



# Experimental observables and transport models: a challenge in HIC from low to high energy regime

Transport models are the main way to extract dynamical information from Heavy Ion Collisions, in particular when looking at the EOS symmetry energy constraints as a function of density.

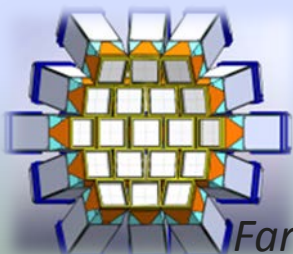
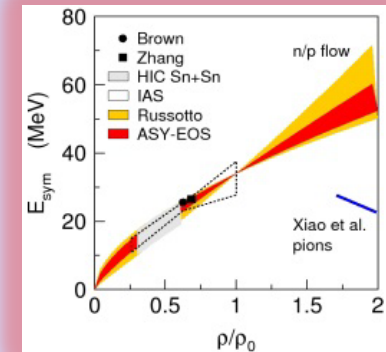


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## Main topics

Observables at low and Fermi Energy regime: some examples and open problems

Results of the **AsyEos@GSI experiment** : how these results have contributed to improve the theory for interpretation of data. Open problems and new perspectives

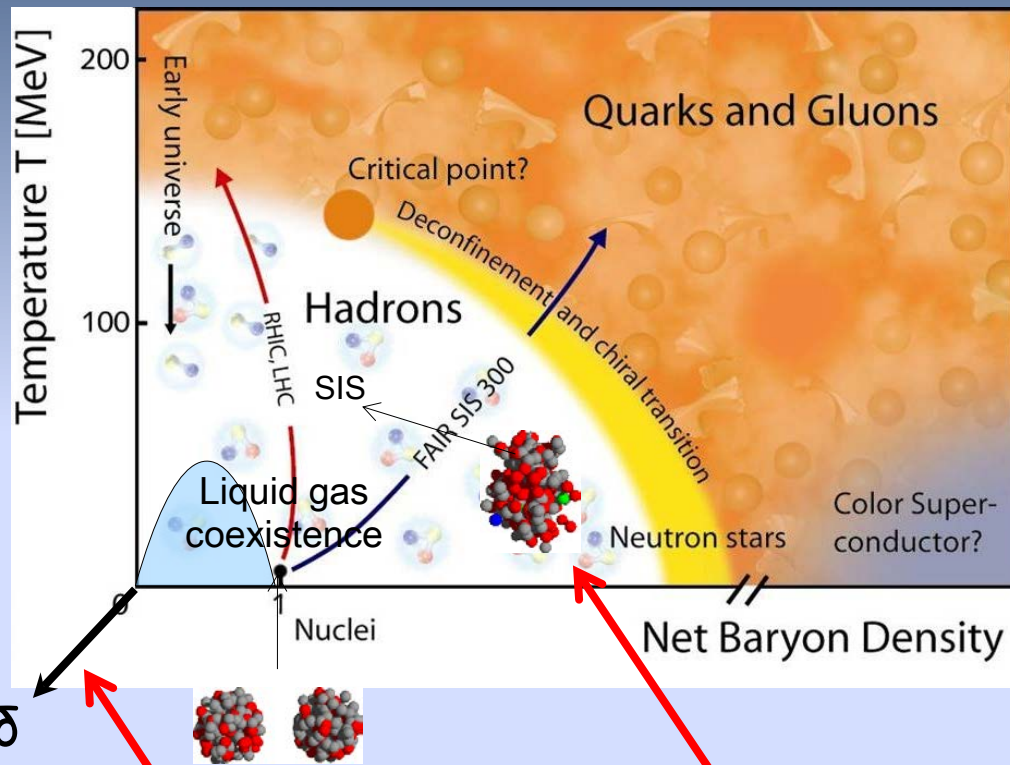


Farcos

Particle and IMF correlations: experimental improvements and status of the FARCOS correlator array project.

The nuclear EOS describes the relation among energy, pressure, density, temperature and **isospin asymmetry**. It is a **fundamental ingredient** in nuclear physics (exotic nuclei, heavy ion collisions, ...) and astrophysics (neutron stars, supernovae, ...)

Nuclear matter phase diagram (schematic)

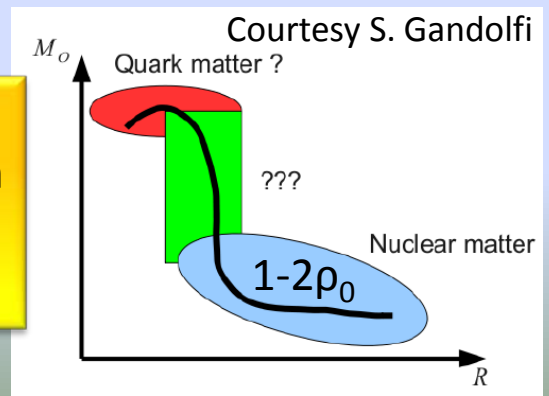


Isospin asymmetry

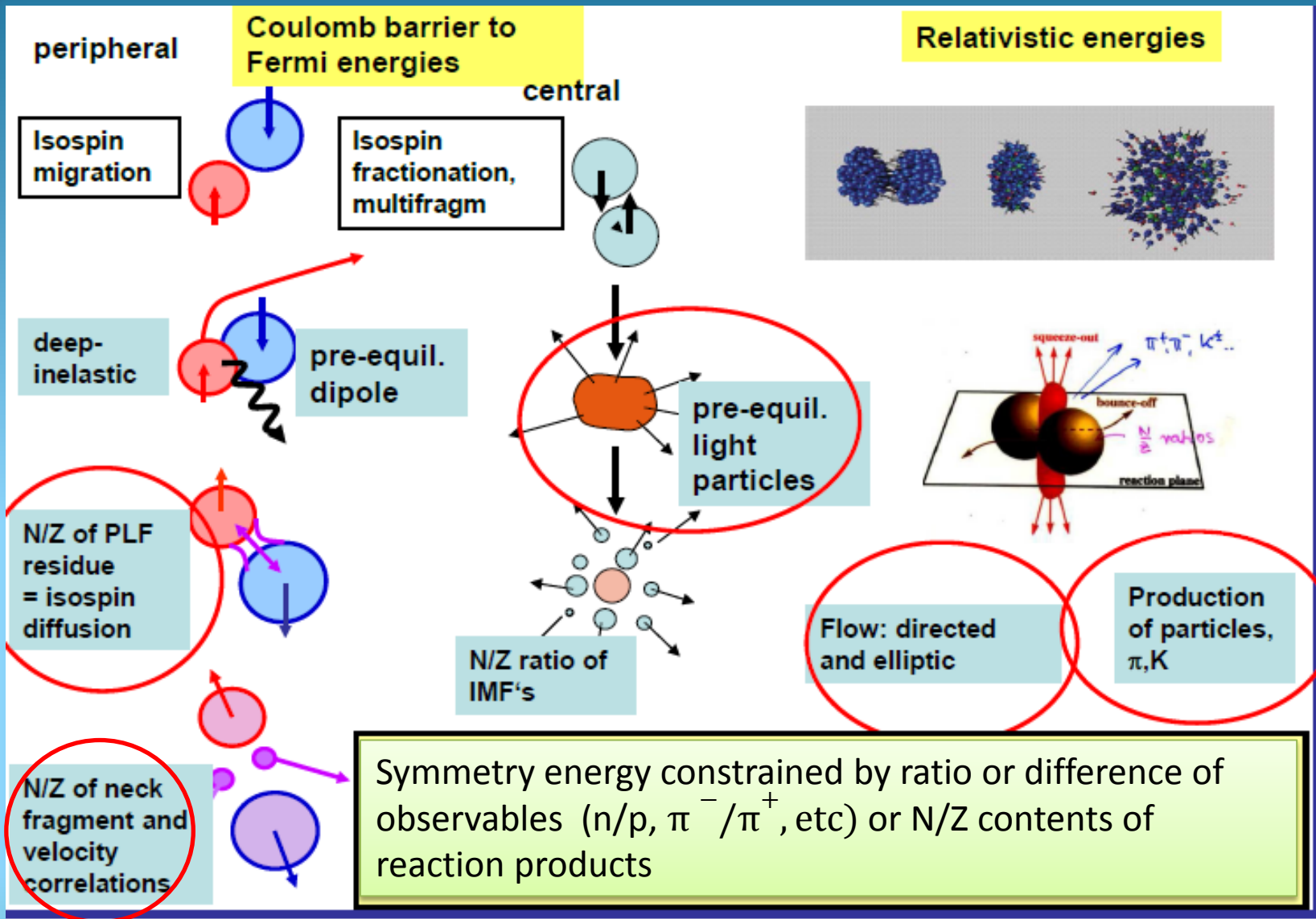
Relevance of symmetry energy in astrophysical objects

Heavy ion collisions (HIC): Why and how they provide information on density dependence of Symmetry term of EOS ?

With HIC large density variations (density gradients) in nuclear matter can be obtained in a short timescale.

