

*Multiparticle He Fragmentation  
of  $^{22}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Mg}$  and  $^{28}\text{Si}$   
in Emulsion at 4.1- 4.5 A GeV/c.*






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# I. Experimental details.

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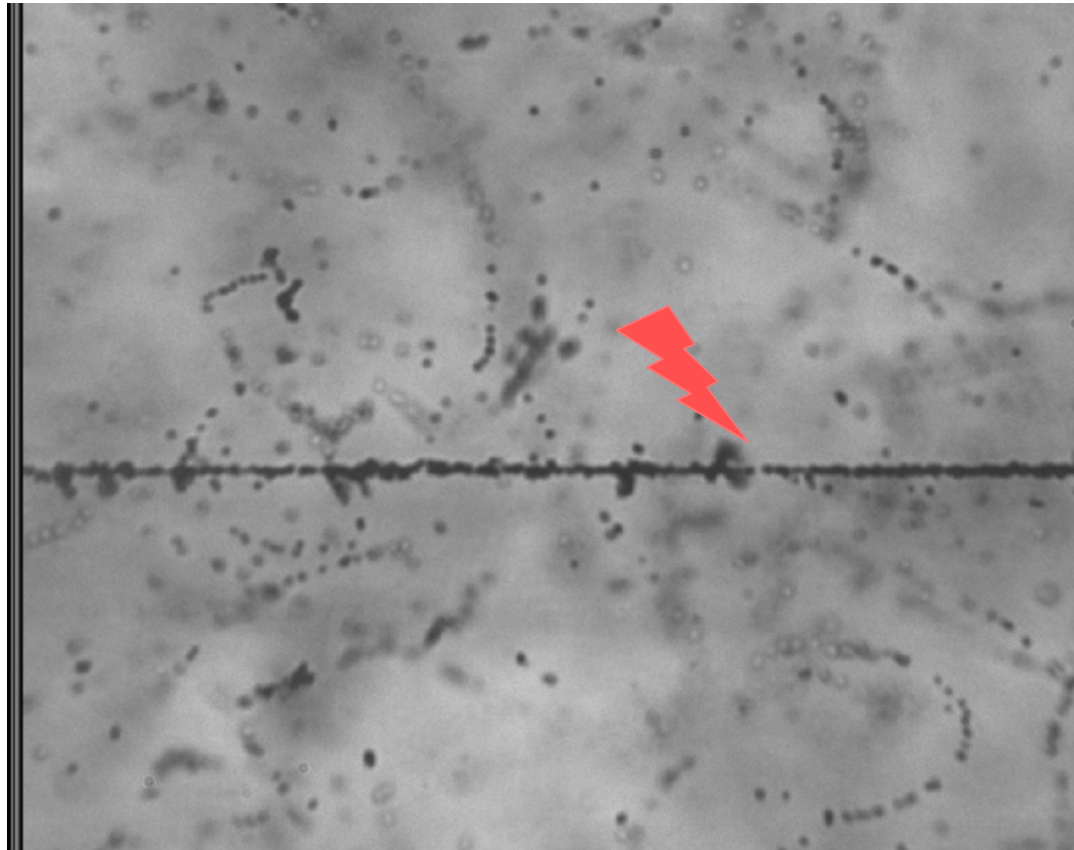
-  NIKFI BR-2 stacks of nuclear emulsions, 600 $\mu$ m thick, have been exposed horizontally to the  $\alpha$  conjugate nuclei  $^{22}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Mg}$  and  $^{28}\text{Si}$  at the DUBNA synchrophasotron.
-  Only the collisions with three and more He fragments in the final state –  $N_{\text{He}} \geq 3$  have been used for the analysis.
-  Only the collisions with the sum charge in the narrow forward cone, been approximately equal to that of projectile one –  $\sum Z_{\text{fr}} = Z_0 \pm 1$ , have been analyzed.
-  Limitation  $\sum Z_{\text{fr}} = Z_0 \pm 1$  means that extra peripheral collisions have been selected for analyses only.
-  Peripheral collisions usually have very limited number of target fragments and produced particles.

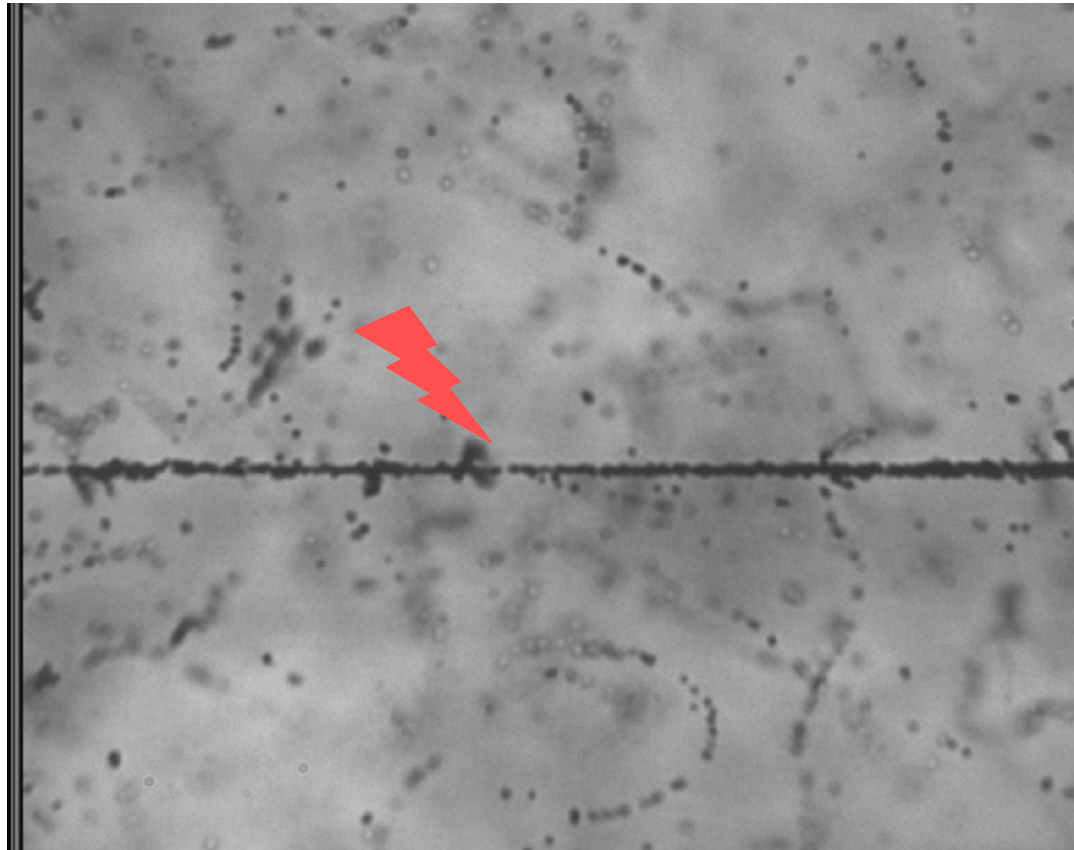
An example of  $^{28}\text{Si}$  interaction with 6 He fragments.

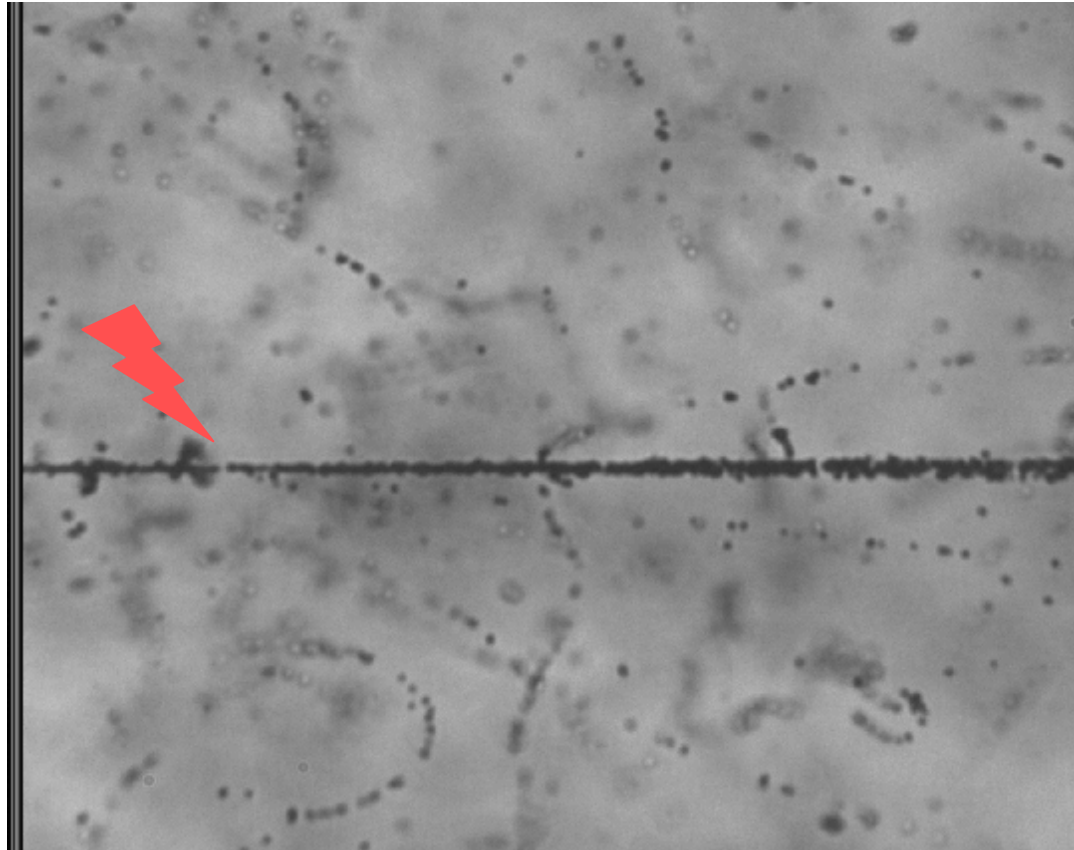
The sum charge in the narrow forward cone ( $\Theta^\circ < 2.55^\circ$ )  
is equal to  $\Sigma Z_{fr} = 2 \times 6 + 1 = 13$

