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**Constraining the symmetry energy
at supra-saturation densities:
the ASY-EOS experiment at GSI:**

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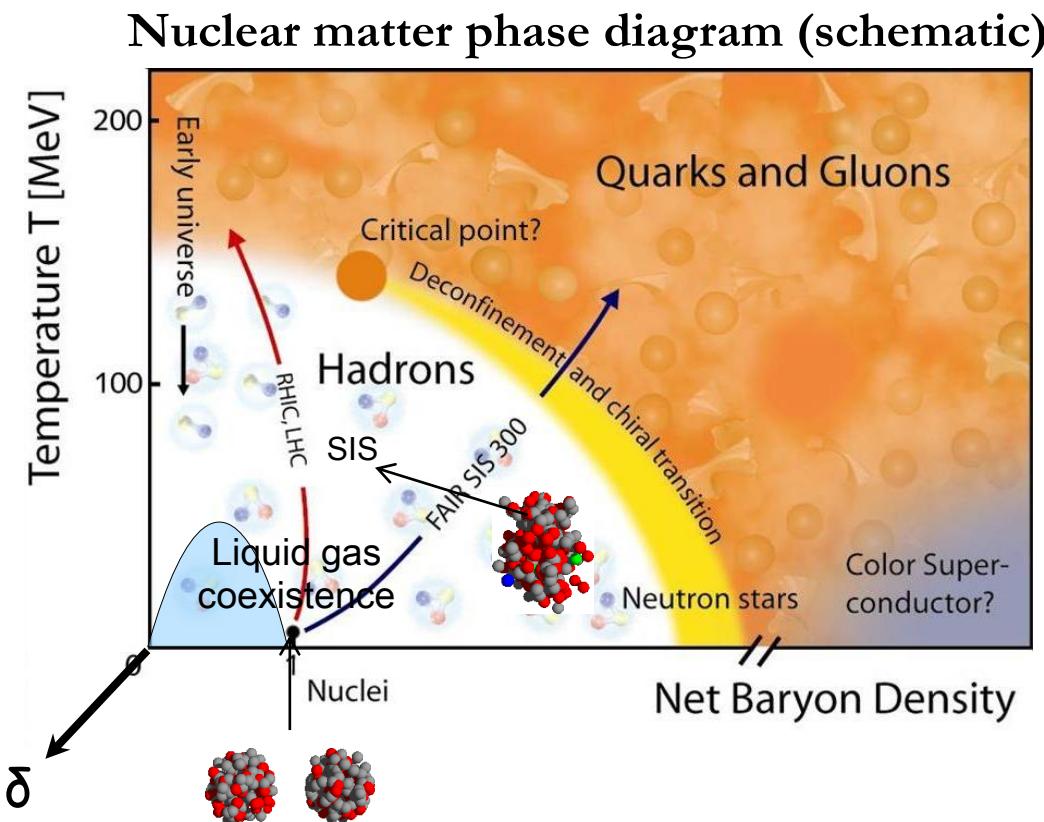
NewCHIM & ASY-EOS collaborations



Introduction

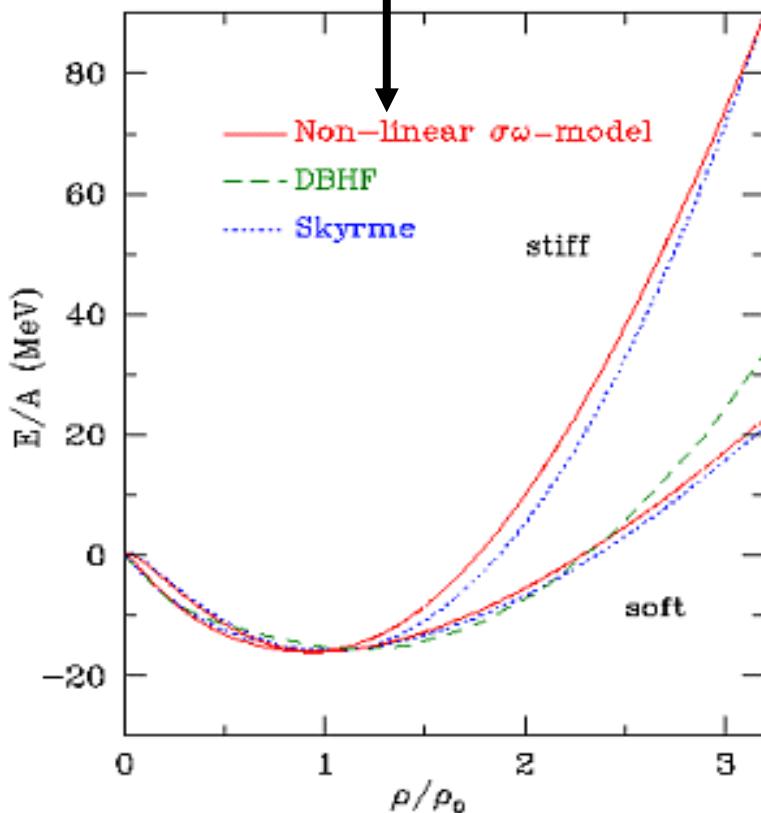
The nuclear EOS describes the relation among energy, pressure, density, temperature and **isospin asymmetry**. It is a fundamental ingredient in nuclear physics and astrophysics.

Question: how E/A depends on the density ρ and isospin asymmetry
 $\delta = (N-Z)/(N+Z)$, that is, $E/A(\rho, \delta) = ????$

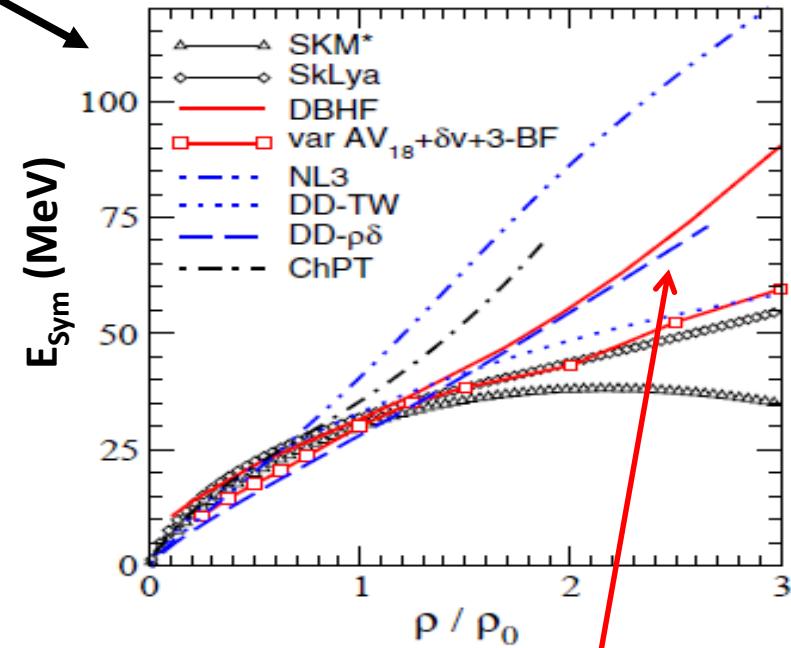


EOS for nuclear matter and Symmetry Energy

$$E(\rho, \delta) = E(\rho, \delta=0) + E_{sym}(\rho) \delta^2 + \dots$$



$$\delta = \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho_n + \rho_p} = \frac{N - Z}{A}$$



From Ab initio calculations (red)
and phenomenological approaches

Fuchs and Wolter, EPJA 30 (2006)

"How much energy is needed to compress hadronic matter?"

P. Danielewicz et al., Science 298 (2002)

C. Fuchs et al., PRL 86 (2001) 1974

Youngblood et al., PRL82 691 (1999)

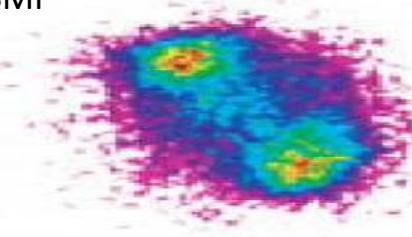
A. Le Fevre et al., Nucl. Phys. A 945 (2016)

High density...so important!

