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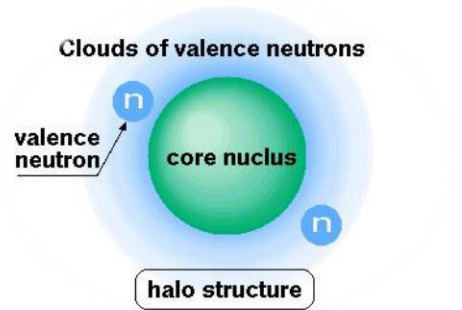


Investigations of proton-halo effects with ^8B beam

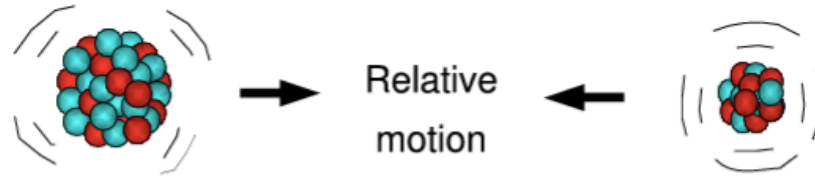
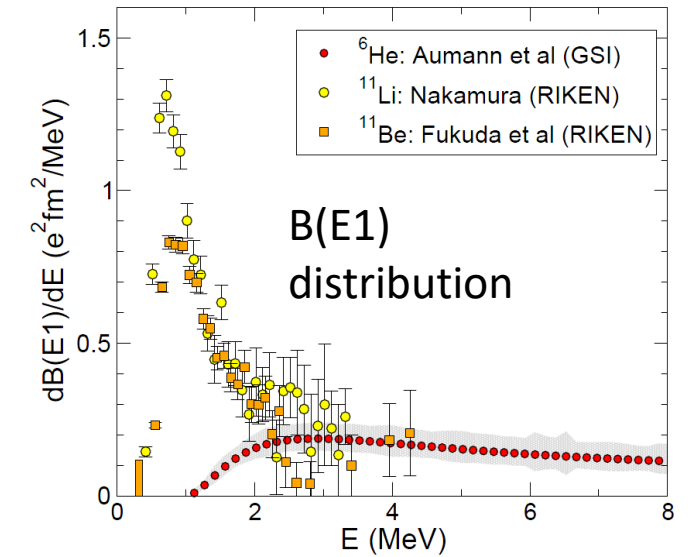
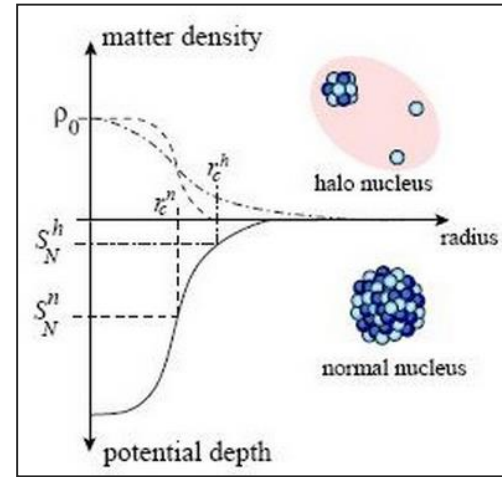
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Halo nuclei: how nuclear halo influences reactions?

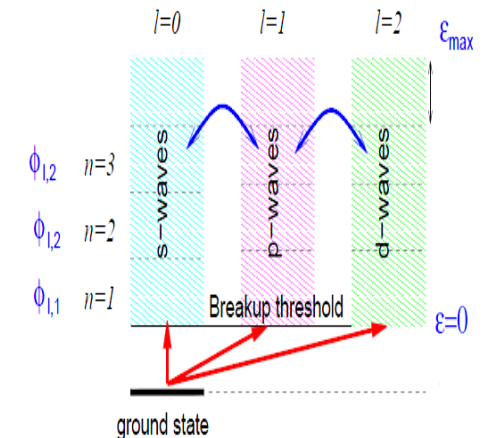


- Weakly bound (easy to break-up)
- Easy to polarise (large B(E1) low energy strenght)
- Suffer lower Coulomb barrier
- Higher transfer cross-section?



Coupling between relative motion and intrinsic excitation relevant at low energy.

g.s. close to the continuum \rightarrow important to include coupling to the continuum in reaction dynamics \rightarrow CDCC



Elastic Scattering

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Nuclear Physics A291 (1977)

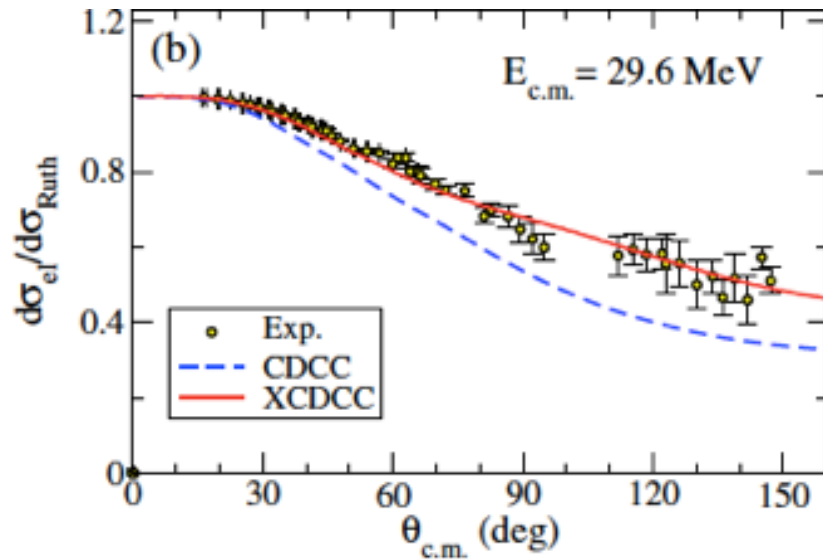
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The importance of core-excitation

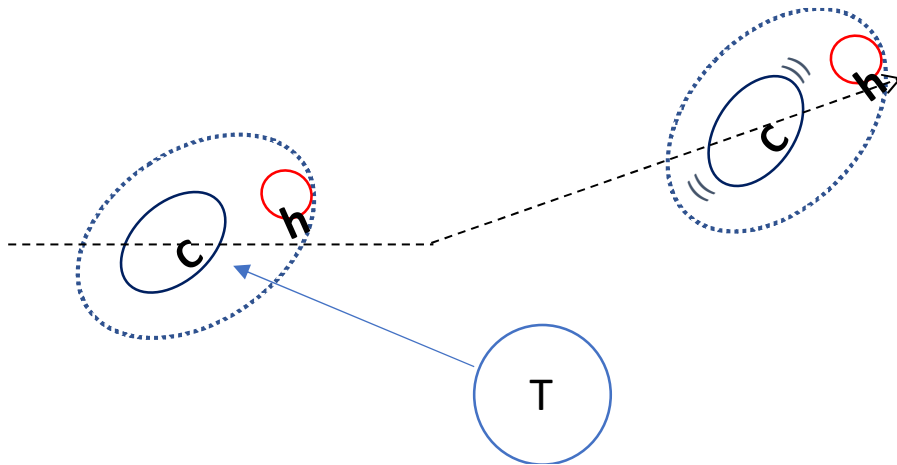
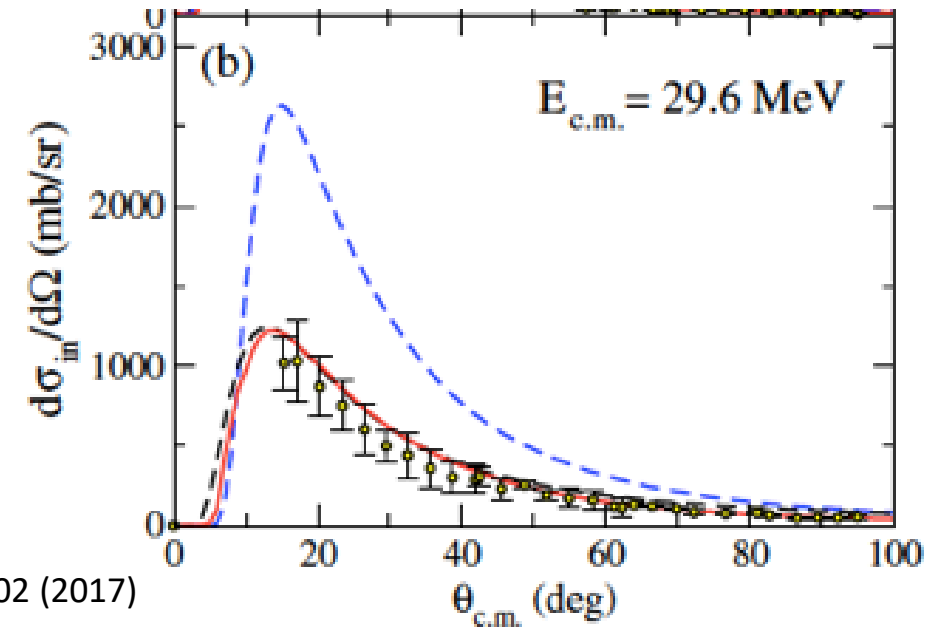
$^{11}\text{Be} + ^{197}\text{Au}$ @ TRIUMF

