

# **The symmetry energy at high densities and pion ratio**

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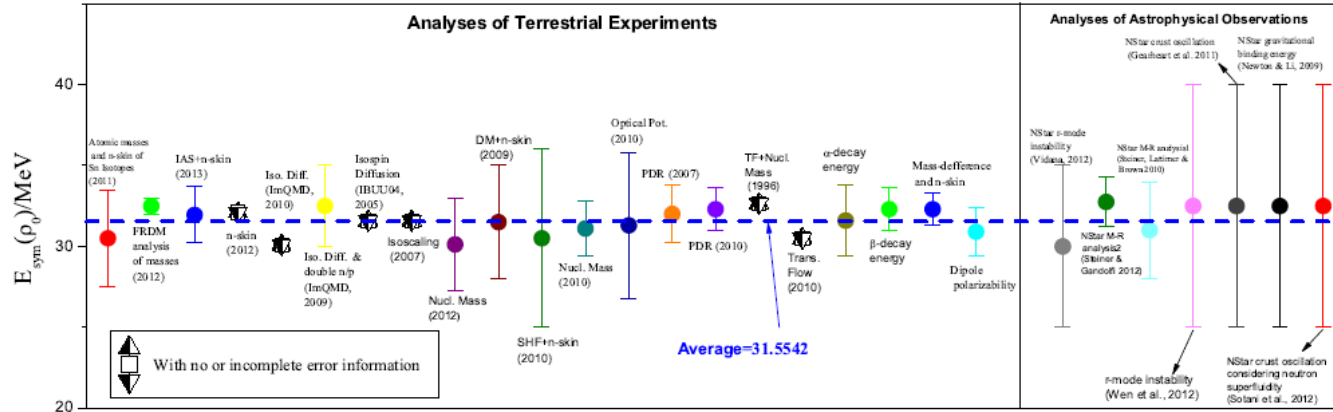
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# Outline

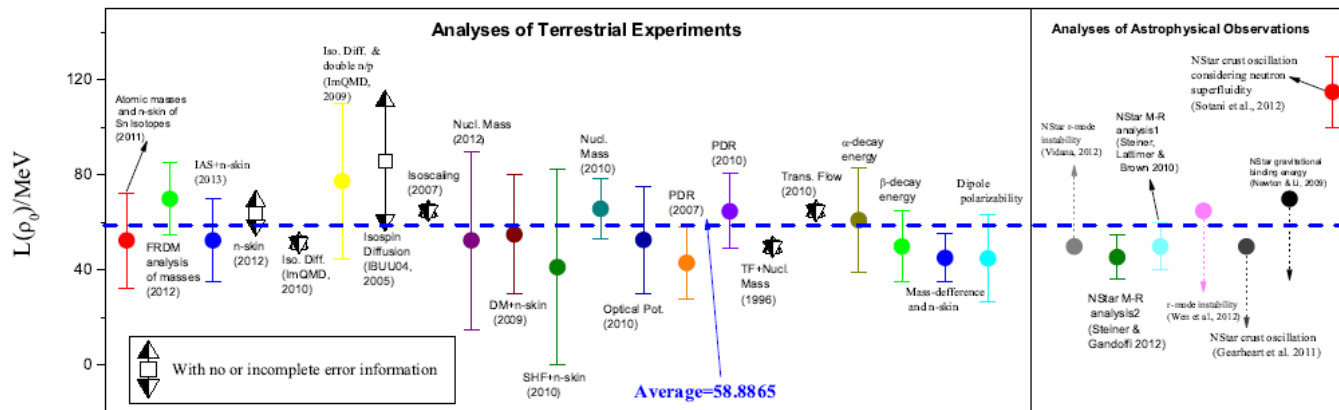
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# Why high densities

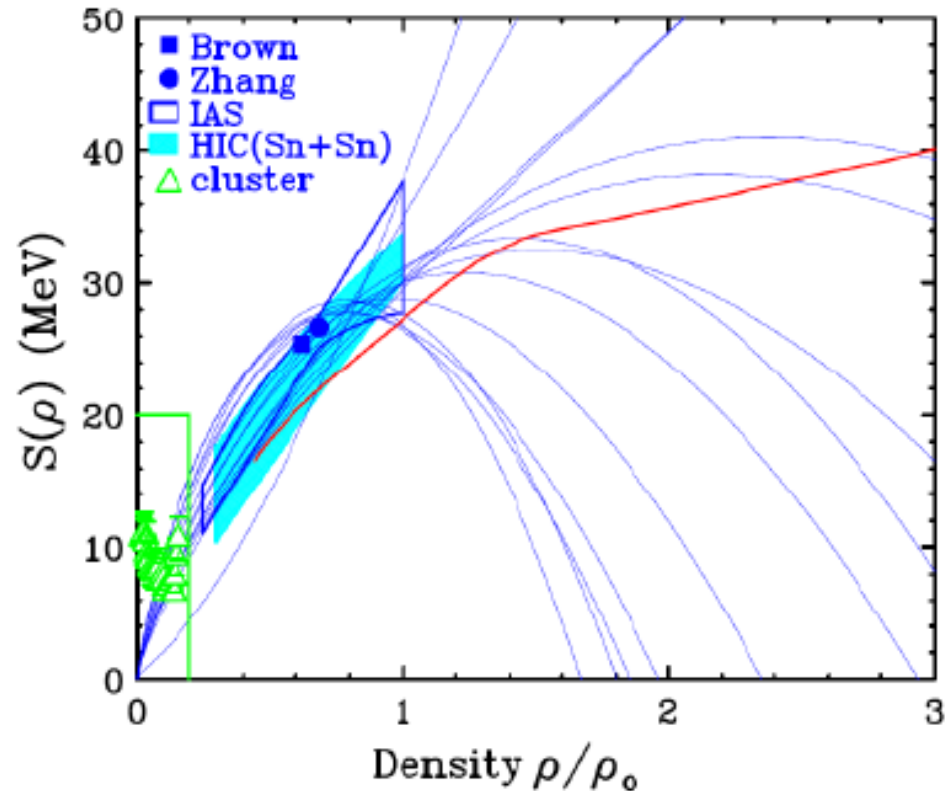
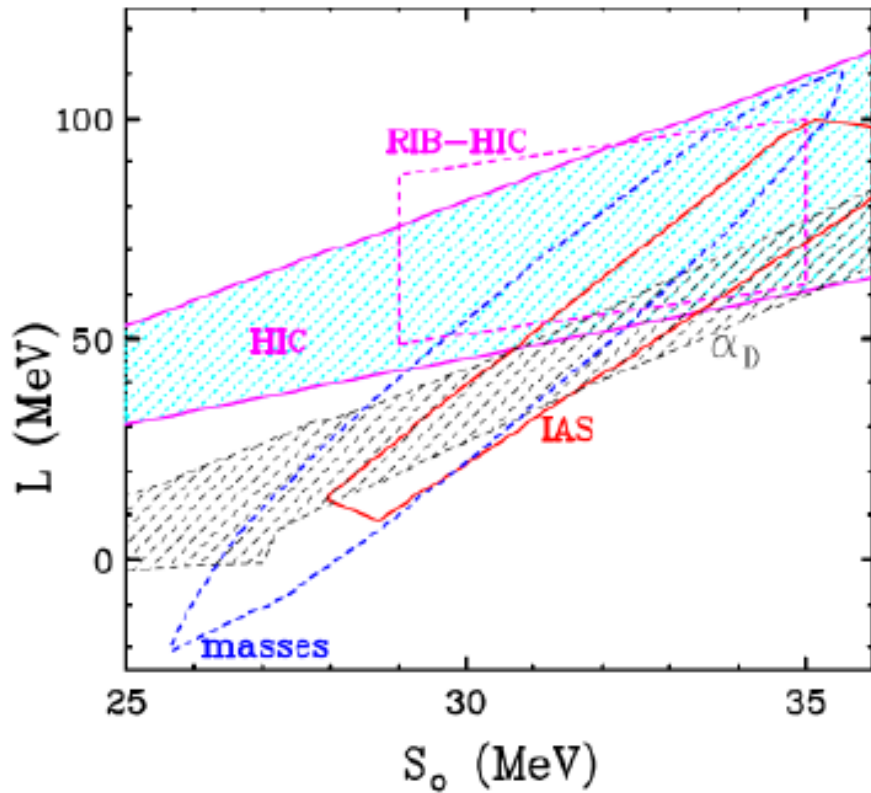
Around saturation density:



NuSYM roughly constrained based on model analyses of experimental and observational data



# Updated Constraints with credible error bars from NuSYM13



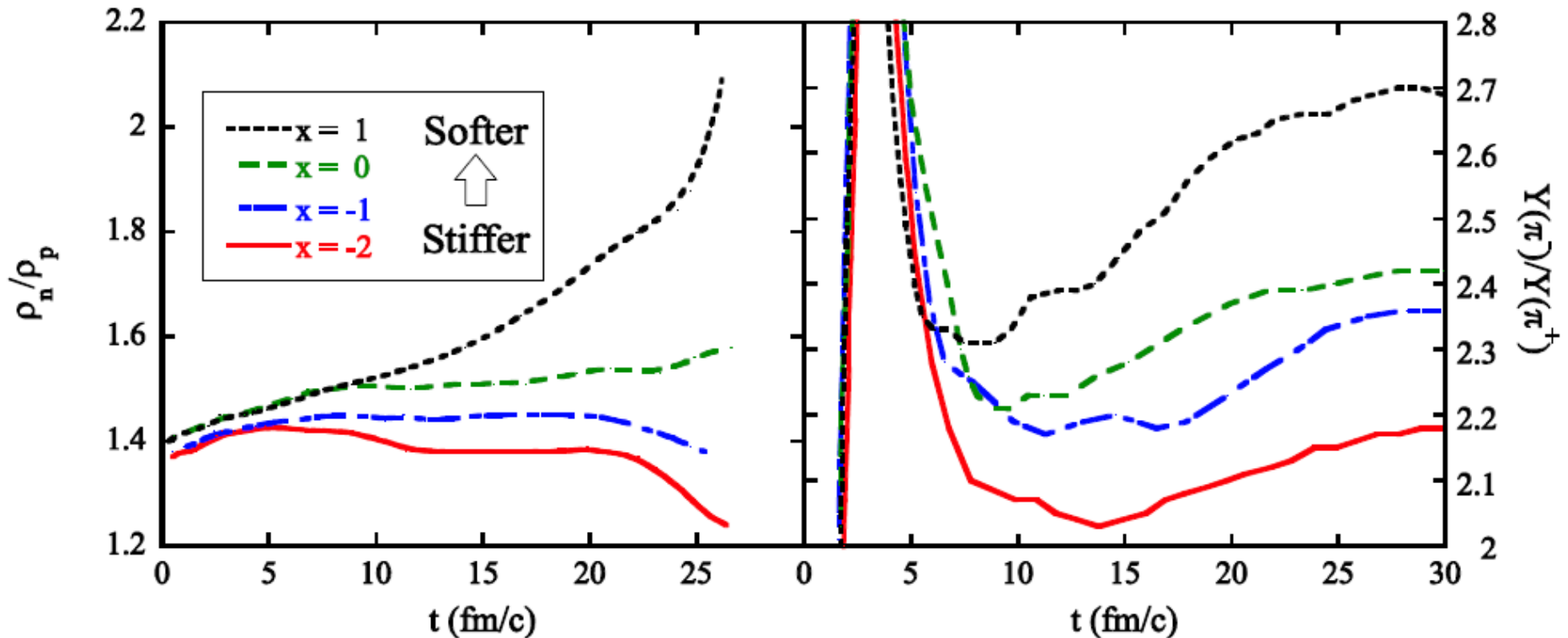
$$L(\rho_0) \equiv [3\rho(\partial E_{\text{sym}}/\partial\rho)]_{\rho_0}$$

There is larger uncertainty at supradensities!

# Why pion ratio

## Proposal for Nuclear Physics Experiment at RI Beam Factory (RIBF NP-PAC-12, 2013)

pion ratio proposed as a potential probe of the symmetry energy at high densities



<https://groups.nsl.msui.edu/hira/sepweb/pages/home.html>

Bao-An Li, Gao-Chan Yong, Wei Zuo, Phys.Rev.C71:014608,2005

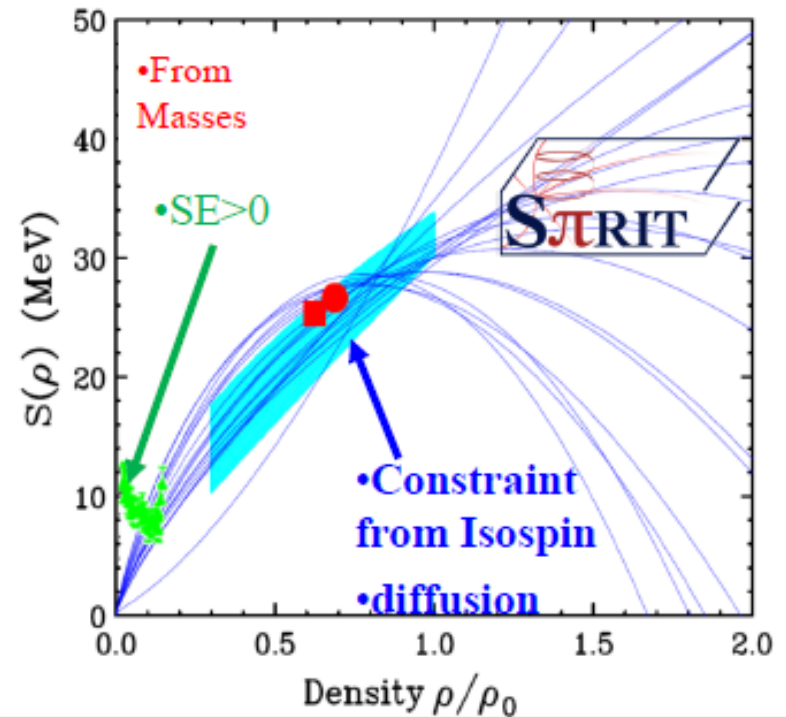
# Upcoming Experimental Plans with $S\pi RIT$

Determination of the density and momentum dependence of EOS ( $m^*$ ) at supra-saturation density

Observables:

$\pi^+/\pi^-$  n/p, t/ $^3\text{He}$  ratios,

13.5 days approved by NP-PAC in 2013.



