

Introduction to (selected) Physics at NICA

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0. Motivation: Astrophysics – Supernovae & BNS Mergers

1. The NICA White Paper [EPJA Topical Issue Vol. 52(8) (2016)]

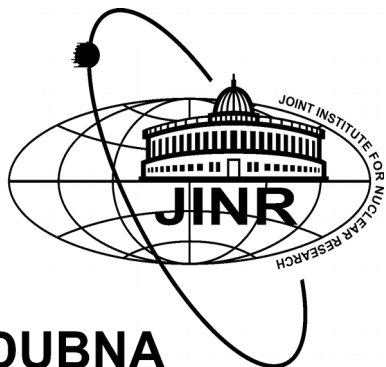
2. Selected Topics

3. Event Simulation for NICA & FAIR: THESEUS

- Particlization and all that ...
- First results: Baryon stopping signal for a 1st order PT

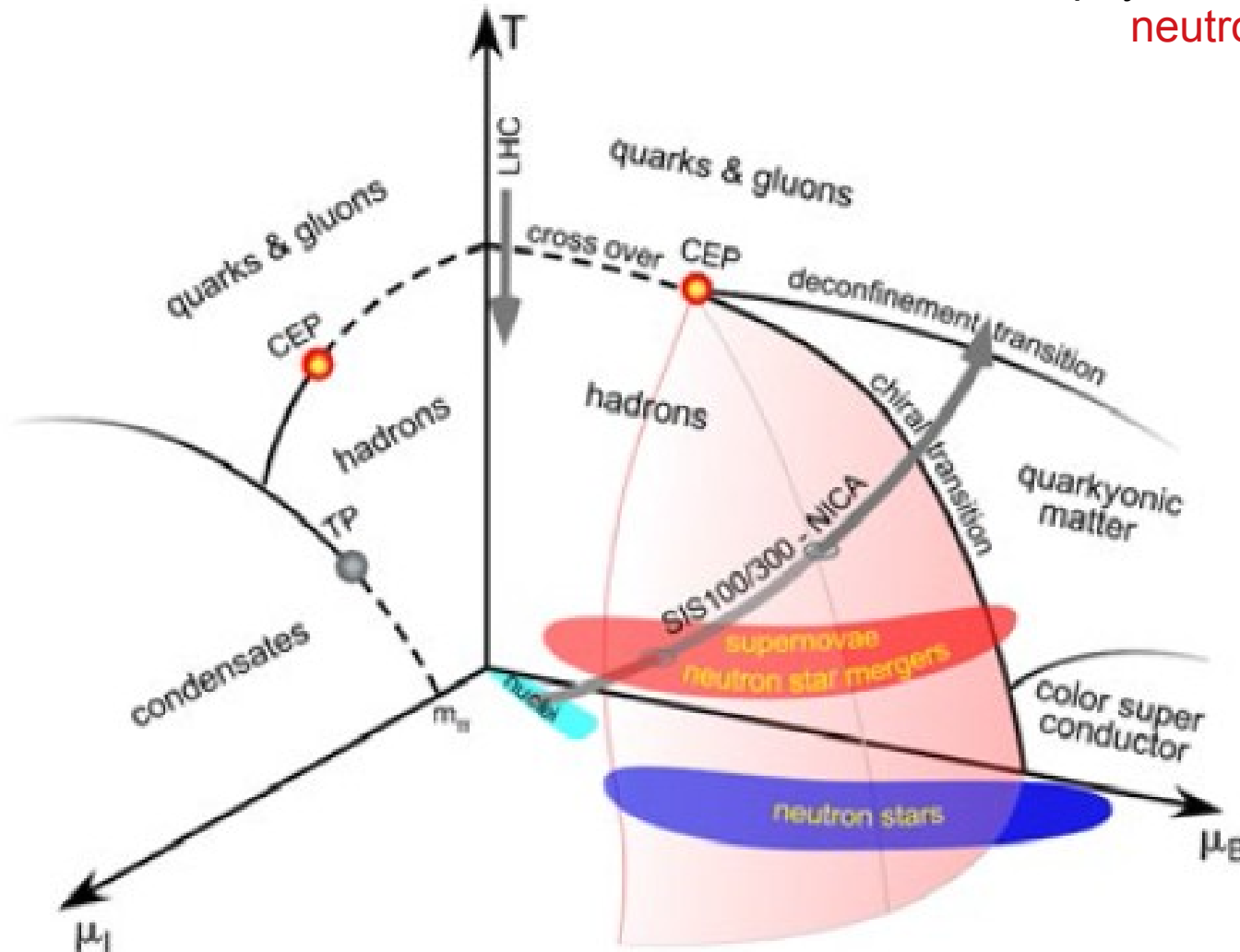
4. Further developments

3rd Collab. Meeting of BMaN and MPD at NICA, Dubna, 16.-17.04.2019



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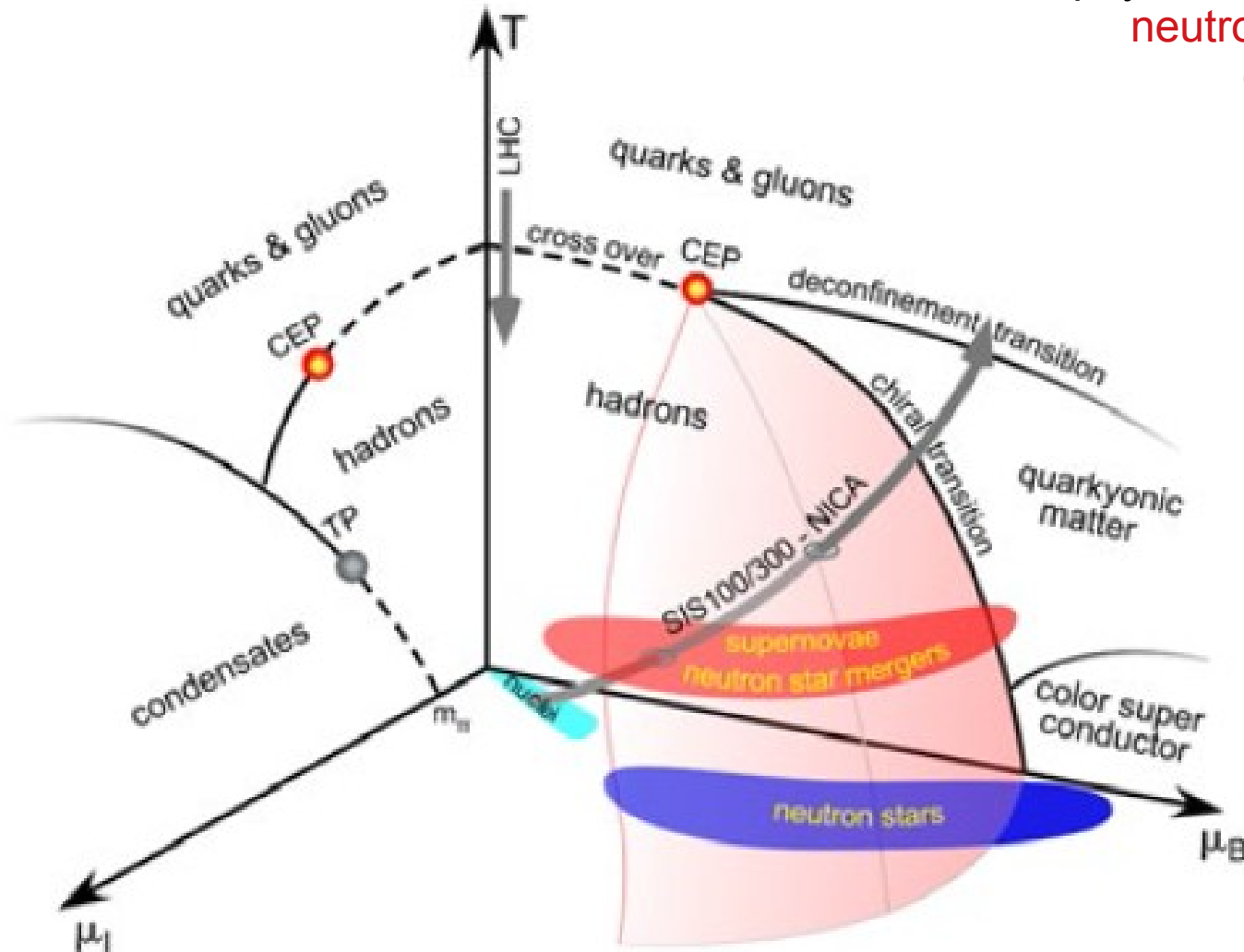
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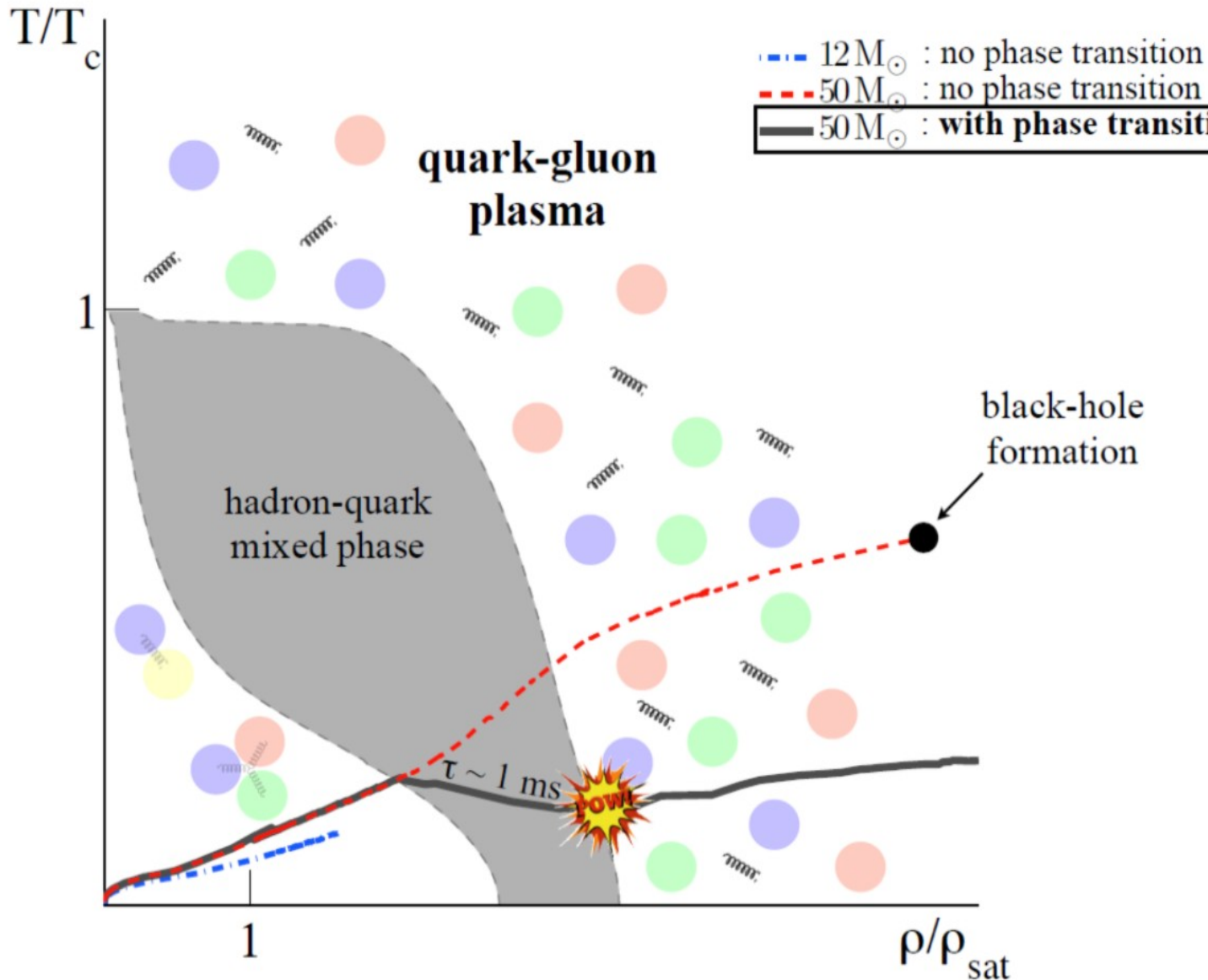
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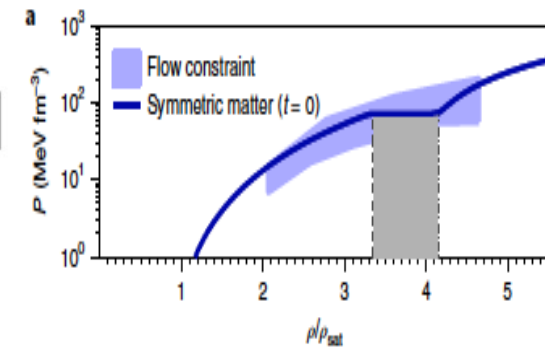
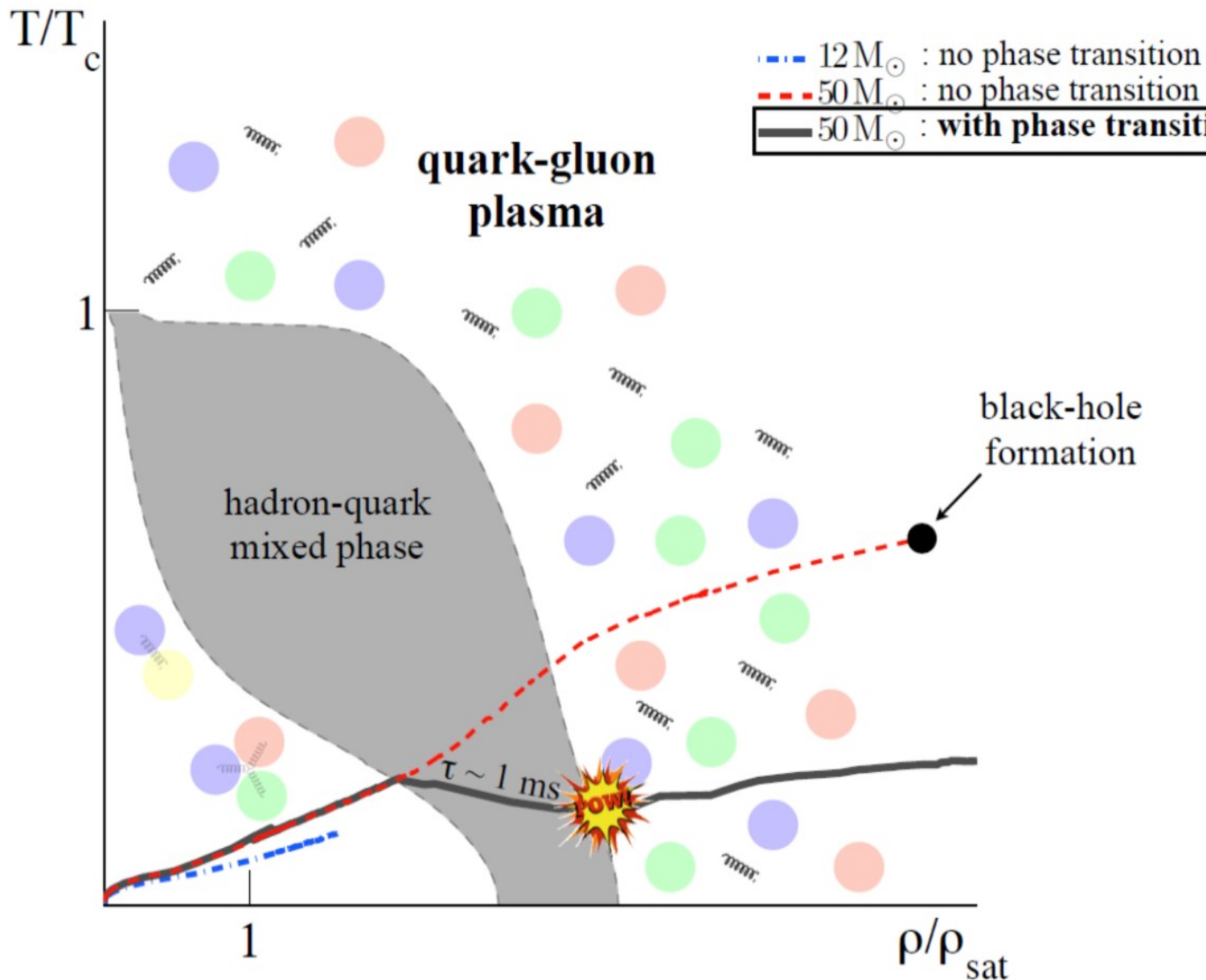
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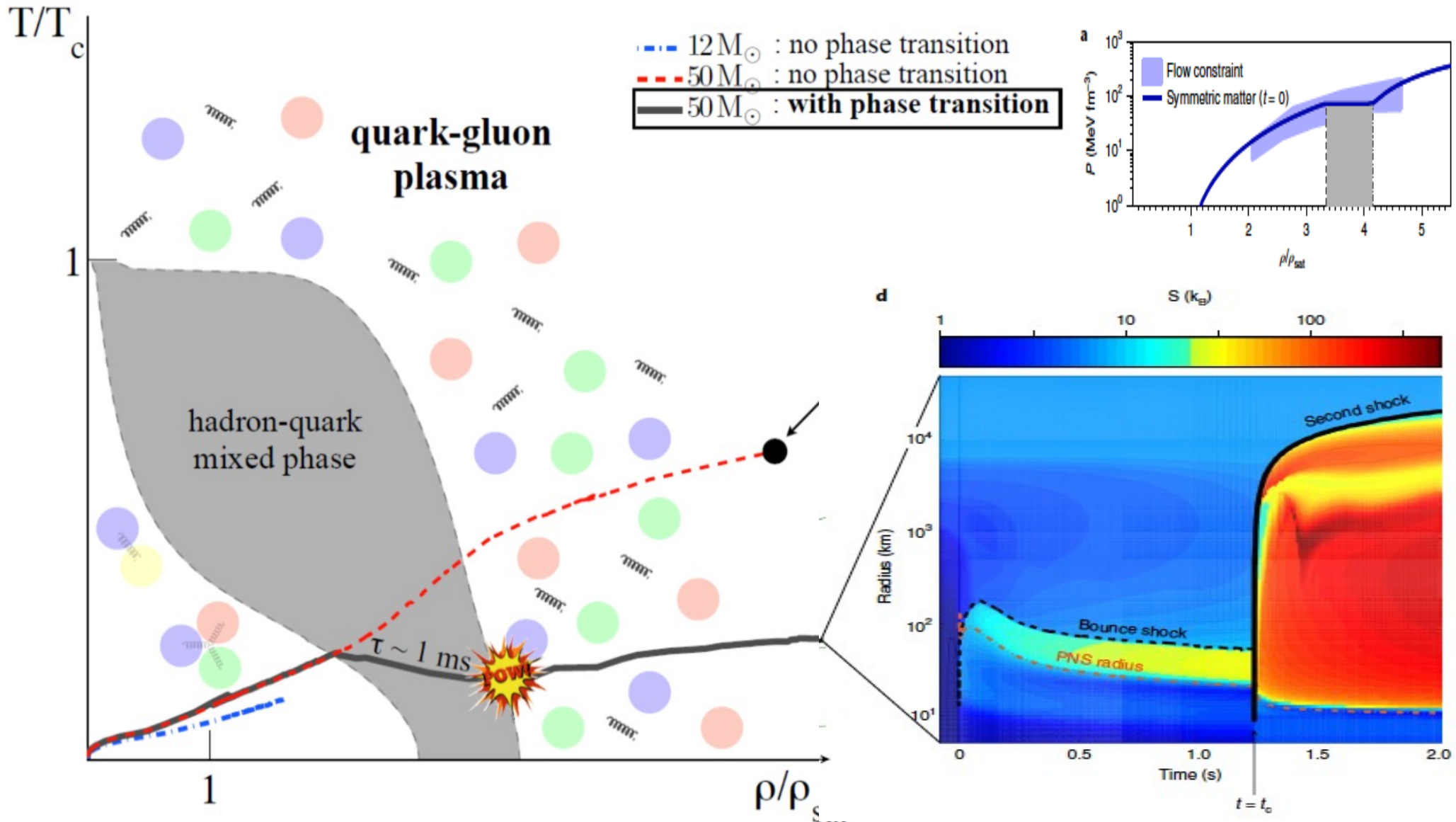
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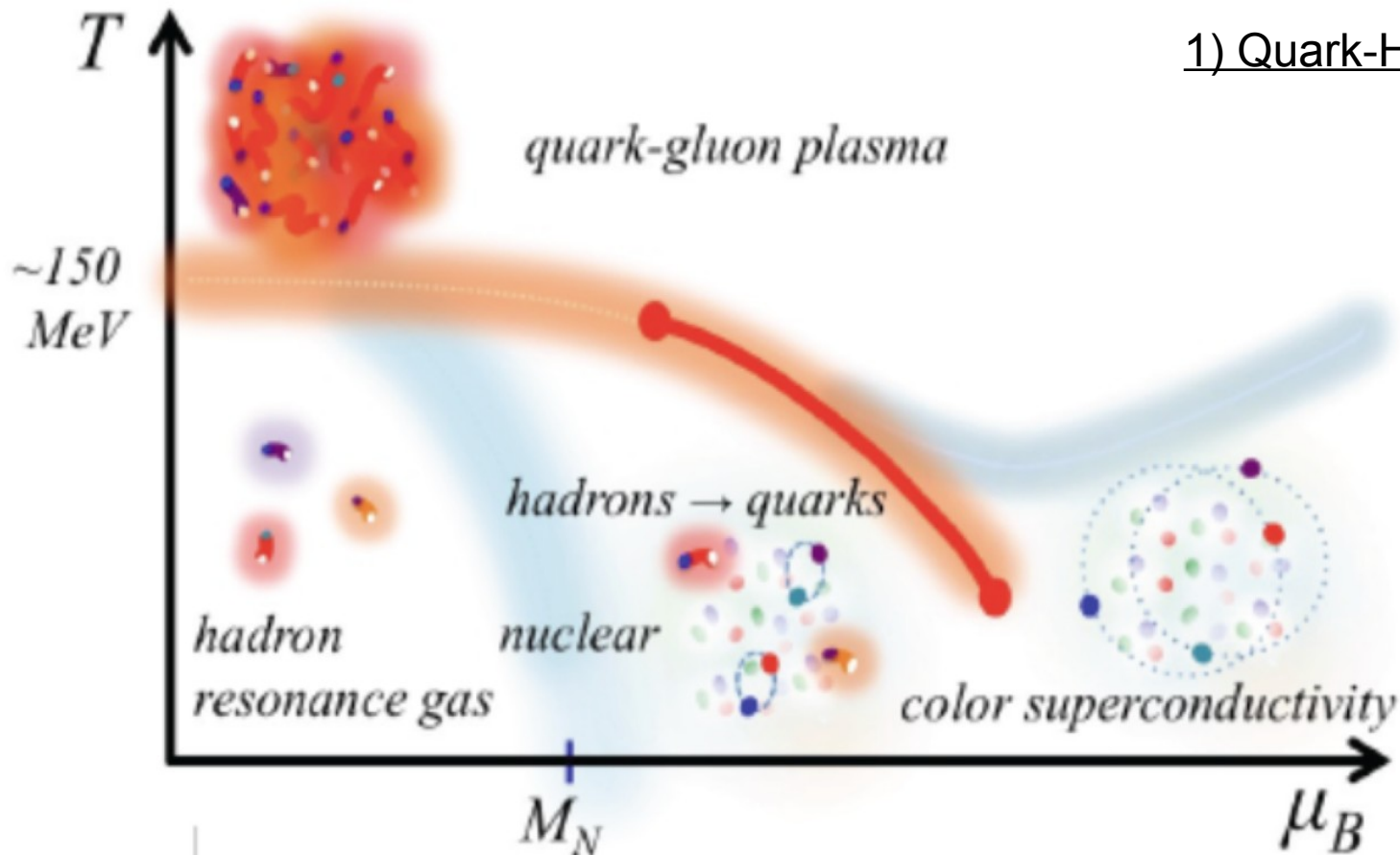
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The QCD Phase Diagram

If the transition looks like a crossover – what can it mean ??



1) Quark-Hadron continuity (duality)

Schaefer – Wilczek
Wetterich

Baym – Hatsuda et al.

