

Description of reaction dynamics
-from low to Fermi energies-
with stochastic semi-classical approaches

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Dissipative reaction mechanisms, involving heavy ions, can probe several aspects of the nuclear effective interaction and nuclear EOS

Outline

- The tool: **mean-field models** (TDHF, Vlasov, BLOB) and **effective interactions**
 - Some examples of suitable low- and Fermi-energy ($E/A \sim 10\text{-}50 \text{ MeV}/A$) **reaction mechanisms**:
from **deep-inelastic** to **fragmentation**
- **Sensitivity** of selected **observables** to specific ingredients of the **effective interaction**

(Beyond) Mean-field models and effective interactions

One-body description

ρ_1 : one-body density

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_1(t) = [H_{\text{eff}}, \rho_1(t)] + K(\rho_1) + \delta K(\rho_1, \delta\sigma)$$

TDHF

ETDHF

semi-classical approximation

$$\frac{\partial f(r, p, t)}{\partial t} + \{f, H_{\text{eff}}\} = k_l[f] + \delta k$$

Vlasov

BUU, Boltzmann-Langevin

Residual interaction:
in-medium NN cross section σ_{NN}
2-body correlations, Fluctuations

H_{eff} : effective Hamiltonian

Effective interactions are phenomenological
(ex: Skyrme interactions, ...)

• Expectation value of physical quantities :

$$E = \langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle$$

$$\approx \langle \Phi | \hat{H}_{\text{eff}} | \Phi \rangle = E[\hat{\rho}]$$

functions of isoscalar, spin, isospin densities, currents ...

EDF, Nuclear matter EOS

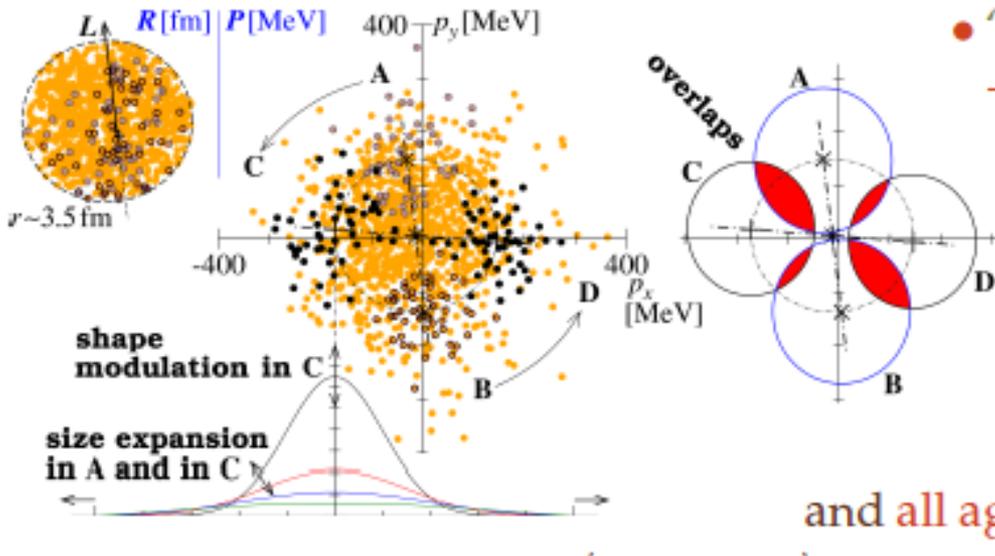
Boltzmann-Langevin One Body (**BLOB**) model : *fluctuations implemented in full phase space – full BL approach*

W.Bauer;G.F.Bertsch,S.DasGupta,PRL58,863(1987)

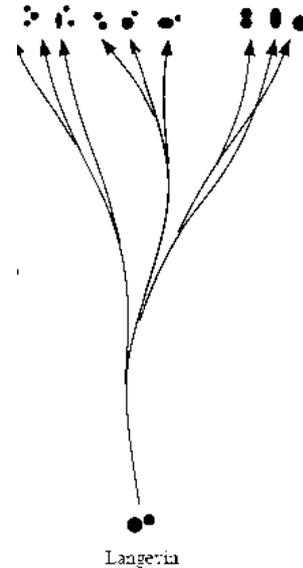
Rizzo,Chomaz,Colonna, NPA 806,40(2008)
 Napolitani and Colonna, PLB 726,382(2013)

$$\dot{f}_a(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{p}_a) = g \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}_b}{h^3} \int d\Omega W(AB \leftrightarrow CD) F(AB \rightarrow CD)$$

test particles



- “nucleon wave packets” →
 → phase-space agglomerates
 of N_{test} test-particles
 of equal isospin
 ($a \in A, b \in B \dots$)
- at each Δt :
 all phase space is
 scanned for collisions
 and all agglomerates are redefined

