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*Dynamical cluster formation and correlations  
in heavy-ion collisions, within transport  
models and in experiments*

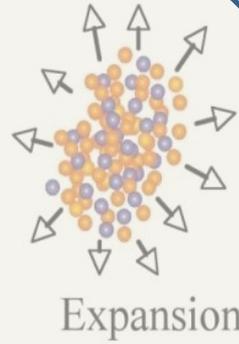
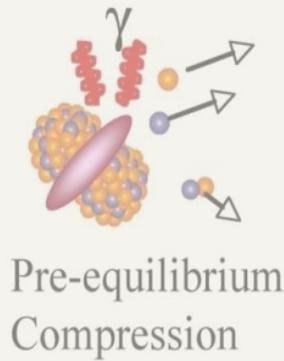
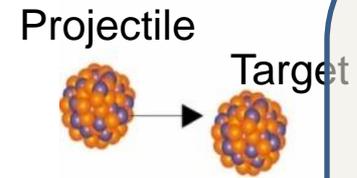
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**Study of two and multi particle correlations  
in  $^{12}\text{C}+^{24}\text{Mg}$  collisions at 35 A MeV**



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# Two and multi particle correlation in Heavy Ion Collisions

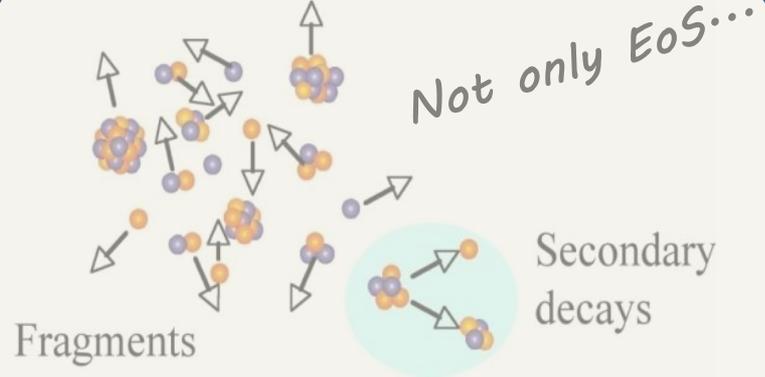


Correlation techniques



## Nuclear Dynamics

- ✓ Femtoscopy: space-time properties of light particle emitting source
- ✓ Nuclear Equation of State



## Spectroscopy tools

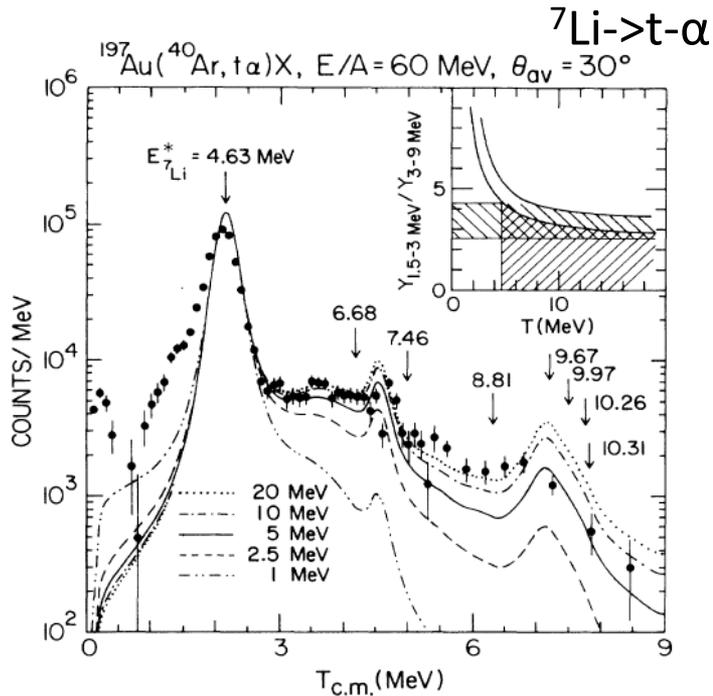
- ✓ Reconstruct of unbound states from correlation of two and multi particle decay
- ✓ Spin of states, branching ratio for simultaneous and sequential decay
- ✓ Clusters, boson condensates, new states...

Correlation measurements as probe for spectroscopy and dynamics

# Dynamics vs Spectroscopy

DYNAMICS

## Emission temperature



Pochodzalla et al., Phys.Rev.C.35.1695.1987

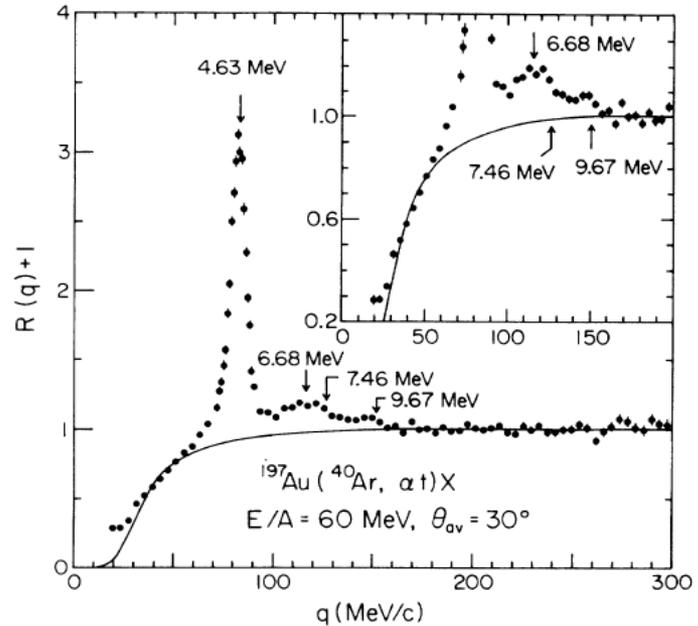
## Thermal Model

Excited states population used to determine temperature

$$Y_{\text{corr}}(E_{\text{rel}}) = \frac{N}{\pi} e^{-E/T} \sum_i (2J_i + 1) \left[ \frac{\Gamma_i / 2}{(E - E_i)^2 + \Gamma_i^2 / 4} \right];$$

## Spectroscopic properties

### t- $\alpha$ CORRELATION FUNCTION



Correlation function depend on some of spectroscopic properties

(if no collective motion G. Verde, P. Danielewicz et al. Physics B653 (2007))

$$1 + R(E_{\text{rel}}) = \frac{Y_{\text{corr}}(E_{\text{star}})}{Y_{\text{uncorr}}(E_{\text{star}})} \propto \sum_i (2J_i + 1) \left[ \frac{\Gamma_i / 2}{(E - E_i)^2 + \Gamma_i^2 / 4} \right];$$

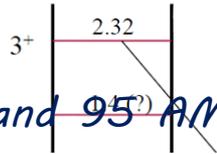
# Spectroscopy tools from resonances decay

## Correlations in $4\pi$ detectors

Study of 3 body decay : branching ratio- direct vs sequential

Xe+Xe collisions  
central collisions  
(LASSA data)

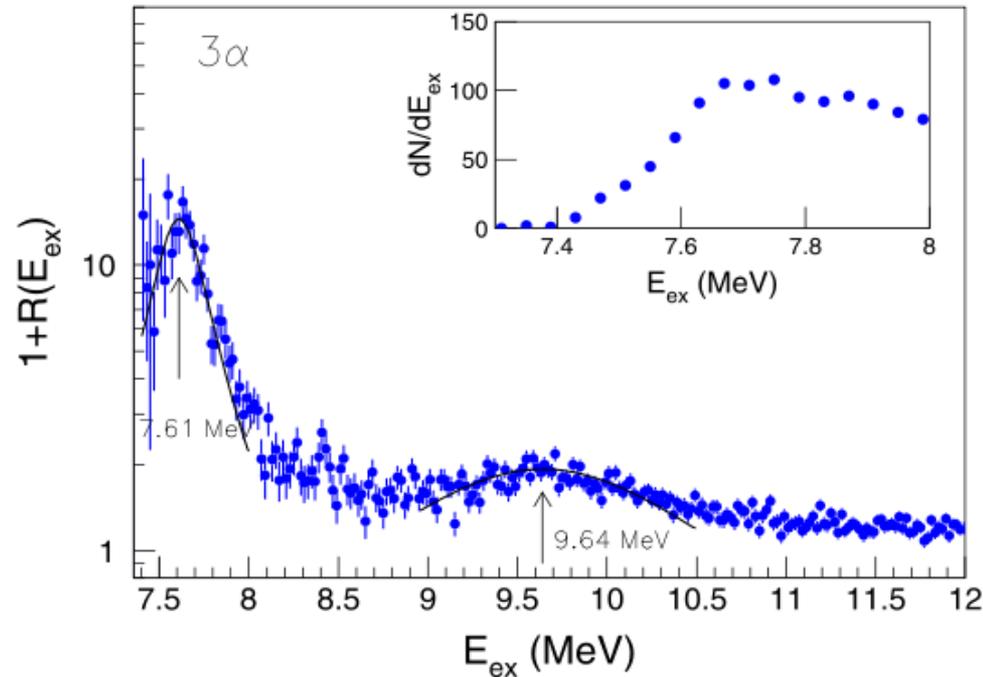
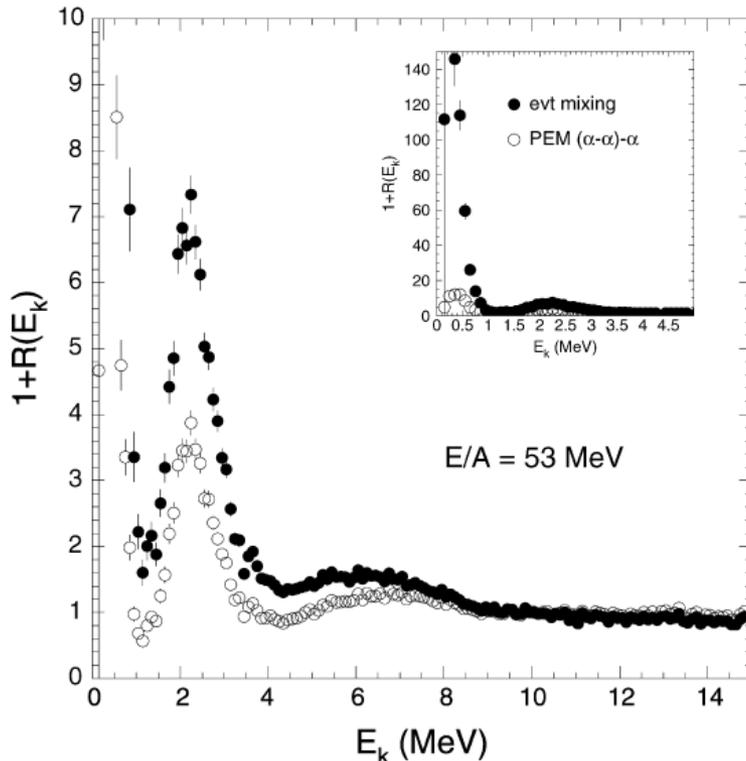
States of  ${}^8\text{B} \rightarrow \text{p}+{}^7\text{Be}$



${}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow 3\alpha$

${}^{12}\text{C}+{}^{24}\text{Mg}$   $E=53$  and  $95$  A MeV with INDRA

${}^{40}\text{Ca}+{}^{12}\text{C}$   $E=25$  A MeV with CHIMERA



F. Grenier et al., Nucl. Phys. A 811, 233 (2008).

Raduta et al., Phys. Lett. B 705, 65 (2011)

# “CORRELATION” experiment with CHIMERA at LNS

## MAIN GOALS:

$^{12}\text{C} + ^{24}\text{Mg}$  @ 35 AMeV  
 $^{12}\text{C} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$  @ 35 AMeV

