

Searching for clustering structure effects of reacting partners through competing fast and thermal emission processes

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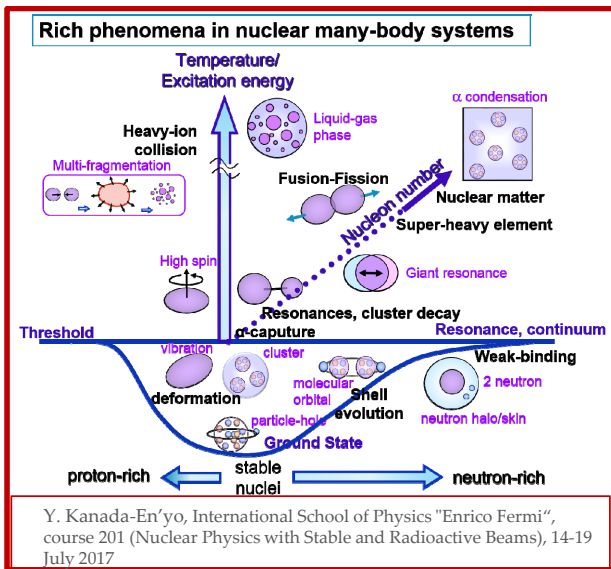


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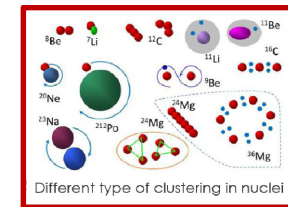
Study of Nuclear Clustering effects



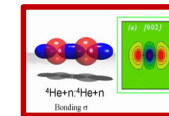
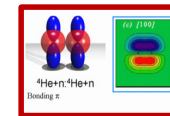
Light Nuclei

Coexistence of cluster and mean-fields aspects:

connection between cluster emission and nuclear structure.



$2N=2Z$ nuclei: α -cluster structure at E^* close to the α -decay threshold

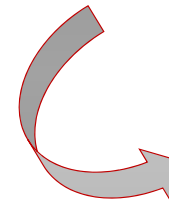


Neutron-rich nuclei: molecular structures of clusters bound by valence neutrons

Medium Mass Nuclei

Clustering effects on reaction dynamics can be related either to their **preformation** or to their **dynamical formation**.

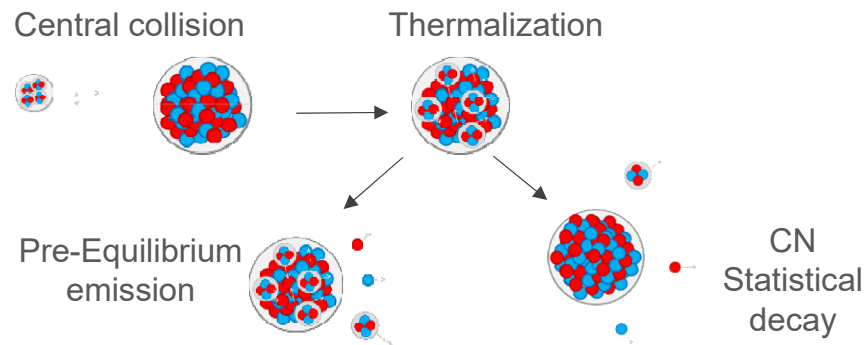
- W. Von Oertzen et al. Phys. Rep. 432 (2006) 43
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- W.N. Catford J. Phys. Conf. Series 436, 012095
- P.E. Hodgson, E. Běták, Phys. Rep. 374 (2003) 1-89



Analyze pre-equilibrium particles emission

...Using Reaction Dynamics

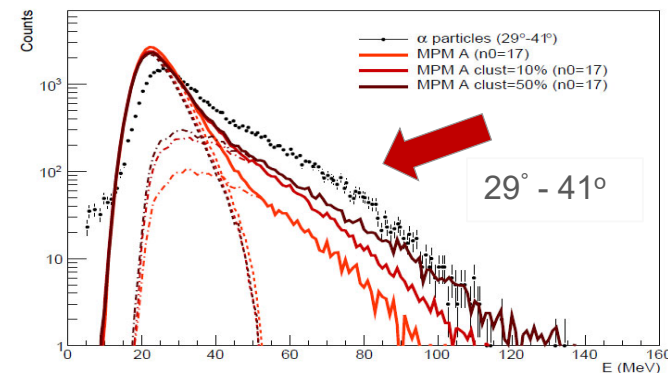
Possible effects of α -cluster structure in the projectile



Study the competition between evaporation (surface) and fast (volume) emission of LCP.

Studying *pre-equilibrium particles emission*

T. Marchi et al., Inter. Journ. of Modern Phys. E – Special Topics
A. Corsi et al., PLB 679 (2009) 197.



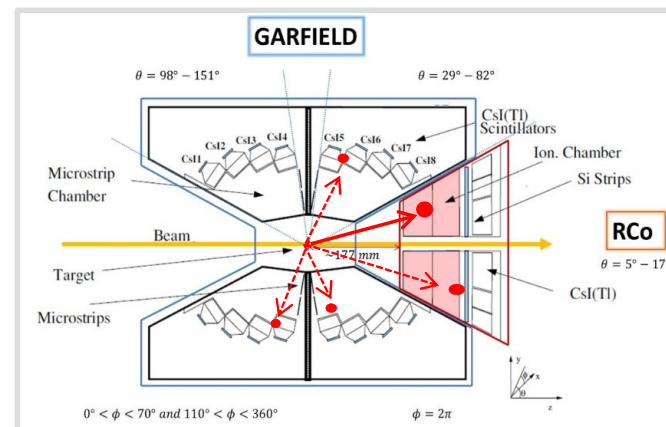
$^{16}\text{O} + ^{116}\text{Sn} @ 8, 12, 16 \text{ MeV/A}$

Over-production of α -particle emitted during non-equilibrium stage \rightarrow possible effect of α -cluster structure in ^{16}O

The Experiment

Comparing LCP emission from fusion reactions with different N/Z projectiles.

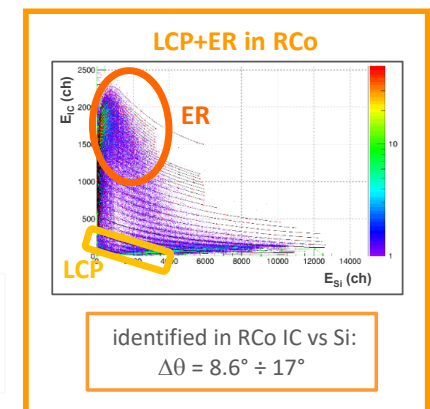
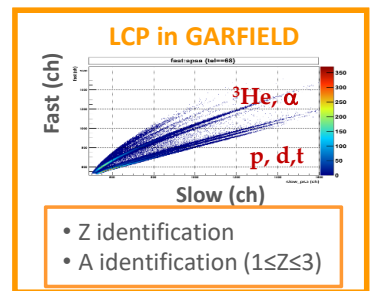
Set-up: GARFIELD 4 π array at LNL

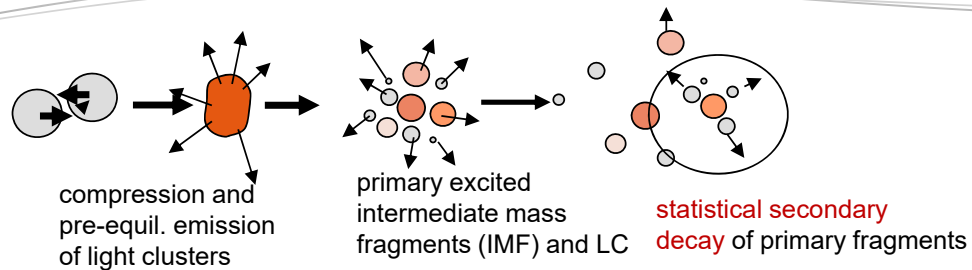


M. Bruno, F. Gramegna et al., EPJ A 49 (2013) 128

Evaporation Residues are detected in coincidence with Light Charged Particles

| | "FNi" | "OCu" |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Projectile | ^{19}F | ^{16}O |
| Target | ^{62}Ni | ^{65}Cu |
| E_{beam} (MeV) | 304 | 256 |
| E/A (MeV/u) | 16 | 16 |
| η | 0,531 | 0,605 |
| B_{α} (MeV) | 4,01 | 7,20 |
| CN | ^{81}Rb | ^{81}Rb |
| E^* (MeV) | 240 | 209 |
| v_{CN} (cm/ns) | 1.304 | 1.098 |
| L_{cr} (\hbar) | 60.32 | 54.12 |
| E_{surf} (MeV) | 12,8 | 11,2 |





Theoretical Codes

Statistical Code

GEMINI++

Monte Carlo code to simulate the decay of hot nuclei formed in fusion/quasi-fusion reactions.

- **Standalone** when a good selection of central events can be performed
- **Afterburner** (after a dynamical code) to produce secondary particles distributions from primary fragments -> to be compare with experimental data.

An event file is generated which can be filtered through a software replica of the exp. set-up.

R. J. Charity, Phys Rev C 82 (2010) 014610

Dynamical Codes

AMD

The dynamics is considered by eq. of motion of Gaussian wave packets representing the colliding nucleons.

- It describes the cluster structure of the interacting particles.
- It takes into account the particle-particle correlations.