Study of the density dependence of the symmetry energy

Density $\rho < \approx \rho_0$ (sub- and around saturation density, $\rho_0 = 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3}$)

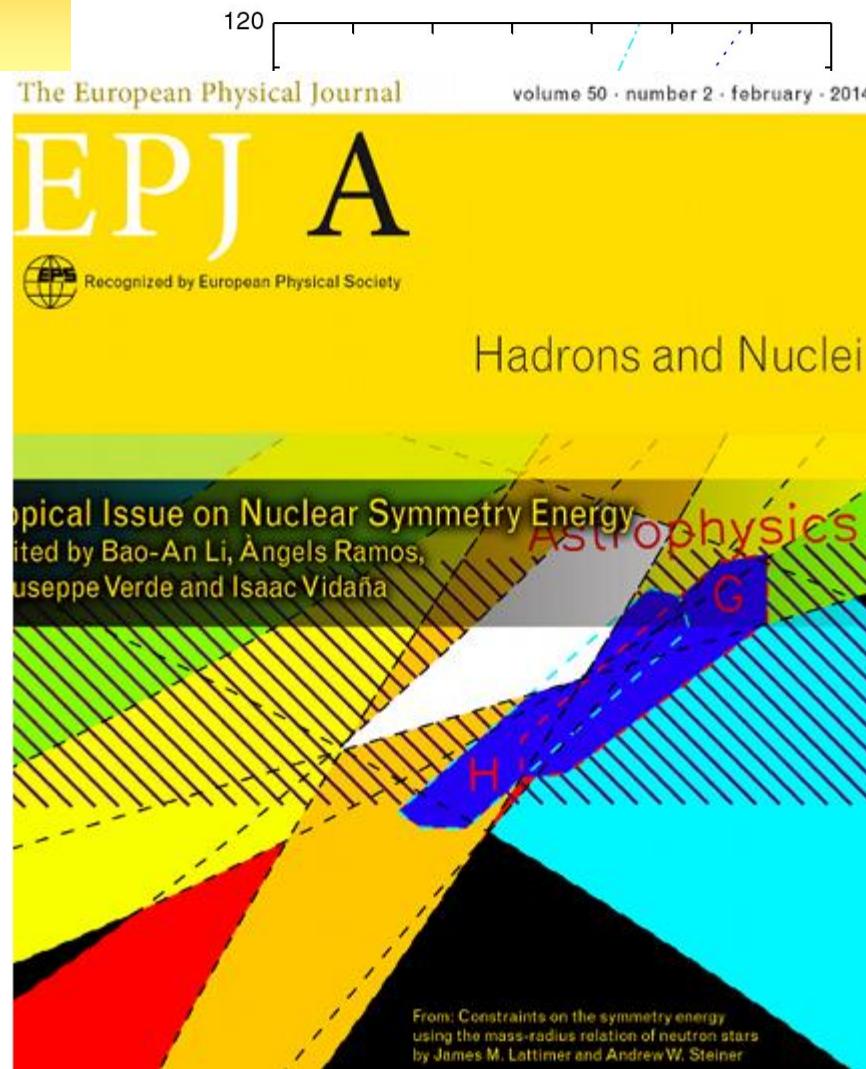
SMF



Isospin Transport properties in HI collisions at Fermi Energies, (diffusion, fractionation, migration), flows, n/p emission , clusterization

Nuclear structure (IAS Resonances (PDR,GDR n skin thickness ...

Z. Xiao, Bao-An Li et al., PRL 102, 062502 (2009)



• Several constraints

See Eur. Phys. J. A, 50 2 (2014)
topical issue on Symmetry Energy



Density $\rho > \rho_0$ (supra-saturation): connected with *neutron stars, supernovae expl.*

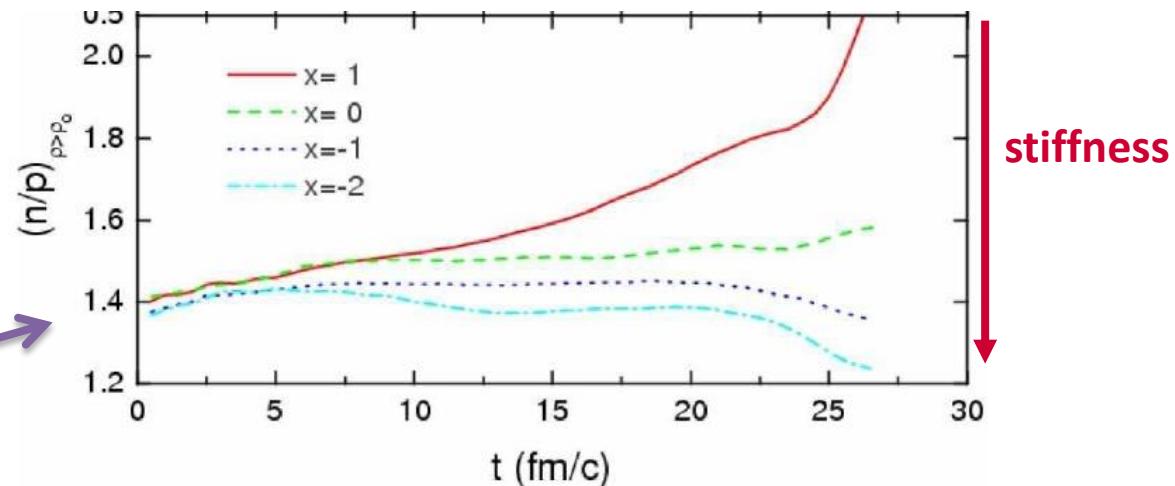
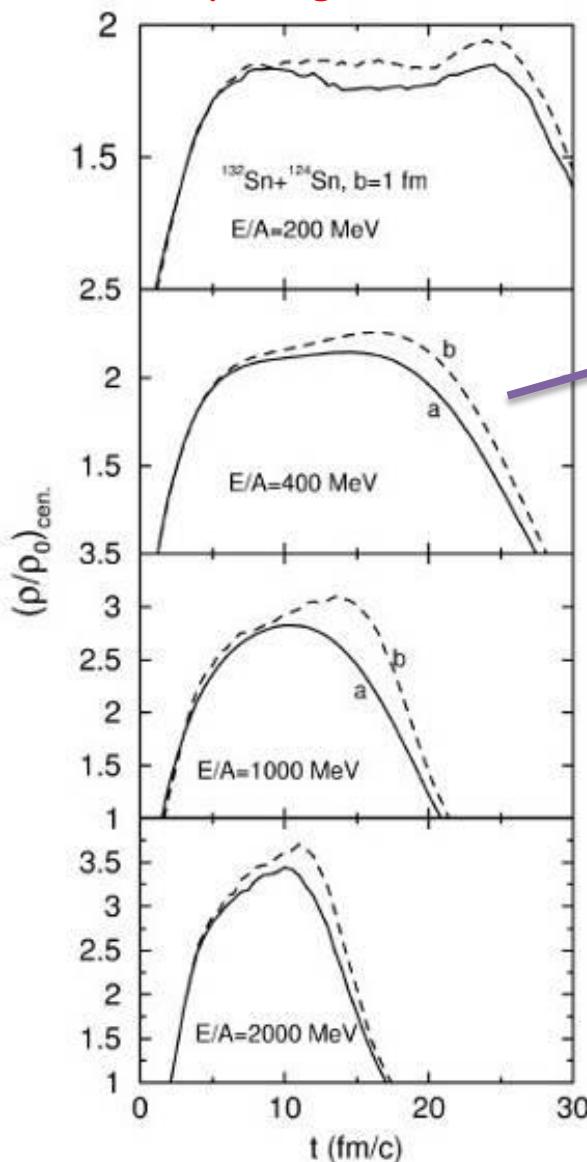
Observable: coming soon !

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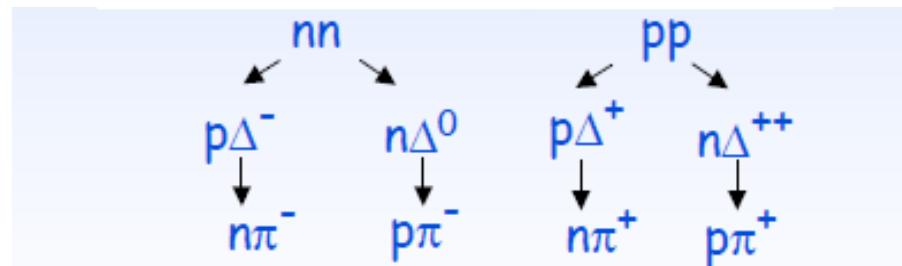
High density symmetry energy in relativistic heavy ion collisions

Which densities can be explored in the early stage of the reaction ?

