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# The opportunities of CEE in the studies of nuclear EOS

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# Main world experiments in GeV/u regime

One of the main goals of heavy ion collisions, is to infer the EOS of nuclear matter (NEOS).

In the last decades, a lot world experiments did intensively studies on NEOS.

## 1. Plastic Ball at Bevalac

PRC 42, 640 (1990) ...

## 2. EOS at Bevalac

PRL 78, 2535 (1997); RPC 76, 3911 (1996); PRL 75, 2662 (1995) ...

## 3. FOPI at SIS

NPA 876, 1 (2012); NPA 848, 366 (2010); NPA781, 459 (2007) ...

## 4. KAOS at SIS

PRL 96, 072301 (2006); PRL 95, 012301 (2005) ; PRL 86, 1974 (2001)...

## 5. HADES at SIS

PRL 125, 262301 (2020); PRL 123, 022002 (2019) ; PRC 102, 024914 (2020) ...

## 6. S $\pi$ RIT at RIBF

PRL 126, 162701 (2021); PLB 822, 136681(2021); PLB813, 136016 (2021)...

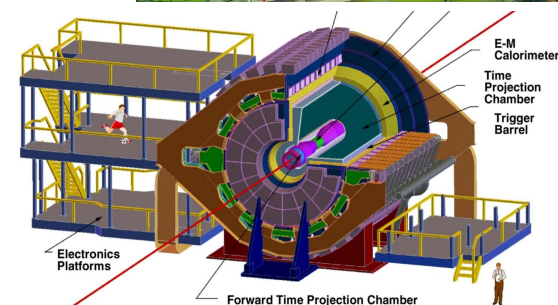
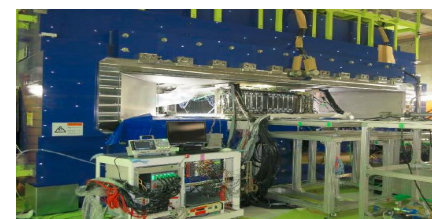
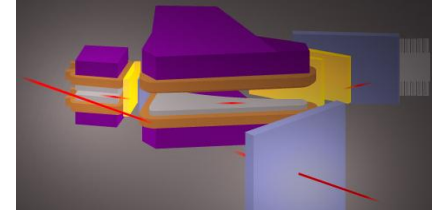
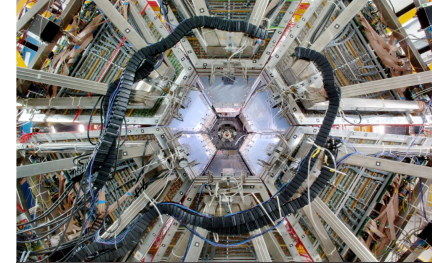
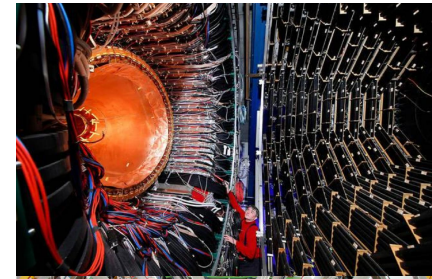
## 7. STAR-BES at RHIC

PRL128, 202303 (2022); PLB827, 137503 (2022)...

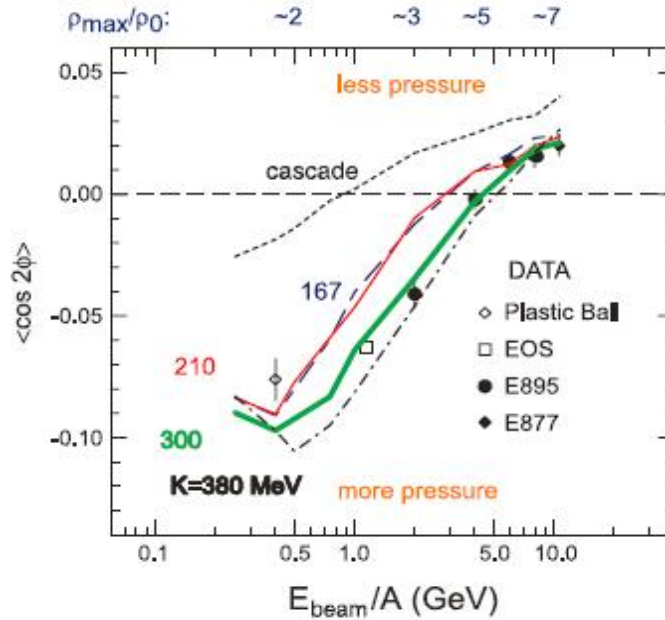
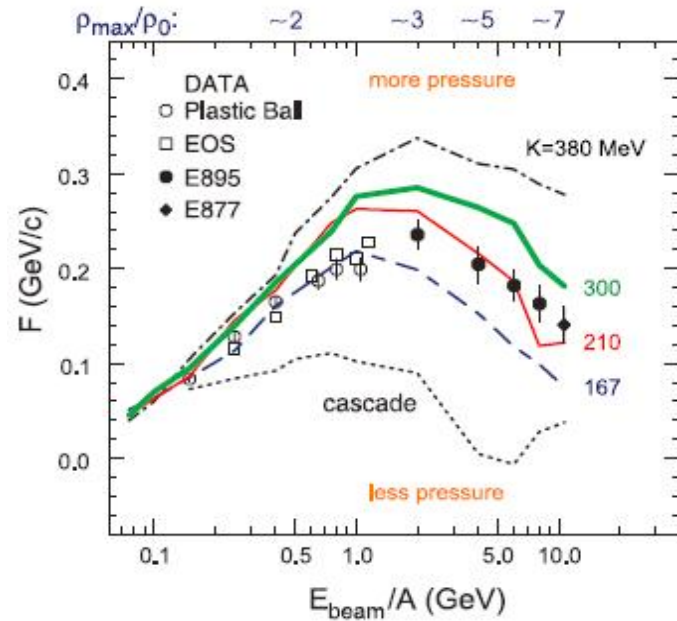
## 8. LAMPS at RAON

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and a lot more literatures...



# Extract EOS from flow ( $v_1, v_2$ )



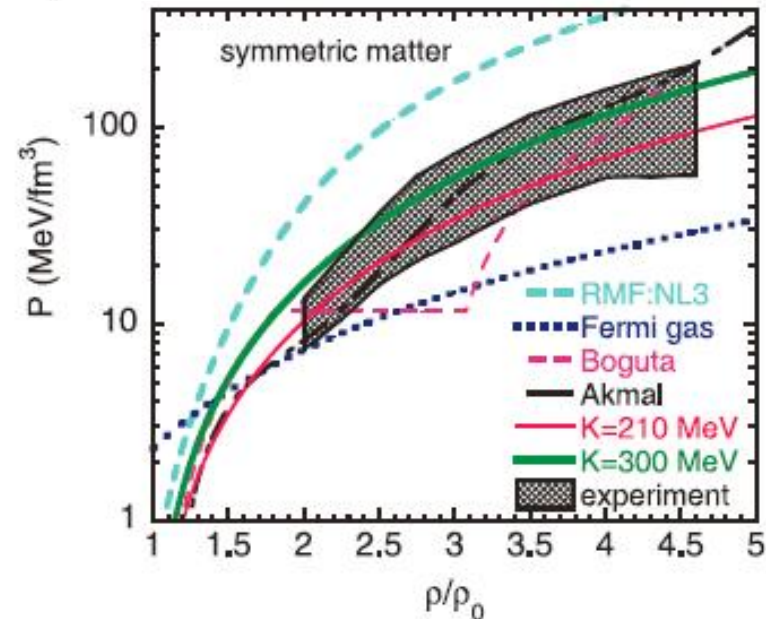
Matter compressions occur when two nuclei collide. Pressure gradient appears, leading to collective flow.

$$\frac{dN}{u_t du_t dy d\phi} = v_0 [1 + 2v_1 \cos(\phi) + 2v_2 \cos(2\phi)]$$

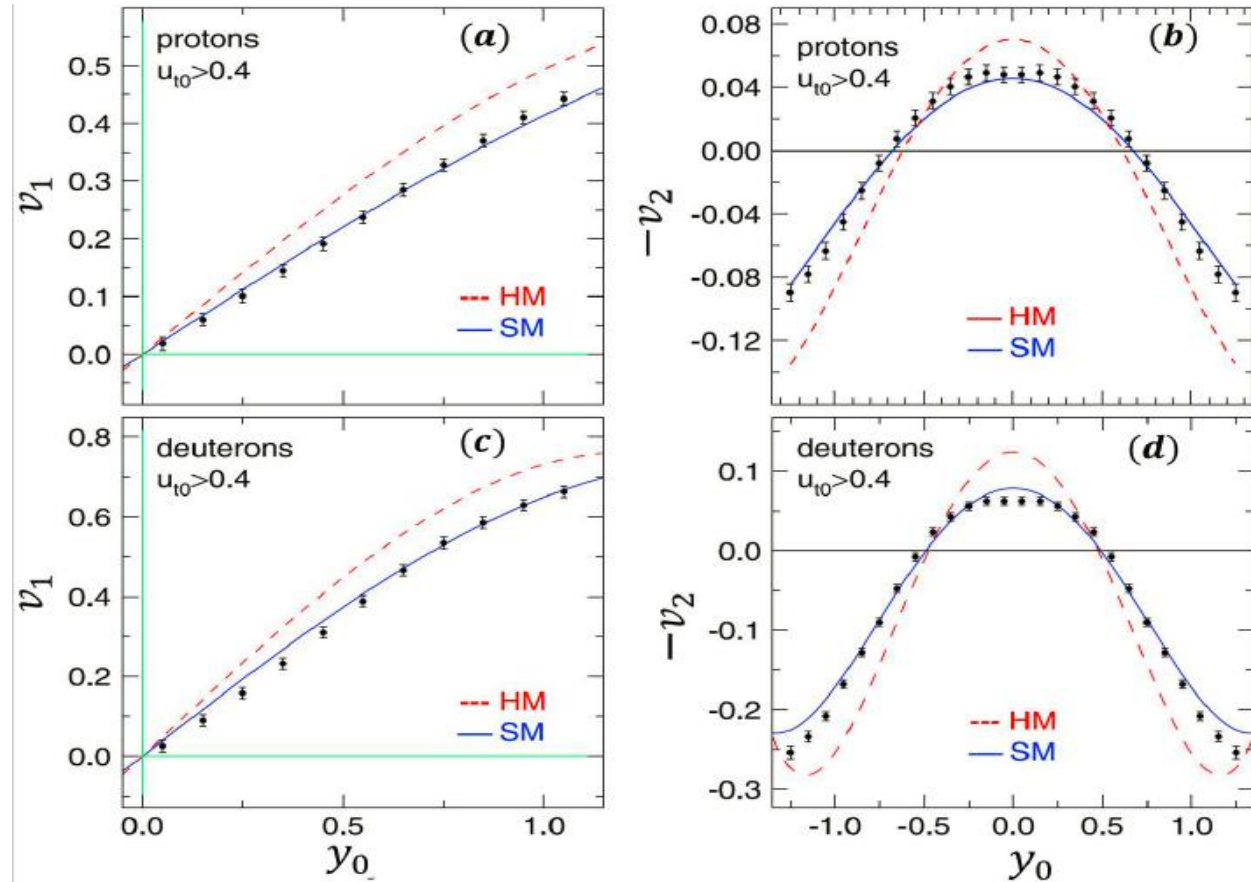
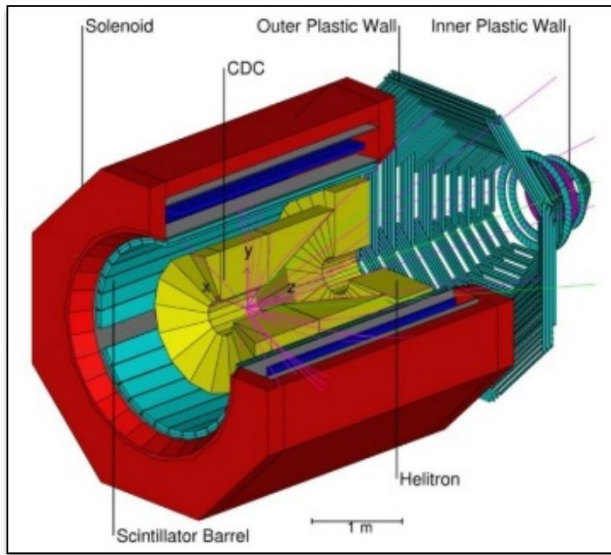
$$v_1 = \left\langle \frac{p_x}{p_t} \right\rangle = \langle \cos(\phi) \rangle,$$

$$v_2 = \left\langle \left( \frac{p_x}{p_t} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{p_y}{p_t} \right)^2 \right\rangle = \langle \cos(2\phi) \rangle$$

P. Danielewicz, R. Lacey, and W. G. Lynch.  
 Determination of the equation of state of dense matter.  
**Science**, 298,1592 (2002)



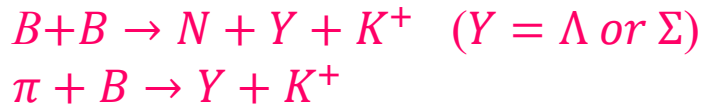
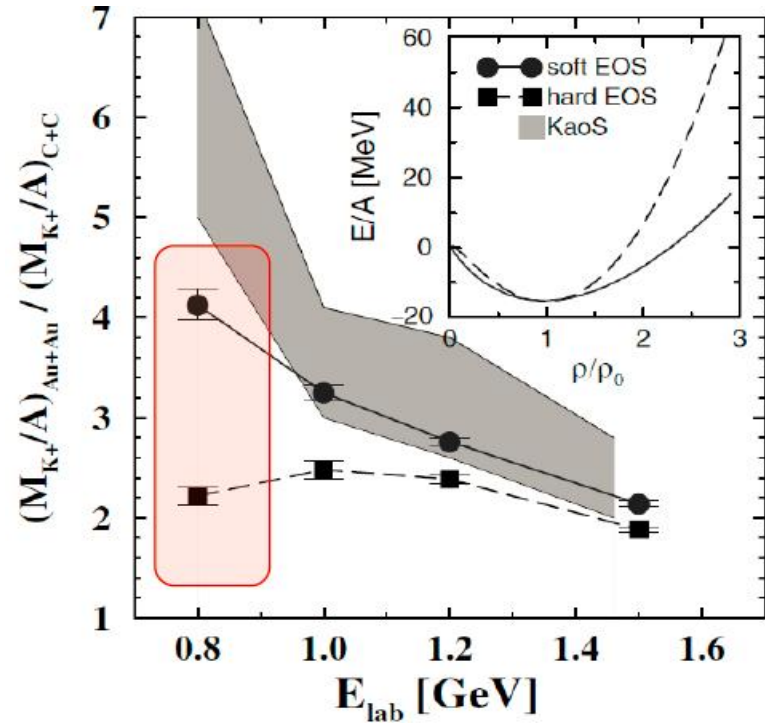
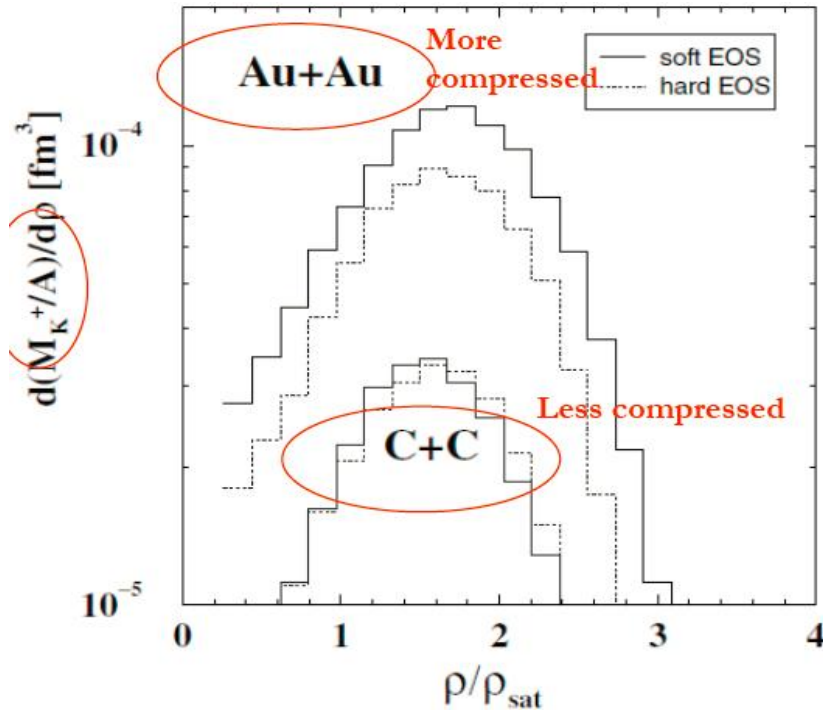
# Extract EOS from flow ( $v_1, v_2$ )



$$v_i = v_i(u_t, y)$$

# Extract EOS from yield of $K^+$ meson

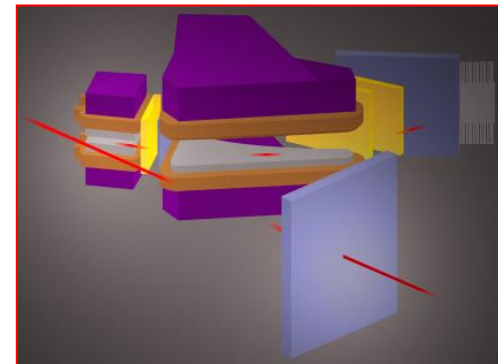
Extract EOS from near-threshold meson production



