

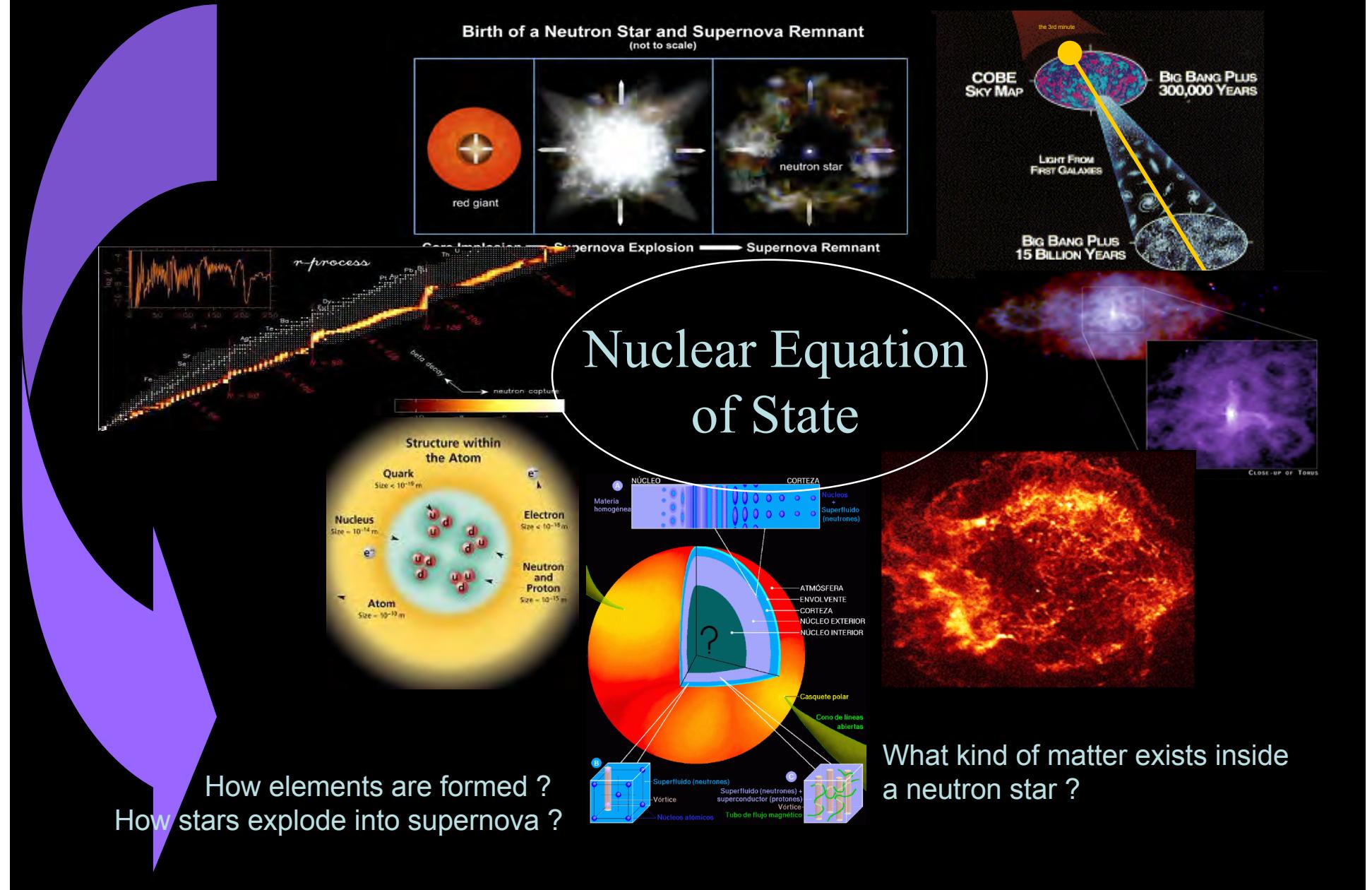
# Isotopic effects in nuclear reactions and the symmetry energy at sub-saturation densities

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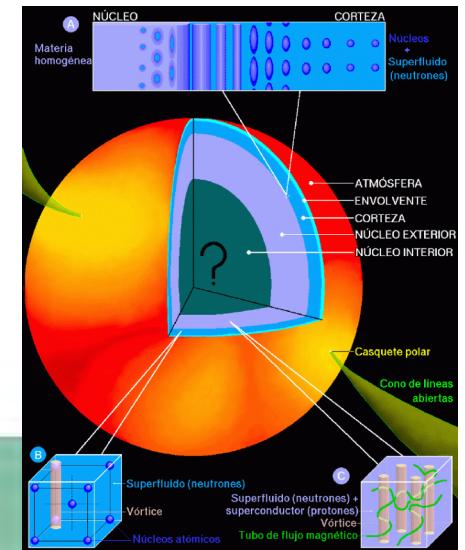
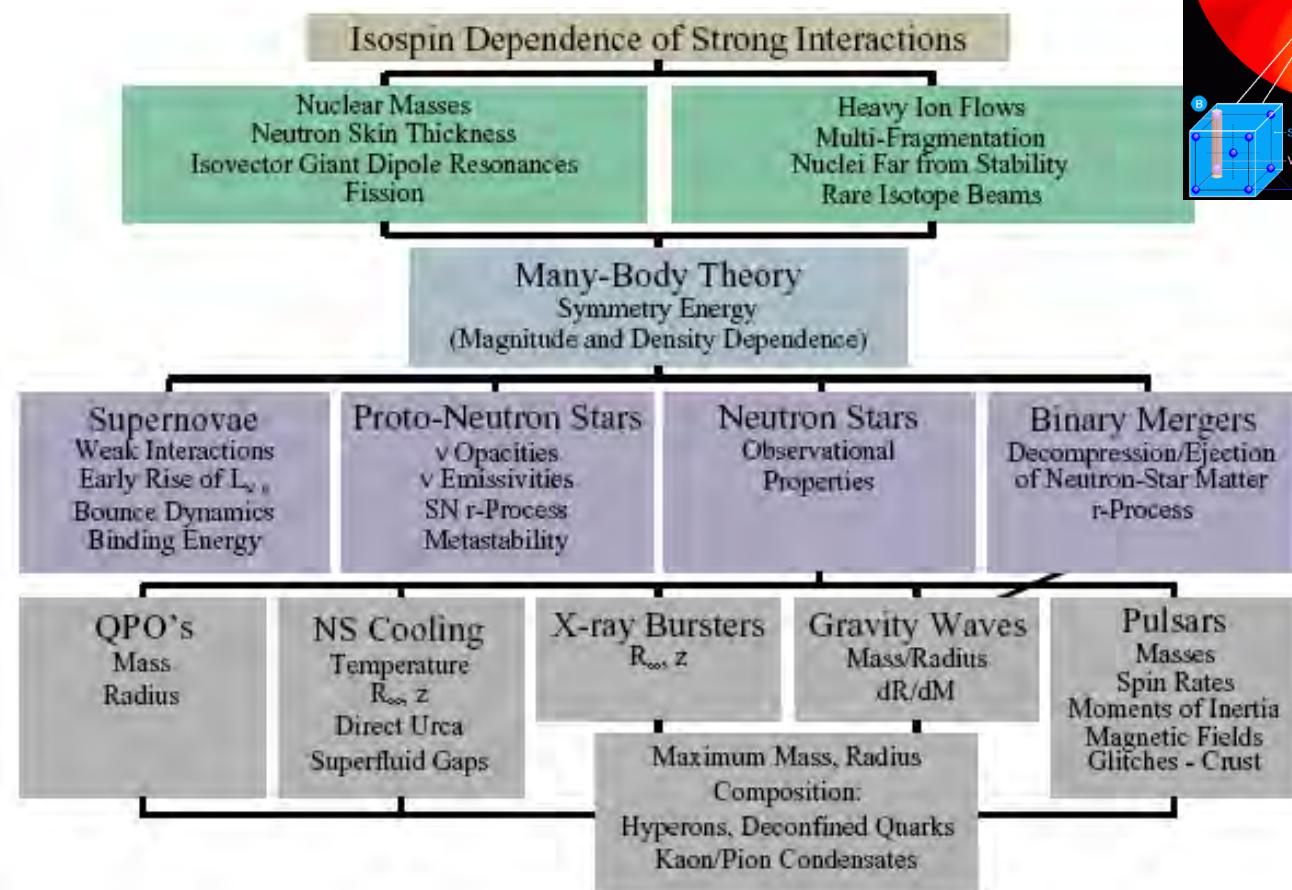
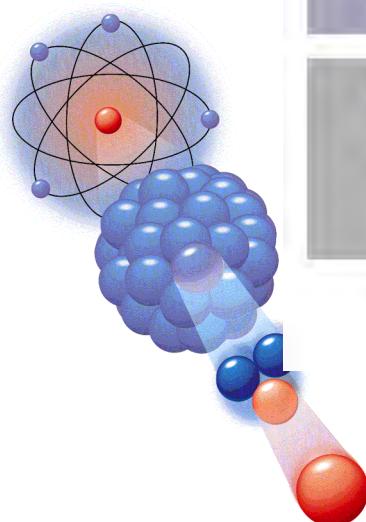
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# *from* Atomic Nuclei to Neutron Stars



# Nuclear Equation of State



## Nuclear Equation of State (EoS)

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

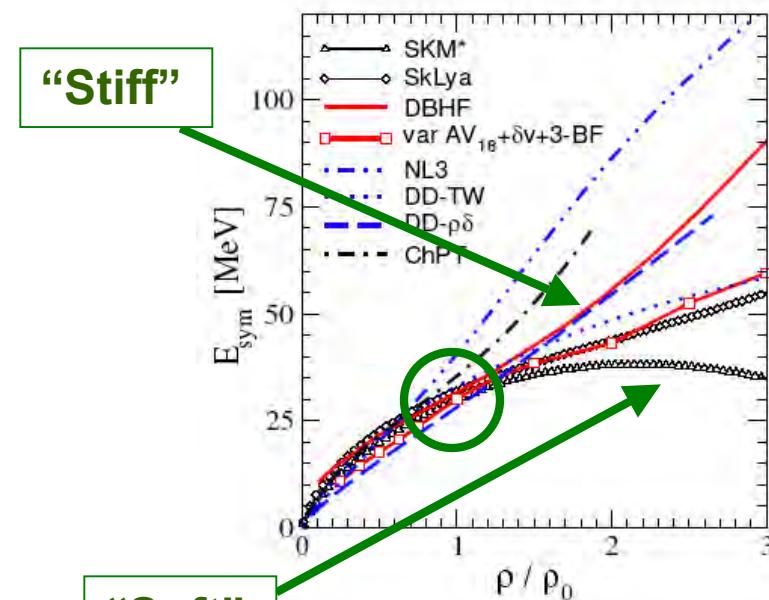
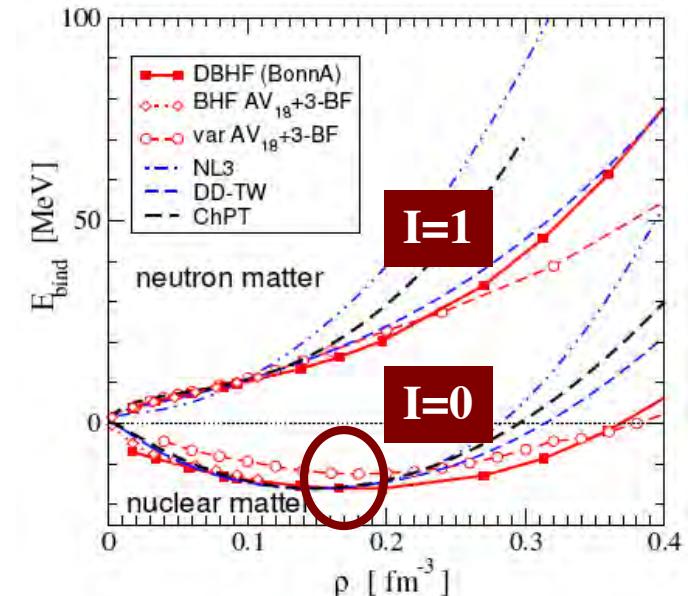
with  $I = \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho_{Total}} \approx \frac{N - Z}{A}$

