

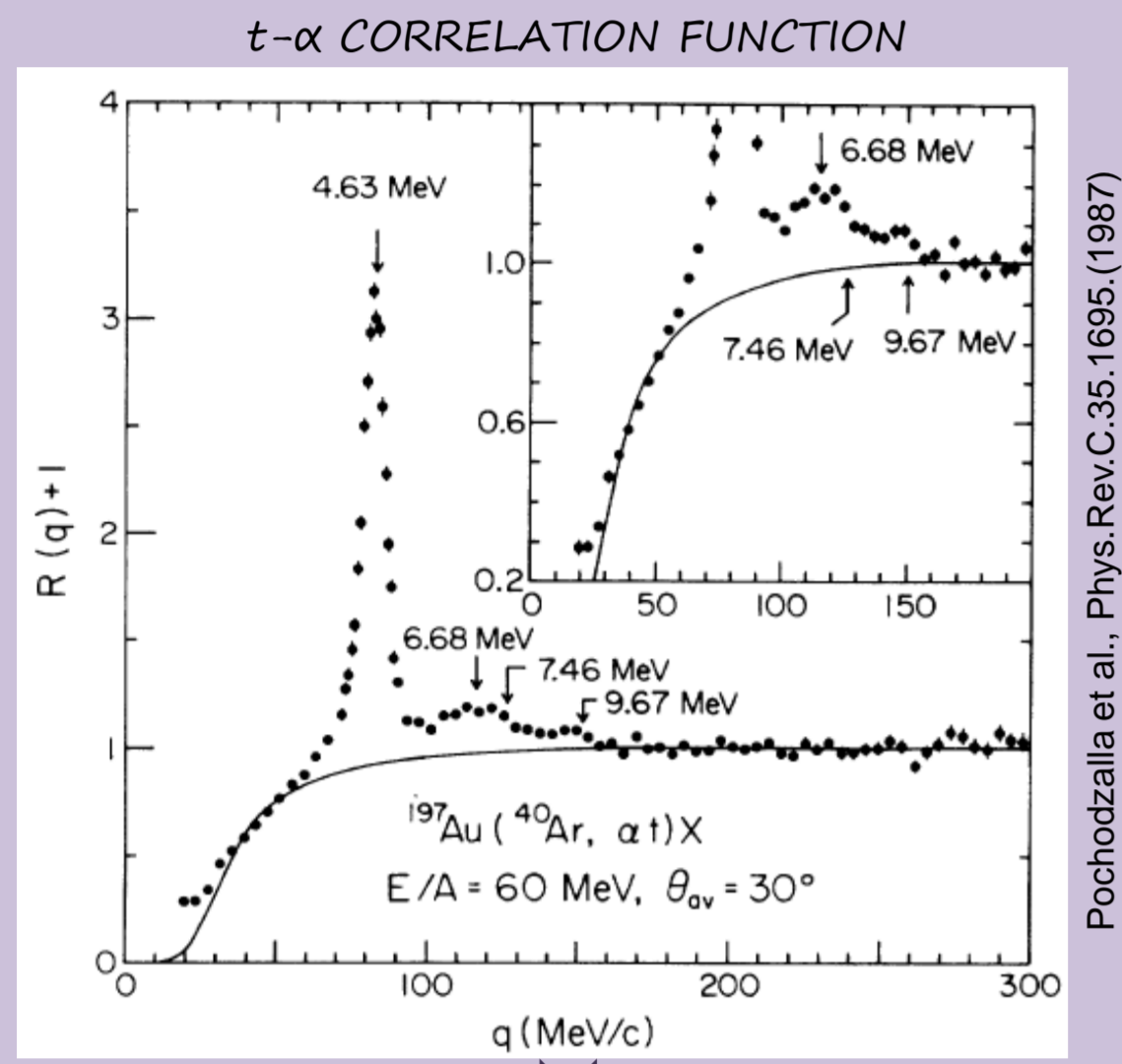
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