

Scuola di Fisica Nucleare Raimondo Anni

Secondo corso

Transizioni di fase liquido-gas nei nuclei

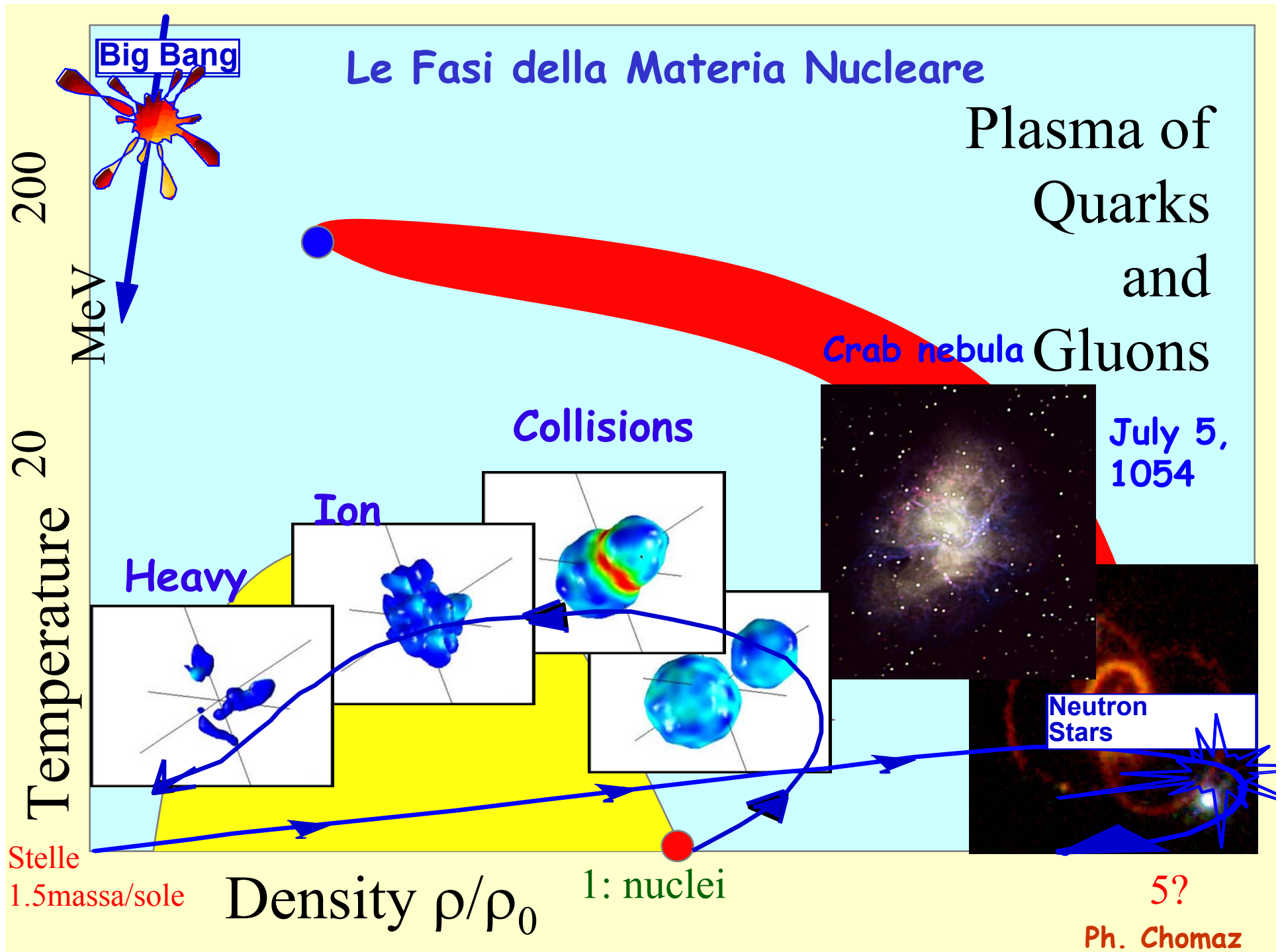
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Osservazione sperimentale:

frammentazione nucleare,
rivelazione di frammenti di massa intermedia (IMF)
in collisioni fra ioni pesanti alle energie di Fermi
(30-80 MeV/A)

Obiettivi:

➤ stabilire connessione con transizione di fase
liquido-gas, determinare diagramma di fase di materia
nucleare
Termodinamica della transizione di fase in sistemi finiti

➤ studiare il meccanismo di frammentazione e individuare
osservabili che vi siano legate per ottenere informazioni
sul comportamento a bassa densità delle forze
nucleari.

Ex: osservabili cinematiche, massa, N/Z degli IMF

➤ Transizioni di fase liquido-gas
e segnali associati

➤ Meccanismi di frammentazione
Dinamica nucleare nella zona di co-esistenza
Moti collettivi instabili, instabilità spinodale

➤ Approcci dinamici per sistemi nucleari

➤ Frammentazione in collisioni centrali e periferiche

➤ Ruolo del grado di libertà di isospin

Phase co-existence

$$S([\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots]) = \sum_i S_i(\mathbf{X}_i)$$

Entropy S

\mathbf{X} , extensive variables:
Volume, Energy, N

$$0 \doteq \sum_i \delta S_i(\mathbf{X}_i = \bar{\mathbf{X}}_i) = \sum_{il} \left(\frac{\partial S_i}{\partial X_i^\ell} \right)_{\mathbf{X}_i = \bar{\mathbf{X}}_i} \delta X_i^\ell = \sum_{il} \lambda_i^\ell \delta X_i^\ell$$

$$\lambda_i^E \equiv \frac{\partial S_i}{\partial E_i} = \frac{1}{T_i}, \quad \lambda_i^N \equiv \frac{\partial S_i}{\partial N_i} = -\frac{\mu_i}{T_i}, \quad \lambda_i^V \equiv \frac{\partial S_i}{\partial V_i} = \frac{P_i}{T_i}$$

λ , intensive variables: temperature, pressure,
chemical potential

Stability conditions

$$0 > \sum_i \delta^2 S'_i(\mathbf{X}_i = \bar{\mathbf{X}}_i) = \sum_{i\ell\ell'} \left(\frac{\partial^2 S'_i}{\partial X_i^\ell \partial X_i^{\ell'}} \right)_{\mathbf{X}_i = \bar{\mathbf{X}}_i} \delta X_i^\ell \delta X_i^{\ell'}$$

$$EE : 0 > \frac{\partial \lambda^E}{\partial E} = -\frac{1}{T^2} \frac{\partial T}{\partial E} \Rightarrow C \equiv \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} > 0$$

$$VV : 0 > \frac{\partial \lambda^V}{\partial V} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \Rightarrow \kappa^{-1} \equiv -V \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} > 0 ,$$

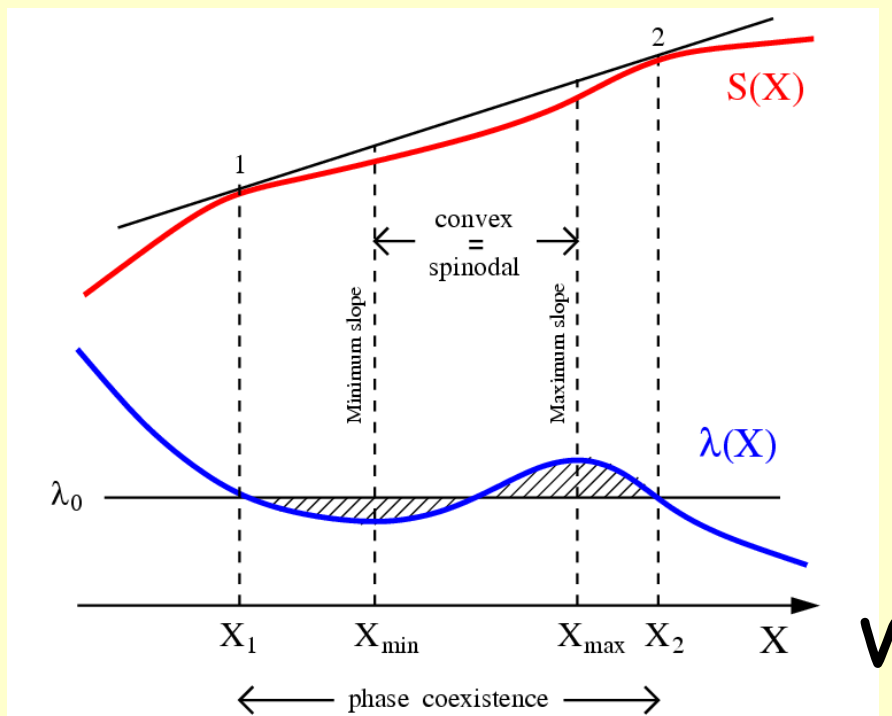
$$NN : 0 > \frac{\partial \lambda^N}{\partial N} = -\frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial N} \Rightarrow \chi^{-1} \equiv \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial N} > 0 .$$

Maxwell construction

$$\tilde{S} = N_1 \sigma(x_1) + N_2 \sigma(x_2) = \frac{N_1}{N} S(X_1) + \frac{N_2}{N} S(X_2) > S$$

$$\int_{X_1}^{X_2} dX (\lambda(X) - \lambda_0) \doteq 0$$

λ pressure, X volume



Spinodal instabilities are directly connected to first-order phase transitions and phase co-existence: a good candidate as fragmentation mechanism

Canonical
ensemble

$$S_i(\mathbf{X}_i) \rightarrow S'_i(X_i^\ell, \lambda^{\ell'}) \equiv S_i(\mathbf{X}_i) - \sum_{\ell'} \lambda^{\ell'} X_i^{\ell'}$$

$$S' = S - E/T$$

$$-TS' = \bar{E} - TS = Vf(T, \rho).$$

F (free energy)

$$P(T; N, V) = - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial V} \right)_{TN} = \frac{NT}{V - bN} - a \left(\frac{N}{V} \right)^2 = \frac{\rho T}{1 - b\rho} - a\rho^2$$

**Mean-field
approximation**

From the Van der Waals gas

to

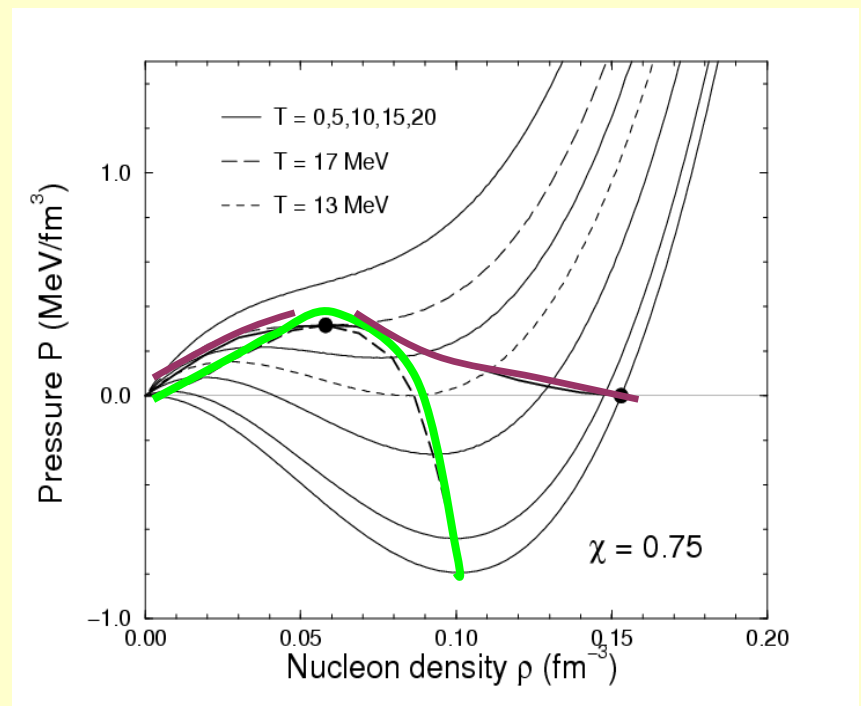
Nuclear Matter phase diagram

$$V_{12} = \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \left(t_0 + \frac{1}{6} t_3 \rho \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2}{2} \right)^\sigma \right)$$

to < 0 , $t_3 > 0 \rightarrow F(\rho)$

$$\kappa^{-1} \equiv -V \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} = \rho \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}$$

$< 0 \rightarrow$ instabilities

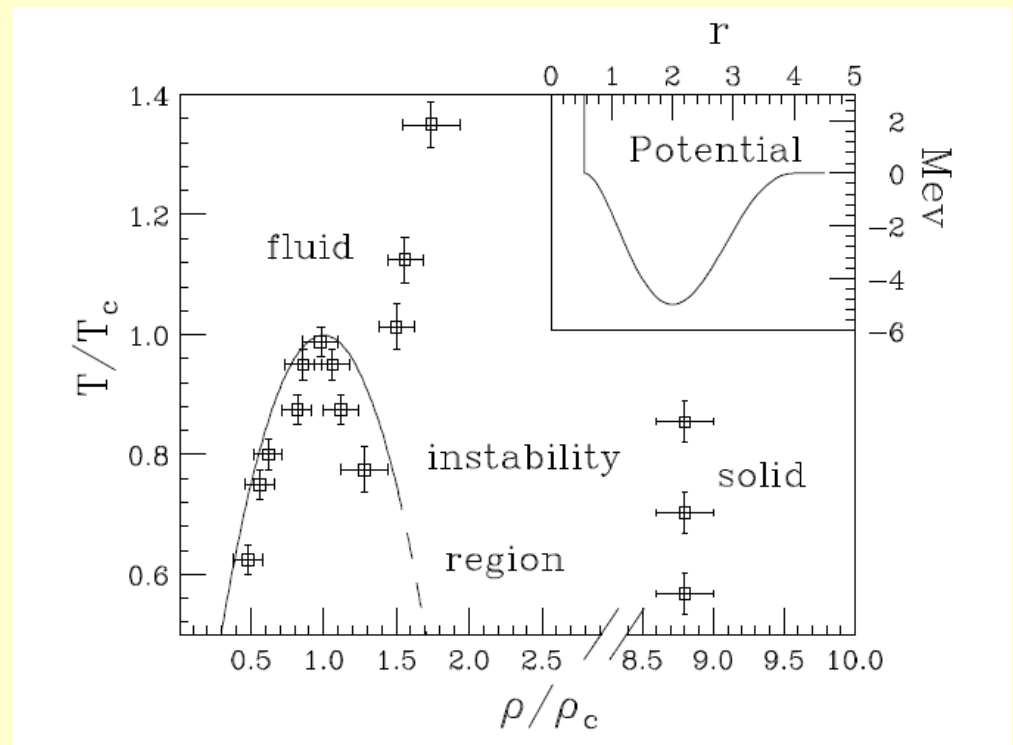


Phase diagram for classical systems

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{p}}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, A.$$

$$T = \frac{1}{3A} \sum_i \mathbf{p}_i \cdot \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i} = \frac{1}{3A} \sum_i \mathbf{p}_i \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i.$$

$$P = \text{trc } \mathbf{T} = \rho \left(T + \frac{1}{A} \sum_{i < j} F_{ij} r_{ij} \right)$$



Two - component fluids (neutrons and protons)

$$F(T, V, N_p, N_n) = V f(T, \rho_p, \rho_n)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} = \rho \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \rho} \right)$$

$$\mu_n \equiv \frac{\partial F}{\partial N_n} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho_n}, \quad \mu_p \equiv \frac{\partial F}{\partial N_p} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho_p}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial^2 f / \partial \rho_n \partial \rho_n & \partial^2 f / \partial \rho_p \partial \rho_n \\ \partial^2 f / \partial \rho_n \partial \rho_p & \partial^2 f / \partial \rho_p \partial \rho_p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial \mu_n / \partial \rho_n & \partial \mu_n / \partial \rho_p \\ \partial \mu_p / \partial \rho_n & \partial \mu_p / \partial \rho_p \end{pmatrix}$$

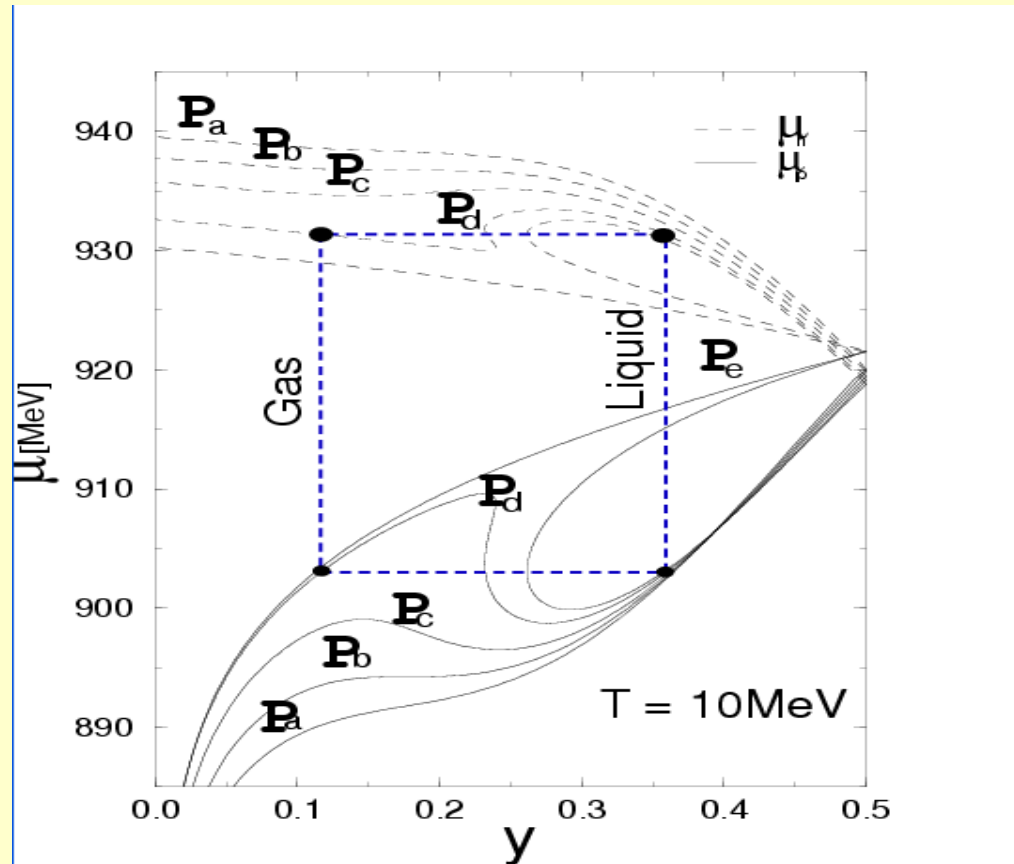
$$\det[\mathbf{C}] = c_- c_+ > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{tr}[\mathbf{C}] = c_- + c_+ > 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mu_p}{\partial y} \right)_{T,p} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \right)_{T,y} = (1 - y) \rho^2 |\mathbf{C}|$$

Chemical inst. Mechanical inst.

