

# Benchmarking transport models

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# Outline

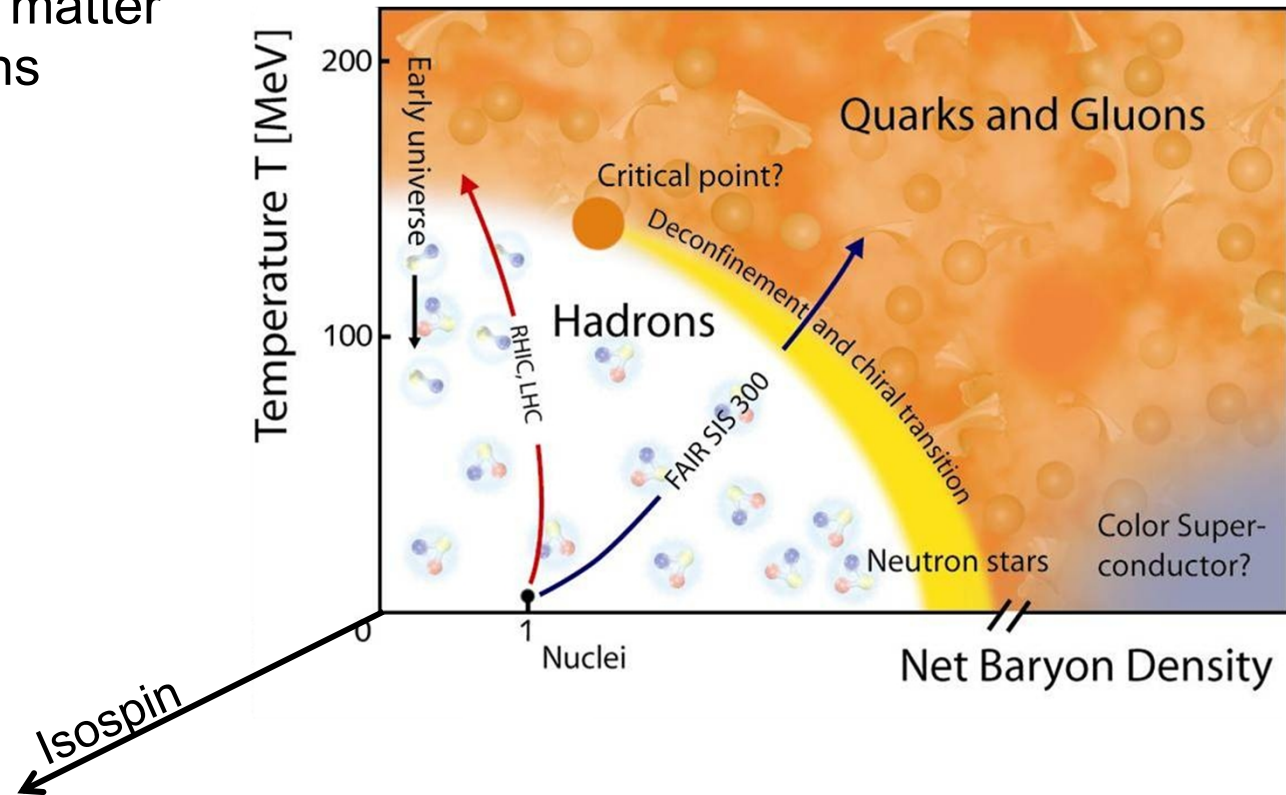
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# Heavy ion reactions

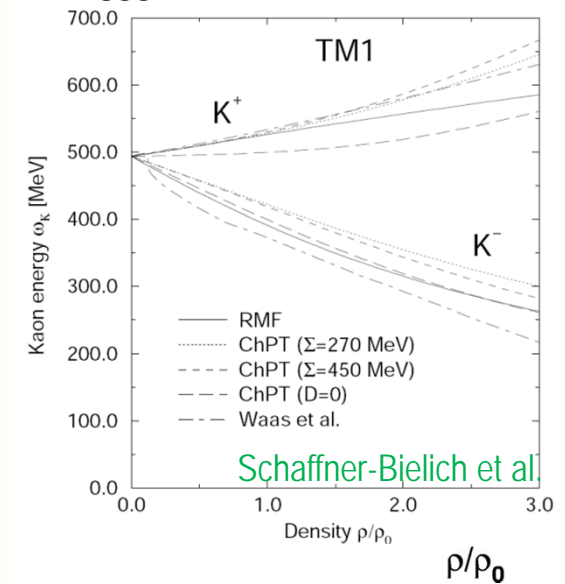
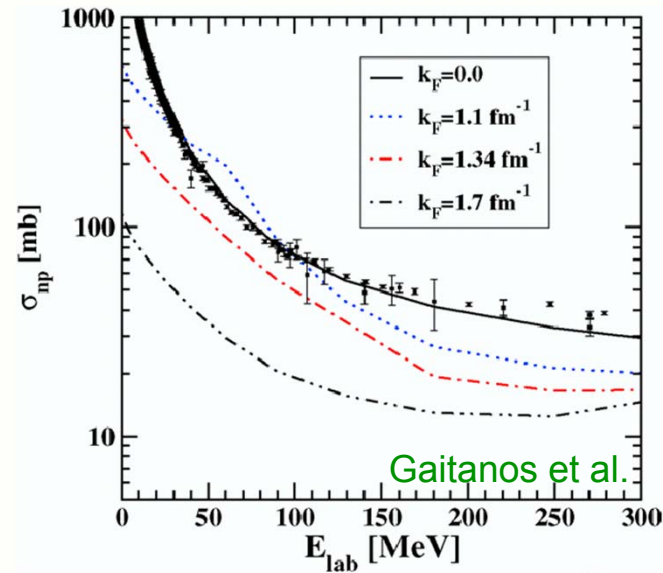
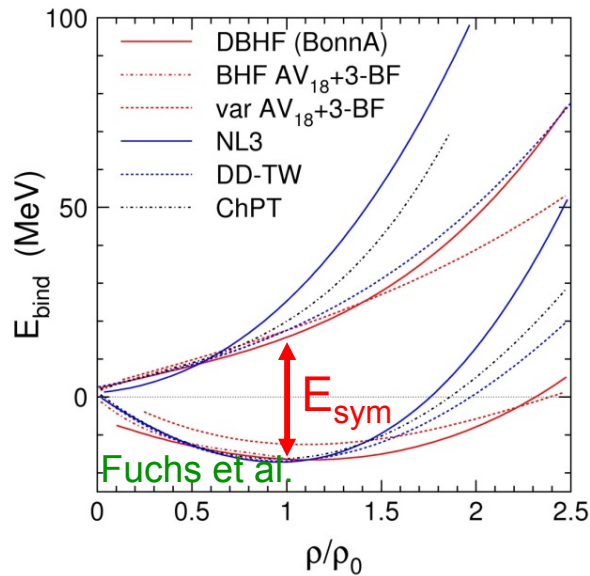
Access **QCD phase diagram**