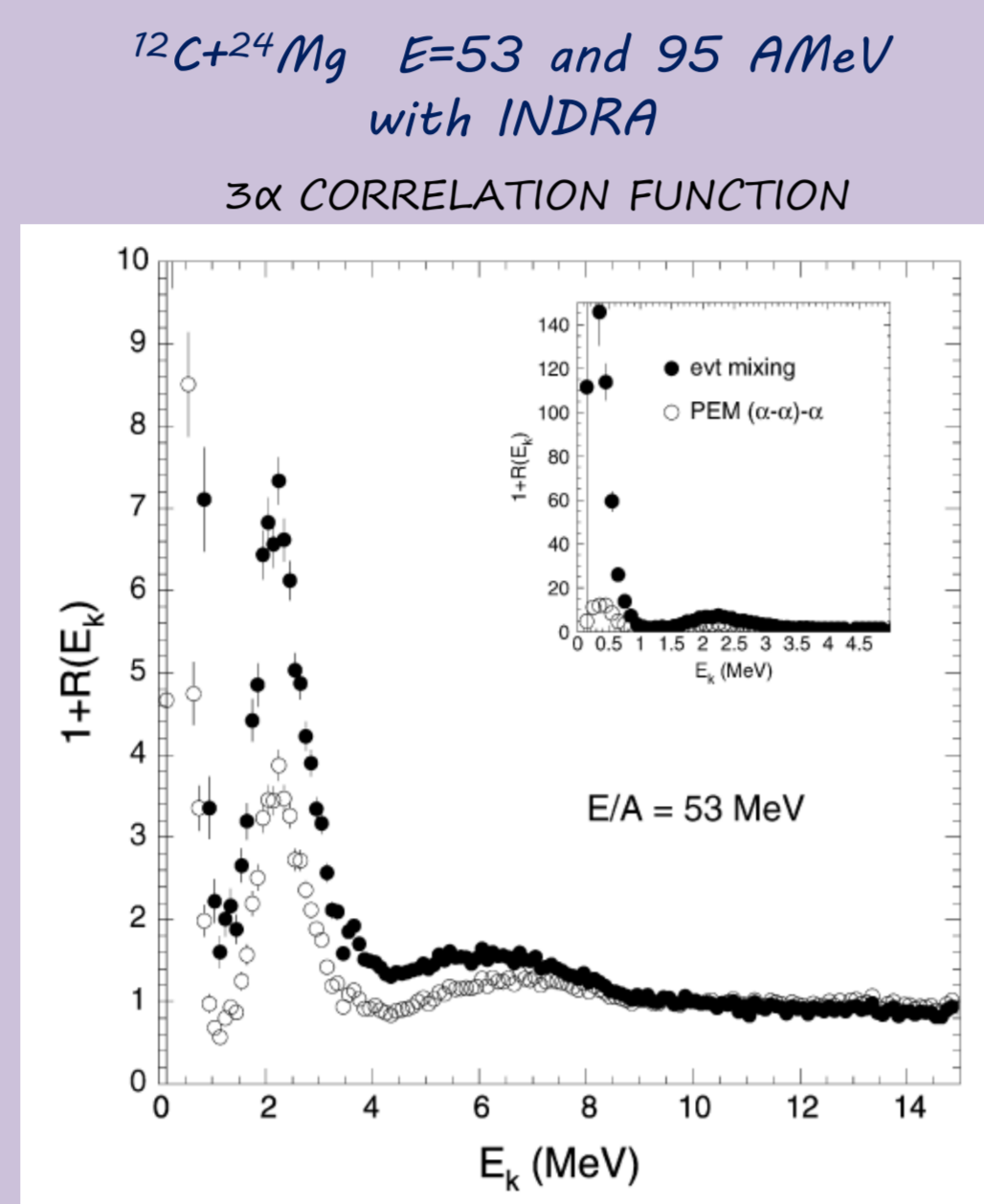
## Two and multi particle correlations

