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## **ASY-EOS II – observables and expectations**

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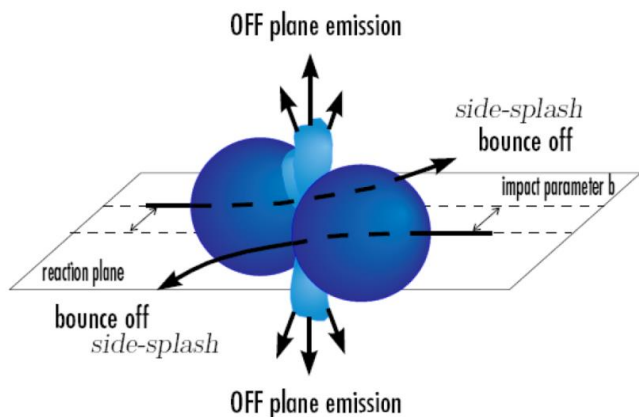
# Elliptic flow as a probe of high-density symmetry energy

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

$y = \text{rapidity}$   
 $p_t = \text{transverse momentum}$

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

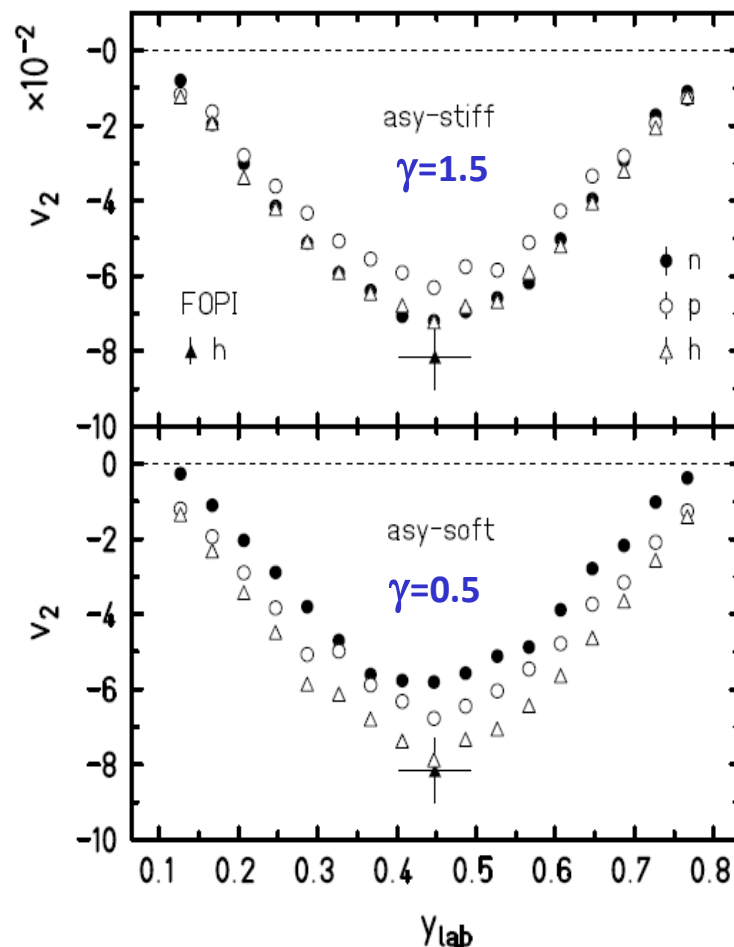
Elliptic flow: competition between in plane ( $v_2 > 0$ ) and out-of-plane ejection ( $v_2 < 0$ )



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

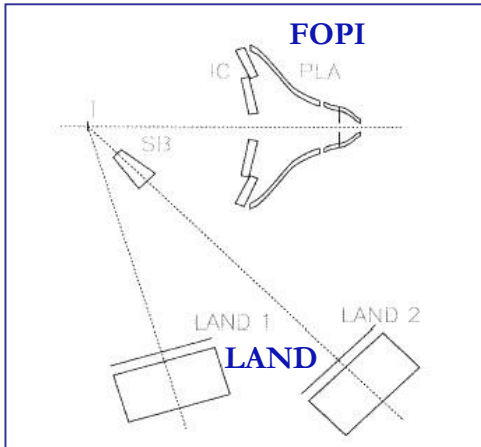
$$= 22 \text{ MeV} \cdot (\rho/\rho_0)^\gamma + 12 \text{ MeV} \cdot (\rho/\rho_0)^{2/3}$$

**UrQMD: Au+Au @ 400 A MeV**  
**5.5 < b < 7.5 fm**



**Qingfeng Li, J. Phys. G31 1359 (2005)**  
**P. Russotto et al., Phys. Lett. B 697 (2011)**

# Results from FOPI-LAND data re-analysis



$v_2^n/v_2^H$  and  
 $v_2^n/v_2^p$  but  
 poor statistics

Y.Leifels et al., PRL71 963 (1993)

## UrQMD:

momentum dep. of isoscalar field  
 momentum dep. of NNECS

momentum independent power-law parameterization of the  
 symmetry energy

P.Russotto et al., Phys. Lett. B 697 (2011)

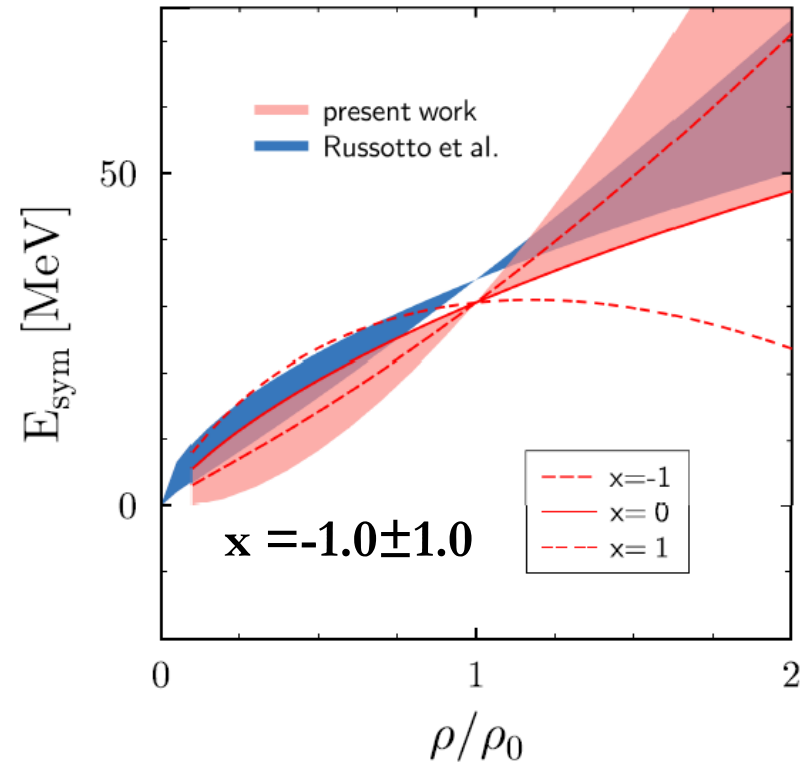
## Tübingen-QMD:

density dep. of NNECS  
 soft vs. hard symmetric-matter EoS  
 width of wave packets

momentum dependent (Gogny inspired) parameterization of  
 the symmetry energy

M.D. Cozma, PLB 700, 139 (2011)

Au+Au 400 AMeV  $b < 7.5$  fm



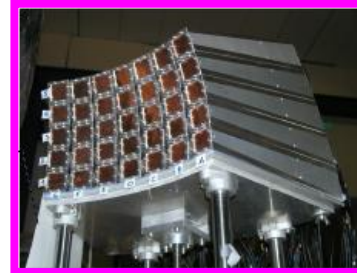
M.D. Cozma et al., Towards a model-independent  
 constraint of the high-density dependence of the  
 symmetry energy, PRC88 044912 (2013)

# ASY-EOS (S394) experiment at GSI Darmstadt (May 2011)

## Au+Au @ 400 AMeV



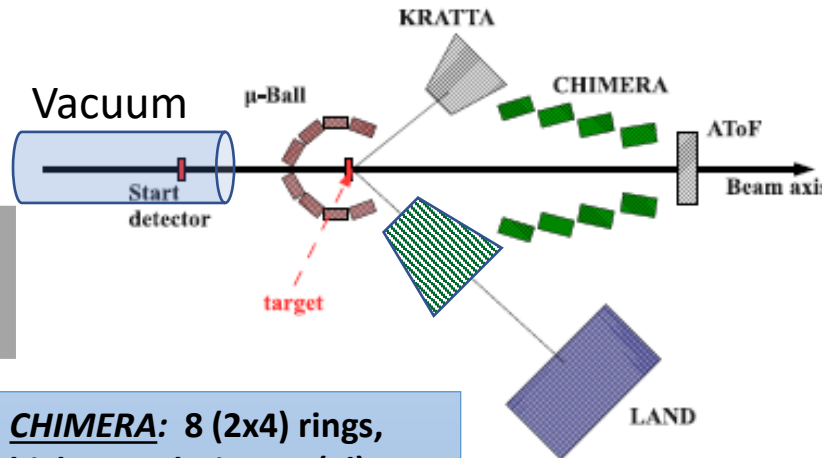
**μBall**: 4 rings 50 CsI(Tl),  $\Theta > 60^\circ$ .  
Discriminate target vs. reactions with air.  
Multiplicity and reaction plane measurements.



