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Isospin dynamics in high-energy heavy-ion collisions

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I. Introduction



Symmetry energy : $(0.5\rho_0 < \rho < 1.2\rho_0)$

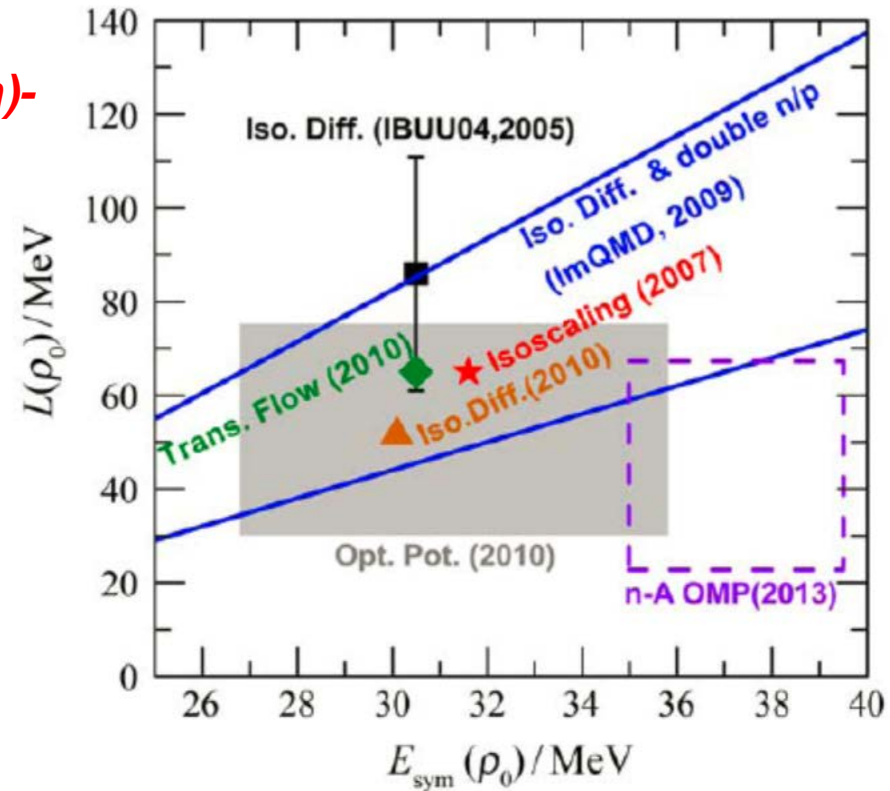
Isospin observables from proton (electron)-nucleus and heavy-ion collisions:

- Proton-nucleus elastic scattering in inverse kinematics
- n/p ratio of fast, pre-equilibrium nucleons
- Double n/p ratios of isotopic reaction systems
- Isospin fractionation and isoscaling in nuclear multifragmentation
- Isospin diffusion/transport
- Neutron-proton differential flow
- Neutron-proton correlation functions at low relative momenta
- t/³He ratio

Based on several complementary approaches with available data

$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0) = 32.5 \pm 2.5 \text{ MeV}$, $L = 55 \pm 25 \text{ MeV}$

Refs: B. A. Li et al., Phys. Rep. 464 (2008) 113; Shetty et al., PRC75 (07) 034602; Tsang et al., PRL 102, 122701 (2009); C. Xu et al., Phys Rev C 82 (2010) 054607



Lie-Wen Chen, Nucl. Phys. Rev. 273 (2014) 284
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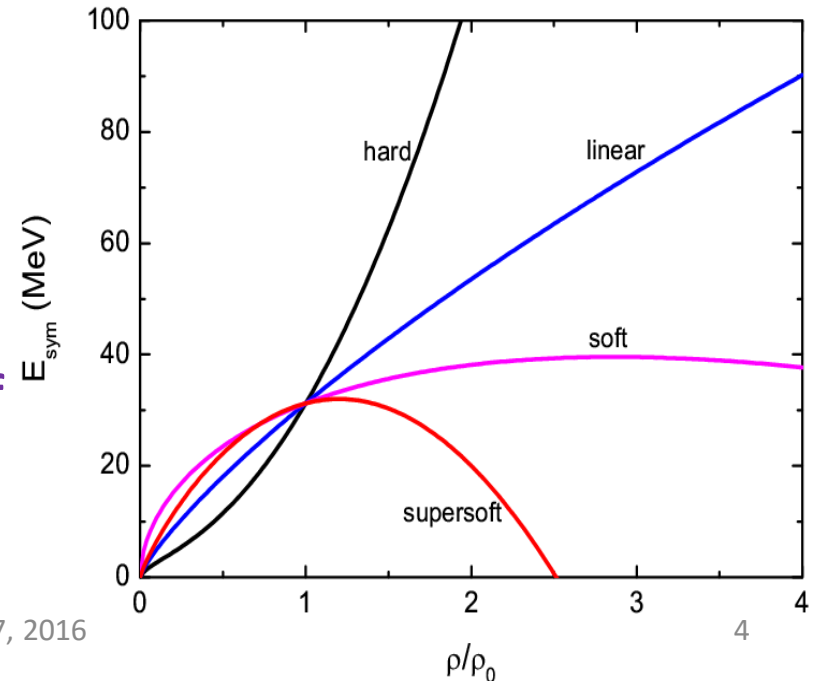
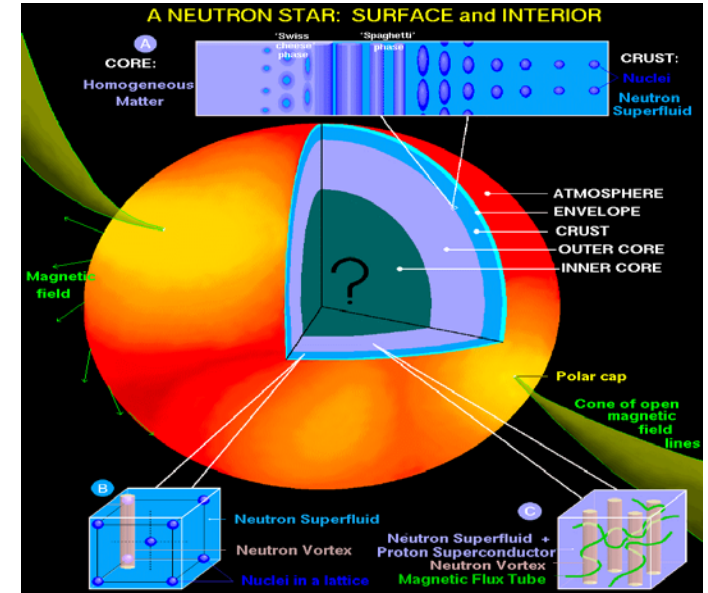
Symmetry energy ($\rho > 1.2\rho_0$)

Isospin observables from heavy-ion collisions :

- π^-/π^+ ratio, K^0/K^+ ratio, Σ^-/Σ^+ ratio
- Neutron-proton differential flow
- Double n/p , π^-/π^+ , K^0/K^+ ratios of isotopic systems
- Nucleon elliptical flow at high transverse momenta
- n/p ratio of squeeze-out emission

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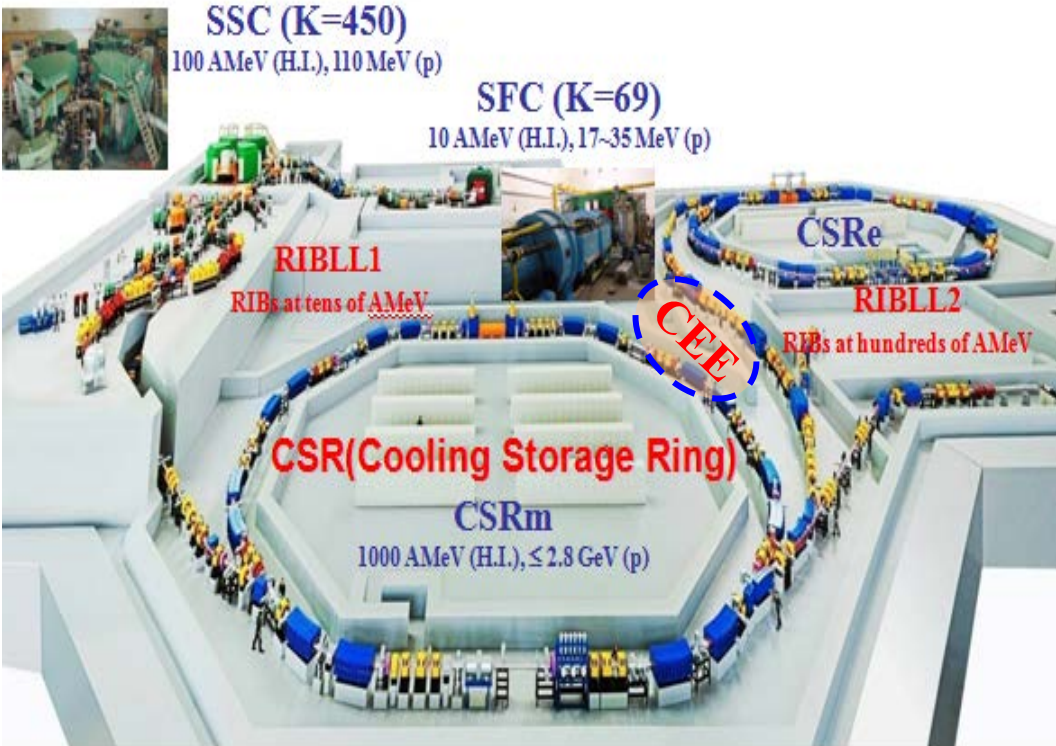
The information of high-density symmetry energy is poorly known, which is of importance in understanding the structure of neutron star, supernova explosion etc.



Heavy-ion accelerator systems at Institute of Modern Physics

Existing Facility: HIRFL

National Laboratory of Heavy Ion Accelerator in Lanzhou



Heavy Ion Research Facility in Lanzhou (HIRFL)

HIAF (**H**igh-**I**ntensity **H**eavy Ion **A**ccelerator **F**acility, Huizhou) ~ 1.1 GeV/u, 10^{22} ppp for $^{238}\text{U}^{+34}$



II. Model description

Lanzhou Quantum Molecular Dynamics (LQMD) model:

Nuclear dynamics from 5 MeV/nucleon – 10 GeV/nucleon for HICs, antiproton (proton, π , K, etc)

- **Dynamics of low-energy heavy-ion collisions** (dynamical interaction potential, barrier distribution, neck dynamics, fusion/caption excitation functions etc)
- **Isospin physics at intermediate energies** (constraining nuclear **symmetry energy** at sub- and supra- saturation densities in HICs and probing isospin splitting of nucleon effective mass from HICs)
- **In-medium properties of hadrons in dense nuclear matter from heavy-ion collisions** (extracting optical potentials, i.e., $\Delta(1232)$, $N^*(1440)$, $N^*(1535)$), hyperons ($\Lambda, \Sigma, \Xi, \Omega$) and mesons ($\pi, K, \eta, \rho, \omega, \phi \dots$), hypernucleus dynamics)
- **Hadron (antiproton, proton, π^\pm , K^\pm) induced reactions** (hypernucleus production, e.g., $\Lambda(\Sigma)\chi$, $\Lambda\Lambda\chi$, $\Xi\chi$, $\bar{\Lambda}\chi(S=1)$, in-medium modifications of hadrons, cold QGP)

Dynamics of many-body hadronic system:

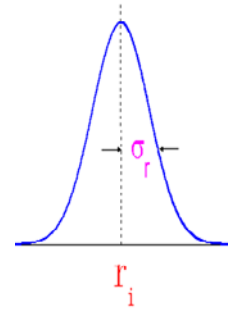
J. Aichelin, *Phys. Rep.*, 202 (1991) 233

Wave function of system

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \prod_i \phi_i(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{p}_i, t)$$

with

$$\phi_i(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma_r^2)^{3/4}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i(t))^2}{4\sigma_r^2}\right] \cdot \exp\left(\frac{i\mathbf{p}_i(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}}{\hbar}\right)$$



$$\mathbf{L} = \langle \Phi | i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} - H | \Phi \rangle$$

$$H = \sum_i T_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i,j \\ j \neq i}} V_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \sum_i \left[-\mathbf{r}_i \cdot \dot{\mathbf{p}}_i - \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m_i} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq i}} \langle V_{ij} \rangle - \frac{3}{8m_i L} \right]$$

Euler-Langrange equations:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_\nu} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial q_\nu} = 0$$



$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i}$$

Momentum dependence of the symmetry potential and its influence on nuclear reactions

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The mean-field potential of nucleons

$$V_{loc}(\rho) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{\rho^2}{\rho_0} + \frac{\beta}{1+\gamma} \frac{\rho^{1+\gamma}}{\rho_0^\gamma} + E_{sym}^{loc}(\rho) \rho \delta^2 + \frac{g_{sur}}{2\rho_0} (\nabla \rho)^2 + \frac{g_{sur}^{iso}}{2\rho_0} [\nabla(\rho_n - \rho_p)]^2,$$

$$U_{loc} = \int V_{loc}(\rho(\mathbf{r})) d\mathbf{r}$$

J. Aichelin et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 58, 1926 (1987)

$$U_{mom} = \frac{1}{2\rho_0} \sum_{i,j,j \neq i} \sum_{\tau,\tau'} C_{\tau,\tau'} \delta_{\tau,\tau_i} \delta_{\tau',\tau_j} \iiint d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{p}' d\mathbf{r} f_i(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t) \\ \times [\ln(\epsilon(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}')^2 + 1)]^2 f_j(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}', t).$$

$$E_{sym}(\rho) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{3}{2} \pi^2 \rho \right)^{2/3} + E_{sym}^{loc}(\rho) + E_{sym}^{mom}(\rho).$$

$$E_{sym}^{loc}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2} C_{sym} (\rho/\rho_0)^{\gamma_s} \quad E_{sym}^{loc}(\rho) = a_{sym} (\rho/\rho_0) + b_{sym} (\rho/\rho_0)^2.$$