Two-particle correlations allow to explore dynamics of heavy ion collisions and also to access some structure properties of produced systems.

These techniques are also extended to multi particle correlations to explore the competition between direct and sequential decay of observed resonances.



Information on excited states of  $^7\text{Li}$ !



F. Grenier et al., Nucl. Phys. A811, 233 (2008).

## Study of decay modes of resonances produced in $^{12}\text{C}$

In order to study decay mechanisms of the observed resonances, possibly disentangling sequential decays from direct three-body ones, a procedure based on construction of Dalitz plots has been followed.

### Hoyle State

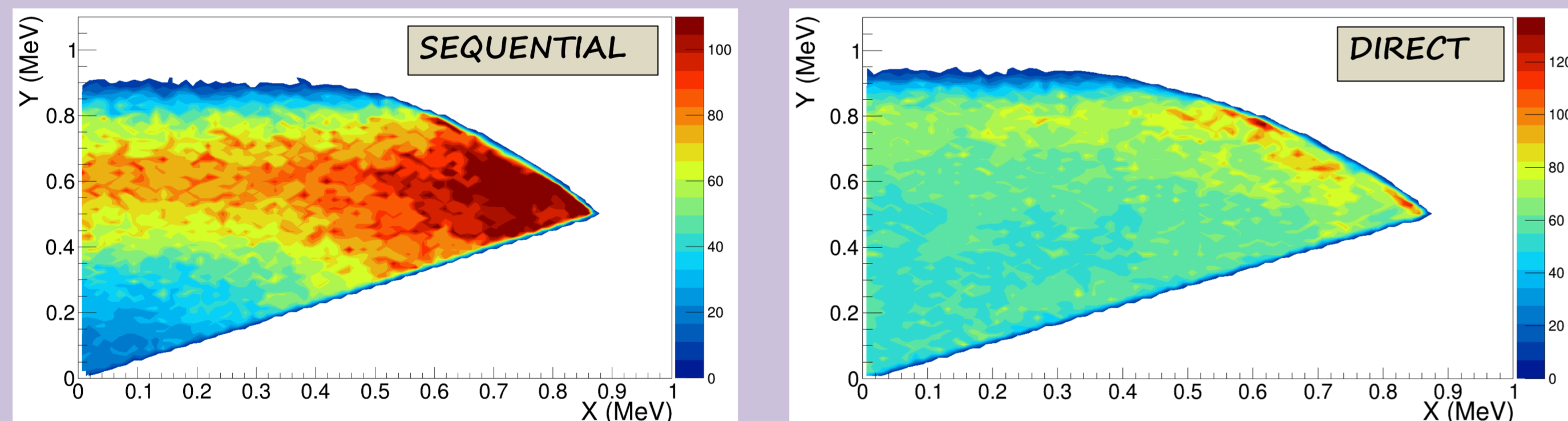
**Symmetric Dalitz plots** Kirsebom et al., Physical Review Letters 108 202501, (2012)

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

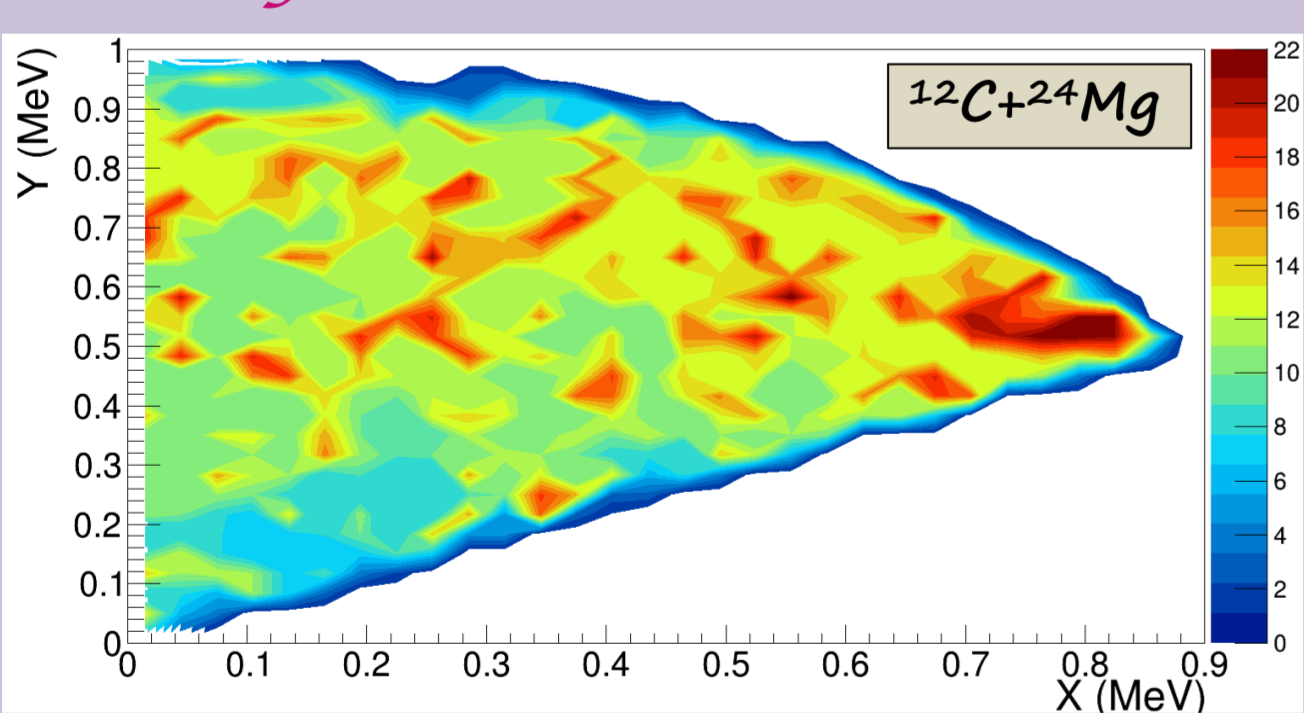
Particles energies in  $^{12}\text{C}^*$  frame normalized to the total energy of  $3\alpha$  decay

### Monte-Carlo Simulations

filtered through the geometry and detector response of CHIMERA.



