

# Symmetry Term at High Density from Heavy Ion Collisions

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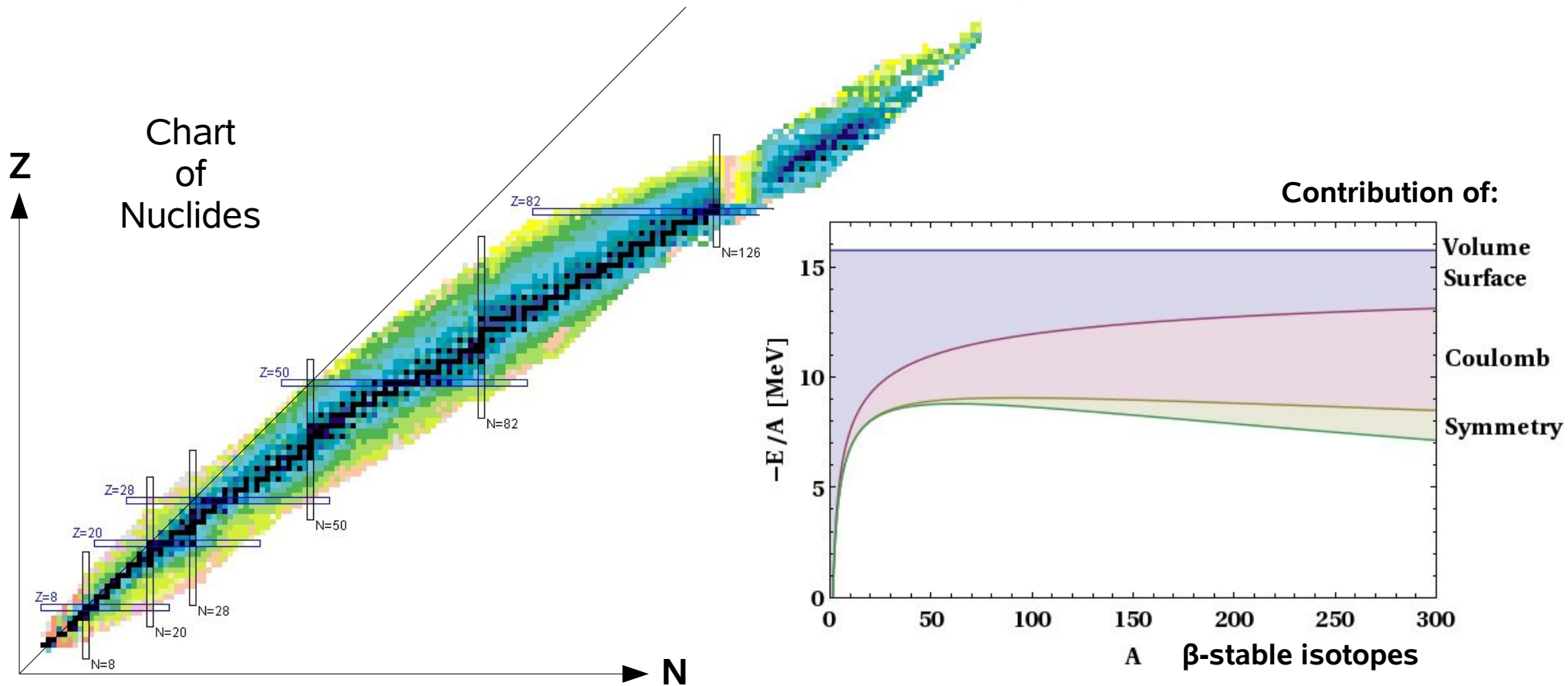
- Symmetry energy
- Reanalysis of the FOPI/LAND data  
[P. Russotto et al., PLB 697 (2011) 471]
- ASY-EOS Experiment of May 2011 (GSI)

# Symmetry Energy (nucleus)

$$\frac{E_B}{A} = \underbrace{-a_V}_{\text{Volume}} + \underbrace{a_S \frac{1}{A^{1/3}}}_{\text{Surface}} + \underbrace{a_C \frac{Z^2}{A^{4/3}}}_{\text{Coulomb}} + \underbrace{a_A \left( \frac{N-Z}{A} \right)^2}_{\text{Symmetry}} \pm \underbrace{a_P \frac{1}{A^{3/2}}}_{\text{Pairing}}$$

Binding Energy/Nucleon (Bethe-Weizsäcker)  
acc. better than 1%

$a_V = 15.8$	$a_S = 18.0$	$a_C = 0.72$	$a_A = 23.5$	$a_P = 11.5 0$	[MeV]
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# Symmetry Energy (nuclear matter)

$$\frac{E_B}{A} = \underbrace{-a_V}_{\text{Volume}} + \underbrace{a_S \frac{1}{A^{1/3}}}_{\text{Surface}} + \underbrace{a_C \frac{Z^2}{A^{4/3}}}_{\text{Coulomb}} + \underbrace{a_A \left(\frac{N-Z}{A}\right)^2}_{\text{Symmetry}} \pm \underbrace{a_P \frac{1}{A^{3/2}}}_{\text{Pairing}}$$

Energy per nucleon in nuclear matter (EoS):

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

dominant symmetric matter (N=Z) term:

$$E(\rho, 0) \approx -a_V + \frac{K}{18} \left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0}\right)^2 + \dots$$

symmetry term:

$$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) \approx a_A^V + \frac{L}{3} \left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0}\right) + \frac{K_{\text{sym}}}{18} \left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0}\right)^2 + \dots$$

$\rho_n, \rho_p$  → neutron, proton densities

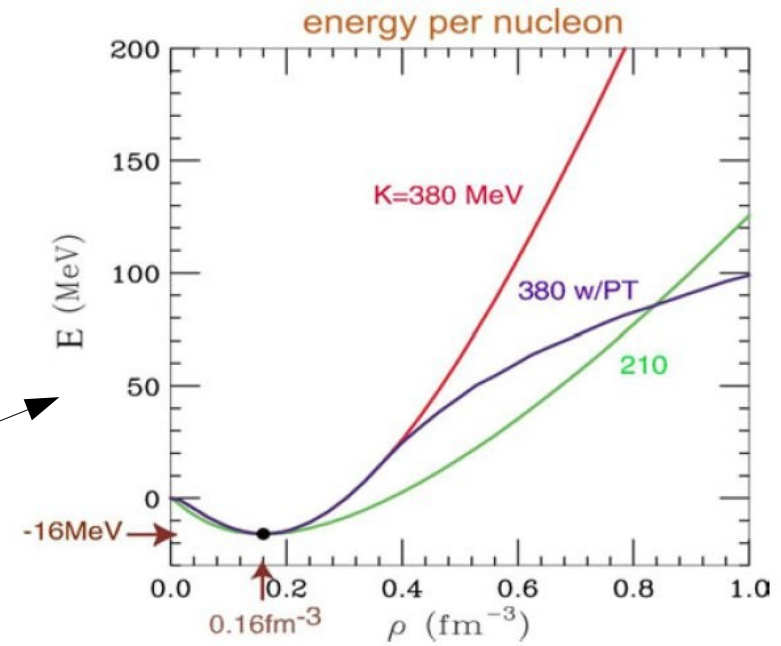
$\rho = \rho_n + \rho_p$  → nucleon density

$\delta = \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho}$  → relative neutron excess

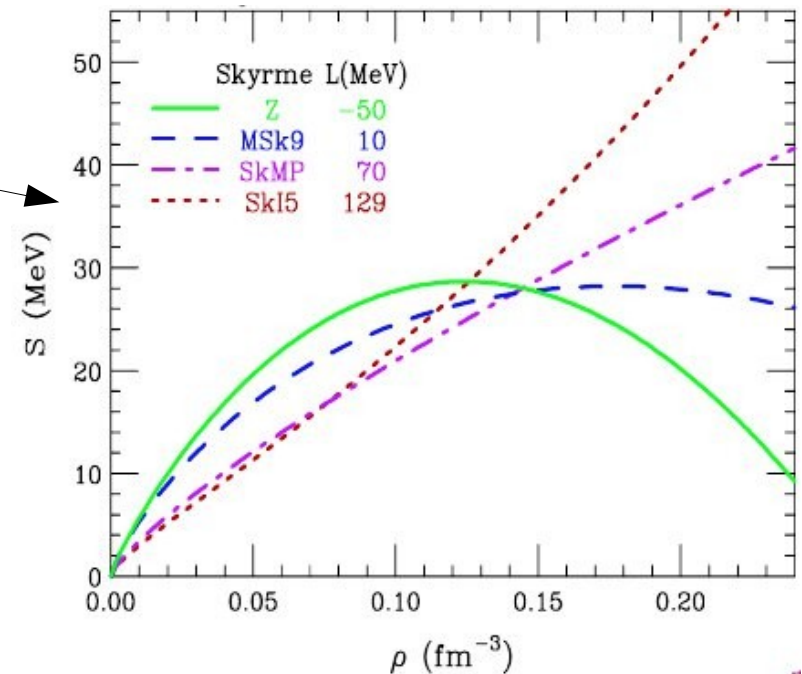
$L = 3 \rho_0 \left. \frac{\partial E_{\text{sym}}}{\partial \rho} \right|_{\rho=\rho_0}$  → ~ symmetry pressure

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

$a_V \approx 15.8 \text{ MeV}$   
 $a_A^V \approx 32.5^{(*)} \text{ MeV}$   
 $\delta^2(^{208}\text{Pb}) \approx 0.04$   
 $\delta^2(^{271}\text{Pb}) \approx 0.16$

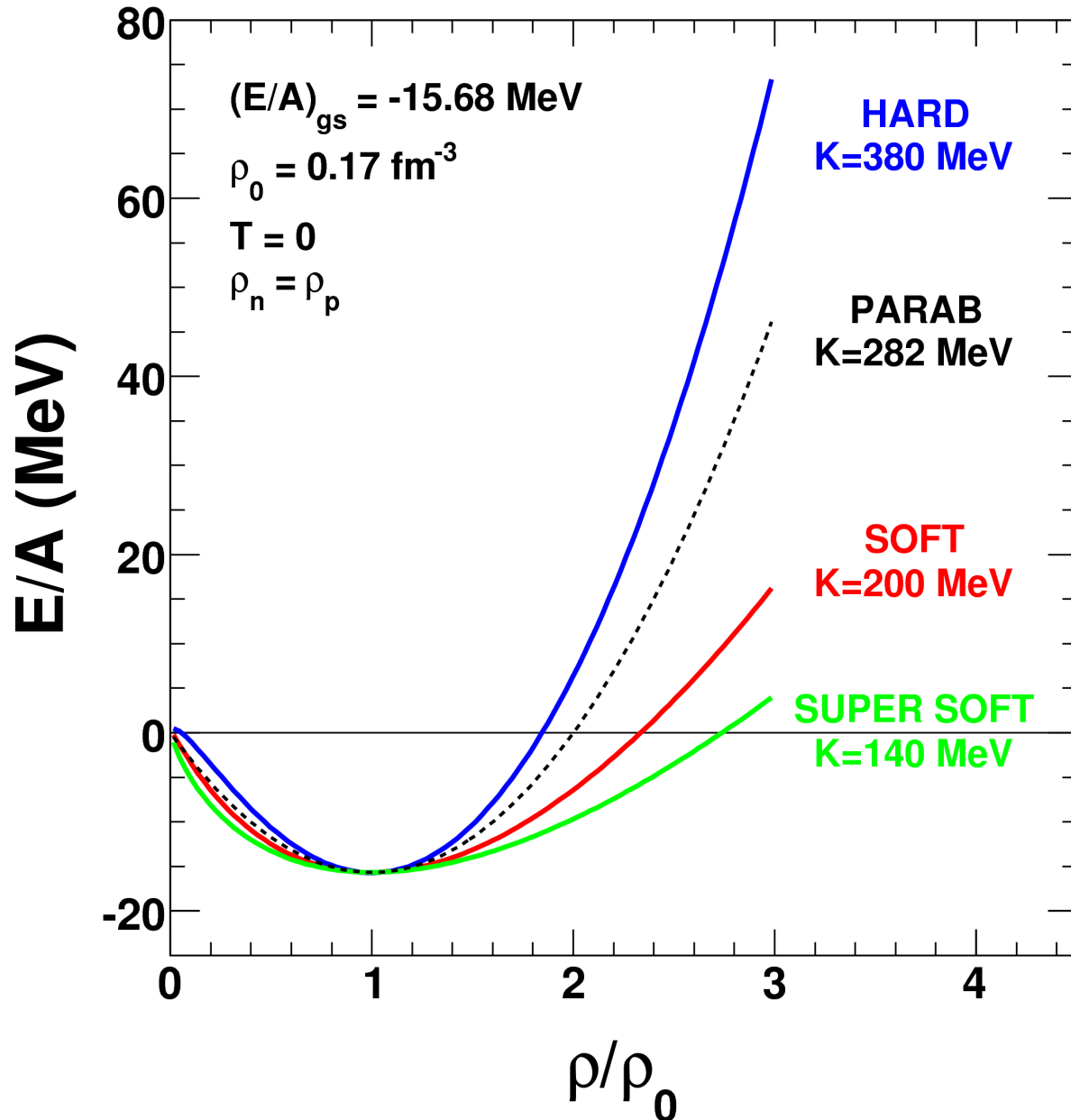


P. Danielewicz, arXiv:nucl-th/0512009



(\*) P. Danielewicz, J. Lee, NPA 818(2009)36

# Symmetric matter ( $\delta=0$ )



Simple Skyrme parametrization

$$\frac{E}{A}(\rho) = \frac{3 p_F^2(\rho)}{10 m} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} + \frac{\beta}{1+\gamma} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\gamma$$

