

# Pion production in heavy-ion collision by the AMD+JAM approach

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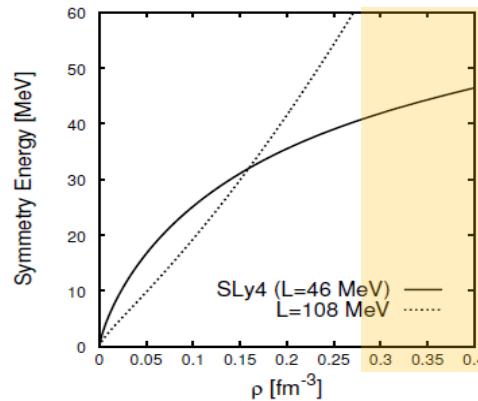


# Symmetry energy and Heavy-ion collision

## \* Symmetry energy $S(\rho)$ :

EOS for asymmetric nuclear matter

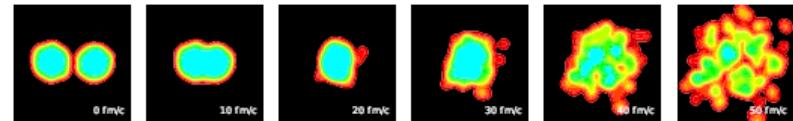
$$\frac{E}{A}(\rho, \alpha) = \frac{E}{A}(\rho, 0) + S(\rho)[\alpha^2 + O(\alpha^4)]$$



Interest: High density  $\rho \sim 2\rho_0$

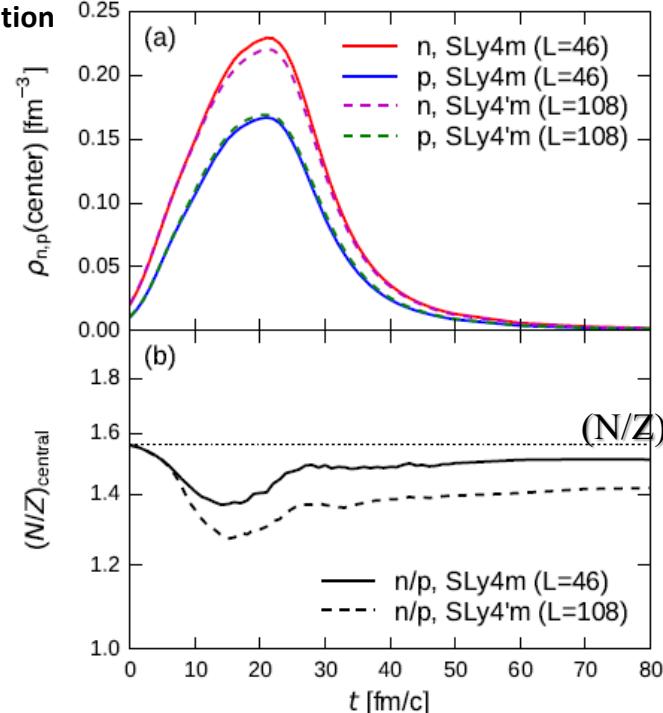
What is a sensitive observable for experiments  
to constrain  $S(\rho)$ ?  
→ "Pion" is a good probe !?

## \* Heavy-ion collisions (Neutron-rich system)



AMD  
calculation

$^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$ ,  $E/A = 300 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $b \sim 0$

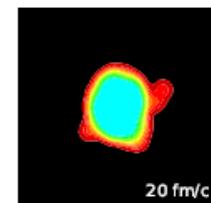


Clear difference of N/Z in high density region  
due to different  $S(\rho)$

# Pion production in Heavy-ion collision

## \* Pions, $\Delta$ resonances:

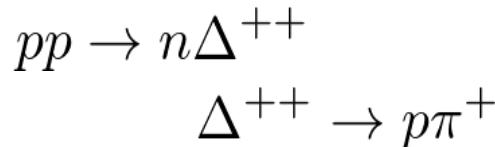
Formation in NN collisions at early times in the compressed part of the system



### $\pi^-$ production (main reaction)



### $\pi^+$ production (main)



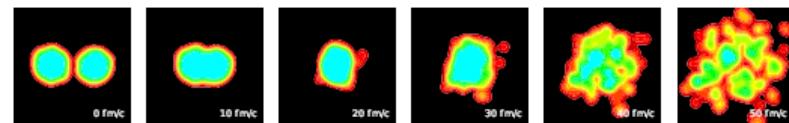
Simple expectation :

$$\left(\frac{\pi^-}{\pi^+}\right) \simeq \frac{5N^2 + NZ}{5Z^2 + NZ} \simeq \left(\frac{N}{Z}\right)^2$$

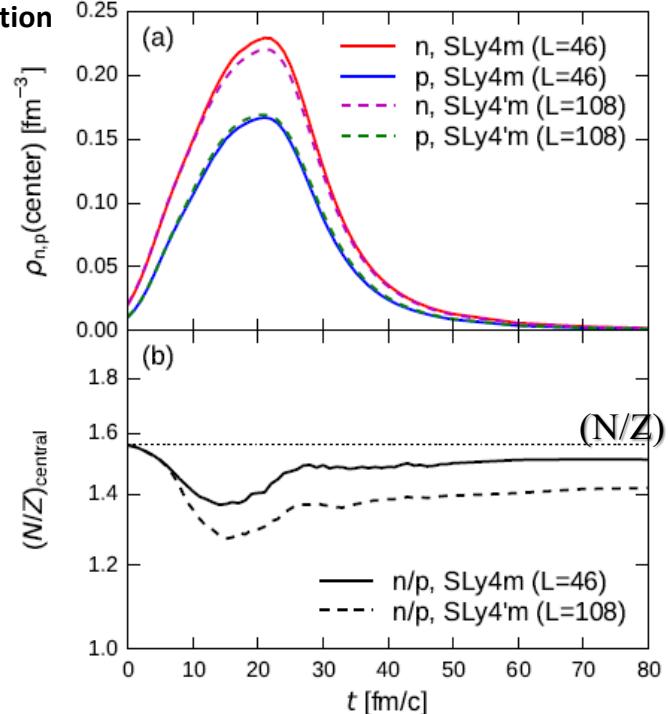
B. A. Li, PRL 88 (2002) 192701

$\Rightarrow \pi^-/\pi^+$  ratio is related to some kind of  $(N/Z)^2$  ratio which is supposed to be sensitive to the symmetry energy at high densities.

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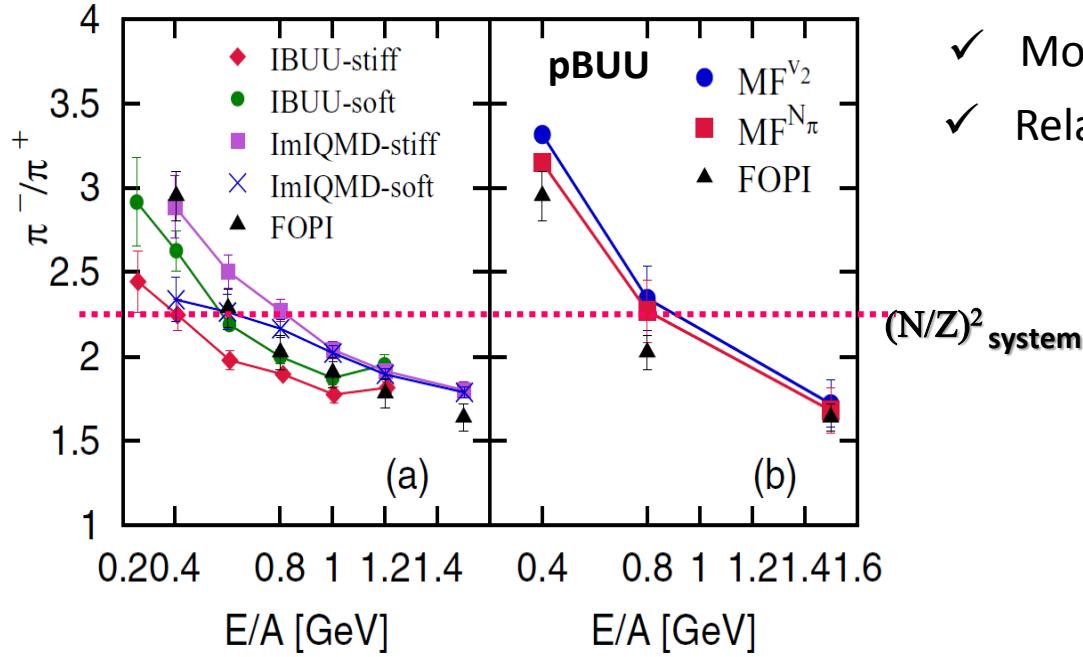