- Nuclear dynamics
  - ✓ Space-time evolution of emitting source;
  - ✓ Density and emission temperature ;

### ➤ Invariant Mass Spectroscopy

- ✓ Resonances decay of light nuclei;
- ✓ Clustering in nuclei and nuclear matter;
- ✓ Effects of medium and reaction process on the decay of resonance (in-medium structure)

Typel Phys. Conf. Ser. 420.012078;

## CHIMERA Charged Heavy Ion Mass and Energy Resolving Array

<b>Granularity</b>	1192 moduli Si (300 $\mu\text{m}$ ) +CsI(Tl)
<b>Geometry</b>	RINGS: 688 modules 100-350cm SFERA: 504 modules 40 cm
<b>Angular coverage</b>	RINGS: $1^\circ < \theta < 30^\circ$ SPHERE: $30^\circ < \theta < 176^\circ$ , 94% $4\pi$

### Angular range used

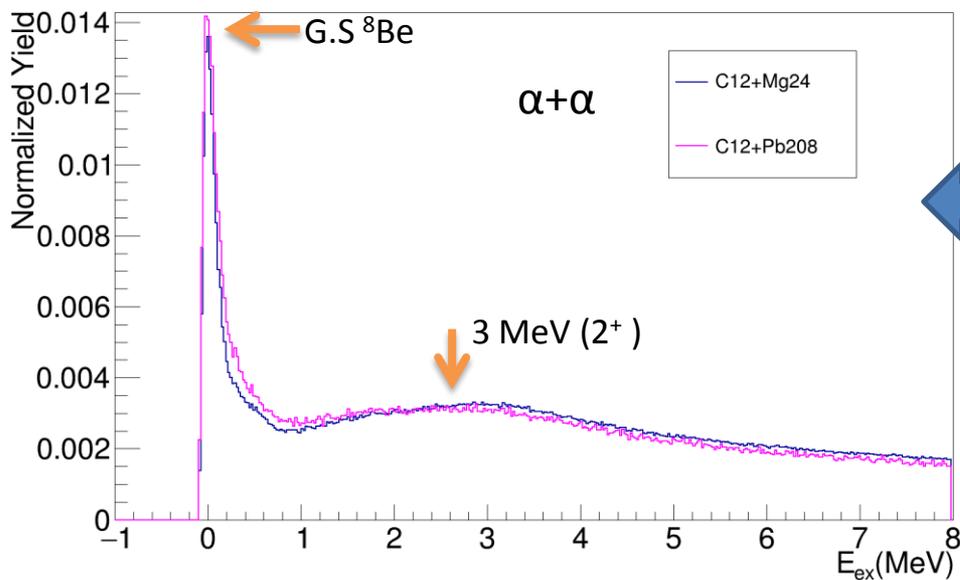
$0^\circ < \theta < 30^\circ$  QP decay in semi-peripheral collisions

### Particles identification:

Up to Z=8 with dE-E and PSD in CsI(Tl);



# Two particle correlations with CHIMERA



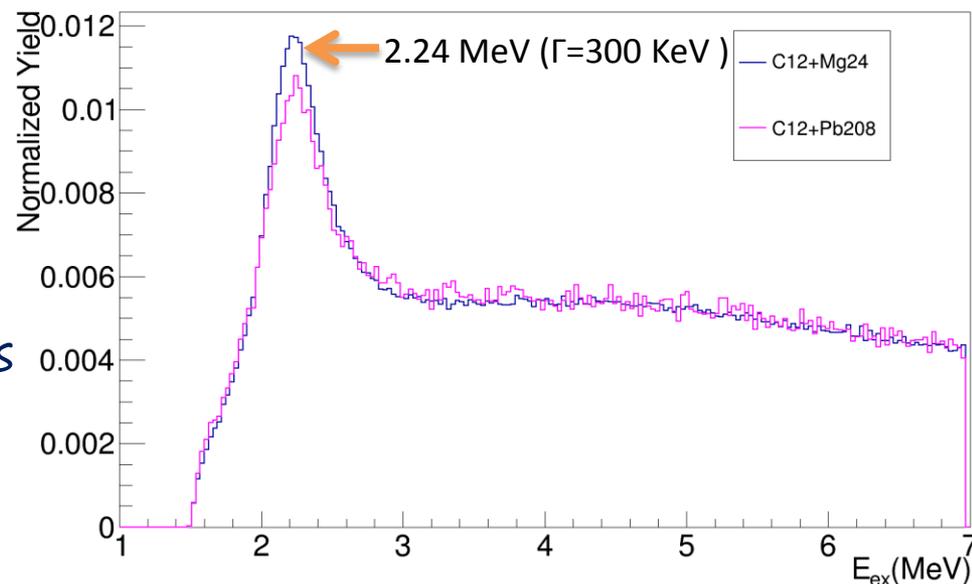
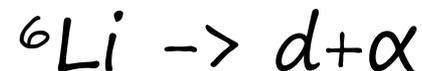
## States of ${}^8\text{Be}$

G.S.  $E_{\text{rel}}$  (total energy in CM) = 92 keV

$2^+$   $E_{\text{excitation}} (E_{\text{rel}} + Q_{\text{value}}) = 3 \text{ MeV}$

## States of ${}^6\text{Li}$

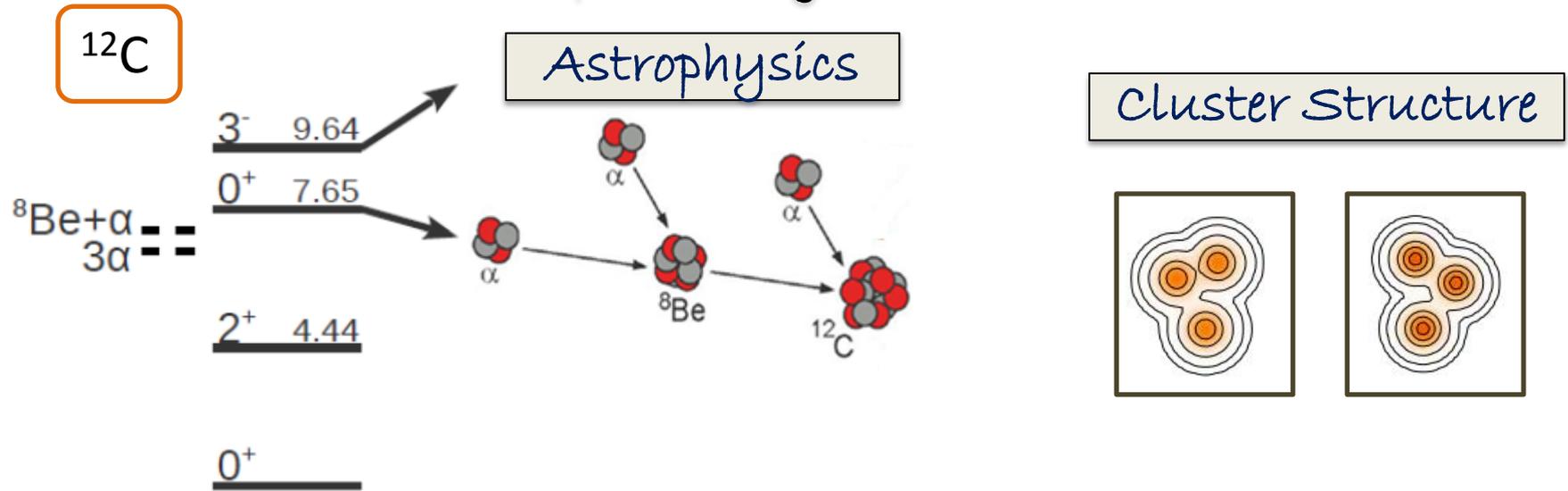
$3^+$   $E_{\text{excitation}} = 2.19 \text{ MeV}$   $\Gamma = 24 \text{ KeV}$



Good quality of particle calibrations  
Good angular resolution

# Three- and two-particle correlations: sequential vs direct

Exploring nuclear structure (sequential and direct decay resonance decay widths) in dissipative heavy-ion collisions



Decay width fully Sequential observed

Itoh, PRC 113 (2014) 102501

Rana PRC 88 (2013) 021601

M. Freer et al., PRC 49 (1994) R1751

Inelastic Scattering

...Evidence of Direct decay mechanisms

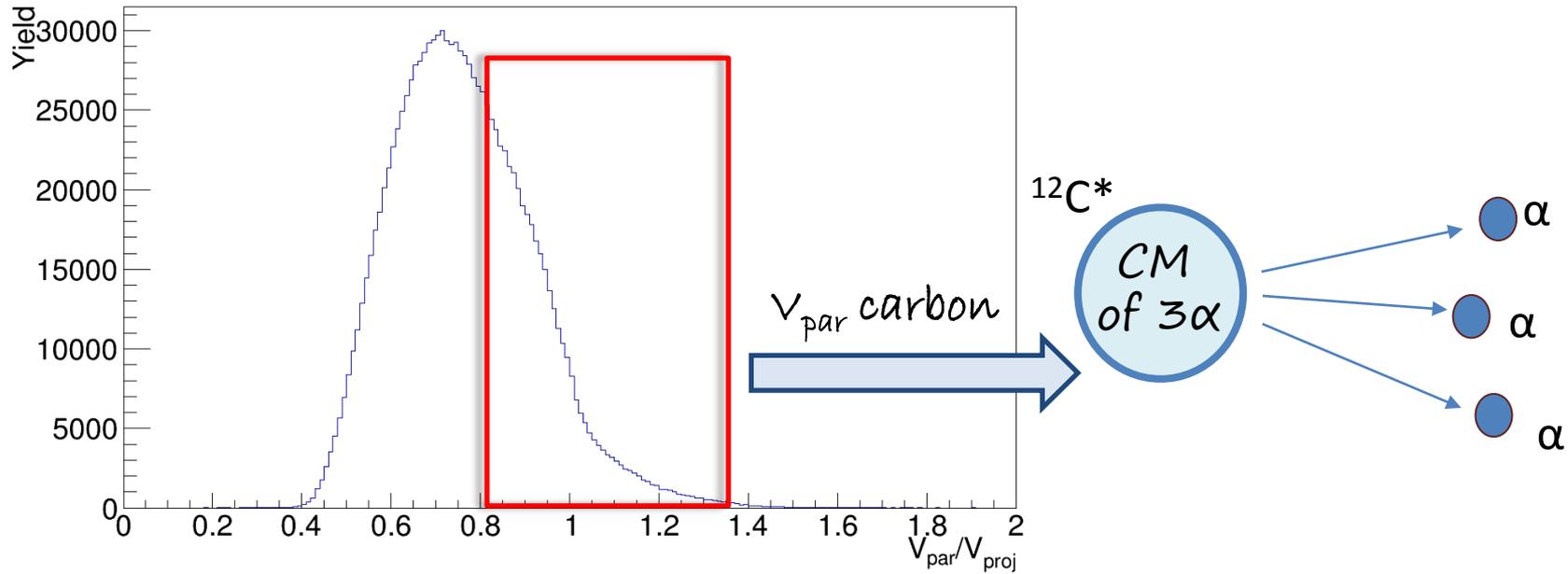
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Heavy Ion Collisions

# Events Selection

Criteria to select events (excitation and decay of quasi-projectile)

