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*FOOT (FragmentatiOn Of Target):
Adroterapia e Radioprotezione Spaziale in un esperimento*



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FOOT Collaboration

INFN sections/labs:



September 2017: approved experiment in CSN3

101 members (60% staff):

- ❑ 10 INFN Sections
- ❑ 5 laboratories:
 - ❑ Frascati, CNAO, Trento, GSI, IPHC (Strasbourg)
- ❑ 12 Italian Universities
- ❑ 3 foreign Universities: Aachen, Nagoya, Strasbourg
- ❑ Centro Fermi

Graziano

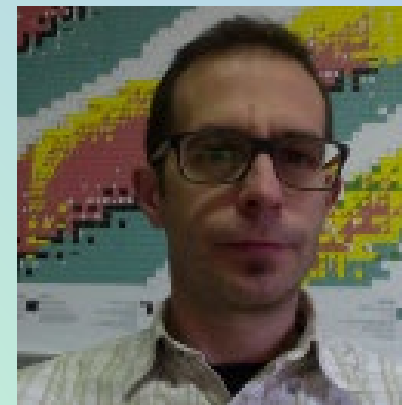
Sofia

Matteo

Alice

Cristian

Riccardo



FOOT – BOLOGNA
12 membri (5.6 RE)

- Spokesperson
- Physics coordinator
- DAQ and Trigger coordinator



Antonio

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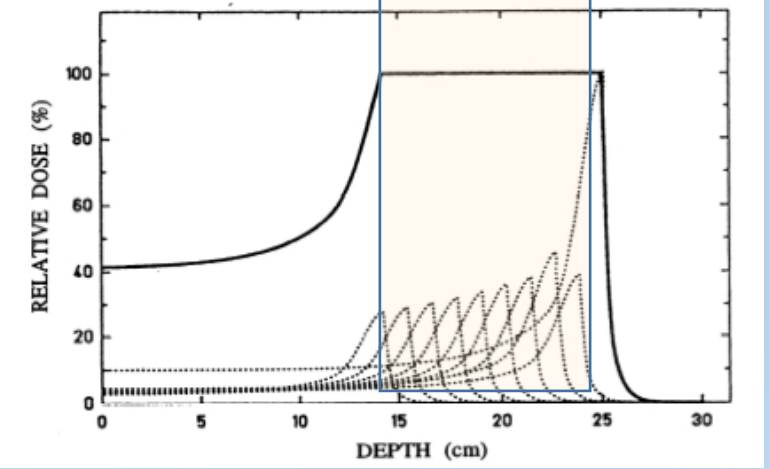
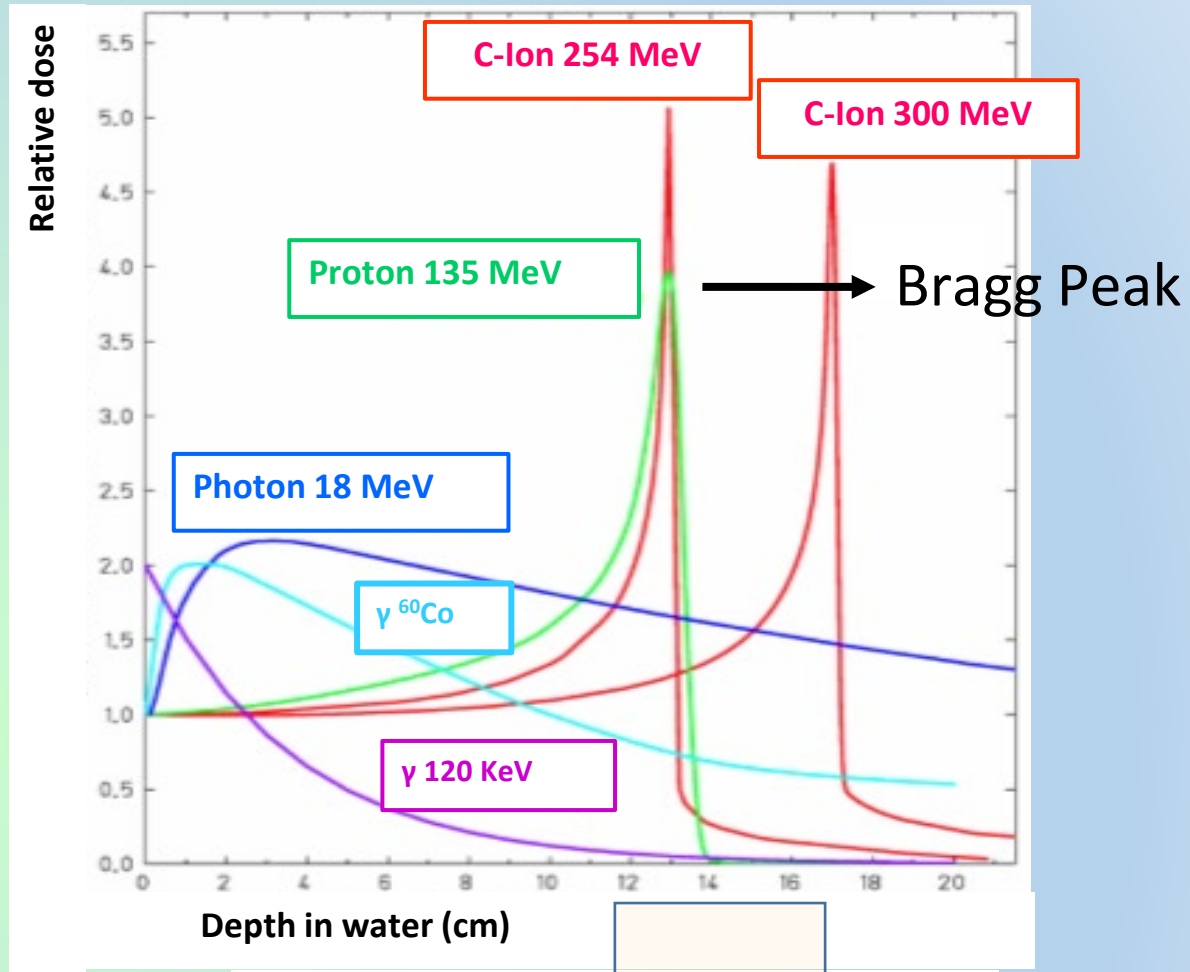
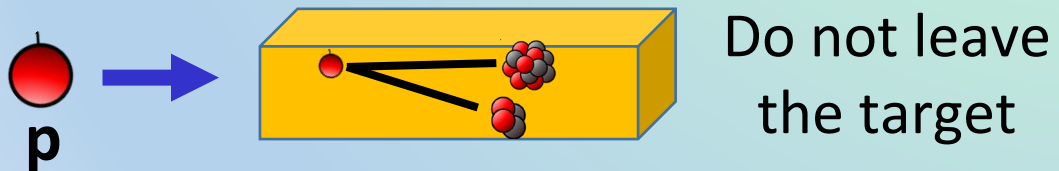
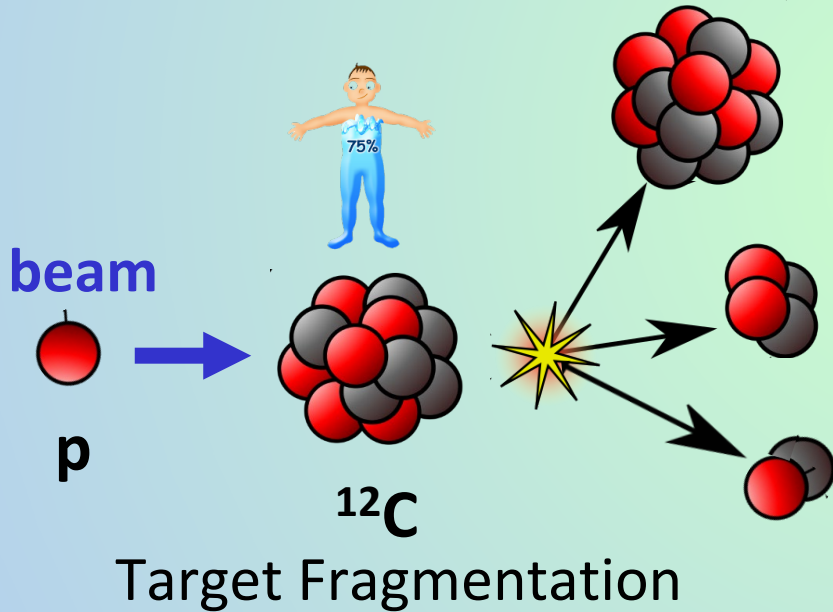
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Hadrontherapy vs Radiotherapy

