

# “SiC detectors for EXTREME LIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE (ELI)-Physics”

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- *Nuclear Physics studies @ ELI-NP (Bucharest)*
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*Nuclear reactions studies in Laser – Plasma*

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# ***Nuclear Physics studies @ ELI-NP (Bucharest)***

***Nuclear reactions in Laser – Plasma***

## ***Nuclear reactions: ENTRANCE CHANNEL***

***>Electron screening***

***>No-g.s. reactions  
(an important role can be also played  
by excited states [Bahcall and  
Fowler])***

***>Multi-Reactions ( $n > 2$  : 3-4-...  
alphas ! )***

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### NUCLEAR PARTITION FUNCTIONS FOR STELLAR REACTION RATES\*

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#### ABSTRACT

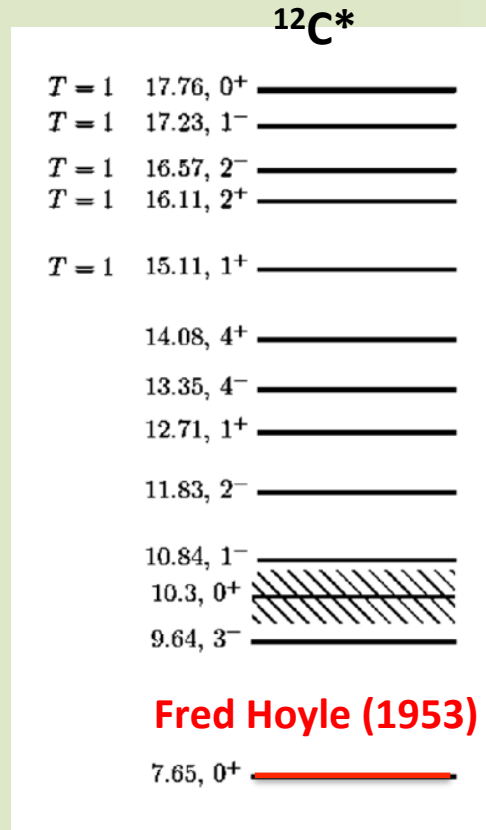
Nuclear partition functions are calculated as a function of temperature for nuclei with mass numbers  $A \leq 40$ . These functions are important for determining reaction rates when contributions from nuclear excited states are included. Simple approximate expressions for the partition functions are also derived.

# The Hoyle state .



Study of the element:

**$^{12}\text{C}$**



HB (Horizontal Branch)  
AGB (Asymptotic Giant Branch)

ON NUCLEAR REACTIONS OCCURRING IN VERY HOT STARS. I. THE SYNTHESIS OF ELEMENTS FROM CARBON TO NICKEL

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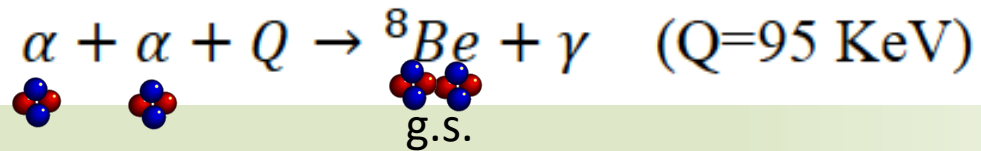
ABSTRACT

The present paper aims to show that the abundances of the chemical elements over the portion of the periodic table from carbon to nickel are consistent with the view that the elements originate at the high temperatures that probably occur in the interiors of certain types of star. The argument takes its most definite form in the discussion of the synthesis of elements below sodium, where it seems that the abundances are in fairly close accord with the known properties of the various nuclei. For sodium and heavier elements sufficiently precise nuclear data are not available, and hence the argument becomes more qualitative than quantitative. Nevertheless, the general nature of the agreement between calculation and observation for these latter nuclei makes the discussion of them worth presenting.

