

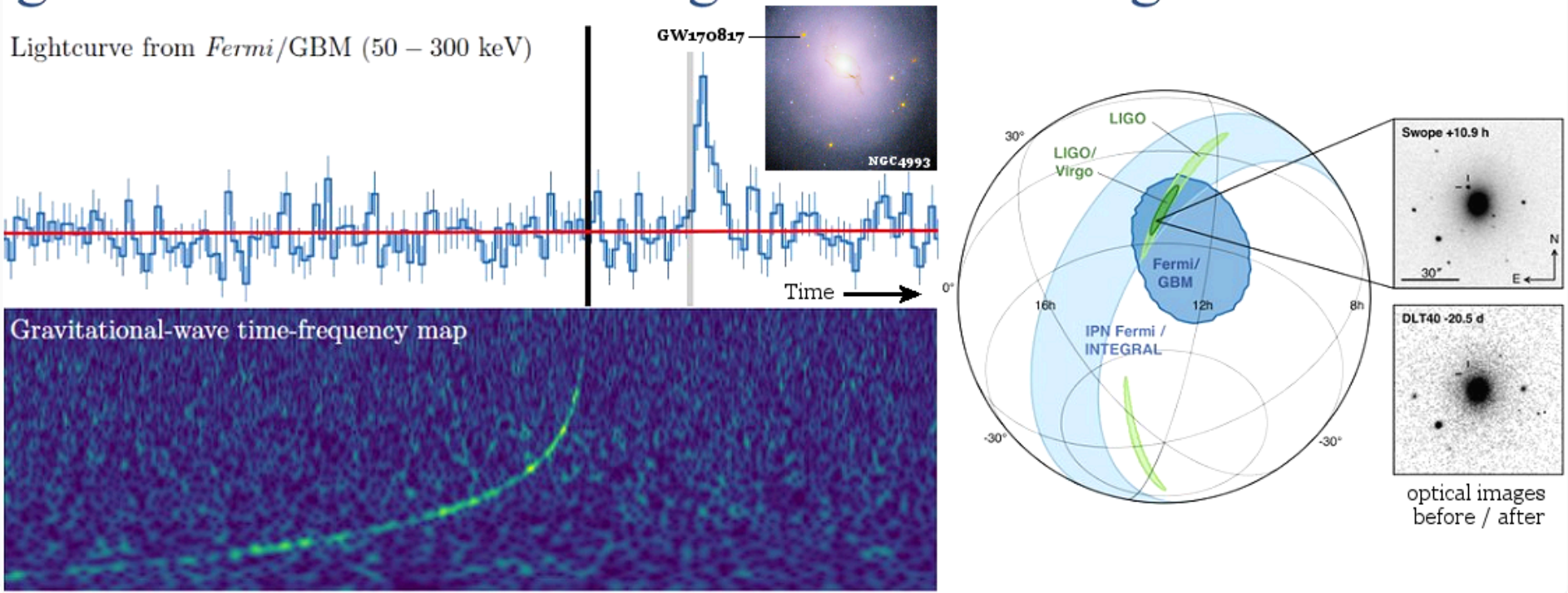
A photograph of a large tree with pink blossoms in a garden setting. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading out and covered in numerous small, light pink flowers. The background shows other trees with green leaves and a clear blue sky. The ground is sandy and has some small plants growing. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

Experimental constraints on the nuclear equation-of-state from heavy-ion collisions

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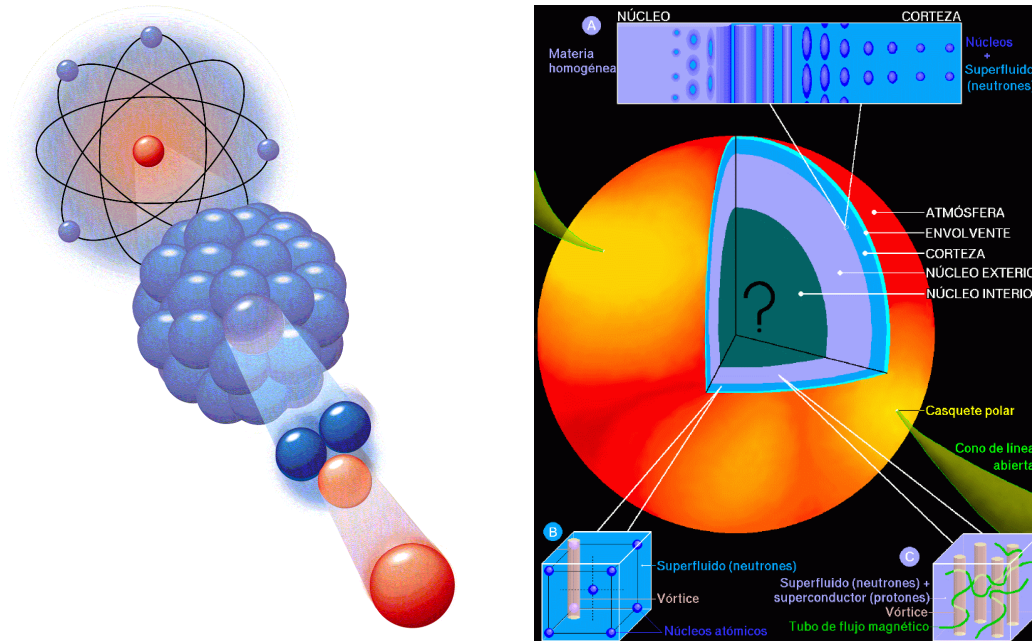
Science Magazine's Breakthrough of the Year 2017:

LIGO, Virgo, and partners make first detection of gravitational waves and light from colliding neutron stars



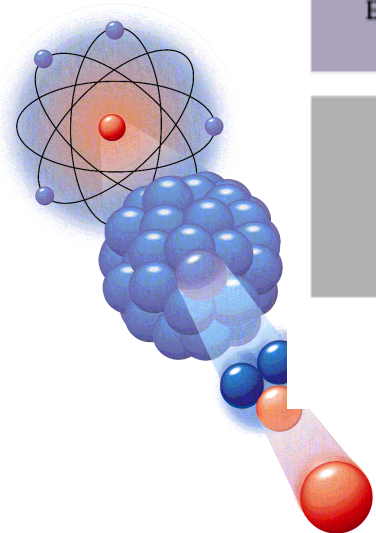
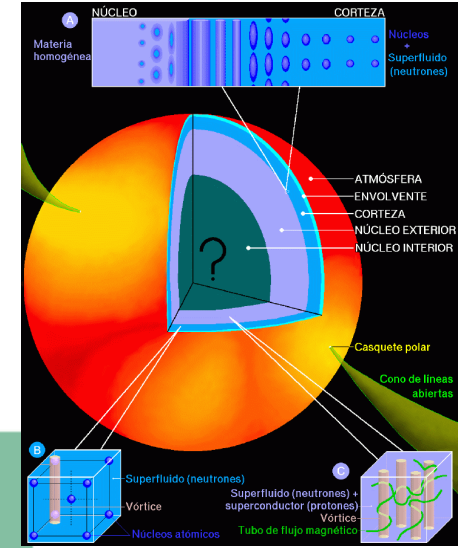
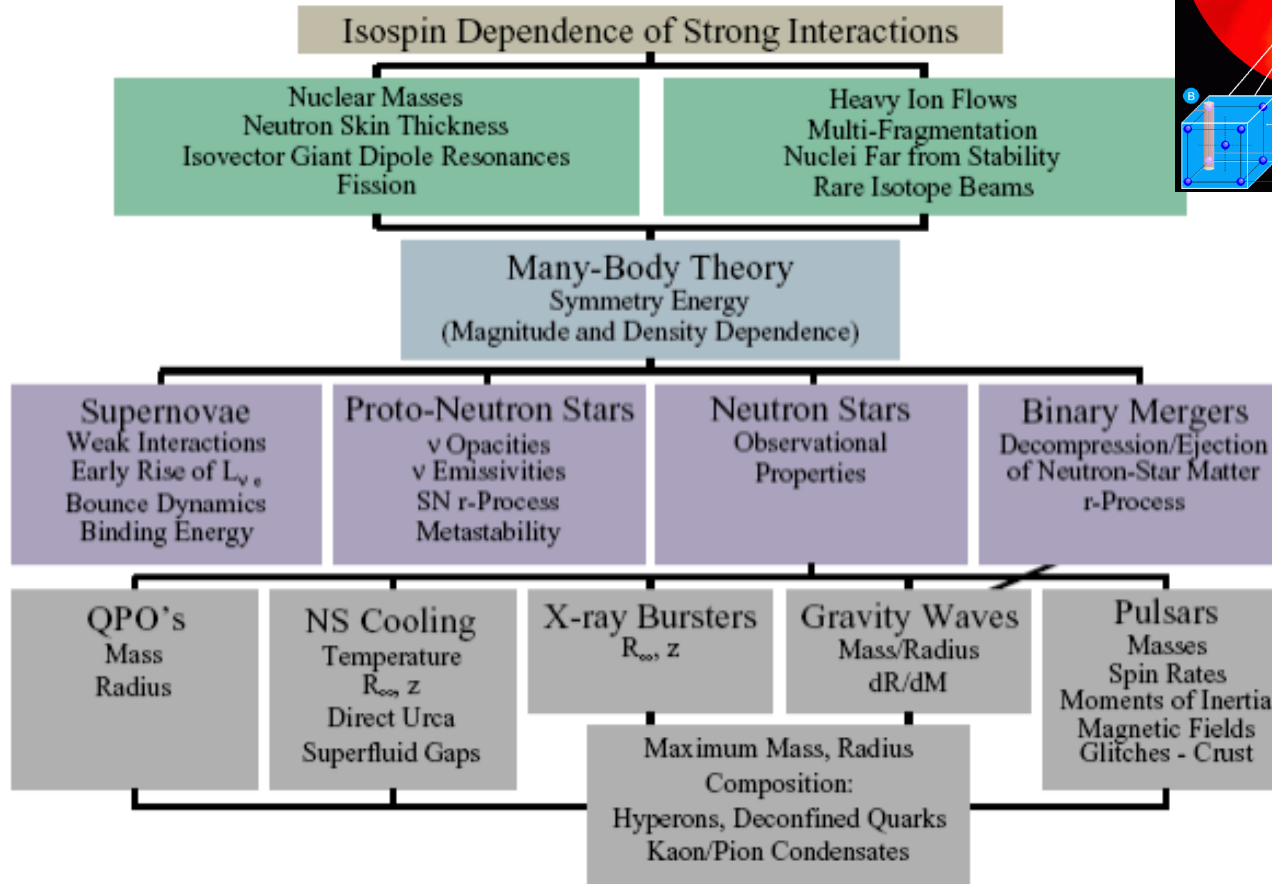
Atomic nuclei & Neutron star (two vastly different systems)

A heavy nucleus (like ^{208}Pb) is 18 orders of magnitude smaller and 55 orders of magnitude lighter than a neutron star !



Yet bounded by a common entity, the nuclear Equation Of State (EOS) !

Nuclear Equation of State



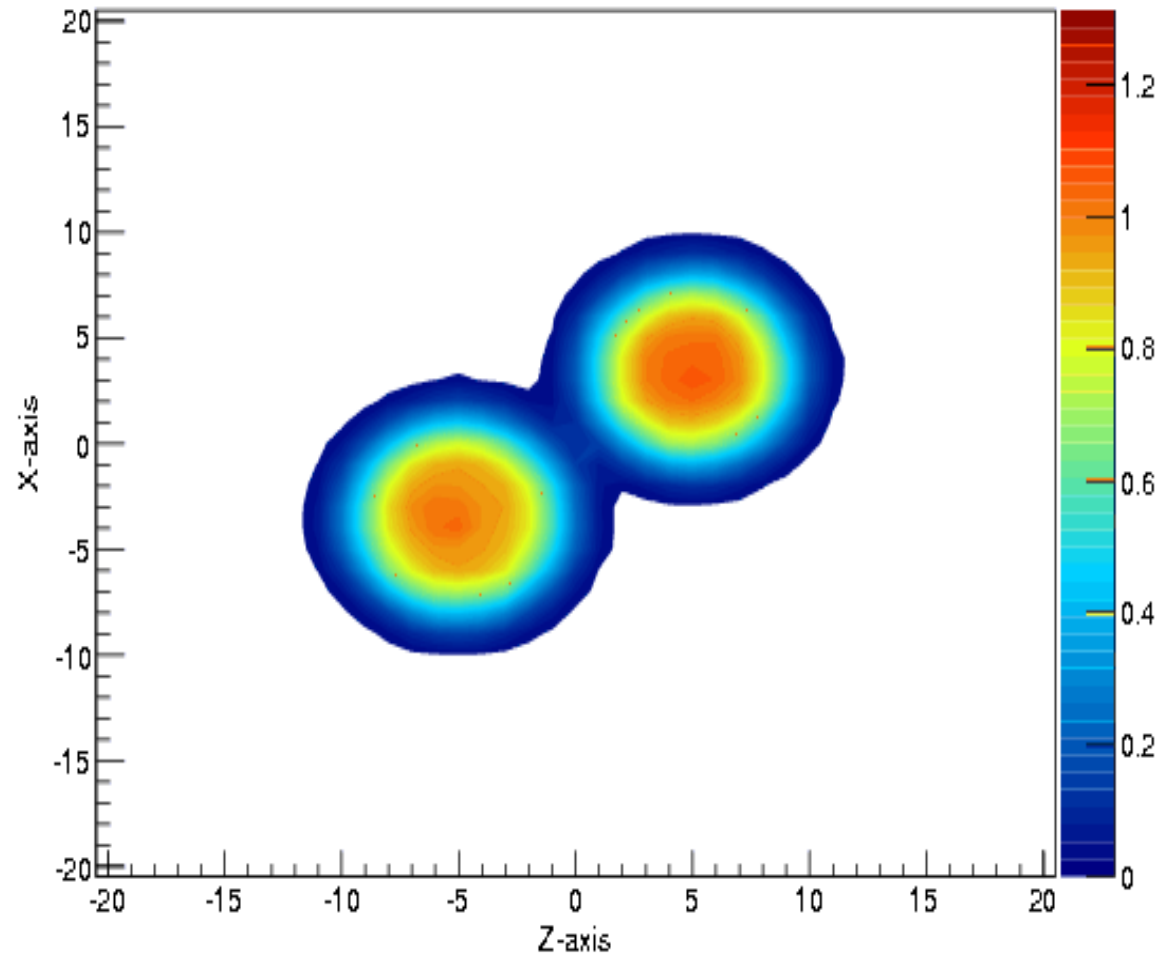
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Experimental constraints on the nuclear equation-of-state from heavy-ion collisions



Observables sensitive to the EOS ?

Neutron-skin thicknesses

Pygmy resonances

Fragment isotope distribution, isotopic & isobaric yield ratios

Isospin distillation/fractionation, relative n & p densities

Isospin transport / diffusion / migration

Nuclear stopping & NZ equilibration

Pre-equilibrium emission

Particle - particle correlation

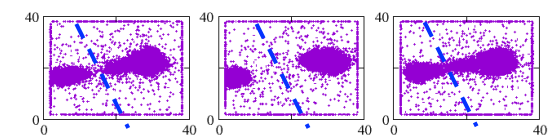
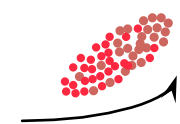
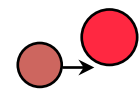
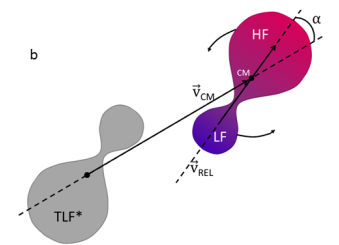
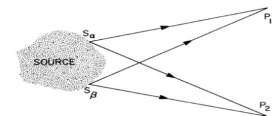
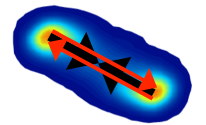
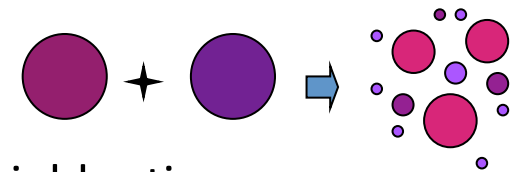
Light cluster production

Collective Flow

Neck emission

Fusion vs Deep Inelastic reactions

Subthreshold particle production



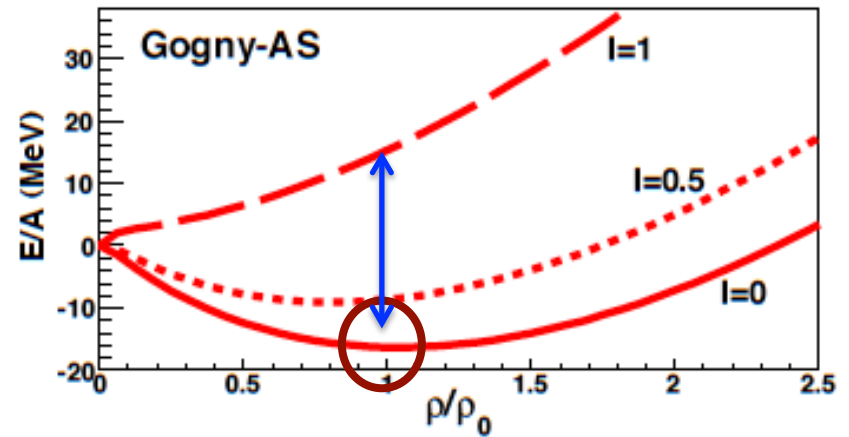
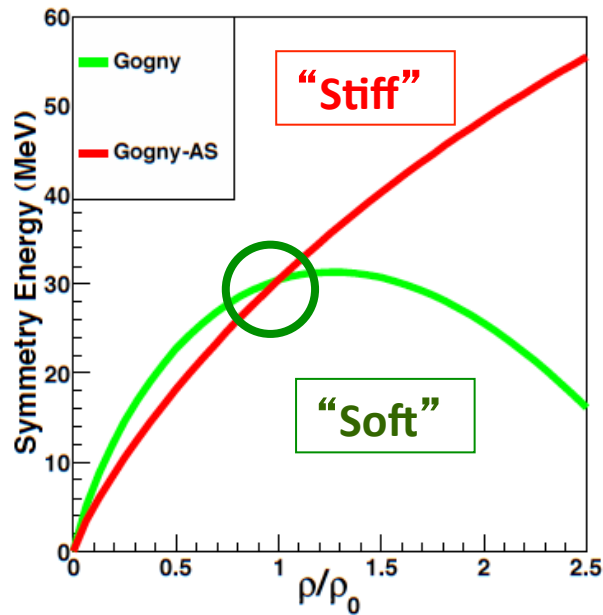
$$E_B = a_v A - a_s A^{2/3} - a_c \frac{Z^2}{A^{1/3}} - a_A \frac{(A - 2Z)^2}{A} - \delta(A, Z)$$

$$E(\rho, I) = E(\rho) + E_{sym}(\rho) I^2$$

with $I = \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho_{Total}} \approx \frac{N - Z}{A}$

Binding Energy of Symmetric Nuclear Matter

Symmetry Energy Term for Asymmetric Matter



$$E_{sym}(\rho) = E(\rho, 1) - E(\rho, 0)$$

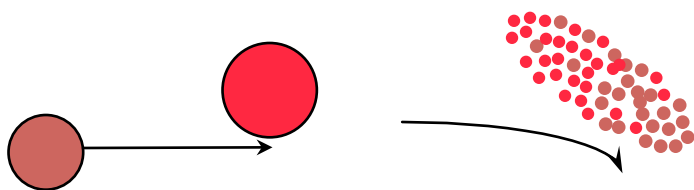
Transverse Collective Flow

Low beam energy



negative scattering
dominated by the attractive
mean field

High beam energy



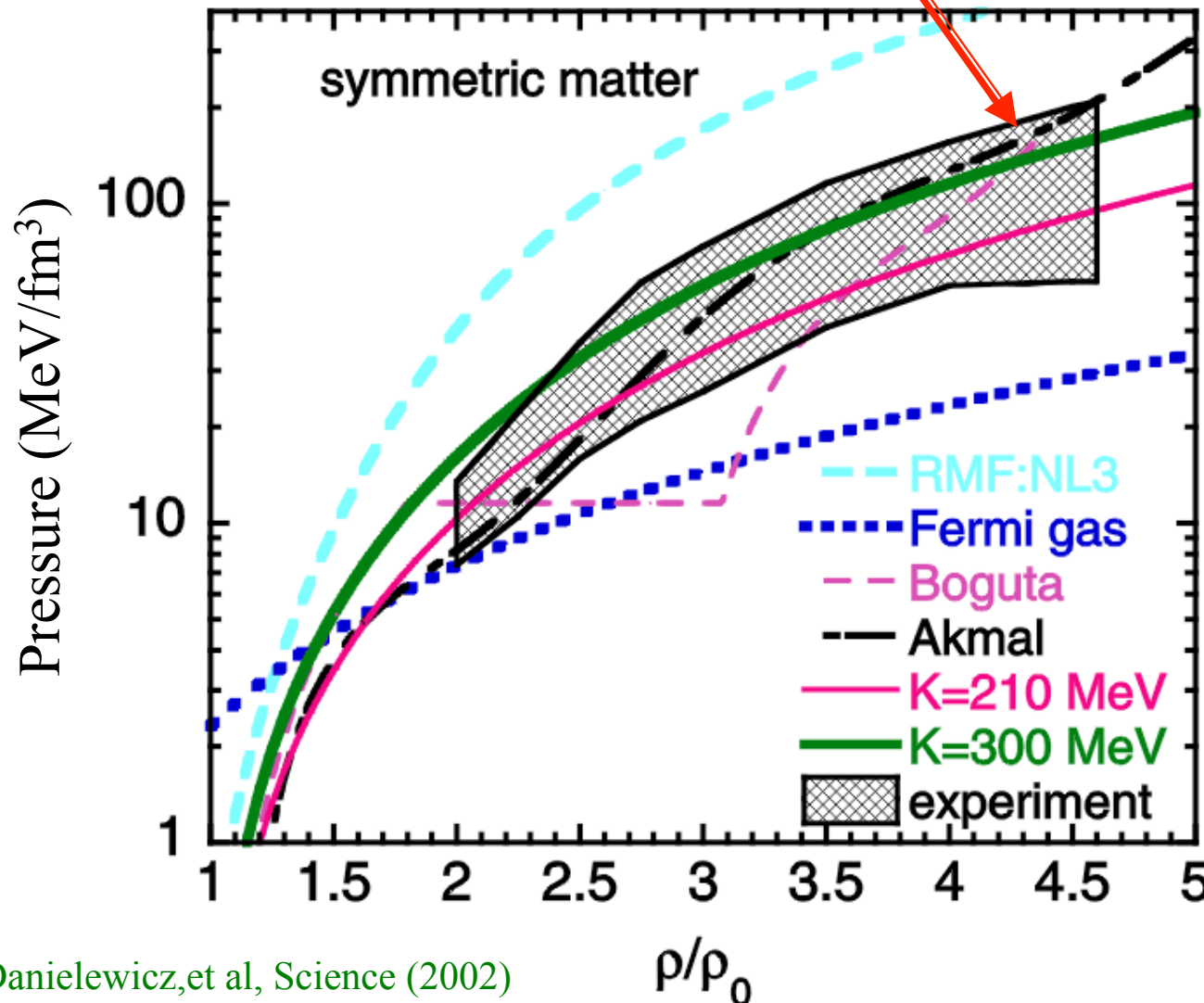
positive scattering
dominated by repulsive
nucleon-nucleon collisions