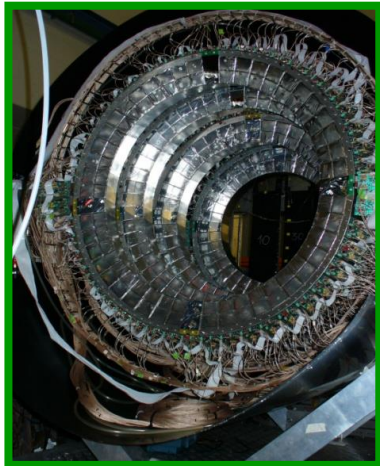
**KraTTA**: 35 (5x7) triple telescopes (Si-CsI-CsI) placed at  $21^\circ < \Theta < 60^\circ$  with digital readout. **Light particles and IMFs emitted at midrapidity**



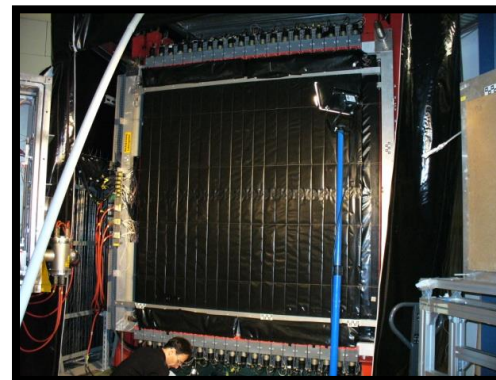
Shadow bar: evaluation of neutron background in LAND



**TOFWALL**: 96 plastic bars; ToF,  $\Delta E$ , X-Y position. **Trigger, impact parameter and reaction plane determination**

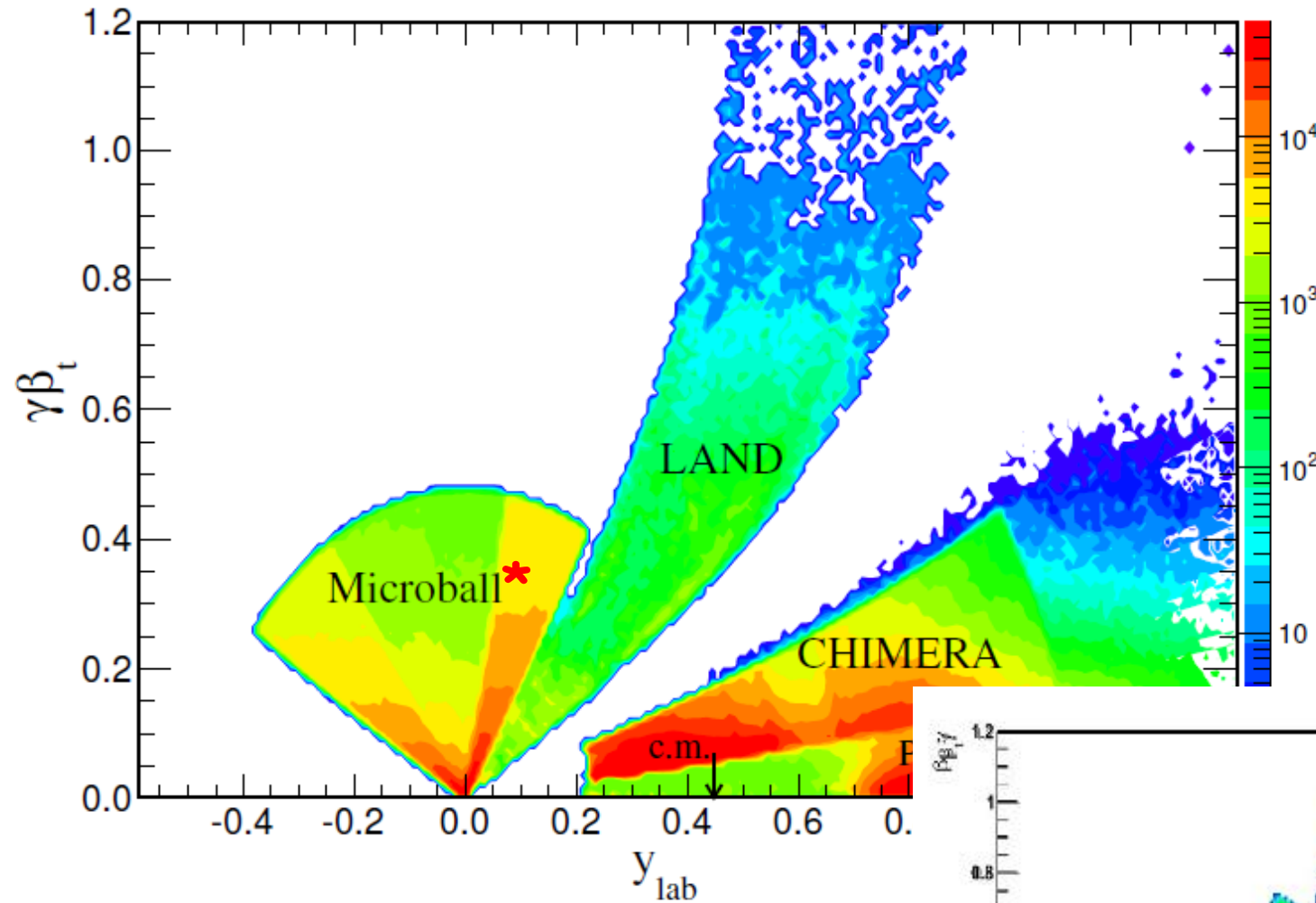


**CHIMERA**: 8 (2x4) rings, high granularity CsI(Tl), 352 detectors  $7^\circ < \Theta < 20^\circ$  + 16x2 pads silicon detectors. Light charged particle identification by PSD. **Multiplicity, Z, A, Energy: impact parameter and reaction plane determination**



**LAND**: Large Area Neutron Detector+Veto. 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**

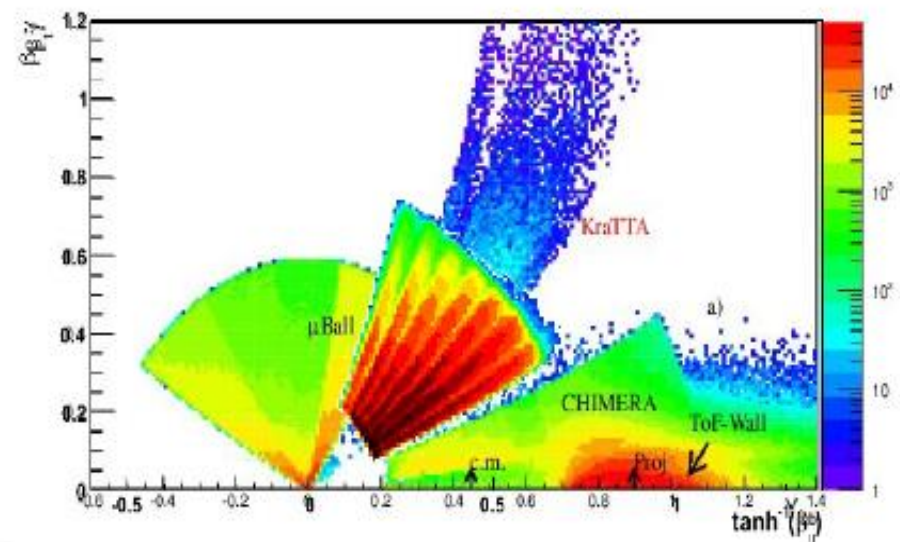
# Au+Au @ 400 A.MeV: Some kinematics



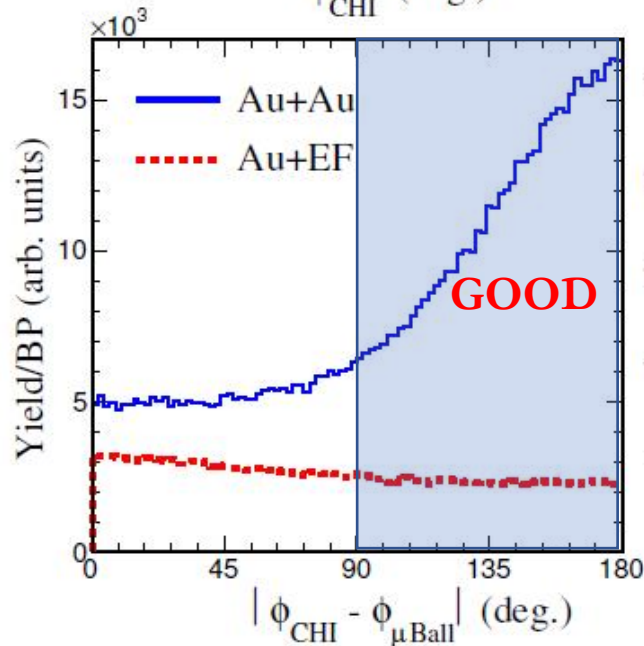
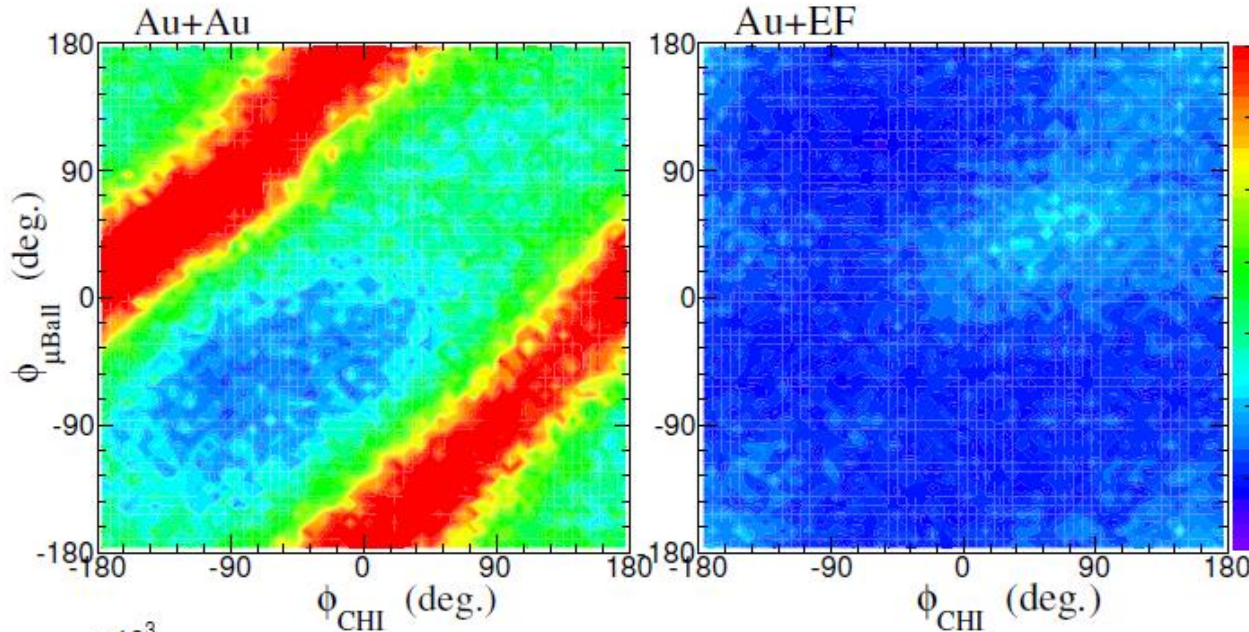
**KRATTA:**  
 J. Lukasik et al., Nucl.  
 Instr. Meth. 709 (2013)  
 120128