A. Ono, PRC 59 (1999) 853

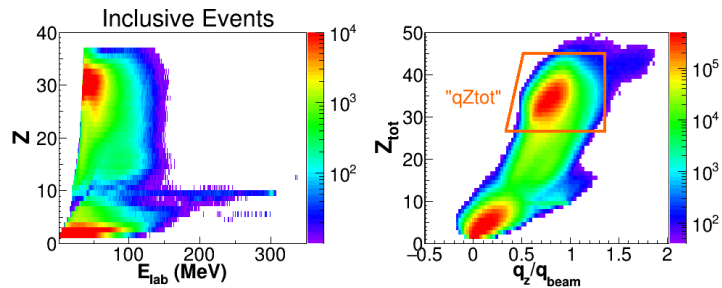
HIPSE

Phenomenological model based on sudden approximation.

- It describes nuclear collisions of heavy-ions in the intermediate energy range,
- It takes into account dynamical and statistical effects.

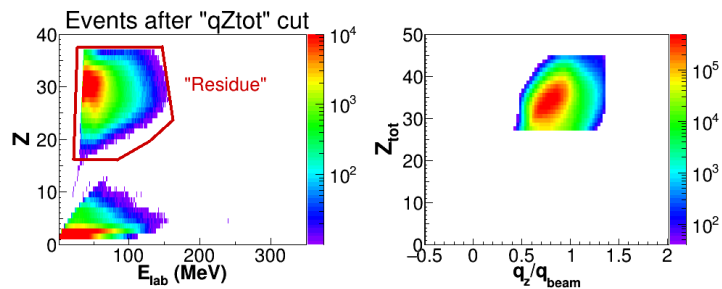
D. Lacroix, et al., Phys. Rev. C69 (2004) 054604

Events Selection



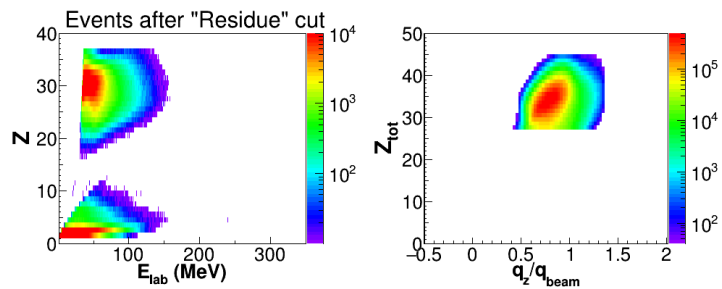
□ Cut "qZtot" on longitudinal momentum vs Total charge

- $Z_{tot} > 26 \iff \frac{Z_{tot}}{ZP+ZT} > 0.7$
- $q/q_{beam} < 1.3$



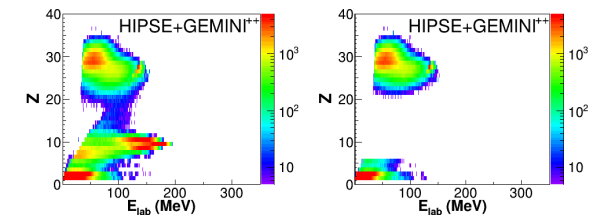
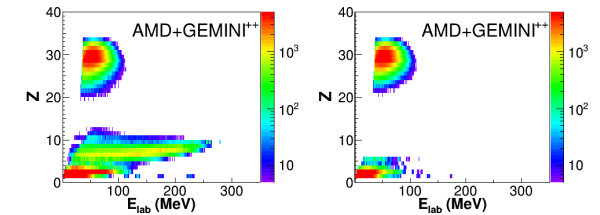
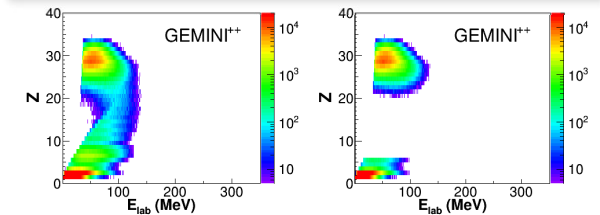
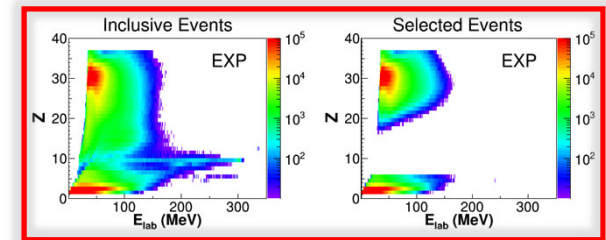
□ Cut "Residue" on Laboratory Energy vs Charge

- At least 1 fragment with Z inside the cut "Residue"



□ Additional conditions:

- Only 1 fragment with $Z \geq 6$



$^{19}\text{F} + ^{62}\text{Ni}$

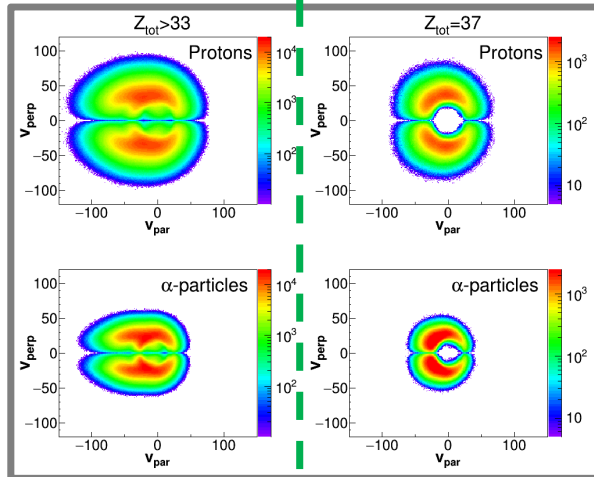
EXP

GEMINI++

Coulomb circles

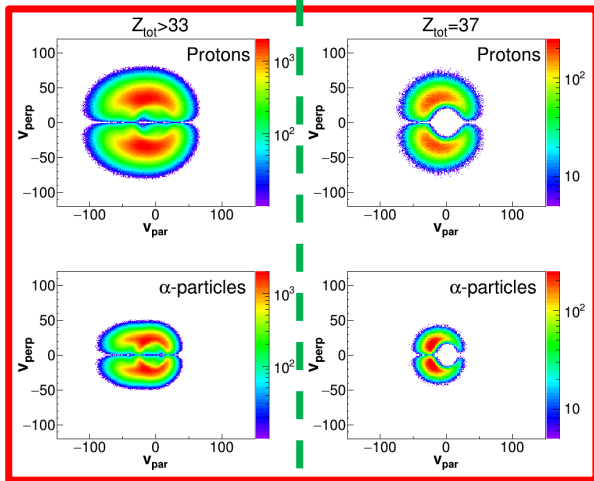
$Z_{\text{tot}} \geq 33$

$Z_{\text{tot}} = 37$



p

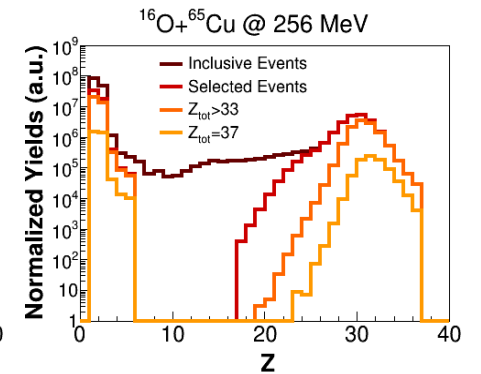
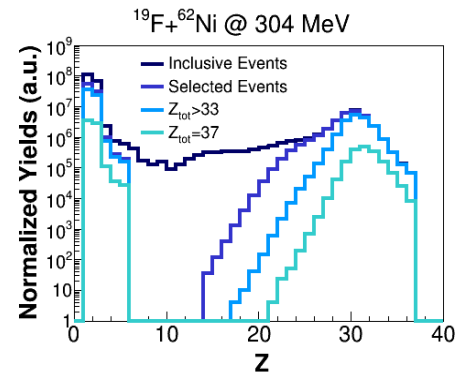
α



Events Selection (II)

- $Z_{\text{tot}} \geq 33 \leftrightarrow$ QUASI-COMPLETE events
- $Z_{\text{tot}} = 37 \leftrightarrow$ COMPLETE events

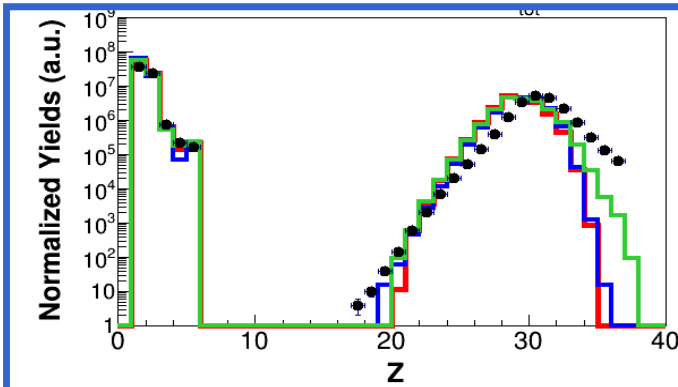
Charge Distributions



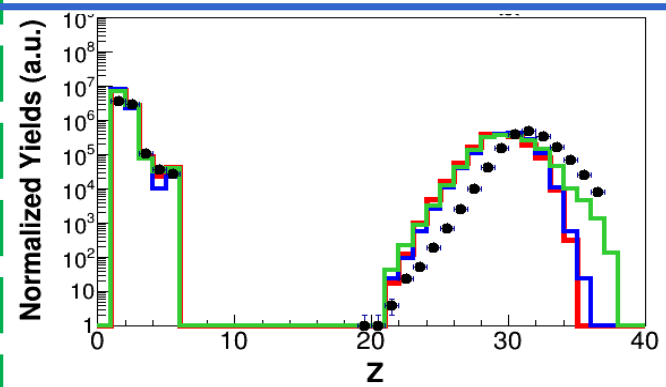
Comparison with Simulations: Z-distribution