- EOS of nuclear matter by heavy ion collisions



- finite system
- extract information via modeling the hadronic phase
- microscopic transport models

# Heavy ion reactions

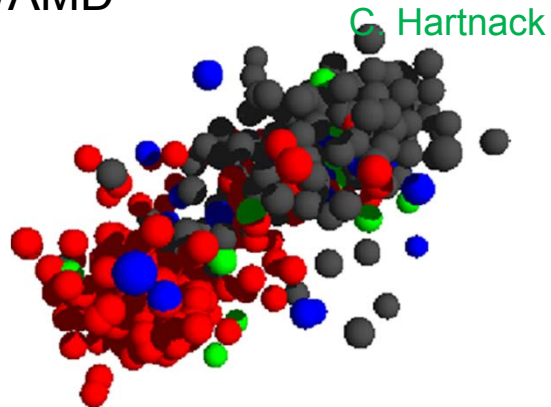


Not only nuclear matter equation of state

- in-medium cross sections
- in-medium potentials
- in-medium characteristics of particles
- in-medium correlations (3/4body interactions, clustering)

# Heavy ion reactions and transport models

Various approaches  
QMD/AMD

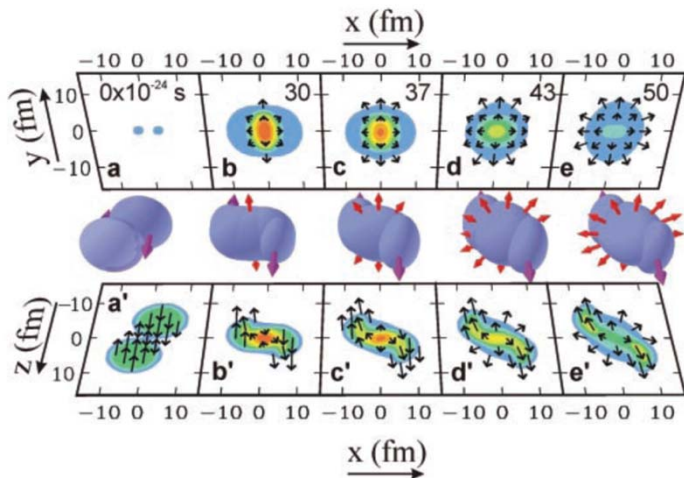


Transport models:  
Solving the Boltzmann Equation in the presence of many particles

Very successful

- **describing** experimental data
- **understanding** mechanisms of HI collisions, e.g.
  - particle production
  - collective flow
  - heavy fragments

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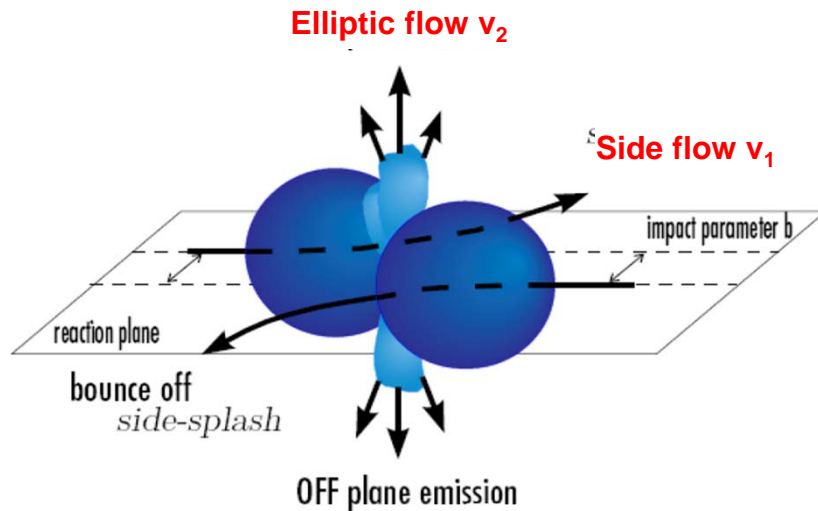
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Science 298, 1592 (2002)

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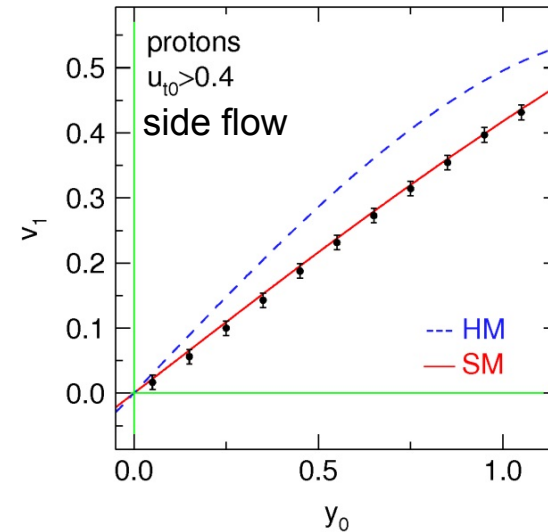
# **SUCCESS OF TRANSPORT MODELS EOS OF NUCLEAR MATTER**



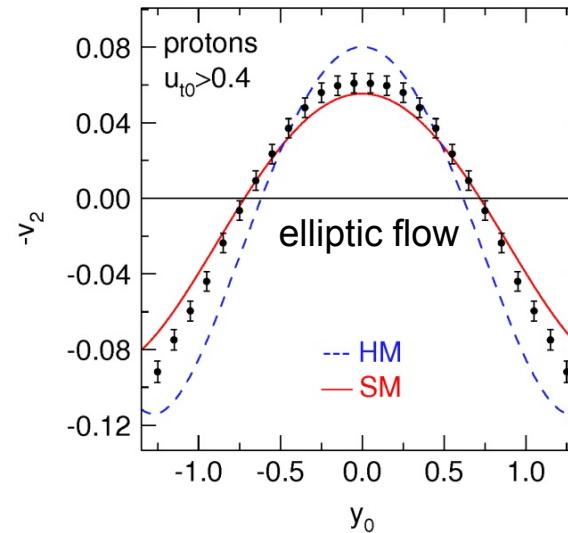
# Heavy ion collisions – collective flows



