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***Influence of electrons degeneracy  
on bound states partition function***

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# Abstract

- Equation of state for a non-ideal hydrogen plasma [1] is developed to account the influence of degenerated electrons on the contribution of bound states. Derivation of corresponding partition function is presented.
- The new form of the bound states contribution to plasma pressure is compared with previously used expressions for the case of the solar plasma.
- The model EOS also includes the relativistic corrections, radiation pressure in plasma, the Coulomb interaction in the Debye-Hueckel approximation together with diffraction and exchange corrections, and the contribution of scattering states.
- Sound speed and adiabatic index values obtained with HEOS code are compared with those obtained using SAHA-S model [2].

[1]. Starostin A N and Roerich V C JETP 100(1) (2005) 165-198

[2]. Gryaznov V K, et al. J. Phys. A: Math. Gen. 39 (2006) 4459-4464

From Kadanoff-Baym technique

$$\frac{\delta\Omega_L}{V} = \sum_{i,\omega} \int_0^1 \frac{d\lambda}{2\lambda} \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} G_i(\mathbf{p}, \omega) S_i(\mathbf{p}, \omega)$$

$$S_i(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{2}{\beta} \sum_{j,k_4} \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} G_j(\mathbf{k}) G_{ij} \left( \frac{m_j \mathbf{p} - m_i \mathbf{k}}{m_i + m_j}; \frac{m_j \mathbf{p} - m_i \mathbf{k}}{m_i + m_j}; \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{k} \right)$$

$$G_{ij}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}'; \mathsf{P}) = \tilde{V}_{ij}(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{q}') + (2\pi)^3 \sum_n \frac{\tilde{Y}_n(\mathbf{q}) \tilde{Y}_n^*(\mathbf{q}') \left( E_n - \frac{\hbar^2 q^2}{2\mu} \right) \left( E_n - \frac{\hbar^2 q'^2}{2\mu} \right)}{i P_4 - \frac{\hbar^2 P^2}{2M} - E_n + \mu_i + \mu_j}$$

$$\delta P = \sum_a (2S_a + 1) \hbar \int_0^1 \frac{d\lambda}{2\lambda} \int \frac{dp}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d\omega d\omega'}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\Sigma_a^>(\mathbf{p}, \omega) G_a^<(\mathbf{p}, \omega')}{\omega - \omega'} (1 - e^{-\beta(\omega - \omega')})$$

Mass operator is represented using scattering amplitude

$$\Sigma_e^> \square \int \text{Im } \Gamma_{\text{ep}} (\omega + \Omega) G_p^<(\mathbf{p}', \Omega) dp' d\Omega$$

$$\text{Im } \Gamma \square \sum_k \left| \tilde{\Psi}_k(\mathbf{q}) \right|^2 (E_k - \varepsilon_q)^2 \delta_\gamma \left( \omega + \Omega - E_k - \frac{p^2}{2M} \right)$$

$$\delta \Omega_{\text{ep}}^{BS} V^{-1} = \zeta_e \zeta_p \lambda_{\text{ep}}^3 \int_0^1 \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \int \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_n (E_n - \varepsilon_q) \left| \tilde{\Psi}_n(q) \right|^2 \left( e^{-\beta E_n} - e^{-\beta \varepsilon_q} \right)$$

Fock [1935]: 
$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{l,m} |\tilde{\Psi}_{nlm}(\mathbf{q})|^2 = \frac{8}{\pi^2 a_0^5 n^3 (q^2 + p_n^2)^4}.$$

$$p_n = (a_0 n)^{-1}, \quad a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu e^2 \lambda}, \quad x = \frac{\hbar^2 q^2}{2\mu T}, \quad y = \beta \hbar \omega,$$

$$z = \frac{\hbar^2 p_n^2}{2\mu T} = -\beta E_n = u_n \lambda^2, \quad u_n = \frac{\alpha^2}{n^2}, \quad \alpha = \alpha_{\text{ep}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu e^4}{2\hbar^2 T}} = \sqrt{\beta R y},$$



$$\delta P_{BS} = \zeta_e \zeta_p T \lambda_{\text{ep}}^3 \Sigma^{BS}, \quad \Sigma^{BS} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n,$$

$$G_n = n^2 \int_0^{u_n} \frac{8}{\pi} z^{3/2} dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy \cdot \tilde{a}_n(y+z) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}(e^{-y} - e^{-x}) dx}{(x+z)^2(x-y)}$$

