


# Simulations of Pion Productions with pBUU

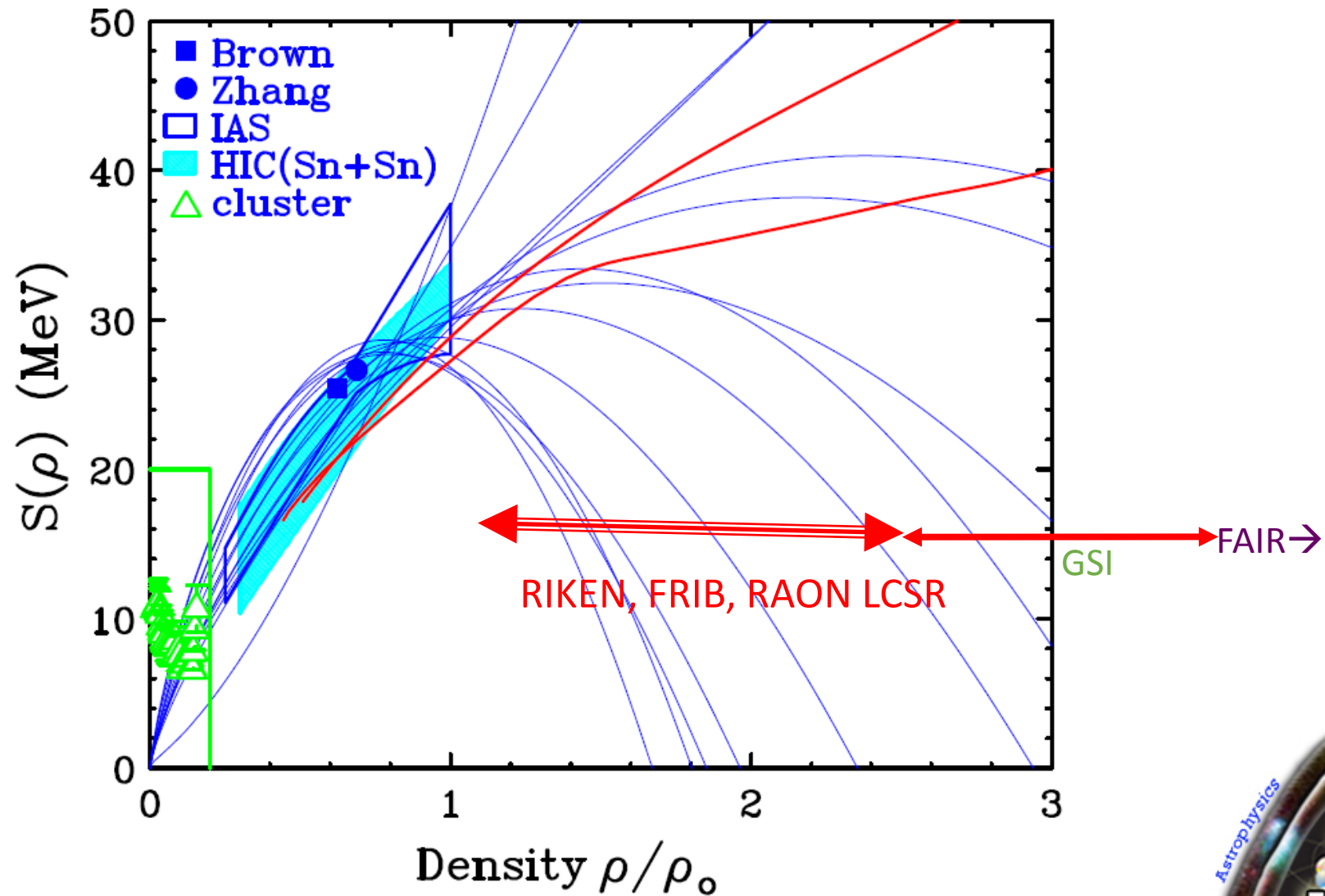
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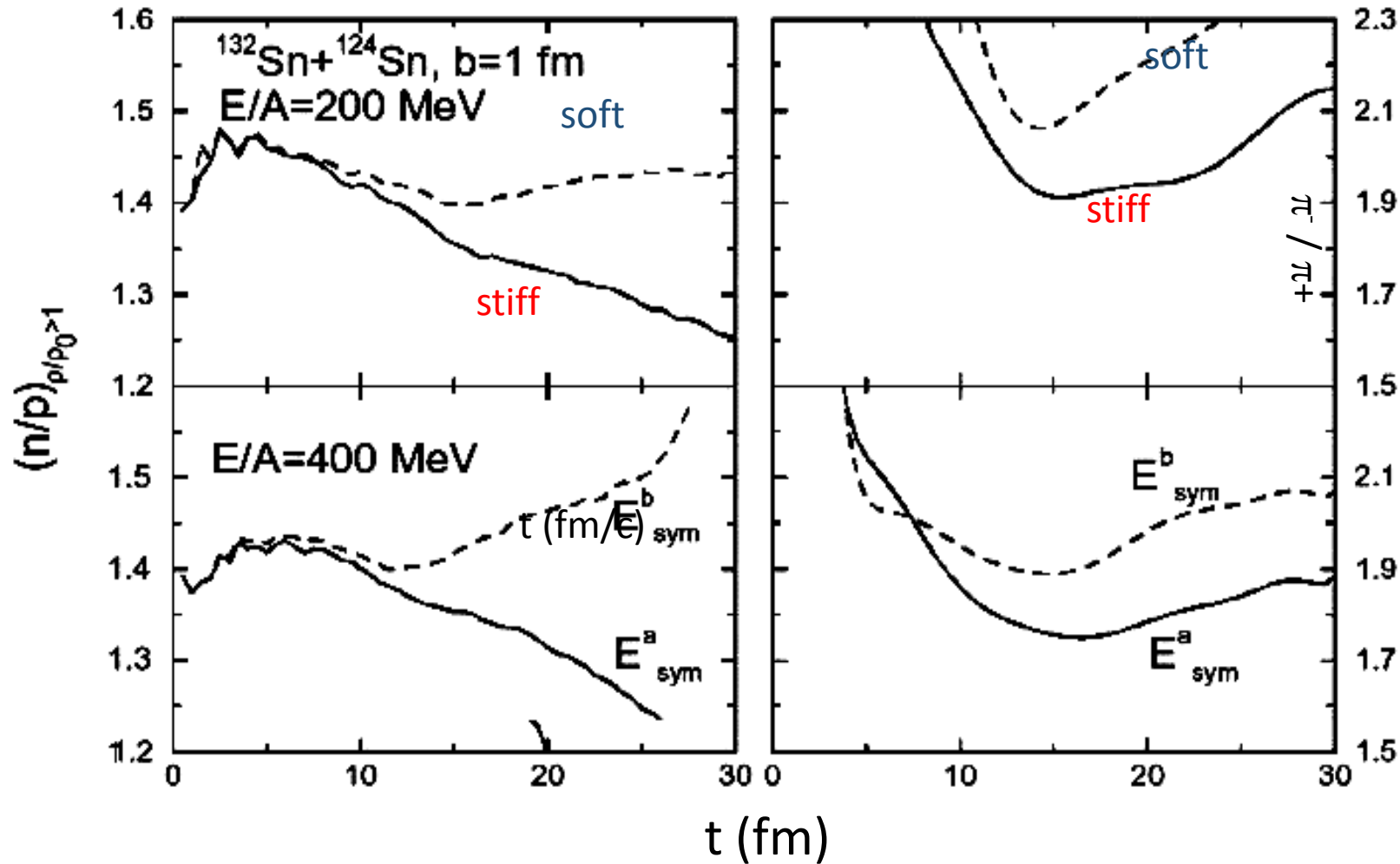


