

# **ON A MISSED MECHANISM OF DIELECTRON PRODUCTION IN NUCLEUS-NUCLEUS COLLISIONS.**

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# INTRODUCTION

## ИЗЛОЖЕНИЕ

DLS Measurements:  $A+A \rightarrow e^+e^-X$  for C+C and Ca+Ca at  $1.04 A \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow$   
Substantial Excess of the  $e^+e^-$  pairs in the mass region  $0.15 < M_{ee} < 0.6 \text{ GeV}$

Dominant mechanisms of dielectron production at 1-2 GeV per nucleon:

- Dalitz decay of the  $\pi^0$ -,  $\eta$ -, and  $\omega$  mesons and the baryon resonances  $\Delta(1232)$ ,  $N^*(1520), \dots$
- Direct decay of the  $\pi^0$ -,  $\rho$ -, and  $\omega$ - mesons
- Bremsstrahlung in NN and  $\pi\pi$  collisions
- Pion annihilation

To understand the origin of this excess (the DLS puzzle) the DLS has measured the spectra for the  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^-X$  and  $pd \rightarrow e^+e^-X$  reactions at  $T_p = 1-5 \text{ GeV}$   
Excess of the  $e^+e^-$  pairs in the same mass region as in the AA collisions

HADES Measurements:  $A+A \rightarrow e^+e^-X$  spectra for C+C collisions at 1A and 2A GeV. The DLS finding was confirmed.

Up to now there is no clear conception of the origin of such an excess.

Excess origin  $\Rightarrow$  a new source of dielectron production ?

The aim of this talk: to explore whether the experimental  $e^+e^-$  pair surplus is due to a new source  $NN \rightarrow \gamma^* d_1^*(1956) \rightarrow e^+e^- d_1^*$  ?

**The case for the  $d_1^*(1956)$  in the processes with real photons.**

# FIRST EVIDENCE FOR THE $d_1^*(1956)$

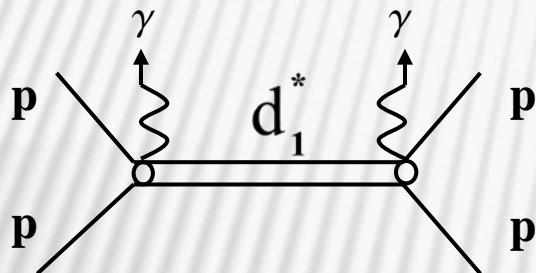
A.S. Khrykin et al., Phys.Rev. C64, 034002(2001)

Reaction :  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma X$

$T_p = 216 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $\theta_\gamma = \pm 90^\circ$

$S = 5.3\sigma$  &  $3.5\sigma$ ; Total  $S = 6.3\sigma$

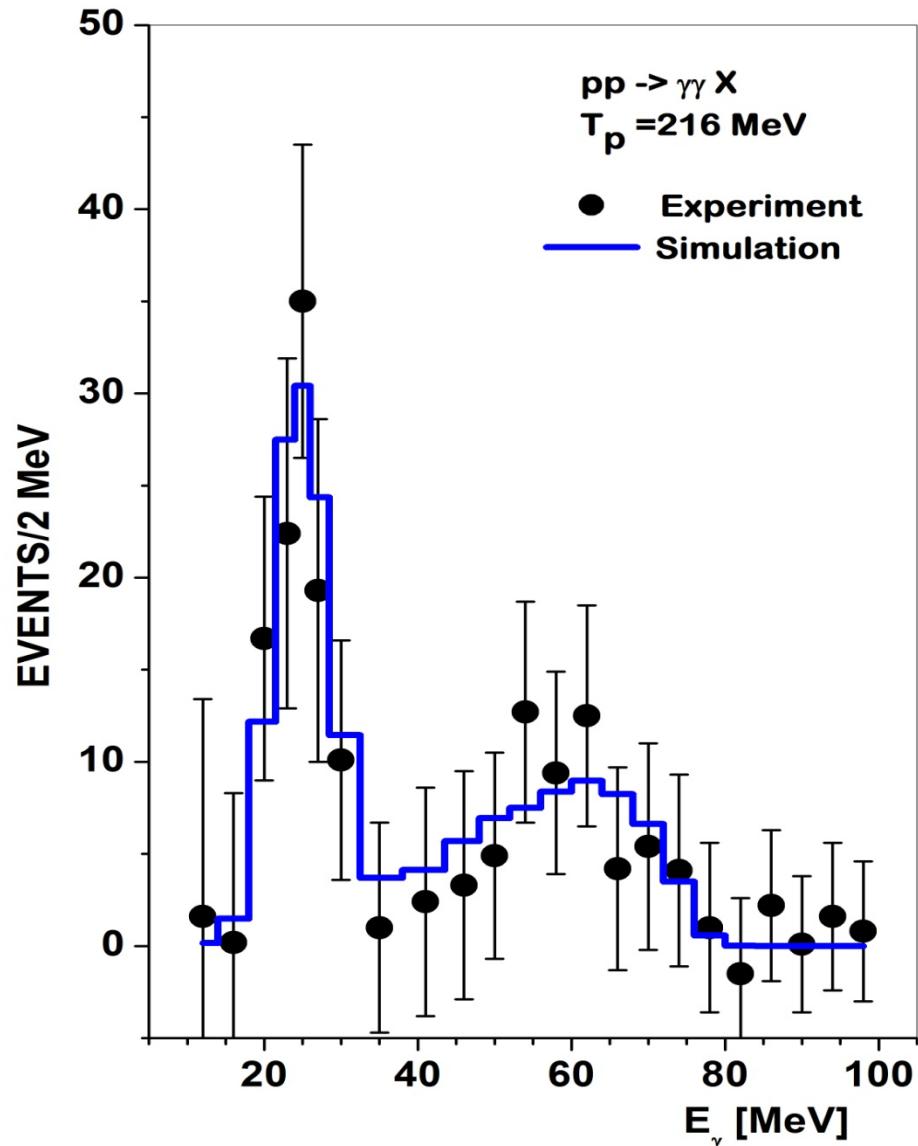
$pp \rightarrow \gamma d_1^* \rightarrow \gamma\gamma pp$



$$E_\gamma^F (\text{cms}) = \frac{S - M_R^2}{2\sqrt{S}} \quad E_\gamma^D (\text{rf}) = \frac{M_R^2 - M_{PP}^2}{2M_R}$$

$M_R \sim 1956 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $\Gamma \sim 8 \text{ MeV}$

$$M_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2 * E_\gamma^F * E_\gamma^D (1 - \cos(\theta_{12}))$$



# FURTHER EVIDENCES FOR THE $d_1^*(1956)$

A.S. Khrykin, Nucl. Phys. A721, 625c (2003)

Reaction:  $p+d \rightarrow \gamma X$

Experiment

$T_p = 195 \text{ MeV}; \theta_\gamma = 90^\circ$

Michigan State group

J. Clayton et al., Phys. Rev. C45, 1810  
(1992).

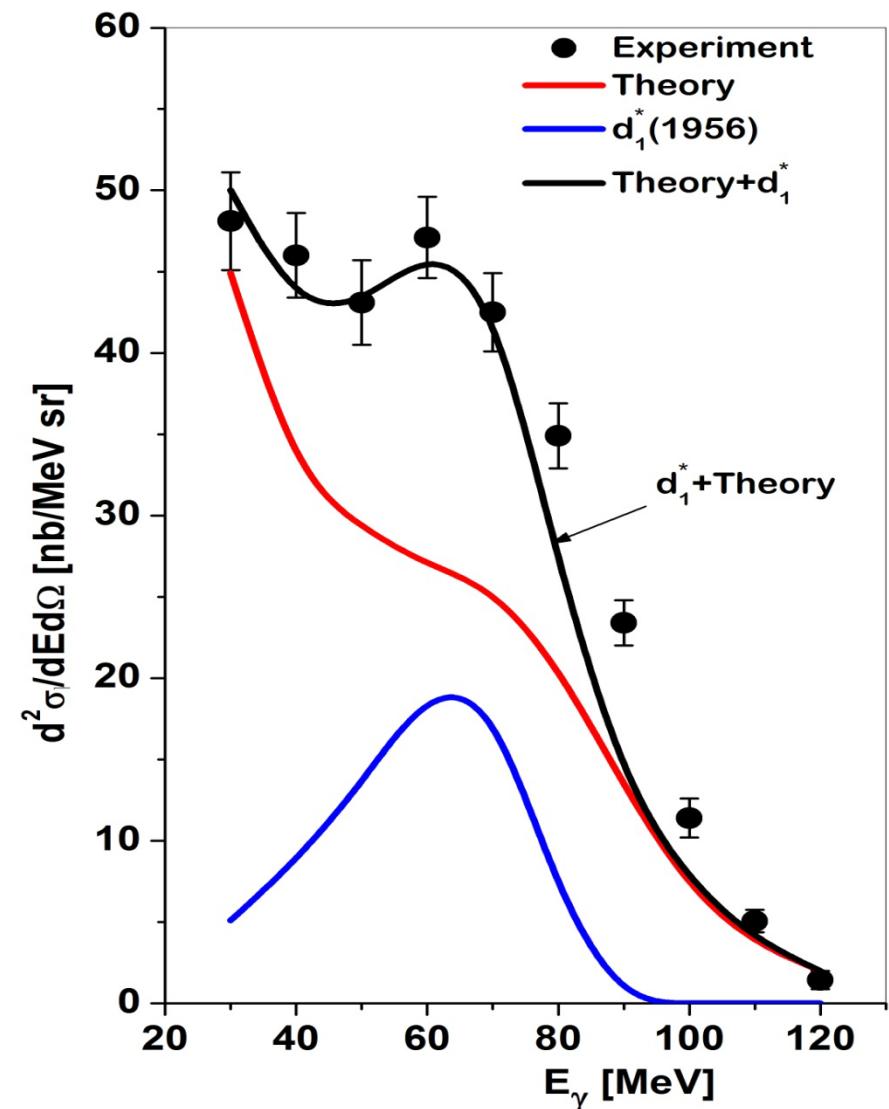
$T_p = 200 \text{ MeV}; \theta_\gamma = 90^\circ$

