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# Neutrons @ FOOT

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# Outline

# A close look up to the netron data in the literature

- Neutron production in THIN targets: cross sections, angular distribution, ... as input to MC
  - Proton-induced reactions: inclusive Vs exclusive cross section
  - Light-ion induced reactions
- Neutron production in THICK targets: comparison/benchmark with MC simulations
  - Proton- and Carbon-induced reactions on homogeneous target: measurement of secondary neutron yields
  - Proton- and Carbon-induced reactions on clinical phantom





# Thin target, proton-induced reactions



K. Matsushita et al., Nuclear Physics A 946 (2016) 104–116





# Thin target, proton-induced reactions



Data retrieved from the EXFOR database





# Thin target, proton-induced reactions (p,nx)









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Fig. 3. Experimental differential cross sections for carbon compared with HETC calculations.





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TOF Thin target, proton-induced reactions (p,nx) technique Inclusive cross **UNCERTAINTIES** sections Factor/Correction Magnitude Uncertainty Time-Independent Background < 1% 5% Time-Dependent Background < 5% 20% Shadowbar Background < 5% < 3% Air Attenuation < 2.2% < 2.5% Efficiency 3 - 20% 5 - 20% Dead Time < 20% < 5% Charge Normalization 1.0% 5%

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100 MeV

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7.8 ns

5.9 ns

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~ 10000 neutrons
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Detection efficiency ~ 10 %
→ 10 events in the detector for 5x10<sup>7</sup> primaries



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### Thin target, heavy-lon induced reactions





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FIG. 8. Angular distributions of neutron production cross sections integrated above 20 MeV.





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290 MeV/u **(d** 400 MeV/u **(**d 600 MeV/u **(**d

Example: inclusive cross section

TABLE II. Summary of the beams and targets used in the experiment.

| Beam              | Т        | Thickness (g/cm | <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|
| (MeV)             | C target | Cu target       | Pb target      |
| C at $E/A = 290$  | 1.80     | 4.47            | 2.27           |
| C at $E/A = 400$  | 9.00     | 13.4            | 9.08           |
| Ne at $E/A = 400$ | 1.80     | 4.47            | 2.27           |
| Ne at $E/A = 600$ | 3.60     | 4.47            | 4.54           |
| Ar at $E/A = 400$ | 0.720    | 1.34            | 1.70           |
| Ar at $E/A = 560$ | 1.08     | 1.79            | 2.27           |



Differential cross section

NFN



290 MeV/u

**(d** 

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Fig. 5. Double-differential spectra from 400 MeV/nucleon N interacting in a C target. The spectra at each laboratory angle are offset by the indicated factors of 10. The lines come from a moving-source fit described in the text.



Pb

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0.57 (0.05 cm)

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# Thin target, heavy-lon induced reactions

