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First experiment using post-accelerated unstable ion beams at BRIF: angular distribution of the ^{21,22}Na elastic scattering from doubly magic ⁴⁰Ca

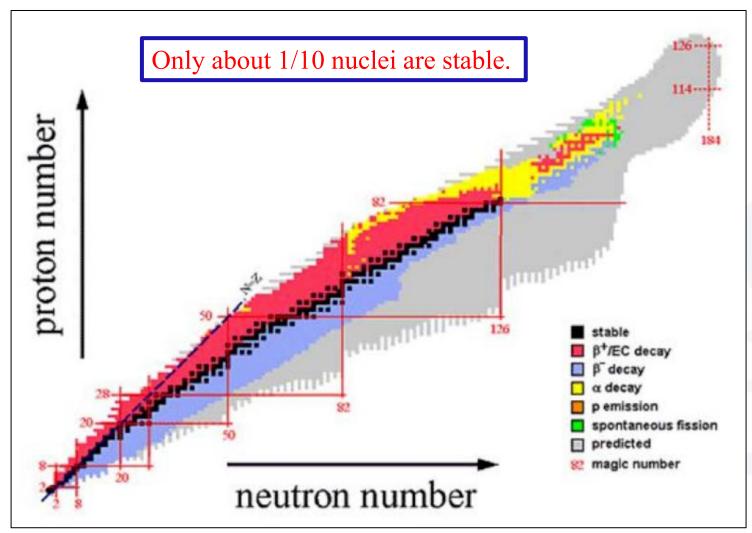
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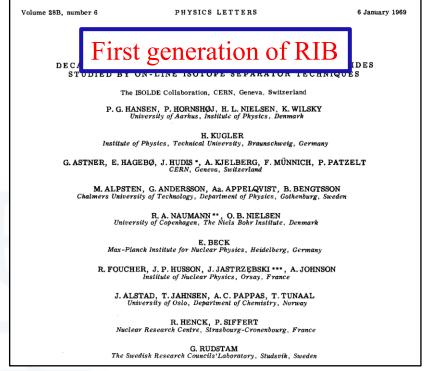
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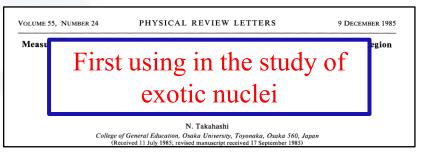
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Studies on unstable nucleus





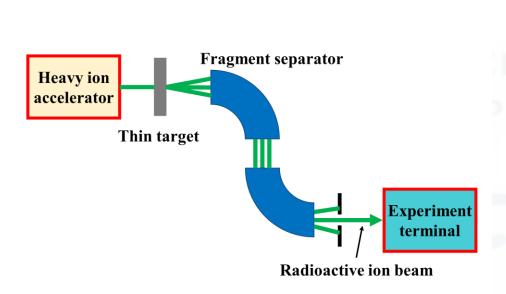


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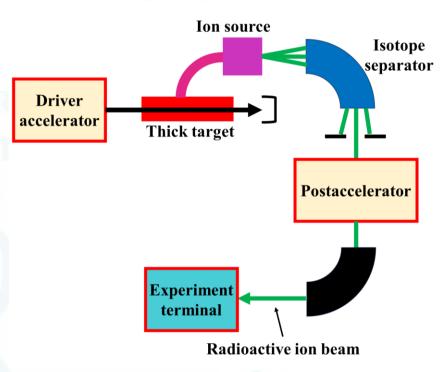


Production and generation of RIBs

Projectile Fragmentation



Isotope separation on line



PF method can generate beam far from stable line, while the ISOL beam is pure and with wide energy range. These two methods are complementary.