Density, isospin and momentum-dependent single-nucleon potential in LQMD

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_\tau(\rho, \delta, \mathbf{p}) = & \alpha \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} + \beta \frac{\rho^\gamma}{\rho_0^\gamma} + E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{loc}}(\rho) \delta^2 + \frac{\partial E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{loc}}(\rho)}{\partial \rho} \rho \delta^2 + E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{loc}}(\rho) \rho \frac{\partial \delta^2}{\partial \rho_\tau} \\
 & + \frac{1}{\rho_0} C_{\tau, \tau} \int d\mathbf{p}' f_\tau(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) [\ln(\epsilon(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}')^2 + 1)]^2 \\
 & + \frac{1}{\rho_0} C_{\tau, \tau'} \int d\mathbf{p}' f_{\tau'}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) [\ln(\epsilon(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}')^2 + 1)]^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Zhao-Qing Feng, Phys. Rev. C 84 (2011) 024610

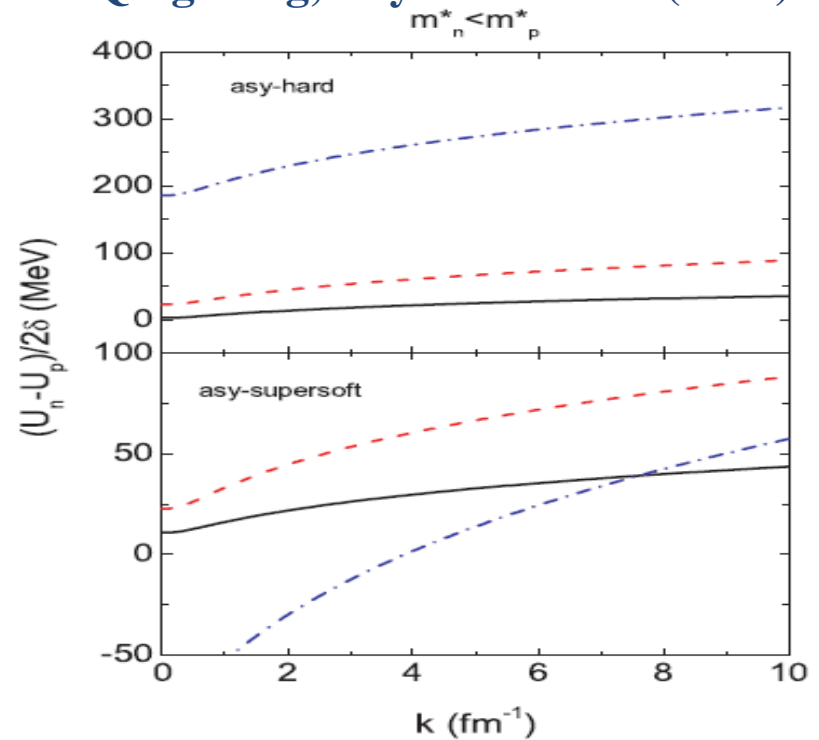
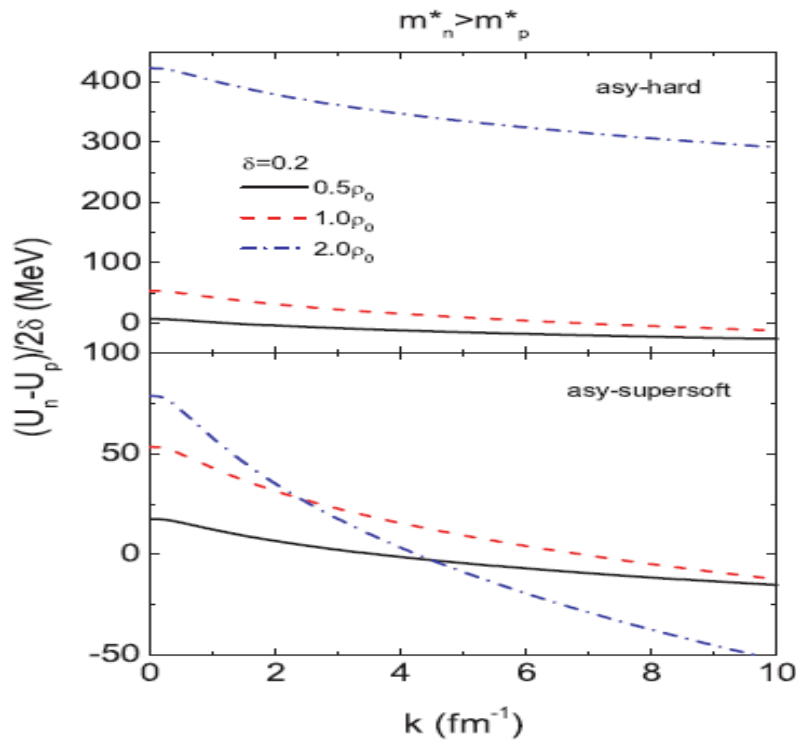
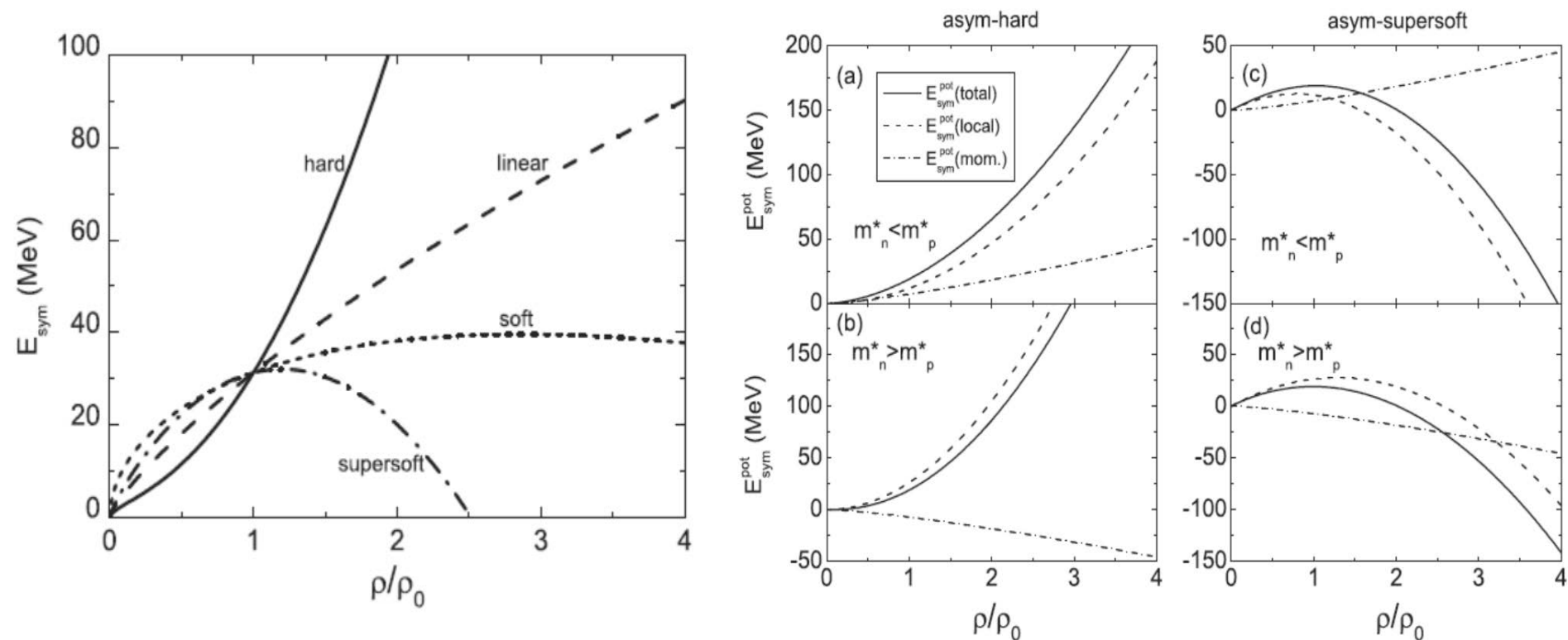


Table 1: The parameters and properties of isospin symmetric EoS used in the LQMD model at the density of 0.16 fm^{-3} .

Parameters	α (MeV)	β (MeV)	γ	C_{mom} (MeV)	ϵ (c^2/MeV^2)	m_∞^*/m	K_∞ (MeV)
PAR1	-215.7	142.4	1.322	1.76	5×10^{-4}	0.75	230
PAR2	-226.5	173.7	1.309	0.	0.	1.	230



Particle production in LQMD:

π and resonances ($\Delta(1232)$, $N^*(1440)$, $N^*(1535)$, ...) production:

$$NN \leftrightarrow N\Delta, \quad NN \leftrightarrow NN^*, \quad NN \leftrightarrow \Delta\Delta, \quad \Delta \leftrightarrow N\pi,$$
$$N^* \leftrightarrow N\pi, \quad NN \leftrightarrow NN\pi(s\text{-state}), \quad N^*(1535) \leftrightarrow N\eta$$

Collisions between resonances, $NN^* \leftrightarrow N\Delta$, $NN^* \leftrightarrow NN^*$

Strangeness channels:

$$BB \rightarrow BYK, \quad BB \rightarrow BBK\bar{K}, \quad B\pi \rightarrow YK,$$
$$B\pi \rightarrow NK\bar{K}, \quad Y\pi \rightarrow N\bar{K}, \quad N\bar{K} \rightarrow Y\pi, \quad YN \rightarrow \bar{K}NN$$

Reaction channels with antiproton:

$$\bar{p}N \rightarrow \bar{N}N, \quad \bar{N}N \rightarrow \bar{N}N, \quad \bar{N}N \rightarrow \bar{B}B, \quad \bar{N}N \rightarrow \bar{Y}Y$$

$$\bar{N}N \rightarrow \text{annihilation}(\pi, \eta, \rho, \omega, K, \bar{K}, K^*, \bar{K}^*, \phi)$$

Statistical model with SU(3) symmetry

(E.S. Golubeva et al., Nucl. Phys. A 537, 393 (1992))

The **PYTHIA** and **FRITIOF** code are used for baryon(meson)-baryon and antibaryon-baryon collisions at high invariant energies

Isospin and momentum dependent pion-nucleon potential

$$\omega_{\tau_z}(\rho, \vec{p}) = \omega_{\text{isoscalar}}(\rho, \vec{p}) + C_{\text{iso}}^{\pi} \tau_z \delta \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\gamma_{\pi}}$$

$$C_{\pi} = \rho_0 \hbar^3 / (4 f_{\pi}^2) = 36 \text{ MeV}, \quad \tau_z = \mathbf{1, 0, -1} \text{ for } \pi^-, \pi^0 \text{ and } \pi^+$$

