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# A STUDY ON 4 REACTIONS FORMING THE $^{46}\text{Ti}^*$

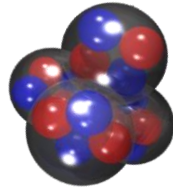
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# OUTLINE

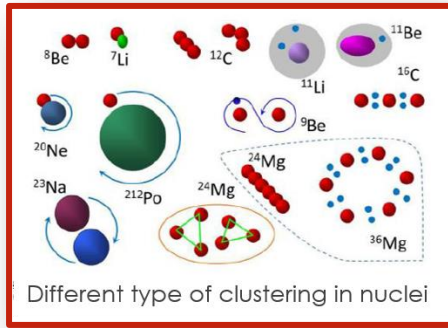
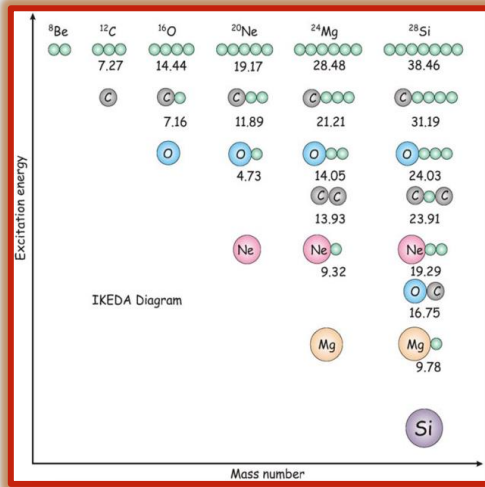
- Clustering & Pre-equilibrium in Light Nuclei
- The Experiment
- The Simulation Codes: GEMINI++ and AMD
- Analysis Results



# NUCLEAR CLUSTERING

## Ikeda Diagram

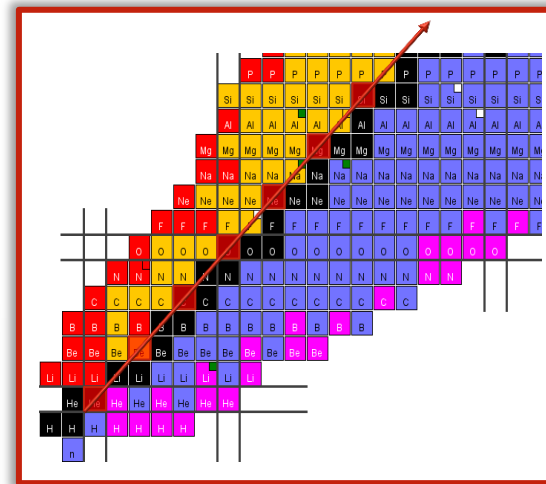
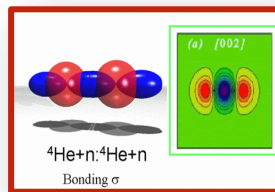
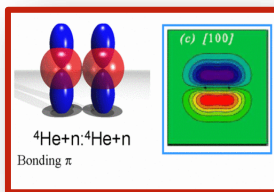
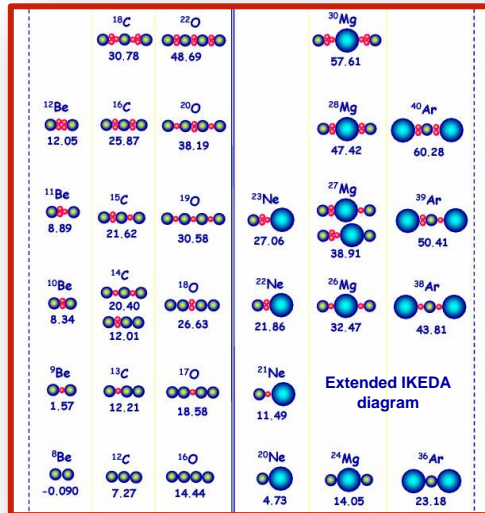
2N=2Z nuclei:  $\alpha$ -cluster structure at  $E^*$  close to the  $\alpha$ -decay threshold



- W. Von Oertzen et al. Phys. Rep. 432 (2006) 43
- M. Freer et al. , Rep. Progr. Phys. 70 (2007) 2149
- J. P. Ebran et al. , Nature 487 (2012) 341
- W.N. Catford J. Phys. Conf. Series 436, 012095
- P.E. Hodgson, E. Běták, Phys. Rep. 374 (2003) 1-89

## Extended Ikeda Diagram

Neutron-rich nuclei : **molecular structures of clusters** bound by valence neutrons



At drip-lines: clustering might be the preferred structural mode of the **light nuclei** .

# STUDYING CLUSTER EFFECTS

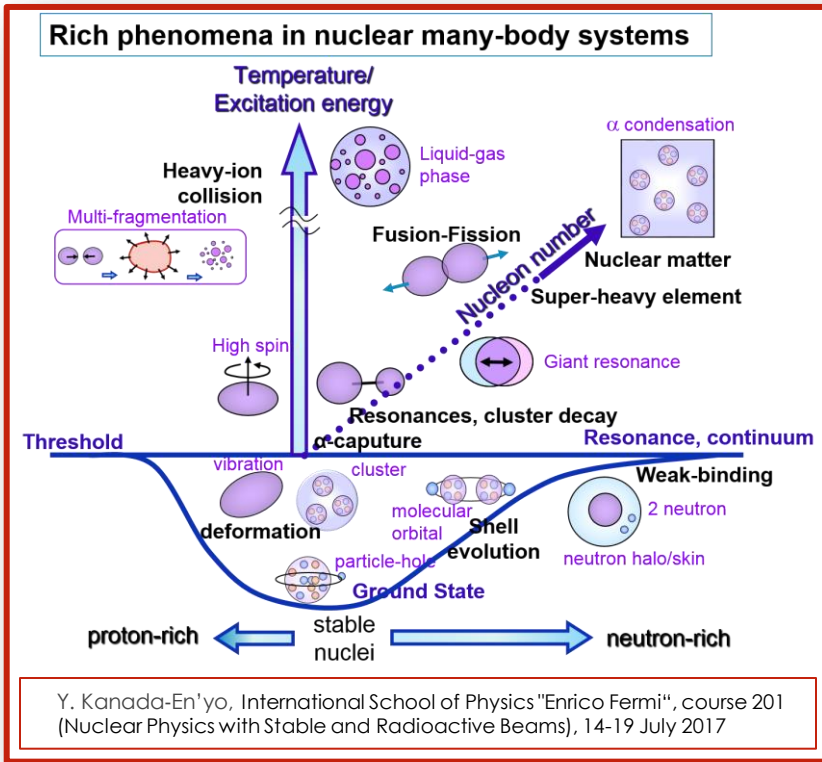
## Light Nuclei

### Coexistence of cluster and mean-fields aspects:

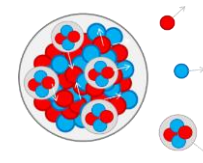
connection between cluster emission and nuclear structure.

## Medium Mass Nuclei

**Clustering effects** on reaction dynamics can be related either to their **preformation** or to their **dynamical formation**.



analyze  
 pre-equilibrium  
 particles emission



Study the competition between evaporation (surface) and fast (volume) emission of LCP.

- Y. Kanada-En'yo et al., Prog.Theo.Exp.Phys. 01A202 (2012).
- P.E. Hodgson, E. Běták, Phys. Rep. 374 (2003) 1-89.

# HOW TO STUDY THE CLUSTERING EFFECTS ON REACTION DYNAMICS?

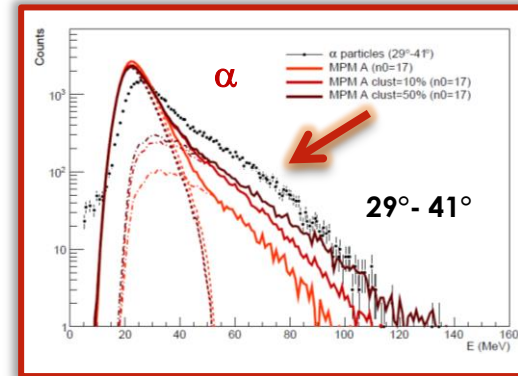
Possible effects of  **$\alpha$ -cluster structure in the projectile**

experimentally  
↓

- Studying pre-equilibrium particles emission:

**$^{16}\text{O} + ^{116}\text{Sn} @ 8, 12, 16 \text{ MeV/u}$**

**Over-production of  $\alpha$ -particles** emitted during the non-equilibrium stage  $\rightarrow$   $\alpha$ -cluster structure in the  $^{16}\text{O}$  projectile nucleus.



- A. Corsi et al., PLB 679 (2009) 197.

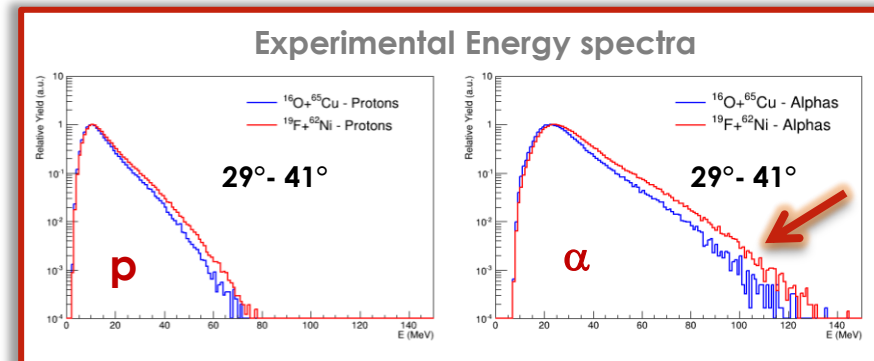
- Comparing LCP emission from fusion reactions with different N/Z projectiles:

Analysis is still in progress

**$^{16}\text{O} + ^{65}\text{Cu} \& ^{19}\text{F} + ^{62}\text{Ni} @ 16 \text{ MeV/u}$**

$^{19}\text{F}$ -reaction  $\alpha$ -overproduction  $>$   $^{16}\text{O}$  one.  
↓  
 $E_s(^{19}\text{F} \equiv \alpha + ^{15}\text{N}) = 4,01 \text{ MeV}$   $E_s(^{16}\text{O} \equiv \alpha + ^{12}\text{C}) = 7,2 \text{ MeV}$

- D. Fabris et al., Proceedings of the X LANSPA, Proc. of Science (2014).