$^{19}\text{F} + ^{62}\text{Ni}$

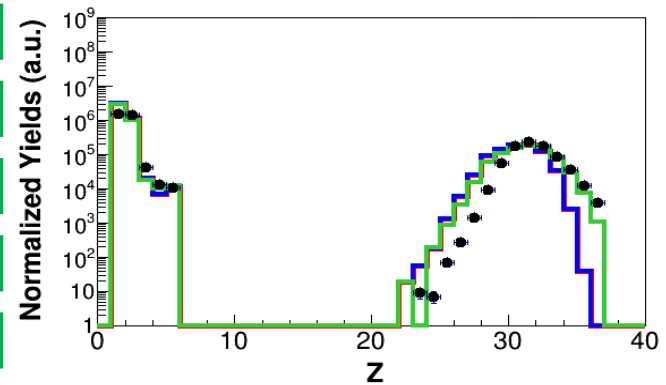
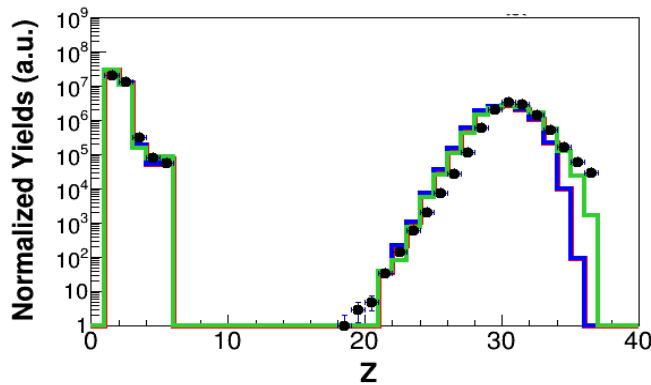
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$^{16}\text{O} + ^{65}\text{Cu}$



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- GEMINI⁺⁺
- AMD+GEMINI⁺⁺
- HIPSE+GEMINI⁺⁺

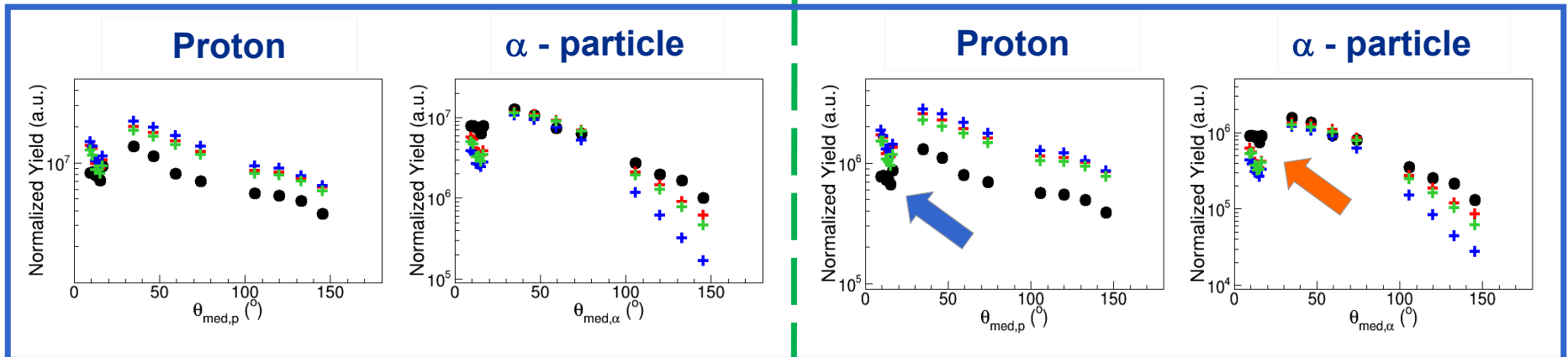
Angular Distributions vs Simulations

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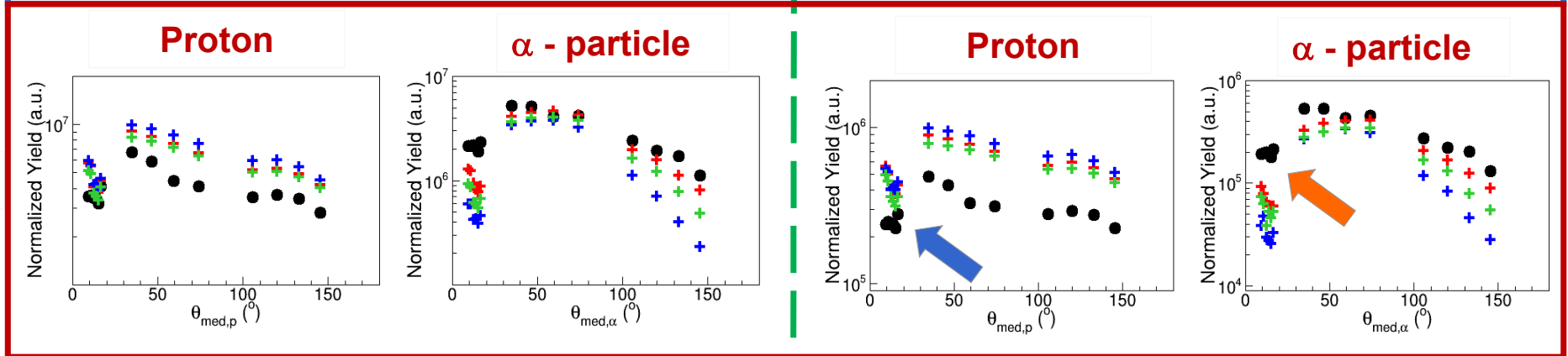
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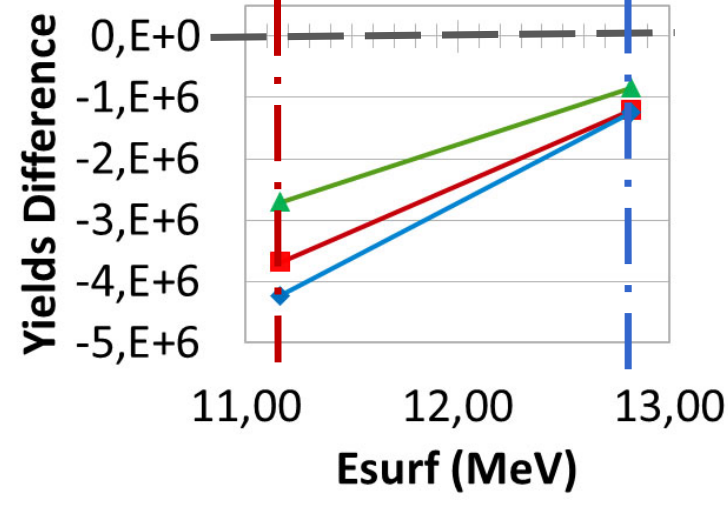
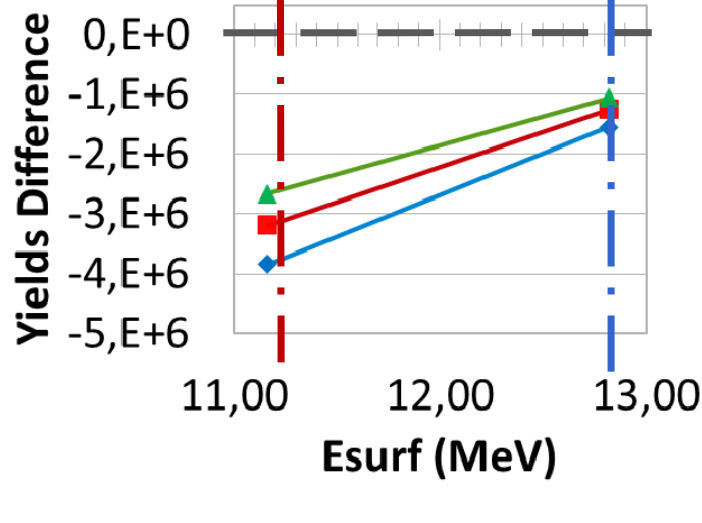
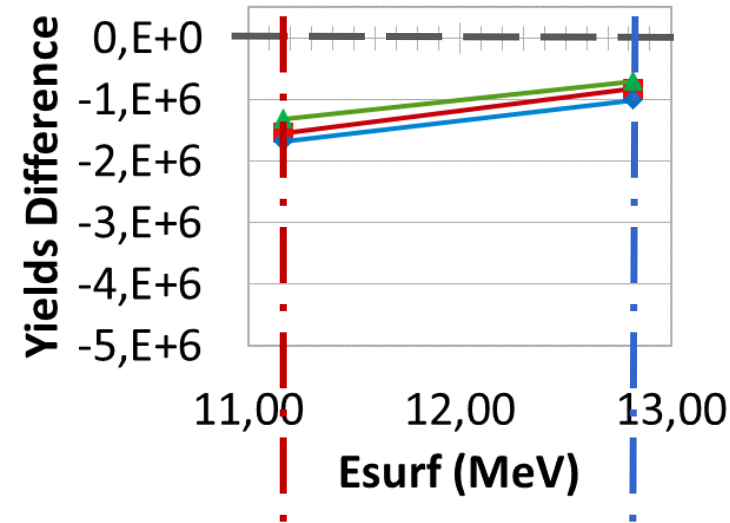
Angular Distributions Differences: Exp – Simulations

