

# Decay Competition in IMF Production in the Collisions $^{78}\text{Kr}+^{40}\text{Ca}$ and $^{86}\text{Kr}+^{48}\text{Ca}$ at 10 A MeV



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## The Program - Isospin Effects on CN Decay

The collisions in the, so called, low energy domain ( $E=15$  A MeV) are characterized by the competition between fusion process and dynamical binary processes. The compound nucleus disexcitation modes produce particles in a wide mass range; in particular the production of the Intermediate Mass Fragments, IMFs, is very interesting because of many features that are not well understood yet. The N/Z ratio, strongly correlated to the isospin degree of freedom, has important effects on the characteristics of the fragments production and it is expected to play a crucial role in the competition among the different decay channels. Formation and decay modes of composite systems have been studied in the reactions  $^{78}\text{Kr}+^{40}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{86}\text{Kr}+^{48}\text{Ca}$  at 10 A MeV at INFN-LNS in Catania [1,3]. The experiment complements the data already obtained at 5.5 MeV/A for  $^{78,82}\text{Kr}+^{40}\text{Ca}$  reactions studied at GANIL by using the INDRA detector [4].

## The Method - The CHIMERA Device

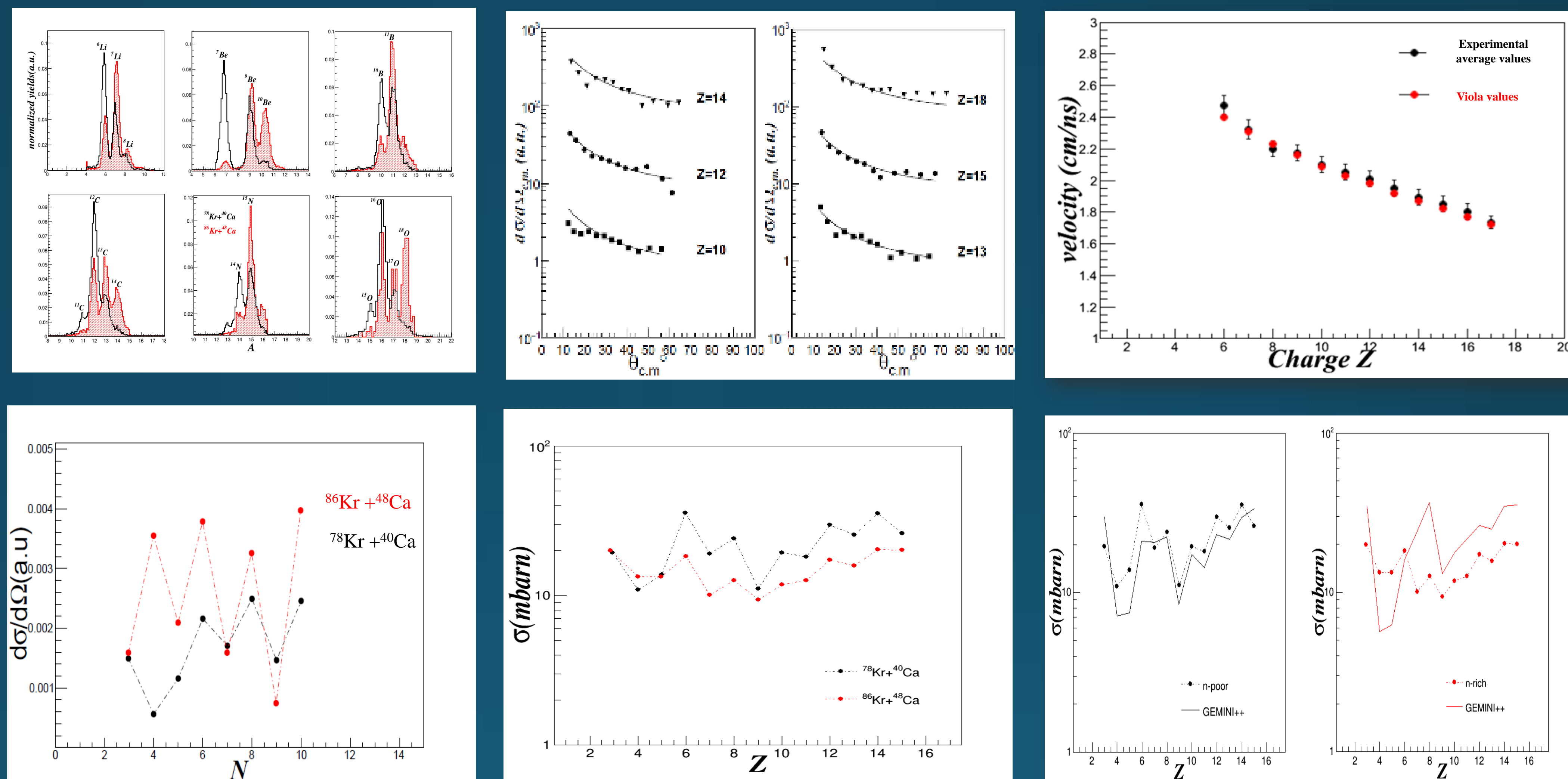
The experiment was performed at INFN-LNS with the  $4\pi$  multidetector for charged particle CHIMERA [5,6]. This device combines different identification methods as DE-E, TOF and Pulse Shape Discrimination for Silicon and CsI(Tl) signals, providing a complete discrimination in charge and/or mass of the main reaction products.