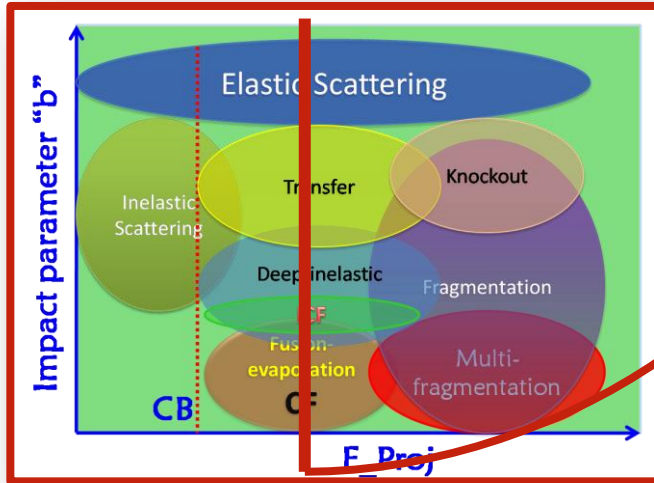


# THE EXPERIMENT: REACTIONS MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

Entrance channel	$E_{\text{beam, lab}}$		$\theta_{\text{grazing}}$	CN	Mass Asymm	$\sigma_{\text{fus}}$	$E^*$	Lab. Vel.	E.R. Distrib. $\theta_{\text{lab}}$
	MeV	MeV/u							
<b><math>^{16}\text{O} + ^{30}\text{Si}</math></b>	128	<b>8</b>	8,8	<b><math>^{46}\text{Ti}</math></b>	0,30	1070	<b>98,4</b>	1,37	0 – 30
$^{16}\text{O} + ^{30}\text{Si}$	111	<b>7</b>	10,1	<b><math>^{46}\text{Ti}</math></b>	0,30	1081	<b>88,0</b>	1,28	0 – 30
<b><math>^{18}\text{O} + ^{28}\text{Si}</math></b>	126	<b>7</b>	9,0	<b><math>^{46}\text{Ti}</math></b>	0,22	1110	<b>98,5</b>	1,44	0 – 28
<b><math>^{19}\text{F} + ^{27}\text{Al}</math></b>	133	<b>7</b>	8,9	<b><math>^{46}\text{Ti}</math></b>	0,17	1100	<b>103,5</b>	1,52	0 – 28

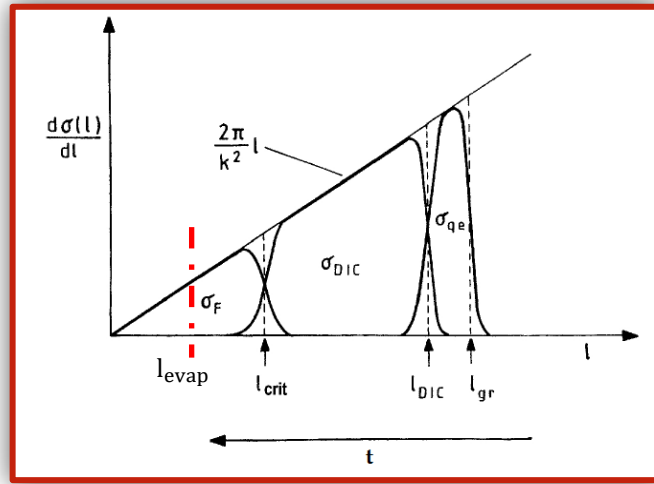
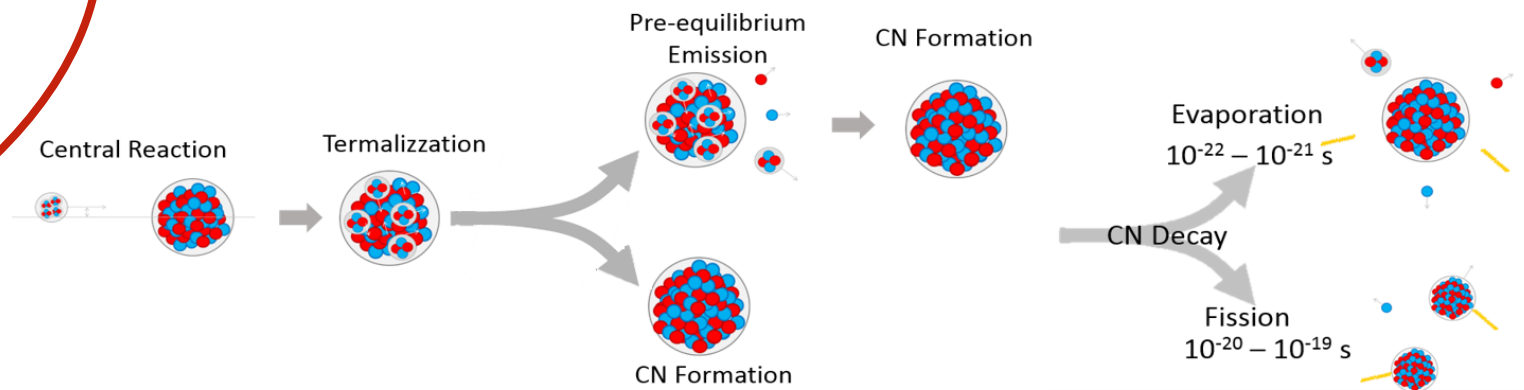
same CN Excitation Energy  $\Rightarrow$  same pre-equilibrium component

# REACTION MECHANISMS



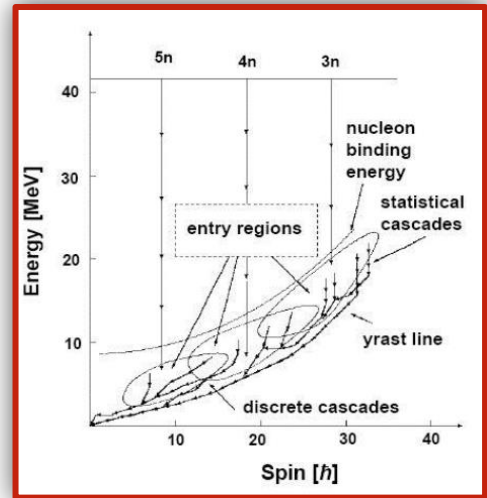
$$E_p > B_C \Rightarrow \sigma_{reaz} = \sum_{\ell} \sigma_{reaz}(\ell) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_0^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) T_{\ell}$$

“Complete Fusion (CF) is the most dominating mode of reaction”

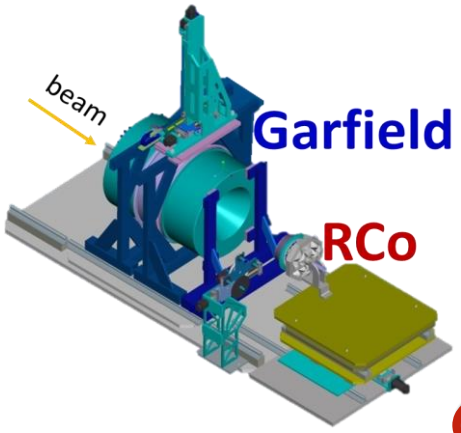


Process involving two heavy colliding ions that at end **form a CN** with LARGE EXCITATION ENERGY and ANGULAR MOMENTUM will **DEEXCITE**:

- emitting evaporation particles and residues
- fission

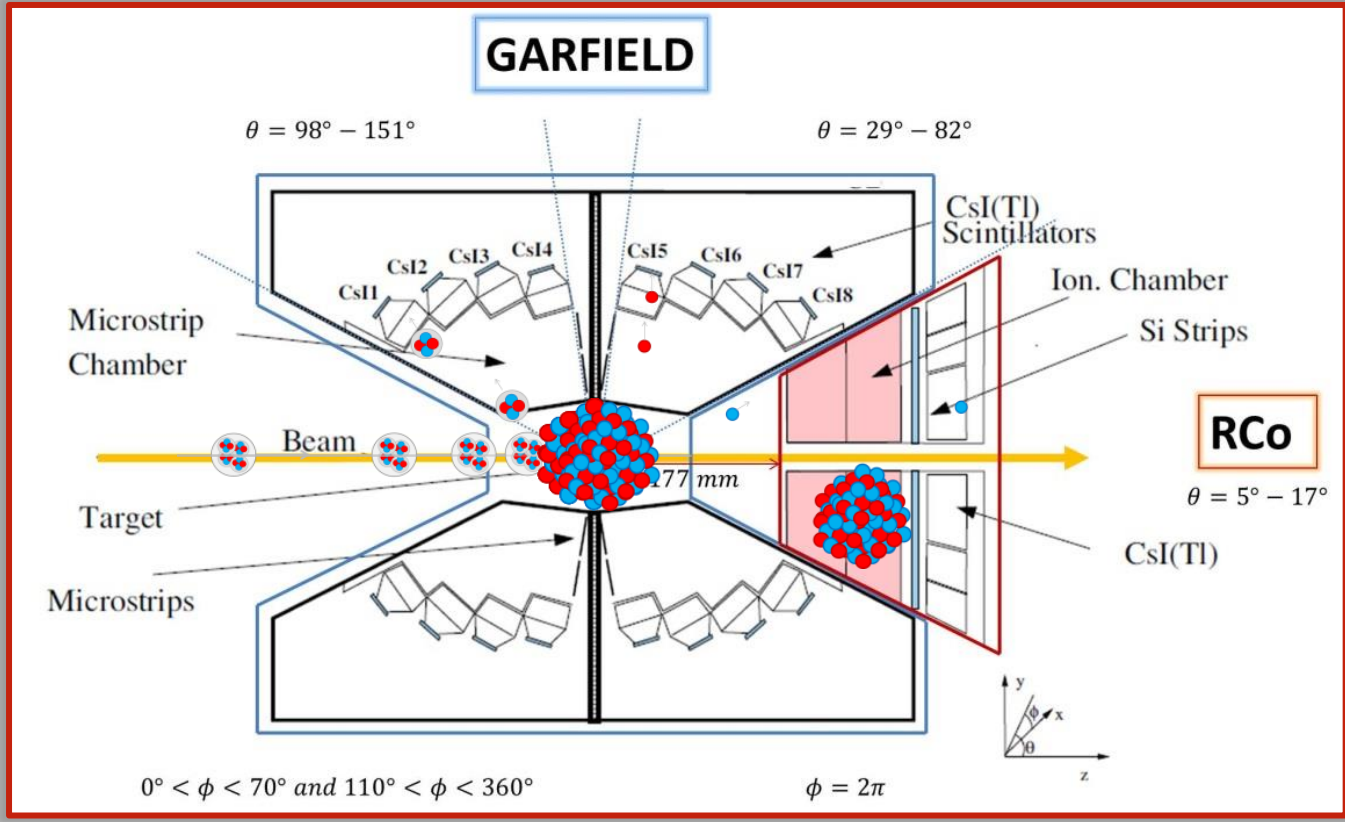


# THE EXPERIMENTAL ARRAY



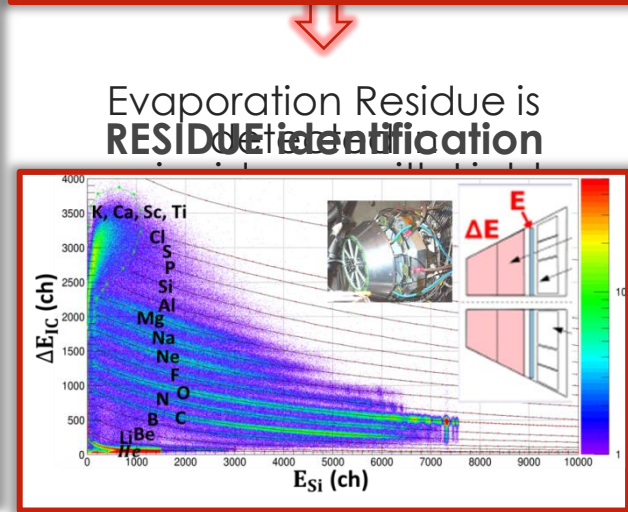
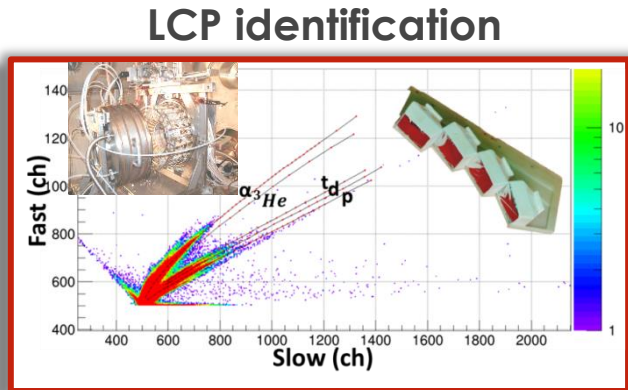
**GARFIELD + RCo**

- F. Gramegna et al., Proc. of IEEE Nucl.Symp., 2004, Roma, Italy, 0-7803-8701-5/04/.
- M. Bruno et al. Eur. Phys. J. A (2013) 49: 128



**RCo**

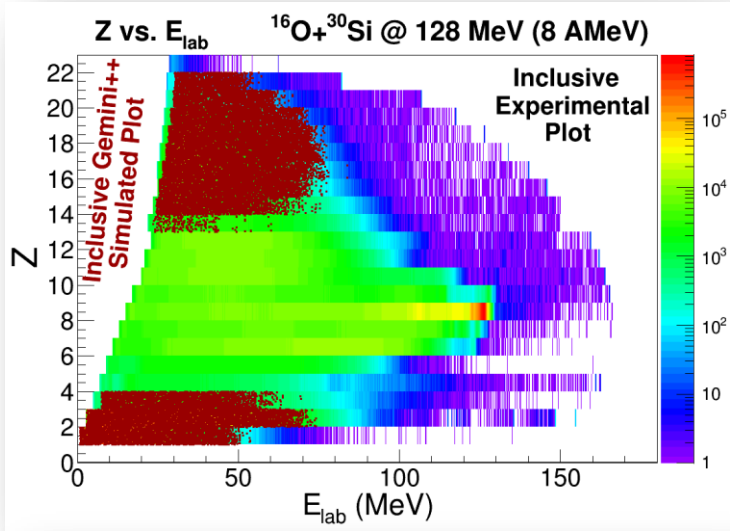
$\theta = 5^\circ - 17^\circ$



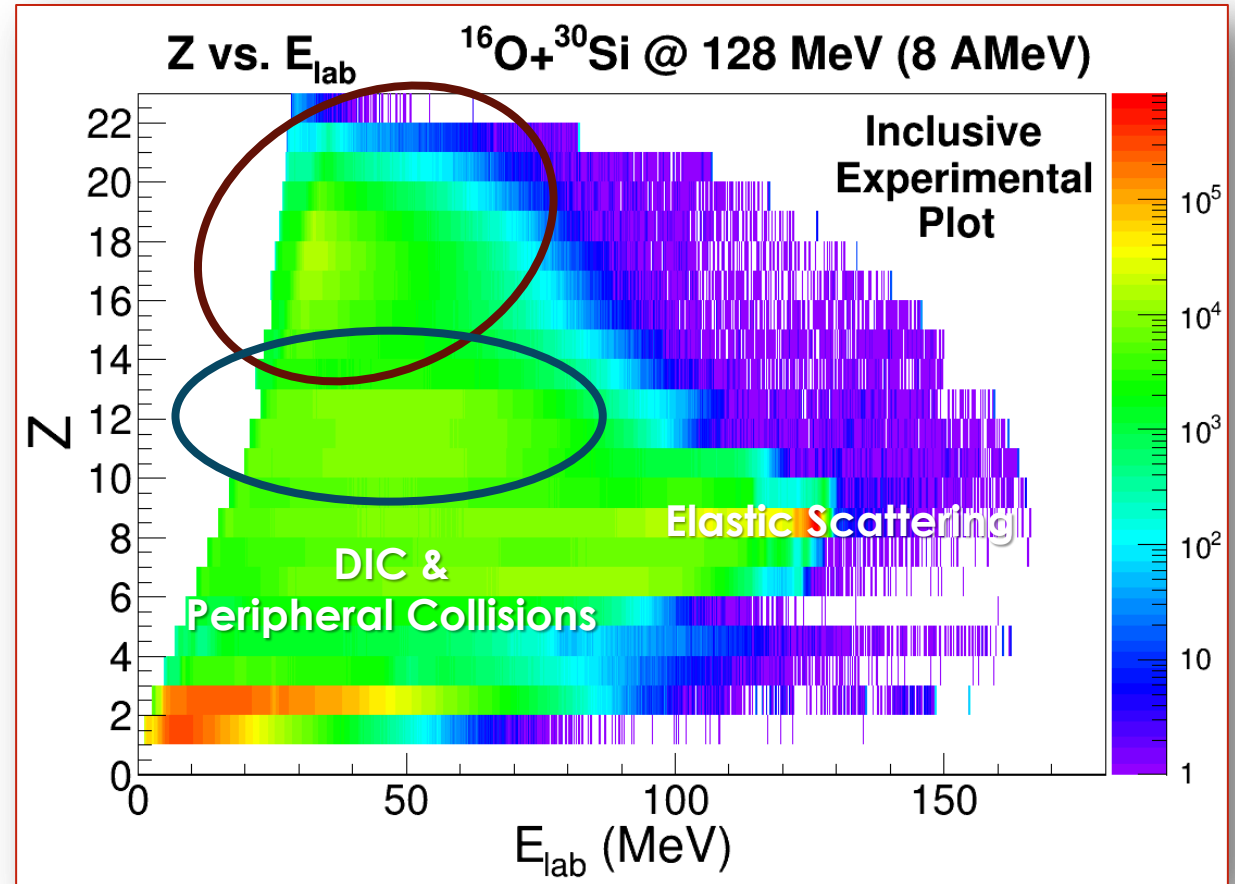
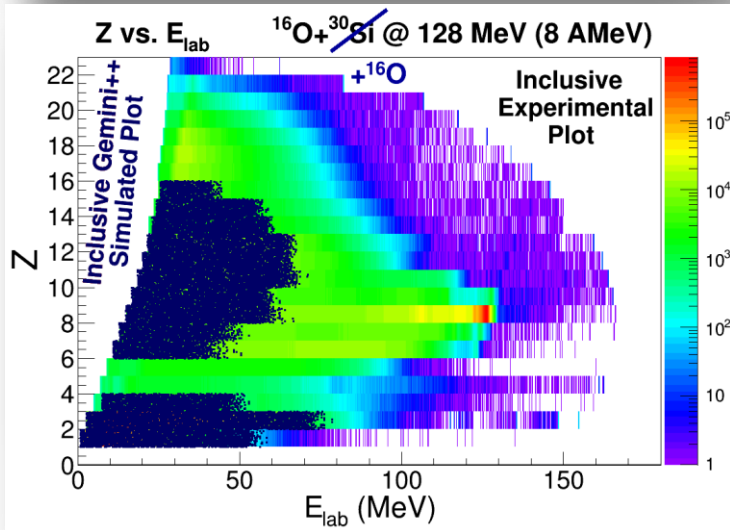


