

Derivation of capture and
reaction cross sections from
quasi-elastic and elastic
back-scattering

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1. Introduction

Capture cross section σ_{cap} is one important ingredient to predict the production cross sections of exotic and superheavy nuclei in cold, hot, sub-barrier astrophysical fusion reactions.

Direct measurement:

$$\sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.}) = \sigma_{qf}(E_{c.m.}) + \sigma_{ff}(E_{c.m.}) + \sigma_{ER}(E_{c.m.})$$

This requires different experimental setups and a large amount of beam time.

Direct measurement of reaction cross section:

$$\sigma_R(E_{c.m.}) = \sigma_{in}(E_{c.m.}) + \sigma_{tr}(E_{c.m.}) + \sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.}) + \sigma_{BU}(E_{c.m.}) + \sigma_{DIC}(E_{c.m.})$$

Conservation of total reaction flux:

Traditional method consists in deriving parameters of the complex optical potential which fits experimental elastic scattering angular distribution and then to derive the reaction cross sections predicted by this potential.

Using full angular distribution is necessary?

2. Quasi-elastic scattering and capture process

Conservation of reaction flux:

$$P_{qe}(E_{c.m.}, J) + P_{cap}(E_{c.m.}, J) = 1$$

P_{cap} - capture probability (transmission)

P_{qe} - quasielastic probability (reflection)

$$P_{qe} = P_{el} + P_{in} + P_{tr}$$

P_{el} - elastic probability

P_{in} - inelastic probability

P_{tr} - transfer probability

Quasi-elastic probability for angular momentum $J=0$:

$$P_{qe}^{ex}(E_{c.m.}, J=0) = \sigma_{qe}(E_{c.m.}, \theta=180^\circ) / \sigma_{Ru}(E_{c.m.}, \theta=180^\circ)$$

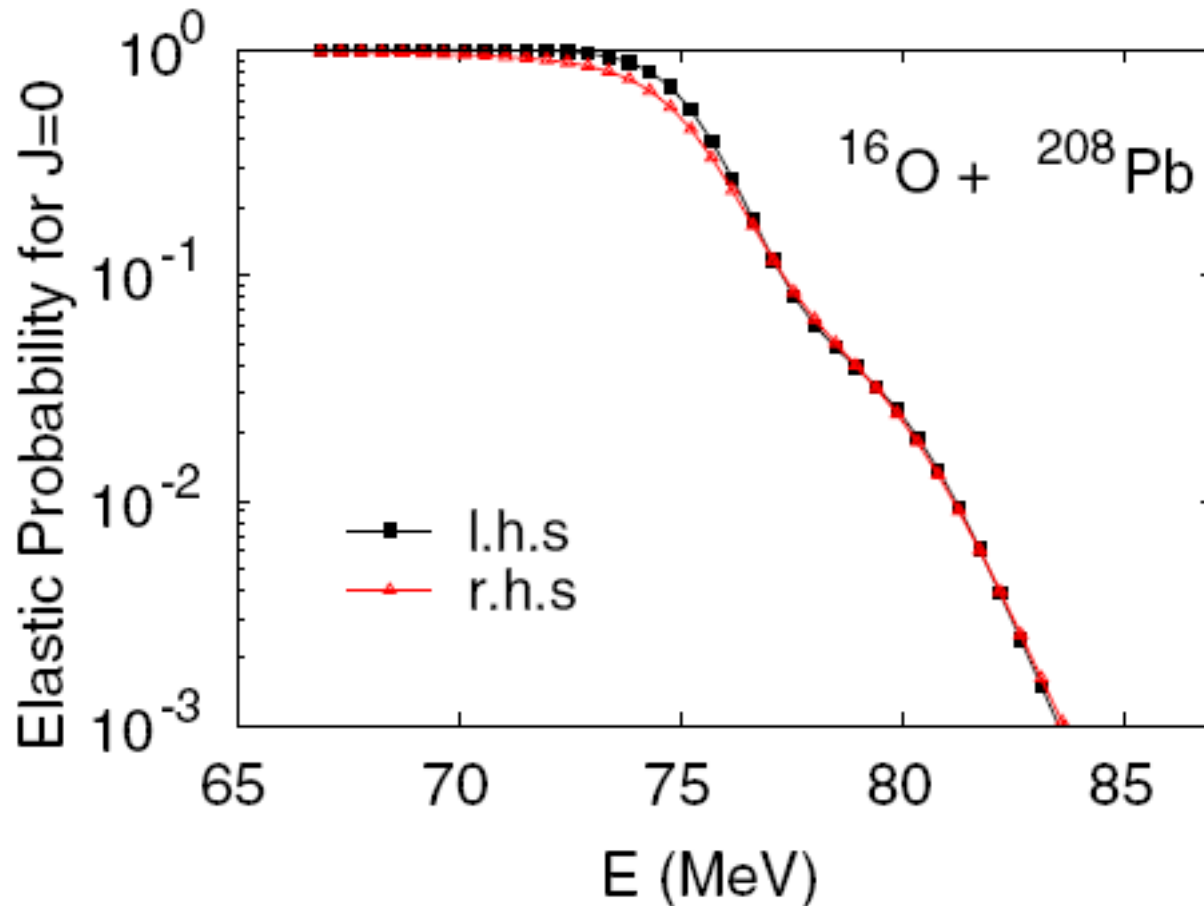
the ratio of quasi-elastic differential cross section and Rutherford differential cross section at 180 degrees . **This ratio can be measured!**

$$P_{cap}(E_{c.m.}, J=0) = 1 - P_{qe}^{ex}(E_{c.m.}, J=0)$$

Checking of equation

$$P_{el,qe,BU}^{ex}(E_{c.m.}, J=0) = \frac{\sigma_{el,qe,BU}(E_{c.m.}, \theta=180^\circ)}{\sigma_{Ru}(E_{c.m.}, \theta=180^\circ)}$$

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Capture cross section:

$$\sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.}) = \pi \lambda^2 \sum_{J=0}^{J_{crit}} (2J+1) P_{cap}(E_{c.m.}, J)$$

$\lambda^2 = \hbar^2 / (2\mu E_{c.m.})$ - reduced de Broglie wave-length,
 $E_{c.m.}$ - energy in c.m., μ - reduced mass,
 J - angular momentum, J_{crit} - critical ang. m.

Height of Coulomb barrier:

$$V_b(J) = V_b(0) + \frac{\hbar^2 J(J+1)}{2\mu R_b^2} = V_b(J=0) + E_b^{rot}(J)$$

J-dependence of $P_{cap}(E_{c.m.}, J)$ at given energy
one can approximate by shifting energy :

$$P_{cap}(E_{c.m.}, J) = P_{cap}(E_{c.m.} - E_b^{rot}, J=0)$$

Capture cross section :

$$\sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.}) = \pi \lambda^2 \sum_{J=0}^{J_{crit}} (2J+1) [1 - P_{qe}^{ex}(E_{c.m.} - E_b^{rot}, J=0)]$$

$$\sum_J \dots \rightarrow \int dE \dots, \quad J \rightarrow E = E_{c.m.} - E_b^{rot}$$

$$\sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.}) = \frac{\pi R_b^2}{E_{c.m.}} \int_{E_{c.m.} - E_b^{rot}(J_{crit})}^{E_{c.m.}} dE [1 - P_{qe}^{ex}(E, J=0)]$$

Height of the Coulomb barrier [next expansion in $J(J+1)$]:

$$V_b(J) = V_b(J=0) + \frac{\hbar^2 J(J+1)}{2\mu R_b^2} + \frac{\hbar^4 [J(J+1)]^2}{2\mu^3 \omega_b^2 R_b^2}$$

Capture cross section :

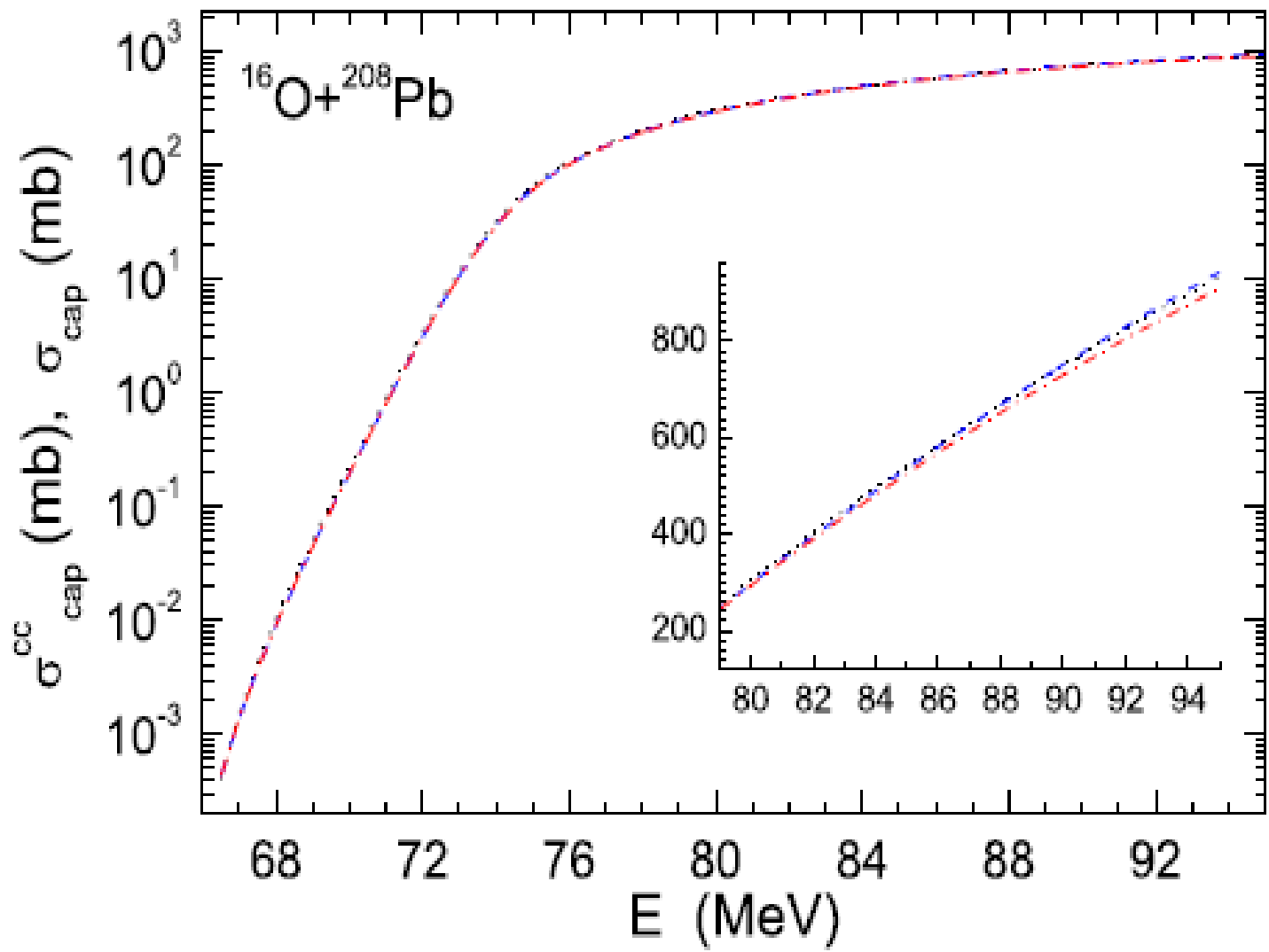
$$\sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.}) = \frac{\pi R_b^2}{E_{c.m.}} \int_{E_{c.m.} - E_b^{rot}(J_{crit})}^{E_{c.m.}} dE [1 - P_{qe}^{ex}(E, J=0)] \left[1 - \frac{4(E_{c.m.} - E)}{\mu \omega_b^2 R_b^2} \right]$$

