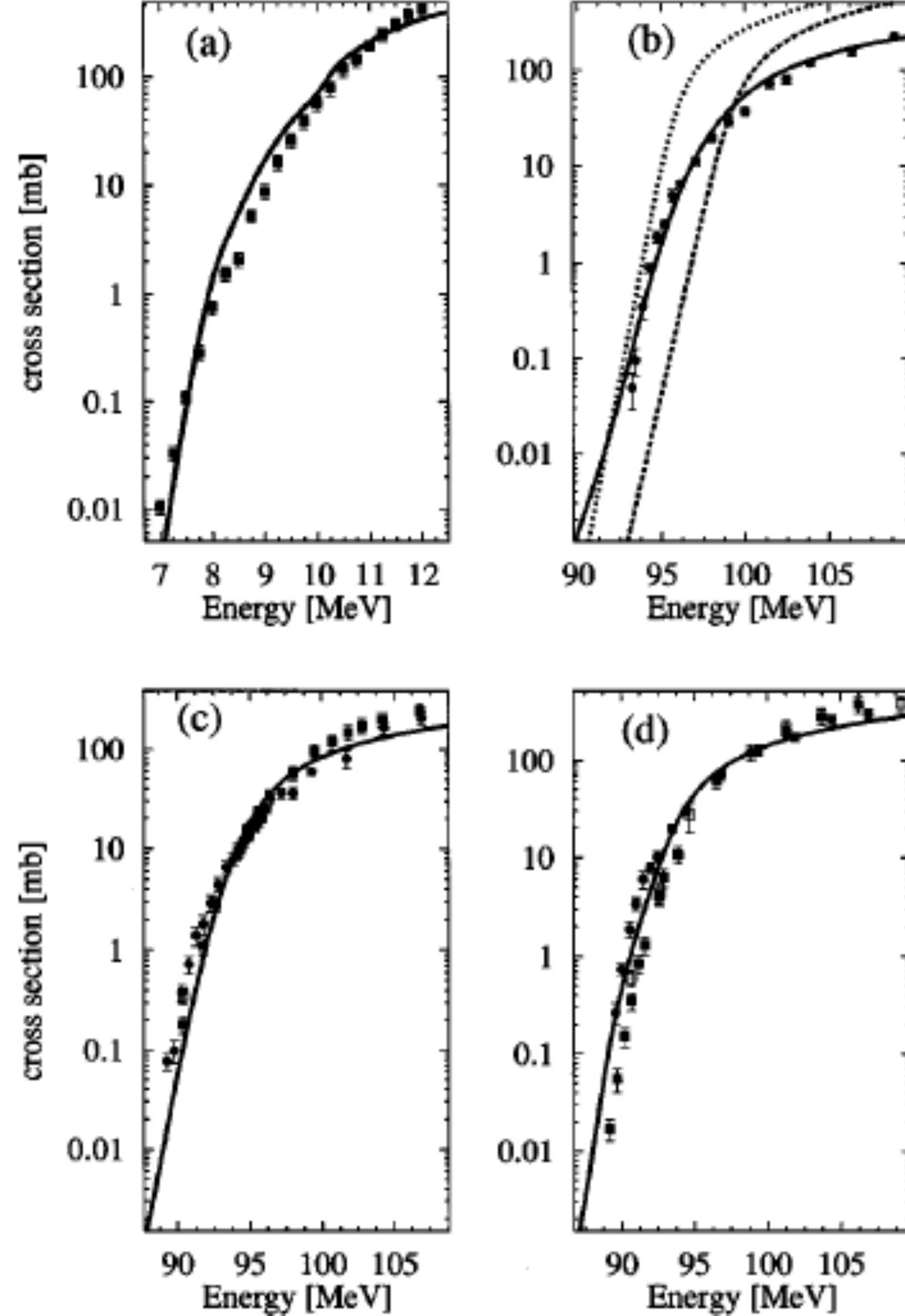
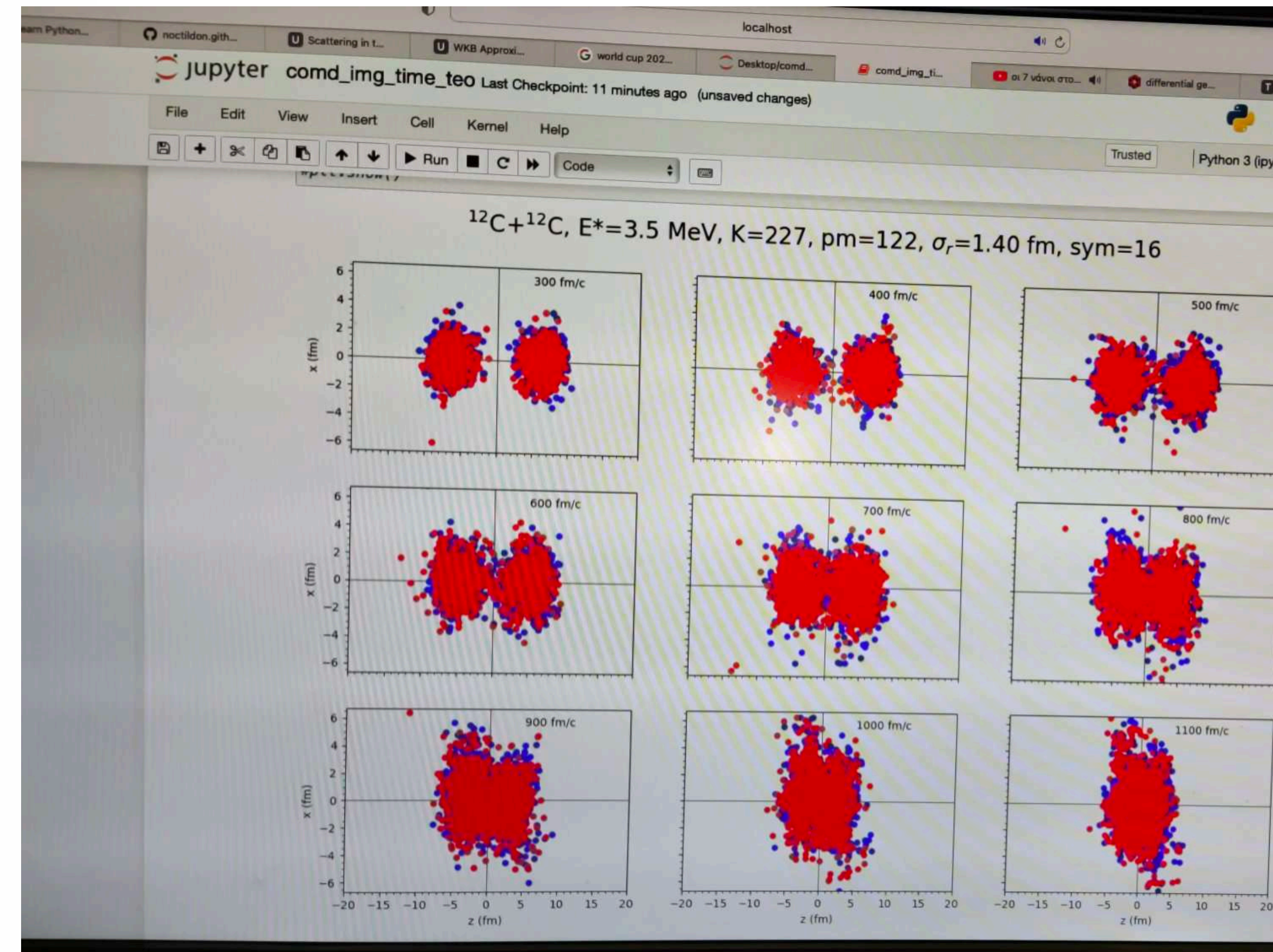
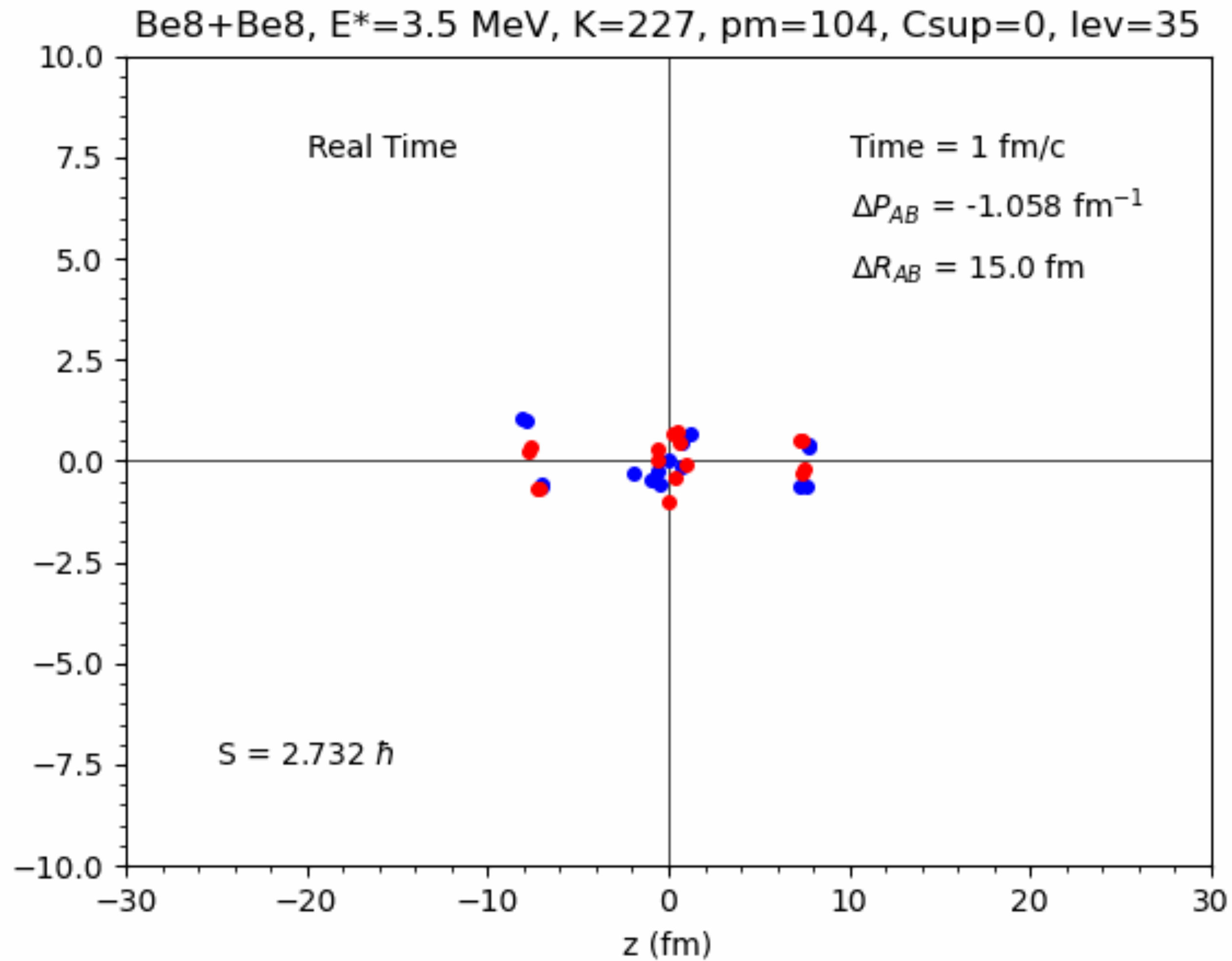