Compressibility parameter

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

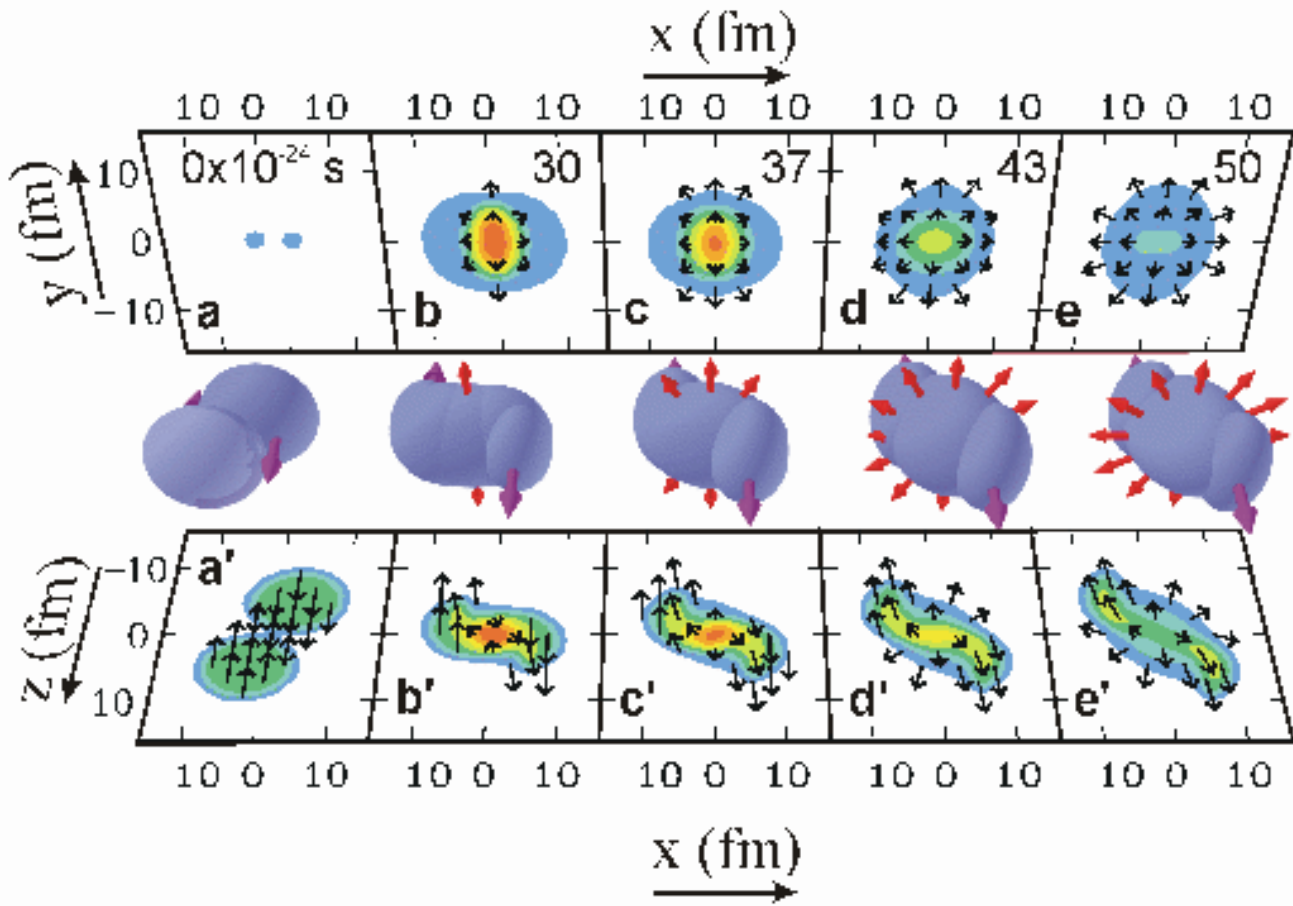
Flow -> a density sensitive observable

$$F = \left. \frac{d \langle p_x / A \rangle}{d(y/y_{cm})} \right|_{y/y_{cm}=1} \rightarrow \text{slope at midrapidity of the mean transverse in-plane momentum per nucleon}$$

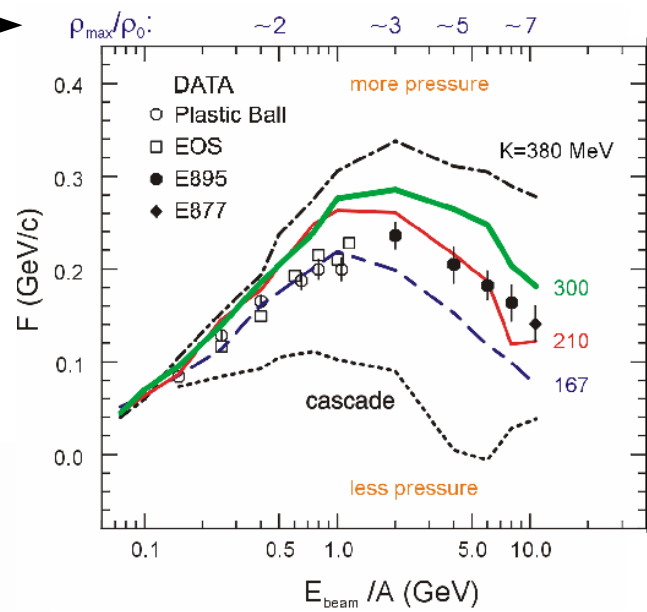
$$E \frac{d^3 N}{d p^3} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N}{p_T dp_T dy} \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos(n(\phi - \phi_{RP})) \right)$$

with:  $v_1 = \langle \cos \Delta \phi \rangle, v_2 = \langle \cos 2 \Delta \phi \rangle, \dots, v_n = v_n(b, Z, A, y, p_T)$

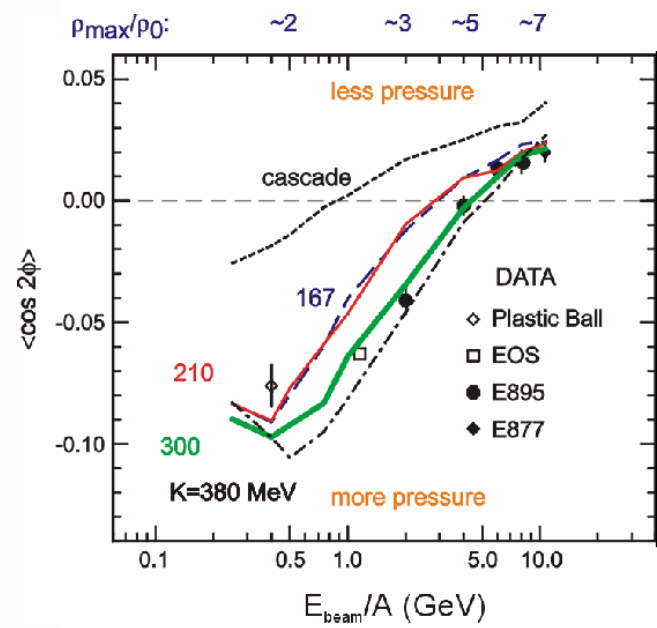
Au+Au @ 2 AGeV, b=6 fm (BEM)



### Directed flow

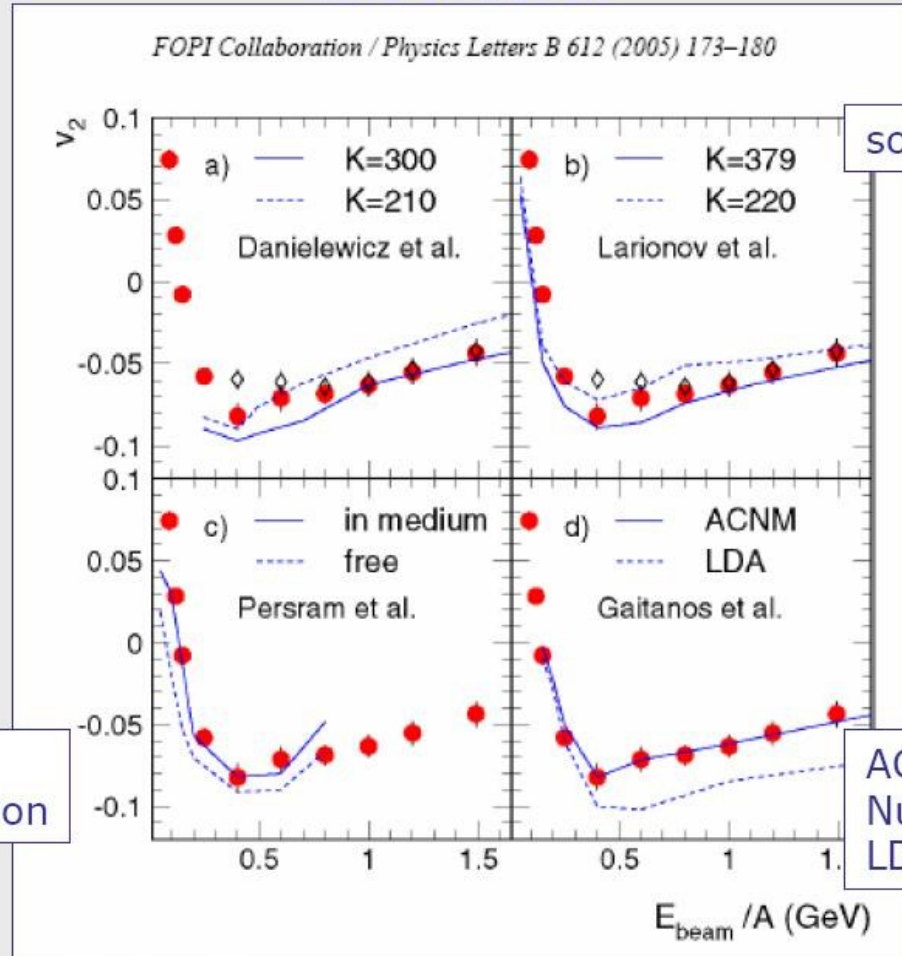


### Elliptic flow



# parameter dependence of elliptic flow

Andronic et al.



soft vs. hard EoS

P. Danielewicz, R. Lacey,  
W.G. Lynch,  
*Science* 298 (2002) 1592

D. Persram, C. Gale,  
*PRC* 65 (2002) 064611

A.B. Larionov, W. Cassing,  
C. Greiner, U. Mosel,  
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T. Gaitanos, C. Fuchs,  
H.H. Wolter,  
*NPA* 741 (2004) 287