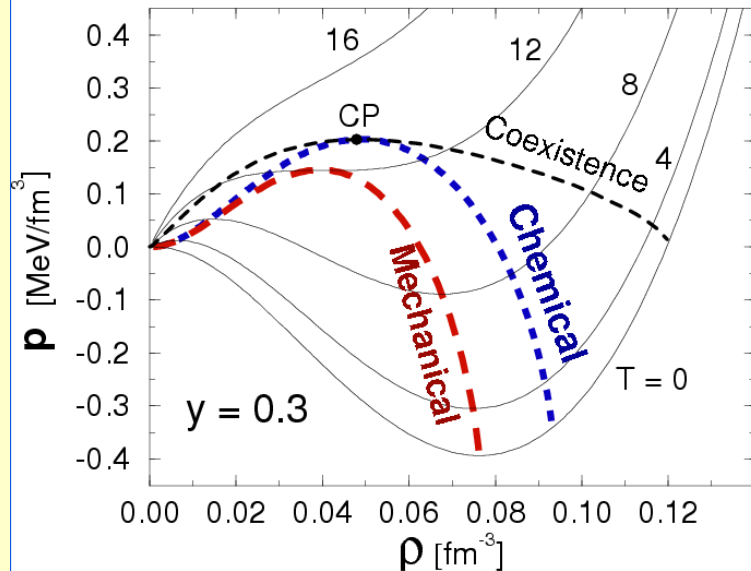
y proton
fraction = ρ_p / ρ

Phase co-existence in asymmetric matter

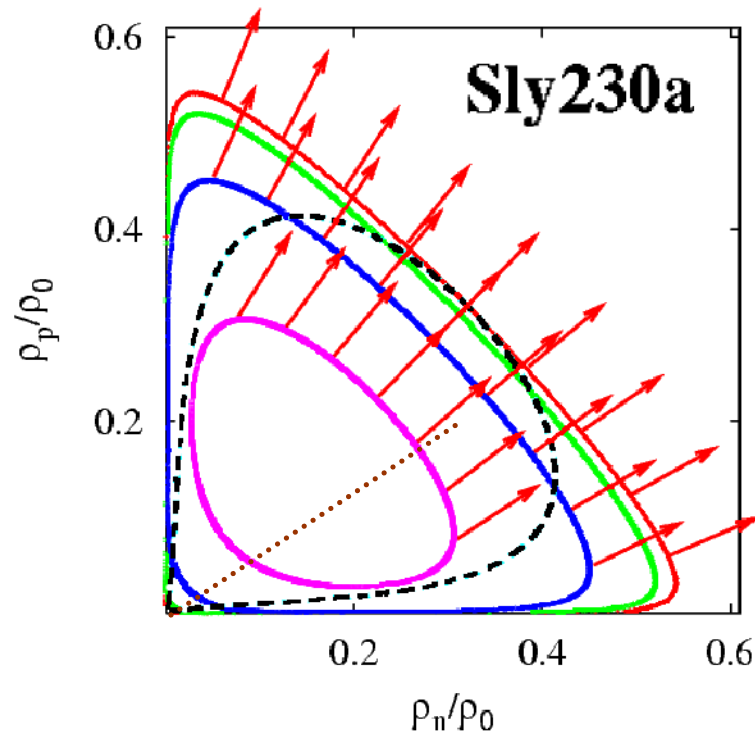


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The iso-distillation effect, a new probe for the occurrence of phase transitions

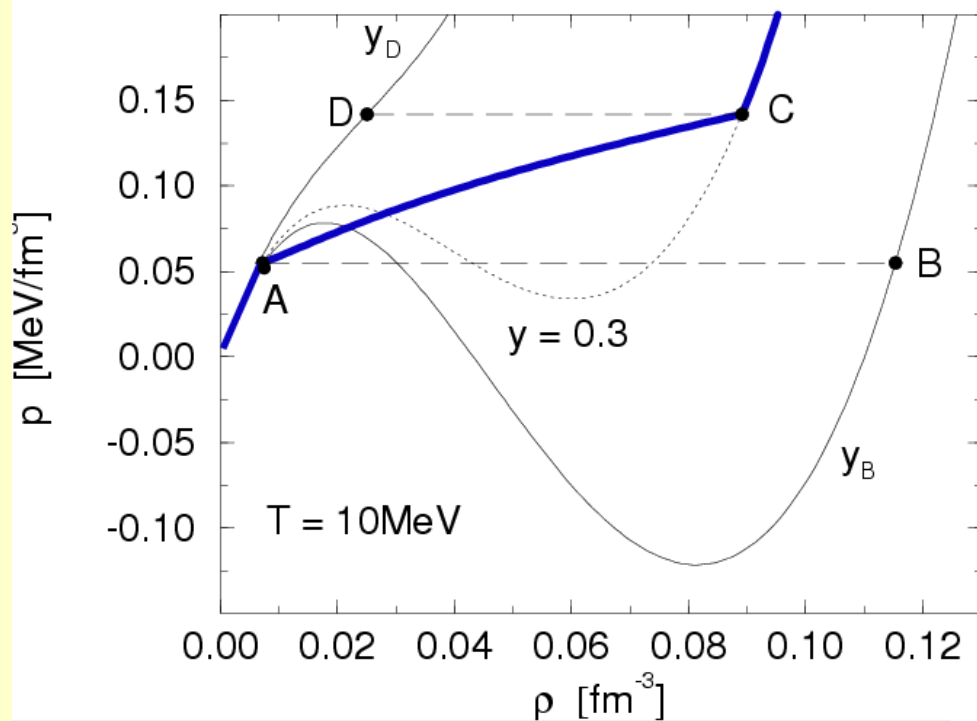
Phase diagram in asymmetric matter



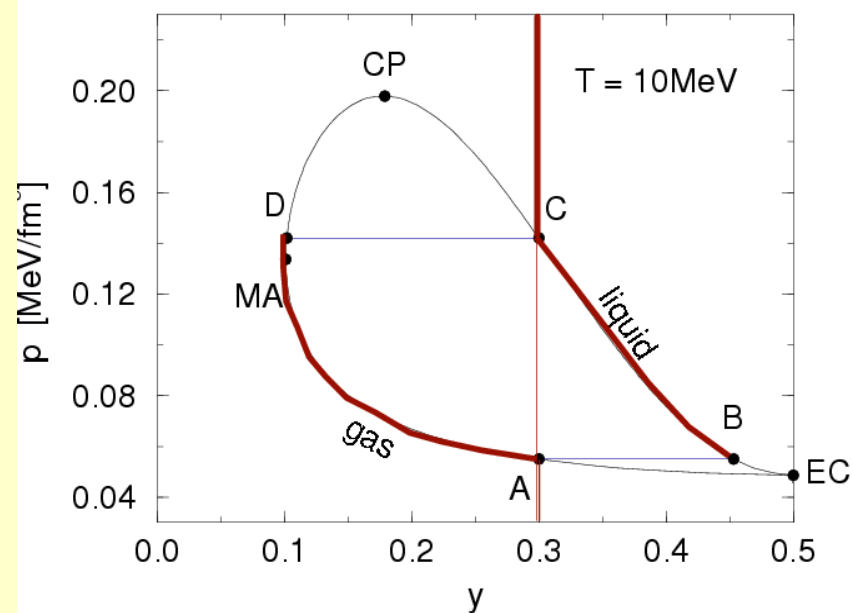
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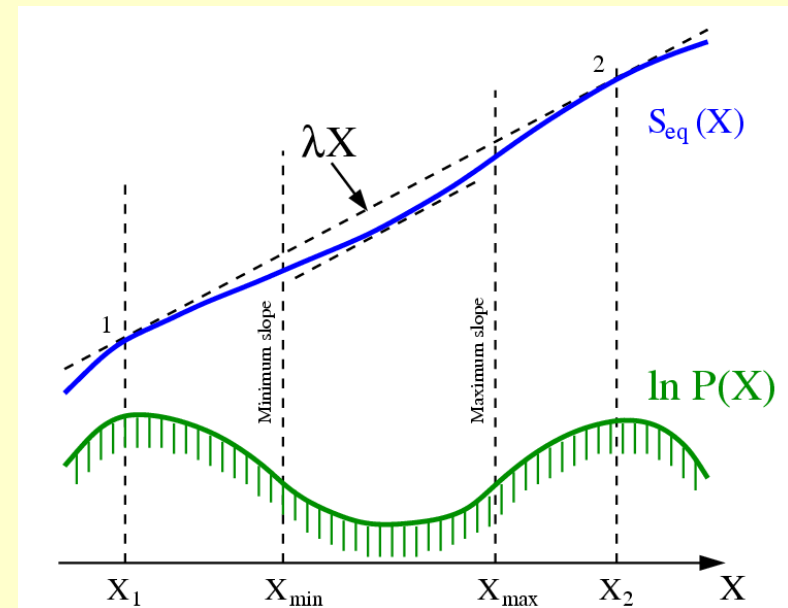
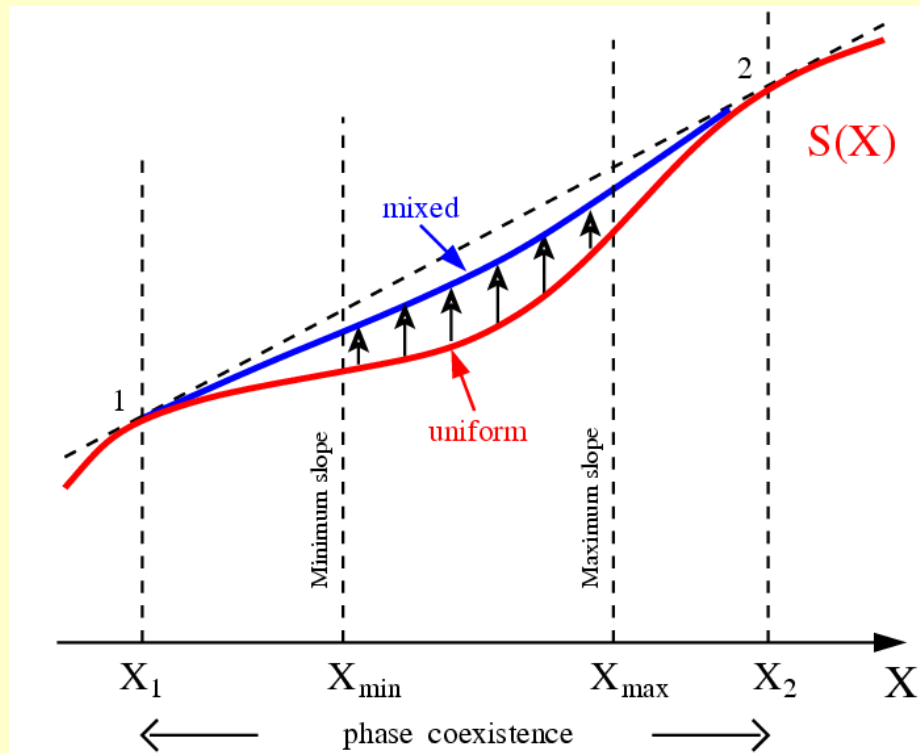
Two-dimensional spinodal boundaries for fixed values of the sound velocity



Phase transition in asymmetric matter



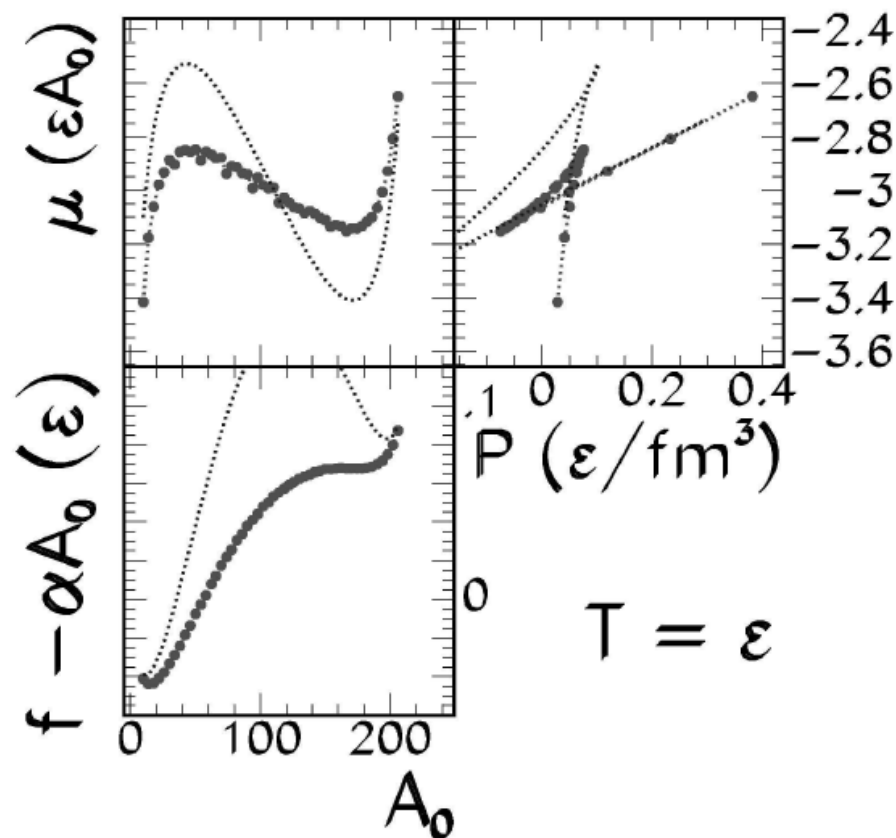
Phase transitions in finite systems



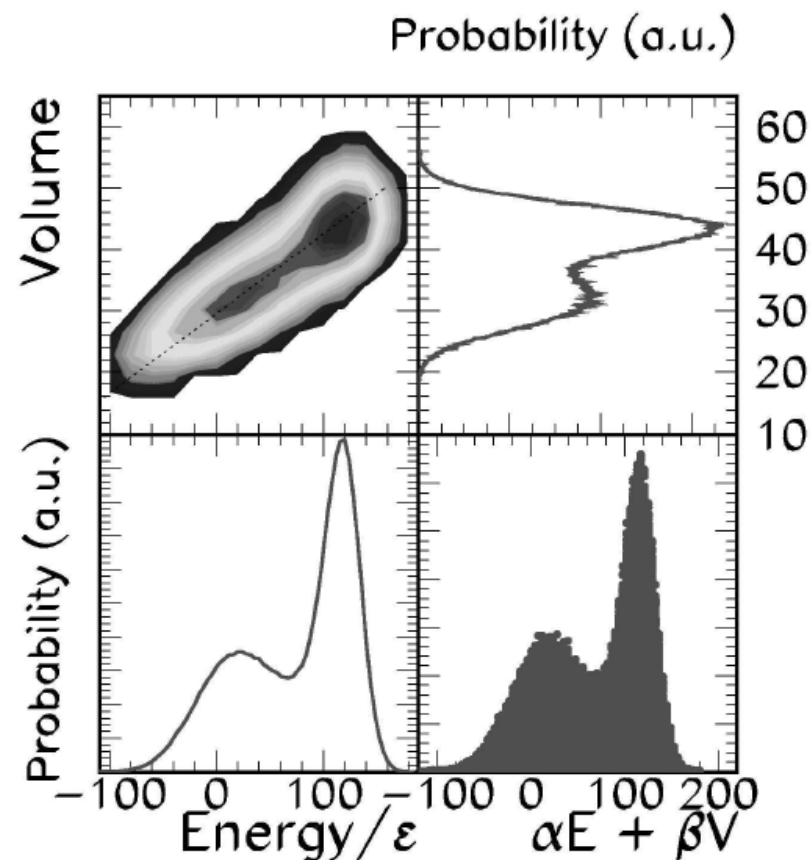
Probability $P(X)$ for a system in contact with a reservoir \longrightarrow

Bimodality, negative specific heat

Lattice-gas canonical ensemble fixed V



Isochore ensemble



$$S_i(\mathbf{X}_i) \rightarrow S'_i(X_i^\ell, \lambda^{\ell'}) \equiv S_i(\mathbf{X}_i) - \sum_{\ell'} \lambda^{\ell'} X_i^{\ell'}$$

$$P_{\beta\lambda_v}(E, V) = \bar{W}(E, V) Z_{\beta\lambda_v}^{-1} e^{-\beta E - \lambda_v V} \quad \bar{W}(E, V) = \exp(\bar{S}(E, V))$$

Curvature anomalies and bimodality

Hydrodynamical instabilities in classical fluids

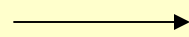
Navier-Stokes equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho\mathbf{v} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \rho\mathbf{v} = \nabla P$$

Continuity equation

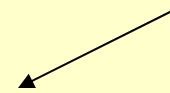
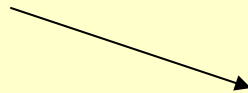
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho + \nabla \cdot \rho\mathbf{v} = 0$$

Linearization



$$\delta\rho(\mathbf{r}, t) = \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) - \rho_0,$$

$$\rho_0 \partial \mathbf{v} / \partial t = \nabla P, \quad \partial \delta\rho / \partial t = \rho_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$



$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \delta\rho(\mathbf{r}, t) = \nabla^2 P = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \right)_{\rho=\rho_0} \nabla^2 \delta\rho(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\omega_k^2 = v_s^2 k^2 \quad \text{or} \quad k^2 = \rho m \kappa \omega_k^2$$

$$\kappa^{-1} \equiv -V \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} = \rho \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}$$

Link between dynamics and thermodynamics !