Grenoble group

J.A. Pinston et al.,  
Phys.Lett. B249, 402(1990)

Theory

K.Nakayama,  
Phys.Rev. C45, 2039 (1992).



# Inclusive photon spectrum for the $np \rightarrow \gamma X$ reaction

A.S. Khrykin, Nucl. Phys. A721, 625c (2003)

Reaction:  $n+p \rightarrow \gamma X$

## Experiment

At the Saturne National Laboratory in Saclay.

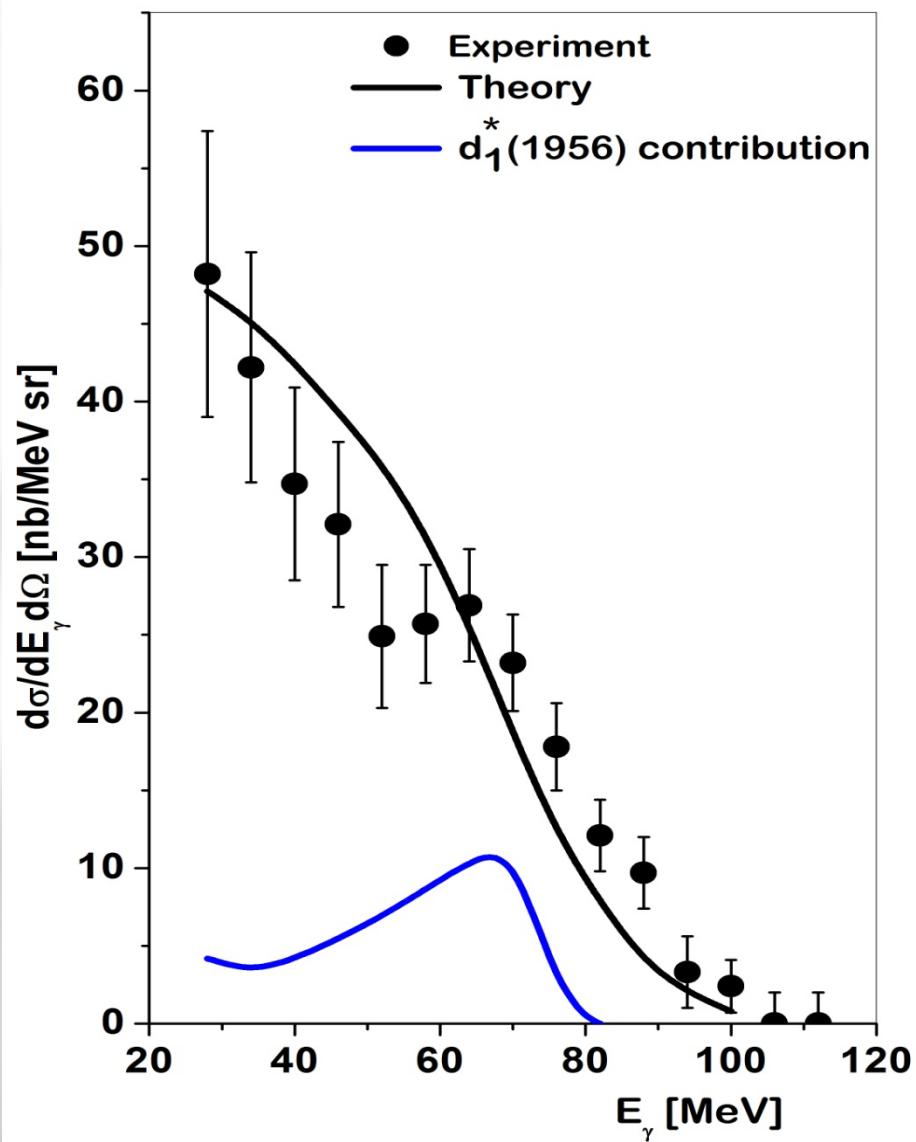
$T_n = 170 \pm 35$  MeV;  $\theta_\gamma = 90^\circ$

F.Malek et al., Phys.Lett. B266, 255(1991).

## Theory

M.Schafer et al.

Z. Phys. A 339, 391 (1991).



# Inclusive photon spectrum for the $p + {}^{12}C \rightarrow \gamma X$ reaction

A.S. Khrykin, Nucl. Phys. A721, 625c (2003)

Reaction:  $p + {}^{12}C \rightarrow \gamma X$

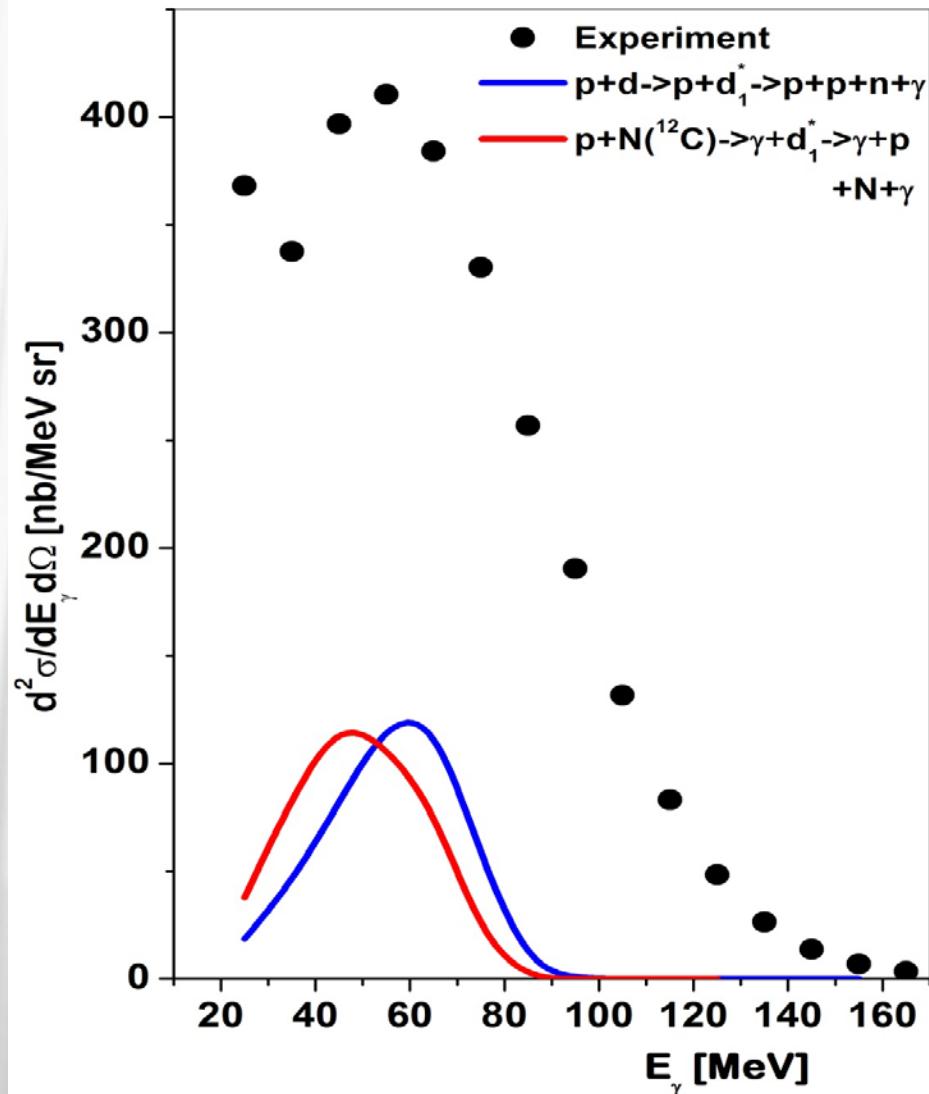
## Experiment

At the Orsay synchrocyclotron.