Proton

98° - 150°

29.5° - 81.5°

8.8° - 17.4°



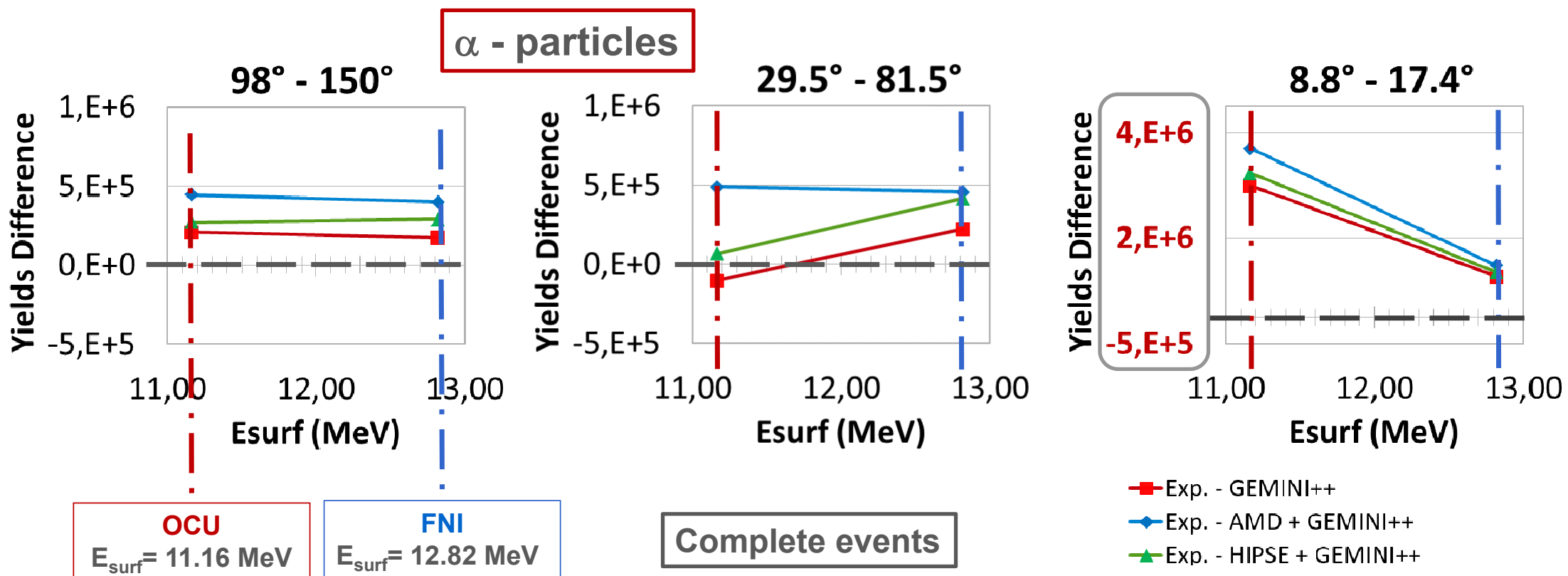
OCU
E_{surf} = 11.16 MeV

FNI
E_{surf} = 12.82 MeV

Complete events

■ Exp. - GEMINI++
◆ Exp. - AMD + GEMINI++
▲ Exp. - HIPSE + GEMINI++

Angular Distributions Differences: Exp – Simulations



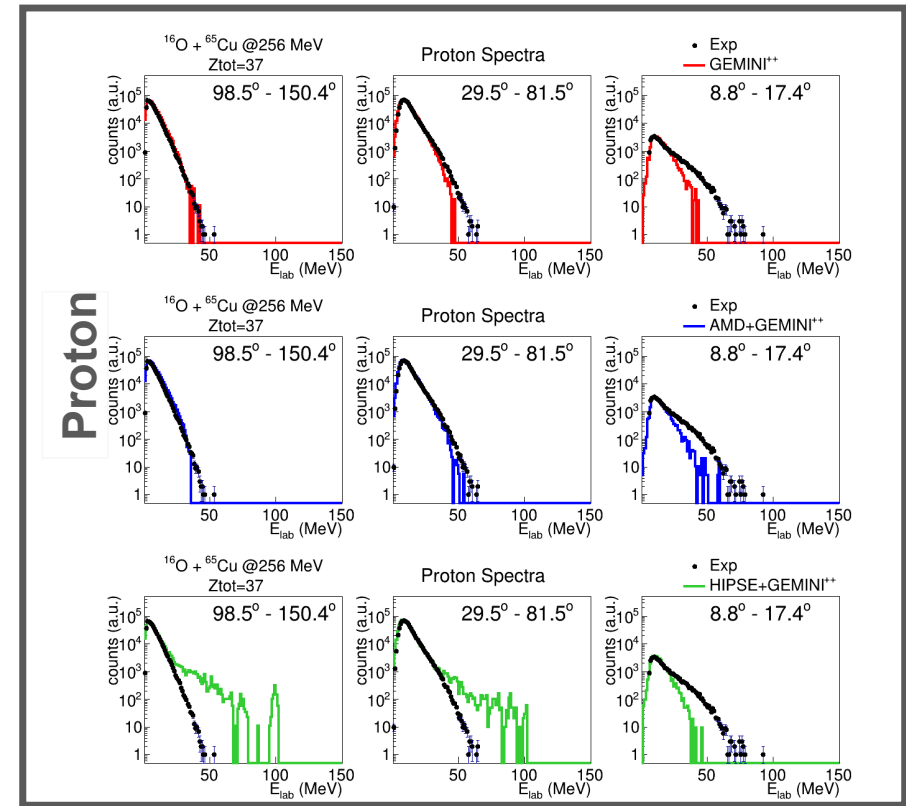
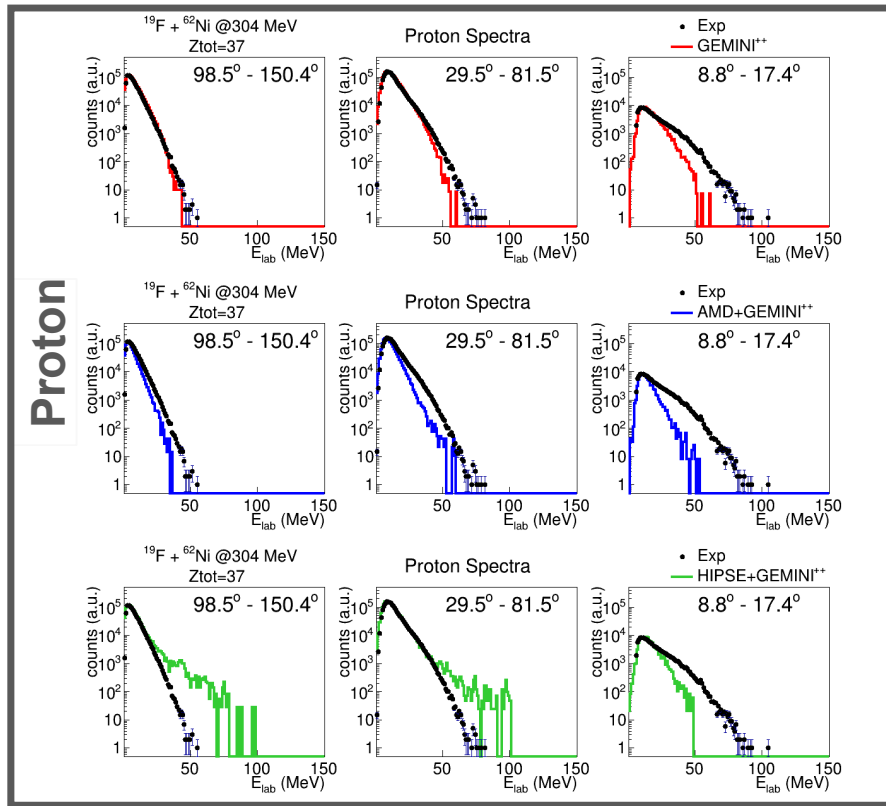
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Proton Energy Spectra vs Simulations

