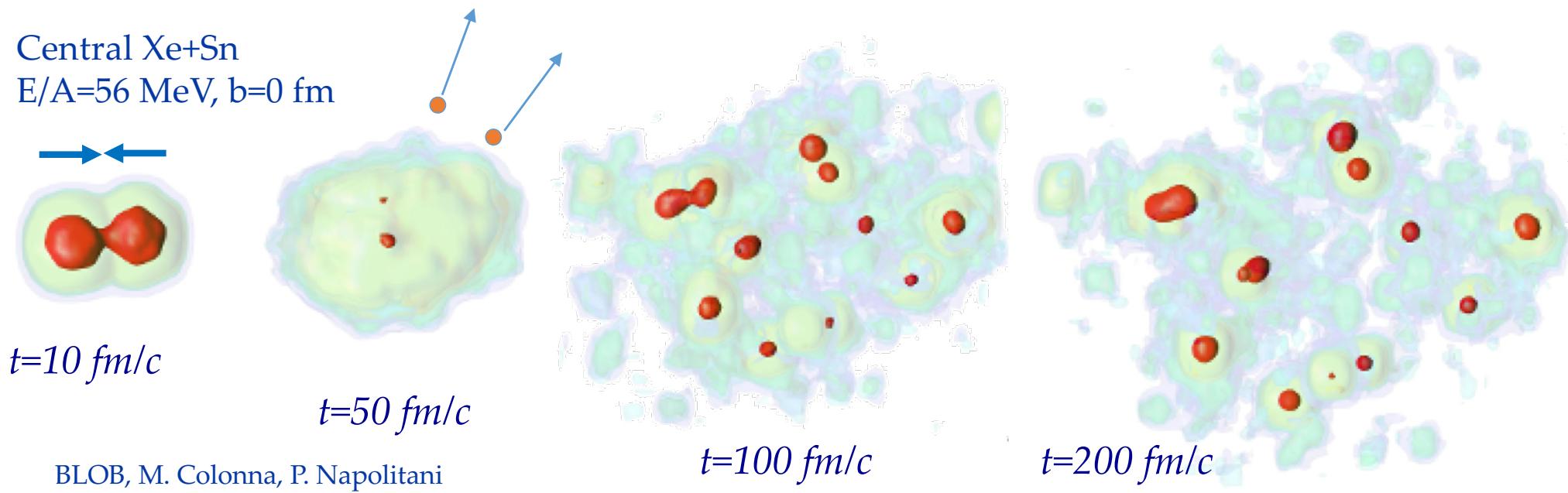


# Correlation and resonance decays at low energies for clustering and dynamics

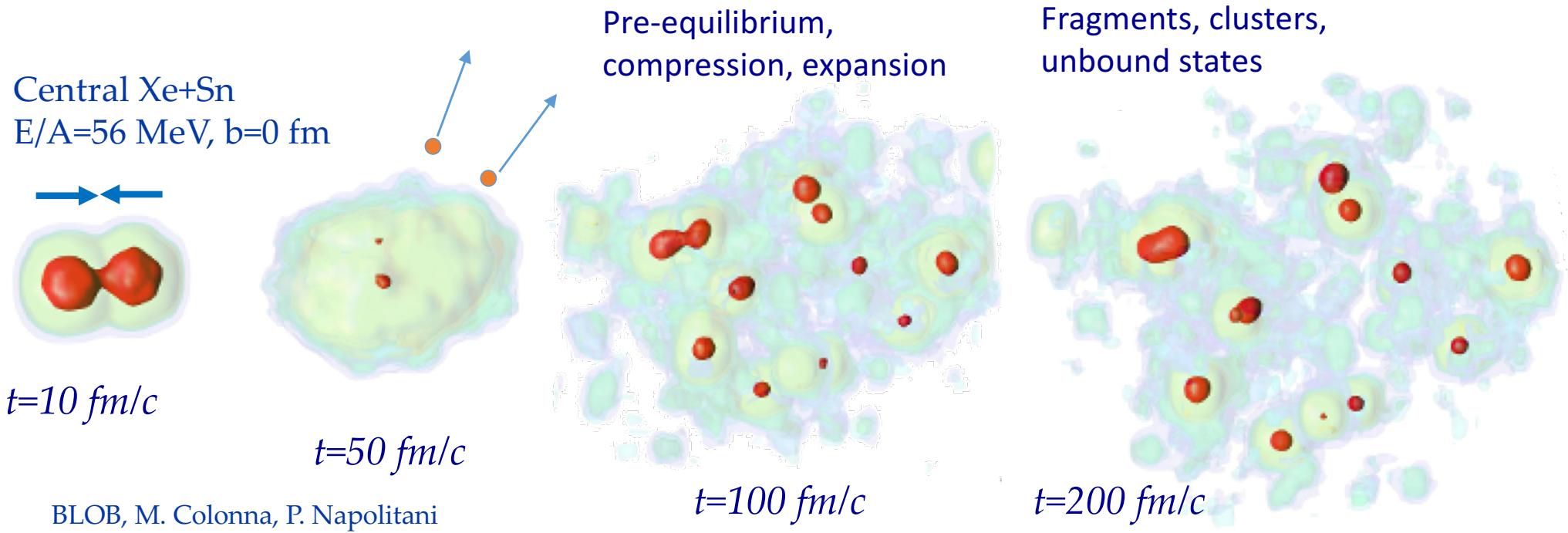


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# Intermediate energy dynamics



## Collective properties

EoS, Symmetry Energy

→ Clusters at low densities

→ Neutrinosphere physics

(See talks by P. Danielewicz and Z. Chajecki)

## Resonance decays

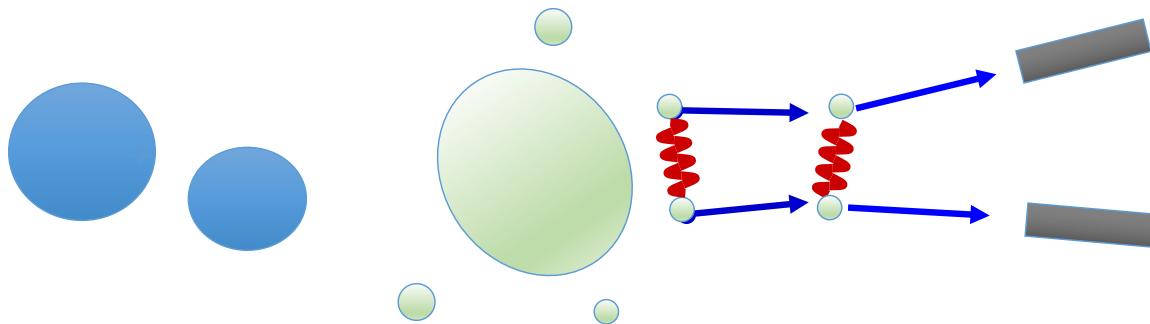
In the medium invariant mass spectroscopy: branching ratios, ...

→ in-medium structure and clusters

# Dynamics and structure

- Nuclear structure properties in low density matter:
  - Study the properties of the “medium”: density, temperature, EoS → Femtoscopy
  - Resonance decays: in-medium vs out-of-medium

# Proton-proton femtoscopy

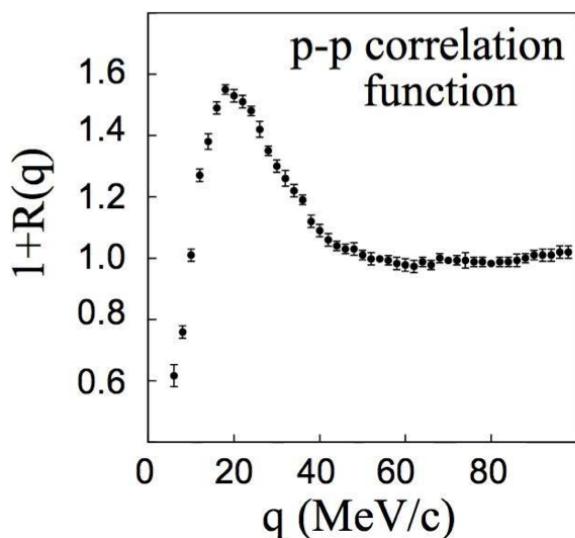


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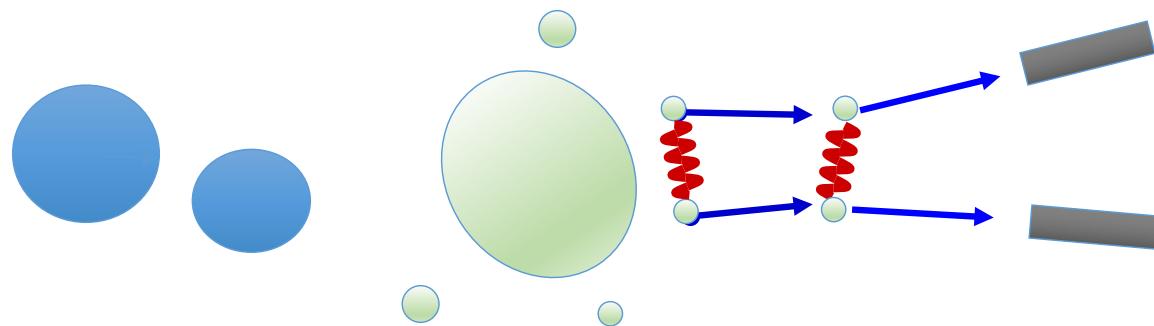
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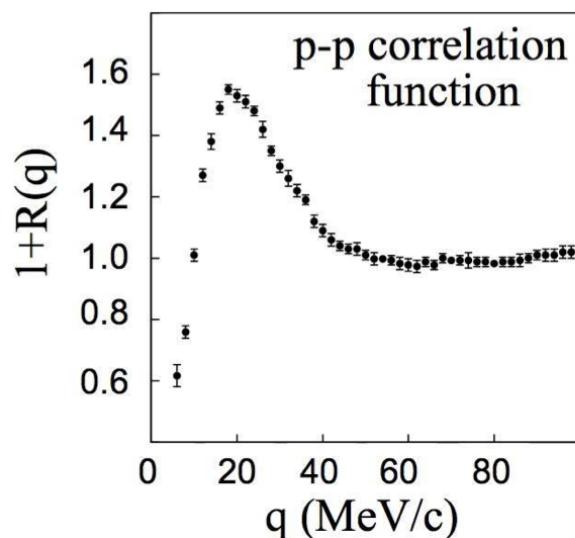


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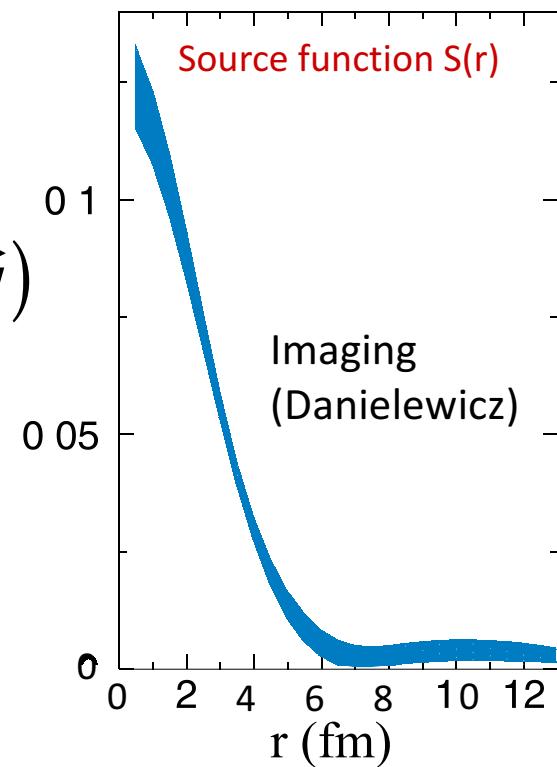


Koonin-Pratt

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- Space-time image and size of early dynamical source

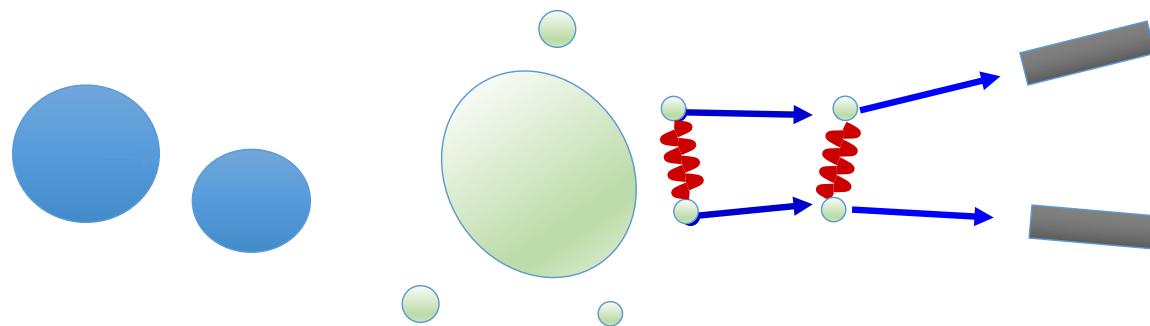
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Source function  $S(r)$

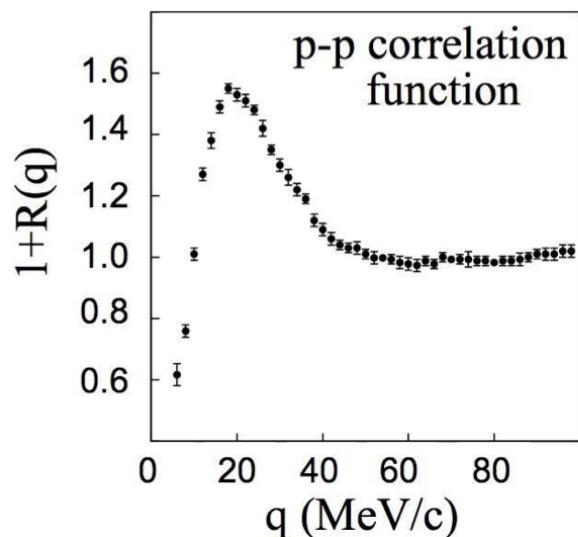
Imaging  
(Danielewicz)

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- Radii,  $\lambda$  values, etc.
- Directional studies, shapes, elongations, ...

Koonin-Pratt

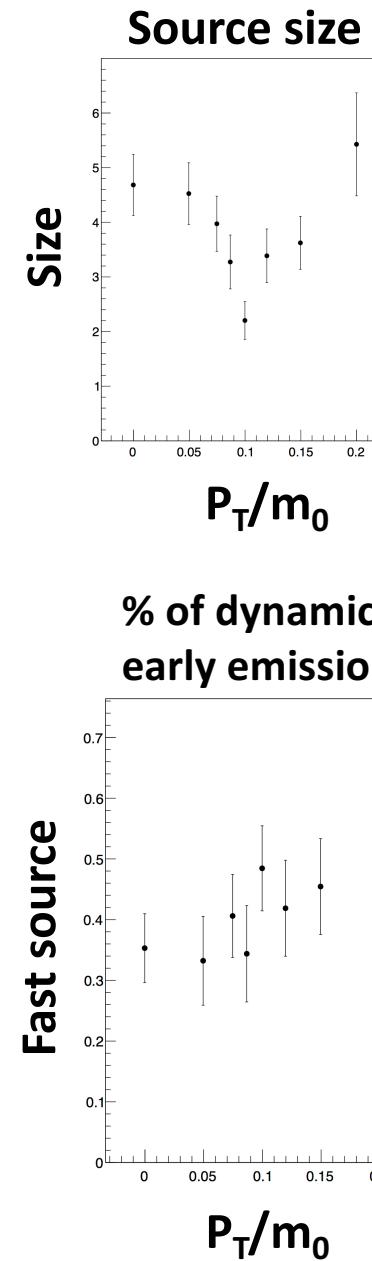
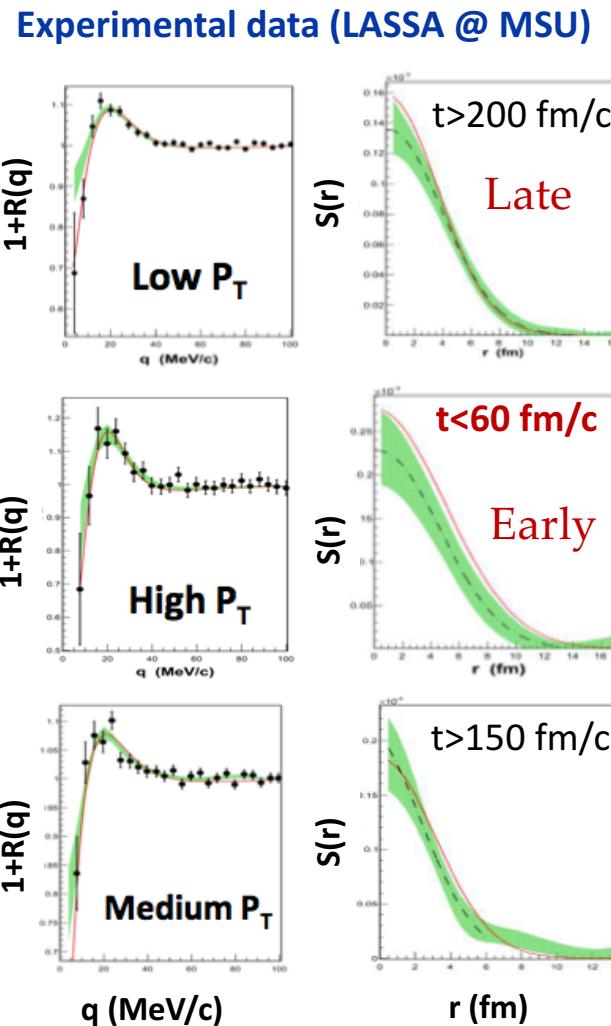
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# Source radii and $\lambda$ Vs. $p_T$

Xe+Au    E/A=50 MeV (Central)