B.A. Li et al., PRC71 (2005)



- N/Z of high density regions sensitive to $E_{sym}(\rho)$
- High $\rho > \rho_0$: asy-stiff more repulsive on neutrons



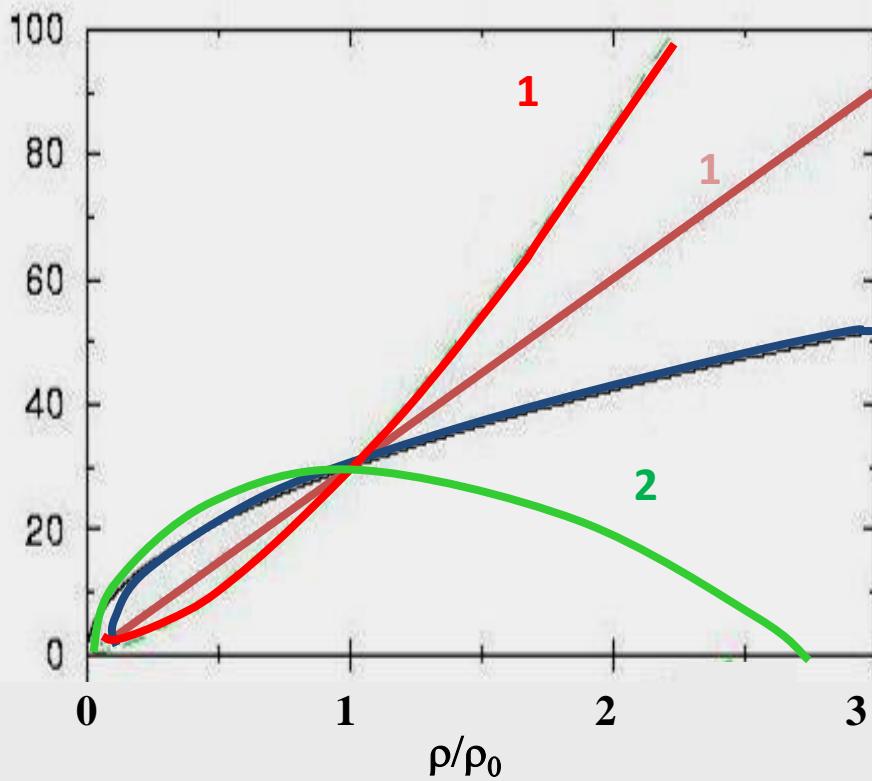
NN collisions in high density regions

π^-/π^+ reflecting the $(N/Z)_{dense}$

π^-/π^+ sensitive to $E_{sym}(\rho)$ at high ρ

But results
are strongly
model
dependent
(up to now) !

E_{sym} at high density: pions



See:

Z. Xiao et al., PRL 102 (2009) IBUU04

Z.Q. Feng, PLB 683 (2010) ImIQMD

W.J. Xie , et al., PLB 718 (2013) ImIBL

G. Ferini, et al., NPA 762 (2005) RMF

Results model dependent: density dependence of symmetry energy unambiguously soft or hard

- symmetry energy → n/p ratio, number of nn, np, pp collisions
$$\text{asystiff } \frac{n}{p} \downarrow \Rightarrow \frac{Y(\Delta^{0,-})}{Y(\Delta^{+,++})} \downarrow \Rightarrow \frac{\pi^-}{\pi^+} \downarrow$$
- medium → effective masses (N , π , Δ), cross sections → thresholds
$$\text{asystiff} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi^-}{\pi^+} \uparrow$$
- Pions absorption and rescattering destroy high-density signal, pion in-medium effects

Interpretation of pion data not straight forward

High densities: flows

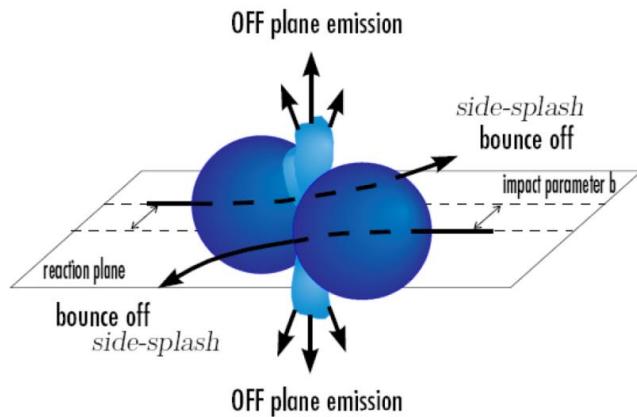
$$\frac{dN}{d(\phi - \phi_R)}(y, p_t) = \frac{N_0}{2\pi} \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n \geq 1} v_n \cos n(\phi - \phi_R) \right)$$

y = rapidity
 p_t = transverse momentum

UrQMD : Au+Au @ 400 AMeV
 $5.5 < b < 7.5$ fm

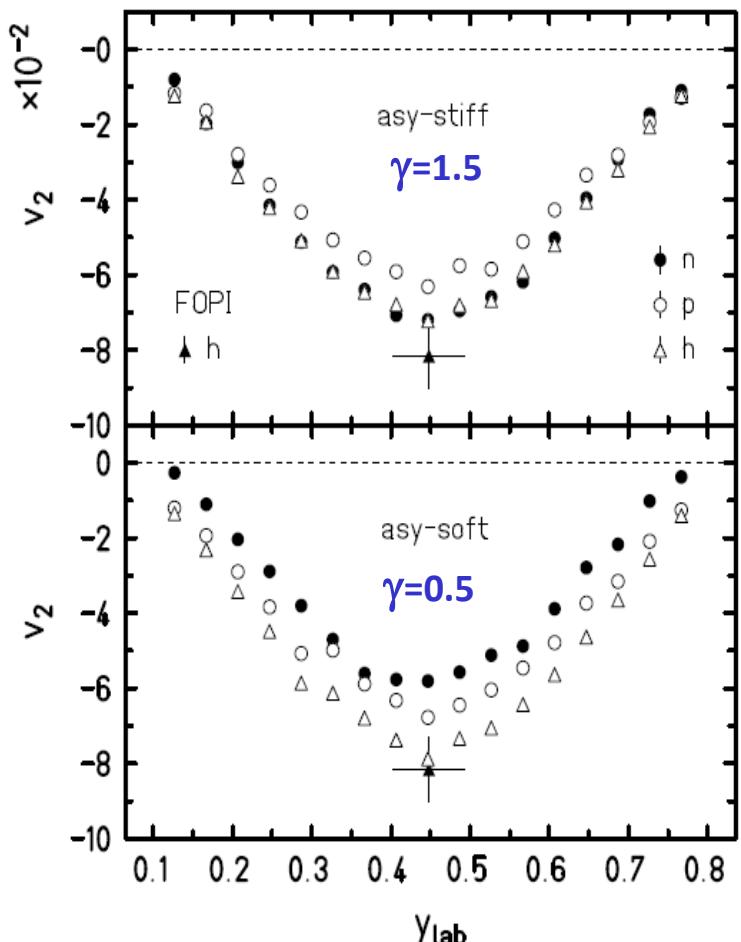
$$V_2(y, p_t) = \left\langle \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_t^2} \right\rangle$$

Elliptic flow: competition between in plane ($v_2 > 0$) and out-of-plane ejection ($v_2 < 0$)

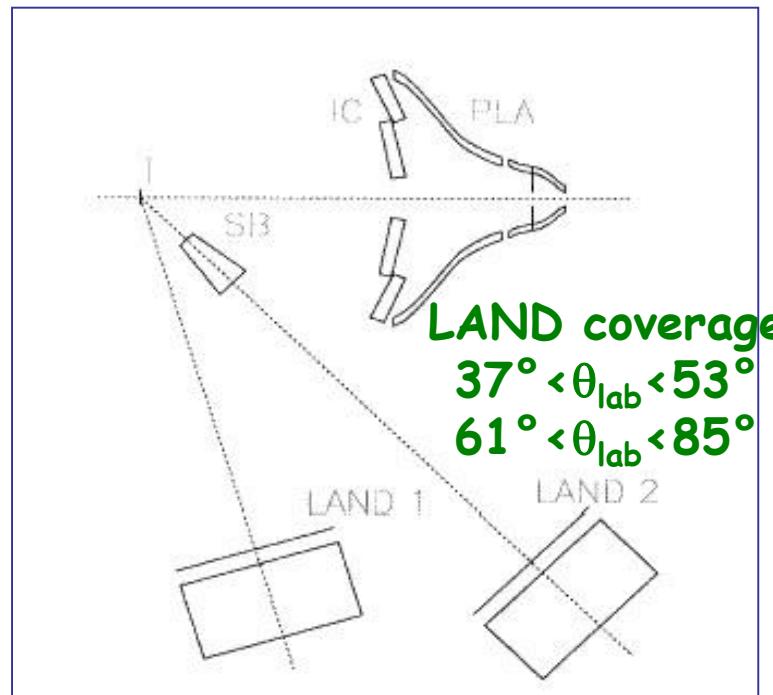


$$E_{\text{sym}} = E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{pot}} + E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{kin}}$$

$$= 22 \text{ MeV} \cdot (\rho/\rho_0)^\gamma + 12 \text{ MeV} \cdot (\rho/\rho_0)^{2/3}$$



FOPI/LAND experiment on neutron squeeze out (1991)