\* Uniform distribution with  $E_{Kin} < 100$  Mev

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



# Au+Au @ 400 AMeV: Background rejection



**CHIMERA**  $mult(y_{cm} > 0.1) \geq 4$

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

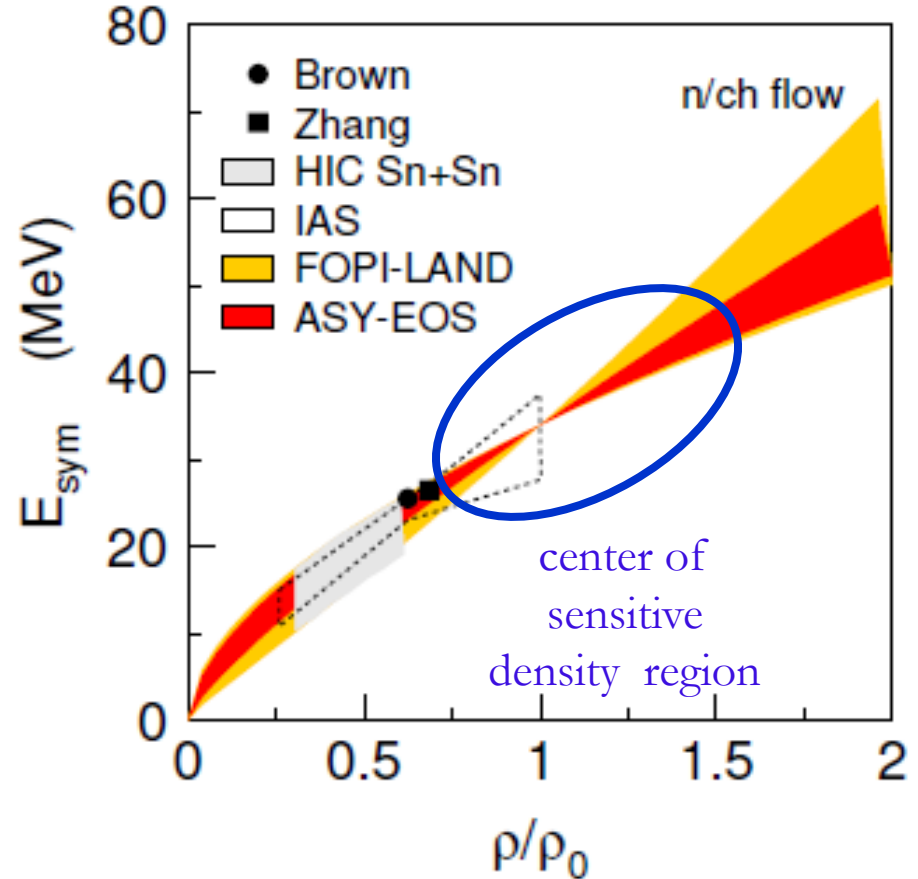
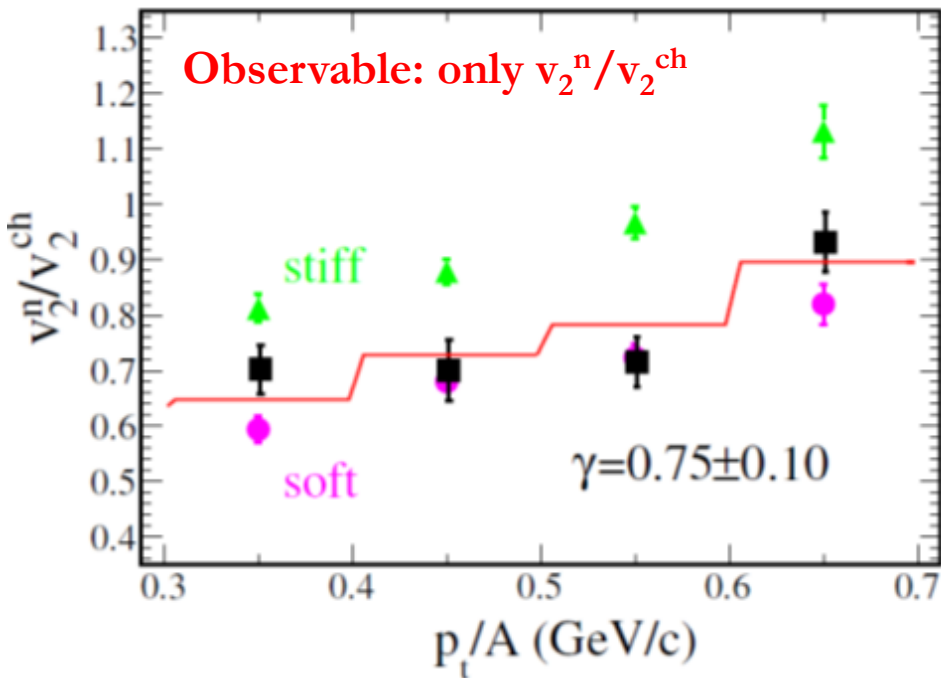
**μBall**  $mult \geq 2$

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

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

# ASY-EOS results with UrQMD

**Au+Au @ 400 AMeV  $b < 7.5$  fm**



**ASY-EOS DATA:** P. Russotto et al., PRC 94, 034608 (2016)

$\gamma = 0.72 \pm 0.19$  ;  $L = 72 \pm 13$  MeV

**FOPI-LAND DATA :** P. Russotto et al., Phys. Lett. B 697 (2011)

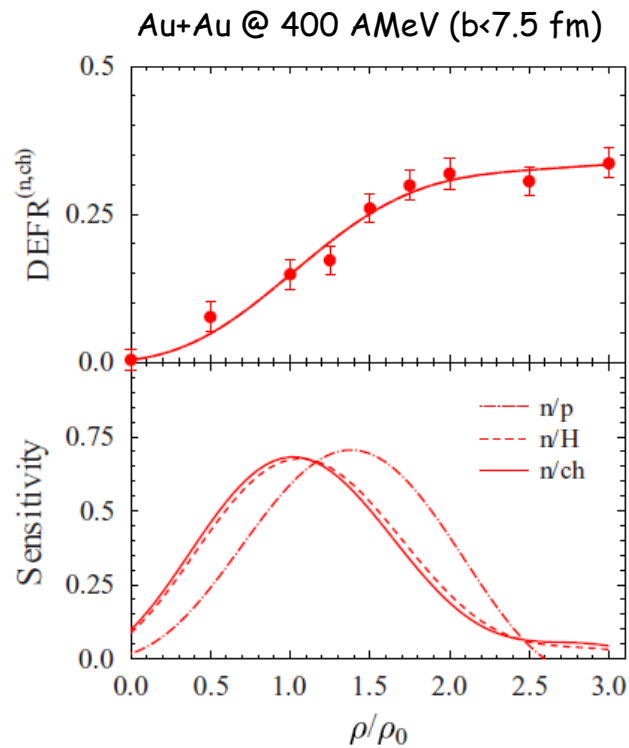
$\gamma = 0.9 \pm 0.4$  ;  $L = 83 \pm 26$  MeV

HIC (isospin diffusion) M.B. Tsang et al., PRC 86, 015803 (2012)  
 Isobaric Analog States P. Danielewicz & J. Lee, NPA922 (2014).  
 Double magic nuclei, neutron skin, binding energies: Brown, PRL 111, 232502 (2013); Zhang & Chen, Phys. Lett. B 726 (2013),