# Pion and Symmetry energy

## ➤ Pion calculations by some models

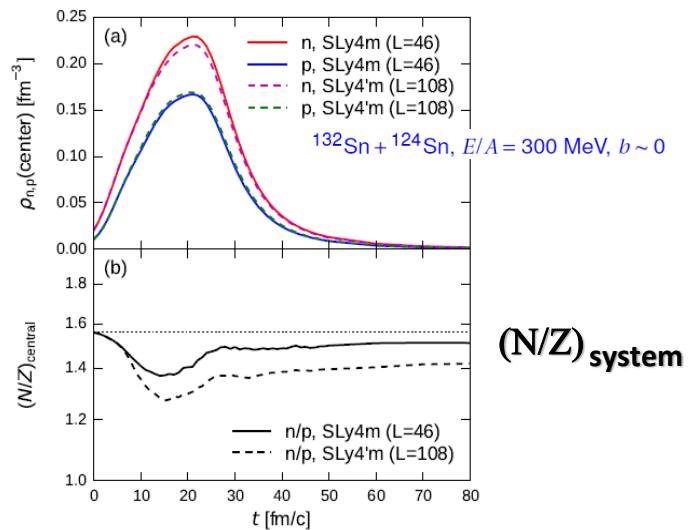
- B. A. Li, PRL 88 (2002) 192701 : **IBUU**
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- Z. Q. Feng and G. M. Jin, PLB 683 (2010) 140 : **ImIQMD**
- J. Hong and P. Danielewicz , PRC90 (2014) 024605 : **pBUU**
- Wen-Mei Guo, Gao-Chan Yong and Wei Zuo, PRC90 (2014) 044605 ... etc.

## ➤ Pion ratio in central Au+Au collisions: Theory vs. Exp. Data



J. Hong and P. Danielewicz , PRC90 (2014) 024605

- ✓ Model predictions **do not agree**
- ✓ Relation  $\pi^-/\pi^+ \simeq (N/Z)^2$  **does not hold**



⇒ We need more complete understanding of the relation between pion and symmetry energy

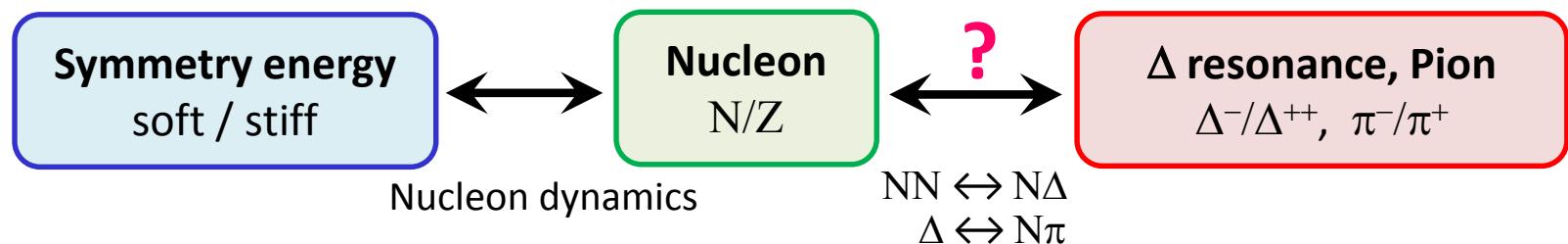
# Our study

## $^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$ Collision @ E/A=300MeV

- Experiment at RIKEN/RIBF T. Isobe, T. Murakami *et al.*
- Neutron rich system ( $N/Z$ ) = 1.56  $\rightarrow \pi^- > \pi^+$

### ➤ Motivation:

We like to understand the mechanism how  $\Delta$  resonances and pions are produced, reflecting the dynamics of neutrons and protons.



### ➤ Theoretical Model:

**AMD**

+

**JAM**

- Nucleon dynamics
- Treatment of cluster correlation

- $\pi, \Delta$  production in the reaction process
- hadronic cascade model

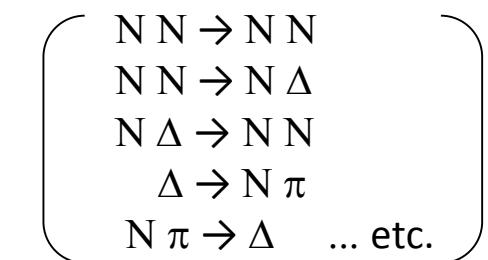
# Transport model (AMD + JAM)

- Coupled equations for  $f_\alpha(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t)$  ( $\alpha = N, \Delta, \pi$ )

$$\frac{\partial f_N}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial h_N}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot \frac{\partial f_N}{\partial \mathbf{r}} - \frac{\partial h_N[f_N, f_{\Delta, \pi}]}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial f_N}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = I_N[f_N, f_{\Delta, \pi}]$$

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$I_N[f_N, f_{\Delta, \pi}]$  : collision term



- Our model: JAM coupled with AMD

Perturbative treatment of pion and  $\Delta$  particle production

$$I_N = I_N^{\text{el}}[f_N, 0] + \lambda I'_N[f_N, f_{\Delta, \pi}]$$

$$\begin{cases} f_{\Delta, \pi} = O(\lambda) : \Delta \text{ and pion productions are rare} \\ f_N = f_N^{(0)} + \lambda f_N^{(1)} + \dots \end{cases}$$

- Nucleon  $f_N$  : **Zeroth order equation**

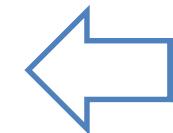
$$\frac{\partial f_N^{(0)}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial h_N}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot \frac{\partial f_N^{(0)}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} - \frac{\partial h_N[f_N^{(0)}, 0]}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial f_N^{(0)}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = I_N^{\text{el}}[f_N^{(0)}, 0]$$



Solved by AMD

- $\Delta$  particle  $f_\Delta$  and pion  $f_\pi$  : **First order equation**

$$\frac{\partial f_{\Delta, \pi}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial h_{\Delta, \pi}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot \frac{\partial f_{\Delta, \pi}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} - \frac{\partial h_{\Delta, \pi}[f_N^{(0)}, f_{\Delta, \pi}]}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial f_{\Delta, \pi}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = I_{\Delta, \pi}[f_N^{(0)}, f_{\Delta, \pi}]$$



Solved by JAM  
for given  $f_N^{(0)}$

# Transport model (AMD + JAM)

## ➤ AMD (Antisymmetrized Molecular Dynamics)

A. Ono, H. Horiuchi, T. Maruyama, and A. Ohnishi, PTP87 (1992) 1185

→ Ono-san's talk

- AMD wave function



$$|\Phi(Z)\rangle = \det_{ij} \left[ \exp \left\{ -v \left( \mathbf{r}_j - \frac{\mathbf{Z}_i}{\sqrt{v}} \right)^2 \right\} \chi_{\alpha_i}(j) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_i = \sqrt{v} \mathbf{D}_i + \frac{i}{2\hbar\sqrt{v}} \mathbf{K}_i$$

$v$  : Width parameter =  $(2.5 \text{ fm})^{-2}$

$\chi_{\alpha_i}$  : Spin-isospin states =  $p \uparrow, p \downarrow, n \uparrow, n \downarrow$

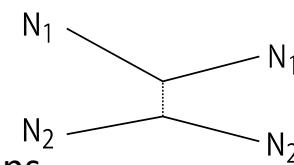
Solve the time evolution of the wave packet centroids Z      ✓ Effective interaction

- Turn on/off Cluster correlation

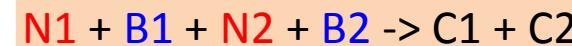
- Without Cluster



$N_1, N_2$  : Colliding nucleons



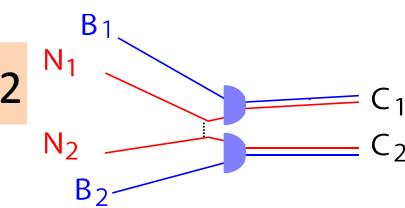
- With Cluster



$N_1, N_2$ : Colliding nucleons

$B_1, B_2$ : Spectator nucleons/clusters

$C_1, C_2$ :  $N$ ,  $(2N)$ ,  $(3N)$ ,  $(4N)$  (up to  $\alpha$  cluster)



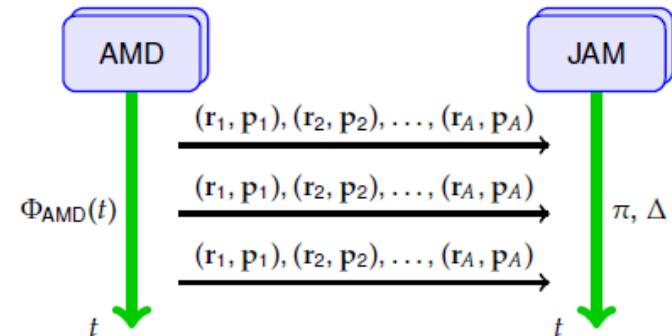
## ➤ JAM (Jet AA Microscopic transport model)

Y. Nara, N. Otuka, A. Ohnishi, K. Niita, S. Chiba, PRC61 (2000) 024901

- Applied to high-energy collisions ( $1 \sim 158 \text{ A GeV}$ )
- Hadron-Hadron reactions are based on experimental data and the detailed balance.
- No mean field (default)
- $s$ -wave pion production ( $NN \rightarrow NN\pi$ ) is turned off.      ... etc.