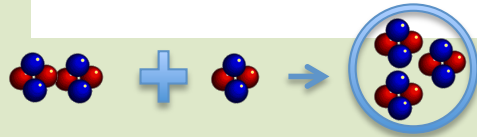
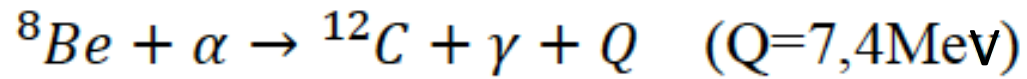
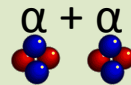
The early parts of the paper are concerned with the relation to cosmogony of the theory of the origin of the elements.

# 0.1 GK < T < 2GK

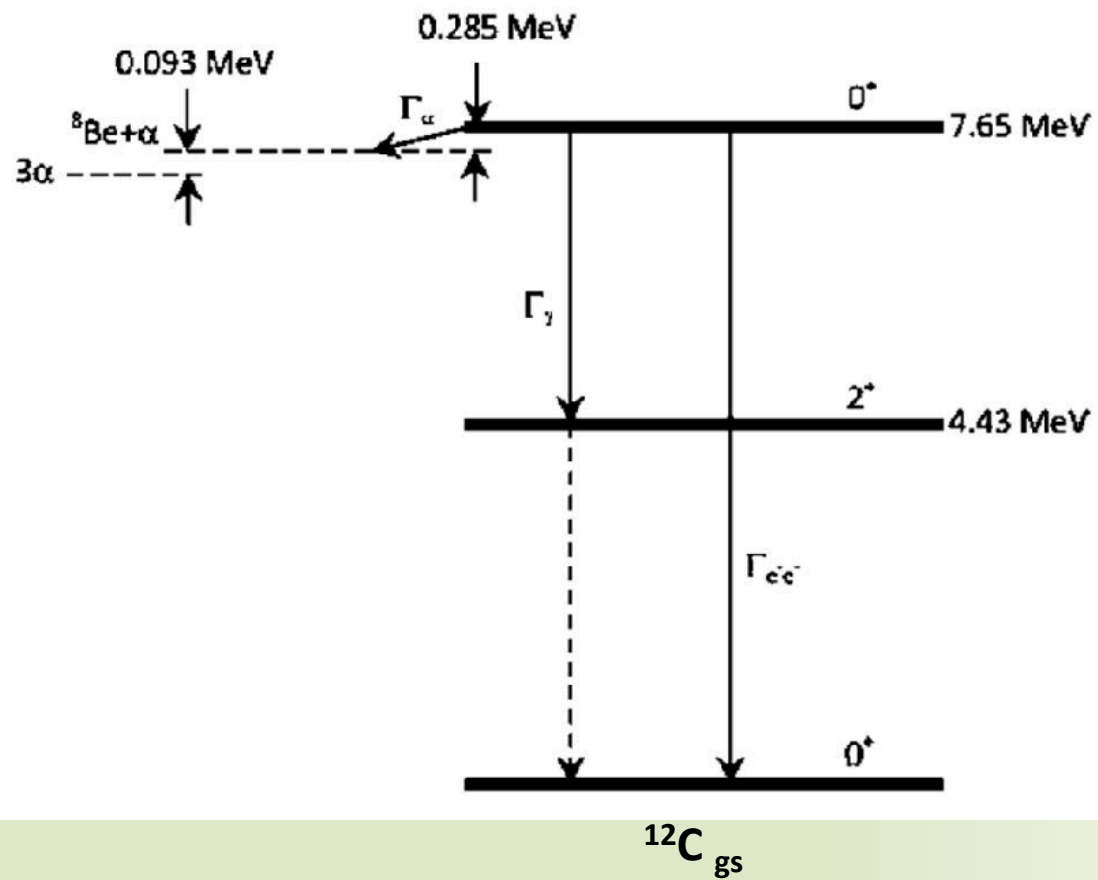
## Sequential process



$\Delta t = 2.6 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ s}$



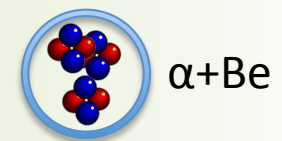
... other sequential processes :  ${}^{16}\text{O}$ ,  ${}^{20}\text{Ne}$ , etc.