**Binding Energy of Symmetric Nuclear Matter**

**Symmetry Energy Term for Asymmetric Matter**

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

C. Fuchs and H.H. Wolter, Eur. Phys. J. A **30**, 5 (2006).  
 V. Baran *et al.*, Phys. Rep. **410**, 335 (2005).



# Observables sensitive to the asymmetry term in the EOS ?

## **Moderate density ( $\rho < 1.5 \rho_0$ ) :**

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 & N/Z equilibration

Pre-equilibrium emission

Particle - particle correlation

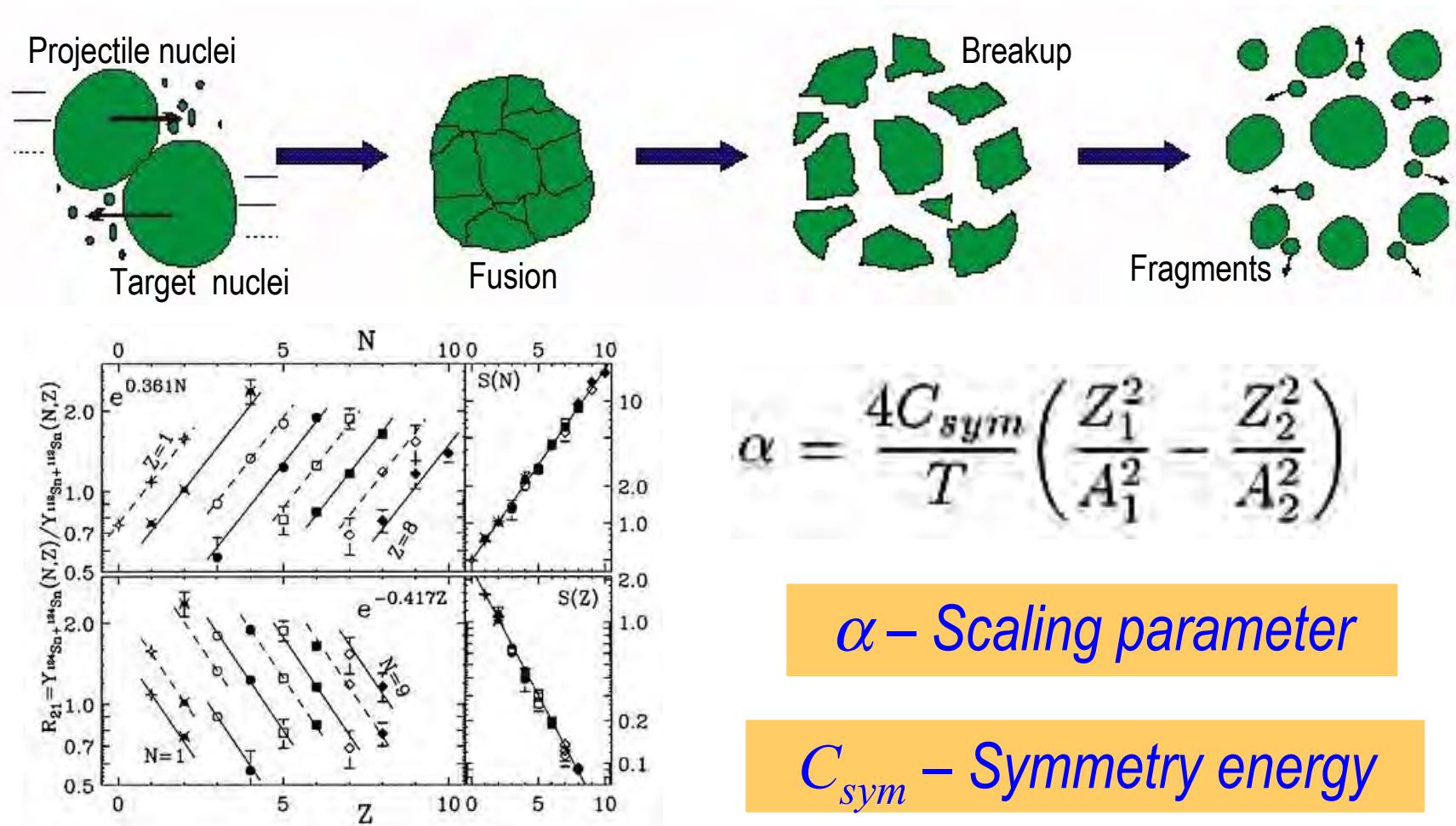
Light cluster production

Flow

Neck emission

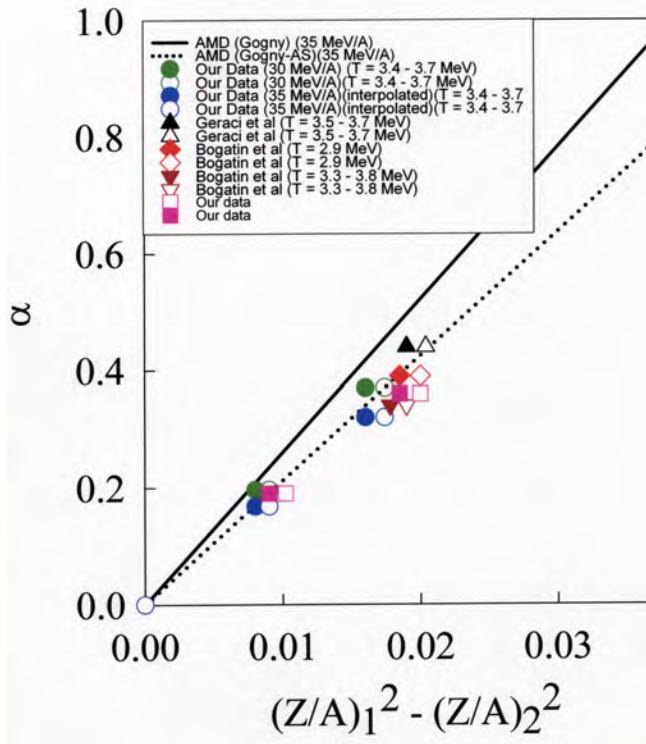
Fusion vs Deep Inelastic reactions

# Studying density dependence of symmetry energy : Multifragmentation

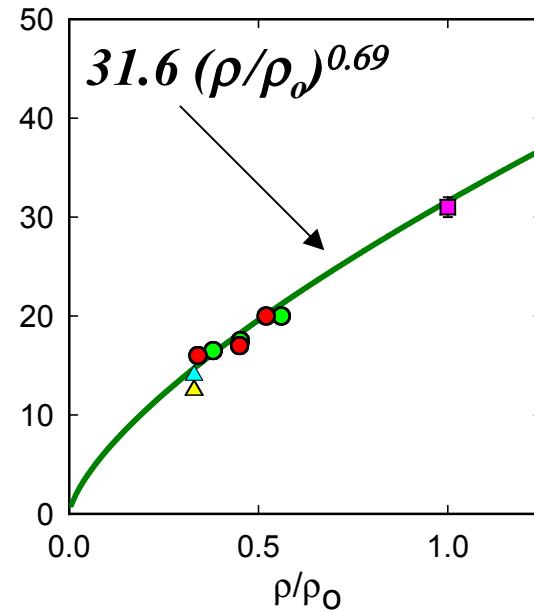


M.B. Tsang et al, Phys. Rev. Lett 68 (2001) 5023

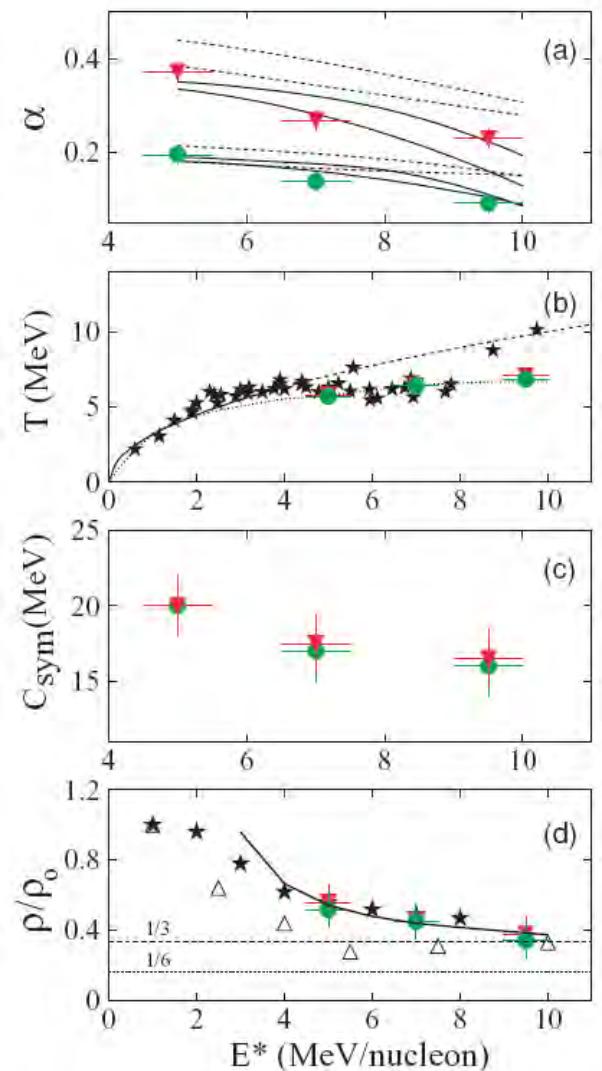
# Dynamical (AMD) Isoscaling



D. V. Shetty et al, PRC 70  
(2004) 011601(R)

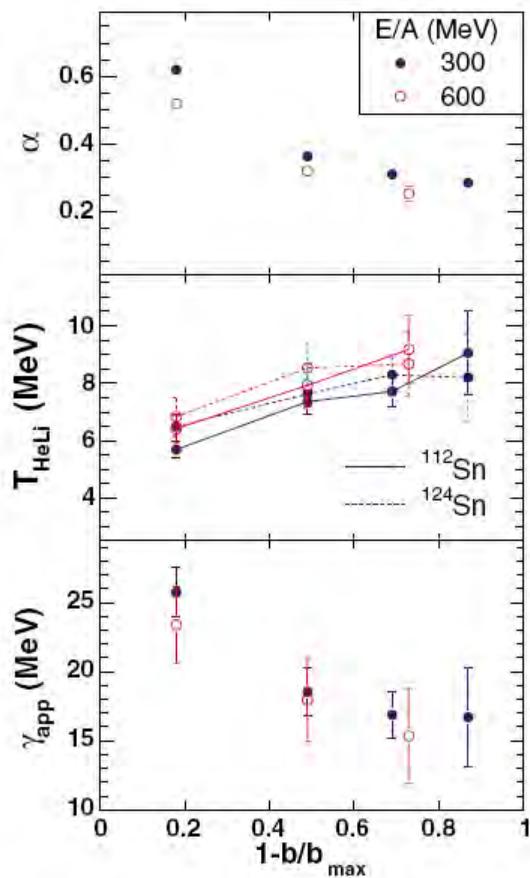


# Statistical (SMM)

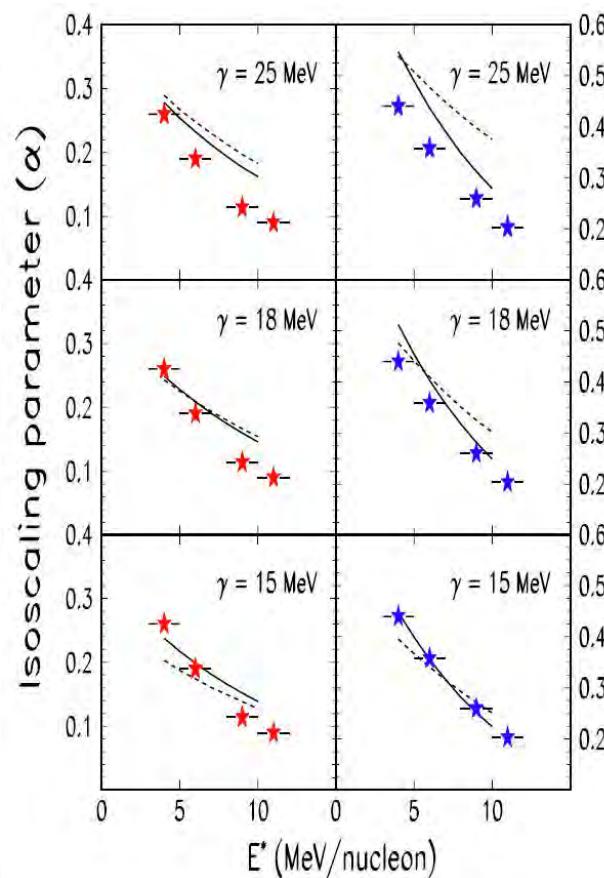


D.V. Shetty et al., PRC  
76 (2007) 024606

# Decrease in Symmetry energy (Expt. Observation)

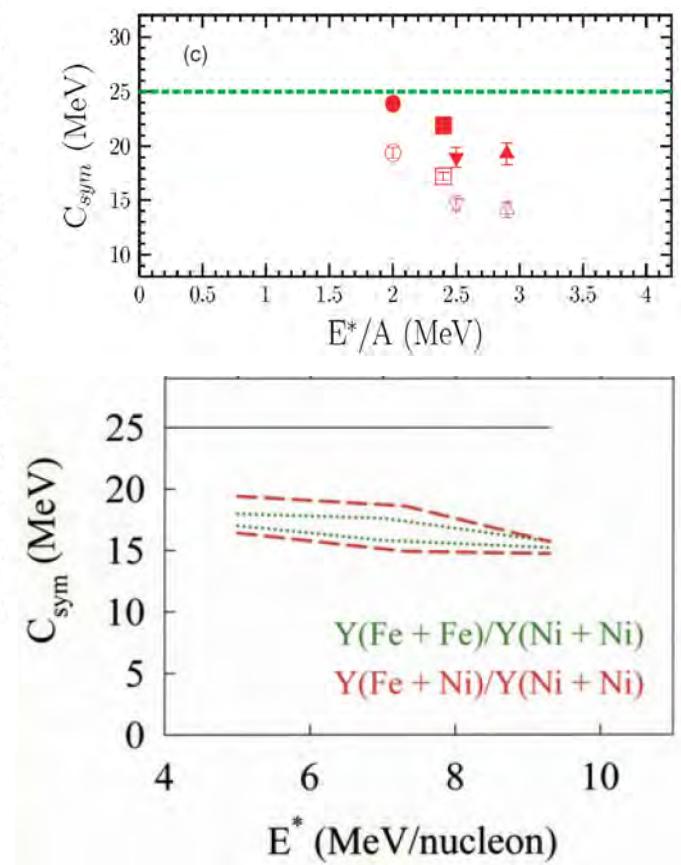


A. Le Fevre et al., PRL 94  
(2005) 162701



J. Iglio et al., PRC 74 (2006)  
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G.A. Souliotis et al., PRC 73 (2006) 024606  
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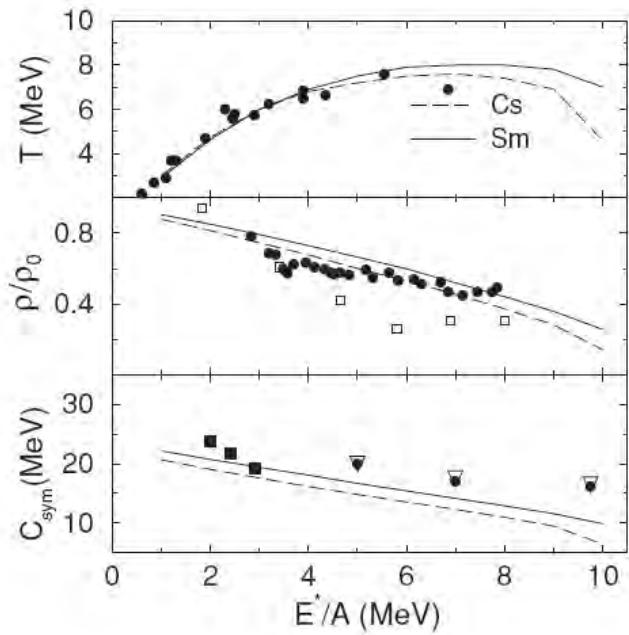


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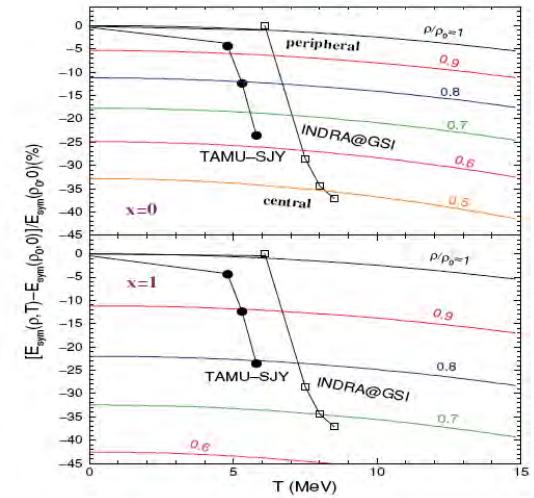
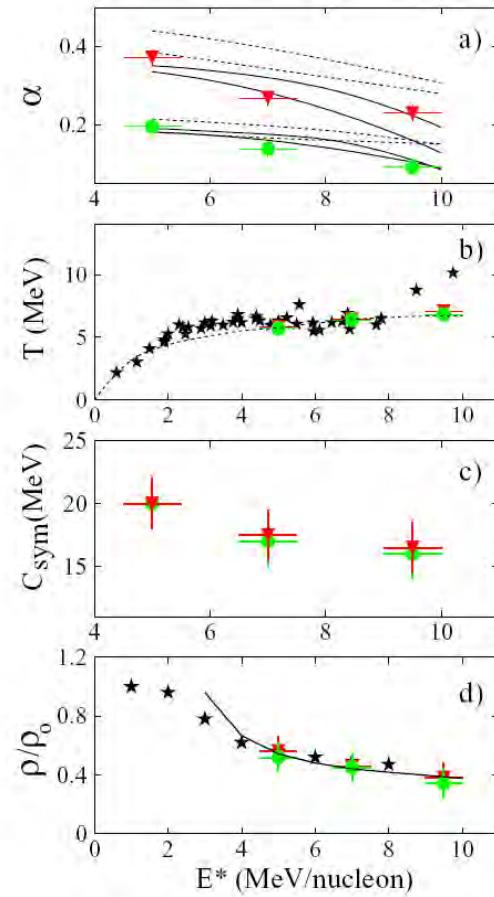


# Decrease due to thermal expansion

- Finite T Thomas-Fermi  
Seyler Blanchard interaction

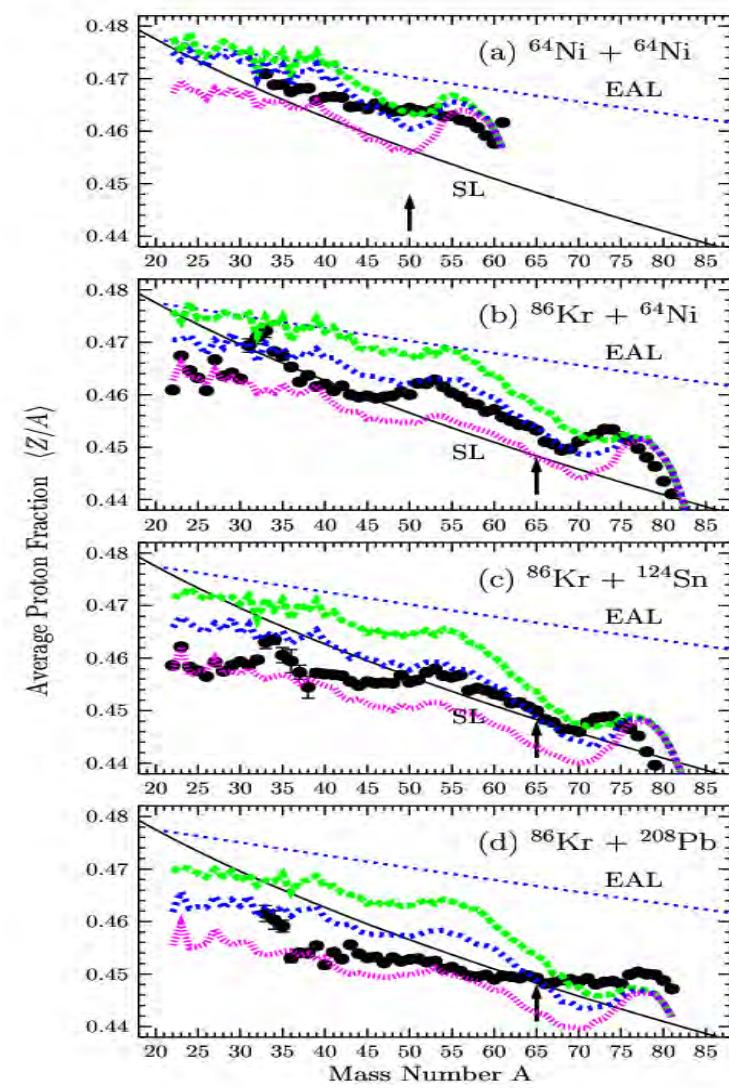
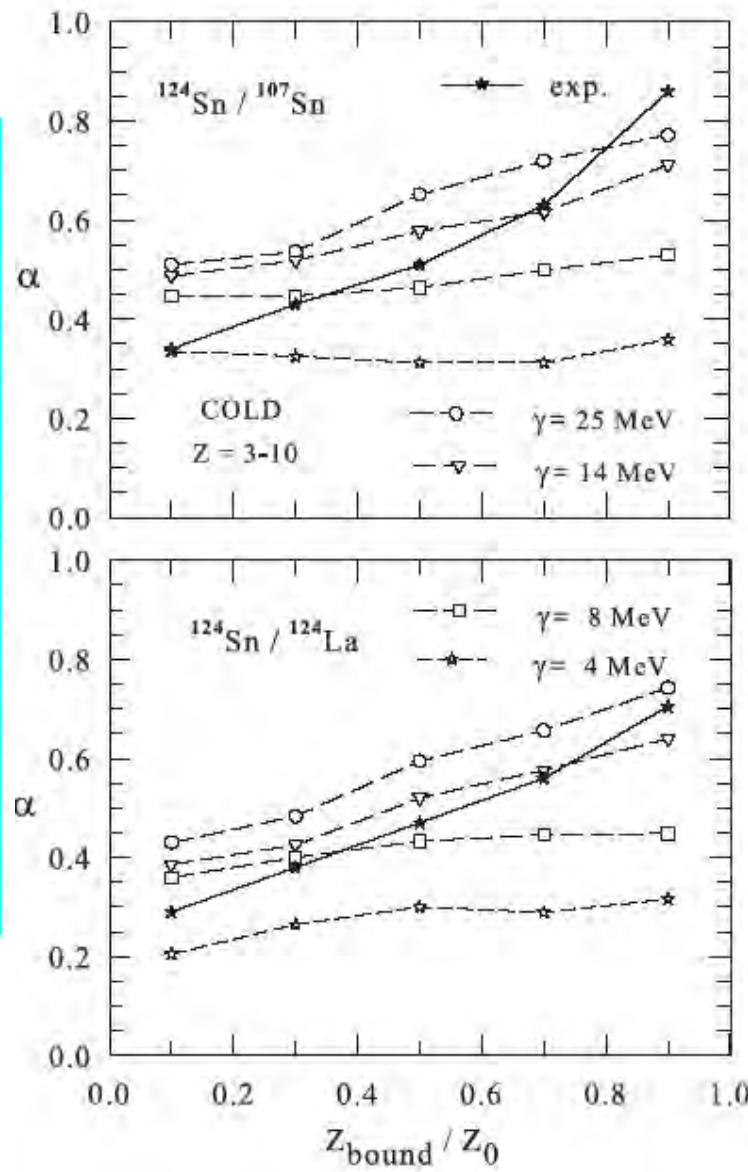


S.K. Samaddar et al., PRC 76  
(2007) 041602



B.A. Li et al., PRC 74 (2006)  
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# Evolving Csym



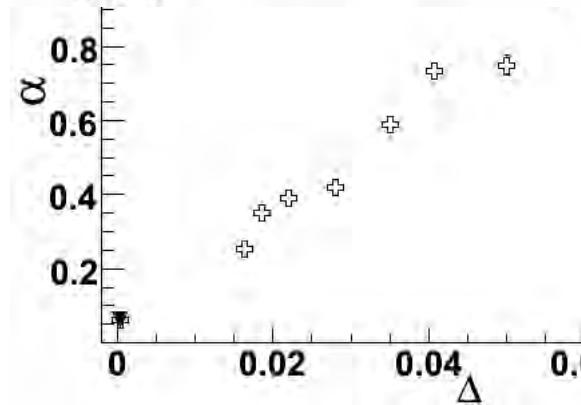
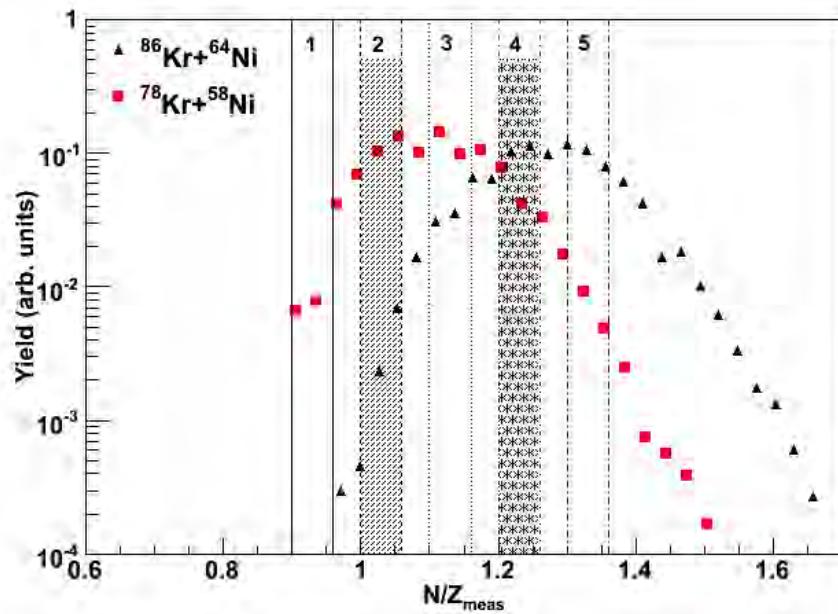
# Reconstructed sources

$^{78}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{86}\text{Kr} + ^{58}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{64}\text{Ni}$

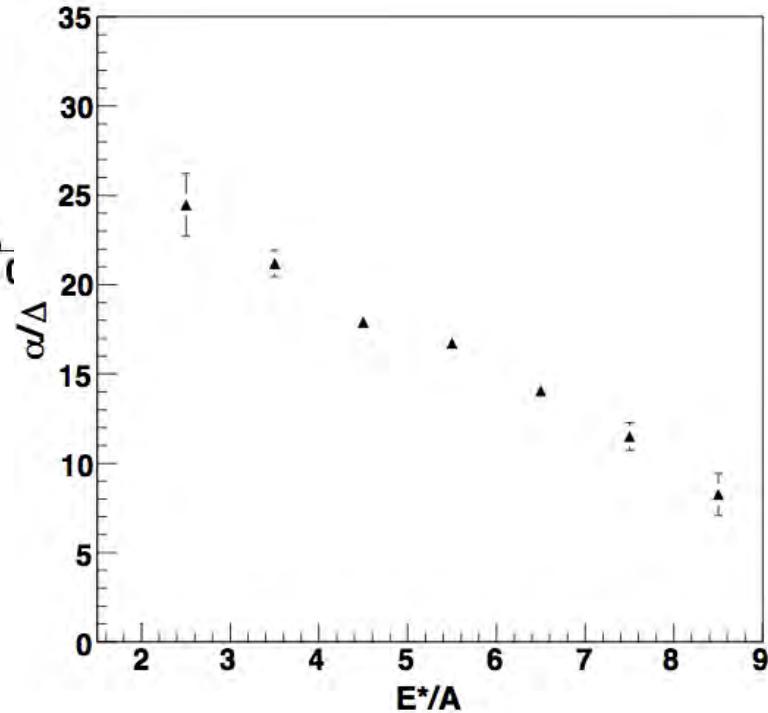
35 MeV/nucleon

NIMROD-ISiS

(includes free neutrons)



$$\frac{\alpha}{\Delta} = \frac{4C_{\text{sym}}}{T}$$



# Mirror nuclei ratios in well defined systems

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Landau expansion of free energy near the critical point

$$\frac{F}{T} = \frac{1}{2}am^2 + \frac{1}{4}bm^4 + \frac{1}{6}cm^6 - \frac{H}{T}m$$