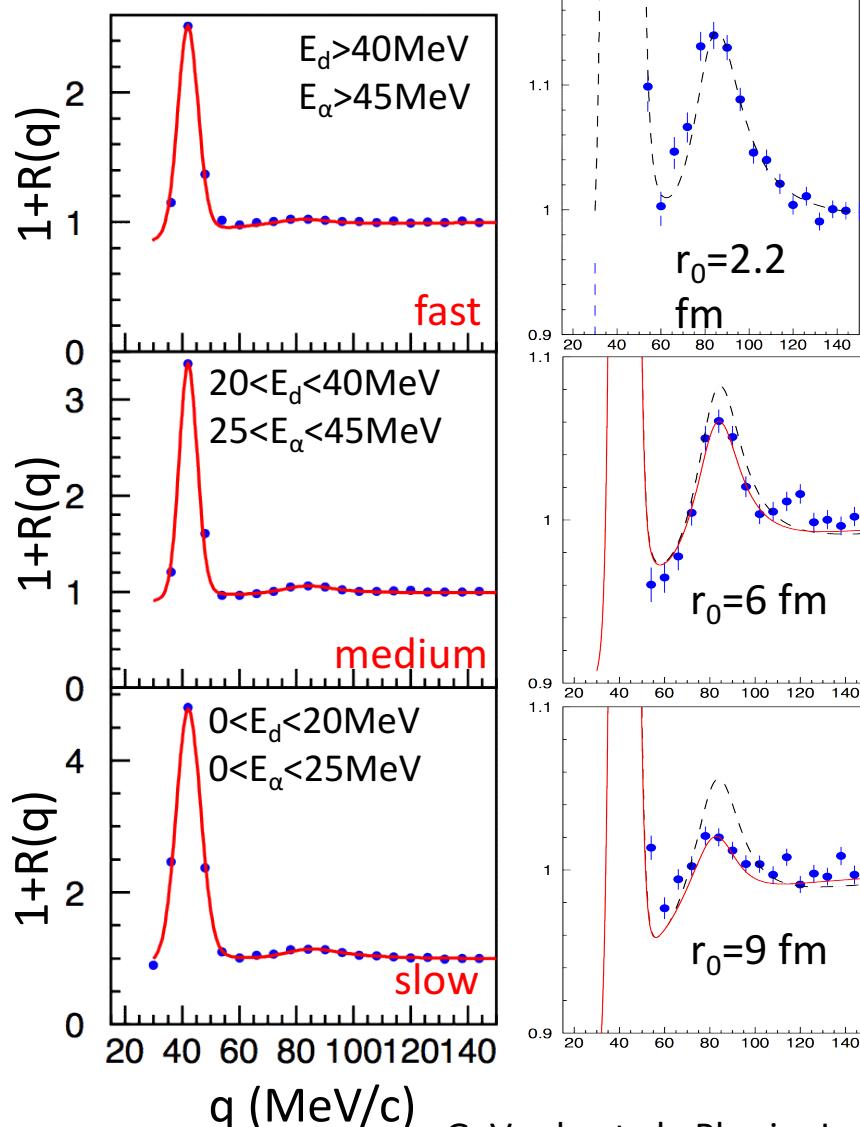


# Femtoscopy with different particles

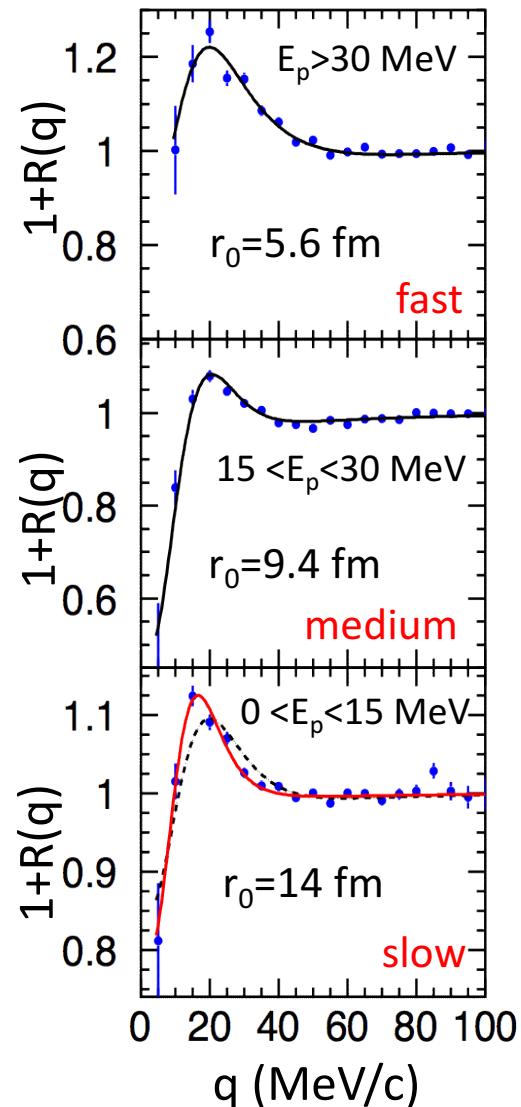
Xe+Au E/A=50 MeV  $b_{\text{red}} < 0.3$

LASSA Data @ MSU

## Deuteron-Alpha



## Proton-Proton

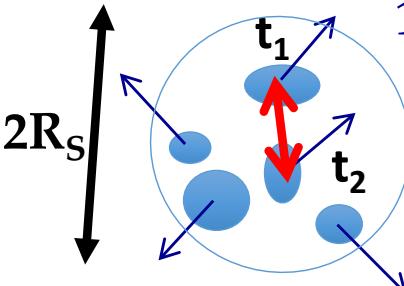


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# Fragment emission time-scales

## IMF-IMF Correlation Functions

IMF: Z>2



A diagram showing a large blue circle representing a sphere of radius  $2R_s$ . Inside the sphere, there are four smaller blue circles representing compact thermal sources. Two sources are labeled  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  with red arrows indicating their positions. A red double-headed arrow between  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  represents the separation vector.

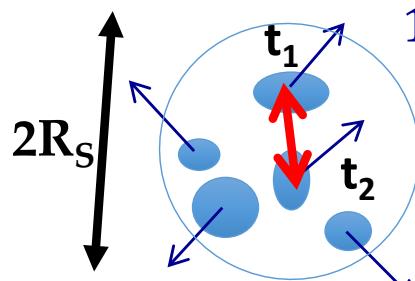
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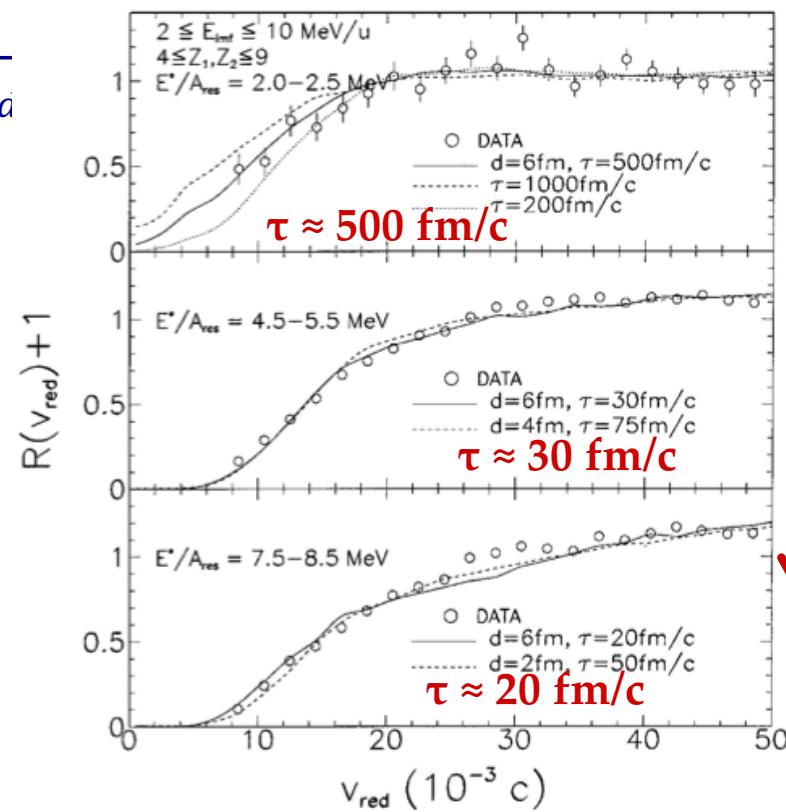
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**N-body Coulomb trajectories**

Source radius and emission times:

$$R_s, P(t) = (1/\tau) \cdot \exp(-t/\tau) \rightarrow \tau$$

$\pi^-, p + Au \quad 8.0, 8.2, 9.2, 10.2 \text{ GeV}/c$



# In-medium alpha-alpha correlations



INDRA *4p multi-detector*

angular coverage  $\approx 90\%$  ( $4\pi$ )  
336 *independent cells*  
telecopes  $C_3F_8$  gas chamber –  
Si (300 mm) – CsI (5-14cm)

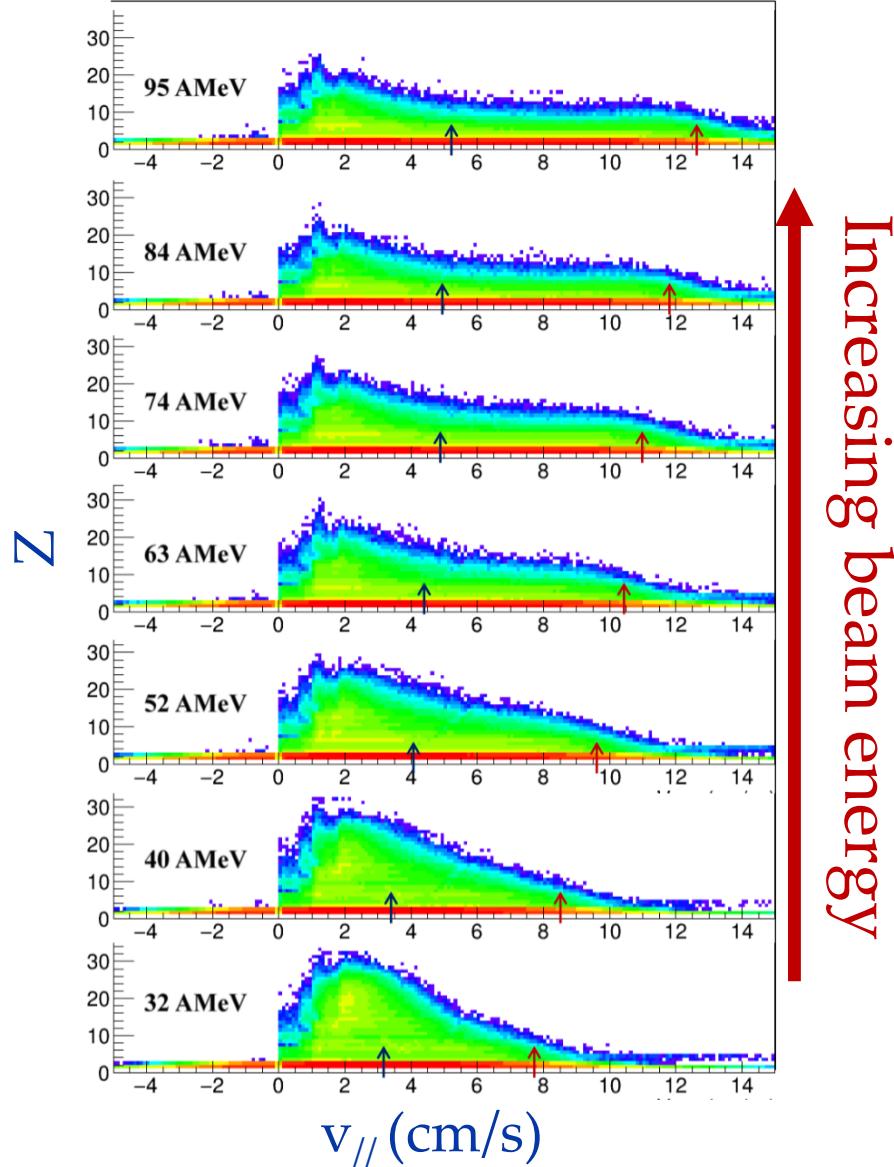
$^{36}\text{Ar} + ^{58}\text{Ni}$     E/A=32, 40, 52, 63, 74, 84, 95 MeV

↑  
 $\alpha$  conjugate

Role of projectile structure on  
dynamics → in-medium clustering

# “In-medium jet” fragmentation: time-scales

$^{36}\text{Ar} + ^{58}\text{Ni}$  central (INDRA)



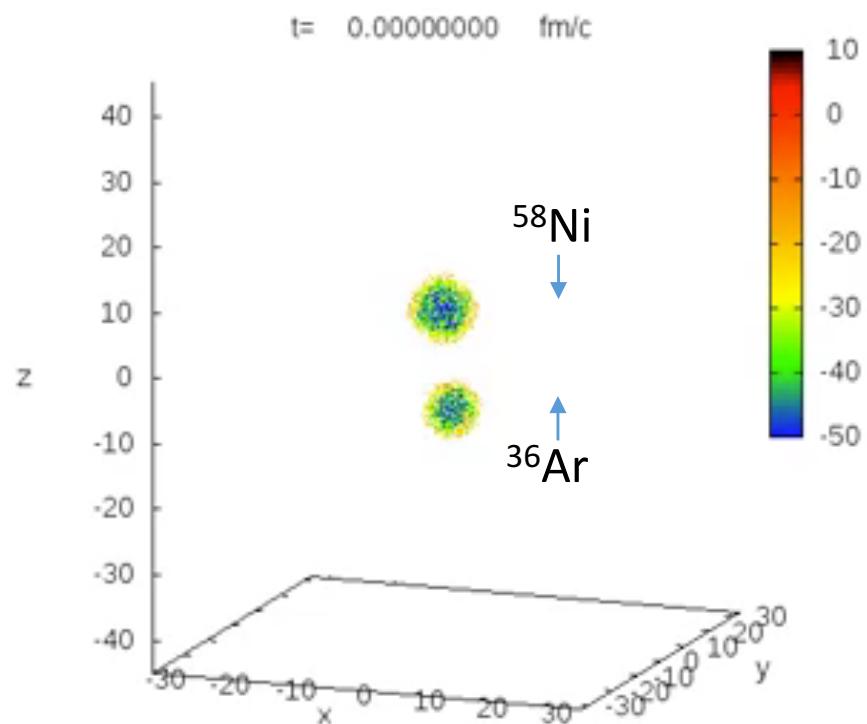
- Signals of no global equilibrium
- Forward/Backward asymmetry in CMS

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BLOB (P. Napolitani, M. Colonna)

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E/A=40 MeV

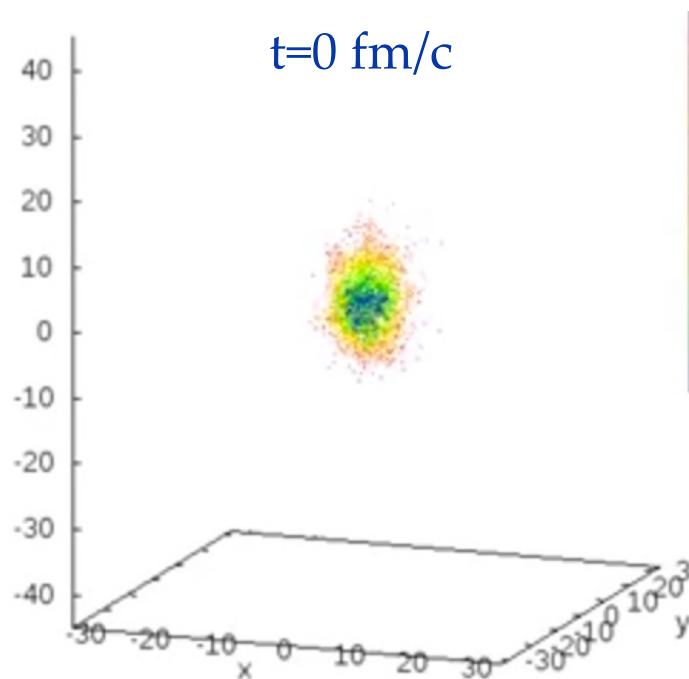


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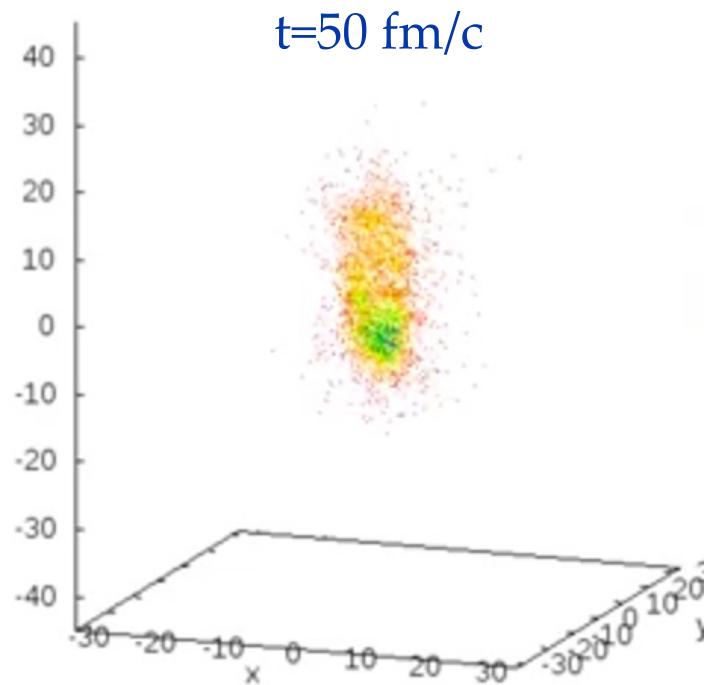


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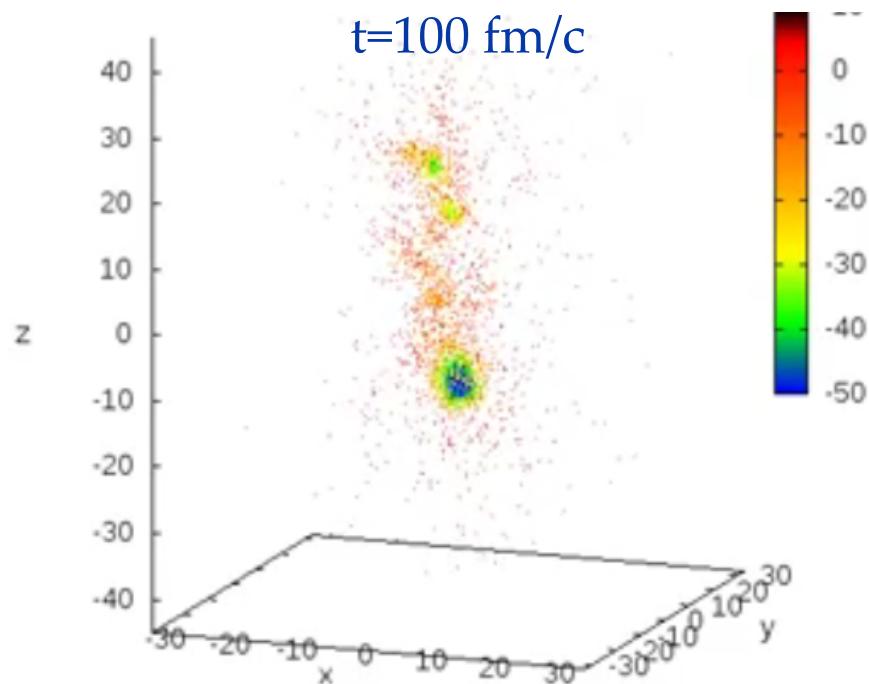