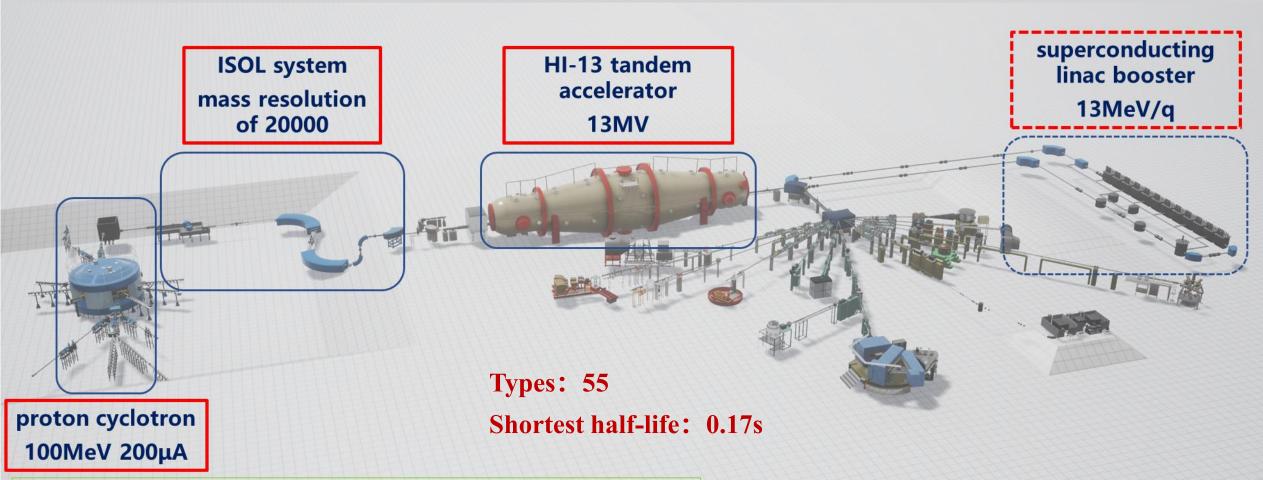
One of the future development directions is the two-step method (PF+ISOL or ISOL+PF), such as HIAF and BISOL



Beijing Radioactive-Ion beam Facility (BRIF)

BRIF is the only ISOL facility in operation in Asia

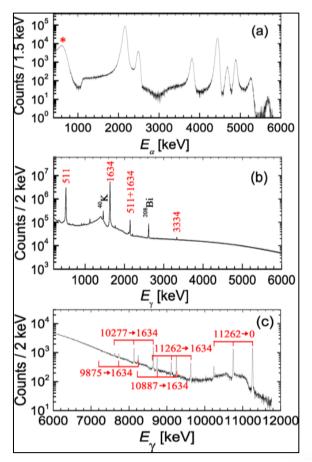
It is a strong complement to the PF facility of the Institute of Modern Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences

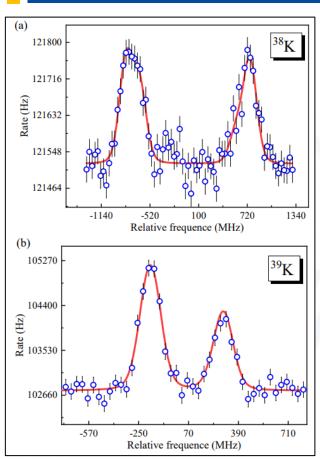


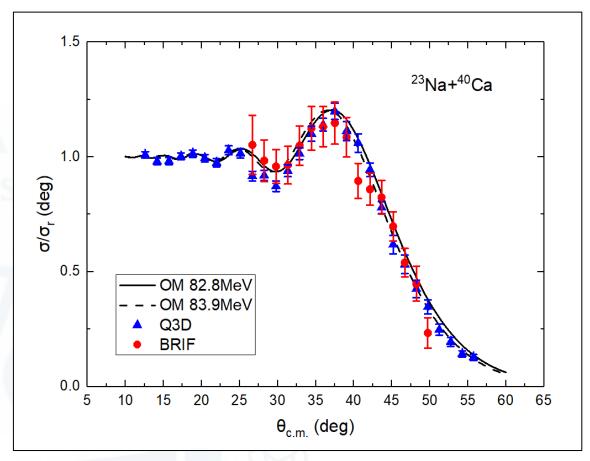
W. Nan, B. Guo, J. Chen, et al. Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 145, 104188 (2025).