Complete events

¹⁹F + ⁶²Ni

¹⁶O + ⁶⁵Cu



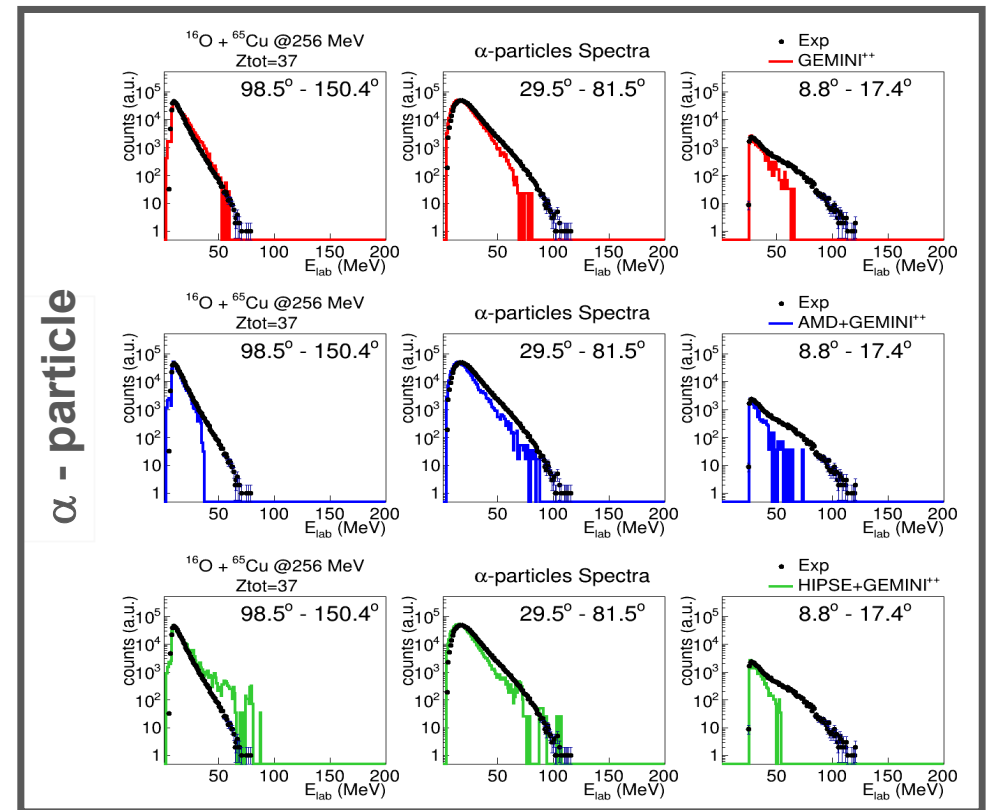
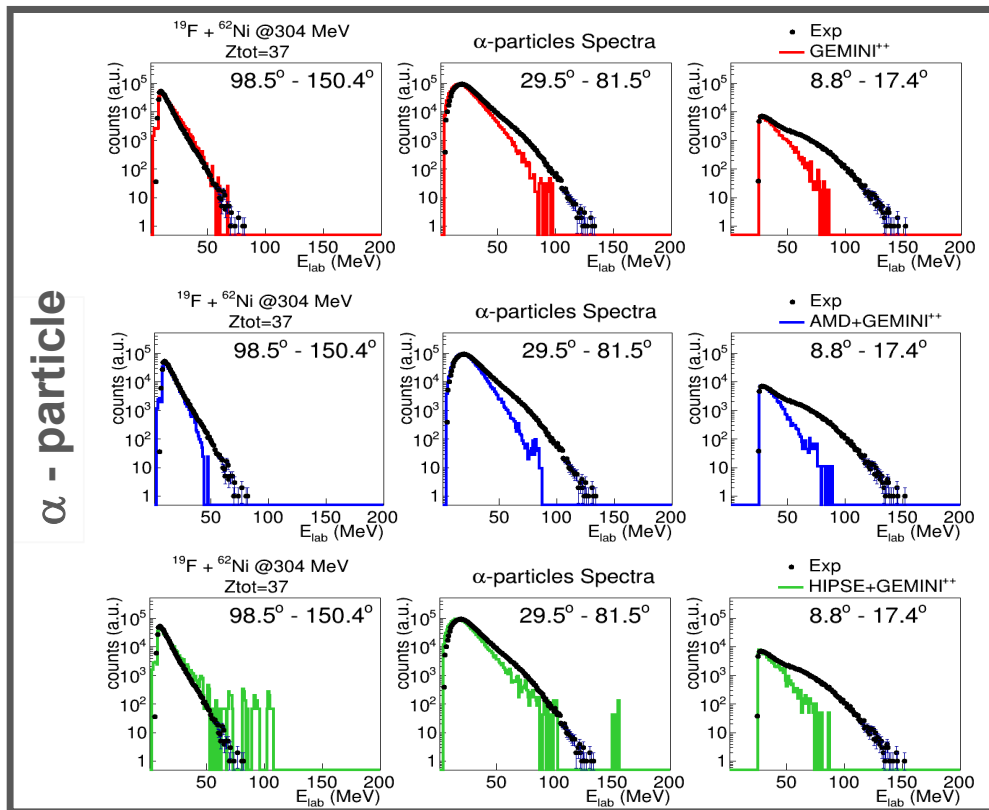
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α -particles Energy Spectra vs Simulations

Complete events

$^{19}\text{F} + ^{62}\text{Ni}$

$^{16}\text{O} + ^{65}\text{Cu}$



Energy spectra Difference: FNi - OCu

$^{16}\text{O} + ^{65}\text{Cu} @ 256 \text{ MeV}$ \longrightarrow $E^* = 209 \text{ MeV}$
 $^{19}\text{F} + ^{62}\text{Ni} @ 304 \text{ MeV}$ \longrightarrow $E^* = 240 \text{ MeV}$

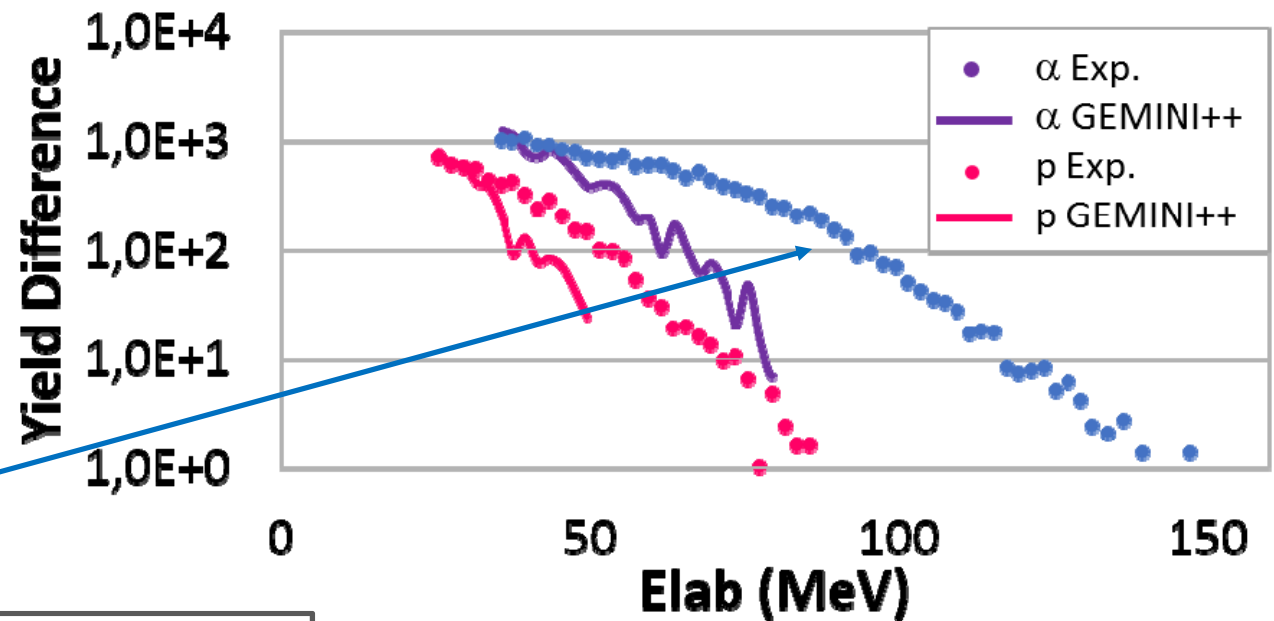
Simulated by GEMINI++

16 MeV/u \rightarrow same projectile velocity

$B_\alpha (^{16}\text{O}) = 7.16 \text{ MeV}$
 $B_\alpha (^{19}\text{F}) = 4.01 \text{ MeV}$