## No broadening (N-B):

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$$G_n = n^2 e^{u_n} F(u_n) : \text{ if } a_n(\omega) = \delta(\omega) \text{ then}$$

$$F(u) = F_{SRM}(u) = 1 - e^{-u} \left( 4 - \frac{6}{\sqrt{\pi}} u^{1/2} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} u^{3/2} \right) + \operatorname{erfc} \sqrt{u} \cdot (3 - 4u + 4u^2)$$

$$\Sigma^{BS} = \Sigma_{SRM}^{BS} = \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \zeta(k-2) \frac{(-\alpha)^k}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{2}+1\right)} (k-2)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \zeta(2k+1) \frac{\alpha^{2k+3}}{\Gamma\left(k+\frac{5}{2}\right)}$$

Compare with

$$F(u) = F_{P-L}(u) = 1 - e^{-u} - ue^{-u} \Rightarrow \Sigma^{BS} = \Sigma_{P-L}^{BS} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \zeta(2k-2) \frac{\alpha^{2k}}{\Gamma(k+1)}$$

$$\text{For } u \ll 1: \quad F_{SRM} \ll 2u^2, \quad F_{P-L} \ll \frac{u^2}{2}$$

Contribution of BS with account of electrons degeneracy ( $X=\text{Ry}/T$ ):

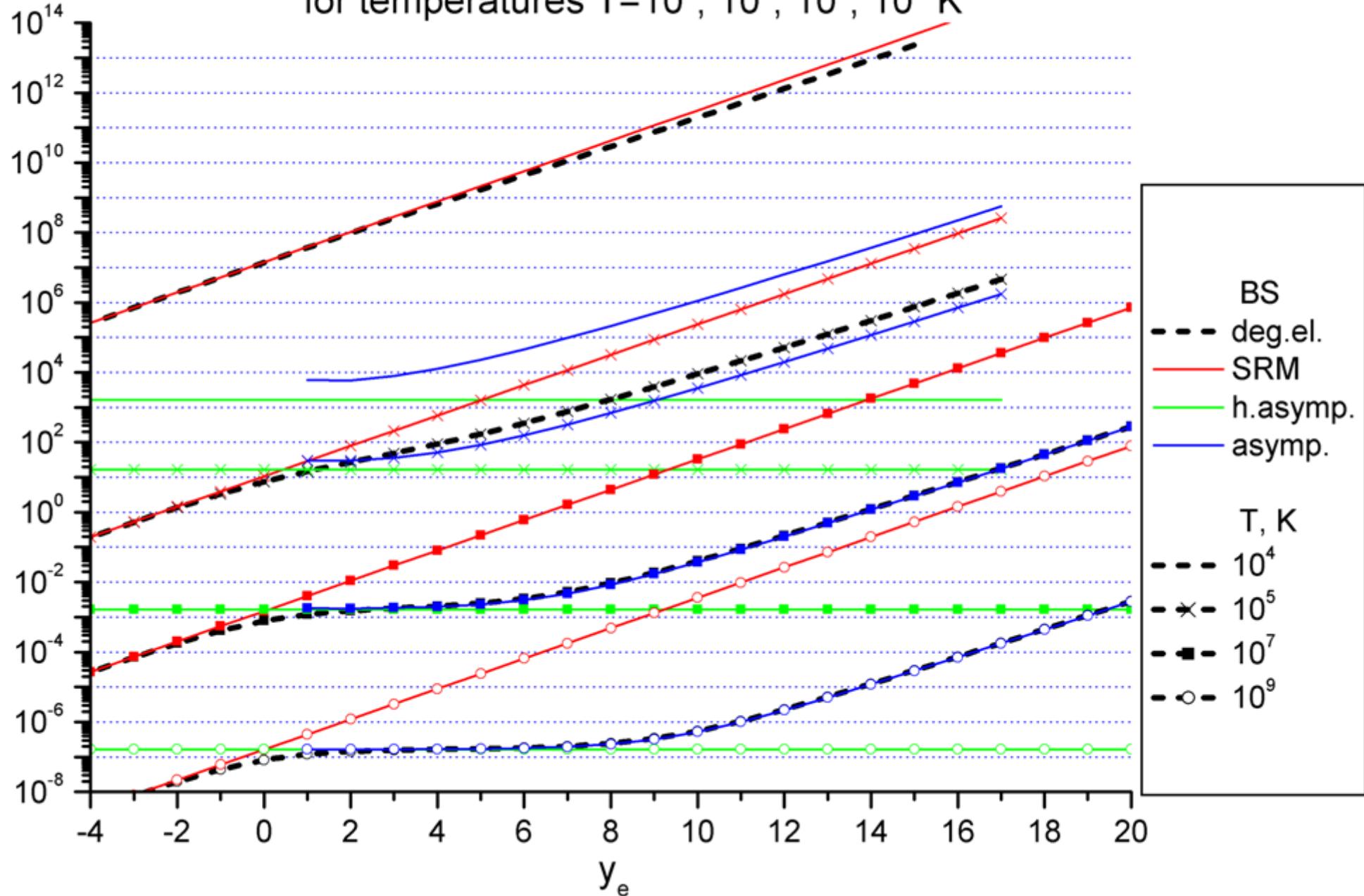
$$\frac{\delta\Omega^{BS}}{V} = -\zeta_p \frac{32}{\pi} TX \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \int_0^1 \lambda d\lambda \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^2 dt}{(1+t^2)^3} \frac{\exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2 X}{n^2}(1+t^2)\right) - 1}{\exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2 X}{n^2} t^2 - y\right) + 1}$$