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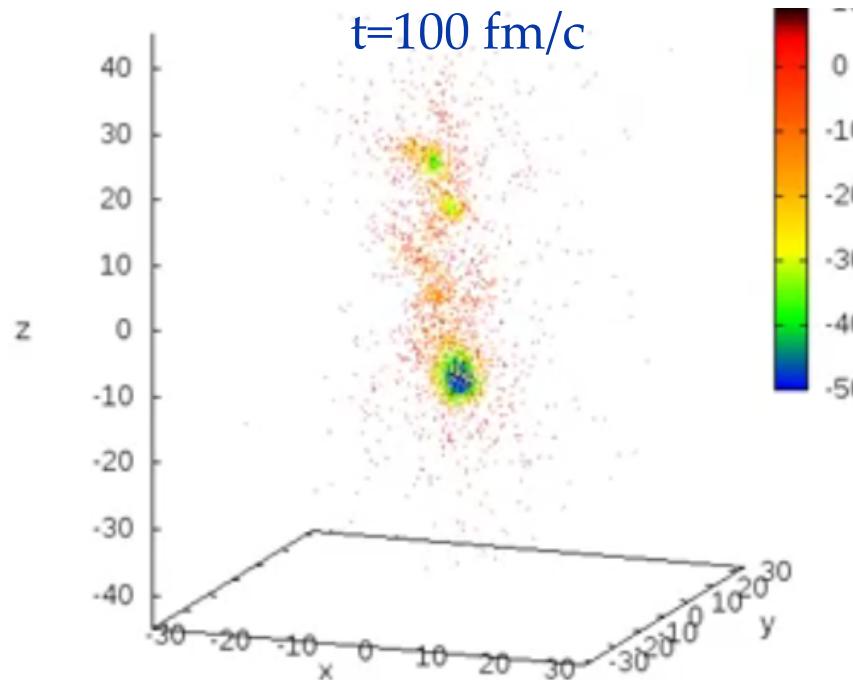
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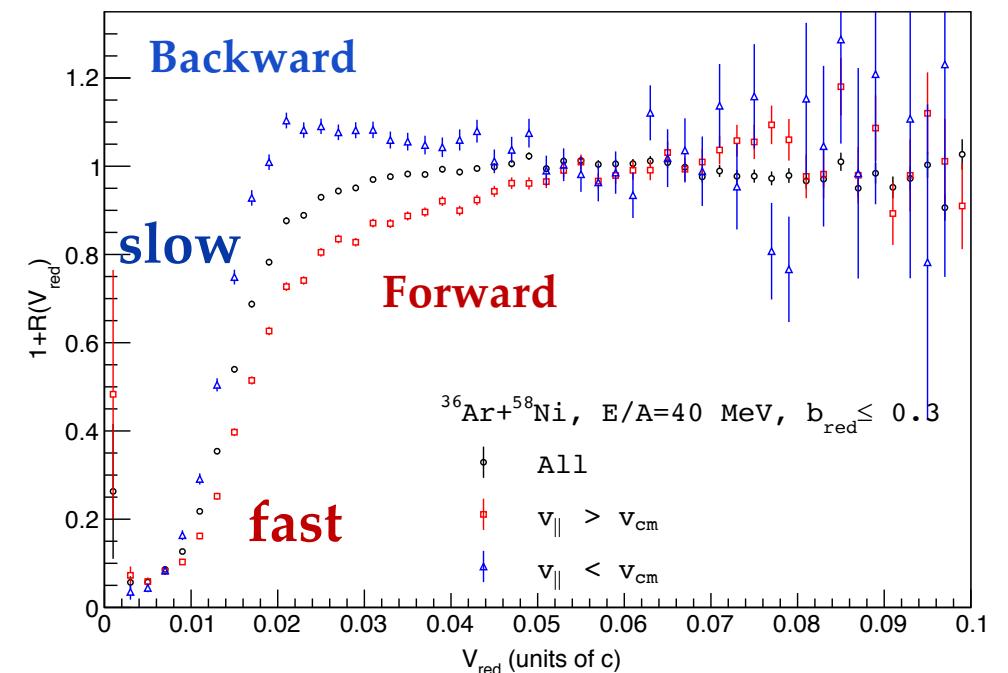
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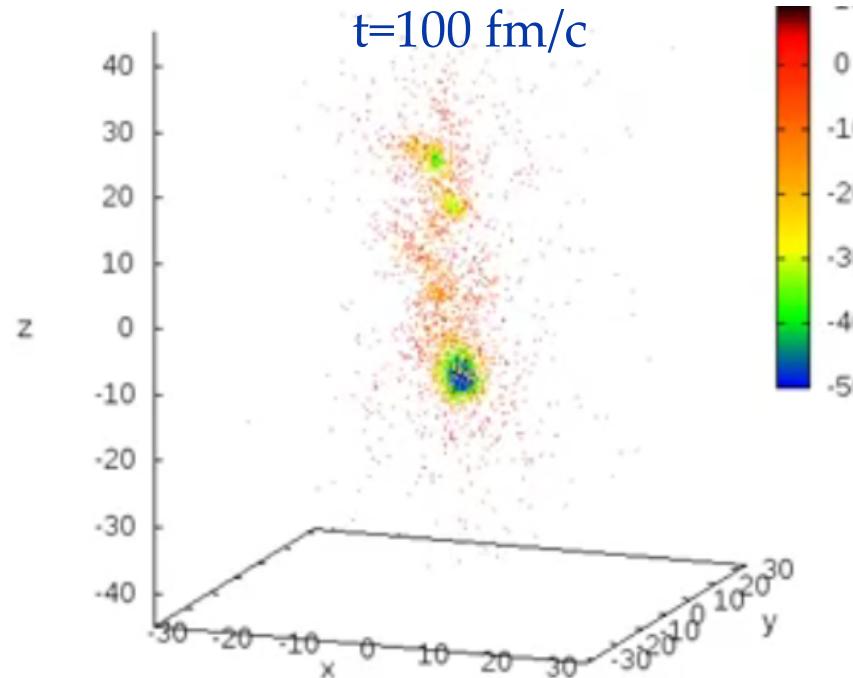
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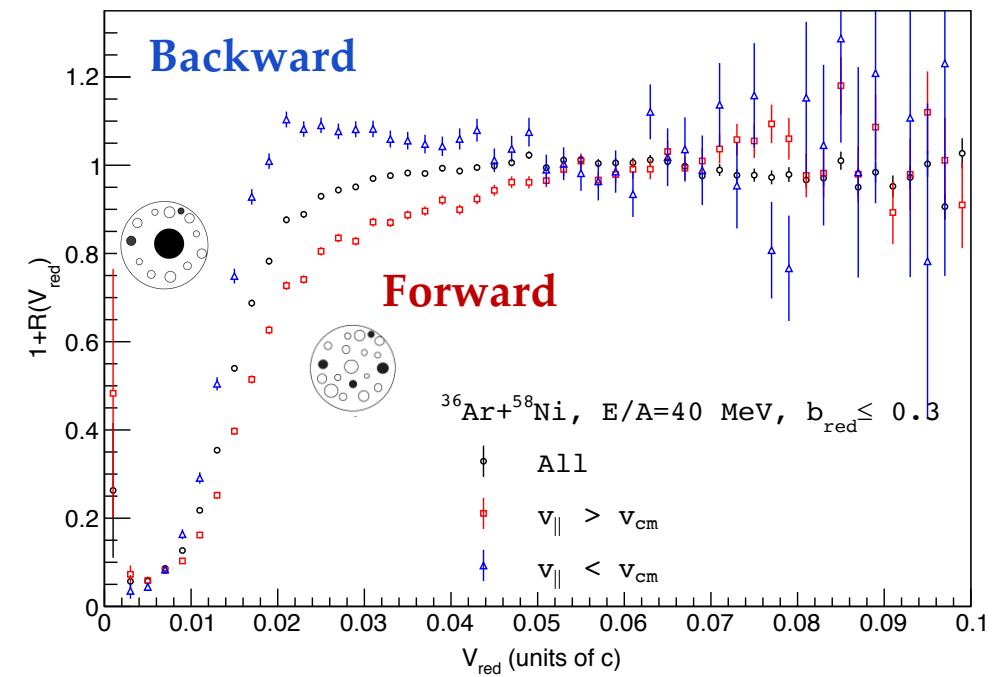
# “In-medium jet” fragmentation: “tomography”

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- **Projectile region:** fast emission (explosive) + homogeneous fragmentation
- **Target region:** long time-scales (evaporative)+ inhomogeneous fragmentation

**No globally equilibrated system produced**

# Dynamics and structure

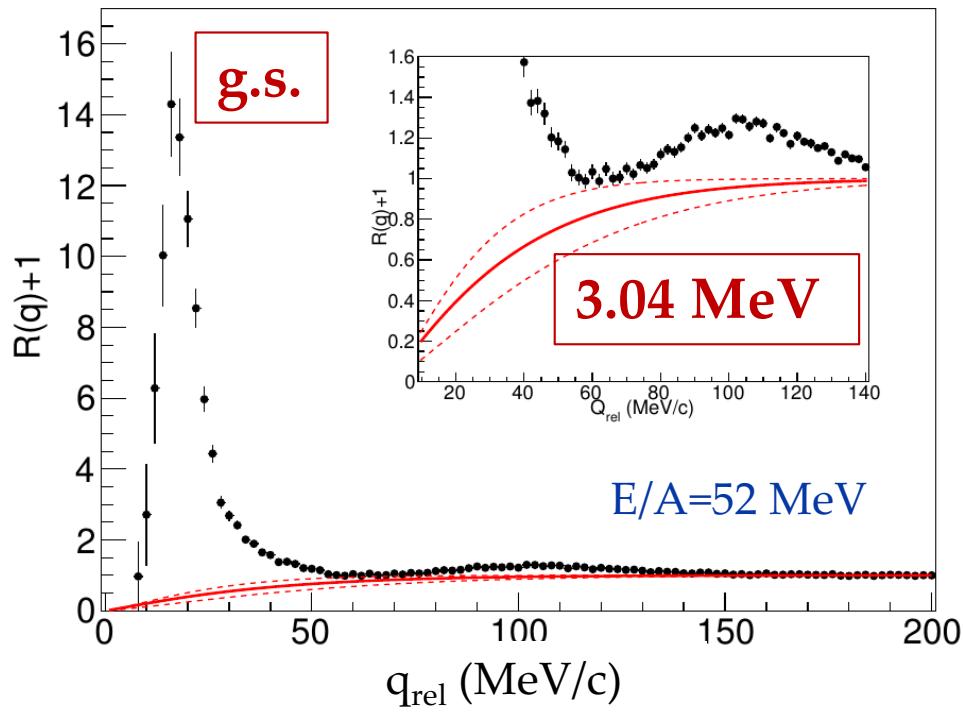
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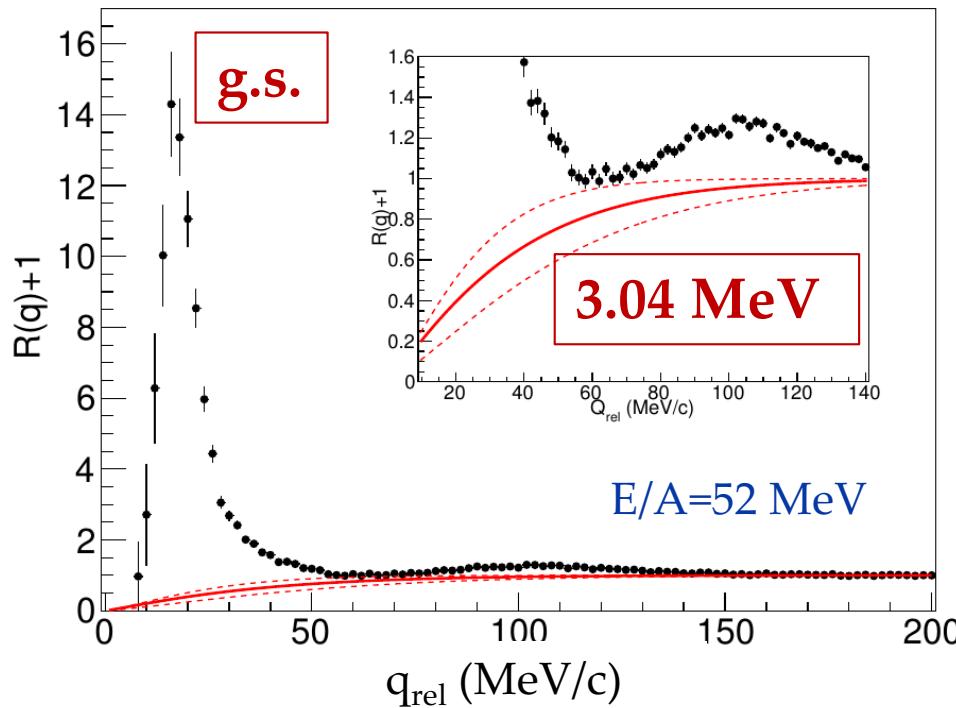
In-medium  
temperature

Nuclear structure:  
spin, branching ratios,  
resonance position

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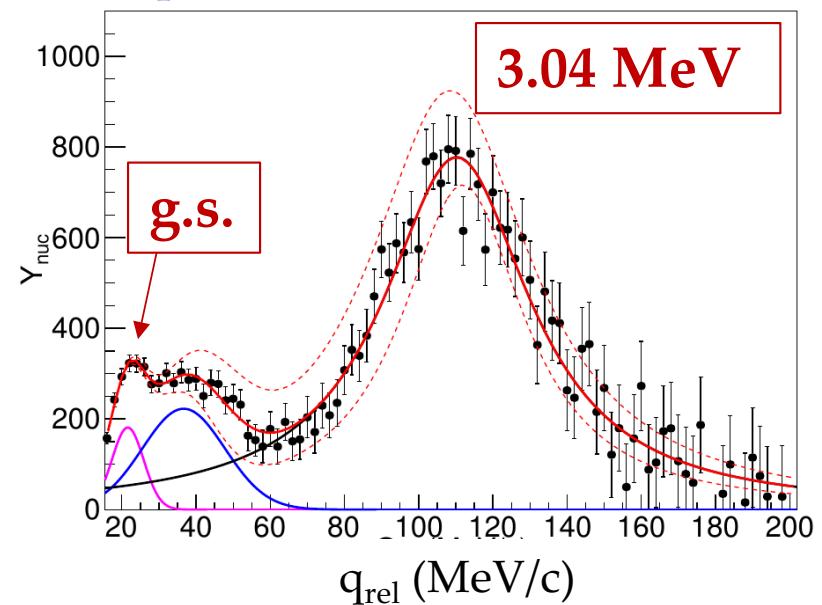
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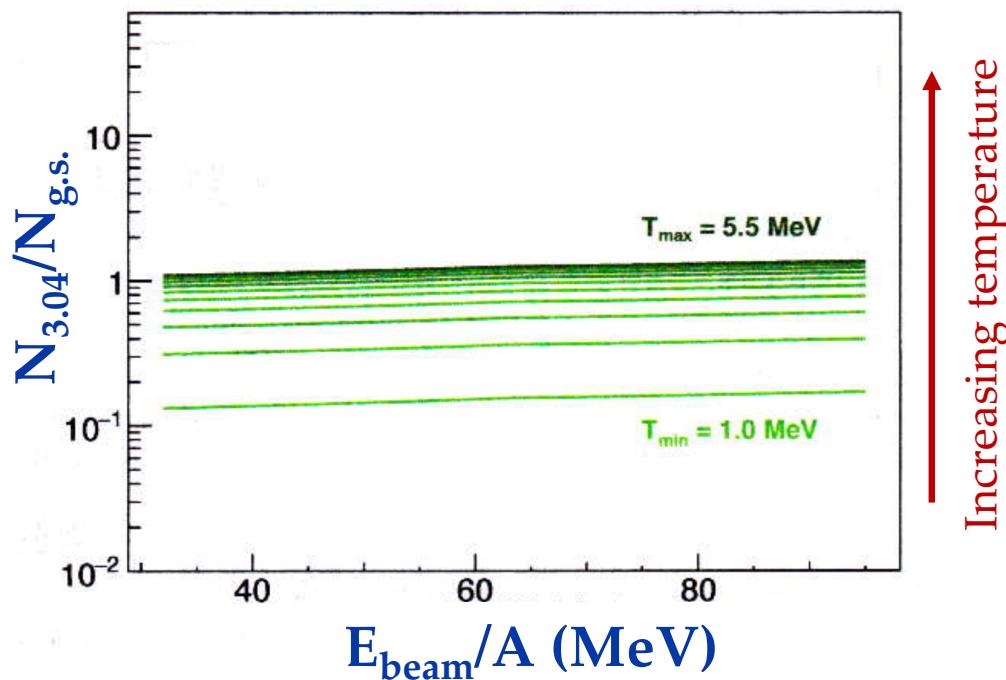
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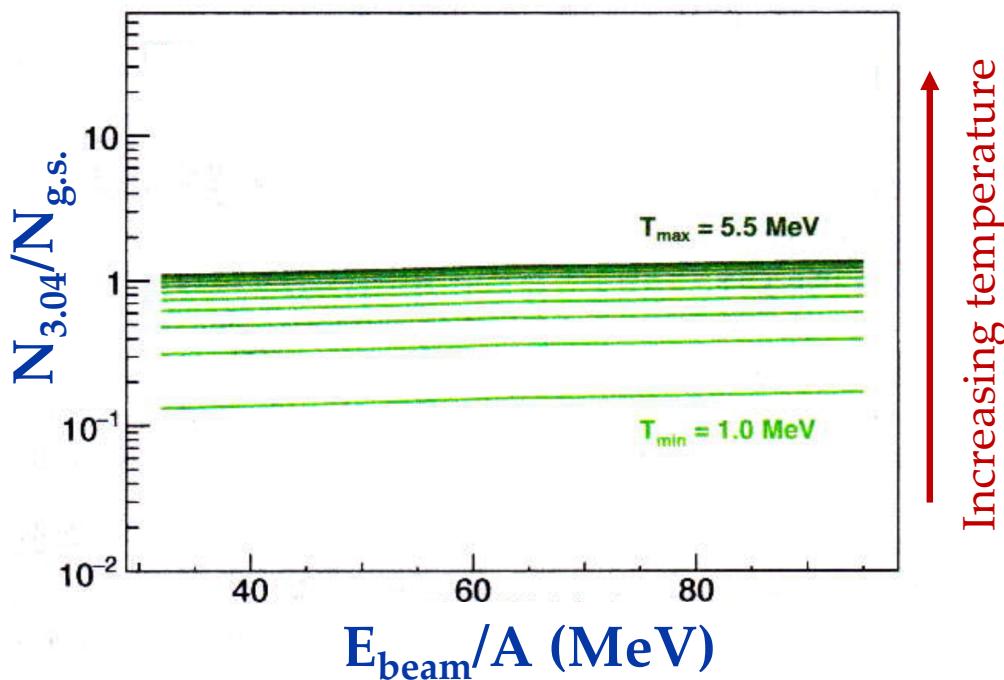
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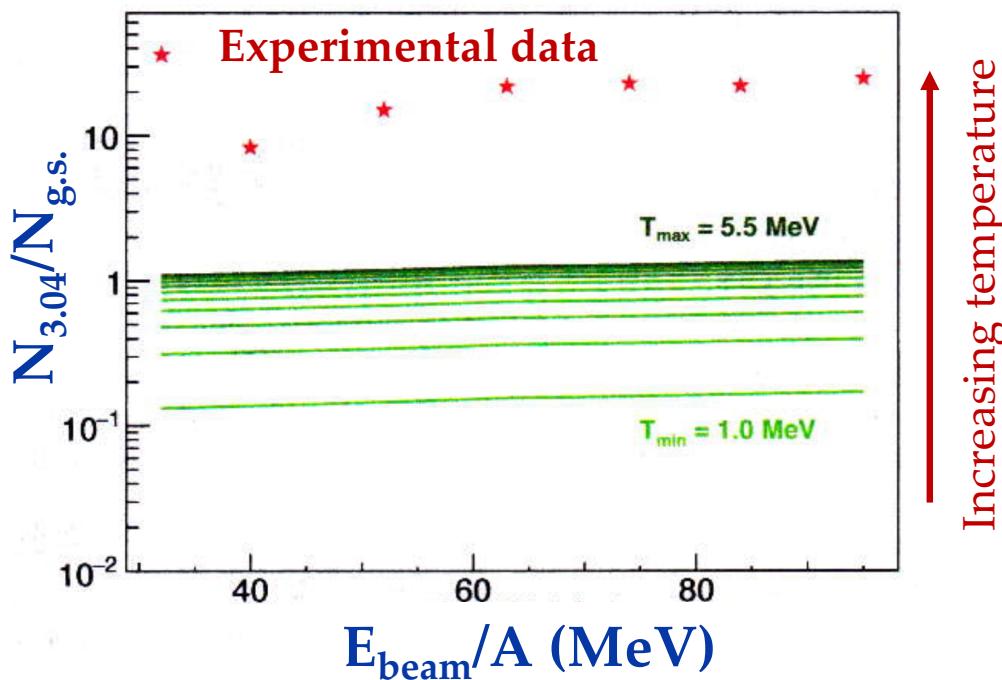
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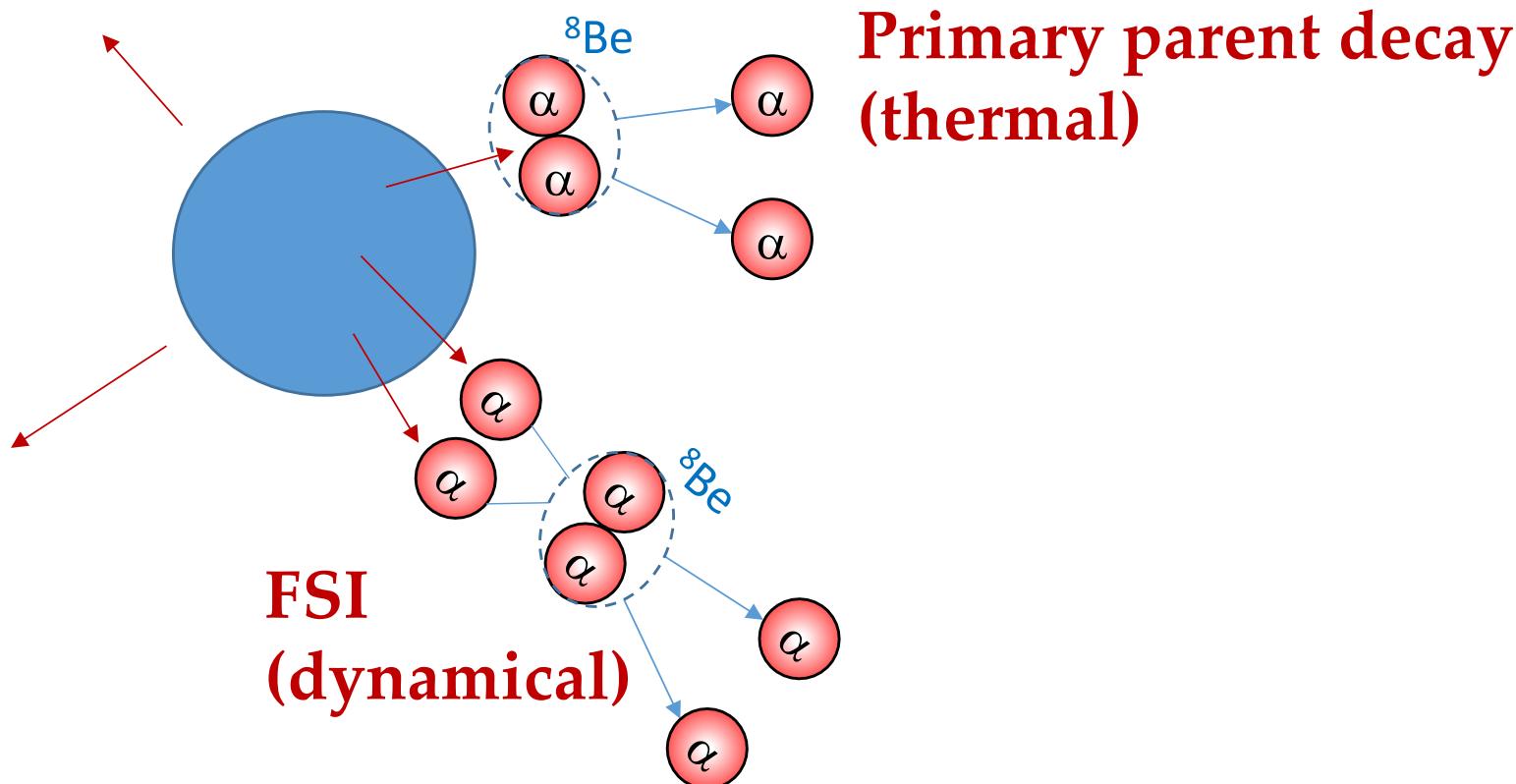
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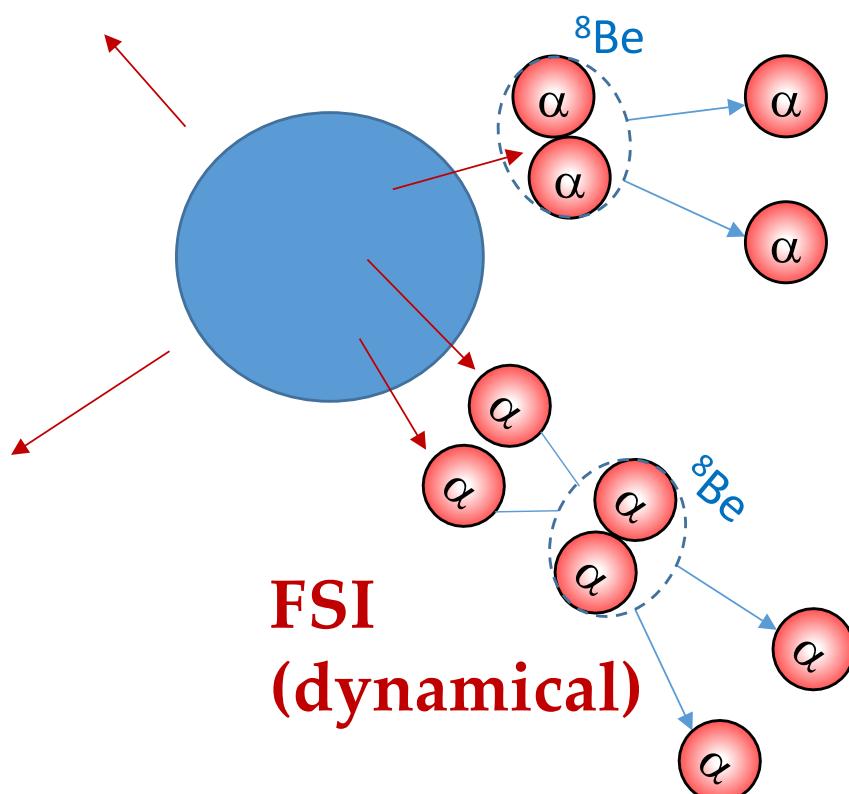
**None**  
overpopulation of excited states