$^{11}\text{Be}^*_{1/2^-} + ^{197}\text{Au}$

Elastic scattering

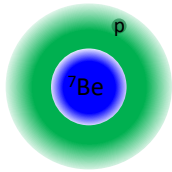


V. Pesudo et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 152502 (2017)



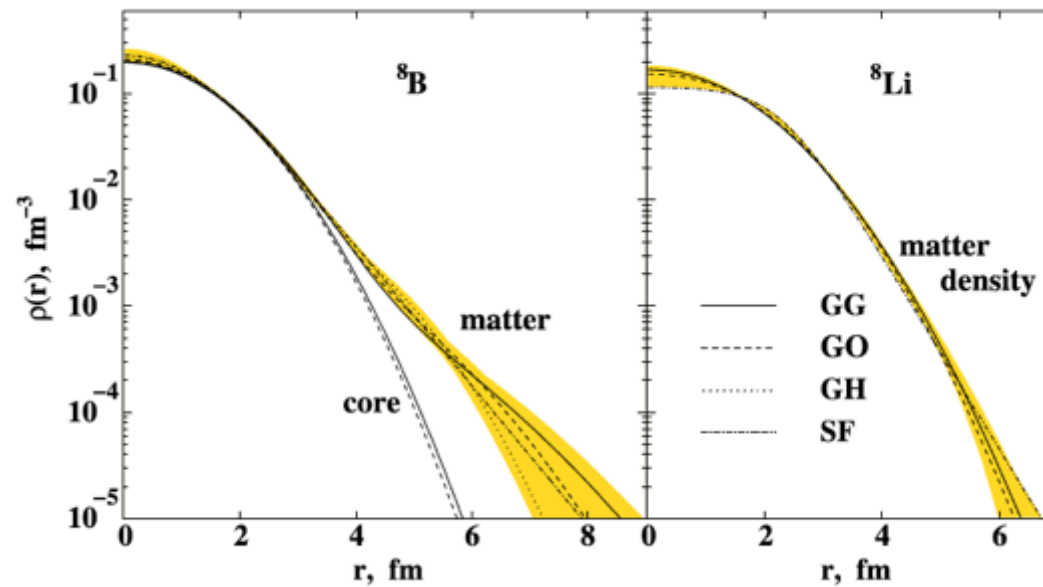
CDCC accounts of halo degrees of freedom. Coupling to continuum effects insufficient to reproduce the experimental data.

XCDCC accounts for both the halo and core degrees of freedom. The structure model accounts for the appropriate admixture of $0+$ and $2+$ components in the ^{10}Be core.



^8B extremely low binding energy
 $S_p=0.14$ MeV
p-wave valence proton

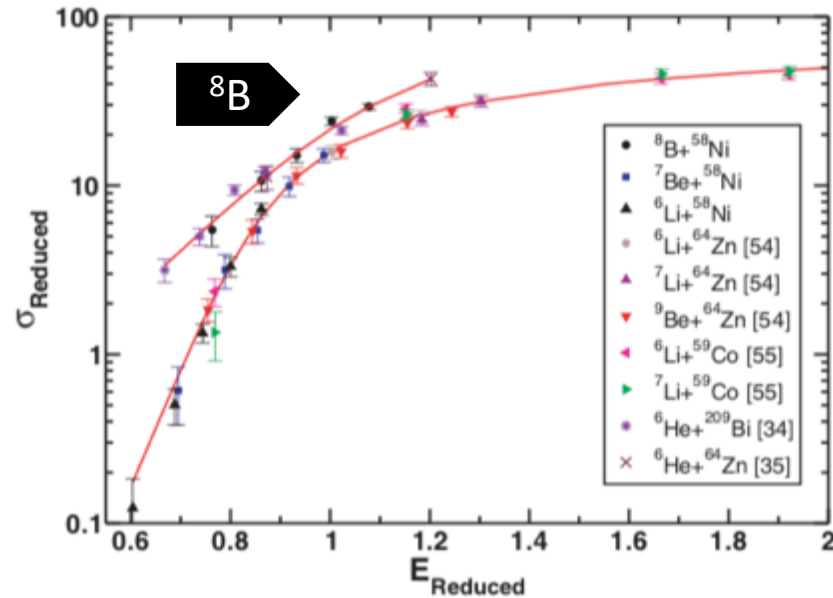
^8B vs ^8Li density distribution



G.A. Korolev et al. Phys.Lett. B 780 (2018) 200

In-flight ^8B beam @ Notre Dame

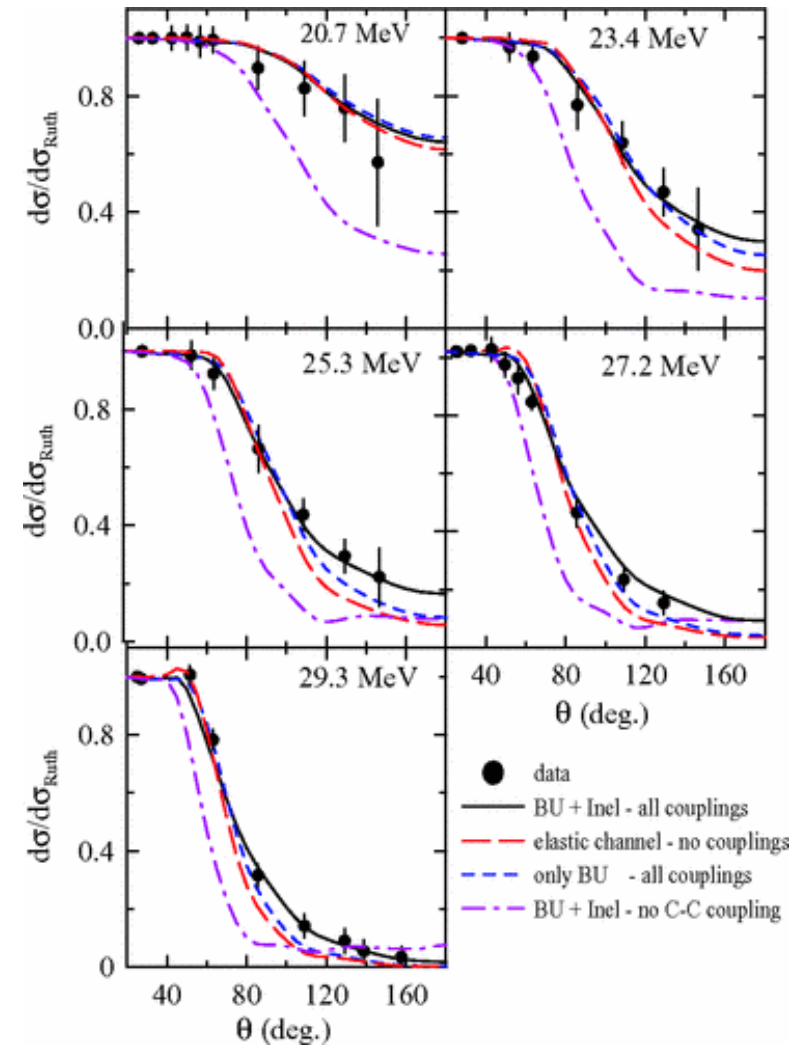
$^8\text{B} + ^{58}\text{Ni}$ @ 20 - 30 MeV



Small effects on elastic scattering
however large total-reaction cross-
section extracted from elastic data.

