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Searching for "treasures" at sub-barrier energies : the case of  $^8\text{B}$  and  $^7\text{Be}$

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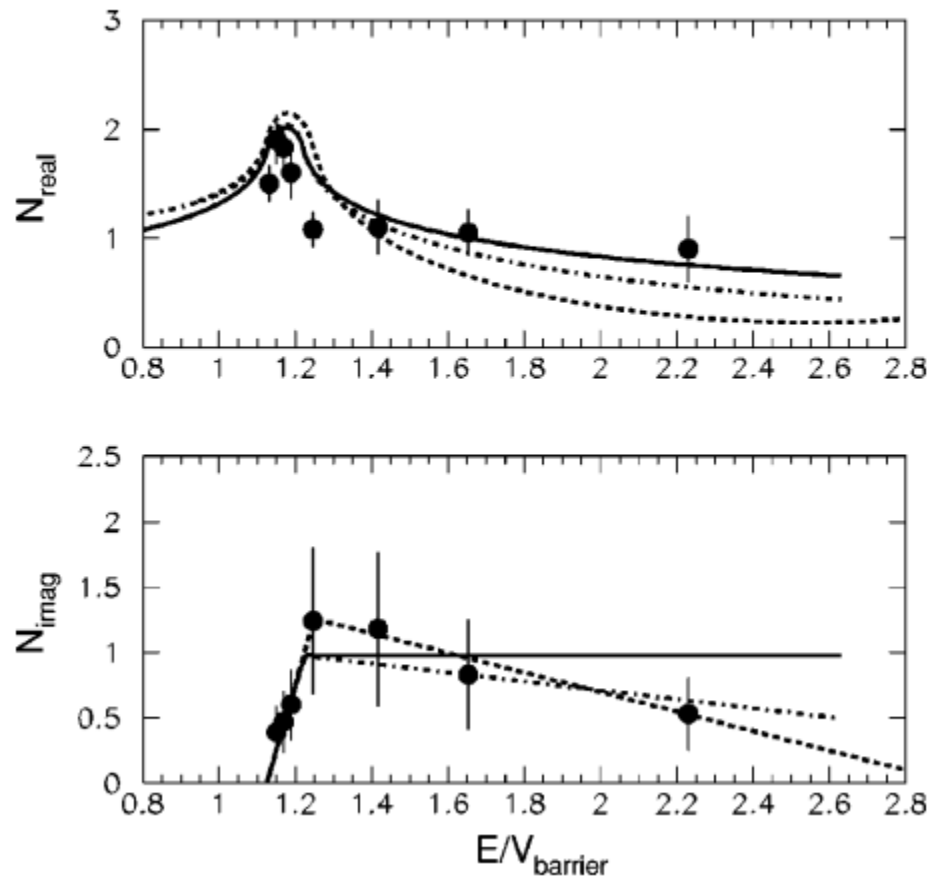
- Introduction-motivation
- Previous studies
- Our study with  ${}^8\text{B}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$  at deep sub-barrier energies
- Recent analysis for  ${}^7\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$  at deep sub-barrier energies

## Key aspects indicating the hidden wealth of information below barrier

- Coupling channel effects visualized with an unusual behavior of the energy dependence for the optical potential
- Enhancement of fusion below barrier - or fusion hindrance at deep sub-barrier energies??

**Optical potential for  $^{12}\text{C}+^{209}\text{Bi}$ ; the energy dependence;**  
**Coupling channel effects at near and sub-barrier energies and the optical potential threshold anomaly**

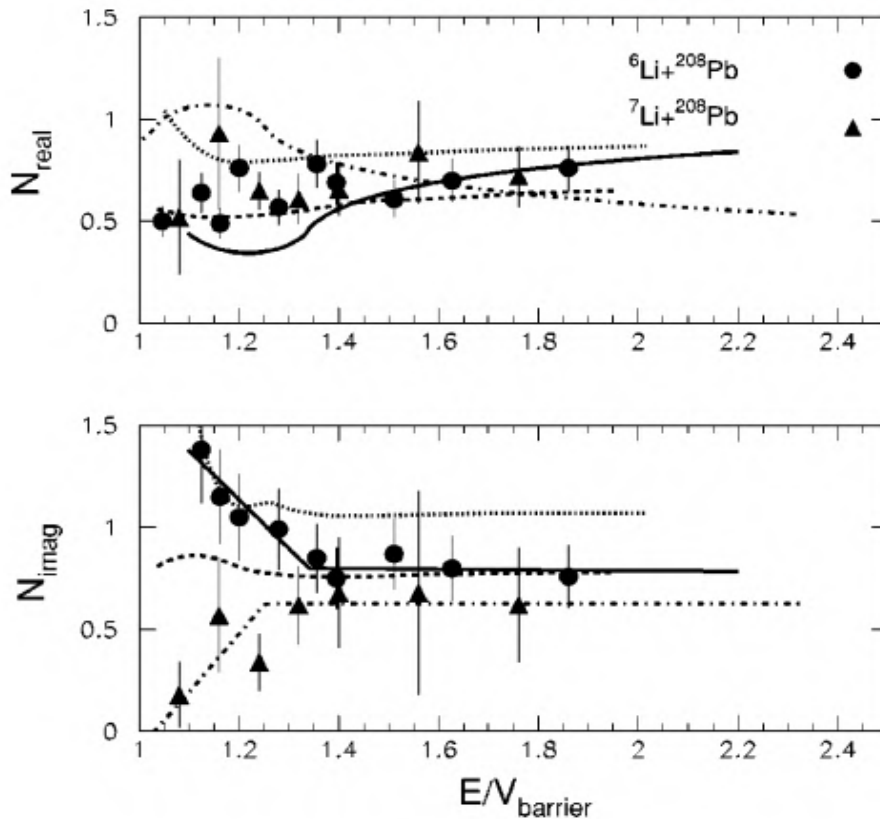
Standard behavior  
for stable  
projectiles