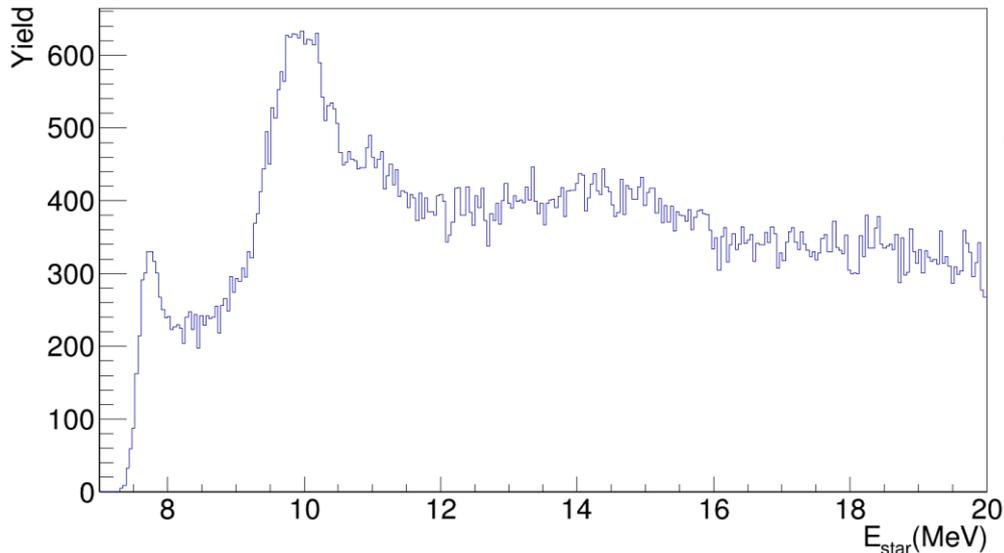


**SELECTION:**  $\frac{V_{par}}{V_{proj}} > 0.8$  ( $V_{proj} = 7.99 \text{ cm/ns}$ )

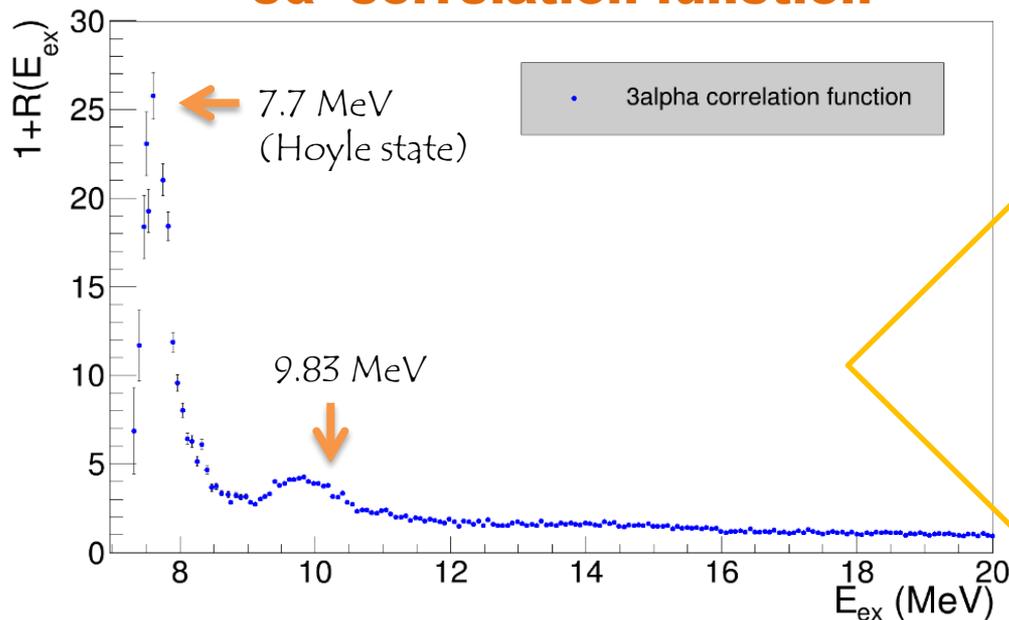
Confirmed by comparison with  
model prediction

# 3 $\alpha$ Correlations in $^{12}\text{C}+^{24}\text{Mg}$

## Yield of correlated 3 $\alpha$



## 3 $\alpha$ correlation function



$^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow 3\alpha$

**Correlation function:**

$$1 + R(E_{star}) = \frac{Y_{corr}(E_{star})}{Y_{uncorr}(E_{star})}$$

$$E_{star} = E_{tot} - Q$$

**3 $\alpha$  threshold = 7.27 MeV**

product of single particle yield

States of  $^{12}\text{C}$

$$0^+ E_{star} = 7.654 \text{ MeV } \Gamma = 8.5 \text{ eV}$$

$$3^- E_{star} = 9.641 \text{ MeV } \Gamma = 34 \text{ keV}$$

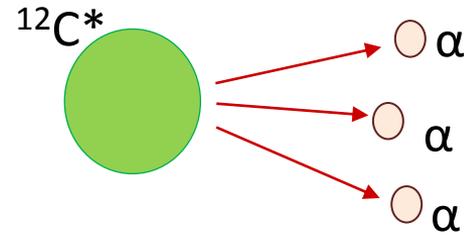
$$2_2^+ E_{star} = 10.03 \text{ MeV } \Gamma = 800 \text{ KeV MeV}$$

$$0_3^+ E_{star} = 10.3 \text{ MeV } \Gamma = 3 \text{ MeV}$$

# Montecarlo Simulations

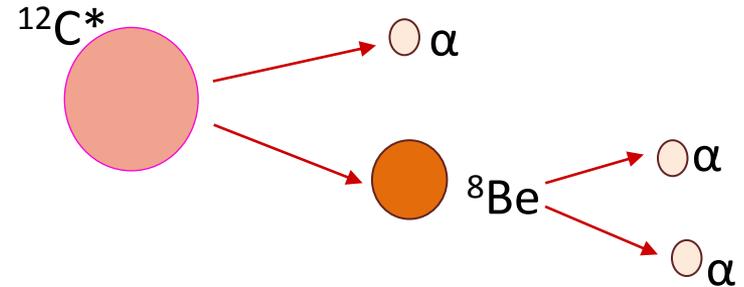
Genbod Monte Carlo events generator

Direct



Lorentzian boost

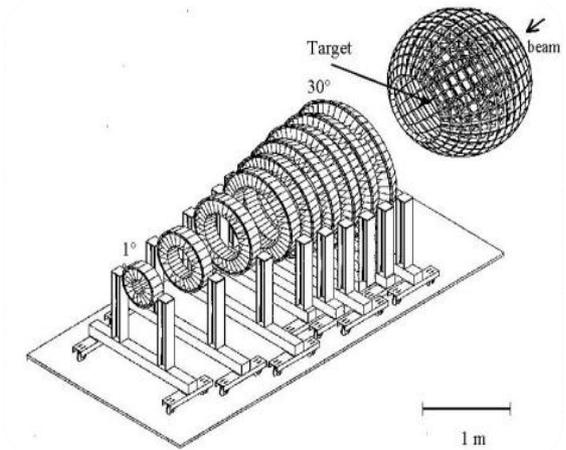
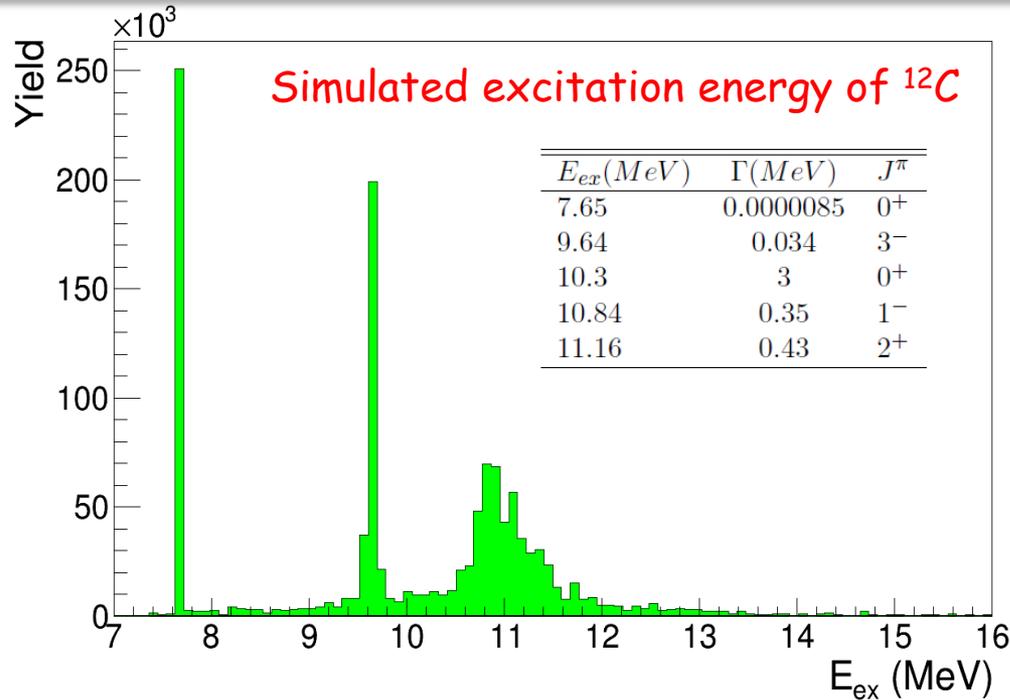
Sequential



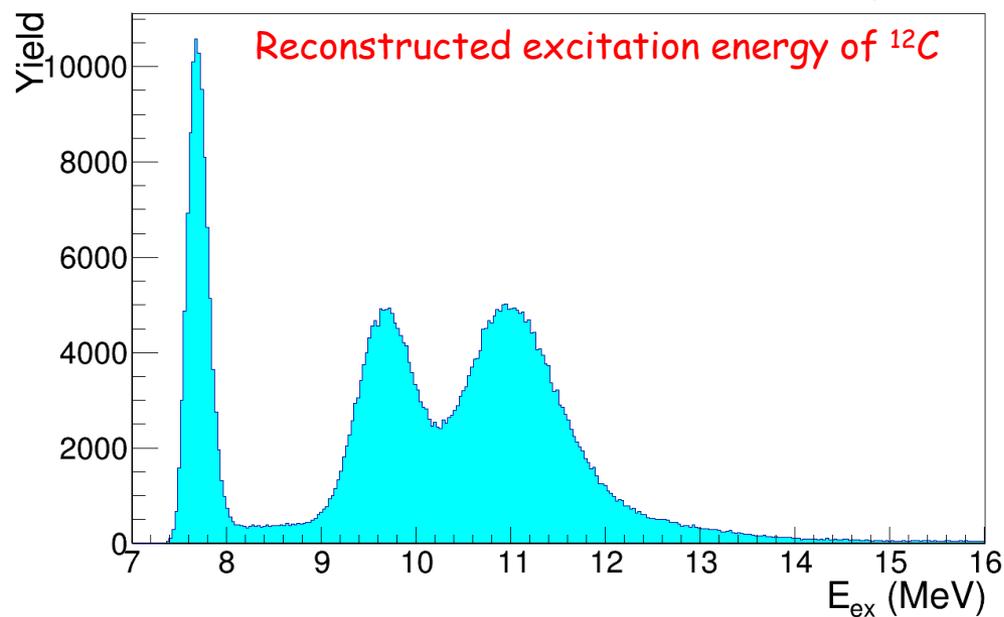
Lorentzian boost

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# Detection simulations with CHIMERA apparatus



Simulated data have been filter to the geometry and response of CHIMERA apparatus



