



# Flow and EoS at SIS energies: data - SMASH model comparison

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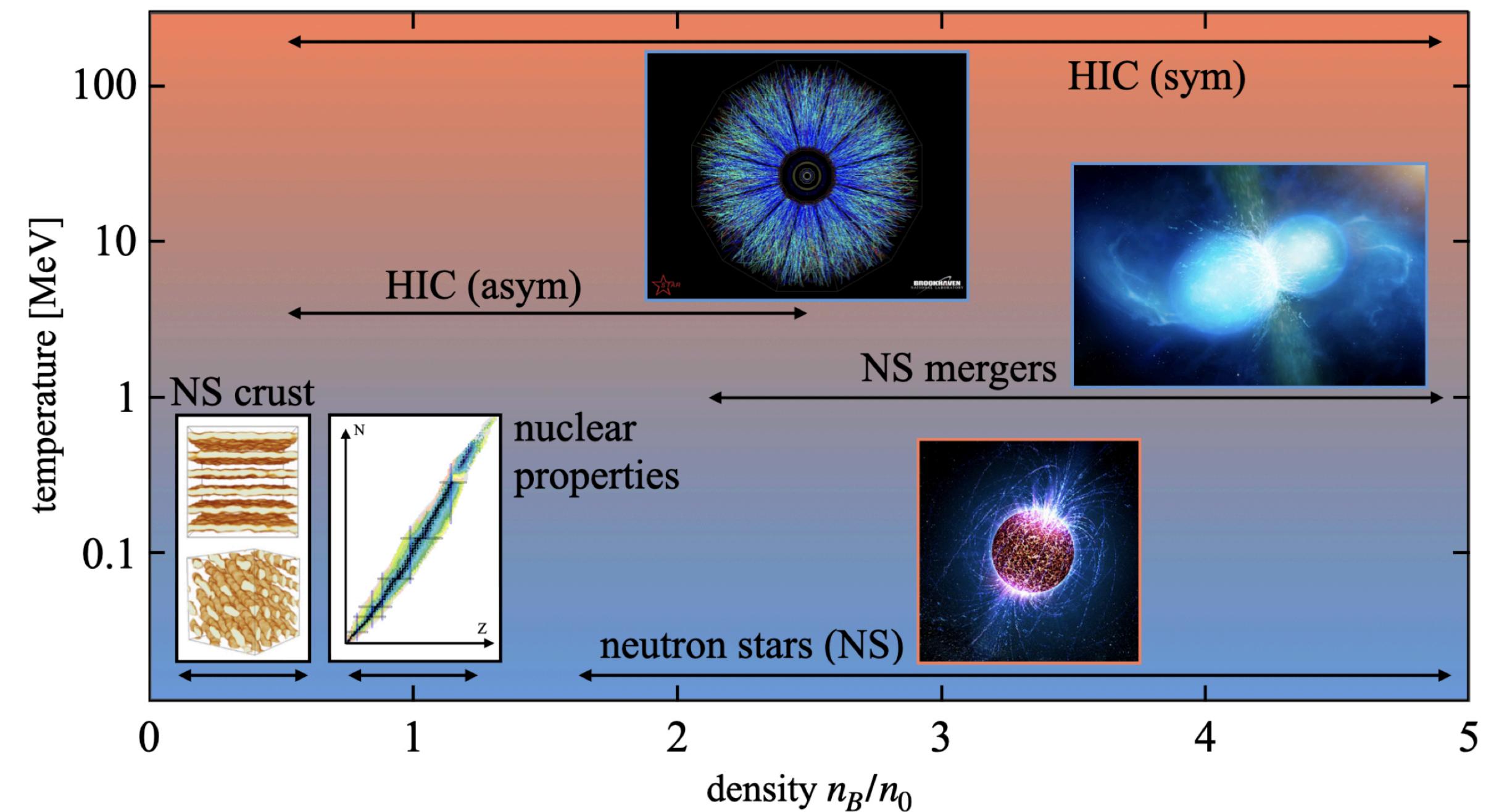
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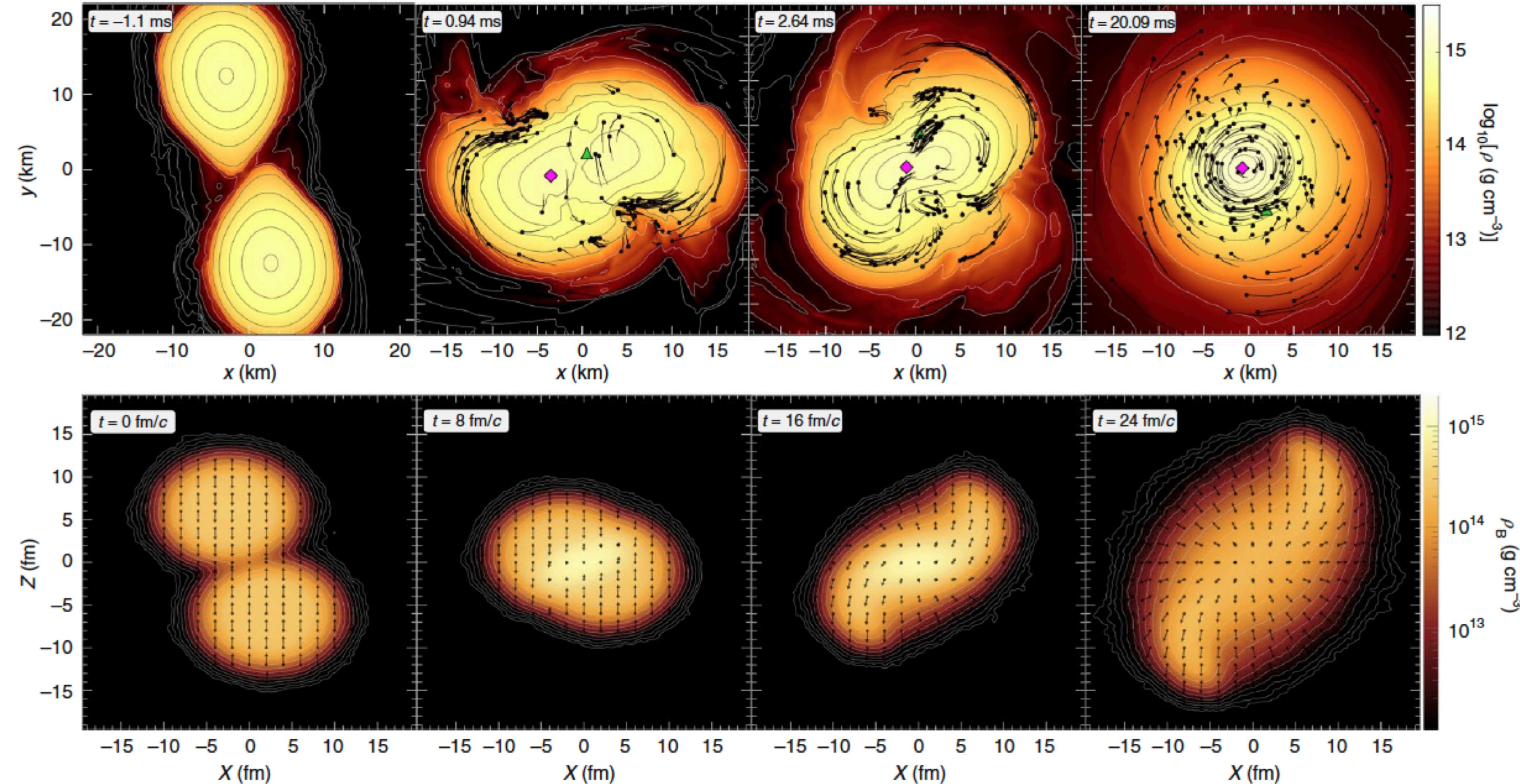
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# Equation of State

- Fundamental property of nuclear matter
- Controls and determines:
  - Structure of nuclei
  - Neutron-skin thickness in neutron-rich nuclei
  - Properties of nuclear matter at extreme densities and/or temperatures
  - Appearance of new degrees of freedom
- Essential to understand baryonic matter
  - Can be constrained from different observables at different densities and/or temperatures

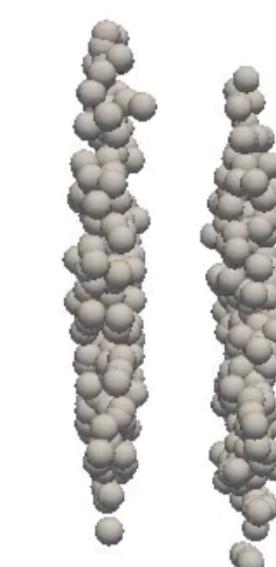


# Analogy small/large scale system

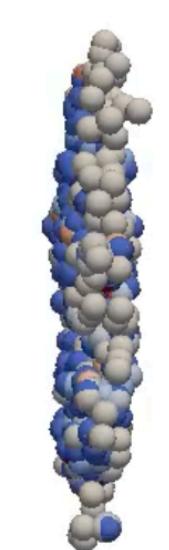


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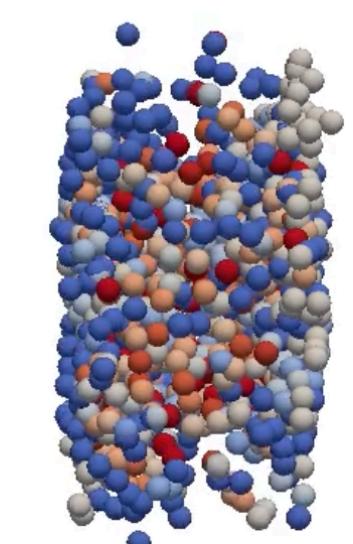
- SMASH = Simulating Many Accelerated Strongly-interacting Hadrons
- Microscopic hadronic transport model
  - Full phase-space information of all particles at all times
  - All well-established hadrons up to a mass of ~ 2 GeV as degrees of freedom



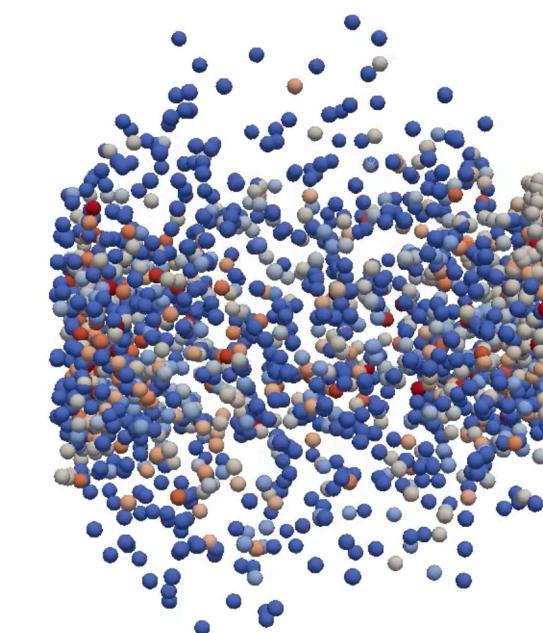
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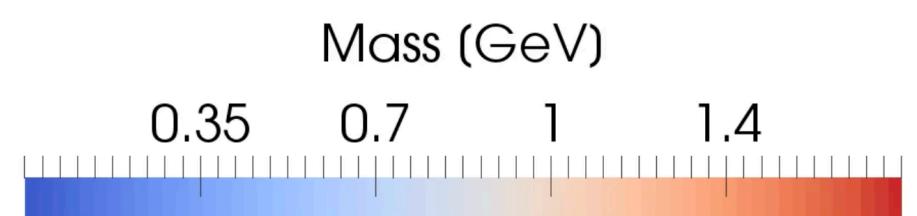


Time: 3.9 fm



Time: 11.8 fm

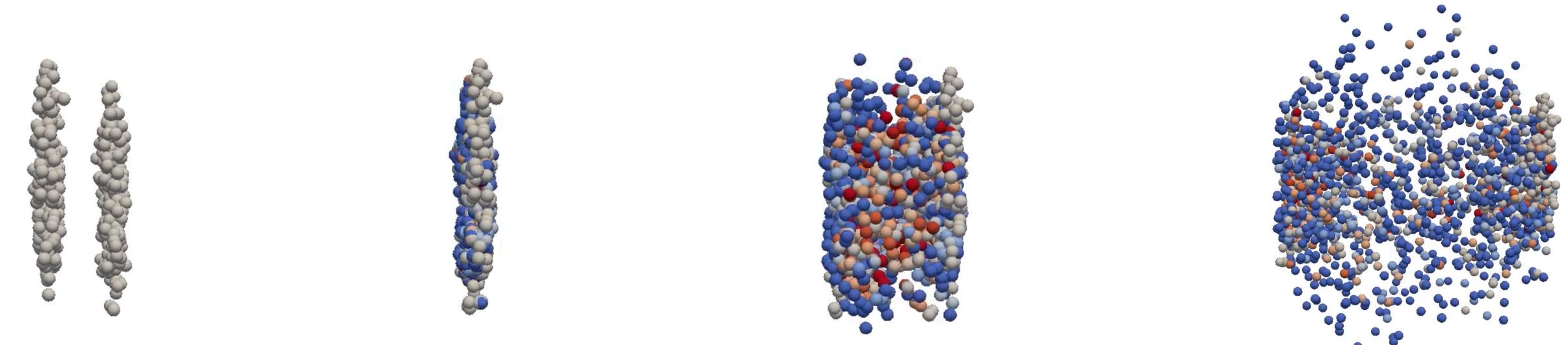
Pb-Pb  
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 17.3 \text{ GeV}$



- Based on an effective solution of the relativistic Boltzmann equation with binary interactions
- Particles - point-like objects
- Particle interactions
  - Geometric collision criterion
  - Stochastic collision criterion (SS,HS)

$$d_T < d_{int} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\pi}}$$

$$P_{n \rightarrow m} = \frac{\Delta N_{reactions}}{\prod_{j=1}^n \Delta N_j}$$



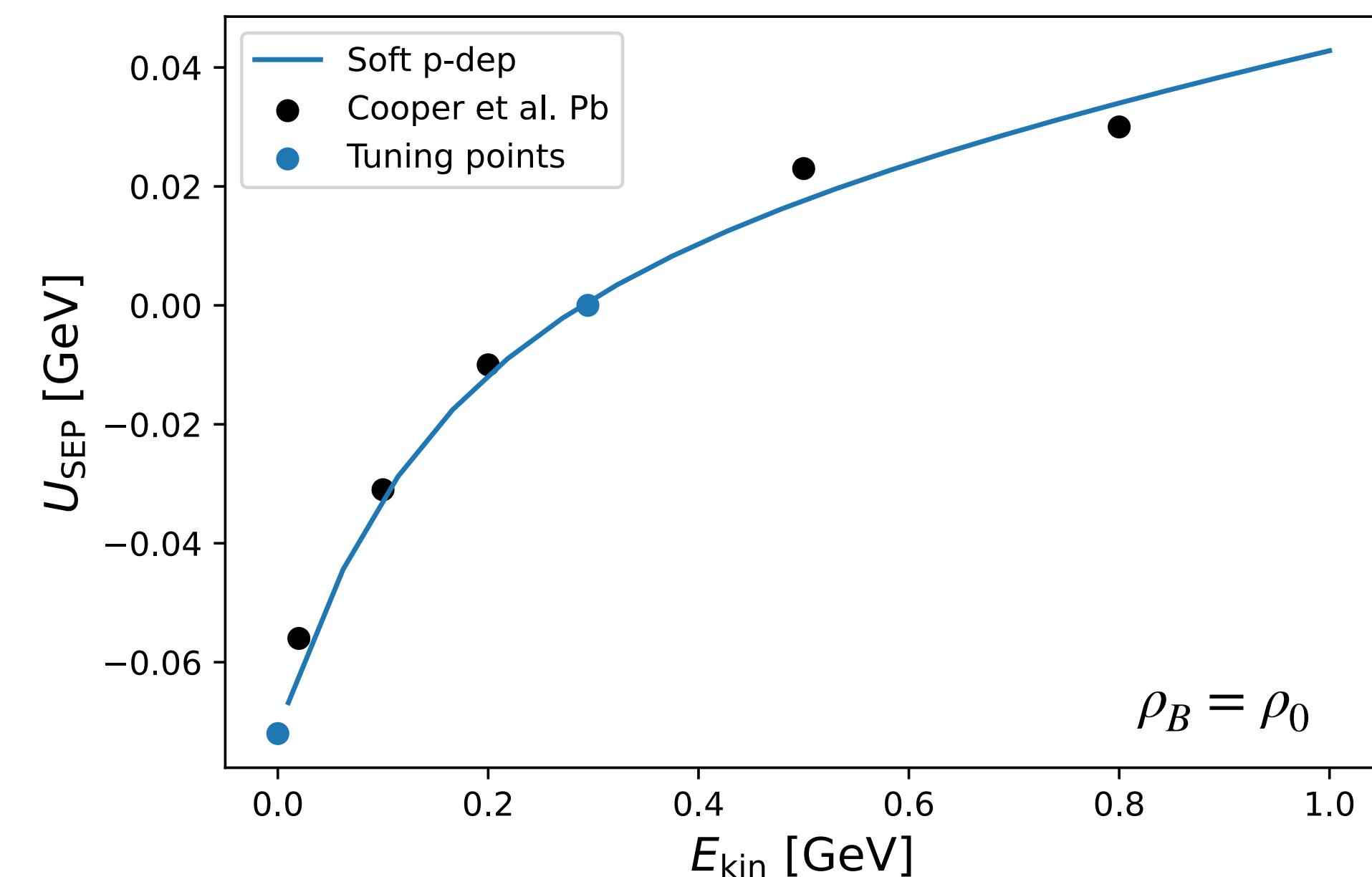
- EoS controlled via potentials (Skyrme)
  - Density dep. potential (**M,H**)
  - Density + Momentum dep. potential (**SP,MP,HP**)

$$U_{SK} = A \left( \frac{\rho_B}{\rho_0} \right) + B \left( \frac{\rho_B}{\rho_0} \right)^\tau$$

$$U_{\text{sym}} = \pm 2S_{\text{pot}} \frac{\rho_{I3}}{\rho_0}$$

New in  
SMASH!