FIG. 5. The fusion excitation functions. Part (a) represents the $^{16}\text{O}+^{16}\text{O}$ system with the experimental data from Ref. [47]. Parts (b)–(d) display the results for the isotope pairs: (b) $^{58}\text{Ni}+^{58}\text{Ni}$; (c) $^{58}\text{Ni}+^{64}\text{Ni}$; and (d) $^{64}\text{Ni}+^{64}\text{Ni}$. The circles show the experimental

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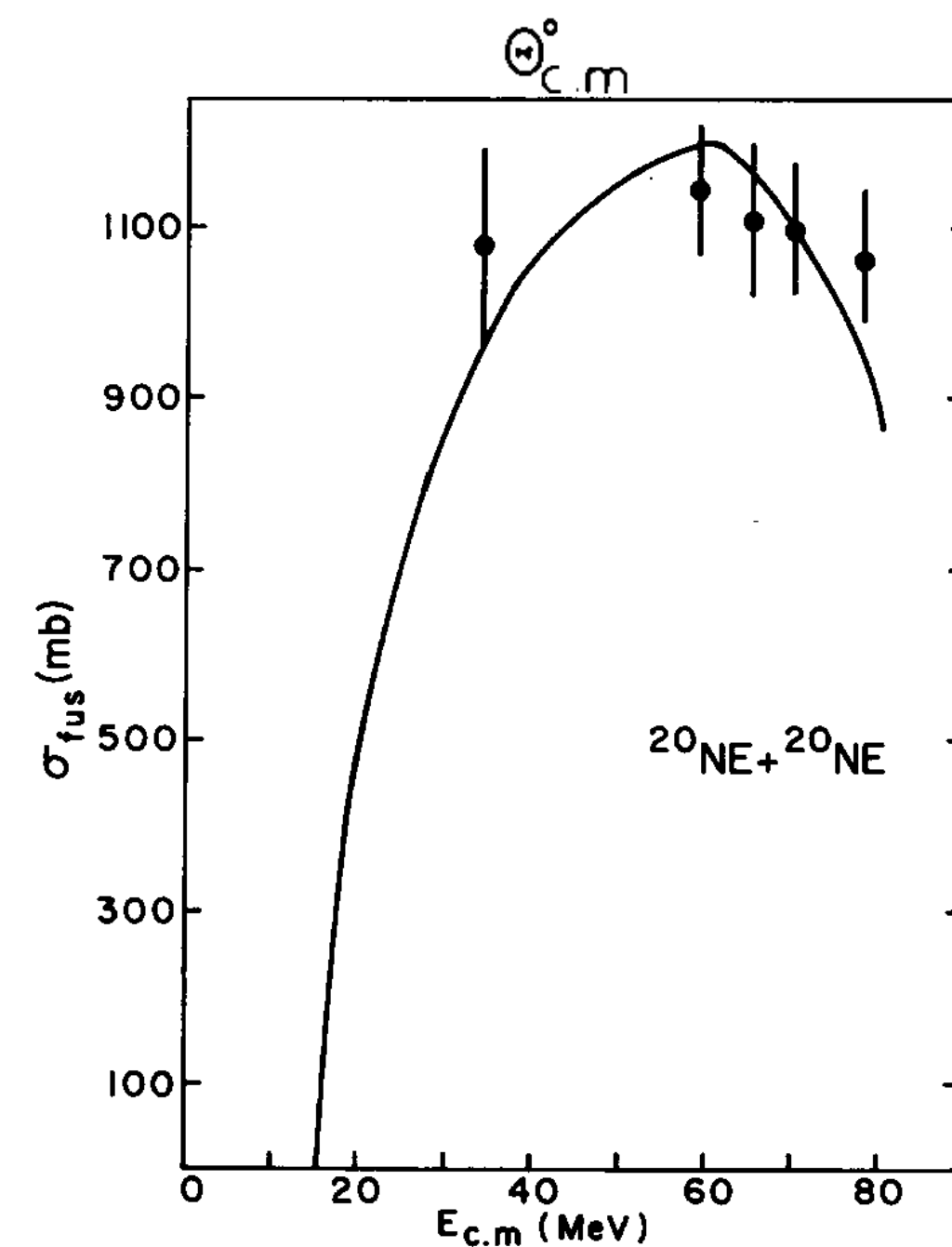
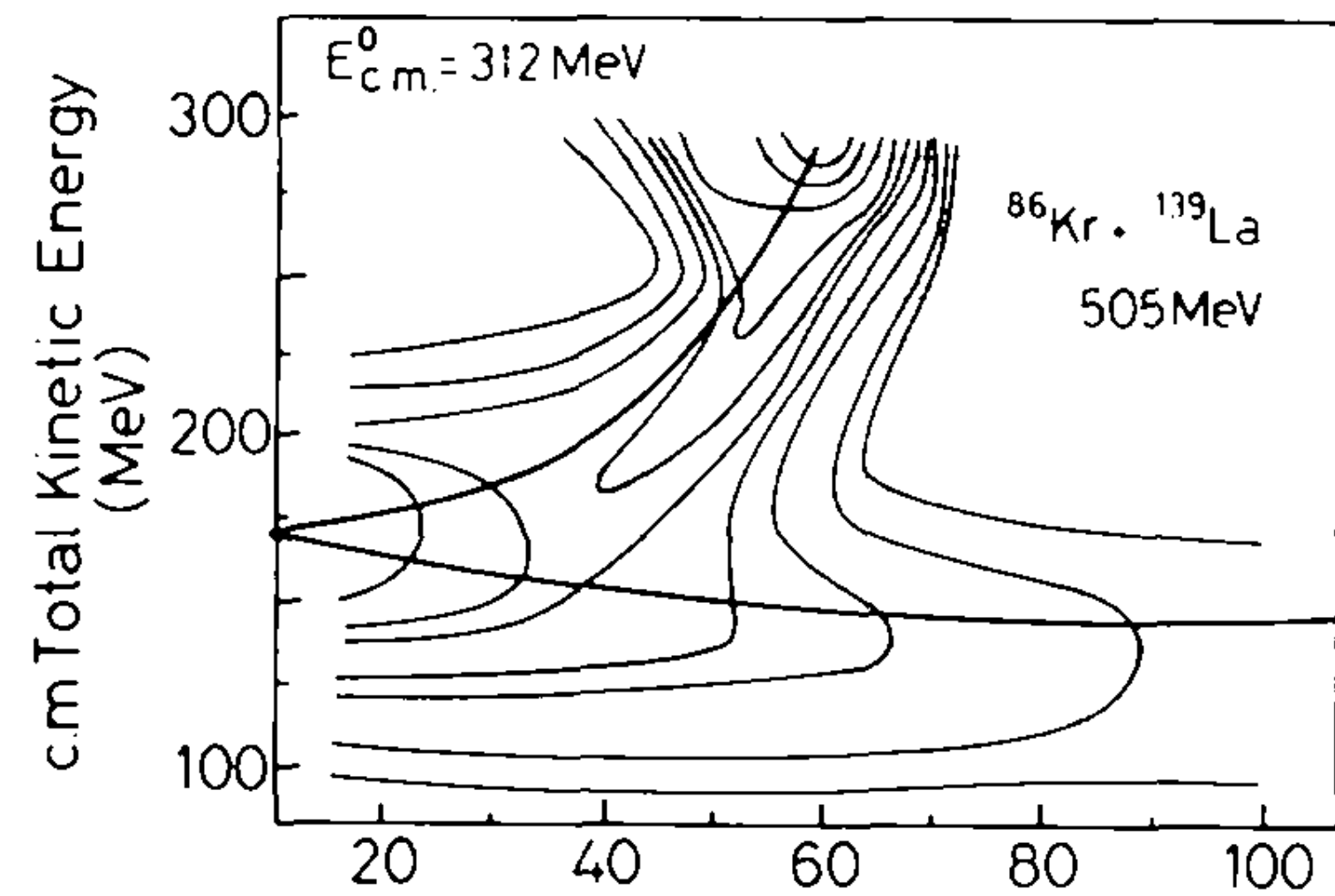
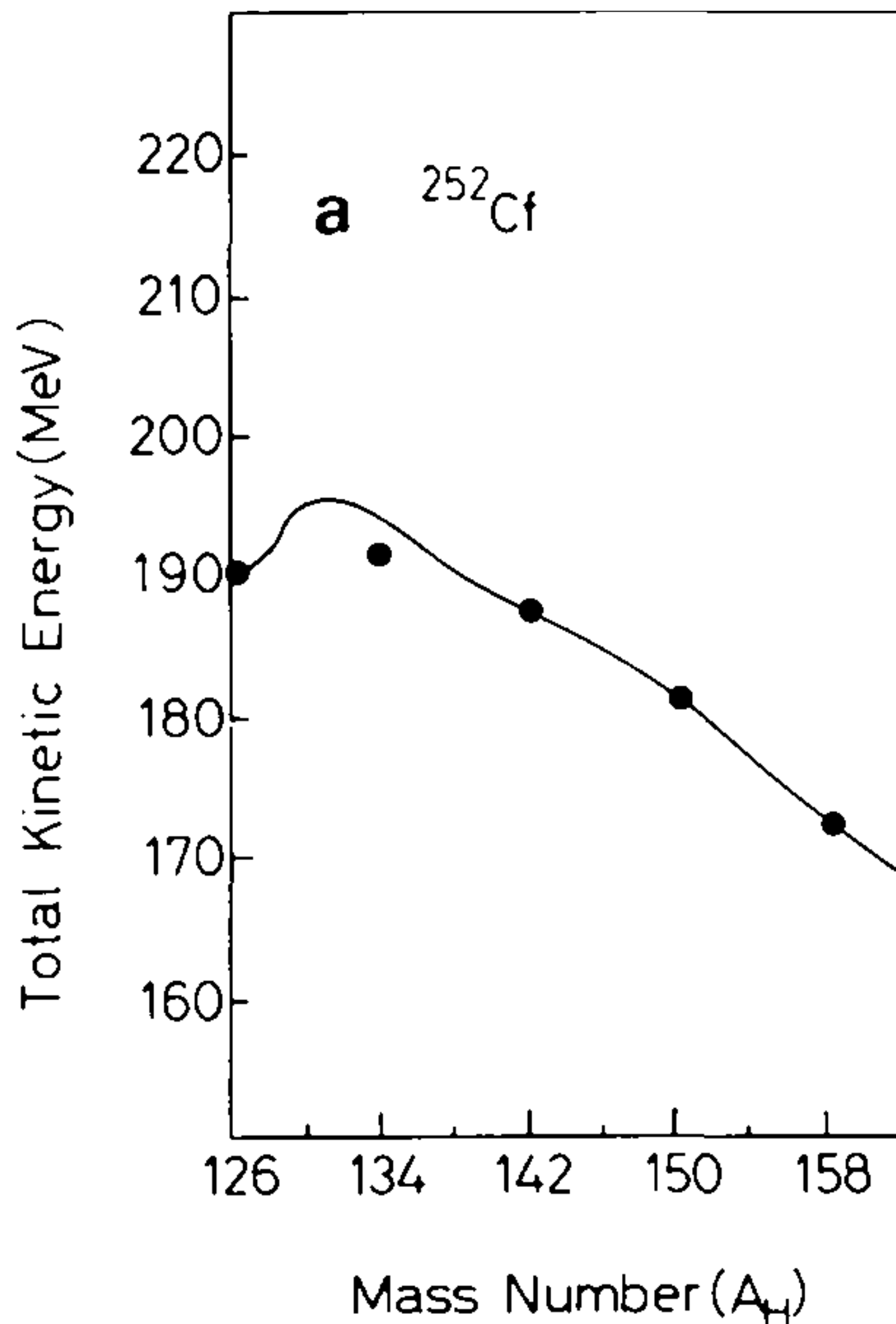
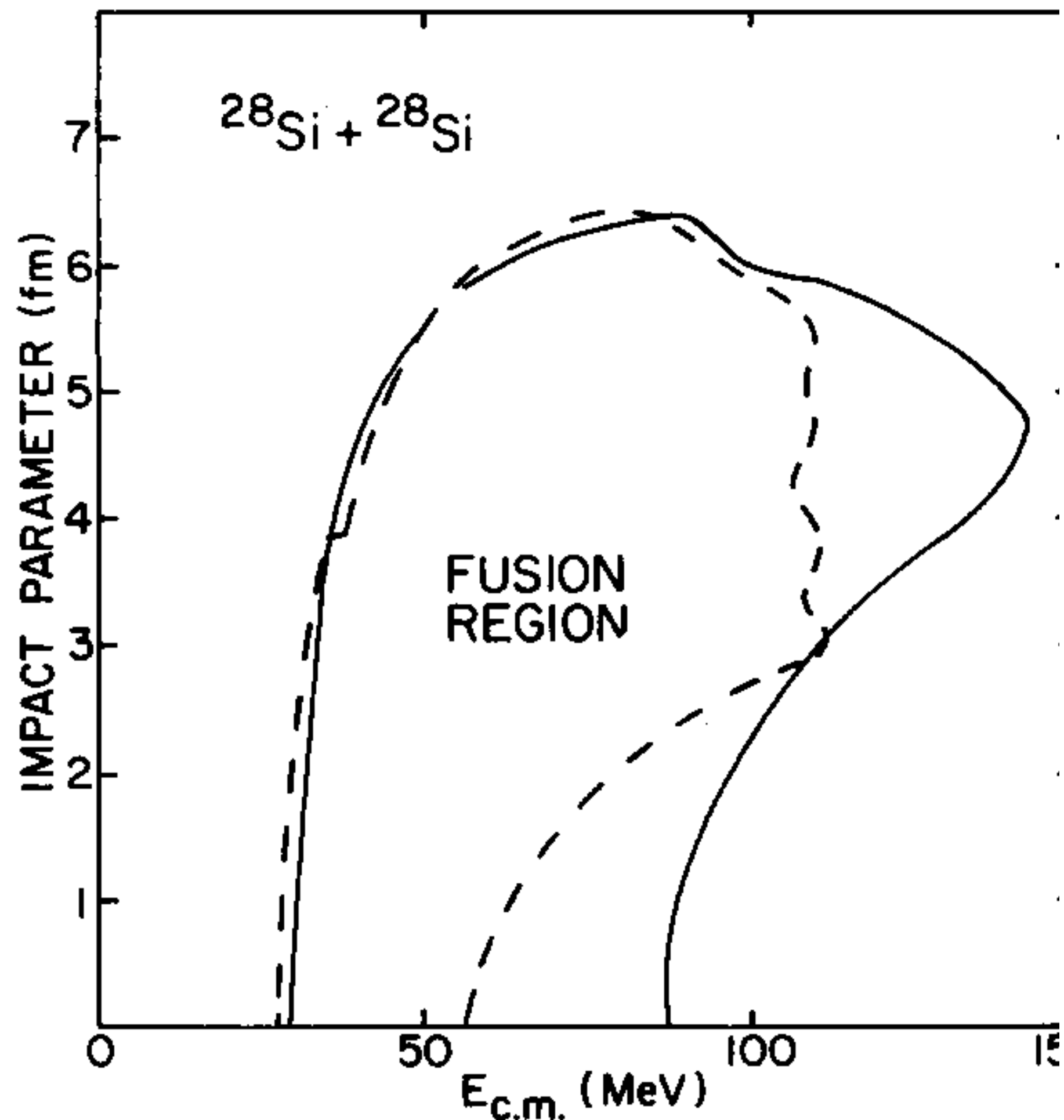
Preliminary attempts using CoMD possibly wrong!