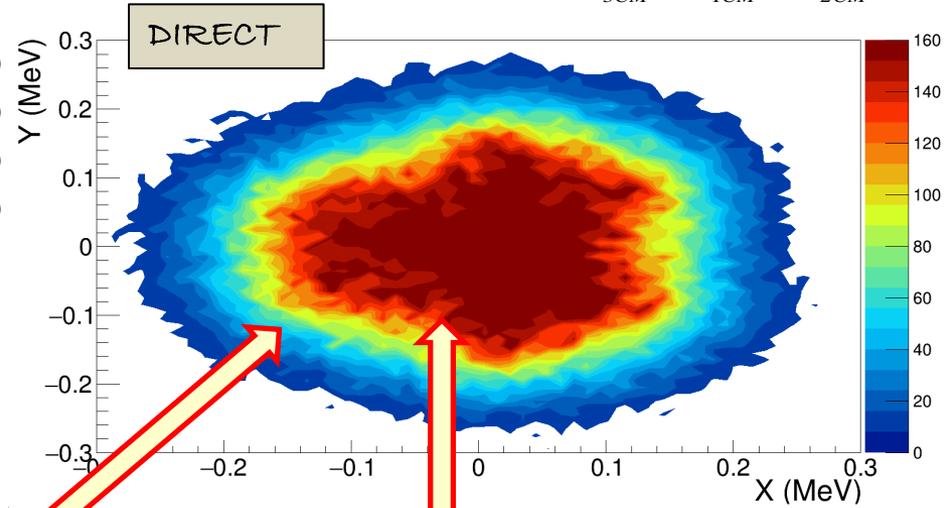
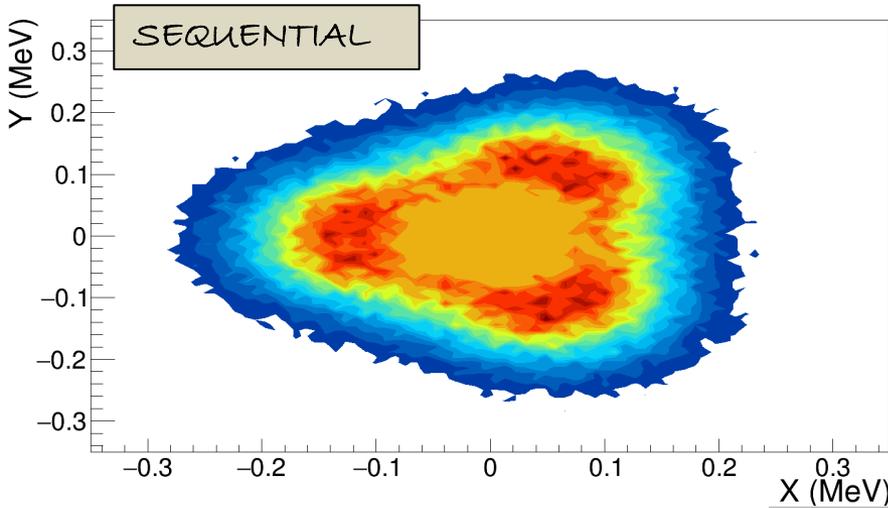
# Hoyle State: Dalitz Plots

SIMULATED DATA

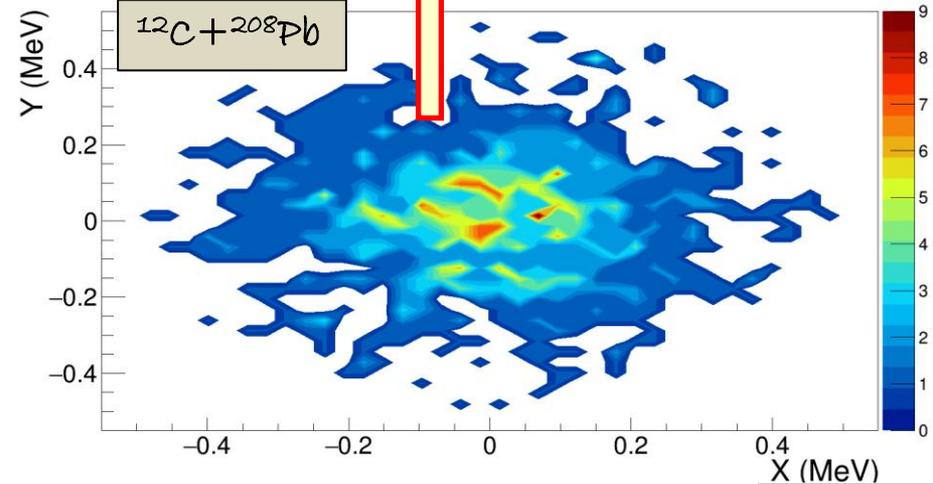
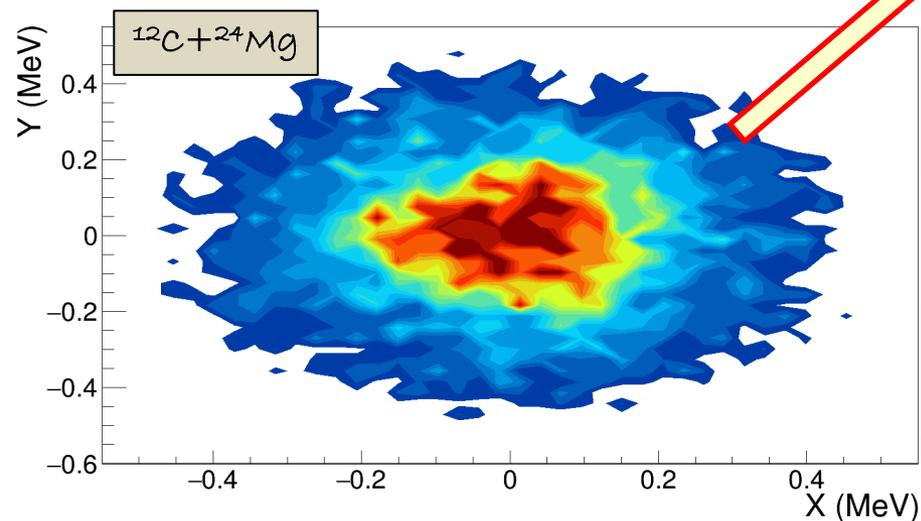
Dalitz parameter

$$x = \sqrt{3}(E_{1CM} - E_{2CM})/3$$

$$y = (2E_{3CM} - E_{1CM} - E_{2CM})/3$$



EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS



# Hoyle State: Symmetric Dalitz Plots

## Dalitz parameter

$$x = \sqrt{3}(\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k) \quad \varepsilon_{i,j,k} = E_{i,j,k} / (E_i + E_j + E_k)$$

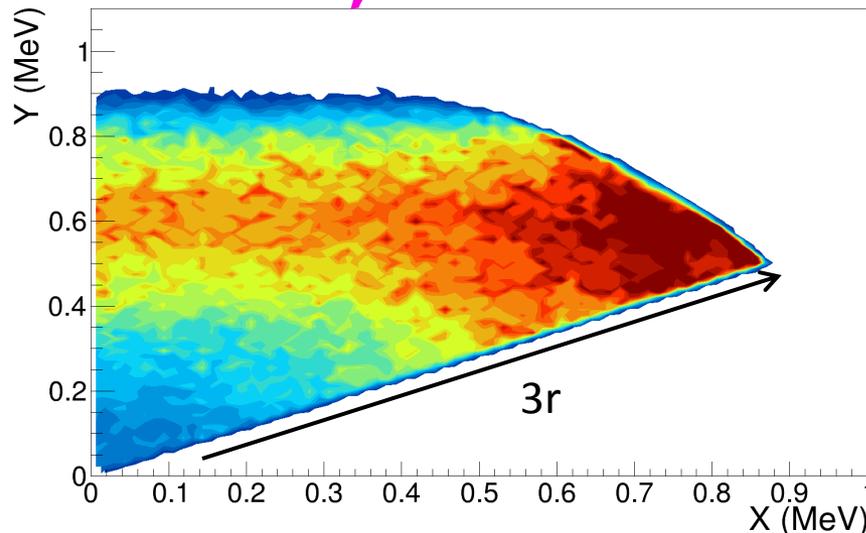
Exhibits a more uniform distribution that does not allow us to exclude any of the two decay mechanisms

## Radial parameter

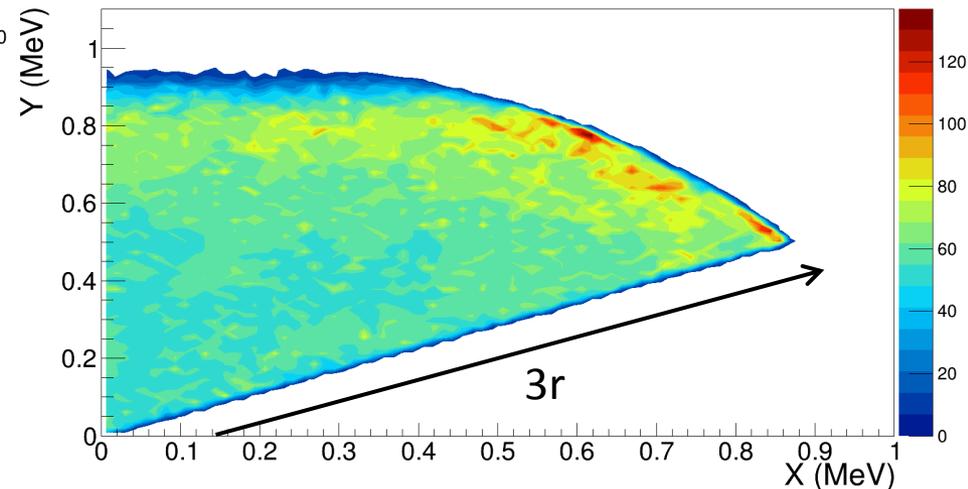
$$(3r)^2 = 3(\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k)^2 + (2\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k)^2$$

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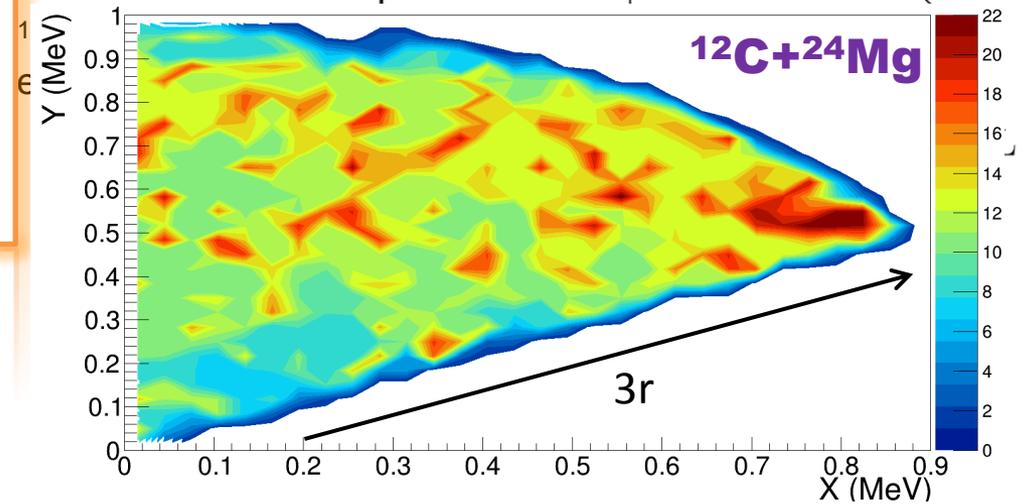
*Sequential*



*Direct*



EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

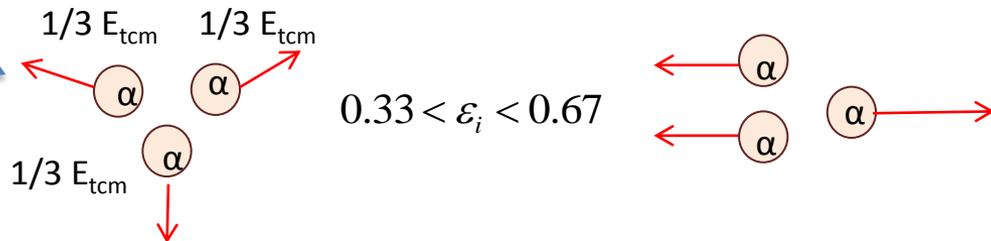
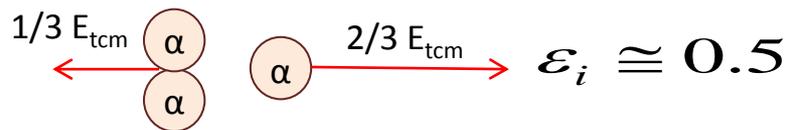