Thermal mechanism cannot describe unbound state population for  $\alpha$ 's

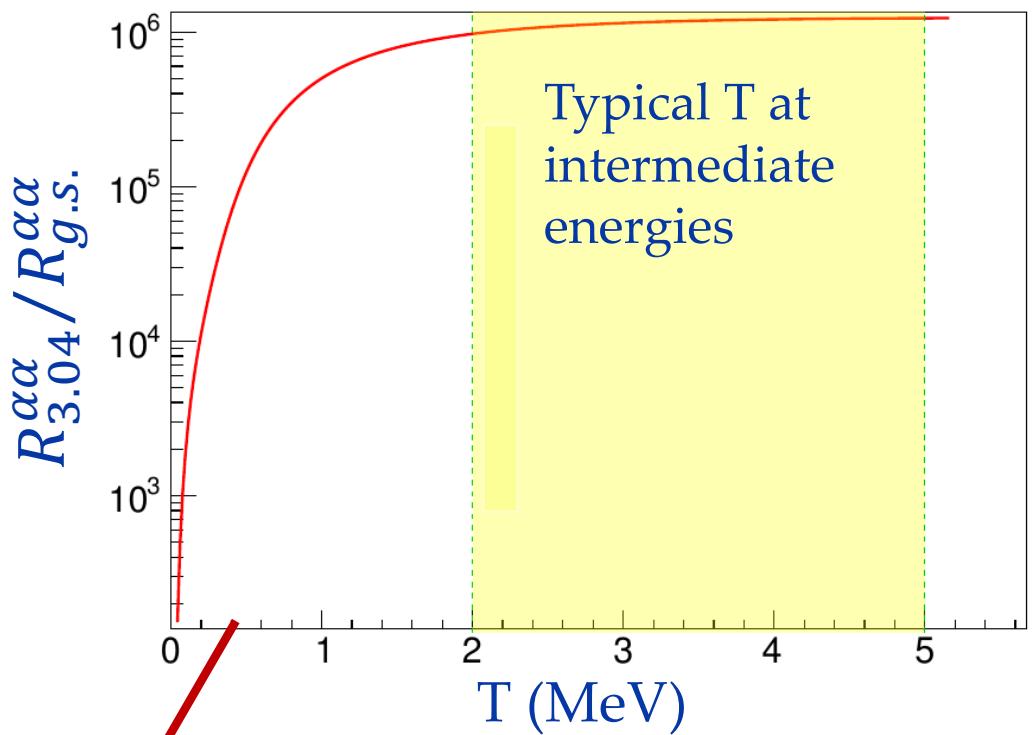
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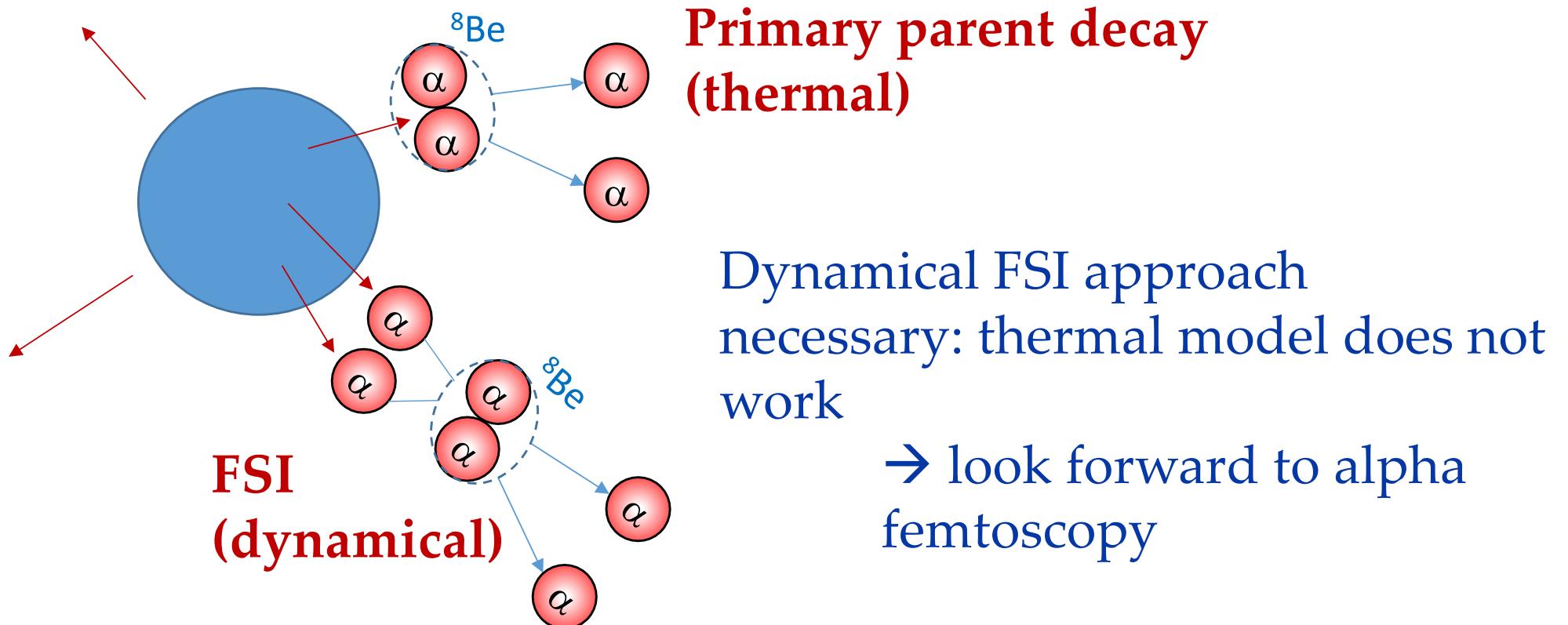


**Primary parent decay  
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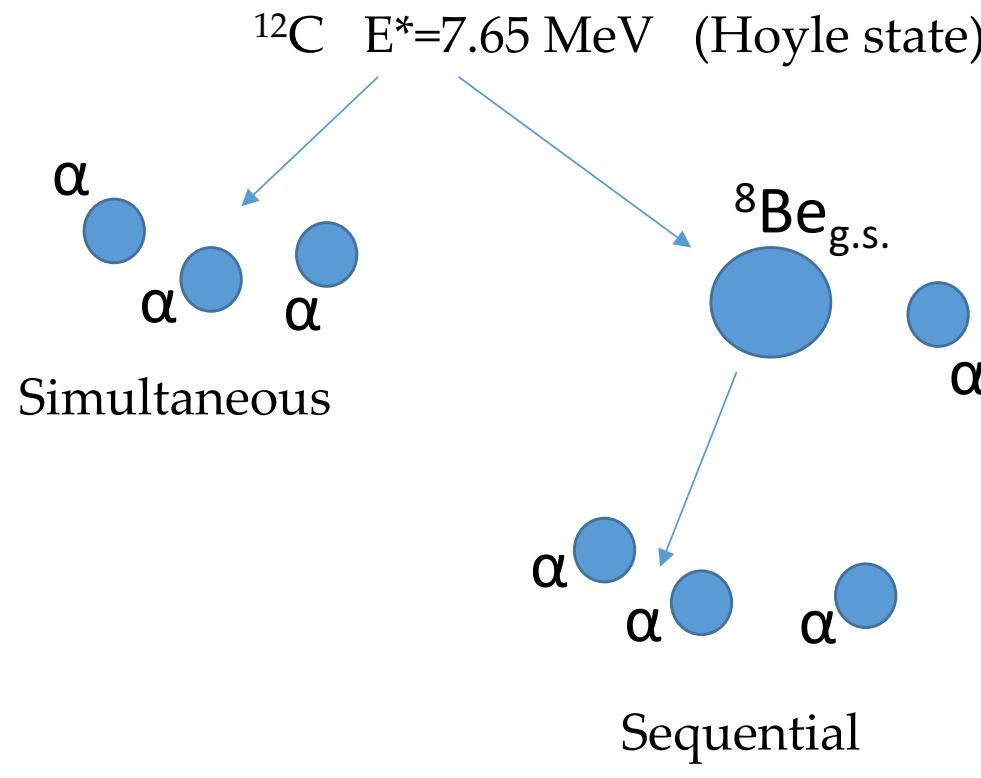
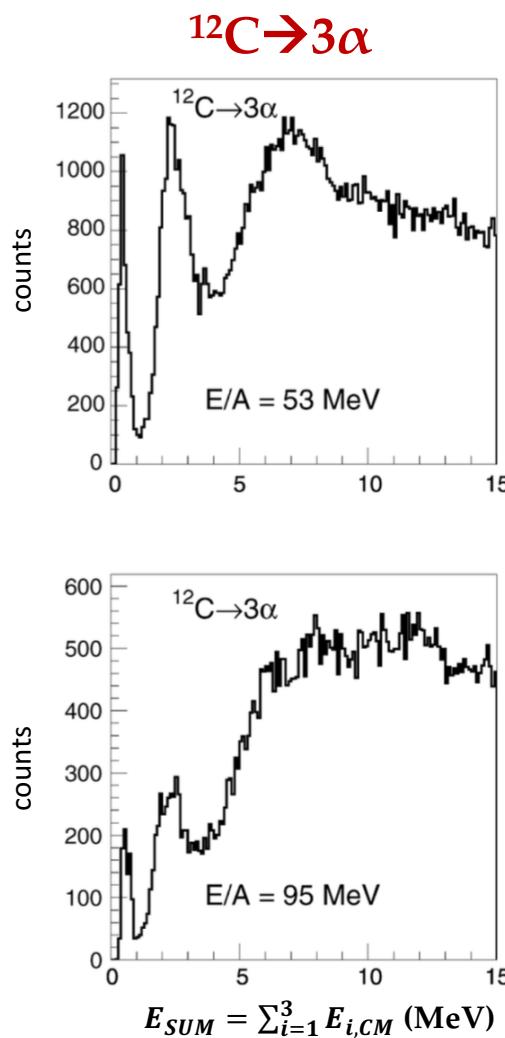
Generation of g.s. suppressed with  
respect to state at 3.04 MeV

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# Three-alpha correlations: decay of $^{12}\text{C}$ Hoyle state

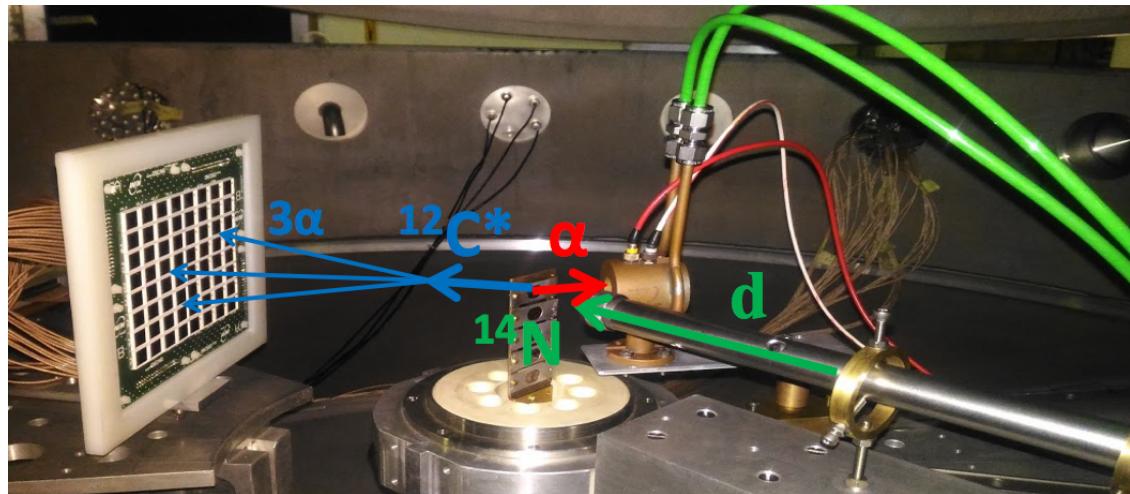
$^{12}\text{C} + ^{24}\text{Mg}$  E/A=53 and 95 MeV  
INDRA data



Astrophysics relevance: Which stars do host the Hoyle process?

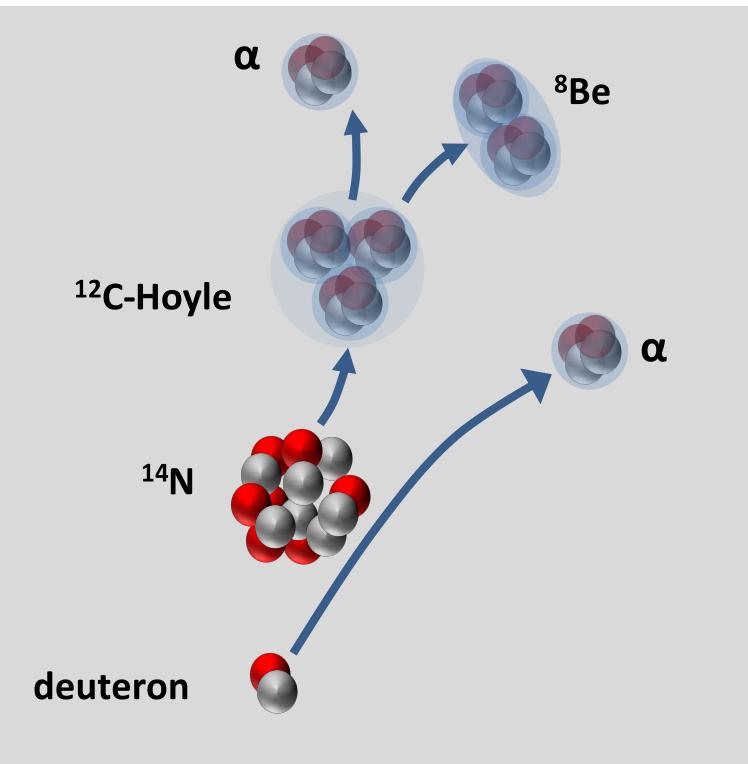
# Direct reaction measurements

OSCAR data @ LNS



D. Dell'Aquila, I. Lombardo, G. Verde et al.,  
Physical Review Letters 119, 132501 (2017)

$^{14}\text{N}(\text{d},\alpha)^{12}\text{C}^*$



Direct decay < 0.043% (95% C.L.)

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## Viewpoint: Watching the Hoyle State Fall Apart

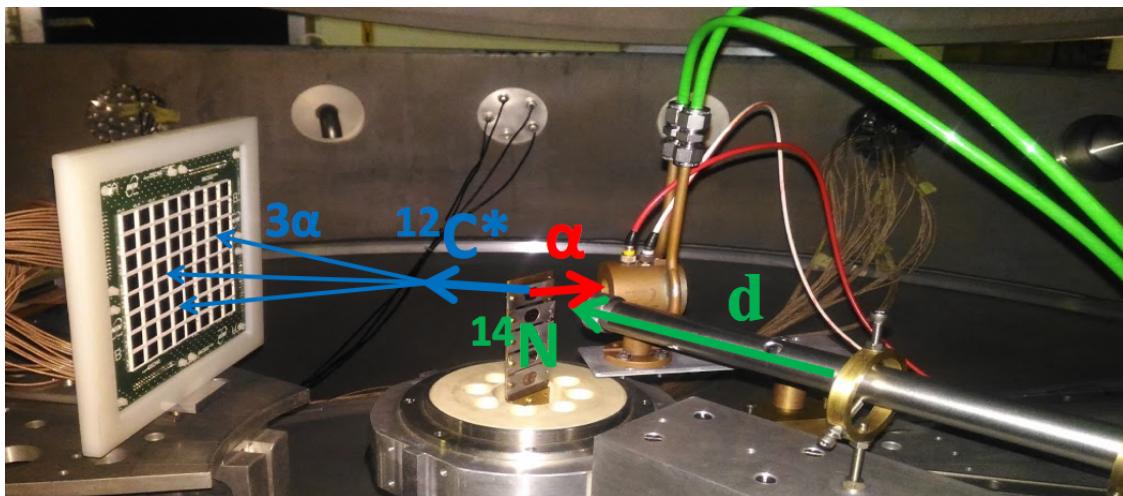
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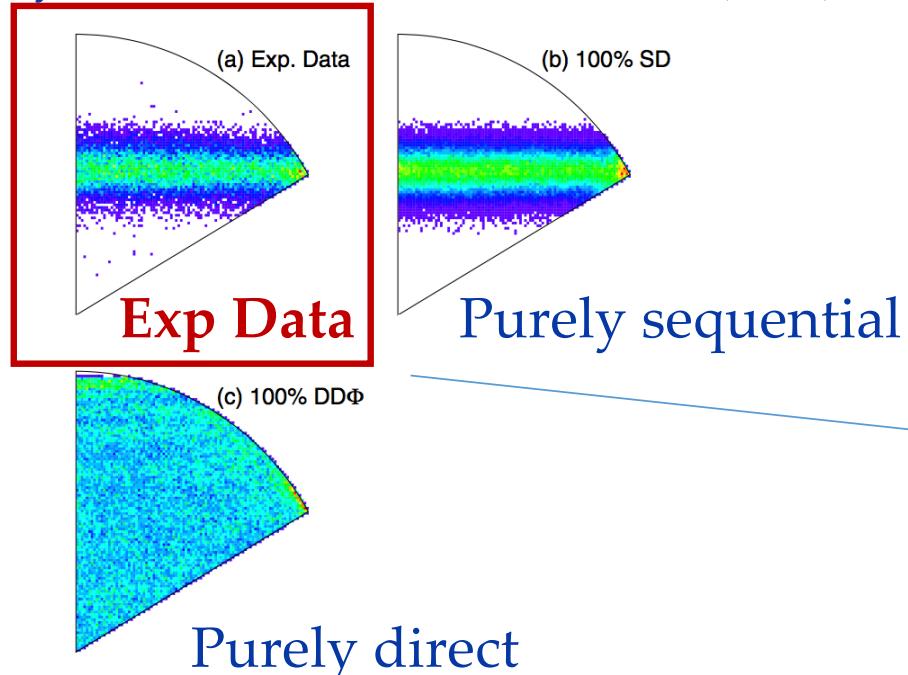
Two experiments provide the most precise picture to date of how an excited state of carbon decays into three helium nuclei.