Found similar trend as for n-halo nuclei

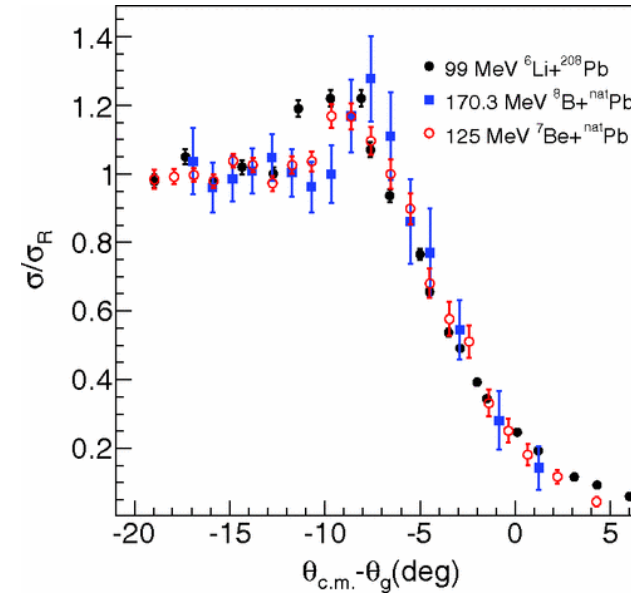
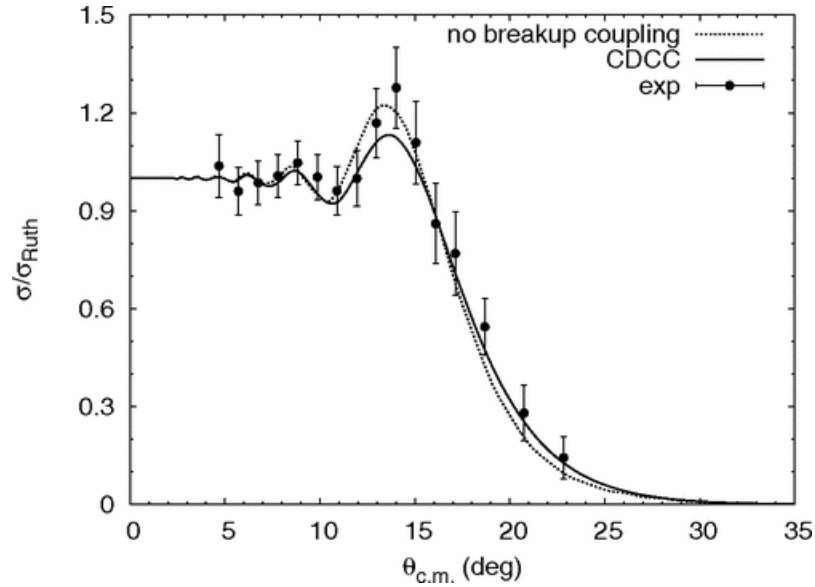
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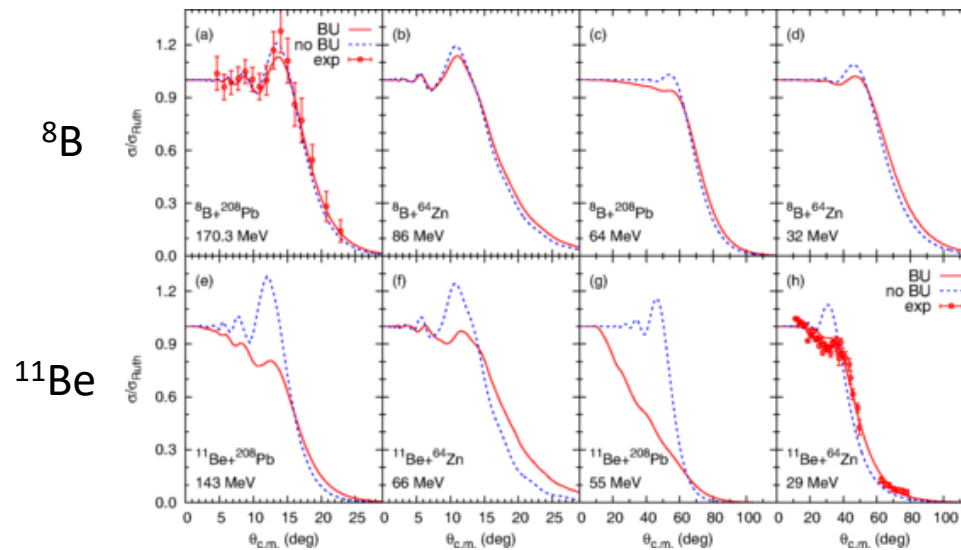
J. Lubian et al Phys. Rev. C 79, 064605 (2009)

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$^8\text{B}+^{208}\text{Pb}$ @ RIBLL



Y. Y. Yang *et al.* Phys. Rev. C **87**, 044613, 2013

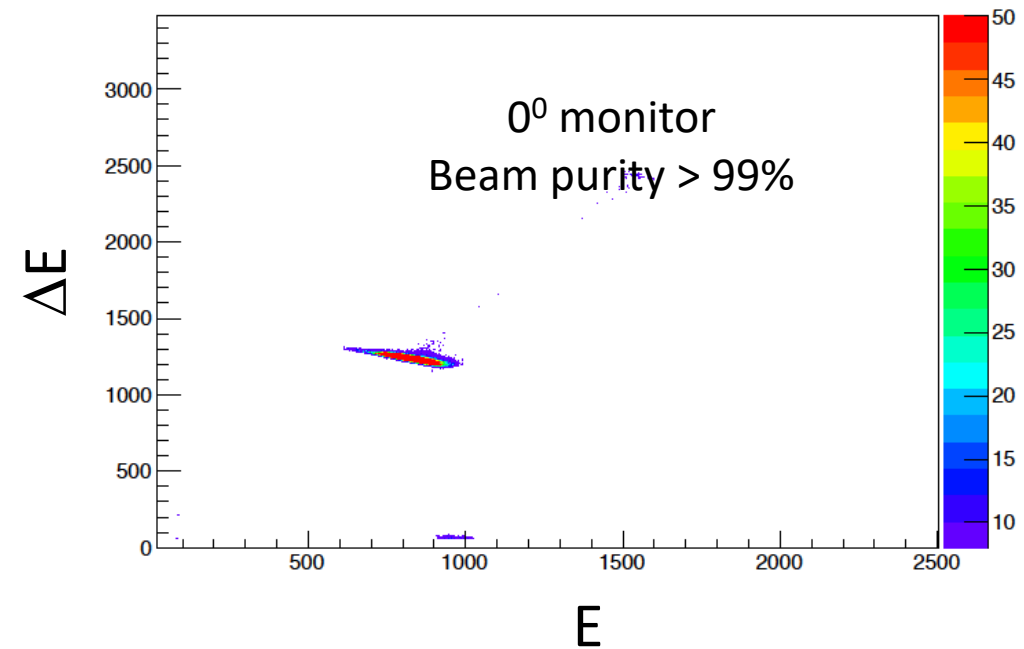
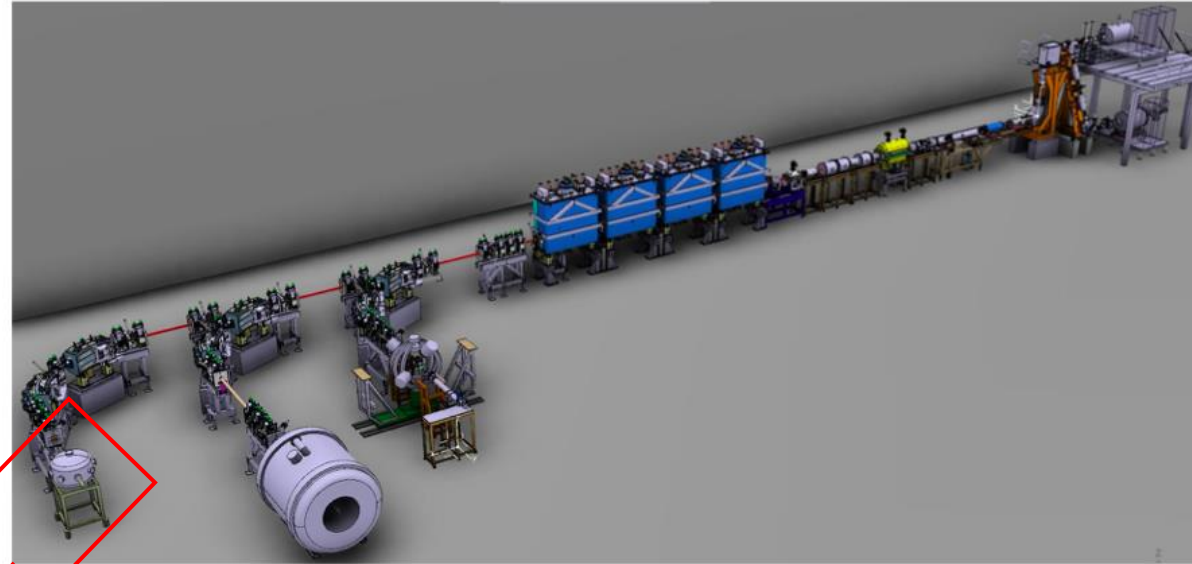


Calculations show
independence on beam
energy and target charge

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First ISOL ^8B beam @ HIE-ISOLDE (i \sim 400 pps)

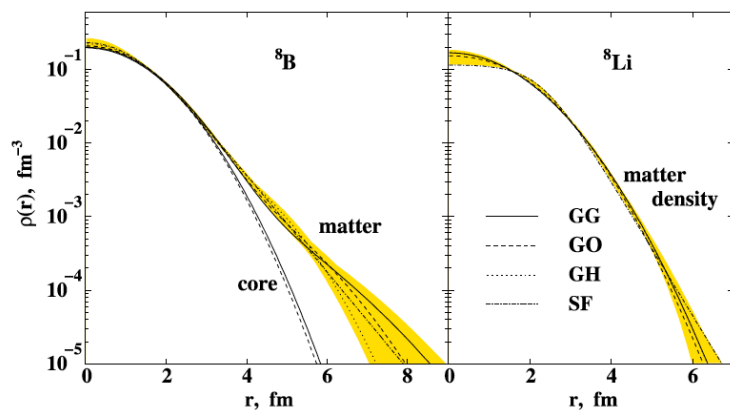
Large angular range -
high granularity
GLORIA detector array
mounted in the SEC
scattering chamber