Experimental results at BRIF







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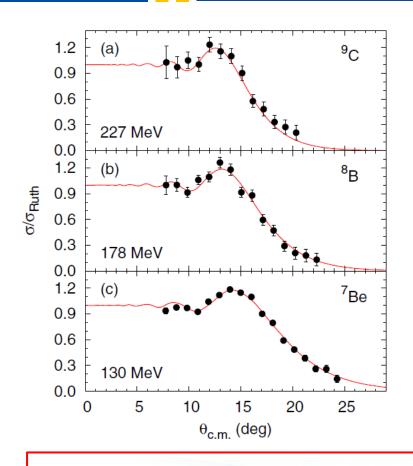
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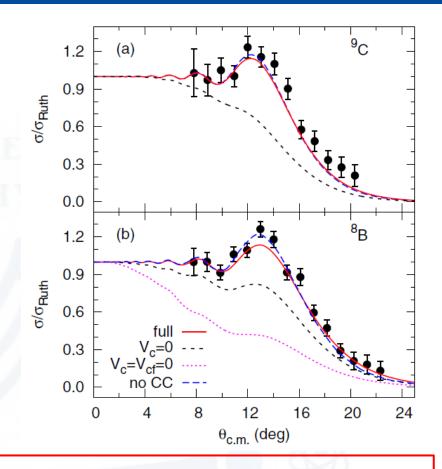
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No post-accelerated RIB experiment performed at BRIF yet



Elastic scattering is a probe for unstable nuclear



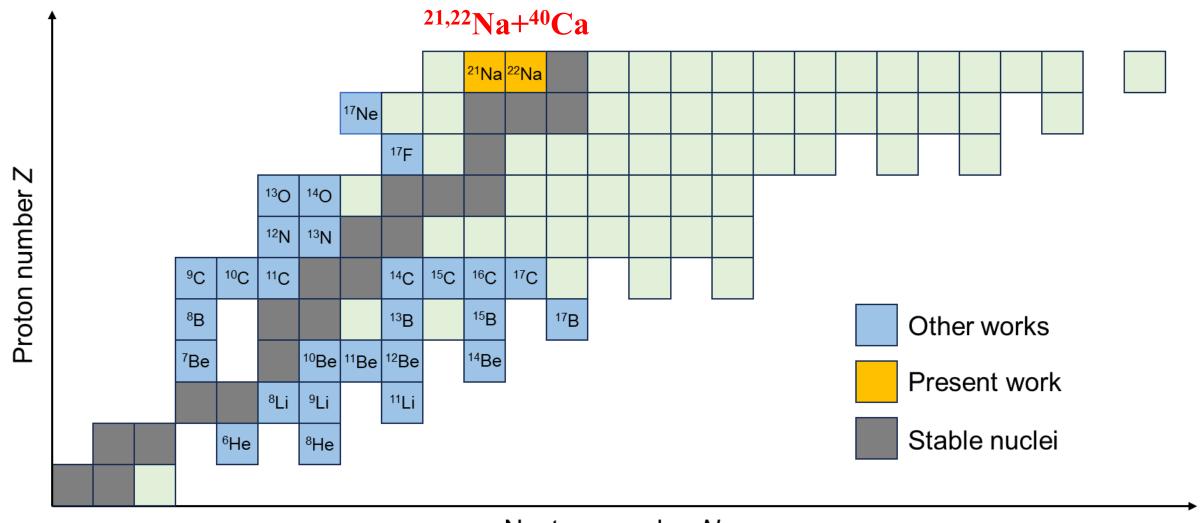


By comparing the elastic scattering angle distribution and parameters of stable nuclei and unstable isotopes, the properties of unstable nuclei can be studied