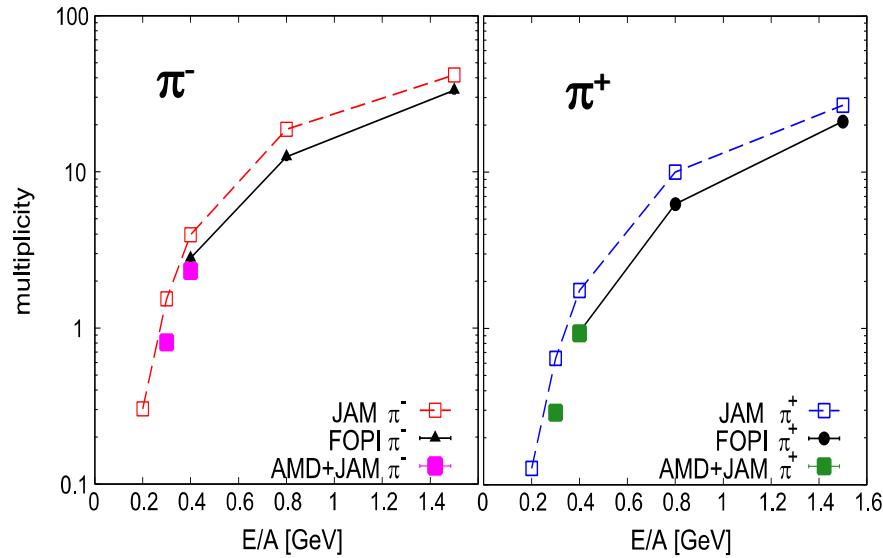
# Transport model (AMD + JAM)

- We send **nucleon test particles**  $(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{p}_1), (\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{p}_2), \dots, (\mathbf{r}_A, \mathbf{p}_A)$  from AMD to JAM at every 2 fm/c with corrections for the conservation of baryon number and charge.

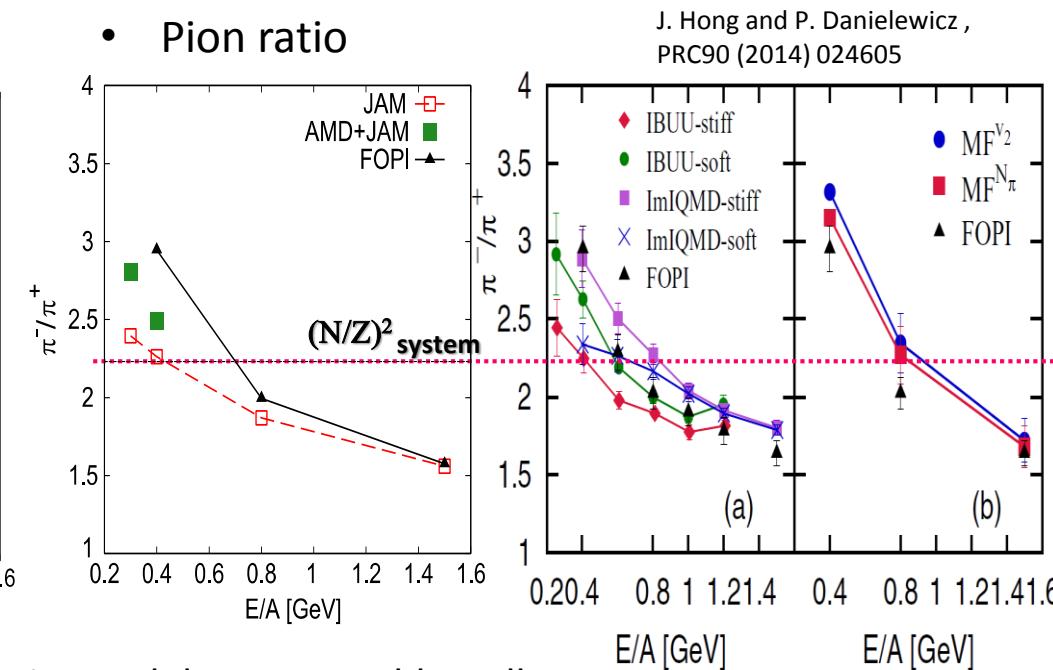


## Pion Calculations in central Au+Au collisions

- Pion multiplicity



- Pion ratio



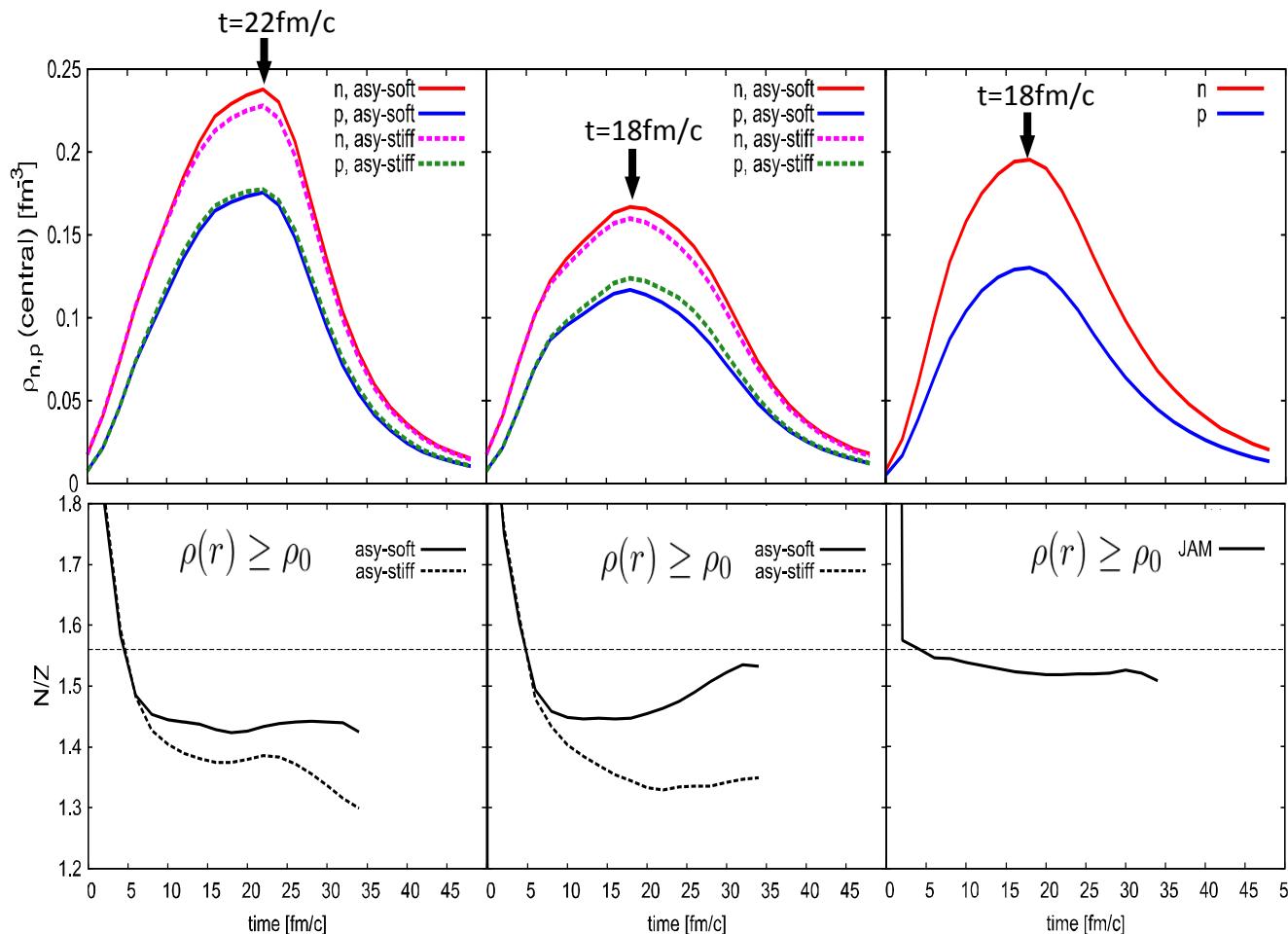
- ✓ Our calculation almost reproduces the experimental data reasonably well
- ✓ Pion ratios are also larger than  $(N/Z)^2$  system