# optical potential threshold anomaly for weakly bound projectiles

## Previous information

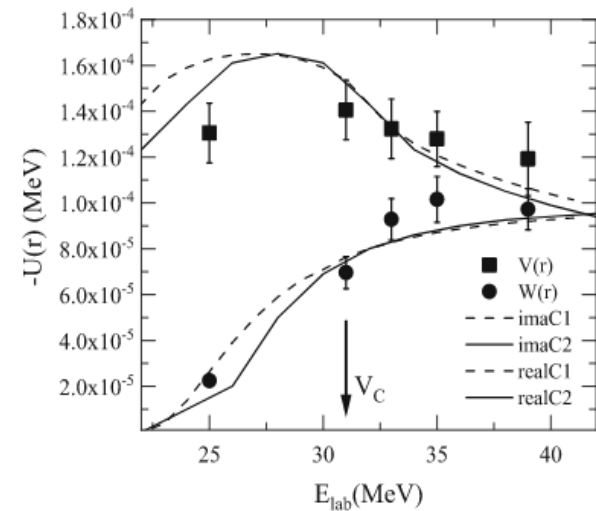
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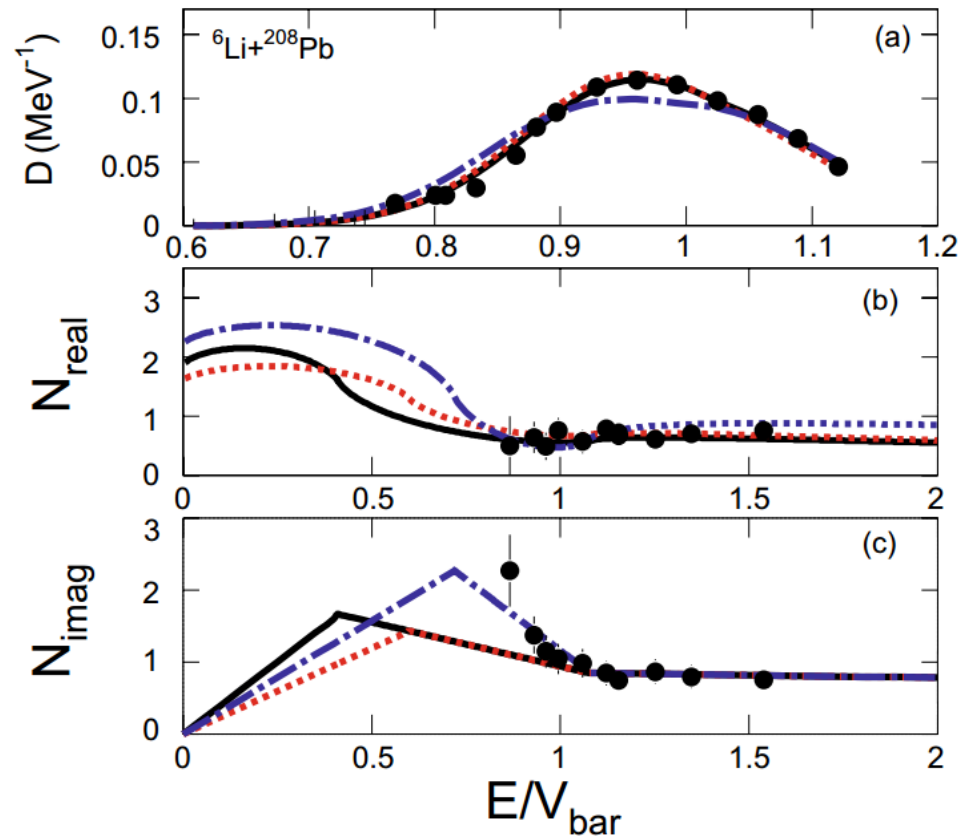
Data from Refs. By Keeley et al and Martel et al. NPA571,326(1994). NPA582,357(1995)

## More recent information

Vardaci et al; EPJA 57,95(2021)



At what energy the potential drops:  
backscattering technique



From Zerva et al. EPJA  
48,102(2012)

Unfolding the enigma of fusion at sub- and near-barrier energies  
for the system  ${}^6\text{Li}+{}^{28}\text{Si}$

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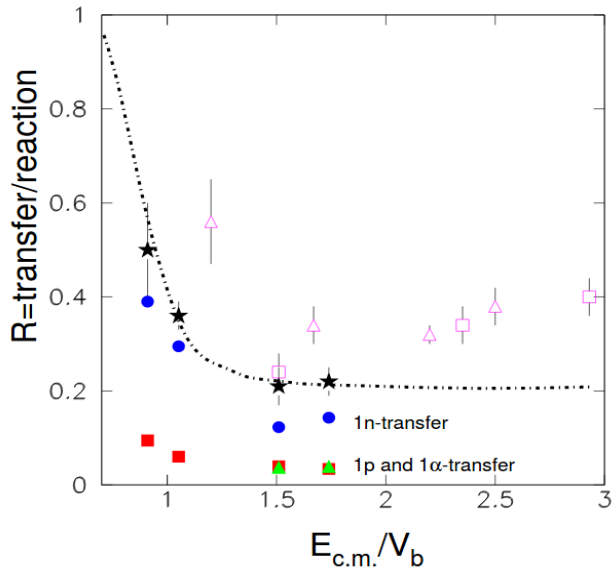
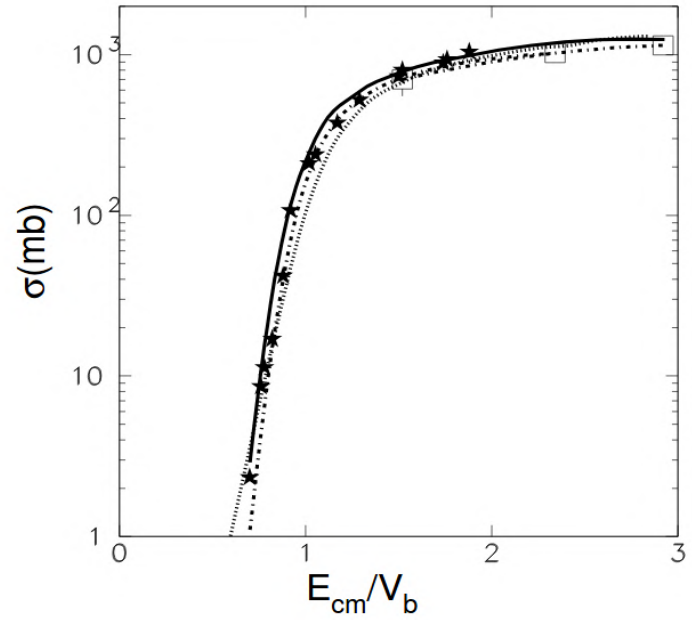
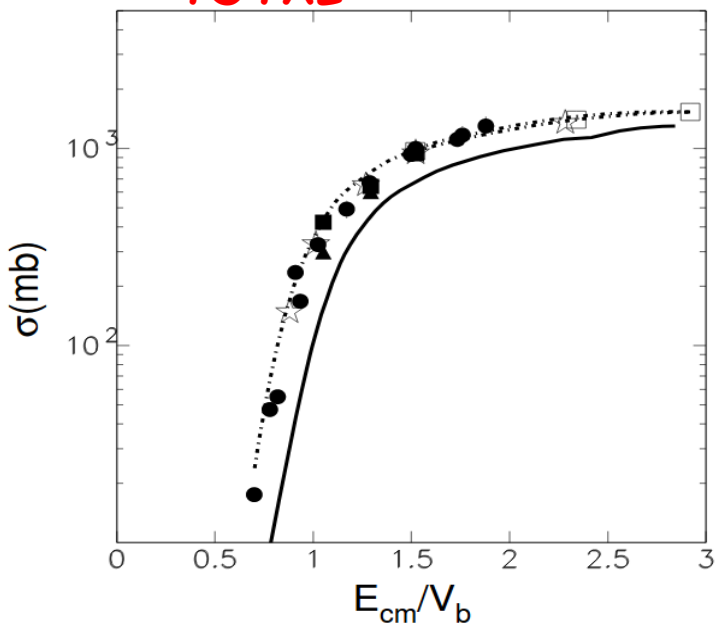
$E_{c.m.}$ (MeV)	$\sigma_T$ (mb)	$\sigma_F$ (mb)
4.94	$18 \pm 3$	$2.3 \pm 0.4(4.3)$
5.35	$43 \pm 7$	$8.6 \pm 1.4(9.6)$
5.5	$47 \pm 5$	$11.3 \pm 1.4(8.3)$
5.76	$55 \pm 6$	$17 \pm 2(8)$
6.18	$98 \pm 10$	$42 \pm 4(13)$
6.5	$210 \pm 21$	$107 \pm 11(26)$
7.2	$325 \pm 33$	$211 \pm 22(37)$
7.41	$345 \pm 35$	$238 \pm 24(38)$
8.23	$493 \pm 50$	$375 \pm 38(53)$
9.05	$670 \pm 70$	$524 \pm 55(73)$
10.54	$930 \pm 100$	$730 \pm 80(103)$
10.7	$1000 \pm 120$	$800 \pm 96(124)$
12.2	$1112 \pm 122$	$890 \pm 98(126)$
12.4	$1168 \pm 130$	$934 \pm 104(135)$
13.2	$1300 \pm 150$	$1040 \pm 120(155)$