$$U_p = \frac{2C}{\rho_0} g \int \frac{d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}')}{1 + \left( \frac{\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}'}{\Lambda} \right)^2}$$



# Phase-space coordinates

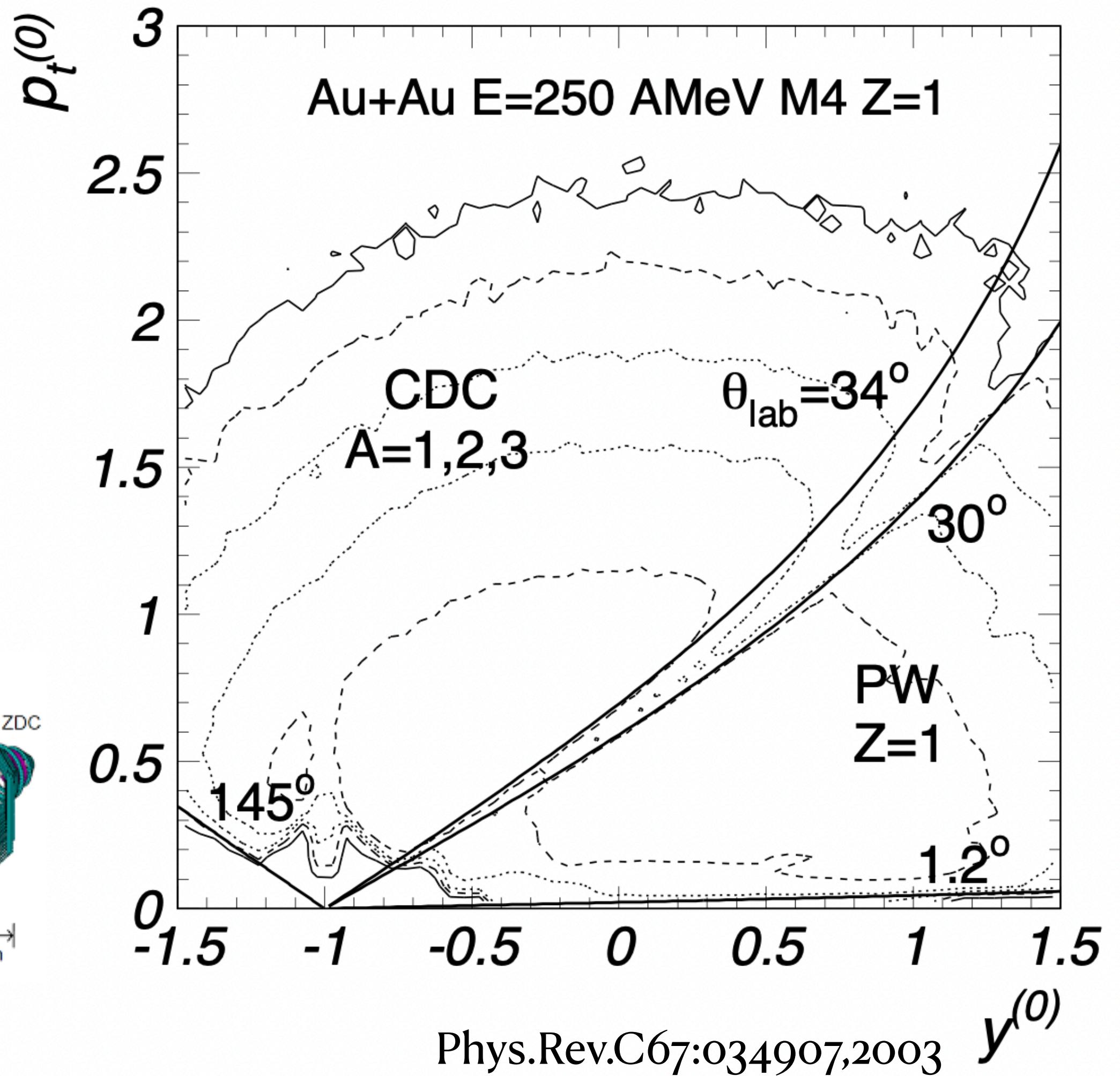
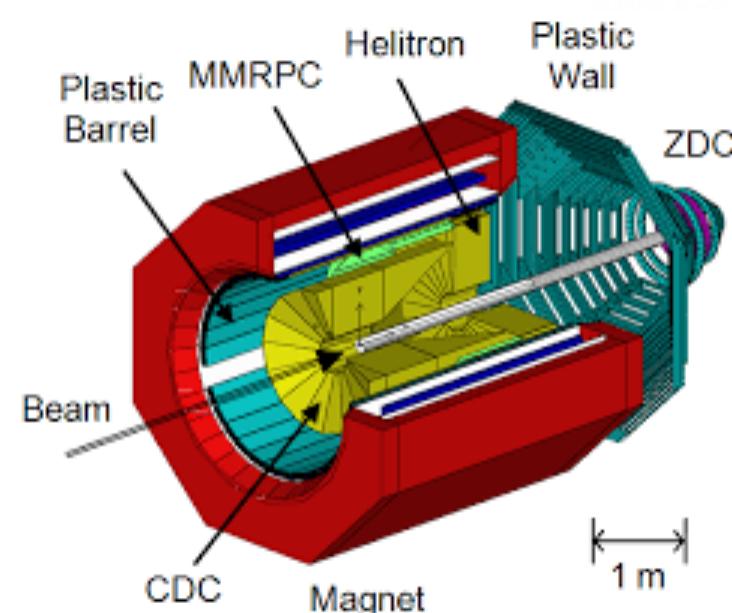
- Normalised center-of-mass (c.m.)

- Rapidity

$$y^{(0)} = (y/y_P)^{\text{c.m.}}$$

- Transverse momentum (per nucleon)

$$p_T^{(0)} = (p_T/A)/(p_P^{\text{c.m.}}/A_P)$$



# Observables

- Initial conditions create pressure gradients in the expanding medium
- Anisotropy in distribution of final-state particles:

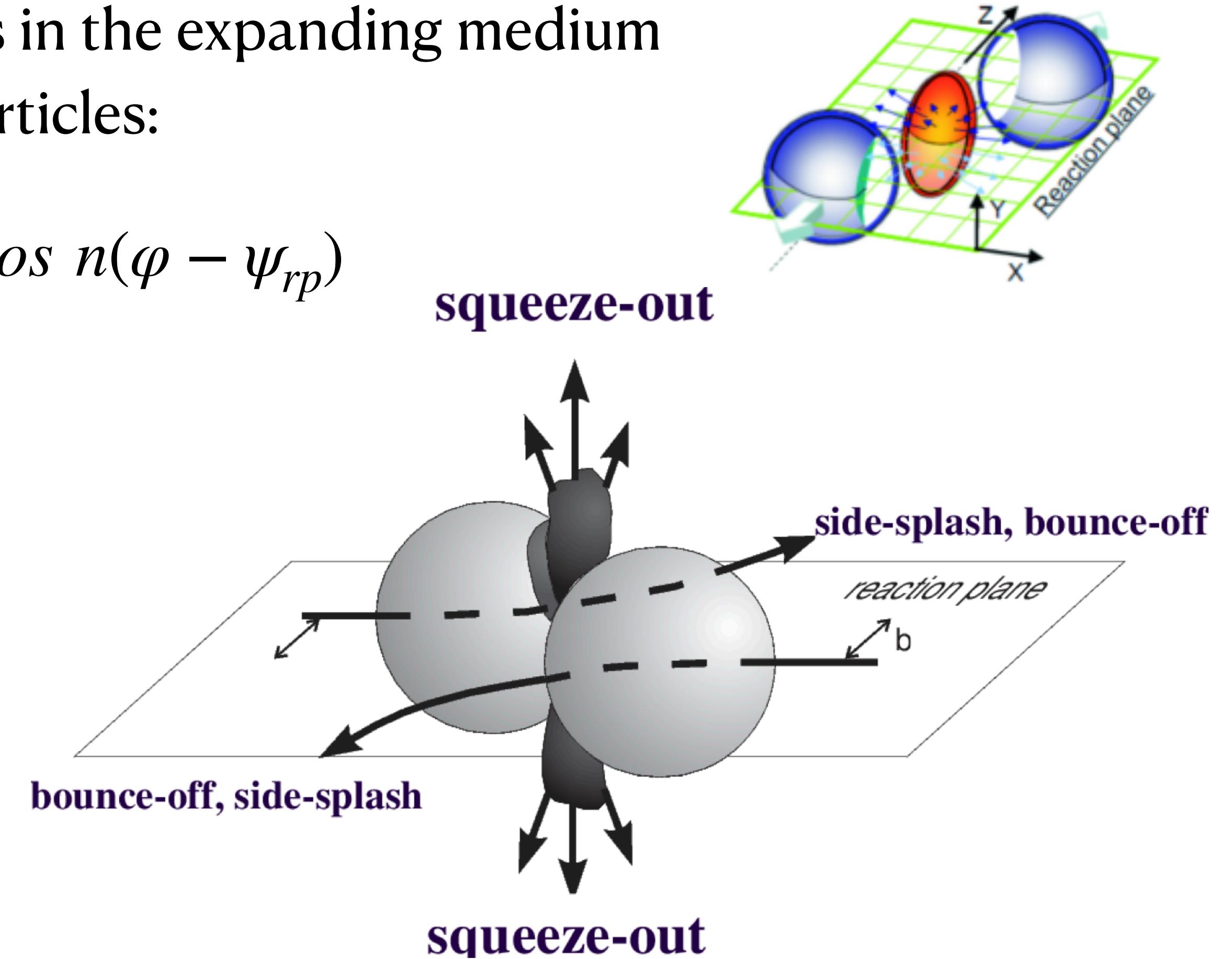
$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos n(\varphi - \psi_{rp})$$

- Directed flow:

$$v_1 = <\cos(\varphi - \psi_{rp})>$$

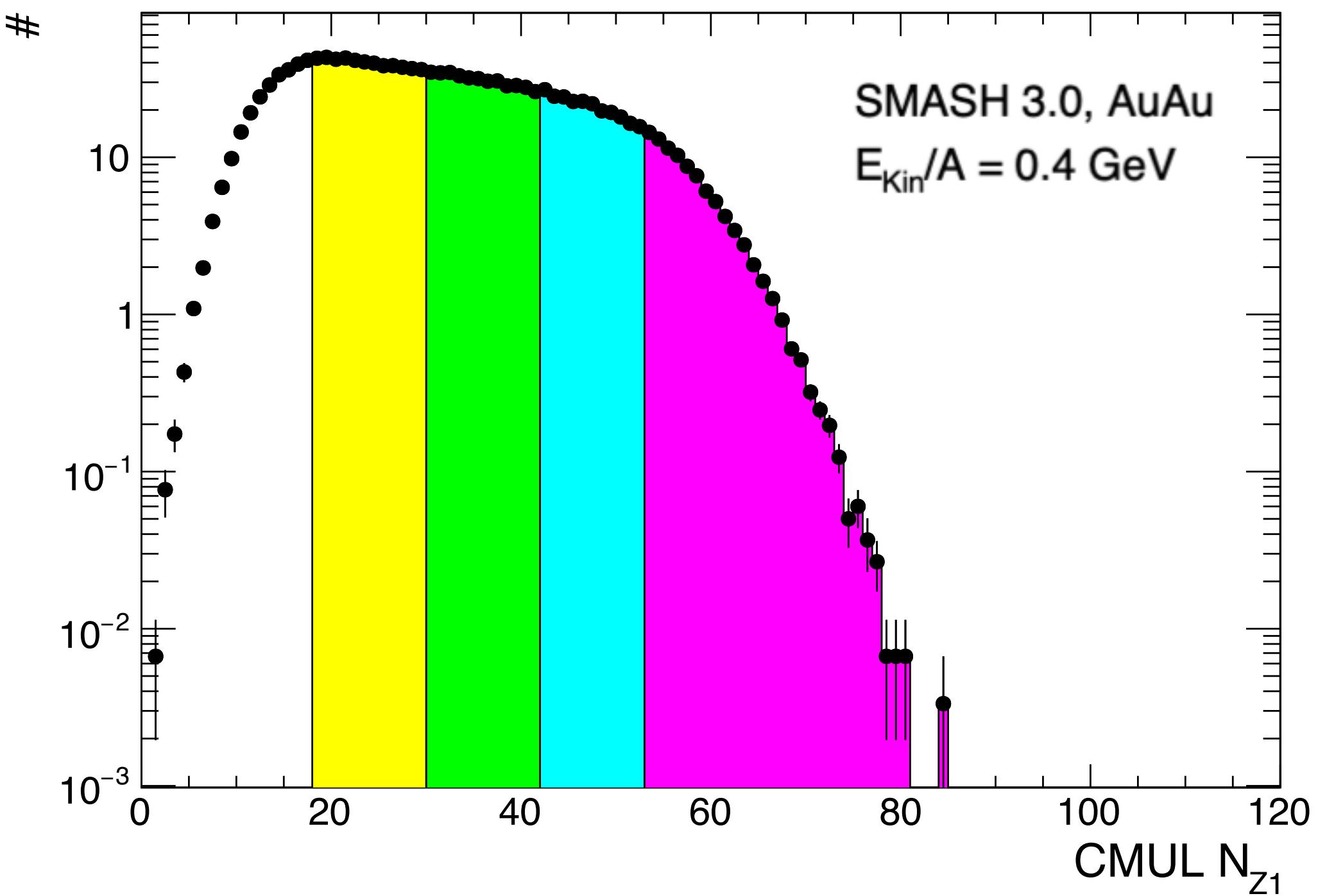
- Elliptic flow:

