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# Nuclear reaction cross sections and the optical potentials for the n-<sup>12</sup>C and N-<sup>12</sup>C scattering

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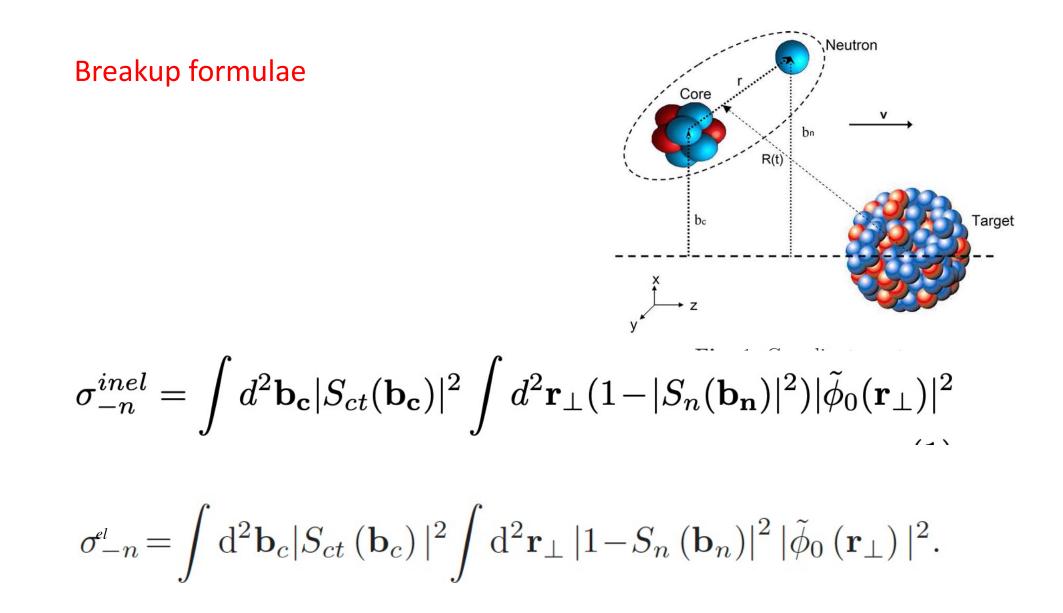
## Motivations to calculate reaction cross section

- An immediate test for the accuracy of the imaginary part of the optical potential. Plenty of data to compare to.
- Realistic nuclear reaction cross-section (σ<sub>R</sub>) models are an essential ingredient of reliable heavy-ion transport codes. Such codes are used for risk evaluation of manned space exploration missions as well as for ionbeam therapy dose calculations and treatment planning (M. Fukuda et al.)
- From the beginning of physics with RIBs comparison of measured and calculated σ<sub>R</sub> has been applied to deduce density distributions of exotic nuclei as well as their root mean square radii (rms). (Tanihata et al., Y. Suzuki et al....)
- Finally the core-target survival probability in knockout reactions can be fixed by reproducing  $\sigma_R$ .
- Predictive power of models?

## **Motivations to fit optical potentials**

The Optical Potential (OP) is obtained from the reduction of the many body scattering problem to a one body Schrödinger equation

- A good OP can give useful information on the structure of a nucleus besides helping describing complex reactions.
- Energy dependence of the OP
- Phenomenological vs *microscopic* OP.
- n+<sup>9</sup>Be
- n+<sup>12</sup>C
- <sup>12</sup>C+<sup>12</sup>C as a test
- <sup>12</sup>C+<sup>9</sup>Be
- <sup>12</sup>C and <sup>9</sup>Be are the most used targets for nuclear breakup (knockout) with RIBs



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#### Final state interaction effects in breakup reactions of halo nuclei

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Optical potentials of halo and weakly bound nuclei

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Differences Between a Single- and a Double-Folding Nucleus-<sup>9</sup>Be Optical Potential

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## Imaginary part of the <sup>9</sup>C - <sup>9</sup>Be single-folded optical potential

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#### Reaction cross sections at intermediate energies and Fermi-motion effect