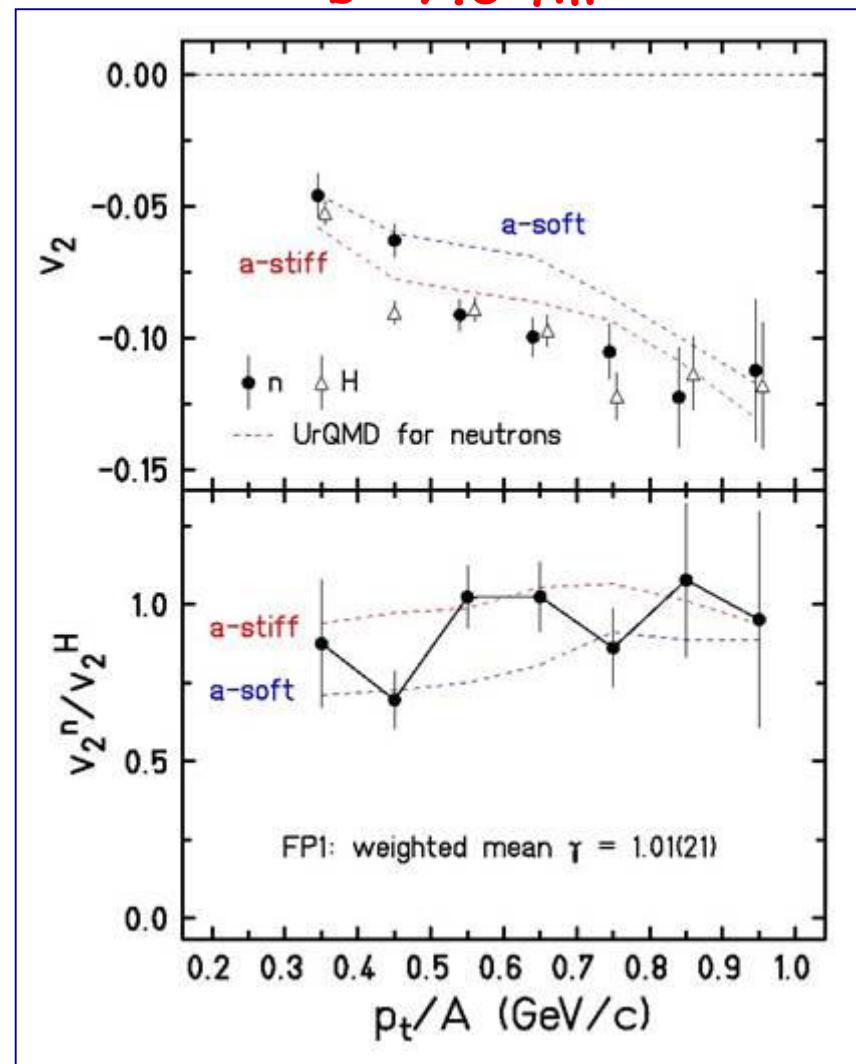
$$\gamma = 0.9 \pm 0.4$$

$$L = 83 \pm 26$$

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Au+Au 400 A MeV
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Y. Leifels et al., PRL 71, 963 (1993)
P. Russotto et al., PLB 697 (2011)

Results with Tübingen QMD

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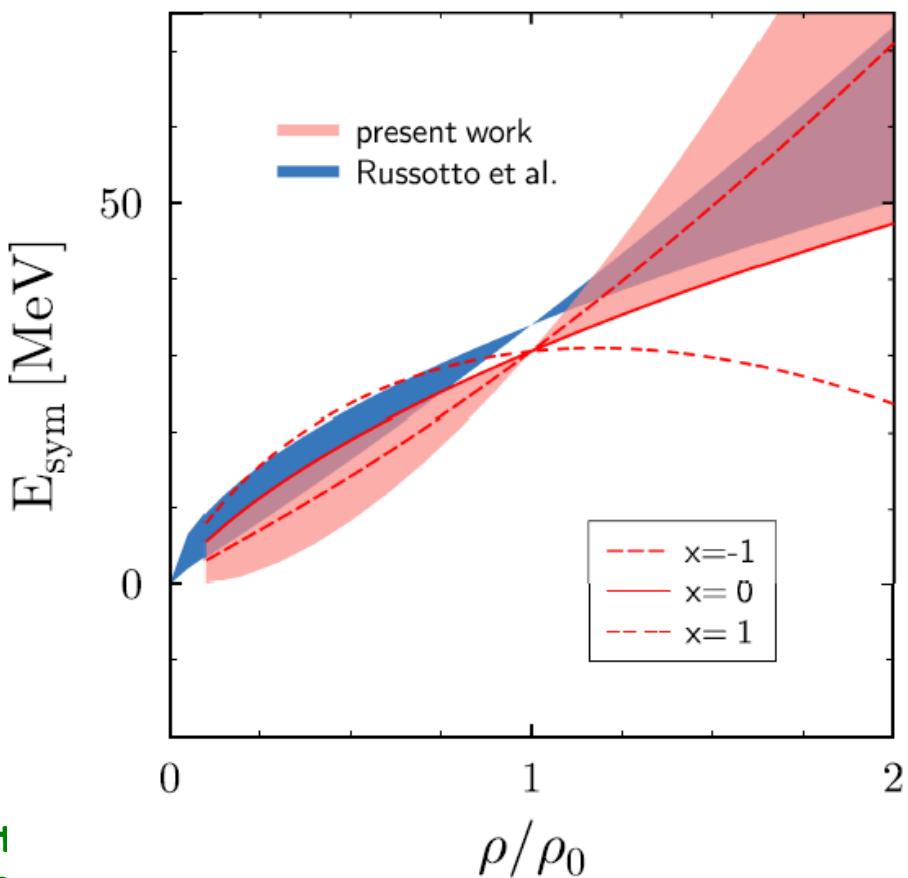
UrQMD:
momentum dep. of isoscalar field
momentum dep. of NNECS
momentum independent power-law parameterization of the symmetry energy

Tübingen-QMD:
density dep. of NNECS
asymmetry dep. of NNECS
soft vs. hard EoS
width of wave packets
momentum dependent (Gogny inspired) parameterization of the symmetry energy

M.D. Cozma, PLB 700, 139 (2011);
[arXiv:1102.2728](https://arxiv.org/abs/1102.2728)

M.D. Cozma et al., Towards a model-independent constraint of the high-density dependence of the symmetry energy

[arXiv:1305.5417 \[nucl-th\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1305.5417) PRC88 044912 (2013)



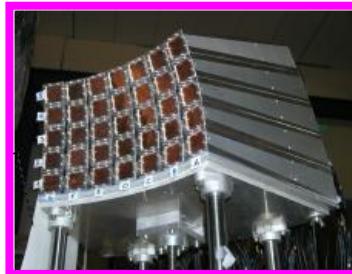
$x = -1.0 \pm 1.0$

ASY-EOS S394 experiment @ GSI Darmstadt (May 2011)

Au+Au, $^{96}\text{Zr}+^{96}\text{Zr}$, $^{96}\text{Ru}+^{96}\text{Ru}$ @ 400 AMev



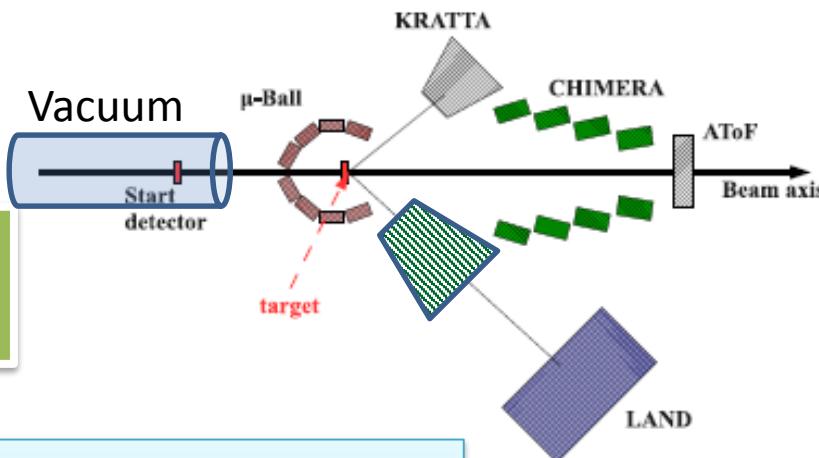
μ Ball: 4 rings 50 CsI(Tl), $\Theta > 60^\circ$.
Discriminate target vs.
reactions with air.
Multiplicity and reaction plane
measurements.



