

# Kaon Femtoscopy in $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$ GeV Au+Au Collisions at RHIC

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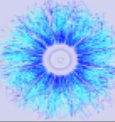


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# Femtoscopy

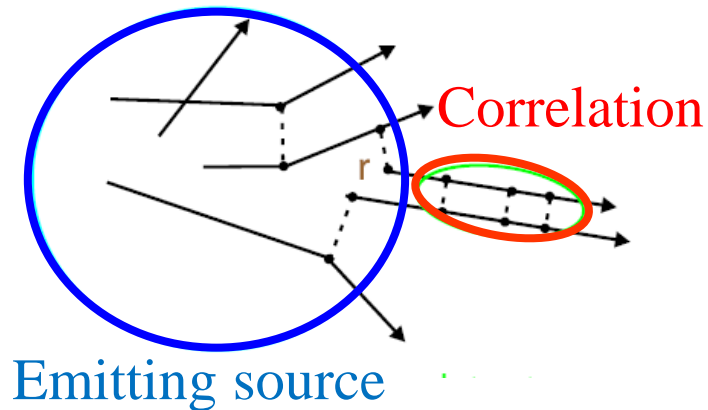


- **Boson emitting source:**

- Symmetric two-boson wave function

$$N_1(k_1) = \int S(x_1, k_1) |\Psi_1|^2 dx_1$$

$$N_2(k_1, k_2) = \int S(x_1, k_1) S(x_2, k_2) |\Psi_{1,2}|^2 dx_1 dx_2$$



## Bose-Einstein Correlation / Hanbury-Brown–Twiss effect

Info about shape and evolution of the particle emitting source

- **Correlation function:**

$$C_2(k_1, k_2) = \frac{N_2(k_1, k_2)}{N_1(k_1)N_1(k_2)} \simeq 1 + \left| \frac{\tilde{S}(q, K)}{\tilde{S}(0, K)} \right|^2 \quad \tilde{S}(q, K) = \int dx S(x, k) e^{iqx}$$

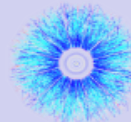
$$q = k_1 - k_2, K = 0.5(k_1 + k_2)$$

- **Final state interactions**

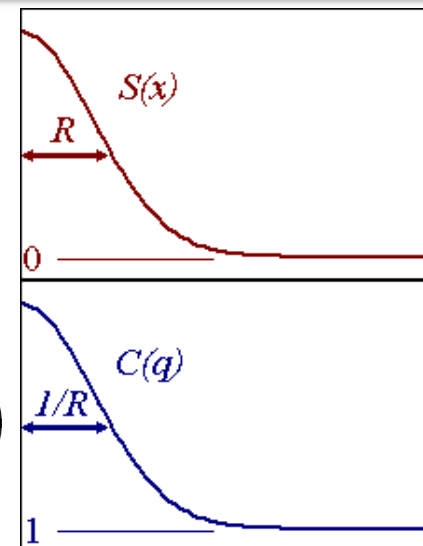
- Compensating the Coulomb force  $C_0(q) = C_{\text{raw}}(q) K_{\text{coulomb}}^{-1}$
- Strong FSI ...

- **Solving for the source is difficult → assumptions**

# Gaussian radii and LCMS



- Gaussian source:
 
$$S(x) \sim \exp \left( -\frac{r_x^2}{2R_x^2} - \frac{r_y^2}{2R_y^2} - \frac{r_z^2}{2R_z^2} \right)$$

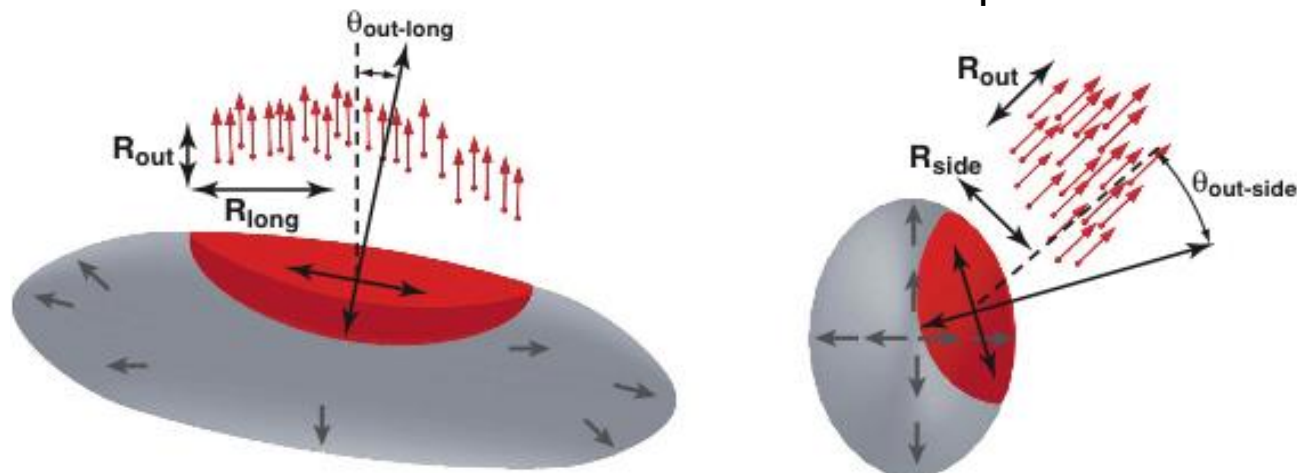


- Correlation  $\rightarrow$  **HBT radii**

$$C(q) - 1 \sim \exp \left( -q_x^2 R_x^2 - q_y^2 R_y^2 - q_z^2 R_z^2 \right)$$

- Homogeneity regions

Reflect the size of the source from where particles are emitted with similar velocity



**LCMS** (not invariant)

**Out:** along average pair transverse momentum

**Long:** beam direction

**Side:** orthogonal to both

$$C(q) = 1 + \lambda \exp \left( -q_o^2 R_o^2 - q_s^2 R_s^2 - q_l^2 R_l^2 \right)$$

# Source imaging



Physics in shape: dynamics, resonance decays, rescattering...

- Koonin-Pratt equation (1D)

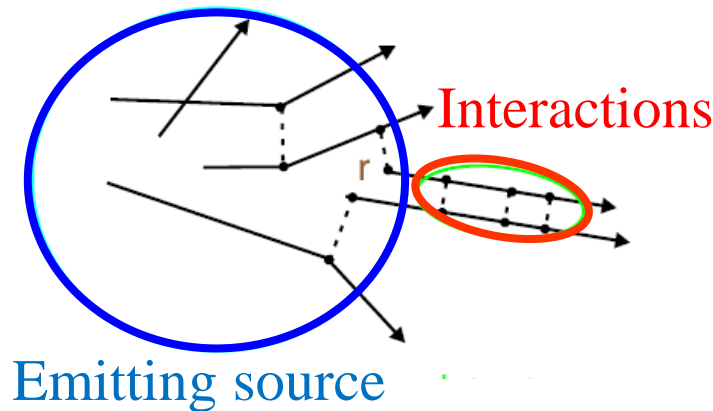
$$C(q) - 1 = 4\pi \int dr r^2 K(q, r) S(r)$$

- Imaging: Obtain  $S(\mathbf{r})$  directly

- No assumptions for the shape of source
- Kernel includes **all** interactions (QM, FSI)

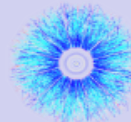
- Numerical inversion of the equation

- No analytical solution, hence some limitations and approximations (integral cutoff, finite resolution ... )
- Assumptions (e.g. weak dependence in single particle sources)
- Needs statistics, stability is a question

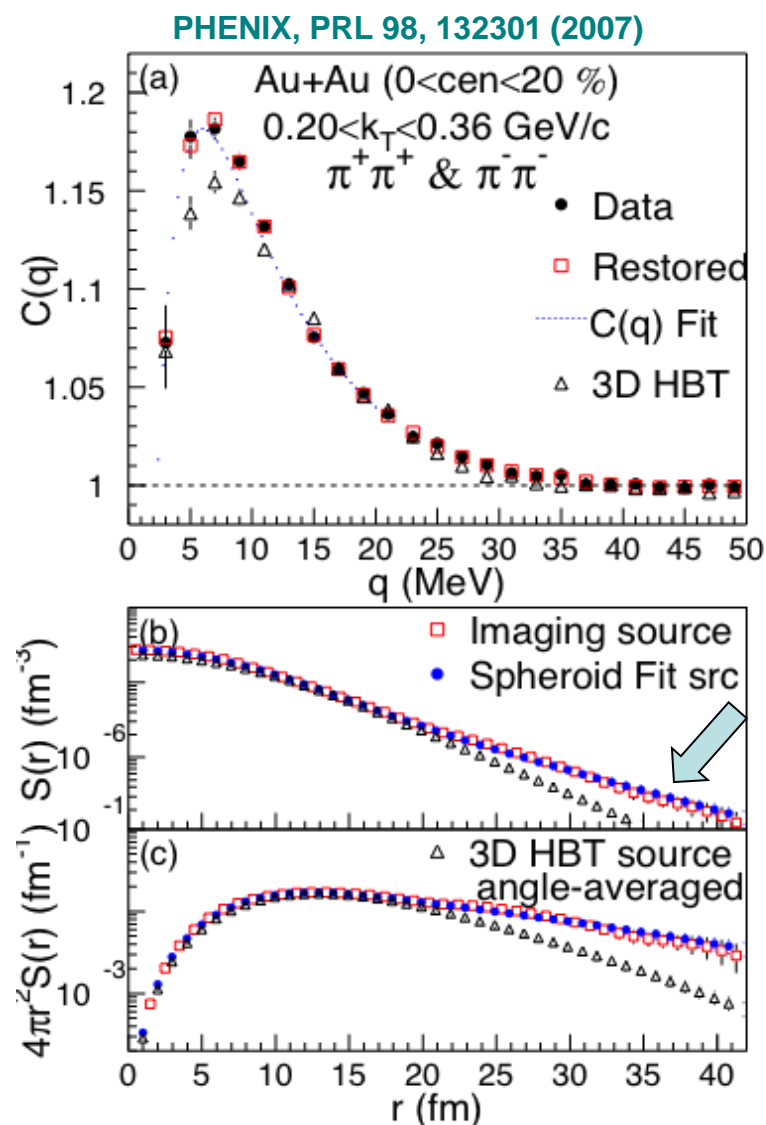


D. A. Brown, P. Danielewicz, Phys.Lett. B398, 252 (1997)

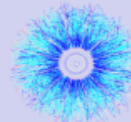
# Pion images



- PHENIX Year 2002 data
  - low  $k_T = (p_{T,1} + p_{T,2})/2$
  - C from data  $\sim$  C restored from image
    - Imaging process can be trusted
- A heavy, non-Gaussian tail is present in the 1D pion source
- Several interpretations suggested
  - Non-zero emission duration
  - Anomalous diffusion due to rescattering in the hadronic phase
  - Contribution of long-lived resonance decays