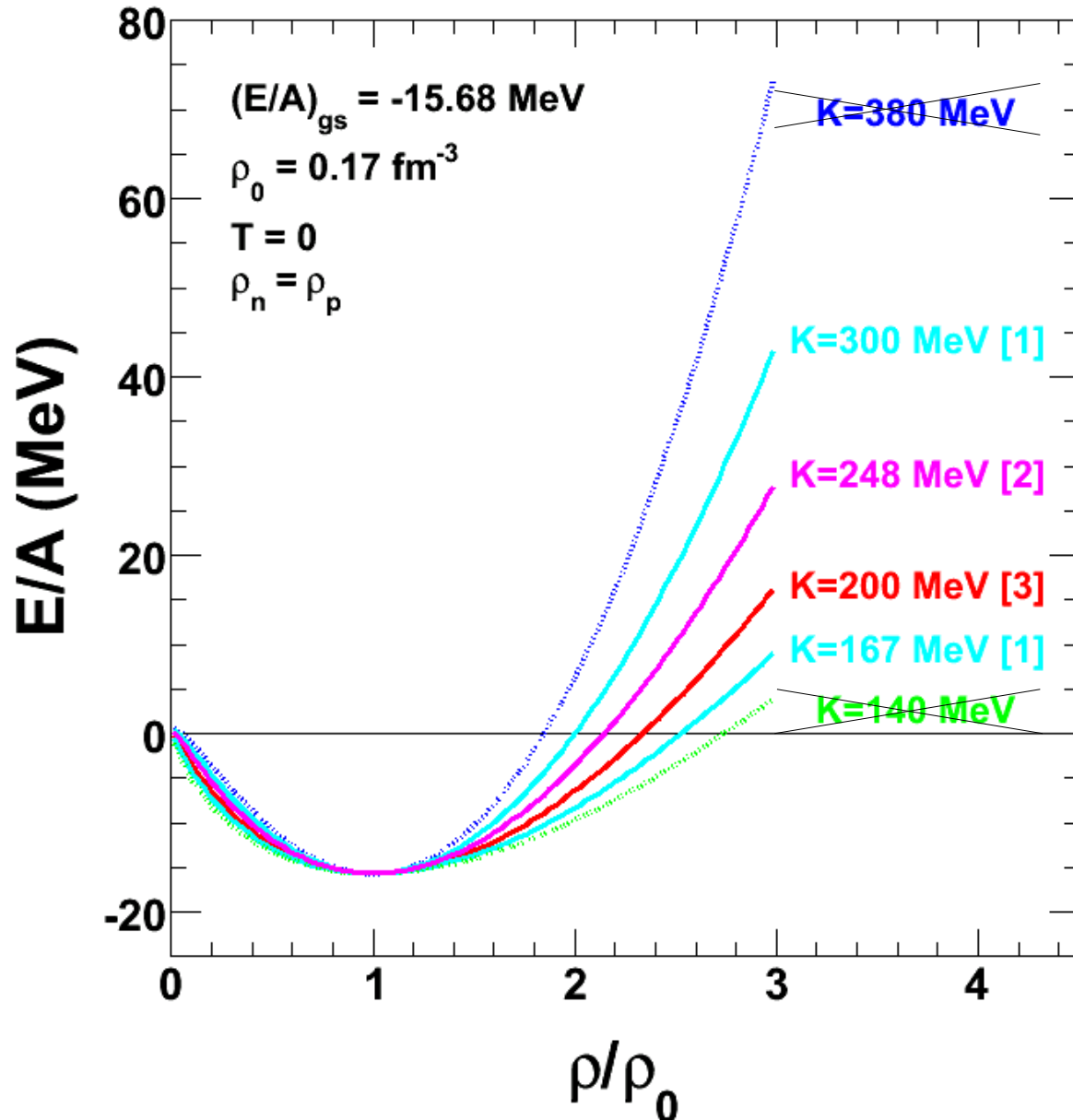
in-medium  
nucleon-nucleon Xsection

ACNM: Asymmetric Colliding  
Nuclear Matter Approx.  
LDA: Local Density Approx.

● Z=1    ◇ protons



# Symmetric matter ( $\delta=0$ )



[1] Flow:

P. Danielewicz et al., Science 298 (02) 1592

$K = 167\text{-}300 \text{ MeV}$

[2] ISGMR:

J. Piekarewicz, PRC 69 (04) 041301

RMF:  $K=248 \text{ MeV}$

G. Colò et al., PRC 70 (04) 024307

Skyrme HF:  $K=230 \text{ MeV}$

[3] Subthreshold  $K^+$ :

C. Sturm et al., PRL 86 (01) 39

Ch. Hartnack et al., PRL 96 (06) 012302

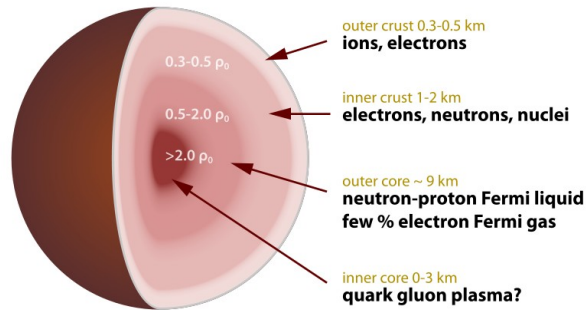
$K=200 \text{ MeV}$

Model and data dependent  
values of  $K$

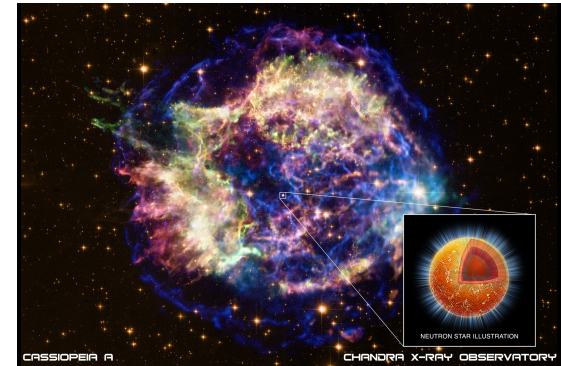
Still  $\sim 20\text{-}30\%$  uncertainty

# Symmetry energy affects:

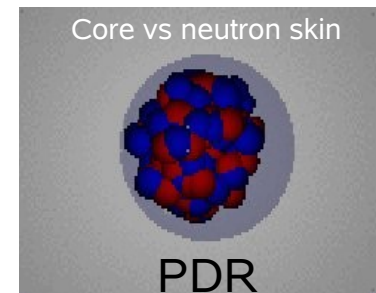
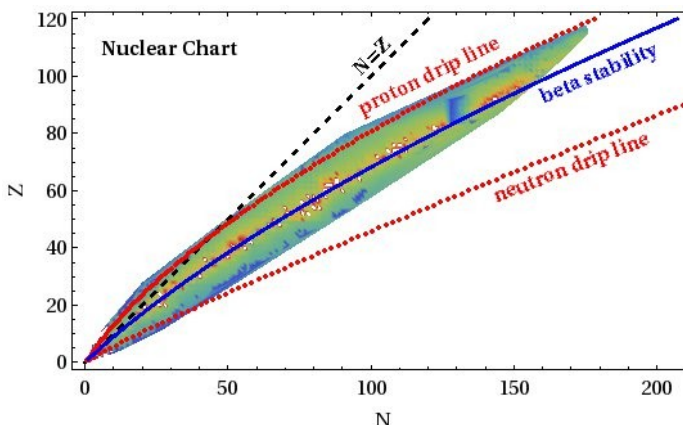
- Neutron star structure, composition, size, mass and cooling
- Supernova explosions
- Structure of the nucleus (masses, drip lines)
- Neutron skin thickness
- IvGDR
- Pygmy resonances
- Differences between IAS



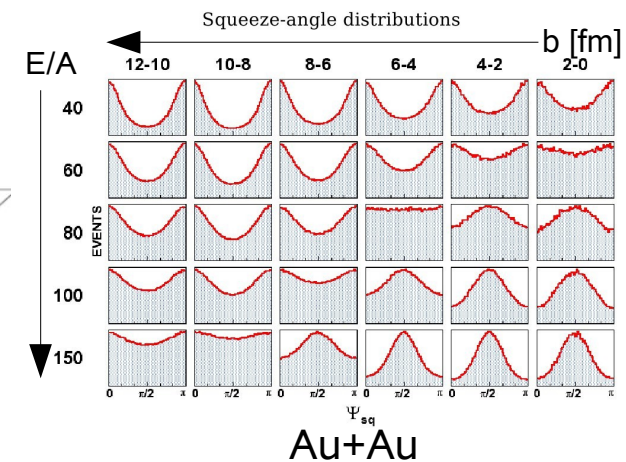
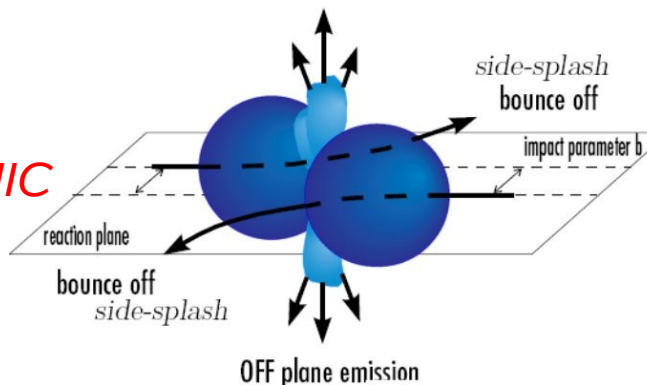
Robert Schulze (Wikipedia)



Cassiopeia A Supernova Remnant  
(<http://chandra.harvard.edu/photo/printgallery/2004/>)

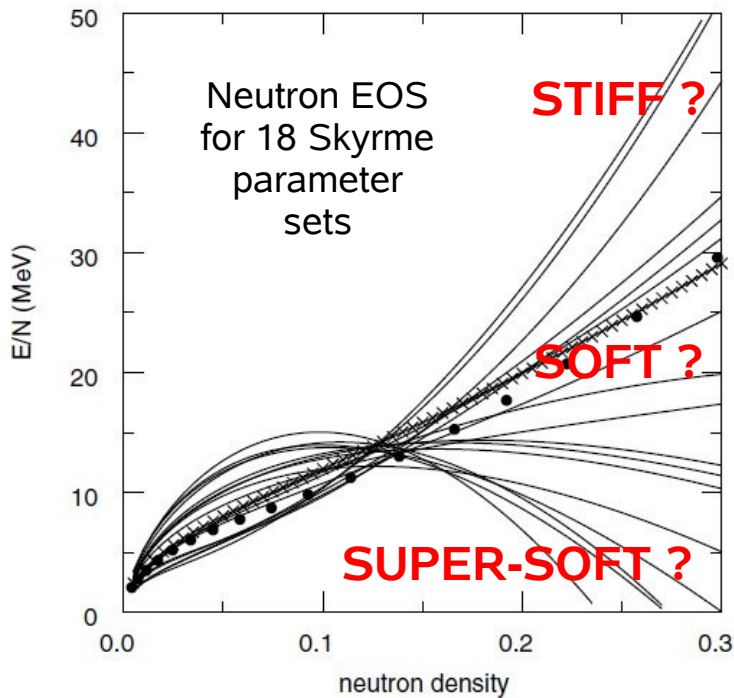


- *Flow patterns in HIC*
- *$n/p$ ,  $t/{}^3\text{He}$ ,  $\pi/\pi^+$ ,  $K^+/K^0$  ratios in HIC*

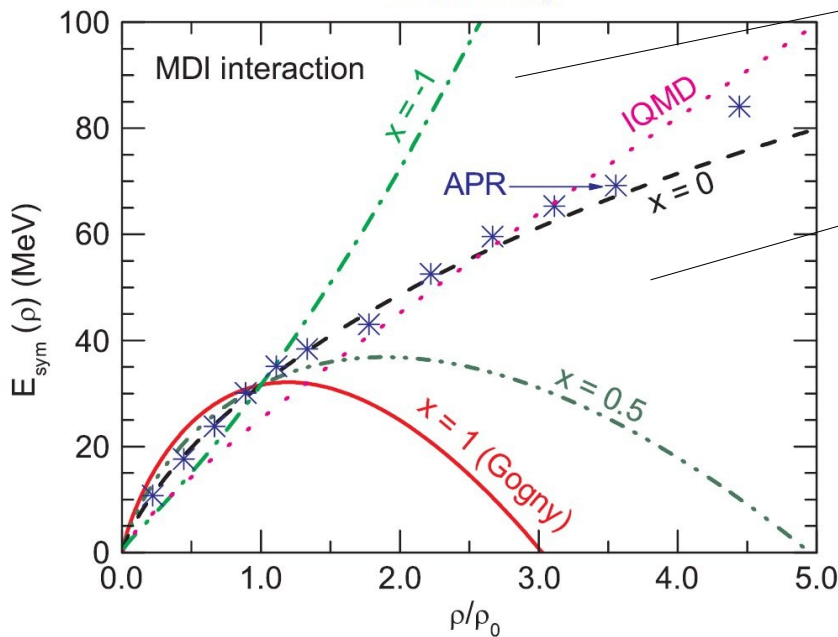
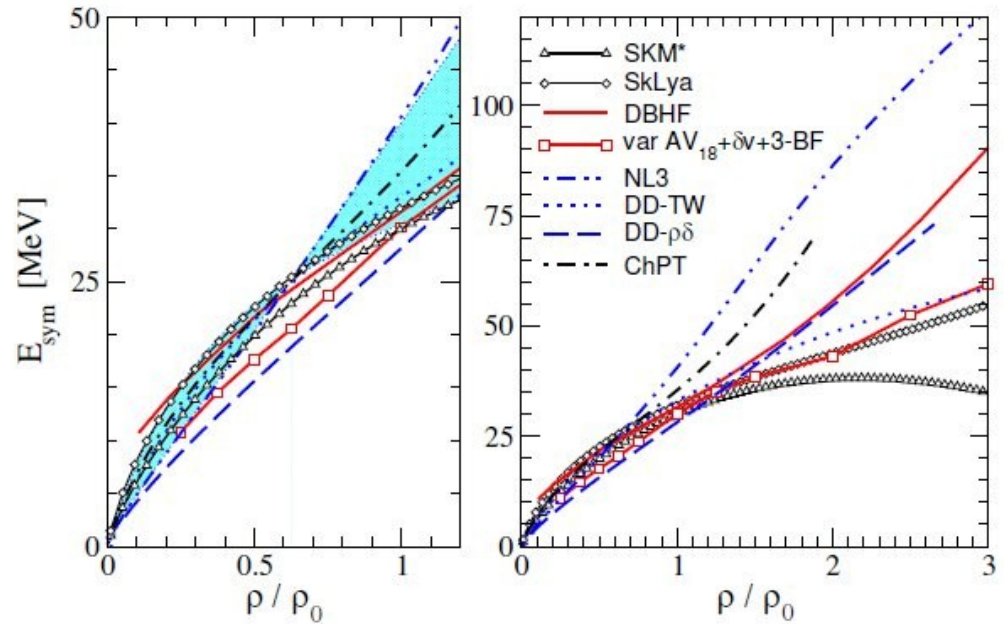




