

**Tuesday**

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup>**

**At 3:45pm**



**Measuring Charged Pion Emission from  $^{112}\text{Sn} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$  and  $^{124}\text{Sn} + ^{112}\text{Sn}$  Reactions with the S $\pi$ RIT Time Projection Chamber**

**Abstract:**

The density dependence of the symmetry energy remains an interesting question for nuclear physics and astrophysics. Heavy-ion collisions can be used to probe the symmetry energy at densities exceeding that of normal nuclear matter. The production of charged pions has been predicted to be sensitive to the symmetry energy. A new Time Projection Chamber (TPC), called the S $\pi$ RIT TPC, was developed to study charged pion production in heavy-ion collisions. In 2016, the S $\pi$ RIT TPC was used to study 4 combinations of Sn + Sn collisions. A brief motivation will be discussed, along with some details of the S $\pi$ RIT TPC development. The experimental setup and campaign will be presented, along with analysis of the experimental data for 2 of the 4 beams.

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Refreshments will be  
served at 3:30 pm



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