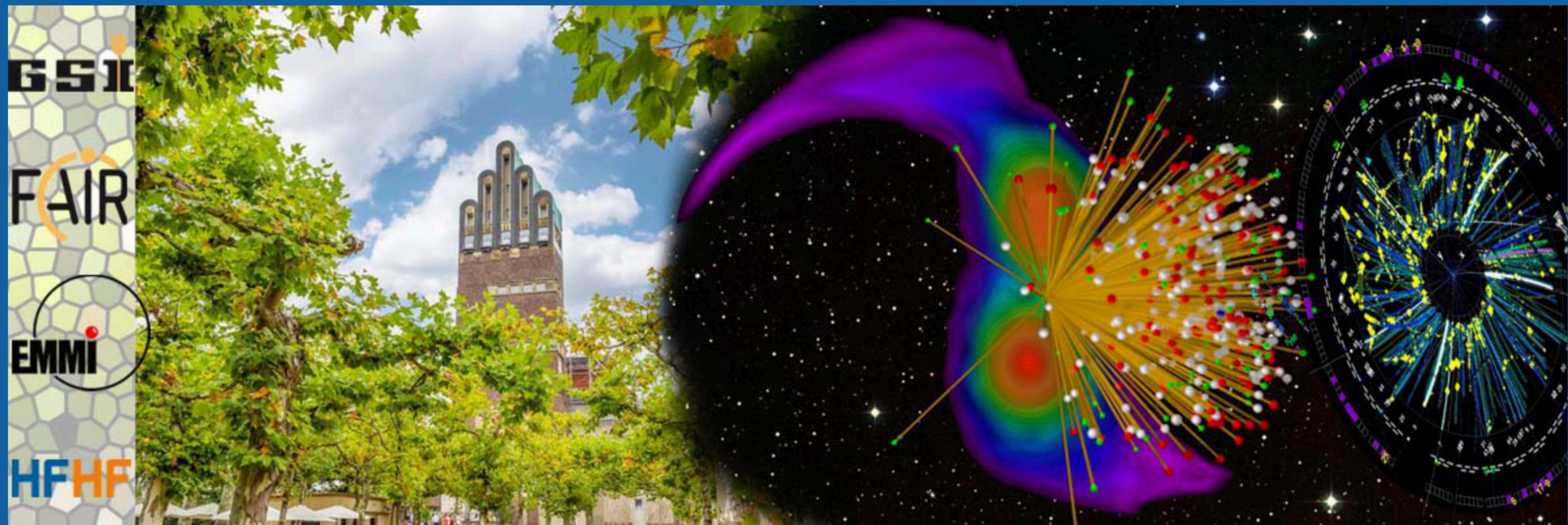


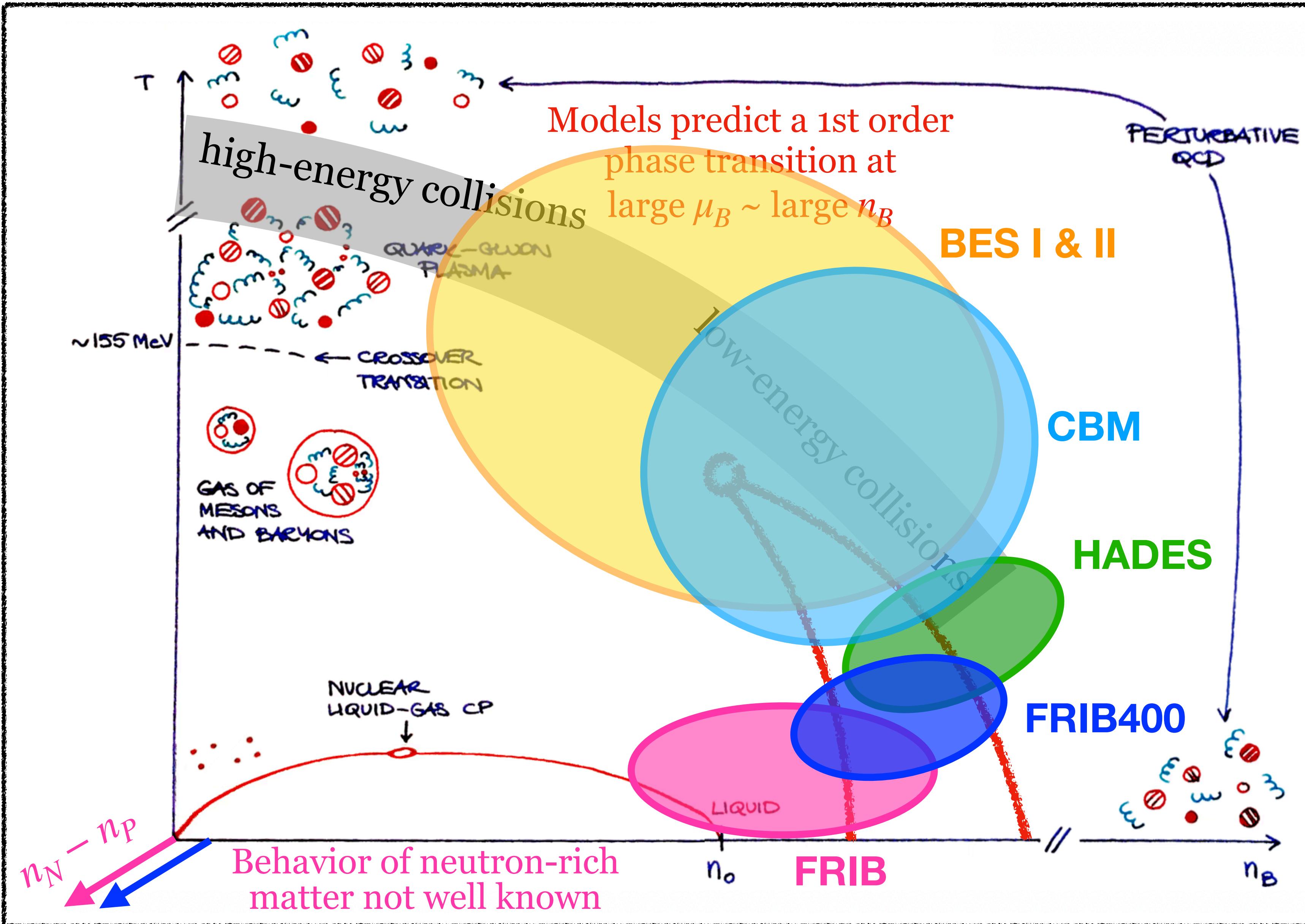
# The equation of state of symmetric nuclear matter from heavy-ion collisions

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# The QCD phase diagram: great interest in behavior at high $n_B$



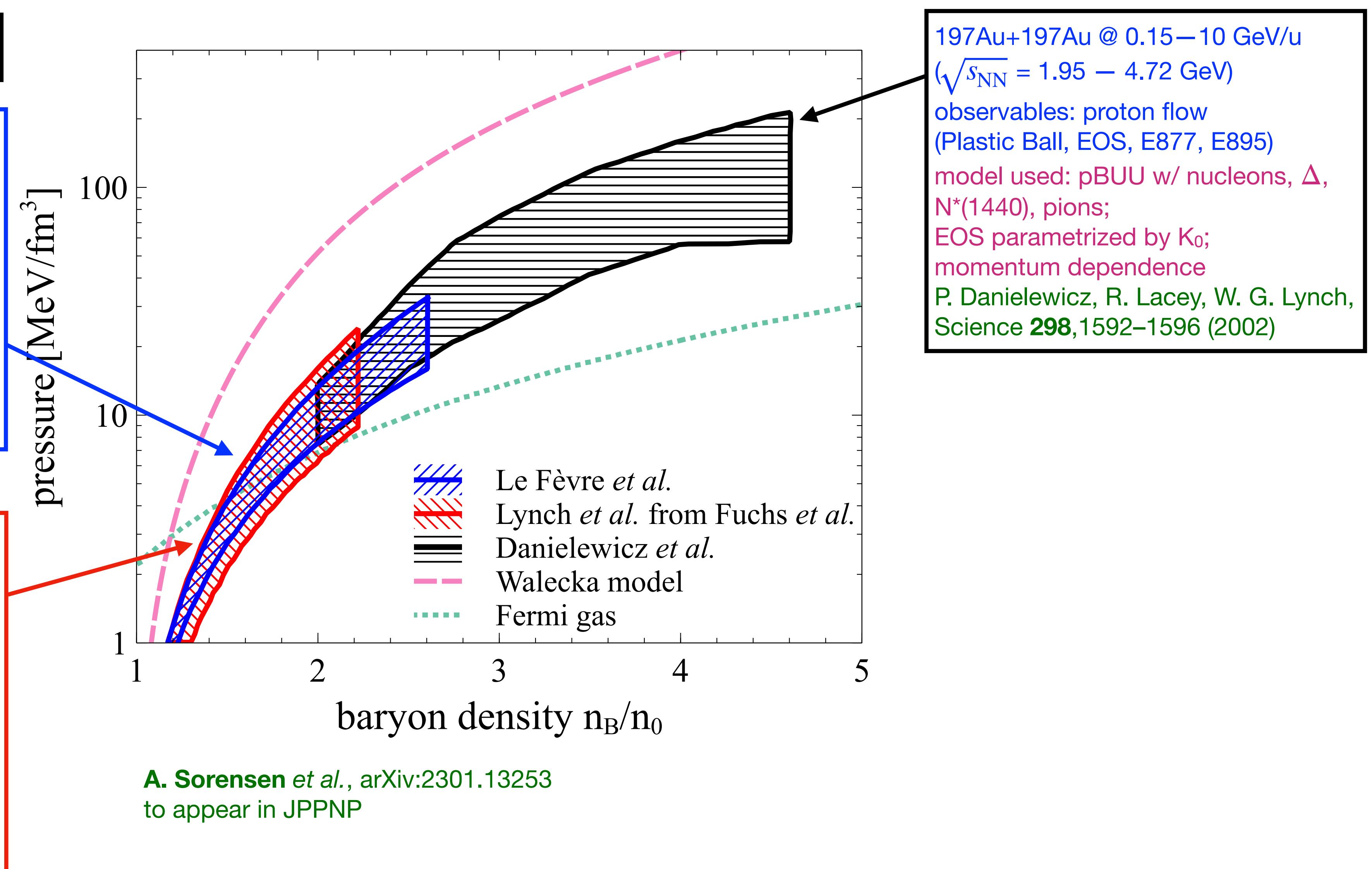
- HICs = the only means to probe densities away from  $n_0$  in controlled terrestrial experiments
- Hadronic transport is necessary to interpret the results: BES FXT, HADES, CBM, FRIB, FRIB400

# EOS of symmetric nuclear matter: selected (*few*) results

## Symmetric nuclear matter

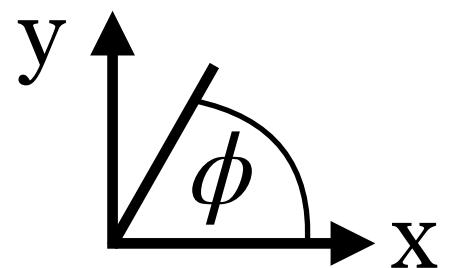
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112 (2016), arXiv:1501.05246

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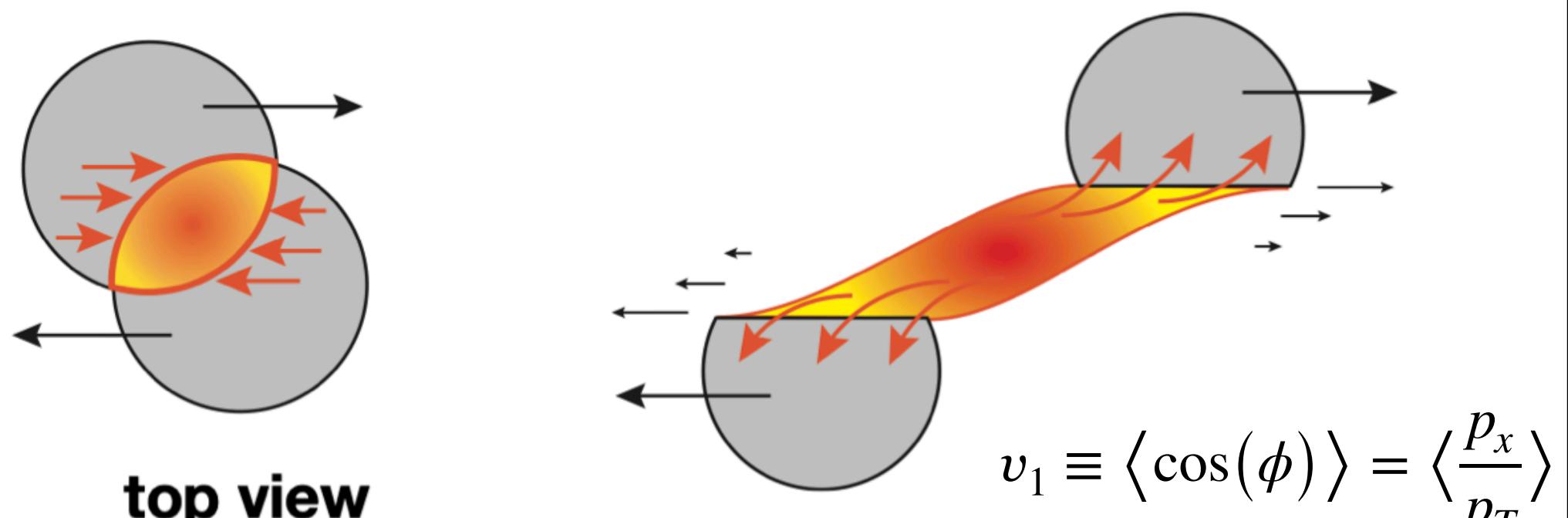


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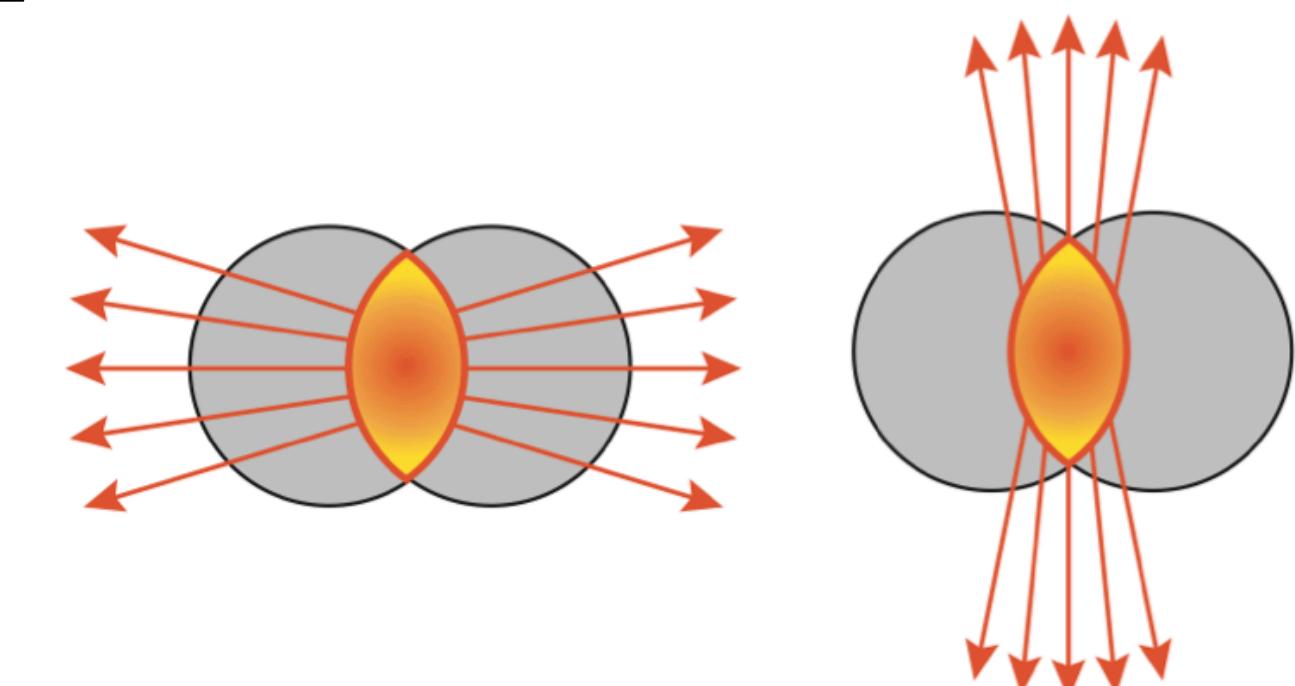
directed flow  $v_1$  ( $dv_1/dy \sim$  longitudinal expansion)



elliptic flow  $v_2$  ( $v_2(y \approx 0) \sim$  midrapidity)

$$v_2 \equiv \langle \cos(2\phi) \rangle$$

front view



illustrations from a presentation  
by B. Kardan (HADES)

in-plane

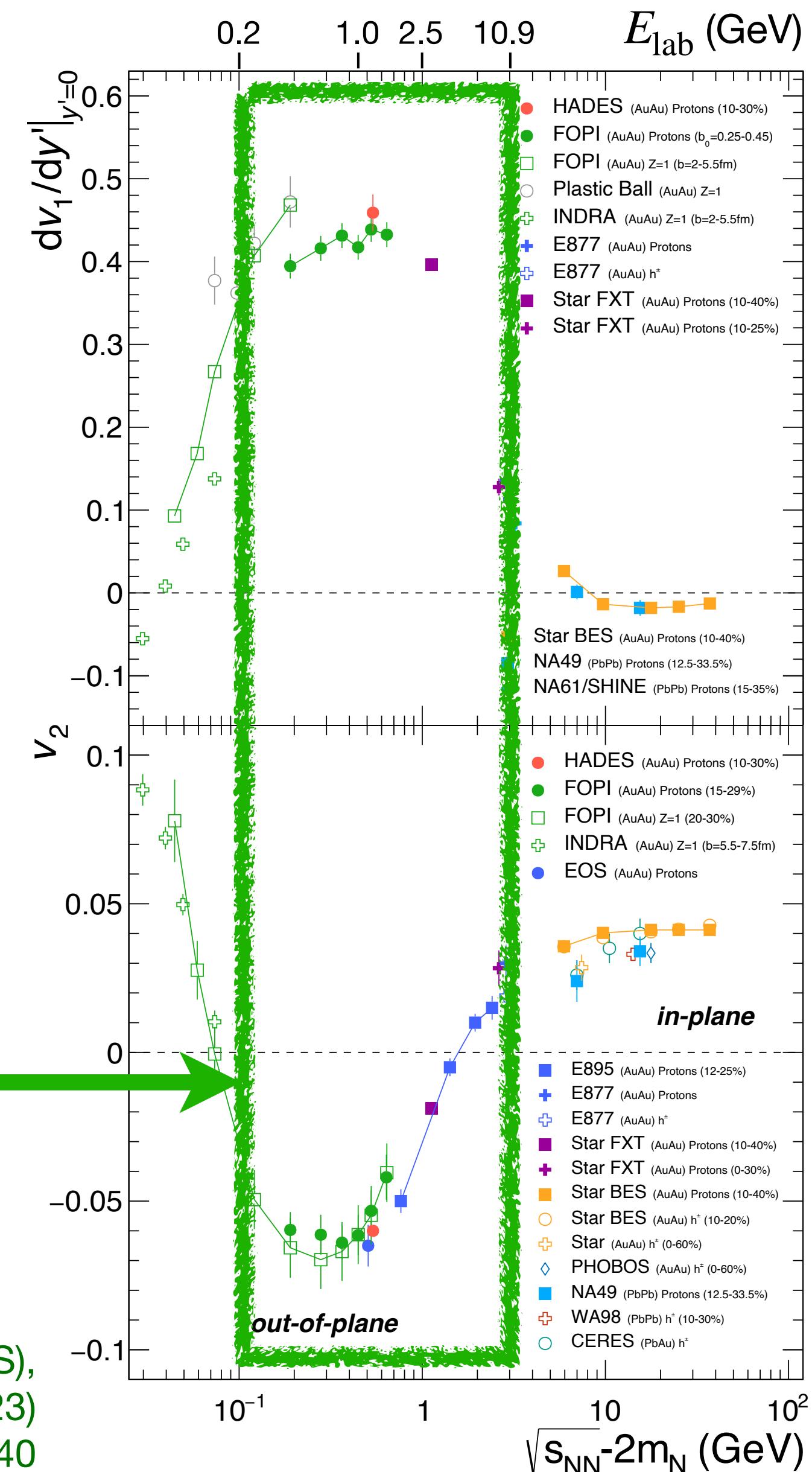
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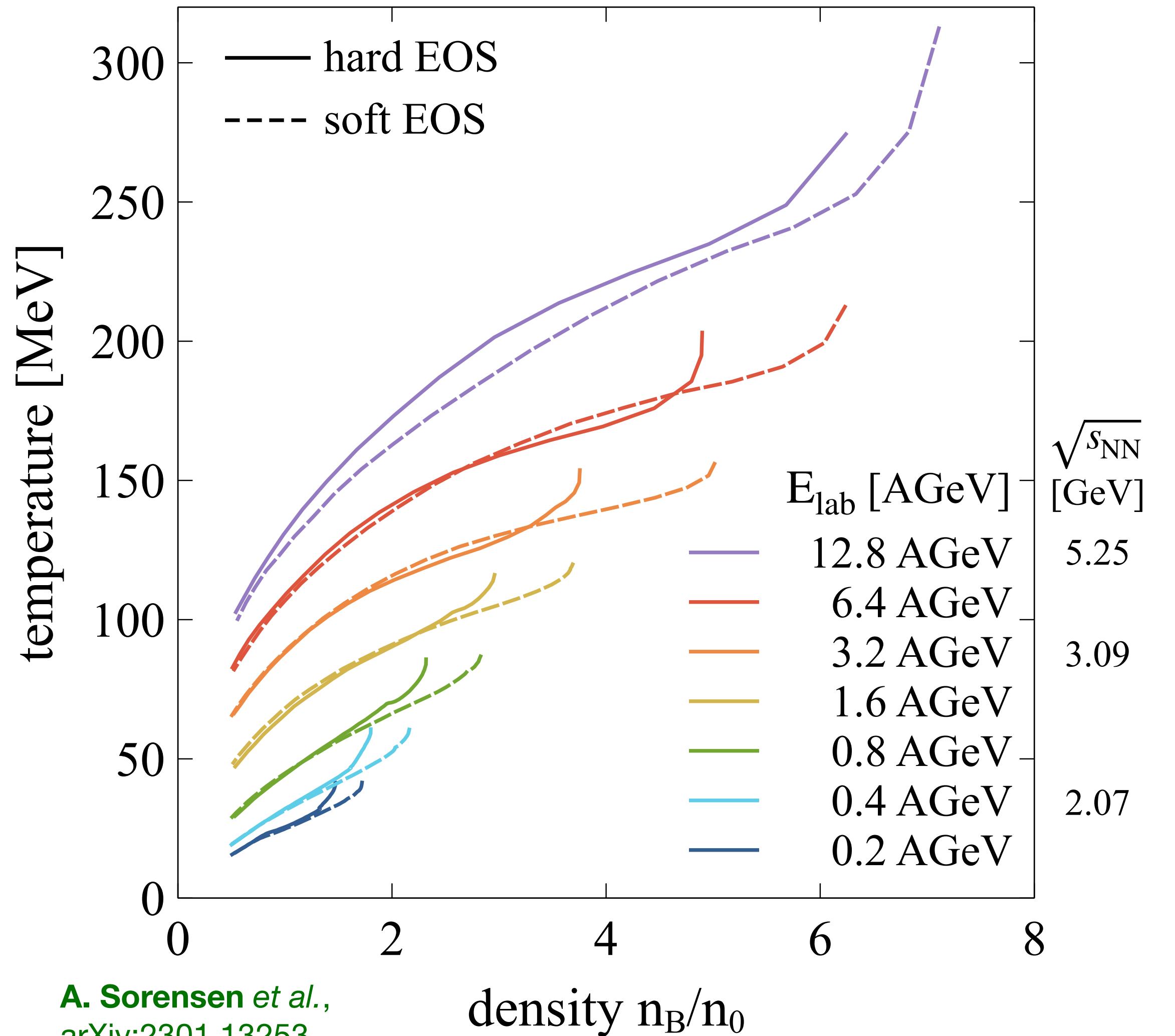
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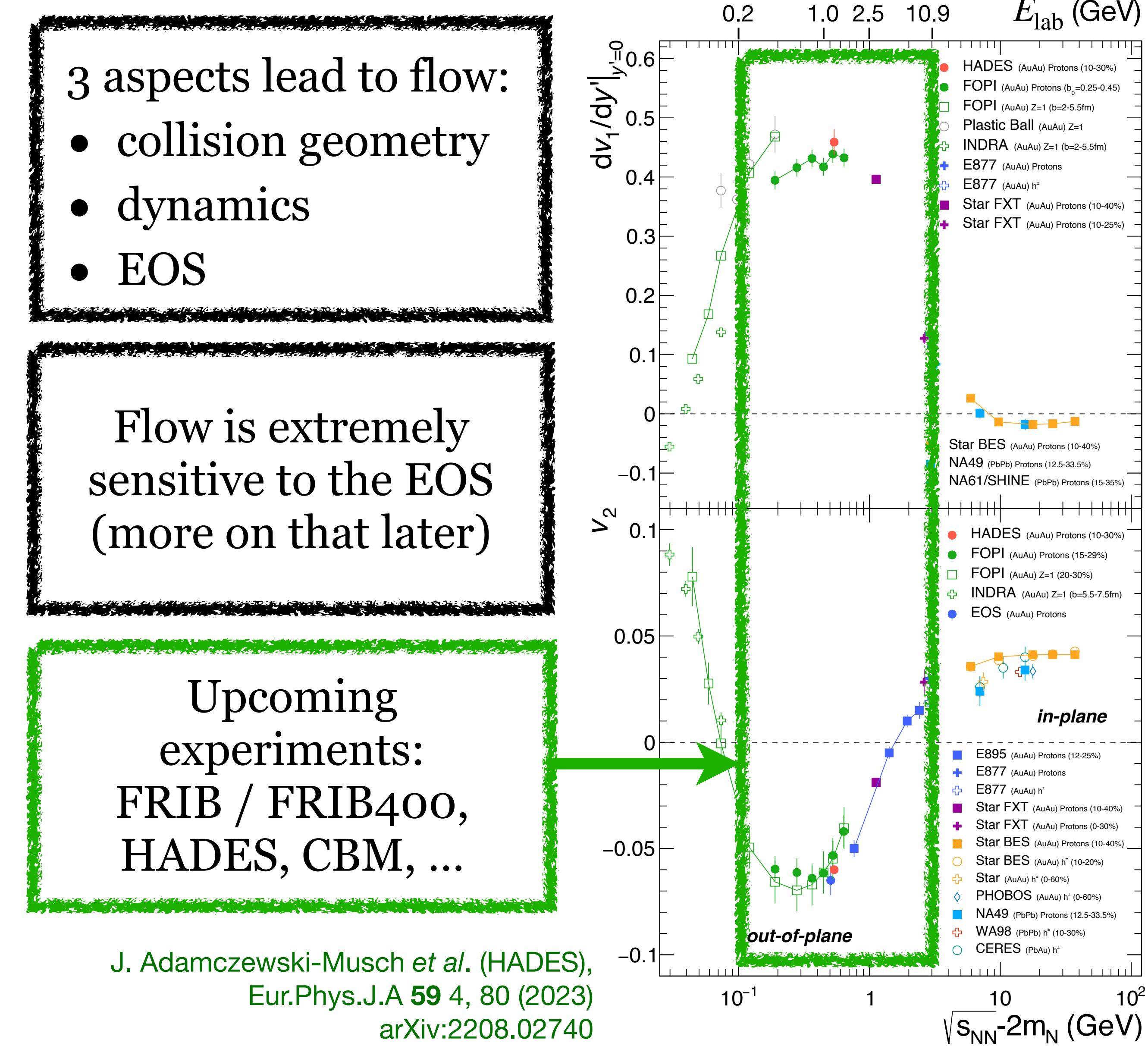
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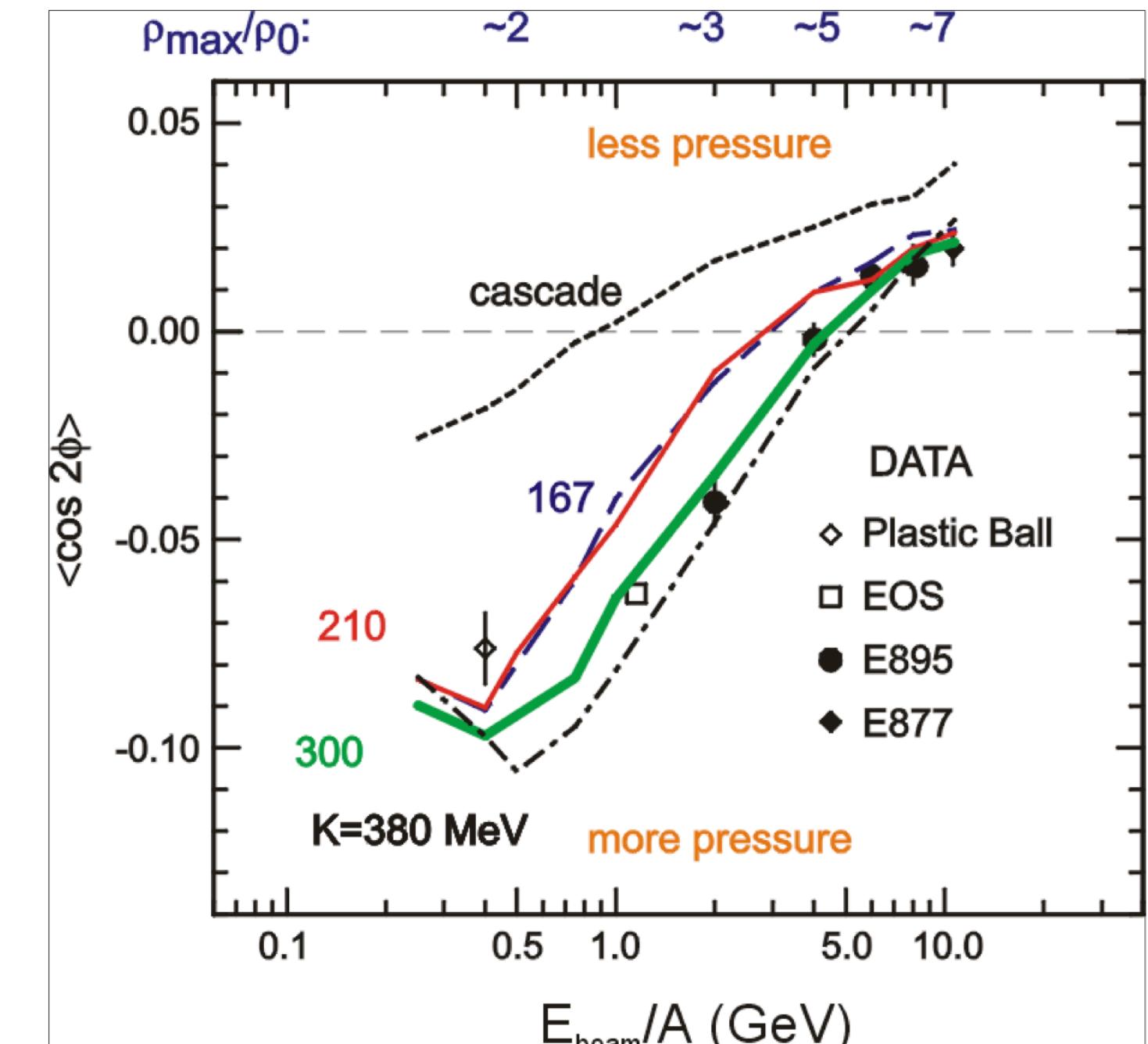
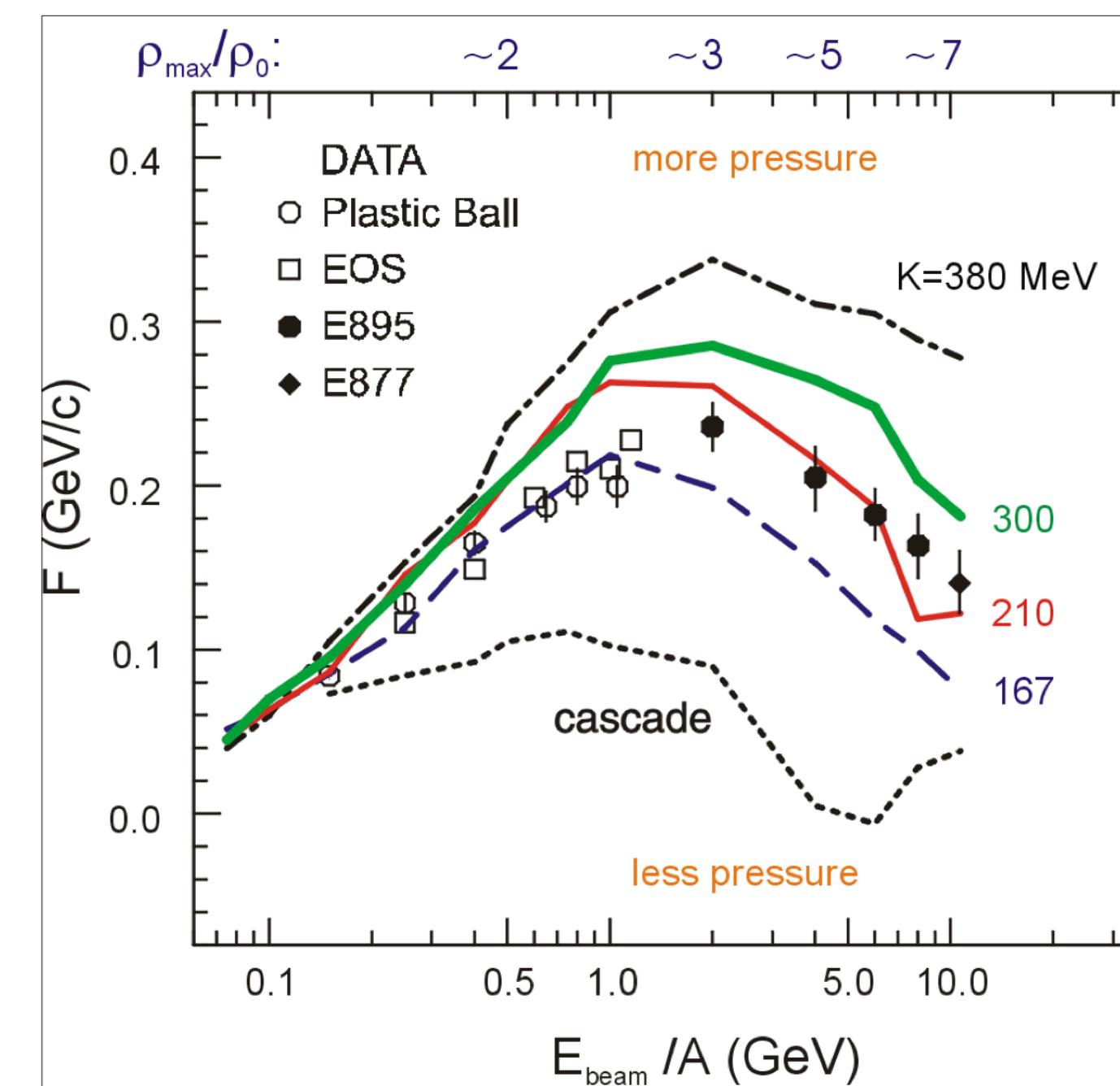
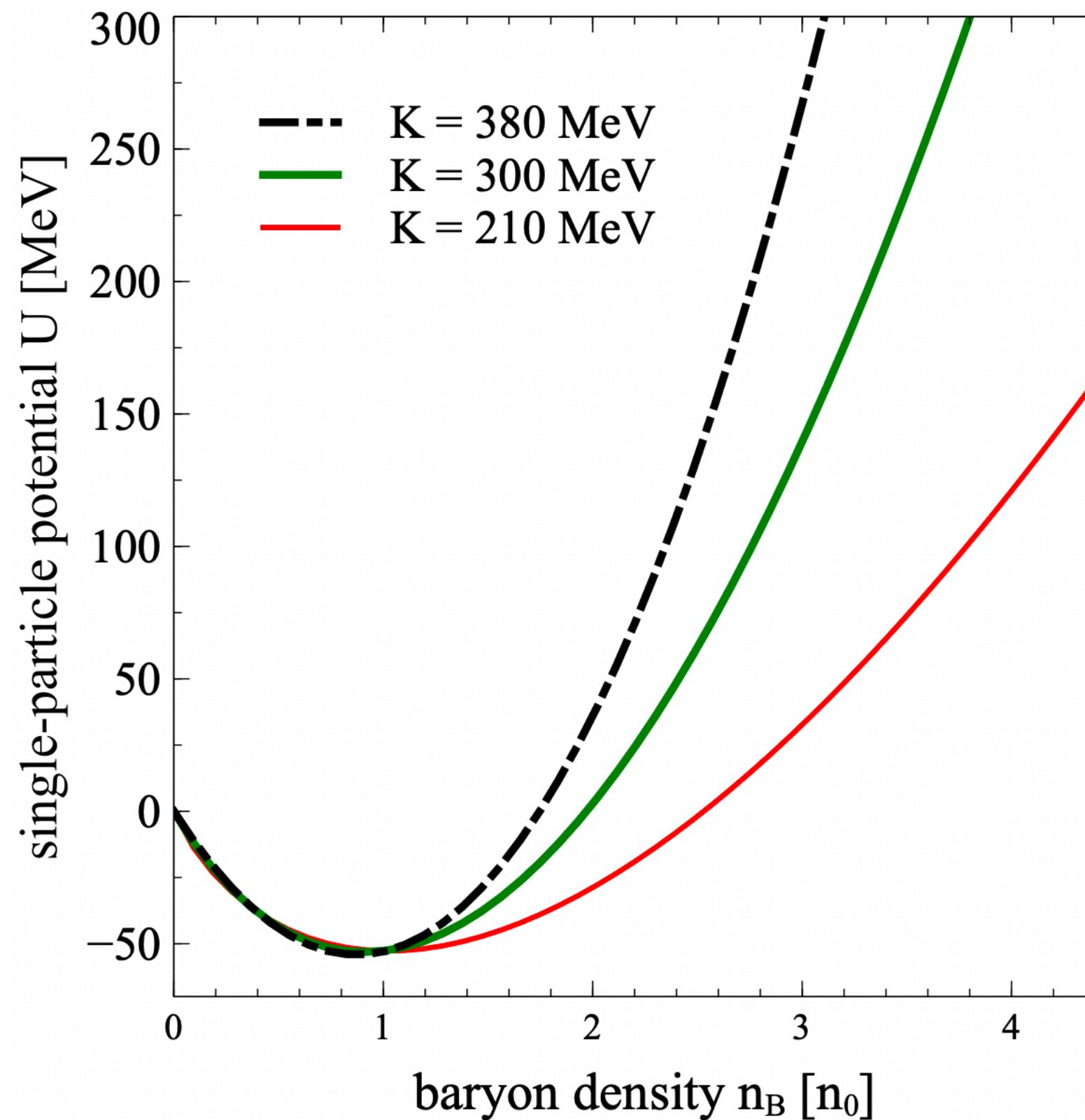


# Standard way of modeling the EOS: Skyrme potential

The most common form of the EOS is the “Skyrme potential”:

$$U(n_B) = A \left( \frac{n_B}{n_0} \right) + B \left( \frac{n_B}{n_0} \right)^\tau$$

(note: in DLL  $U(n_B)$  a bit more complicated,  
also momentum dependence!)



