# **Experimental constraints on the Equation of State**

### **LIGO Detects a Neutron Star Merger**



<sup>132</sup>Sn+<sup>124</sup>Sn @ E/A=270 MeV



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### **Equation of State and Dynamics of the Merger**



D Kasen et al. Nature 551, 80-84 (2017) doi:10.1038/nature24453

Fate of a Neutron Star Merger: n-star, black hole or transient?

## **EOS from dynamics of N-star merger and from nuclear collisions**

### N-Star merger: 10<sup>8</sup> year; Observation Estimates: <10/year



### Nuclear-collisions: 10<sup>-21</sup> sec; 10<sup>6</sup> collisions per experiment



Femto-nova explosion created by Heavy Ion collisions

Equation of State of nuclear matter  $E/A (\rho, \delta) = E/A (\rho, 0) + \delta^2 \cdot S(\rho)$   $\delta = (\rho_n - \rho_p) / (\rho_n + \rho_p) = (N-Z)/A$ 





The physics, (symmetry energy), that governs the neutrons skin thickness of <sup>208</sup>Pb is the same as that governing the neutron star radius

C.J. Horowitz, J. Piekarewicz, PRL 86 (2001) 5647



Parity Radius Experiment (P-ReX)



Zenihiro et al.: Phys. Rev. C82, 044611 (2010)

### **Symmetry Energy**



$$B = a_V A - a_S A^{2/3} - a_C \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}}$$
$$-a_{sym} \frac{(A-2Z)^2}{A}$$
$$(a_{sym}^V A - a_{sym}^S A^{2/3}) \frac{(A-2Z)^2}{A^2}$$
$$Inclusion of surface terms in symmetry$$



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Alex Brown PRL 111, 232502 (2013)

Use Skyrme interactions that fit the masses of double magic nuclei

Masses and skin data are sensitive to  $\rho$ ~0.65 $\rho_0$ E<sub>sym</sub>( $\rho$ ~0.65 $\rho_0$ ) ~25 MeV



### **Symmetry Energy Constraints from masses**



### **Experimental Observables: n/p yield ratios**



•n and p potentials have opposite sign.

•*n* & *p* energy spectra depend on the symmetry energy  $\rightarrow$  softer density dependence emits more neutrons at low density.  $S(\rho)=12.5(\rho/\rho_{o})^{2/3}+17.6(\rho/\rho_{o})^{\gamma_{i}}$ 



### **Isospin Diffusion to constrain low density EoS**



Isospin Diffusion; low  $\rho$ ,  $E_{beam}$ 

Tsang et al., PRL 92 (2004) 062701

### Density dependence of Symmetry Energy at subsaturation density



### **Isospin Diffusion**



### Density dependence of Symmetry Energy at subsaturation density



Current Status: Density dependence of Symmetry Energy @  $\rho < \rho_0$ 





Large uncertainties above  $\rho_0$ . Need high energy heavy ion collisions to access this regions, especially  $\rho \sim 2\rho_0$  where neutron star radius is sensitive to.



### Au+Au collisions 400 MeV/u b=5 fm

0.00fm/c

Nucleon 🧶 Baryon 🔎 Meson 🔅



0 5 fm ⊥⊥⊥⊥⊥

# **Experimental Setup**



Primary	Beam	Target	E <sub>beam</sub> /A	$\delta_{\text{sys}}$	evt(M)	2016
<sup>124</sup> Xe	<sup>108</sup> Sn	<sup>112</sup> Sn	269	0.09	8	4/30-5/4
	<sup>112</sup> Sn	<sup>124</sup> Sn	270	0.15	5	5/4-5/6
<sup>238</sup> U	<sup>132</sup> Sn	<sup>124</sup> Sn	269	0.22	9	5/25-5/29
	<sup>124</sup> Sn	<sup>112</sup> Sn	270	0.15	5	5/30-6/1
Z=1,2,3			100, 200		0.6	6/1





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### Particle ID spectra



dE/dx (ADC/mm)

Need more analysis and understanding especially on detector and analysis efficiencies

Symmetry energy is not an observable. We have to use (ADC/mm) transport models to simulate the reactions and compare to data. Mean field (symmetry JE/dx energy) plus others parameters are input to the transport models. Need to have different transport models under control?



## **Heavy Ion Collisions**







- 1. Experimental Data -- > Detectors to measure species, momentum and angular distributions of emitted fragments
- 2. Simulate HIC with Transport models which allow the study of input parameters and ingradient of models: Nuclear Equation of state; In medium masses and cross sections; N/Z dependence of the asymmetry energy; Fragment and isotopic yields
- 3. Comparison of results to data

# Transport Code Evaluation Project

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			Box			
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BUU-VM <sup>a</sup>	S. Mallik		X	Χ	X	
BLOB	P. Napolitani	Χ				
GIBUU-RMF	J. Weil	X	X			
GIBUU-Sky	J. Weil	Χ				
IBL	W.J. Xie	X				
IBUU	J. Xu	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	
pBUU	Danielewicz	X	X	X	X	
RBUU	K. Kim	Χ				
RVUU	C.M. Ko	X	X	X	X	
SMASH	Oliinychenko		X			
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IQMD-BNU	J. Su	Χ	Χ	Х		
IQMD	C. Hartnack	X				
IQMD-IMP	Z.Q. Feng	X	X	Х	X	
IQMD-SINAP	G.Q. Zhang	Χ				
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TuQMD	D. Cozma	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	
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**Pub:** Xu et al., PRC.93.044609 **Pub :** Zhang et al., arXiv:1711.05950

# **Summary and Outlook**

Laboratory measurements have provided constraints on the symmetry energy and the equation of state for neutron-rich matter.

- Significant constraints at sub-saturation densities.
- Constraints on effective mass splitting around and above saturation densities.
- The important density range of  $\rho_0 \le \rho \le 2\rho_0$  is accessible via heavy ion reaction.
  - Experimental results from SpiRIT!
- Improving the reliability of transport theory predictions.
  - Code evaluation project is making significant progress in this direction.
- What do we learn about EoS from neutron star merger observations?



### Code Evaluation Project I, PhysRevC.93.044609



### Code Evaluation Project II -- Box Simulations on Collisions w/wo Pauli Blocking

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With Pauli Blocking: Results are different from analytical limits unless special procedures are employed.

#### Images from A. Ono



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## **Reaction Dynamics**





Mean Field : low density: attractive high density: repulsive NN collisions: repulsive Pauli Blocking

Initialization

Isolate effects from mean field and nucleon-nucleon collisions

Images from H. Wolter