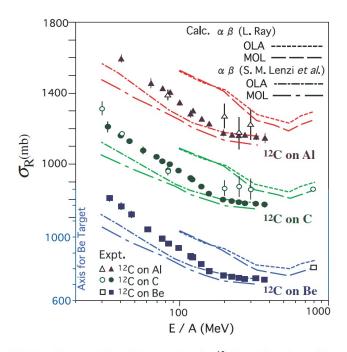


FIG. 1. (Color online) The  $\sigma_R$  data for <sup>12</sup>C as a function of beam energy. The closed symbols denote the present data and open symbols denote data from Refs. [8,25–27]. The OLA and MOL calculations were performed using the *NN* parameters from Ref. [22] (short and long dashed curves) and Ref. [23] (short and long dash-dotted curves).

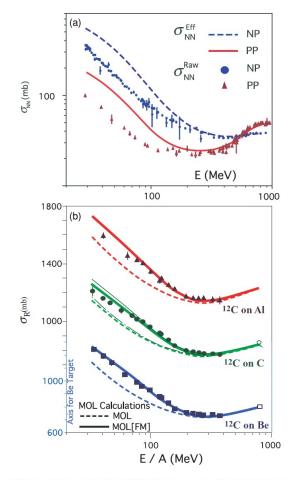


FIG. 2. (Color online) (a) Modified  $\sigma_{NN}$  as effective *NN* cross section ( $\sigma_{NN}^{\text{eff}}$ ), which is compared with the raw  $\sigma_{NN}$ . (b) MOL calculations with  $\beta(E)$  from Eq. (4) (dashed curve) and MOL[FM] calculations (solid curve) are compared with experimental data. We also show the MOL and MOL[FM] calculations using a Gaussian-type density for the C target (thin solid and dot-dashed curves).

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The Glauber reaction cross section is given by

$$\sigma_R = 2\pi \int_0^\infty b db (1 - |S_{NN}(\mathbf{b})|^2), \qquad (1$$

where

$$|S_{NN}(\mathbf{b})|^2 = e^{2\chi_I(b)} \tag{2}$$

is the probability that the nucleus-nucleus (NN) scattering is elastic for a given impact parameter **b**.

The imaginary part of the eikonal phase shift is given by

$$\chi_{I}(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{\hbar v} \int dz W^{NN}(\mathbf{b}, z)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\hbar v} \int dz \int d\mathbf{r}_{1} W^{nN}(\mathbf{r}_{1} - \mathbf{r}) \rho(\mathbf{r}_{1}), \qquad (3)$$

where  $W^{NN}$  is negative defined as

**S.F.** 
$$W^{NN}(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{b}_1 W^{nN}(\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}, z) \int dz_1 \rho(\mathbf{b}_1, z_1). \quad (4)$$

**D.F.** 
$$W^{NN}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{1}{2}\hbar v \sigma_{nn} \int d\mathbf{b}_1 \rho_p(\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}, z) \int dz_1 \rho_t(\mathbf{b}_1, z_1).$$
(5)

Also

*W<sup>nN</sup>*(**r**) = 
$$-\frac{1}{2}\hbar v \sigma_{nn} \rho_t(\mathbf{r})$$
 (6)

**D.F.**  
$$\chi_I(\mathbf{b}) = -\frac{1}{2}\sigma_{nn}\int d\mathbf{b_1}\int dz\rho_p(\mathbf{b_1} - \mathbf{b}, z)\int dz_1\rho_t(\mathbf{b_1}, z_1).$$

The double folding (5) for  $W^{NN}$  is conceptually **wrong** because the interaction acts only to first order, infact it was originally introduced for the REAL part. Eq.(4) with a phenomenological  $W^{nN}$  is in principle more accurate.