# Symmetry term. Why so uncertain?



B. Alex Brown, PRL 85(2000)5296



Z. Xiao et al., PRL 102(2009)062502

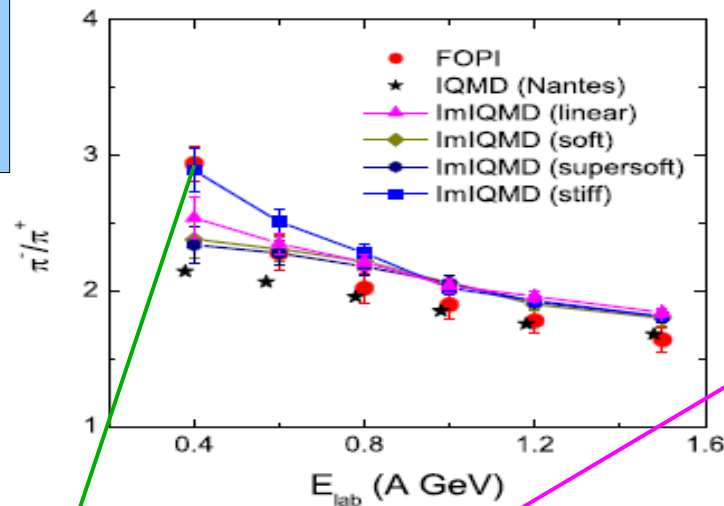
Thicker neutron skins,  
larger proton fraction in NS

Thinner neutron skins,  
smaller proton fraction in NS

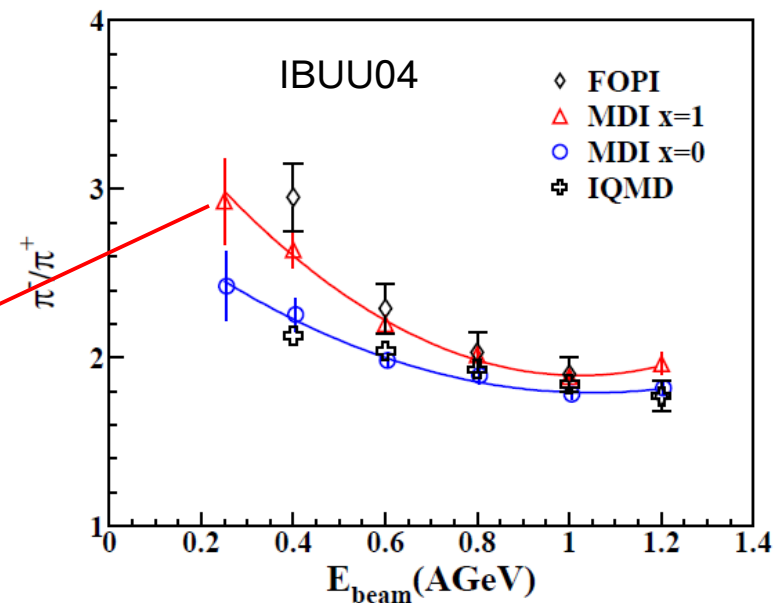
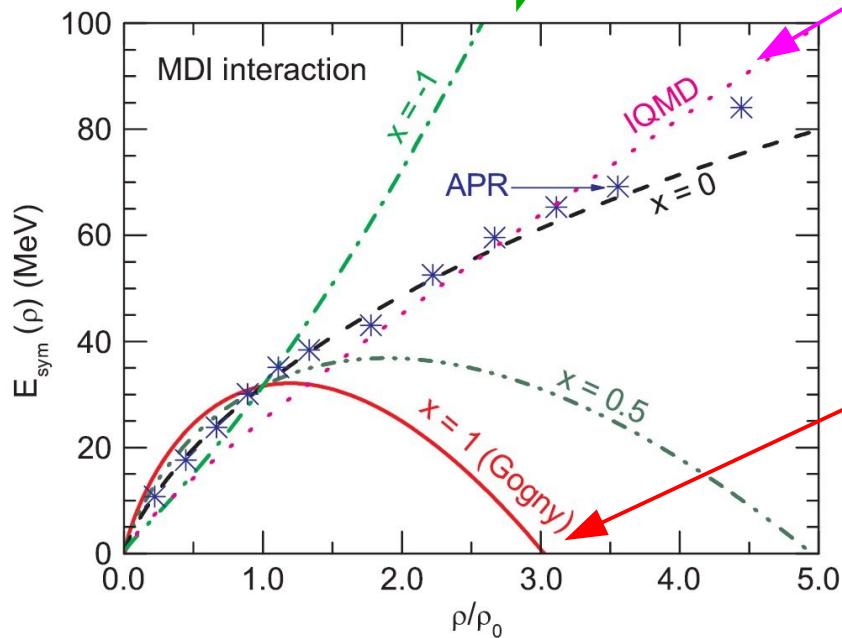
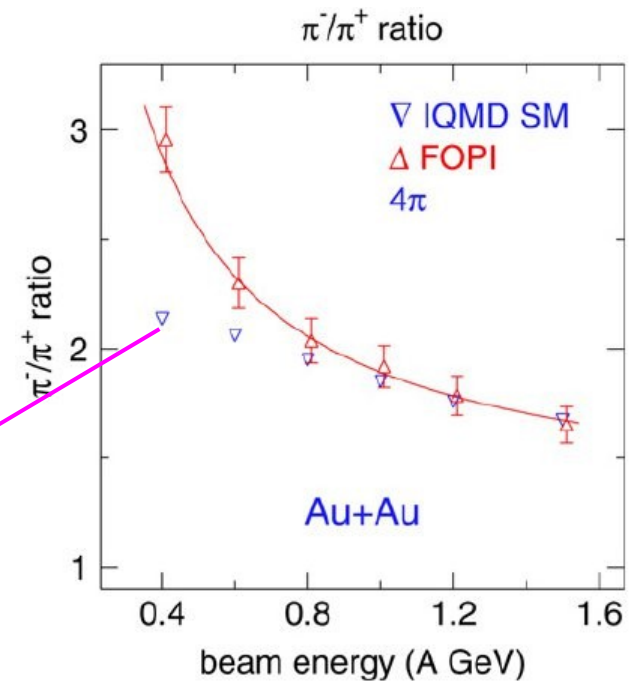
Symmetry energy uncertain at high density  
and modified by clustering at low density

# Pion ratios (FOPI, Au+Au)

$$\frac{\pi^-}{\pi^+} = \frac{5n^2 + np}{5p^2 + np} \approx \left(\frac{n}{p}\right)^2$$



Feng, Jin, PLB 683 (2010) 140



Z. Xiao et al., PRL 102 (2009) 062502

# Reanalysis of FOPI/LAND Au+Au @ 400, 600, 800 AMeV

[Y. Leifels et al. PRL 71 (1993) 963]

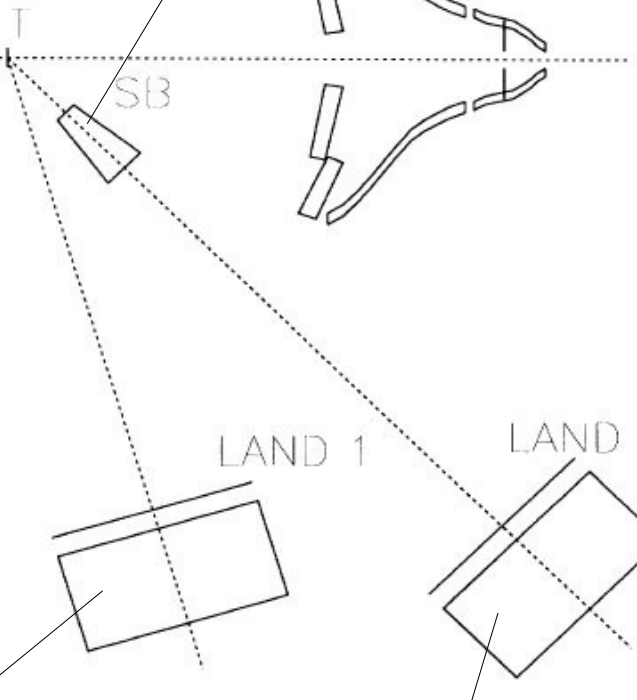
Setup'93

„shadow bar”

Plastic wall ( $1^\circ < \theta < 30^\circ$ )  
Centrality &  
Reaction plane

IC PLA

beam

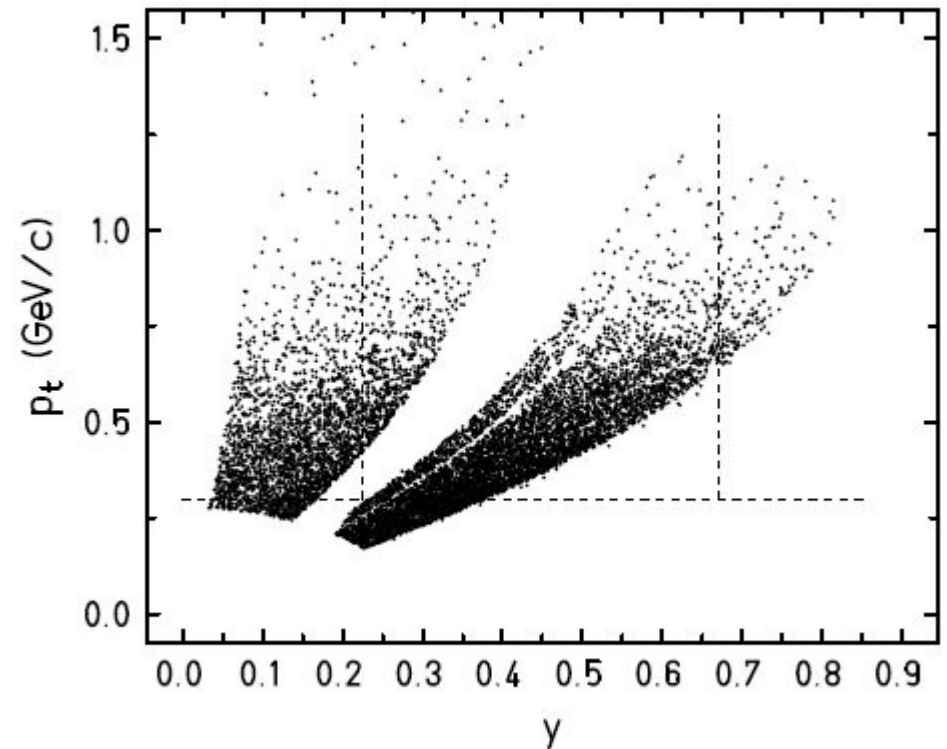


LAND 1

LAND 2

LAND1 ( $61^\circ < \theta < 85^\circ$ )  
Neutrons,  $Z=1$

LAND2 ( $37^\circ < \theta < 53^\circ$ )  
Neutrons,  $Z=1$



Acceptance for neutrons  
and cuts for analysis (dashed)