Au+Au 1A GeV  $3.5 < b < 6.3$  fm



W. Reisdorf et al, Nucl. Phys. A 876 (2012) 1



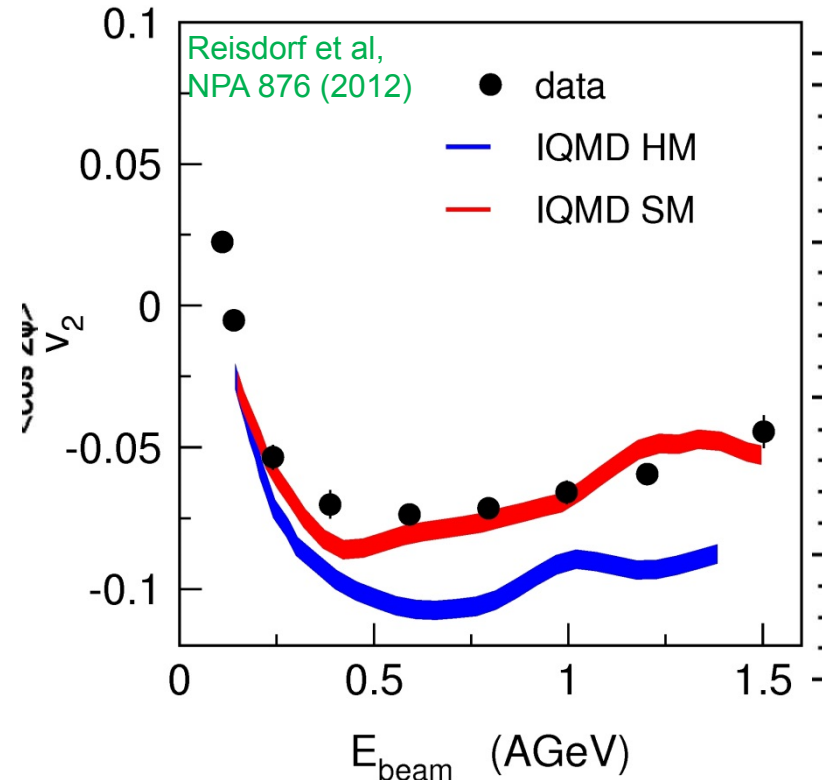
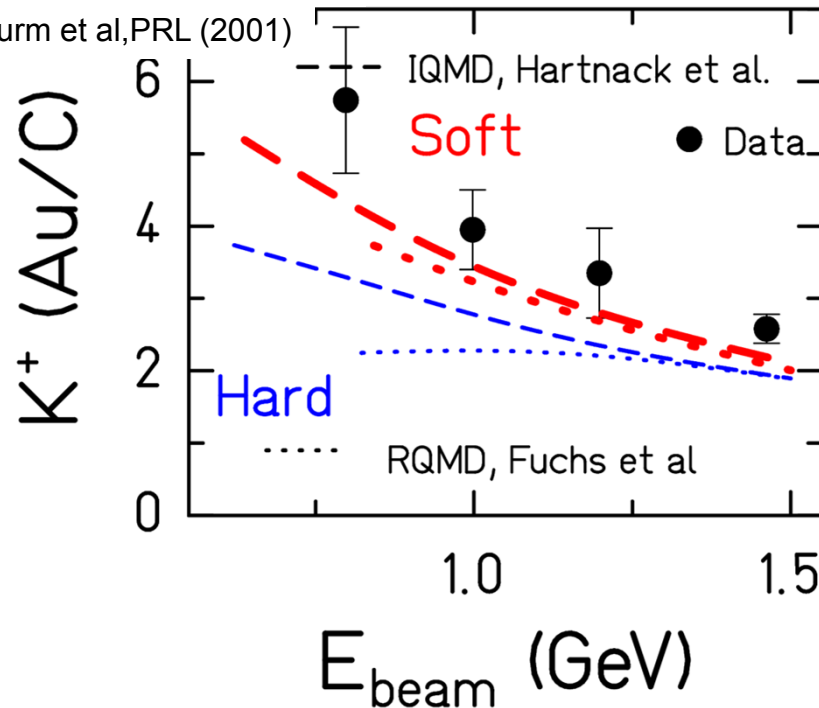
$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \sim 1 + 2v_1 \cos(\phi) + 2v_2 \cos(2\phi); \phi = \phi_R - \phi$$

- reaction dynamics described
- collective flows Au+Au between 0.4 – 1.5 AGeV described by one model
- consistent description of flow and strangeness production possible

# Heavy ion collisions, strangeness and collective flows

from KAOS@GSI

Sturm et al, PRL (2001)



P. Danielewicz et al. Science 298, 1592 (2002)

- additional constraints needed on momentum dependence of NN potential and in-medium cross sections
- newer data on elliptic flow in agreement with a soft EOS (SM)
  - most available data and Kaon production is reasonably described by IQMD model (input parameters constrained with experimental data)



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# **SUCCESS OF TRANSPORT MODELS SYMMETRY ENERGY AT HIGH DENSITIES**

# Symmetry energy at supra-normal densities

Differential elliptic flow  $v_2$  of n/p

**UrQMD** (Q. Li et al.) predicts

“hard”  $E_{\text{sym}}$  → protons unchanged  
 neutron and proton flow  
 “soft”  $E_{\text{sym}}$  inverted