Z. Q. Feng et al., Phys. Rev. C 92 (2015) 044604

Evaluation of $\omega_{\text{isoscalar}}$

1) phenomenological ansatz from pionic atom

C. Gale and J. Kapusta, Phys. Rev. C 35, 2107 (1987);

C. Fuchs et al., Phys. Rev. C 55, 411 (1997);

Z. Q. Feng and G. M. Jin, Phys. Rev. C 82, 044615 (2010)

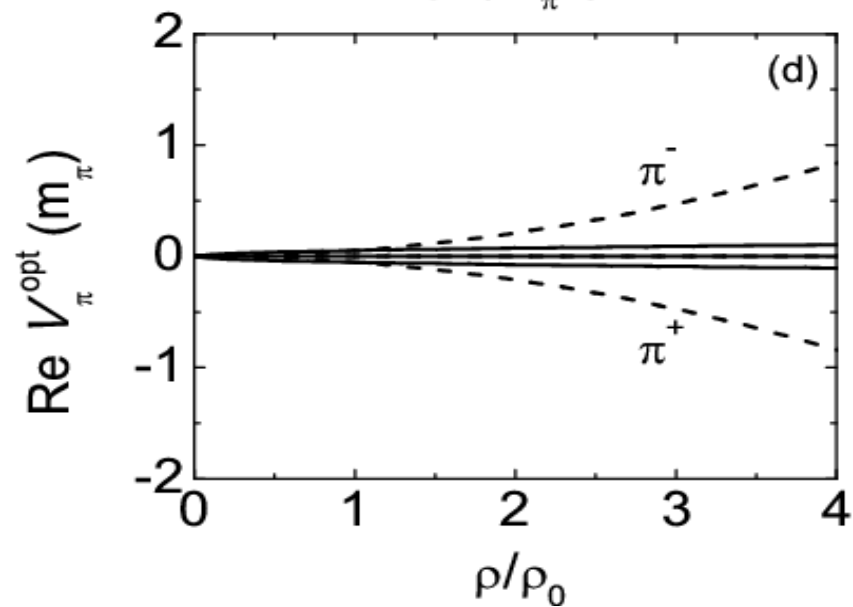
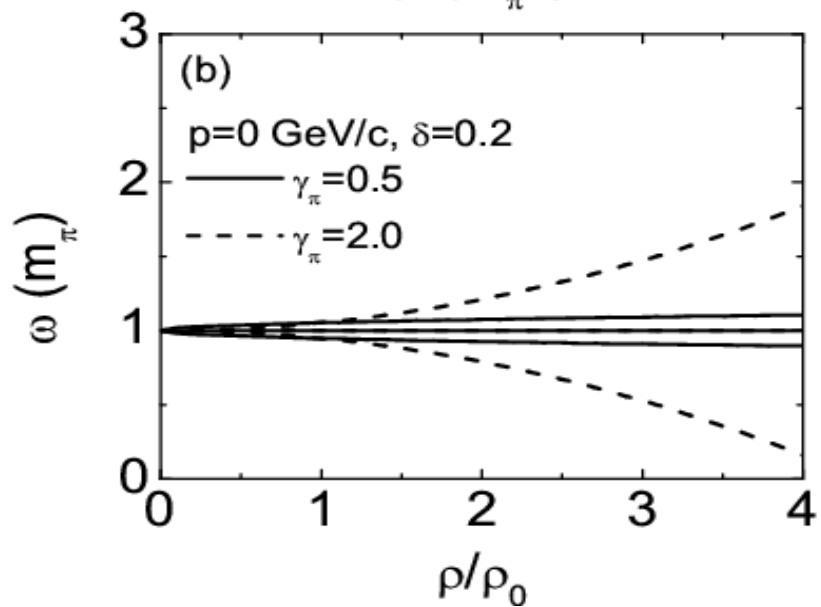
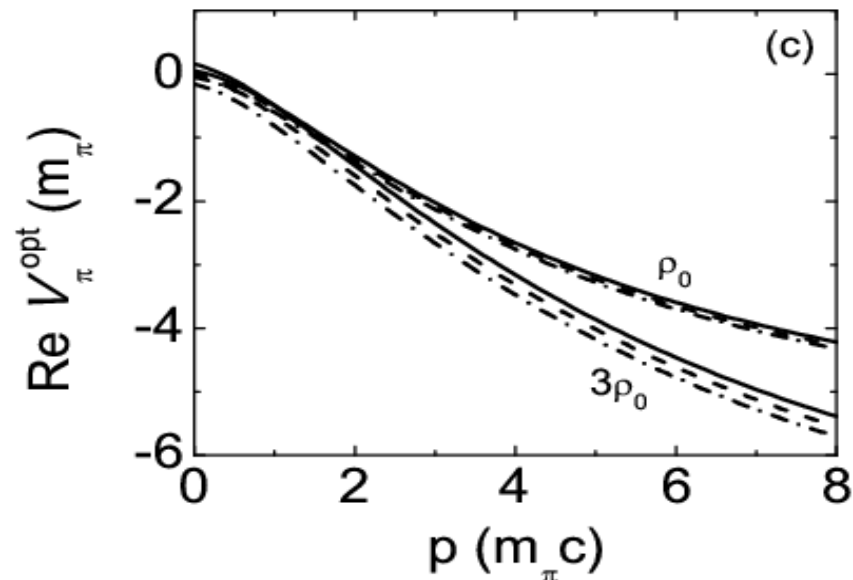
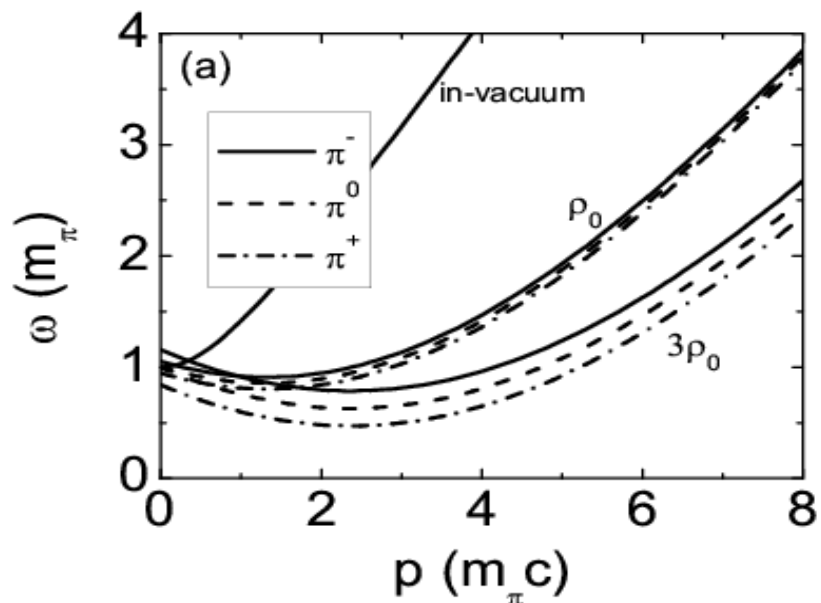
$$\omega(\mathbf{p}_i, \rho_i) = \sqrt{(|\mathbf{p}_i| - p_0)^2 + m_0^2} - U, \quad V_{\pi}^{\text{opt}}(\mathbf{p}_i, \rho_i) = \omega_{\pi}(\mathbf{p}_i, \rho_i) - (m_{\pi}^2 + \mathbf{p}_i^2)^{1/2}$$

$$U = \sqrt{p_0^2 + m_0^2} - m_{\pi},$$

$$m_0 = m_{\pi} + 6.5(1 - x^{10})m_{\pi},$$

$$p_0^2 = (1 - x)^2 m_{\pi}^2 + 2m_0 m_{\pi} (1 - x).$$

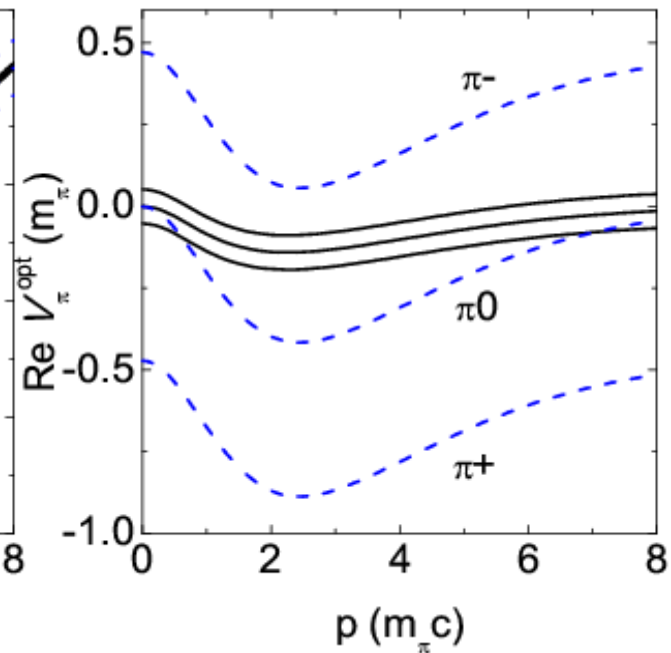
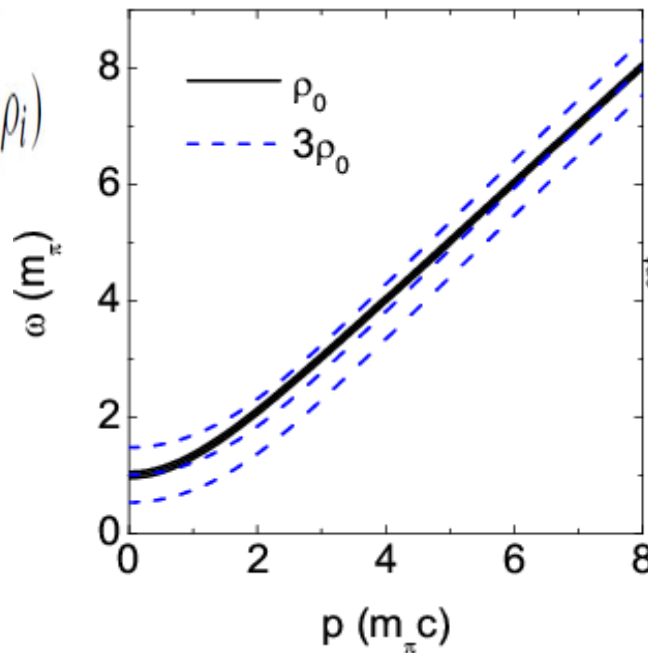
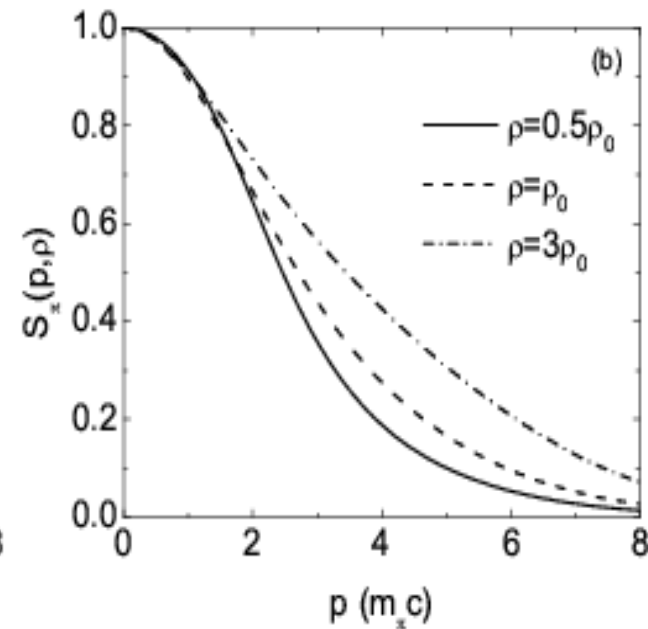
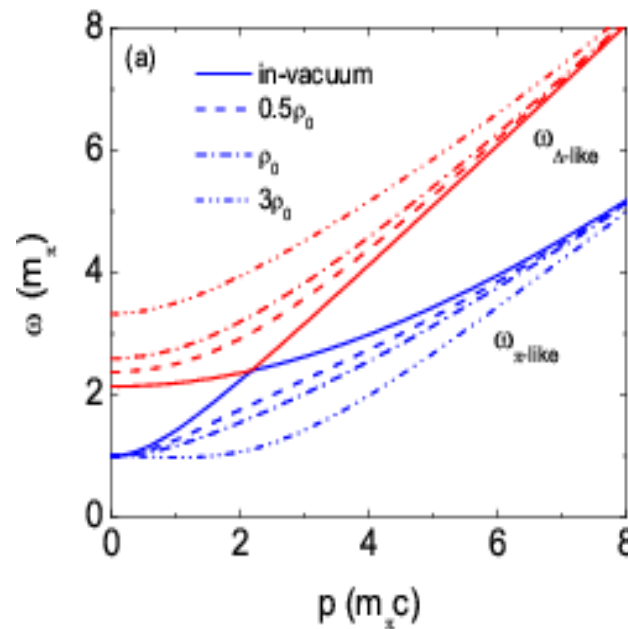
$$x(\rho_i) = \exp[-a(\rho_i/\rho_0)]$$



2) Δ -hole model

L. Xiong, C. M. Ko, V. Koch,
 Phys. Rev. C 47, 788 (1993);
 C. Fuchs et al., Phys. Rev. C 55,
 411 (1997)

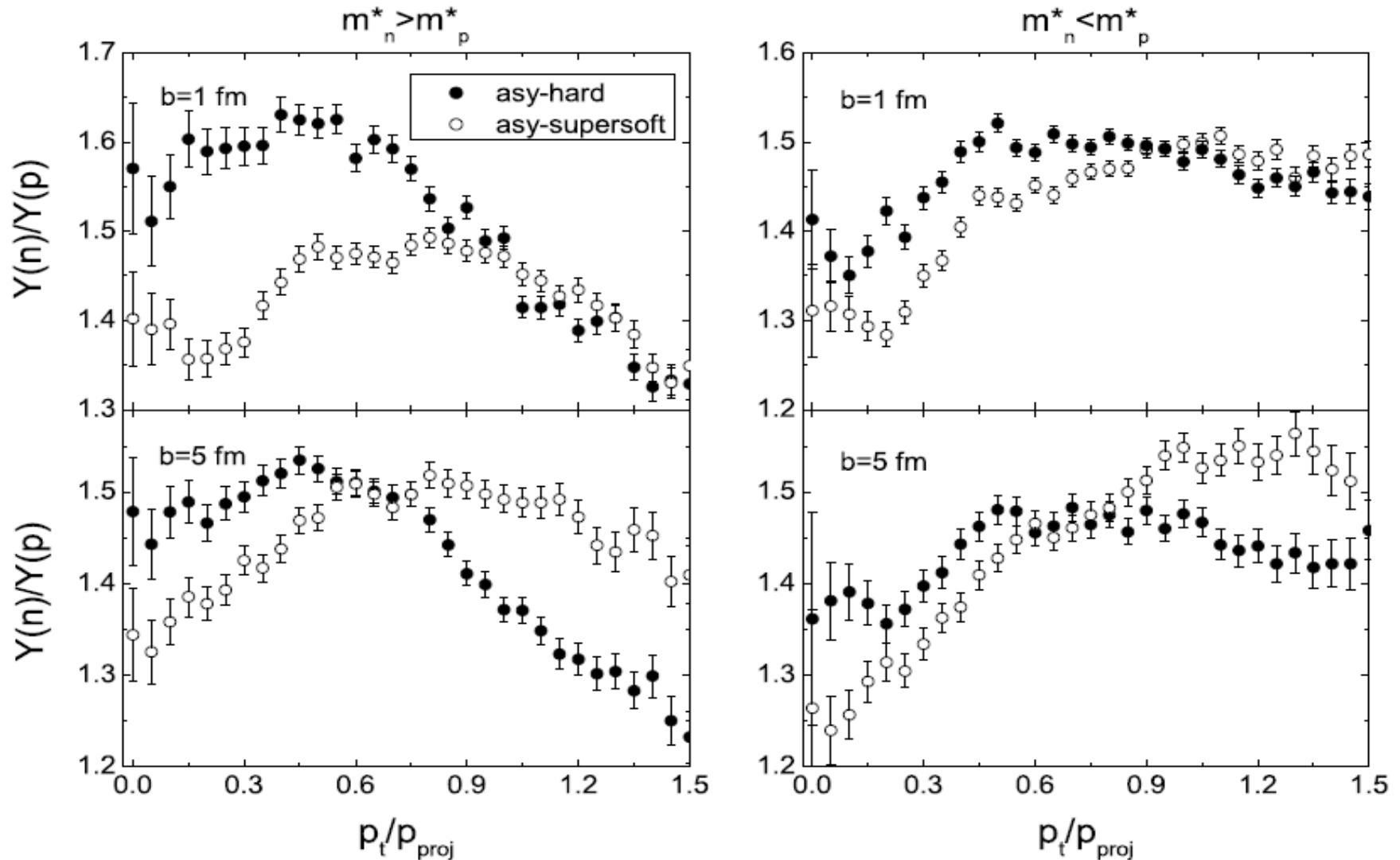
$$\omega_{\text{isoscalar}}(\mathbf{p}_i, \rho_i) = S_{\pi}(\mathbf{p}_i, \rho_i)\omega_{\pi\text{-like}}(\mathbf{p}_i, \rho_i) + S_{\Delta}(\mathbf{p}_i, \rho_i)\omega_{\Delta\text{-like}}(\mathbf{p}_i, \rho_i)$$



Observables to probe the high-density SE from HICs

1. Pre-equilibrium nucleon emissions from heavy-ion collisions

Mid-rapidity nucleon emission in the $^{124}\text{Sn}+^{124}\text{Sn}$ reaction at incident energy of 400 MeV/nucleon (Z. Q. Feng, Phys. Lett. B 707 (2012) 83-87)