Collective motion in Fermi fluids

Derivation of fluid dynamics from a variational approach

$$I = \int dt \langle \Psi | i\hbar \partial / \partial t - \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle$$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A; t) = \Phi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A; t) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A; t)}$$

Phase S is additive, Φ Slater determinant \longrightarrow

$$I = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \left[E[\rho] + \int d^3\mathbf{r} \left(S(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho(\mathbf{r}) - \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{2m^*(\mathbf{r})} \nabla S(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \nabla S(\mathbf{r}) \right) \right]$$

E = energy density functional

δI (with respect to S) = 0 \longrightarrow

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho(\mathbf{r}) + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}) \rho(\mathbf{r})) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u} = (1/m^*) \nabla S.$$

For a given collective mode ν ...

$$S(\mathbf{r}, t) = \dot{q}_\nu(t) S_\nu(\mathbf{r}) \quad \delta\rho(\mathbf{r}, t) = q_\nu(t) \delta\rho_\nu(\mathbf{r}),$$

$$\delta\rho_\nu = -\rho_0 \nabla \cdot ((1/m^*) \nabla S_\nu).$$

$$\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle = E_0 + \frac{1}{2} M_\nu \dot{q}_\nu^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_\nu q_\nu^2 ,$$

$$M_\nu = \int d^3\mathbf{r} \frac{\rho_0}{m^*(\mathbf{r})} \nabla S_\nu(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \nabla S_\nu(\mathbf{r}) > 0 ,$$

$$C_\nu = \int d^3\mathbf{r} \int d^3\mathbf{r}' \left(\frac{\delta^2 E[\rho]}{\delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) \delta\rho(\mathbf{r}')} \right)_0 \delta\rho_\nu(\mathbf{r}') \delta\rho_\nu(\mathbf{r}) ,$$

$$(\mu = dE/dp)$$

$$\omega_\nu^2 = C_\nu / M_\nu .$$

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$$\mu_n \equiv \frac{\partial F}{\partial N_n} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho_n}, \quad \mu_p \equiv \frac{\partial F}{\partial N_p} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho_p}$$

$$P(T; N, V) = - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial V} \right)_{TN}$$

$$\kappa^{-1} \equiv -V \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} = \rho \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} = \rho \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \rho} \right)$$

$$U(\rho) = df_{\text{pot}}/d\rho \quad \text{mean-field potential}$$

$$F_0^{q_1 q_2}(k) = N_{q_1}(T) \frac{\delta U_{q_1}}{\delta \rho_{q_2}}, \quad q_1, q_2 = n, p$$

$$1 + F_0 = N \, d\mu/d\rho$$

The nuclear matter case

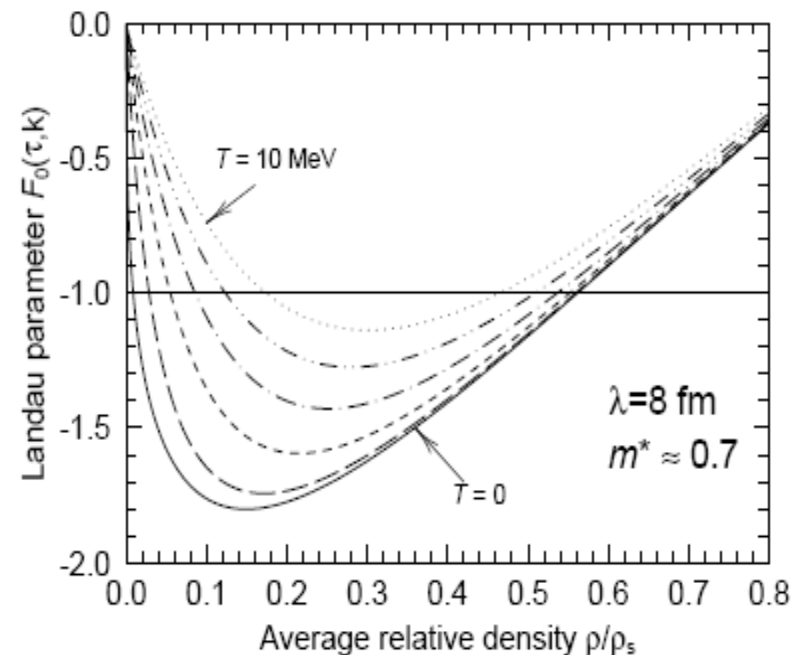
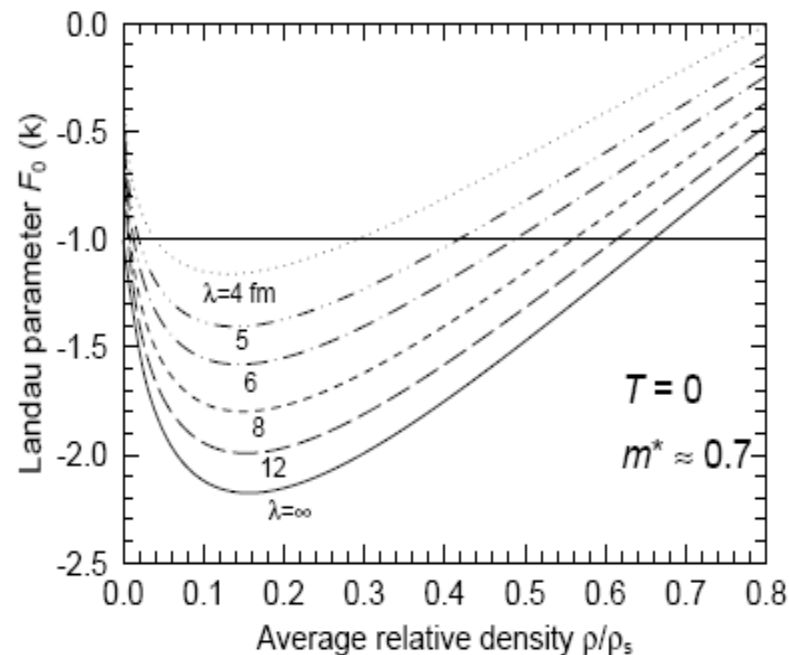
Plane waves for S_v

$$\omega_k^2 = \frac{\rho_0}{2m^*} (A + Bk^2) k^2$$

$$A = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}$$

$$\gamma_k^\infty = -i\omega_k = -\frac{\hbar}{t_k} = \left(-\frac{1}{3} \frac{m^*}{m} (1 + F_0) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} kV_F$$

Landau parameter F_0



Linearized transport equations: Vlasov

$$\dot{f} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f - \{h[f], f\} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \delta f + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{m} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \delta f - \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} U \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \delta \rho \right) = 0.$$

$U(\rho) = dE_{\text{pot}}/d\rho$ **mean-field potential**, $(\mu = dE/d\rho)$
 $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t)$ one-body distribution function

$$\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) = g \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}}{h^3} \delta f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t)$$

$$\delta f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{p}, t) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

$$f_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{p}, t) = f_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t}$$

$$(-\omega_{\mathbf{k}} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{k}) f_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \epsilon} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \rho} \rho_{\mathbf{k}}$$

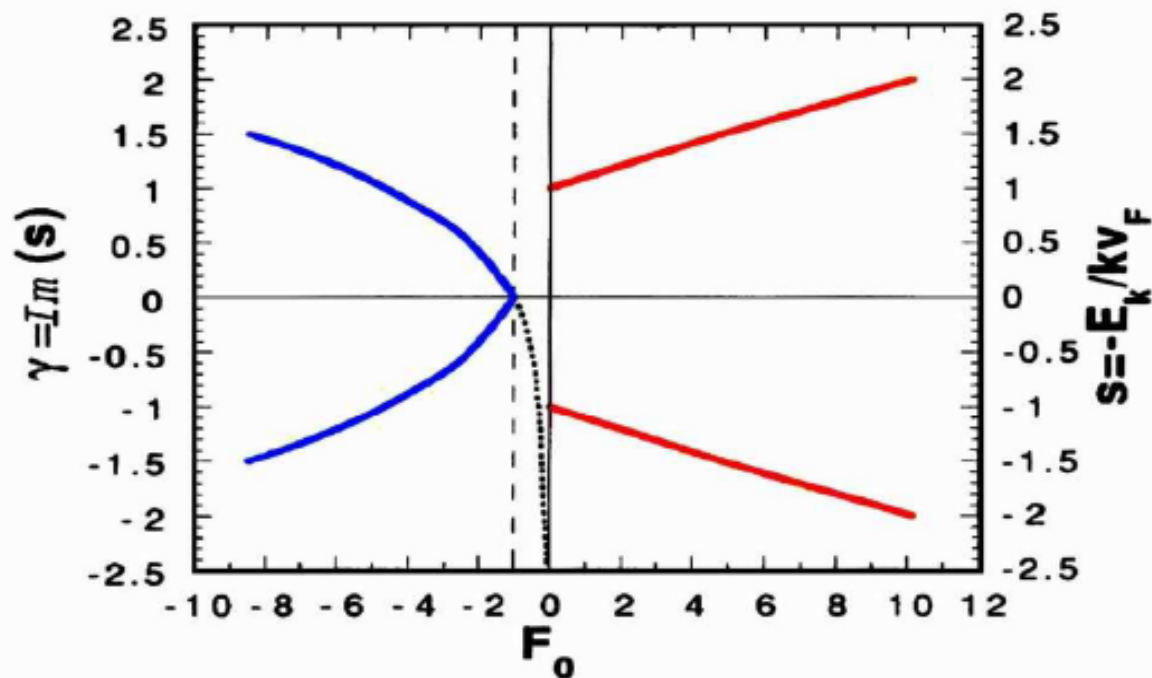
$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \varepsilon(\omega_{\mathbf{k}}) &\equiv 1 - \left(g \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}}{h^3} \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{k} - \omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \epsilon} \right) \frac{\partial U}{\partial \rho} \\ &= 1 - \left(g \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}}{h^3} \frac{(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2}{(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 - \omega_{\mathbf{k}}^2} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \epsilon} \right) \frac{\partial U}{\partial \rho}. \end{aligned}$$

Dispersion relation in nuclear matter

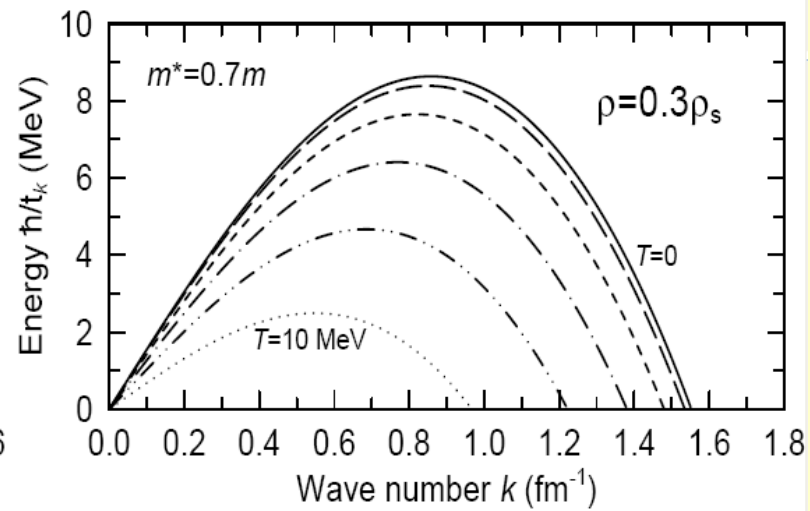
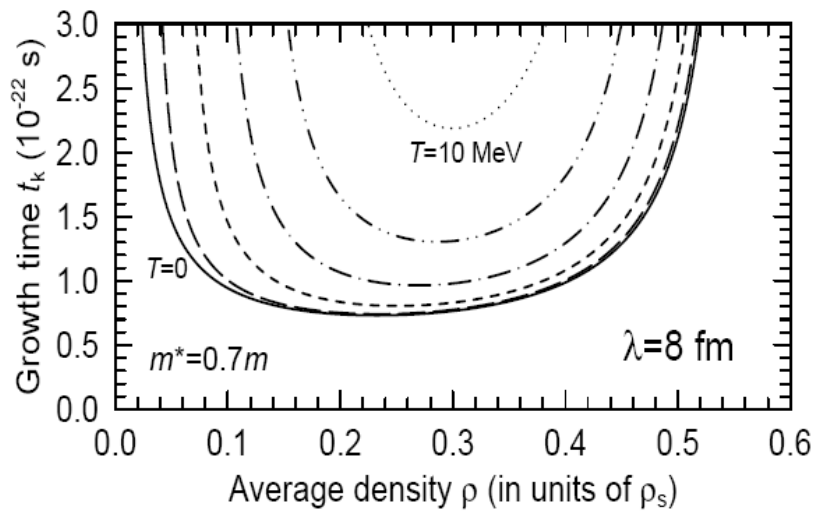
$$\partial_{\rho} U \approx \frac{2}{3} \epsilon_F F_0 / \rho$$

$$\frac{s}{2} \ln \left(\frac{s+1}{s-1} \right) = 1 + \frac{1}{F_0} .$$

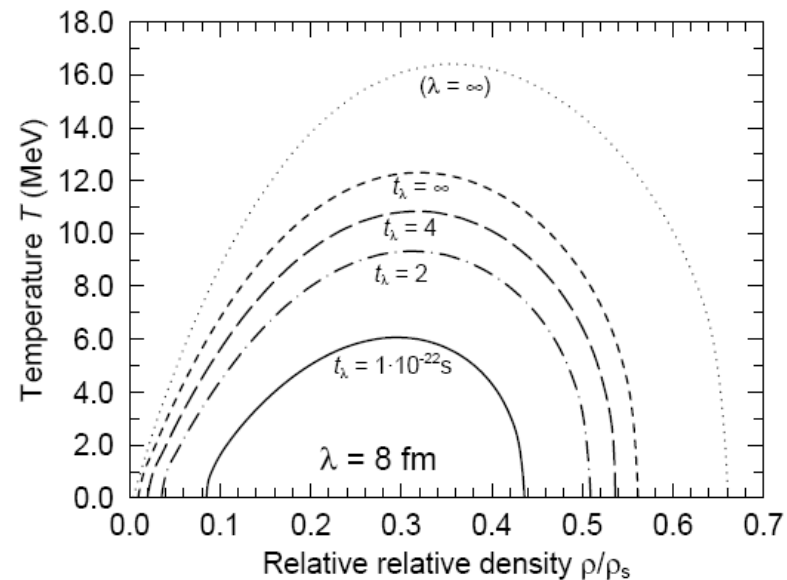
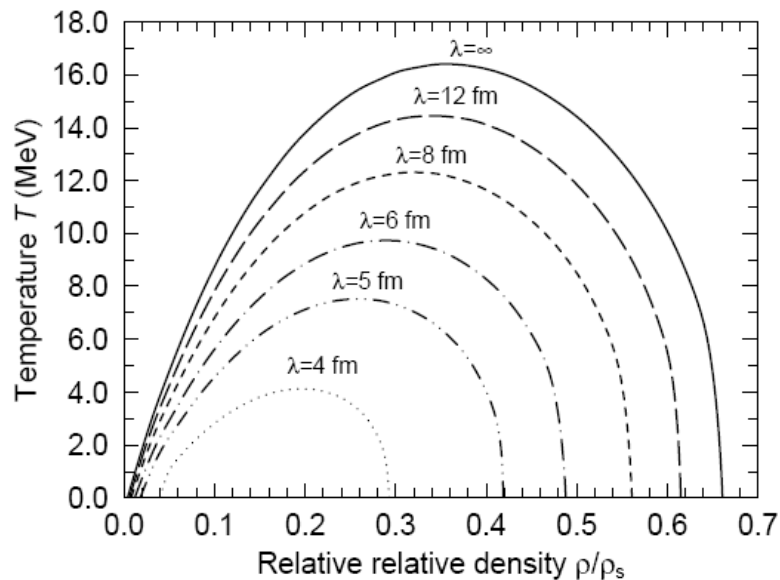
$$s = \omega / k v_F$$



Growth time and dispersion relation



Instability diagram



Two-component fluids

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \delta f + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{m} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \delta f - \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} U \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \delta \rho \right) = 0 .$$

$$U_q = A \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right) + B \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\alpha+1} + C \left(\frac{\rho'}{\rho_0} \right) \tau_q + \frac{1}{2} \frac{dC(\rho)}{d\rho} \frac{(\rho')^2}{\rho_0} - D \Delta \rho + D' \tau_q \Delta \rho'$$

$$\rho' = \rho_n - \rho_p$$

$$\tau = 1 \text{ neutrons, } -1 \text{ protons}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + F_0^{nn} \chi_n] \delta \rho_n + [F_0^{np} \chi_n] \delta \rho_p &= 0 , \\ [F_0^{pn} \chi_p] \delta \rho_n + [1 + F_0^{pp} \chi_p] \delta \rho_p &= 0 , \end{aligned}$$