KraTTA: 35 (5x7) triple
telescopes (Si-CsI-CsI) placed
at $21^\circ < \Theta < 60^\circ$ with digital
readout . Light particles and
IMFs emitted at midrapidity



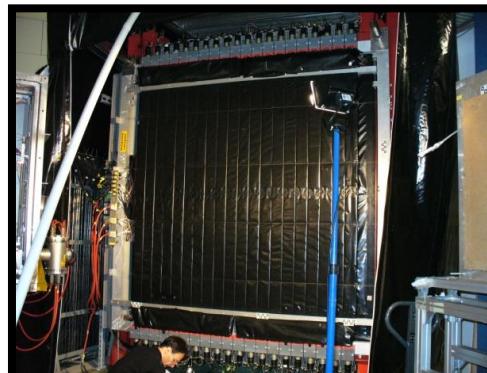
Shadow bar: evaluation
of background neutrons
in LAND



TOFWALL: 96
plastic bars; ToF,
 ΔE , X-Y position.
Trigger, impact
parameter and
reaction plane
determination

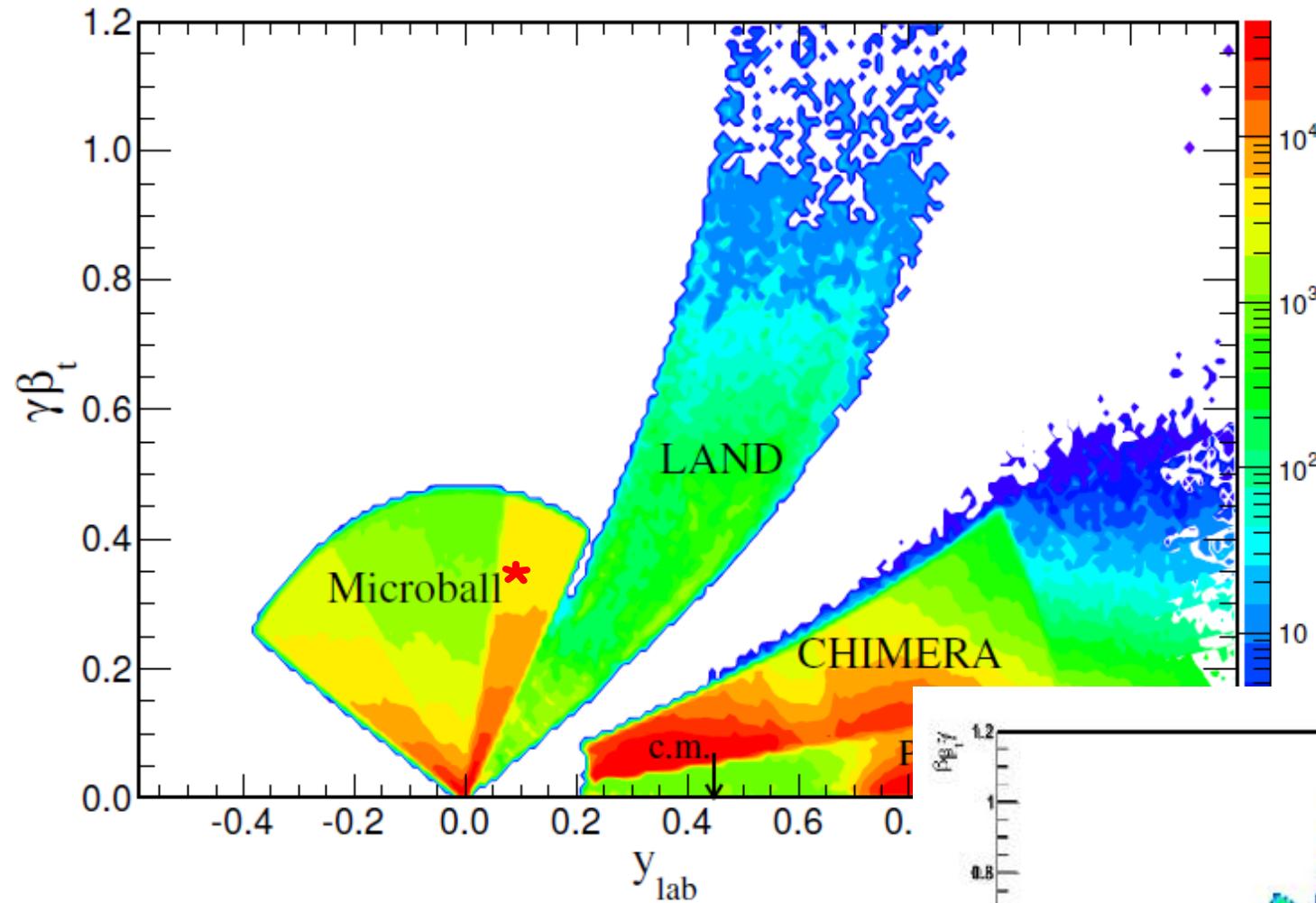


CHIMERA: 8 (2x4) rings,
high granularity CsI(Tl),
352 detectors $7^\circ < \Theta < 20^\circ$ +
16x2 pads silicon detectors.
Light charged particle
identification by PSD.
Multiplicity, Z, A, Energy:
impact parameter and
reaction plane
determination



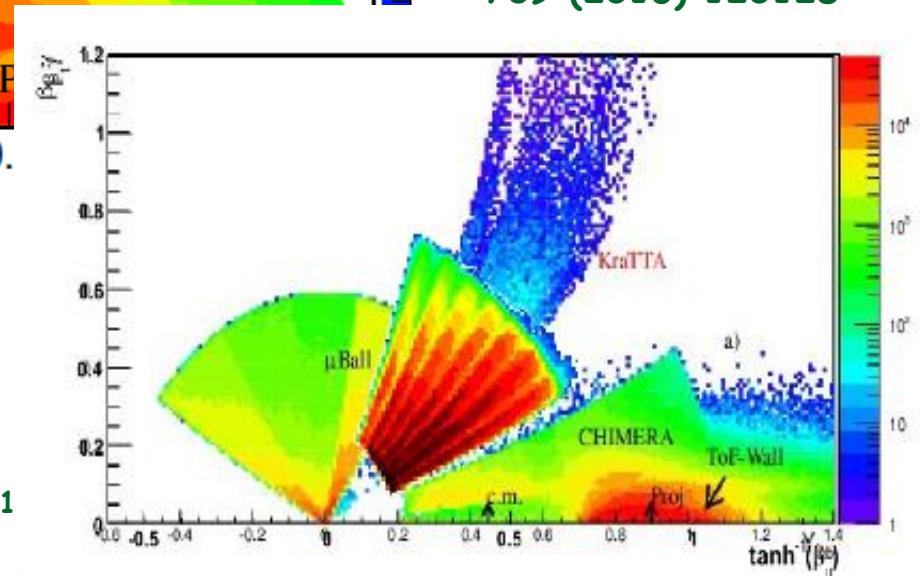
LAND: Large Area
Neutron Detector .
Plastic scintillators
sandwiched with Fe
 $2 \times 2 \times 1 \text{ m}^3$ plus plastic
veto wall. New Taquila
front-end electronics.
Neutrons and Hydrogen
detection. Flow
measurements

Au+Au @ 400 A.MeV: Some kinematics



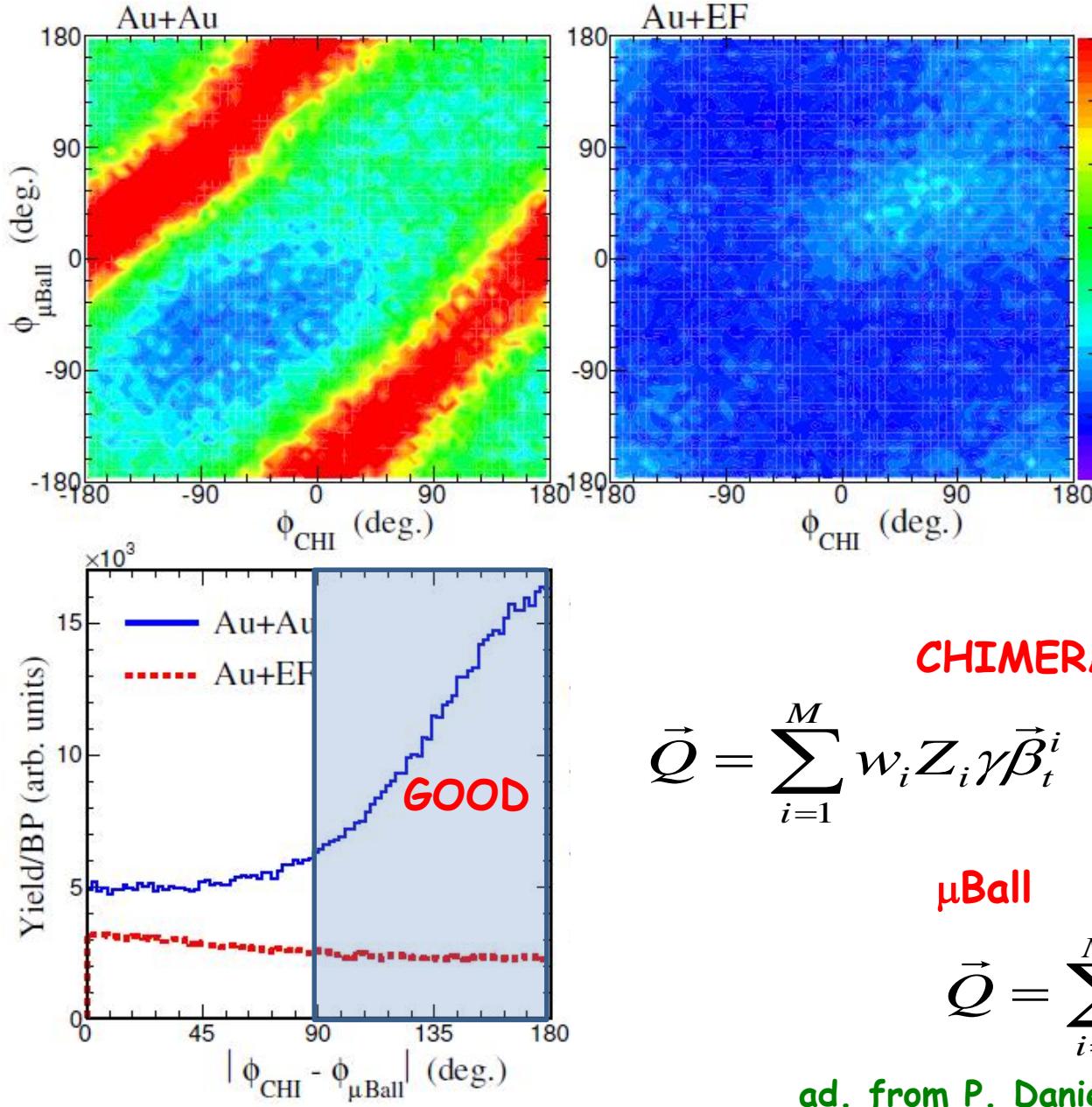
* Uniform distribution with
EKin < 100 Mev