$$X \ll 1; \quad X(1+t^2)/n^2 \ll 1 < y, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\delta\Omega^{BS}}{V} \ll -\zeta_p T \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \left(\frac{\text{Ry}}{T}\right)^2 \quad - \text{ h.asymp.}$$

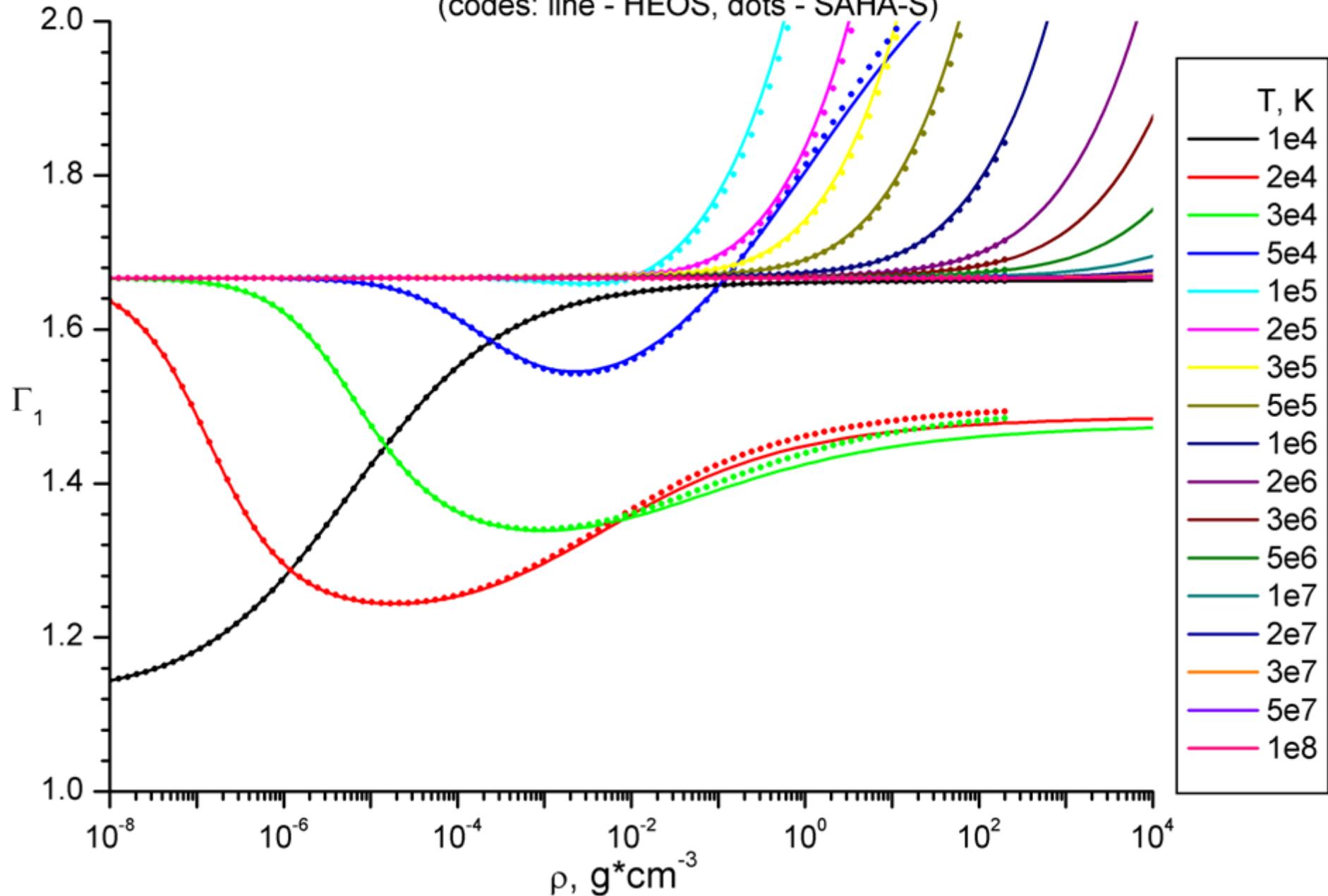
$$X \ll 1, \quad X\lambda^2 t^2 / n^2 > y > 1 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\delta\Omega^{BS}}{V} \rightarrow -\zeta_p T \left( \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \left(\frac{\text{Ry}}{T}\right)^2 + \frac{64\zeta(3)}{15\pi} \left(\frac{\text{Ry}}{T}\right)^{5/2} \frac{e^y}{y^{3/2}} \right) \quad - \text{ asymp.}$$