Transverse emission of isospin ratios as a probe of high-density symmetry energy in isotopic nuclear reactions

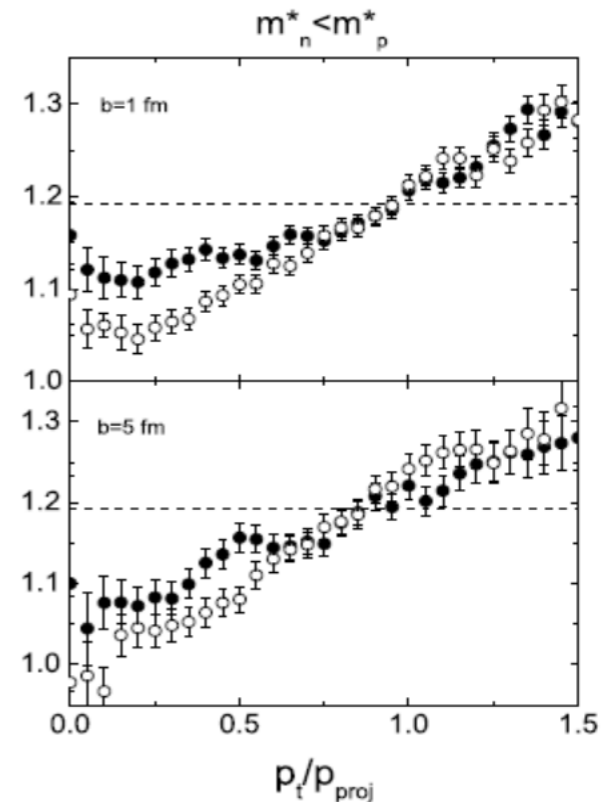
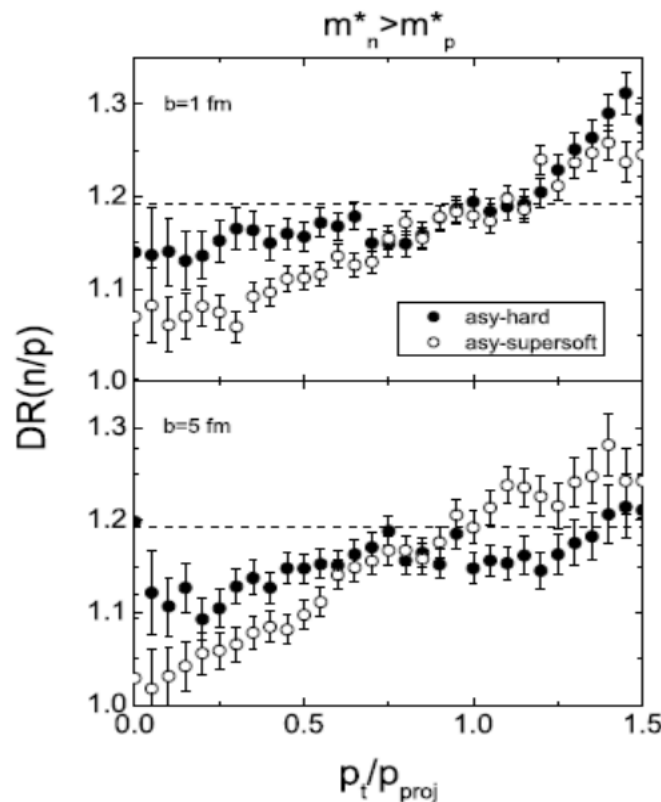
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$$DR(n/p) = \frac{(n/p(^{124}\text{Sn}+^{124}\text{Sn}))}{(n/p(^{112}\text{Sn}+^{112}\text{Sn}))}$$

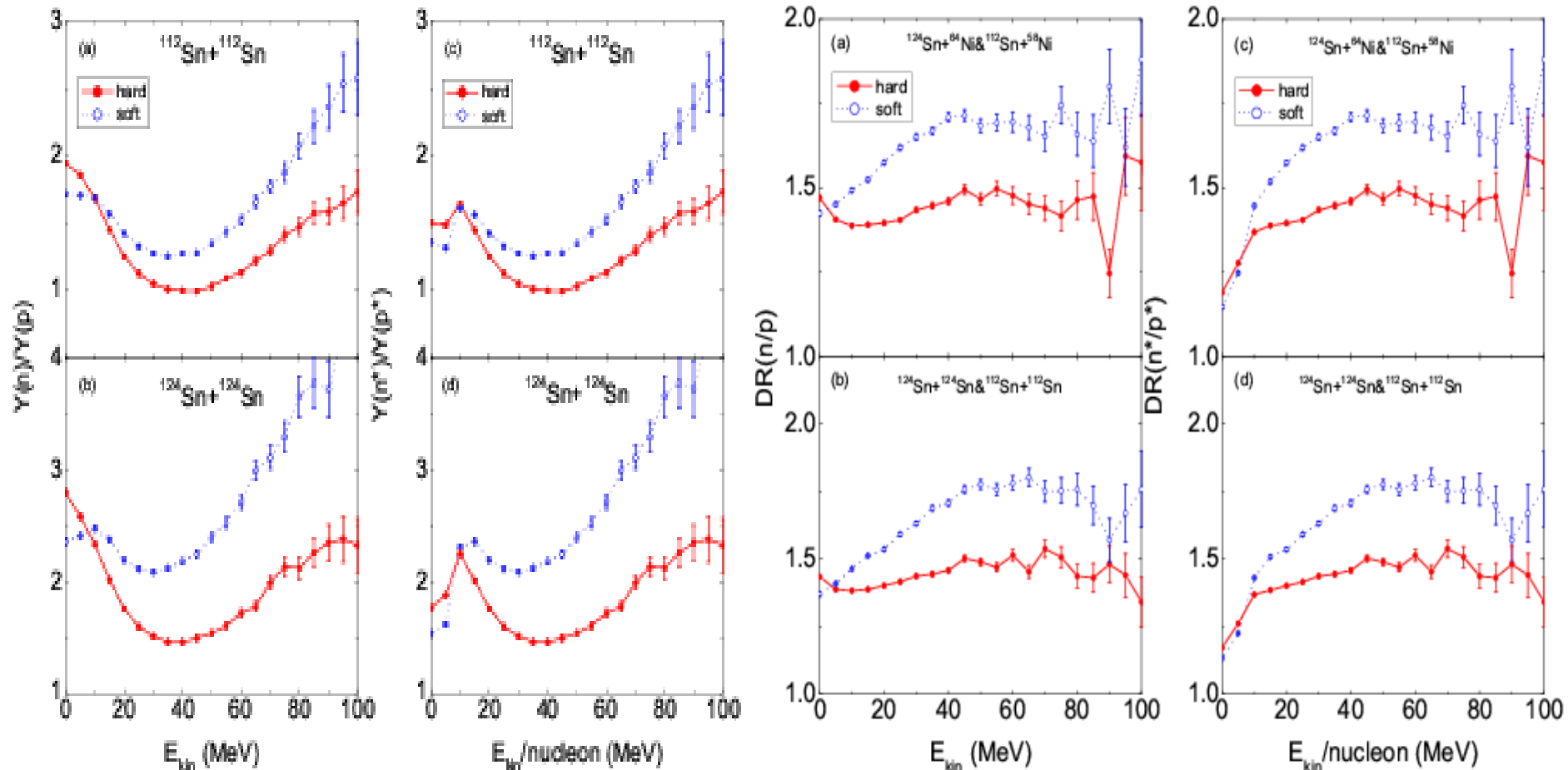
Sensitive to symmetry energy!

Independent on mass splitting!

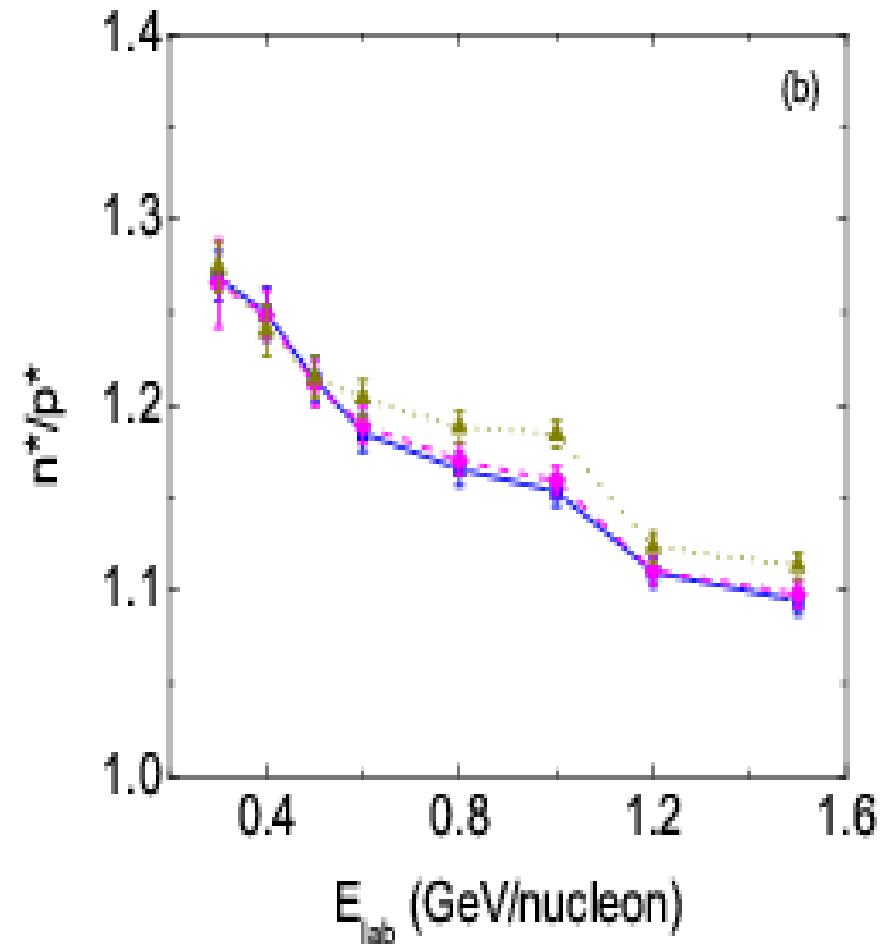
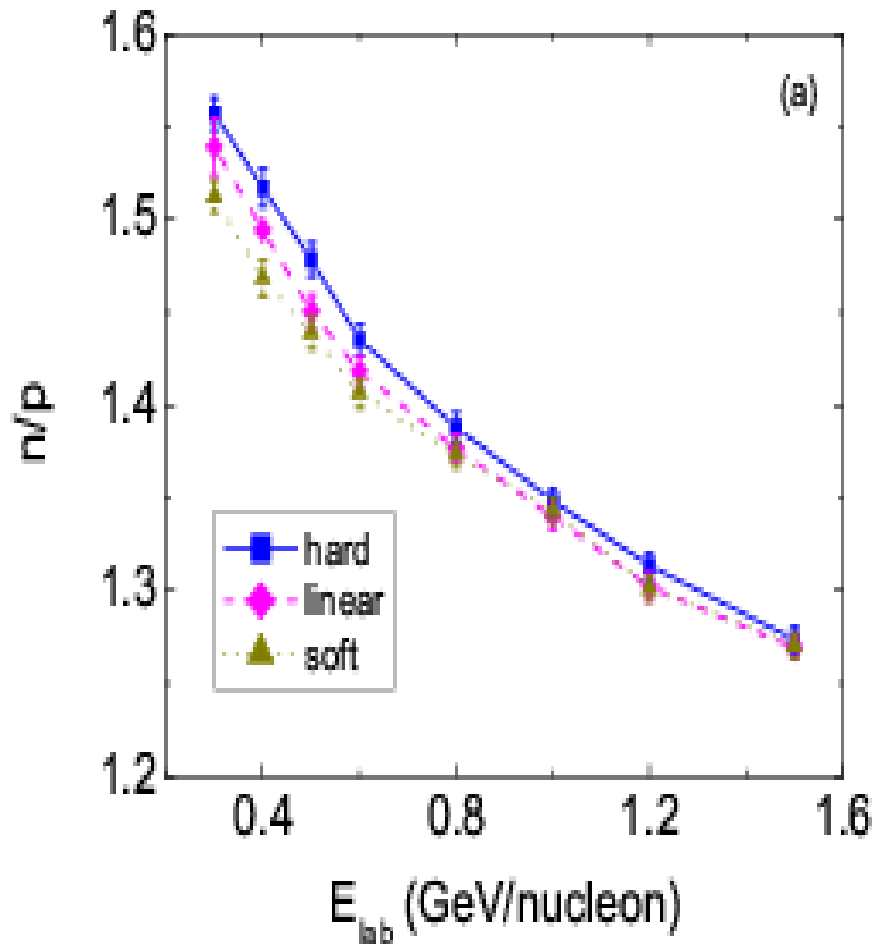