Interplay of:
Hadrons (ChSB) &
Quark pairing (CSC)

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2) Inhomogeneous chiral condensates (ICC)

Buballa – Carignano

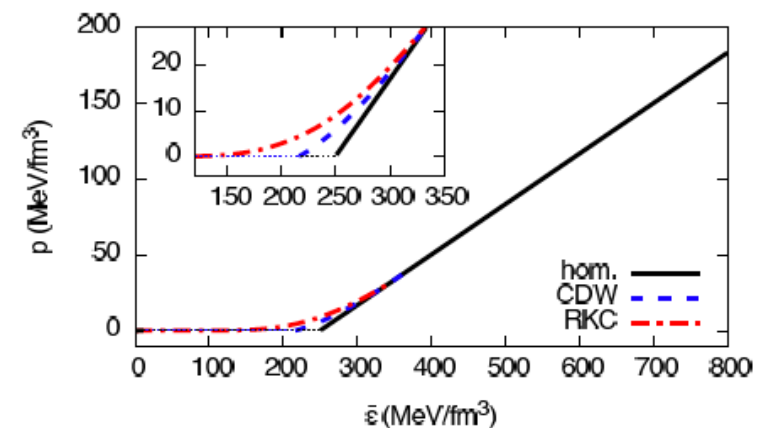
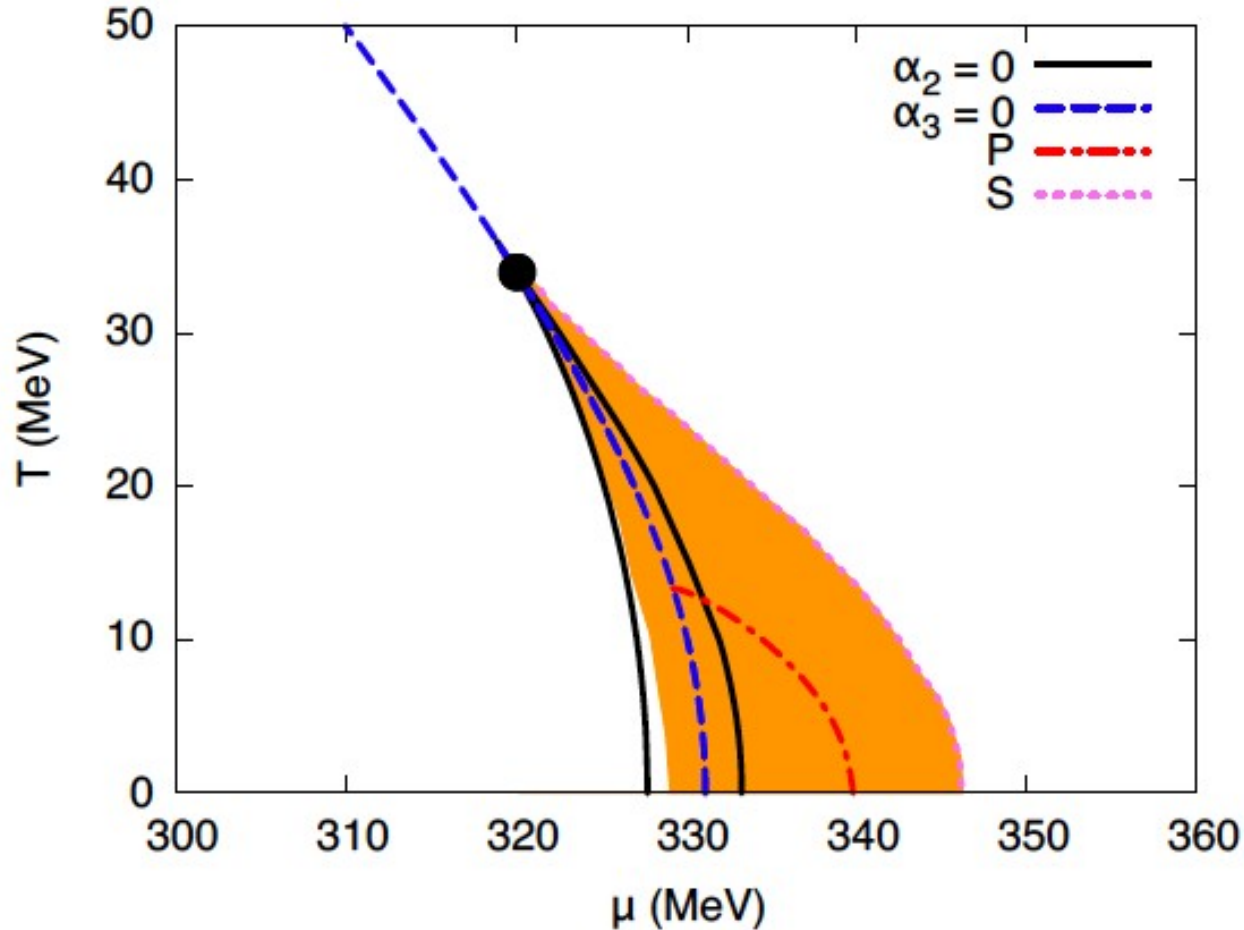
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RKC – real kink crystal

CDW – chiral density wave

CEP \rightarrow PLP

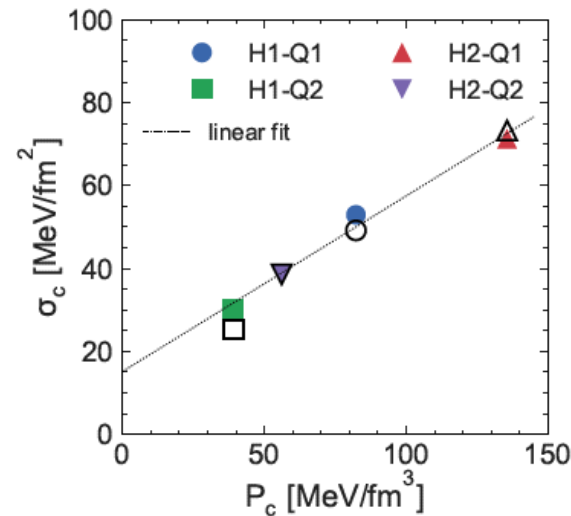
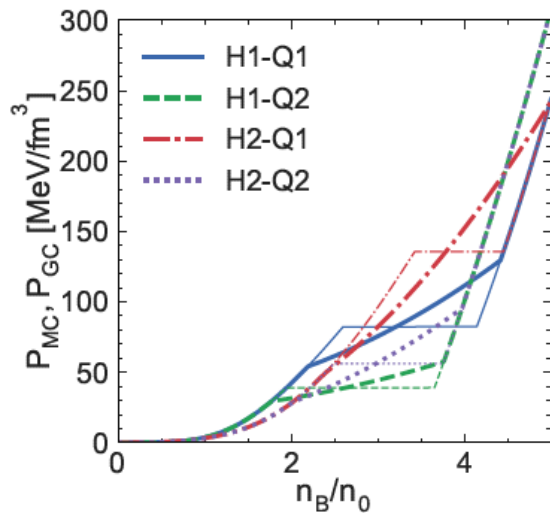
(Pseudo Lifshitz Point)



Buballa & Carignano, arxiv:1508.04361

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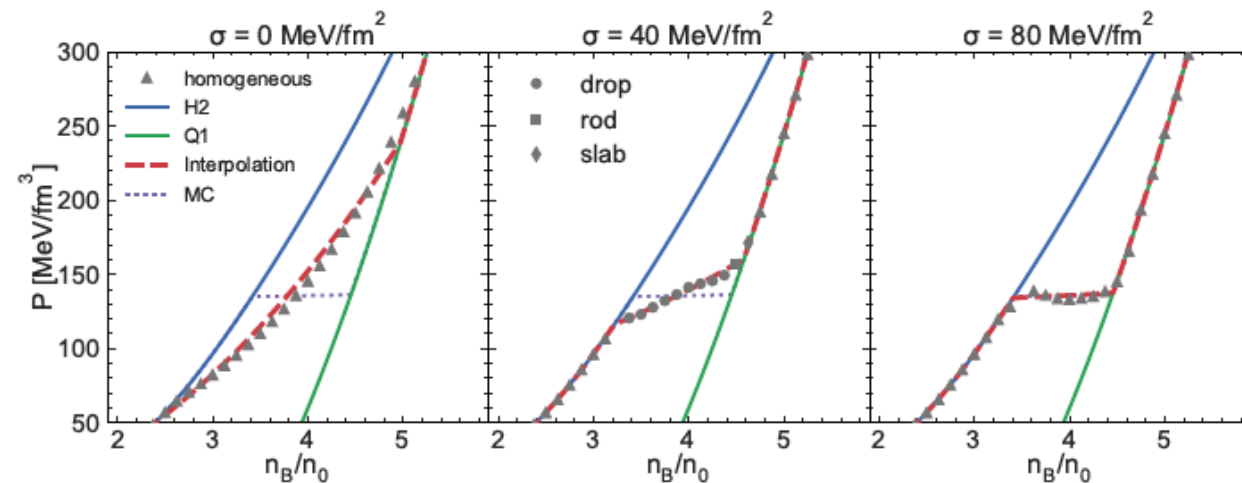
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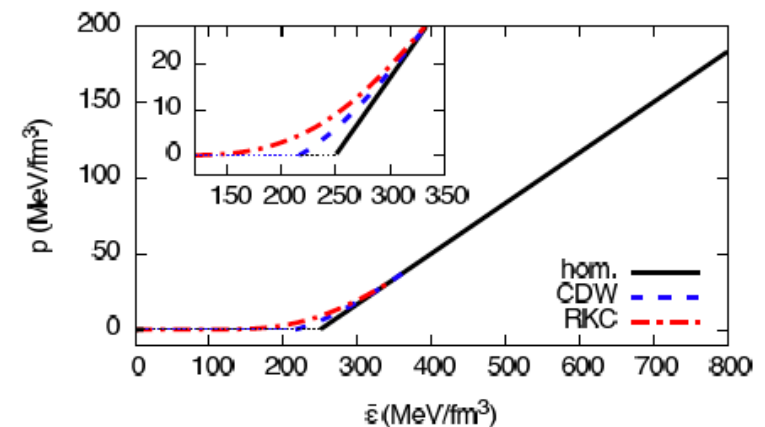
3) Structured mixed phase (pasta)

Yasutake et al.
Arxiv:1812.11889

surface tension effects:
 $\sigma = 0$: Gibbs construction
 $\sigma > \sigma_c$: Maxwell constr.



Similarity with ICC

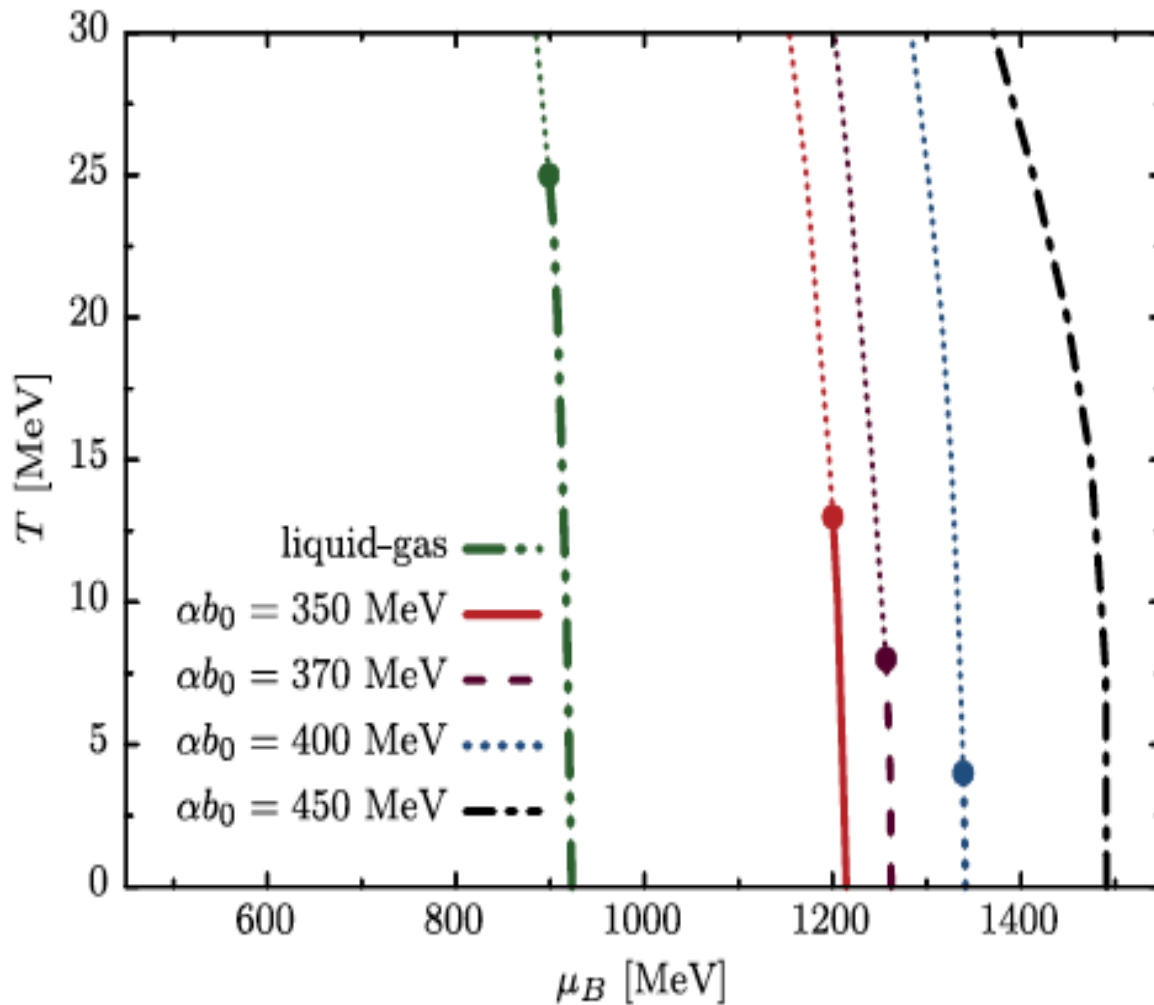


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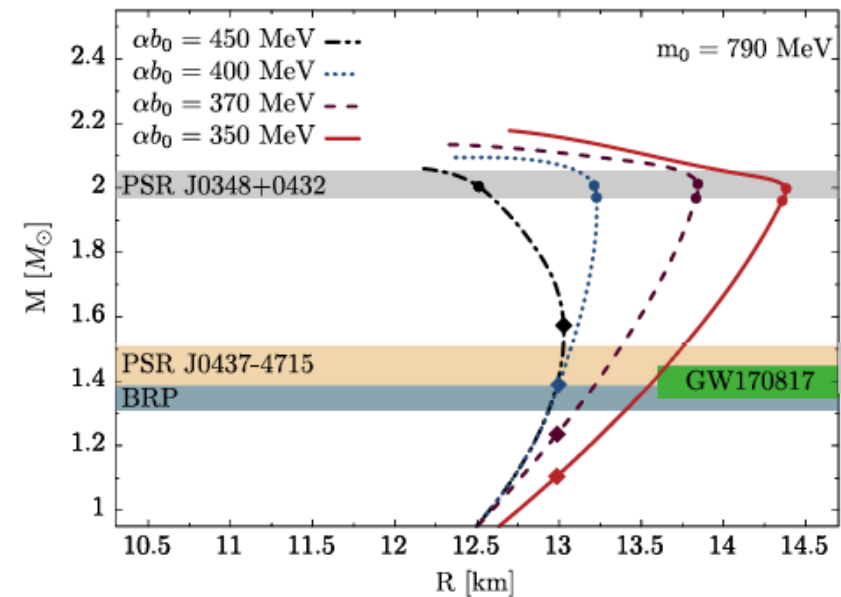
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4) Parity doubling (equal mass for chiral partners)



Marczenko et al.
PRD 98 (2018) 103021
crossover or weak 1st order PT
Fulfills neutron star constraints

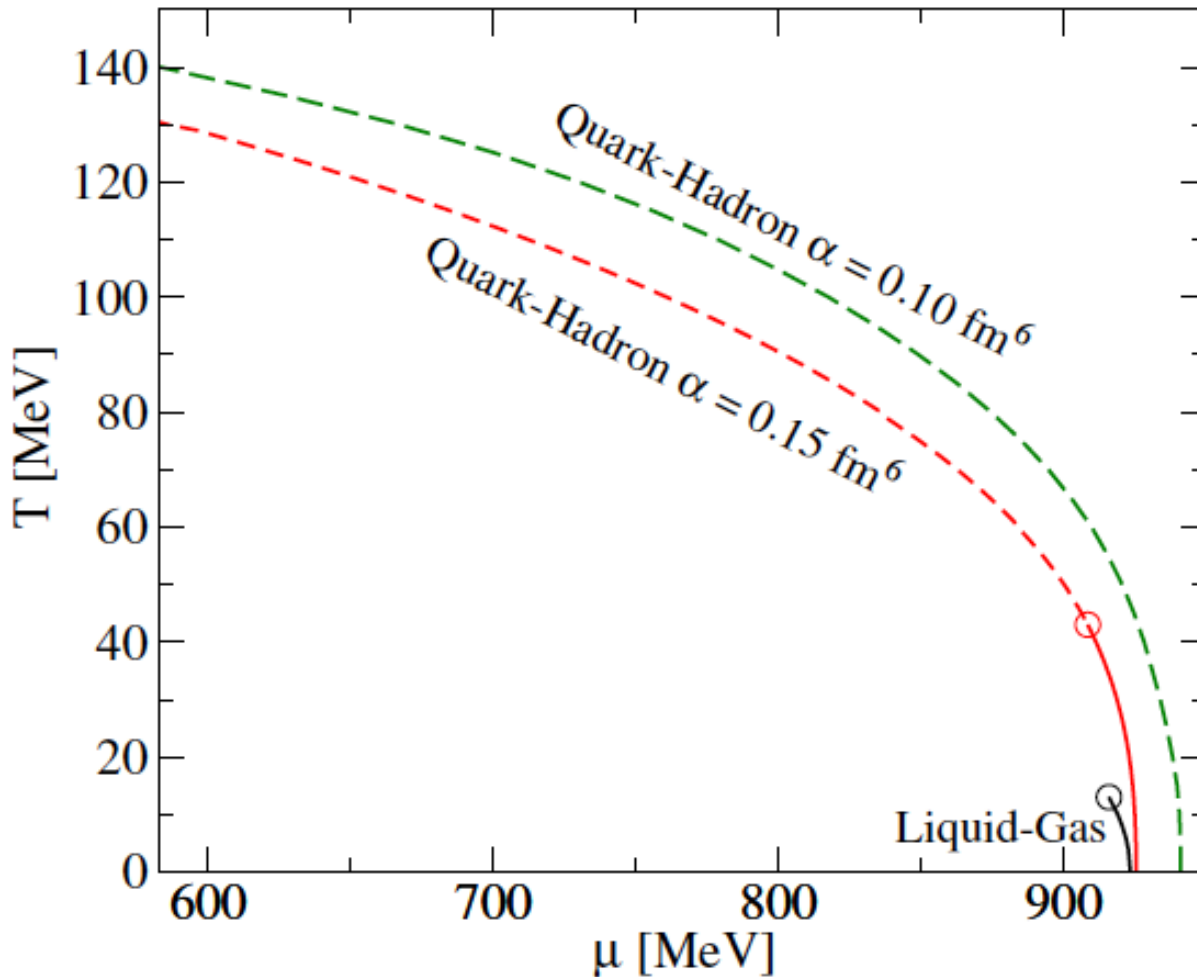
Purely hadronic matter!



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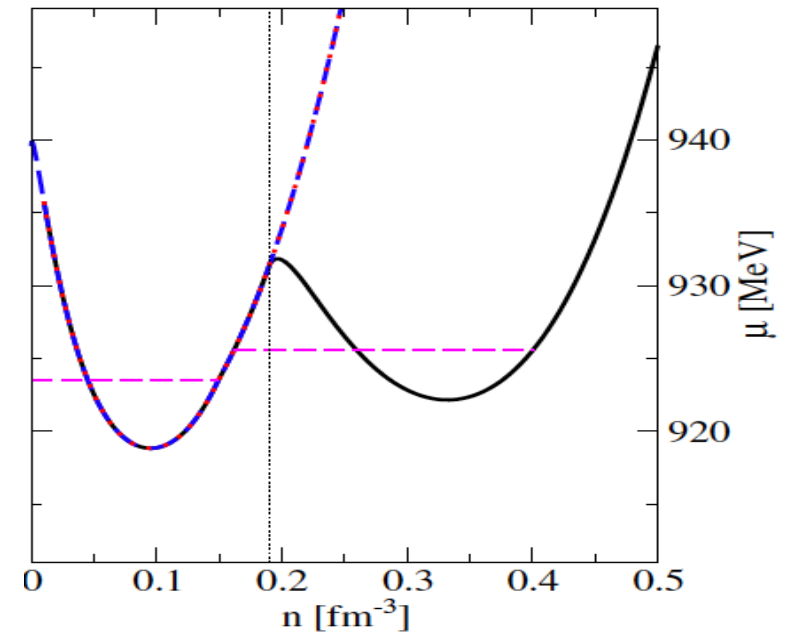
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5) Unified quark-hadron matter model

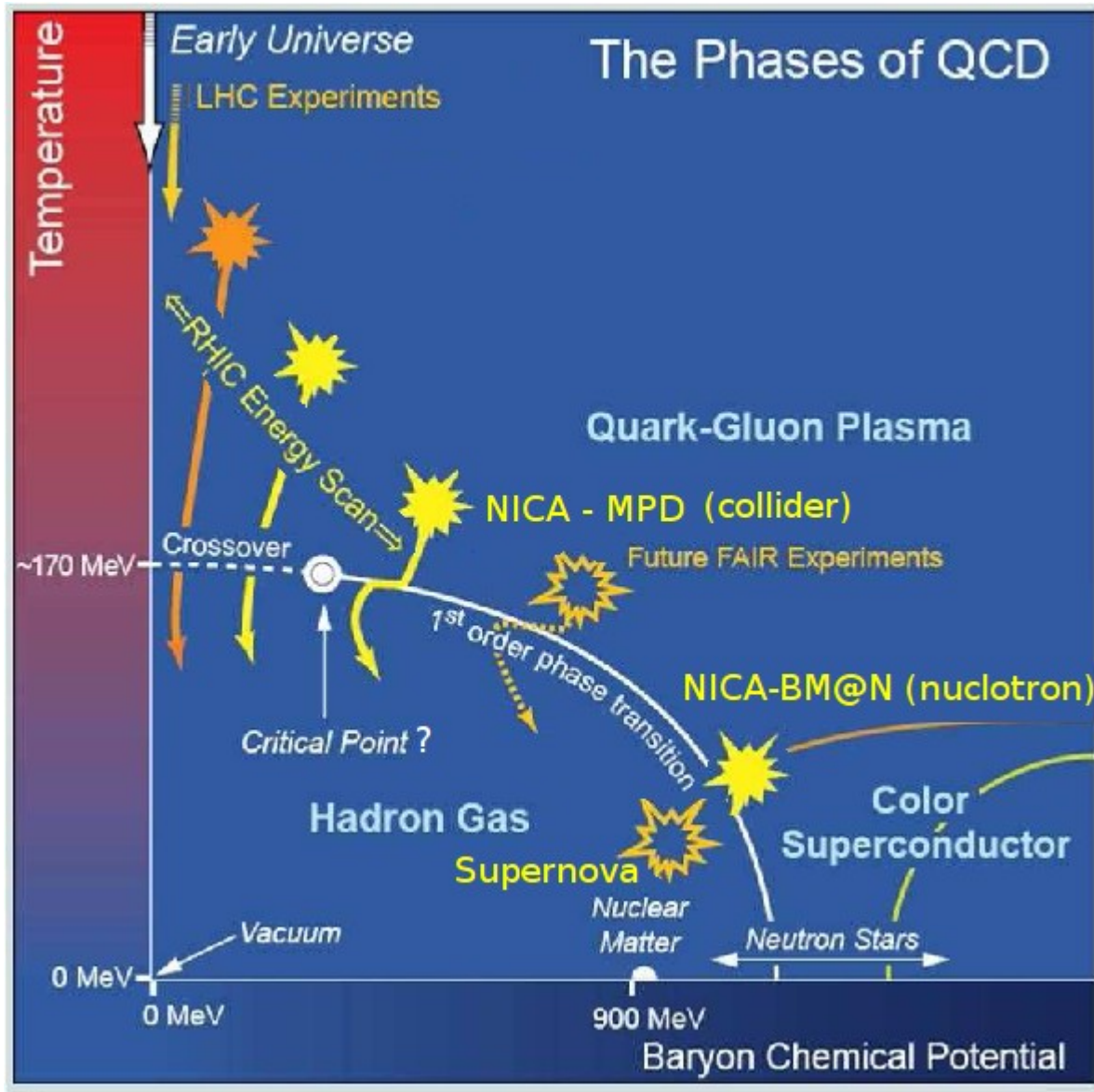


Bastian & Blaschke
Arxiv:1812.11766
crossover or 1st order PT + L-G

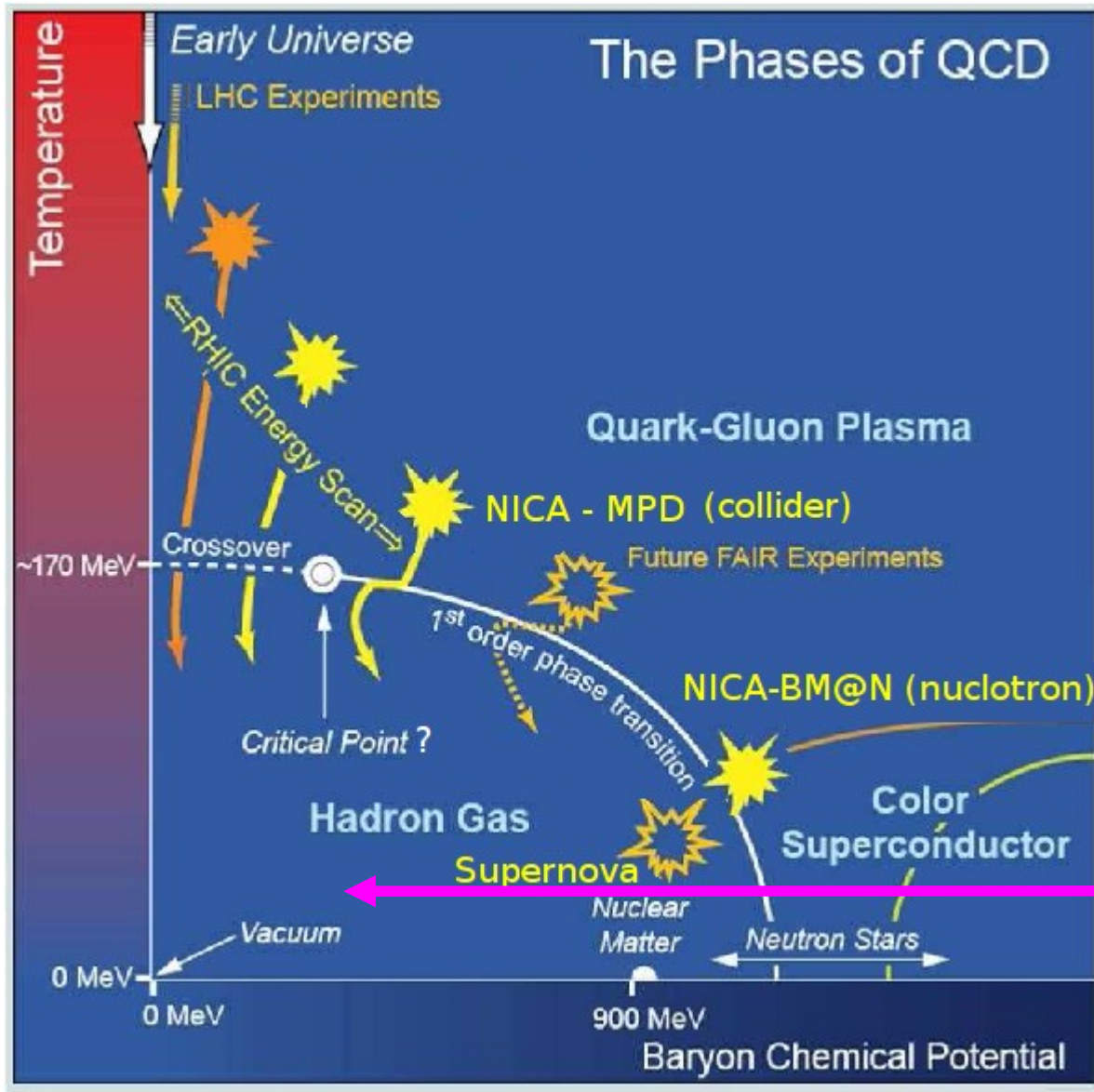
Mott transition for hadrons!