**m (=N-Z)/A:** Order parameter  
**H :** External field

$$\frac{H}{T} = am_s (1 + \text{Higher order terms in 'm' and 'm}_s')$$

For mirror nuclei yield ratio (ignoring the higher order terms)

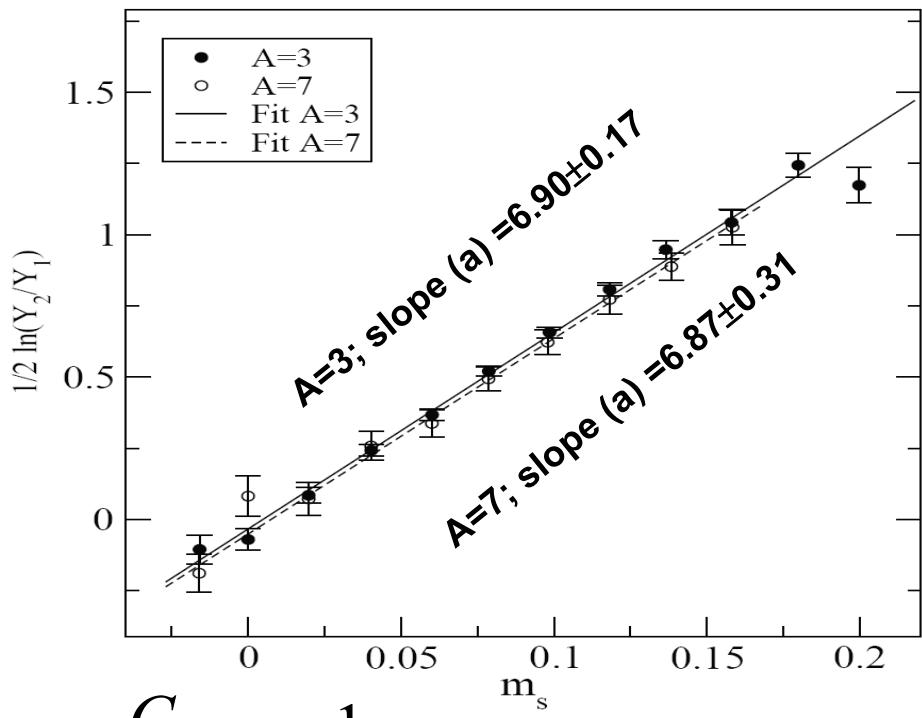
$$\frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{Y_2}{Y_1} \right) = am_s$$

$$\frac{C_{Sym}}{T} \approx \frac{1}{2}a$$

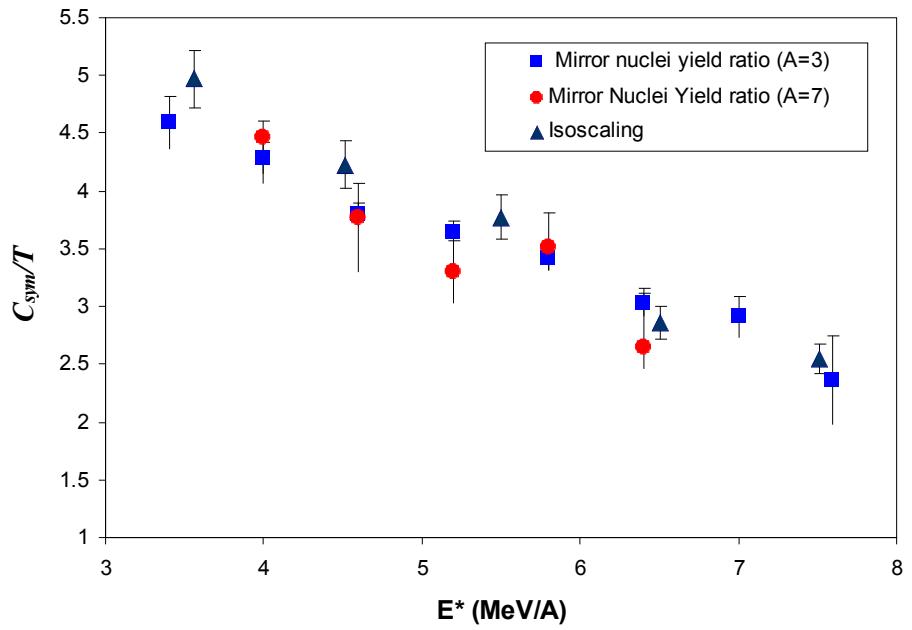
Source Isospin

## Average ratios ( $A=3$ and $A=7$ ) from four different reaction systems

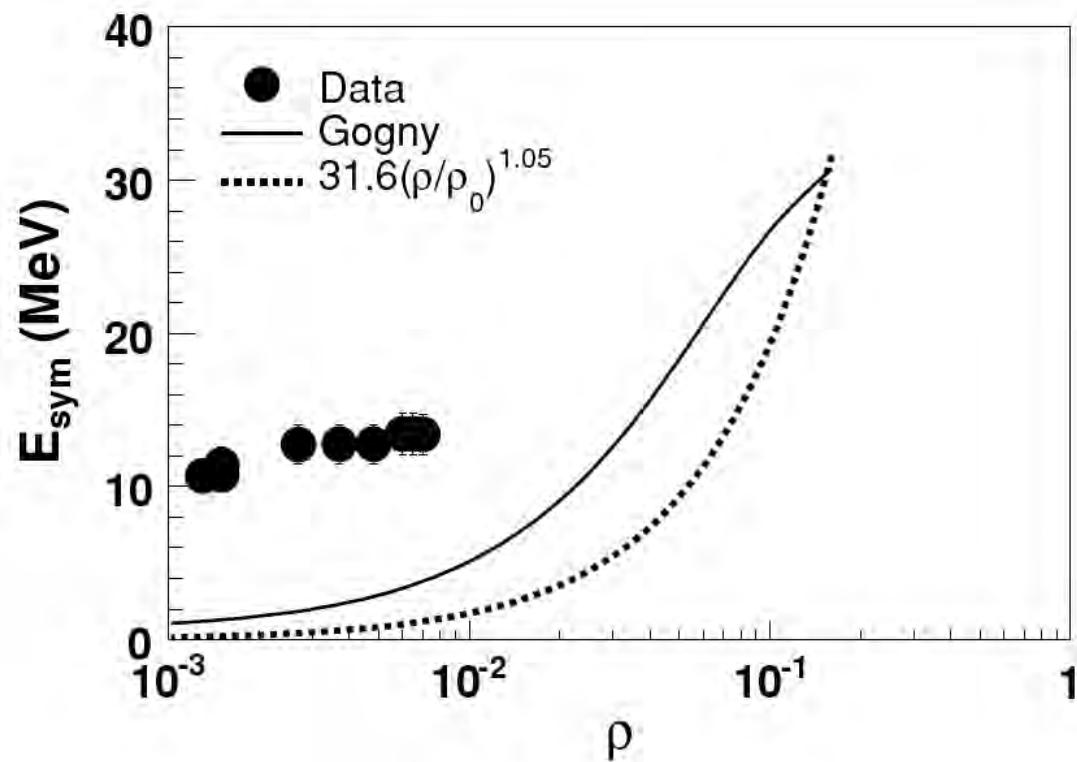
$^{78,86}\text{Kr} + ^{58,64}\text{Ni}$  ( $E_{\text{lab}} = 35 \text{ MeV/A}$ )



$$\frac{C_{\text{Sym}}}{T} \approx \frac{1}{2} a$$



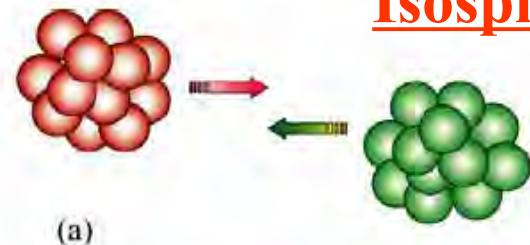
# Low density



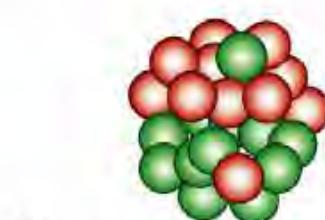
clusters matter  
Entropy

Kowalski, C 75, 014601 (2007)

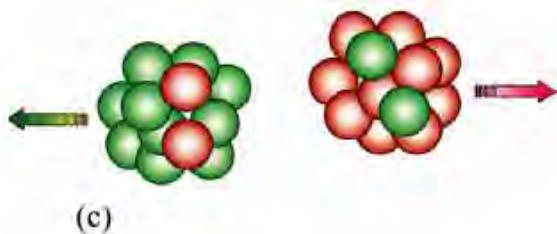
# Isospin Equilibration / Diffusion



## Isospin Diffusion/Transport



(b)



(c)

Particle Flux:

$$\Gamma_i = n_i (\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i - \underline{\mathbf{v}}),$$

Isospin Flow:

$$\Gamma_I = \Gamma_n - \Gamma_p = -n D_I \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \mathbf{r}}.$$

Isospin diffusion coefficient  $D_I$   
depends on the symmetry potential

*L. Shi and P. Danielewicz,*

*Phys. Rev. C68, 017601 (2003).*

How to measure  
Isospin  
Diffusion?

F. Rami et al. (FOPI/GSI) **PRL84, 1120 (2000)**

A measure of isospin transport in the reaction A+B  
using any isospin tracer X

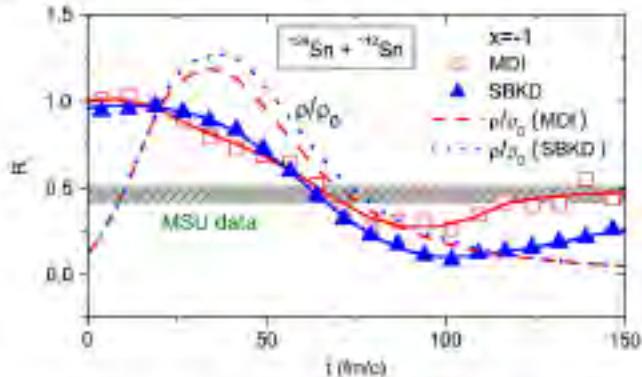
$$R_X = \frac{2 X^{A+B} - X^{A+A} - X^{B+B}}{X^{A+A} - X^{B+B}}$$

**A+A,B+B,A+B**  
**X: isospin tracer**

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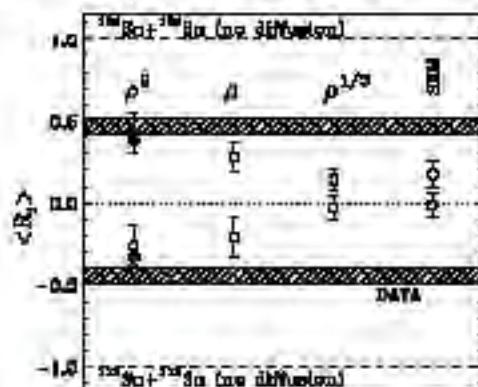
# MSU data

$x = \alpha$



Comparison to IBUU04,  $b=6$  fm (B.A. Li)  
Best agreement for **asy-stiff**:  $x=-1 \equiv \gamma=1$

$x = \alpha$  (Tsang PRL 92 (2004) 062701)

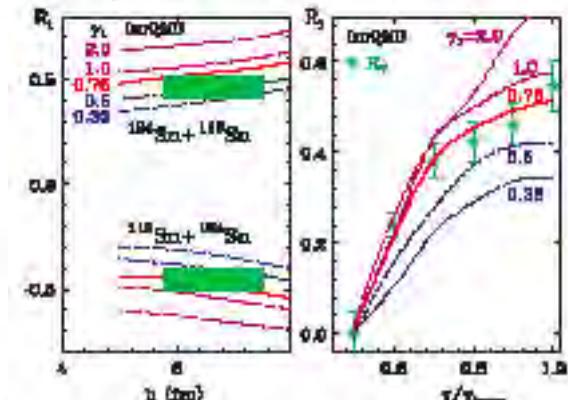


Comparison to BUU97 (B. A. Li)  
**asy-stiff**  $\gamma \sim 2$

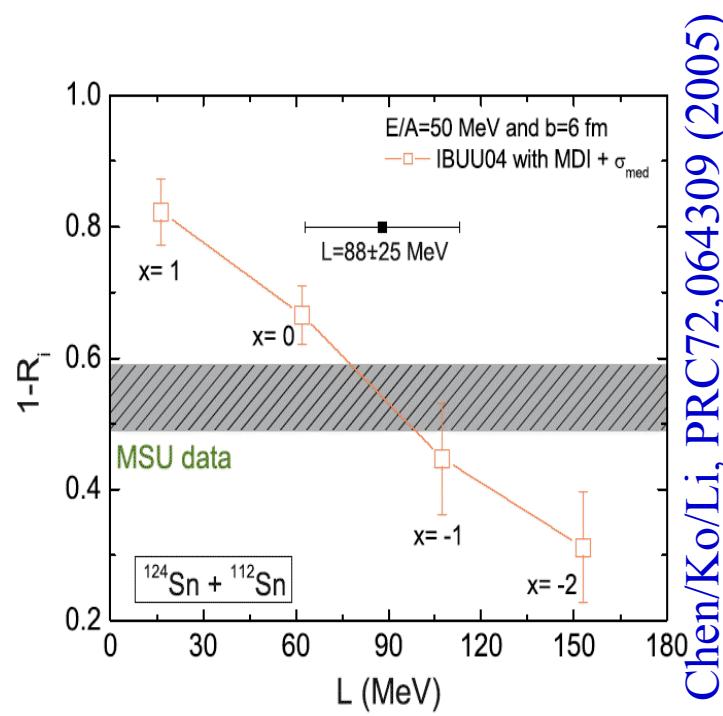
$x = \alpha$  (left) and  $R_7$  (right \*)

both agree in QP region

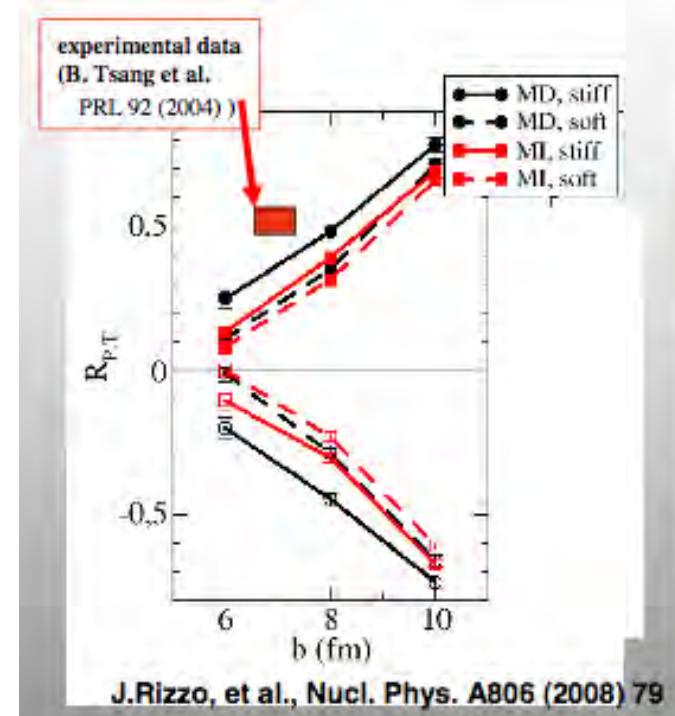
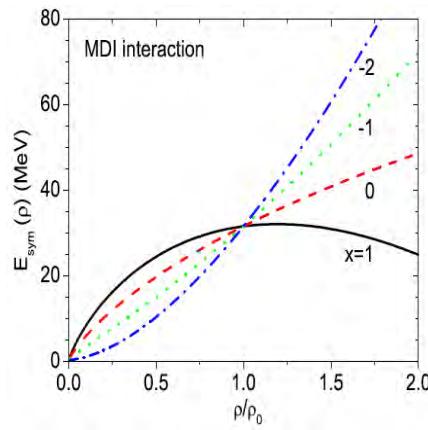
$y/y_{beam} > 0.7$  (Tsang PRL 102 (2004) 122701)



Comparison ImQMD (Z. Li):  
**asy-soft**  $\gamma \sim 0.7$

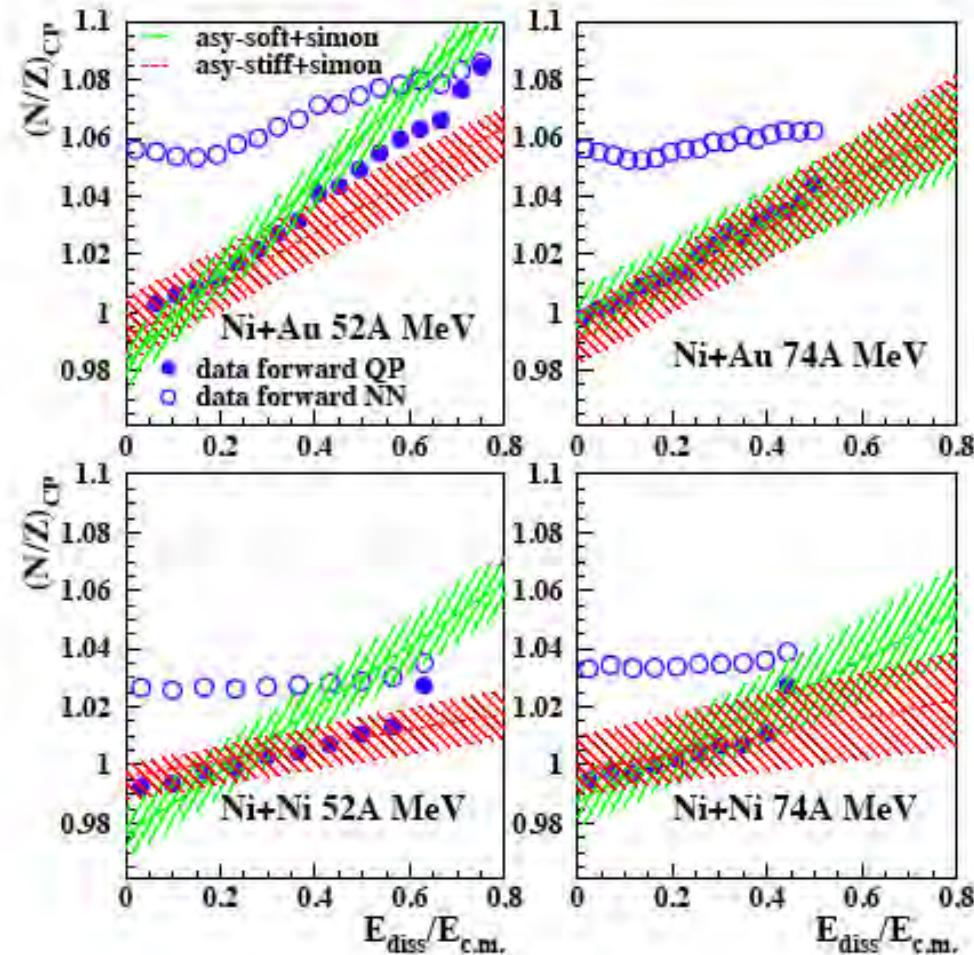


Chen/Ko/Li, PRC72, 064309 (2005)