# ASY-EOS results with TuQMD

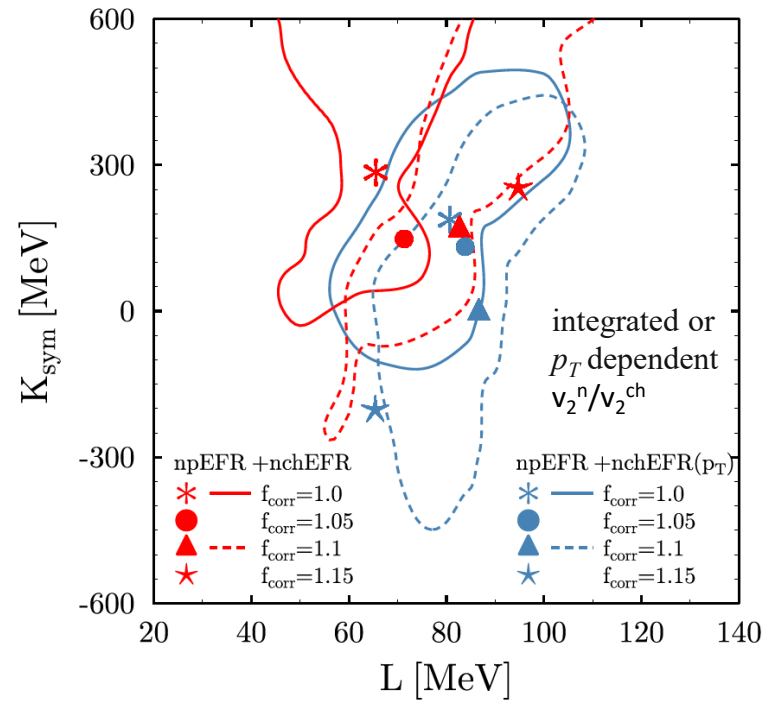
$$\text{DEFR}^{(n,Y)}(\rho) = \frac{v_2^n}{v_2^Y}(x = -1, \rho) - \frac{v_2^n}{v_2^Y}(x = 1, \rho)$$

$$V_{\text{sym}}(x, \tilde{\rho}) = \begin{cases} V_{\text{sym}}^{\text{Gogny}}(x, \tilde{\rho}) & \tilde{\rho} \leq \rho, \\ V_{\text{sym}}^{\text{Gogny}}(0, \tilde{\rho}) & \tilde{\rho} > \rho, \end{cases}$$



TuQMD calculations by M.D. Cozma  
P. Russotto et al., PRC 94, 034608 (2016)

TuQMD MDI2 interaction:  
independent variations of  $L$  and  $K_{\text{sym}}$



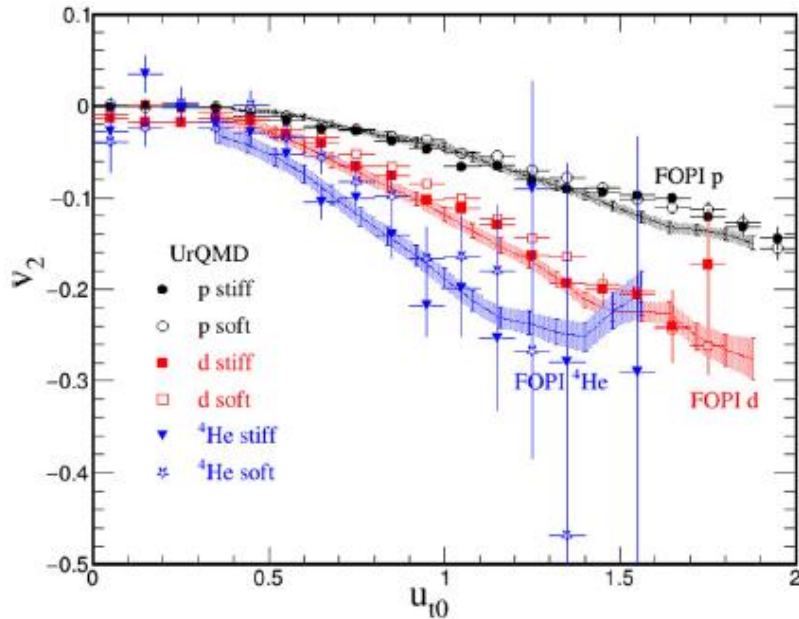
MDI2:  $L = 85 \pm 22(\text{exp}) \pm 20(\text{th}) \pm 12(\text{sys})$  MeV  
 $K_{\text{sym}} = 96 \pm 315(\text{exp}) \pm 170(\text{th}) \pm 166(\text{sys})$  MeV.

cMDI2:  $L = 84 \pm 30(\text{exp}) \pm 19(\text{theor})$  MeV  
(only FOPI-LAND  $v_2^n/v_2^p$ ):

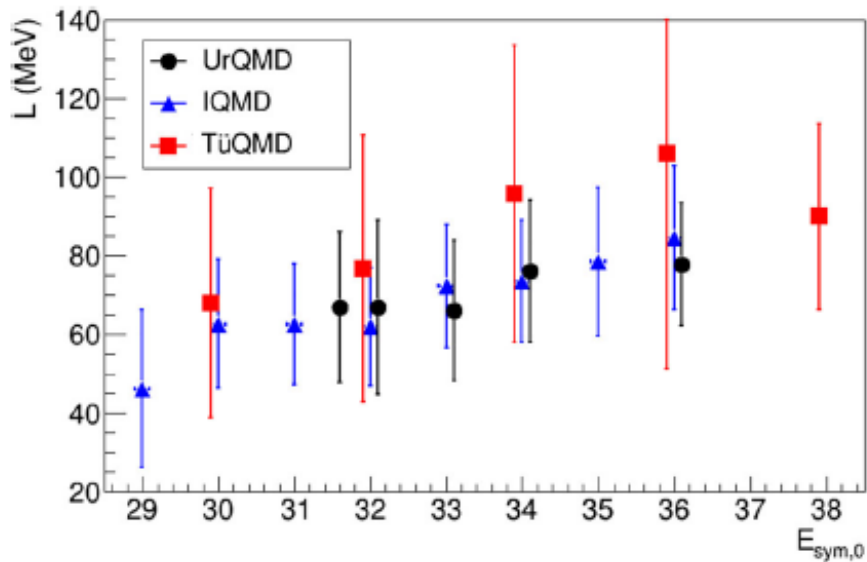
M.D. Cozma, Feasibility of constraining the curvature parameter of the symmetry energy using elliptic flow data. EPJA 54(3), 40 (2018).



# ASY-EOS results: comparison among models



Newer UrQMD version as of [Y. Liu et al. PRC103 014616 \(2021\)](#) compared to FOPI data



UrQMD, TuQMD and IQMD used with same prescriptions:

- clusterization algorithm tuned to FOPI charge distribution
- FOPI flow reproduction (to the best)
- re-weighting isotope contribution to  $v_2^{\text{ch}}$

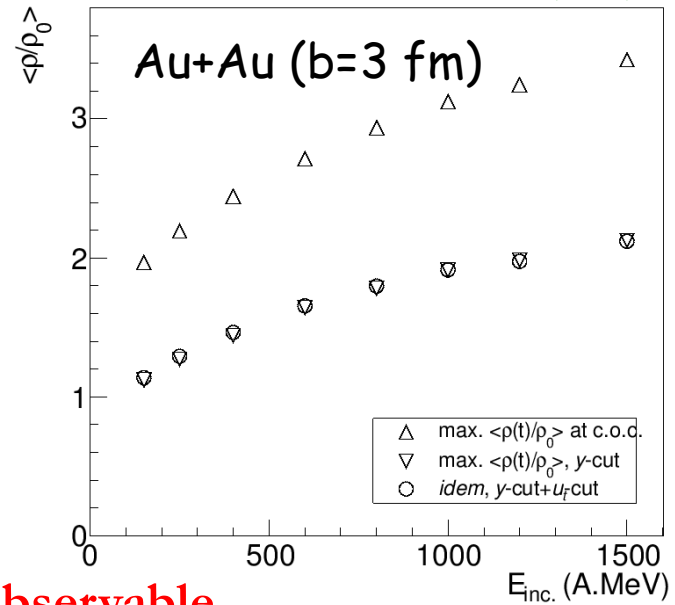
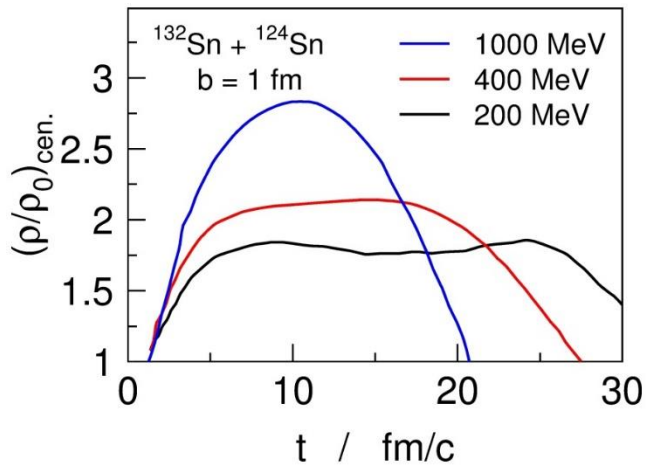
P. Russotto et al., Riv. Nuovo Cimento 46, 1 (2023)

# Advancing to:

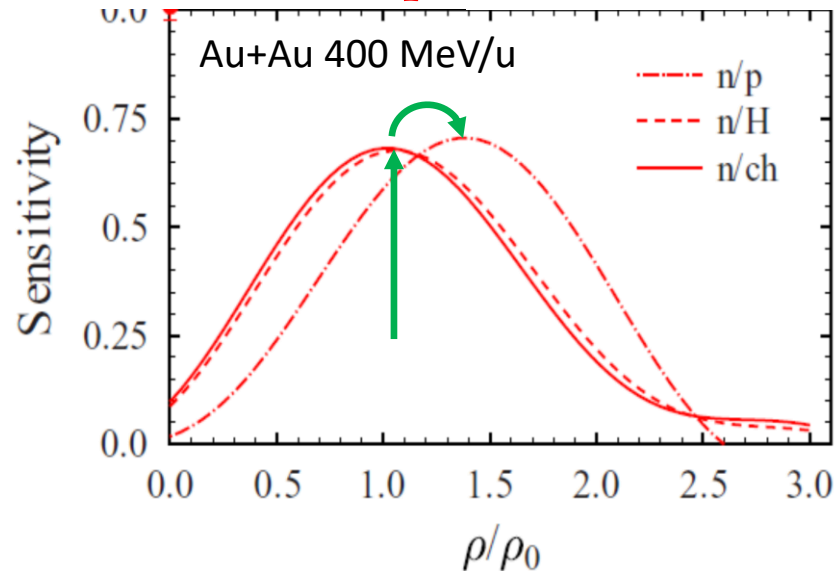
♦ higher energies  $\approx$  higher densities

