



# Bayesian calibration of the in-medium modification of light cluster binding energies

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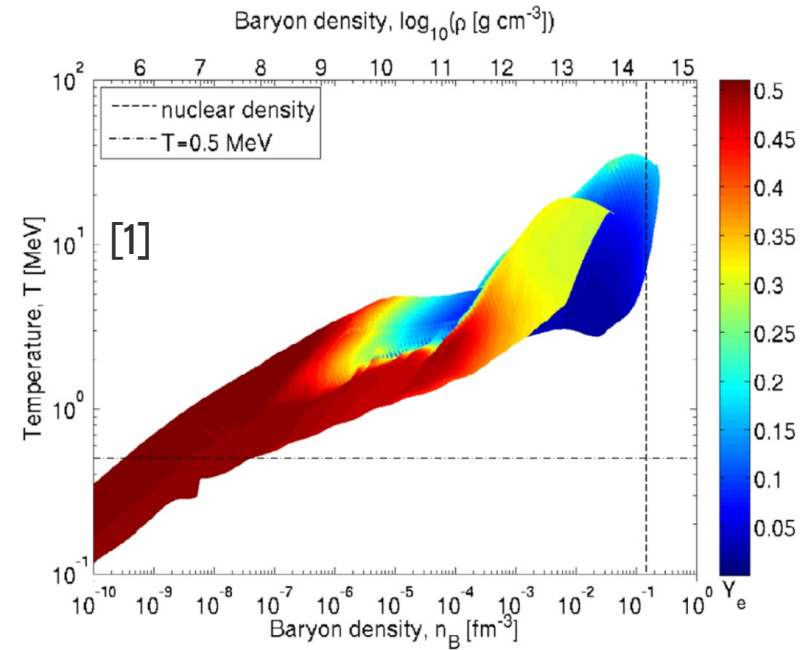
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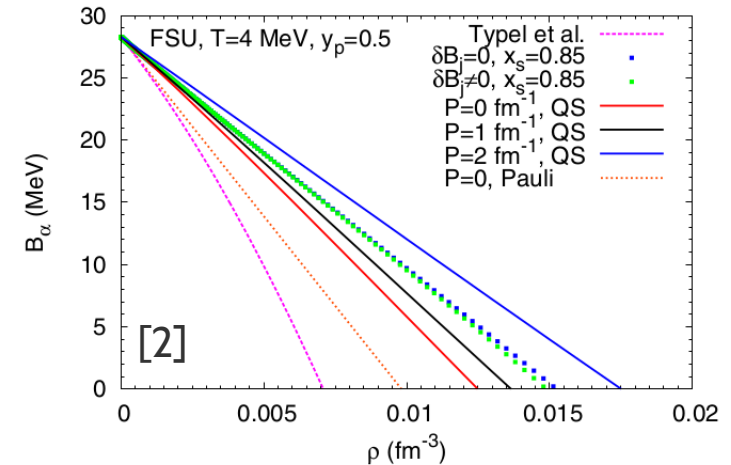
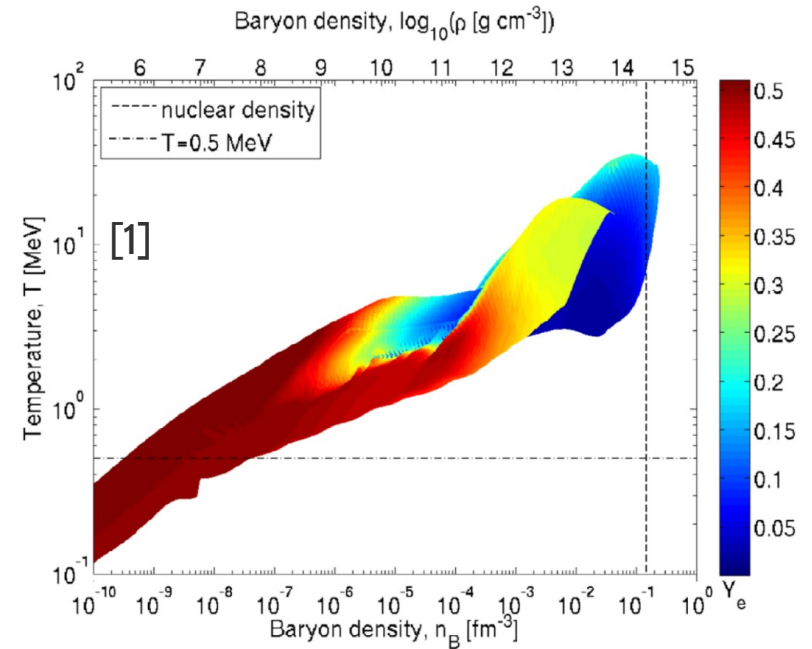
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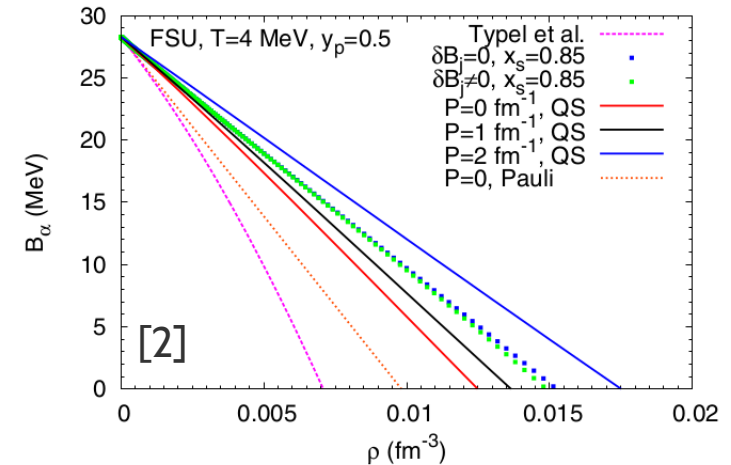
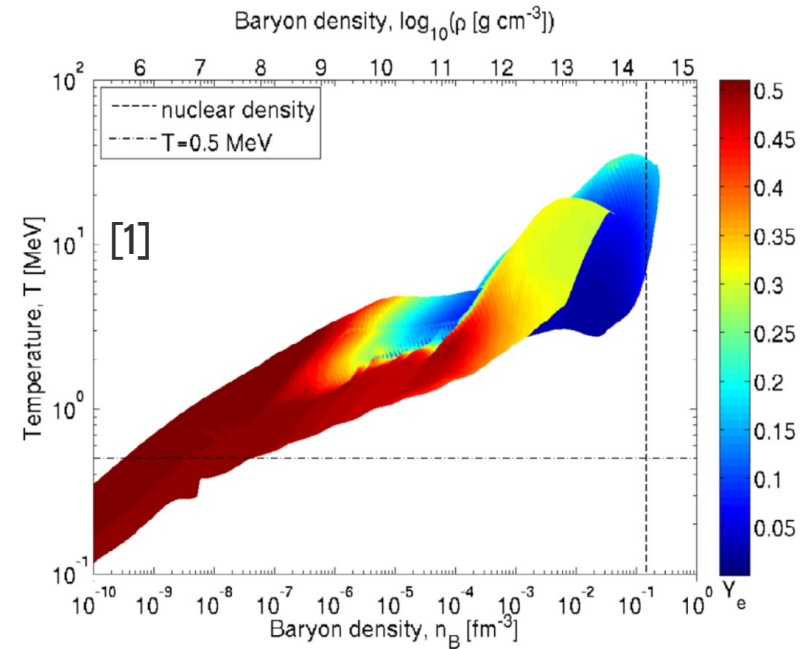
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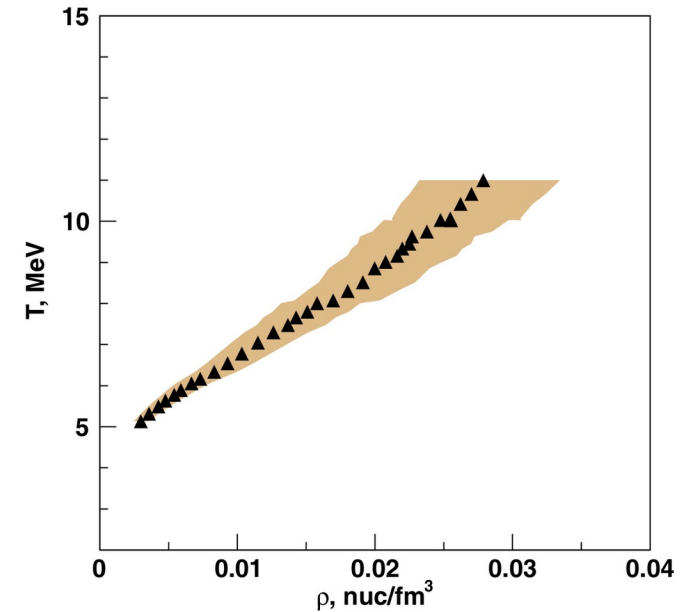
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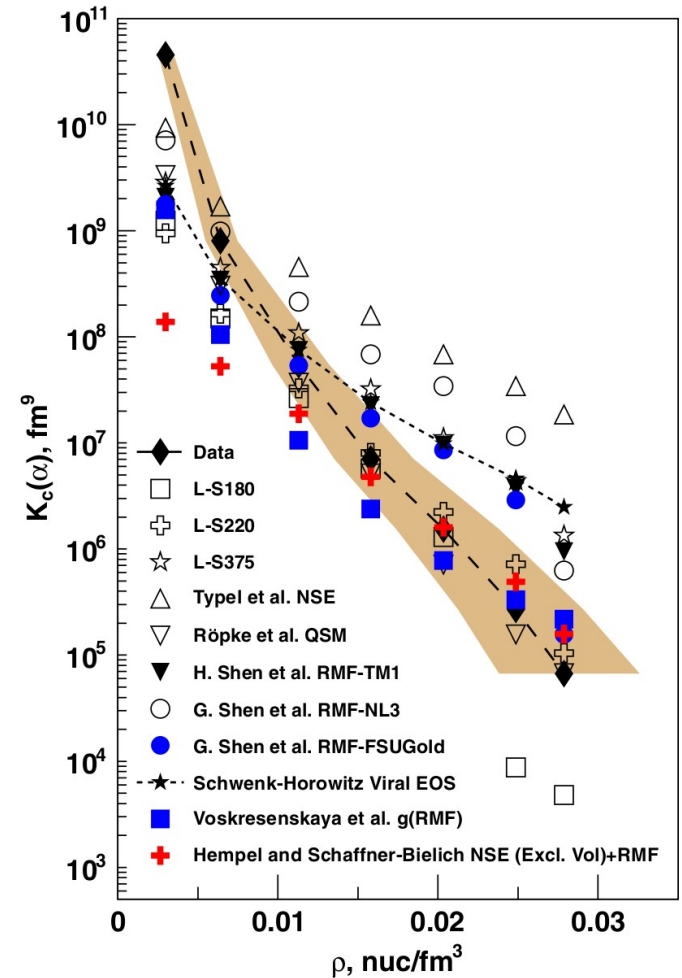
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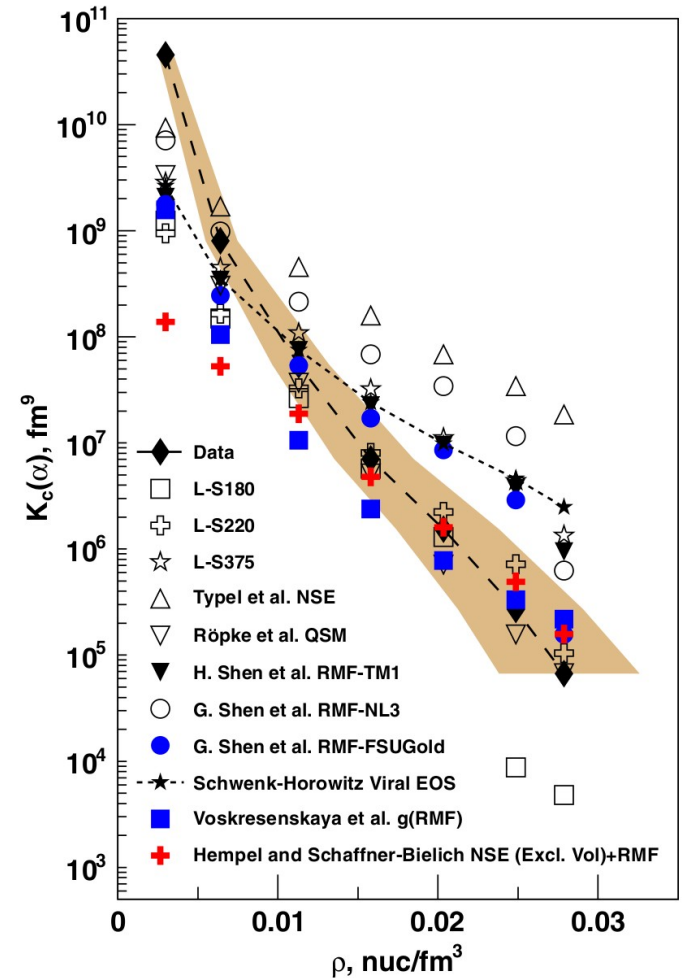
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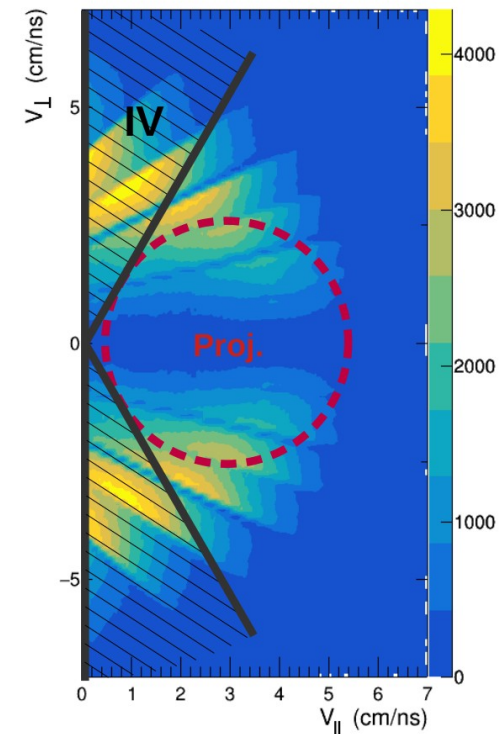
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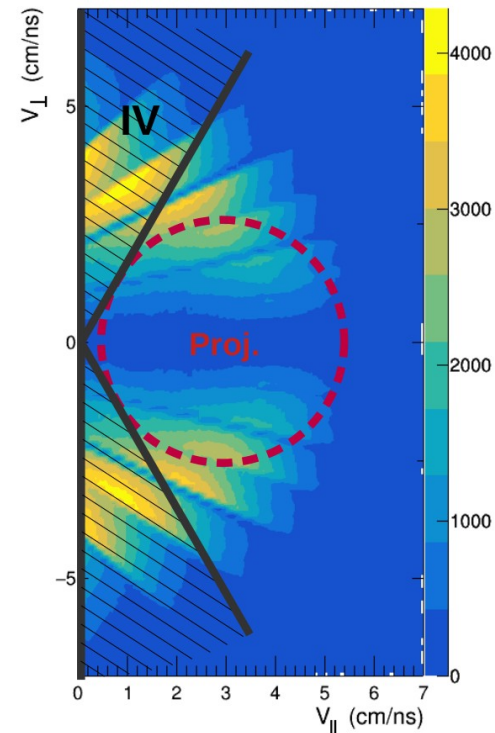
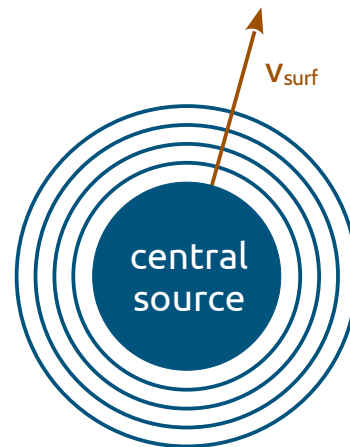
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Surface velocity ( $v_{\text{surf}}$ ) : particle velocity corrected from Coulomb repulsion of the « central » source :