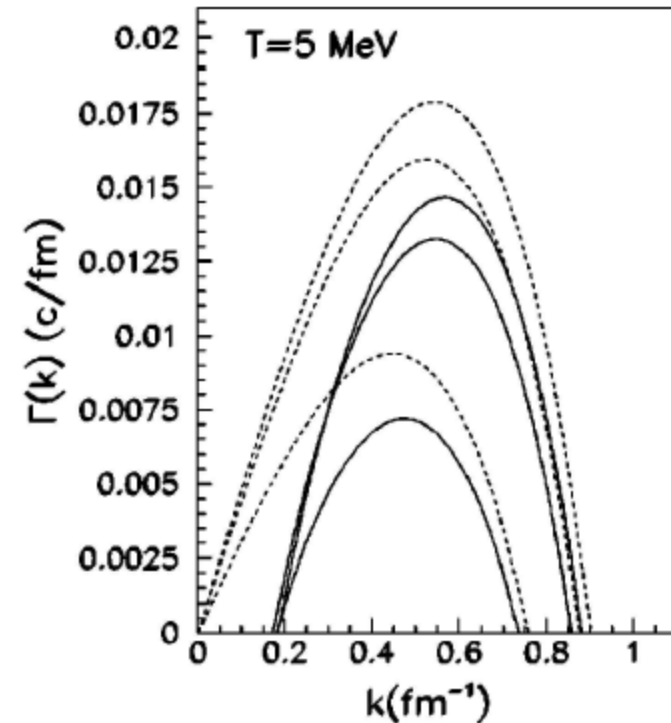
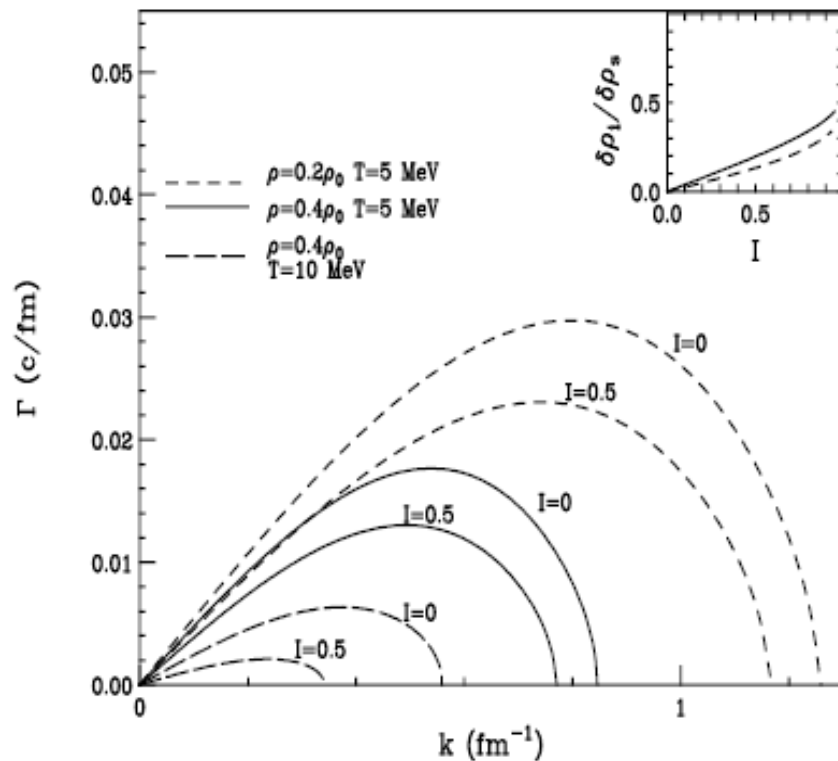
$$\chi_q(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{2}{N_q(T)} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}}{h^3} \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\omega + i0 - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial f_q^{(0)}}{\partial \epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}^q} ,$$

$$N_q(T) = -2 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}}{h^3} \frac{\partial f_q^{(0)}}{\partial \epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}^q}$$

$$F_0^{q_1 q_2}(k) = N_{q_1}(T) \frac{\delta U_{q_1}}{\delta \rho_{q_2}} , \quad q_1, q_2 = n, p$$

Dispersion relation

$$(1 + F_0^{nn} \chi_n)(1 + F_0^{pp} \chi_p) - F_0^{np} F_0^{pn} \chi_n \chi_p = 0 .$$



A new effect: Isospin distillation $d\rho_p/d\rho_n > \rho_p/\rho_n$
The liquid phase is more symmetric (as seen in phase co-existence)

Finite nuclei

$$[h[\rho_0] - \lambda \hat{Q}, \rho_0] = 0$$

$$\rho'(t) \equiv e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \lambda \hat{Q} t} \rho(t) e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \lambda \hat{Q} t}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho'(t) = [h'(t) - \lambda \hat{Q}, \rho'(t)]$$

Linearized Schroedinger
equation (RPA)
for dilute systems

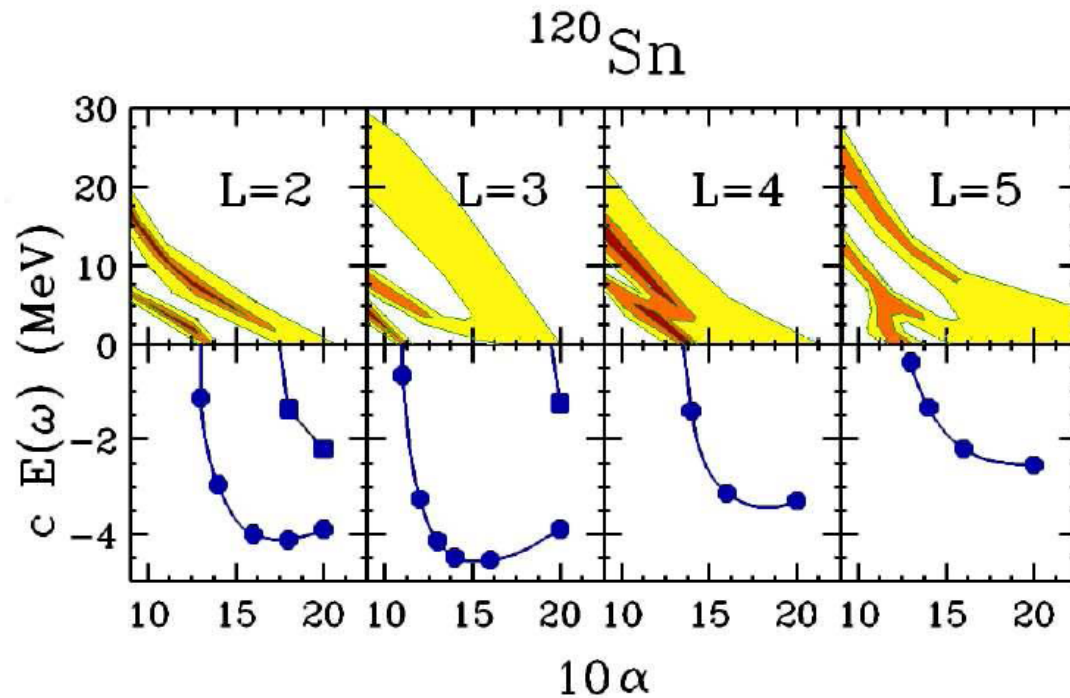
α = density dilution

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \delta \rho' = [h'_0(t) - \lambda Q', \delta \rho'] + [\delta U'(t), \rho'_0(t)] = \mathcal{M}(t) \cdot \delta \rho'(t)$$

$$(\hbar \omega_\nu - \epsilon_i + \epsilon_j) \langle i | \delta \rho_\nu | j \rangle = (\rho_j - \rho_i) \langle i | \delta U_\nu | j \rangle$$

$$\omega_\nu \rho_\nu^{ij} = (\epsilon_i - \epsilon_j) \rho_\nu^{ij} + \sum_{kl} (n_j - n_i) V_{il,kj} \rho_\nu^{kl}.$$

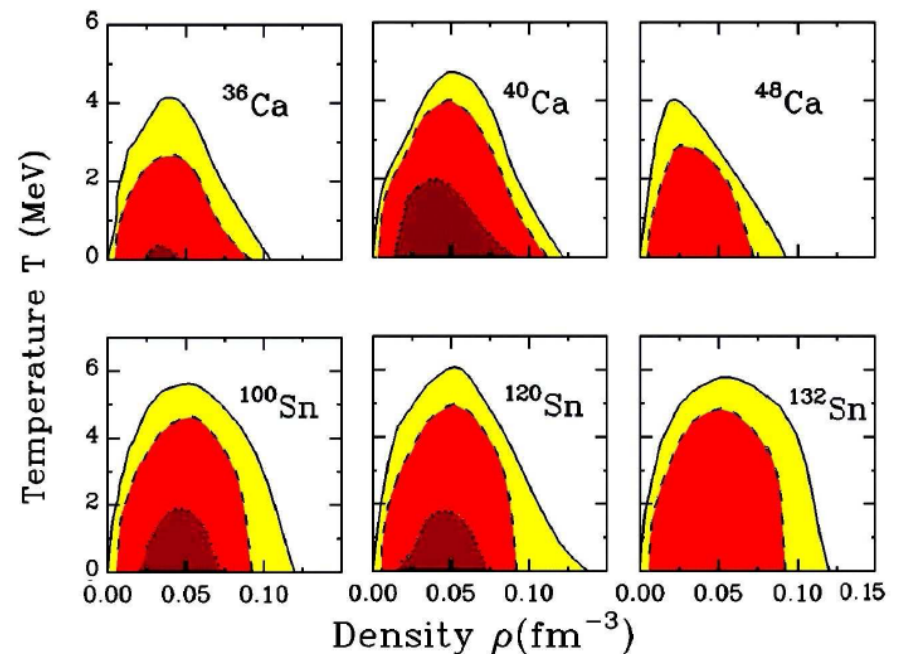
$$n'_i = [1 + \exp((\epsilon_i - \epsilon_F(\alpha^2 T))/\alpha^2 T)]^{-1}, \quad \langle r | R(\alpha) \varphi \rangle = \alpha^{-\frac{1}{3}} \langle r | \varphi \rangle.$$



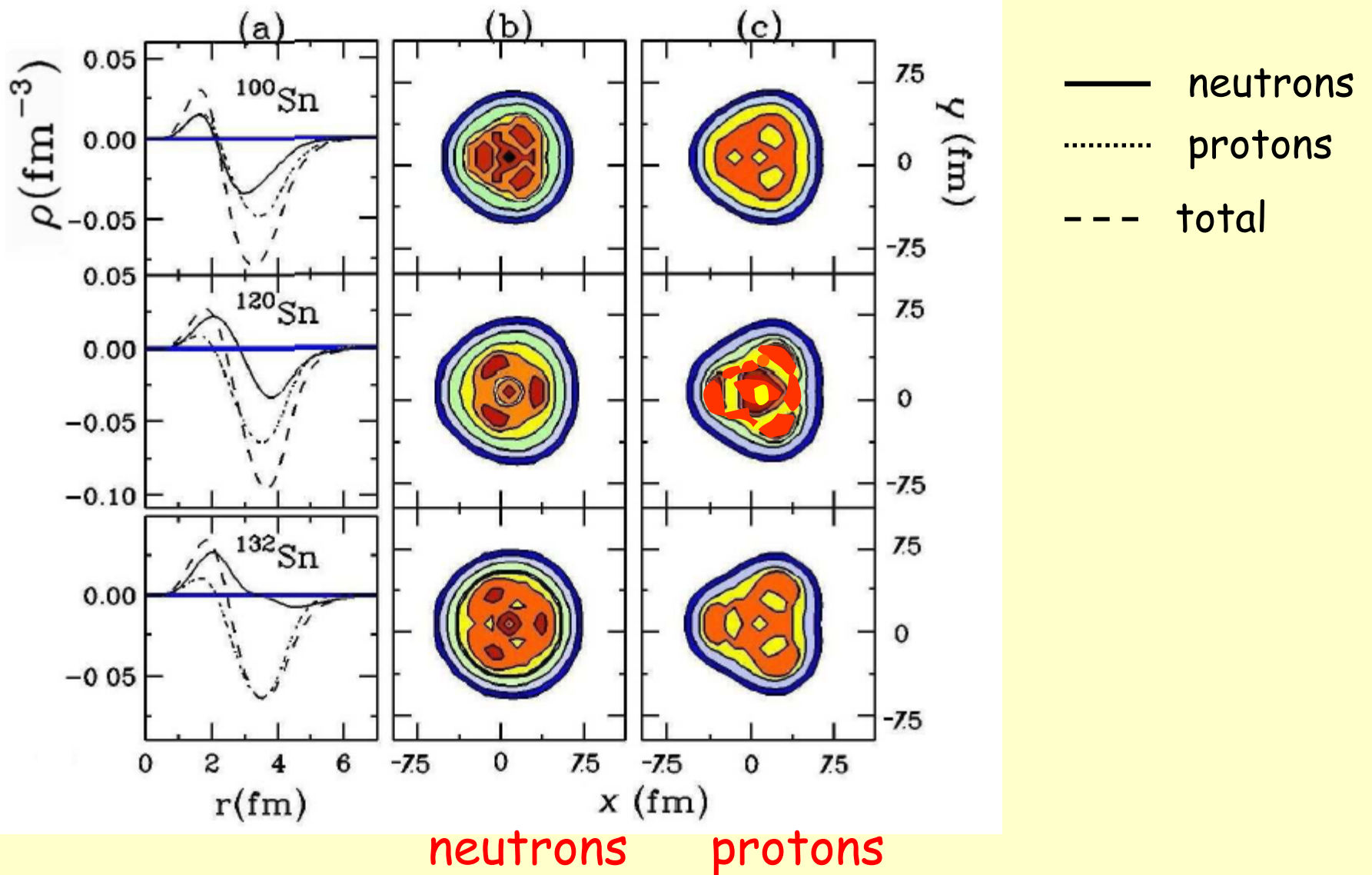
Collective modes
 $YLM(\theta, \varphi)$

Instabilities in nuclei

The role of charge asymmetry
(neutron-rich systems)

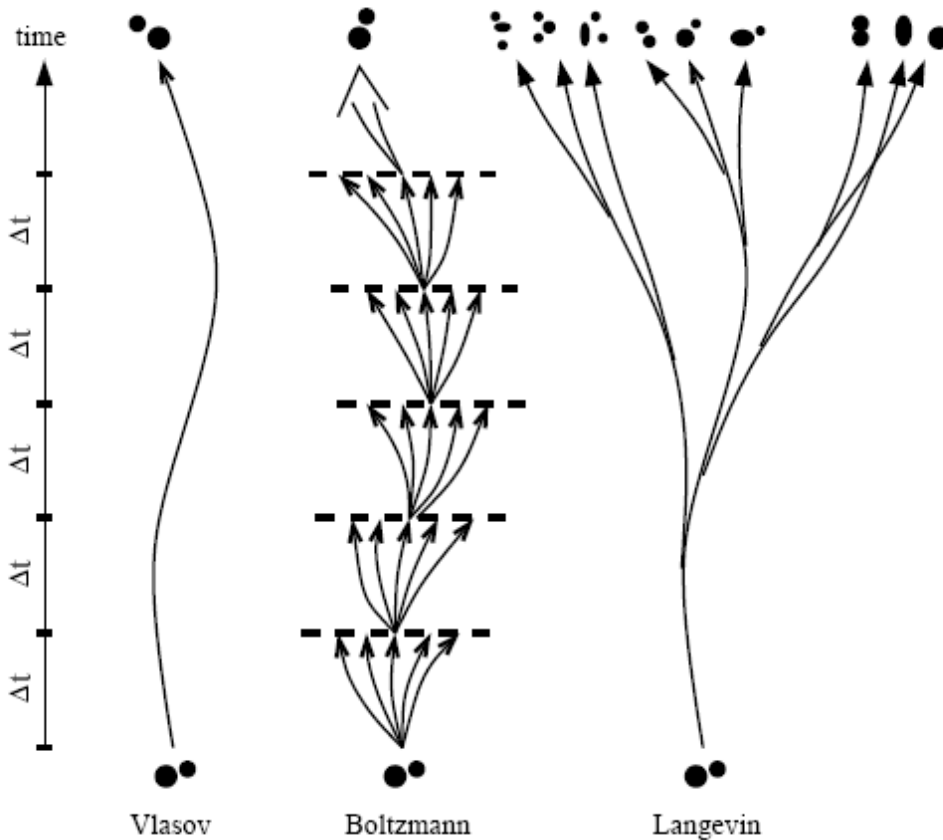


Isospin distillation in nuclei

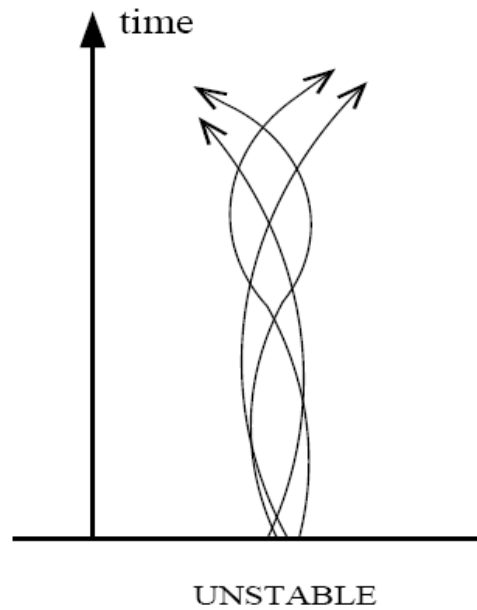
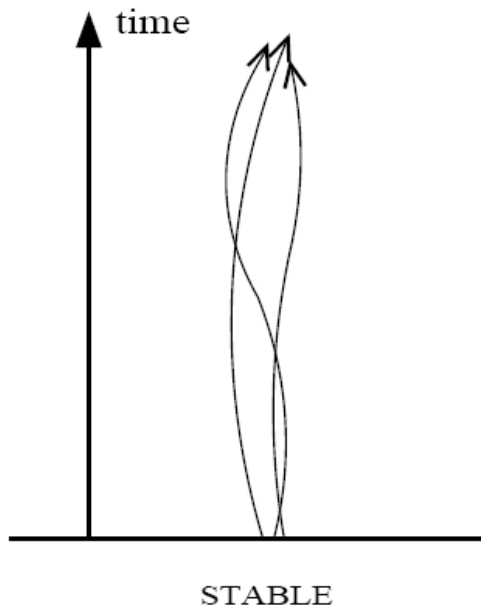


Landau-Vlasov (BUU-BNV) equation

$$\dot{f} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f - \{h[f], f\} = K[f] = \bar{K}[f] + \delta K[f]$$



Boltzmann-Langevin
(BL) equation



Effect of instabilities on trajectories

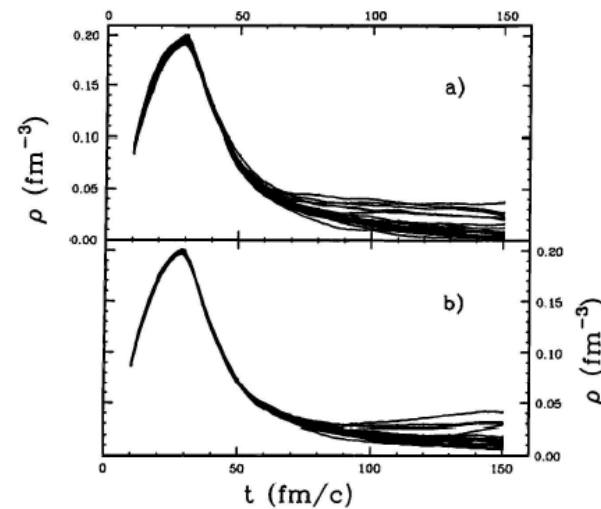


Figure 4-6: Effect of instabilities on the trajectory bundle. The central density ρ as a function of time for 70 MeV/A Ca + Ca for bundles of dynamical trajectories resulting from different initial placings of \mathcal{N} pseudo particles per nucleon, with either $\mathcal{N} = 40$ (a) or $\mathcal{N} = 100$ (b). (From Ref. [196].)