A. Le Fèvre et al., NPA 945 (2016)

Li, Bao-An, NPA 708, 365 (2002)



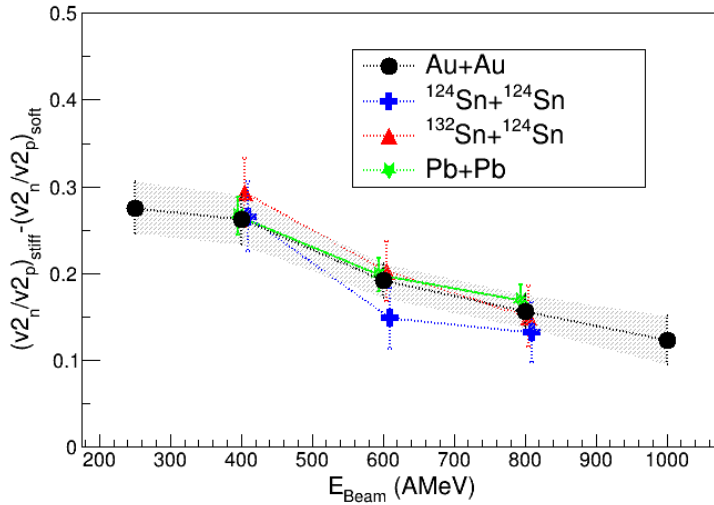
♦ the n/p observable



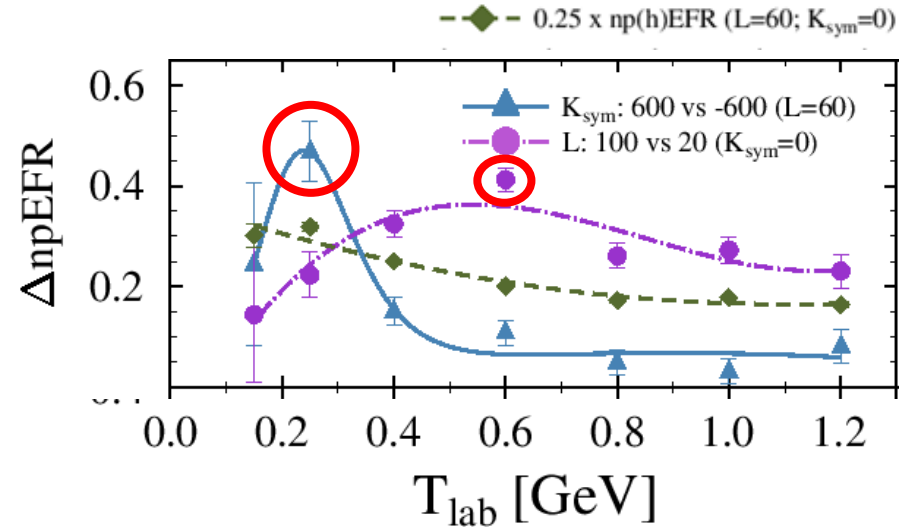
# Advancing to higher densities **with:**

◆ sufficient sensitivity

## UrQMD predictions



## TuQMD predictions



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

Stiff  $\gamma=1.5$ , Soft  $\gamma=0.5$

$$\Delta np(h)EFR = \left[ \frac{v_2^n}{v_2^{p(h)}} \right]_{(a)} - \left[ \frac{v_2^n}{v_2^{p(h)}} \right]_{(b)}$$

M.D. Cozma, EPJA 54 (2018) 40

◆ and extract both **L** and  **$K_{sym}$**

# Combining HIC and astrophysical results to constrain neutron matter EOS

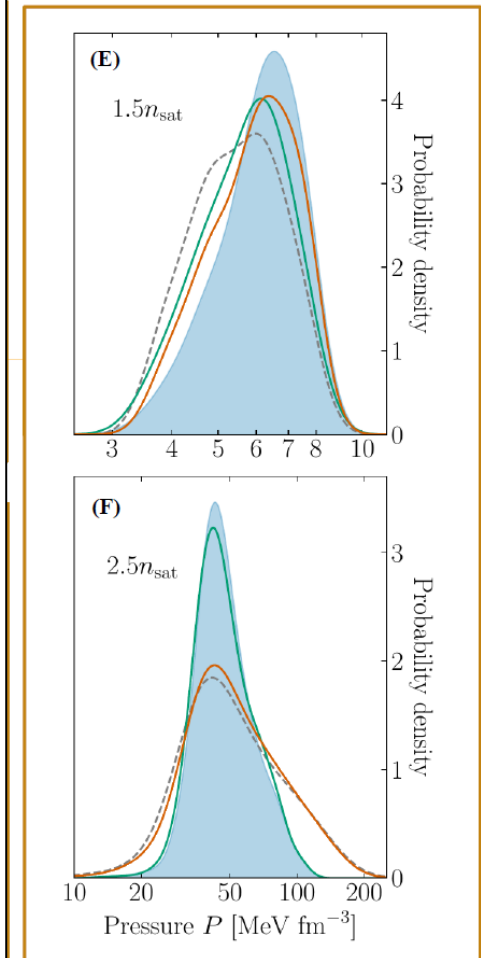
« **HIC** » = FOPI+ASY-EOS+AGS - « **Astro** » = GW, NICER (pulsar X-ray hot spots)

## Combining information from HICs and astrophysical informations

- HIC data favors larger pressures at 1-1.5  $\rho_0$ , where sensitivity is highest
- similar observations with NICER data
- low densities, HICs have clear impact on total posteriors
- EOS at higher densities ( $>2\rho_0$ ) mostly determined by astrophysical observations

## Conclusion

- advancing HIC experiments to higher densities
- investigating transport models



*Constraining Neutron-Star Matter with Microscopic and Macroscopic Collisions*  
S. Huth et al., *Nature* volume 606, pages 276–280 (2022)

See Peter T.H. Pang talk on Thursday

# Last G-PAC (Sep 2022) : proposed set-up and beam requests

- We asked to run in cave C in 2024 once GLAD and other dets will be moved out

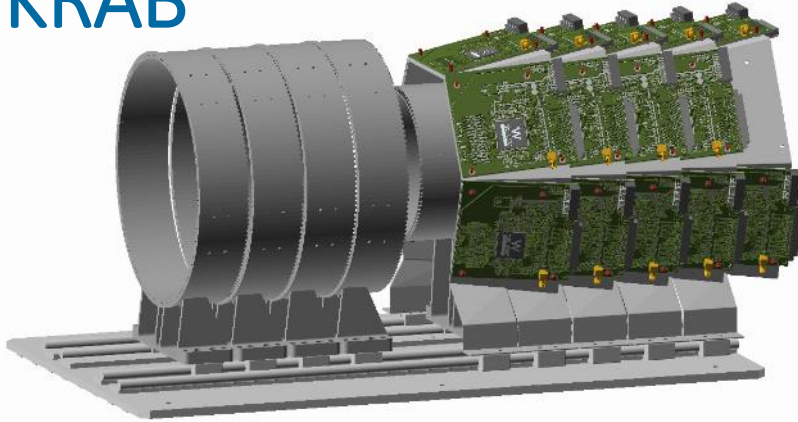
- **confirm the ASY-EOS result and improve the precision:** given the highest-sensitivity of the n-p ratio and the expected better detector response, we expect to be able to reduce the total uncertainty on L by, at least, a factor 2, i.e. at the level of  $\sim 7$  MeV;
- **extend the knowledge of the symmetry energy to higher densities** with respect to those tested in the ASY-EOS experiment; for that we plan to use a multi-parametric description of the  $E_{\text{sym}}$ , and fit the  $v_2^n/v_2^p$  and  $v_2^n/v_2^H$  at different beam energies, corresponding to different density regions tested, simultaneously. We aim to reach a similar, as in the previous item, precision on L and an error on  $K_{\text{sym}} \sim 50 - 75$  MeV ;
- **confirm/improve the model invariance of the obtained results:** ASY-EOS data analyses based on UrQMD, TüQMD and IQMD have shown a substantial agreement of results, at the level of 5-10%. Assessing residual model dependences through extended comparison of the results obtained from the new data is an important objective.