# Symmetry Energy Project

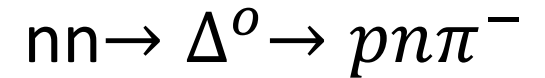
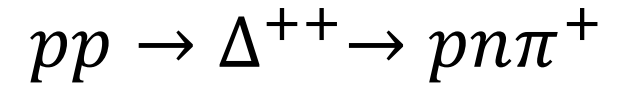


# Pion production and Symmetry Energy

## Beyond integrated yields



Delta resonance reactions



...ect.

$$\pi^-/\pi^+ \approx (\rho/\rho_0)^2$$

# Systems Simulated with pBUU

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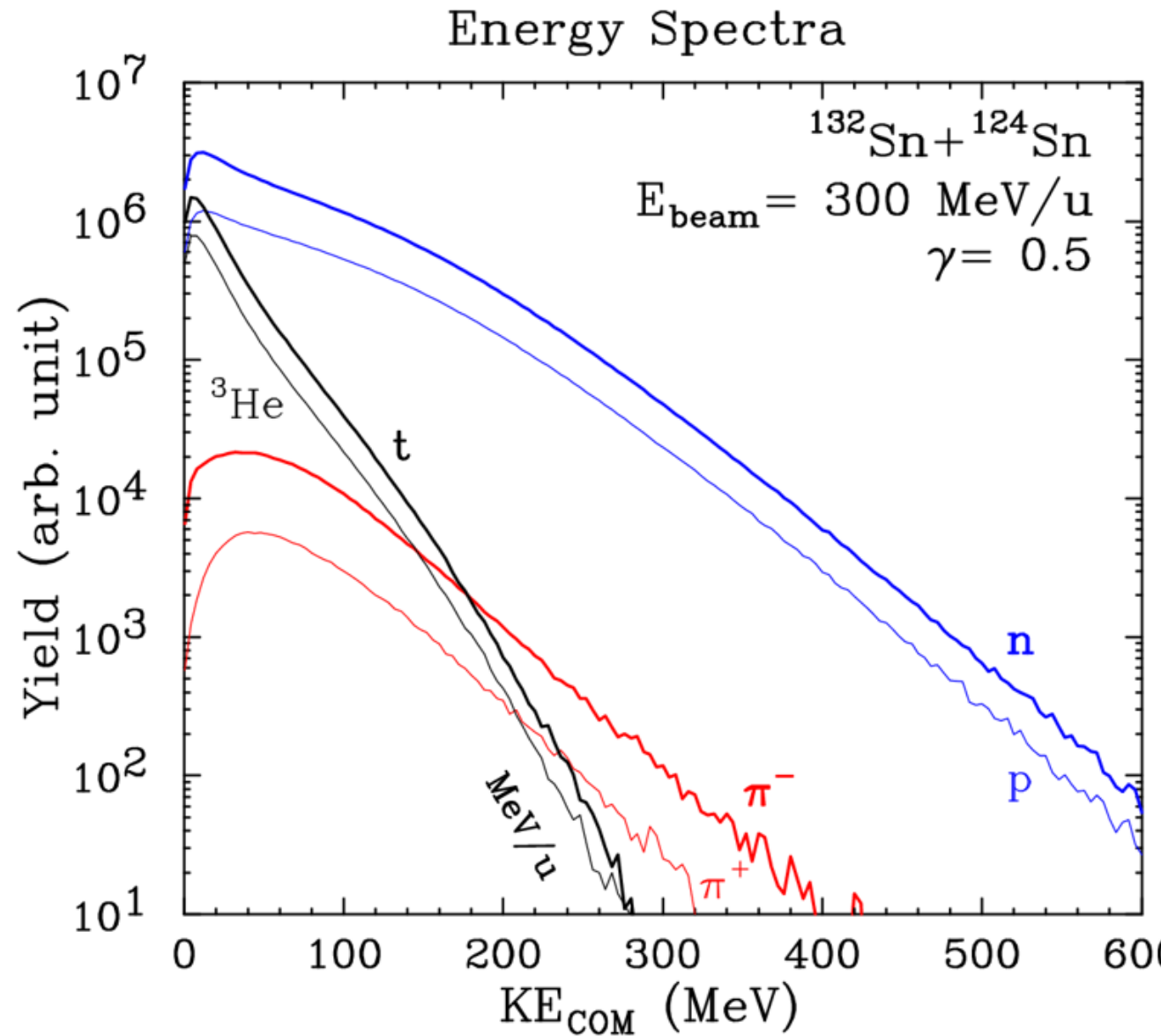
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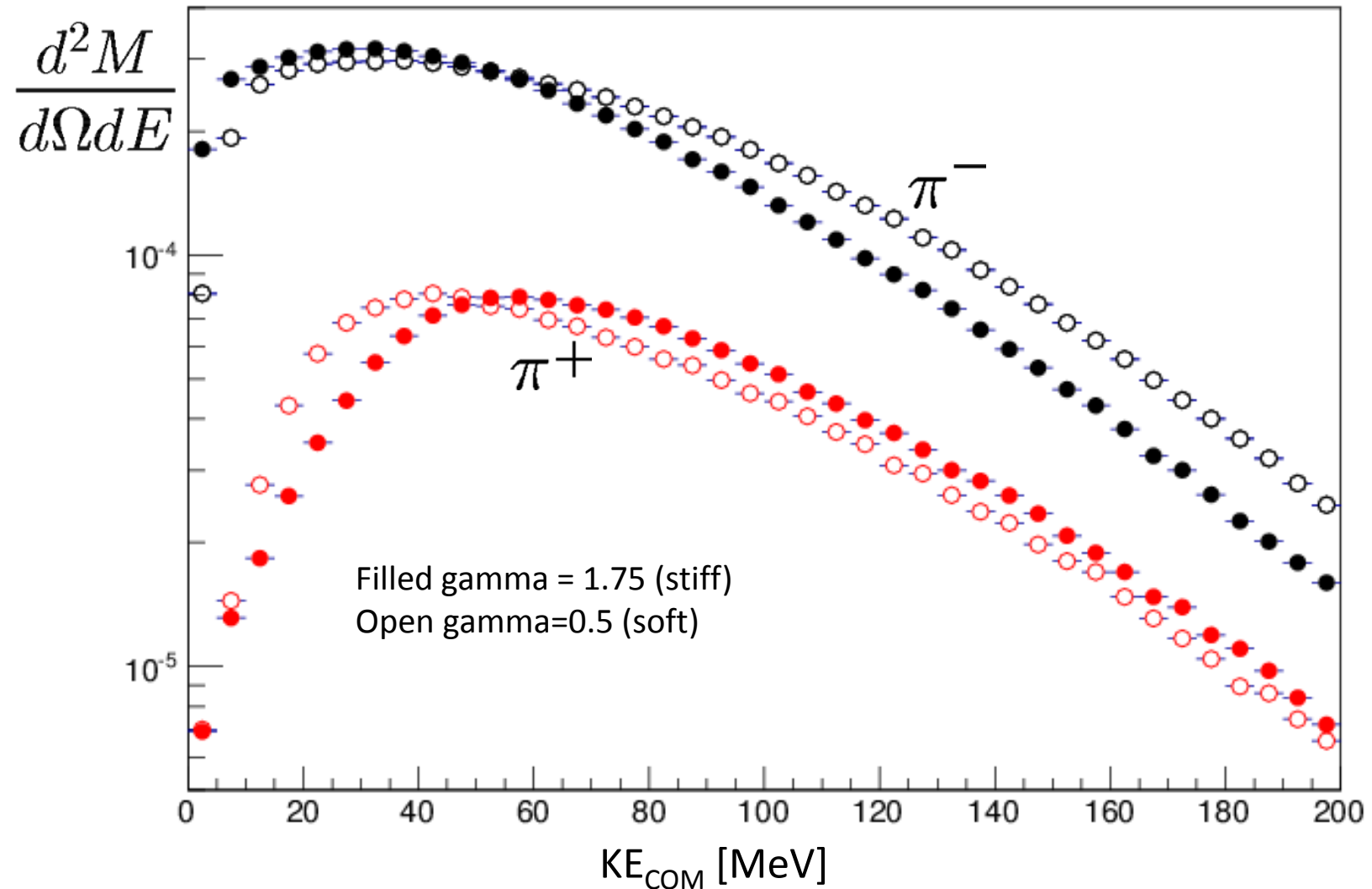
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# Integrated yield is not enough, we need Spectra