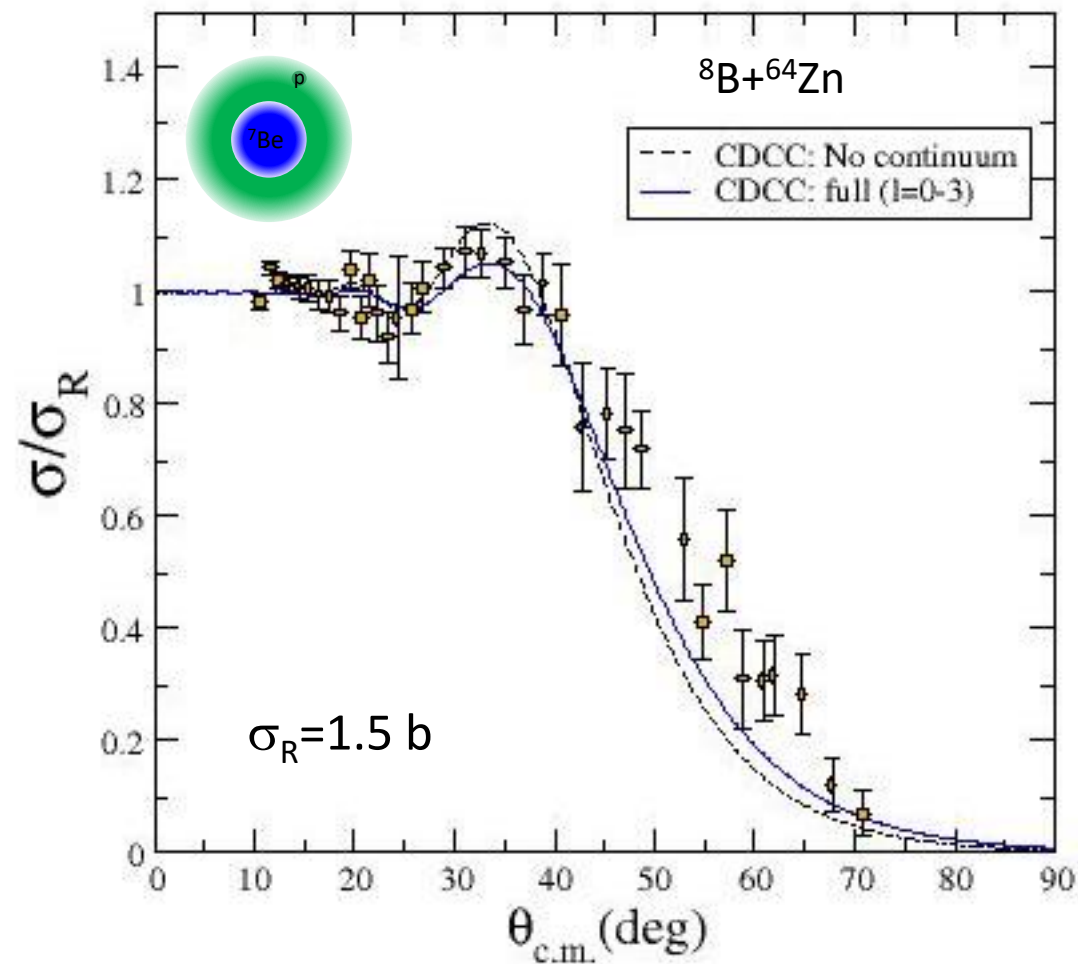
$^8\text{B} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$ elastic scattering

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^8B vs ^8Li density distribution

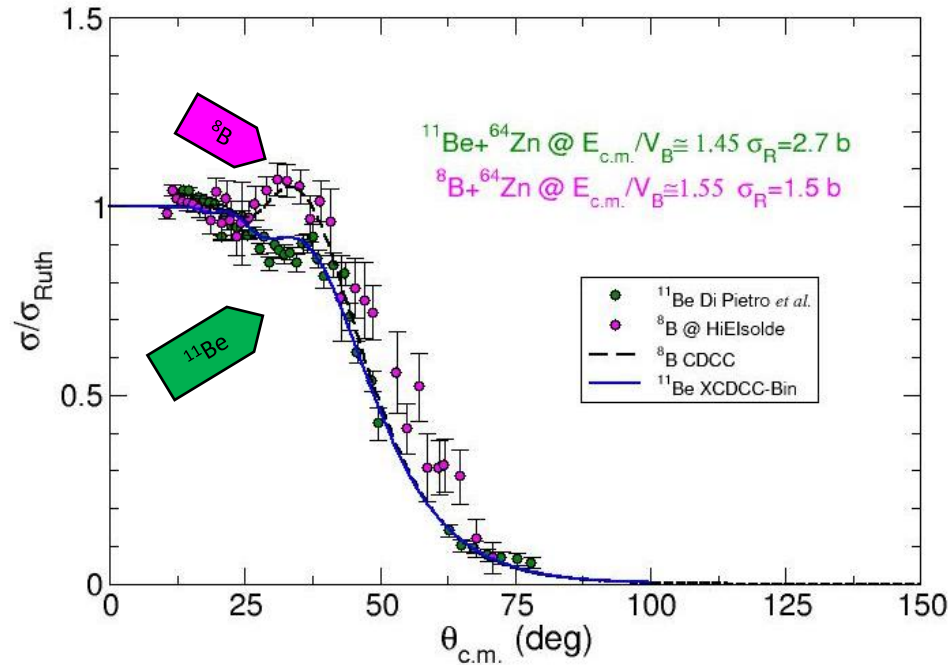


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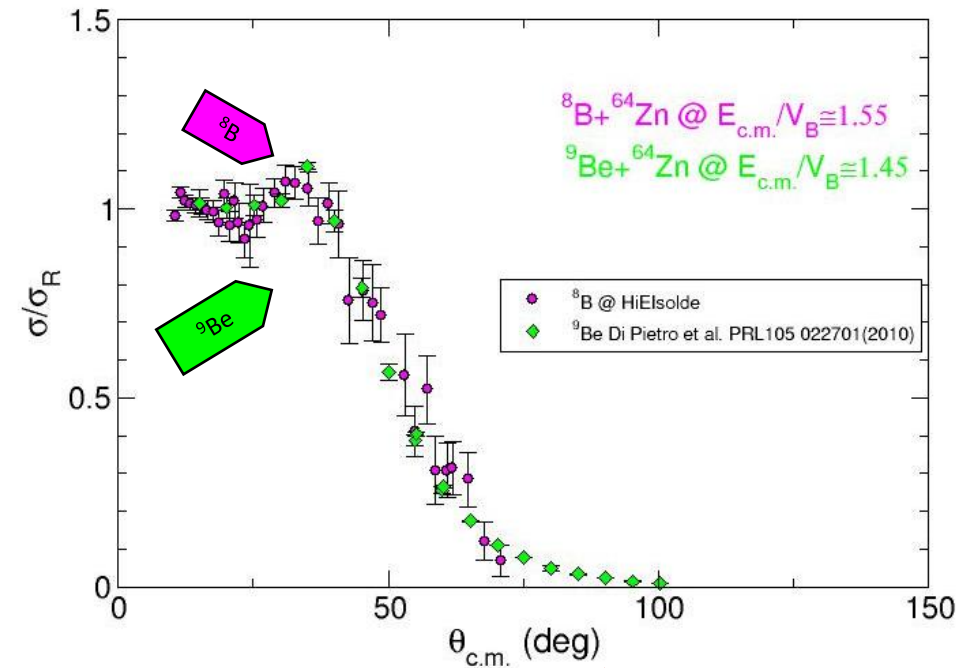
R. Spartà et al. Phys. Lett. B 820(2021)136477

$^8\text{B}, ^{11}\text{Be} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$: p-halo vs n-halo



No suppression of elastic cross-section in the 'rainbow' for the p-halo.
For ^8B total σ_{R} a factor ~ 2 lower than in n-halo

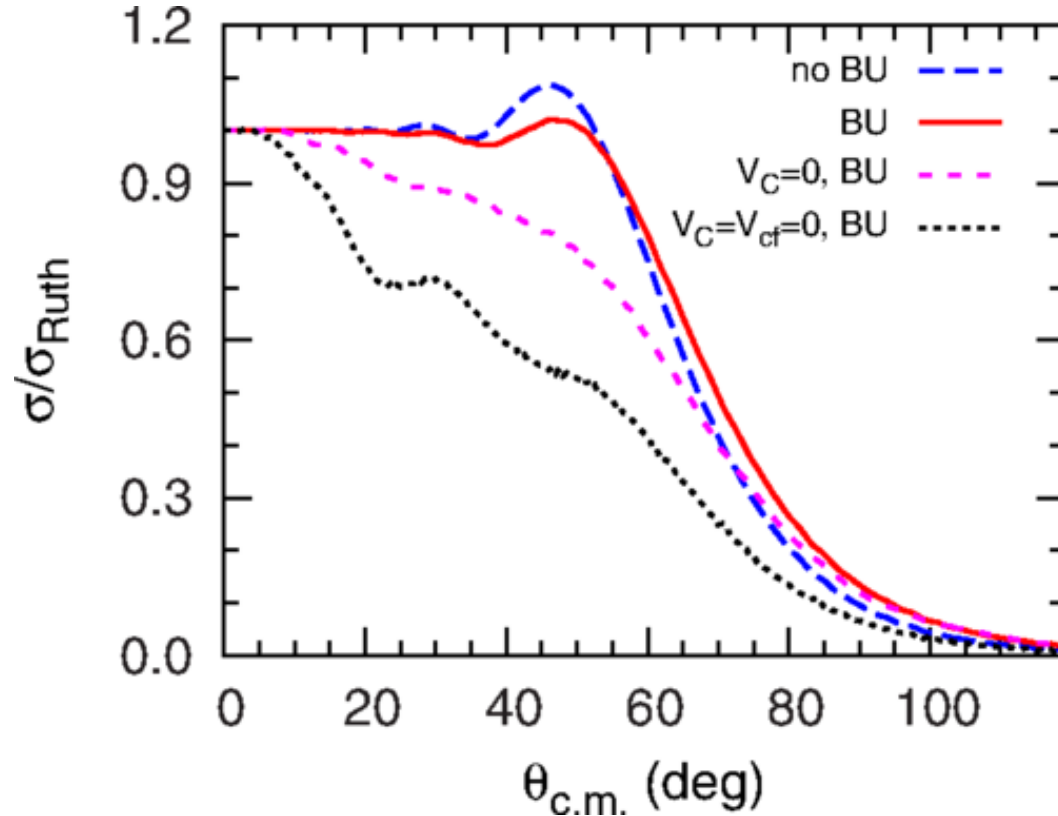
$^8\text{B}, ^9\text{Be} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$: p-halo vs weakly bound



Total reaction cross-section for $^8\text{B} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$ $\sigma_{\text{R}} \approx 1.5$ b similar to $^9\text{Be} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$ at similar $E_{\text{c.m.}}/V_{\text{c}}$
Proton halo behaves as a neutron state bound with a "normal" energy of several MeV as predicted by A. Bonaccorso *et al.* PRC 69, 024615 (2004)

$^8\text{B} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$ why no elastic suppression?