$T_p = 200$  MeV;  $\theta_\gamma = 90^\circ$

J.A.Pinston et al., Phys.Lett.  
B249, 402(1990).

CNWF:O.Benhar et al.,  
Phys. Lett. B177,135(1986)



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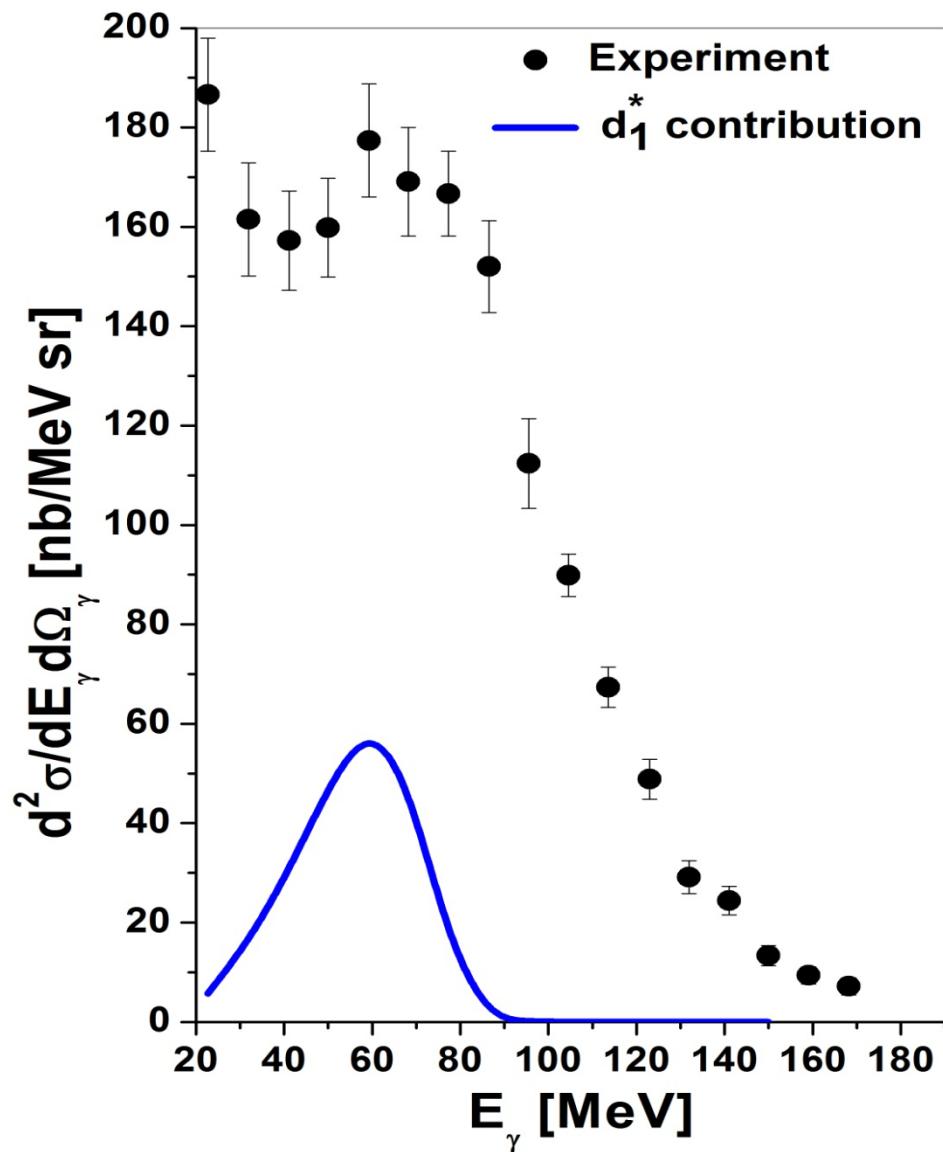
At the AGOR facility of the KVI

Groningen.

Photon Spectrometer TAPS

$T_p = 190 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $\theta_\gamma = 75^\circ$

M.J. van Goethem et al., Phys. Rev. Lett 88, 122302(2002).



# TWO PHOTON INVARIANT MASS SPECTRUM

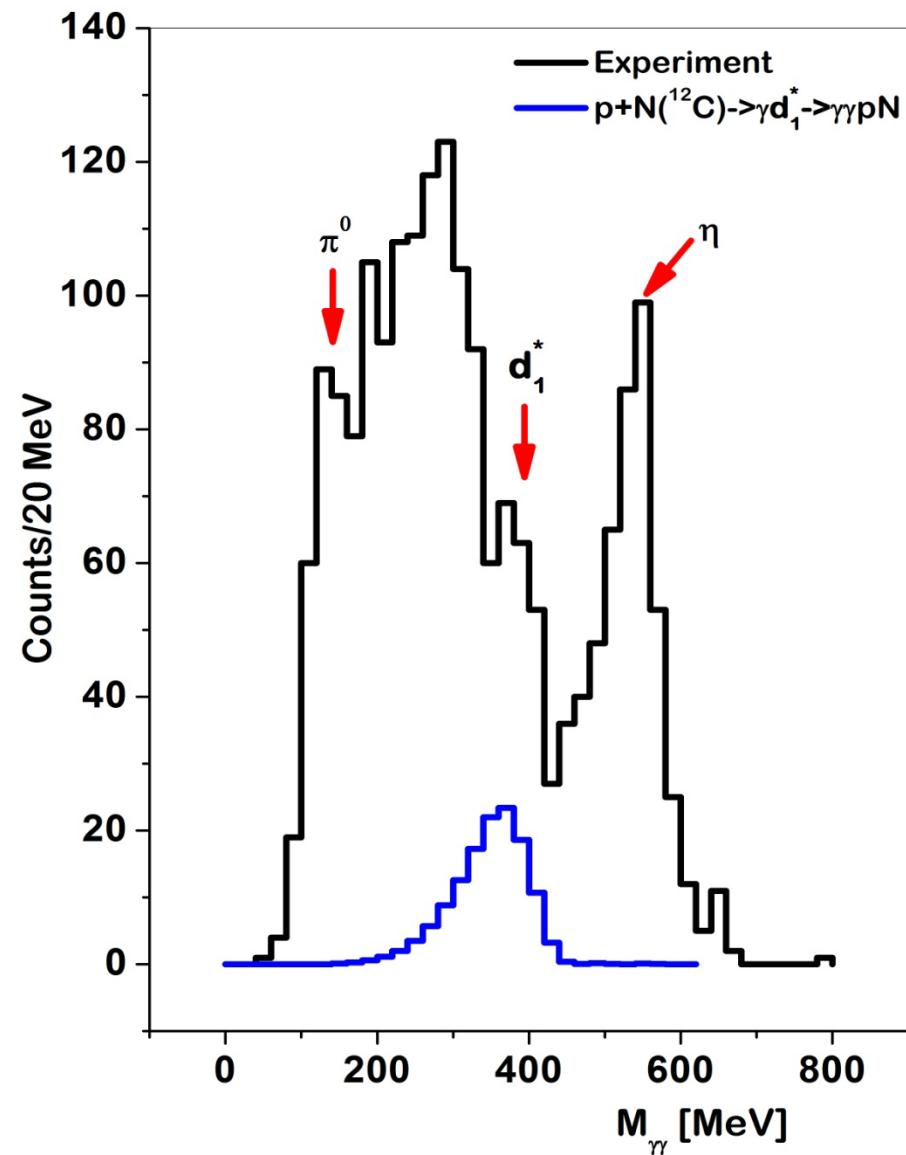
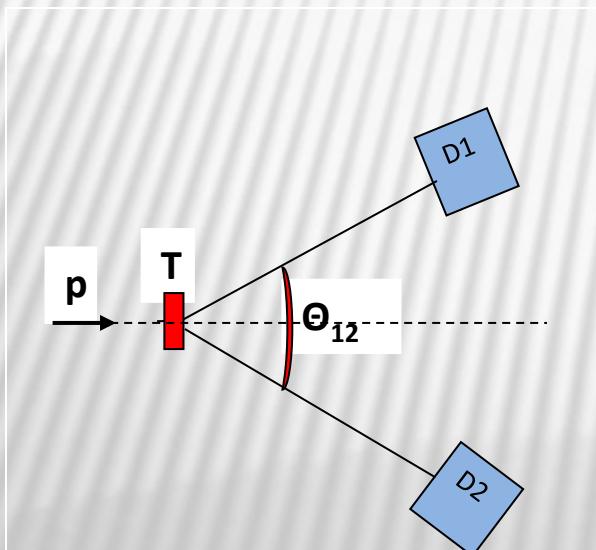
## Experiment