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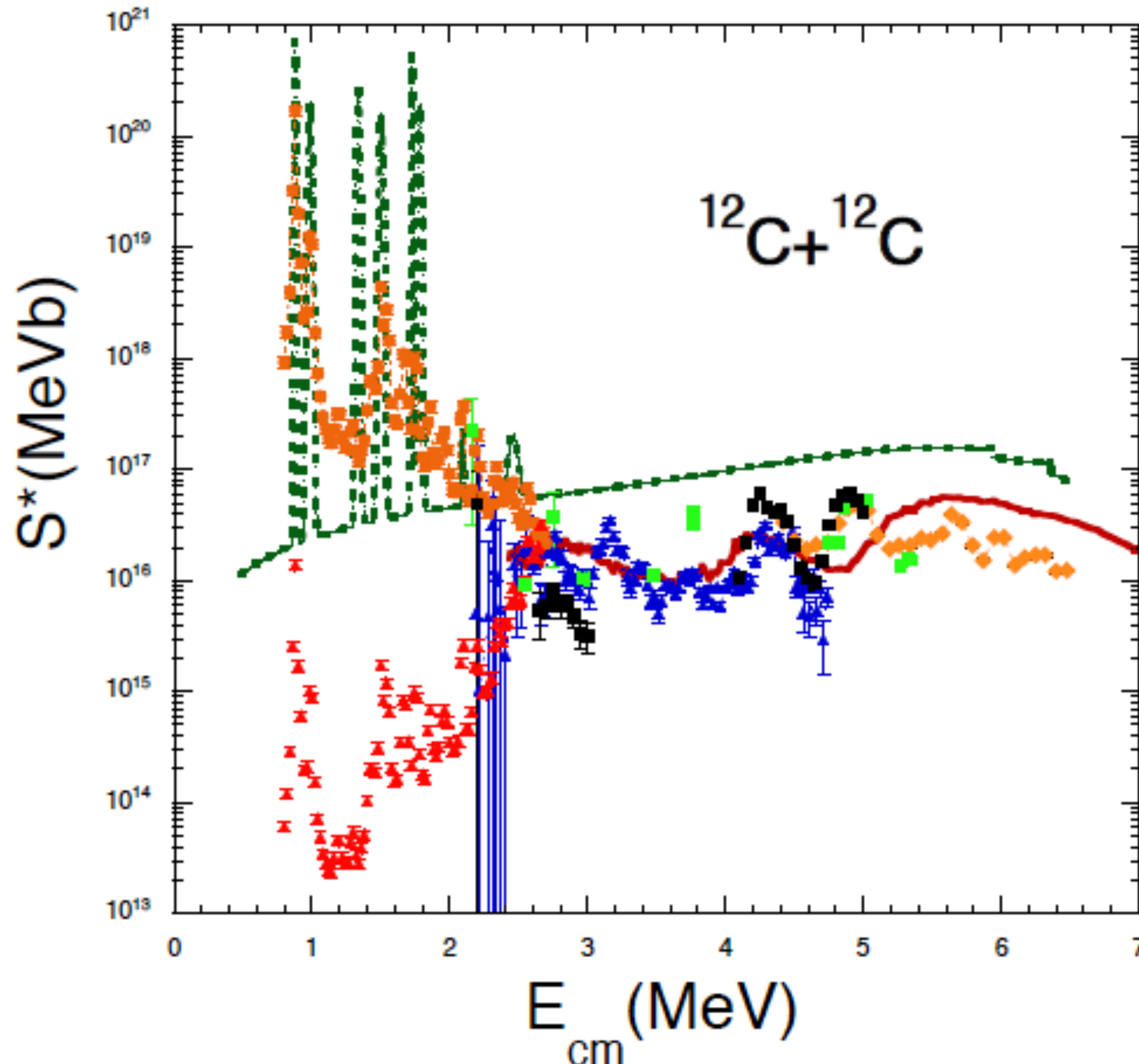
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Neck model in imaginary times