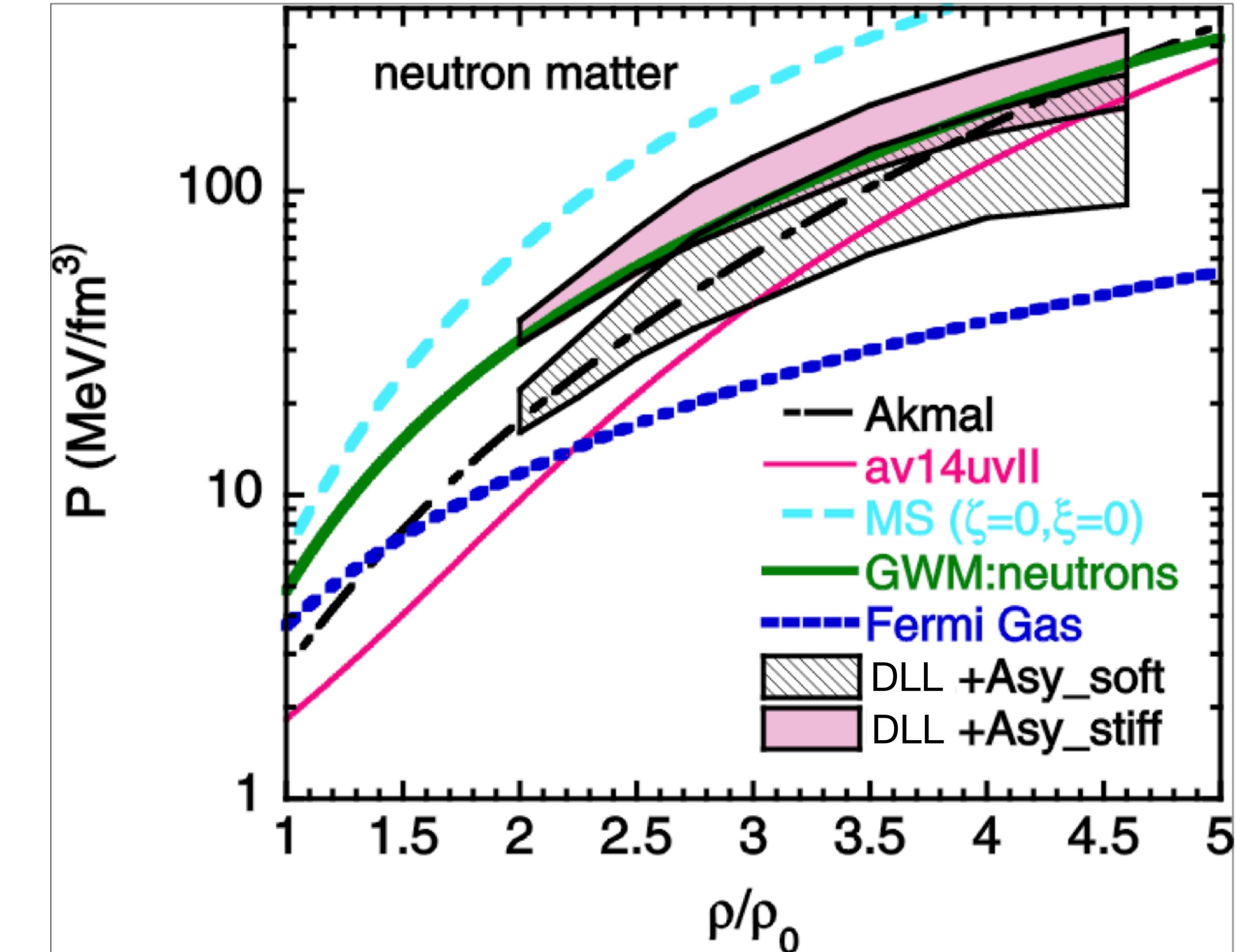
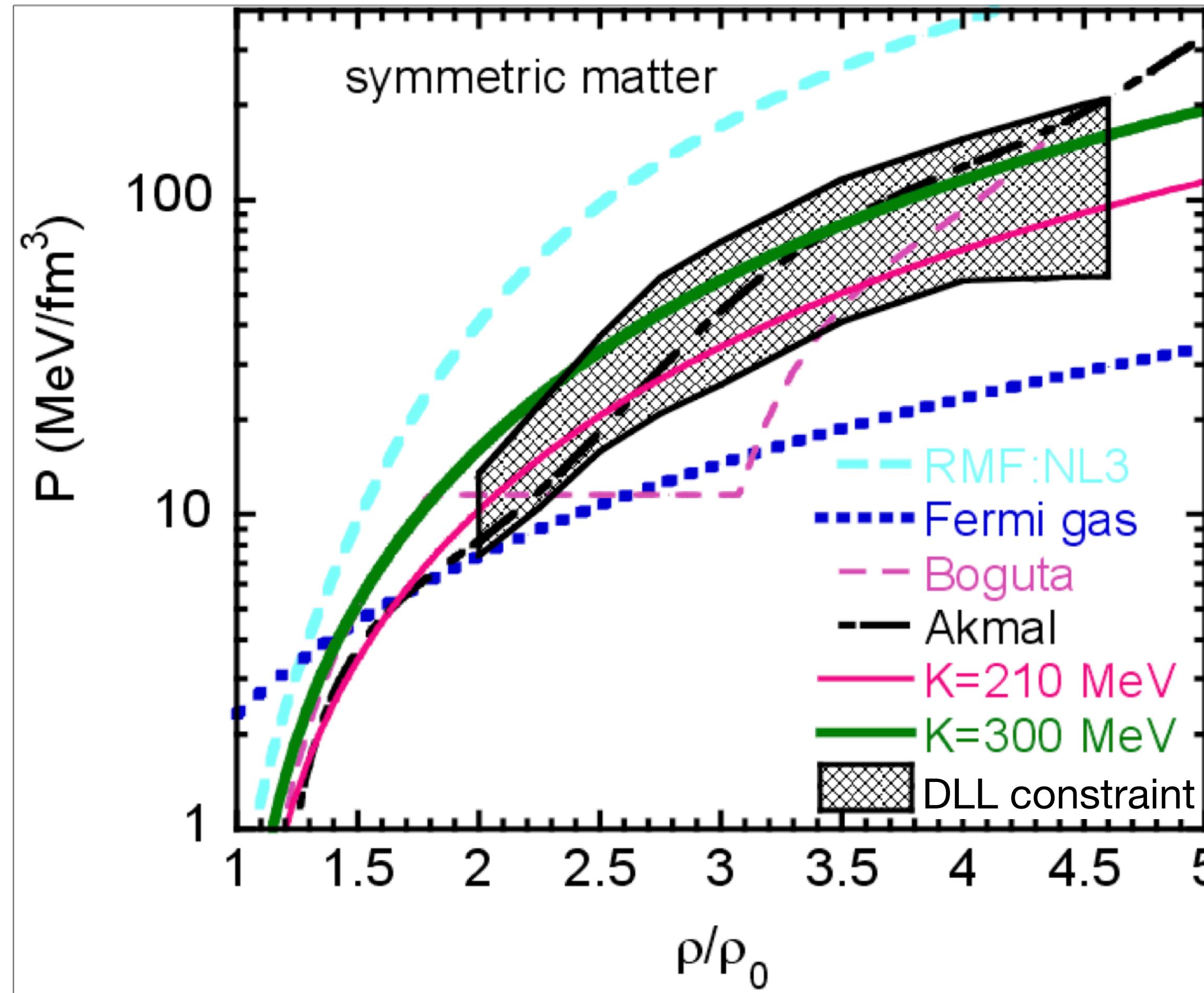
$$F = \frac{d\langle p_x/A \rangle}{d(y/y_{\text{cm}})} \Bigg|_{y/y_{\text{cm}}=1}$$

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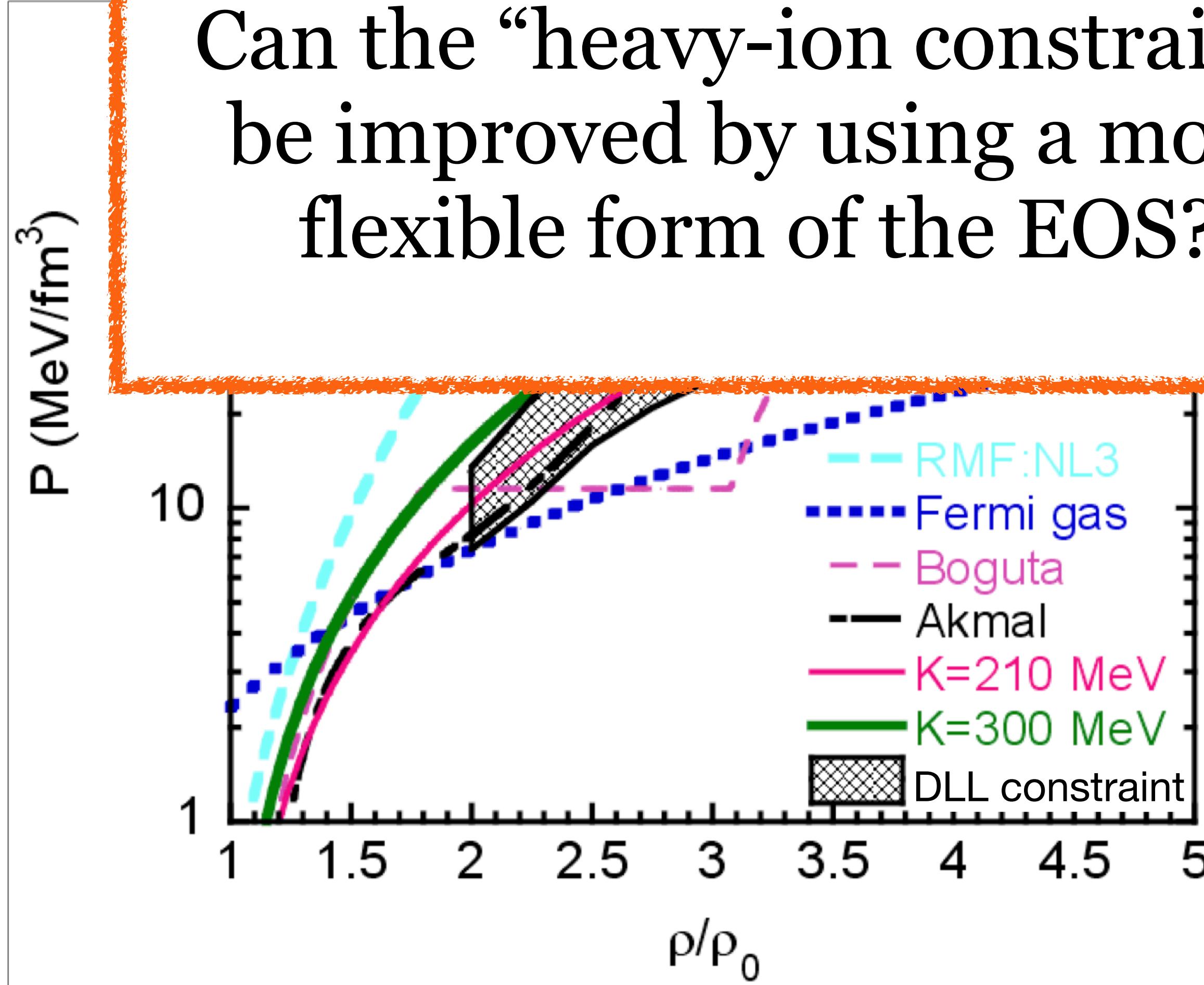
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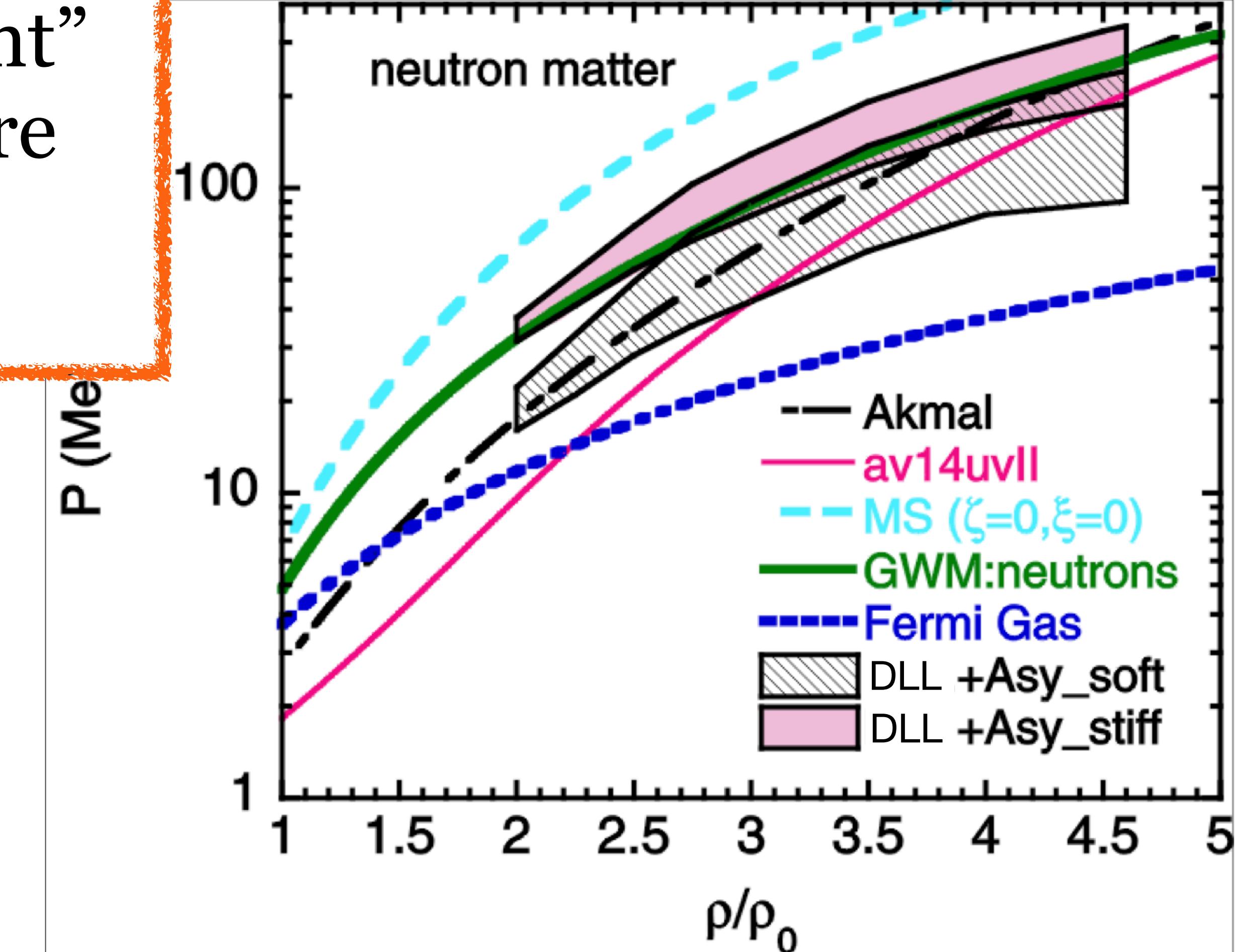


# Standard way of modeling the EOS: Skyrme potential

Can the “heavy-ion constraint”  
be improved by using a more  
flexible form of the EOS?



“the heavy-ion constraint”



# Relativistic vector density functional (VDF) model

A. Sørensen, V. Koch, Phys. Rev. C **104** (2021) 3, 034904, arXiv:2011.06635

inspired by relativistic Landau Fermi-liquid theory: G. Baym, S. A. Chin, Nucl. Phys. A **262**, 527 (1976)

1) Postulate the energy density of the system:

$$\mathcal{E}_N = \mathcal{E}_N[f_p] = g \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \epsilon_{\text{kin}} f_p + \sum_{i=1}^N C_i (j_\mu j^\mu)^{\frac{b_i}{2}-1} \left[ j^0 j^0 - g^{00} \left( \frac{b_i - 1}{b_i} \right) j_\lambda j^\lambda \right]$$

$$\mathcal{E}_N \Big|_{\substack{\text{rest} \\ \text{frame}}} = g \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} f_p + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{C_i}{b_i} n_B^{b_i}$$

← mean-field interactions parameterized by  $C_i$  and  $b_i$

2) Quasiparticle energy:

$$\varepsilon_p \equiv \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}[f_p]}{\delta f_p} = \epsilon_{\text{kin}} + \sum_{i=1}^N C_i (j_\mu j^\mu)^{\frac{b_i}{2}-1} j^0$$

3) Get EOMs:

$$\frac{dx^i}{dt} \equiv - \frac{\partial \varepsilon_p}{\partial p_i}, \quad \frac{dp^i}{dt} \equiv \frac{\partial \varepsilon_p}{\partial x_i}$$

$$j_\mu j^\mu = n_B^2$$


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$$\epsilon_{\text{kin}} = \sqrt{\left( \vec{p} - \sum_{i=1}^N C_i (j_\mu j^\mu)^{\frac{b_i}{2}-1} \vec{j} \right)^2 + m^2}$$

← Lorentz covariant

thermodynamically  
consistent

4) Use  $T^{\mu\nu}$  to get the pressure:

$$P_N = \frac{1}{3} \sum_k T^{kk} \Big|_{\substack{\text{rest} \\ \text{frame}}} = g \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} T \ln \left[ 1 + e^{-\beta(\varepsilon_p - \mu_B)} \right] + \sum_{i=1}^N C_i \frac{b_i - 1}{b_i} n_B^{b_i}$$

input to transport code;  
use in Boltzmann eq. to obtain  $T^{\mu\nu}$

# VDF model: two 1st order phase transitions

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Systems with two 1st order phase transitions: nuclear and “quark/hadron”, or “QGP-like”

- degrees of freedom: nucleons
- “QGP-like” PT: “more dense” matter coexists with “less dense” matter
- minimal model: 4 interactions terms = 8 parameters to fix:

$$P = g \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} T \ln \left[ 1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_p - \mu_B)} \right] + \sum_{i=1}^{N=4} C_i \frac{b_i - 1}{b_i} n_B^{b_i}$$

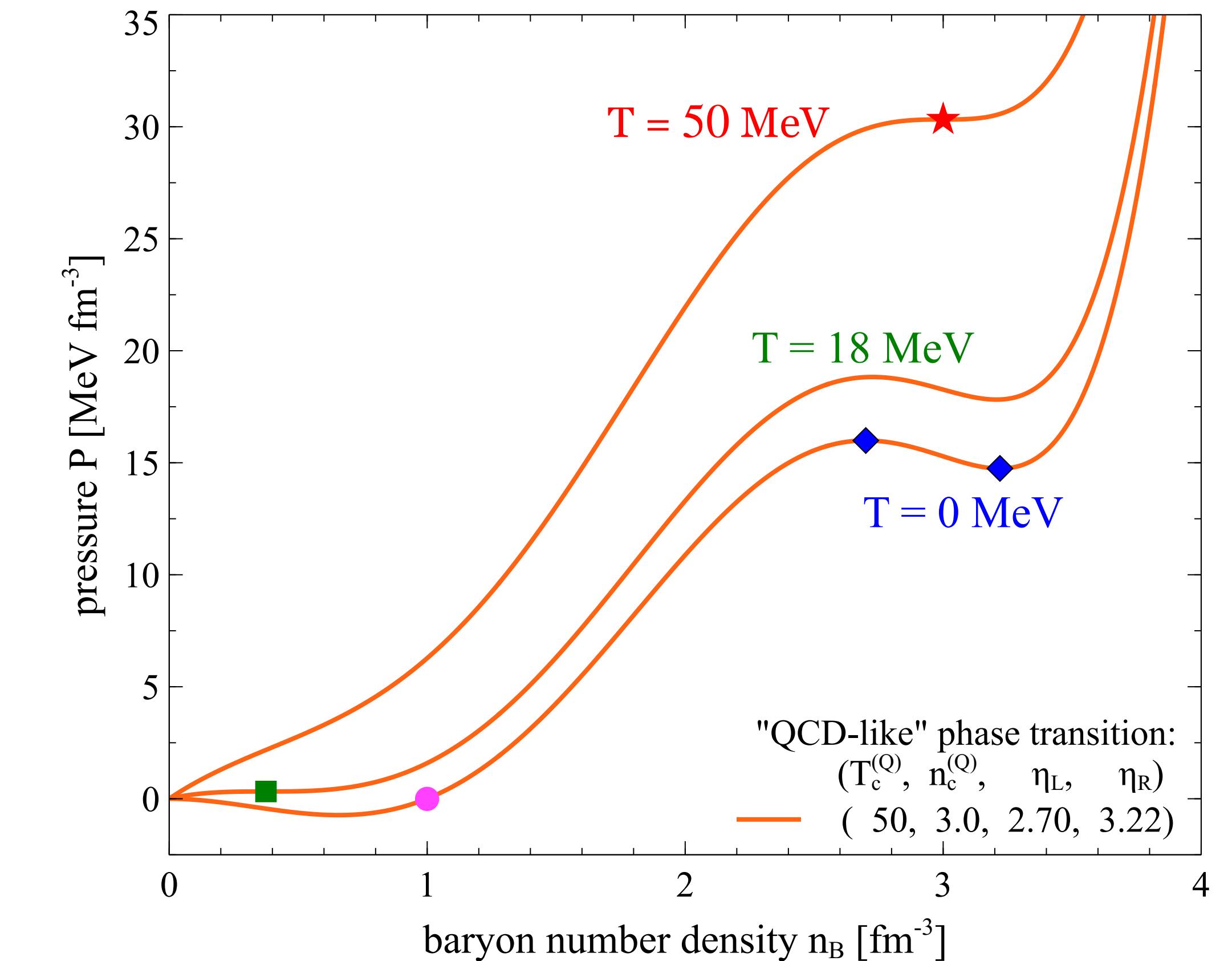
$C_i$  and  $b_i$  are fitted to reproduce:

$n_0 = 0.160 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ ,  $E_B = -16.3 \text{ MeV}$

$T_c^{(N)} = 18 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $n_c^{(N)} = 0.375 n_0$