KRATTA:
J. Lukasik et al.,
Nucl. Instr. Meth.
709 (2013) 120128



- P. Russotto et al., EPJA 50, 38 (2014).
- P. Russotto et al., Procs. of INPC2013, EPJ Web of Conf.
- P. Russotto et al., Journal of Phys. Conf. Series 420, 012092, (2014).
- P. Russotto et al., Procs of NN2015, to be published
- P. Russotto et al. to be submitted

Au+Au @ 400 A.MeV: Background rejection



CHIMERA

$M(Y_{cm} > 0.1) \geq 4$

$$\vec{Q} = \sum_{i=1}^M w_i Z_i \gamma \vec{\beta}_t^i \quad w_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } Y_{cm} > 0.1 \\ 0 & \text{for } Y_{cm} < 0.1 \end{cases}$$

μBall $M \geq 2$

$$\vec{Q} = \sum_{i=1}^M \hat{r}_t^i$$

ad. from P. Danielewicz et al., PLB 1985

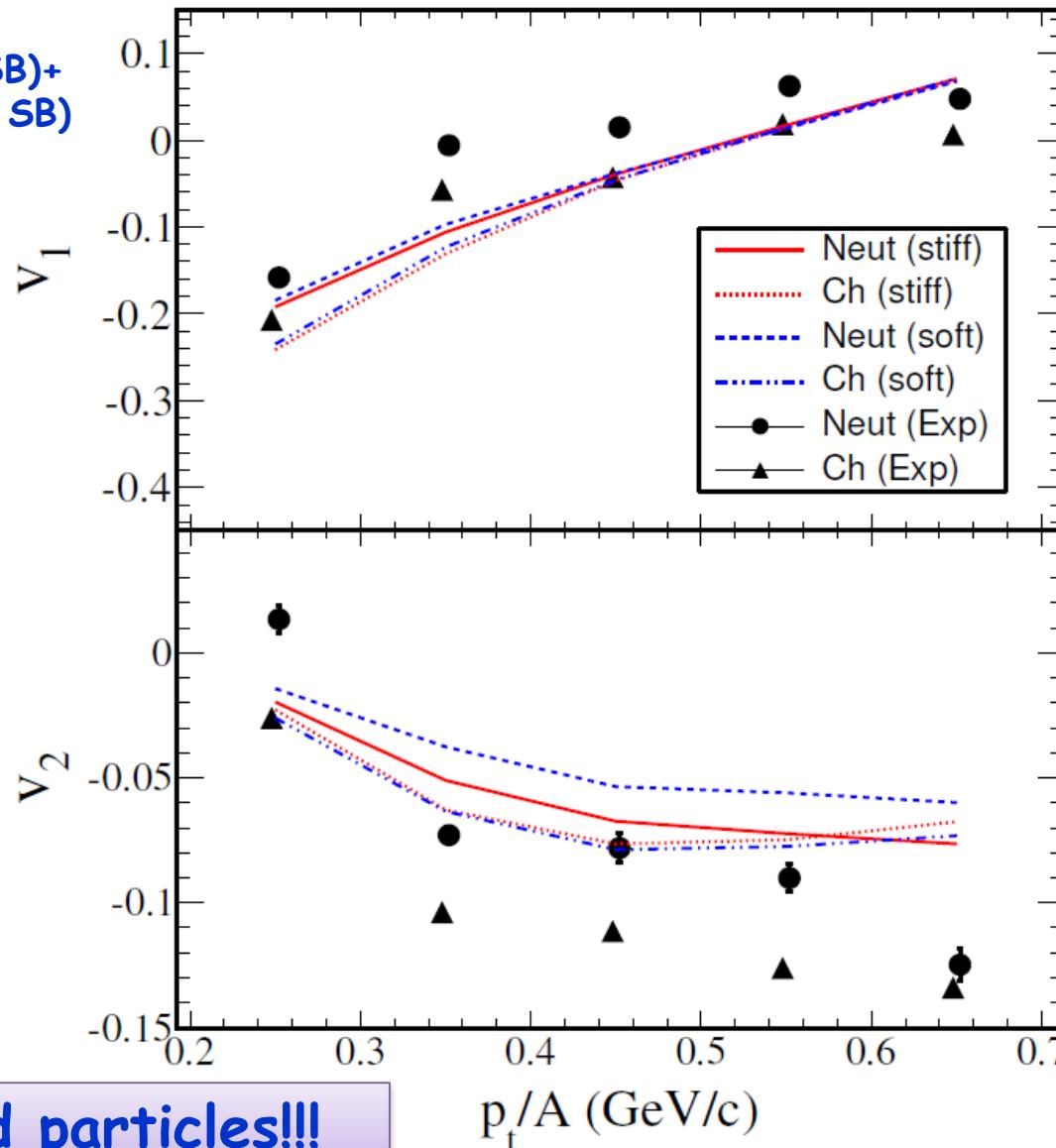
Comparison with UrQMD

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Neutrons:

(Au+Au)-(Au+Au with SB)+
-(Au+EF)+(Au+EF with SB)

Charged Particles:
(Au+Au)-(Au+EF)

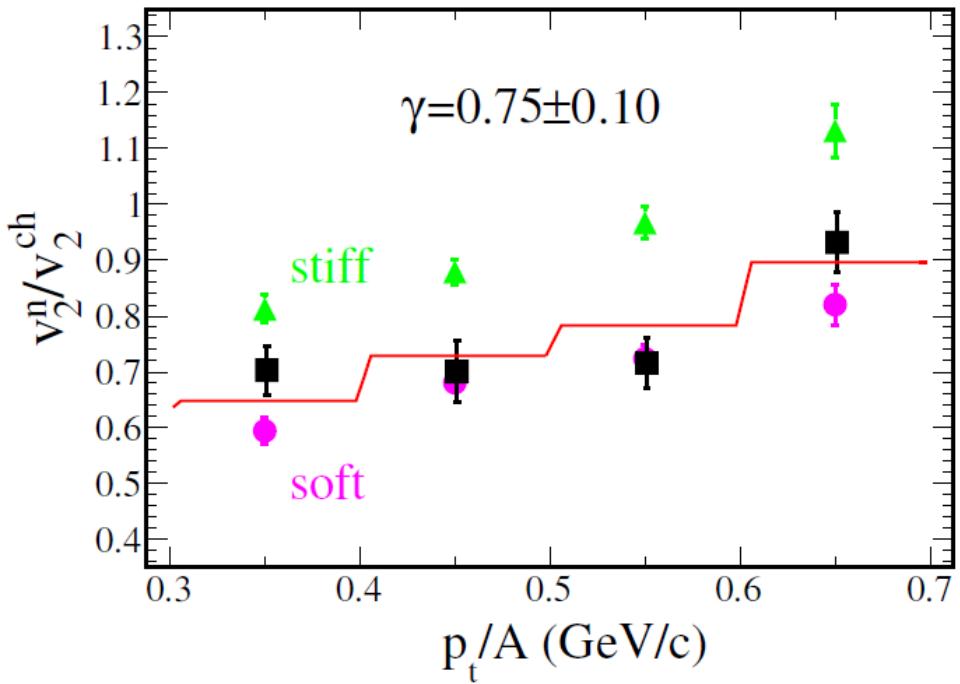


Only charged particles!!!

p_t/A (GeV/c)

Results...