# Dynamics of neutrons and protons

Calculation set:

AMD + JAM

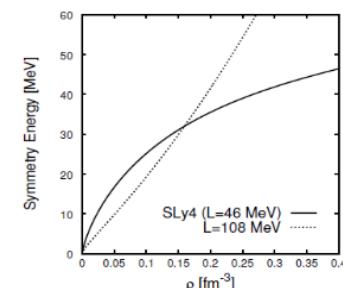
- with cluster



1. with cluster (asy-soft)
2. with cluster (asy-stiff)
3. without cluster (asy-soft)
4. without cluster (asy-stiff)
5. JAM (no mean field)

asy-soft :  $L=46$  (SLy4)

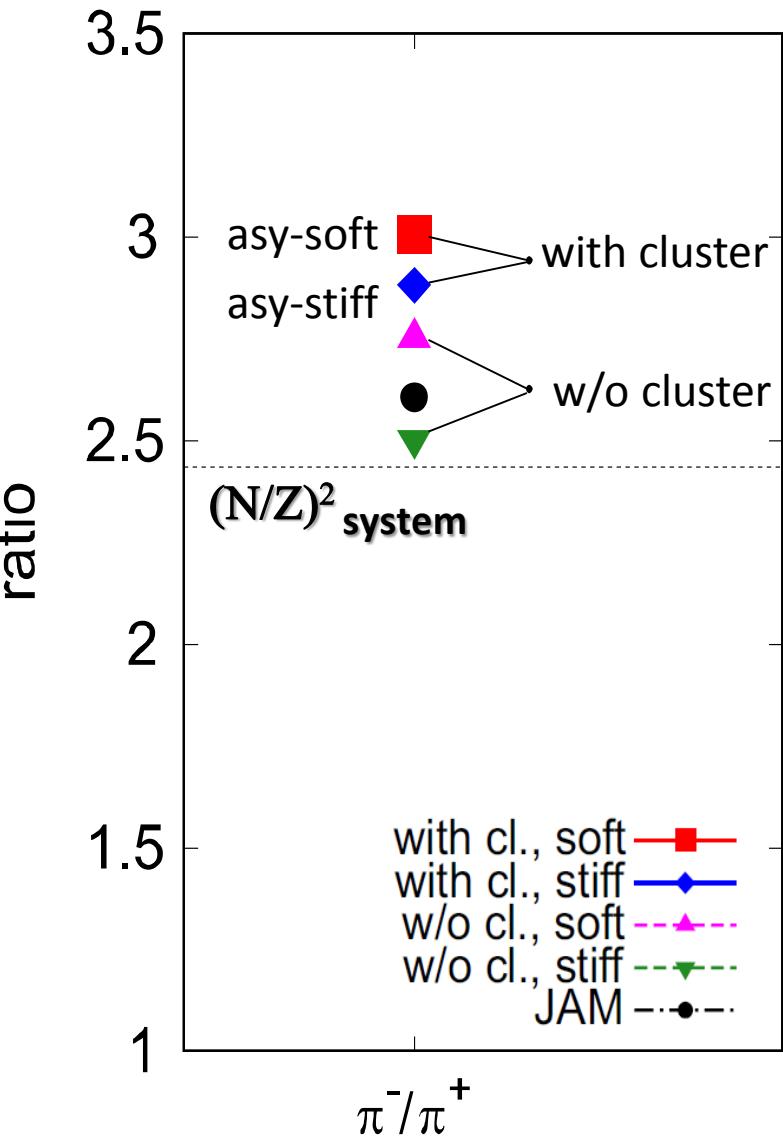
asy-stiff :  $L=108$



Effective interaction:  
Skyrme force

- ✓ Density maximum is different for cases with or without cluster
- ✓ Clear difference of N/Z ratio due to different symmetry energy
- ✓ Especially symmetry energy effect is weaker if there is cluster correlation

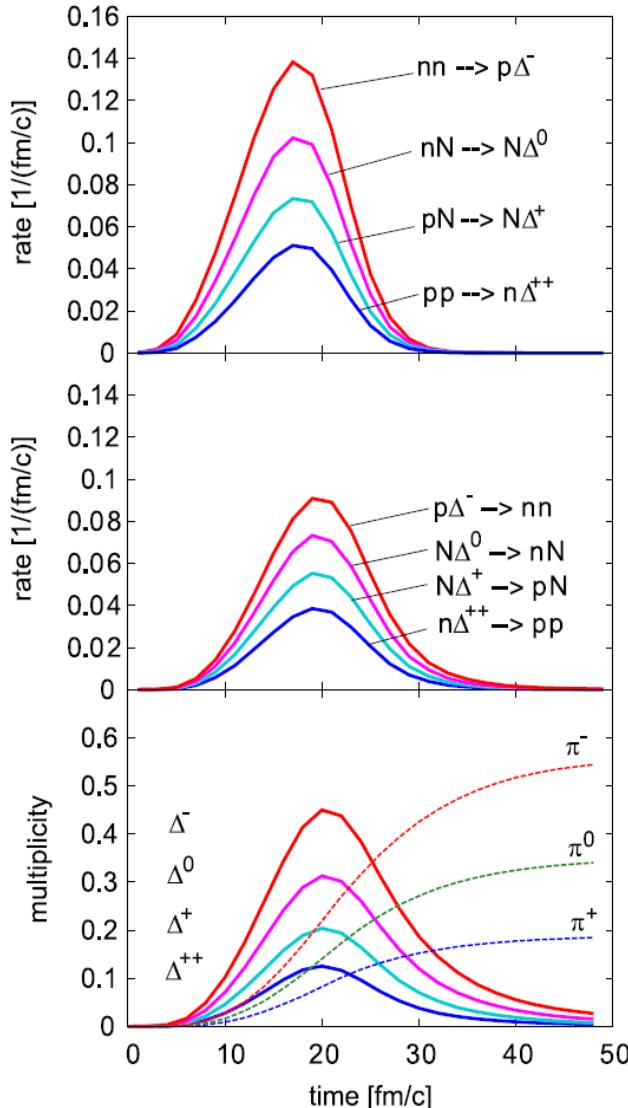
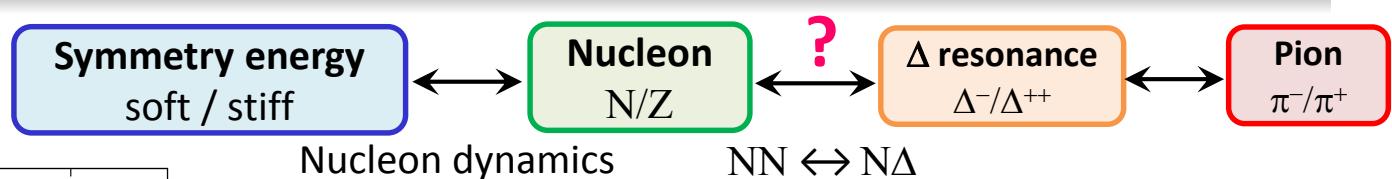
# Final $\pi^-/\pi^+$ ratio



1. **Symmetry energy dependence  $S(\rho)$**   
 $\pi^-/\pi^+$  ratio with soft  $S(\rho)$  is larger  
→ Similar result to IBUU
2. **Model dependence of nucleon dynamics**  
 $S(\rho)$  effect is weaker with cluster correlations
3.  **$\pi^-/\pi^+ \text{ ratio} > (N/Z)^2_{\text{system}}$**

⇒ What is the origin of these behaviors?

# $\Delta$ resonance



\*  $\Delta$  production:  
Reaction rate  
 $NN \rightarrow N\Delta$

\*  $\Delta$  absorption:  
Reaction rate  
 $N\Delta \rightarrow NN$

\* Numbers of  
existing  $\Delta$  and  $\pi$

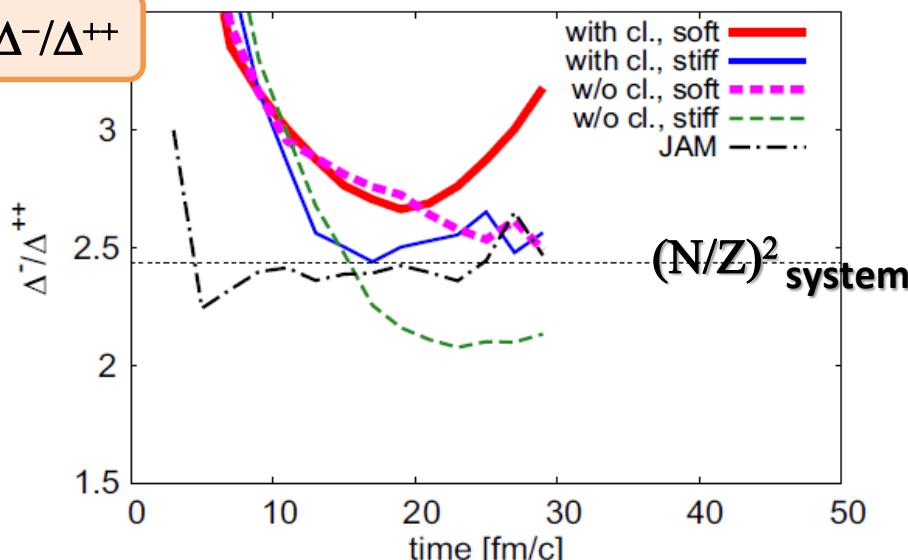
We study what kind of information of neutrons and protons is carried by  $\Delta$  resonances.