Y. Y. Yang, et al., Phys. Rev. C 98, 044608 (2018).



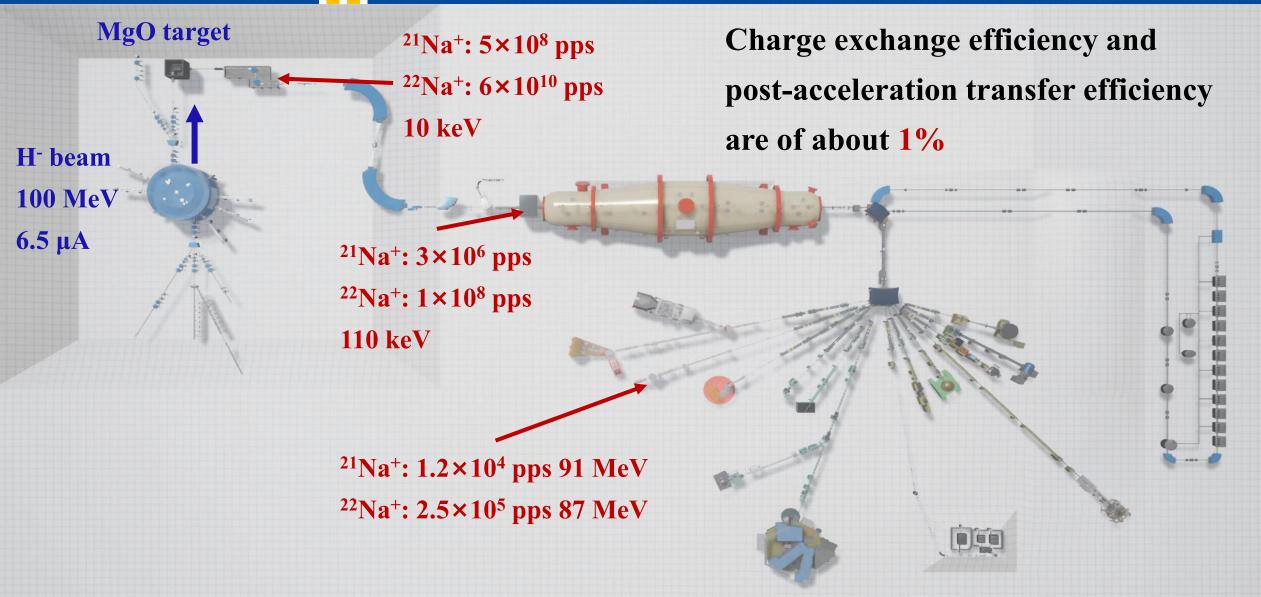
The heaviest nucleus in similar studies was ¹⁷Ne