	Beam	Target	$E_{\text{beam}}/A$	$\delta_{\text{sys}}$	Goal	Days
$^{238}\text{U}$ primary beam	$^{132}\text{Sn}$	$^{124}\text{Sn}$	300	0.22	Probe maximum $\delta$	3
	$^{124}\text{Sn}$	$^{112}\text{Sn}$	300	0.15	Probe intermed. $\delta, \sigma_{np}, \sigma_{nn}$	3
$^{124}\text{Xe}$ Primary beam	$^{108}\text{Sn}$	$^{112}\text{Sn}$	300	0.09	Probe minimum $\delta$	3
	$^{108}\text{Sn}$	$^{124}\text{Sn}$	300	0.15	Probe intermed. $\delta, \sigma_{np}, \sigma_{nn}$	3

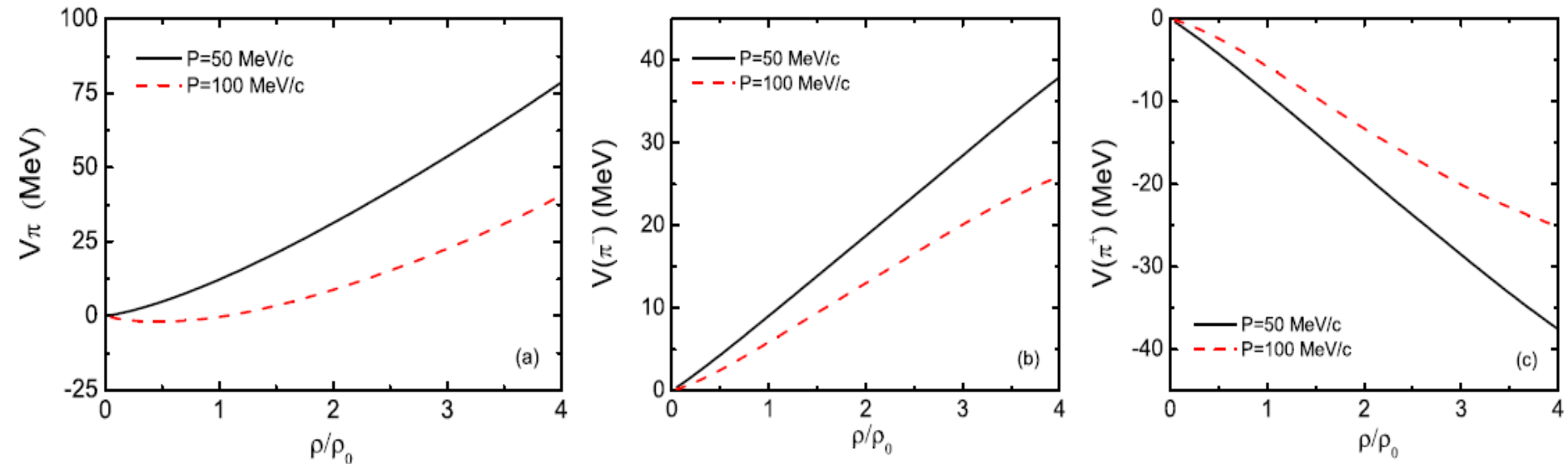
Jonathan Barney for  $S\pi RIT$  TPC Collaboration  
1/11/2016

# (1). Pion potential and pion ratio

- Jun Hong, P. Danielewicz, Phys. Rev. C 90, 024605 (2014)
- Wen-Mei Guo, Gao-Chan Yong, Hang Liu, Wei Zuo, Phys. Rev. C 91, 054616 (2015)
- M.D. Cozma, arXiv:1603.00664
- Zhao-Qing Feng, arXiv:1606.01083
- Jun Xu, Lie-Wen Chen, Che Ming Ko, Bao-An Li, Yu-Gang Ma, Phys.Rev.C87:067601,2013

# (1). Pion potential and pion ratio

Isoscalar and isovector potentials of pions (asymmetry = 0.2)

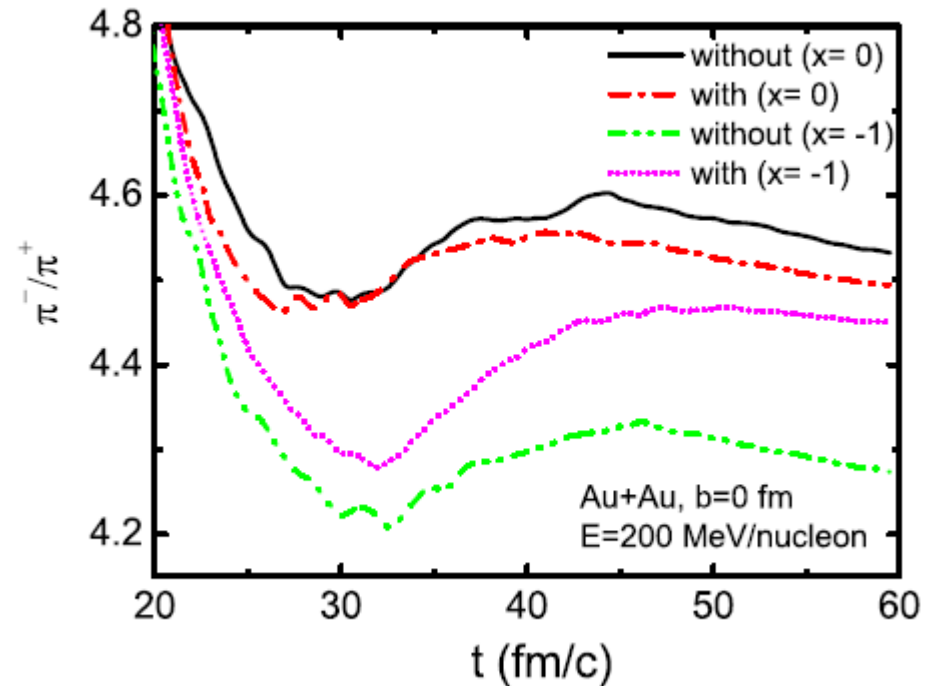
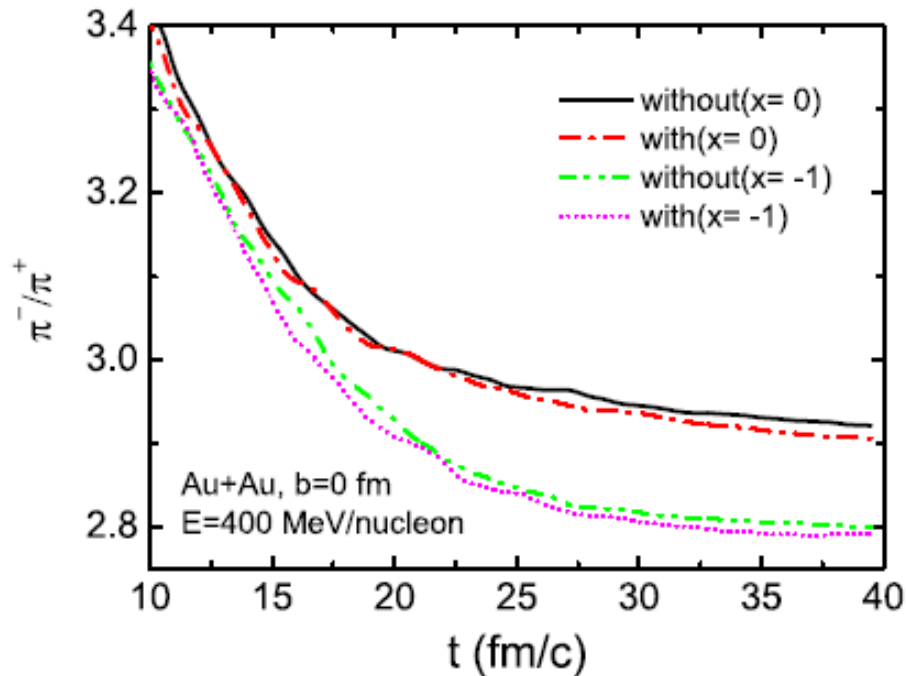


**More repulsive for pion minus**

O. Buss, diploma thesis, Justus-Liebig-Universität at Gießen, 2004 (unpublished),  
<https://gibuu.hepforge.org/trac/wiki/Paper#Diplomatheses>.



