

# The ASYEOS experiment at GSI and how to proceed towards higher density constraints of the symmetry energy

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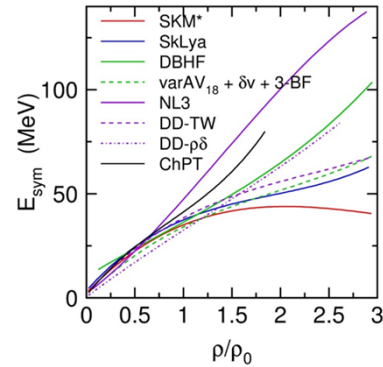
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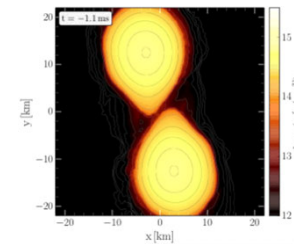
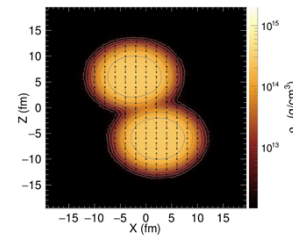
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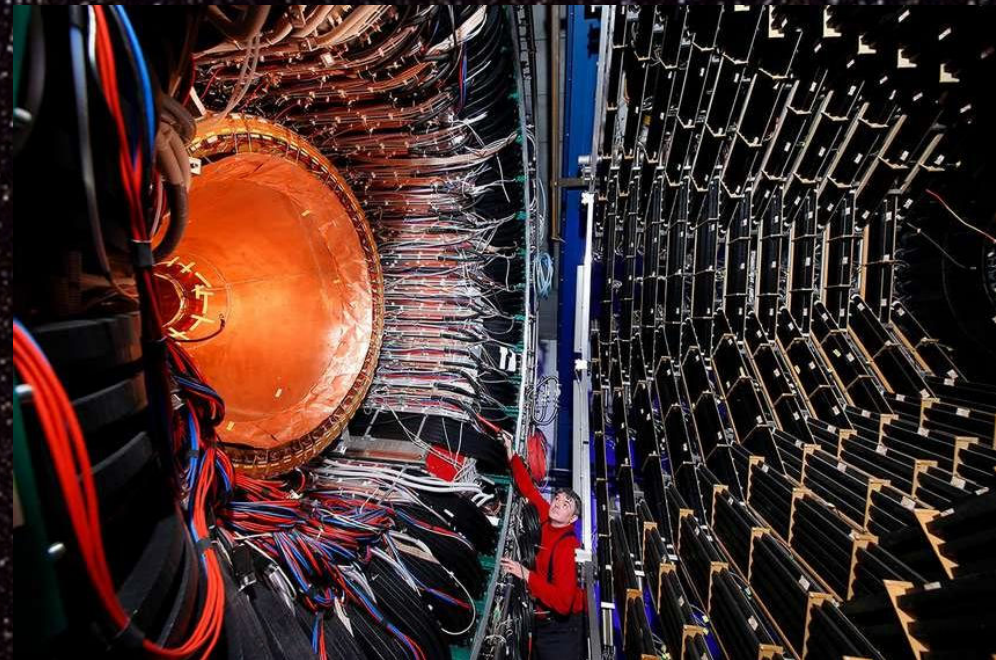
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# Motivation: Equation of state of nuclear matter

EOS in thermodynamics pressure  $P(\rho, T)$

$$P = \rho^2 \left. \frac{\partial E/A}{\partial \rho} \right|_{T=const}$$

Nuclear physics EOS

$$\frac{E}{A} = E/A(\rho) \Big|_{T=0}$$

Nuclear incompressibility  $K$

$$K = 9 \rho^2 \left. \frac{\partial^2 E/A}{\partial^2 \rho} \right|_{\rho=\rho_0}$$

Asymmetry parameter  $\delta = \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho_n + \rho_p}$

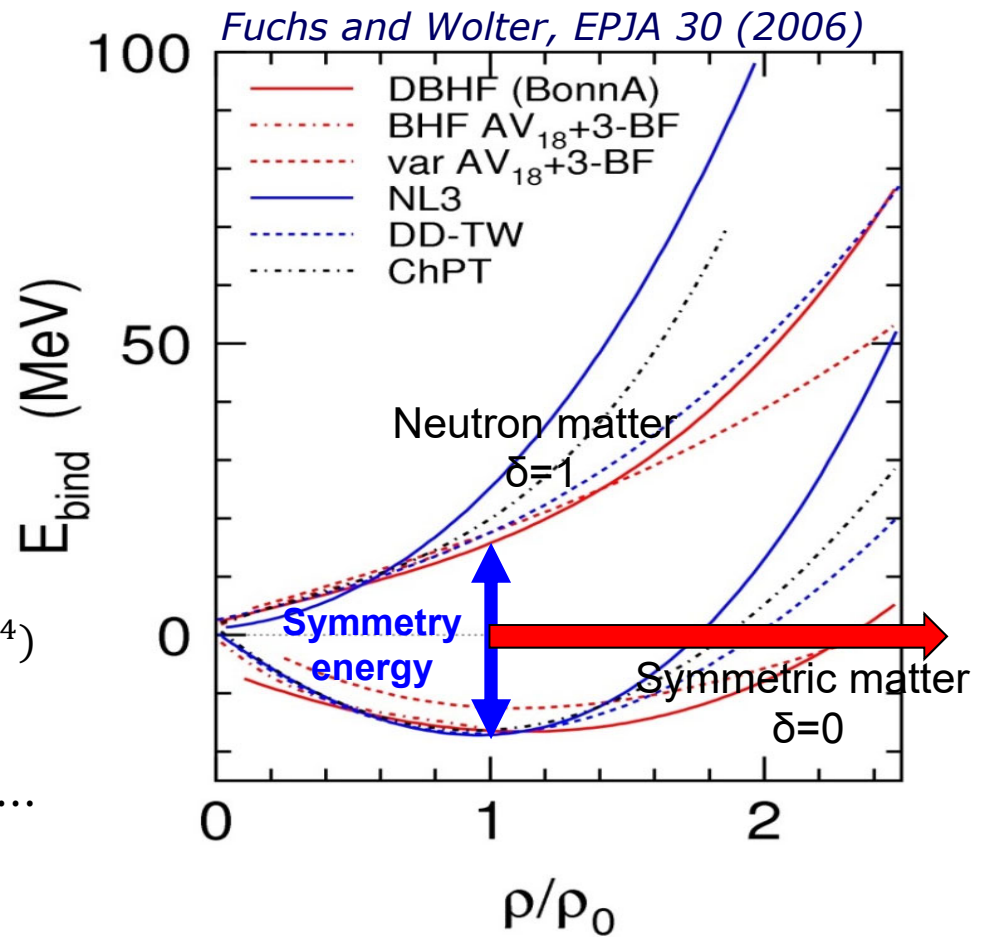
Symmetry energy  $E_{sym}$

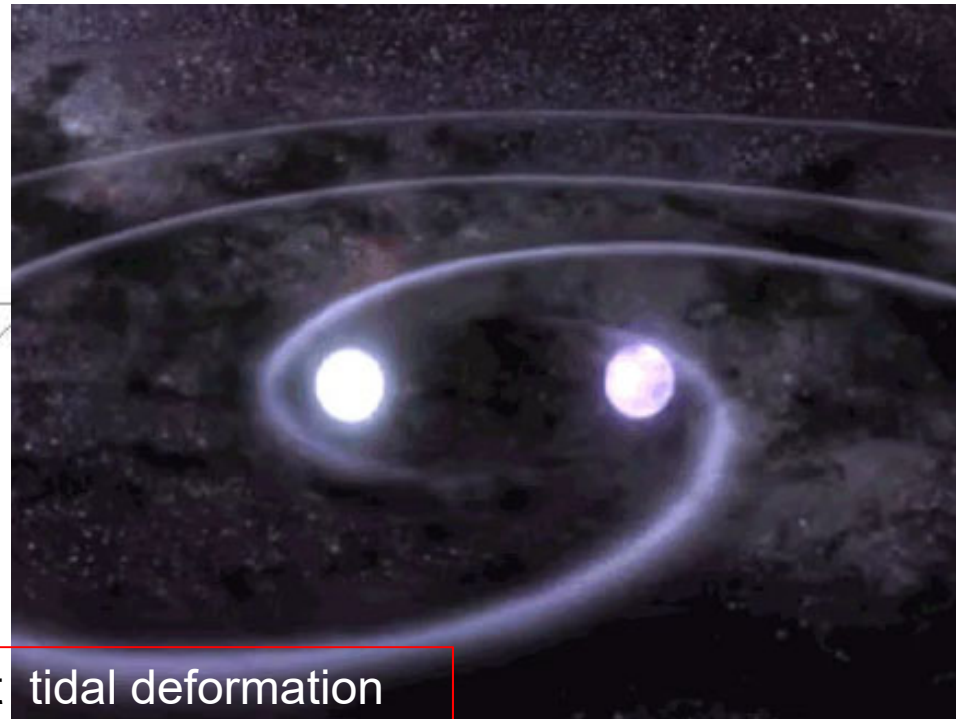
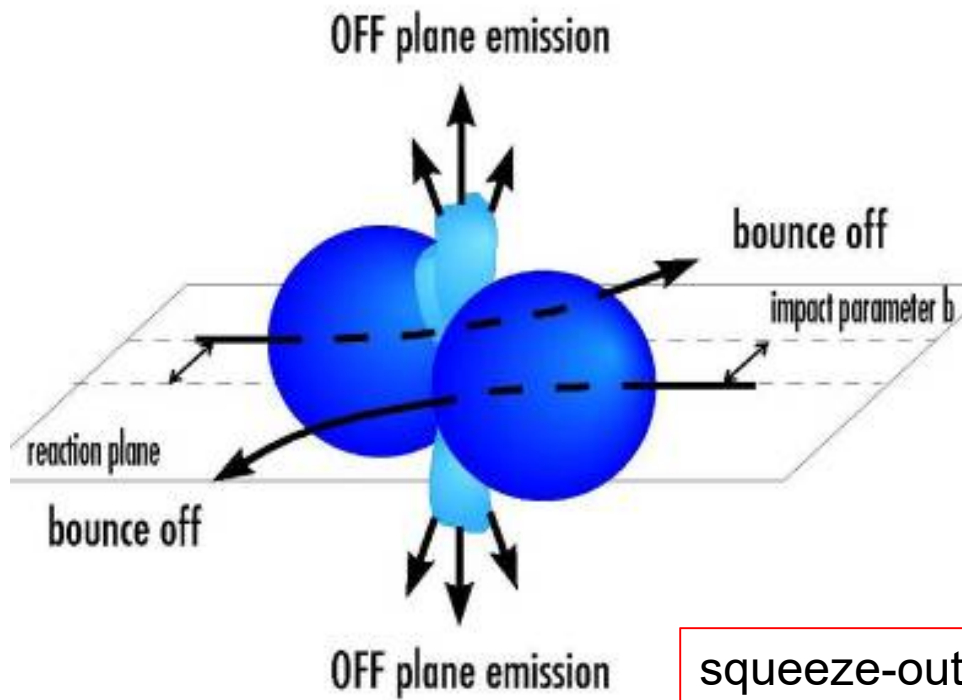
$$E(\rho, \delta) = E_{SNM}(\rho, \delta = 0) + \delta^2 E_{sym}(\rho) + O(\delta^4)$$

mit

$$E_{sym} = E_{sym,0} + \frac{L}{3} \left( \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right) + \frac{K_{sym}}{18} \left( \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right)^2 + \dots$$