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#### Scatterings of complex nuclei in the Glauber model

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MOL 
$$e^{i\tilde{\chi}_{OLA}(b)} = \exp\left(-\int d\mathbf{r} \rho_P(\mathbf{r})\Gamma_{NT}(\boldsymbol{\xi}+\boldsymbol{b})\right),$$

$$\Gamma_{NT}(\boldsymbol{b}) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{1 - i \alpha_k}{4 \pi \beta_k} \sigma_k \exp\left(-\frac{\boldsymbol{b}^2}{2 \beta_k}\right),$$

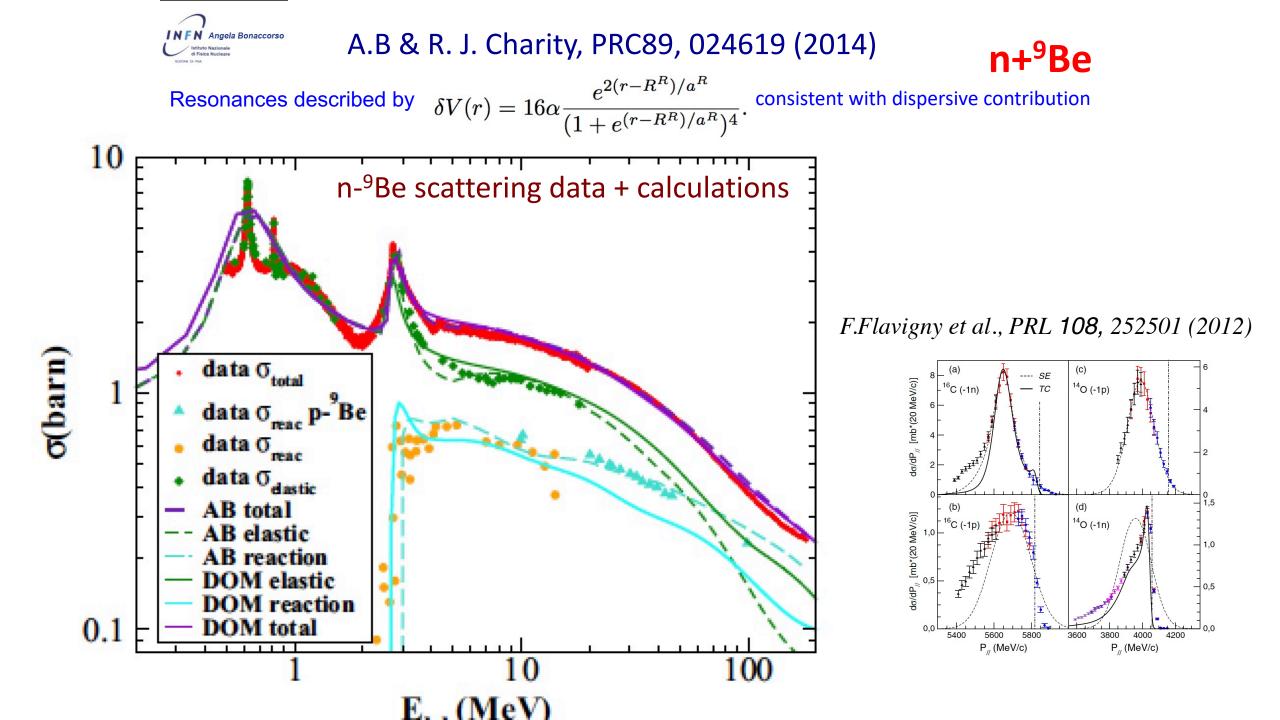
# Phenomenological potentials

$E_{lab} \ ({ m MeV})$	$V^R$ (MeV)	$r_0^R$ (fm)	$a^R$ (fm)	$W^{sur}$ (MeV)	$W^{vol}$ (MeV)	
_ • • • • •	$31.304 - 0.145E_{lab}$	$1.647 - 0.005(E_{lab} - 5)$	$0.3-0.0001E_{lab}$	$1.65 + 0.365 E_{lab}$	$5.6 - 0.005(E_{lab} - 20)$	
$40 \le E_{lab} < 111$ $111 \le E_{lab} < 160$	22 22	22 22	0.288	$\begin{array}{c} 16.25 - 0.05(E_{lab} - 40) \\ 12.7 \\ 10.7 \\ 0.025(E_{lab} - 100) \end{array}$	$5.5 - 0.01(E_{lab} - 40)$ $4.8$	
$\begin{array}{l} 160 \leq E_{lab} < \! 200 \\ 200 \leq E_{lab} < \! 215 \\ 215 \leq E_{lab} \leq \! 500 \end{array}$	"	22 22	27 27	$\frac{12.7 - 0.025(E_{lab} - 160)}{11.7 + 0.02(E_{lab} - 200)}$	$\frac{4.8 - 0.025(E_{lab} - 160)}{3.8 + 0.02(E_{lab} - 200)}$	