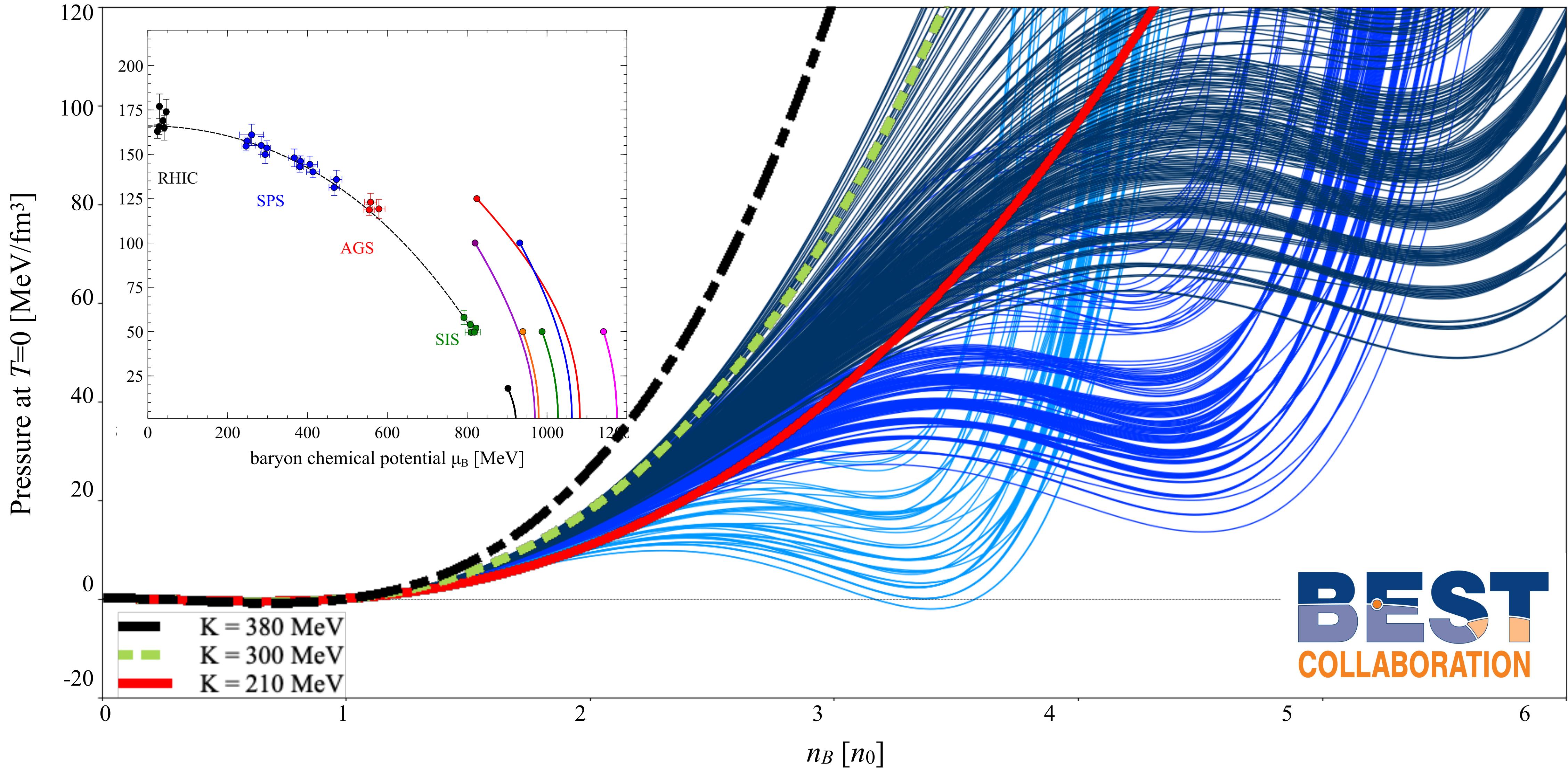
$T_c^{(Q)} = ?$ ,  $n_c^{(Q)} = ?$

$\eta_L = ?$ ,  $\eta_R = ?$



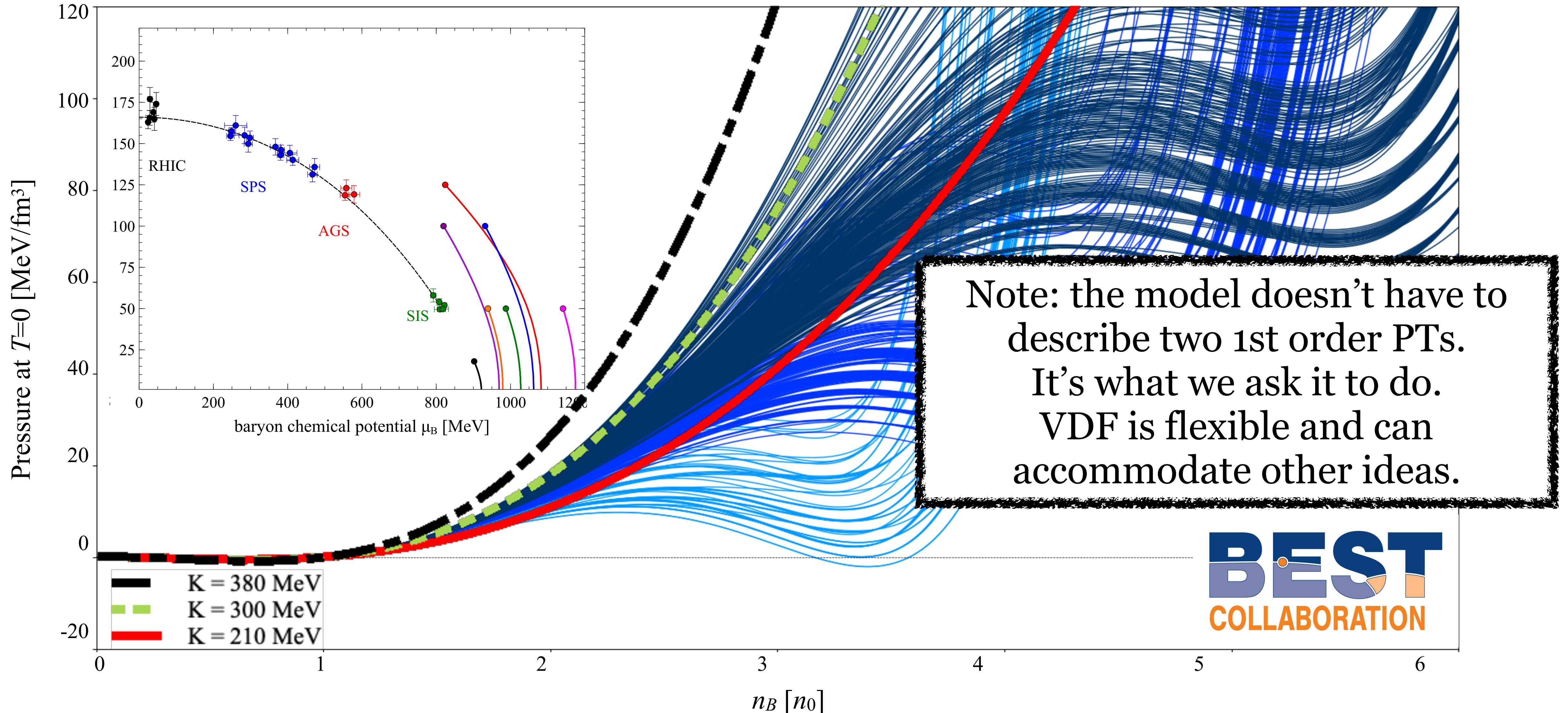
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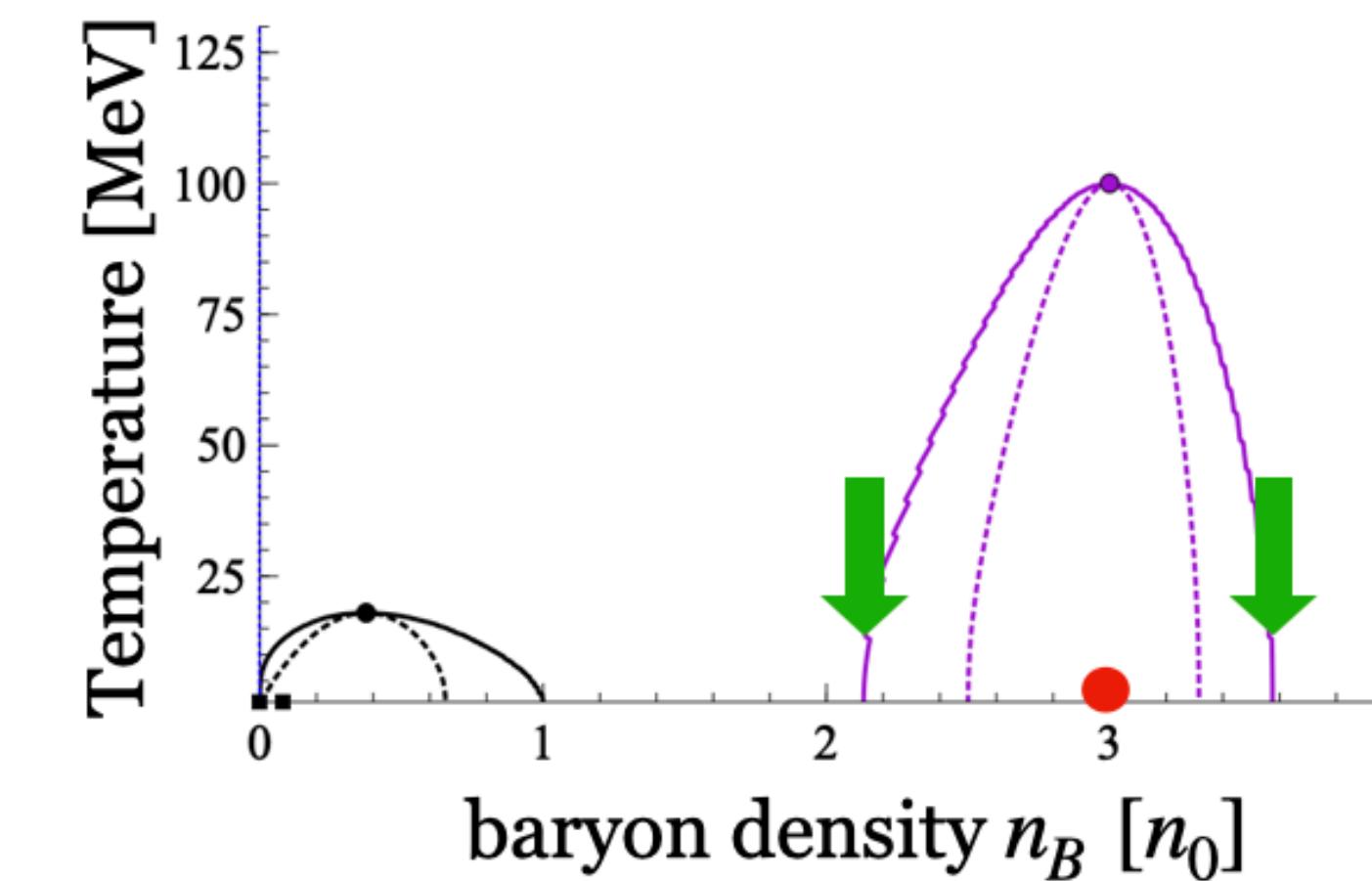
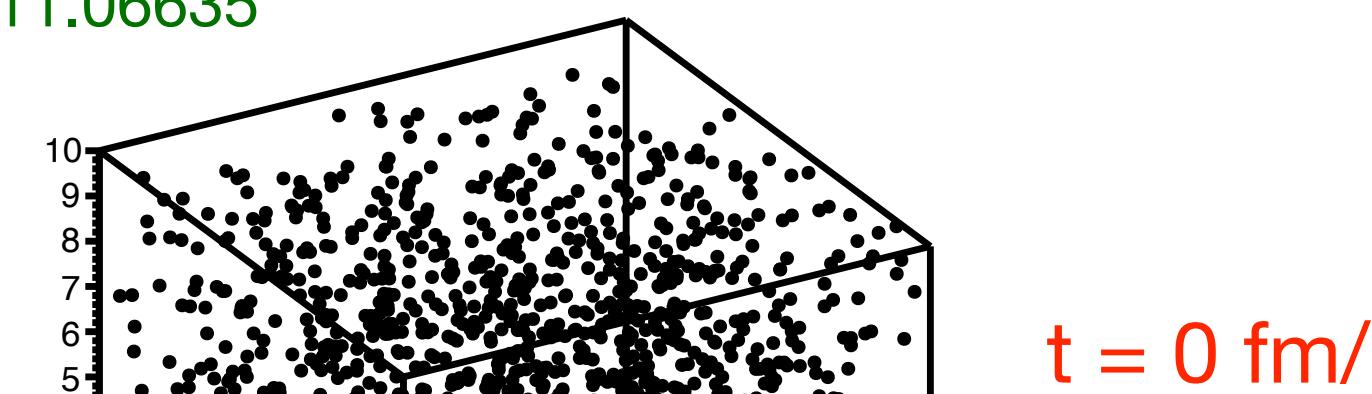
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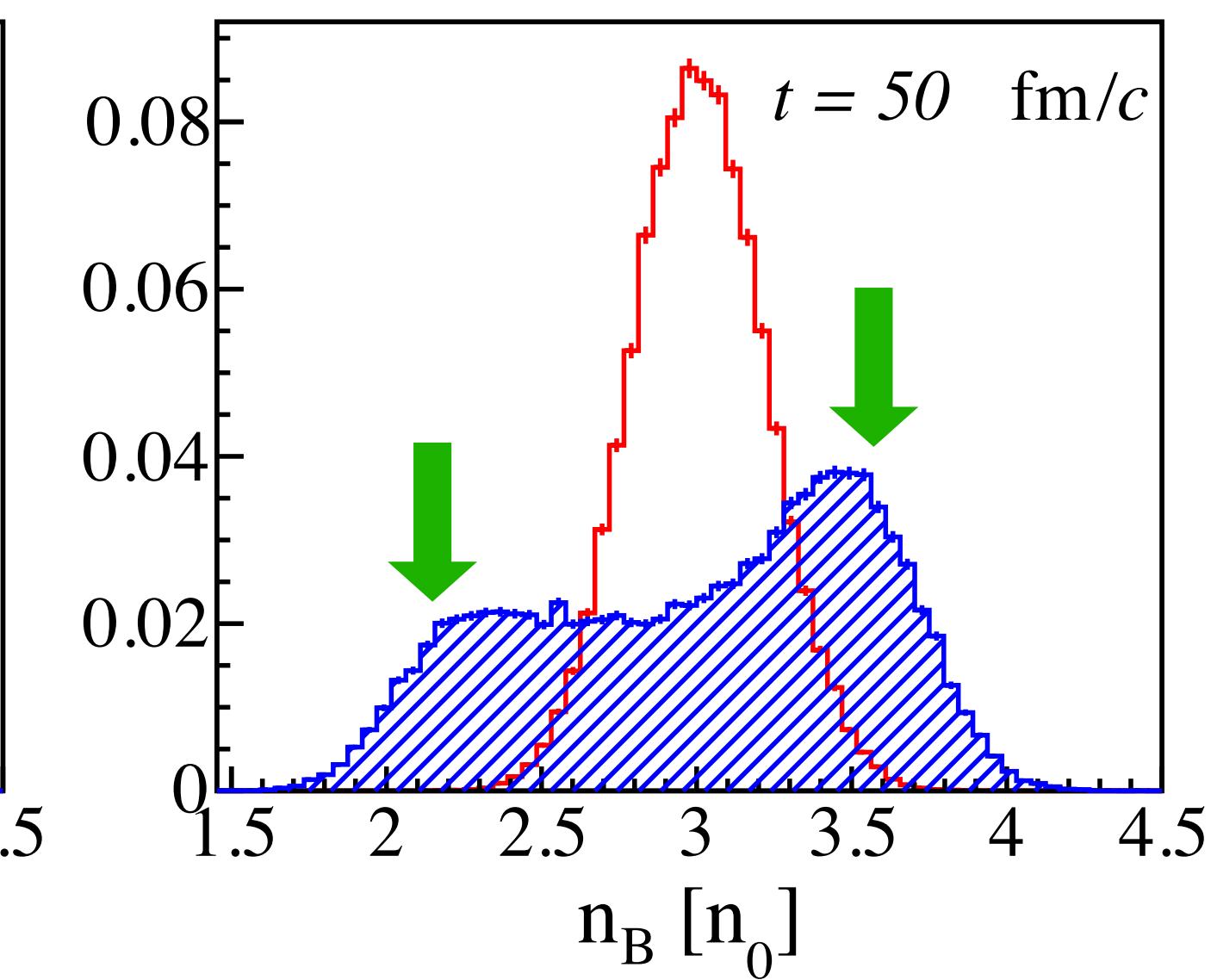
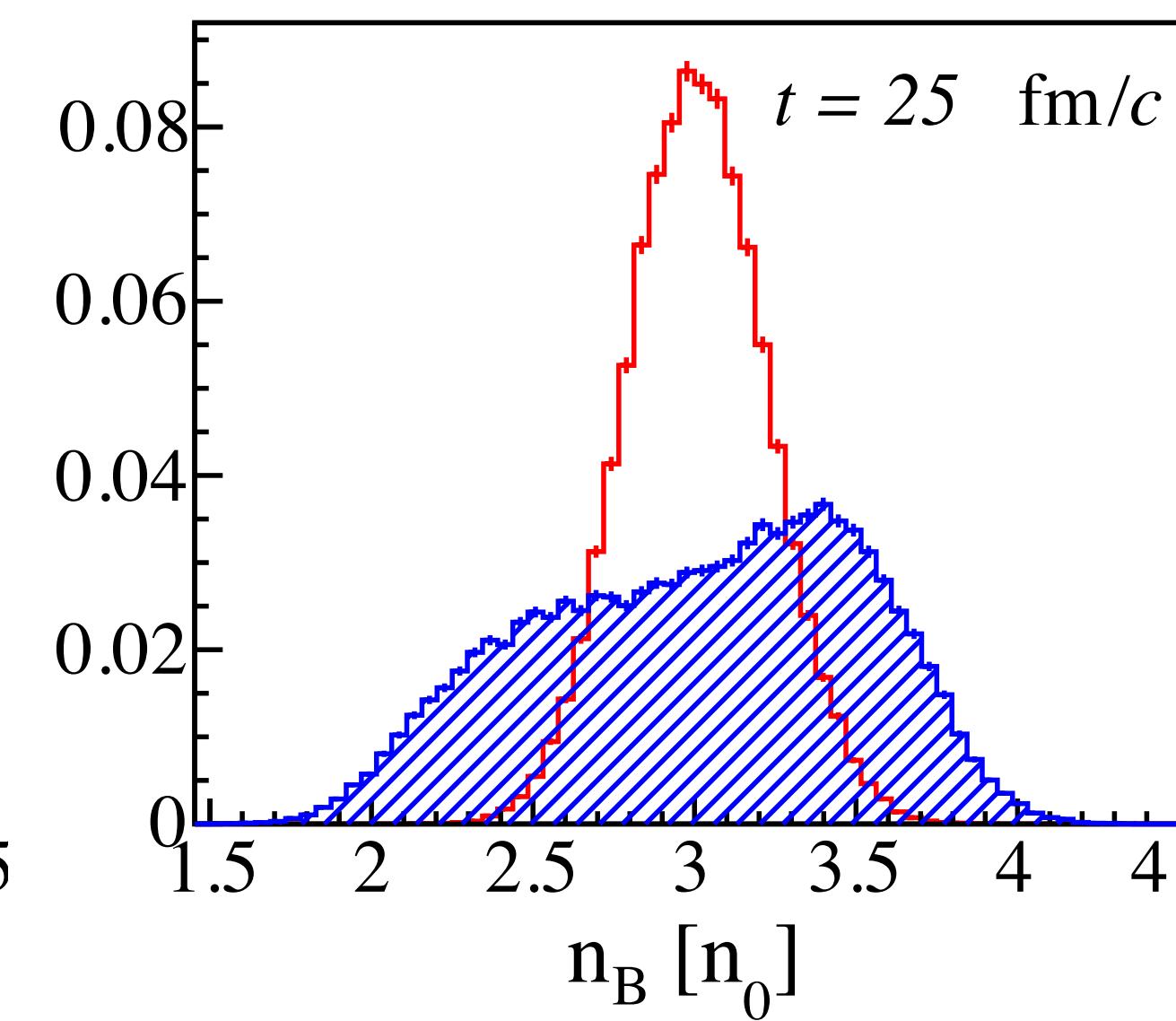
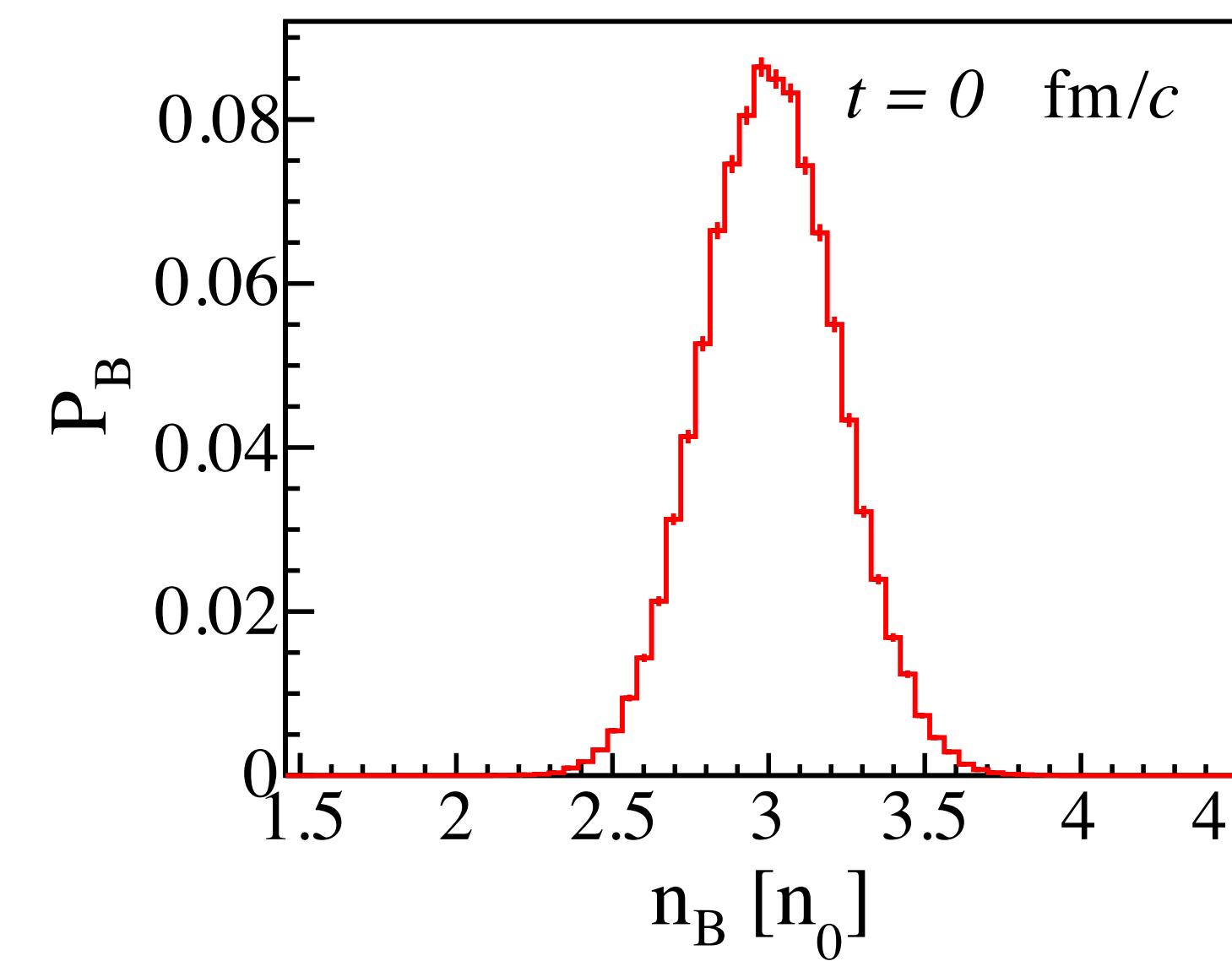


# VDF in SMASH: tests in the spinodal region

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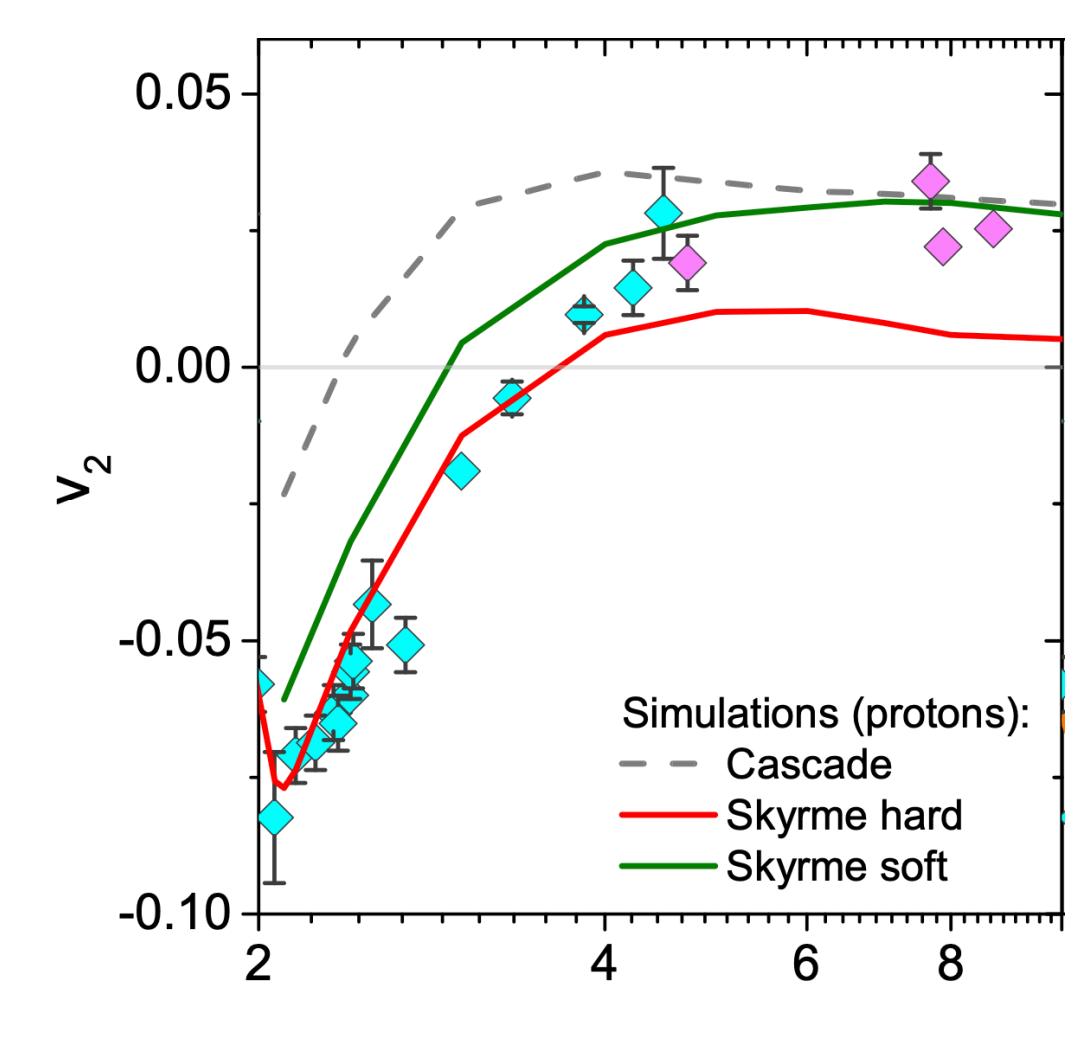
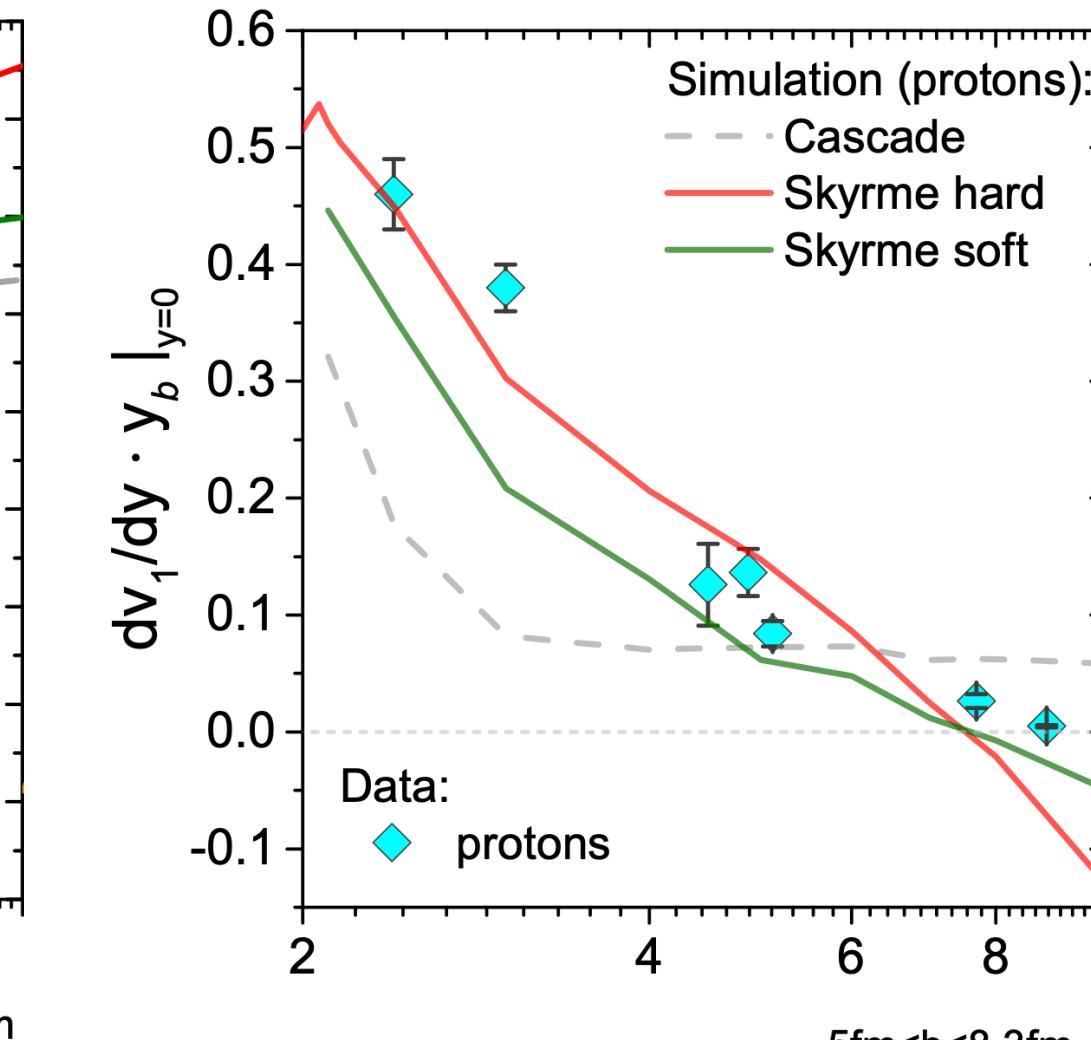
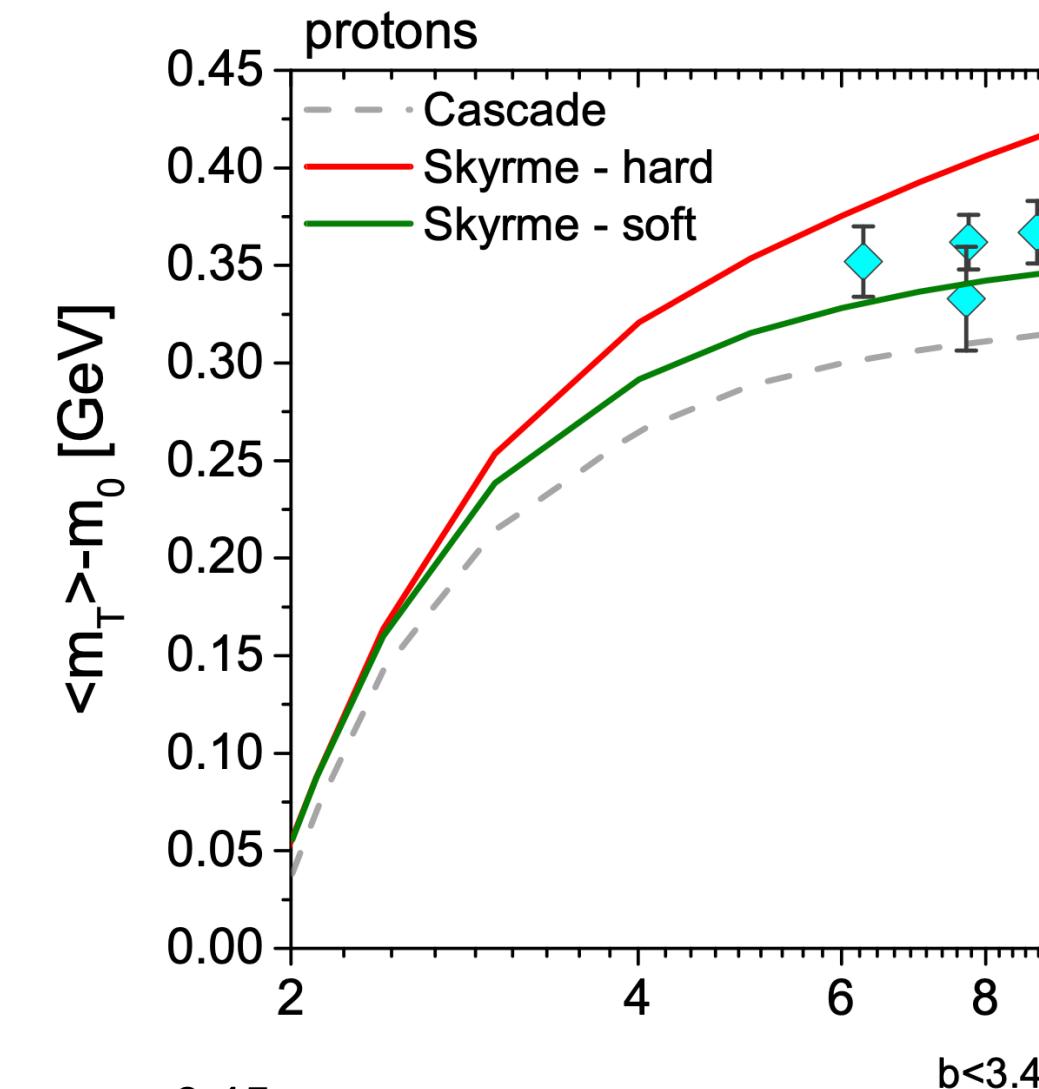
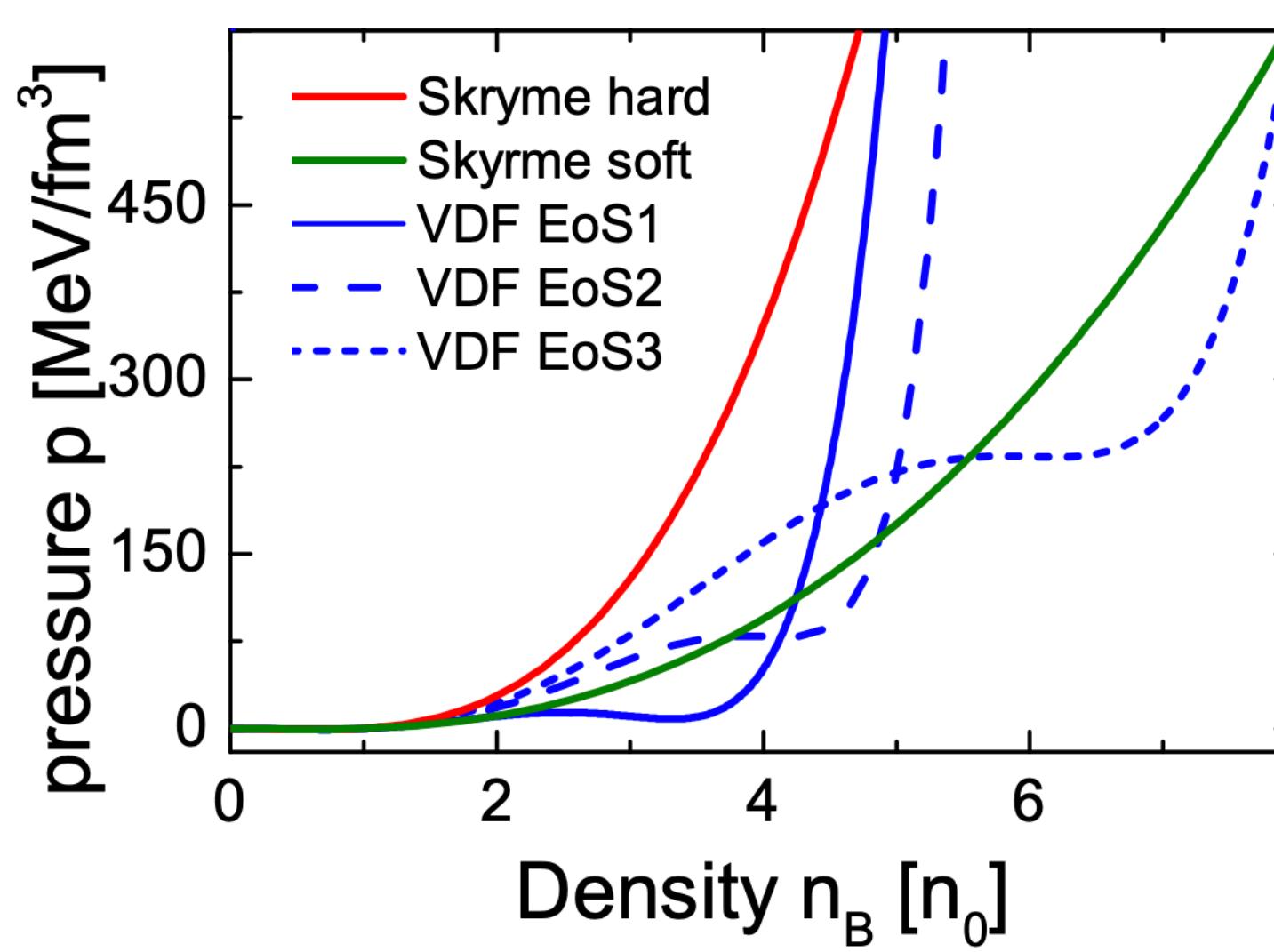
Simulation info for practitioners:  
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lattice: cubic cells with 1 fm on a side  
collisions: off



The **distribution becomes bimodal** as the system separates!

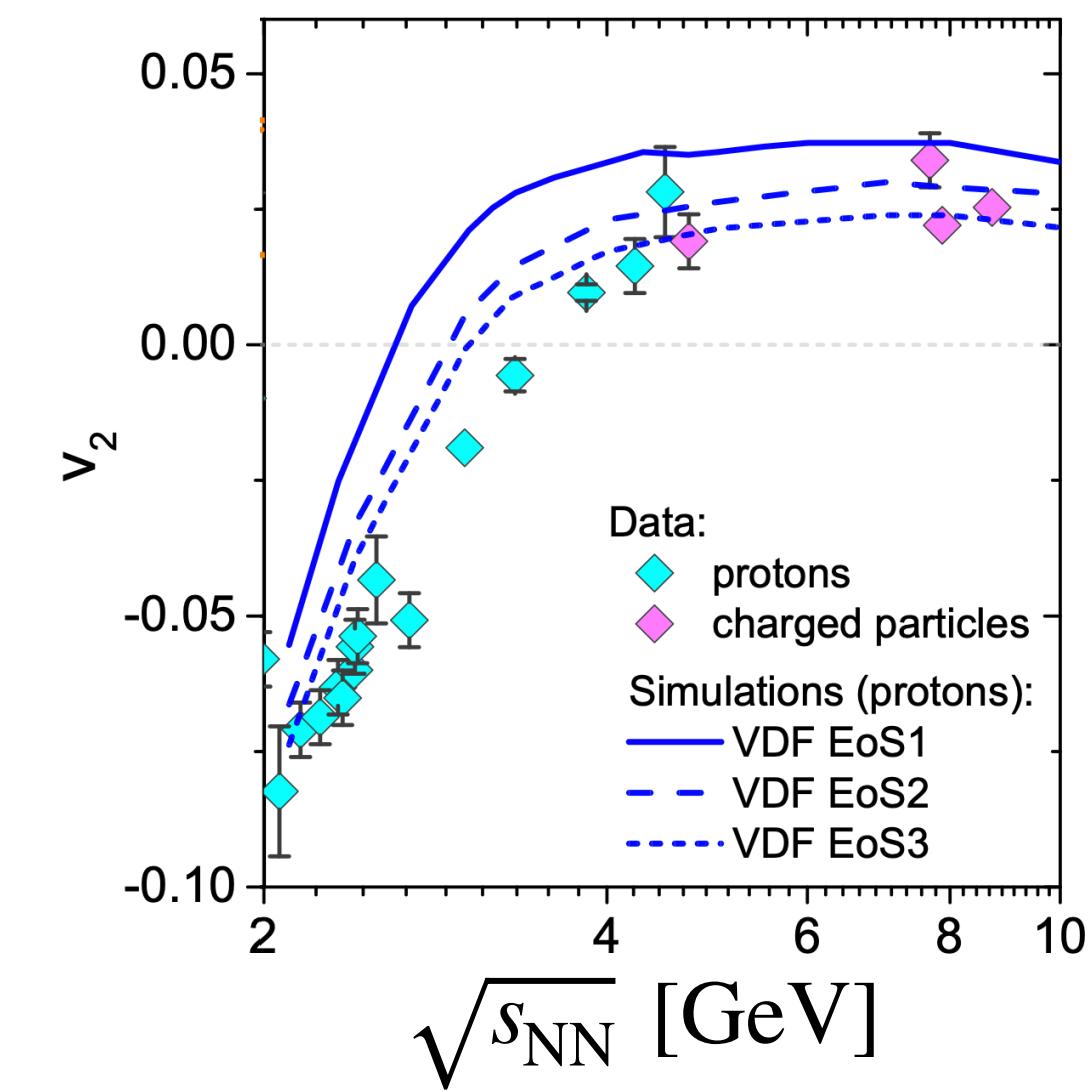
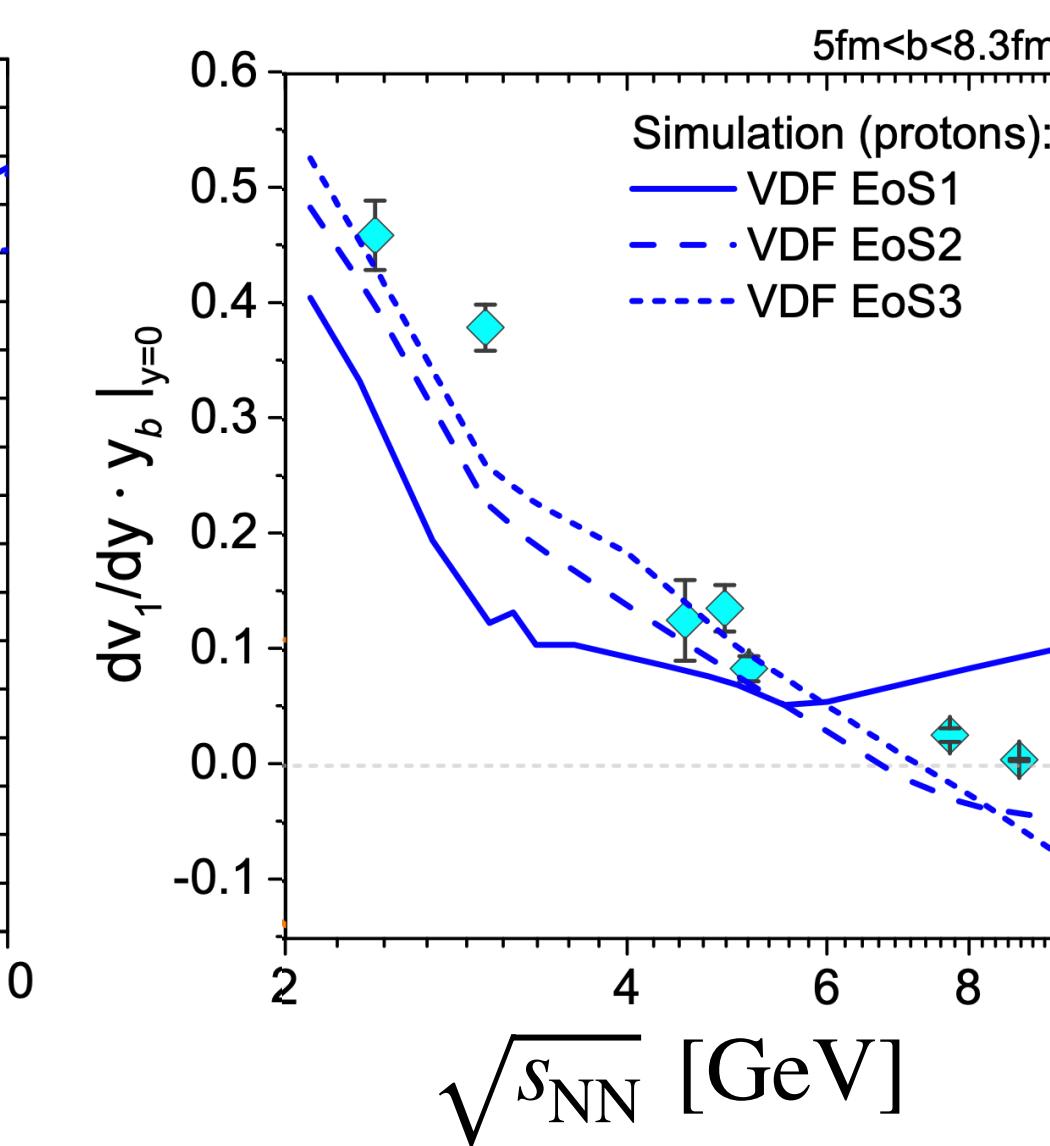
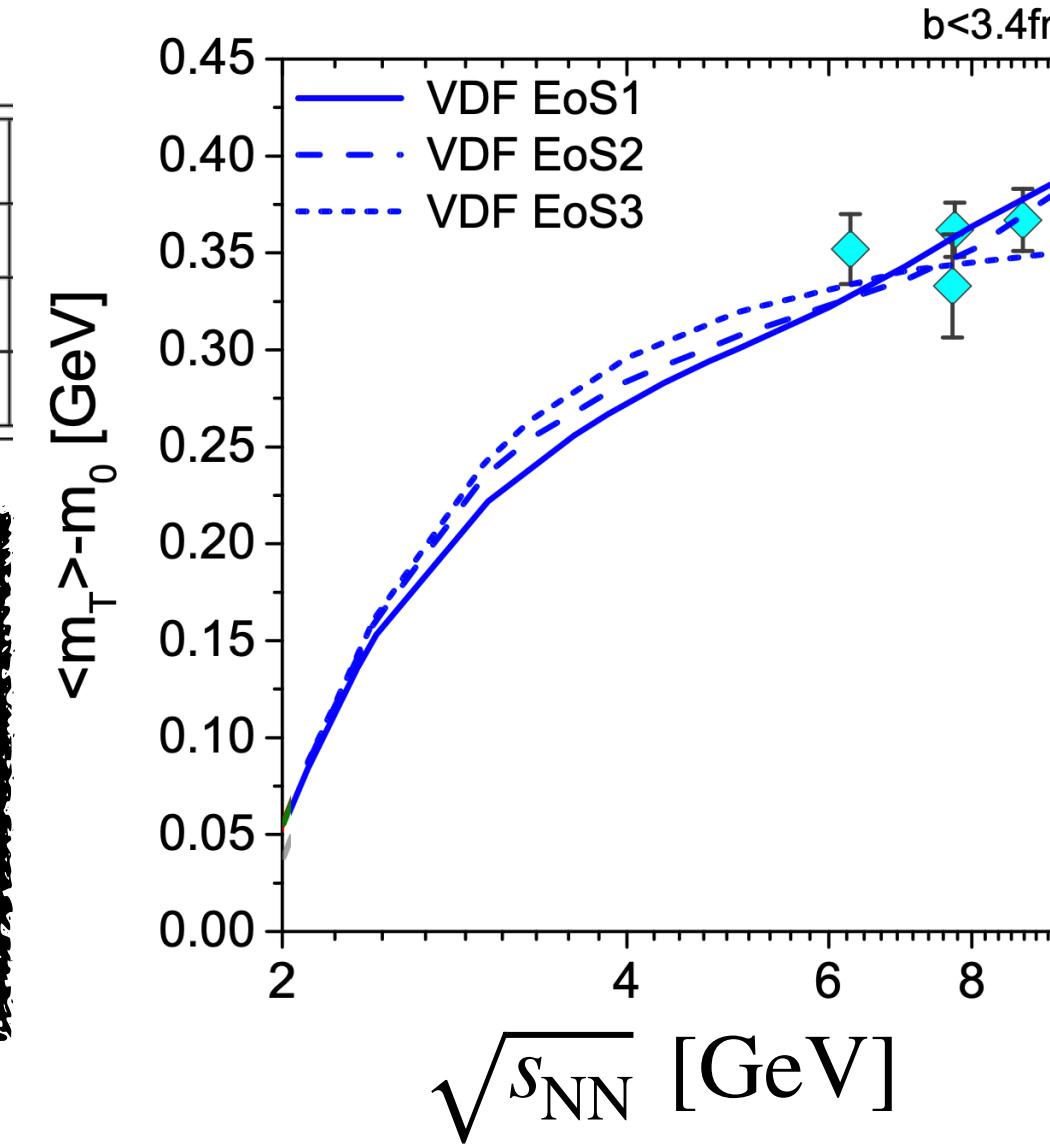
# Results from UrQMD with (non-relativistic) VDF