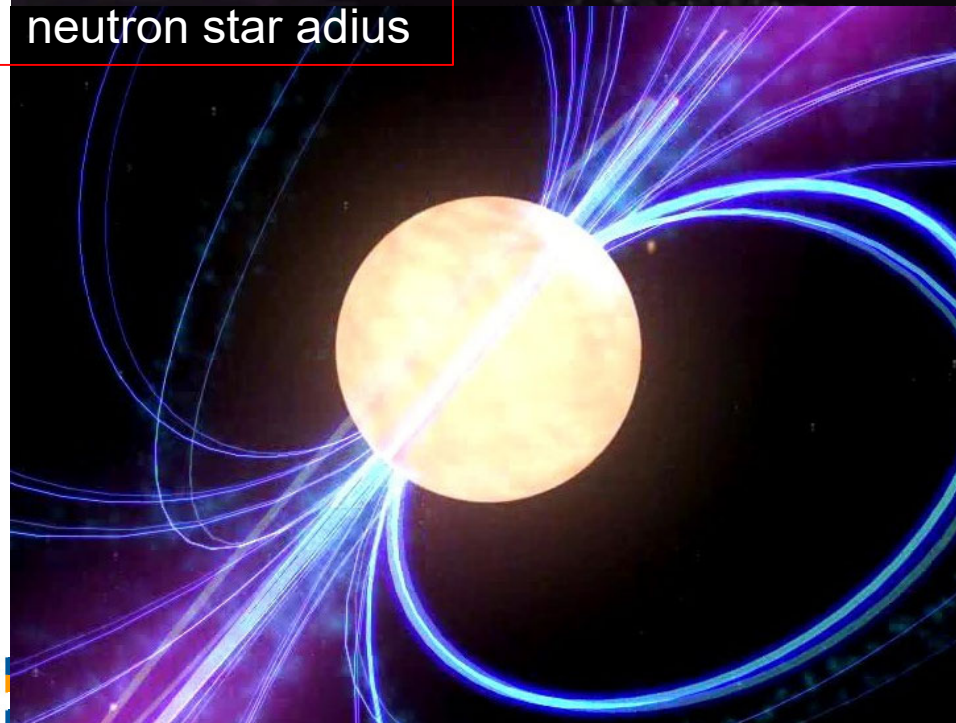
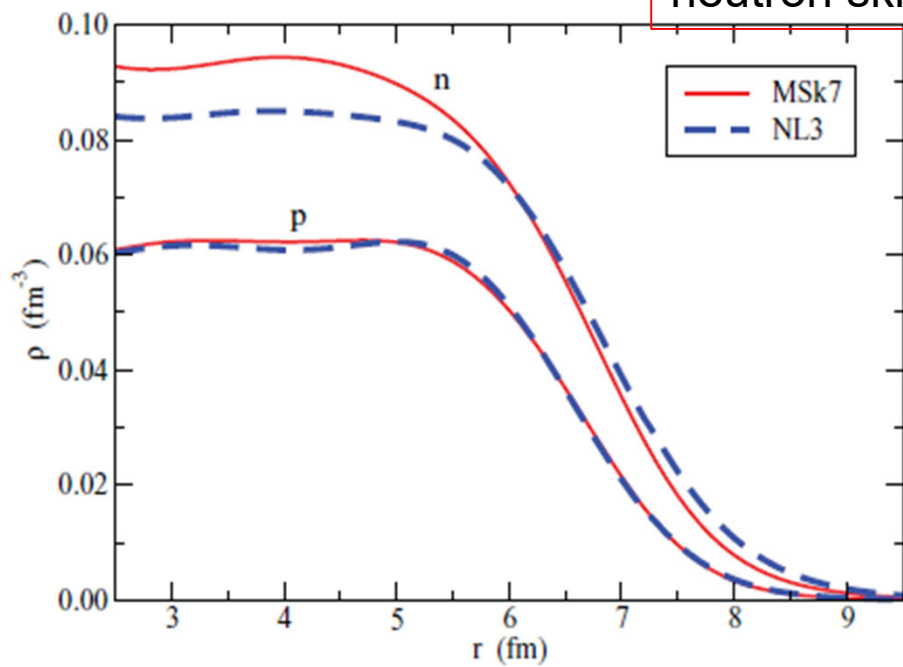
Slope  $L = 3\rho_0 \frac{\partial E_{sym}}{\partial \rho}$



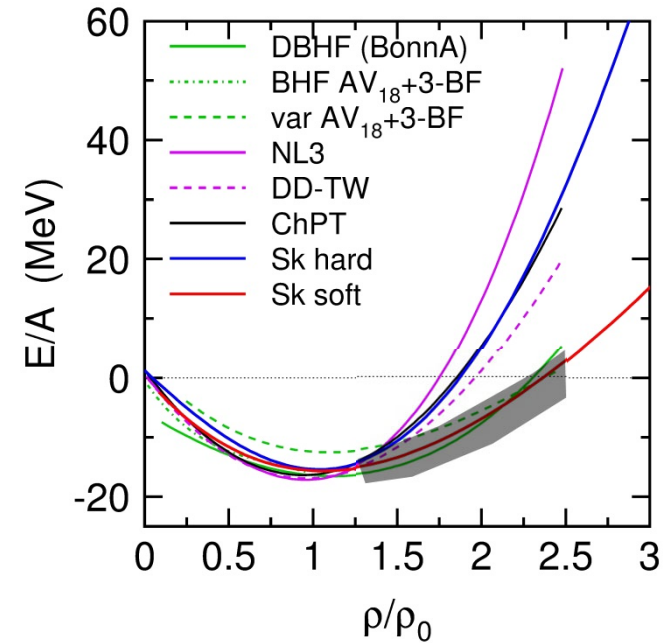
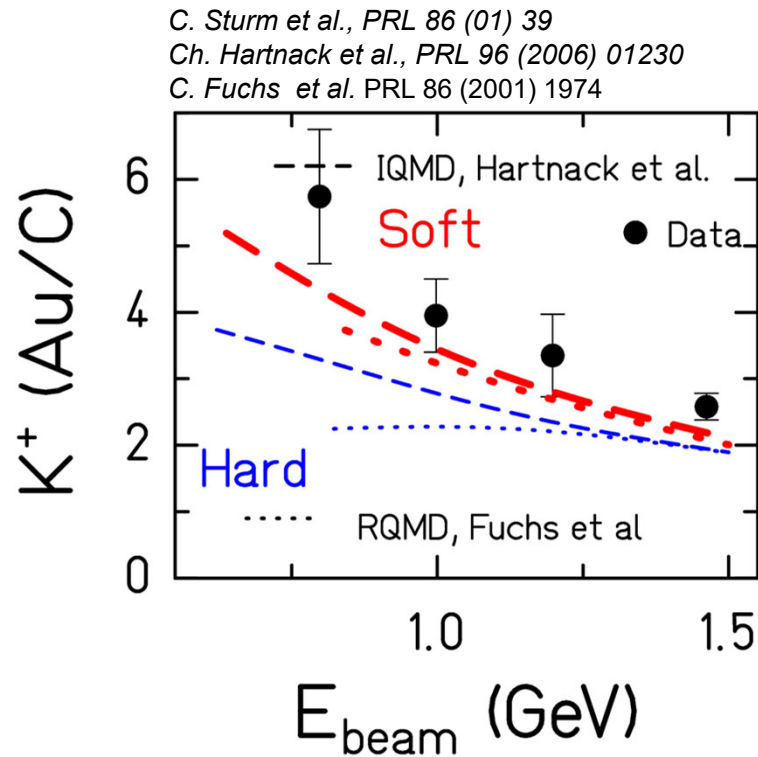


squeeze-out  
neutron skin

tidal deformation  
neutron star radius



# Probing the EOS of symmetric matter with Kaon production

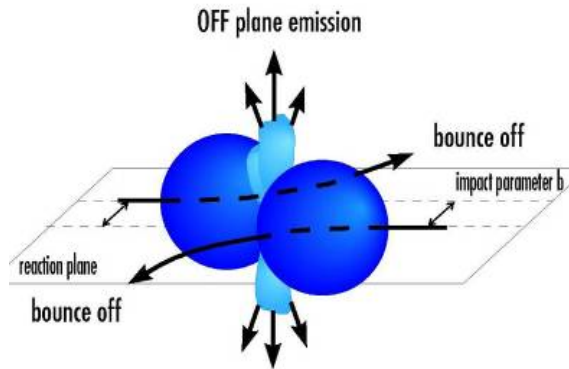


Ratio of yields stable against variation of  
 $K^+$  production cross section  
 Strong sensitivity to EOS due to multistep  
 production (formation of nucleon resonances,  
 e.g.  $\Delta$ )

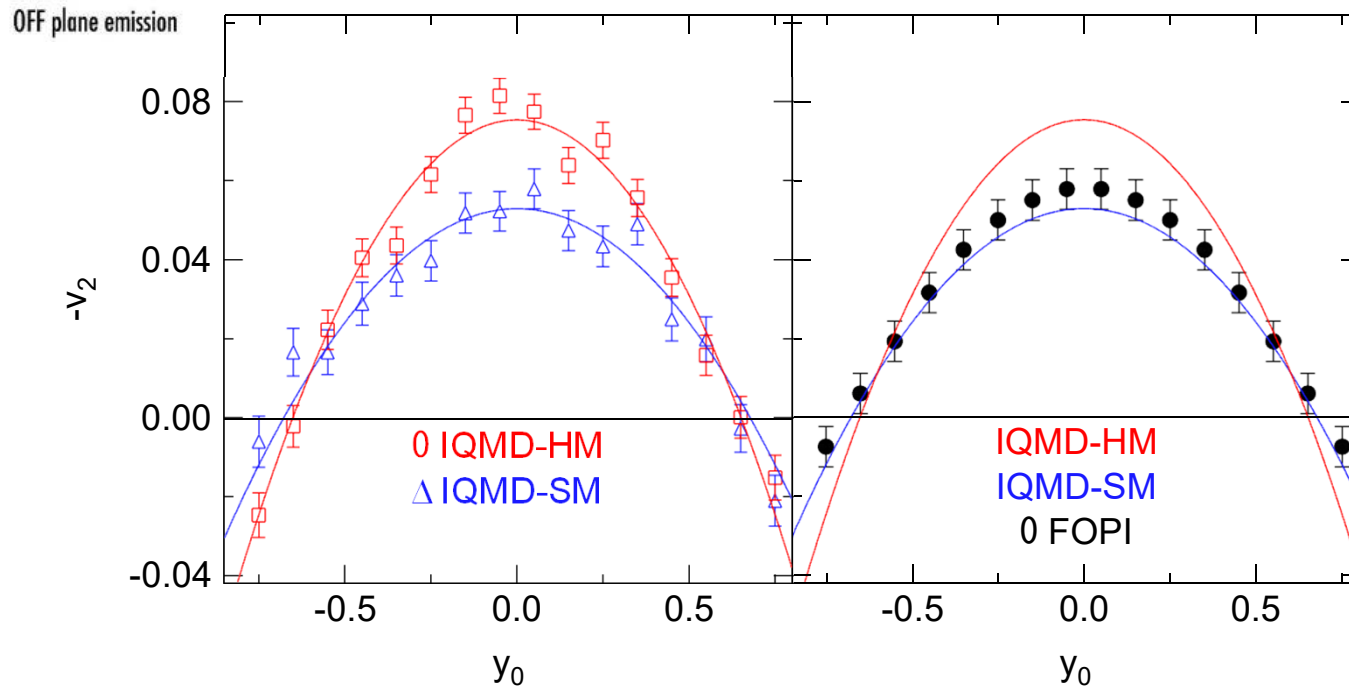
-> soft EOS (K=200)

Isospin dependence of EOS [  $N/Z(\text{Au}) = 1.49$  ]

# Probing the EOS of symmetric matter with flow



Au+Au 1.2A GeV  $0.25 < b_0 < 0.45$  protons



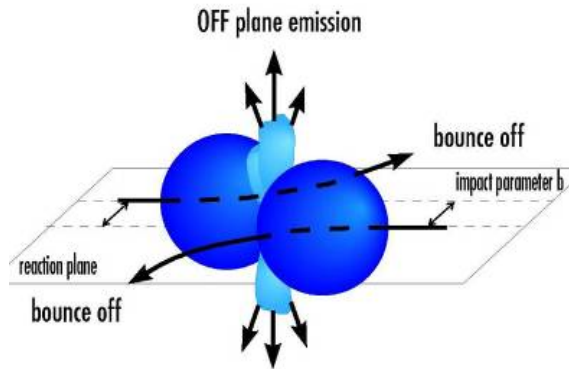
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With momentum dependent interaction:  
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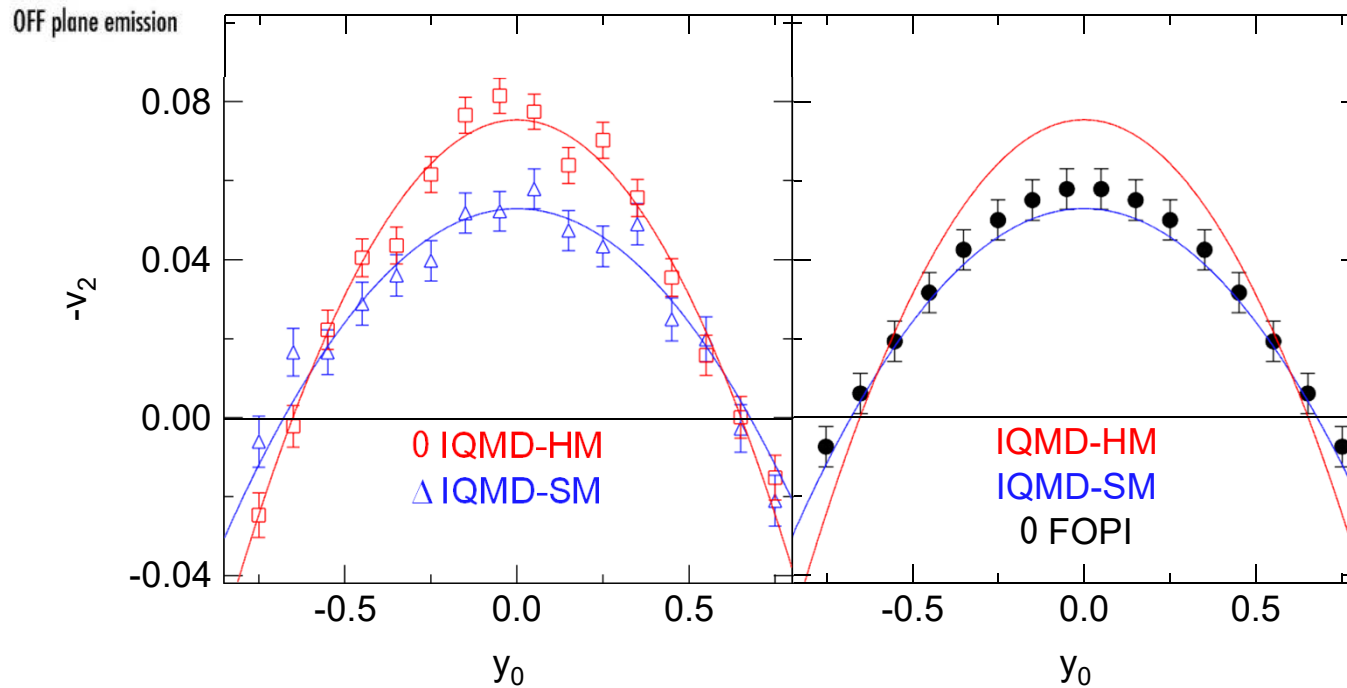