# Hoyle State sequential vs direct: $\epsilon_i$ distribution

$\epsilon_i$ : highest normalized energy among those of the 3 $\alpha$  particles

SEQUENTIAL

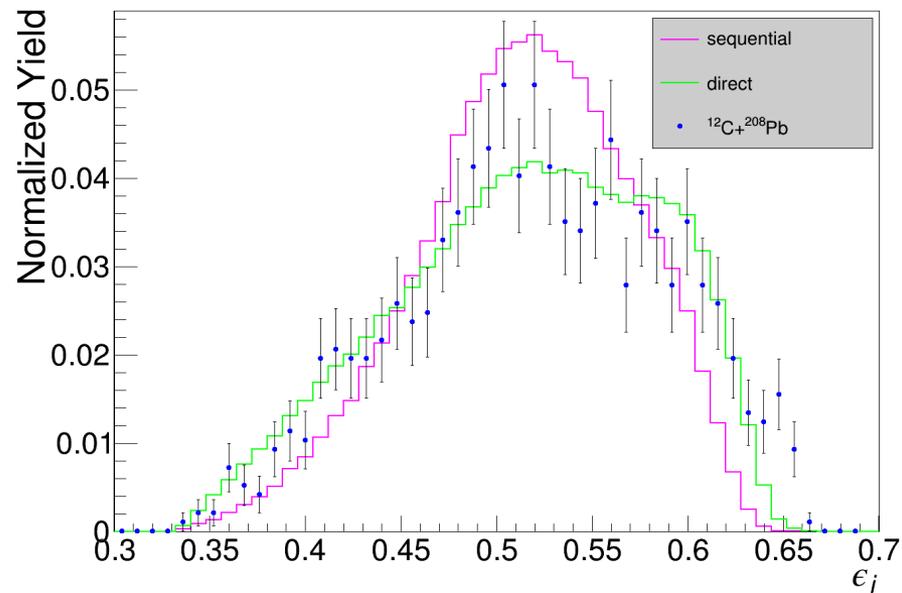
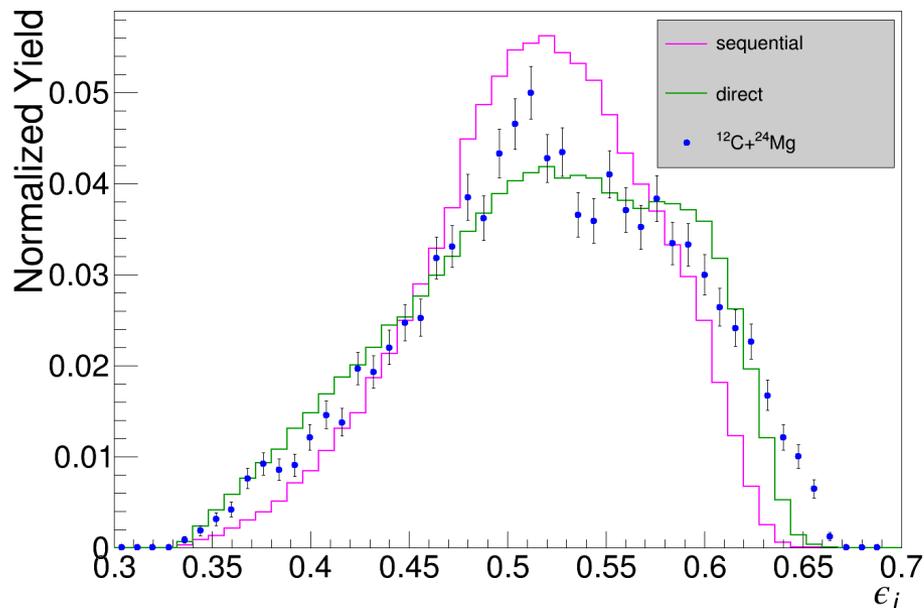
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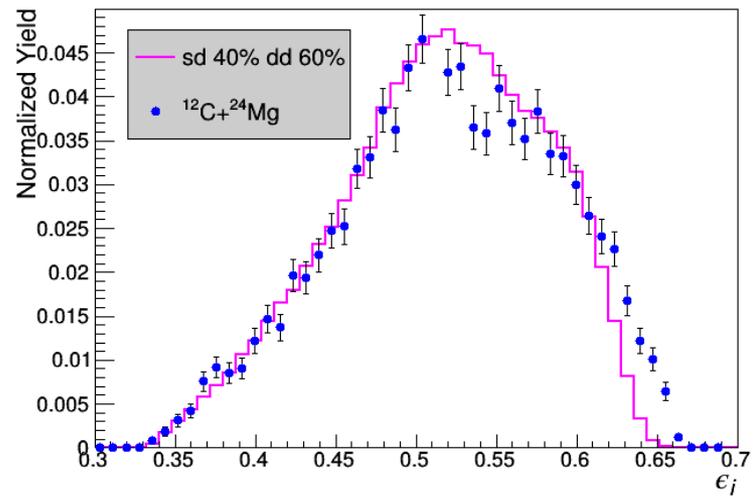
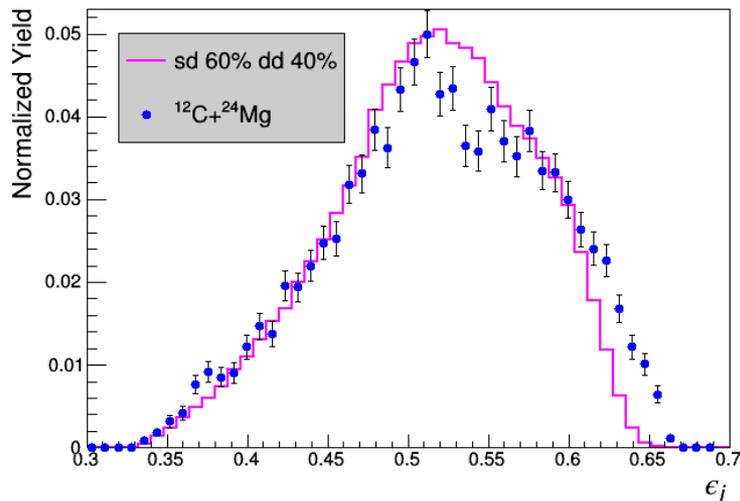
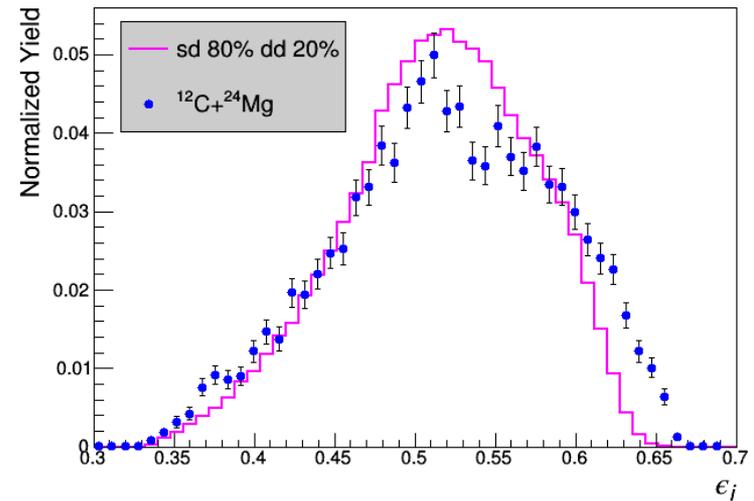
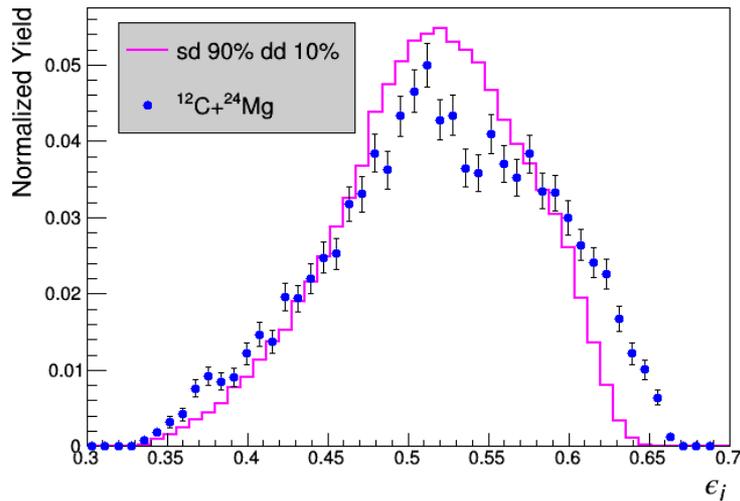
$^{12}\text{C}+^{24}\text{Mg}$

$\epsilon_i$  Distributions

$^{12}\text{C}+^{208}\text{Pb}$



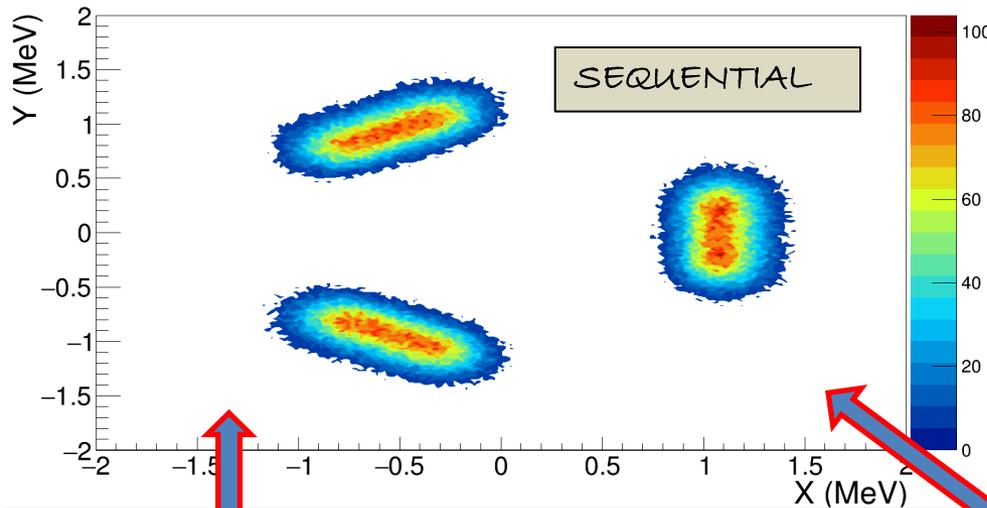
# Sequential vs direct: fit of $\epsilon_i$ distribution