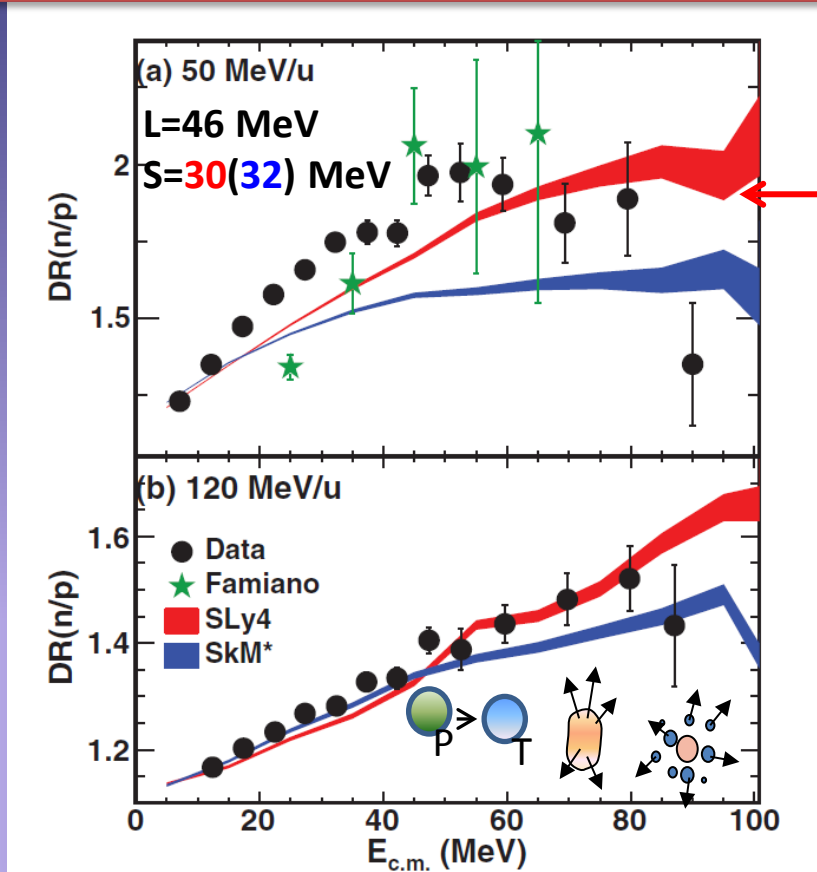


# From Nusym2016 introductory lecture by Hermann Wolter



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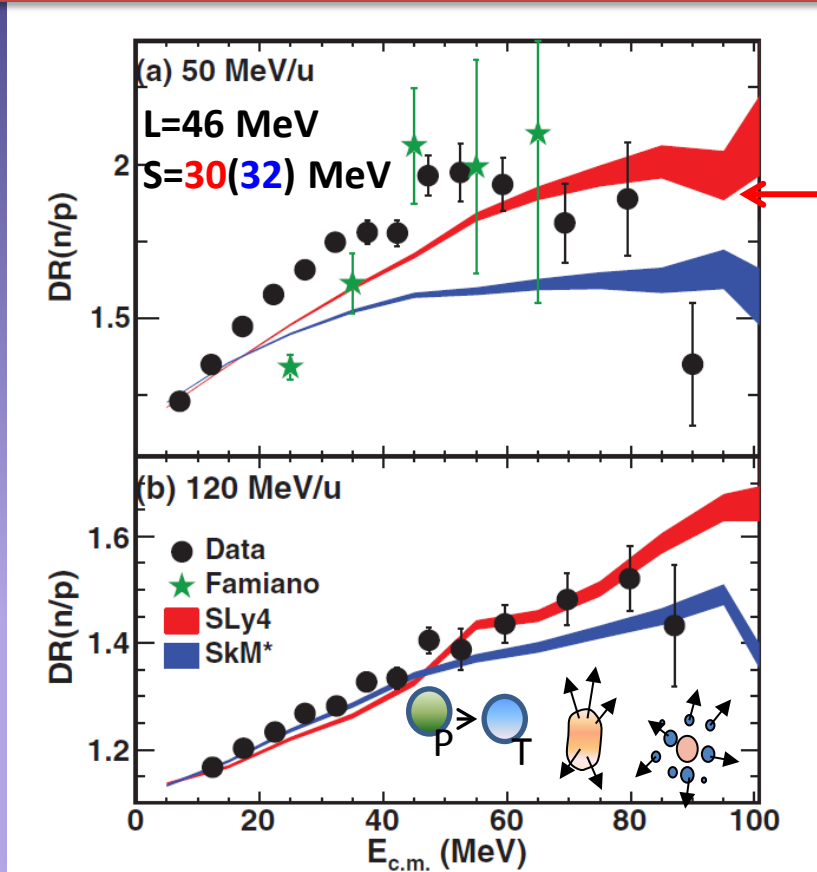
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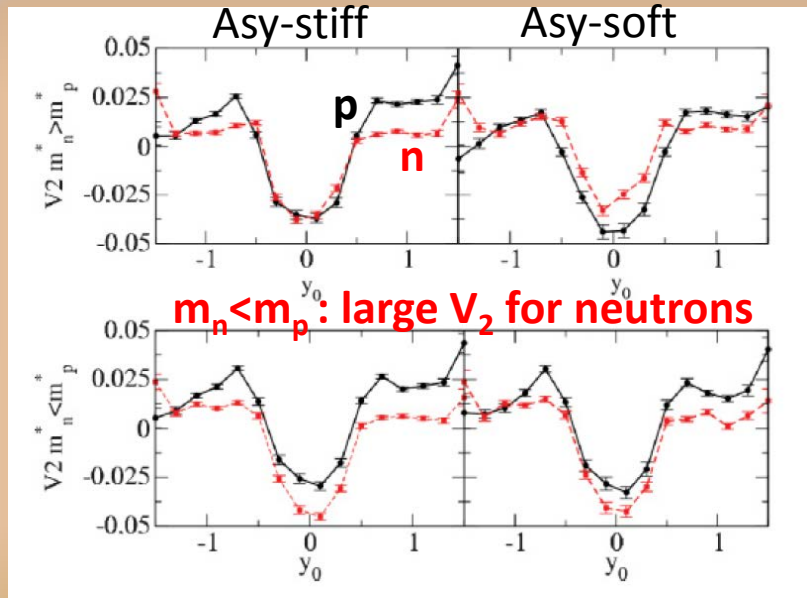
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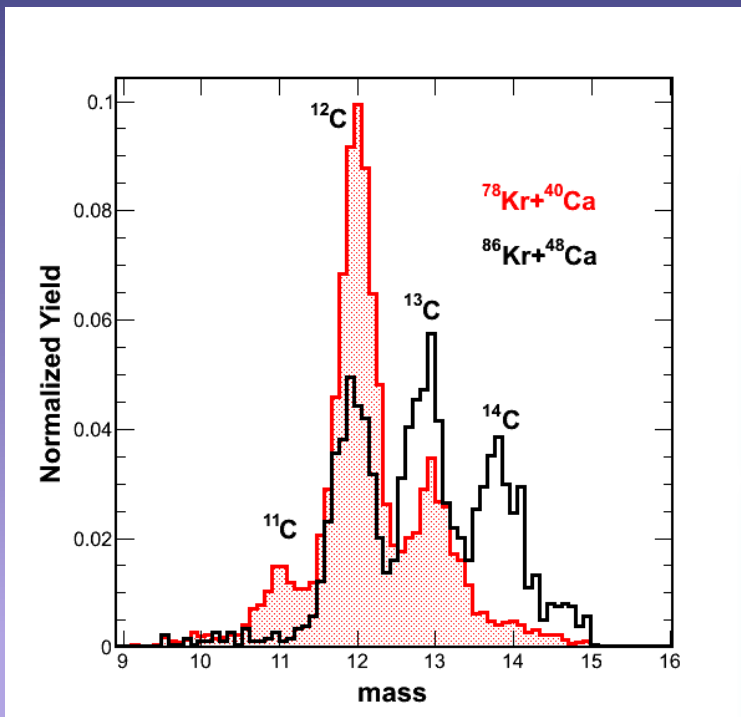
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**SMF model:** Impact of mass-splitting on Elliptic Flow Au+Au@400 A.MeV



V. Giordano, M. Colonna et al., Phys. Rev C81 044611 (2010)

# Isospin influence on reaction mechanisms at low energies ( $E/A < 15$ A.MeV)

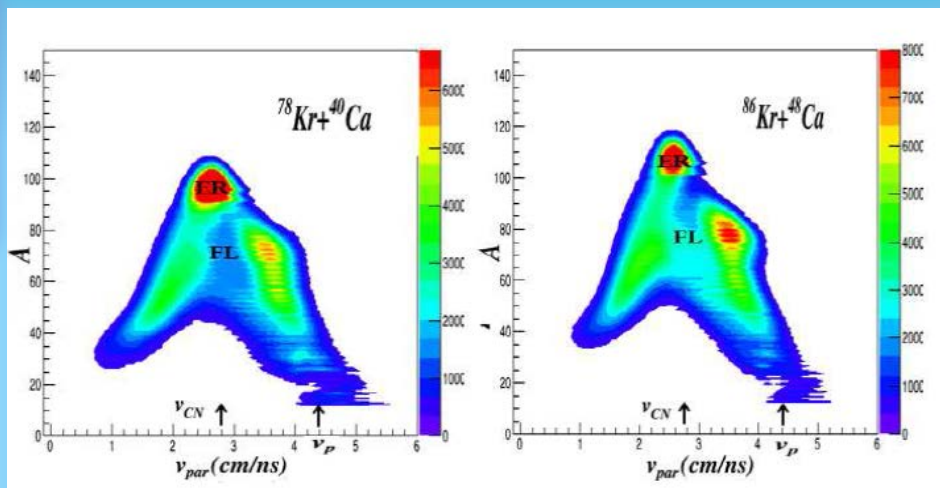


The  $^{78}\text{Kr} + ^{40}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{86}\text{Kr} + ^{48}\text{Ca}$  @10 A.MeV reactions (ISODEC experiment)

Evaporation residues, fission-like fragment and total reaction cross sections.

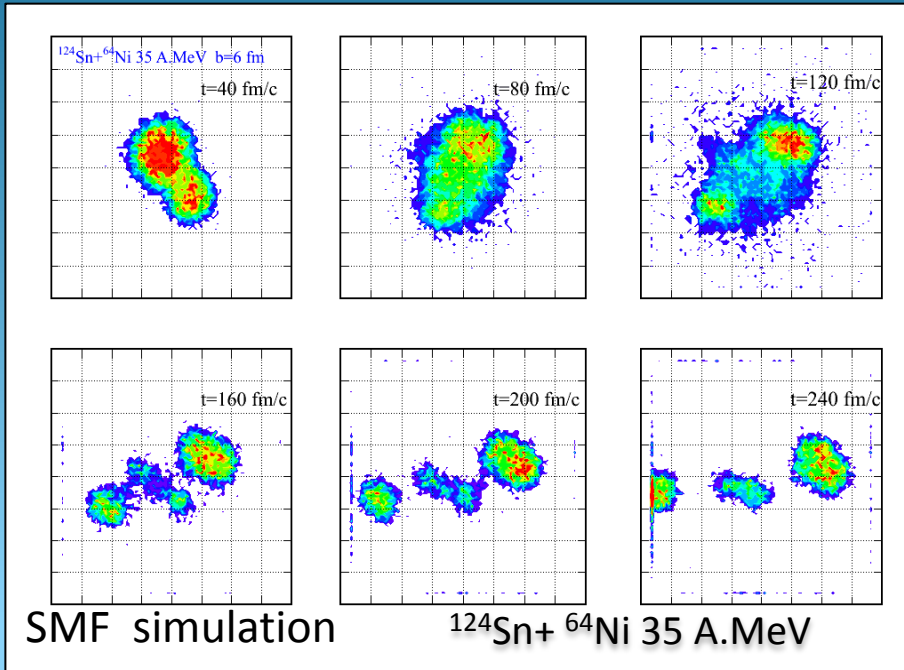
	$\sigma_{ER}$ (mb)	$\sigma_{FL}$ (mb)	$\sigma_{ER}/\sigma_{FL}$	$\sigma_{reac}^{qp}$ (mb)
$^{78}\text{Kr} + ^{40}\text{Ca}$	$455 \pm 70$	$790 \pm 120$	0.58	$2390 \pm 250$
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Comparison with stochastic transport models (SMF, BLOB, ..) can look at interplay among CN formation, fission, deep-inelastic processes, quasi-fission, etc for systems with different isospin  $\rightarrow$  (exotic beams, Spes - Spiral2 interplay)