For  ${}^7\text{Li}+{}^{28}\text{Si}$ - similar work published in  
**EPJA39,187(2009)**

${}^6\text{Li}+{}^{28}\text{Si}$

TOTAL

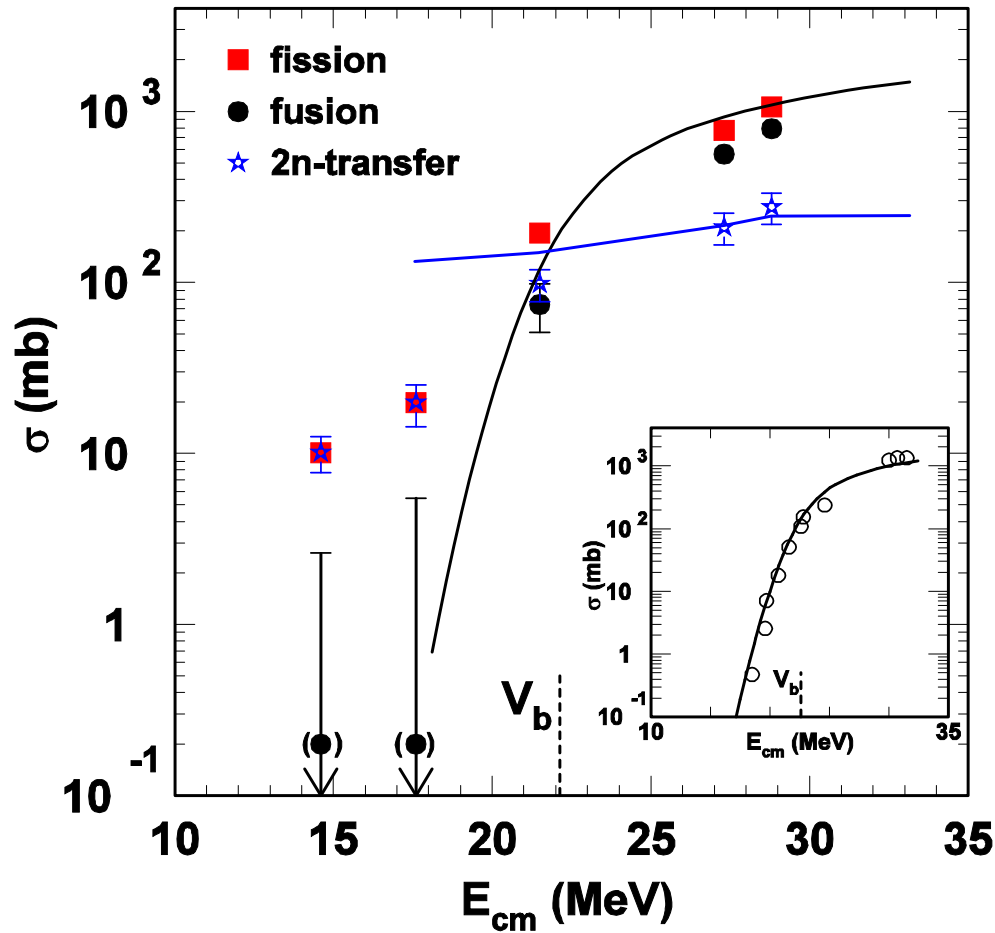
FUSION



← Direct to total



key reaction



Fission is used as a tracer of fusion

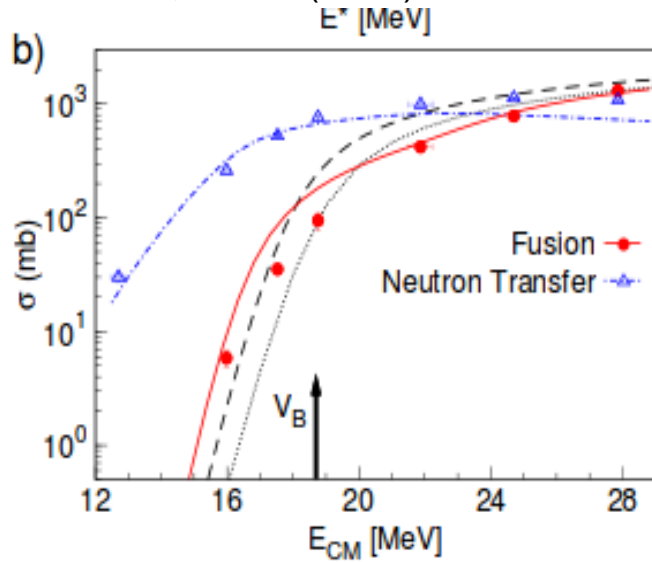
M Trotta et al, PRL84,2342(2000)

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N. Keeley, R. Raabe, N. Alamanos, J.L. Sida;  
Progress in Nuclear Physics 59, 579 (2007).