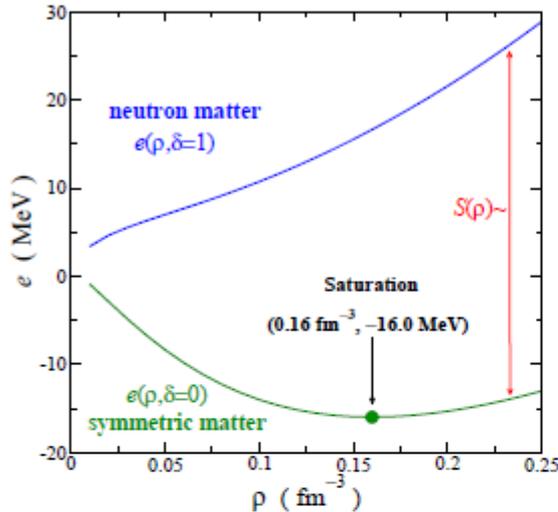


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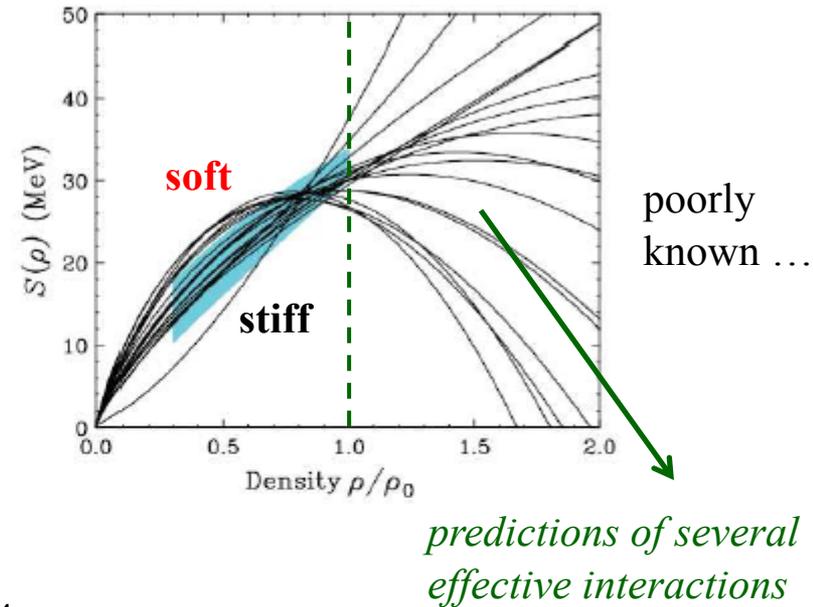
- Nucleons packets are moved once a collision happens
- Shape modulation of the packet ensures Pauli blocking is respected

The nuclear Equation of State ($T = 0$) and the symmetry energy

Energy per nucleon E/A (MeV)



Symmetry energy E_{sym} (MeV)



$$\frac{E}{A}(\rho, \beta) = \frac{E}{A}(\rho, \beta = 0) + E_{sym}(\rho)\beta^2 + O(\beta^4)$$

symm. matter

symm. energy

expansion around normal density

$$\beta = \text{asymmetry parameter} = (\rho_n - \rho_p)/\rho$$

➤ analogy with **Weizsacker mass formula** for nuclei (symmetry term) !

$$E_{sym}(\rho) = S_0 + L \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0} + \dots$$

$$25 \leq J \leq 35 \text{ MeV} \quad 20 \leq L \leq 120 \text{ MeV}$$

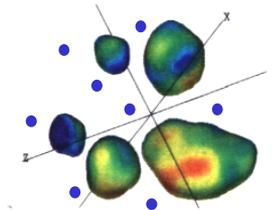
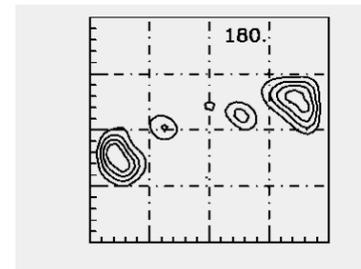
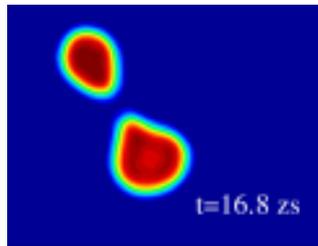
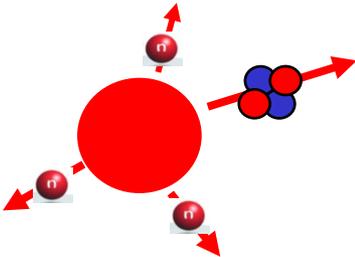
Low-energy reaction mechanisms: a study within mean-field models

- Charge equilibration
- Fusion vs Quasi fission or Deep Inelastic

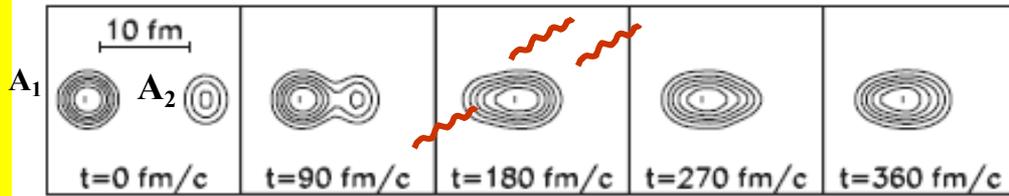


(Fermi energies)

- Fragmentation
- Fragment isotopic composition



➤ Charge equilibration in heavy ion reactions (Dyn. Dipole)



TDHF
calculations

Simenel et al,
PRC 76, 024609 (2007)

Initial Dipole **D(t) : brems. dipole radiation** **Compound: stat. GDR**

If $N_1/Z_1 \neq N_2/Z_2$

➔ **Relative motion of neutron and proton centers of mass**

$$D(t) \equiv \frac{NZ}{A} [X_p(t) - X_n(t)] \rightarrow X_{p,n} \equiv \frac{1}{Z,N} \sum x_i^{p,n}$$

