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## I. Introduction

Since beams have become available at several accelerators, a variety of experimental data of high-energy (HE) heavy-ions (HI) have been accumulated. At the early stage of this field, production of new phases of nuclear matter was speculated on theoretically.<sup>1)</sup> Most of these speculations were based on an expectation that a high-density would be achieved in the early stage of the HE-HI collisions. Several experiments have been performed with the hope of detecting a signal of such new phenomena. Instead of finding exciting phenomena, it was found that ~~search~~<sup>search</sup> for them was not as easy as had been expected.

While struggling to find the new phenomena, experimentalists found that the collision processes even under normal conditions were not well understood yet. Instead, they found that it is very important and interesting to investigate the reaction mechanism itself. In the earliest period, measurements of projectile fragmentation,<sup>2,3)</sup> were performed which gave us the participant-spectator picture of the collision. Fig. 1 shows the rough idea of the last stage of a HI collision. In the coordinate space, the fragments (Fig.1-a), which are the group of nucleons that did not suffer hard collisions, are moving at the same velocity as the incident nucleons. Participants, which are the group of nucleons which mutually interacted, come from the interaction region which might have been in a state of high density and high temperature in an earlier stage of the reaction. In momentum space, (Fig.1-b), which is <sup>the</sup> space observed in the experiment, the fragments are

seen as two peaks at the momentum of the initial nucleons. The participants are distributed in a wide range of momentum showing a broad peak at zero momentum in the center of mass.

Measurements of the participants were at first the single particle ( $\pi, p, d, \dots$ ) inclusive cross sections.<sup>4,5)</sup> The general features of the inclusive cross sections will be discussed in chapter four. A variety of models under different dynamical assumptions gave reasonable fits to the data. They ranged from the complete thermalization of the participant system to the single hard scattering of nucleons. On the other hand, the mean free path of nucleons inside the normal nucleus<sup>6)</sup> is the same order of magnitude as the size of reaction region.<sup>7-9)</sup> Thus it is hard to believe that either of these extreme assumptions in the theories are valid. To understand the dynamics of the reaction especially in the fast stage of the collisions, a more detailed analysis of inclusive cross sections including mass dependence, and beam energy dependence were made. Also, a new generation of experiments including measurements of two-particle correlations and of semi-inclusive cross section have been made. They showed that the reaction mechanism consisted of a mixture of several different mechanisms rather than any single one.

In this talk I would like to summarize our understanding of HE-HI collisions based on experimental data. My aim is mainly to show what has been learned and what are the problems we have to solve experimentally. Thus, theoretical models will be cited solely for understanding the experimental data. In the following two chapters (Ch. II, III) the geometrical aspects of the collisions will be discussed in relation to the total and the

reaction cross sections and to the average multiplicities. General features of the inclusive cross sections will be discussed in chapters IV and V. Several experimental data which have a close relation to the dynamics of the heavy-ion collisions will be discussed in chapter VI. I will not try to cover all the available data in this field. Of course there are plenty of interesting experiments not discussed in this talk. I hope readers refer to the refereces in this paper as well as the summary papers<sup>10)</sup> which appeared elsewhere. My main aim here is to show the overall idea of high energy heavy ion collisions and to give a few interesting (at least for me) directions for the future.

## II. The Total and the Reaction Cross Sections

The total cross sections,  $\sigma_t$ , of nucleus-nucleus reactions as well as the reaction cross sections,  $\sigma_R$ , have been measured by Jaros et al. for many target-projectile combinations at 0.87 GeV/A and 2.1 GeV/A.<sup>11)</sup> The cross sections are well described by the equations,

$$\sigma_t = 144 (A_T^{1/3} + A_P^{1/3} - 1.48)^2 \text{ mb,}$$

$$\text{and } \sigma_R = 78 (A_T^{1/3} + A_P^{1/3} - 1.25)^2 \text{ mb.}$$

The reaction cross sections have also been measured with heavier projectiles ( $\alpha$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{14}\text{N}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$  and  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ ) at energies of 2.1 GeV/A<sup>12,13)</sup> and 0.5-0.2 GeV/A.<sup>14)</sup> A parametrization of reaction cross sections of the form

$$\sigma_R = \pi r_0^2 (A_T^{1/3} + A_P^{1/3} - \Delta)^2, \quad (1)$$

where  $r_0 = 1.29$  fm, was found to be correct to within 10% for all beam and target combinations.<sup>15)</sup> Also,  $\sigma_R$  is found to be independent of beam energy down to 0.15 GeV/A.<sup>14)</sup> Thus the total and the reaction cross sections are quite consistent with the geometrical cross sections with diffused surface reflected by  $\Delta$  in the equation.

The total cross sections are also understood reasonably well by microscopic calculations. Fig.2 shows a calculation based on Glauber theory for collisions of identical nuclei.<sup>11)</sup> As can be seen, the fit to the data is satisfactory. Another type of microscopic calculation based on nucleon-nucleon cross sections has been made for  $p + \text{Nucleus}$  and  $n + \text{Nucleus}$  reactions by DiGiacomo et al.<sup>16)</sup> When they take the effects of the real nuclear potential, the Coulomb potential, Pauli blocking, and Fermi motion into account, the calculations reproduce the experimental data  $\sigma_R$  for projectile energies from 15 MeV through 1 GeV. Their calculations as well as the experimental data are shown in Fig. 3. The calculations also reproduce the energy independence of the cross sections from 100 MeV to 1 GeV. It is interesting to see whether this approach can reproduce the experimental data on nucleus-nucleus collisions as well.

In summary, the nucleus-nucleus total and reaction cross sections are well described by the geometrical size of the colliding nuclei. The cross sections are also understood by microscopic calculations. This is basically a reflection of the fact that nuclei are thick enough for incident nucleons to make at least one scattering with nucleons inside the target over most of the overlapping region.

The excitation functions of the cross sections have not been measured in fine steps of projectile energy. It is very interesting to search for an anomaly in the total and the reaction cross sections in the future.

### III. Average Multiplicities

The charged particle multiplicity gives additional information about the geometrical aspect of HI collisions. In the geometrical (participant-spectator) model the average number of participant protons ( $N_p$ ) are calculated as

$$N_p = (Z_p A_T^{2/3} + Z_T A_p^{2/3}) / (A_p^{1/3} + A_T^{1/3})^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $Z_p$  ( $Z_T$ ) and  $A_p$  ( $A_T$ ) are the atomic and the mass number of the projectile (target), respectively. Experimentally the charged particle multiplicity, or the number of charged participants, was obtained from the integration of the inclusive cross sections of charged particles.

In Fig. 4 the comparison of the experimental data to Eq.2 is shown. Good agreement between the participant-spectator model and the data is seen over a wide range of projectile and target combinations. Therefore, it indicates that the number of nucleons involved in the collisions is mainly determined by the geometry of the collision.

Slight deviations from the geometrical estimations are seen in the energy dependence. The observed multiplicities of asymmetric combinations (Ne+Cu and Ne+Pb) are larger for higher incident energy. An interesting analysis was done in this regard by Gutbrod et al.<sup>17)</sup>. They showed (see Fig.5) that

the average associated multiplicity scaled with the kinetic energy of the projectile for all types of projectiles. Where 'associated' means that the multiplicity measured when a proton (deuteron or trisium) with energy between 40 and 200 MeV was detected at  $90^\circ$  in the laboratory. In Fig. 6, our data are plotted against the total kinetic energy of the projectile for a lead target. Our data are also consistent with a scaling with total projectile kinetic energy.

These data suggest that the total energy, independent of projectile size, is of most importance in determining the multiplicity. This energy dependence is puzzling because we know that the geometrical model is reasonably good for explaining several different features such as the total and the reaction cross sections and the projectile fragmentation (see following chapter) in this energy region. Unfortunately we have no good answer for this problem now.

The energy dependence of the multiplicity is related to the nuclear stopping power and the transverse communication during the collision processes. It is thus very interesting as a future experiment to measure the energy dependence of the multiplicity in a systematic way.

#### IV. Overlook of Inclusive Spectra

Fig. 7 shows a sketch of the inclusive proton spectrum in a heavy ion collision. Two distinct regions can be seen in the spectrum. One is the fragment region seen as sharp peaks near the projectile and target rapidities (see Fig. 7-c). Particles emitted without violent N-N collisions are concentrated in this region. The other is the participant region. Participant



nucleons which undergo at least one violent collision are distributed over a wide kinematical range. The exponential behavior of the spectrum (see Fig. 7-b) is a typical feature. The cross section is not isotropic but shows forward and backward peaking.

Fig. 8 shows an inclusive pion spectrum. Because pions must be produced in the collision no fragmentation peak is expected. At large  $P_T$  the pion spectrum also shows an exponential behavior as protons. In the low  $P_T$  region the pion spectrum differs from that of protons. One is a peak (dip) seen in the  $\pi^- (\pi^+)$  spectrum at beam rapidity and the other is a  $90^\circ$  enhancement of the  $\pi^+$  spectrum. These spectral shapes are reasonably well explained by the Coulomb interactions of pions with nuclear fragments. Fig. 9 shows a model calculation of the Coulomb effect for  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  (18). A peak (dip) of the  $\pi^- (\pi^+)$  spectrum at beam rapidity is reproduced very well by the calculations. Actual fitting to the data is shown in Fig. 8-b.

The enhancement of the  $\pi^+$  spectrum at  $90^\circ$  is also qualitatively reproduced by the same calculation. However, other possible mechanisms for the  $90^\circ$  enhancement such as hydrodynamical flow or  $\Delta$ - $\Delta$  contributions<sup>19)</sup> are not excluded. A most crucial point is the measurement of the  $\pi^-$  spectrum in this region because  $\pi^-$  will be enhanced by these effect in contrast to the Coulomb effect by which  $\pi^-$  is suppressed. Unfortunately no systematic measurements has been reported so far.

Now we take a little more detailed look at each region of the reactions.

## V. Fragmentation Region

The process of fragmentation is generally separated into two stages. One is the abrasion stage, in which the incident nucleus reacts with the target nucleus and produces spectators and the participant. The other is the ablation stage in which the slightly excited nuclear fragments de-excite by emitting several particles. The ablation stage can be treated by the method of conventional low energy nuclear physics.

Fig.10-a shows the longitudinal momentum ( $P_{\parallel}$ ) dependence of  $^{10}\text{B}$  fragment from  $^{12}\text{C}$  at 2.1 GeV/A in the projectile rest frame <sup>20)</sup>. The spectrum is well described by a Gaussian with an rms width,  $\sigma(P_{\parallel})$ , and mean value ( $P_{\parallel}$ ). The rms widths,  $\sigma(P_{\parallel})$  and  $\sigma(P_{\perp})$ , are equal within 10%. The general trend of  $\sigma(P_{\parallel})$  for different fragments is reproduced by

the expression  $\sigma(P) = 2\sigma_0 \left[ \frac{A_F}{A_P} \left( 1 - \frac{A_F}{A_P} \right) \right]^{1/2}$  where  $A_F$  and  $A_P$  are the masses of the fragment and the projectile, respectively. The dependence of  $\sigma(P_{\parallel})$  on fragment mass is explained by several models<sup>20-23)</sup>.