$^8\text{B} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$ @ 32 MeV

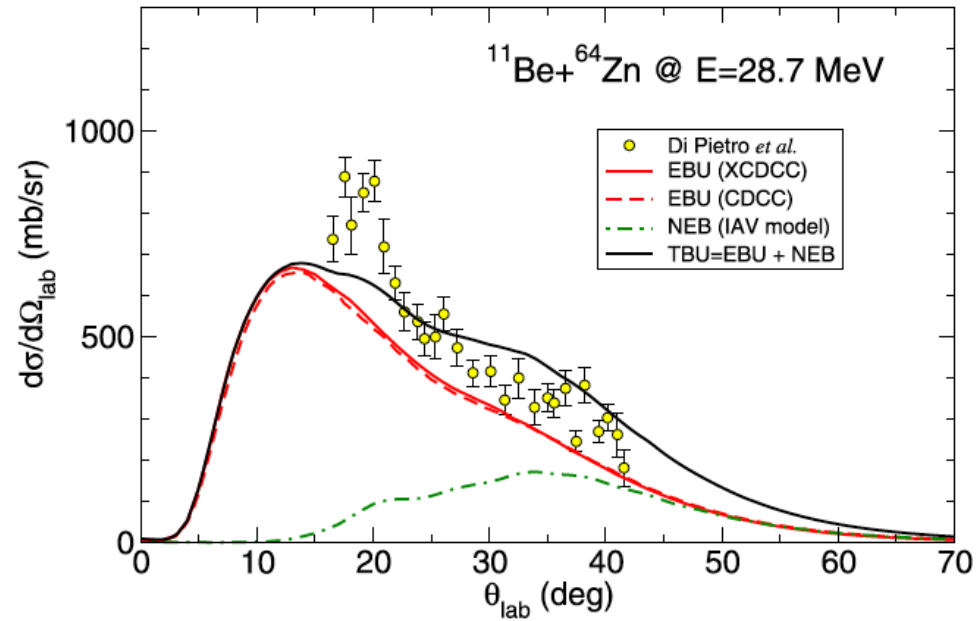


The Coulomb and centrifugal barriers experienced by the valence proton in the ground state of ^8B , which do not exist for the valence neutron in the ground state of ^{11}Be , are found to be the reason for the differences in the angular distributions

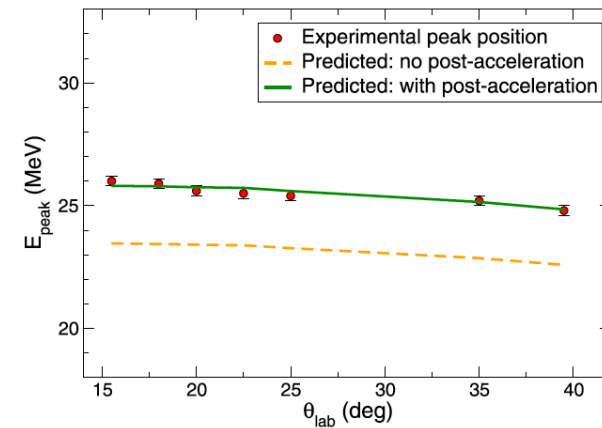
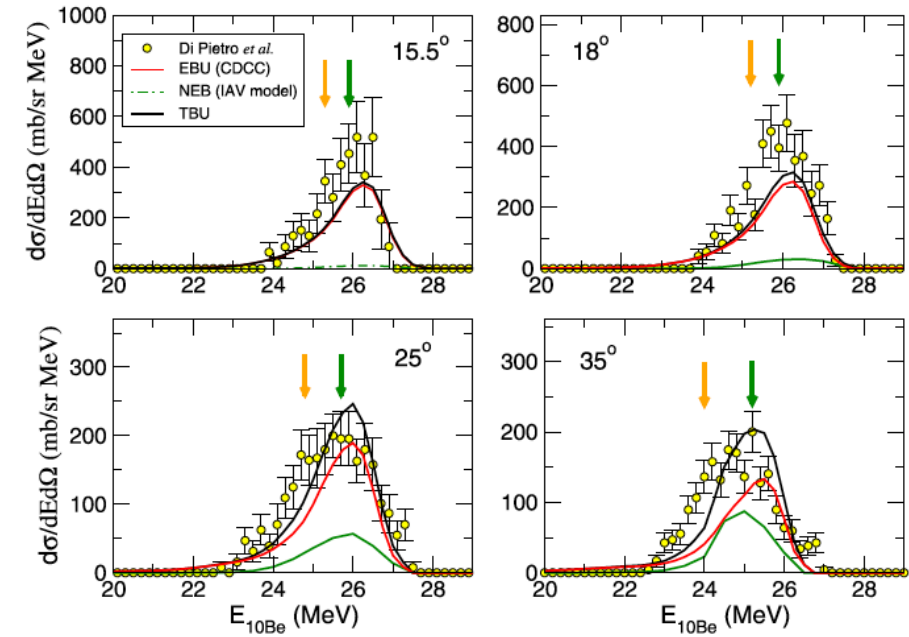
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Breakup

The neutron-halo case: ^{11}Be breakup



Direct breakup dominates the breakup cross-section except at larger angles where non-elastic breakup gives a similar contribution



Post-acceleration effect observed in the energy distribution of the ^{10}Be fragments.

p-halo vs n-halo induced collisions

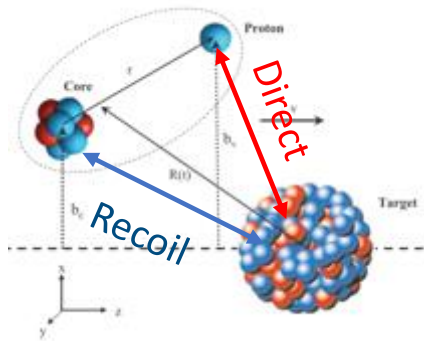
- p in the halo feels Coulomb interaction, expected dynamics different from n-halo (e.g. Kucuc&Moro PRC86,034601,(2012) or A.Bonaccorso et al.: PRC69,024615,(2004)).

Possible semiclassical picture

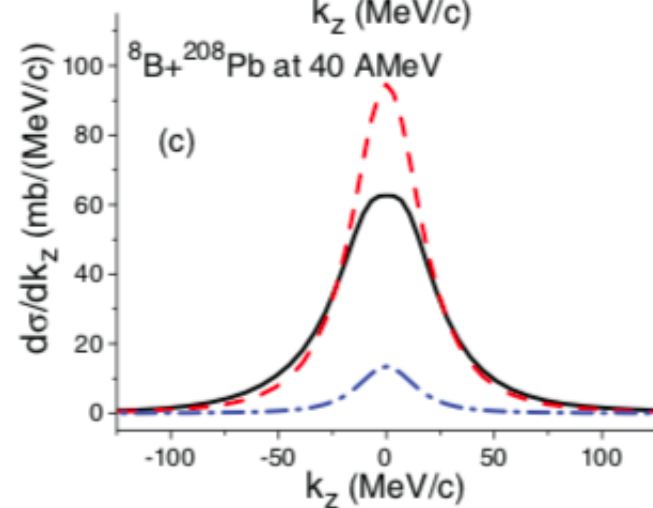
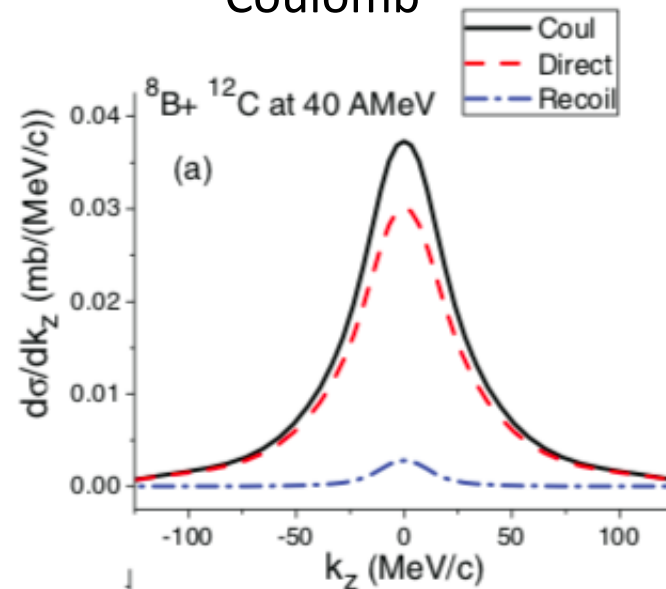


Due to a dynamic polarization effect, the valence proton is expected to be displaced behind the nuclear core and shielded from the target; this effect causes a reduction of break-up probability compared to first-order perturbation theory predictions