## Towards model invariance:

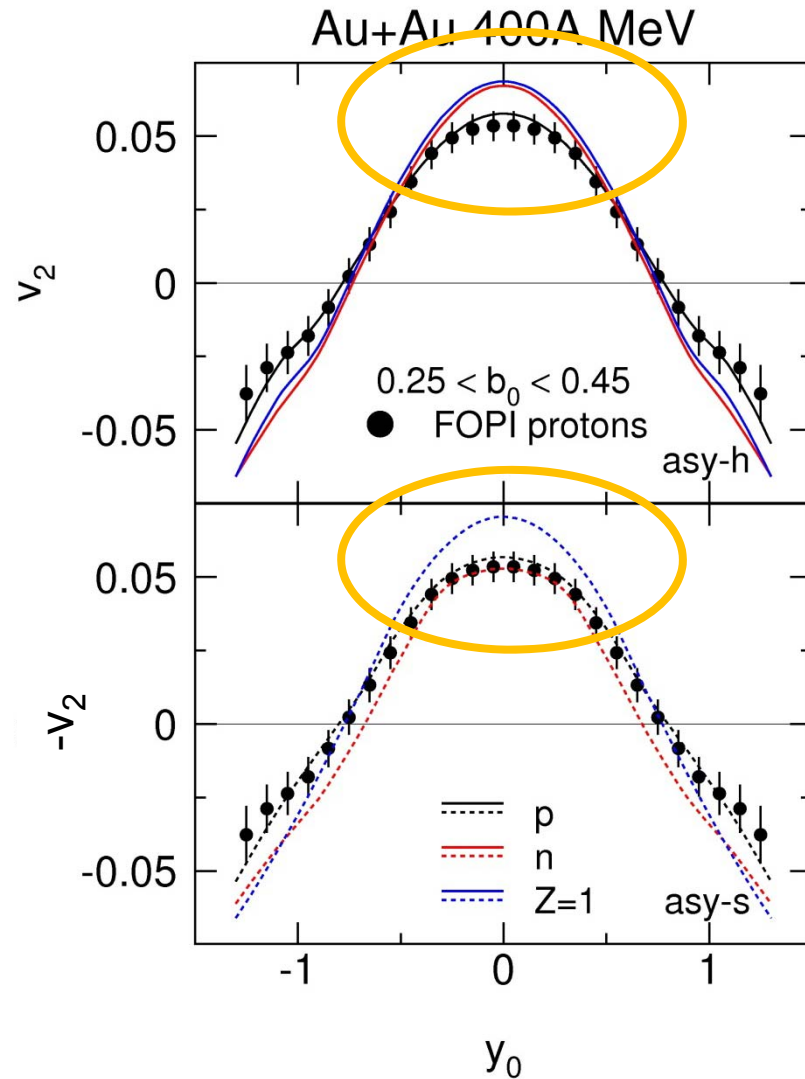
tested stability with different models:

- soft vs. hard EOS **190 < K < 280 MeV**
- density dependence of  $\sigma_{\text{NN,elastic}}$
- asymmetry dependence of  $\sigma_{\text{NN,elastic}}$
- optical potential
- momentum dependence of isovector potential

M.D. Cozma et al., arXiv:1305.5417

P. Russotto et al., PLB 267 (2010)

Y. Wang et al., PRC 89, 044603 (2014)

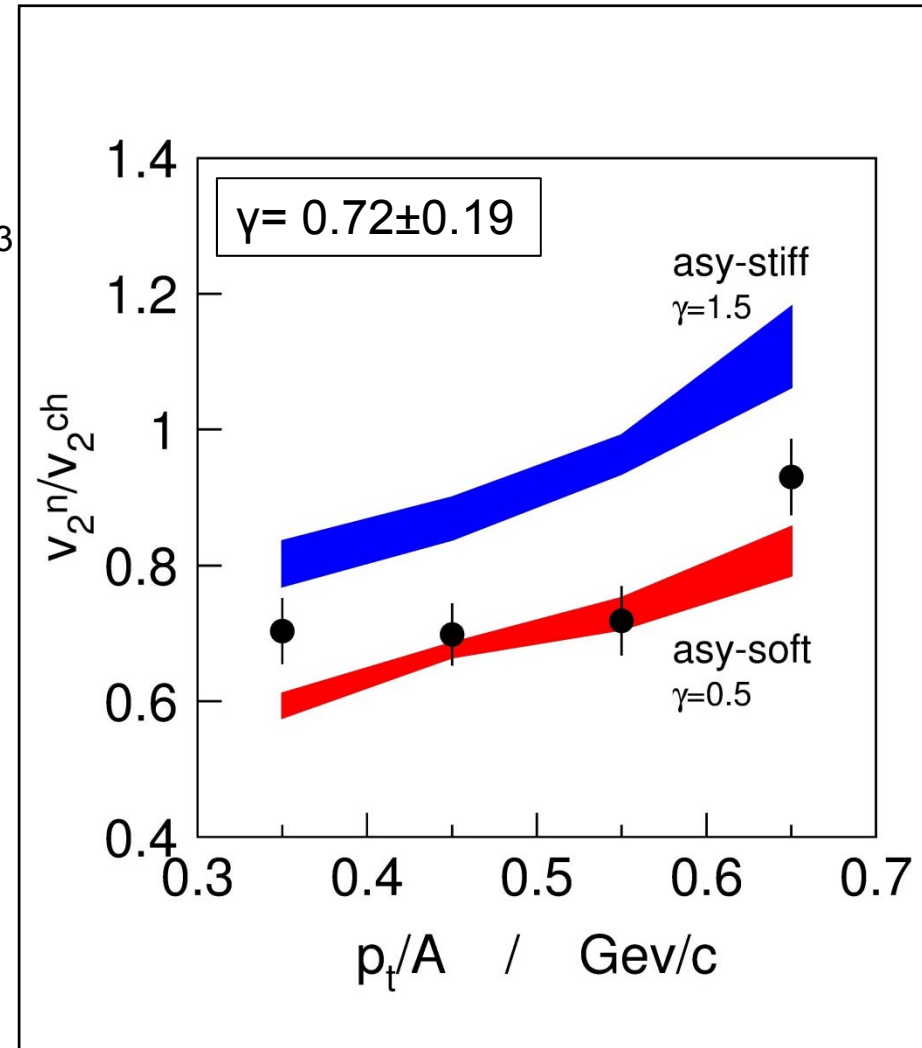
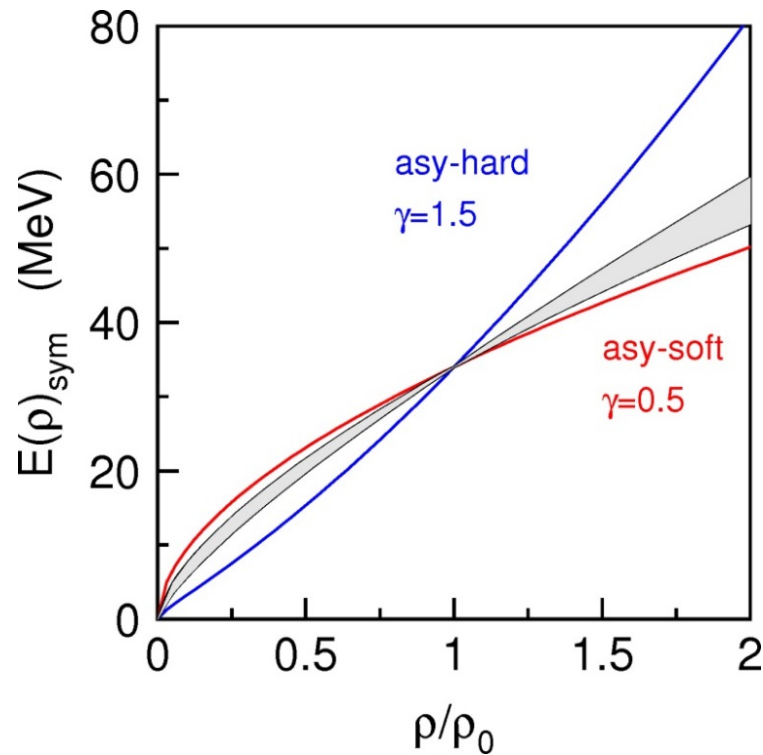