$$v_2 = <\cos(2(\varphi - \psi_{rp}))>$$

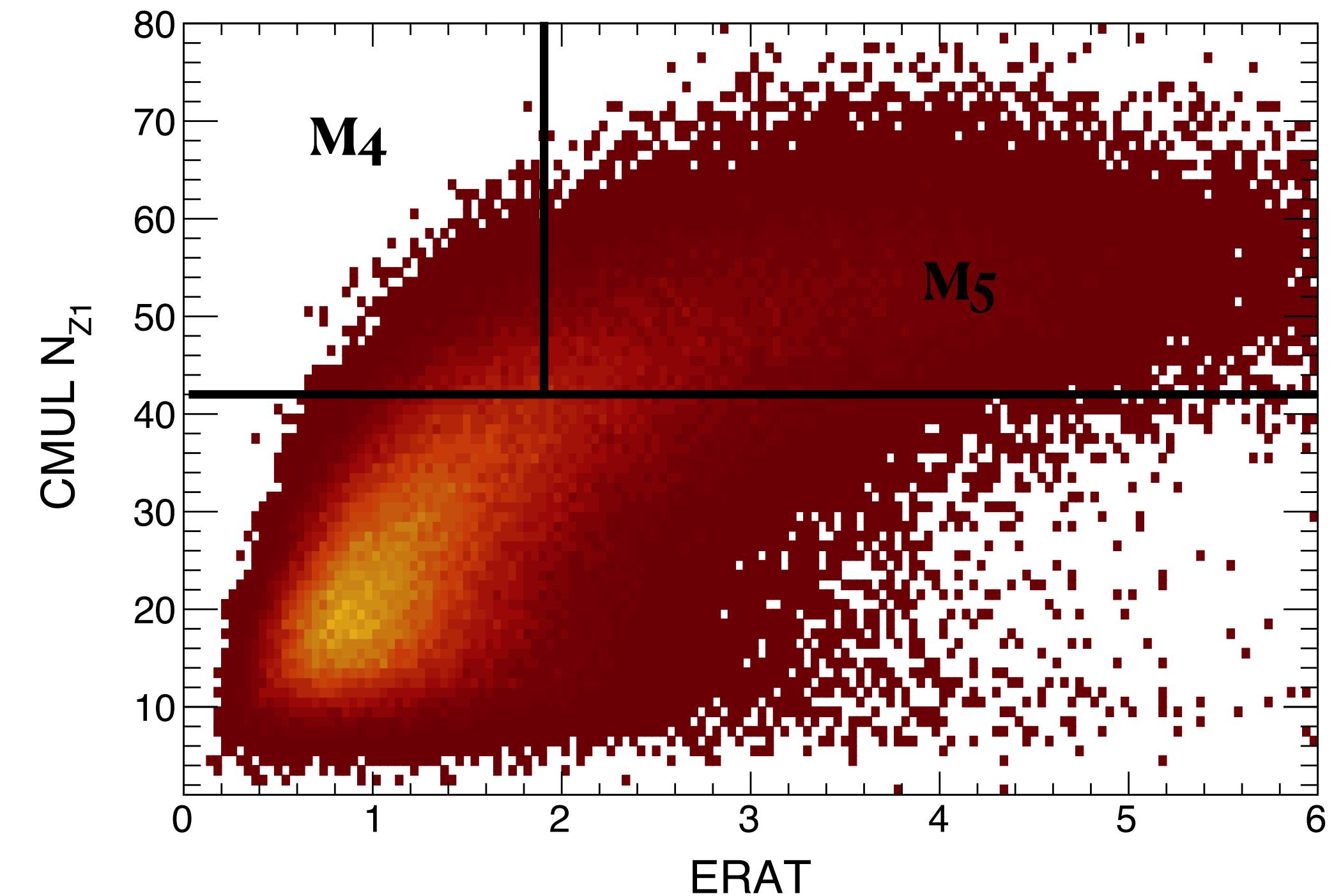


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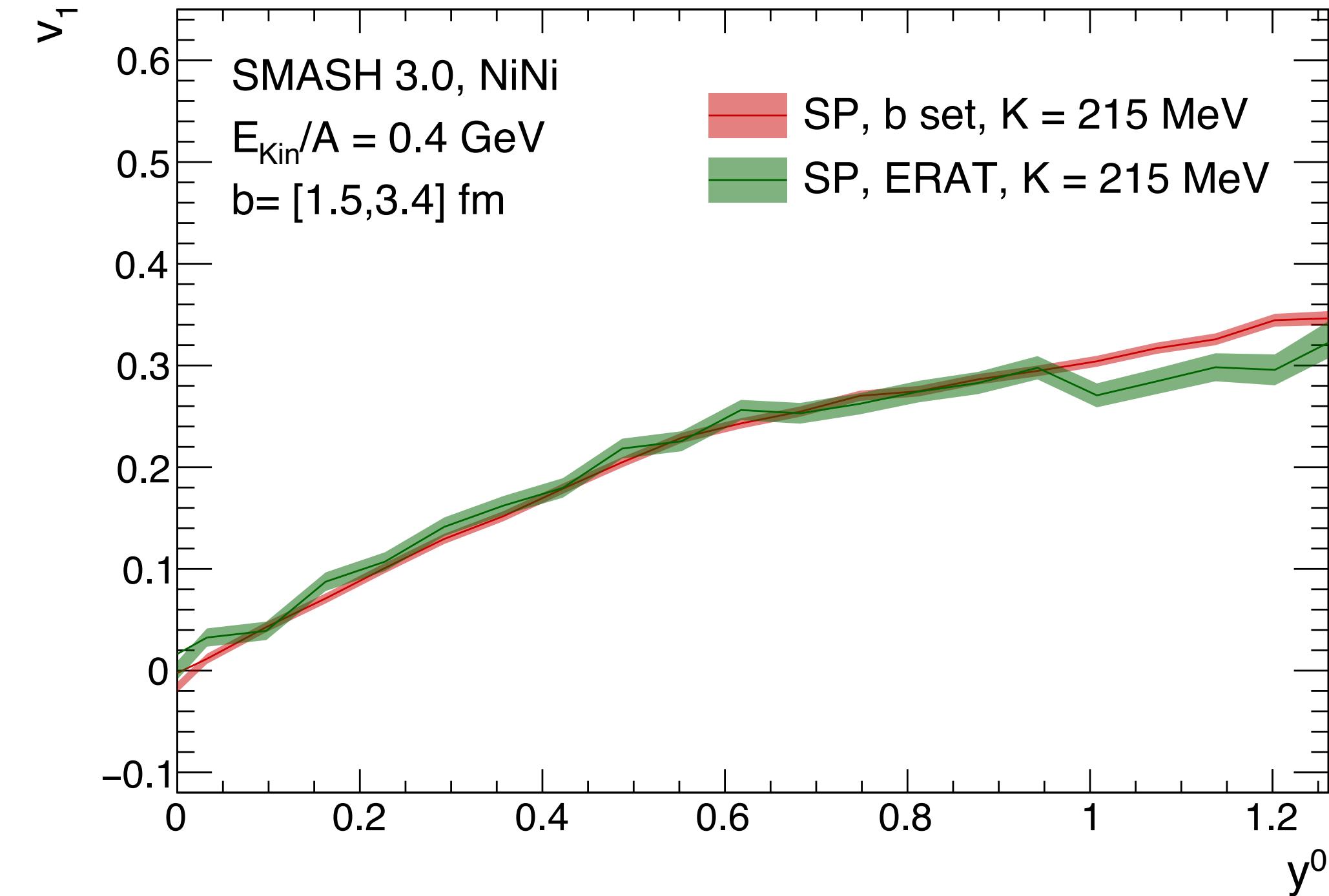
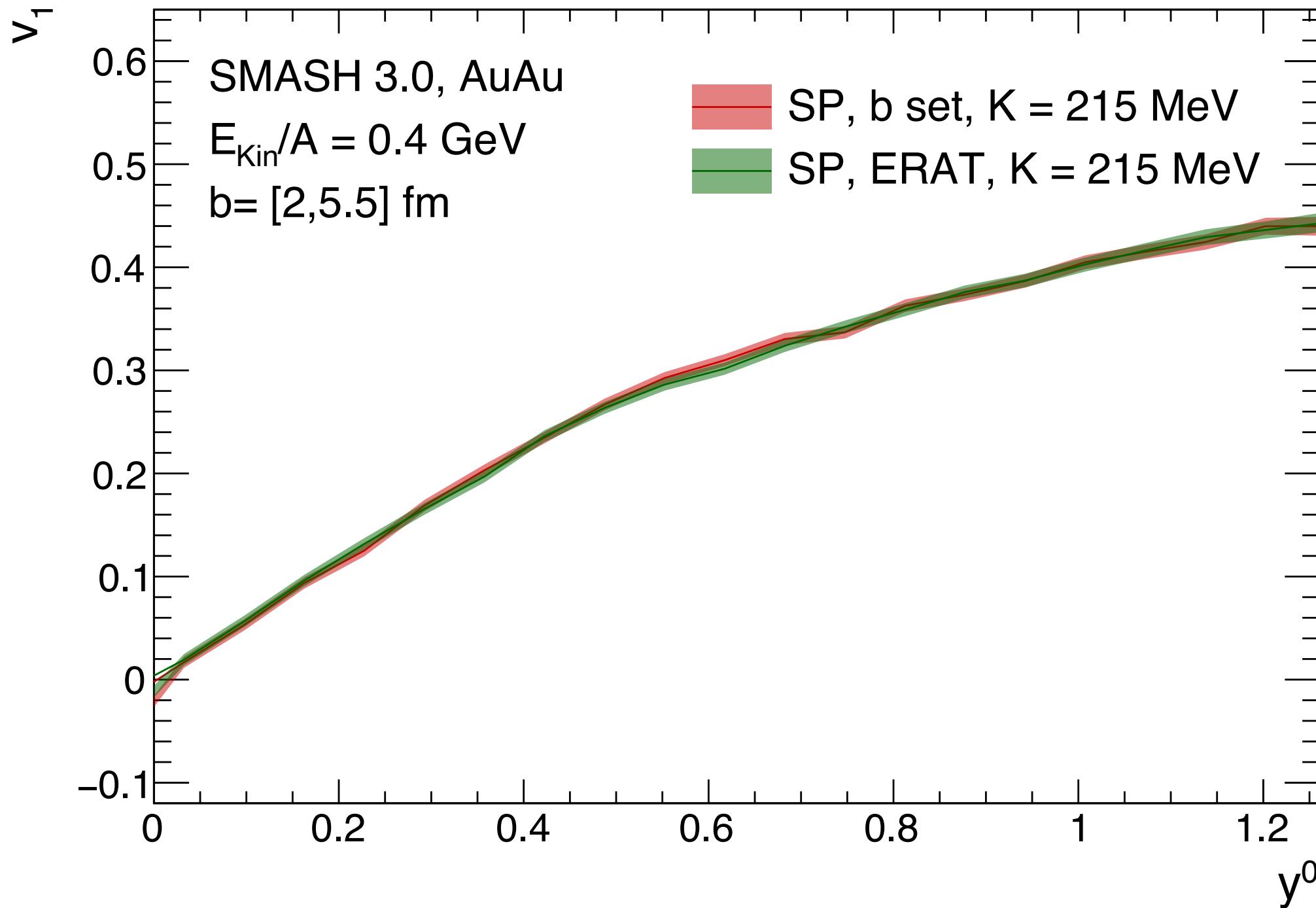
CMUL  $N_{Z_1}$  - number of  $Z_1$  particles in  
CDC acceptance,  $34^\circ < \theta_{lab} < 145^\circ$



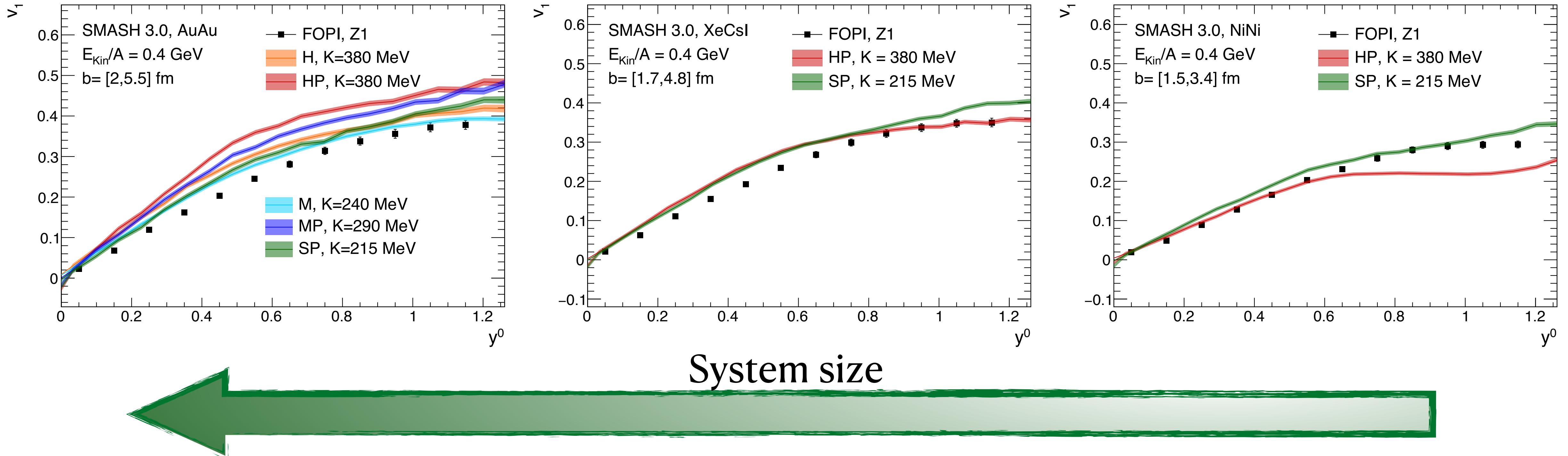
$$E_{rat} = \frac{\sum_i E_{\perp,i}}{\sum_i E_{\parallel,i}}$$

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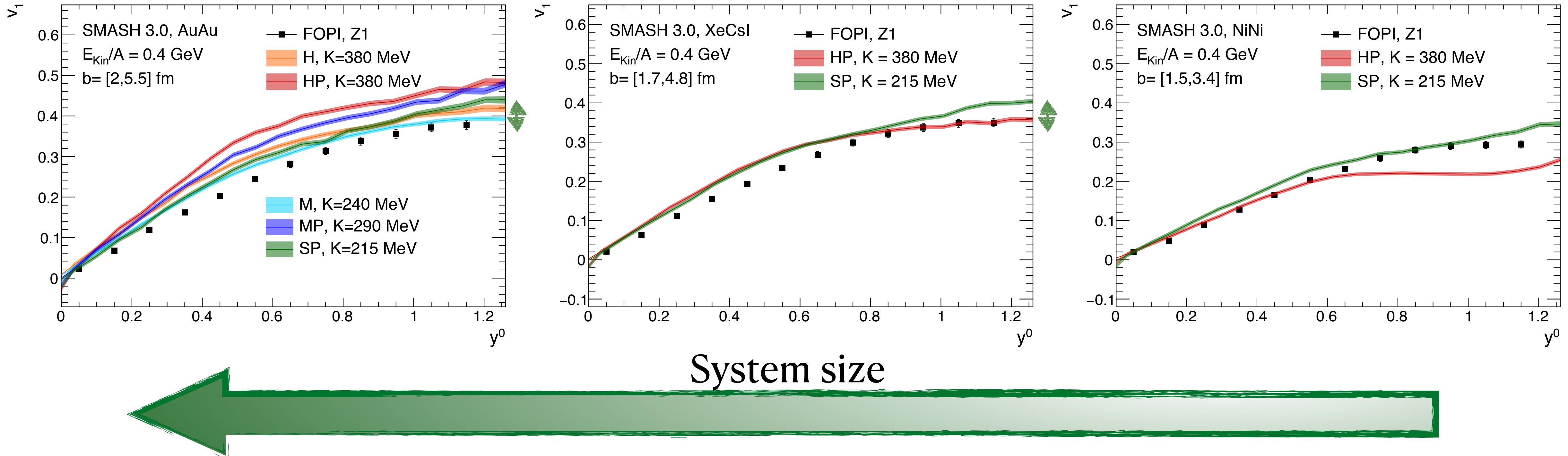
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- Check with the experimental centrality selection
- Both selections give **identical results** -> impact parameter used



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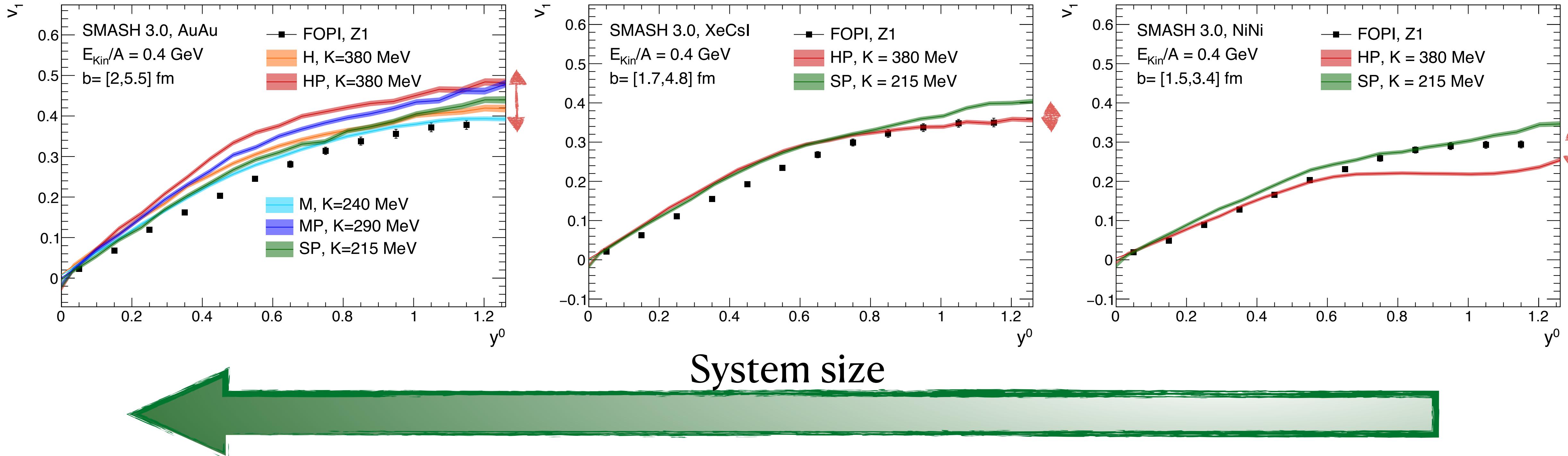