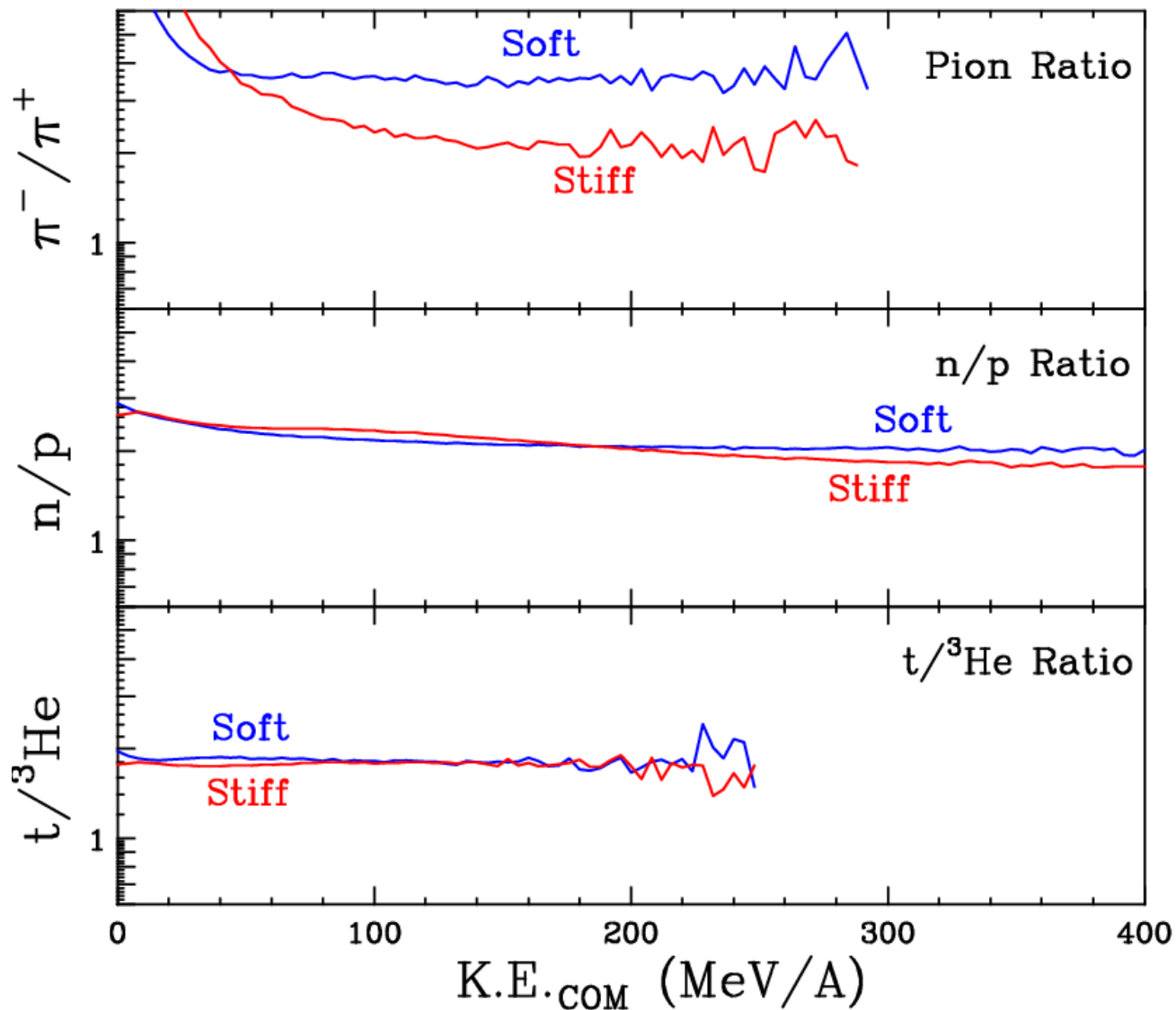
$\pi^-$  &  $\pi^+$  spectra;  $^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$  and  $b=3\text{fm}$