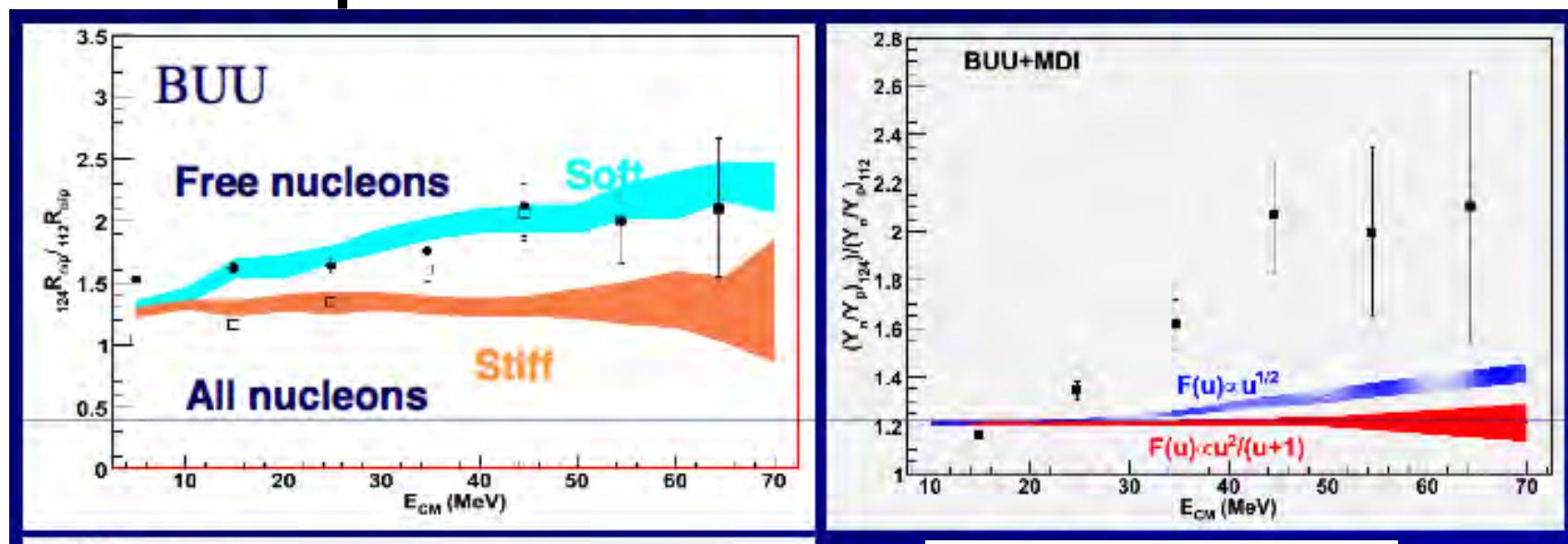


J.Rizzo, et al., Nucl. Phys. A806 (2008) 79

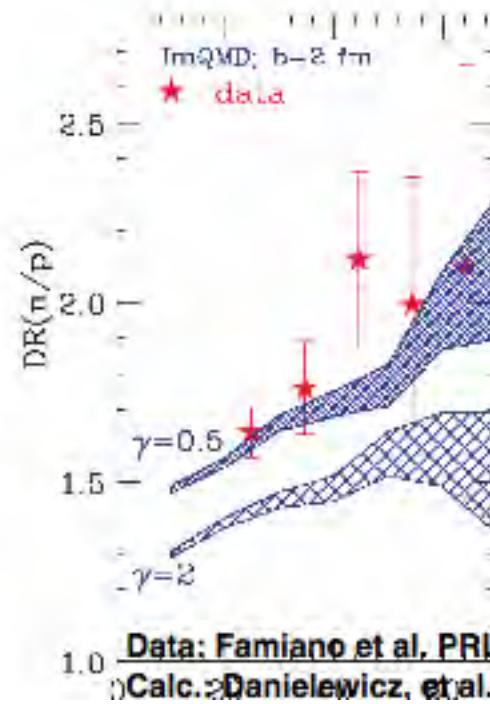
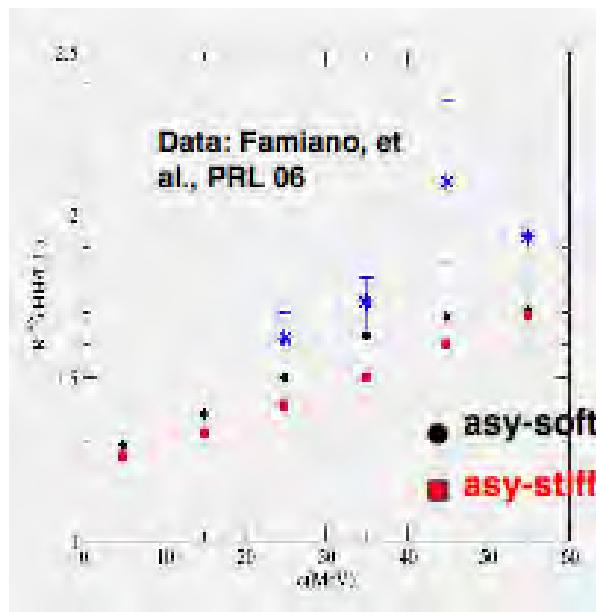
# INDRA Data



# n/p ratios $^{124}\text{Sn} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$ , $^{112}\text{Sn} + ^{112}\text{Sn}$



Famiano, 2006 (Li, 1997)

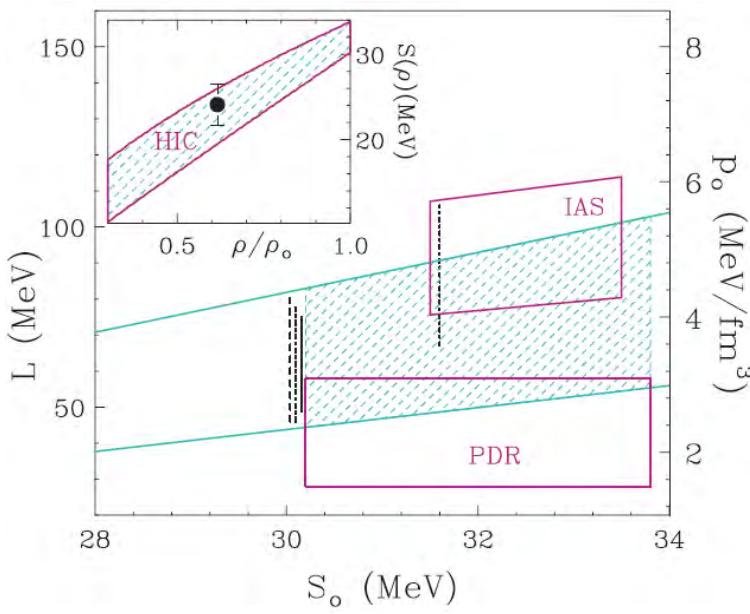
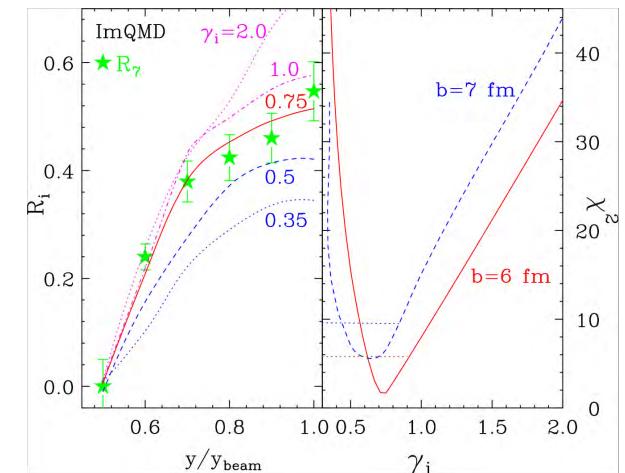
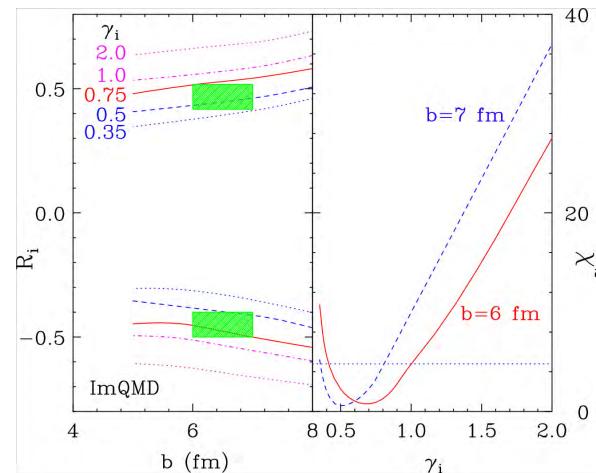
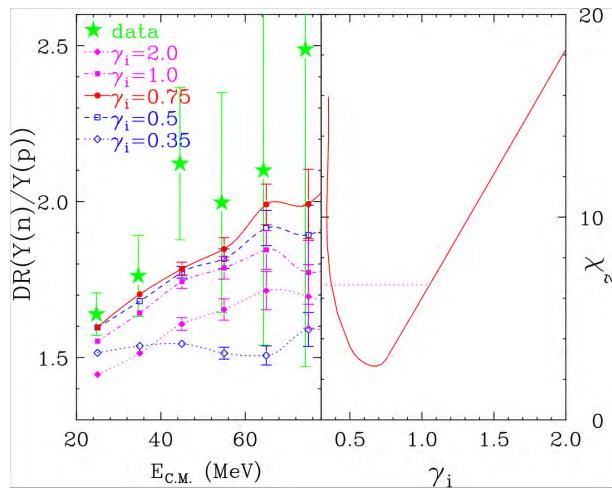


SMF simulations V. Baran 07

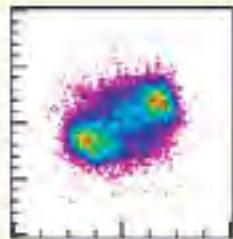
# Isospin diffusion and double n/p ratio

ImQMD: n/p ratios and two isospin diffusion measurements

Tsang/Zhang/Danielewicz/Famiano/Li/Lynch/Steiner, PRL 102, 122701 (2009)

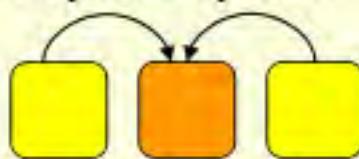


**ImQMD: Isospin Diffusion and double n/p ratio →**  
 $E_{sym}(\rho_0)=28 - 34 \text{ MeV}$   
 $L=38 - 103 \text{ MeV}$



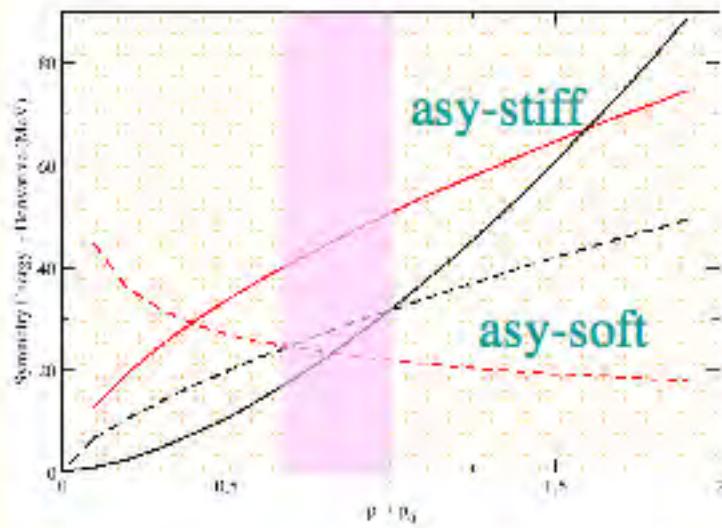
## Isospin migration in neck fragmentation

Asymmetry flux



$$\rho_{\text{IMF}} < \rho_{\text{PLF(TLF)}}$$

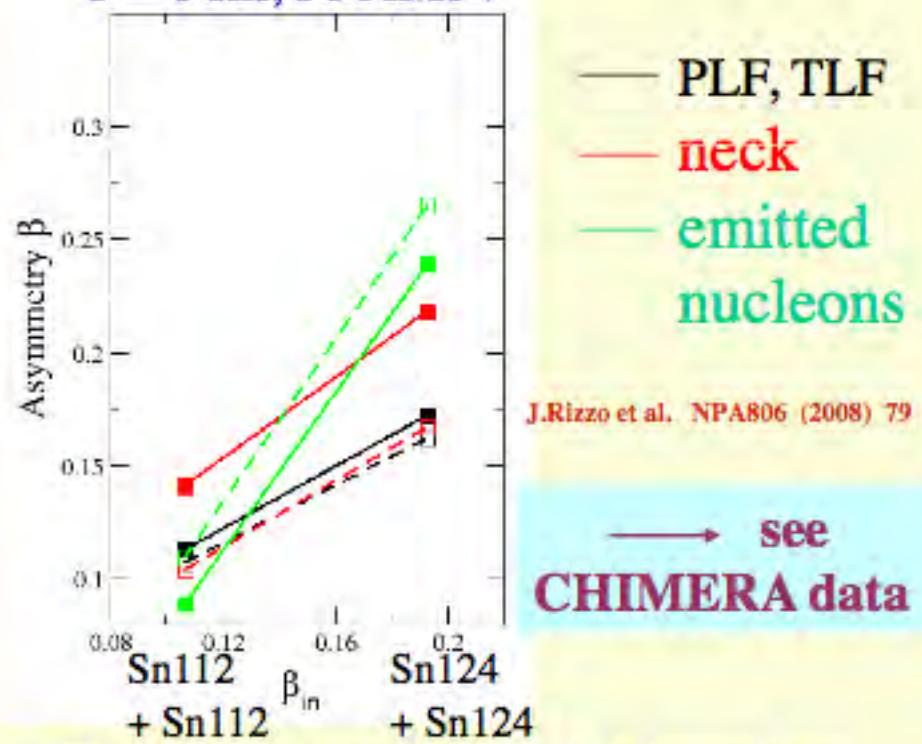
Density gradients  $\rightarrow$  derivative of  $E_{\text{sym}}$



Larger derivative with asy-stiff  $\rightarrow$   
larger isospin migration effects

- Transfer of asymmetry from PLF and TLF to the low density neck region: **neutron enrichment of the neck region**
- Effect related to the derivative of the symmetry energy with respect to density

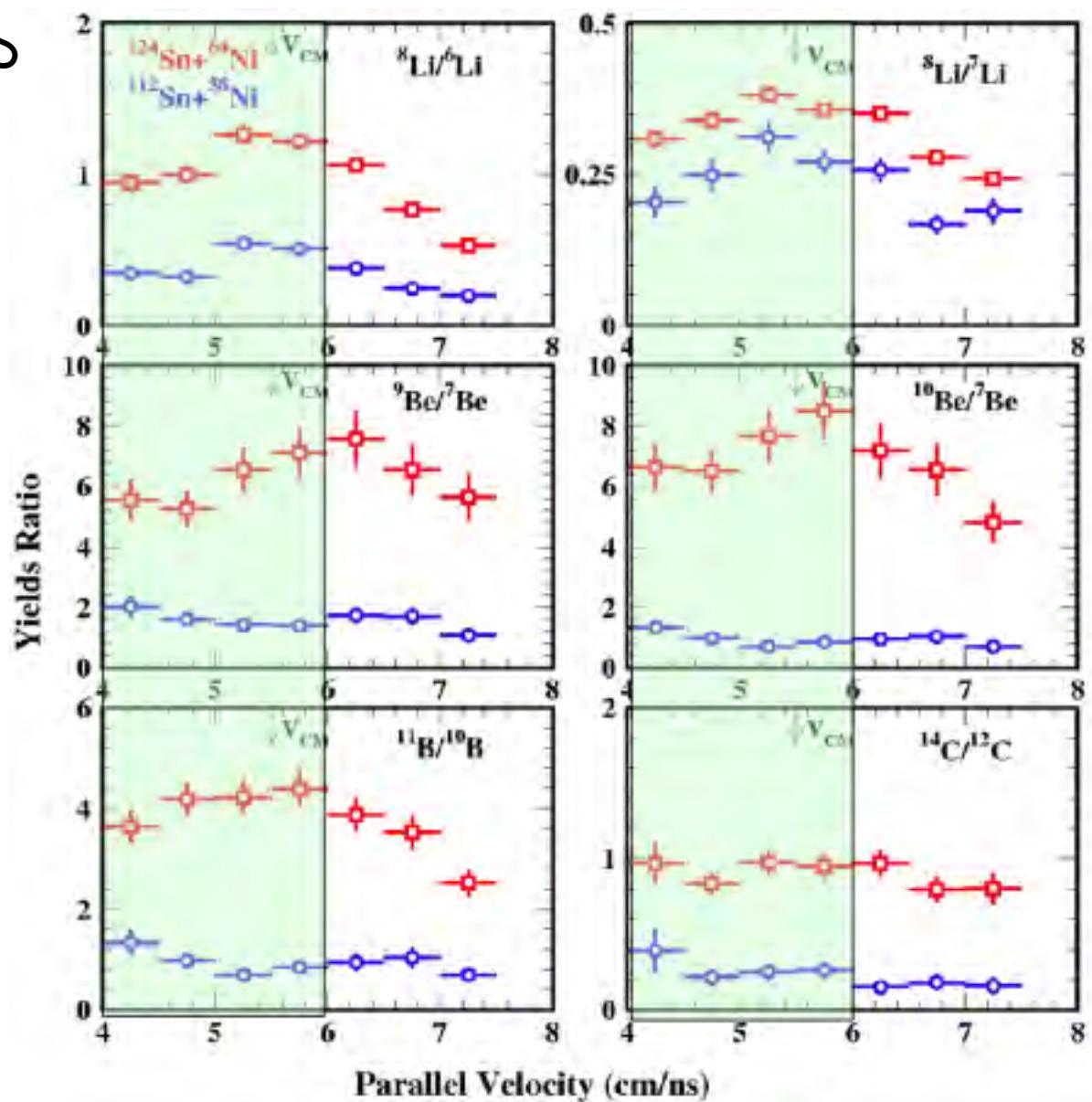
$b = 6 \text{ fm}, 50 \text{ AMeV}$



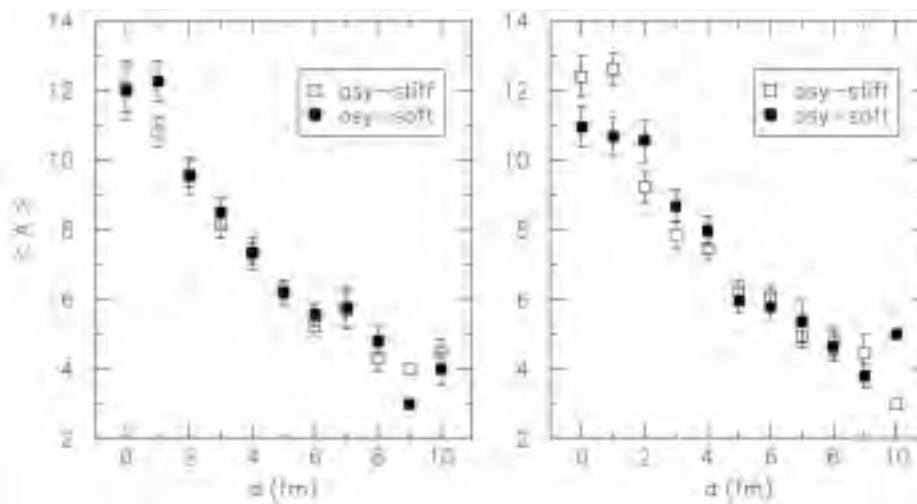
The asymmetry of the neck is larger than  
the asymmetry of PLF (TLF) in the stiff case

**ISOTOPIC RATIOS FOR LIGHT FRAGMENTS  
(Z=3-6) IN THE 35/A.MeV  
NEUTRON RICH  $^{124}\text{Sn}+^{64}\text{Ni}$  AND  
NEUTRON POOR  $^{112}\text{Sn} + ^{58}\text{Ni}$   
REACTIONS**