# TARGET CONTAMINATION

Gemini Simulation  
Plot:  $^{30}\text{Si}$  target



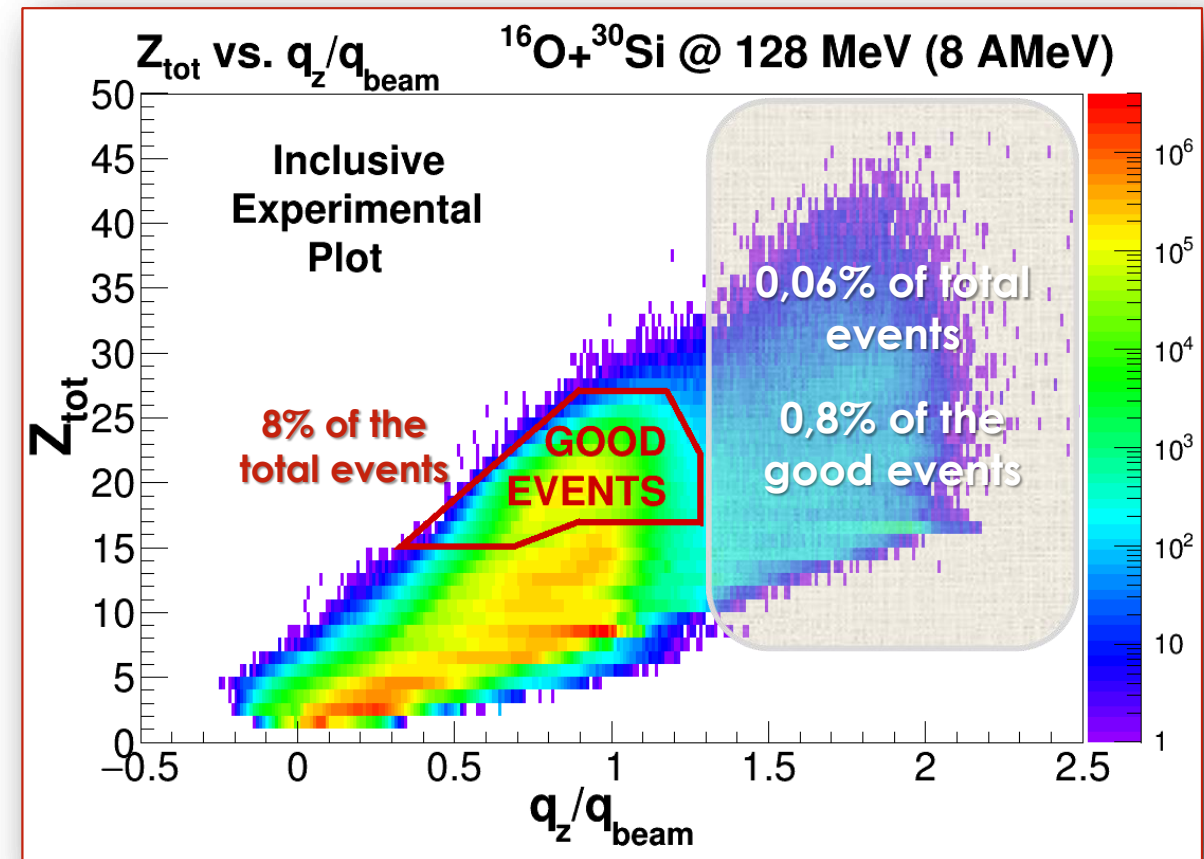
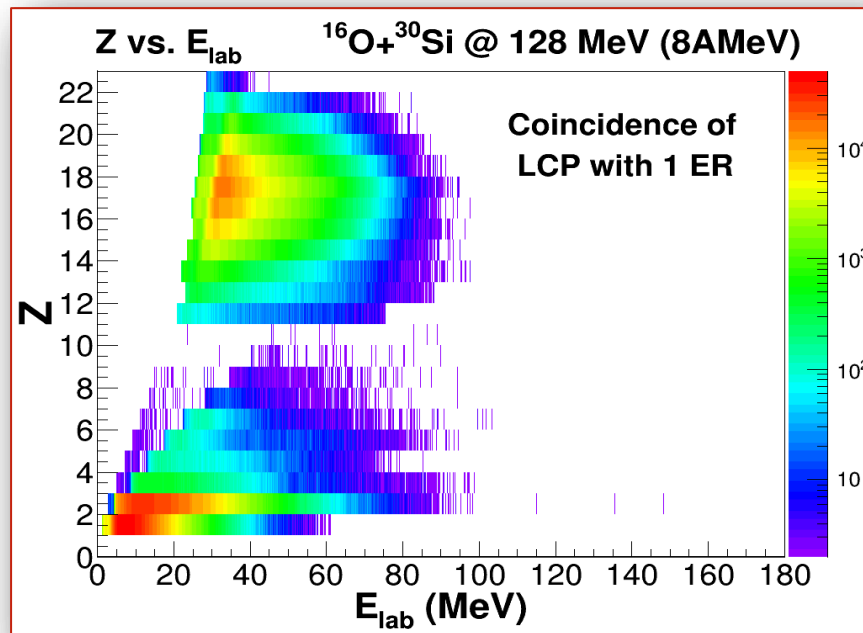
Gemini Simulation  
Plot:  $^{16}\text{O}$  target



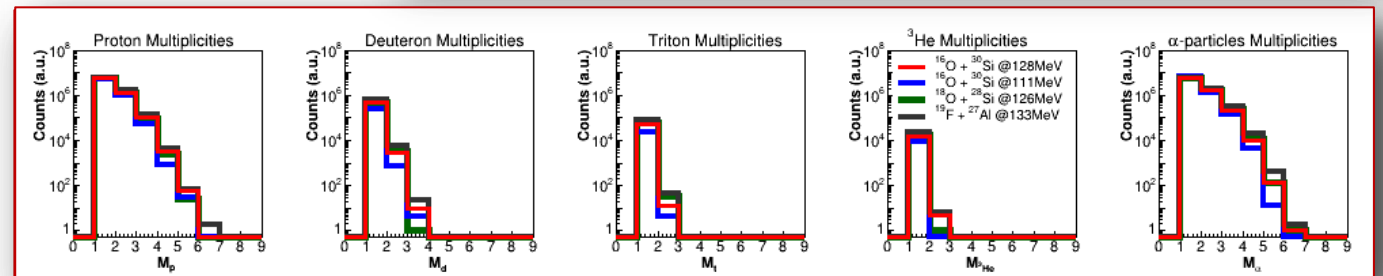
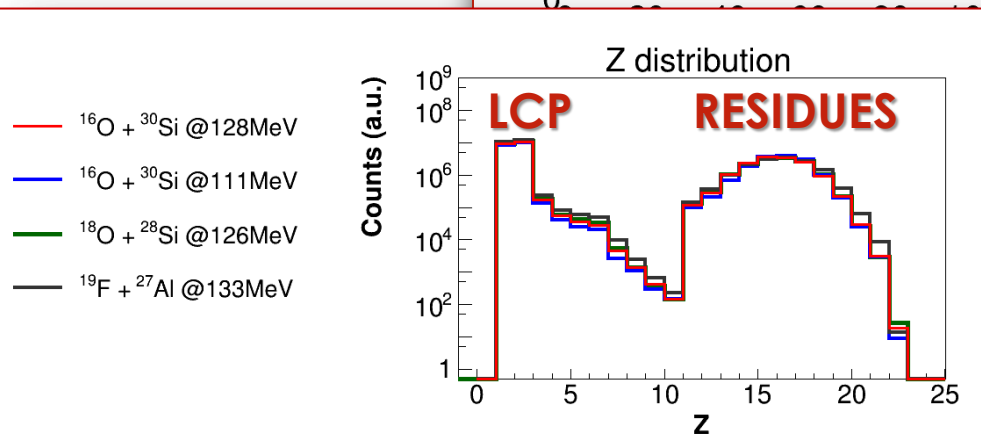
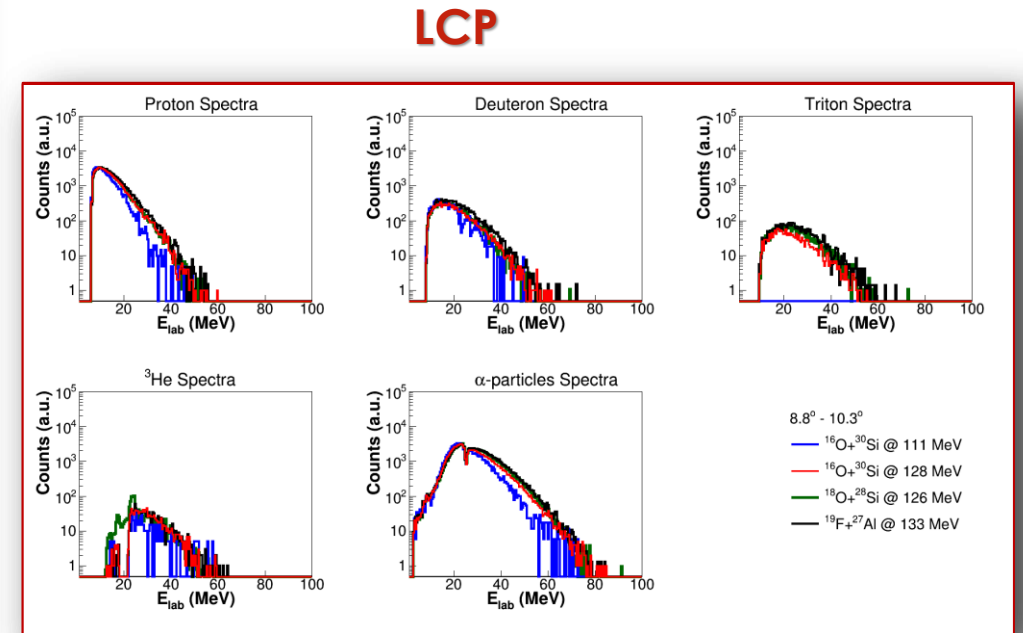
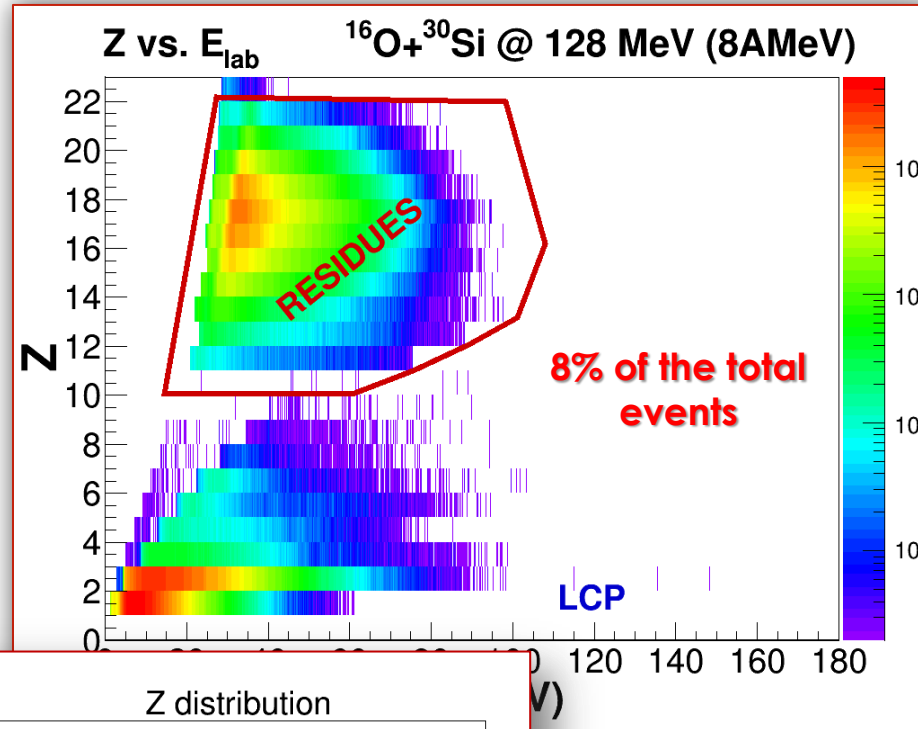
# GOOD EVENTS SELECTION