Reaction:  $p + {}^{12}C \rightarrow \gamma\chi$

$T_p = 1300$  MeV

PINOT Spectrometer  $\Theta_{12} = 55^\circ$

Exp. Data: C.De Olivera Martins et al. Braz. Jour. Of Phys. V.31, n.31,p. 533(2001)



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Experiment

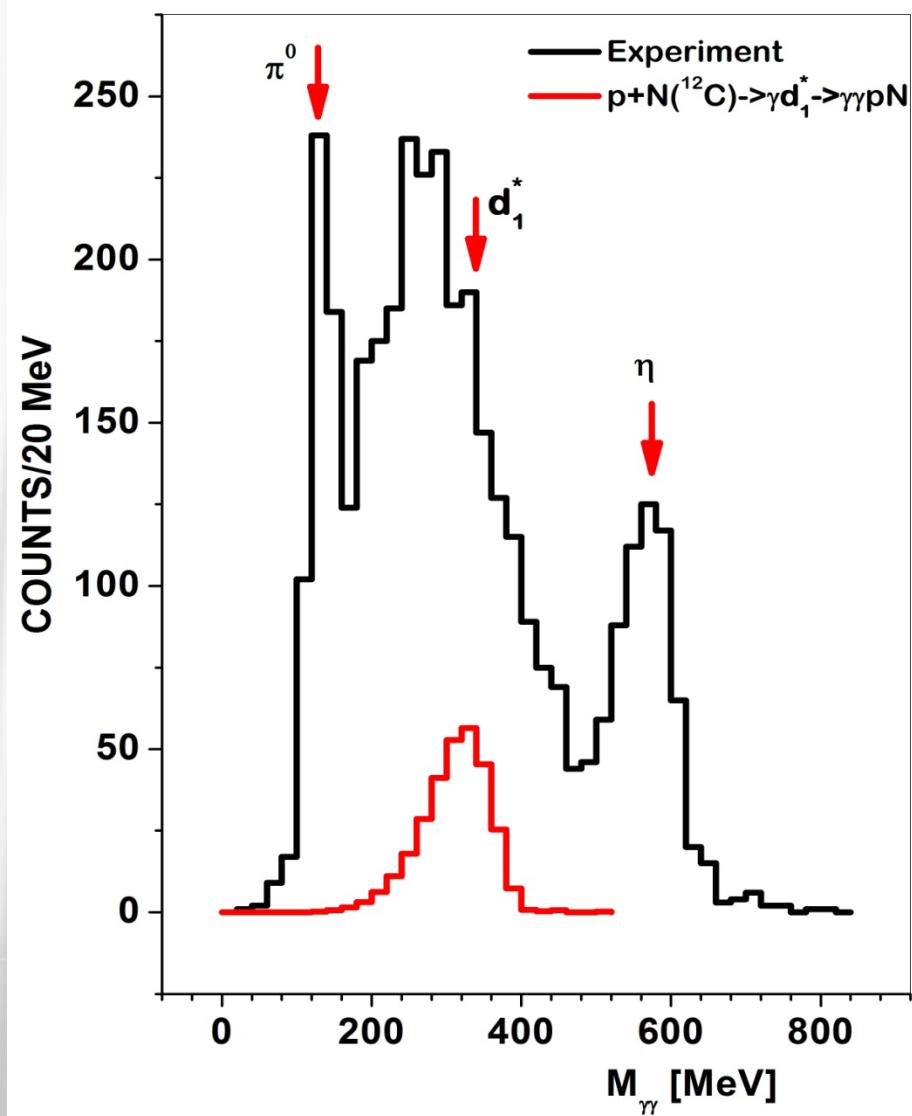
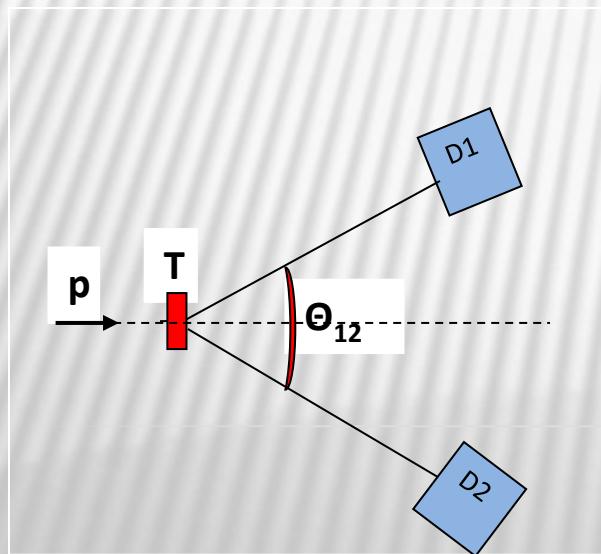
Experiment

Reaction:  $p + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \gamma X$

$T_p = 1150 \text{ MeV}$

PINOT Spectrometer  $\Theta_{12} = 66^\circ$

Exp. Data: E.Chiavassa et  
al., Europhys. Lett. V.41, p.  
365(1998)



# Exclusive $p\bar{p} \rightarrow p\bar{p}\gamma\gamma$ reaction

A.S.Khrykin and S.B.Gerasimov, in : *Proc. of the MENU2007*, IKP, Forschungzentrum Juelich, Germany, September 10-14, 2007, edited by H. Machner and S. Krewald, eConf C070910(2008),250.

## Experiment

CELSIUS-WASA Collaboration

Bashkanov et al. Int. Jour. of Mod. Phys. A20,554(2005); hep-ex/0406081

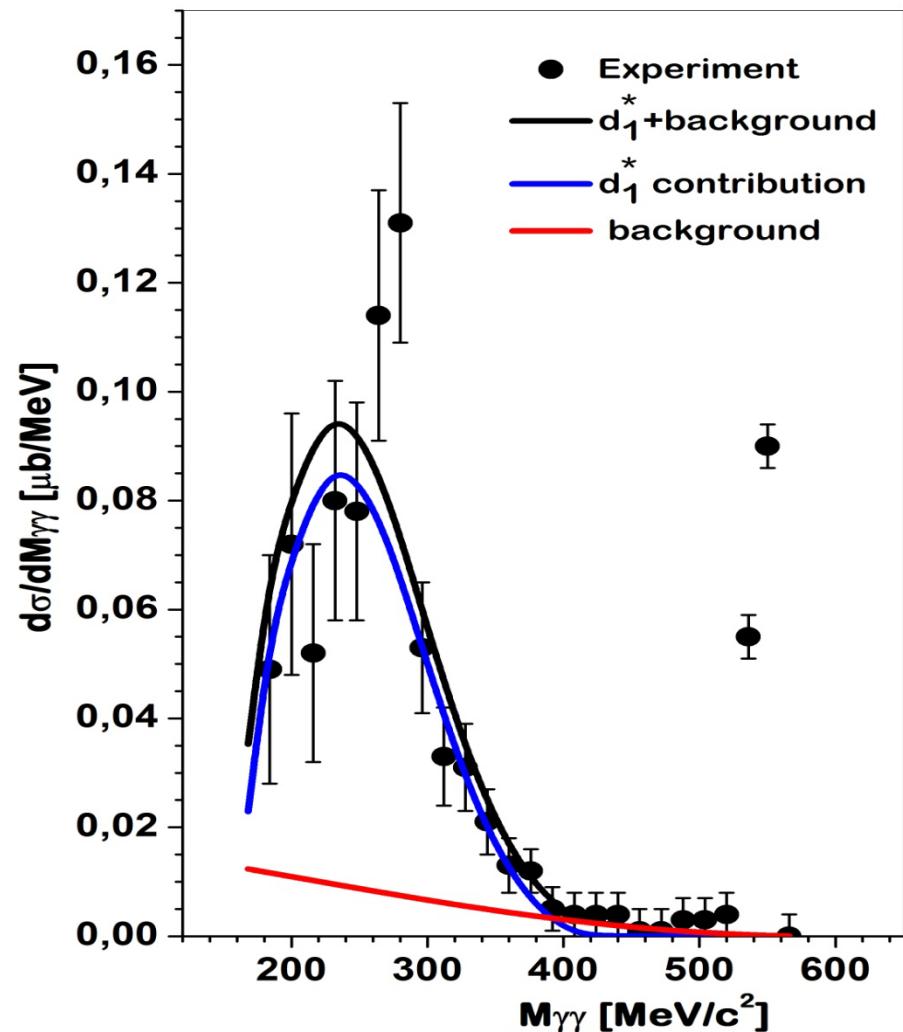
$$M_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = (k_1 + k_2)^2 = 2E_{\gamma 1} * E_{\gamma 2} * (1 - \cos\theta_{12})$$

$$T_p = 1.36 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{and} \quad T_p = 1.2 \text{ GeV}$$