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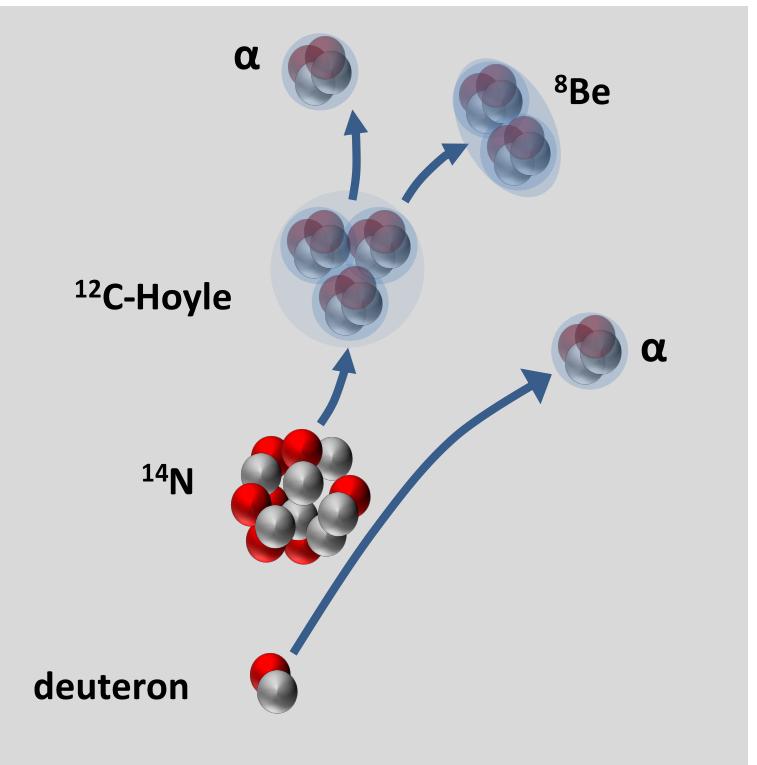
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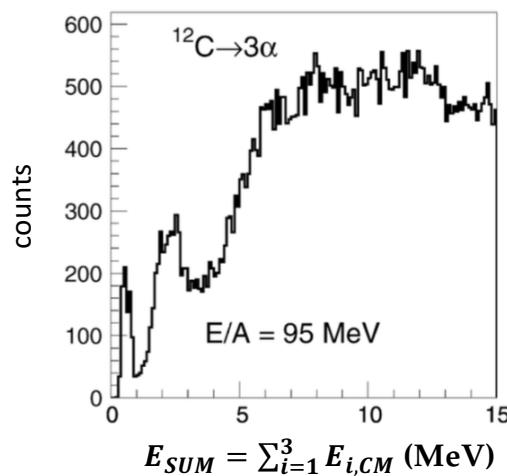
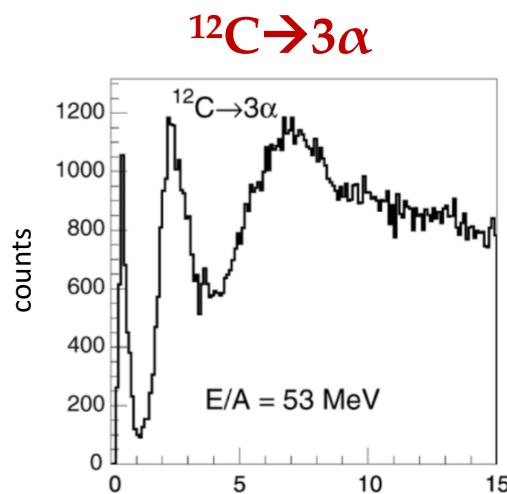
$^{14}\text{N}(\text{d},\alpha)^{12}\text{C}^*$



No direct decay  
DD < 0.043% (95% C.L.)

# In-medium heavy-ion collision experiments

$^{12}\text{C} + ^{24}\text{Mg}$  E/A=53 and 95 MeV  
INDRA data



$^{12}\text{C}$  (Chimera and INDRA data)

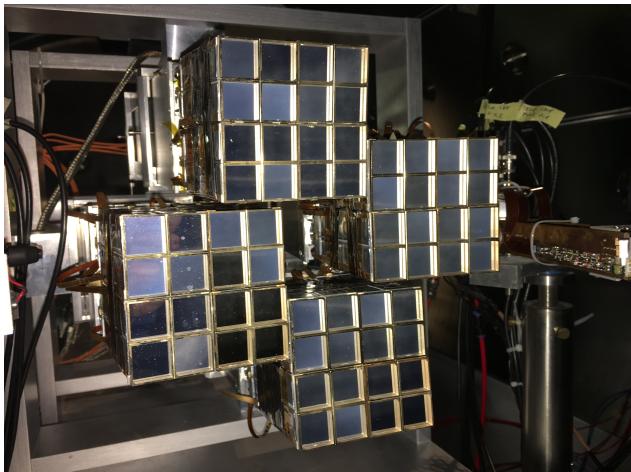


A. Raduta et al., Phys. Lett. B 705, 65 (2011)  
F. Grenier et al., Nucl. Phys. A811, 233 (2008)

**Strong contributions from  
3 $\alpha$  direct decay mode?  
....17% in Phys. Lett. B 705, 65 (2011)!**

# Dedicated in-medium studies

FAZIA



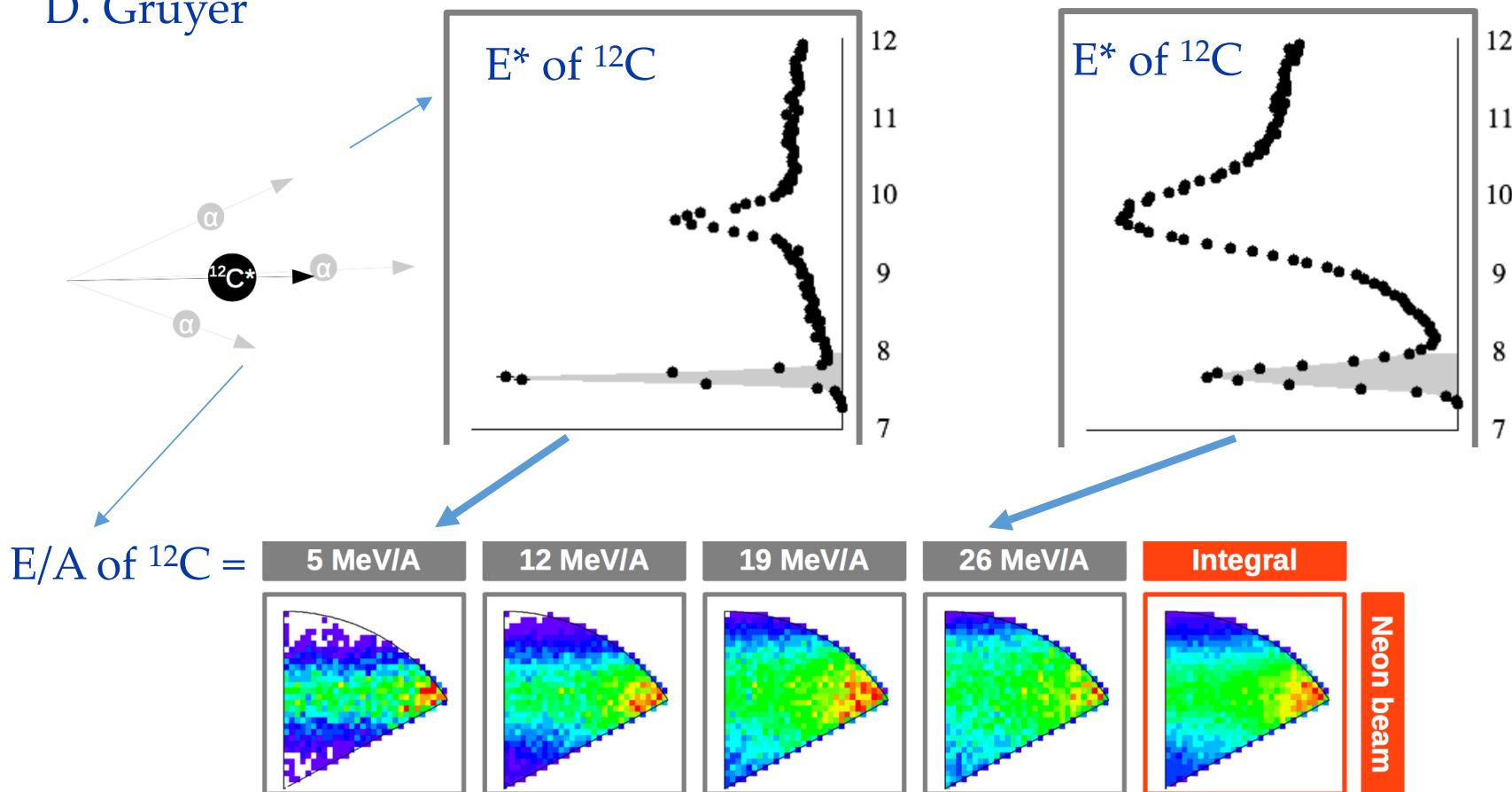
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# Preliminary data on the Hoyle state

D. Gruyer



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

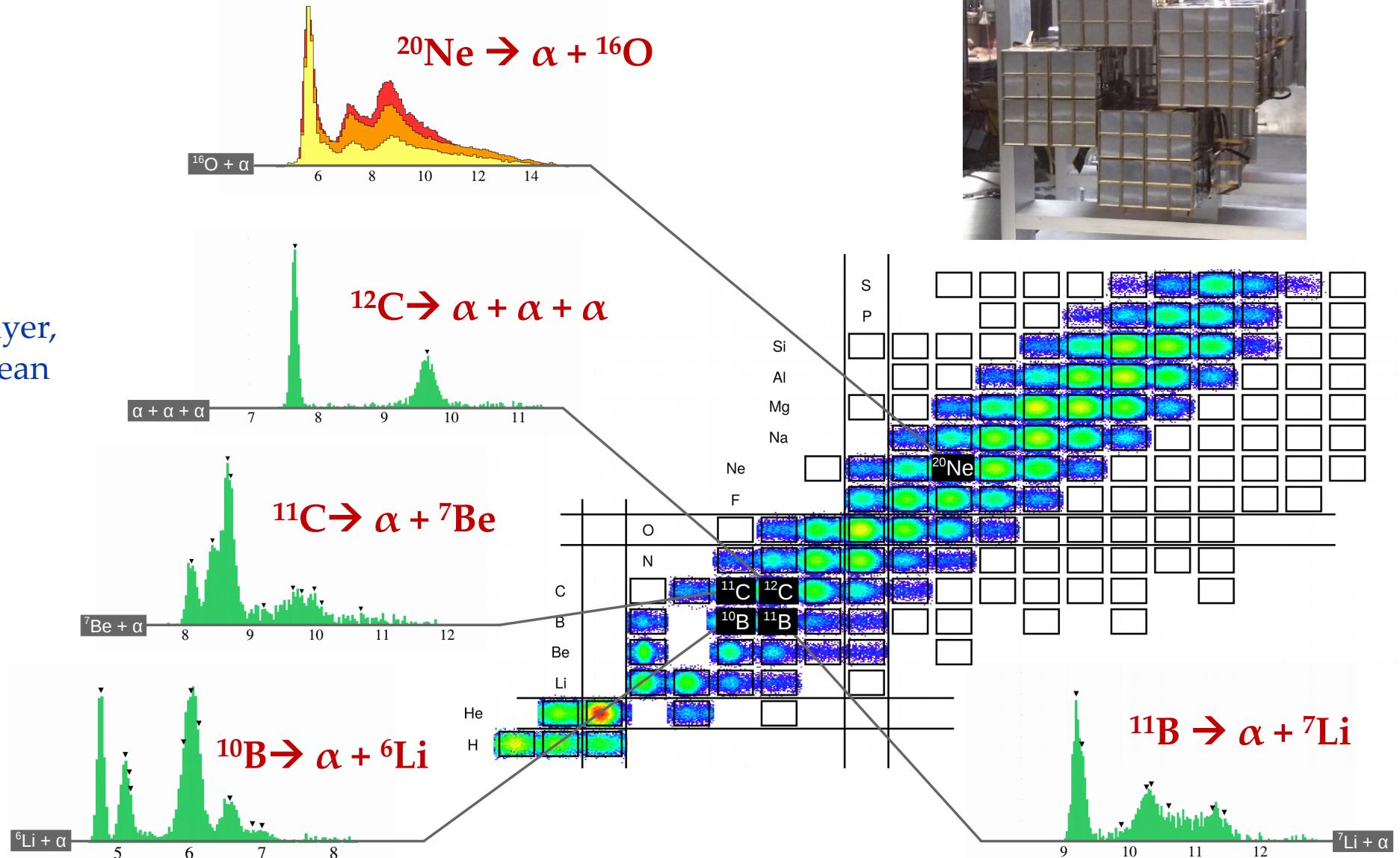
- Only direct decay
- Negligible background
- Agreement with out-of-medium results

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

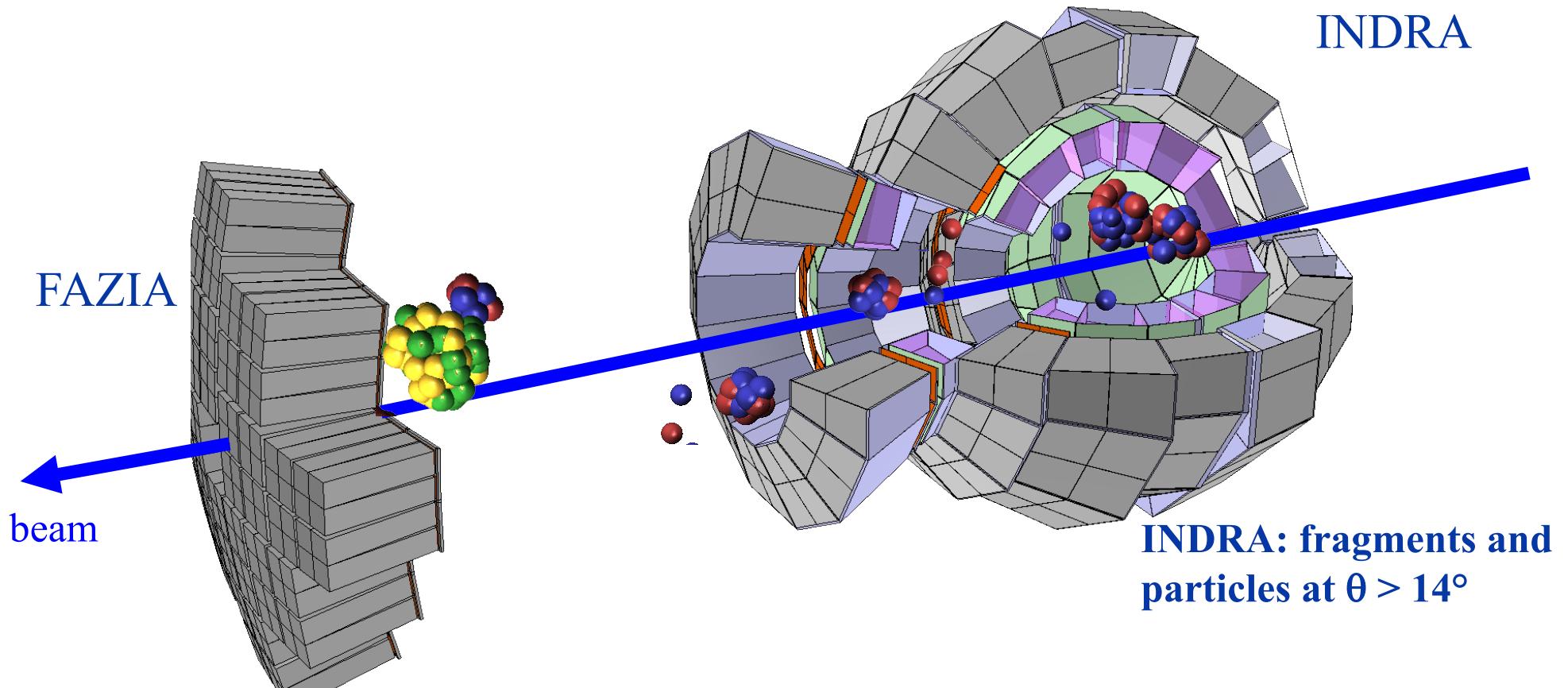
- direct decay: Effects of medium on nuclear structure? Links to alpha density estimates... BES?

# Some preliminary $\text{Na}-X$ correlations

D. Gruyer,  
LPC Cean



# FAZIA-INDRA @ GANIL (2019-2020)



- **12 Blocks (192 telescopes)**
- **full Z & A identification of  $1 \leq Z < 25$  at  $\theta < 14^\circ$**

Ca+Ca

Ni+Ni

Xe+Sn

E/A=30-90 MeV

...energy, mass and  
N/Z scan!