20 % < Direct Contribution < 60%

# $^{12}\text{C}$ state at $E^*=9.64$ : Dalitz Plots

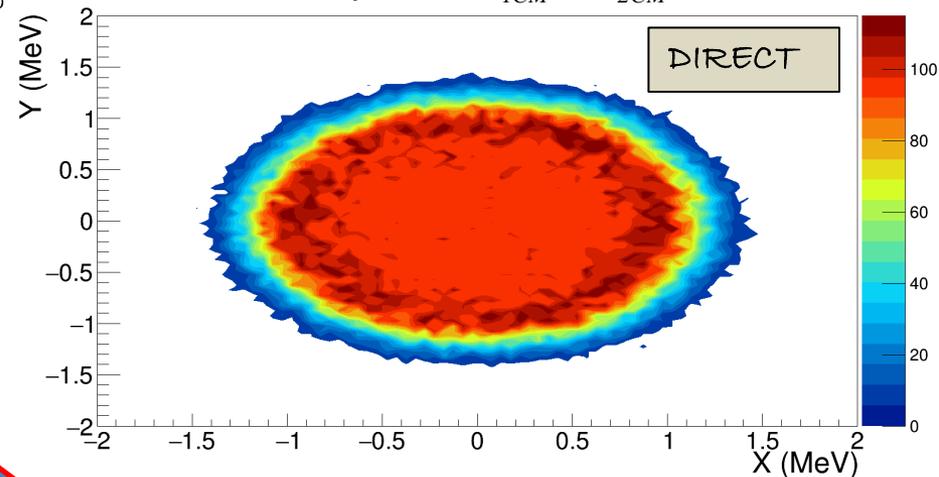
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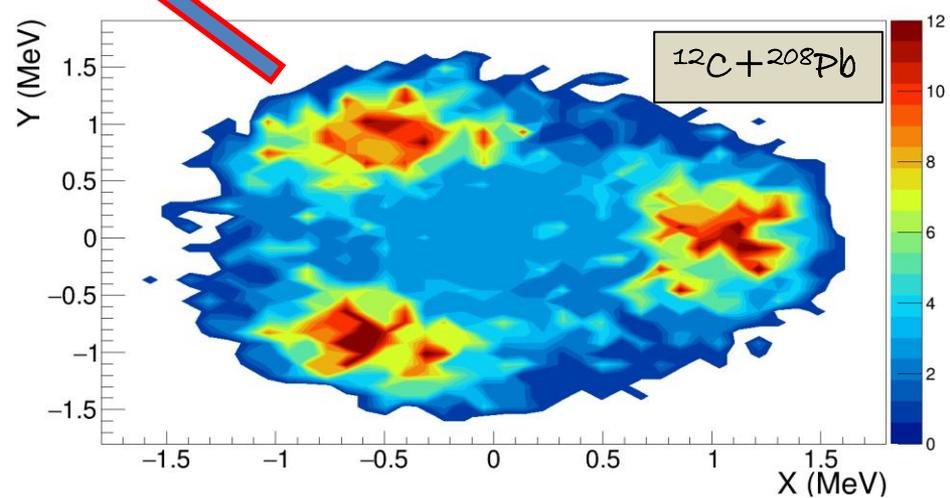
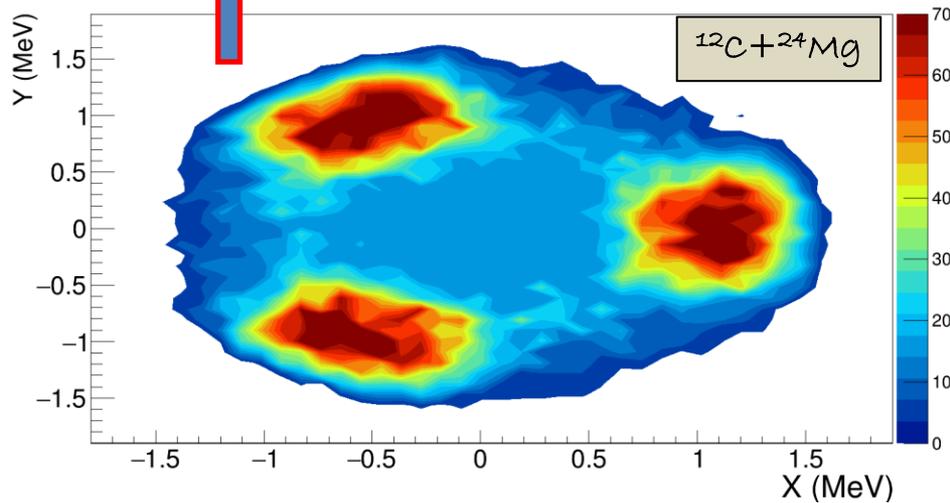
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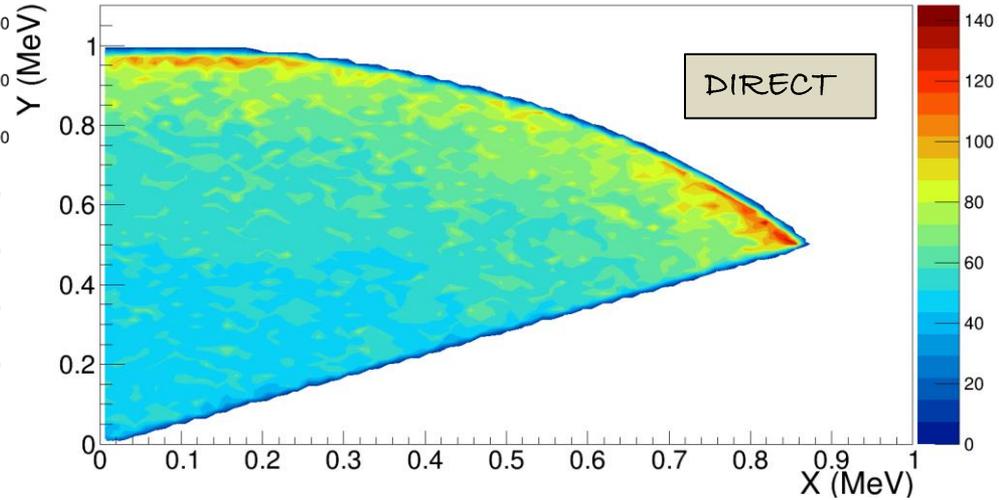
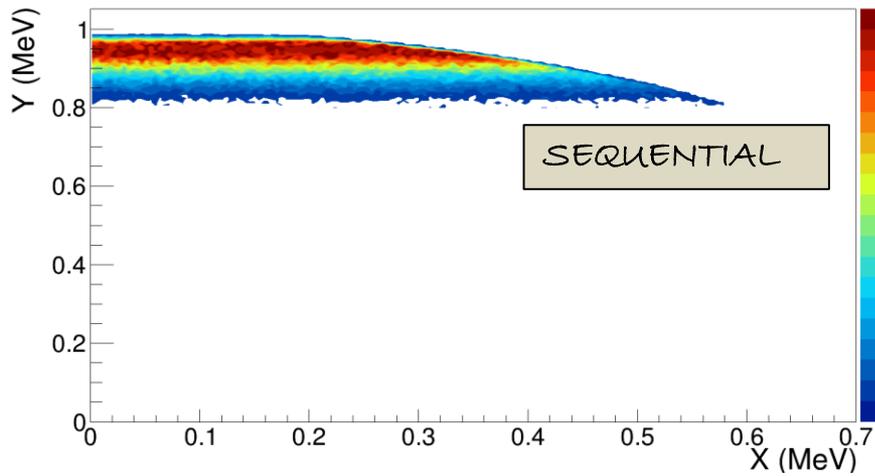
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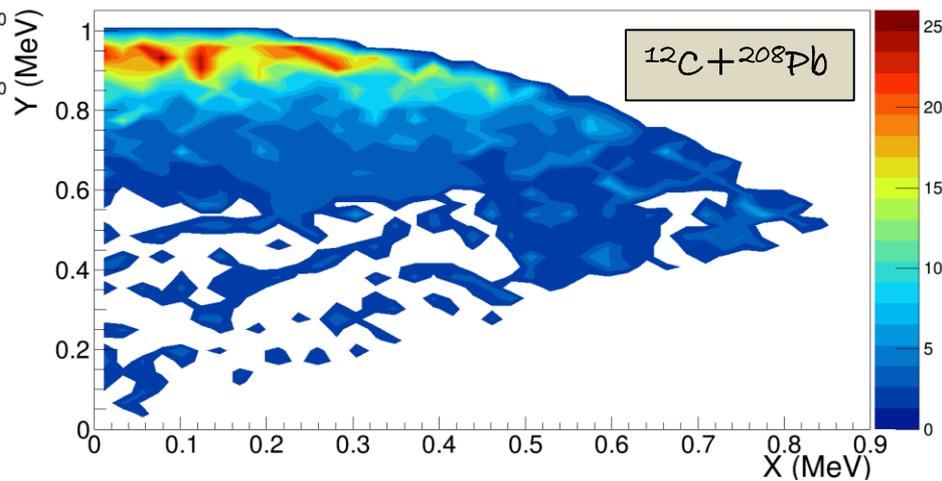
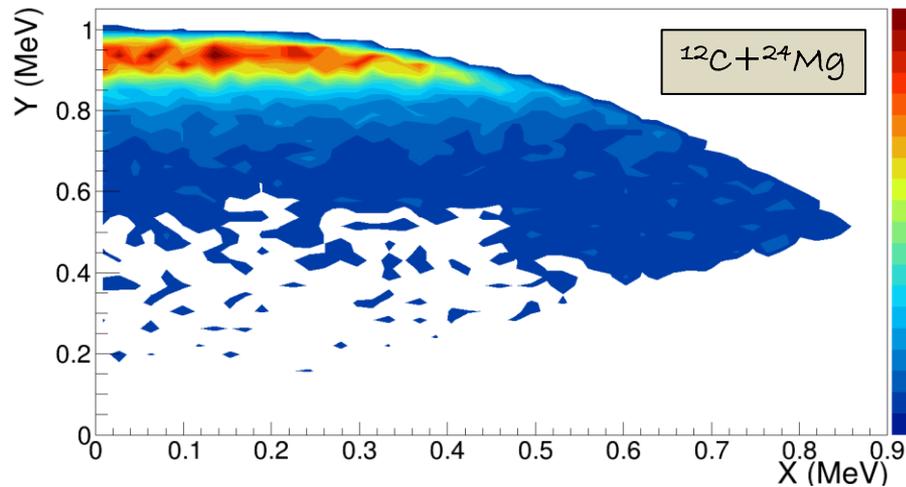
# $^{12}\text{C}$ states at $E^*=9.64$ : Symmetric Dalitz Plots