Fig.8-c shows the production cross sections for different mass nuclei,<sup>24)</sup> a strong dip at mass number eight shows the importance of the ablation stage of the reaction. On the other hand the sum of the masses of the projectile fragments should be independent of ablation and depend only on the abrasion mechanism. Such a measurement was reported recently by Stevenson et al.<sup>25)</sup> Fig.8-b shows the summed mass distributions of the projectile fragments in  $^{20}\text{Ne}+\text{C}$  and  $^{20}\text{Ne} + \text{Mo}$  reactions. The two Spectra show big differences at

small mass ( $A \leq 10$ ). This trend can be understood reasonably well by the effect of the size difference. In the  $^{20}\text{Ne} + \text{C}$  case, the projectile, ( $^{20}\text{Ne}$ ), is larger than the target, ( $^{12}\text{C}$ ). Therefore there will always be a non-overlapping part in the projectile for all impact parameters. Thus fragments with very small mass are not expected. On the other hand in the  $\text{Ne} + \text{Mo}$  case, the projectile is smaller than the target nucleus. No fragment is expected when the impact parameter is smaller than a certain value and thus small mass fragments are enhanced. Curves in the figure show the model calculation of abrasion in which the portion of the projectile nucleus that misses the target sphere forms the projectile residue. The success of the model indicates the validity of the geometrical aspect of the collision in the fragmentation processes.

Combining these results with the information on total cross section and the total reaction cross section we can conclude <sup>the</sup> that HE-HI reaction occurs in the overlap region of the projectile and target. This conclusion has been tested by measuring the number of participants for various reactions as discussed in chapter III.

Because nuclei have diffused surfaces, a collision with an impact parameter approximately equal to the nuclear radius should show some transparency. However a detailed study of this subject has not been done yet.

Before finishing this chapter, I would like to show a good application of fragmentation in investigating the internal momentum distribution of nucleons. Fig. 11 shows the  $P_T$  and  $P$  distributions of  $^3\text{He}$  and  $^3\text{H}$  fragments in  $^4\text{He} + \text{C}$  reactions. Theoretical calculations including the three

processes shown in Fig. 11-a were done by Fujita and Hüfner.<sup>26)</sup> They found that the  $P_{\parallel}$  distribution is mainly governed by the SP process (Fig. 11-c). This means that the momentum distribution of  ${}^3\text{He}$  (or  ${}^3\text{H}$ ) inside  ${}^4\text{He}$  is directly reflected in the  $P_{\parallel}$  spectrum. In other words the  $P_{\parallel}$  spectrum gives direct information on the momentum distribution of  ${}^3\text{He}$  (or  $p$  in turn) inside  ${}^4\text{He}$ . The deviation of the calculated curve (solid line in Fig. 11-c) suggests the existence of a long non-Gaussian momentum tail.

## VI. Space and Time Structure of the Collisions

So far we have discussed mainly the geometrical aspect of the HE HI reactions and fragmentations. From now on our discussion will be restricted to the physics of the participant. First, the space and the time structure of the collisions will be discussed in this chapter. The dynamical aspects of the collisions will be discussed in the following chapter.

It is very interesting to know how reactions develop and how particle emission occurs. Unfortunately we have no experimental method to follow the time sequence of the reaction. However, several methods to determine the average time of the reaction and the freeze-out volume can be applied. The freeze-out volume is defined as the volume of the participant region when the participant nucleons no longer interact significantly with each other. Three methods will be discussed. They are measurements of

- i) the cross section of composite particles,
- ii) the two-proton correlation function at small relative momentum, and

iii) the two-pion correlation function at small relative momentum.

Let us start the discussion from the inclusive cross section of composite particles. An interesting relation was found between the composite particle spectrum and the proton spectrum. The two spectra are related by

$$E_A \frac{d^3\sigma_A(\vec{P}_A)}{d\vec{P}_A} = C \left( E_P \frac{d^3\sigma_P}{d\vec{P}_P} \right)^A .$$

$$\vec{P}_A = A\vec{P}_P$$

where C is a constant which may differ for different combinations of projectile and target. An example is shown in Fig.12-a, in which the deuteron inclusive spectra (solid circles) are plotted along with the square of the proton spectra (open circles). In the frame work of the thermal model the constant C is related to the freeze-out radius.<sup>7,27)</sup> Here I show only the results of analysis. The constant C was found to be independent of beam energy between 400 MeV/A and 2.1 GeV/A. The obtained radii, R, are tabulated in Table I.

Basically the deuteron spectra result from the final state interaction between a proton and a neutron. The final state interactions between two protons also affect the spectra. In this case, correlations appear only between protons of small relative momentum since no bound state of two protons exists. Three types of interactions are involved between protons. They are Coulomb interactions, strong interactions and exchange interactions due to the fermion nature of the proton.

The correlation function (R) is defined as

$$R(|P_1 - P_2|) = \left[ \frac{d^4\sigma}{dP_1 dP_2} / \frac{1}{\sigma_R} \frac{\langle n(n-1) \rangle}{\langle n \rangle^2} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dE_1} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dP_2} \right] - 1 \quad (3)$$

The experimental data are shown in Fig.12-b along with calculated curves using a Gaussian shape source with rms radii  $r_0=2,3$  and  $4 \text{ fm}^9$ ).

An interesting fact observed here is that the apparent sizes are different depending on the kinematics of the observed protons. The reaction size looks larger when protons are observed near beam rapidity ( $Y_B$ ) ( $P_T=0.2-0.4 \text{ GeV/c}$ ) than when they are observed at intermediate rapidity ( $Y_B/2$ ). This tendency can qualitatively be understood because protons from the projectile fragments as well as the participant protons are included near beam rapidity. In the region of intermediate rapidity, on the other hand, only participant protons contribute. Thus the apparent reaction volume can be larger at the beam rapidity.

The third method is interferometry based on the Hanbury Brown-Twiss effect of two like pions. The enhancement of events with two like-pions small relative momentum is expected. The correlation function of eq.(3) gives the mean separation of pions in space and time. Fig.12-c shows the observed correlation in two axes namely the time and the space axes which are conjugate to the energy and the momentum of the measured pions, respectively.<sup>28,29)</sup> Curves in the Figure are the theoretical fit to the data with  $R=1.7 \text{ fm}$  and  $ct=3.21 \text{ fm}$ .<sup>30,31)</sup>

Table 1 summarizes the interaction radii and the reaction times obtained by these three methods. The obtained size of the reaction region ranges from 2 to 4 fm and to lowest order agrees with the size of the overlapping region of two colliding nuclei . However the meaning of the term 'size' used here is not perfectly clear.

To determine the reaction radius, we need at least two important assumptions. One is the distribution function of the source itself. Depending on the choice of the spacial shape of the emitting source, for example Gaussian or, exponential or even anisotropic, the determined radius varies on the order of 1 fm.

Also because the reaction size is generally different for different impact parameters further complications arise through the need to treat the average size. In the two-proton correlation experiment, the apparent size depends on where the two protons are detected ( $Y_B$  or  $Y_B/2$ ). However no such difference was observed in the analysis of deuteron production. A slight difference in the observation angles between the proton and deuteron experiments may be one of the reason. But this is not yet clear. Hence it is necessary to clarify the situation.

Another point is that the final state interaction itself also introduces problems. Corrections for the Coulomb interactions between two particles are not difficult but the Coulomb interactions between the observed particles and the remaining system constitute essentially a many body problem which is difficult to solve.

Moreover, especially in deuteron production, the mechanism of production is not well known. Several models such as thermal, sudden approximation, and time-dependent perturbation gives different relationships between the observed spectrum and the reaction radius.<sup>32)</sup> Thus we need a further theoretical study to get more detailed information on the reaction size.

On the experimental side the data is mostly impact-parameter averaged. The separation of data for different impact parameters will certainly simplify the problems. Measurements have been reported with an impact parameter bias for both  $2p$  and  $2\pi$  correlations. For high-multiplicity events (small impact parameter), the  $2p$  experiment<sup>29)</sup> showed a smaller volume than the impact parameter averaged data while the  $2\pi$  experiment reported a larger volume.<sup>29)</sup> At this moment we have no idea what is the main source of this discrepancy. Further detailed experimental as well as theoretical studies are desirable.

## VI. Dynamics of the Collision

### i) Inclusive Spectra

So far I have shown data mainly related to the bulk properties of the collisions: the total reaction cross sections, the average multiplicities, the fragmentations of the nuclei, and the space and the time structure of the reactions. We have learned that the geometrical aspect of the collision, the participant spectator separation, was found to be reasonable as



a basic concept. We now look at the spectra in more detail to obtain an insight into the dynamics of the collisions.

The single particle inclusive cross sections of  $\pi, n, p, d, t, \dots$  were measured by several groups<sup>4-9, 33-34</sup>). Many theoretical models: the hard scattering models<sup>35, 36</sup>), linear cascade models,<sup>37, 38</sup>) three dimensional cascade<sup>39, 40</sup>), the transport theoretical models,<sup>41</sup>) the classical equation of motion<sup>42, 43</sup>), the statistical models,<sup>44, 45</sup>) the collective tube models,<sup>41, 42</sup>) thermal models,<sup>27, 48</sup>) hydrodynamical models,<sup>49-52</sup>) were proposed. Most of them explain the inclusive cross sections reasonably well.

It is obvious that some of the basic dynamical assumptions of these models mutually contradict. Then, why can these models explain the experimental data? Our understanding now is that the agreement is due to the geometrical aspect of the models rather than their dynamical assumptions. Integration of the inclusive cross section over the momentum gives,

$$\int E \frac{d^3\sigma}{d\vec{P}} \cdot \frac{d\vec{P}}{E} = \langle m \rangle \sigma_R$$

where  $\sigma_R$  is the reaction cross section and  $\langle m \rangle$  the average multiplicity of the particle. As already discussed in the previous chapters, the reaction cross sections as well as the average multiplicity are mainly determined by the geometry of the collision. Thus any models with the participant-spectator picture of the reaction built in gives a reasonable size for the cross section. The shapes of both momentum and angular distributions should also be fit by the models. However each model has its own set of parameters to describe these

distributions. The temperature (or freeze-out density) is the one for thermal models and the effective Fermi momentum distribution is the one for the hard scattering model. Therefore the agreement to the data is not really a test of the models of which I believe the dynamical concept is meaningful to separate one to the other. The fitting of the inclusive cross sections to a factor of two or so does not prove more than the validity of the geometrical concept.