# In-medium investigations

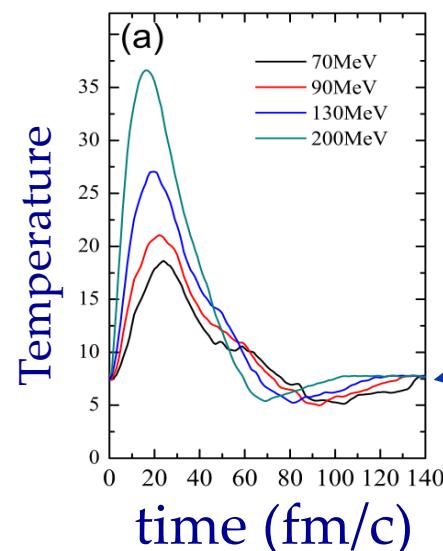
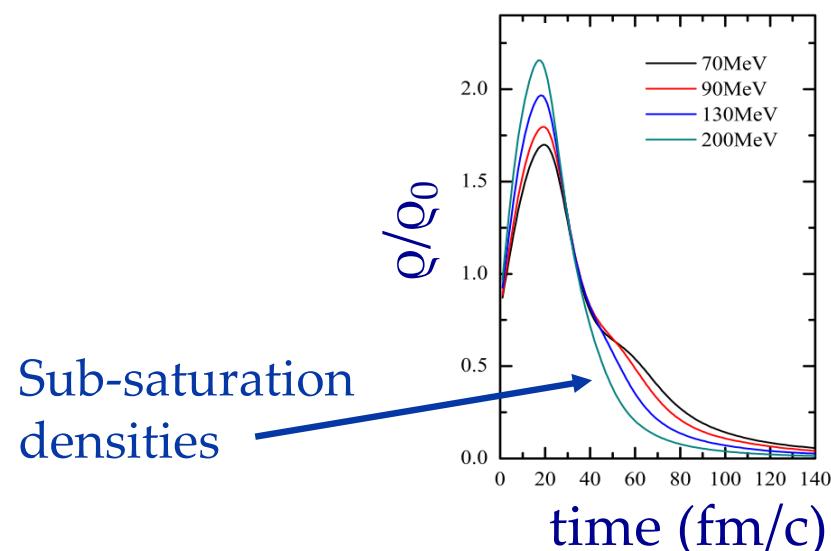
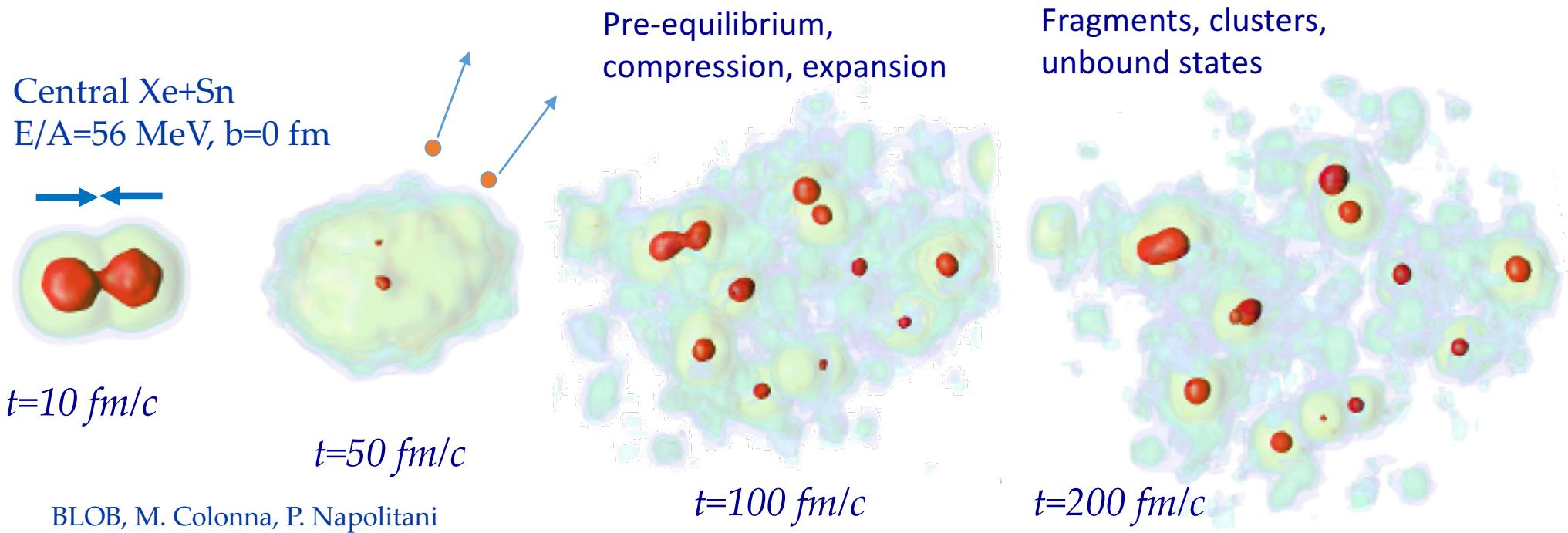
- HIC: warm and dilute medium with plenty of unbound states
  - Femtoscopic probes to characterize medium
  - Study structure properties: spins, branching ratios (sequential vs direct), etc.... *in-medium structure*
  - Complimentary to structure studies with exotic beams
- Modification of structure properties in resonance decays?
  - Future perspectives: INDRA-FAZIA campaigns at GANIL  
Welcome to collaborate (experiment, analysis techniques, theory)

**Thank you for the organization of this WPCF: second time in the beautiful Krakow!**

...how about having a second-time WPCF in Catania?  
for example 2020 or 2021? Eventually joint organization?

# Backup slides

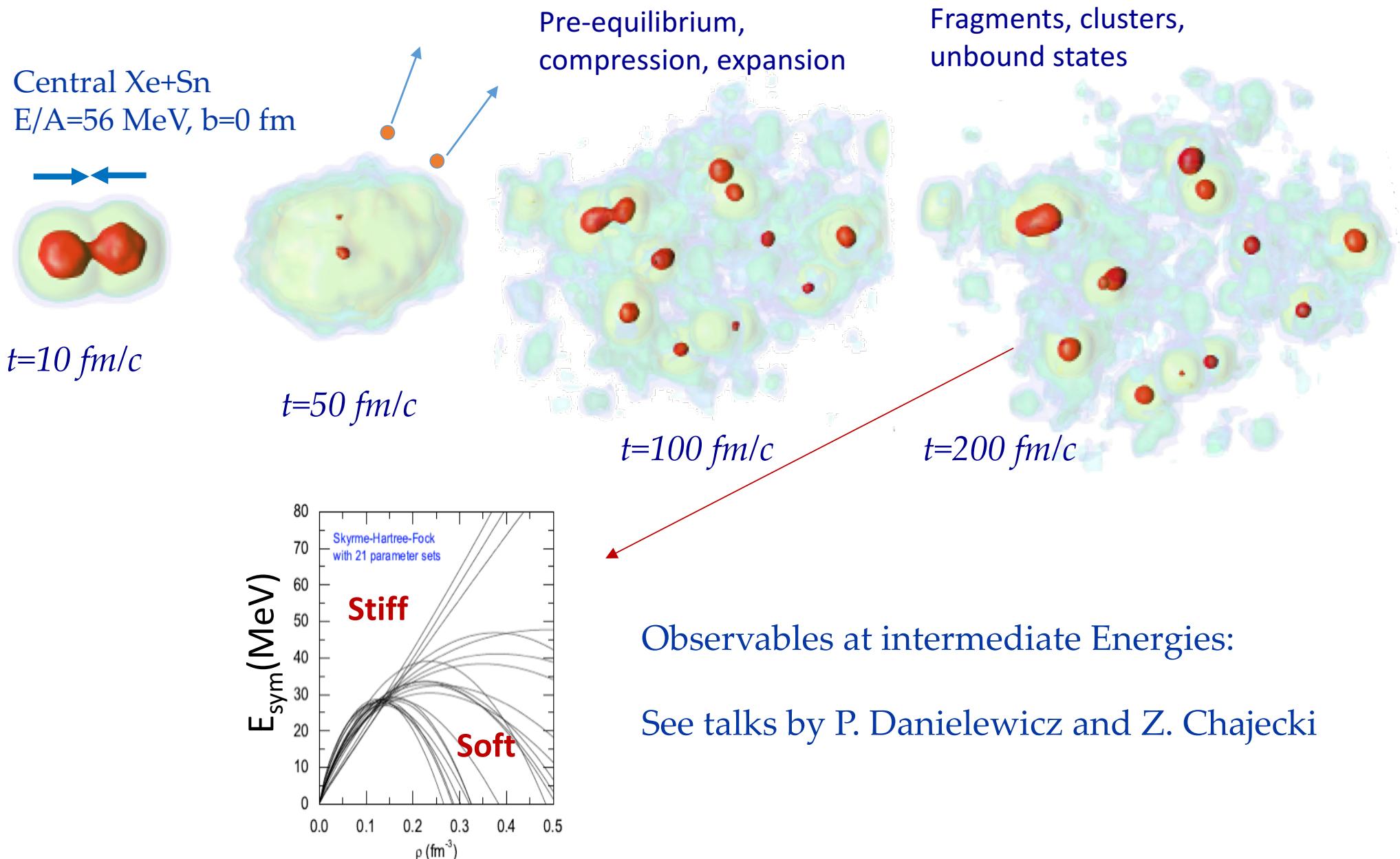
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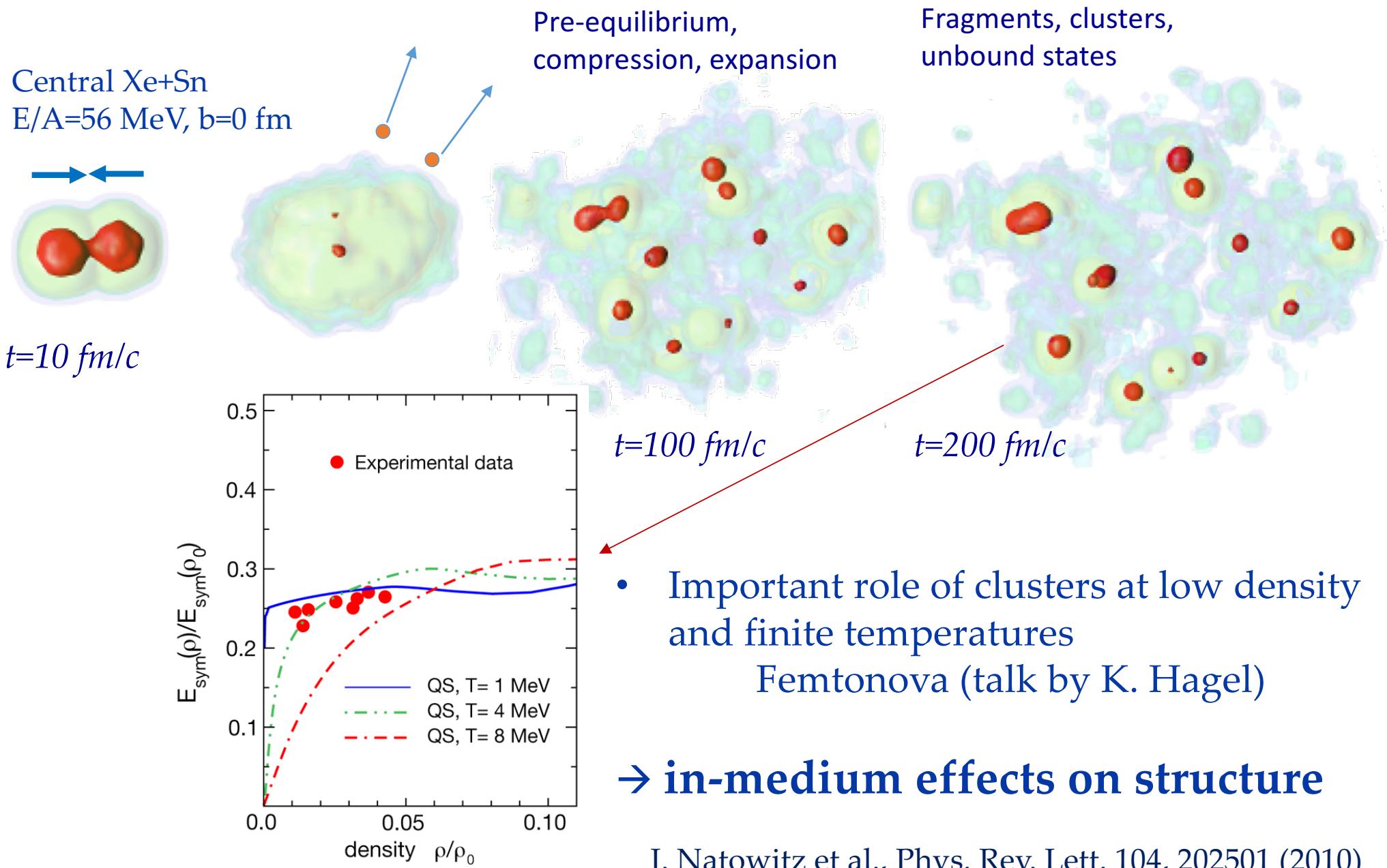
Transport model  
simulations

Finite temperatures

# Intermediate energy dynamics

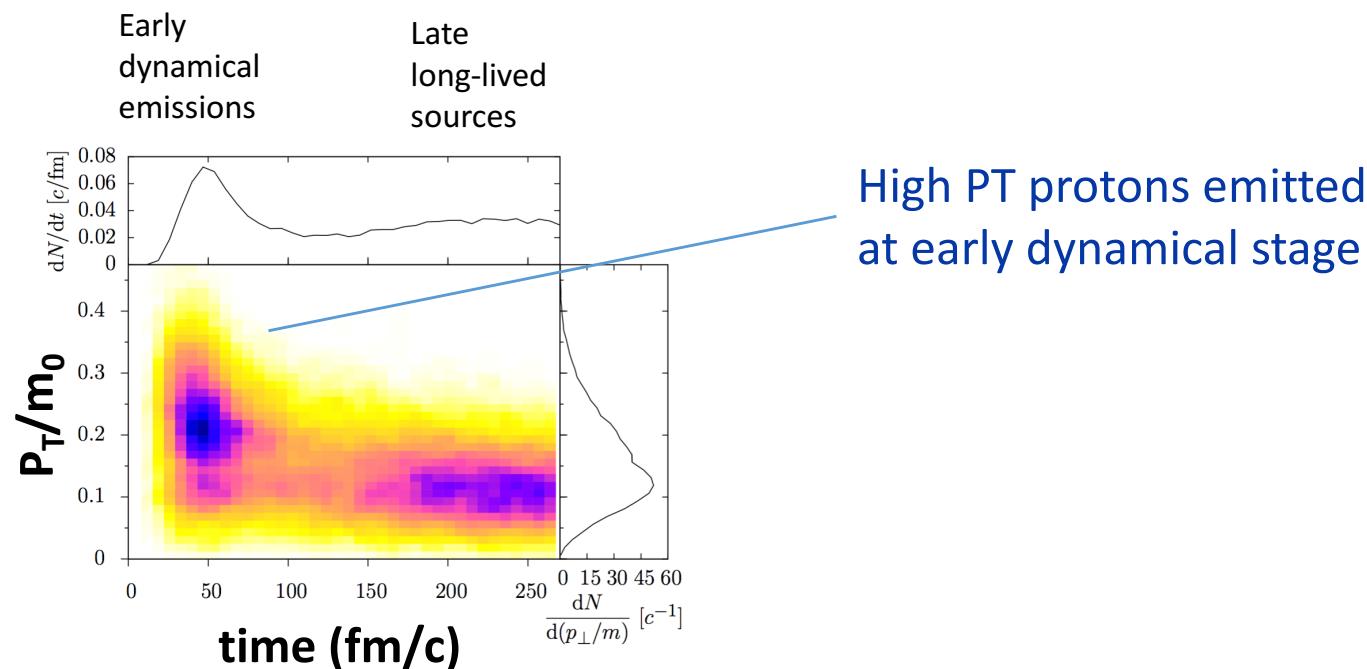


# Interplays dynamics $\leftrightarrow$ structure



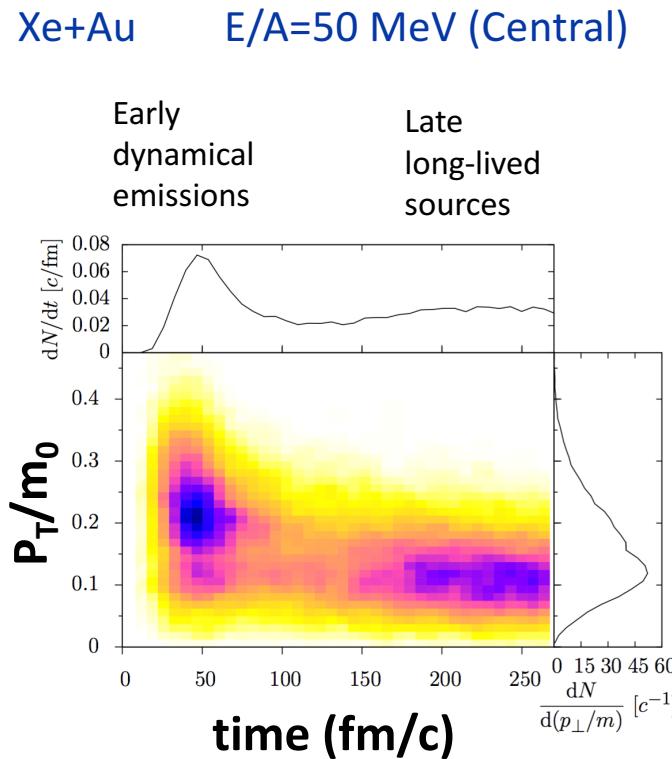
# Imaging sources at different emission stages

Xe+Au      E/A=50 MeV (Central)