# Relation between N/Z and $\Delta^-/\Delta^{++}$

Nucleon  
N/Z

$\Delta$  resonance  
 $\Delta^-/\Delta^{++}$

$\Delta^-/\Delta^{++}$

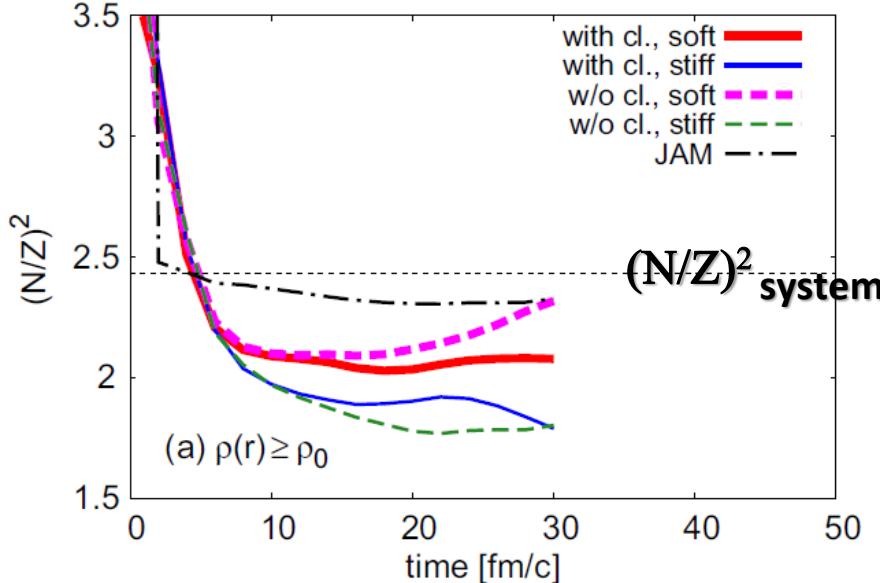


Simple expectation:  $\Delta^-/\Delta^{++} \sim (N/Z)^2$

$$\frac{\Delta^-}{\Delta^{++}} = \frac{\text{Rate}(nn \rightarrow n\Delta^-)}{\text{Rate}(pp \rightarrow p\Delta^{++})}$$

$(N/Z)^2 \rho$

Nucleons in the sphere  $\rho(r) \geq \rho_0$   
centered at CM.



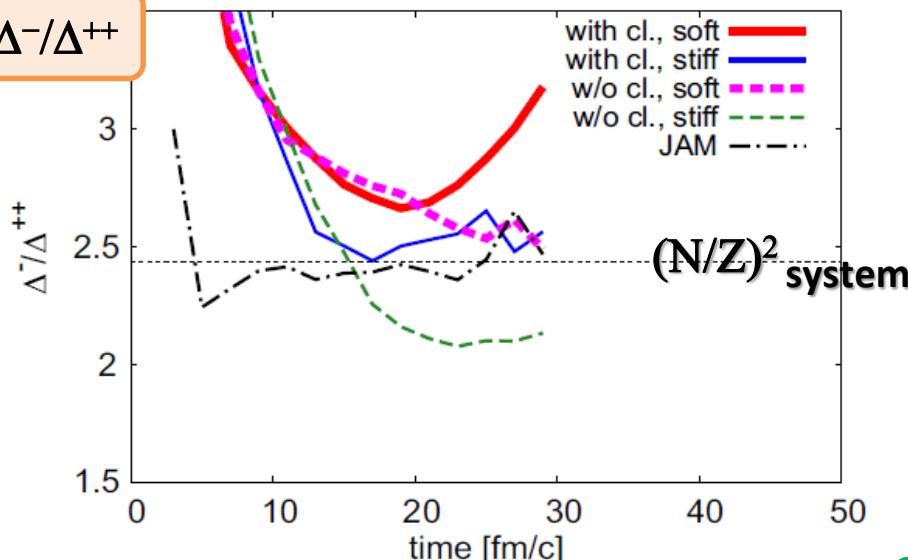
$\Delta^-/\Delta^{++} \neq (N/Z)^2$

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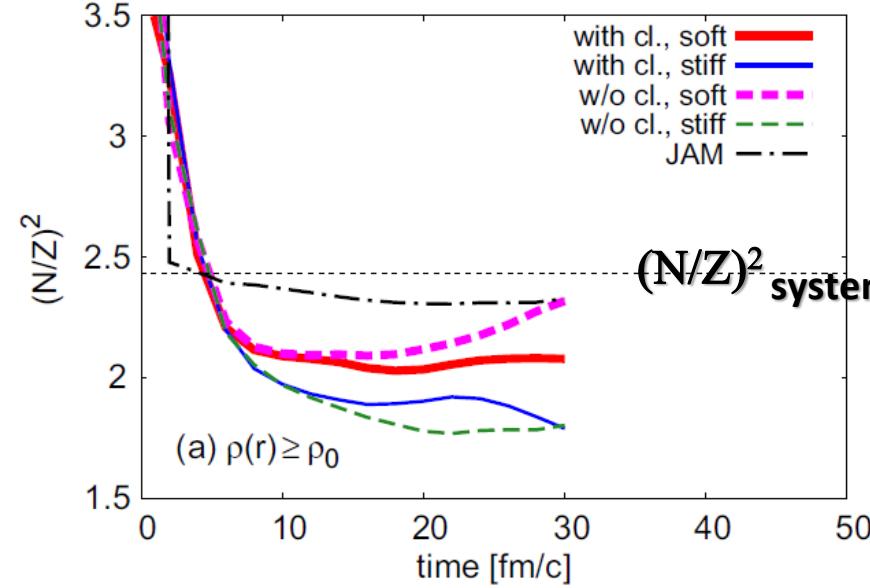


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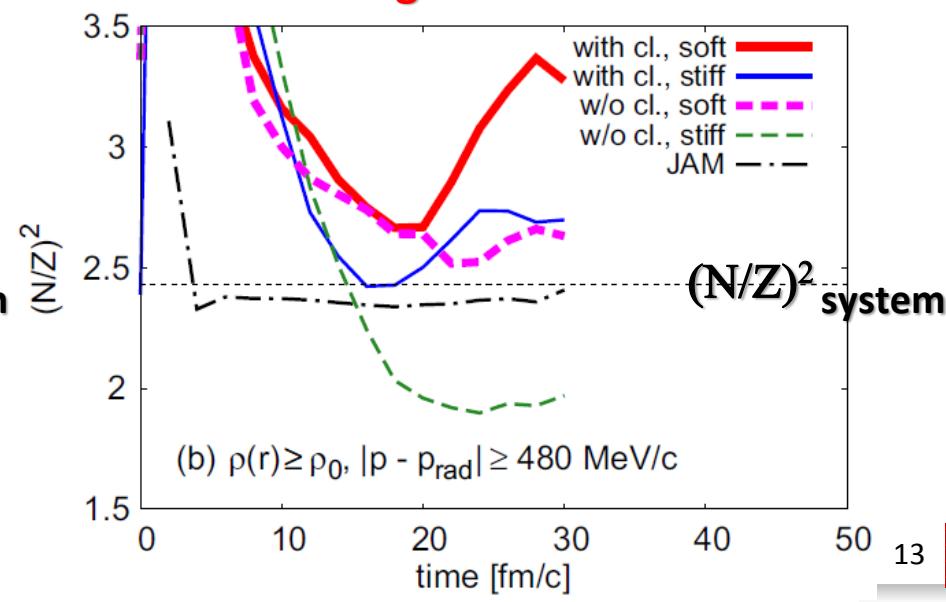
$(N/Z)^2$   
 $\rho$