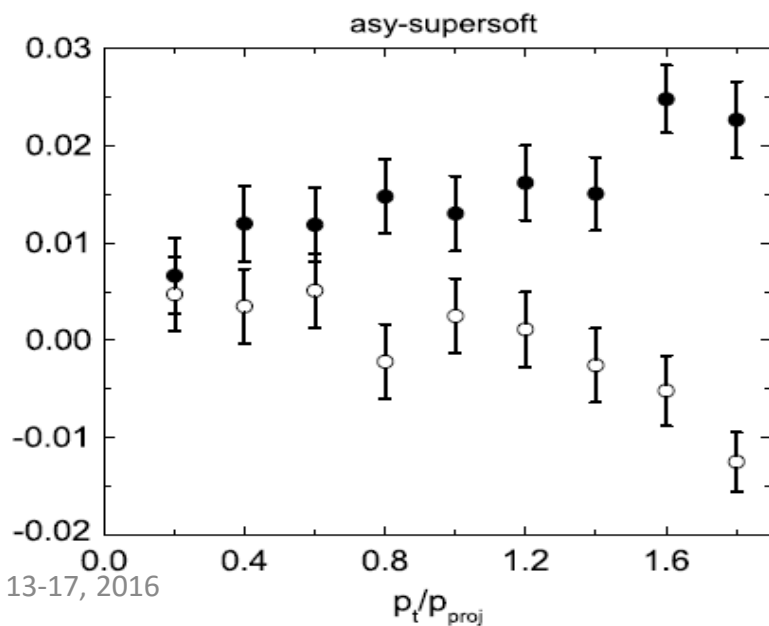
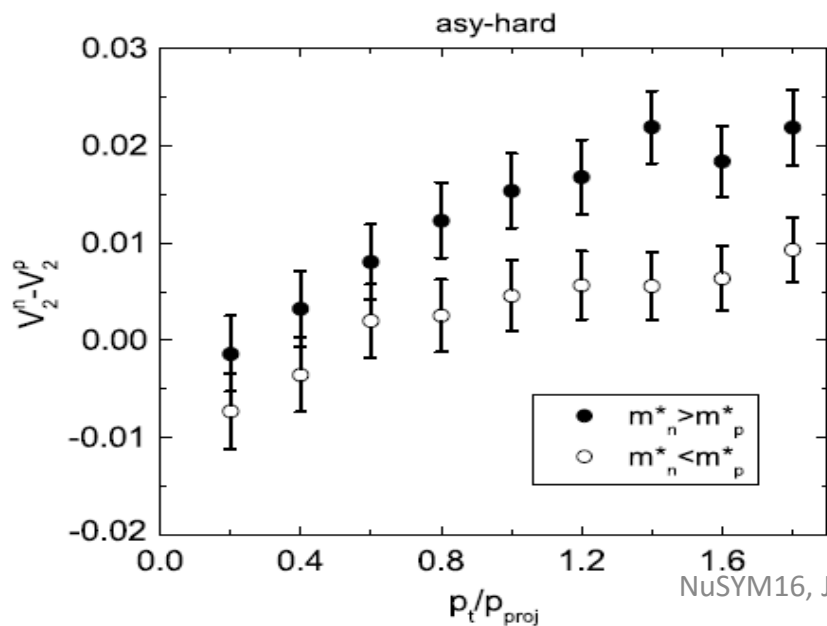
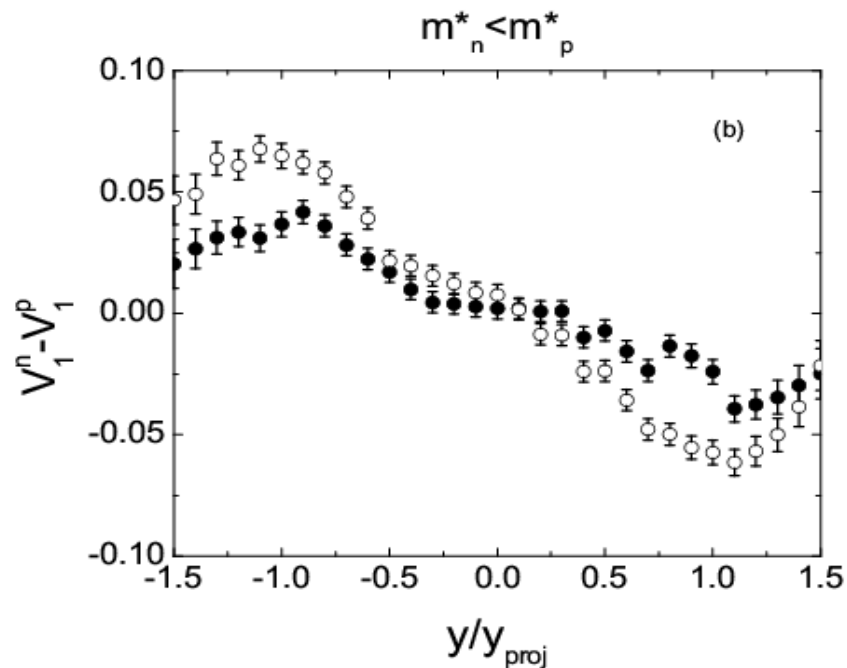
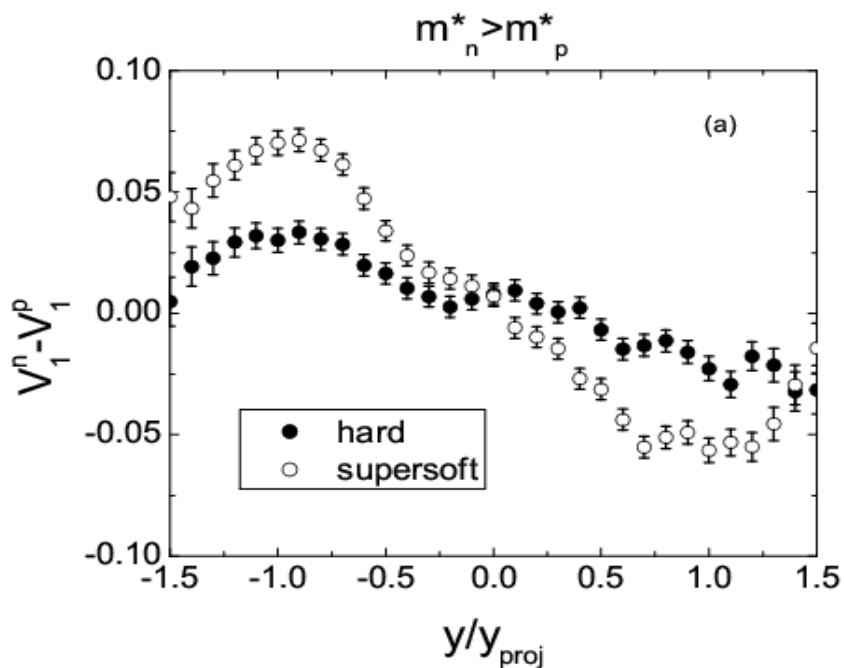
Comparison to the Fermi-energy HICs within the rapidity bin of $|y/y_{proj}| < 0.2$: 35 A MeV

Z. Q. Feng, arXiv: 1603.07138 (Phys. Rev. C submitted)



The n/p of free nucleons and light fragments within the rapidity bin of $|y/y_{proj}| < 0.2$ and within the azimuthal angles of $70^\circ \sim 110^\circ$ and $250^\circ \sim 290^\circ$ in $^{197}\text{Au}+^{197}\text{Au}$ & 300 A MeV

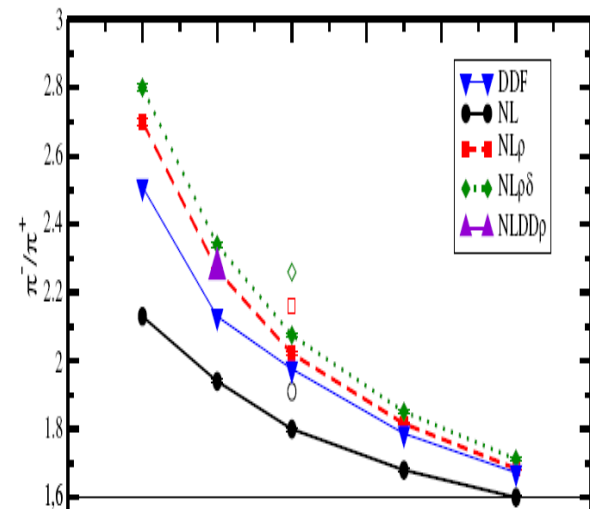
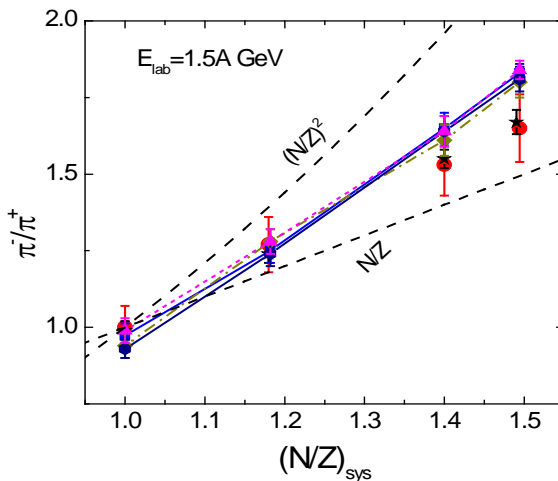
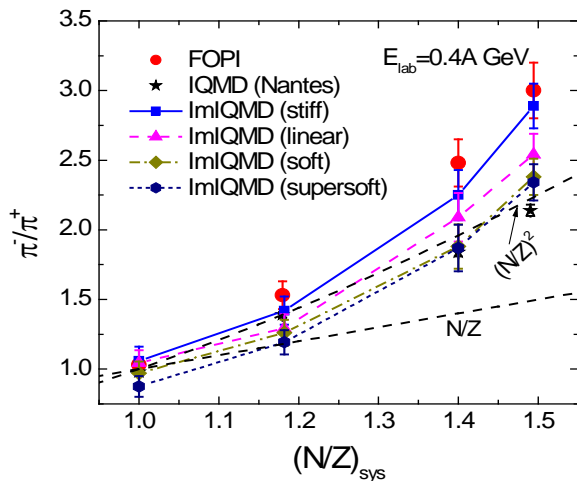




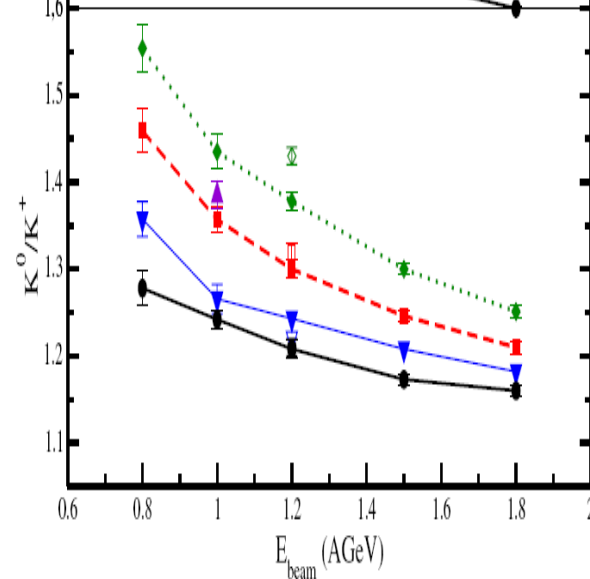
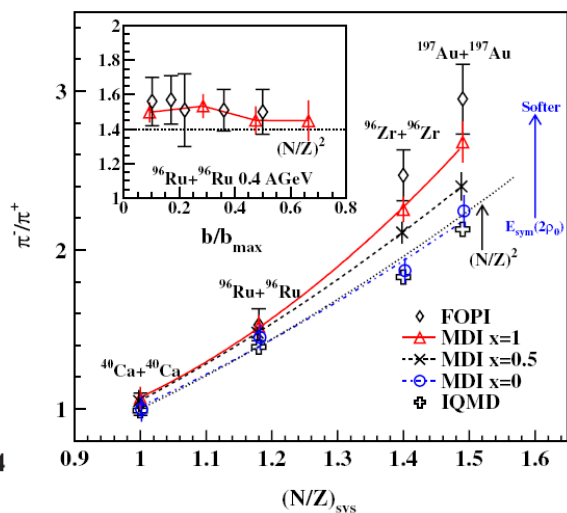
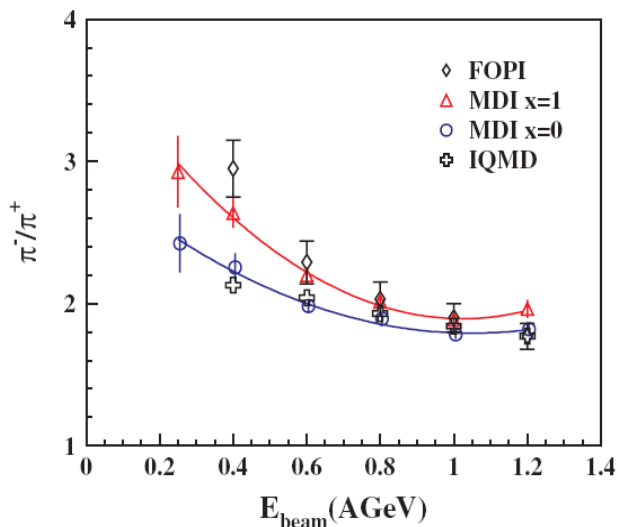
2. Pion production near threshold energies in heavy-ion collisions