Neutron number N

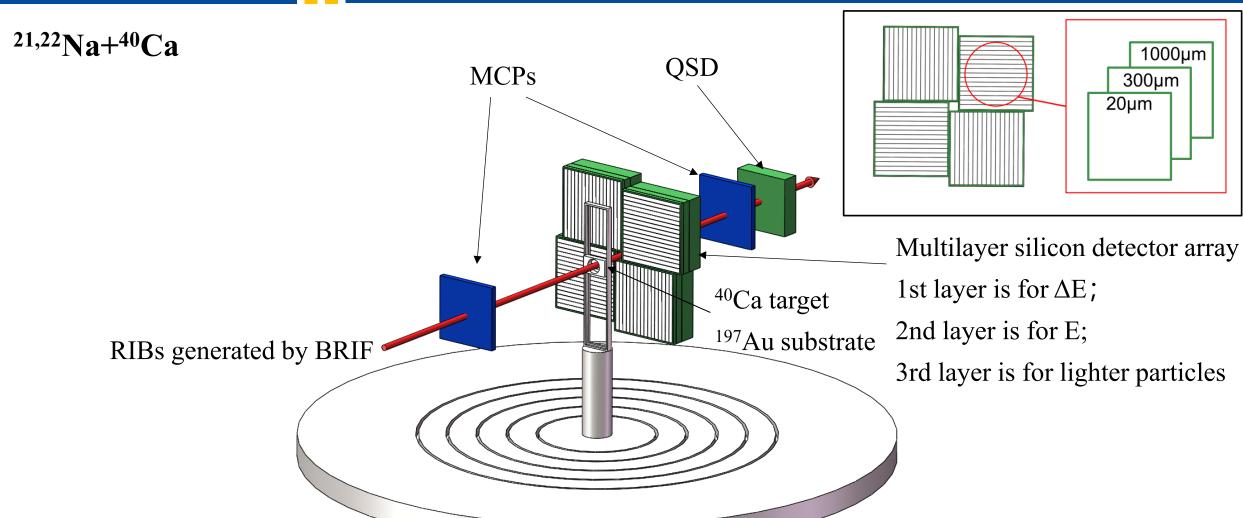


Generation of the radioactive beam



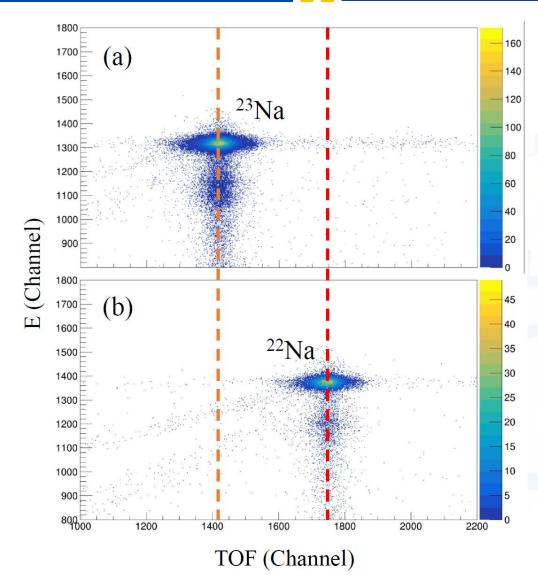


Setup of target chamber





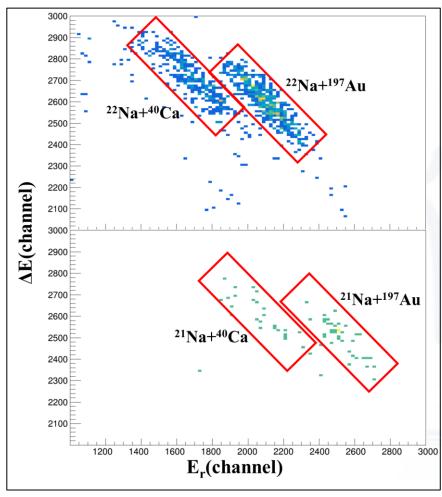
Particle identification

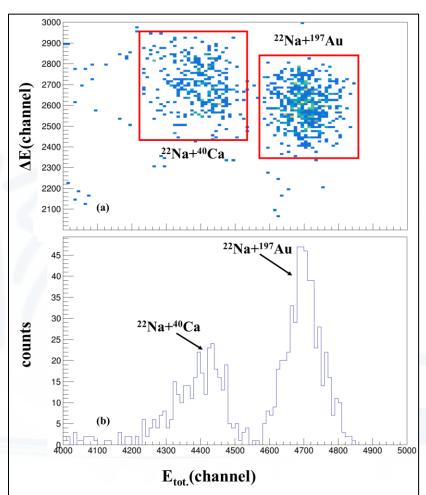


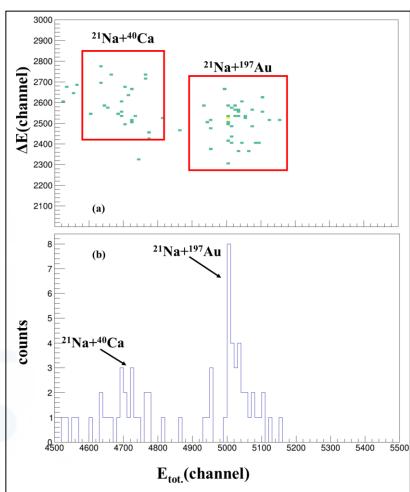
- Comparison of TOF spectra of 83.25 MeV
 ²³Na (a) and 87 MeV ²²Na (b)
- TOF signal was measured by MCPs; E_{tot}
 was measured by QSD at the end of the target chamber
- MCPs were removed after particle identification