Constraining EOS from flow measurements

$$E(\rho, \delta) = E(\rho, \delta=0) + E_{\text{sym}}(\rho, \delta) \delta^2$$

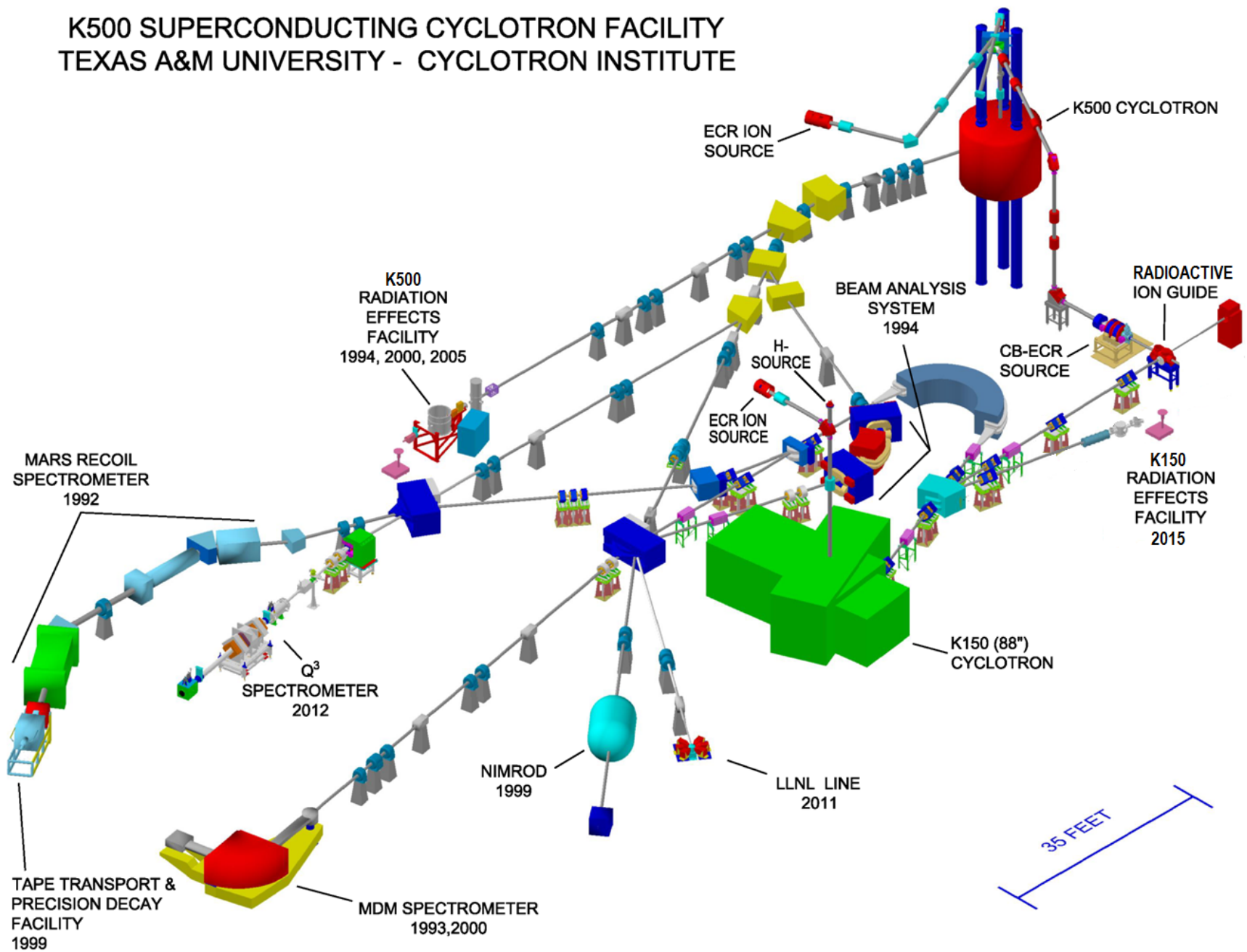
Au+Au flow ($E/A \sim 1-8$ GeV)

$$\delta = (\rho_n - \rho_p) / (\rho_n + \rho_p)$$



Not well
constrained

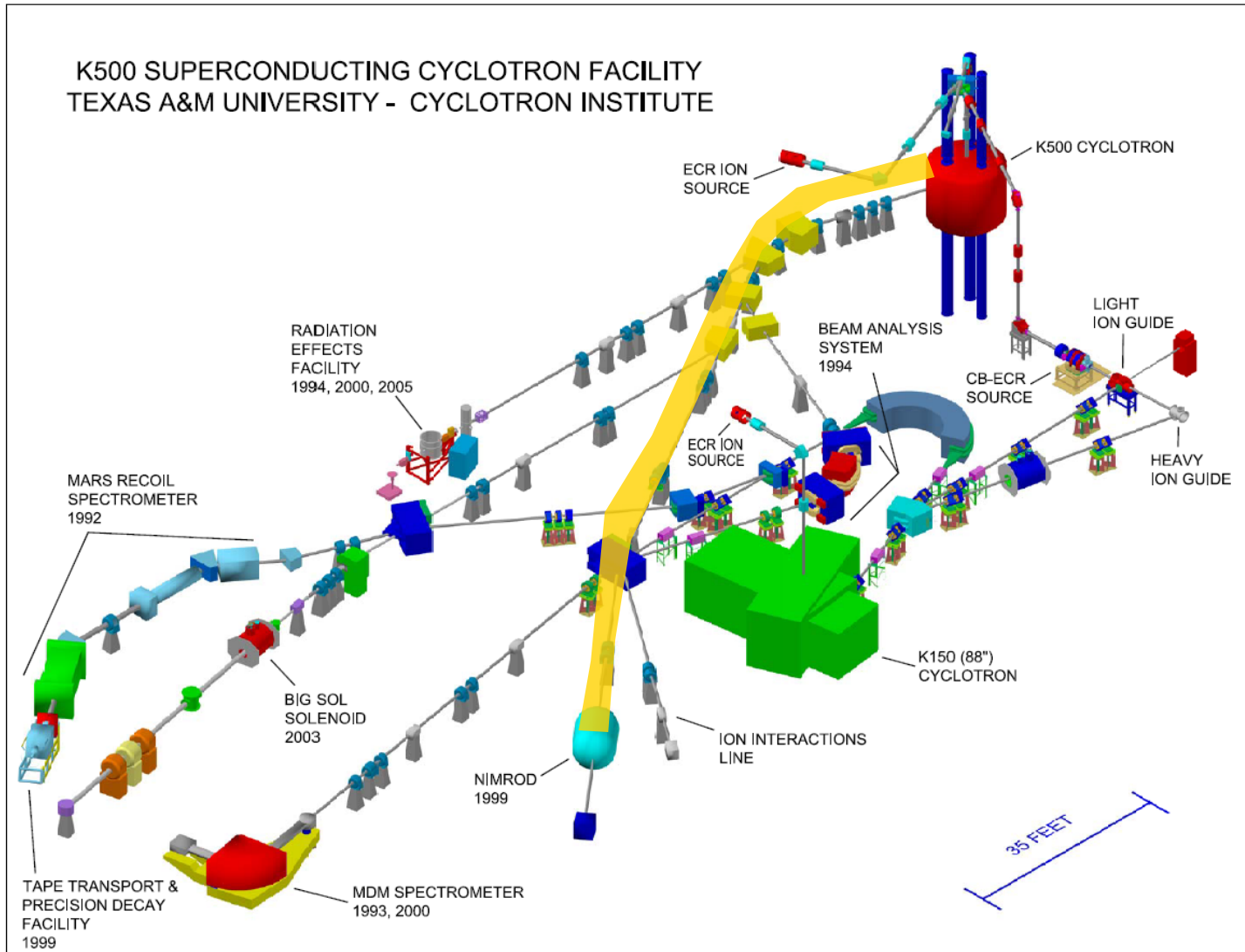
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Experiment

Beam Energy: 35 MeV/nucleon
Reactions: $^{70}\text{Zn}+^{70}\text{Zn}$, $^{64}\text{Zn}+^{64}\text{Zn}$, & $^{64}\text{Ni}+^{64}\text{Ni}$

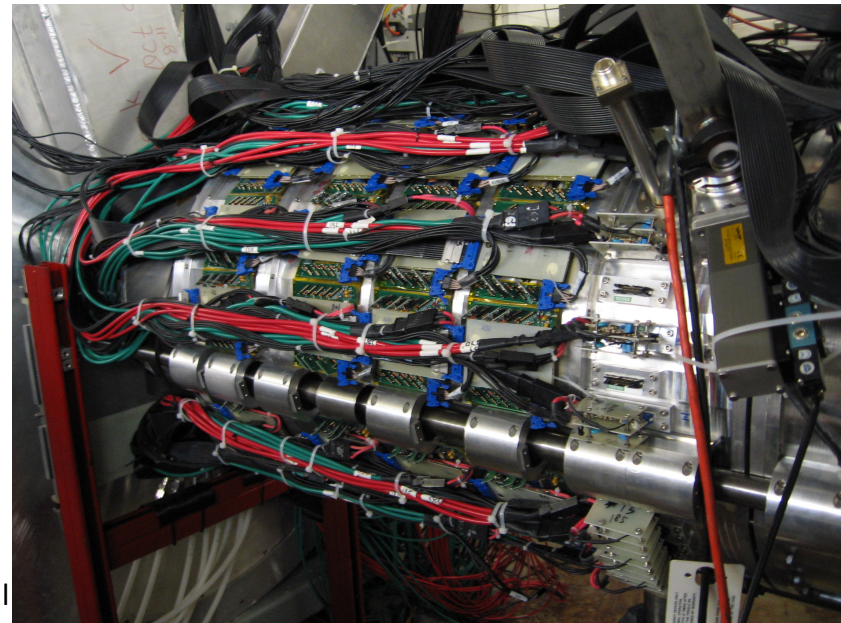
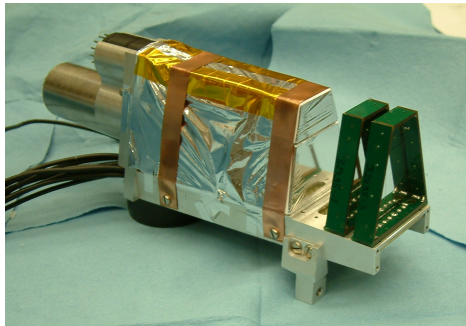
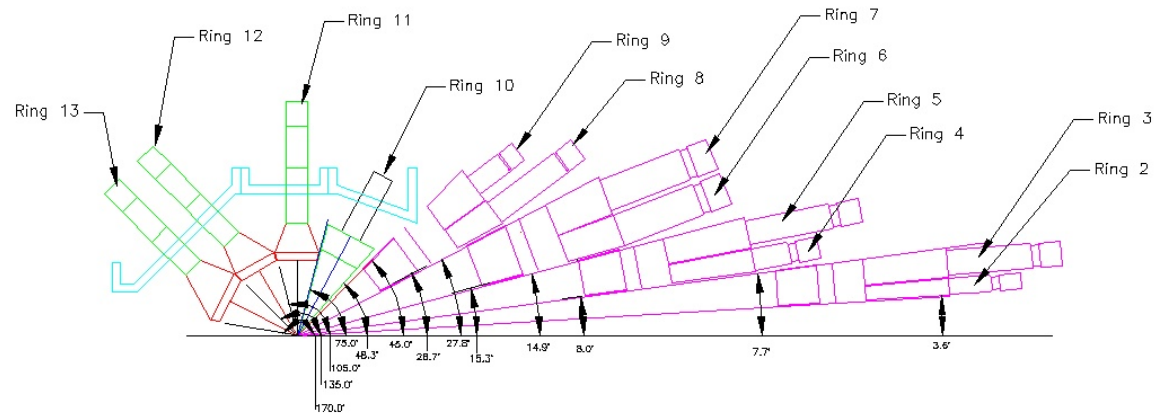
NIMROD-ISiS Array



Symj

NIMROD - ISiS

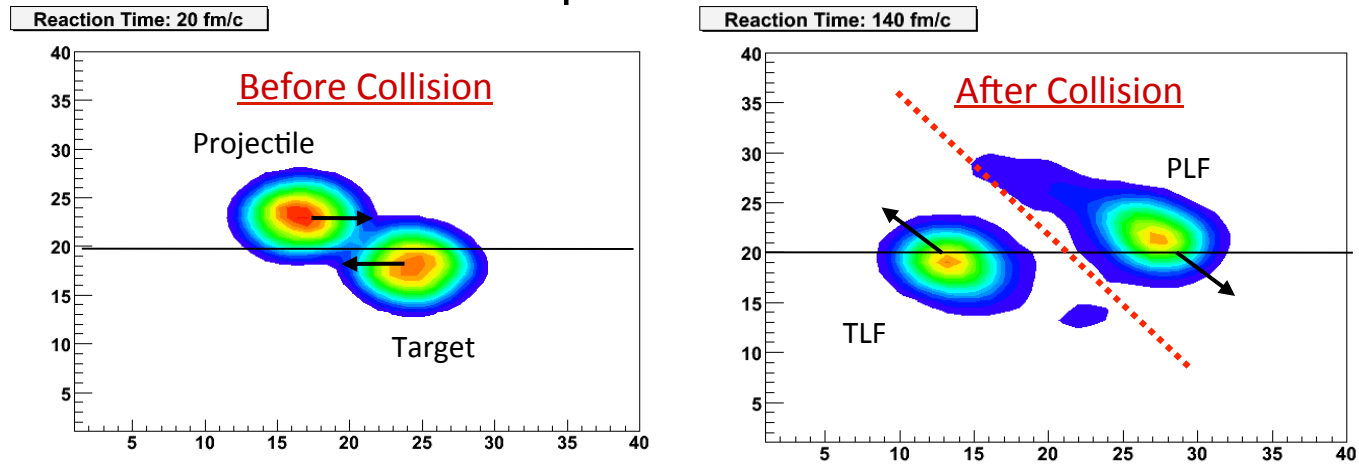
- 228 modules
 - Si/CsI
 - Some Si/Si/CsI
 - Ion Chambers
- 14 rings
- 3.6° - 167°
- Neutron Ball



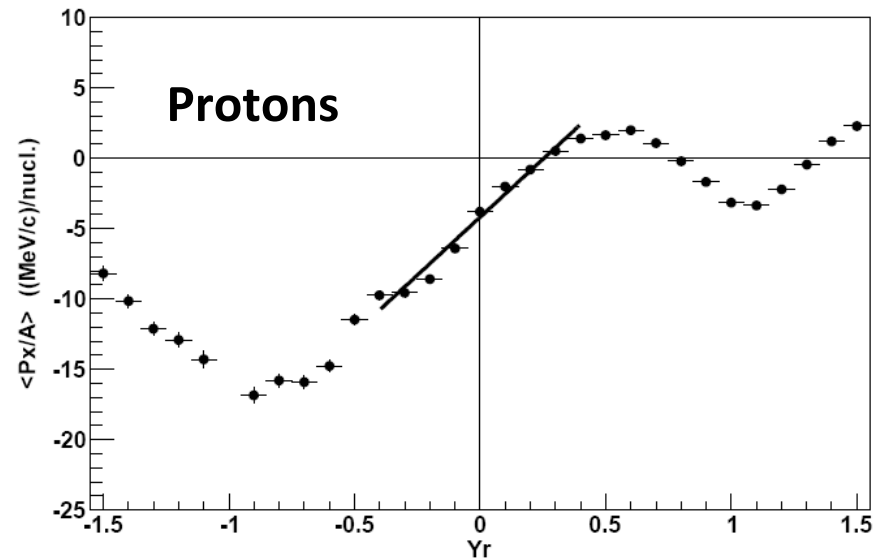
Collective Transverse Flow

Directed/Transverse/Sideward Flow

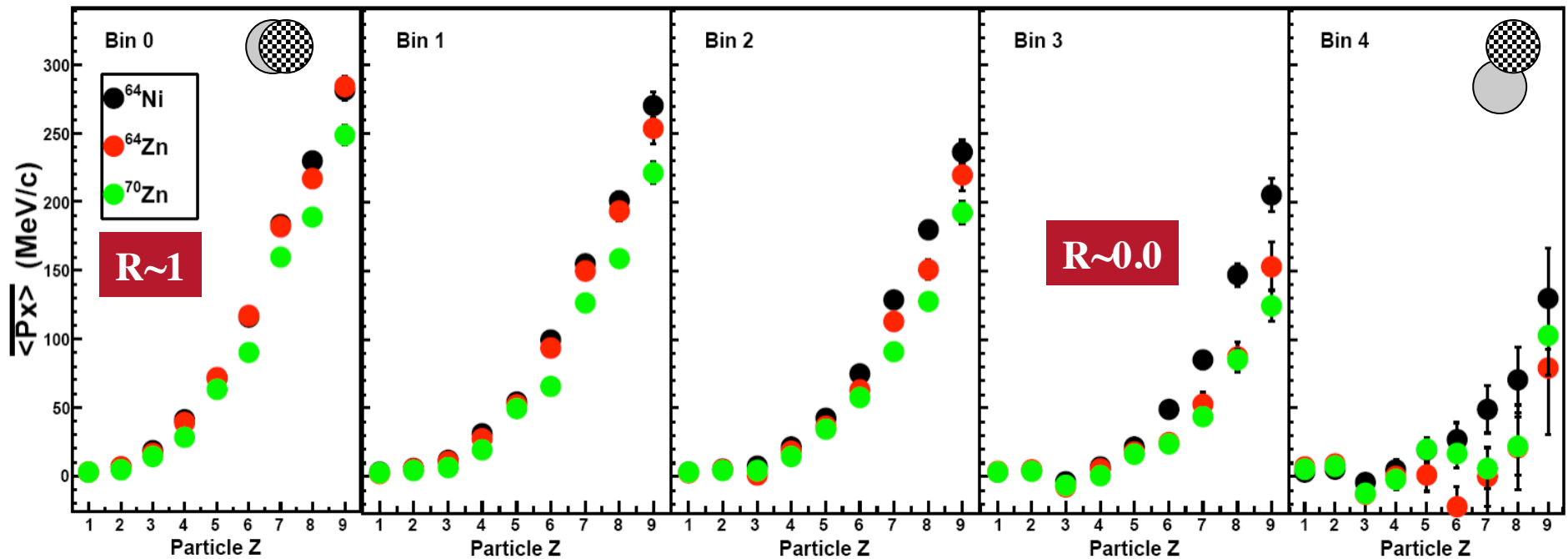
Examination of space-momentum correlation of particle emission in the reaction plane.



$$F(\text{MeV}/c) = \left. \frac{\partial \langle P_x \rangle}{\partial Y_{red}} \right|_{Y=\text{mid-rapidity}}$$