$$\bar{K}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}_1) = g \sum_{234} W(12; 34) [\bar{f}_1 \bar{f}_2 f_3 f_4 - f_1 f_2 \bar{f}_3 \bar{f}_4]$$

$$W(12; 34) = v_{12} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{12 \rightarrow 34} \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_4)$$

$$\prec \delta K(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t) \delta K(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{p}', t') \succ = C(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{r}, t) \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \delta(t - t')$$

$$\begin{aligned} C(\mathbf{p}_a, \mathbf{p}_b, \mathbf{r}, t) &= \delta_{ab} \sum_{234} W(a2; 34) F(a2; 34) \\ &\quad + \sum_{34} [W(ab; 34) F(ab; 34) - 2W(a3; b4) F(a3; b4)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_{ab} \equiv h^3 \delta(\mathbf{p}_a - \mathbf{p}_b) \text{ and } F(12; 34) \equiv f_1 f_2 \bar{f}_3 \bar{f}_4 + \bar{f}_1 \bar{f}_2 f_3 f_4.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1 C(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{r}, t) &= \sum_2 C(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{r}, t) = 0 \\ \sum_1 C(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{r}, t) \mathbf{p}_1 &= \sum_2 C(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{r}, t) \mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{0} \\ \sum_1 C(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{r}, t) \epsilon_1 &= \sum_2 C(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{r}, t) \epsilon_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Fluctuation correlations

Linearization of BL equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \delta f = -i\mathcal{M}[f_0] \delta f + \delta K[f_0] ,$$

$$\delta f(\mathbf{s}, t) = \sum_{\nu} A_{\nu}(t) f_{\nu}(\mathbf{s})$$

$$A_{\nu}(t) = e^{-i\omega_{\nu} t} \left(A_{\nu}(0) + \int_0^t dt' B_{\nu}(t') e^{i\omega_{\nu} t'} \right) \quad B_{\nu}(t) = \sum_{\mu} O_{\nu\nu'} \langle f_{\mu}; \delta K(t) \rangle$$

O-1 overlap matrix

$$\prec B_{\nu}(t) B_{\mu}(t')^* \succ = 2\mathcal{D}_{\nu\mu} \delta(t - t')$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\nu\mu} = \sum_{\nu'\mu'} O_{\nu\nu'} \Delta_{\nu'\mu'} O_{\mu'\mu}$$

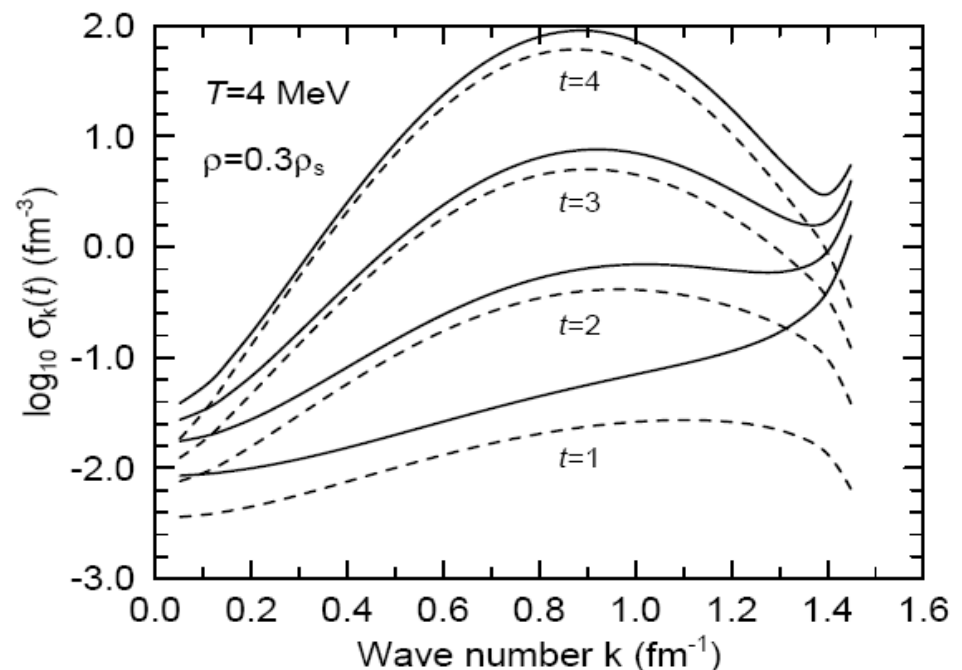
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\nu\mu} &= \langle f_{\nu}; D f_{\mu} \rangle = \int ds \int ds' f_{\nu}(\mathbf{s})^* D(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{s}') f_{\mu}(\mathbf{s}') \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int d\nu_{12;34} \{ f_{\nu}(1)^* [f_{\mu}(1) + f_{\mu}(2) - 2f_{\mu}(1')] + f_{\nu}(1')^* [f_{\mu}(1') + f_{\mu}(2') - 2f_{\mu}(1)] \} . \end{aligned}$$

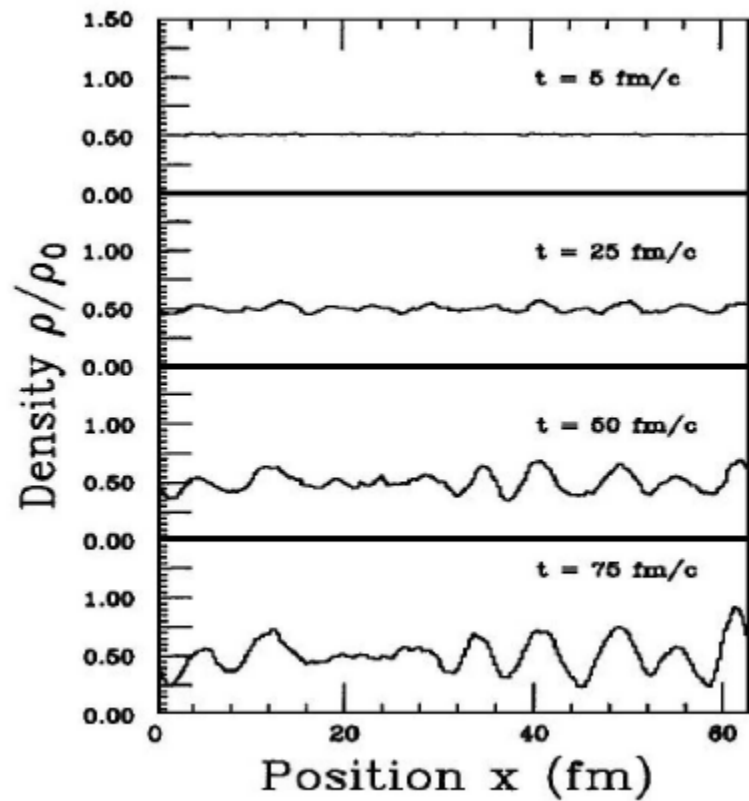
$$\frac{d}{dt}\sigma_{\nu\mu} = -i\omega_{\nu\mu}\sigma_{\nu\mu} + 2\mathcal{D}_{\nu\mu}$$

$$\sigma_{\nu\mu}(t) = -i\frac{2\mathcal{D}_{\nu\mu}}{\omega_{\nu\mu}} \left(1 - e^{-i\omega_{\nu\mu}t}\right) + \sigma_{\nu\mu}(0) e^{-i\omega_{\nu\mu}t}.$$

$$\sigma_{\nu\nu}(t) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{D}_{\nu}^{\text{var}} t_{\nu} \left(1 - e^{-2t/t_{\nu}}\right) + \sigma_{\nu\nu}(0)e^{-2t/t_{\nu}} & \rightarrow 2\mathcal{D}_{\nu}^{\text{var}} t_{\nu} \\ \mathcal{D}_{\nu}^{\text{var}} t_{\nu} \left(e^{2t/t_{\nu}} - 1\right) + \sigma_{\nu\nu}(0)e^{2t/t_{\nu}} & \rightarrow (2\mathcal{D}_{\nu}^{\text{var}} t_{\nu} + \sigma_{\nu\nu}(0)) e^{2t/t_{\nu}} \end{cases}$$

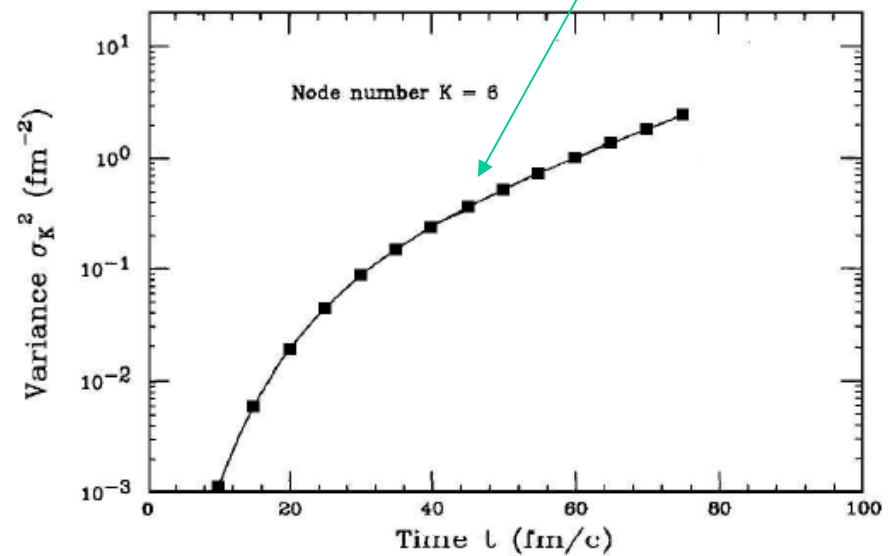
Development of fluctuations in presence of instabilities





Fragment formation in BL treatment

Exponential increase



Growth of instabilities

Approximate BL treatment ---- BOB dynamics

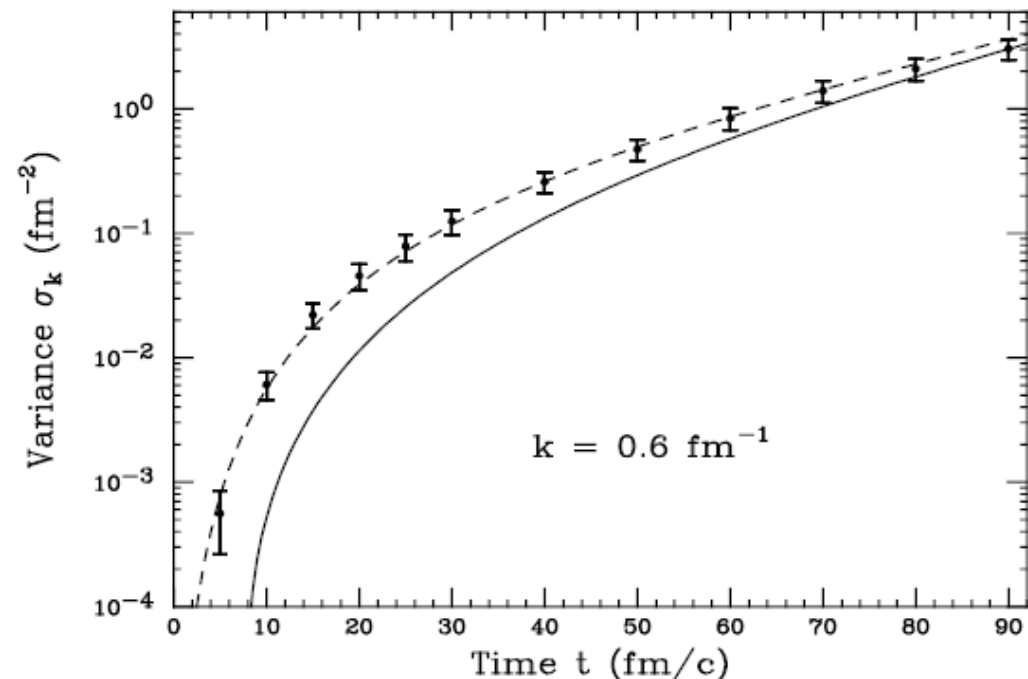
$$\delta K[f] \rightarrow \delta \tilde{K}[f] = -\delta \mathbf{F} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{p}}.$$

$$\prec \delta \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}_1) \delta \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}_2) \succ = 2\tilde{D}_0(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{I} \delta(\mathbf{r}_{12}) \delta(t_{12})$$

$$2\tilde{D}(\mathbf{s}_1; \mathbf{s}_2) = 2\tilde{D}_0(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{s}_1)}{\partial \mathbf{p}_1} \cdot \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{s}_2)}{\partial \mathbf{p}_2} \delta(\mathbf{r}_{12}).$$

(Brownian One Body,
Stochastic Mean
Field (SMF), ...)

Growth of instabilities
(comparison BL-BOB)



Applications to nuclear fragmentation

Some examples of reactions

$\text{Xe} + \text{Sn}$, $E/A = 30 - 50 \text{ MeV/A}$

$\text{Sn} + \text{Sn}$, 50 MeV/A

$\text{Au} + \text{Au}$ 30 MeV/A

$p + \text{Au}$ 1 GeV/A

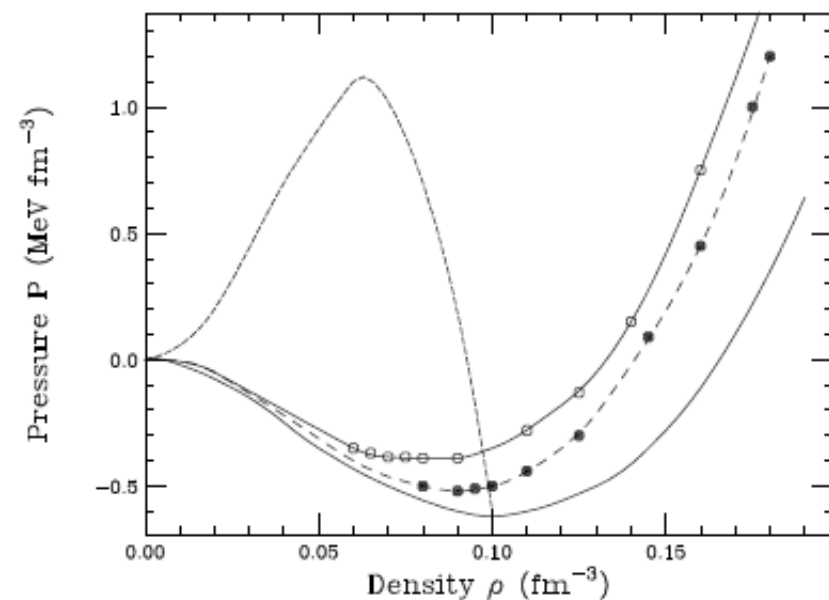
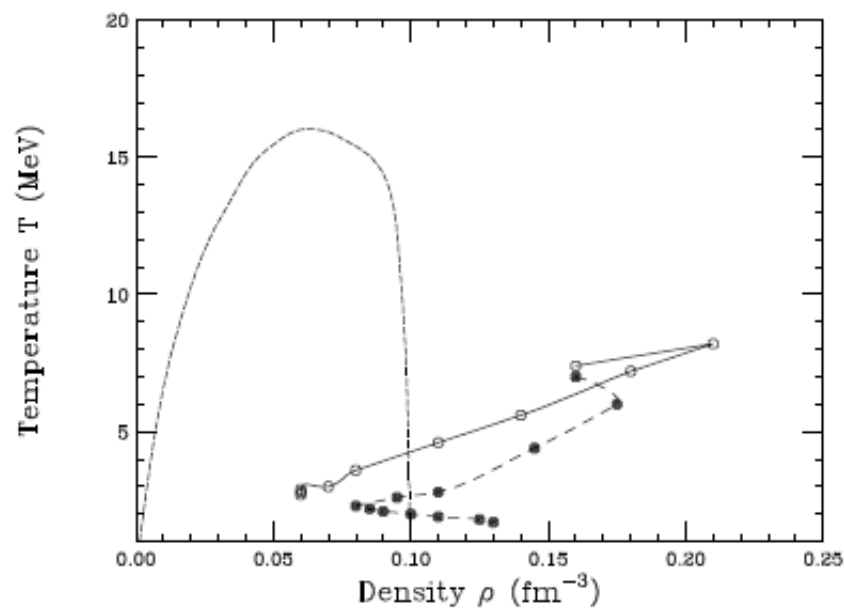
$\text{Sn} + \text{Ni}$ 35 MeV/A

$E^*/A \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$, $T \sim 3-5 \text{ MeV}$

LBL
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Texas A&M
GANIL
GSI
LNS

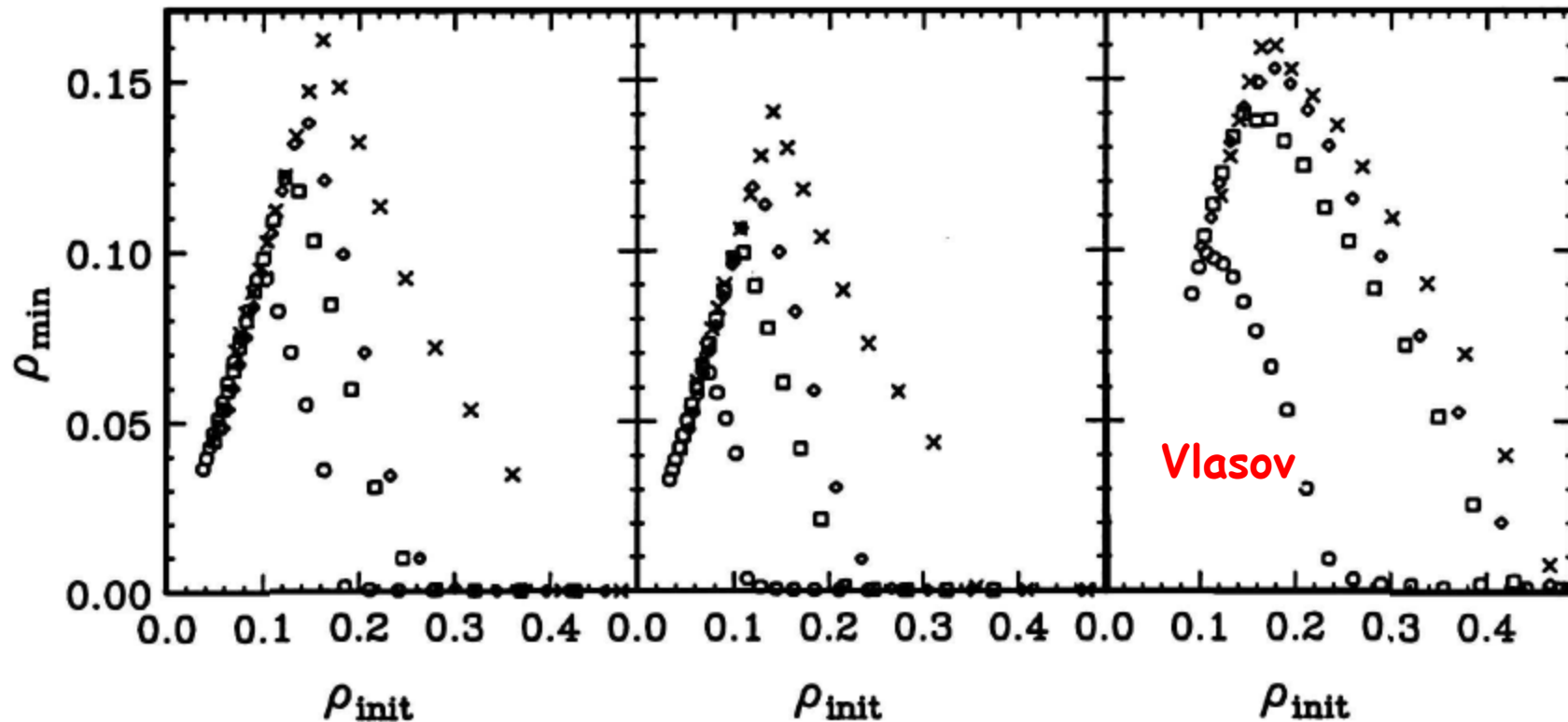
Is the spinodal region attained in nuclear collisions ?