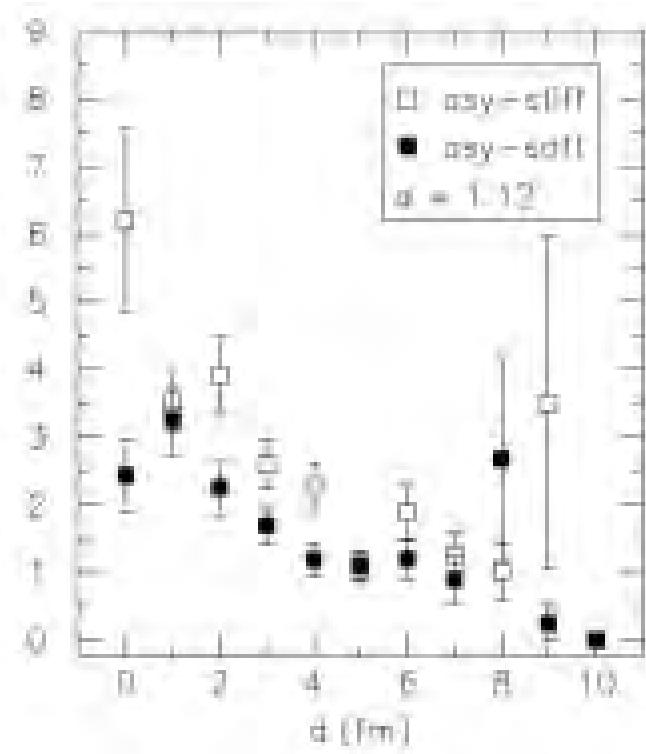
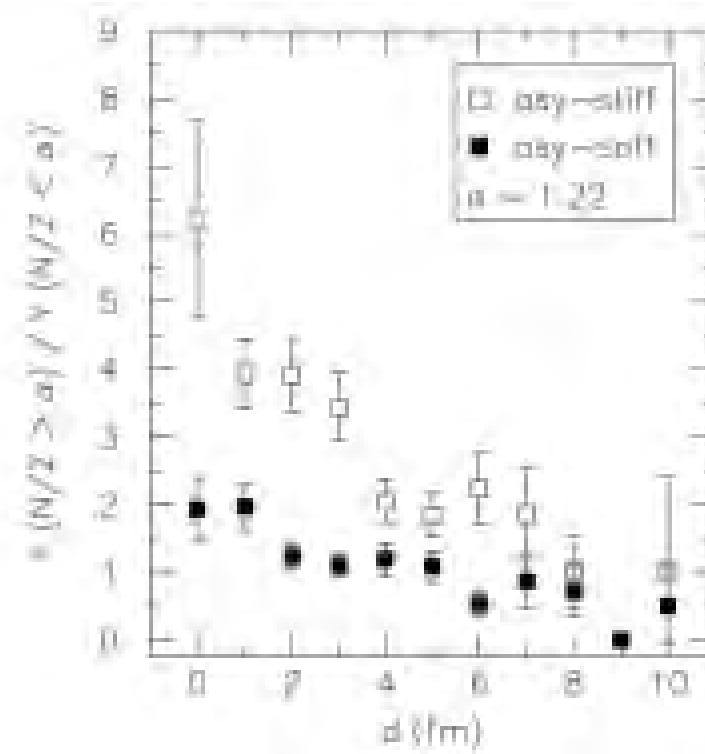
Enhancement  
In n-rich fragments  
for mid velocity



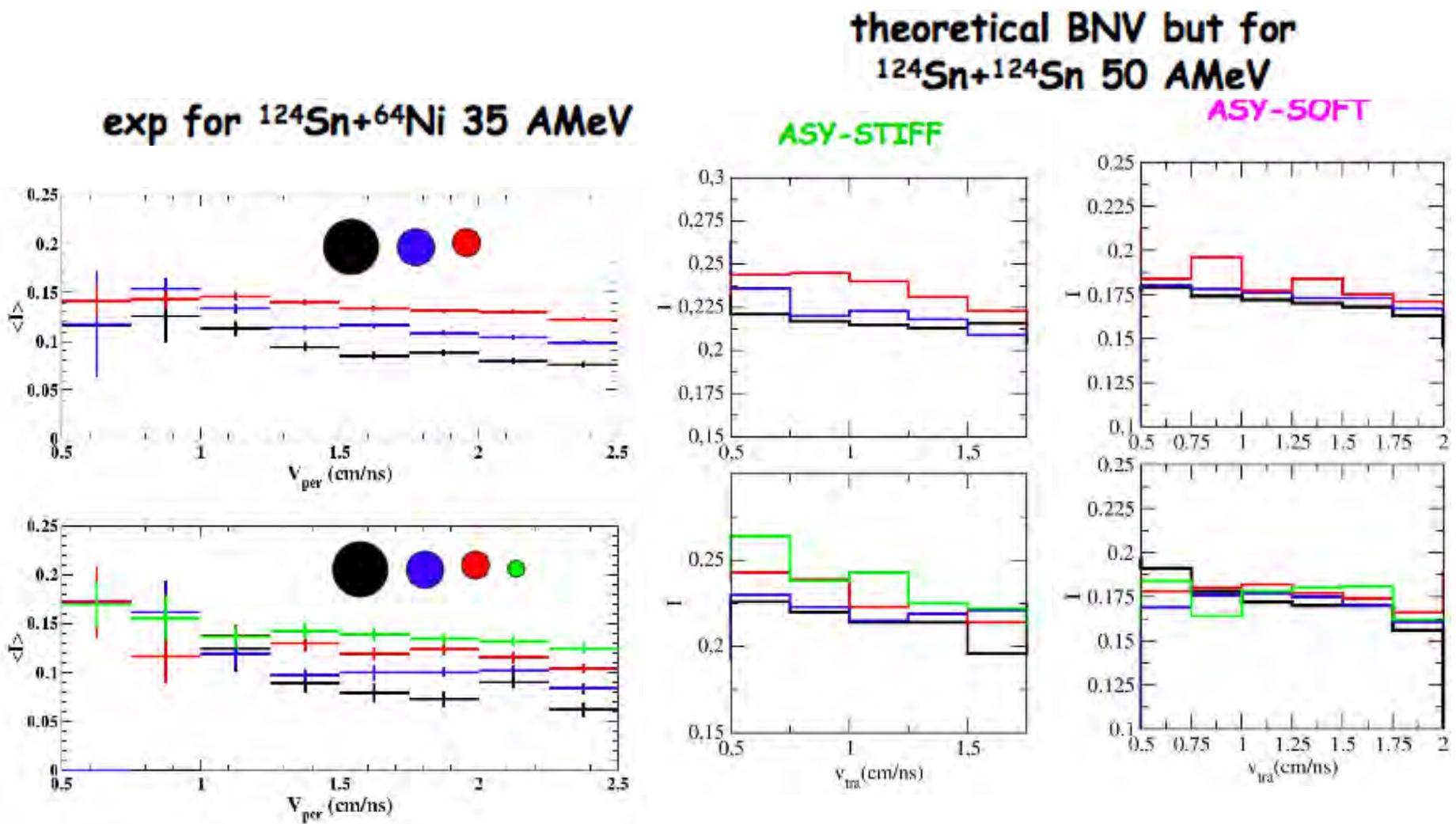
*E. De Filippo et al., Acta Physica Polonica B37, 199, 2006;  
P. Russotto, Procs of IWM 05, pp. 13, ed. SIF, 2006.*



$^{58}\text{Fe} + ^{58}\text{Fe}$  ( $N/Z = 1.23$ ) and  
 $^{58}\text{Ni} + ^{58}\text{Ni}$  ( $N/Z = 1.07$ ), at  $47\text{A}$  MeV



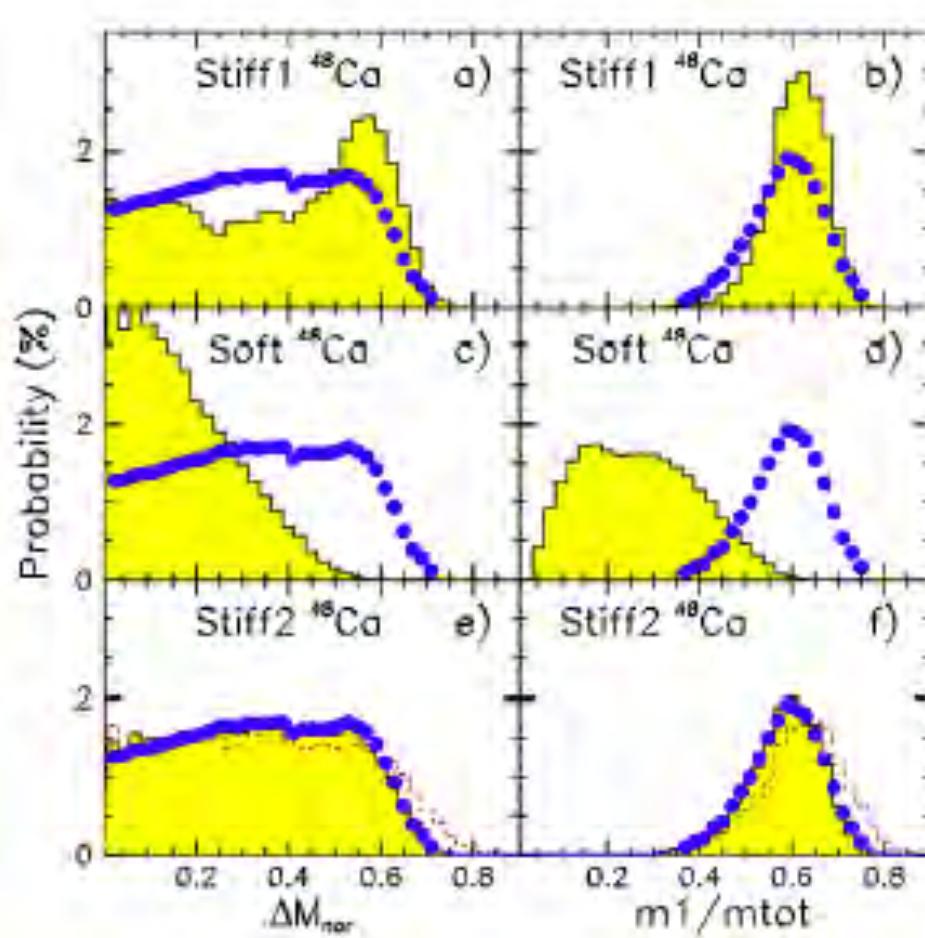
# Isospin and fragment hierarchy



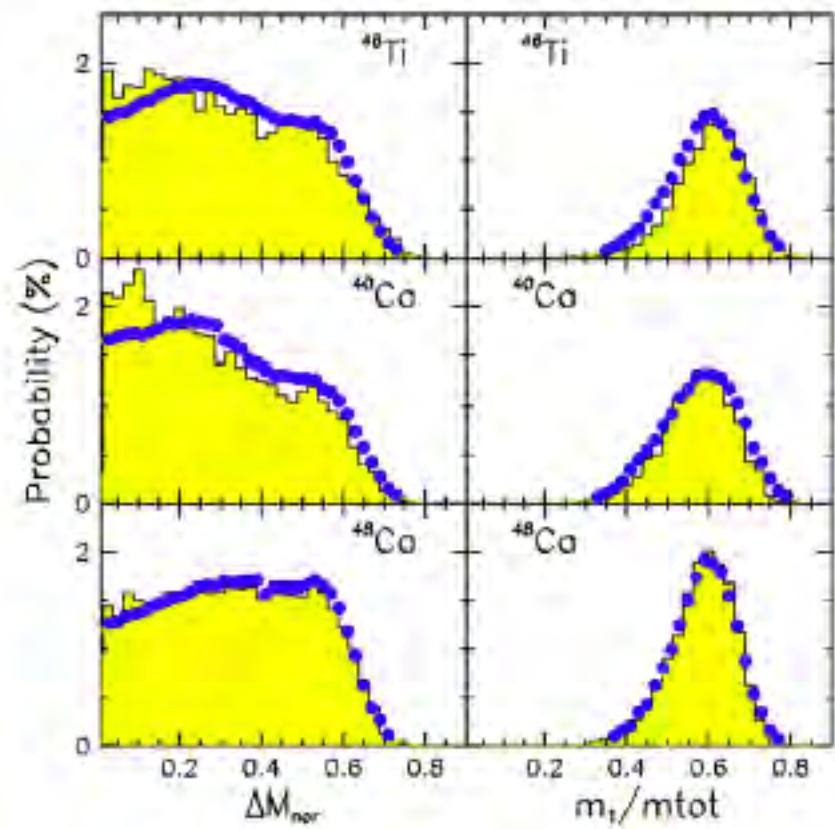
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# Fusion vs Deep Inelastic in Central collisions



$^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{40}\text{Ca}, ^{48}\text{Ca}, ^{46}\text{Ti}$  at 25 MeV/A

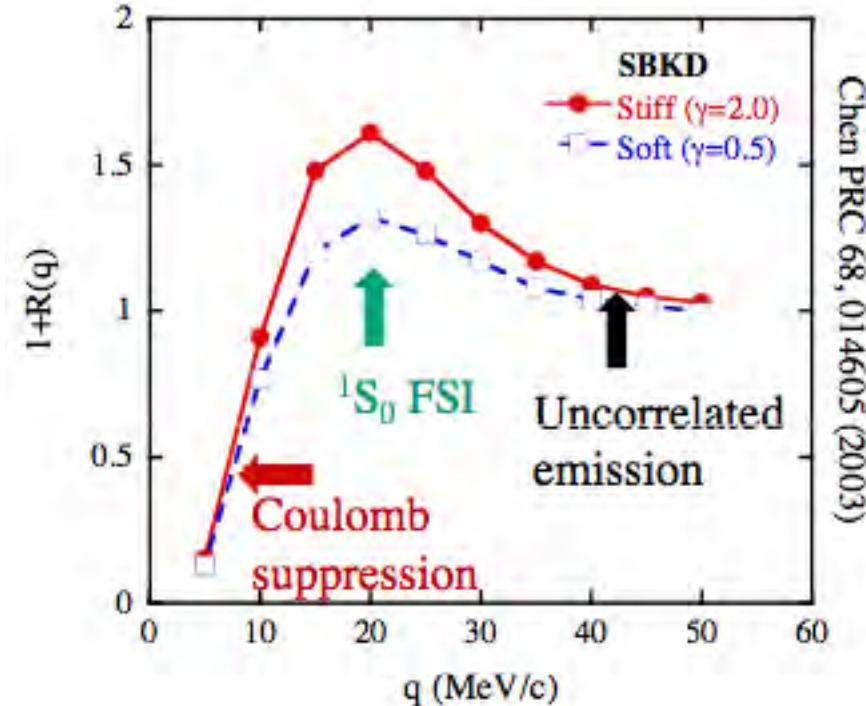
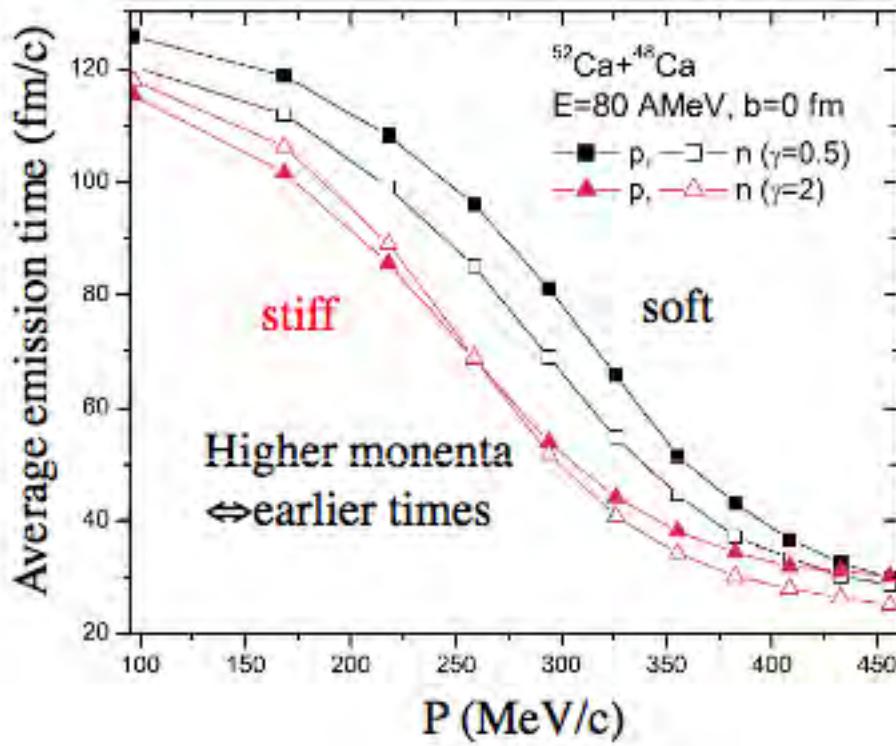


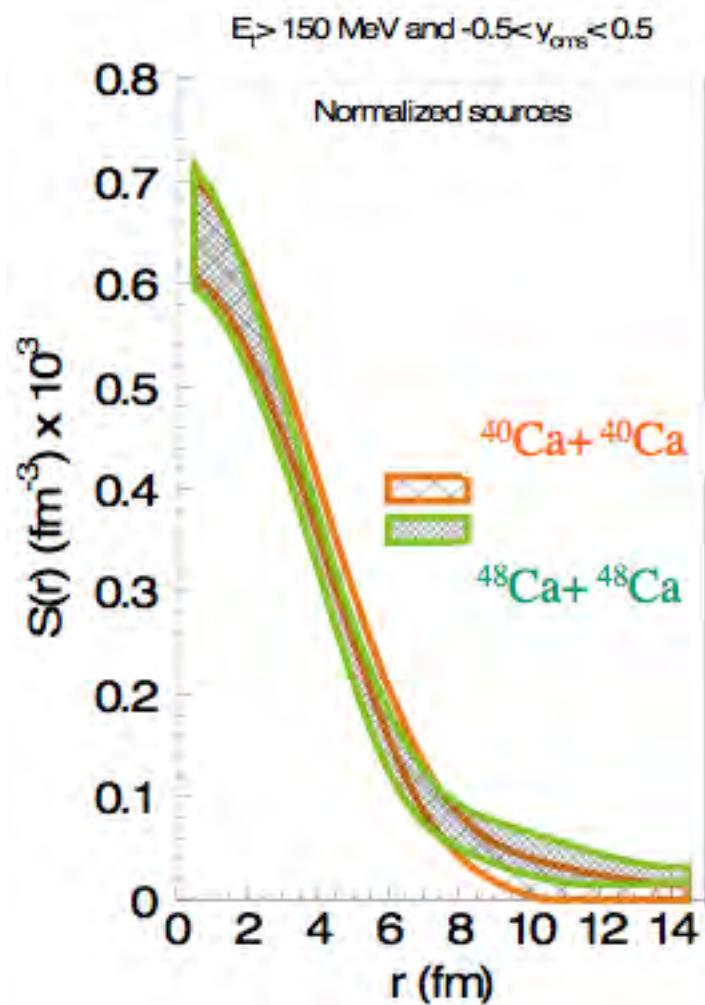
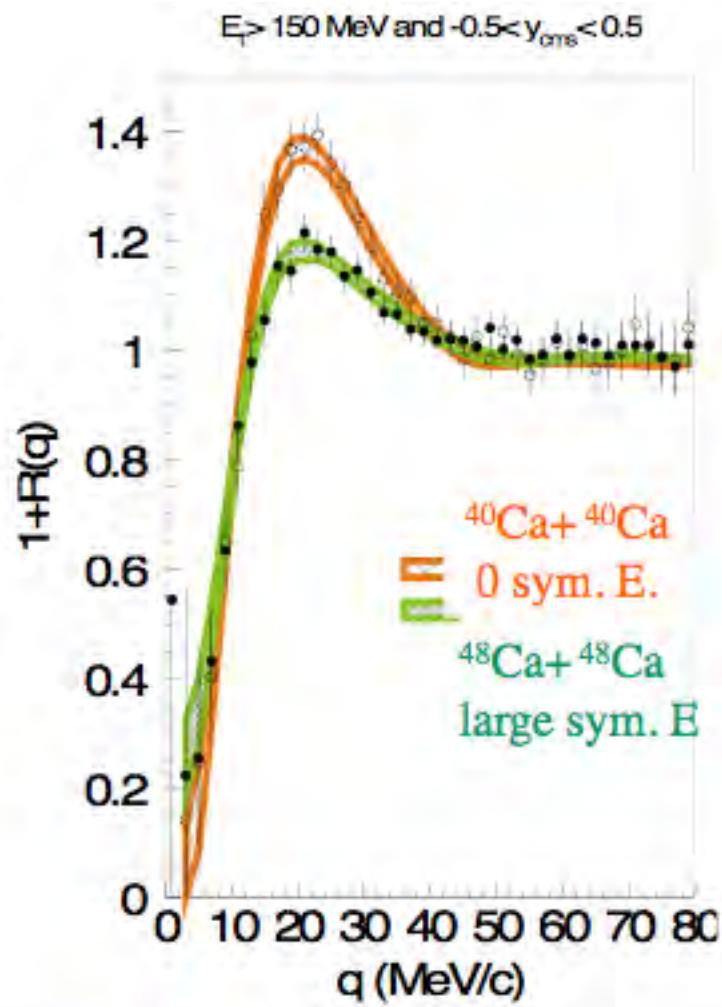
Amorini et al. PRL 102 (2009) 112701