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EoS	$T_c^{(N)}$ [MeV]	$n_c^{(Q)}$ [ $n_0$ ]	$T_c^{(Q)}$ [MeV]	$K_0$ [MeV]
VDF1	18	3.0	100	261
VDF2	18	4.0	50	279
VDF3	22	6.0	50	356

Very soft EOS at  $n_B \in (2,3)n_0$   
not supported in VDF+UrQMD

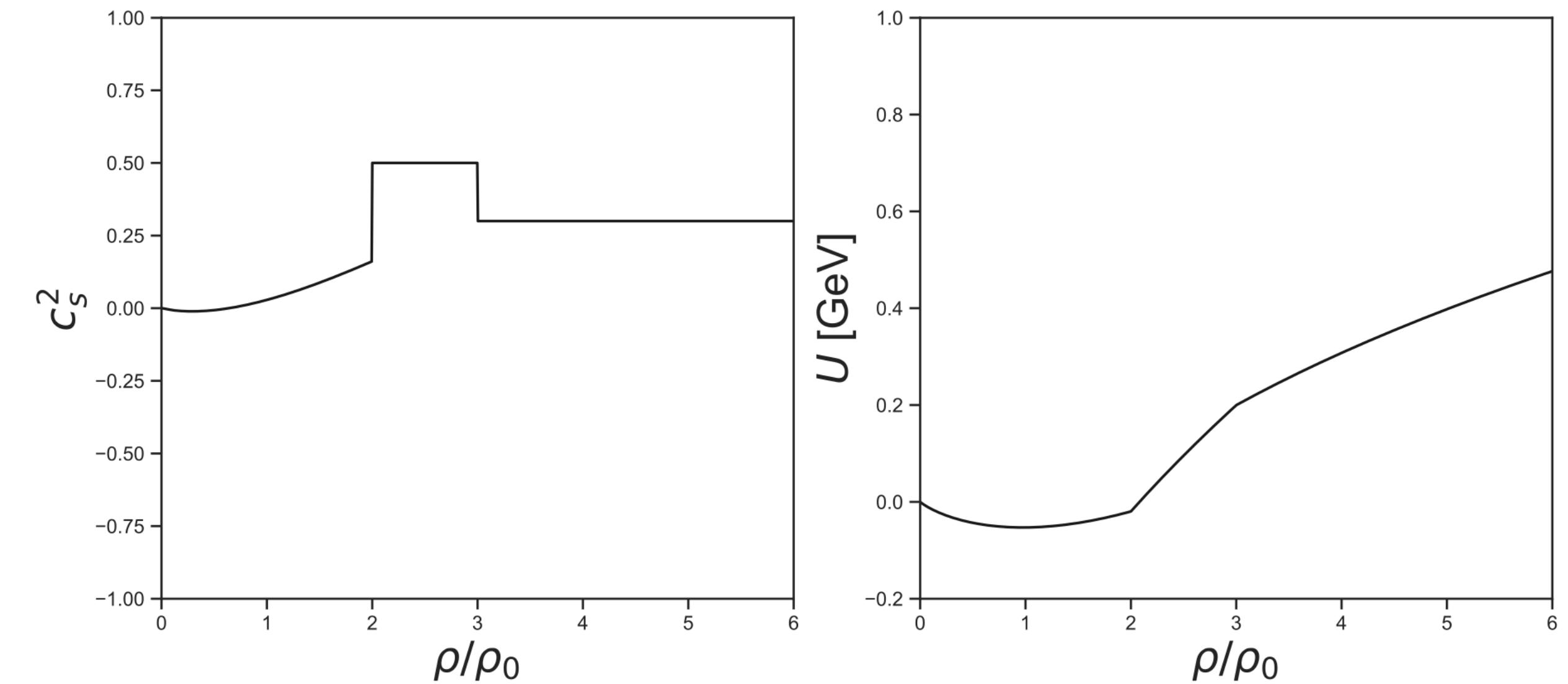


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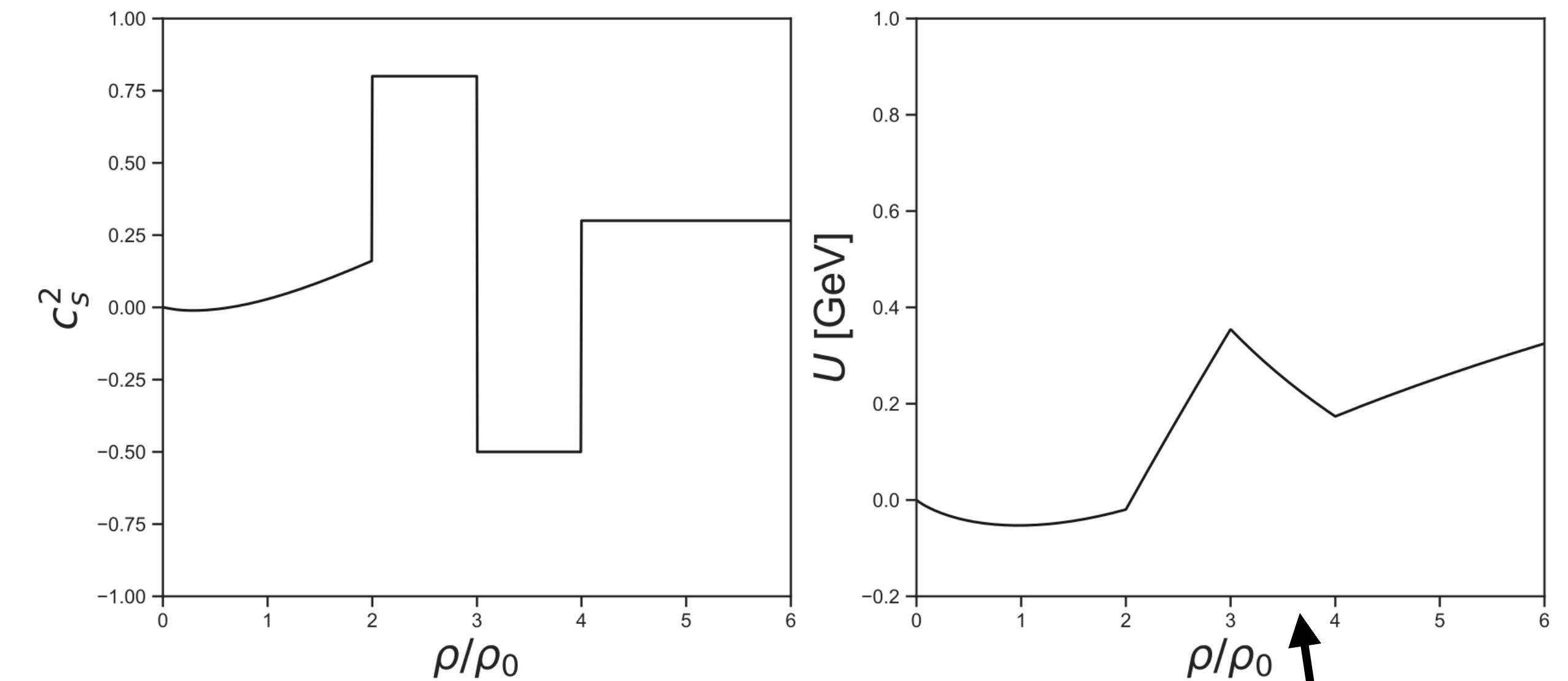
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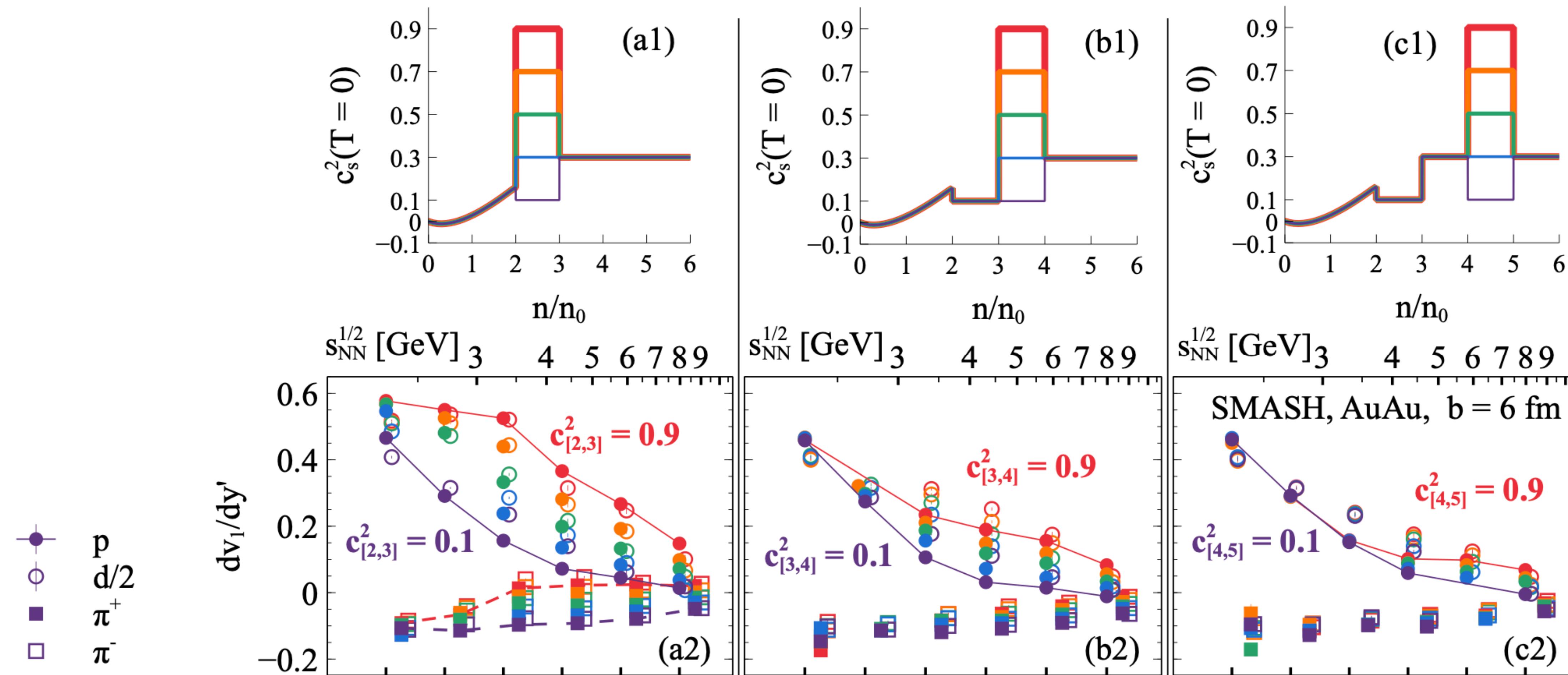
Gradients of  $A^\mu(j_B^\mu) \equiv \alpha(n_B)j_B^\mu$  enter the EOMs!

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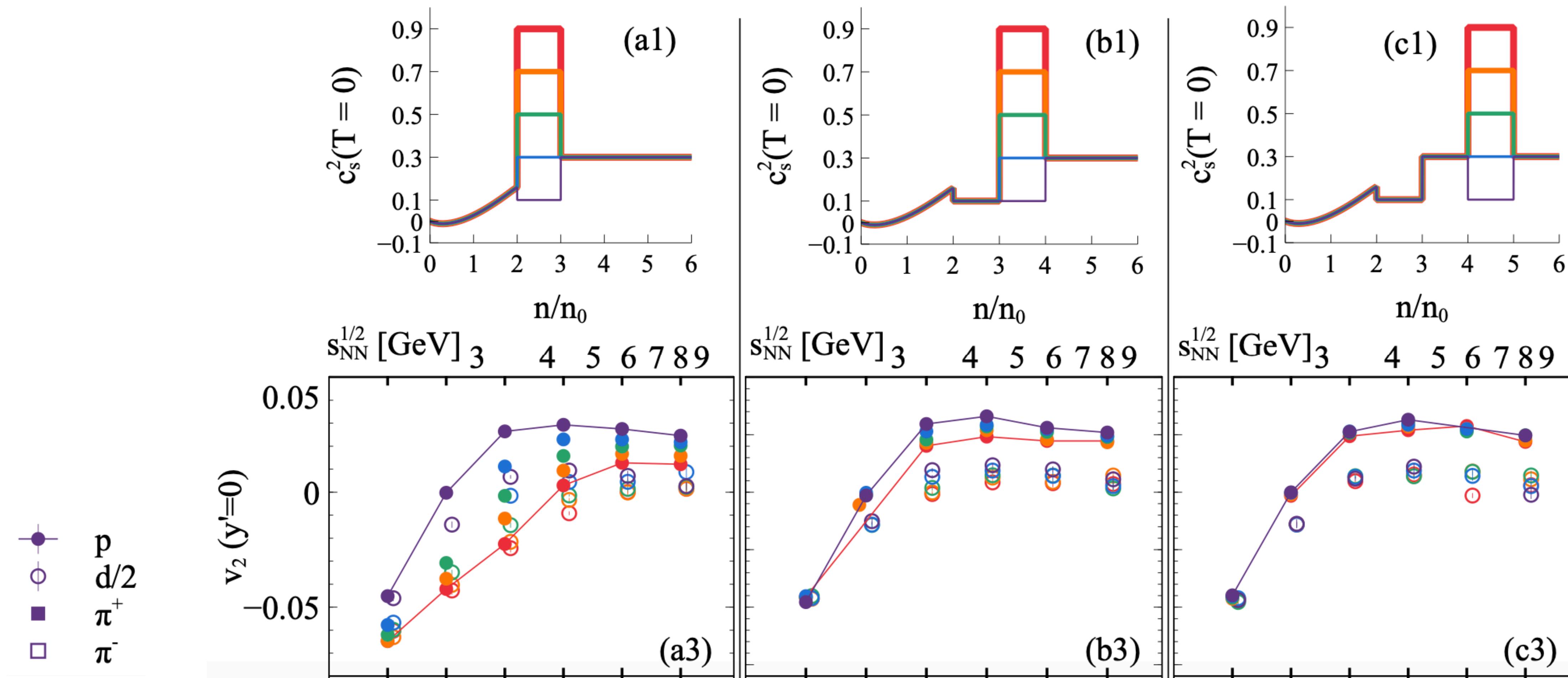


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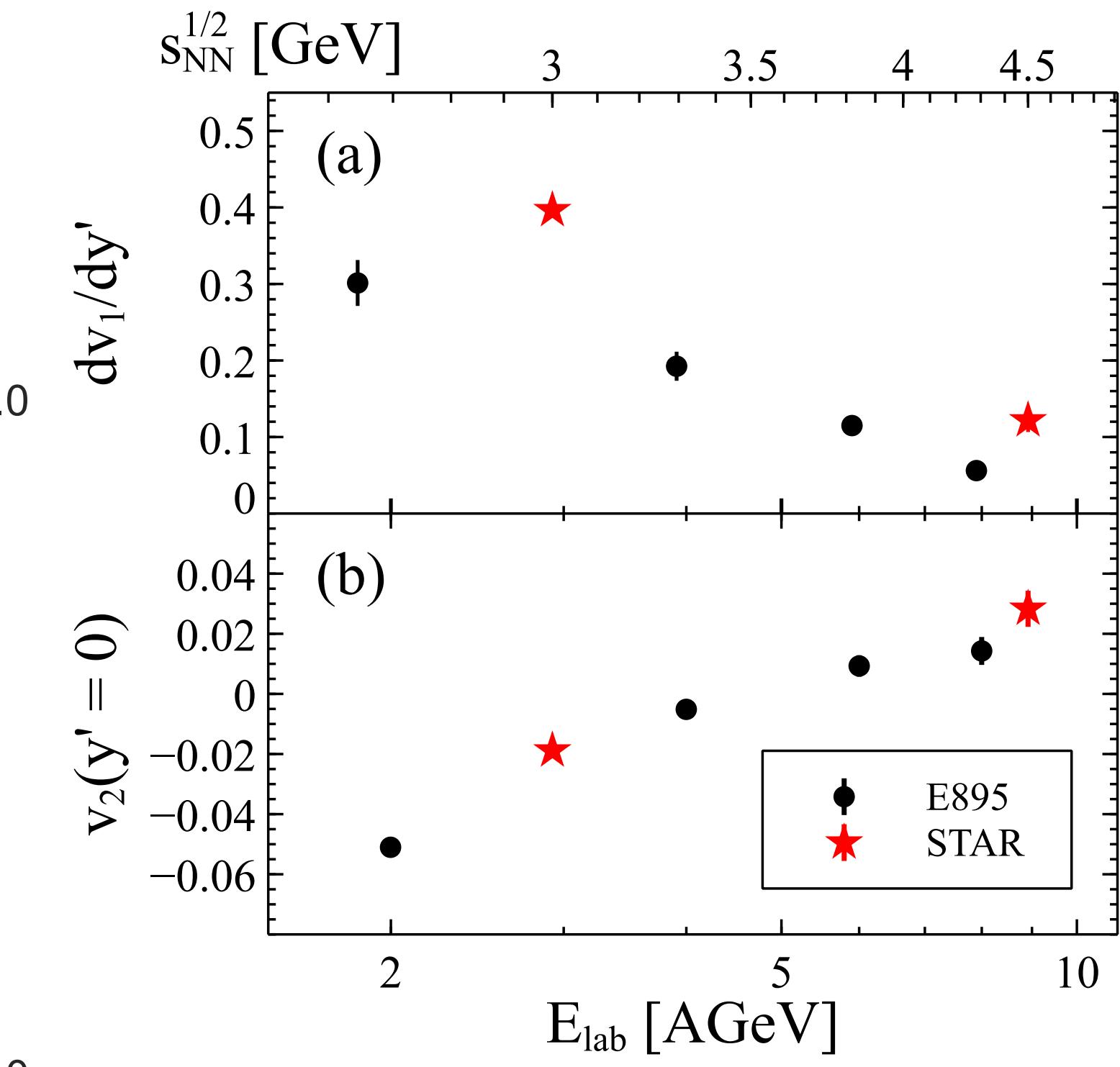
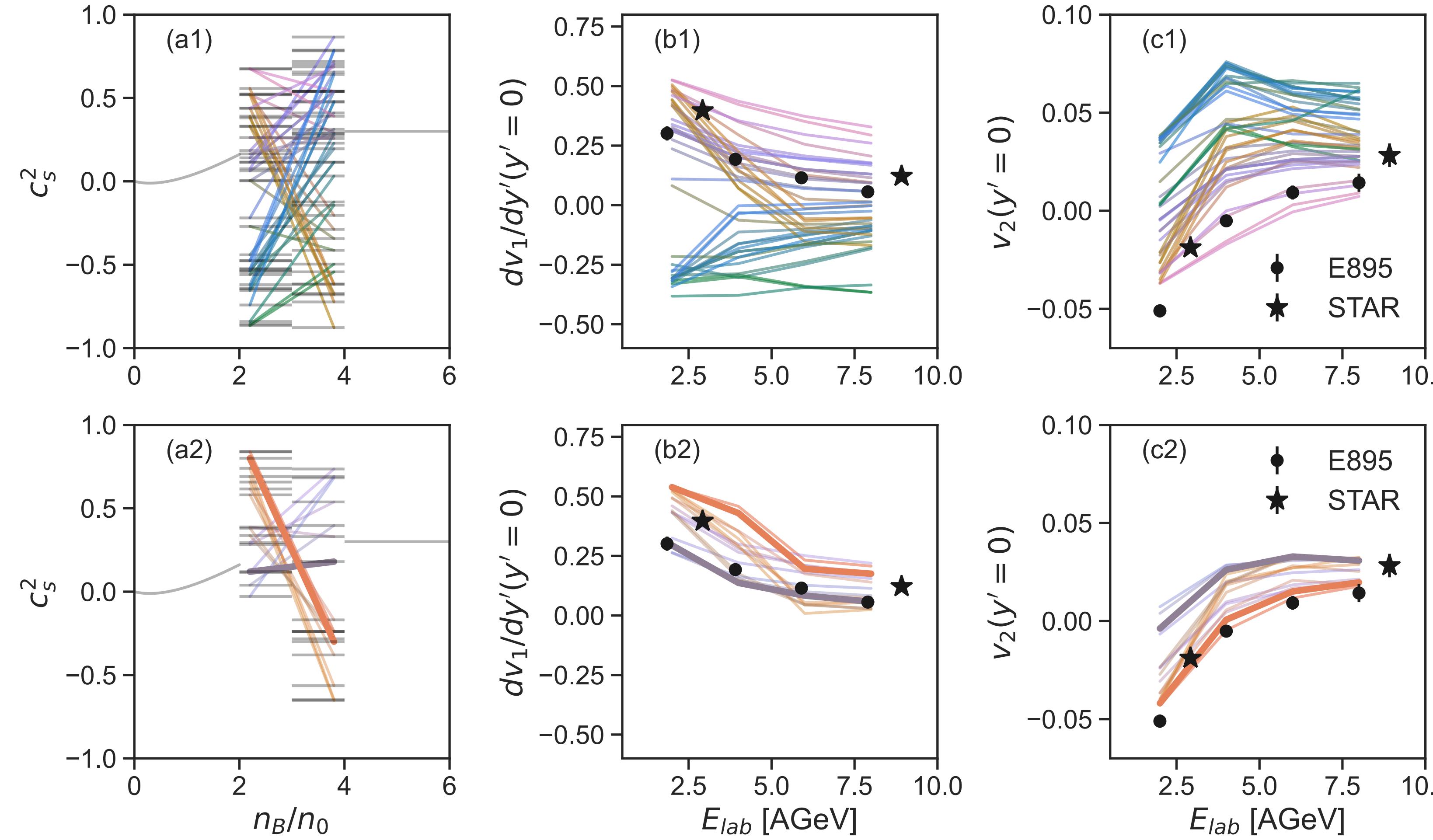
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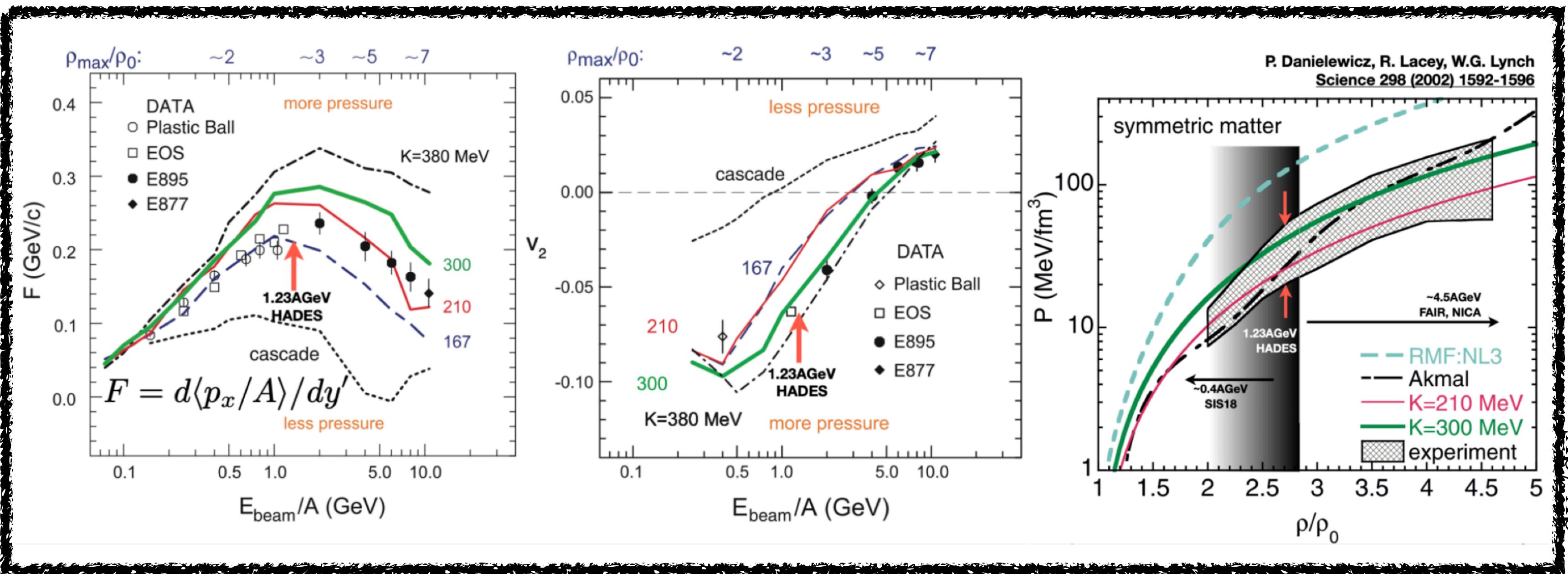


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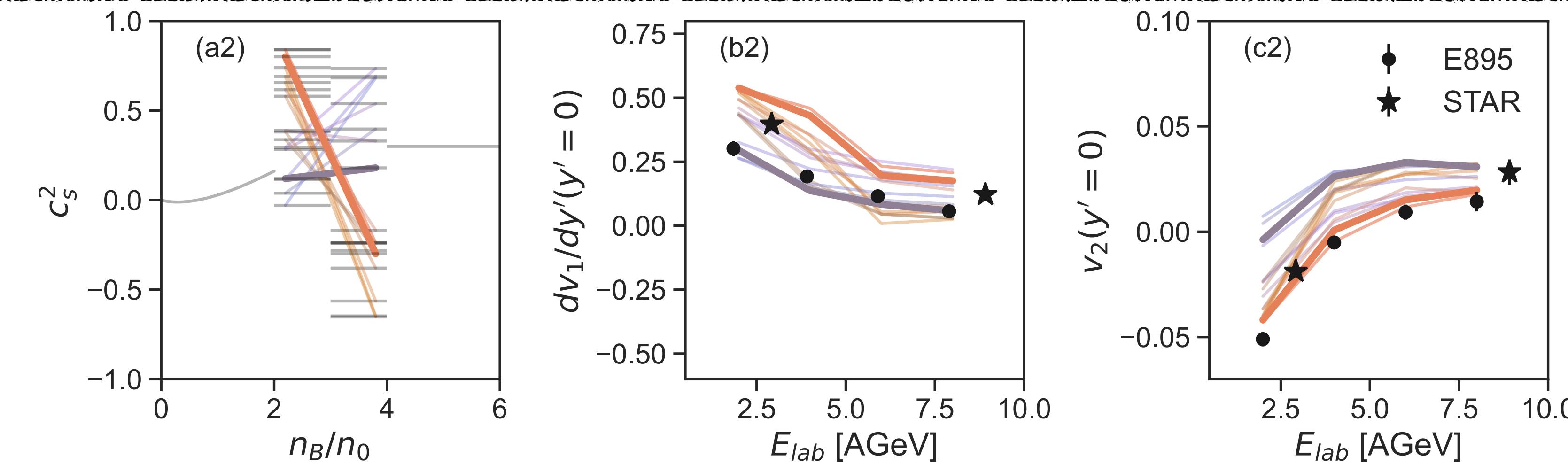
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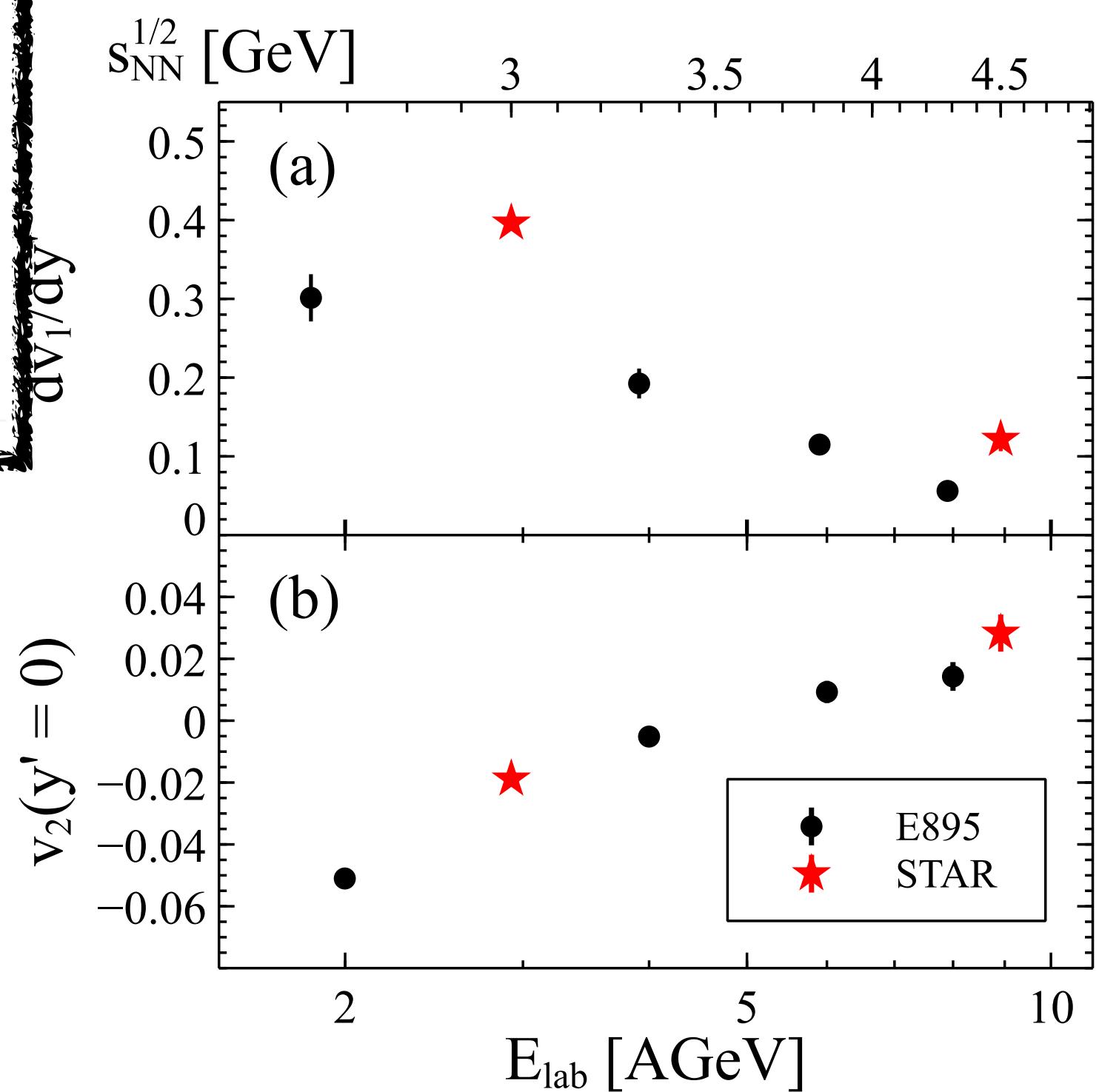


Same problem as  
in the DLL constraint!

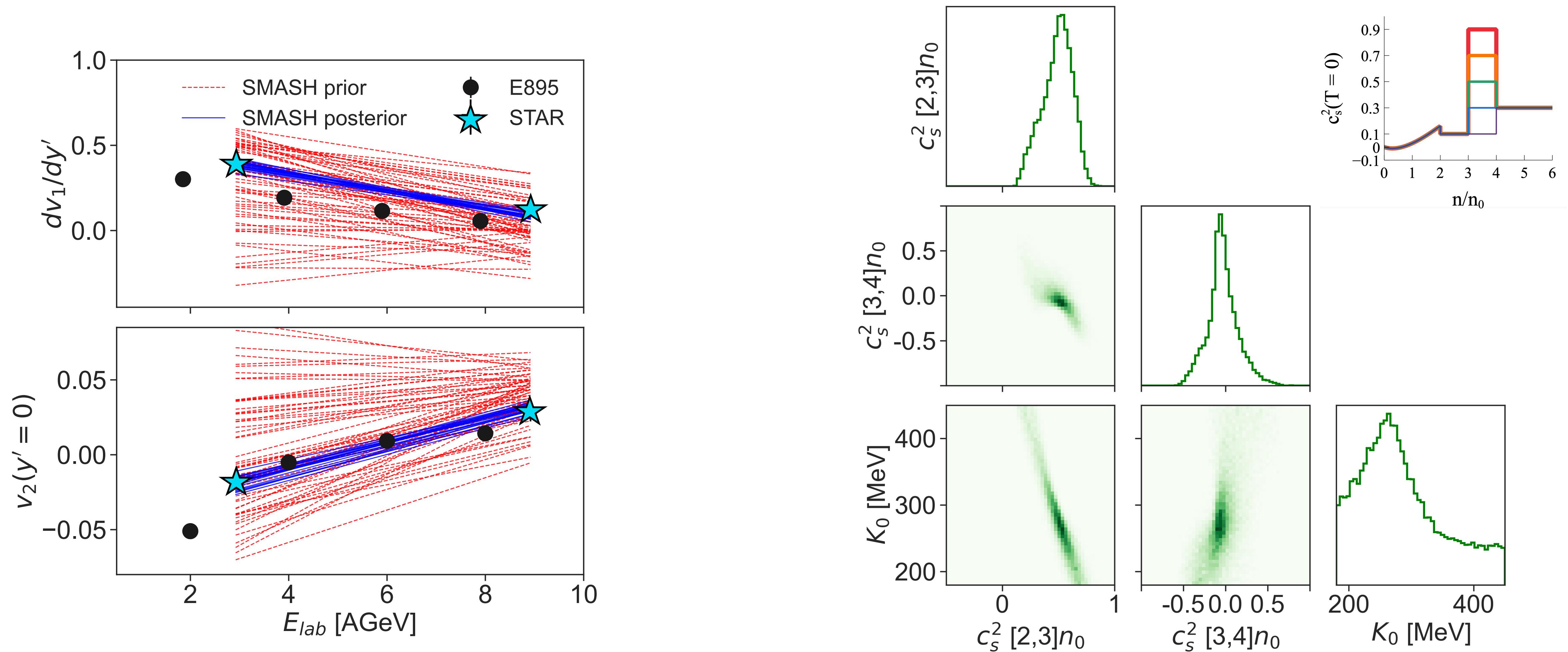
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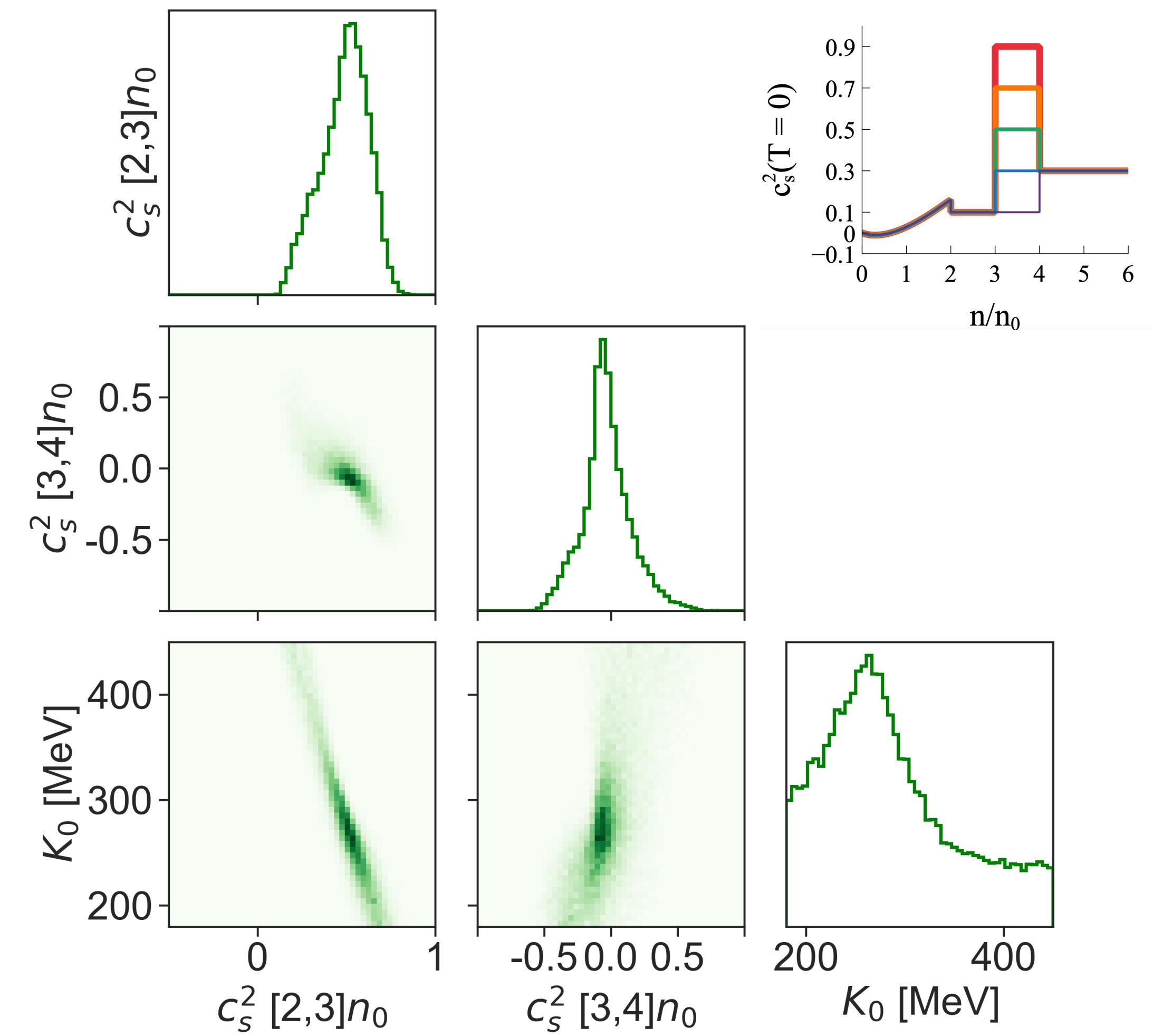
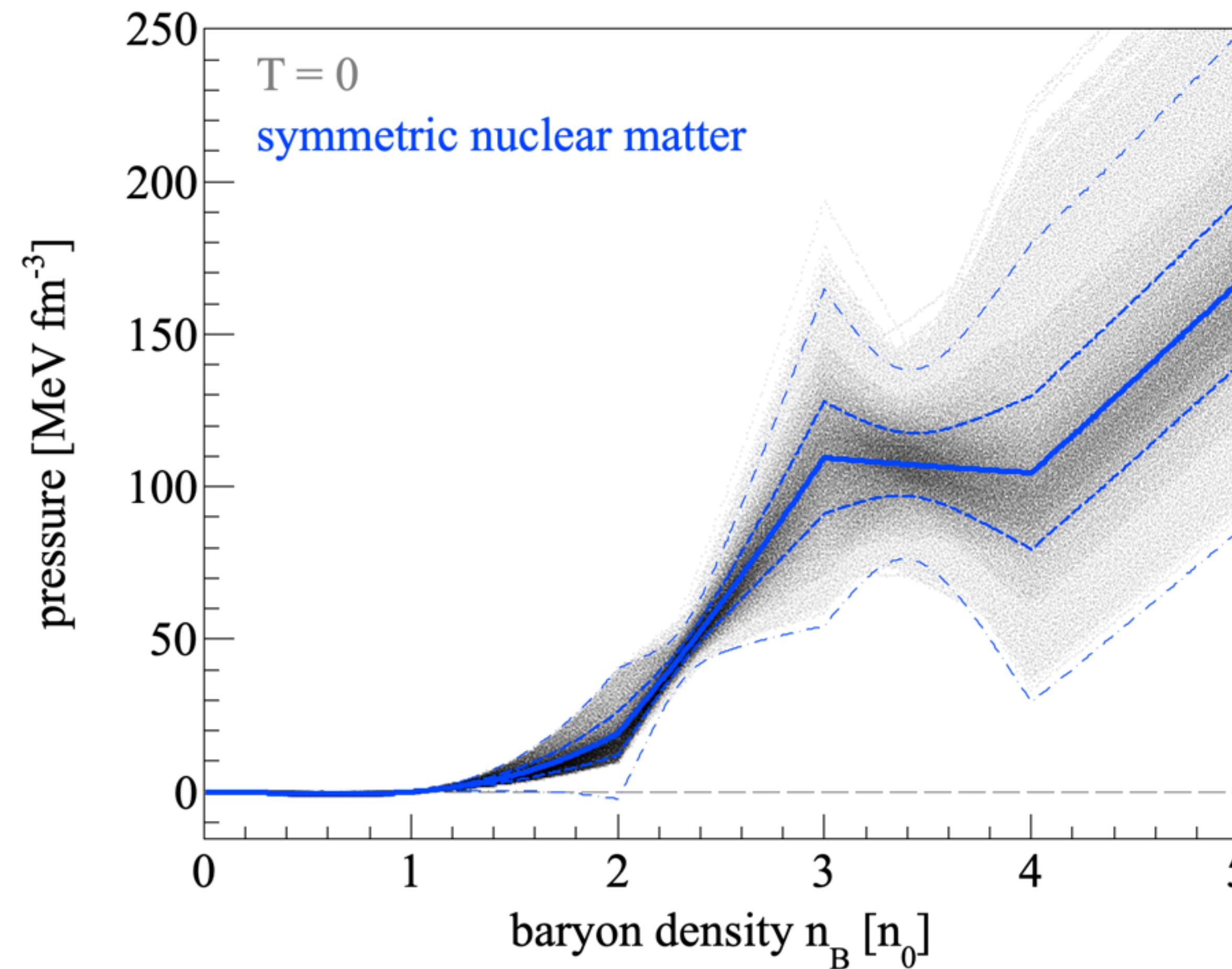