+ 2-body
collisional damping



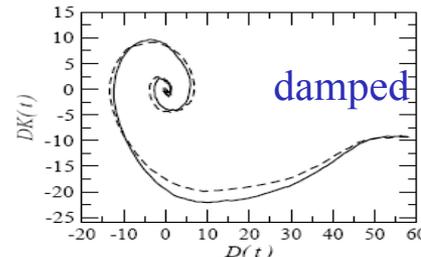
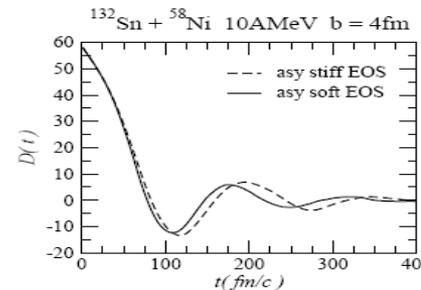
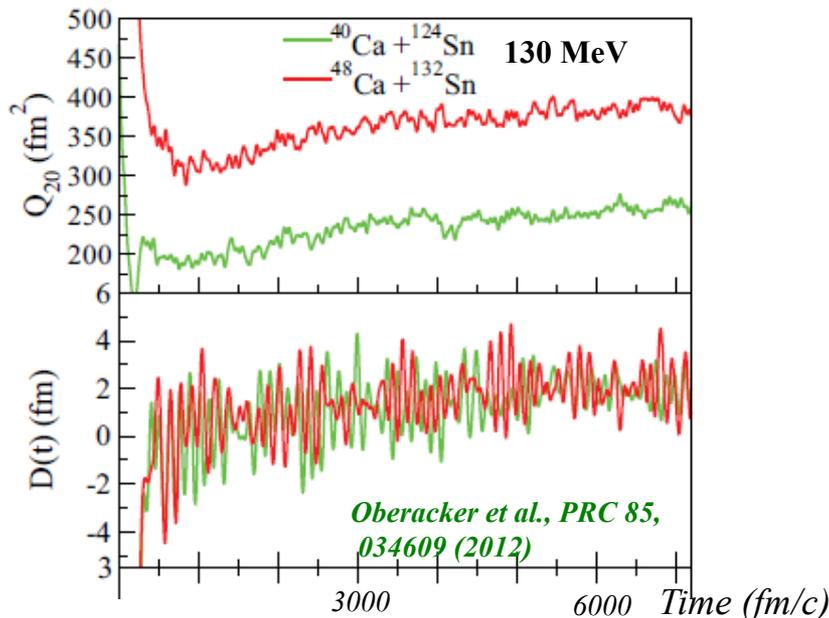
Semi-classical
simulations

$^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{58}\text{Ni}$, $D_0 = 45 \text{ fm}$
 $E/A = 10 \text{ MeV}$

damped oscillations

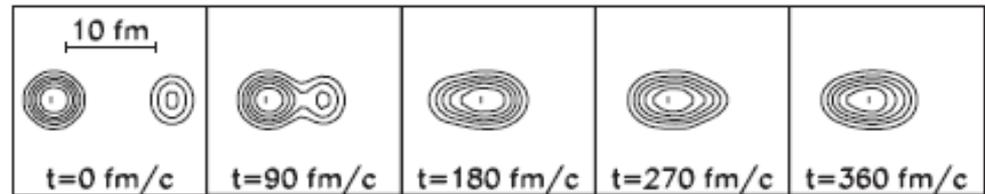
C.Rizzo et al, PRC 83,
014604 (2011)

TDHF calculations



Dynamical Dipole in heavy ion reactions (DD)

- The restoring force is provided by the symmetry term (as in the standard GDR) probe the symmetry energy in the density conditions and configurations reached along the reaction path (low density)

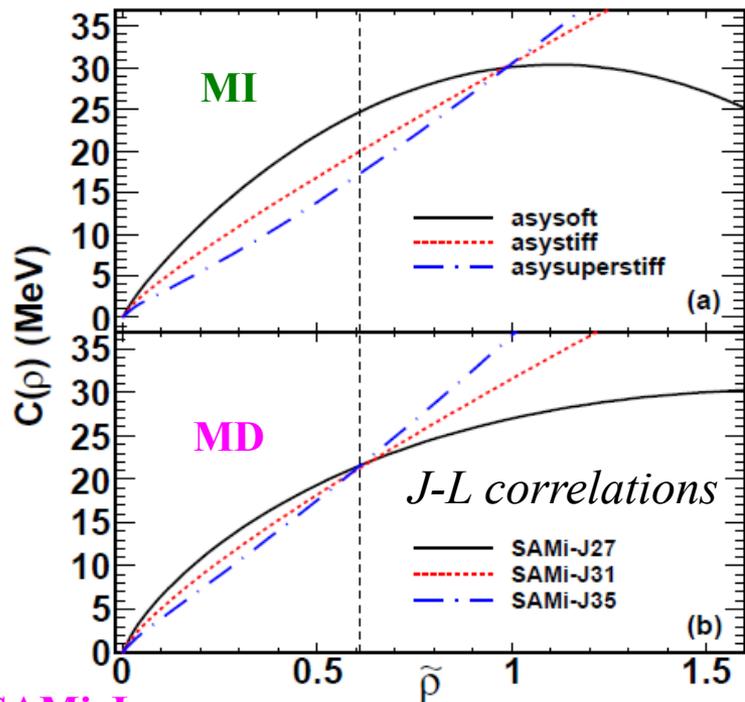


- Cooling mechanism in the formation of Super Heavy Elements (SHE)

➤ **Theory:** a more systematic study of the sensitivity of this mechanism to the ingredients of the effective interaction and two-body dissipation needed

Ground state deformation important ???