Parametrization of shape:

$$v_2(Y^{(0)}) = v_{20} + v_{22} \cdot Y^{(0)2}$$

$$v_{2n} = |v_{20}| + |v_{22}|$$

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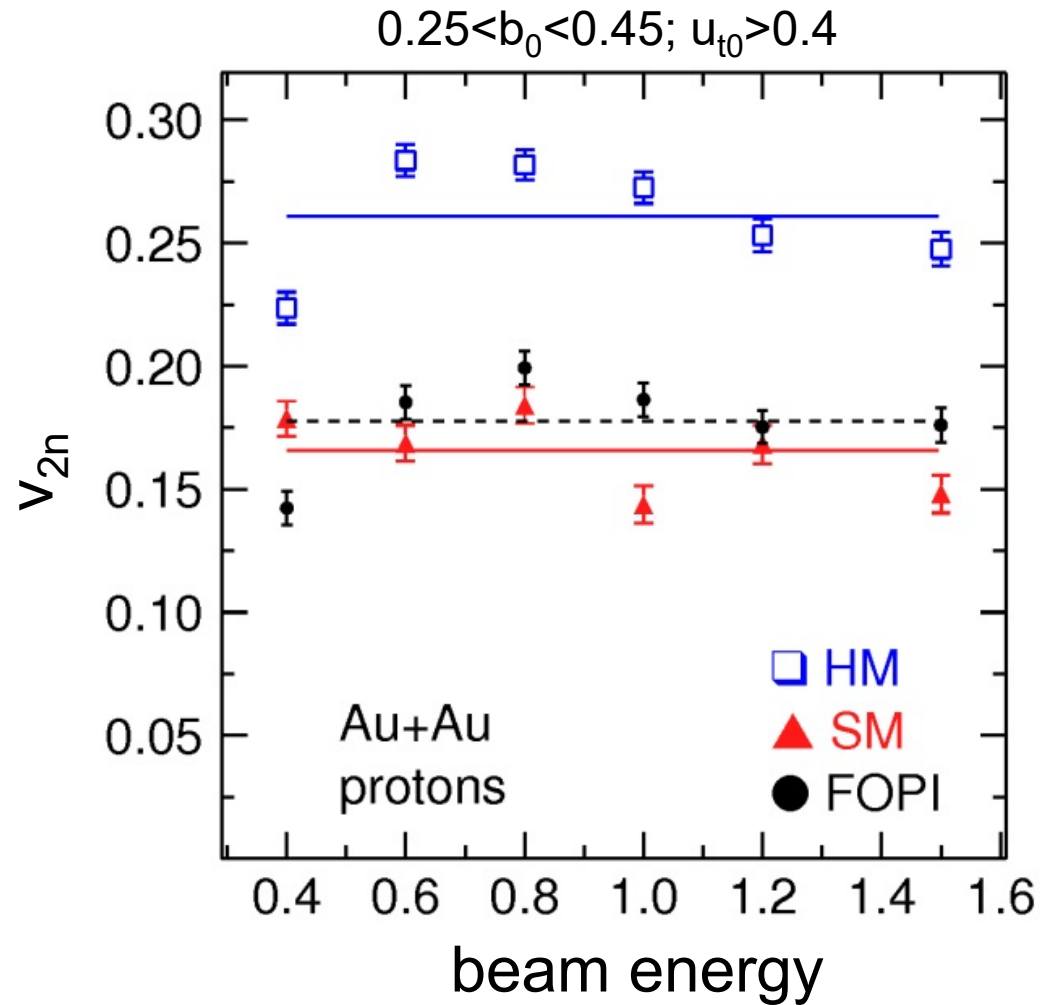
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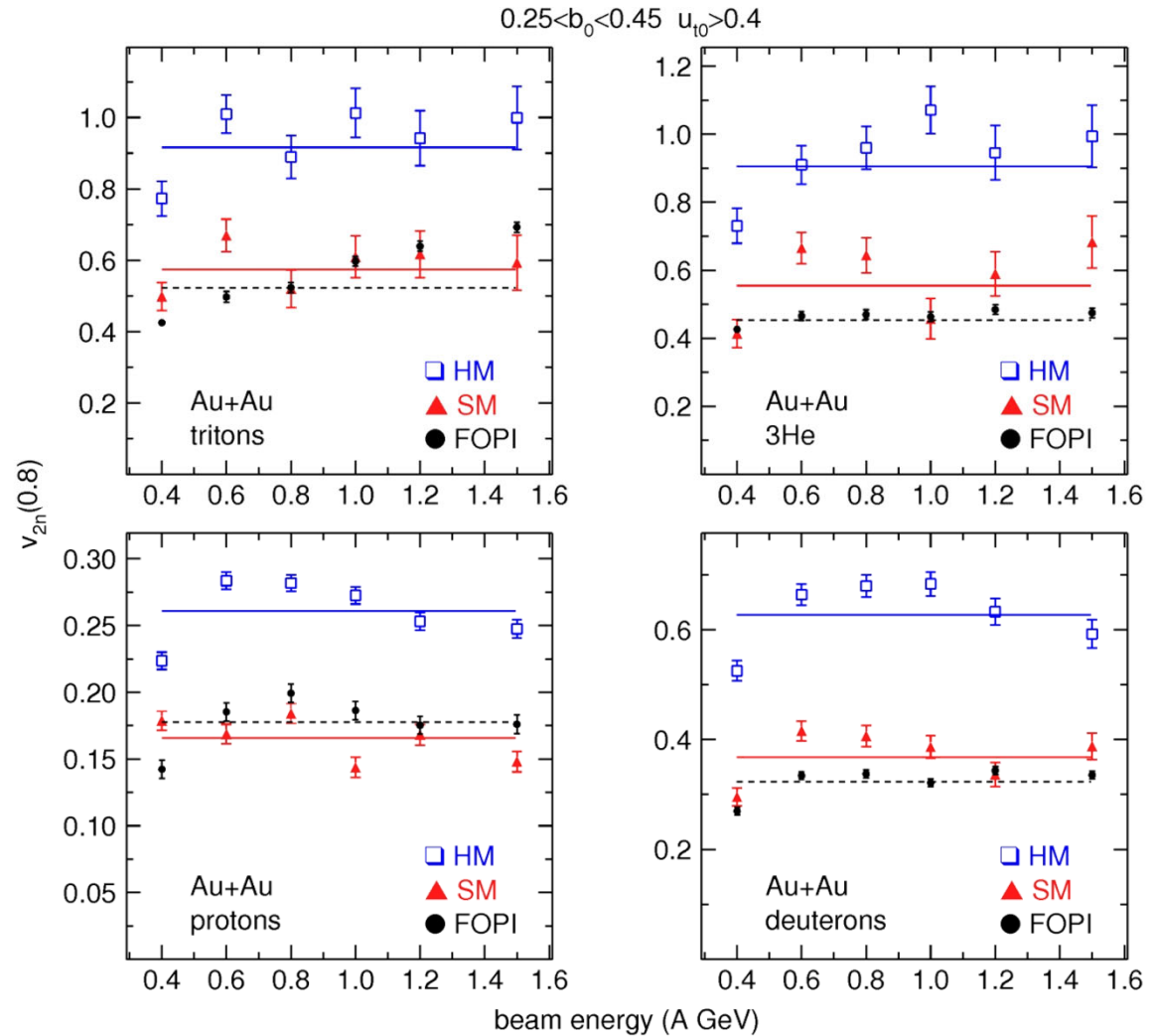
- sensitive to EOS over a large energy range
- $v_{2n}(E_{\text{beam}})$  varies by a factor  $\approx 1.6$ ,  $\gg$  measured uncertainty ( $\approx 1.1$ )
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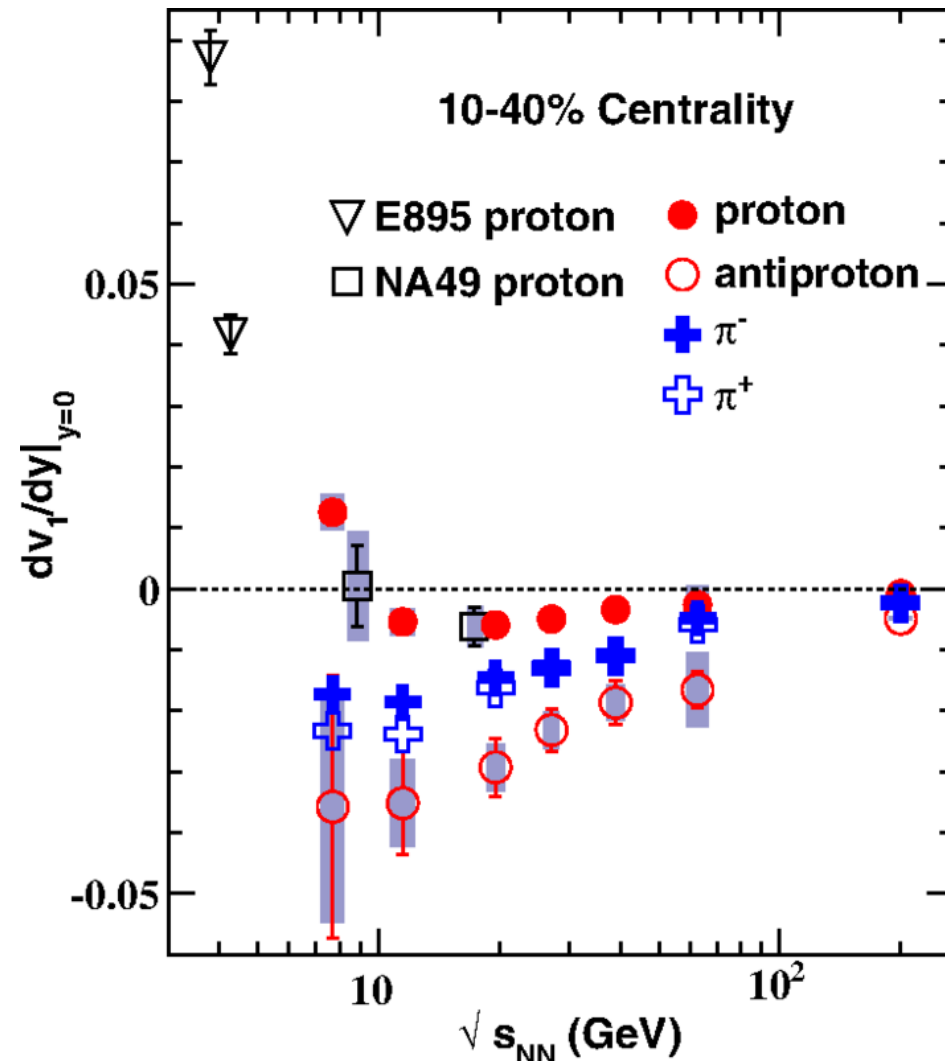
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# Some comparisons

- consistent to former results *P. Danielewicz et al. Science 298, 1592 (2002)*
- elliptic flow is less sensitive to stiffness of EOS at higher energies
- a possible 1. order phase transition would lead to a softening of the EOS and vanishing directed flow: STAR, *PRL 112, 162301 (2014)*, *Y. Nara et al., PLB 769, 543 (2017)*