### Experimental results

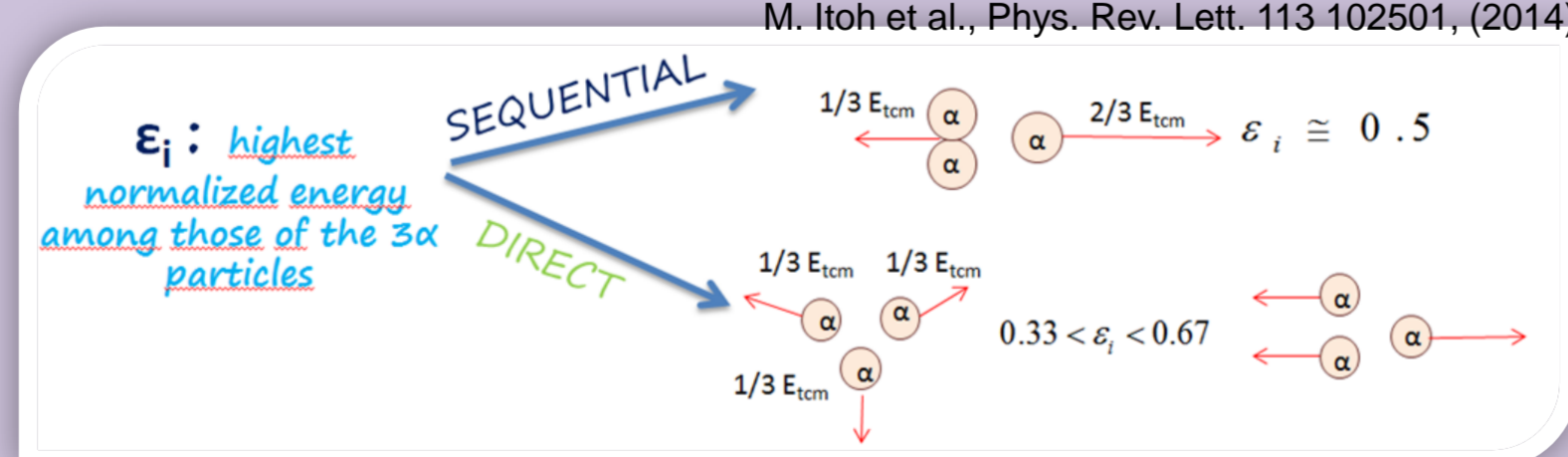


Experimental plot exhibits a more uniform distribution that does not allow us to exclude any of the two decay mechanisms...

For better evaluation  $\varepsilon_i$  distribution has been analyzed!