Complete events

Energy Plot Differences: FNi - OCu
8.8° - 17.4°



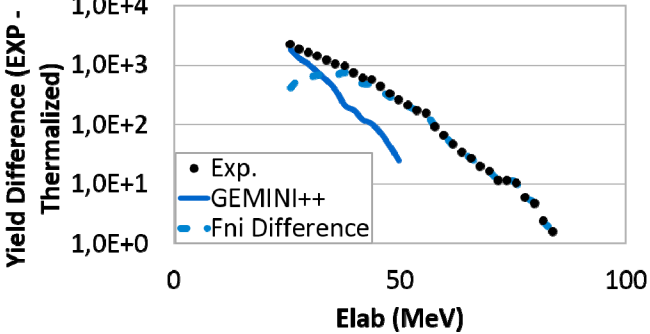
Complete events

Energy Spectra vs Simulations

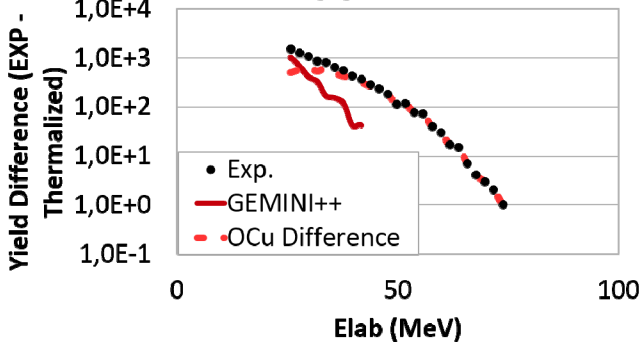
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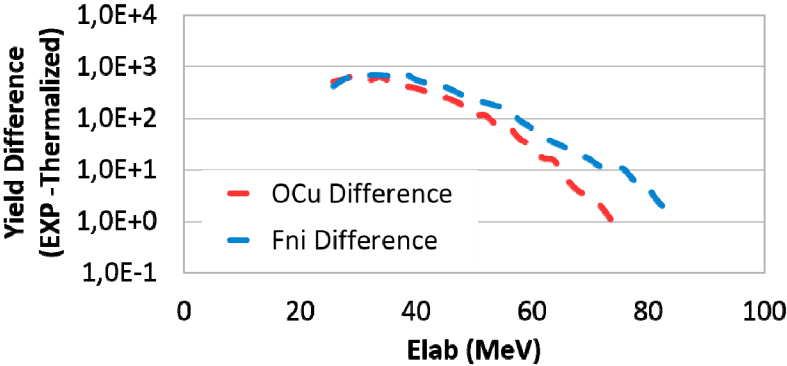
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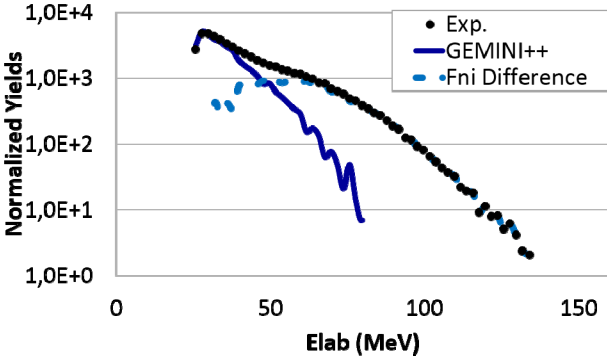
p Energy Plot: OCu
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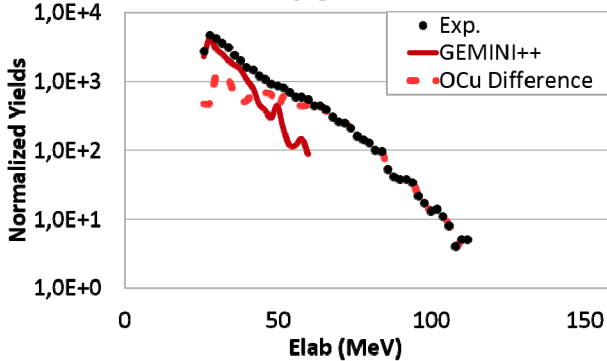
p Pre-equilibrium Comparison: OCu vs. FNi



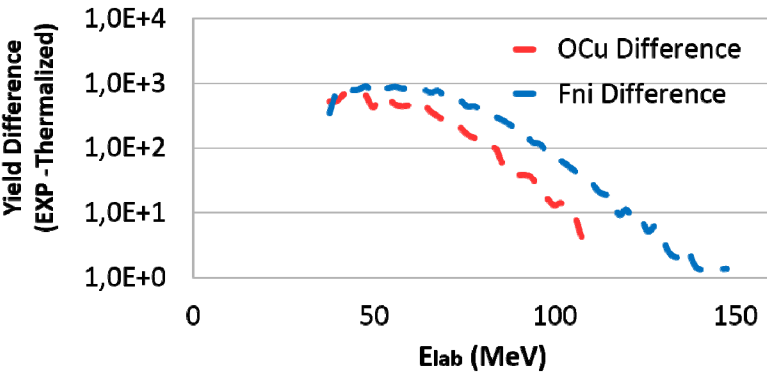
α Energy Plot: FNi
8.8° - 17.4°



α Energy Plot: OCu
8.8° - 17.4°



α Pre-equilibrium Comparison: OCu vs. FNi



Comparison with Simulations: Proton and α Multiplicity

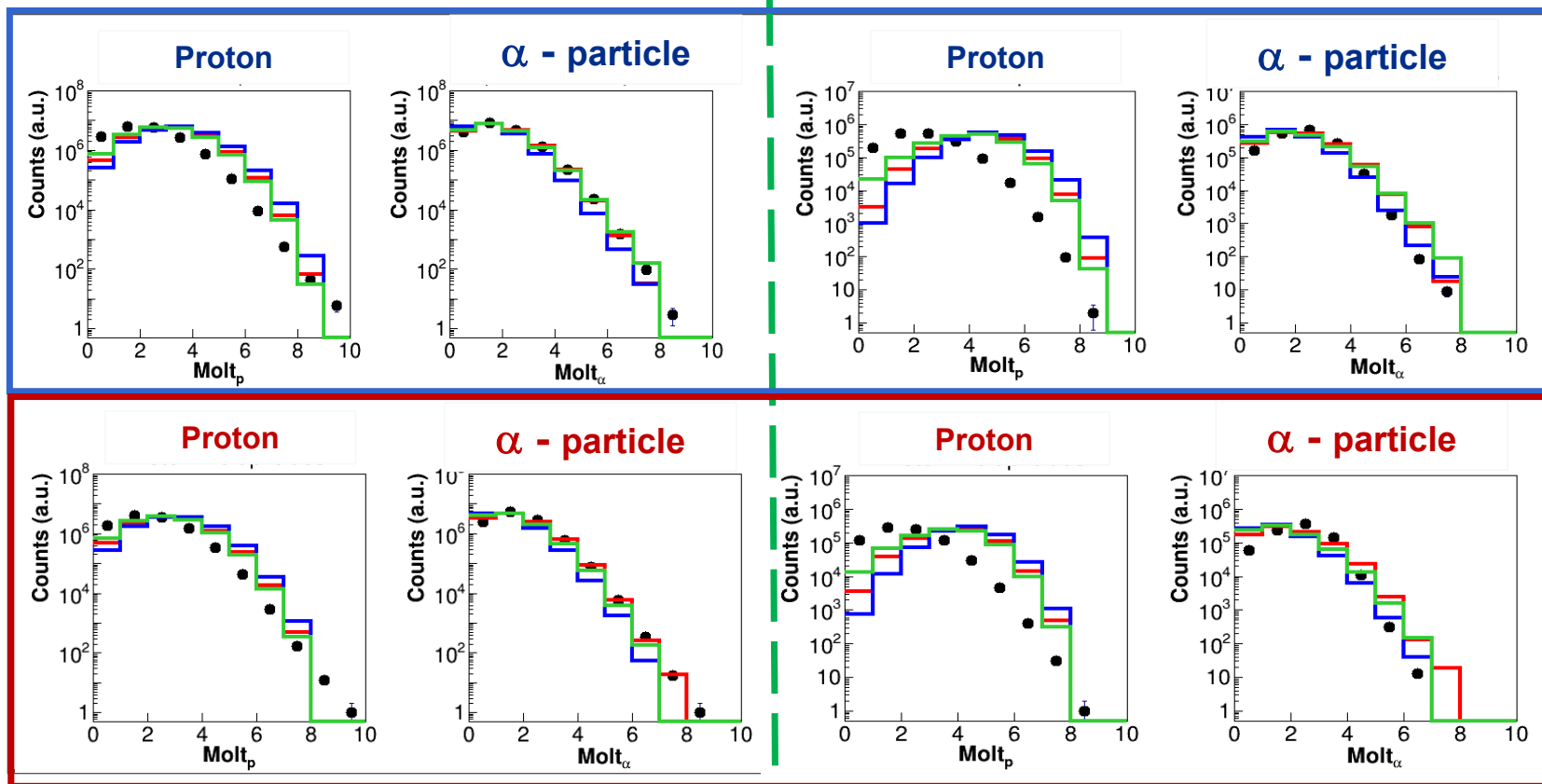
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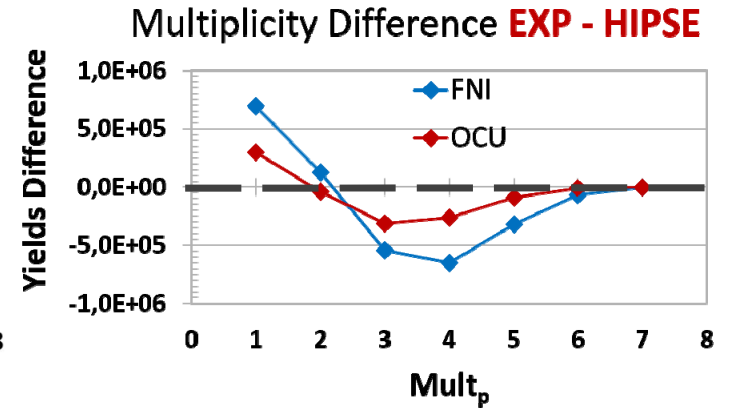
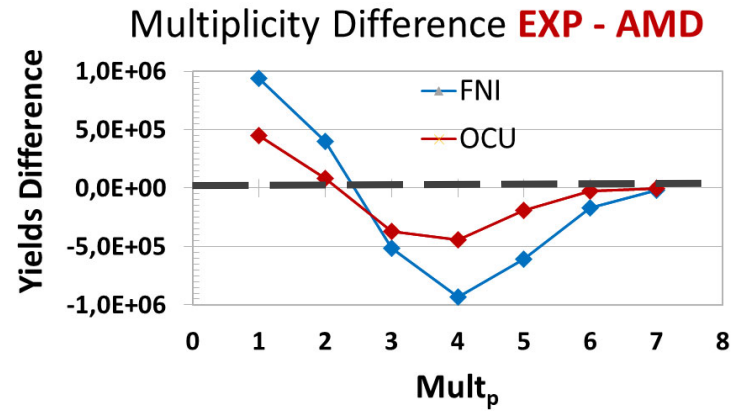
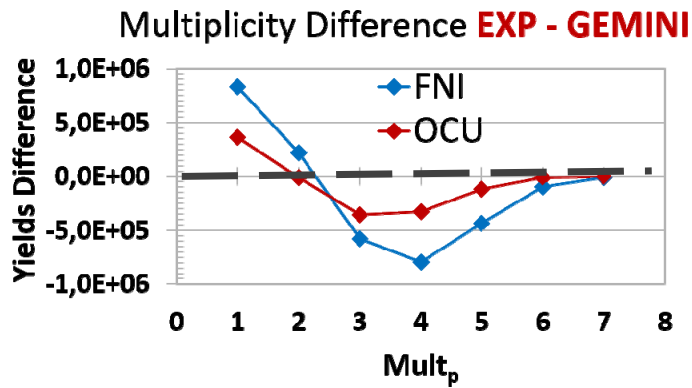
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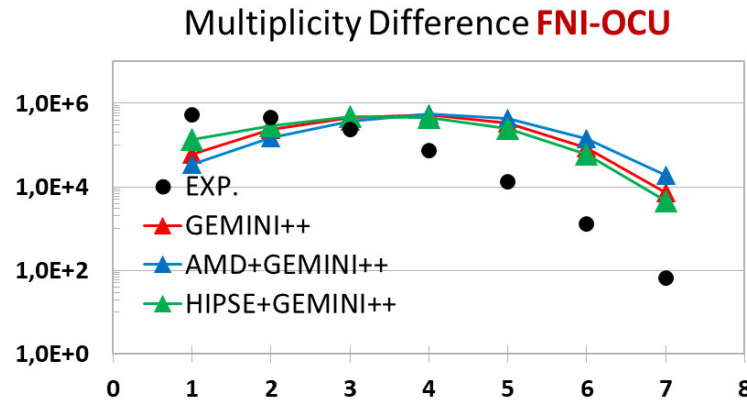