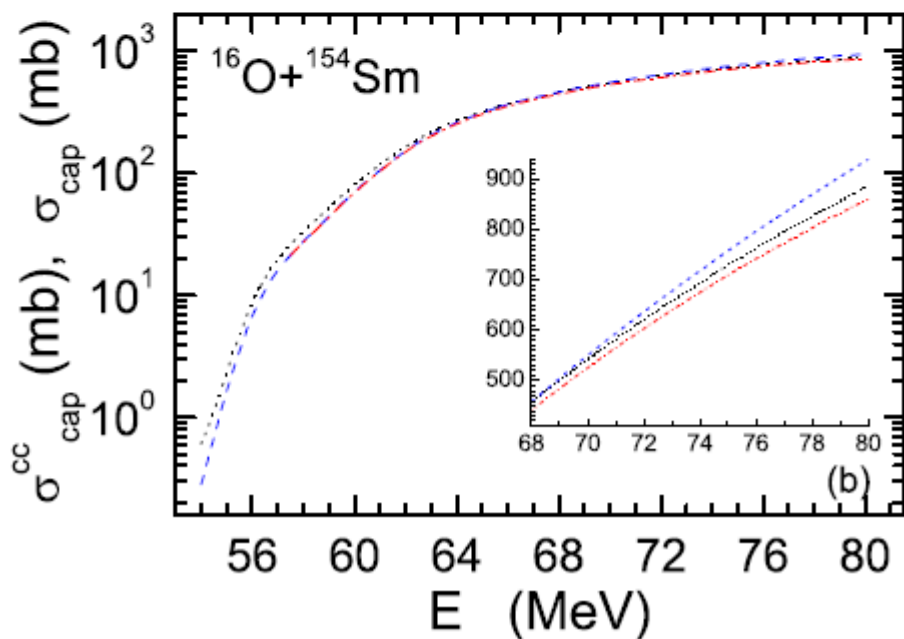
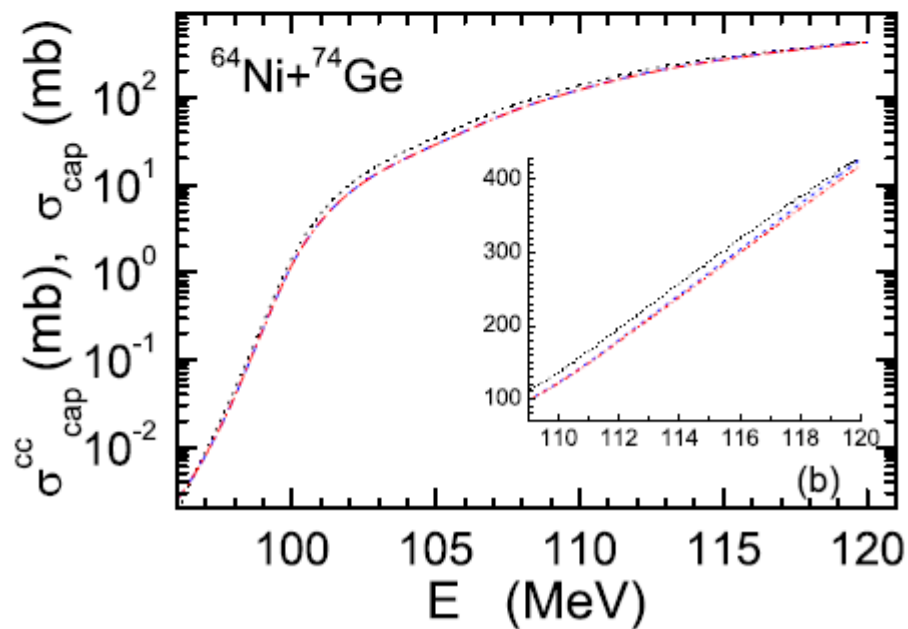
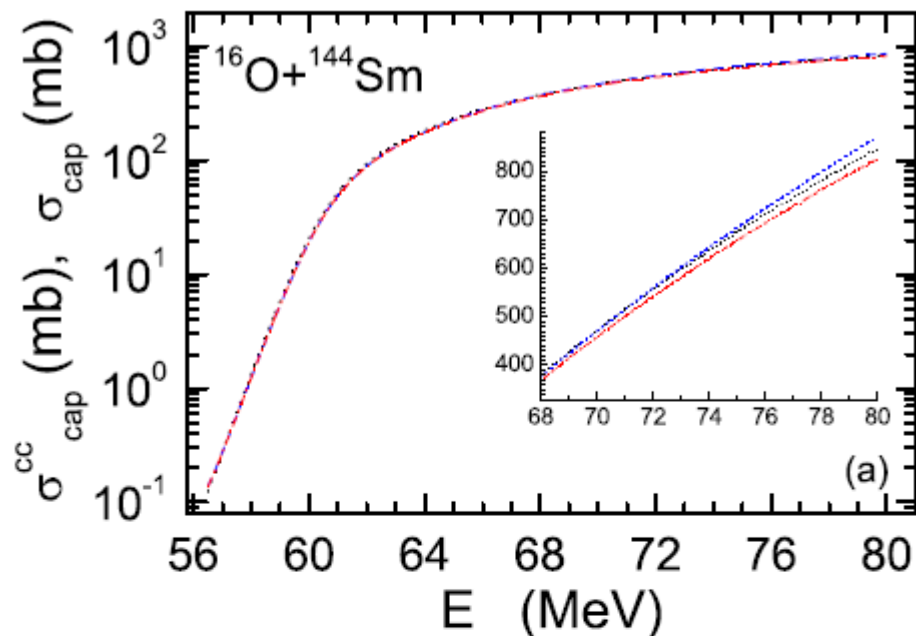
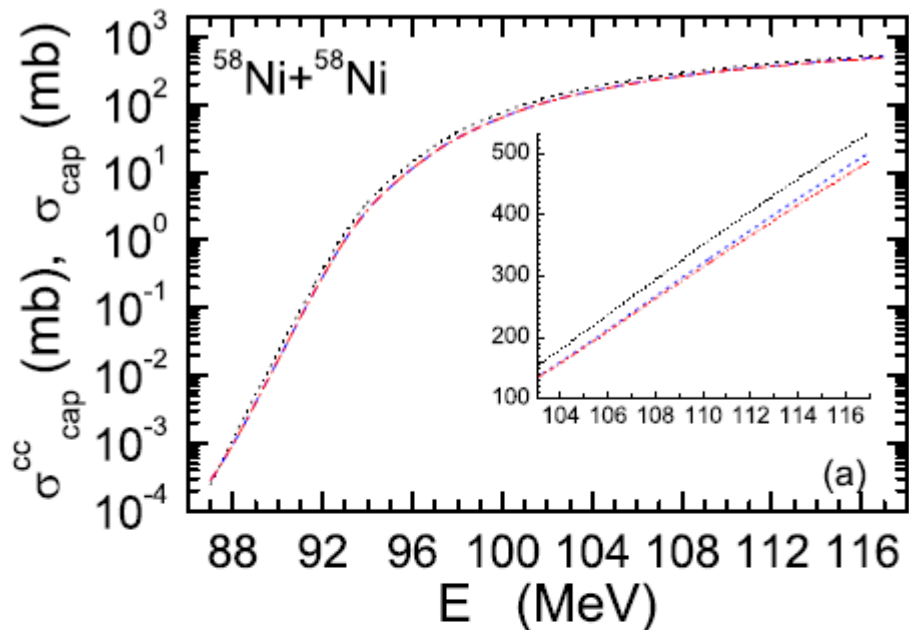
$$E_b^{rot}(J_{crit}) = \frac{\hbar^2 J_{crit}(J_{crit} + 1)}{2\mu R_b^2}$$

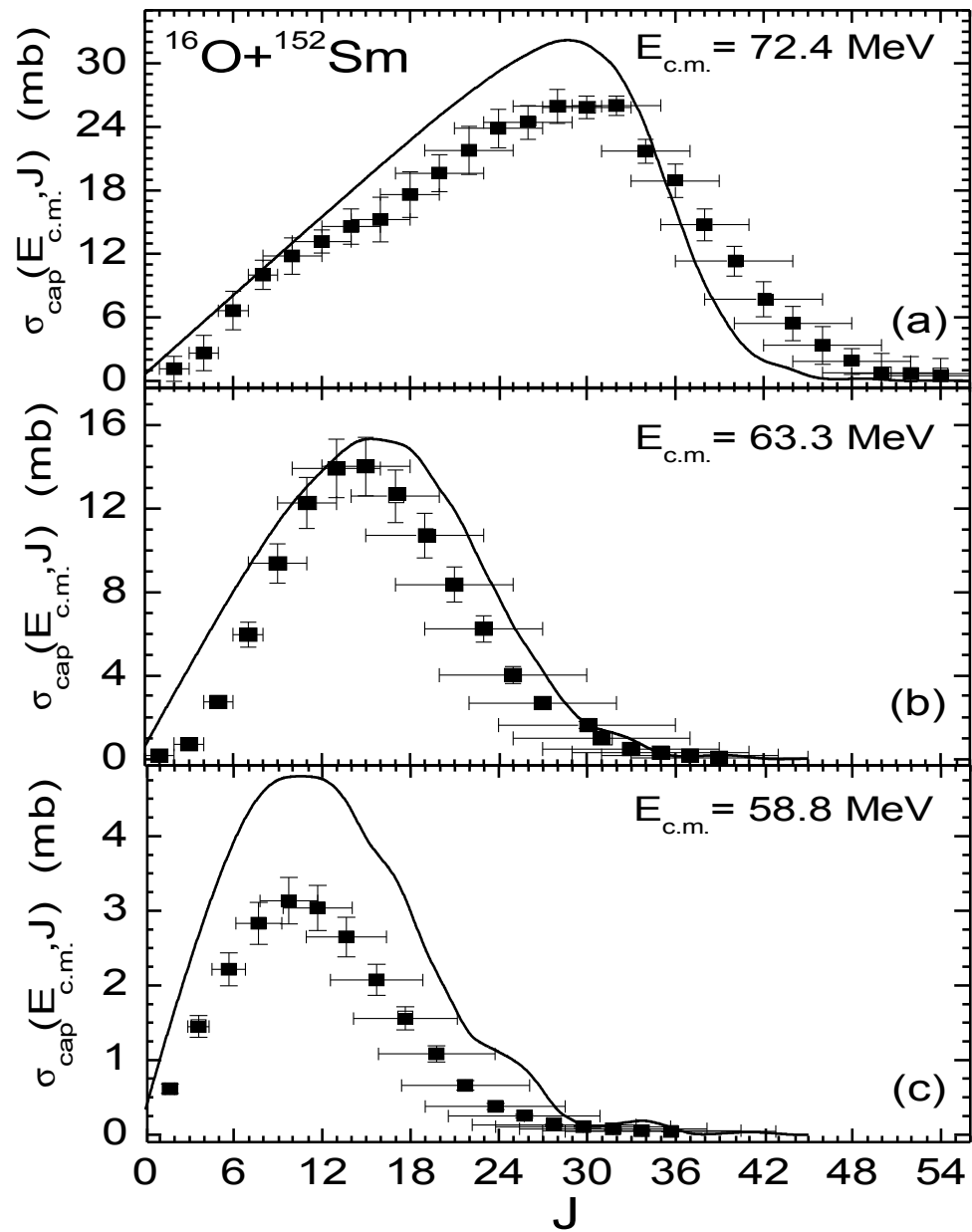
TESTING A FORMULA OF CAPTURE CROSS SECTION AGAINST COUPLED-CHANNELS CALCULATIONS

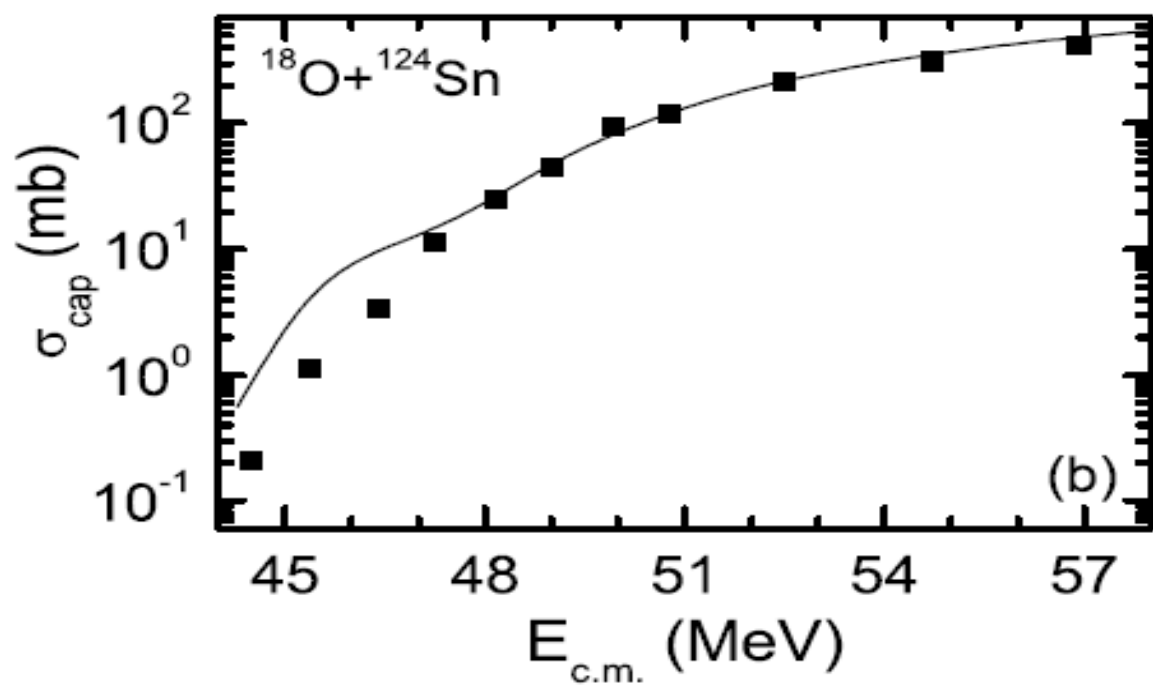
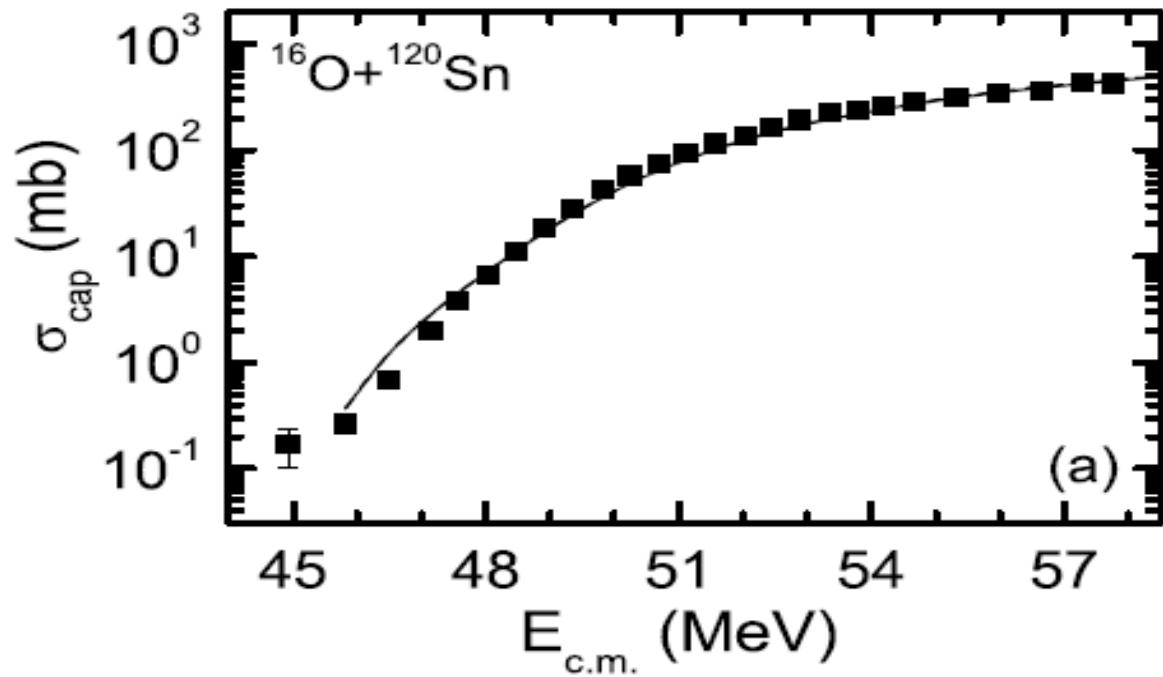
TABLE I. Parameters of both the bare Woods-Saxon potential between the colliding nuclei (second column) and the uncoupled Coulomb barriers. Energy is in MeV, while radius and diffuseness are in femtometers.