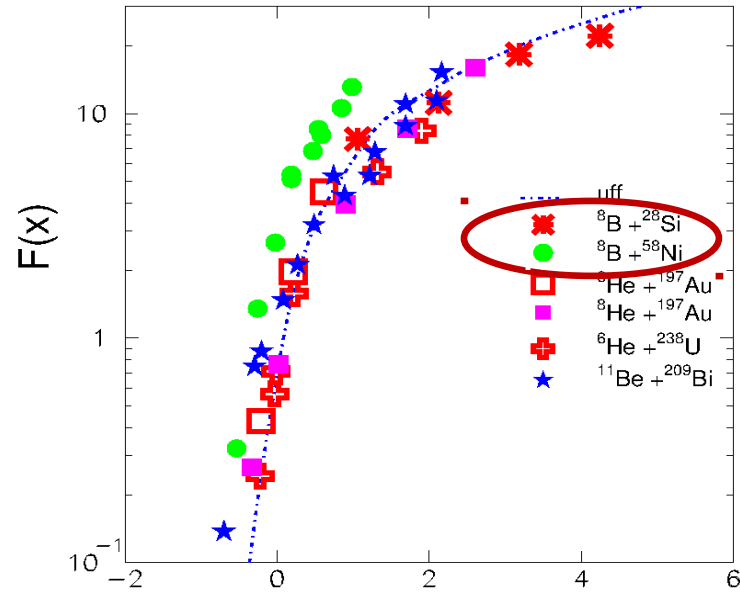
# Fusion $8\text{He} + 197\text{Au}$

Lemasson et al.  
PRL 103,232701(2009)



# Reduced fusion for various weakly bound exotic projectiles

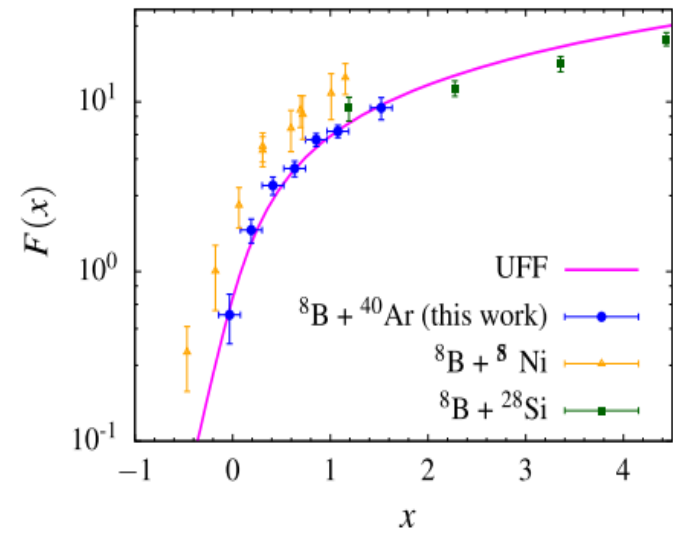
Pakou et al, PRC87,014619(2013)



$8\text{B} + 58\text{Ni}$   
Notre Dame  
PRL 107,092701(2011)

Fig. 2. (a) Cross sections for evaporation residues as

Zamora et al; Phys. Lett. B 816,  
136256(2021).



## Two key issues

- ❖ Predictions of Ratios direct to total reported in Ref: **EPJA 51,55 (2015)**
- ❖ CDCC calculations for  ${}^8\text{B}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ , reported in Ref **Prog.Part. Nucl. Phys. 63, 396 (2009)**

Paulo Gomes  
Rev. C 71, 017601 (2005).

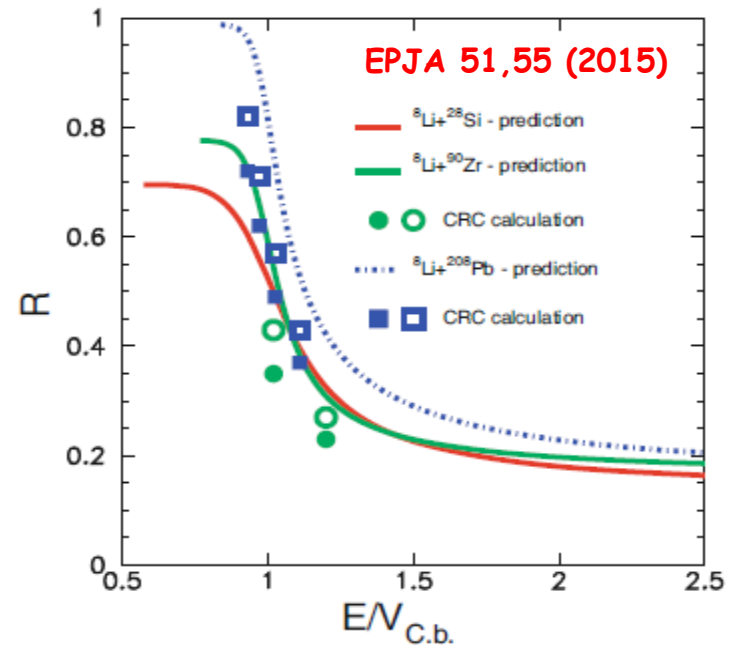
$$R = \frac{F(x) - F(0)}{F(x)}$$

$F(x)$  reduced total reaction cross section  
 $F(0)$  reduced fusion cross section