The maximum a posteriori probability (MAP) parameters are

$$K_0 = 285 \pm 67 \text{ MeV}, \quad c_{[2,3]n_0}^2 = 0.49 \pm 0.13, \quad c_{[3,4]n_0}^2 = -0.03 \pm 0.15$$

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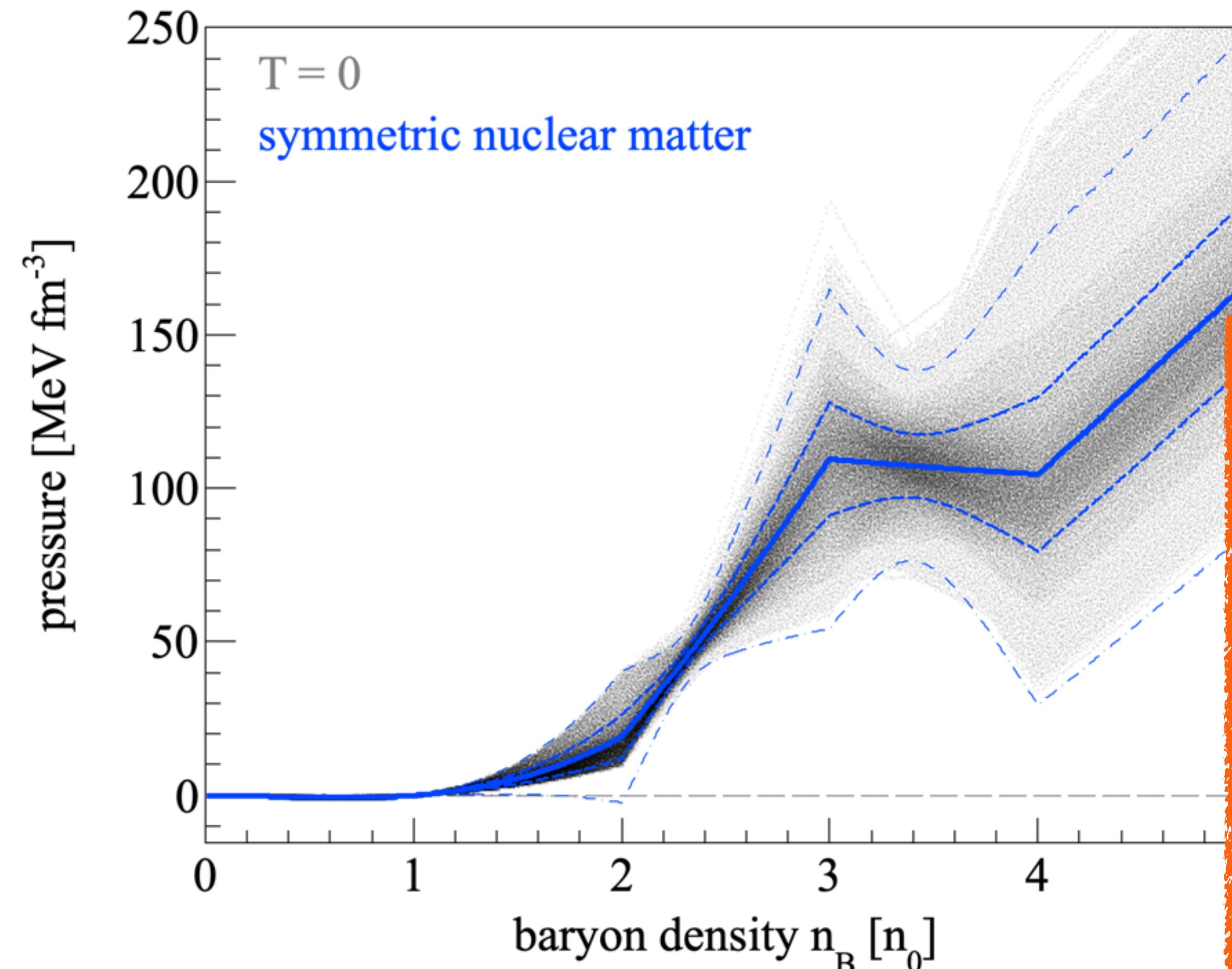


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The constrained EOS is very stiff at  $n_B \in (2,3)n_0$  and very soft at  $n_B \in (3,4)n_0$

- Taken at face value, results suggest that:
- at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4.5$  GeV, collisions probe QGP
  - at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.0$  GeV, *some* QGP probed?
  - *therefore*, using EOSs parametrized only by  $K_0$  (like the canonical Skyrme EOSs which do not have a nontrivial high-density behavior) is **NOT ENOUGH** to describe this region

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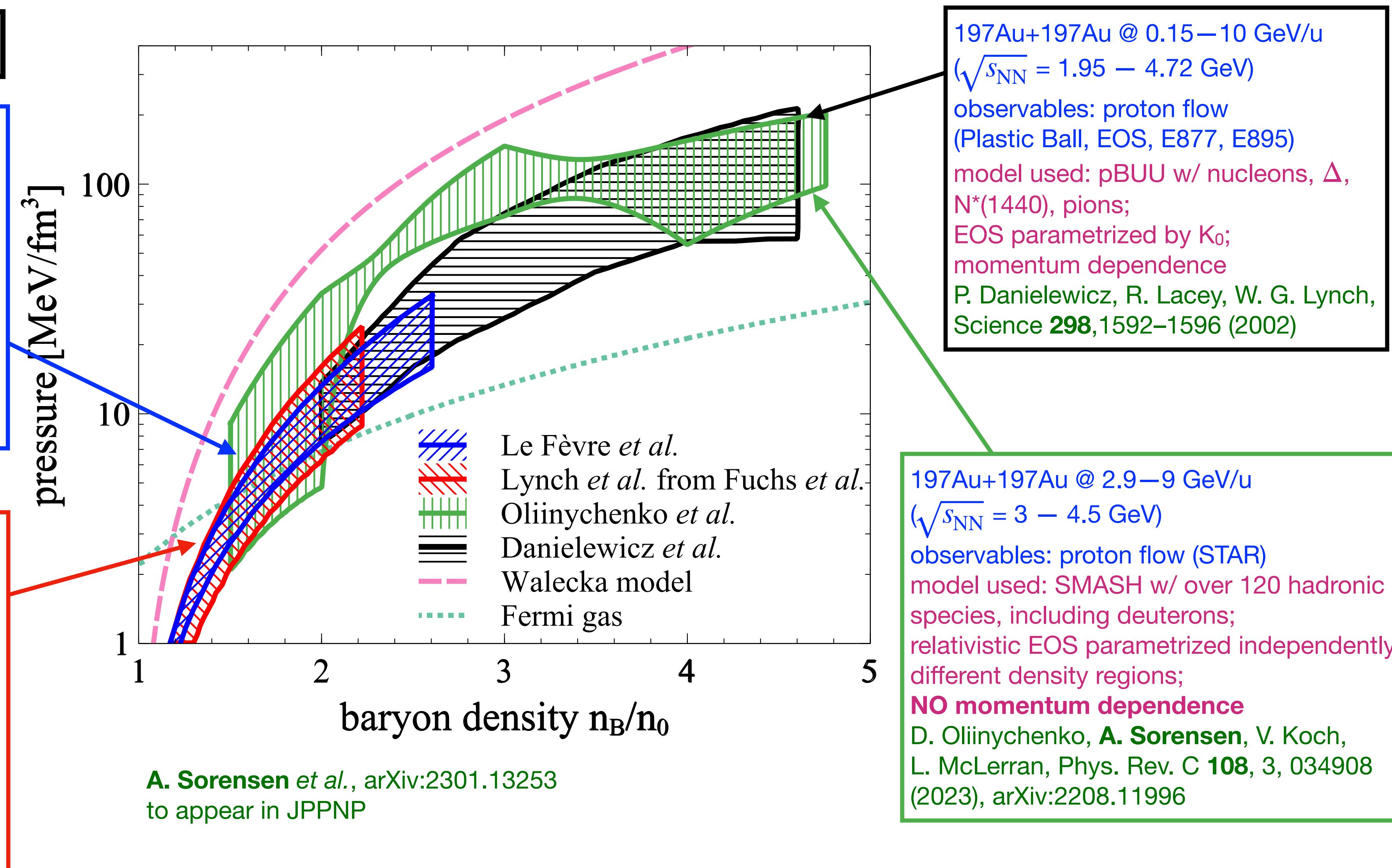
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# EOS of symmetric nuclear matter: selected (*few*) results

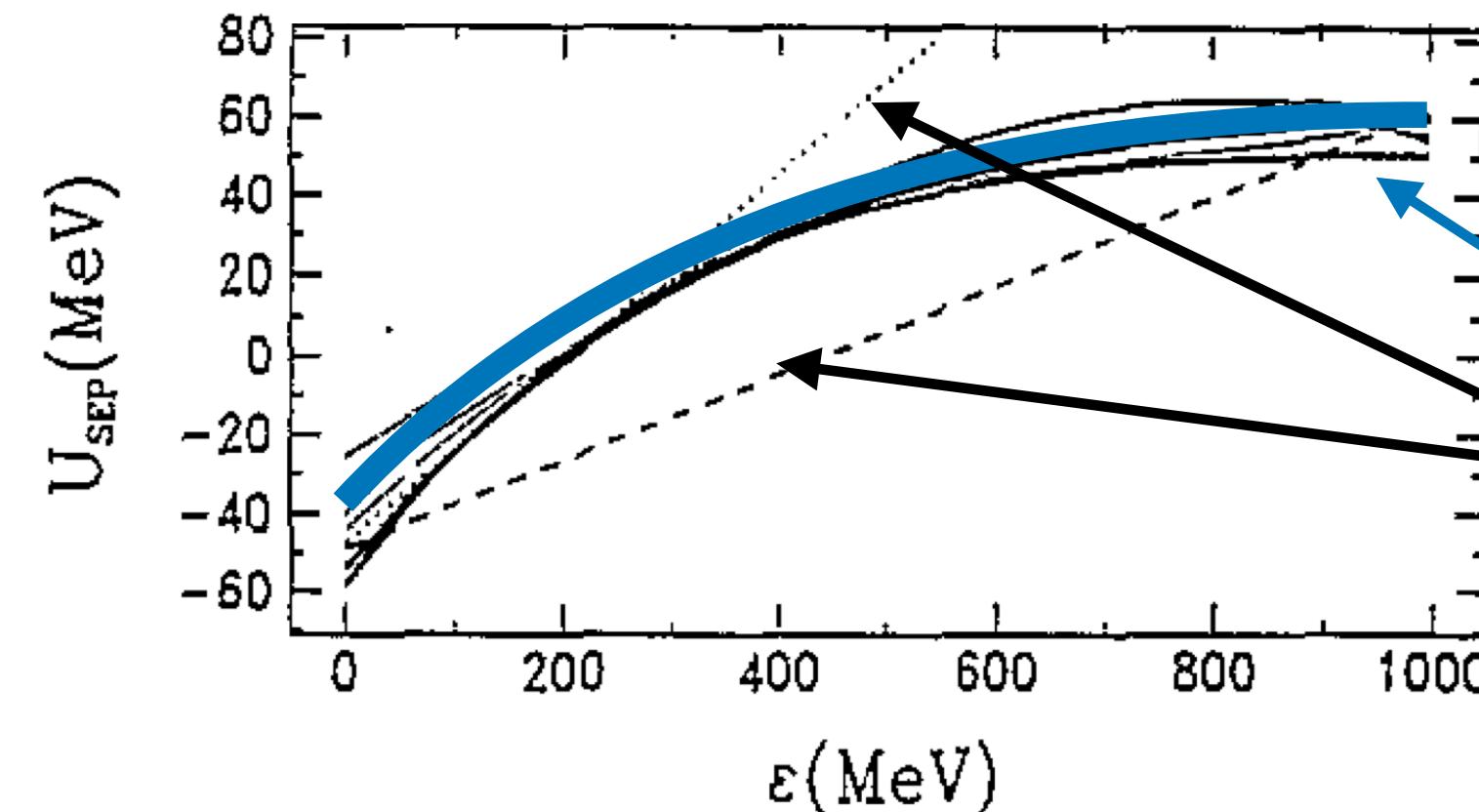
## Symmetric nuclear matter

197Au+197Au @ 0.4–1.5 GeV/u  
( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.07 - 2.52$  GeV)  
observables: proton flow (FOPI)  
model used: isospin QMD (IQMD) w/  
nucleons,  $\Delta$ ,  $N^*(1440)$ , deuterons, tritons;  
EOS parametrized by  $K_0$ ;  
momentum dependence  
A. Le Fèvre, Y. Leifels, W. Reisdorf, J.  
Aichelin, C. Hartnack, Nucl. Phys. A 945,  
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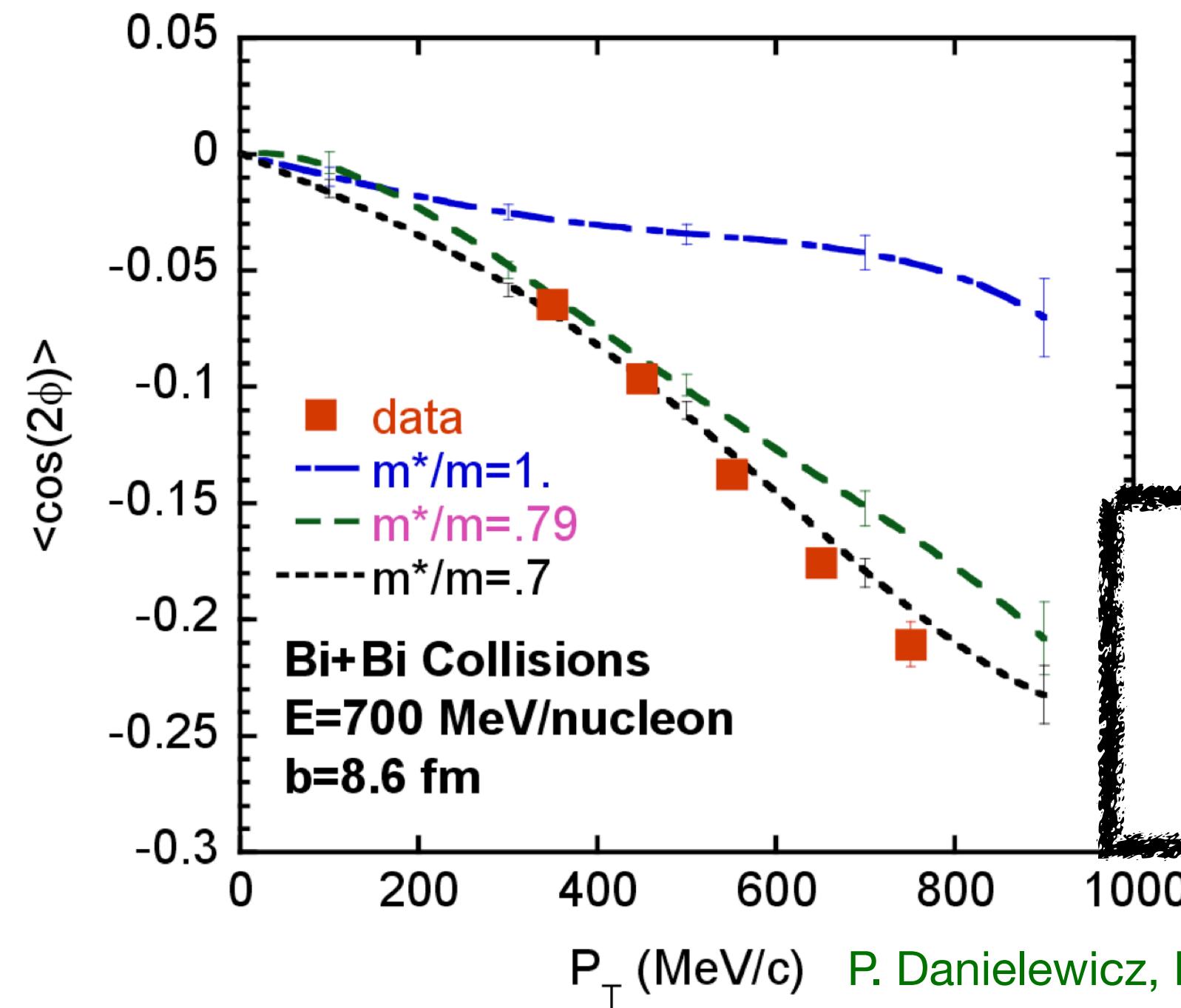
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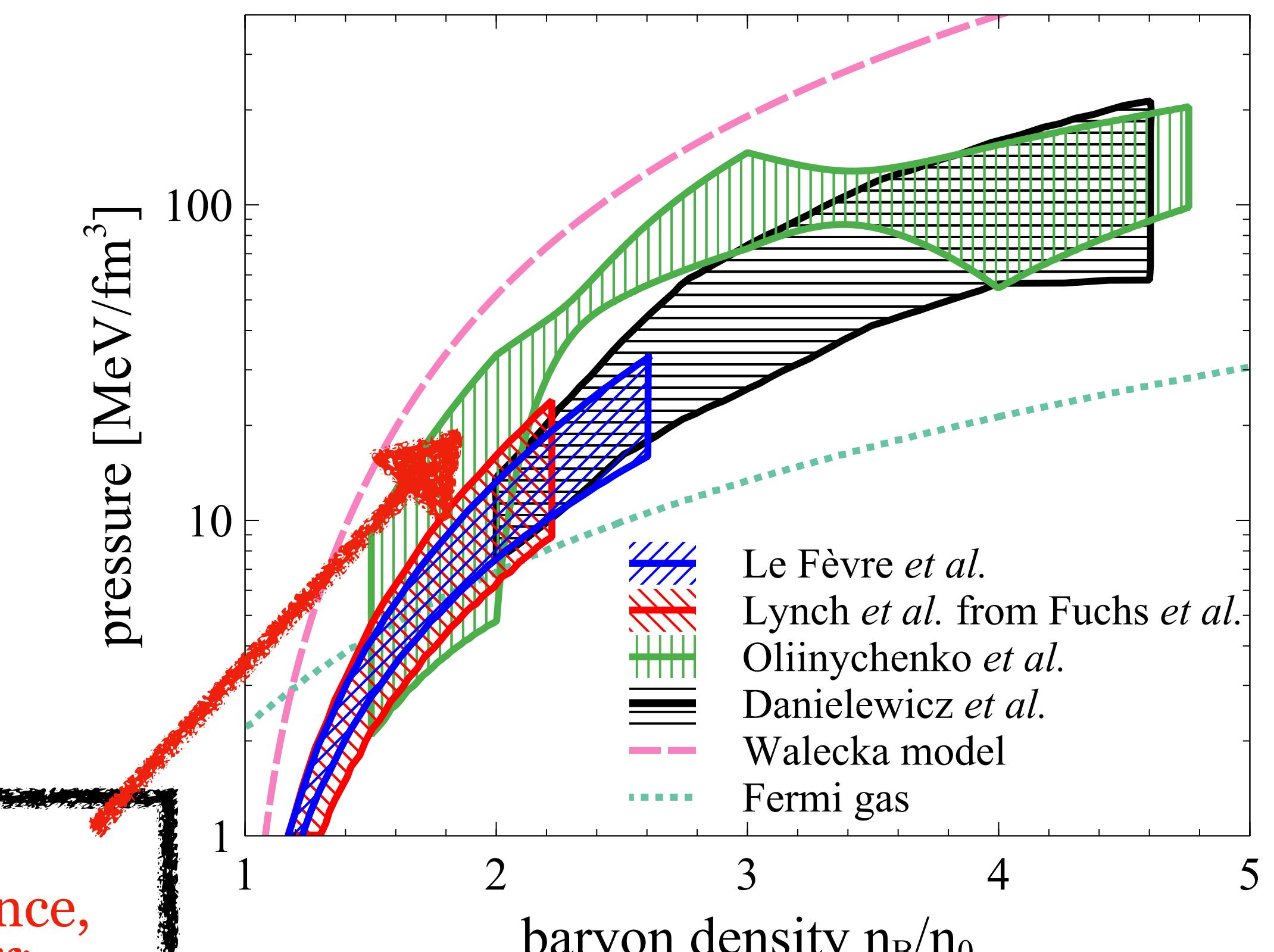
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fits to data  
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the Walecka model



Affects the  $p_T$ -dependence  
of the elliptic flow

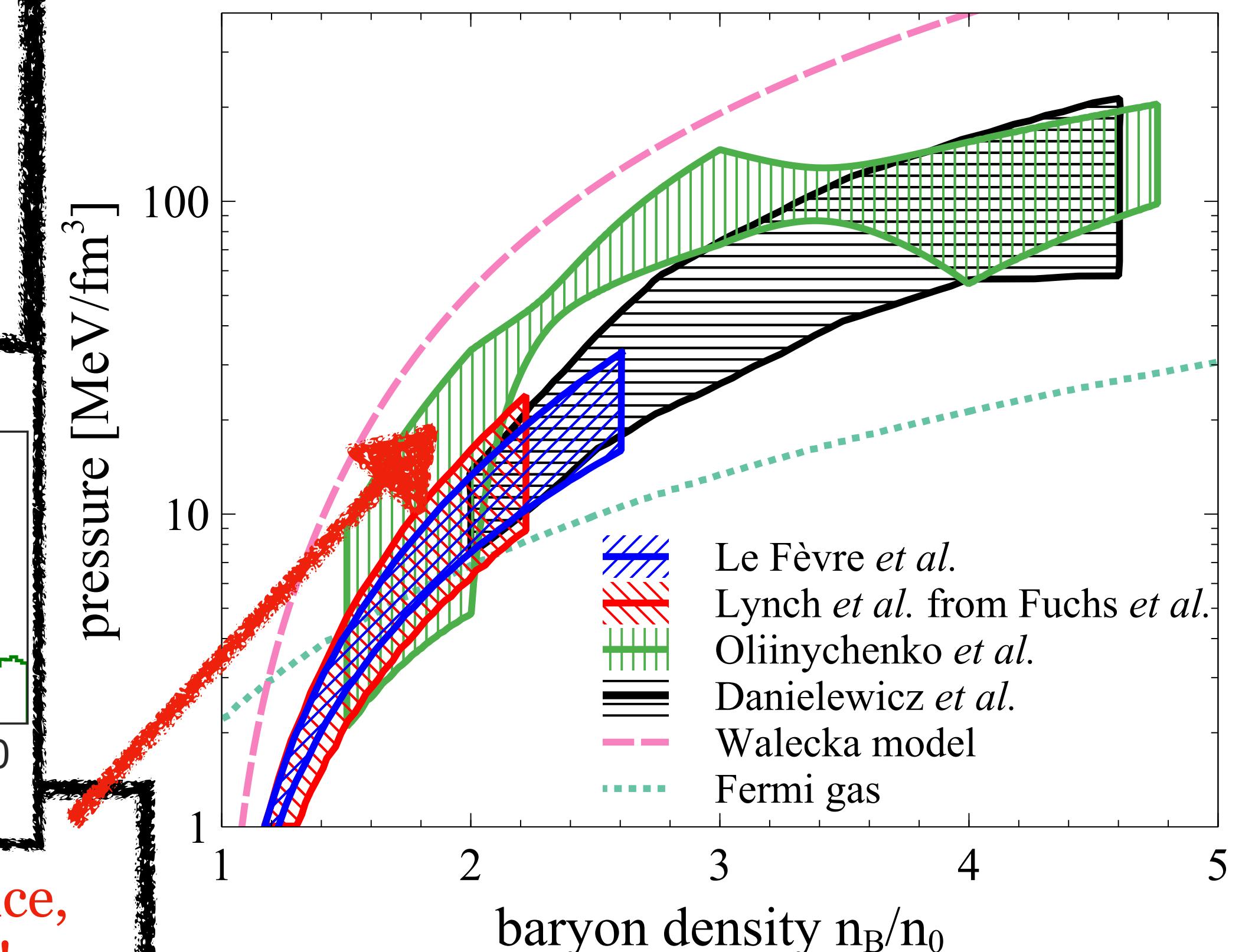
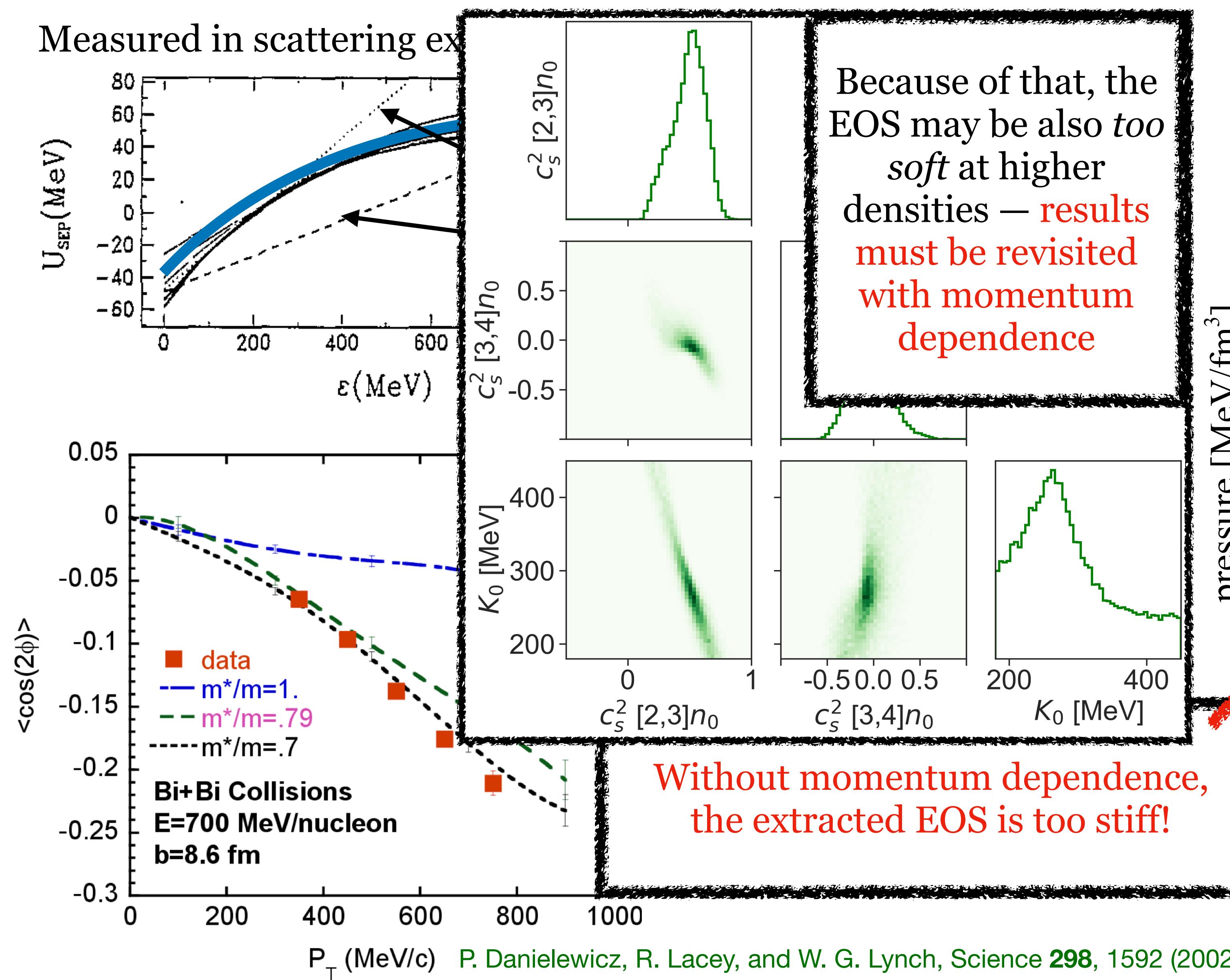
Without momentum dependence,  
the extracted EOS is too stiff!