- Difference in  $\pi^-$  &  $\pi^+$ , due to resonance model
- Stiffer symmetry energy,  $\gamma = 1.75$ , tends to expel neutrons more than  $\gamma = .5$
- $\pi^+$  peak at  $\sim 50$  MeV represents Coulomb peak.



# Multiplet Observables to study Symmetry Energy at $\rho \gg \rho_0$

$^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$  Ratios at 300 MeV/A



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

$$\alpha = \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho_n + \rho_p}$$

$$S(\rho) = S_{kin}(\rho_0) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + S_{int}(\rho_0) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^\gamma$$

Pion ratios have the largest sensitivities to the symmetry energy parameter  $\gamma$

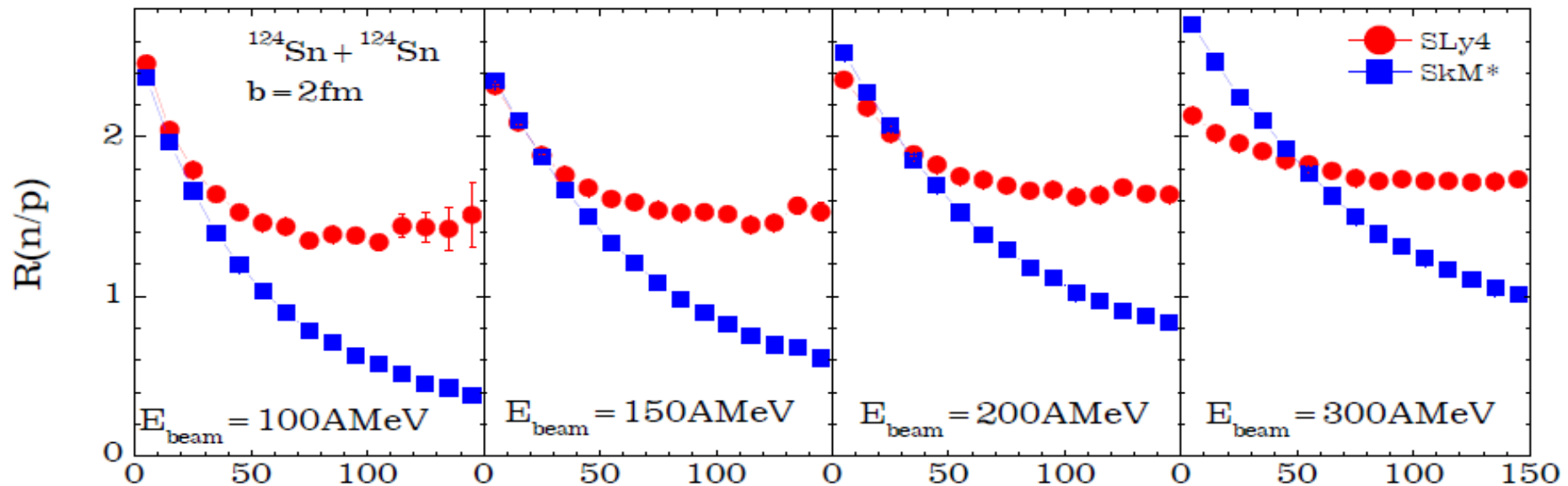
$\gamma=0.5$  soft;  $\gamma=0.5$  stiff