Correlation between the longitudinal momentum and total charge

Correlation between the laboratory energy and charge



# QUASI-COMPLETE EVENTS



# THEORETICAL SIMULATIONS

Interacting Nuclei Structure & Reaction Dynamics

$^{16}\text{O}(8\text{AMeV})+^{30}\text{Si}$   
 $^{16}\text{O}(7\text{AMeV})+^{30}\text{Si}$   
 $^{18}\text{O}(7\text{AMeV})+^{28}\text{Si}$   
 $^{19}\text{F}(7\text{AMeV})+^{27}\text{Al}$



DEFORMED NUCLEUS

DECAY

## AMD code

- describes the cluster structure of the interacting particles.
- takes into account the particle-particle correlations.

{A. Ono, Phys. Rev. C59, 853 (1999)}

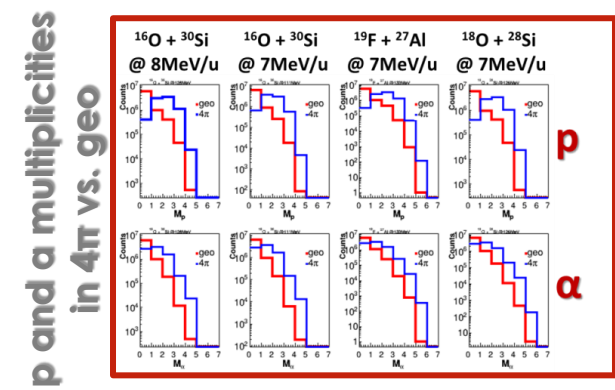
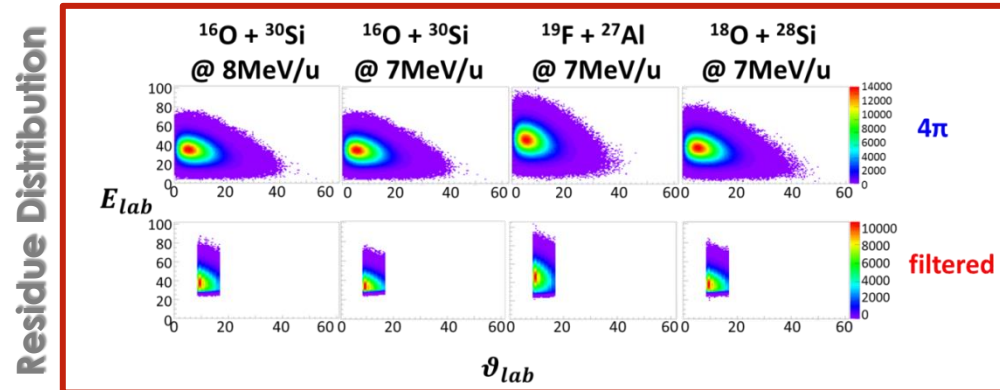
## GEMINI++ code

Simulate the decay of hot nuclei formed in fusion/quasi-fusion reaction.

- **Standalone** when a good selection of central events can be performed;
- **Afterburner** (after a dynamical code) to produce secondary particles distributions from primary fragments -> to be compared with exp data.

{R. J. Charity, Phys Rev C 82 (2010) 014610.}

Effect of the Experimental filter (software) applied on GEMINI++ simulation of the 4 studied systems



# $^{46}\text{Ti}$ : A DEFORMED NUCLEUS

{A. Maj et al., Eur.Phys.J. A 20 (2004) 165-166}

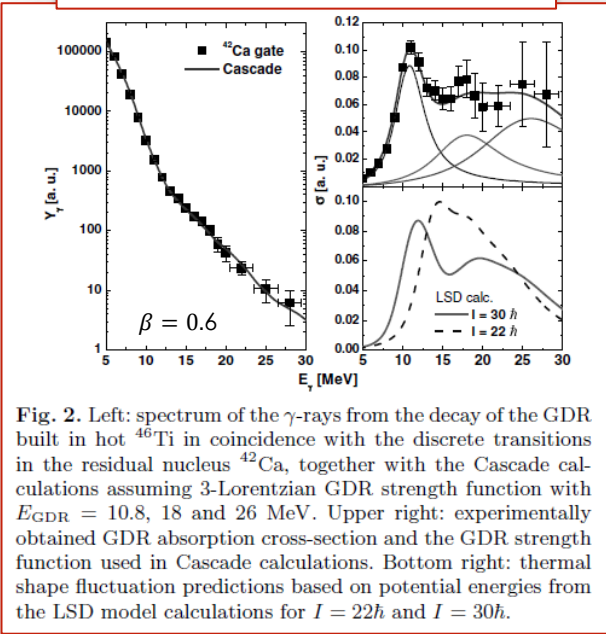


Fig. 2. Left: spectrum of the  $\gamma$ -rays from the decay of the GDR built in hot  $^{46}\text{Ti}$  in coincidence with the discrete transitions in the residual nucleus  $^{42}\text{Ca}$ , together with the Cascade calculations assuming 3-Lorentzian GDR strength function with  $E_{\text{GDR}} = 10.8, 18$  and  $26$  MeV. Upper right: experimentally obtained GDR absorption cross-section and the GDR strength function used in Cascade calculations. Bottom right: thermal shape fluctuation predictions based on potential energies from the LSD model calculations for  $I = 22\hbar$  and  $I = 30\hbar$ .

{M. Brekiesz et al., Nucl.Phys A 788 (2007) 224c-230c}

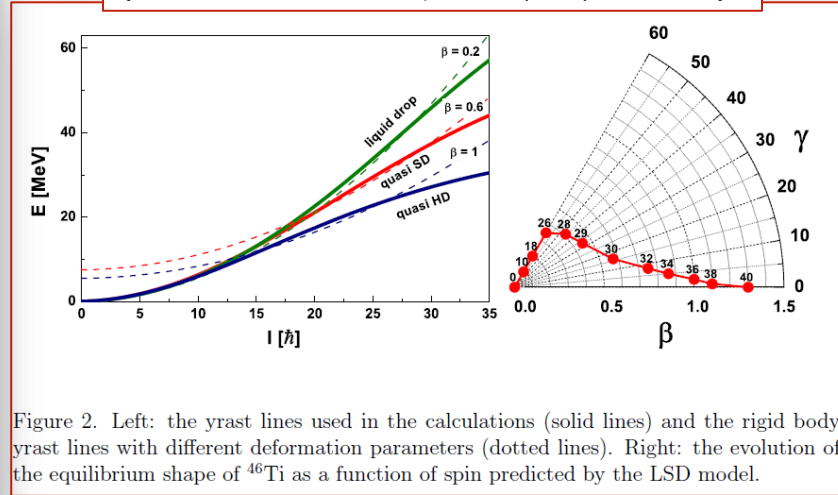


Figure 2. Left: the yrast lines used in the calculations (solid lines) and the rigid body yrast lines with different deformation parameters (dotted lines). Right: the evolution of the equilibrium shape of  $^{46}\text{Ti}$  as a function of spin predicted by the LSD model.