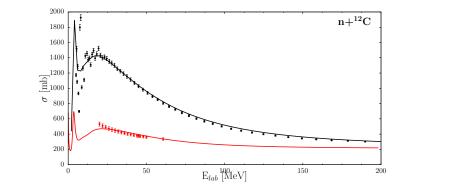
TABLE I: Energy-dependent optical-model parameters for the (AB) potential for  $n+{}^{9}Be$ .  $r_{0}^{I}=1.3$  fm,  $a^{I}=0.3$  fm at all energies.

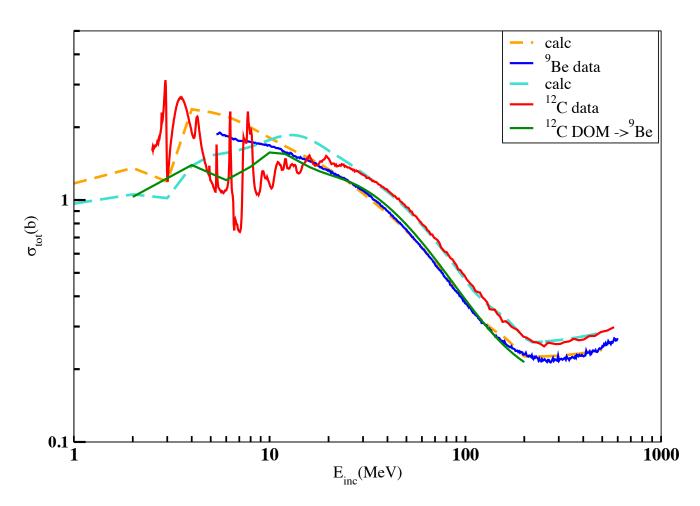
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$200 \le E_{lab} < 215$ $215 \le E_{lab} < 220$	0	"	"	11.7	3.8
$220 \le E_{lab} \le 500$	"	0.1	"	$11.7 + 0.02(E_{lab} - 220)$	$3.8 + 0.02(E_{lab} - 220)$

TABLE II: Energy-dependent optical-model parameters of the potential n-<sup>12</sup>C for  $E_{lab} \ge 160$ MeV. At lower energies, the parametrization is the same as for <sup>9</sup>Be on Table **[**.