The Goal: Theory of the QCD Phase Diagram



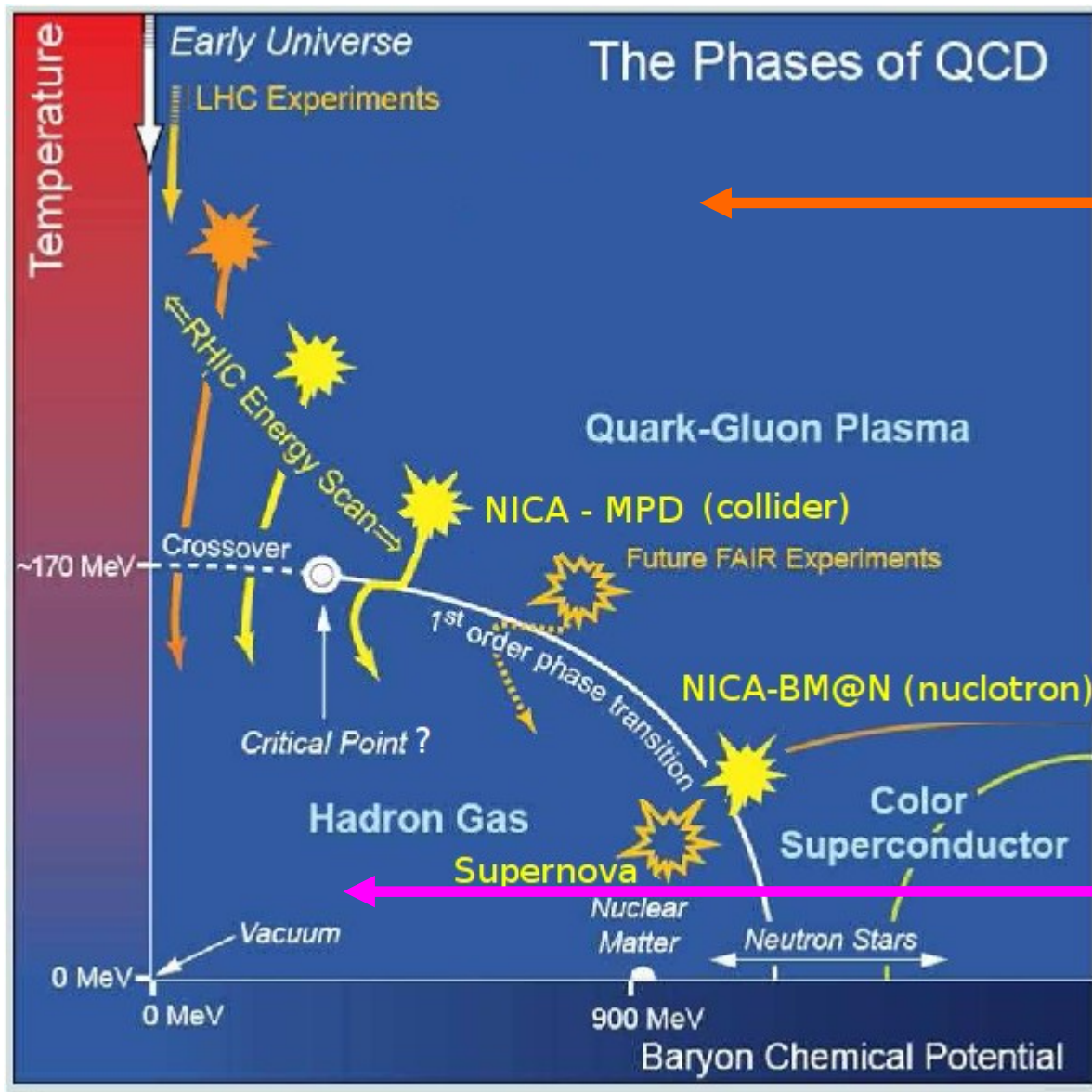
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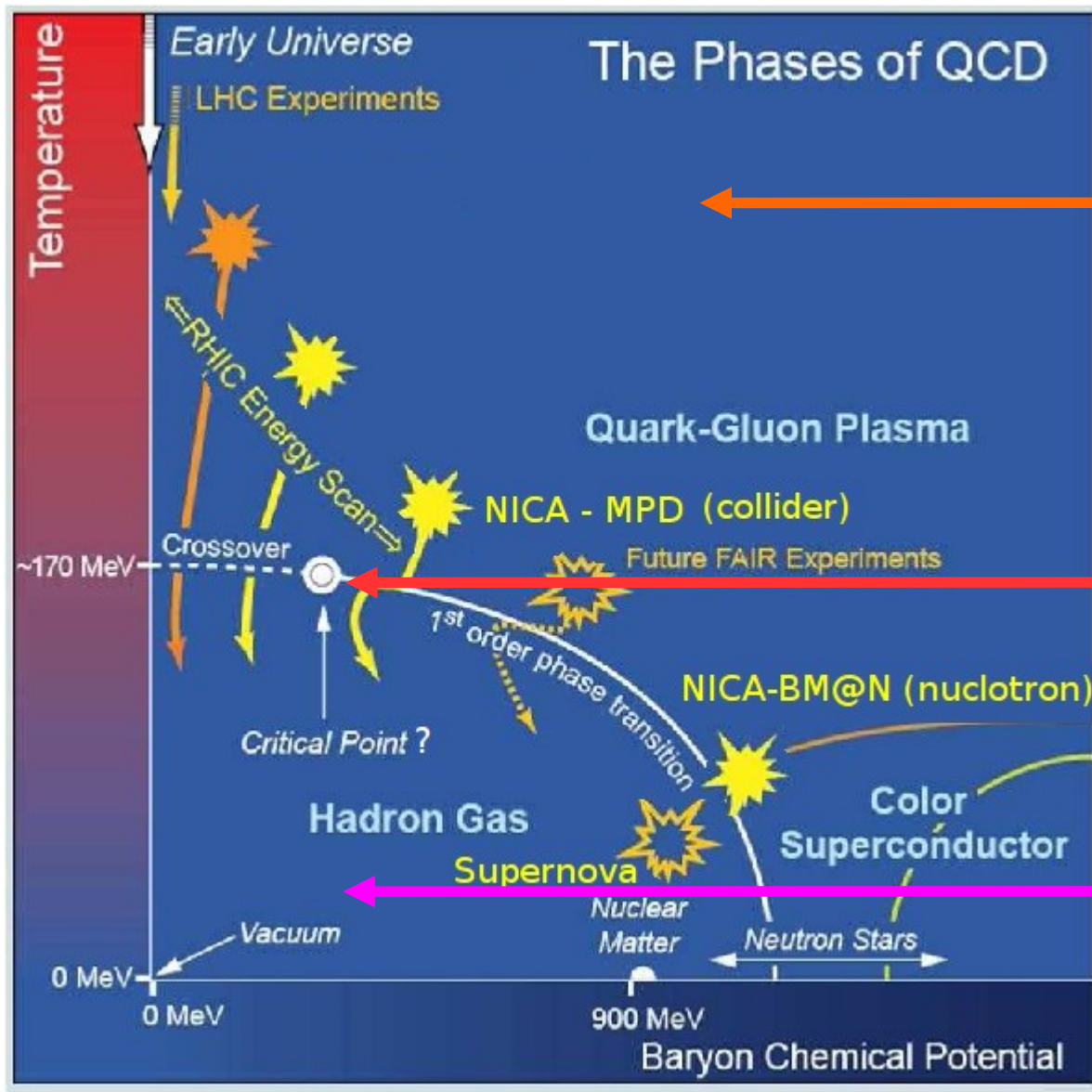
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QCD Phase transition(s)

Mott dissociation of hadrons,
Deconfinement, χ SR

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Topical Issue on Exploring Strongly Interacting Matter at High Densities - NICA White Paper

edited by David Blaschke, Jörg Aichelin, Elena Bratkovskaya, Volker Friese, Marek Gazdzicki, Jørgen Randrup, Oleg Rogachevsky, Oleg Teryaev, Viacheslav Toneev



From: Three stages of the NICA accelerator complex
by V. D. Kekelidze et al.



The NICA White Paper

TOPICS

- Phases of dense QCD matter and their possible realization
- Characteristic processes as indicators of phase transformations
- Estimates for events and event rates
- Comparison to other experiments
- Interdisciplinary aspects, e.g. astrophysical constraints for dense matter phases

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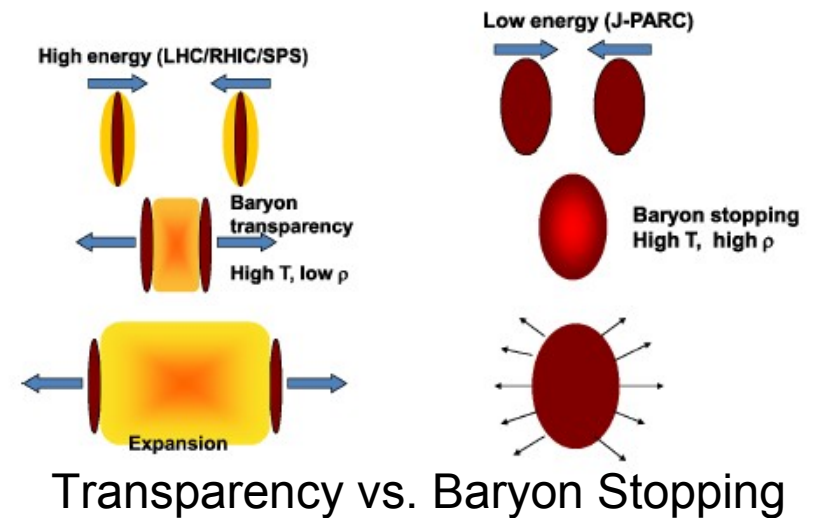
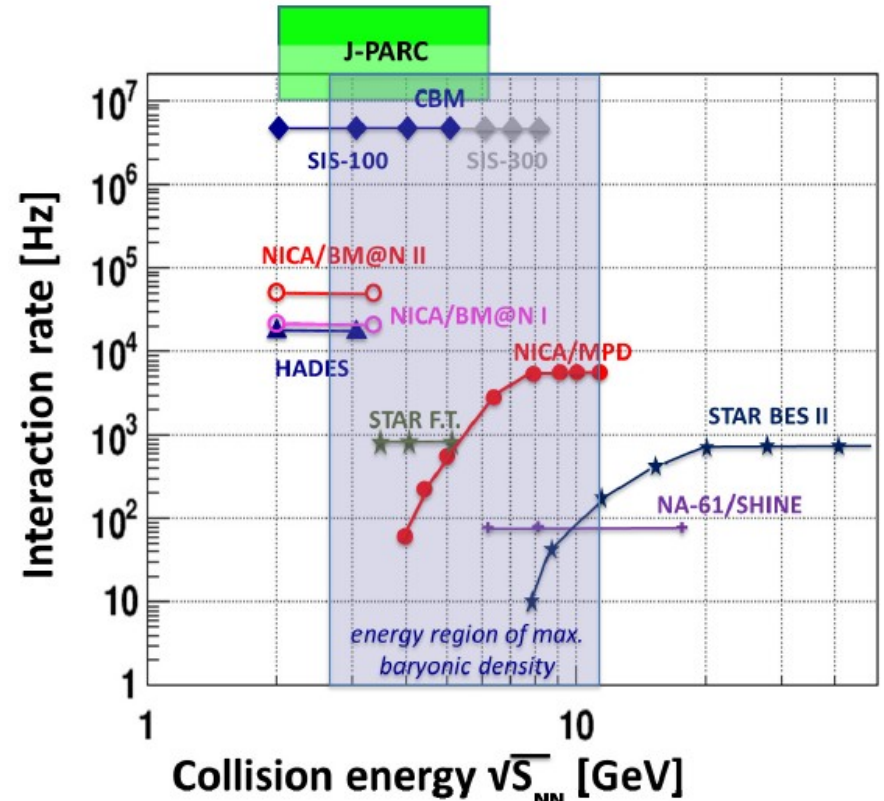
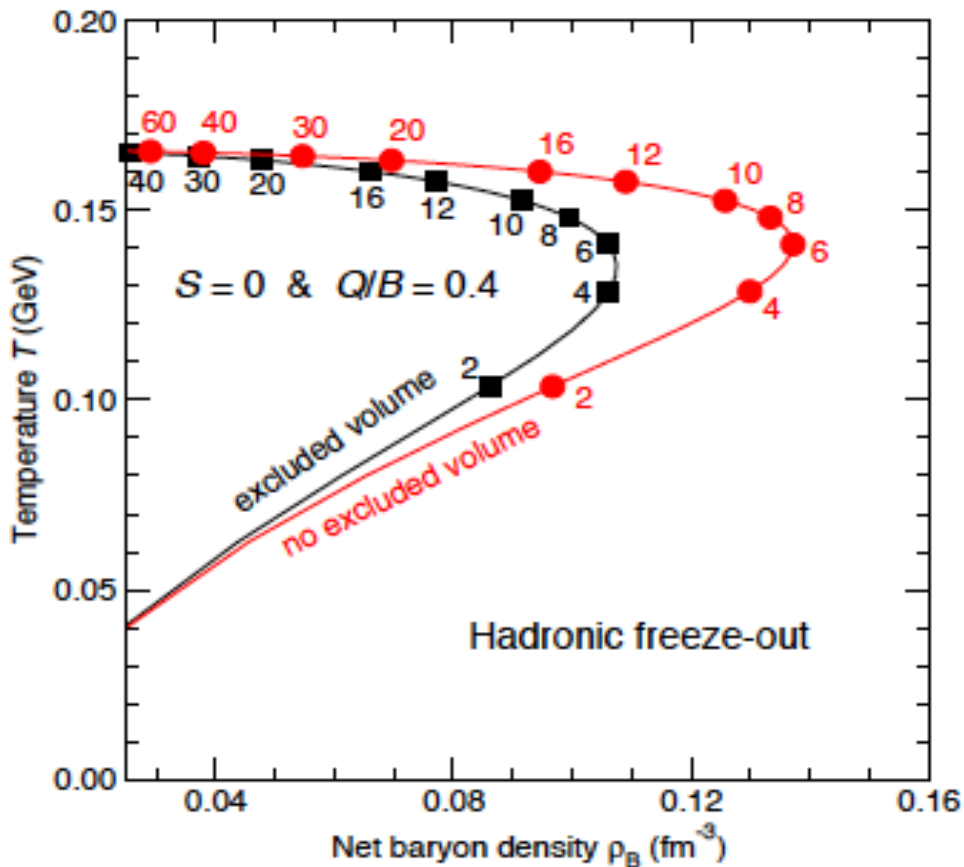
What is special at NICA / FAIR / J-PARC

energy?

#8: Exploring high-density baryonic matter: Maximum freeze-out density

Jørgen Randrup¹ and Jean Cleymans²

Highest baryon density at freeze-out for $s^{1/2} \sim 6$ GeV, slightly lowering with ex. volume



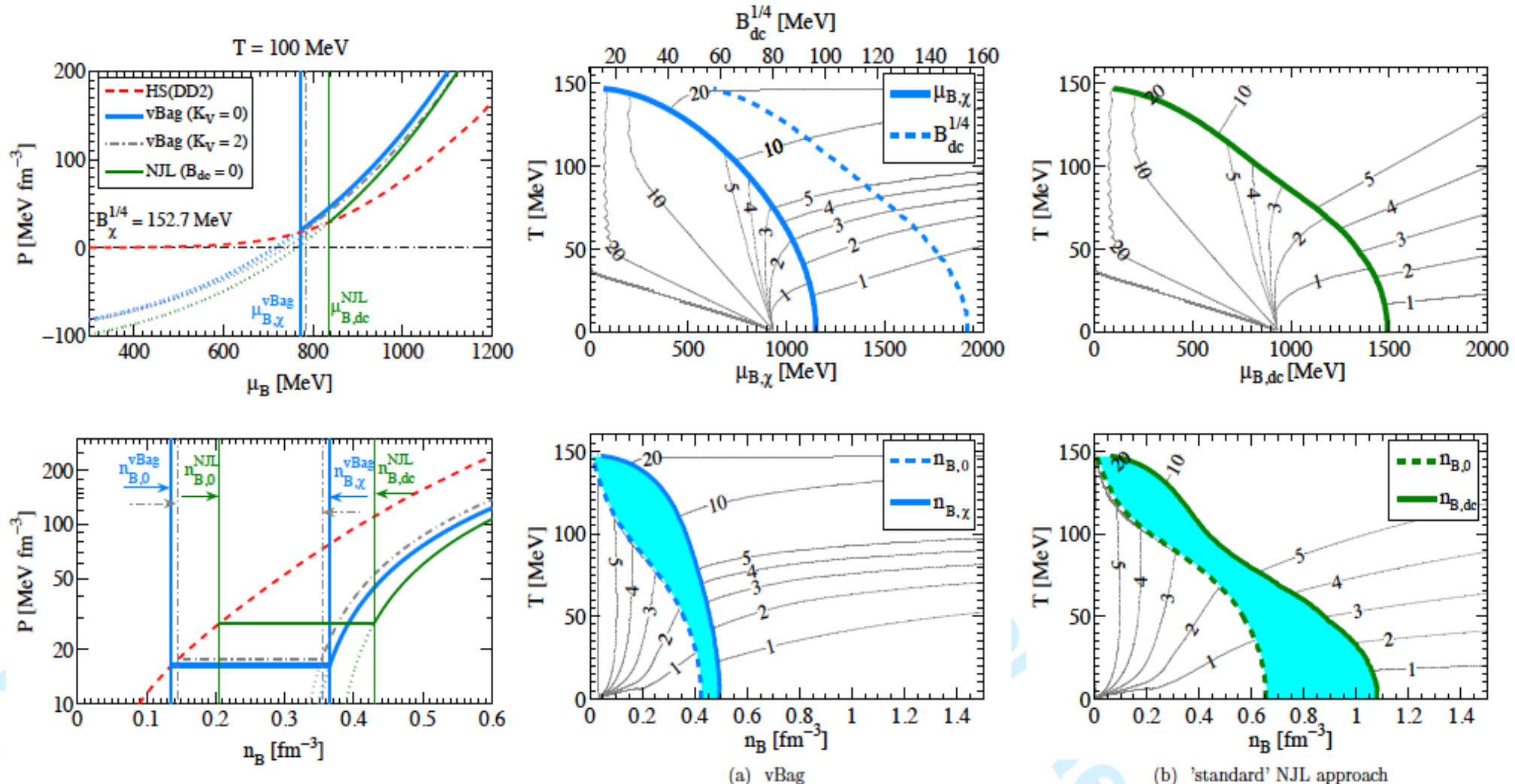
Transparency vs. Baryon Stopping

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Many ideas about the QCD phase diagram at finite baryon densities ... one of them:

#15 Consequences of simultaneous chiral symmetry breaking and deconfinement for the isospin symmetric phase diagram

Tobias Fischer^{1,a}, Thomas Klähn¹ and Matthias Hempel²

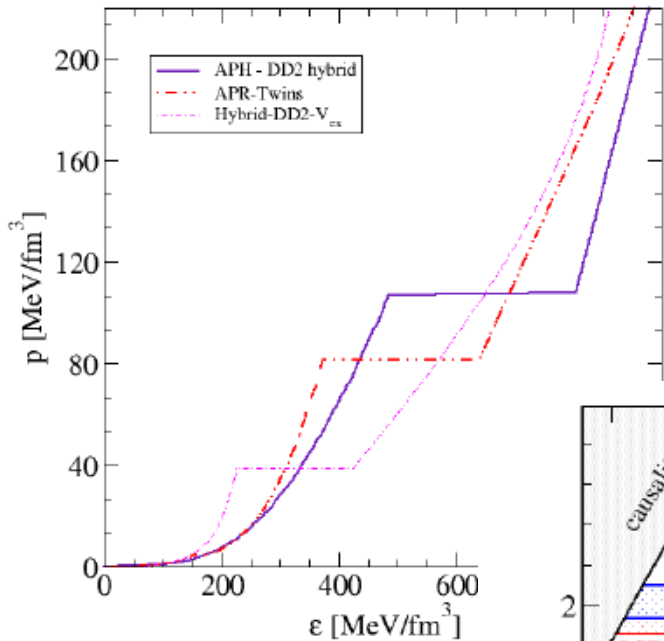


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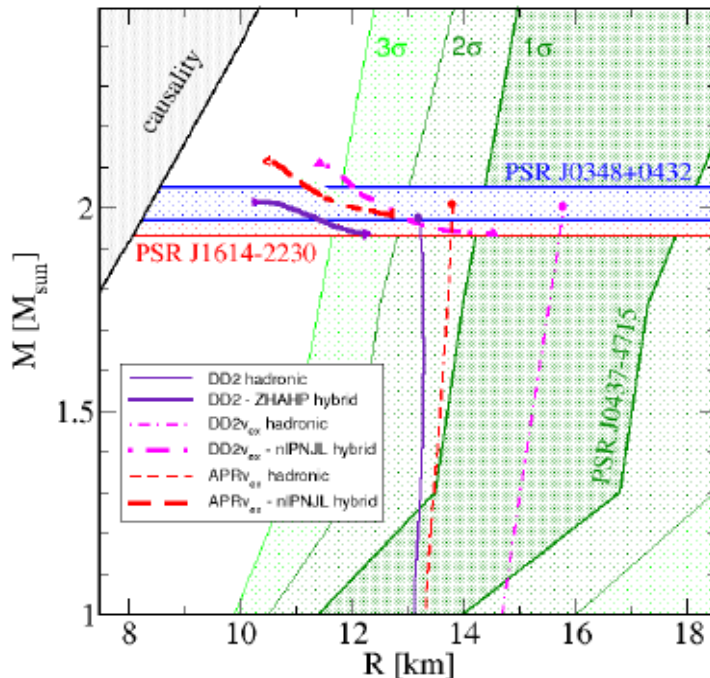
Many cross-relations with astrophysics of compact stars! High-mass twin stars prove CEP !

#22 Neutron star mass limit at $2M_{\odot}$ supports the existence of a CEP

D. Alvarez-Castillo^{1,a}, S. Benic^{2,b}, D. Blaschke^{1,3,4}, Sophia Han^{5,6}, and S. Typel⁷

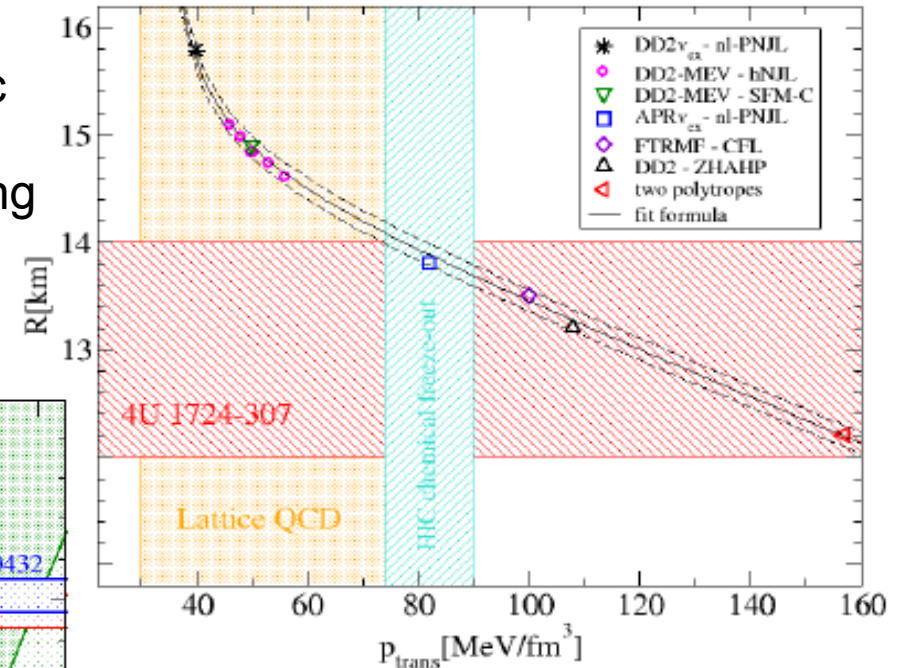


Endpoint of hadronic Neutron star config. At $2M_{\text{sun}}$, then strong Phase transition



Strong phase trans.

High-mass twin stars



Universal transition pressure ?

Petran & Rafelski, PRC 88, 021901

$$P_{\text{trans}} = 82 \pm 8 \text{ MeV/fm}^3$$

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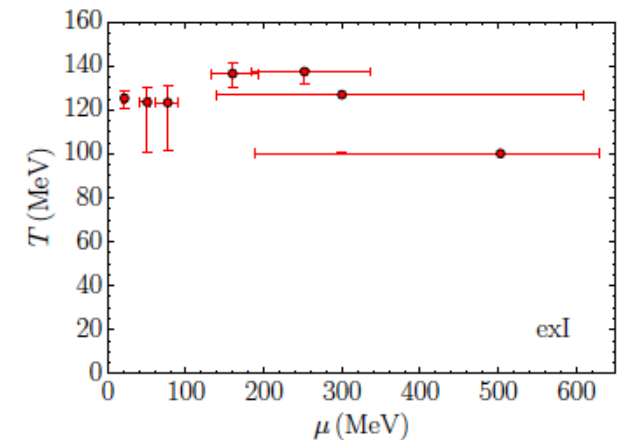
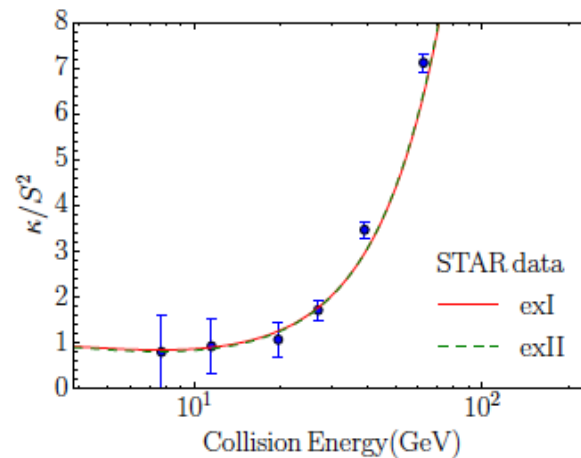
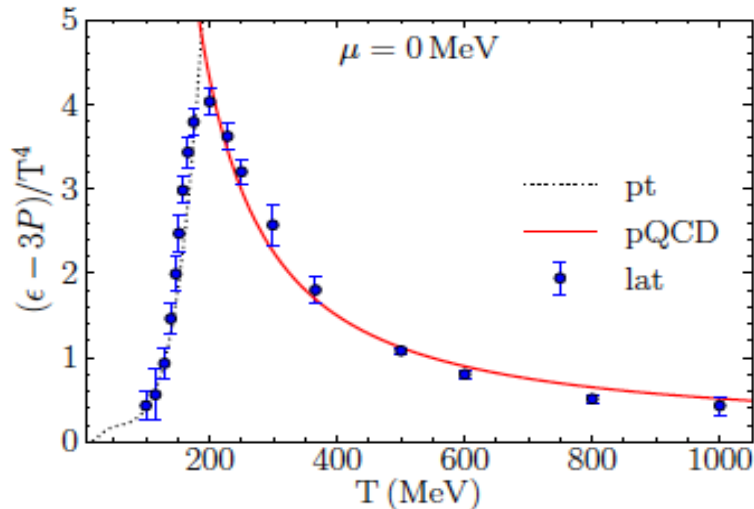
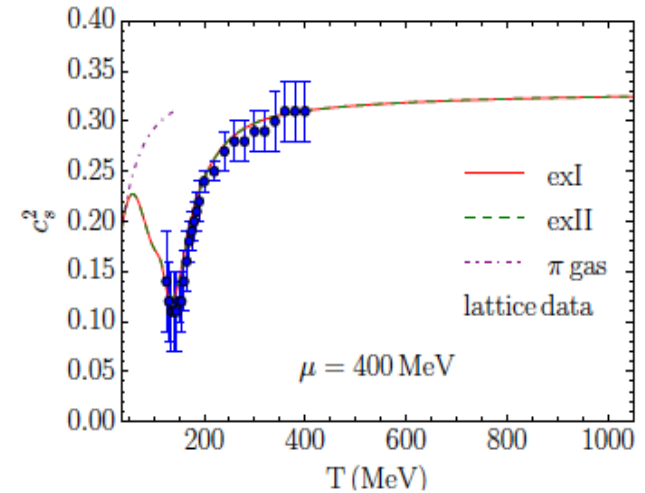
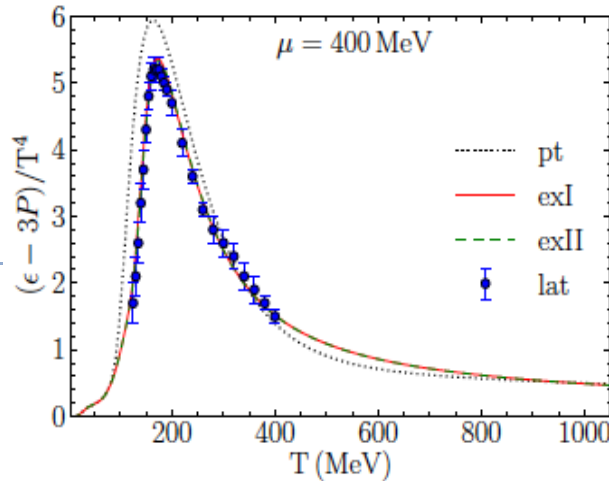
#41 Net Baryon Fluctuations from a Crossover Equation of State

J. Kapusta¹, M. Albright^{1a}, and C. Young²

Hybrid crossover EoS with
Switching function and exvol.

$$S(T, \mu) = \exp\{-\theta(T, \mu)\}$$

$$\theta(T, \mu) = \left[\left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)^n + \left(\frac{\mu}{3\pi T_0} \right)^n \right]^{-1}$$