# Rescattering or resonances?



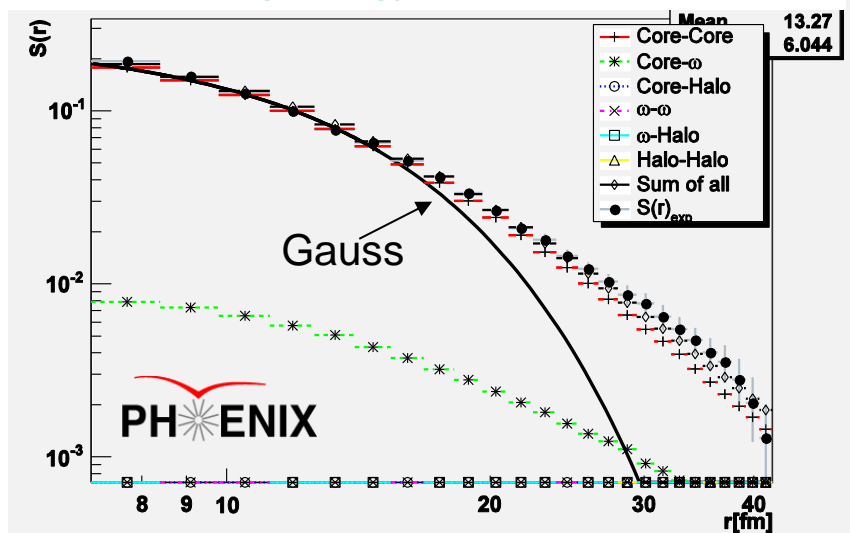
## Hadronic Rescattering Code

- Cascade model, few resonances:  $\rho$ ,  $\Delta$ ,  $K^*$ ;  $\omega$ ;  $\eta$ ,  $\eta'$ ,  $\Phi$ ,  $\Lambda$
  - Causality-keeping scatterings
  - $p$ -dependent cross sections
- T. J. Humanic, *Int. J. Mod. Phys. E* 15 (2006)

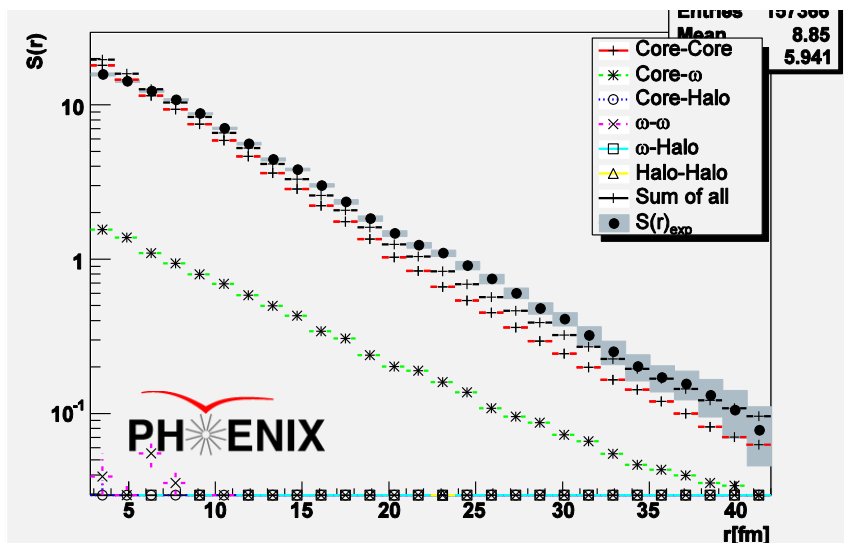
## THERMINATOR Single Freezeout

- Universal  $T$ ,  $\mu_{13}$ ,  $\mu_B$ ,  $\mu_S$
  - Single hyper-ellipsoid FO surface
  - Many resonances (385)
  - no rescattering
- Kisiel et al., *Comput.Phys.Commun.* 174 (2006)

Csanád, Csörgő, Nagy, *Braz.J.Phys.* 37 (2007)

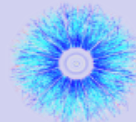


R.V. (PHENIX), WWND 2007 proc. [[arXiv:0706.4409](https://arxiv.org/abs/0706.4409)]



- Both HRC and THERMINATOR describe the 1D pion source
- Different, but similar underlying mechanism:  
Anomalous diffusion in an expanding system vs. dying-out resonances

# 3D source shapes



## Expansion of $R(\mathbf{q})$ and $S(\mathbf{r})$ in Cartesian Harmonic basis

Danielewicz and Pratt, Phys.Lett. B618:60, 2005

$$R(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_l \sum_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l} R_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l}^l(q) A_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l}^l(\Omega_q) \quad (1)$$

$\alpha_i = \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  or  $\mathbf{z}$

$\mathbf{x} = \text{out-direction}$

$\mathbf{y} = \text{side-direction}$

$\mathbf{z} = \text{long-direction}$

$$S(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_l \sum_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l} S_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l}^l(r) A_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l}^l(\Omega_q) \quad (2)$$

### 3D Koonin-Pratt:

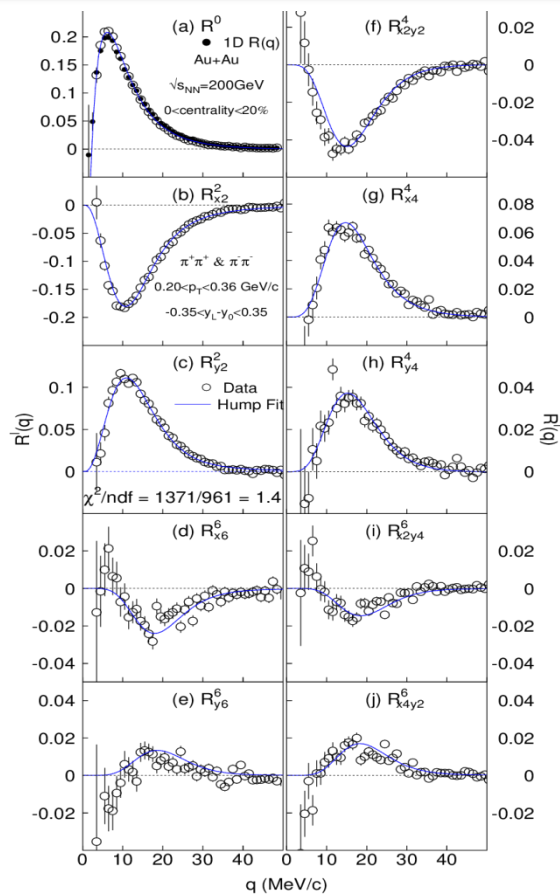
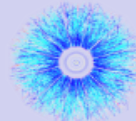
$$R(\mathbf{q}) = C(\mathbf{q}) - 1 = 4\pi \int dr^3 K(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}) S(\mathbf{r}) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Plug (1) and (2) into (3)} \Rightarrow R_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l}^l(q) = 4\pi \int dr^3 K_l(q, r) S_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l}^l(r) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Invert (1)} \Rightarrow R_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l}^l(q) = \frac{(2l+1)!!}{l!} \int \frac{d\Omega_q}{4\pi} A_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l}^l(\Omega_q) R(\mathbf{q})$$

$$\text{Invert (2)} \Rightarrow S_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l}^l = \frac{(2l+1)!!}{l!} \int \frac{d\Omega_q}{4\pi} A_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l}^l(\Omega_q) S(\mathbf{q})$$

# 3D pion imaging (PHENIX)



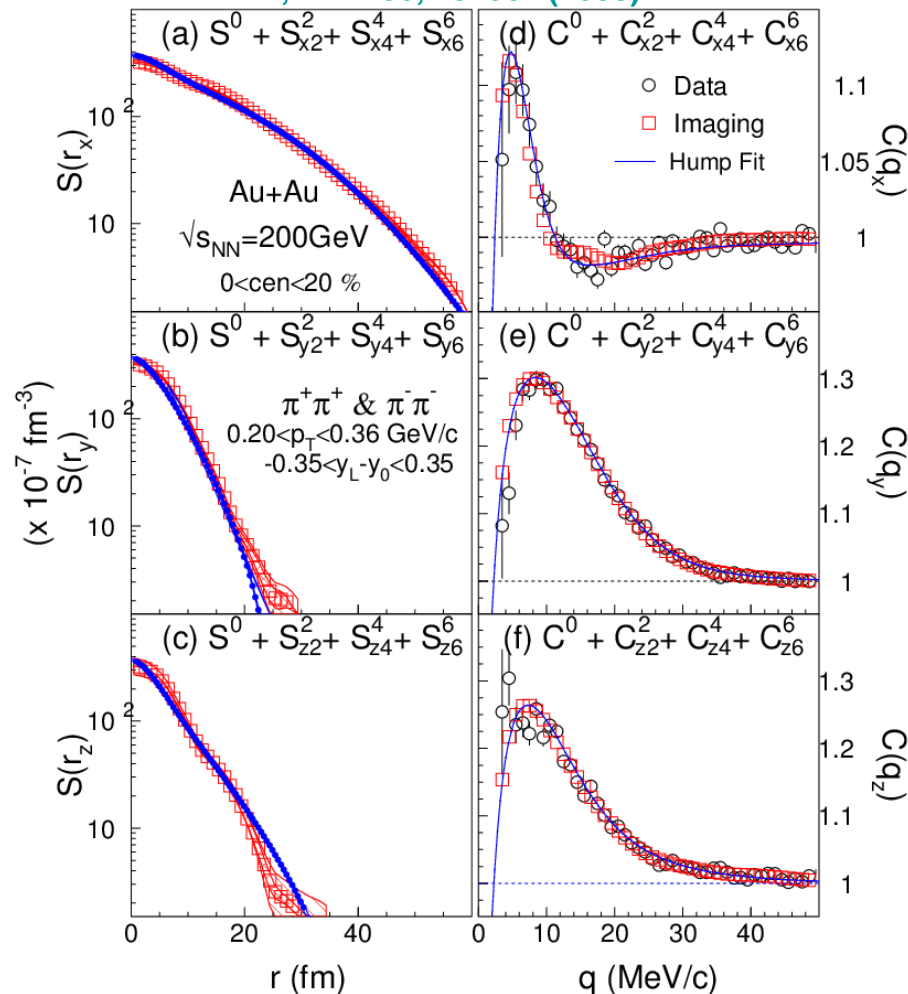
Correlation moments (0<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> order)