Experimental spectrum

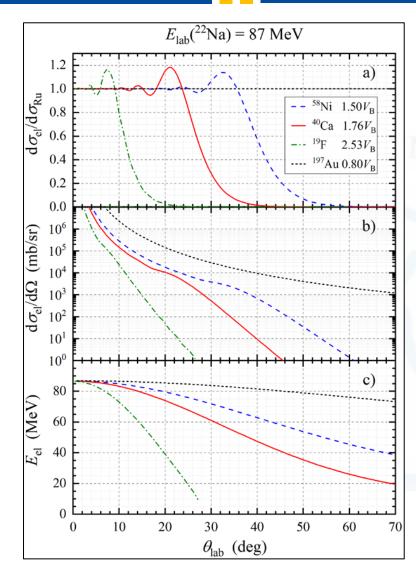








Data analysis



Within the range of the detector measurement, to any detection unit

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\sigma_r^{Au}} = \frac{N^{Au}}{I N_s^{Au} \times d\sigma_r^{Au} \times \Omega} = 1$$

in which N is for yield, I is for intensity, N_S is for target thickness, Ω is for solid angle

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\sigma_{r}^{Ca}} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\sigma_{r}^{Ca}} / \frac{d\sigma}{d\sigma_{r}^{Au}}$$

$$= \frac{N^{Ca}}{I N_{s}^{Ca} \times d\sigma_{r}^{Ca} \times \Omega} / \frac{N^{Au}}{I N_{s}^{Au} \times d\sigma_{r}^{Au} \times \Omega}$$

$$= \frac{N^{Ca} \times N_{s}^{Au} \times d\sigma_{r}^{Au}}{N^{Au} \times N_{s}^{Ca} \times d\sigma_{r}^{Ca}}$$

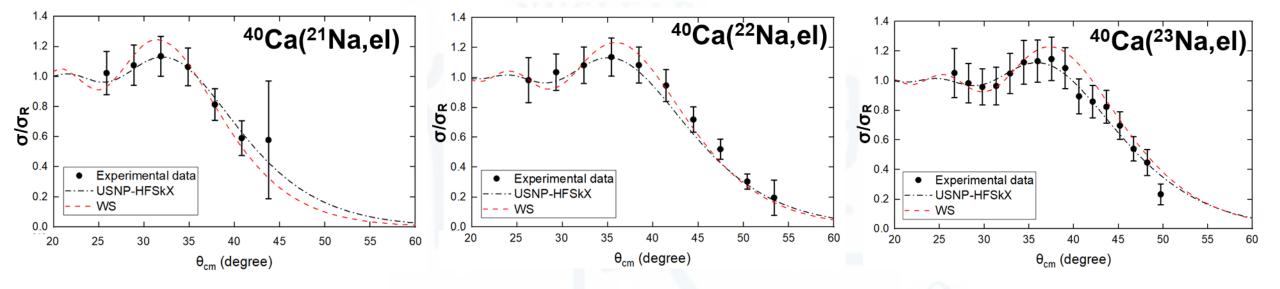
The data measured by each detector in the 2° range is synthesized into a single data point



Results

·OMP 1: Woods-Saxon Potential Lin Gan, et al., Chinese Phys. C 45, 054105 (2021).

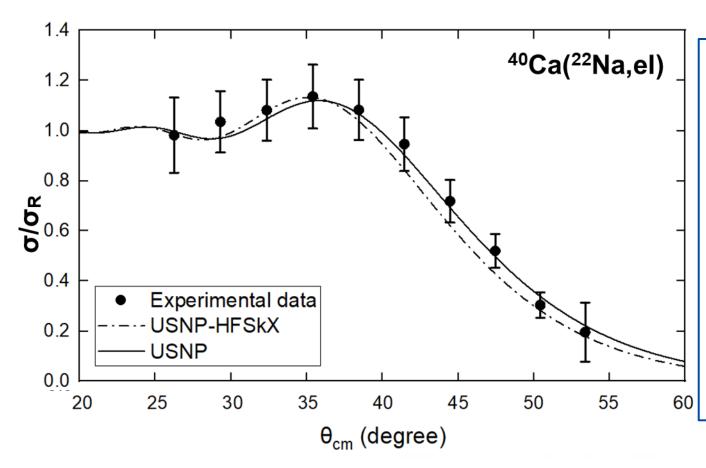
·OMP 2: Single Folding Potential (USNP-HFSkX) G. Yang, et al. Phys. Rev. C 107, 044603 (2023).