To investigate the dynamics of the collisions we have to either rely on the details of the spectra such as mass dependences, angular distributions, and energy dependences or perform different kinds of measurements such as semi-inclusive cross sections and particle correlations. In the sections below we will investigate these items one by one and try to learn what they are telling us.

#### a) Angular Distributions

The angular distributions of protons and pions in the c.m. frame are shown in Fig.13. Ratios of the cross sections at  $30^\circ$  in the c.m. and at  $90^\circ$  are plotted as a function of c.m. energy. For protons, strong forward and backward peaking is observed (the angular distribution is symmetric along  $90^\circ$  for collisions of same mass nuclei) specially at high energy. For pions, the anisotropy shows a maximum at around 150 MeV. At lower energy Chiba et al.<sup>53,54)</sup> and Wolf et al.<sup>55)</sup> found that the angular distribution is almost isotropic even showing a slight enhancement at  $90^\circ$ . Their data at energies around 150 MeV were consistent with our data showing forward-backward peaking. At a beam energy of 800 MeV/A a similar behavior was observed for C+C and Ne +NaF,<sup>35)</sup> reactions.

These features can not be explained by any conventional theoretical model. For example the firestresk model<sup>48)</sup> and the hard-scattering model<sup>35)</sup> both predict too large anisotropies for high-energy protons. For high-energy pions the firestreak model predicts a too small anisotropy while the hard-scattering model predicts a too large one. Neither of the models explain the maximum of the anisotropy at 150 MeV in pions. Naively, 150 MeV corresponds to the energy of pions emitted from  $\Delta$  decay. It is therefore very difficult to understand why the hard scattering model can not predict the maximum.

#### b) Mass Dependences of the Cross section

Let me show mass dependences of the inclusive cross sections in different kinematical regions. The mass dependence of the cross sections for collisions of identical nuclei are well described by the form  $d\sigma/dp d\Omega \propto A^\alpha$ , where  $A$  is the mass number of the projectile and target. The fitted values of  $\alpha$  are plotted in Fig. 14 as a function of momentum. At a forward angle ( $15^\circ$ )  $\alpha$  is close to the geometrical value (5/3) excepted at very high momentum, thus indicating the importance of single scattering.

On the other hand  $\alpha$  is much larger at large scattering angle, say at  $90^\circ$ , in the c.m.. The factor  $\alpha$  is more than 2.5 at the highest energy, that is stronger than an  $A_T A_P$  dependence, and no saturation is seen yet. This strong mass dependence suggests that multiple scattering or some collective behavior of nucleons is taking place. Pions show almost the

same behavior as shown in Fig. 12b at  $90^\circ$  in the c.m.. The reason why pion and proton have the same dependence on the c.m. kinetic energy is not understood. However the similarity is too strong to say it is a mere coincidence.

### c) Slope Factor of Energy Spectra

Inclusive cross sections of light particles show an exponential behavior at  $90^\circ$  in the N-N c.m. frame

$$\frac{1}{P} \frac{d\sigma}{dE d\Omega} \propto e^{-E/E_0}$$

The slope factor  $E_0$  is plotted against the c.m. beam energy in Fig. 15. In general,  $E_0$  increase monotonically with beam energy. The value of  $E_0$  saturates at c.m. beam energies higher than 1 GeV. The limiting value of  $E_0$  is about 140 MeV. The slope factor of the particle spectra in p-p collisions also shows a limiting behavior with similar values for  $E_0$ , 150 MeV.<sup>56)</sup> Since the limiting value is so similar for the two cases the mechanism which produces the slope is probably the same.

Two curves in the figure show the predictions of two theoretical models. One is the hard scattering calculation which is a model of the extreme single nucleon-nucleon type. The slope factor is determined mainly by the momentum distribution of the nucleons in the projectile and the target. The effective momentum distribution was selected so as to fit the cross section at 800 MeV. By this calculation, the slope factor is limited at much lower energies than it is in the data.

The other curve shows the opposite extreme, namely the thermal model.<sup>27)</sup> This model includes the freeze-out density, ( $\rho$ ), as a parameter, as seen in the equation below.

$$E_B^*/A = \frac{3}{2} T + 2.28 \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} \left( \frac{T}{m_\pi c^2} \right)^{3/2} m_\pi c^2$$

where  $E_B^*/A$  is the center of mass energy per nucleon,  $\rho_0$  and  $T$  are the normal nucleon density and temperature of the thermalized system, respectively. The temperature, which corresponds to the slope factor of the spectrum, can not uniquely be determined from this equation only. The model, however, also predicts the ratio of the number of pions to the number of nucleons ( $Z$ ) as,

$$\pi^-/Z = 0.46 (\rho/\rho_0) (T/m_\pi c^2).$$

From these two equations we can get a direct relation between  $\pi^-/Z$  and  $T$  independent of  $\rho/\rho_0$ . Curves in the figure are drawn using the experimental values for  $\pi^-/Z$ .<sup>4)</sup> This curve shows saturation at a higher energy than the data. This thermal model doesn't include the baryon spectra. It is reasonable that the inclusion of heavier baryons makes the temperature lower and causes saturation at a lower energy.

In fact a calculation based on nuclear matter suggests that the energy dependence of the slope factor is determined by the baryon mass spectrum.<sup>57)</sup> If multiple collision processes dominate in the high  $P_T$  region, this idea would be an interesting suggestion containing a possibility of detecting nuclear matter consisting of many baryons. However the theoretical calculations are not yet done at a level to compare with the data.

## ii) Two Particle Correlations

Measurements of two-particle correlations have been made between light particles<sup>58)</sup> and between light and heavy particles.<sup>17)</sup> Here I show two interesting examples which show different features of heavy ion collisions. In one experiment<sup>58)</sup> a coplaner type correlation function  $C(\theta, P)$ ,

$$C(\theta, P) = \frac{2 \cdot (S(\theta, P) \cdot R) / R}{(S(\theta, P) \cdot U) / U + (S(\theta, P) \cdot D) / D}$$

are measured. Where  $(S(\theta, P) \cdot R)$  ( $S(\theta, P) \cdot U$  or  $(S(\theta, P) \cdot D)$ ) indicates the coincidence rate between a spectrometer located at  $\varphi=0$  and a R(U or D) coincidence telescope, which is located at  $\theta=40^\circ$  and  $\varphi=180^\circ$  ( $90^\circ$  or  $-90^\circ$ ). The symbol R(U or D) is the single counting rate of the telescope. Particles with longer range than a proton of energy greater than 200 MeV are detected in the telescopes. Figs.16,17 show the observed correlation function in the nucleon-nucleon center of mass frame. The momentum per nucleon of the projectile and target are indicated by solid circles. Dotted circle shows the kinematic loci for elastic scattering of two nucleons. In the collisions of light ions C+C or Ar+Ar (see Fig.16) the correlation function shows a clear peak just opposite to the kinematical region of the R-counter (shown by the shadowed area). This gives clear evidence for the existence of Quasi-Elastic-Scattering(QES) of nucleons in these HI collisions. A simple analysis of the data shows about a 20% contribution of the QES process in this kinematical region.<sup>58)</sup>

In contrast to the case of light ions, a completely different type of correlation was observed in the case of heavier targets (C+Pb, Ar+Pb) as shown in Fig.17. An important feature is that the correlation pattern is stronger in heavier projectile and target combinations. This contrasts with the QES case in which the correlation was smaller for heavier target and projectile combinations. Thus, Fig.17 suggests that this correlation is related to the many body nature or the collectiveness of the nucleus.

Here I show an interesting theoretical calculation by Stocker et al. based on a hydrodynamical model.<sup>59,60</sup> As shown in Fig.18, their calculations give a so called bounce off effect of the projectile by the target nucleus. According to the model the coincidence counters effectively select an impact parameter of about 6 fm which corresponds to Fig. 18-b. The target nucleus recoils in the opposite direction of the bounced projectile and thus gives a large cross section at a large angle on the side opposite to the coincidence counter. On the other hand, less particles are emitted at small angles.

Experimental data and the result of the model calculations of the correlation function are compared in Fig. 19. Although there is quantitative disagreement, they show good agreement in the overall shape of the correlation function. If this theoretical model is the appropriate one for these nuclear collisions, the possibility of searching for highly-compressed matter is almost at hand. We need further experimental data including a dependence on the angles of the coincidence counter and a dependence on impact parameter.

Cascade calculations are also in progress<sup>61)</sup> and we would find the validity of hydrodynamics in these projectile and target combinations.

Similar correlations have been observed in heavy fragment and light particle coincidence data<sup>17)</sup>. Fig.20 shows that, when a heavy fragment is detected at  $90^\circ$  in the laboratory, more light particles are emitted into the forward direction of the opposite side. These correlations are also consistent with the hydrodynamical calculations and complementary to the light-particle correlations.



## VIII. Closing

In this talk I have tried to show the experimental data obtained in high-energy heavy-ion collisions. My main effort was to show what we have learned from the experimental data with minimum theoretical bias. I didn't cover all the available experimental data uniformly in any sense. However I hope this talk gives you an overall idea of high-energy heavy-ion collisions. Persons who have interest in more detail are recommended to read the references. A particularly good start would be Ref. 10 which is an excellent source of the information on this and related subjects. Thank you.

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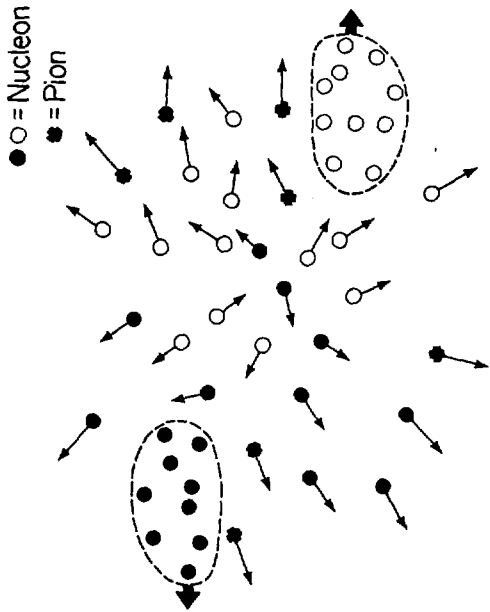
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20. The correlation function of heavy fragment and light particle coincidence events. Zero in the correlation function indicates no correlation between two particles. Definition of the correlation function is the same one as written in Eq. 3 in the text. The figures are quoted from ref. 17.