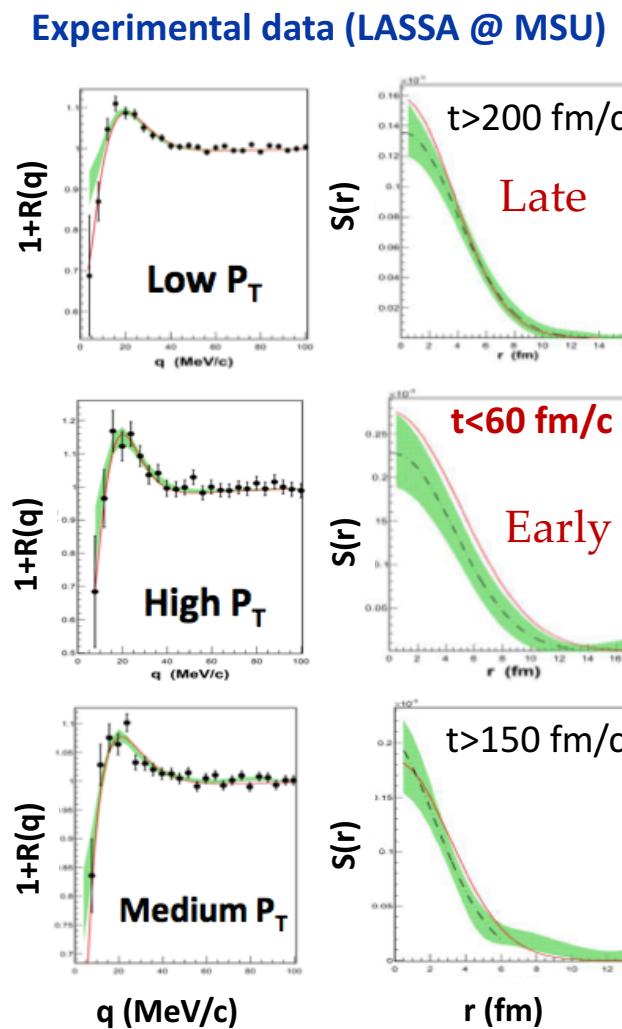


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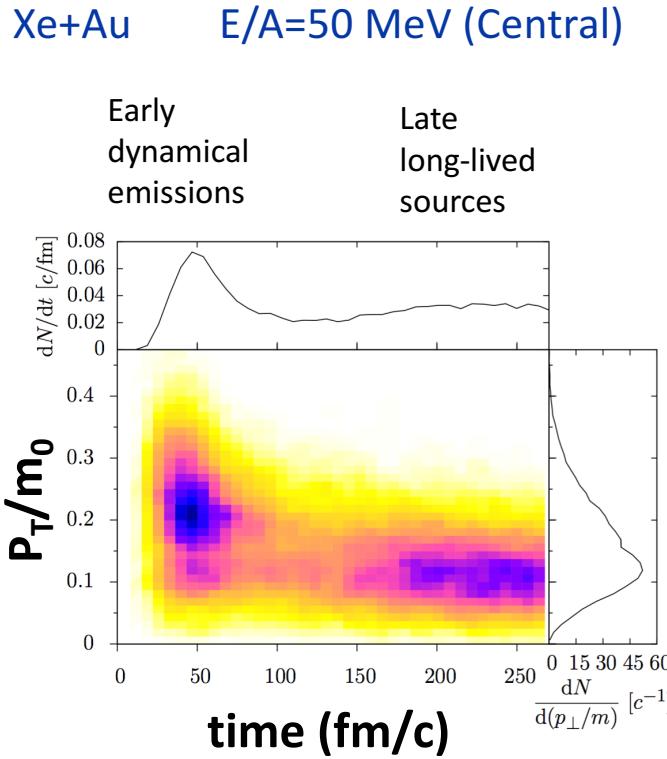
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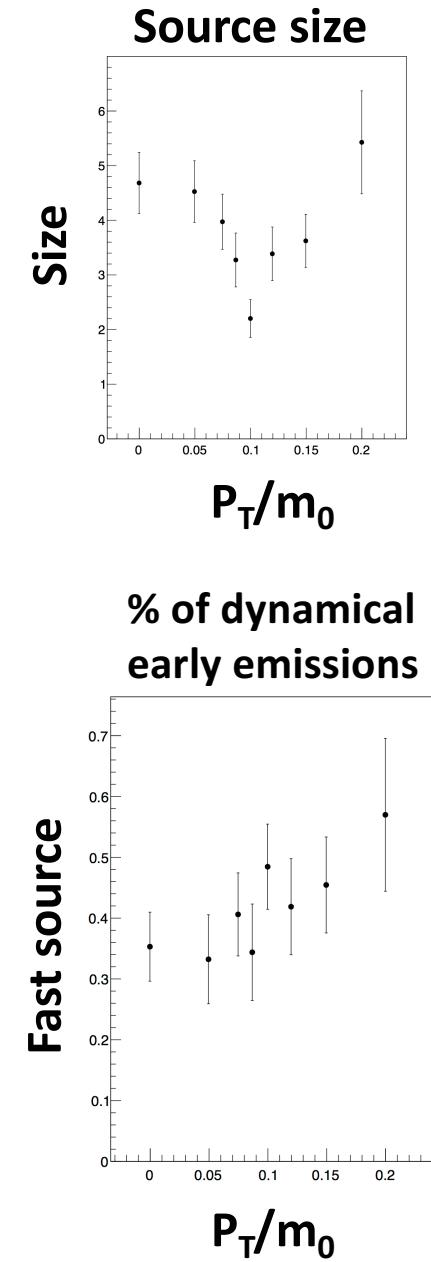
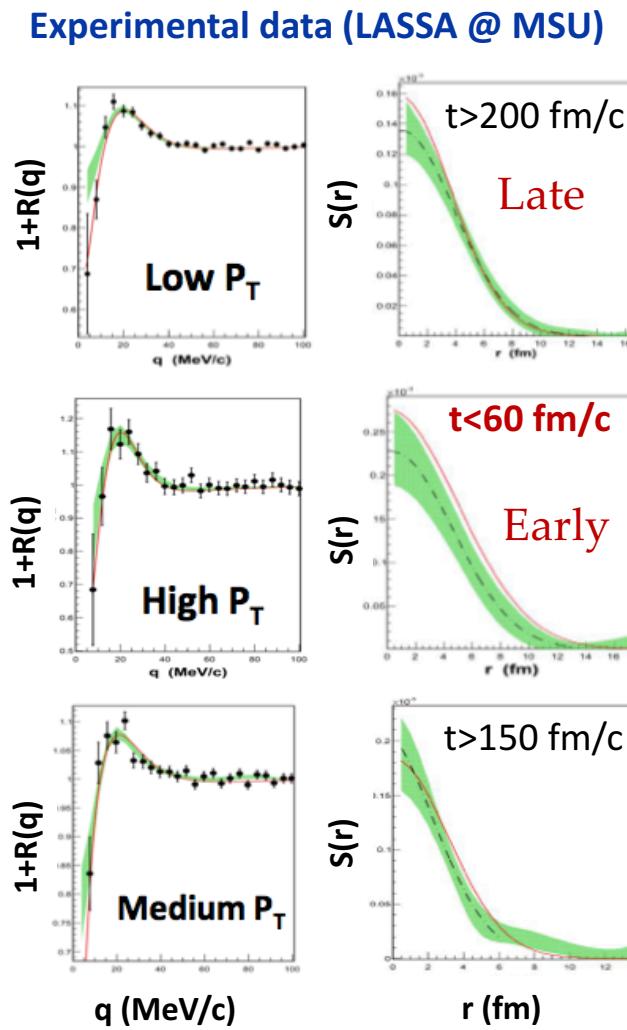
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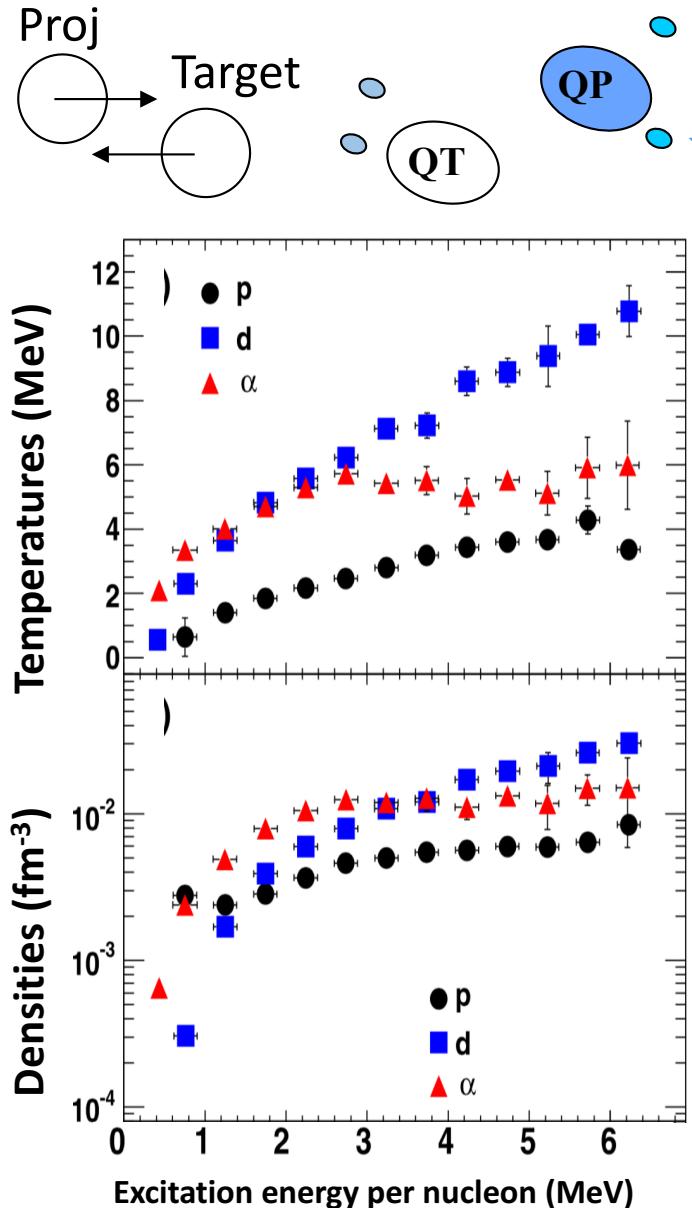
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**BUU simulations**



# Densities “as seen” by bosons and fermions



INDRA-VAMOS experiment  
 $^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{40}\text{Ca}$  @  $E/A = 35$  MeV  
Decay of excited quasi-projectile

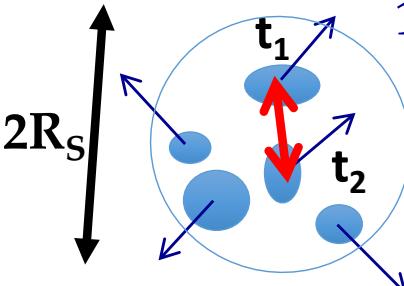
- Different particle species probe different densities and temperatures
- Mixtures of bosonic and fermionic hot matter at sub-saturation density

P. Marini, H. Zheng, M. Boisjoli, G. Verde, A. Chbihi et al.  
Phys. Lett. B 756, 194 (2016)

# Fragment emission time-scales

## IMF-IMF Correlation Functions

IMF: Z>2



A diagram showing a large blue circle representing a sphere of radius  $2R_s$ . Inside the sphere, there are four smaller blue circles representing compact thermal sources. Two sources are labeled  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  with red arrows indicating their positions. A red double-headed arrow between  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  represents the separation vector.

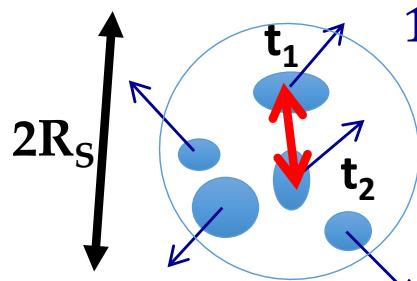
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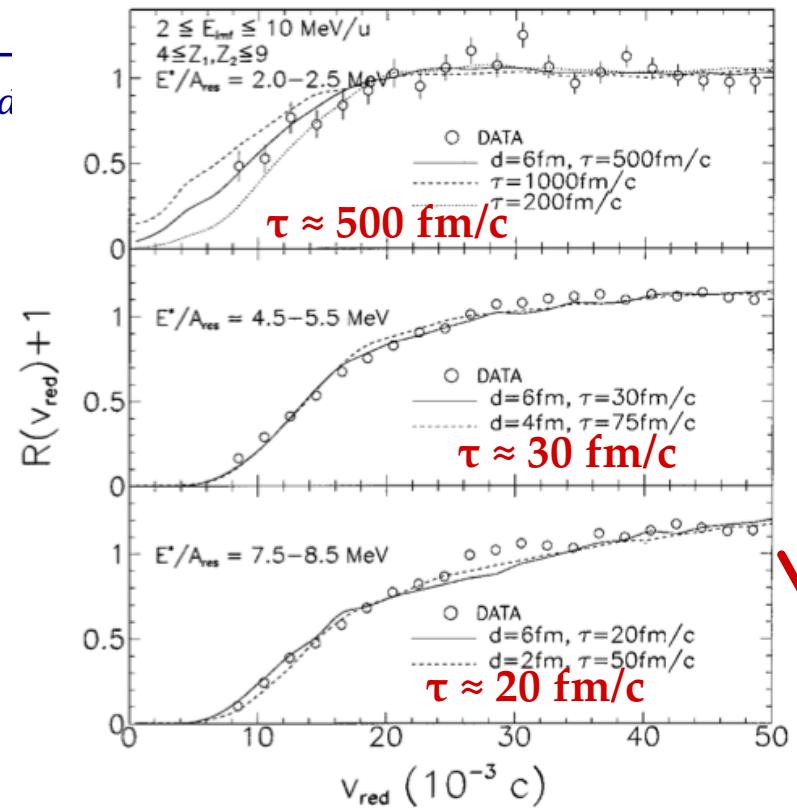
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**N-body Coulomb trajectories**

Source radius and emission times:

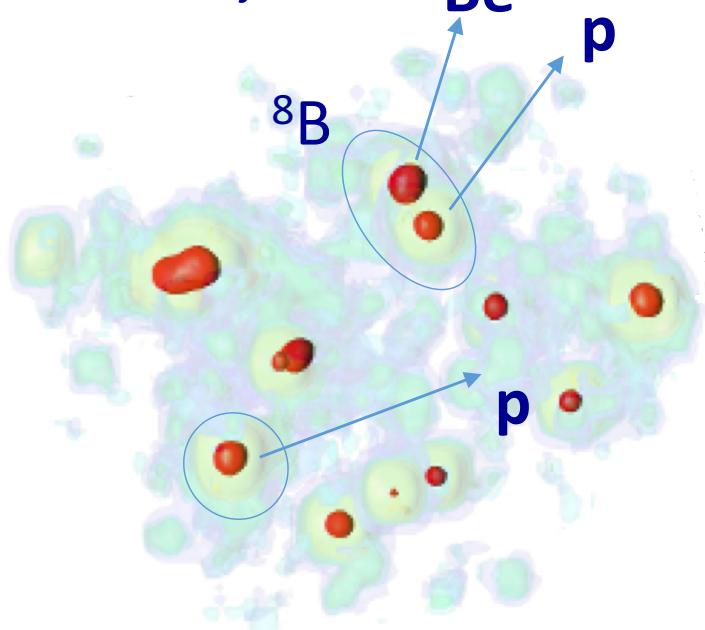
$$R_s, P(t) = (1/\tau) \cdot \exp(-t/\tau) \rightarrow \tau$$

$\pi^-, p + Au \quad 8.0, 8.2, 9.2, 10.2 \text{ GeV}/c$



# Two-particle correlations: resonances in dilute nuclear medium

$\vec{v}_p, \vec{v}_{7Be}$  velocity vectors  
in two-body CM



Particle emitting sources  
extended in phase-space

$$Q_{decay} = M_{8B} \cdot c^2 - (M_p \cdot c^2 + M_{7Be} \cdot c^2)$$

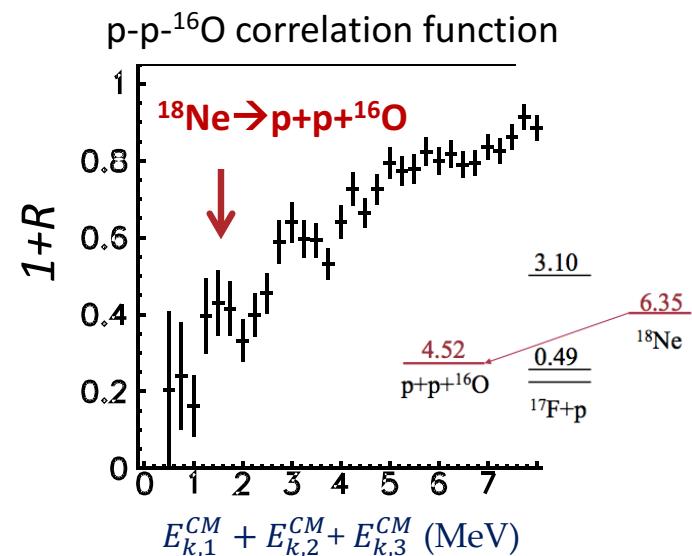
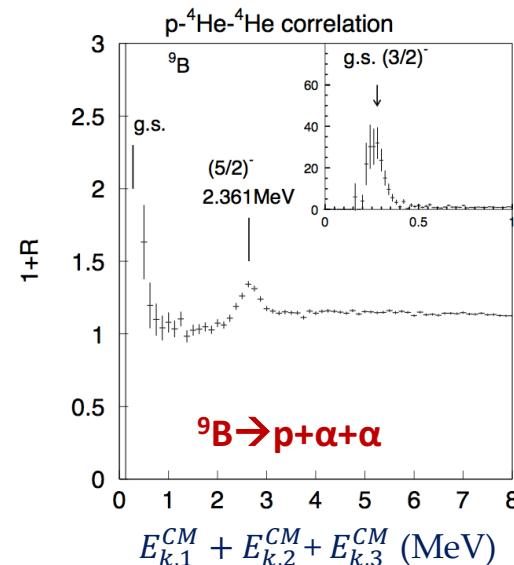
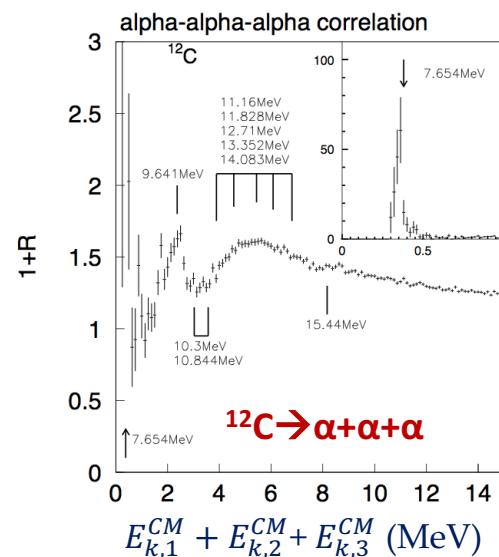
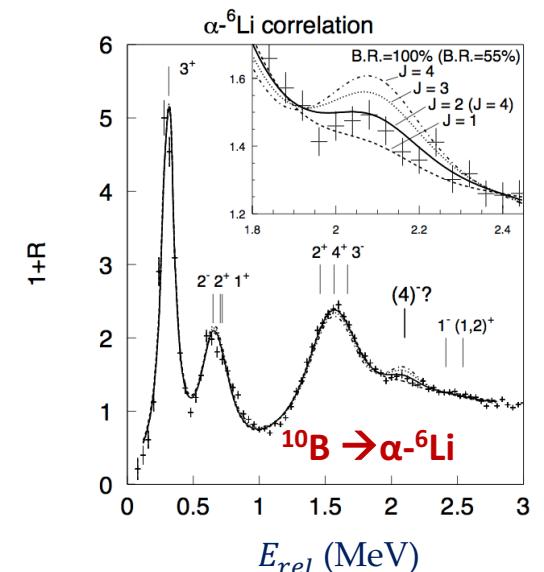
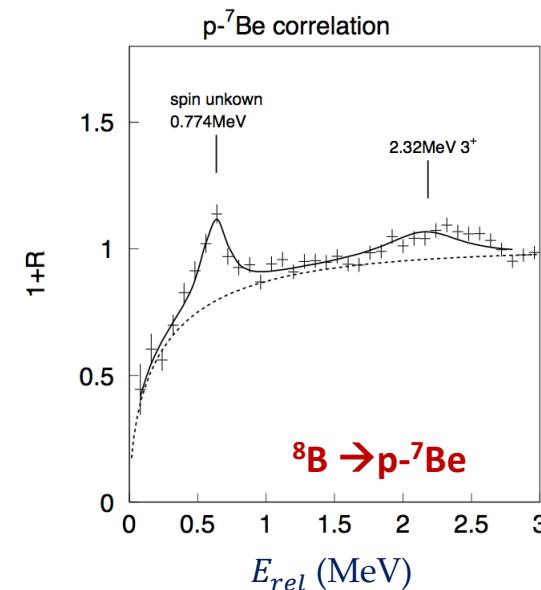
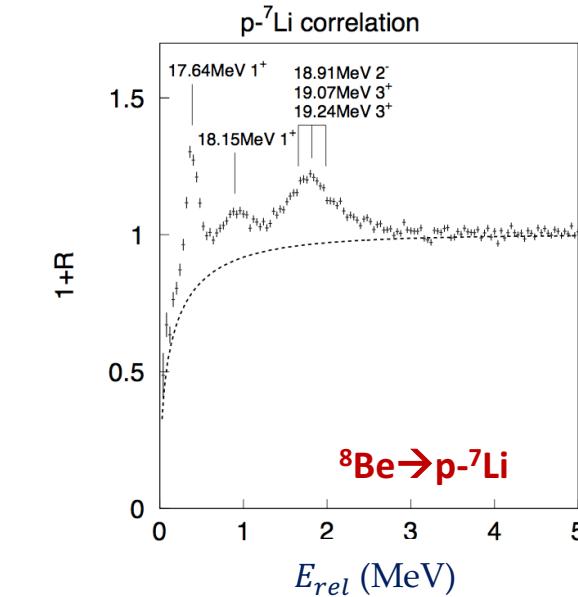
$$\begin{aligned} E^*({}^8B) &= -Q_{decay} + \frac{1}{2} M_p v_p^2 + \frac{1}{2} M_{7Be} \\ &= -Q_{decay} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mu v_{rel}^2 = -Q_{decay} + E_{rel} \end{aligned}$$

Correlation function:

$$1 + R(E_{rel}) = \frac{Y_{coinc}({}^7\text{Be}, p)}{Y_{evt\ mixing}({}^7\text{Be}, p)}$$

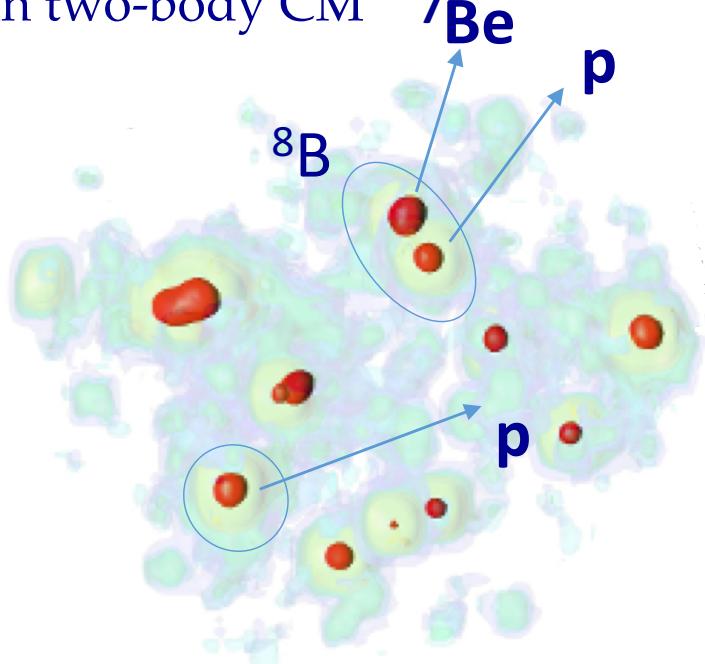
# Resonance decays in dilute and warm nuclear medium