Reduction based to the Wong cross section

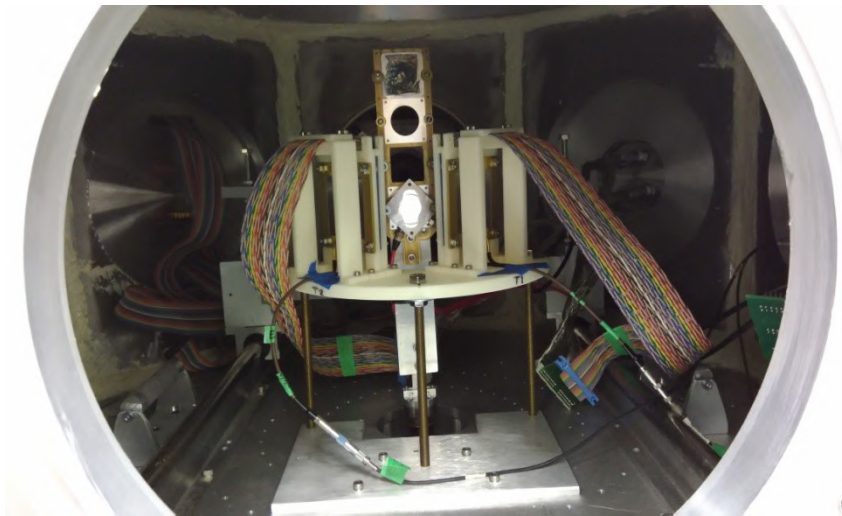
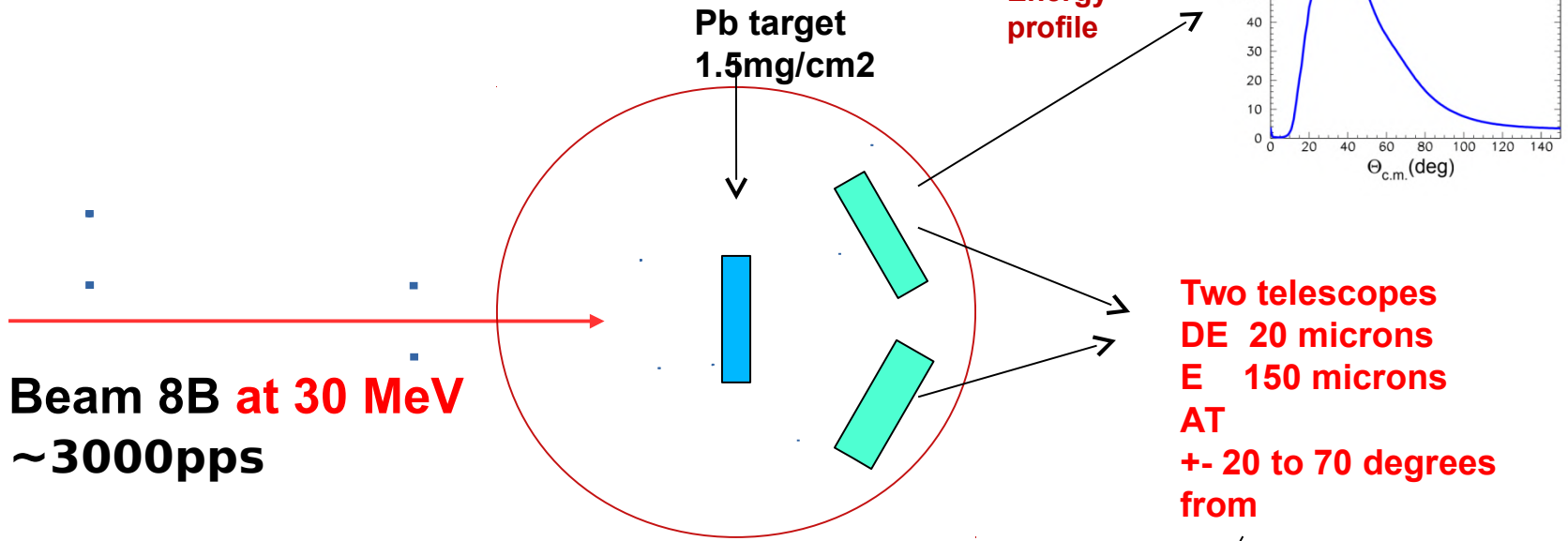
$$\sigma_F^W = R_B^2 \frac{\hbar\omega}{2E_{c.m.}} \ln \left[ 1 + \exp \left( \frac{2\pi(E_{c.m.} - V_B)}{\hbar\omega} \right) \right],$$

$$\sigma_F \rightarrow F(x) = \frac{2E_{c.m.}}{\hbar\omega R_B^2} \sigma_F,$$



# BREAKUP of ${}^8\text{B}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$

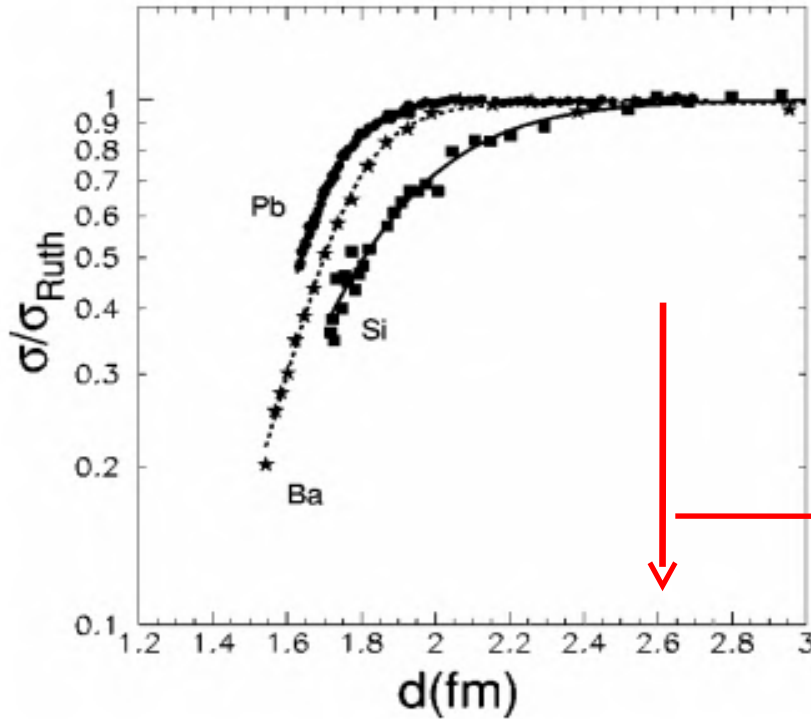
# Experimental set up



SIMAS (Sistema Mvil de Alta Segmentacin) array of the LEMA (Laboratorio Nacional de Espectrometra de Masas con Aceleradores)

Is it really low this energy at 30 MeV ??