DD oscillations:
dependence on the effective interaction



SAMi-J:

X. Roca-Maza, G. Colò, H. Sagawa, Phys. Rev. C 86, 031306(R) (2012); X. Roca-Maza et al., Phys. Rev. C 87, 034301 (2013).

Skyrme (MI) : H.Zheng et al.,

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 94, 014313 (2016)

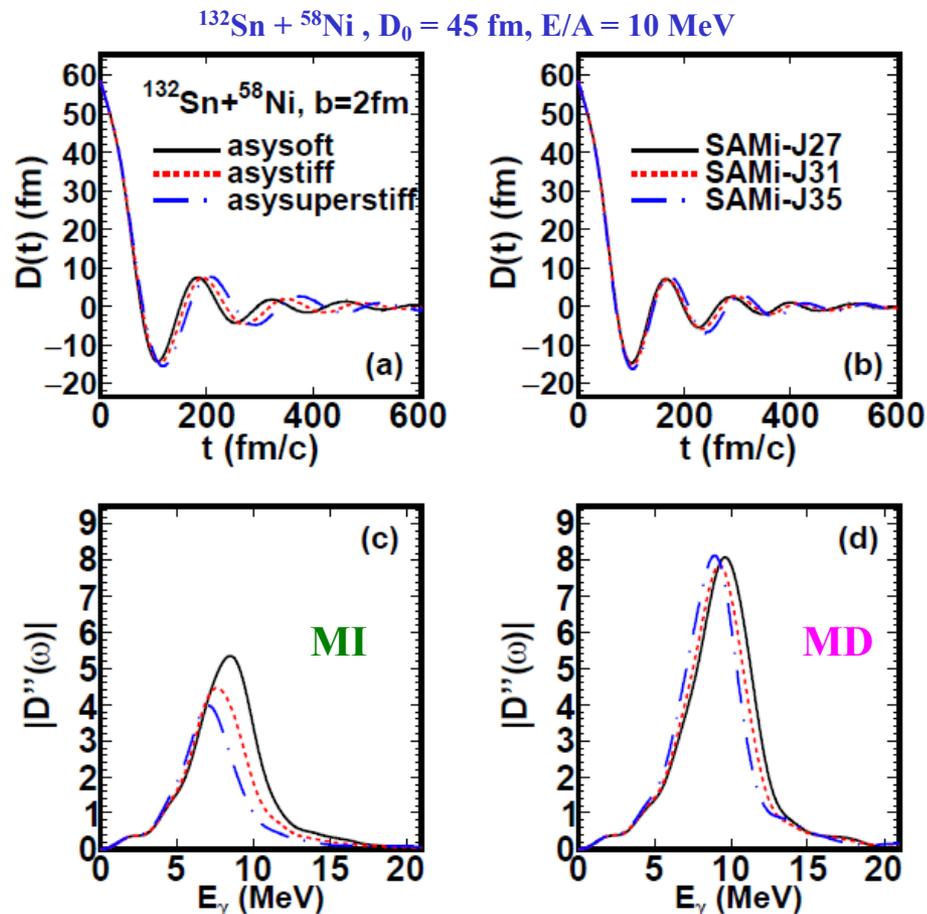
+ free n-n cross section

$$\frac{dP}{dE_\gamma} = \frac{2e^2}{3\pi\hbar c^3 E_\gamma} |D''(\omega)|^2$$



$$P_\gamma \approx D_0^2 E_{centr}^3 \tau_{coll}$$

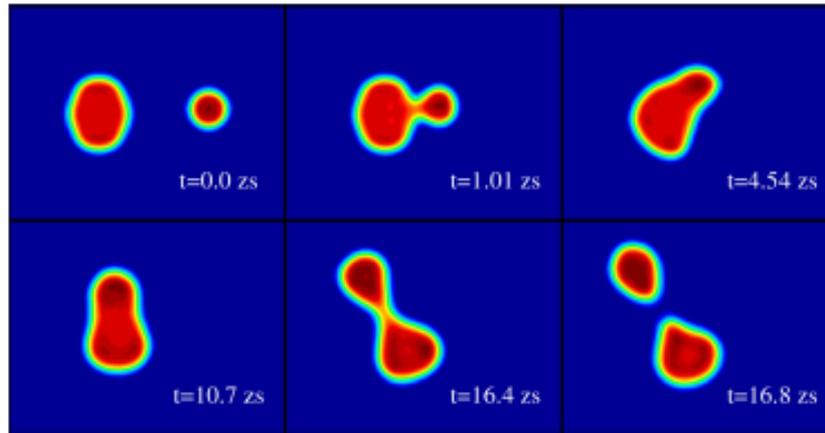
(damped harmonic oscillator)



- The DD emission looks sensitive to E_{sym} at $\rho = 0.6 \rho_{sat}$
- Larger strength seen in the MD case:
similar to the enhancement factor in the GDR sum rule