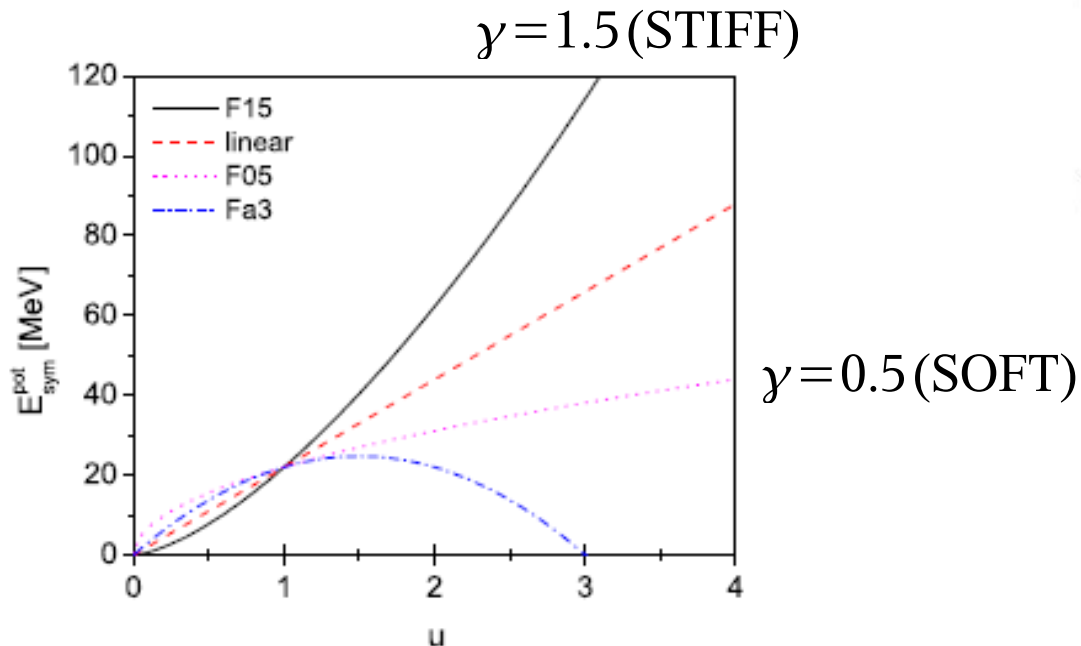
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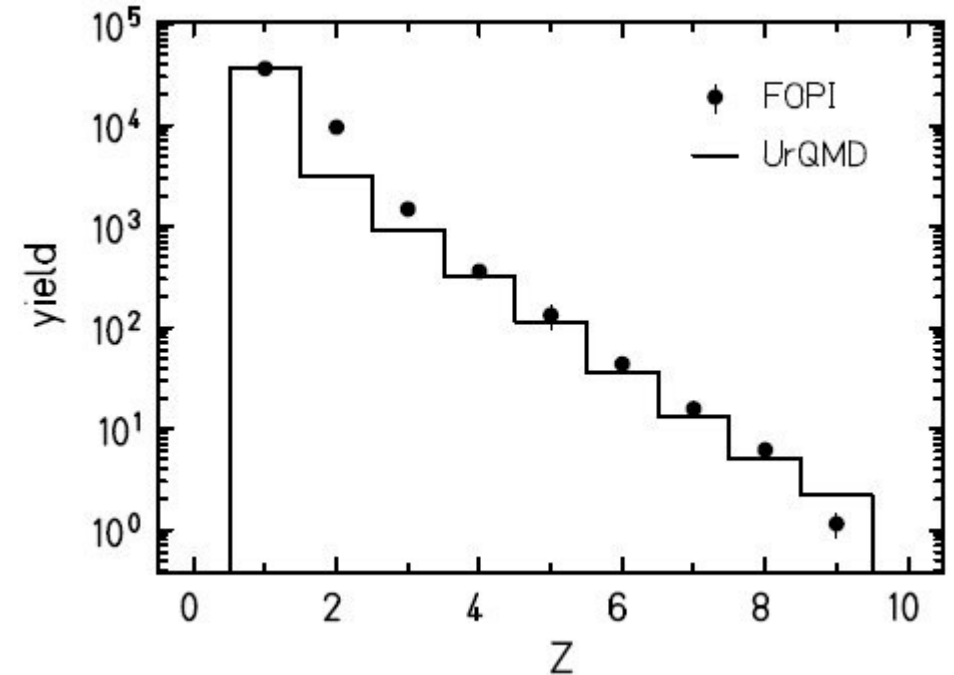
UrQMD, Q. Li, J.Phys. G 31(2005)1359

„Fermi-gas” parametrization of the symmetry term:

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



P. Russotto et al. PLB 697 (2011) 471  
Data: W. Reisdorf, et al., NPA 612 (1997) 493  
Central collisions, Au+Au @ 400 AMeV



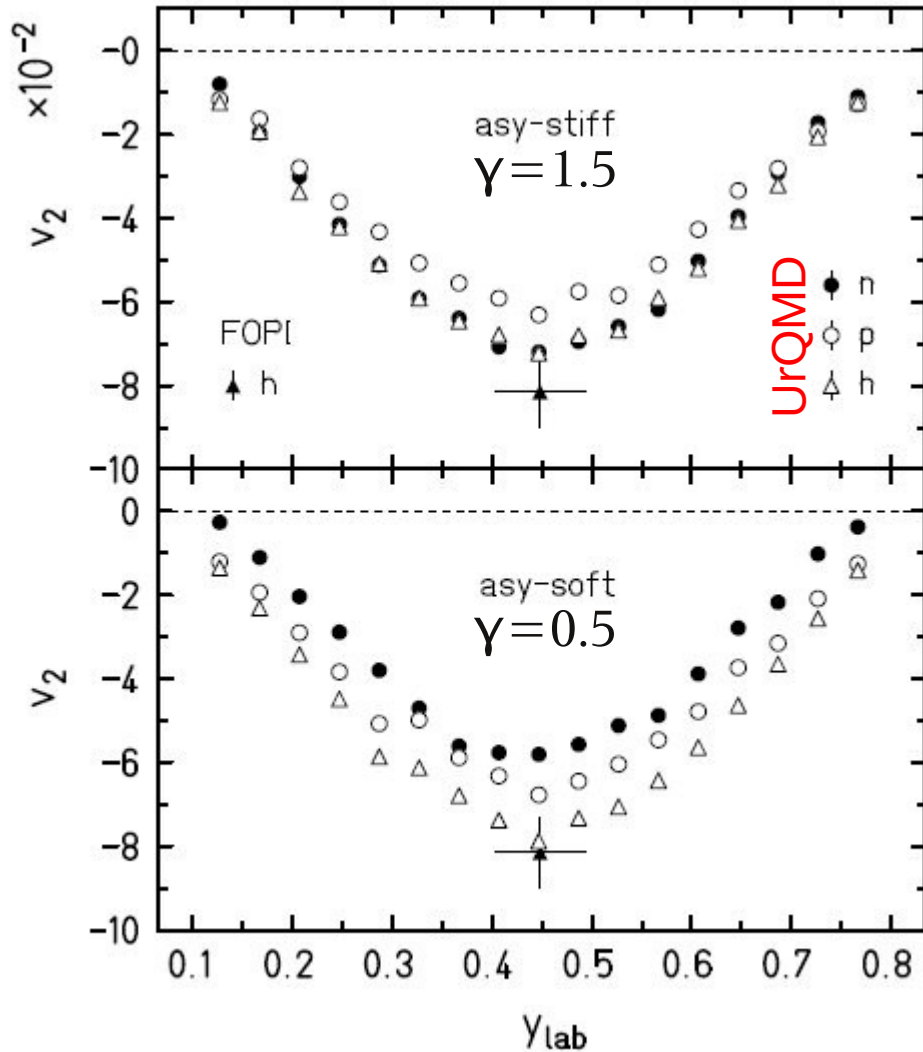
Fragment yields  
(test of clustering procedure  
with  $\Delta r=3$  fm and  $\Delta p=275$  MeV/c )  
Normalization at Z=1

d,t, $\alpha$  underpredicted (x 2-3)

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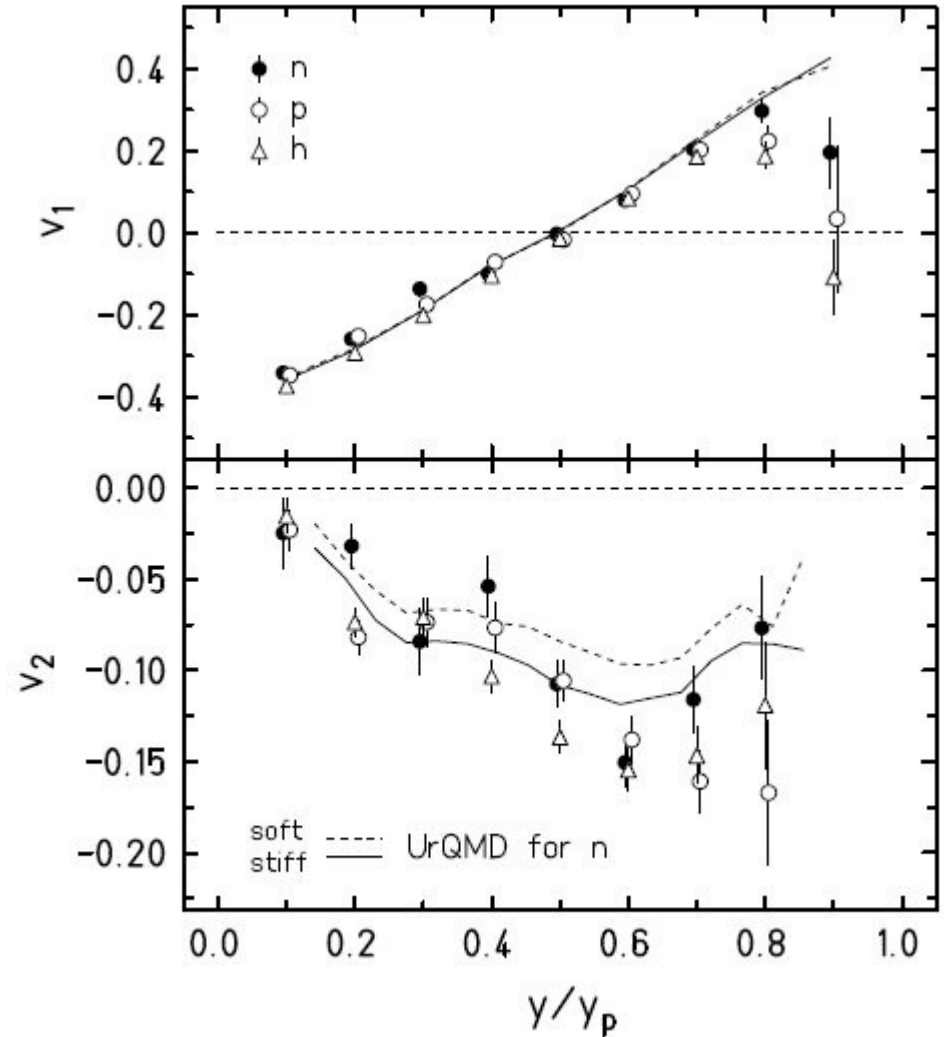
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Elliptic flow ( $v_2$ )  
400 AMeV,  $5.5 < b < 7.5$  fm



