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## <sup>12</sup>C nuclear differential cross section measurements for hadrontherapy

(H, C, O, Al and  $^{nat}Ti$  (~Ca) targets)

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#### $\Rightarrow$ Nuclear reactions have to be considered for treatment planning

### Fragmentation measurements at GANIL (France)

#### Codes are not able to reproduced the fragmentation

- Beam composition with depth
- Biological effects on healthy tissus
- Dose deposition imaging (prompt γ, β<sup>+</sup>, p...)
  - $\Rightarrow$  Experimental data required in the full range of energies (400MeV/n)

#### Experiments on elemental targets

- Thin Targets (~50 mg⋅cm<sup>-2</sup>) : C, CH<sub>2</sub>, Al, Al<sub>2</sub>0<sub>3</sub>, <sup>nat</sup>Ti (~Ca)
- Projectile: 94.6 MeV/n <sup>12</sup>C (J. Dudouet PhD Thesis 2014)
  - E600 experiment  $\rightarrow$  cross sections from 4 to 43°
  - France Hadron Beam Time  $\rightarrow$  cross sections at 0°
- Projectile: 50 MeV/n <sup>12</sup>C (C. Divay PhD Thesis 2017)
  - France Hadron Beam Time  $\rightarrow$  cross sections from 3 to 39°

 $\Rightarrow \frac{\delta^2 \sigma}{\delta E \cdot \delta \Omega} \text{ fragmentation measurements of } {}^{12}\text{C on C, H, O, Ti} (Z_{TI}=22 \sim Z_{Ca}=20) \\ \approx 95\% \text{ of a human body composition}$ 

### Experimental Setup

- "Basic" experimental setup  $\rightarrow$  5 Si/Si/CsI telescopes (results a few months after the experiment)
- In vacuum measurements → ECLAN reaction chamber
- FASTER digital acquisition  $\rightarrow \Delta$ E/E analysis and pulse shape of CsI signal

#### $\rightarrow$ experimental estimation of systematics.



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→ Experimental Systematic errors estimation

Two main sources of systematic errors:

- $^{4}\text{He}$  Fragmentation in the CsI  $\rightarrow$   $^{3}\text{He}$
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## 95 MeV/n experiment (~50 mg·cm<sup>-2</sup>): $\frac{\delta\sigma}{\delta\Omega}$



- Predominance of Z=1 and Z=2 production (<sup>4</sup>He domination ≤10°)
- Heavy fragments are more forward focused
- $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$  increase with the mass of the target.
- Angular distribution broadening with the mass of the target.
- No emission at large angle with the Hydrogen target (A>3) (no mid rapidity emission)

## Angular distribution Fits (Gaussian + Exponential)



→ Fragment production cross sections

6 parameters to reproduce the angular distributions  $\rightarrow$  phenomenological codes

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- E close to the beam energy at forward angles → Distributions dominated by the quasi-projectile contribution
- Cross sections increase with the mass of the target
- Hydrogen target: no low E emission → only quasi projectile contribution (for A>3)



## 50 MeV/n experiment (~50 mg·cm<sup>-2</sup>): $\frac{\delta\sigma}{\delta\Omega}$

#### Carbon target

All targets (<sup>4</sup>He)



- Predominance of Z=1 and Z=2 production (<sup>4</sup>He domination  $\leq$ 20°)
- Heavy fragments → more forward focused
- $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$  increase with the mass of the target.
- No emission at large angle with the Hydrogen target (A>3) (no mid rapidity emission)
- Angular distribution broadening when incident energy decreases.



## 50 MeV/n experiment (~50 mg·cm<sup>-2</sup>): $\frac{\delta^2 \sigma}{\delta E \delta \Omega}$

#### Carbon target (<sup>4</sup>He)

Energy distributions for C at 50 MeV/u on C target and for fragment <sup>4</sup>He

#### All targets (<sup>4</sup>He at 3°)

Energy distributions for C at 50 MeV/u and for fragment <sup>4</sup>He at 3<sup>a</sup>



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- Cross sections increase with the mass of the target
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### GEANT4(v9.6) angular distributions (BIC, QMD, INCL++)

Carbon target at 95MeV/n



- None of the models included in G4 is able to accurately reproduce the experimental and angular distributions
- INCL: Best results at forward angles for A<18 (quasi projectile emission); not @50MeV/n</li>
- Problem to take into account the "mid-rapidity" emission (large angles)
- jQMD: Decrease of the production at forward angles.



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- None of the models is able to accurately reproduce the energy distributions
- BIC : Width too small, E mean too high, no mid-rapidity emission
- INCL: Best results (not @ 50MeV/n) at forward angles for A<18 (QP well reproduced), mid-rapidity shape not reproduced
- jQMD: Best shape; Low energies still underestimated.