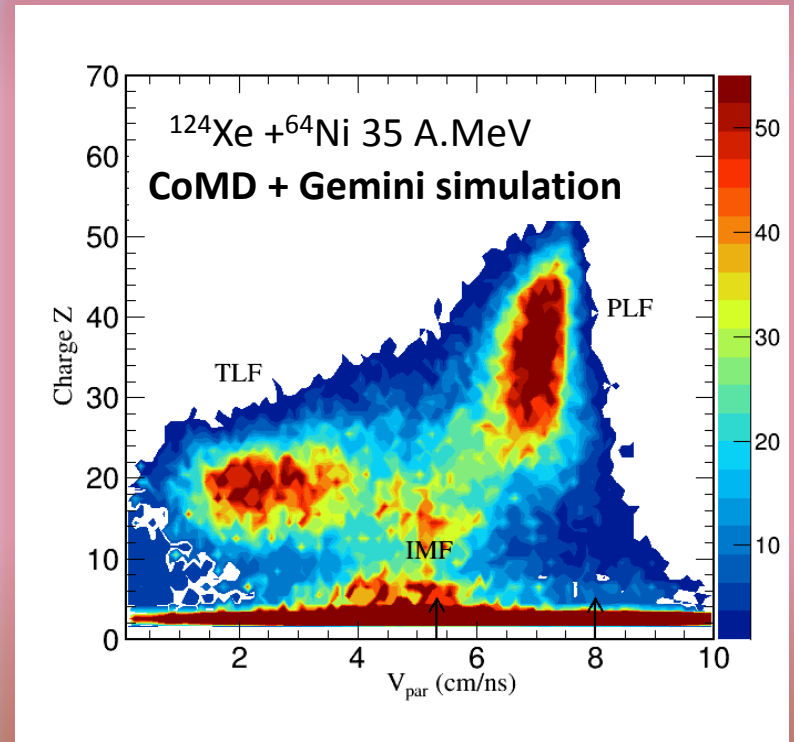
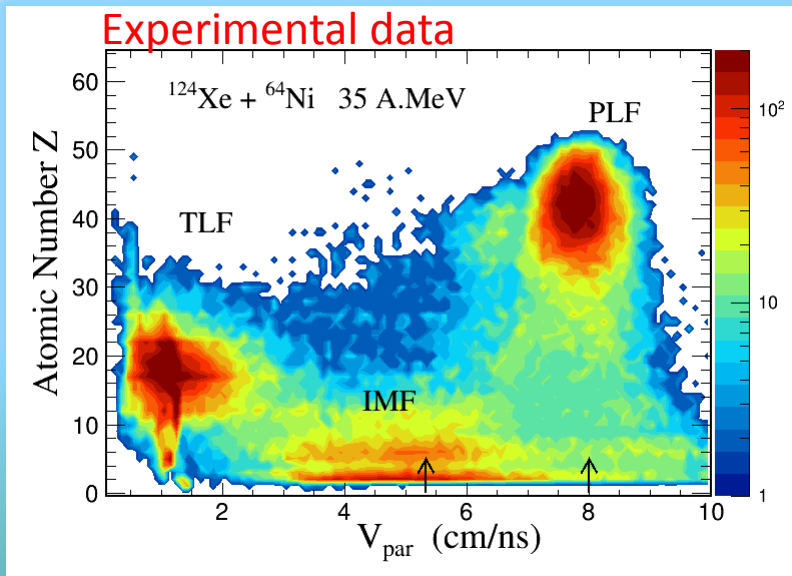


To be submitted to PRC  
LOI at SPES@LNL  $^{92,94}\text{Kr}$

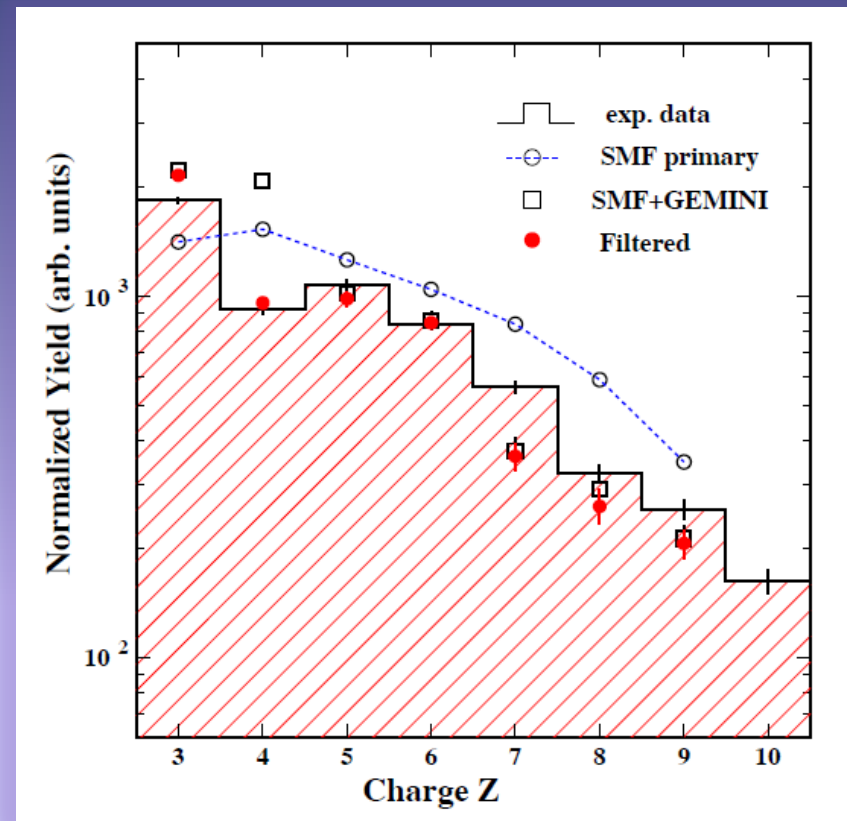
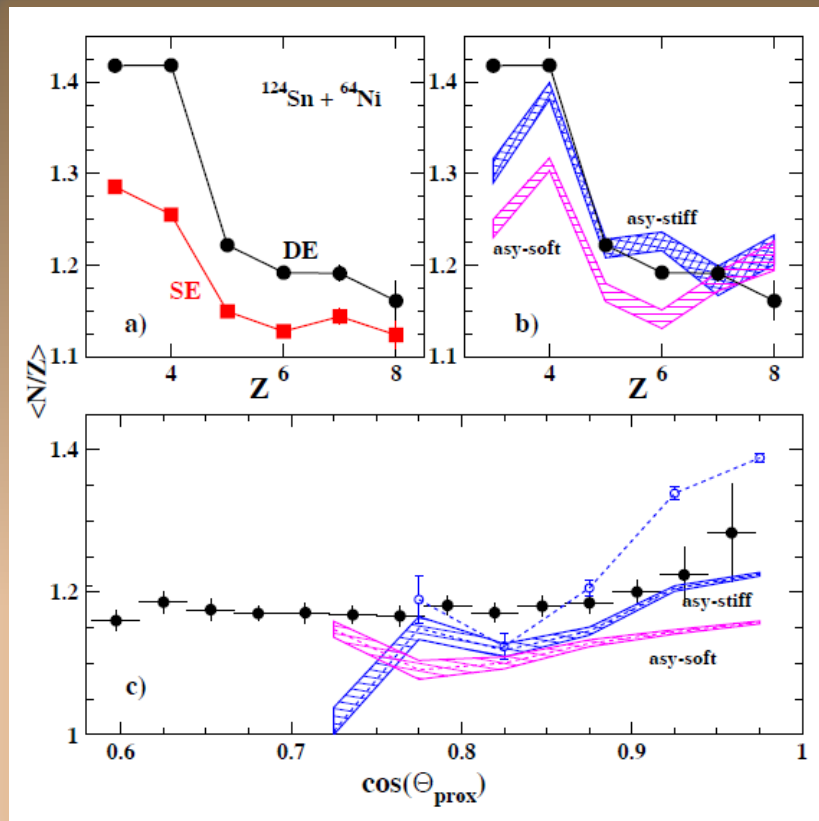
# IMFs in semi-peripheral reactions: a challenge for transport models



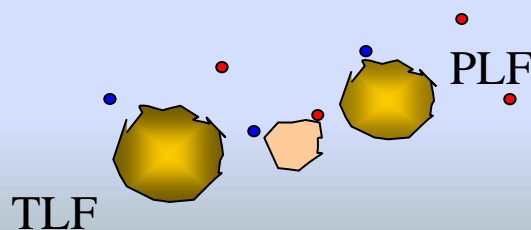
- 1) The “**neck**” emission where light IMFs ( $Z \approx 9$ ) are produced at midrapidity due to the rupture of a piece of nuclear matter a low density (“neck”). This is a **FAST** process ( $<100$  fm/c)