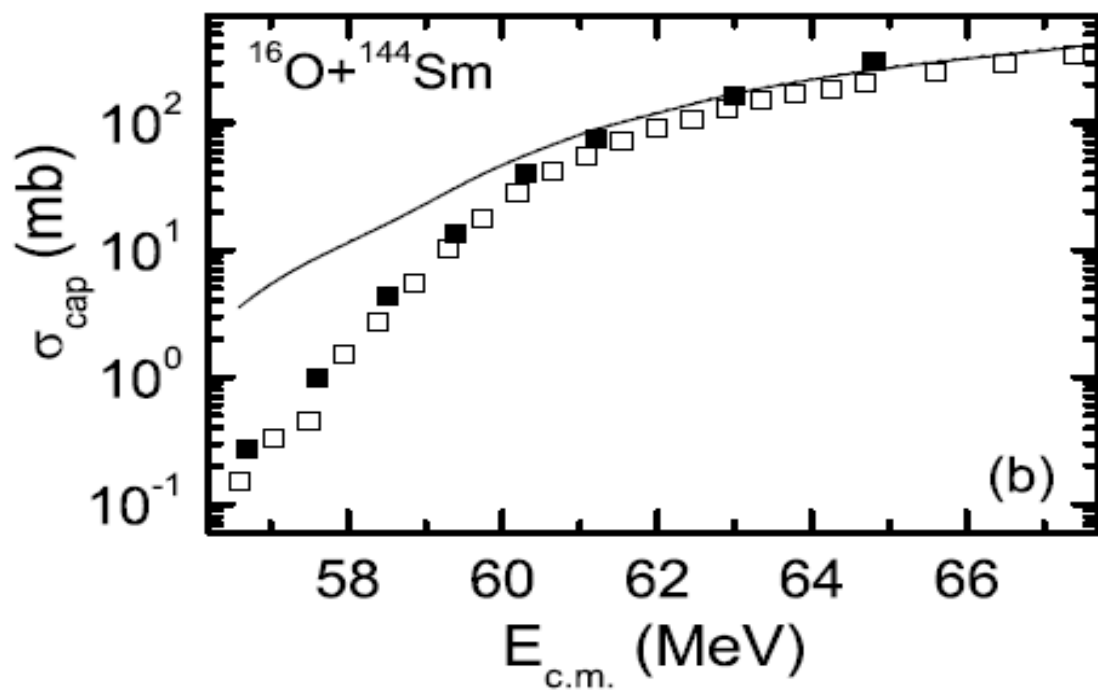
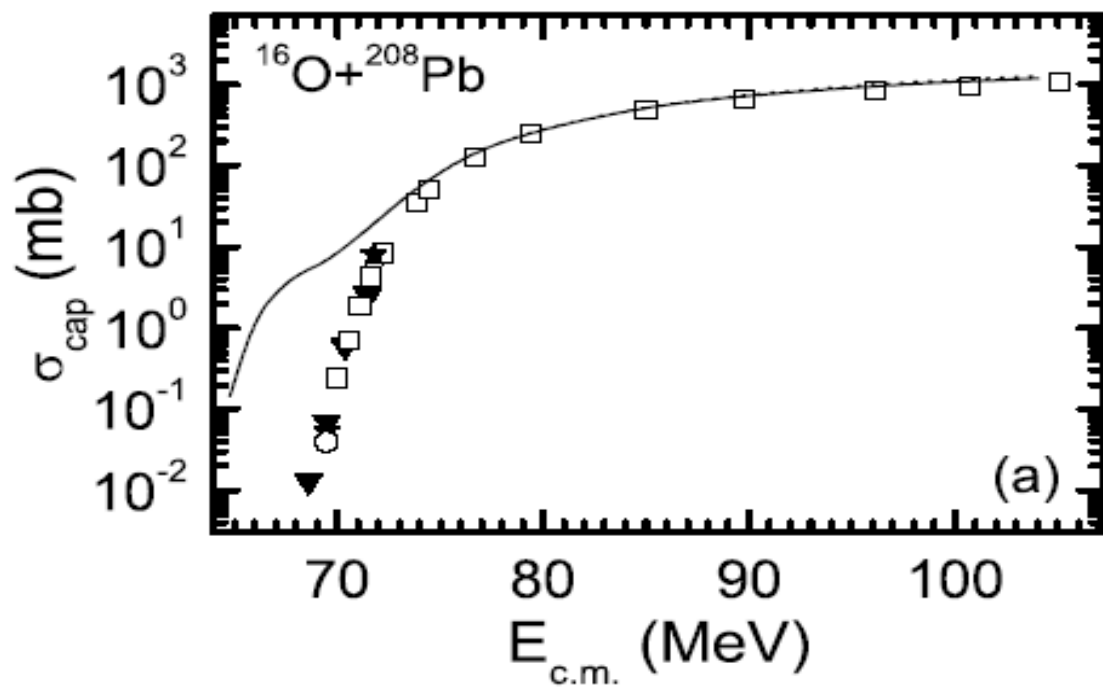
Reactions	(V_0, r_0, a_0)	V_B	R_B	$\hbar\omega_B$
$^{16}\text{O} + ^{144}\text{Sm}$	$(-105.10, 1.10, 0.75)$	61.25	10.82	4.25
$^{16}\text{O} + ^{154}\text{Sm}$	$(-165, 0.95, 1.05)$	59.41	10.81	3.48
$^{16}\text{O} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$	$(-100, 1.17, 0.66)$	75.04	11.86	4.76
$^{58}\text{Ni} + ^{58}\text{Ni}$	$(-220, 1.04, 0.7)$	101.16	10.38	4.13
$^{64}\text{Ni} + ^{74}\text{Ge}$	$(-76.19, 1.21, 0.63)$	106.57	11.37	3.68

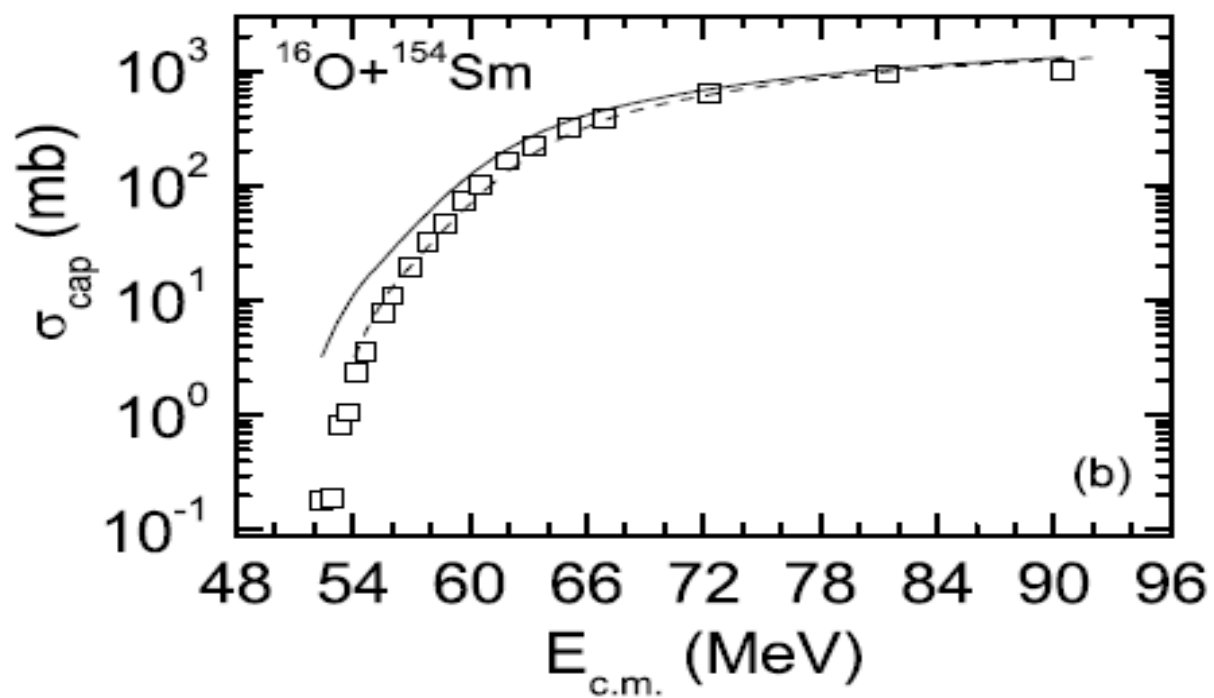
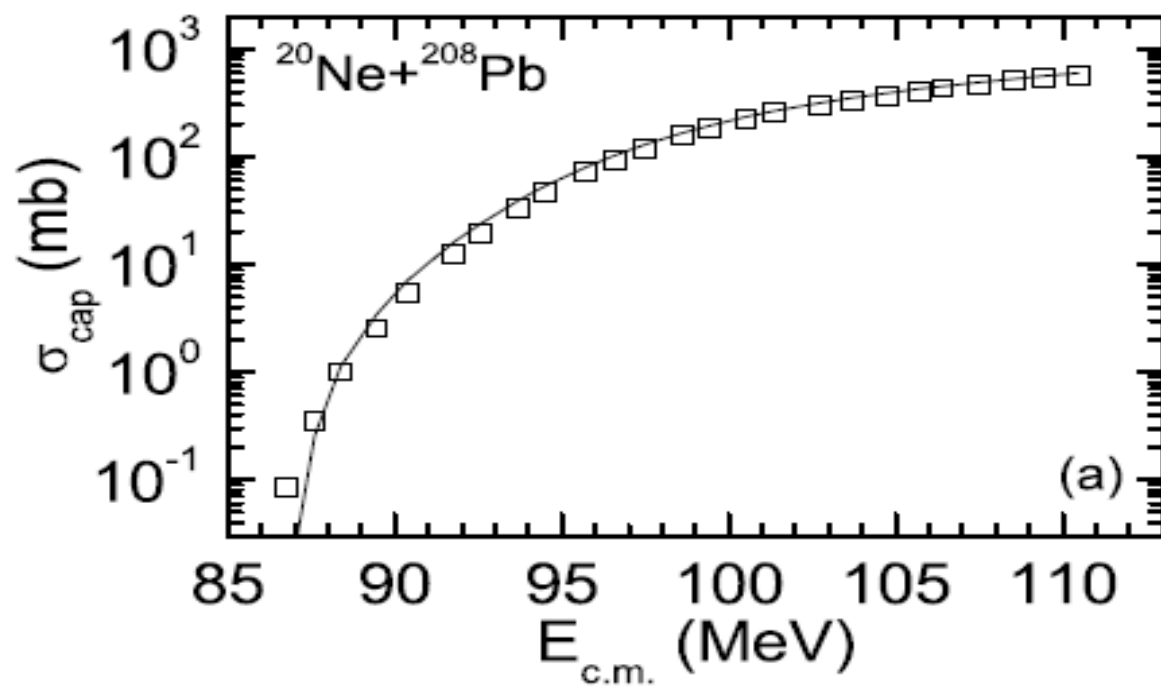


