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Study of fragmentation of therapeutic carbon beam with emulsion technology

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Carbon ion therapy

a few 100MeV/n ¹²C beam



•70% primary carbons (400MeV/n) are lost by fragmentation

before stopping region

 Fragmentation significantly modulates depth-dose profile and causes unwanted dose to the healthy tissue in lateral region and beyond the bragg peak (tail dose)

Calculation of dose distribution

- Deterministic method using semi-empirical models for example Sihver's model
- Monte carlo codes to simulate fragmentation for example Geant4, PHITS, Fluka
- However experimental data to validate models or MC codes were scarce.
- So we launched the project to study fragmentation with emulsion technology using HIMAC at NIRS since 2003. to establish reaction database
 - (cross sections, angular distributions etc.)
- The results will be utilized
 - to validate models at a level of fundamental processes to improve the accuracy of dose calculation

NIRS HIMAC-P152 experiment

Organization:

12 institutes from high energy physics, medical and space domains



- 2003~ Detector R&D for particle identification
- 2004~ Physics data taking and analysis

Emulsion as a detector of fragmentation



- •4 π tracking device with 3D resolution of ~1 μ m
- Track by track particle identification
- Event by event full reconstruction capable of detailed analysis such as correlation of multiple tracks

High speed emulsion read-out system



Developed at Nagoya university

DONUT: ν_{τ} discovery (2000) OPERA: $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$ oscillation (since 2006)



OPERA



Physics run with 400 MeV/n ¹²C and water target

Water is the best material as a tissue equivalent material



Track and vertex reconstruction after emulsion read-out: NETSCAN ¹²C Beam ~10000 particles ~4000 interactions



Carbon-Water charge-changing cross sections 200-400MeV/n



Angular distributions of H and He fragments in Carbon-Water interactions



200-400MeV/n

Detection of ⁸Be_{ground state}

Small Q-value :~90keV

Opening angle between two α < 20mrad







Summary

•We have measured fragmentation reaction of therapeutic carbon ion with water using emulsion. charge-changing cross sections 200-400 MeV/n total, B, Be, Li productions Phys. Rev. C 75 054606 (2007) angular distributions of H and He useful to improve dose calculation ⁸Be_{g.s.} and ⁹B_{g.s.} observation

•We made some comparisons between our data and model calculations.

We will extend the measurements to lower energy region and for more beams and targets combinations to establish reaction database for carbon ion therapy in the near future.