## Distance of closest approach



Pakou-Rusek Phys. Rev C

$$D = d(A_1^{1/3} + A_2^{1/3}) = \frac{1}{2}D_0 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sin(\theta/2)} \right)$$

with

$$D_0 = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{E_{\text{c.m.}}}$$

**$\theta = 30$  to  $70$  deg**  
 **$d = 2.6$  to  $2.9$  fm**

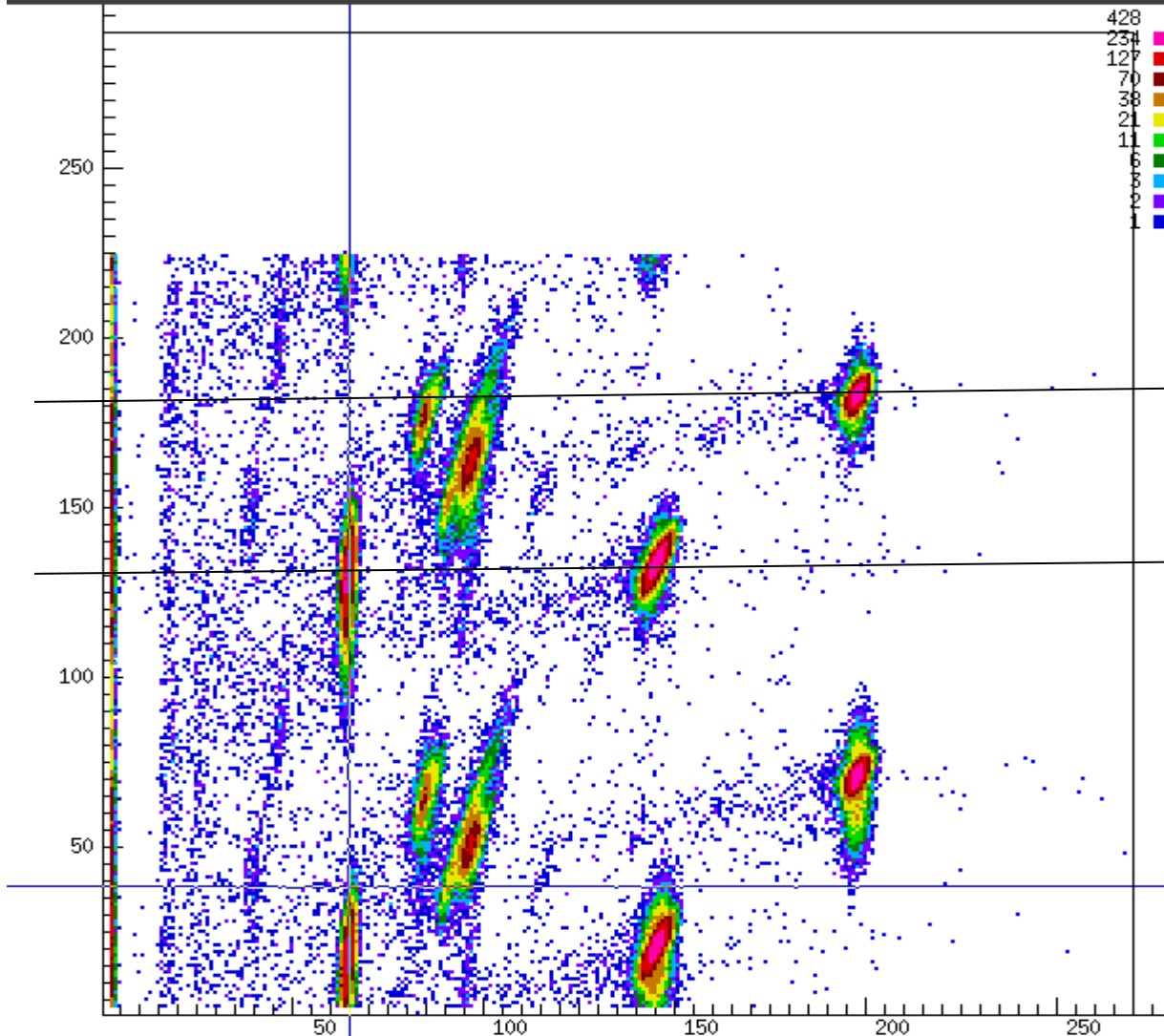
**$D = 20.5$  to  $22.8$  fm**

To be compared with  
 $R = R_1 + R_2 \sim \mathbf{10\text{fm}}$

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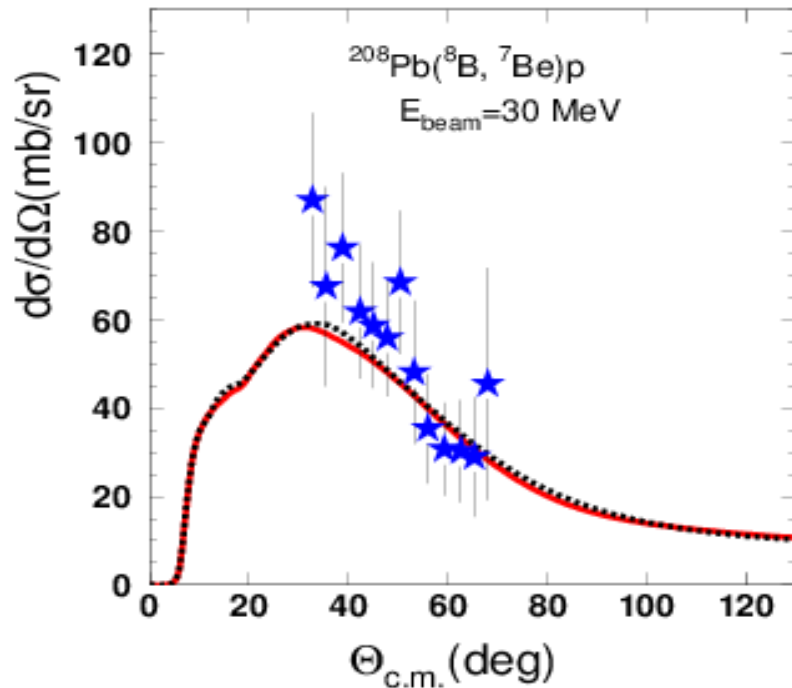