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# Correlation functions

Chen PRC 68, 014605 (2003)





# Nuclear Mass in Thomas-Fermi Model

Myers/Swiatecki, NPA 601, 141 (1996)

Thomas-Fermi Model analysis of 1654 ground state mass of nuclei with  $N, Z \geq 8$

- Four Liquid Drop Properties

Radius constant of nuclear matter

$$r_0 = 1.14 \text{ fm}$$

Volume binding coefficient

$$a_1 = 16.24 \text{ MeV}$$

Symmetry energy coefficient

$$J = 32.65 \text{ MeV}$$

Surface energy coefficient

$$a_2 = 18.63 \text{ MeV}$$

- Five Droplet Model Properties [26]

Compressibility coefficient

$$K = 234 \text{ MeV}$$

Curvature energy coefficient

$$a_3 = 12.1 \text{ MeV}$$

Neutron skin stiffness coefficient

$$Q = 35.4 \text{ MeV}$$

Density-symmetry coefficient

$$L = 49.9 \text{ MeV}$$

Symmetry anharmonicity coefficient

$$M = 7.2 \text{ MeV.}$$

Thomas-Fermi Model + Nuclear Mass  $\rightarrow E_{\text{sym}}(p_0) = 32.65 \text{ MeV} L = 49.9 \text{ MeV}$

# $E_{\text{sym}}$ : Pygmy Dipole Resonances

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 76, 051603(R) (2007)

## Nuclear symmetry energy and neutron skins derived from pygmy dipole resonances

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(LAND Collaboration)

using the experimental pygmy strength, parameters of the nuclear symmetry energy ( $a_4 = 32.0 \pm 1.8$  MeV and  $p_0 = 2.3 \pm 0.8$  MeV/fm<sup>3</sup>) are deduced as well as neutron-skin thicknesses  $R_n - R_p$  of  $0.24 \pm 0.04$  fm for <sup>132</sup>Sn

**Pygmy Dipole Resonances of <sup>130,132</sup>Sn →  $E_{\text{sym}}(p_0) = 32 \pm 1.8$  MeV L =  $43.125 \pm 15$  MeV**

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 81, 041301(R) (2010)

## Constraints on the symmetry energy and neutron skins from pygmy resonances in <sup>68</sup>Ni and <sup>132</sup>Sn

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**Pygmy Dipole Resonances of <sup>68</sup>Ni and <sup>132</sup>Sn →  $E_{\text{sym}}(p_0) = 32.3 \pm 1.3$  MeV, L =  $64.8 \pm 15.7$  MeV**



# $E_{\text{sym}}$ : IAS+LDM

## $E_{\text{sym}}$ from Isobaric Analog States + Liquid Drop model with surface symmetry energy

tions, especially for the slope scaled with  $a_a^V$ . Thus, e.g. the analysis of excitation energies of isobaric analog states [97,98] yields independent values of  $a_a^V$  and  $a_a^S$ . While the volume symmetry coefficient from this type of analysis,  $a_a^V \simeq (31.5\text{--}33.5) \text{ MeV}$ , comes out quite in the middle of values found for the Skyrme interactions, the surface symmetry coefficient,  $a_a^S \simeq (9.5\text{--}12) \text{ MeV}$ , comes out right at the lower end of the values encountered for the Skyrme interactions. The coefficient ratio from that analysis is in the range  $a_a^V/a_a^S \simeq (2.8\text{--}3.3)$ . That ratio produces the effective surface displacement in the range of  $\Delta_e R = (r_0/3)(a_a^V/a_a^S) \simeq (1.06\text{--}1.26) \text{ fm}$ . Moreover, Figs. 14 and 15 yield the respective ranges of  $\Delta R^0 \simeq (0.85\text{--}1.05) \text{ fm}$  and  $L/a_a^V \simeq (2.4\text{--}3.4)$  or  $L \simeq (78\text{--}111) \text{ MeV}$ . The analysis [97,98] is relatively model-independent, provided the curvature effects play little role for heavier nuclei. If the latter were not the case, though, a bit softer symmetry energy would need to be deduced.

**IAS+Liquid Drop Model with Surface Esym →**  
 **$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0)=32.5 \pm 1 \text{ MeV } L=94.5 \pm 16.5 \text{ MeV}$**

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# Droplet Model Analysis on Neutron Skin

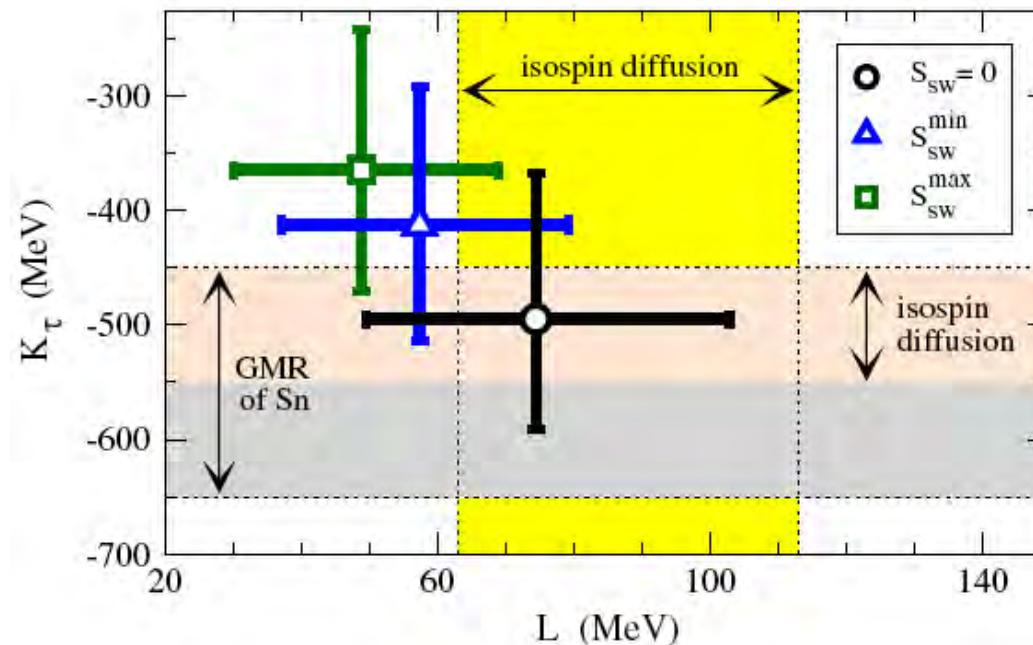
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## Nuclear Symmetry Energy Probed by Neutron Skin Thickness of Nuclei

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meaningful [26]. We first set  $b_n = b_p$  (i.e.,  $S_{sw} = 0$ ) as done in the DM [12,23,26] and in the analysis of data in Ref. [19]. Following the above, we find  $L = 75 \pm 25$  MeV

extremes of  $S_{sw}$  according to mean field models. The results are shown in Fig. 3. Our above estimates of  $L$  and  $K_\tau$  could be shifted by up to  $-25$  and  $+125$  MeV, respec-

**Droplet Model + N-skin  $\rightarrow E_{sym}(\rho_0) = 31.6$  MeV,  $L = 66.5 \pm 36.5$  MeV**

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**Neutron skin thickness in the droplet model with surface width dependence: Indications of softness of the nuclear symmetry energy**

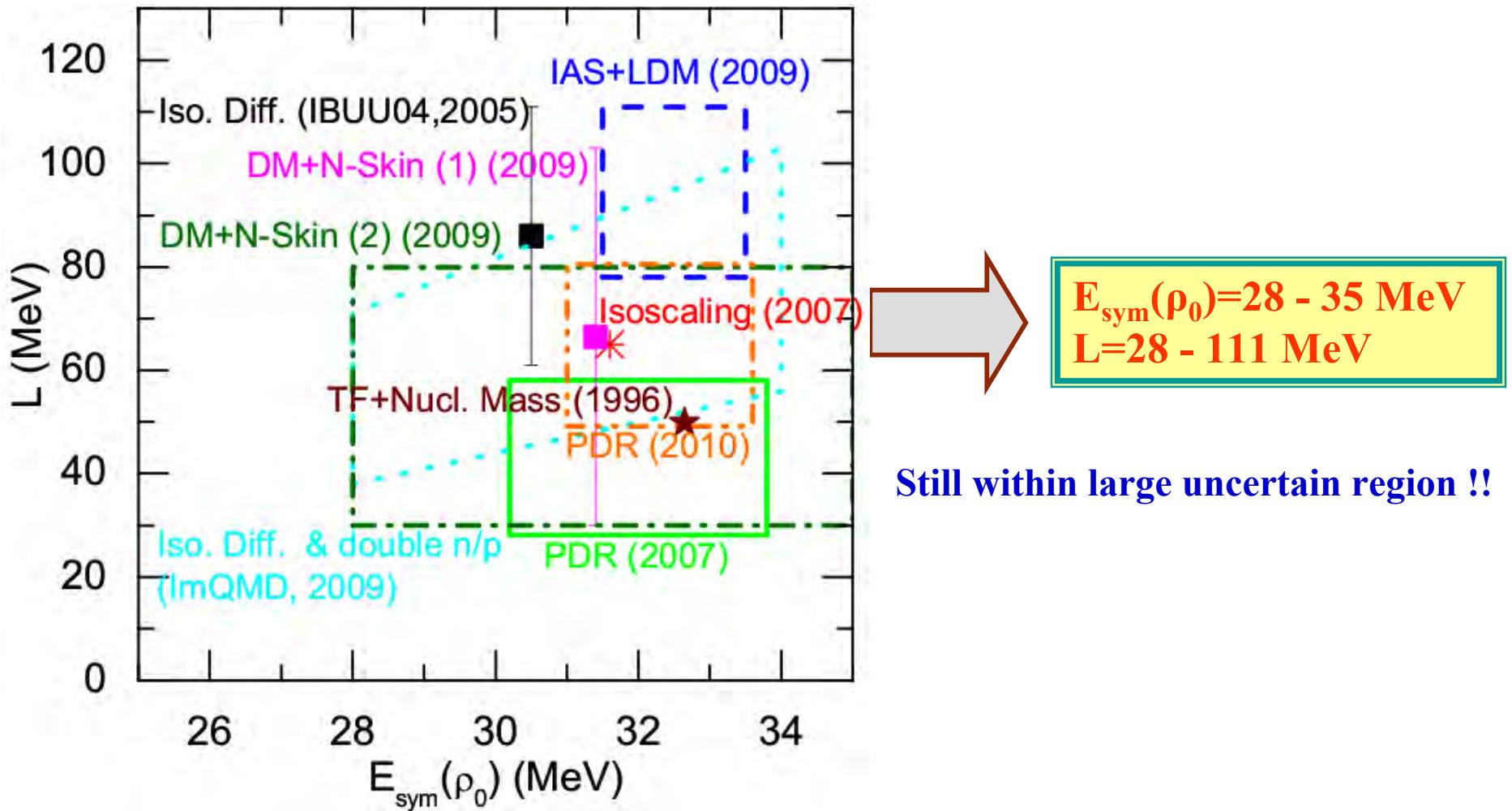
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of  $J/Q$  values is known, the compatible range of values of the parameter  $L$  can be estimated from the linear correlation between  $L$  and  $J/Q$  shown in Fig. 1. From our analysis we find the constraints  $30 \lesssim L \lesssim 80$  MeV.

**Droplet Model + N-skin  $\rightarrow E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0) = 28 - 35$  MeV,  $L = 55 \pm 25$  MeV**

# $E_{\text{sym}}$ around normal density

9 constraints on  $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0)$  and L from nuclear reactions and structures



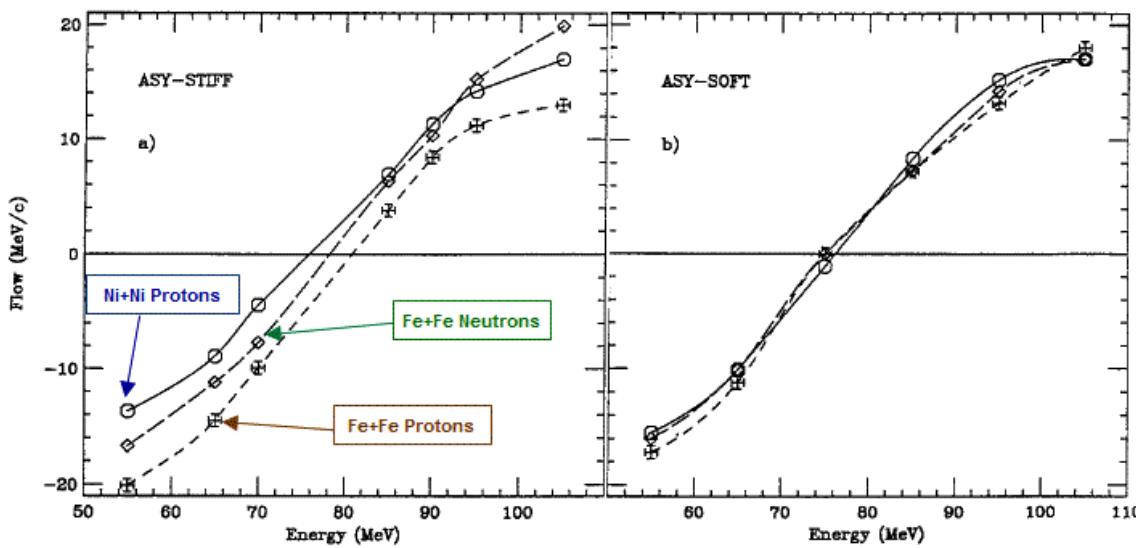
# Transverse Collective Flow

Isospin Effects observed in transverse flow of  $Z = 1, 2, \& 3$  fragments

BNV Calculation: 55 MeV/u  $^{58}\text{Fe} + ^{58}\text{Fe}$

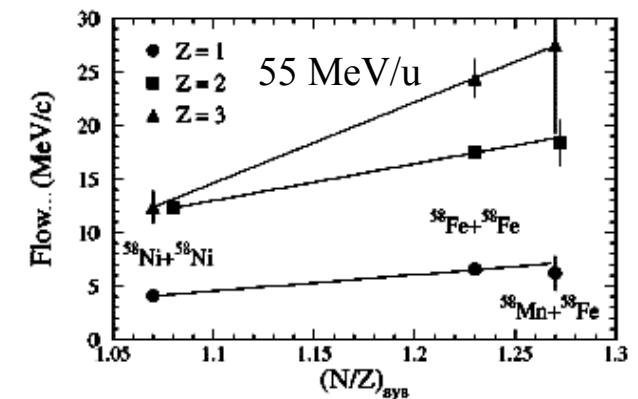
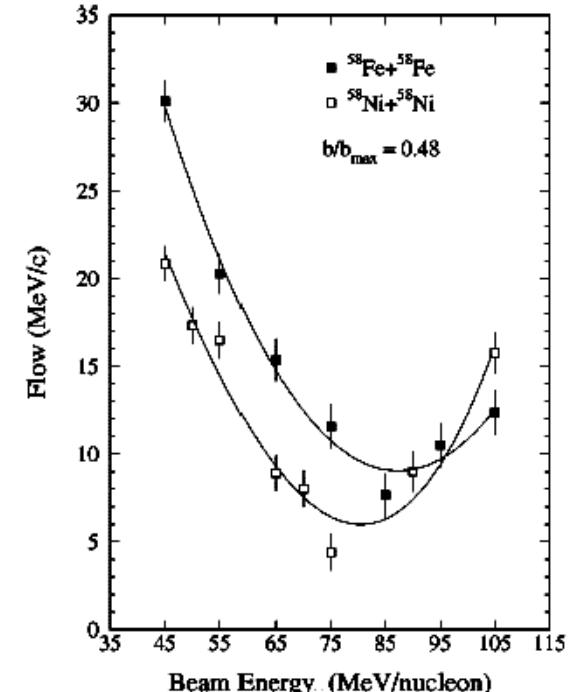
-Asy-Stiff Esym( $\rho$ ) shows 20% increased  $^3\text{He}$  flow in comparison to  $^3\text{H}$  flow.

-Asy-Soft Esym( $\rho$ ) shows  $^3\text{He}$  and  $^3\text{H}$  flow are equal.



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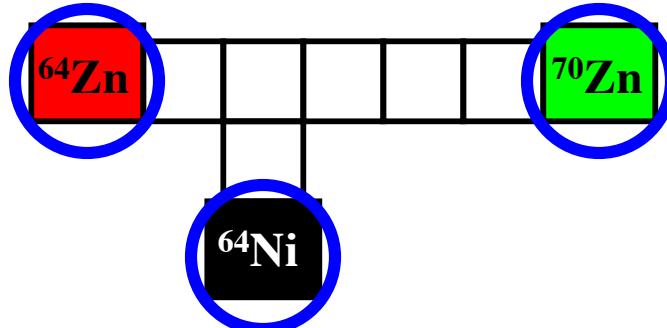
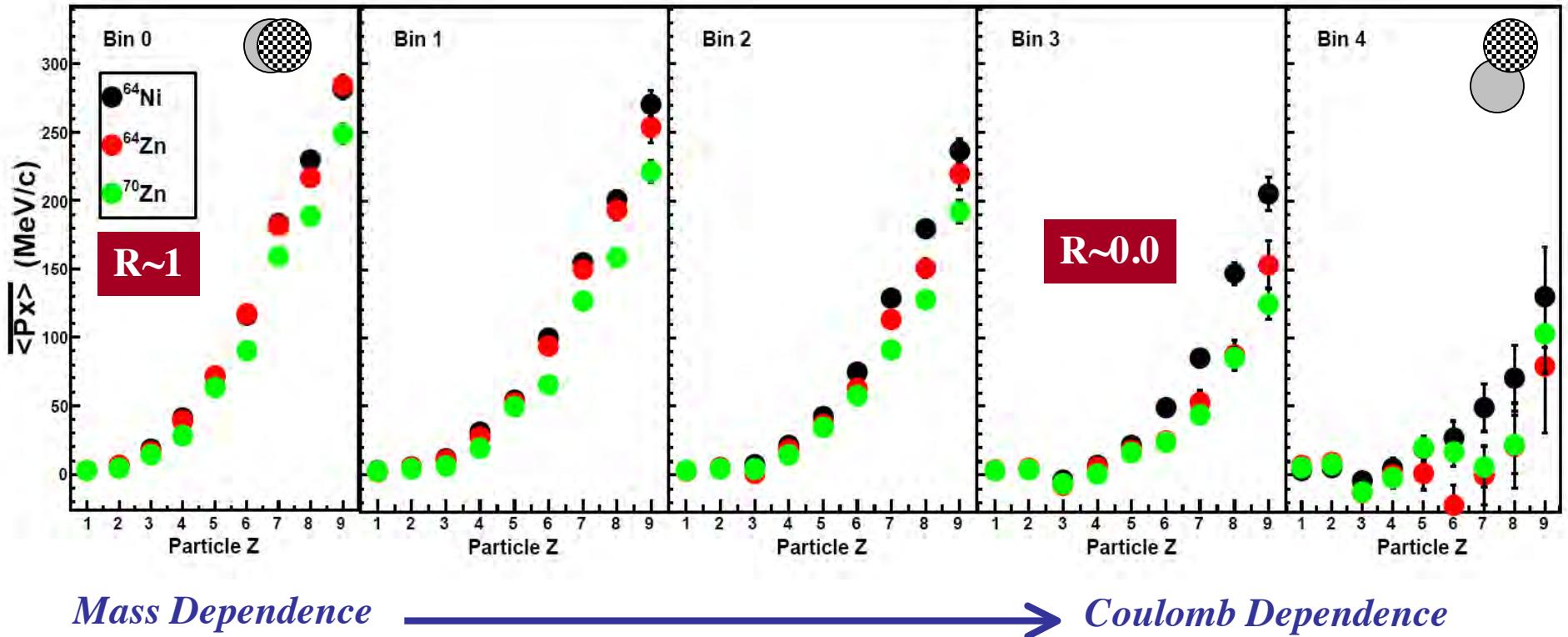