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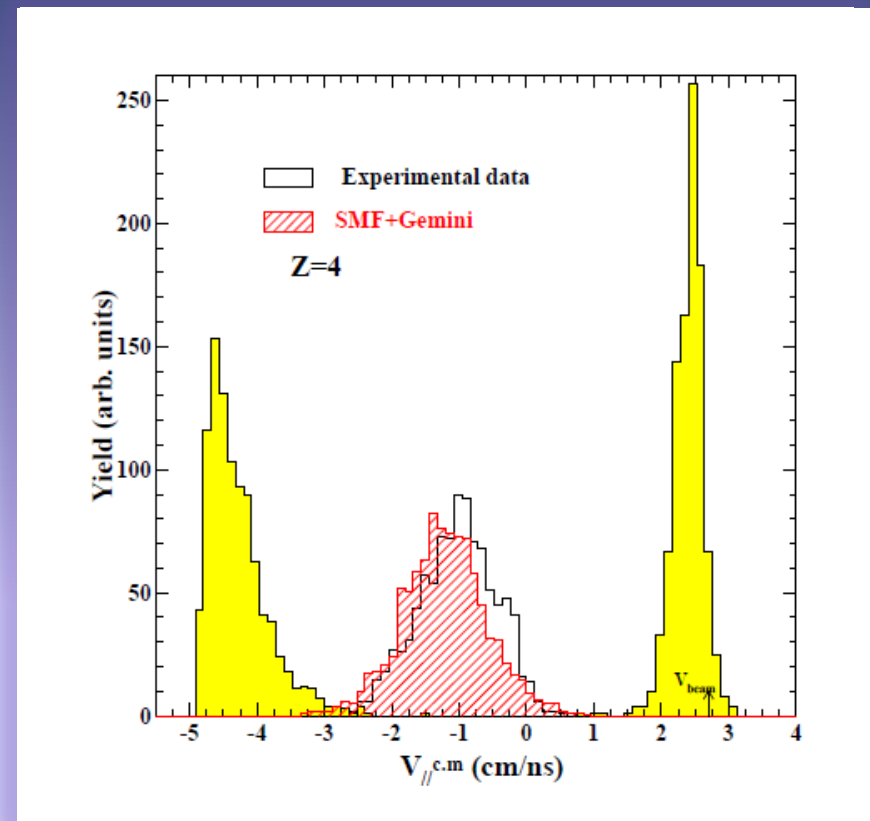
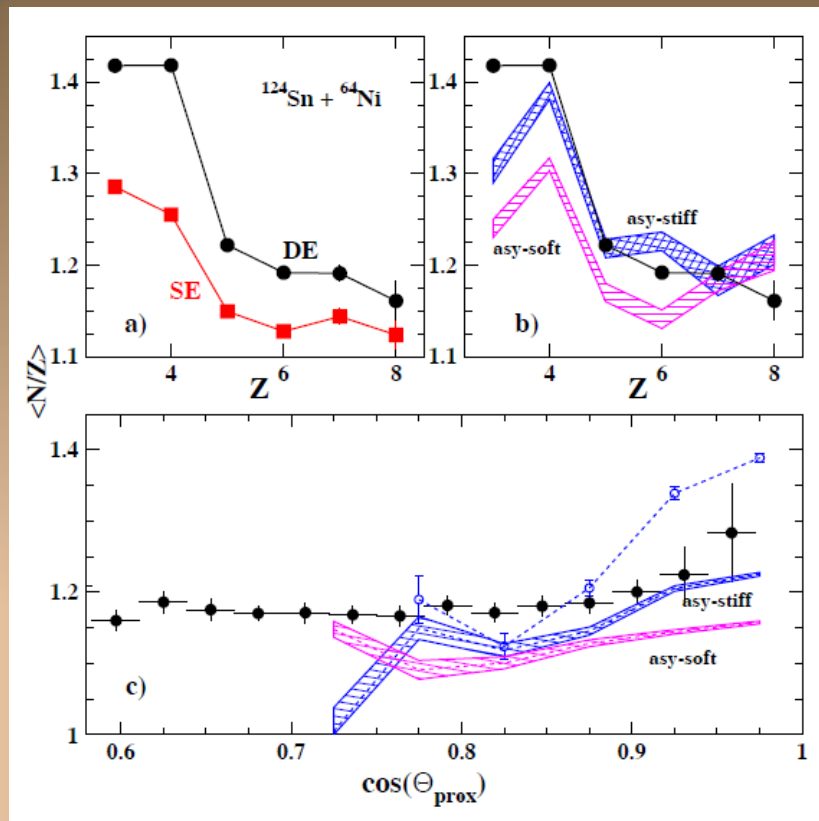
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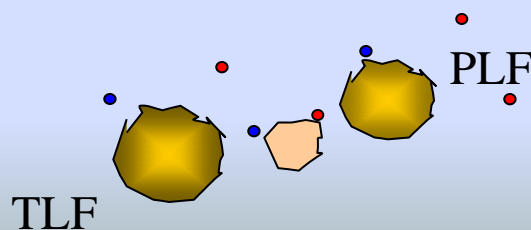
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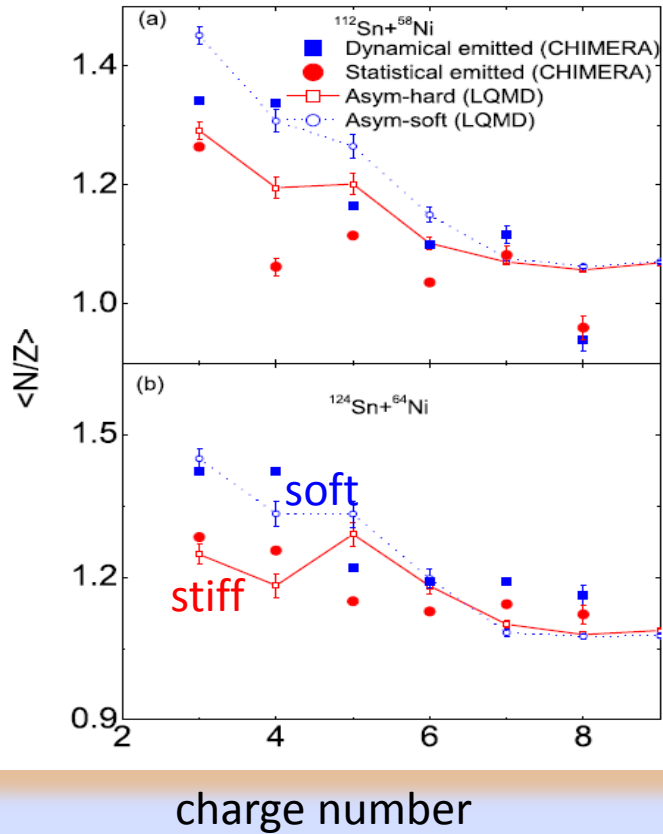
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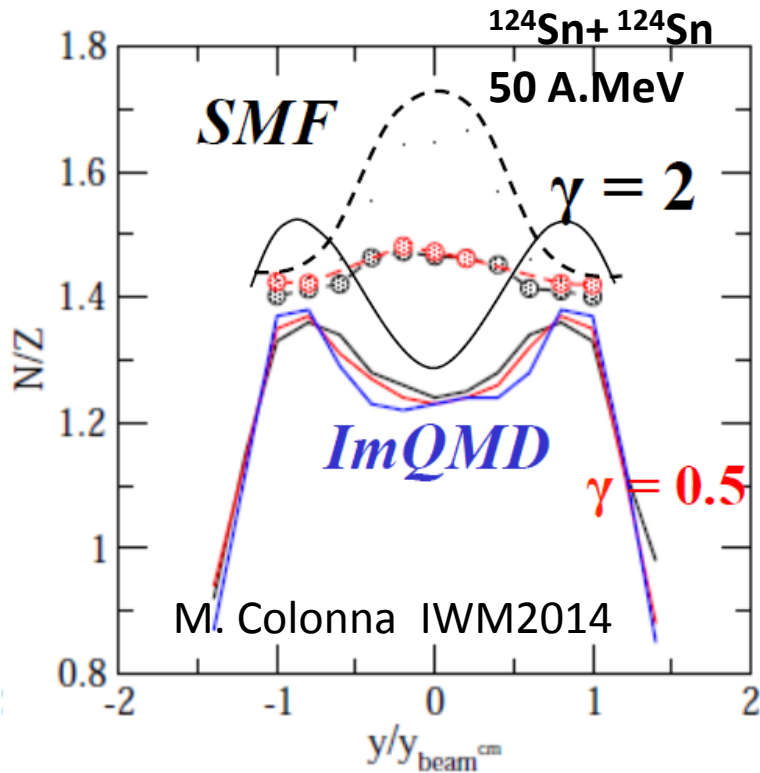
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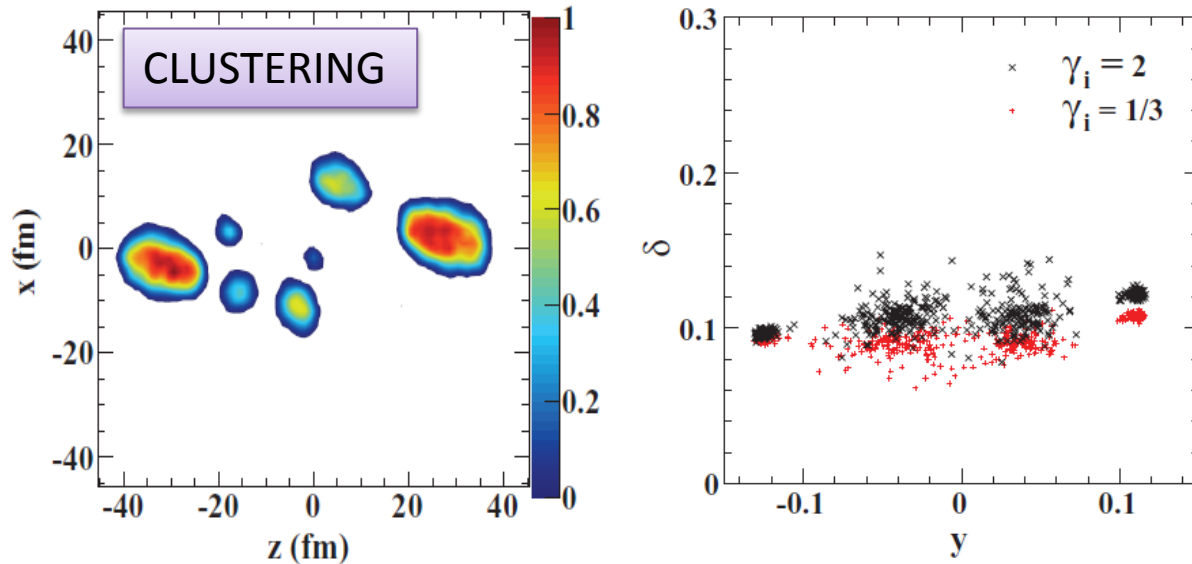
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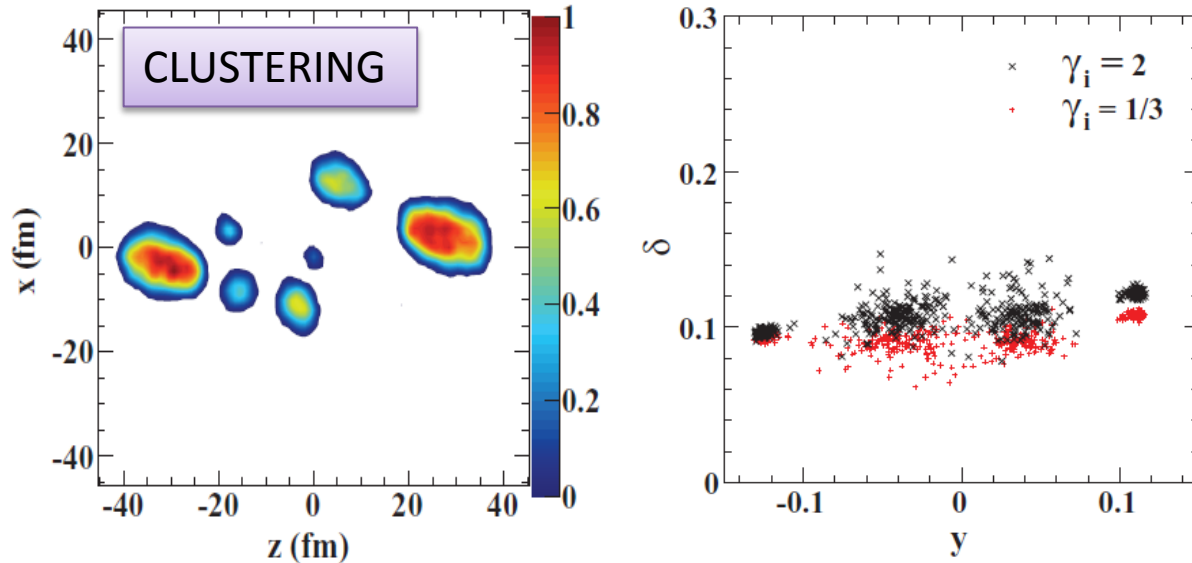
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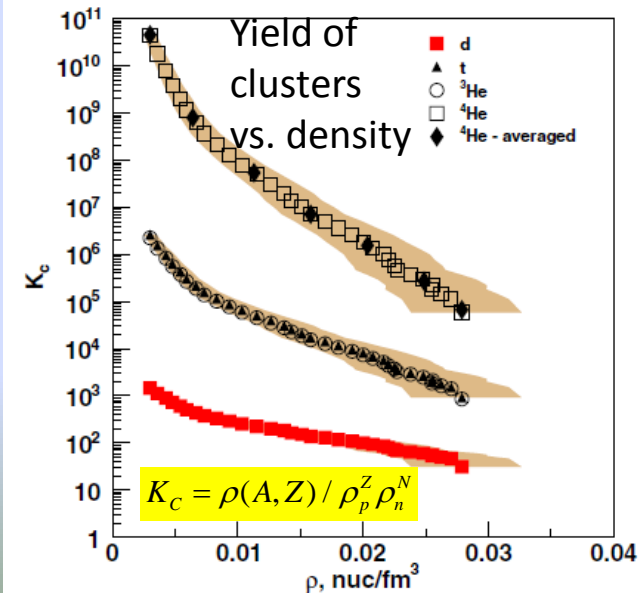
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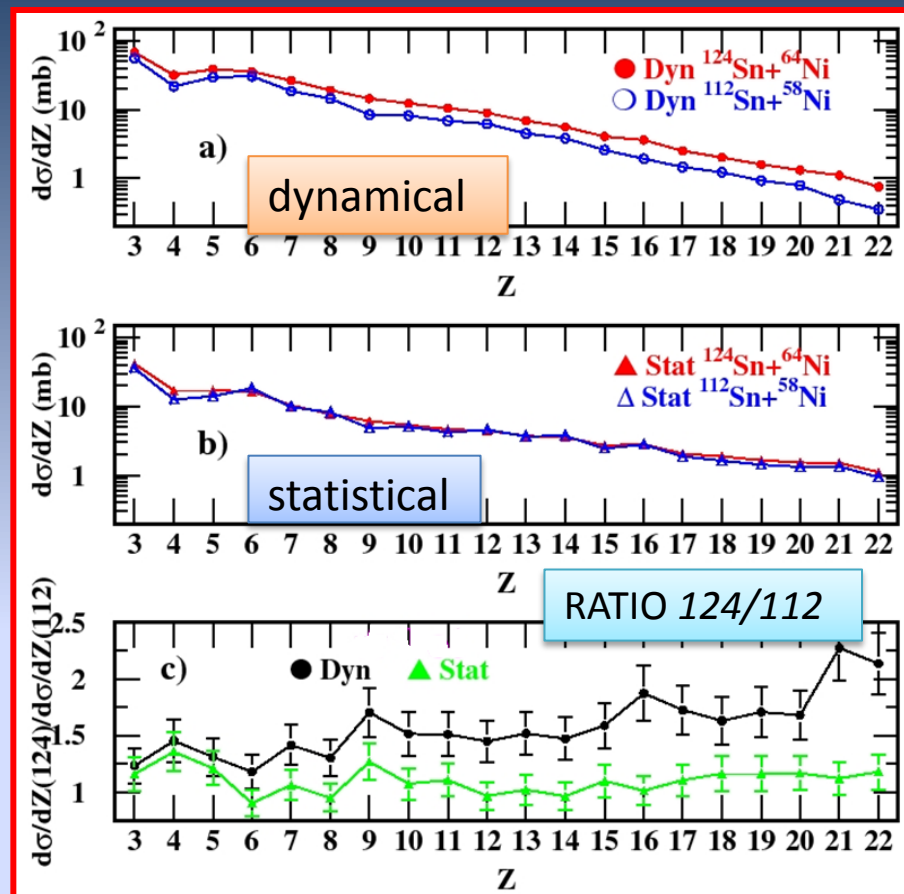
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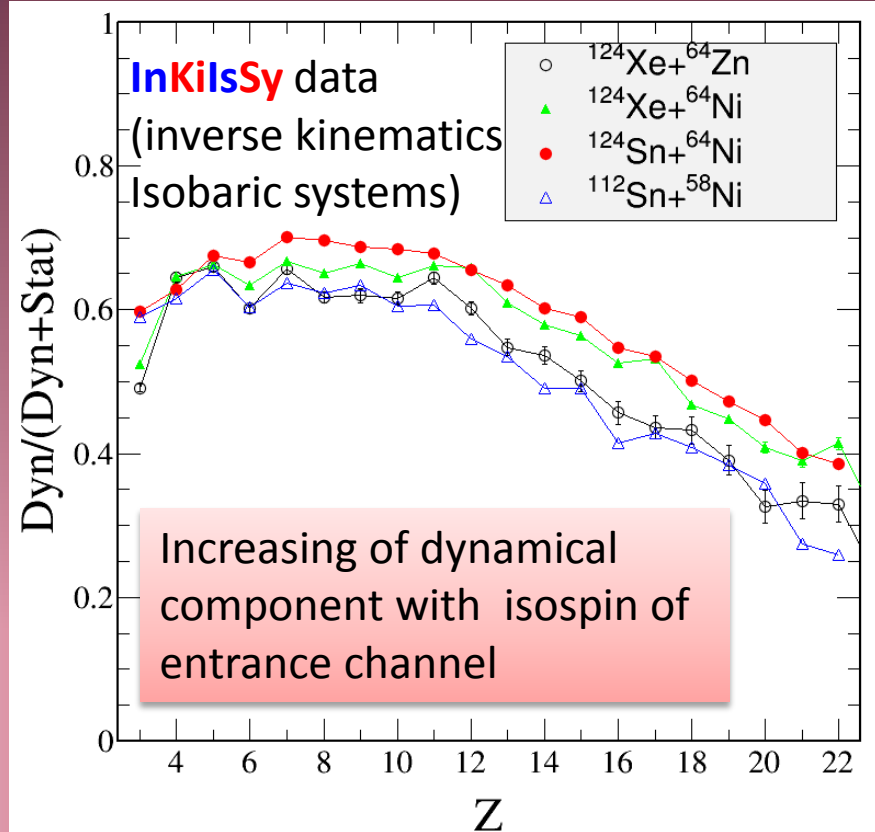
# Isospin dependence on projectile break-up