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The probability of fusion for the l th-partial wave is given by $T_l = 1/(1 + \exp\{2A\})$, $A = \int_1^2 P dR$.



To take into account resonances modify the
Bass potential as:

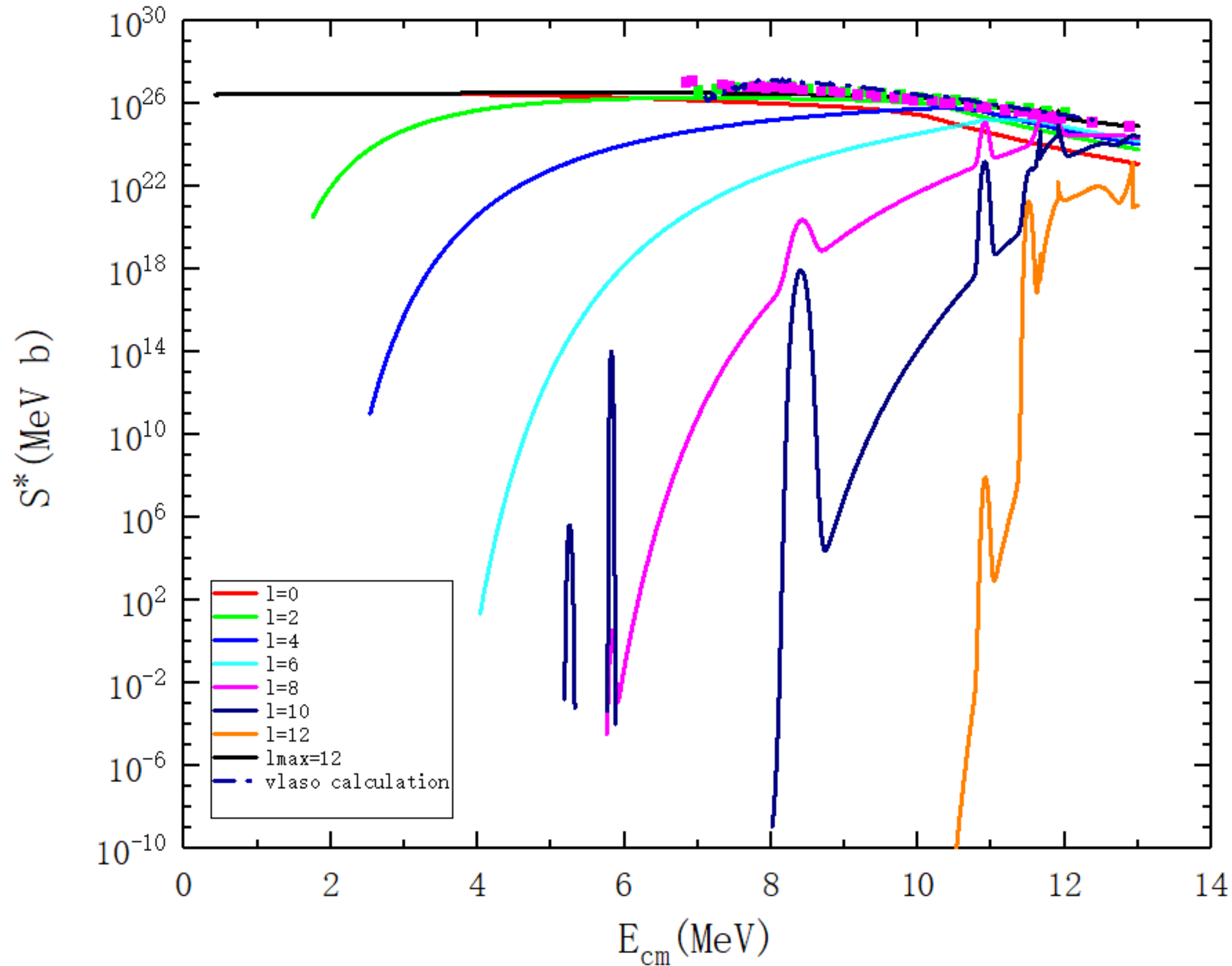
$$V_B \rightarrow V_B[1 + g(x, \gamma, \sigma)],$$