$$v_{\text{surf}} = c \times \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{mc^2}{E_k - Z \times E_C + mc^2} \right)^2}$$

→  $v_{\text{surf}}$  bins correspond to different ensembles with different temperature and density



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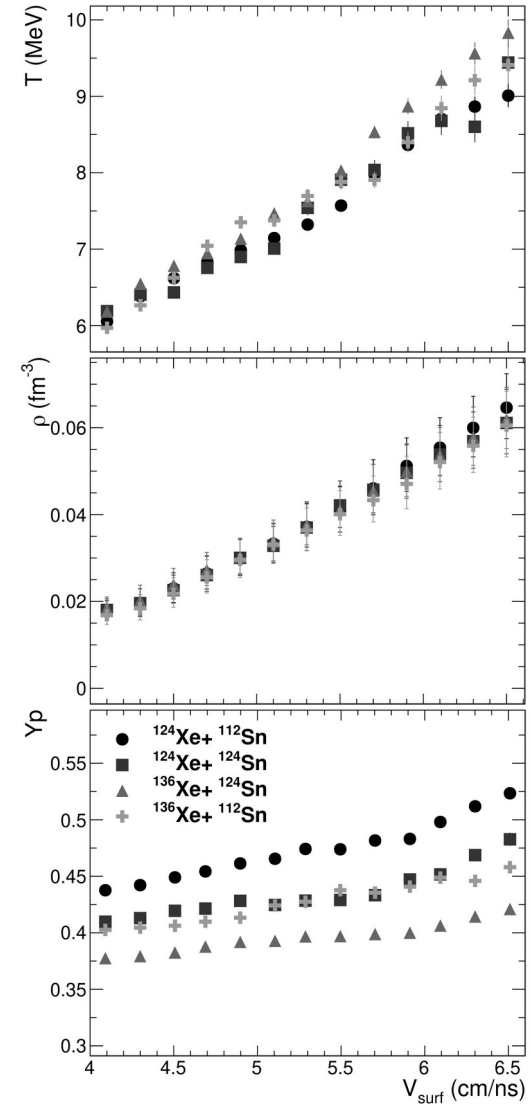
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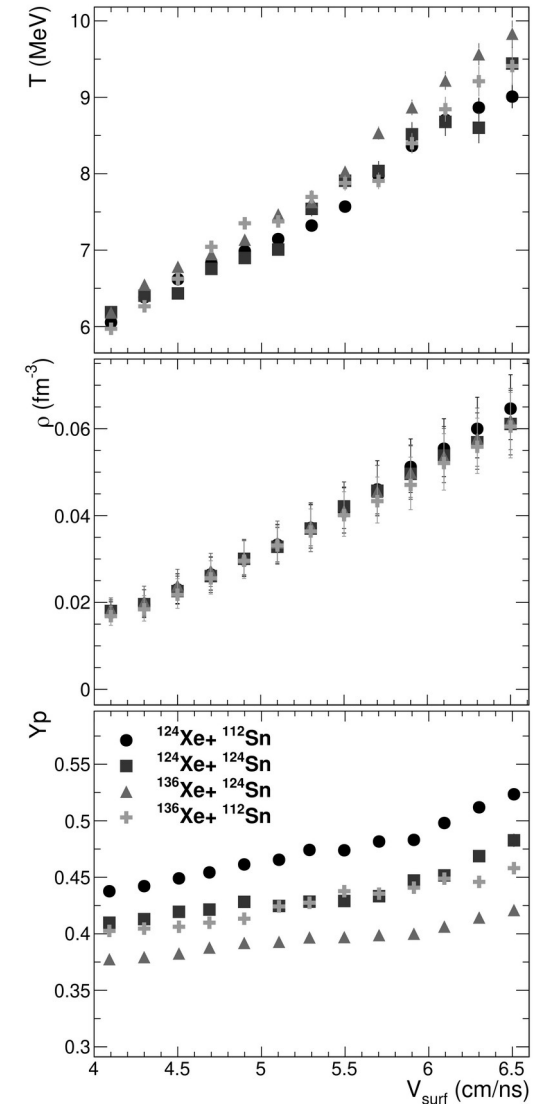
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- Absolute values similar to NIMROD data
- Proton fraction depends on the N/Z of the system



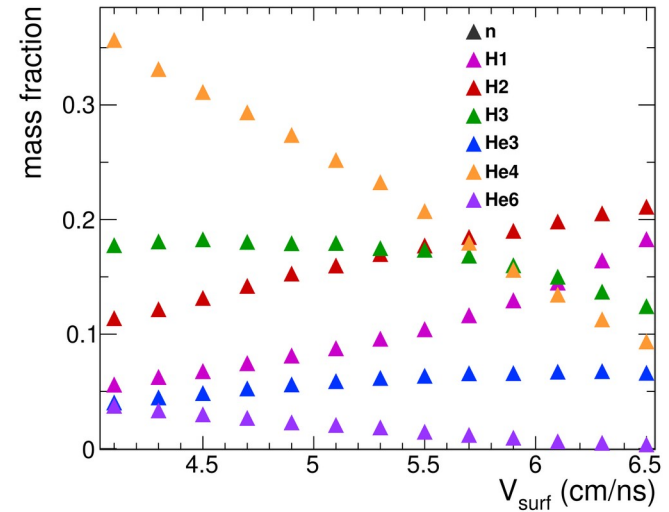
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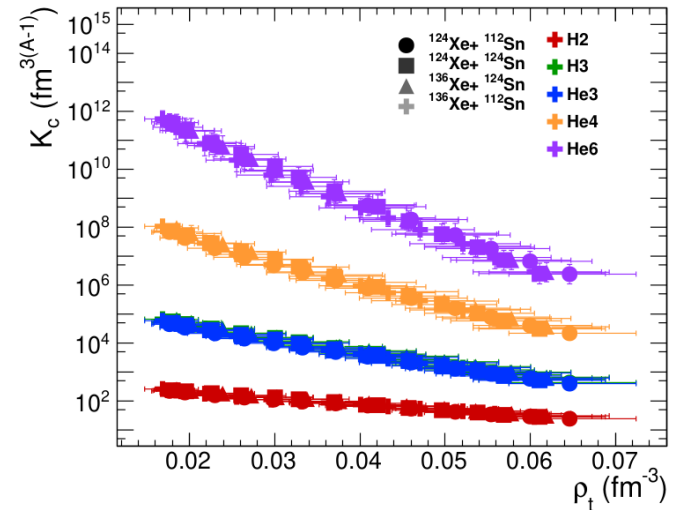
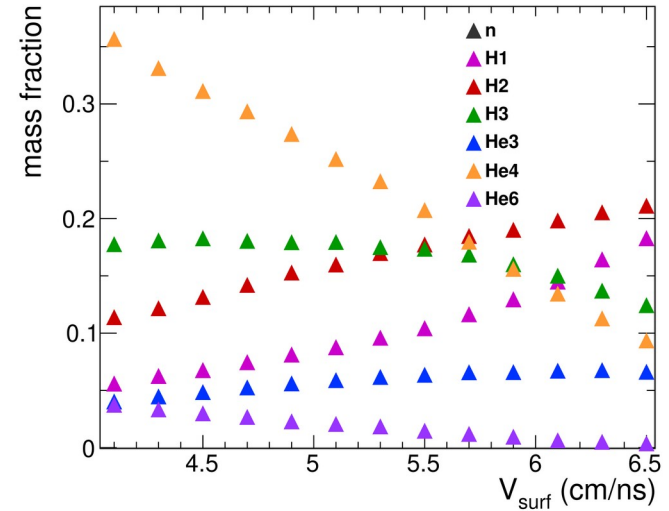
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$$K_c(A, Z) = \frac{\rho(A, Z)}{\rho_p^Z \rho_n^{(A-Z)}} = \frac{\omega_{AZ}}{A \omega_{11}^Z \omega_{10}^{A-Z}} \left( \frac{V_T}{A_T} \right)^{A-1}$$

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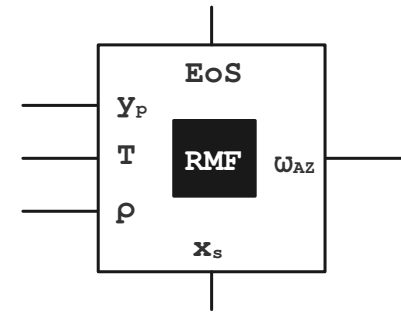
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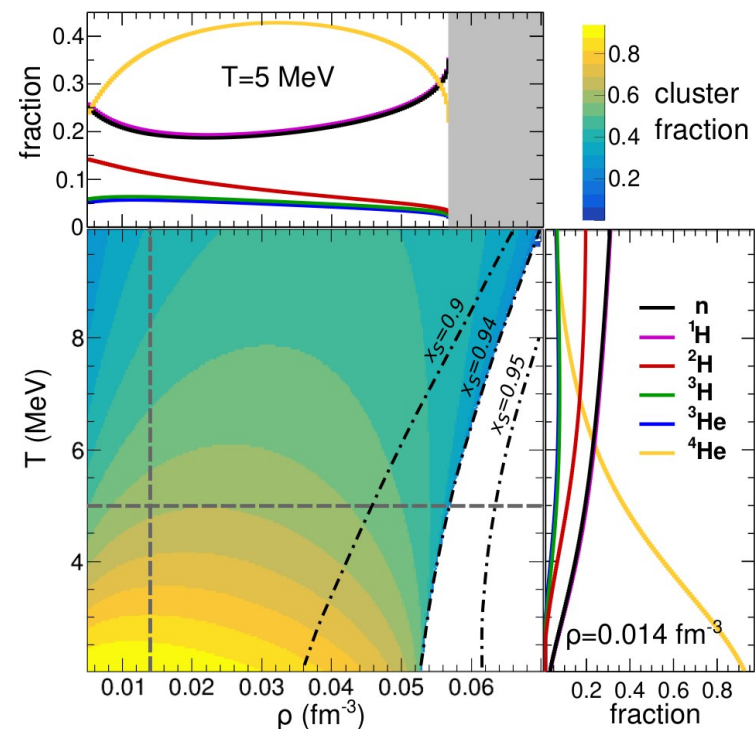
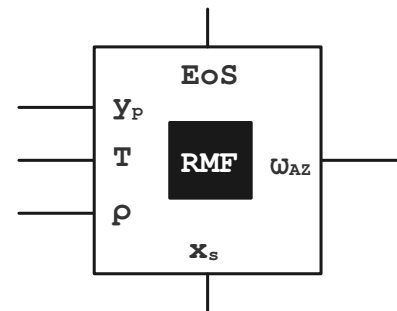
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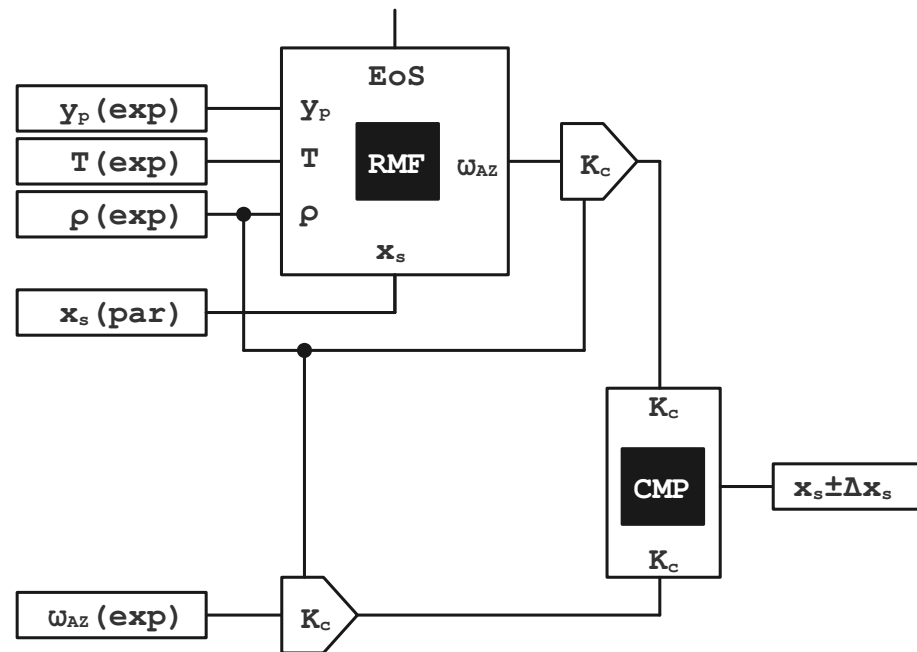