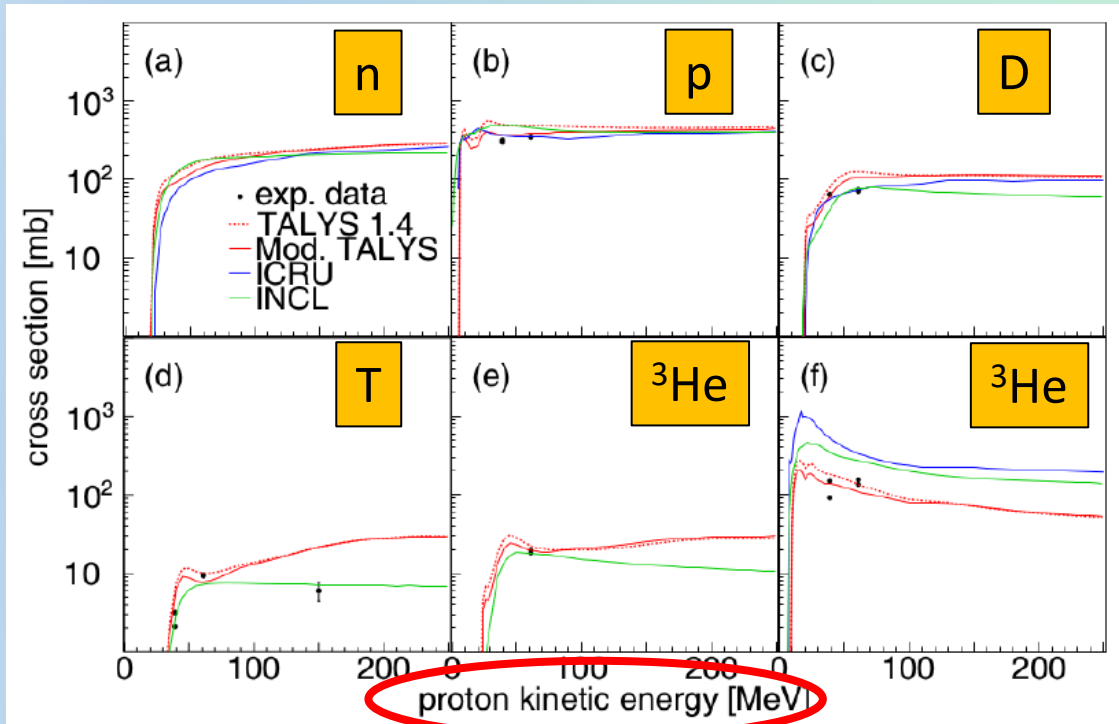
Pros and contra

- Better dose profile from hadrons
- Penetration depends on energy
- **MORE expensive than γ**
- **Nuclear effect not completely known**

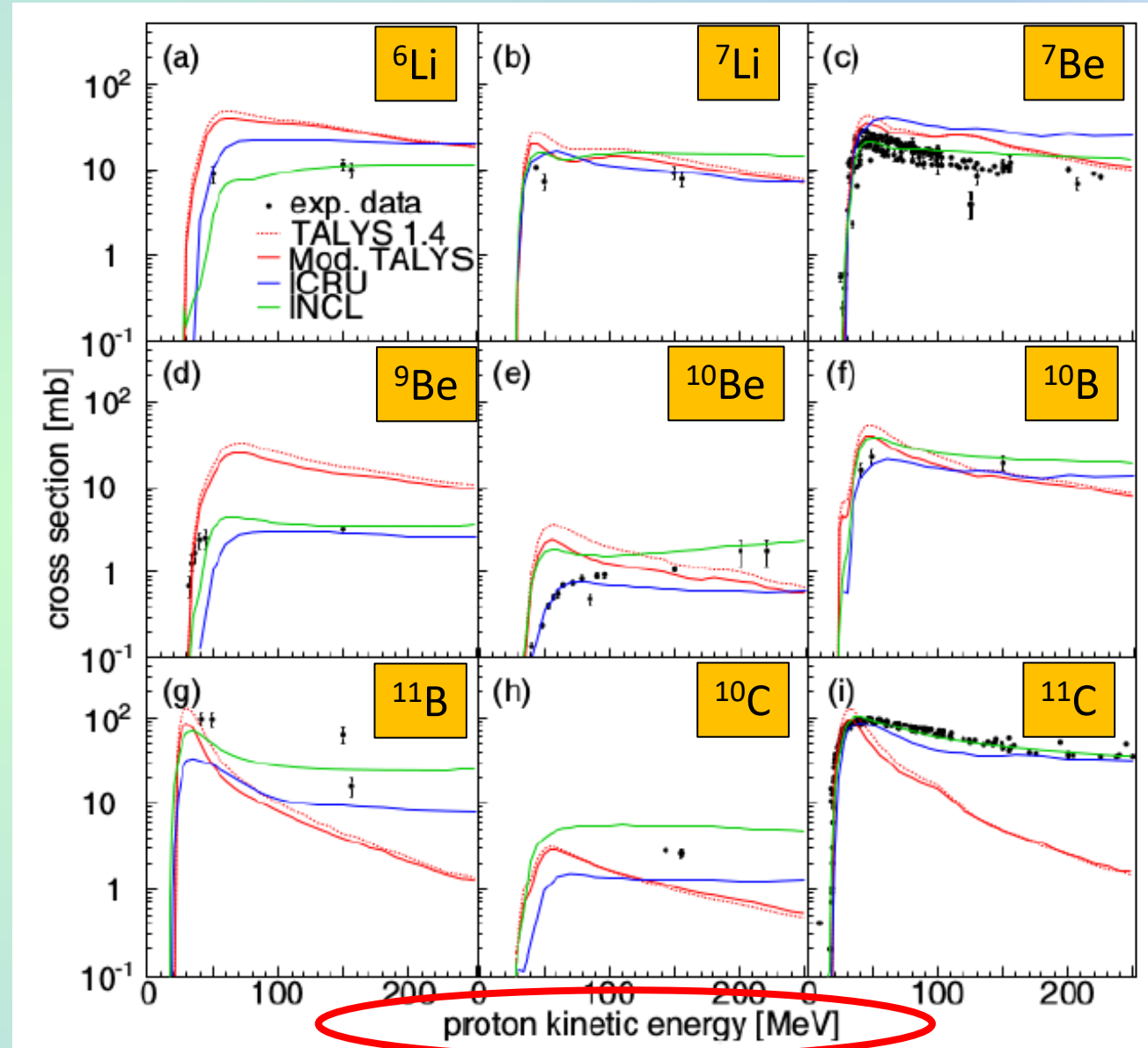


Experimental Nuclear proton cross section: $p + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow X$: target fragmentation

Production of different fragment



Useful to measure σ of each produced fragment wrt its energy (not beam energy)



Lack of measurements \rightarrow FOOT

Mars mission: radio protection in space

Mars: NO magnetosphere and very thin atmosphere



no protection from GCR and SPE

Radiation (measured by MSL):

- ❑ Travel: 700 mSv/year (GCR + SPE)
- ❑ On Mars: 200 mSv/year

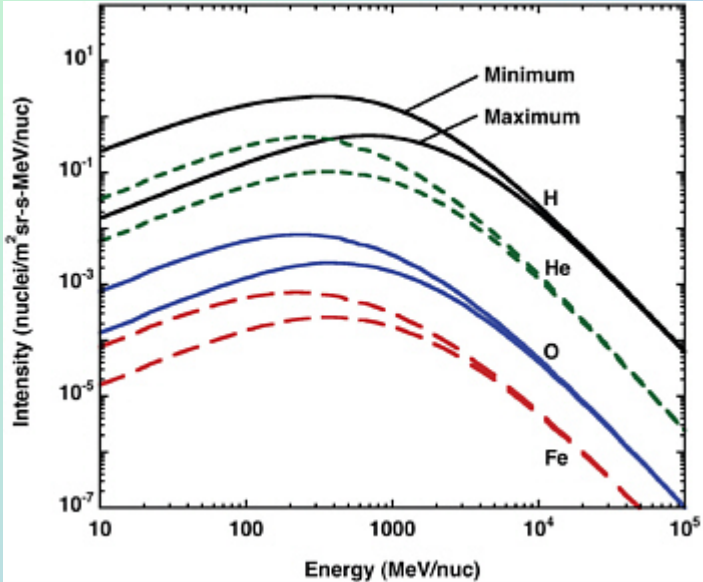
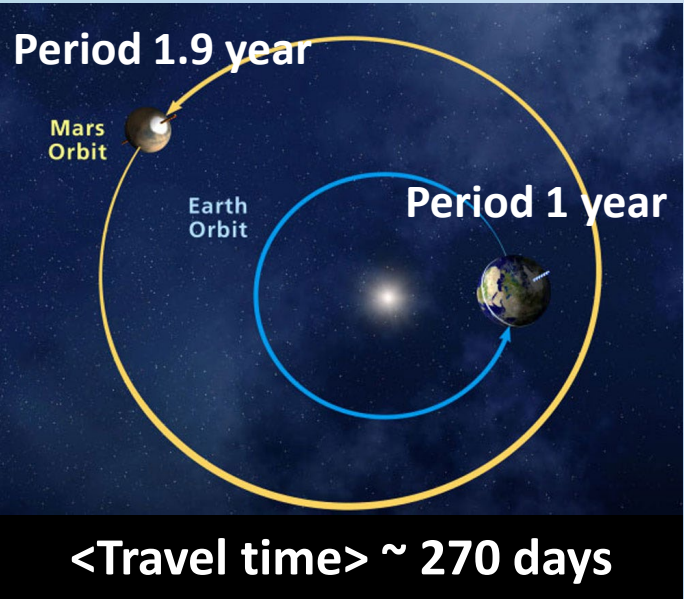
- ❑ On earth: 2 mSv/year