Beam	Energy	Time	Purpose	Note
$^{197}\text{Au}$	250 AMeV	11 shifts = 3.66 days	setting-up(1 shift)+data taking	
$^{197}\text{Au}$	400 AMeV	11 shifts = 3.66 days	setting-up(1 shift)+data taking	
$^{197}\text{Au}$	600 AMeV	11 shifts = 3.66 days	setting-up(1 shift)+data taking	
$^{197}\text{Au}$	1000 AMeV	11 shifts = 3.66 days	setting-up(1 shift)+data taking	
$^{197}\text{Au}$ or similar	400 AMeV	4 shifts = 1.33 days	commissioning and debugging	also parasitic
<b>Total</b>		44+4 shifts = 16 days		

# Advancing to higher densities **with:**

## ◆ improved resolution

## KRAB



design

multiplicity trigger, reaction plane and centrality detector for the ASYEOS II experiment at GSI/FAIR

### Main characteristics:

- .5 rings of  $4 \times 4$  mm<sup>2</sup> segments of fast scintillating fibers
- .(BCF-10)
- .read out by  $3 \times 3$  mm<sup>2</sup> SiPMs (SensL MicroFJ-30035)
- .high resolution 3D printed mechanical structure
- .(ABS, 0.2 mm nozzle, 10 μm accuracy)
- .ASICs used for signal processing (32 ch CITIROC 1A)
- .assure compactness of the electronics and wiring

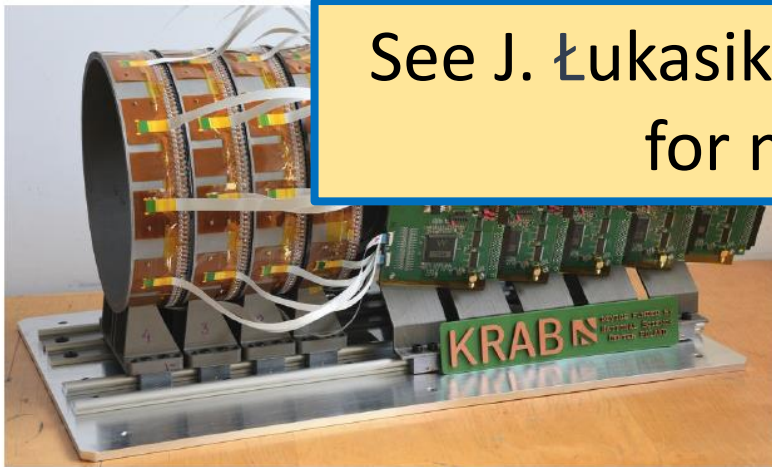


Figure 2: KRAB detector with the CITIROC boards. March 2022.

See J. Łukasik mini-talk and poster for more details

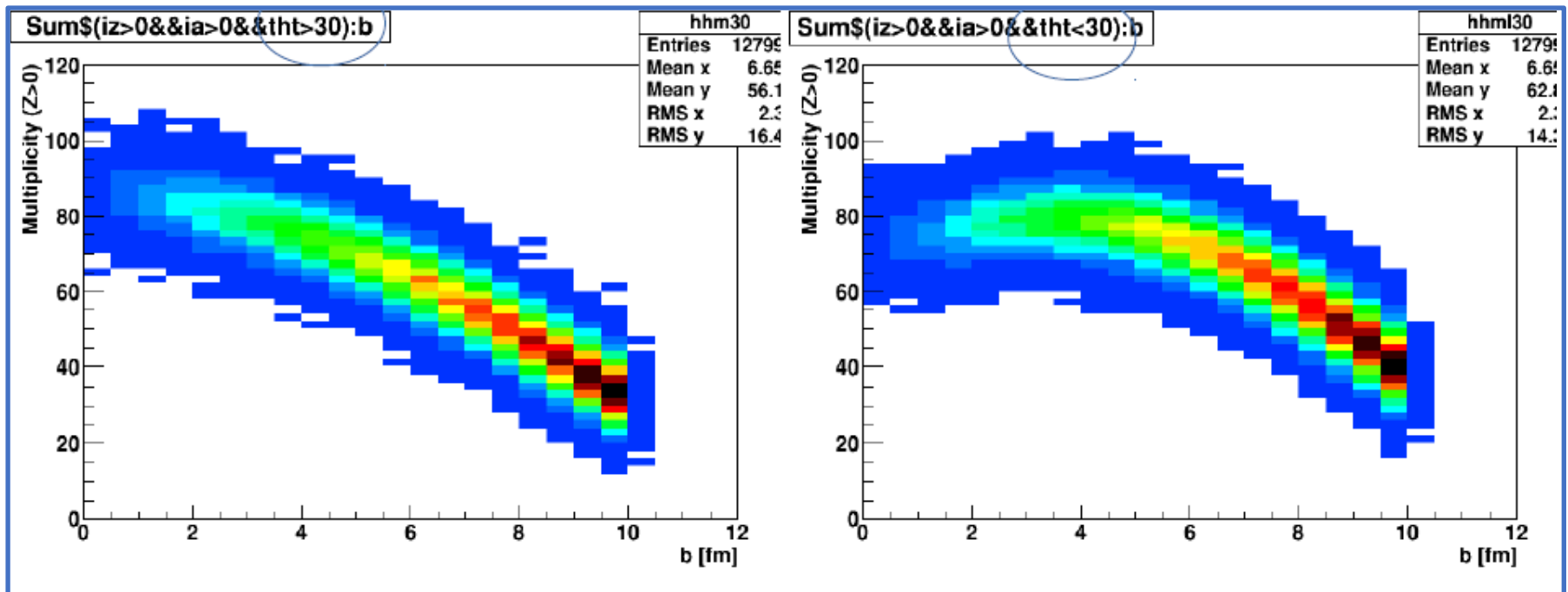
- .covered angles)
- .reaction)
- .it will be sufficiently large for radioactive beams
- .and sufficiently small and lightweight not to disturb neutrons
- .min radius - 7 cm
- .max radius - 12 cm
- .length ~43 cm (size of a ~24" monitor)
- .4 × 160 segments in forward rings
- .96 segments in backward ring
- .736 channels
- .He sleeve to suppress the  $\delta$ -electron background

◆ improved resolution

# KRAB

multiplicity trigger, reaction plane and centrality detector for the ASYEOS II experiment at GSI/FAIR

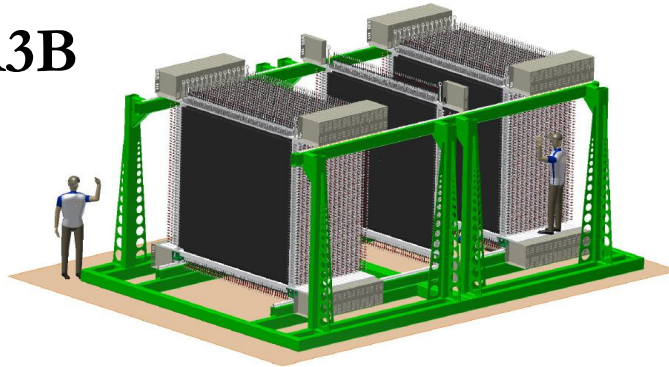
UrQMD + clustering: Au+Au 1000 AMeV, 0-10 fm, 200 fm/c



Better trigger, increased resolution (736 instead of 50 channels) w.r.t. to ASY-EOS I

## ◆ improved resolution

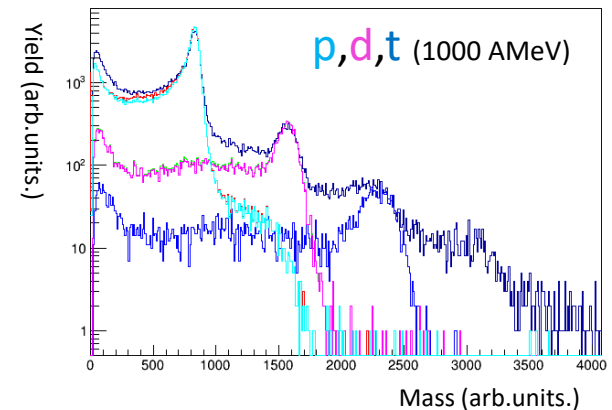
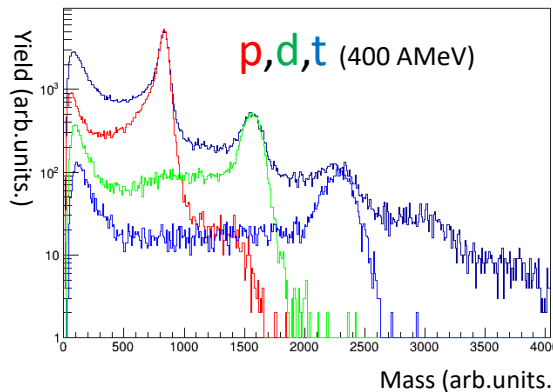
### NeuLAND@R3B



- 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
- **About 13 planes available now...but new planes are going to be built**



Simulated NeuLAND capability to resolve p,d,t @ 400 and 1000 AMeV



K. Boretzky et al. (R3B coll) NIM A (2021) 165701



# ToFD@R3B

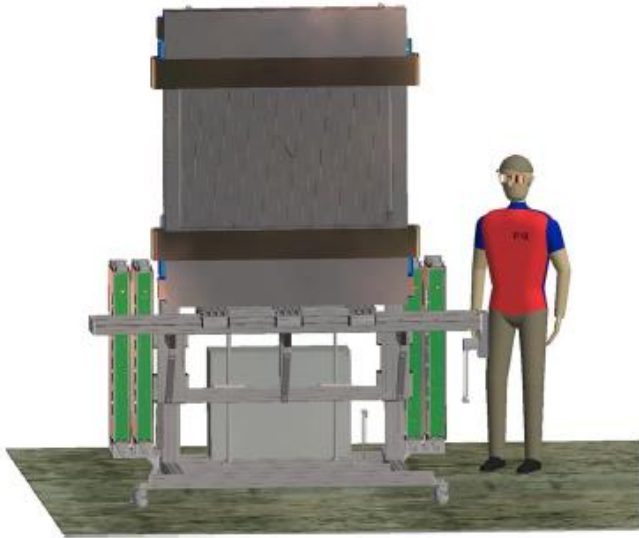


Fig. 13 Mechanical design of ToFD: The detector is mounted on an

- 2 frames (one as forward detector, one as NeuLAND veto)
- each frame containing 2 layers of scintillator bars
- each plane contains 44 vertical scintillator bars with the dimensions  $1000 \times 27 \times 5 \text{ mm}^3$
- The bars of 2 successive planes are shifted by half a bar width