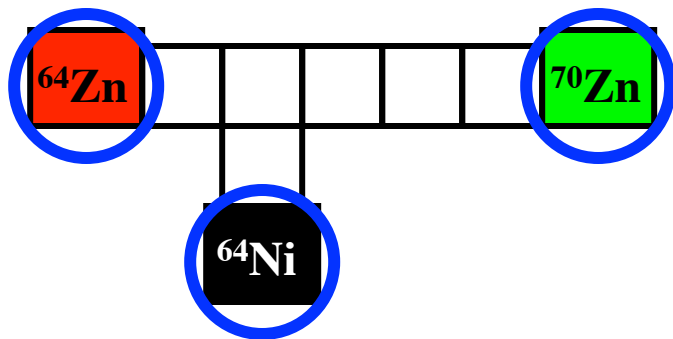
IMF Transverse Flow



Mass Dependence



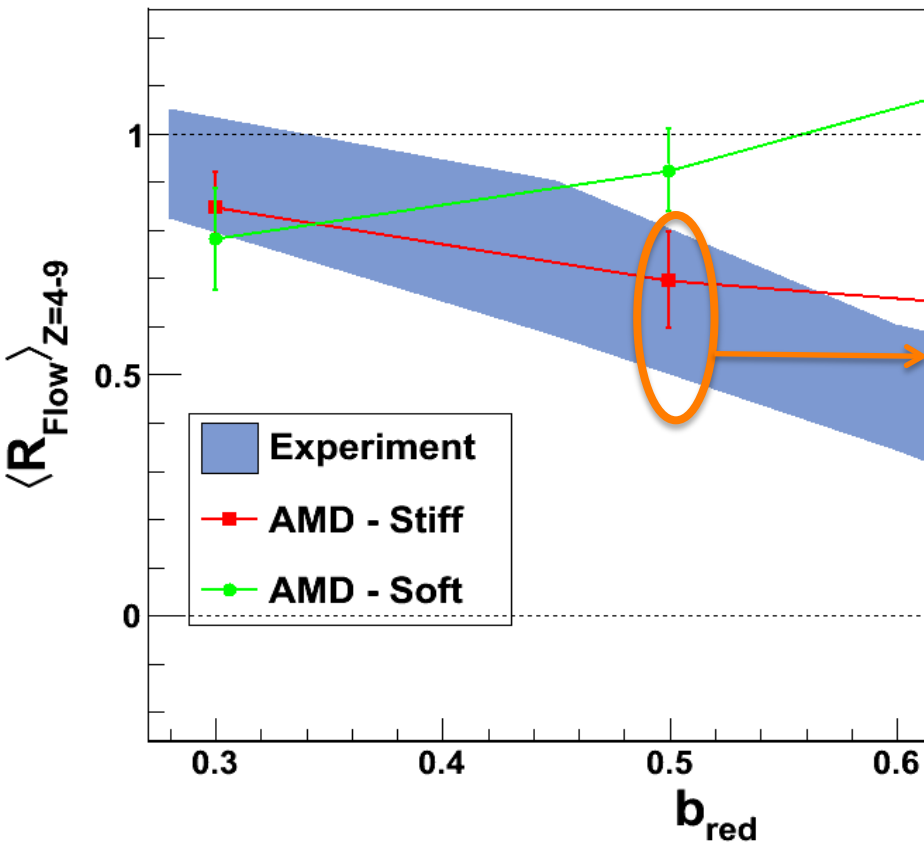
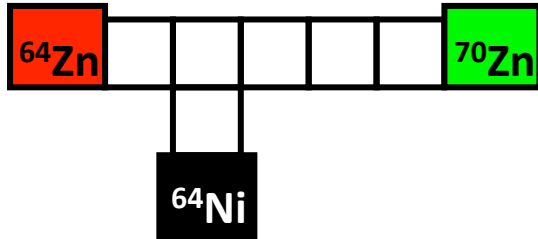
Charge Dependence



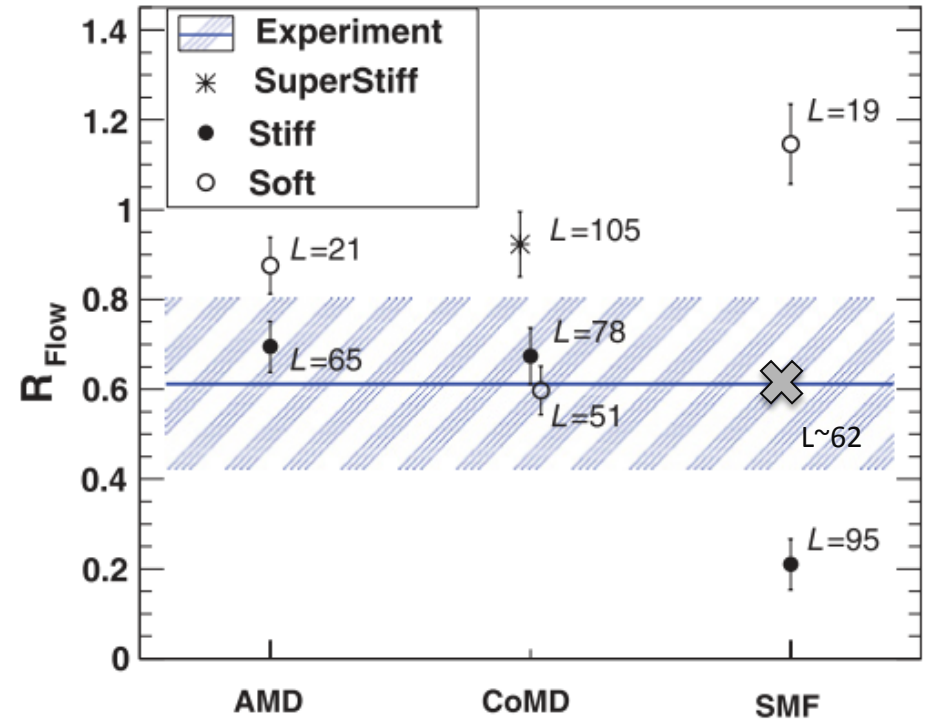
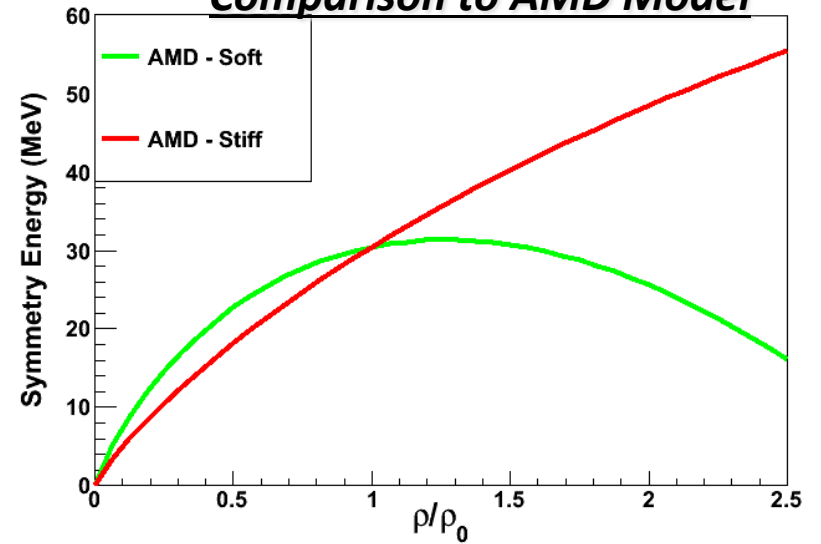
$$R_{Flow} = \frac{\overline{\langle Px/A \rangle}_{^{64}\text{Zn}} - \overline{\langle Px/A \rangle}_{^{70}\text{Zn}}}{\overline{\langle Px/A \rangle}_{^{64}\text{Ni}} - \overline{\langle Px/A \rangle}_{^{70}\text{Zn}}}$$

IMF Transverse Flow

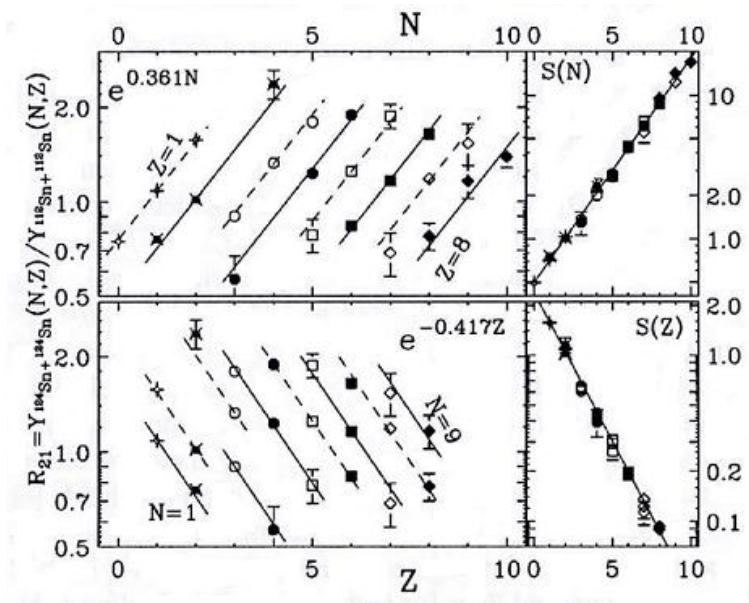
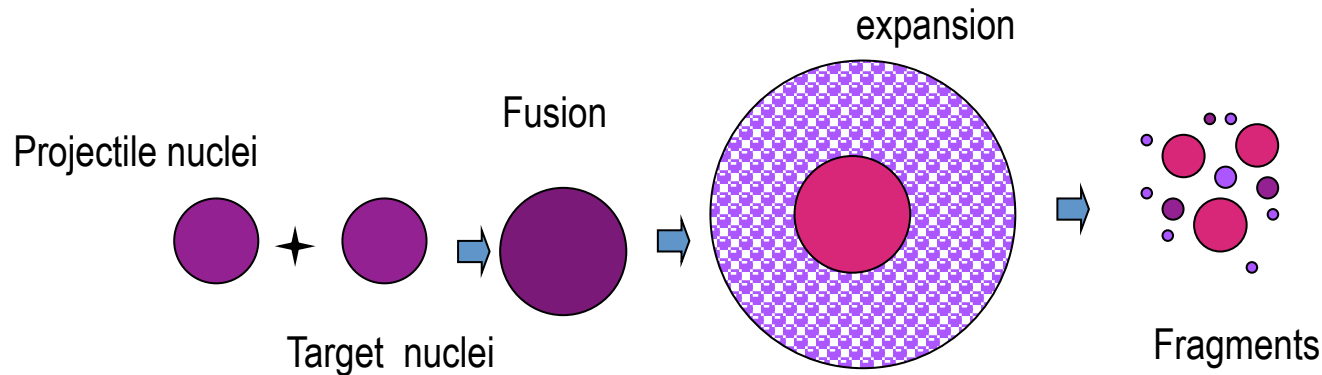
$$R_{Flow} = \frac{\overline{\langle Px/A \rangle}_{64Zn} - \overline{\langle Px/A \rangle}_{70Zn}}{\overline{\langle Px/A \rangle}_{64Ni} - \overline{\langle Px/A \rangle}_{70Zn}}$$



Comparison to AMD Model



Studying density dependence of symmetry energy : Multifragmentation



$$\alpha = \frac{4C_{sym}}{T} \left(\frac{Z_1^2}{A_1^2} - \frac{Z_2^2}{A_2^2} \right)$$

α – Scaling parameter

C_{sym} – Symmetry energy

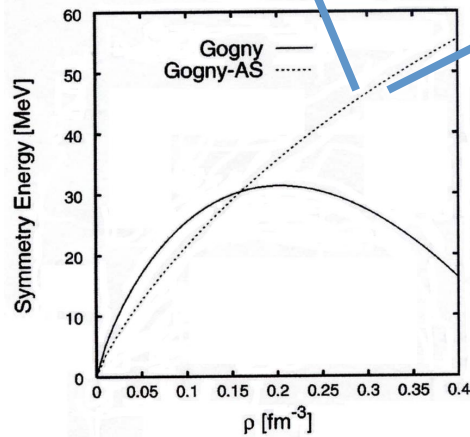
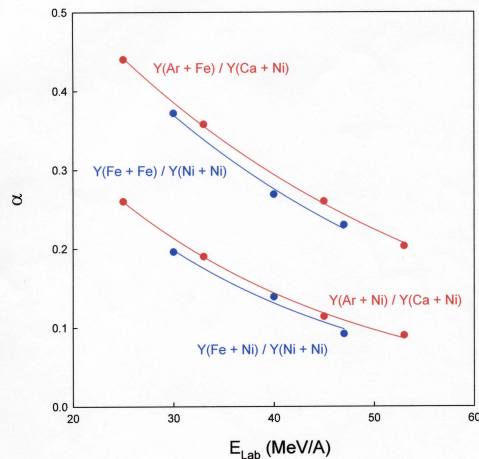
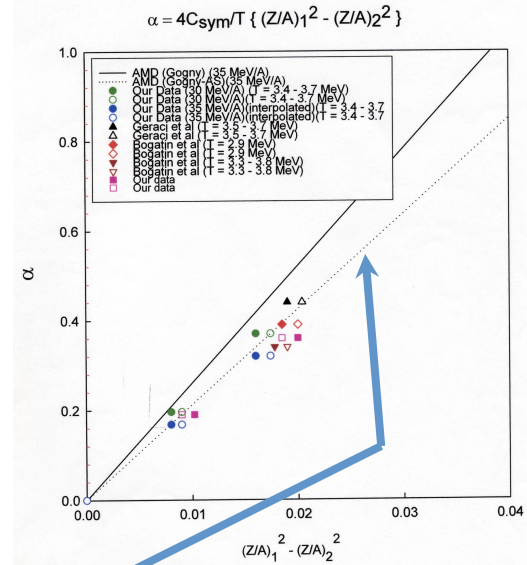
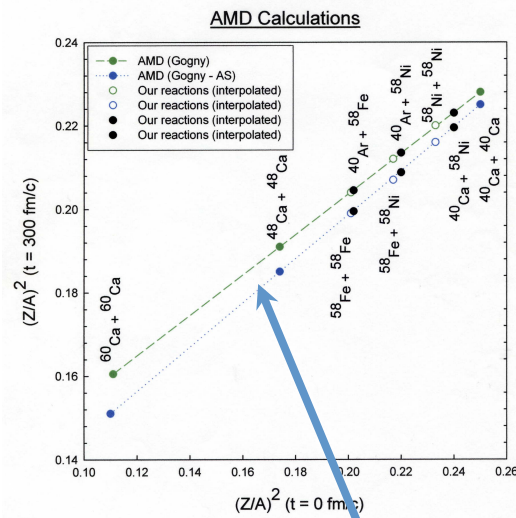
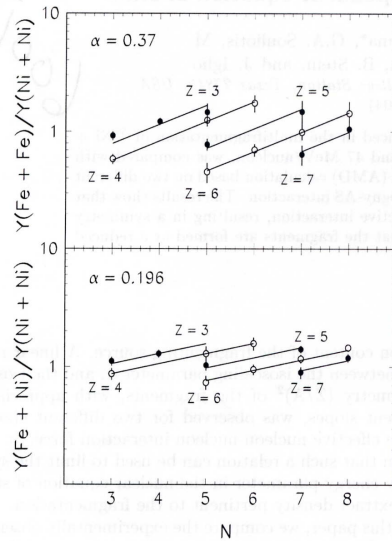
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Symmetry energy and the scaling parameter α



$$\alpha T = 4C_{\text{sym}} \left(\frac{Z_1^2}{A_1^2} - \frac{Z_2^2}{A_2^2} \right)$$

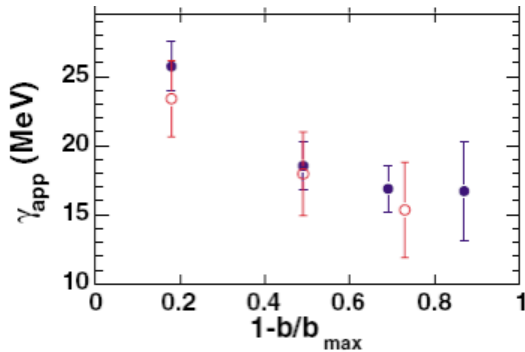
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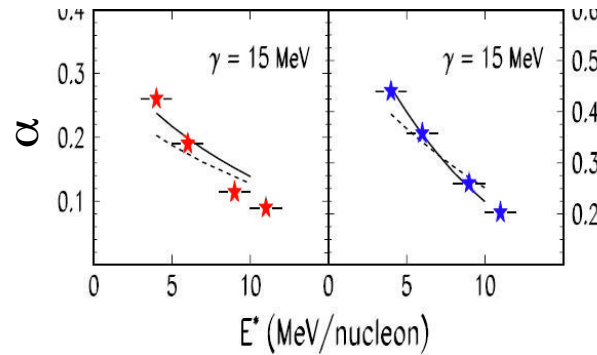


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Decrease in Asymmetry energy (Expt. Observation)



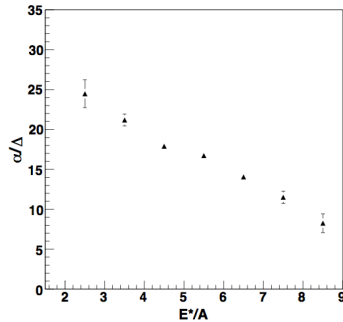
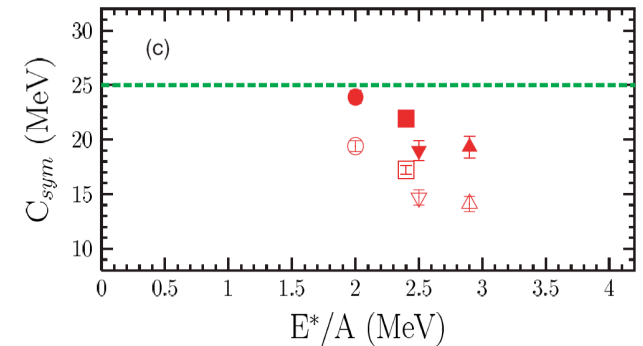
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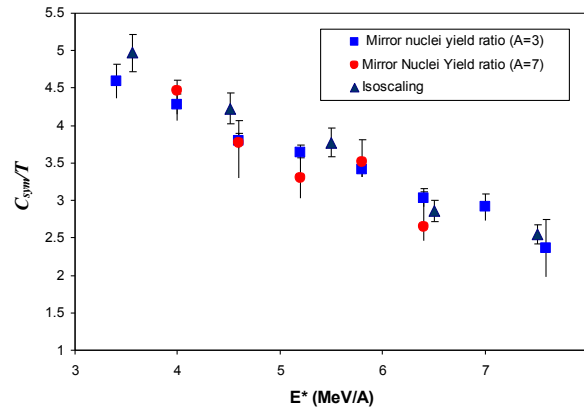
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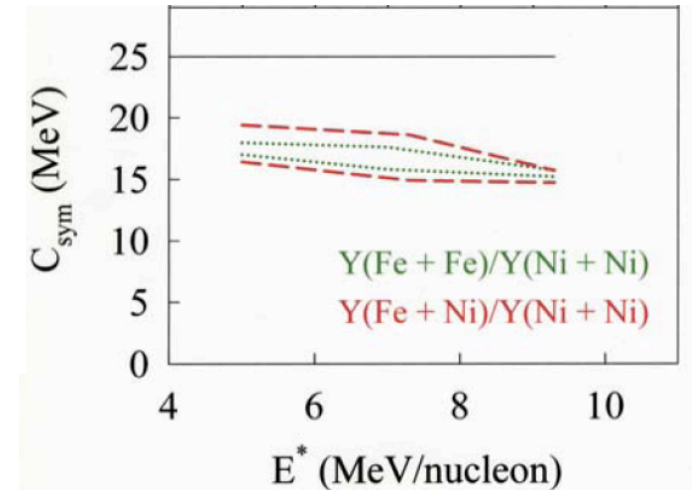
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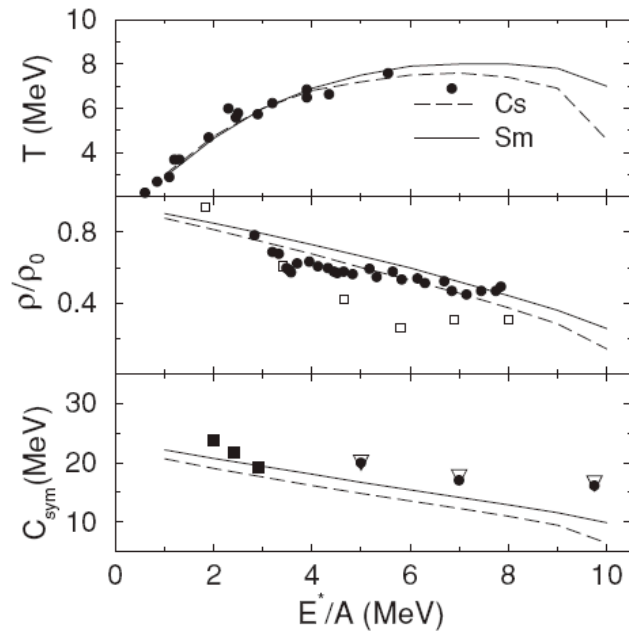
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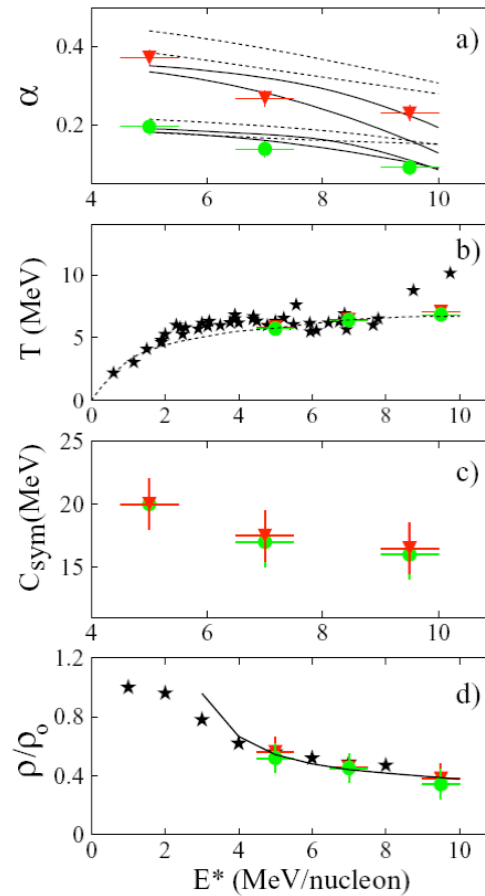
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Decrease in E_{sym} related to thermal expansion