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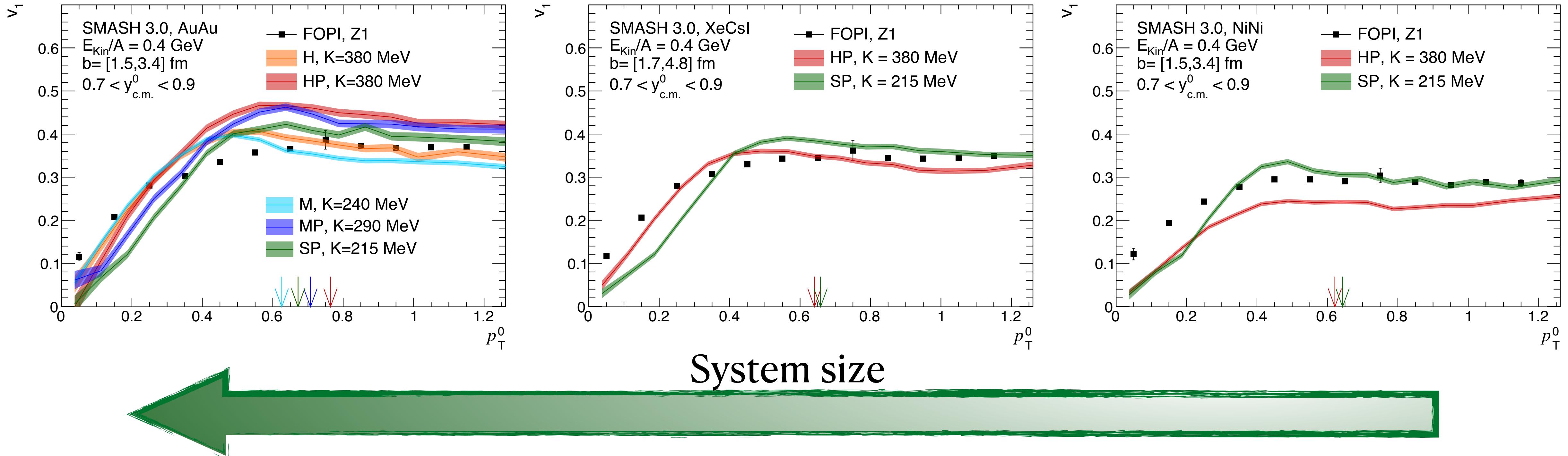
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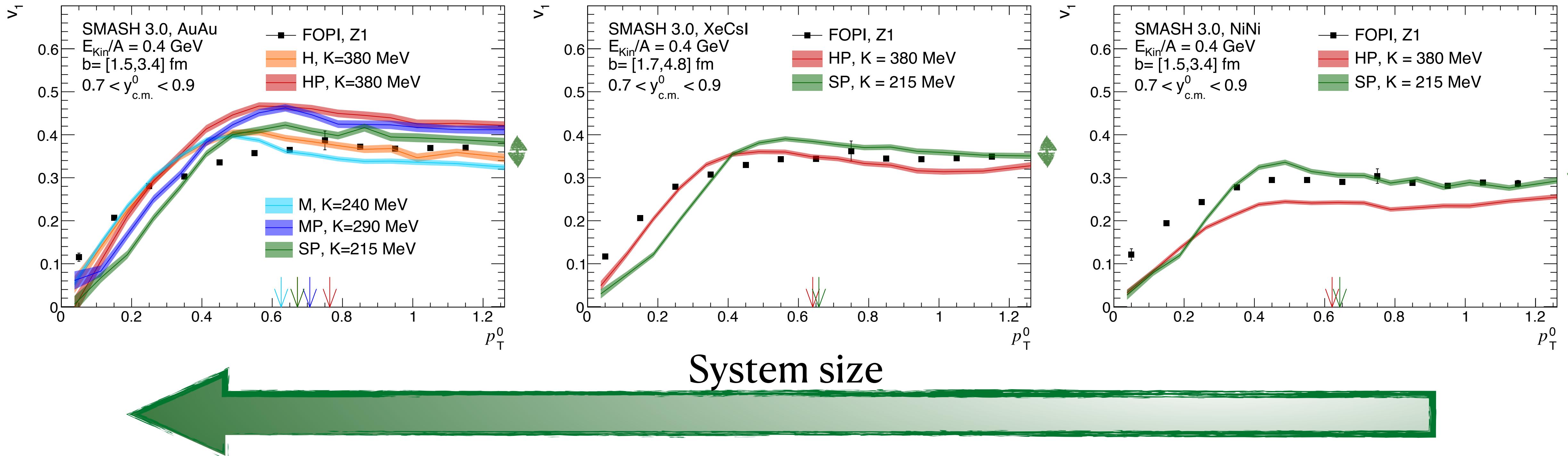
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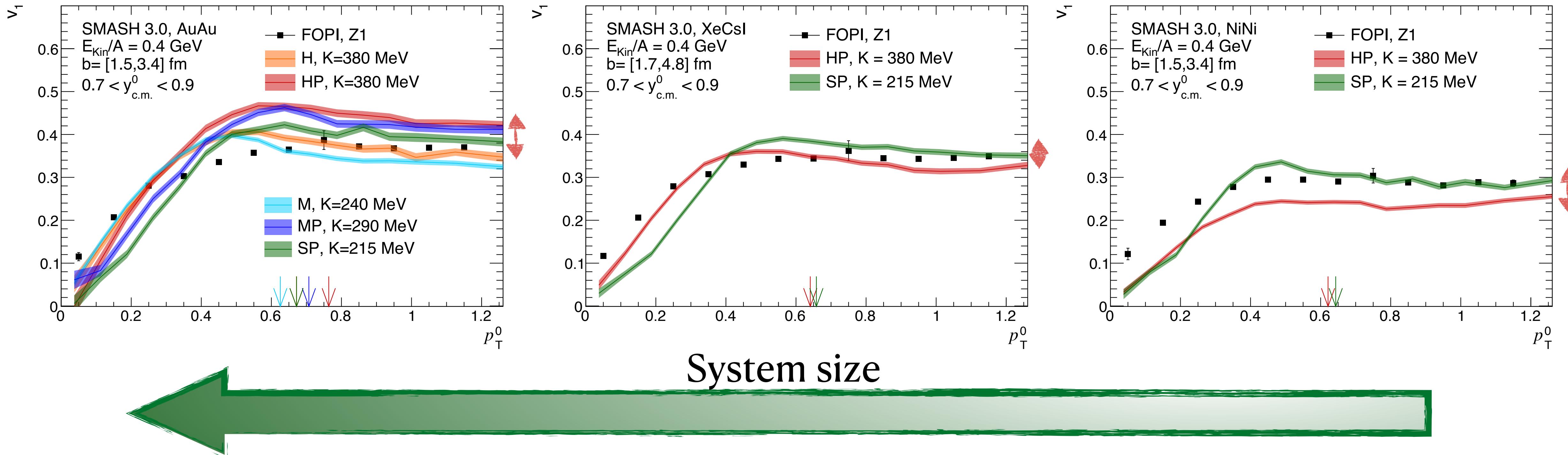
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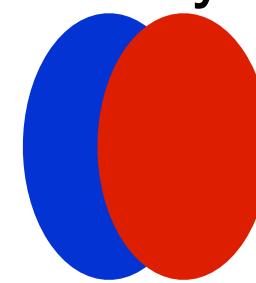
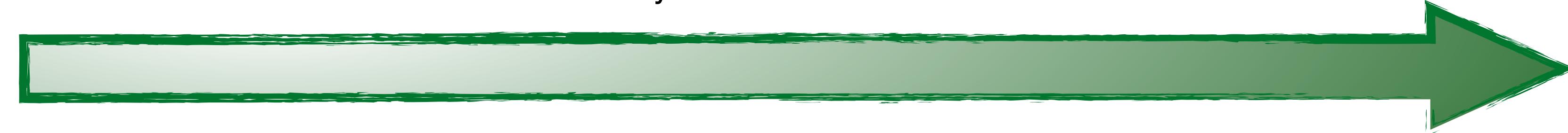
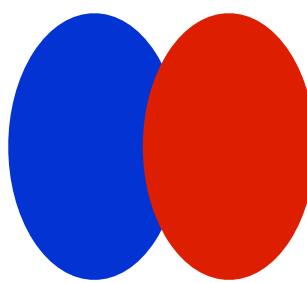
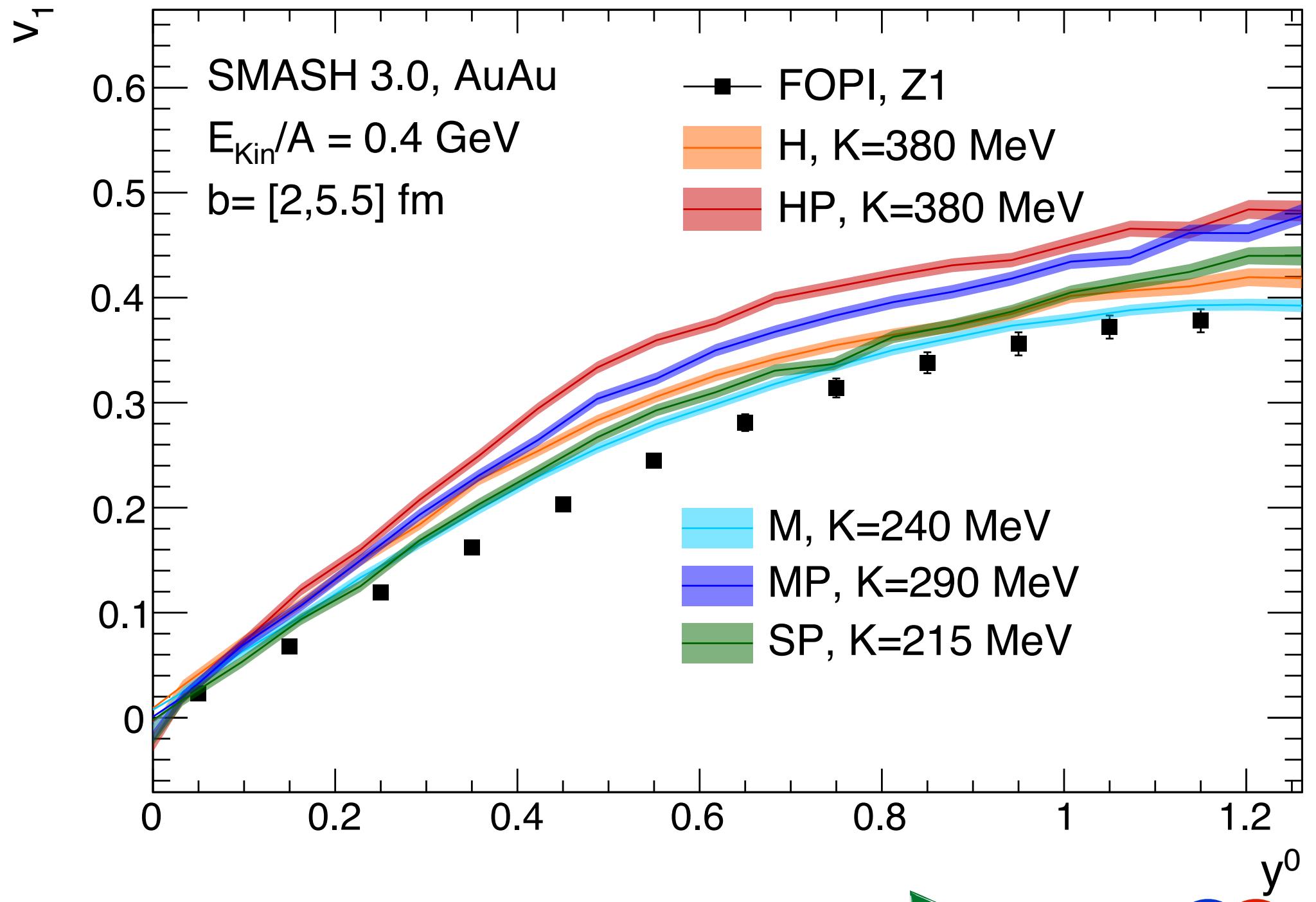
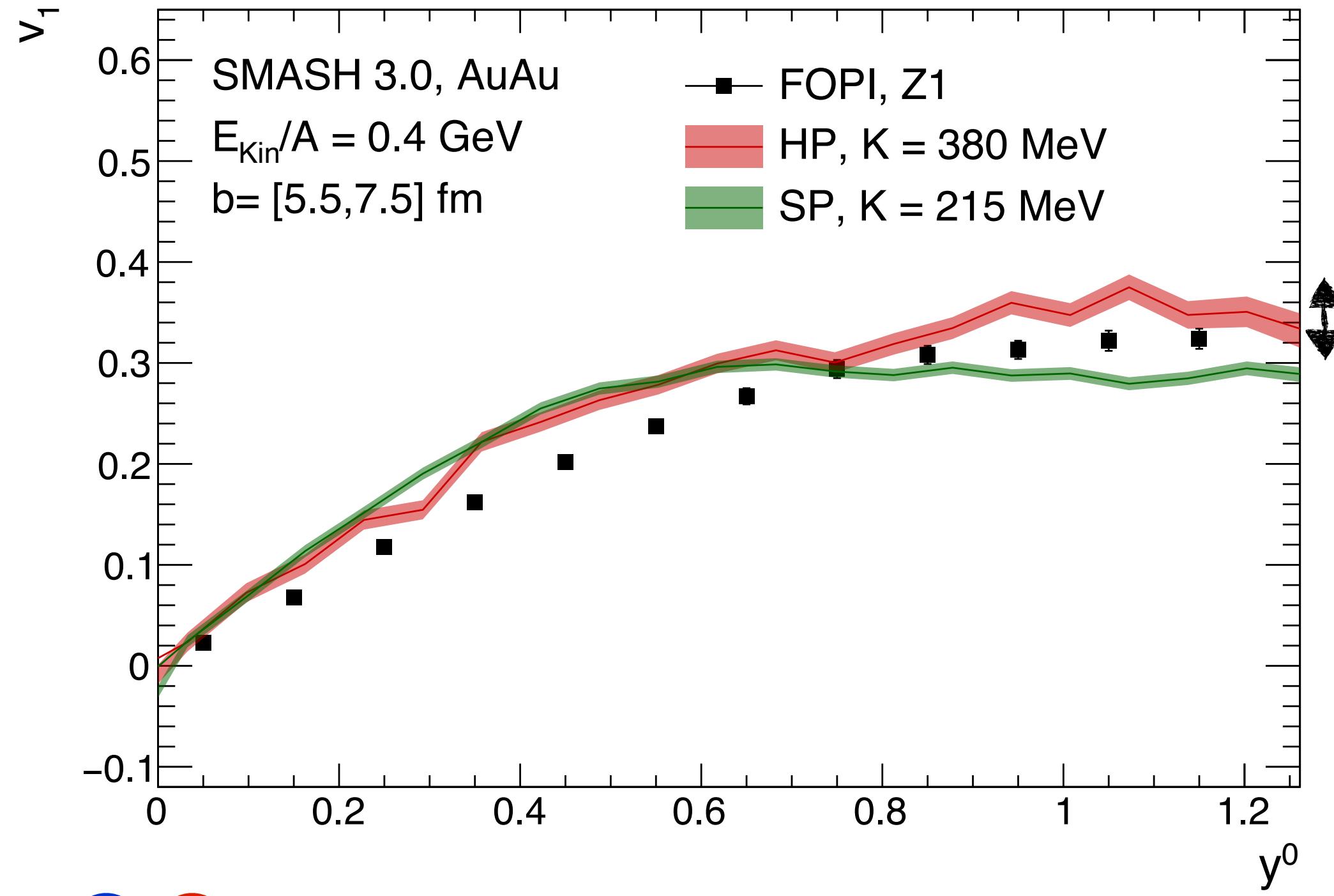