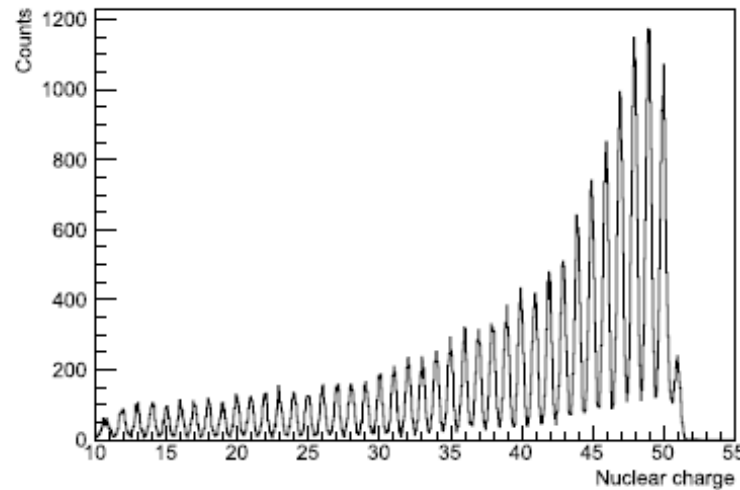


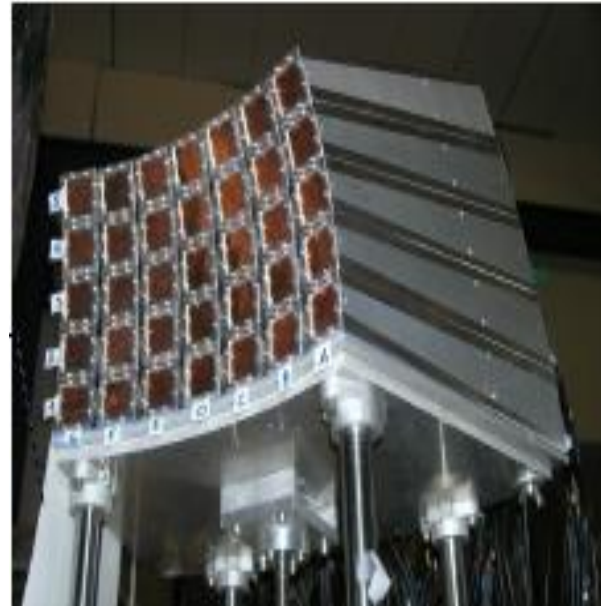
Fig. 15 Nuclear charge of the reactions products from the reactions of  $^{120}\text{Sn}$  beam at 800 MeV/nucleon with a carbon target and measured with the new ToFD detector

# CHIMERA-KRATTA

## CHIMERA



## KraTTA



Both detectors were used in ASY-EOS I and will be used in the same way.

- CHIMERA is a slow and old detector but it has the  $2\pi$  symmetry desirable for reaction plane determination
- KraTTA will measure LCPs flow and yield in the same angular region covered by NeuLAND

# G-PAC outcome

"The G-PAC recognizes the scientific importance of the proposal aiming to determine the symmetry energy in the density region of twice the normal nuclear matter density via measurements of the ratio of elliptic flow ( $v_2$ ) of neutrons and protons predicted to be sensitive to the stiffness of the symmetry energy vs nuclear matter density. The results will provide complementary information to measurements of ground and satellite based X-ray telescopes and with GW interferometers.

The SIS18/FAIR-Phase-0 provides a unique place to study Au+Au collisions in the desired energy range together with unique NeuLAND PID capabilities to resolve p and n necessary to perform the measurements planned. Due to high overbooking of shifts, the G-PAC recommends the proposal **to be graded as A-** with a partial reduction of shifts from 44 to **33 main shifts (plus 4 setup with beam)** with Au (or similar) beam at 250 AMeV, 400 AMeV and one higher energy in the range between 600-1000 AMeV (the exact value t.b.d. by the proponents) which should not compromise the physics goals originally planned. In addition, **4 secondary shifts (A-) for commissioning** are granted as well. The G-PAC notes that the schedule of the experiment is restricted to the end of 2024 when most of the devices in Cave C will be moved out. "

The technical part G-22-00122-1.1-S has been ranked category A-.

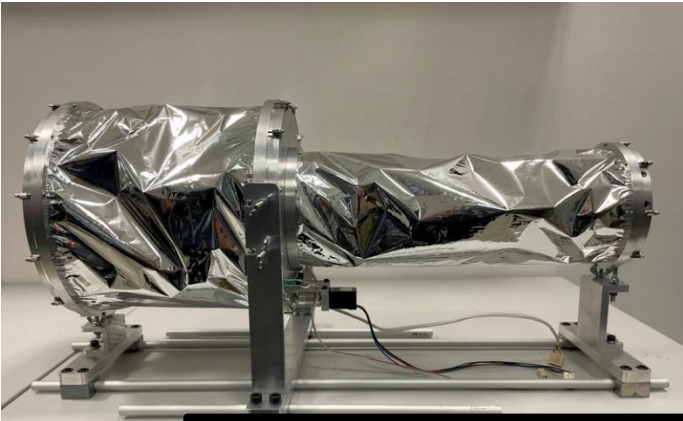
\*\*\* If it has been ranked ranked category A- (reserve list), and **in case it becomes possible to run the experiment** (if more beamtime becomes available) up to the amount of shifts recommended by the committee may be used for this experiment.

**A final scheduling is not possible yet but we are working on being ready at the earliest possible date.**

# KRAB status

KRAB 1.1 has 100% channels working (736), a remotely controlled target wheel for 4 targets, better helium sleeve, better shielding, better firmware and a very nice software for online steering and control.

Helium sleeve

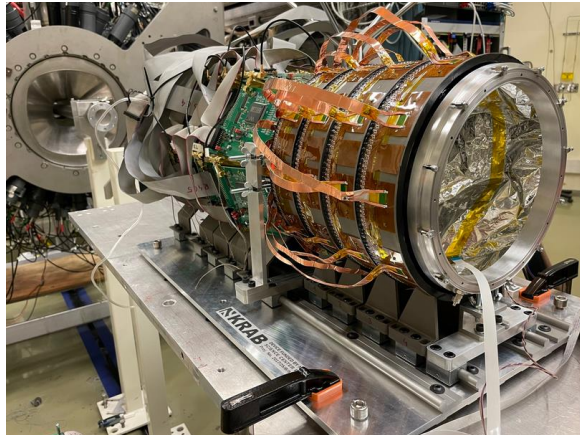


Motor driven target wheel inside sleeve



Commissioning with HI beams at GSI scheduled on March 2024.

KRAB on the beam line



# DAQ

DAQ: Synchronization and TimeStamp VME – GET and VME - White-Rabbit

**Phase 1:** «portable» DAQ simulating complete DAQ Chimera : ok

**Phase 2:** Syncro GET-Mutant-Beast-VME : ok (note 100 MHz GET timestamp is not compatible with WR)

**Phase 3:** VETAR2 + WR on VME : ok



Phase 4 : Test coupling WR VME + Febex with **Pexaria5**: not yet done



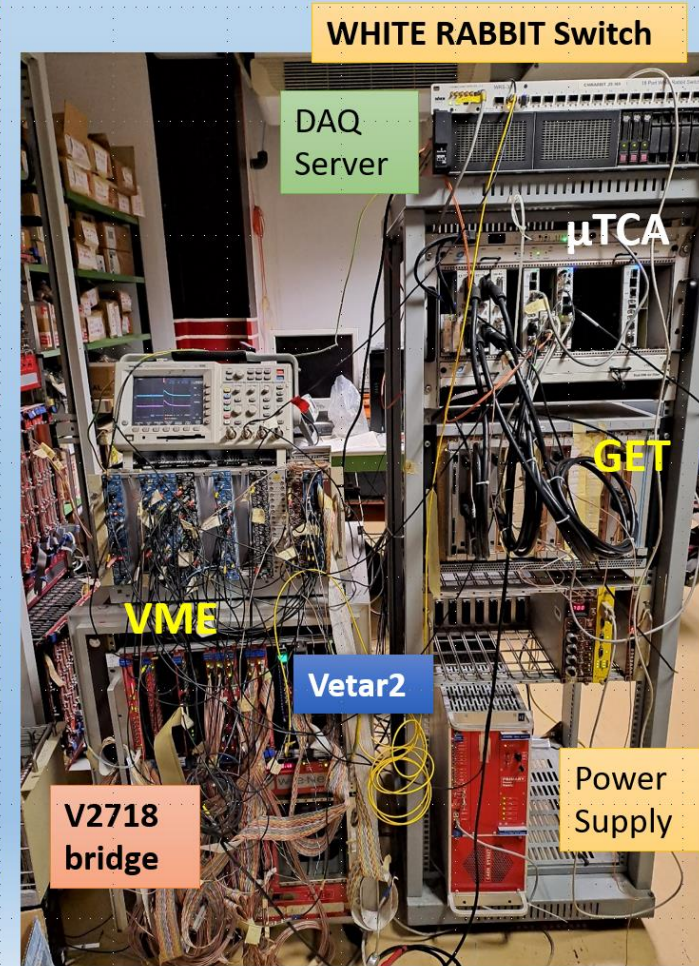
Vetar2: 125 MHz 48/64 bit White Rabbit VME timing receiver/sender

C++ class for fully handling VETAR2 inside the KaliMera VME DAQ library without the need of a «GSI» kernel module

Thanks to Joern Adamczensky-Musch for giving me a template with fully description of VETAR2 registers and addresses