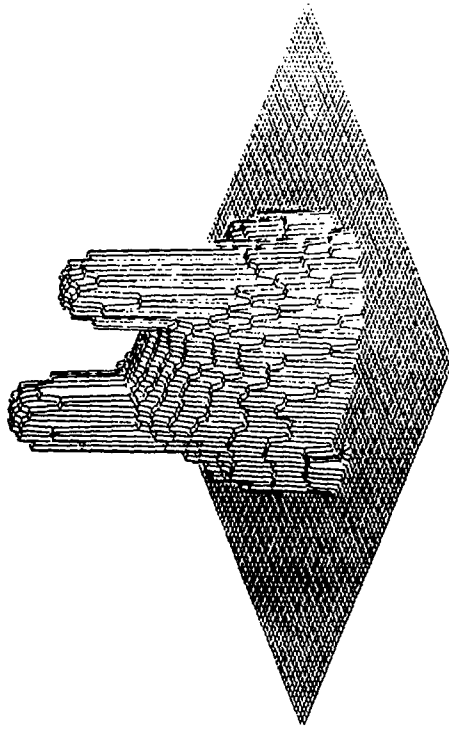
Table 1

The reaction size and the reaction time obtained by  
 i) deuteron production, ii) 2p-correlation, and  
 iii)  $2\pi$ -correlation measurements.

Method	Reference	Reaction	Beam Energy (Gev/A)	R (fm)	ct (fm)
i	4,7	Ne + NaF	0.4,0.8,2.1	3.4 +0.3	-
		Ar + KCl	0.8	3.5 +0.4	-
		Ar + Pb	0.8	4.3 +0.4	-
ii	26	Ar + KCl	1.8	2.2 ( $Y_B$ )	-
				1.75 ( $Y_{B/2}$ )	-
iii	28	Ar + $Pb_3O_4$	1.8	3.3 +0.9	1.5
	27	Ar + KCl	1.8	1.8 +0.5	2.7+.7

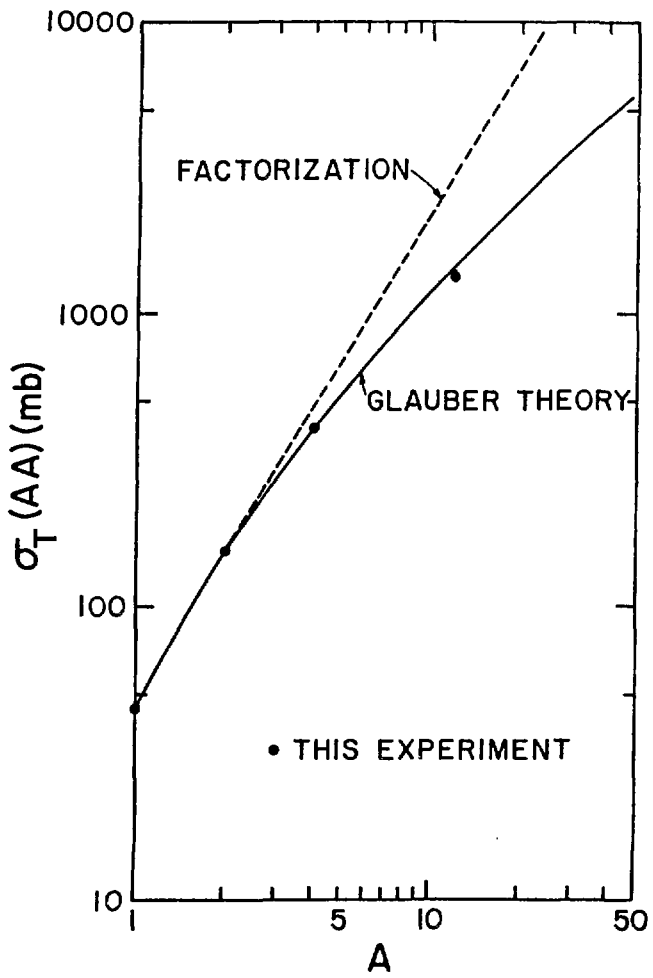


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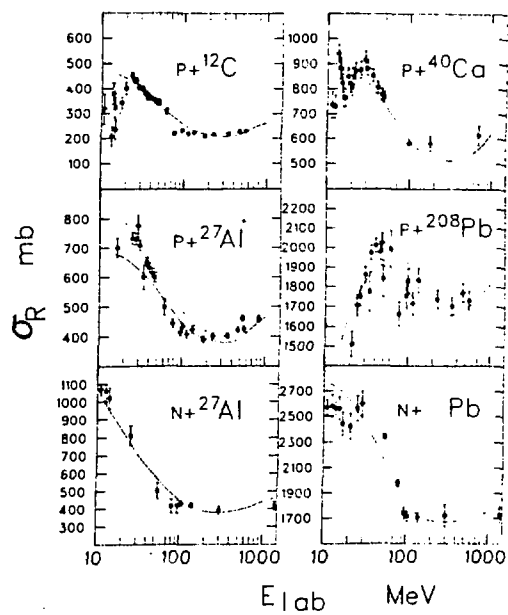
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Fig. 2



**Fig. 3**

# Average Multiplicity of Charged Particles

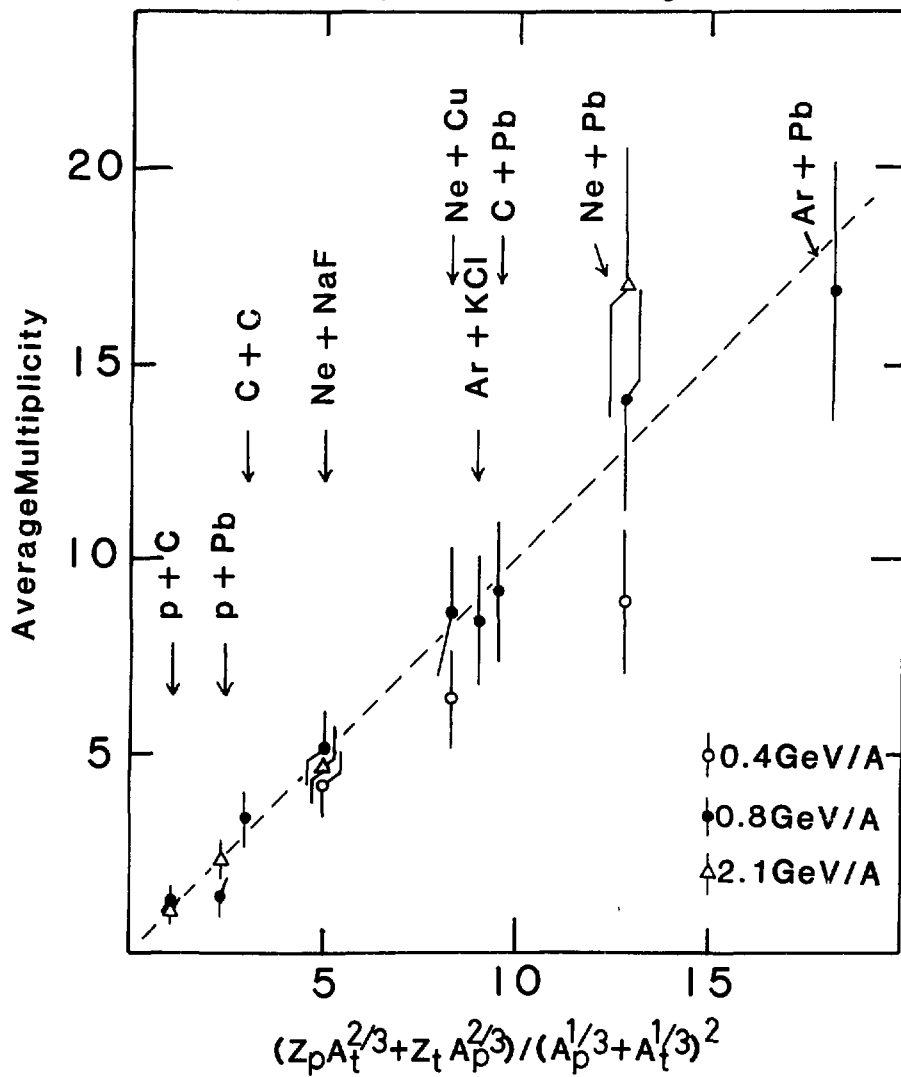
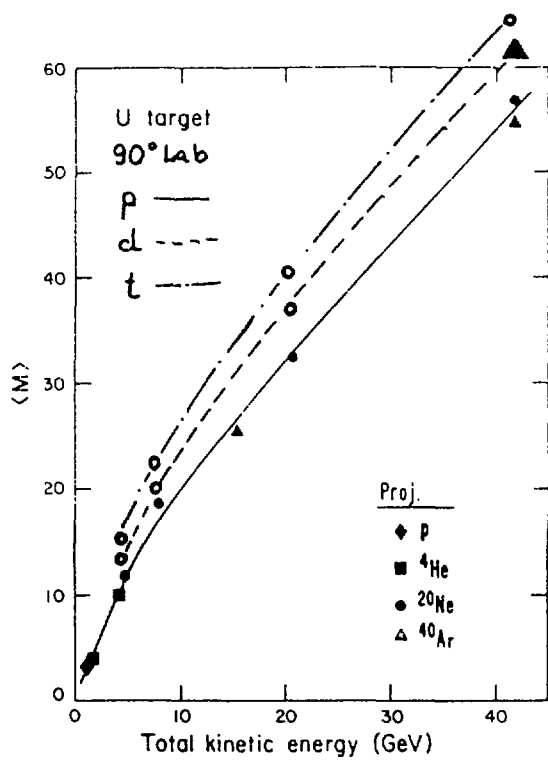