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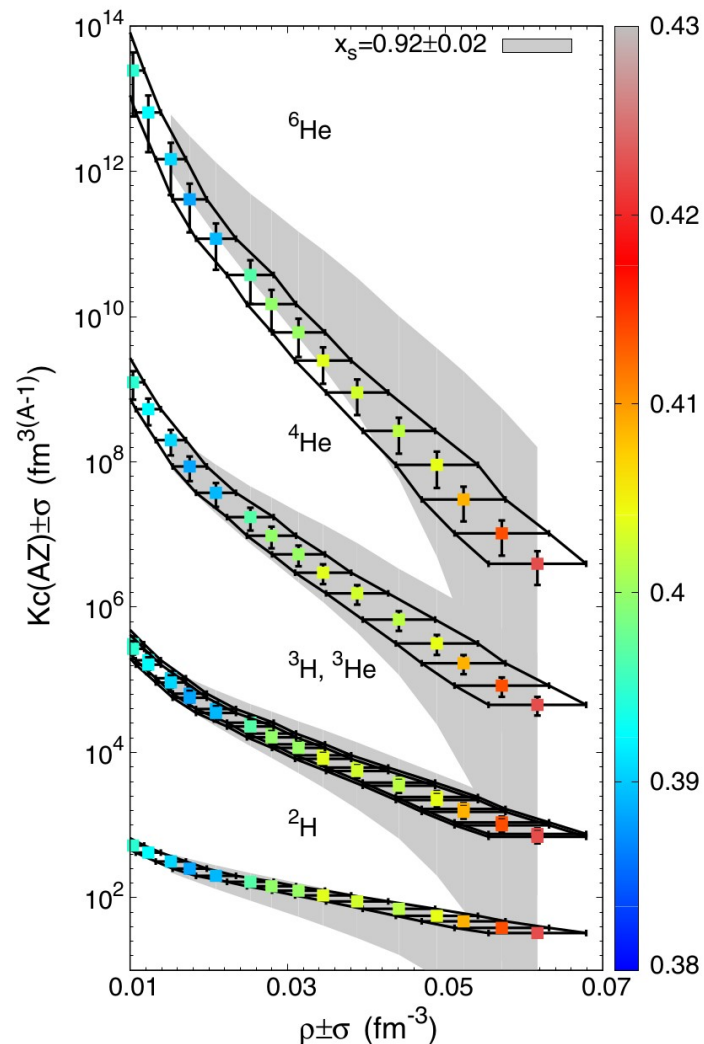
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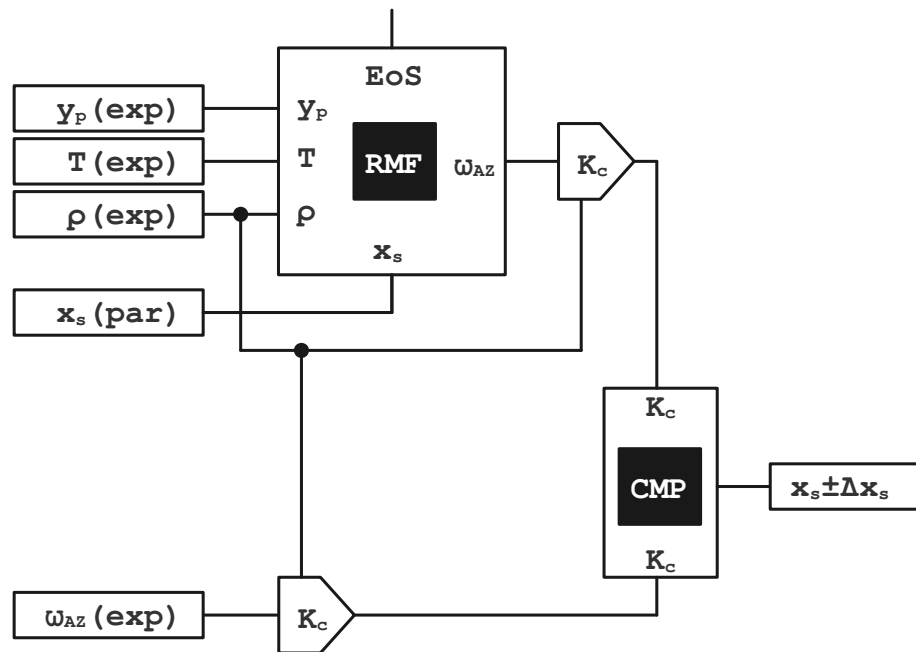