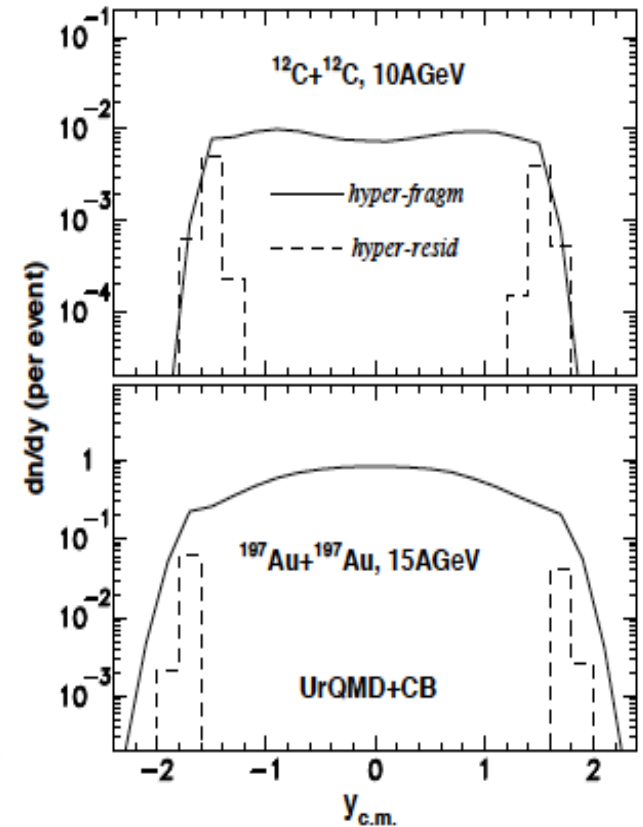
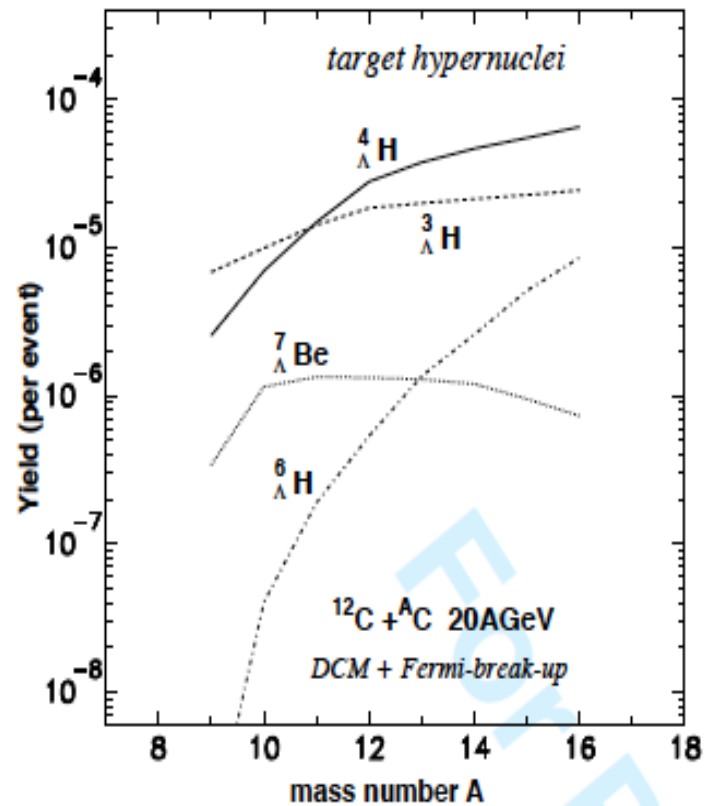
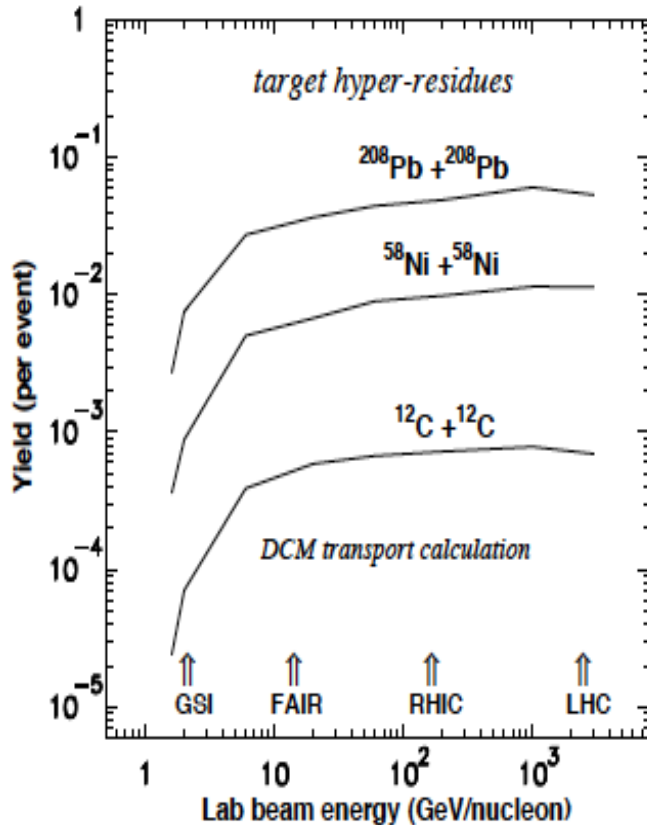


No evidence for a critical point in RHIC BES data.
But for lower energies – maybe!

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#32 Relativistic ion collisions as the source of hypernuclei

A. S. Botvina^{1,2}, M. Bleicher¹, J. Pochodzalla^{3,4}, and J. Steinheimer¹



Dubna Cascade Model (DCM) prediction for hyper-residues production as a function of beam energy

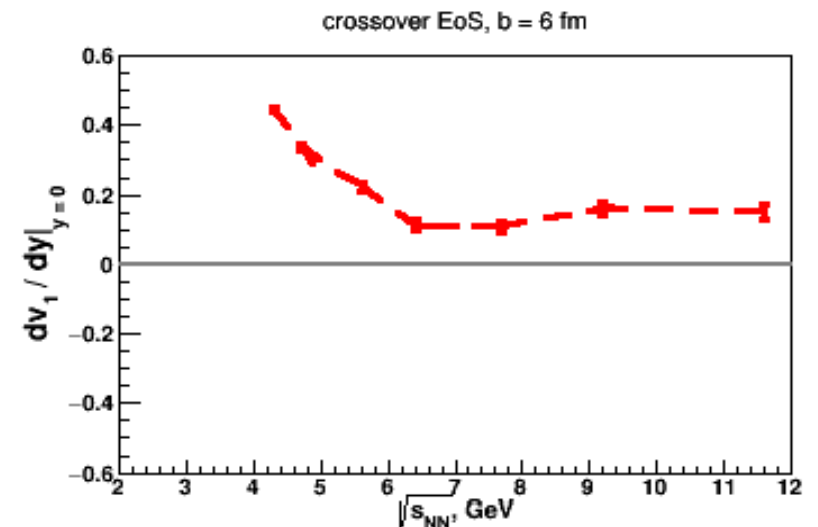
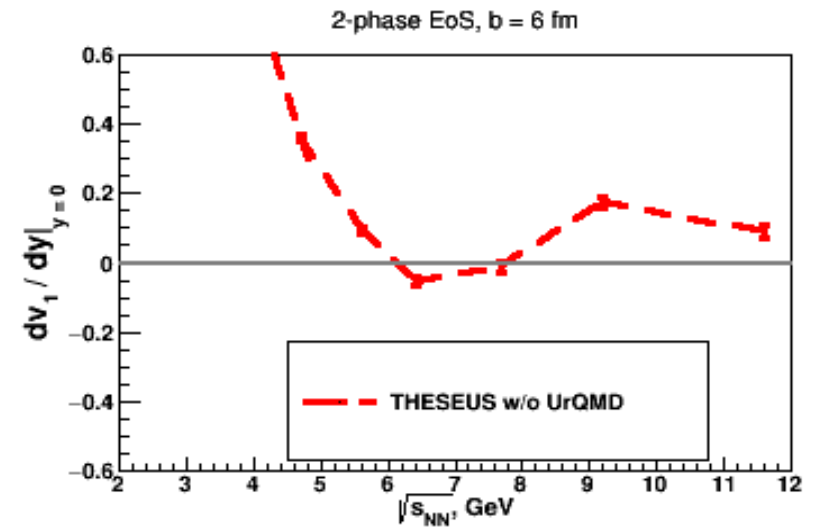
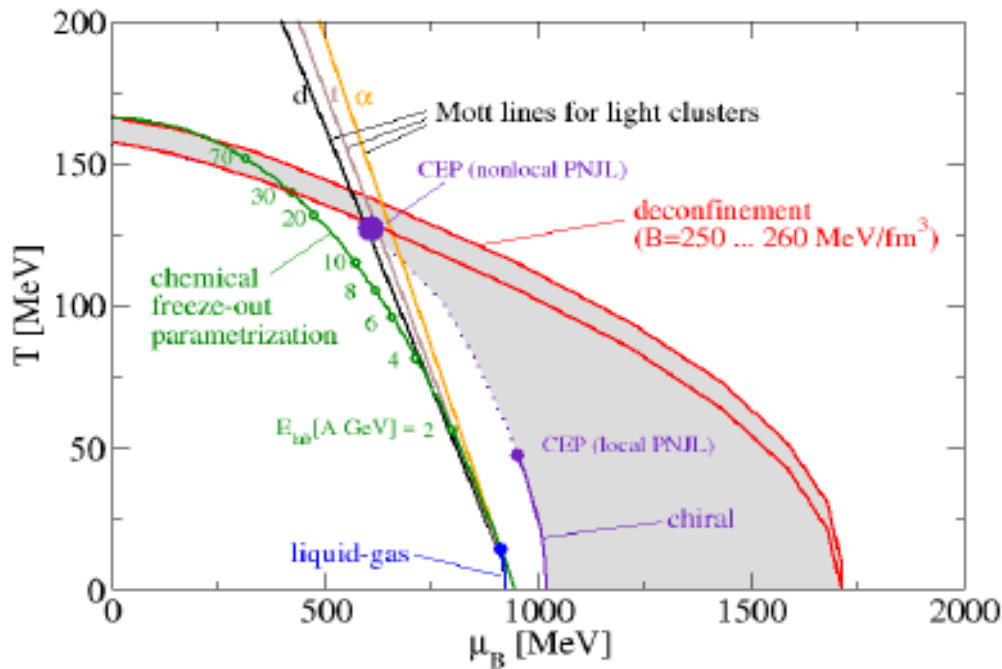
Yields of light hypernuclei from target residues in hybrid DCM Fermi breakup model (FBM) calculations at 20 AGeV

UrQMD plus coalescence of baryons (CB) model results
For rapidity distributions of hyper fragments and residues

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#34 Light cluster production at NICA

N.-U. Bastian¹, P. Batyuk², D. Blaschke^{1,2,3}, P. Danielewicz⁴, Yu. B. Ivanov^{3,5}, Iu. Karpenko^{6,7}, G. Röpke^{3,8,a}, O. Rogachevsky², H. H. Wolter⁹



Danielewicz:
Flow of light clusters traces early pressure distribution, not affected by rescattering on pions and light hadrons

Three-fluid Hydrodynamics based Event Simulator Extended by UrQMD final State interactions (THESEUS)

P. Batyuk, D. Blaschke, M. Bleicher, Yu. Ivanov, Iu. Karpenko,
S. Merts, M. Nahrgang, H. Petersen, O. Rogachevsky,
Arxiv:1608.00965
(Dubna-Wroclaw-Frankfurt-Moscow-Florence-Nantes collab.)

Strategy towards event simulations testing PT signal

Two alternative approaches:

I) Direct approach based on transport codes:

Particle trajectories are followed;

Properties of the medium are encoded in propagators and cross sections

→ UrQMD (Aichelin et al.),

→ PHSD (Bratkovskaya, Cassing, et al.),

→ PHSD + SACA (Bratkovskaya, Aichelin, LeFevre, et al.)

II) Hybrid approach:

Joins hydrodynamic evolution of a (multi-)fluid system described by an **EoS** with

Particle transport via a procedure called “**particlization**” (Karpenko)

Particularly suitable for studying effects of a strong phase transition in model EoS

a) Sandwich: UrQMD + hydro + hadronic cascade (H. Petersen et al.)

→ PT in hydro stage only

b) **3-fluid hydro**dynamics (Ivanov) + particlization (Karpenko)

→ PT in baryon stopping regime already!

(main difference to sandwich; appropriate for energy range of NICA / CBM)

Both approaches provide the inputs for the simulation of the **detector response** (GEANT-MPD: Rogachevsky, Merts, Batyuk, Wielanek, et al.)

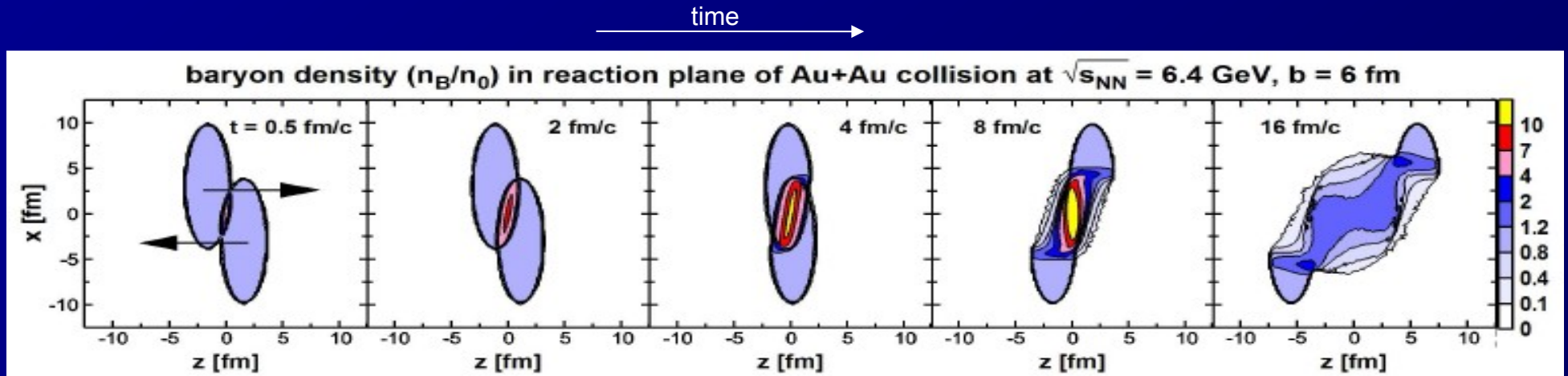
Hydrodynamic modelling for NICA / FAIR / J-PARC-HI

More complicated for lower energies:

- baryon stopping effects,
- finite baryon chemical potential,
- EoS unknown from first principles

We want to simulate the effects of, and ultimately discriminate different EoS/PT types

The model has to be coupled to a detector response code to simulate detector events



Initial state

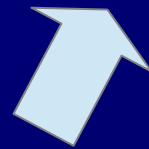


3-fluid hydro,
(Yu. Ivanov)

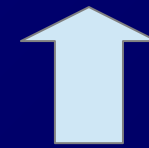
hydrodynamic evolution

adapt the procedure
from existing hybrid model
(Iu. Karpenko)

particlization

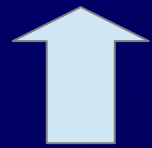


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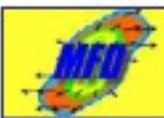


(optionally) cascade:
PHSD, UrQMD, etc
(E. Bratkovskaya,
H. Petersen)

detector
response



GEANT
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3-Fluid Dynamics

Baryon Stopping

JINR,
24.08.10

Model

Rapidity Density

Fit

Reduced curvature

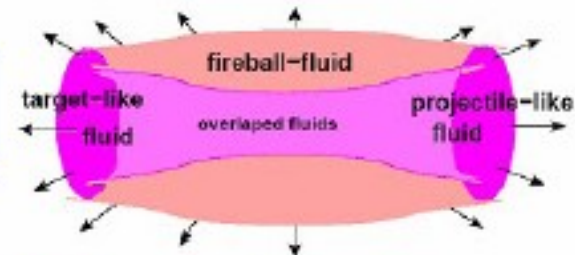
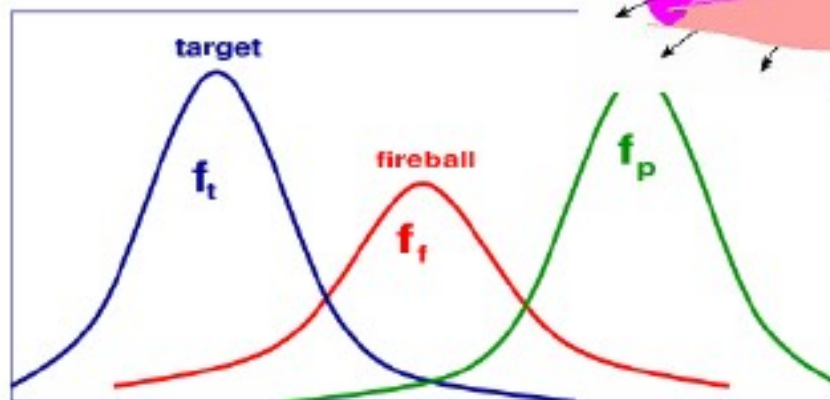
Trajectories

Crossover

Summary

Produced particles populate mid-rapidity
 \Rightarrow **fireball** fluid

distribution function



momentum along beam

Target-like fluid:

$$\partial_\mu J_t^\mu = 0$$

Leading particles carry bar. charge

$$\partial_\mu T_t^{\mu\nu} = -F_{tp}^\nu + F_{ft}^\nu$$

exchange/emission

Projectile-like fluid:

$$\partial_\mu J_p^\mu = 0,$$

$$\partial_\mu T_p^{\mu\nu} = -F_{pt}^\nu + F_{fp}^\nu$$

Fireball fluid:

$$J_f^\mu = 0,$$

Baryon-free fluid

$$\partial_\mu T_f^{\mu\nu} = F_{pt}^\nu + F_{tp}^\nu - F_{fp}^\nu - F_{ft}^\nu$$

Source term Exchange

The **source term** is delayed due to a formation time $\tau \sim 1 \text{ fm}/c$

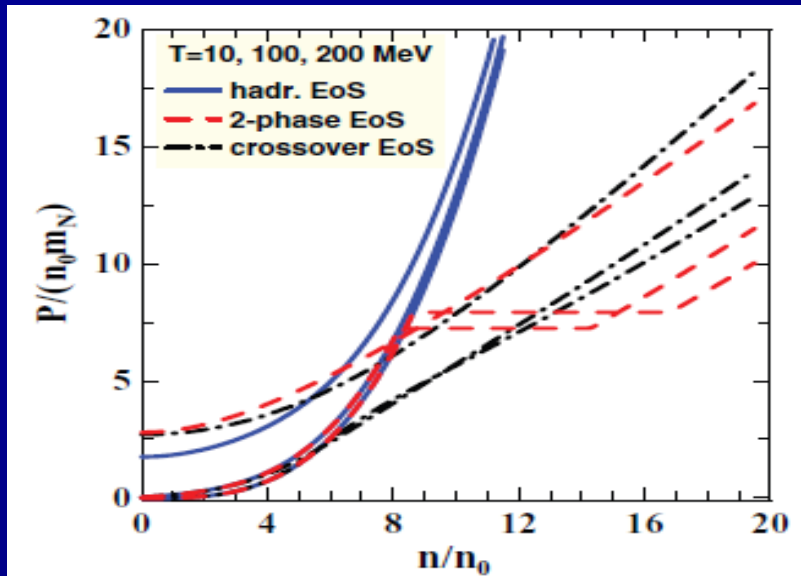
Total energy-momentum conservation:

$$\partial_\mu (T_p^{\mu\nu} + T_t^{\mu\nu} + T_f^{\mu\nu}) = 0$$

<http://theory.gsi.de/~ivanov/mfd/>

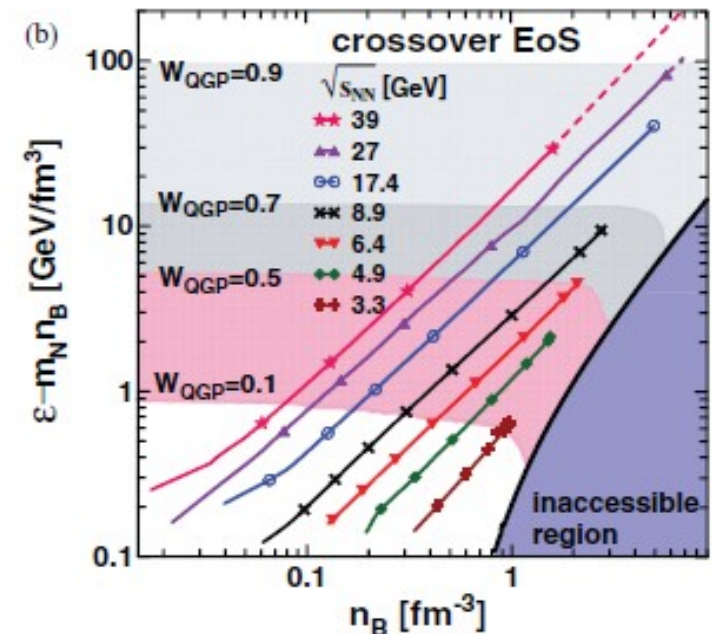
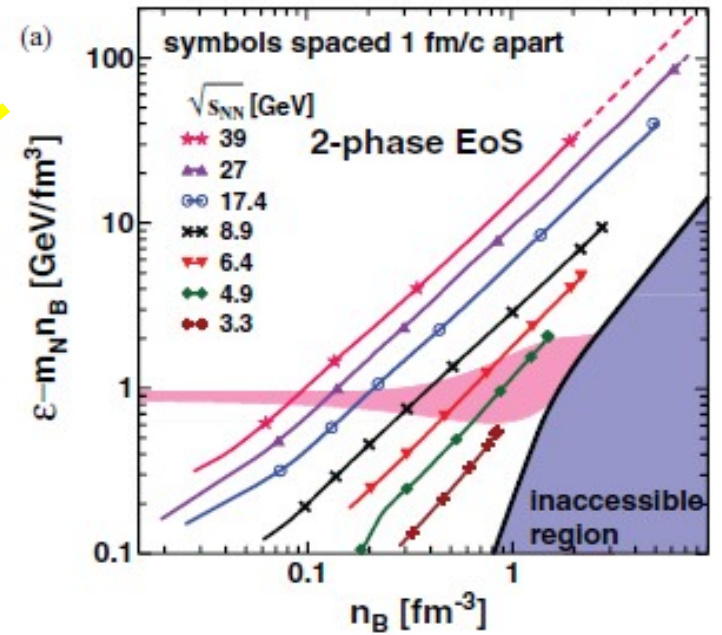
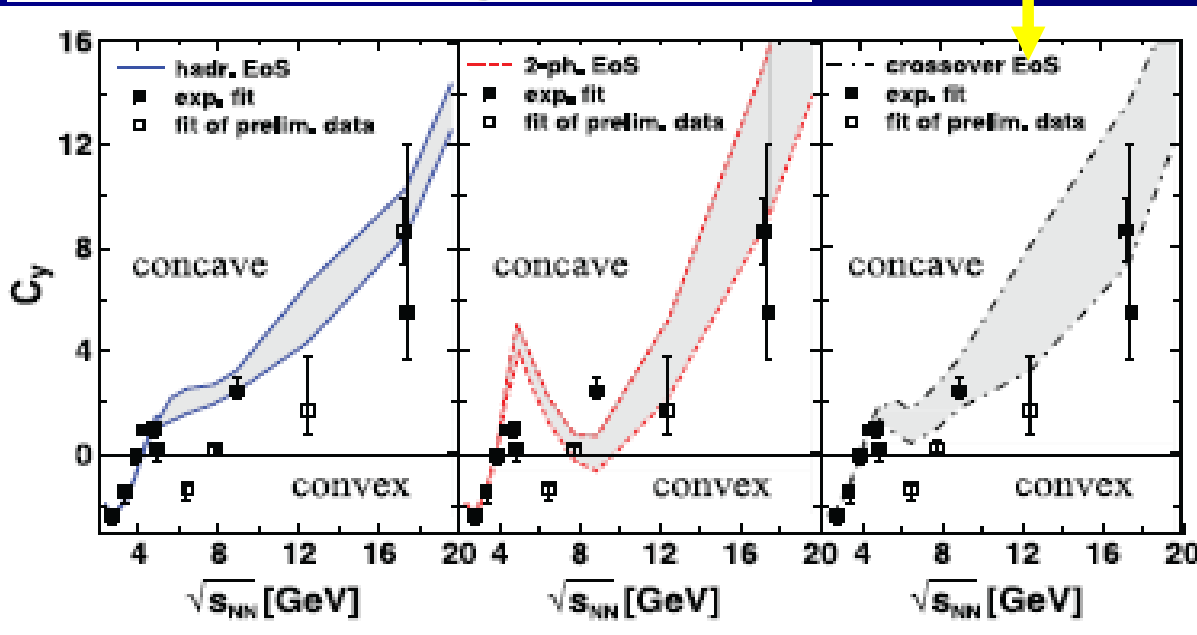
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EoS

3-fluid hydro
Evolution ...