BS contribution (without  $\zeta_p T$  factor)  
for temperatures  $T=10^4, 10^5, 10^7, 10^9$  K

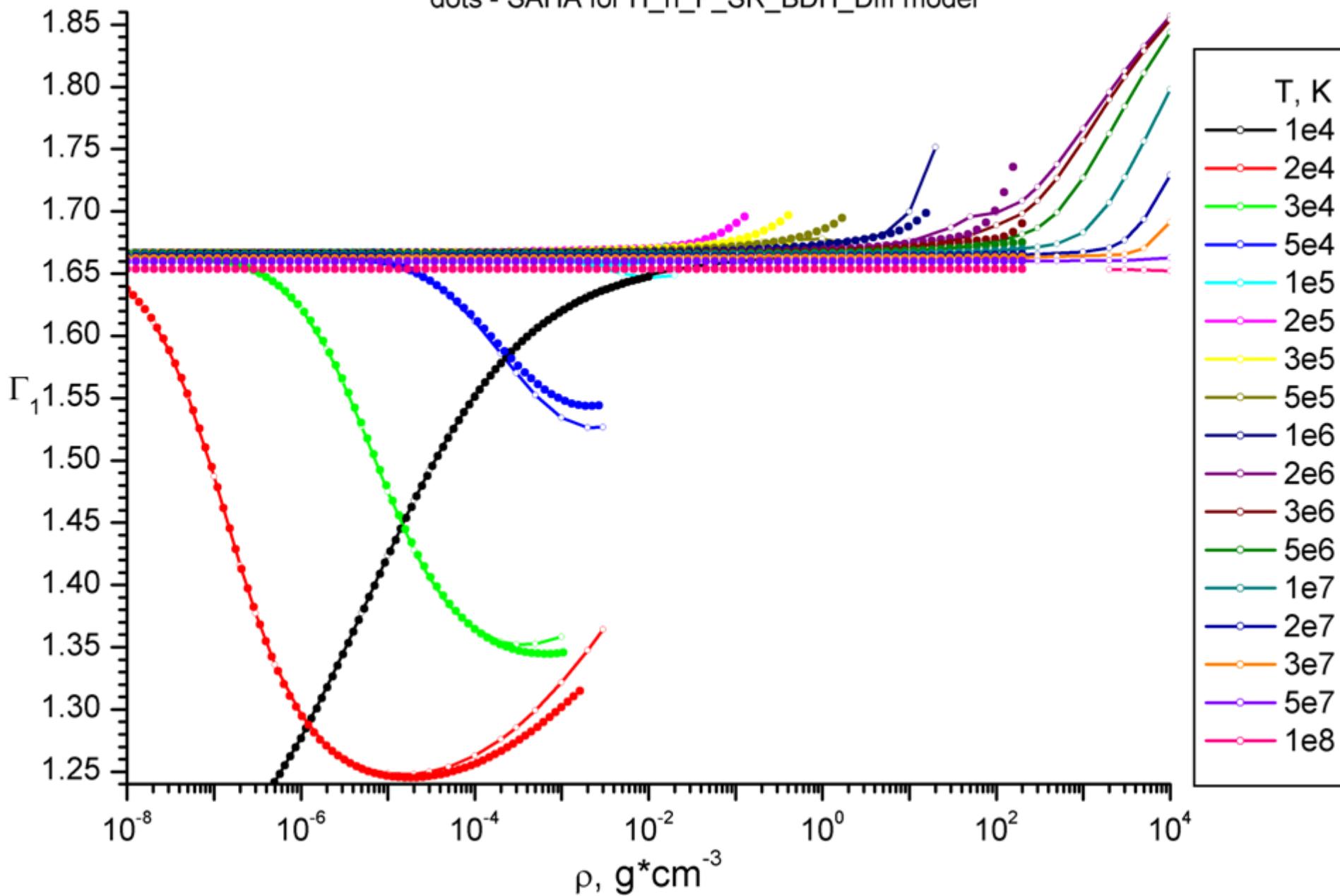


Adiabatic index  $\Gamma_1$  for "H\_n\_B\_SR\_BDH" model:  