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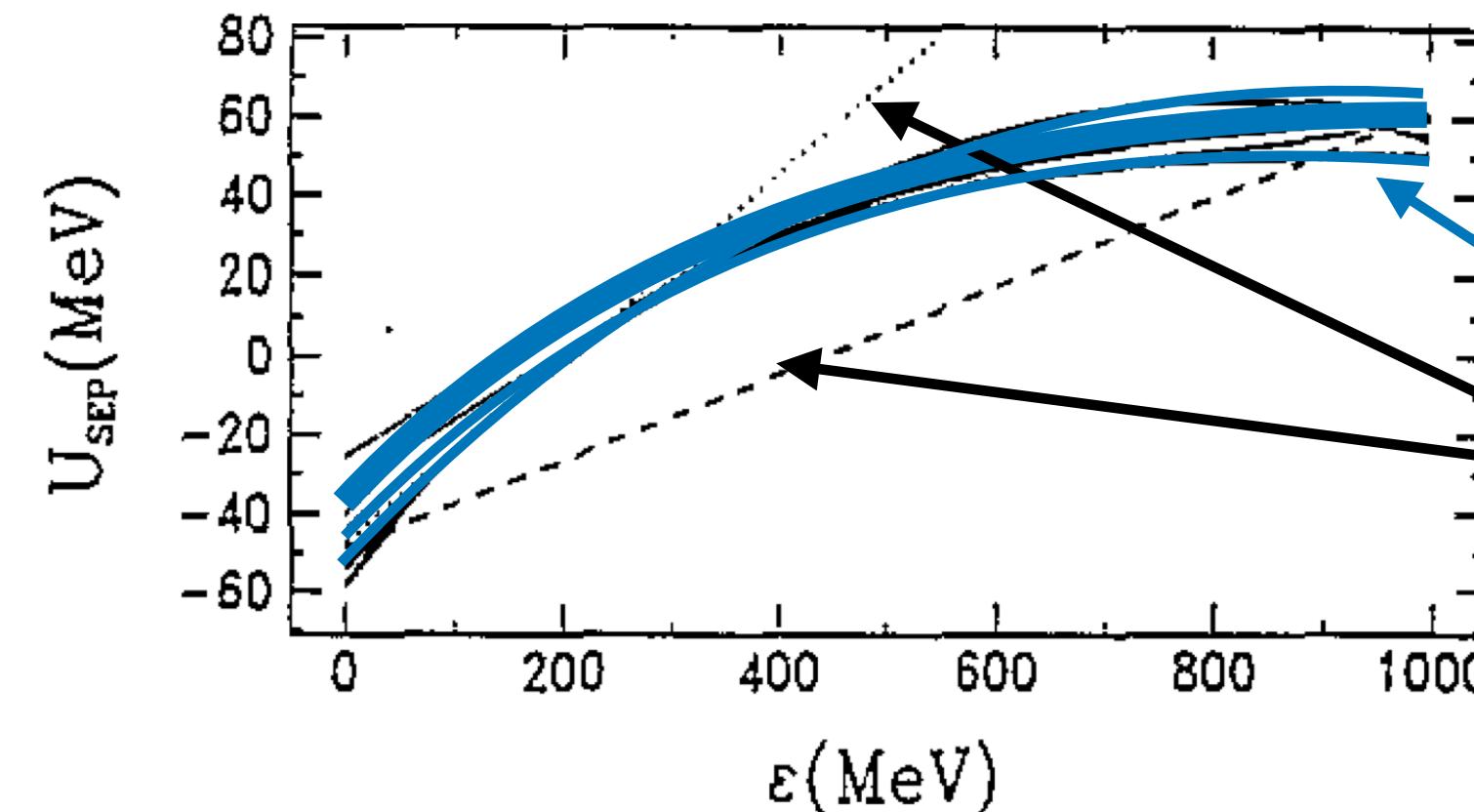


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# Work in progress: Flexible momentum-dependent mean-fields

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Solution:  
vector+scalar density functional model (**VSDF**)  
  
Challenge: scalar fields are costly to compute

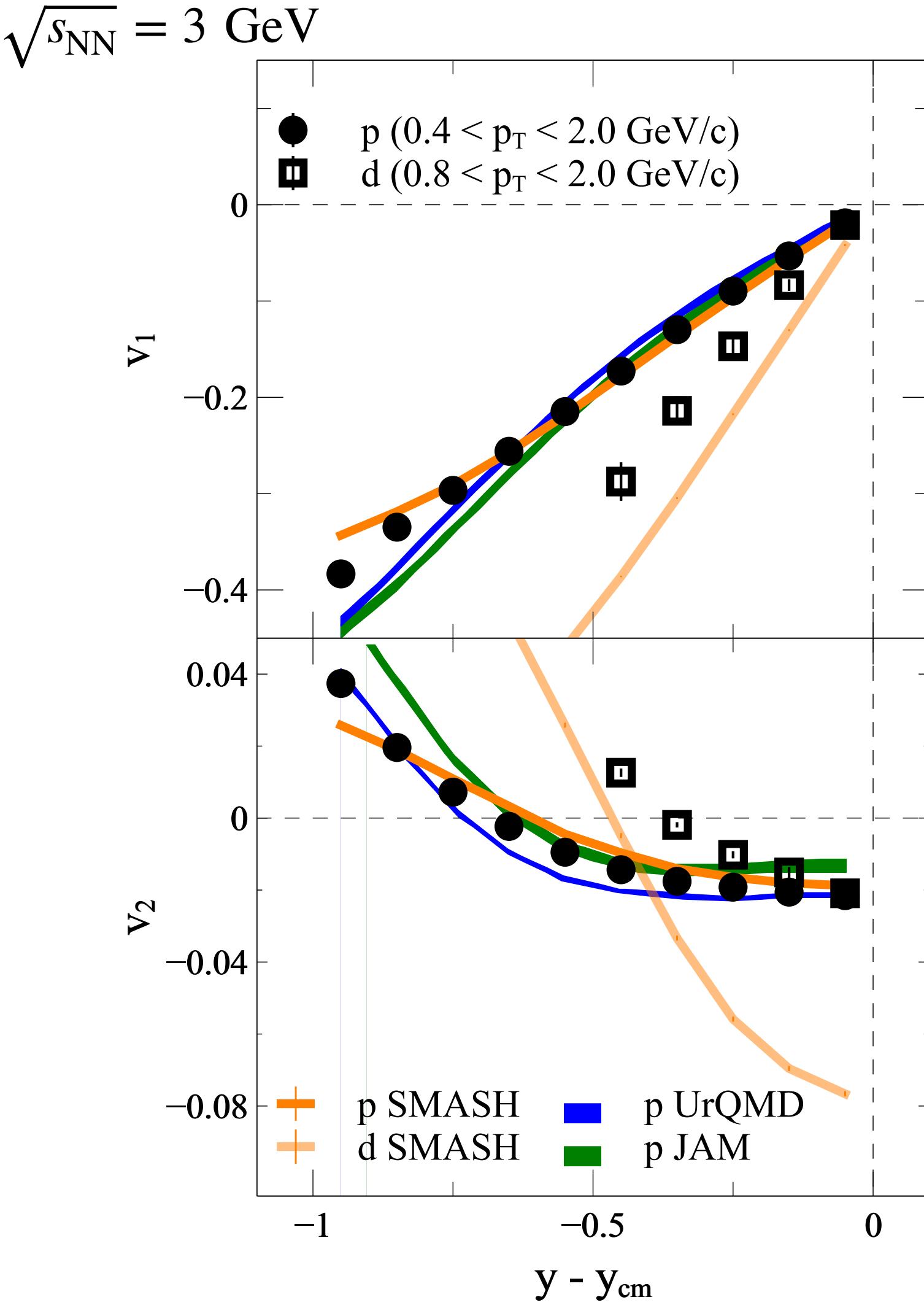
**VDF model:**  $\mathcal{E}_N = g \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \epsilon_{\text{kin}} f_{\mathbf{p}} + \sum_{i=1}^N A_k^0 j_0 - g^{00} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{b_i - 1}{b_i} \right) A_k^\lambda j_\lambda$        $A_k^\mu = C_k (j_\lambda j^\lambda)^{\frac{b_k}{2}-1} j^\mu$

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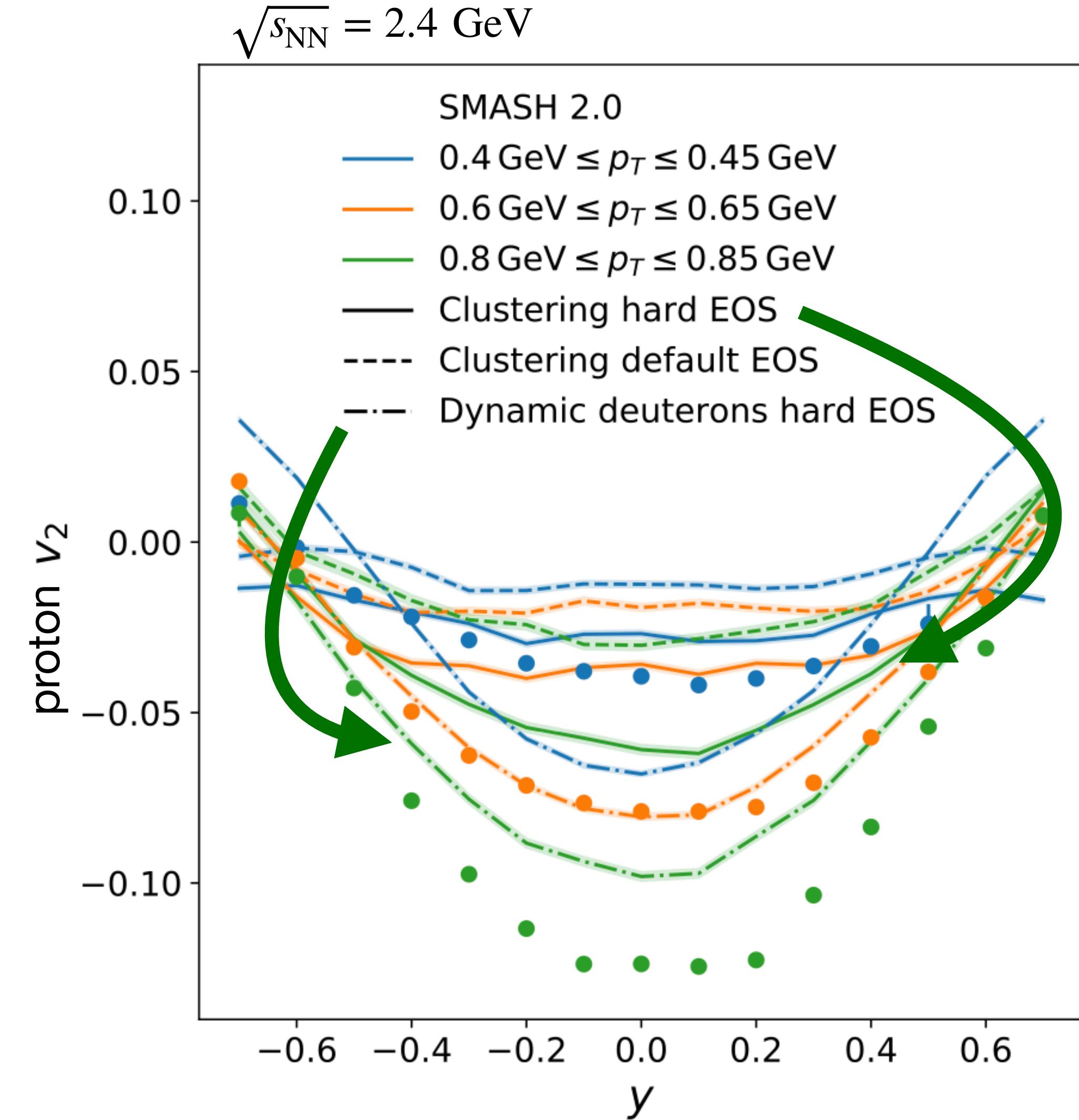
**A. Sorensen**, “Density Functional Equation of State and Its Application to the Phenomenology of Heavy-Ion Collisions,” arXiv:2109.08105

$$m^* = m_0 - \sum_{m=1}^M G_m n_s^{d_m-1} \quad n_s = g \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{m^*}{\epsilon_{\text{kin}}^*} f_{\mathbf{p}}$$

# Describing proton flow is not enough



- Description of light cluster production needed:
- coalescence: doesn't take into account the dynamic role of light clusters throughout the evolution
  - nucleon/pion catalysis: consider as separate degrees of freedom (pBUU, SMASH), produced through  $N$  or  $\pi$  collisions
  - dynamical production through potentials???



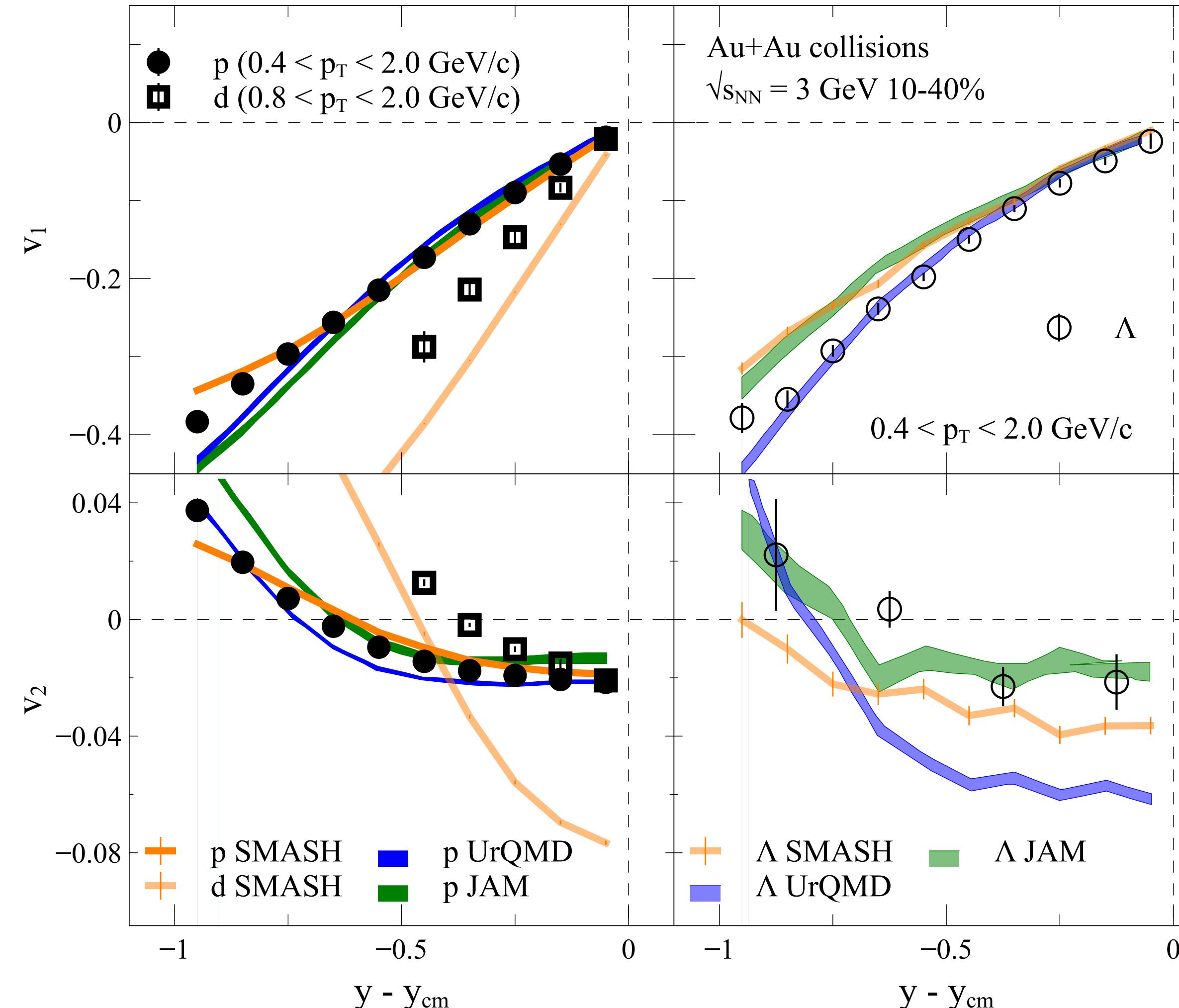
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Strange baryons are not well described  
— the results may depend on:

- nucleon-hyperon and hyperon-hyperon interactions
- in-medium modifications of interactions

Models of interactions exist and could be tested;  
interactions could be based on those obtained  
within first-principle calculations  
(e.g., HALQCD collaboration)

HAL QCD, Nucl. Phys. A 998 121737 (2020), arXiv:1912.08630 )

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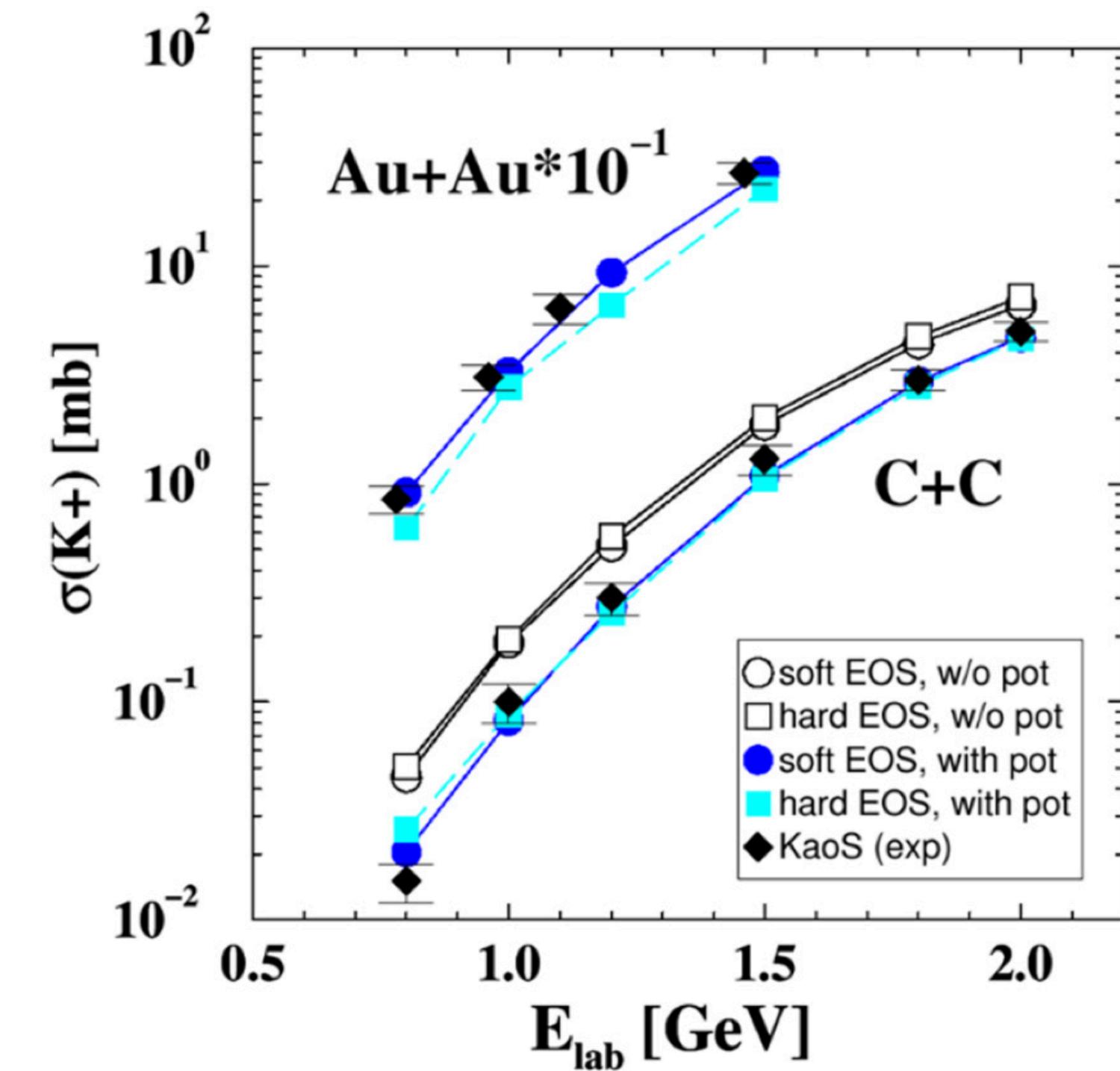
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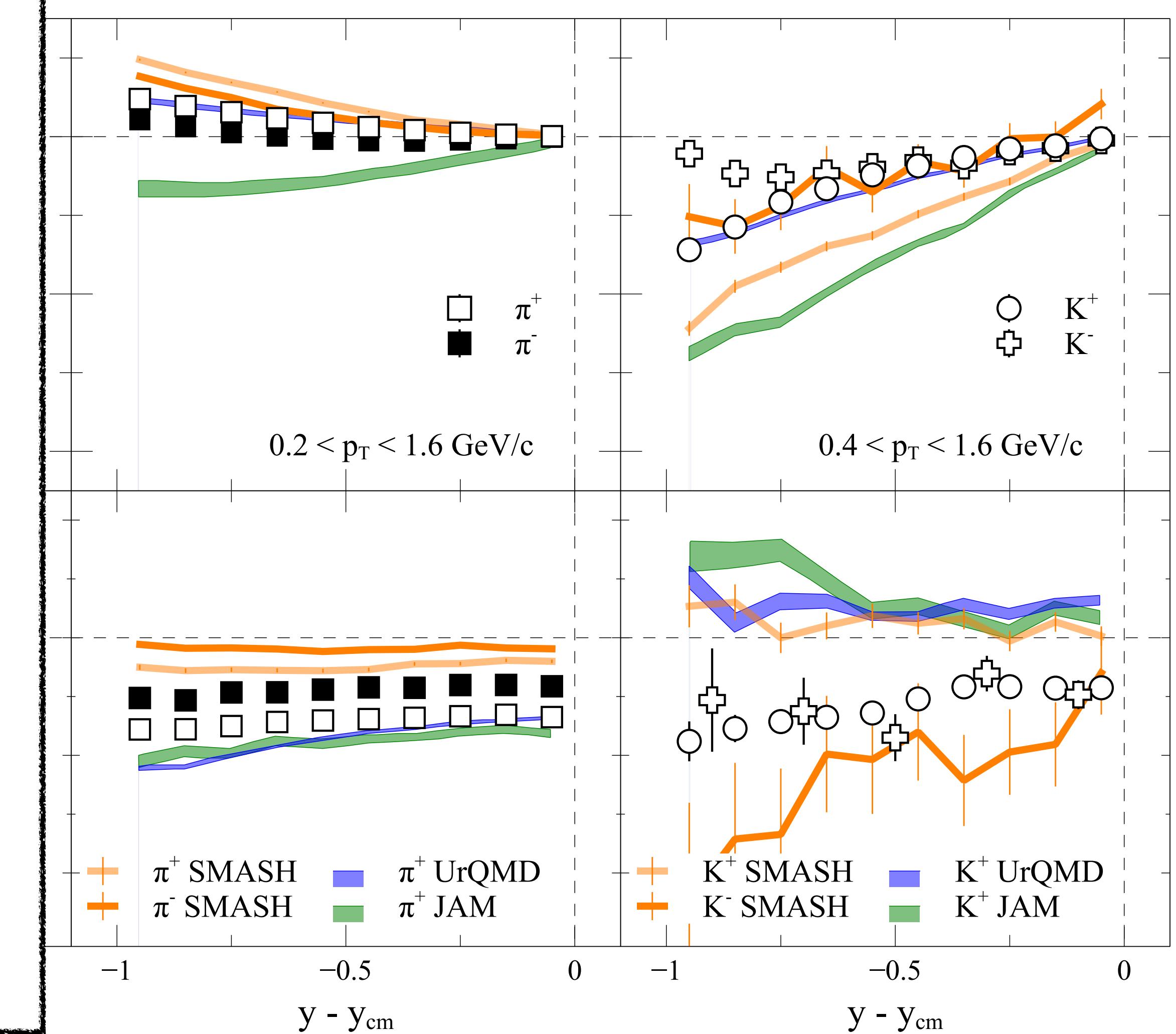
# Describing proton flow is not enough

Pions and kaons NOT described!

Not very surprising: UrQMD, JAM, and SMASH  
don't have mean-fields for mesons



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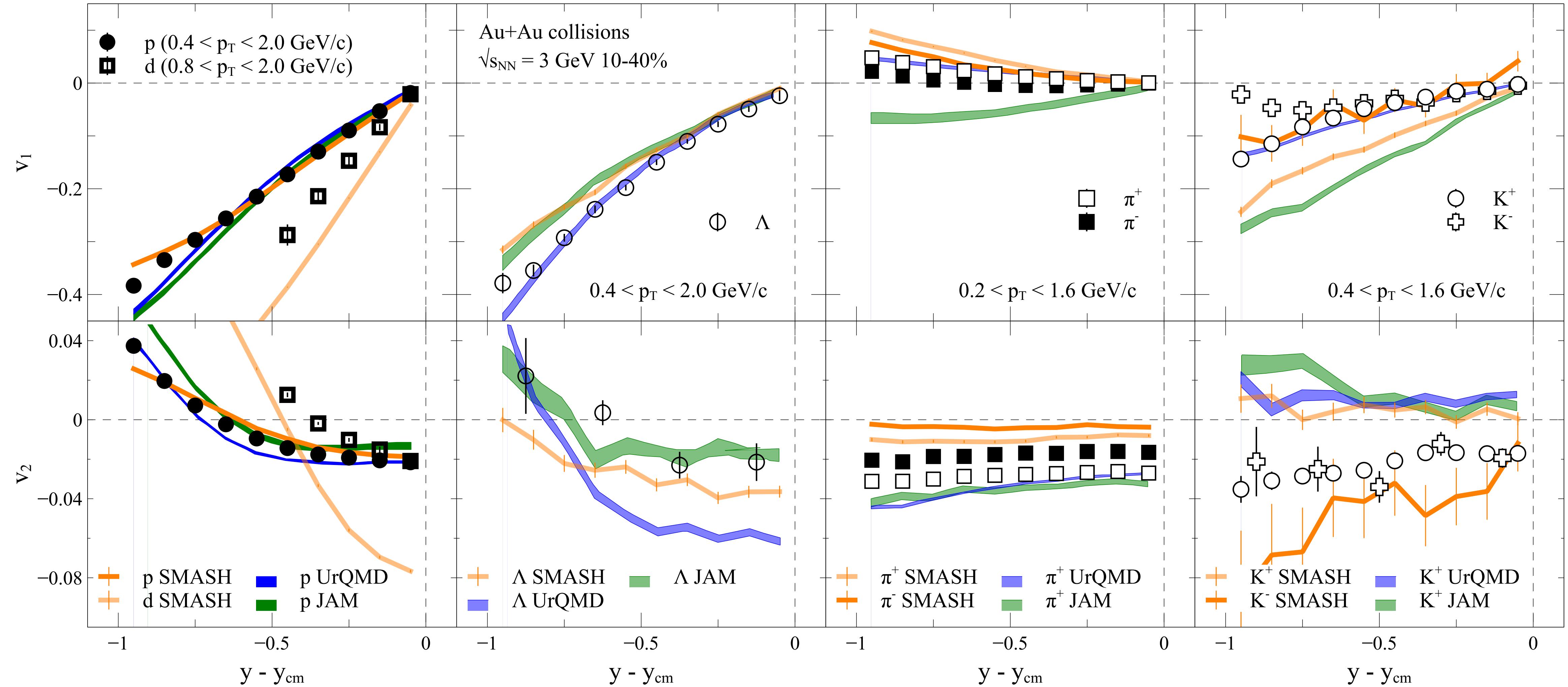


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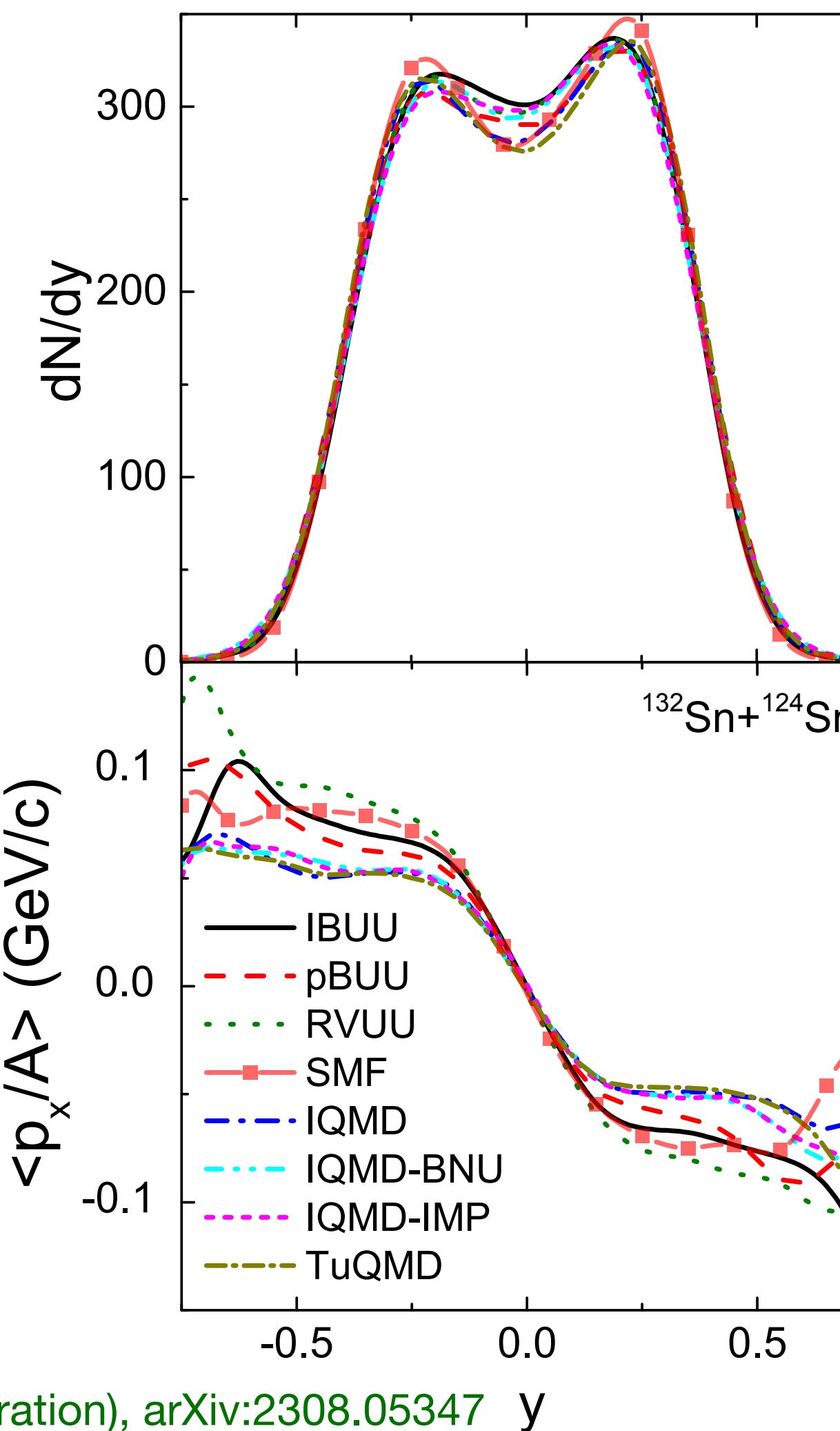
# Better modeling is necessary

Ideas to pursue/explore/revisit:

- $p$ -dependent potentials,
- meson potentials,
- in-medium effects,
- light cluster production,
- ...

Strong efforts by the  
TMEP Collaboration to  
identify code-dependencies  
and best model practices!

There is code-dependence:



J. Xu et al. (TMEP Collaboration), arXiv:2308.05347

Comparing pion production in transport simulations of heavy-ion collisions at 270A MeV under controlled conditions #1  
TMEP Collaboration • Jun Xu (Tongji U. and CAS, SARI, Shanghai) et al. (Aug 10, 2023)  
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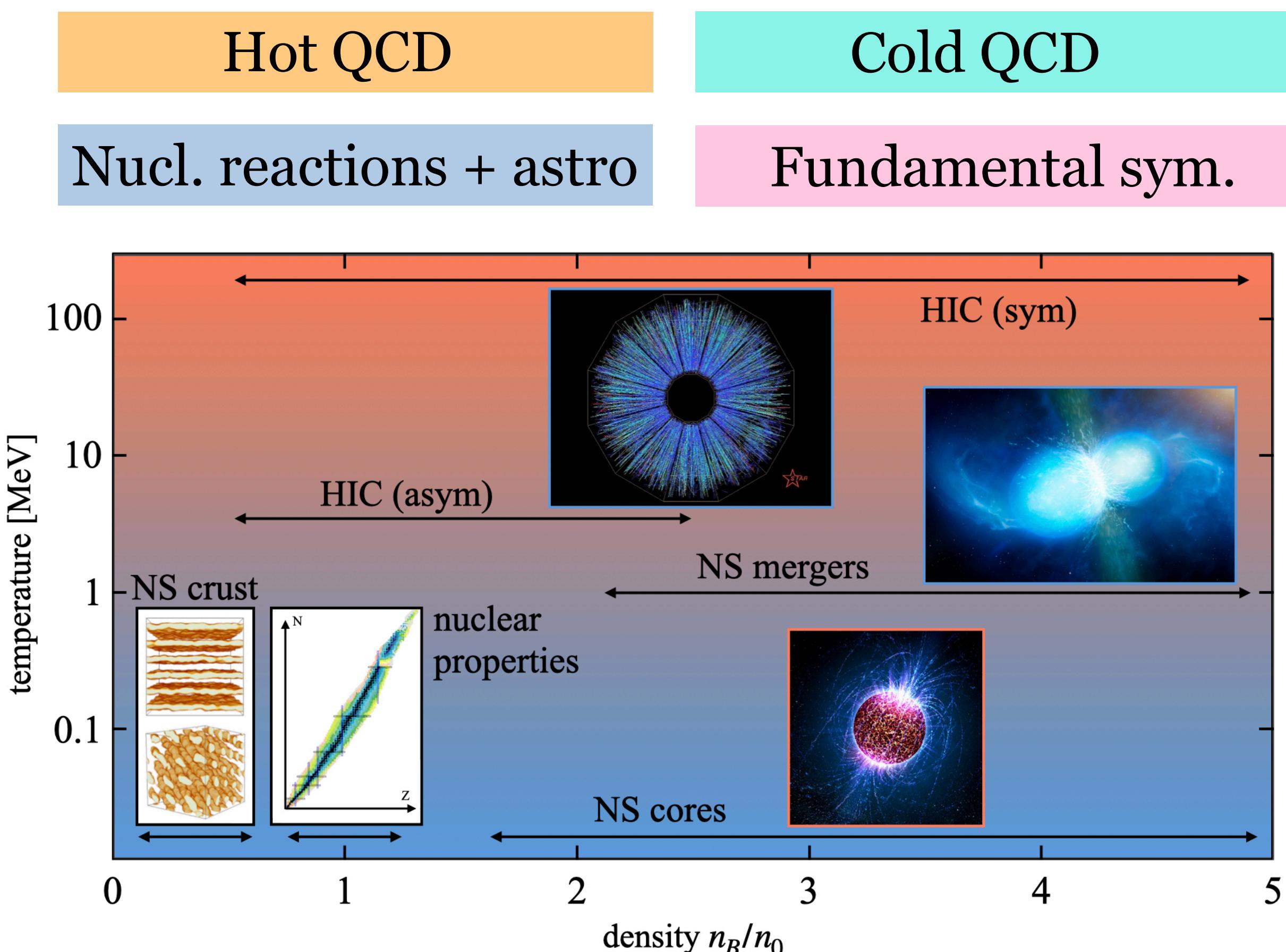
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- Exploring synergies between communities:
- exposure to varied scientific ideas, approaches
  - increased support for EOS physics

# Summary: Established heavy-ion EOS constraints still unbeatable

What's different, new, exciting about *now*?

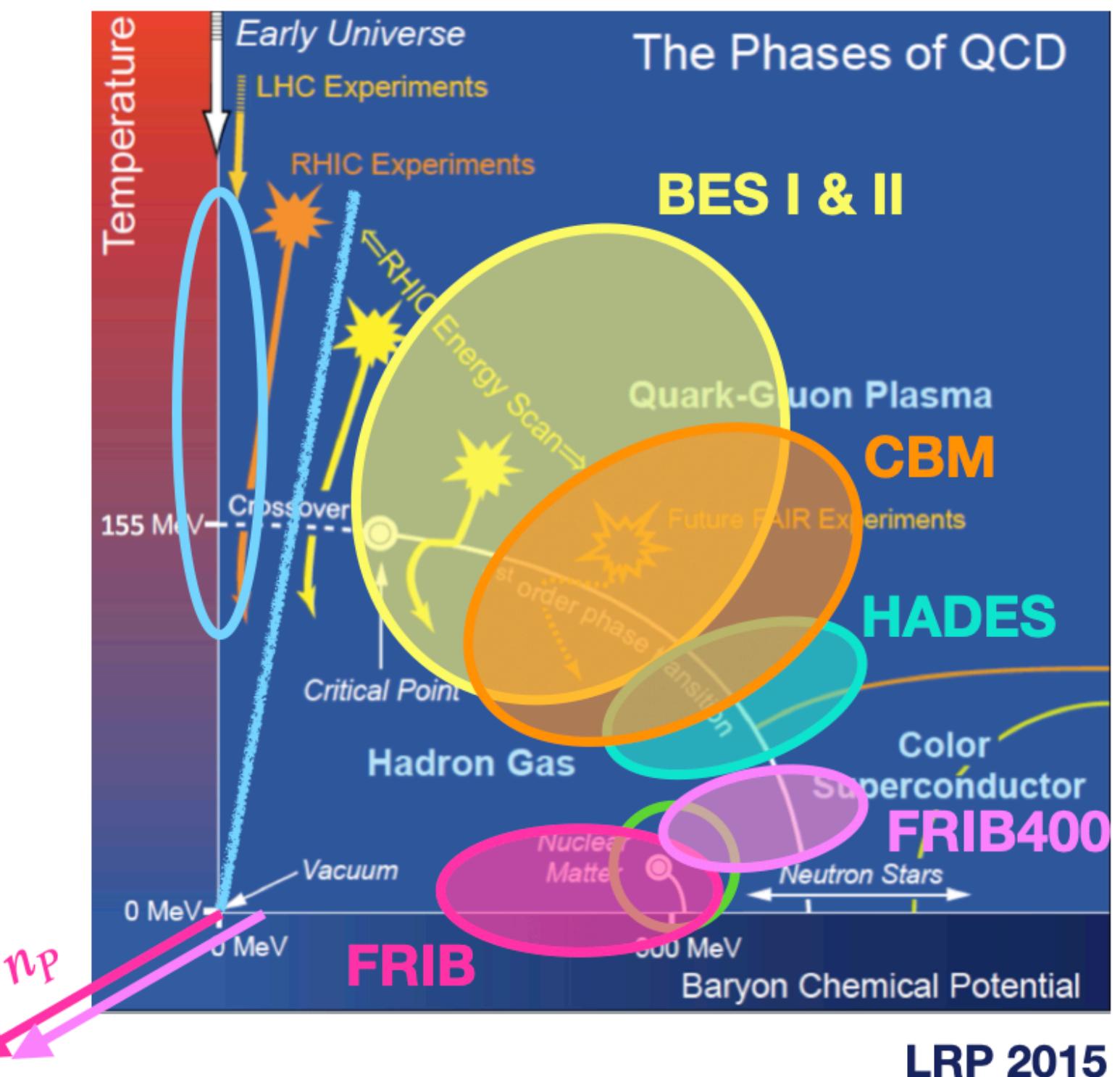
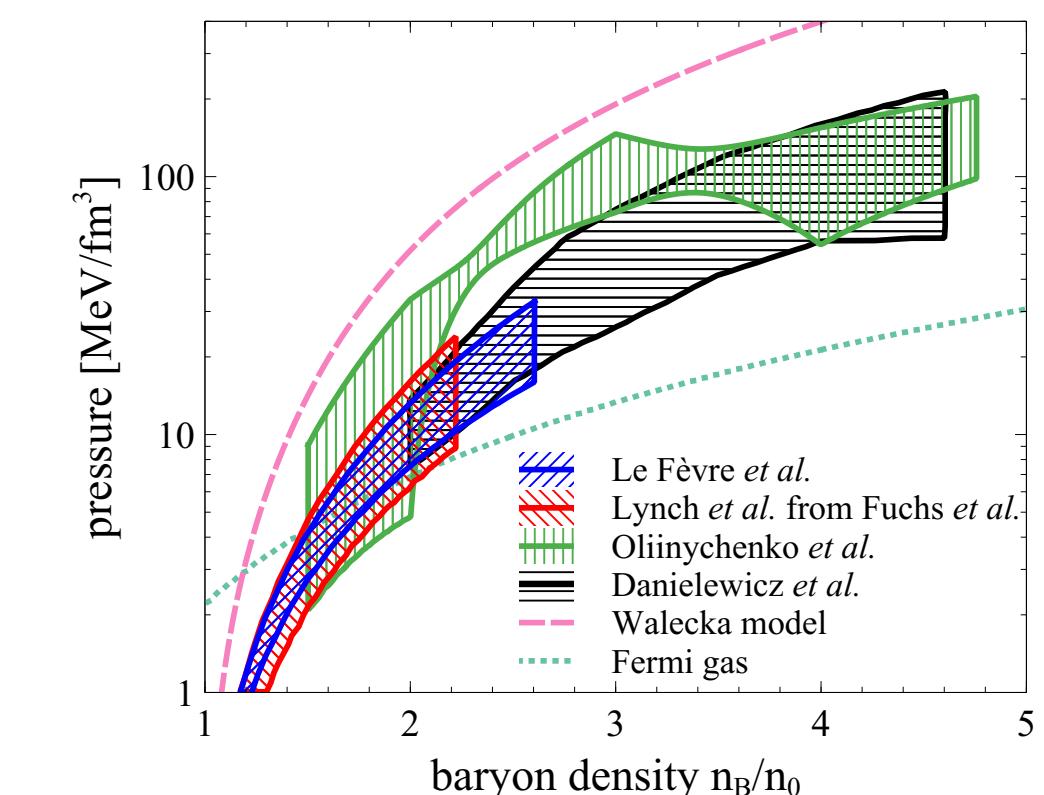
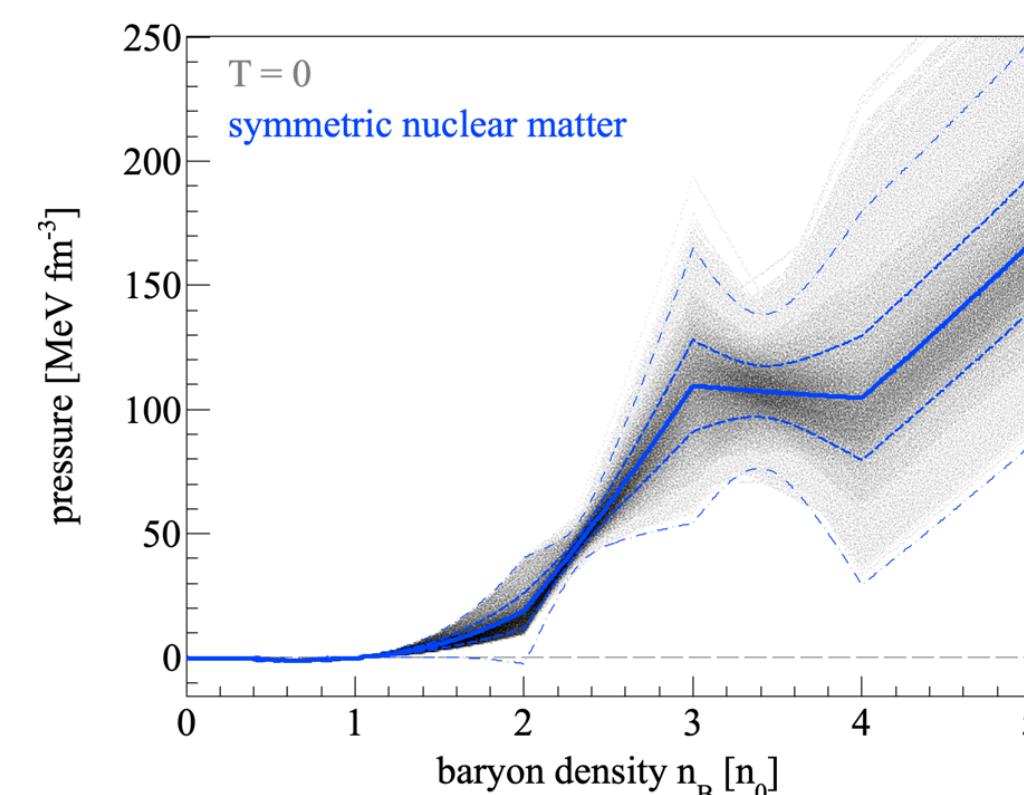
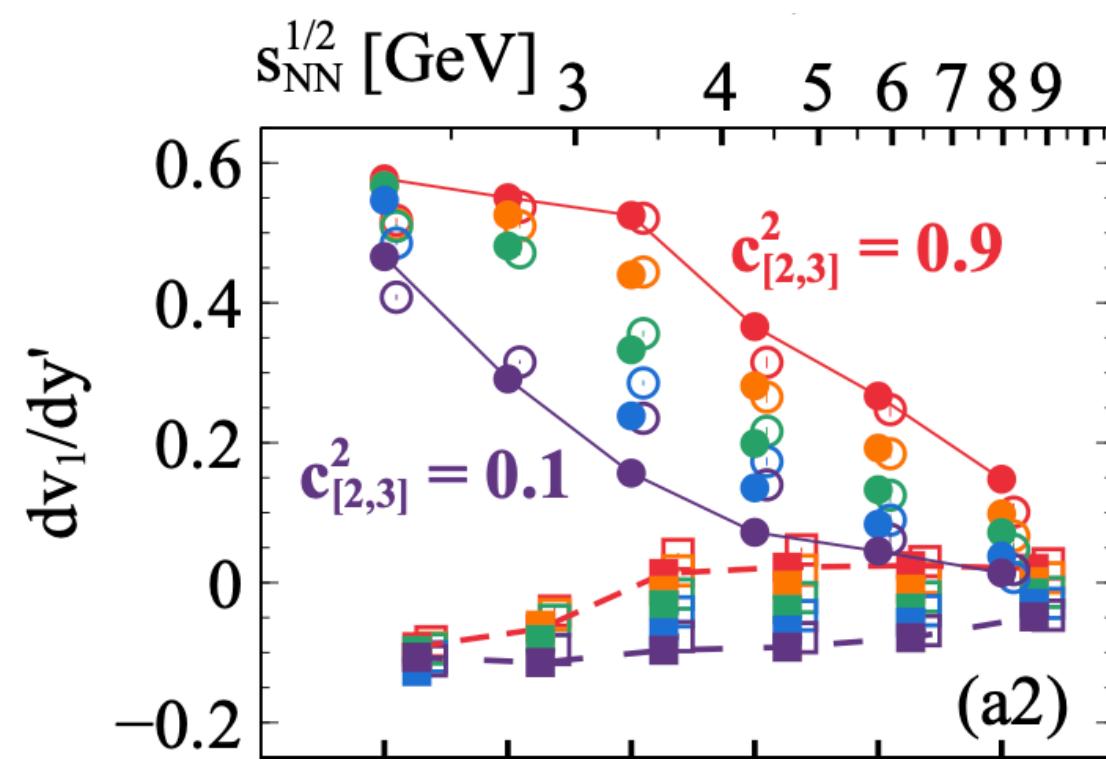
- New detectors, new data: ultra-precise triple-differential flow observables, hyperon-hyperon interactions, ...
- New computing capabilities: large-scale simulations possible with state-of-the-art, benchmarked hadronic transport codes
- New approach to constraining the EOS: Bayesian analyses using flexible parametrizations of the EOS