$$\frac{\text{Rad on Mars}}{\text{Rad on Earth}} = \sim 300$$

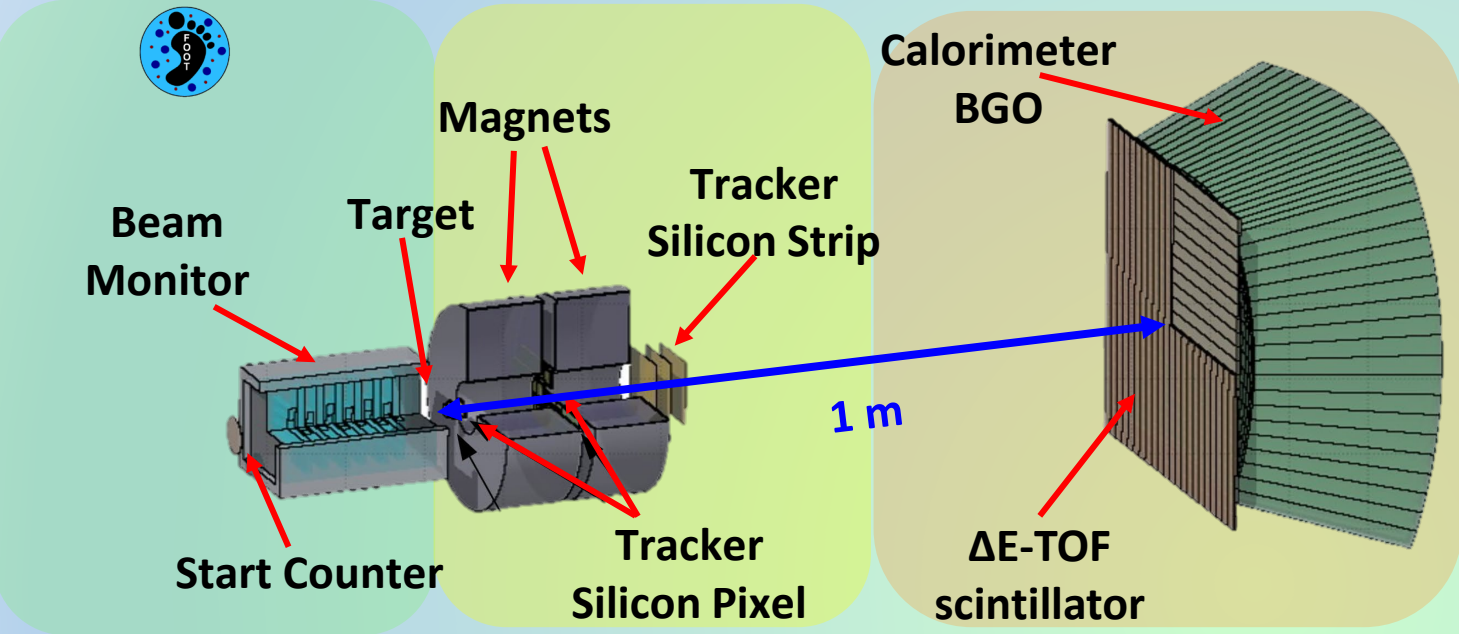


shielding is needed (interaction on it?)



Electronic Setup

FOOT Detector

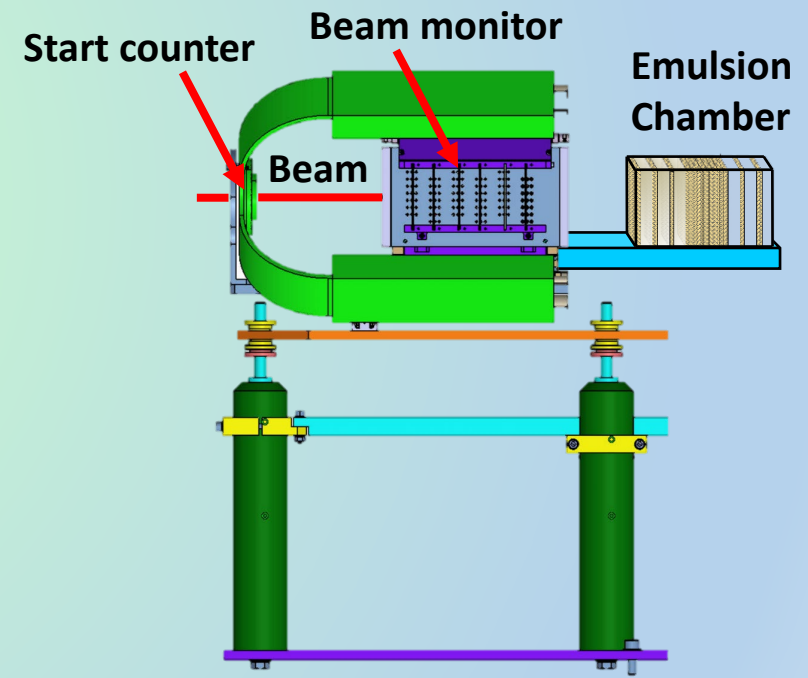


Pre-target region Tracking region downstream region

- STC
- BM
- VTX
- ITR
- MSD
- MAGNET
- TOF-WALL
- CAL
- TDAQ

DESIGNED AND DEVELOPED BY BOLOGNA GROUP

Emulsion Chamber Setup



COMPLETED

Acquired Data (for physics)

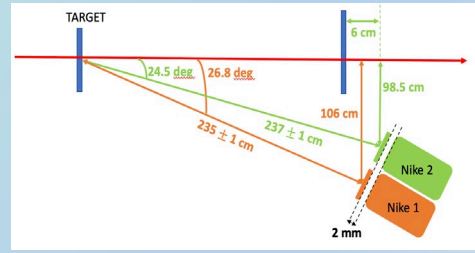
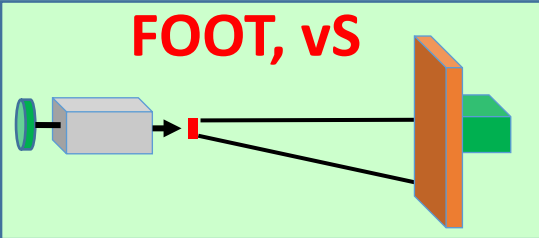
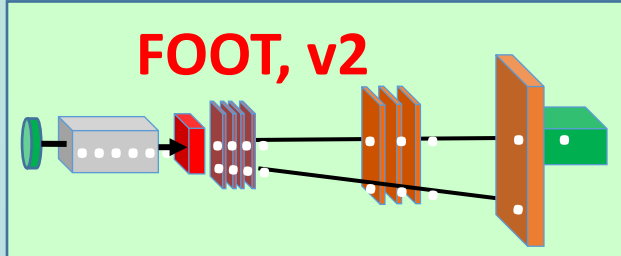
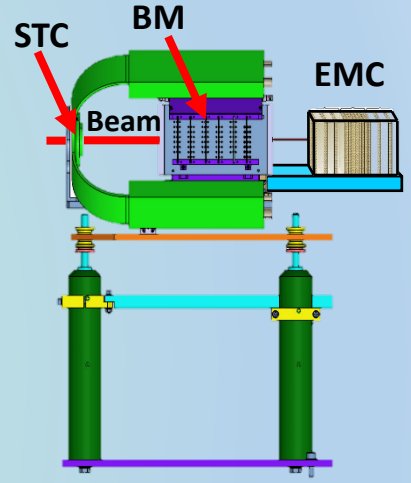
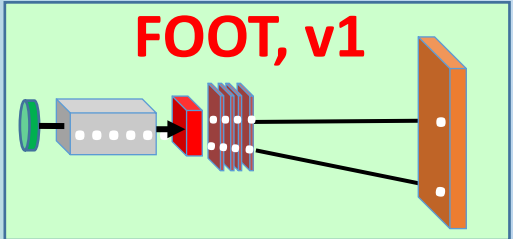
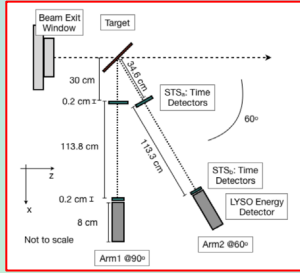
- ❑ **CNAO 2017**
 - ❑ **FOOT prototype:** ^{12}C (\neq energies) on C, O, H

 - ❑ **GSI 2019**
 - ❑ **Electronic Setup:** ^{16}O (400 MeV/u) on C ~60k min bias evts
 - ❑ **Emulsion chamber:** ^{16}O (200 & 400 MeV/u) on C, C_2H_4 ~300K interacting evts

 - ❑ **GSI 2020**
 - ❑ **Emulsion chamber:** ^{12}C (700 MeV/u) on C, C_2H_4 ~300·10³ interacting evts
- ❑ **GSI 2021**
 - ❑ **Electronic Setup:** ^{16}O (200 & 400 MeV/u) on C, C_2H_4 ~ 41·10⁶ mb&trig evts
 - ❑ **Neutron Setup :** ^{16}O (200 & 400 MeV/u) on C, C_2H_4 ~20·10³ mb&trig evts

 - ❑ **CNAO 2021**
 - ❑ **STC, TW, CALO:** ^{12}C (200 MeV/u) on C, C_2H_4 ~10·10⁶ mb & trig evts