$$R_H/R_{\text{gs}} = 1.5$$



Bose-Einstein



# Exit Channel (A)

Direct (short interaction time)

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## Improved Limit on Direct $\alpha$ Decay of the Hoyle State

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The current evaluation of the triple- $\alpha$  reaction rate assumes that the  $\alpha$  decay of the 7.65 MeV,  $0^+$  state in  $^{12}\text{C}$ , commonly known as the Hoyle state, proceeds sequentially via the ground state of  $^8\text{Be}$ . This assumption is challenged by the recent identification of two direct  $\alpha$ -decay branches with a combined branching ratio of 17(5)%. If correct, this would imply a corresponding reduction in the triple- $\alpha$  reaction rate with important astrophysical consequences. We have used the  $^{11}\text{B}(^3\text{He}, d)$  reaction to populate the Hoyle state and measured the decay to three  $\alpha$  particles in complete kinematics. We find no evidence for direct  $\alpha$ -decay branches, and hence our data do not support a revision of the triple- $\alpha$  reaction rate. We obtain an upper limit of  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  on the direct  $\alpha$  decay of the Hoyle state at 95% C.L., which is 1 order of magnitude better than a previous upper limit.

# Exit Channel (A')

## Multifragmentation (long interaction time )

### Evidence for $\alpha$ -particle condensation in nuclei from the Hoyle state deexcitation

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The fragmentation of quasi-projectiles from the nuclear reaction  $^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{12}\text{C}$  at 25 MeV/nucleon was used to produce excited states candidates to  $\alpha$ -particle condensation. Complete kinematic characterization of individual decay events, made possible by a high-granularity  $4\pi$  charged particle multi-detector, reveals that  $7.5 \pm 4.0\%$  of the particle decays of the Hoyle state correspond to direct decays in three equal-energy  $\alpha$ -particles.

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## branching ratio

$$R \propto \frac{\Gamma_{\alpha_0} \Gamma_{rad}}{\Gamma} T^{-3/2} e^{-\frac{Q}{kT}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{3\alpha}}{\Gamma_{\alpha}} < 0,04$$

1994 Freer et al. [ «Phys. Rev. C» 49(4), R1751 (1994)]

O. S. Kirsebom et al., «Phys. Rev. Lett.» 108, 202501 (2012)

$$\frac{\Gamma_{3\alpha}}{\Gamma_{\alpha}} < 0,17$$

2011, Raduta et al. [ «Phys. Lett. B» 705, 65 (2011).]



# Exit channel

Nuclear lifetime  
(PRL 1995 by Attallah et al.)

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## Charge State Blocking of $K$ -Shell Internal Conversion in $^{125}\text{Te}$

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We have studied the atomic charge state dependence of the nuclear lifetime of the 35.5-keV first excited state of  $^{125}\text{Te}$ . For the  $47^+$  and  $48^+$  ions, 300% and 640% increases, respectively, of the half-life were found with respect to the neutral-atom value (1.49 ns). These unusually large effects are due to the energetic blocking of  $K$ -shell internal conversion as the charge state increases past  $47^+$ .

We must create the plasma in a  
Laboratory ...