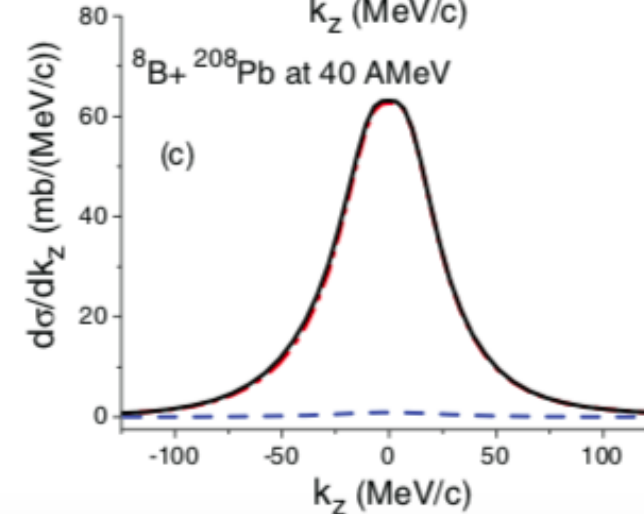
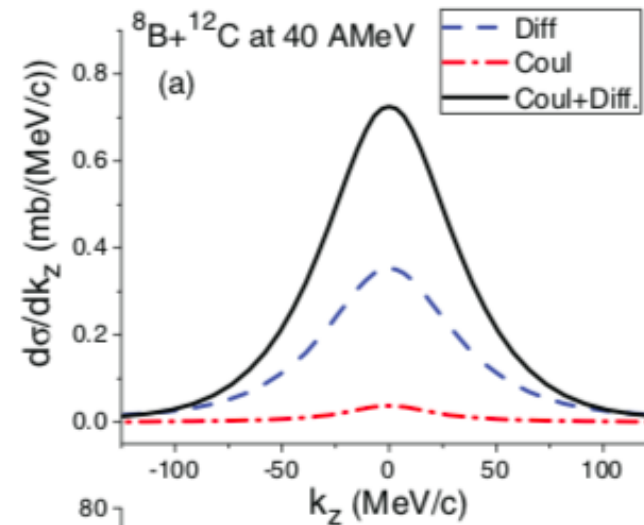
The proton-halo case



Coulomb

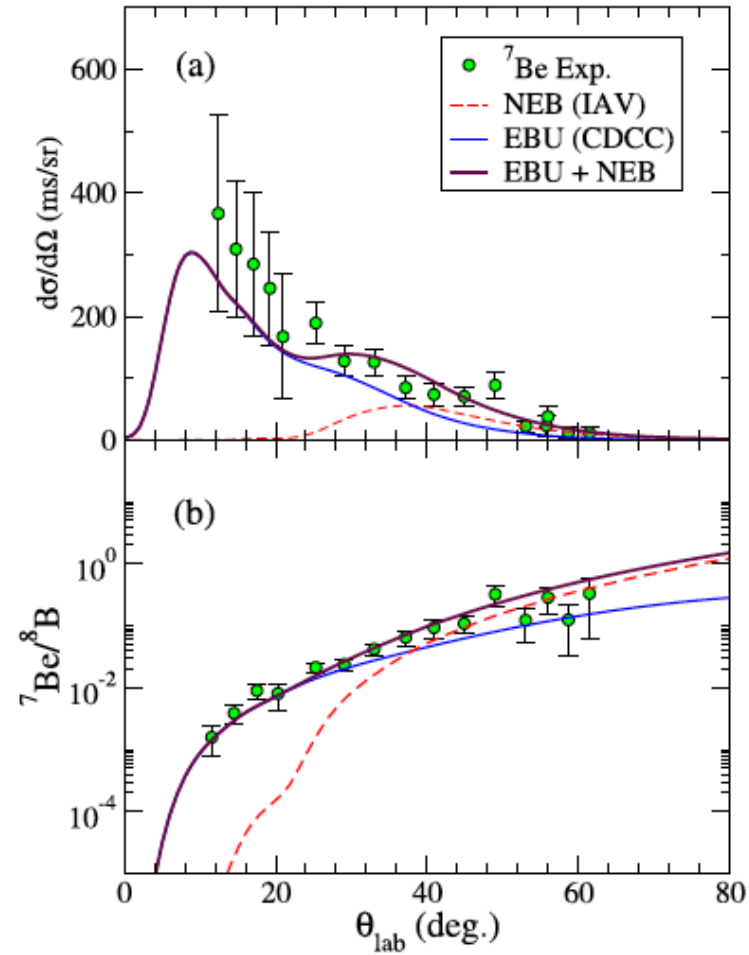


Coulomb+nuclear

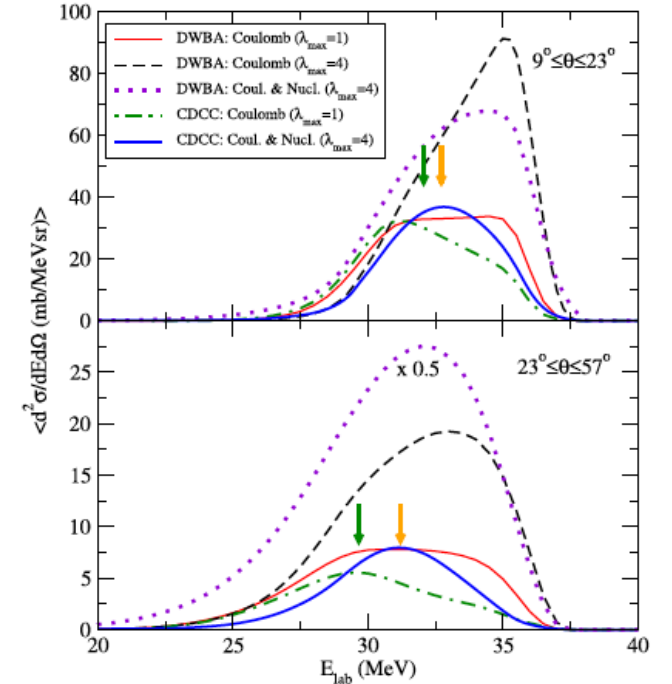
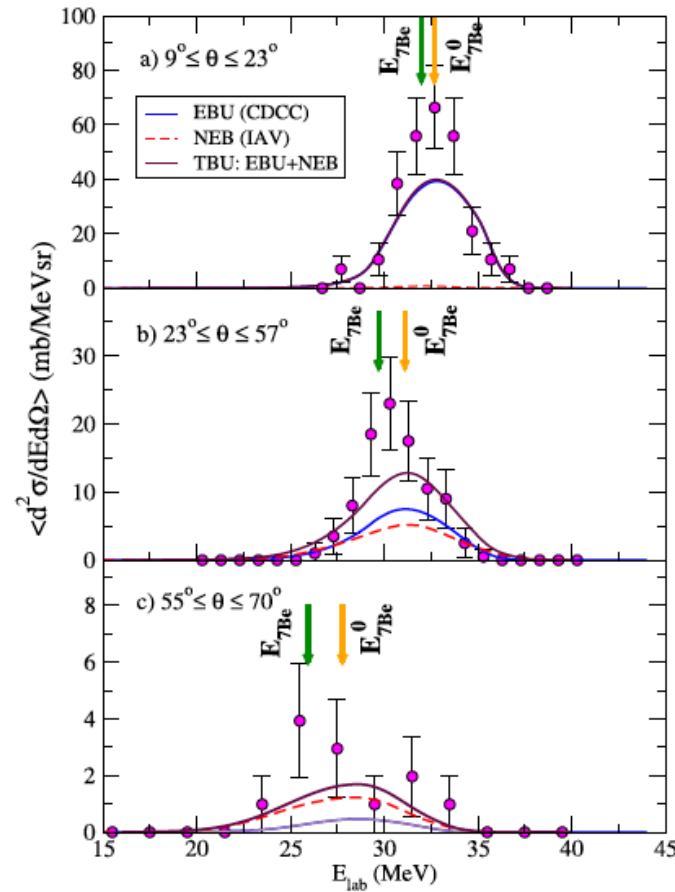


