

Thermal pressure in heavy-ions collisions
around Fermi energy
“Exploration of the phase diagram of nucleus”

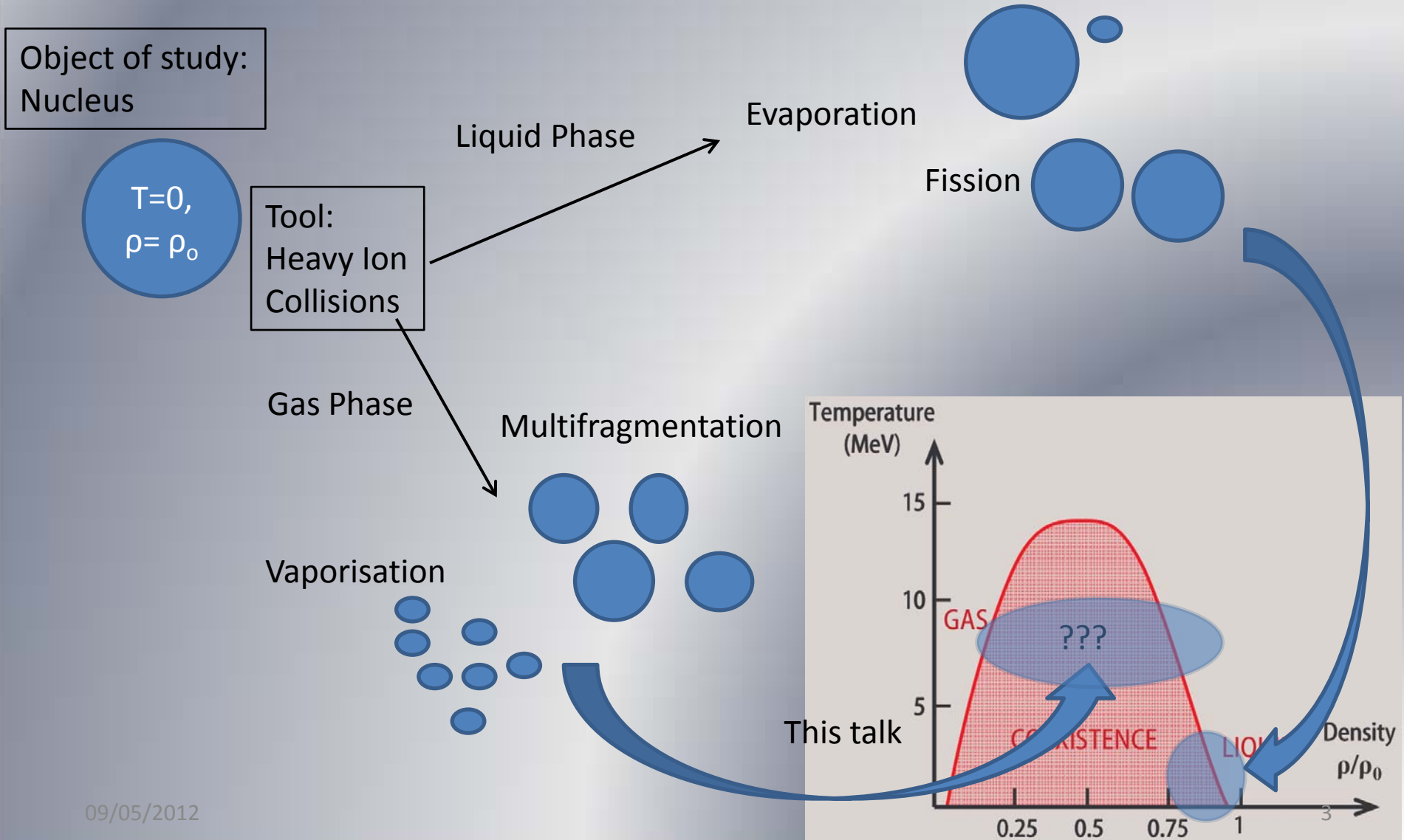
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Guidelines

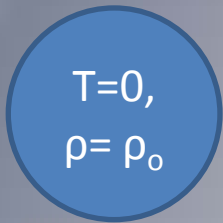
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Transition: from one phase to another



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Object of study:
Nucleus



Tool:
Heavy Ion
Collisions

Liquid Phase

Evaporation

Fission

Gas Phase

Multifragmentation

Vaporisation

$P(X)$

X

The so-called
bimodality signal of
an order parameter

Transition: from one phase to another

- Phase transition occurring in nuclei is a thermal transition.
- Latent heat is estimated as

$$\Delta E(\text{MeV} \cdot A) = E_g - E_l = 8.1 (\pm 0.4)_{stat} (+1.2 - 0.9)_{syst}$$

- As in VdW fluid, the temperature (T) and density (ρ) are key parameters to define the phases.
- For that reason, we want to make the link between these quantities and observables of multifragmenting sources considered as the realization of the gas phase of the phase transition.