# Constraining the symmetry energy at high densities

Comparison to models:

parameterization of  $E_{\text{sym}}$ :

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



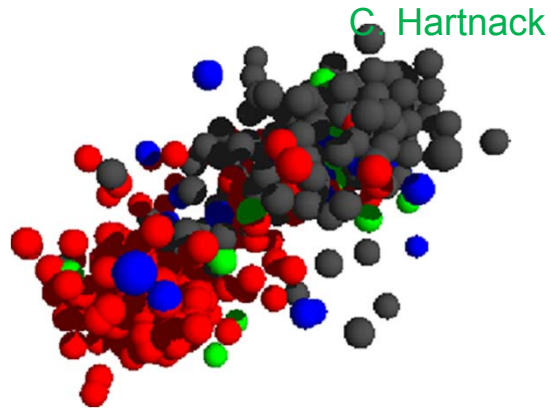
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**HOWEVER....**

# Heavy ion reactions and transport models

Various approaches

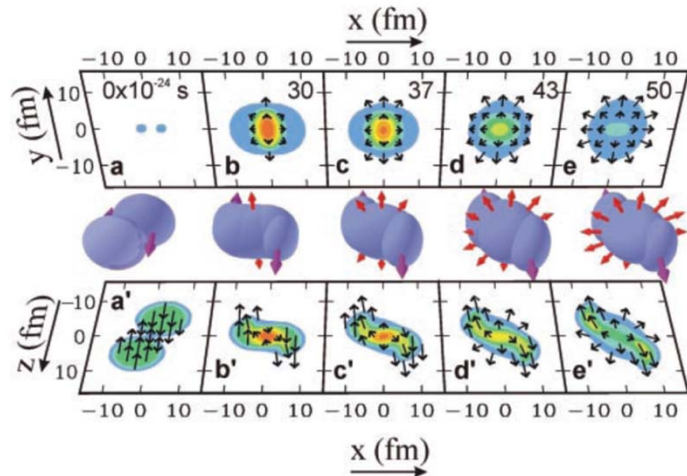
QMD



Very successful

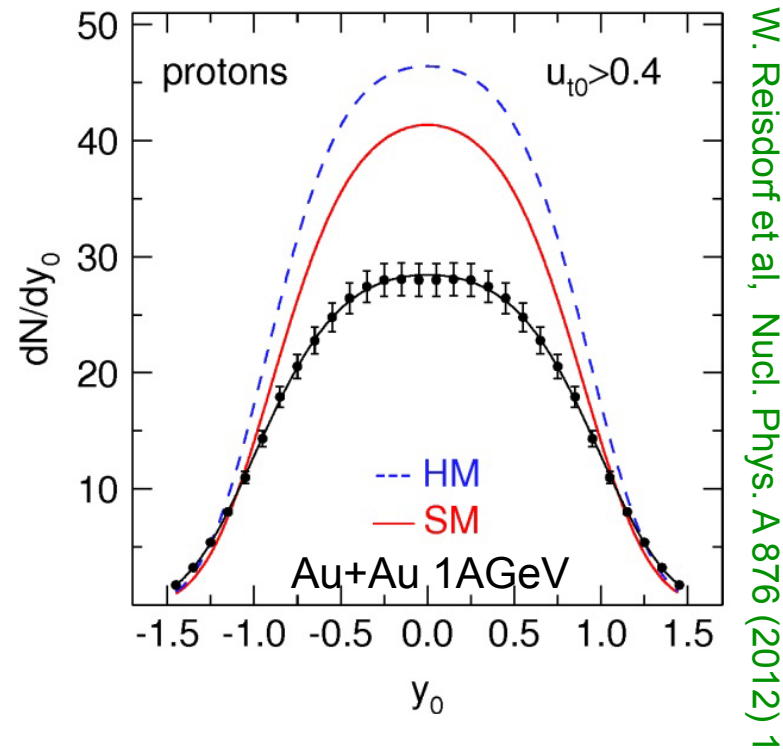
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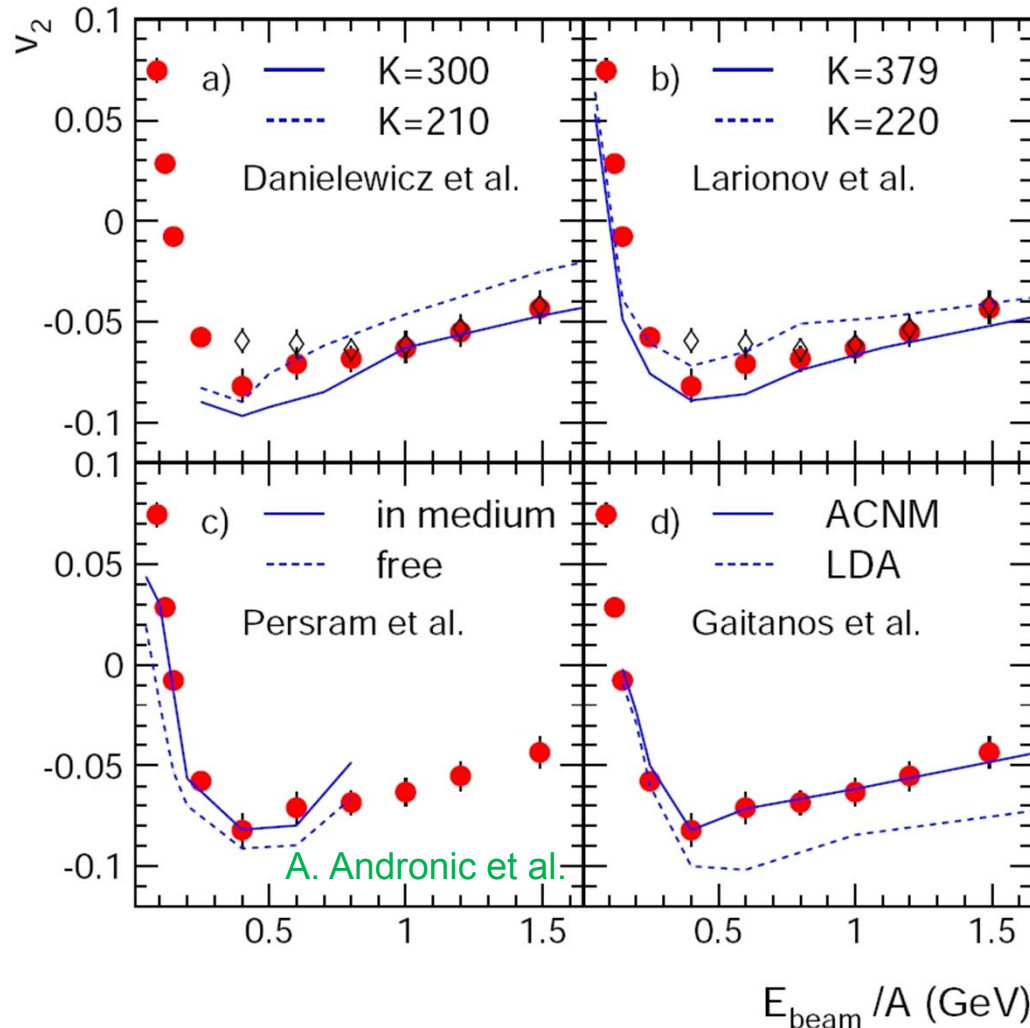
# Heavy ion reactions and transport codes