Hump:

$$S^H(r_x, r_y, r_z) = e^{-F_S \left[ \left( \frac{r_x}{2R_{xS}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{r_y}{2R_{yS}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{r_z}{2R_{zS}} \right)^2 \right] - F_L \left[ \left( \frac{r_x}{2R_{xL}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{r_y}{2R_{yL}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{r_z}{2R_{zL}} \right)^2 \right]}$$

$$F_S = \frac{1}{1 + (r/r_0)^2}, \quad F_L = 1 - F_S$$

PHENIX, PRL100, 232301 (2008)



Source profiles

$$S(r_x) \equiv C(r_x, 0, 0)$$

$$S(r_y) \equiv C(0, r_y, 0)$$

$$S(r_z) \equiv C(0, 0, r_z)$$

Correlation profiles

$$C(q_x) \equiv C(q_x, 0, 0)$$

$$C(q_y) \equiv C(0, q_y, 0)$$

$$C(q_z) \equiv C(0, 0, q_z)$$



# 3D pion images: STAR vs. PHENIX

- **Elongated source in “out” direction**

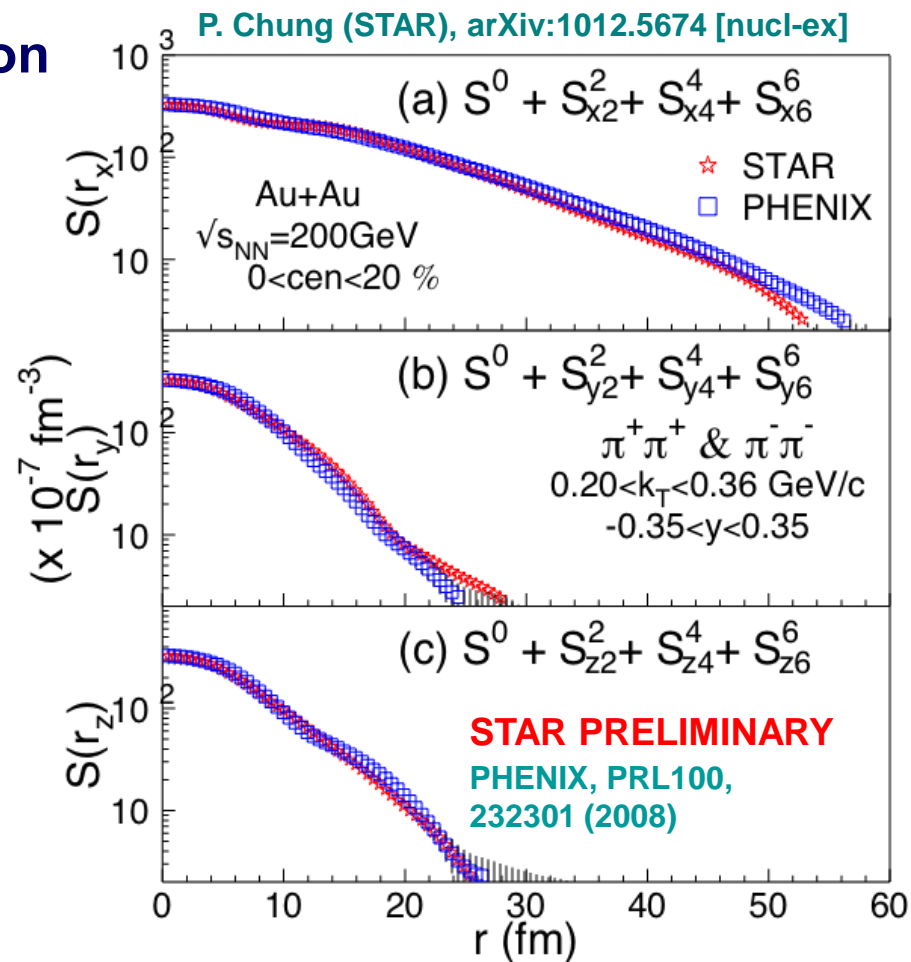
- Moments up to the 6<sup>th</sup> order
- Elliptic **and** non-Gaussian
- 1D radii determined by side/long

- Well described by a hump fit

- STAR and PHENIX

measurements are consistent

- Two different detectors with different properties and acceptance
- Good agreement with same cuts
- Attests to the reliability of results



Source profiles

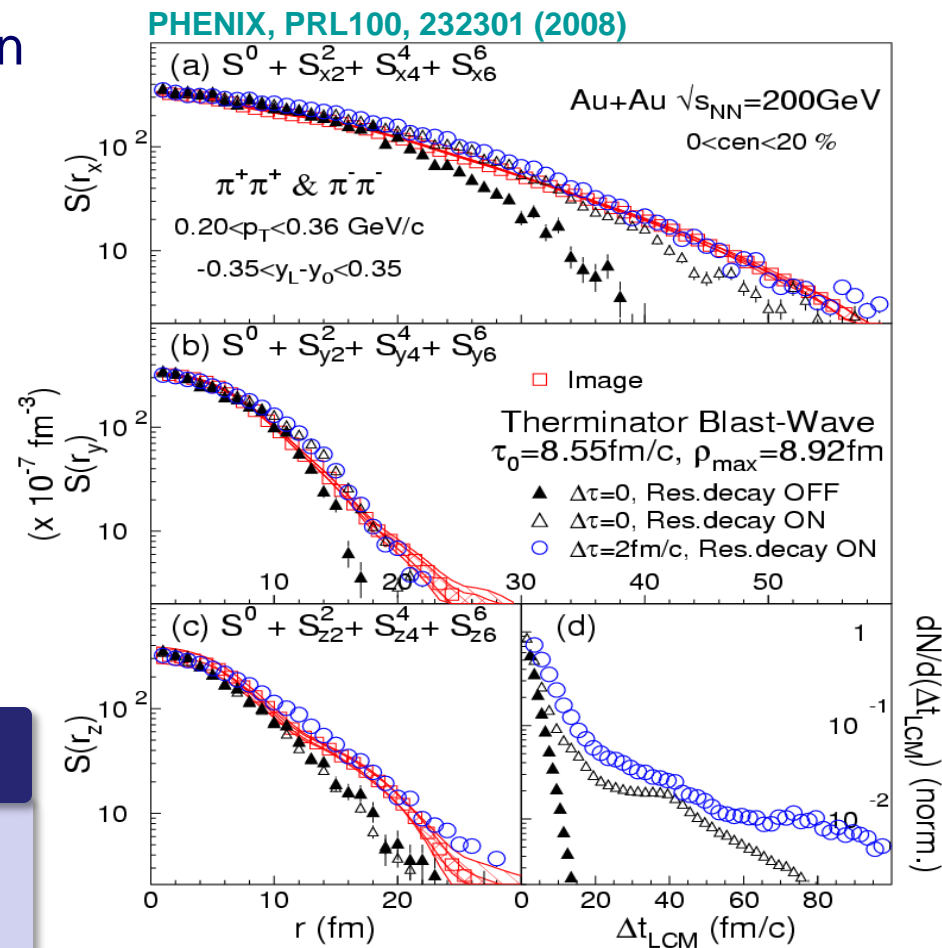
# 3D pion images vs. B/W model



- **Elongated source in “out” direction**
  - Moments up to the 6<sup>th</sup> order
  - Elliptic **and** non-Gaussian
  - 1D radii determined by side/long
  
- **Therminator B/W model description**
  - Iff resonance contributions ON, and
  - Iff **non-zero emission duration**  
 $\Delta\tau \sim 2 \text{ fm/c}$

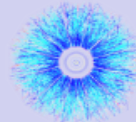
## THERMINATOR Blast-Wave model

- Expansion:  $v_r(\rho) = (\rho/\rho_{max}) / (\rho/\rho_{max} + v_t)$ .
- Thermal emission at proper time  $\tau$ ,  $\rho = \rho_{max}$ .
- Freeze-out occurs at  $\tau = \tau_0 + a\rho$ .
- LAB emission time  $t^2 = (\tau_0 + a\rho)^2 + z^2$ .
- Finite emission duration  $\Delta\tau$  in lab frame