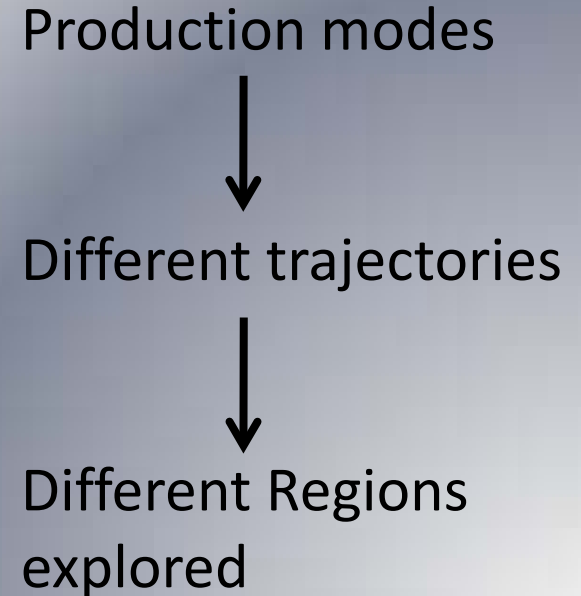
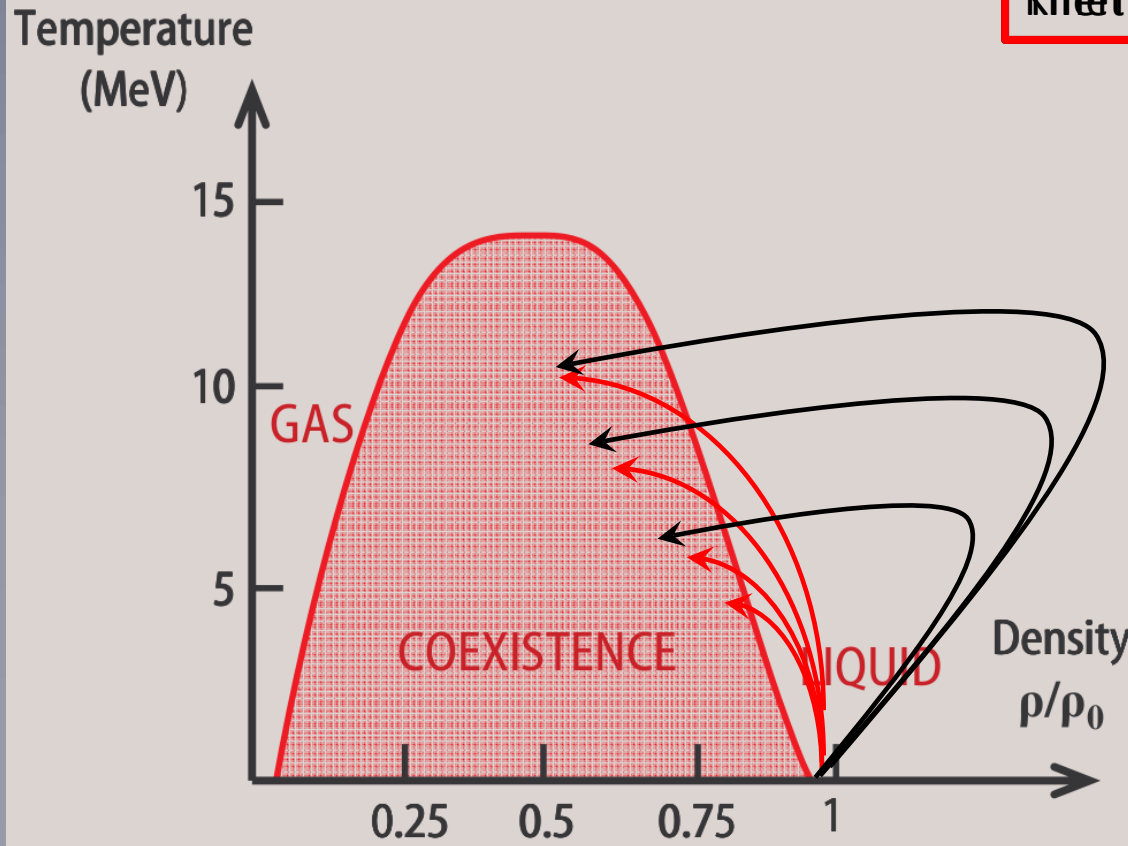
Heavy Ion Collision tool

Prepare nuclei with different initial conditions using:

Bombarding energy

Impact parameter (a posteriori)

Peripheral collisions: complete overlap
 Fritabbombarding energy
 Differential towards the "energy" region
 Thermal expansion drives the expansion