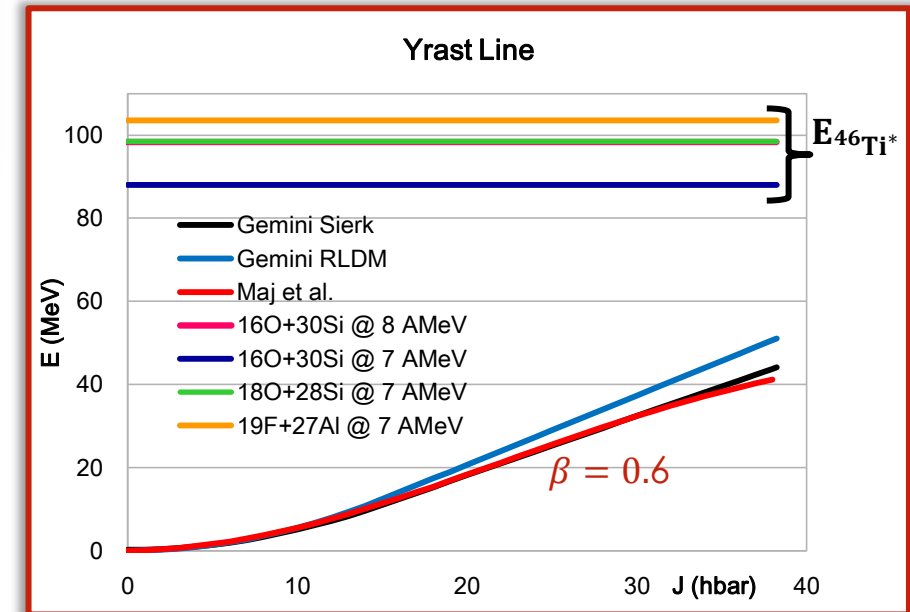
$\beta$	$\delta_1$	$\delta_2$	Shape
0.2	RLDM parameters		
0.6	$4.6 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-7}$	Quasi – SUPERDEFORMED
1.0	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-7}$	Quasi – HYPERDEFORMED

## CACARIZO code:

$$E(J) = \frac{\hbar^2 J(J+1)}{\mathfrak{I}_{\text{sphere}}(1 + \delta_1 L^2 + \delta_2 L^4)}, \text{ with } \delta_1 \text{ and } \delta_2 \text{ deformation parameters}$$

## the equivalent in GEMINI++ code:

$$E_{\text{Yrast}}(J) = \begin{cases} E_{\text{Sierk}}(J) & \text{if } J < J^* \\ E_{\text{Sierk}}(J) + (J - J^*)E_{\text{Sierk}}(J^*) & \text{if } J > J^* \end{cases}, \text{ with } J^* = 0.319A$$



# THE STATISTICAL CODE: GEMINI++

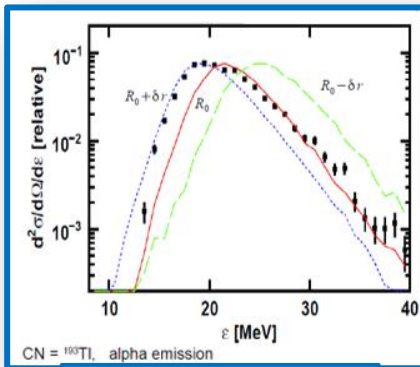
Hauser-Feshbach Model

Weisskopf Evaporative Theory

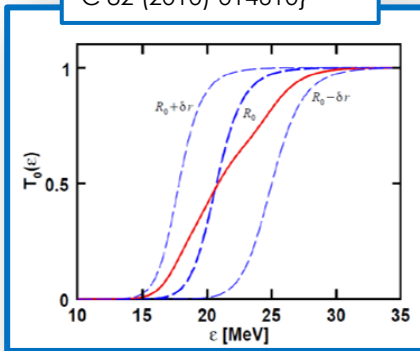
Quantum Description of Angular Momentum

$$W_\beta \propto \iint \tilde{\ell} T_\ell \rho_B(E_B^*, J_B) d\varepsilon_b d\phi$$

$$\tilde{\ell} = 2\ell + 1$$



{R. J. Charity, Phys Rev C 82 (2010) 014610}



## 3 ingredients in the statistical model:

### 1. Transmission coefficients

$$T_l(\epsilon) = \frac{T_l^{R_0 - \delta r}(\epsilon) + T_l^{R_0}(\epsilon) + T_l^{R_0 + \delta r}(\epsilon)}{3}, \delta r = w\sqrt{T}$$

### 2. Level density parameter

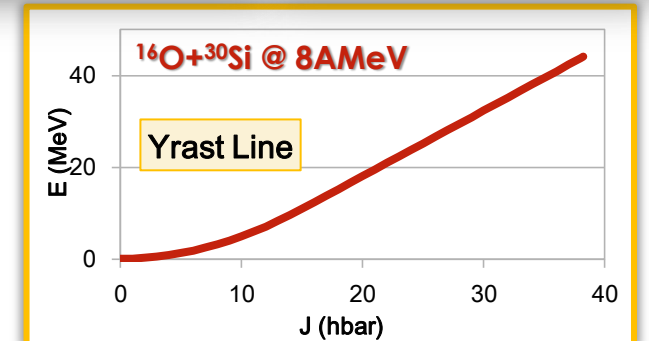
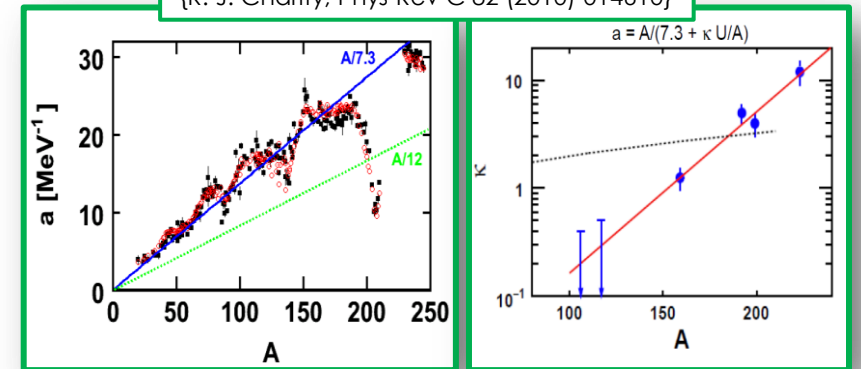
$$\rho_B(E_B^*) \propto 2\sqrt{aE_B^*}$$

$$a = \frac{k_\infty - (k_\infty - k_0) \exp\left(-\frac{\kappa}{k_\infty - k_0} \frac{U}{A}\right)}{\kappa(A) = 0.000517 \exp(0.0345A)}$$

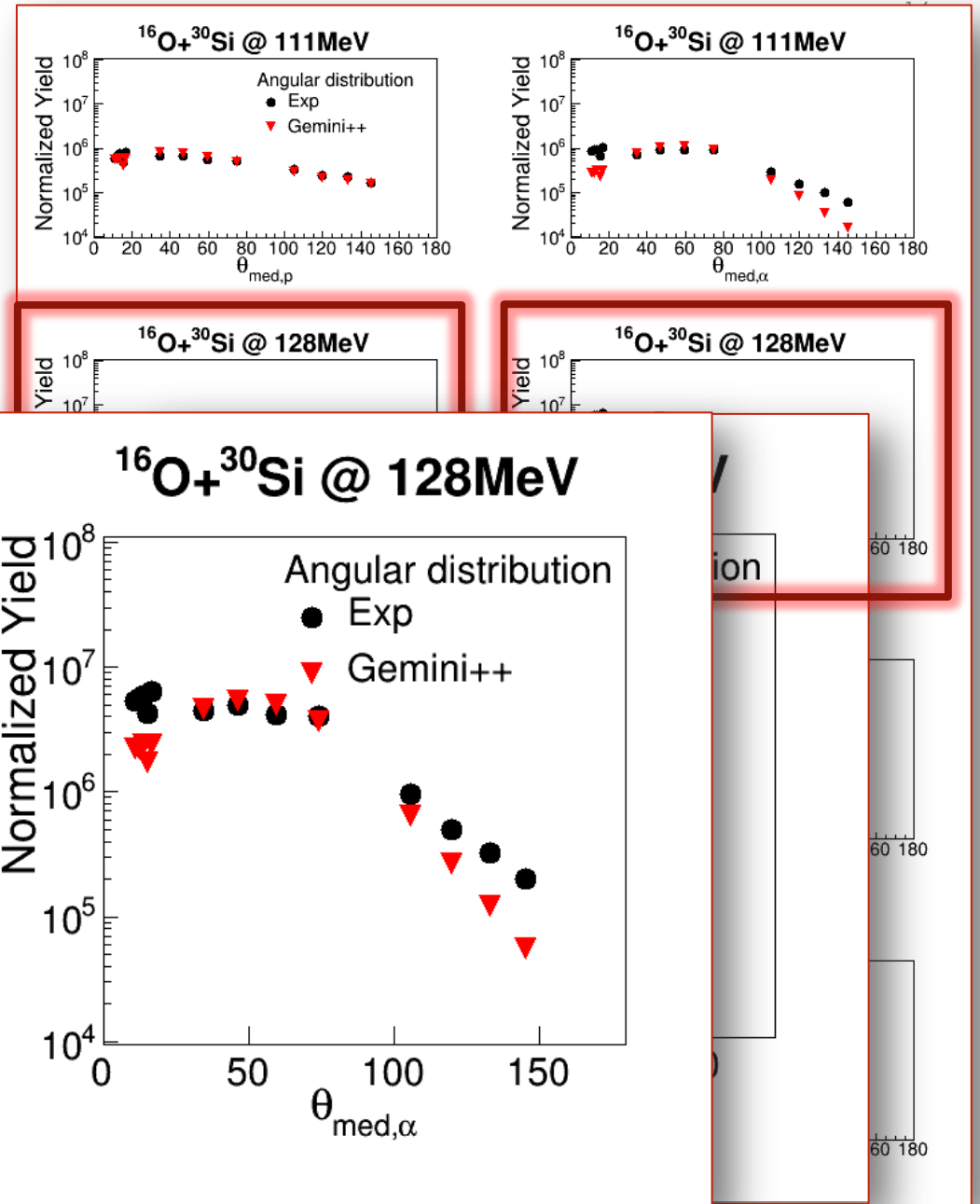
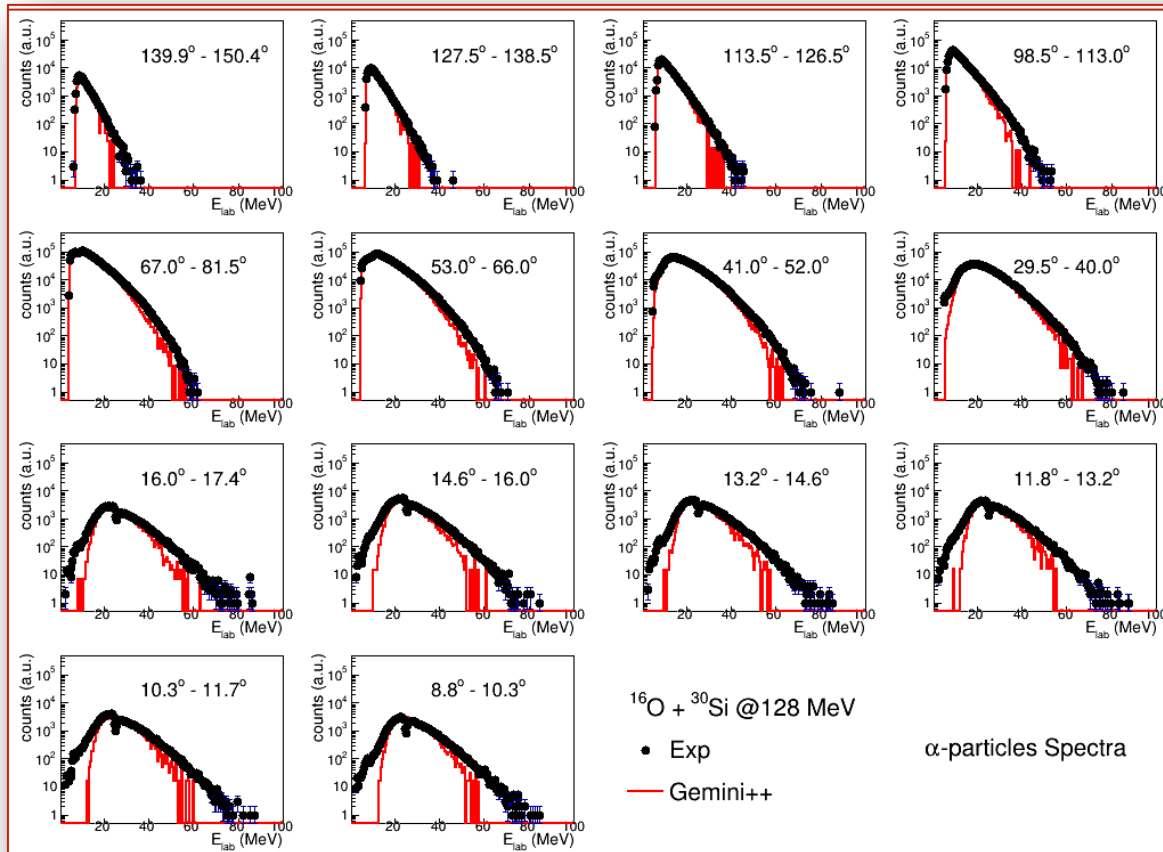
### 3. Macroscopic rotational energy of the nucleus