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by Nakamura and Heilbronn

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| Beam ion and            | Targets                              | Measured             | θ                           | Emin                | Facility    |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| energy<br>(MeV/nucleon) |                                      | spectra              | (deg)                       | (MeV)               |             |
| He (135)                | C, Al, Cu, Pb                        | ddx, n/dΩ            | 0, 15, 30, 50,              | 10 (all             | RIKEN       |
|                         |                                      | total                | 80, 110                     | angles)             |             |
| He (230)                | Al, Cu                               | ddx, n/dΩ            | 5, 10, 20, 30,              | 5.5, 5, 4, 3.5,     | HIMAC       |
|                         |                                      | total                | 40, 60, 80                  | 3.5, 3              | (PH2)       |
| C (135)                 | C, Al, Cu, Pb                        | ddx, n/dΩ            | 0, 15, 30, 50,              | 10 (all             | RIKÉN       |
|                         |                                      | total                | 80, 110                     | angles)             |             |
| C (200)                 | IC Co Dh                             | lddar m/dO           | 15 10 20 20                 |                     |             |
| C (290)                 | C, Cu, PD,                           | total                | 10, 10, 20, 50, 10, 60, 80  | [10, 5, 5, 7, 4, 2] | (SD2)       |
| <u>C (400)</u>          |                                      | Idda n/dO            | 5 10 20 20                  | 3, 3<br>9 5 5 2 5 2 |             |
| C (400)                 | $L_1, C, C_{12}, L_2, L_1, C_2, D_1$ | dax, n/asz           | 15, 10, 20, 30, 140, 60, 80 | [8.5, 5, 5.5, 5]    |             |
|                         | AI, Cu, PD                           | total                | 40, 60, 80                  | 3, 3                | (PH2 and    |
| NI (400)                |                                      |                      | 5 10 20 20                  |                     | SB3)        |
| N (400)                 | C, Cu                                | $dax, n/d\Omega$     | [5, 10, 20, 30, 10, 20, 30] | 6, 6, 5, 5.5,       | HIMAC       |
|                         |                                      | total                | 40, 60, 80                  | 5.5, 5              | (PH2)       |
| Ne (135)                | C, Al, Cu, Pt                        | $ddx, n/d\Omega$     | 0, 15, 30, 50,              | 10 (all             | RIKEN       |
|                         |                                      | total                | 80, 110                     | angles)             |             |
| Ne (337)                | C, Al, Cu, U                         | ddx                  | 30, 45, 60, 90              | 12 (all             | LBL Bevalac |
|                         |                                      | total                |                             | angles)             |             |
| Ne (400)                | C, Cu, Pb,                           | $ddx, n/d\Omega$     | 5, 10, 20, 30,              | 9,6, 3.5, 3.5,      | HIMAC       |
|                         | ISS wall                             | total                | 40, 60, 80                  | 3, 3                | (SB3)       |
| Ne (600)                | Li, C, CH <sub>2</sub> ,             | $ddx$ , n/d $\Omega$ | 5, 10, 20, 30,              | 6, 5.5, 4, 3, 3     | HIMAC       |
|                         | Al, Cu, Pb,                          | total                | 40, 60, 80                  | 3                   | (PH2 and    |
|                         | marsbar                              |                      |                             |                     | SB3)        |
| Ar (95)                 | C, Al, Cu, Pb                        | $ddx, n/d\Omega$     | 0, 30, 50, 80,              | 10 (all             | RIKEN       |
|                         |                                      | total                | 110                         | angles)             |             |
| Ar (400)                | C, Cu, Pb                            | $ddx, n/d\Omega$     | 5, 10, 20, 30,              | 10, 7, 3.5,         | HIMAC       |
|                         |                                      | total                | 40, 60, 80                  | 3.5, 3, 3           | (PH2 and    |
|                         |                                      |                      |                             |                     | SB3)        |
| Ar (560)                | C, Cu, Pb,                           | $ddx, n/d\Omega$     | 5, 10, 20, 30,              | 10, 7, 3.5,         | HIMAC       |
|                         | marsbar                              | total                | 40, 60, 80                  | 3.5, 3, 3           | (PH2)       |
| Fe (500)                | Li, CH <sub>2</sub> , Al             | $ddx, n/d\Omega$     | 5, 10, 20, 30.              | 12, 11, 7, 4.       | HIMAC       |
| <b>xy</b>               | -,,                                  | total                | 40, 60, 80                  | 3, 3                | (PH2)       |
| Kr (400)                | Li, C, CH <sub>2</sub> .             | $ddx, n/d\Omega$     | 5, 10, 20, 30.              | 20 (all             | HIMAC       |
|                         | Al. Cu. Pb                           | total                | 40, 60, 80                  | angles)             | (PH2)       |



Target:

Thin target, heavy-lon induced reactions

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### Homogeneous THIK target, charged-particle induced reactions

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| Beam ion and energy<br>(MeV/nucleon) | Targets (cm)   | Measured spectra     | θ<br>(deg)                                    | Emin<br>(MeV)                            | Facility |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|---|--|----------|
| He (100)                             | C (5.0)<br>Al (4.0)<br>Cu (1.5)<br>Pb (1.5)                          | TTY<br>n/dΩ<br>total | 0, 7.5, 15, 30,<br>60, 90                     | 5.5, 5, 4, 3.5,<br>3.5, 3                | НІМАС    |
| He (155)                             | Al (8.26)  | TTY<br>n/dΩ<br>total | 10, 30, 45, 60,<br>90, 125, 160               | 10, 3, 3, 7, 4,<br>3, 3                  | NSCL     |
| He (160)                             | Pb (3.937)   | TTY<br>Total         | 0, 45, 90, 120,<br>150                        | 10, 3, 13, 13,<br>13                     | SREL     |
| He (177.5)                           | C (14.73)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (22.86)<br>Steel (4.445)<br>Pb (3.937) | TTY<br>Total         | 0, 6, 15, 30,<br>45, 60, 90,<br>120, 135, 150 | 3, 10, 11, 11,<br>3, 10, 3, 13,<br>3, 13 | SREL     |