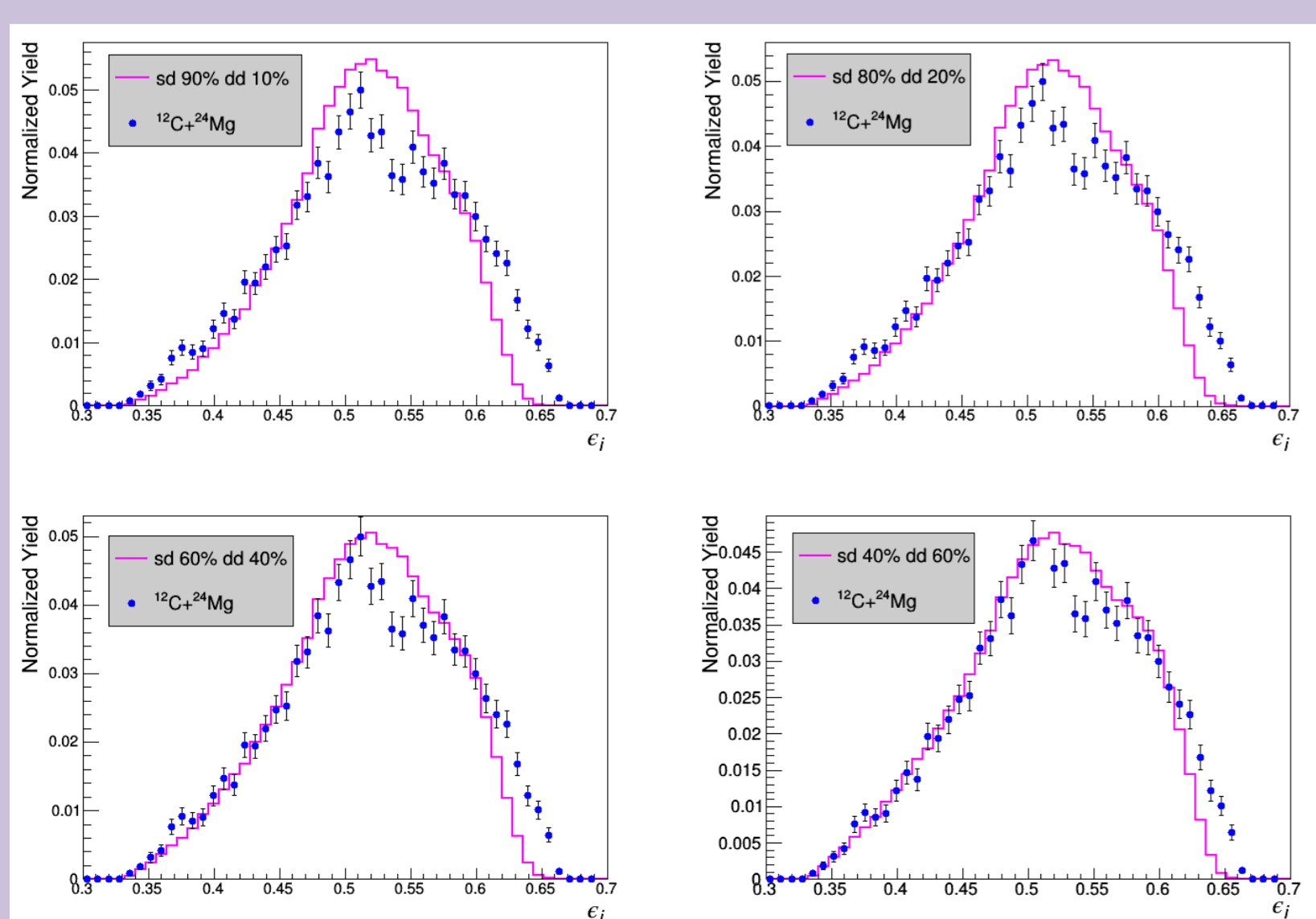
### $\varepsilon_i$ DISTRIBUTION

M. Itoh et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 102501, (2014).



$\varepsilon_i$  distribution gives us information about decay processes