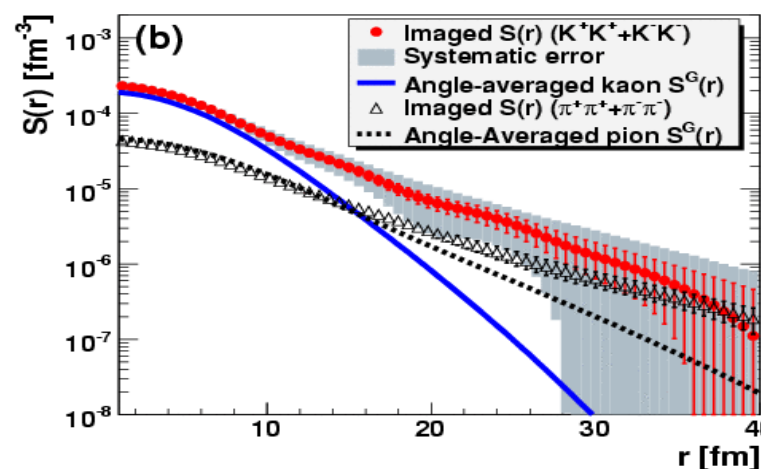
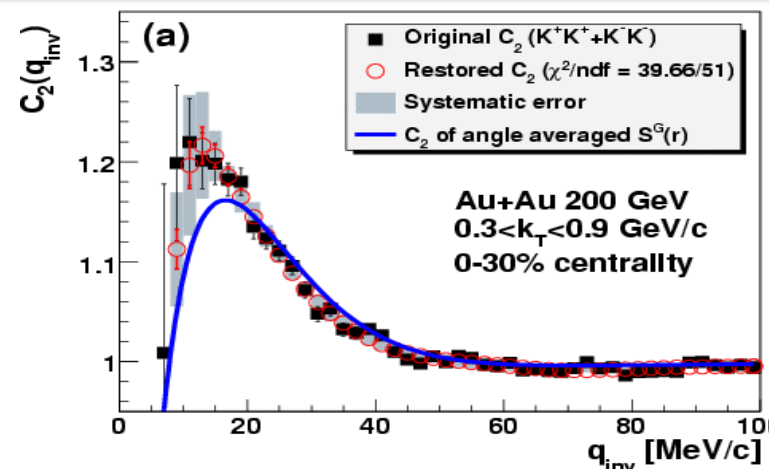
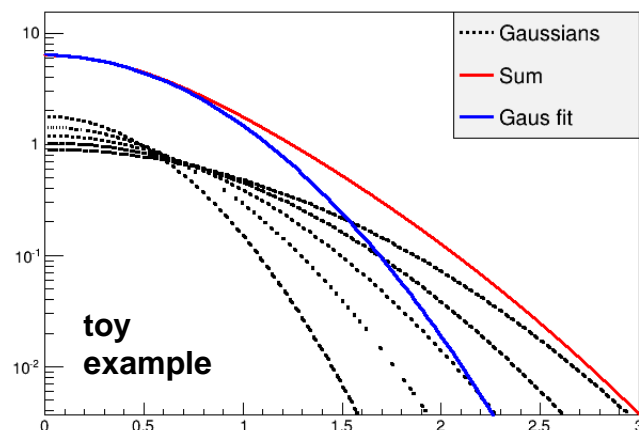


Source profiles

# Kaons: A cleaner probe

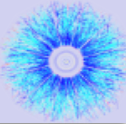


- Less feed-down, less rescattering
  - Interpretation more straightforward
  - More difficult due to  $\sim 10$  less statistics
- PHENIX 1D Kaon source: an even larger non-Gaussian component
  - Seemingly favors rescattering explanation against resonances
- Interpretation caveat: wide  $k_T$  ( $N_{part}$ ) bin
  - Different  $k_T \rightarrow$  Gaussians with different radii  $\rightarrow$  convolute to non-Gaussian



PHENIX, PRL 103, 142301 (2009)

# RHIC/STAR



## The **R**elativistic Heavy Ion Collider

### Broad physics program

- Heavy ions: Au+Au, Cu+Cu, U+U  
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=7.7-200$  GeV
- Polarized protons up to  $\sqrt{s} = 510$  GeV
- Asymmetric systems (d+Au, Cu+Au)

### PHENIX & STAR

- complement and x-check each other

### Continuous improvements

## The **S**olenoidal **T**racker **a**t **R**HIC

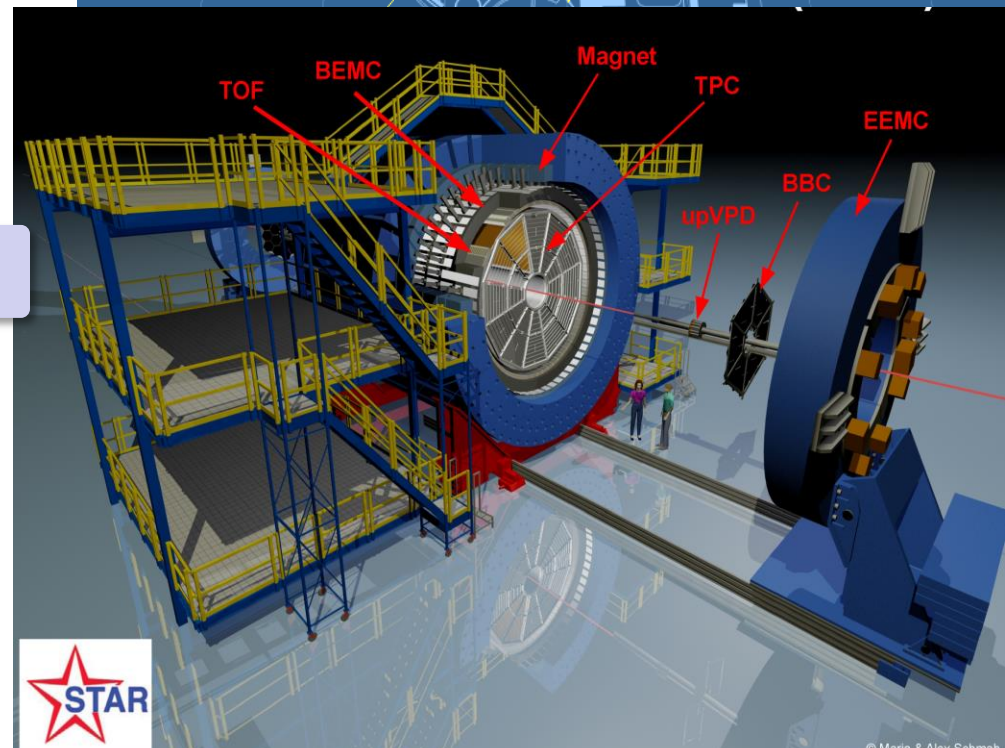
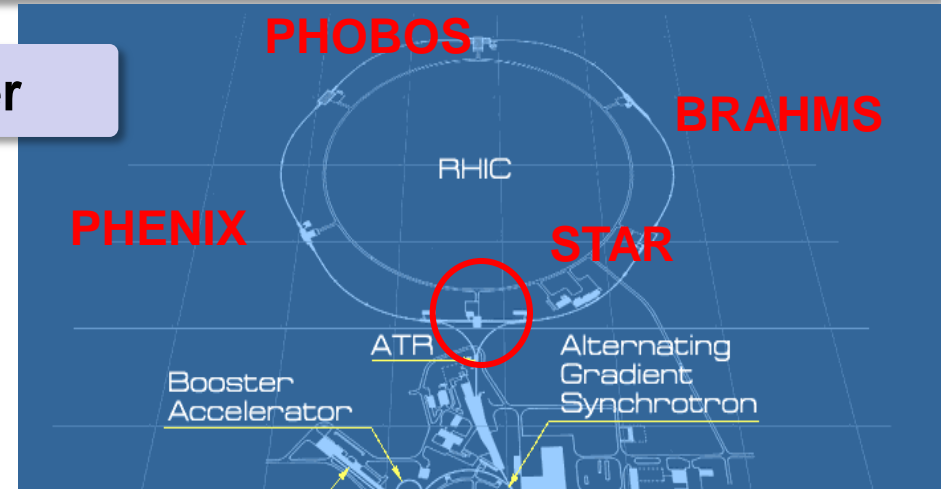
### Time Projection Chamber

- ID via energy loss ( $dE/dx$ )
- Momentum ( $p$ )