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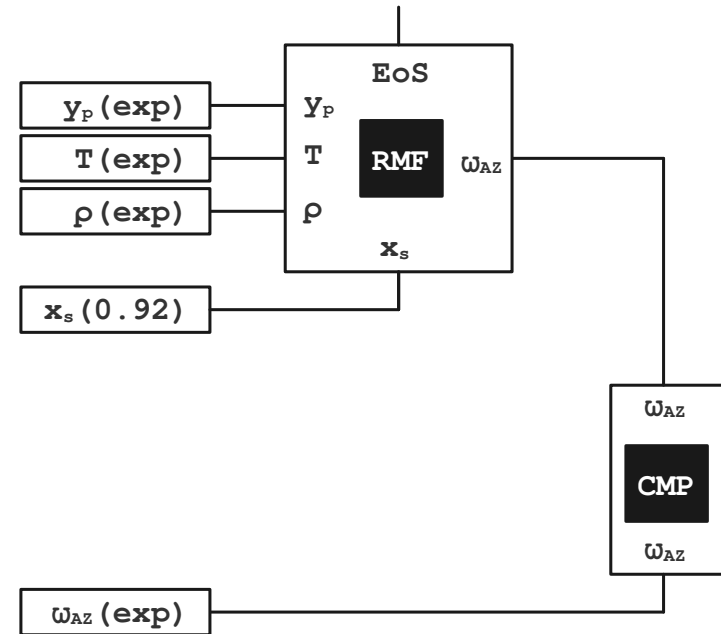
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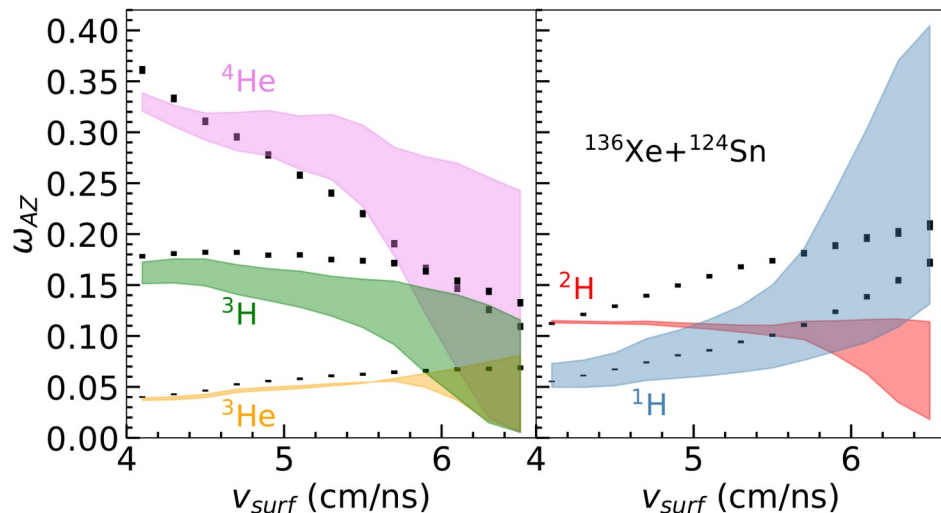
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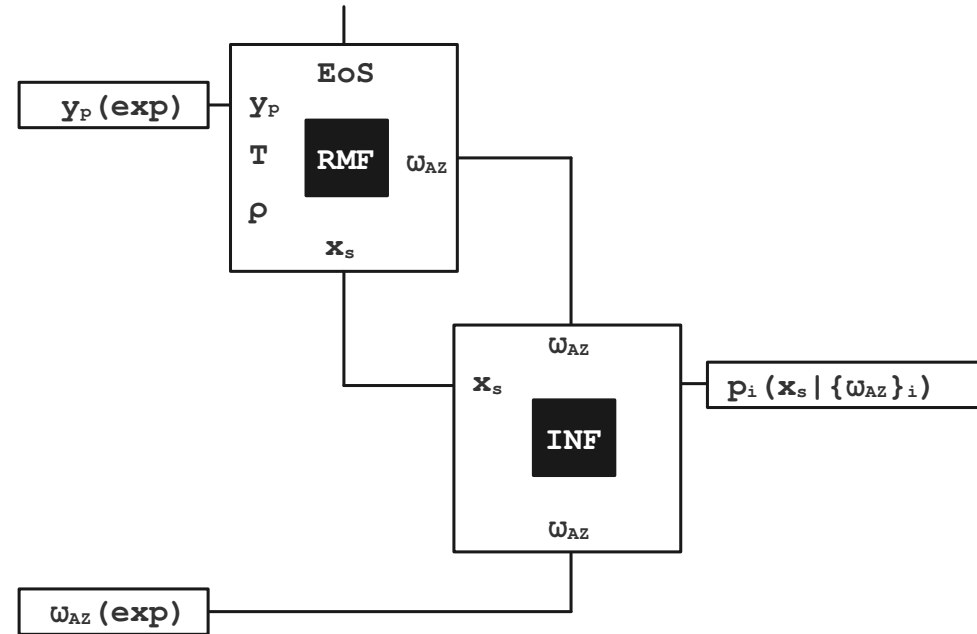
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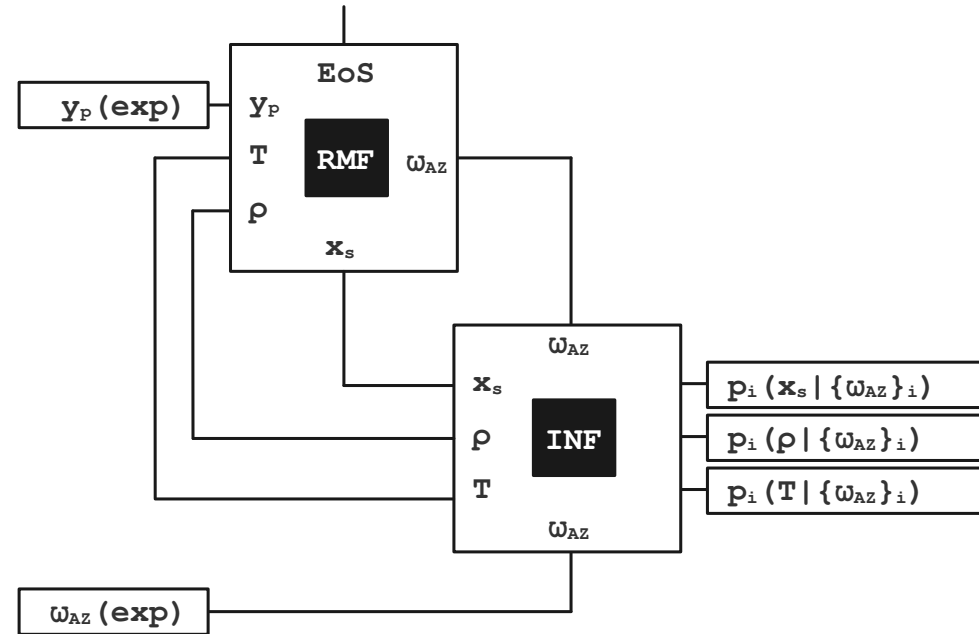


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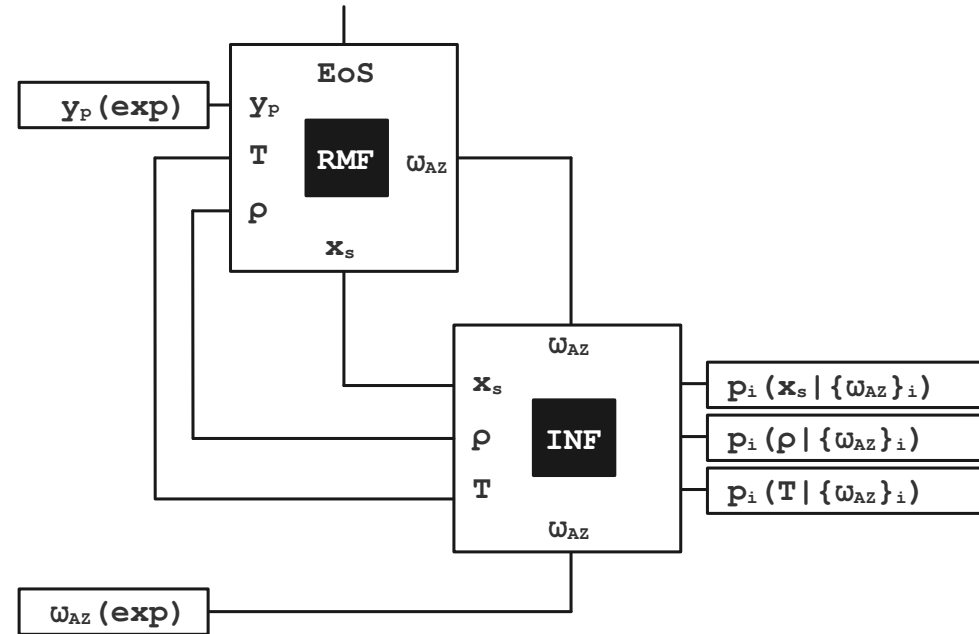