$$E_{Yrast}(J) = \begin{cases} E_{Sierk}(J) & \text{if } J < J^* \\ E_{Sierk}(J) + (J - J^*)E_{Sierk}(J^*) & \text{if } J > J^*, J^* = 0.319A \end{cases}$$

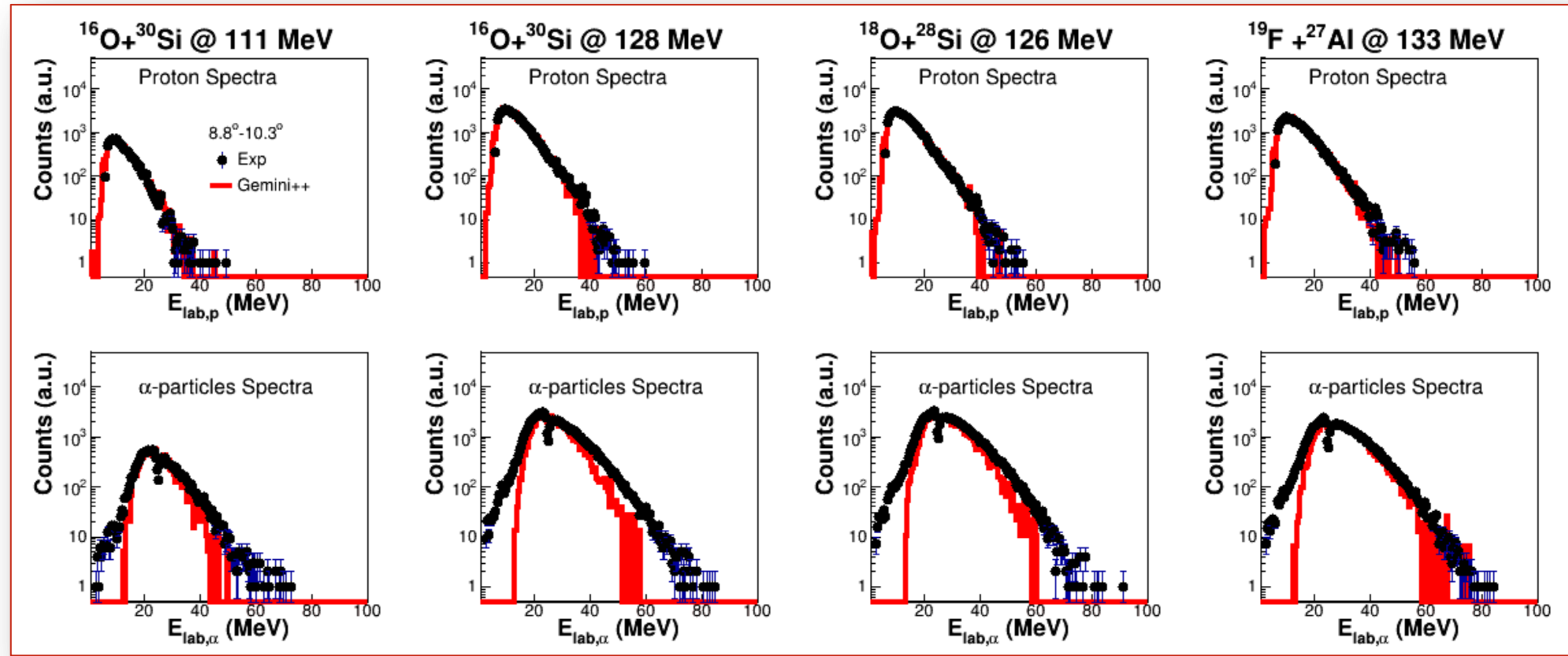
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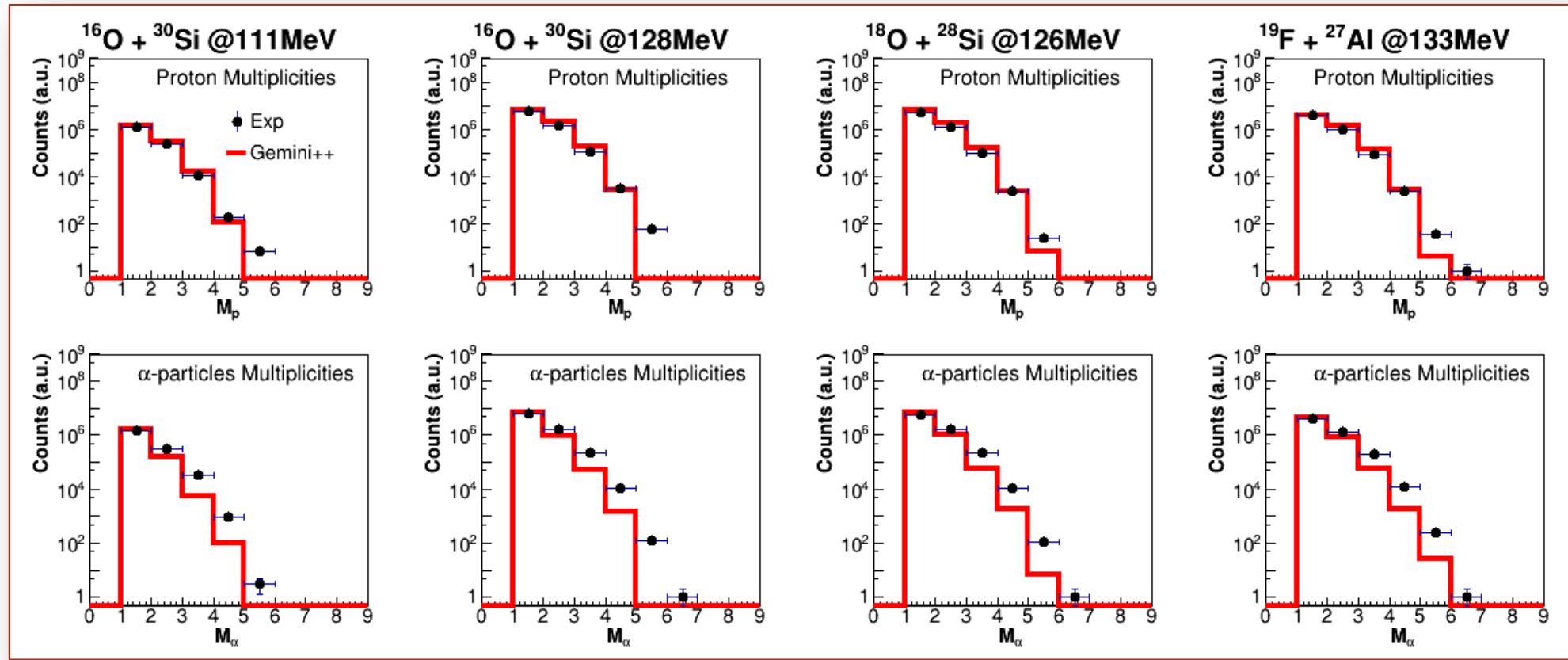
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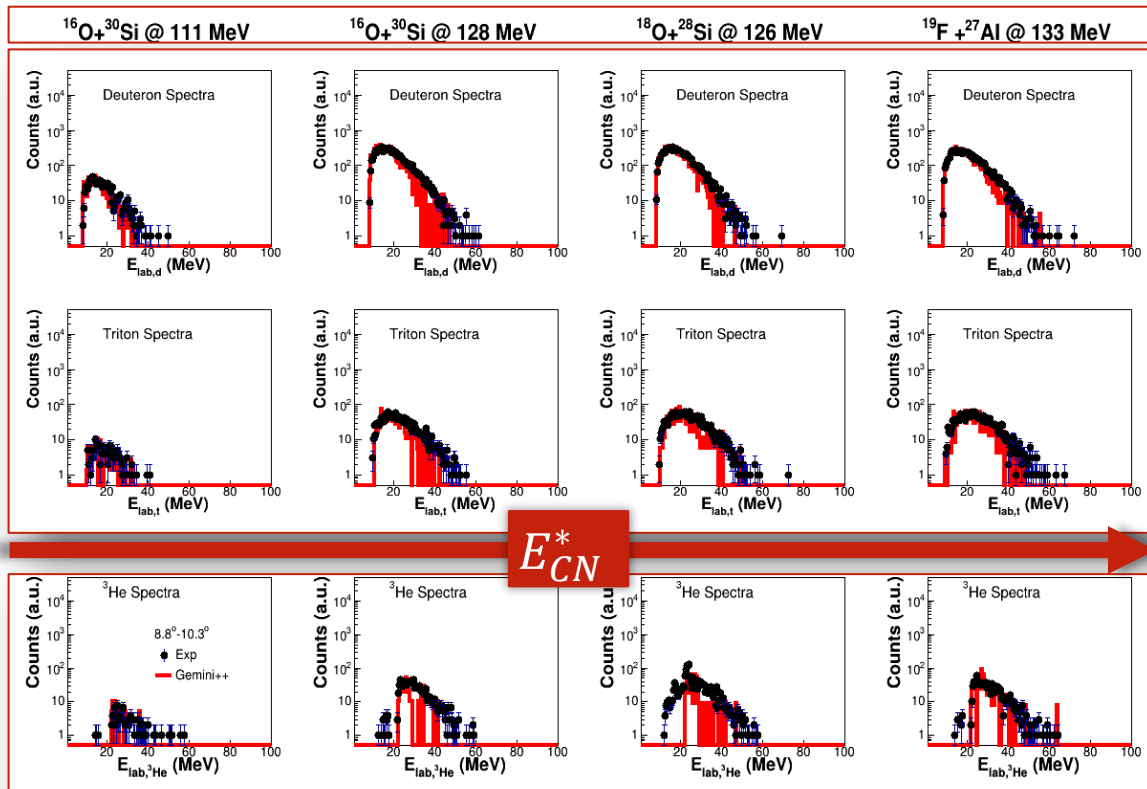
# ANALYSIS RESULTS: PROTON & $\alpha$ -PARTICLE SPECTRA