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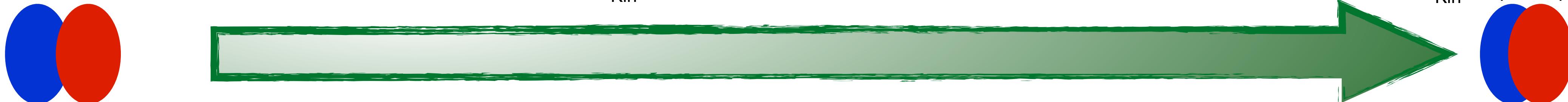
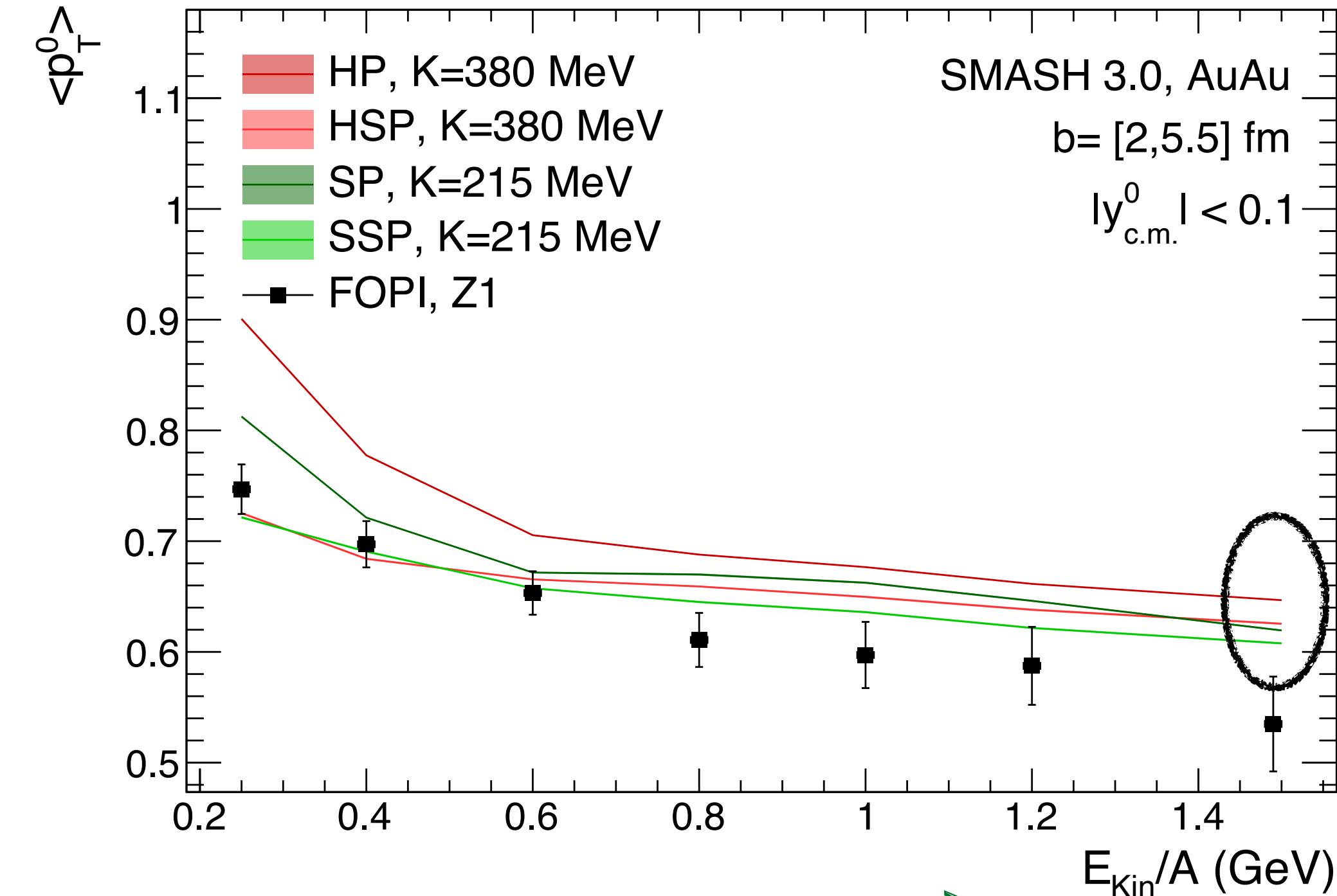
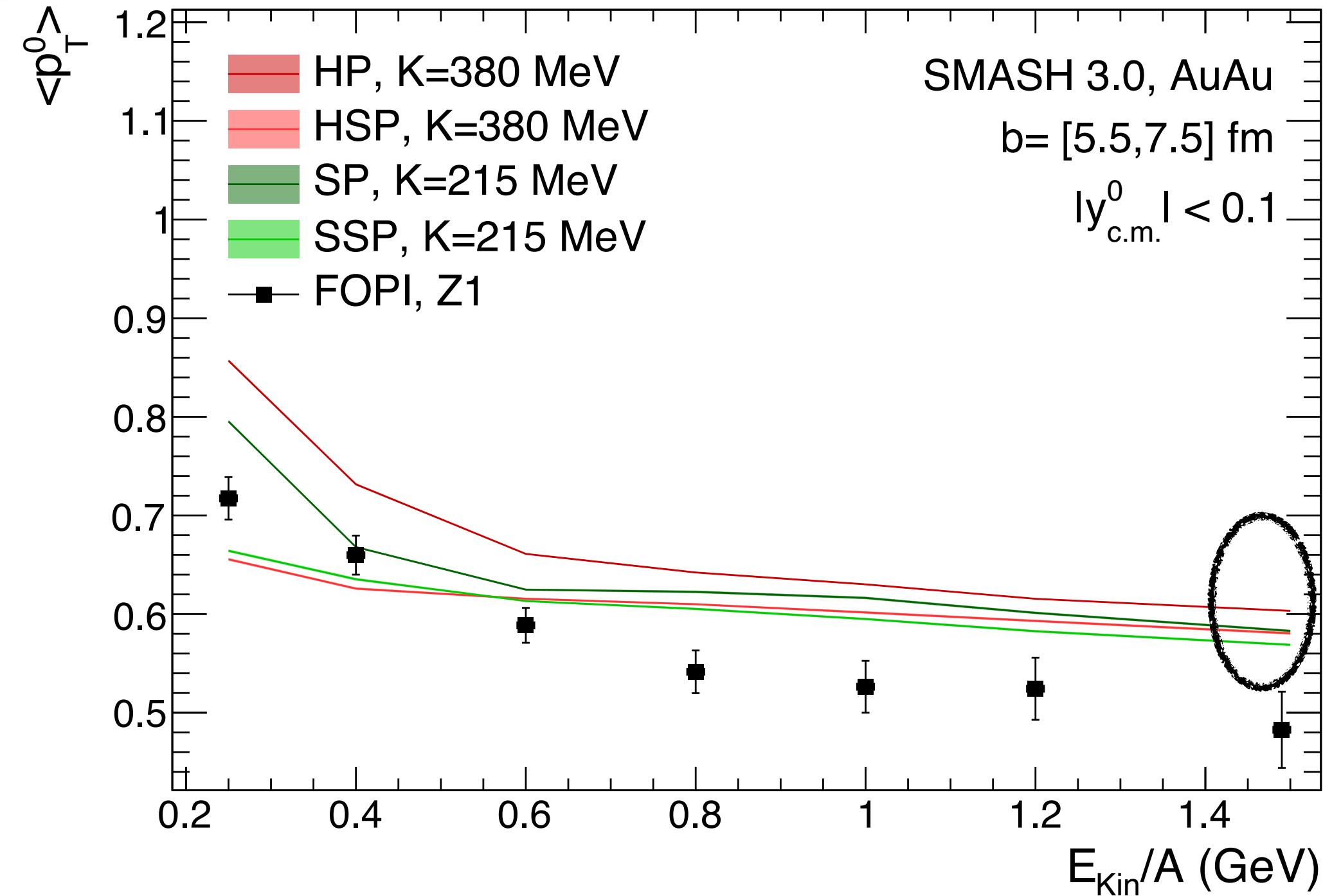
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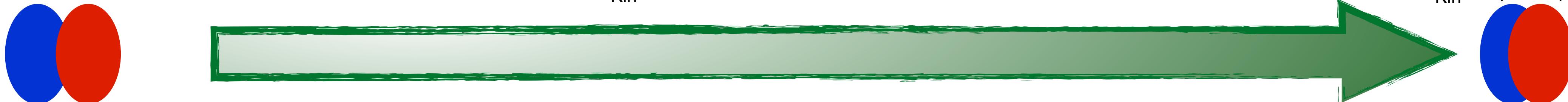
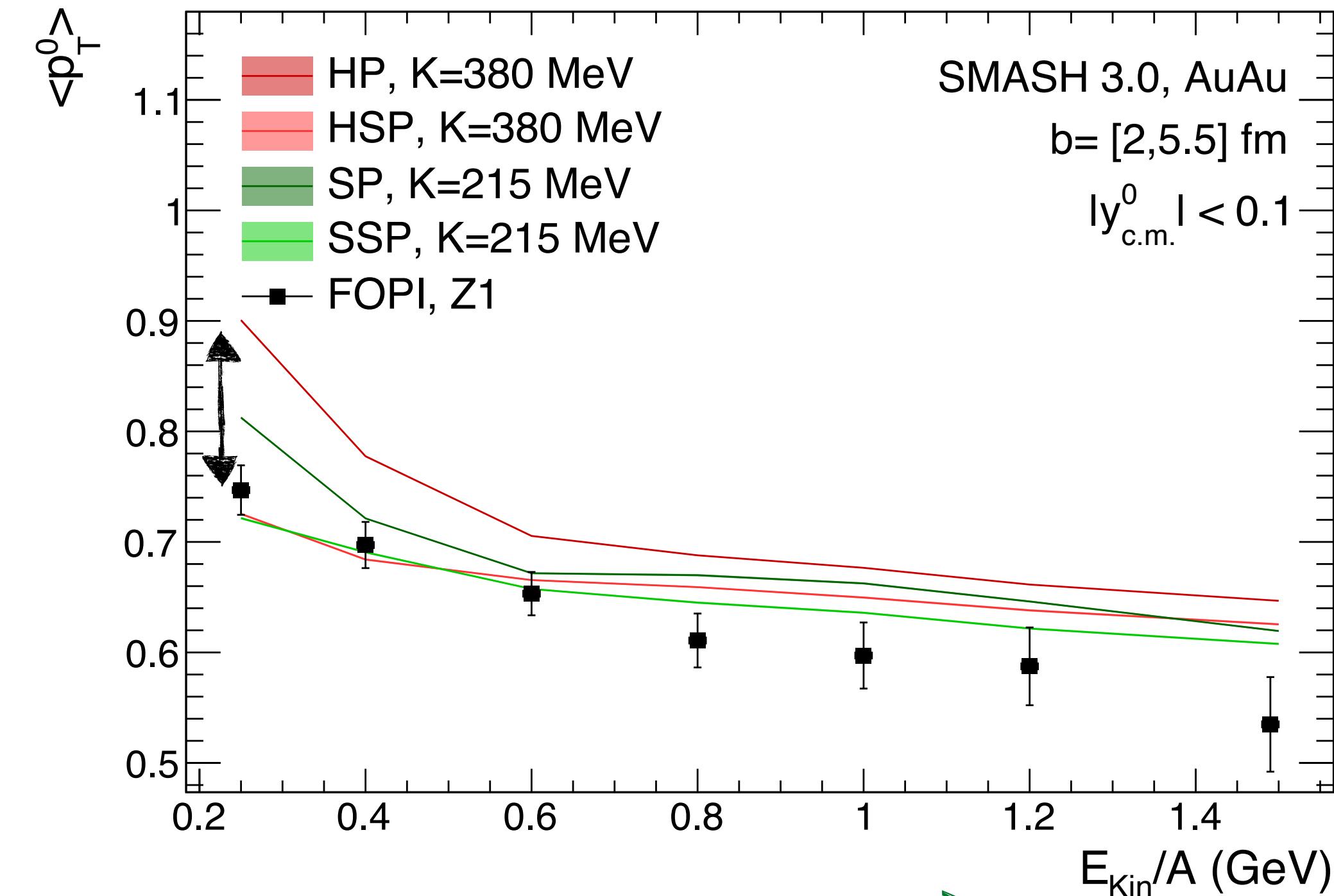
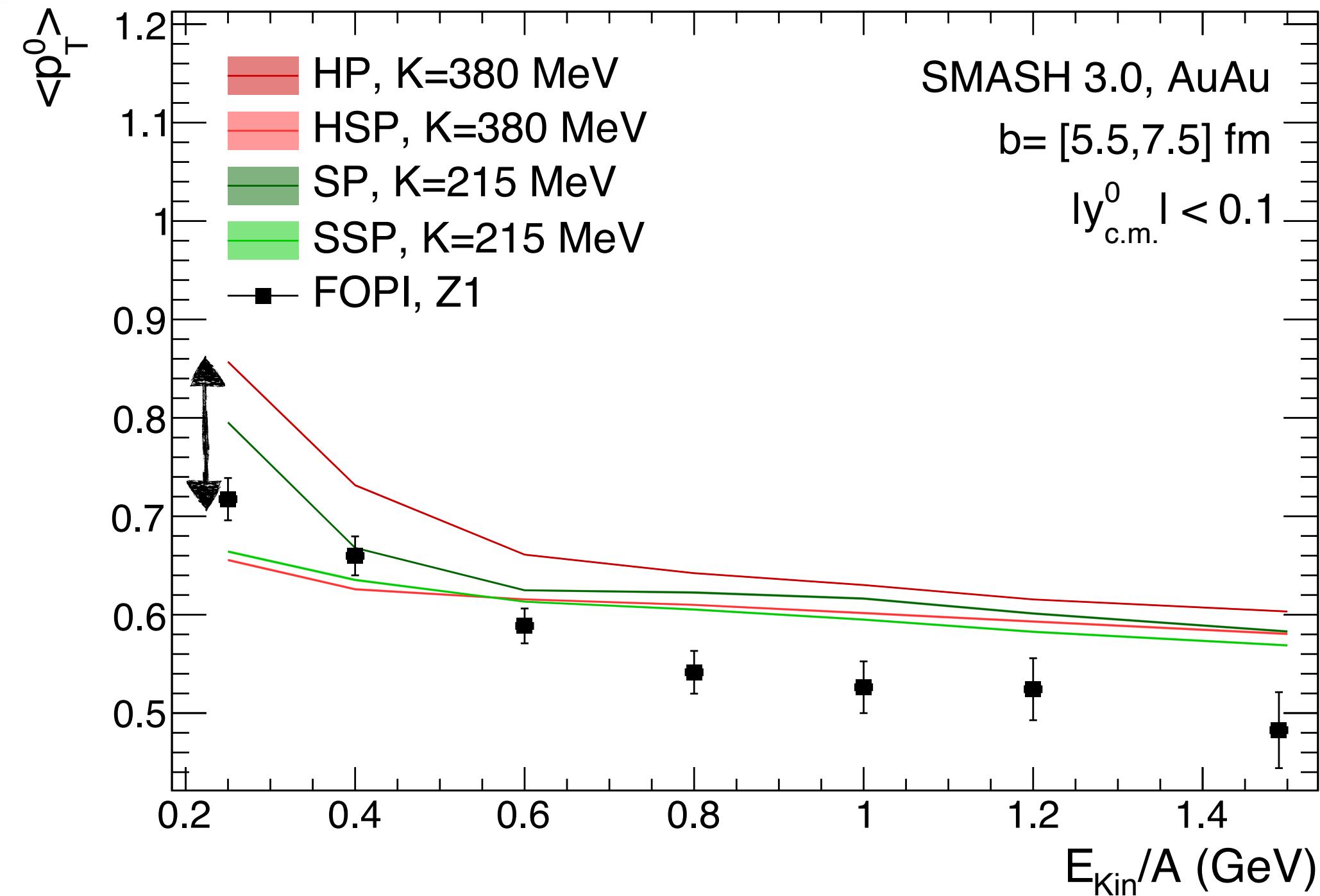
- Similar result for both EoS in peripheral collisions
- For more central collisions hard EoS moves further from data