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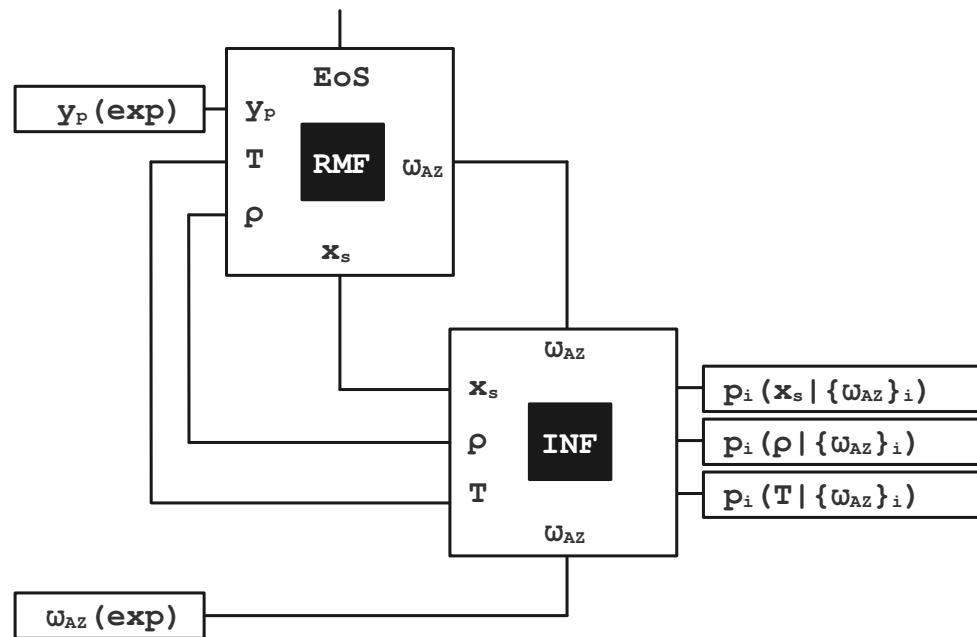
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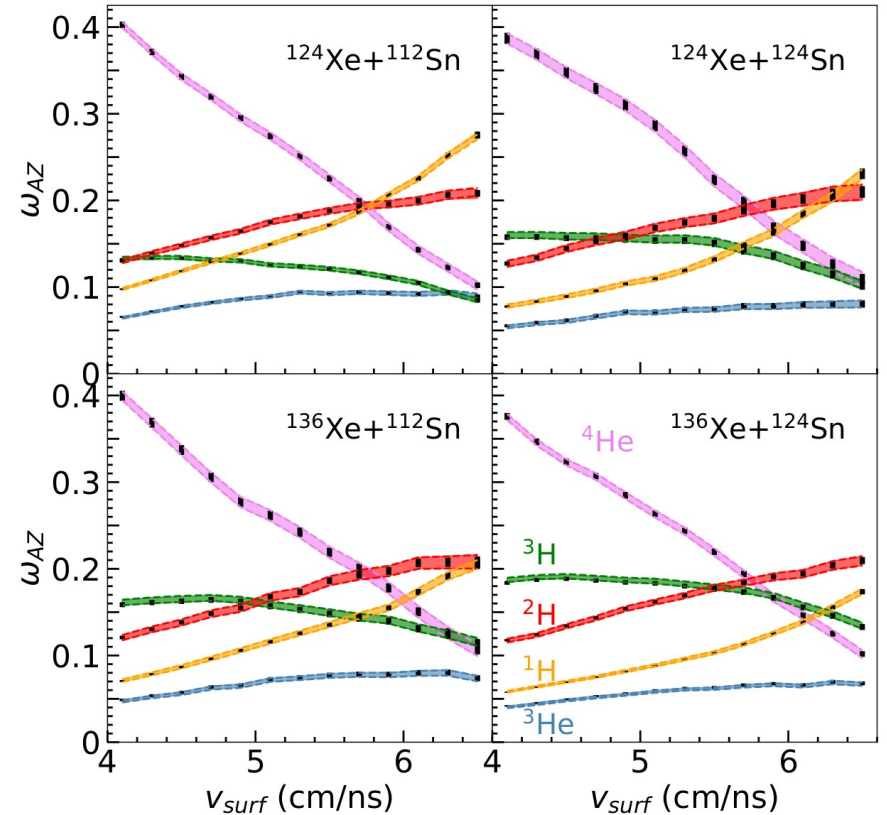
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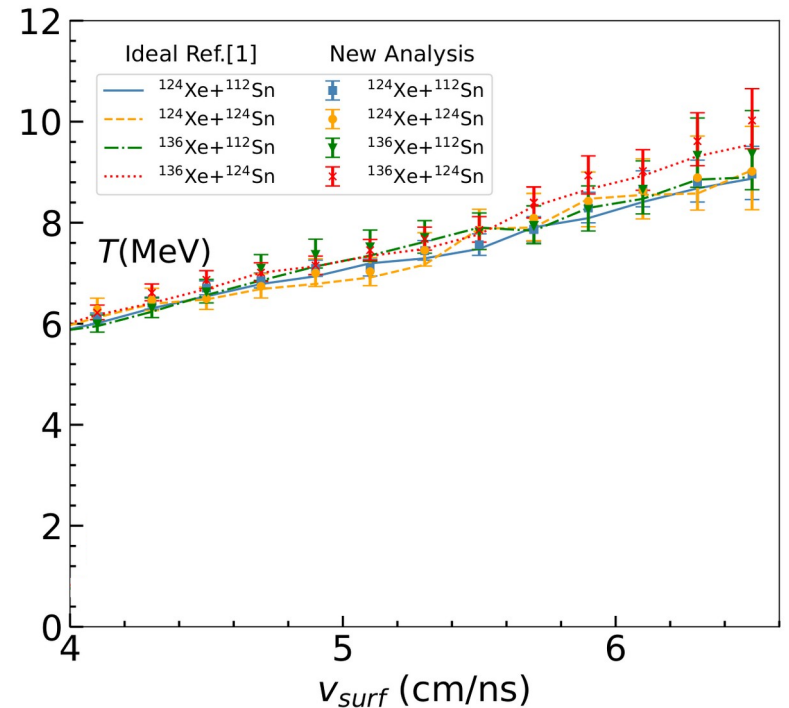
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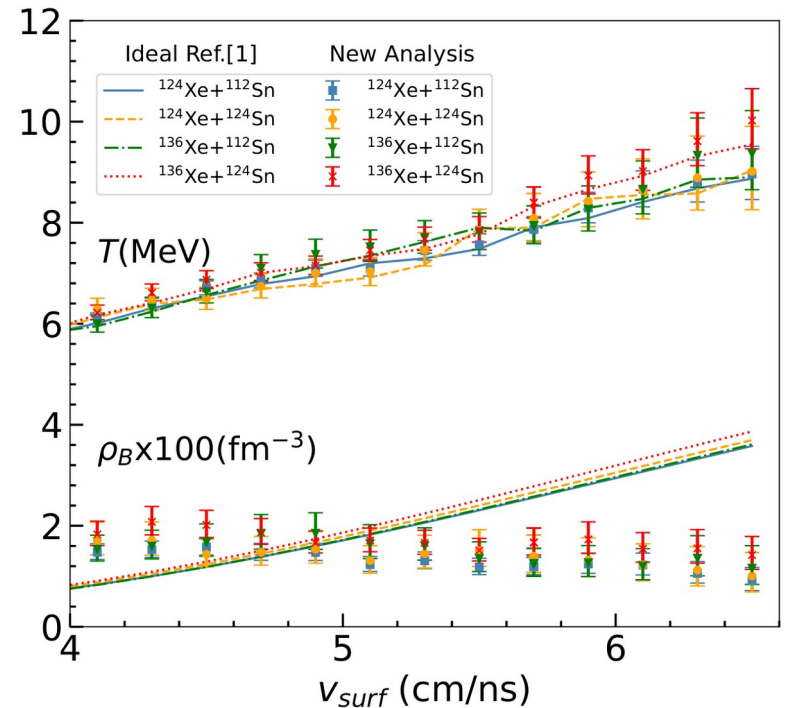
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Very different with respect to ideal gas estimate