# Nucleon Effective Masses: Effects in pion ratios?

$$S(\rho) = 12.7(\rho/\rho_0)^{2/3} + 19(\rho/\rho_0)^{\gamma_i} + \text{mean field in ImQMD05}$$

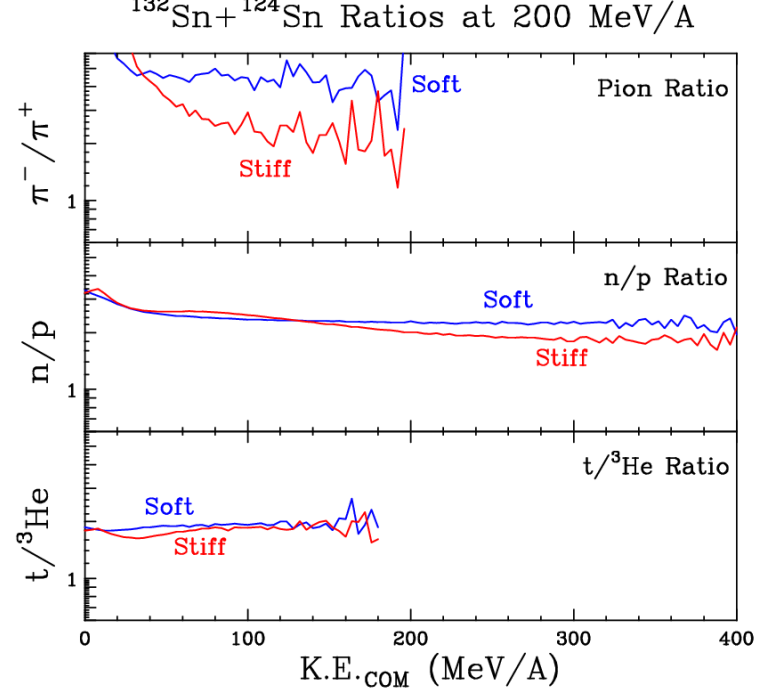
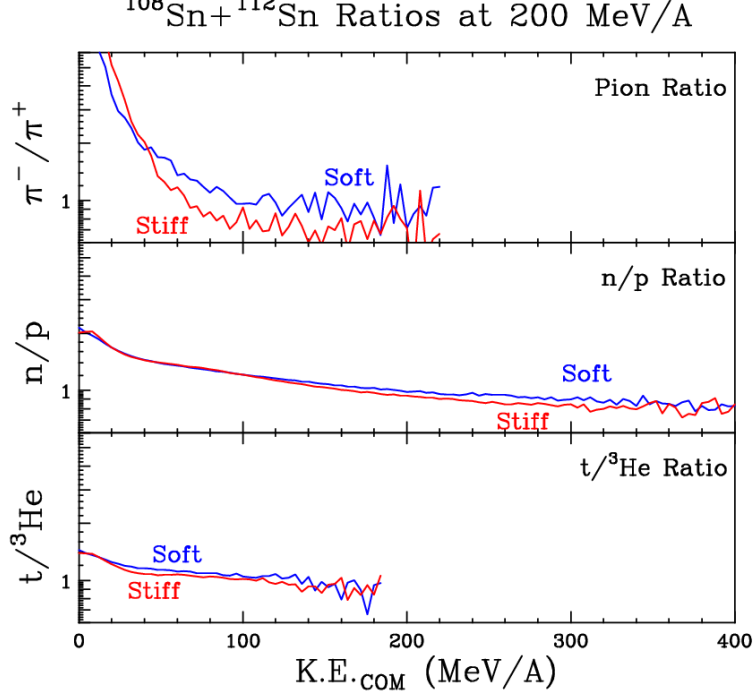
ImQMD05\_sky: incorporate Skyrme interactions

Skyrme	S0(MeV)	L (MeV)	$m_n^*/m_n$	$m_p^*/m_p$
<b>SLy4</b>	32	46	0.68	0.71
<b>SkM*</b>	30	46	0.82	0.76
<b>NRAPR</b>	33	60	0.69	
<b>Gs</b>	31	93	0.81	0.76
<b>SkI2</b>	33	104	0.66	0.7