- yields of composite particles (d, t,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $\alpha$  ...) emitted from the mid-central source are under predicted by most models (model  $\rightarrow$  cluster reconstruction algorithm)
- momentum dependence and neutron/proton effective masses
- .... others see E. Di Filippo

# Heavy ion reactions and transport models

Au+Au elliptic flow in mid-central collisions compared to predictions from BUU models



Influence of the EOS

In-medium effects with soft EOS

Constraining input parameters with experimental data  
→ more rigorously  
(see talk of B. Barker)



# Heavy ion reactions and transport models

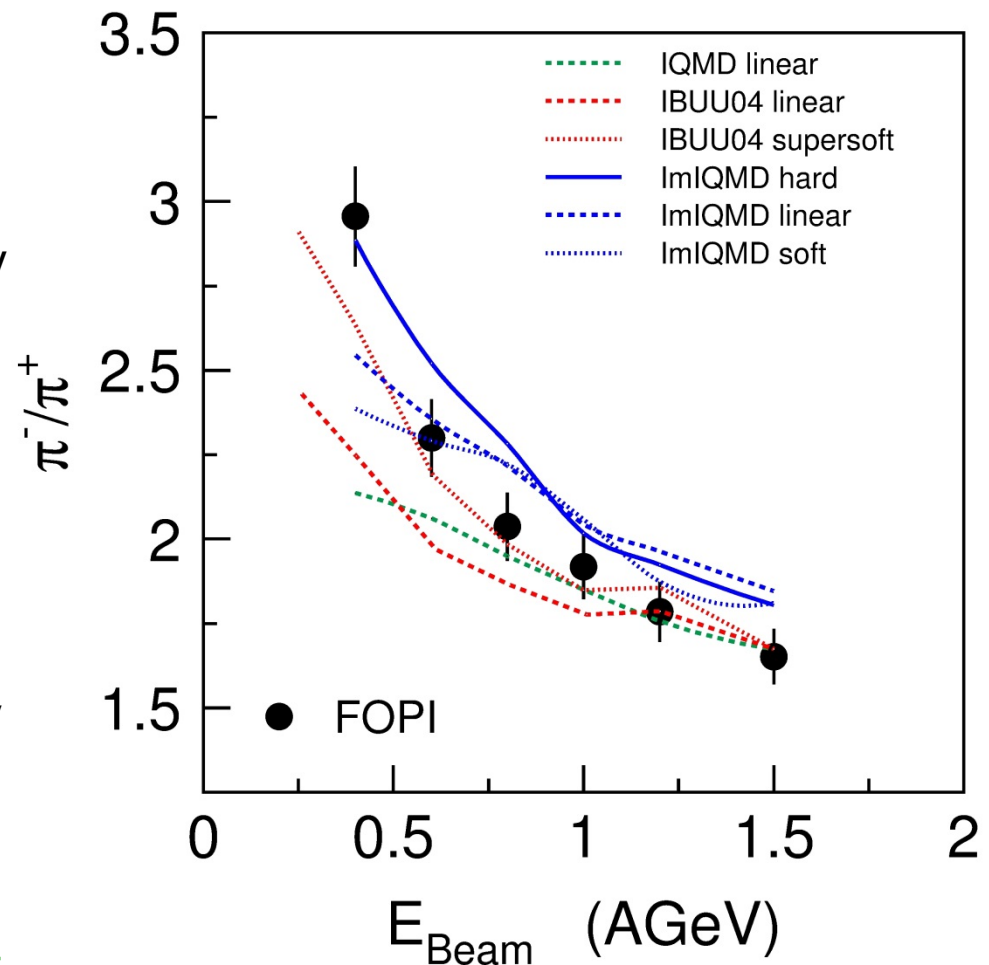
Density dependence of the symmetry energy:

- IQMD and IBUU04 yield – in a sense – compatible results: a soft density dependence of the symmetry term leads to a higher  $\pi^-/\pi^+$  ratio
  - in IQMD small sensitivity to the symmetry energy, most due to secondary effects
  - agreement with n/p flow data needing a slightly stiffer SE (see talks of J. Lukasik, E.. di Filippo or D. Cozma)
- whereas others predict a higher  $\pi^-/\pi^+$  ratio for a hard density dependence of the symmetry energy
- or no dependence at all

IQMD: C. Hartnack

IBUU04: X. Zhang et al.