Fusion vs. Quasi Fission: towards the synthesis of SHE

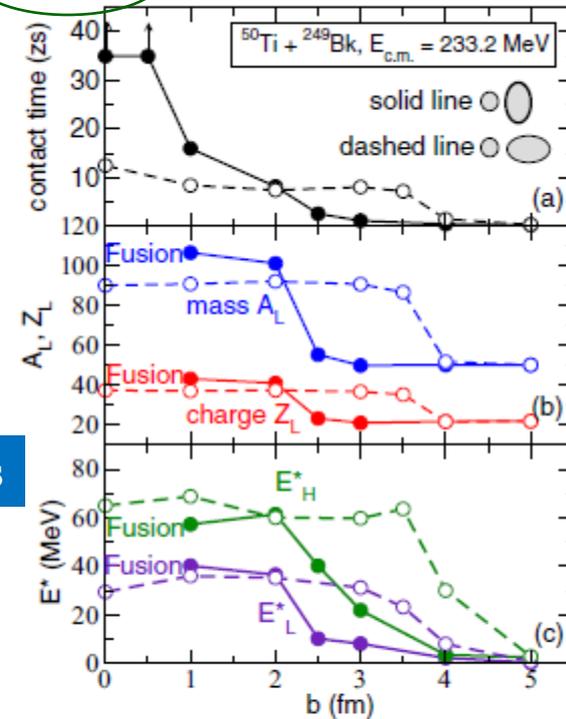
$^{50}\text{Ti} + ^{249}\text{Bk}$ 233 MeV



FUSION

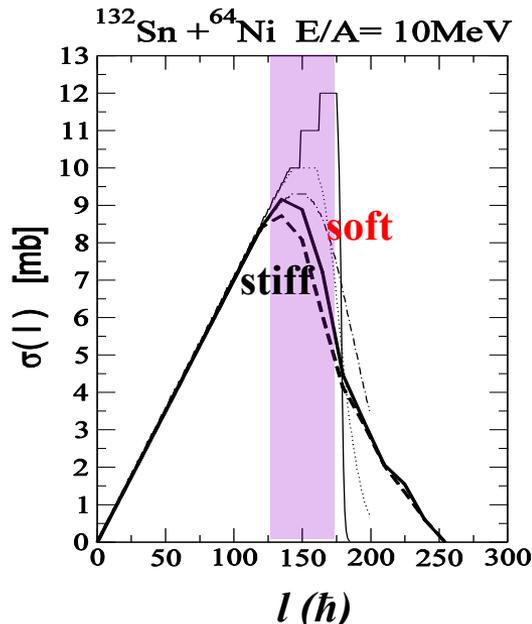
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Umar, Oberacker, Simenel