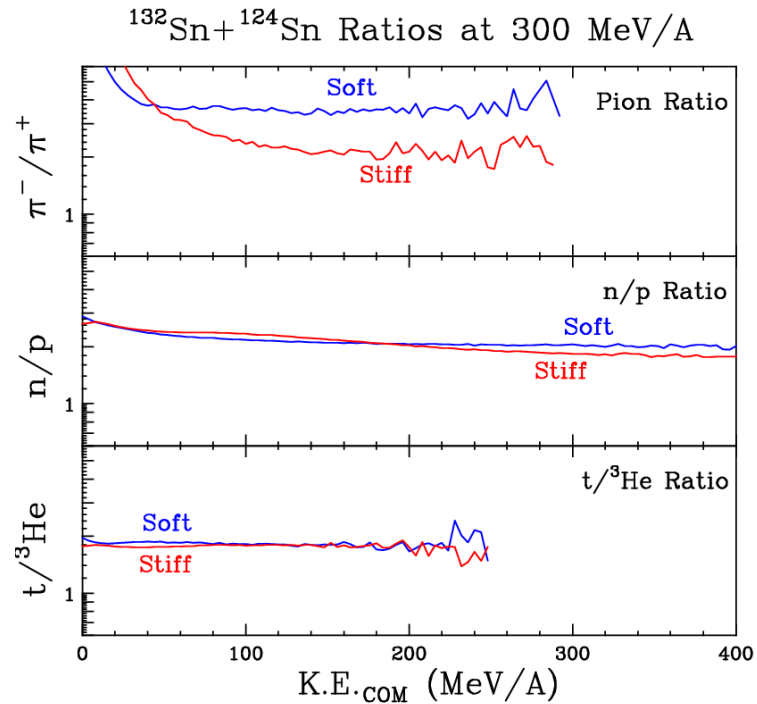
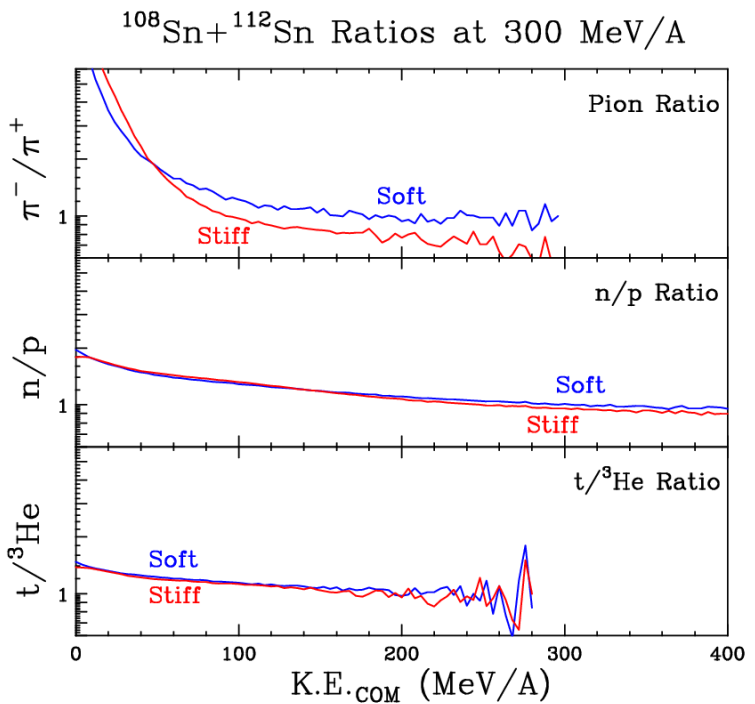
E/A  
200 MeV



Larger effects for more neutron-rich systems.

Larger effects at E/A=200 MeV but production cross-sections are lower.