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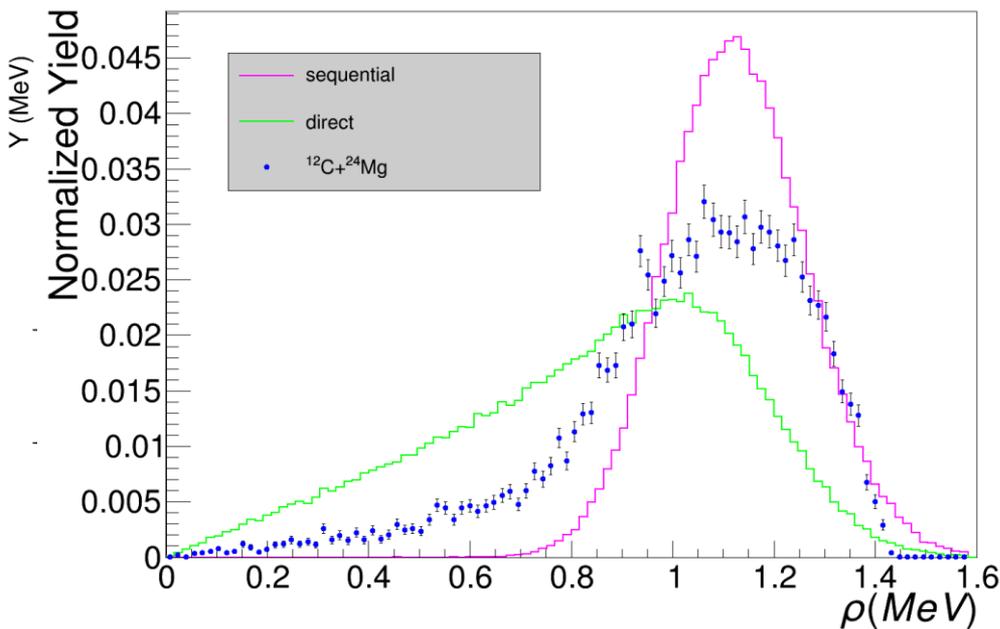
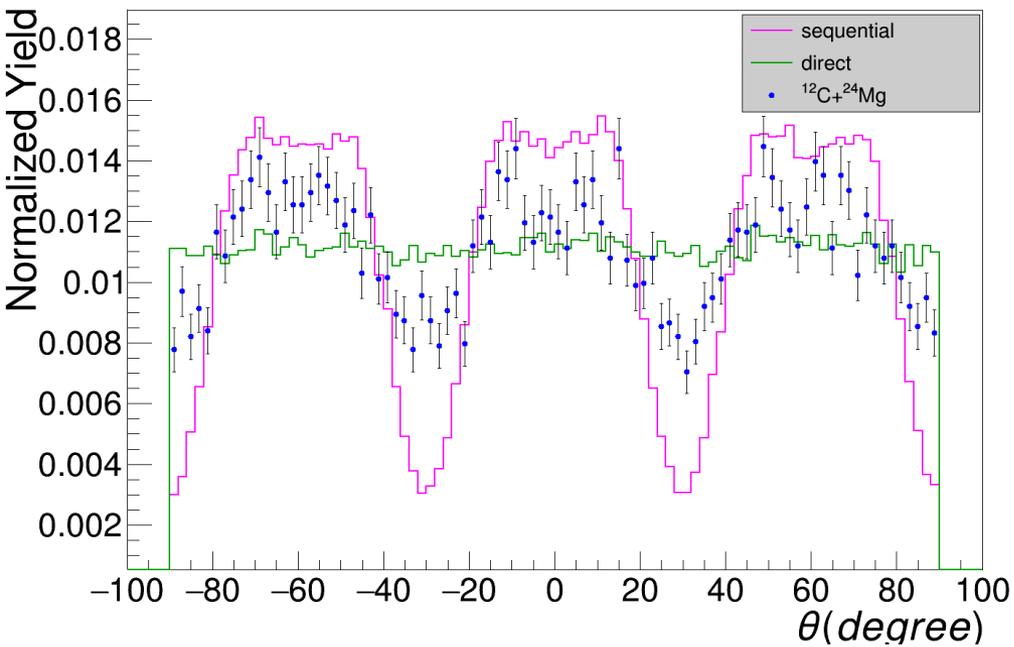
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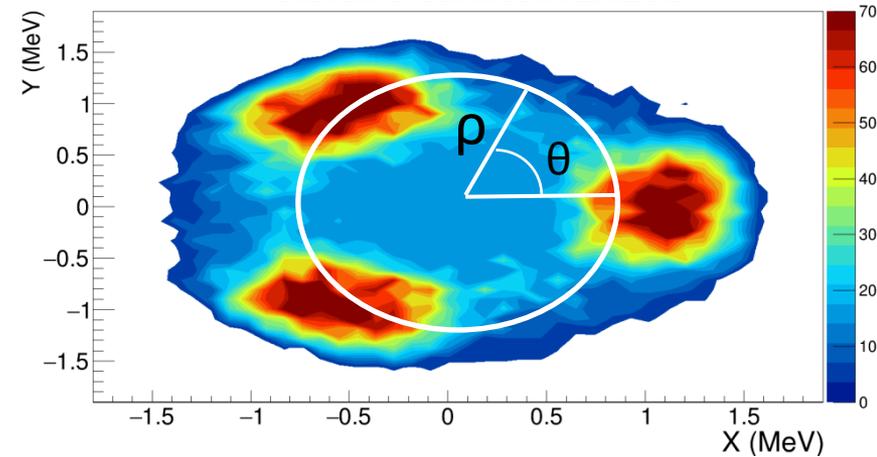


# $^{12}\text{C}$ state at $E^*=9.64$ : Polar Dalitz correlation



Change of coordinates

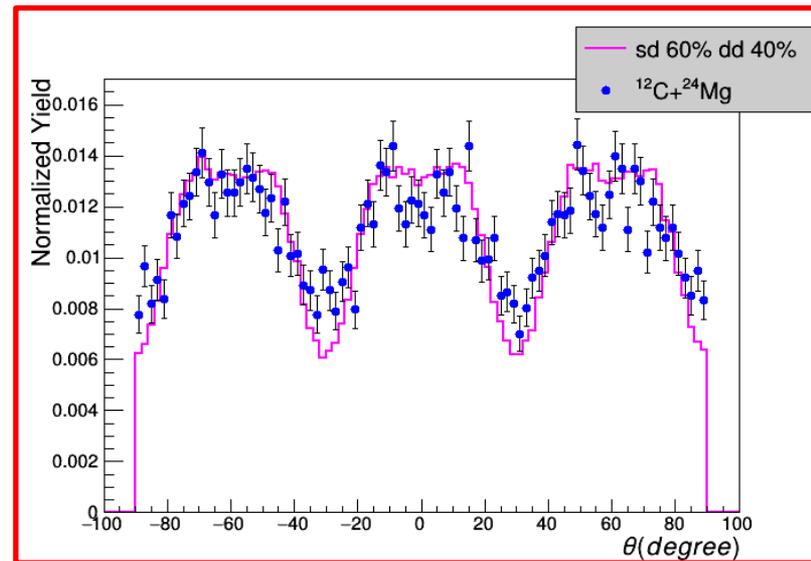
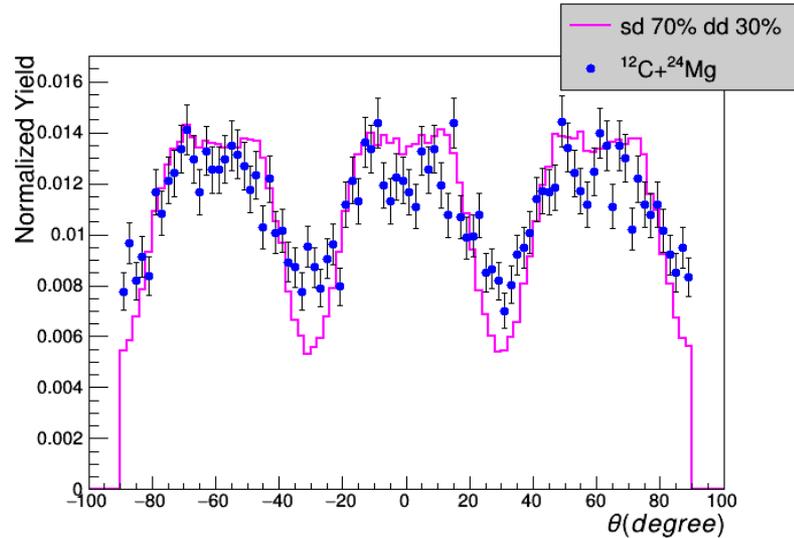
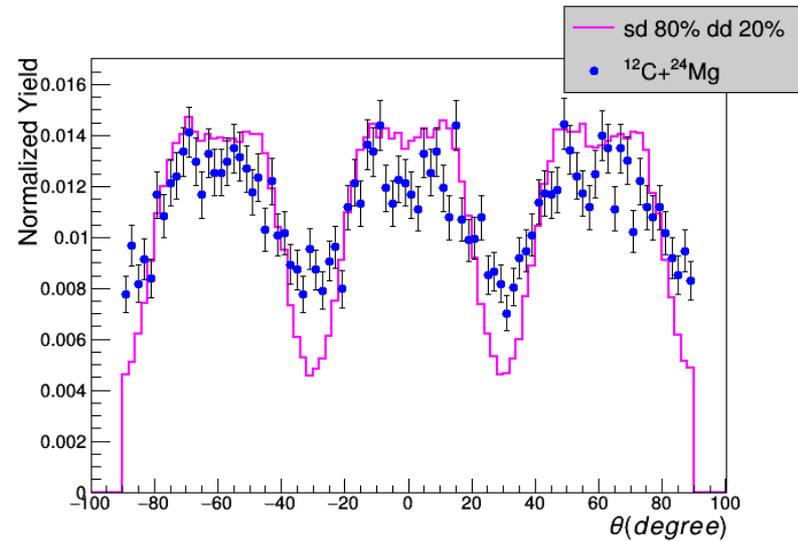
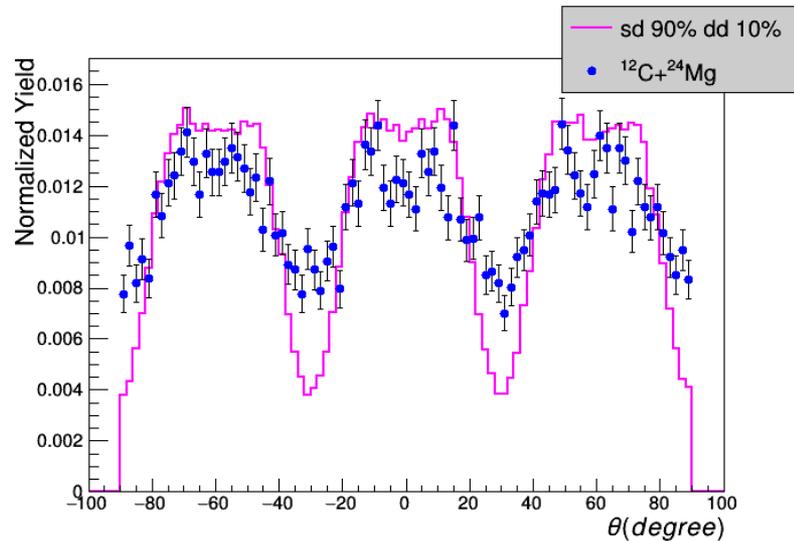
$X, Y \rightarrow \theta, \rho$   
Dalitz parameters



Entirely direct or sequential mechanisms are not able to explain experimental data

experimental data are not able to explain

# Fit of Polar Dalitz correlation plots



In-medium dynamics on the structure properties?

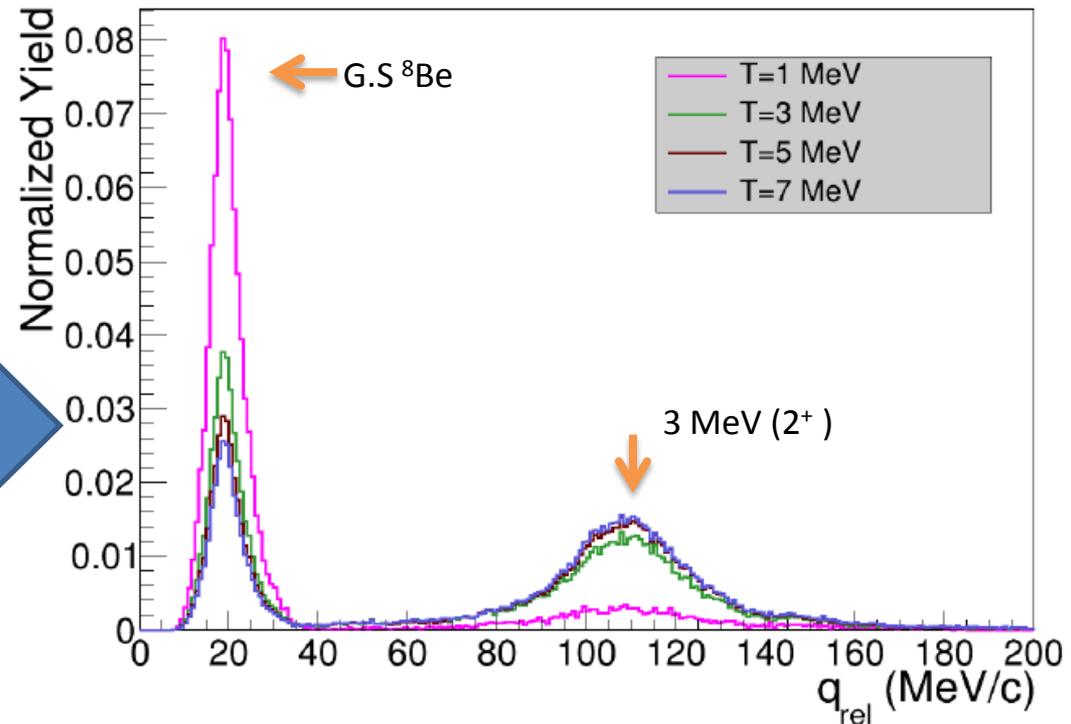
# Medium characterization: emission temperatures