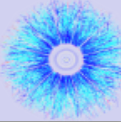
### Full azimuth coverage

### Uniform acceptance

for different energies and particles



# Kaon femtoscopy analyses



Au+Au @  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV

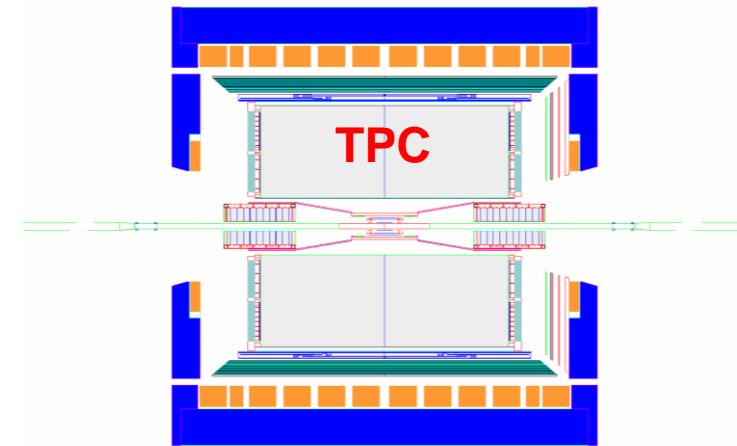
Mid-rapidity  $|y|<0.5$

1. Source shape: 20% most central

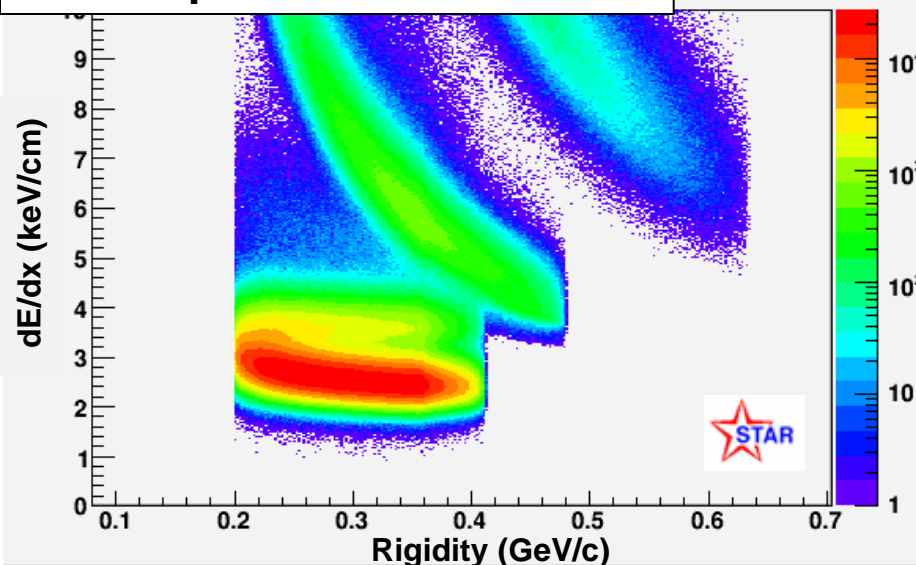
Run 4: 4.6 Mevts, Run 7: 16 Mevts

2.  $m_T$ -dependence: 30% most central

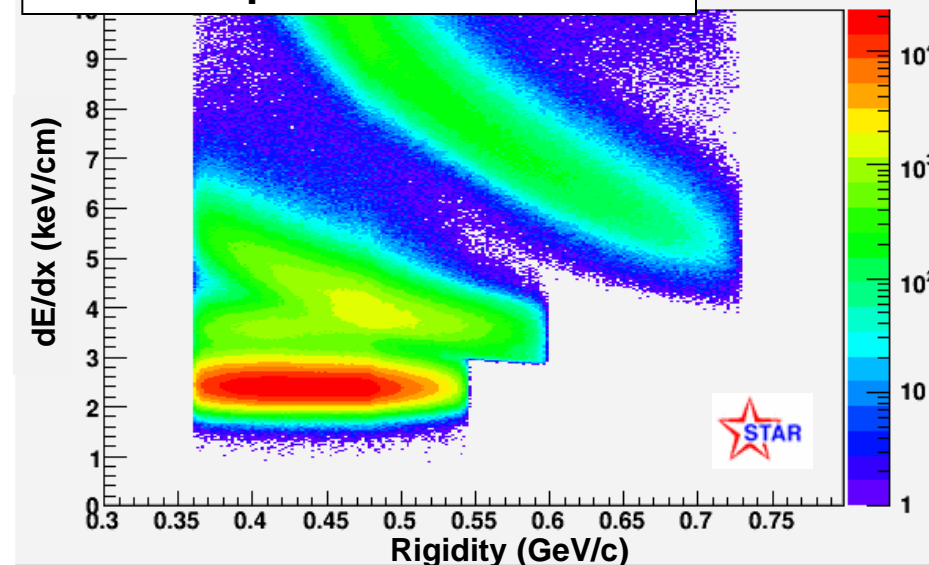
Run 4: 6.6 Mevts



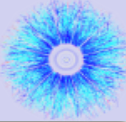
**$0.2 < k_T < 0.36$  GeV/c**



**$0.36 < k_T < 0.48$  GeV/c**



# PID cut applied



## 1. Source shape analysis

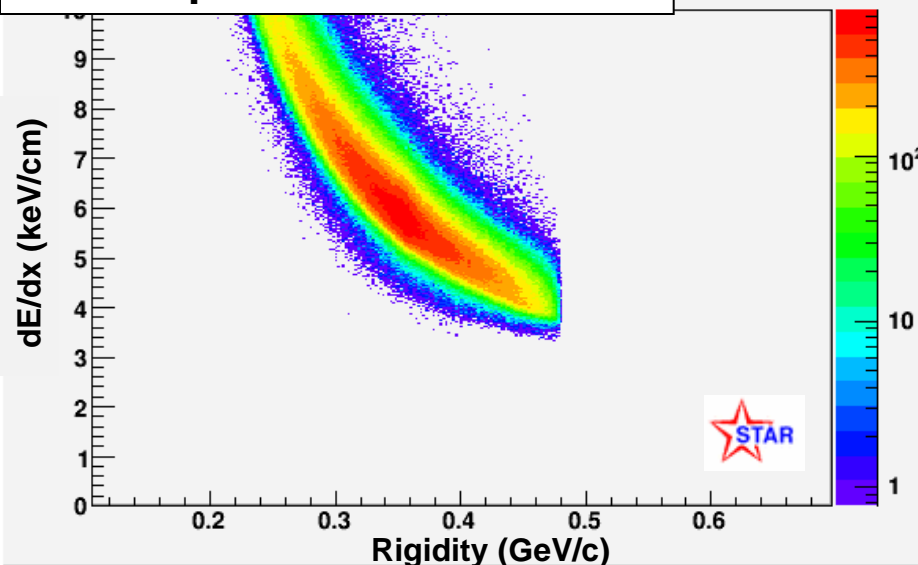
- $dE/dx$ :  $n\sigma(\text{Kaon}) < 2.0$  and  $n\sigma(\text{Pion}) > 3.0$  and  $n\sigma(\text{electron}) > 2.0$   
 $n\sigma(X)$  : deviation of the candidate  $dE/dx$  from the normalized distribution of particle type  $X$  at a given momentum
- $0.2 < p_T < 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$

## 2. $m_T$ -dependent analysis

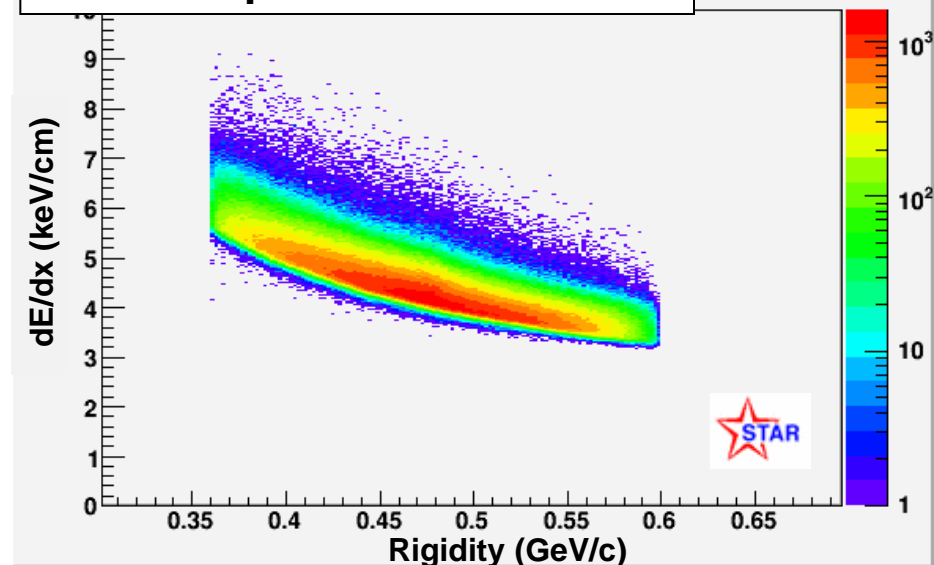
$$-1.5 < n\sigma(\text{Kaon}) < 2.0$$

$$-0.5 < n\sigma(\text{Kaon}) < 2.0$$

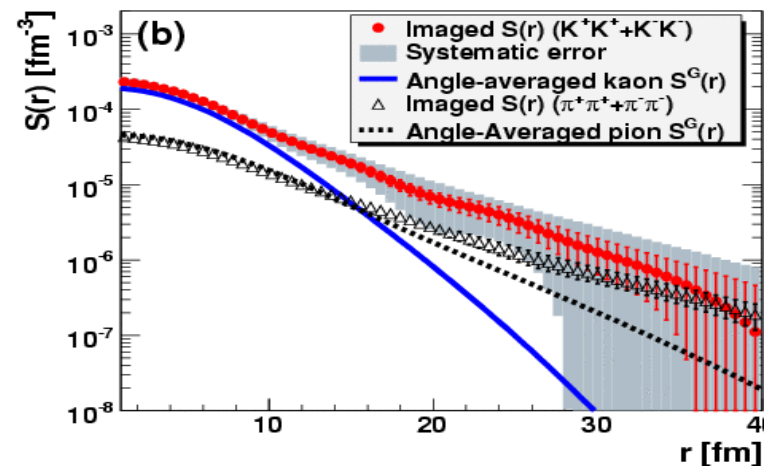
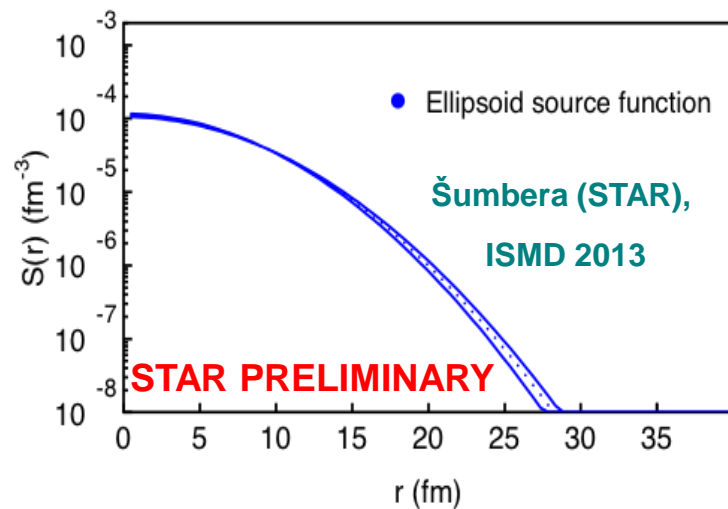
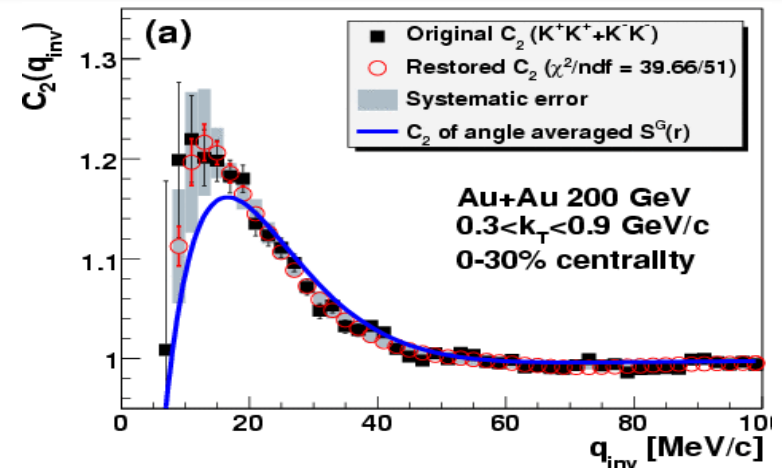
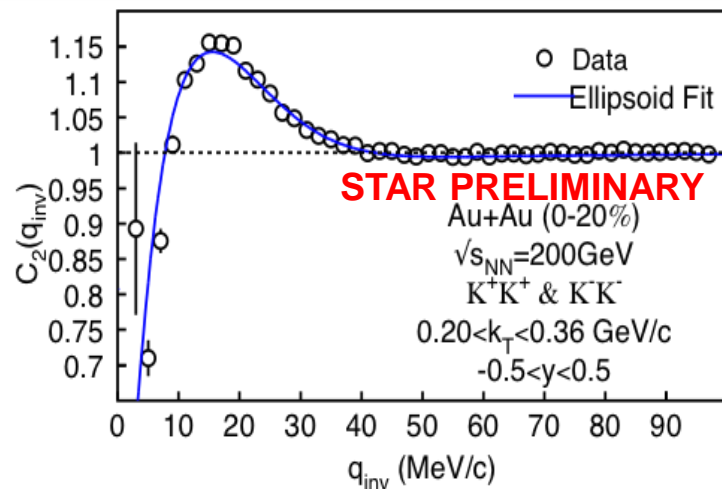
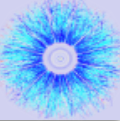
**$0.2 < k_T < 0.36 \text{ GeV}/c$**