# (1). Pion potential and pion ratio



**Pion potential and symmetry potential have opposite effects on pion minus; thus Pion potential partly cancels out the effect of symmetry energy on the pion ratio**

Wen-Mei Guo, Gao-Chan Yong, Hang Liu, Wei Zuo, Phys. Rev. C 91, 054616 (2015)

## (2). In-medium BB cross section and pion ratio

$$\begin{aligned}
 U(\rho, \delta, \vec{p}, \tau) &= A_u(x) \frac{\rho_{\tau'}}{\rho_0} + A_l(x) \frac{\rho_{\tau}}{\rho_0} \\
 &+ B \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\sigma} (1 - x\delta^2) - 8x\tau \frac{B}{\sigma + 1} \frac{\rho^{\sigma-1}}{\rho_0^{\sigma}} \delta\rho_{\tau'} \\
 &+ \frac{2C_{\tau, \tau}}{\rho_0} \int d^3 \vec{p}' \frac{f_{\tau}(\vec{r}, \vec{p}')}{1 + (\vec{p} - \vec{p}')^2 / \Lambda^2} \\
 &+ \frac{2C_{\tau, \tau'}}{\rho_0} \int d^3 \vec{p}' \frac{f_{\tau'}(\vec{r}, \vec{p}')}{1 + (\vec{p} - \vec{p}')^2 / \Lambda^2},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_B^{\Delta^-} &= U_n, \\
 U_B^{\Delta^0} &= \frac{2}{3}U_n + \frac{1}{3}U_p, \\
 U_B^{\Delta^+} &= \frac{1}{3}U_n + \frac{2}{3}U_p, \\
 U_B^{\Delta^{++}} &= U_p
 \end{aligned}$$

**Reduction of in-medium BB cross section**

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{\text{medium}}^{BB}(\rho, \delta, \vec{p}) &\equiv \sigma_{BB_{\text{elastic,inelastic}}^{\text{medium}}} / \sigma_{BB_{\text{elastic,inelastic}}^{\text{free}}} \\
 &= (\mu_{BB}^* / \mu_{BB})^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

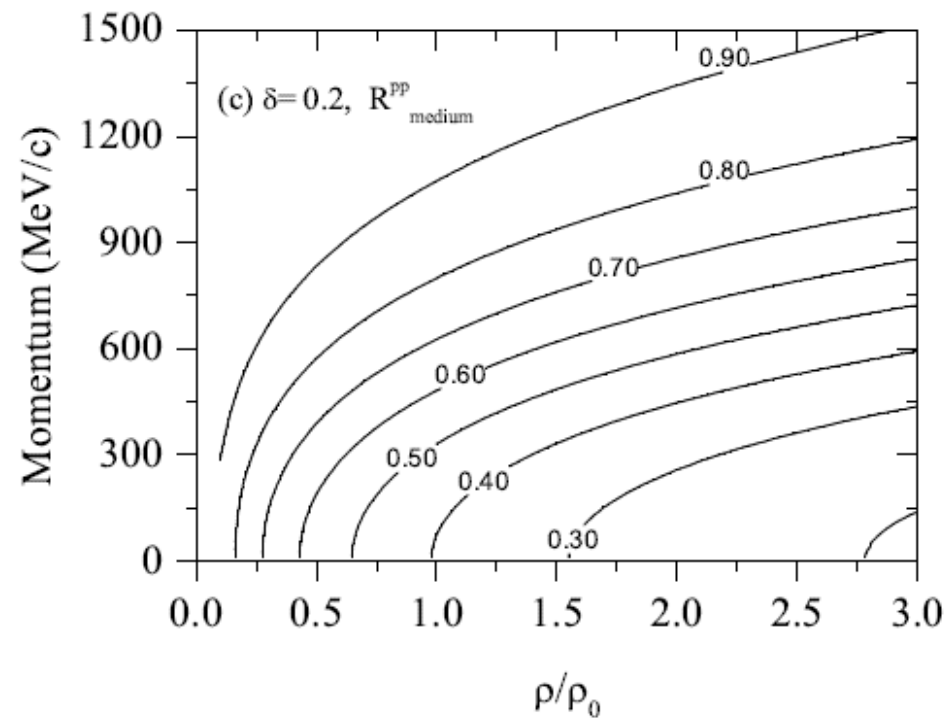
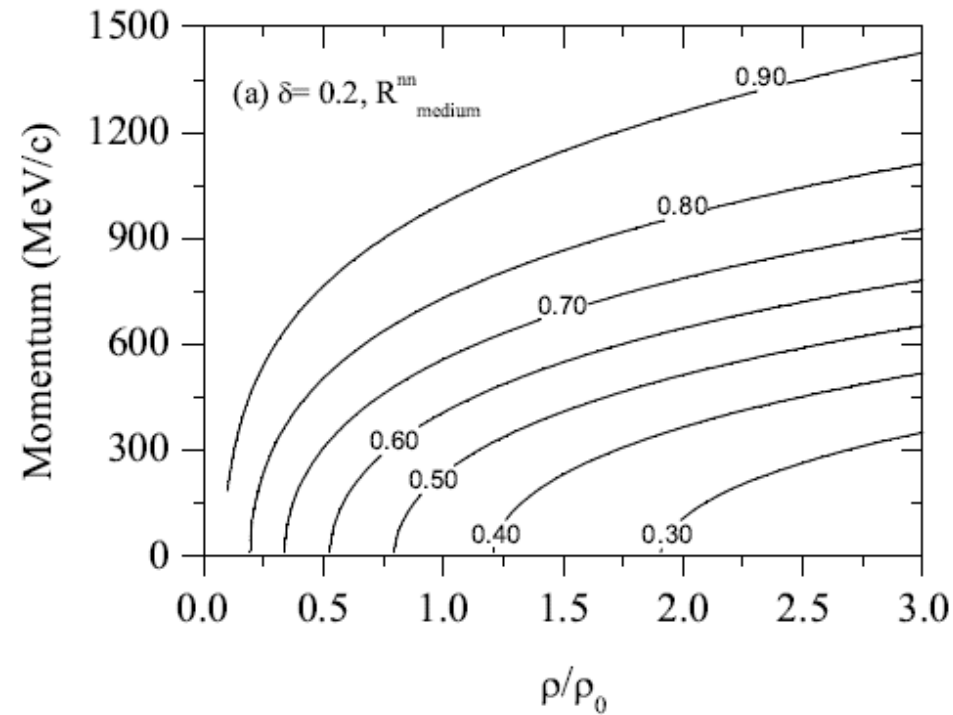
reduced mass of colliding pair

$$\frac{m_B^*}{m_B} = \left\{ 1 + \frac{m_B}{p} \frac{dU_B}{dp} \right\}$$

Gao-Chan Yong, Phys. Rev. C 93, 044610 (2016),  
 M.D. Cozma, Phys.Lett. B753 (2016) 166-172