### FIT OF $\varepsilon_i$ DISTRIBUTION



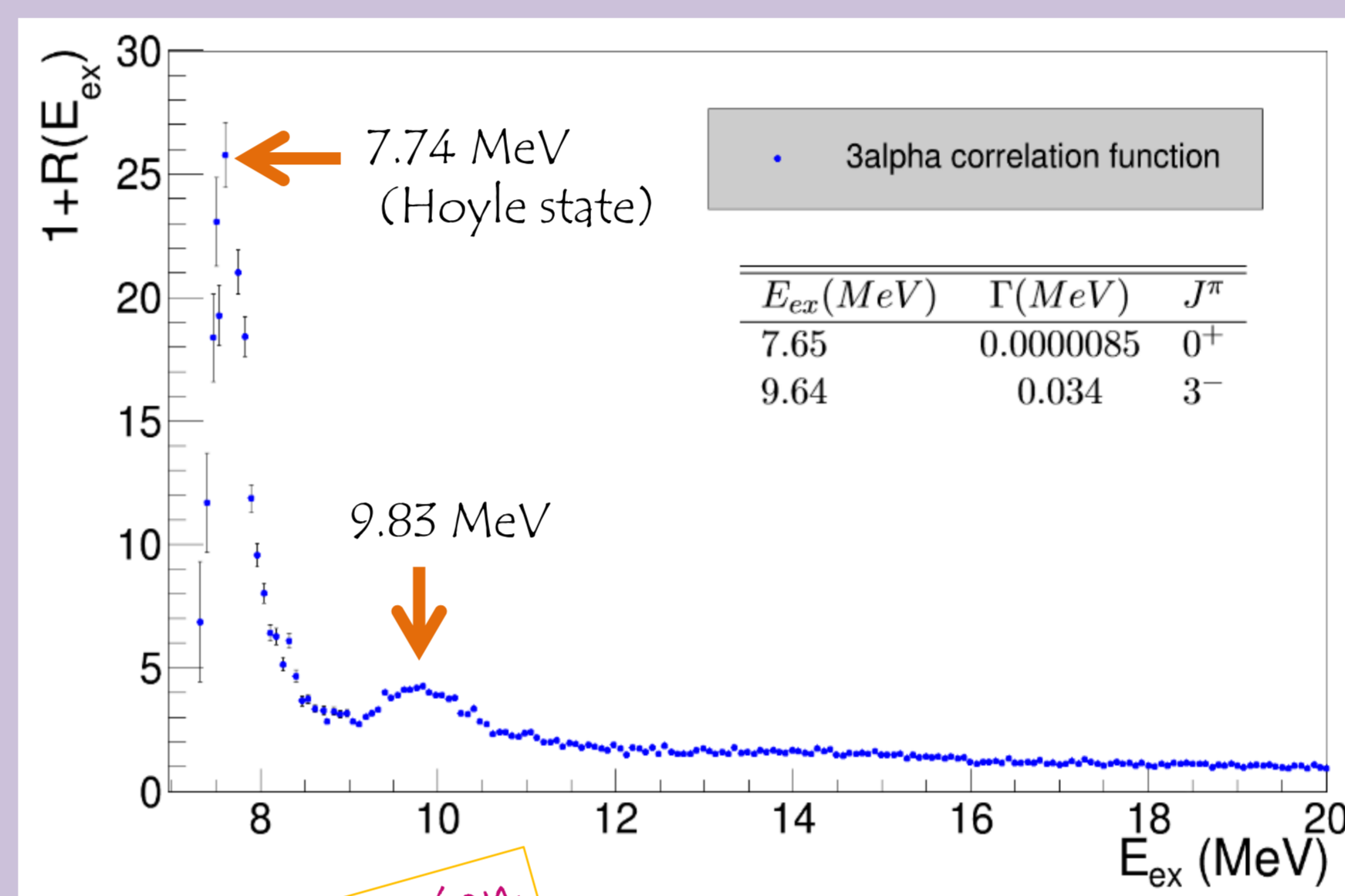
The agreement between simulated and experimental data improves when increasing the percentage of direct decay component