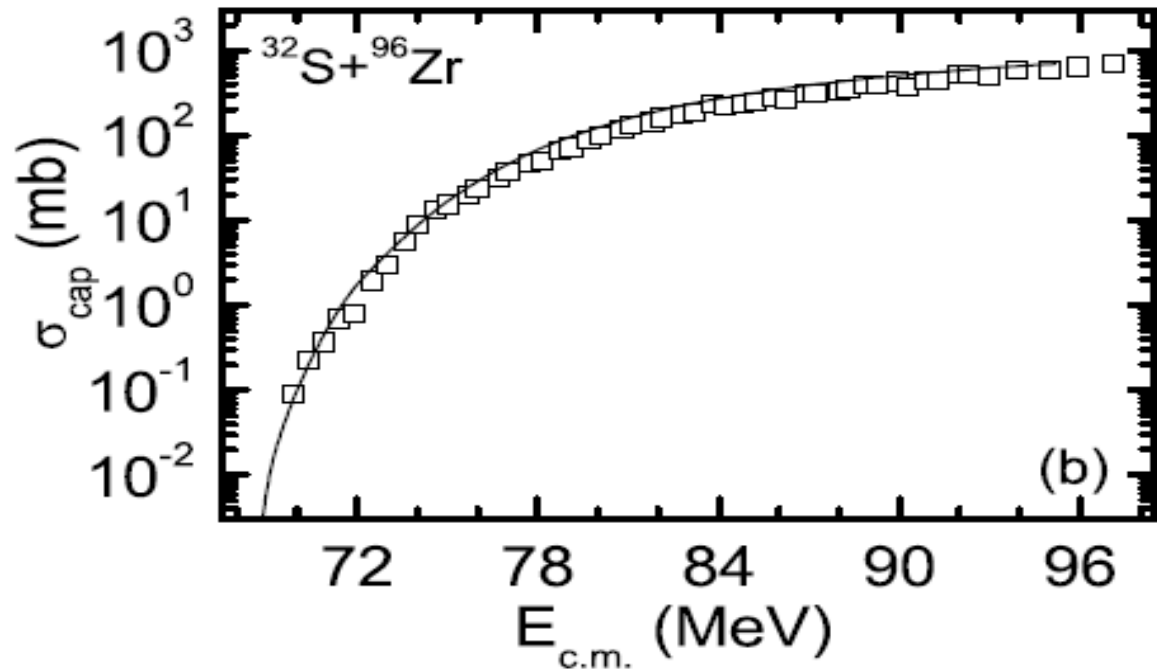
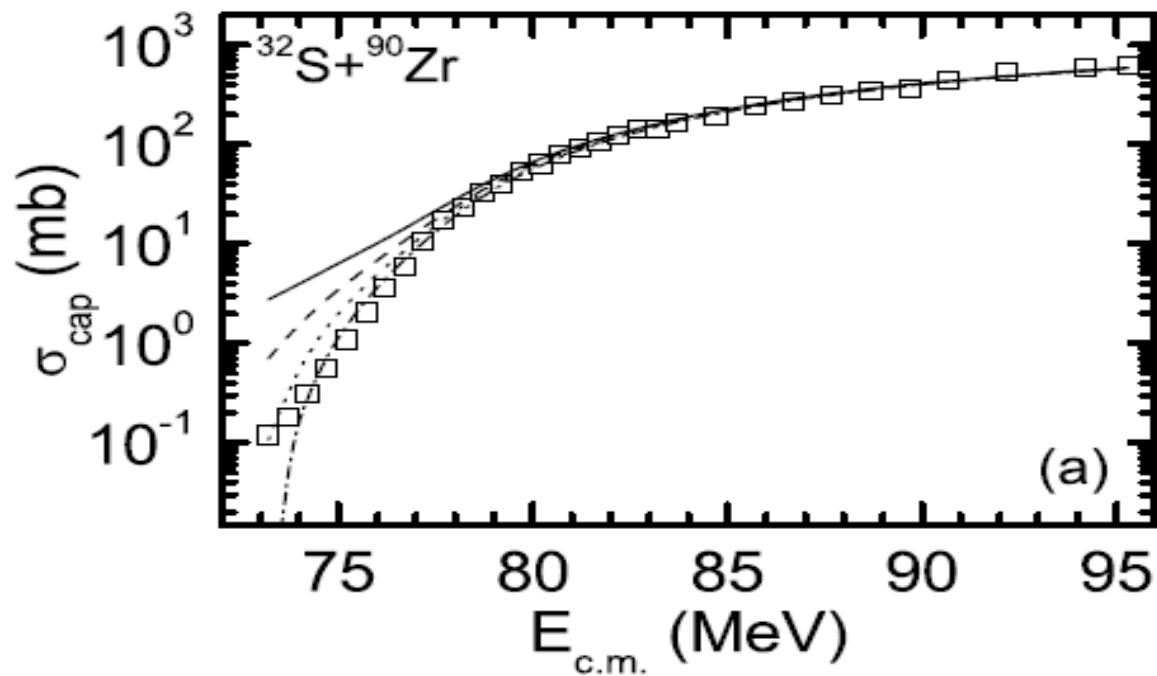












For systems with $Z_1 * Z_2 < 2000$, factors

$$J_{crit} \quad \text{and} \quad \left[1 - \frac{4(E_{c.m.} - E)}{\mu \omega_b^2 R_b^2} \right]$$

weakly influence the results of calculations.

Capture cross section is model independent :

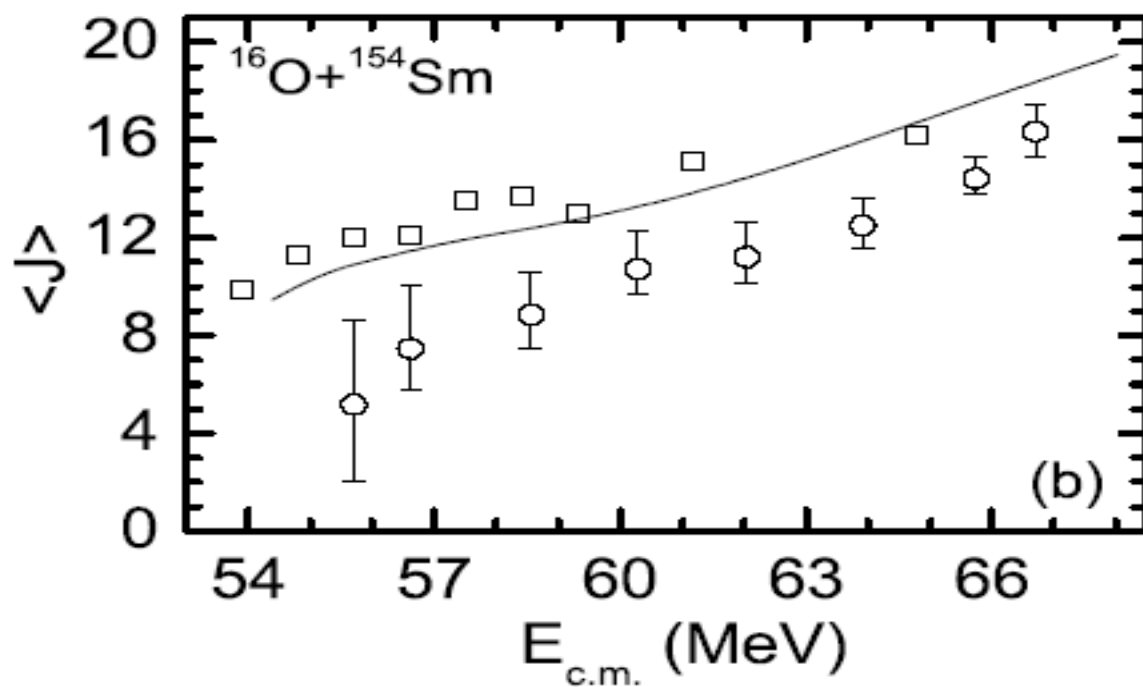
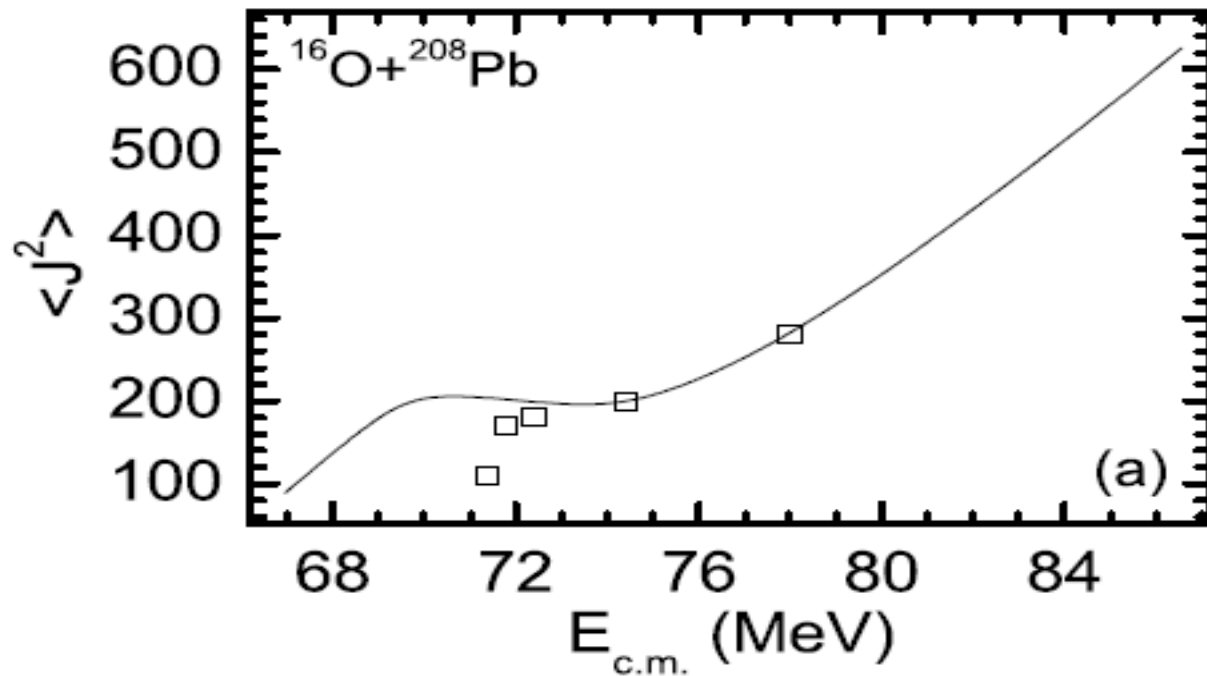
$$\sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.}) = \frac{\pi R_b^2}{E_{c.m.}} \int_0^{E_{c.m.}} dE [1 - P_{qe}^{ex}(E, J=0)]$$

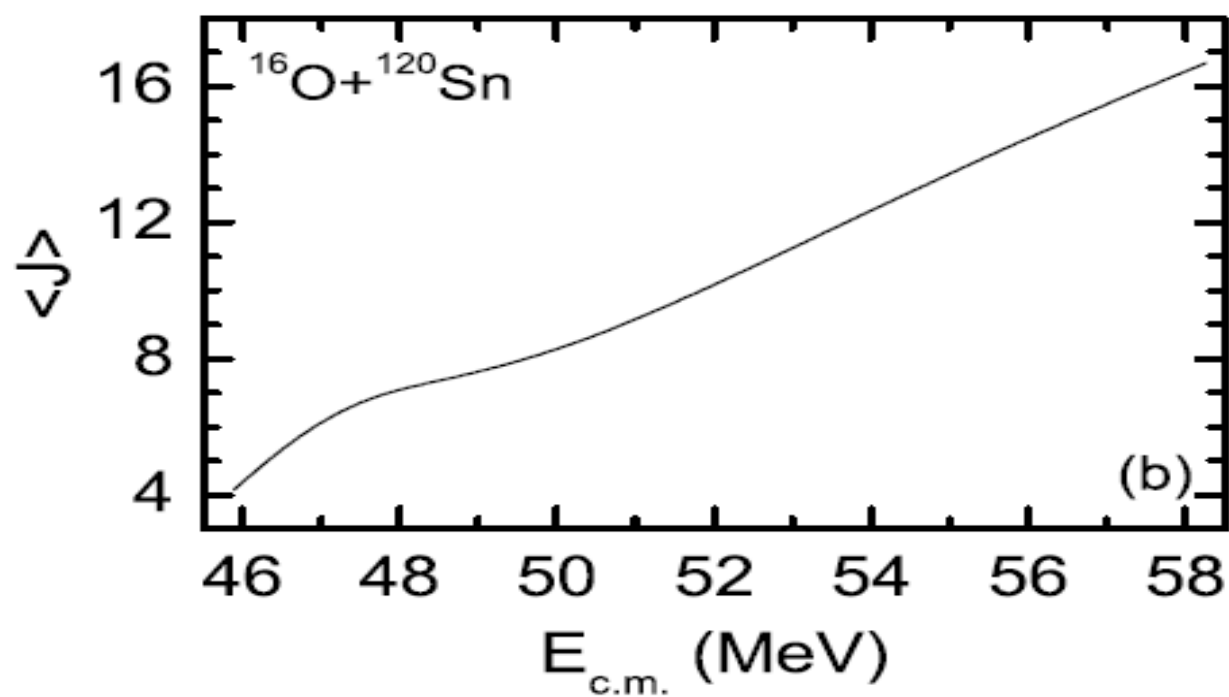
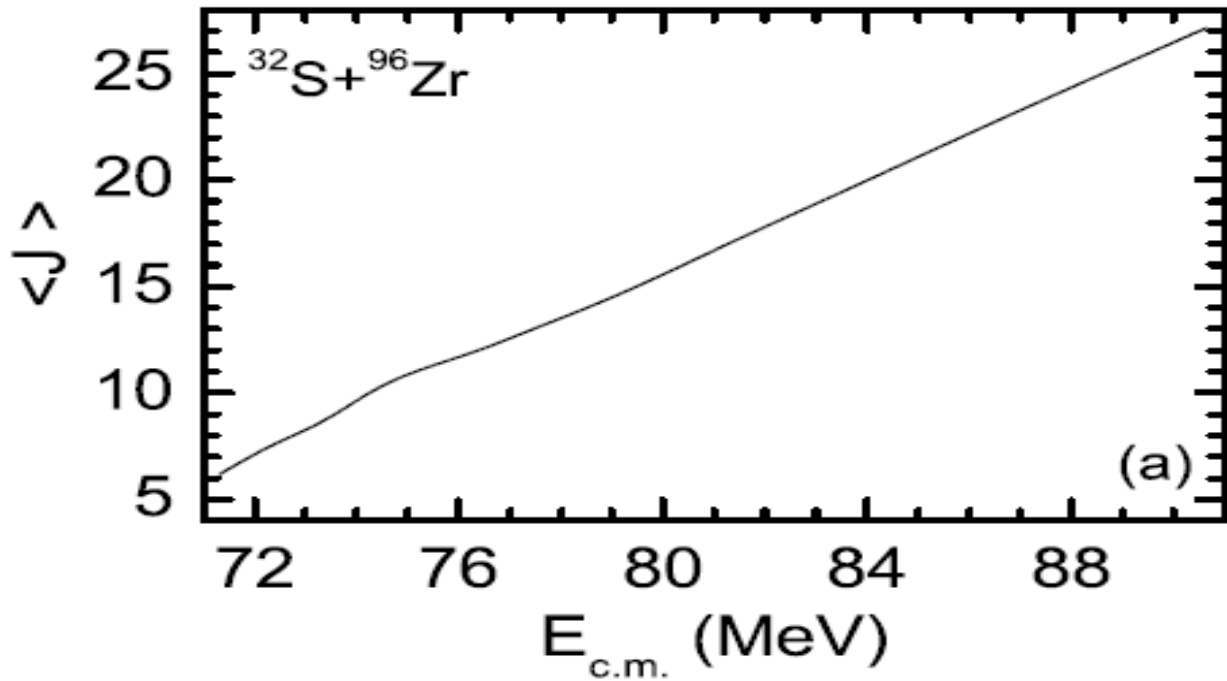
Average angular momentum of captured system:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle J \rangle &= \frac{\pi R_b^2}{E_{c.m.} \sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.})} * \\ &* \int_{E_{c.m.} - E_b^{rot}}^{E_{c.m.}} dE [1 - P_{qe}^{ex}(E, J=0)] \left[1 - \frac{4(E_{c.m.} - E)}{\mu \omega_b^2 R_b^2} \right] * \\ &* \left[\left(\frac{2\mu R_b^2}{\hbar^2} (E_{c.m.} - E) + \frac{1}{4} \right)^{1/2} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Second moment of angular momentum of captured system:

$$\langle J(J+1) \rangle = \frac{2\pi\mu R_b^4}{\hbar^2 E_{c.m.} \sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.})} * \int_{E_{c.m.} - E_b^{rot}}^{E_{c.m.}} dE [1 - P_{qe}^{ex}(E, J=0)] \left[1 - \frac{4(E_{c.m.} - E)}{\mu\omega_b^2 R_b^2}\right] [E_{c.m.} - E]$$