Some examples of trajectories as predicted by Semi-classical transport equations (BUU)

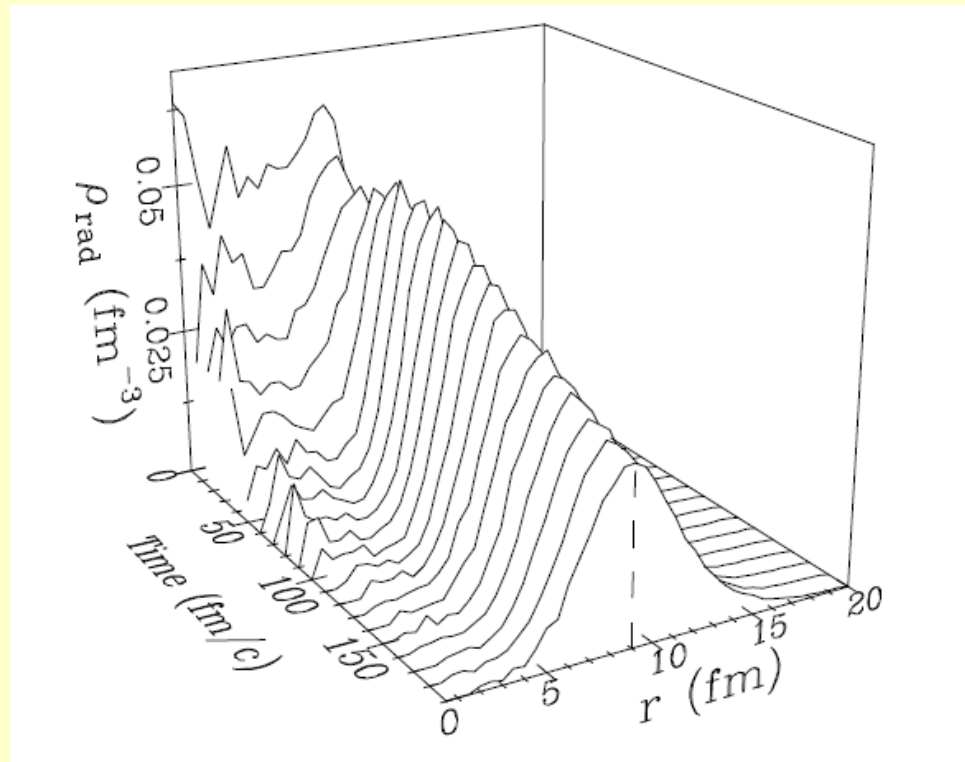


- $La + Cu$ 55 AMeV
- $La + Al$ 55 AMeV

Expansion and dissipation in TDHF simulations: both compression and heat are effective

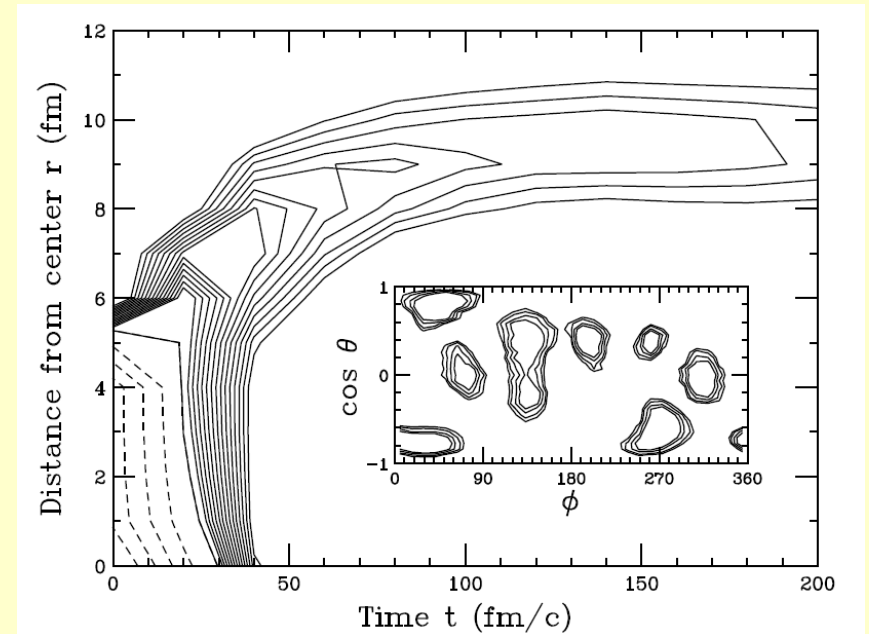


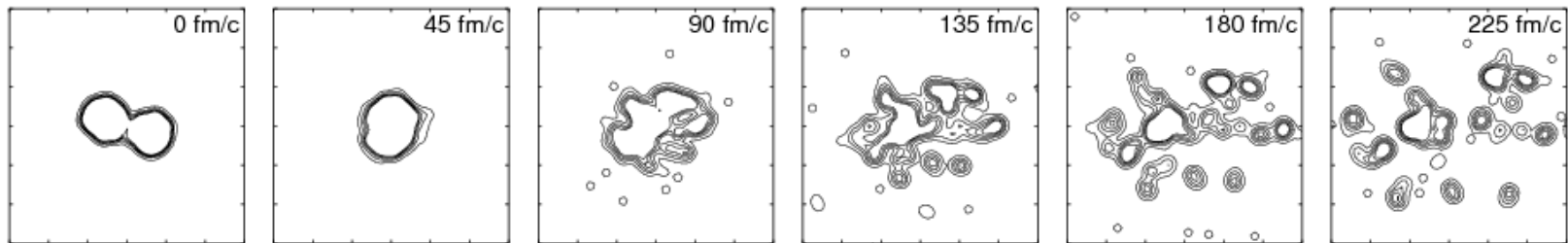
The central density at the time of maximum dilution (the turning point in the monopole motion), ρ_{min} , as a function of the initial central density ρ_{init} , for a ^{40}Ca nucleus at various initial temperatures, either in TDHF (left and center) and the corresponding Vlasov treatment (right). The initial excitations correspond to the following values of the entropy per nucleon σ : 0 (crosses), 1.1 (diamonds), 2.35 (squares) and 3.28 (circles) which correspond to $T = 0, 5, 10$ and 15 MeV for the uncompressed heated nuclei. (From Ref. [232].)



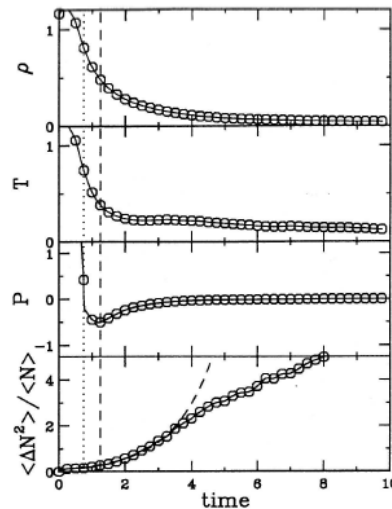
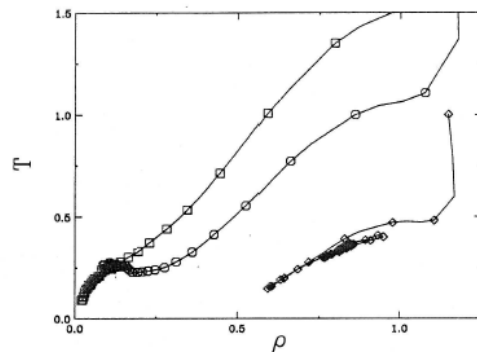
**Stochastic mean-field
SMF (BL like) results**

Expansion dynamics in presence
of fluctuations





Compression and expansion in Antisymmetrized-Molecular Dynamics simulations (AMD)

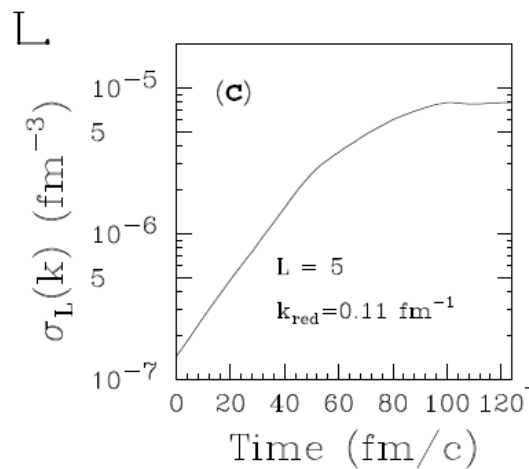
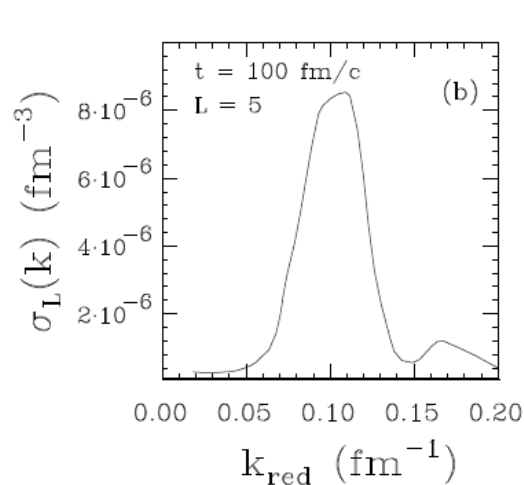
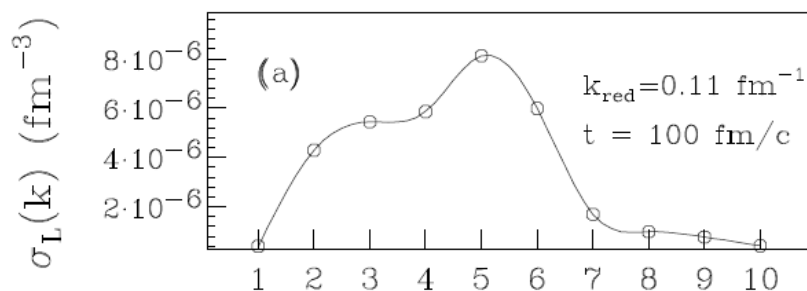
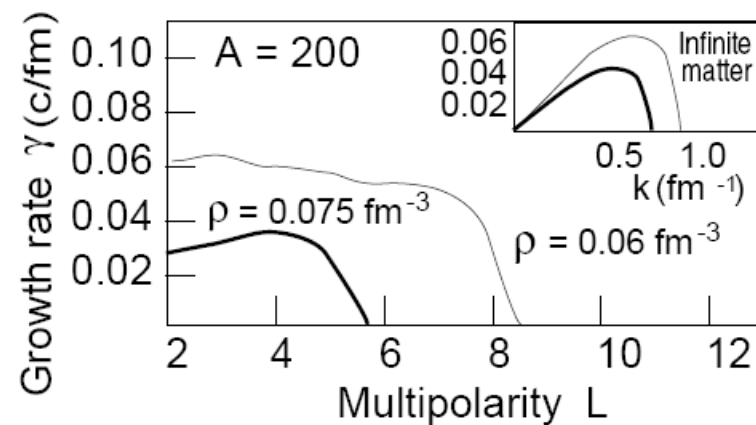
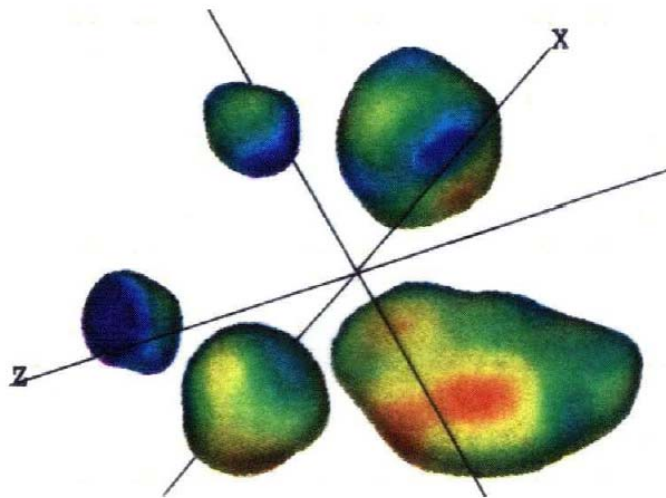


Thermal expansion in MD (classical) simulations

Figure 5-9: Fragmentation of a hot drop.

The time evolution of a hot spherical assembly of N interacting particles. *Left:* Trajectories followed the $T - \rho$ phase plane for the three energies considered and $N = 251$ (see text). *Right:* Time evolution of pressure, density, temperature and multiplicity fluctuations obtained in the case yielding maximum IMF production ($N = 485$). (From Ref. [77].)

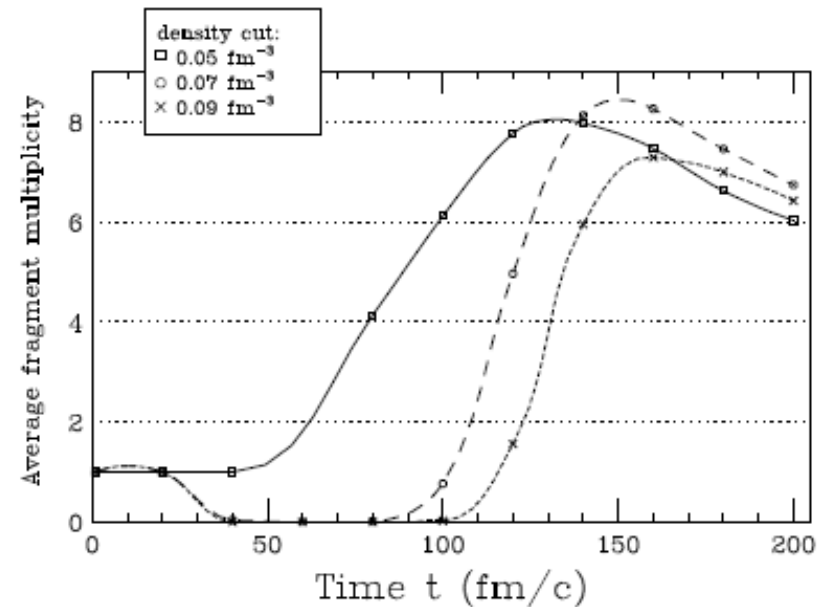
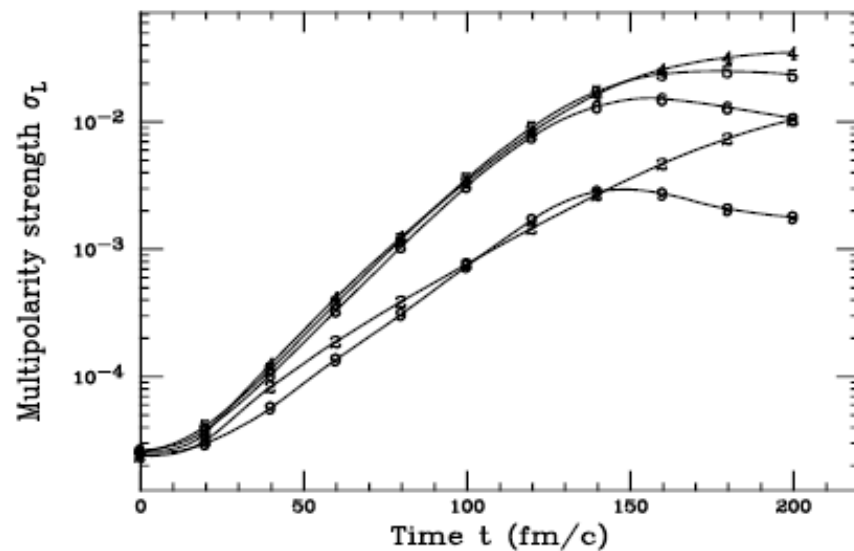
Fragmentation studies



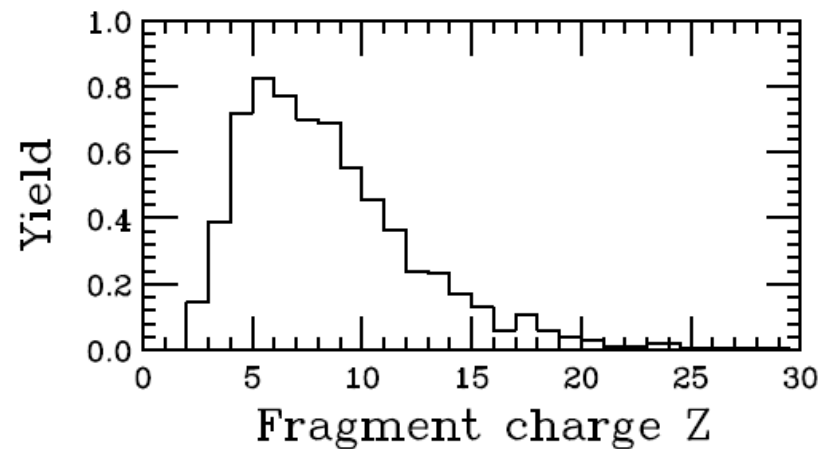
RPA predictions

SMF calculations

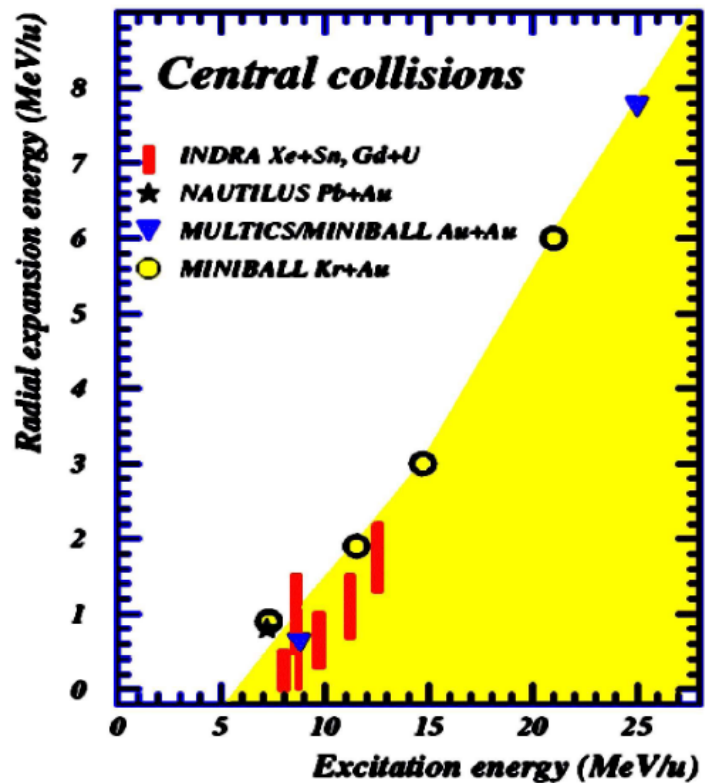
Fragment reconstruction



Experimental observables :
IMF multiplicity,
charge distributions,
Kinetic energies,
IMF-IMF correlations ...