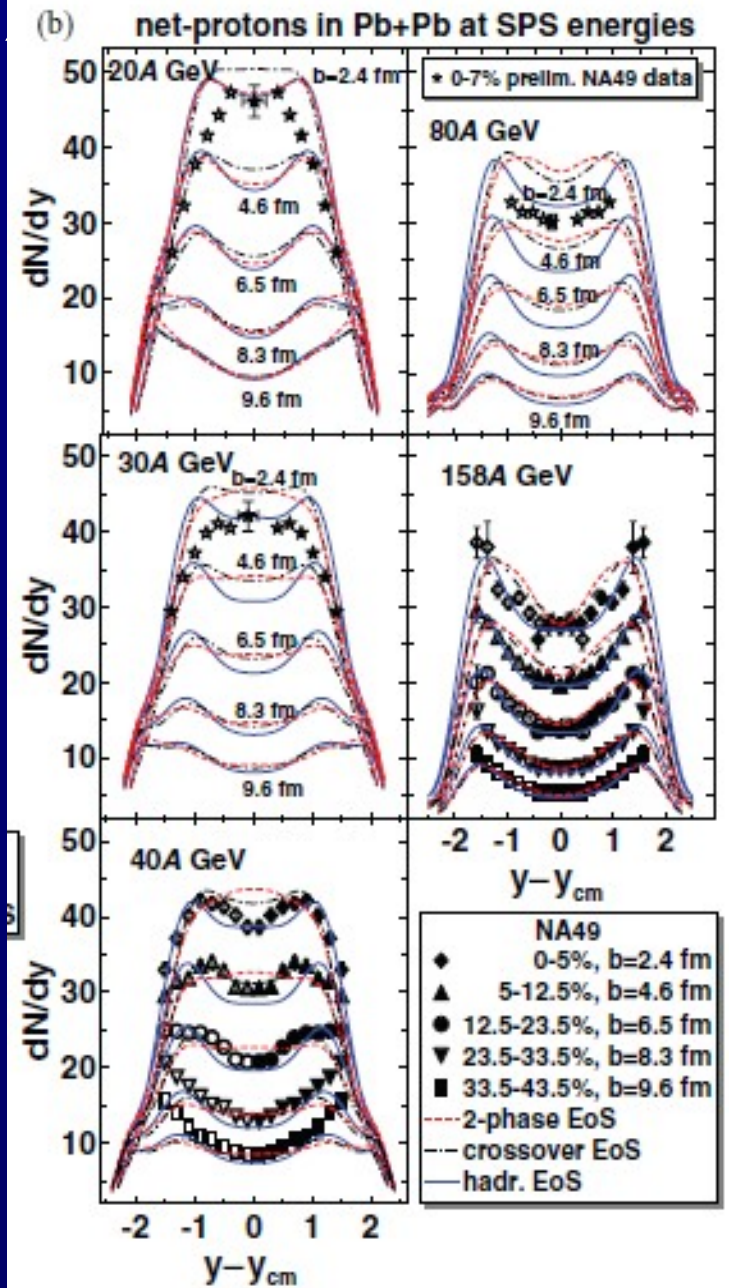
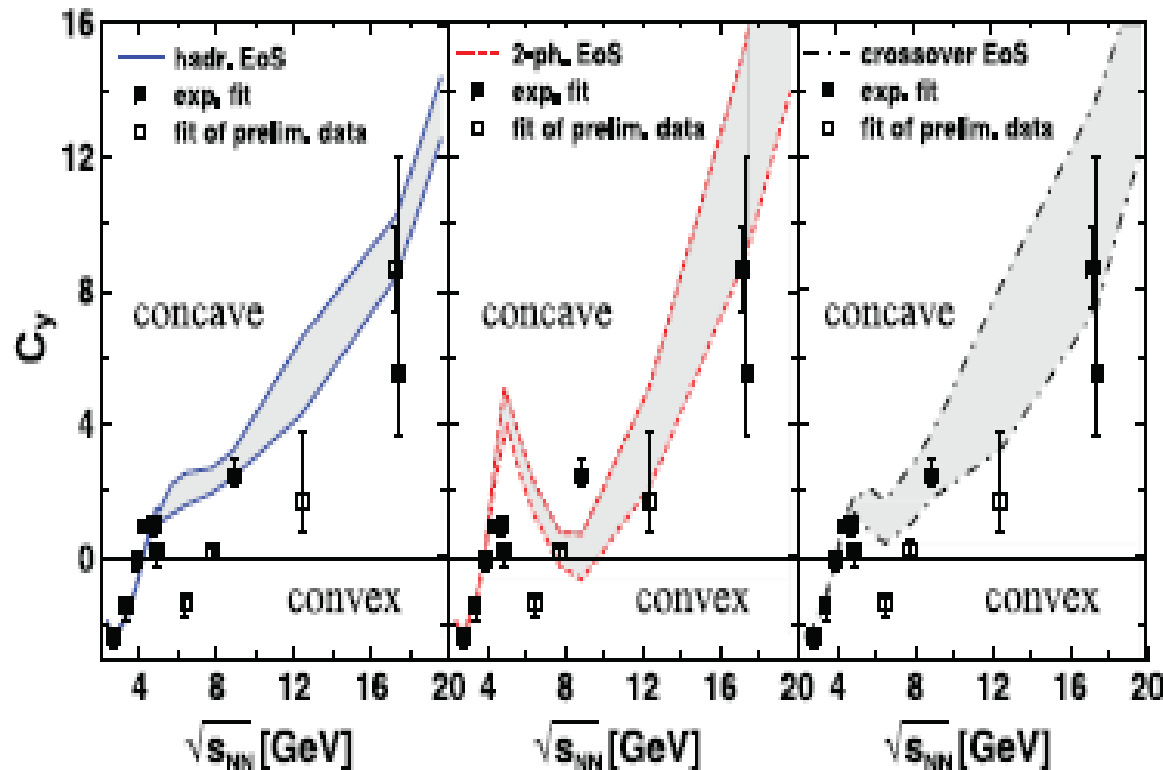


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Event set:

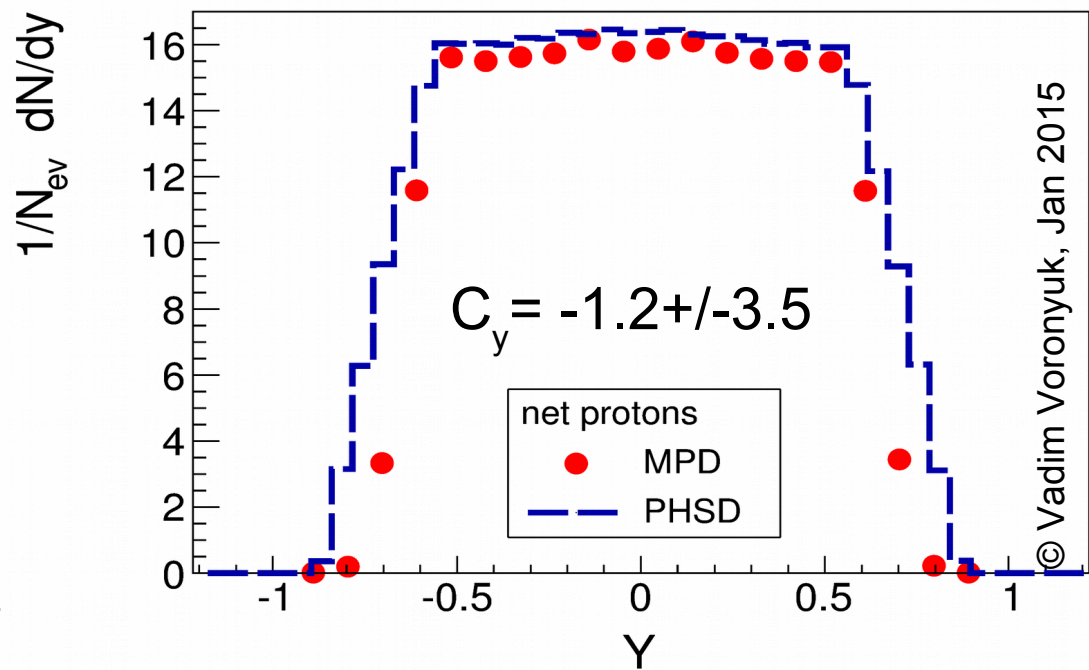
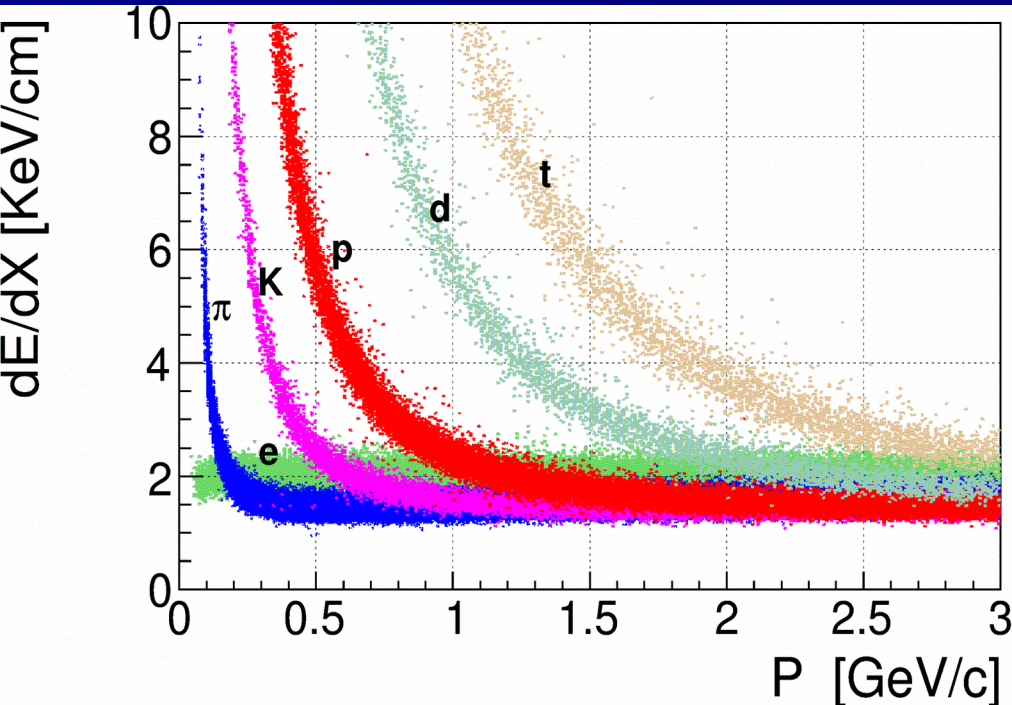
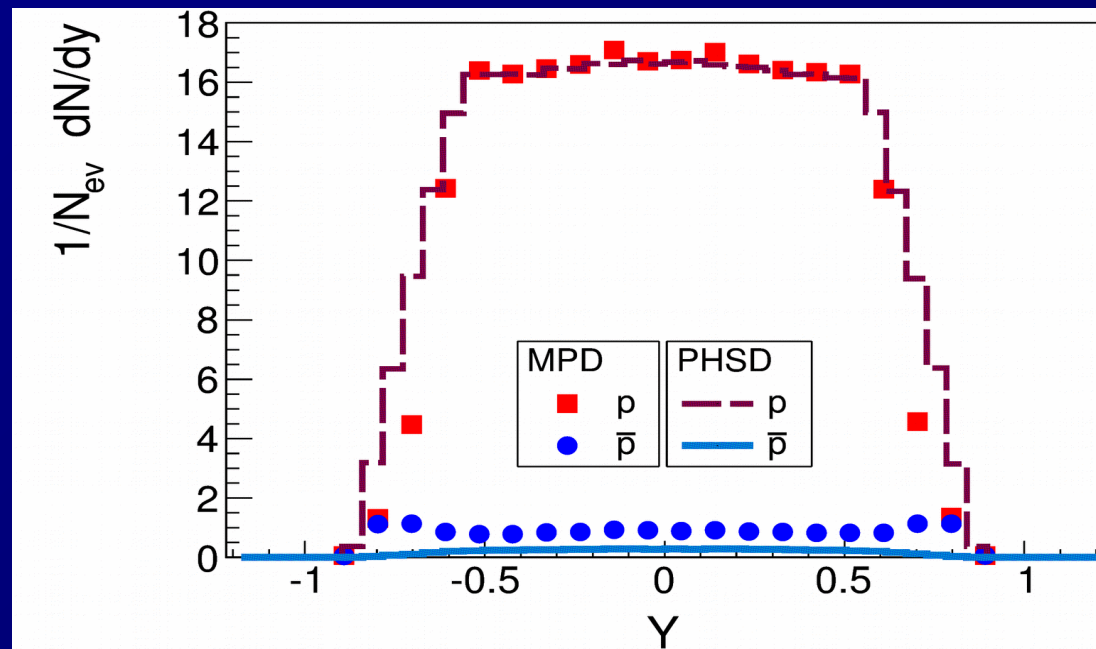
40k AuAu @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 9$ GeV [0-5%]
 The most reliable region
 $|\eta| < 1.2$; $0.4 < p_t$ [GeV/c] < 0.8

Result:

PHSD input \rightarrow GEANT+MPD
 detector reproduces the rapidity distribution !
 (previous concerns not confirmed !!)

Signal:

$$C_y = \left(y_{cm}^3 \frac{d^3 N}{dy^3} \right)_{y=0} / \left(y_{cm} \frac{dN}{dy} \right)_{y=0}$$



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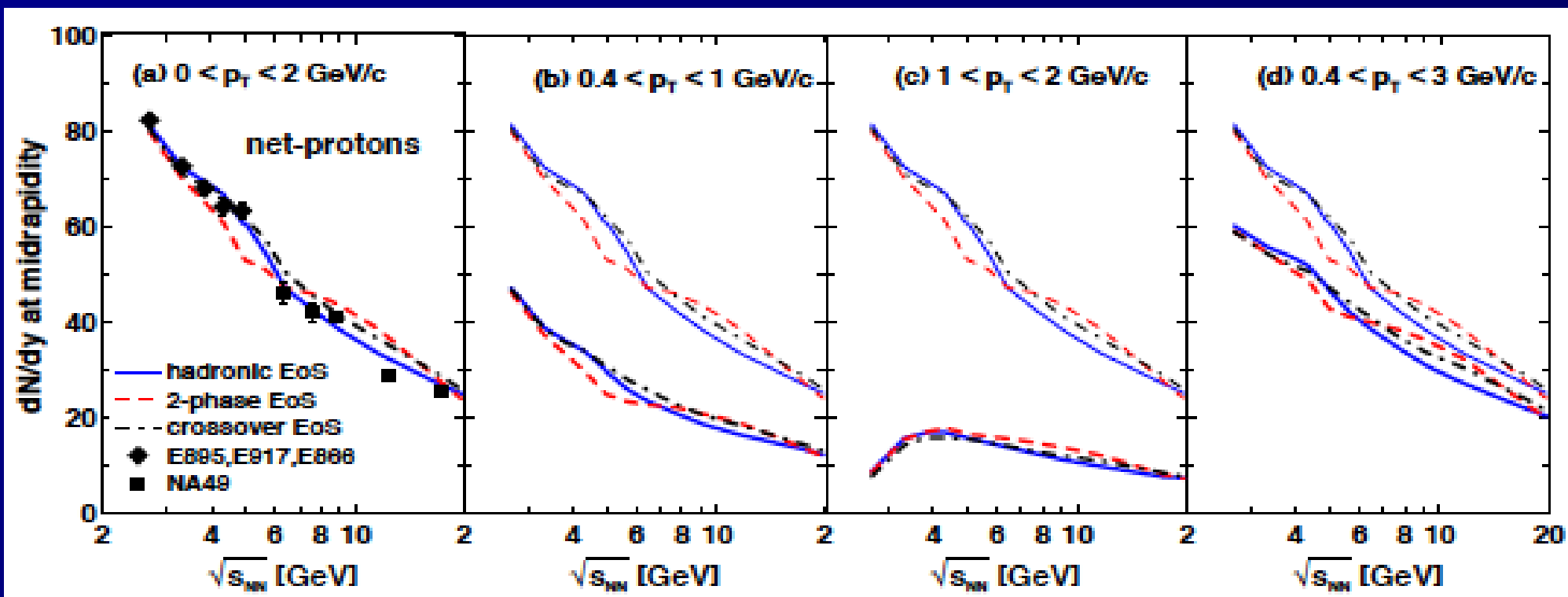
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- i. $0 < p_T < 2$ GeV/c and a very unrestrictive constraint to the rapidity range $|y| < 0.7 y_{\text{beam}}$, where y_{beam} is the beam rapidity in the collider mode, which is practically equivalent to the full acceptance;
- ii. $0.4 < p_T < 1$ GeV/c and $|y| < 0.5$, the expected MPD acceptance [17];
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Net proton rapidity distribution – test case for a 1st order PT signal

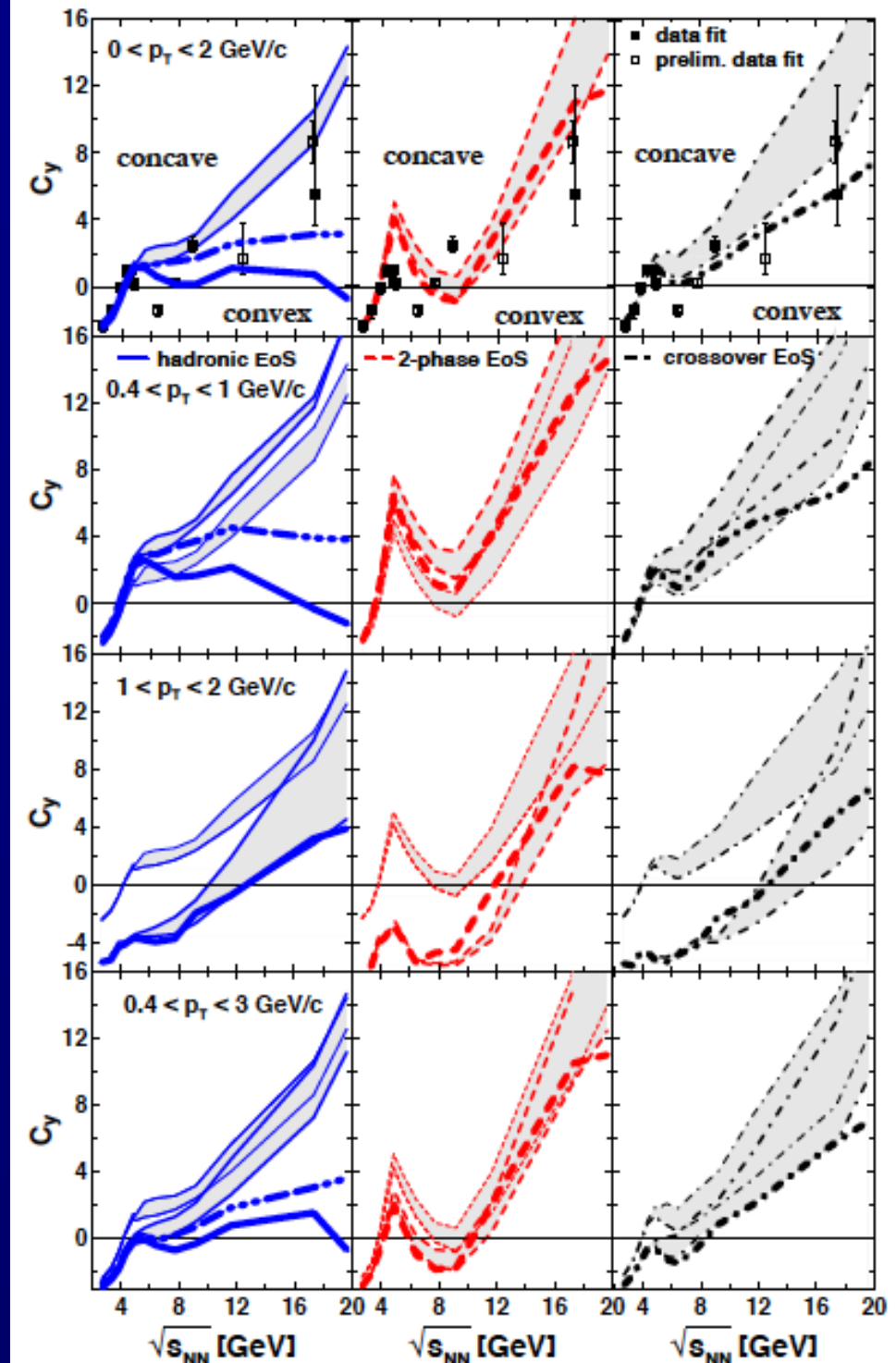
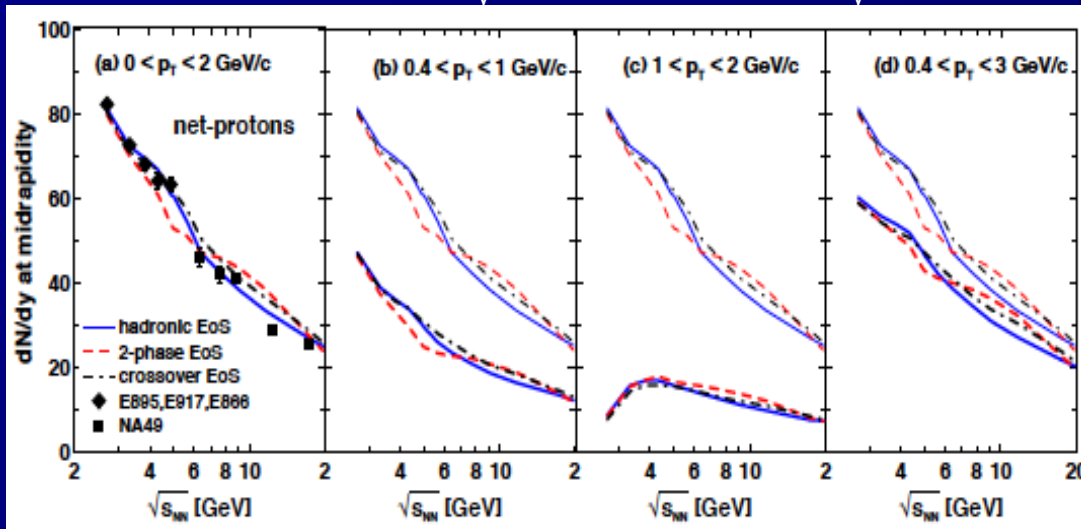
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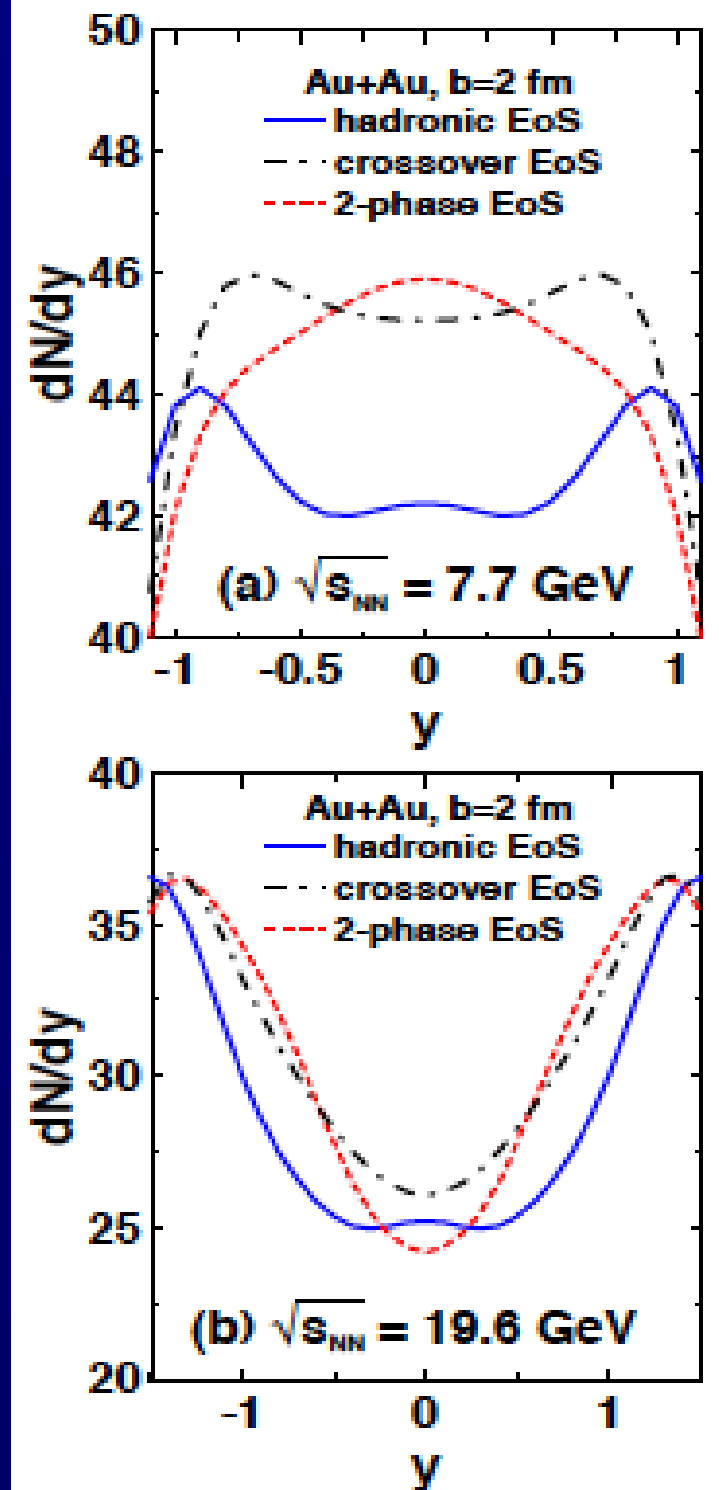
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$$\frac{dN}{dy} = a \left(\exp \left\{ -\left(1/w_s\right) \cosh(y - y_s) \right\} + \exp \left\{ -\left(1/w_s\right) \cosh(y + y_s) \right\} \right),$$

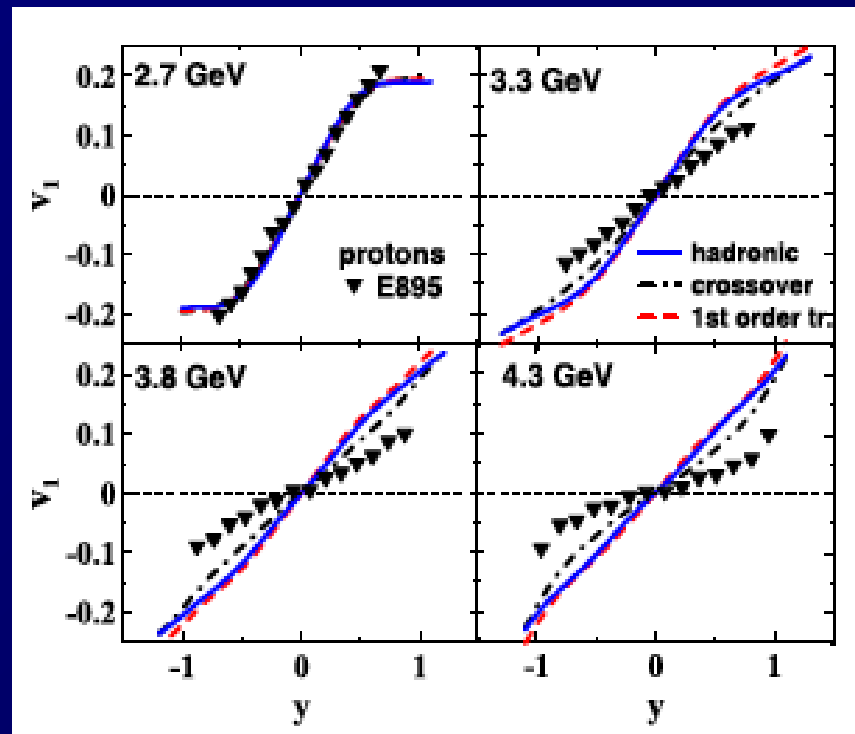
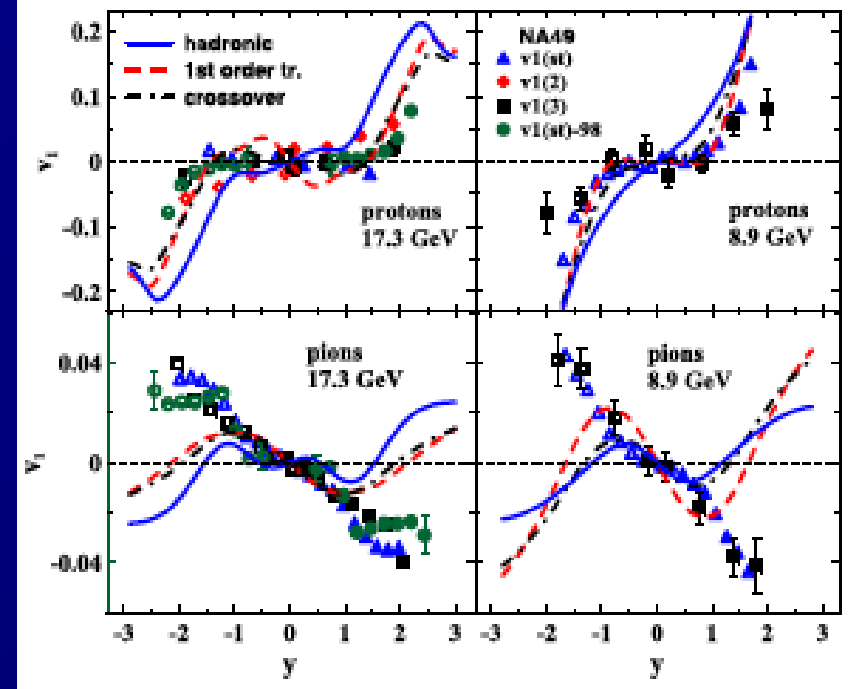
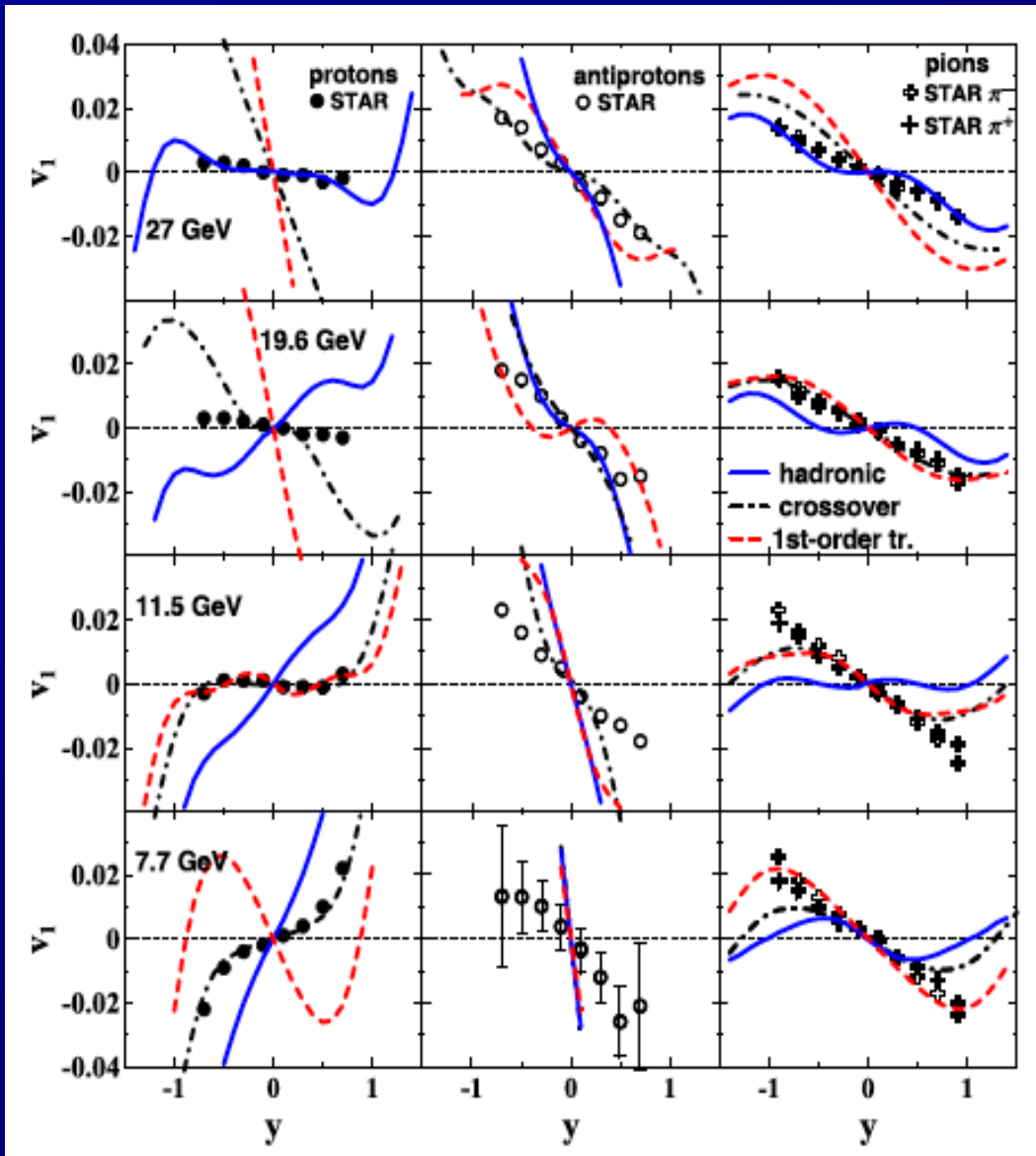
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Directed flow indicates a cross-over Deconfinement transition ...