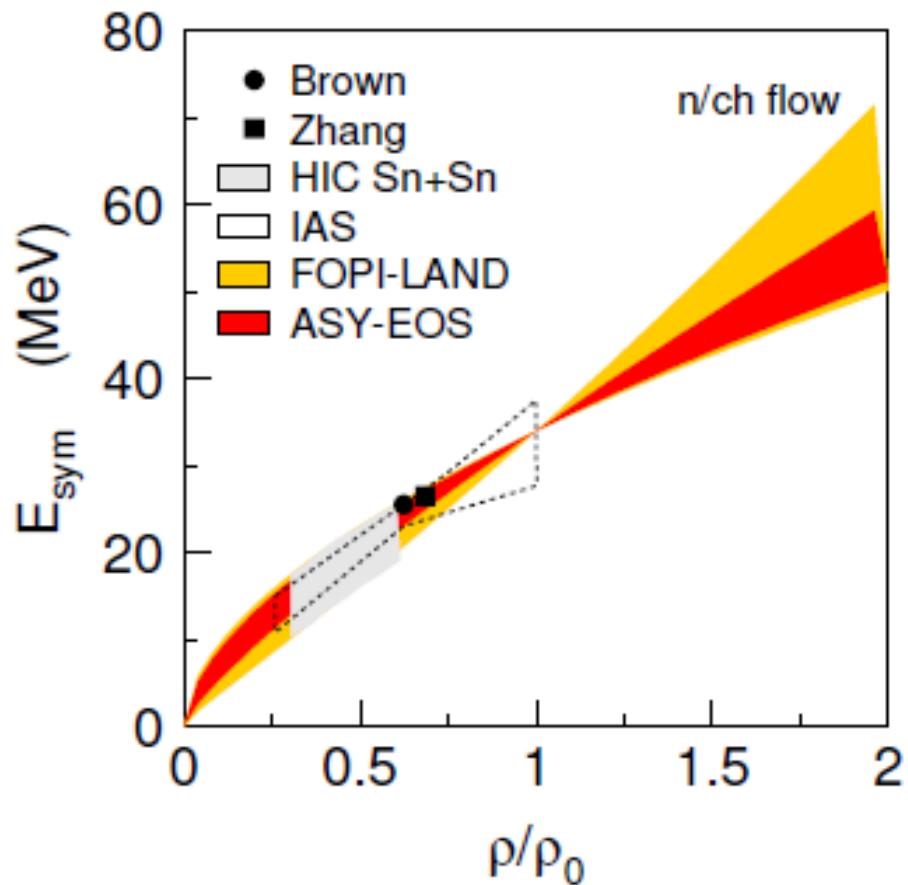
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Phys. Lett. B 697 (2011)
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ASY-EOS DATA: P. Russotto et al., to
be submitted
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P. Russotto et al., to be submitted



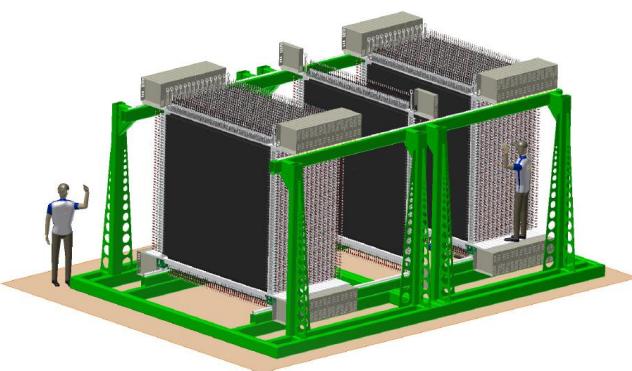
HIC: (mainly Isospin diffusion for Sn+Sn) M.B. Tsang et al., PRC 86, 015803 (2012)

neutron skin thickness, binding energies,...: Brown, PRL 111, 232502 (2013); Zhang & Chen, Phys. Lett. B 726 (2013), Danielewicz & Lee, NPA922 (2014).

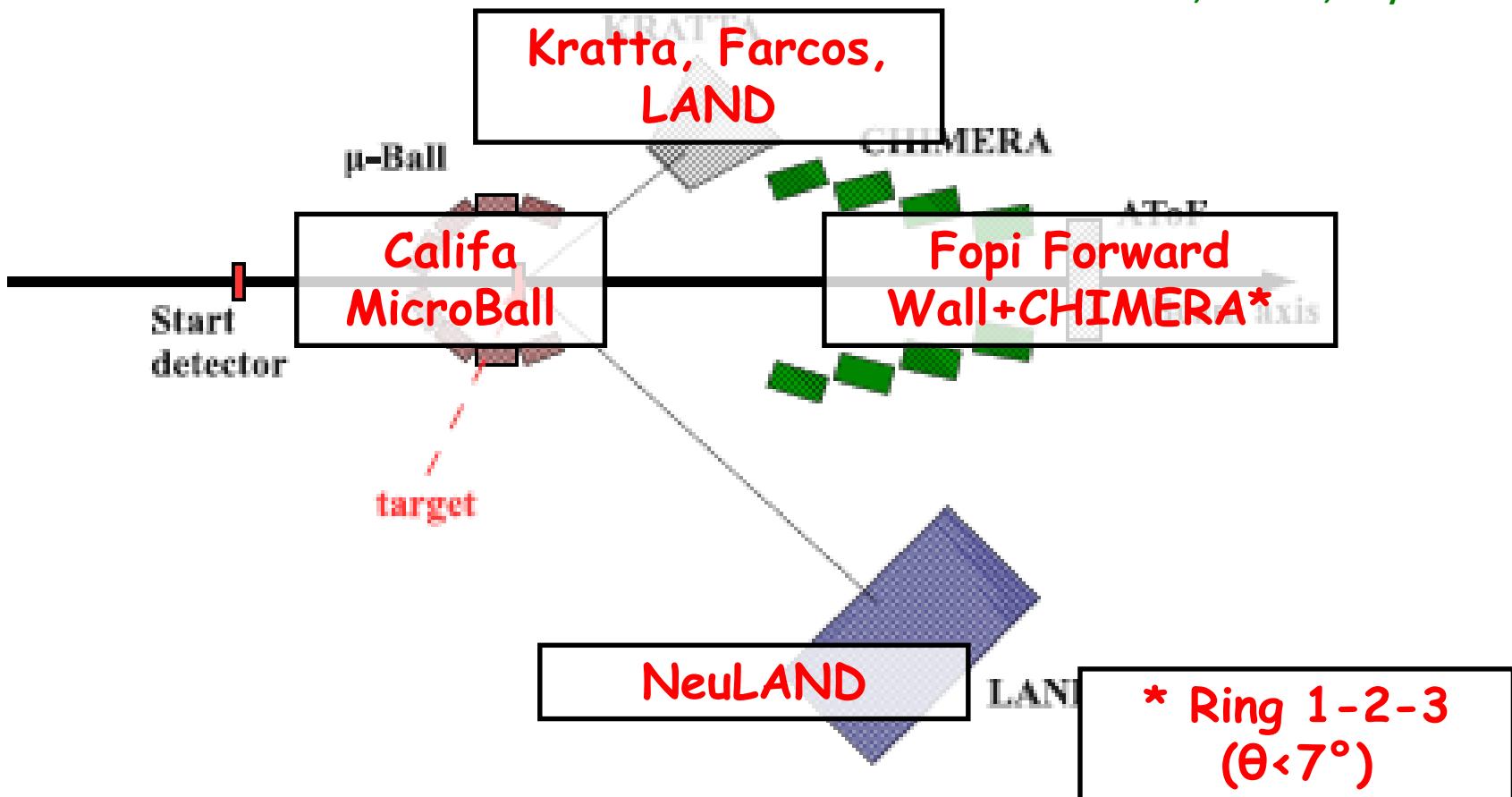
FUTURE Possibilities

NeuLAND @ FAIR/GSI

- TDR finalized in Oct 2011 and submitted
- total volume $2.5 \times 2.5 \times 3 \text{ m}^3$
- each bar readout by two PMT
- 3000 modules (plastic scintillator bars) $250 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$
- 30 double planes with 100 bars each, bars in neighboring planes mutually perpendicular
- $\sigma_t \leq 150 \text{ ps}$ and $\sigma_{x,y,z} \leq 1.5 \text{ cm}$
- one-neutron efficiency $\sim 95\%$ for energies 200-1000 MeV
- multi-neutron detection capability