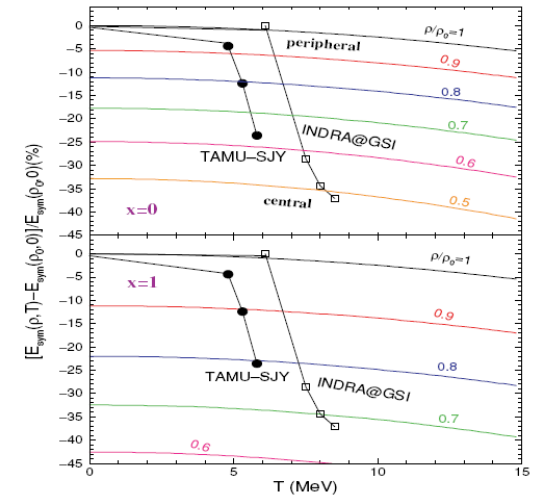
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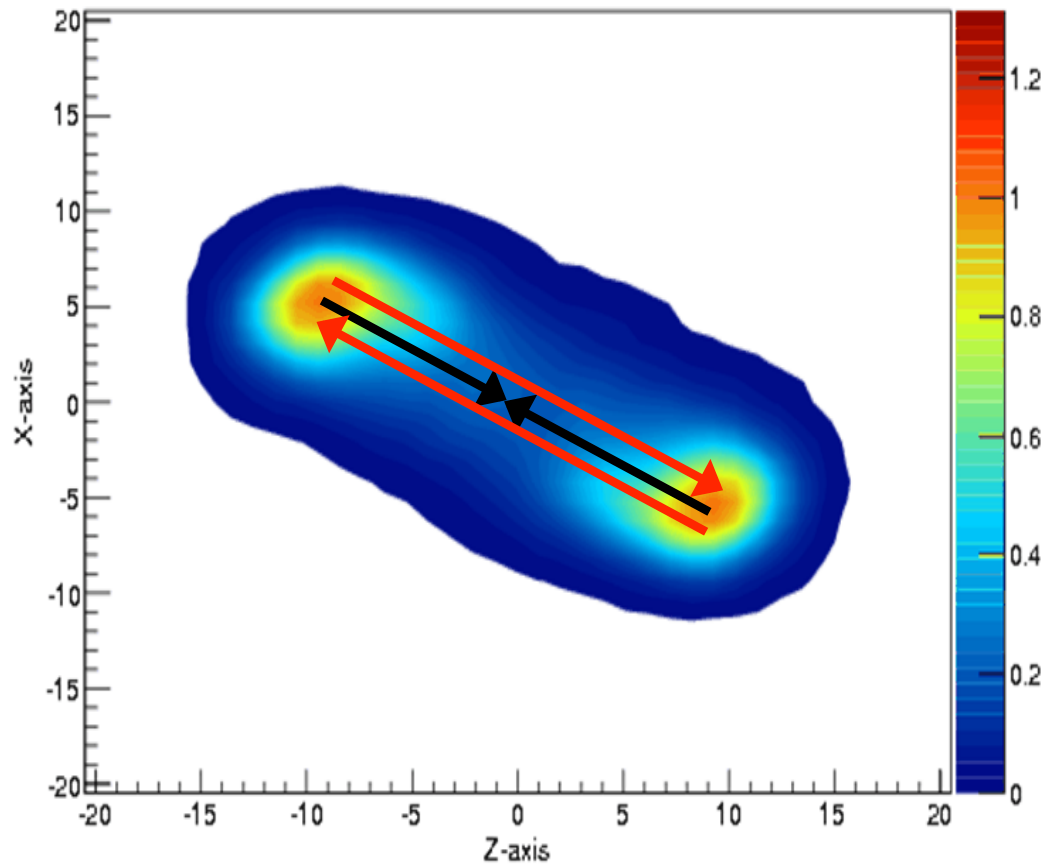
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B.A. Li et al., PRC 74 (2006) 034610

Isospin Transport

iBUU $^{70}\text{Zn} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$ $b = 7$ fm collision: density contour plots in XZ plane



$$D_q^\rho = ct \left(\frac{\partial \mu_q}{\partial \rho} \right)_{I,T}$$

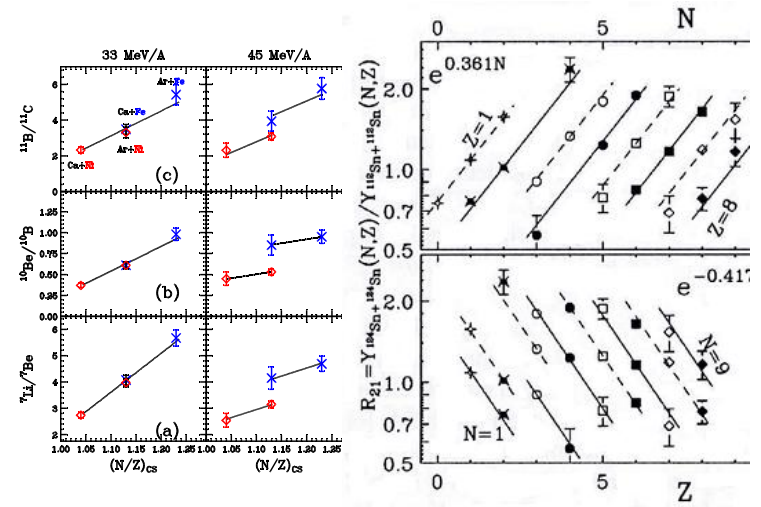
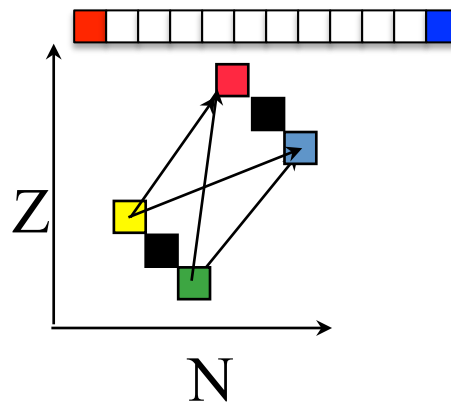
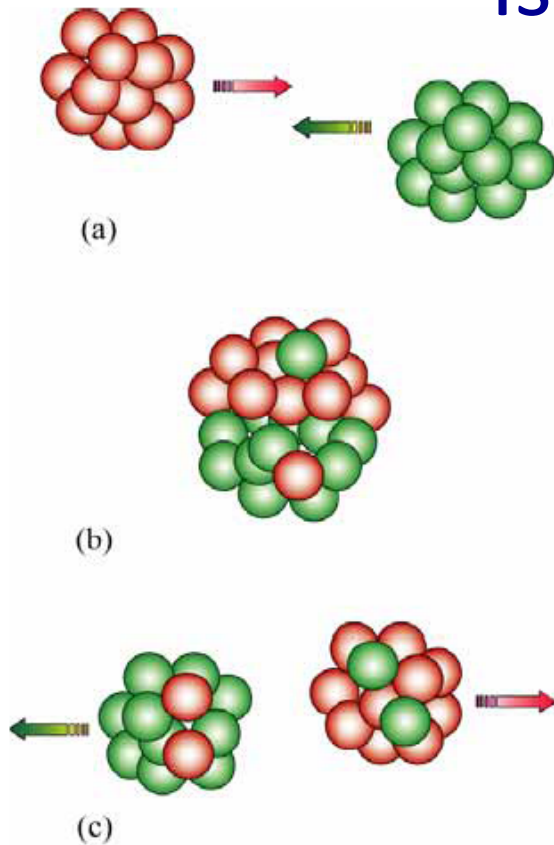
$$D_q^I = -ct \left(\frac{\partial \mu_q}{\partial I} \right)_{\rho,T}$$

$(q = n, p)$

Drift (total nucleon density dependent)

Diffusion (isospin concentration dependent)

Isospin Equilibration / Diffusion



Non equilibration with Isotopically resolved fragments / ratios: Yennello, PLB321(94), Johnston, PLB 371 (1996), B.A. Li, PRC52(1995)

Isospin Tracer Method
Rami, et al, PRL84 (2000)

Diffusion coefficient connected to symmetry potential
L Shi & P Danielewicz, PRC68 (2003)

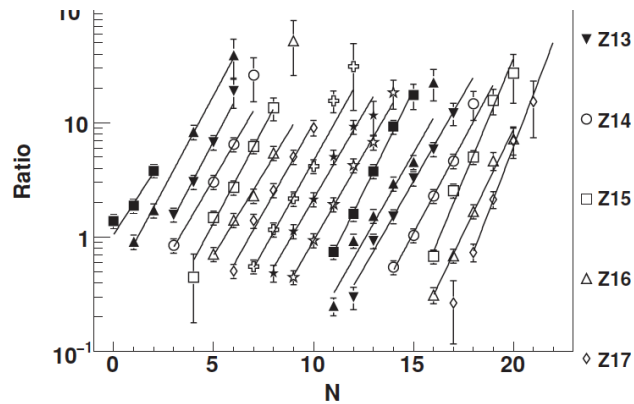
Measured isospin diffusion in Sn+Sn
Tsang, PRL92 (2004)

$$R_i = \frac{2\delta_i - \delta_{NR} - \delta_{NP}}{\delta_{NR} - \delta_{NP}}$$

where $\delta_i = I_i = \frac{(N_i - Z_i)}{(N_i + Z_i)}$

Multiple systems / multiple observables

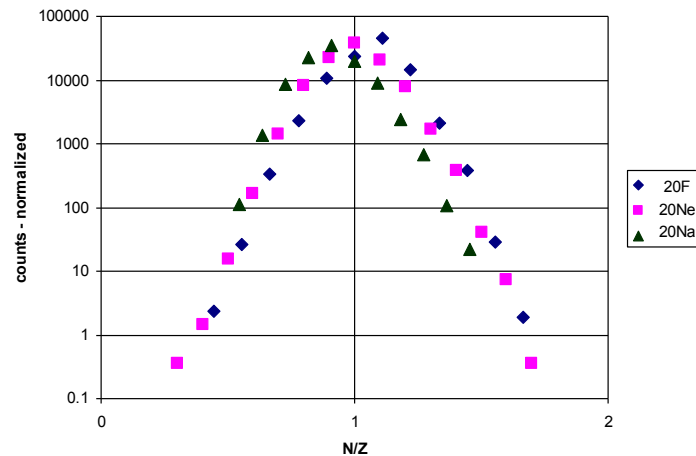
Isoscaling



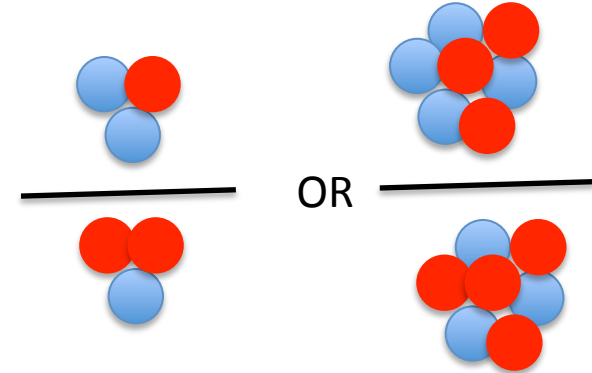
Isobaric ratios

QP_{ms}

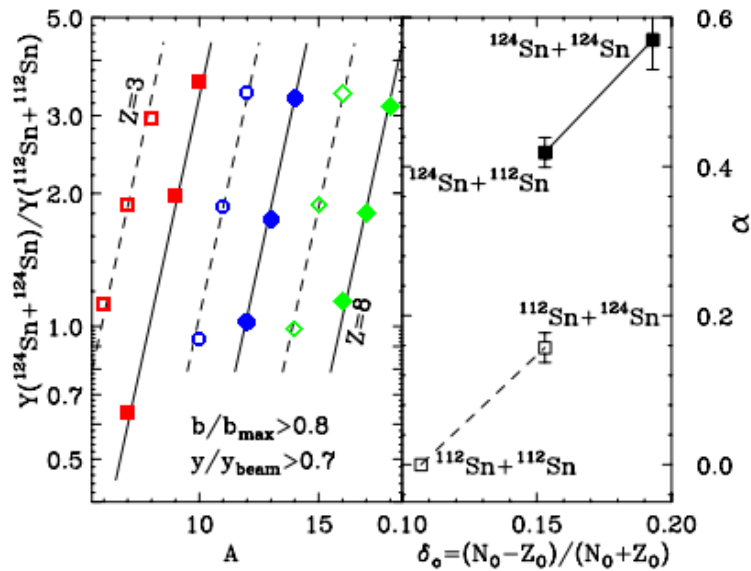
$$m_s = (N-Z)/A$$



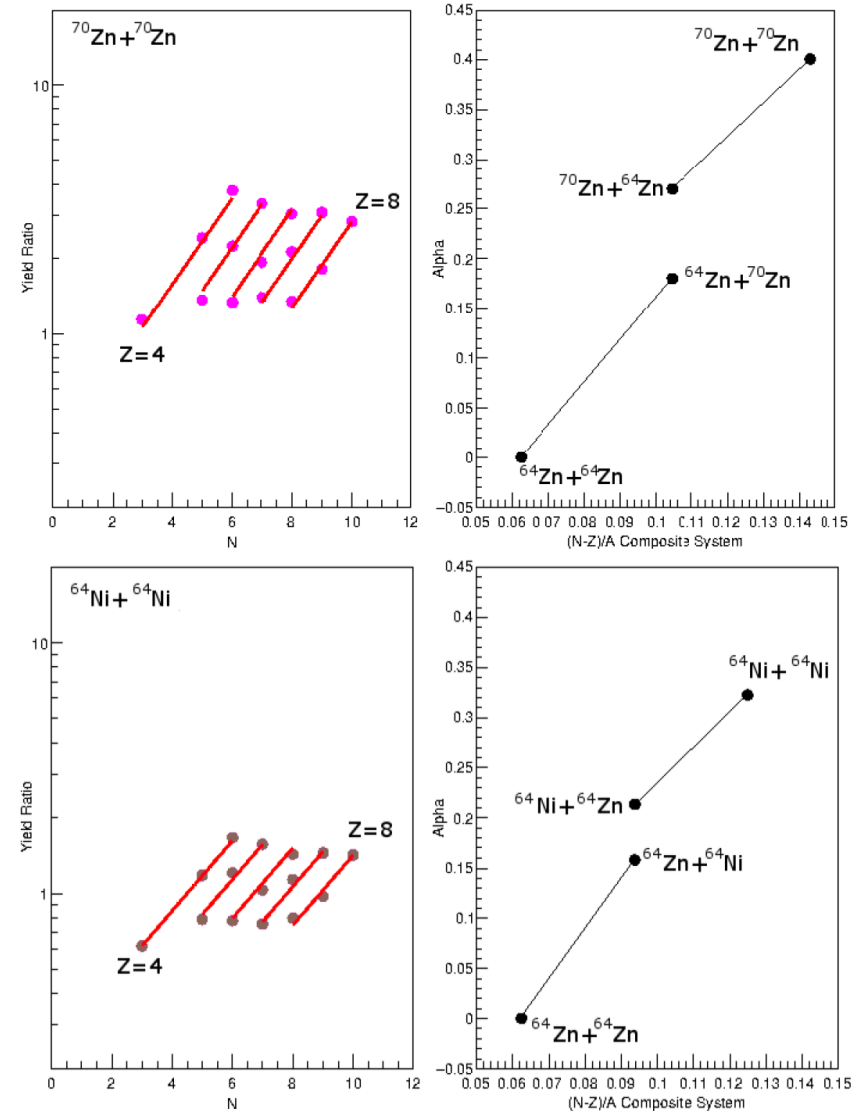
System Pairs	Systems
Zn systems	$^{70}\text{Zn}+^{70}\text{Zn}$
	$^{70}\text{Zn}+^{64}\text{Zn}$
	$^{64}\text{Zn}+^{70}\text{Zn}$
	$^{64}\text{Zn}+^{64}\text{Zn}$
A=64 systems	$^{64}\text{Zn}+^{64}\text{Zn}$
	$^{64}\text{Zn}+^{64}\text{Ni}$
	$^{64}\text{Ni}+^{64}\text{Zn}$
	$^{64}\text{Ni}+^{64}\text{Ni}$



Partial Equilibration



Consistent with the work of Tsang (PRL92 (2004)) in seeing partial equilibration and Johnston (PLB 371 (1996)) and Li (PRC52(1995)) in the effect of beam energy on equilibration

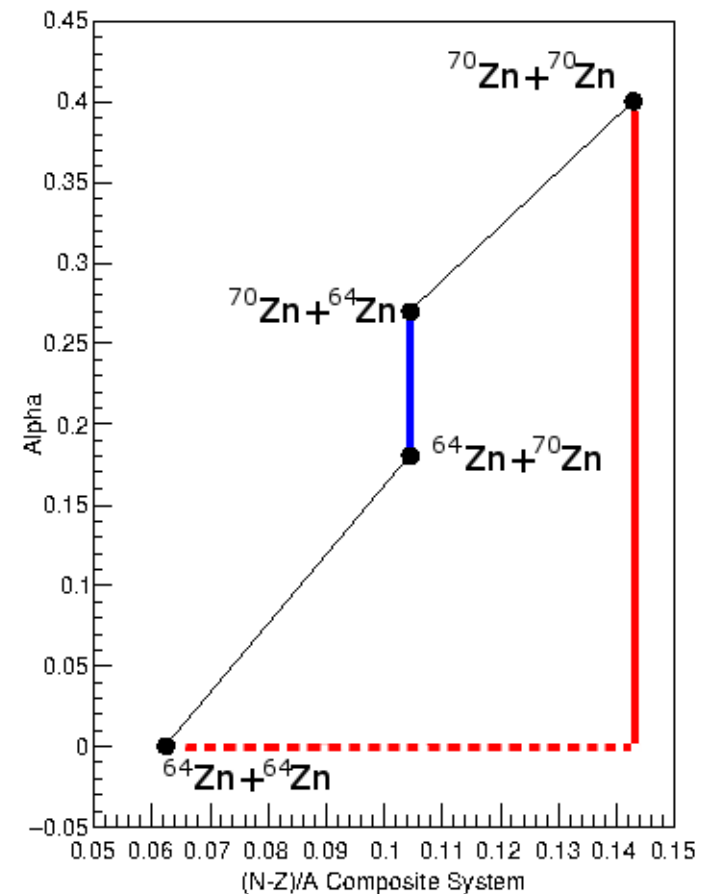


Equilibration calculation

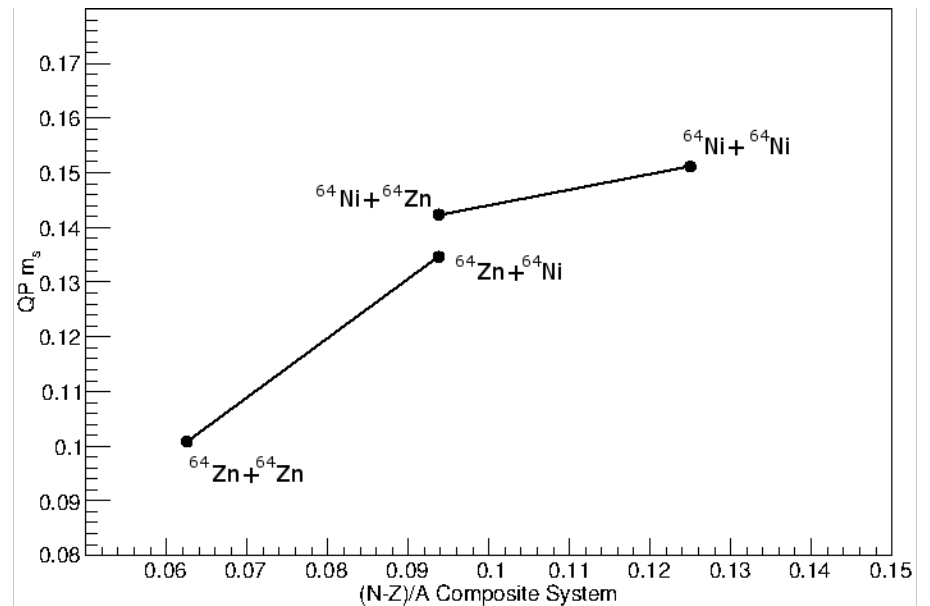
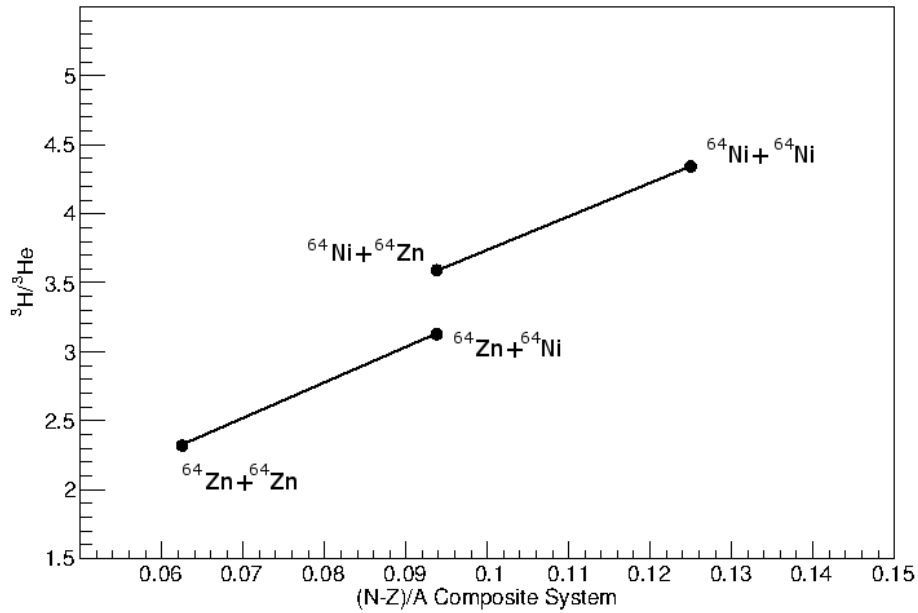
$$\text{Percent Equilibration} = \frac{(x_{NR} - x_{NP}) - (x_{xS1} - x_{xS2})}{x_{NR} - x_{NP}} * 100\%$$