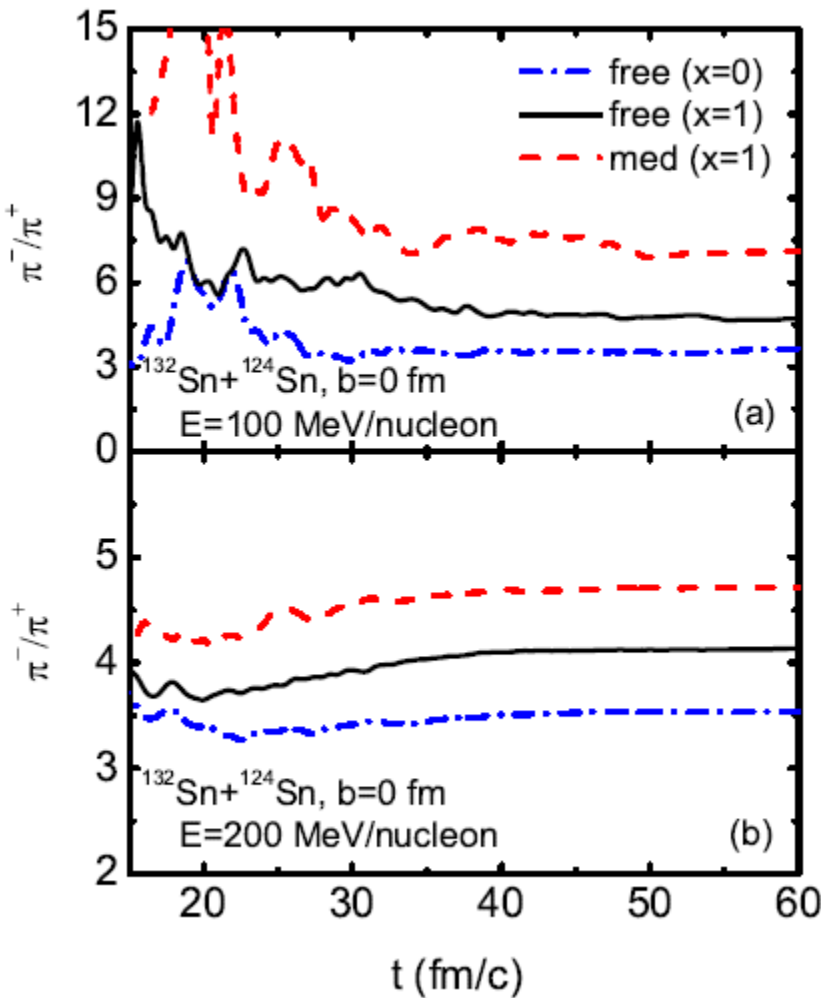
Bao-An Li, Lie-Wen Chen, Phys.Rev.C72:064611,2005

## (2). In-medium NN cross section and pion ratio

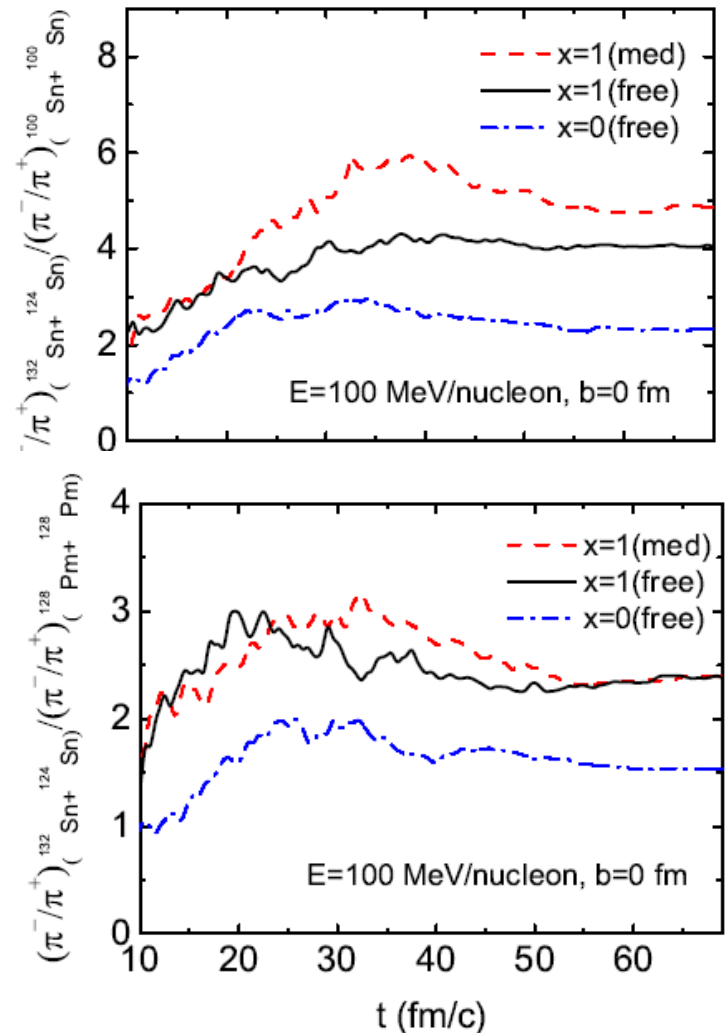


**Cross section of pp in medium reduced larger than nn**

# (2). In-medium NN elastic cross section and pion ratio

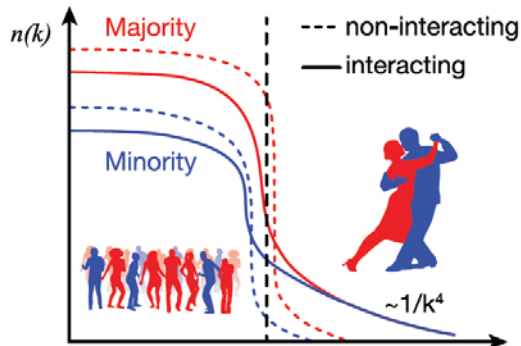


with the same mass number of system, the effects of in-medium NN elastic scattering cross section are canceled

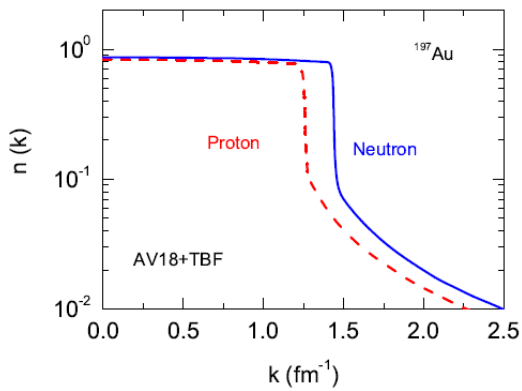
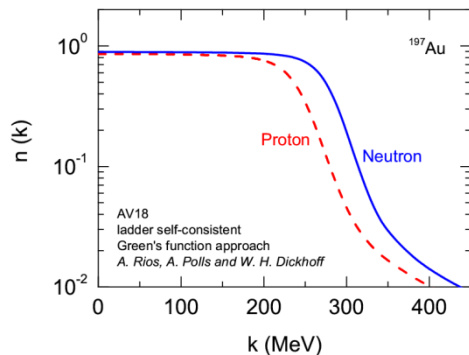