FOOT, v0



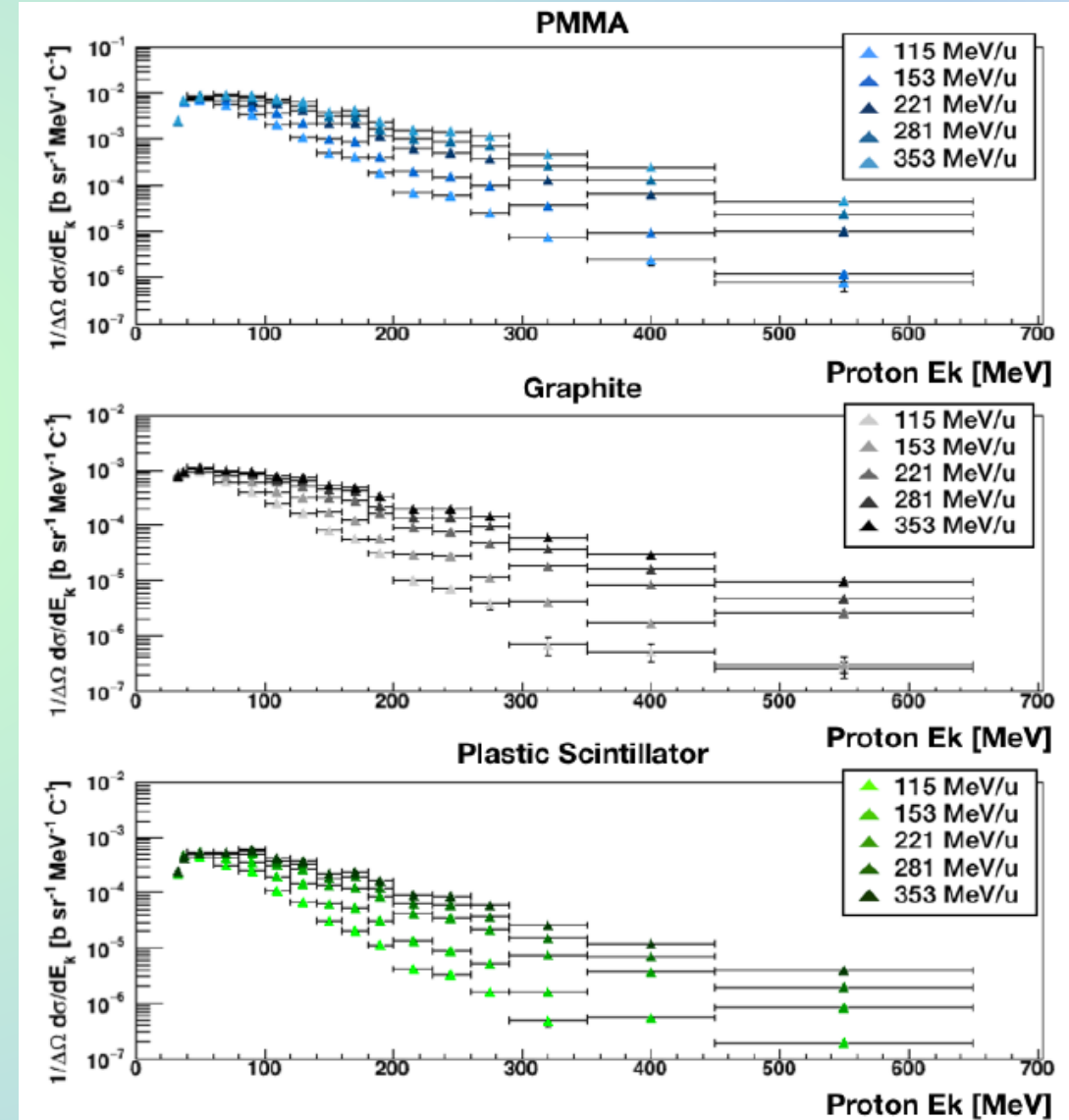
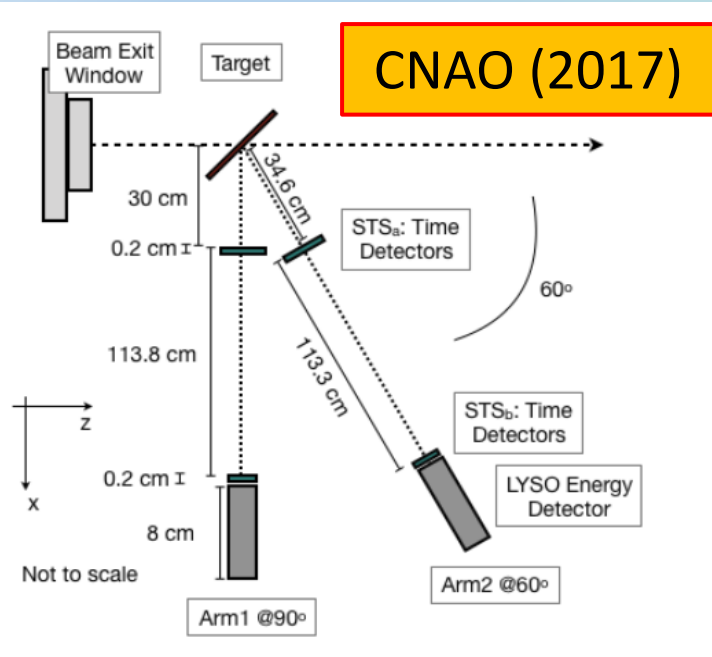
- ❑ **HEIDELBERG: june 2022, ^4He**

- ❑ **CNAO: winter 2022**

Cross sections measurements

Differential Cross Section for p production

diff Xsec for p, d, T
@ 60 and 90° in C,O,H



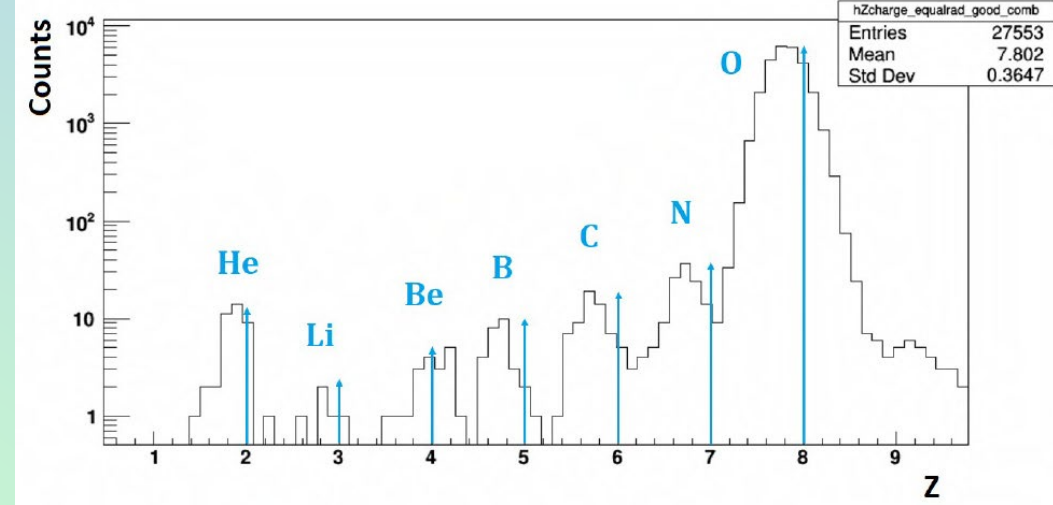
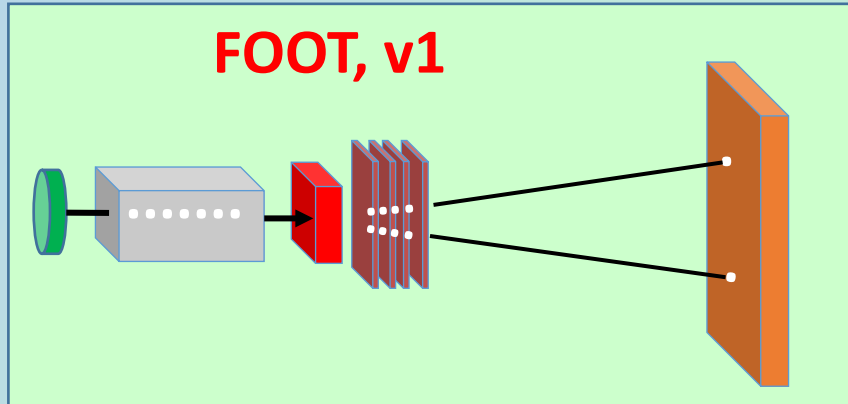
Measurement of ^{12}C Fragmentation Cross Sections on C, O and H in the Energy Range of interest for Particle Therapy Applications.

I. Mattei¹, A. Alexandrov⁶, L. Alunni Solestizi^{21,7}, G. Ambrosi⁷, S. Argirò^{8,9}, N. Bartosik⁸, G. Battistoni¹, M.G. Bisogni^{10,11}, G. Bruni¹², N. Camarlinghi^{10,11}, P. Carra^{10,11}, E. Catanzani¹³, Cerello⁸, A. Clozza¹⁴, S. Colombi^{15,16}, G. De Lellis^{6,17,32}, A. Del Guerra^{10,11}, M. De Simone^{17,6}, A. Di Crescenzo^{17,6}, M. Donetti^{18,8}, Y. Dong^{1,19}, M. Durante¹⁵, A. Embriaco¹, M. Emde²⁰,