» Measures separation between cross systems relative to separation between symmetric systems

77 ± 5 % equilibration



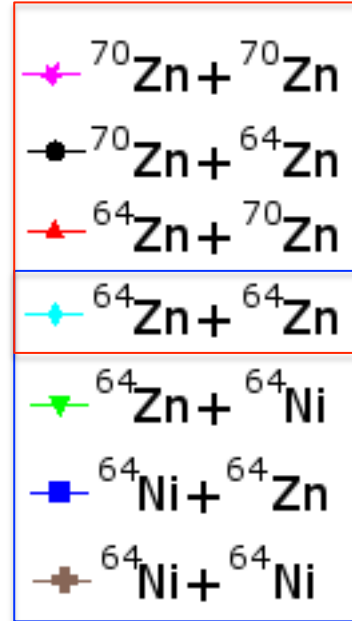
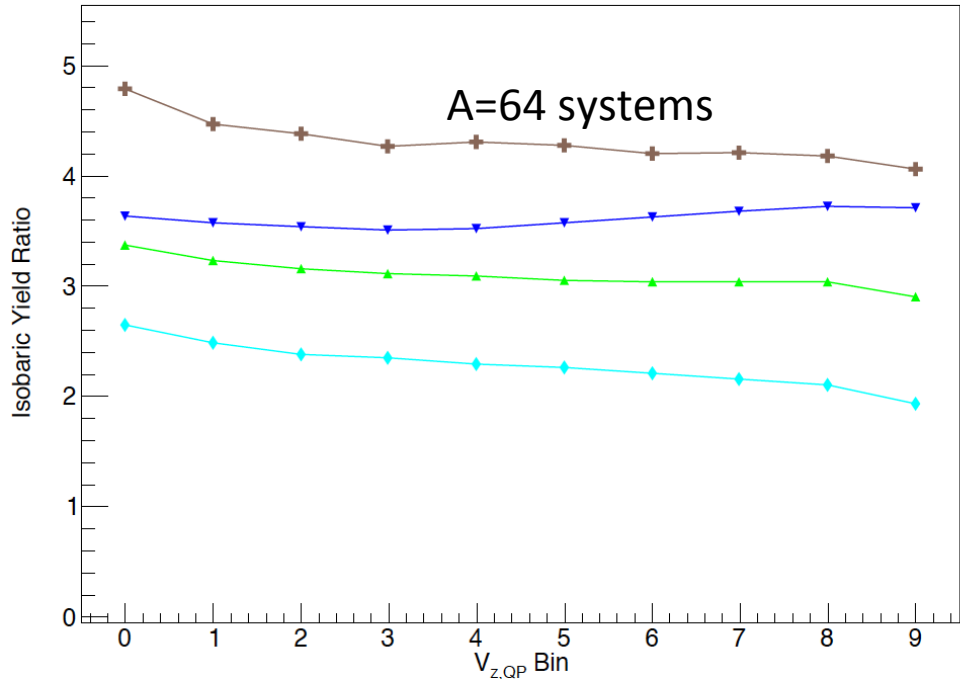
Method from Keksis, *Phys. Rev. C* **81**, 054602 (2010).



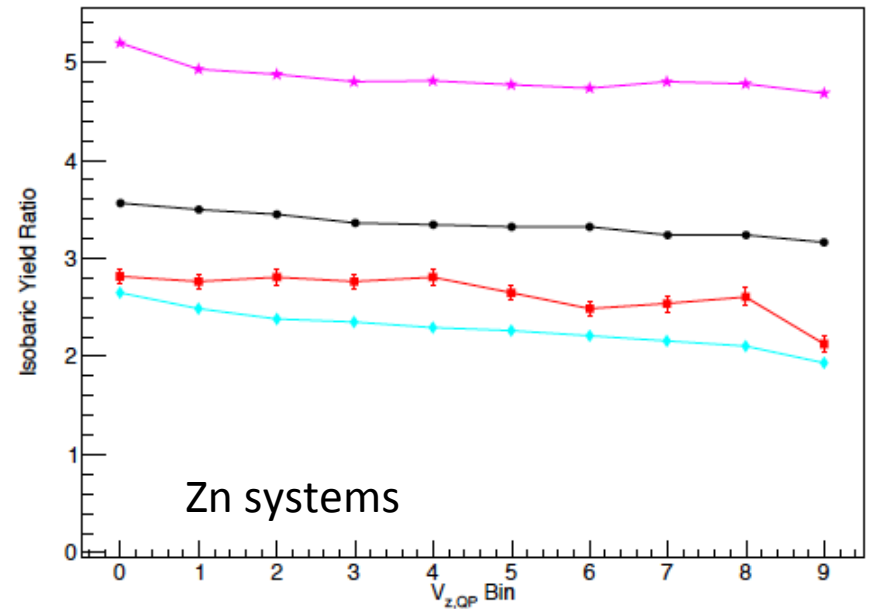
Equilibration observable	35 MeV/nucleon $^{70,64}\text{Zn}+^{70,64}\text{Zn}$	35 MeV/nucleon $^{64}\text{Zn,Ni}+^{64}\text{Zn,Ni}$	50 MeV/nucleon $^{124,112}\text{Sn}+^{124,112}\text{Sn}$ [20]
Isoscaling α ($Z=4-8$)		$83\pm 5\%$	
Isoscaling α ($Z=4-14$)		$85\pm 7\%$	
$^3\text{H}/^3\text{He}$ ratio		$77\pm 4\%$	
QP m_s		$85\pm 5\%$	

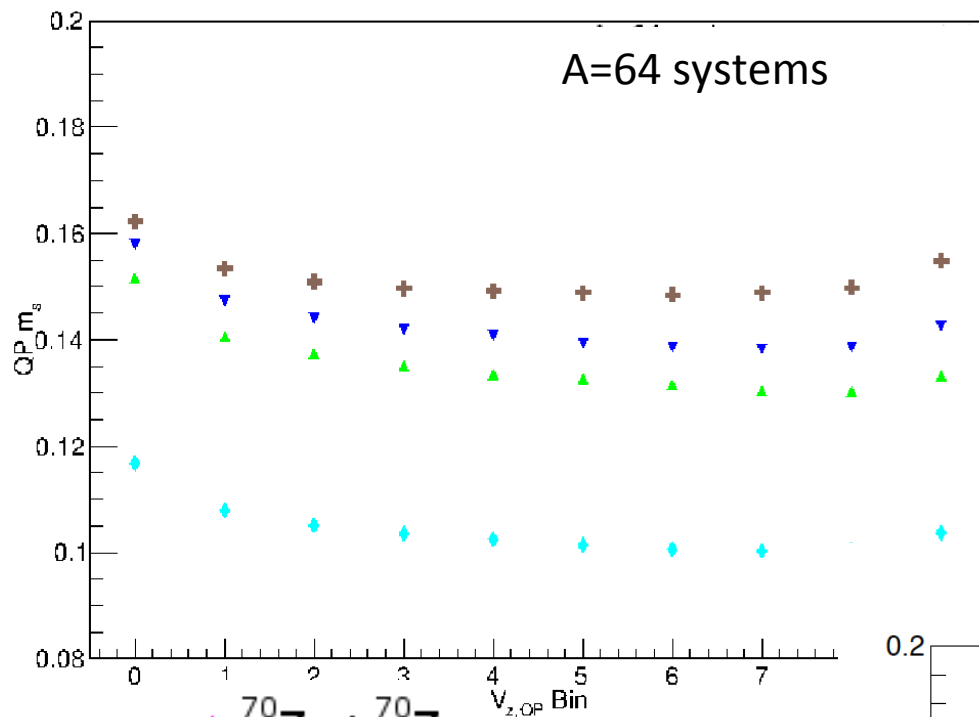
Impact parameter dependence in the data

A=3 Isobaric Yield Ratios vs $V_{z,QP}$ Bin



A=3 Isobaric Yield Ratios vs $V_{z,QP}$ Bin

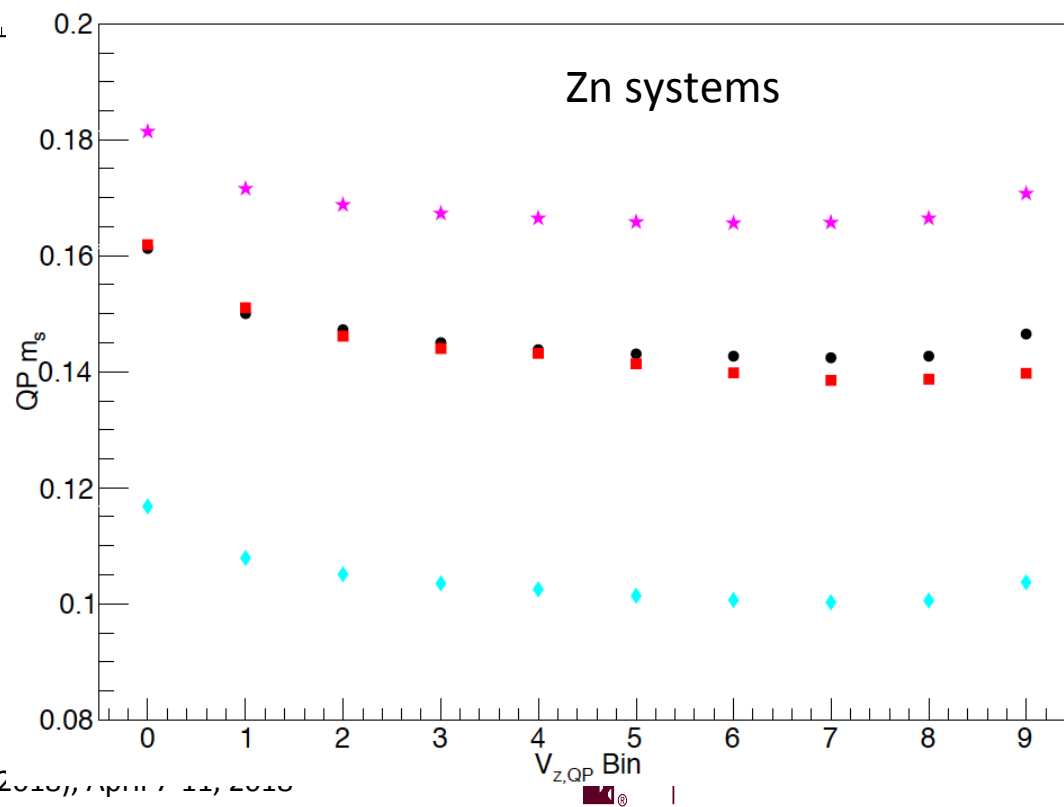




QP_{ms}

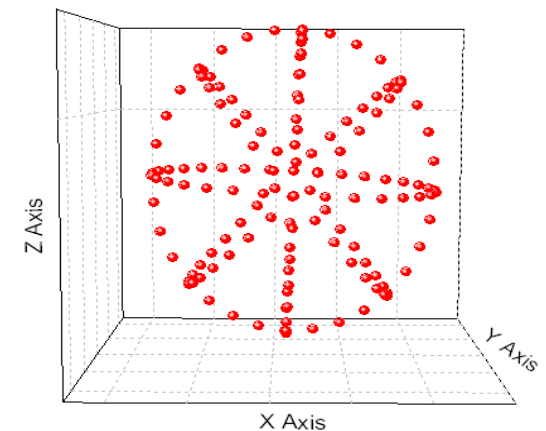
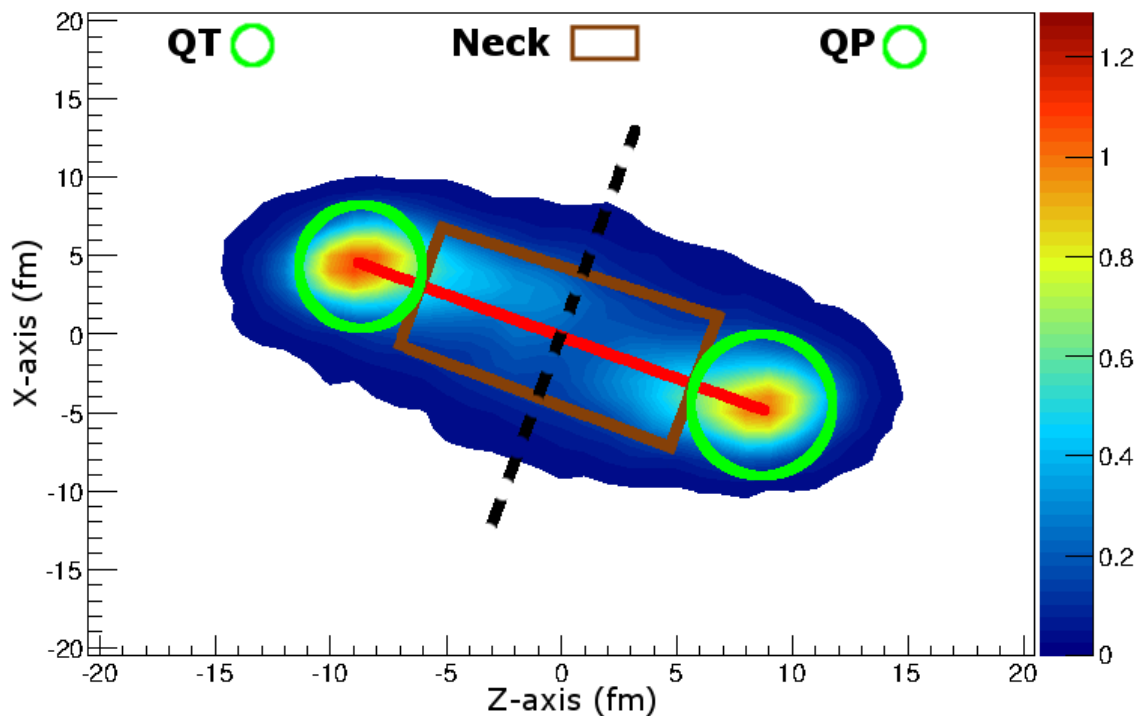
Zn systems show much more equilibration than A=64 systems

QP m_s vs $V_{z,QP}$



Theoretical calculations

- Isospin-dependent Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck (iBUU) transport code
 - ◆ Momentum dependent interaction
 - ◆ Mean-field model using test-particles
 - ◆ Developed method of looking at properties of the hot QP
 - » This allows us access to conditions and effects right after transport occurs

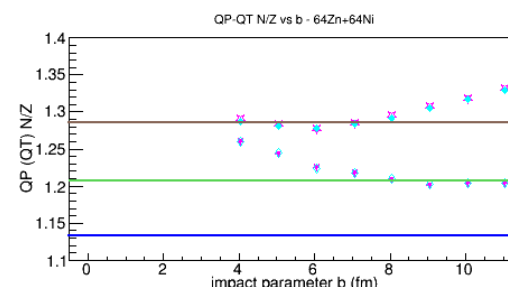
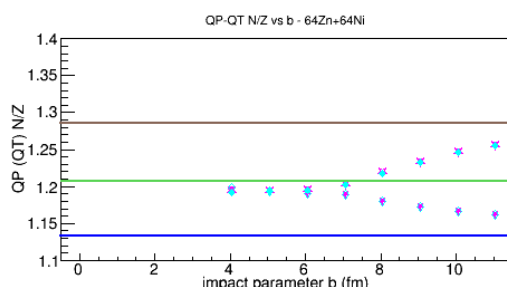
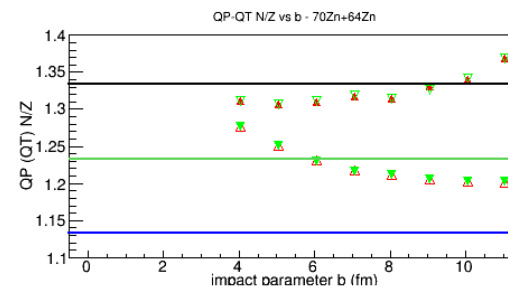
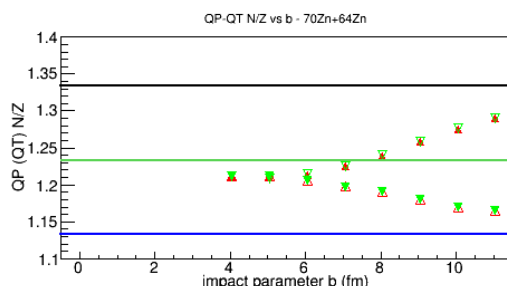
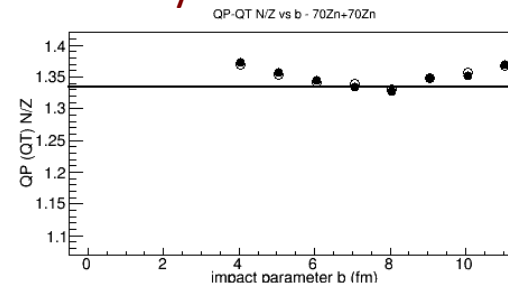
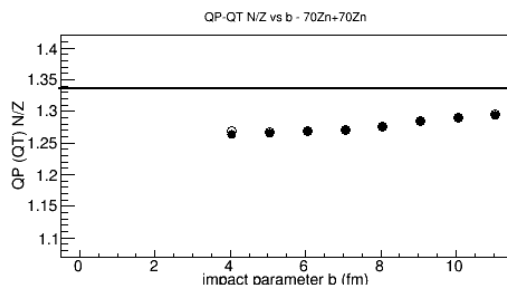


The N/Z of the QP and the amount of equilibration depends on the symmetry energy

“asy-soft” $x=1$

“asy-stiff” $x=-2$

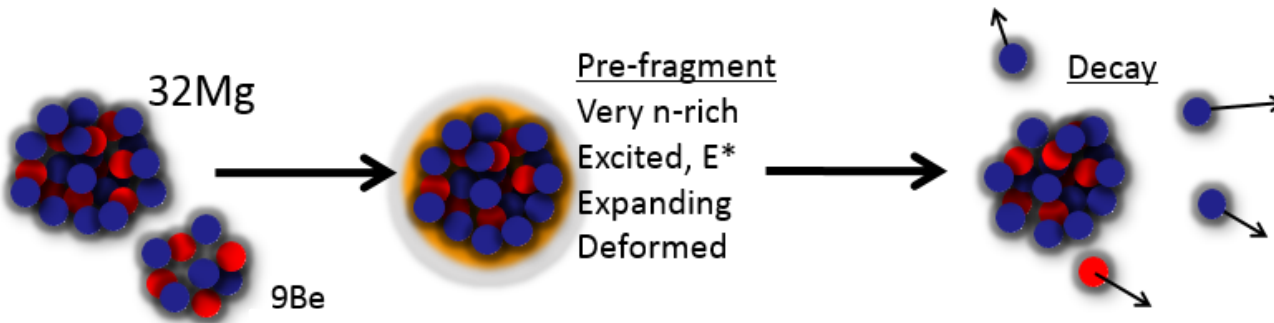
- $^{70}\text{Zn} + ^{70}\text{Zn}$
- ▲ $^{70}\text{Zn} + ^{64}\text{Zn}$
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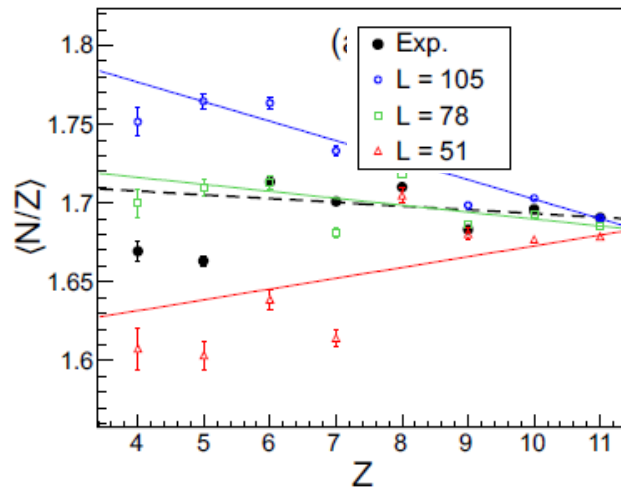
Lines are N/Z for the Proj, Tgt and composite system