Weakly bound nuclei

Conservation of reaction flux:

$$P_{qe}(E_{c.m.}, J) + P_{cap}(E_{c.m.}, J) + P_{BU}(E_{c.m.}, J) = 1$$

P_{BU} - breakup probability

$$P_{cap}(E_{c.m.}, J=0) = 1 - P_{qe}^{ex}(E_{c.m.}, J=0) - P_{BU}^{ex}(E_{c.m.}, J=0)$$

$$P_{BU}^{ex}(E_{c.m.}, J=0) = \sigma_{BU}(E_{c.m.}, \theta = 180^\circ) / \sigma_{Ru}(E_{c.m.}, \theta = 180^\circ)$$

the ratio of breakup differential cross section and Rutherford differential cross section at 180 degrees
• This ratio can be measured!

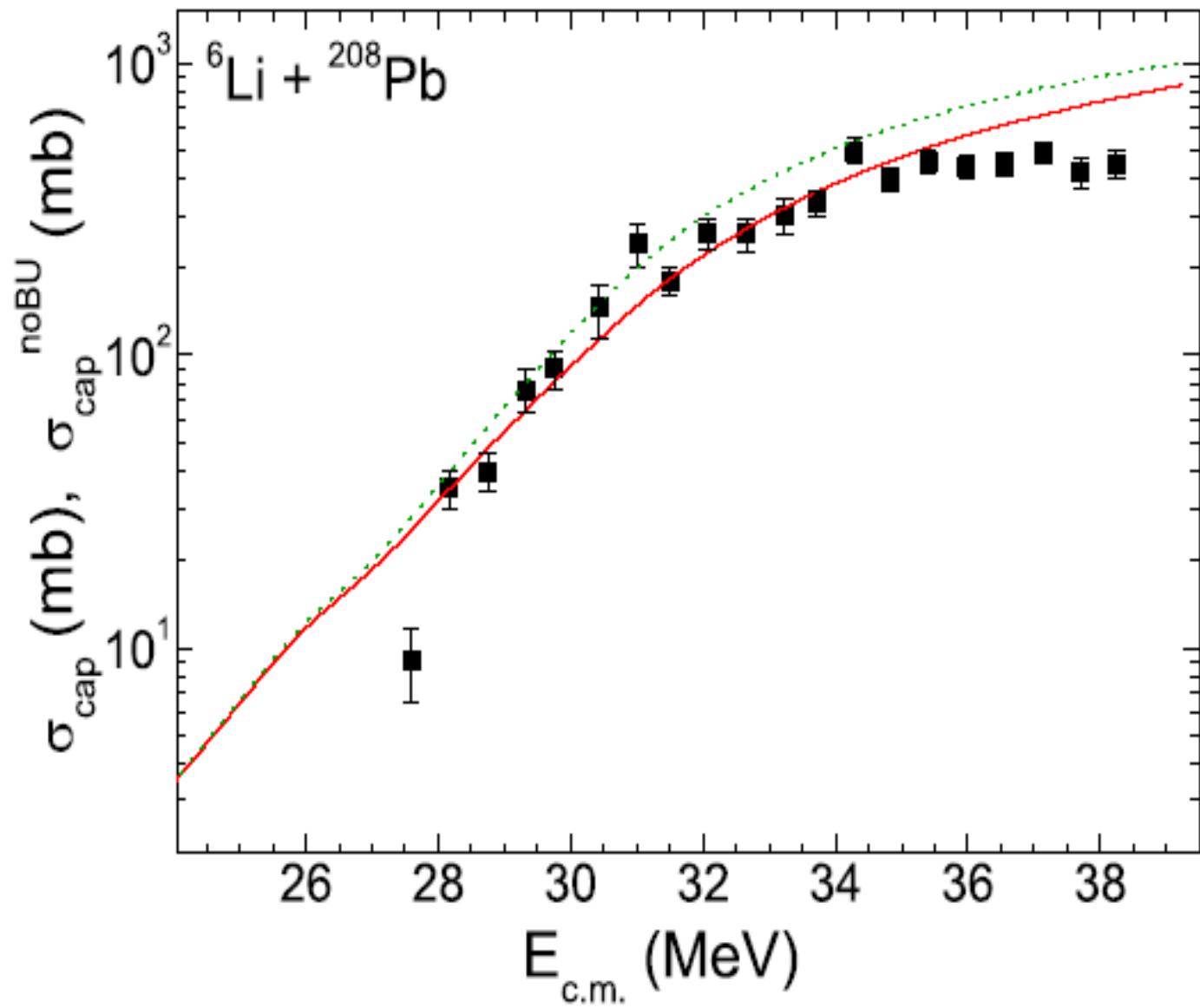
Capture cross section:

$$\sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.}) = \frac{\pi R_b^2}{E_{c.m.}} \int_{E_{c.m.} - E_b^{rot}}^{E_{c.m.}} dE P_{cap}(E, J=0) \left[1 - \frac{4(E_{c.m.} - E)}{\mu \omega_b^2 R_b^2} \right]$$

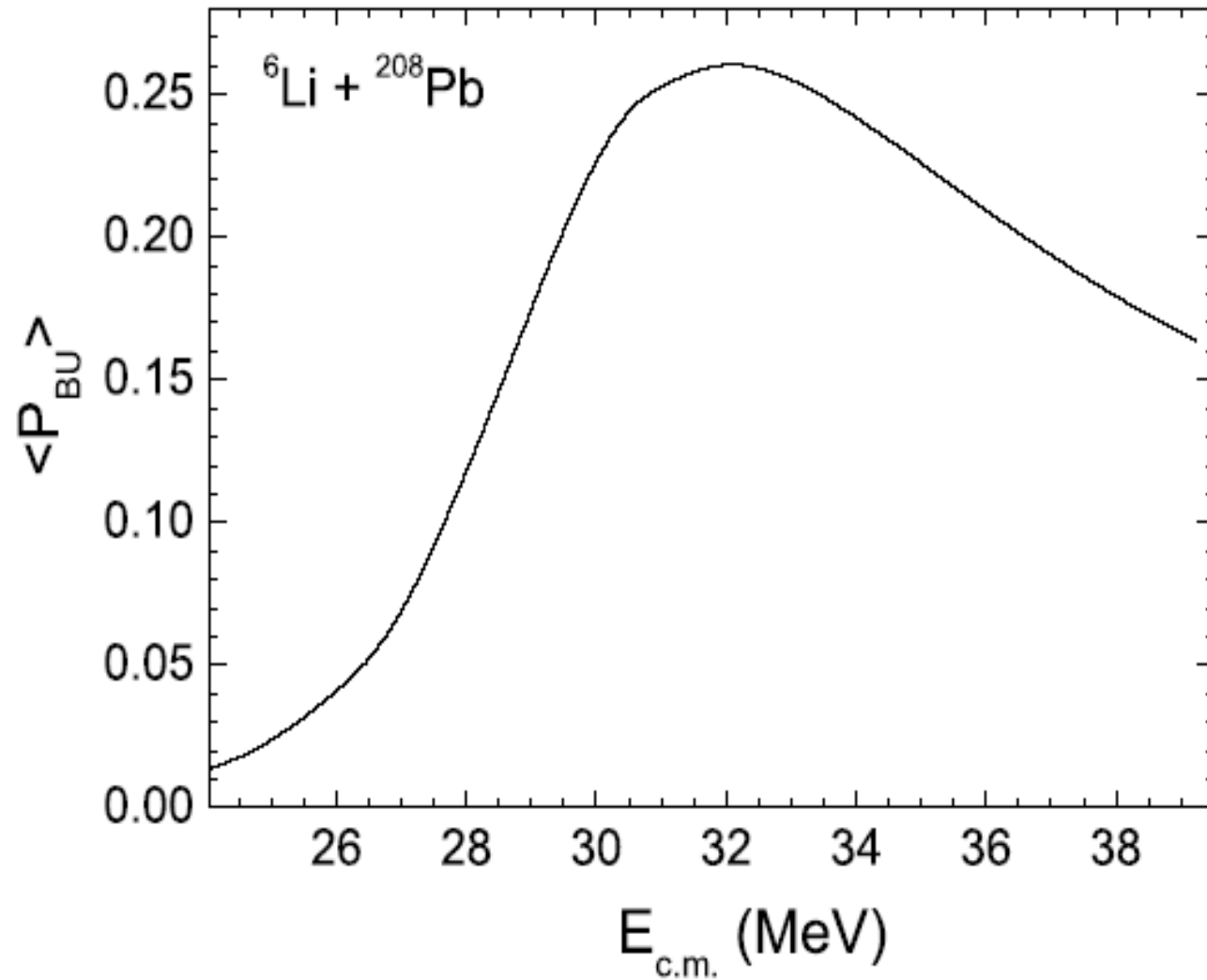
Capture probability in absence of breakup:

$$P_{cap}^{noBU}(E_{c.m.}, J=0) = 1 - \frac{P_{qe}^{ex}(E_{c.m.}, J=0)}{1 - P_{BU}^{ex}(E_{c.m.}, J=0)}$$

Capture cross section in absence of breakup: $\sigma_{cap}^{noBU}(E_{c.m.})$



$$\langle P_{BU} \rangle (E_{c.m.}) = 1 - \frac{\sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.})}{\sigma_{cap}^{noBU}(E_{c.m.})}$$



3. Elastic scattering and reaction cross section

Conservation of reaction flux:

$$P_{el}(E_{c.m.}, J=0) + P_R(E_{c.m.}, J=0) = 1$$

$$P_R = P_{cap} + P_{in} + P_{tr} + P_{BU} \quad \text{- reaction probability}$$

P_{el} - elastic probability measured at backward angle

P_{cap} - capture probability

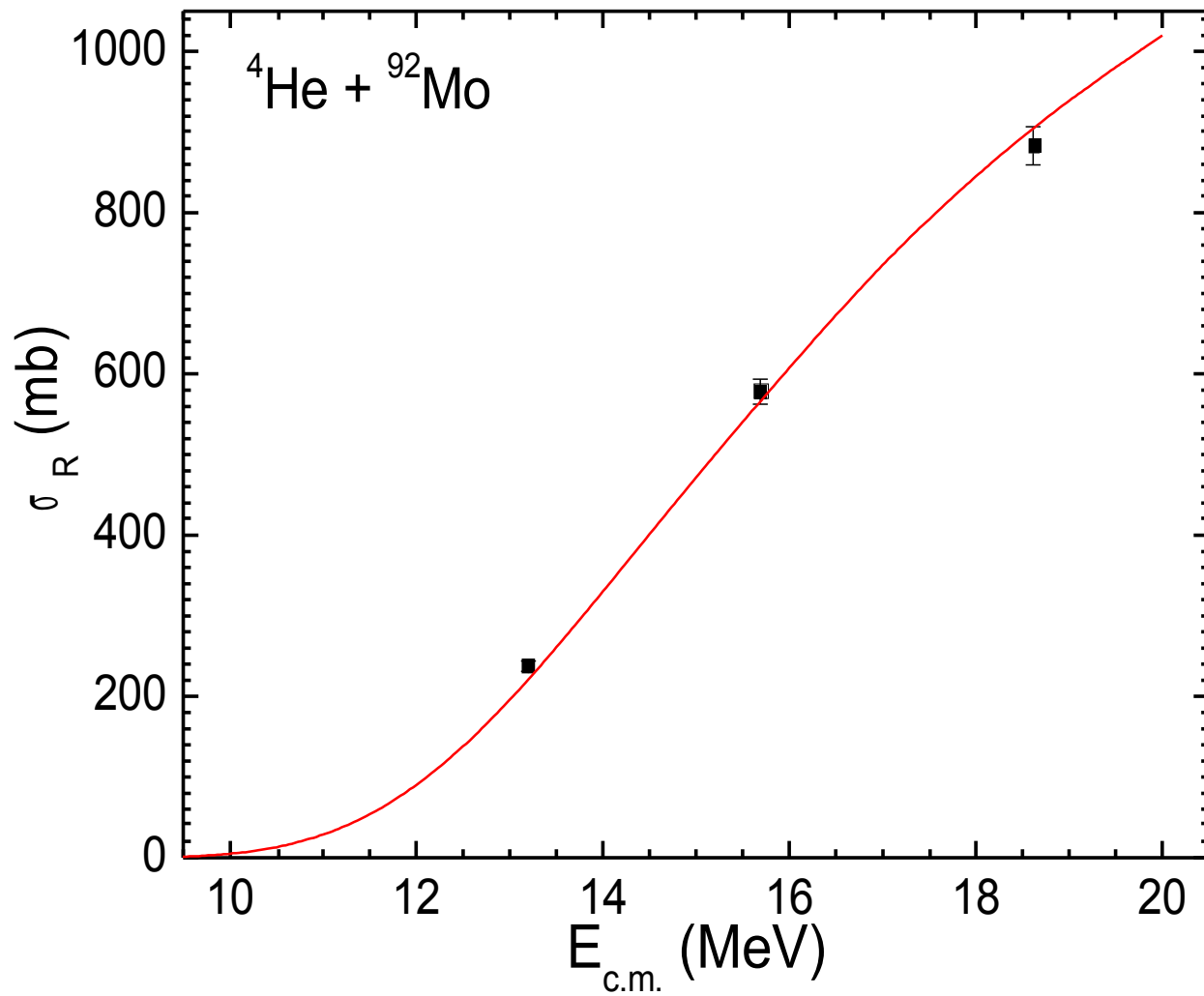
P_{in} - inelastic probability

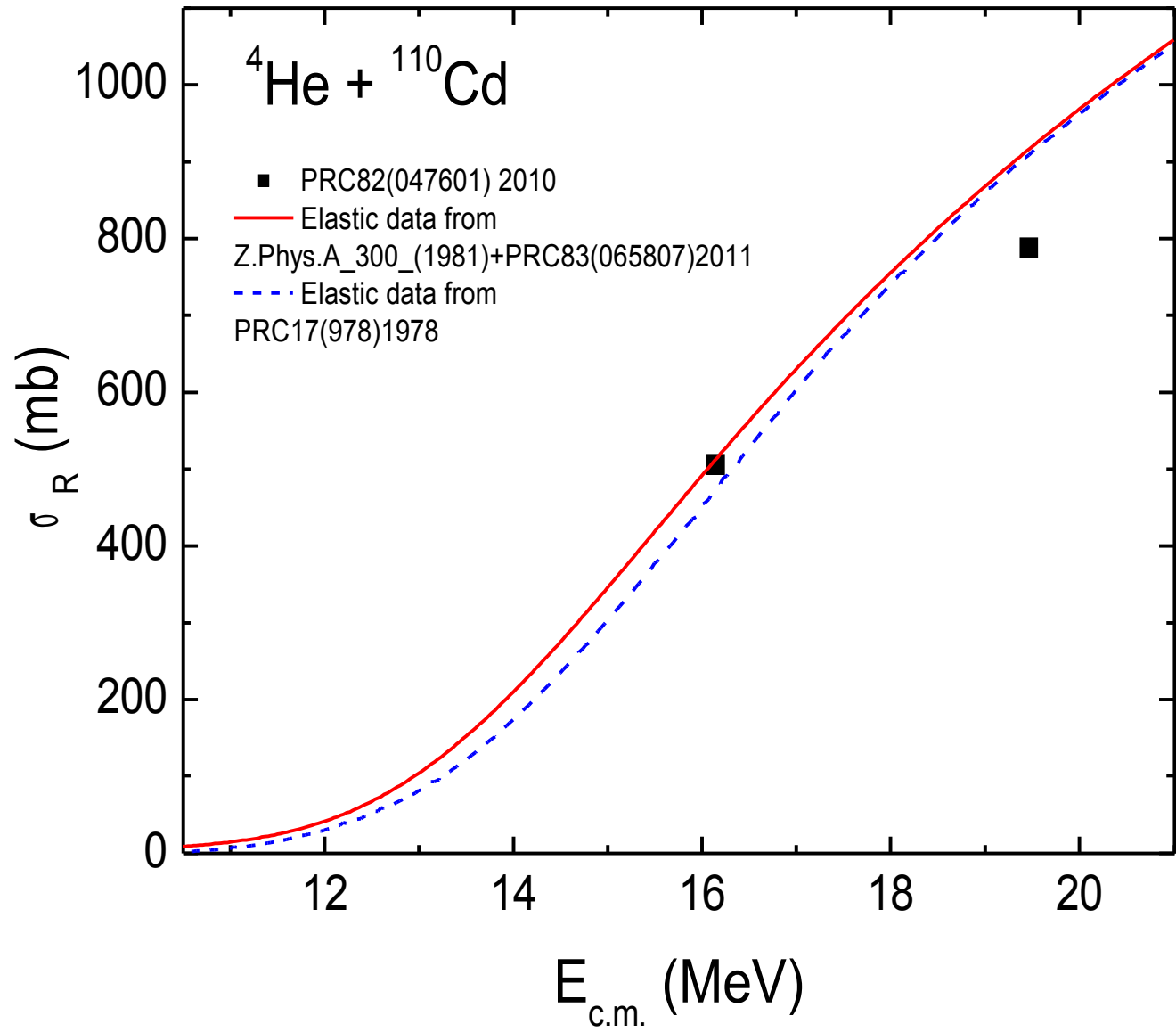
P_{tr} - transfer probability

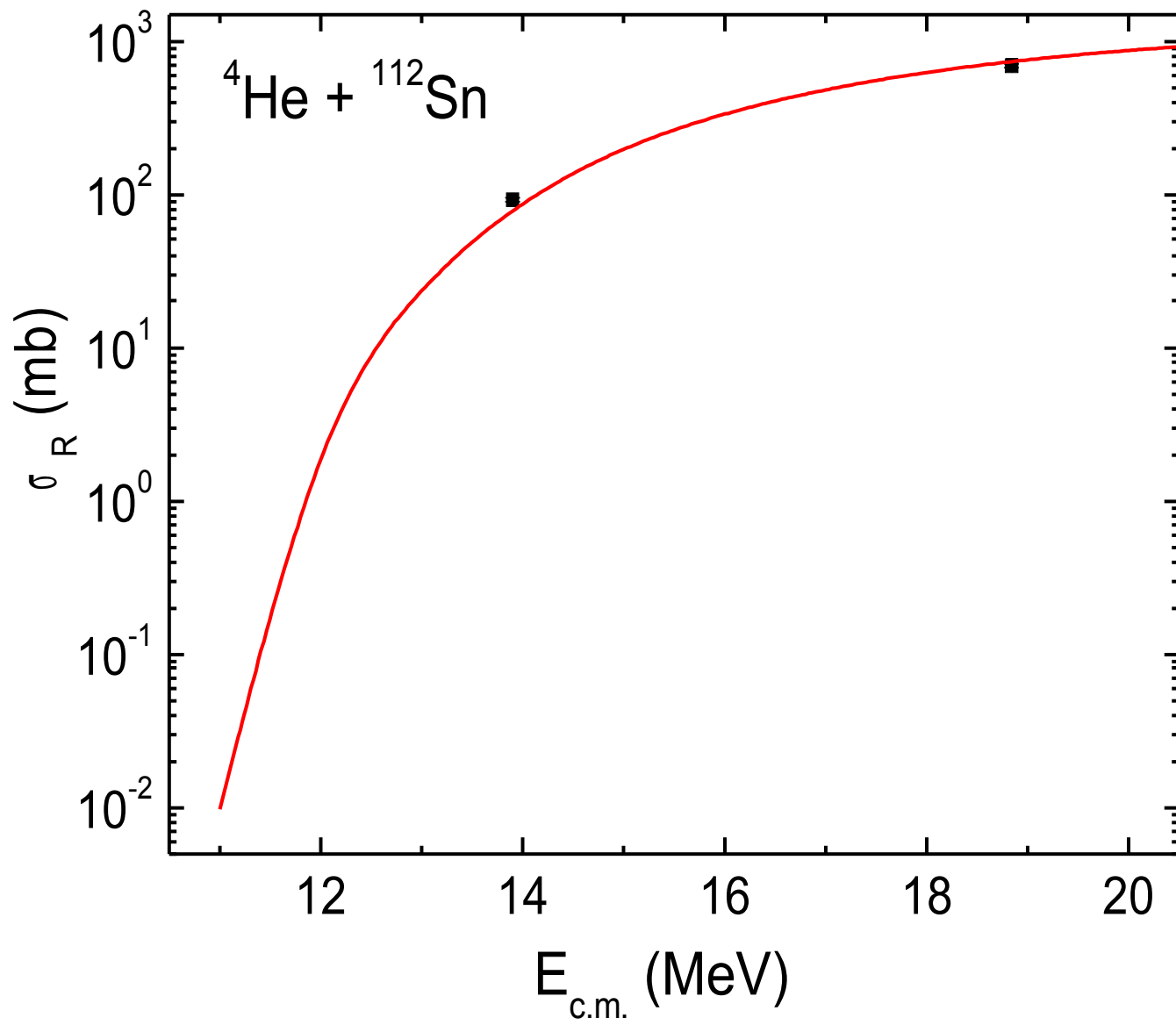
P_{BU} - breakup probability

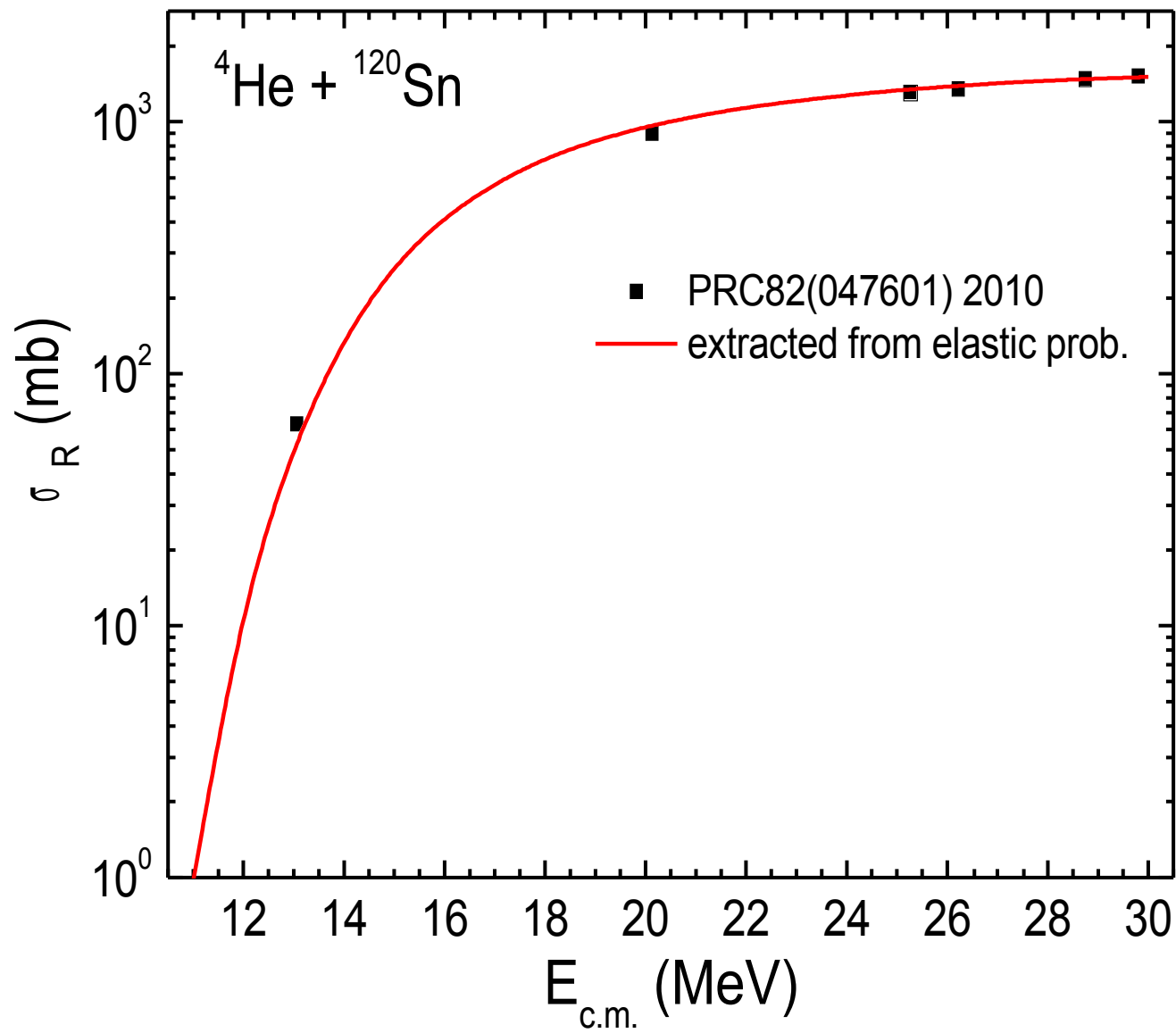
Reaction cross section :