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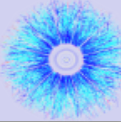
# Kaons: STAR vs. PHENIX



PHENIX, PRL 103, 142301 (2009)

- STAR preliminary 1D source in narrow  $k_T$  bin consistent with Gaussian
  - $0.20 < k_T < 0.36\text{ GeV}$ , compared to  $0.3 < k_T < 0.9\text{ GeV}$

# 3D Shape analysis



- $\ell=0$  moment agrees 1D  $C(q)$

Higher moments relatively small

- Trial functional form for  $S(r)$ :  
4-parameter ellipsoid (3D Gauss)

$$S^G(x, y, z) \equiv \frac{\lambda}{(2\sqrt{\pi})^3 r_x r_y r_z} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{x^2}{4r_x^2} + \frac{y^2}{4r_y^2} + \frac{z^2}{4r_z^2}\right)\right]$$

- Fit to  $C(q)$ : technically a simultaneous fit on 6 independent moments

$$R_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_\ell}^\ell, \quad 0 \leq \ell \leq 4$$

- Result: statistically good fit

**Run4+Run7**

**200 GeV Au+Au**

**Centrality <20%**

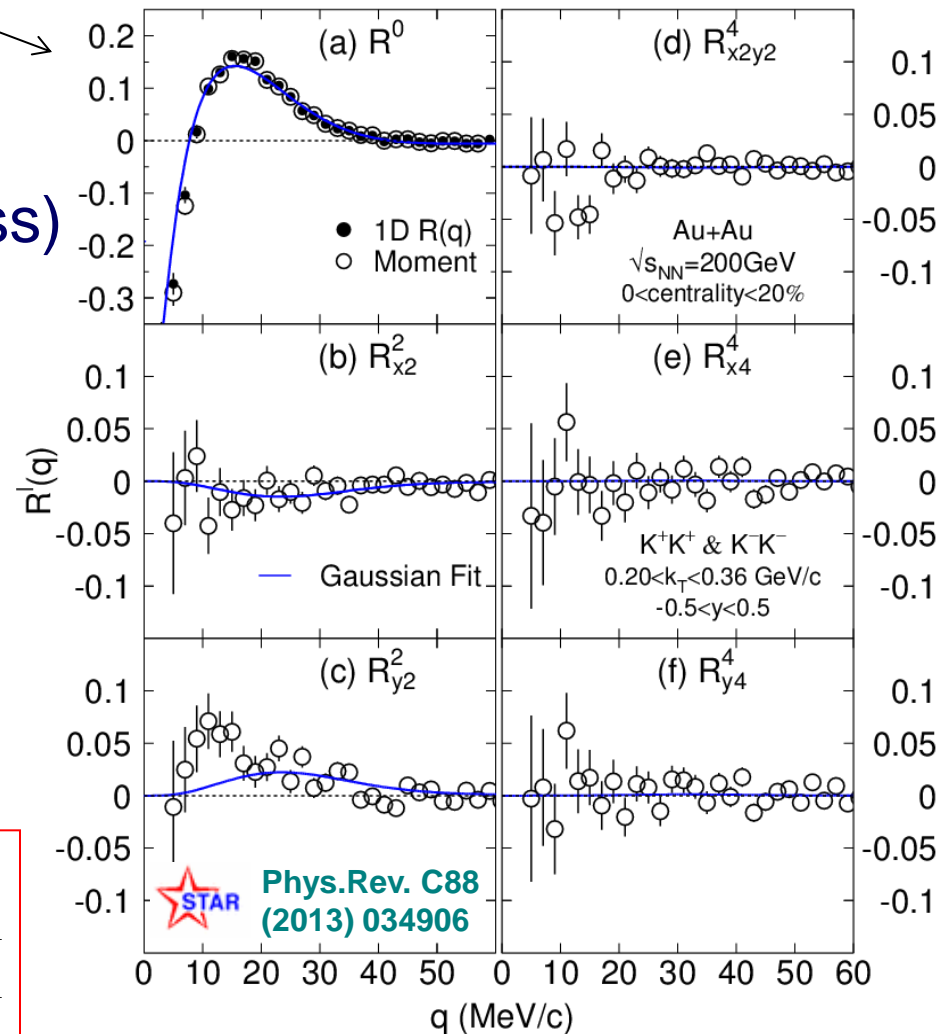
**$0.2 < k_T < 0.36$  GeV/c**

$$\lambda = 0.48 \pm 0.01$$

$$r_x = (4.8 \pm 0.1) \text{ fm}$$

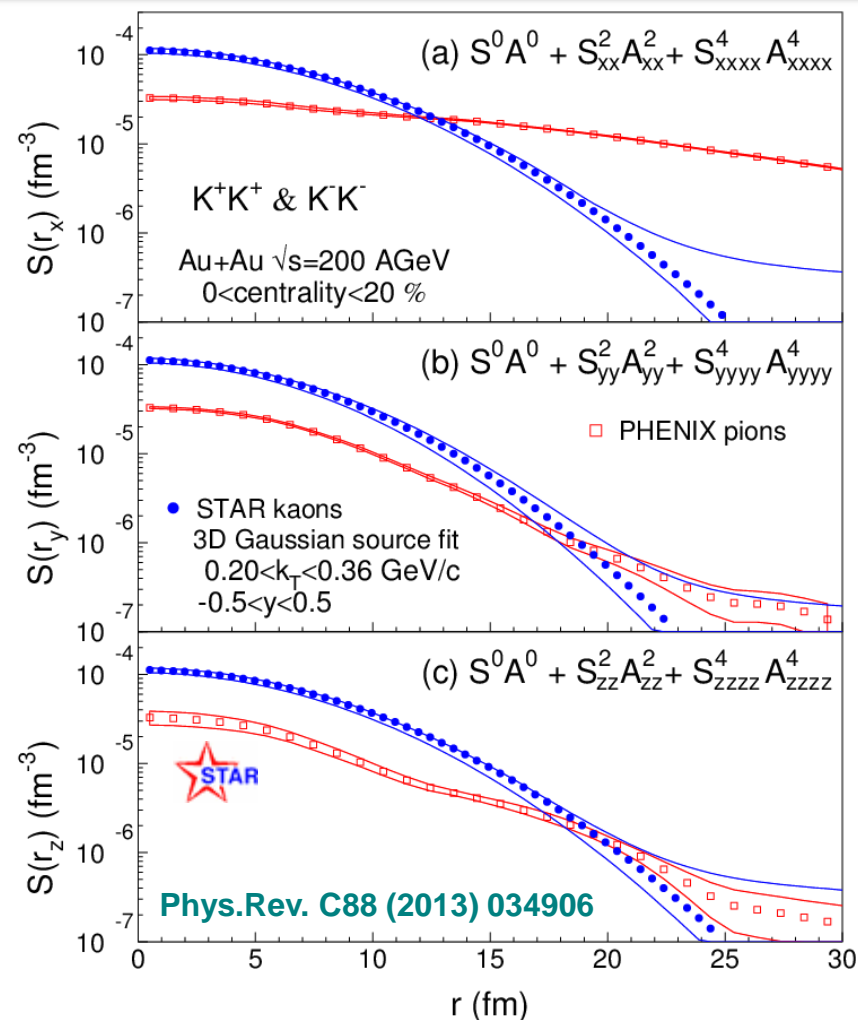
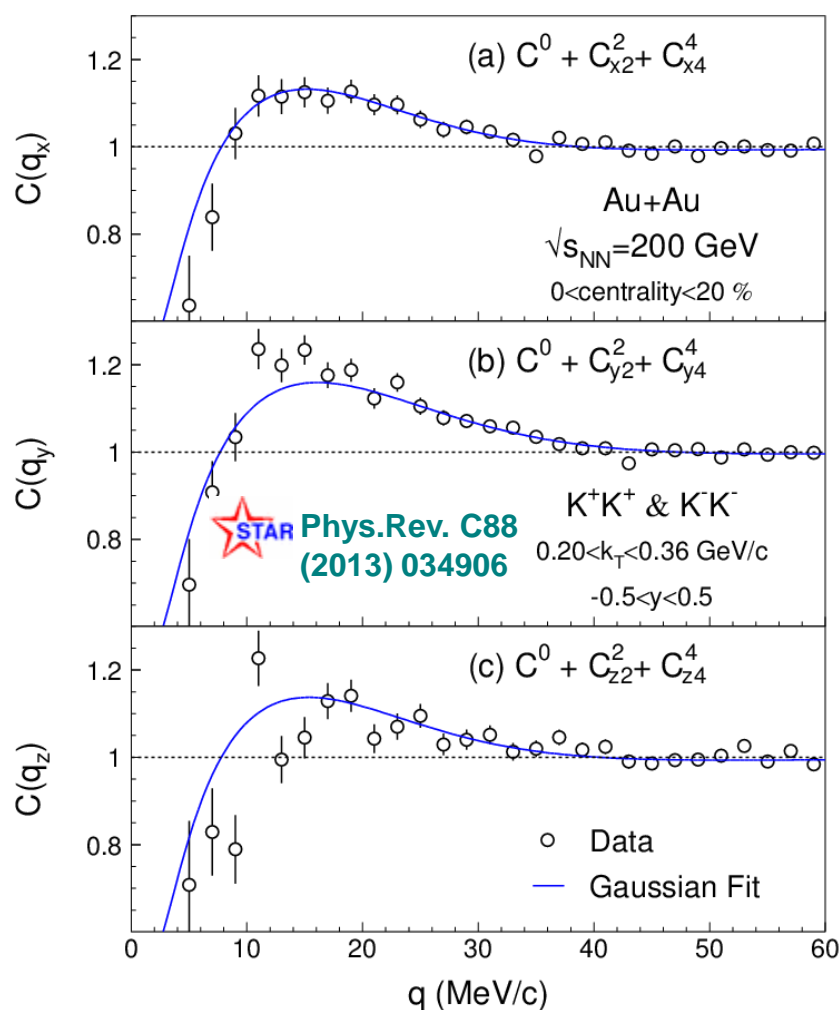
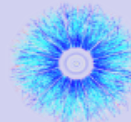
$$r_y = (4.3 \pm 0.1) \text{ fm}$$

$$r_z = (4.7 \pm 0.1) \text{ fm}$$





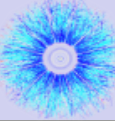
# 3D kaon correlation and source



- 3D Kaon correlation moments and profiles consistent with Gaussian

- Source Gaussian fit shown
- Uncertainties include shape assumption (error dominated low statistics)