Ivanov & Soldatov, Phys. Rev. C 91 (2015)



3+1D viscous hydro-cascade model (Yu. Karpenko, FIAS)

3+1D viscous hydro+cascade model was applied for A+A collisions at RHIC Beam Energy Scan energies ($\sqrt{s} = 7.7 - 39$ GeV), and for SPS energy points

Cascade-hydro-cascade approach:

Initial state: UrQMD cascade

S.A. Bass et al., Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 41 255-369, 1998

Hydrodynamic phase: numerical 3+1D hydro solution via original relativistic viscous hydro code

Iu. Karpenko, P. Huovinen, M. Bleicher, arXiv:1312.4160

Hydro starts at $\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - z^2} = \tau_0$ (red curve):

$$\tau_0 = \frac{2R}{\gamma v_z}$$

$\{T^{0\mu}, N_b^0, N_q^0\}$ of fluid = averaged $\{T^{0\mu}, N_b^0, N_q^0\}$ of particles

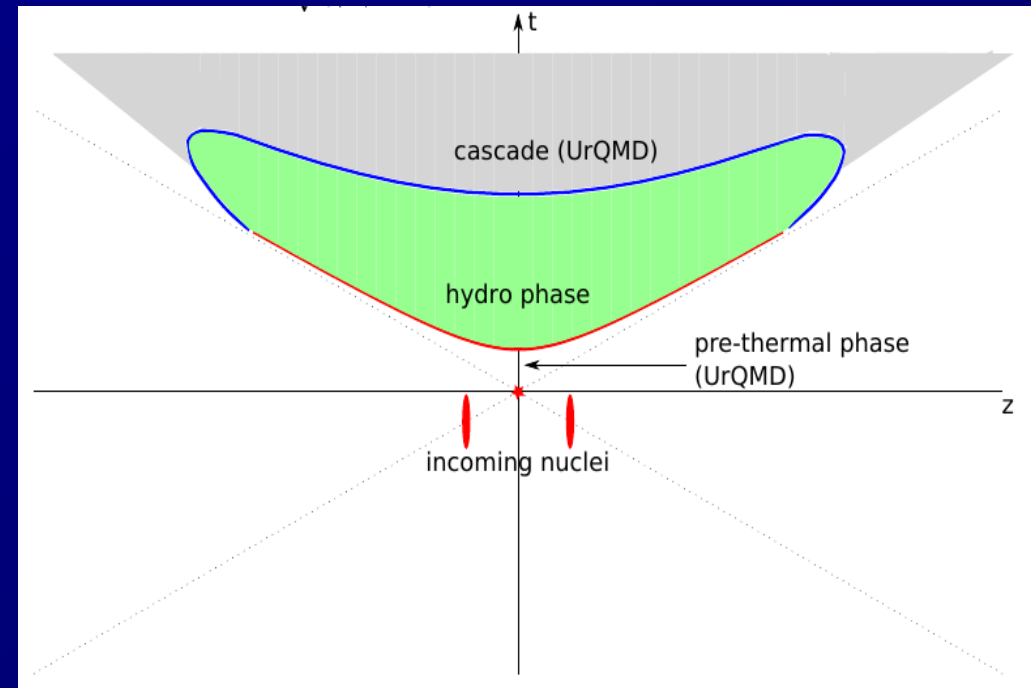
Fluid \rightarrow particle transition

$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{SW} = 0.5$ GeV/fm³ (blue curve):

$\{T^{0\mu}, N_b^0, N_q^0\}$ of hadron-resonance gas = $\{T^{0\mu}, N_b^0, N_q^0\}$ of fluid

Hadronic cascade: UrQMD

P. Huovinen, H. Petersen: "Particlization in hybrid models", Eur. Phys. J. A48 (2012) 171; arxiv:1206.3371



Equations of state for hydrodynamic phase

- Chiral model

- ▶ coupled to Polyakov loop to include the deconfinement phase transition
- ▶ good agreement with lattice QCD data at $\mu_B = 0$, also applicable at finite baryon densities
- ▶ (current version) has **crossover type PT** between hadron and quark-gluon phase at all μ_B

- Hadron resonance gas + Bag Model (a.k.a. EoS Q)

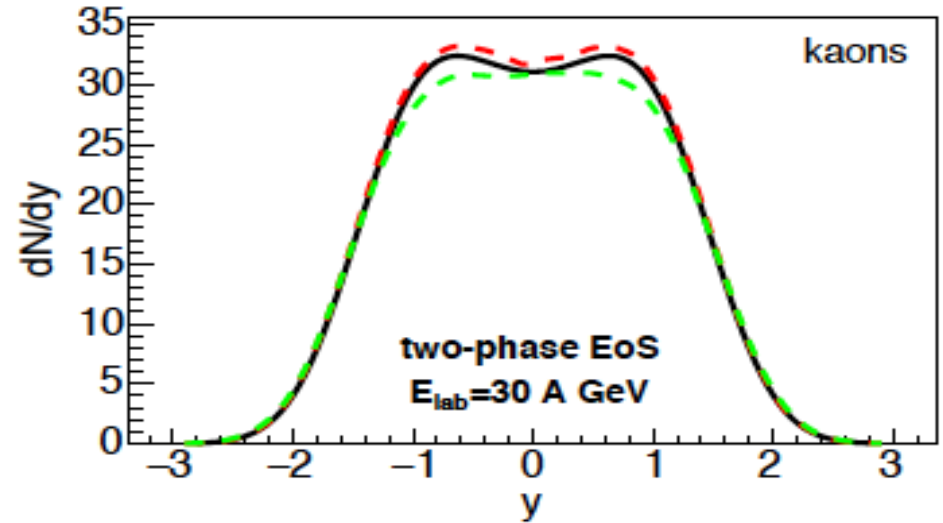
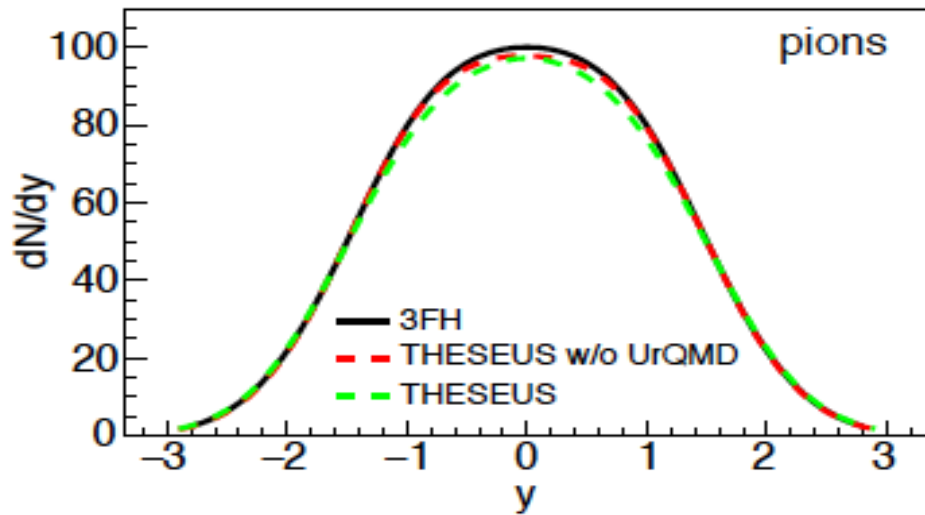
- ▶ hadron resonance gas made of u, d quarks including repulsive meanfield
- ▶ the phases matched via Maxwell construction, resulting in **1st order PT**

J. Steinheimer, S. Schramm and H. Stoecker, J. Phys. G 38, 035001 (2011);
P.F. Kolb, J. Sollfrank, and U. Heinz, Phys.Rev. C 62, 054909 (2000).

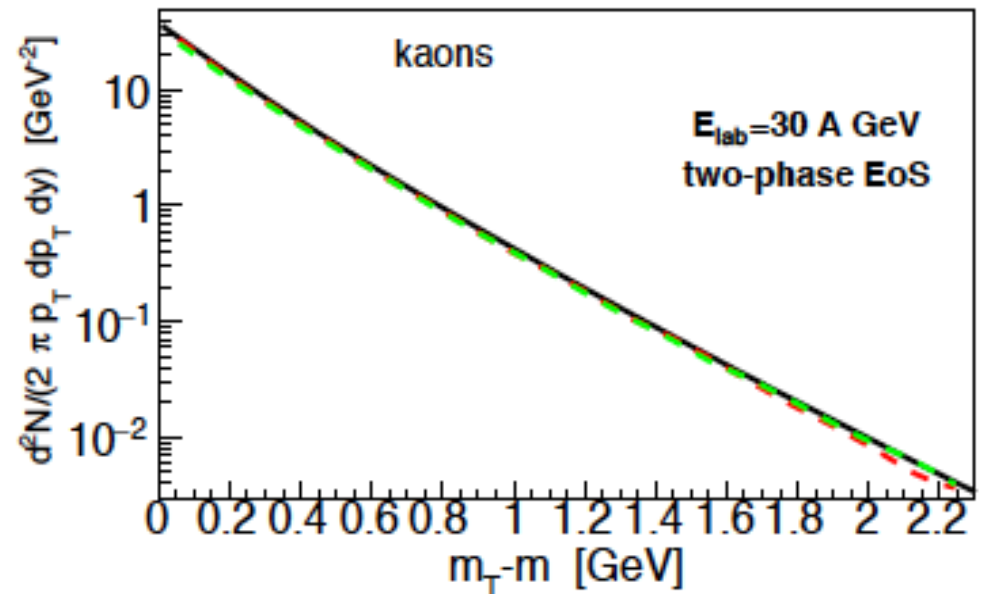
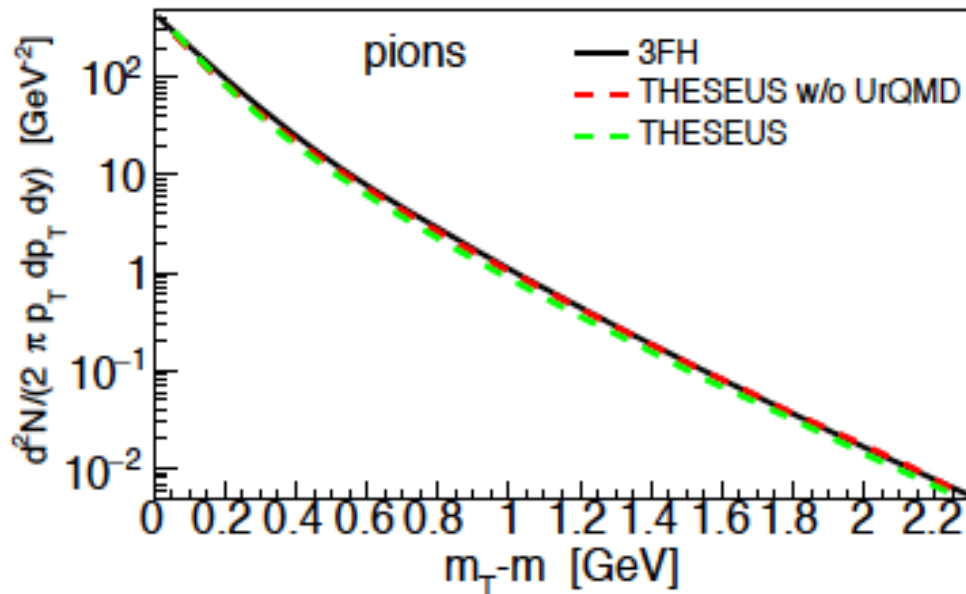
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Rapidity distribution

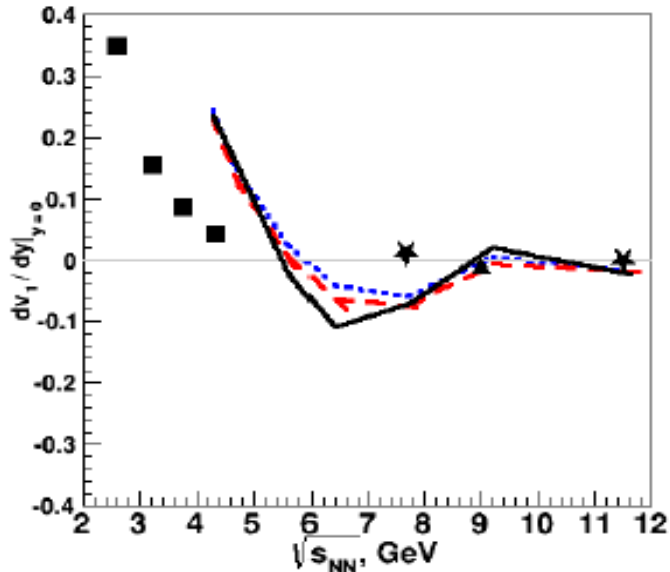


P_T / m_T distribution

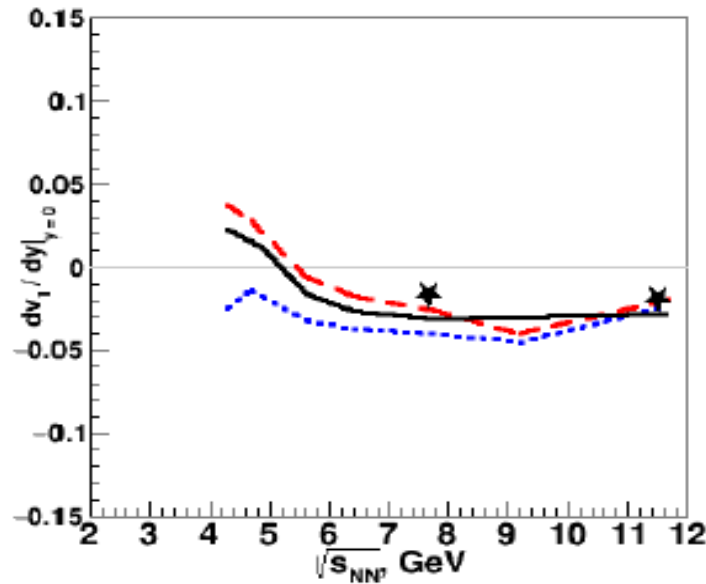


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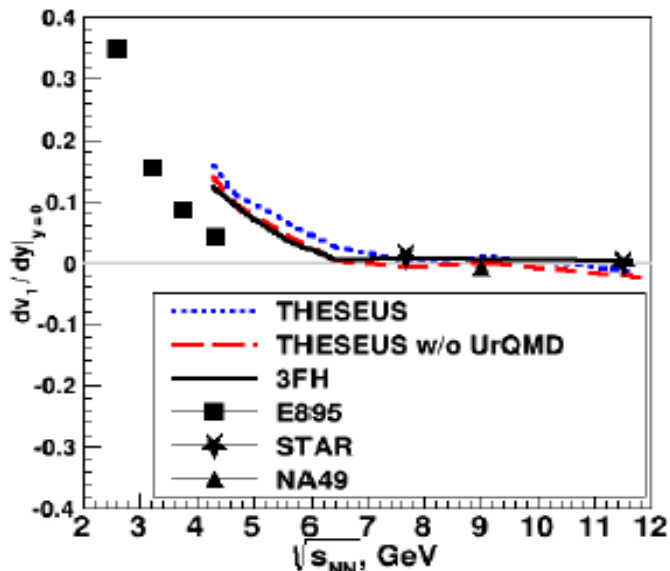
2-phase EoS, $b = 6$ fm



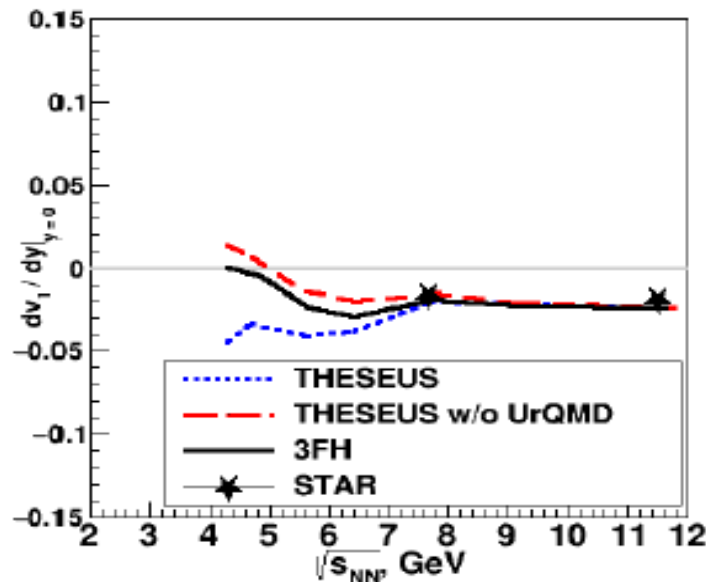
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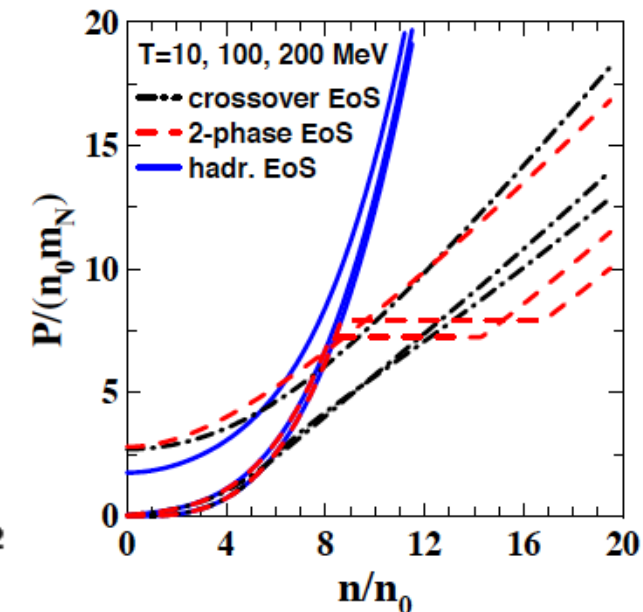
Slope of directed flow

Protons (left)
Pions (right)

First-order PT (upper)
Crossover (lower)

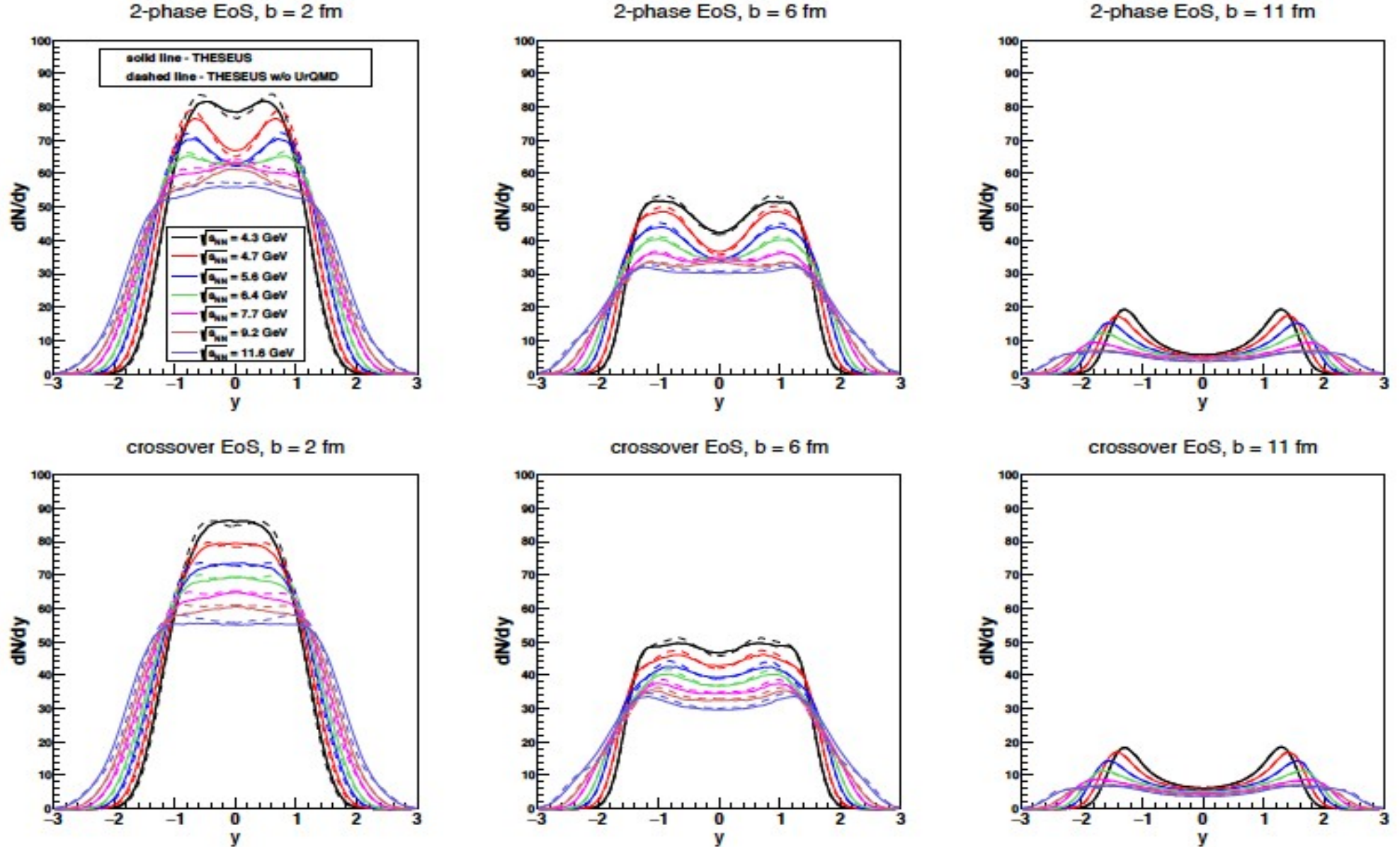
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV]	4.3	4.7	5.6	6.4	7.7	9.2	11.6
E_{lab} [A GeV]	8	10	15	20	30	43	70

[arxiv:1608.00965](https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.00965)

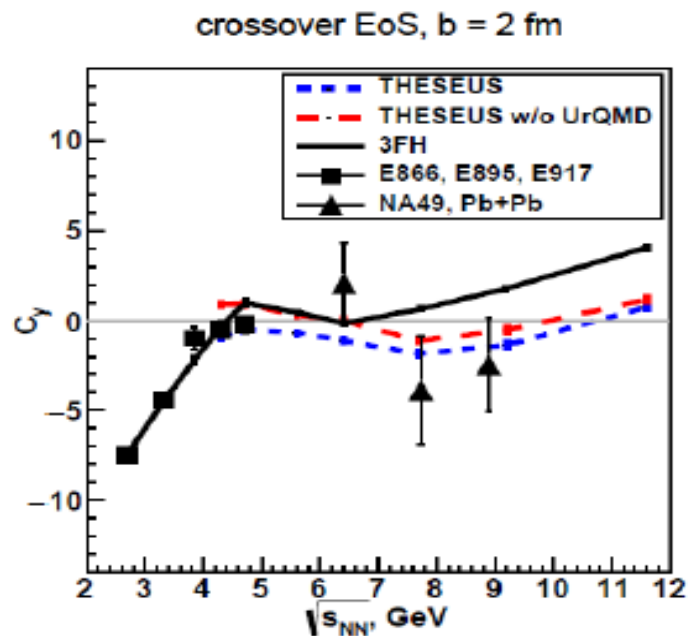
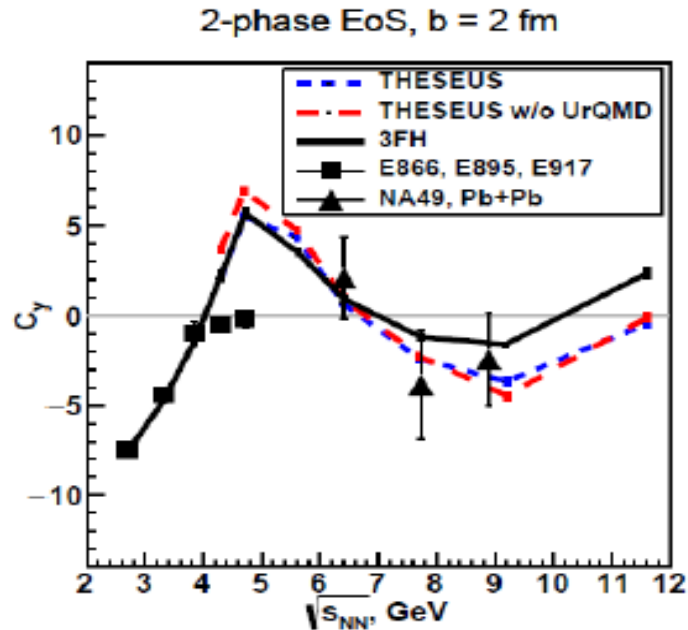


Baryon stopping signal for first order phase transition ?