LQMD: Phys. Lett. B 683 (2010) 140

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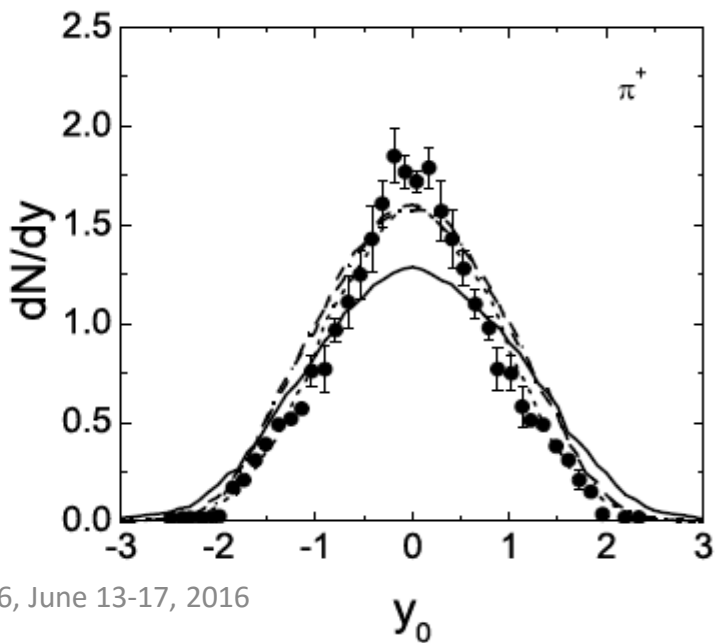
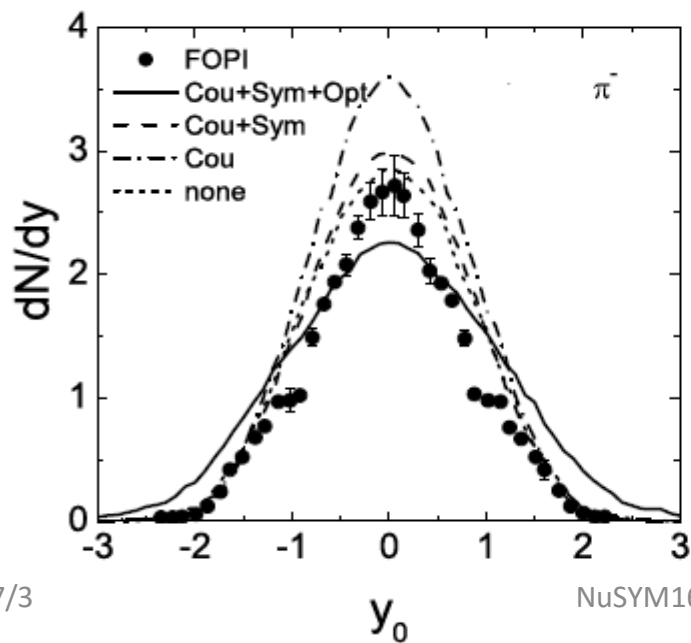
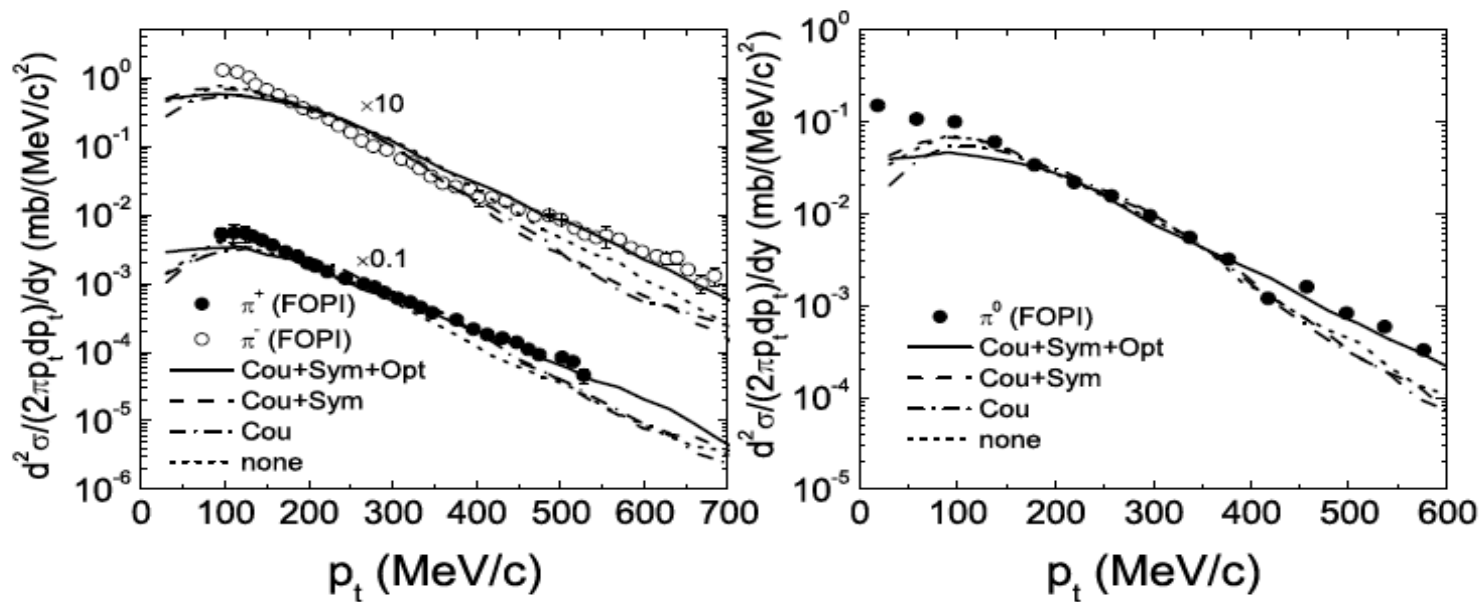


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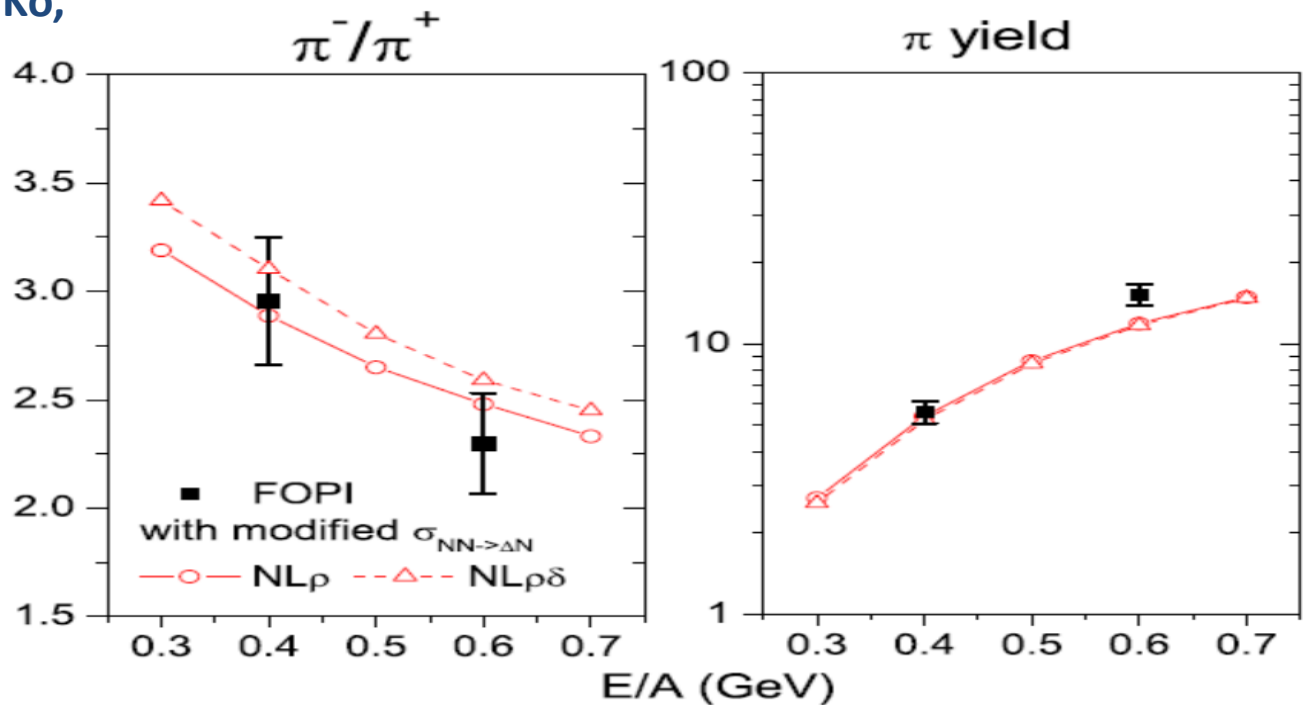
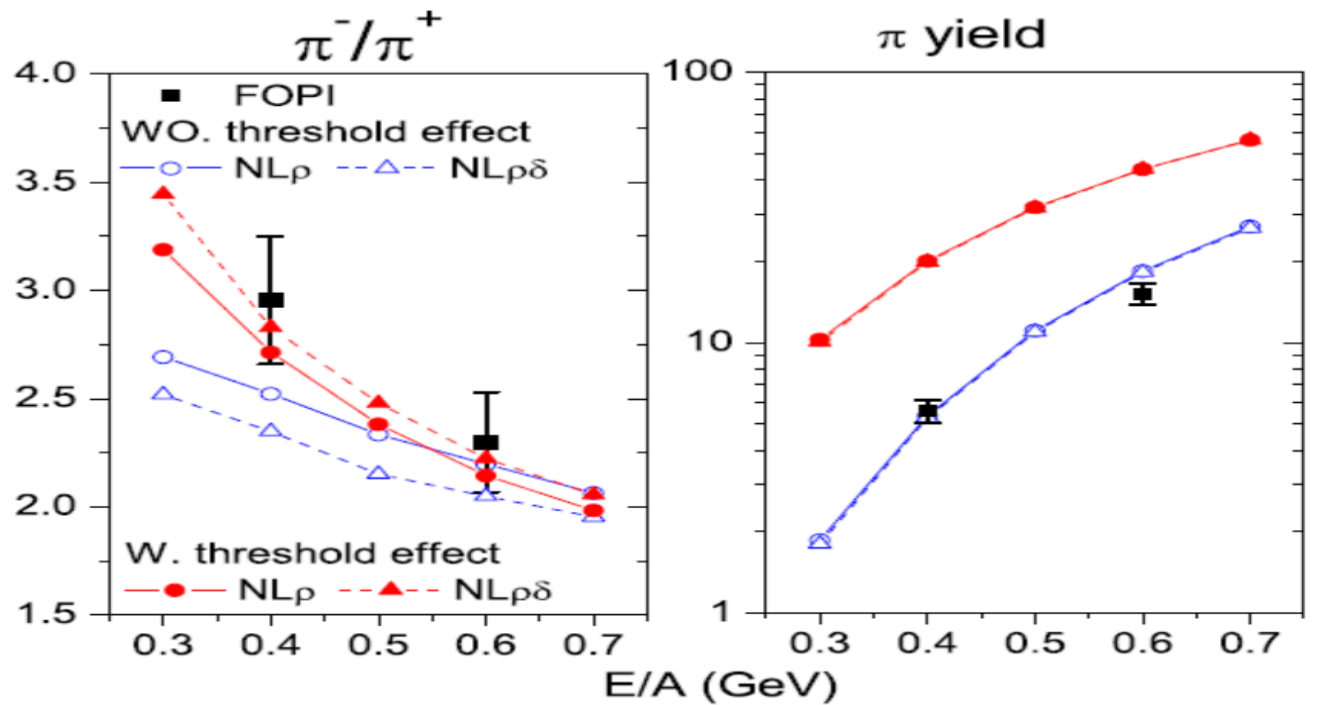
Pion dynamics in Au+Au collisions at 1A GeV, π N potential@SE

Z. Q. Feng, G. M. Jin, Phys. Rev. C 82 (2010) 044615



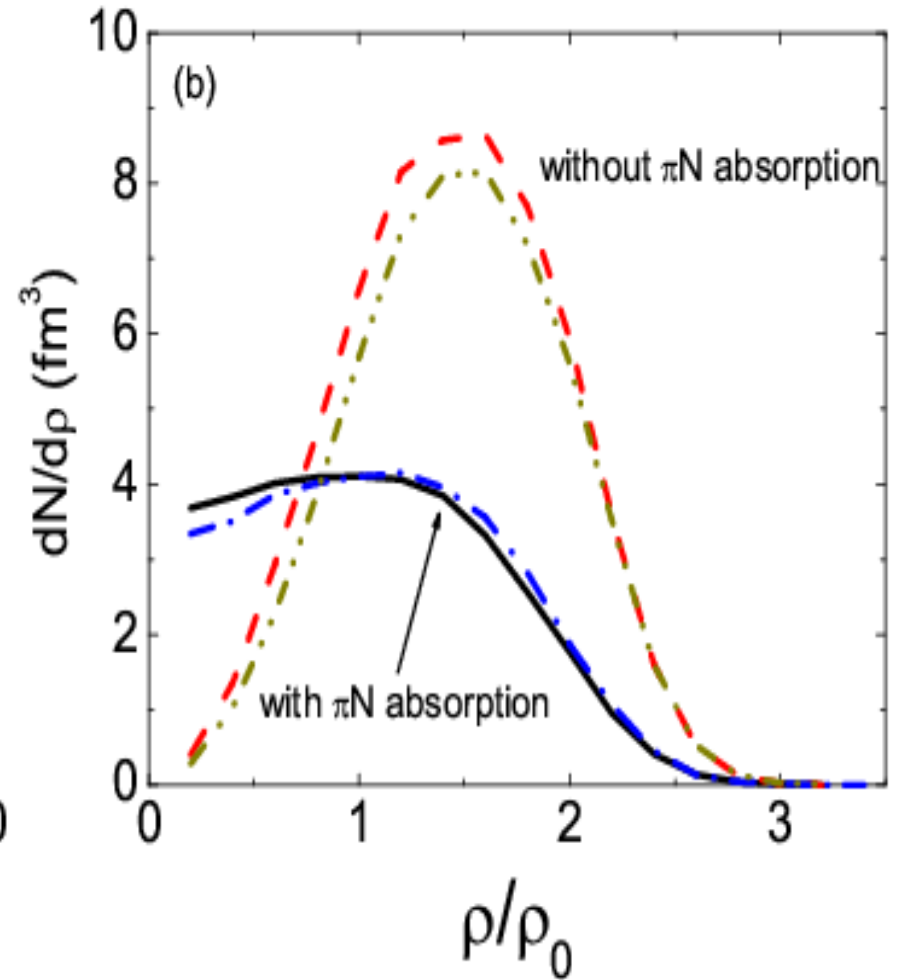
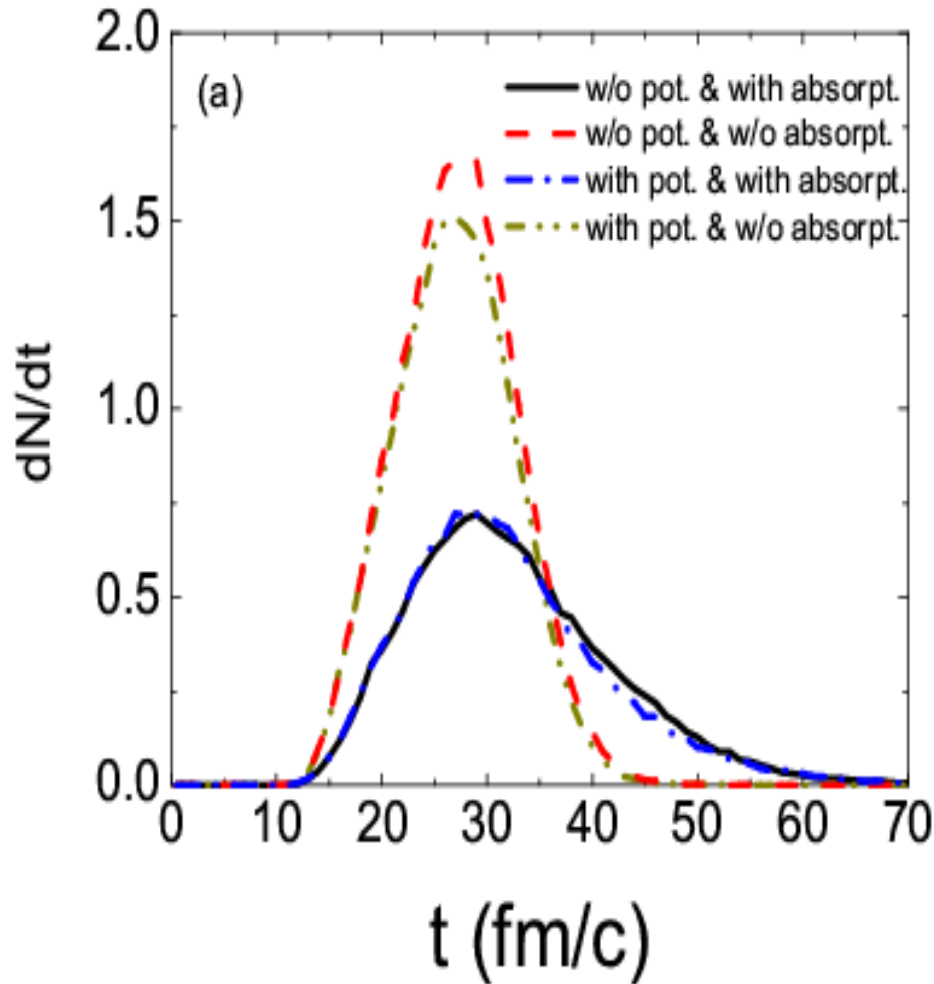
Threshold effects of Δ production!