 electrons - Boltzman gas (no deg.), bound states -  $\Sigma_{SRM}^{BS}$ , Debye-Hueckell  
 (codes: line - HEOS, dots - SAHA-S)



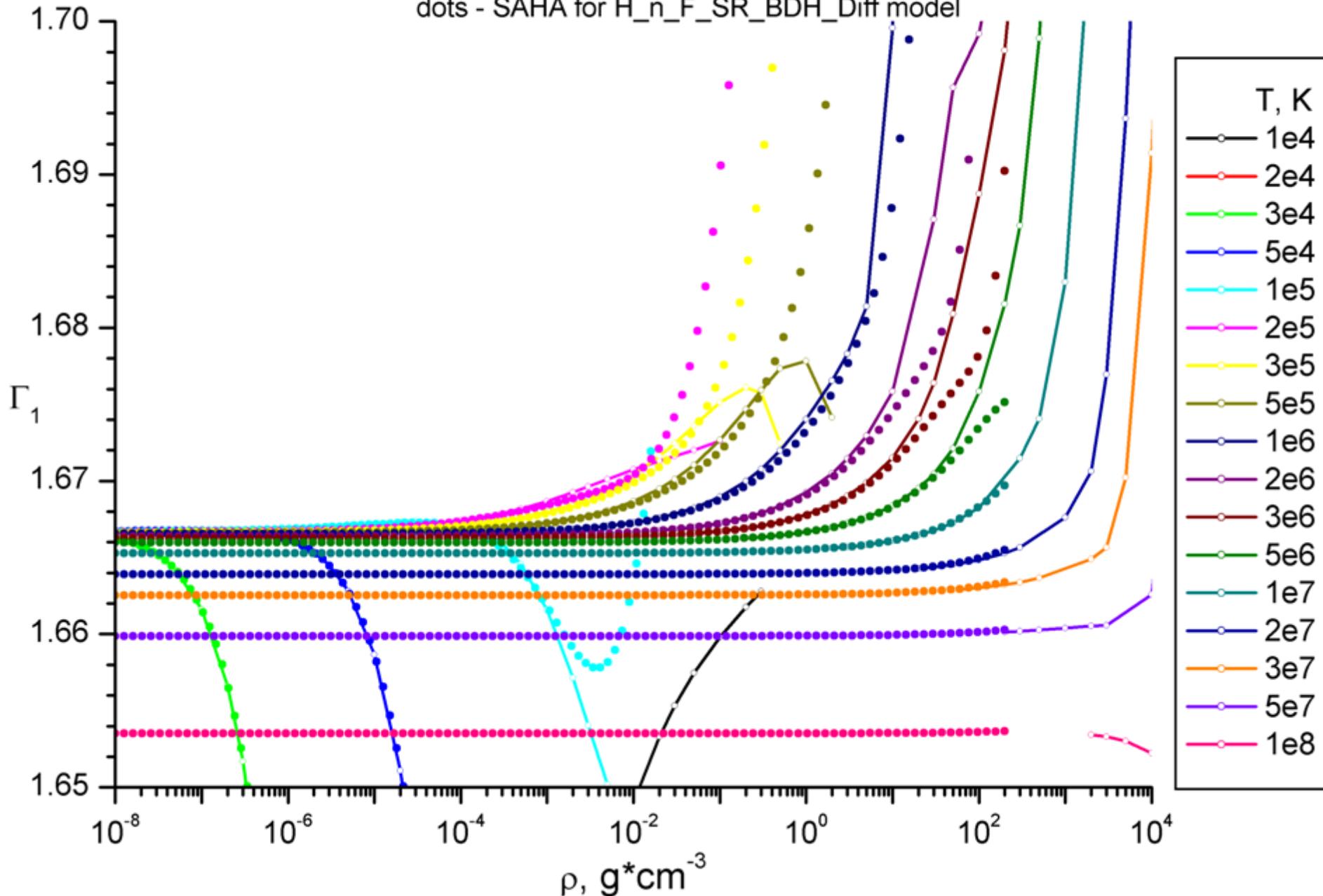
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dots - SAHA for H\_n\_F\_SR\_BDH\_Diff model