# (3). Short-Range Correlations and pion ratio

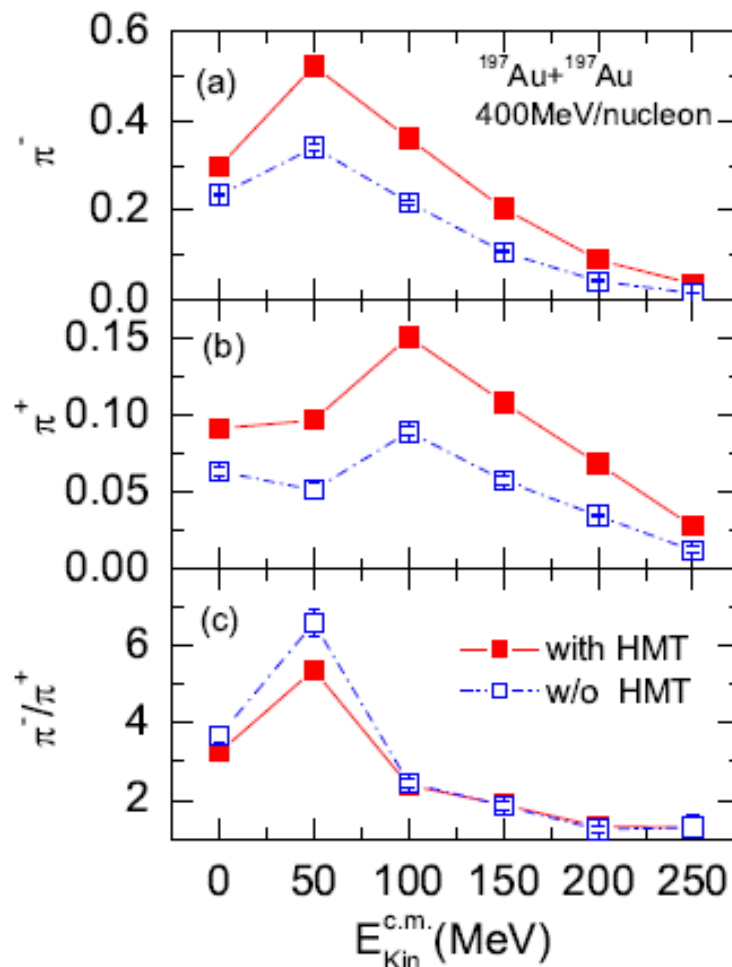


O. Hen et al, Science 346, 614 (2014)



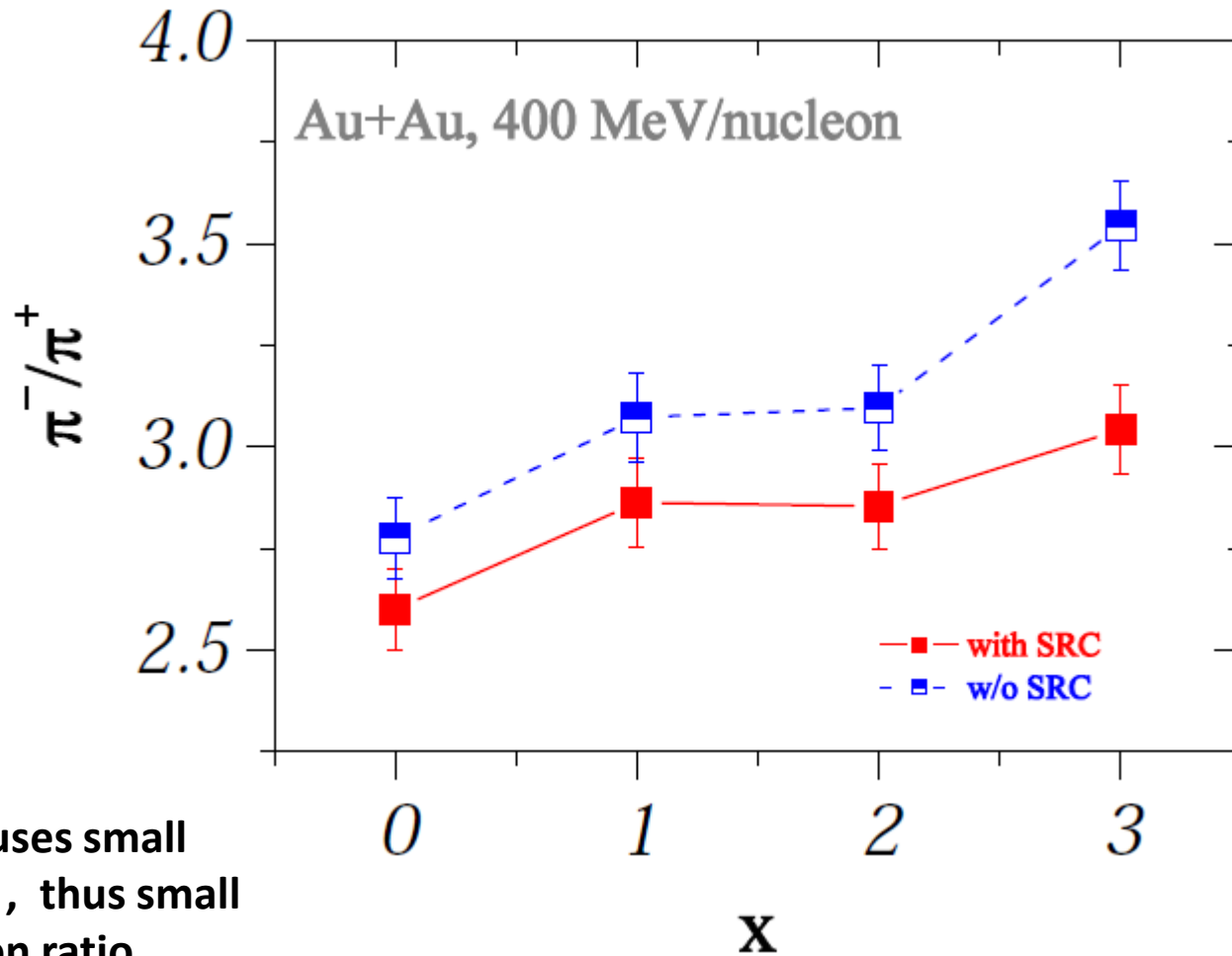
**SRC increases the kinetic energies of neutrons and protons**

**proton has larger probability than neutron to have larger momentum**



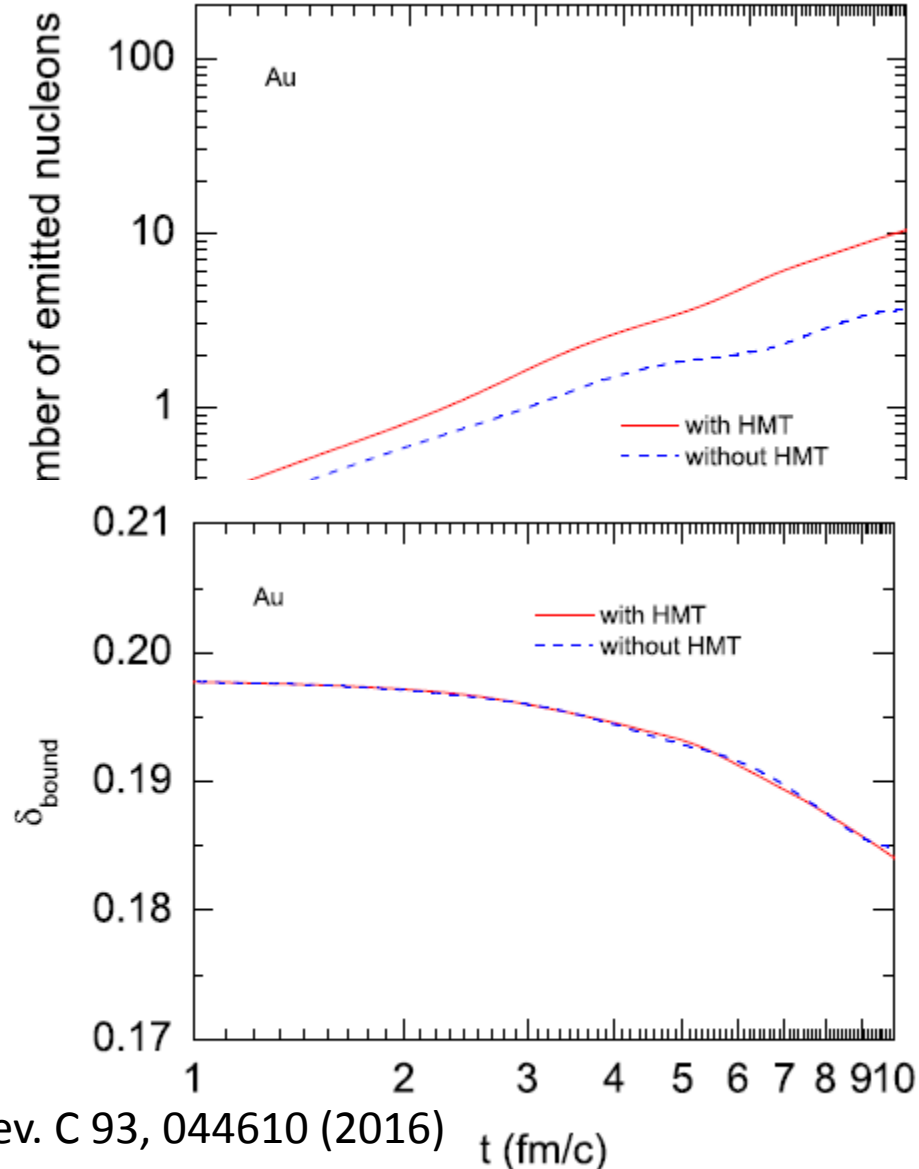
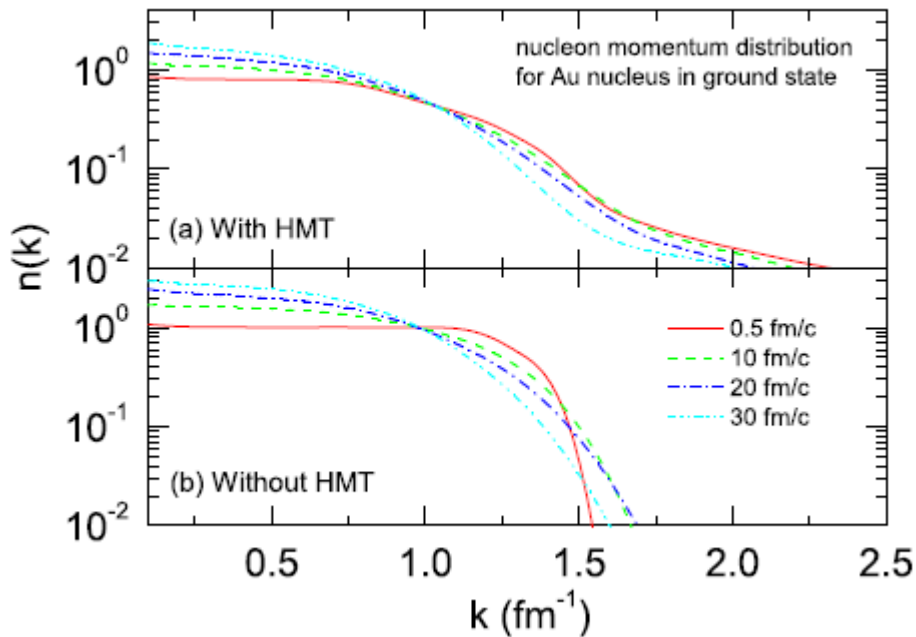
Fang Zhang, Gao-Chan Yong, arXiv:1605.03656