TAC

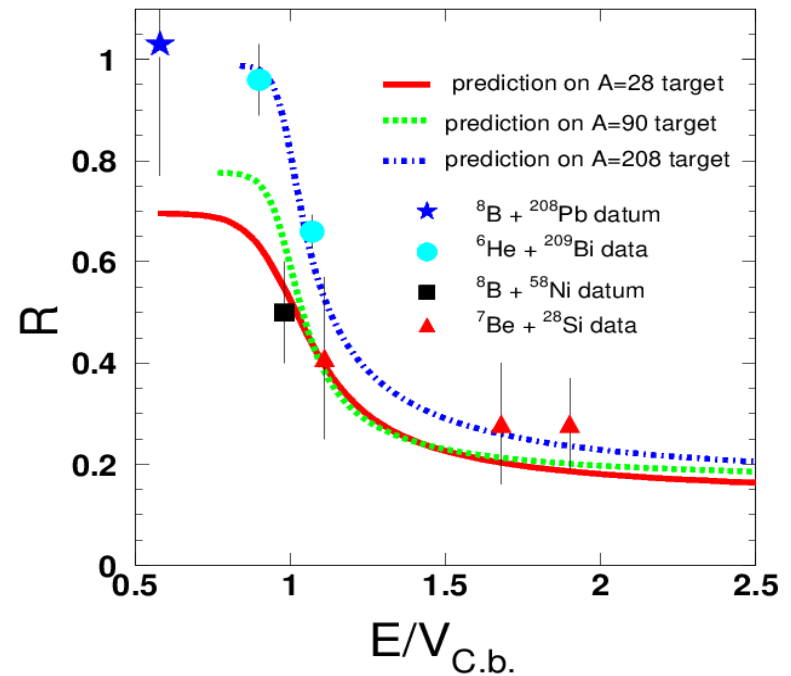


ENERGY

**Direct = breakup**



**Direct to total**



$$\sigma_{\text{break}} = 325 \pm 84 \text{ mb}$$

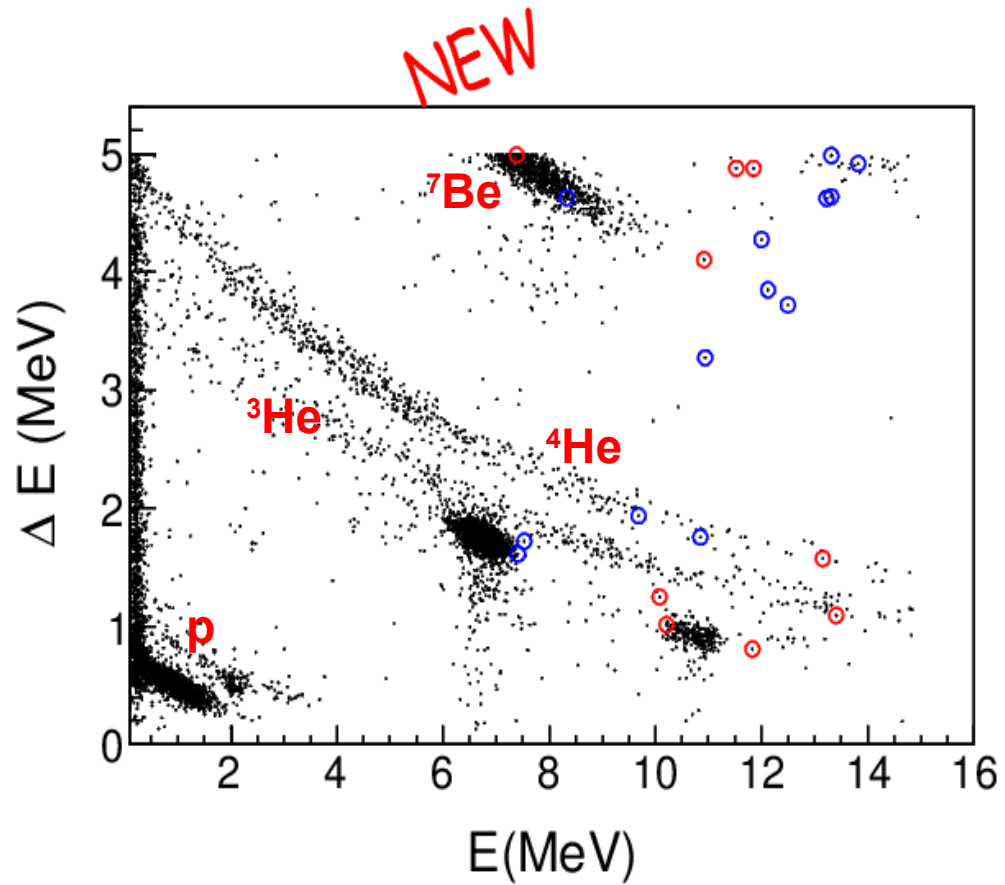
$$\sigma_{\text{break}}^{\text{cdcc}} = 300 \text{ mb}$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{cdcc}} = 316 \text{ mb}$$

the lack of measured total reaction cross section value **does not allow the confirmation of a fusion hindrance**



**${}^7\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$  at 22.5 MeV**

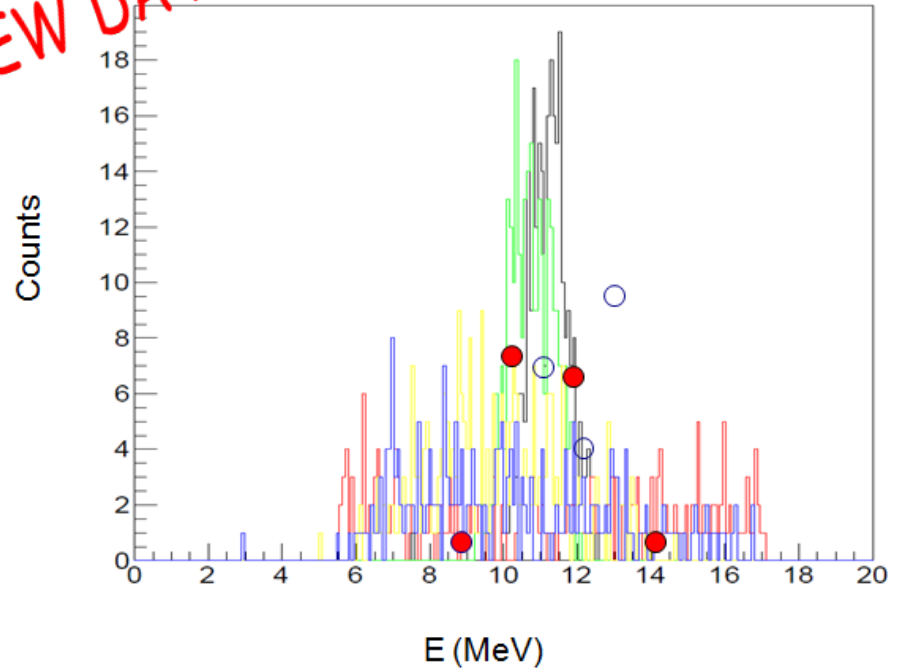
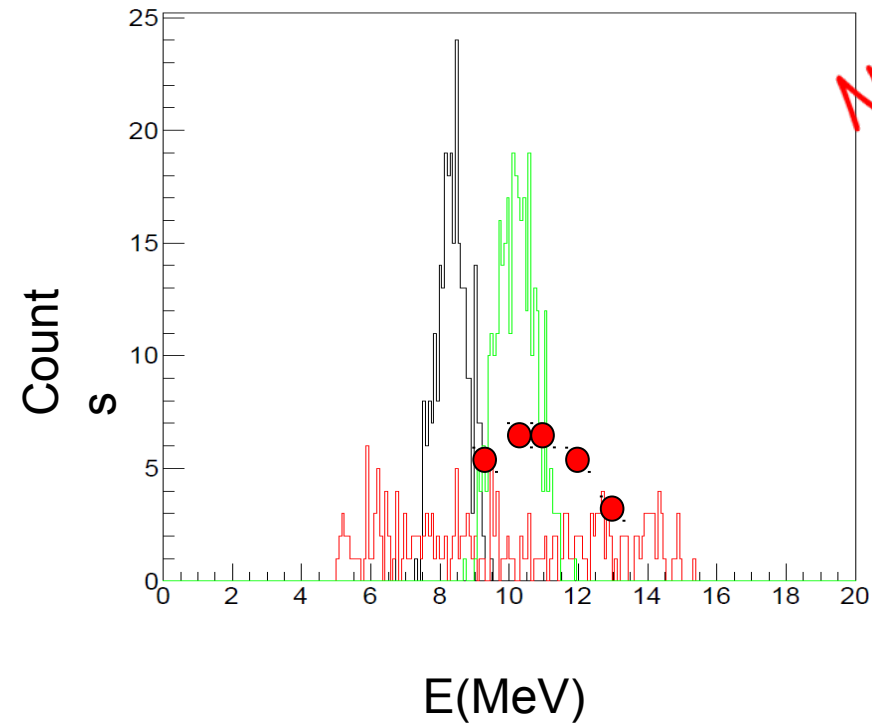