P. Russotto et al. , Phys. Rev. C91, 014610 (2015)

**Main experimental signature:**

Probability of dynamical emission enhanced for neutron rich system

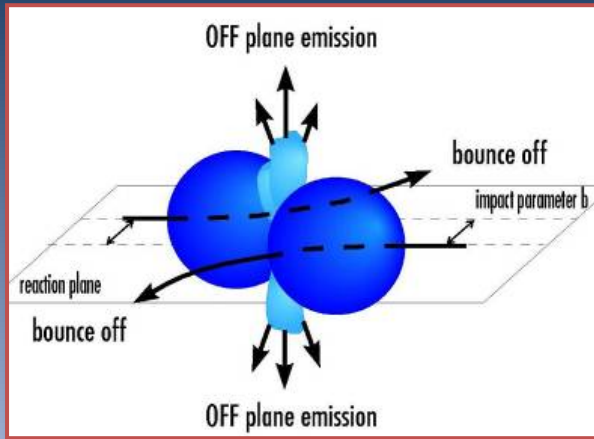


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**Open problems:**

Calculations need to follow the full range of times scale involved and the whole IMF mass spectrum

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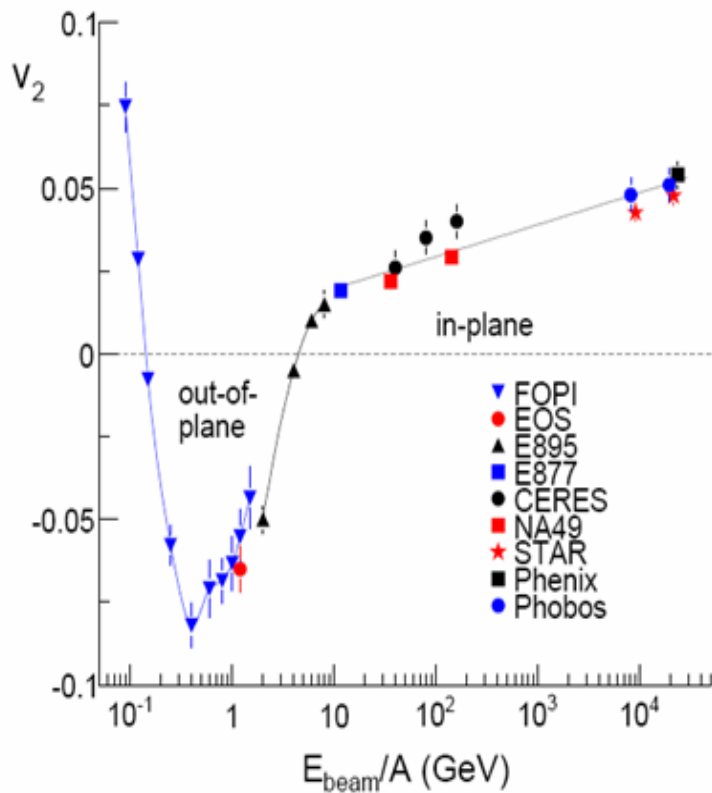
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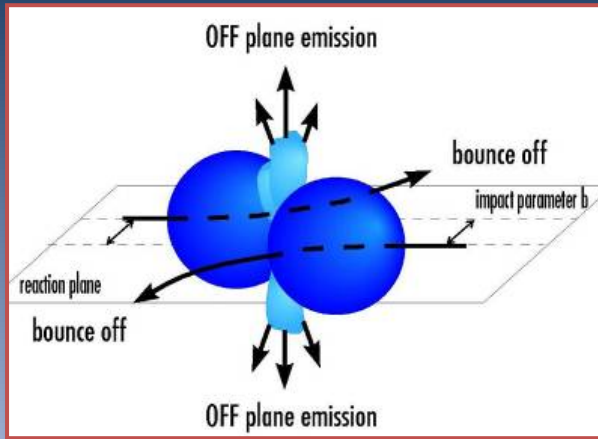
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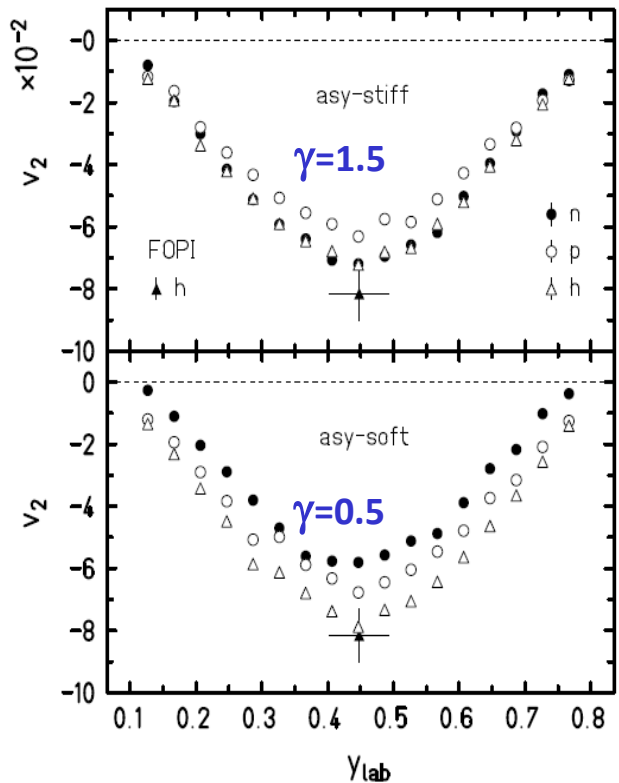
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**Elliptic flow from FOPI / LAND experiment Au+Au 400 A.MeV**