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Energy scan of the curvature C_y of the net proton Rapidity distribution at central rapidity y_{cm}

$$C_y = y_{cm}^2 (d^3 N_{net-p} / dy^3) / (dN_{net-p} / dy)$$

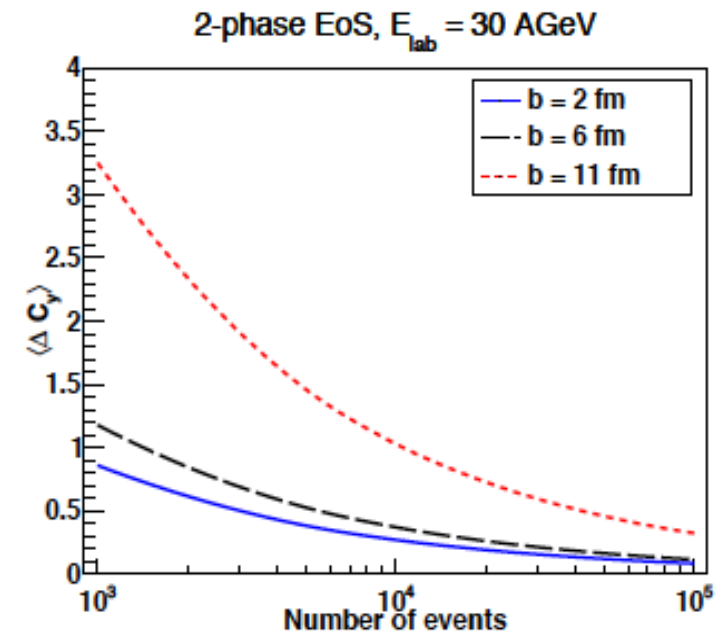
Reduced curvature calculated for a parabolic fit

$$\tilde{P}_2(y) = ay^2 + by + c \longrightarrow C_y = y_{beam}^2 2a/c$$

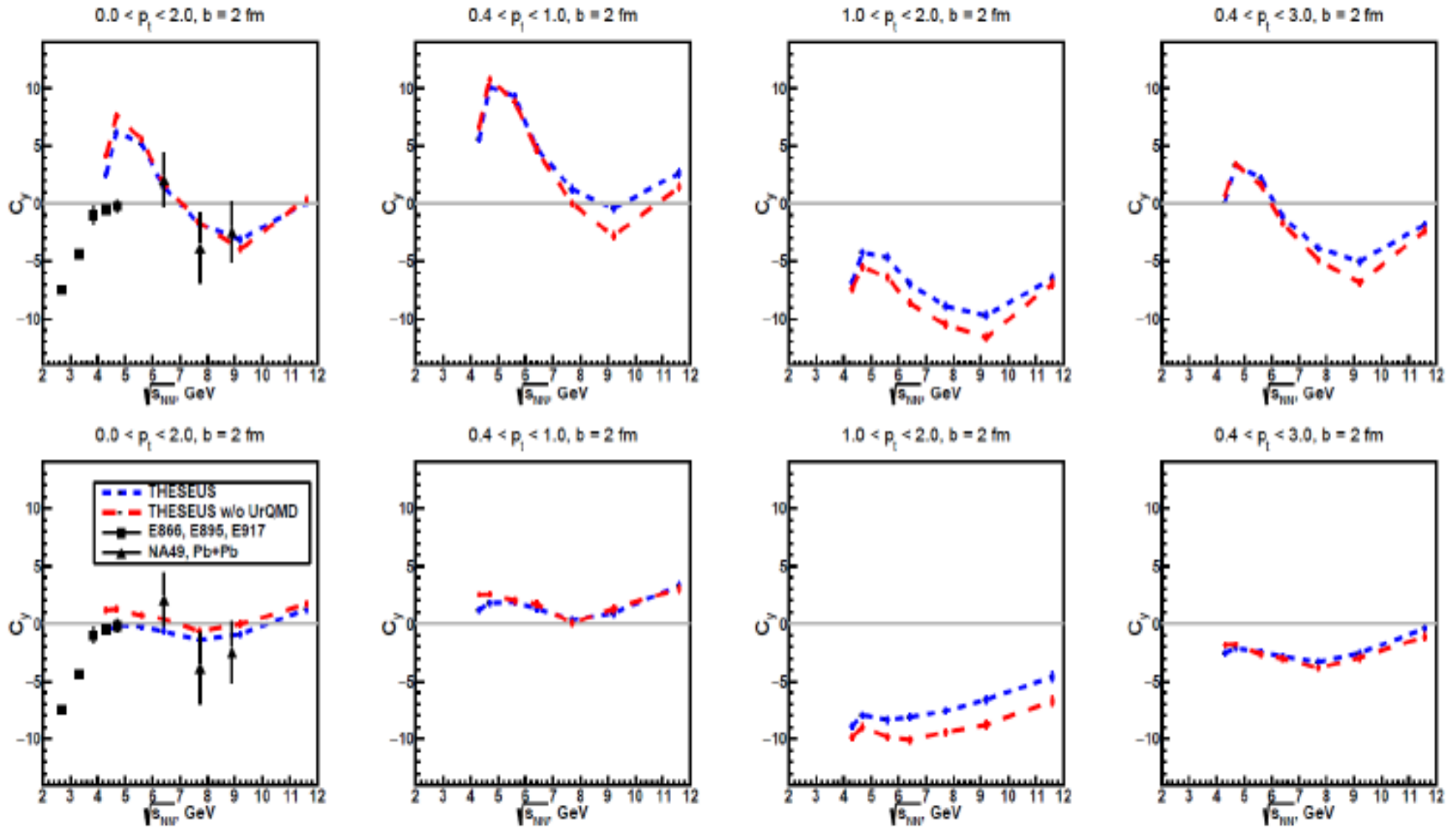
Statistical error

$$\Delta C_y = \frac{2y_{beam}^2}{c} \sqrt{(\Delta a)^2 + \frac{a^2}{c^2} (\Delta c)^2},$$

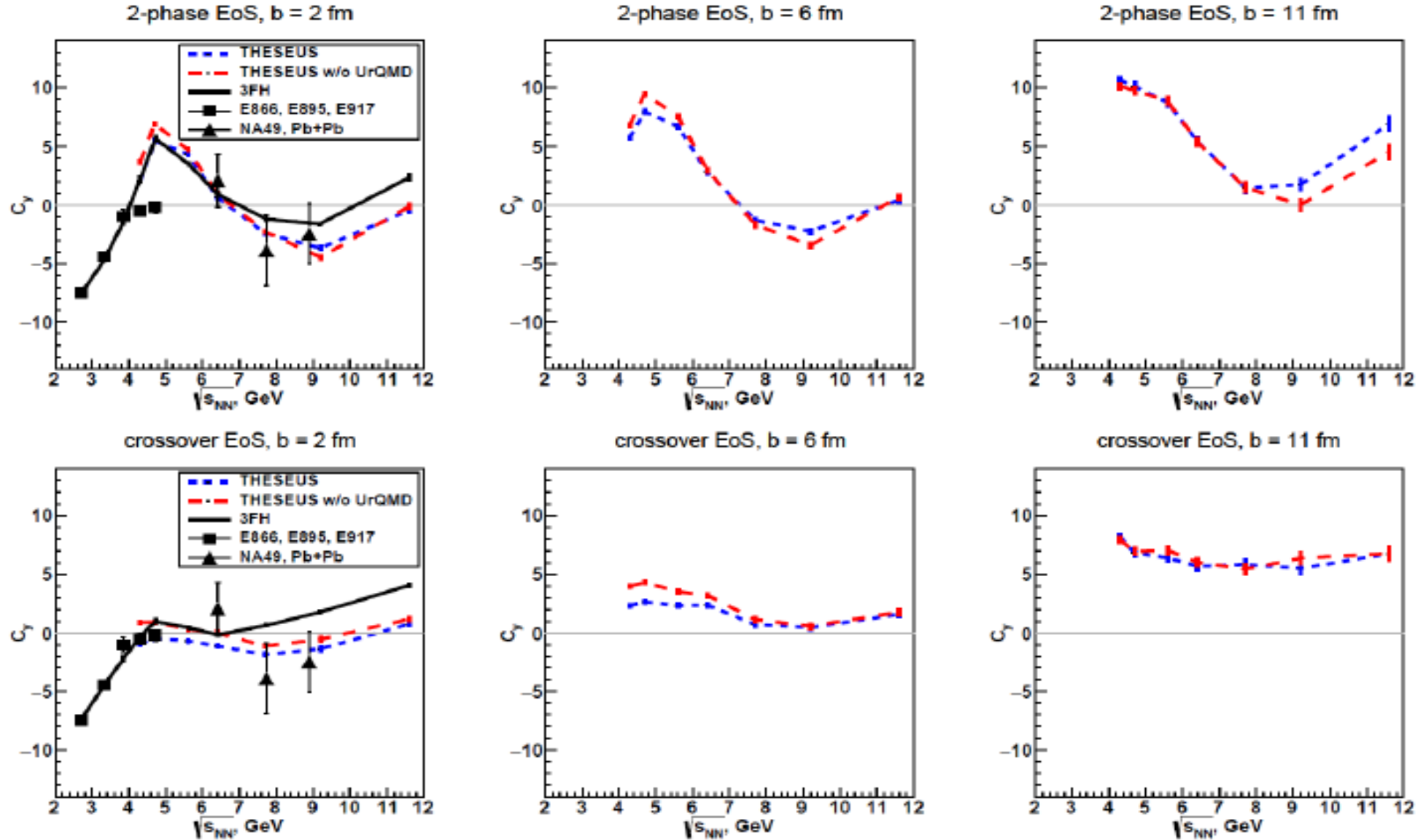
depends on number of events



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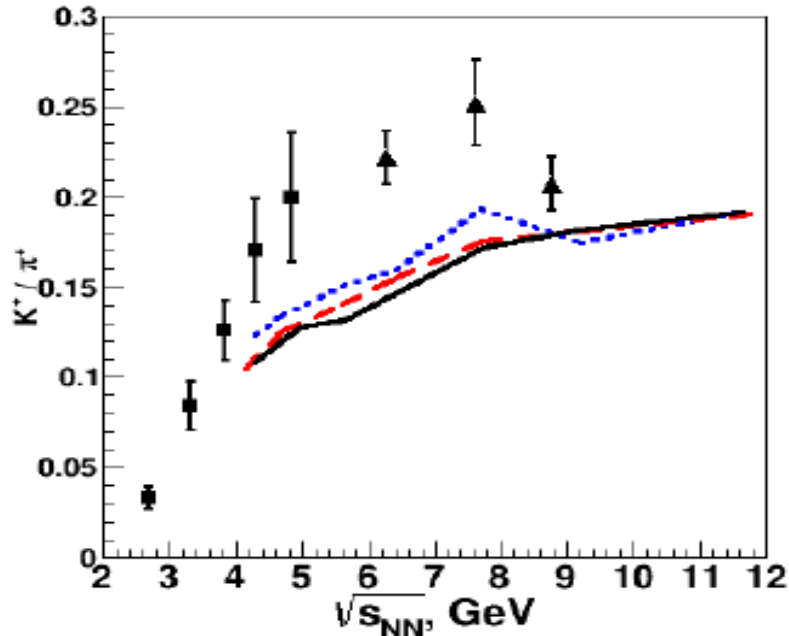


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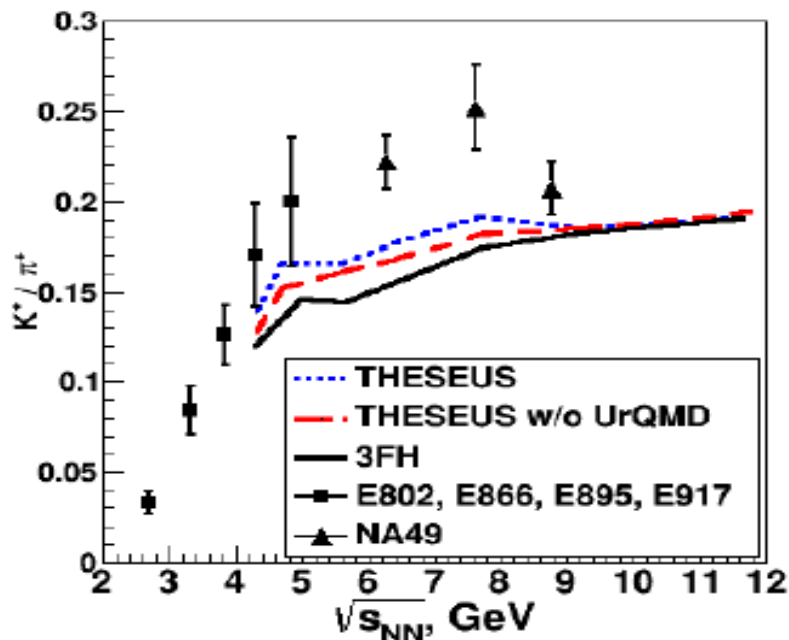


What about K^+/π^+ (Marek's horn) in THESEUS ?

2-phase EoS, $b = 2$ fm



crossover EoS, $b = 2$ fm



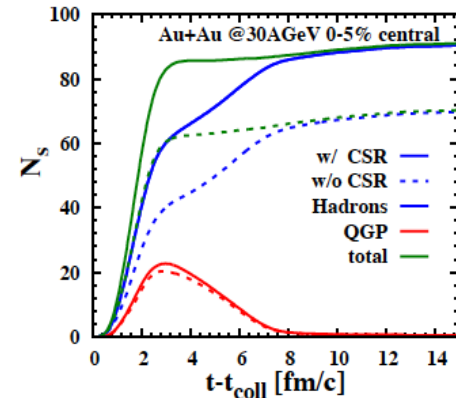
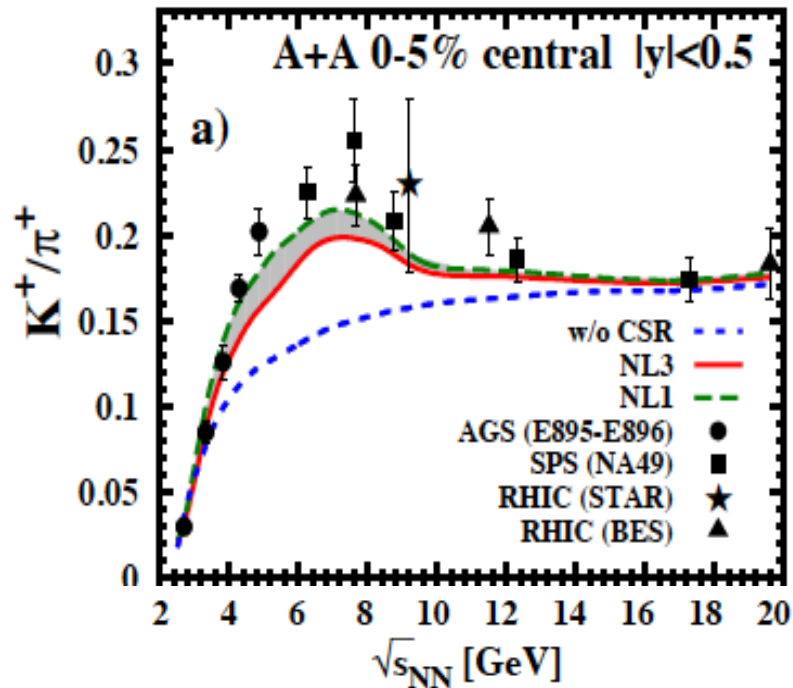
THESEUS simulation reproduces 3FH result, Thus it has the same discrepancy with experiment

--> some key element still missing in the program

P. Batyuk, D.B., M. Bleicher et al., arxiv:1608.00965

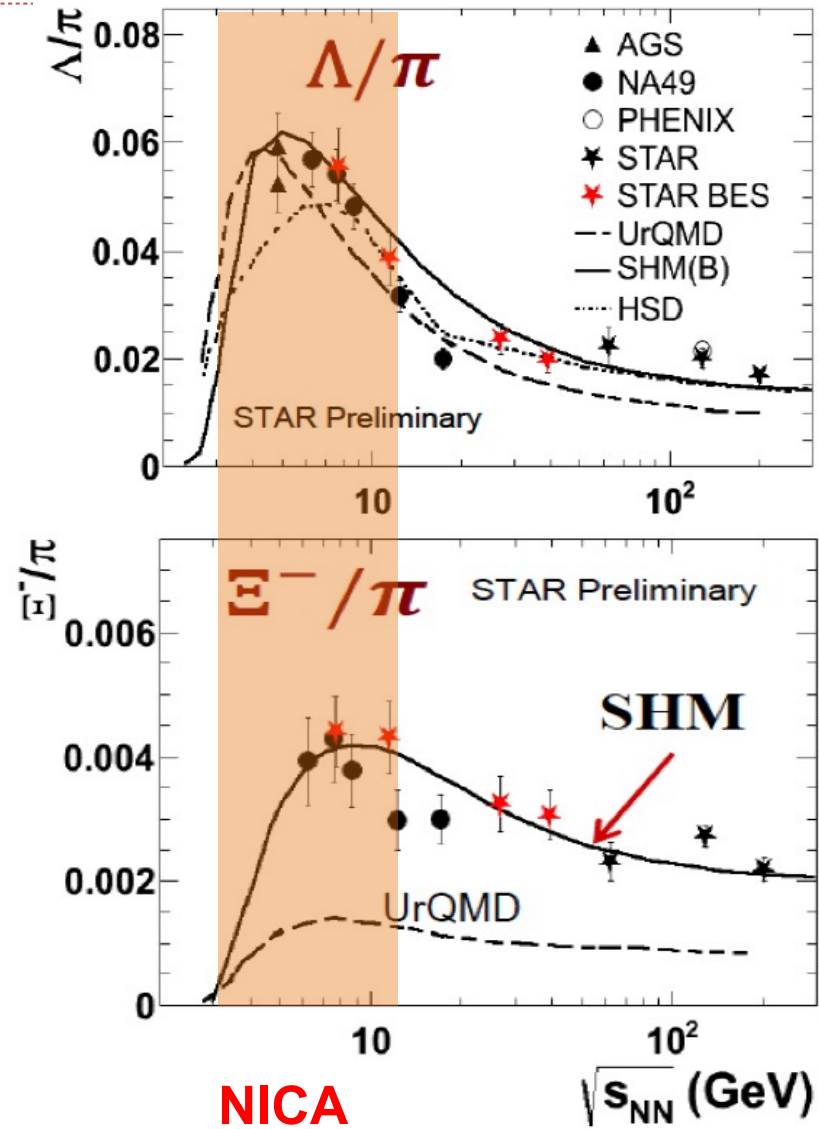
Recent new development in PHSD

Chiral symmetry restoration in HIC at intermediate ...
A. Palmese et al., arxiv: 1607.04073



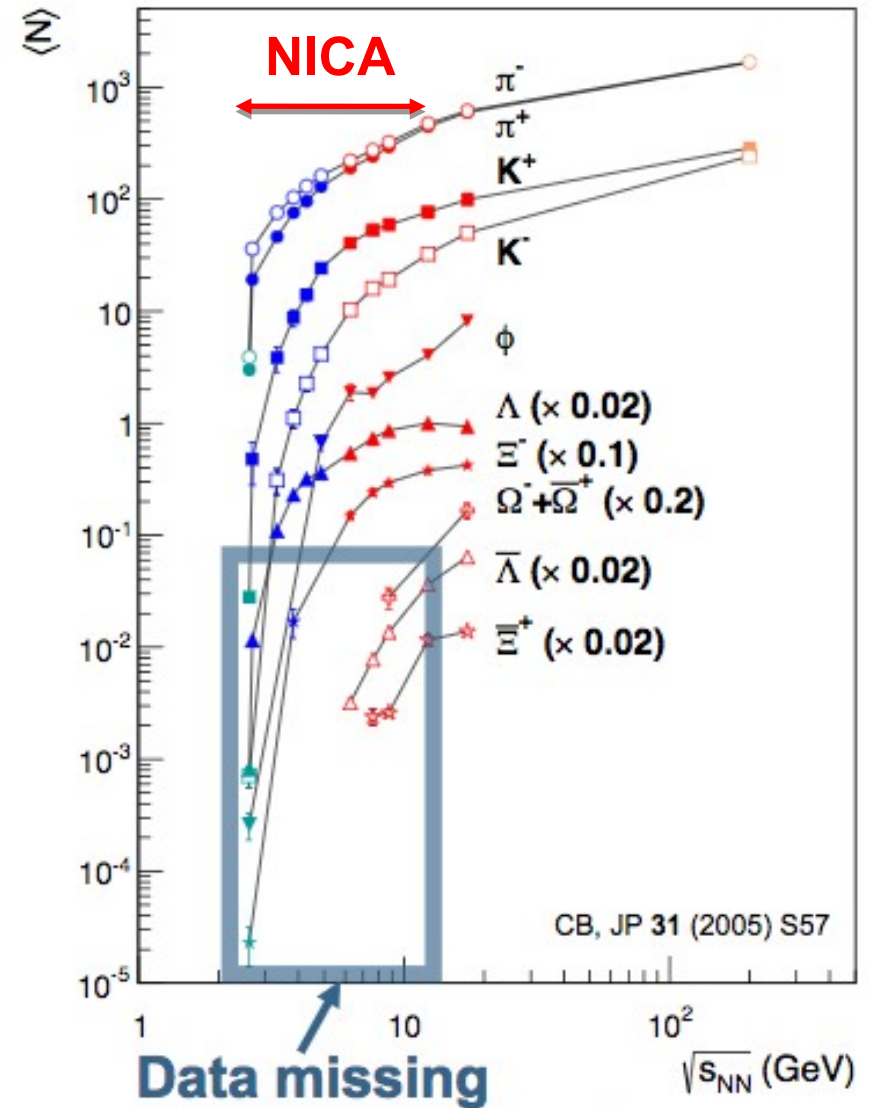
Strange particle number increase by CSR

Strange baryon to pion ratios



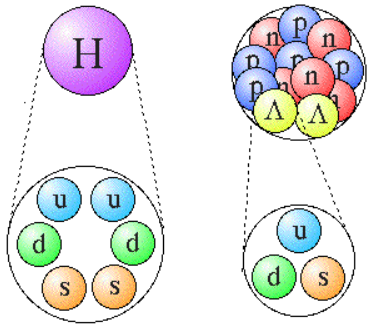
D. Tlusty, SQM-2017

Total yields



C. Blume, SQM-2017

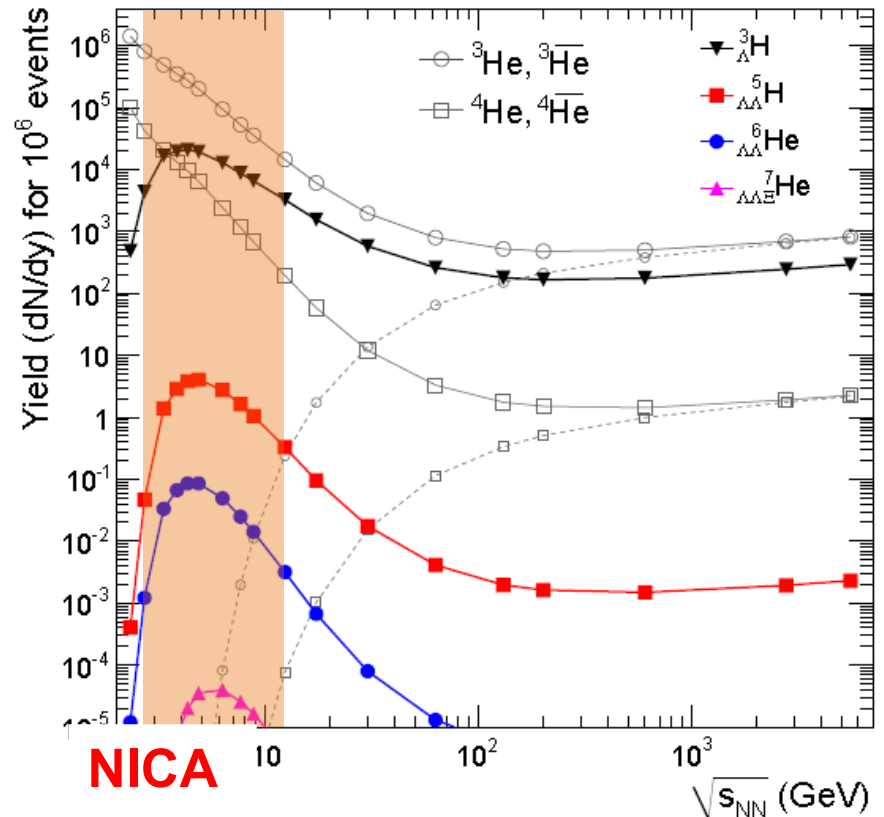
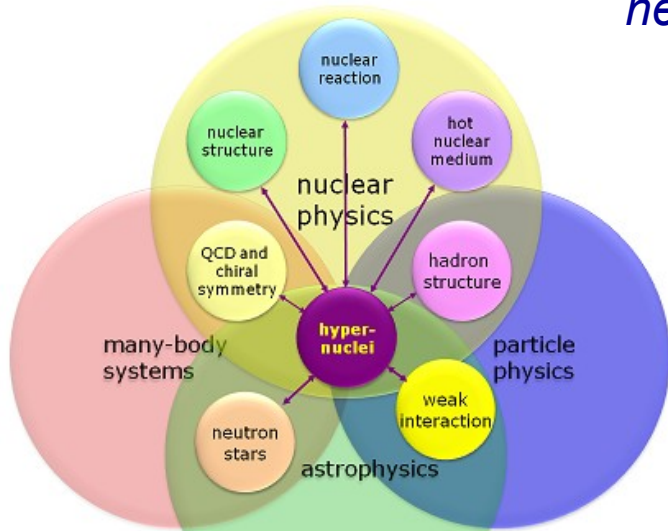
Hypernuclei



Hypernuclei provides unique opportunity to study the strange particle-nucleus interaction in a many-body environment.

production enhanced at high baryon densities (NICA)

On the astrophysical scale the appearance of hyperons in the dense core of a neutron star has been a subject of extensive studies since the early days of neutron star research