Calculation of the O16+O16 sub_barrier fusion cross section

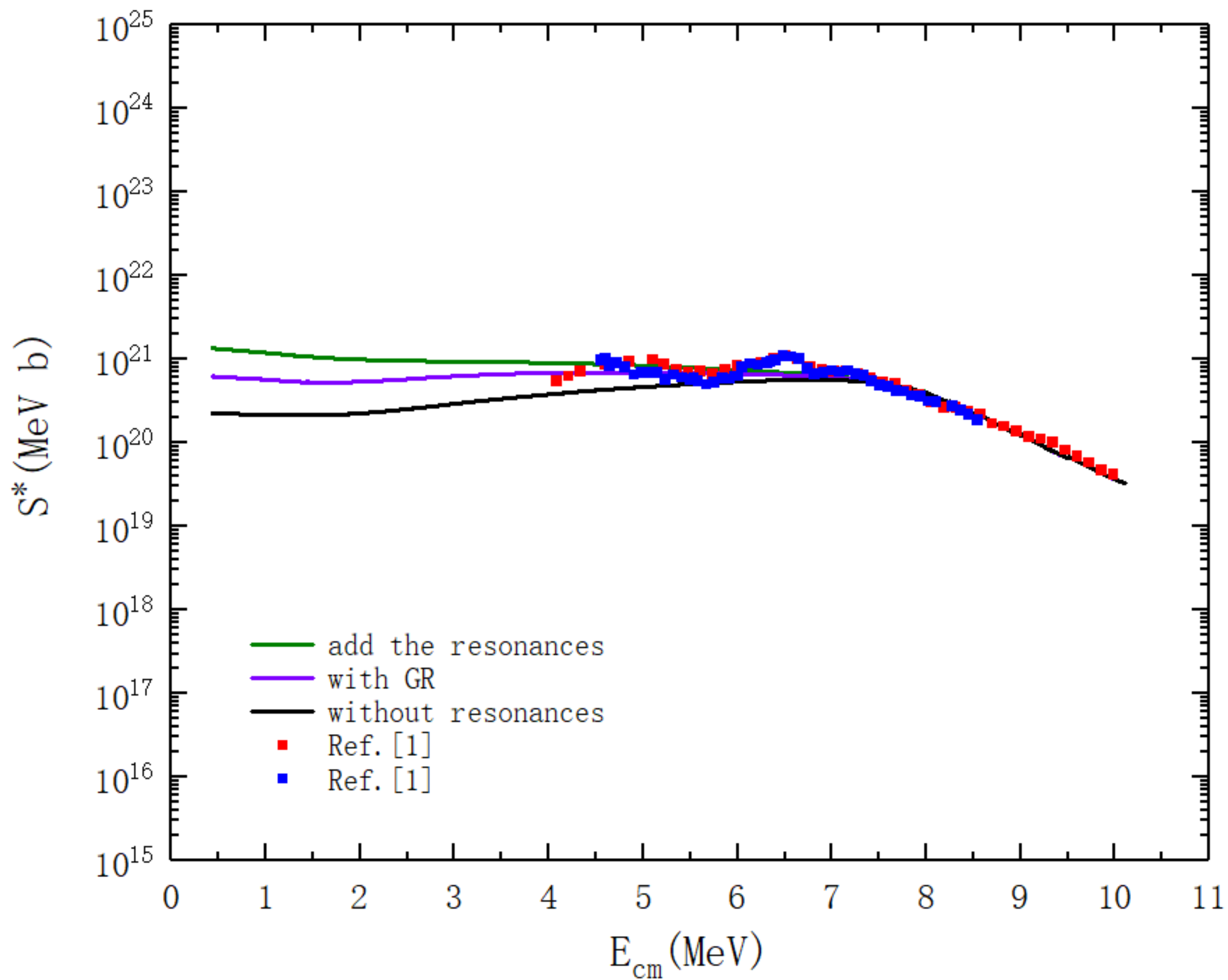
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12C+16O





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Dynamical pair production at sub-barrier energies for light nuclei

Thomas Settlemyre, Hua Zheng, and Aldo Bonasera, [arXiv:2207.06900](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.06900) [nucl-th]

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Schwinger mechanism

- Dirac particles approximately satisfy the Klein-Gordon Equation

$$(p^2 + m^2) \psi = \left(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - V(x) \right)^2 \psi$$