## Thermal Model

The relative population of particle unstable states is strictly related to the temperature of the system

$$R_{ij} = \frac{Y_i}{Y_j} = \frac{(2J_i + 1)}{(2J_j + 1)} e^{-\Delta E/T}$$

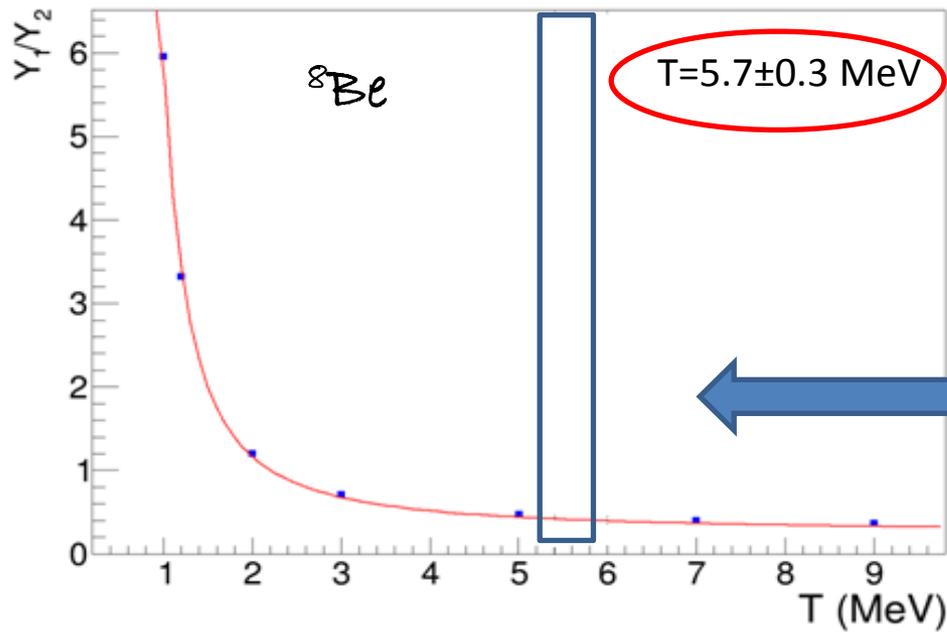
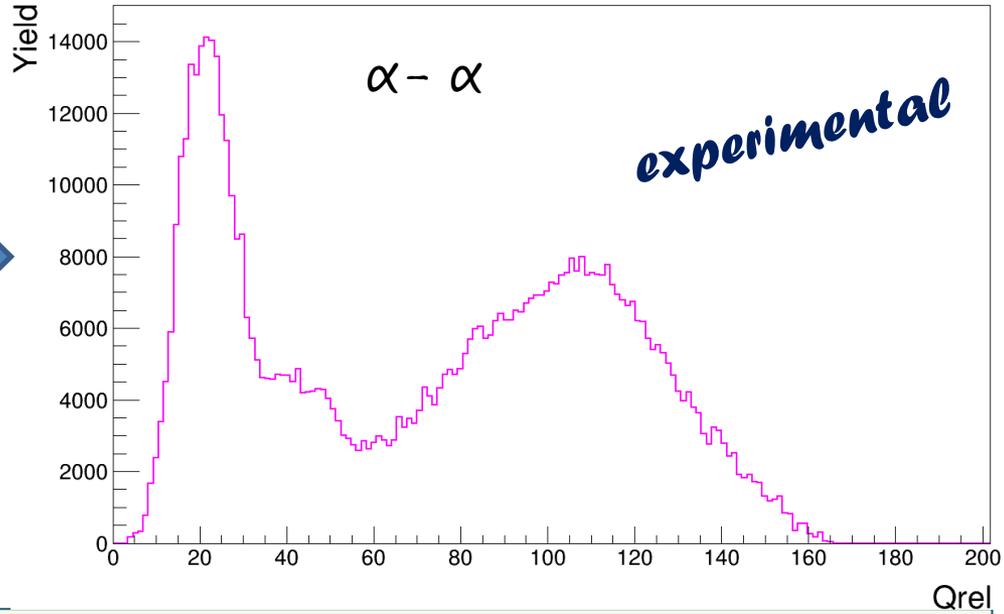
${}^8\text{Be} \rightarrow 2\alpha$



Simulated taking into account the temperature dependence of relative population of parent nucleus states

# Medium characterization: emission temperatures (2)

Experimental  $\alpha - \alpha$  coincidence spectrum has been integrated over the range of energy dominated by corresponding resonances



the decay of particles states is given by:

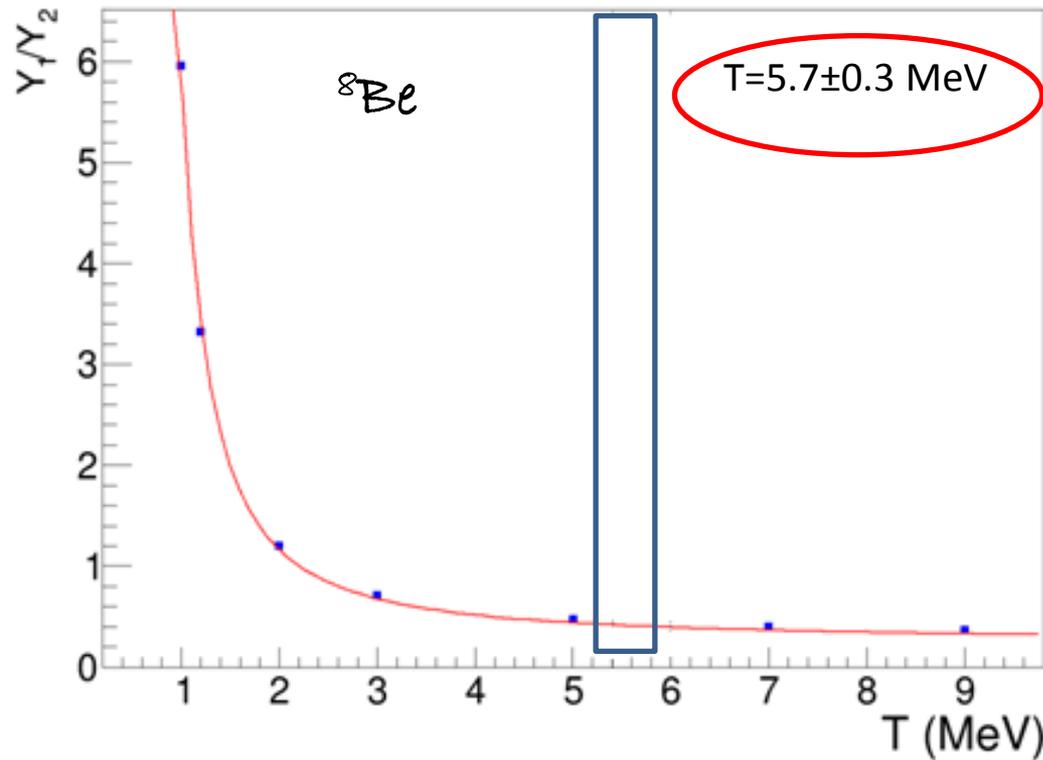
$$R_b(q)$$

Coulomb Background correlation Function  
 Range of experimental temperature values consistent with the assumption for the  
 $R_b(q)$  is Coulomb background and correlation function results have been calculated



# In- medium dynamics on the structure properties?

Quasi- projectiles system represents a warm medium at temperature that may approach 5 MeV values!



Nuclear properties, reflected in measurements of resonances positions branching ratios, etc., could be modified by the medium where the decay of these unbound state occurs.

➔ **New experiments .....**

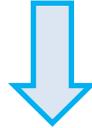
## FAZIACOR

${}^{32}\text{S}+{}^{12}\text{C}$  and  ${}^{36}\text{S}+{}^{12}\text{C}$  @ 25, 55 A MeV with FAZIA array

Spokespersons: G. Verde and D. Gruyer

# Conclusions

Study of two- and three- particles correlations in dissipative QP decay



- ✓  $^8\text{Be}$  emission Temperature (Thermal model)
- ✓ Focus on  $^{12}\text{C}$ : strong contribution of direct decay mechanism is present for all observed states (in agreement with Raduta et al. In  $^{40}\text{Ca}+^{12}\text{C}$  with CHIMERA and Grenier et al. In  $^{12}\text{C}+^{24}\text{Mg}$  with INDRA);
- ✓ In- medium dynamics on the structure properties: effects of medium on structure properties of observed states???
- ✓ such direct decay could depend on complicate case of final state interactions within the  $3\alpha$  particle system produced by projectile fragmentation

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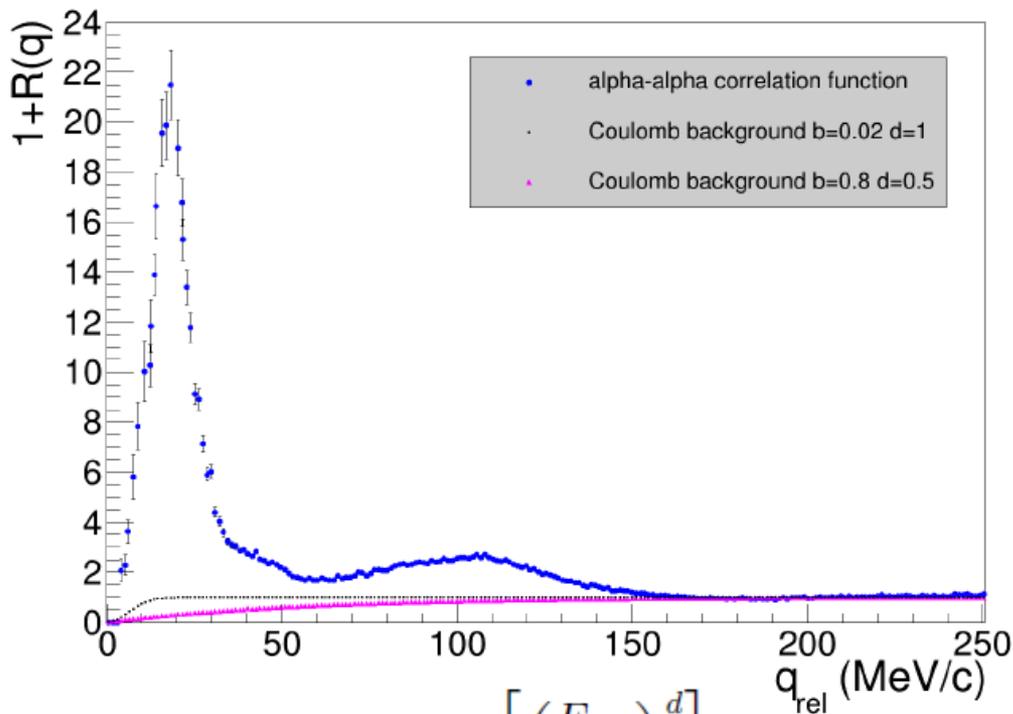
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$$1 + R(q) = 1 - \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{E_{rel}}{b} \right)^d \right]$$

*b* and *d* are free parameters. This phenomenological function describes very well two-particle correlations which are not dominated by resonant interactions, but only by long-range Coulomb repulsion

Using the two Coulomb background correlation functions, shown in Fig. 4.6, calculated yield ratio changes of less than 5% and the extracted temperature by about 0.6 MeV

the yield ratio  $Y_1/Y_2$  is no more sensitive to the energy ranges chosen for integration.