The CHIMERA device at LNS



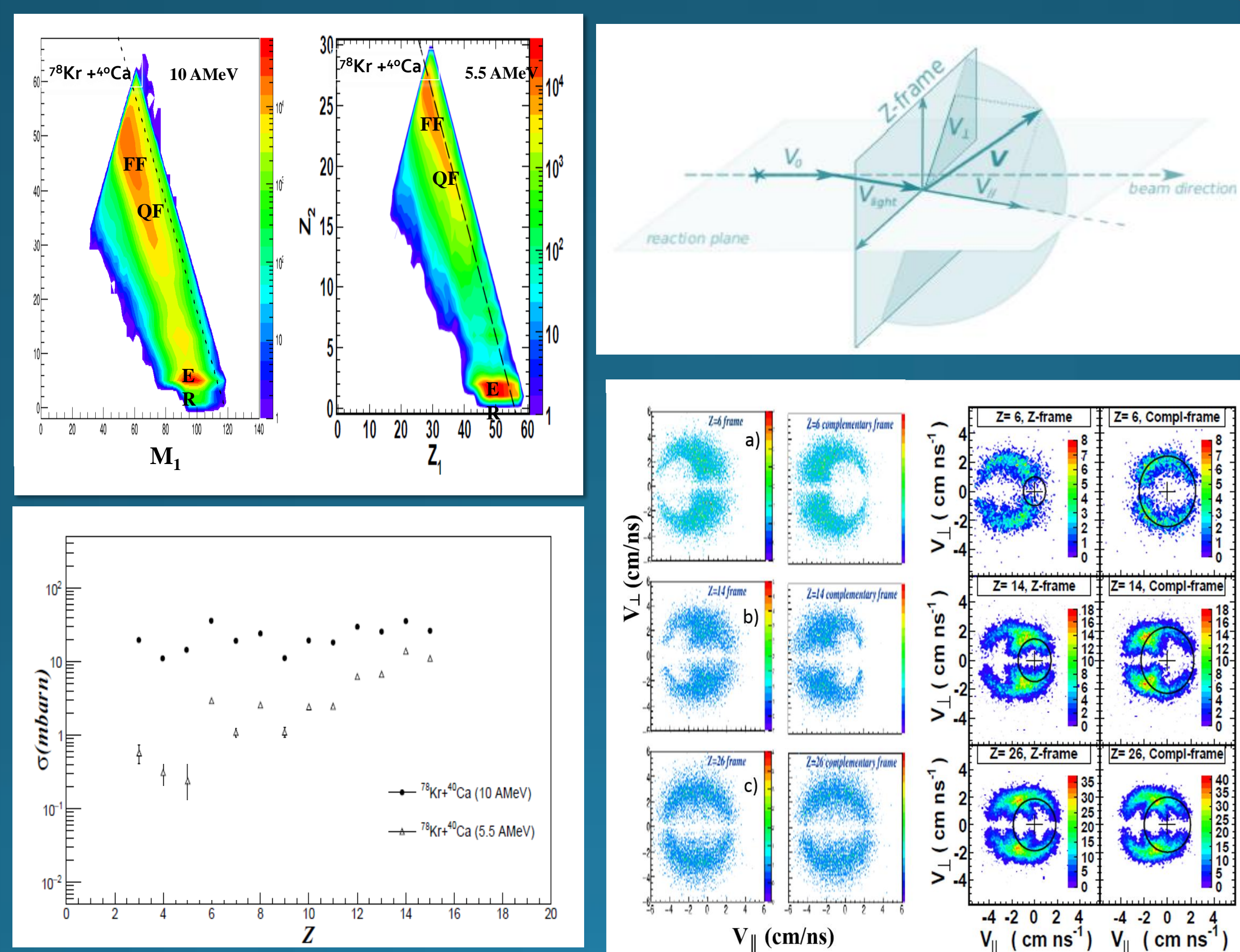
## The Results - IMF Characteristics

The IMF production shows strong differences in the relative abundance of elements with  $2 < Z < 9$  in the two systems. The mean value of the velocity in CM frame, nearly independent of the emission angle and the angular distributions that follow a  $1/\sin\theta$  behavior suggest a strong relaxation of the degrees of freedom. The odd - even staggering effect is stronger for the n-poor system in the charge distribution; on the contrary it is more pronounced for the n-rich system in the yields vs N. Yields are compared to the theoretical prediction of the GEMINI++ model [7].



## The Results - Comparison in the $^{78}\text{Kr}+^{40}\text{Ca}$ at two different energies

The comparison between the results of the IMFs cross section production in the reaction  $^{78}\text{Kr}+^{40}\text{Ca}$  at 10 MeV and 5.5 MeV bombarding energy, shows a stronger production of IMFs at higher energy. This result could be due to secondary emissions by the light IMFs as suggested by a preliminary analysis of the relative velocity of alpha and IMF, projected in the fragment frame.



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