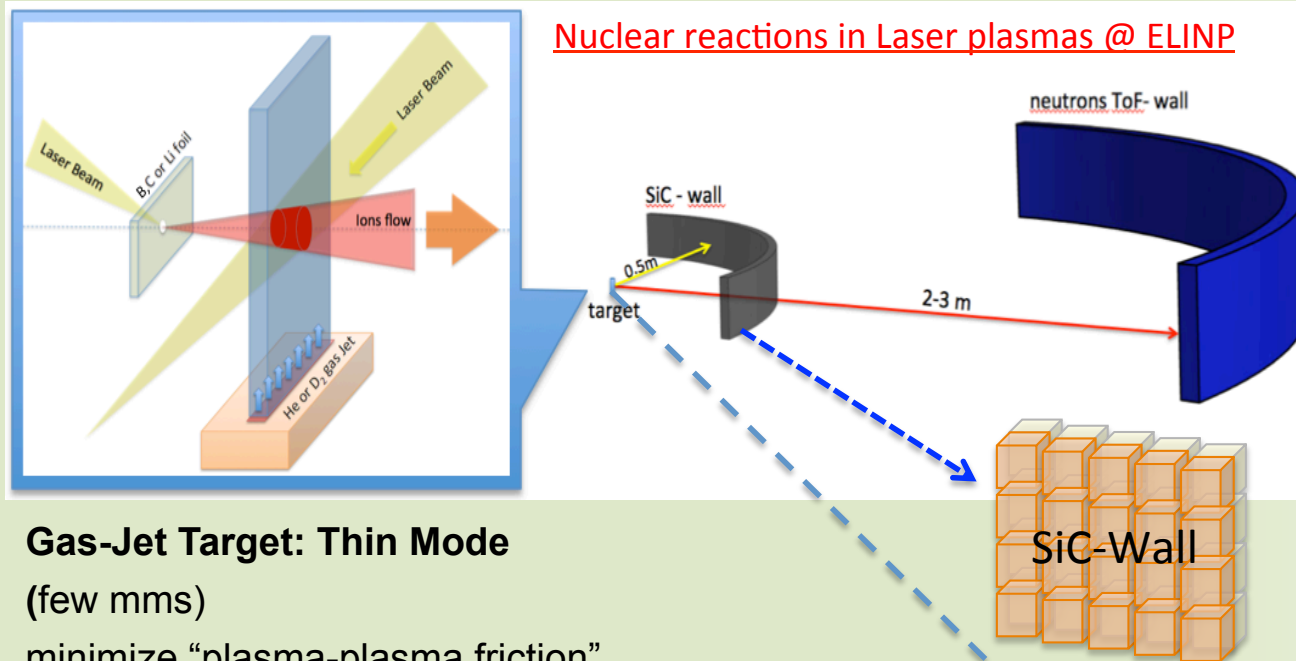


... to study Nuclear Reactions

# Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics



## Detectors working in plasmas environment



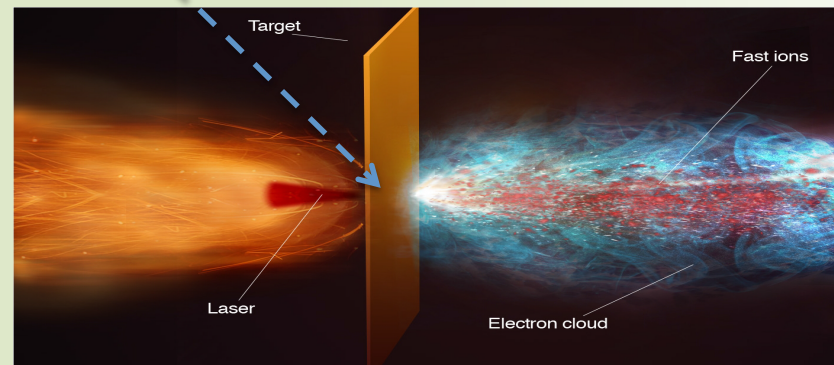
### Gas-Jet Target: Thin Mode

(few mms)

minimize “plasma-plasma friction”, the energy dissipation of the fast flowing plasma colliding with the gas-jet plasma, in order to work in a more “conventional” nuclear physics experimental scheme (projectiles on a rest target).

### Requirements

- ✓ Radiation Hardness
- ✓ Timing
- ✓ Insensibility to the visible radiation
- ✓ X-ray sensitivity
- ✓ Neutrons sensitivity (ITER, ESS, etc.)