R. Kumar and A. Bonaccorso Phys. Rev. C.86.061601.2012

$^8\text{B} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$ breakup



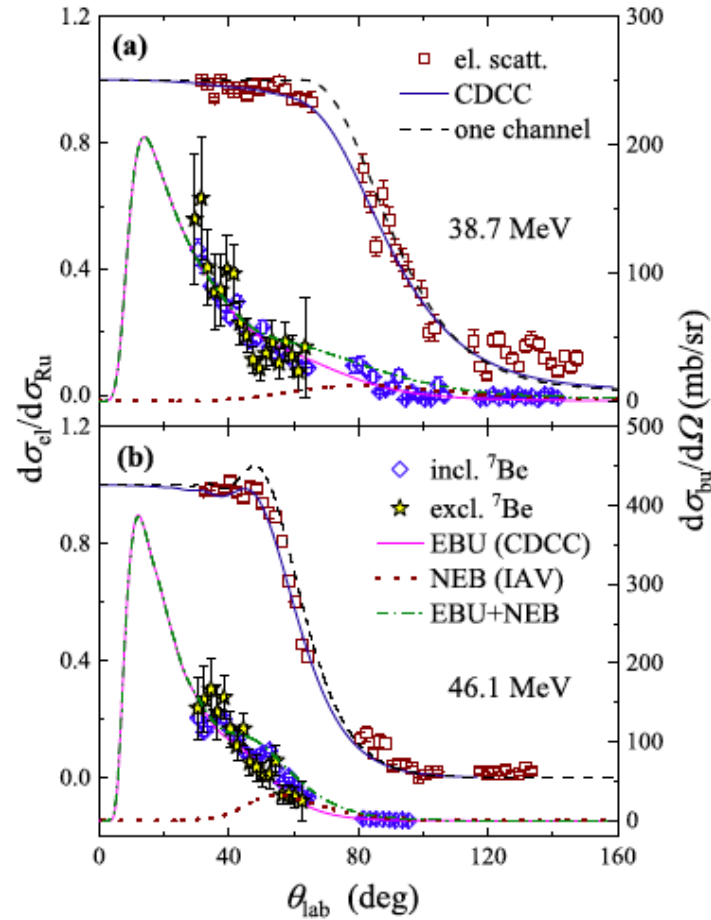
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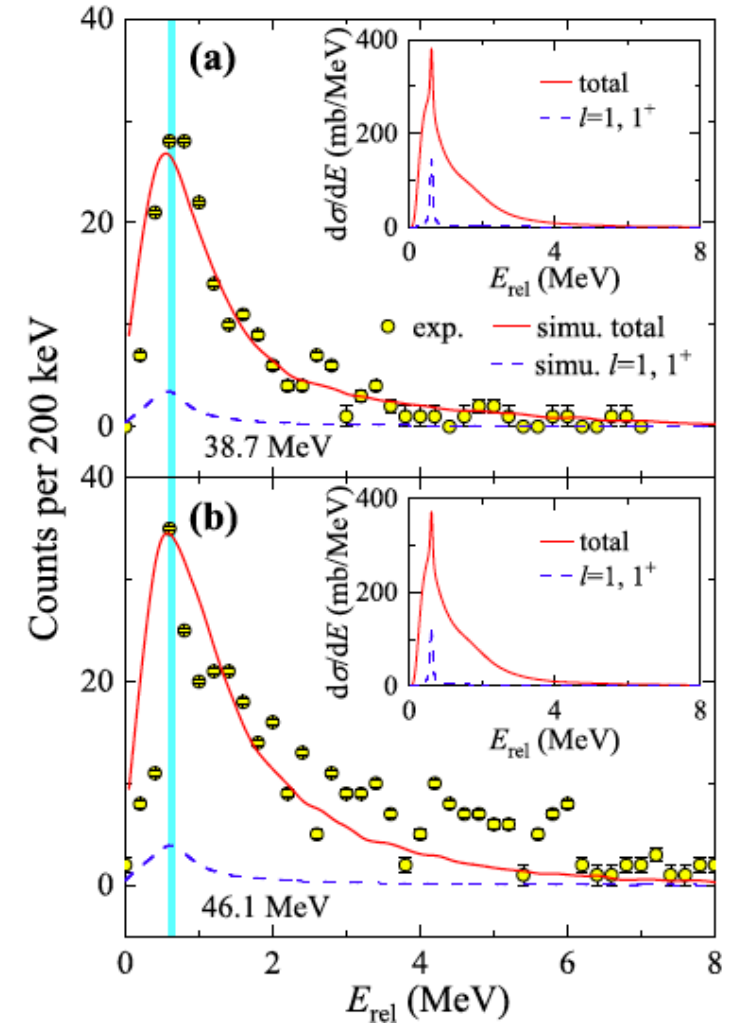
Comparison of first order with all-orders calculations including only E1 Coulomb couplings confirms the deceleration effect predicted by the classical model but if higher couplings are considered, no apparent acceleration or deceleration of the ^7Be fragment with respect to the ^8B c.m. motion is expected.

$^8\text{B}+^{120}\text{Sn}$ @ RIKEN

Elastic and breakup angular distributions



^7Be -p relative energy distribution

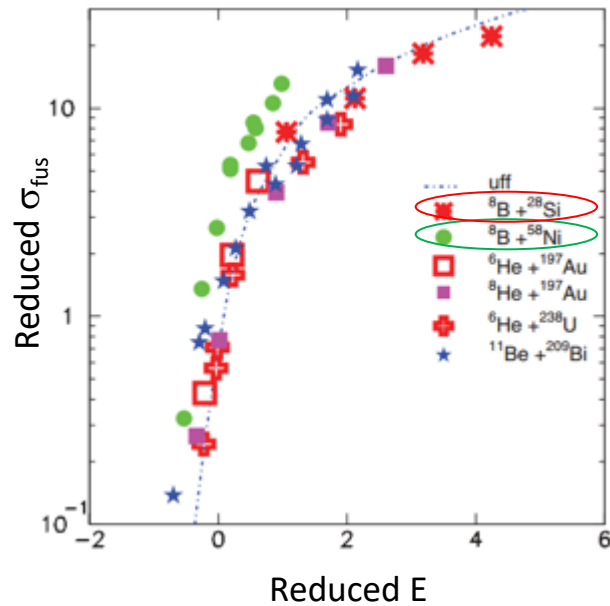


Elastic scattering shows small suppression of the cross-section due to coupling to the continuum. The prompt breakup mechanism dominates, occurring predominantly on the outgoing trajectory. The asymptotic breakup contribution is negligible

Fusion

The p-halo case: ^8B fusion

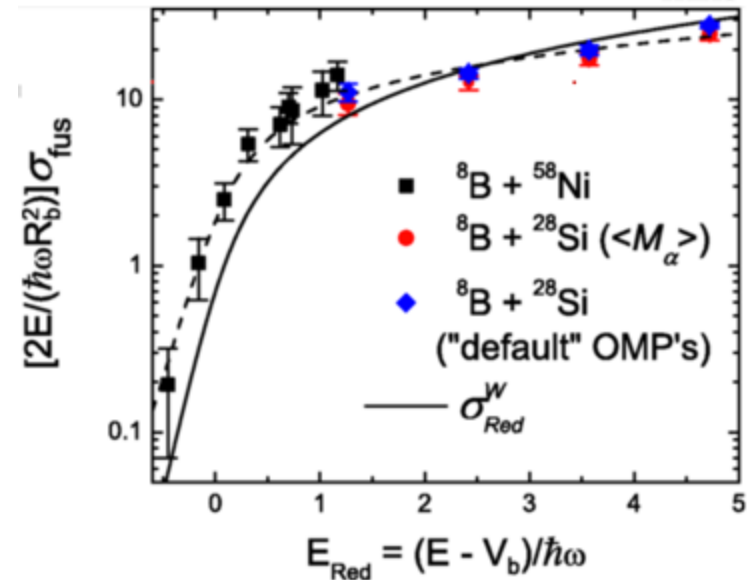
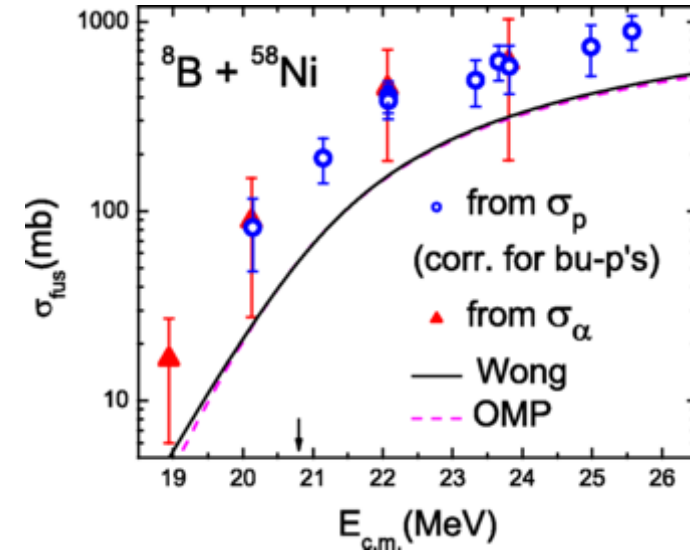
Fusion cross-section in the ^8B case was deduced from α and p measurements in the case of $^8\text{B}+^{28}\text{Si}$ and $^8\text{B}+^{58}\text{Ni}$.