J. Aichelin and Che Ming Ko, **PRL** 55,2661 (1985)

C. Fuchs et al., **PRL** 86, 1974 (2001)

Insensitive in light system C+C; Higher sensitivity found at lower energies



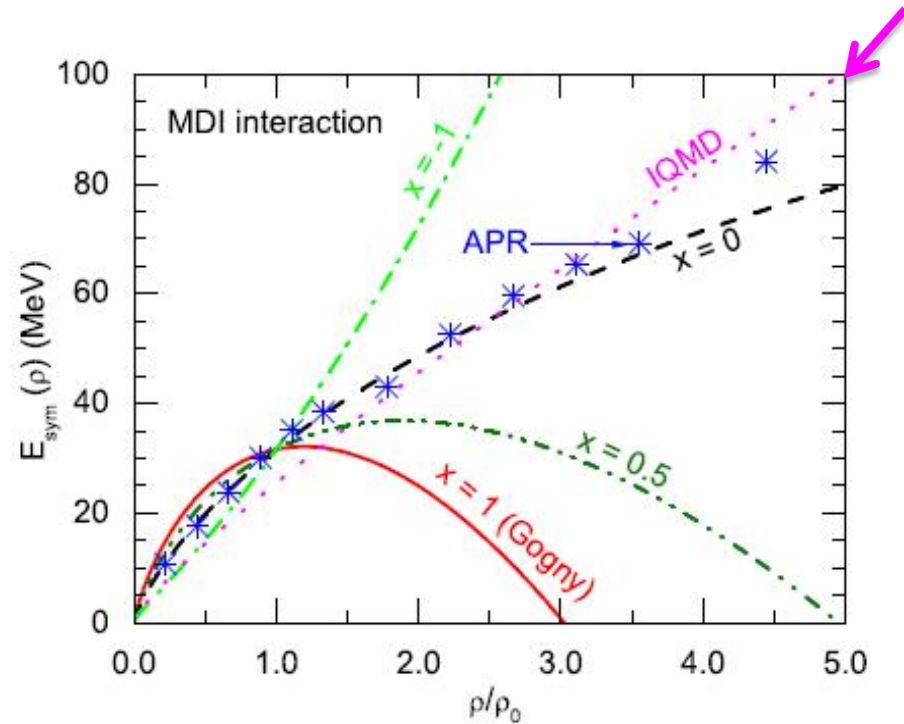
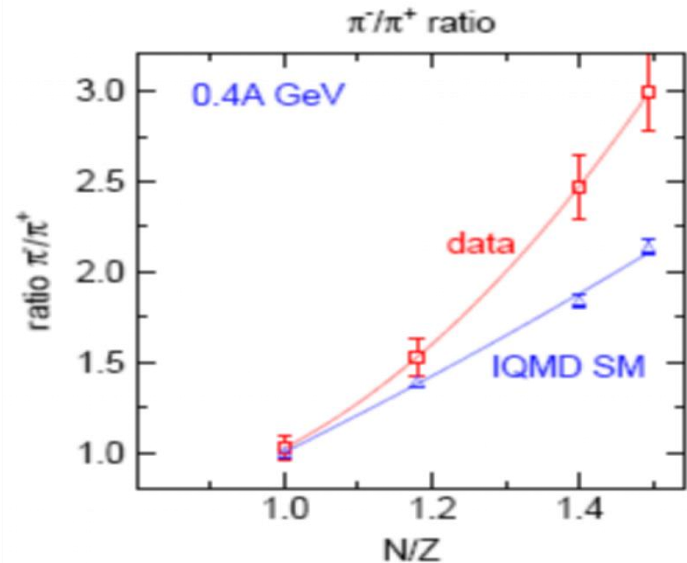
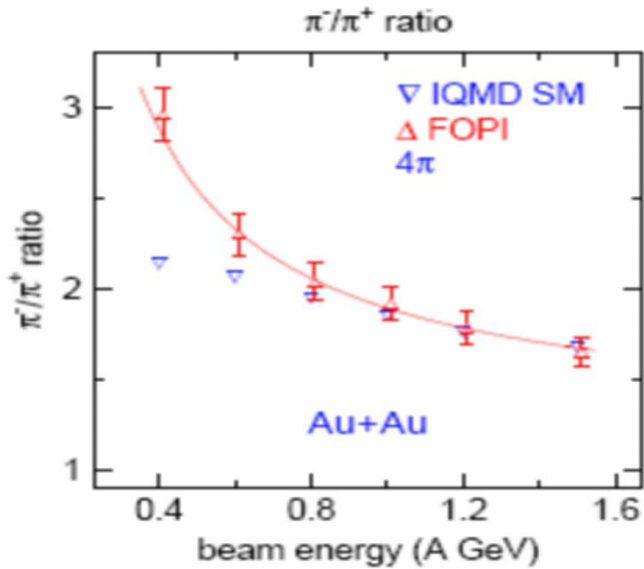
KaoS Collaboration

# Extract $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$ from $\pi^-/\pi^+$ yield ratio

IQMD: C. Hartnack et al, **EPJA** 1 (1998) 151

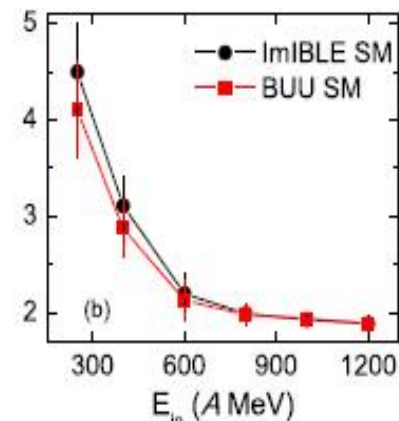
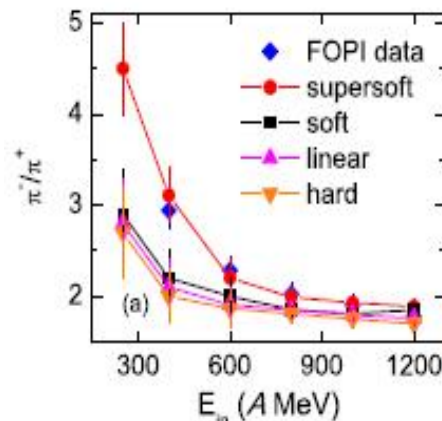
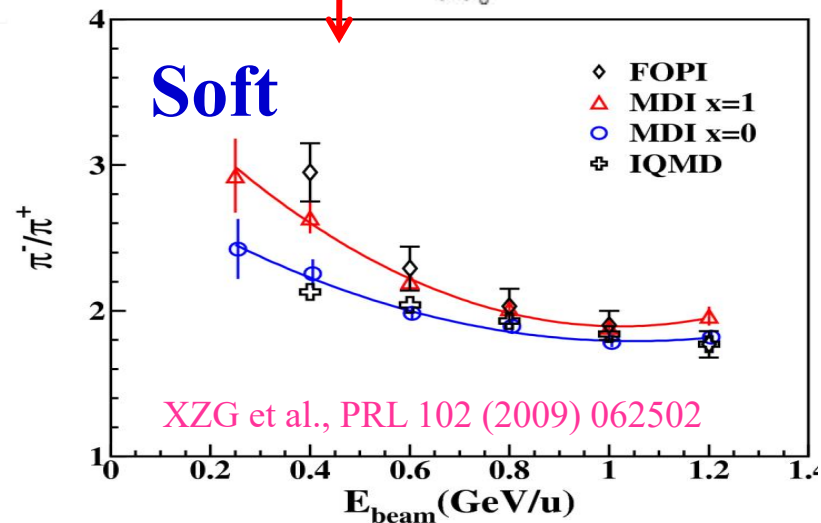
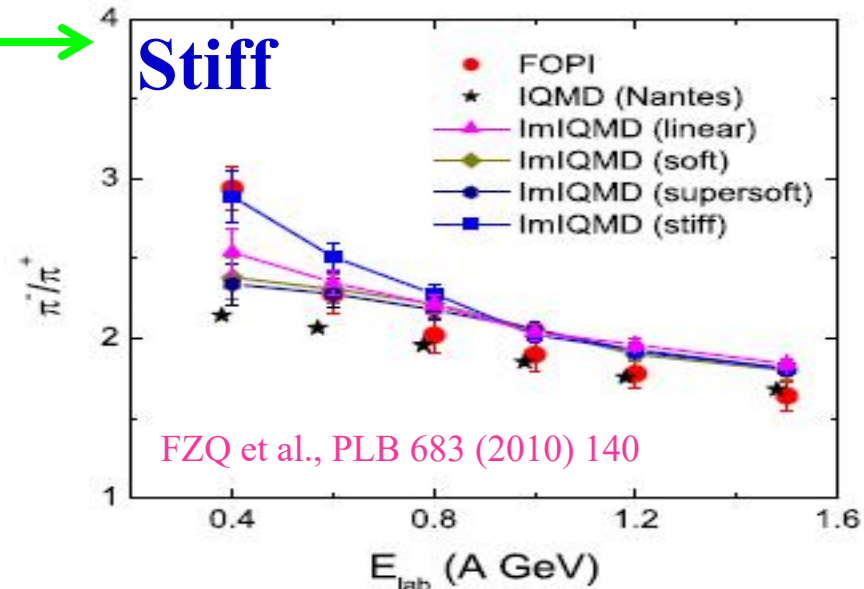
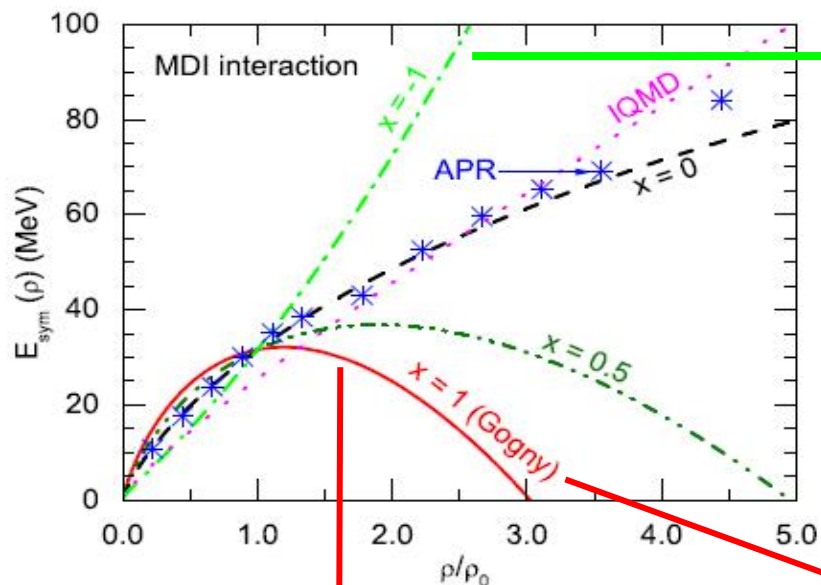
$$V_{\text{sym}}^{ij} = t_6 \frac{1}{\rho_0} T_{3i} T_{3j} \delta(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j), \quad t_6 = 100 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) = \frac{25}{2} \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} + (2^{2/3} - 1) \frac{3}{5} E_F^0 \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{2/3}$$



Need a softer symmetry energy to make the pion production region more neutron-rich!

# Model dependence of the probe $\pi^-/\pi^+$ yield ratio



XWJ et al., PLB 718 (2013) 1510

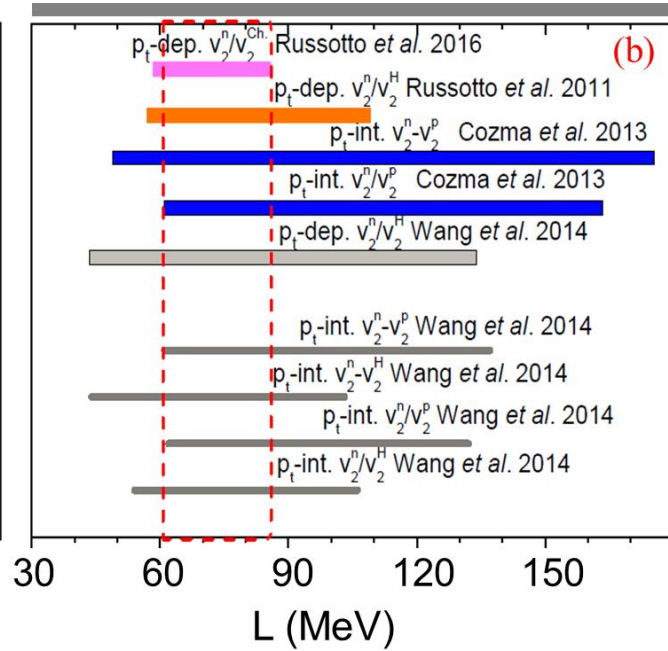
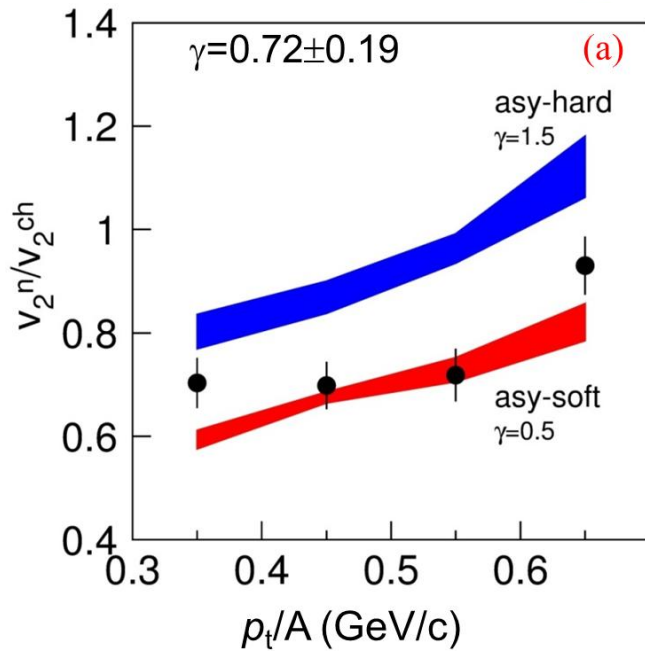
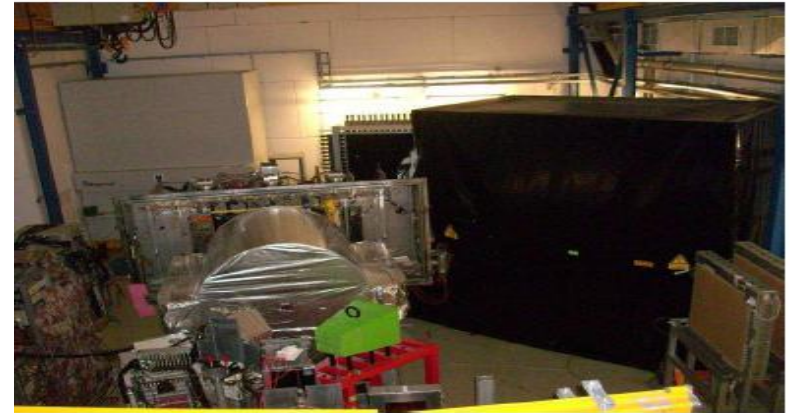
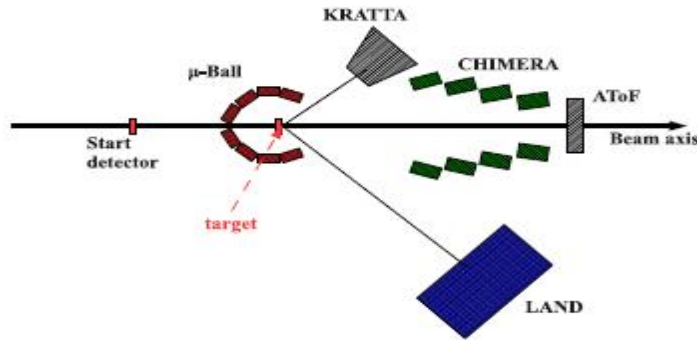
or insensitive on  $\gamma$

J. Hong et al, PRC 90,024605(2010)



# Extract $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$ from n/p differential flow

## AnSYS-EOS Collaboration



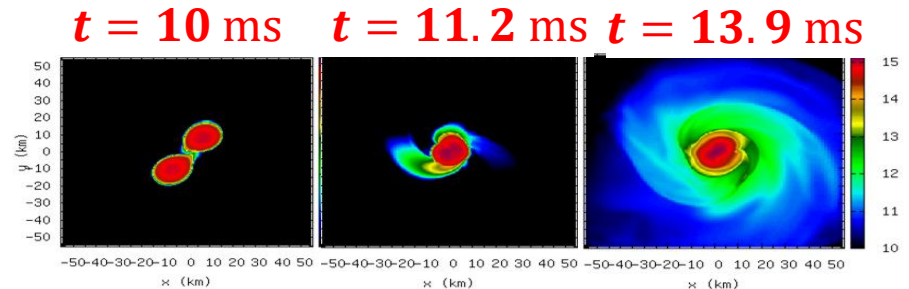
Y. Leifels et al  
**PRL71,963 (1993)**

Russotto et al.,  
**PLB 697,471 (2011);**  
**PRC 94, 034608 (2016)**

$$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) = 12(\rho/\rho_0)^{2/3} + 22(\rho/\rho_0)^\gamma$$

# $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$ constraint from Neutron star GW170817

The observation of GW170817 remarkably stimulate the study of  $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$ ...