Inversion of neutron and hydrogen flows

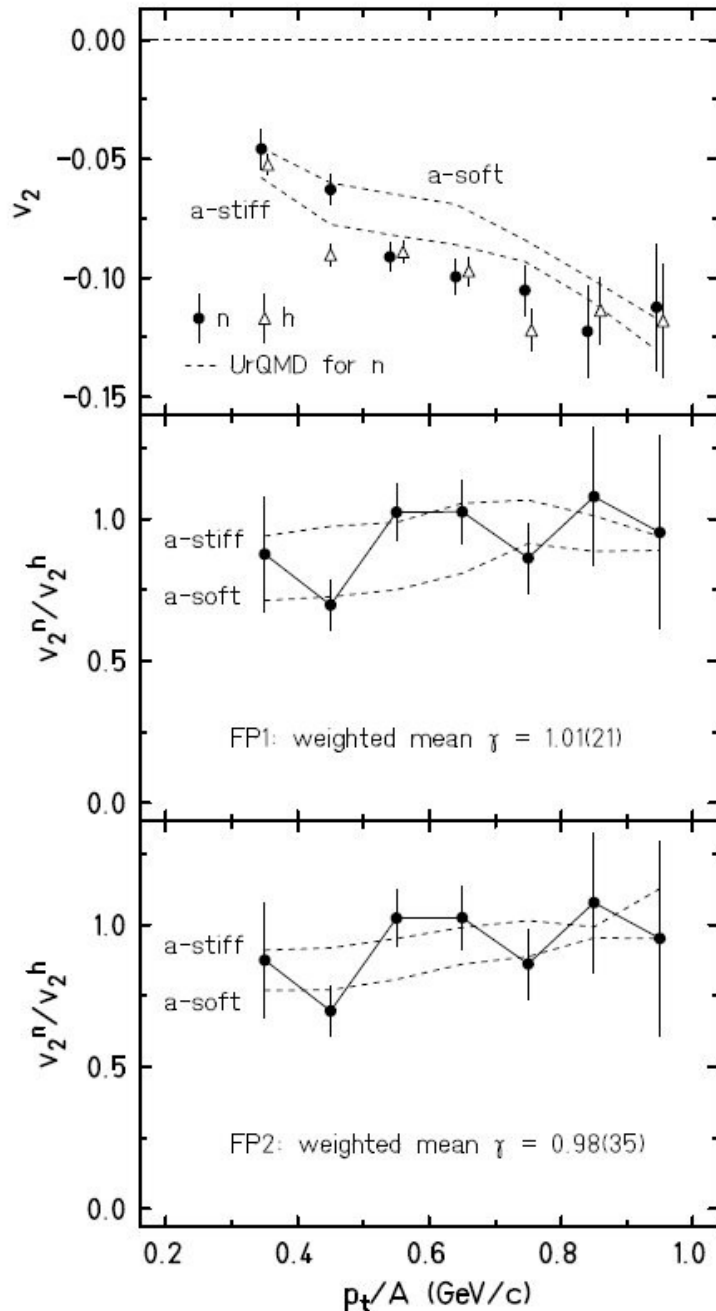
$v_2$  more sensitive than  $v_1$





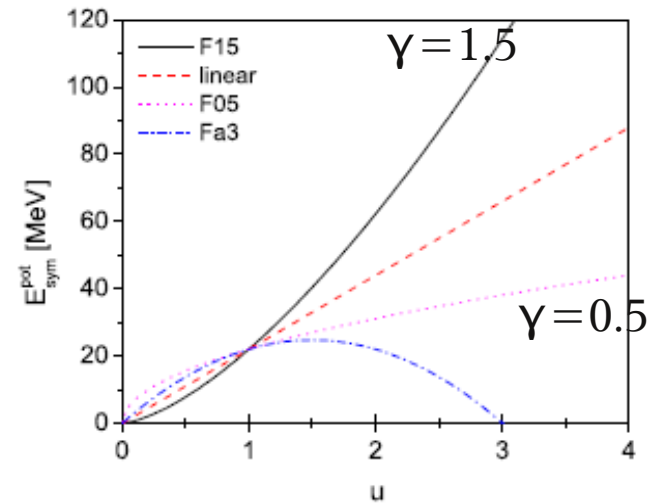
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[P. Russotto et al. PLB 697 (2011) 471]



$v_2^n/v_2^h$  ratio vs  $p_T$  sensitive to the symmetry term

neutron/hydrogen  
 FP1:  $\gamma = 1.01 \pm 0.21$   
 FP2:  $\gamma = 0.98 \pm 0.35$   
 neutron/proton  
 FP1:  $\gamma = 0.99 \pm 0.28$   
 FP2:  $\gamma = 0.85 \pm 0.47$   
 adopted:  $\gamma = 0.9 \pm 0.4$

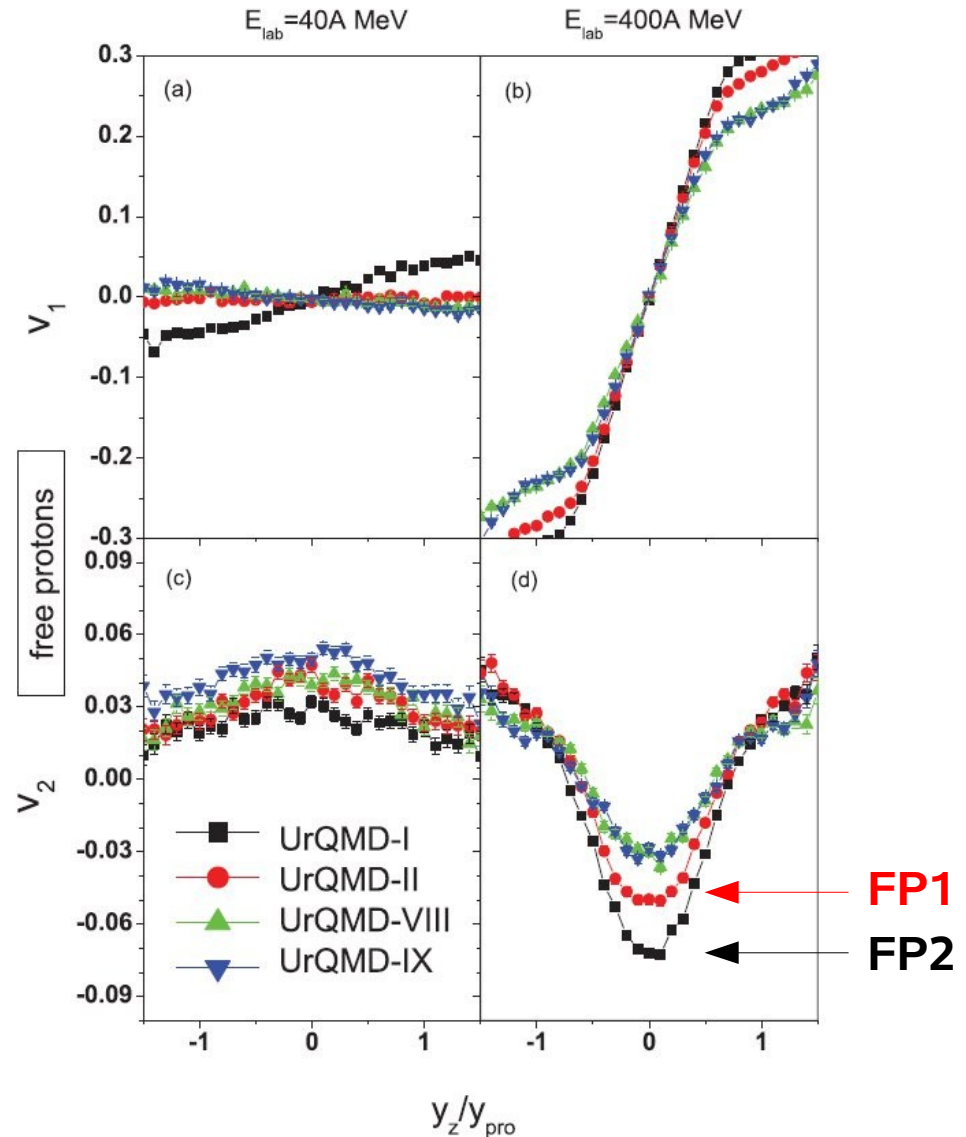
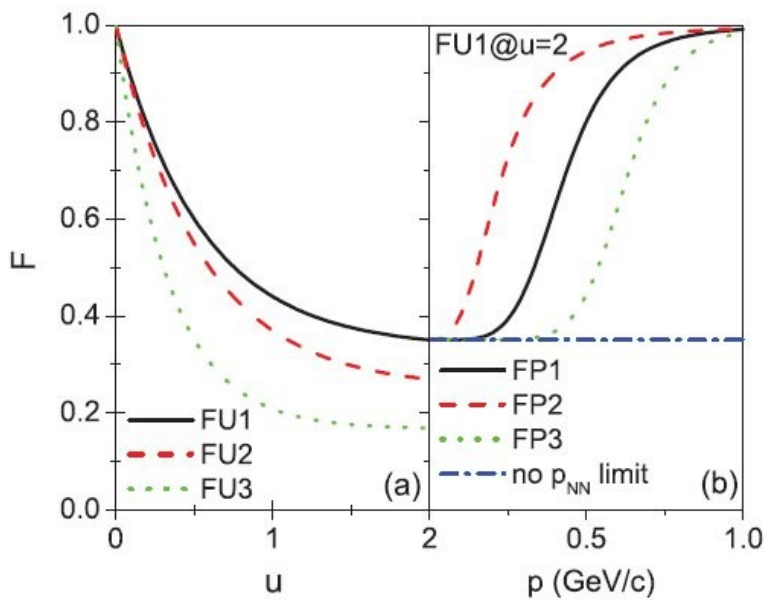


FP1, FP2: different parametrizations of the Momentum dependence of the elastic nucleon-nucleon cross section [Q. Li et al. PRC 83(2011)044617]

# Medium correction factors to the elastic $\sigma_{NN}$

[UrQMD, Q. Li et al., PRC 83(2011)044616]

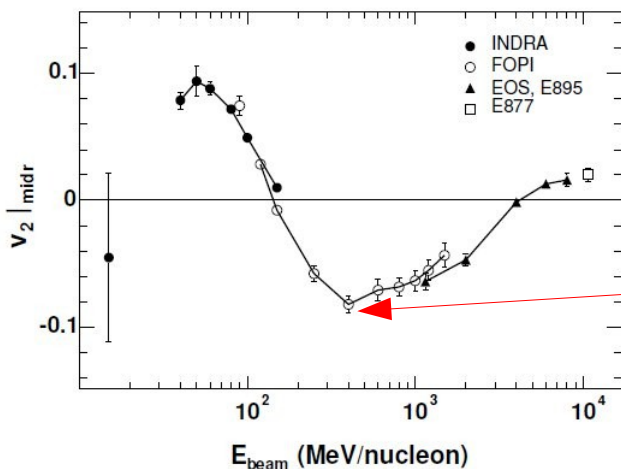
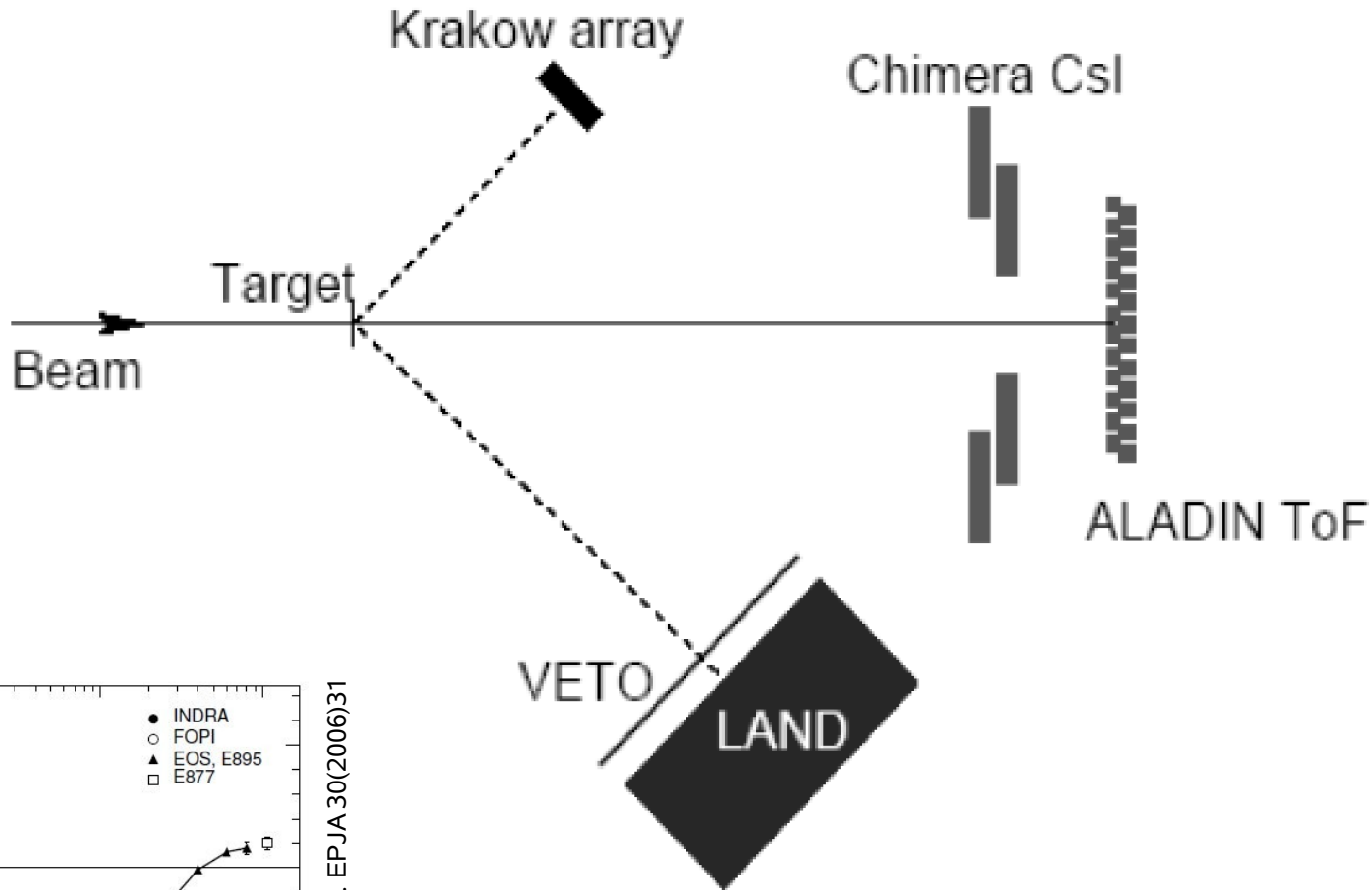
$$\sigma_{tot}^* = \sigma_{in} + \sigma_{el}^* = \sigma_{in}^{free} + F(\rho, p) \sigma_{el}^{free}$$