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TDHF calculations



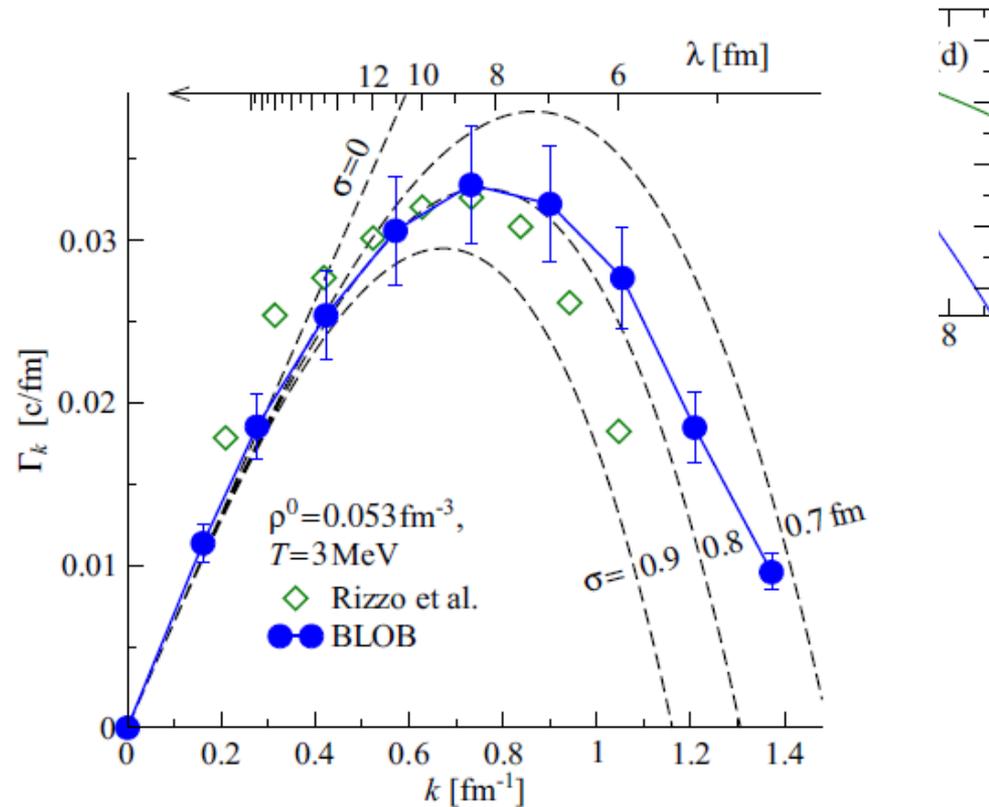
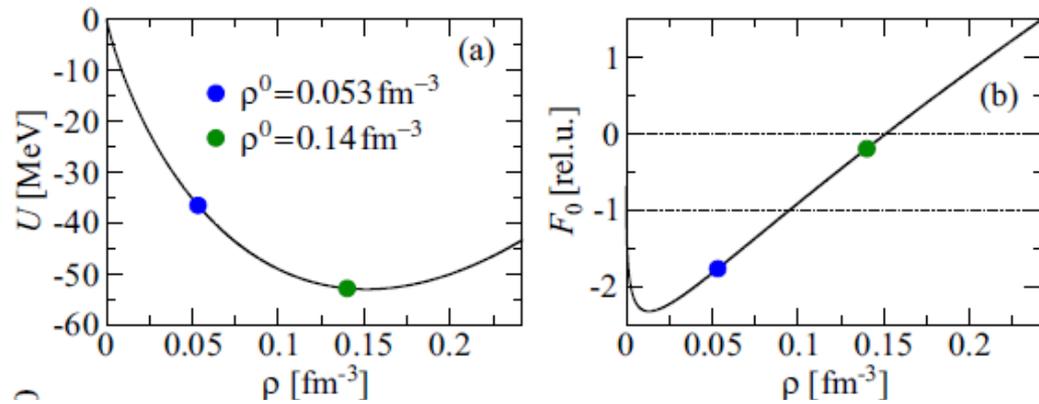
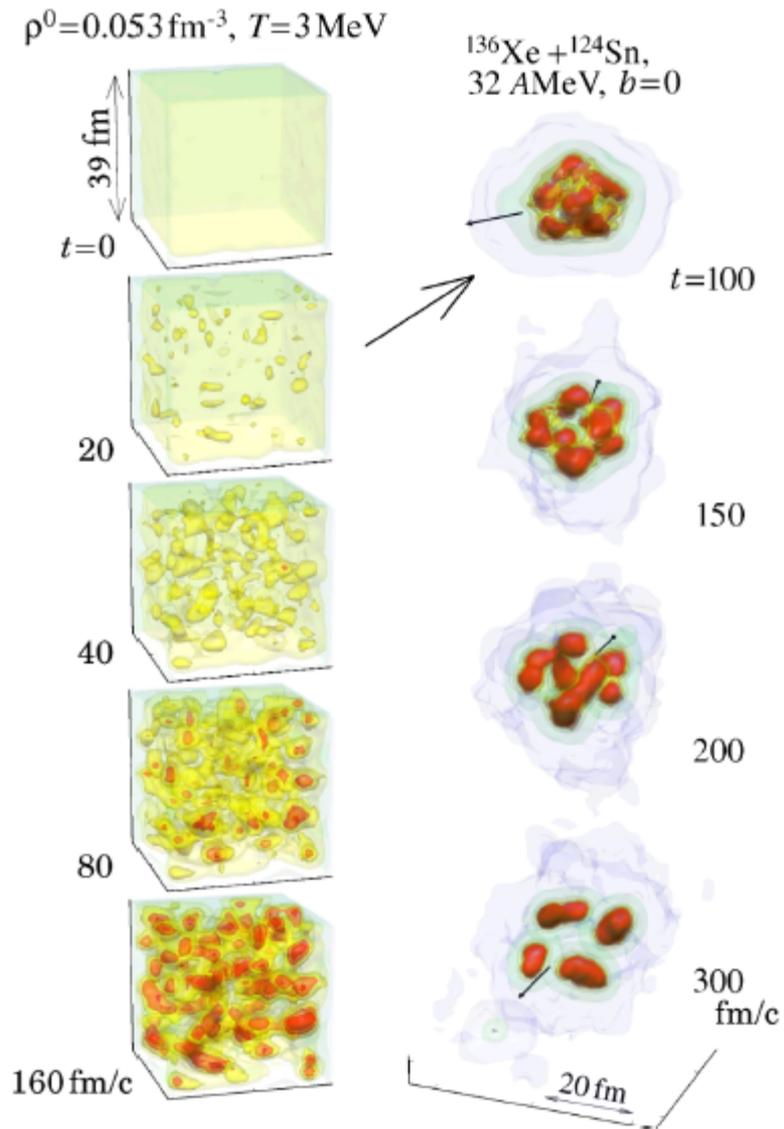
- Fusion probability depends on the deformation/orientation of colliding nuclei

- Possible symmetry energy effects ??