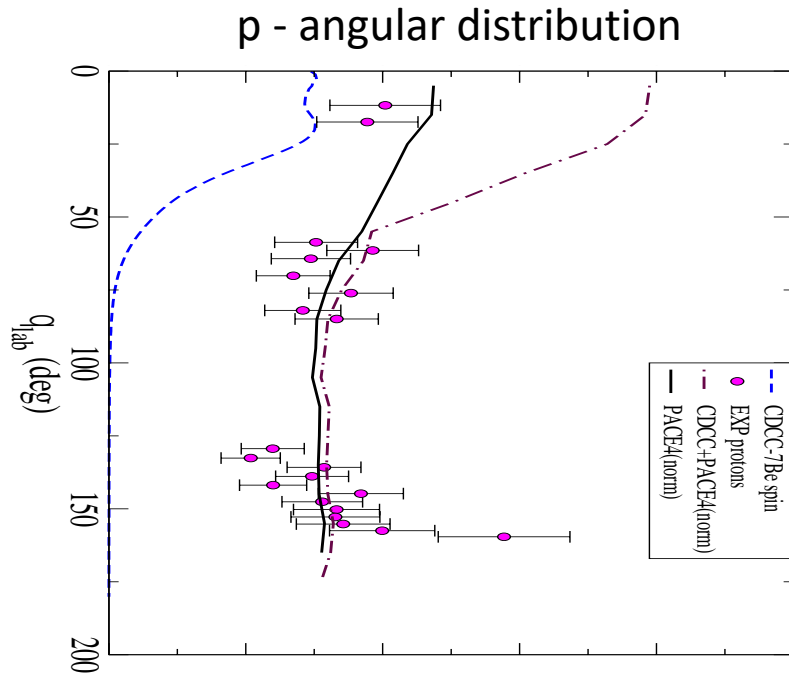
Systematics of fusion of n- and p- halo.
A.Pakou et al., PR C 87, 014619 (2013)

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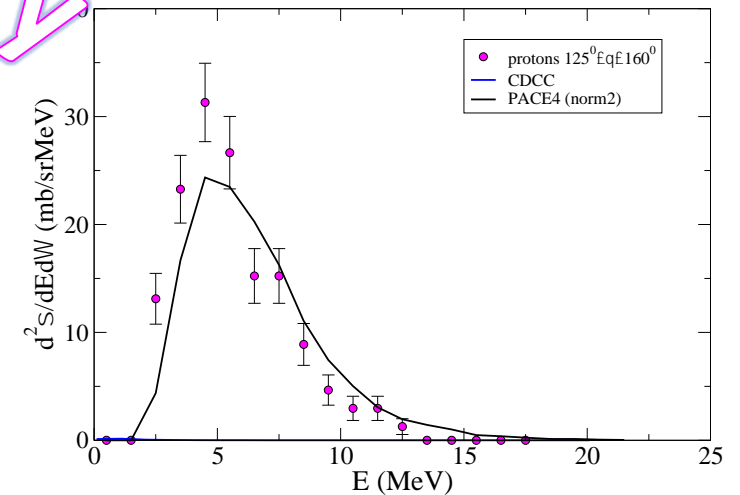
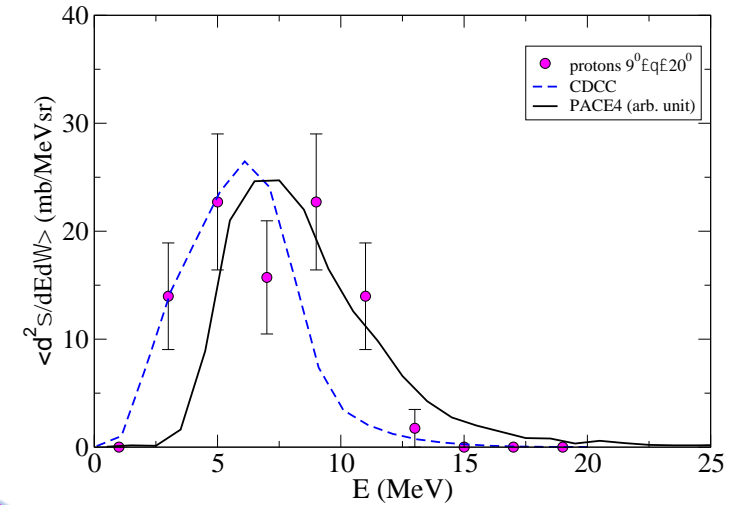
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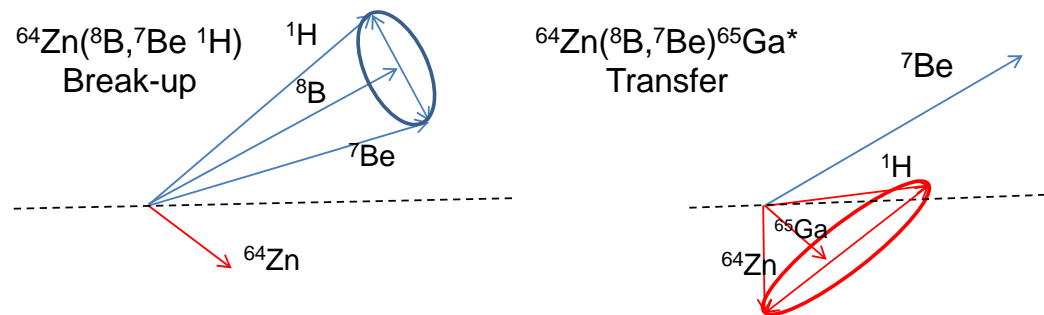
$^8\text{B} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$ @ ISOLDE



p - energy distribution
 Calculations are normalised to the data

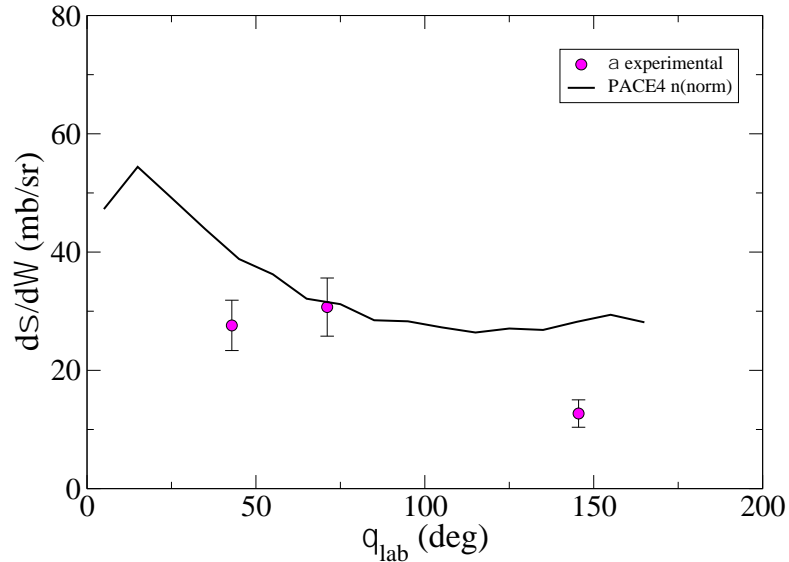


Sources of p besides fusion



$^8\text{B} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$ @ ISOLDE

α - angular distribution

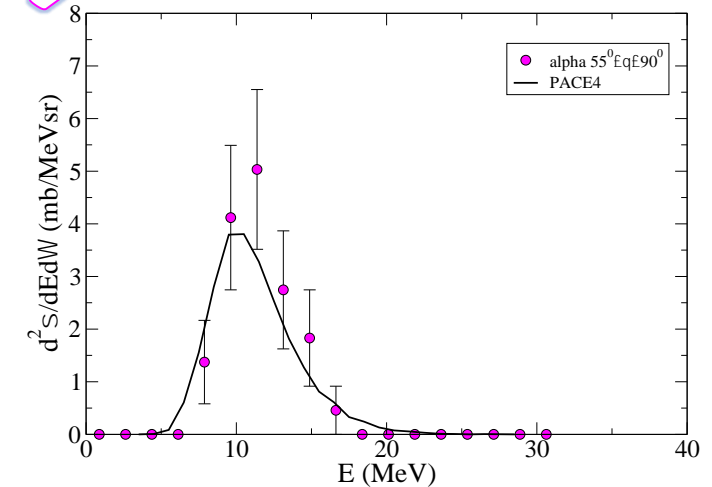
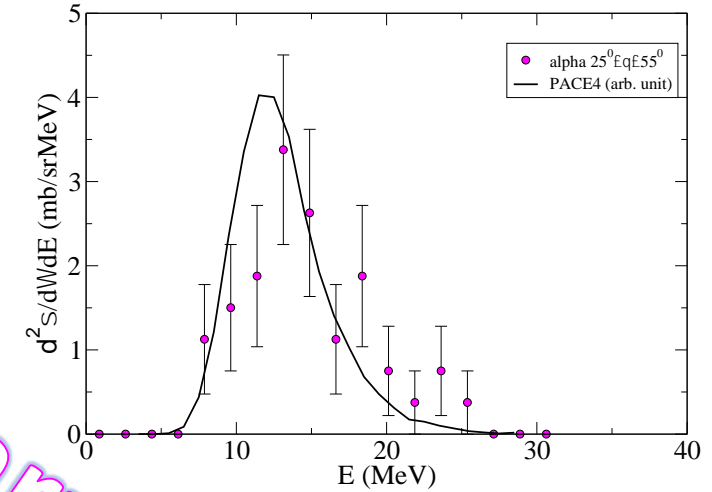


Other sources of α -particles

- ^8B three-body breakup above the $^3\text{He} + ^4\text{He} + p$ threshold ($E_x = 1.72$ MeV)
- IF of ^3He , leaving the $^5\text{Li}^*$ which decays to $^4\text{He} + p$

α - energy distribution

Calculations are normalised to the data



Conclusions

Structural effects influence the reaction dynamic. This is particularly true in the case of halo nuclei. The experimental study of the dynamics of reaction induced by exotic nuclei has shown how it strongly depends on their structure:

n-halo nuclei

- suppression of elastic cross-section
- high inclusive breakup cross-section



- ✓ Dynamic core excitation
- ✓ Transfer
- ✓ Incomplete fusion

p-halo nuclei

- Similar behaviour as weakly bound stable nuclei in the case of elastic scattering
- Breakup cross-section dominated by direct breakup. However much smaller than in neutron-halo case
- Fusion enhanced?

What need to be done in the ^8B study:

- Availability of higher intensity beam would allow more precise data and exclusive measurements.
- Investigations in broad energy range and with a variety of target masses to study breakup.
- Core excitation effects?

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