## CORRELATION experiment at LNS

A study of two and multi particle correlations in  $^{12}\text{C}+^{24}\text{Mg}$  reaction at  $E=35$  A MeV has been performed at Laboratori Nazionali del Sud of Catania by using the forward part of CHIMERA  $4\pi$  multi detector.

In particular three  $\alpha$  correlations have been explored with the aim of studying the competition between different decay processes of resonances produced in  $^{12}\text{C}$

### 3 $\alpha$ Correlation Function



Event selection

The  $\alpha$  particles resulting from the decay of  $^{12}\text{C}$  quasi-projectiles, are selected by requiring the parallel velocity, reconstructed from their center of mass, to be larger than 80% of beam velocity.

$$1 + R(E_{ex}) = \frac{Y_{\text{coin}}(E_{ex})}{Y_{\text{uncorr}}(E_{ex})}$$

Uncorrelated yield spectrum constructed with a randomization of experimental spectra

Coincidence yield spectrum constructed using three alpha particles detected in coincidence in the same event

### State at $E^*=9.64$ MeV

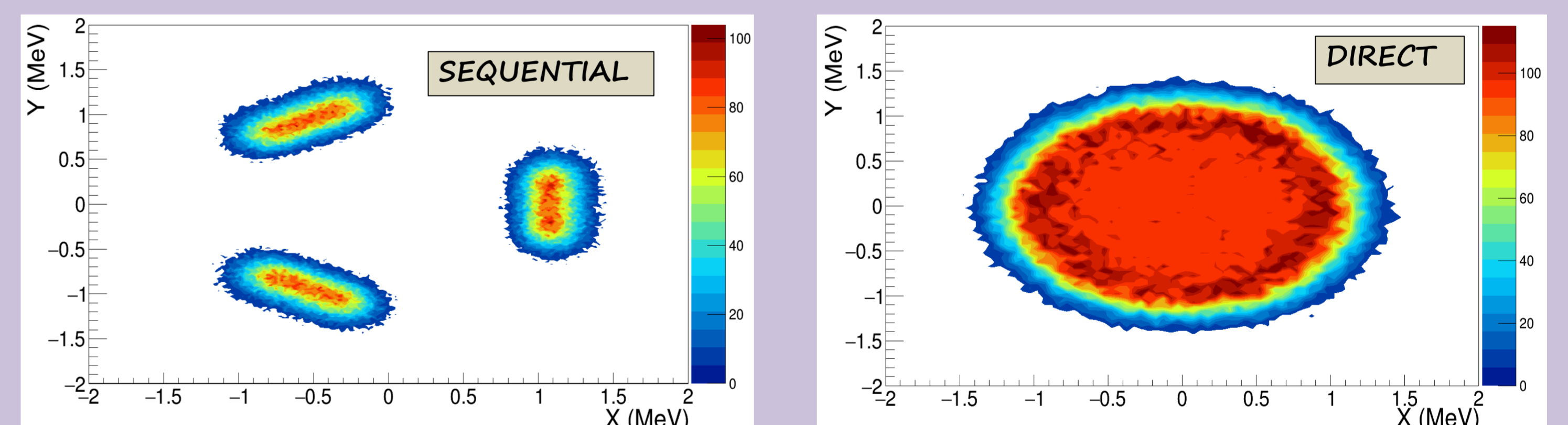
### Dalitz parameters

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

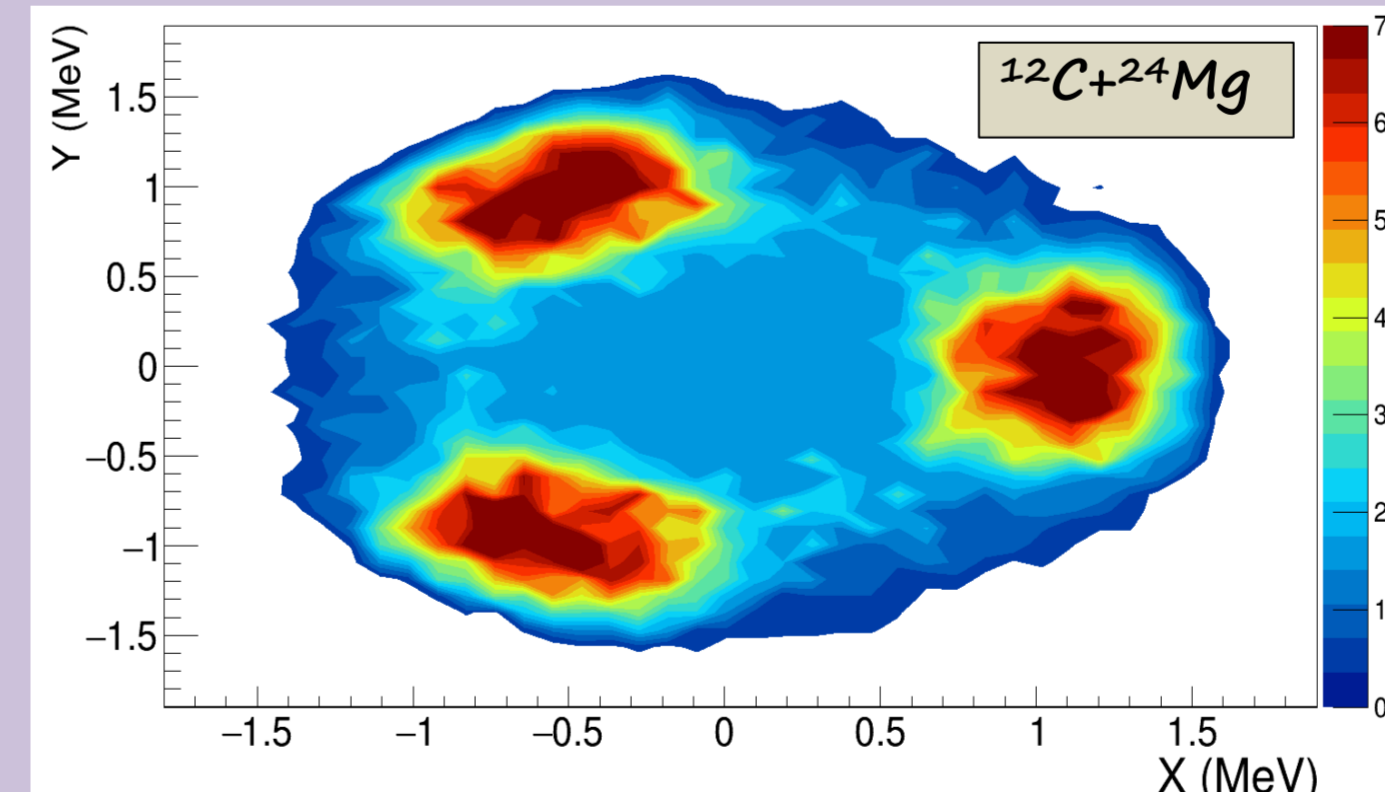
$$y = (2E_{3CM} - E_{1CM} - E_{2CM})/3$$