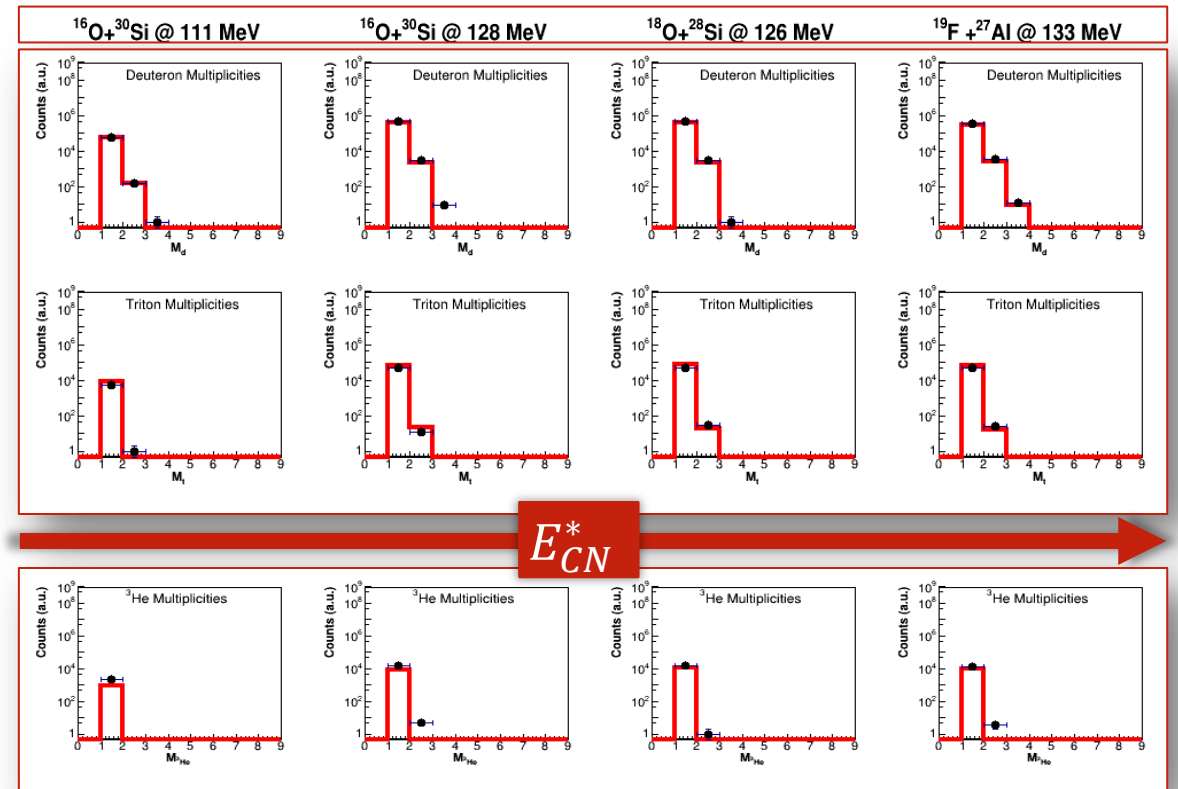


ANALYSIS RESULTS:  
PROTON &  $\alpha$ -PARTICLE MULTIPLICITY

# ANALYSIS RESULTS: DEUTERON, TRITON AND $^3\text{He}$



$E_{CN}^*$



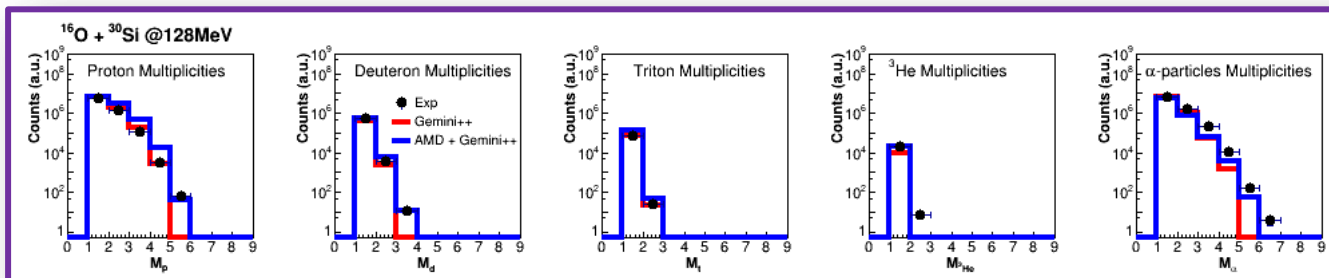
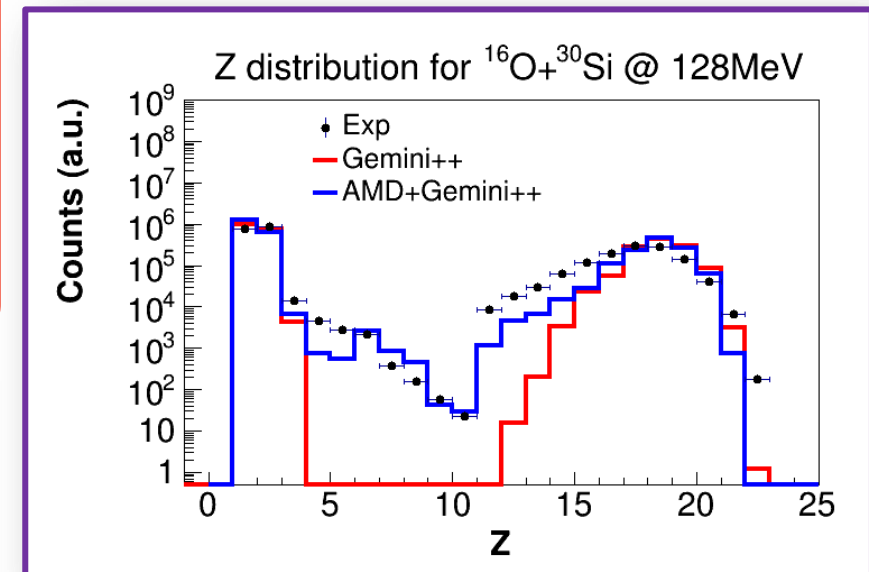
$E_{CN}^*$

# SUMMARY

Studying the **decay of  $^{46}\text{Ti}^*$** , the theoretical **GEMINI++ simulations reasonably reproduce the major part of global variables** for all the reactions; nevertheless, the **slight differences** observed are crucial for analyzing the **interplay between the two different reaction mechanisms**. In particular, **the overproduction of alpha-particles of forward angles** represents a signature of the onset of fast emission.

## ... AND PERSPECTIVE

- Study on **particle-particle correlations** will be performed, **selecting specific decay channels** (1a, 2a, 3a ...) to get a better insight on the reaction interplay;
- The **AMD calculations are in progress**: AMD events are available for only one system. Further calculations are ongoing for all systems for a number of events necessary to compare with exclusive experimental data.



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