Taesoo Song, Che Ming Ko,
 Phys. Rev. C 91, 014901
 (2015)



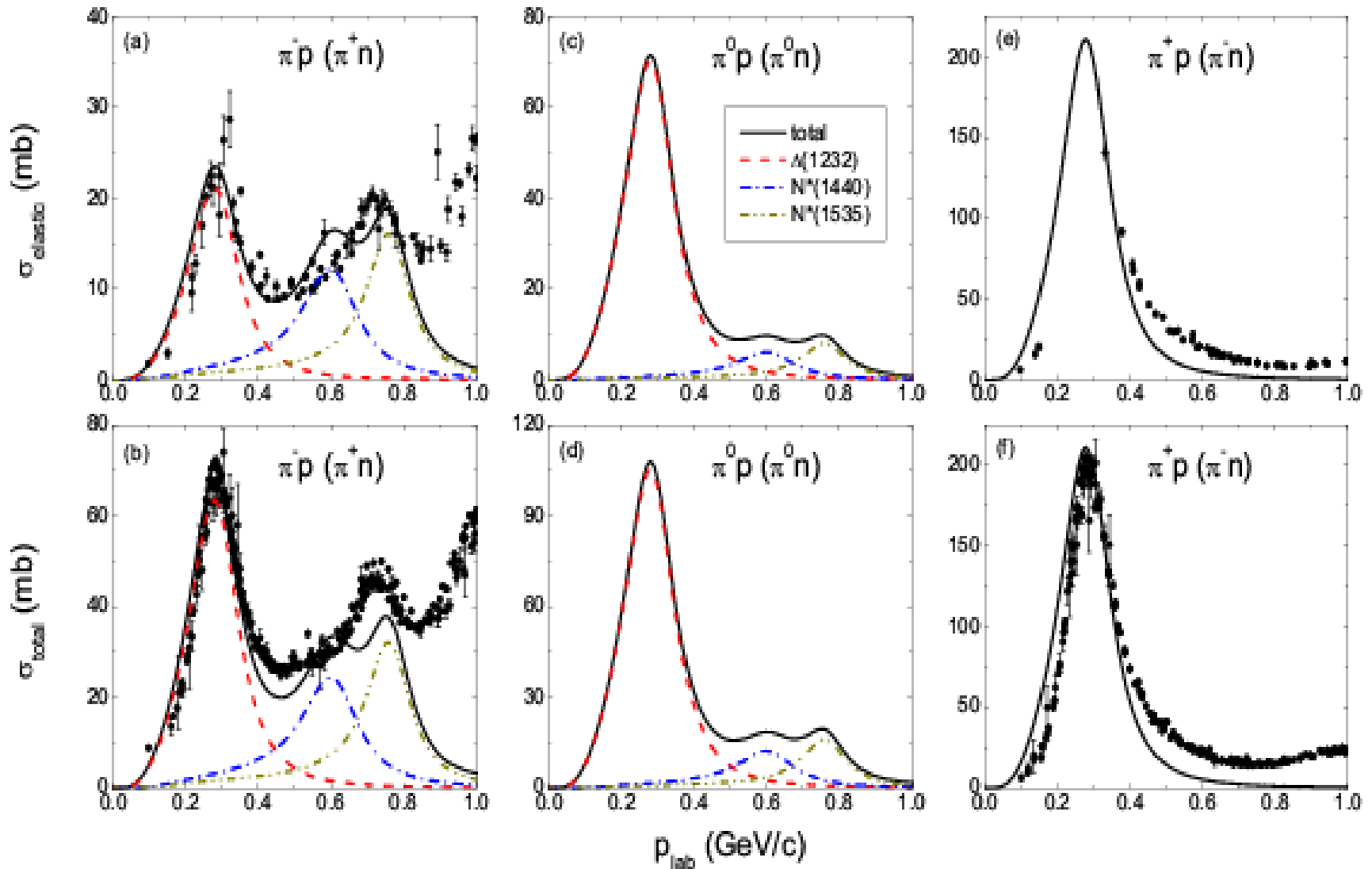
Production rate and density profiles of pions in $^{197}\text{Au}+^{197}\text{Au}$ & 300 A MeV

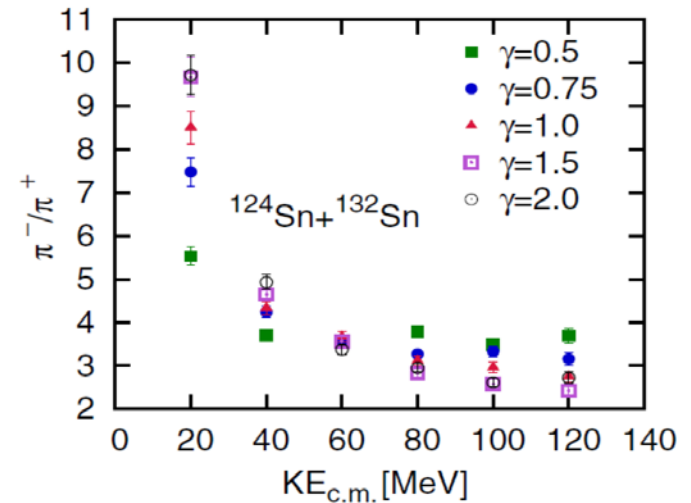
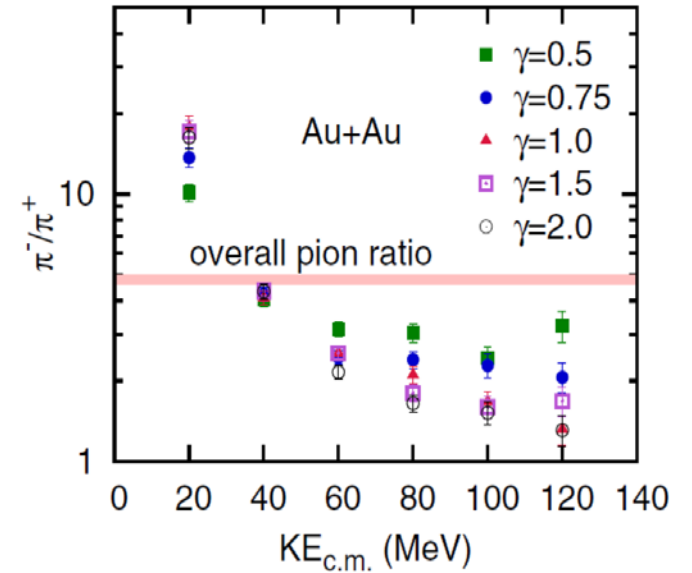
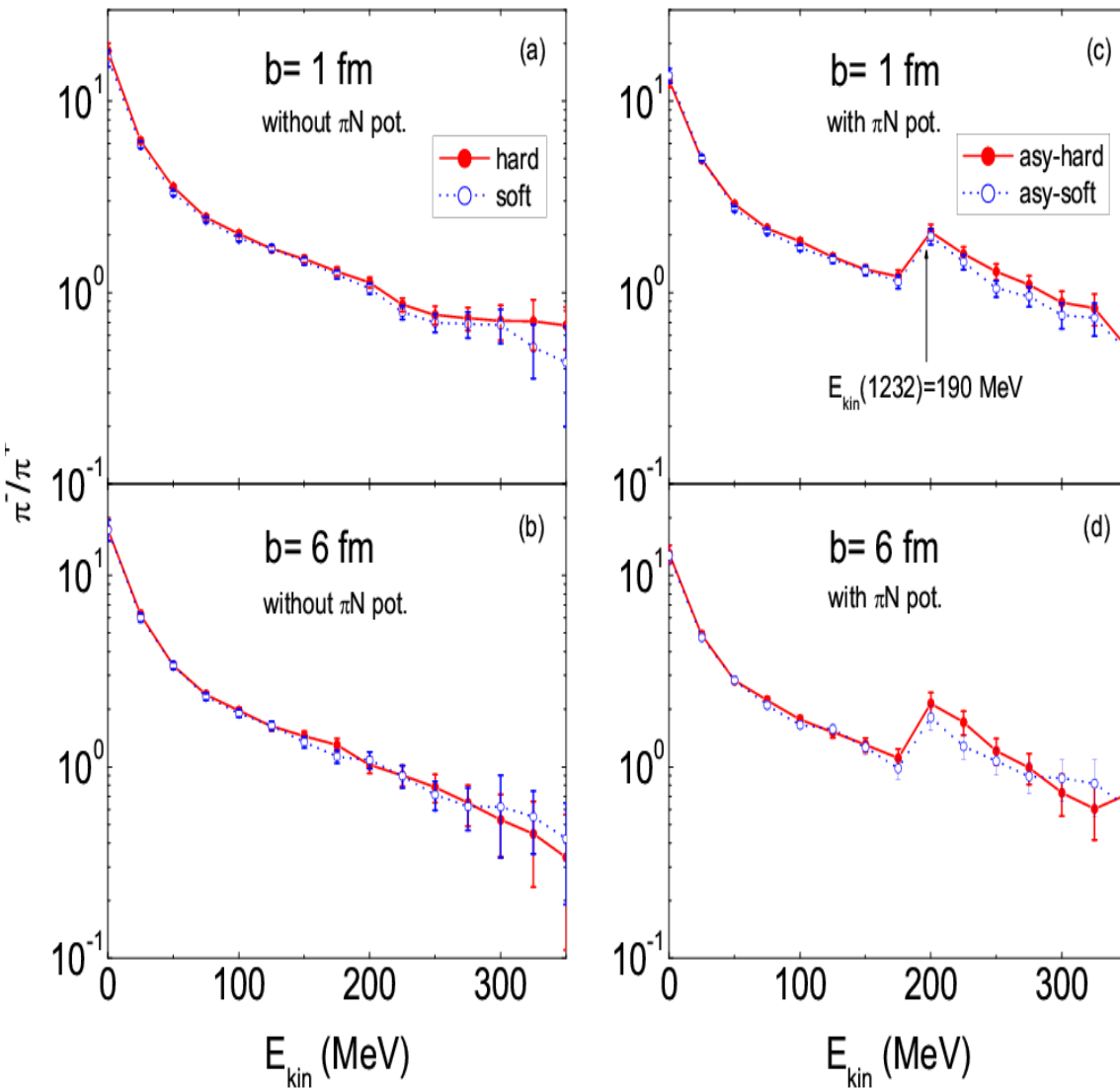
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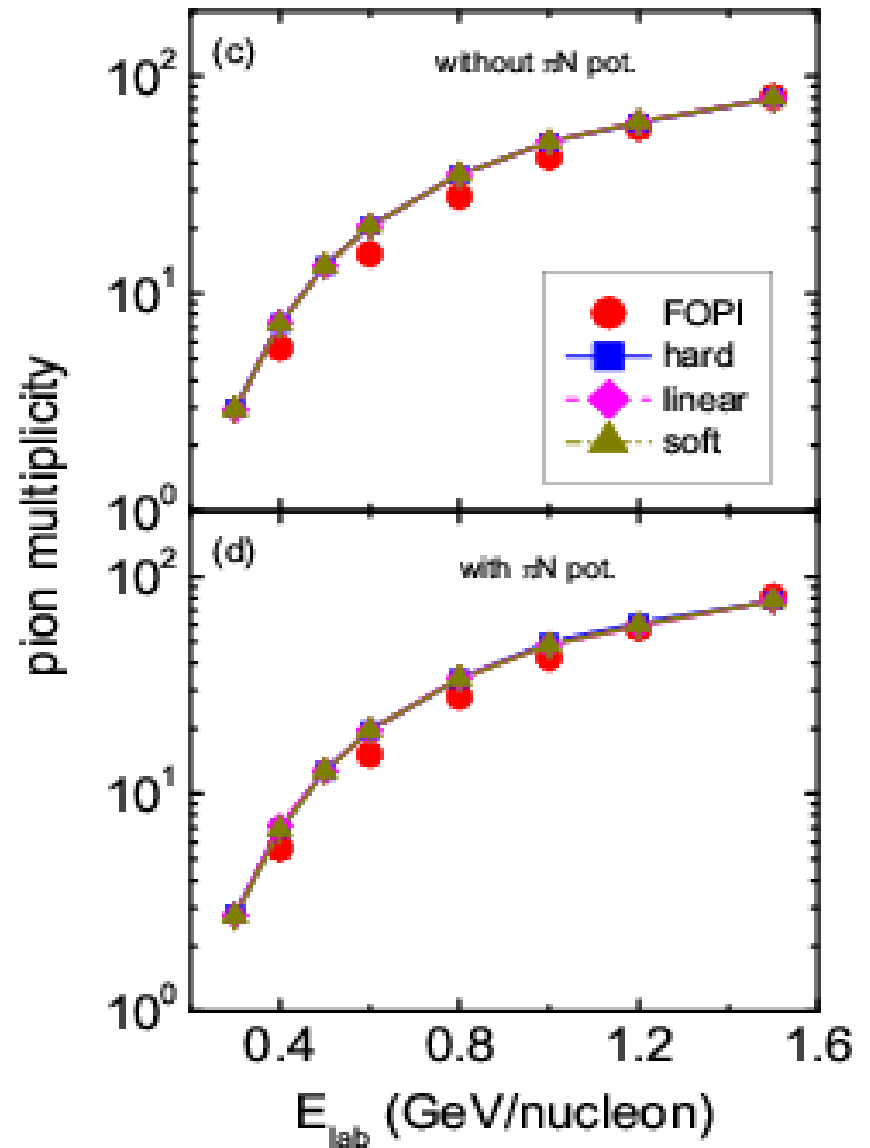
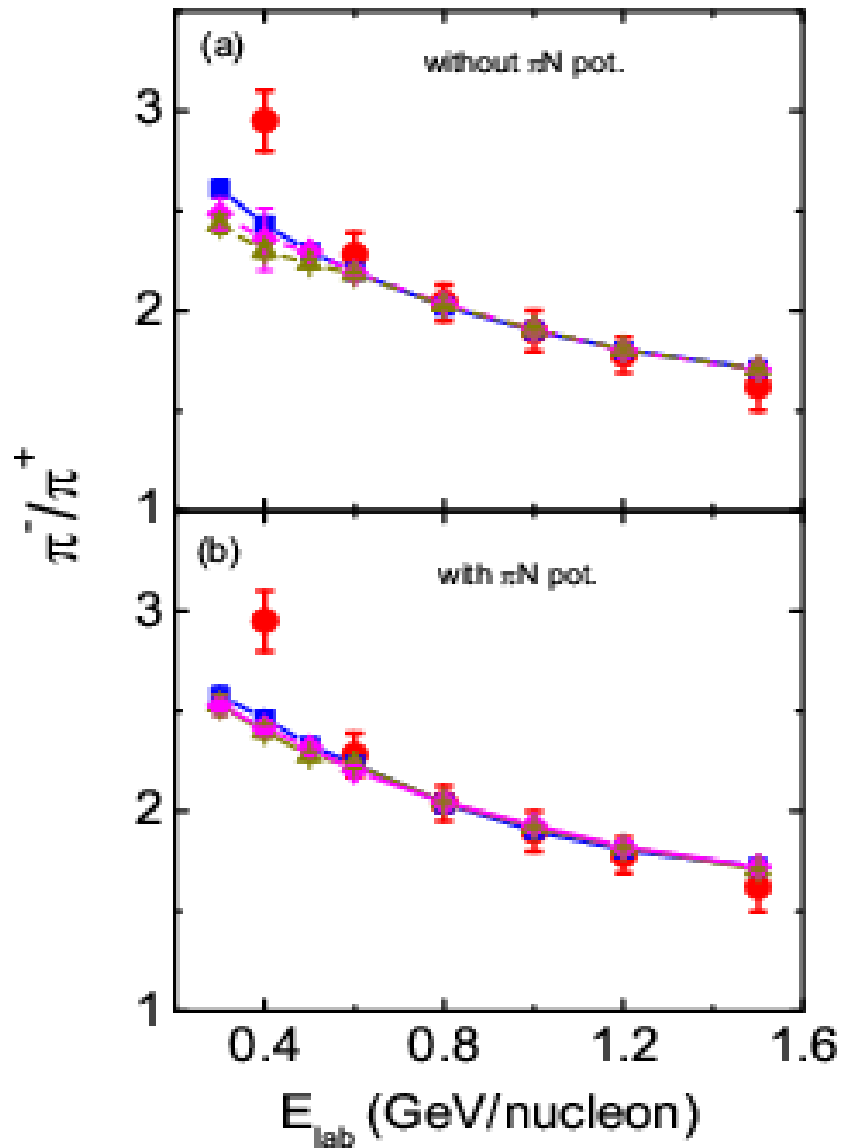