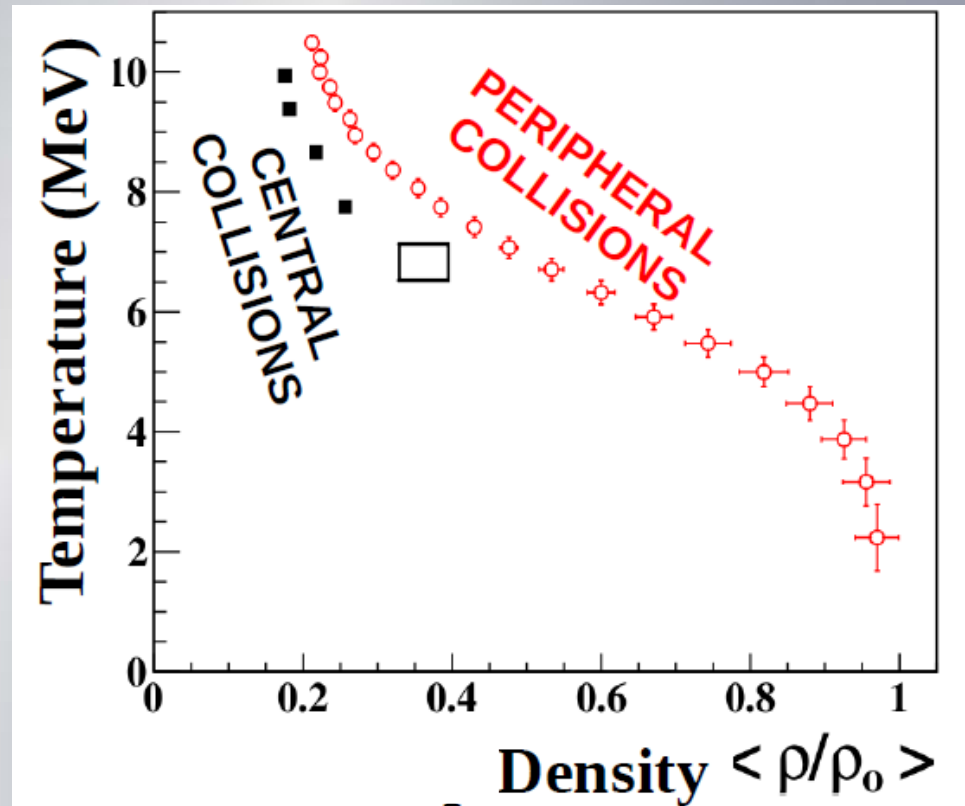
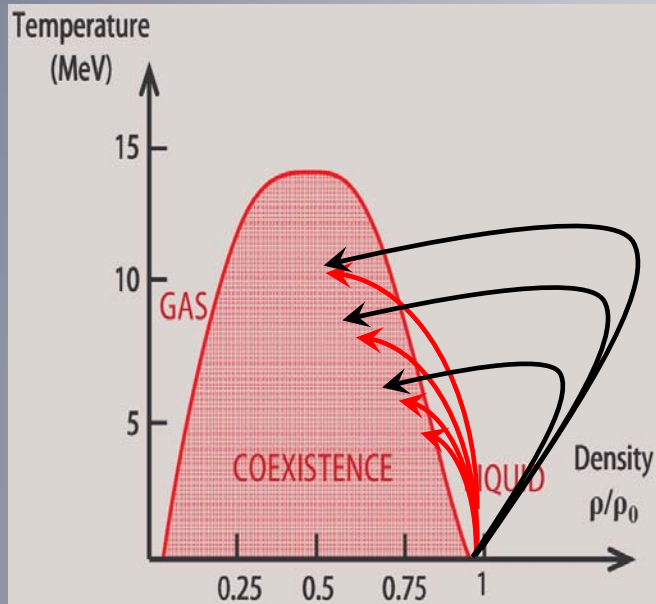
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Central Collisions \rightarrow « Quasi Fusion » events

GANIL, Xe+Sn \rightarrow QF* ($E_{Xe} = 25, 32, 39, 45, 50$ MeV/A)

Peripheral Collisions \rightarrow « Quasi Projectile » events

GSI, Au+Au \rightarrow QP* + QC* ($E_{Au} = 80, 100$ MeV/A)



Heavy Ion Collision tool

After collecting the data, selection of the production modes

Starting from set of (INDRA) detected events

$\{Z, E, \langle\theta\rangle, \langle\phi\rangle\}_{i=1}$, charged products multiplicity

Event by event analysis, selection of the interesting events, reconstruction of the story

Charge (Size) observables:

how the total initial charge is shared among final products

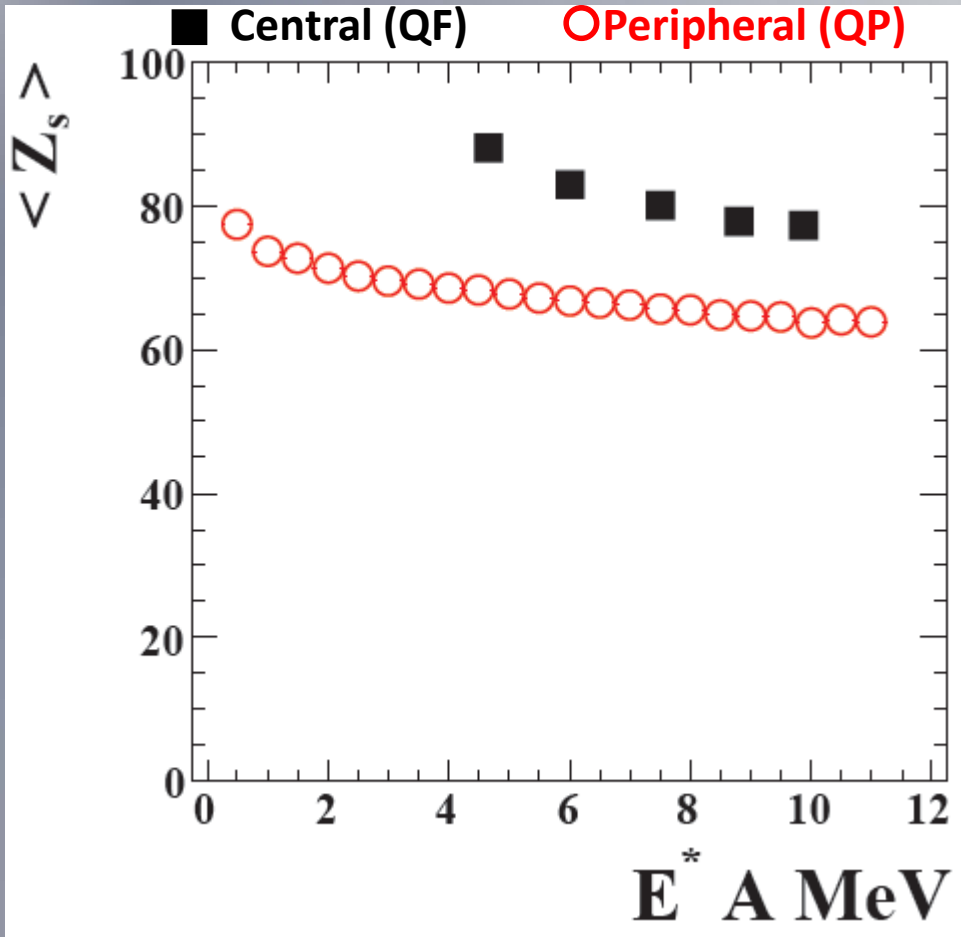
Kinematic observables:

topology of events in velocity/momentum space

Energy observables:

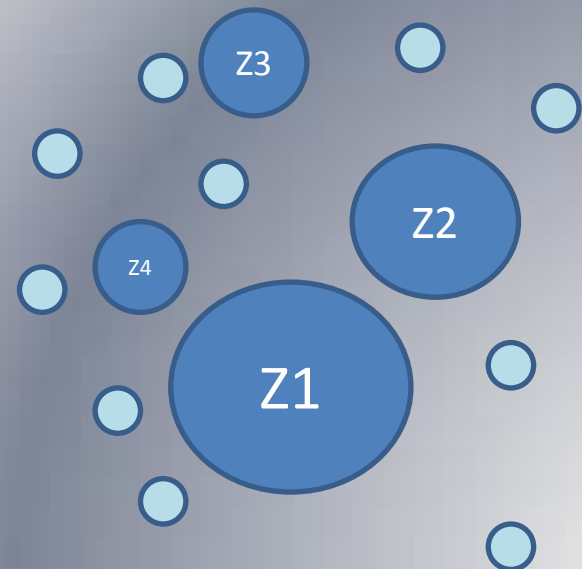
related to total energy deposited in the hot primary sources

Expansion energy, fragmentation degree and volume in a coherent picture



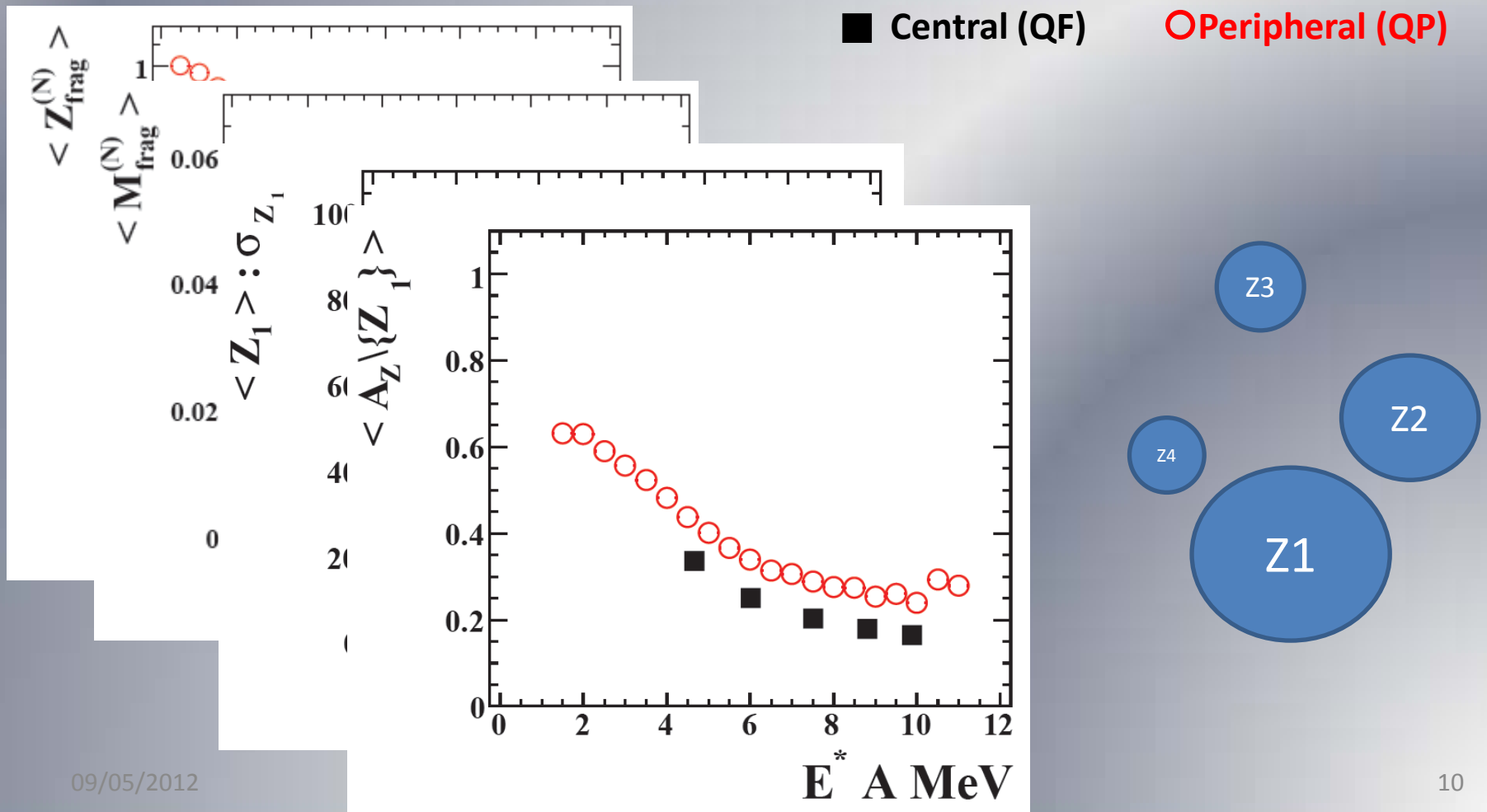
Overlap of two set of events in the excitation energy (E^*) range [4 ; 10] MeV/A

Multifragmenting source size (Z_s) is in the range [70;90]



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Looking at charge partition of fragments



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Similar total charge bound in fragments

More fragments produced in the central case

Charge of the biggest fragment of each event:

Similar values

Fluctuations larger for peripheral case

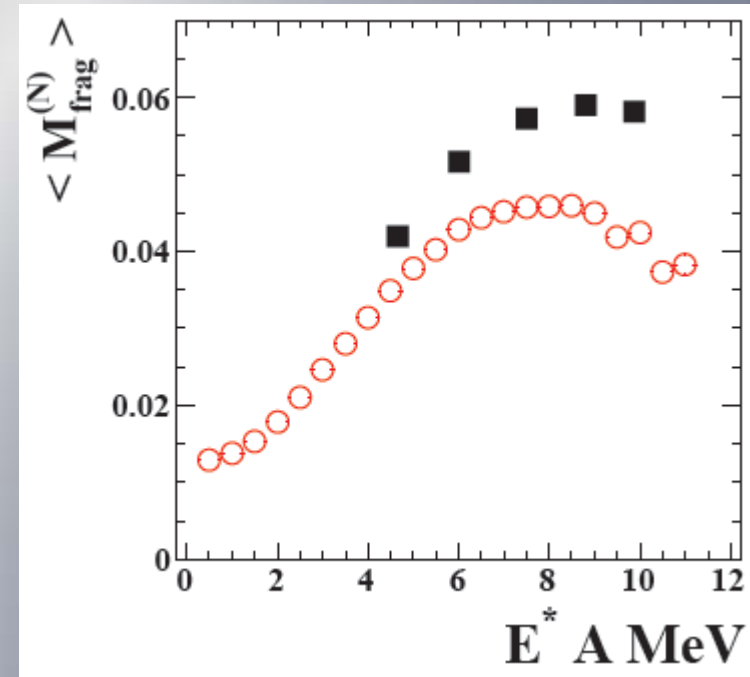
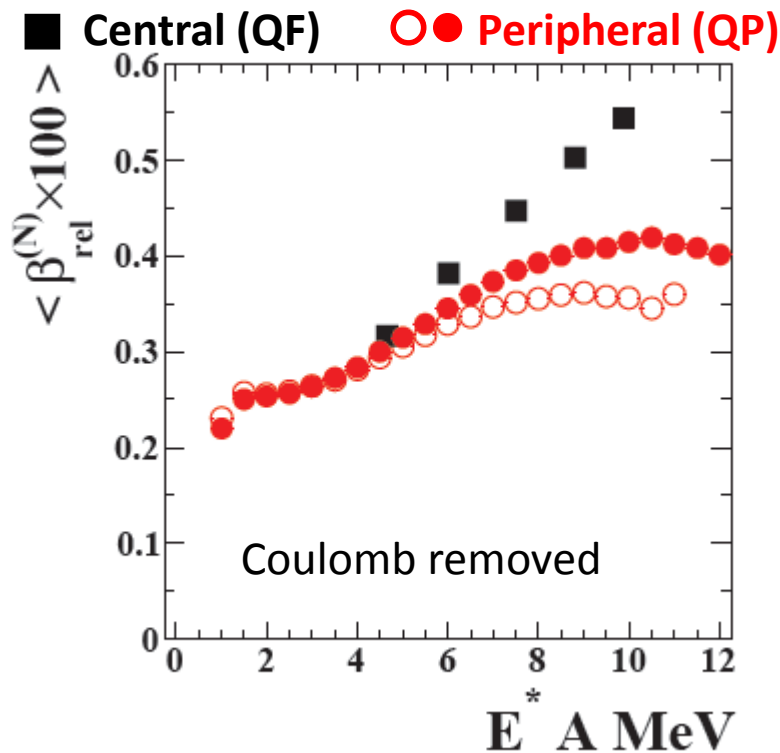
More symmetric partitions for central case

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Go back to multifragmentating sources
at Freeze-Out time

$$\langle E_R \rangle = f(\langle \beta_{\text{rel}}^{(N)} \rangle)$$

$$\langle V/V_0 \rangle = f(\langle M_{\text{frag}}^{(N)} \rangle)$$



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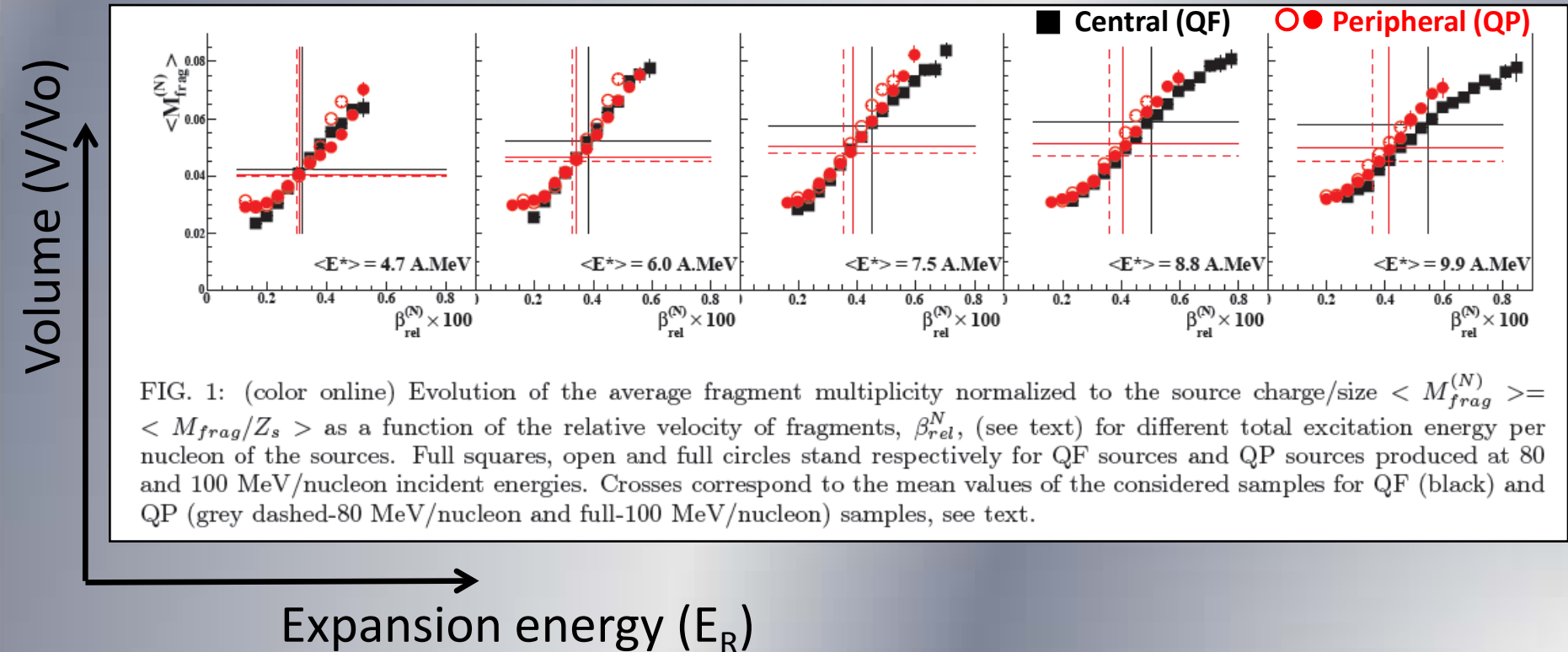