Pub: 2020

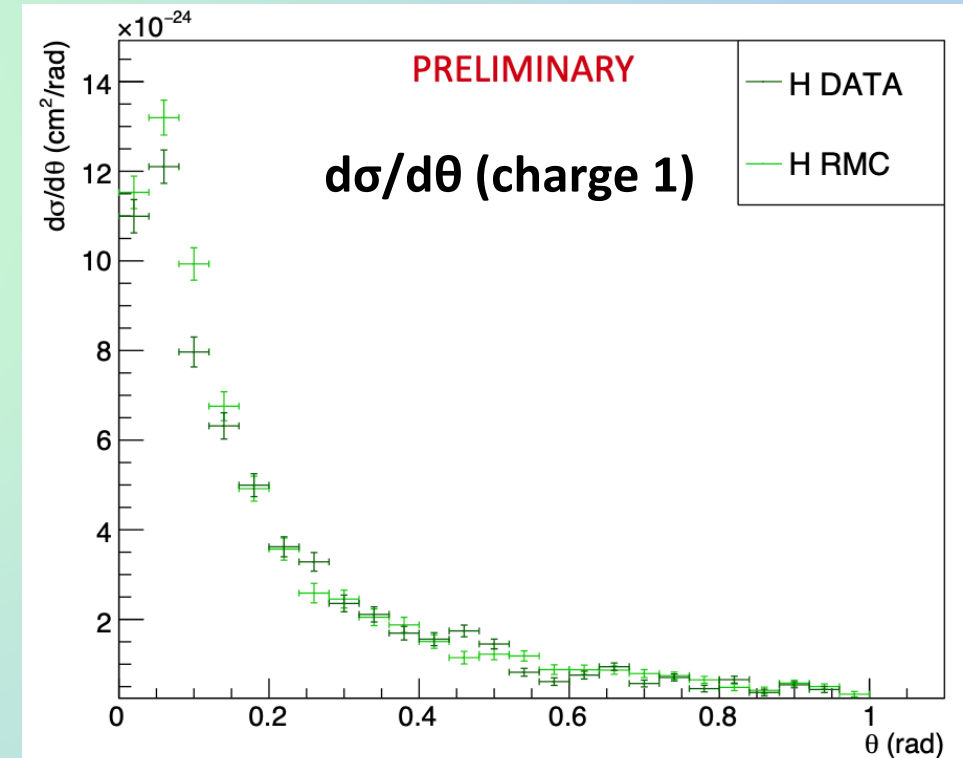
Elemental Cross Sections measurements

GSI 2019



Integral & differential Elemental Xsec

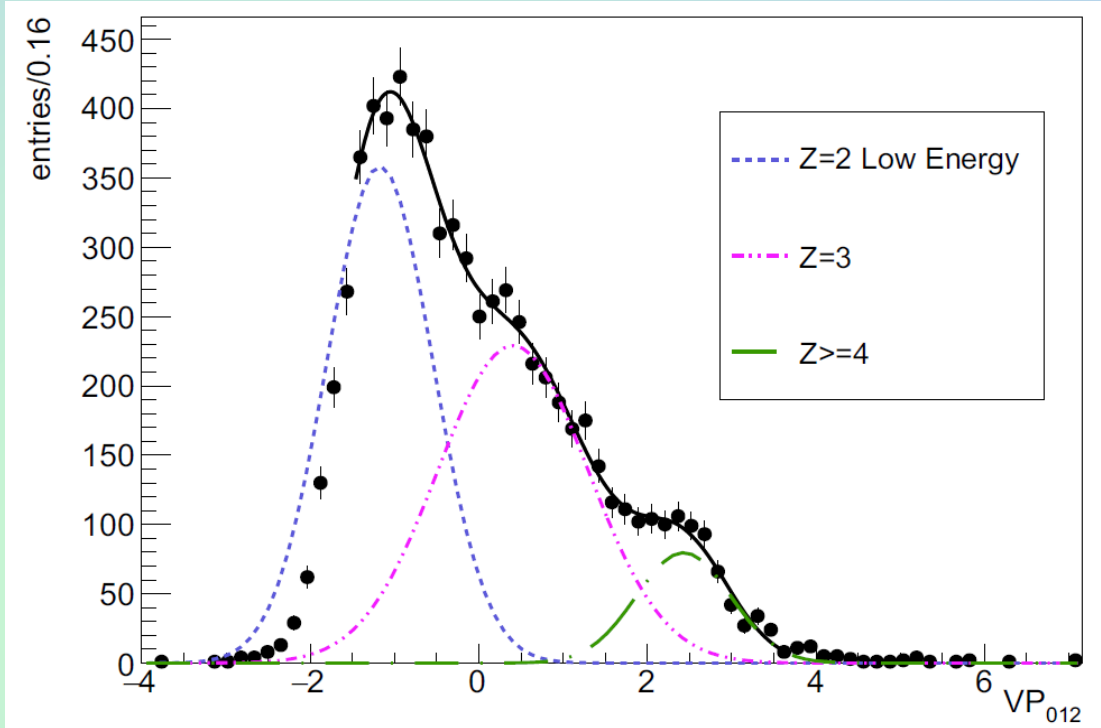
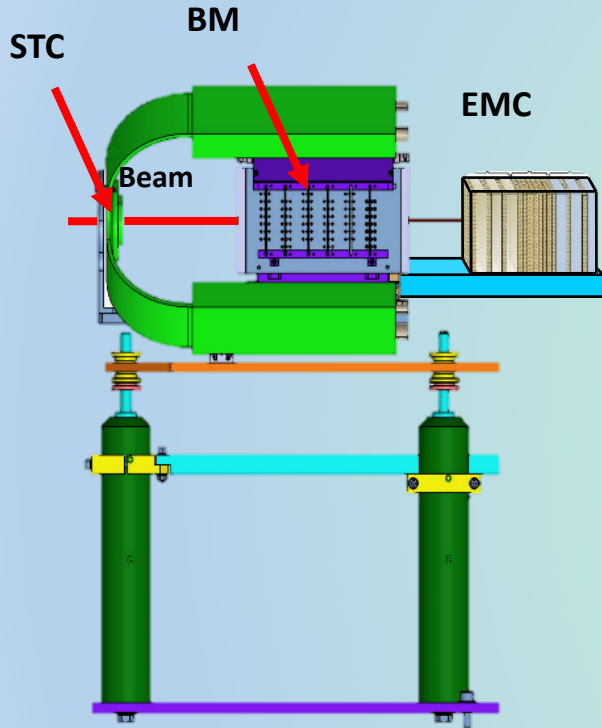
Element	$\sigma_{frag} \pm \Delta_{stat} \pm \Delta_{sys} [mbarn]$	$\Delta_{stat}/\sigma_{frag}$	$\Delta_{sys}/\sigma_{frag}$
He	$625 \pm 22 \pm 21$	3.6%	3.6%
Li	$85 \pm 10 \pm 5$	11.9%	5.6%
Be	$31 \pm 10 \pm 3$	31.8%	8.8%
B	$70 \pm 10 \pm 5$	14.9%	7.3%
C	$113 \pm 12 \pm 3$	10.9%	2.7%
N	$101 \pm 14 \pm 5$	13.7%	4.8%



Poor statistics due to problem at the accelerator

Paper in submission phase

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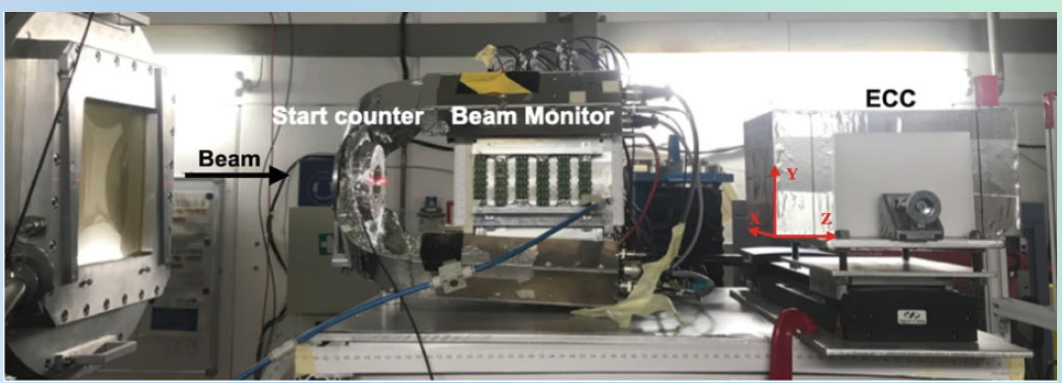
Marco Toppi, Giacomo Traini, Serena Marta Valle, Marie Vanstalle, Mauro Villa, Ulrich Weber, Roberto Zarrella, Antonio Zoccoli, and Giovanni De Lellis

Charge identification of fragments with the emulsion spectrometer of the FOOT experiment

<https://doi.org/10.1515/phys-2021-0032>
 received December 03, 2020; accepted April 21, 2021

Abstract: The FOOT (FragmentatiOn Of Target) experiment is a project designed to carry out experimental measurements relevant for charged particle therapy (CPT), a technique based on the use of charged particle beams for the treatment of deep-seated tumors. The FOOT detector consists of an electronic setup for the identification of $Z \geq 3$ fragments and an emulsion spectrometer for $Z \leq 3$ fragments. The first data taking was performed in 2019 at the GSI facility