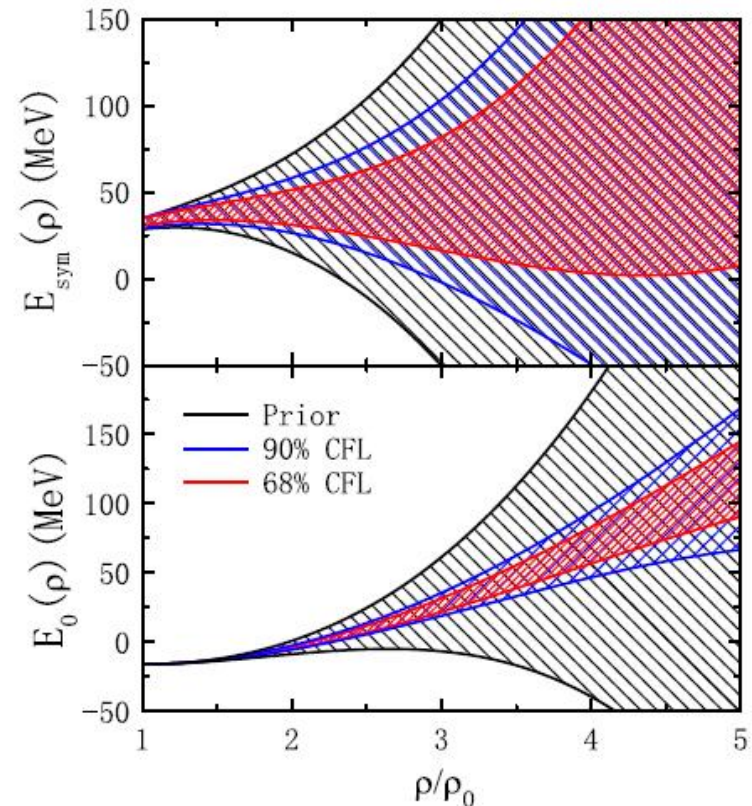
$$R_{1.4} = 11.9_{-1.4}^{+1.4} \text{ km}, \text{ PRL, 121, 161101, 2018}; R_{1.4} = 10.8_{-1.6}^{+2.1} \text{ km}, \text{ PRL, 121, 091102, 2018}$$

## 1. Bayesian analysis

$$E_{\text{sym}}(2\rho_0) = 39.1_{-8.2}^{+12.1} \text{ MeV} (1\sigma)$$

W. J. Xie et al., **APJ** 883,174 (2019)

N. B. Zhang et al., **APJ** 879, 99(2019)



# Combining GW170817 /PSRJ0740+6620 and HICdata

## 2. Combine the GW1708 and nuclear data:

Y. Zhou et al., **PRD99** 121301(R) (2019)



$$L(N_c) = 47.3 \pm 7.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_{\text{sym}}(2\rho_0) = [39.4_{+7.5}^{-6.4}, 54.5_{+3.1}^{-3.2}] \text{ MeV}$$

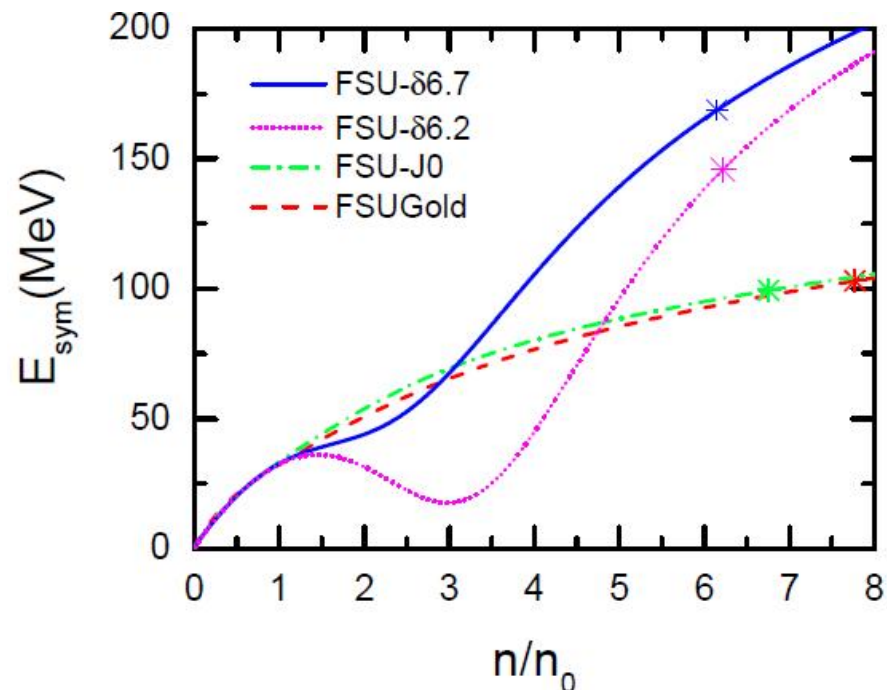
## 3. Taking $\delta - \sigma$ coupling into account, two RMF parameter sets are suggested

FSU- $\delta 6.7$ , FSU- $\delta 6.2$

F. Li et al., ApJ 929, 183 (2022)

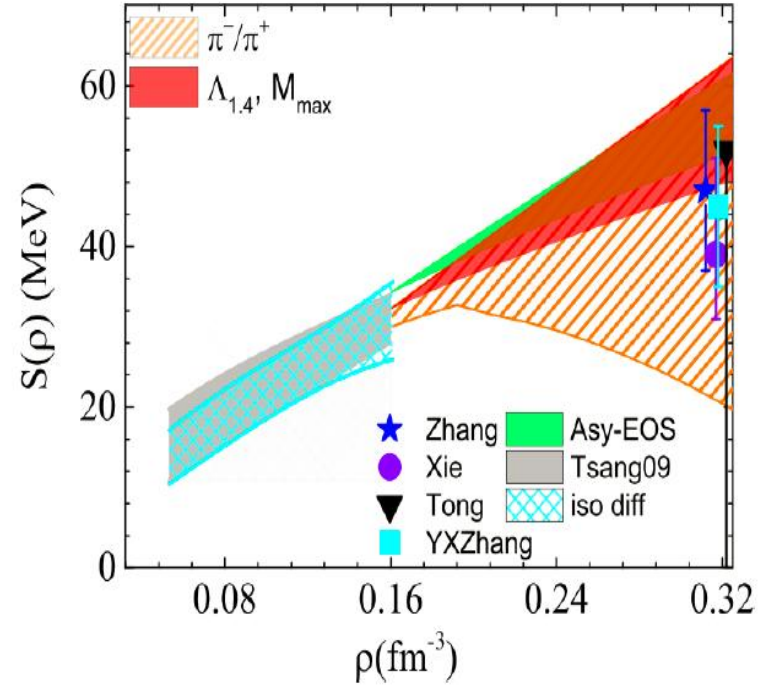
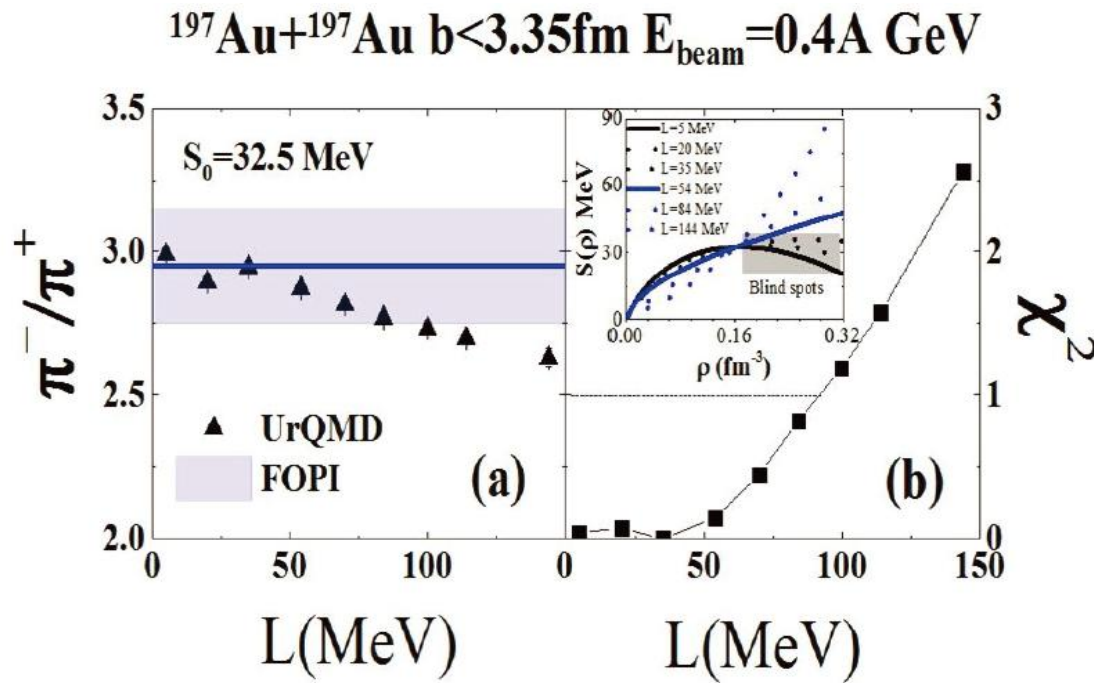
Slope parameter at  $\rho_0$ :

$$L(\rho_0) = 53.5 \text{ MeV}, \quad 48.2 \text{ MeV}$$



# Combining GW170817 and HICdata

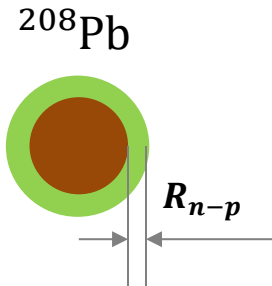
$\pi^-/\pi^+$  yield ratio is complicated, for which enormous studies emerge on the production and transport of  $\pi$  mesons, including threshold effect, medium effect,  $\pi$  optical potential,  $\pi$ - $\Delta$  loops etc. Jun Xu, Yingxun Zhang, C-M Ko, Dan Cozma et al.



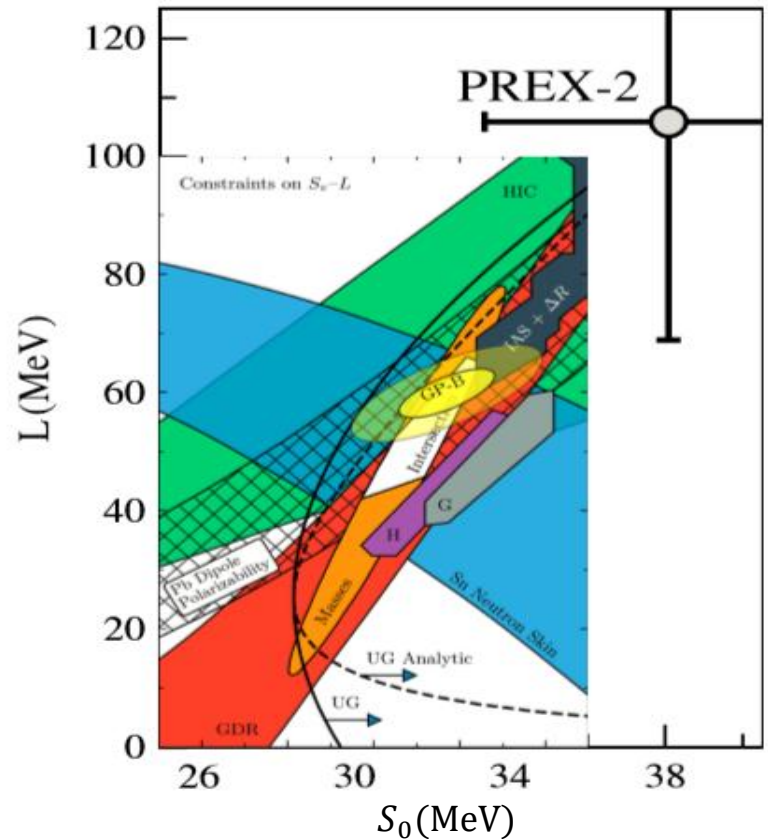
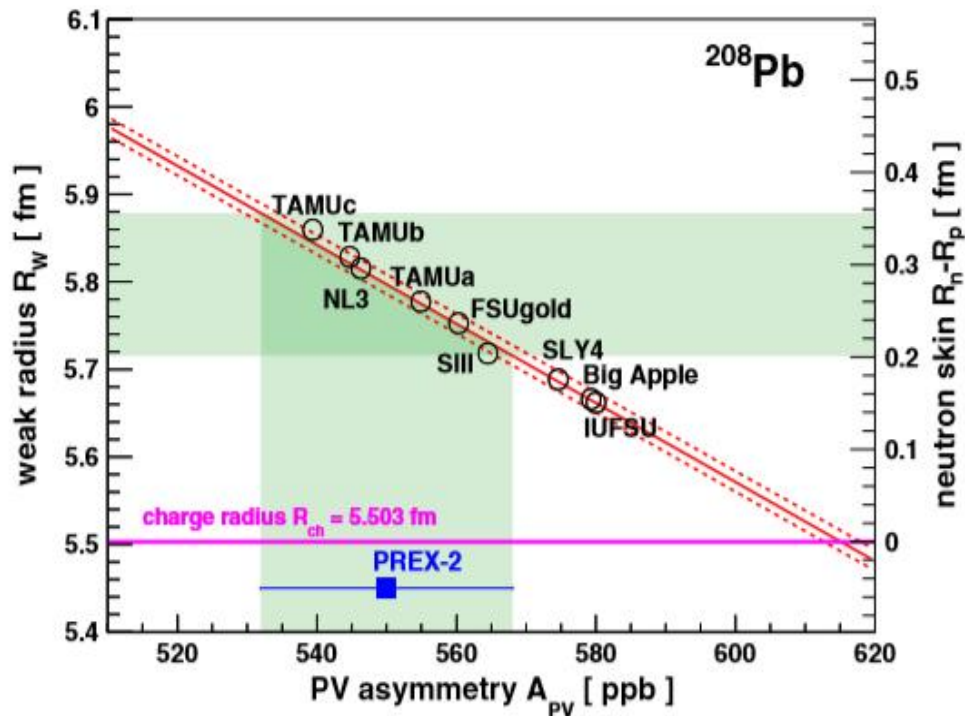
Combine GW170817/HIC:  $54 < L < 91 \text{ MeV}$