# Constraints for $K_0$ from elliptic flow

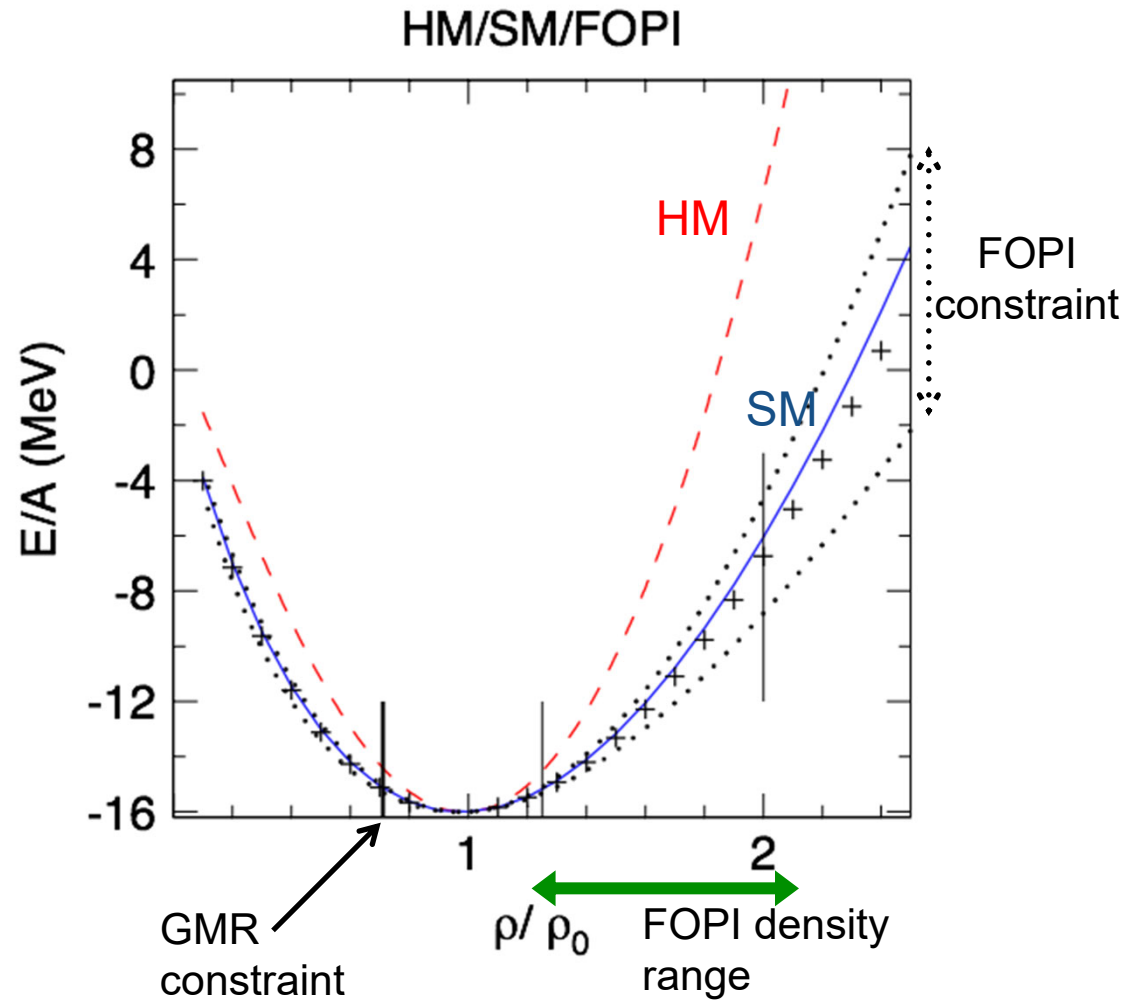
$K_0$  as from FOPI flow data

*IQMD*  $\rightarrow K_0 = 190 \pm 30$  MeV

[A. Le Fèvre et al., *NPA*945(2016)112-133]

*UrQMD*  $\rightarrow K_0 = 220 \pm 40$  MeV

[Y. Wang et al., *PLB*-778(2018)207-212]



A. LeFevre et al, *Nucl. Phys. A* 876 (2012) 1

# Symmetry energy at supra-normal densities

Differential elliptic flow  $v_2$  of n/p

UrQMD\* (Q. Li et al.) predicts

“hard”  $E_{\text{sym}}$     protons unchanged  
 →  
 “soft”  $E_{\text{sym}}$     neutron and proton flow inverted

## Towards model invariance:

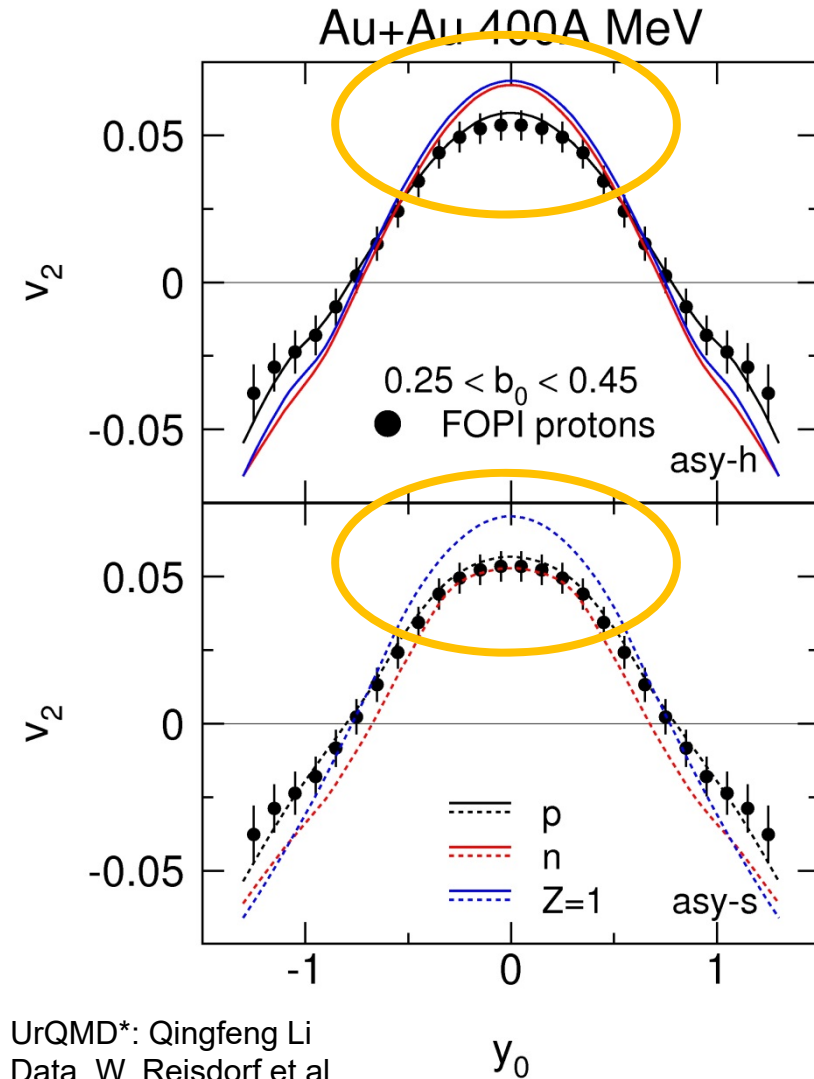
tested stability with different models:

- soft vs. hard EOS **190 < K < 280 MeV**
- density dependence of  $\sigma_{\text{NN,elastic}}$
- asymmetry dependence of  $\sigma_{\text{NN,elastic}}$
- optical potential
- momentum dependence of isovector potential

M.D. Cozma et al., arXiv:1305.5417

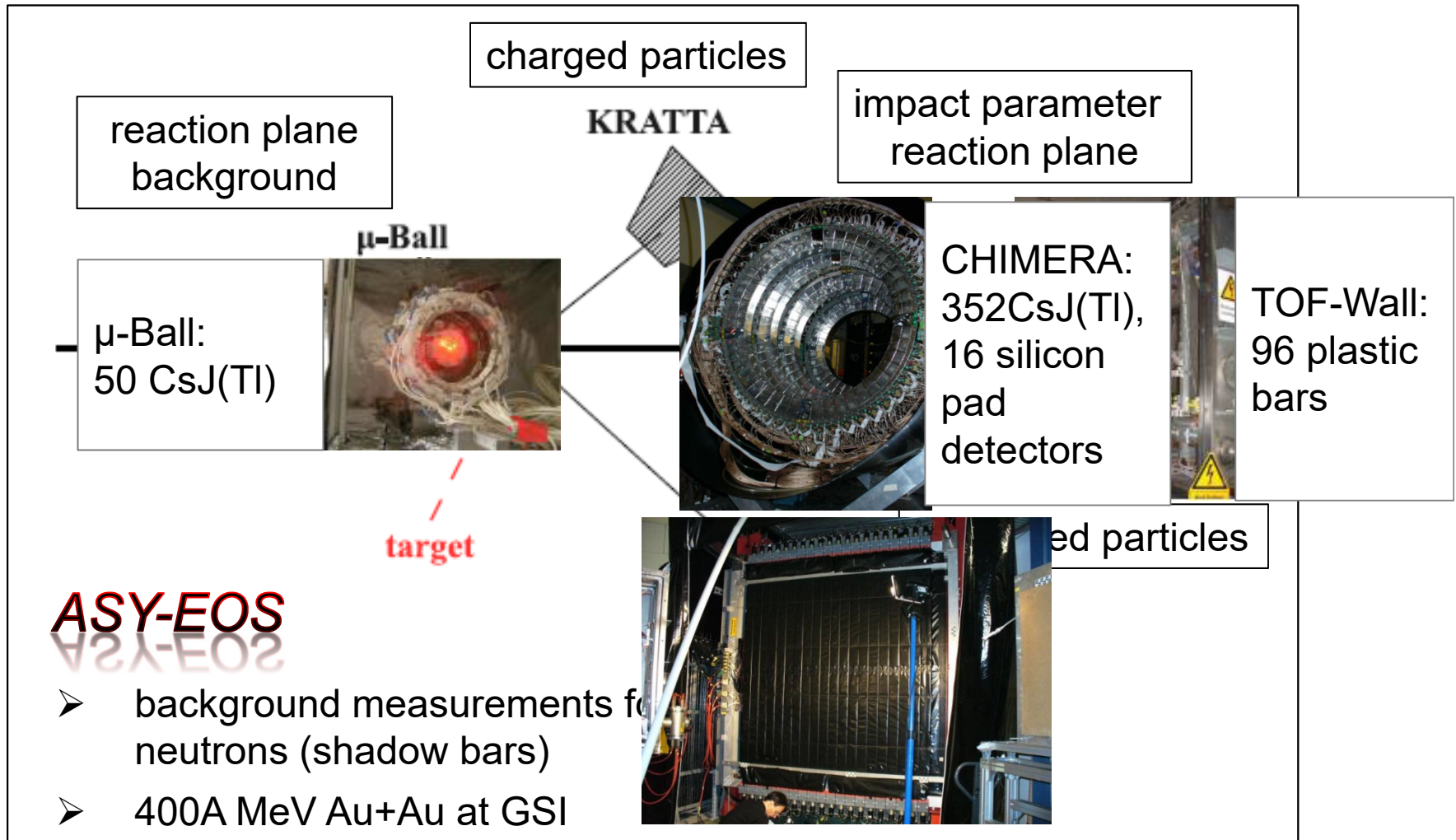
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Y. Wang et al., PRC 89, 044603 (2014)



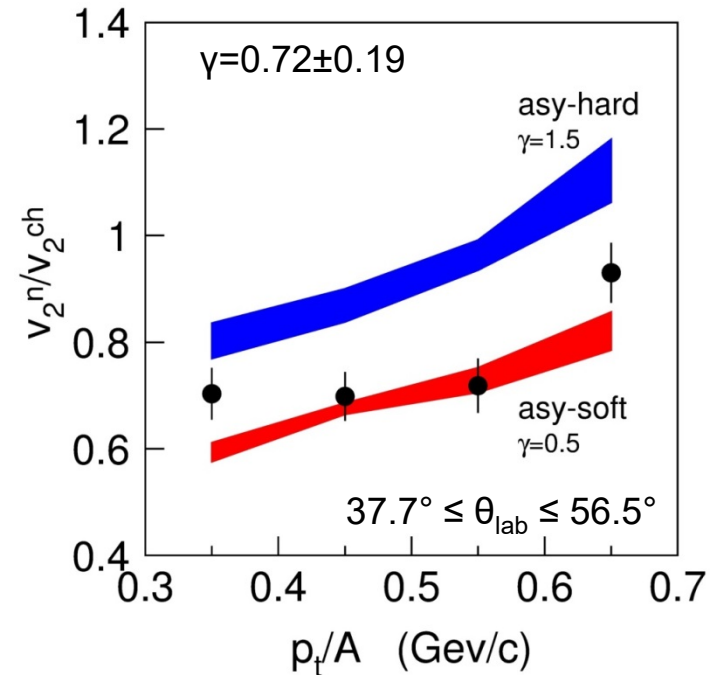
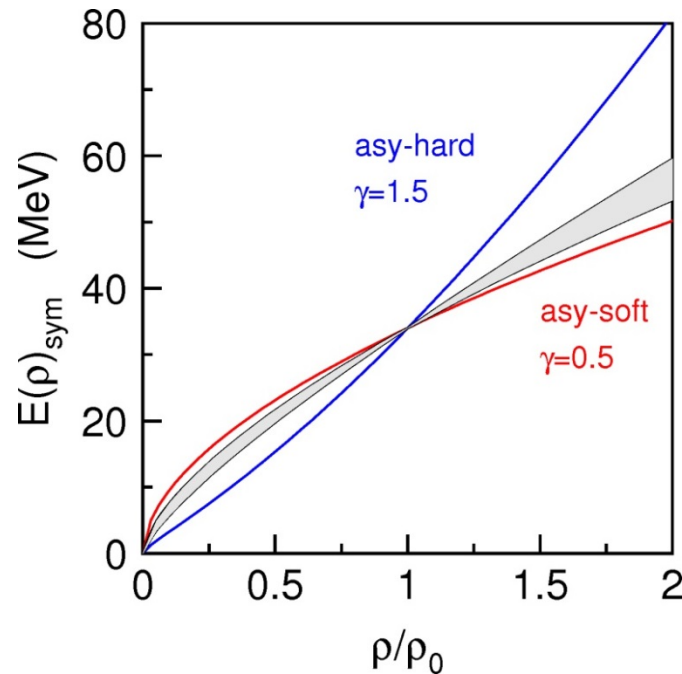
UrQMD\*: Qingfeng Li  
 Data. W. Reisdorf et al.