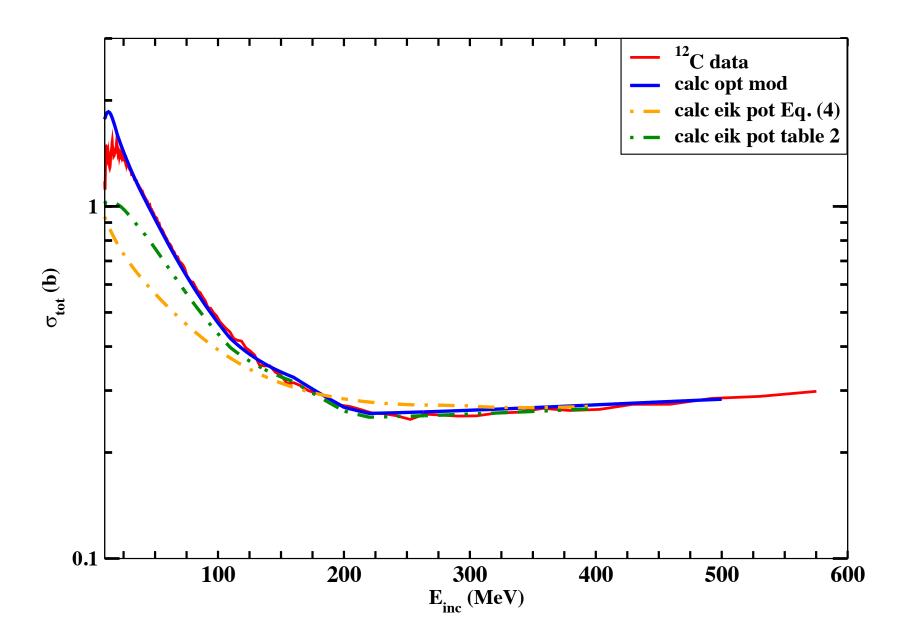


Total experimental and calculated cross sections. Lower blue symbols for <sup>9</sup>Be, upper red symbols for <sup>12</sup>C. The optical model calculations are given by the orange and cyan dashed lines, respectively. The solid green line is a calculation made with a DOM potential obtained for <sup>12</sup>C and applied to <sup>9</sup>Be. DOM calculations (LHS) curtesy of Mack Atkinson (LLNL)

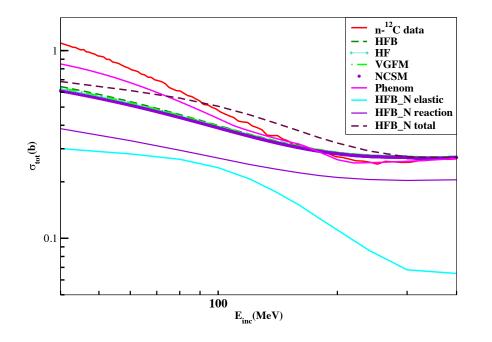








### n+<sup>12</sup>C, <sup>12</sup>C+<sup>12</sup>C.... dominance of surface absorption



 $\sigma_nn$  can be fixed but what about  $\alpha_nn$ ? HFB\_N with energy dependent  $\alpha_nn$ . Others with energy *independent*  $\alpha_nn$ 

In medium effects?

#### Microscopic calculation of in-medium proton-proton cross sections

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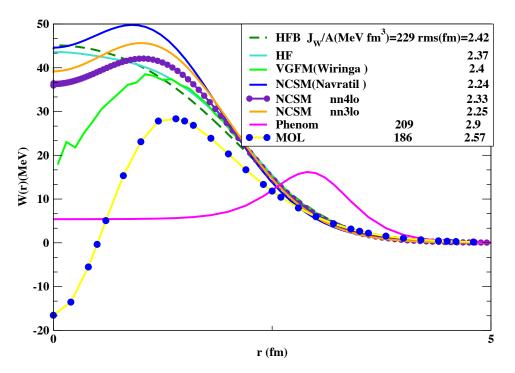
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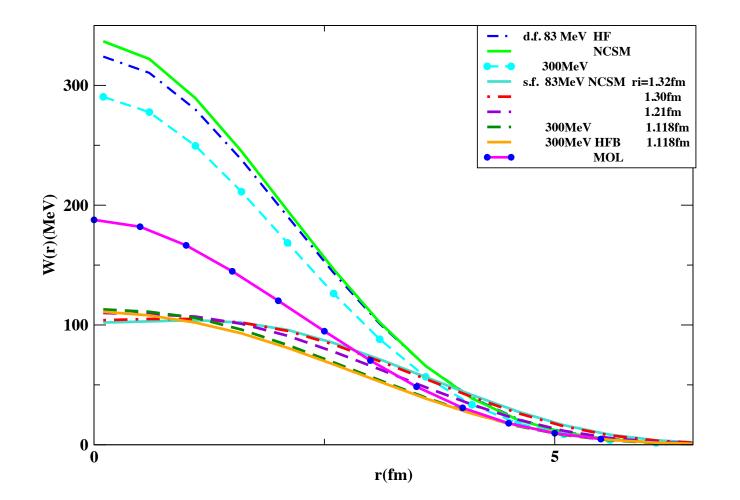
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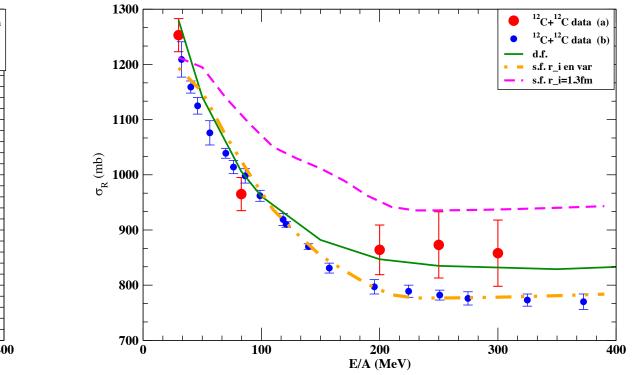
# D.F. vs S.F. for NN potentials