【Y.Y. Liu et al., PRC 103, 014616 (2021)】

# Progress of PREX experiment



PREX : PV scattering of  $e + ^{208}\text{Pb}$  to determine the neutron skin thickness of  $^{208}\text{Pb}$



$$R_{n-p} = 0.283 \pm 0.071 \text{ fm}$$

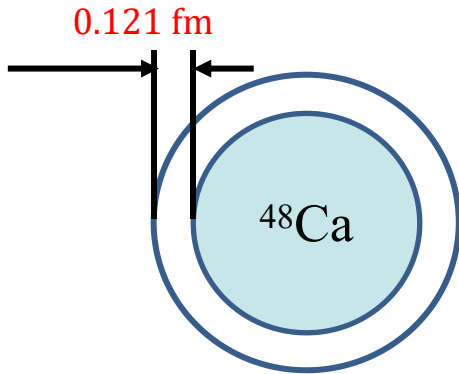
$$L = 106 \pm 37 \text{ MeV}$$

PREX collaboration., PRL 126, 172502 (2021)  
 B. T. Reed et al, PRL 126, 172503 (2021)

# Combined analysis of PREX-II and CREX

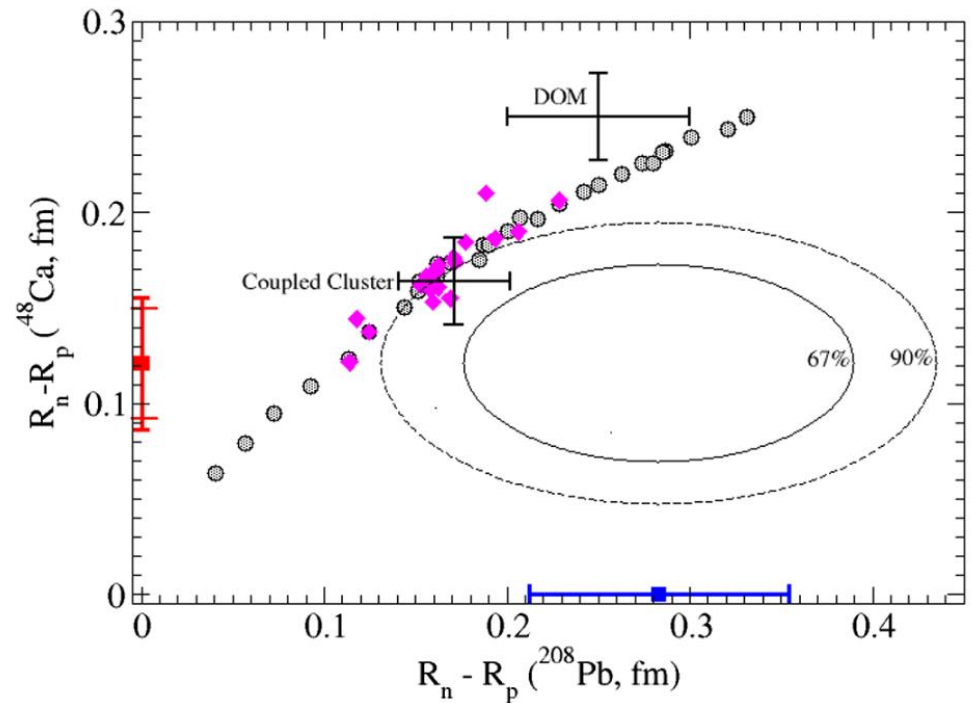
Based on the same scheme, Neutron skin thickness of  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  is determined:  $\Delta r_{\text{np}}(^{48}\text{Ca}) = 0.121 \pm 0.026(\text{exp}) \pm 0.024(\text{model}) \text{ fm}$

Results of PREX and CREX show no consistency at 68% CL



The inferred  $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$  and  $\Delta r_{\text{np}}$  separately from CREX and PREX-2 are compatible with each other at 90% C.L., although they are **inconsistent at 68.3% C.L.**, with CREX (PREX-2) favoring a very soft (stiff)  $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$  and rather small (large)  $\Delta r_{\text{np}}$ .

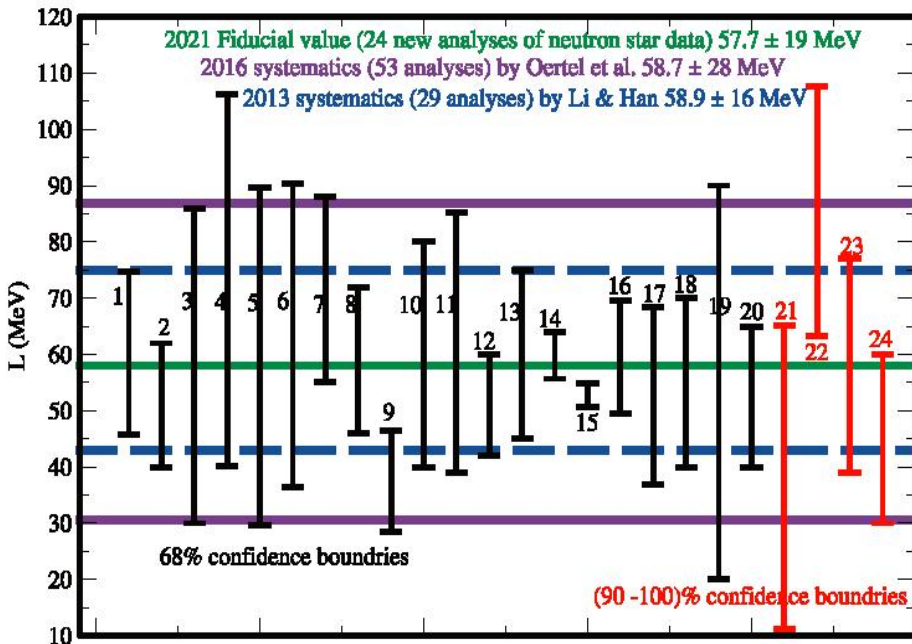
D. Adhikari et al (CREX collab.) Phys. Rev. Lett. 129, 042501 (2022)



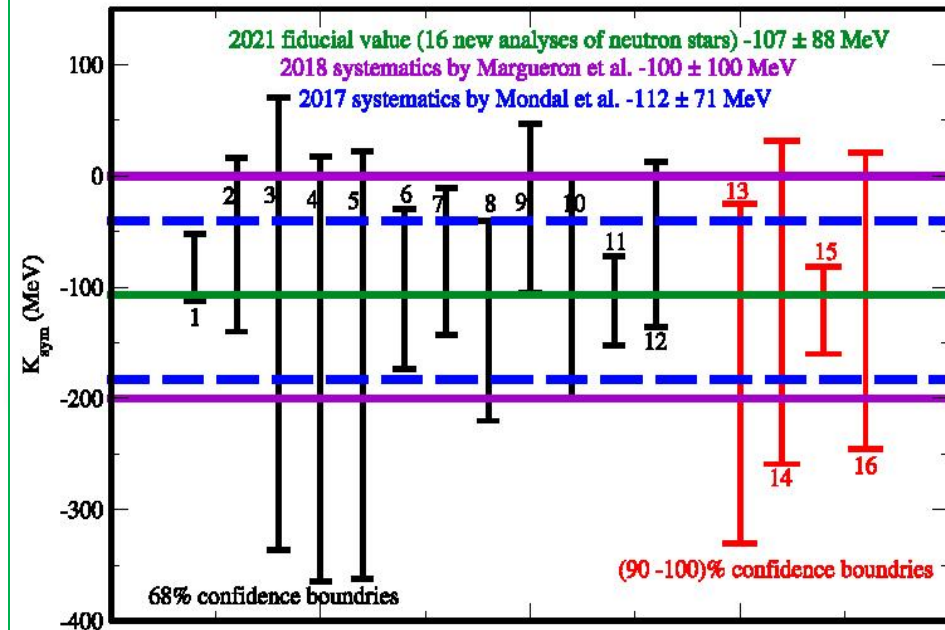
Paul-Gerhard Reinhard et al PRL. 129, 232501 (2022)  
Z. Zhang, L. W. Chen et al, PRC 108, 024317 (2023)

# Fiducial constraints of $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$

## Recent results on $L$



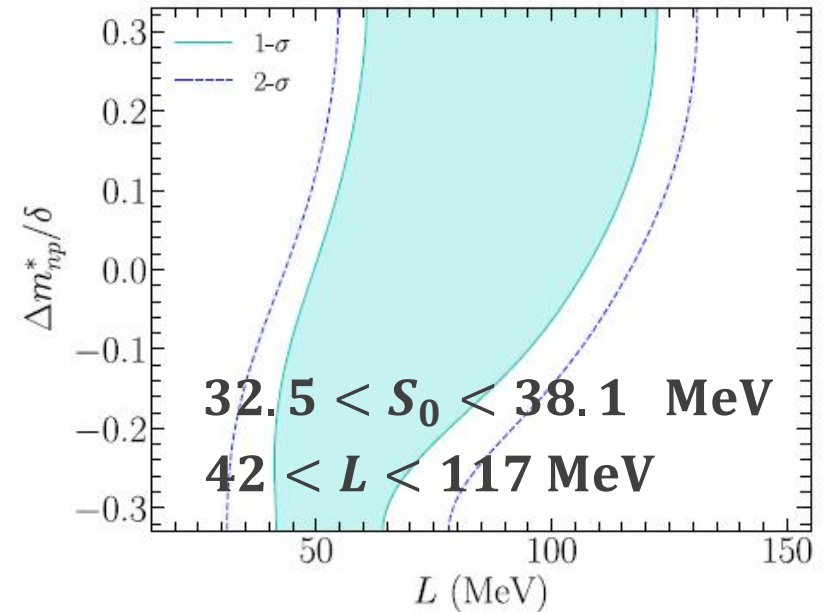
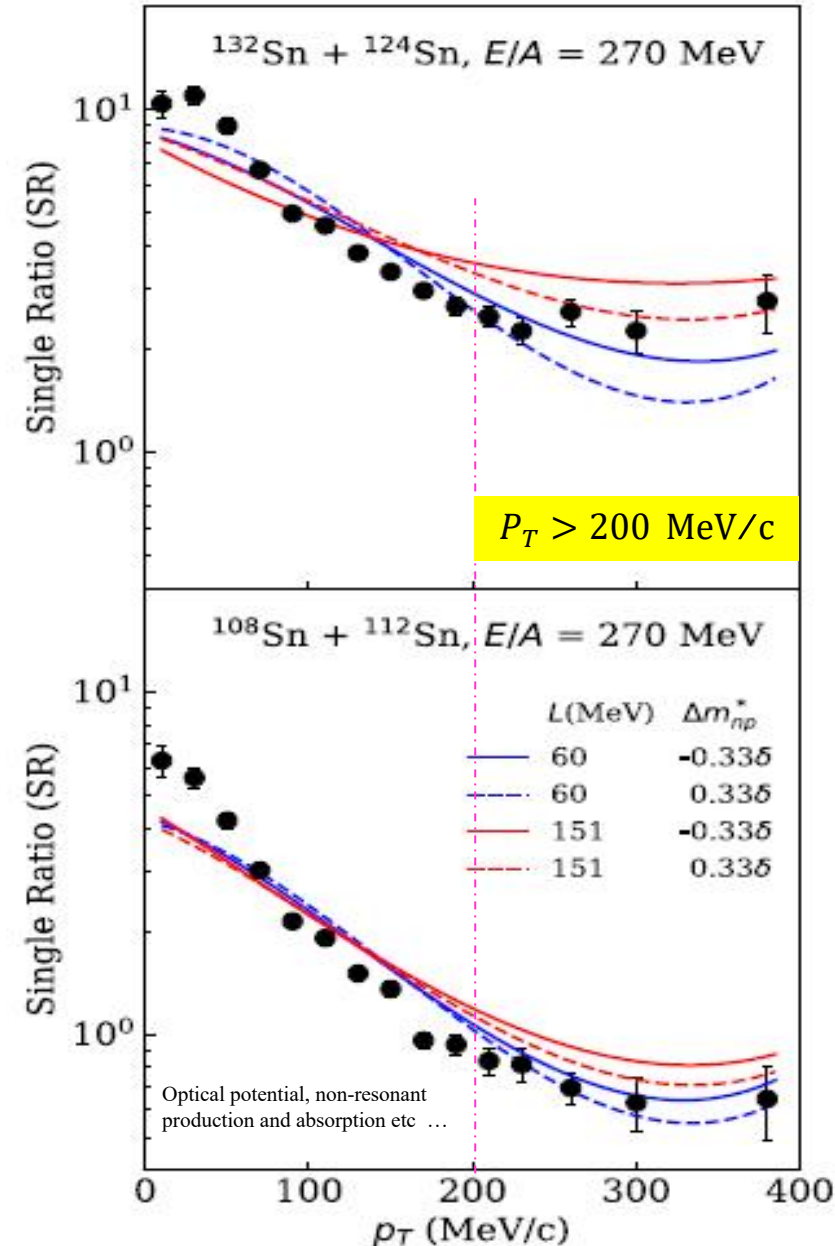
## Recent results on $K_{\text{sym}}$



Bao-An Li et al., *Universe* 7, 182 (2021)

24 new analysis from the NS observables  
In comparison to 2013 and 2016 survey.  
*In tention with* the most recent PREX II results.

# “S $\pi$ RIT brings neutron star down to earth”



J. Estee et al., **PRL 126, 162701 (2021)**



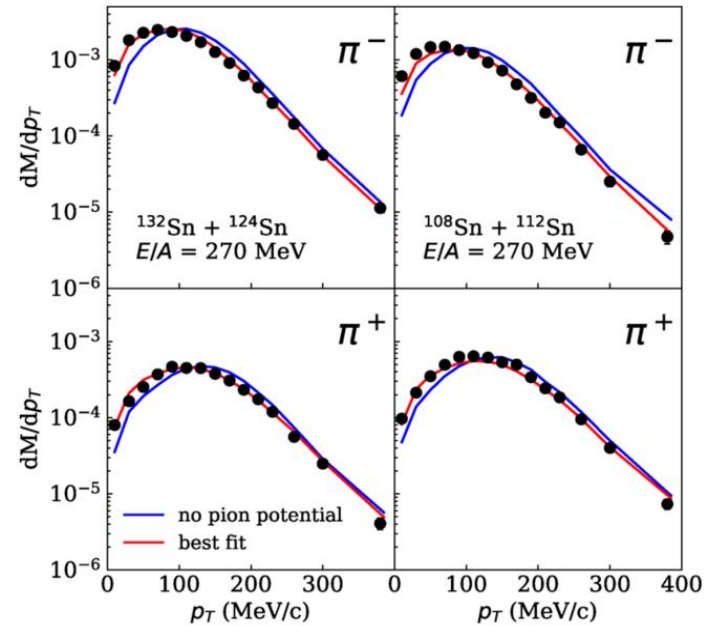
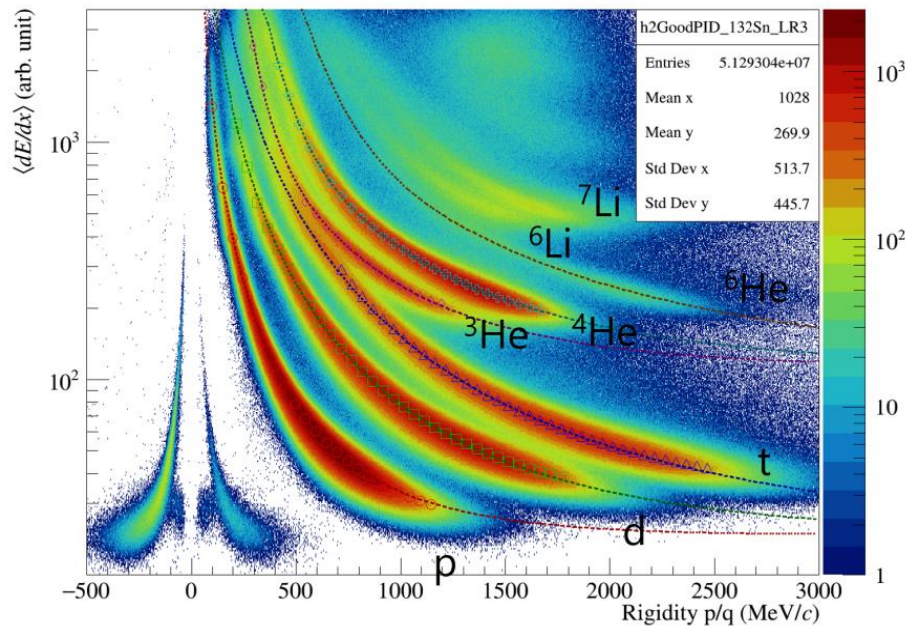