# ASY – EOS Experiment



# Elliptic flow ratio of neutrons and charged particles

*P. Russotto et al., PRC 94, 034608 (2016)*



Parametrization for SE used in UrQMD\* model:

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

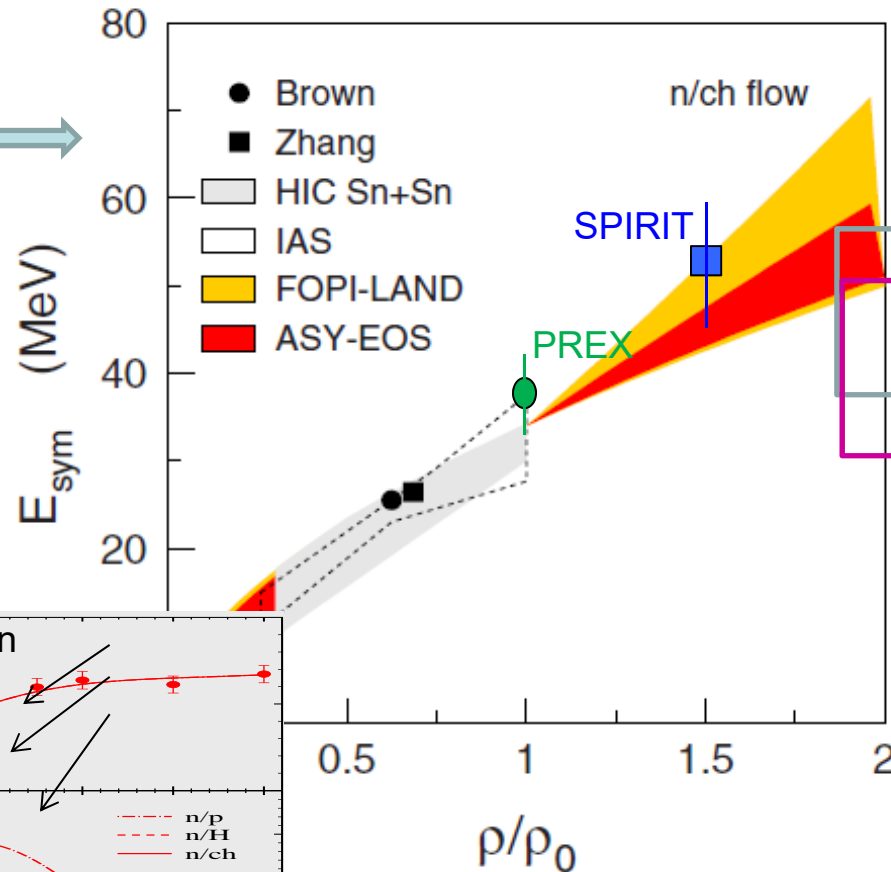
Ambiguity in  $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0)$

- slope parameter:  $L = 72 \pm 13$  MeV,  $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0) = 34$  MeV
- slope parameter:  $L = 63 \pm 11$  MeV,  $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0) = 31$  MeV



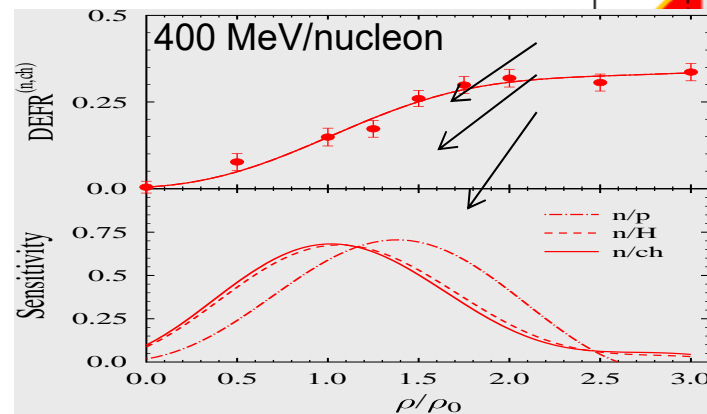
# ASY-EOS: constraints on symmetry energy

compiled by  
Horowitz et al.,  
JPhysG (2014)



neutron star  
X-ray observations  
Zhang & Li  
EPJA 55:39 (2019)  
 $E_{\text{sym}}(2\rho_0) = 47 \pm 10 \text{ MeV}$

Bayesian analysis  
GW170817 and  
radii of QLMXB  
Xie & Li  
arXiv:1907.10741  
 $R = 10.8 - 11.9 \text{ km}$   
 $E_{\text{sym}}(2\rho_0) = 39^{+12}_{-8} \text{ MeV}$



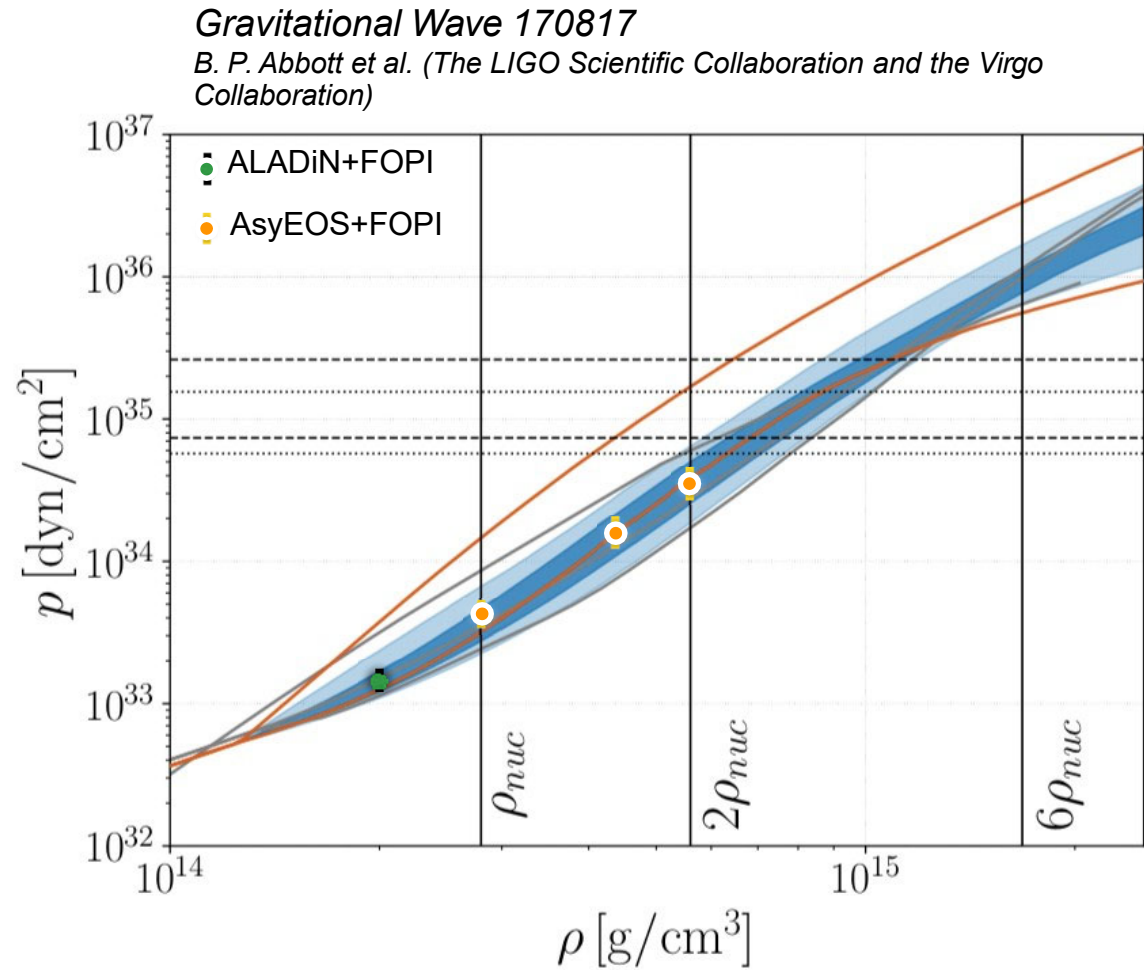
density probed by the elliptic flow ratio  
in Au+Au at 400 MeV/nucleon

*P. Russotto et al., PRC 94, 034608 (2016)*  
*W.G. Lynch, M.B. Zhang, arXiv:2106.10119*  
*PREX, PRL 126, 172502 (2021)*

# Comparison to results from neutron star merger event GW 170817

How can we combine FOPI, AsyEOS and ALADiN results to deduce the pressure in a neutron star?

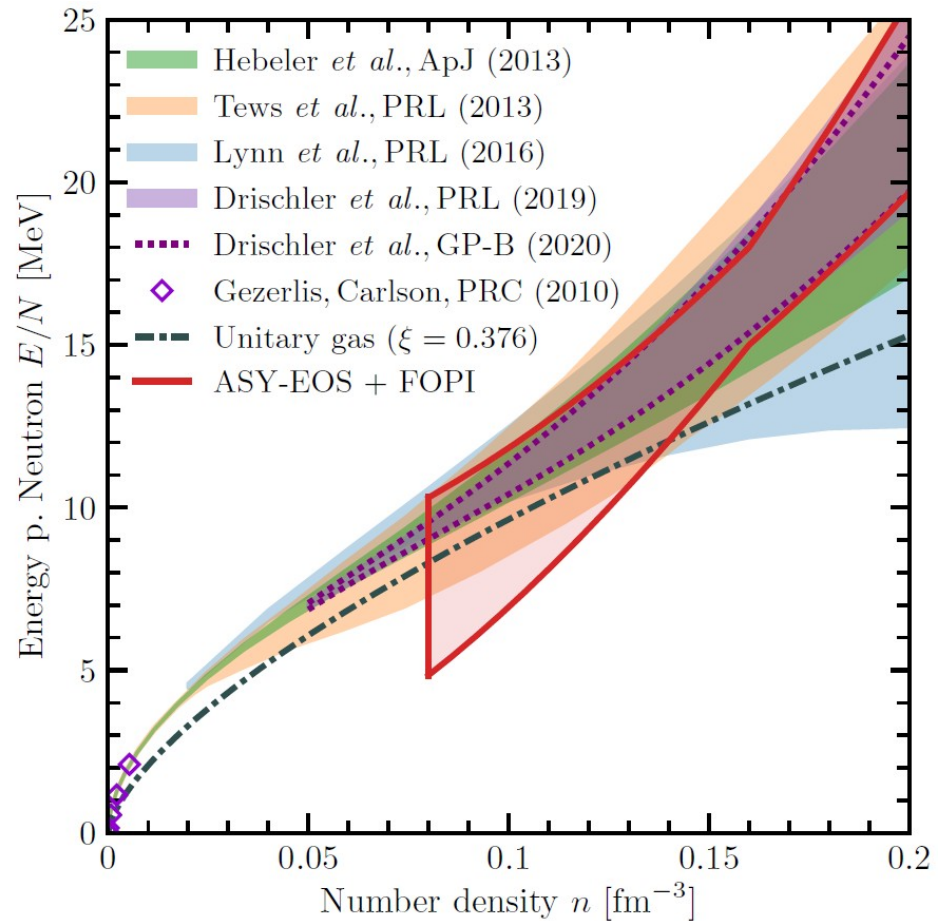
- Have  $(P_{NN}^{sym}(K_0) + P_{asy}(L))\delta$   
 $\delta = 0.9(5\% \text{protons} + \text{degenerate } e^-)$
- $L$  as from AsyEOS at  $1-2\rho_0$
- $K_0$  as from FOPI flow data



# Comparison of HIC results to recent astrophysical findings

How can we combine FOPI, AsyEOS results to deduce the pressure in a neutron star?