# Mean transverse momentum



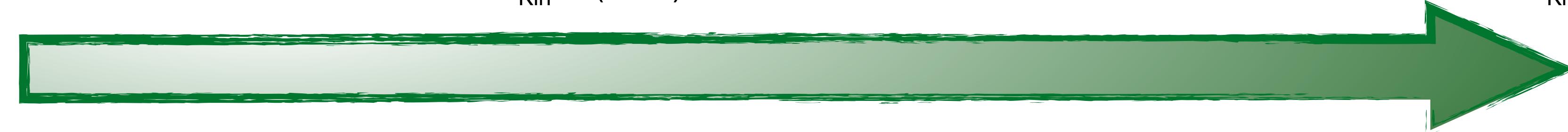
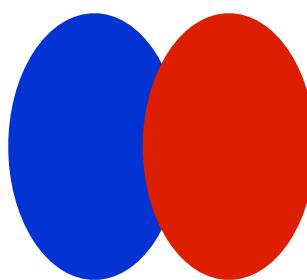
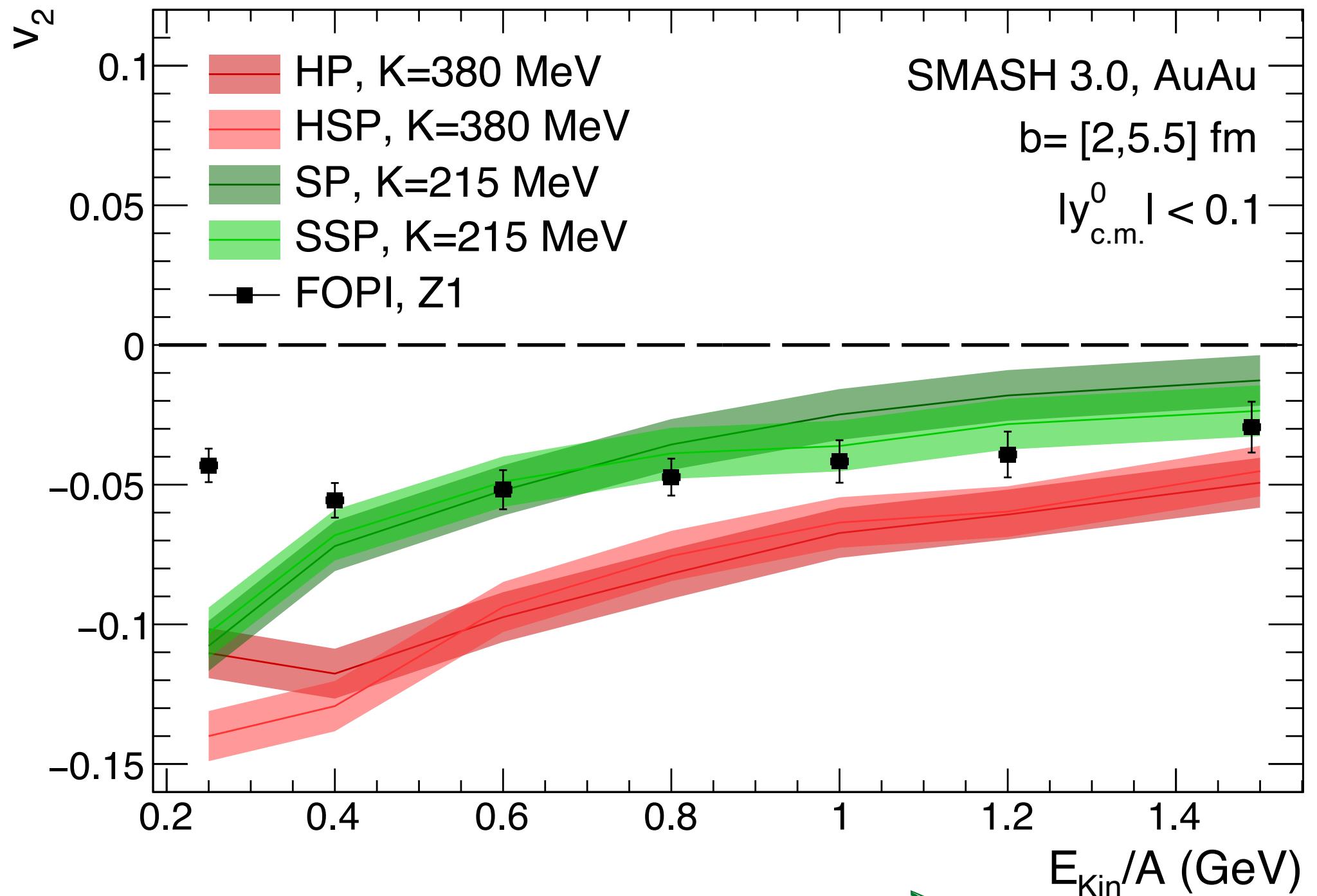
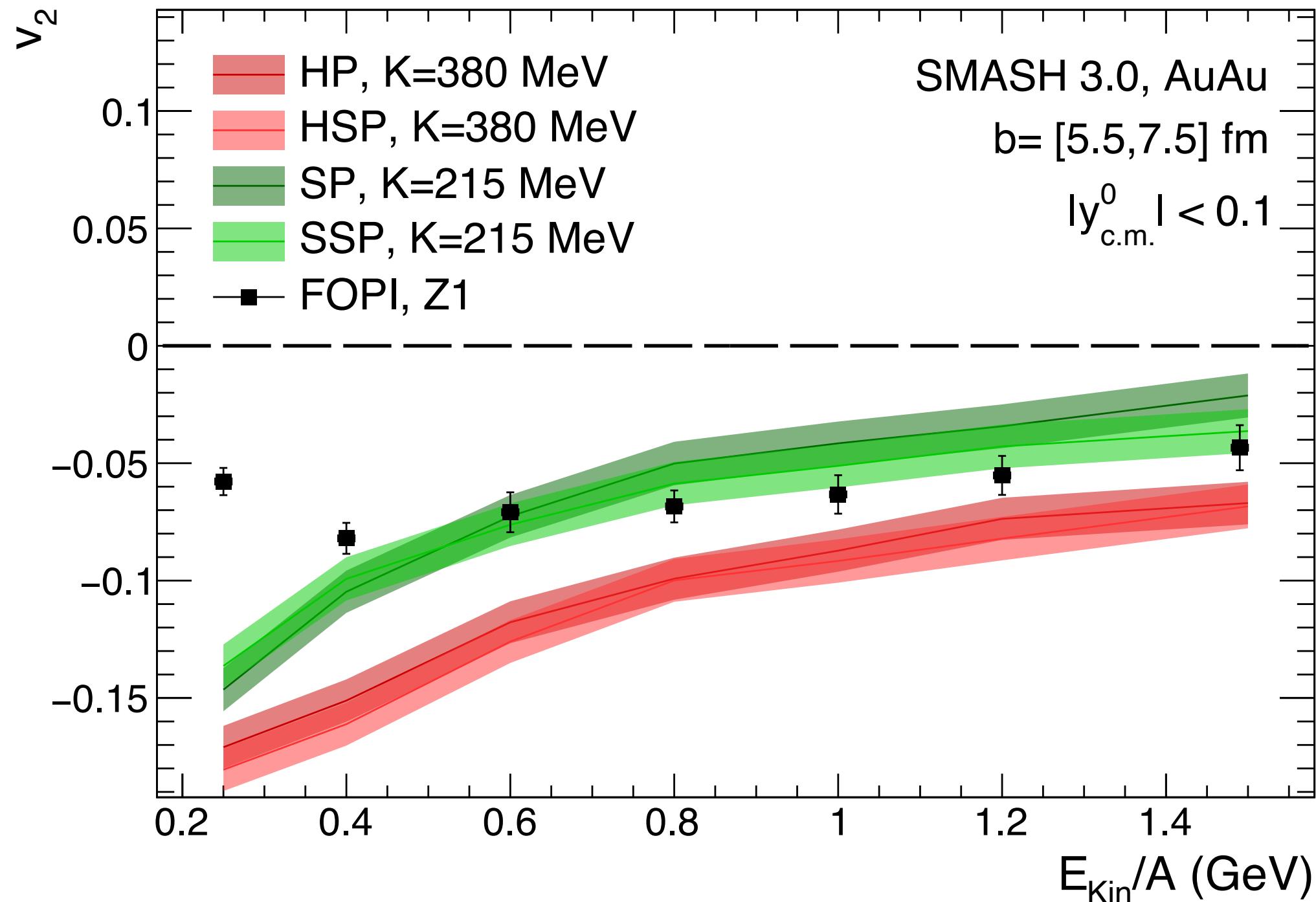
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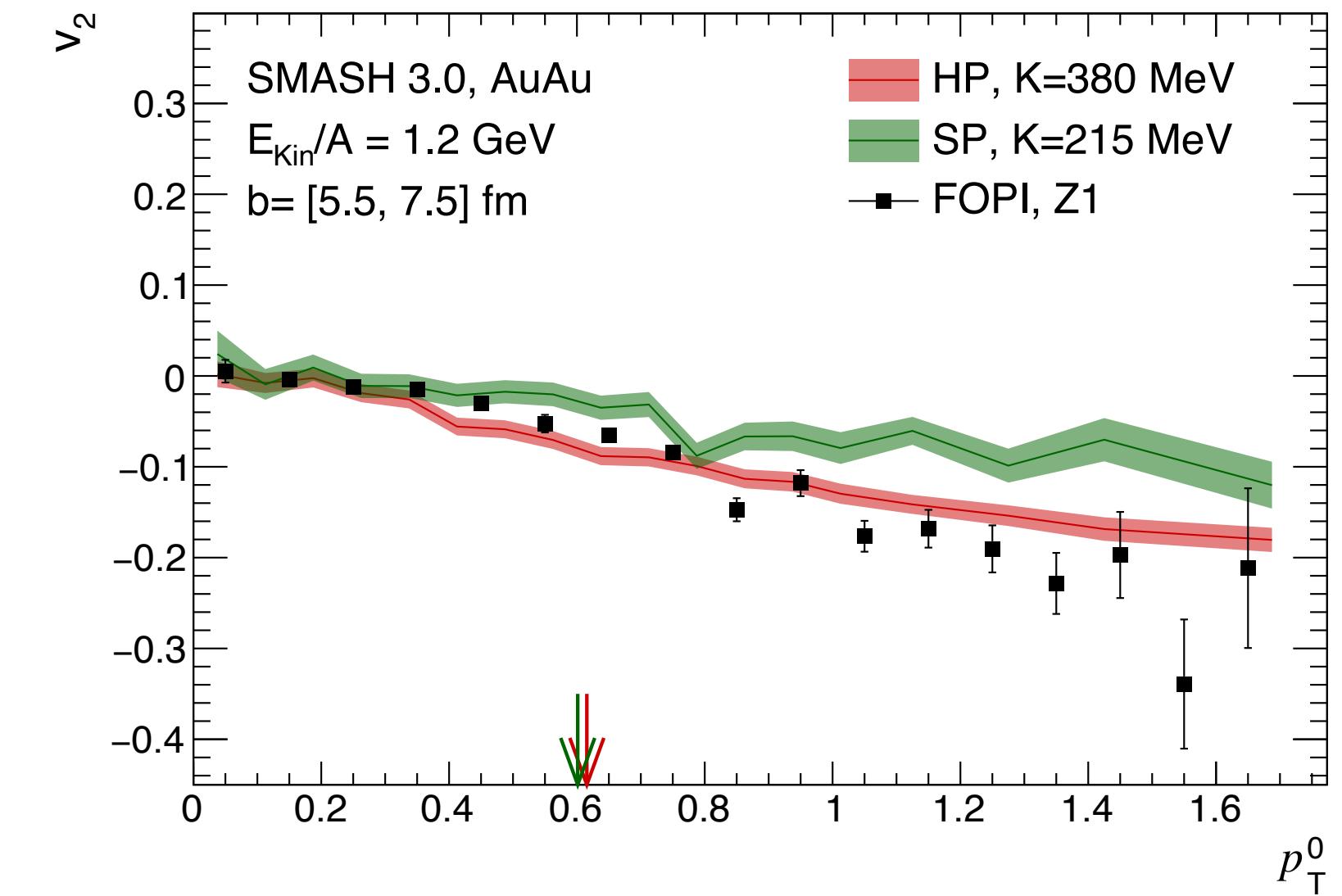
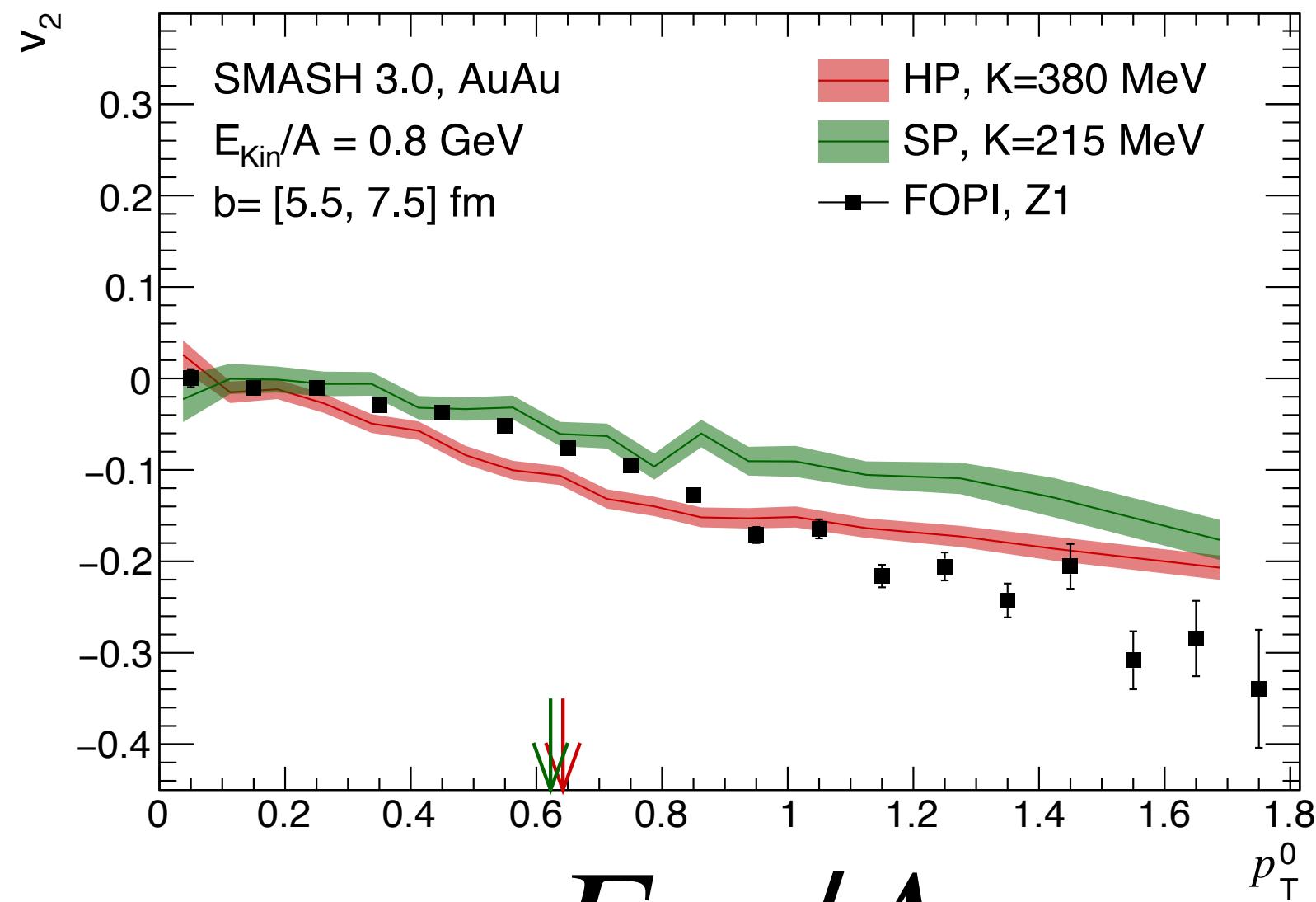
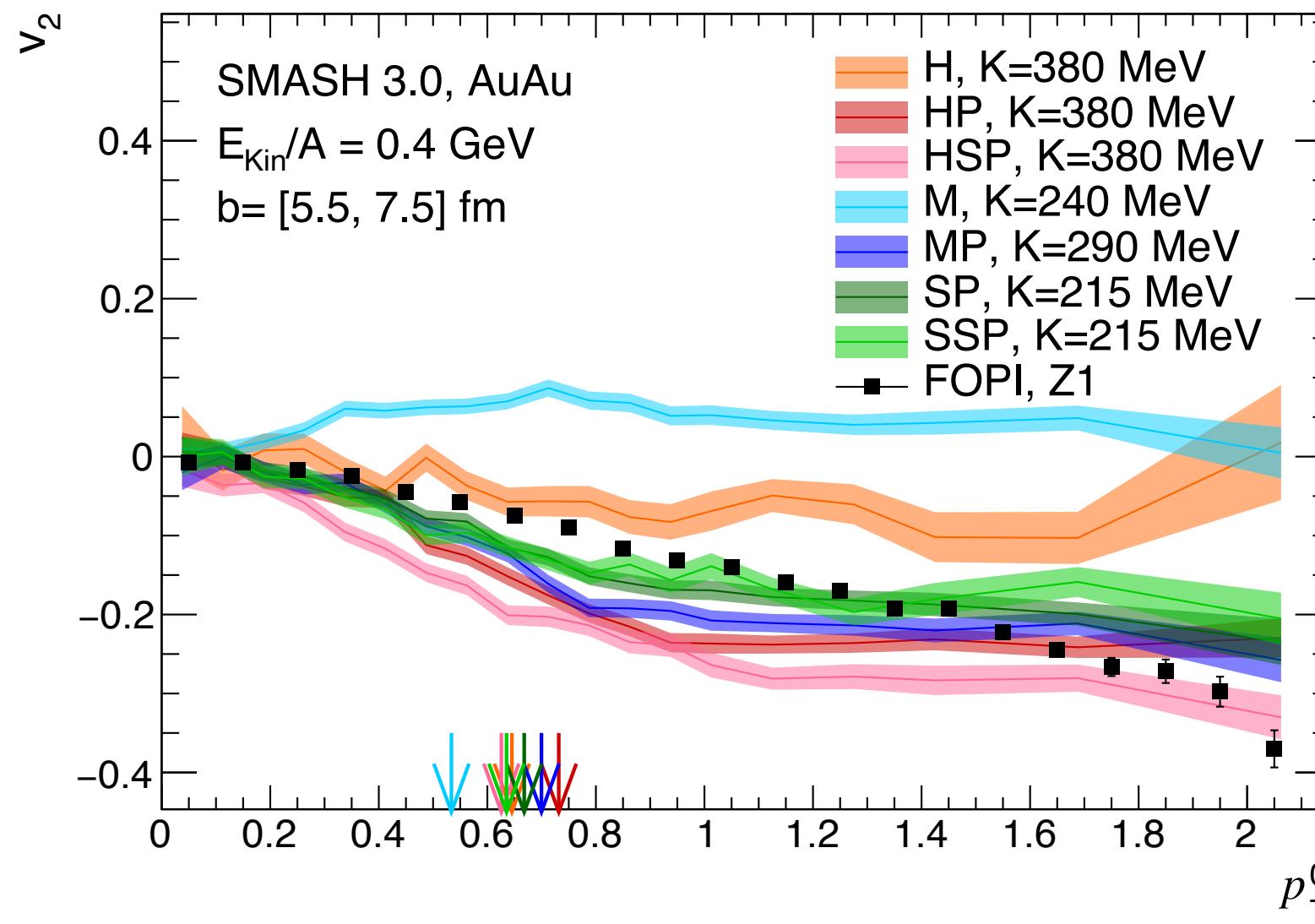
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- Stochastic approach predicts lower mean  $p_T$  at lower collision energies