ImIQMD: Z. Feng, G. Jing, PRC 82 (2010) 044615



# Transport models

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## Existing codes differ in

- initialization
- description of particle properties/resonances
- model dependent cross sections (e.g. NN-in-medium)
- numerical methods
- physics concepts....

## Drawing conclusions

- on EOS
- in-medium effects etc.

is difficult when models yield different results on specific observables

## Need to control

numerical methods  
standard input parameters

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# **BENCHMARKING TRANSPORT MODELS**

# Benchmarking of transport models

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## Performance evaluation

What is being evaluated?

Predictions of transport codes

How does one define performance?

Deviation of code predictions from (experimental) data?  
But... not describing experimental data may also be a result!

Benchmark:

Set of experimental data  
Needs to be defined  
Criteria?

# Benchmarking = Performance evaluation

## How?

### Describing experimental data?

#### Additional benchmark data

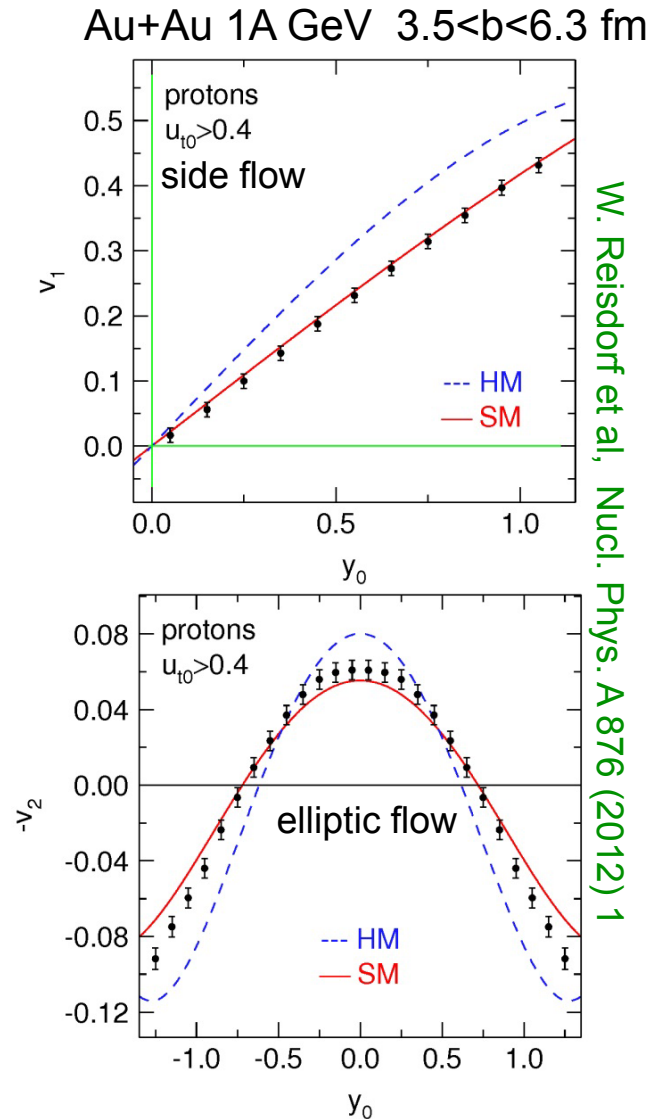
- pion production → inelastic cross sections, momentum dependence
- stopping → elastic cross section

#### Calculations done with IQMD (UrQMD)

- input parameters *selected* but not fitted
- same input parameters for all comparisons
- also describing kaon data

#### Problems:

- Clusterization
- FOPI filter for ERAT
- particle acceptance
- analysis method
- reaction plane determination



# Benchmarking = Performance evaluation

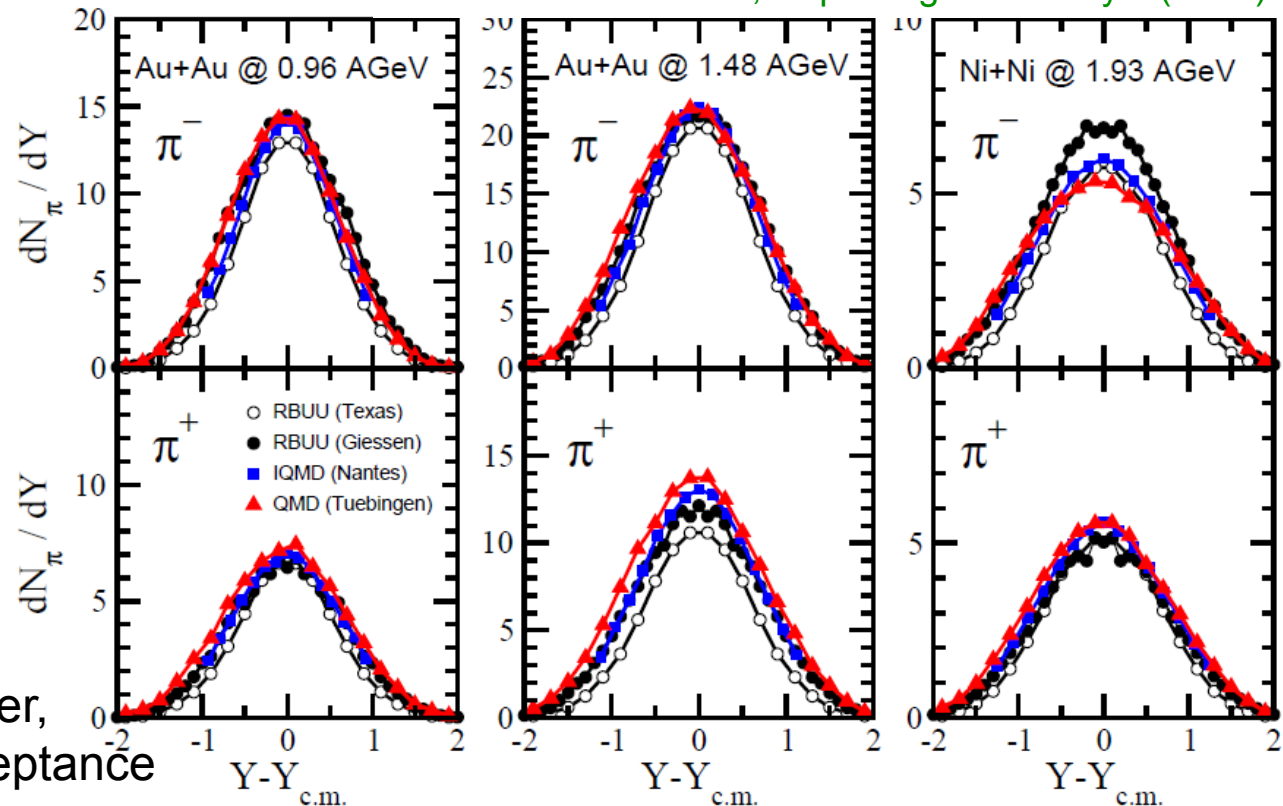
## How?