- ◆ BRIF can deliver high quality nuclear reaction data.
- ◆ This method has the prospect to discriminate different theoretical models or model parameters.



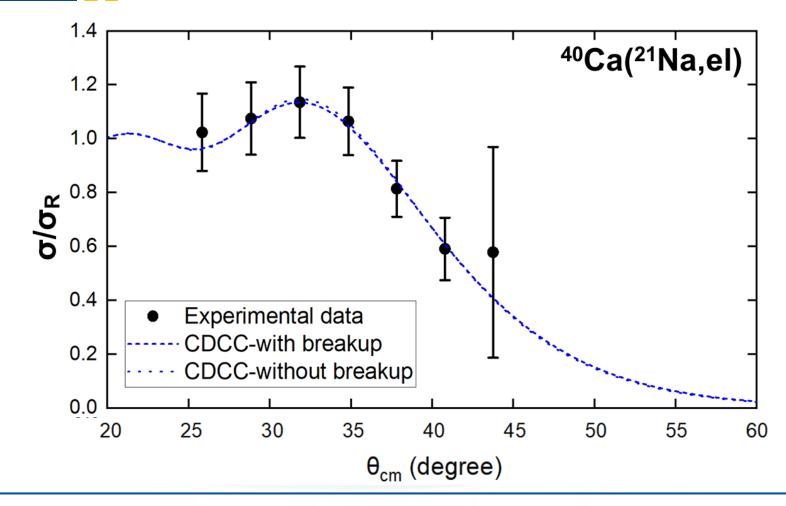
Results



- ◆ Compared with the experimental data of ²²Na, the angular distribution predicted by USNP-HFSkX is offset to a smaller angle
- ◆ The rms radius of the ²²Na nuclear material distribution calculated by HFSkX is 2.819 fm, which is a little different from the experimental value (2.72±0.04) fm, and the new angular distribution (USNP) fits better
- ◆ This method can obtain the rms radius of heavy ions from the elastic scattering angle distributions



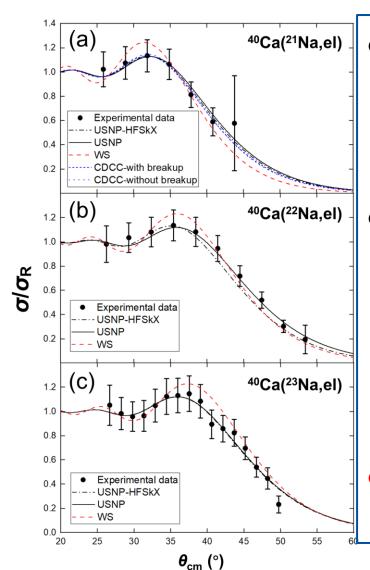
Results



CDCC calculations show that the breakup coupling effect is almost invisible, which echo the observations with lighter proton-rich nuclei.



Summary



- BRIF is the only ISOL facility in operation in Asia. We report the first experiment using the post-accelerated radioactive beams at BRIF based on the ISOL technique. The angular distributions of elastic scattering for the radioactive ²¹Na (the heaviest nuclei to date in this kind of study) were measured for the first time.
- The present results demonstrate that BRIF facility is reliable to deliver post-accelerated radioactive beams and investigate the properties of nuclei near the drip-lines. These results also suggest that breakup coupling effects on the elastic scattering channel seem not to be large, within the experimental uncertainties, for the loosely bound unstable sodium isotope ²¹Na at energy around twice the Coulomb barriers, which echo the observations with lighter proton-rich nuclei.
 - This work paves the way for the BRIF to investigate more exotic nuclei with post-accelerated radioactive ion beams.

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Thanks for your listening!