# Integrated elliptic flow



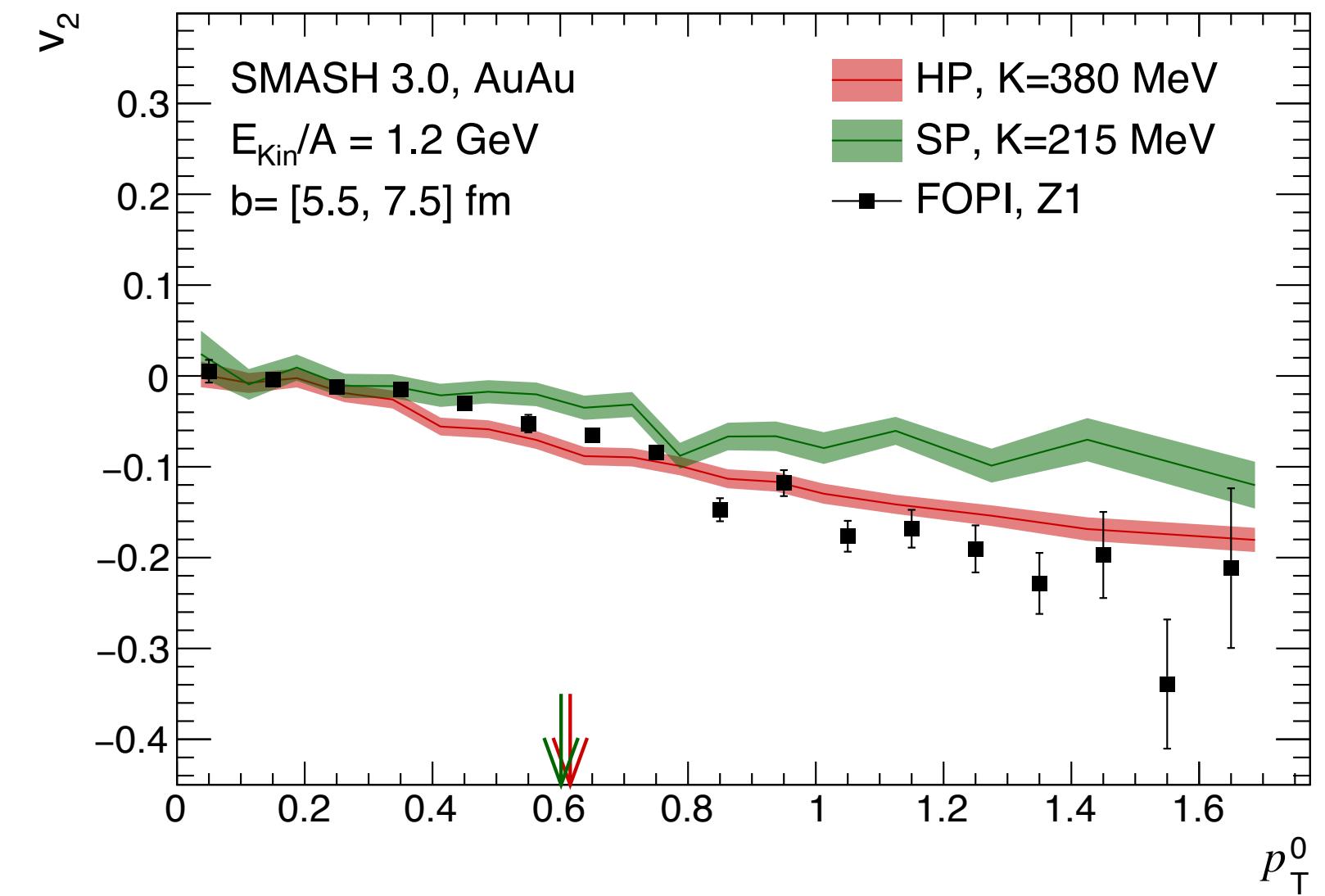
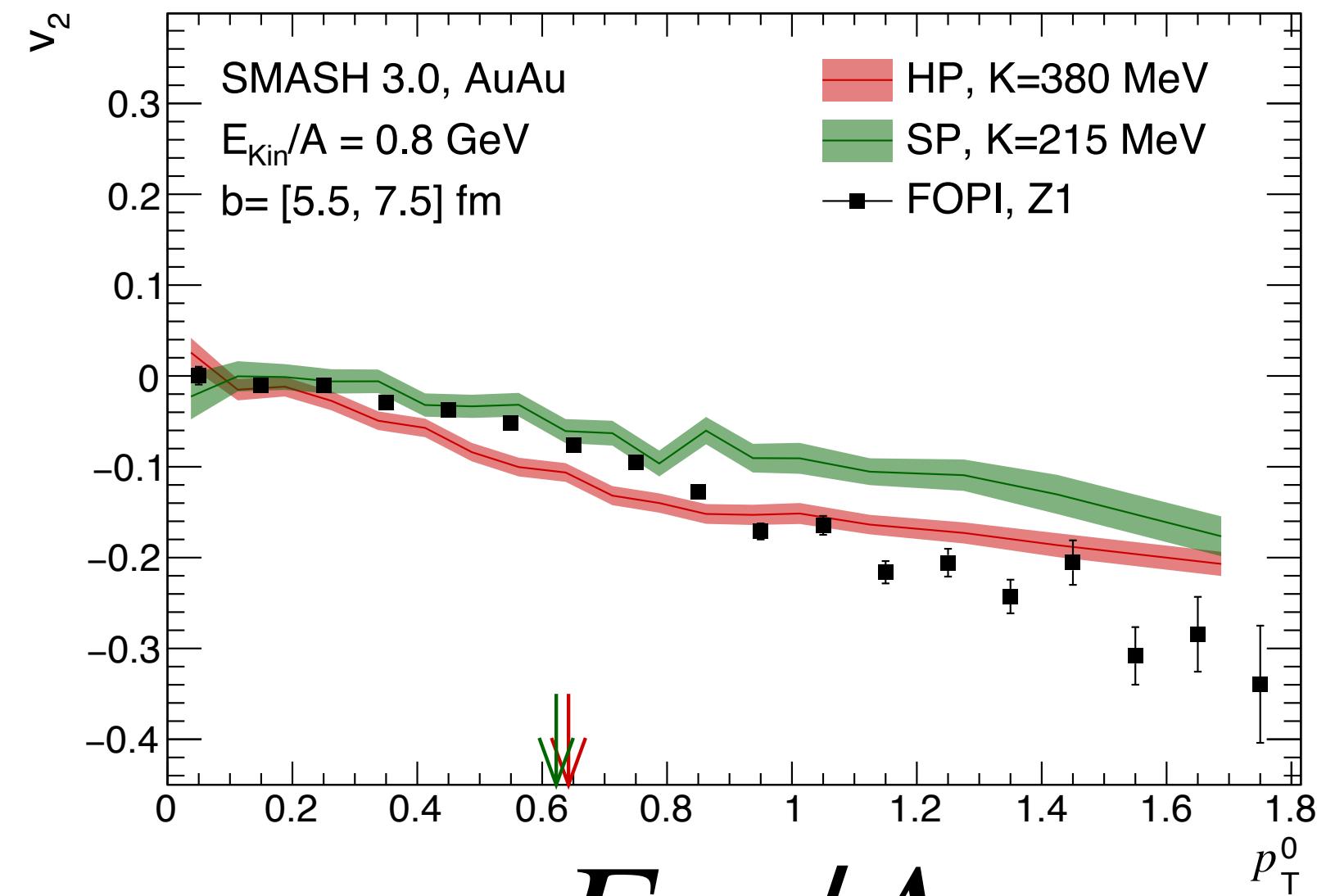
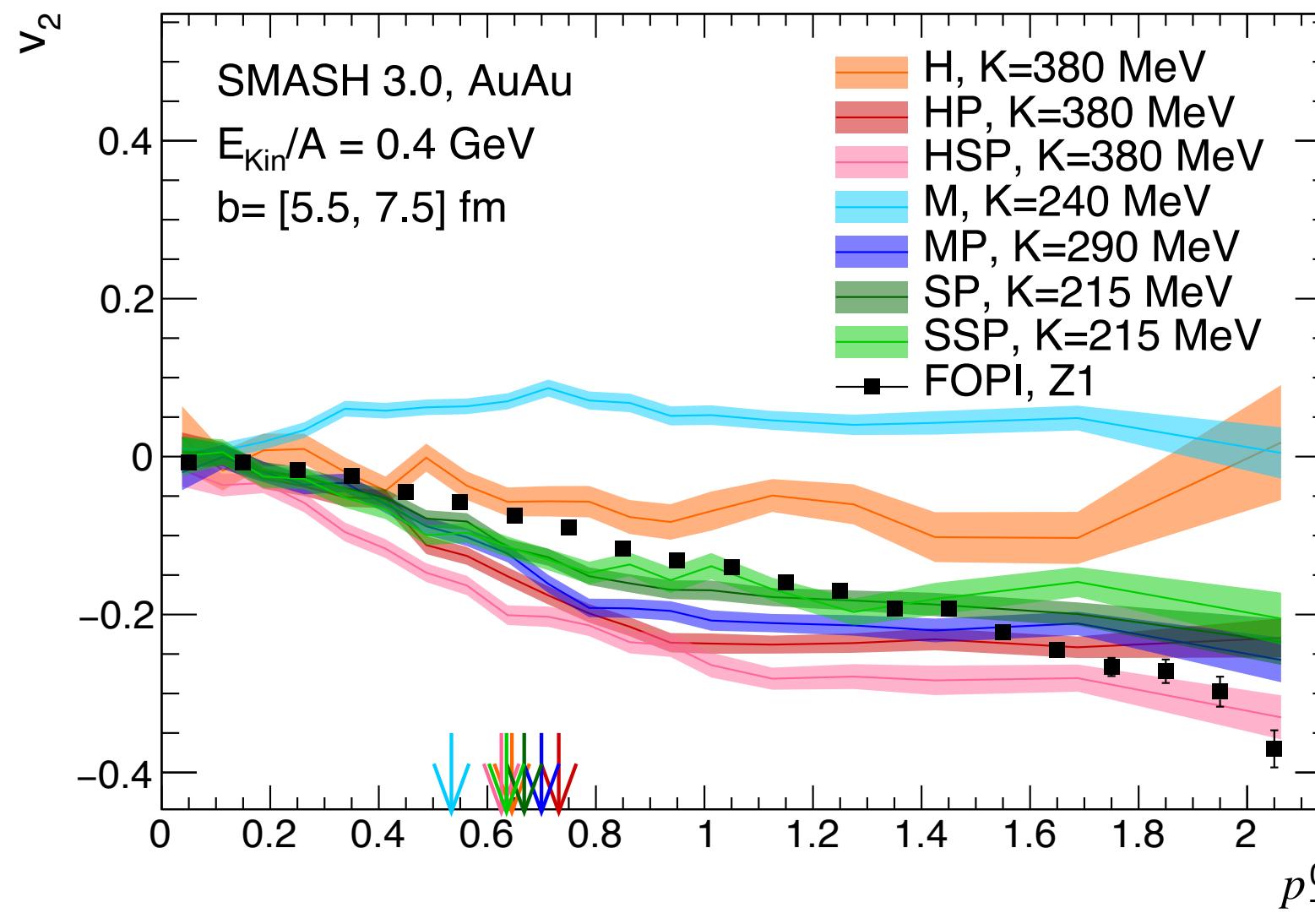
- At higher energies - shift toward hard EoS
- Stochastic approach consistent with the geometric one

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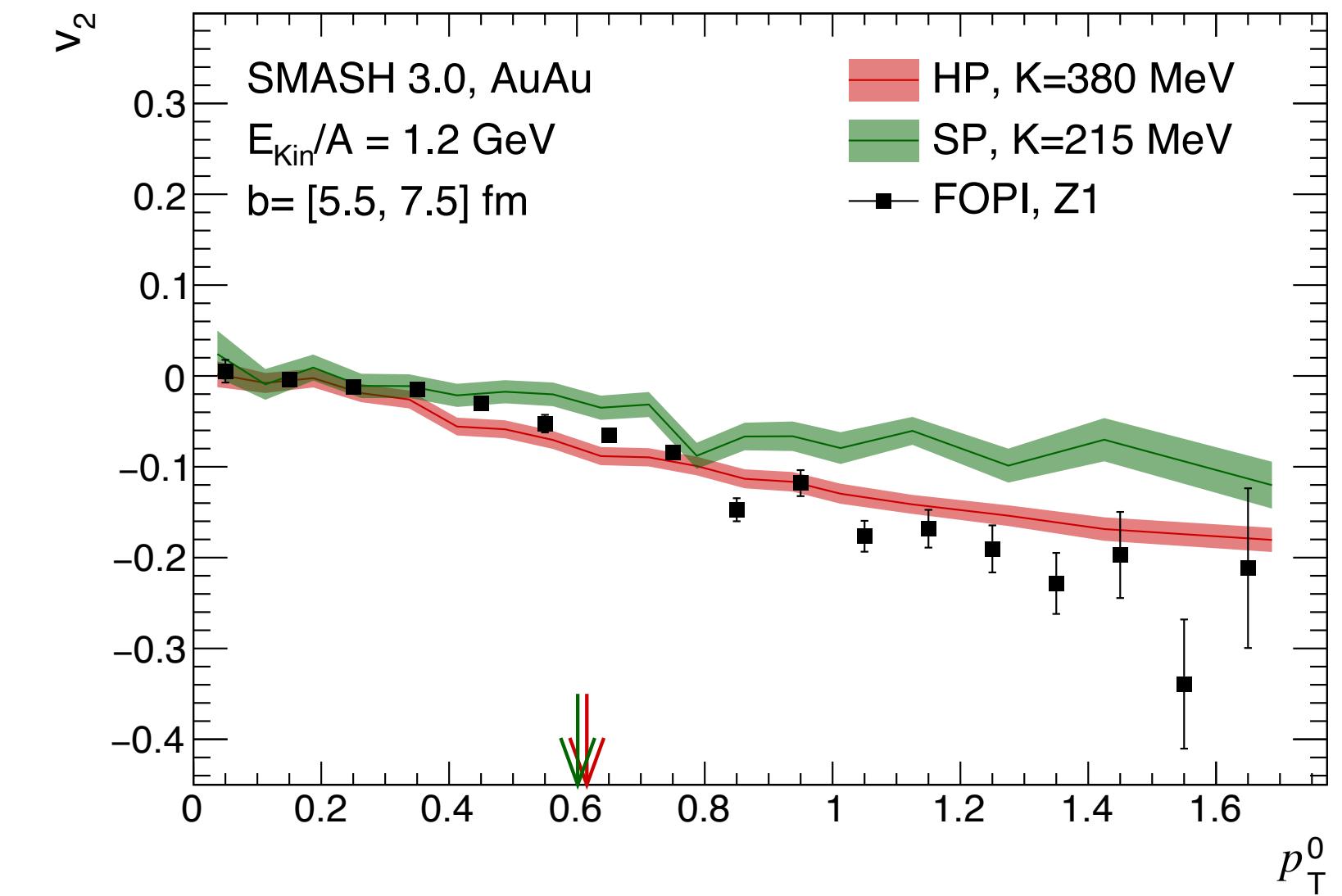
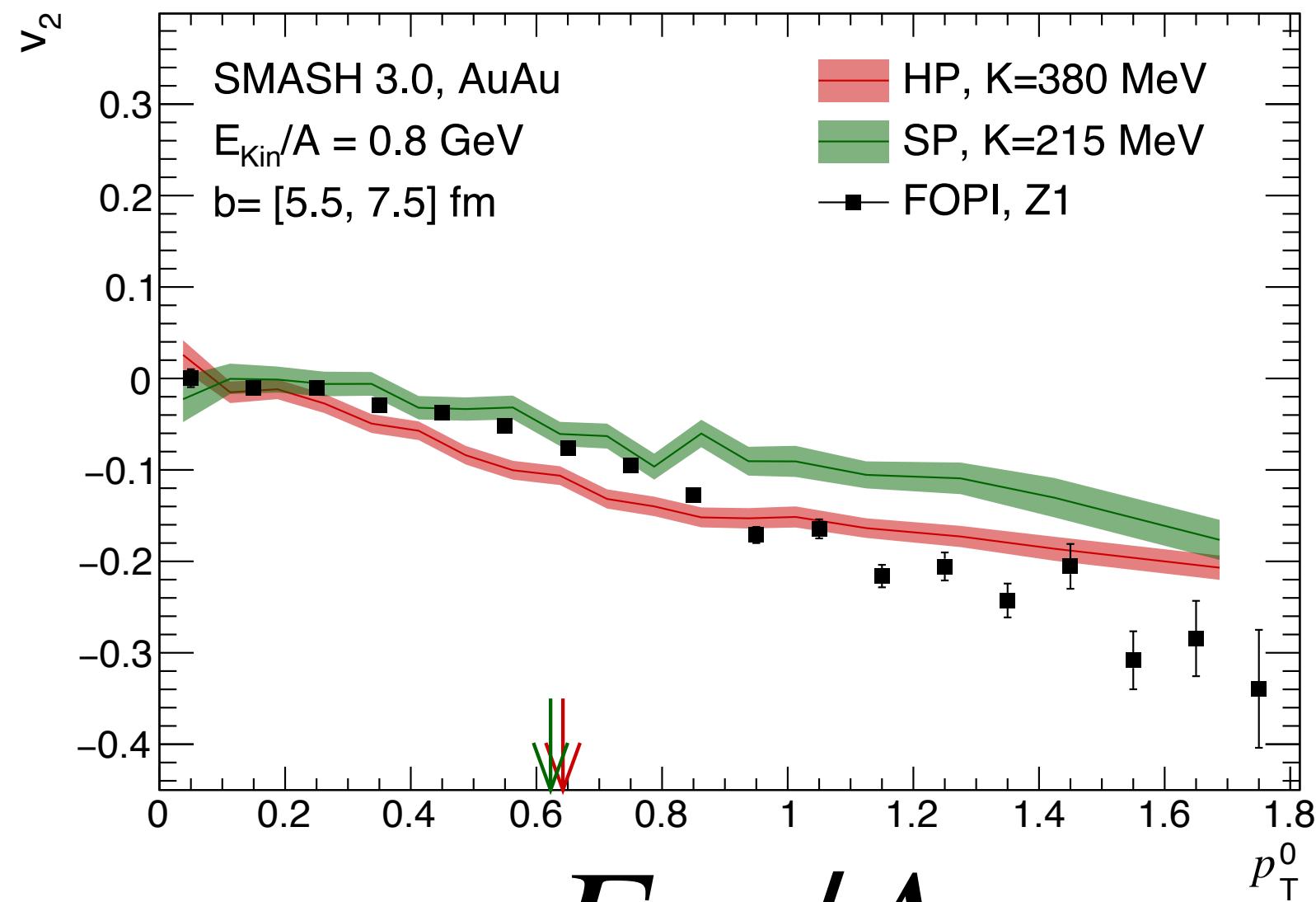
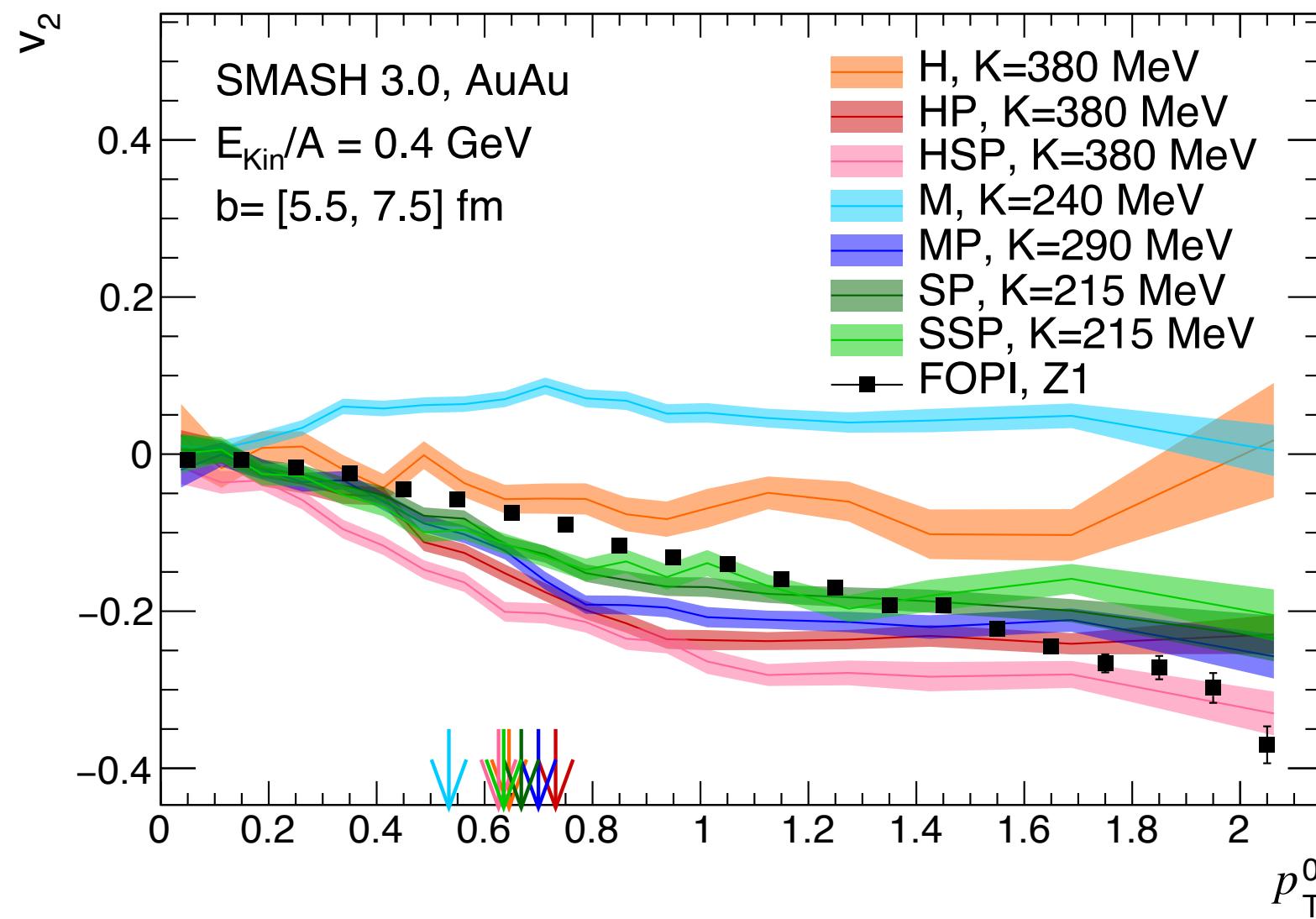
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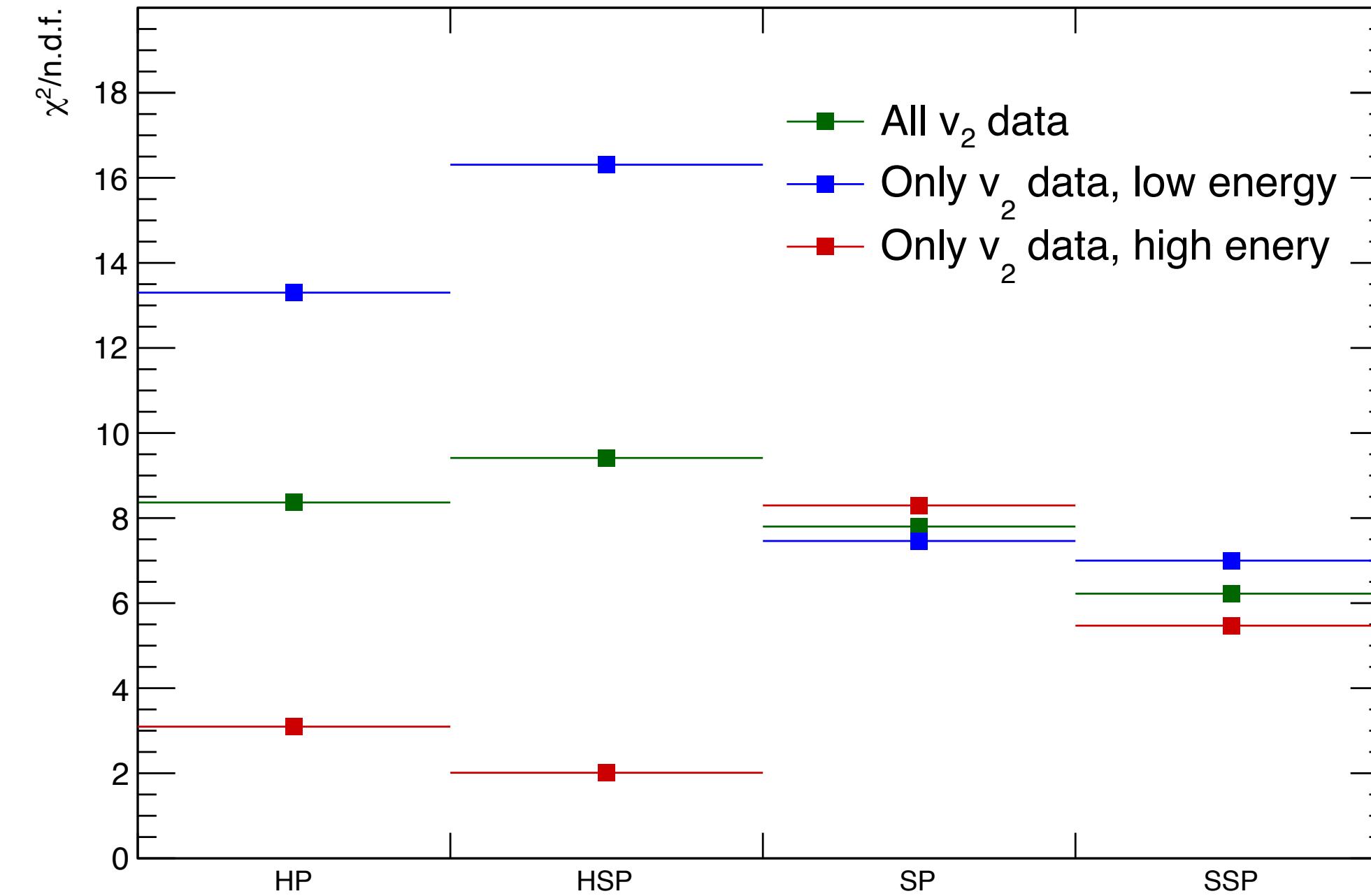
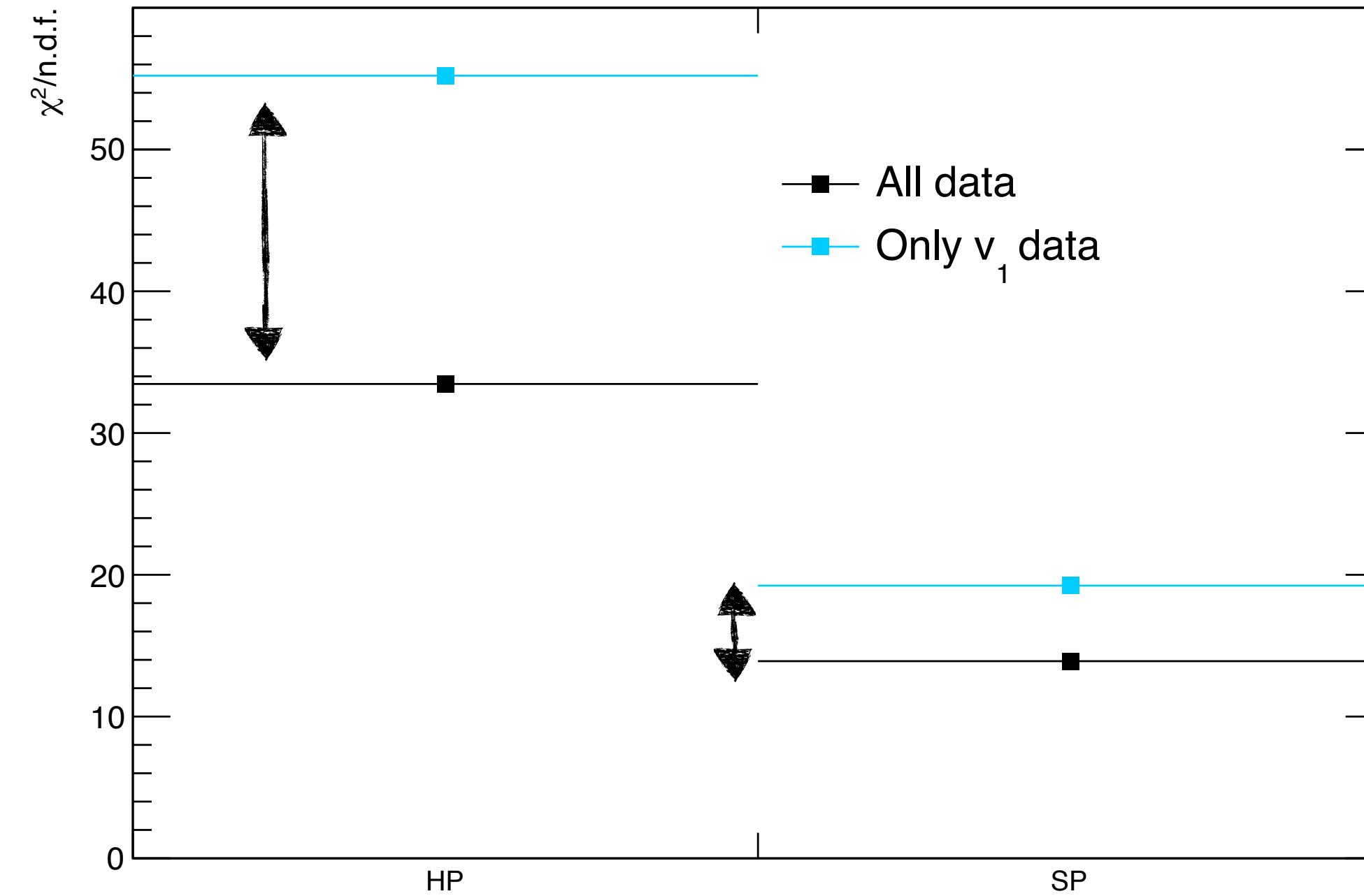