Pion-nucleon scattering cross sections

K. A. Olive, et al. (Particle Data Group),
Chin. Phys. C 38, 090001 (2014)

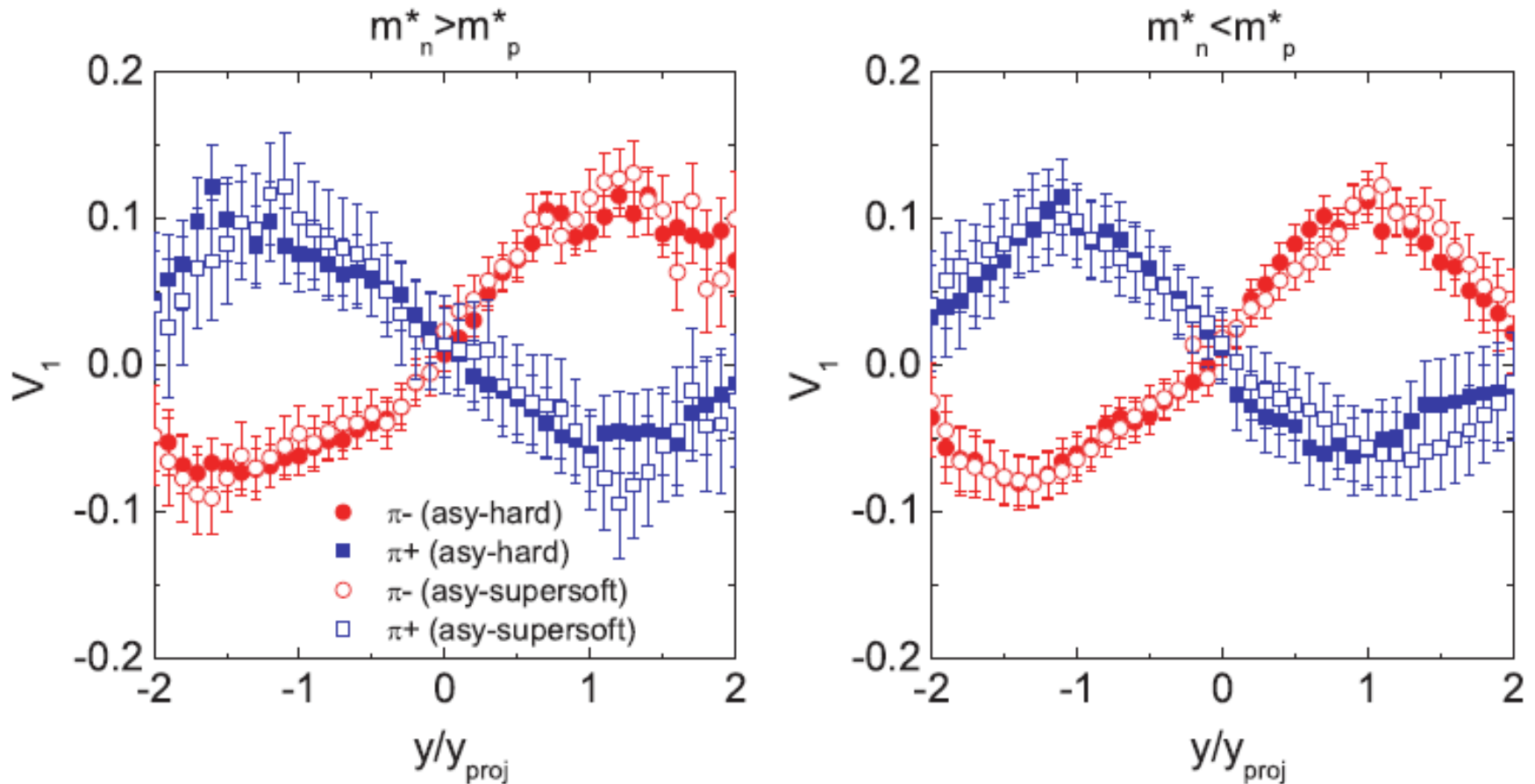






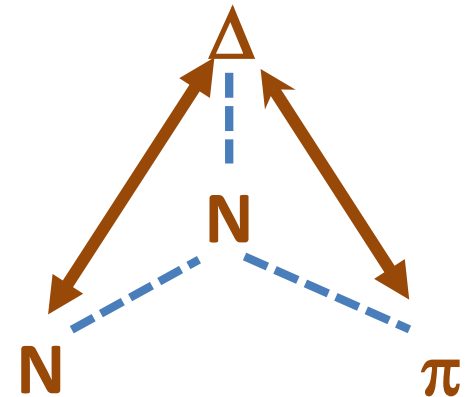
Directed flows of charged pions in the $^{197}\text{Au}+^{197}\text{Au}$ reaction at an incident energy of 400 A MeV for semi-central ($b = 6$ fm) collisions

Zhao-Qing Feng, Phys. Rev. C 85, 014604 (2012)



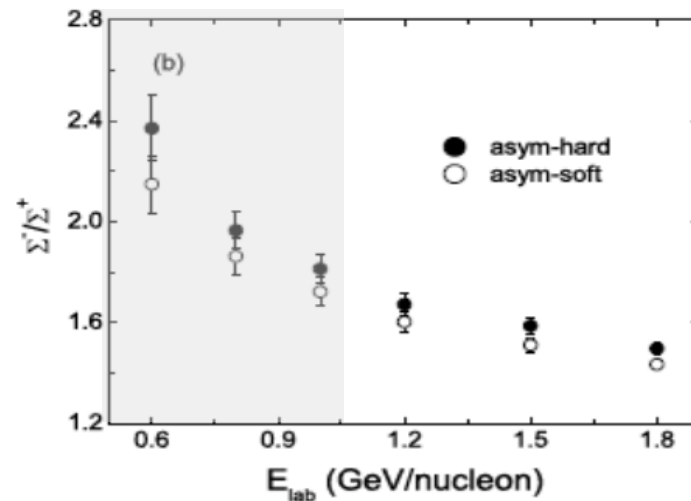
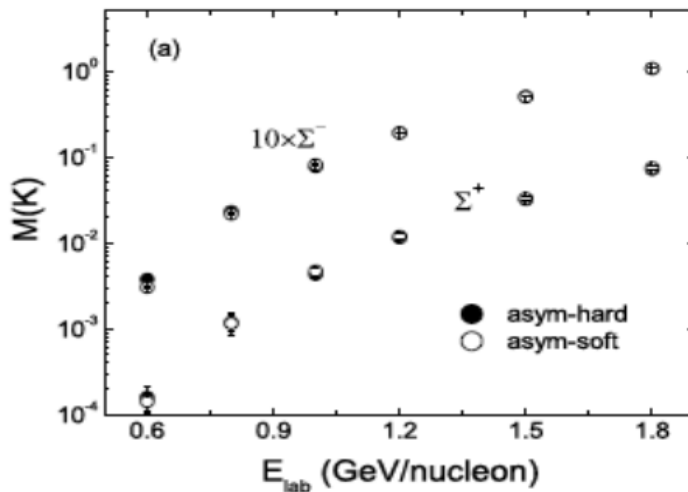
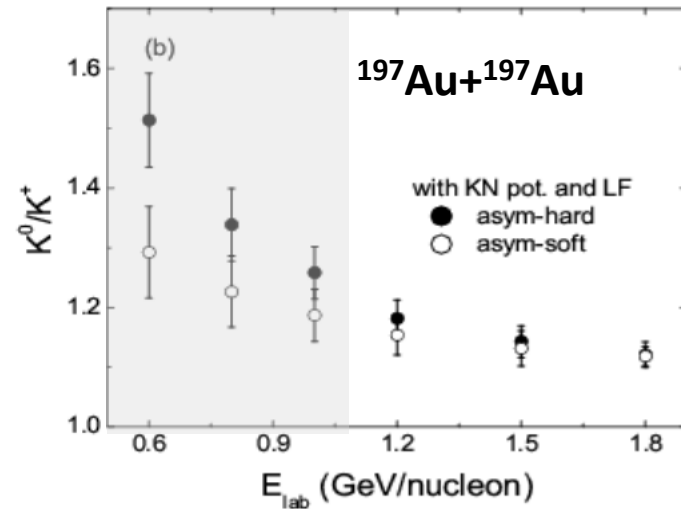
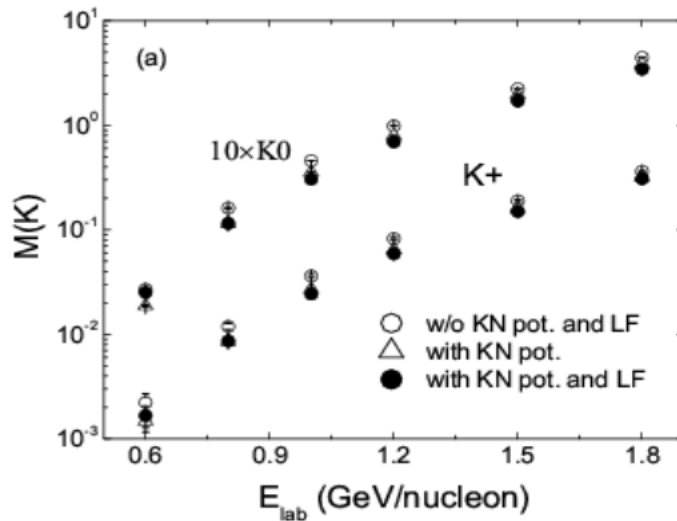
Impact factors on the pion dynamics in heavy-ion collisions near threshold energies:

1. Threshold energy corrections (Δ -nucleon potential)
 2. pion-nucleon potential
 3. Reabsorption of Δ by surrounding nucleons
 4. Reabsorption of pions by surrounding nucleons
 5. In-medium decay width of Δ
 6. Elastic scattering between Δ and nucleons
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3. Strangeness production

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VI. Summary

- Nucleons squeezed out in nucleus-nucleus collisions are sensitive to the stiffness of symmetry energy, in particular P_T distribution of n/p and double ratio, flow difference could be a nice experimental observables.
- The π^-/π^+ ratio as probes of the high-density symmetry energy is related to the in-medium properties of π and Δ , e.g., mean-field potentials, production and reabsorption cross sections etc.

Thanks for your attention