Detect PLF directly

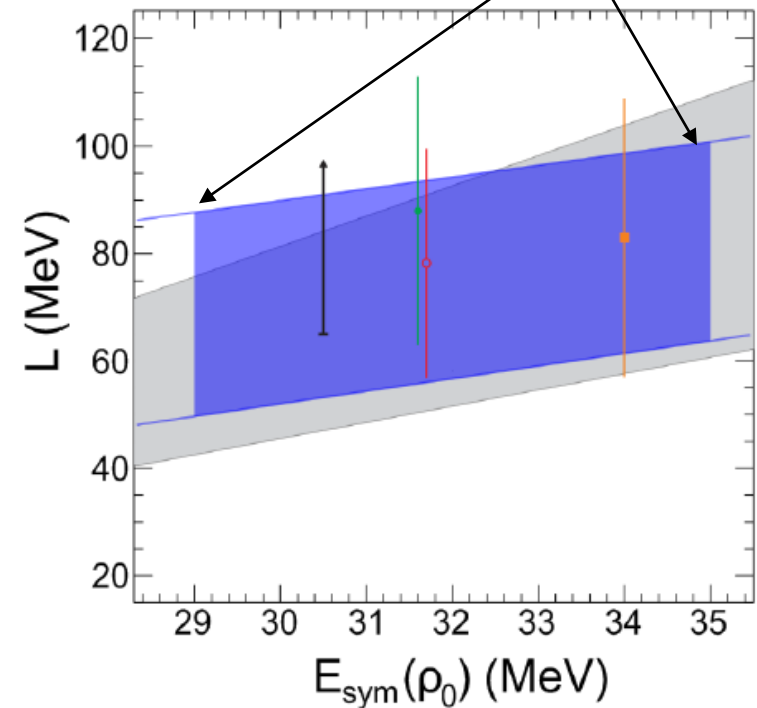
Measure neutrons and N/Z of PLF using MoNA-LISA-Sweeper setup



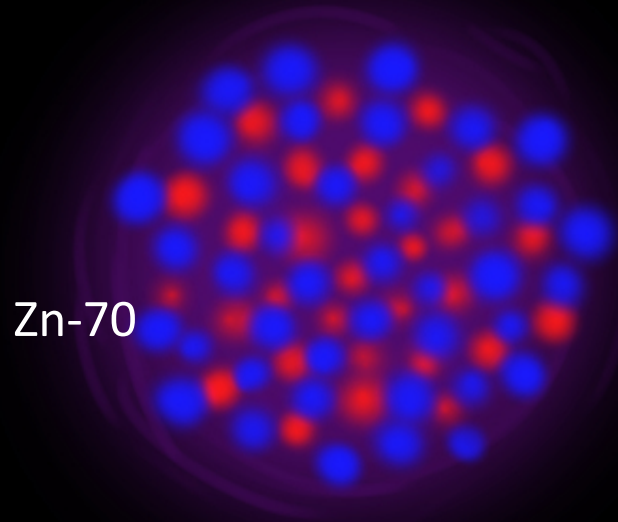
Compared to Constrained Molecular Dynamics (CoMD-II) model: *M. Papa et al. PRC 64, 24612, (2001).*



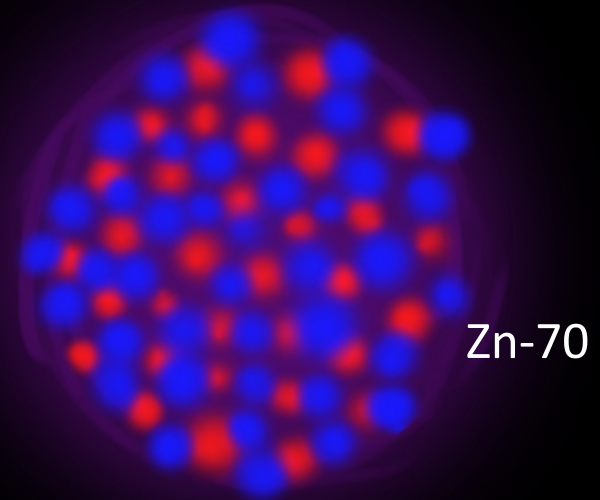
Purple area new constraints extracted from ^{32}Mg RIB experiment.



Target



Projectile



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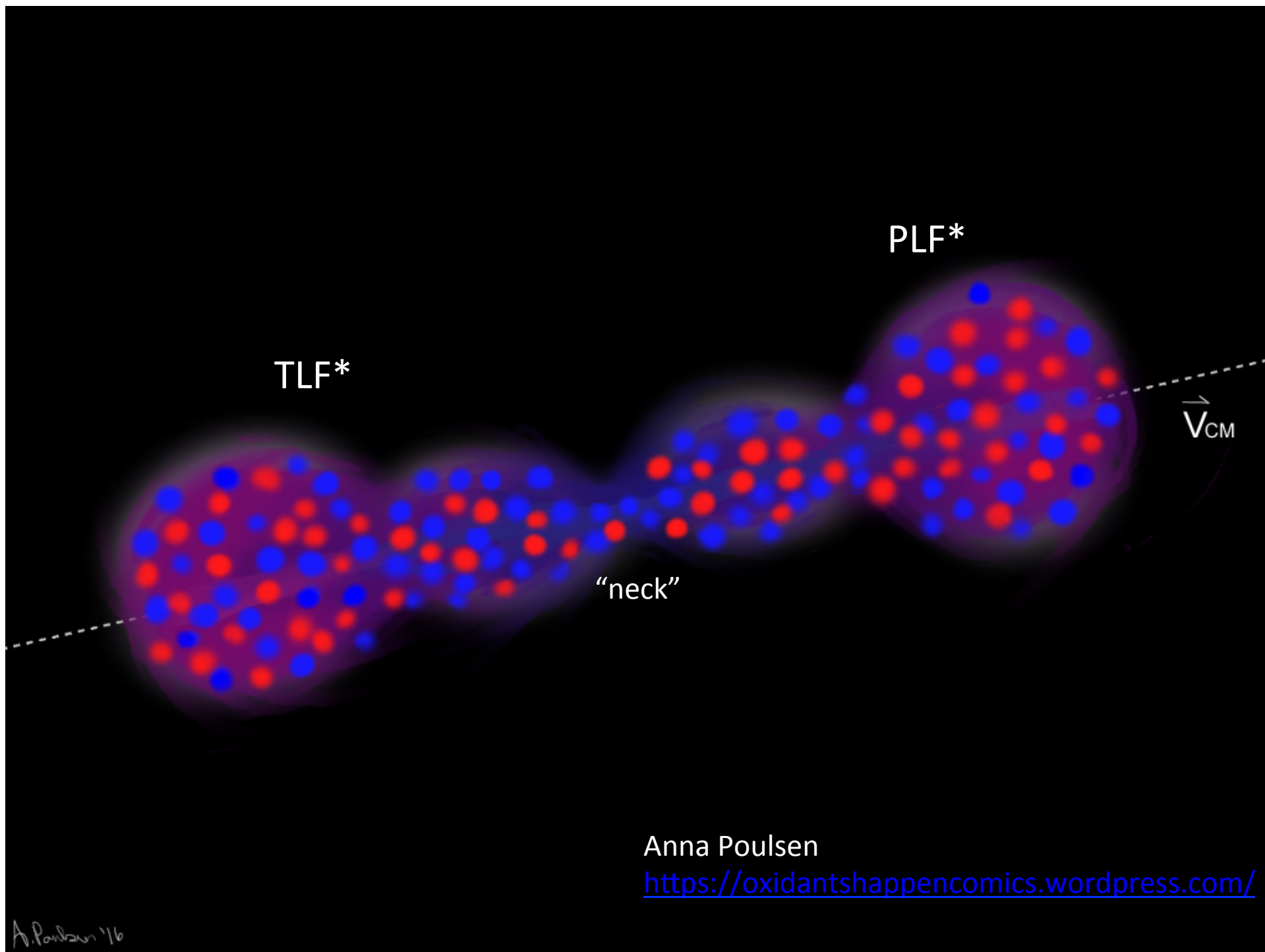
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Target-like

Projectile-like

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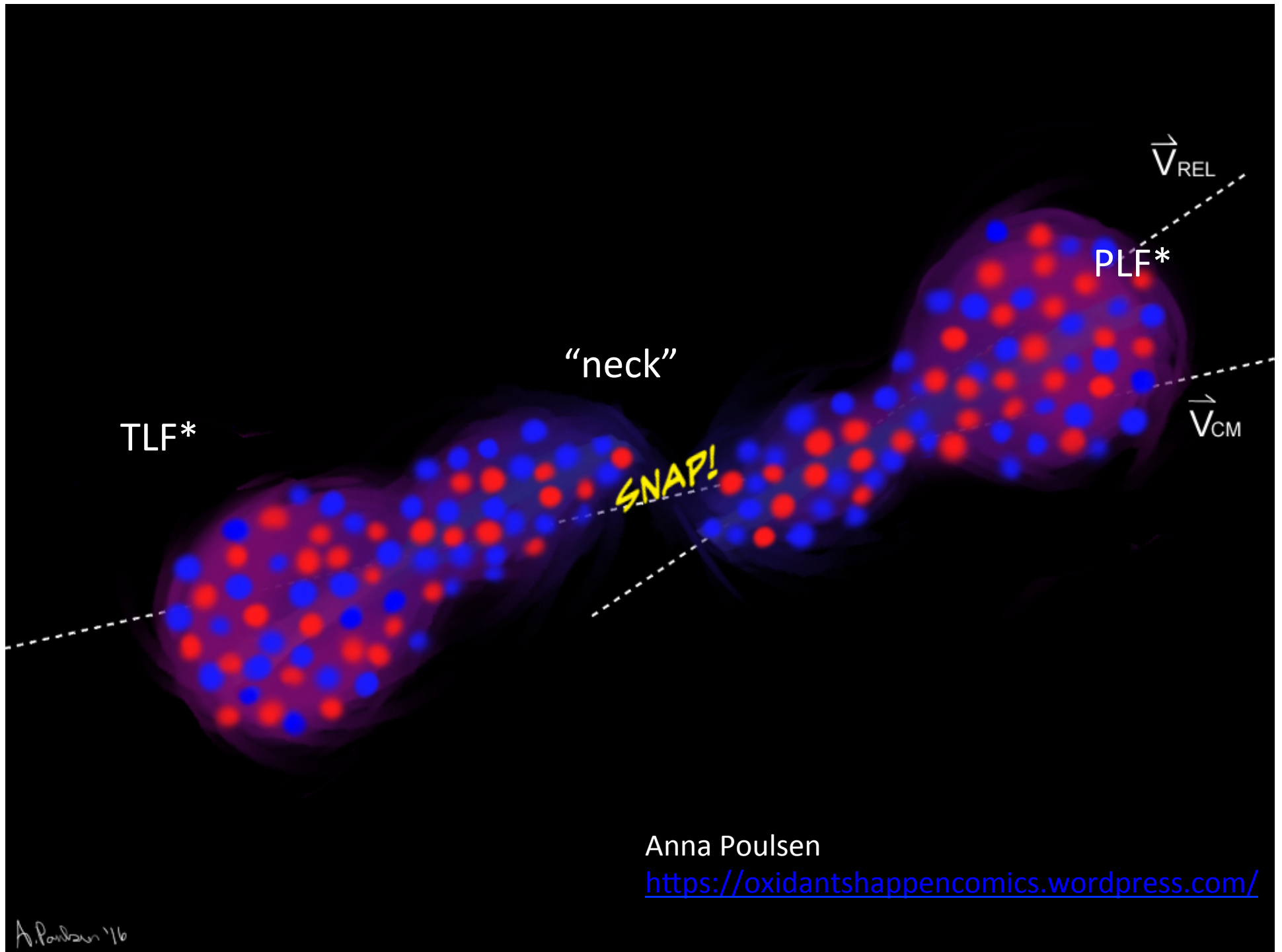
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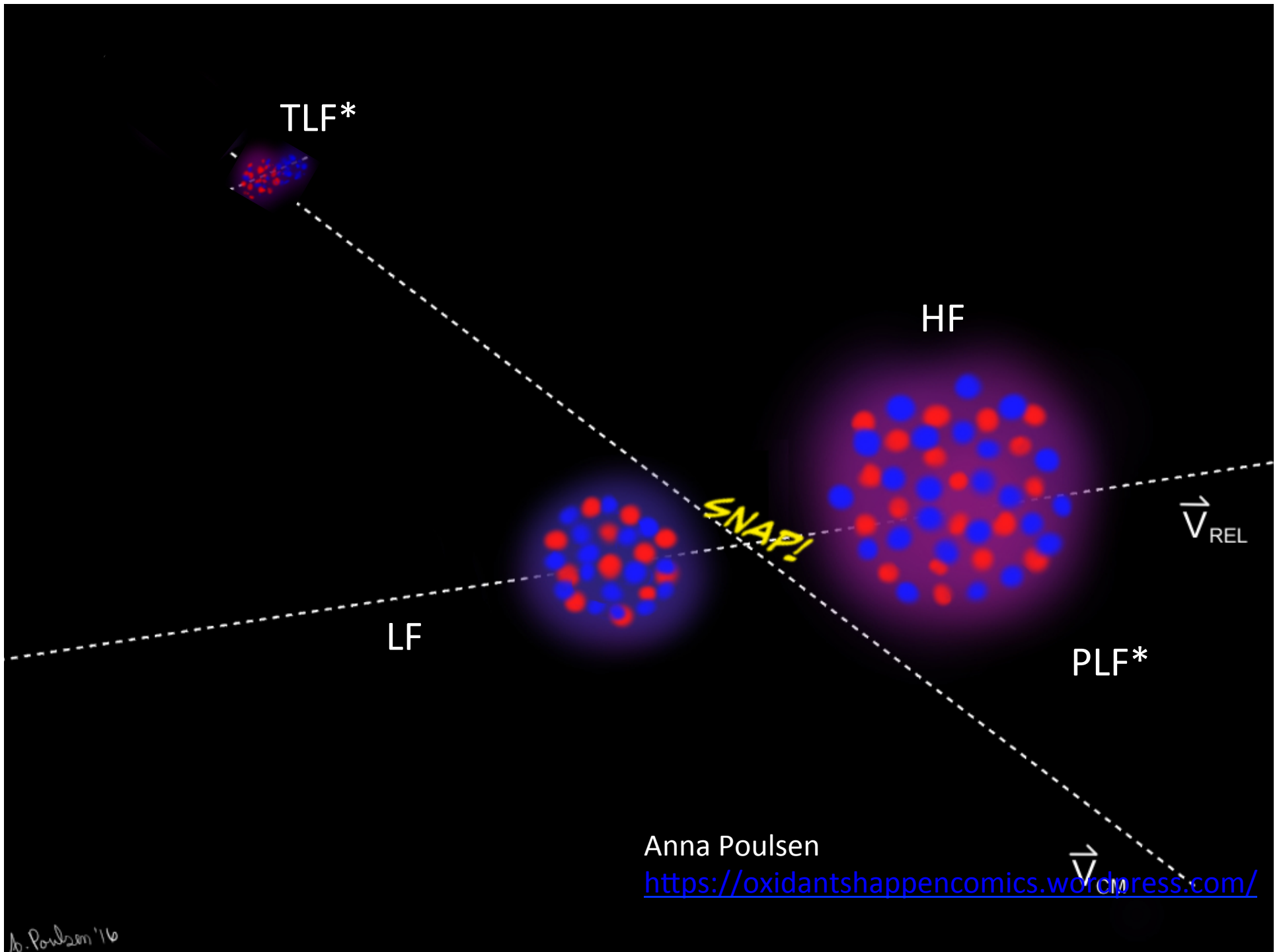
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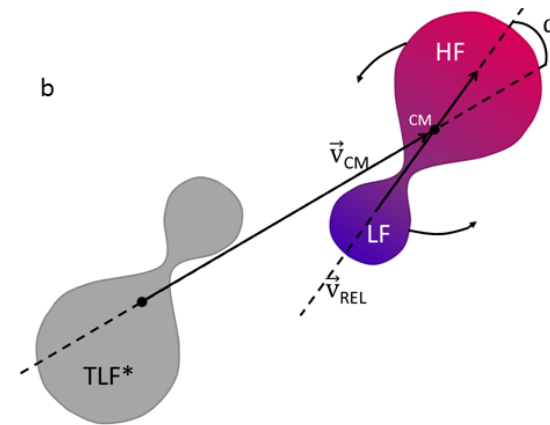
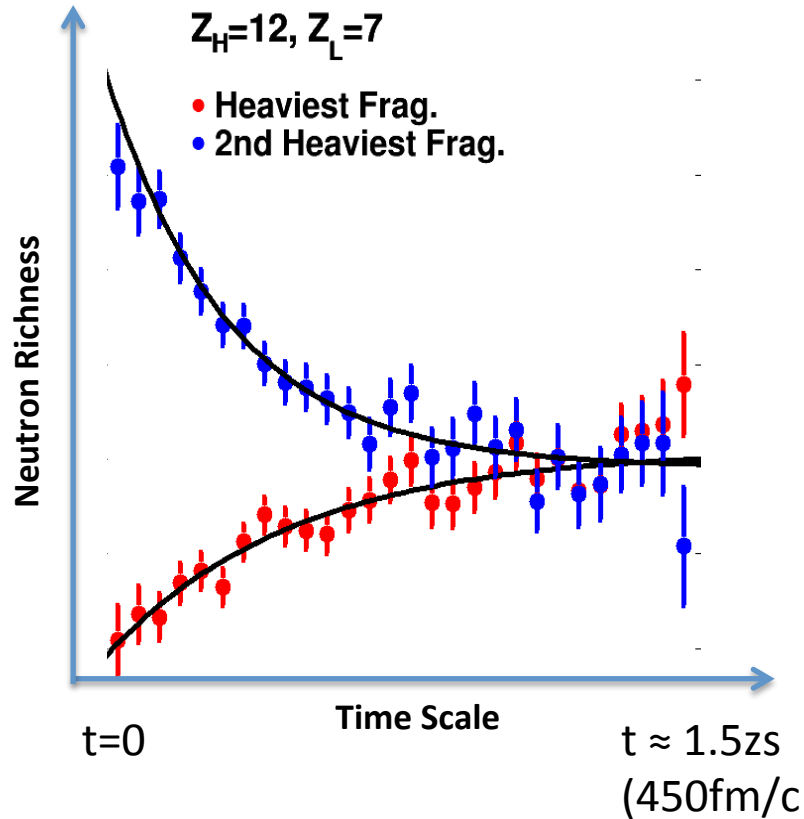
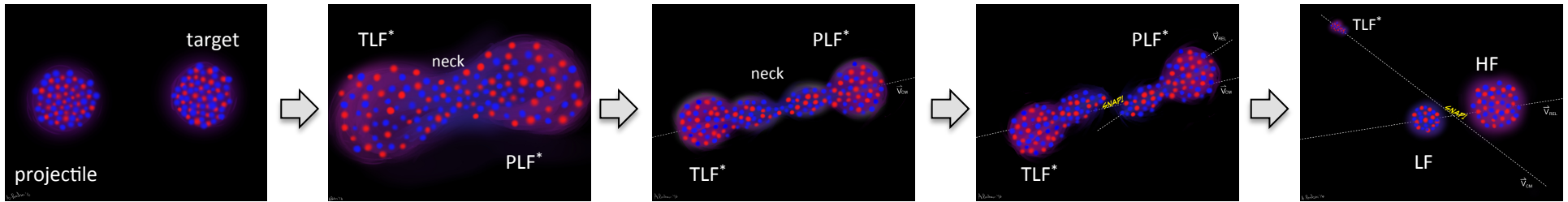
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Equilibration Chronometry

Characterizing neutron-proton equilibration with sub-zeptosecond resolution



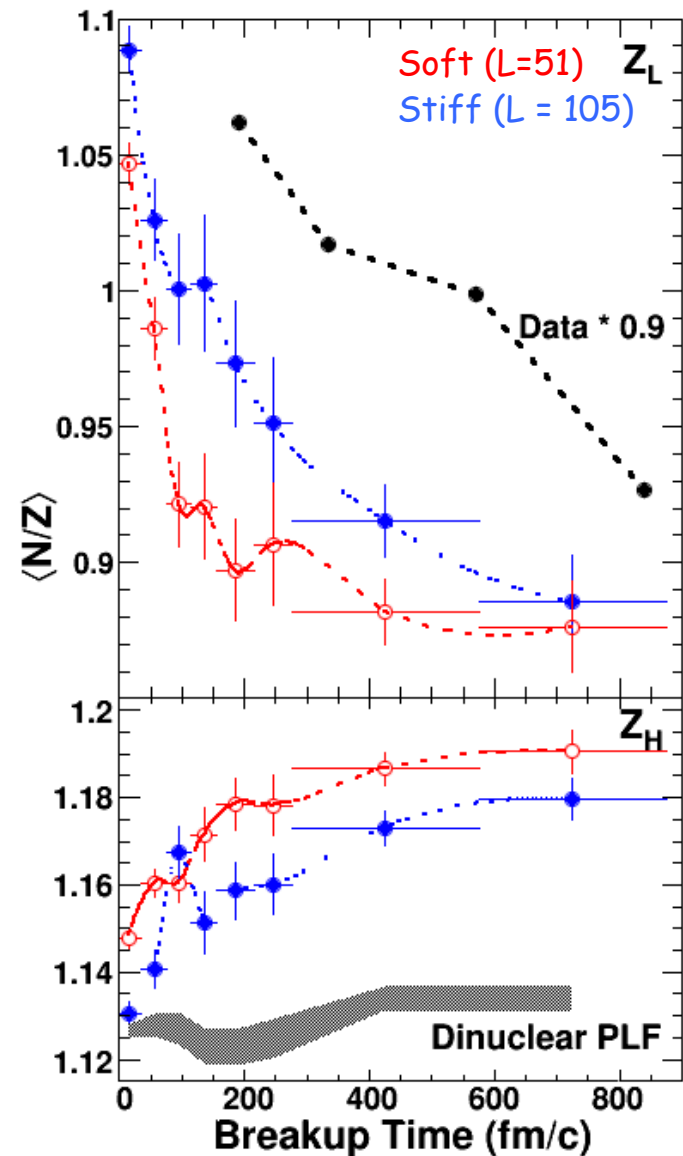
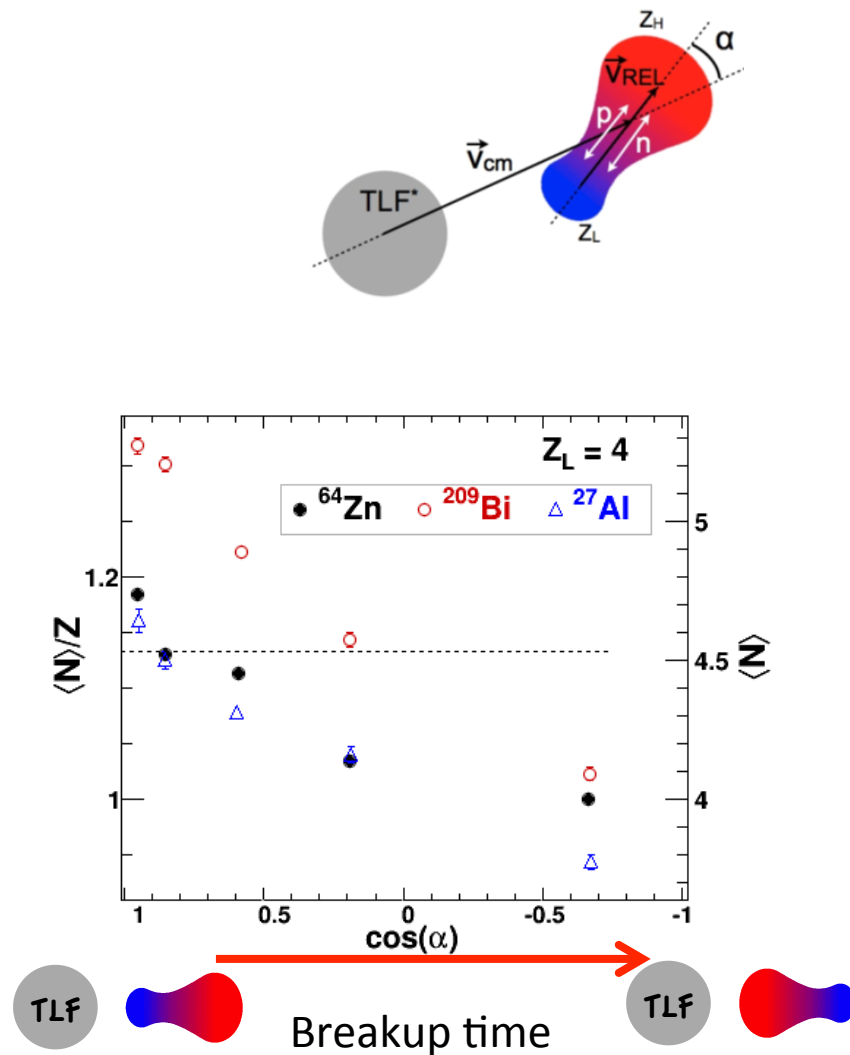
We observe N-Z equilibration as a function of time.