300 MeV

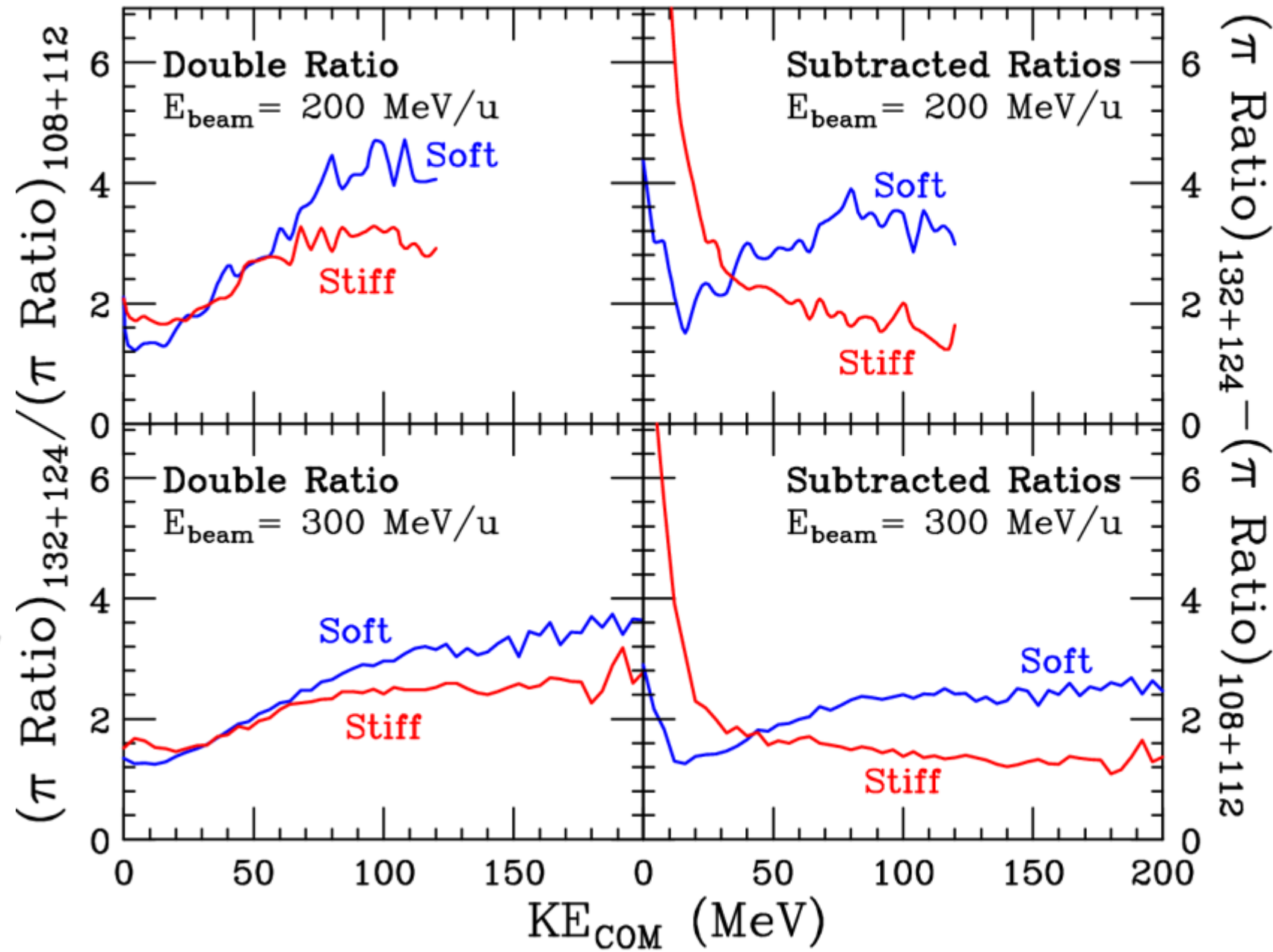


First experiment:  
132Sn+124Sn at  
E/A=300 MeV

2<sup>nd</sup> experiment:  
108Sn+112Sn at  
E/A=300 MeV  
to cancel out  
systematic errors

# Double Ratios and Subtracted Ratios

E/A  
200 MeV



Larger effects at  $E/A=200$  MeV but production cross-sections are lower.

Lower energy region in different spectra maybe sensitive to Coulomb and Optical potentials in pion scattering

300 MeV

## Discussions

### Outstanding Issues in Model comparisons & model development

Cross-sections (To validate models?)

-- existing data? additional pion data?

Differences in code predictions on symmetry energy

Influence of effective mass splitting in pion productions

Clustering effects on pion production

Importance of Asymmetric systems to constraint other

transport parameters:  $\sigma_{NN}$ ; effective masses?

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## Suggestions for upcoming $S\pi$ RIT experiments

- ✓ How about the determination of the **reaction plane** and impact parameter?
  - ✓ How about the **systematic and statistic** errors?
- ①  $n/p, \pi^-/\pi^+, {}^3\text{H}/{}^3\text{He}, v_1, \text{ and } v_2?$  (*multi-observables*)
  - ②  $\gamma$  and  $p_t$  distributions;  $\gamma$ - $p_t$ - correlated distribution? (*window-cut sensitivity*)
  - ③ To reconstruct  $\Delta?$  (*high density SE, and a better after-burner*)



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## Discussions

### Outstanding Issues in Model comparisons & model development

1. Effects of in-medium delta potential.
2. Are there any experimental observables that can be model independent? Or at least give a clear signal that is independent of how theory might treat pions.
3. Are there any theoretical error estimates on pion ratio predictions?