Proton Multiplicity Differences

Differences with different Simulations



Difference between the two systems
FNI - OCU



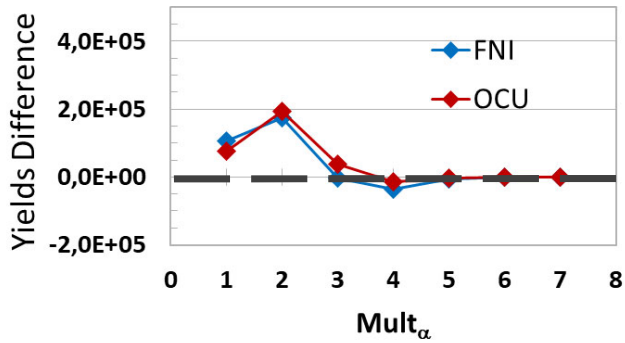
Proton

Complete events

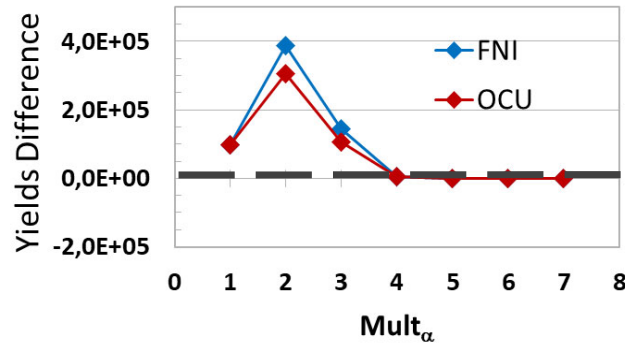
α -particles Multiplicity Differences

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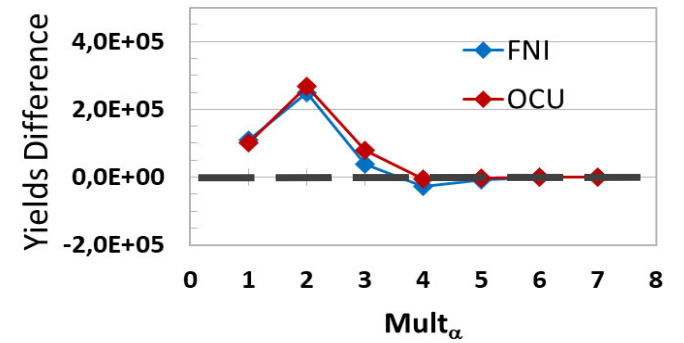
Multiplicity Difference EXP - GEMINI



Multiplicity Difference EXP - AMD

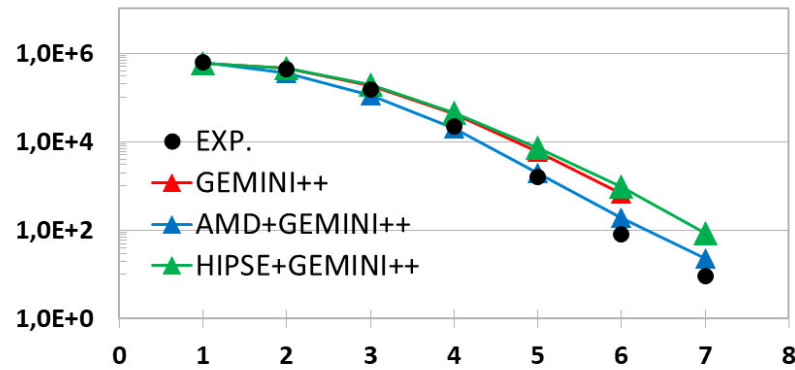


Multiplicity Difference EXP - HIPSE



Difference between the two systems
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Multiplicity Difference FNI-OCU

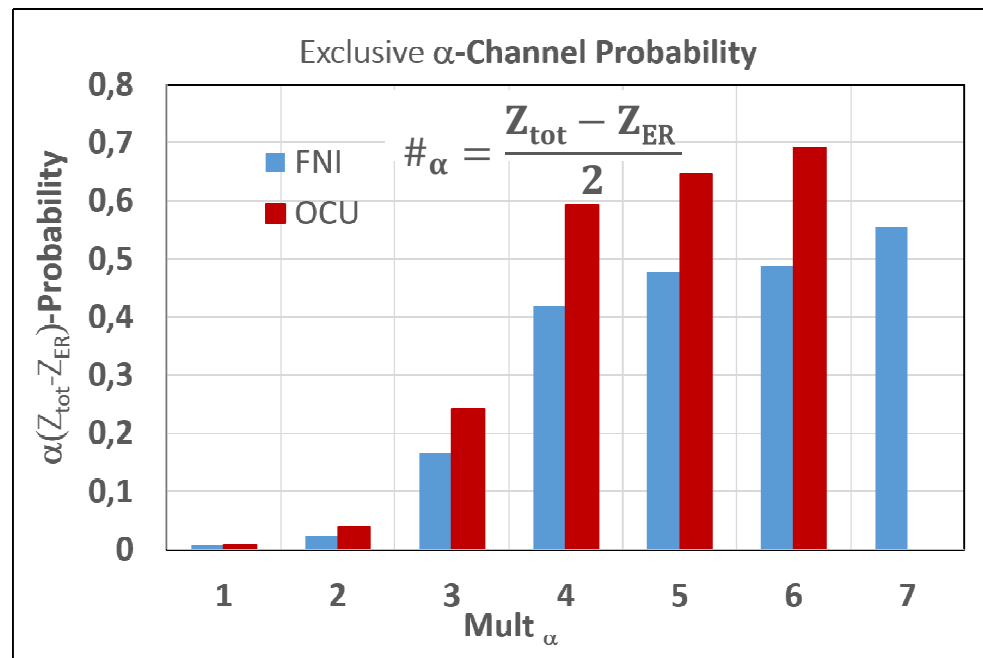
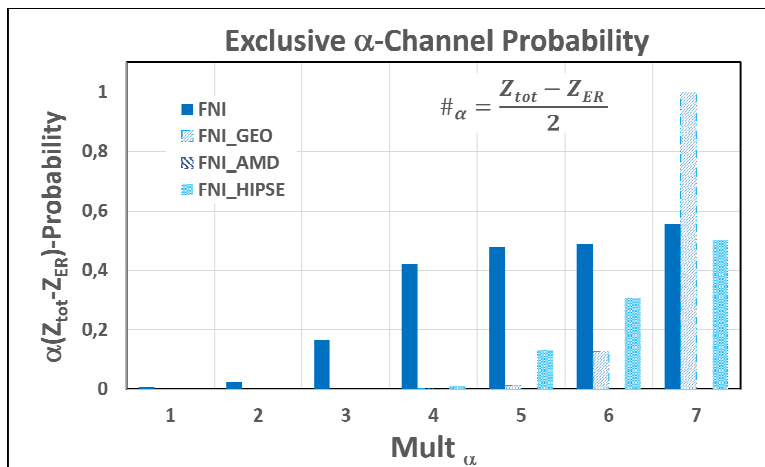
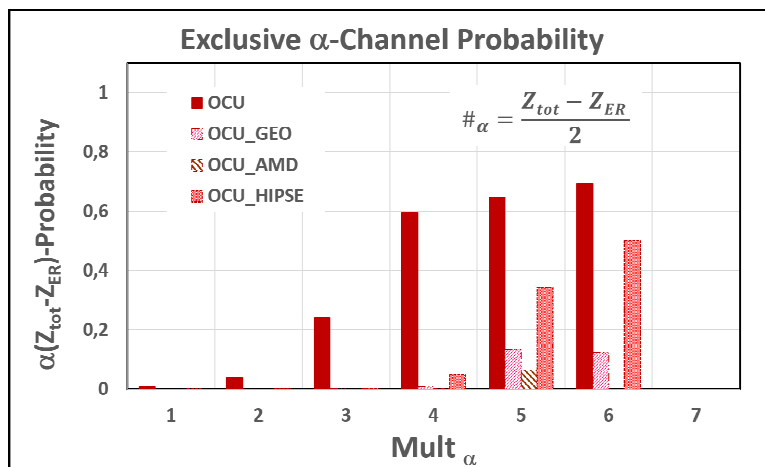