**Key questions for me:**

What needs to be done to consistently describe flow of most abundant species?

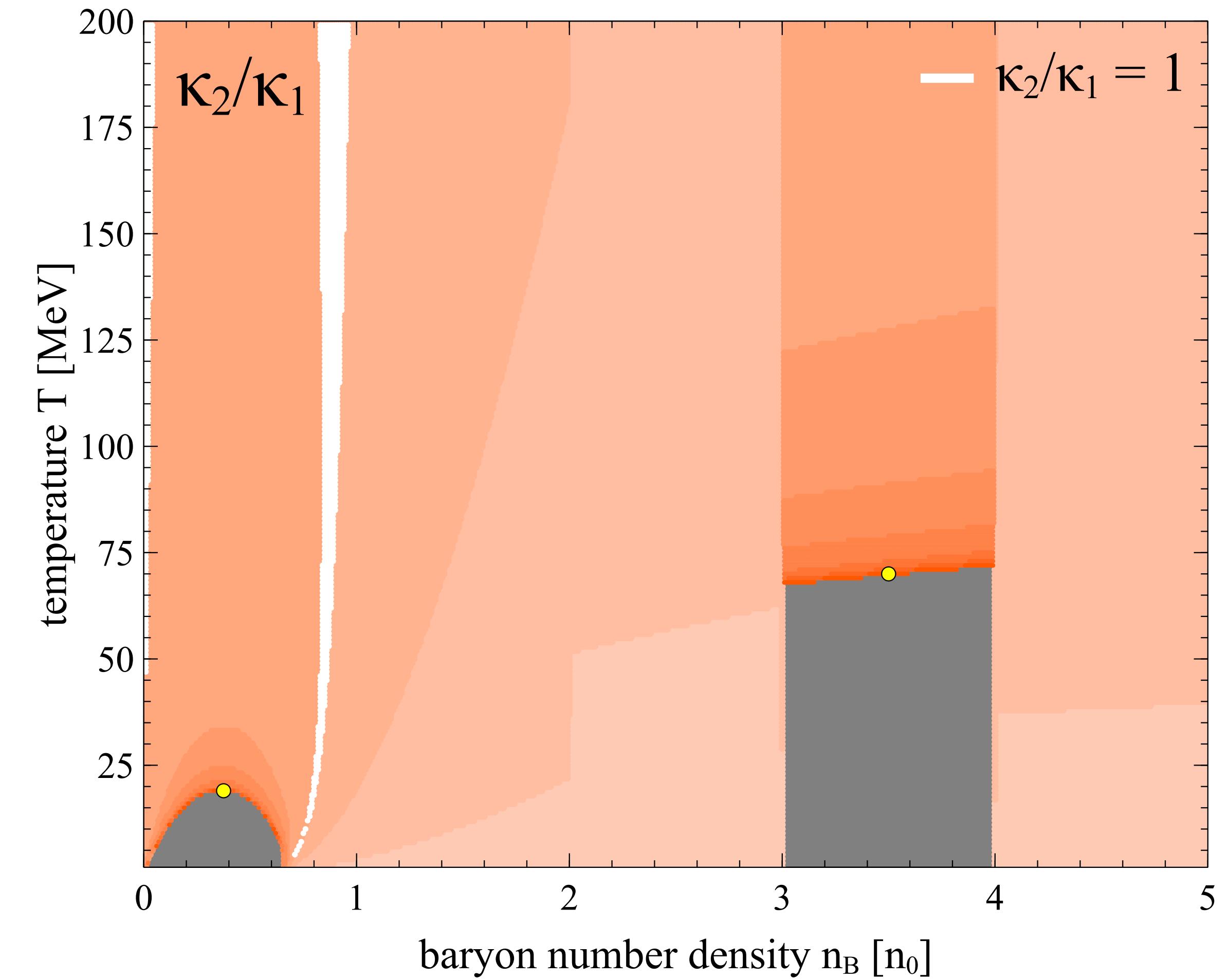
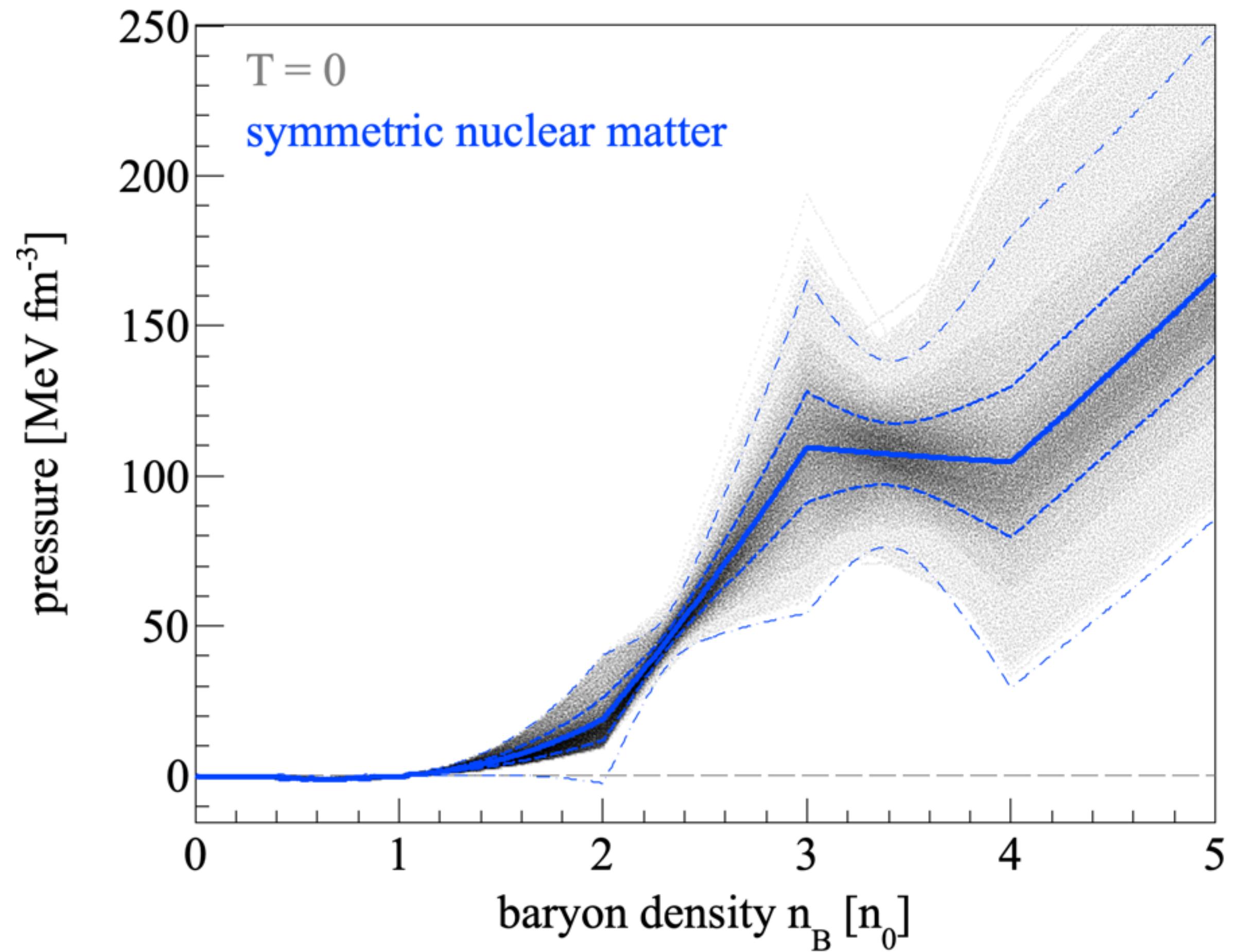
How to assign error due to model dependencies?

Thank you  
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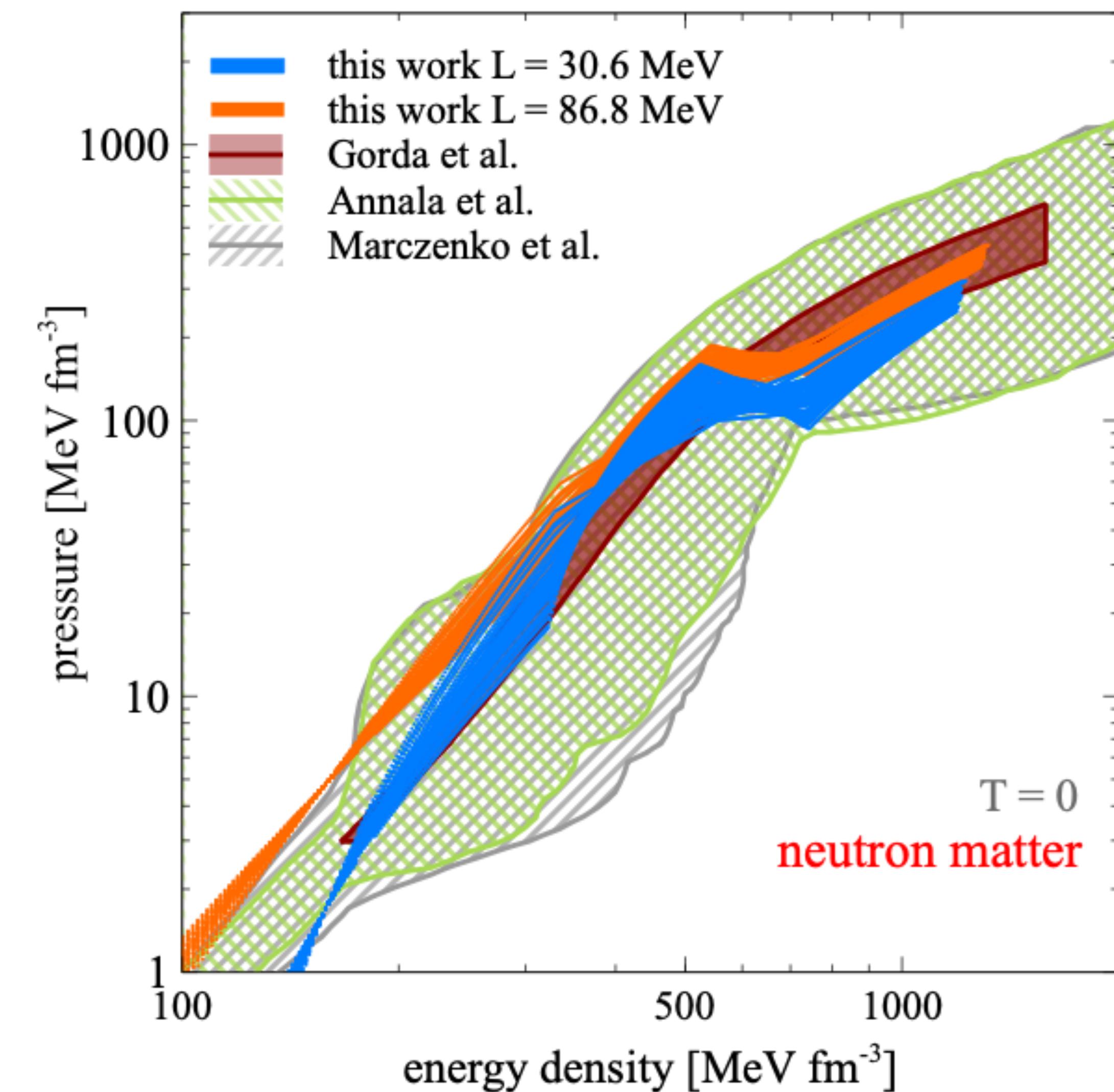
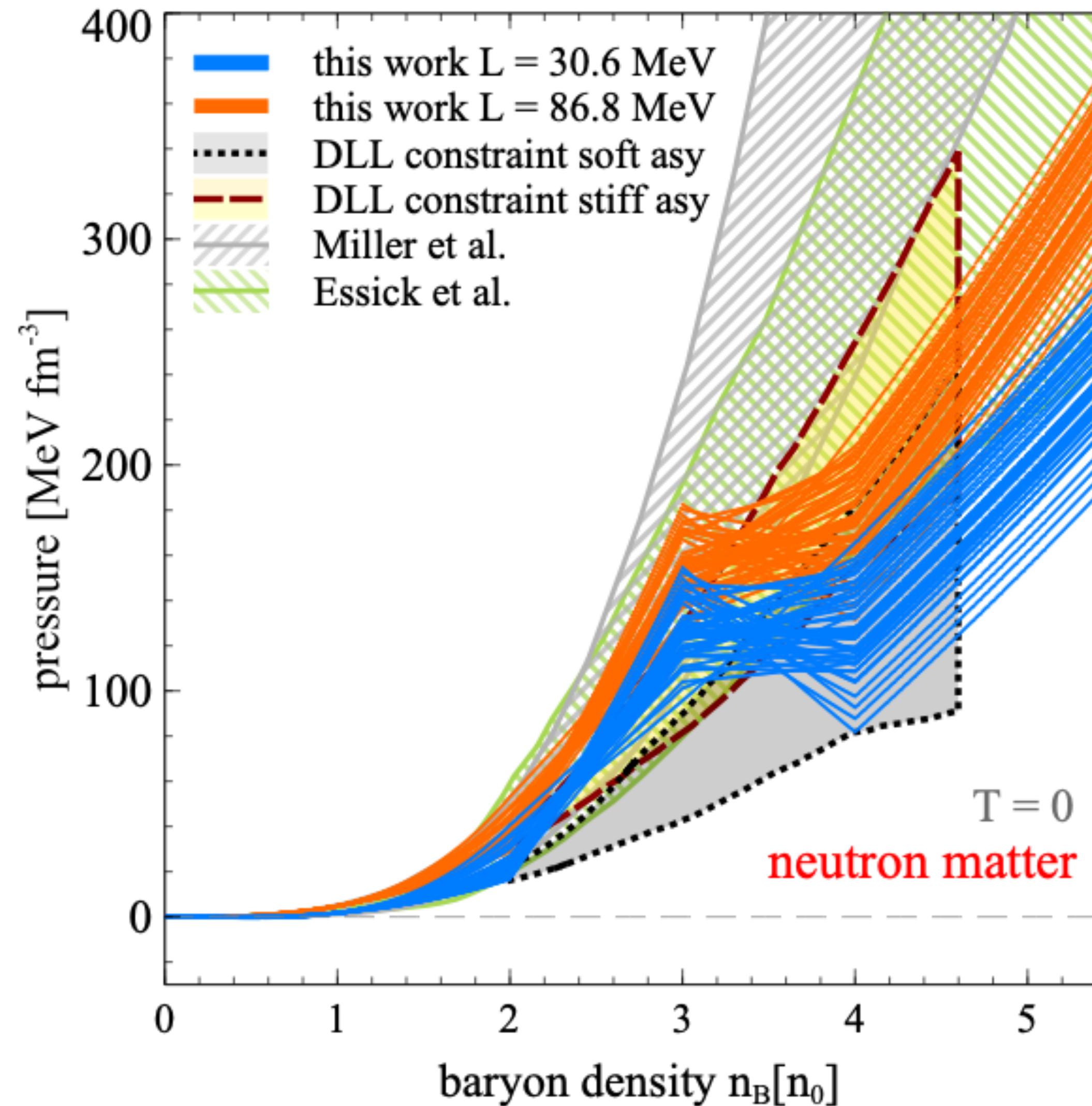


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Assume arbitrary **vector** interactions:

$$A^\mu = \alpha(n_B) j^\mu$$

The effective chemical potential defined as

$$\mu^* = \mu_B - \alpha(n_B) n_B$$

At  $T = 0$ ,  $\epsilon_F = \mu^*$  and the density is given by

$$n_B = \frac{g}{6\pi^2} \left( \mu^{*2} - m^2 \right)^{3/2}$$

Combining the two allows one to solve for

$$\mu_B(n_B) = \alpha(n_B) n_B + \sqrt{m^2 + \left( \frac{6\pi n_B}{g} \right)^{2/3}}$$

On the other hand,  $c_s^2 \Big|_{T=0} = \frac{d \ln \mu_B}{d \ln n_B}$ , and solving for  $\mu_B$ :  $\mu_B(n_B) = \mu_B(n_B^{(0)}) \exp \left( \int_{n_B^{(0)}}^{n_B} d \ln n \ c_s^2(n) \right)$

Solve for **vector** interactions:  $\alpha(n_B) = \frac{1}{n_B} \left[ \mu_B(n_B^{(0)}) \exp \left( \int_{n_B^{(0)}}^{n_B} d \ln n \ c_s^2(n) \right) - \sqrt{m^2 + \left( \frac{6\pi n_B}{g} \right)^{2/3}} \right]$

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$$\epsilon_{\mathbf{p}} = \epsilon_{\text{kin}} + \sum_{i=1}^N A_i^0$$

Assume scalar-vector interactions

$A^\mu = \alpha(n_B) j^\mu$

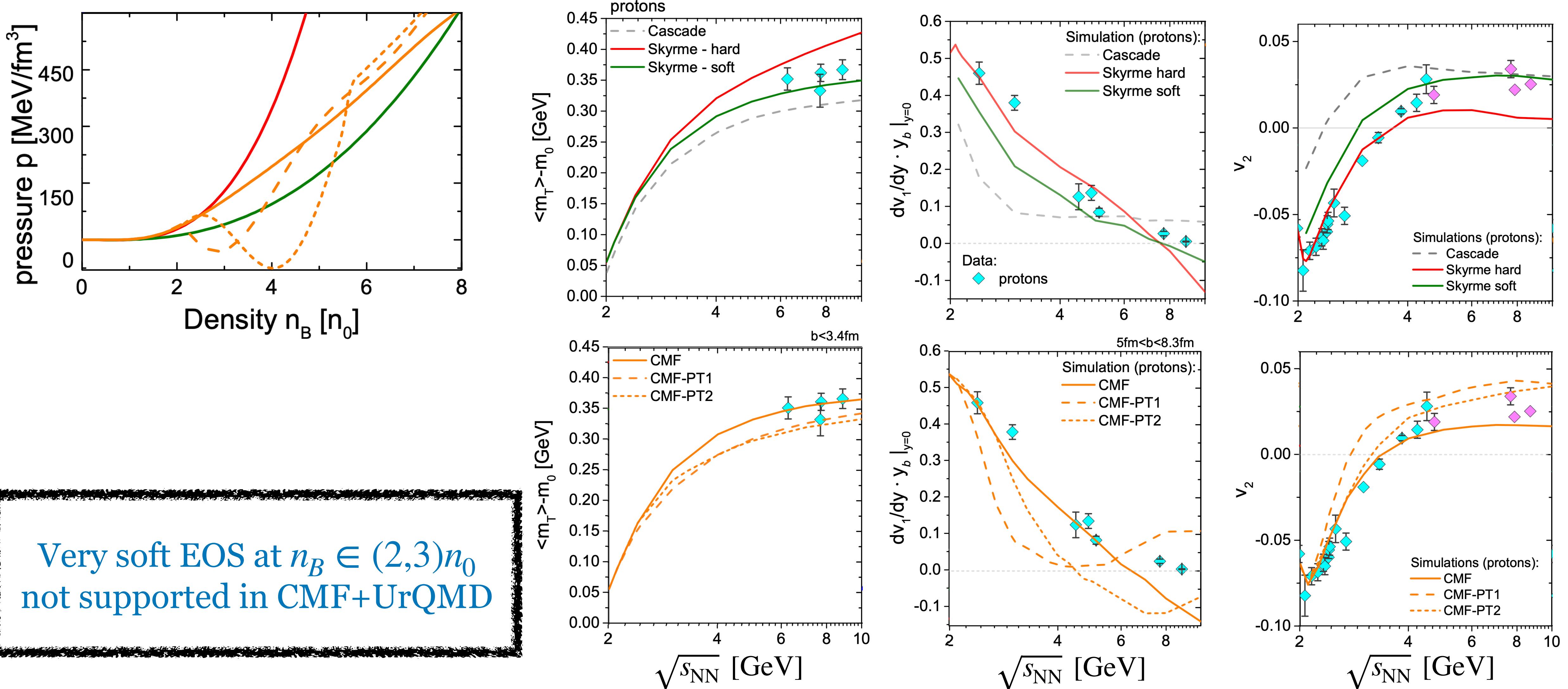
These interactions, parametrized with a chosen shape of  $c_s^2$  as a function of  $n_B$ , can be used in hadronic transport simulations!

On the other hand,  $c_s^2 \Big|_{T=0} = \frac{1}{d \ln n_B}$ , and solving for  $\mu_B$ :  $\mu_B(n_B) = \mu_B(n_B^{(0)}) \exp \left( \int_{n_B^{(0)}}^{n_B} d \ln n \ c_s^2(n) \right)$

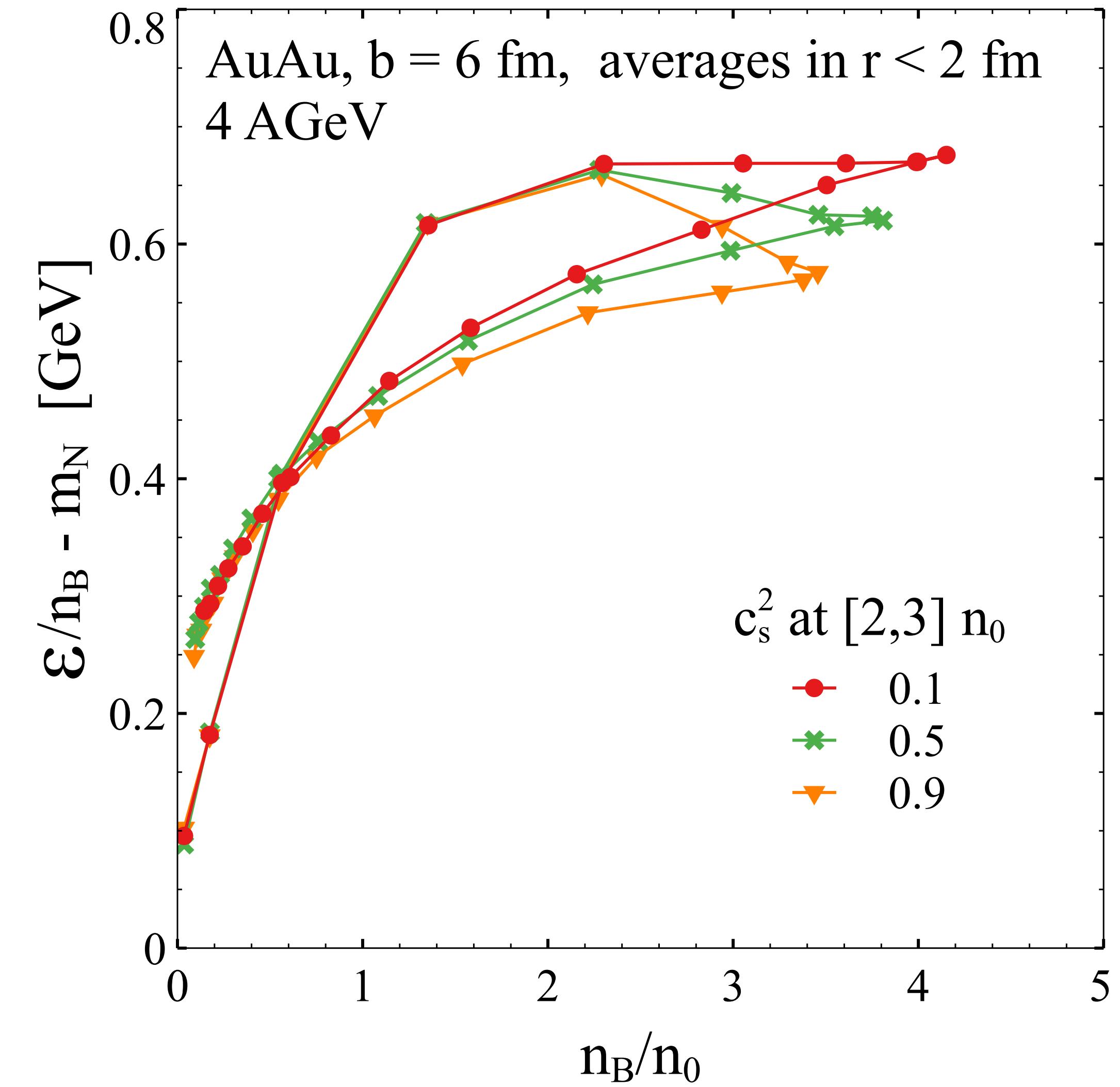
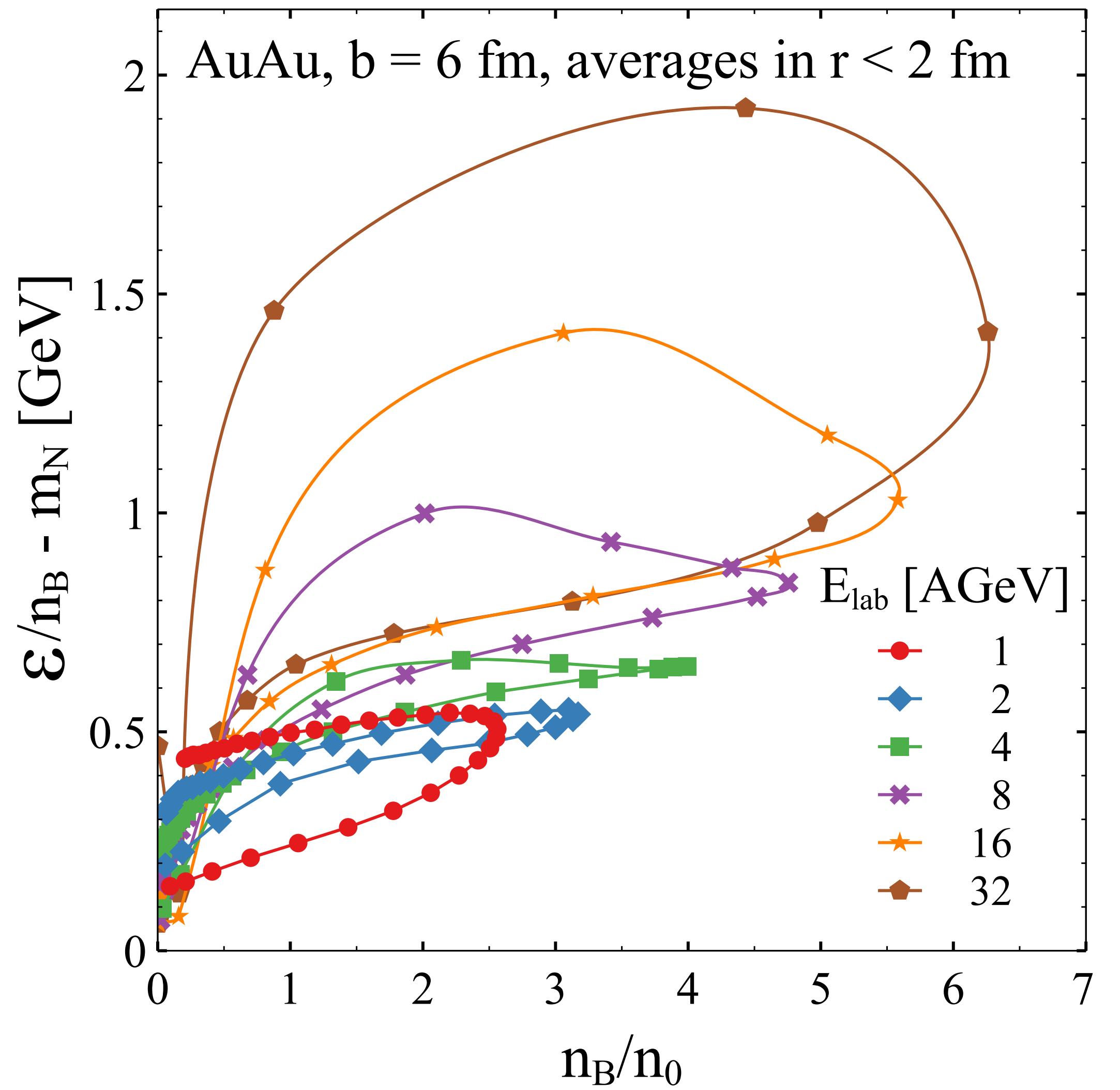
Solve for **vector** interactions:  $\alpha(n_B) = \frac{1}{n_B} \left[ \mu_B(n_B^{(0)}) \exp \left( \int_{n_B^{(0)}}^{n_B} d \ln n \ c_s^2(n) \right) - \sqrt{m^2 + \left( \frac{6\pi n_B}{g} \right)^{2/3}} \right]$