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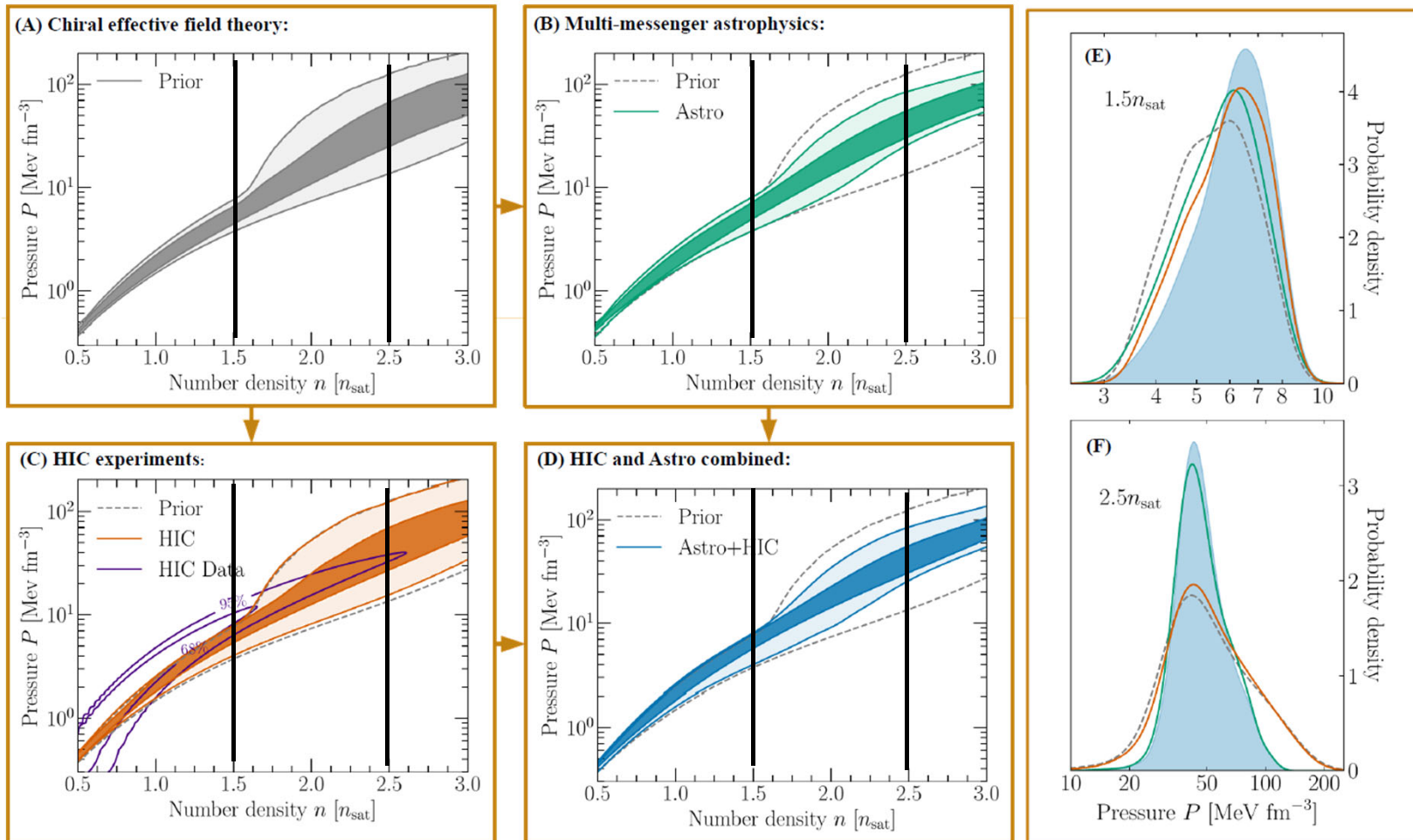


S. Huth, P.T.H. Pang et al., arXiv:2107.06229 (2021)[nucl-th]

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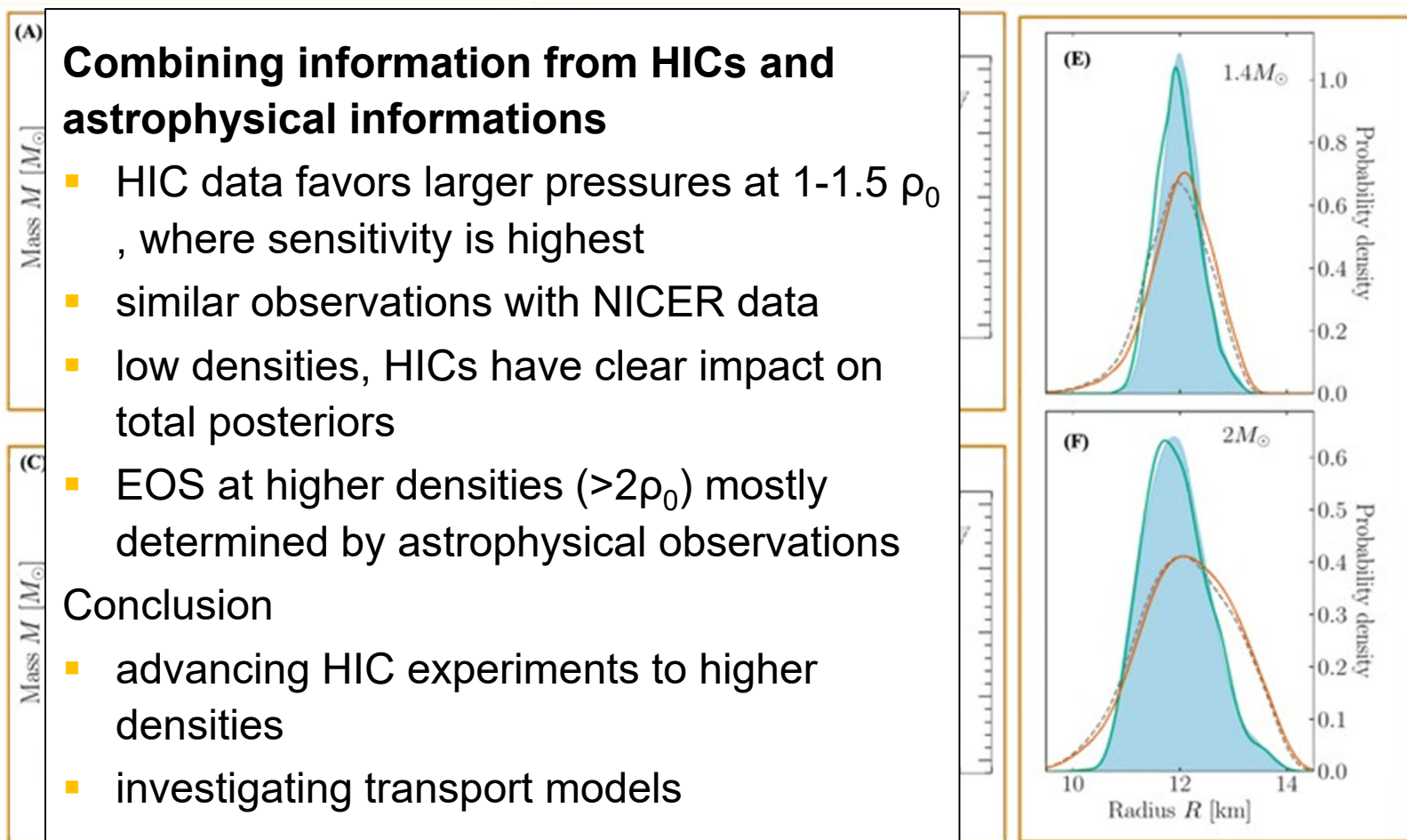
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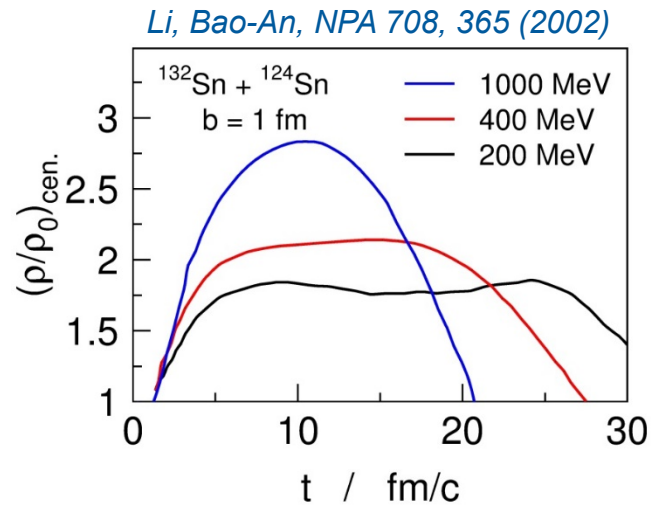
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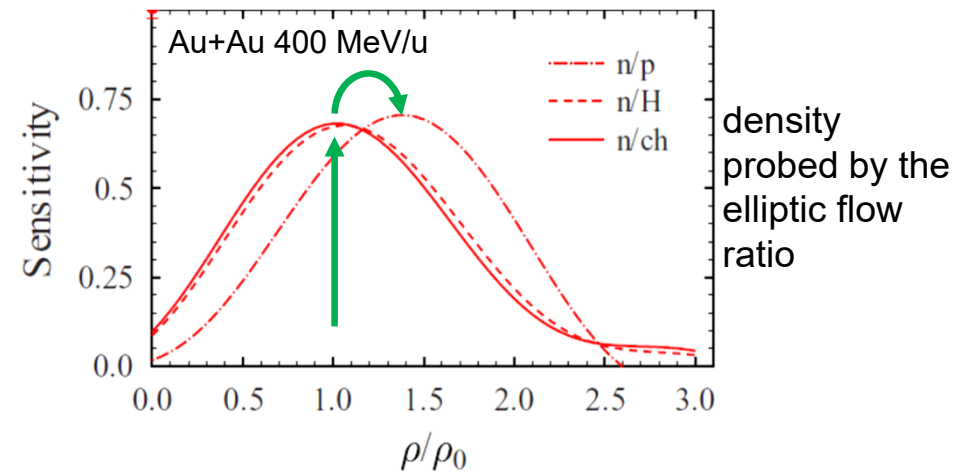
# Advancing to higher densities

## Higher incident energies

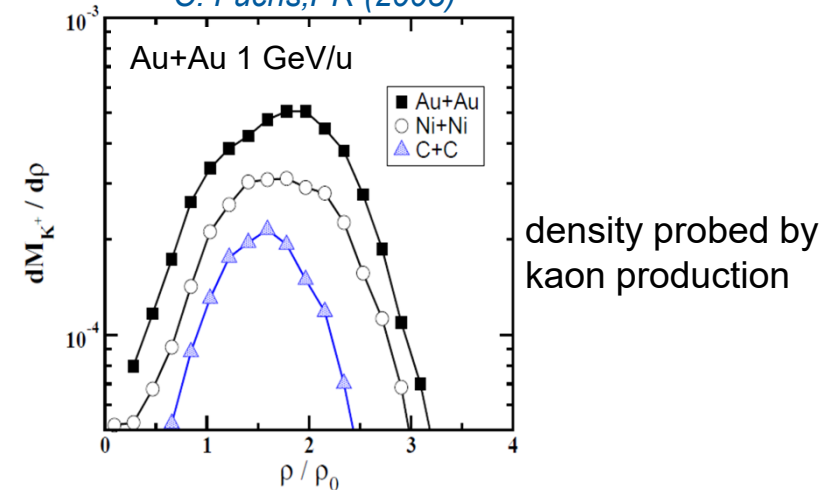


## Other observables

*P. Russotto et al., PRC 94, 034608 (2016)*



*C. Fuchs, PR (2003)*



# ASY-EOS II

## NEW ASY-EOS proposal:

Study of

Au+Au  
250, 400, 600, 1000 MeV/u

measure neutron / proton / hydrogen  
elliptic flow :

NeuLAND

charged particles:

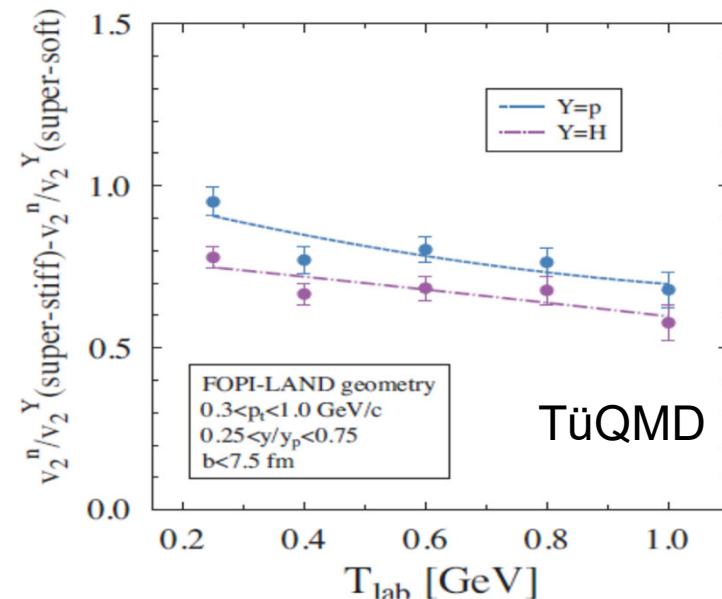
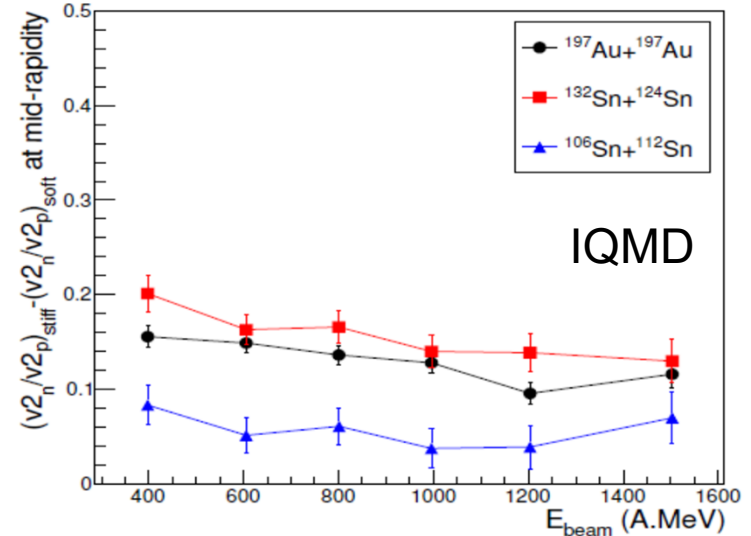
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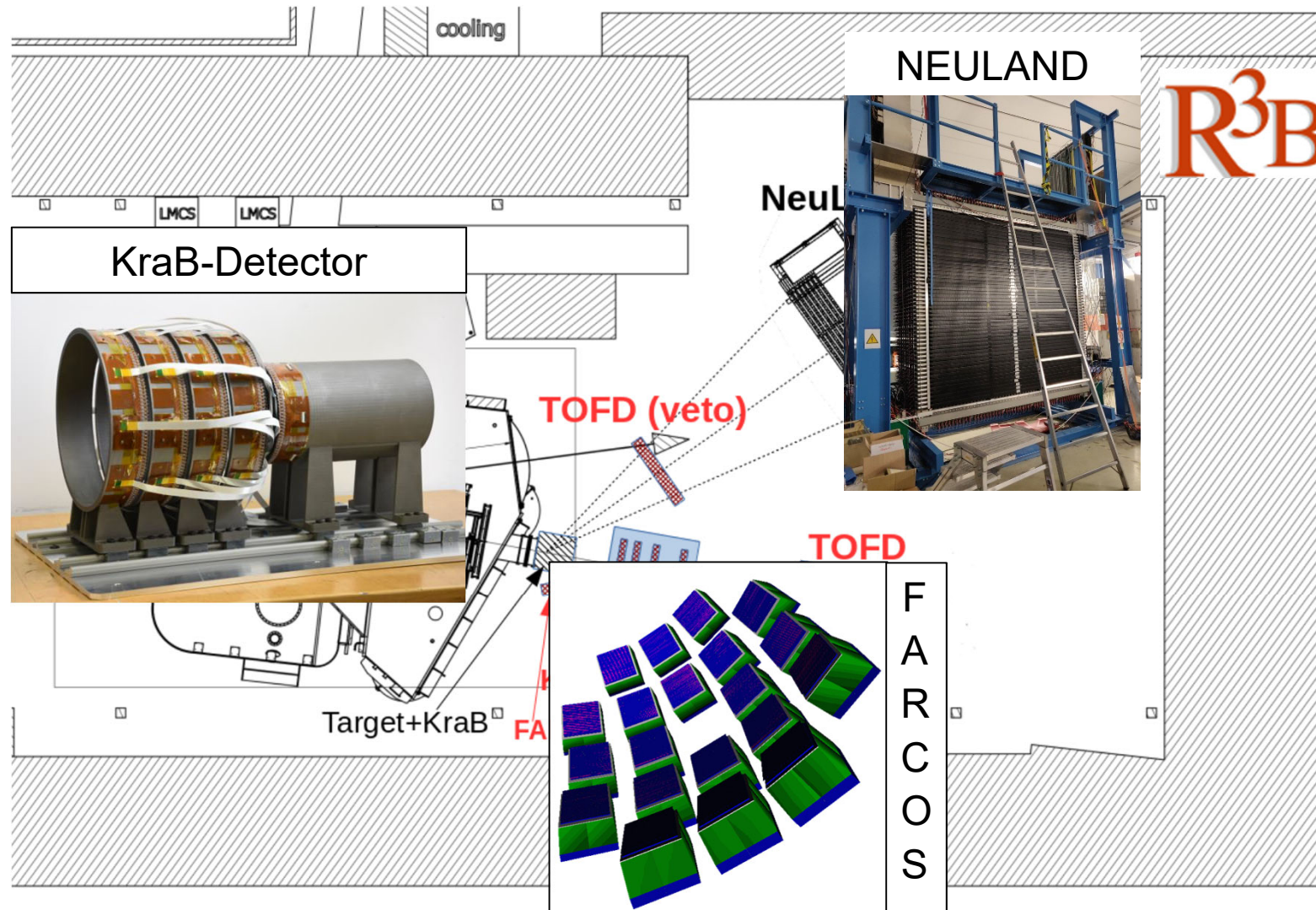
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### Aim

*Measure n, p, d, t flow with NeuLAND  
to access not only slope of symmetry  
energy but also the curvature*



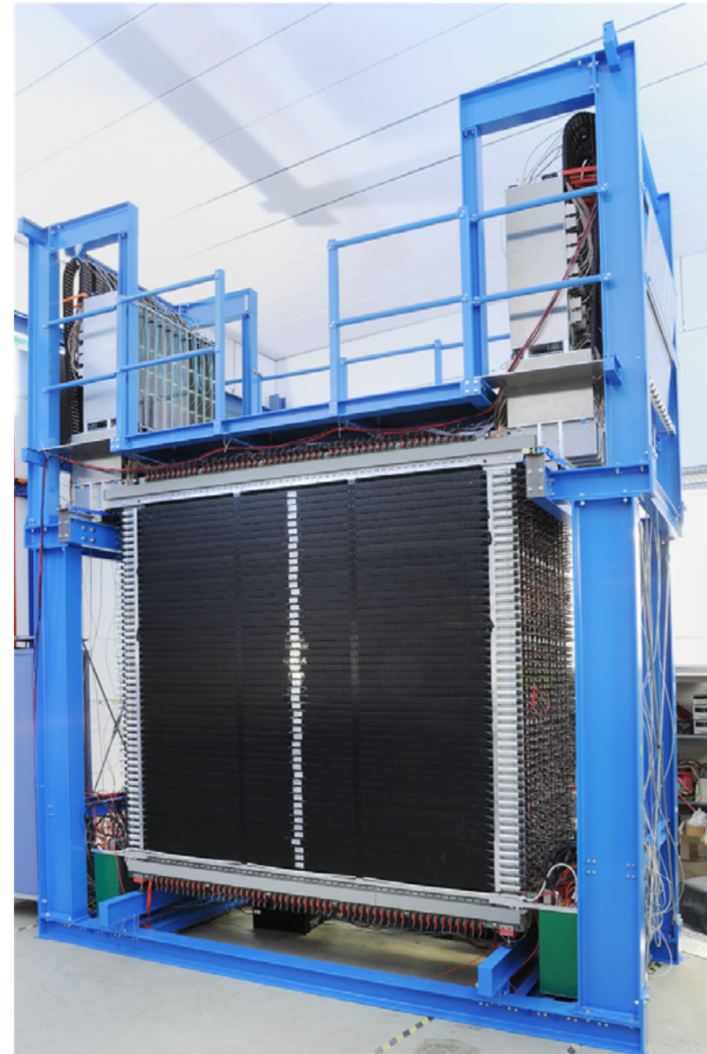
# ASY-EOS II in the R3B cave at GSI



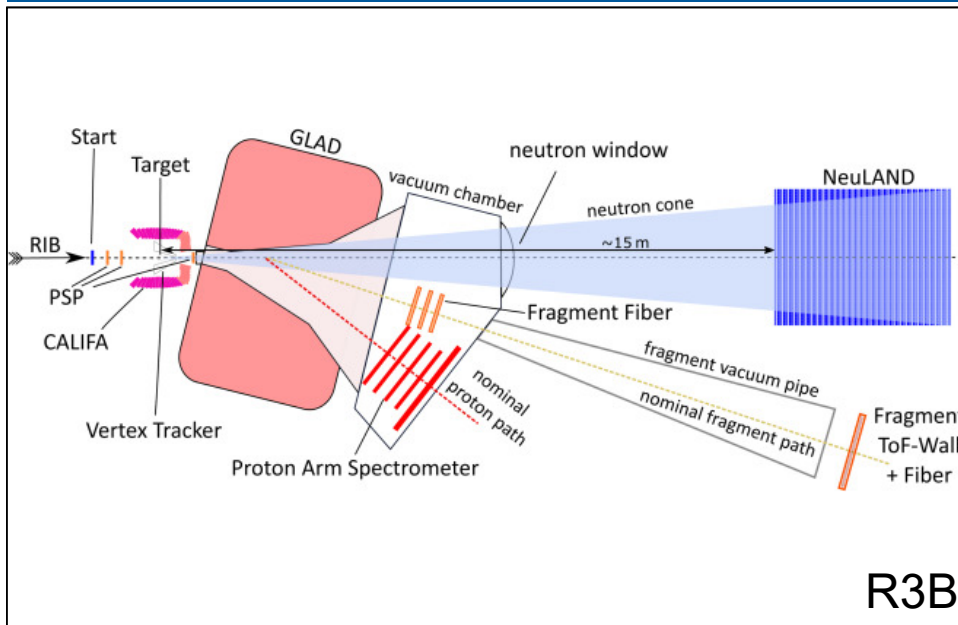


# ASY-EOS II next steps

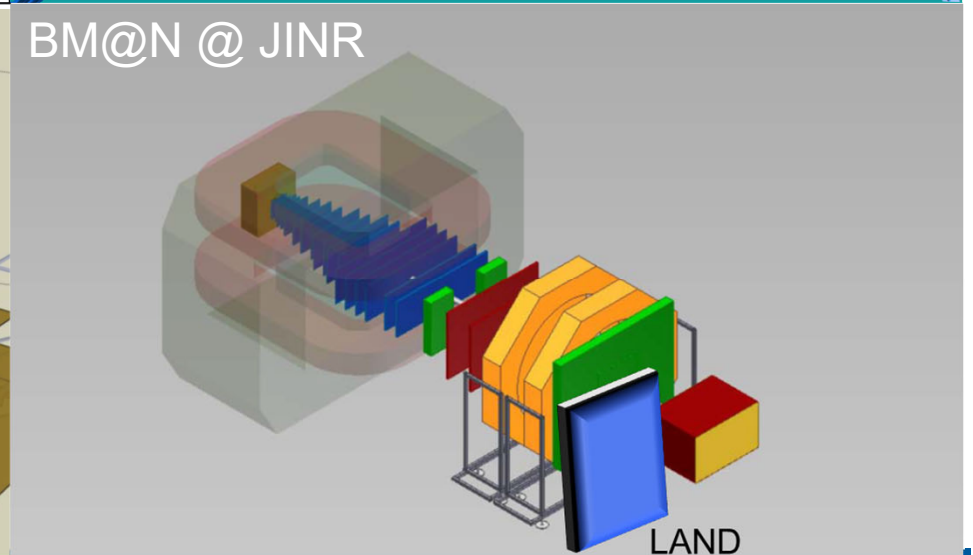
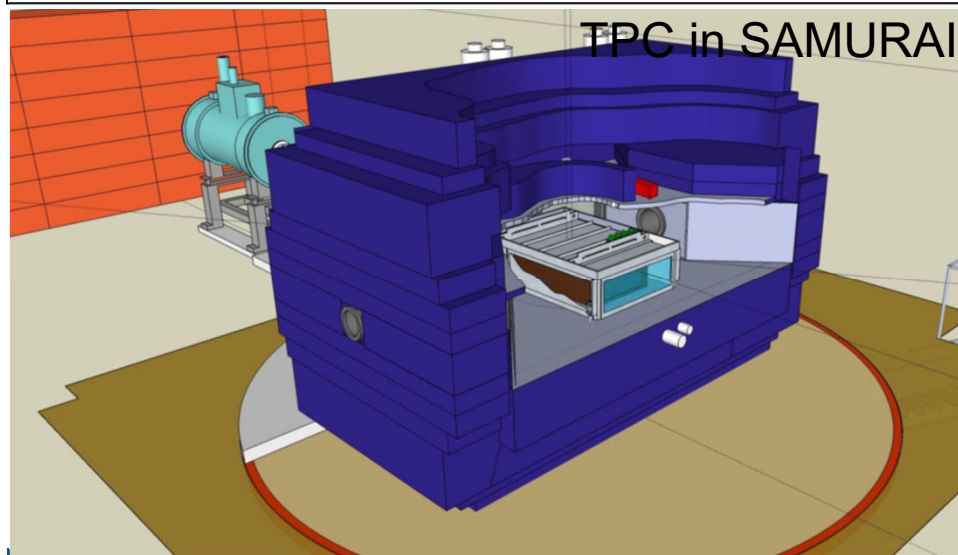
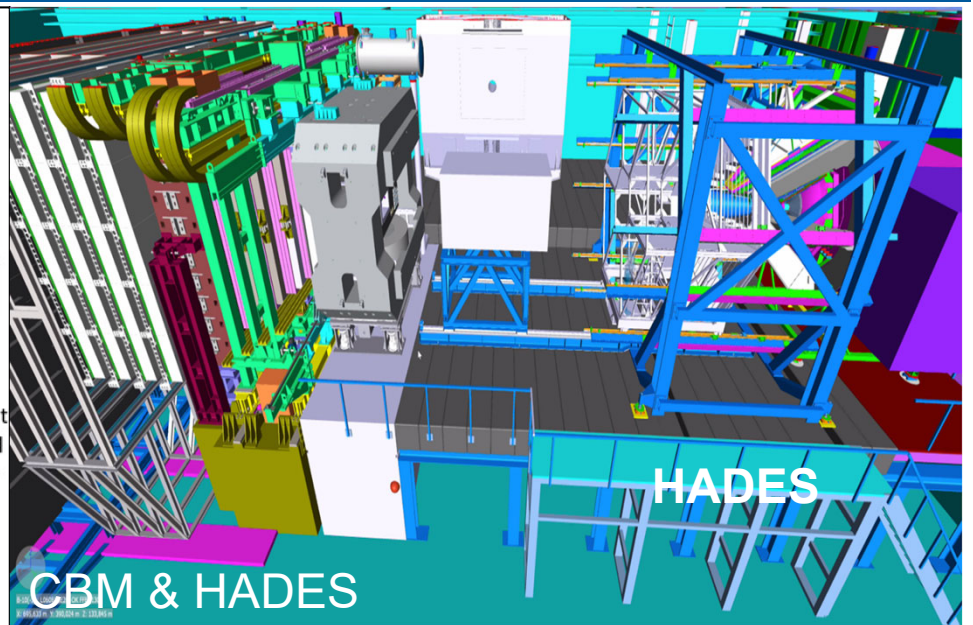
- part of an LOI of the R3B collaboration to the G-PAC of GSI
- participate in the next call for proposals in autumn 2022 for beam times in 2023 and 2024
- tests of the KRAB detector
- preparation for beam time
- working group on transport models together with HADES/CBM