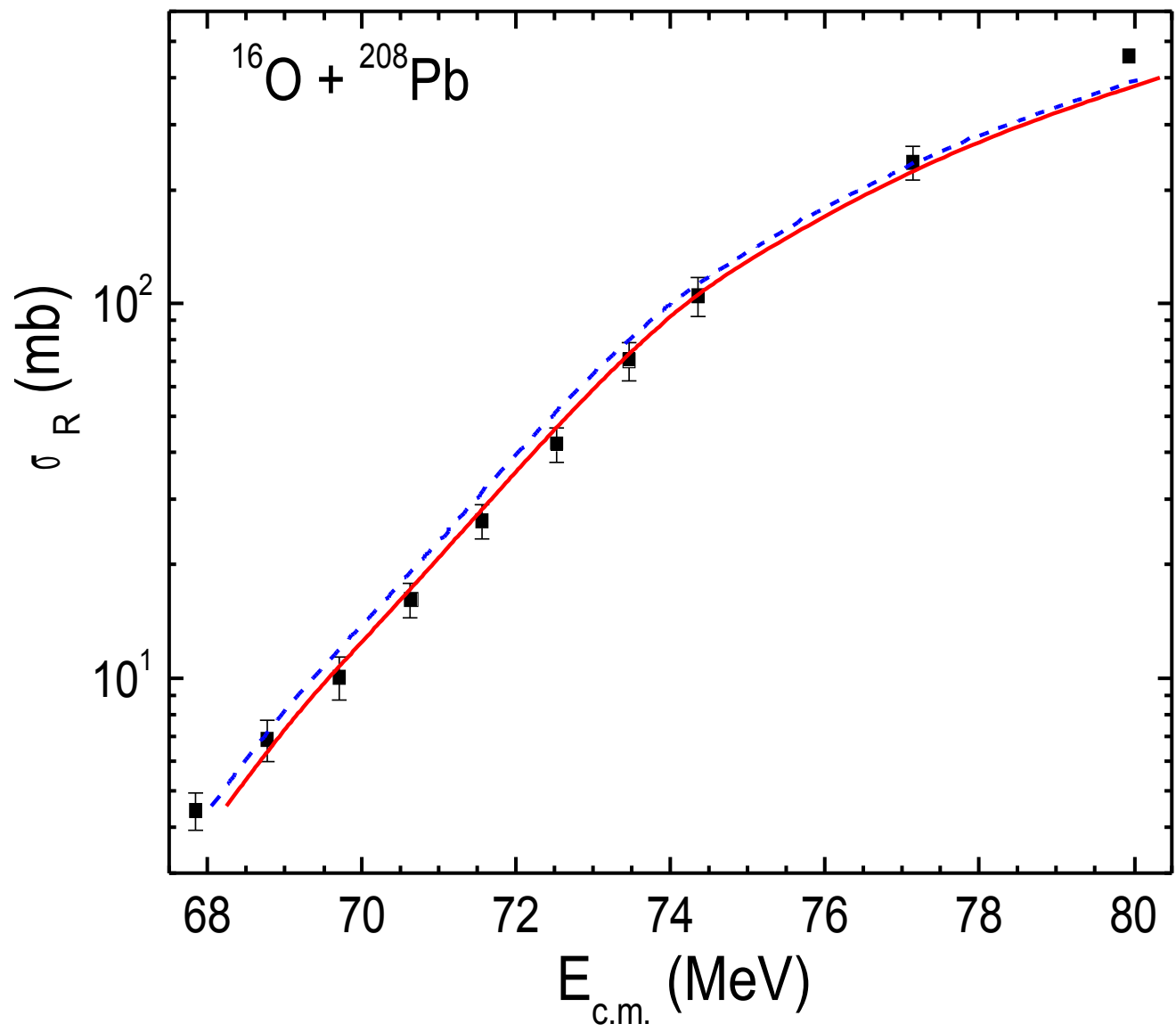
$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma_R(E_{c.m.}) = \\ & = \frac{\pi R_b^2}{E_{c.m.}} \int_0^{E_{c.m.}} dE [1 - P_{el}^{ex}(E, J=0)] \left[1 - \frac{4(E_{c.m.} - E)}{\mu \omega_b^2 R_b^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$



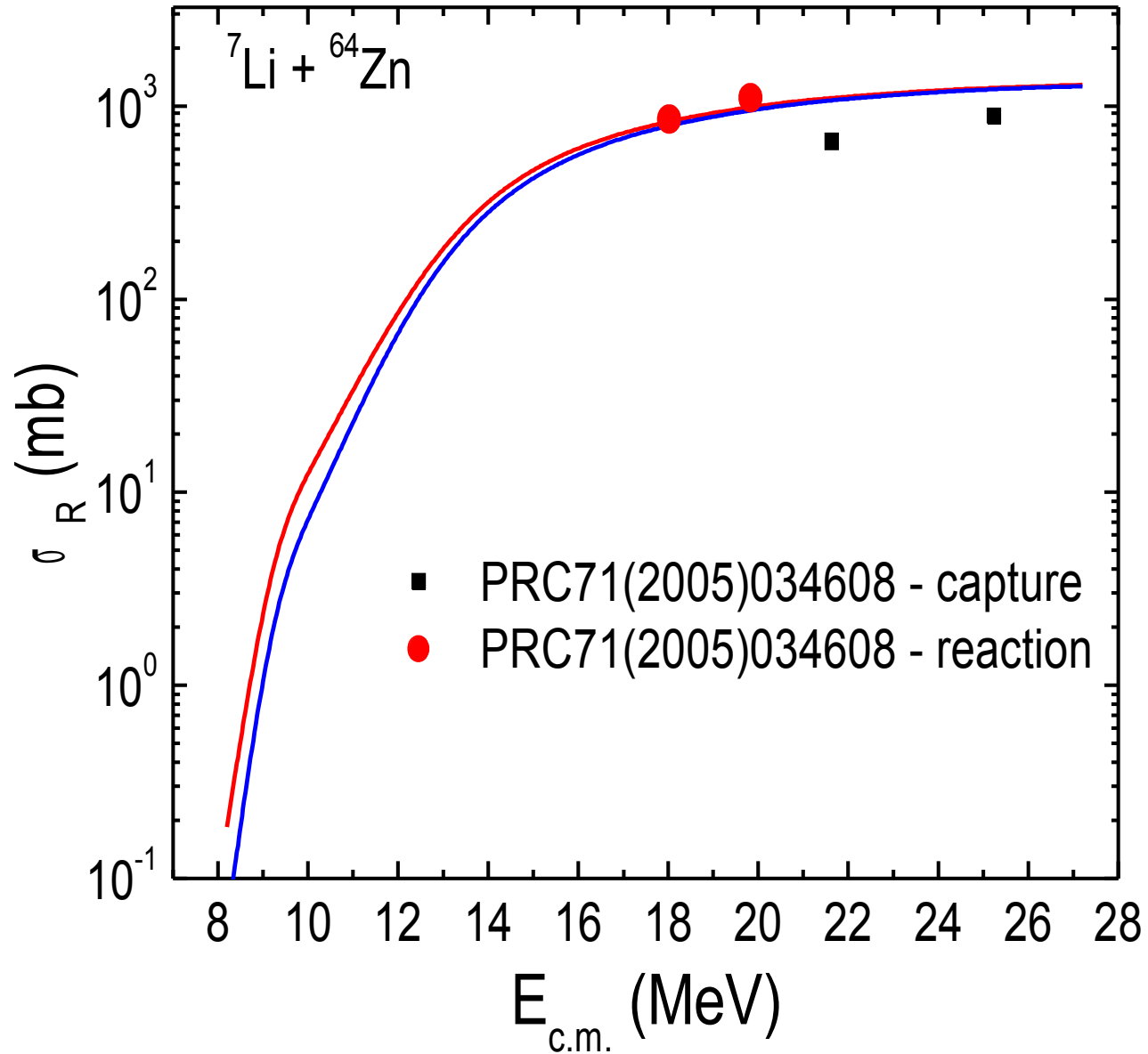


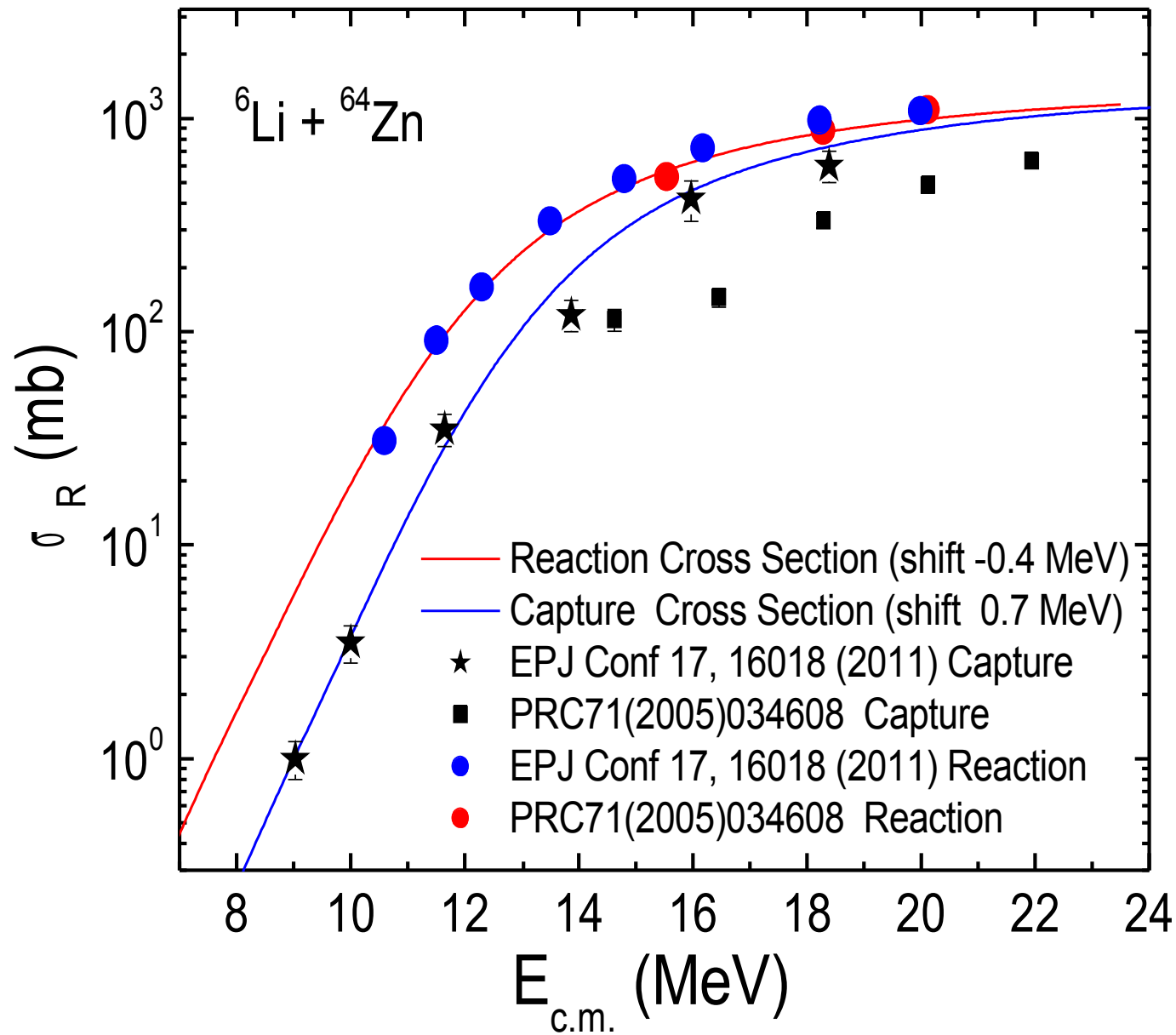




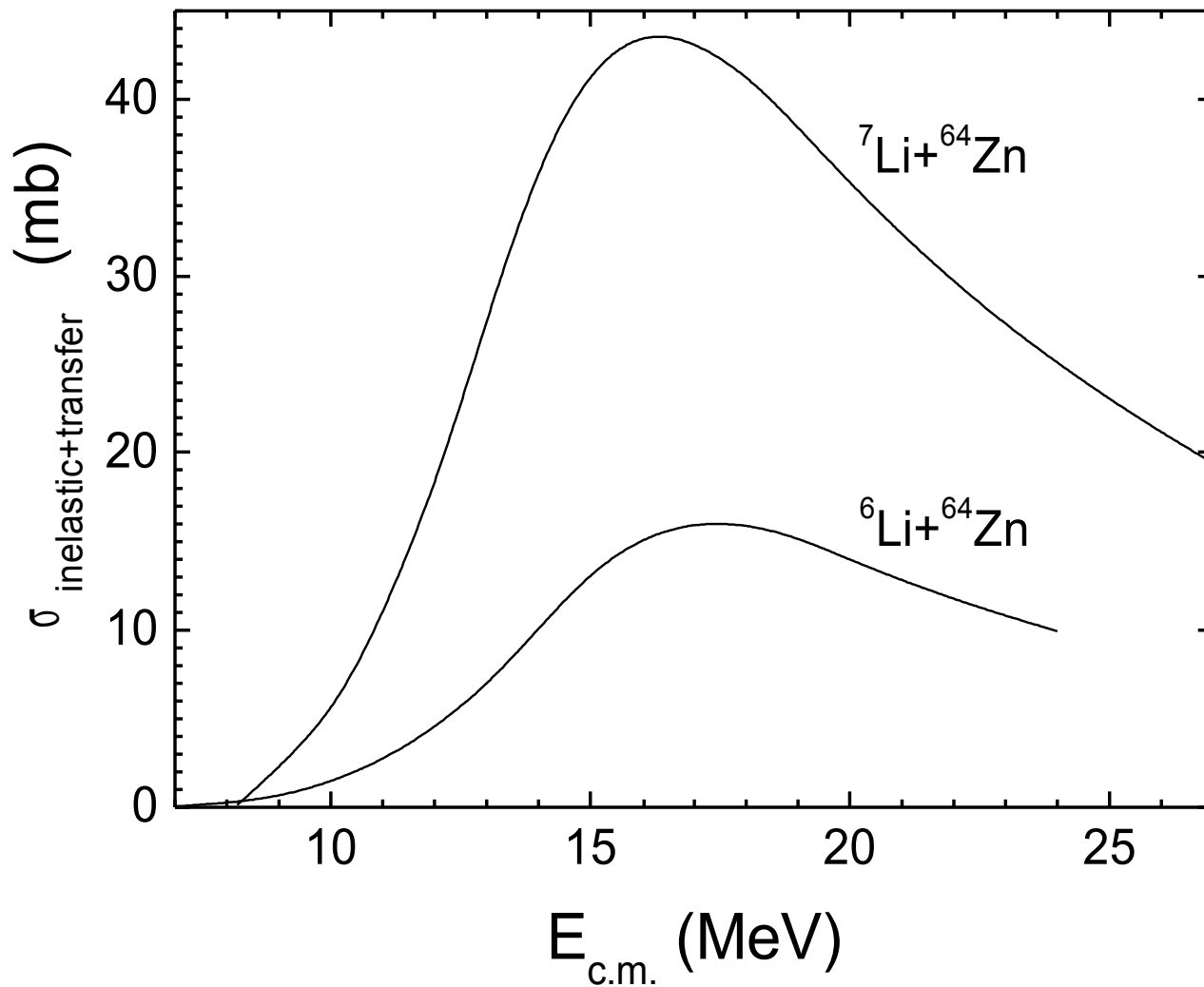


Weakly bound nuclei





$$\sigma_R(E_{c.m.}) - \sigma_{cap}(E_{c.m.}) \approx \sigma_{tr}(E_{c.m.}) + \sigma_{in}(E_{c.m.})$$



4. CONCLUSIONS:

Relationship between quasielastic (elastic) excitation function at one backward angle and capture (reaction) cross sections is working well.