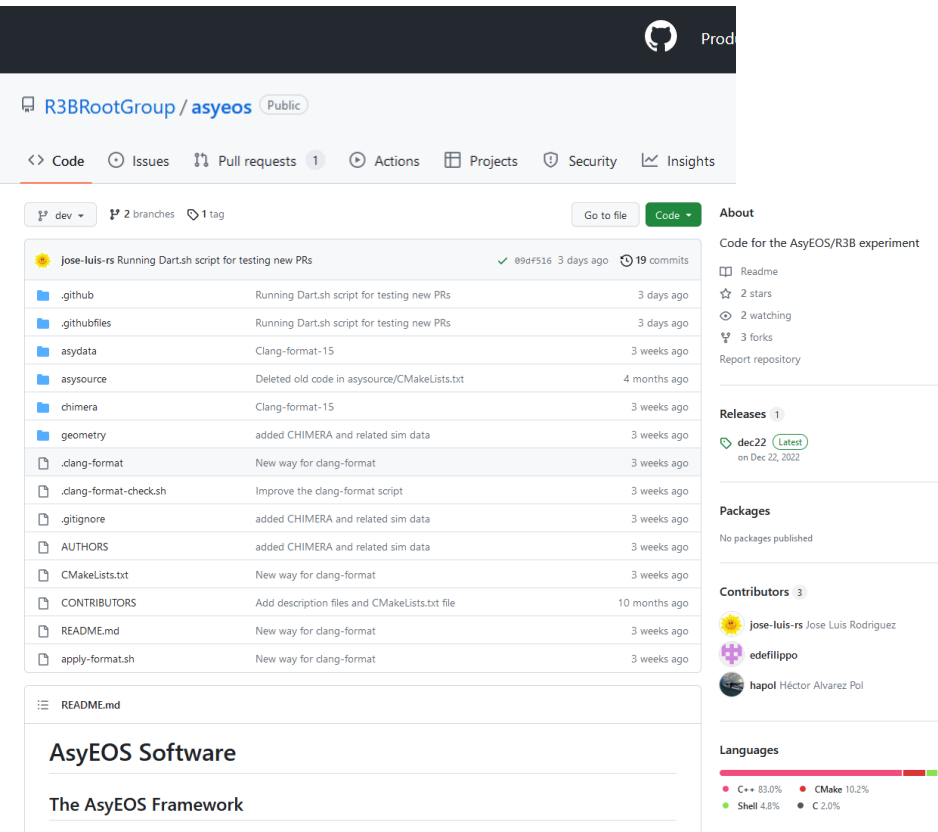
SFP to WR switch

Trigger input



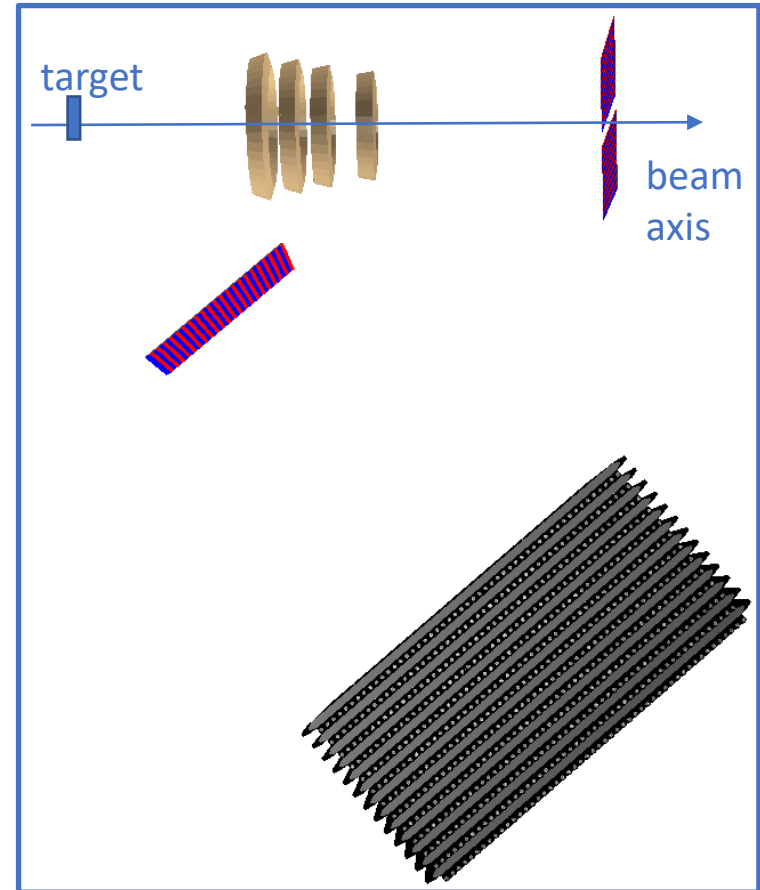
From E. De Filippo mini-talk at past R3B coll meeting

# SOFTWARE



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `R3BRootGroup/asyeos`. The repository is public and has 2 branches and 1 tag. The main branch is `dev`. The repository contains 19 commits, with the latest commit by `09df516` 3 days ago. The repository includes a `README.md` file, which is currently open, showing the title "AsyEOS Software" and the subtitle "The AsyEOS Framework". The repository also has 2 stars, 2 watchers, and 3 forks. The repository is licensed under the MIT license. The repository is a part of the R3BRoot framework.

File	Description	Age
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<code>.githubfiles</code>	Running Dart.sh script for testing new PRs	3 days ago
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<code>asysource</code>	Deleted old code in asyresource/CMakeLists.txt	4 months ago
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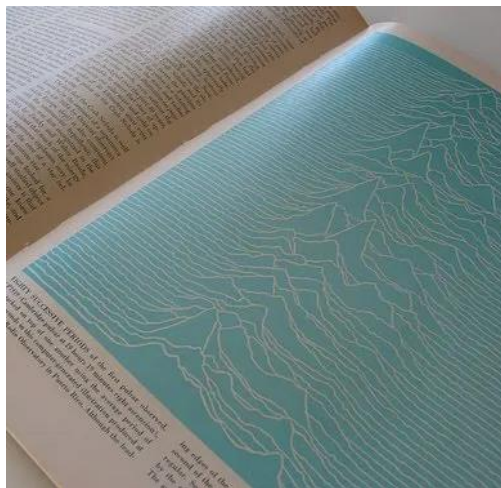
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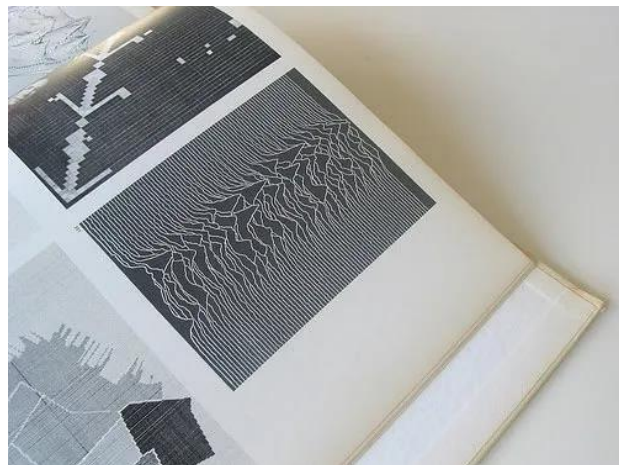
# Conclusion messages

- n-p elliptic flow ratio has proven to be effective in constraining high-density symmetry energy; model dependency, as for other observable, is an important issue. Some work on comparison among UrQMD, dcQMD and IQMD has been done but only at 400 MeV/nucleon. A TMEP-like initiative would be desirable, especially if new data will be produced.
- Our knowledge on high-density symmetry energy has made relevant progress w.r.t. ten years ago. Multi-messenger astronomy has been an enormous novelty. But there is still need of nuclear physics results. And joining efforts and experience (RIKEN+MSU+GSI) is needed.
- A program to investigate how and where study EoS beyond 2-3  $\rho_0$  should be started by the above-mentioned communities...now.

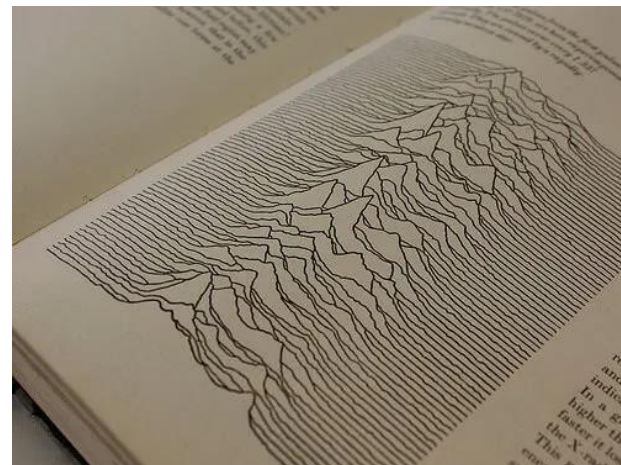
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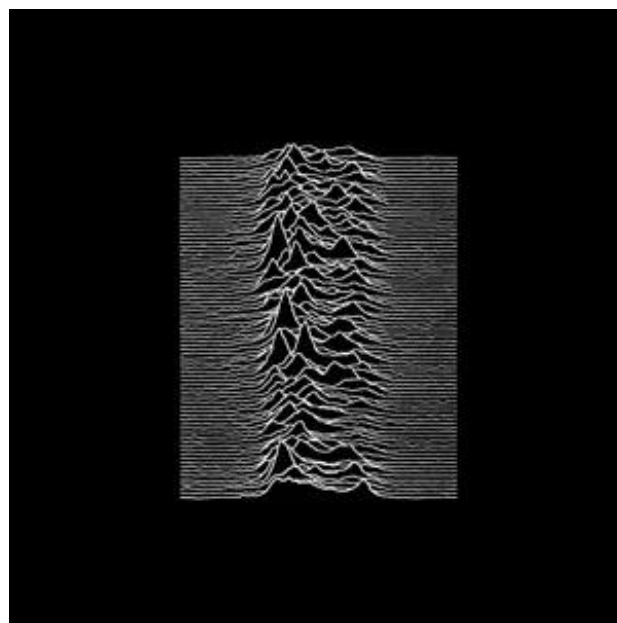
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