St.sign.= $N_s/(N_s+2N_B)^{1/2}$ :  $4.5\sigma$  &  $3.5\sigma$

Calculations:  $|M(NN \rightarrow \gamma d_1^*)|^2 \Rightarrow$   
 $d_1^*(1956) \rightarrow (N\Delta)_{\text{bound}}$

$$\chi^2 = 1.1/\text{dof}$$



# Why the Celsius-Wasa Collaboration did not find the dibaryon signal in their $pp \rightarrow pp\gamma\gamma$ data?

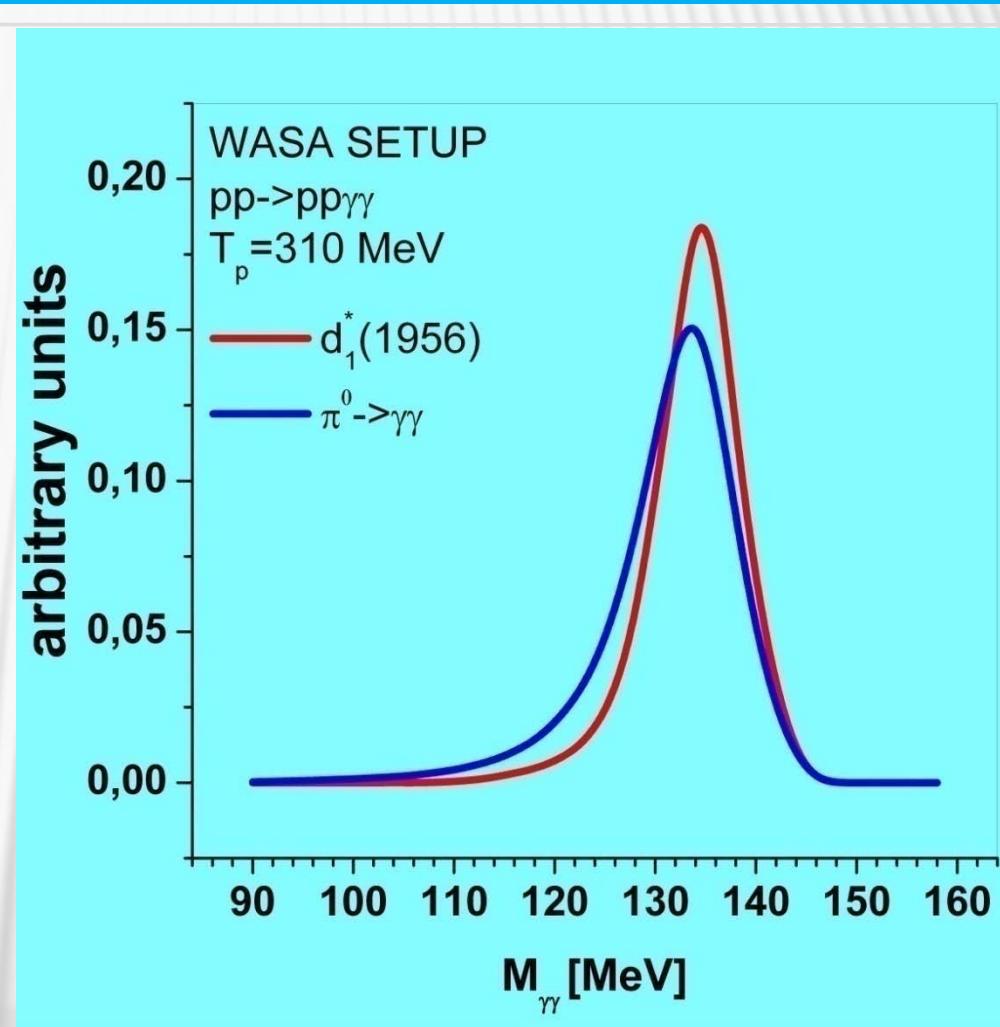
Two-photon inv. mass spectra

were calculated for the

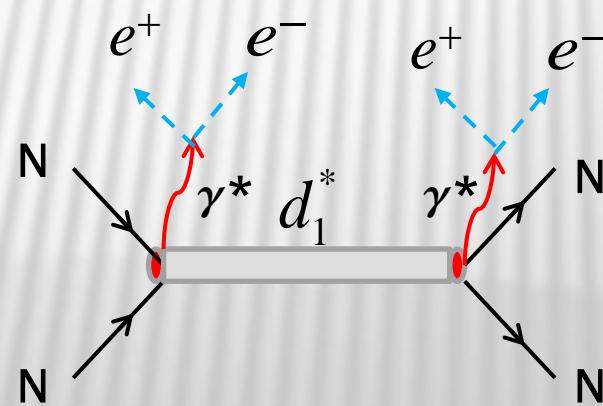
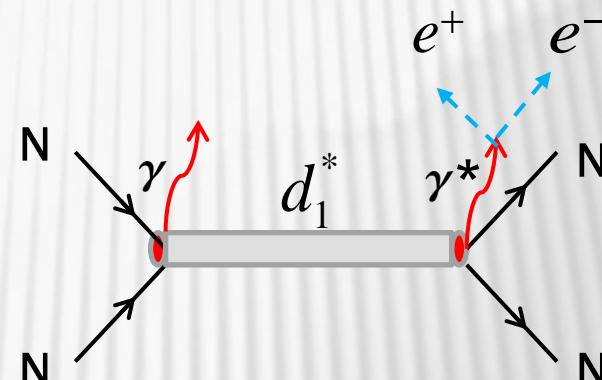
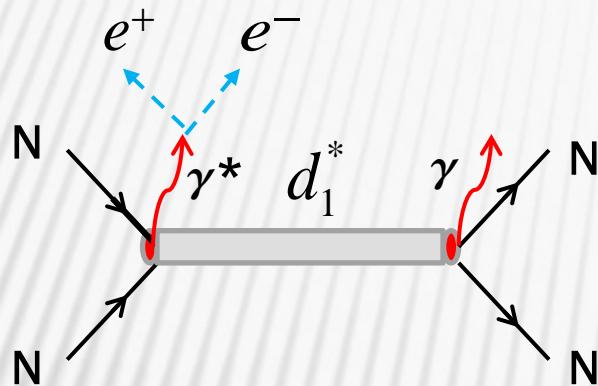
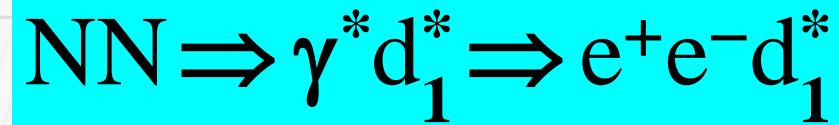
$pp \rightarrow \gamma d_1^*(1956) \rightarrow pp\gamma\gamma$  and  
 $pp \rightarrow pp\pi^0 \rightarrow pp\gamma\gamma$  channels

of the reaction  $pp \rightarrow pp\gamma\gamma$   
for the geometry and kinematic  
of the experiment PLB427,248

(1998). So, all events (at  
least most of them)  
associated with the  
resonance  $d_1^*(1956)$  were  
removed!



# Dibaryon mechanism for dielectron production in NN Collisions





$$p_a + p_b = p_1 + p_2 + p_3$$

$p = p_a + p_b$ ,  $p_a$ - and  $p_b$ - the four momenta of colliding nucleons,  
 $p^2 = s$  – the total energy of the colliding nuclens inc.m.s.