Semi-class. calculations with neutron rich systems

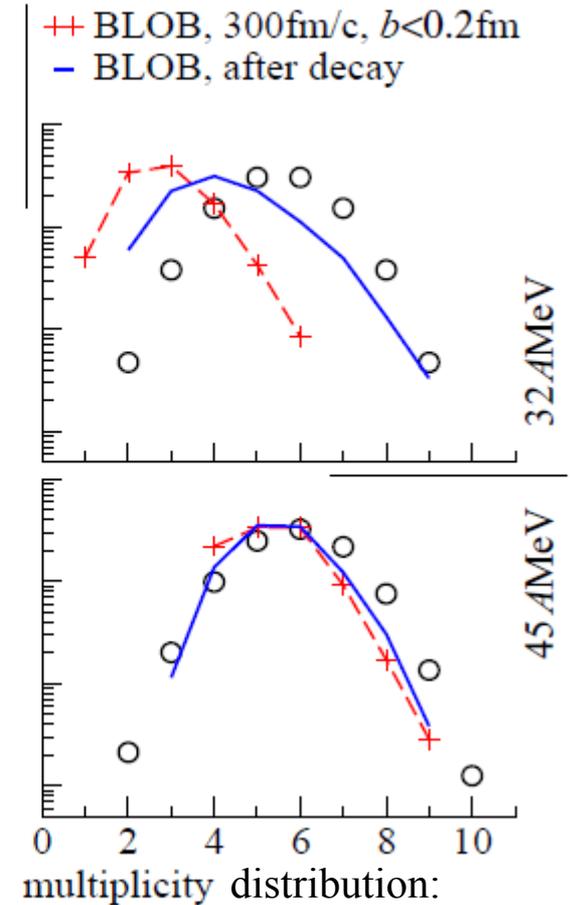
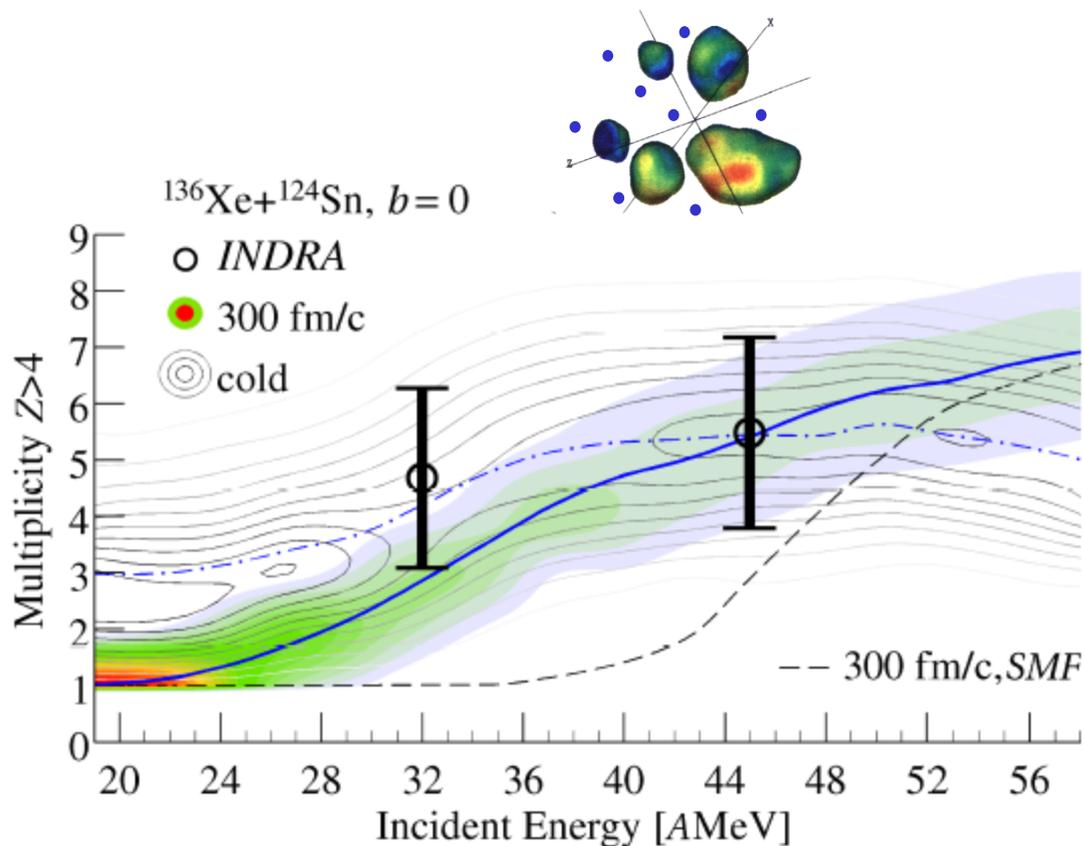
Fragmentation: the onset of instabilities in nuclear matter

Napolitani and Colonna, PHYS REV C 96, 054609 (2017)