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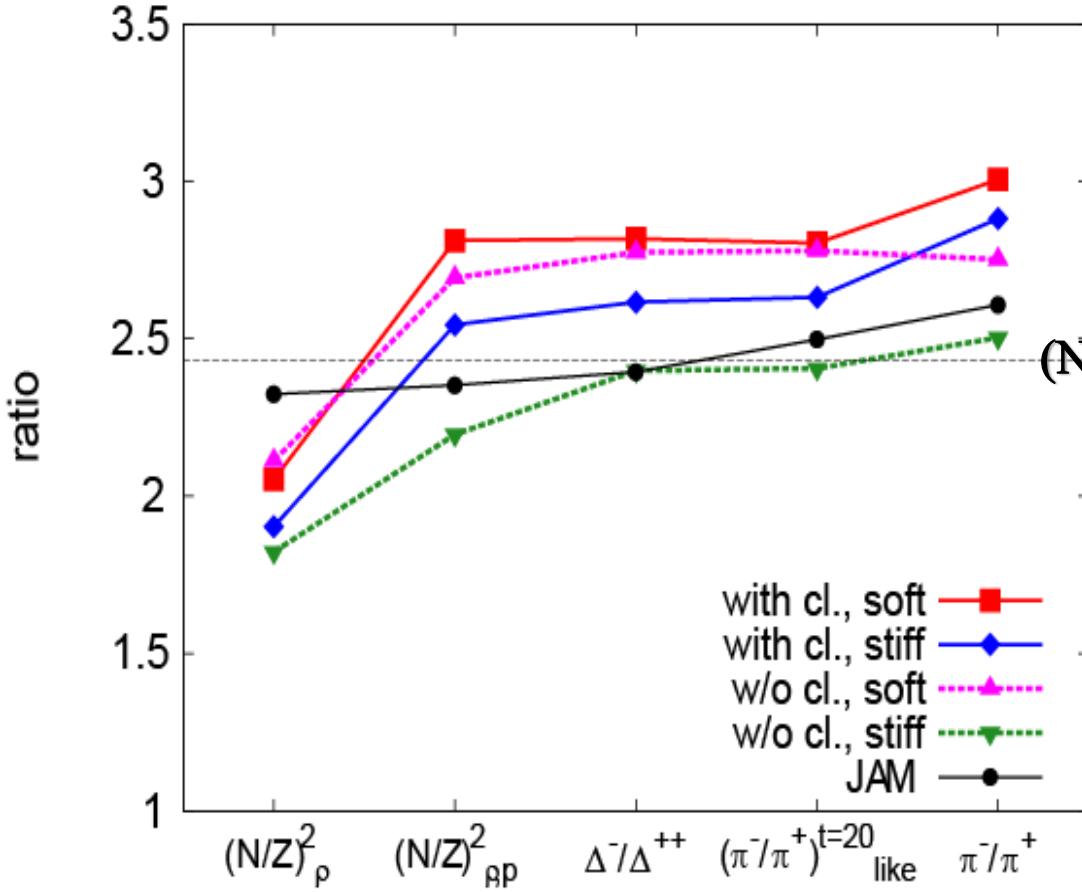
$(N/Z)^2$   
 $\rho, p$

Nucleons in the sphere  $\rho(r) > \rho_0$  with **high momentum**



# Final $\pi^-/\pi^+$ ratio

➤ From nucleons to pion ratios



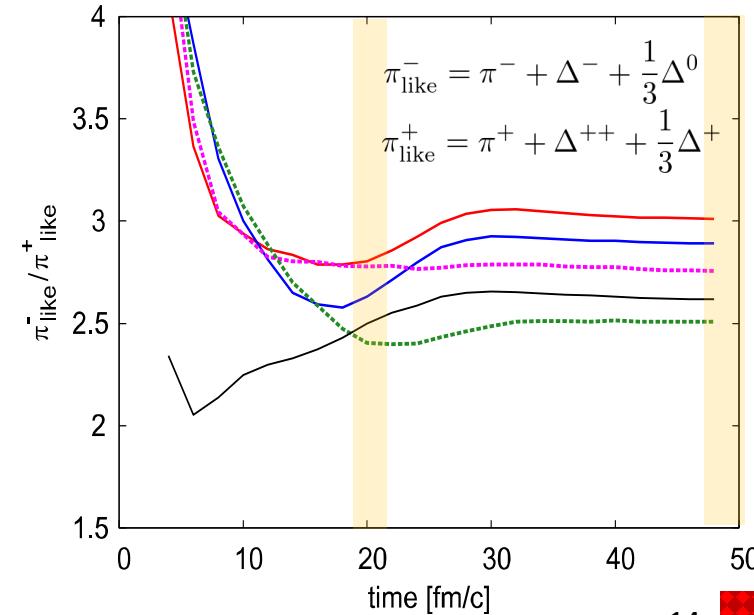
Representative ratios:

$$\left(\frac{N}{Z}\right)^2 = \frac{\int_0^\infty N(t)^2 dt}{\int_0^\infty Z(t)^2 dt}$$

$$\frac{\Delta^-}{\Delta^{++}} = \frac{\int_0^\infty (nn \rightarrow p\Delta^-) dt}{\int_0^\infty (pp \rightarrow n\Delta^{++}) dt}$$

N(t), Z(t) : Numbers of nucleon which satisfy the conditions

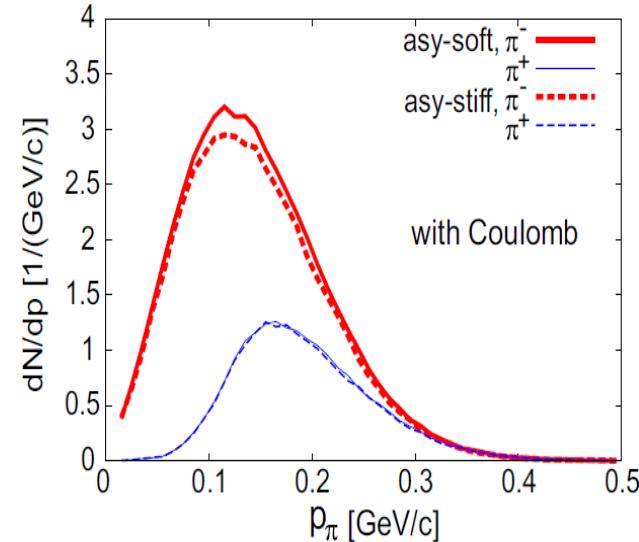
- $(N/Z)_{p, p}^2 \sim \Delta^-/\Delta^{++} \sim (\pi^-/\pi^+)^{t=20}_{\text{like}}$
- Final stage:  
 $\pi^-/\pi^+$  is modified from  $(\pi^-/\pi^+)^{t=20}_{\text{like}}$ 
  - ✓ S(p) effect: 30% weaker
  - ✓ Cluster correlation →  $\pi^-/\pi^+$  up



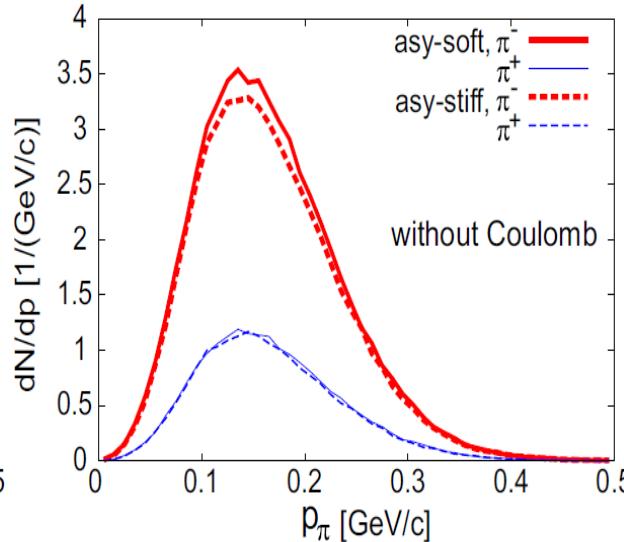
# Pion spectra

AMD + JAM with cluster (asy-soft)