# (3). Short-Range Correlations and pion ratio



The SRC causes small asymmetry, thus small value of pion ratio.

# (3). On the stability



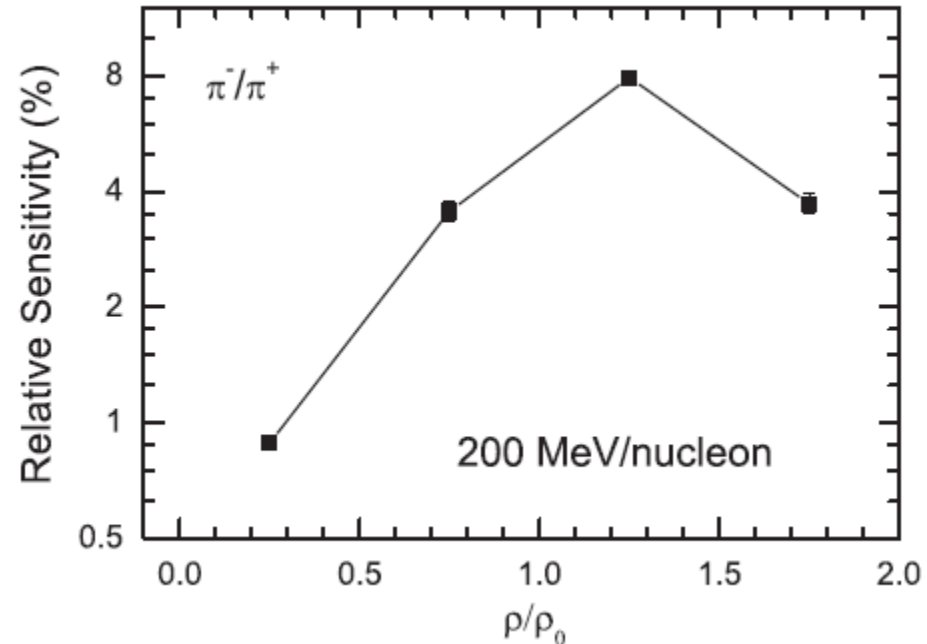
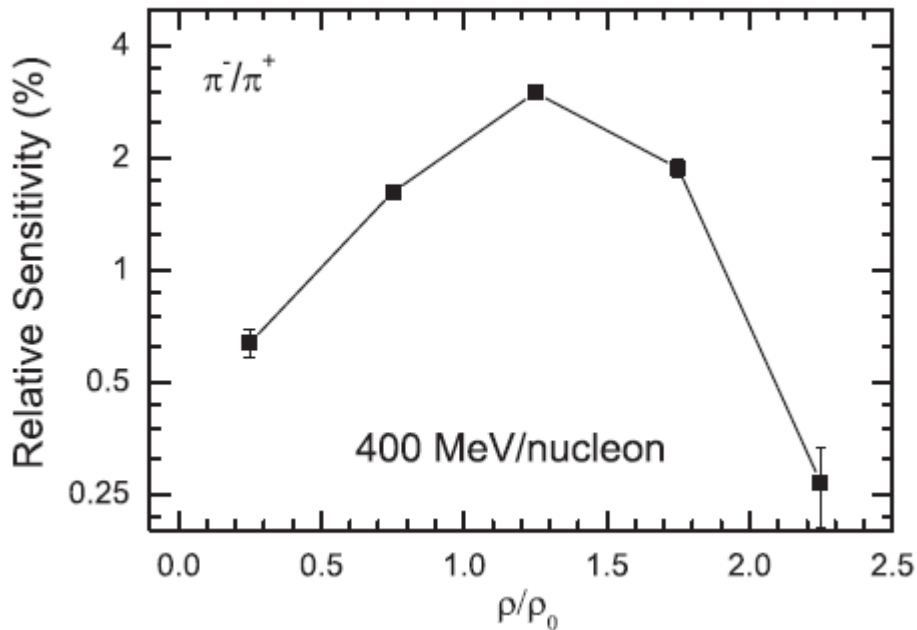
shape of the mom distribution is well kept in Au197