| Beam ion and energy | Targets (cm) | Measured     | θ               | Emin             | Facility |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|----------|
| (MeV/nucleon)       |              | spectra      | (deg)           | (MeV)            |          |
| He (180)            | C (16.0)     | TTY          | 0, 7.5, 15, 30, | 17, 11, 5.5,     | HIMAC    |
|                     | Al (12.0)    | n/dΩ         | 60, 90          | 6.5, 3.5, 3.5    |          |
|                     | Cu (4.5)     | total        |                 |                  |          |
|                     | РЬ (5.0)     |              |                 |                  |          |
| C (100)             | C (2.0)      | TTY          | 0, 7.5, 15, 30, | 4, 4, 3.5, 3.5,  | HIMAC    |
|                     | Al (1.0)     | n/dΩ         | 60, 90          | 3, 3             |          |
|                     | Cu (0.5)     | total        |                 |                  |          |
|                     | Pb (0.5)     |              |                 |                  |          |
| C (155)             | Al (8.26)    | TTY          | 10, 30, 45, 60, | 10, 3, 3, 7, 4,  | NSCL     |
|                     |              | n/dΩ         | 90, 125, 160    | 3, 3             |          |
|                     |              | total        |                 |                  |          |
| C (180)             | C (6.0)      | TTY          | 0, 7.5, 15, 30, | 5.5, 5.5, 3.5,   | HIMAC    |
|                     | Al (4.0)     | n/dΩ         | 60, 90          | 2.5, 3, 2.5      |          |
|                     | Cu (1.5)     | total        |                 |                  |          |
|                     | Pb (1.5)     |              |                 |                  |          |
| C (400)             | C (20.0)     | TTY          | 0, 7.5, 15, 30, | 8.5, 5, 3.5, 3,  | HIMAC    |
|                     | Al (15.0)    | n/dΩ         | 60, 90          | 3, 3             |          |
|                     | Cu (5.0)     | total        |                 |                  |          |
|                     | Pb (5.0)     |              |                 |                  |          |
| Ne (100)            | C (1.0)      | TTY          | 0, 7.5, 15, 30, | 6, 6, 5, 5.5,    | HIMAC    |
|                     | Al (1.0)     | n/d $\Omega$ | 60, 90          | 5.5, 5           |          |
|                     | Cu (0.5)     | total        |                 |                  |          |
|                     | Pb (0.5)     |              |                 |                  |          |
| Ne (180)            | C (4.0)      | TTY          | 0, 7.5, 15, 30, | 9,6, 3.5, 3.5,   | HIMAC    |
|                     | Al (3.0)     | n/dΩ         | 60, 90          | 3,3              |          |
|                     | Cu (1.0)     | total        |                 |                  |          |
|                     | Pb (1.0)     |              |                 |                  |          |
| Ne (400)            | C (11.0)     | TTY          | 0, 7.5, 15, 30, | 6, 5.5, 4, 3, 3, | HIMAC    |
|                     | Al (9.0)     | n/dΩ         | 60, 90          | 3                |          |
|                     | Cu (3.0)     | total        |                 |                  |          |
|                     | Pb (3.0)     |              |                 |                  |          |
| Si (800)            | C (23.0)     | TTY          | 0, 7.5, 15, 30, | 11, 8, 8, 4,     | HIMAC    |
|                     | Cu (6.5)     | $n/d\Omega$  | 60, 90          | 3.5, 3.5         |          |
|                     |              | total        |                 |                  |          |
| Ar (400)            | C (7.0)      | TTY          | 0, 7.5, 15, 30, | 10, 7, 3.5,      | HIMAC    |
|                     | Al (5.5)     | n/dΩ         | 60, 90          | 3.5, 3, 3        |          |
|                     | Cu (2.0)     | total        |                 |                  |          |
|                     | Pb (2.0)     |              |                 |                  |          |