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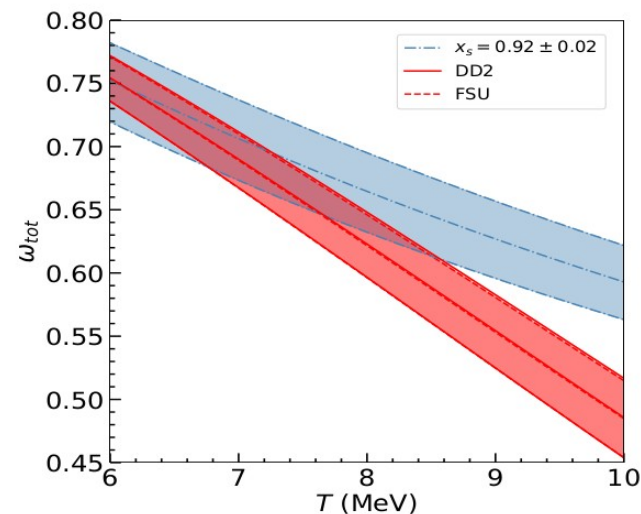
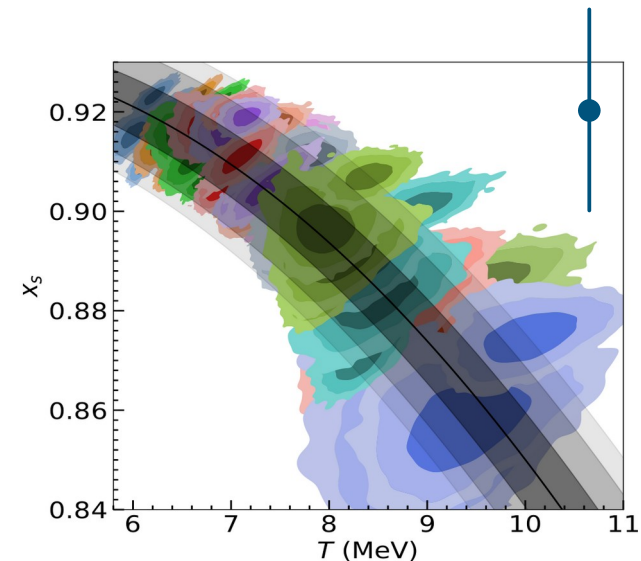


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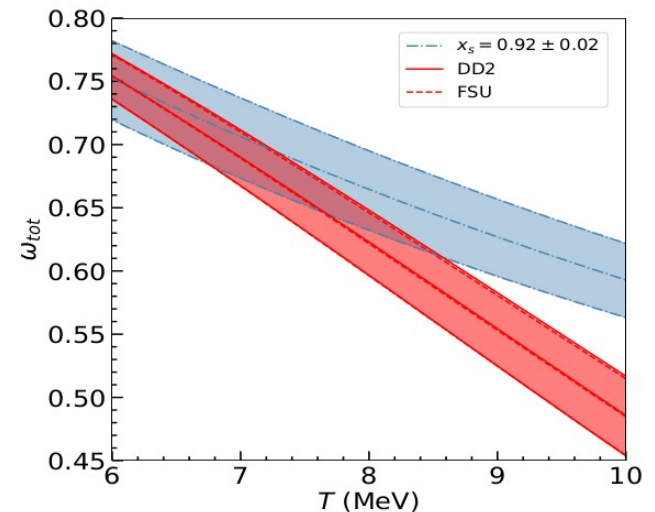
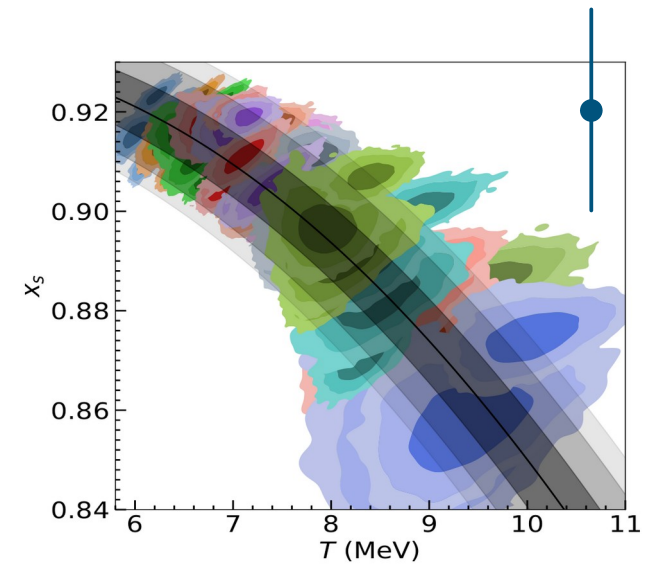
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# Summary