## jQMD: GEANT4(v10.02) vs PHITS(v2.82)





- jQMD @ 50MeV/n & 95MeV/n
- None of the codes is able to accurately reproduce the experimental distributions (angle and energy)
- Importance of the transport simulation code: the same entrance model gives different results in GEANT and PHITS



#### PHITS: jQMD "old" vs jQMD 2.0 Carbon target at 50MeV/n



- New version of jQMD seems more acurate → no more production fall of at forward angles
- jQMD old: Innacurate treatment of peripheral collisions → instability of the reaction products (T. Ogawa et al., EPJ117 (2016), NN2015)

### Summary



- Fragmentation of 50 and 95 MeV/n <sup>12</sup>C ions on thin targets of medical interest on H, C, O, Al, Ti targets has been measured.
  - double differential cross sections  $\frac{\delta^2}{\delta E \delta \Omega}$
  - angular differential cross sections from 0° to  $\sim$ 40° (10-15% -sys+stat)
  - Integration of the angular distributions  $\rightarrow$  production cross sections
- Composite targets (PMMA) can be deduced from the cross sections of elemental targets (→ organic tissues)
- GEANT4 hadronic models (BIC, jQMD, INCL) do not accurately reproduced the data.
- PHITS (jQMD) do not accurately reproduced the data; jQMD 2.0 > jQMD old

Data and experimental setup details available with free access : http://hadrontherapy-data.in2p3.fr

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#### Outlooks



Long term program of systematic measurements of nuclear reactions for hadrontherapy from 50 to 400 MeV/n

#### • Production measurements of $\beta^+$ emitters for hadrontherapy

 $\rightarrow$  measurement at GANIL in 2016 (S. Salvador et al. PRC 95 (2017)) + measurements at LNS in 2018

#### • ARCHADE (t<sub>0</sub> = December 2014)

- New resource center for hadrontherapy in Caen (first proton treatment in july 2018)
- First carbon beam in 2021-2022

 $\Rightarrow \sim 6 \times 15 \text{ m}^2$  experimental room

 $\Rightarrow \frac{\delta^2 \sigma}{\delta E \delta \Omega}$  measurements with  $\alpha$  to <sup>12</sup>C (<sup>20</sup>Ne) beams from 100 to 400 MeV/n.

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## Experimental Set-Up : 0° experiment (2013)



#### • 9° detector $\rightarrow$ cross check with previous experiment (agreement within 3%)



## 95 MeV/n experiment: $\frac{\delta\sigma}{\delta\Omega}$ all targets









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#### HIPSE simulations (developed for INDRA)



- Phenomenological model developed for heavy systems close to Fermy energies
- Partition inside the overlap region built following coalescence rules in momentum and position spaces (participant-spectator)
- Do not reproduce the QP
- Better reproduction of the "mid-rapidity" emission (medium E) than G4 models



### Composite target cross sections reconstruction from cross sections of elemental targets





### Distributions for a 1 mm thick PMMA target

Angular and Energy distributions comparison between experimental measurements and calculations from cross sections of elemental targets



⇒ Reproduction of composit material cross sections

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### Nuclear reactions





- Processes: break-up, projectile or target fragmentation, neck emission, fission, multifragmentation...
- < 100 MeV/n all these processes can coexist in a complex way (function of the incident beam energy) due to the competition between mean field dynamics and two body in medium interactions.
- > 100-150 MeV/n  $\sim$  two body (nucleons-nucleons) interactions.

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### Hydrogen and Oxygen Angular distributions

Oxygen and Hydrogen cross sections have been obtained from composit targets

$$H_2 \rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(H) = \frac{1}{2} \times \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} (CH_2) - \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} (C) \right)$$

$$\mathsf{Al}_2\mathsf{O}_3 \to \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\mathsf{O}) = \frac{1}{3} \times \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\mathsf{Al}_2\mathsf{O}_3) - \mathbf{2} \times \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\mathsf{Al})\right)$$

#### Hydrogen exemple

- CH<sub>2</sub> & C cross sections measurements
- C cross section subtraction
- Obtained value divided by 2



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## 95 MeV/n at 0° experiment (~250 mg·cm<sup>-2</sup>): $\frac{\delta\sigma}{\delta\Omega}$



- Important to constraint the distribution at forward angle (most of the production)
- 0° data for H, C, Al and Ti targets (not enough beam time for Al<sub>2</sub>0<sub>3</sub> (and PMMA) targets)
- $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$  for  $2 \le Z \le 5$  (only most produced fragments in mass)

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