$p_1(E_1, \vec{p}_1), p_2(E_2, \vec{p}_2)$  and  $p_3(E_3, \vec{p}_3)$  -the four momenta of dielectrons and resonance.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dM} = \frac{(2\pi)^4}{f} \int \prod_{i=1}^3 \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_i}{2E_i (2\pi)^3} |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta(p - \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i) \bullet \delta(M - M(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2))$$

$$f = 4\sqrt{(p_a p_b)^2 - m_a^2 m_b^2}$$

$M$ - the invariant mass of the  $e^+e^-$  - pair

$|\mathcal{M}|^2$  – the matrix element for the transition  $NN \rightarrow e^+e^- d_1^*$

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{e^2}{k^2} j^\mu J_\mu, \quad j_\mu = \langle e^+ e^- | \hat{j} | 0 \rangle, \quad J_\mu = (J_0, \vec{J}) = \langle d_1^* | \hat{J}_\mu | NN \rangle$$

$$\vec{J} = \vec{J}_T + \vec{J}_L$$

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \frac{e^4}{M^4} \frac{1}{2m_e^2} \left\{ M^2 |\vec{J}_T|^2 - |\vec{J}_T \vec{q}_T|^2 + \frac{M^2}{k_0^2} \left( 1 - \frac{M^2}{k_0^2} |\vec{J}_L \vec{q}_L|^2 \right) \right.$$

$$\left. - 2 |\vec{J}_L \vec{q}_L| |\vec{J}_T \vec{q}_T| \right\}, \quad k = (k_0, \vec{k}) = p_1 + p_2, \quad q = (q_0, \vec{q}) = p_1 - p_2$$

O. Scholton et al. PRC71,034005(2005)

$J^P(d_1^*) = 0^-$  the vertex



$$|\mathcal{M}_E|^2 = e^2 |\vec{J}_T|^2 = C \cdot (p_a \cdot k)(p_b \cdot k)$$

Hadronic current for the magnetic transition is transverse,  $\vec{J}_L = 0$

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \frac{e^4}{M^2} \frac{1}{2m_e^2} (|\vec{J}_T|^2 - \frac{1}{M^2} |\vec{J}_T \vec{q}_T|^2) \approx \frac{1}{4} \frac{e^4}{M^2} \frac{1}{2m_e^2} |\vec{J}_T|^2$$

$$|\mathcal{M}_{NN \rightarrow e^+ e^- d_1^*}|^2 = \frac{N}{M^2} |\mathcal{M}_E|^2 |F(M^2)|^2$$

$$|F(M^2)|^2 = \frac{m_\rho^4 - m_\rho^2 \Gamma_\rho^2}{(m_\rho^2 - M^2)^2 + m_\rho^2 \Gamma_\rho^2}$$

N-is the normalization constant

The calculations  $\Rightarrow$  Monte Carlo method. Event generator  $\Rightarrow$  GENBOD. It used to randomly generate four momenta of the outgoing particles of the explored reaction. The probability of any event has been given its weight:

$$WT = |\mathcal{M}_{NN \rightarrow e^+ e^- d_1^*}|^2$$

Energy resolution: by procedure of a spectrum smearing with a Gaussian distribution with the corresponding  $\sigma$ .

$$\frac{\sigma_{tot}^{ee}}{\sigma_{tot}^\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \ln \left( \frac{\Delta M}{m_e} \right) - \frac{5}{9} + \frac{1}{3} I_1 + O \left( \left( \frac{m_e}{\Delta M} \right)^2 \right) \right], \quad I_1 \approx 1$$

B.E.Lautrup and J.Smith,  
PRD3,1122(1971)

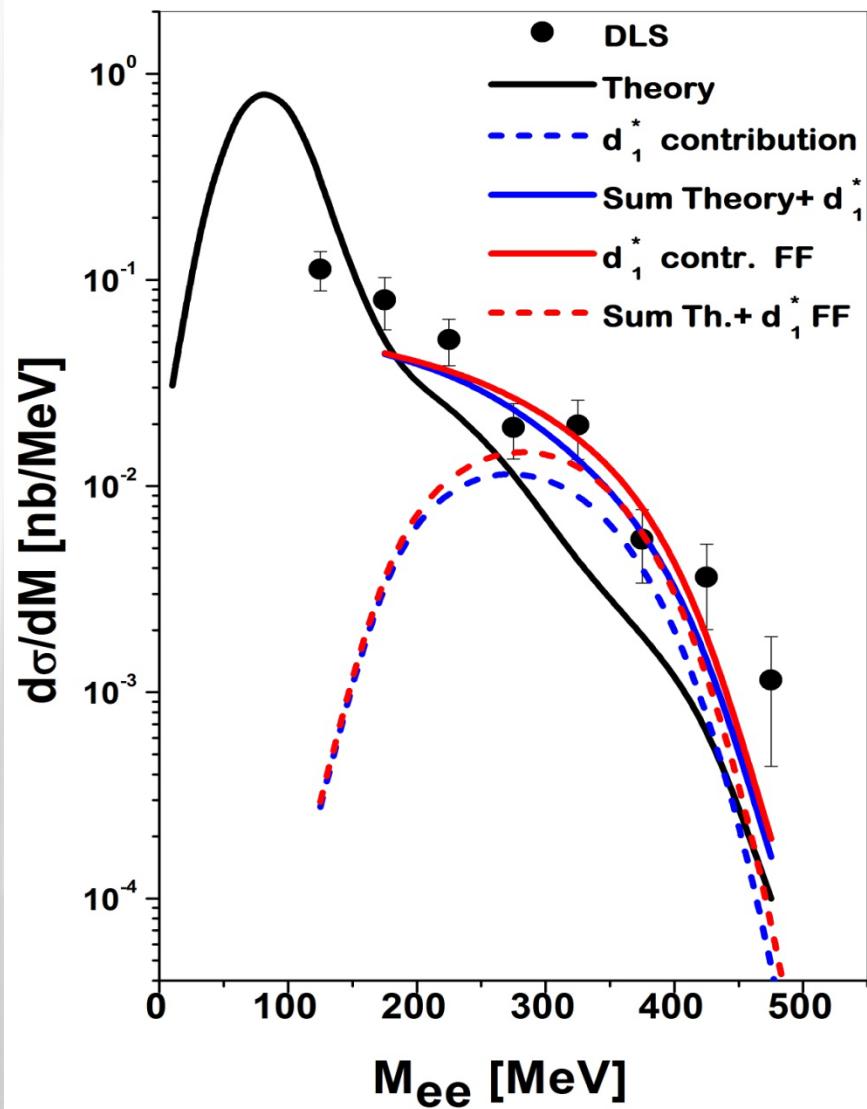
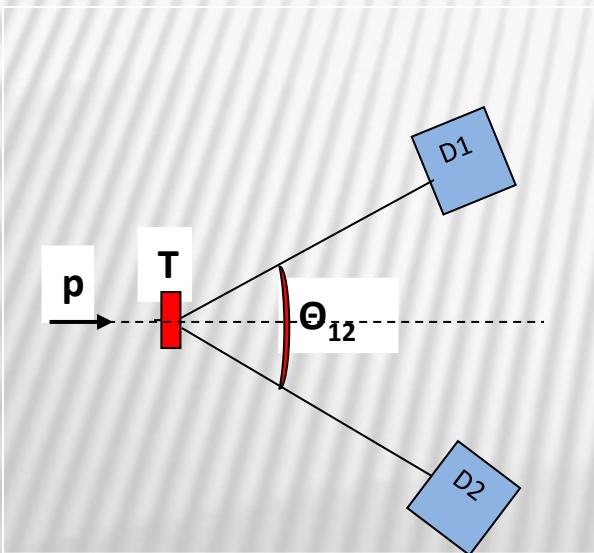
***Contribution of the  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^-d^*$ , mechanism to the  
DLS  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^-X$  data***