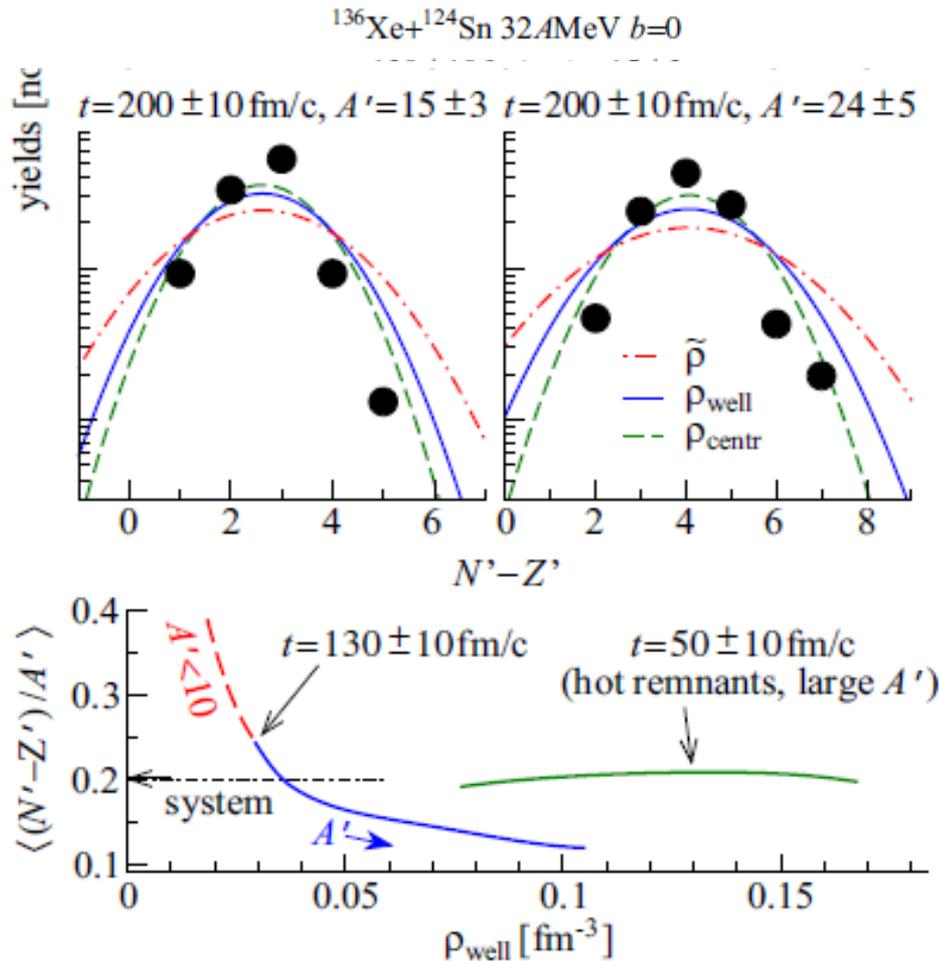
BLOB results: Dispersion relation

BLOB simulations: Fragment multiplicity in central heavy ion reactions at Fermi energies



BLOB simulations:

Fragment isotopic features in central heavy ion reactions at Fermi energies



→ The width of isotopic distributions (dots) is related to the symmetry energy at low density (in agreement with analytical expectations – lines)

$$Y \approx \exp[-(\delta^2/A')C_{\text{sym}}(\rho)/T].$$

M.B. Tsang et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 122701 (2009).

→ Isospin “distillation”:
The gas phase is neutron richer than the liquid phase

□ Conclusions

Dissipative reactions (at low and Fermi energies) open the opportunity to learn about fundamental properties of the nuclear effective interaction, of interest also in the astrophysical context

➤ Low energy collisions:

Reaction mechanisms at the borderline with nuclear structure:

- role of effective interaction, 2-body dissipation on pre-equilibrium gamma ray emission and competition between reaction mechanisms

-Perspective: n-skin, g.s. deformation effects

(*Coll. IPN-Orsay – LNS – Milano Univ. within Theos of ENSAR2*)

➤ Fermi energies:

Fluctuation dynamics well reproduced by the BLOB model:

-link between fragment properties and ingredients of eff. interaction.

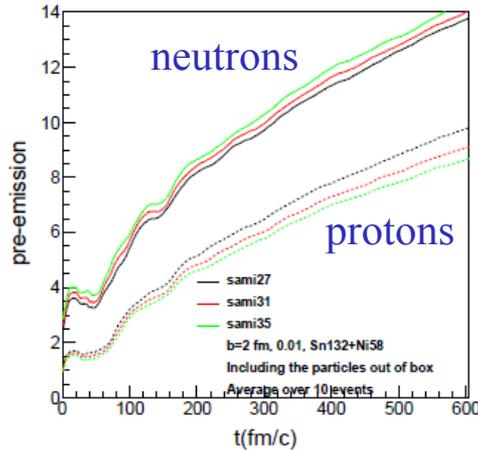
Collaborators: **Hua Zheng** (LNS), **Stefano Burrello** (LNS),
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P.Napolitani (IPN-Orsay, France)

Correlations: observables vs. parameters

A set of 8 parameterizations in SMF simulations:

Skyrme (MI) and SAMi-J31 + $\sigma_{NN} = 40$ mb, *0.5 or zero (no coll.)

Observables (A):
DD centroid, $D''(\omega)$ **integral**
 and **N/Z** of pre-equilibrium nucleon emission



Parameters (B):
 Symmetry energy slope **L**, effective mass **m***
 and NN cross section (**cs**)
 τ_{coll} : collisional damping time

Covariance analysis

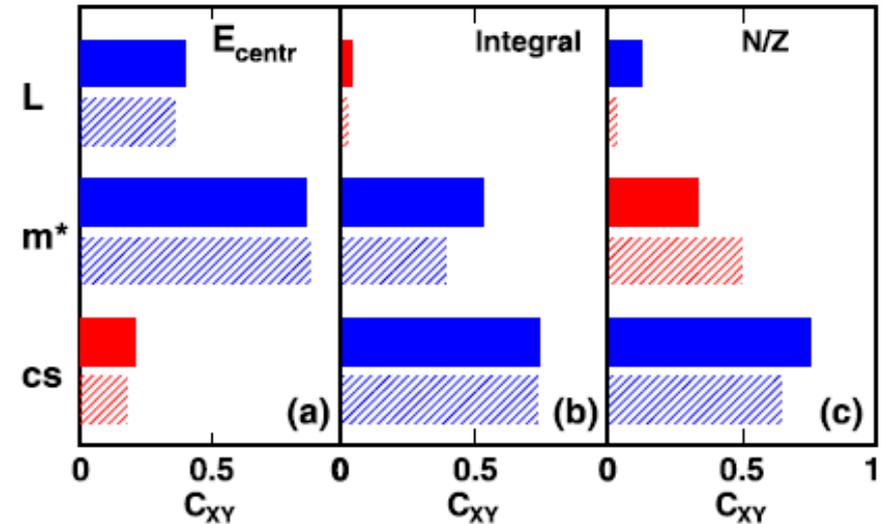
see also Zhang et al, PLB 749, 262 (2015)

$$C_{AB} = \overline{(A(n) - \bar{A})(B(n) - \bar{B})}$$

$$c_{AB} \equiv \frac{C_{AB}}{\sqrt{C_{AA}C_{BB}}}$$

Blue: negative

Red: positive



compare with $P_\gamma \approx D_0^2 E_{cent}^3 \tau_{coll}$
 (energy-integrated yield)