# ASY-EOS experimental setup

May 2011

Setup from the proposal of 2009

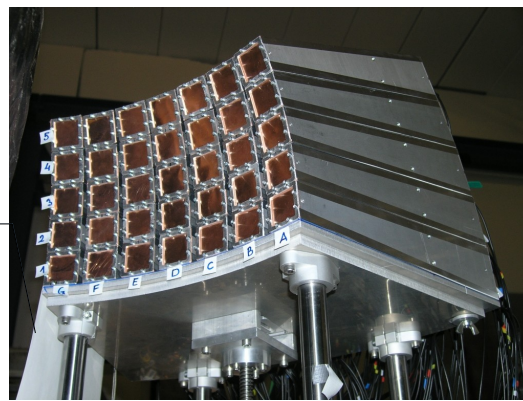


A. Andronic et al. EPJA 30(2006)31

$^{197}\text{Au}$	+	$^{197}\text{Au}$	@ 400 A MeV	$\delta^2 = 0.039$
$^{96}\text{Zr}$	+	$^{96}\text{Zr}$	@ 400 A MeV	$\delta^2 = 0.028$
$^{96}\text{Ru}$	+	$^{96}\text{Ru}$	@ 400 A MeV	$\delta^2 = 0.007$

# ASY-EOS

5x7 triple telescopes,  $20^\circ < \theta < 60^\circ$   
Si-CsI-CsI  
Midrapidity pdt +  
Isotopes of  $Z < 9$

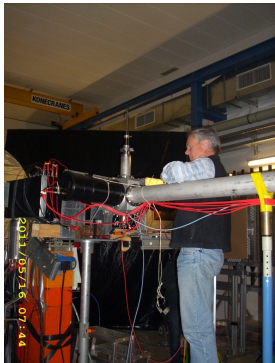


Krakow array

# setup

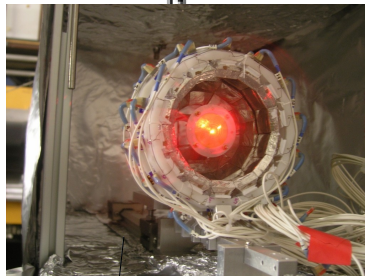
4 rings, 352 CsI(Tl),  $7^\circ < \theta < 20^\circ$   
Centrality  
&  
Reaction plane

Start + ROLU



Beam

Target



$\mu$ -Ball + Halo

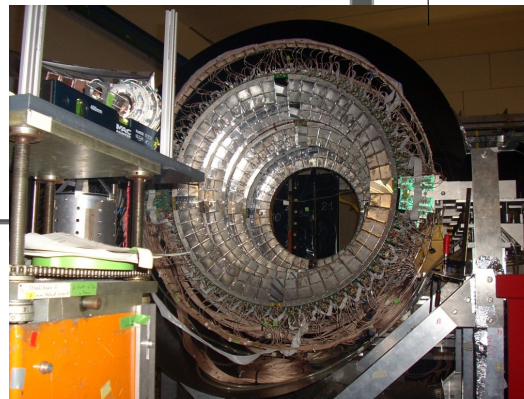
4 rings,  $\theta > 60^\circ$ , CsI(Tl)  
Discriminate target vs air  
interactions, remove halo,  
possibly centrality + rpl

$2 \times 2 \times 1 \text{ m}^3$  plastic/Fe sandwich  
+ plastic veto wall  
Midrapidity neutrons &  $Z=1$