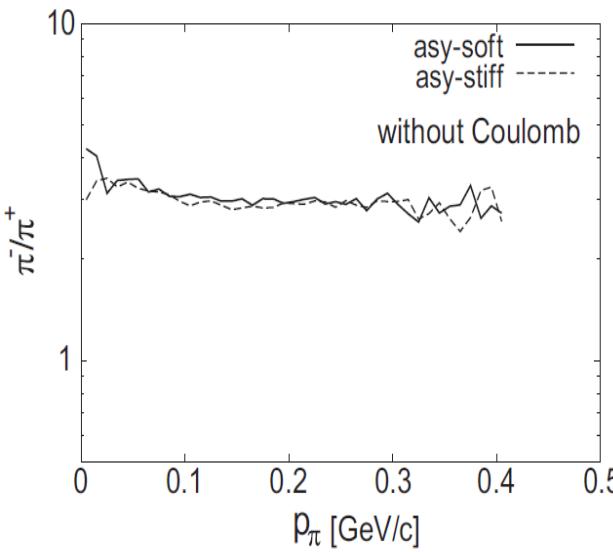
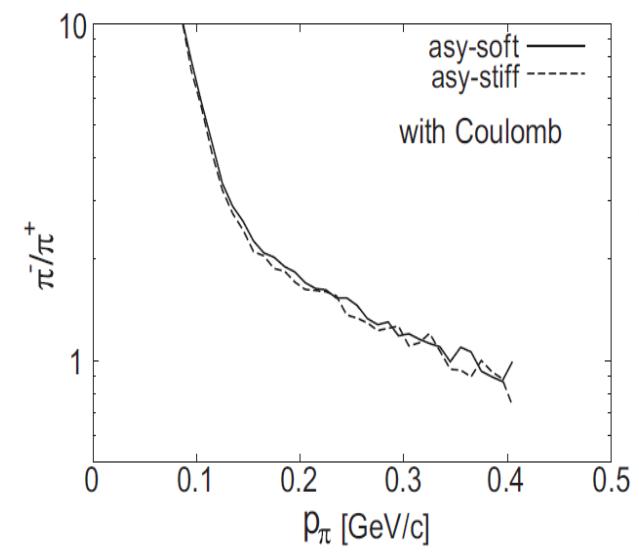
- With Coulomb



- Without Coulomb



- Coulomb effect:  
**Acceleration of  $\pi^+$**   
**Deceleration of  $\pi^-$**   
→ Changes of pion spectra



	$\pi^-$	$\pi^+$	$\pi^-/\pi^+$
with Coulomb	0.577	0.192	<b>3.01(1)</b>
w/o Coulomb	0.582	0.193	<b>3.02(1)</b>

→ Coulomb effect has almost no effect on the pion multiplicities and the pion ratio.

# Clusters at high density?

In the calculation, cluster correlation played important roles for the pions.  
But, in the high density region, should cluster correlations really exist?

## 3 Options: Treatment of cluster correlations

### 1. With cluster

Clusters are formed at **any** density.

### 2. Without cluster

Clusters are **not** formed at all.

**NEW**

### 3. With cluster ( $\rho < 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ )

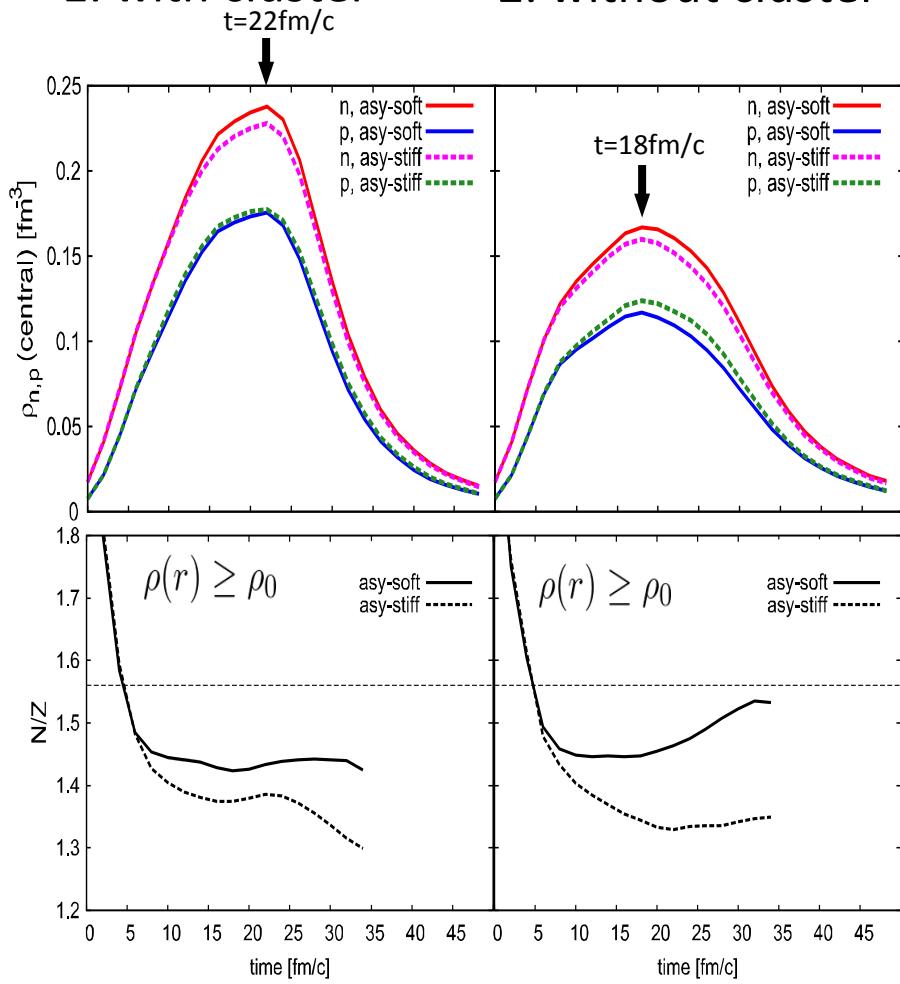
Clusters are formed in the **low** density region ( $\rho < 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ )

Clusters are **not** formed in the **high** density region ( $\rho > 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ )

# Preliminary result with cluster ( $\rho < 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ )

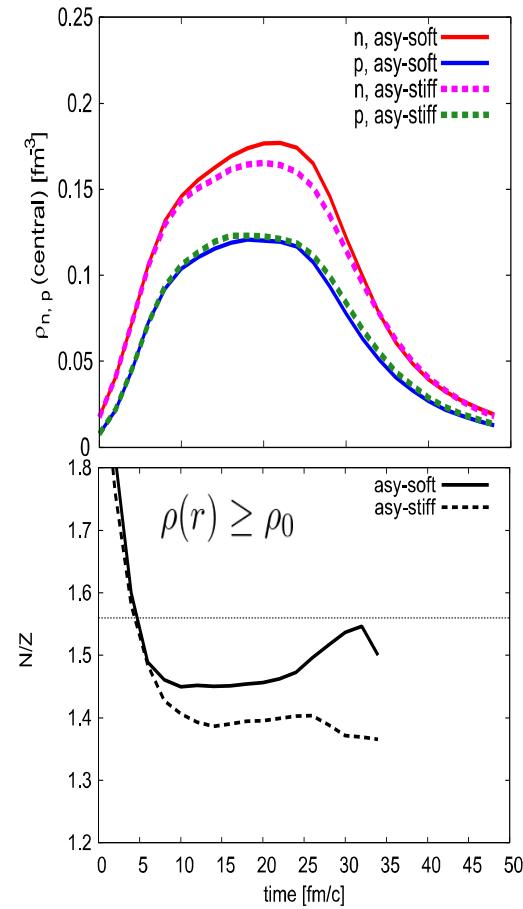
## ➤ Dynamics of neutrons and protons

### 1. with cluster



### 2. without cluster

### 3. With cluster ( $\rho < 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ )



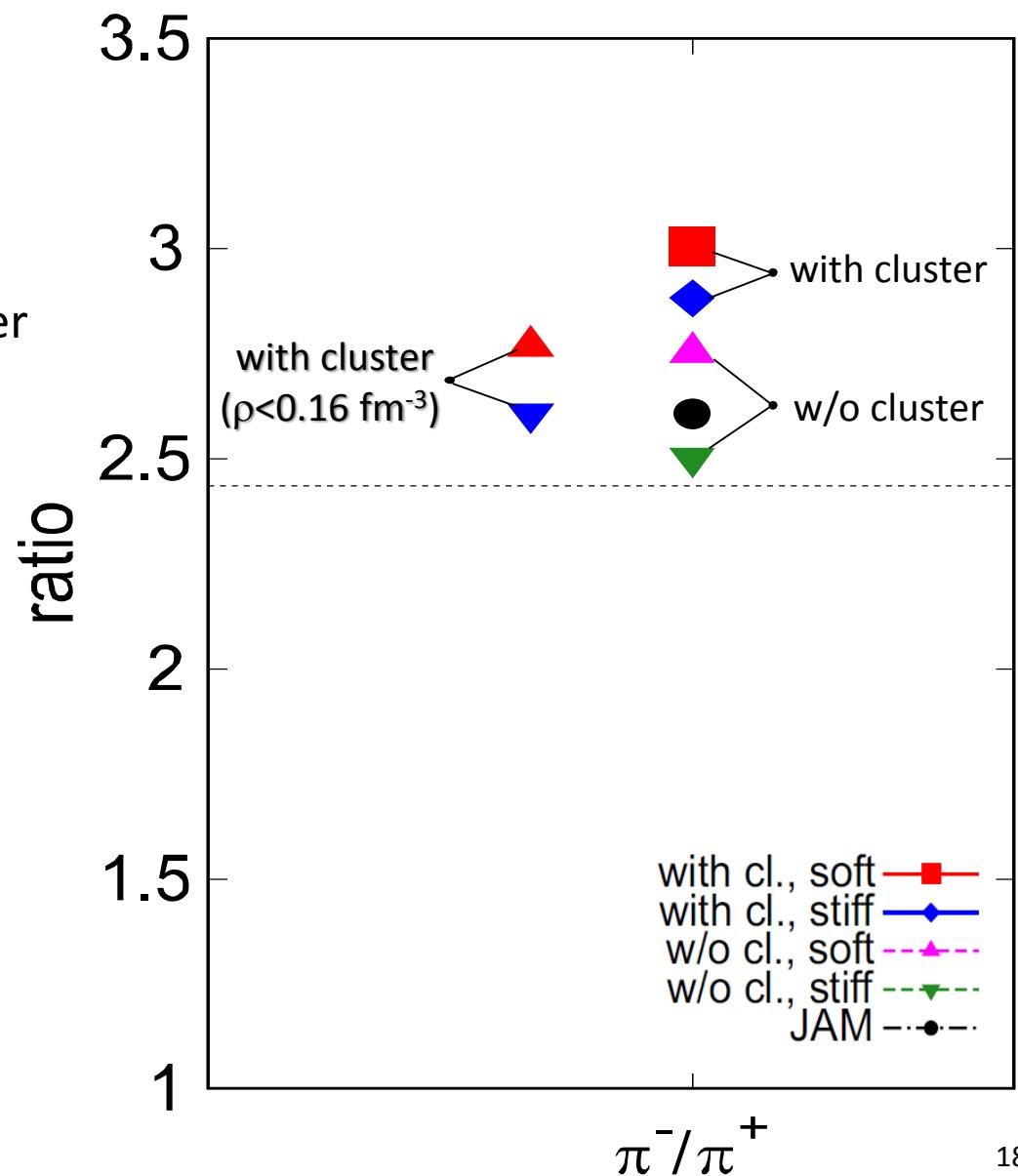
✓ Density maximum is not as high as the case with cluster