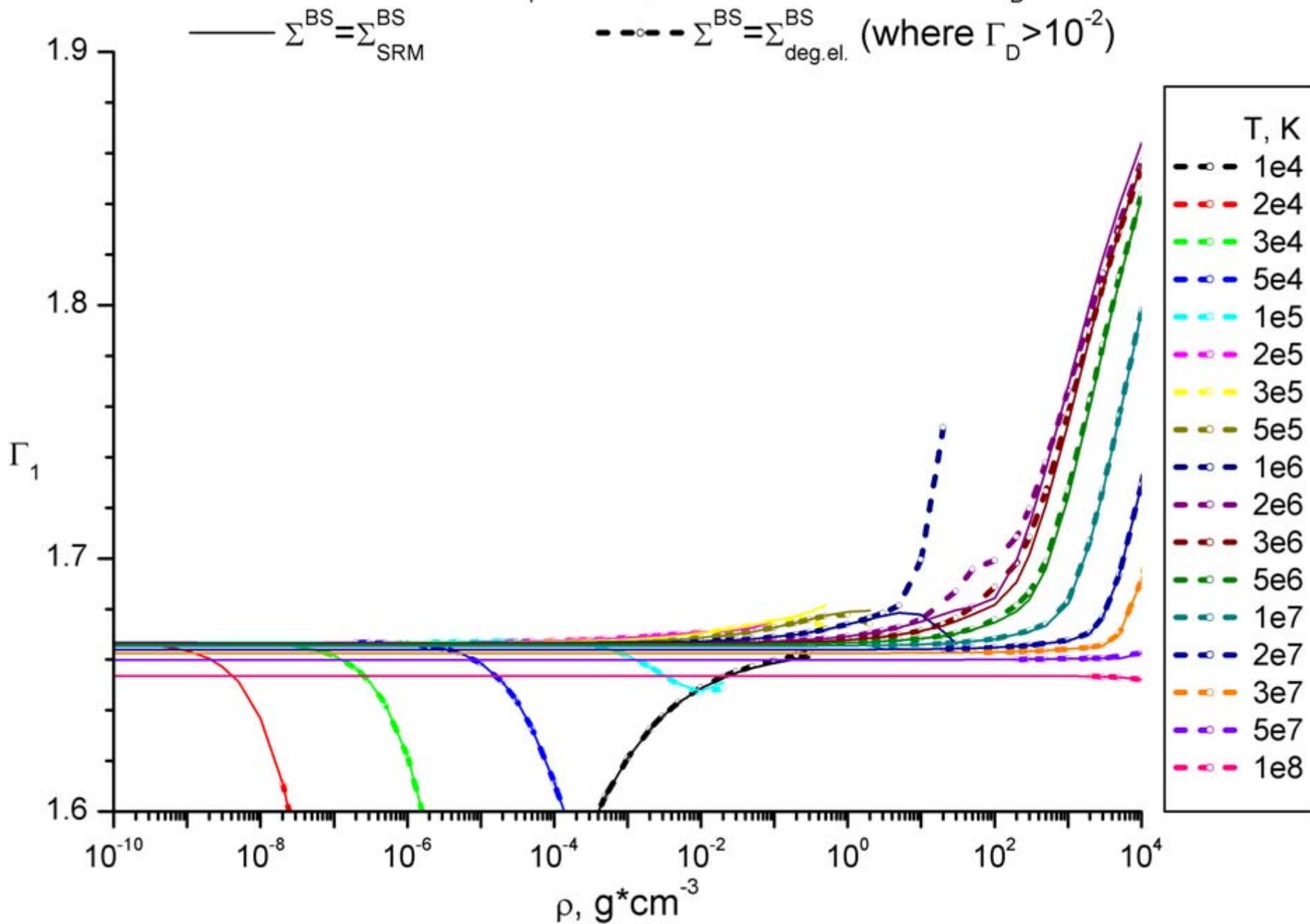


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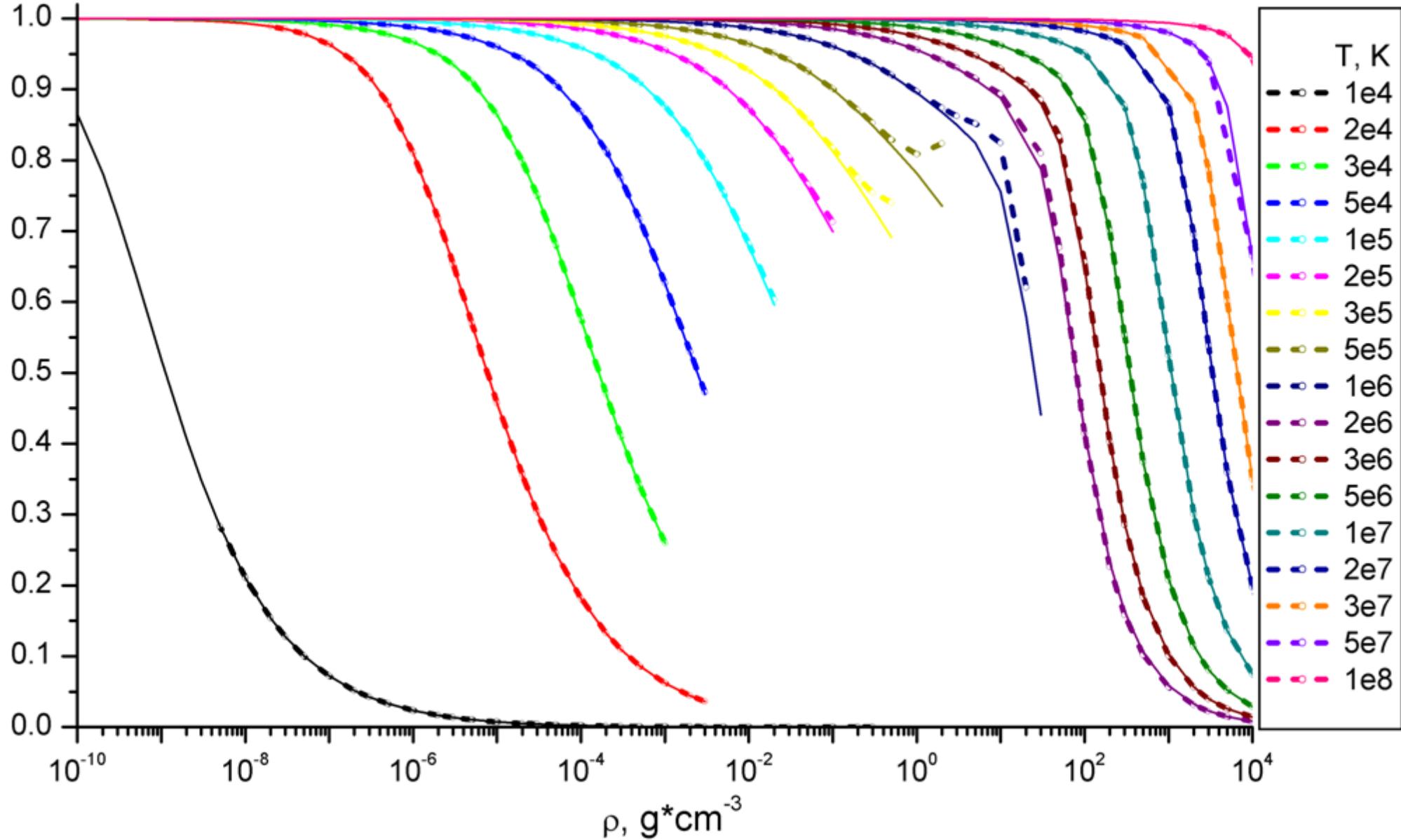
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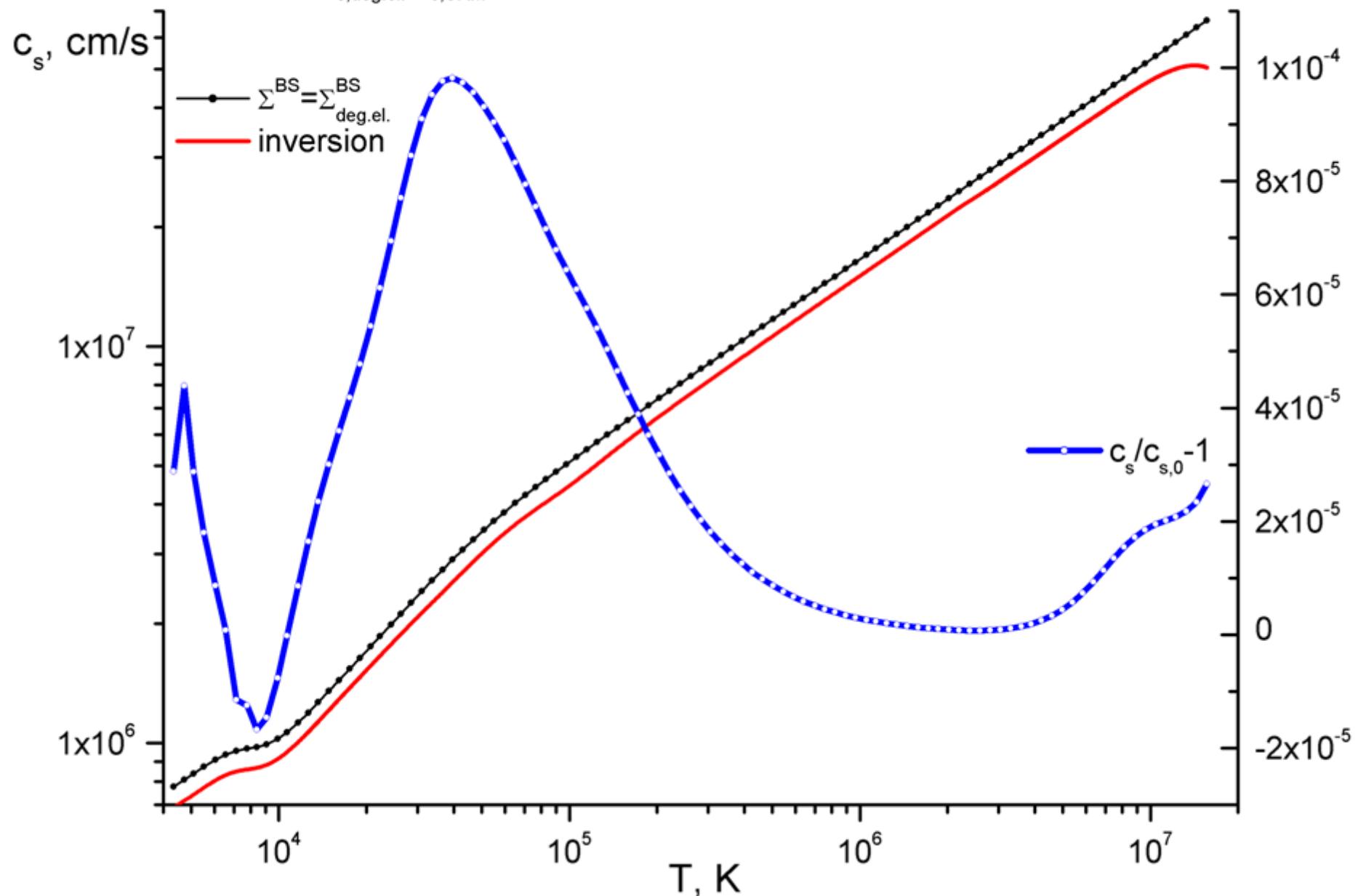
$\zeta_e/n_e$  for physical model (where  $\Gamma_D < 1$ )

—  $\Sigma^{BS} = \Sigma_{SRM}^{BS}$

- - -  $\Sigma^{BS} = \Sigma_{deg.el.}^{BS}$  (where  $\Gamma_D > 10^{-2}$ )



Sound speed and relative correction to physical model with  $\Sigma^{\text{BS}} = \Sigma_{\text{SRM}}^{\text{BS}}$   
 $(c_{s,\text{deg.el.}}/c_{s,\text{SRM}} - 1)$  for conditions of the interior of the Sun



# Conclusions

- estimate of BS contribution decreases by orders of magnitude due to account of electrons degeneracy (ED) in the case of large  $T (> 10^5 \text{ K})$  and strong degeneracy ( $\mu_e/T \gg 1$ )
- numerical simulations show that the adiabatic index value can differ significantly from the ideal gas value  $\Gamma_1 = 5/3$  even for moderate nonideality ( $\Gamma_1 \sim 2$  for  $\Gamma_D \sim 4$ )
- for hydrogen plasma and conditions of the interior of the Sun the account of ED in BS contribution leads to correction of sound speed  $< 10^{-4}$  in comparison to model with SRM partition function