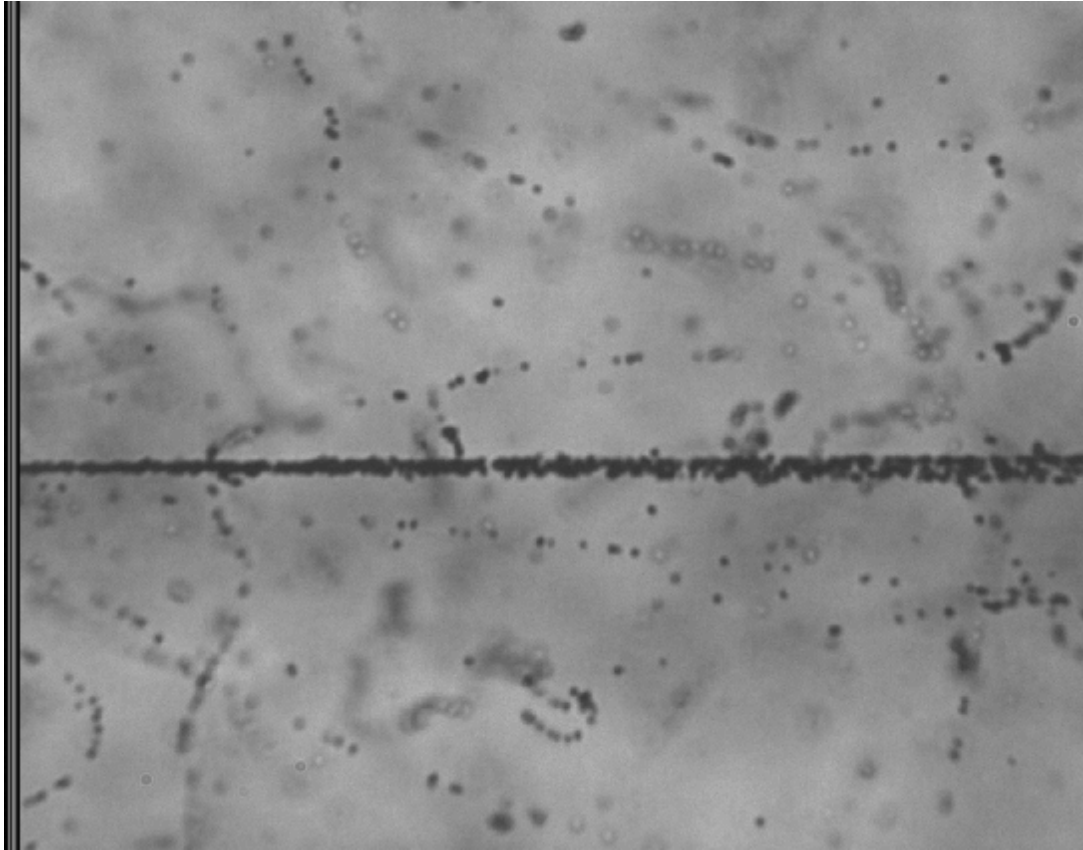
	N	Z	A	$\Theta^\circ$	$\Psi^\circ$	$\varphi^\circ$	$\alpha^\circ$	P, GeV/c
fr	1.	2.	4.	0.13	224.80	-0.09	-0.09	19.4±5.0
	2.	2.	4.	0.48	16.80	0.46	0.14	22.1±7.0
	3.	2.	3.	0.52	35.66	0.42	0.31	13.1±3.5
	4.	2.	4.	0.60	80.32	0.10	0.60	17.0±2.0
	5.	2.	4.	0.74	129.49	-0.47	0.57	19.1±3.1
	6.	2.	3.	1.77	75.86	0.43	1.72	12.1±2.9
	7.	1.		0.30	119.27	-0.15	0.26	
	8.	1.		6.48	174.58	-6.45	0.61	
	9.	1.		20.85	236.59	-11.85	-17.28	