I. Gasparic AsyEOS2012 workshop,
6.9.2012, Siracusa, Italy



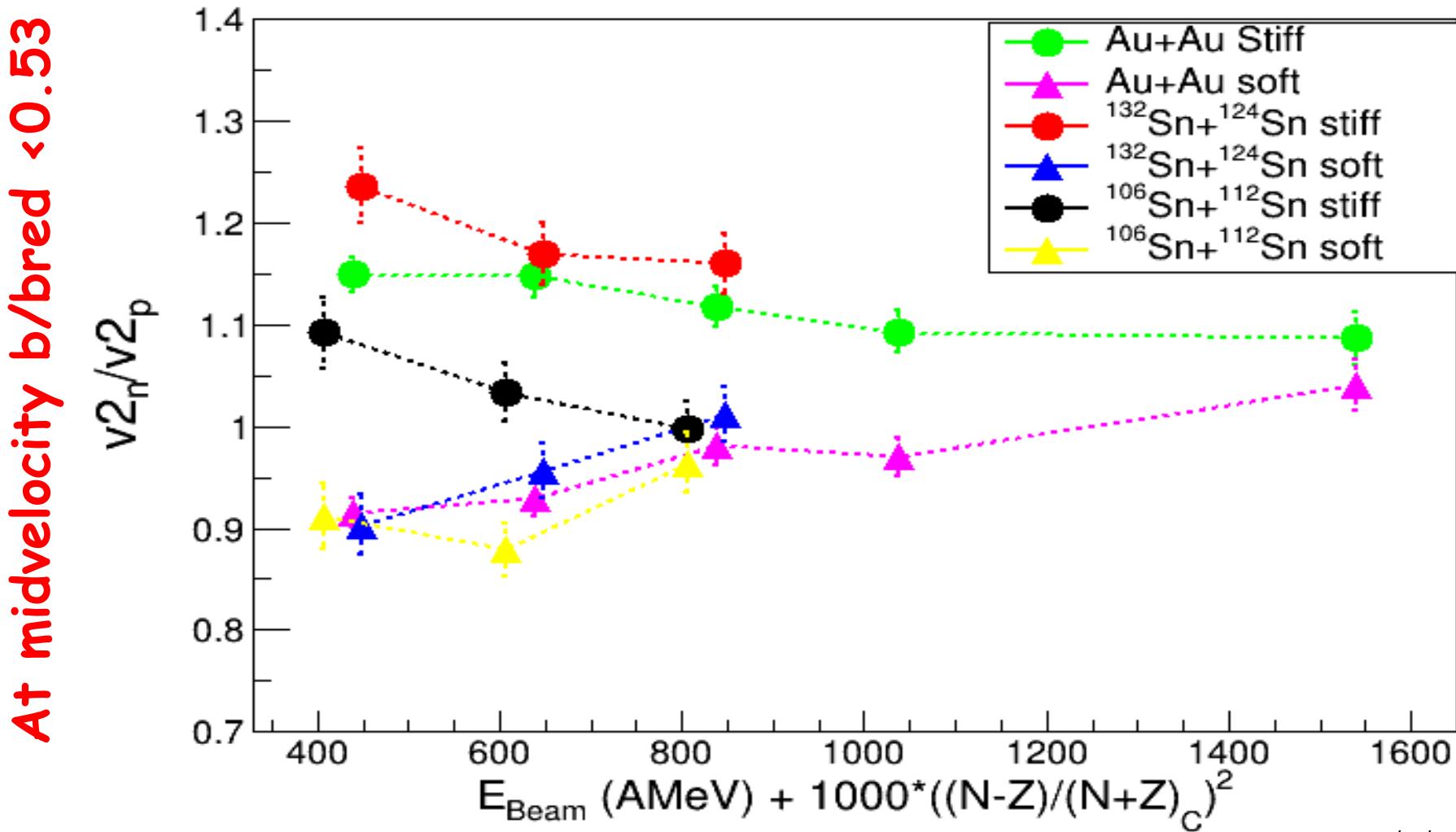
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UrQMD prediction for some interesting beams (and δ^2)

$^{197}\text{Au} + ^{197}\text{Au}$ @ 400, 600, 800, 1000, 1500 AMeV (0.039+0.039)

$^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$ @ 400, 600, 800 AMeV (0.059+0.037)

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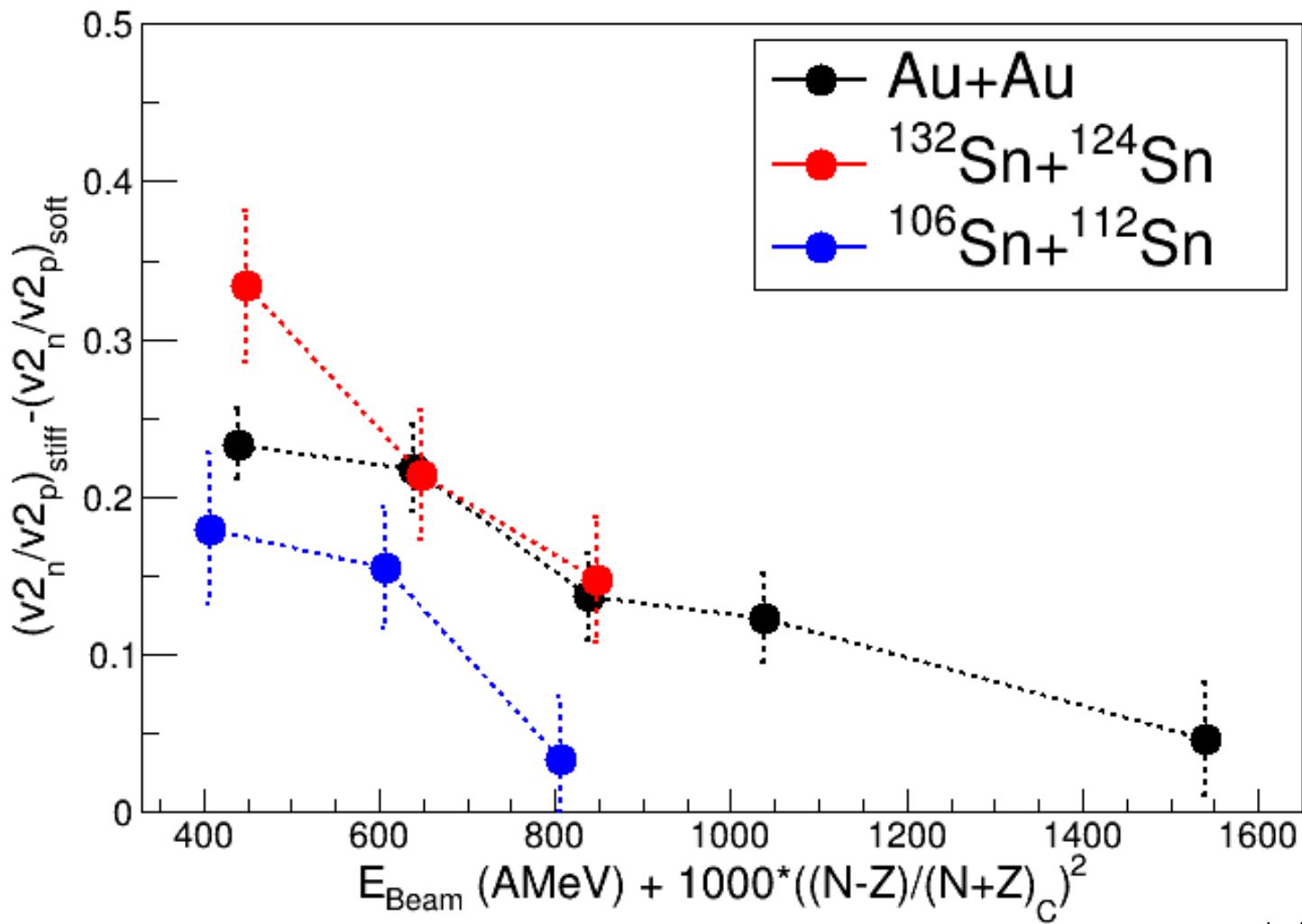
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At midvelocity b/bred < 0.53

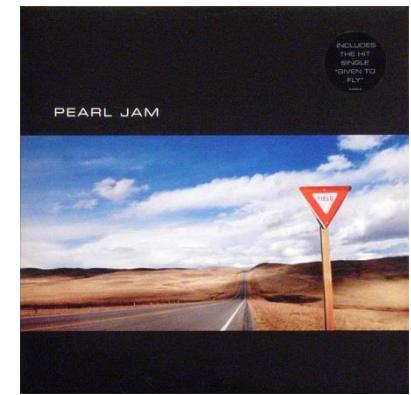


Conclusions

Symmetry Energy:

- Low densities: several constraints quite consistent
- High density:
 - pion constraints not consistent
 - n/p flows suggests...a route "Towards a model-independent constraint of the high-density dependence of the symmetry energy"
 - ASY-EOS data analysis is done, new constraint obtained
- Work on code consistency needed...everywhere
- New and better experiments on n,p flows and ratio, pions and kaons, also with high asymmetric beams (e.g. ^{132}Sn) and new detectors (Riken TPC, NeuLand@R3B)
- International collaborations and efforts

On the road.....



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