# 3D kaon source: Model comparison



## Therminator B/W model

- Kaons: Instant freeze-out  
 $\Delta\tau = 0$  (contrary to pions!)
- Parameters tuned for STAR kaons!
- Resonances are needed

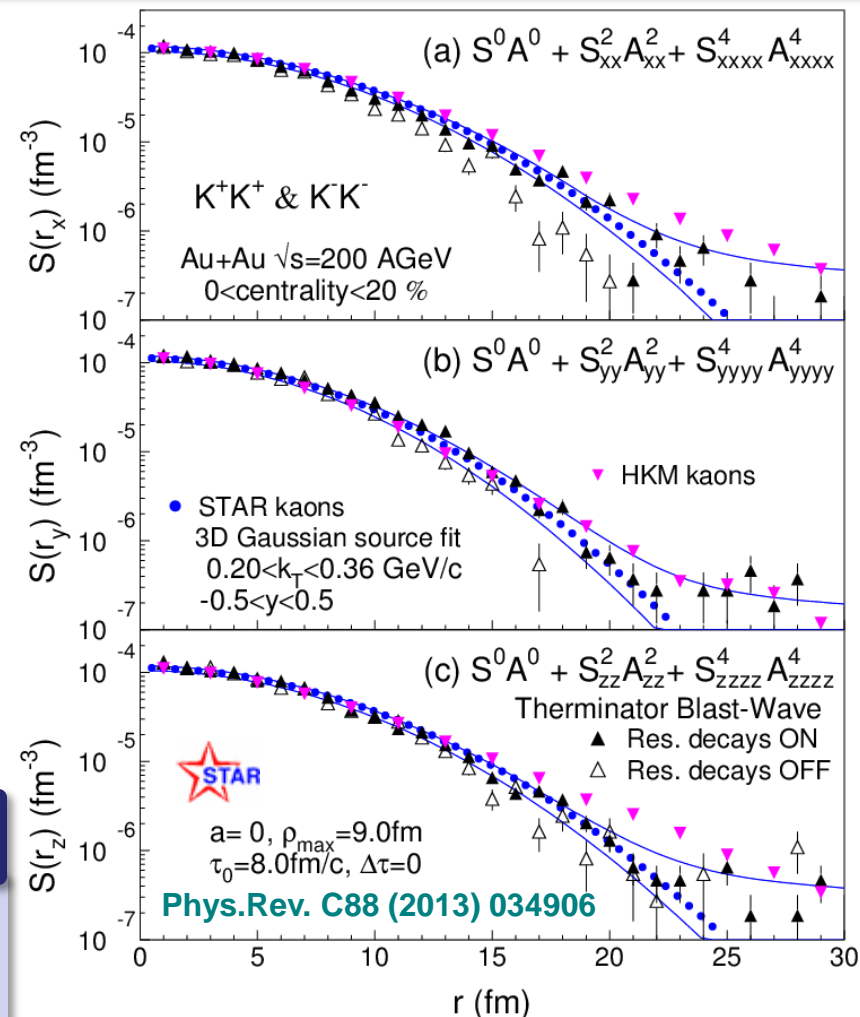
## Hydrokinetic model

- Consistent in “side”
- Slightly more tail ( $r > 15\text{fm}$ ) in “out” and “long”

## Hybrid Hydrokinetic Model (hHKM)

PRC81, 054903 (2010)

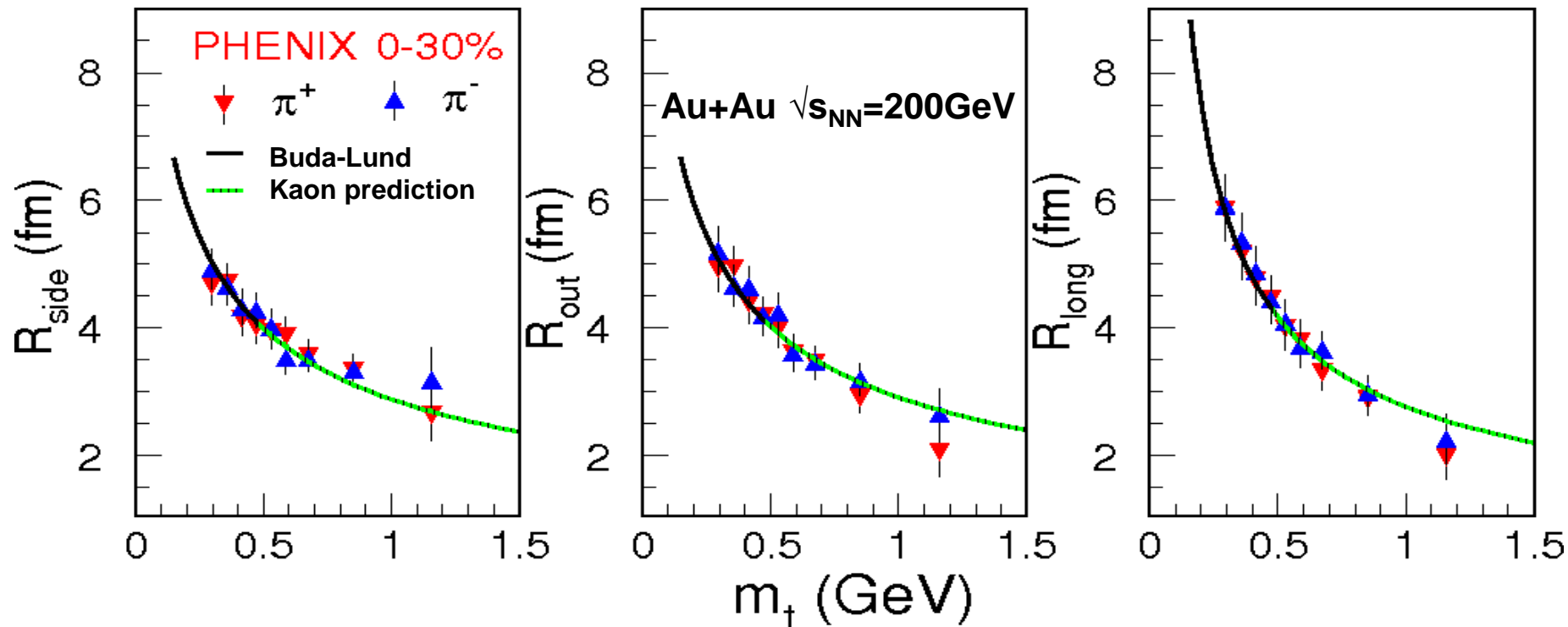
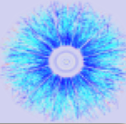
- Glauber initial conditions
  - Pure hydro expansion
  - Hadronic cascade with UrQMD
- Gets many RHIC observables right



Therminator: Kisiel, Taluc, Broniowski, Florkowski,  
Comput. Phys. Commun. 174 (2006) 669.

HKM data: Shapoval, Sinyukov, Karpenko,  
arXiv:1308.6272 [hep-ph]

# Radii vs. $m_T$ in perfect hydro



Model: M. Csanád and T. Csörgő: arXiv:0801.0800[nucl-th]

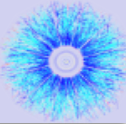
Data: PHENIX, PRL 93, 152302 (2004)

- Excellent description of PHENIX charged pion data
- Inherent  $m_T$ -scaling predicts the same dependence for Kaons

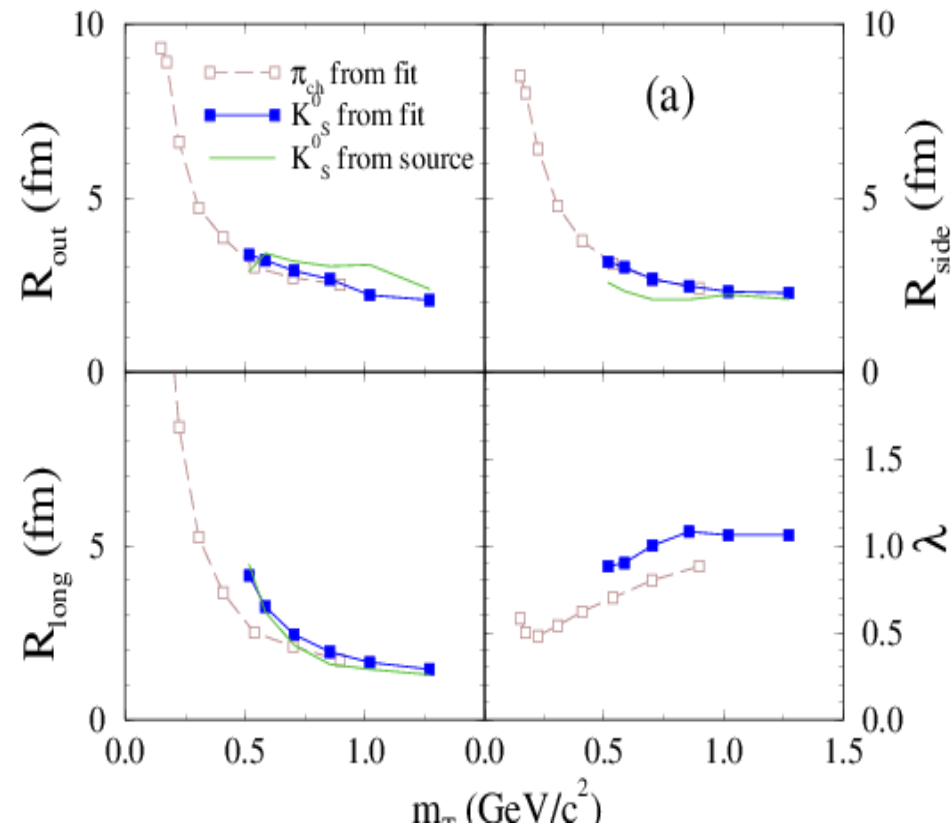
## Buda-Lund model

- Perfect hydrodynamics
  - Analytic solutions fitted to the data
  - Extremely powerful: SPS to RHIC,  $\eta$  distributions, HBT radii vs. azimuth, flow etc.
- Csörgő, Lörstad, Phys. Rev. C54, 1390 (1996).