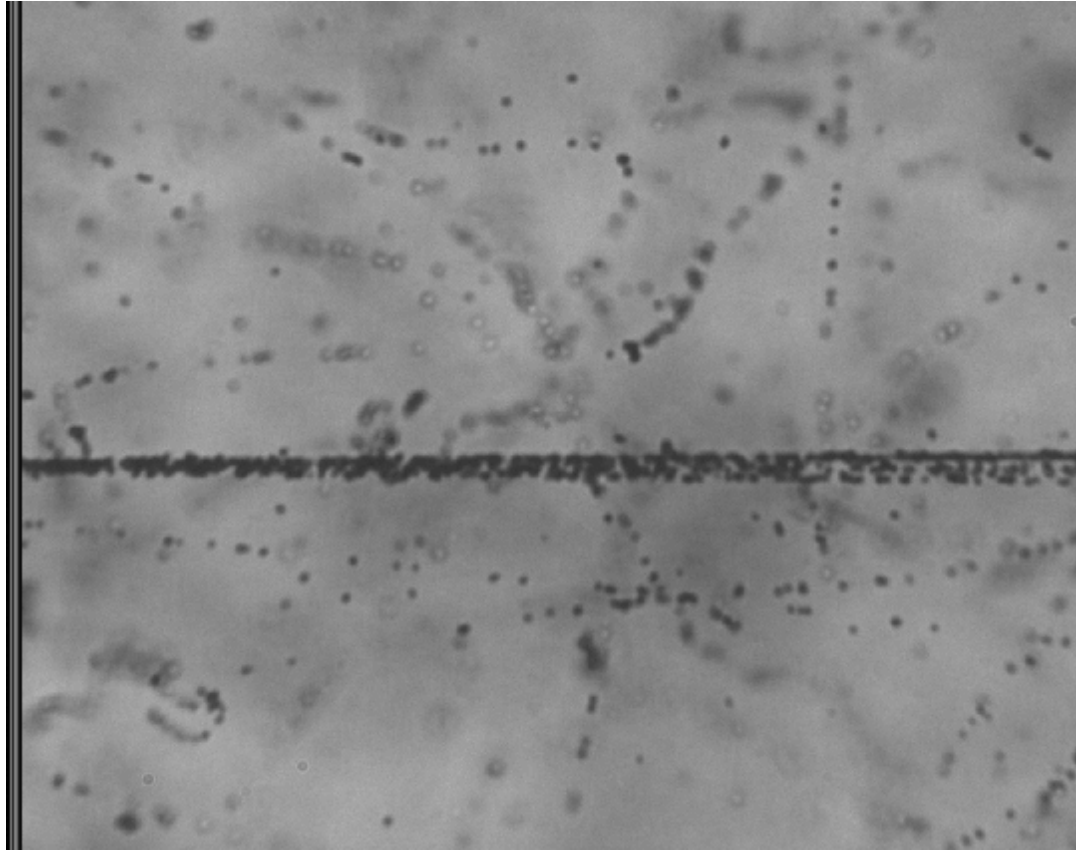
**So it looks like in photoemulsion.**



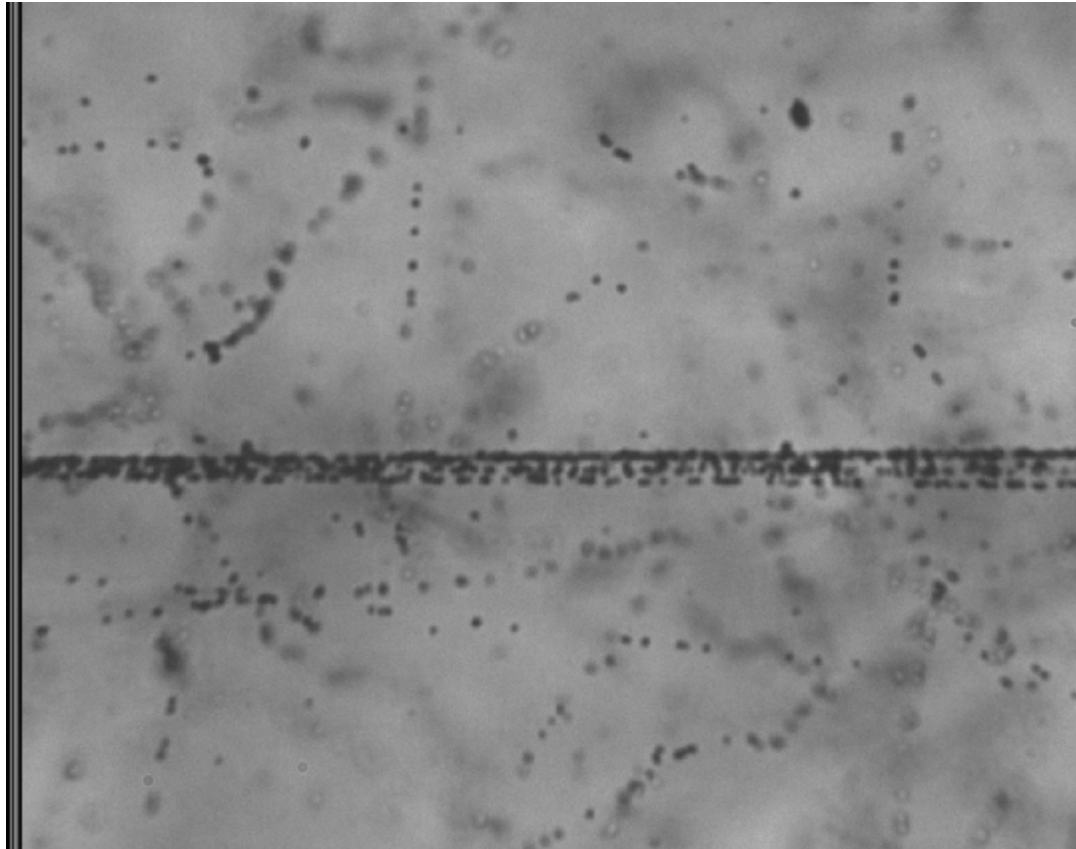


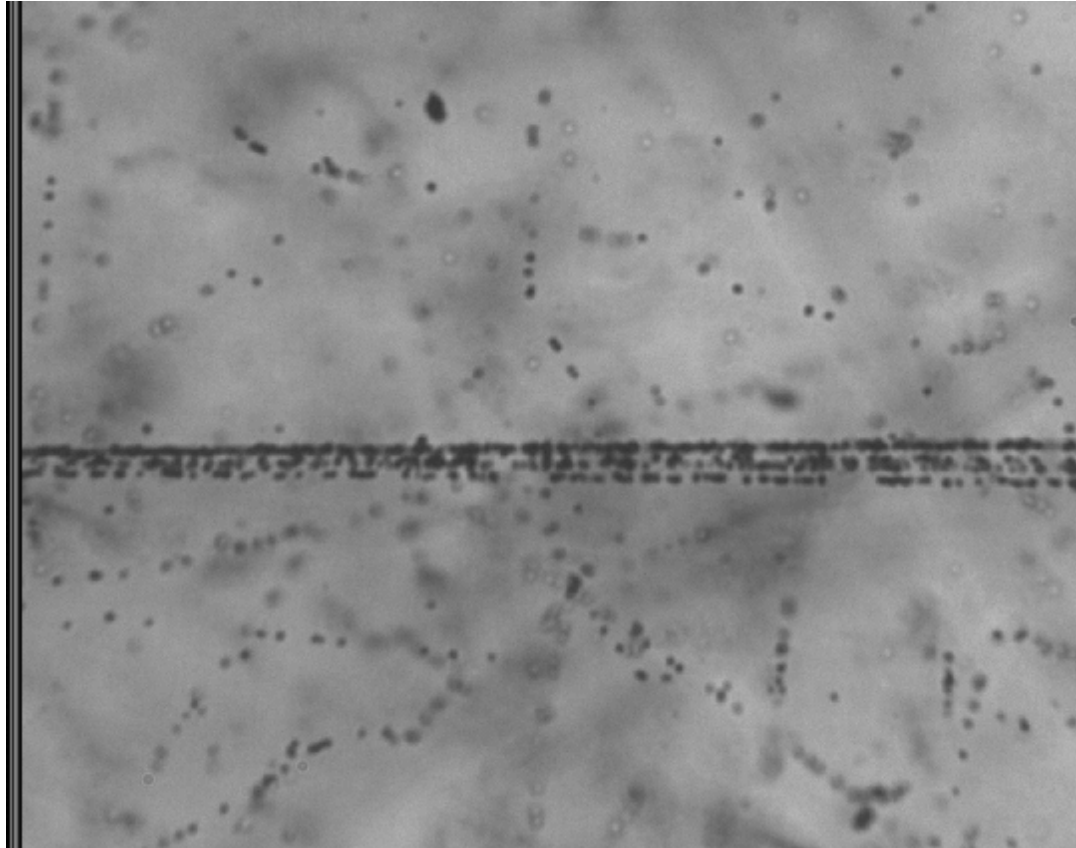


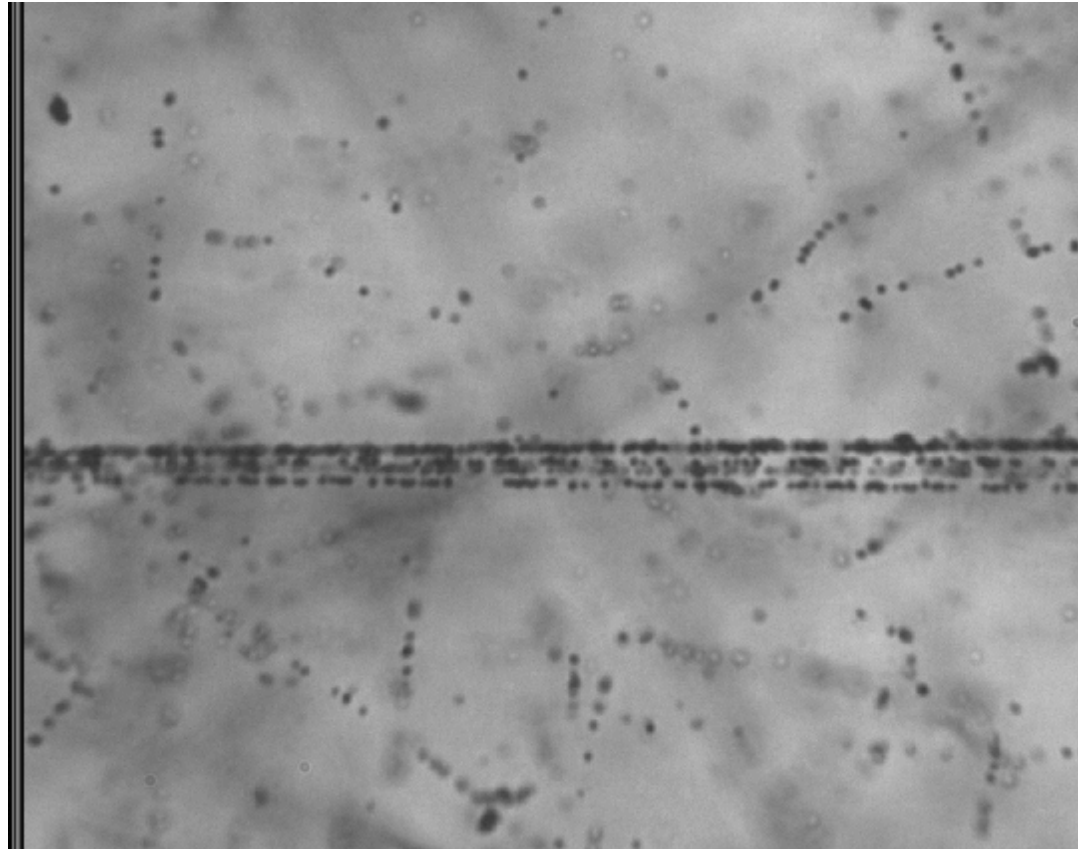




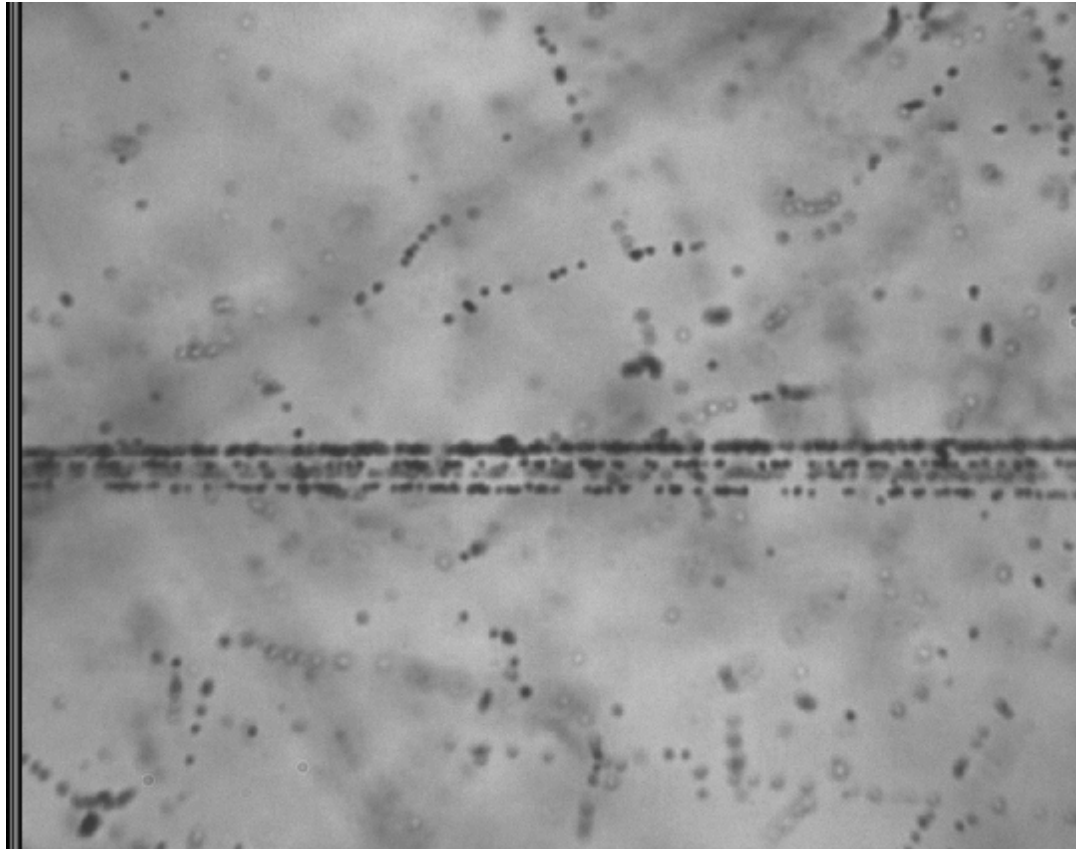








**300 mkm from collision center.**



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## II. The statistics of collisions used for analyses.

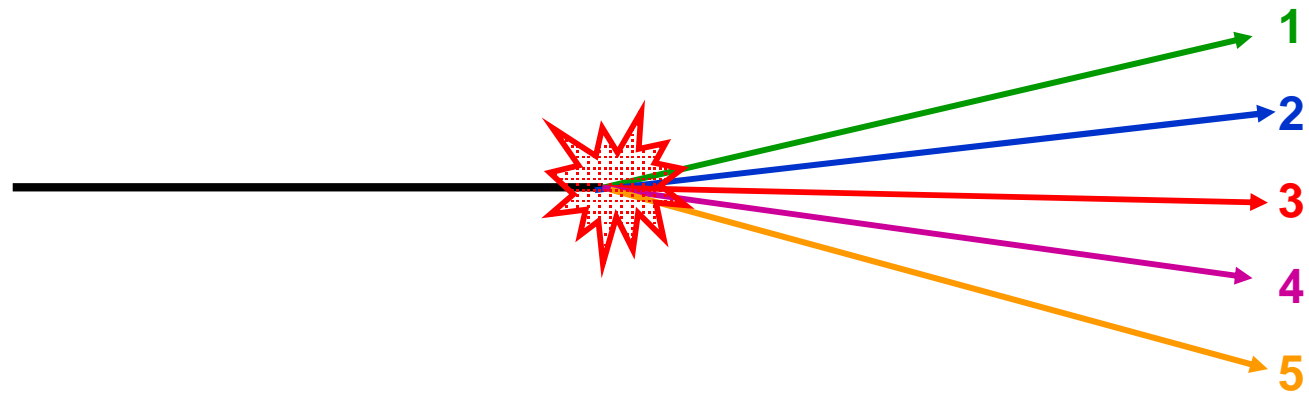
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It isn't minimum bias data set.

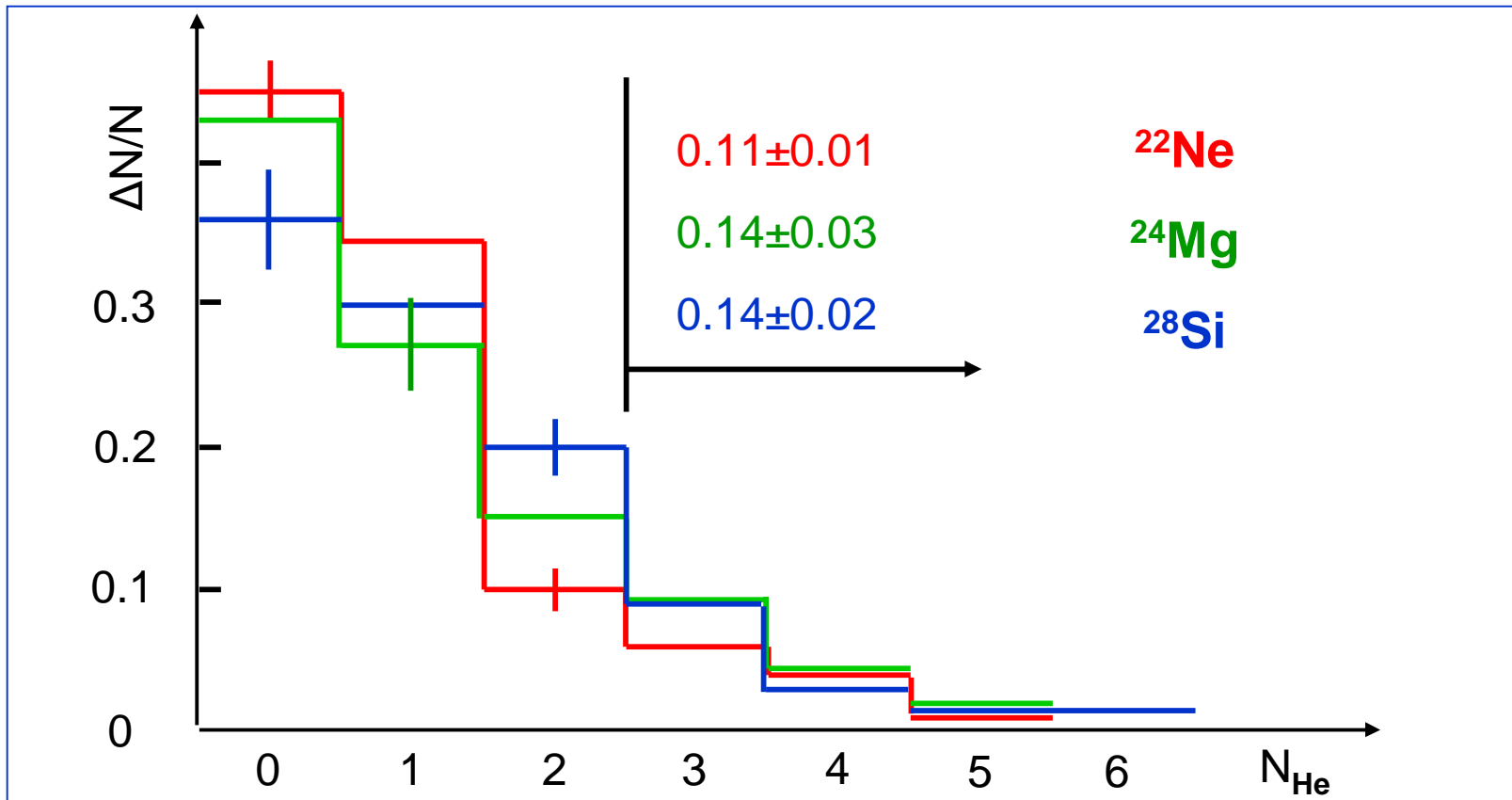
$A_0$	$P_0$ , GeV/c	( $N_{\text{He}}=3$ )	( $N_{\text{He}}=4$ )	( $N_{\text{He}}=5$ )	( $N_{\text{He}}=6$ )
$^{22}\text{Ne}$	4.1	238	79	10	
$^{24}\text{Mg}$	4.5	28	45	8	1
$^{28}\text{Si}$	4.5	107	40	21	13