Pub: 2021



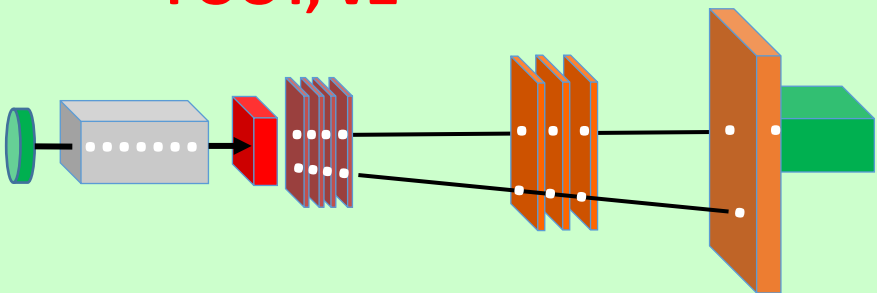
Ongoing Xsect of 2019-20 samples

Open Physics

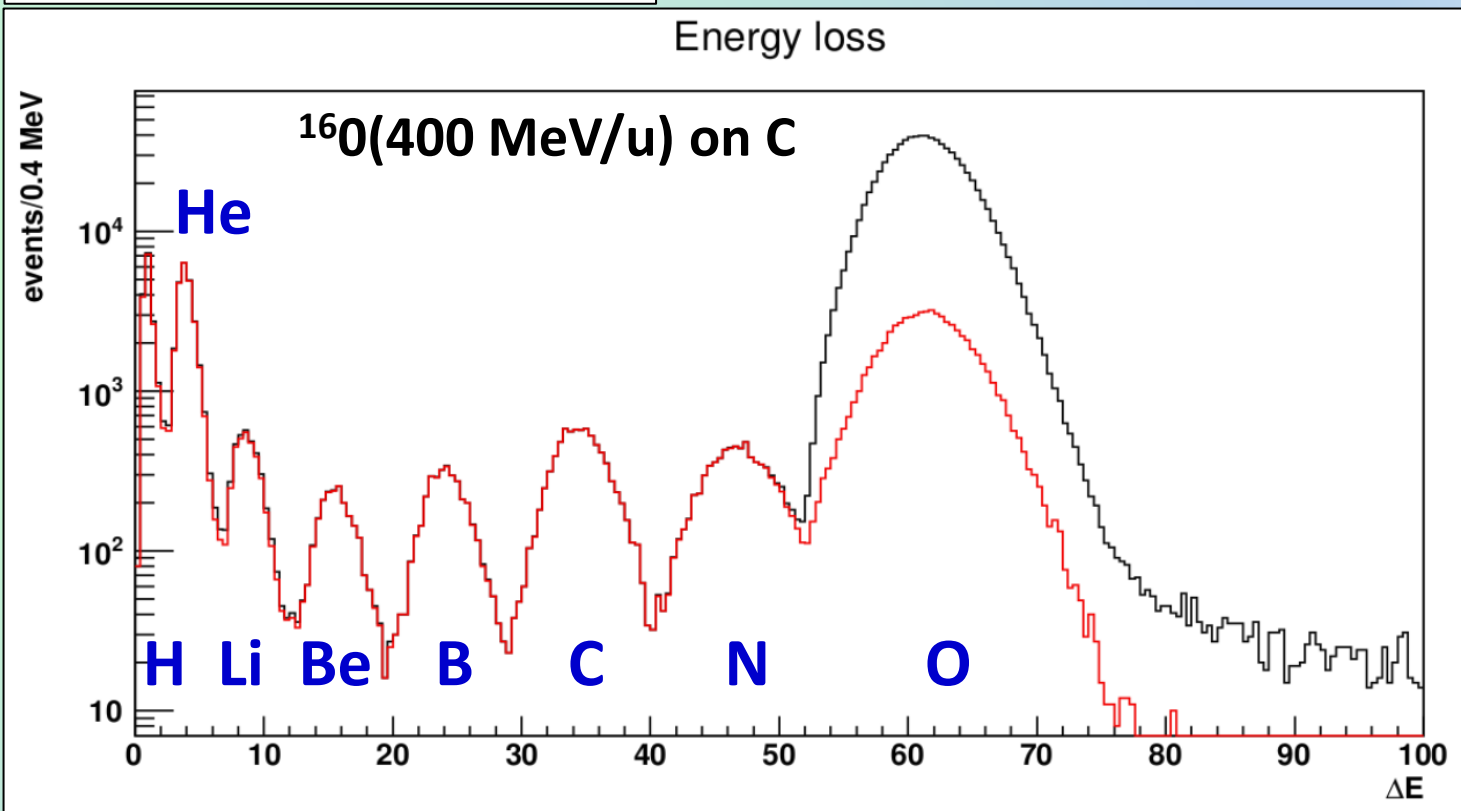
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Charged Fragment Identification

FOOT, v2



Charge Identification



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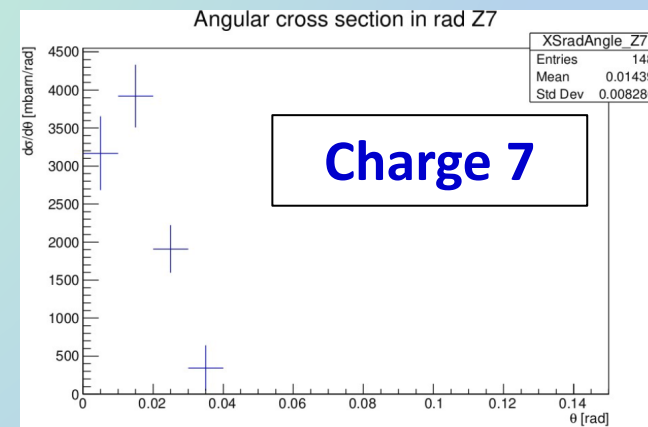
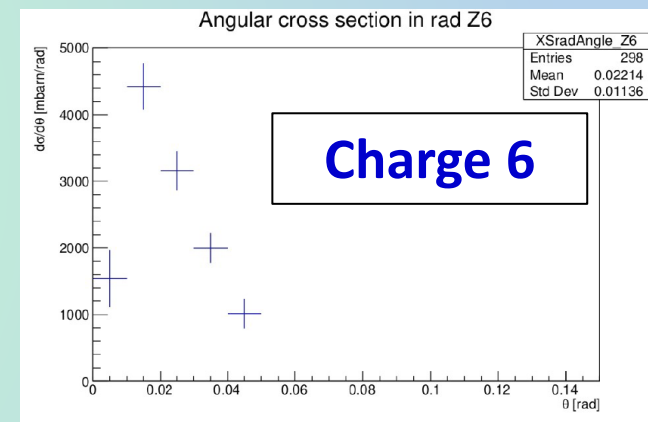
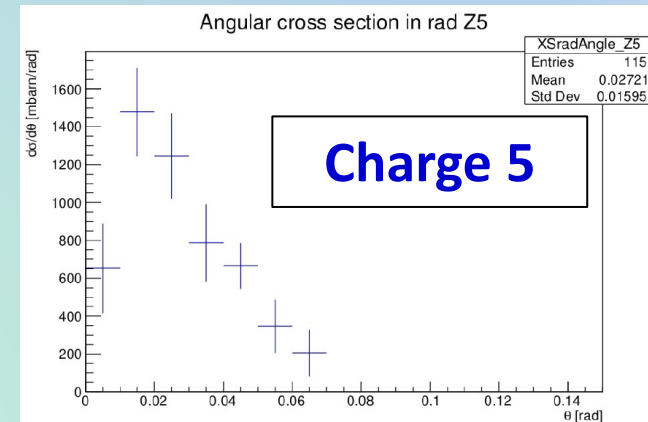
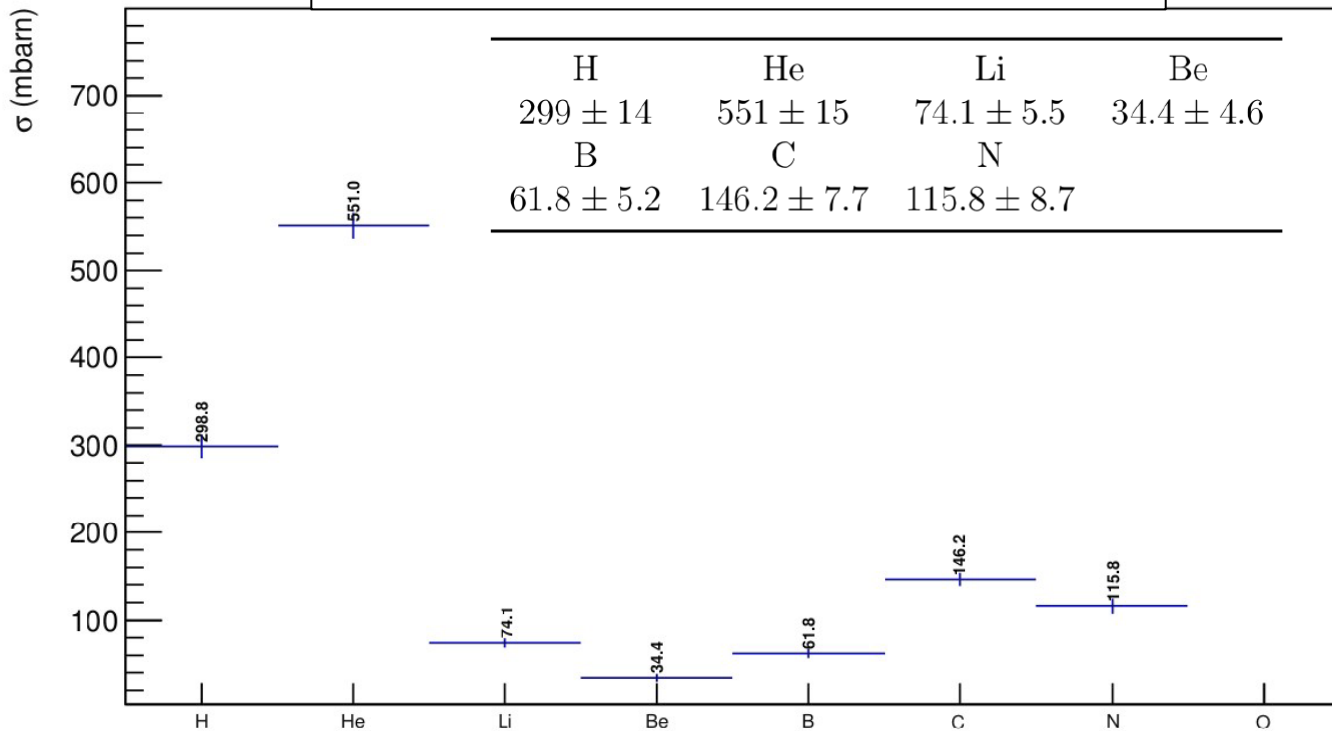
Elemental Intergral & Differential Cross Sections

Differential Angular Elemental Cross Section

GSI 2021

$^{16}\text{O}(400 \text{ MeV/u})$ on C

Integral Elemental Cross Section



Ongoing:

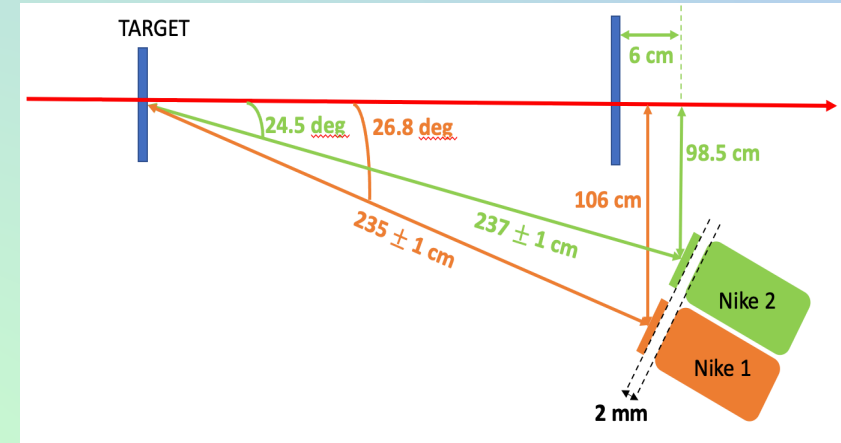
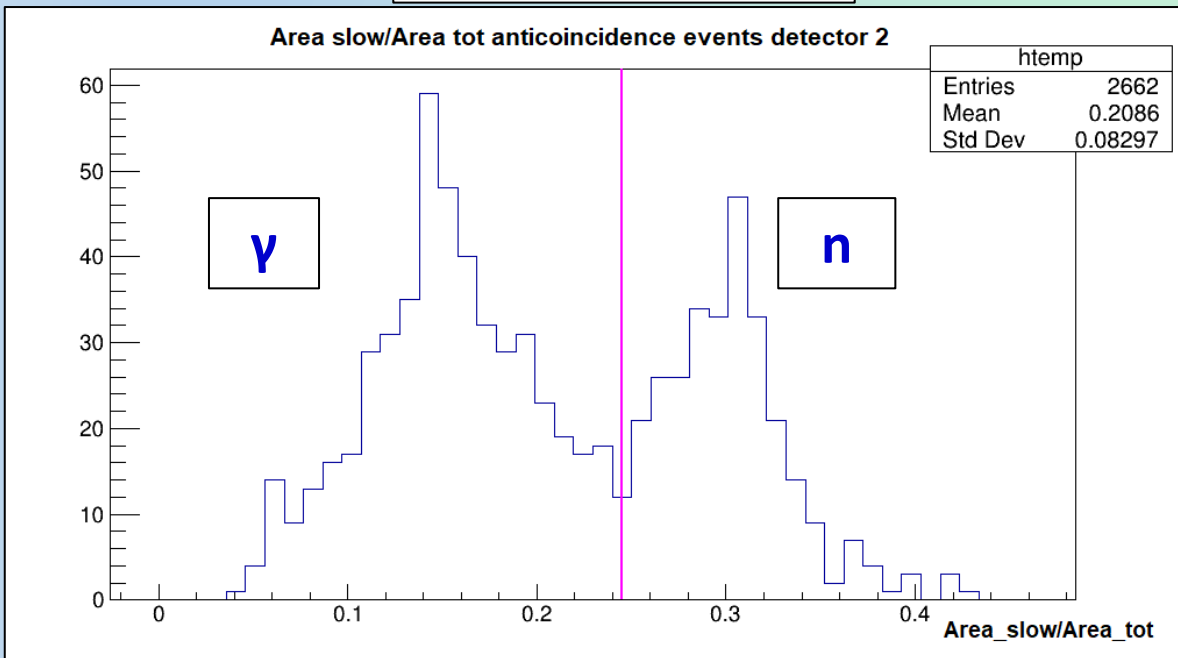
- $^{16}\text{O}(400 \text{ MeV/u})$ on C_2H_4
- $^{16}\text{O}(200 \text{ MeV/u})$ on C & C_2H_4
- Isotope cross section

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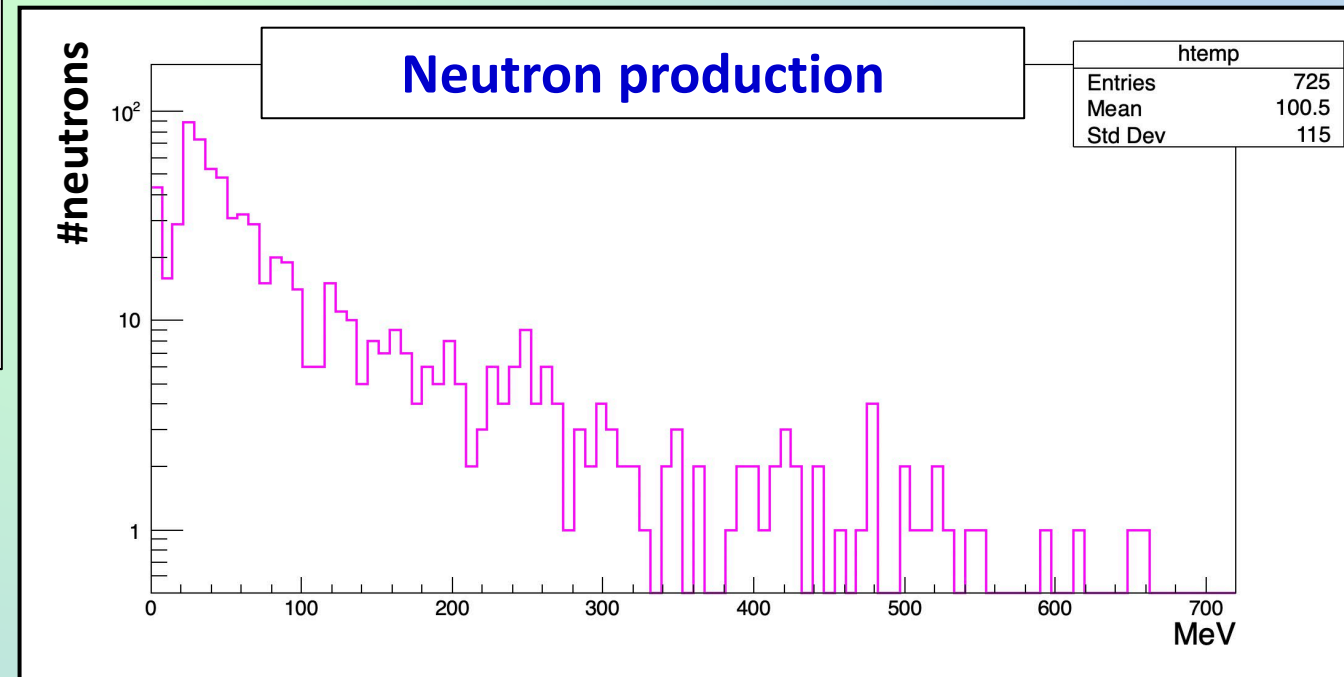
GSI 2021