# SπRIT Recent progress

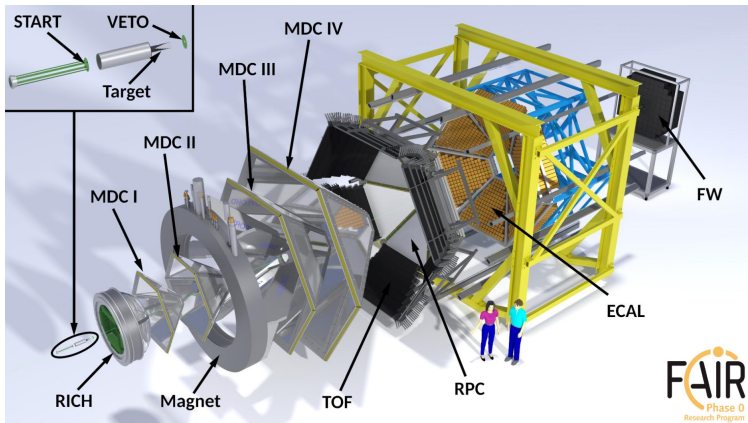
- 270 MeV/u  $^{108,132}\text{Sn} + ^{112,124}\text{Sn}$  : published  
[ $\pi^-/\pi^+$  ratio, Flow, LCP published: 1 PRL + 3 PLB]
- 345 MeV/u  $^{136}\text{Xe} + ^{112,124}\text{Sn}$  : Running



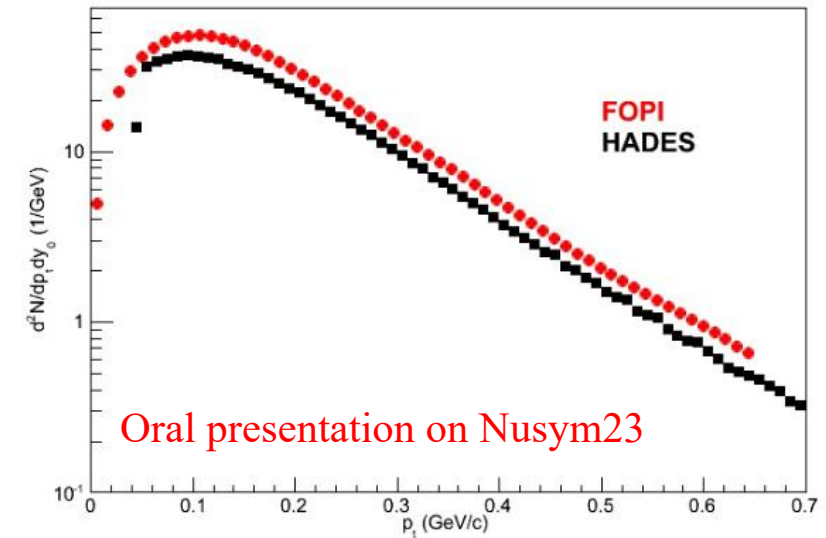
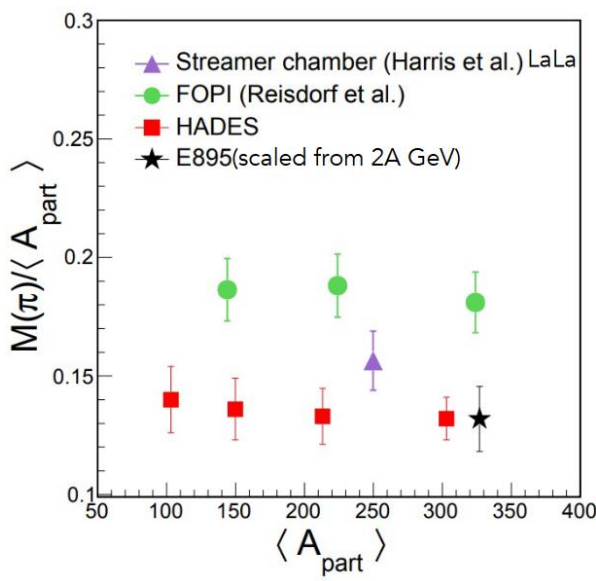
TPC ParticleID for  $^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$



# Recent progress from HADES



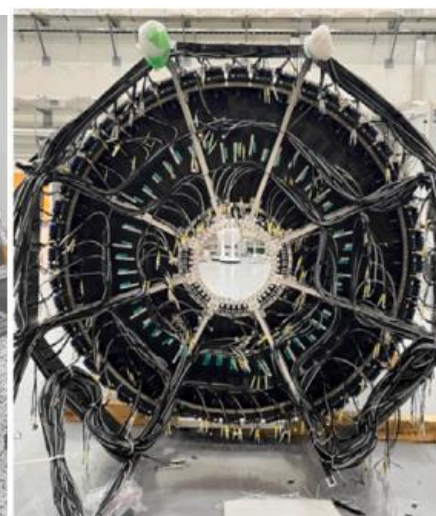
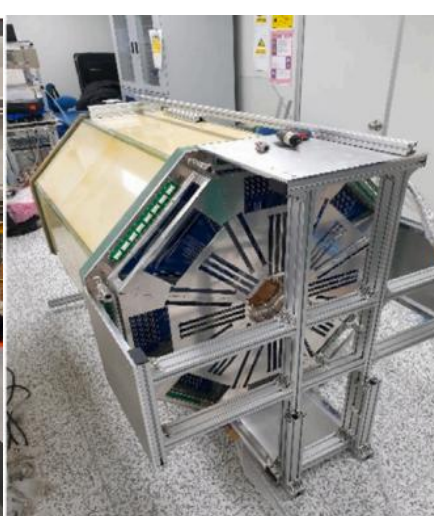
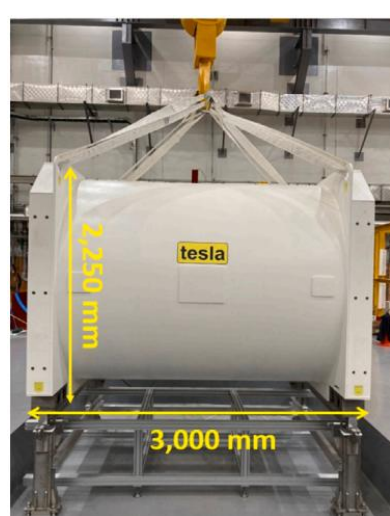
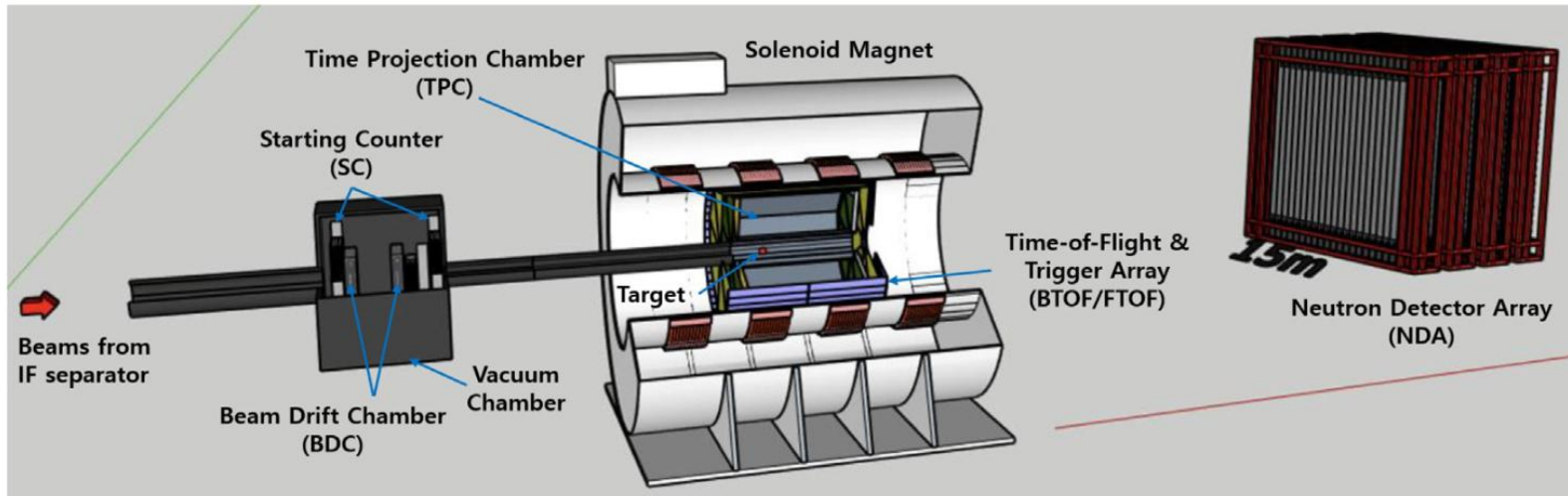
HADES energy scan 2024				
System	Energy (A GeV)	Requested shifts	DAQ rate (kHz)	Estimated #events
Au+Au	0.8	30	10	$3 \times 10^9$
Au+Au	0.6	30	10	$3 \times 10^9$
Au+Au	0.4	9	10	$1 \times 10^9$
Au+Au	0.2	9	10	$1 \times 10^9$
C+C	0.8	6	30	$2 \times 10^9$
C+C	0.6	6	30	$2 \times 10^9$



- Beam energy scan of Au+Au and C+C system;
- Flow and pion ratio analysis ongoing
- p-induced collisions planned for short range correlation studies

Cf. Joachim's Talk

# LAMPS Progress



LAMPS at RAON is nearly constructed. [NIMB B 541 (2023) 260–263]

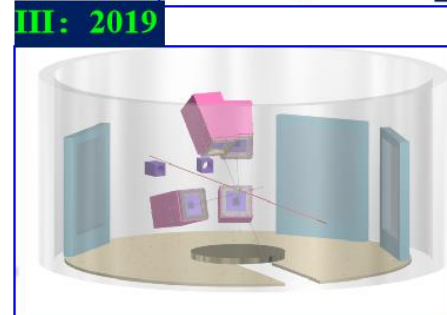
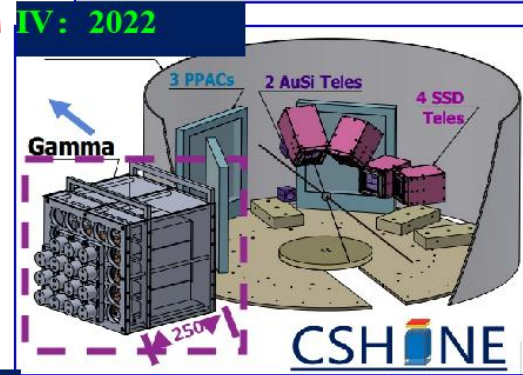
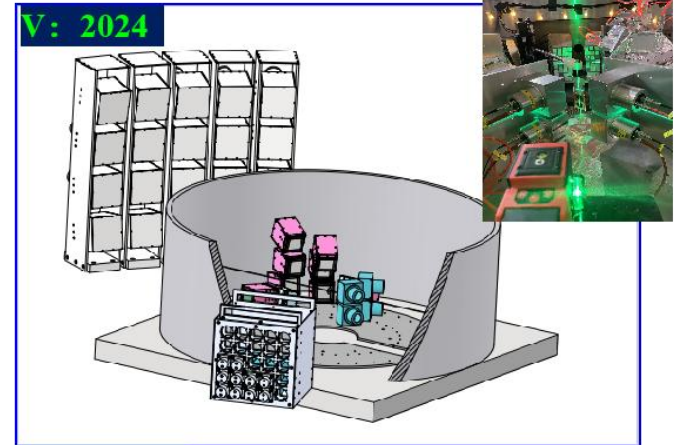
# CSHINE: Compact Spectrometer for Heavy Ion Experiment

The Compact Spectrometer for Heavy Ion Experiment has been built at HIRFL,

- to studies the isospin dynamics of HICs at Fermi energies
- to infer the  $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$  near saturation density

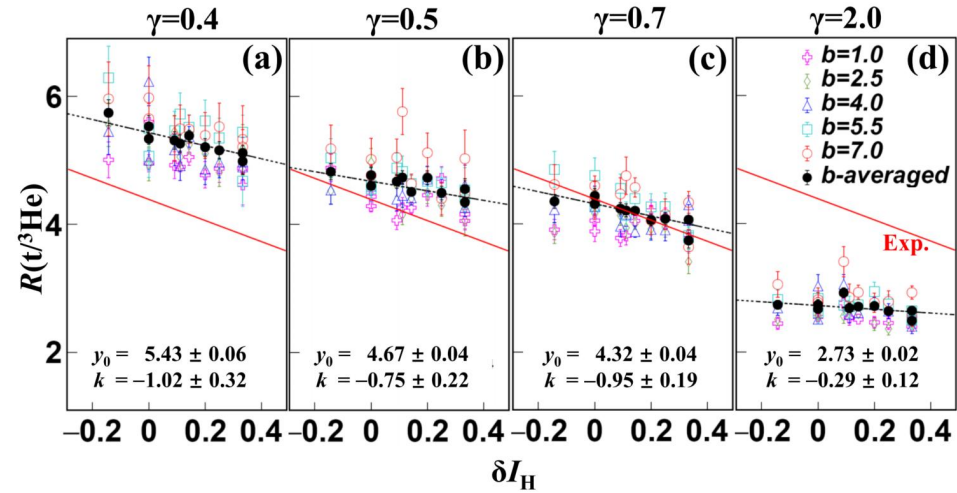
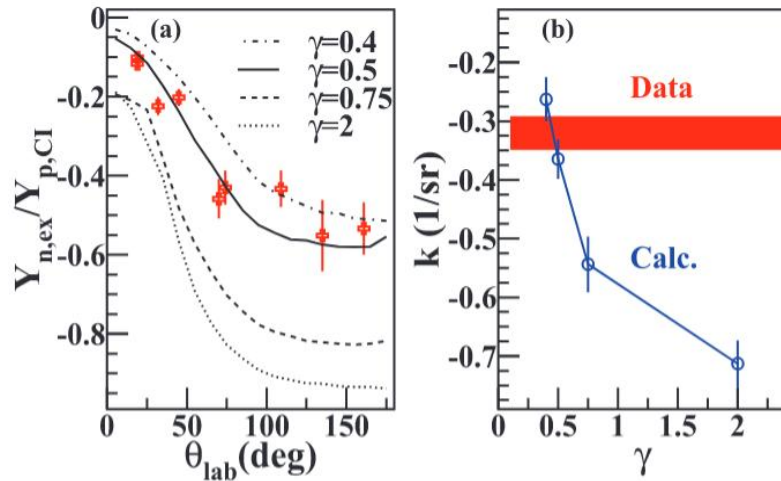
## □ Beam time statistics:

- I: 30 MeV/u  $^{40}\text{Ar}+^{197}\text{Au}$  (2014)
- II: 30 MeV/u  $^{40}\text{Ar}+^{197}\text{Au}$  (2018)
- III: 25 MeV/u  $^{86}\text{Kr}+^{208}\text{Pb}$  (2019)
- IV: 25 MeV/u  $^{86}\text{Kr}+^{124}\text{Sn}$  (2022)
- V: 25 MeV/u  $^{124}\text{Sn}+^{124}\text{Sn}$  (2024)