### III. The multiplicities of He fragments

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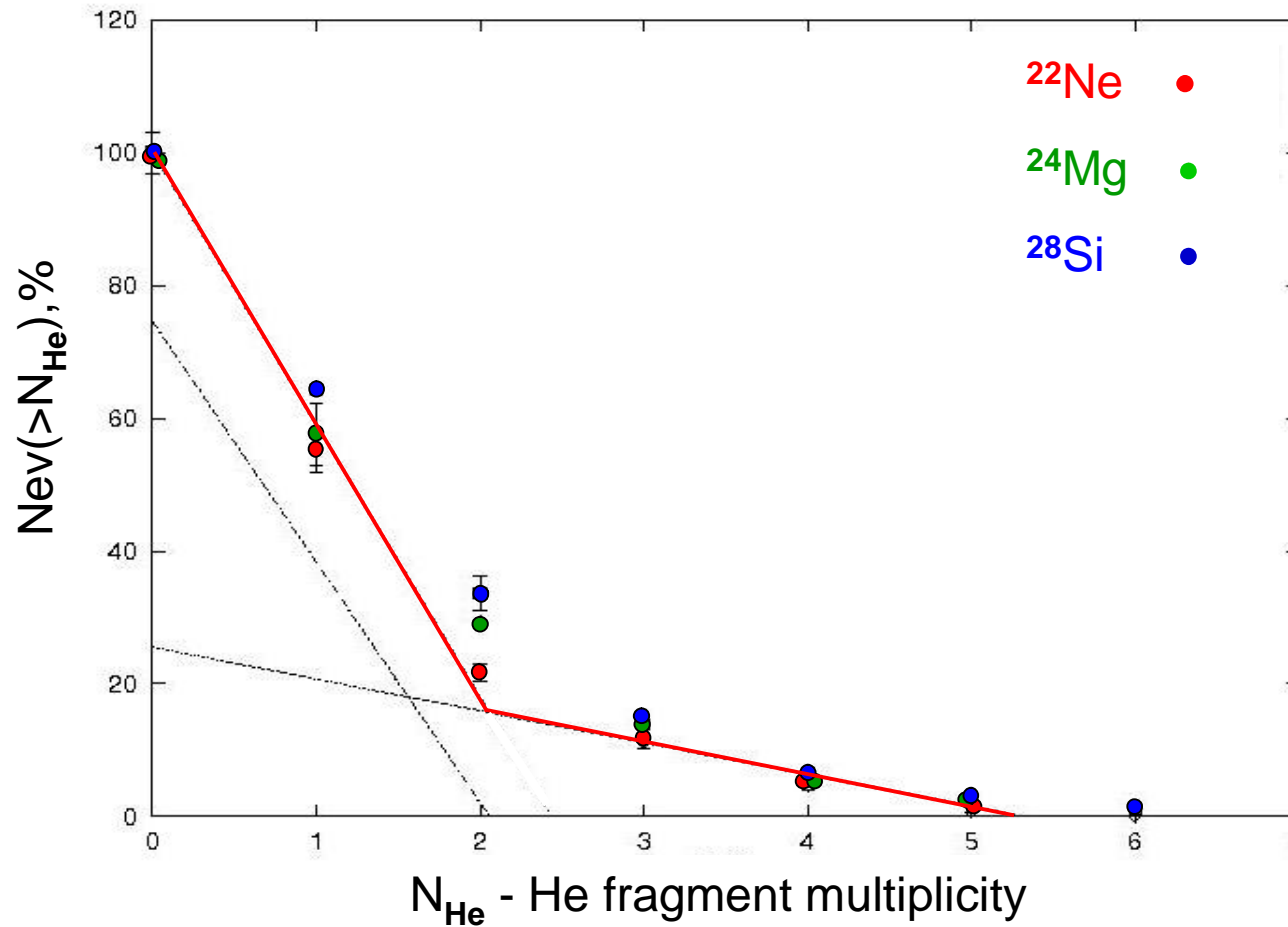


# The multiplicity distributions of He fragments



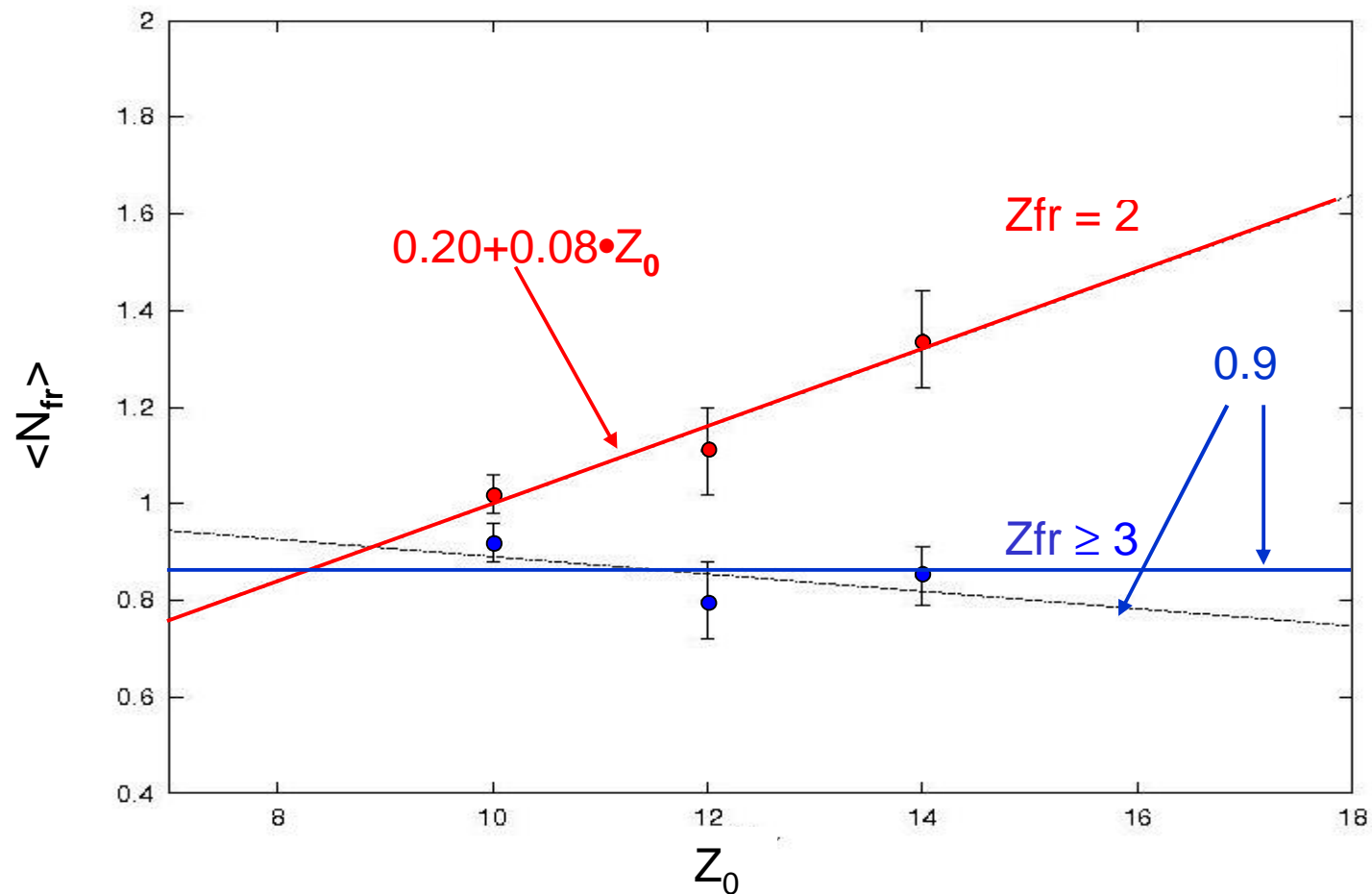
# Integral multiplicity distribution of He fragments has a break at $N_{\text{He}}=2$ .

It is minimum biased data set.



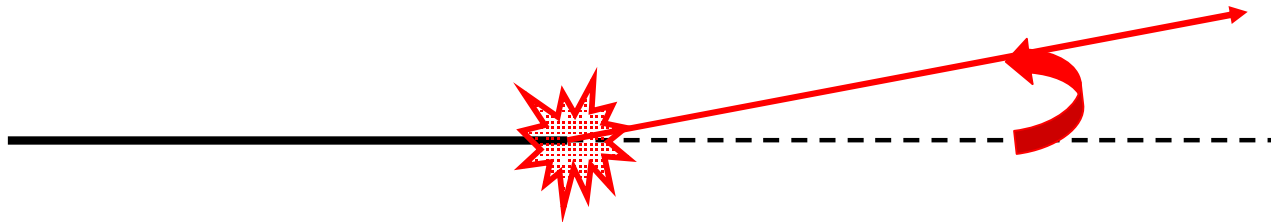


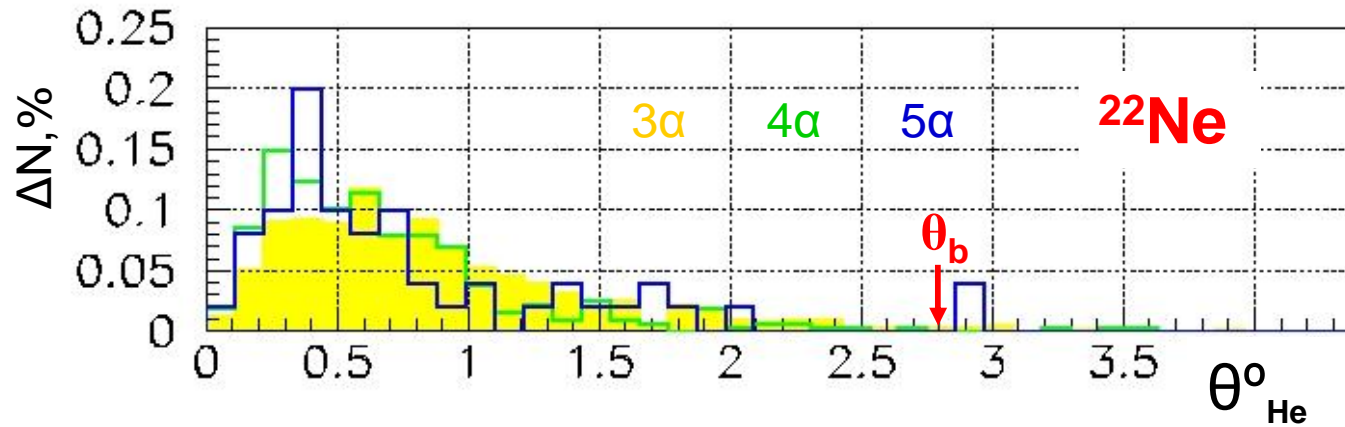
Dependence of average number of projectile fragments  
with  $Z_{fr} = 2$  and  $Z_{fr} \geq 3$  on the projectile charge  $Z_0$ .