# Preliminary result with cluster ( $\rho < 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ )

## ➤ Final $\pi^-/\pi^+$ ratio

- With cluster ( $\rho < 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ )

Closer to the case without cluster



# Summary: Pion production in $^{132}\text{Sn}+^{124}\text{Sn}$ collisions @E/A = 300MeV

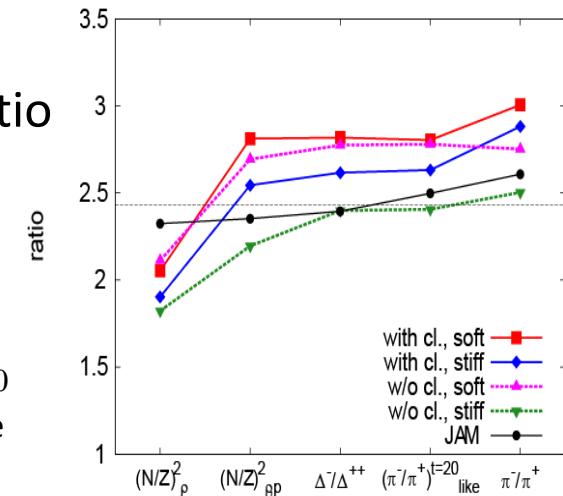
- Motivation: To understand the mechanism how pions are produced reflecting the dynamics of neutrons and protons

Calculation:

- Transport model combining AMD and JAM
- Effective interaction: soft/stiff symmetry energy
- Turn on/off cluster correlation

Pion ratio certainly carries the information on neutrons and protons at the dynamical stage of collisions

- ✓ The  $\pi^-/\pi^+$  and  $\Delta^-/\Delta^{++}$  ratios are related to the  $(N/Z)^2$  ratio in high-density and high-momentum region.
- ✓ The  $\pi^-/\pi^+$  ratio with soft  $E_{\text{sym}}$  is larger
- ✓  $E_{\text{sym}}$  effect is weaker with cluster correlations
- ✓ In the final stage,  $\pi^-/\pi^+$  ratio is modified from  $(\pi^-/\pi^+)_{\text{like}}^{t=20}$



## Future work:

- > We need to investigate not only pions but also other observables (cluster correlation)
- $\Delta$  resonance production threshold

# Potential for $\Delta$ and pion

In JAM, reaction thresholds are the same as in free space.

(The production and absorption reactions for  $\Delta$  and pions occur in the JAM calculation as in the free space)

Nucleons feel potential in the AMD calculation.

Therefore AMD+JAM assumes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NN} &\leftrightarrow \text{N}\Delta & \Delta &\leftrightarrow \text{N}\pi \\ U_{\tau_1}^{(N)} + U_{\tau_2}^{(N)} &= U_{\tau_3}^{(N)} + U_{\tau_4}^{(\Delta)}, & U_{\tau_1}^{(\Delta)} &= U_{\tau_3}^{(N)} + U_{\tau_4}^{(\pi)} & \text{for } \tau_1 (+\tau_2) = \tau_3 + \tau_4 \end{aligned}$$

This is equivalent to the choice in the pBUU calculation

c.f. Hong and Danielewicz, PRC 90 (2014) 024605

$$v_{asy}(\Delta^-) = 2v_{asy}(n) - v_{asy}(p) = 3v_{asy}(n),$$

$$v_{asy}(\Delta^0) = v_{asy}(n),$$

$$v_{asy}(\Delta^+) = v_{asy}(p) = -v_{asy}(n),$$

$$v_{asy}(\Delta^{++}) = 2v_{asy}(p) - v_{asy}(n) = -3v_{asy}(n).$$

\* Different choice,  
cf. Bao-An Li

$$v_{asy}(\Delta^-) = v_{asy}(n),$$

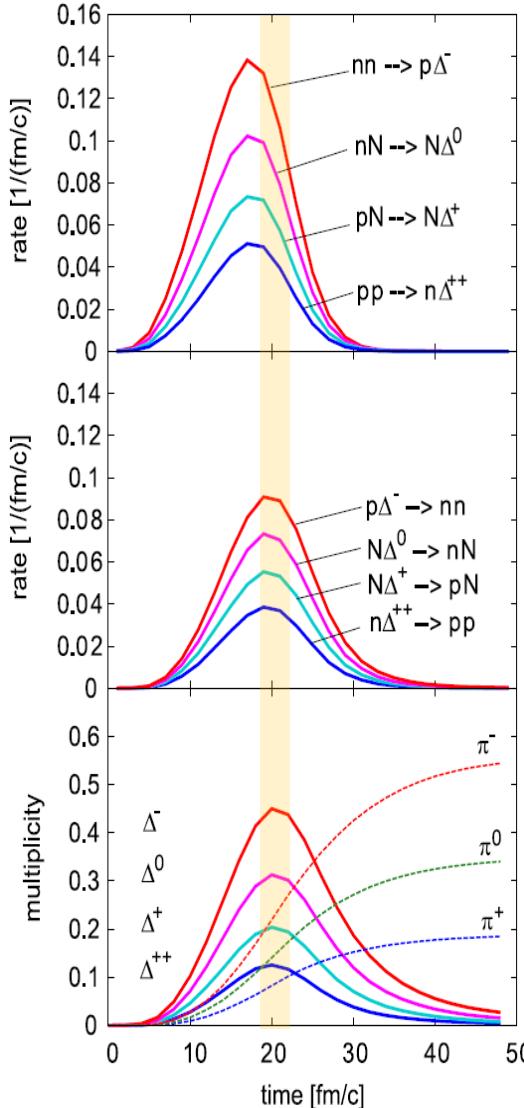
$$v_{asy}(\Delta^0) = \frac{2}{3}v_{asy}(n) + \frac{1}{3}v_{asy}(p) = \frac{1}{3}v_{asy}(n),$$

$$v_{asy}(\Delta^+) = \frac{1}{3}v_{asy}(n) + \frac{2}{3}v_{asy}(p) = -\frac{1}{3}v_{asy}(n),$$

$$v_{asy}(\Delta^{++}) = v_{asy}(p) = -v_{asy}(n).$$

# $\Delta$ resonance

$$\Delta^-/\Delta^{++} \simeq e^{3(\mu_n - \mu_p)/T} \simeq (N/Z)_{\rho, p}^3$$



$$(\pi^-/\pi^+)_{\text{like}}' = (\Delta^- + \frac{1}{3}\Delta^0)/(\Delta^{++} + \frac{1}{3}\Delta^+)$$

\*  $\Delta$  production:

Reaction rate  
 $NN \rightarrow N\Delta$

$\Delta^-/\Delta^{++}$

$(N/Z)^2_{\rho, p}$

\*  $\Delta$  absorption:

Reaction rate  
 $N\Delta \rightarrow NN$

If the system were in chemical equilibrium,

\* Numbers of  
existing  $\Delta$  and  $\pi$