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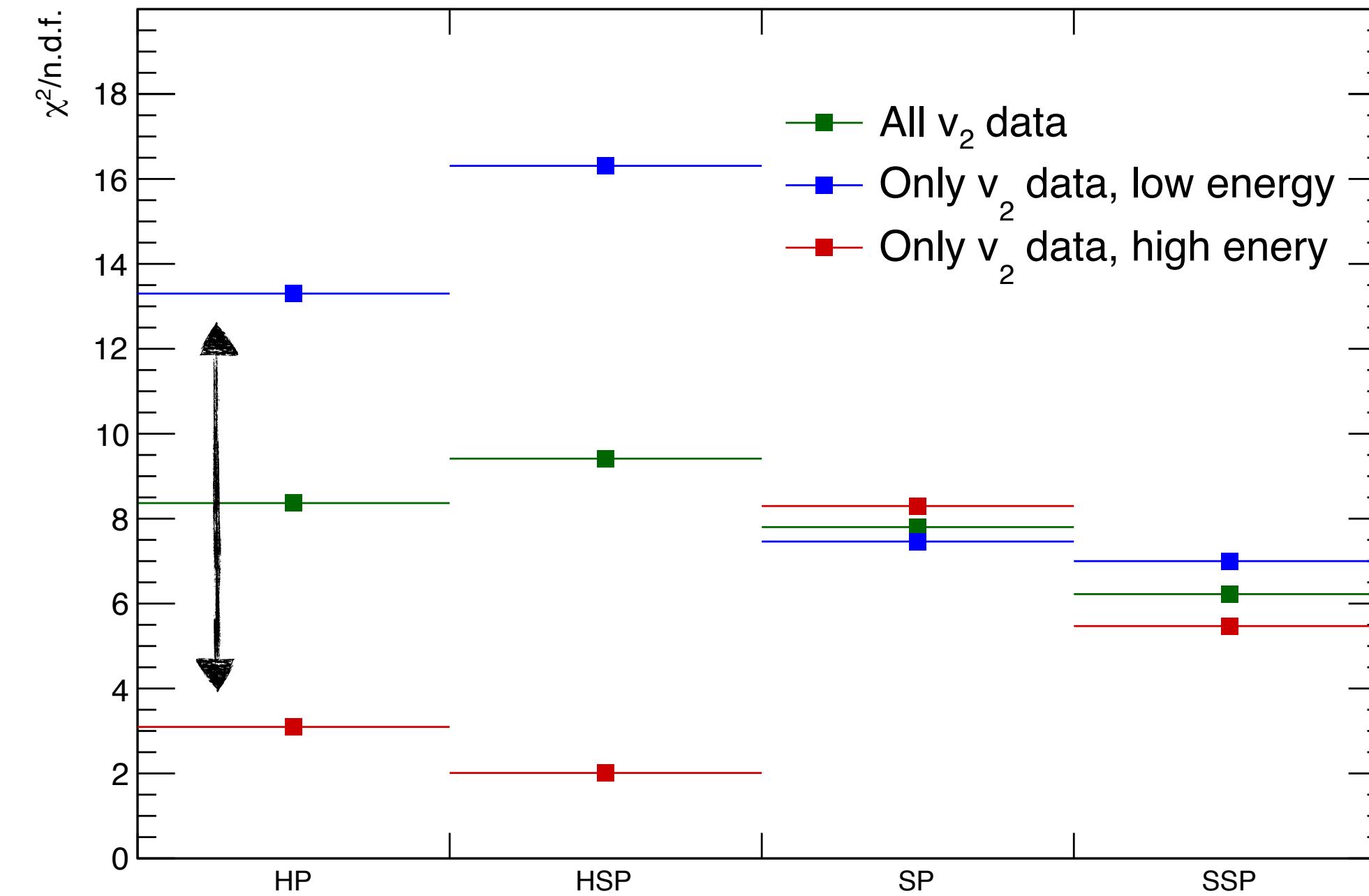
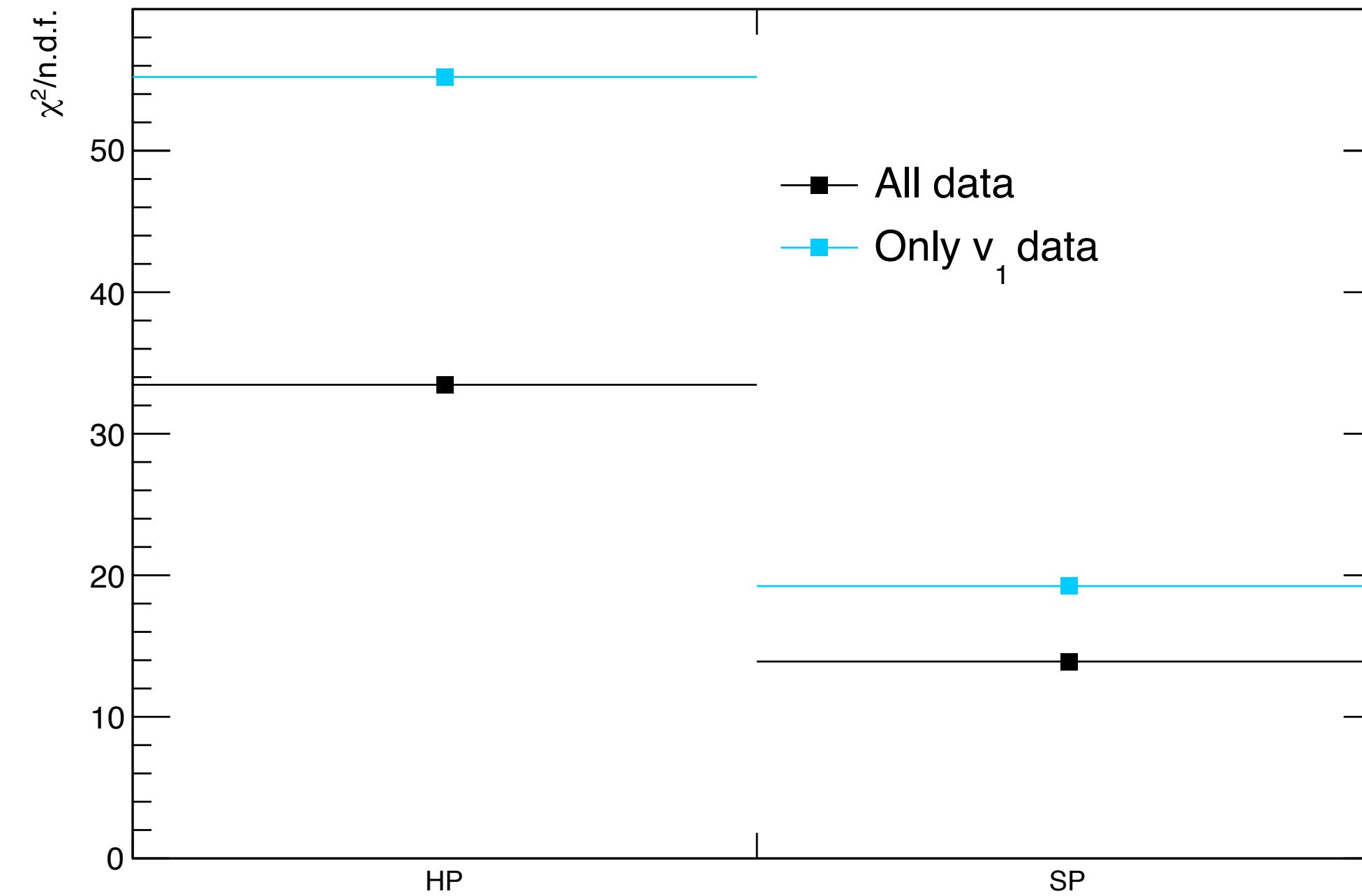
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- Only  $v_2$  data - Hard and Soft - **comparable**
- Energy dependence for hard Eos
- No energy dependence for soft EoS



# Summary and Outlook

- FOPI data compared with SMASH predictions for different EoS stiffness
  - Multi differential comparison
  - First broad test of SMASH down to 400 MeV/A
- Momentum dependent potential improve the data description
- Hard Eos - system size dependent and centrality data description
- Stochastic collision criterion - comparable results to the standard
- Model-data agreement,  $\chi^2$ 
  - Overall - soft EoS better
  - Concerning only high collision energies - Hard EoS

*Thank you for your attention!*