# Homogeneous THIK target, charged-particle induced reactions

#### IAEA Benchmark of Spallation Models available online: https://www-

nds.iaea.org/spallations/





#### Double differential cross section (neutron)

| Proj. | Targ.             | E (MeV) | Reference                                       | Lab.             | EXFOR | Figure |
|-------|-------------------|---------|---|------------------|-------|--------|
| n     | <sup>nat</sup> Fe | 65      | E.L.Hjort et al., Phys.Rev.C.53(1996)237        | UC Davis, USA    | 13522 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>nat</sup> Fe | 800     | W.B.Amian et al., Nucl.Sci.Eng.112(1992)78      | LANL, USA        | C0170 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>nat</sup> Fe | 800     | S.Leray et al., Phys.Rev.C65(2002)044621        | Saturn, France   | 00977 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>nat</sup> Fe | 1200    | S.Leray et al., Phys.Rev.C65(2002)044621        | Saturn, France   | 00977 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>nat</sup> Fe | 1600    | S.Leray et al., Phys.Rev.C65(2002)044621        | Saturn, France   | 00977 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>nat</sup> Fe | 3000    | K.Ishibashi et al., J.Nucl.Sci.Tech.34(1997)529 | KEK, Japan       | E1762 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>nat</sup> Pb | 256     | M.M.Meier et al., Nucl.Sci.Eng.110(1992)289     | LANL, USA        | C0168 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>nat</sup> Pb | 800     | W.B.Amian et al., Nucl.Sci.Eng.112(1992)78      | LANL, USA        | C0170 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>nat</sup> Pb | 800     | S.Leray et al., Phys.Rev.C65(2002)044621        | Saturn, France   | 00977 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>nat</sup> Pb | 1200    | S.Leray et al., Phys.Rev.C65(2002)044621        | Saturn, France   | 00977 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>nat</sup> Pb | 1600    | S.Leray et al., Phys.Rev.C65(2002)044621        | Saturn, France   | 00977 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>nat</sup> Pb | 3000    | K.Ishibashi et al., J.Nucl.Sci.Tech.34(1997)529 | KEK, Japan       | E1762 | [fig]  |
| р     | <sup>208</sup> Pb | 63      | A.Guertin et al., Eur.Phys.J.A23(2005)49        | Louvain, Belgium | 01146 | [fig]  |

# THICK target: non homogenous target (clinical phantom)

|                                  | FWHM x (mm) | FWHM y (mm) |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| Protons, 155 MeV u <sup>-1</sup> | 9.46        | 9.69        |  |  |
| Protons, 200.28 MeV $u^{-1}$     | 7.66        | 7.80        |  |  |
| Carbon ions, 292.96 MeV $u^{-1}$ | 5.51        | 4.41        |  |  |
| Carbon ions, 387.78 MeV $u^{-1}$ | 4.23        | 3.72        |  |  |

beam axis 5 cm a) stilbene 1.2 m 30 cm EJ-309 90° 45° phantom 30 cm 15° Phys. Med. Biol. 65 (2020) 155002 NFN

BW3 phantom: 30 cm x 30 cm x 15 cm (thick enough to stop the proton and carbon-ion beams)

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# THICK target: non homogenous target (clinical phantom)

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Figure 9. Comparison between simulated and measured EJ-309 pulse height distributions, for 387.78 MeV  $u^{-1}$  carbon-ion irradiation, at measurement locations of 15°, 45° and 90° (left to right) with respect to the beam axis.





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# **Conclusions**

- Large number of experimental data sets but often not made available on nuclear reaction databases.
- A few exclusive cross section measurements on p + <sup>12</sup>C and + <sup>16</sup>O, respectively. Very challenging experiments and most valuable data(?)
- Inclusive differential cross sections on thin targets for p + <sup>12</sup>C and <sup>16</sup>O available at several angles and energies.
- No neutron data for the <sup>12</sup>C + <sup>16</sup>O reaction. Few neutron data for <sup>12</sup>C + <sup>12</sup>C.
- Experiments on thick targets, show the **need for more accurate neutron data**.

Worth investigating feasibility @ FOOT ?

> $d^2\sigma/dEd\Omega$  could be improved and perhaps crosschecked?

Similar experiments could be performed @ FOOT?



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# Conclusions

During the next test beam at CNAO It could be possible to **repeat** some **measurements** present **in the literature** about neutron production in  $p+^{12}C$  and  $^{12}C+^{12}C$  reactions:

- p + <sup>12</sup>C @ 30 and 60 (150?) deg. with energy of 113 and 256 MeV
- <sup>12</sup>C + <sup>12</sup>C @ 30 and 80 deg. with **energy** of **135** and **290 MeV/u**

These tests will provide the information about the feasibility of detecting neutrons with the present setup and with other detectors.

**Dedicated simulations** are required to be able to better prepare the test and estimate the required beam time.

**Dedicated beam time** (approximately ... h) is neessary to perform the test. Count rate might be an issue!







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