Comparison to  
a reference model!

- same impact parameter,
- same cuts, same acceptance
- standard output
- standard analysis routine
- agreement on cross sections, Delta lifetimes, detailed balance (Trento 2001/2003)

E.E. Kolomeitsev, C. Hartnack, H.W. Barz, M. Bleicher, E. Bratkovskaya, W. Cassing, L.W. Chen, P. Danielewicz, C. Fuchs, T. Gaitanos, C.M. Ko, A. Larionov, M. Reiter, Gy. Wolf, J. Aichelin, J. Phys. G 31 (2005) 741.

C. Fuchs, Rep. Prog. Nucl. Phys. (2005)



# Benchmarking = Performance evaluation

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Select the reference model

Define a set of observables sensitive to certain input parameters

- yields
- stopping
- flow ....

and a set of systems, energies and impact parameters

- Au+Au, Sn+Sn, C+C
- 100... 2 AGeV
- central, half central

Generate appropriate number of events for all systems/energies/ impact parameters with standard output

Analyze with standard analysis tool

Publish in comparison to reference data set

**Finally:**

- publish the code



# Benchmarking – How I do it!

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Define a set of observables sensitive to certain input parameters

- yields: pions, p, (n,) t
- stopping/spectra (rapidity distribution, apparent temperature): pions, p, t
- flow v1 and v2: p, t

and a set of systems, energies and impact parameters

- Au+Au, Ni+Ni, Ar+Ar
- energy: 250, 400, 1000, 2000 AMeV
- central, half central (inclusive):  $b_{\max}$

Generate appropriate number of events for all systems/energies/ impact parameters with standard output

Analyze with standard analysis tool

*Publish the result in comparison to reference data set in a repository providing also the input parameter set and the version number of the code*

# Benchmarking = Performance evaluation

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- comparisons should be stored on a common or institutes archive
  - persistency
- every group should assign a version number to certain releases of the code (in particular when writing publications) and save this version
  - reproducible

# Benchmarking

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... does not solve the problem when results of transport codes differ and drawing conclusions is model dependent

- it just elucidates the differences in a structured way
- differences have to be understood and removed
- two programs using the same theoretical approach and the same input parameters should give the same results
- **community has to survey program codes and should decide on the most suitable ones to solve certain problems (as it was done for the higher energies)**

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**FINALLY**

# Summary and conclusions

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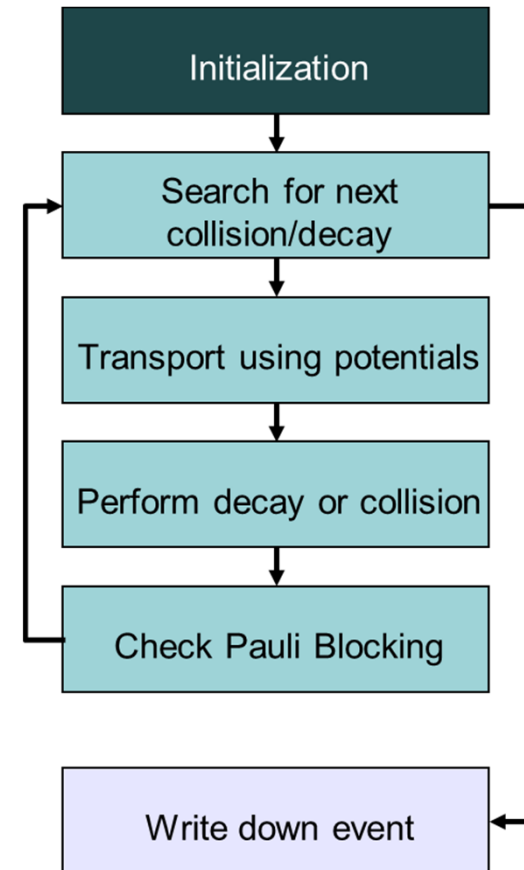
- transport codes are necessary not only to reproduce data but also to study unknown quantities
  - nuclear EOS
  - density dependence of symmetry energy
  - in-medium masses and cross sections
- which can only be obtained by transport models
- **conclusions are only accepted if all programs give the same results**
- at energies  $> 400$  AMeV choosing input parameters and approaches let to a relatively good agreement between various theoretical models Trento 2001/2003
- Benchmarking is a tool to evaluate and document the performance of program
  - benchmark data is needed
    - necessary to select appropriate observables which are sensitive to the critical input parameters
    - availability of experimental data
  - setting up tools
- Critical evaluation of codes and inputs
  - General frame work for transport

# Common transport frame work

- open source code available to all experimentalists and theoreticians
- modular in order to test different theoretical propositions (e.g. different realizations of in-medium modifications of particle properties) without changing the rest of the program
- transparent with respect to implemented effects and assumptions
- incorporate all presently available information on particle properties and cross sections consistently
- avoid averaging and approximations whenever possible
- employ state of the art mathematical tool

## Achievement

- like GEANT3/4 for transport
- standardized environment to test new approaches





# FAIR in 2025