FIG. 1: (color online) Evolution of the average fragment multiplicity normalized to the source charge/size $\langle M_{frag}^{(N)} \rangle = \langle M_{frag}/Z_s \rangle$ as a function of the relative velocity of fragments, β_{rel}^N , (see text) for different total excitation energy per nucleon of the sources. Full squares, open and full circles stand respectively for QF sources and QP sources produced at 80 and 100 MeV/nucleon incident energies. Crosses correspond to the mean values of the considered samples for QF (black) and QP (grey dashed-80 MeV/nucleon and full-100 MeV/nucleon) samples, see text.

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Estimation of the expansion energy

$$\langle E_R \rangle = f(\langle \beta_{rel}^{(N)} \rangle)$$

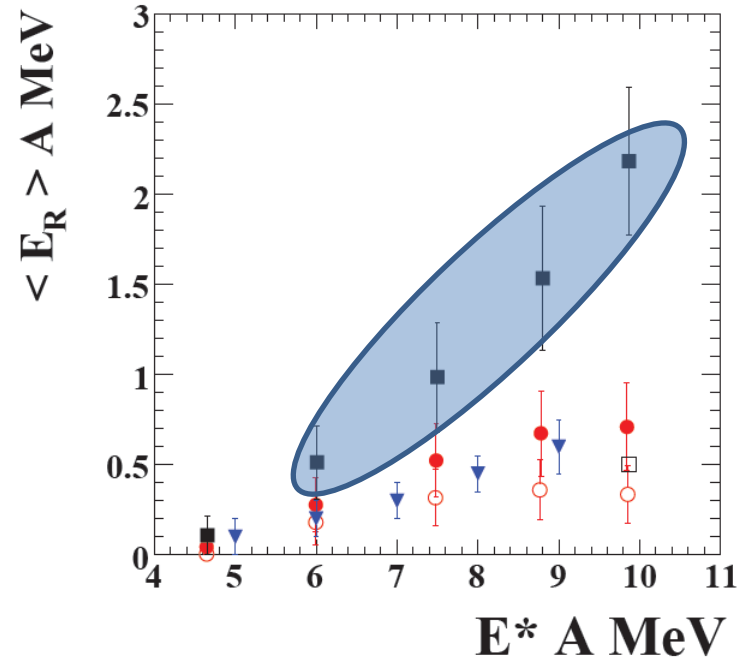
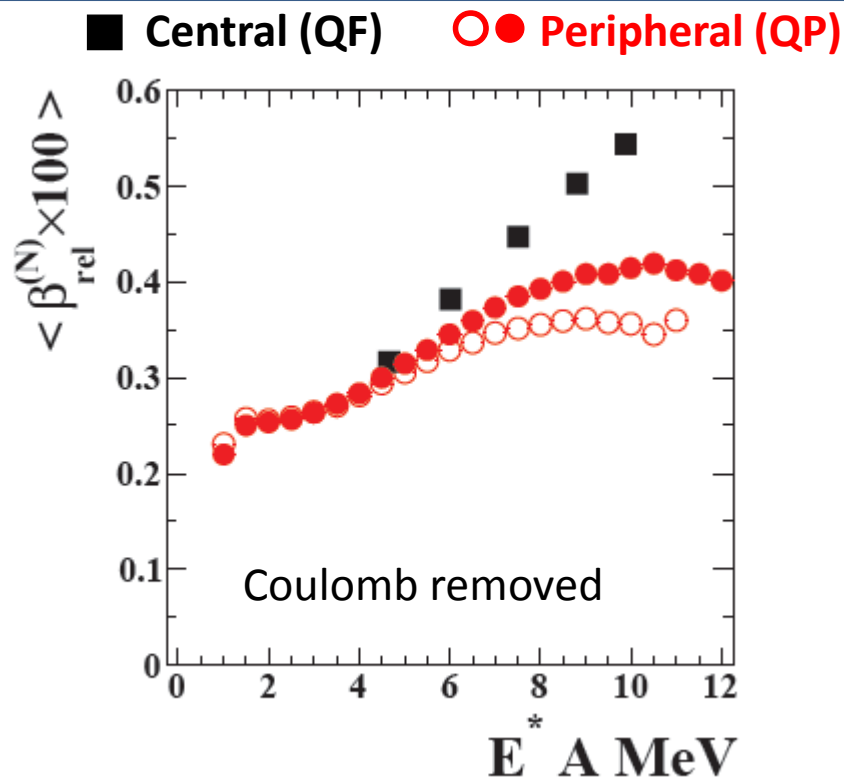
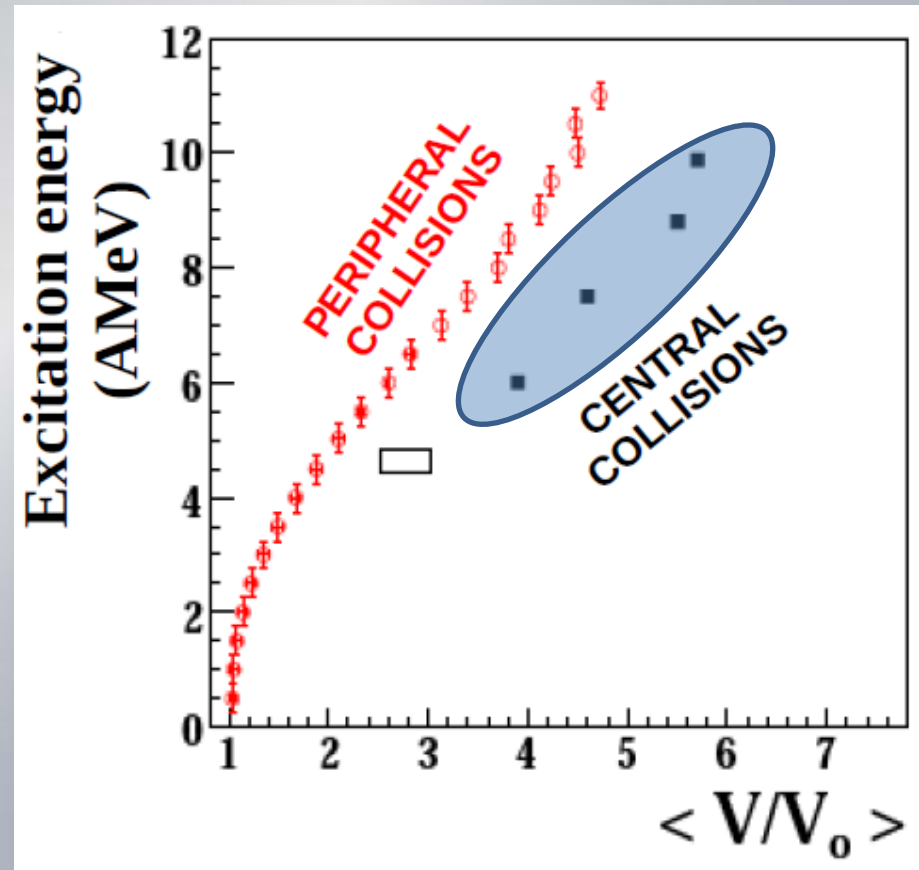
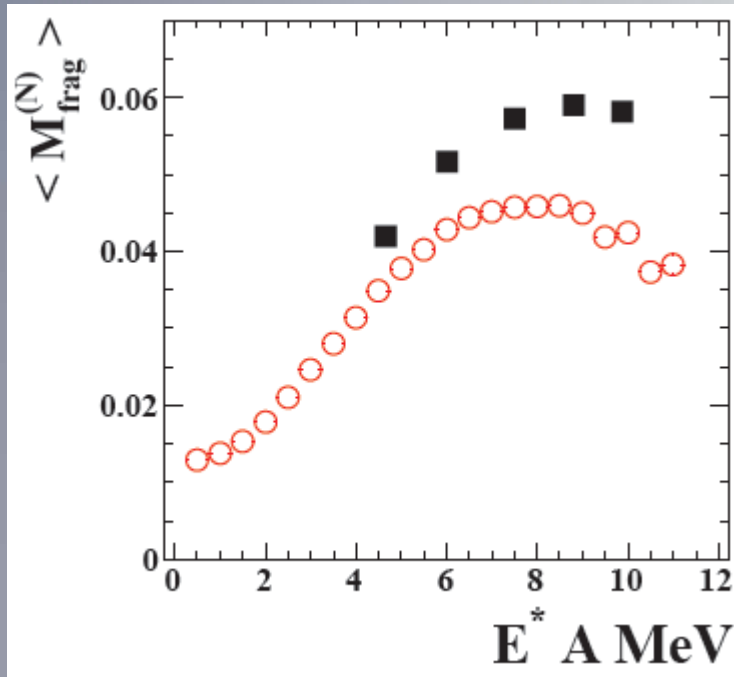


Fig. 9. Radial collective energy. See fig. 7 for symbols for QF and QP sources. Evolution of the radial collective energy with the excitation energy per nucleon for different sources; full triangles correspond to $\pi^- + Au$ reactions [46] and the open square to an estimate of the thermal part of the radial collective energy for Xe+Sn sources produced at 50 A MeV incident energy (see text).