- 2024 → + neutron array
- 2022 → +  $\gamma$  Hodoscope
- 2018 → + SSdT

# CSHINE constrains $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$ at saturation density

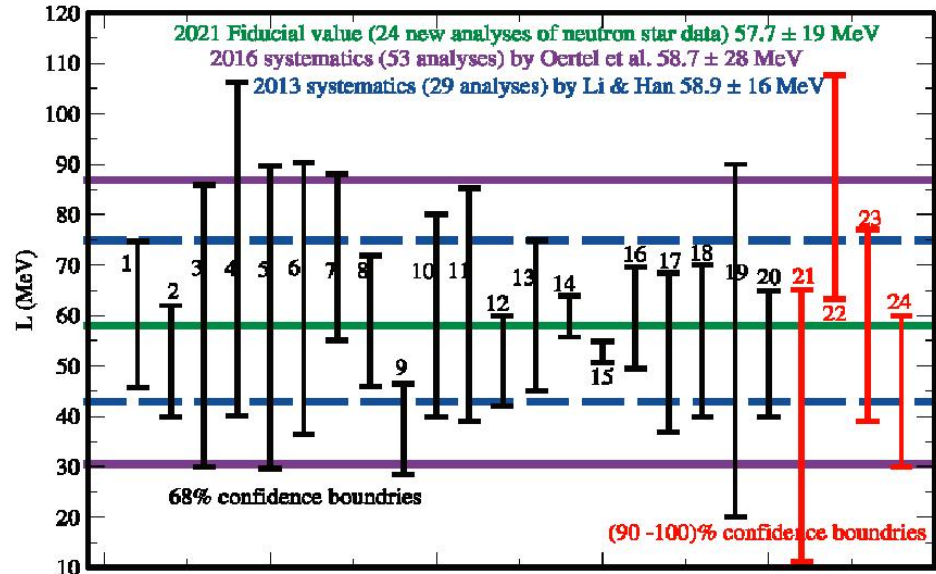


① Angular behavior of N/Z of LCPs

②  $t^3\text{He}$  yield ratio

$\gamma \approx 0.5$

$L = 47 \pm 14 \text{ MeV}$

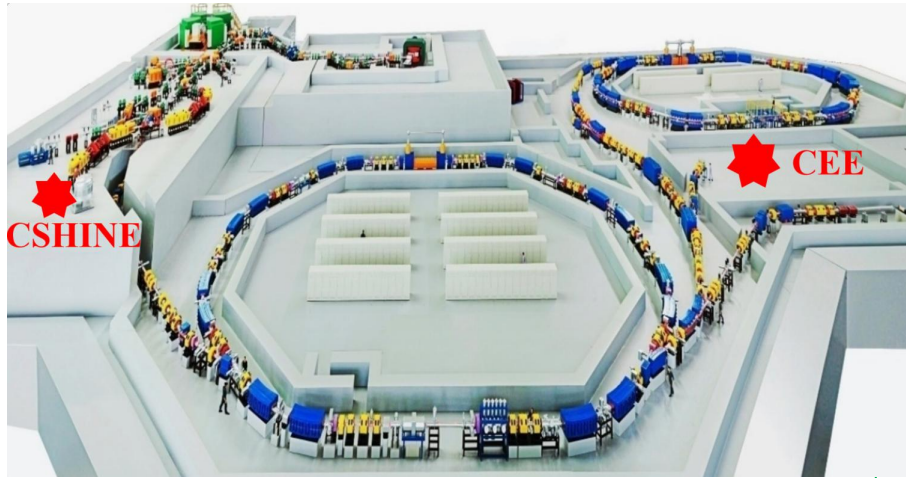


① Y. Zhang et al, PRC 95,041602(R) (2017)

② Y. J. Wang et al, PRC 107,L041601 (2023)

## 2、 Opportunities of **CEE** (HIRFL-CSR) and **CEE<sup>+</sup>** (HIAF)

### HIRFL-**CSR** accelerator complex

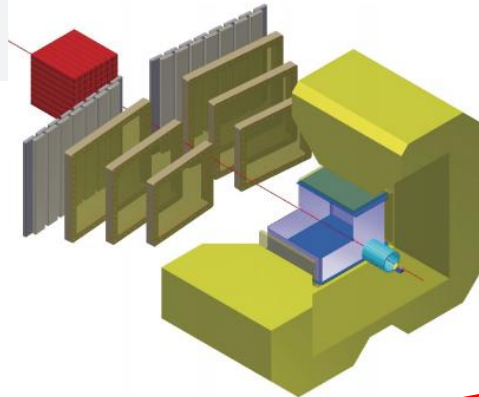


### Cool Storage Ring



#### HIRFL-CSR:

P	2.8 GeV
C	1100 MeV/u
U	0.5 GeV/u



If equipped with an advance experiment:

→ Explore the phase boundary of QCD phase diagram at high net-baryon densities.

→ EOS near  $2\rho_0$

→ Production of hyperons and hypernuclei

# CEE Detection System

- CEE: HIRFL-CSR External-target Experiment

After ~10 years' hard R&D, construction started in Aug. 2019, by NSFC and CAS.

- 1) Super-conducting Dipole Magnet
- 2) Si-PIX Beam Monitor (BM)
- 3) Time Projection Chamber (TPC)
- 4)  $T_0$ /Inner TOF (iTOF)
- 5) Endcap TOF (eTOF)
- 6) Multi-Wire Draft Chamber (MWDC)
- 7) Zero Degree Counter (ZDC)
- 8) Data Acquisition system (DAQ)
- 9) Trigger system (Trigger)
- 10) Clock system (Clock)
- 11) Technical Support
- 12) Slow Control (SC)
- 13) Software: simulation and analysis

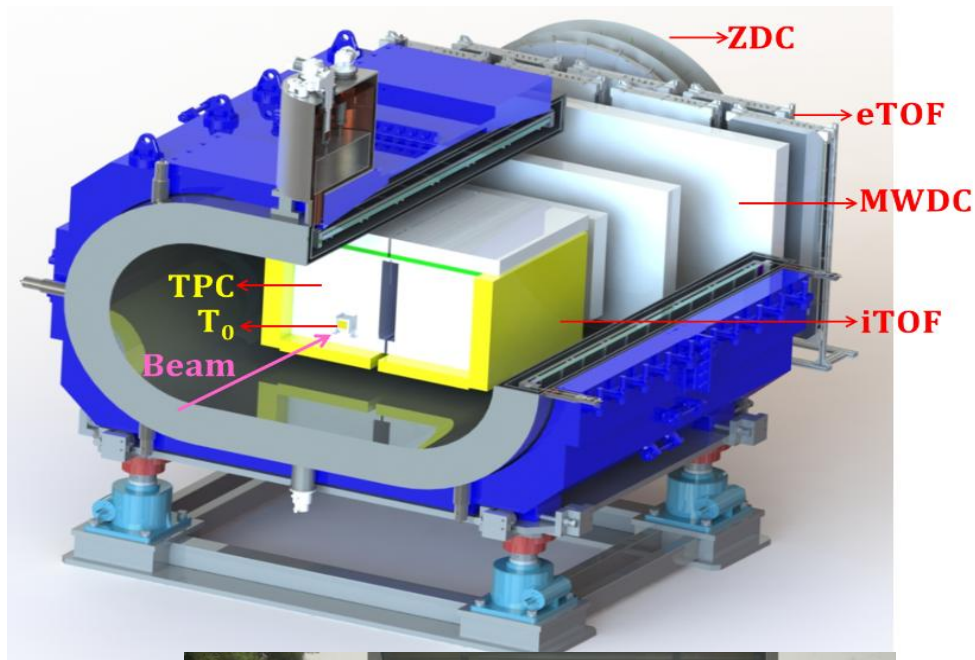
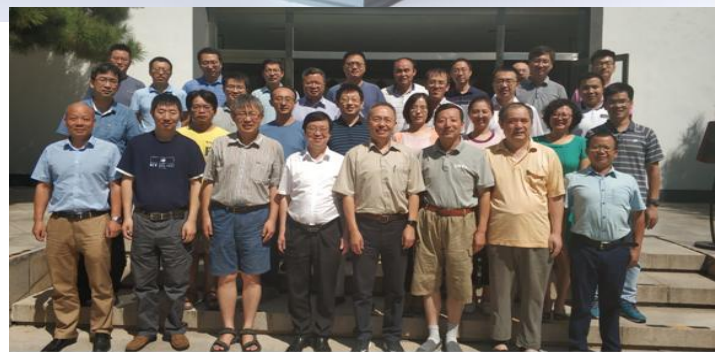


TABLE I. (Color online) Technical indicators of CEE.

Item	value
Maximum beam energy	0.5GeV/u(U) – 2.8GeV(p)
Bean type	$p \sim U$
Maximum event rate	10 kHz
Acceptance	> 50%
Total channel number	20k



2019.8.15, 1<sup>st</sup> CEE collaboration meeting

# Physical programs at CEE (HIRFL-CSR)

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Given the enormous progress of the studies on nEOS, what opportunities do we have in HIC at hundreds MeV/u beam energies?

based on charged particle detection, CEE covers the following observables:

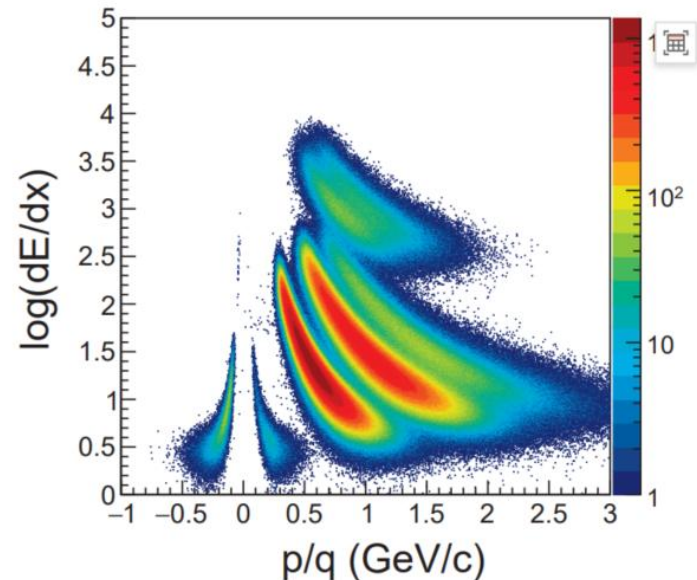
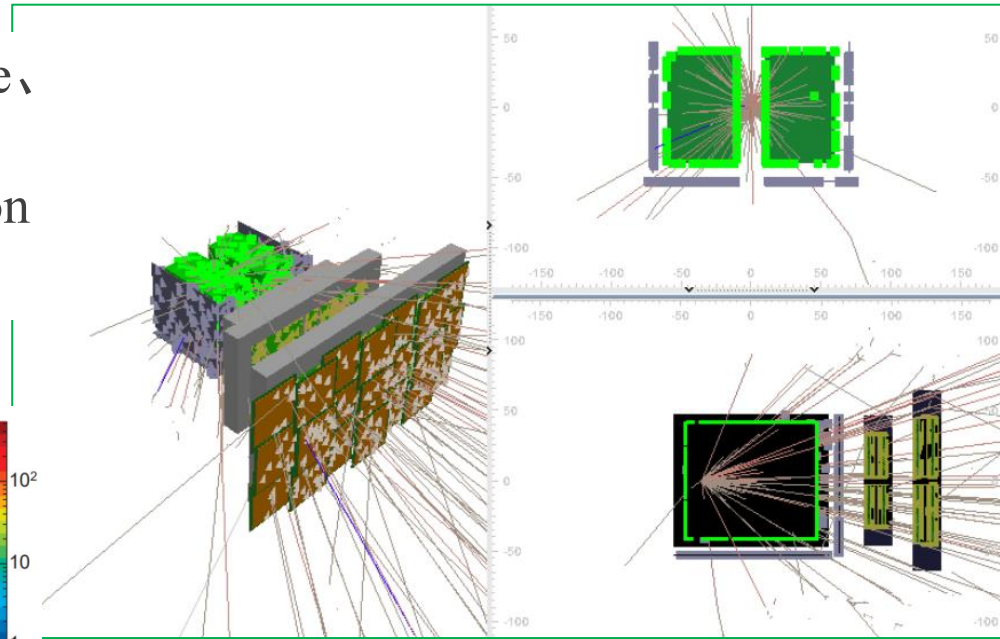
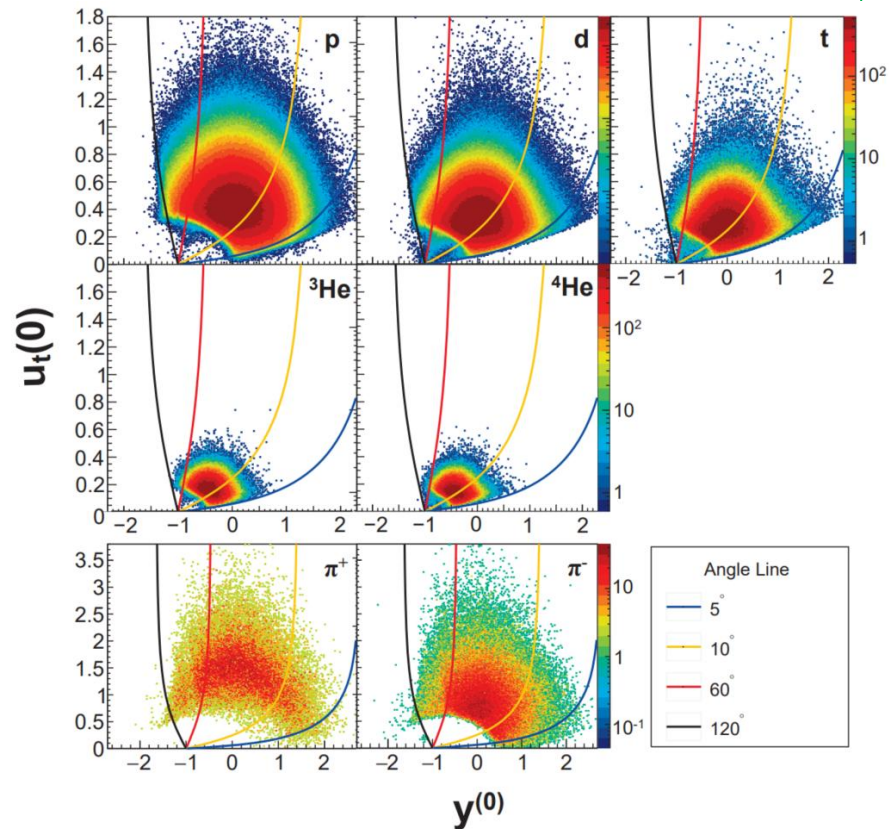
- ❑ t-<sup>3</sup>He Puzzle and Clustering;
- ❑  $\pi$  production,  $\pi^-/\pi^+$  yield ratio and femtoscopic correlation
- ❑ p-p, cluster-cluster correlations
- ❑  $K_S^0$  production
- ❑ p+A fragmentation, short range correlations
- ❑ Flow, polarization of the colliding system

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# CEE provides new opportunities for $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$ studies

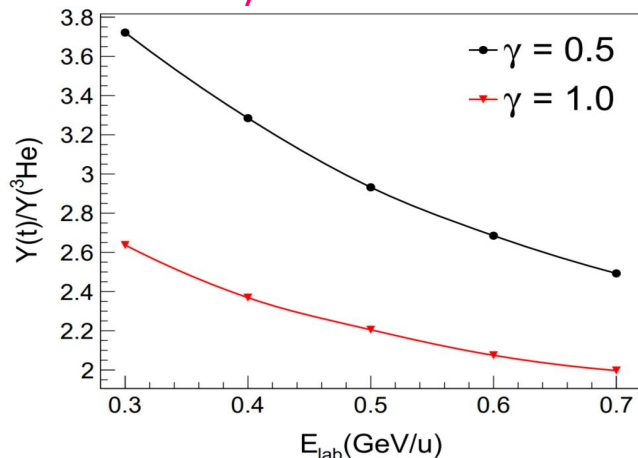
Simulation studies on  $\pi^-/\pi^+$ ,  $t$ - $^3\text{He}$ , radial flow and  $K_S^0$  production has been started, in CEERoot Framework based on CBMRoot