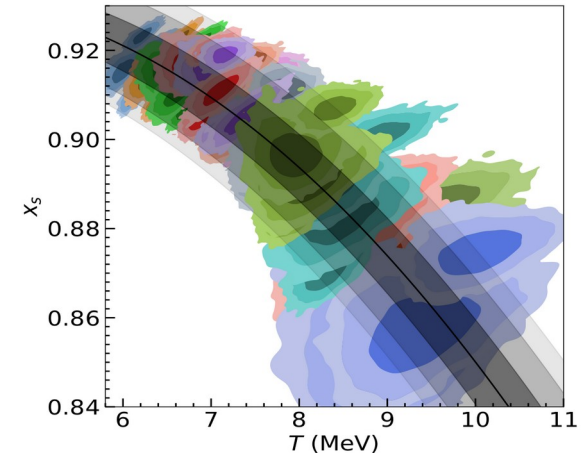
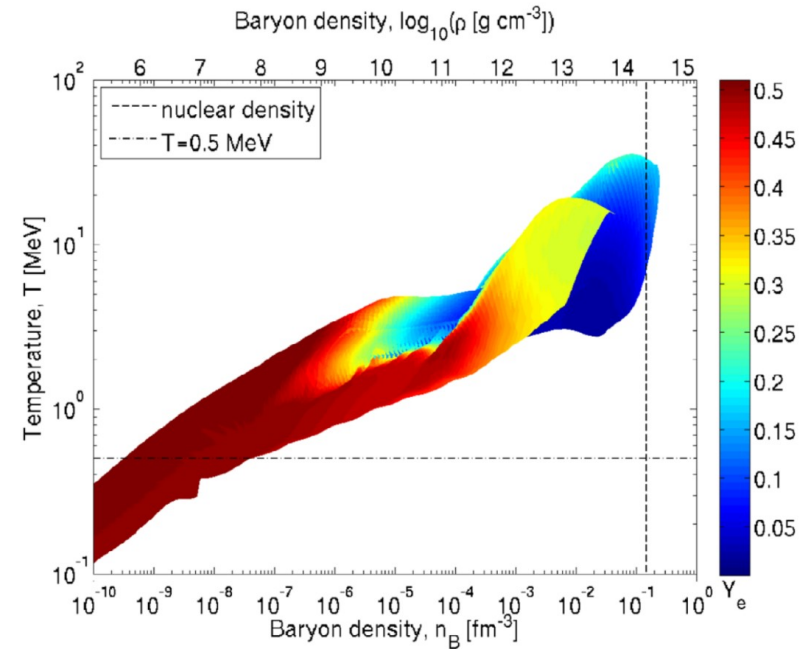
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Modeling low density nuclear matter with clusters needs experimental input to calibrate in-medium cluster properties

## Bayesian calibration

Cluster mass fractions measured with INDRA were compared to RMF calculations :

- ◆ Temperature posterior similar to ideal gas hypothesis
- ◆ Density posterior compatible with single density
- ◆  $\sigma$ -meson-cluster coupling ( $x_s$ ) posterior distribution



## Motivations

Modeling low density nuclear matter with clusters needs experimental input to calibrate in-medium cluster properties

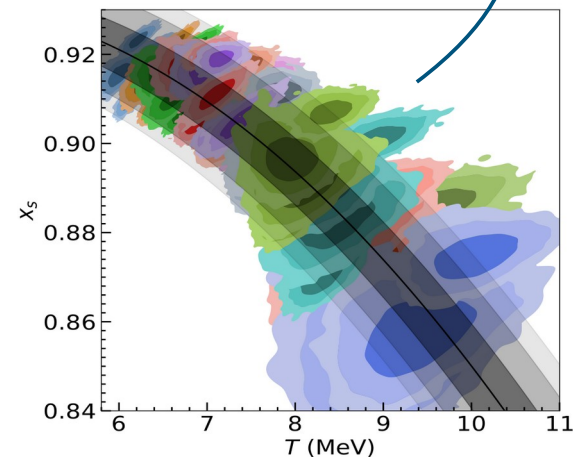
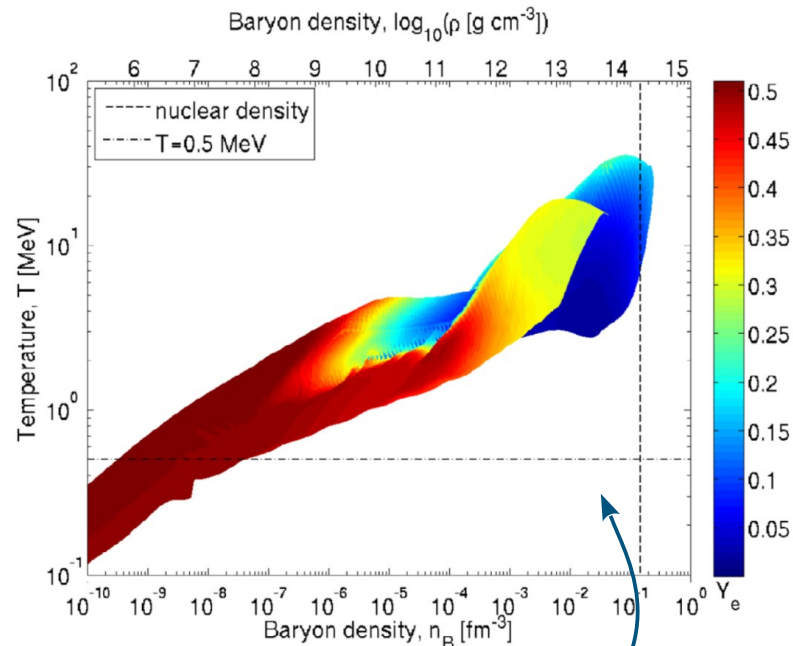
## Bayesian calibration

Cluster mass fractions measured with INDRA were compared to RMF calculations :

- ◆ Temperature posterior similar to ideal gas hypothesis
- ◆ Density posterior compatible with single density
- ◆  $\sigma$ -meson-cluster coupling ( $x_s$ ) posterior distribution

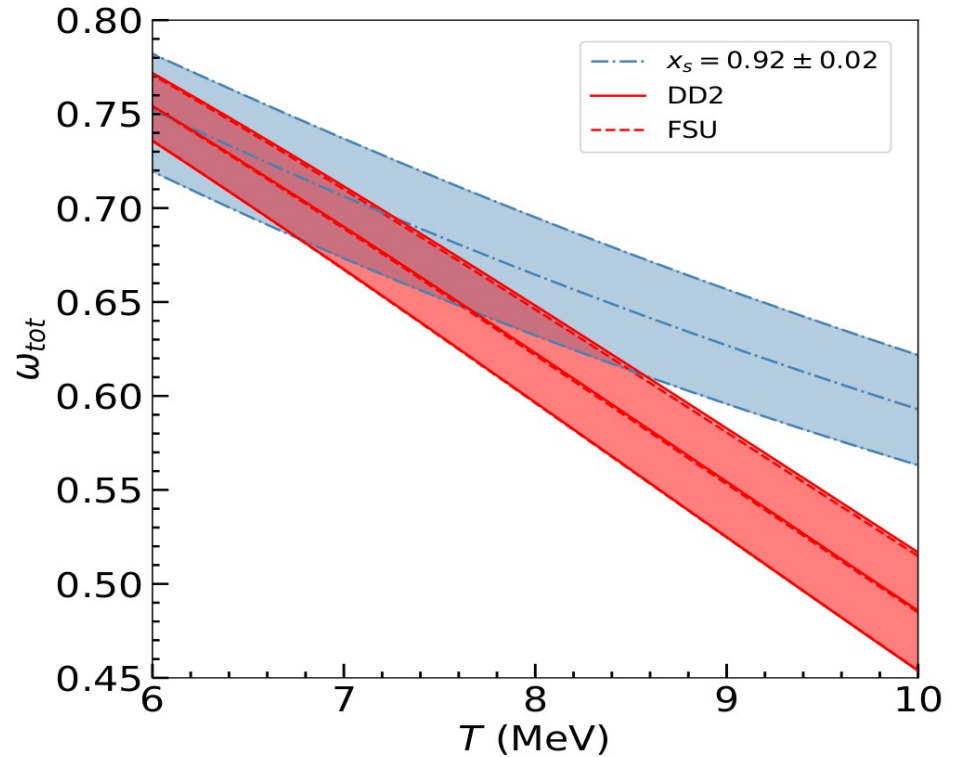
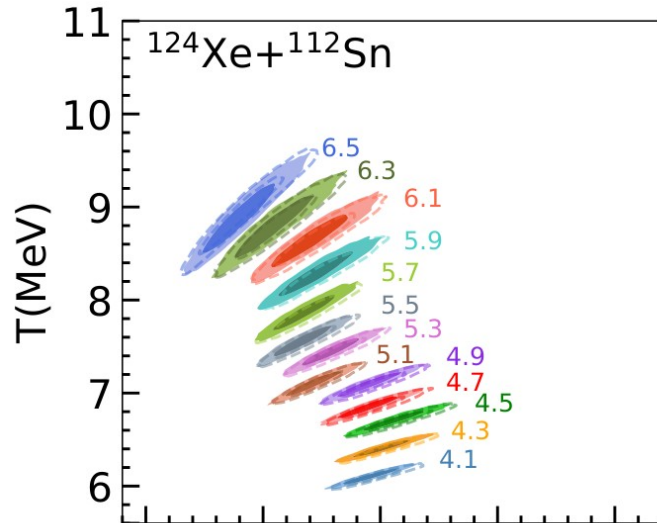
## And then ?