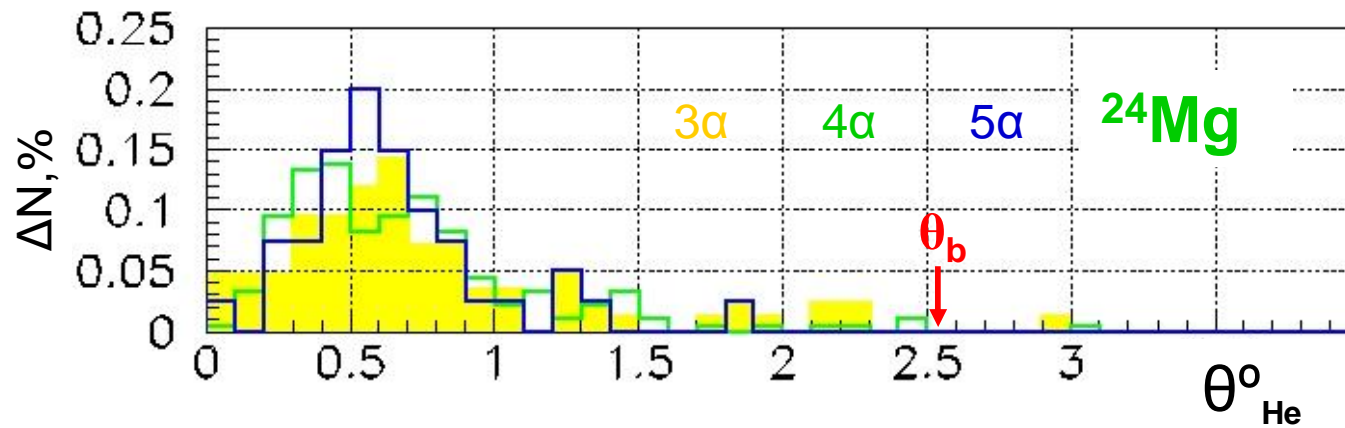
## IV. The angles of He fragments

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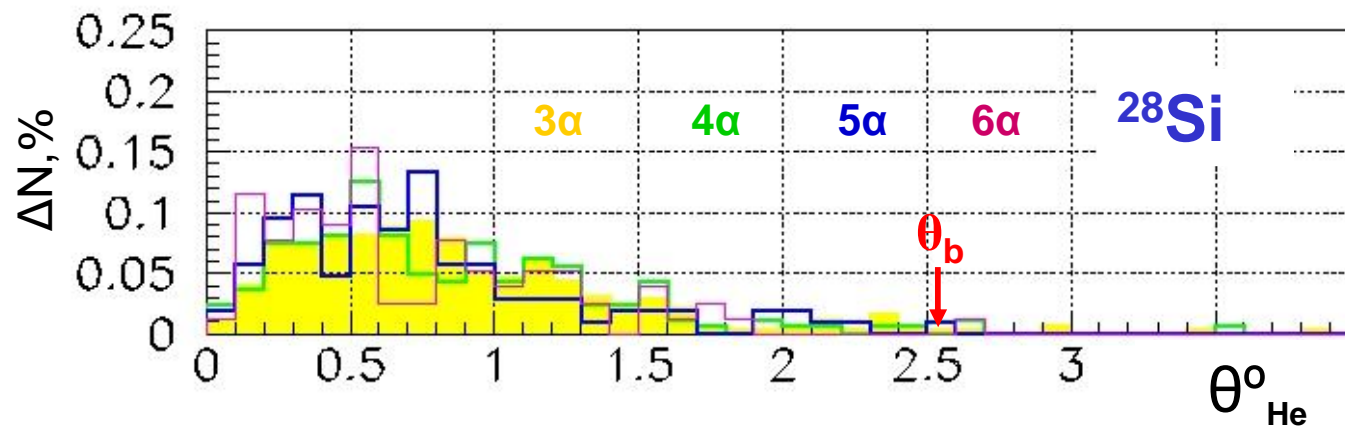




Angular distributions of He fragments

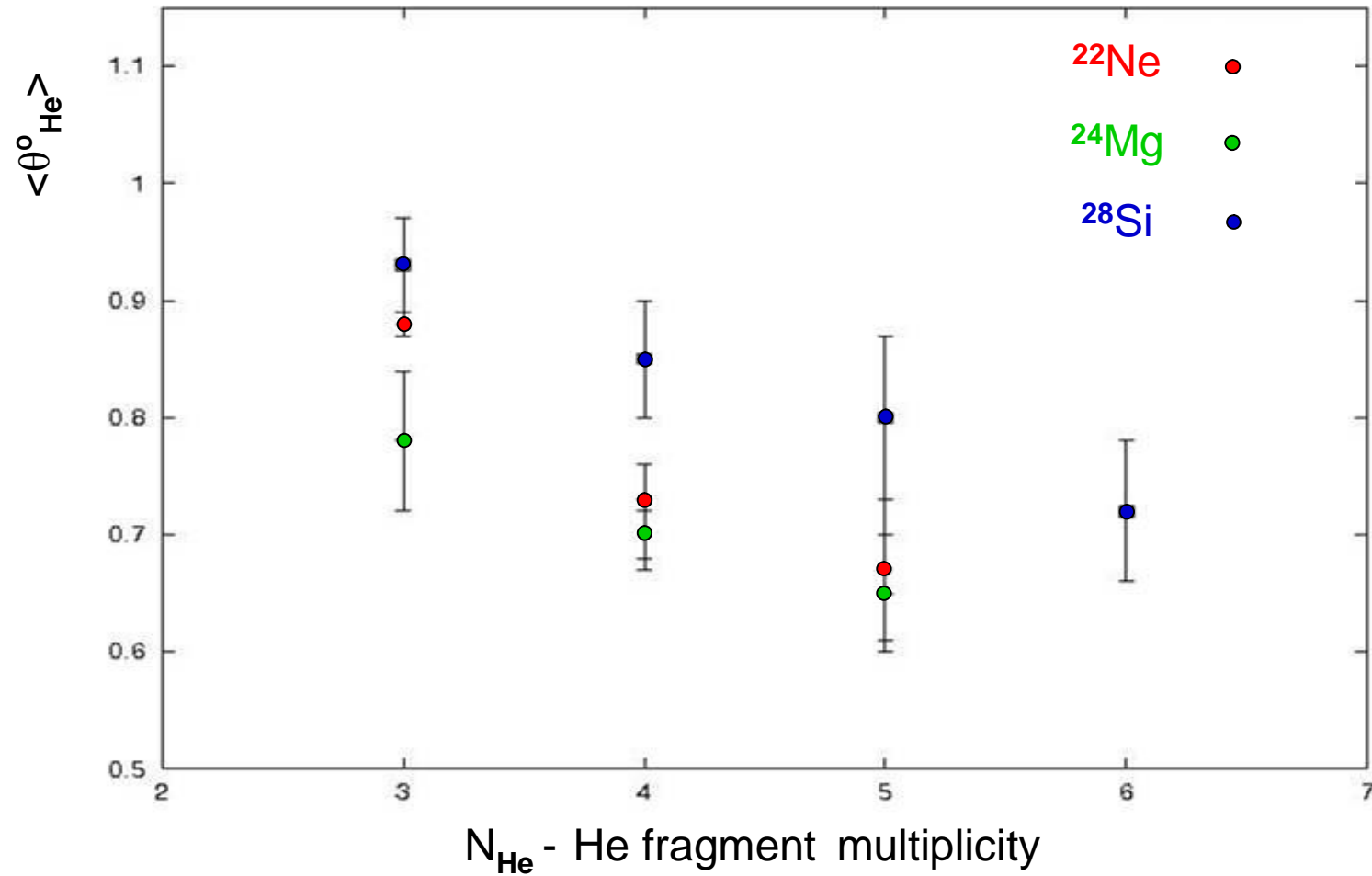


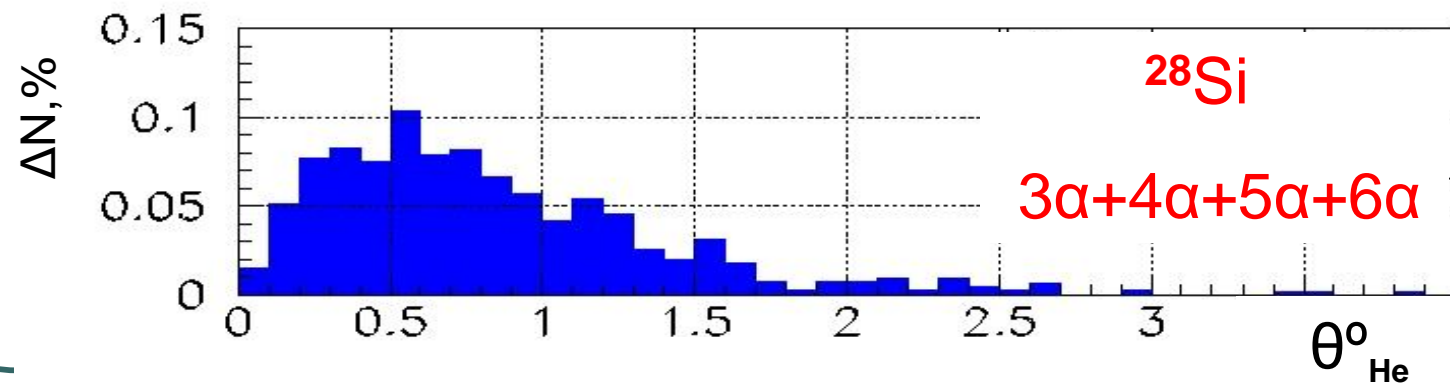
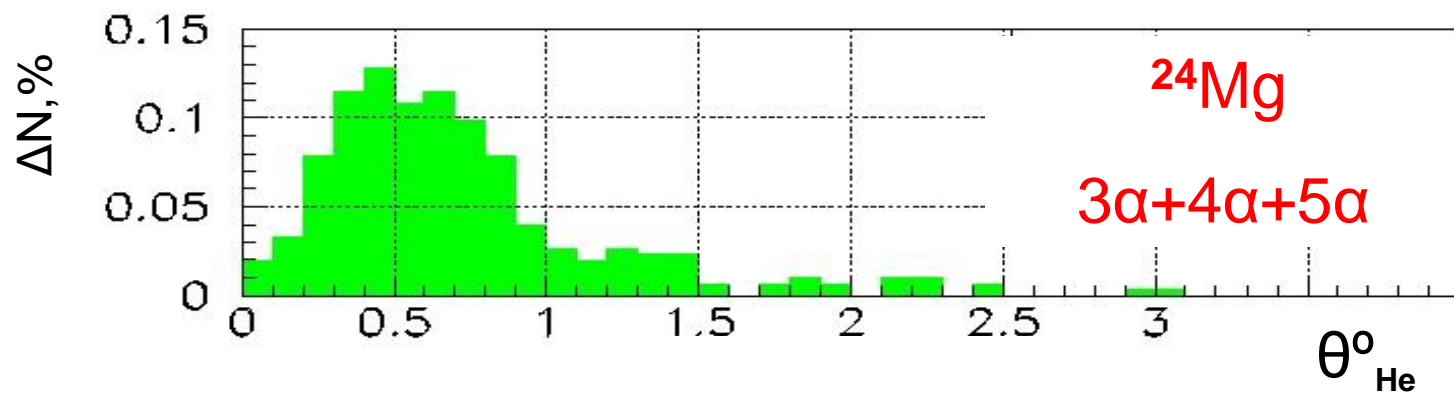
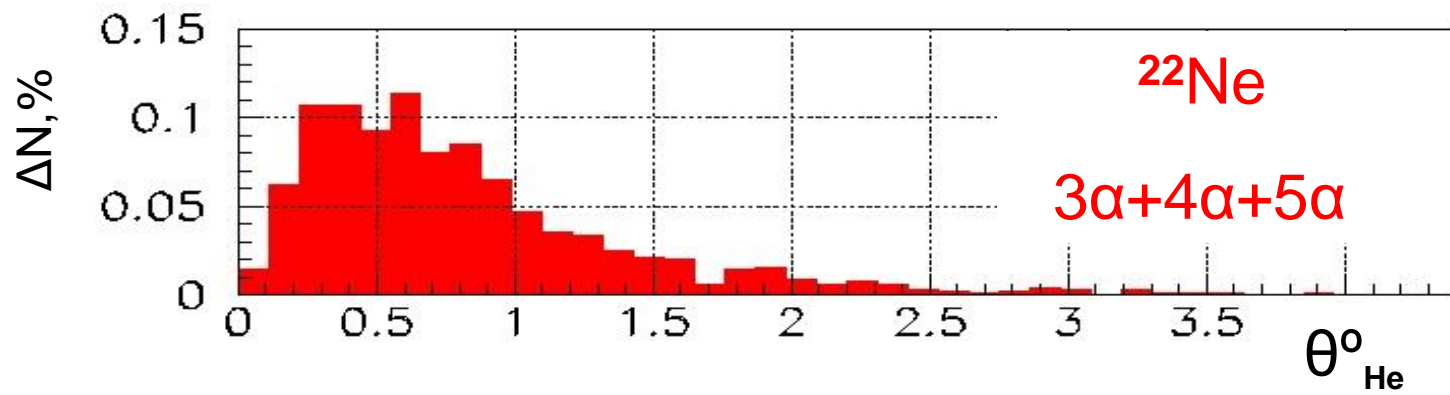
The projectile fragmentation cone is defined by a boundary angle  $\theta_b$ :