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## DLS Experiment

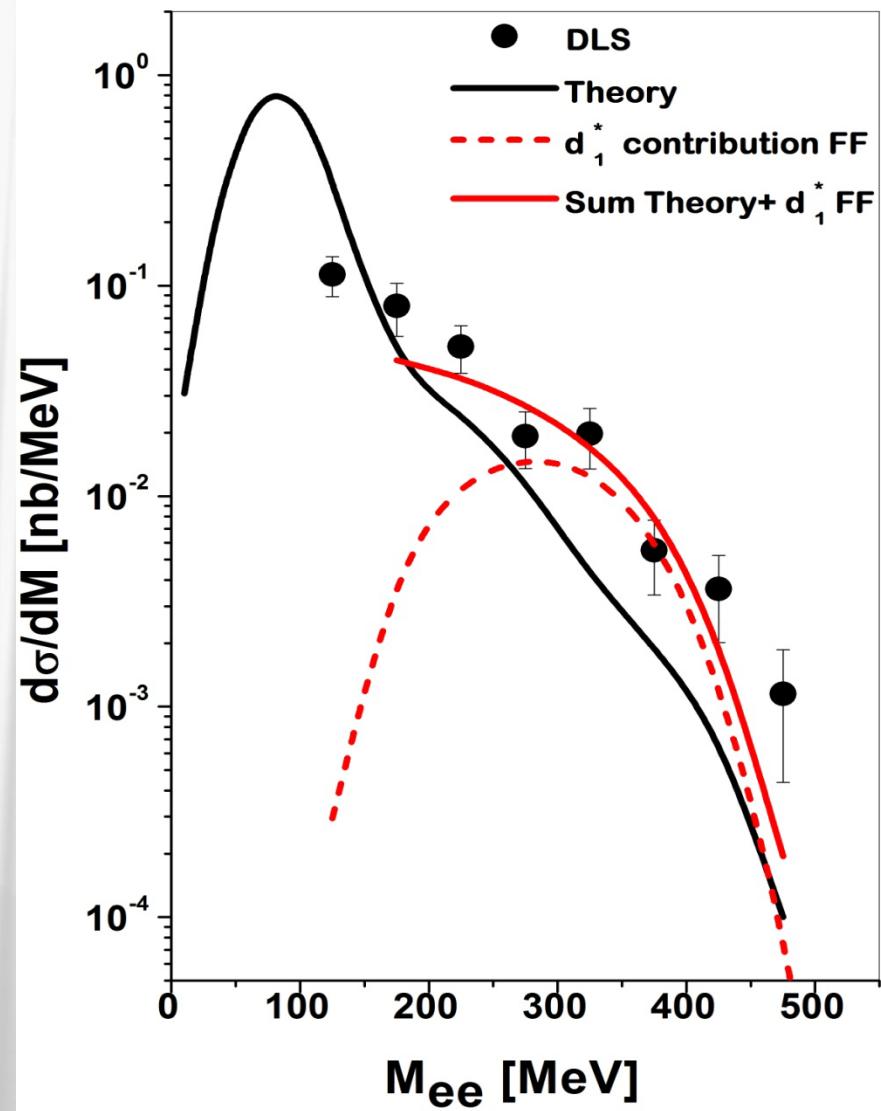
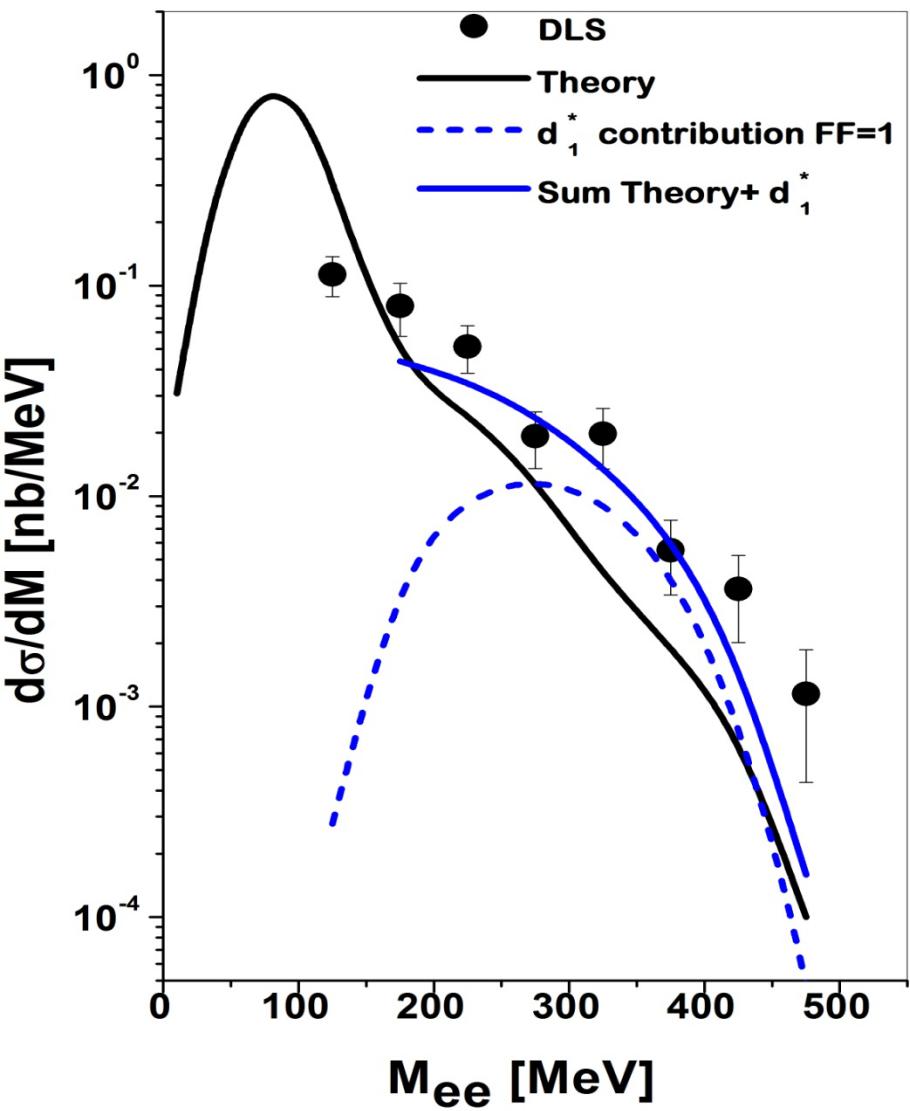
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$T = 1.04 \text{ GeV}$



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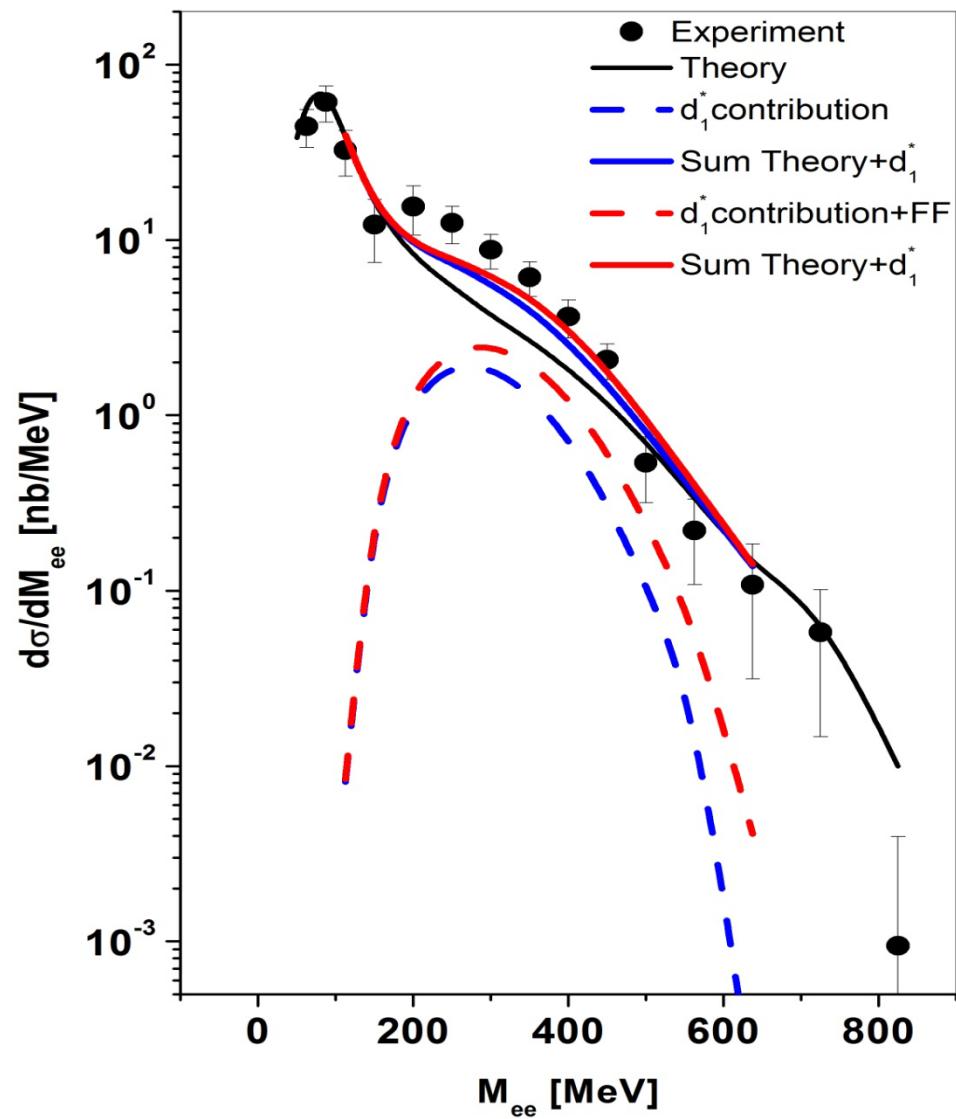
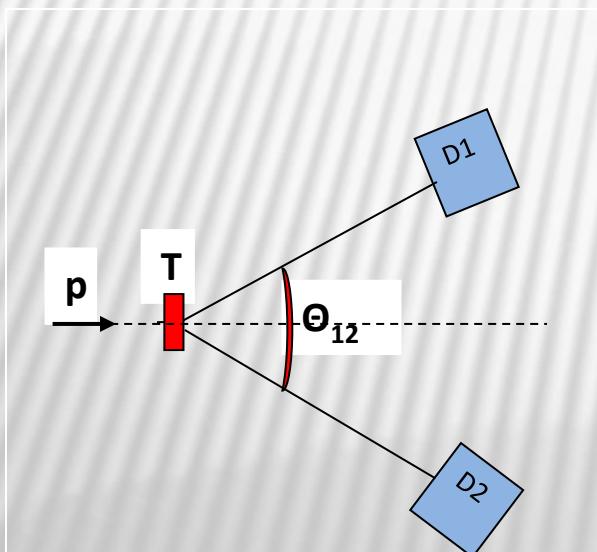
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Reaction:  $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^+ e^- X$