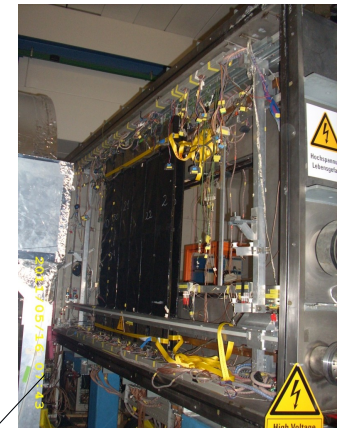
SHADOW BAR



LAND+VETO

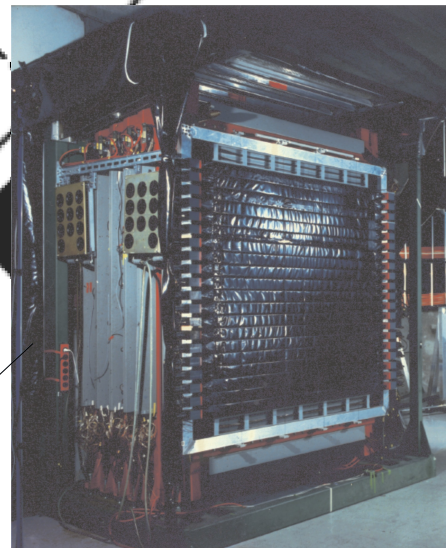


Chimera CsI



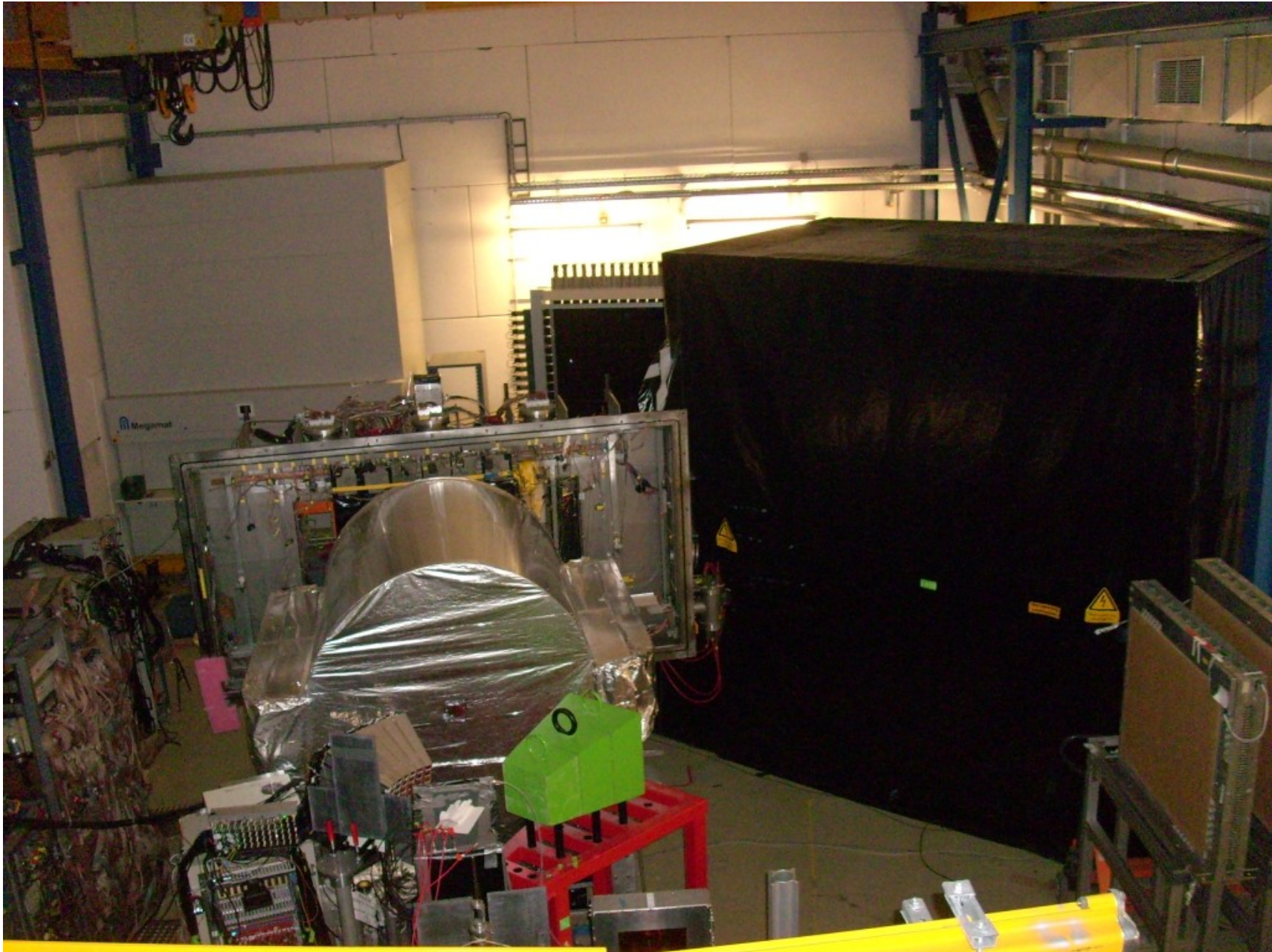
ALADIN ToF

96 plastic bars  
x-y positions, centrality,  
reaction plane, trigger





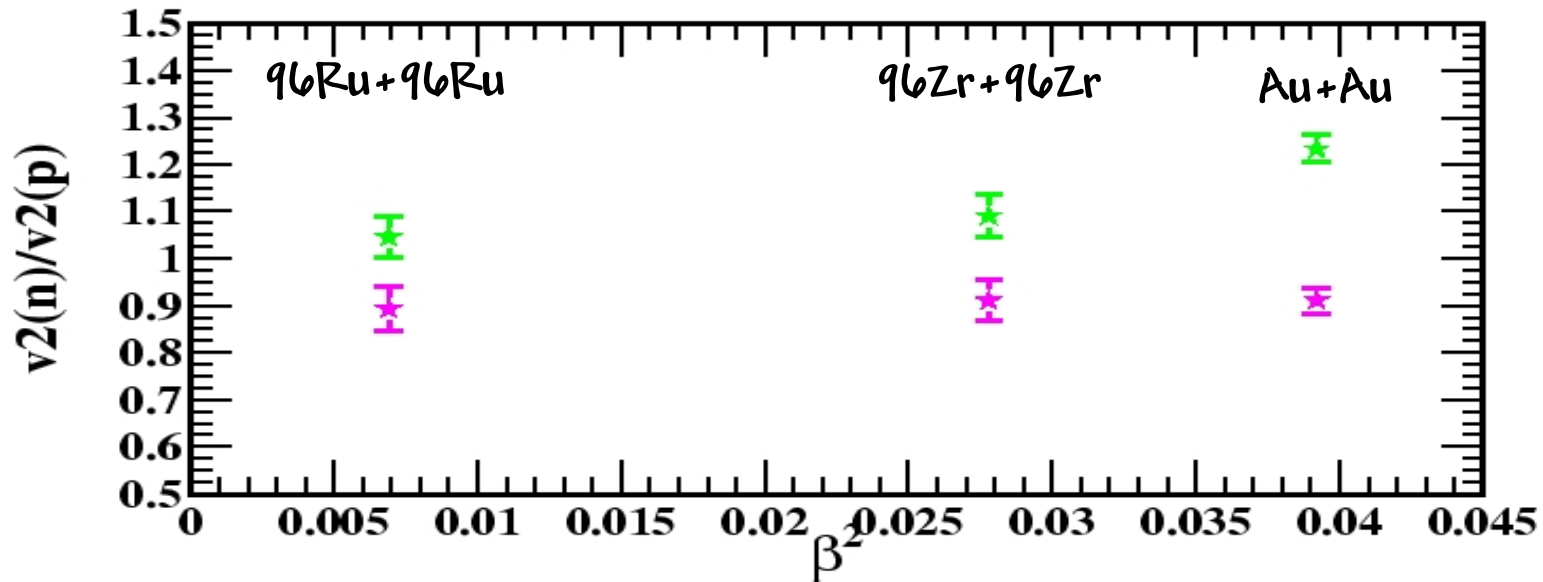
# ASY-EOS experimental setup





# URQMD simulations: @ 400 AMeV

$v_2$  for  $|(\gamma/\gamma_p)_{c.m.}| < 0.1$



$$\beta = (N-Z)/(N+Z)$$

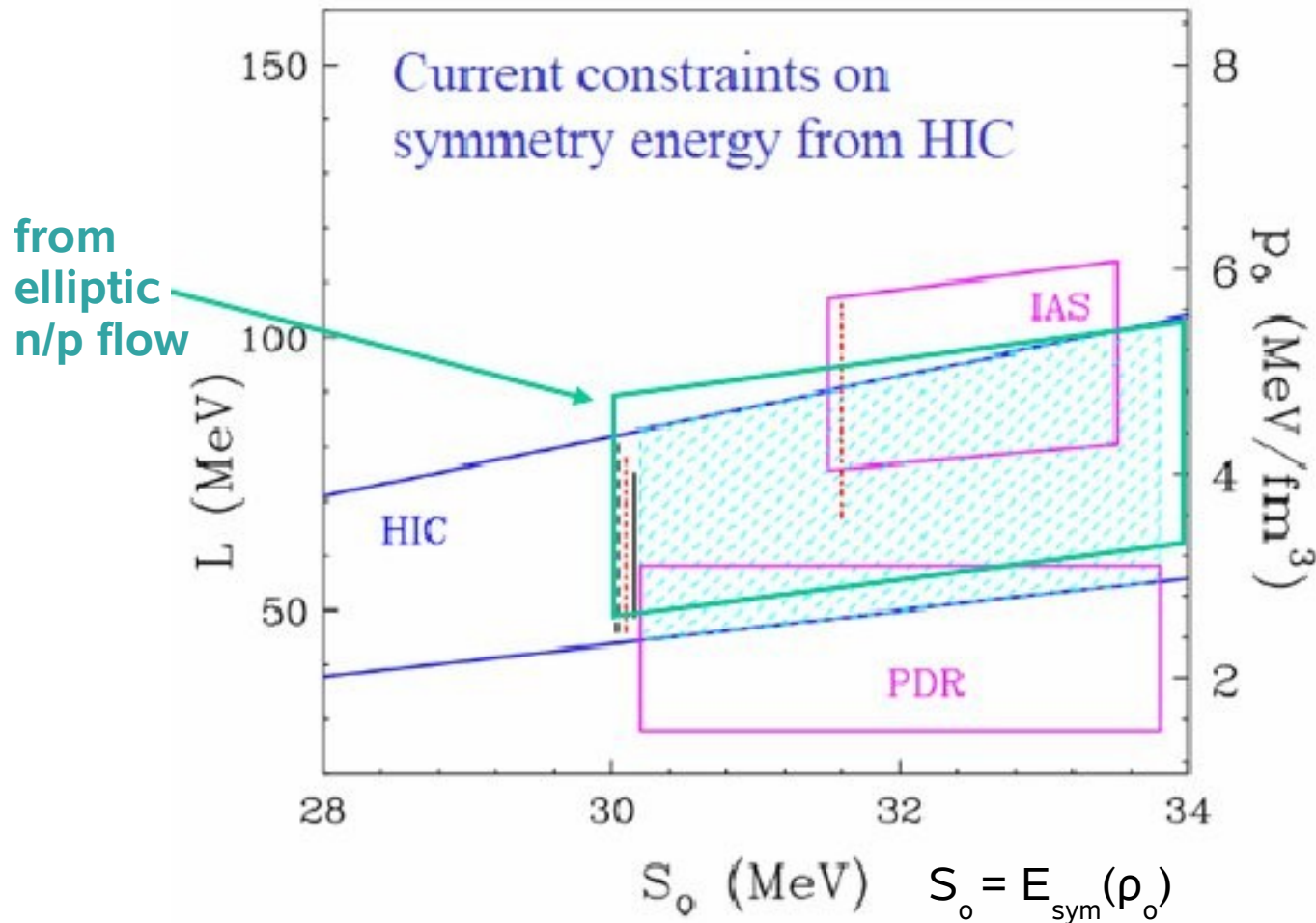
Au+Au  $b=5.5-7.5$  fm

96Zr+96Zr  $b=4-6$  fm

96Ru+96Ru  $b=4-6$  fm

# summary

$$L = 3 \rho_0 \left. \frac{\partial E_{sym}}{\partial \rho} \right|_{\rho = \rho_0}$$



**IAS -**

isobaric analog states  
Danielewicz/Lee 2008

**HIC -**

heavy-ion collisions  
isospin diffusion, n/p ratios  
Tsang et al., 2009

**PDR -**

pygmy dipole resonance  
Klimkiewicz et al. 2007

$P_0 = (L/3) \rho_0$   
symmetry  
pressure

# Difficulties in measuring the $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$

## *Experiment*

- Mixture of density, temperature and time dependent processes
- Detection of neutrons and protons simultaneously
- Tiny effects – high precision and statistics needed
- Observables minimizing the influence of the isoscalar part
- Correlations of many observables needed
- Exotic beams (larger  $\delta$ ) would help

## *Model*

- In-medium cross sections ( $\rho$  and  $p$  dependent)
- Realistic inelastic cross sections, particle production ( $\pi$ ,  $K$ )
- Momentum dependence of the mean-field
- Control the competition between the mean-field and collisions
- Realistic description of cluster formation (at least  $t/{}^3\text{He}$ )
- Ability to describe „hot” and „cold” observables

# The ASY-EOS Collaboration

Co-Spokespersons: R.C. Lemmon<sup>1</sup> and P. Russotto<sup>2</sup>

## Collaboration

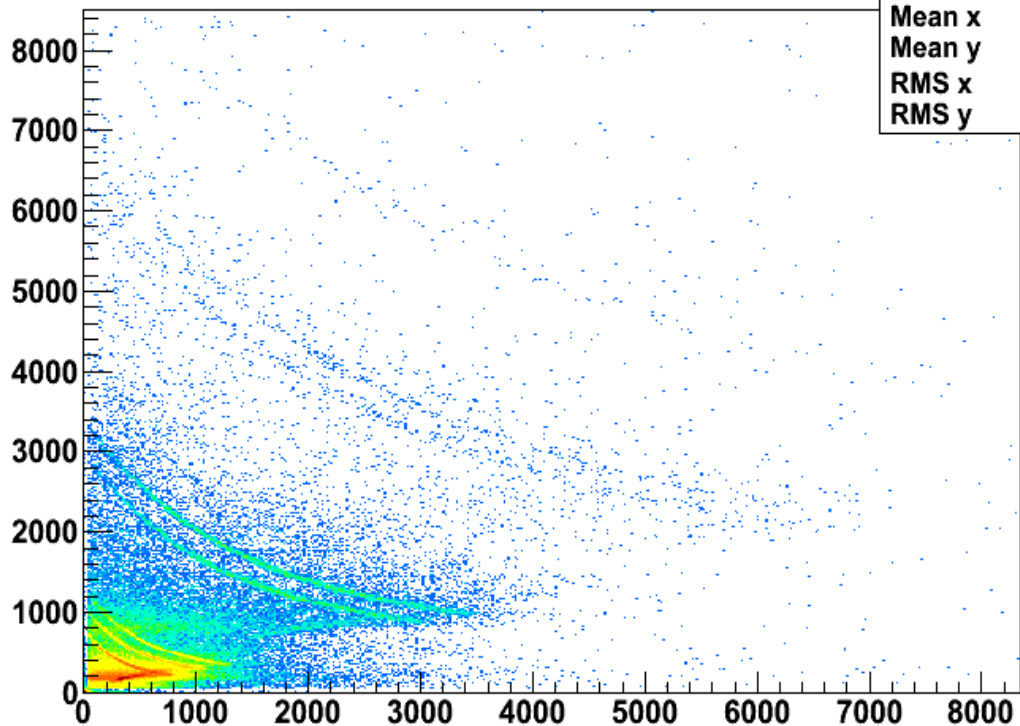
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# Symmetry energy from elliptic flow in $^{197}\text{Au}+^{197}\text{Au}$ [PLB 697 (2011) 471]

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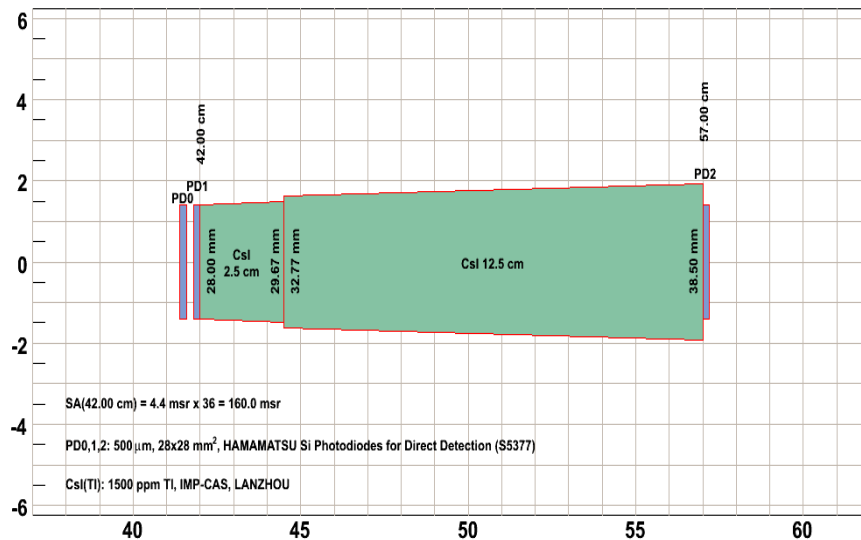


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RMS y	

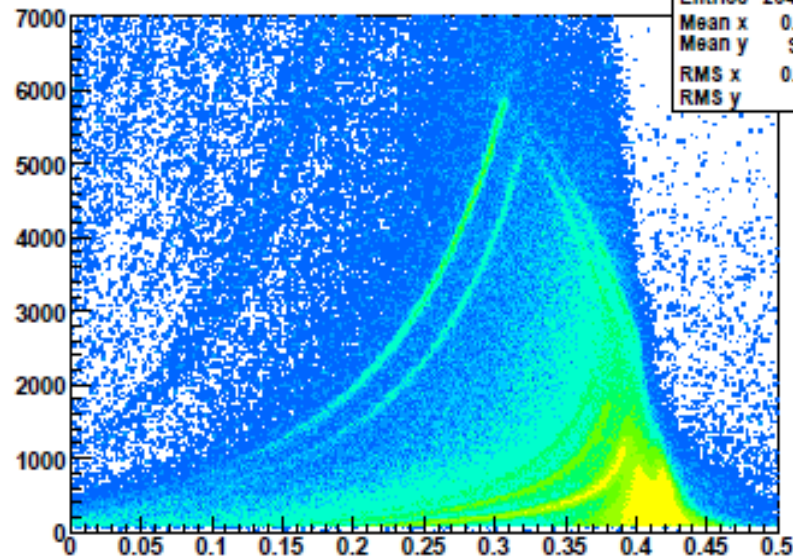
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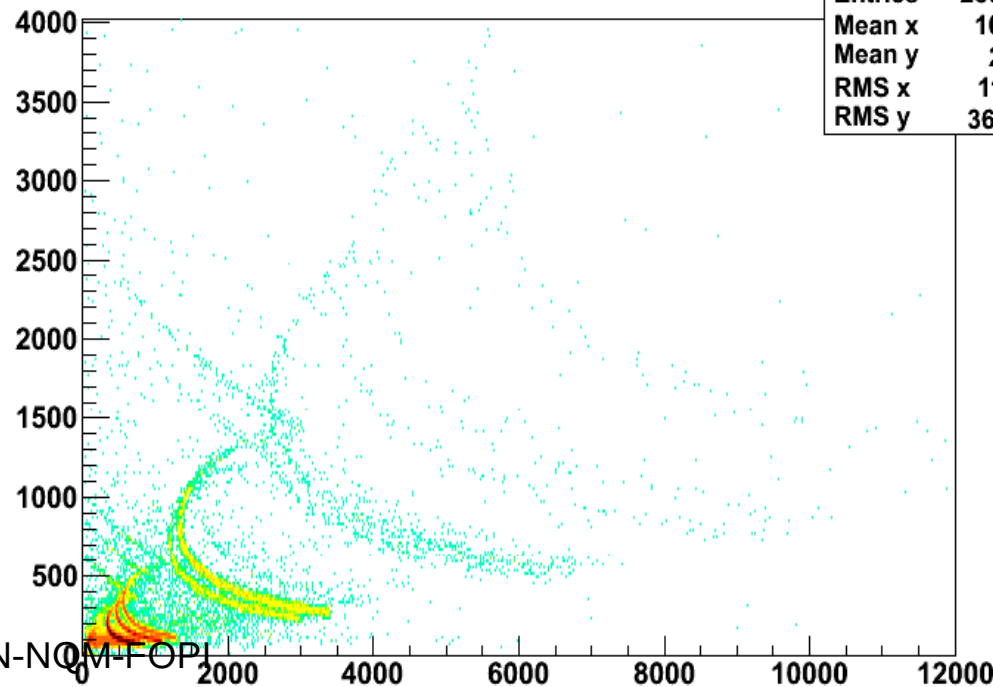
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RMS x	0.1501
RMS y	1178

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Entries	28378
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Mean y	284
RMS x	1116
RMS y	368.8



# Differential flow

(minimizes the influence of the isoscalar part of the EOS)

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$$F_{n-p}^x(y) \equiv \frac{1}{N(y)} \sum_{i=1}^{N(y)} p_i^x(y) \tau_i = \frac{N_n(y)}{N(y)} \langle p_n^x(y) \rangle - \frac{N_p(y)}{N(y)} \langle p_p^x(y) \rangle$$

where  $N_n(y)$  is the total number of free nucleons at rapidity  $y$ ,  $p_i^x(y)$  is the transverse in-plane momentum of particle  $i$  and  $\tau_i = 1$  ( $-1$ ) for neutrons (protons).