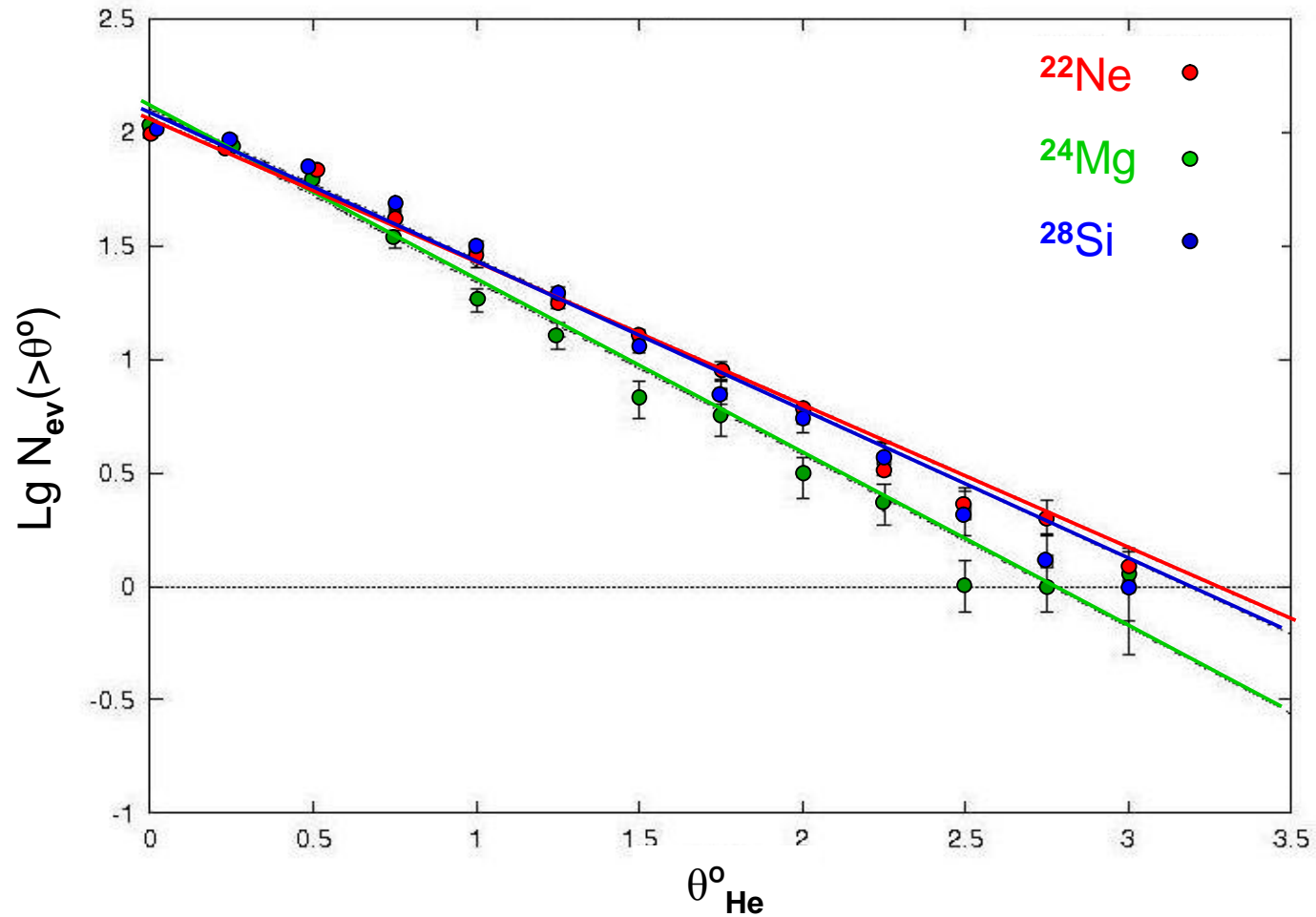
$$\sin \theta_b = 0.2 / P_0 .$$

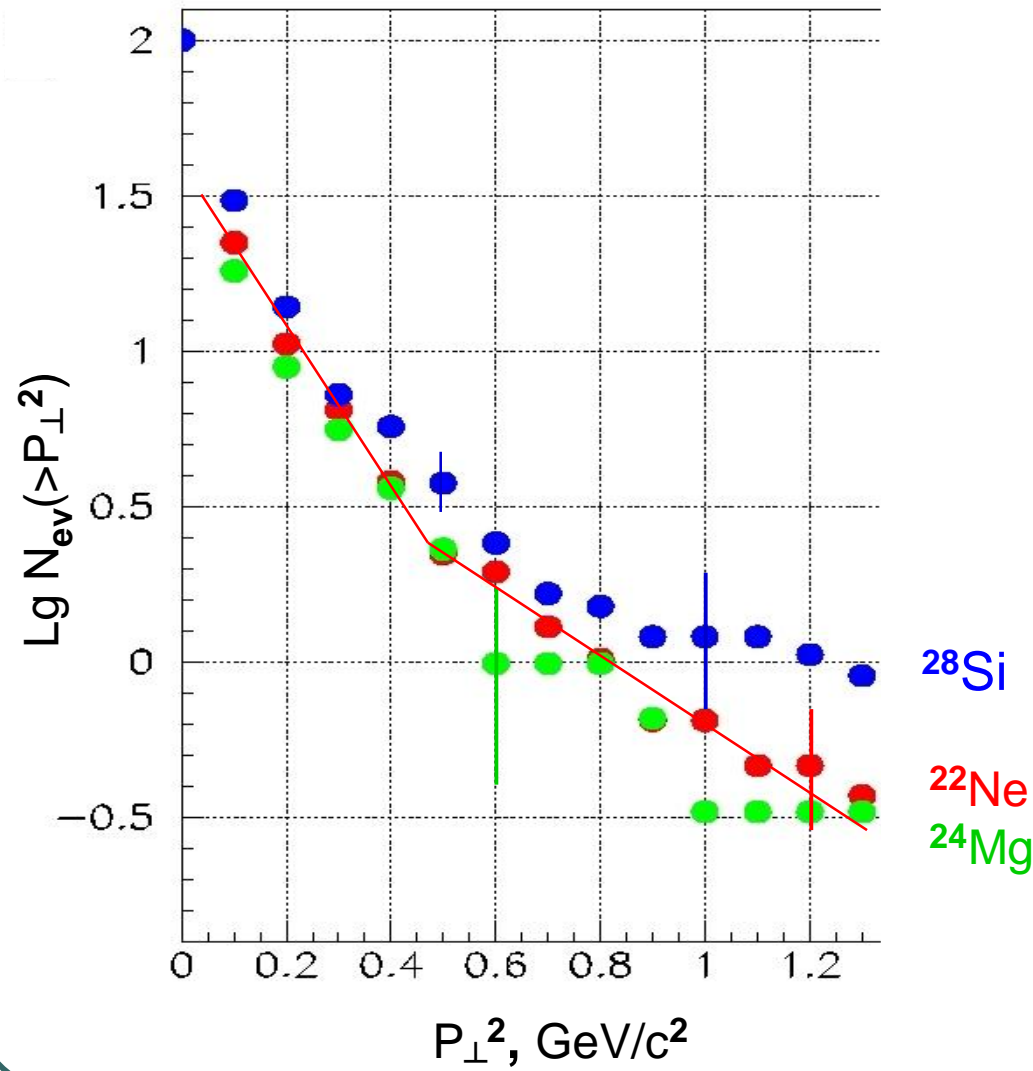
Angles of He fragments decreases with increasing of He fragment multiplicity in collision.





Integral angular spectrum of He fragments may be fitted by a line.





Integral  $P_{\perp}^2$  distributions of He fragments may be fitted by a line with break at  $P_{\perp}^2 \approx (0.5 - 0.6) \text{ GeV}/c^2$ .

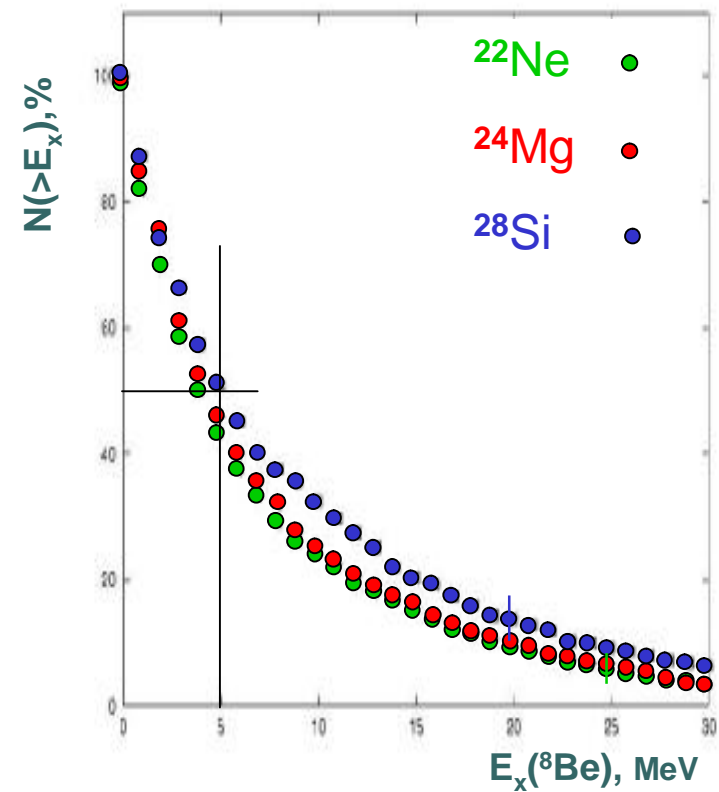
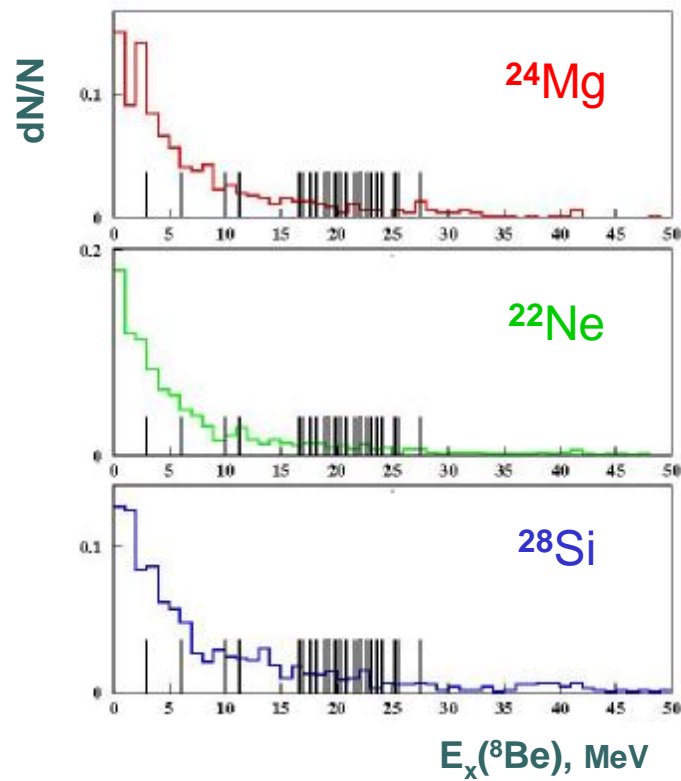
## V. Distributions of the excitation energy