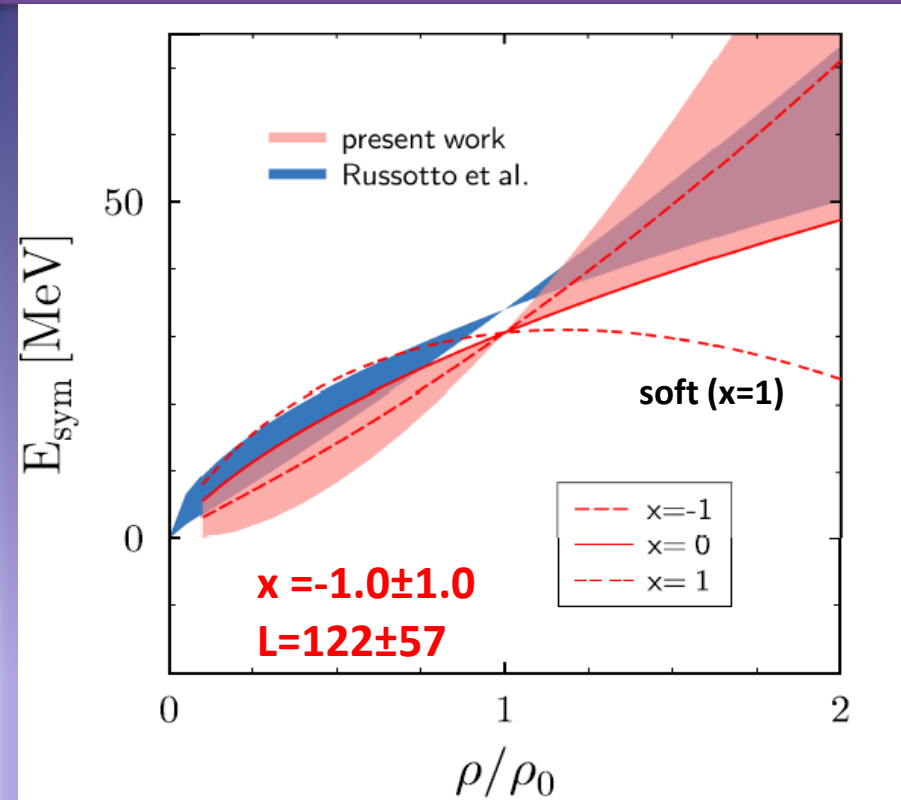
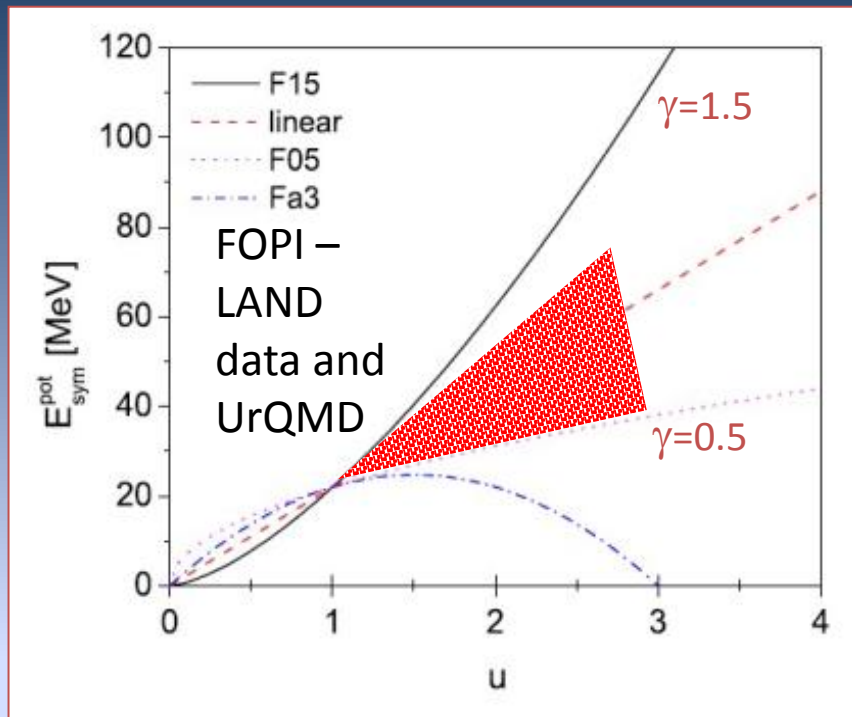
**UrQMD model: Au+Au @ 400 A.MeV  
5.5 < b < 7.5 fm**

Qingfeng Li, J. Phys. G31 1359-1374 (2005)

P. Russotto et al., Phys. Lett. B697, 471 (2011)



# UrQMD vs. Tübingen QMD: searching for model invariance



UrQMD:

momentum dep. of isoscalar field

momentum dep. of NNECS

momentum independent power-law  
parameterization of the symmetry energy

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$$L = 83 \pm 26$$

Y. Leifels et al., PRL 71, 963 (1993)

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Tübingen-QMD:

density dep. of NNECS

asymmetry dep. of NNECS

soft vs. hard EoS

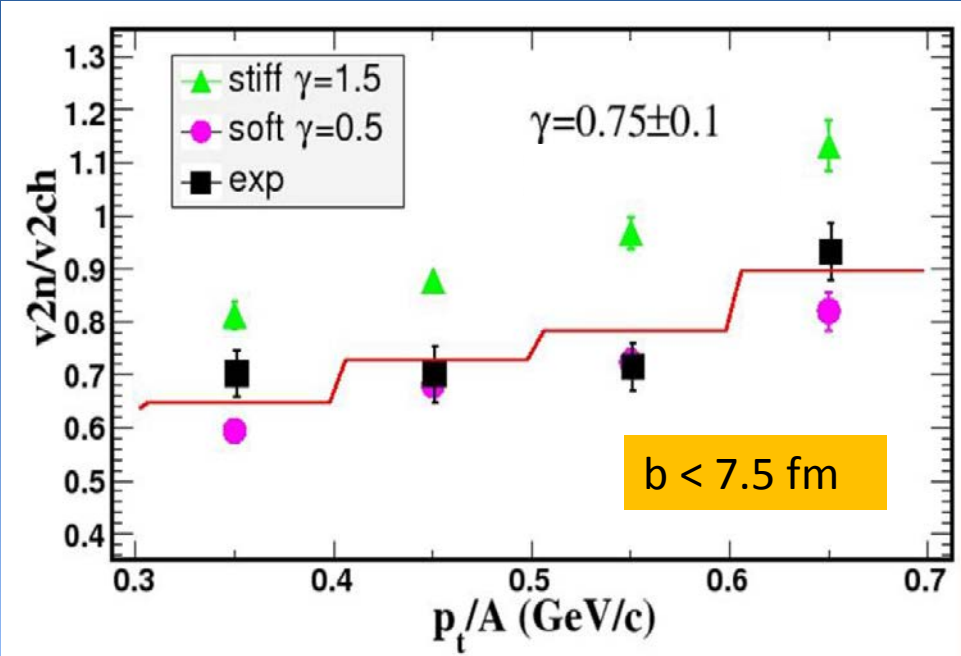
width of wave packets

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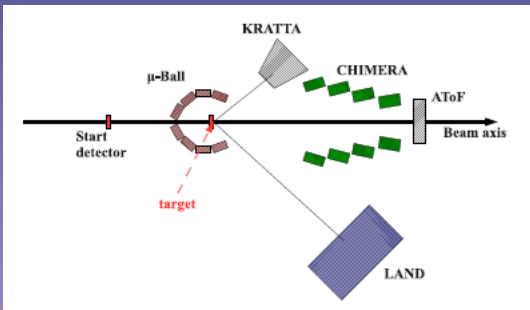
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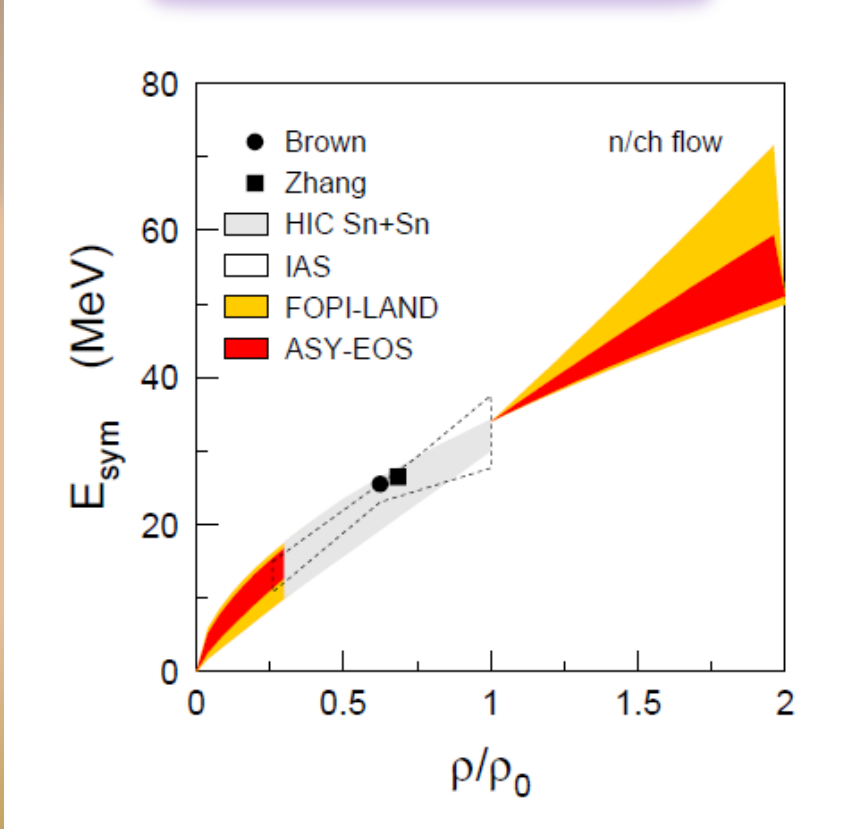
# Flow ratios of neutrons/Charged particles in comparison with UrQMD predictions



ASYEOS data, Phys. Rev. C94, 014609 (2016)



**HIC:** (mainly Sn+Sn . . . )  
*M.B. Tsang et al., PRC 86, 015803 (2012)*  
 Neutron skin thickness, binding energies,.....  
*B.A. Brown, PRL 111, 232502 (2013); Zhang and Chen, Phys. Lett. B 726 (2013).*  
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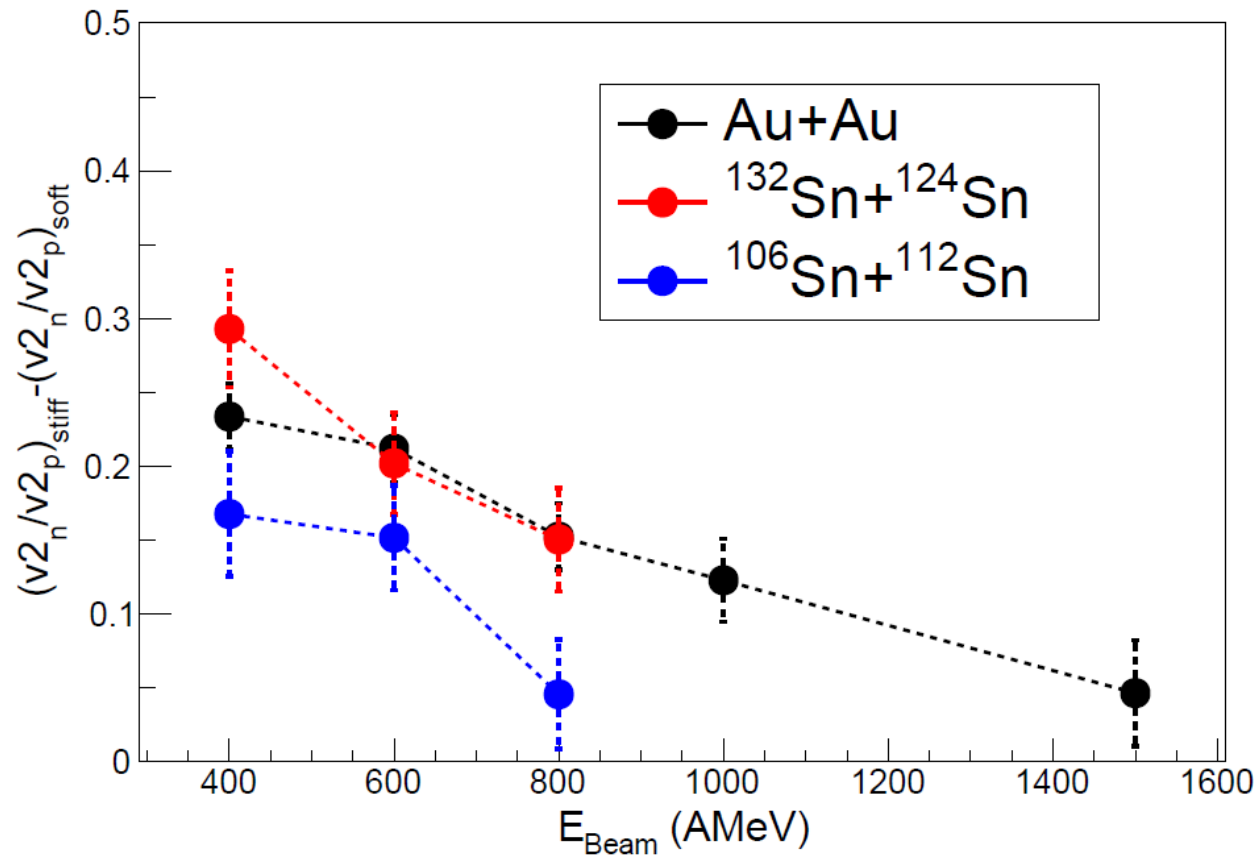