# ELIMED

## ELI-Beamlines MEDical and multidisciplinary applications

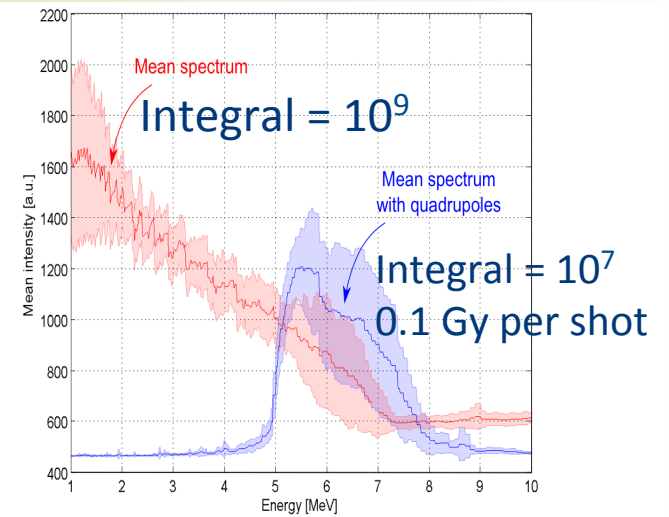
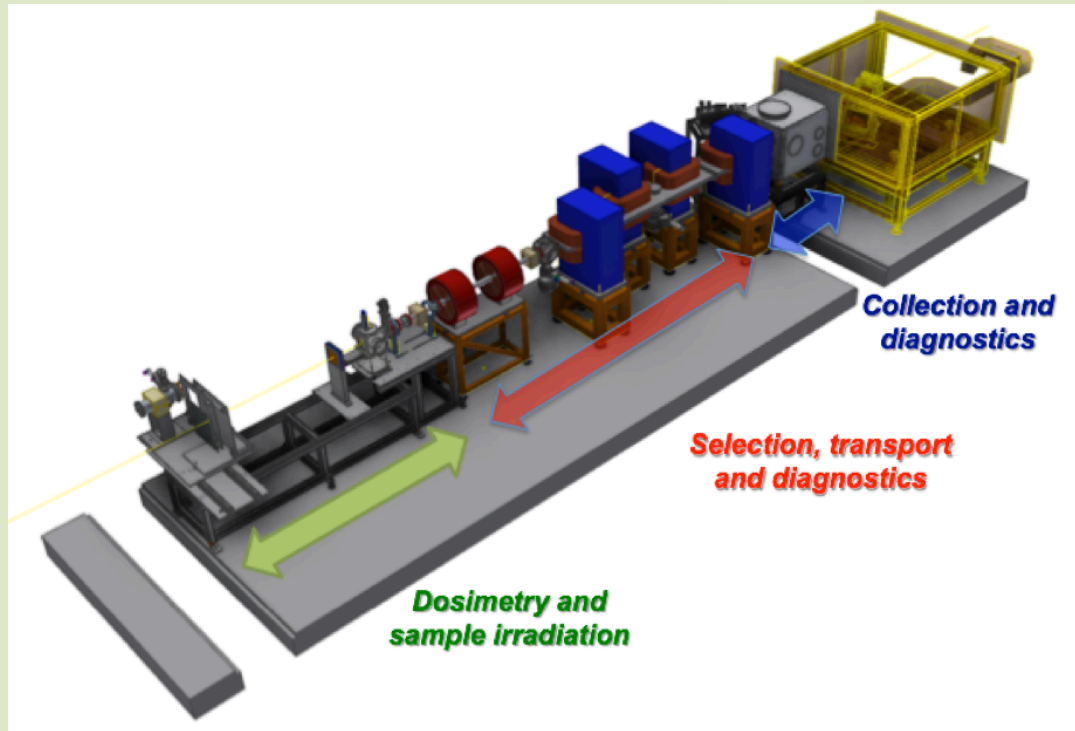