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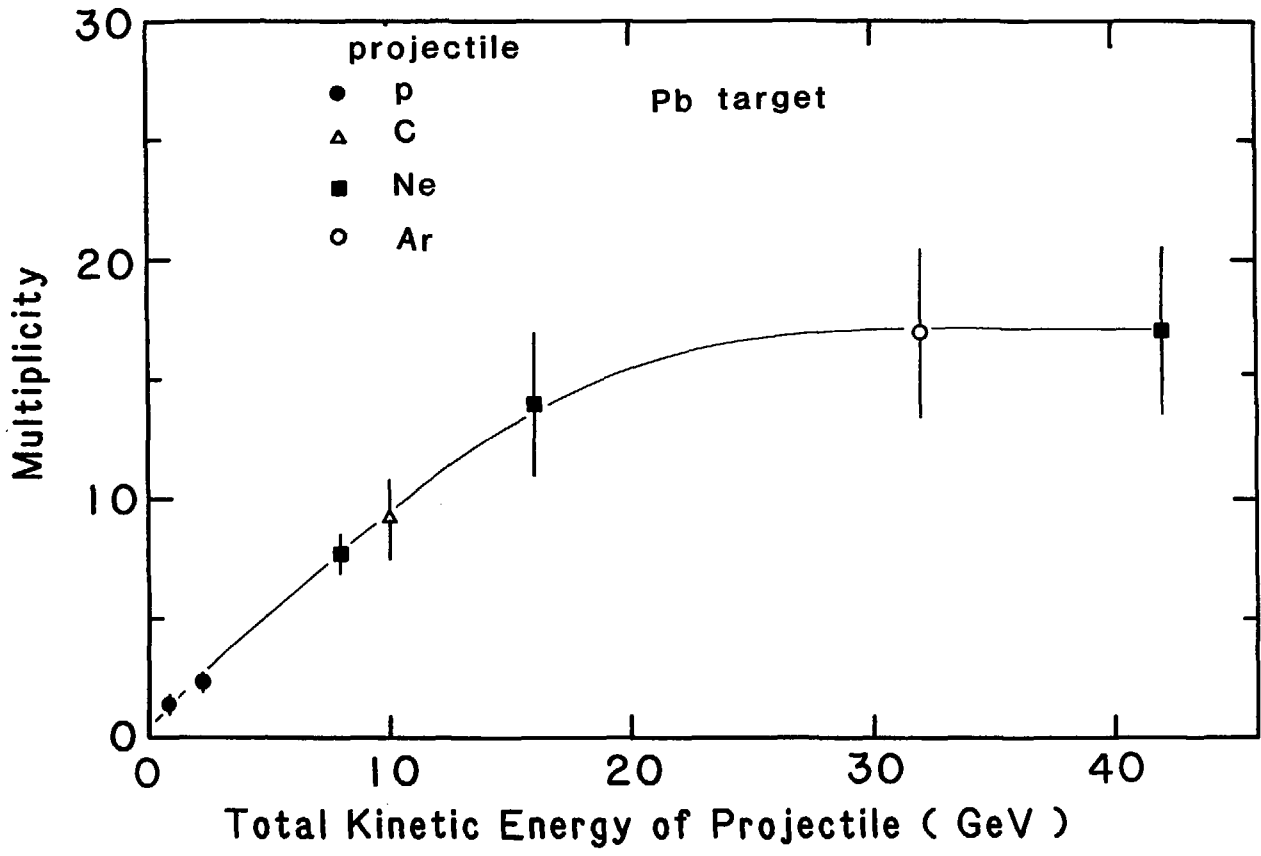


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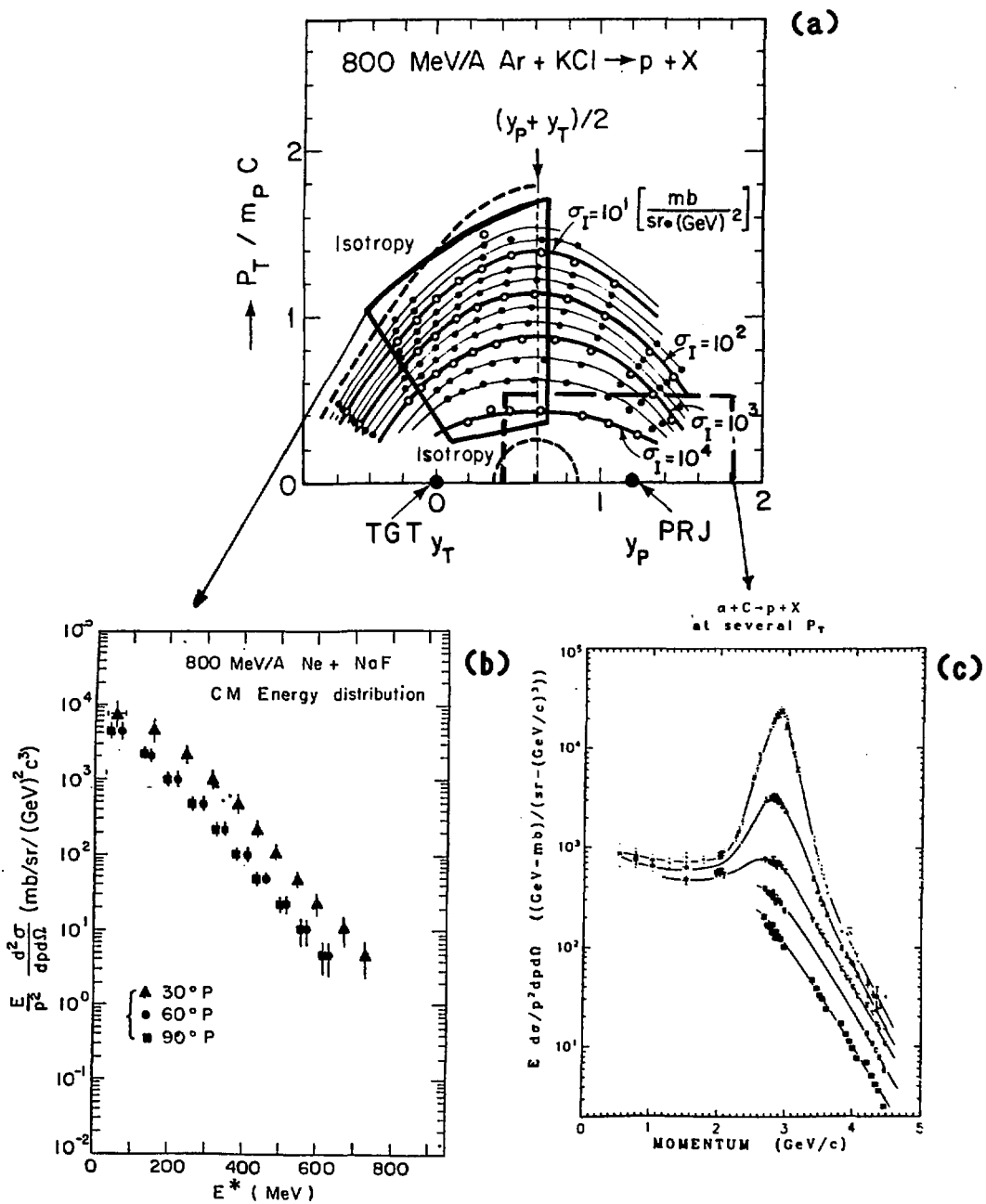
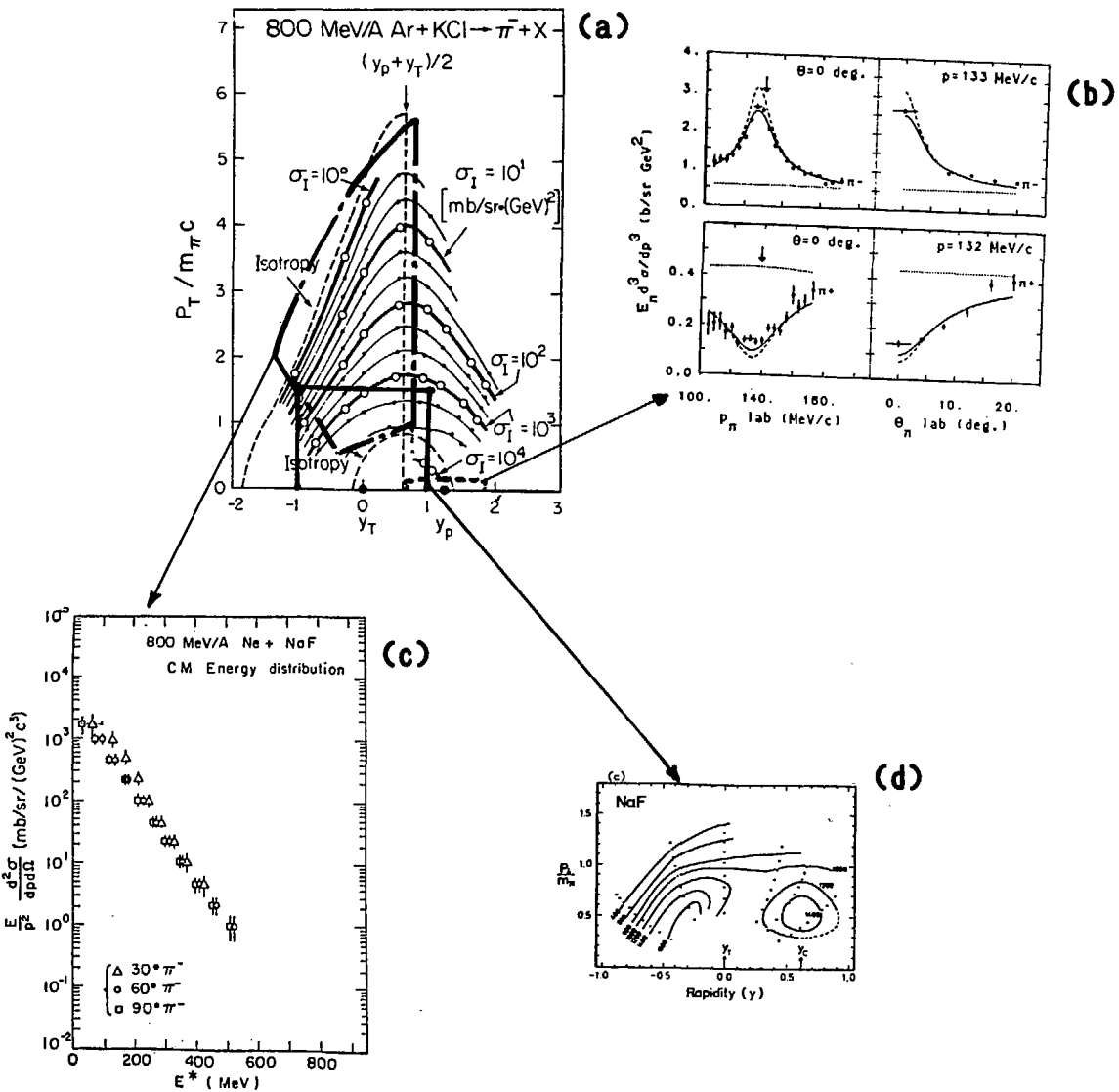
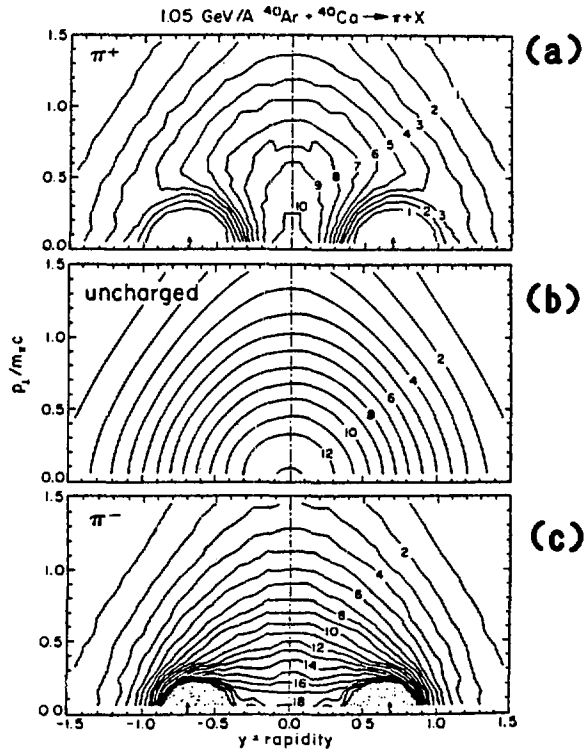