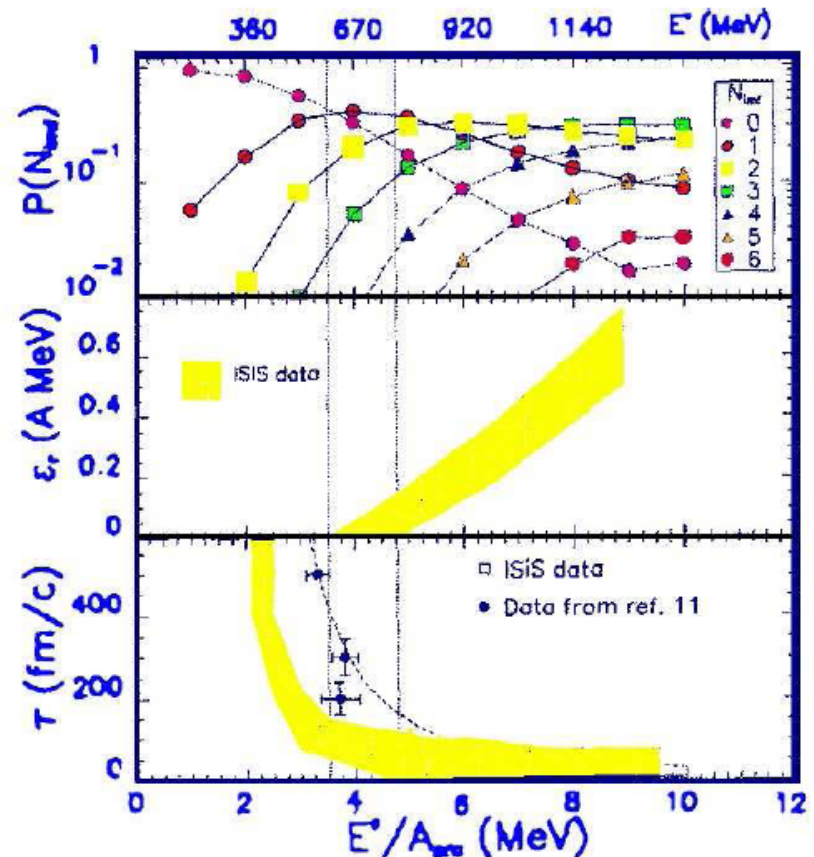
Confrontation with experimental data

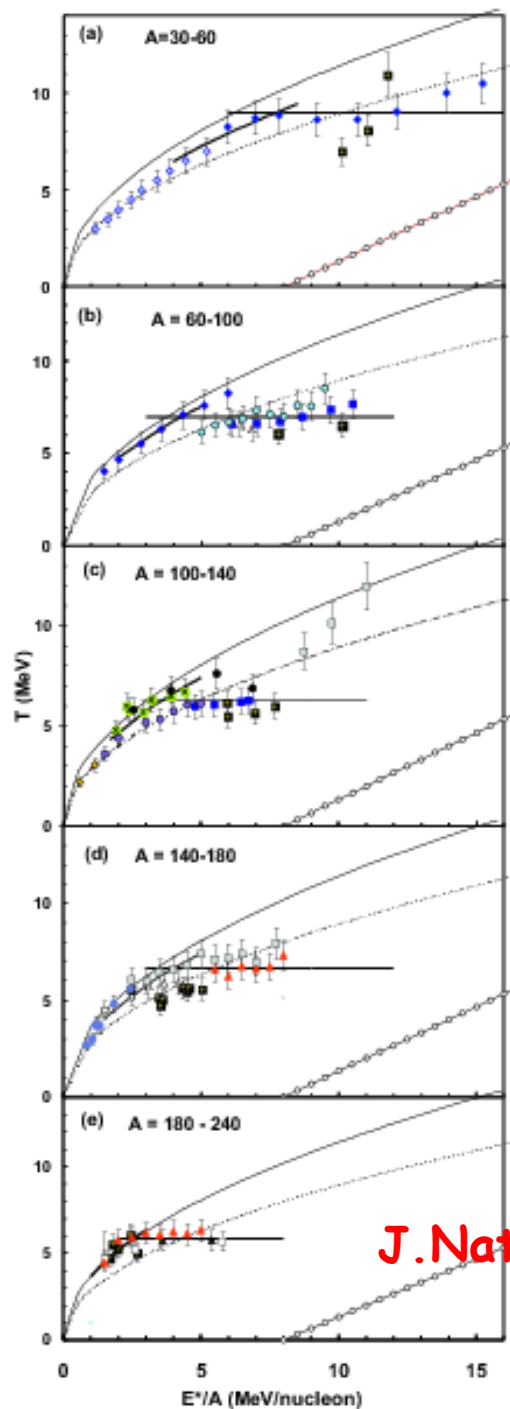


Compilation of experimental data on radial flow
Onset of nuclear explosion around 5-7 MeV/u

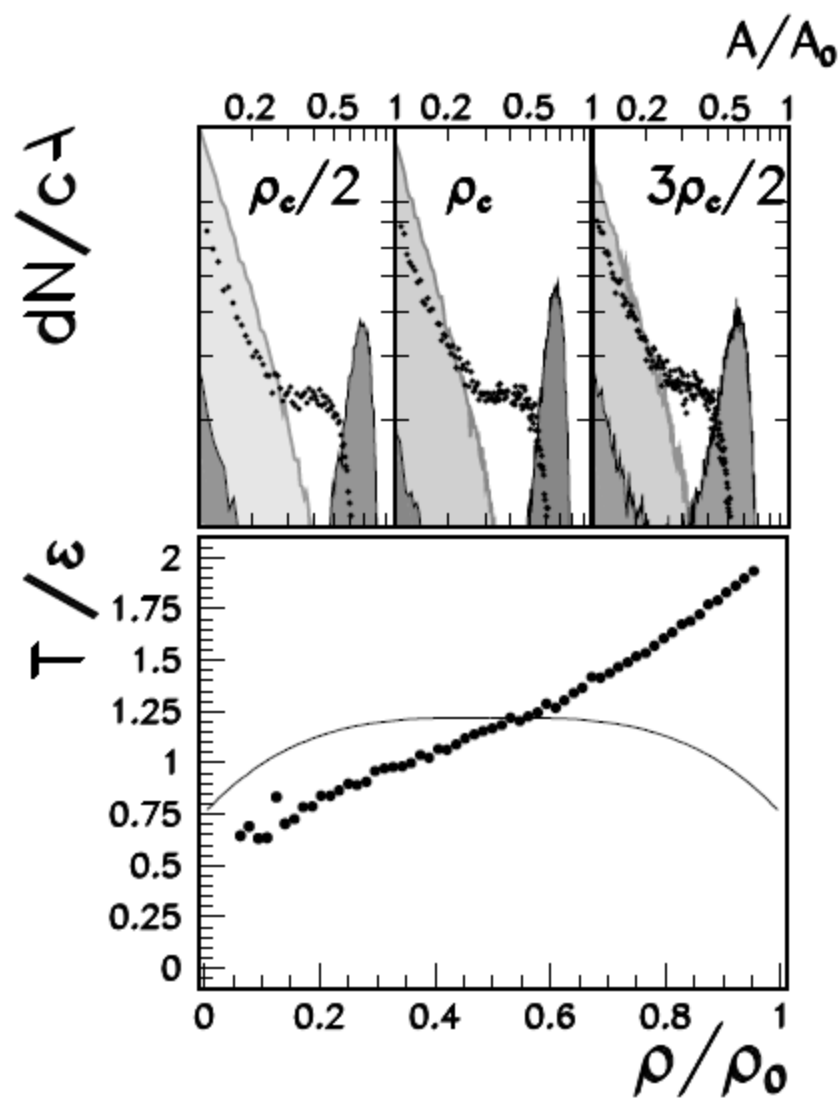
p + Au

From two-fragment correlation Function \longrightarrow
Fragment emission time
Onset of radial expansion
IMF emission probability





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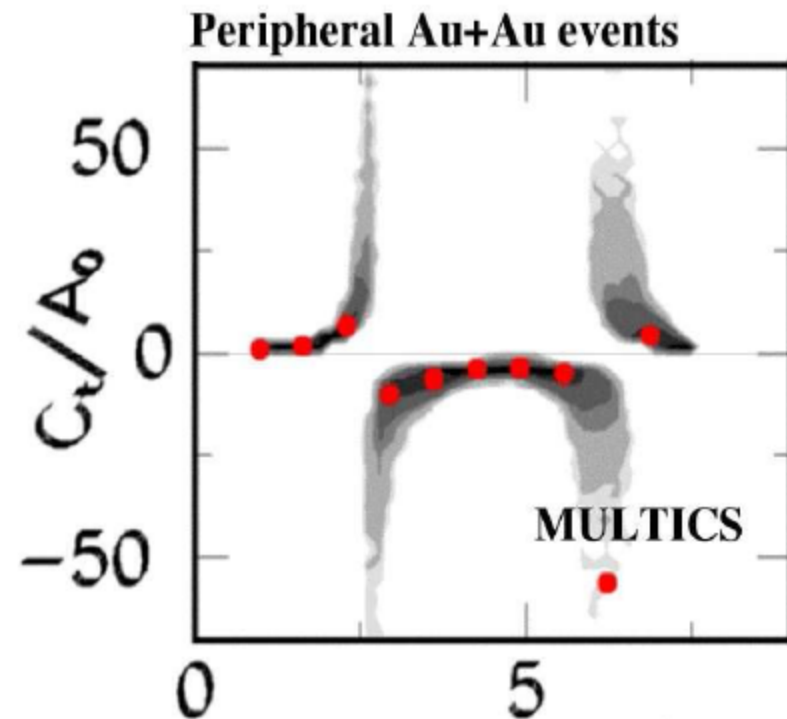
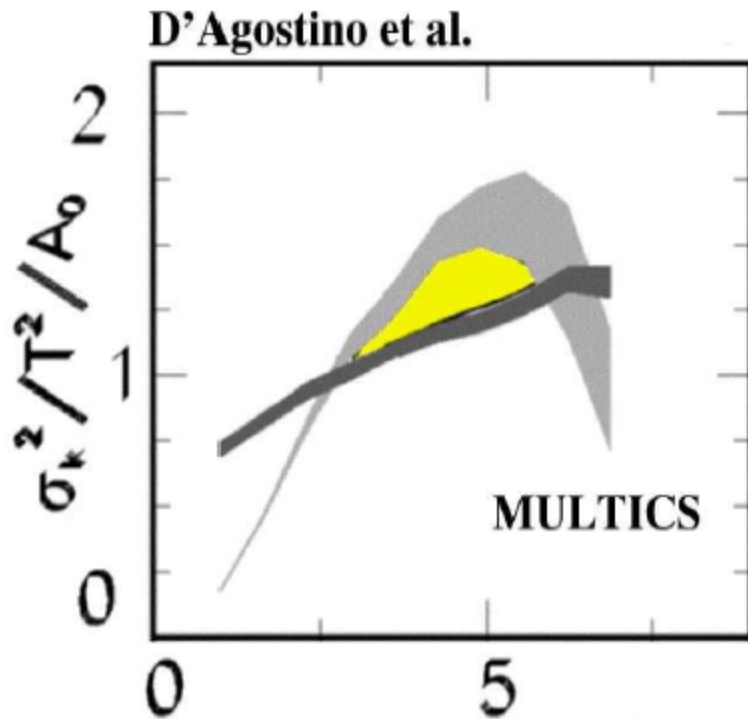
Lattice-gas calculations

Nuclear caloric curves and critical behaviour

Further evidences of multifragmentation as a process happening inside the co-existence zone

Kinetic energy fluctuations

Negative specific heat

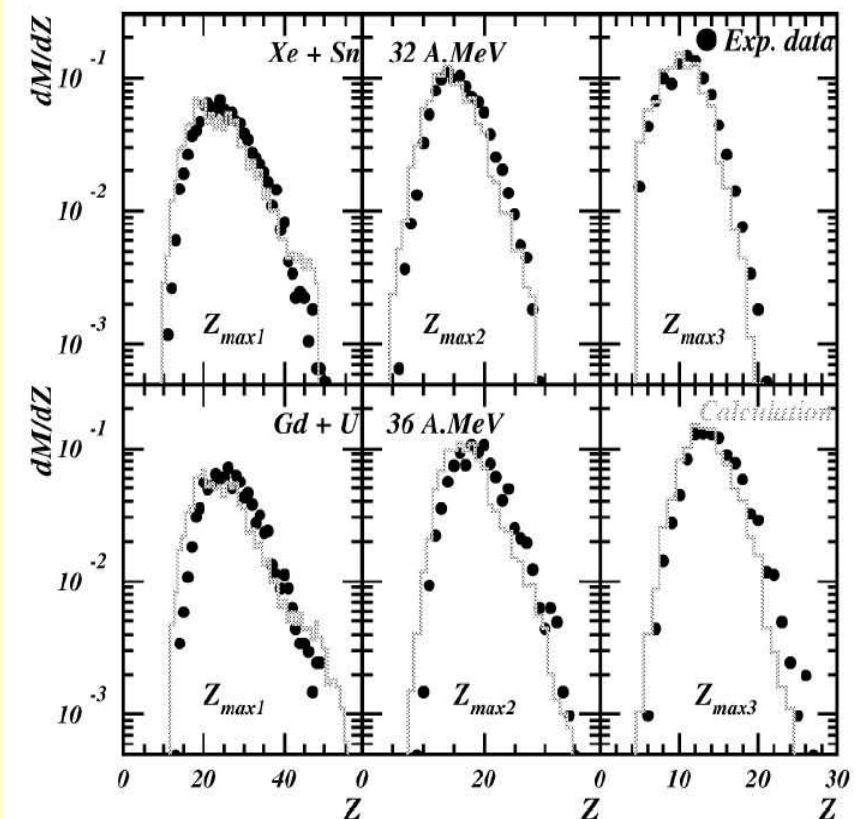
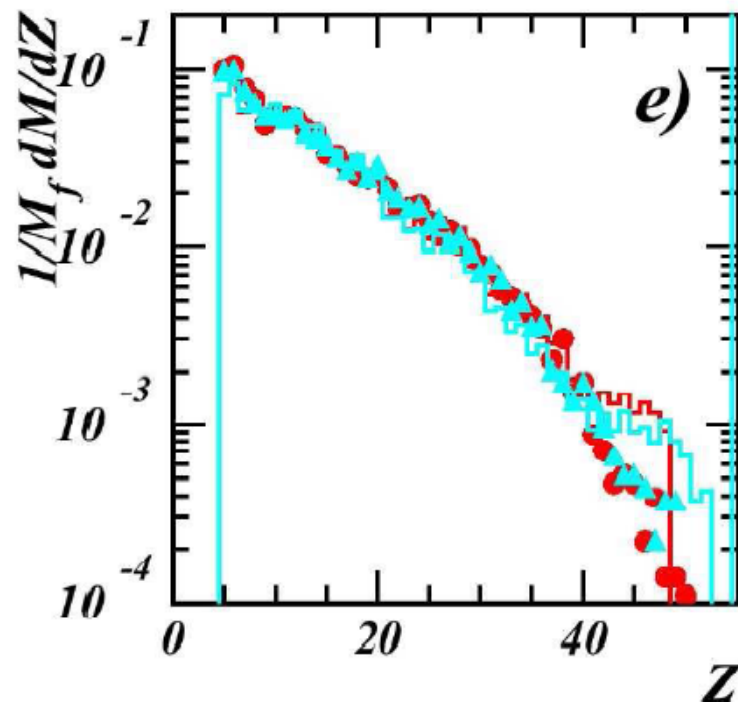


Excitation Energy (AMeV)