T=1.04 GeV/A

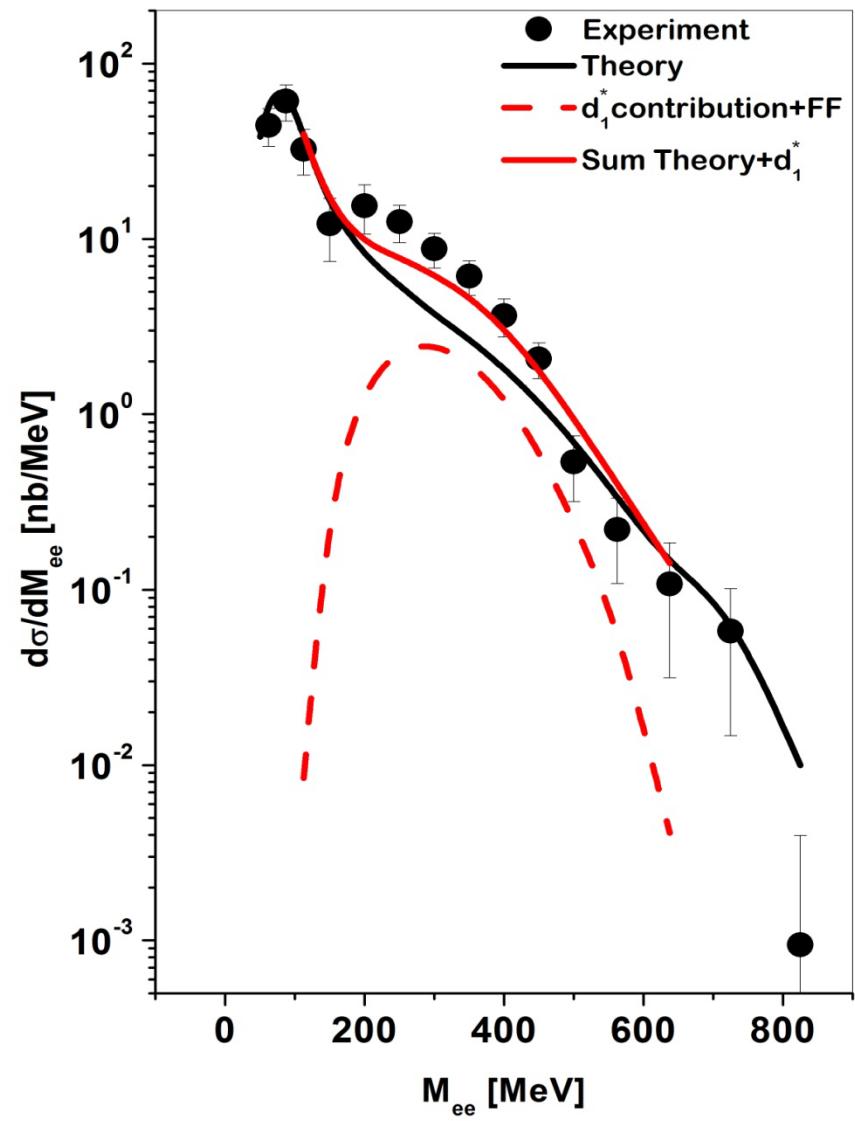
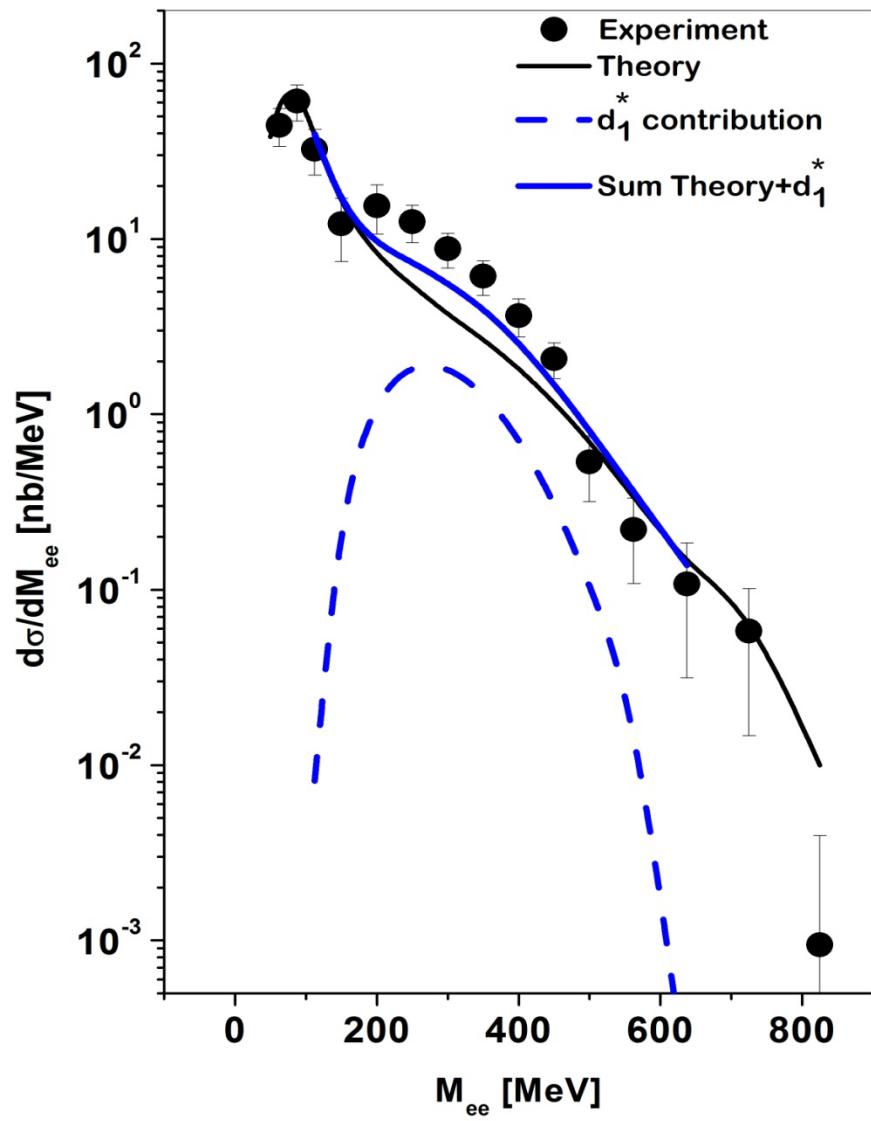
Mass resolution  $\Delta M/M = 10\%$

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Phys. Lett. **B177**,135(1986)



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# **Conclusions**

- ❖ The contributions of the dibaryon mechanism  $NN \rightarrow e^+e^-d_1^{*}(1956)$  of dielectron production in NN collisions to the invariant mass spectra of the reaction  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^-X$  were calculated for the energies and geometry of the DLS experiments.
- ❖ Results of the comparison of these contributions with the corresponding DLS data supports the idea that the observed excess of dielectron pairs in the mass region  $0.15 < M_{e^+e^-} < 0.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  can be attributed to their production in the process  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^-d_1^{*}(1956)$ .
- ❖ The contributions of the  $NN \rightarrow e^+e^-d_1^{*}(1956)$  mechanism to the invariant mass spectra of the reaction  $NN \rightarrow e^+e^-X$  were calculated for the energies and geometry of the CC DLS experiments. Adding these contributions to the corresponding theoretical spectra we found that the resultant spectra reasonably well reproduce the experimentally observed ones in the mass region  $0.15 < M_{e^+e^-} < 0.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ .
- ❖ The idea of the existing of the dibaryon mechanism of dielectron production can be confirmed or refuted by the direct measurement of the missing mass spectrum of the reaction  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^-X$ .