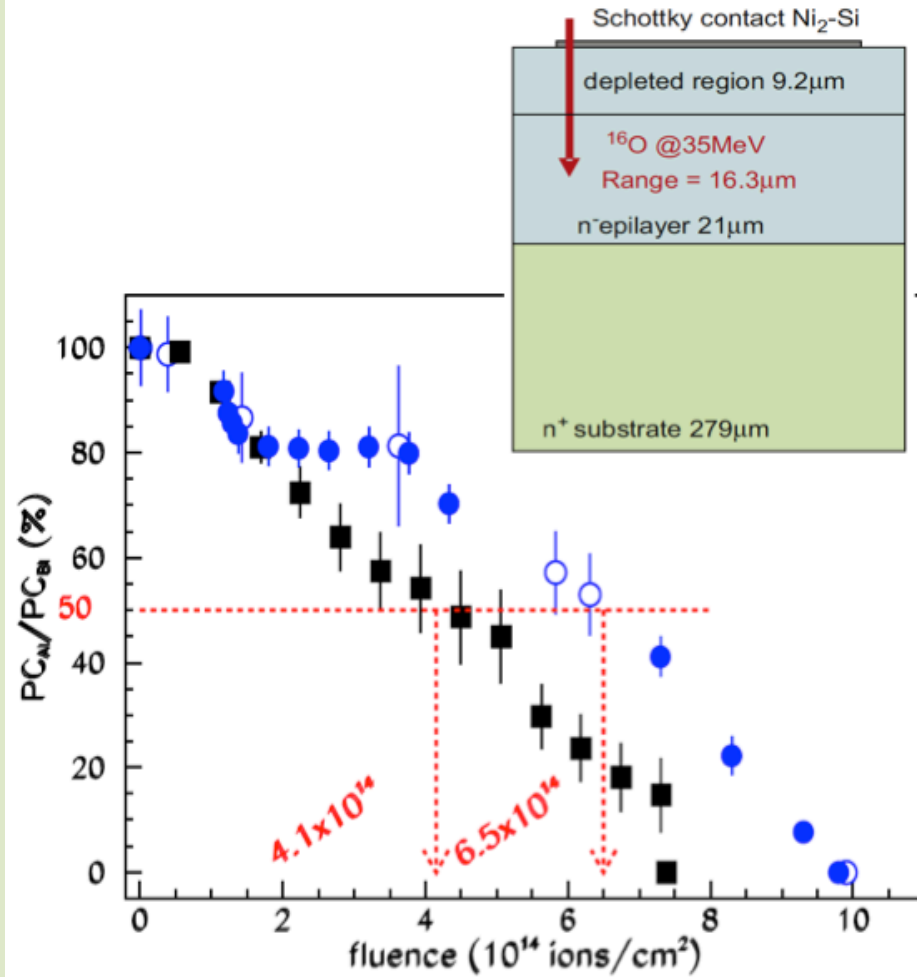
FIGURE 4 – Average proton beam spectrum extracted from the traces recorded by the forward Thomson Parabola, without (in red) and with (in blue) the quadrupole system.