$^{112}\text{Sn} + ^{112}\text{Sn}$    E/A=50 MeV



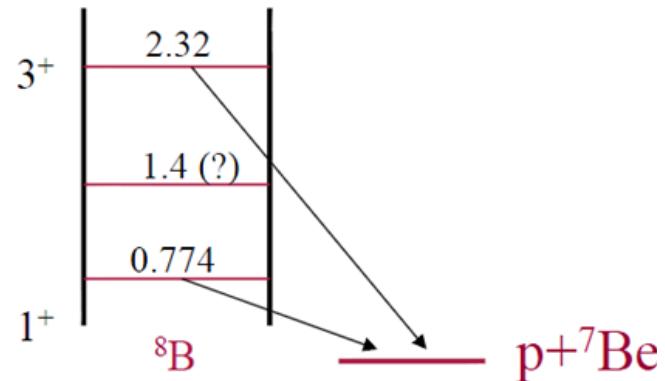
# Thermal model of in-medium resonance decays

$\vec{v}_p, \vec{v}_{^7Be}$  velocity vectors  
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Particle emitting sources  
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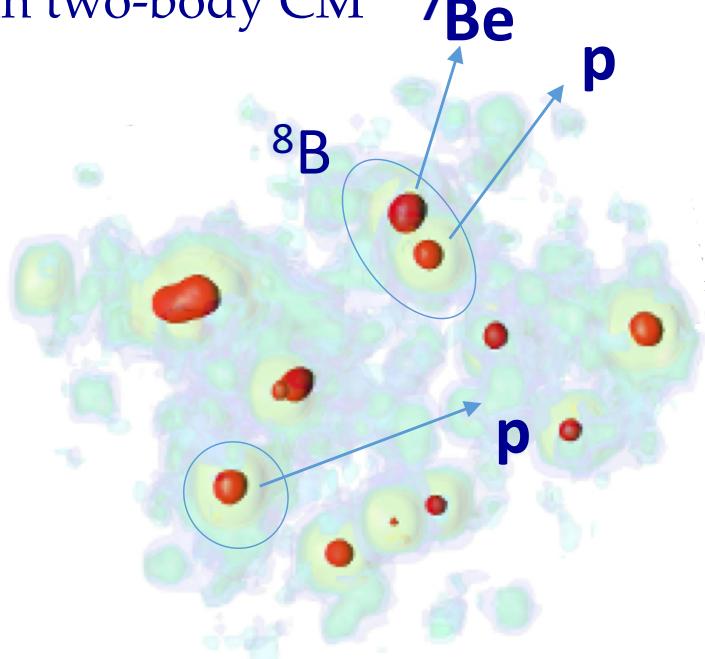


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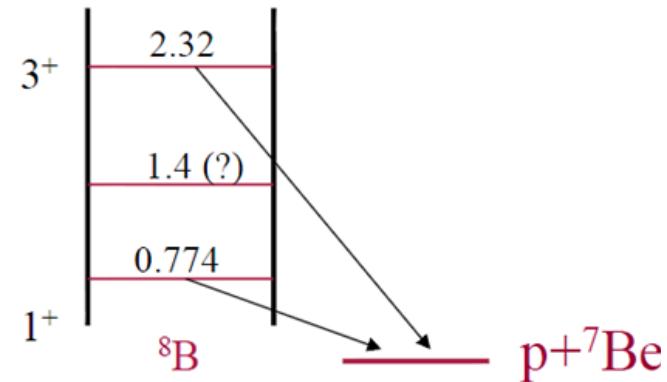
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$$Y_{nucl}(E^*) =$$

$$= \frac{N}{\pi} e^{-E^*/T} \sum_i (2J_i + 1) \left[ \frac{\Gamma_i/2}{(E^* - E_i)^2 + \Gamma_i^2/4} \right]$$

In-medium  
temperature

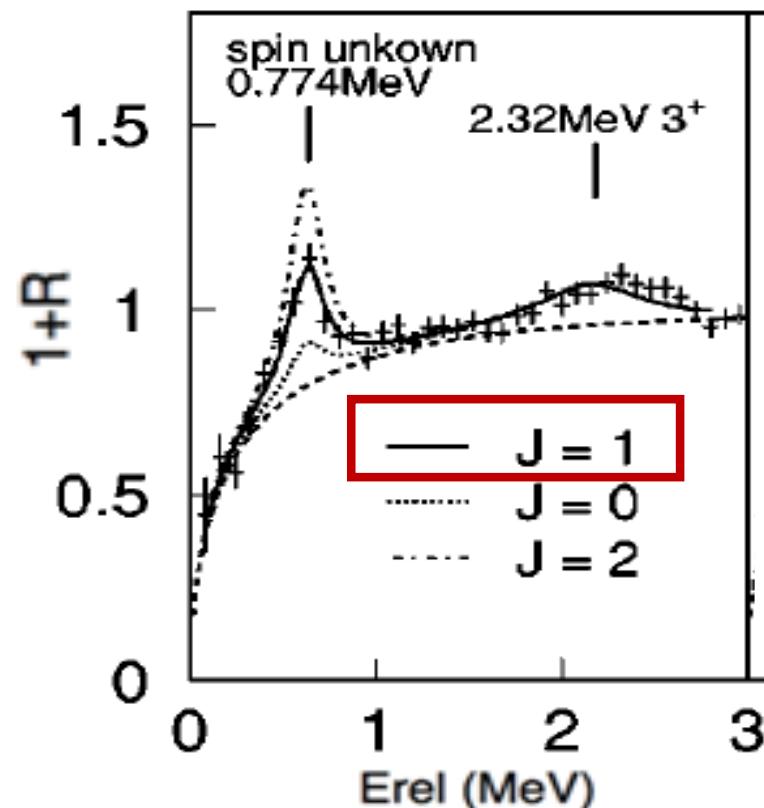
Nuclear structure:  
spin, branching ratios,  
resonance position

# In-medium structure: spin

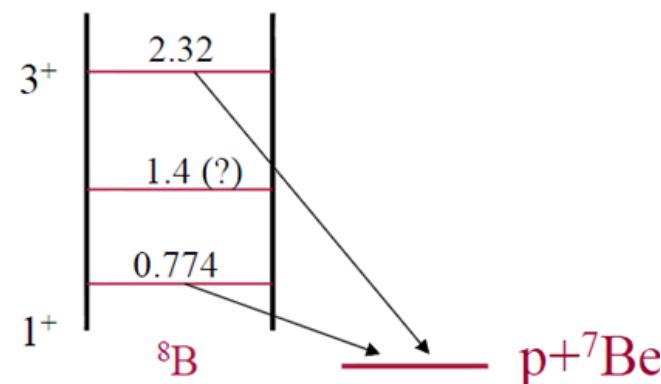
$p+^7\text{Be}$  correlation function

$$1 + R(E_{rel}) = \frac{Y_{coinc}(^7\text{Be}, p)}{Y_{evt\ mixing}(^7\text{Be}, p)} \propto \sum_i (2J_i + 1) \left[ \frac{\Gamma_i/2}{(E^* - E_i)^2 + \Gamma_i^2/4} \right]$$

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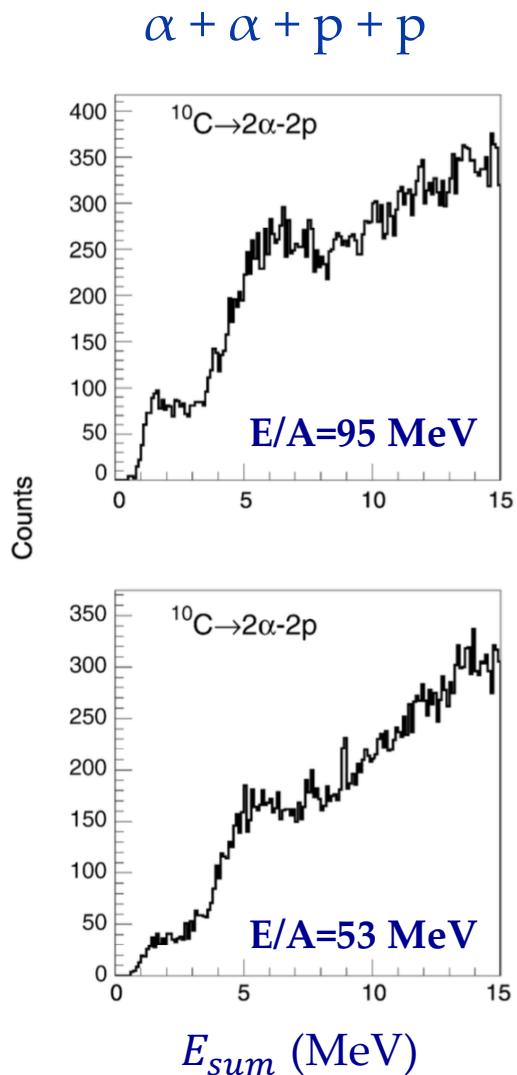


States of  ${}^8\text{B} \rightarrow p+{}^7\text{Be}$



Xe+Au  $E/A=50$  MeV central collisions  
(LASSA data)

# Other cluster correlations: N>2



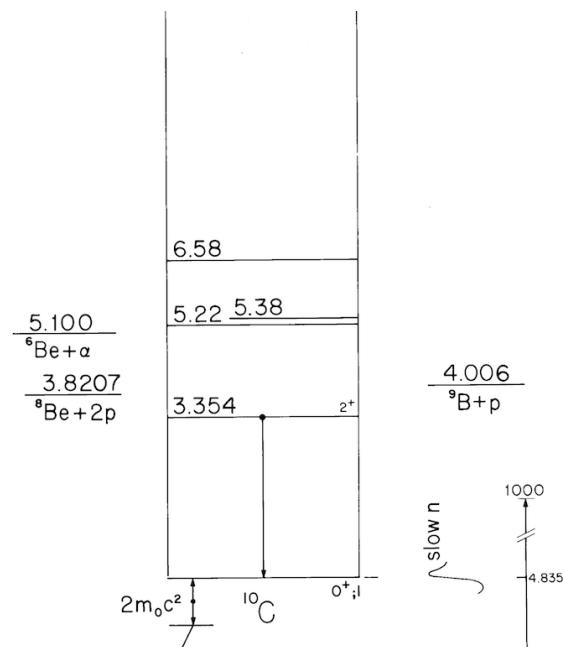
$^{12}\text{C} + ^{24}\text{Mg}$  E/A=53 and 95 MeV

INDRA Data

$^{10}\text{C}$

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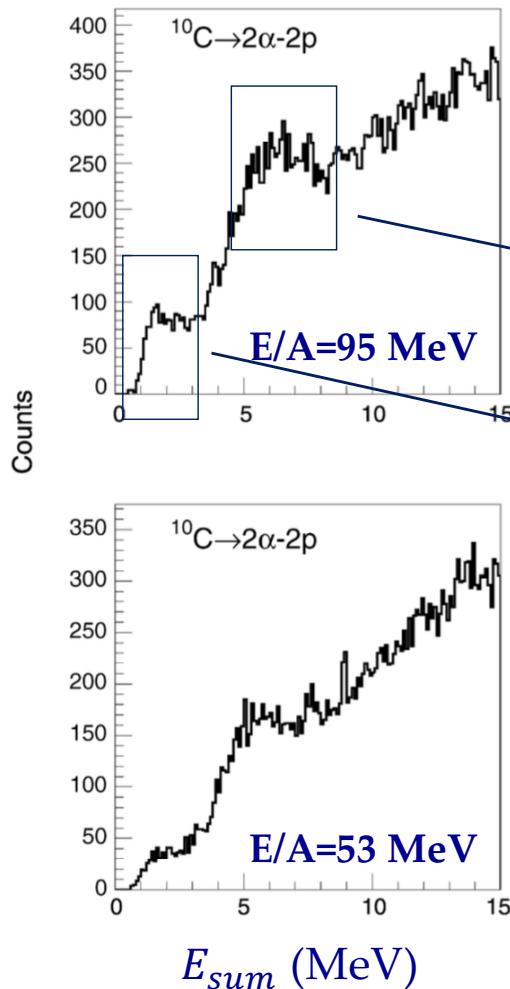
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Doubly Borromean  
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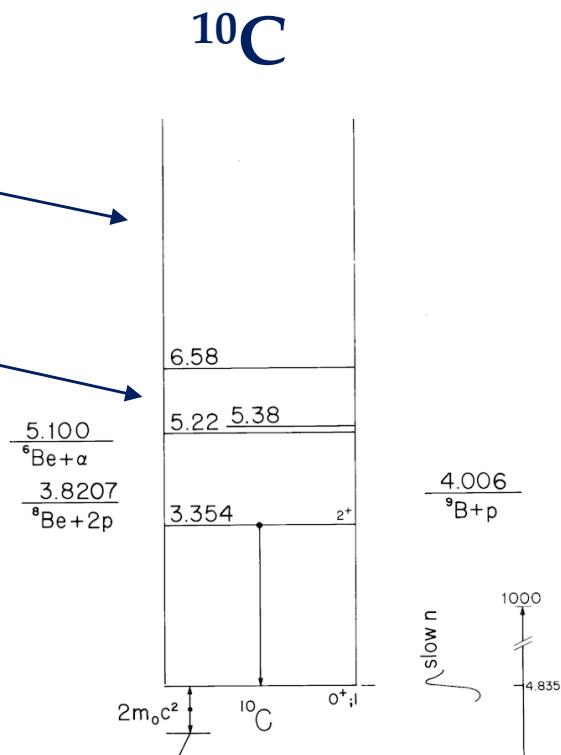
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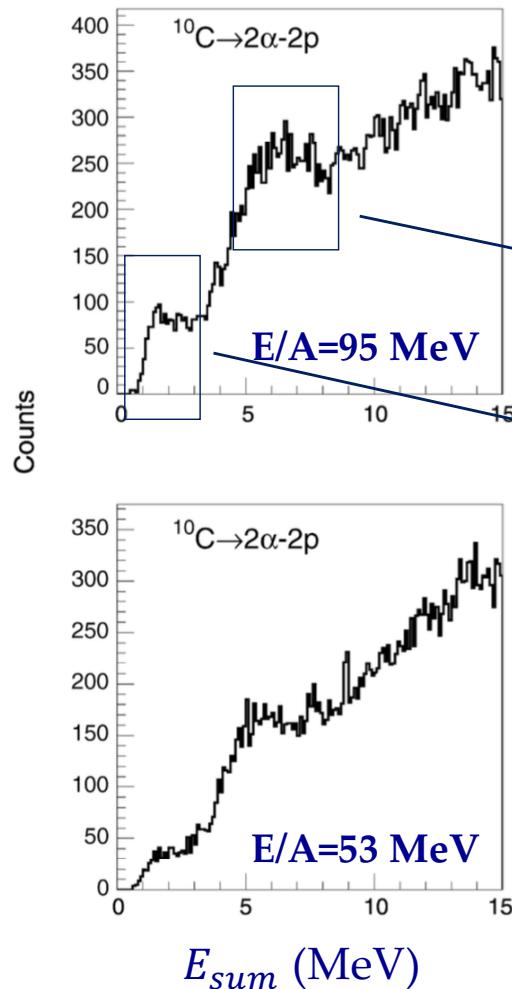
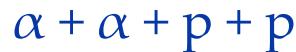
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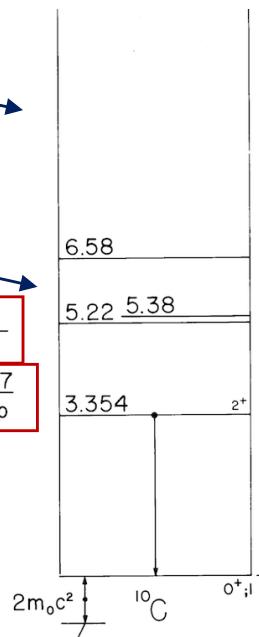
## Doubly Borromean (Brunnian) nuclear system



# In-medium structure: branching ratios



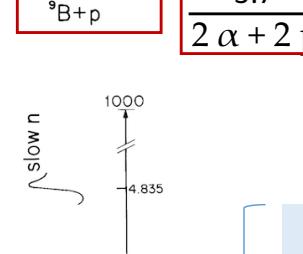
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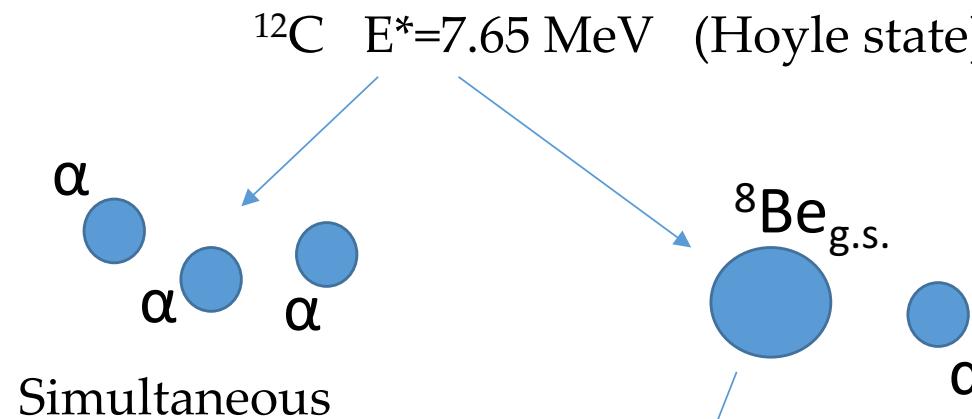
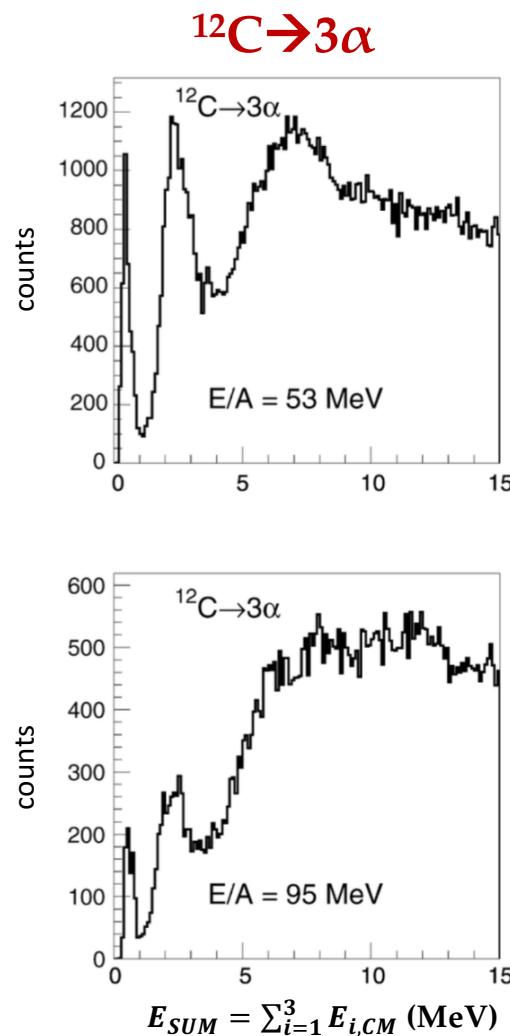


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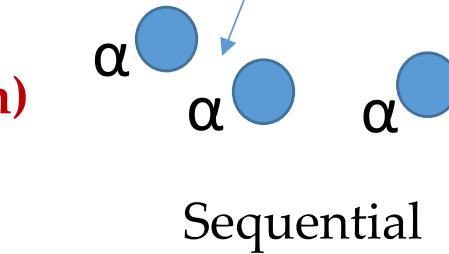


# In-medium vs out-of-medium?

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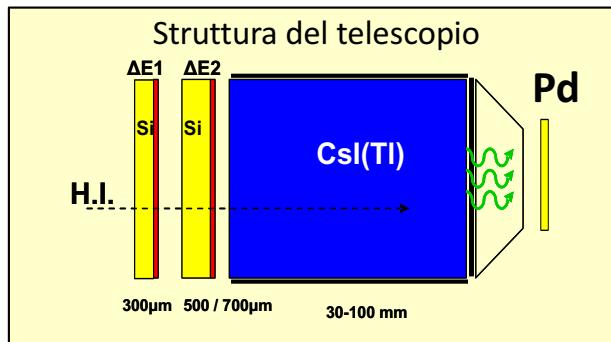
Heavy-ion collision experiments (in-medium)



Direct transfer reaction experiments (out-of-medium, "vacuum")

# In-medium resonance decays in HIC

## FAZIA (Four-pi A- and Z-Identification Array)



Fully digital electronics: particle identification directly from digitalization of Si and CsI(Tl) signals  
→ almost online available  
→ Wide dynamic range (100 keV- GeV)

## FAZIACOR experiment (March 2017)

G. Verde, D. Gruyer, FAZIA Coll.

$^{20}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{32}\text{S}$  +  $^{12}\text{C}$   
E/A=25 and 50 MeV