Equilibration curve is approximately exponential

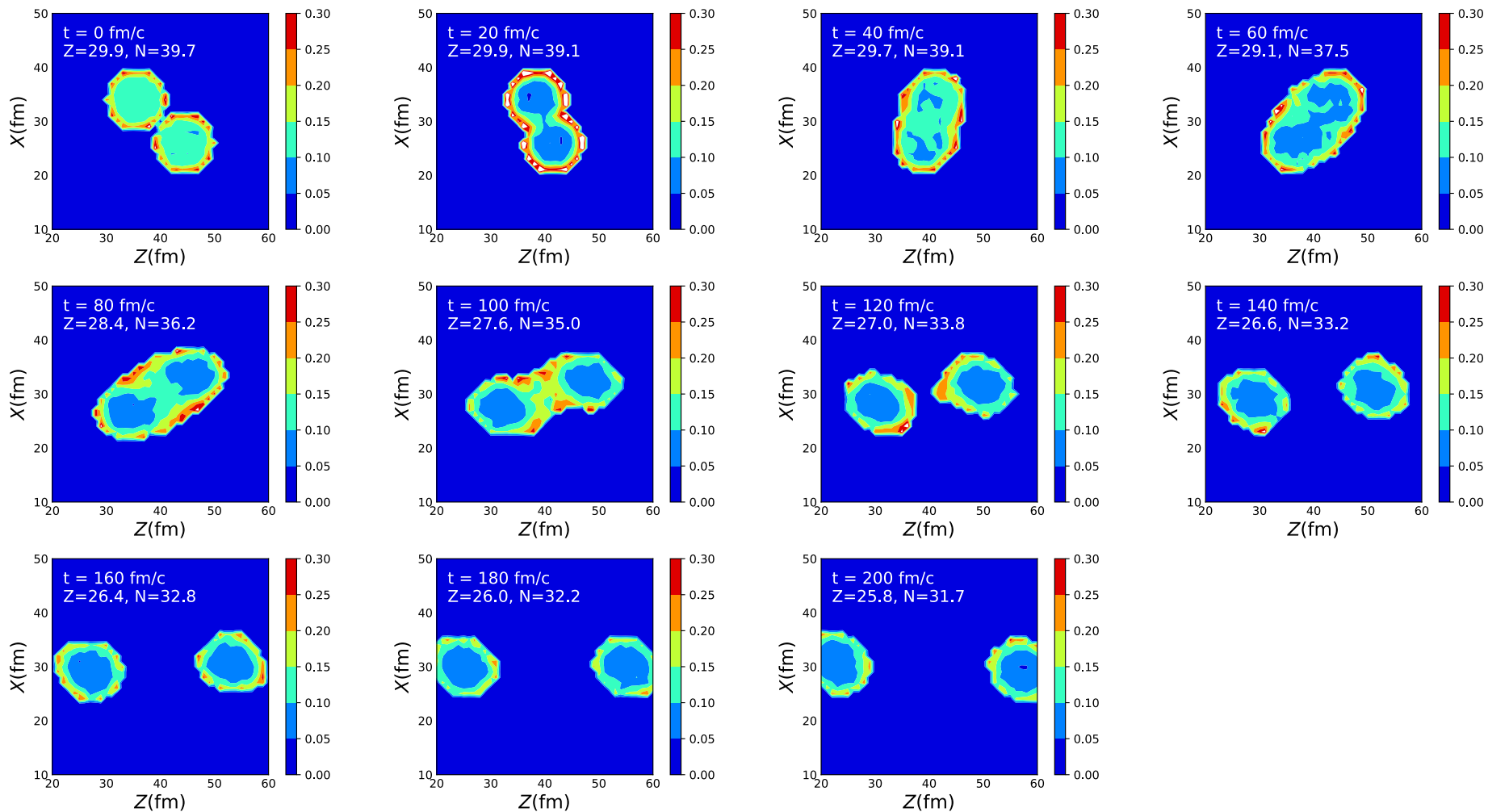
→ First order kinetics

Zeptosecond timescale.

Binary breakup of a projectile



K. Brown *et al.*, PRC87, 061601(R) (2013)
 K. Stiefel *et al.*, PRC90, 061605(R) (2014)
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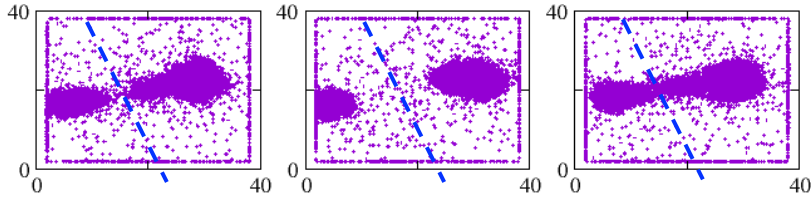
Private communication , Zhang & Ko

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Ternary breakup in n-rich systems: Sensitivity to E_{sym}



$^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{64}\text{Ni}$, $E/A = 10$ MeV, $b = 7$ fm
 3 events, $t = 500$ fm/c

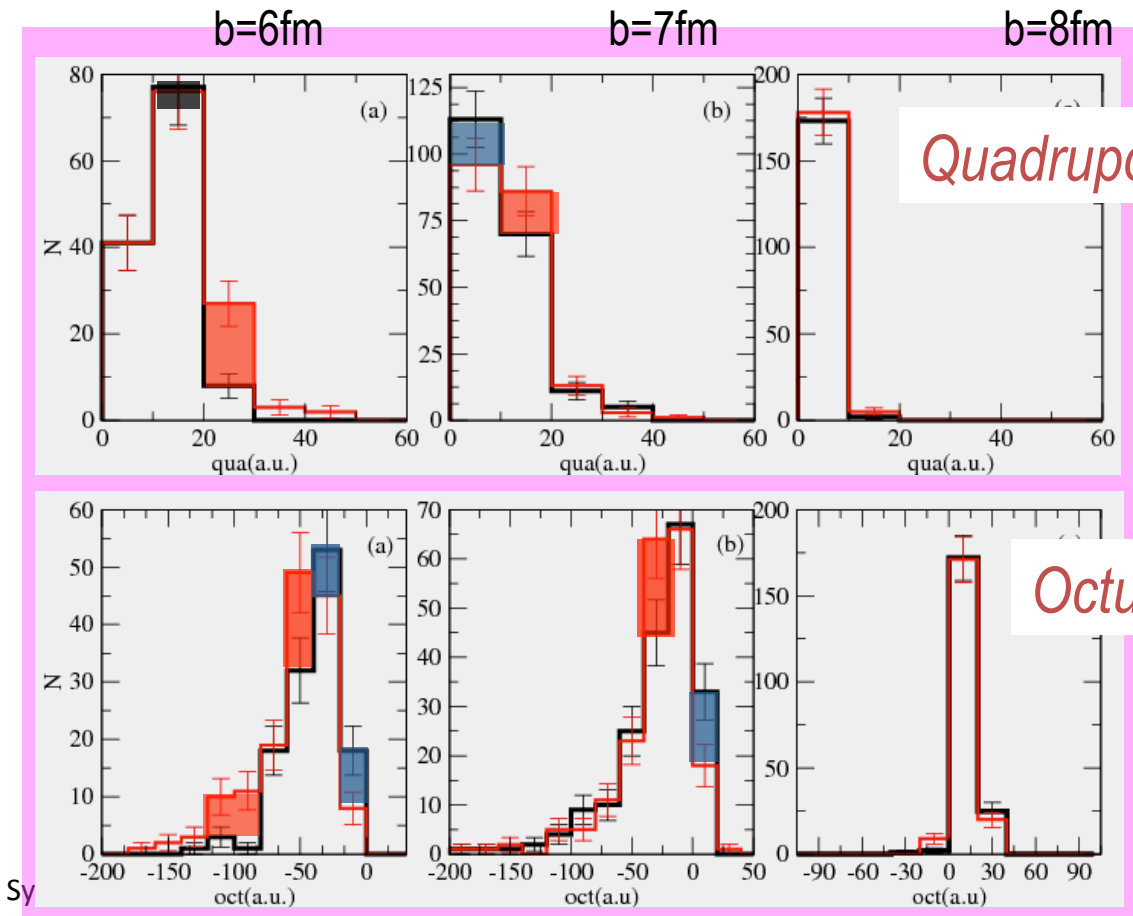
- Analysis of the deformation of the residues

200 runs each
 per impact parameter

— *Asysoft*
 — *Asystiff*

- Larger residue deformations
 → more ternary events
 with *Asystiff*

Di Toro et al., NPA 787 (2007) 585c

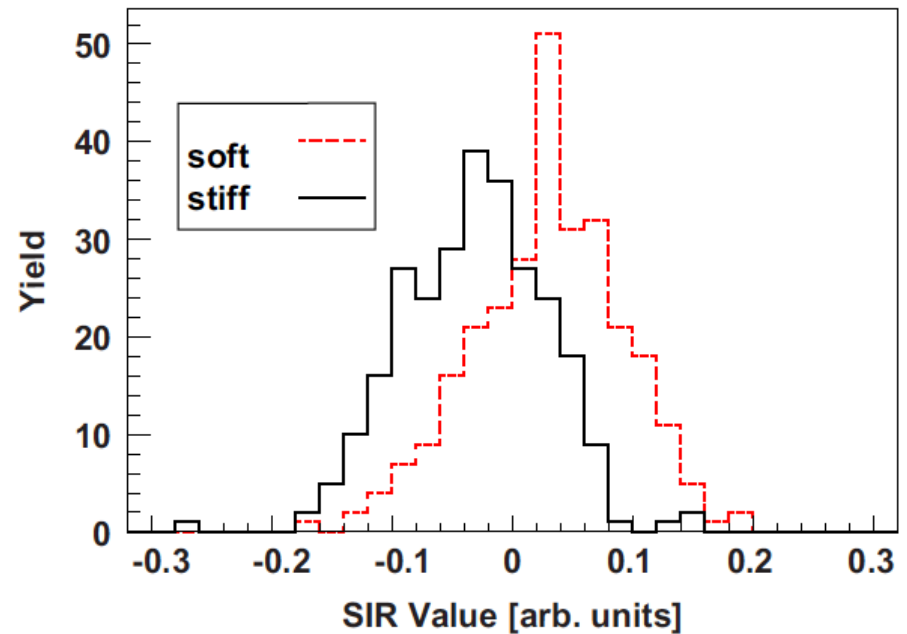
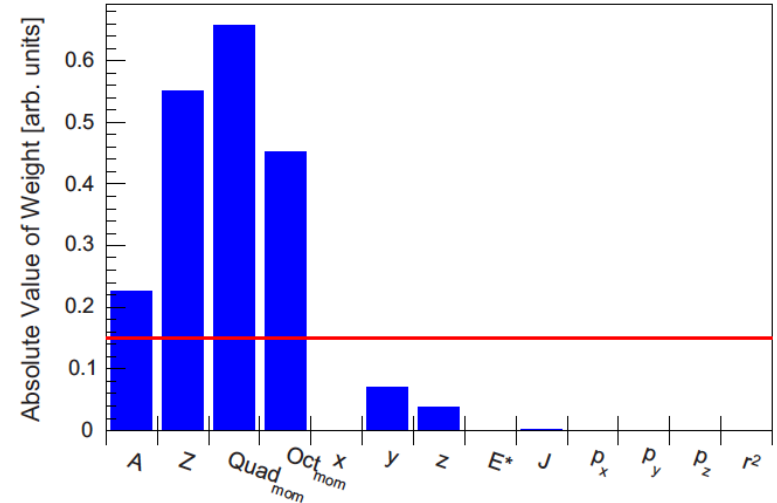
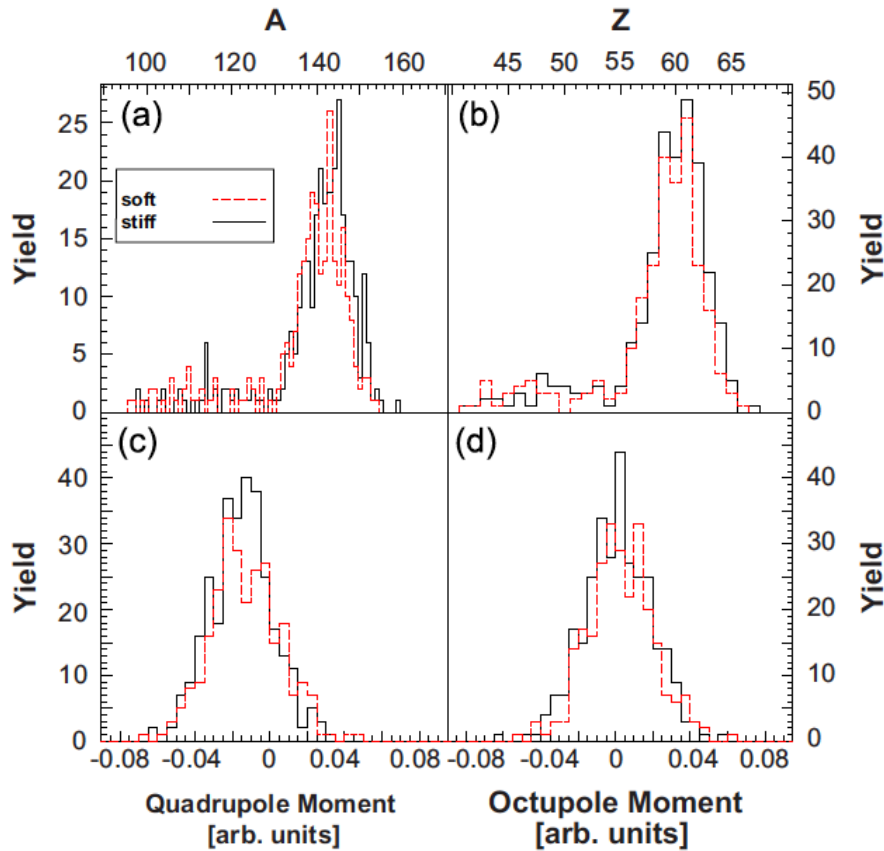


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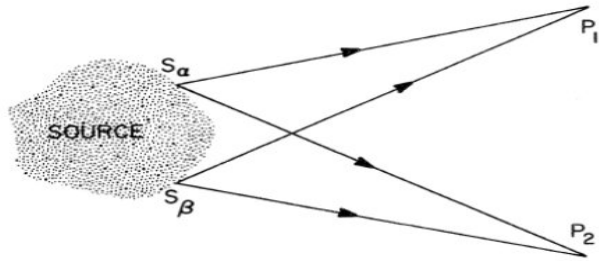


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Sifting through the remnants

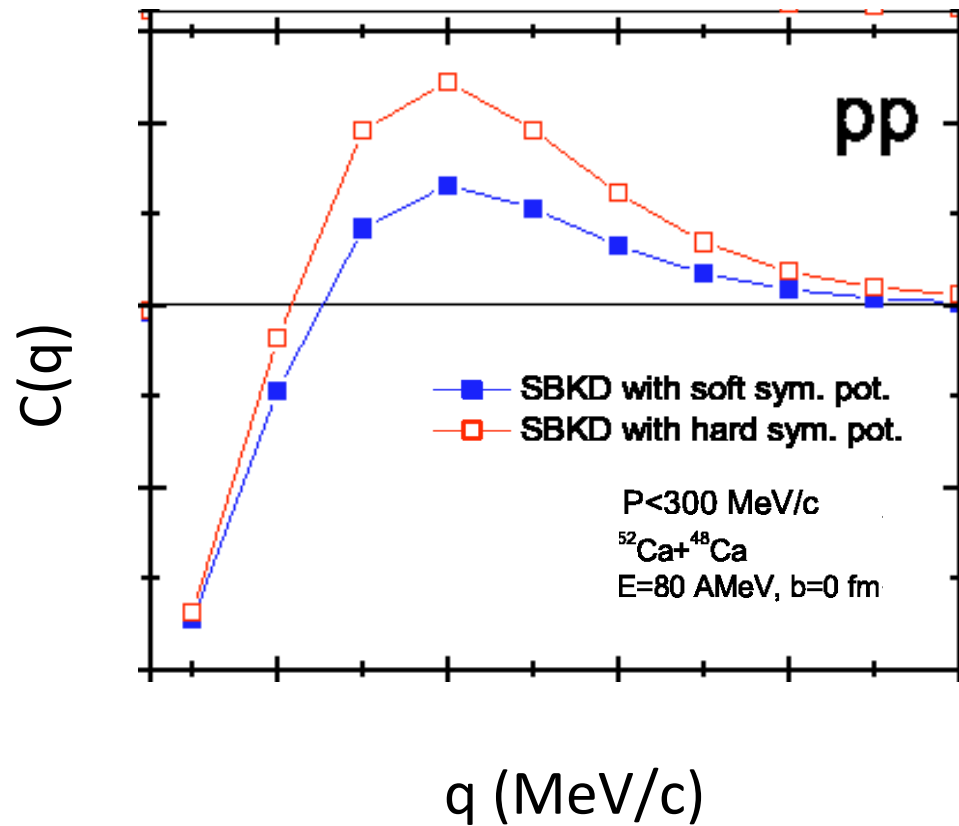


pp correlation function



$$C(q_{Rel}) = N \frac{Y_c(q_{Rel})}{Y_{nc}(q_{Rel})}$$

$$|\vec{q}_{Rel}| = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2|.$$



L. W. CHEN, C. M. KO, B. A. LI, *Phys. Rev. C*, **69**, 054606, (2004).

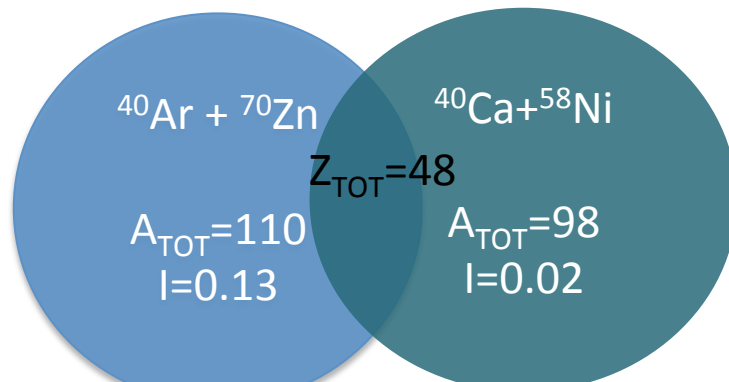
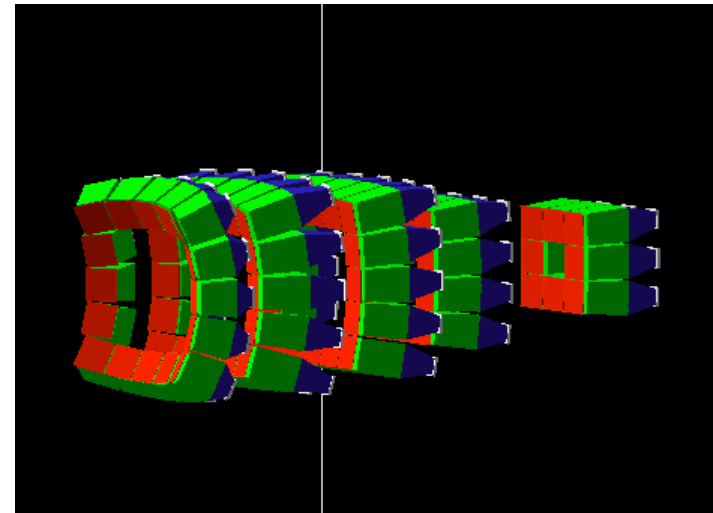
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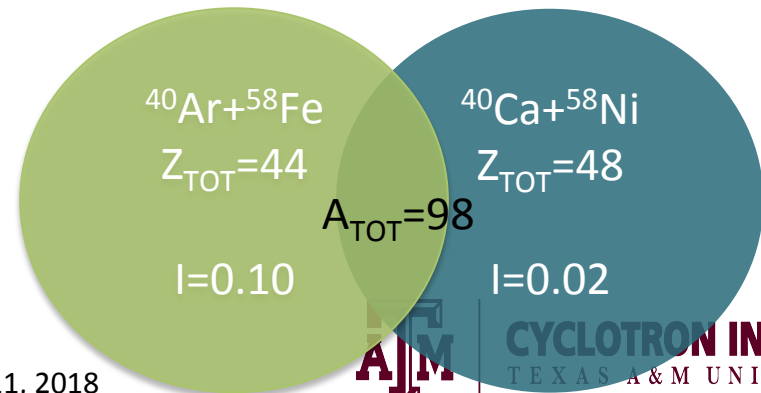
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Experiment