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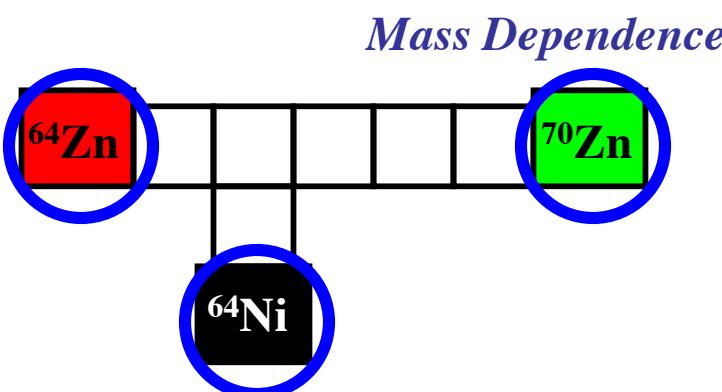
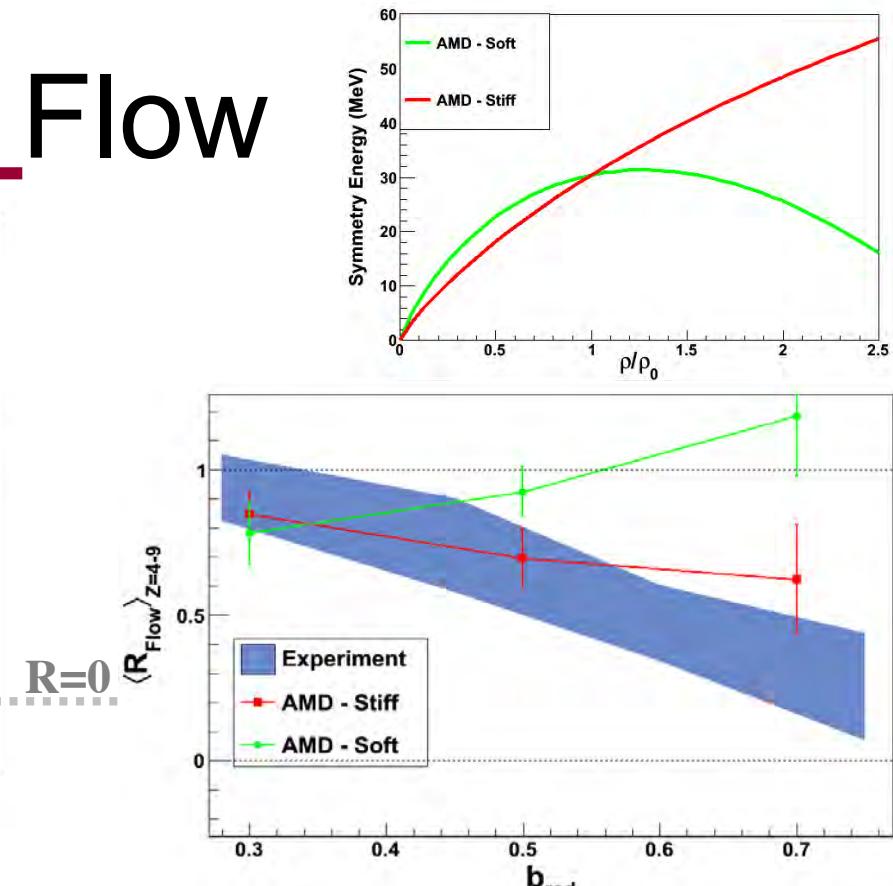
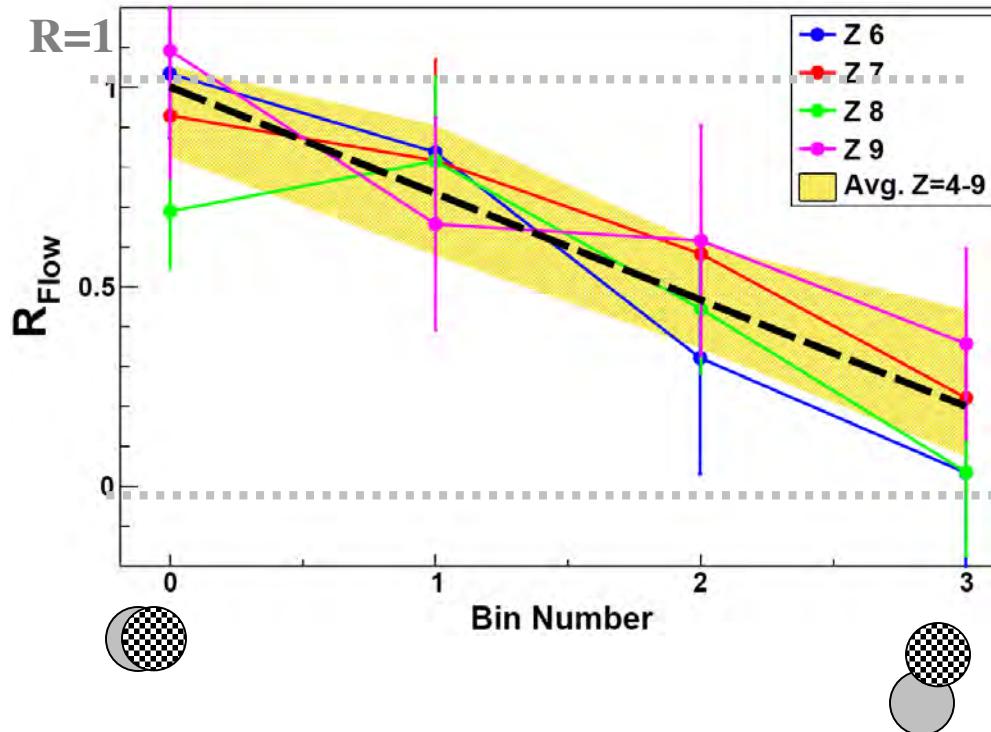
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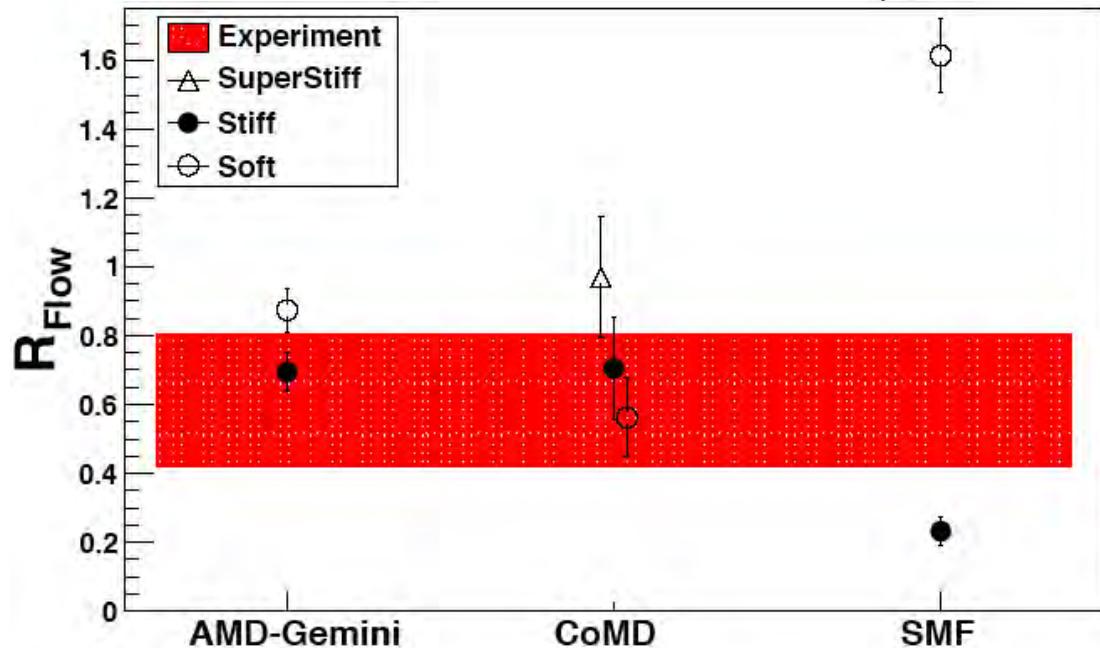
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Average Z=4-9

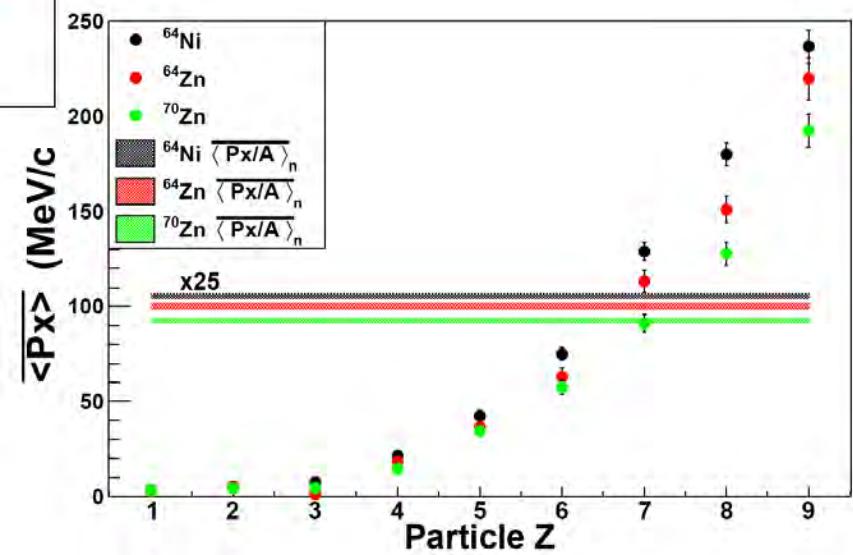
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# Nucleon weighted flow

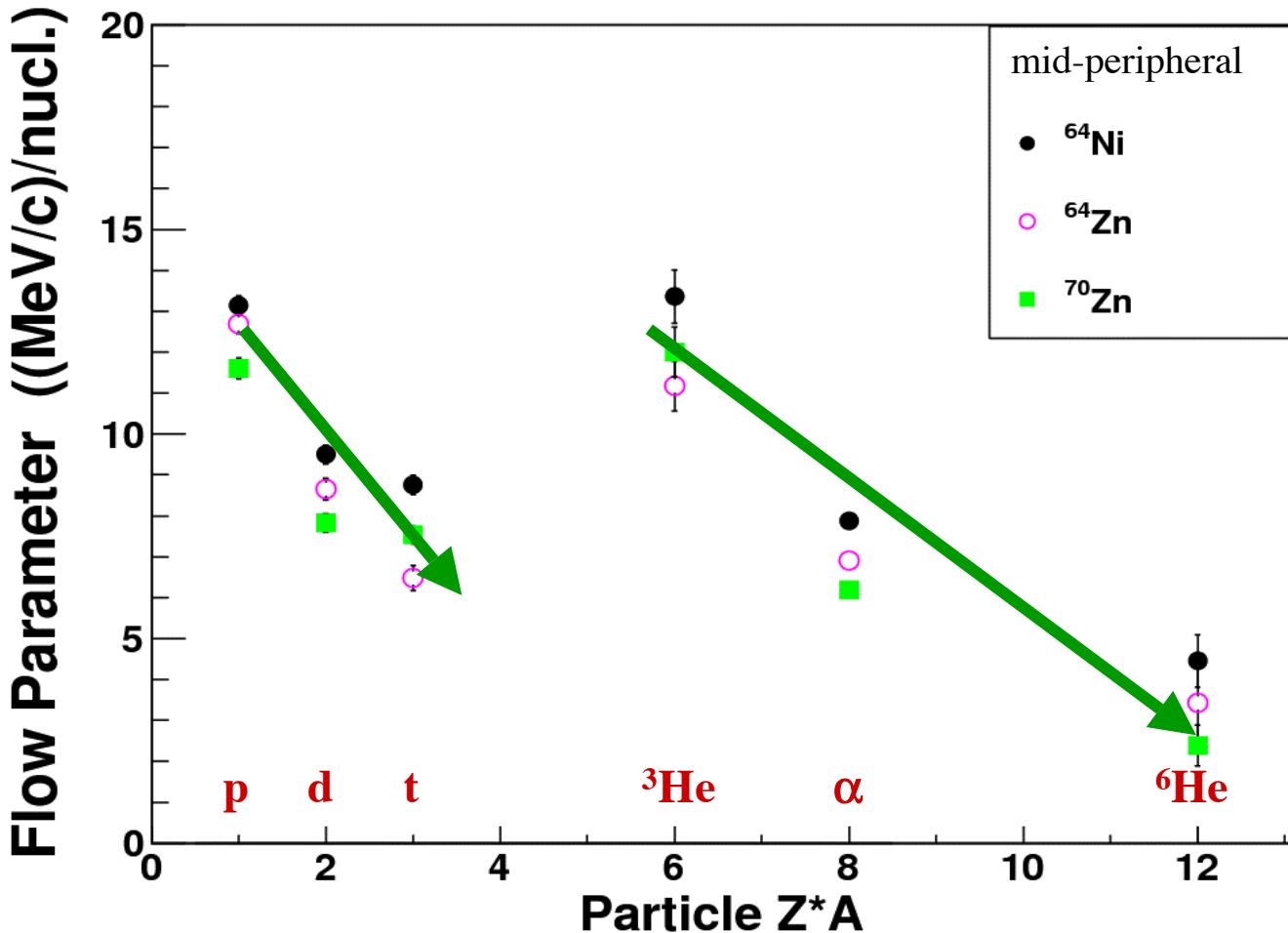
$$\langle Px/A \rangle_{Nucleon} = \left( \sum_{f=0}^{N_{frag}} (Px)_f \right) \div N_{Nucleons} \quad \dots \text{for } Z=3-9$$



Note: SMF nucleon flow calculated for  $Z>3$



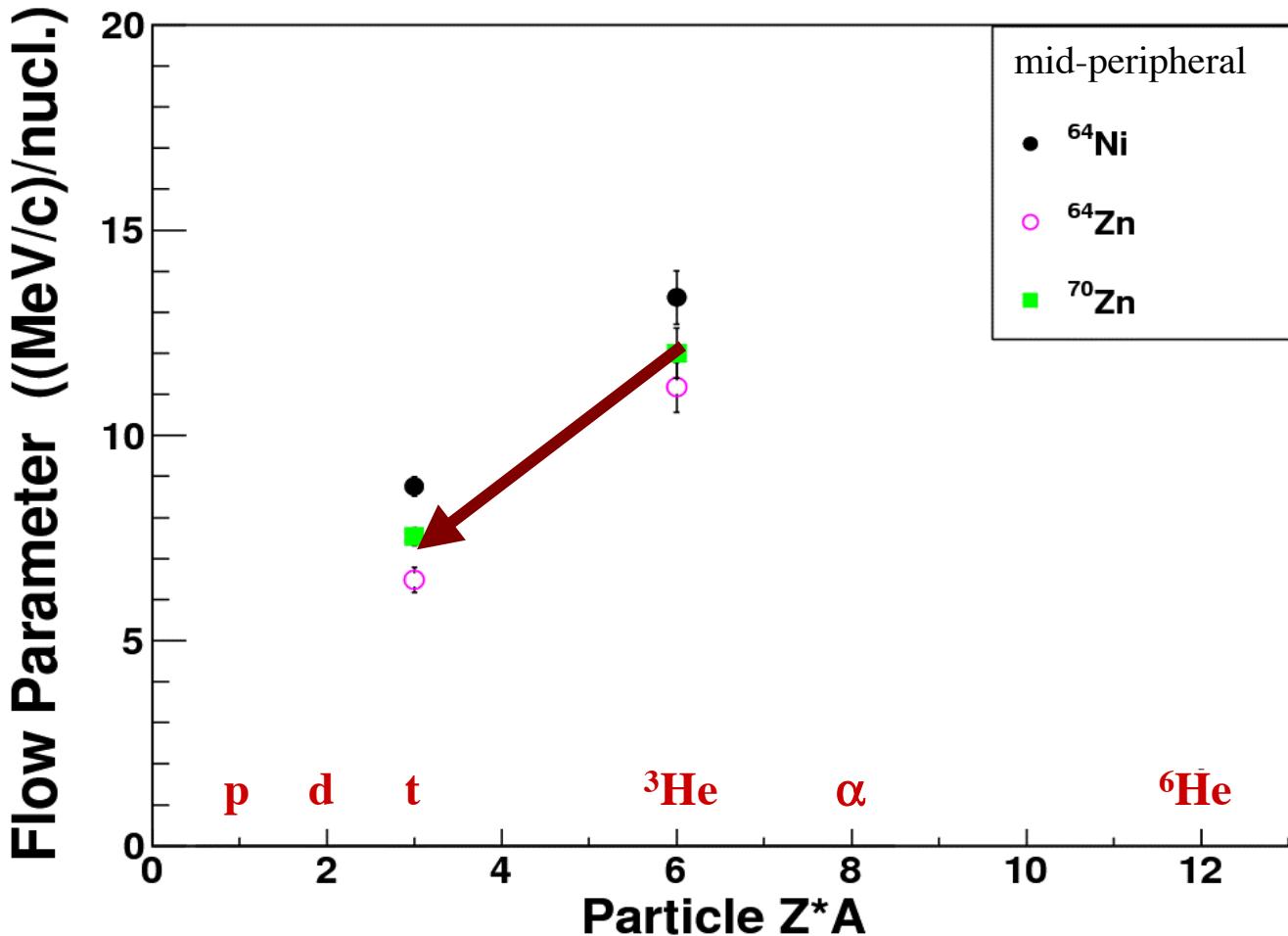
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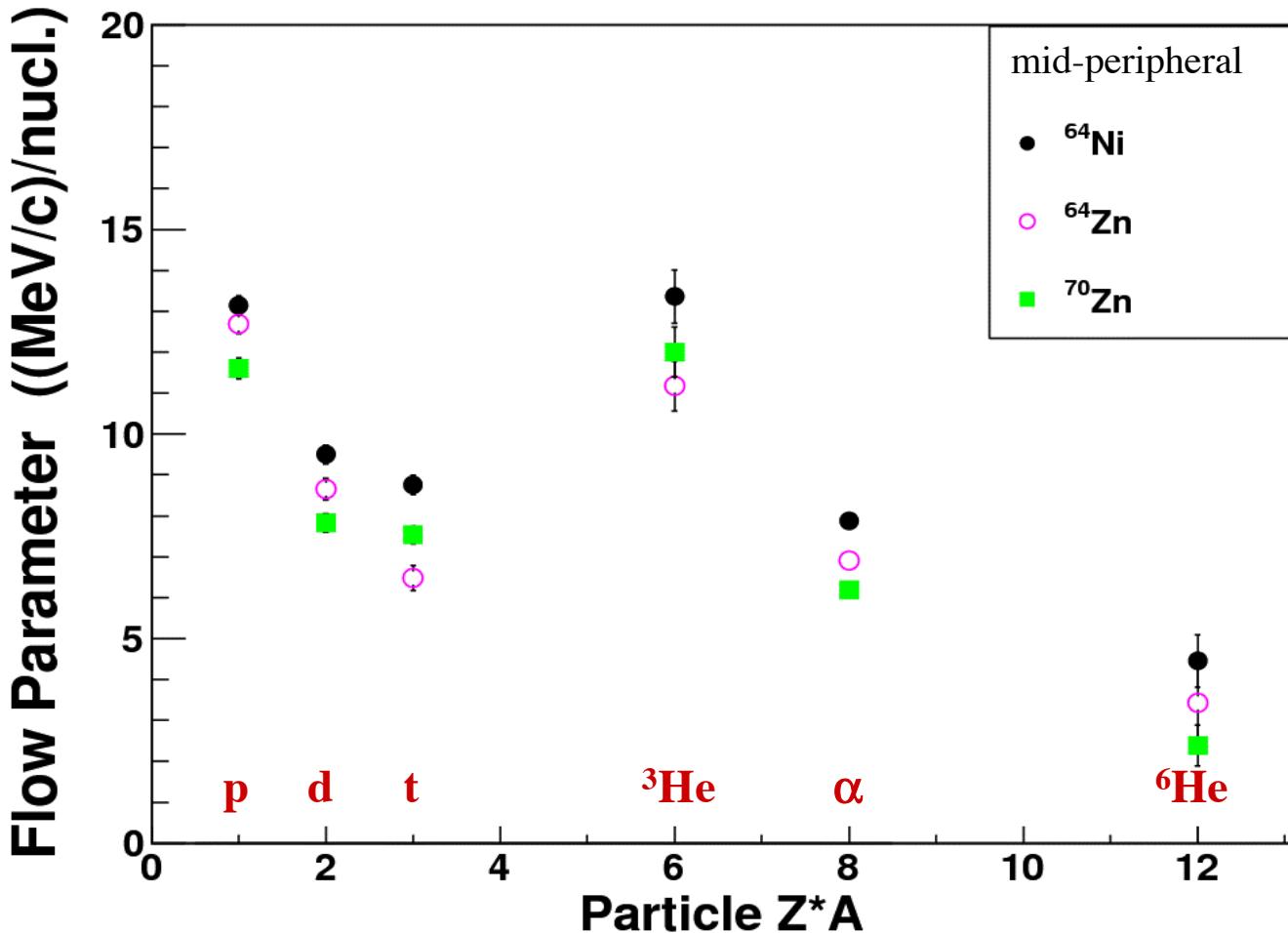