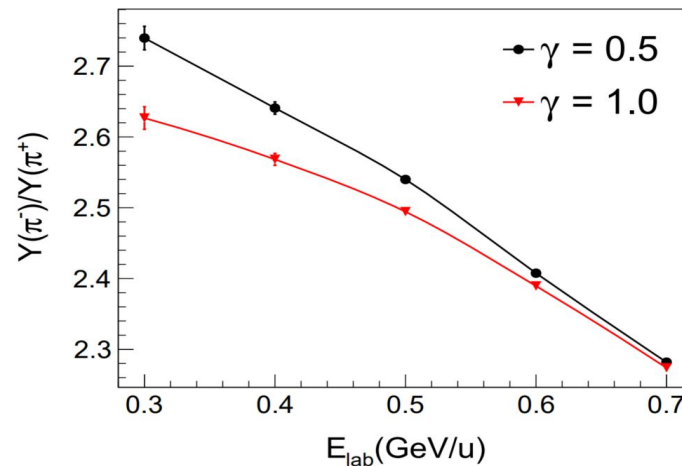
# CEE provides new opportunities for NEOS studies

0.5 GeV/u  $^{208}\text{Pb} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$ :

$t/{}^3\text{He}$  Ratio

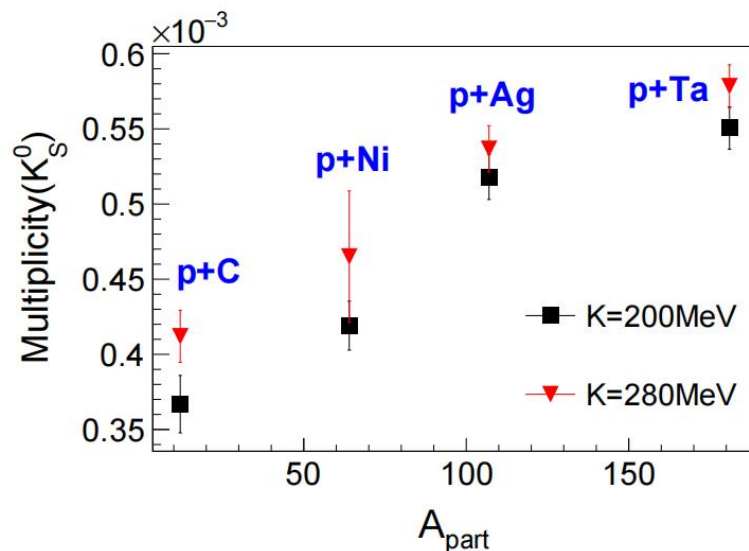
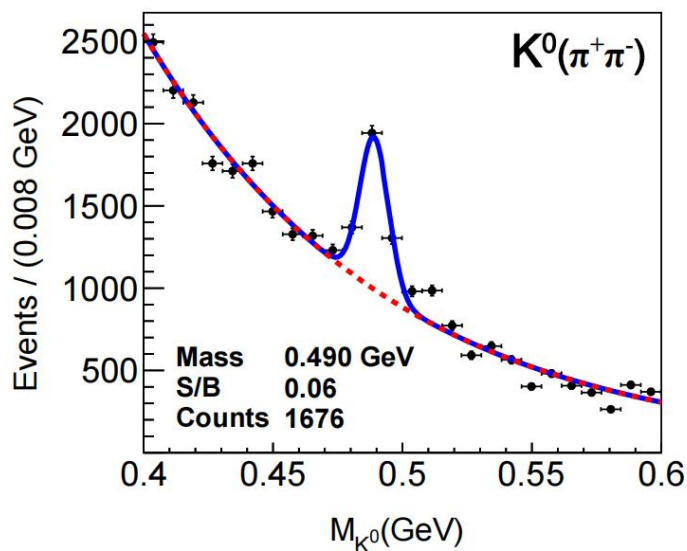


$\pi^-/\pi^+$  Ratio



2.8 GeV p+C, Ni, Ag, Ta:

$K_S^0$  production



# Current Status: Infrastructure

CEE Infrastructure nearly ready!

Gas System



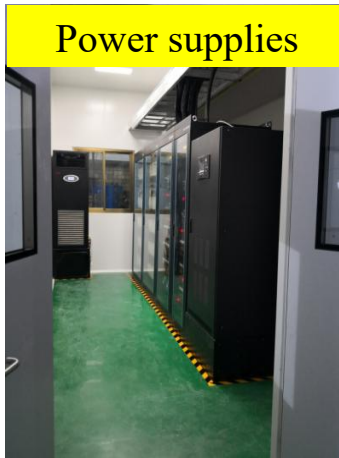
Counting Room



Grounding



Power supplies



DAQ



Cage Gate

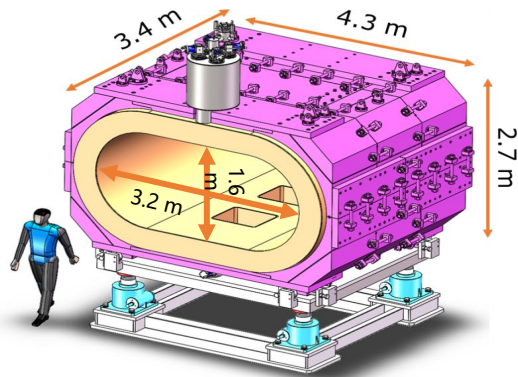


CEE Cave



# Current Status: Subdetectors

All the detector subsystems and slow control are in the stage of mass production



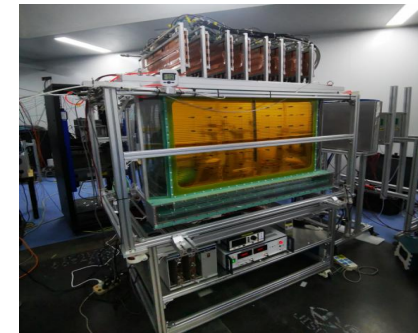
Yoke



Helium Container



TPC Detector



Electronics



DAQ boards



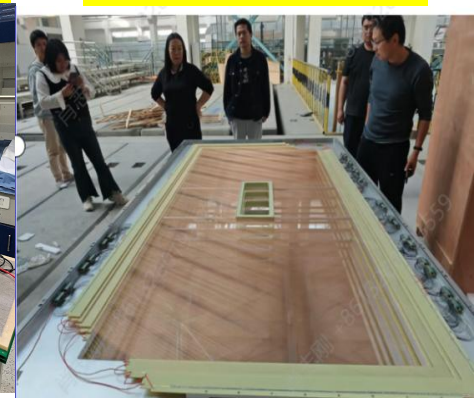
ZDC modules



TOF modules



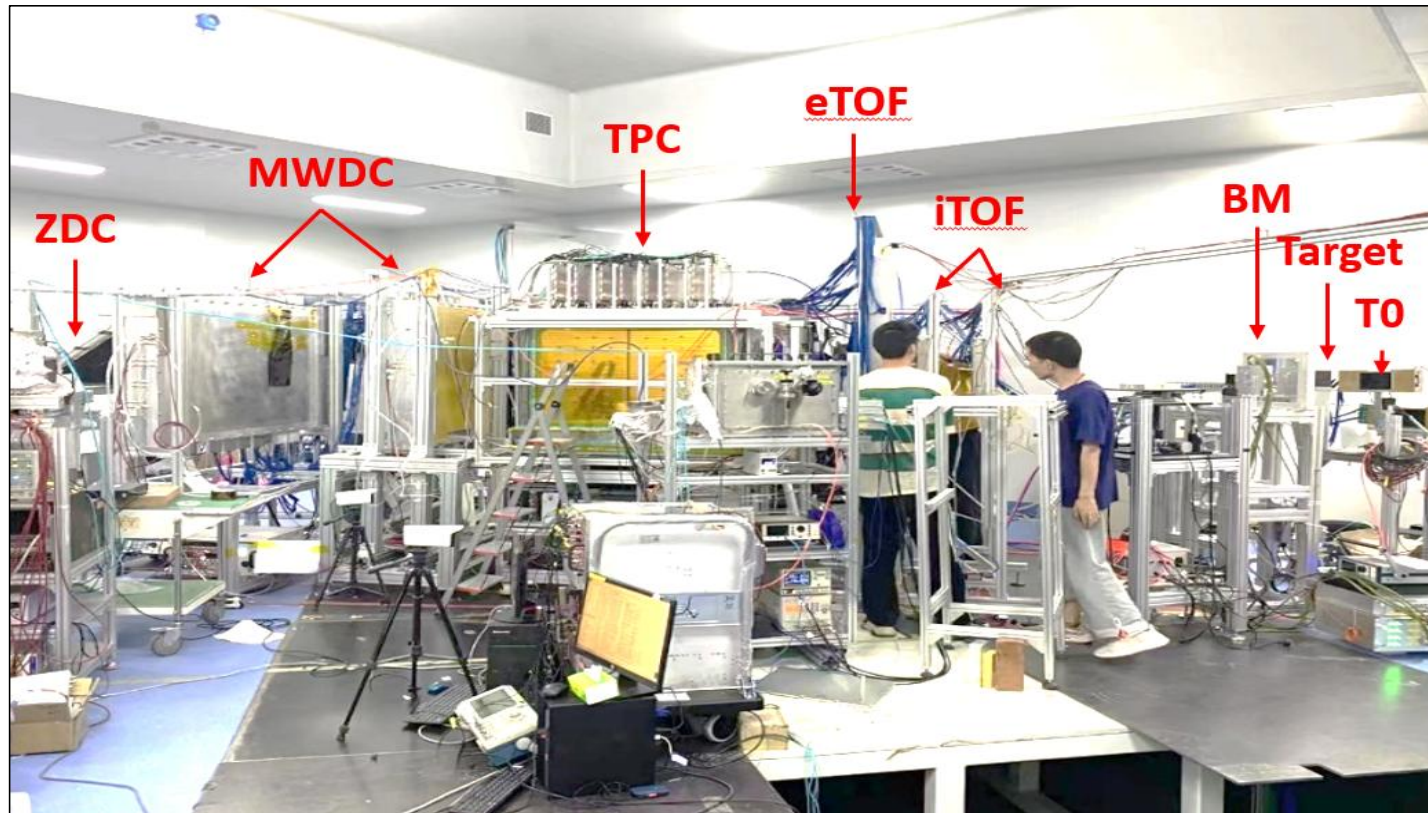
MWDC in manu.



- 4<sup>th</sup> beam test in Dec 2024
- Commissioning run is expected in 2025

# Current Status: detector performance test

Integration beam tests conducted 3 times: Mar. /Dec. 2023, May. 2024



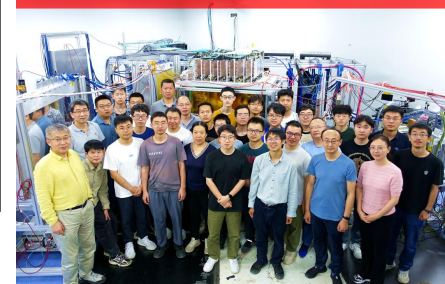
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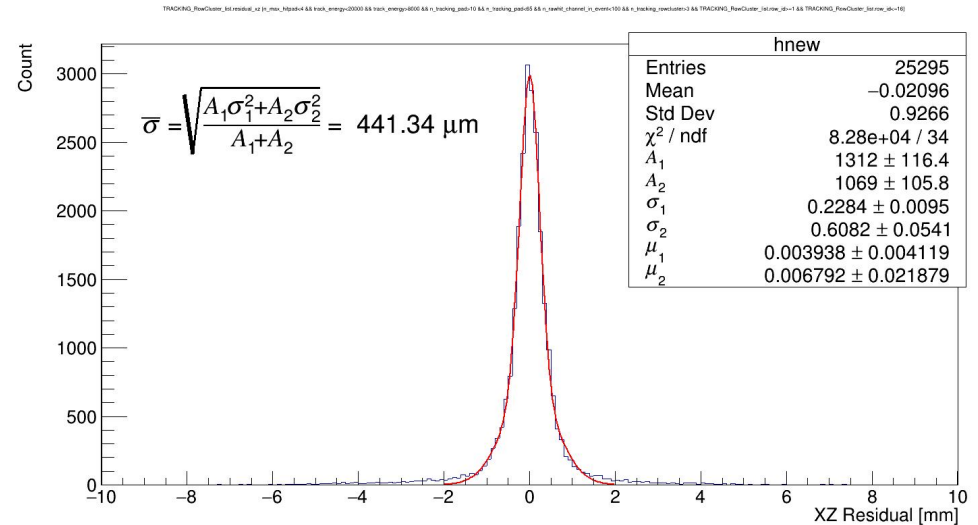
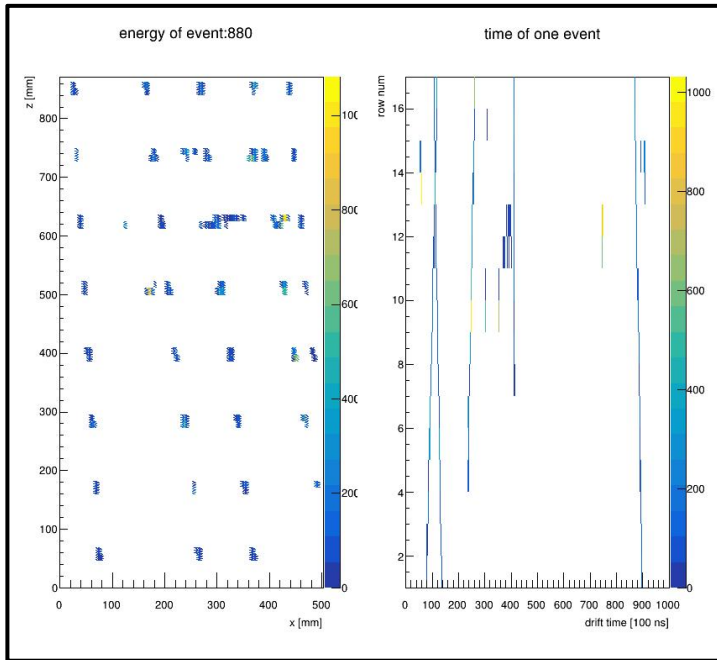
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CEE谱仪第三次（模块级）束流联试



# Tracking Detector Performance

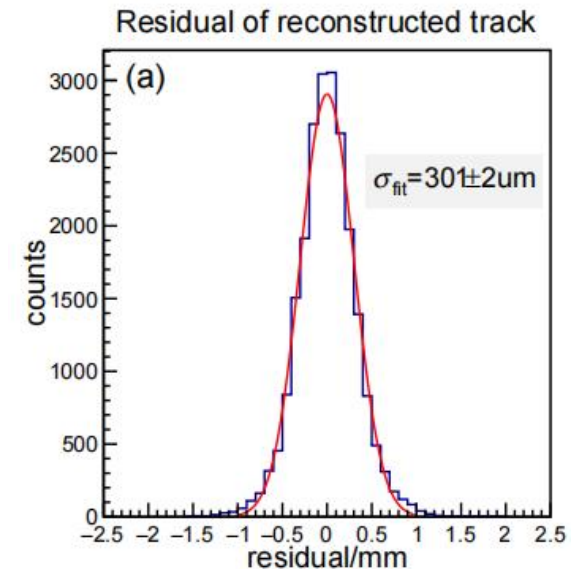
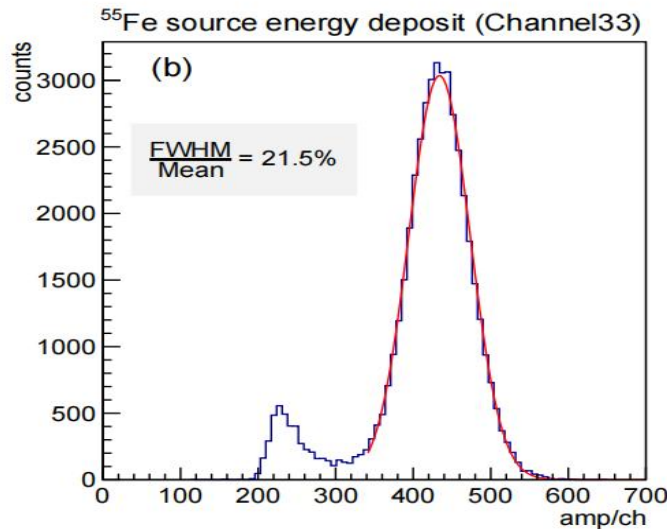