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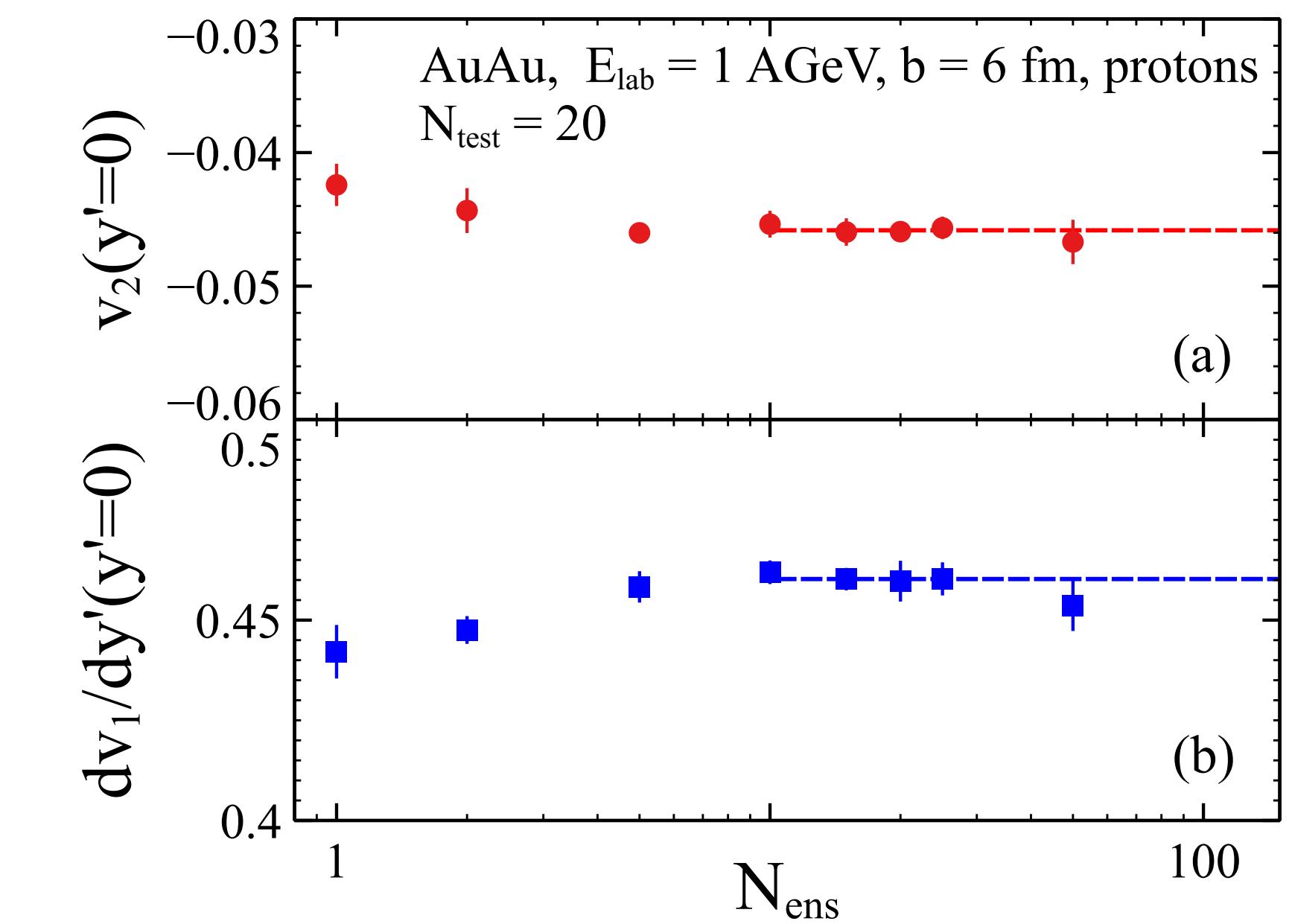
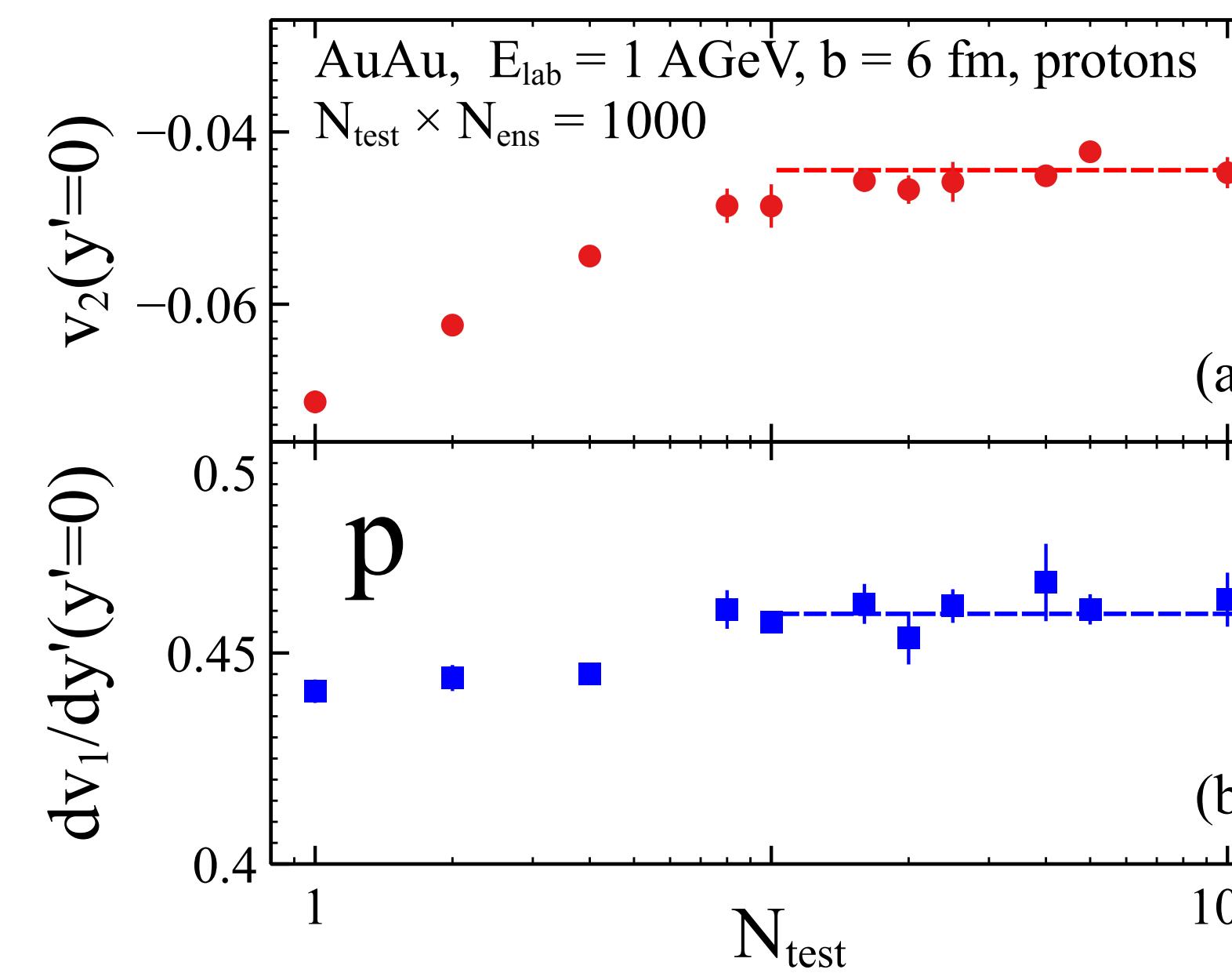
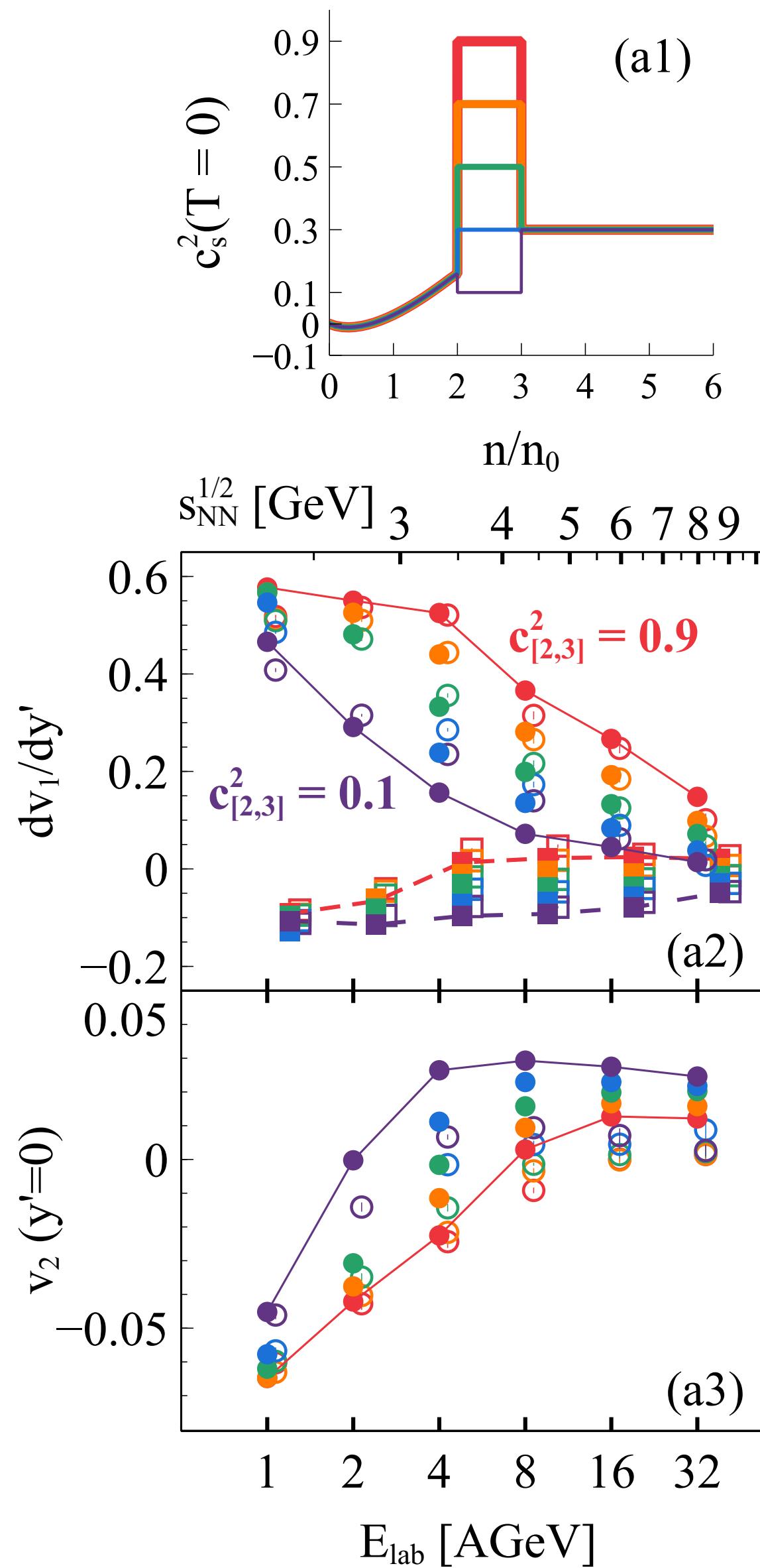


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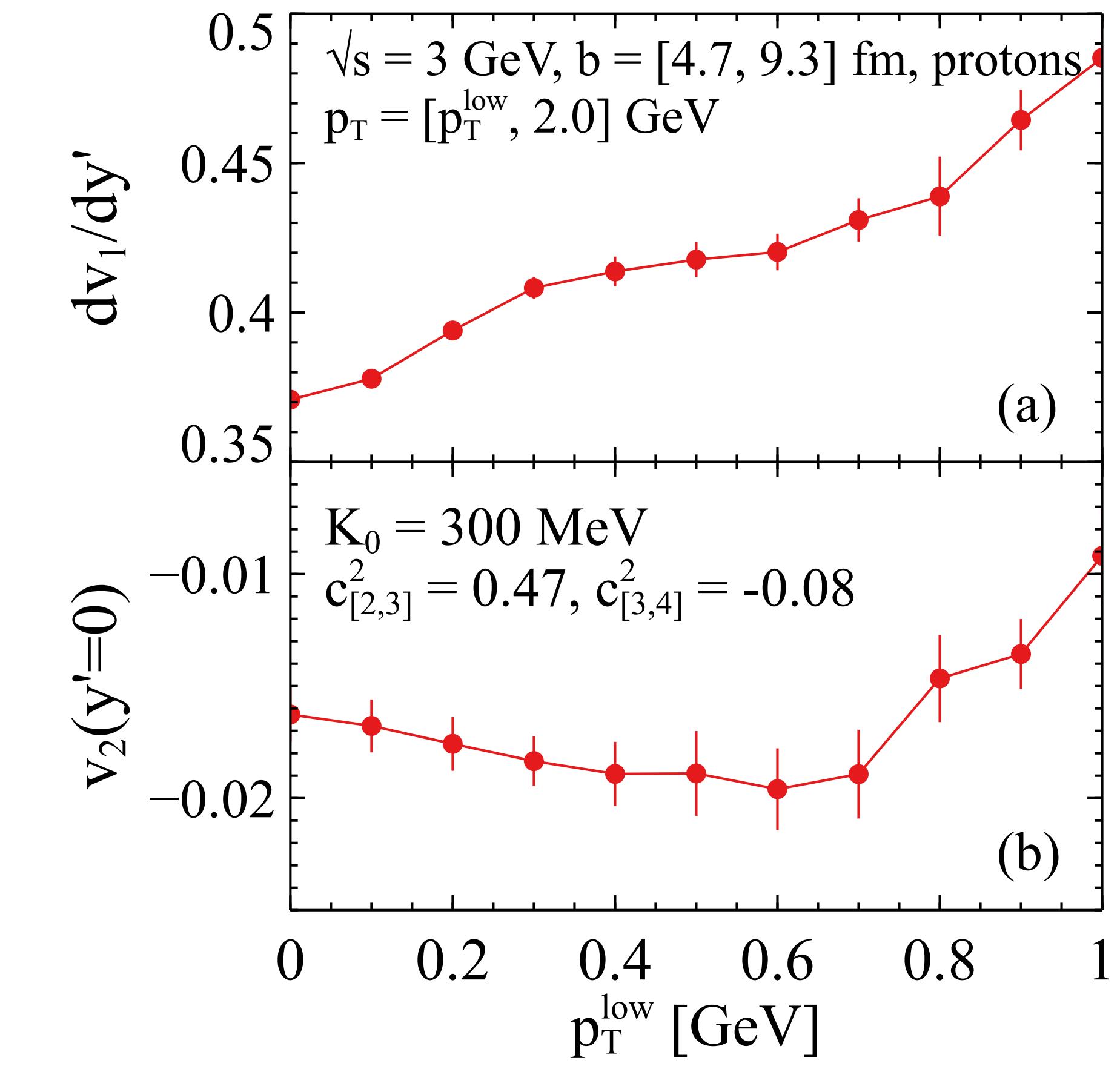
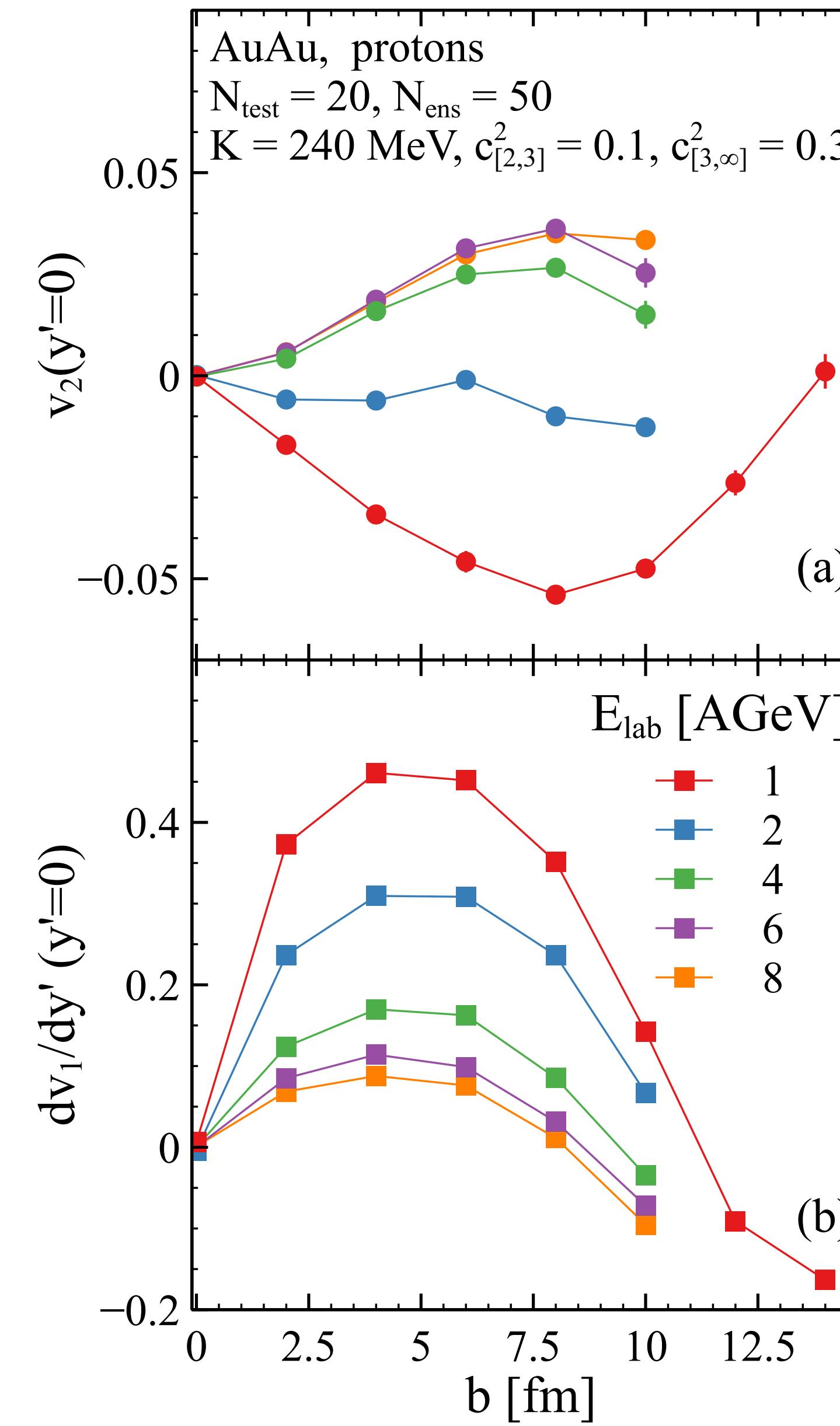
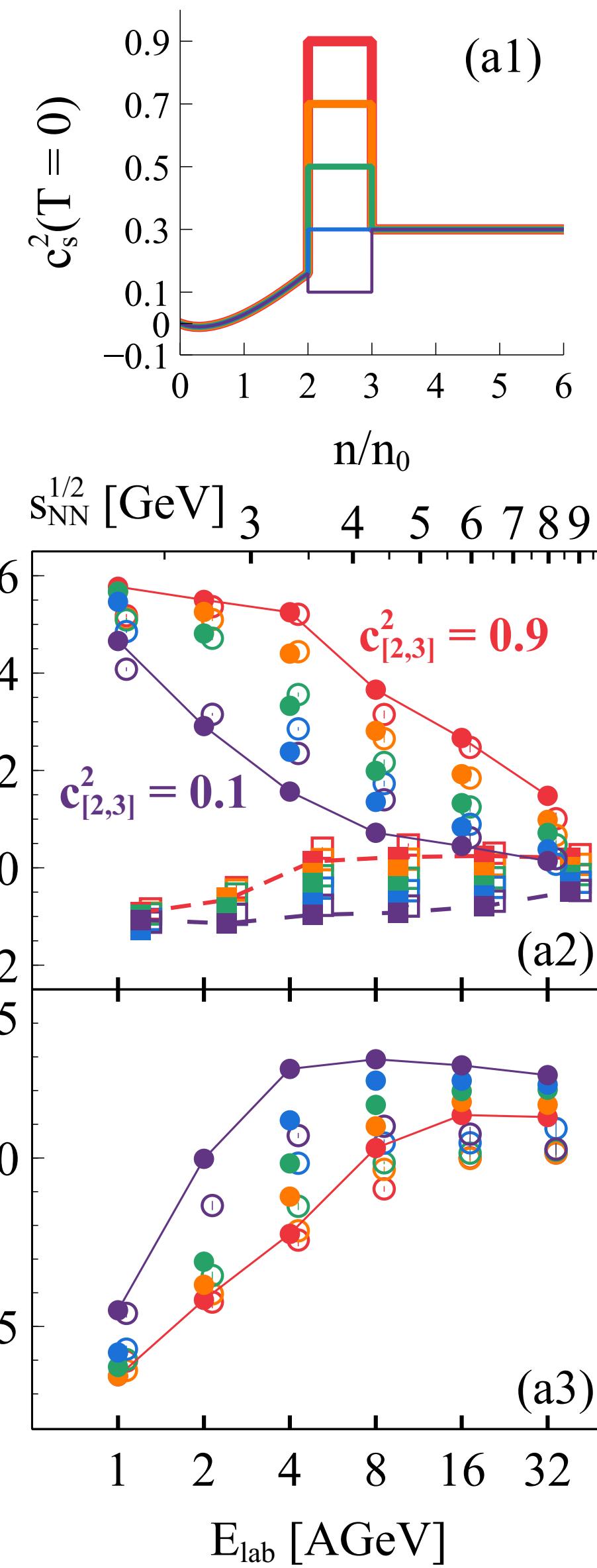
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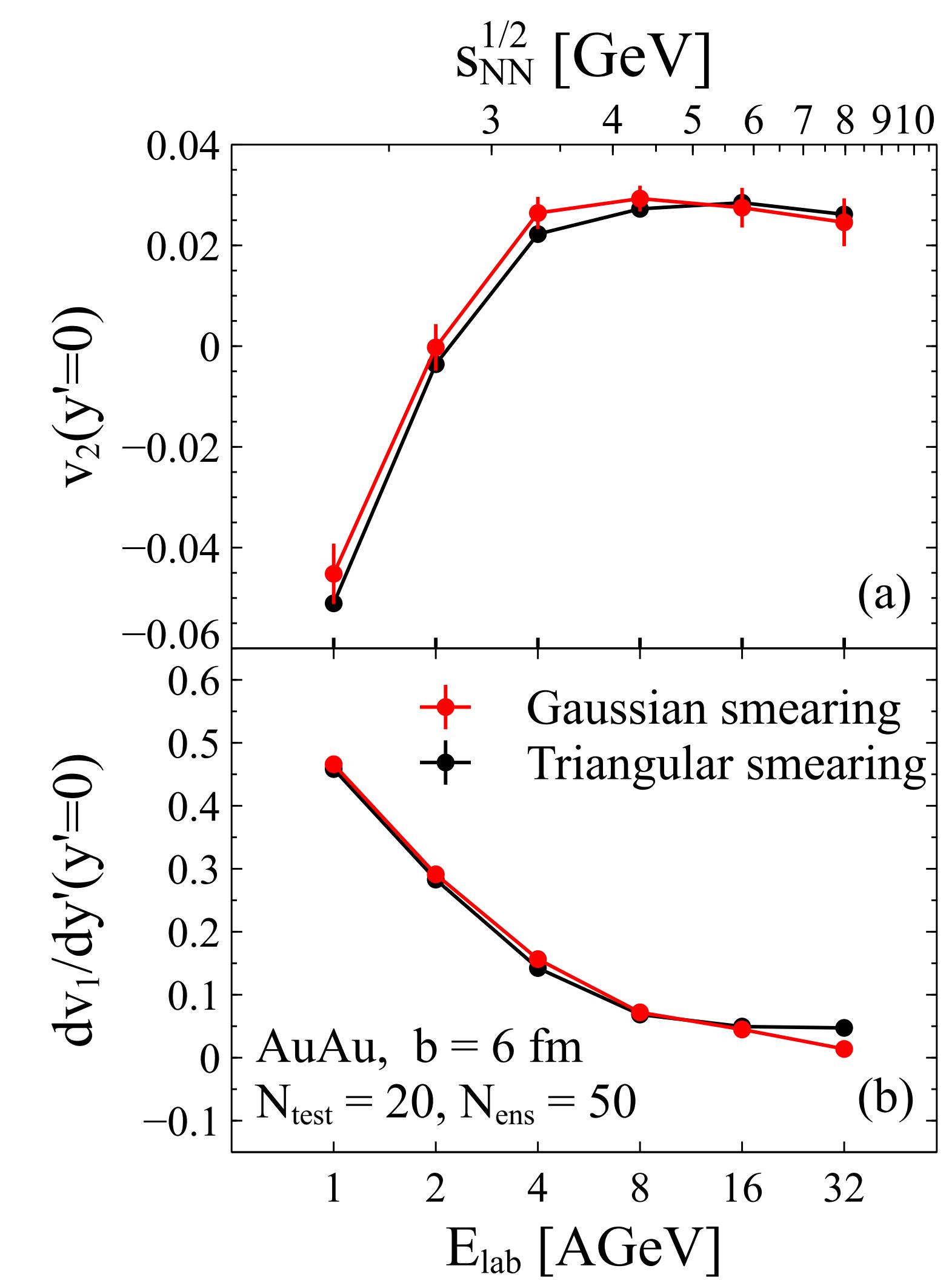
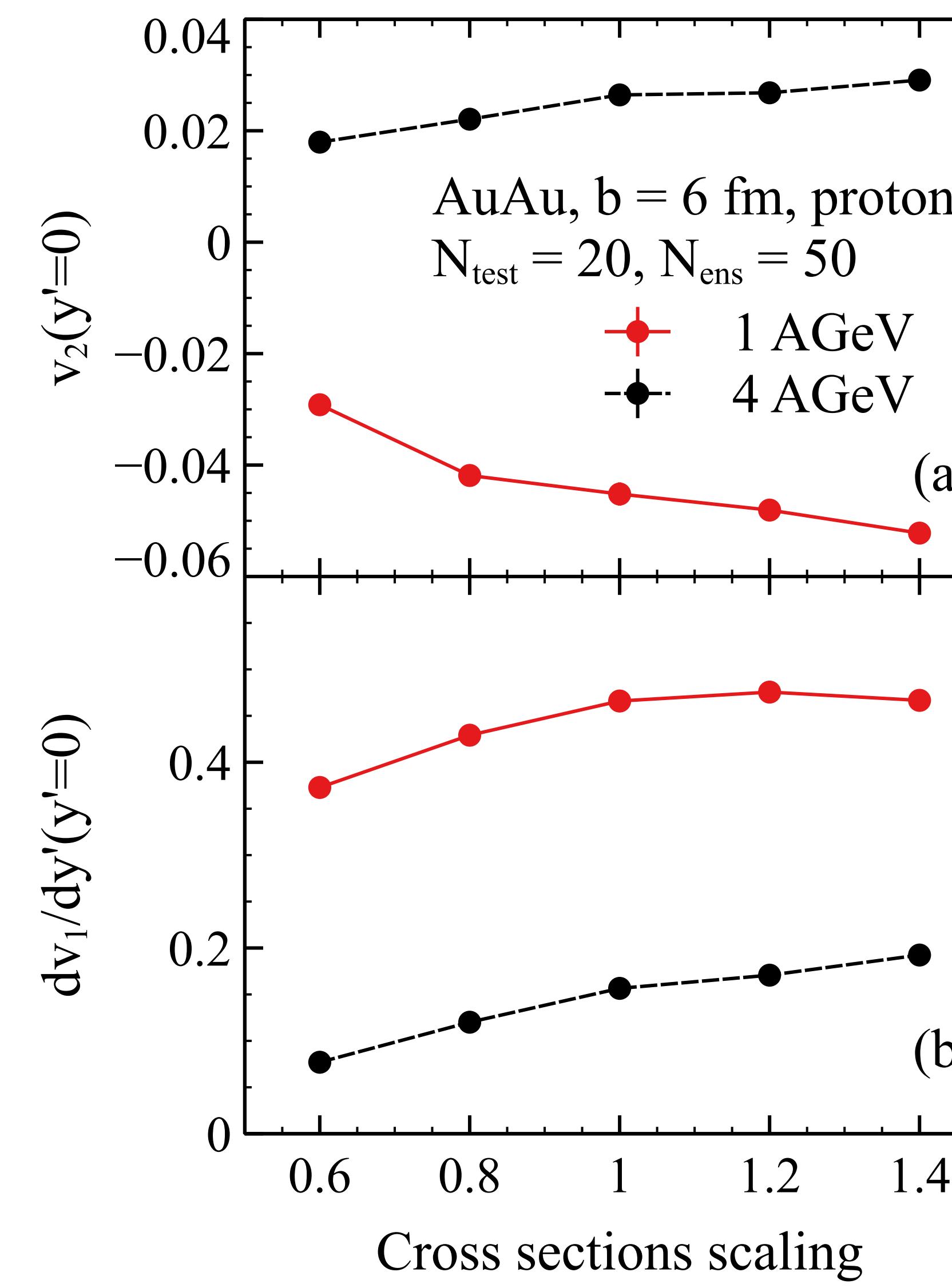
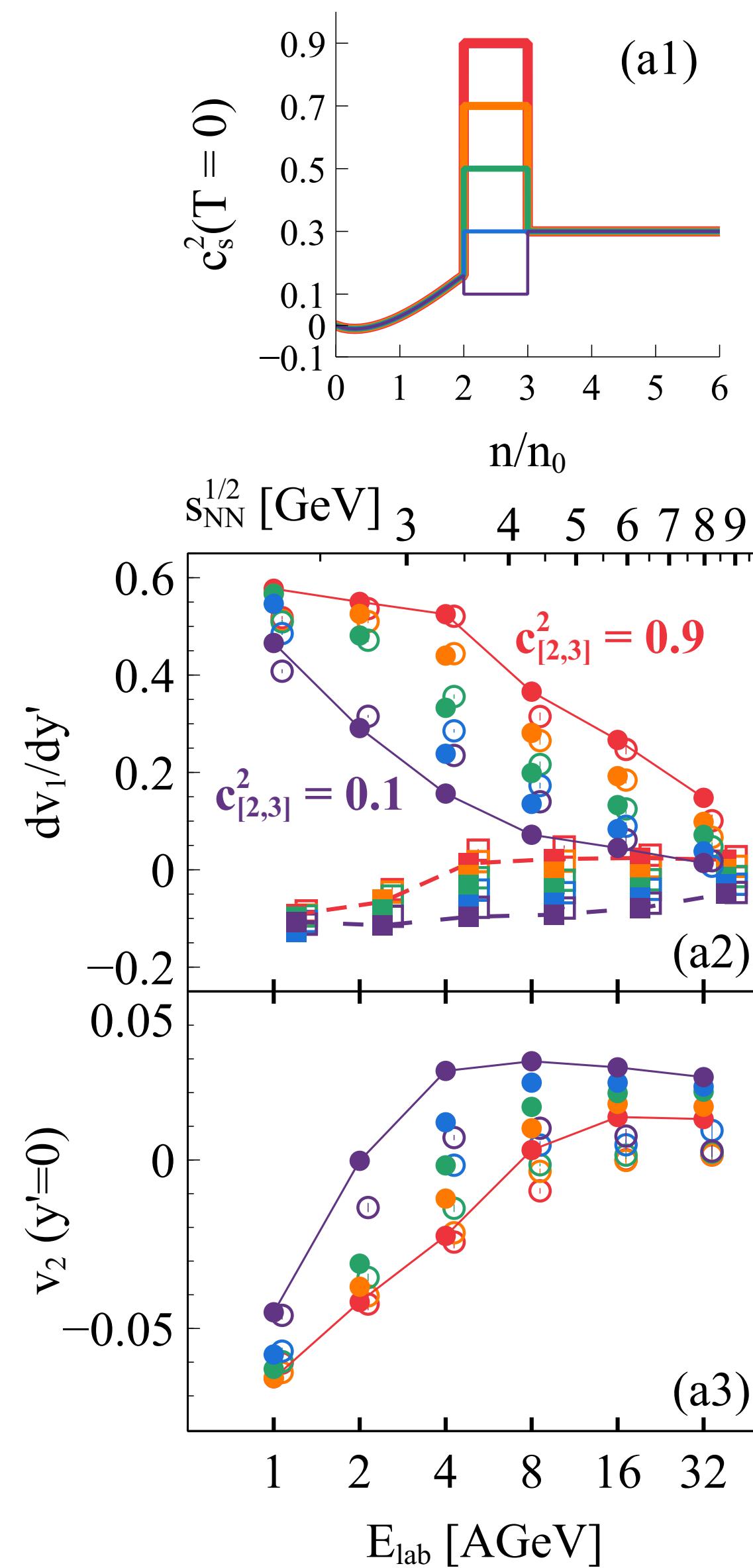


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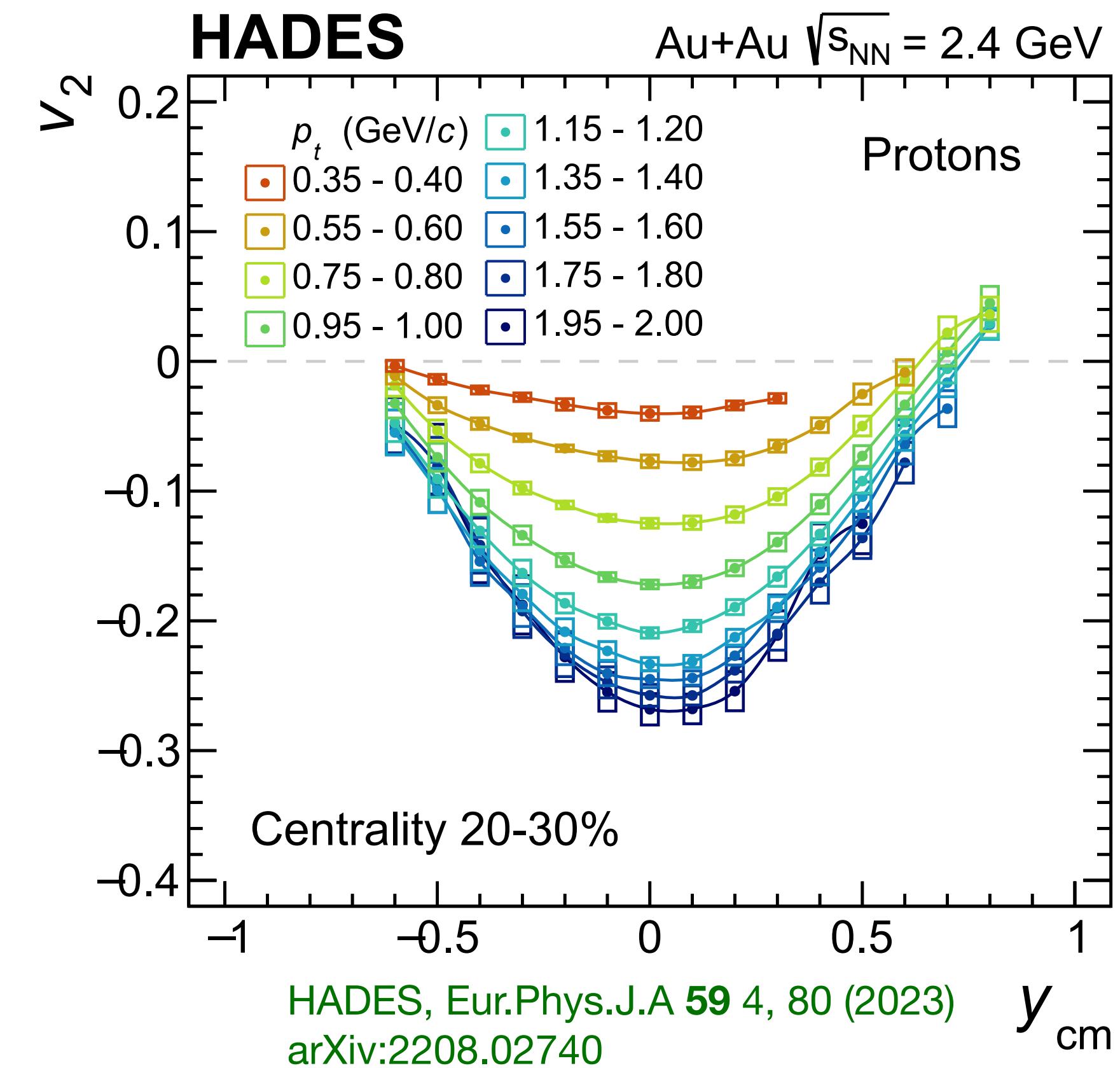
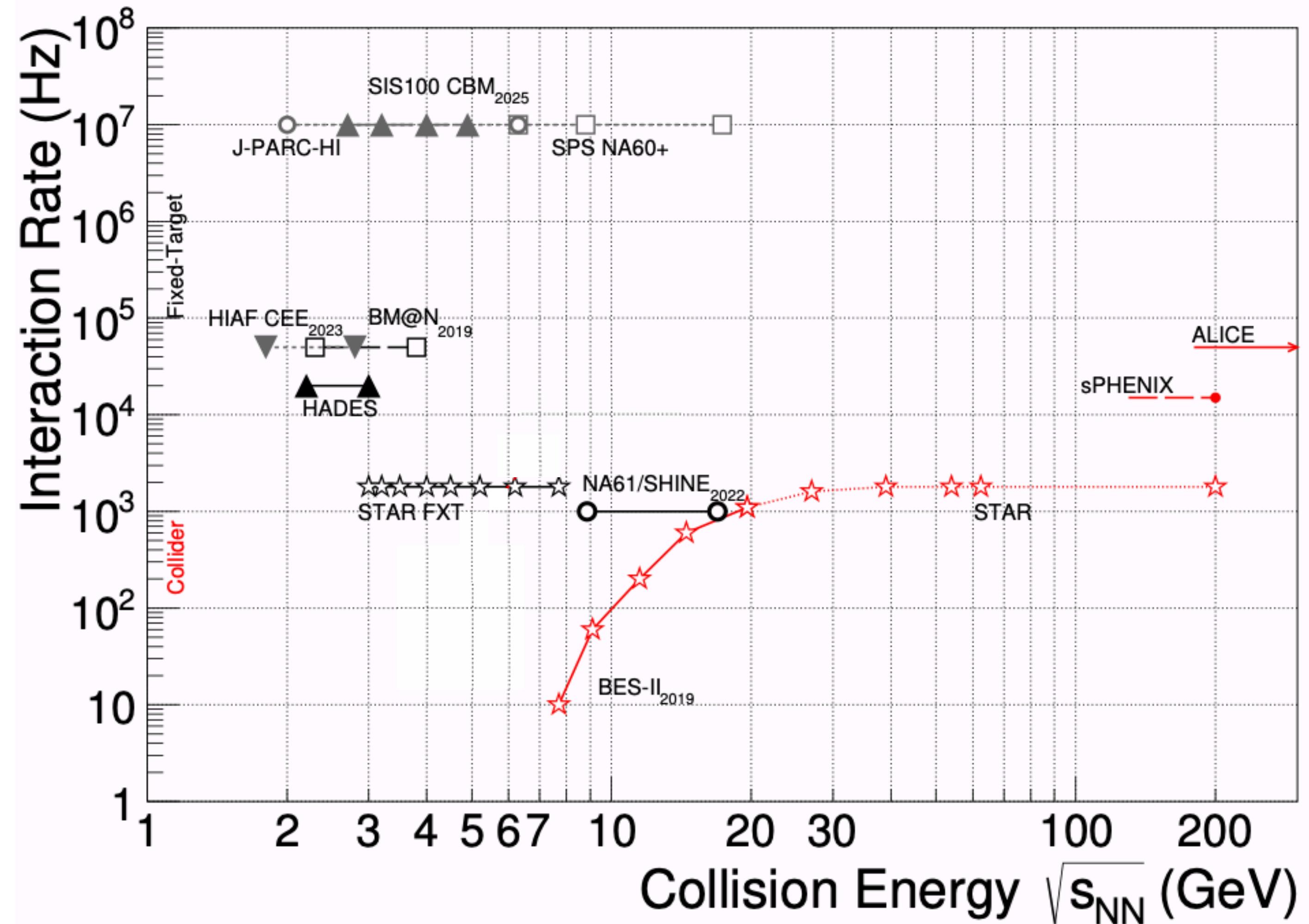


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