Use this posterior to feed astrophysic simulations



## And the EoS ?

- ♦ Full analysis done with two EoS (FSU and DD2)
- No effect on temperature and density posterior
- No effect on  $x_s$  posterior and cluster fractions



## Vaporisation source

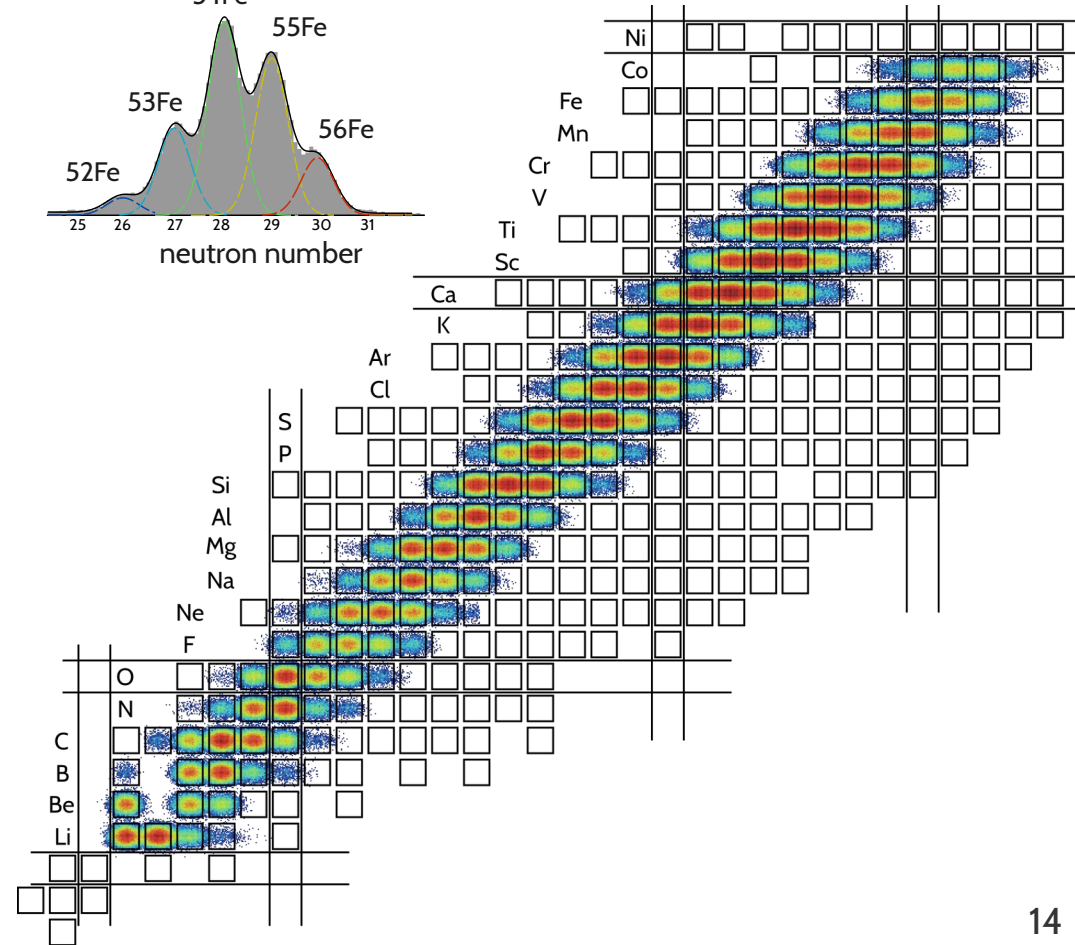
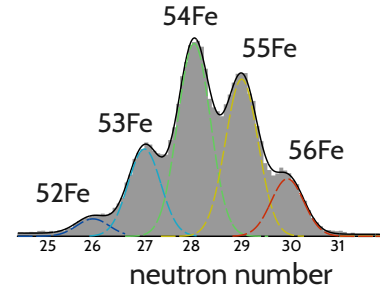
- ◆ Check the analysis and interpretation with particles from quasi-projectile vaporisation source
- ◆ Explore different thermodynamics conditions
- ◆ Extend to higher mass clusters (Li, Be...)

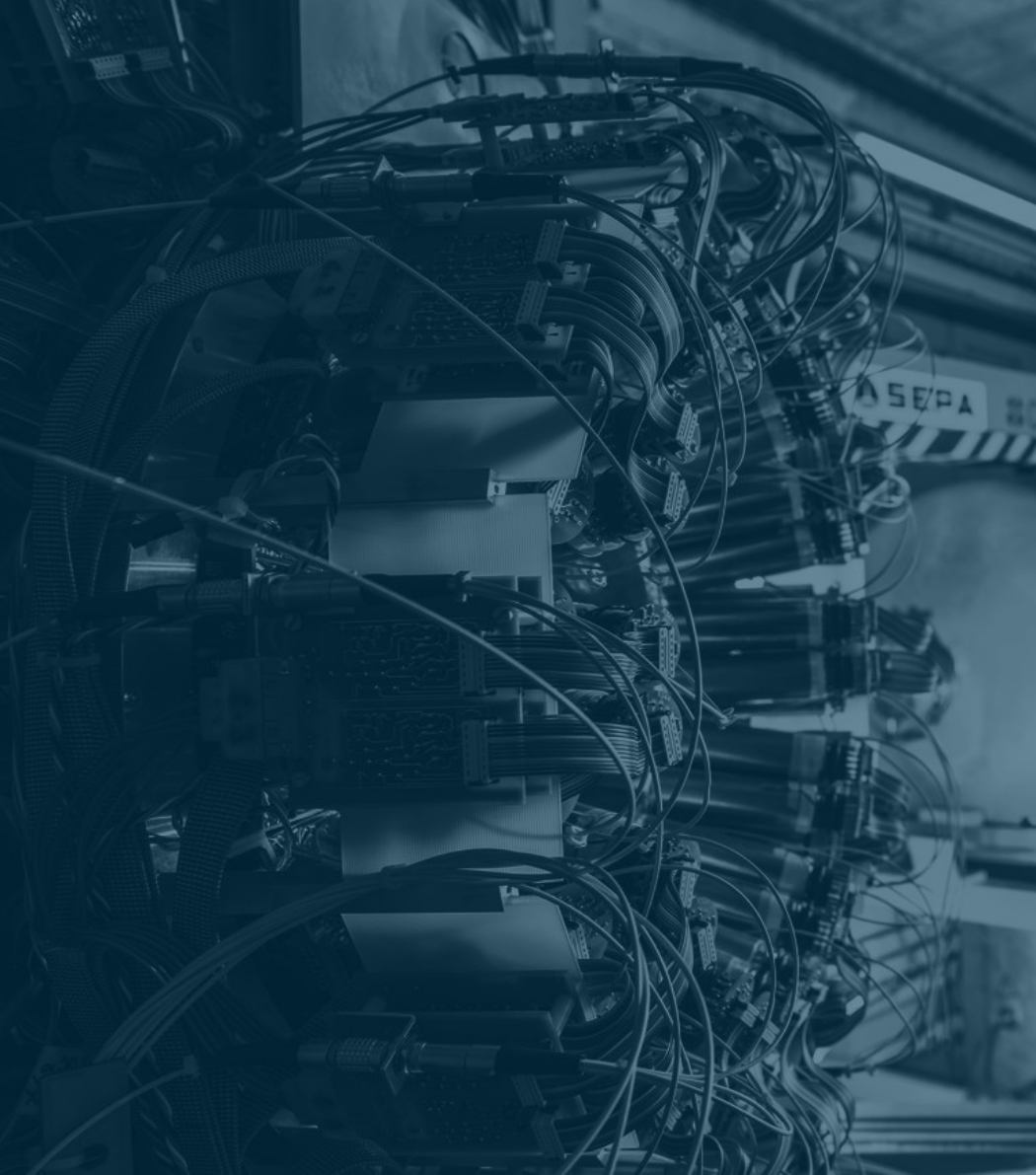
## New experiment

- ◆ Ar + Ni and Ni + Ni at 74 MeV/nuc.
  - ◆ INDRA-FAZIA coupling at GANIL
- Allows for a good reconstruction of the collision geometry and isotopic identification of all forward emitted particles

## Analysis

- ◆ Experiment performed in 2022
  - ◆ Data reduction finished (Alex)
- Results available soon !
- Compare with transport models ?





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