**TPC: Residue  $\sigma_{xy} = 441 \mu\text{m}$**

**MWDC:**

**$\text{FWHM}_E = 21.5\%$**

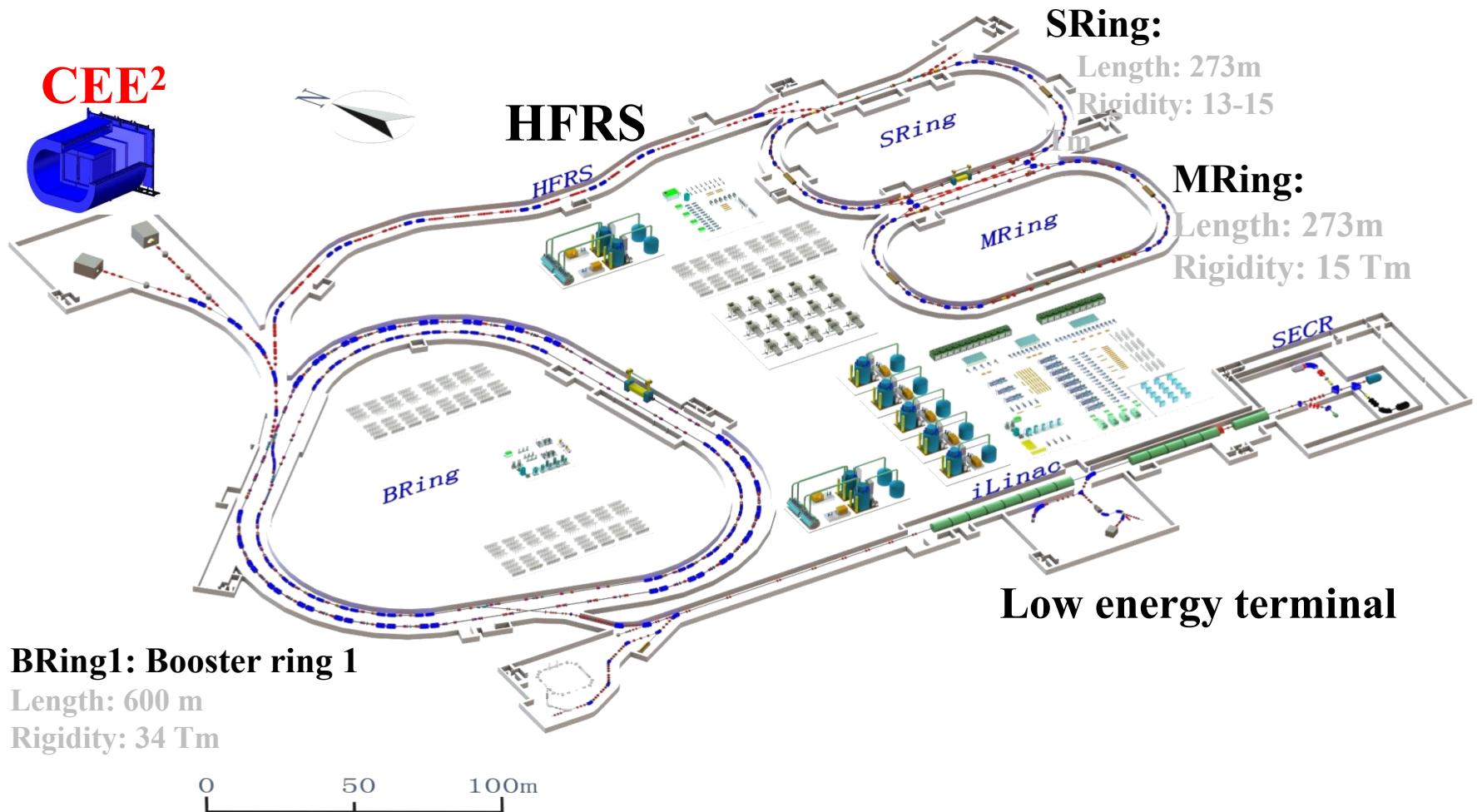
**$\sigma_r = 301 \mu\text{m}$**



# Towards to HIAF

Beam energy ( $A/Z=2$ )  $\sim 4.5$  GeV/u  $\langle \rangle$  Beam intensity HIAF/HIRFL:  $10^3 - 10^4$

$$\rho \gtrsim 3 - 4\rho_0$$



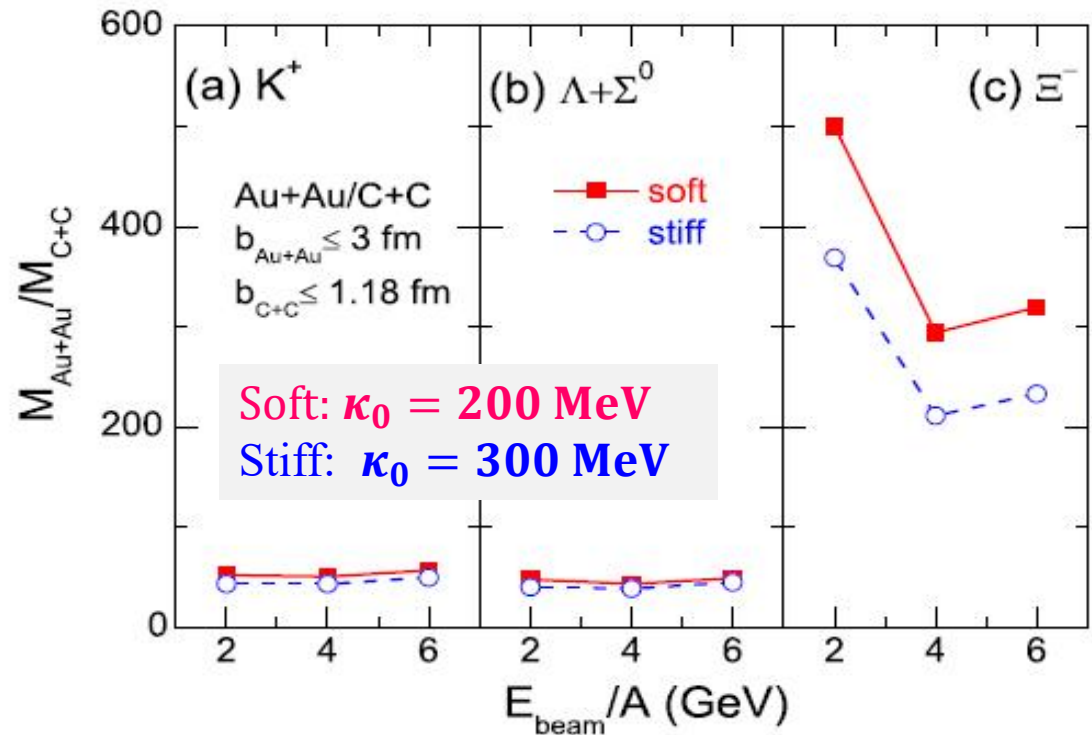
# Probes of NEOS in HIAF energy range

At a few GeV/u beam energy, highly compressed baryon matter is formed.

According to simulations, multi-strangeness baryon are created in secondary collisions in high density region, showing sensitivity to nEOS.



yield of the double strangeness  $\Xi^-$ , is sensitive on EOS



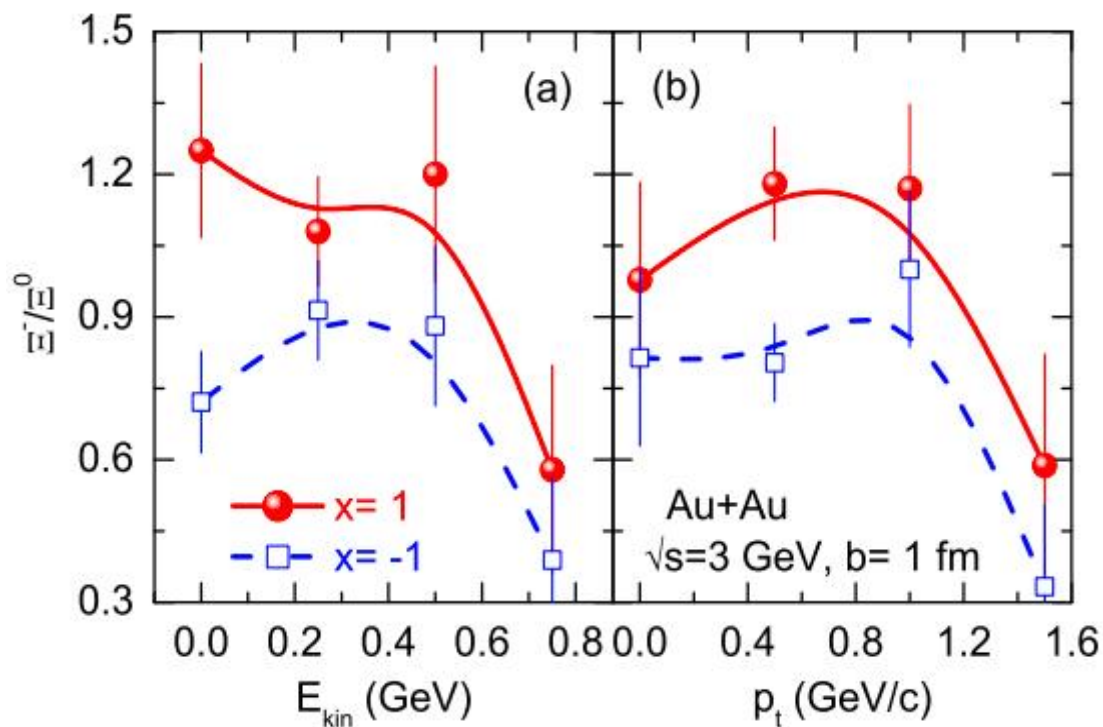
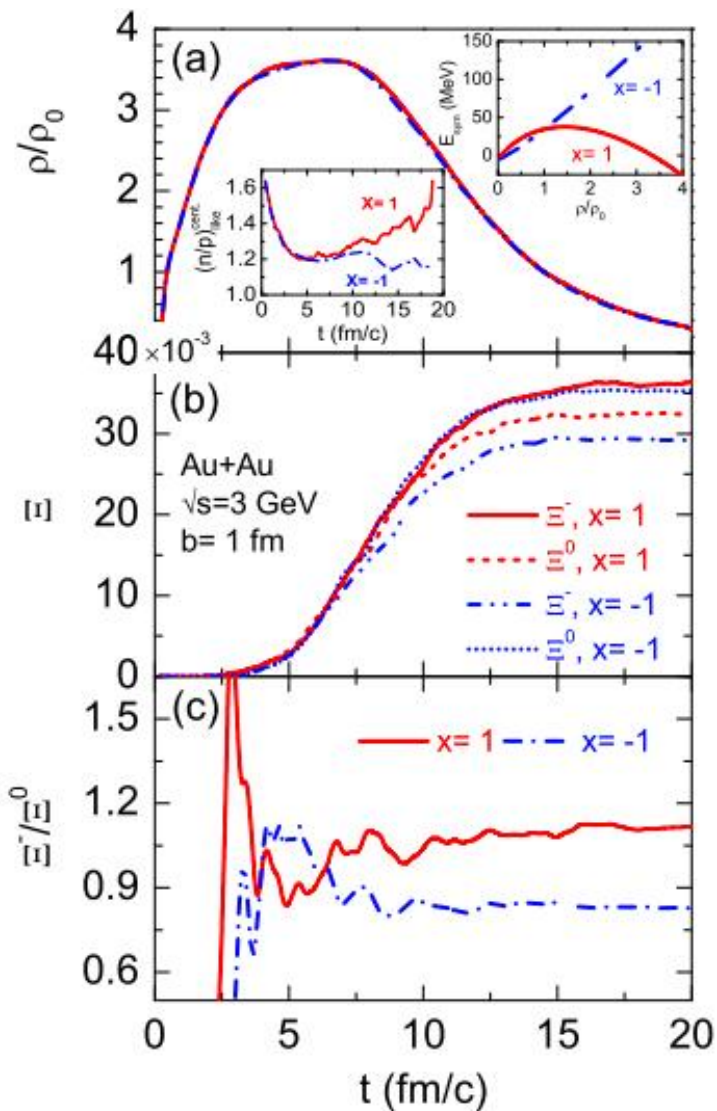


# Probes of $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$ at higher density

isospin probes:  $\frac{n}{p} \rightarrow \frac{\pi^-}{\pi^+} \rightarrow \frac{K^0(d\bar{s})}{K^+(u\bar{s})} \rightarrow \frac{\Sigma^-(dds)}{\Sigma^+(uus)} \rightarrow \frac{\Xi^-(dss)}{\Xi^0(uss)}$

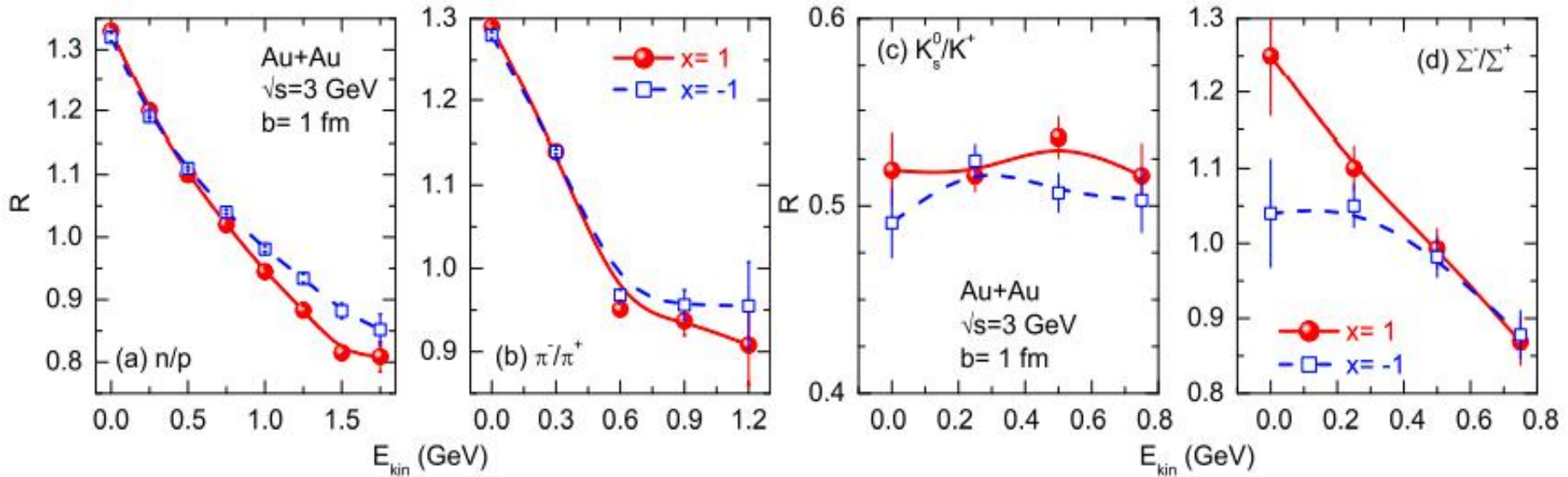
with the increase of beam energy  $\rightarrow$

via  $\pi + N \rightarrow \Sigma$  secondly process, isospin effect carried by nucleons and pions are passed to strangeness.

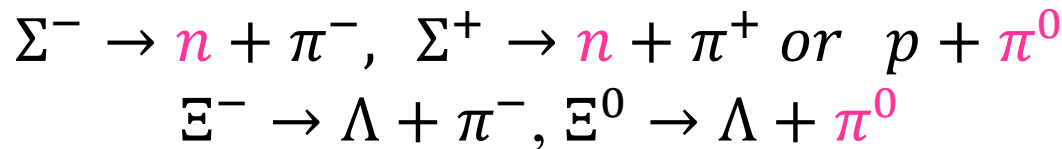


# Probes of $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$ at high densities

Isospin probes:  $\frac{n}{p} \rightarrow \frac{\pi^-}{\pi^+} \rightarrow \frac{K^0(d\bar{s})}{K^+(u\bar{s})} \rightarrow \frac{\Sigma^-(dds)}{\Sigma^+(uus)} \rightarrow \frac{\Xi^-(dss)}{\Xi^0(uss)}$



**Experimental challenge: To detect the neutral particles**



# 3. Summary

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1. Heavy ion collisions create compressed nuclear matter, and offer an effective means to probe the equation of state of nuclear matter. Enormous progress has been made so far, the  $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$  at suprasaturation density is less constrained.
2. To be operated at GeV/u energy regime, CEE foresees some new opportunities in the studies of  $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$  at about  $\rho_0 \sim 2\rho_0$  via the observables ( $t/{}^3\text{He}$ ) ,  $\pi^-/\pi^+$  ratio, production of  $K^0$  mesons etc.
3. CEE construction is ongoing smoothly, Commissioning run is expected in 2025.

**Stay tuned**