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Fig. 8





**Fig. 9**

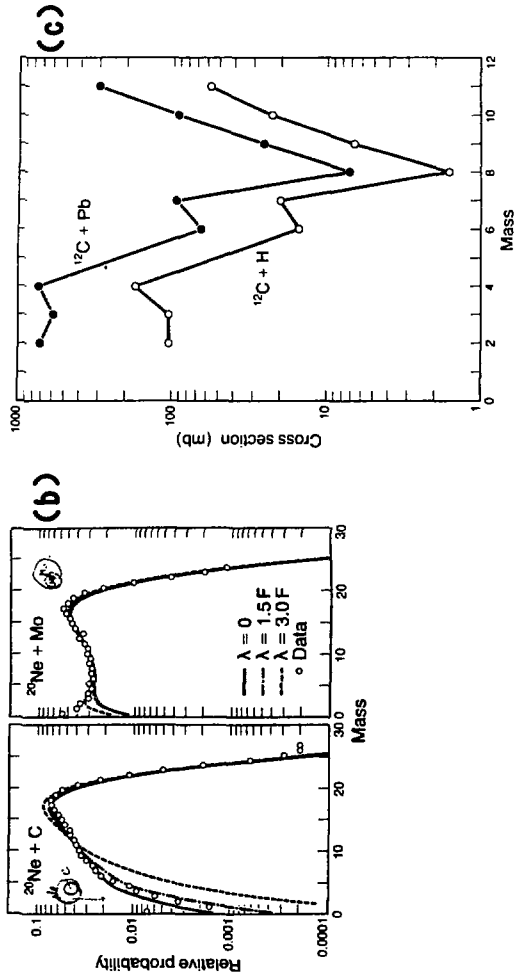
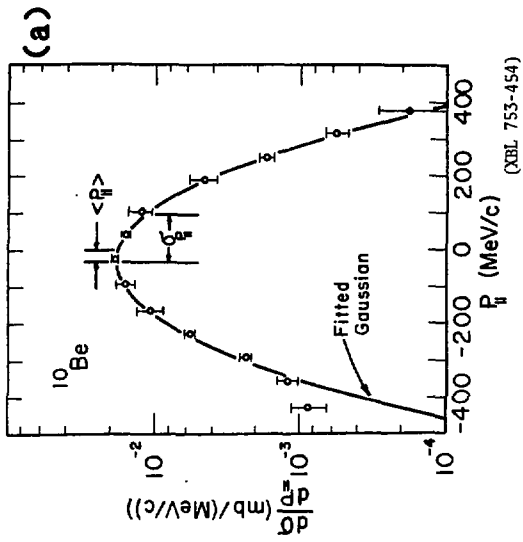


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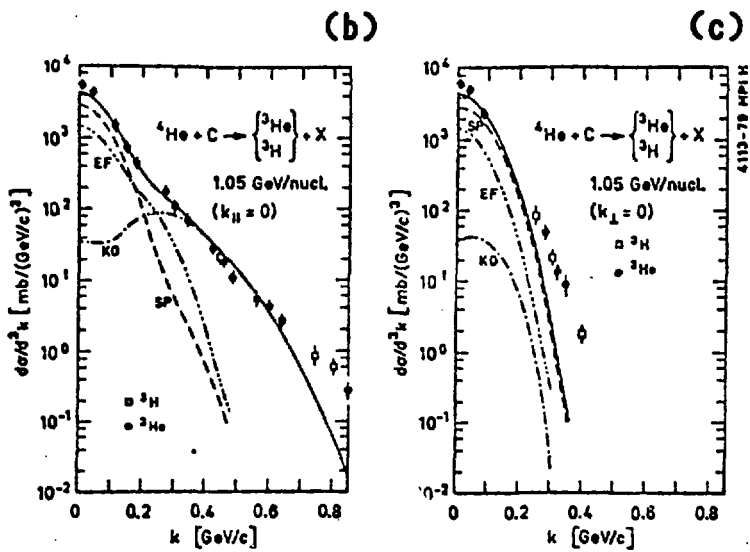
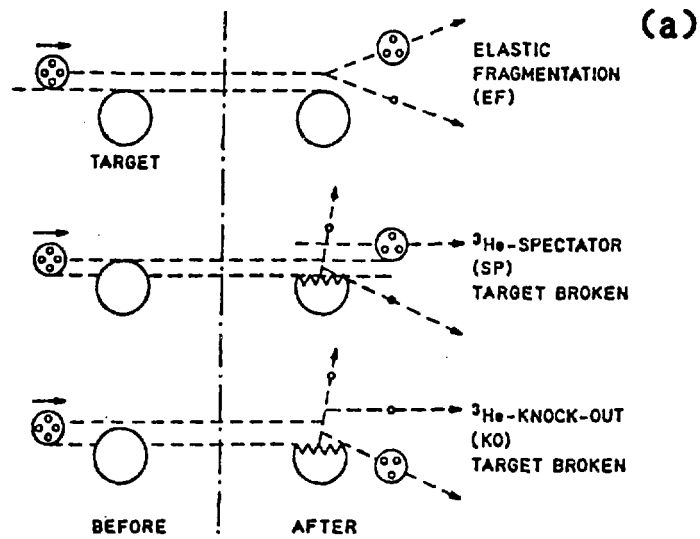


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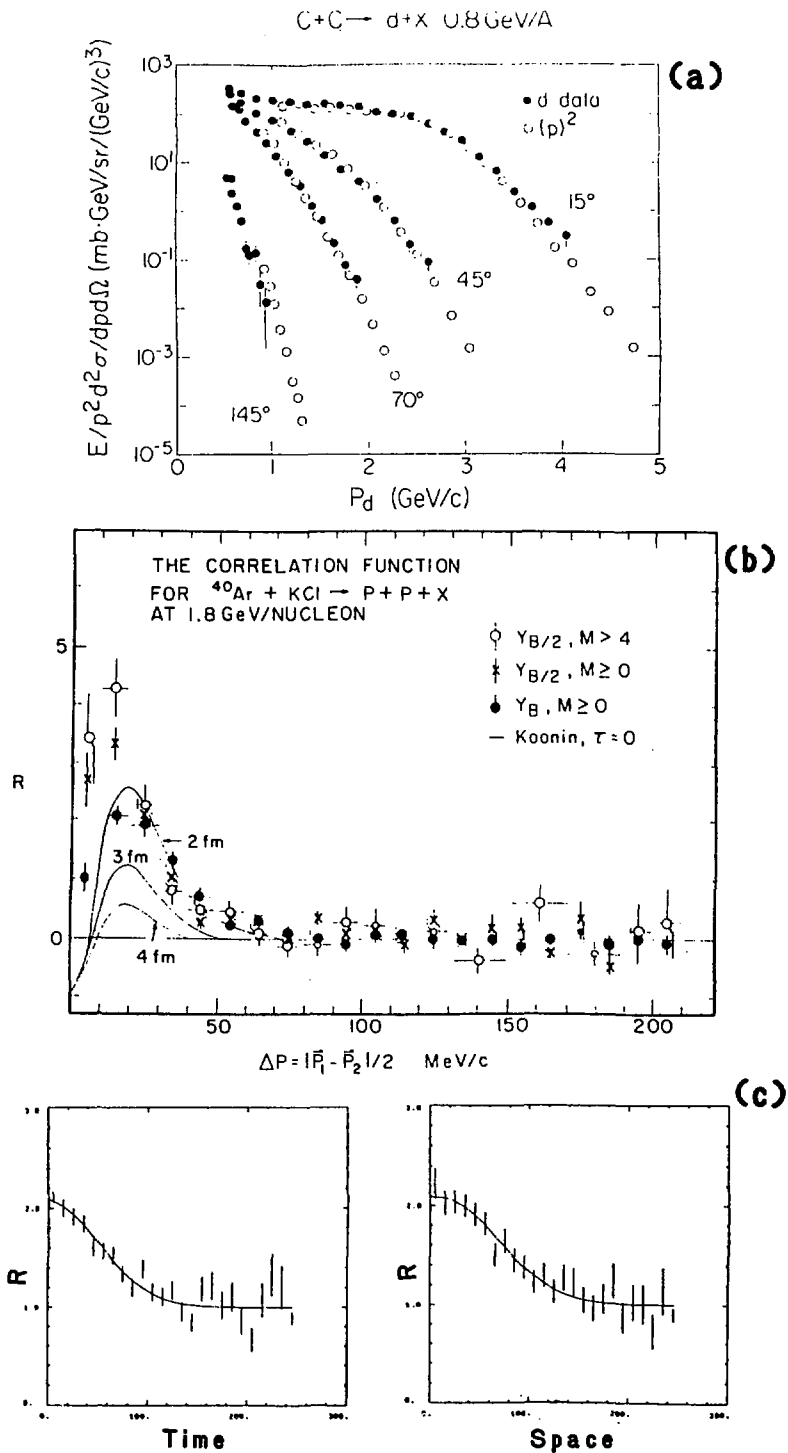
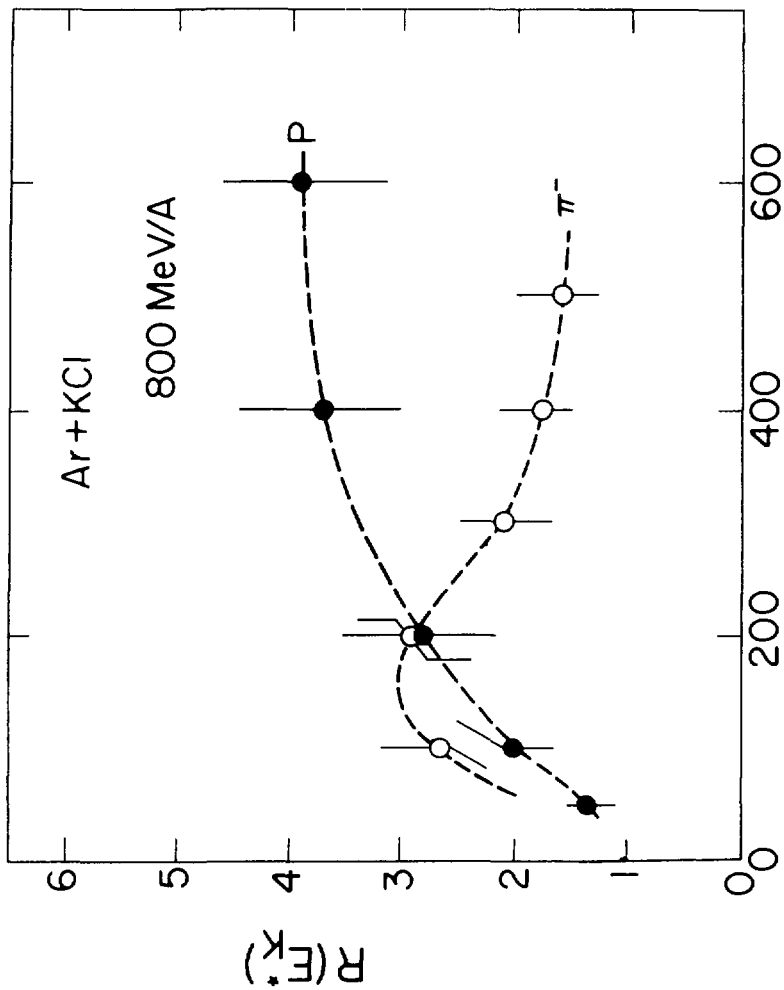