LOA run (Paris, F) is running —  
PRELIMINARY

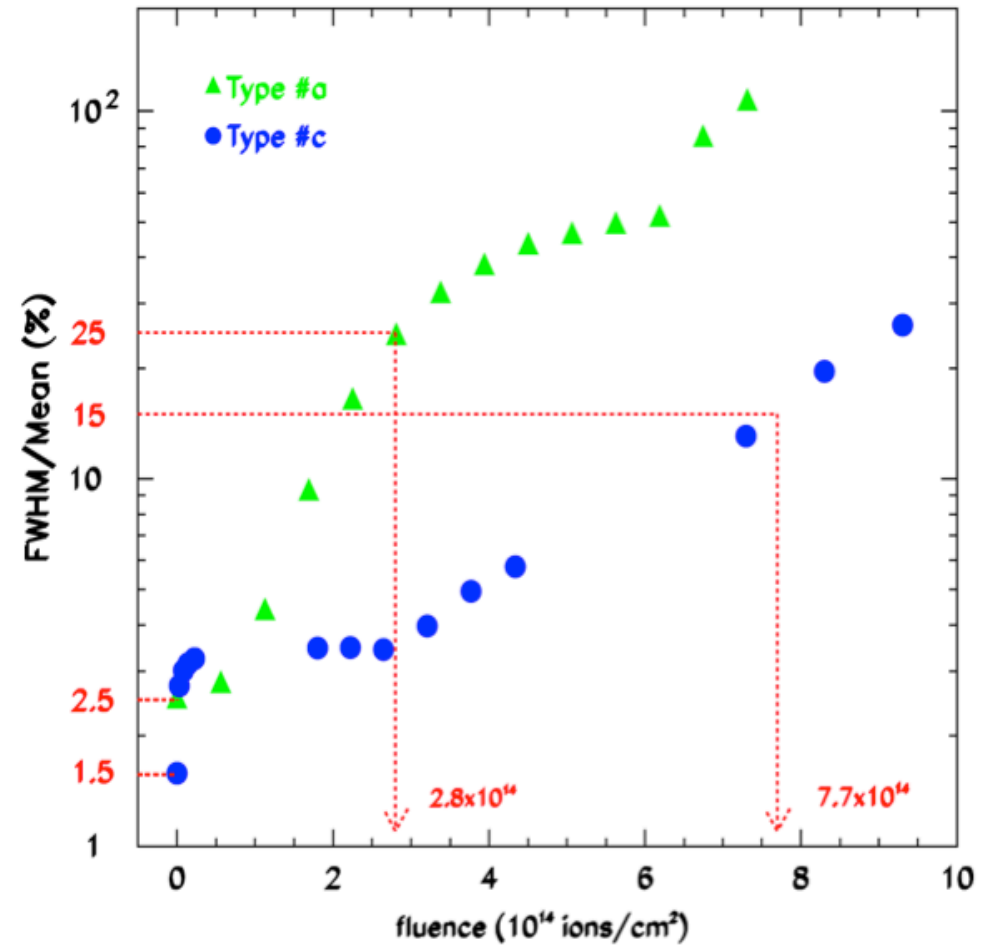
	Conventional beams	Laser-driven beams
Maximum energy	250 MeV 400 AMeV	😊 (250 😞 ?)
Current	order of nA	😊
Monochromaticity	$\Delta E/E \leq 10^{-2}$	Broad beam: optical solutions, target solutions?, both? 😞
Stability, reproducibility, control, dosimetry	Less than 3%	😱
Radiobiology	Almost known	😞

# R.H. Experimental data

$^{16}\text{O}$  @ 35 MeV



Ratio of peak centroid of  $^{16}\text{O}$  energy spectrum after ( $\text{PC}_A$ ) and before irradiation ( $\text{PC}_B$ )