# OUTLOOK: UrQMD prediction for some interesting beams (and $\delta^2$ )

$^{197}\text{Au}+^{197}\text{Au}$  @ 400, 600, 800, 1000, 1500 AMeV (0.039+0.039)

$^{132}\text{Sn}+^{124}\text{Sn}$  @ 400, 600, 800 AMeV (0.059+0.037)

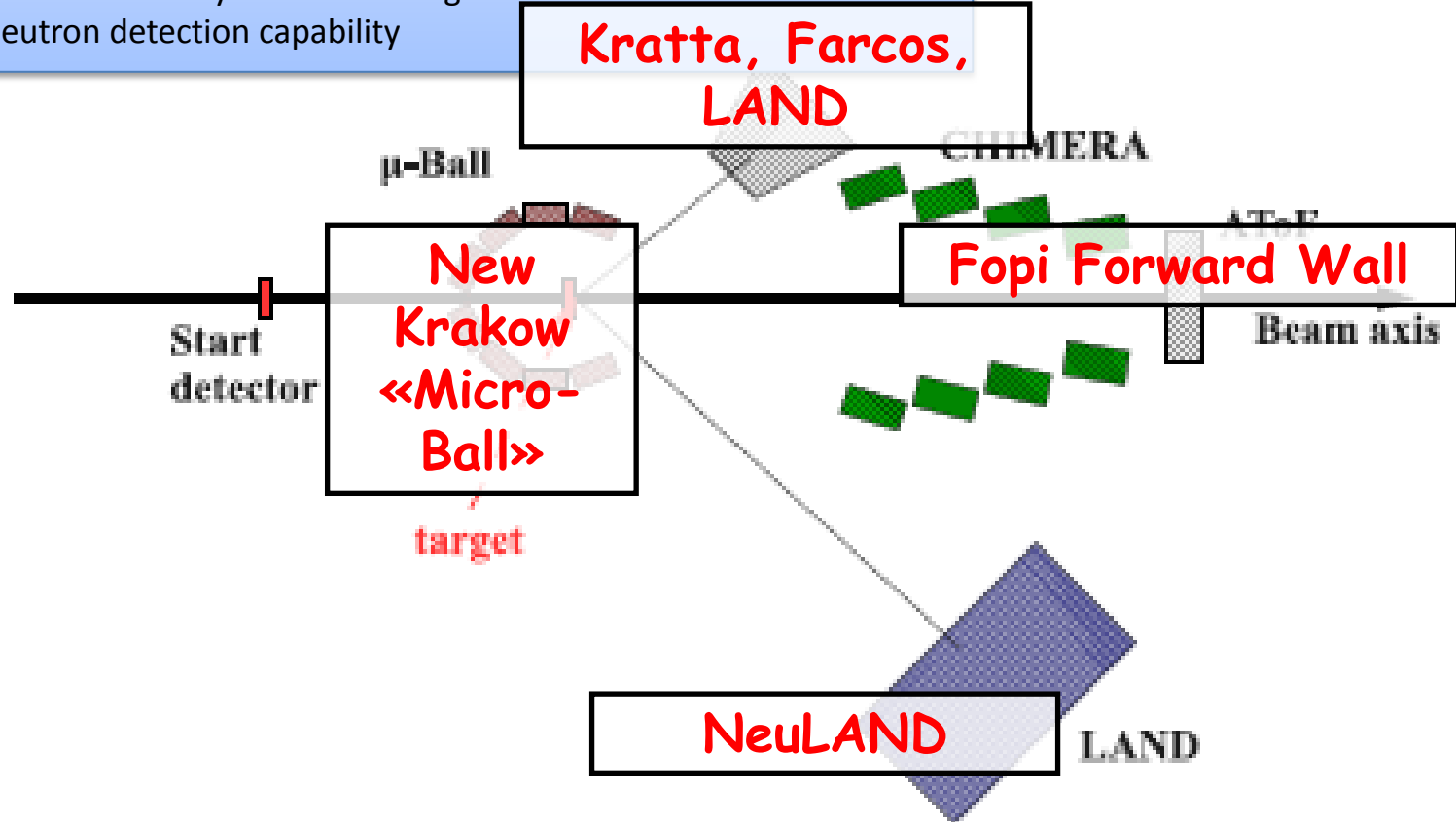
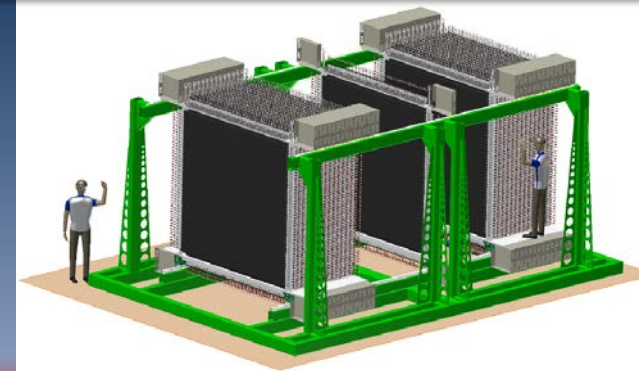
$^{106}\text{Sn}+^{112}\text{Sn}$  @ 400, 600, 800 AMeV (0.003+0.011)



# OUTLOOK: PROJECTS FOR FUTURE EXPERIMENTS AT GSI/FAIR

## NeuLAND @ FAIR/GSI

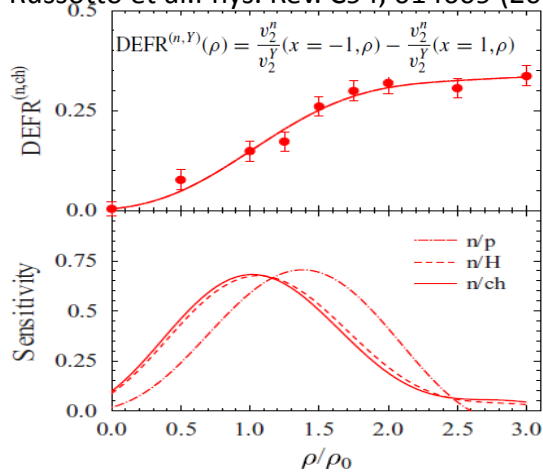
- TDR finalized in Oct 2011 and submitted
- total volume  $2.5 \times 2.5 \times 3 \text{ m}^3$
- each bar readout by two PMT
- 3000 modules (plastic scintillator bars)  $250 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$
- 30 double planes with 100 bars each, bars in neighboring planes mutually perpendicular
- $\sigma_t \leq 150 \text{ ps}$  and  $\sigma_{x,y,z} \leq 1.5 \text{ cm}$
- one-neutron efficiency  $\sim 95\%$  for energies 200-1000 MeV
- multi-neutron detection capability



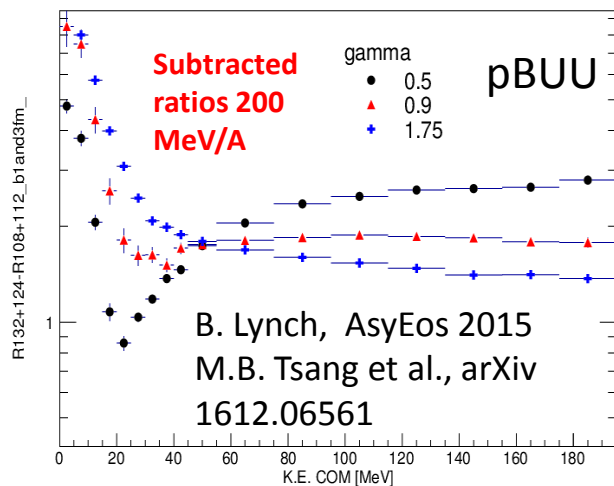
# Open problems ... or opportunities ?

Sensitivity of observables to density. TuQMD calculations

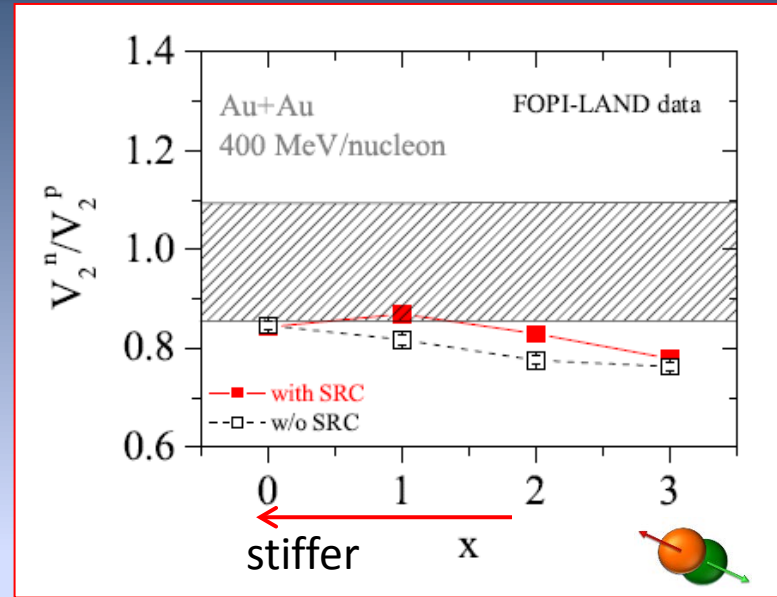
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New perspectives and advances with PIONS ratios