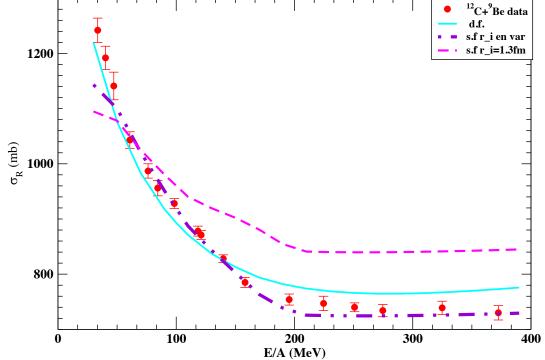


Data from Takechi et al. cf slide 5, Kox In d.f.  $\sigma_{np,pp}$  from De Conti&Bertulani PRC81.064603 (2010).

$E_{lab}$	$r_i(^9Be)$	$r_i(^{12}C)$
$({ m MeV})$	(fm)	(fm)
$30 \le E_{lab} \le 160$	$1.4 - 0.0015 E_{lab}$	$1.32 - 0.0013 E_{lab}$
$E_{lab} > 160$	1.15	1.118

TABLE III: Energy-dependent optical-model parameter  $r_i$  for the (AB) potential for  $n+{}^9Be$  and  $n+{}^{12}C$ 





## <sup>12</sup>C+<sup>12</sup>C

$E_{inc}$	model	$r_s$	$J_W/A_PA_T$	r.m.s	$\sigma_{NCSM}$	r.m.s	$\sigma_{HF}$	r.m.s	$\sigma_{HFB}$
(MeV)		(fm)	$({ m MeV fm}^3)$	(fm)	(mb)	(mb)	(mb)		
83	S.F.	1.2	184	3.72	994	3.75	1008	3.78	1025
	D.F.	1.22	279	3.29	957	3.36	995	3.43	1027
300	S.F.	1.18	151	3.57	760	3.60	768	3.64	780
	D.F.	1.11	241	3.29	791	3.36	815	3.43	842

280A.MeV

### <sup>12</sup> Ne+<sup>12</sup>C

					Nucleus	model	$r_s({ m fm}]$	$\sigma_{theo} \ ({ m mb})$	$\sigma_{exp}$ (mb)	$r.m.s.({ m fm})$
$E_{inc}(MeV)$	model	$r_s({ m fm})$	$\sigma_{theo} \ ({\rm mb})$	mb) $\sigma_{exp}$ (mb) $\epsilon$		model	$T_s(\mathbf{m})$	otheo (IIID)	$U_{exp}$ (IIID)	1.111.S.(III
	model	<i>'s</i> (1111)	otneo (IIIO)		$^{42}Ca$	S.F.	(1.23)1.14	(1598) 1388	1463(13)(6)	3.38
30	S.F.	$(1.35) \ 1.33$	$(1478) \ 1456$	$1550\ \pm 75$	1	D.F.	1.16	1460		
	D.F.	1.37	1560		$]$ $^{43}Ca$	S.F.	(1.22)1.14	(1614)1402	1476(11)(6)	3.40
100	S.F.	$(1.27) \ 1.23$	(1327)1211	$1161 \pm 80$	-	D.F.	1.17	1476		
	D.F.	1.21	1206		44Ca	S.F.	(1.23)1.15	(1630) 1417	1503(12)(6)	3.42
200	S.F.	(1.21)1.11	(1193) 1012	$1123 \pm 80$		D.F.	1.16	1490		
200				1120 ± 00	$^{-46}Ca$	S.F.	(1.24)1.15	(1683)1466	1505(8)(6)	3.50
	D.F.	1.15	1079			D.F.	1.17	1543		
300	S.F.	(1.21)1.12	(1181)1001	$1168 \pm 100$	$-\frac{48}{Ca}$				1409(17)(6)	2 50
			. ,			S.F.	(1.23)1.16	(1714)1495	1498(17)(6)	3.50
	D.F.	1.13	1062			D.F.	1.18	1573		