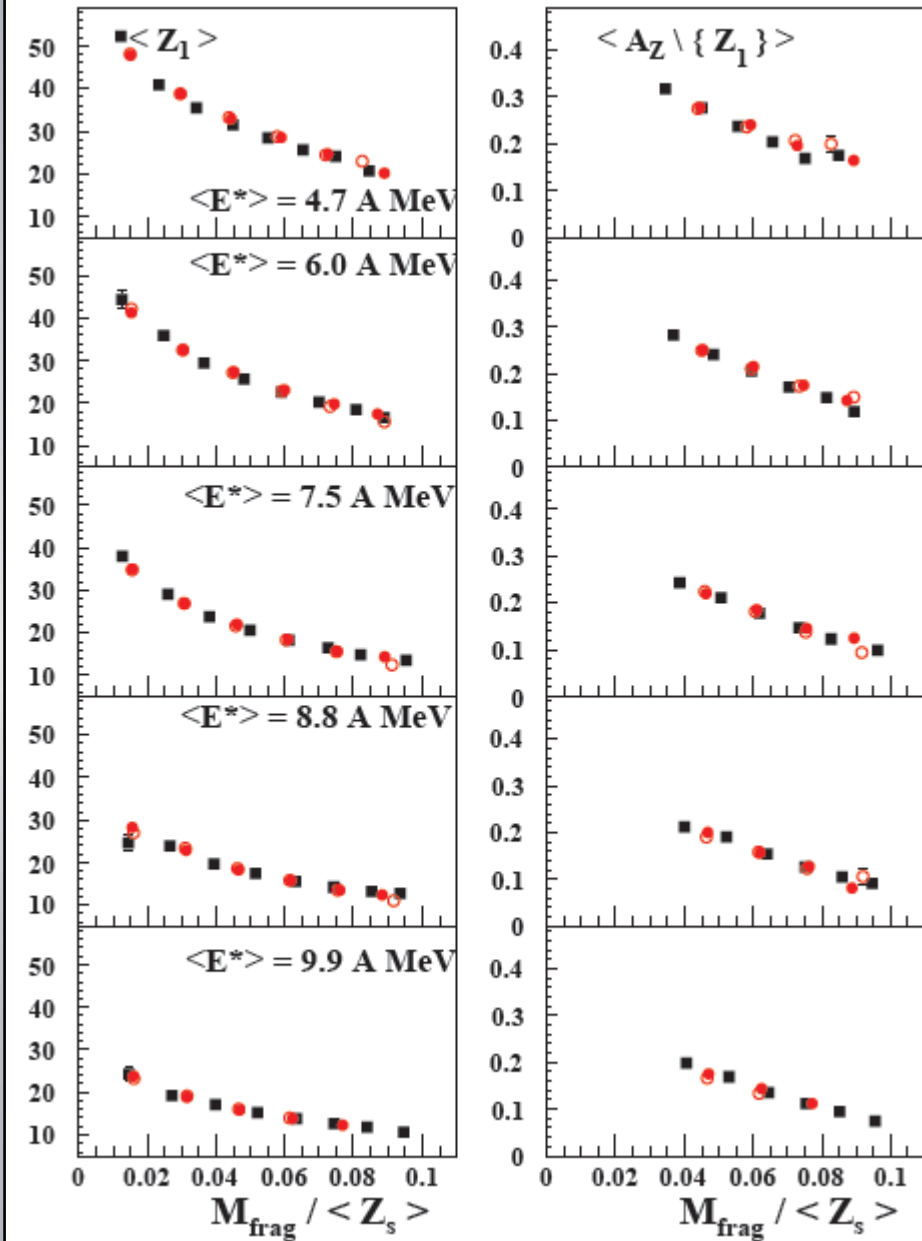
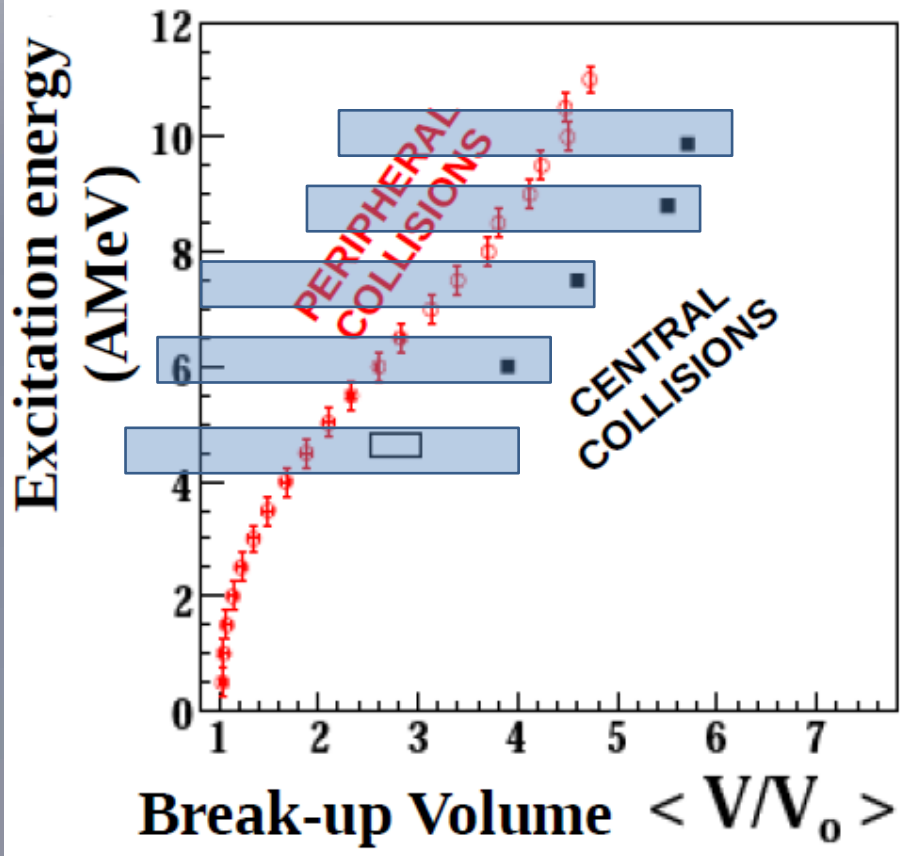
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Estimation of the Freeze-Out volume

$$\langle V/V_0 \rangle = f(\langle M^{(N)}_{\text{frag}} \rangle)$$



($E^* - V$) constraints bring out general properties of multif



Conclusion

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