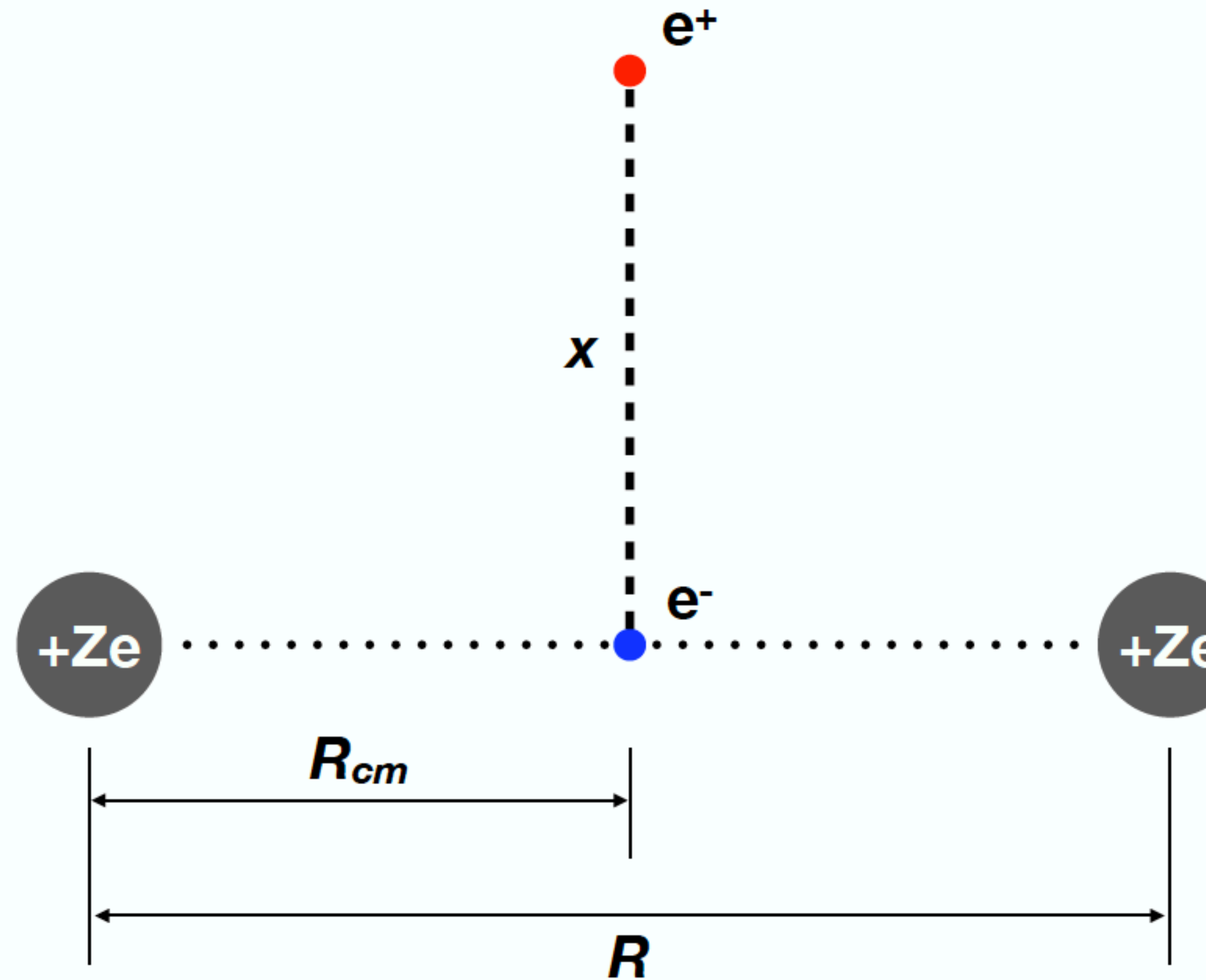
- Manipulate into a Schrödinger equation.

$$\left(\frac{p_x^2}{2m_T} + V_{eff}(x) \right) \psi = 0$$

$$V_{eff}(x) = \frac{m_T}{2} - \frac{(E - V(x))^2}{2m_T} \quad m_T = \sqrt{m^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2}$$

- Negative energy particles in Dirac sea can tunnel through the effective potential and become real.

- The two nuclei come together with impact parameter zero.
- Suppose the e^- is created at the center of mass of the two nuclei and the e^+ is on an axis perpendicular to the beam axis.
- Symmetric and energetically favorable.
- The ions get accelerated by the e^- in the middle, encouraging fusion.