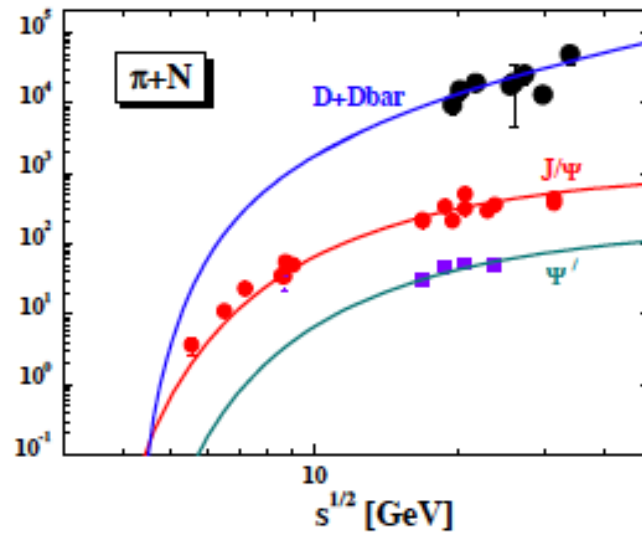
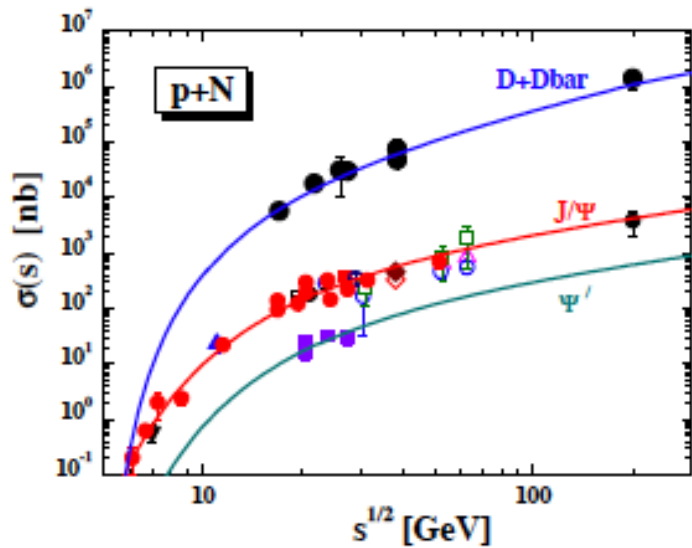


A. Andronic et al., Phys. Lett. B697 (2011) 203

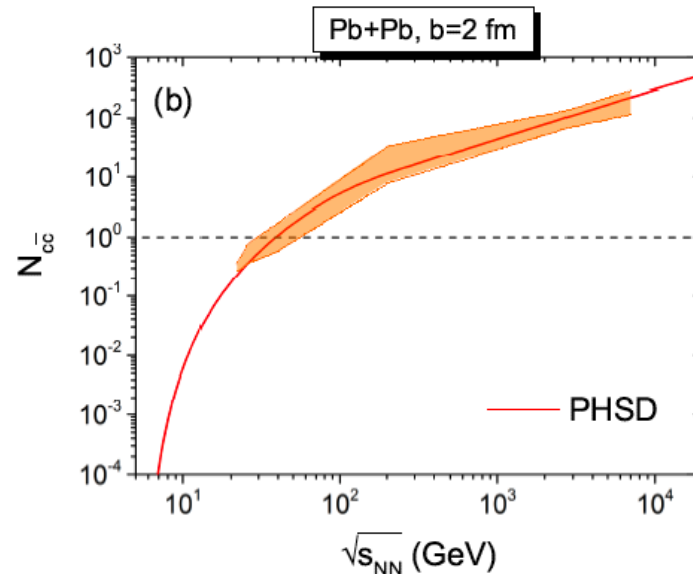
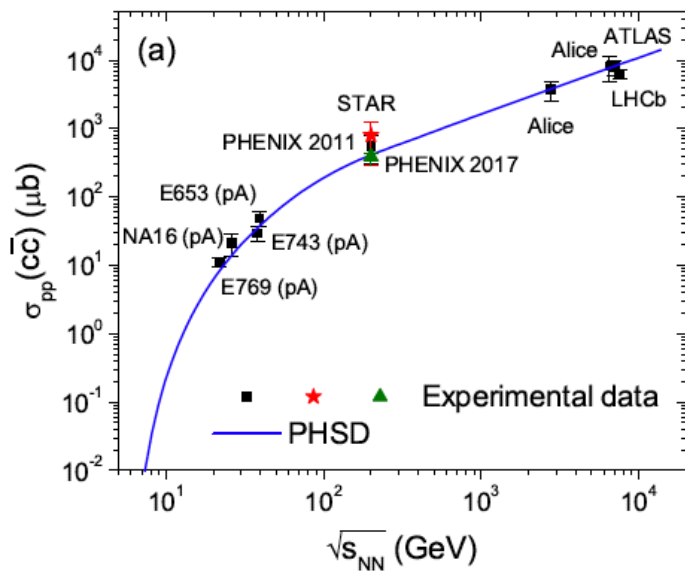
Conclusions

1. Light flavors and Hypernuclei: Spectra and Yields/ratios
2. Correlations & Fluctuations: Collective flow for hadrons; Femtoscopy
3. Electromagnetic probes: In-medium spectral properties – Mott effect for hadrons?
4. Heavy flavors: Charm at threshold in MPD – or even subthreshold?

Heavy Flavours ?



Linnyuk, Bratkovskaya,
Cassing,
Arxiv:0808.1505



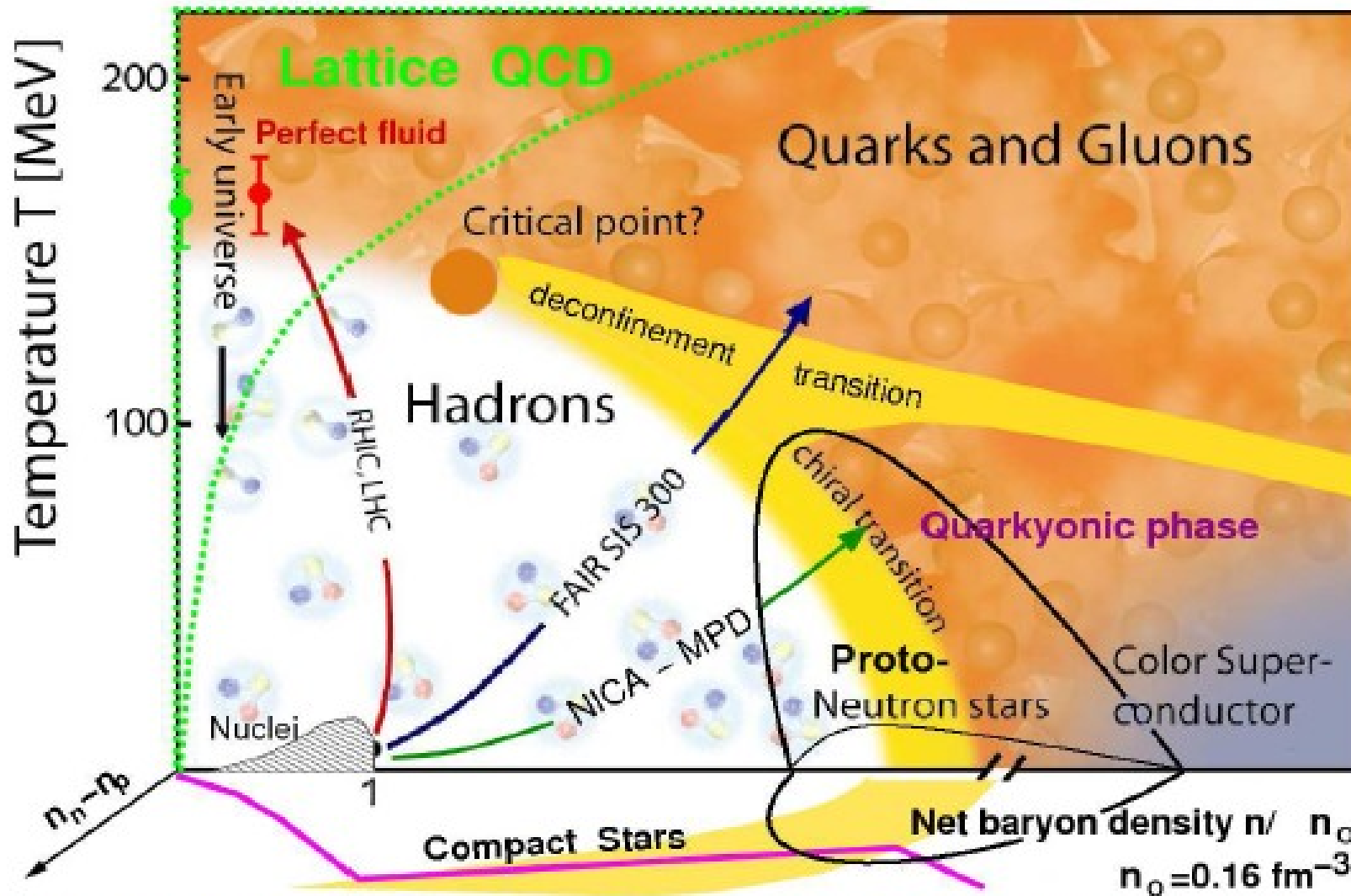
Song, Cassing, Moreau,
Bratkovskaya
Arxiv:1803.02698

Further developments:

- MPD Detector simulation (Oleg Rogachevsky et al.)**
- New 2-phase EoS (Wroclaw group: Bastian)**

**A new class of 2-phase EoS:
Motivation from Astrophysics**

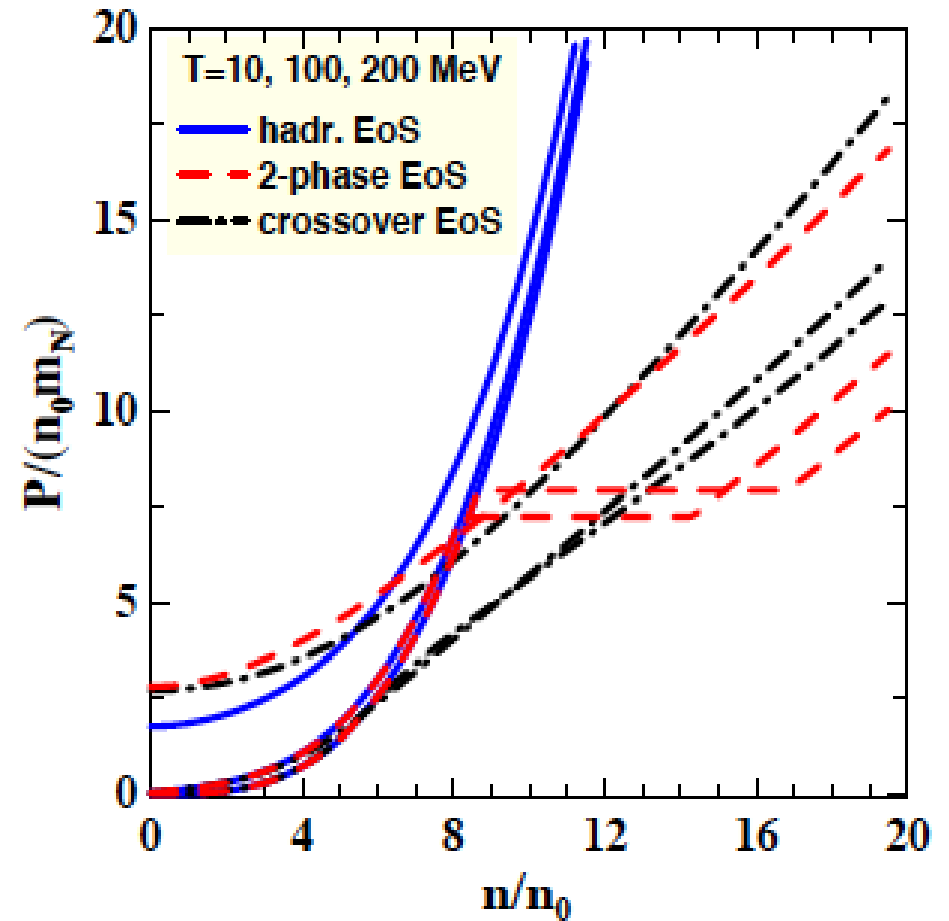
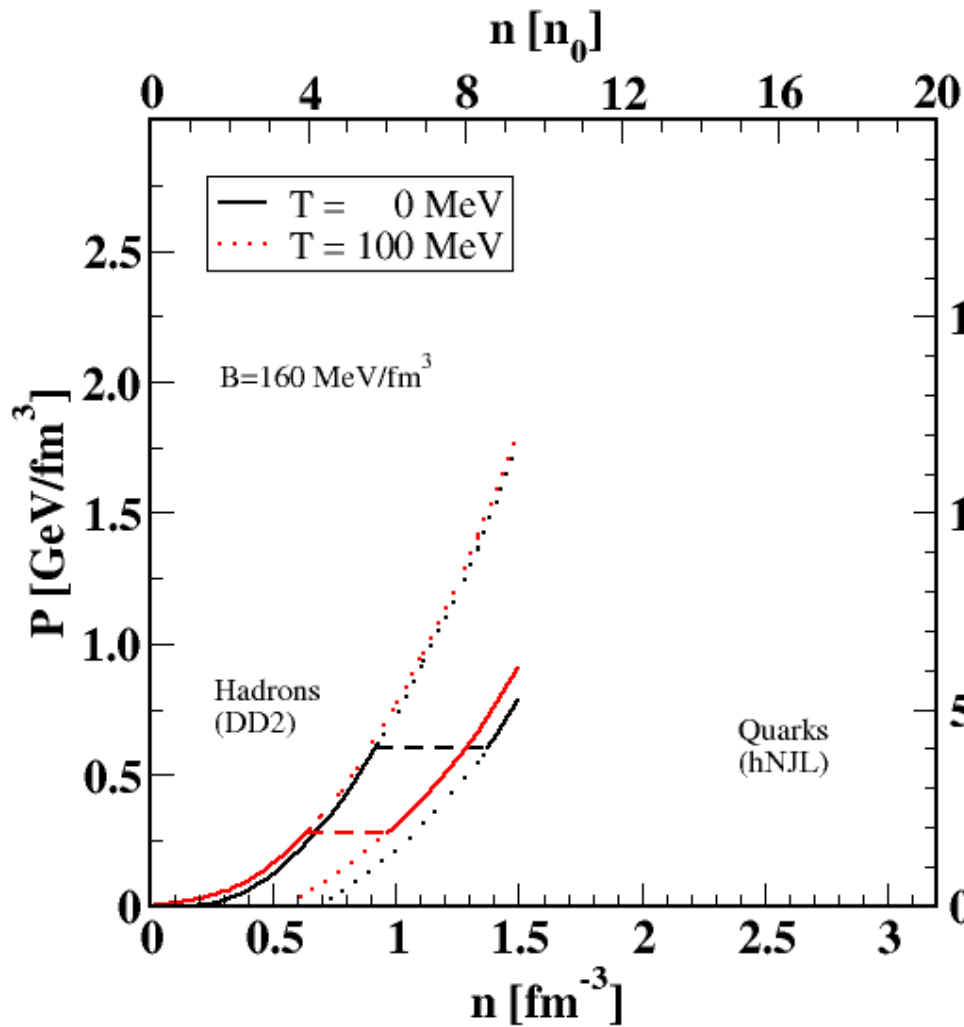
Support a CEP in QCD phase diagram with Astrophysics?



NICA White Paper, <http://theor.jinr.ru/twiki-cgi/view/NICA/WebHome>

Crossover at finite T (Lattice QCD) + First order at zero T (Astrophysics) = Critical endpoint exists!

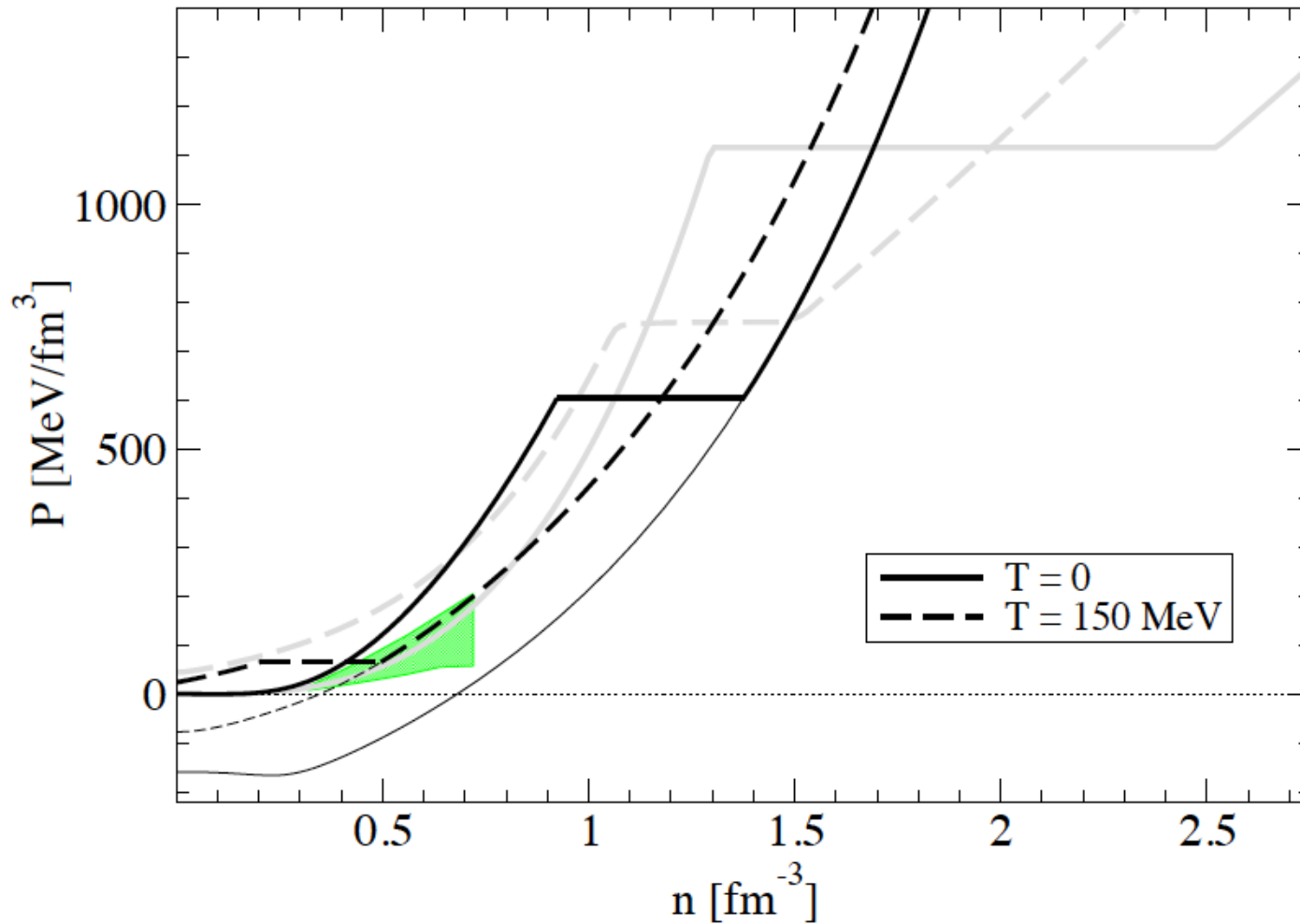
Comparison 2-phase EoS



N.-U. Bastian, D. Blaschke (S. Benic, S. Typel),
In progress (2016)

A. Khvorostukhin et al. EPJC 48 (2006) 531
Yu. Ivanov, D. Blaschke, arxiv:1504.03992

Comparison 2-phase EoS



Grey: Ivanov (2010)

Black: DD2 vs. hNJLb

$B=160 \text{ MeV}/\text{fm}^3$

Summary / Outlook:

- Baryon stopping signal (“wiggle”) remains a robust signal for 1st order PT also under severe cuts in transverse momentum !
- Discrimination between hadronic phase and crossover transition ambiguous
- Position of the “wiggle” in the beam energy scan is EoS dependent – new EoS ?!
- Particlization of 3-Fluid Hydrodynamics model works !
- UrQMD “afterburner” works too !

- Detector simulation in progress
- Systematic study of modern 2-phase EoS (Bayesian analysis) in progress



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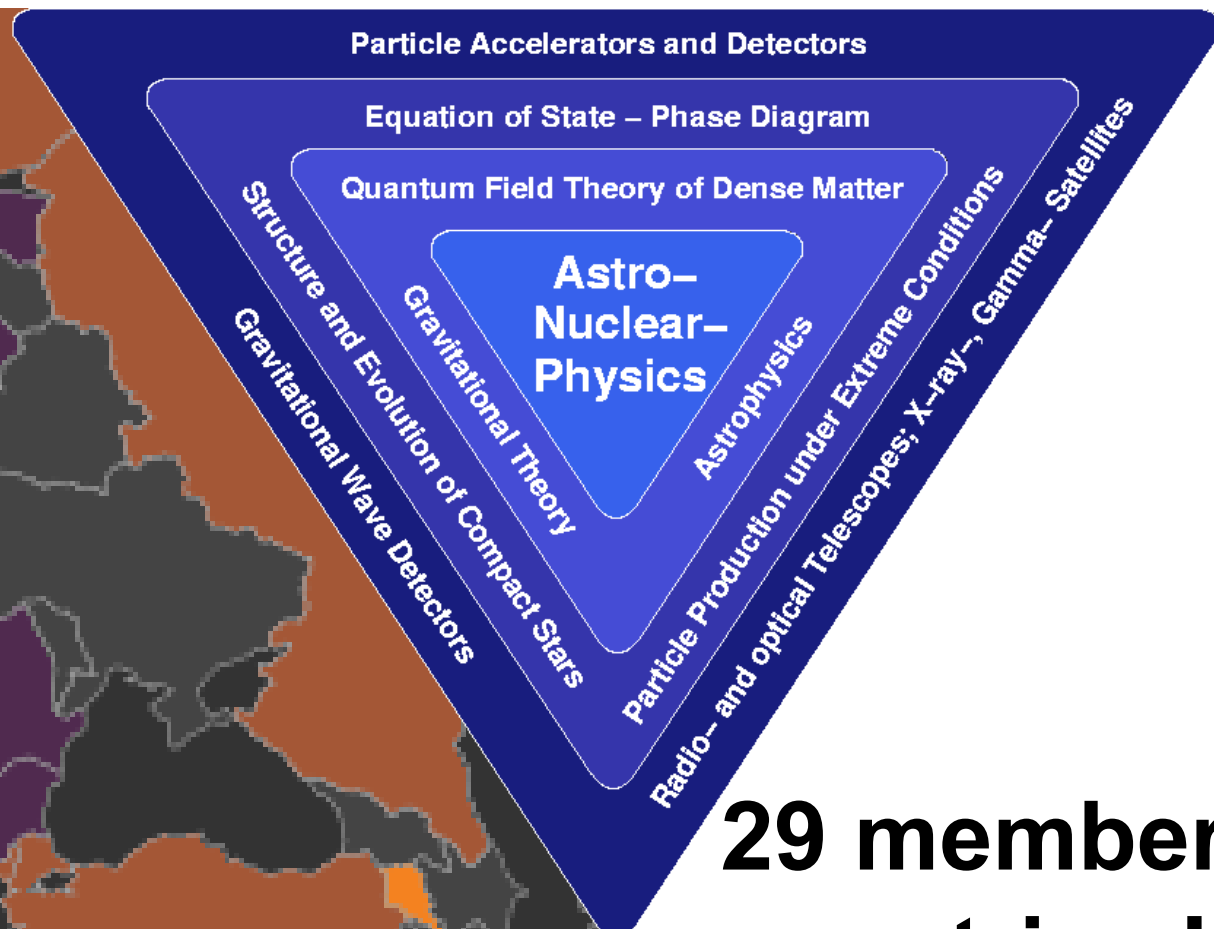
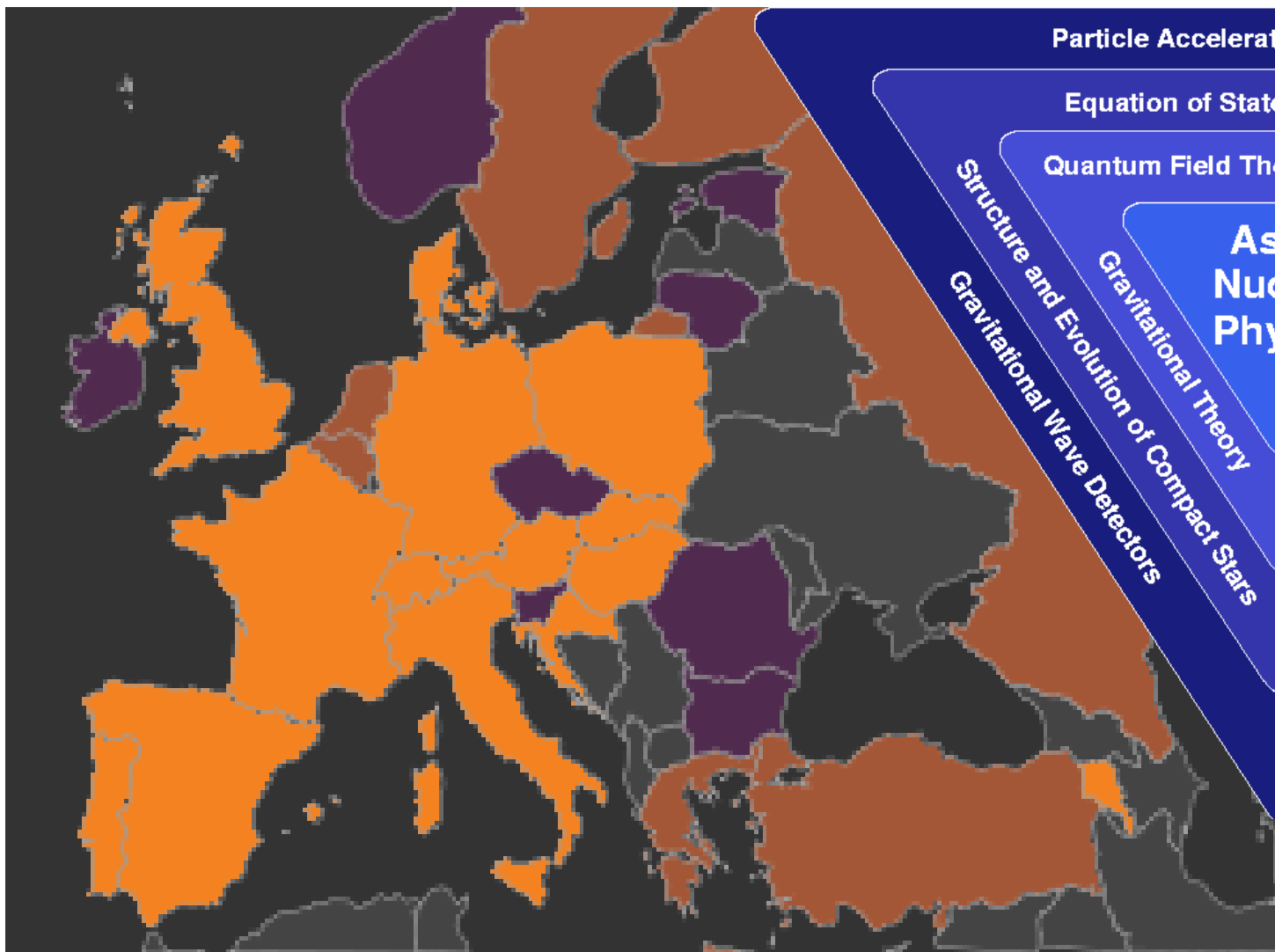


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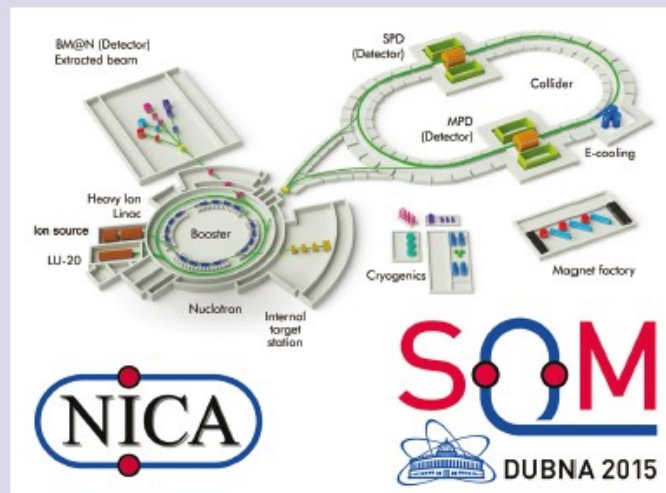
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