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### Experimental results

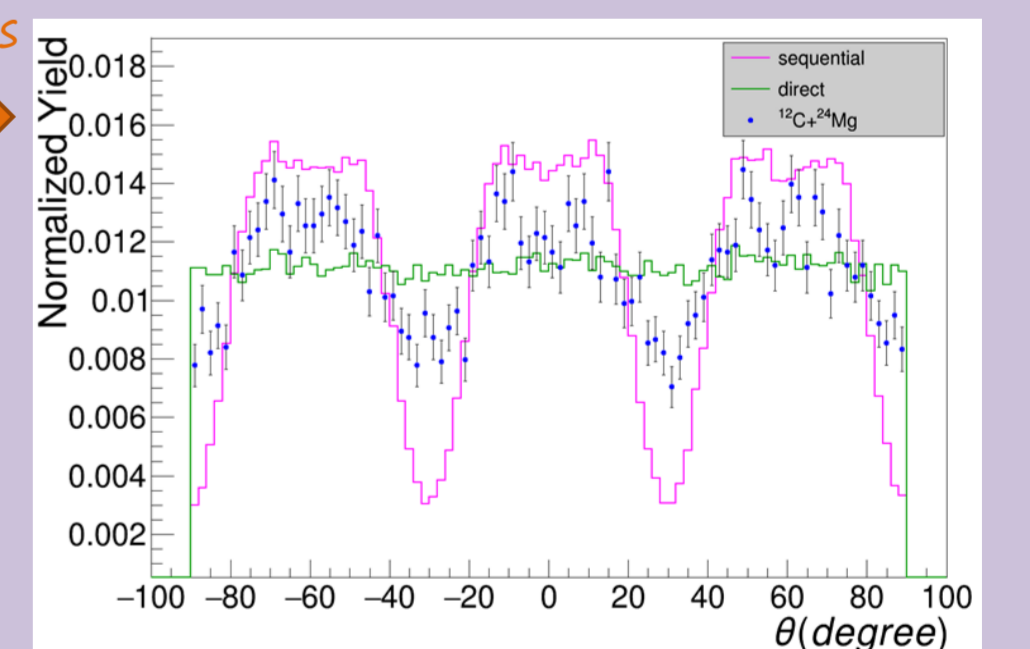


In order to extract a quantitative estimation of these relative contributions

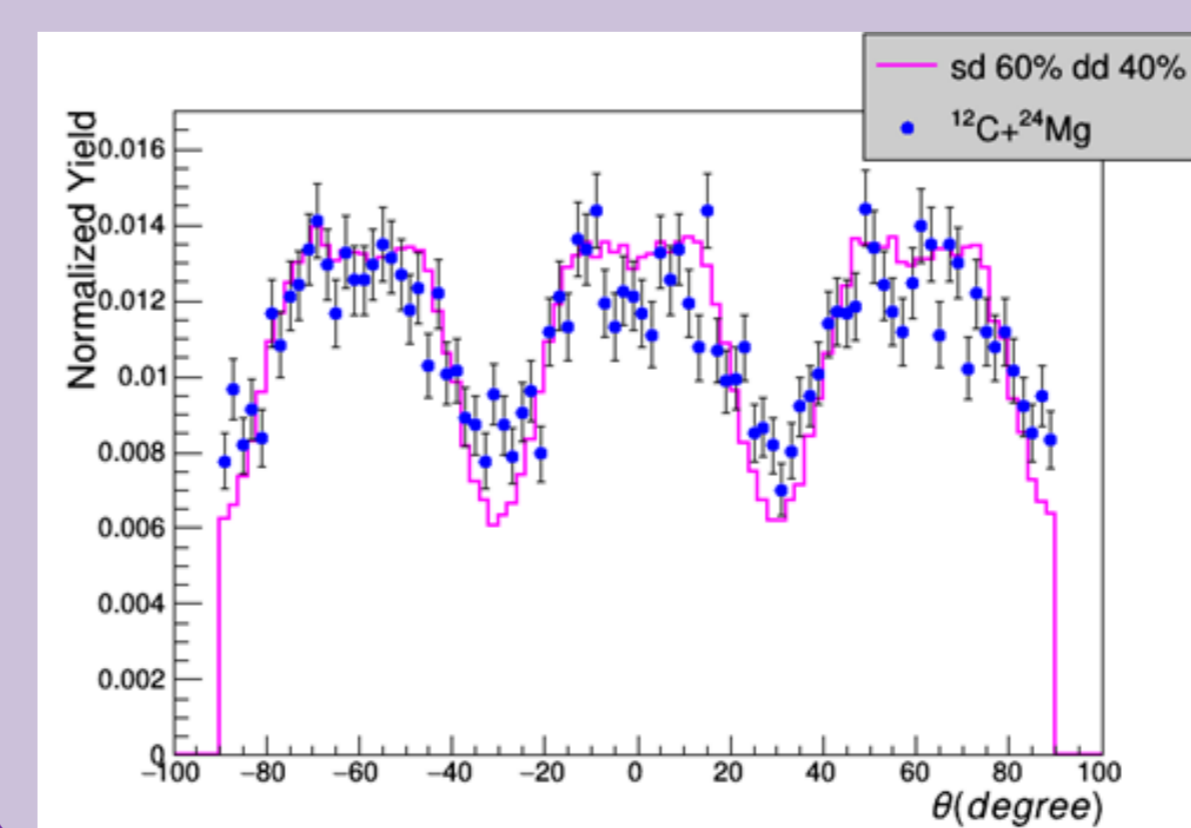
### Change of coordinates

$$X, Y \rightarrow \theta, \rho \quad \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{Y}{X}\right)$$

$$\rho = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$$



### FIT OF $\theta$ DISTRIBUTION



The best fit is obtained mixing 60% of sequential processes with 40% of the direct ones.

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

## CONCLUSIONS

□ A strong contribution of direct decay mechanism is present in both the analyzed resonances of  $^{12}\text{C}$ .

□ These observations could be related to in-medium effects on nuclear structure properties.

Analysis at different energies and reaction systems to evaluate possible medium effect!!