asymmetry of bound nucleons in the system is also well kept



# (4). Density region probed by pion ratio

197Au +197Au, b = 1 fm



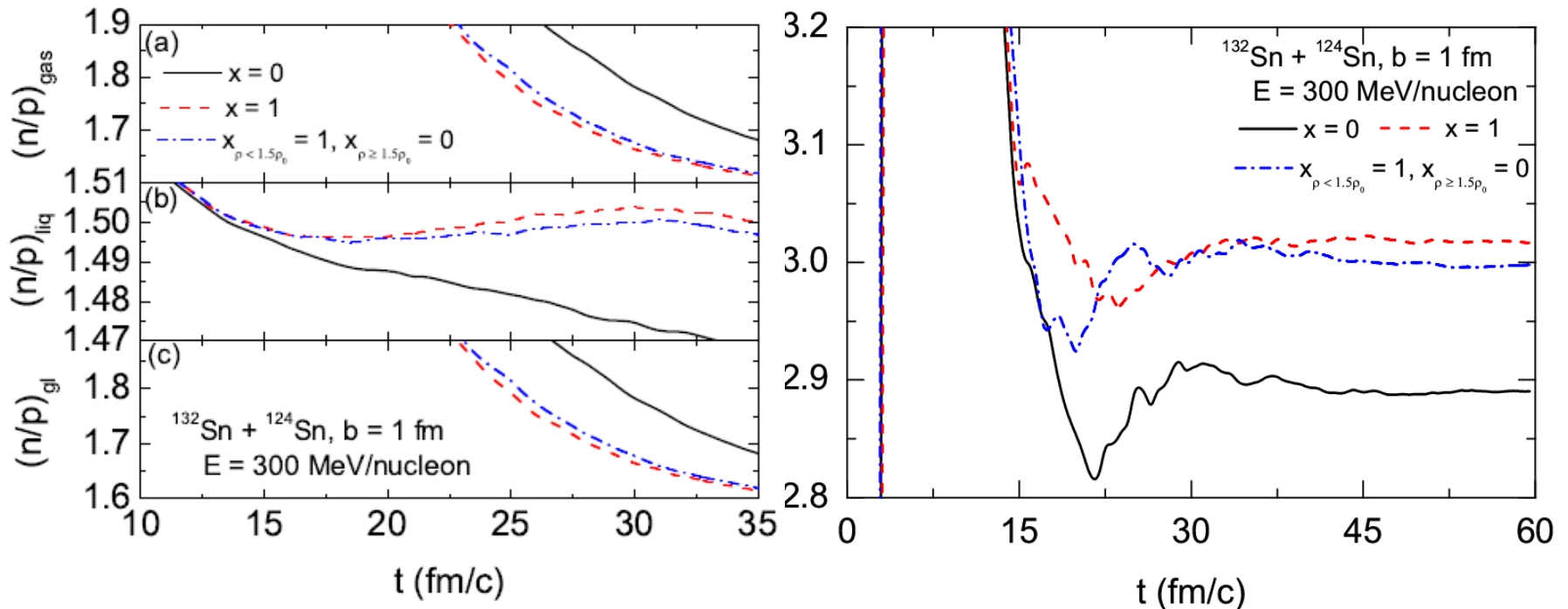
**Symmetry energy at low densities also affects the pion ratio, thus**

**Probing the density-dependent symmetry energy around  $1.25\rho_0$**

He-Lei Liu, Gao-Chan Yong, De-Hua Wen, Physical Review C 91, 044609 (2015)

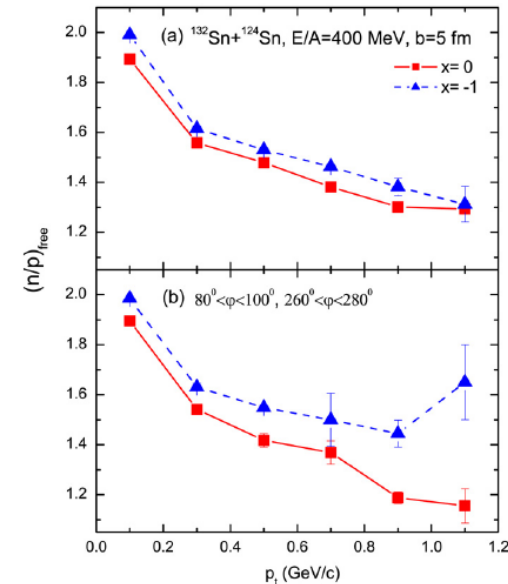
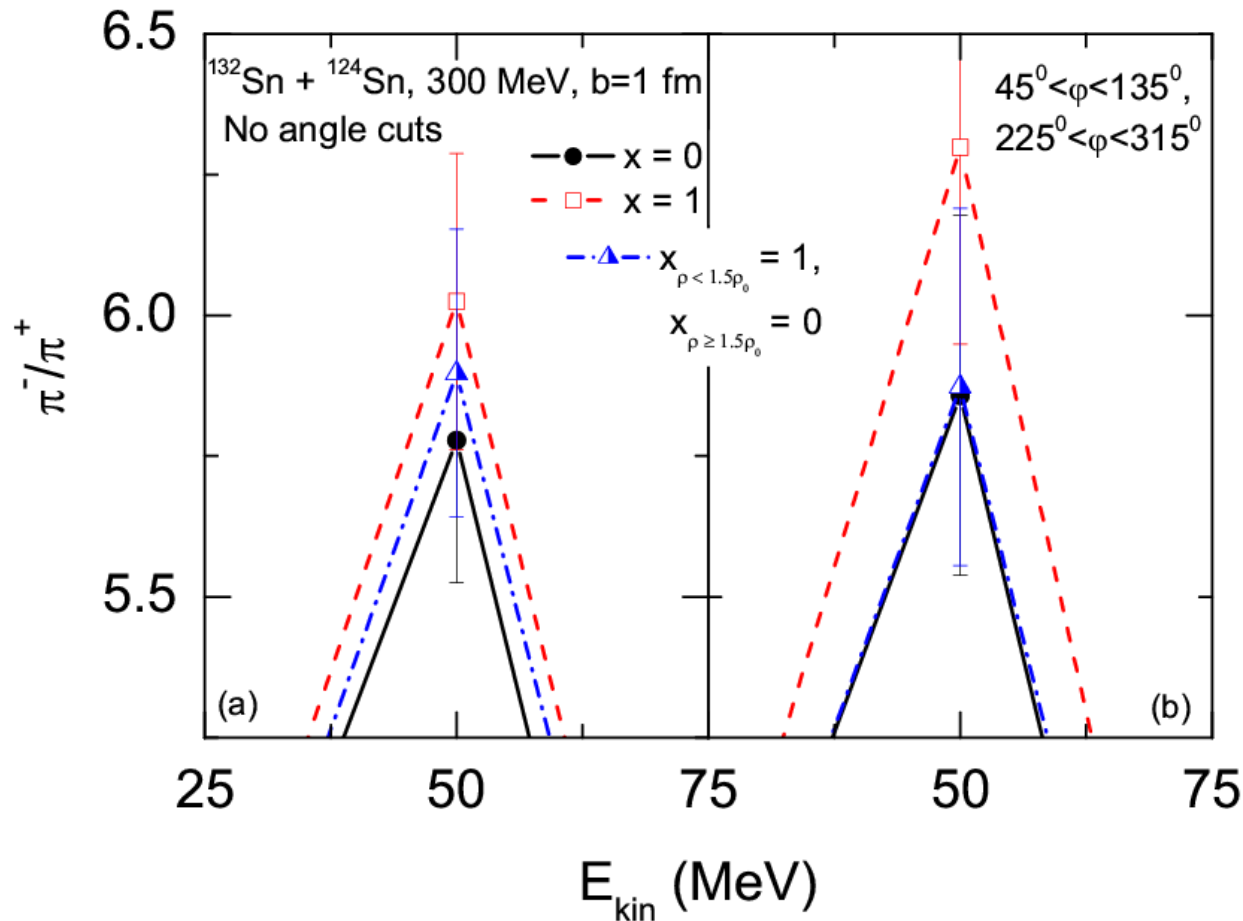
# (4). Density region probed by pion ratio

$^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$ ,  $b = 1$  fm, 300 MeV/nucleon



mainly probe the symmetry energy in the density region 1-1.5 times saturation density

# (4). How to probe NuSYM at high densities



Gao-Chan Yong,  
 Bao-An Li,  
 Lie-Wen Chen,  
 Phys. Lett. B650  
 (2007) 344

making azimuth and kinetic energy cuts may probe the Esym at high density

Shan-Jing Cheng, Gao-Chan Yong, De-Hua Wen, arXiv:1605.03701

# Summary

NuSYM probe-pion ratio may be affected by:

- pion potential
- In-medium elastic/inelastic BB cross section
- NN Short-Range Correlations

The density region that pion ratio probed may be not as high as expected.