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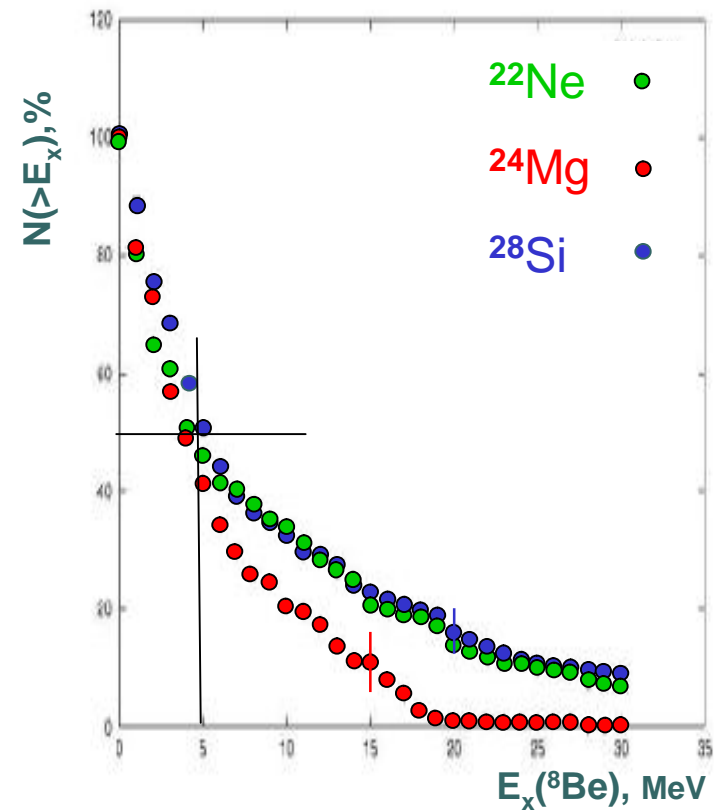
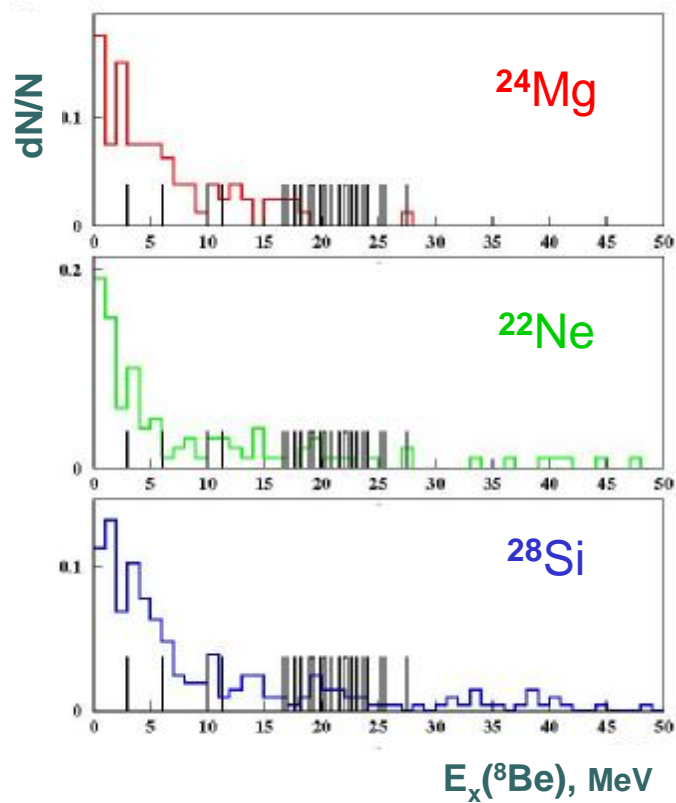
- | The reconstructed excitation energy spectrum for decays  ${}^8\text{Be} \rightarrow 2\text{He}$  and  ${}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow 3\text{He}$  with respects to the ground state of the nuclei  ${}^8\text{Be}$  and  ${}^{12}\text{C}$  have been analyzed.
- | The comparison with the excited levels of the nuclei  ${}^8\text{Be}$  and  ${}^{12}\text{C}$  have been done.



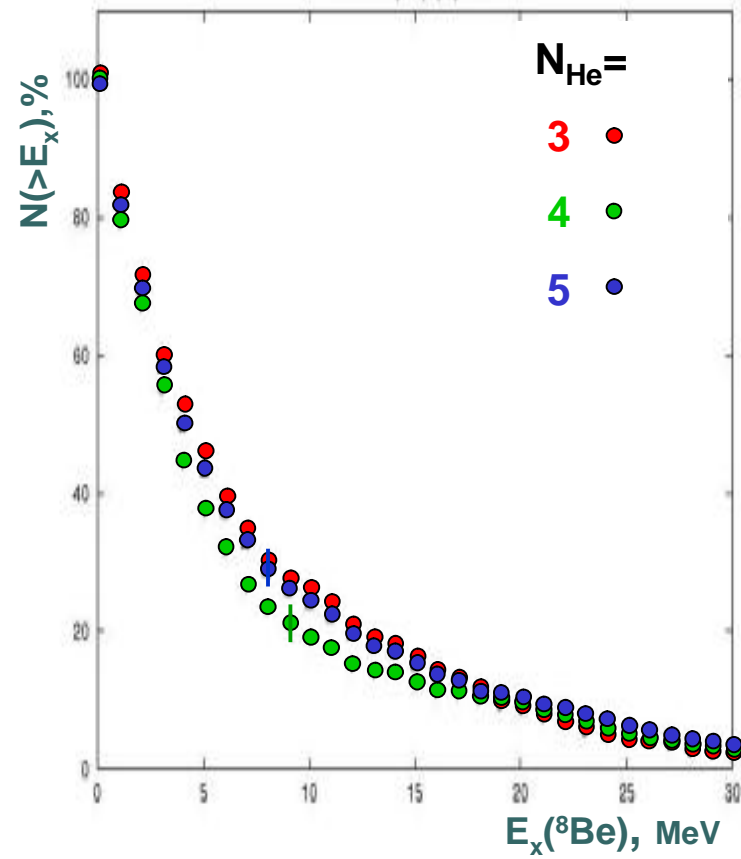
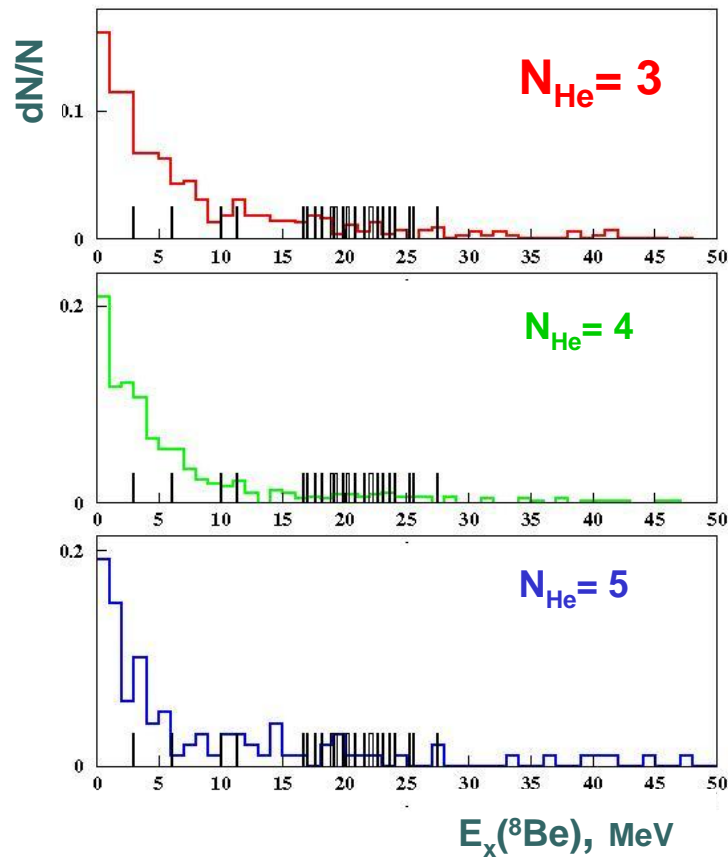
# Excitation energy spectrum for decay ${}^8\text{Be} \rightarrow 2\text{He}$ . Sum of channels with ${}^3\text{He}$ in final state.