Comparison with the INDRA data: central reactions

Largest fragment distribution

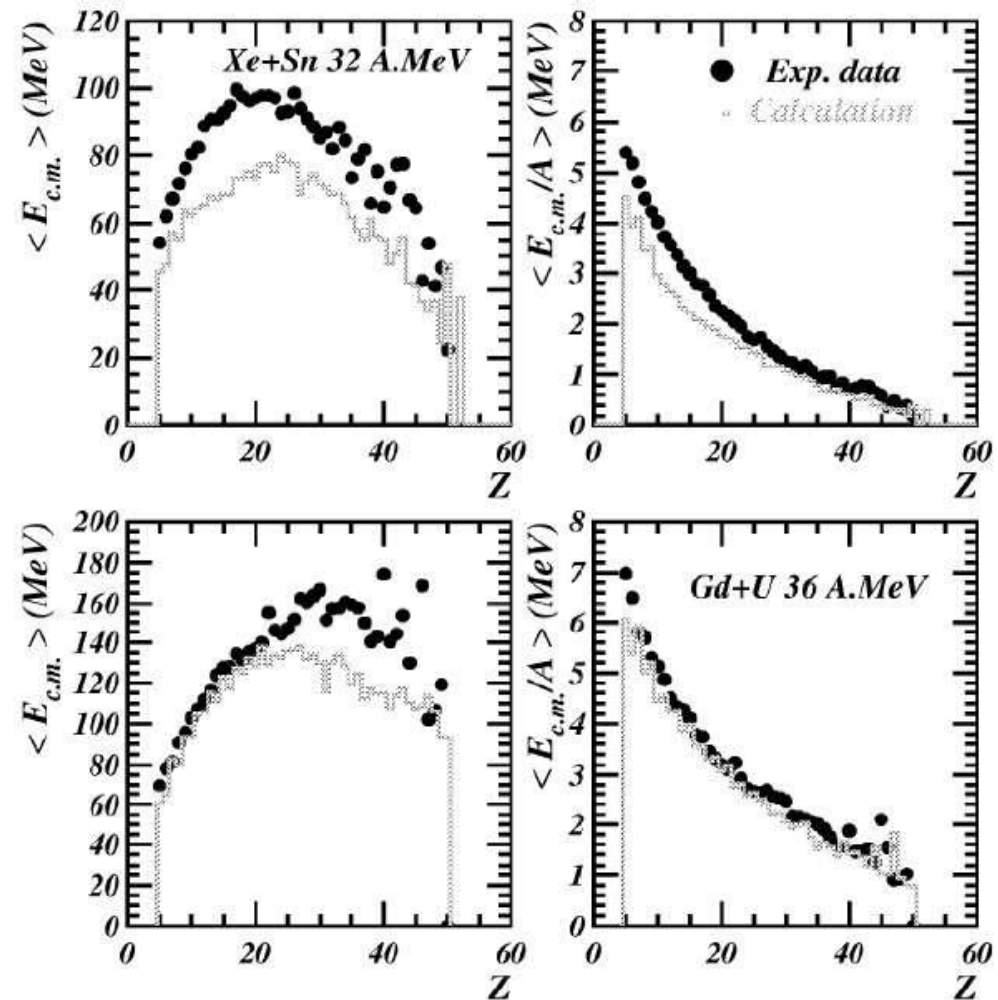
Charge distribution

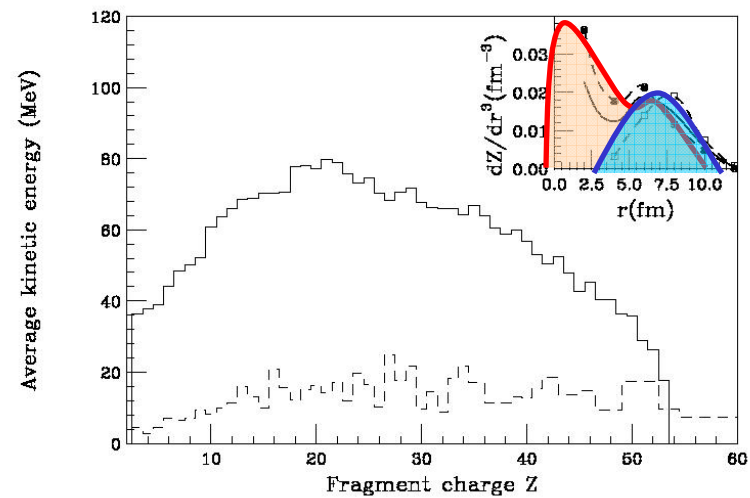
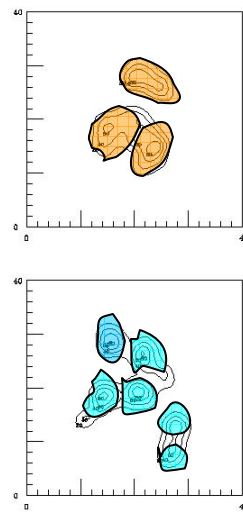
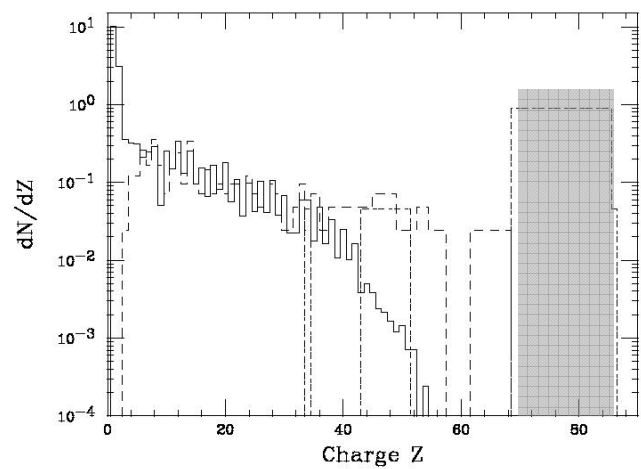


Fragment kinetic energies : Comparison between calculations and data

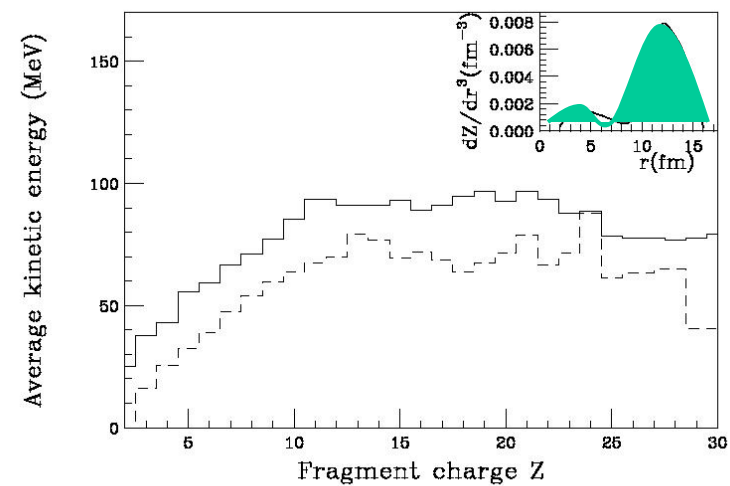
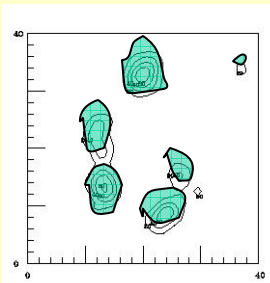
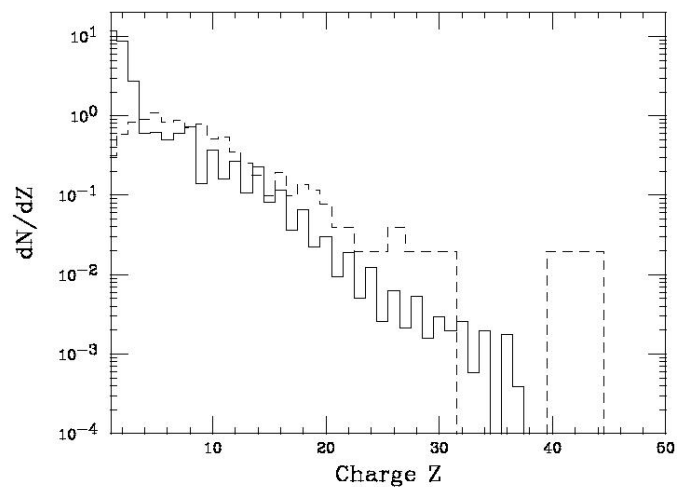
Uncertainties
Pre-equilibrium emission
Exc.energy estimation
Impact parameter
Ground state

But typical shape well
reproduced !





$^{129}\text{Xe} + ^{119}\text{Sn}$ 32 AMeV



$^{129}\text{Xe} + ^{119}\text{Sn}$ 50 AMeV

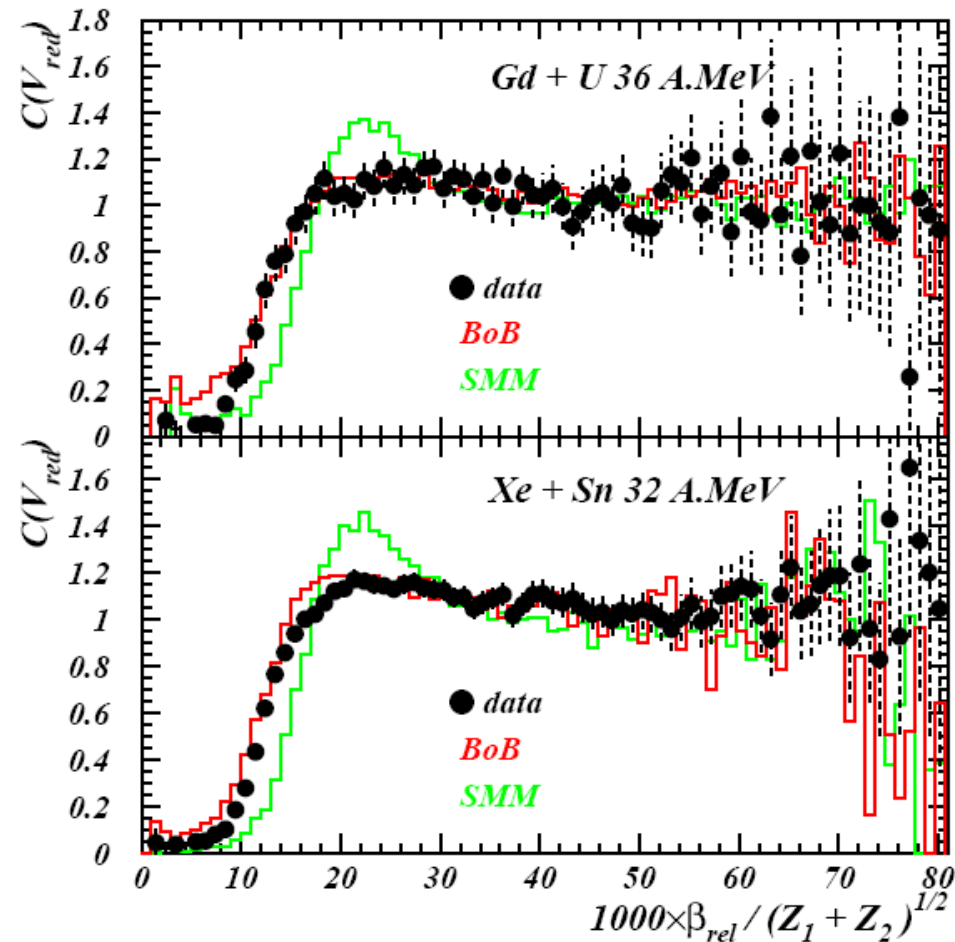
Event topology

A more sophisticated analysis: IMF-IMF velocity correlations

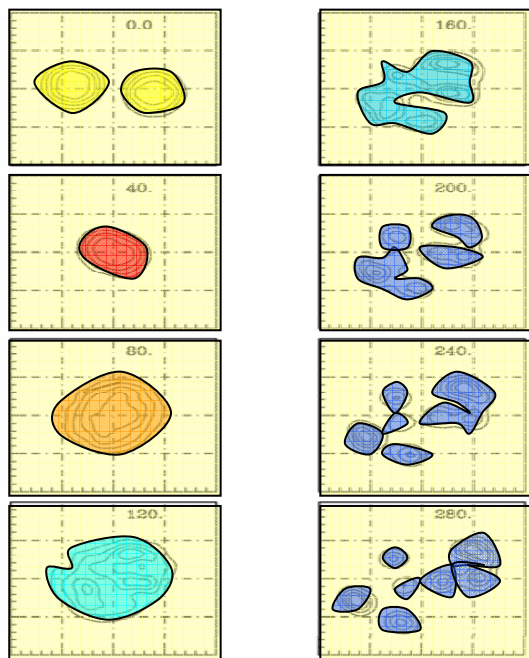
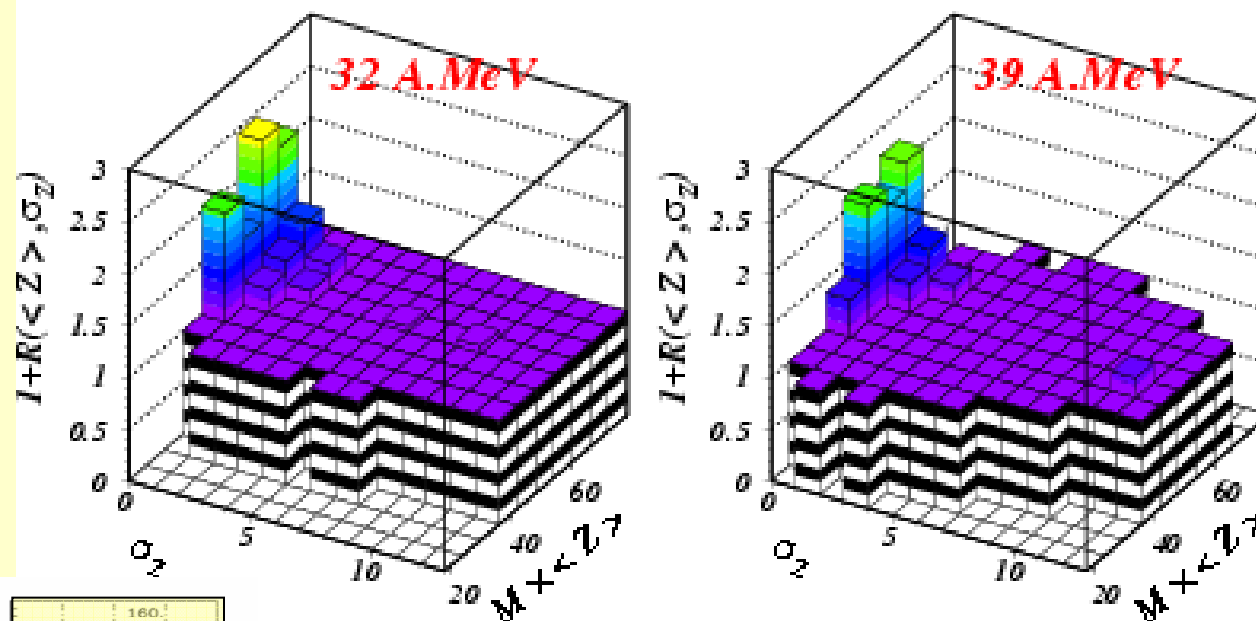
Event topology:

Structure of fragments at
freeze-out:

Uniform distribution or
bubble-like shape ?



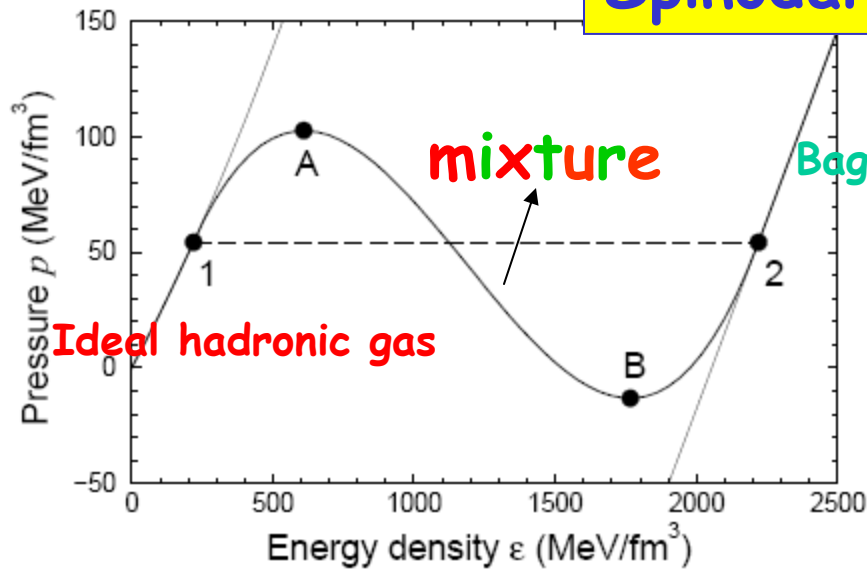
Fragment size correlations



For each event: $\langle Z \rangle$, ΔZ
 $\Delta Z \longrightarrow 0$ Relics of equal size
 fragment partitions !

Relics of spinodal instabilities:
 Events with equal-size fragments
 G.Tabacaru et al., EPJA18(2003)103

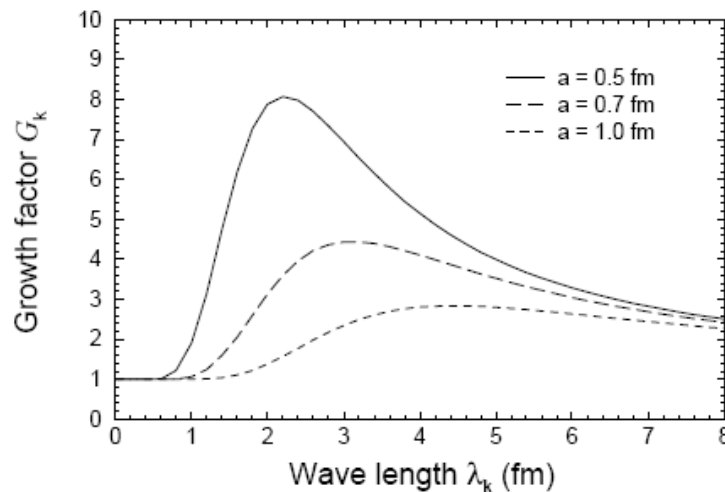
Spinodal decomposition in other fields



Onset of spinodal decomposition:
development of characteristic patterns in ϵ
(azimuthal multipolarity) →

Influence on flow coefficients

$$\partial_t^2 \delta \epsilon(t, r) = \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial \epsilon_0} \nabla^2 \delta \epsilon(t, r)$$



J. Randrup, PRL92(2004)122301

Neutron stars

✓ In the outer part of the star, (stellar crust), densities are similar to nuclear case. Star modeled in terms of n, p, e, ν .

✓ Evolution of the crust during the cooling process.