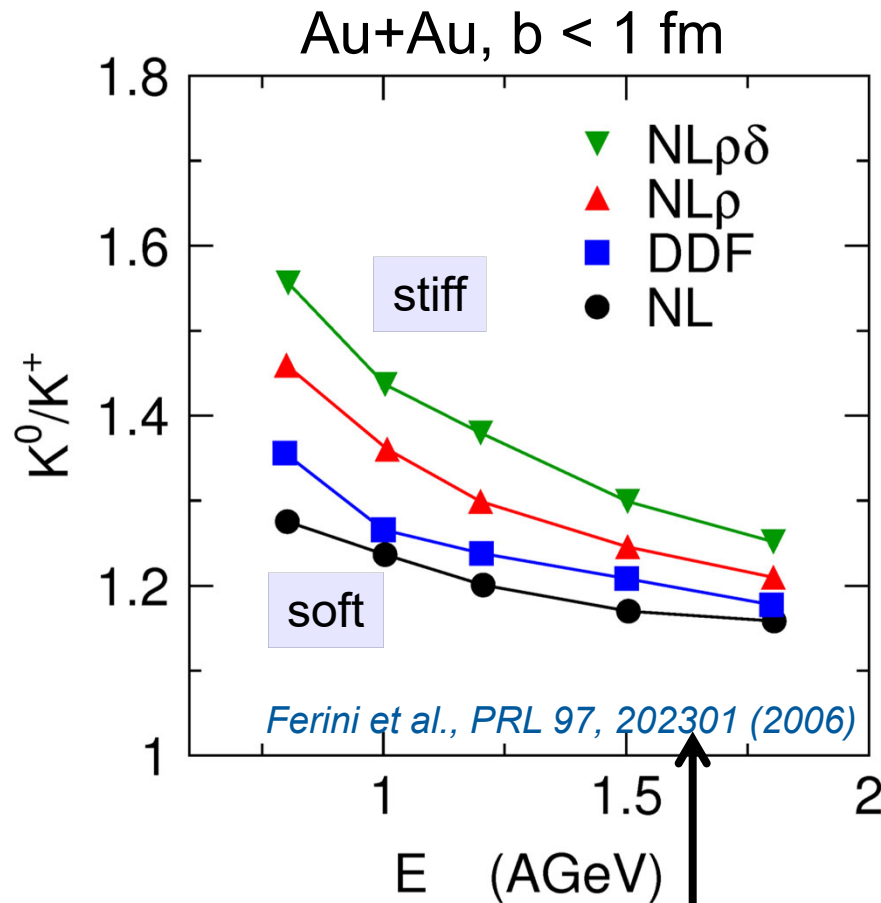
# Experiments



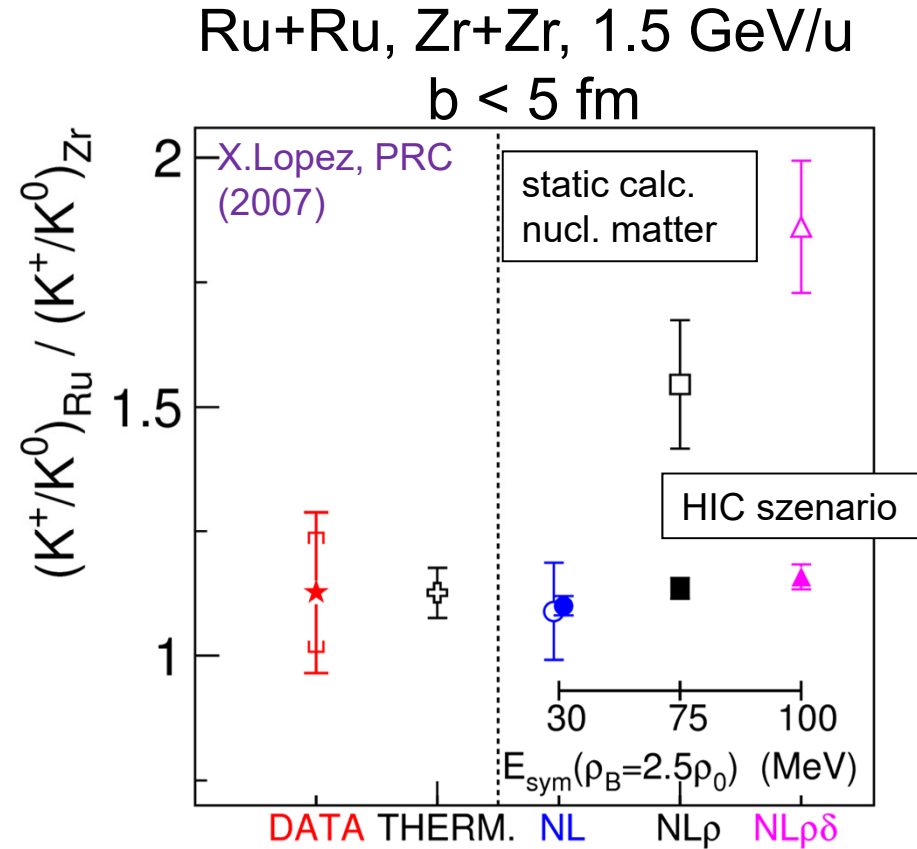
R3B CBM & HADES



# Kaon production probe the symmetry energy



Production threshold  
in NN collision

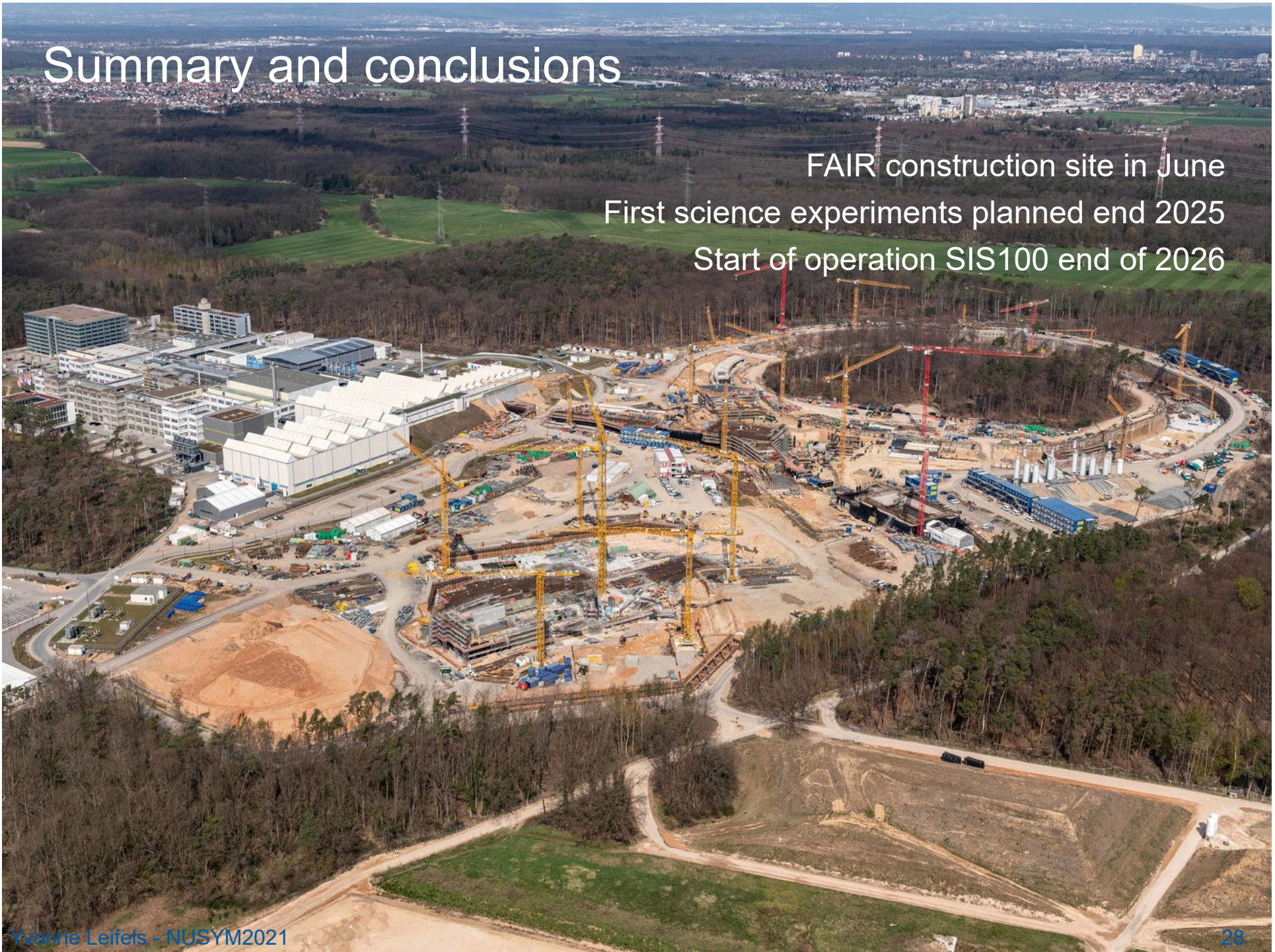


## HIC scenario:

- fast neutron emission (mean field)
  - NN $\Rightarrow$ N $\Delta$  threshold effects
  - nn $\Rightarrow$ p $\Delta^-$  (**no chemical equilibrium**)
- see, e.g., di Toro et al., J.Phys.G (2010)

# Summary and conclusions

FAIR construction site in June  
First science experiments planned end 2025  
Start of operation SIS100 end of 2026



# Summary and conclusions

- Heavy ion collisions are a powerful tool to constrain the nuclear matter EOS
  - Studied a wide range of energies and systems at SIS18
- Combination of FOPI and ASY-EOS results allows to predict a density dependence of the pressure in a neutron star between  $0.5$  to  $2 \rho_0$ , with similar accuracy than astrophysical data
- To access higher densities a new experiment ASY-EOS II is planned at GSI
- Beyond  $3$  to  $4 \rho_0$  new observables are needed to constraint NS EOS
- Beam energy scan BES at RHIC and new experimental set-ups will be available at Nuclotron at JINR and at FAIR
- Benchmarking transport models for the energy regime between  $1 - 5 \text{ GeV/u}$