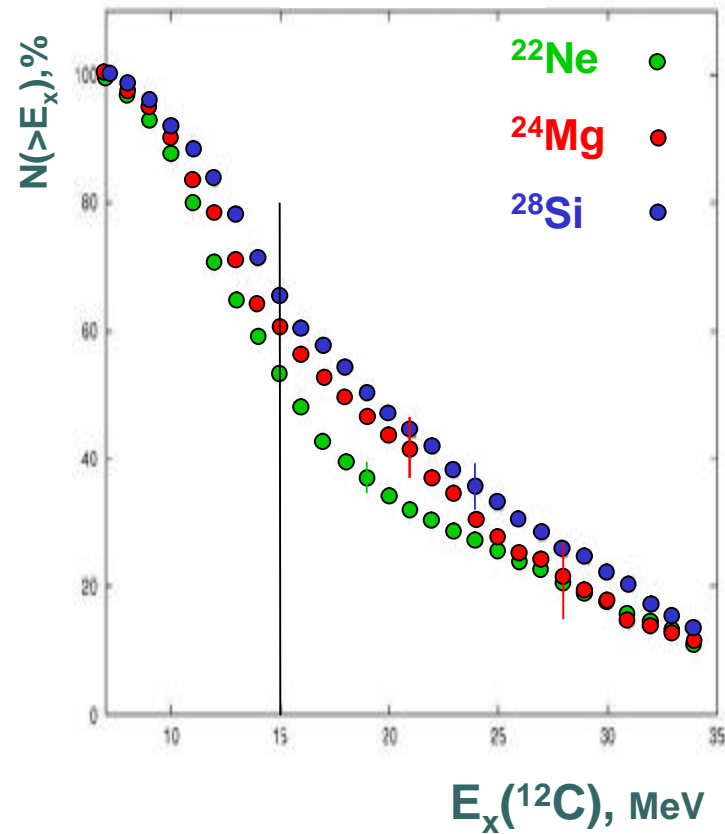
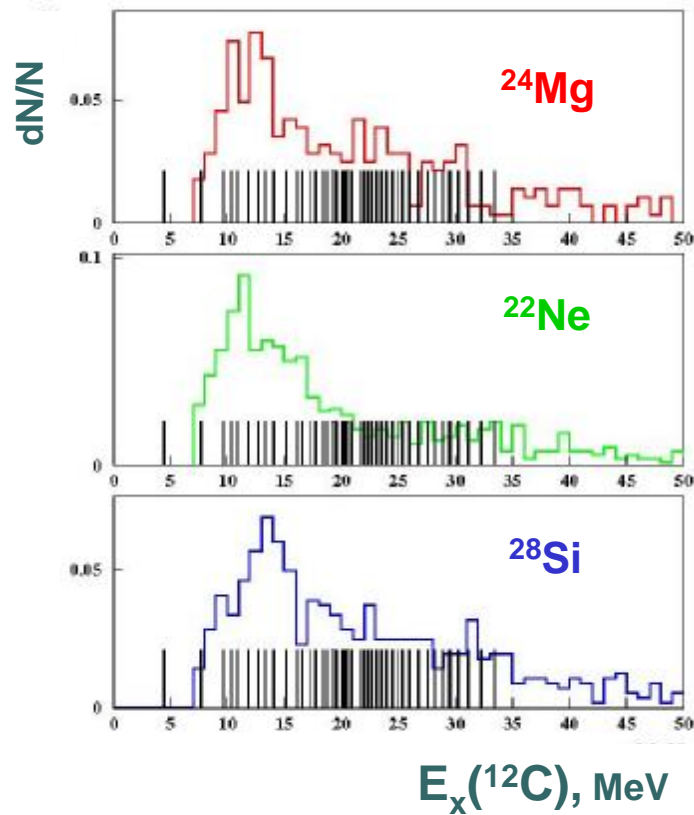
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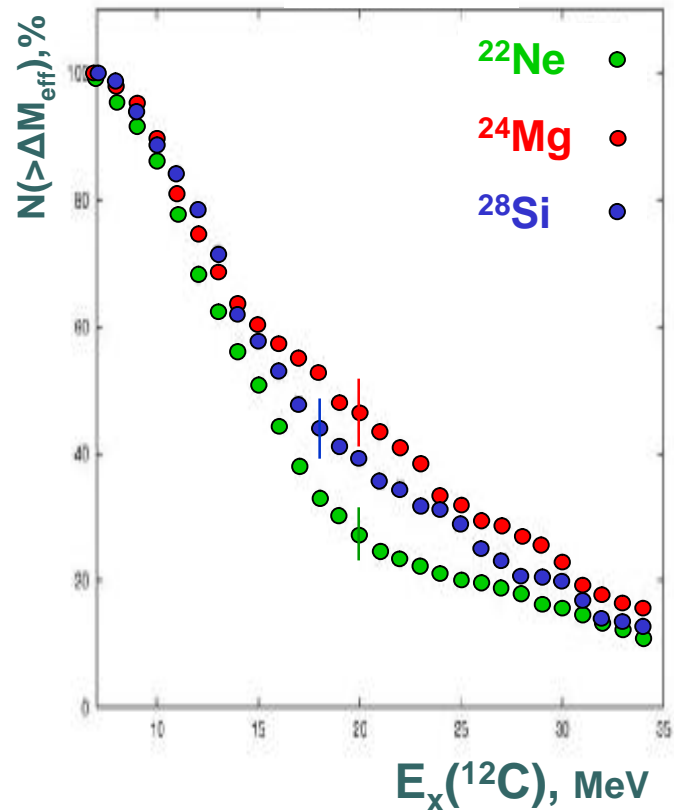
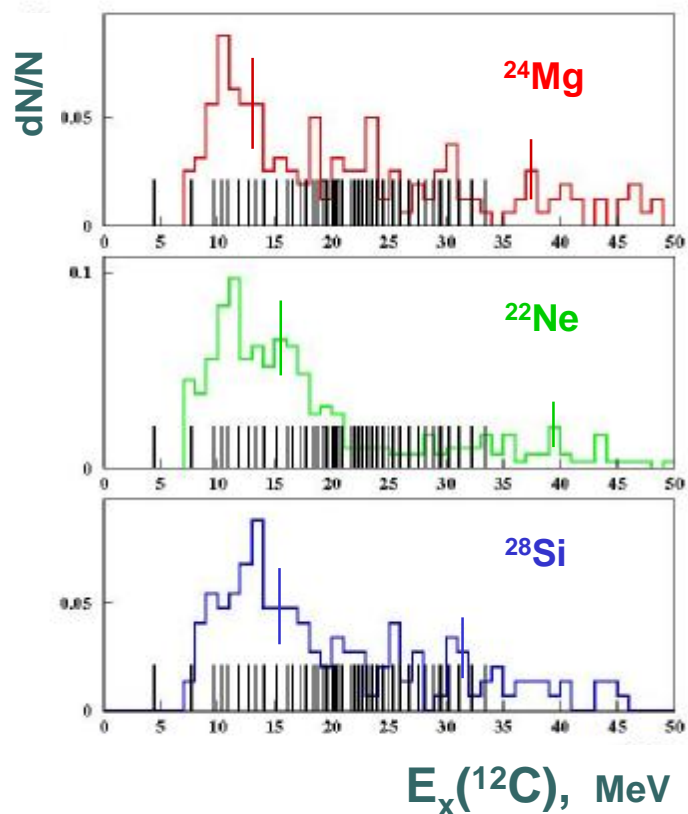
# Excitation energy spectrum for decay ${}^8\text{Be} \rightarrow 2\text{He}$ . Interaction of ${}^{22}\text{Ne}$ at 4.1 A GeV/c.



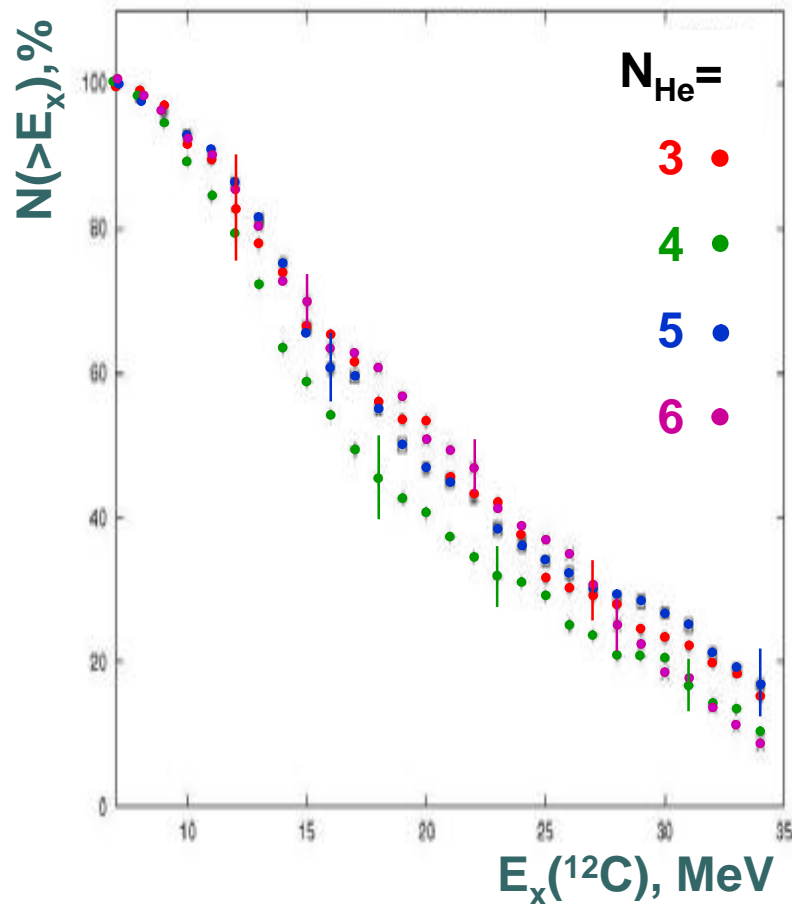
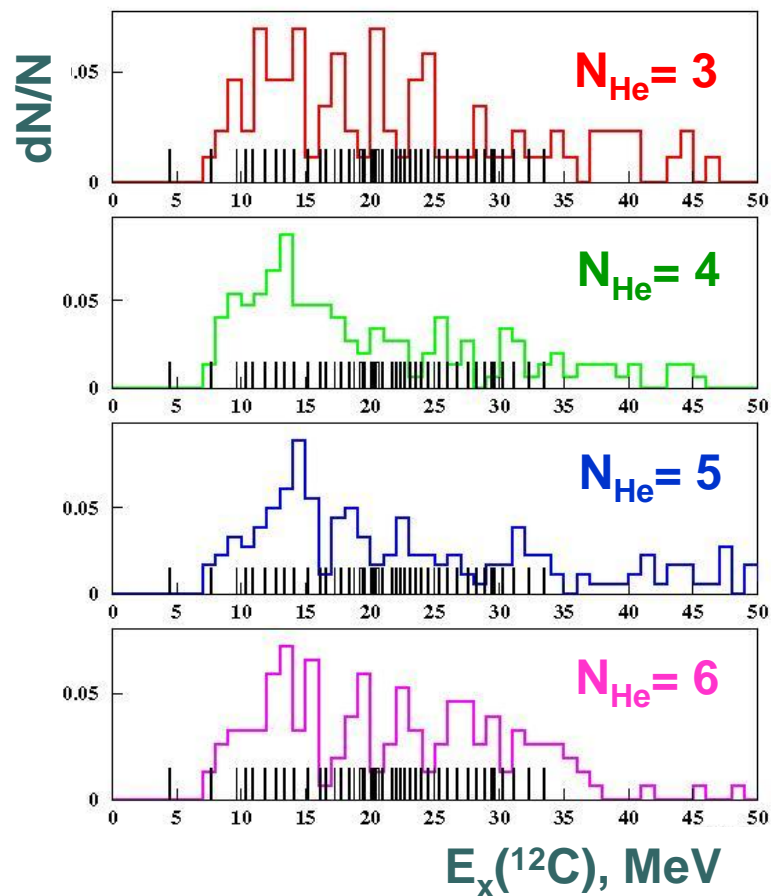
Excitation energy spectrum for decay  $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow 3\text{He}$ .  
Sum of channels with  $^3\text{He}$  in final state.



# Excitation energy spectrum for decay $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow 3\text{He}$ . Channels with $4\alpha$ in final state.



# Excitation energy spectrum for decay $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow 3\text{He}$ . Interaction of $^{28}\text{Si}$ at 4.5 A GeV/c.



## VI. Conclusions.

*Projectile He fragments from peripheral  $^{22}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Mg}$  and  $^{28}\text{Si}$*

*collisions with  $N_{\text{He}} \geq 3$  in final state have the next properties:*

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- Integral multiplicity distribution of He fragments may be fitted by a line with a break at  $N_{\text{He}} = 2$ .
- In the region under investigation average number of He fragments increases with increasing of projectile charge  $Z_0$  as  $N_{\text{He}} = 0.28 + 0.07 \cdot Z_0$ , average number of projectile fragments with  $Z_{\text{fr}} \geq 3$  decreases slowly as  $N_{Z \geq 3} = 1.11 - 0.02 \cdot Z_0$ ;
- Average emission angle of He fragments decrease with increasing of He fragment number in collision.
- Integral angular spectrum of He fragments may be fitted by a line.
- Integral  $P_{\perp}^2$  spectrum of He fragments may be fitted by a line with a break at  $P_{\perp}^2 \approx 0.2 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ .

## **VI. Conclusions.**

### ***Excitation energy.***

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- | For  ${}^8\text{Be} \rightarrow 2\text{He}$  decays in the excitation energy region  $Ex < 15$  MeV there are more than 80% of events.
- | For  ${}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow 3\text{He}$  decays maximum of excitation energy spectra is in the region  $Ex \approx 10-15$  MeV.
- | For  ${}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow 3\text{He}$  decays the excitation energy spectrum shifts to the bigger meanings with increasing of projectile mass; for example, in the region  $Ex > 15$  MeV there are 53, 60 and 66% of events for  ${}^{22}\text{Ne}$ ,  ${}^{24}\text{Mg}$  and  ${}^{28}\text{Si}$  collisions, correspondently.