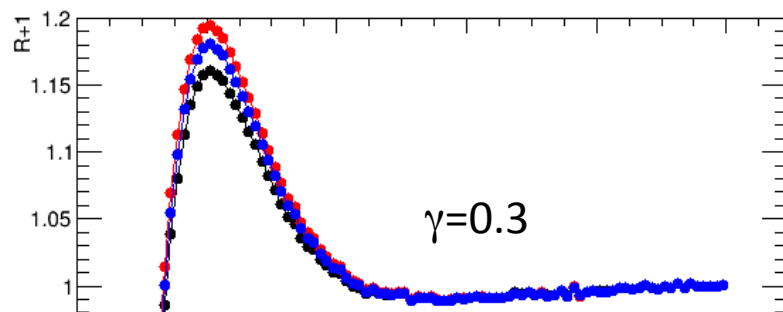
- Forward Array Using Silicon Technology (FAUST)
- 68 Si-CsI(Tl) Telescopes
- LCP Detection
- Systems: Asymmetry



$$I = \frac{N - Z}{A}$$

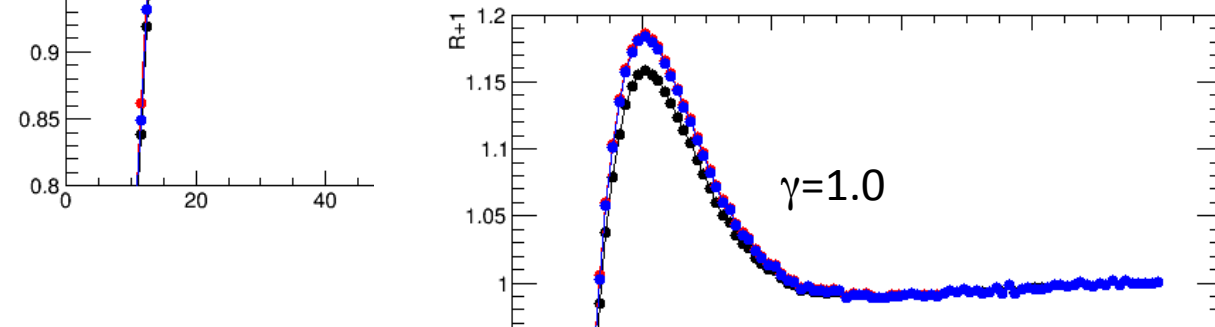


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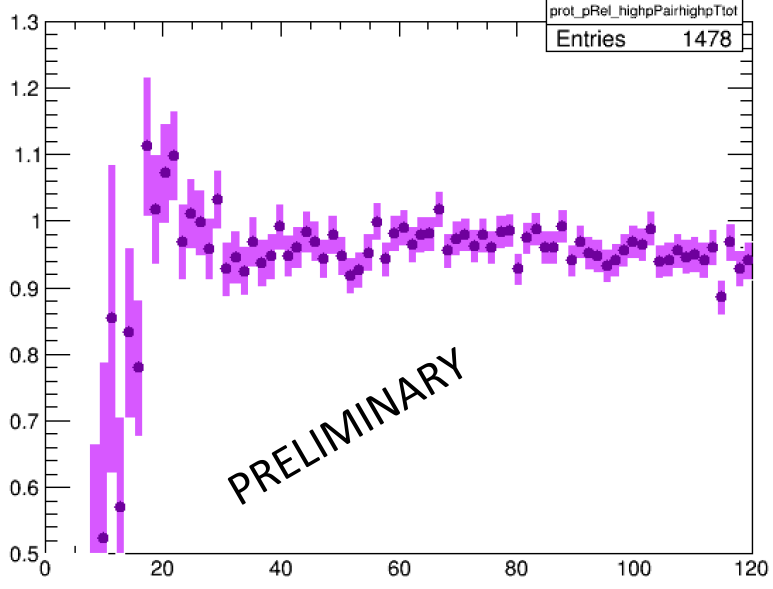


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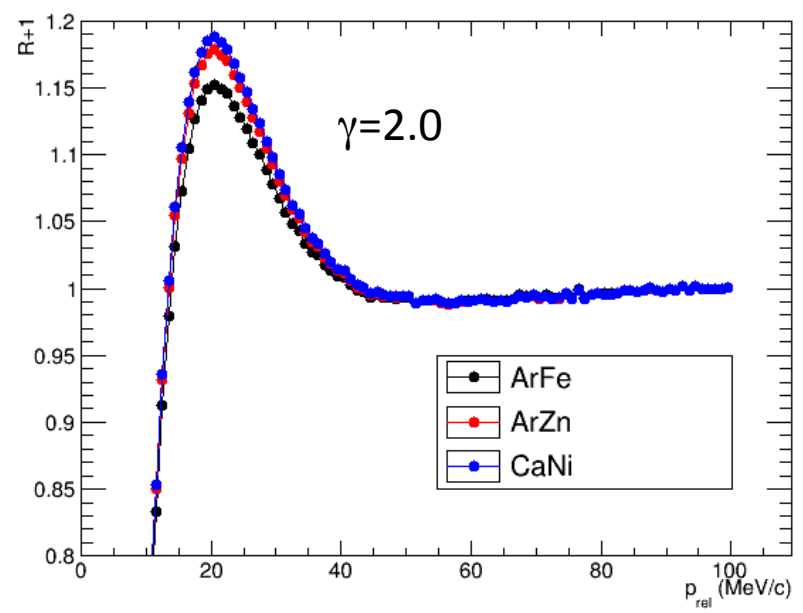
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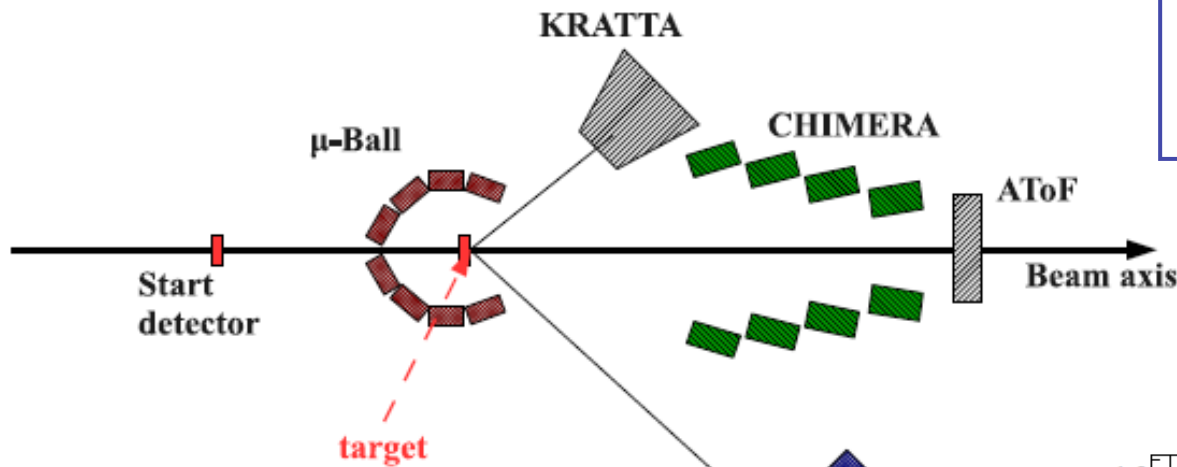


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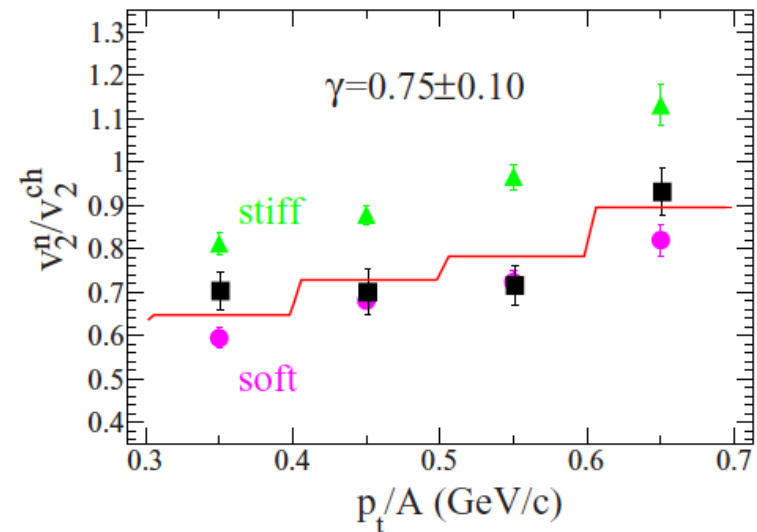
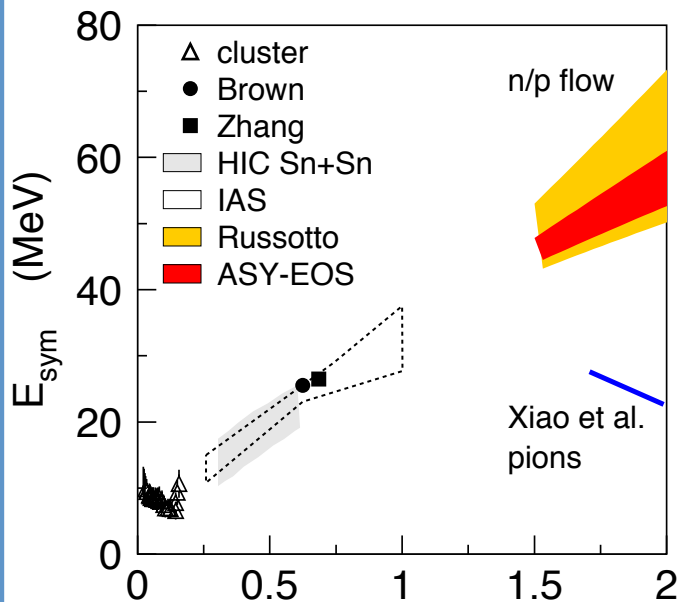


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Constraining the Symmetry Energy at Supra-Saturation Densities with Measurements of Neutron and Proton Elliptic Flows

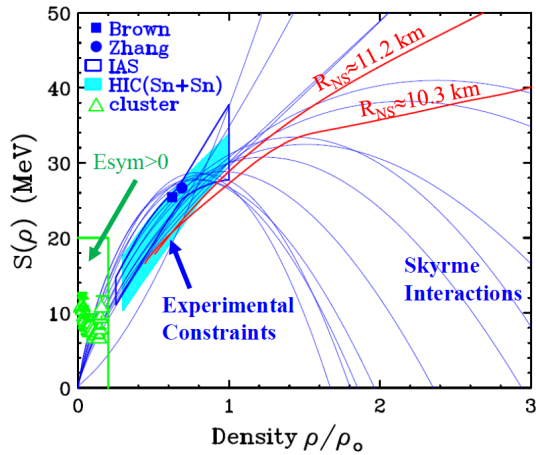


$^{197}\text{Au} + ^{197}\text{Au}$ @ 400 A MeV
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 $^{96}\text{Zr} + ^{96}\text{Zr}$ @ 400 A MeV



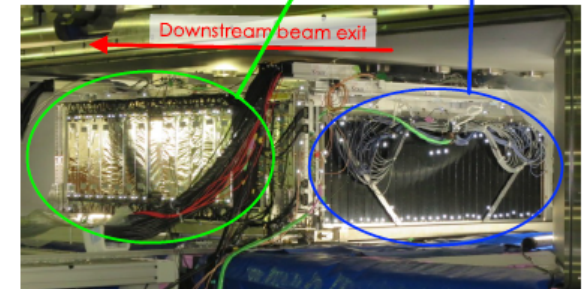
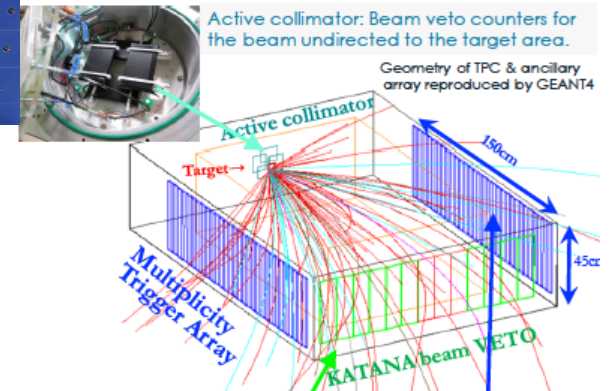
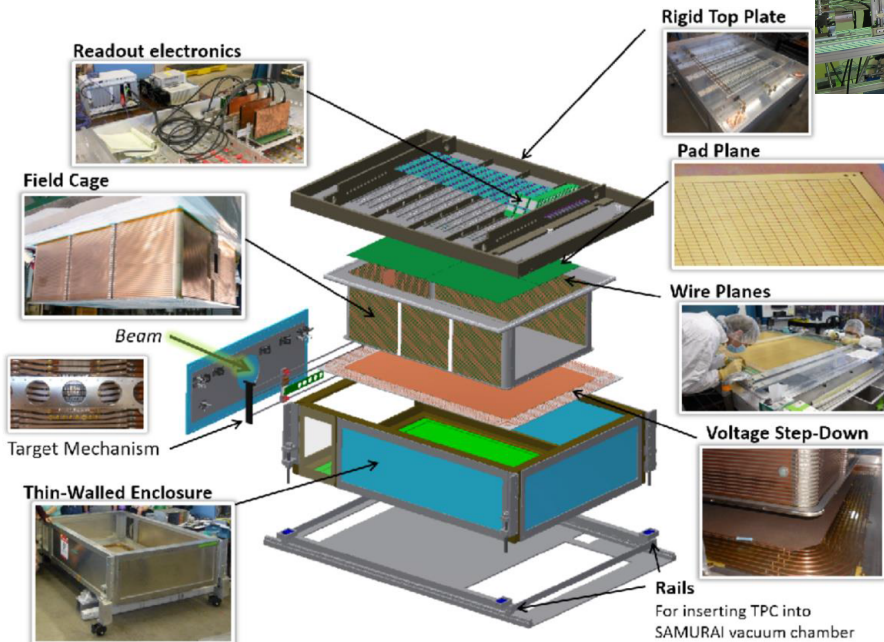
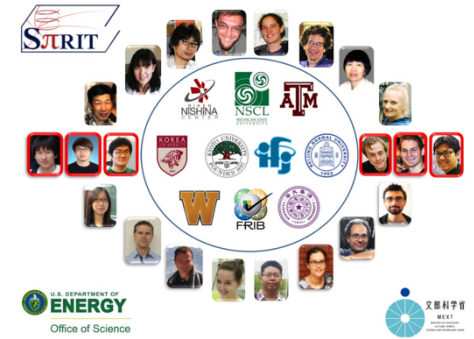
P. RUSSOTTO et al. PRC 94, 034608 (2016)

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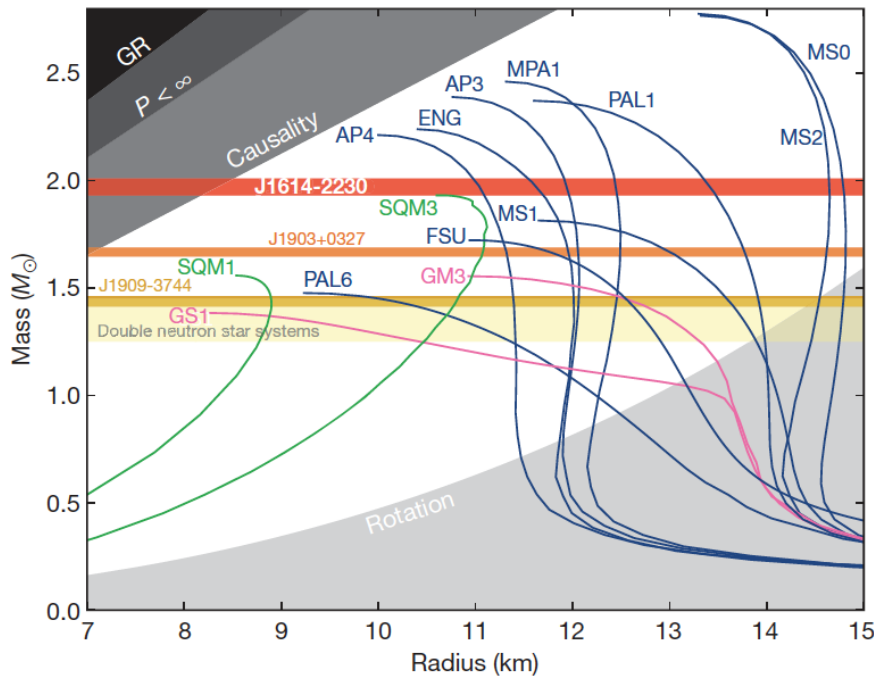
Constrain the Asymmetry Energy at **high density** through measurement of

- π^-/π^+ , n/p , $3H/3He$
- Differential Flow and Particle Yield Ratios
- $^{108}\text{Sn}+^{112}\text{Sn}$, $^{130}\text{Sn}+^{124}\text{Sn}$ @ $E/A \geq 200$ MeV



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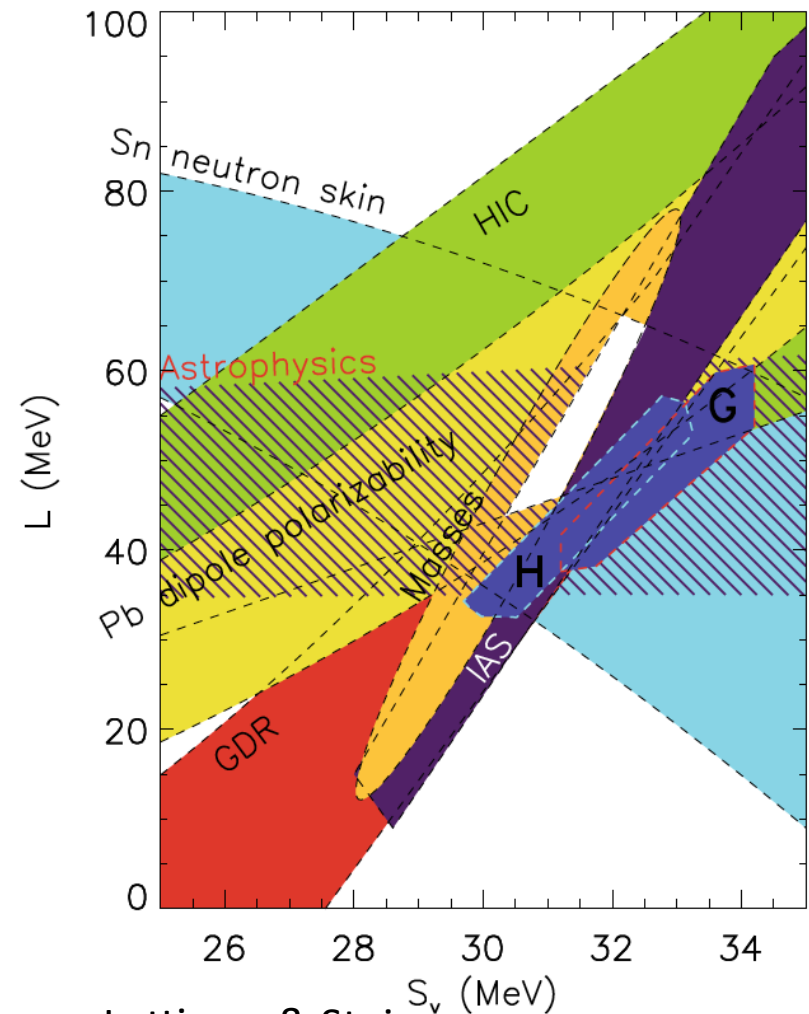
- Many proposed observables
- Various data sets
- Need to understand differences in model predictions
- New observables with increased power to discriminate welcome



Demorest, Nature 2010

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Summary



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