α -particles

Complete events

Complete events

Exclusive α -Channel Probability



$$P = \frac{Yield\#\alpha\ pure}{Yield\#\alpha}$$

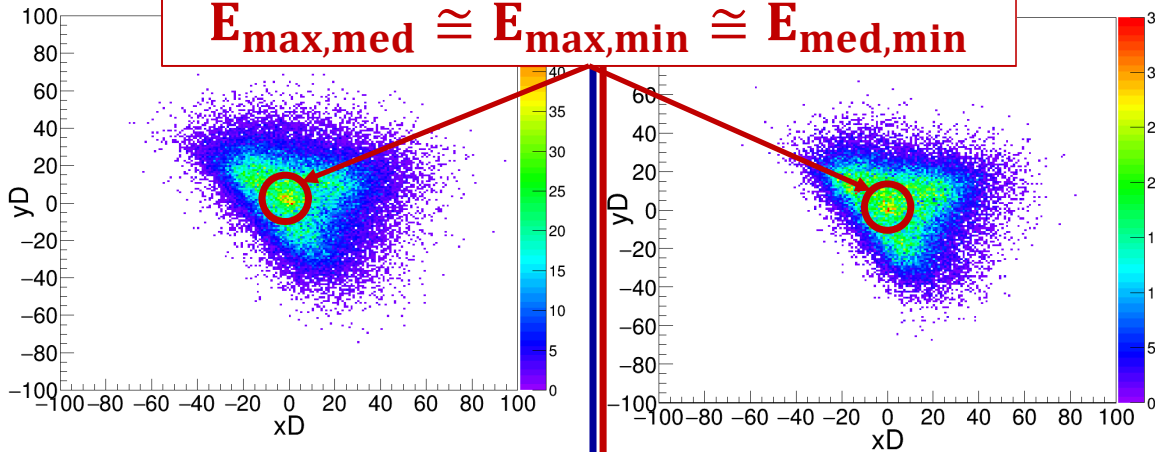
$$Z_{ER} = 37 - Mult_{\alpha} \times Z_{\alpha}$$

$^{19}\text{F} + ^{62}\text{Ni}$

$^{16}\text{O} + ^{65}\text{Cu}$

Dalitz Plot

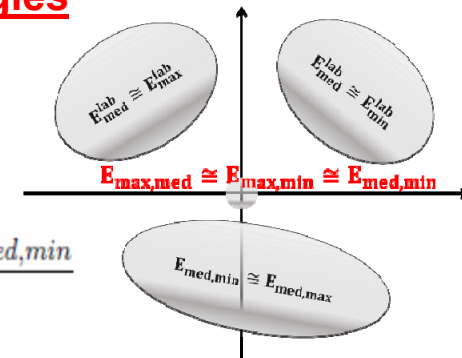
$$E_{\text{max,med}} \cong E_{\text{max,min}} \cong E_{\text{med,min}}$$



DALITZ 1: Relative Energies

$$x_D = \sqrt{3} \frac{E_{\text{max,med}} - E_{\text{med,min}}}{2}$$

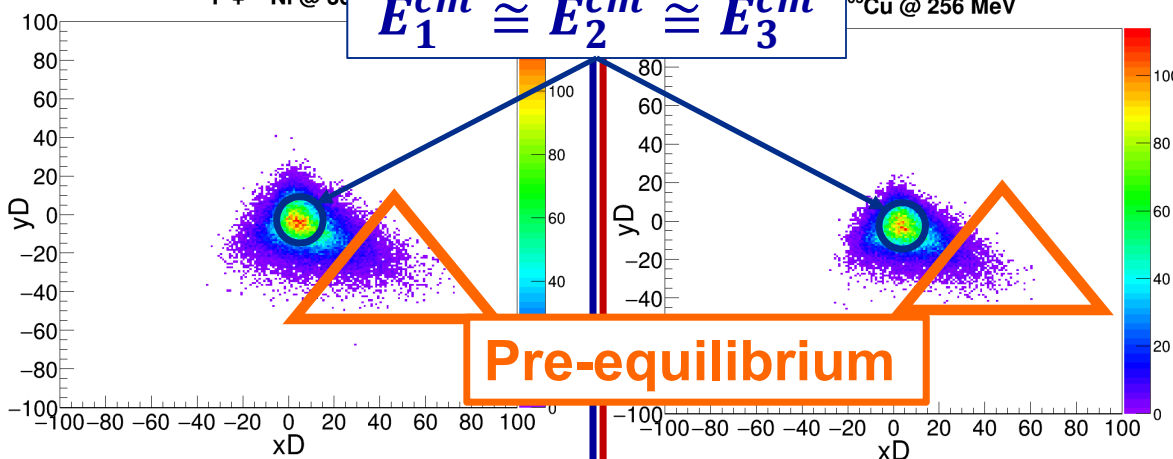
$$y_D = \frac{2E_{\text{max,min}} - E_{\text{max,med}} - E_{\text{med,min}}}{2}$$



$^{19}\text{F} + ^{62}\text{Ni}$ @ 30

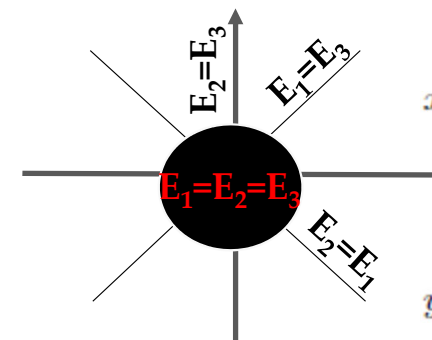
$$E_1^{\text{cm}} \cong E_2^{\text{cm}} \cong E_3^{\text{cm}}$$

^{65}Cu @ 256 MeV



Pre-equilibrium

DALITZ 2: Absolute CM Energies



$$x_D = \sqrt{3} \frac{E_3^{\text{cm}} - E_2^{\text{cm}}}{2}$$

$$y_D = \frac{2E_1^{\text{cm}} - E_3^{\text{cm}} - E_2^{\text{cm}}}{2}$$

Summary

- ❑ The two reactions $^{16}\text{O} + ^{65}\text{Cu}$ and $^{19}\text{F} + ^{62}\text{Ni}$ have been studied at **same projectile energy** 16 MeV/u to search for clustering structure effects in the reacting partners.
- ❑ A selection events have been done to take central collisions with $Z_{\text{tot}}/Z_p+Z_t > 89\%$
- ❑ **Complete events** ($Z_{\text{tot}} = 37$) have been analyzed:
 - the $^{19}\text{F} + ^{62}\text{Ni}$ system shows an angular distribution **more similar** to calculations than $^{16}\text{O} + ^{65}\text{Cu}$;
 - From the shape of the Energy spectra the $^{19}\text{F} + ^{62}\text{Ni}$ system exhibits a **larger pre-equilibrium** component with respect to $^{16}\text{O} + ^{65}\text{Cu}$, especially for 'pure' α channel \rightarrow **possible projectile α -cluster effects ???**
 - **Pure alpha decay channel** are **predominant** and **not** reproduced by the simulations for the two systems. The $^{16}\text{O} + ^{65}\text{Cu}$ case shows a **larger probability** than $^{19}\text{F} + ^{62}\text{Ni}$ for such channels.
 - Selected **exclusive 3 alpha decay channel** shows a predominance of equal **Relative Energy** α particles (Dalitz 1) and equal **CM Energy** α particle (Dalitz 2).
 - **Asymmetric Dalitz 2** plot is observed with a certain number of events with an elongate right bottom corner ($E_3 \text{ max}$) \rightarrow which may indicate the presence of **Fast particle emission** from **pre-equilibrium mechanism** even in this specific decay channel.

Outlook

- ❑ AMD and HIPSE new calculations with different input parameters
- ❑ Study of different exclusive decay channels

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