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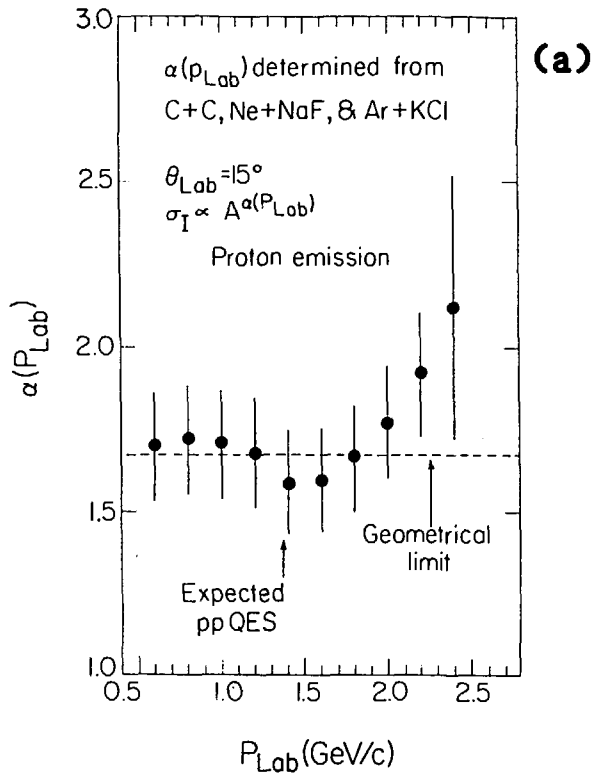




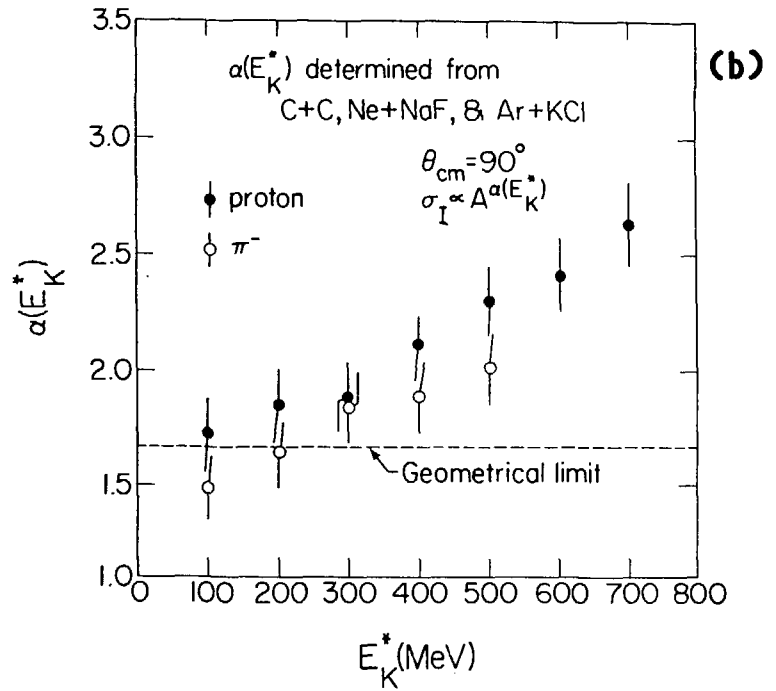
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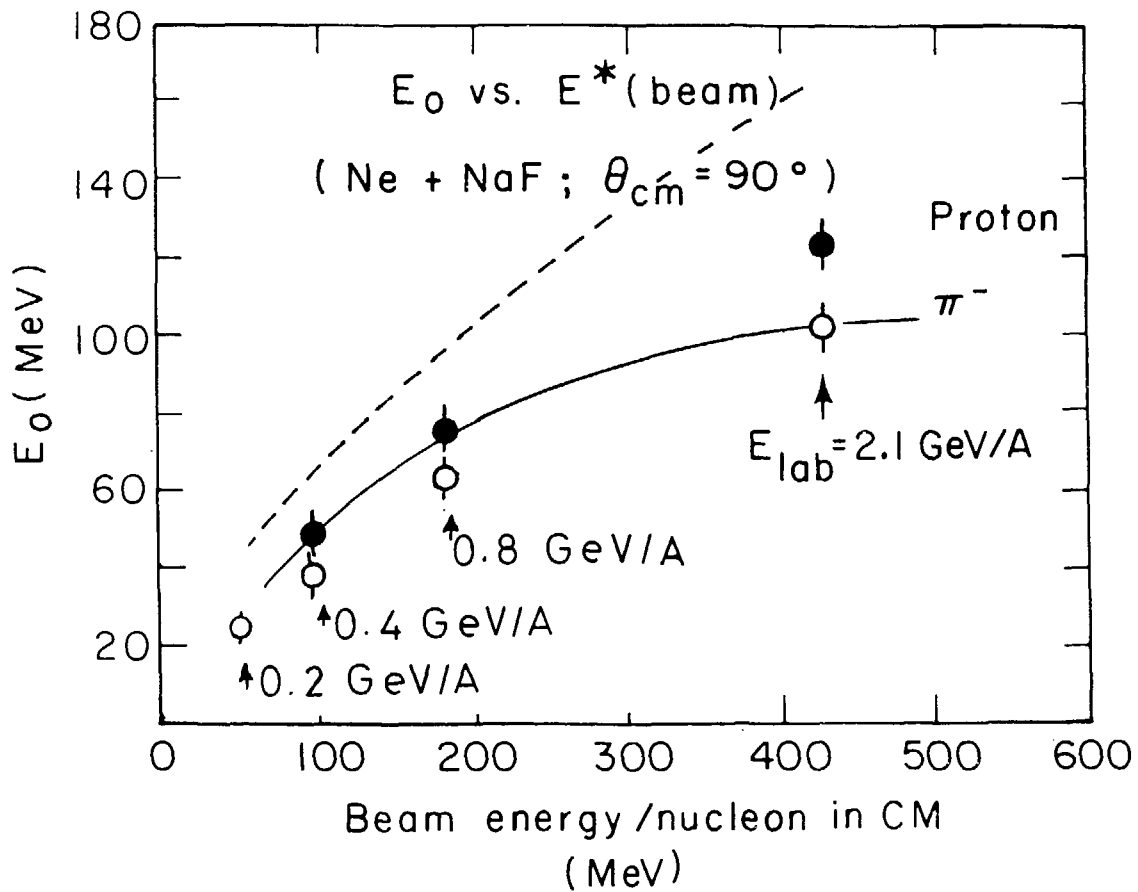


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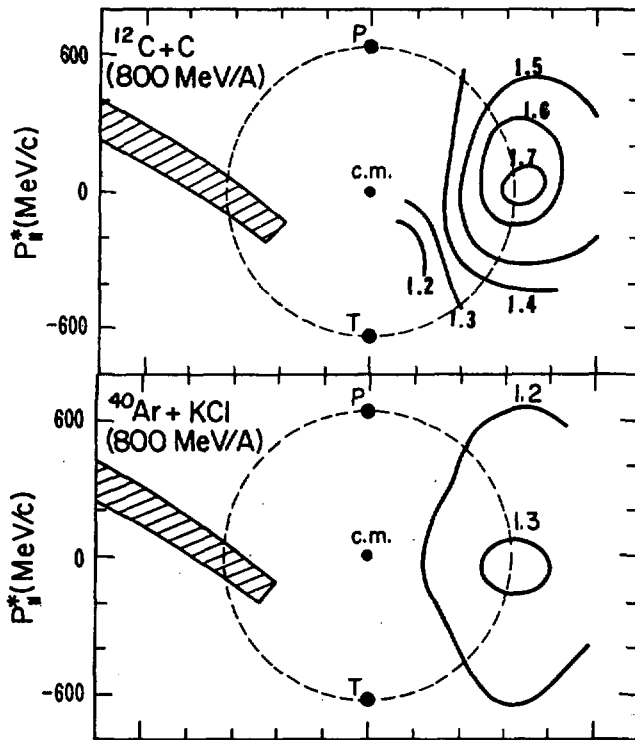
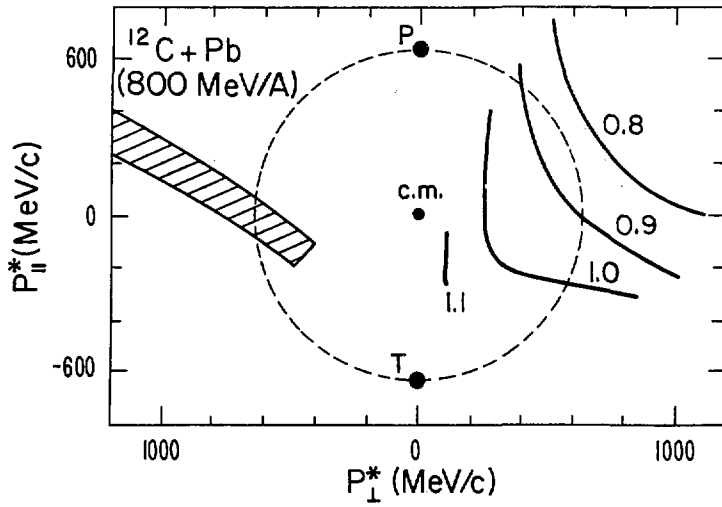
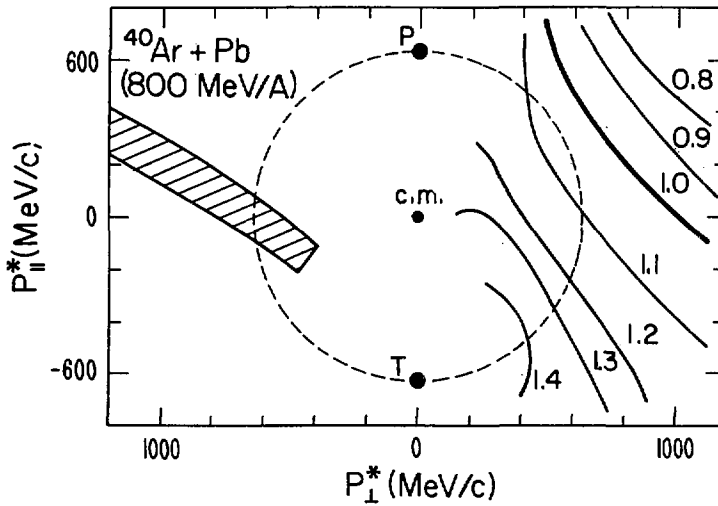