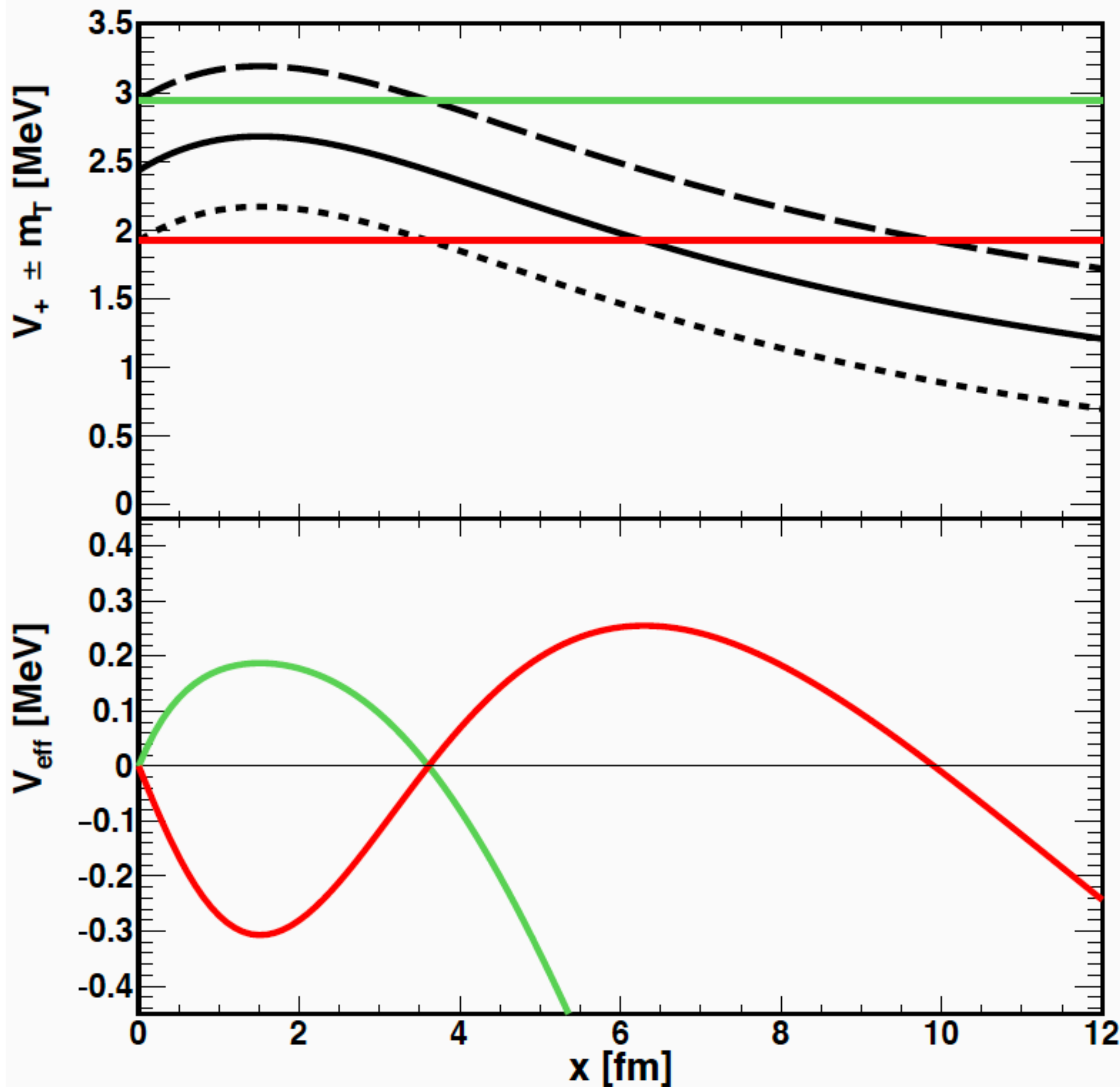
Effective potential

- Potential energy of positron

$$V_+(R, x) = \frac{2Ze^2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2 + x^2}} - S(x)\frac{e^2}{x},$$

- Effective potential

$$V_{eff}(x) = \frac{m_T}{2} - \frac{(E_+ - V_+(R, x))^2}{2m_T},$$

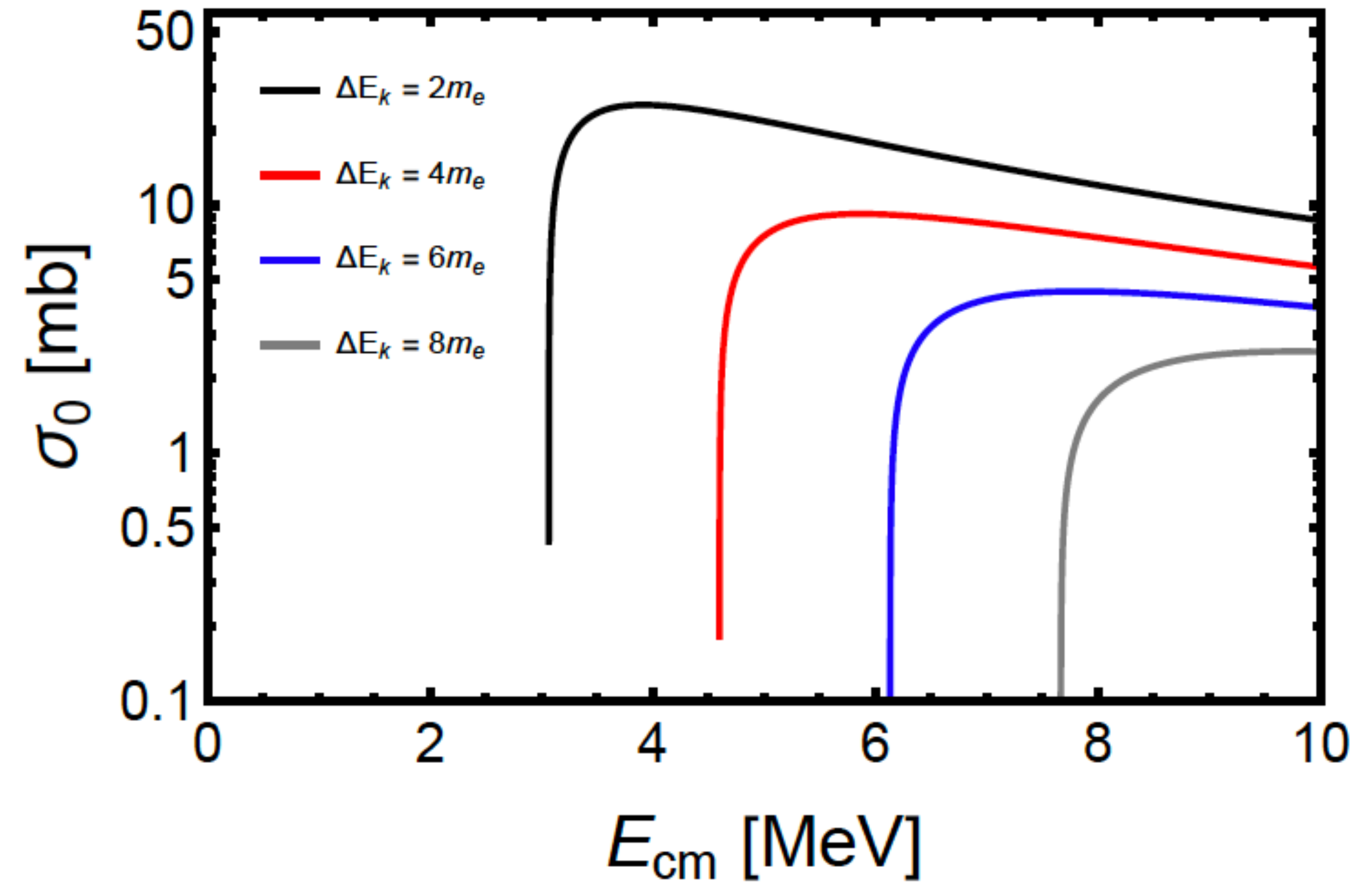


Results

$$\sigma(E_{c.m.}) = \frac{\pi \hbar^2}{2\mu E_{c.m.}} \sum_{l=0}^n (2l+1) \Pi_l P_H.$$

$$P_H = \tau / \Delta\tau, \quad \Delta\tau = \frac{\hbar}{2m_T},$$

- Square root in σ gives minimum value for E_{cm}



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_0(E_{c.m.}) &= \frac{\pi \hbar^2}{2\mu E_{c.m.}} 0.5 \frac{\tau}{\Delta\tau} \\ &= \frac{1}{N_{\pm}^{max}} \frac{6\pi \hbar Z e^2 m_e}{\sqrt{2\mu E_{c.m.}^2 (\Delta E_k + 2m_e)}} \\ &\quad \times \sqrt{E_{c.m.} - \frac{Z}{4} (\Delta E_k + 2m_e)}. \end{aligned}$$

Conclusions

$^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$: The Neck model and the Vlasov approach in imaginary time give $S^* > e^{-16} \text{MeVb}$ for $E_{\text{cm}} > 0.5 \text{ MeV}$

Adding resonances is in some agreement with the THM

$l=0$ channel is dominant up to $E_{\text{cm}}=3 \text{ MeV}$

For heavier systems resonances not so important because of the large Q-value

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