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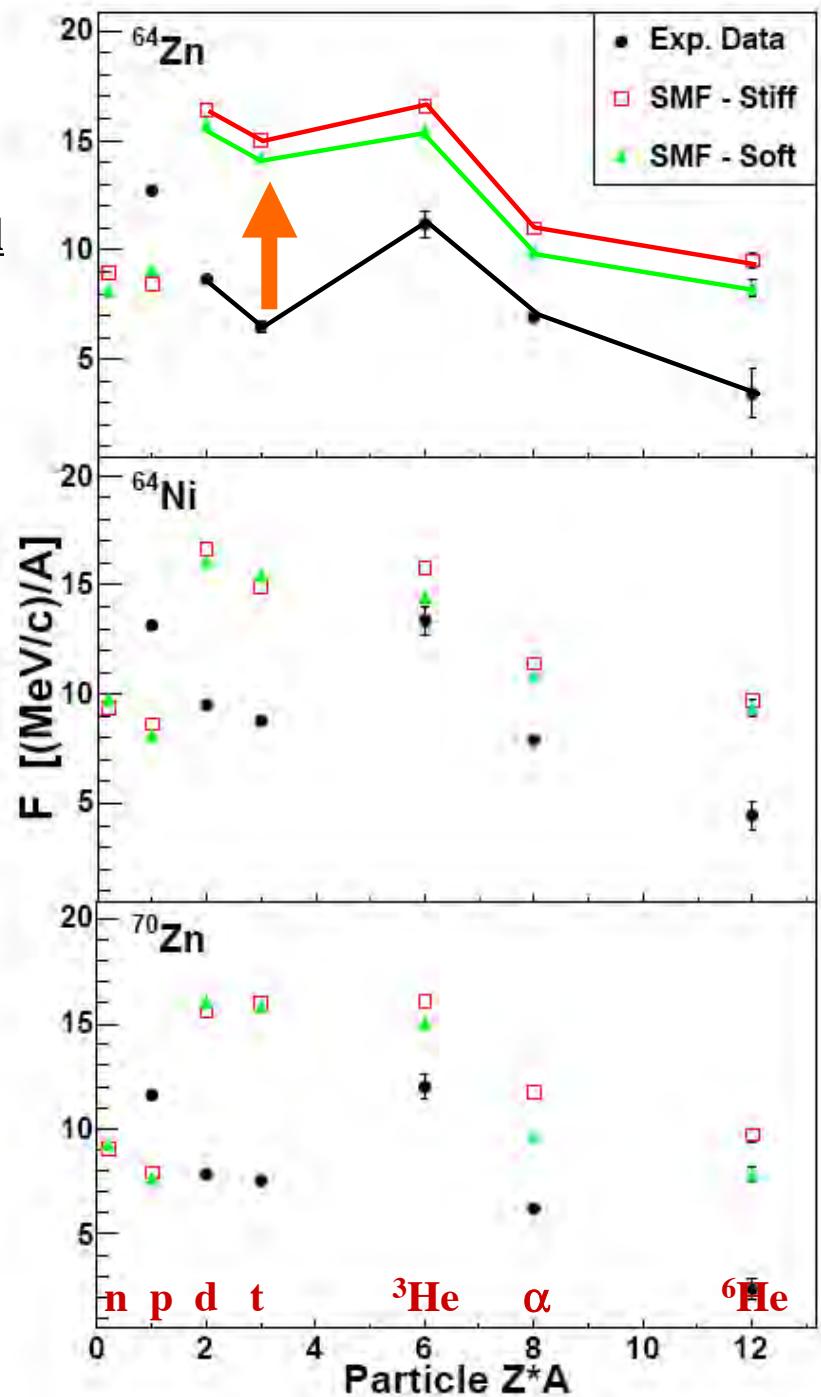
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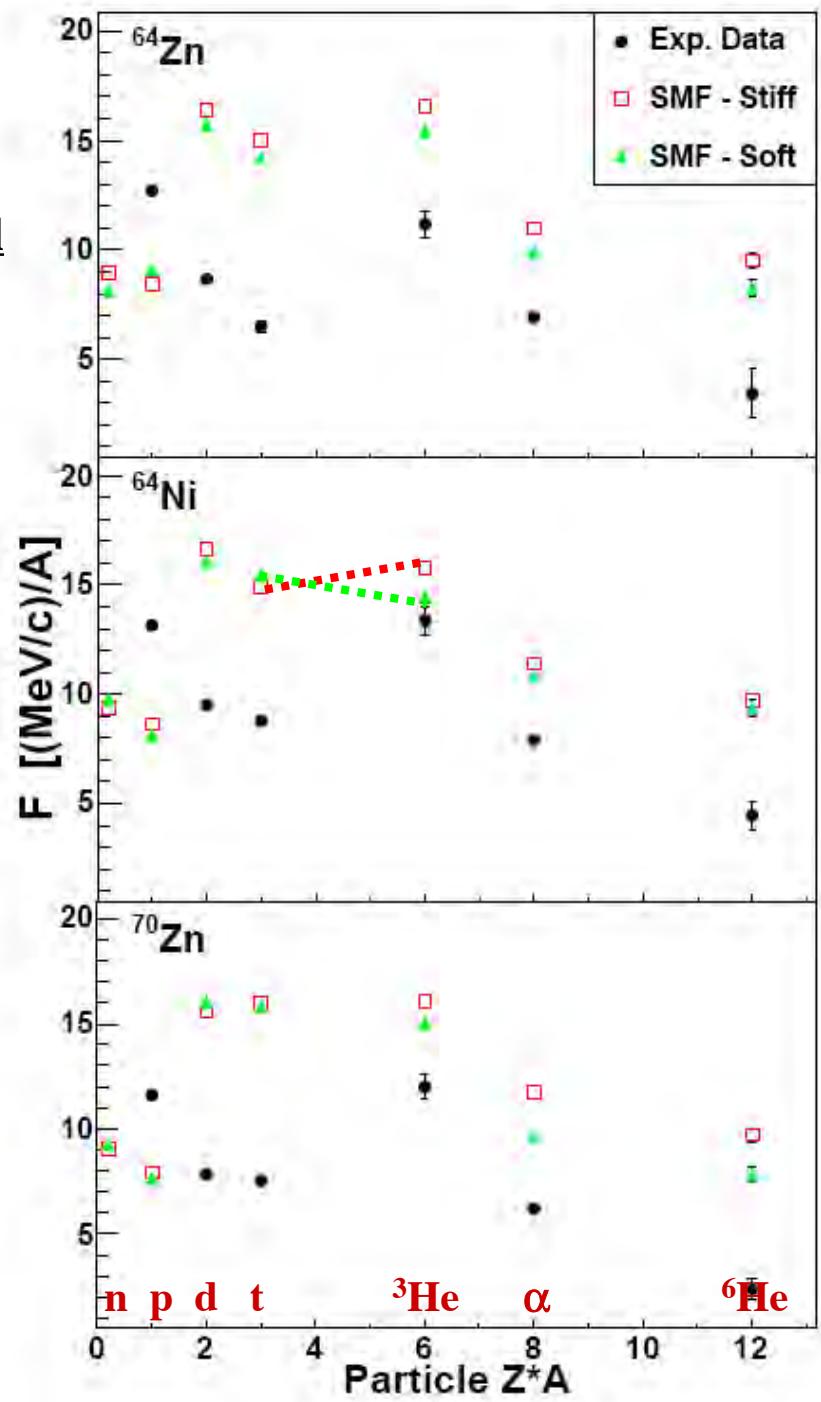
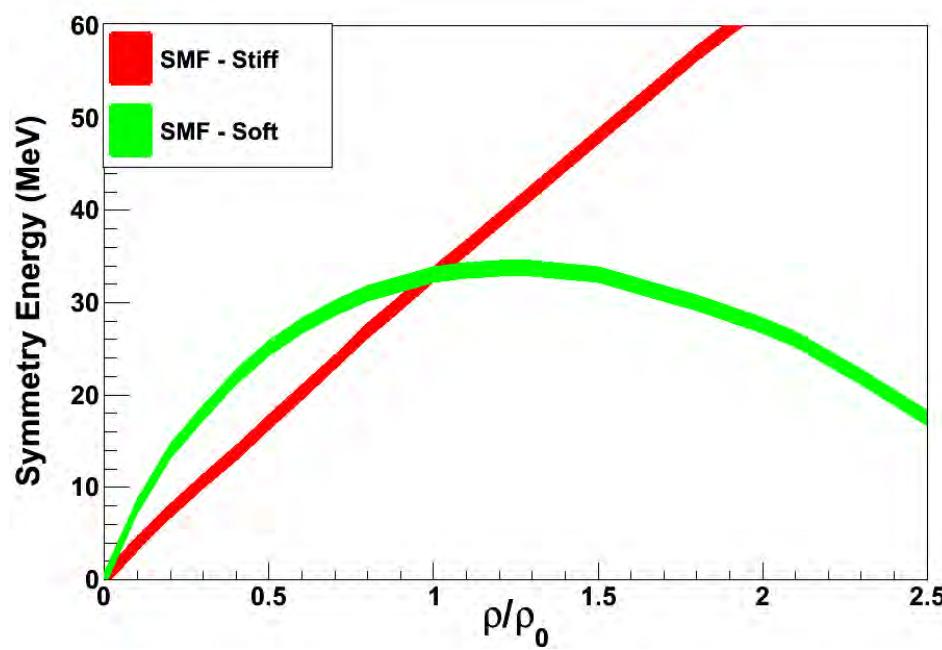
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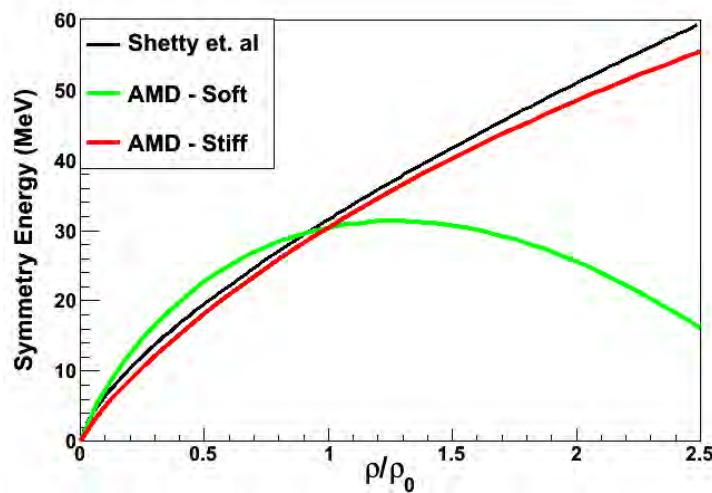
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- Sensitivity to symmetry energy.



# Flow Summary

## AMD Model

- Mass-Coulomb Dependence
- $R_{\text{Flow}}$  (mid-peripheral)

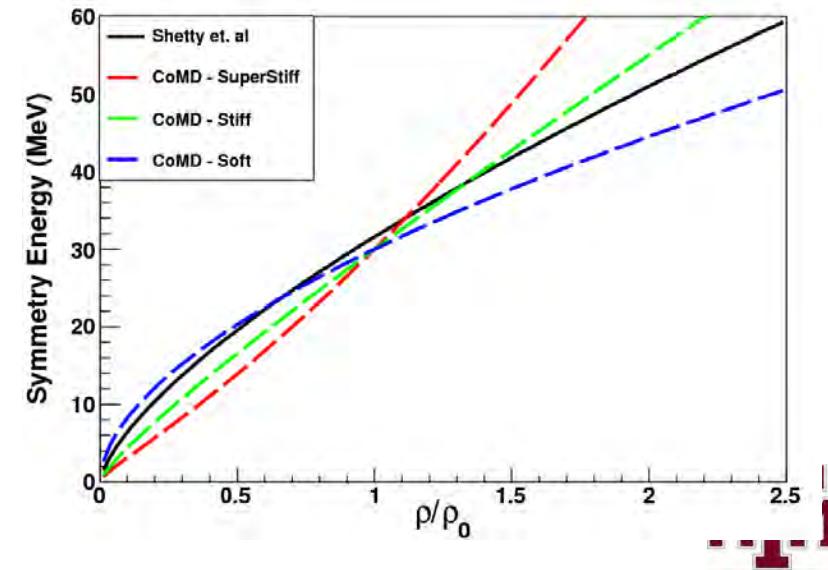
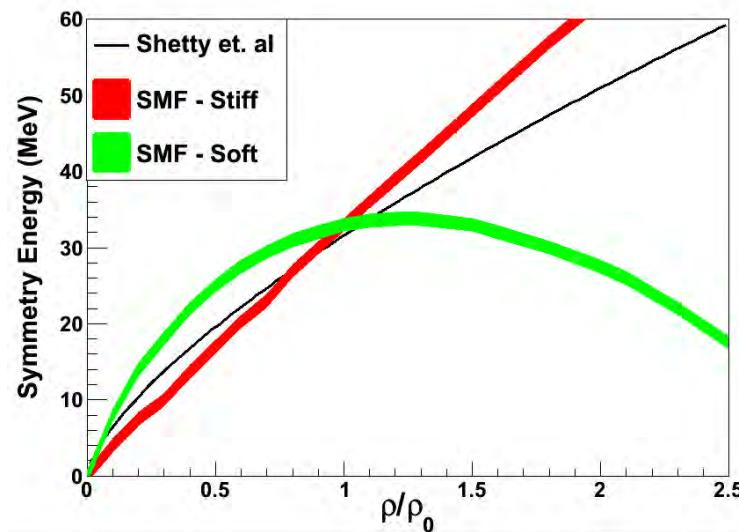


## CoMD Model

- $R_{\text{Flow}}$  (mid-peripheral)

## SMF Model

- triton/ $^3\text{He}$  Flow
- $(N/Z)_{\text{sys}}$  Dependence
- $R_{\text{Flow}}$  (mid-peripheral)



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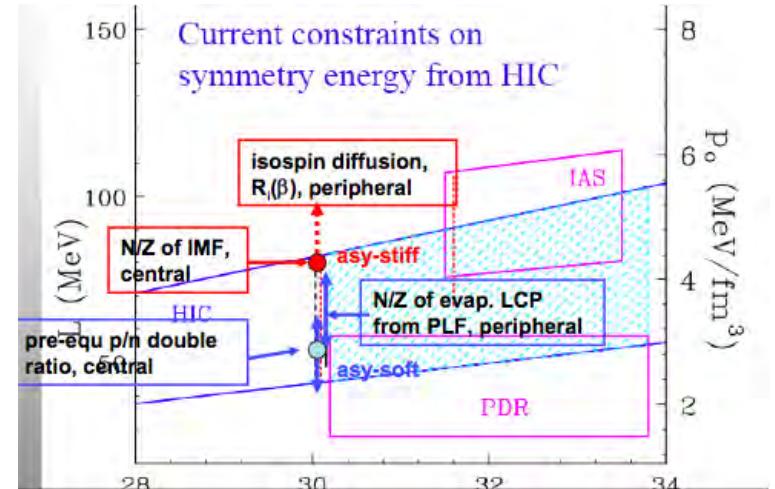
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# Summary $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$

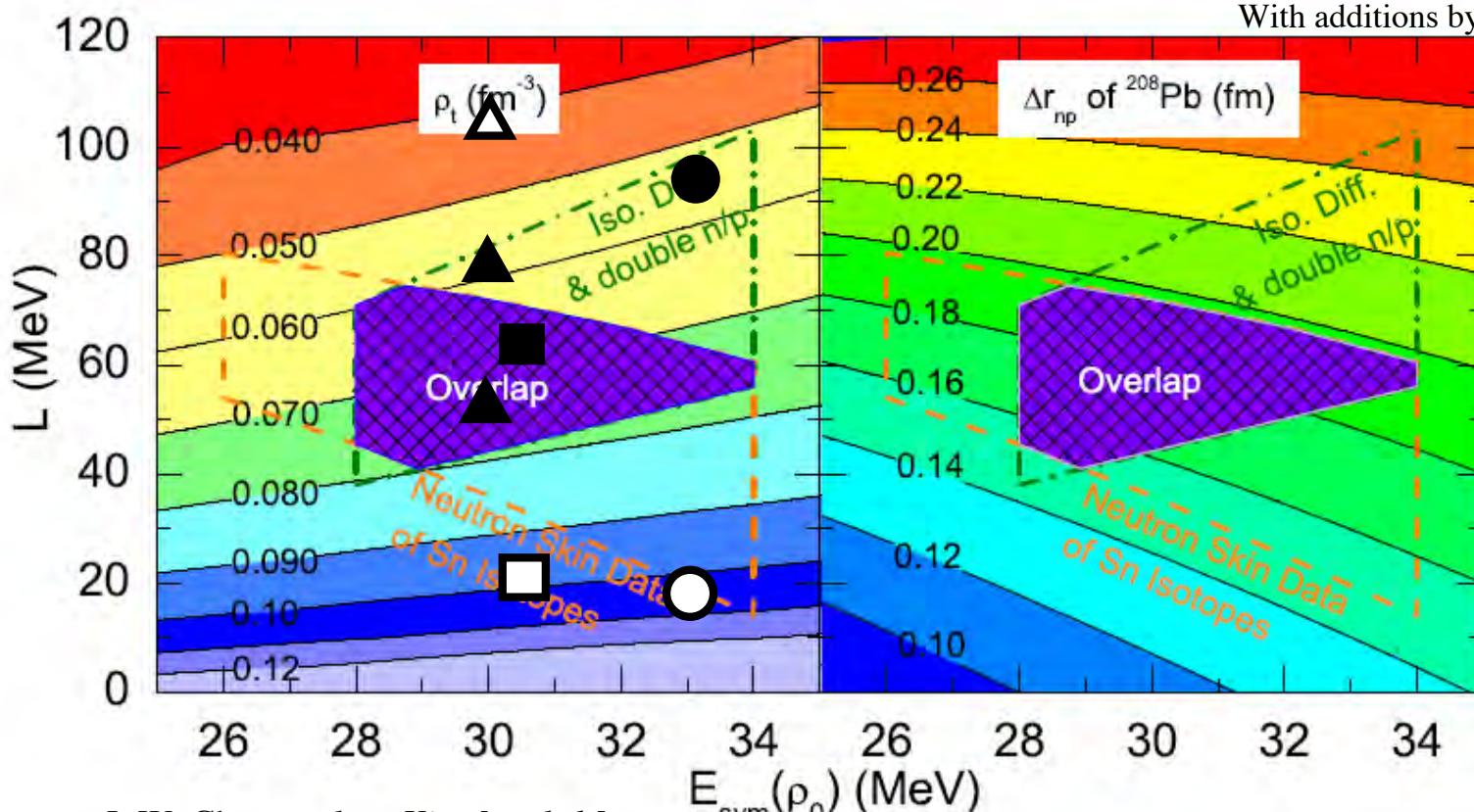
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CoMD ▲  
SMF ●

some agreement  
did not agree

$$E_{\text{sym}} = S_\rho + \frac{L}{3} \left( \frac{\rho_B - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right) + \frac{K_{\text{sym}}}{18} \left( \frac{\rho_B - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right)^2 + \dots$$



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# Summary

- Many proposed observables
- Various data sets  
(apologies to that which I didn't have time to show)
- Some overlap - plenty of room for improvement
- Need to understand differences in model predictions
- New observables with increased power to discriminate welcome

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