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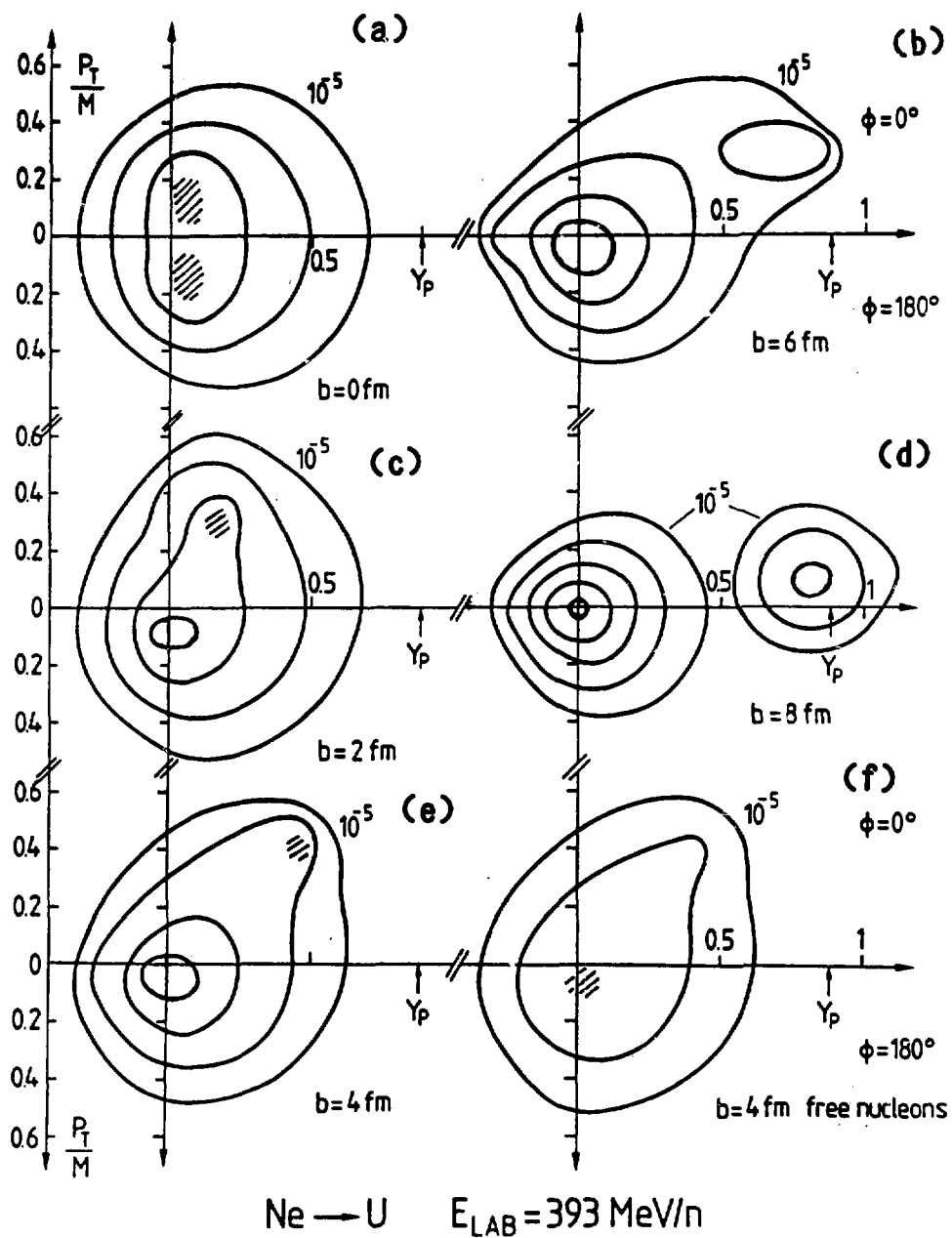


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**Fig. 17**



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Fig. 18

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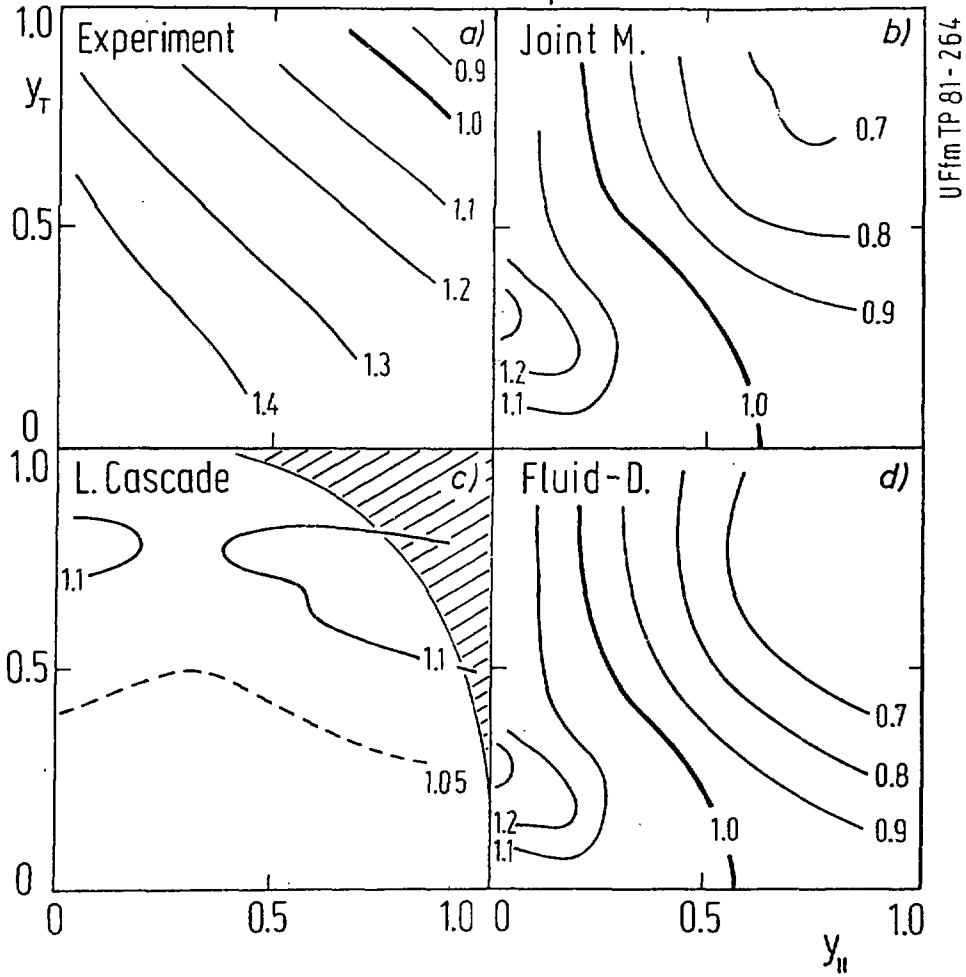
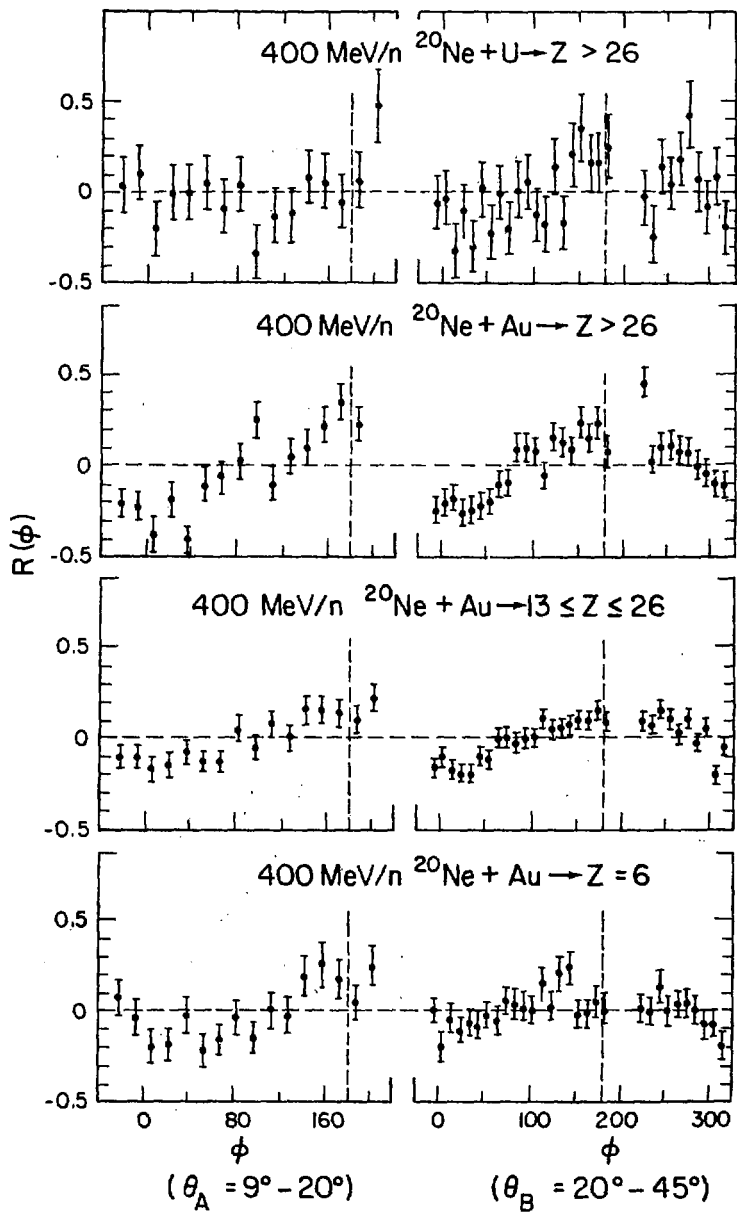


Fig. 19



**Fig. 20**