Short range correlations may influence results



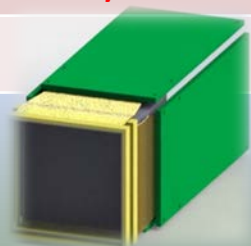
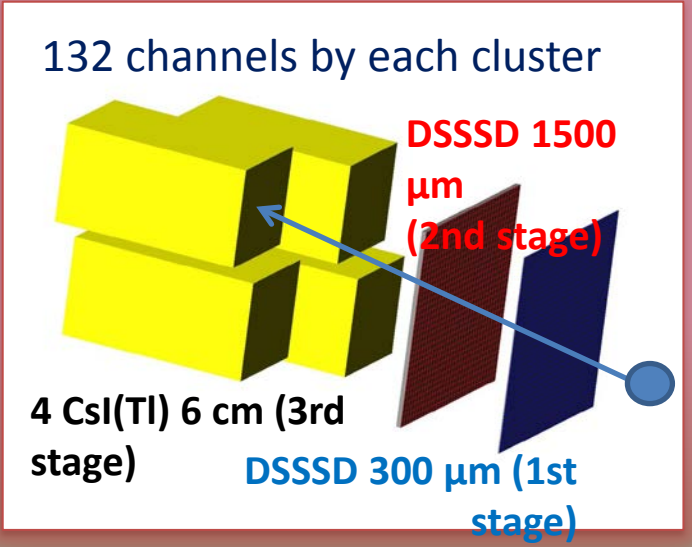
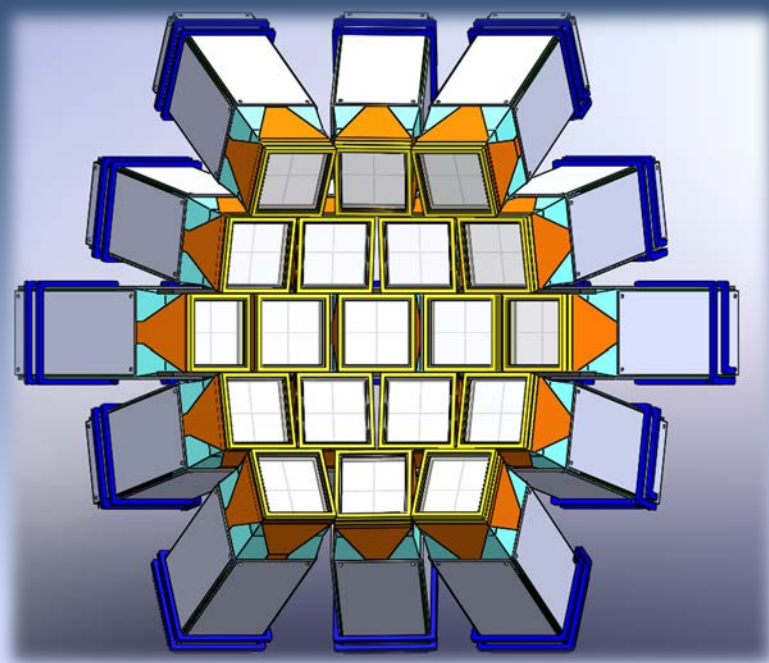
Gao-Chan Yong, Phys. Rev. C **93**, 044610 (2016)  
F. Zhang, Gao-Chan Yong, EPJA **52**, 350 (2016)

Possibility to look simultaneously to flow data and pions data in future experiments:  
 $\pi$ RIT TPC, new AsyEos@R3B projects ?

# Experimental PERSPECTIVES in CHIMERA group : The FARCOS project

Starting prototype: 4 telescopes : NEWCHIM (2015-2019 final planning 20 telescopes)

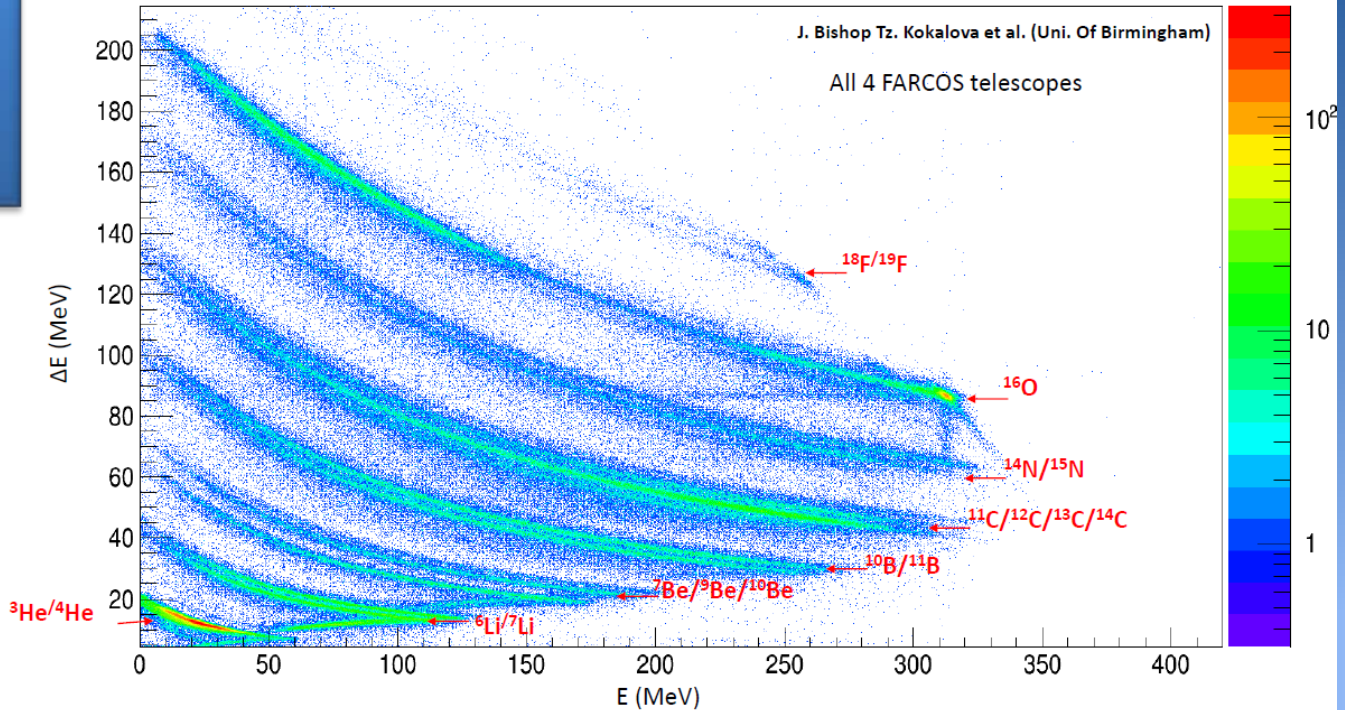
Year	Tel.	Operation
2015	6	test acq. GET for FARCOS construction of 2 telescopes purchase of final GET electronics
2016	10	test dual gain module test GET electronic +DAQ Study of alignment system
2017	14(10)	test new asic pre-amplifiers final design modular support implementation asic pre-amplifier new DAQ VME+ GET running First experiments with new Chimera+Farcos front-end
2018	18(?)	Construction of new telescopes
2019	20+2	20 telescopes ready
.....		



Final cost prediction:  $\approx$  1 M€

## SIKO experiment

University of  
Birmingham &  
CHIMERA  
collaboration



High energy and angular resolution ( $\Delta\theta < 1^\circ$ )

Low thresholds ( $< 1$  MeV/A):

Pulse-shape on first Si layer for low energy experiments

High counting rate (1KHz)

Large Dynamic range (20MeV to 2GeV)

Flexibility, Modularity, Transportability

Easy coupling to  $4\pi$  detectors or spectrometers

Integrated Electronics (GET)

Dynamical processes in projectile break-up and IMF production at 20 A.MeV studied with the CHIMERA and FARCOS devices. **CHIFAR: CHImera-FARcos** (approved LNS-PAC proposal) spokes: E.V. Pagano, E.d.F., P. Russotto

Dynamical processes in projectile break-up and Intermediate Mass

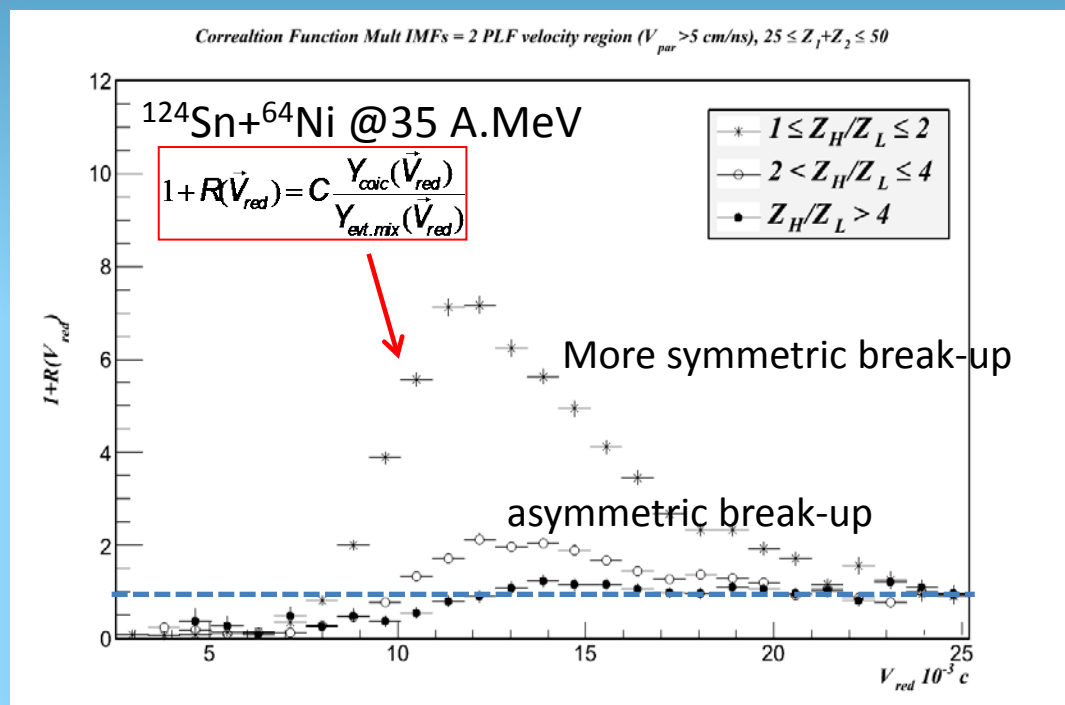
Fragments production at **20 A.MeV** beam incident energy studied with the CHIMERA and **FARCOS** devices

**CHIMERA + 8 FARCOS telescopes**

$^{124}\text{Xe}, ^{124}\text{Sn} + ^{64}\text{Ni}, ^{64}\text{Zn}$

$^{112}\text{Sn} + ^{58}\text{Ni}$  @ 20A.MeV

**IMF-IMF correlations function**



See E.V. Pagano talk

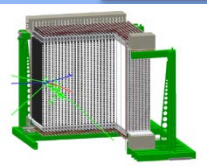
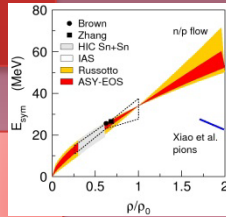


# SUMMARY

Transport models are a fundamental tool to learn about the behaviour of the nuclear effective interaction and EOS and at same time reactions dynamics that can be compared with experimental results.

More work on code consistency needed yet. Results (not a review) at low and intermediate energies have been shown.

The AsyEos (S394) experiment results that have given a stringent constraint for the symmetry energy at supra-saturation density, contributing also to improve the understanding of models by careful comparison of data with transport codes.



New experiments like  $S\pi$ IRIT TCP or NeuLand@R3B at GSI or should improve accuracy in observable measurements, giving new results for flows and particles ratios (like p, n, light clusters,  $\pi^-$ ,  $\pi^+$ , Kaons, etc) possibly looking simultaneously at different observables by using stable and radioactive beams.