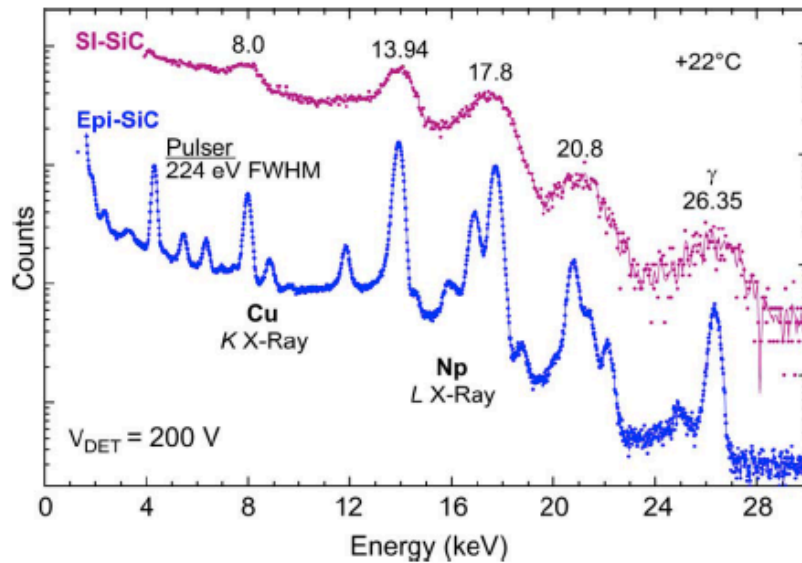
Relative Energy resolution

G. Raciti et al. Nuclear Physics A 834 (2010) 784

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# SiC performance

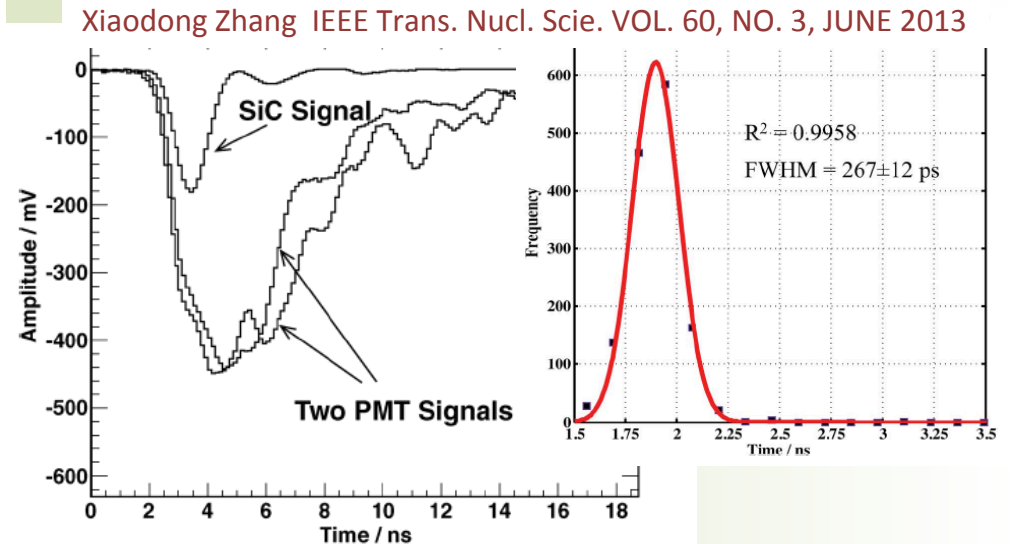
- ✓ Low leakage current → high energy resolution → X-rays detection
- ✓ Timing → sub-nanoseconds → ToF application
- ✓ Insensible to visible light → neutrons and charged particles detection in plasmas



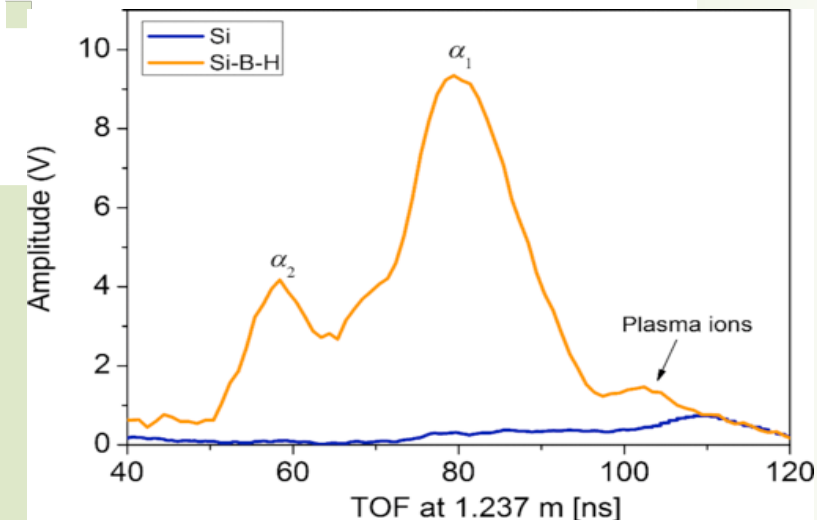
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A. Picciotto et al. Phys. Rev. X 4, 031030 (2014)

TOF distribution measured by the SiC detector for the Si-H-B (orange curve) and Si (blue curve) targets



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For your attention !