# Conclusions

- We have derived excellent n+<sup>9</sup>Be, n+<sup>12</sup>C phenomenological optical potentials up to 500MeV, cross checked vs DOM.
- Also excellent single folding P (Core)-T OP validated for <sup>12</sup>C + <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>12</sup>C+<sup>9</sup>Be.
- Dominance of surface absorption (r<sub>i</sub> decreases with energy).
- S.F. less ambigous than D.F. (needs to fix a smaller n of parameters).
- Evolution of D.F. via nN *ab-initio*?



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$E_{lab}$ (MeV/nucleon)	$\sigma_{exp}$ (mb)	$\sigma_{\rm d.fold}^{ m VMC}$ (mb)	$\sigma^{ m HF}_{ m d.fold}$ (mb)	$\sigma_{ m s.fold}$ (mb)	$\sigma^{+\mathrm{surf}}_{\mathrm{s.fold}}$ (mb)	$\sigma_{ m JLM}^{ m bare}$ (mb)	$\sigma_{JLM}^{ren}$ (mb)	$N_{ m JLM}$	W <sub>surf</sub> (MeV)	R <sub>s</sub> (fm)	$R_s^{\text{fit}}$ (fm)	a <sup>fit</sup> (fm)	r <sub>s</sub> (fm)
20		1267	1409	1078	1565	1338	1538	1.65	0.8	6.12	6.25	1.01	1.47
38		1086	1191	1112	1341	1250	1324	1.20	0.5	5.95	5.99	0.97	1.44
40.9	$1216 \pm 57$	1064	1166	1117	1291	1235	1215	0.95	0.4	5.95	5.99	0.98	1.44
43		1050	1148	1103	1275	1221	1260	1.10	0.4	5.95	5.99	0.99	1.44
43.6	$1269 \pm 22$	1046	1144	1106	1235	1219	1257	1.10	0.3	5.82	5.70	0.80	1.40
59		960	1042	1047	1124	1130	1111	0.95	0.2	5.70	5.64	0.82	1.36
61.1	$1104 \pm 20$	950	1030	1045	1122	1119	1119	1.00	0.2	5.68	5.63	0.83	1.36
66		928	1006	1028	1066	1091	1028	0.85	0.1	5.60	5.55	0.80	1.35
67.4	$1074 \pm 32$	923	999	1026	1056	1087	1087	1.00	0.08	5.60	5.53	0.80	1.35
68.3	$1064 \pm 16$	919	995	1024	1052	1082	1063	0.95	0.075	5.55	5.49	0.80	1.33
83		867	934	948	979	1015	987	0.93	0.015	5.40	5.38	0.78	1.29
84.9	$981 \pm 15$	861	928	979	983	1008	989	0.95	0.01	5.40	5.36	0.80	1.29
95		833	895	949	952	968	956	0.97	0.01	5.40	5.28	0.79	1.29
97.2	919 ± 24	827	888	949	951	963	923	0.90	0.005	5.35	5.28	0.80	1.28

Comparison with data, at low energy suggests the need to include the <sup>9</sup>C breakup channel explicitly