First acquisition for neutron detection

n - γ separation

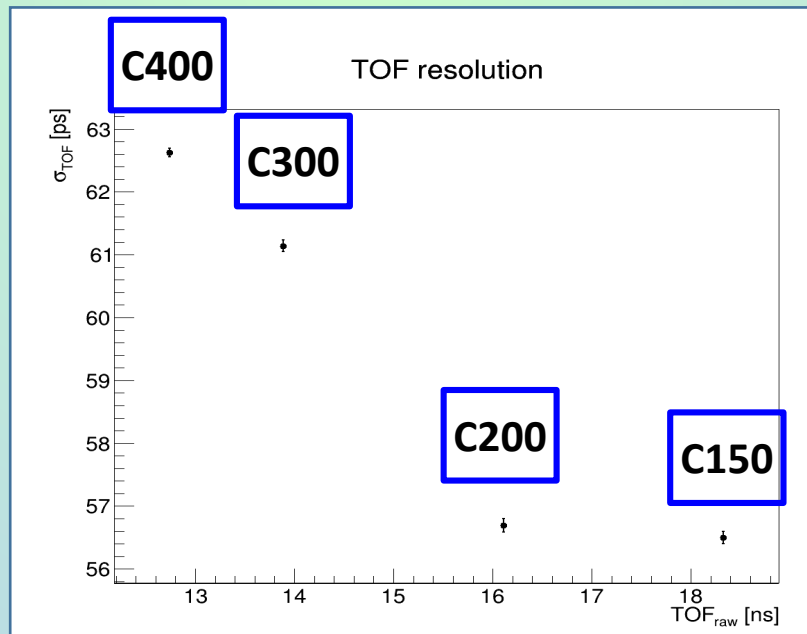
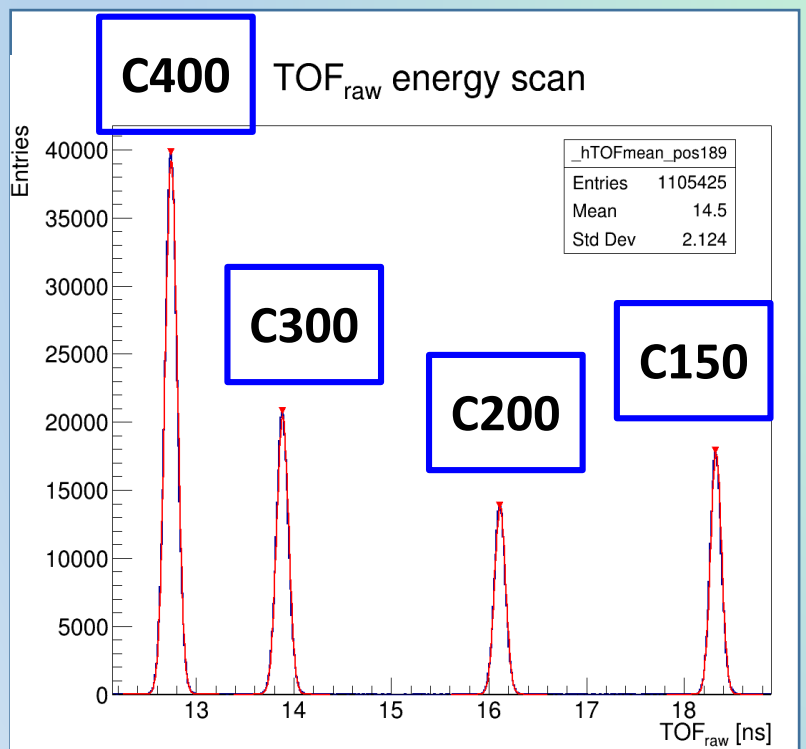
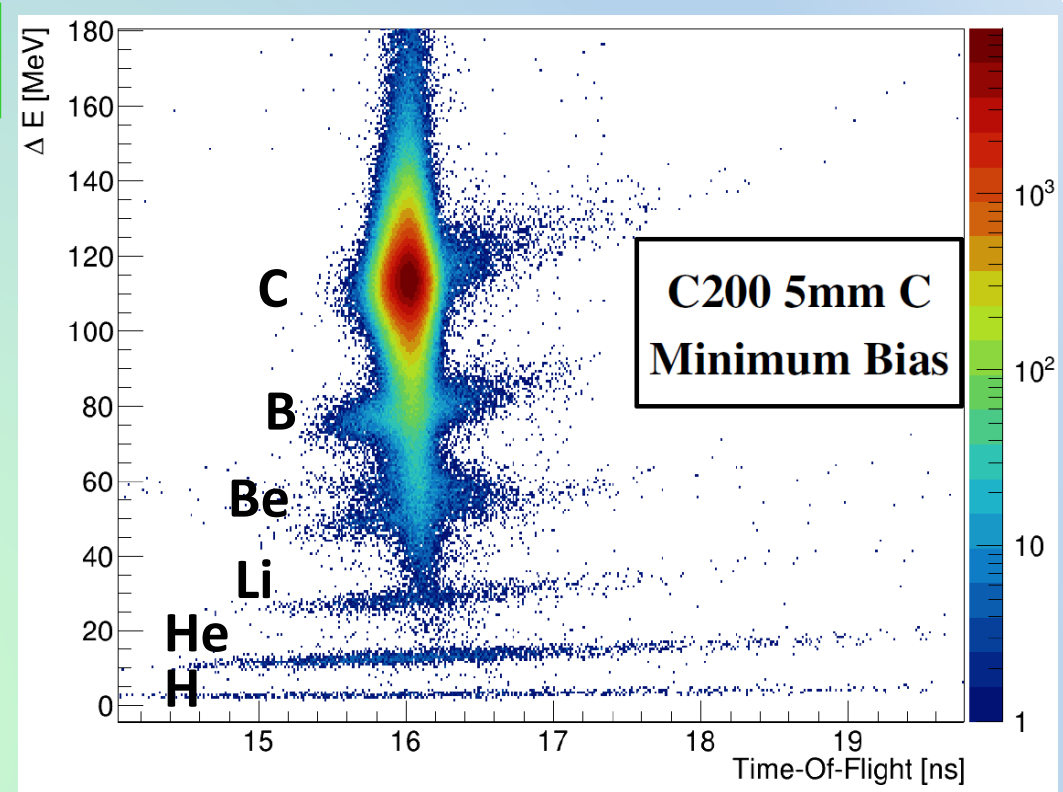
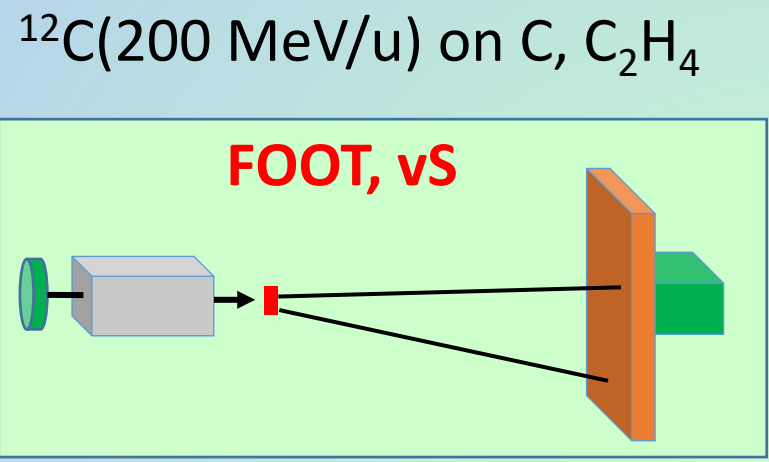


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Strong collaboration with n_TOF: neutron detectors @ CERN to be calibrated

Ongoing analysis on data taking @CNAO 2021



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Students are interested in these topics

Theses 2021:

- ❑ Bachelor Physics degree: 6
- ❑ Bachelor Engineering degree: 2
- ❑ Master Physics degree: 1
- ❑ PhD Thesis: 1 (2022)
- ❑ **TOTAL: 10**

Contatti per fare tesi in sedi esterne

❑ **CNAO**

- ❑ **Marco Pullia:** Responsible of the R&D department of CNAO & Accelerator Coordinator
- ❑ **Mario Ciocca** Responsible of the Medical Physics Units at CNAO & Professor at UniMi of Specialization in Medical Physics

❑ **SANT'ORSOLA**

- ❑ **Lidia Strigari:** Direttore, UOC Fisica Sanitaria IRCCS Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria di Bologna
- ❑ **Gianfranco Cicoria:** Dirigente Fisico, UOC Fisica Sanitaria IRCCS Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria di Bologna

❑ **LINEARBEAM srl (Bari)**

- ❑ **Ing. Raffaele Andrea Prisco:** Responsabile delle simulazioni MC per la radioprotezione lungo la linea di fascio

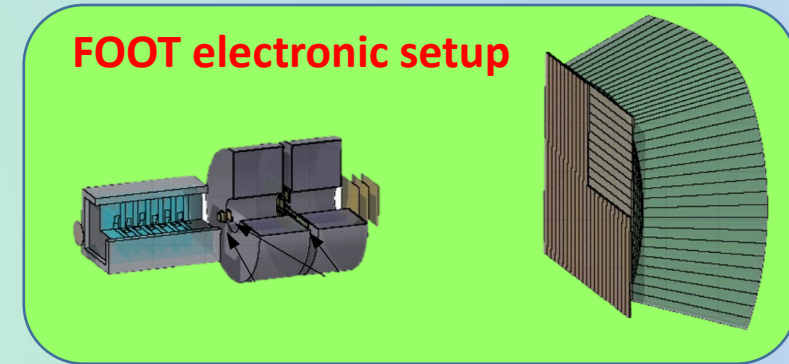
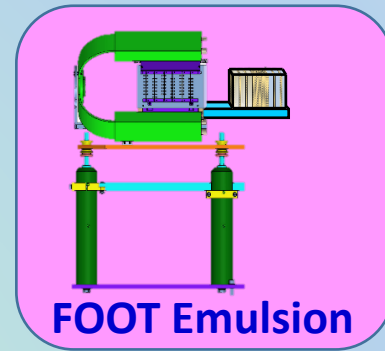
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- ❑ 2017: 4
- ❑ 2018: 4
- ❑ 2019: 10
- ❑ 2020: 4
- ❑ 2021: 10
- ❑ **2022: 3 (+14 programmati)**
- ❑ **TOTAL: 49**

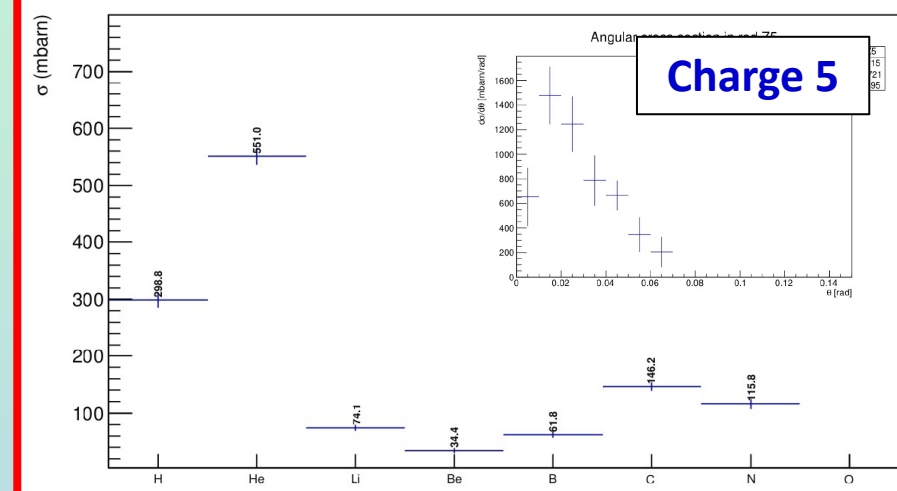


Conclusion

- Wide physics panorama
 - Hadrontherapy
 - Radioprotection in space
- Detector Status:
 - tests beam on subdetectors
 - Performances are as expected
 - Magnet is a problem
- Preliminary Results
 - Integral & Diff Elemental Cross Section ($^{16}\text{O} + \text{C}$)
 - First analysis of neutron identification
 - 6 published papers
 - 80 conferences (> 50 proceedings)
- Future perspective
 - Data taking @HEIDELBERG & CNAO
 - 3 submitted papers



Integral Elemental Cross Sections



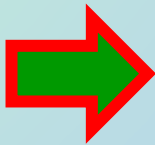
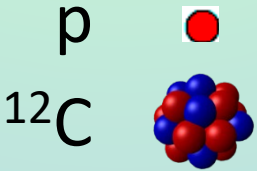
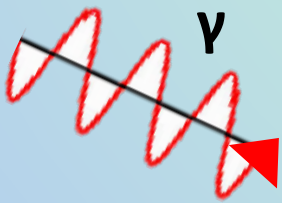
Backup slide

hadrontherapy

We don't know what cancer is → we cannot prevent → we can only try to remove



Radiotherapy Hadrontherapy (PT)



H, C, O (>95%)