Extraction of capture (reaction) cross sections from quasielastic (elastic) at backscattering is possible with reasonable uncertainties as long as the deviation between quasielastic (elastic) cross section and Rutherford cross section exceeds the experimental uncertainties significantly.

Quasielastic (elastic) technique at one backward angle could be important and simple tool in study of capture (reaction) cross sections.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION !

Measured quasi-elastic probability

$$P_{qe}^{ex} = \sigma_{qe}(E_{c.m.}, \theta = 170^\circ) / \sigma_{Ru}(E_{c.m.}, \theta = 170^\circ)$$

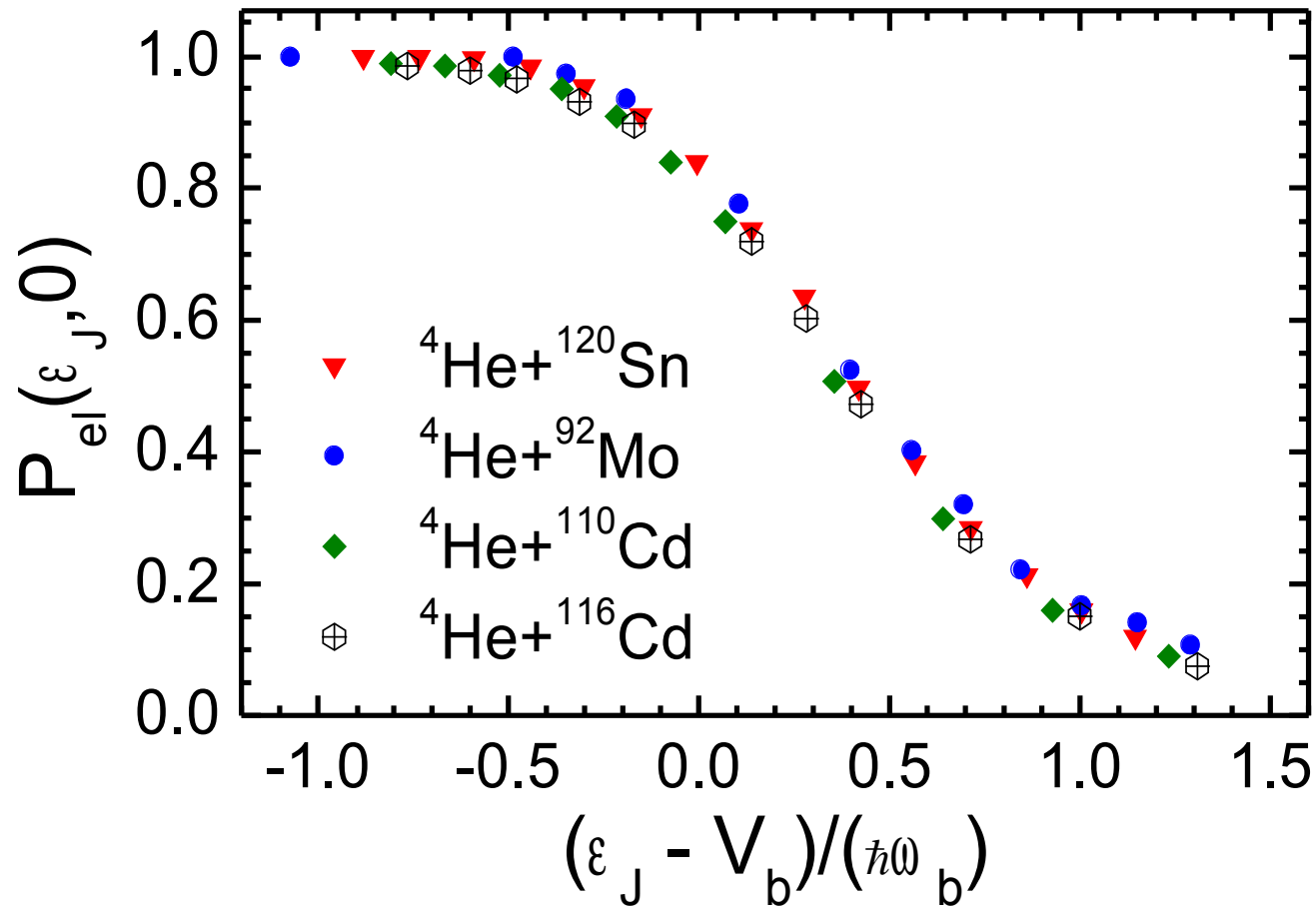
at $\theta = 170$ degrees.

At $\theta_0 = 180$ degrees

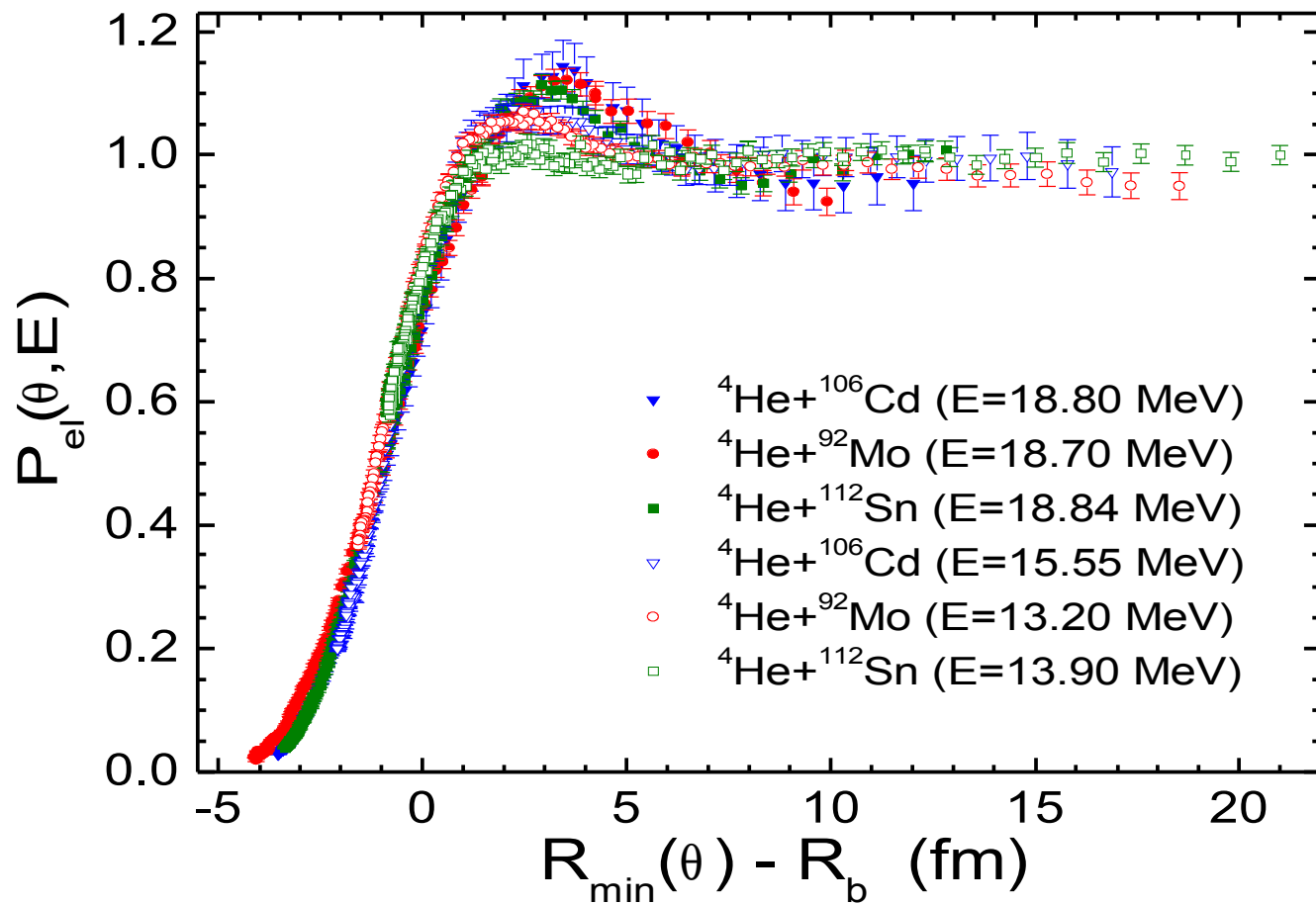
$$P_{qe}^{ex} = \sigma_{qe}(E_{c.m.}^{eff}, \theta = 170^\circ) / \sigma_{Ru}(E_{c.m.}^{eff}, \theta = 170^\circ)$$

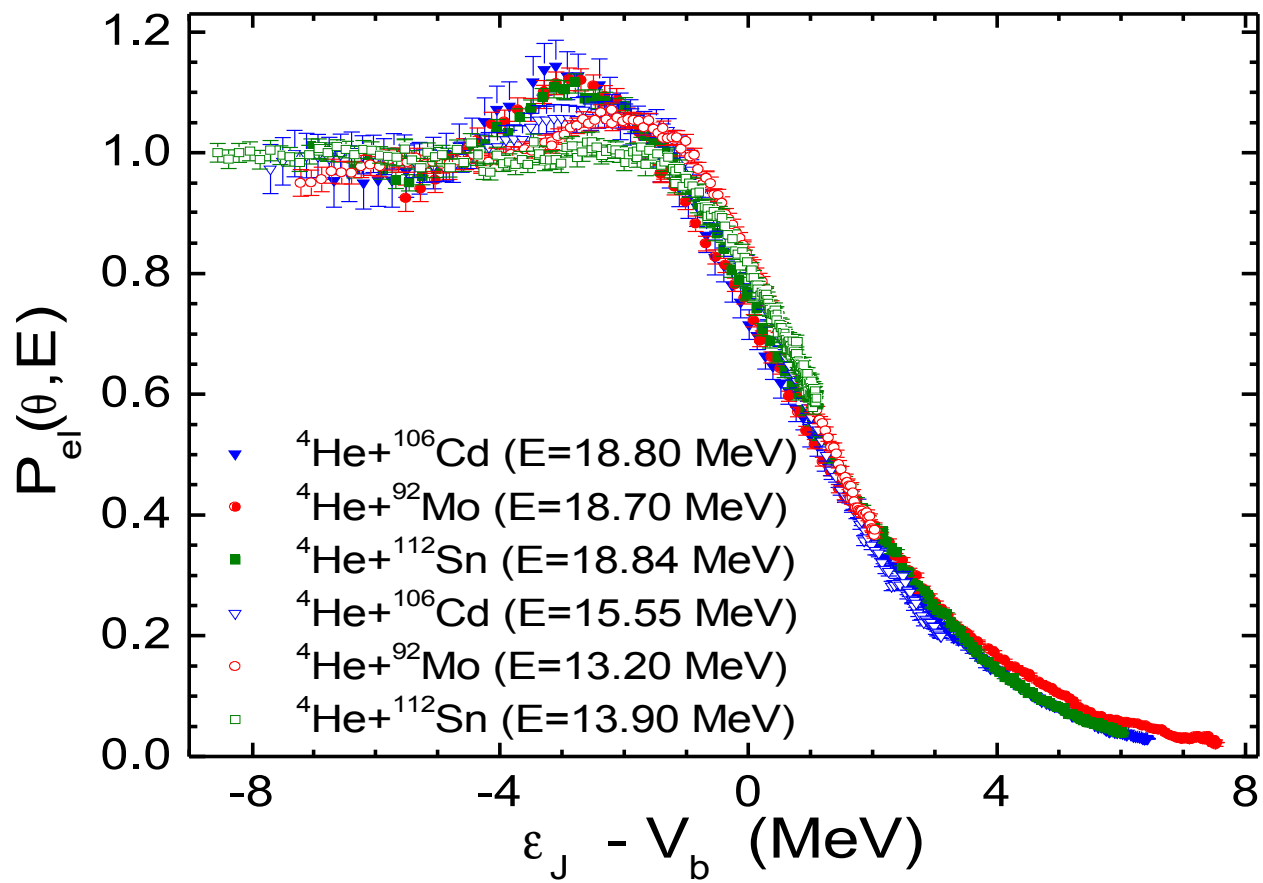
with effective energy
$$E_{c.m.}^{eff} = 2 E_{c.m.} \frac{\sin[\theta/2]}{1 + \sin[\theta/2]},$$

which takes into account the centrifugal energy for the Rutherford trajectory.



$$\epsilon_J = E_{c.m.} - E_R(J) = E_{c.m.} [1 - \sin(\theta_{c.m.}/2)] / [1 + \sin(\theta_{c.m.}/2)]$$





Fusion s-wave probabilities from experimental quasi-elastic back-scattering probabilities

$$P_{fus}(E_{c.m.}, J=0) = \frac{1}{\pi R_b^2} \frac{d[E_{c.m.} \sigma_{fus}(E_{c.m.})]}{dE_{c.m.}}$$

Fusion s-wave probabilities from experimental fusion excitation function

$$P_{fus}(E_{c.m.}, J=0) = 1 - P_{qe}^{ex}(E_{c.m.}, J=0)$$