# ${}^7\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ at 22.5 MeV

${}^3\text{He}$  -production

${}^4\text{He}$  -production

NEW DATA



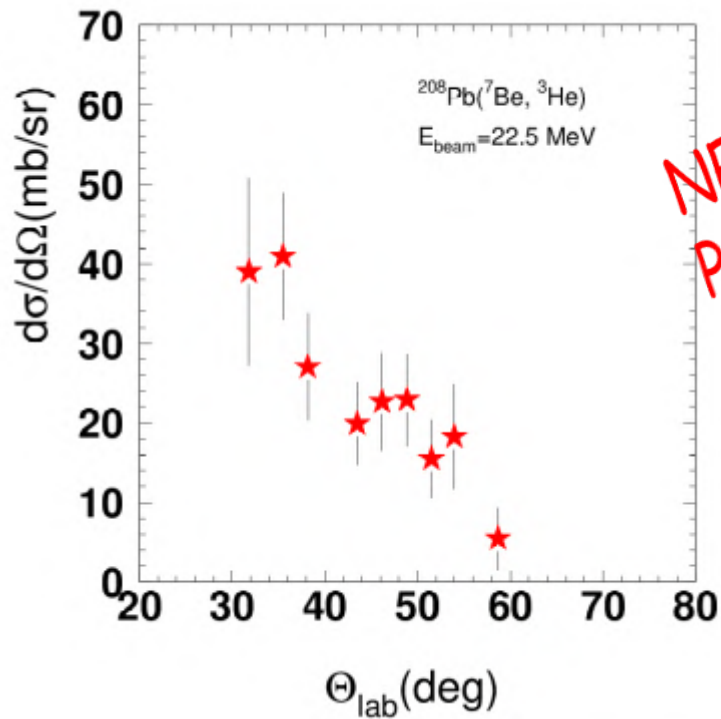
Data: red dots

Simulation : black line breakup, green line  ${}^4\text{He}({}^3\text{He})$ -transfer

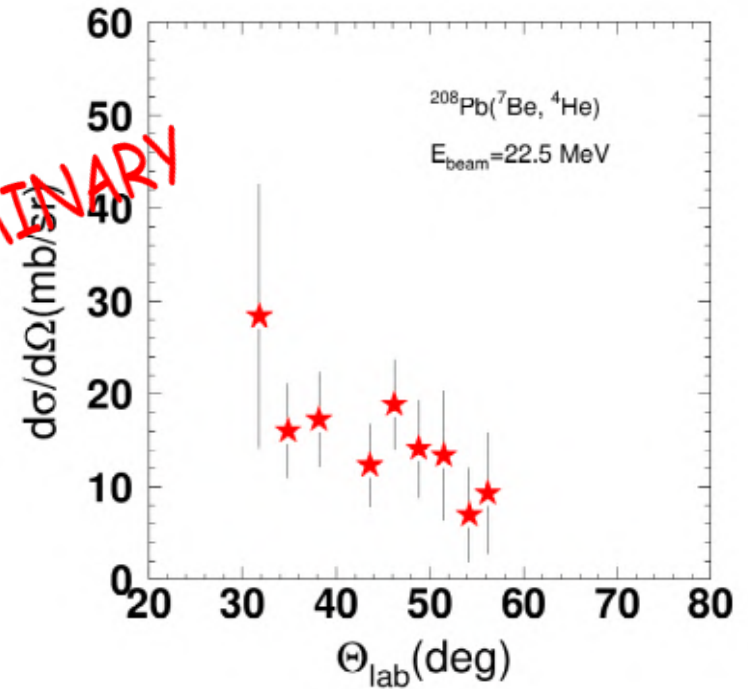
*Simulation by Angel Santzez Benitez*

# ${}^7\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ at 22.5 MeV

## ${}^4\text{He}$ -production



## ${}^3\text{He}$ -production



NEW-  
PRELIMINARY

## conclusions

- We have presented a brief review for the observation of strong direct reaction channels at sub and deep sub-barrier energies
- For  ${}^8\text{B}$  reacting with the heavy Pb target the dominance of breakup at deep sub-barrier energies is evident and this tops the total reaction cross section according to predictions due to systematic. A fusion hindrance is not however confirmed. Strong boron beams are necessary for a direct fusion measurement
- New results for the production of large  ${}^4\text{He}$  and  ${}^3\text{He}$  yields have been reported. For  ${}^7\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$  at deep sub-barrier energies. For  ${}^3\text{He}$ , it is clear that the reaction products are due to  ${}^4\text{He}$  transfer and not due to elastic breakup