# Radii vs. $m_T$ : AMPT prediction



- Larger radii for  $K^0_S$  than for charged pions
  - Prediction from 2003
  - *Note*: similar radii expected for  $K^0_S$  as for  $K^{+-}$
- Radii from source  $\sim$  from fit
  - Less non-Gaussianity for  $K^0_S$  than for pions

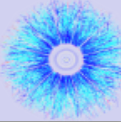


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## A Multi-Phase Transport Model

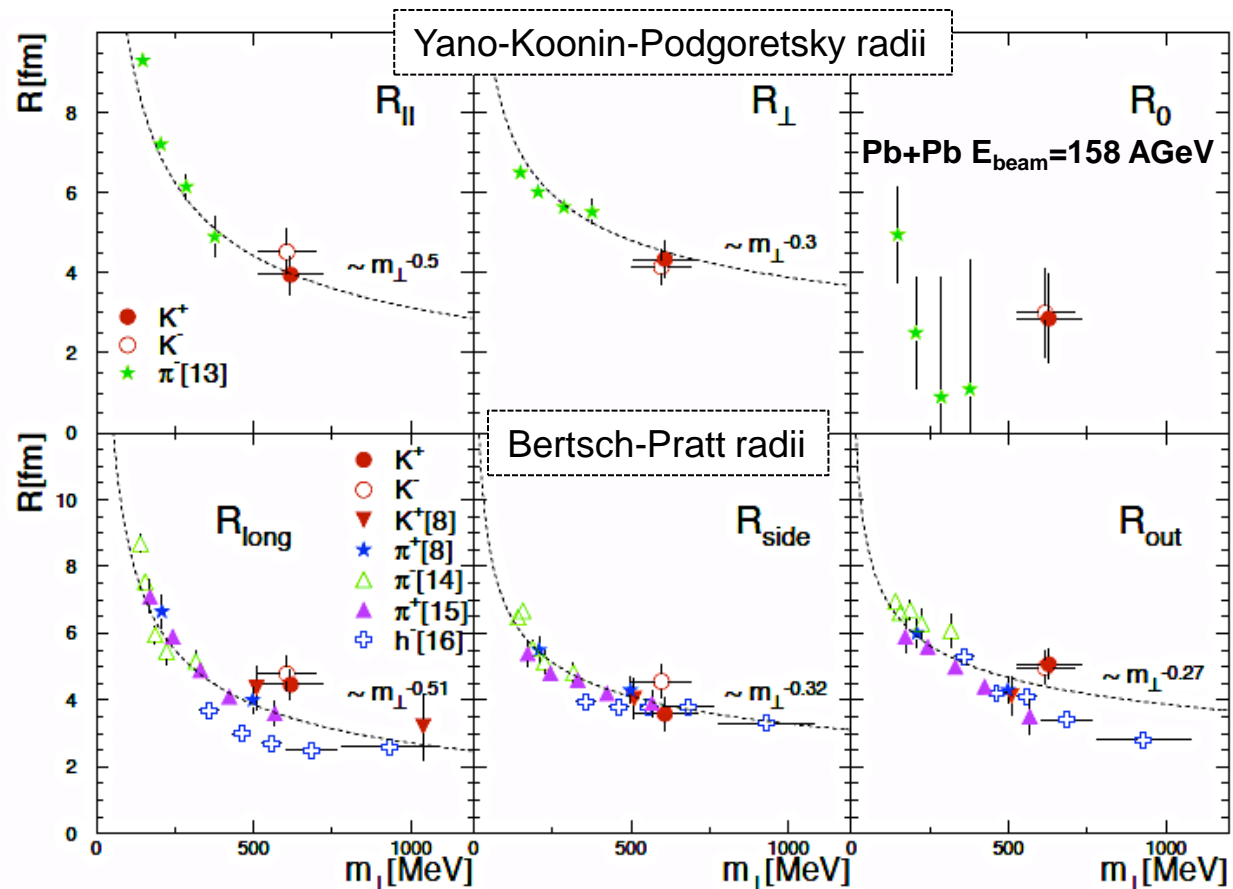
- Initial conditions from HIJING
- Parton cascade (ZPC)
- Lund fragmentation
- Relativistic transport (ART) for hadron scattering

# Radii vs. $m_T$ : SPS data



- “The kaon radii are fully consistent with pions and the hydrodynamic expansion model.”
- “Pions and kaons seem to decouple simultaneously.”

*Note:*  
sizeable uncertainties  
(horizontal and vertical)



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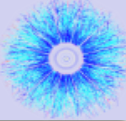
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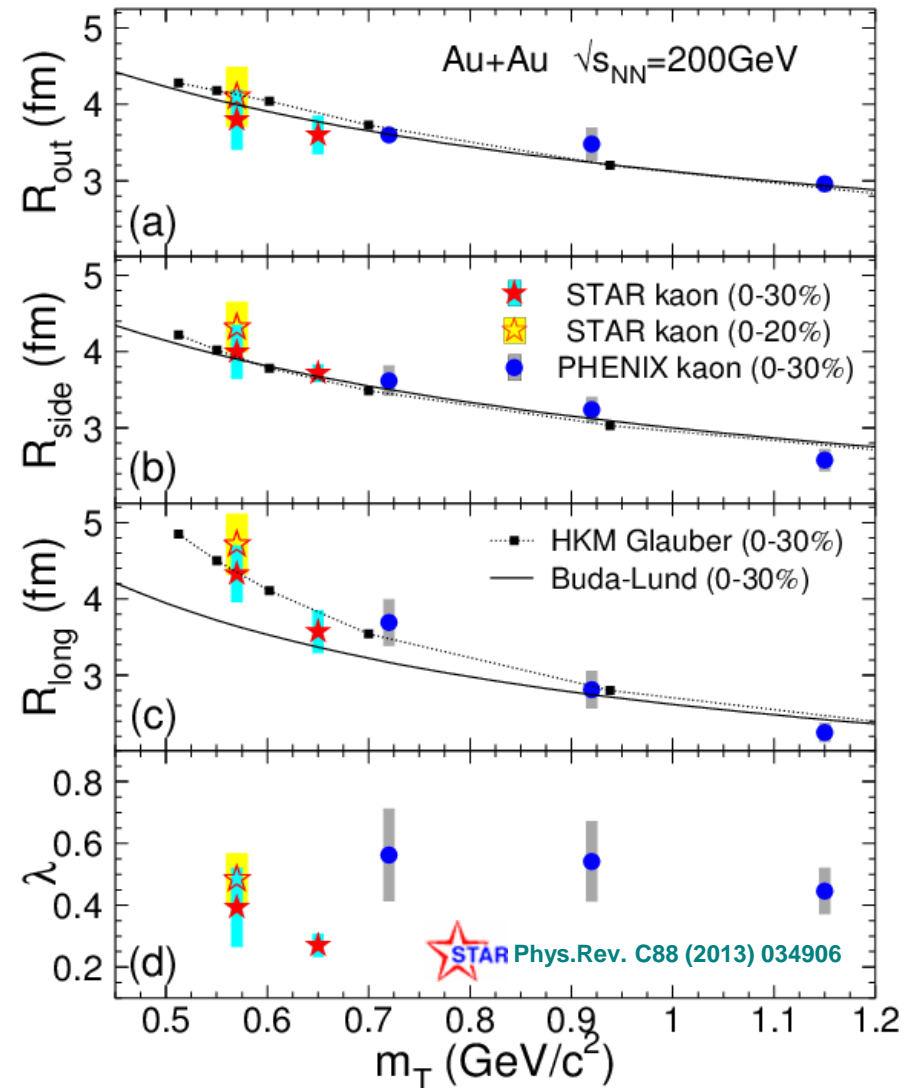
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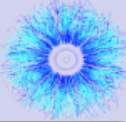
# Radii vs. $m_T$ : STAR @ RHIC



- Radii: rising trend at low  $m_T$ 
  - Strongest in “long”
- Buda-Lund model
  - Deviates from kaons in the “long” direction in the lowest  $m_T$  bin
- HKM (Hydro-kinetic model)
  - Describes all trends
  - Some deviation in the “out” direction



# Summary



## STAR performed the first model-independent extraction of kaon 3D images

- in RHIC  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV central Au+Au data
- Contrary to pions, no heavy tail observed in “out”
- Results are consistent with a Gaussian source

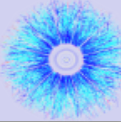
## The $m_T$ -scaling of HBT radii appears not to be perfect

- The Gaussian radii of Kaons indicate a steeper rise in the “long” direction for low  $m_T$  values than expected from pions
- This suggests that kaons and pions decouple differently

## Multiple models were compared to the results

- Kaons and pions may be subject to different freeze-out dynamics
- Resonances have to be included for a proper description of data
- Most successful models include rescattering

# Thank You!



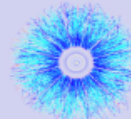
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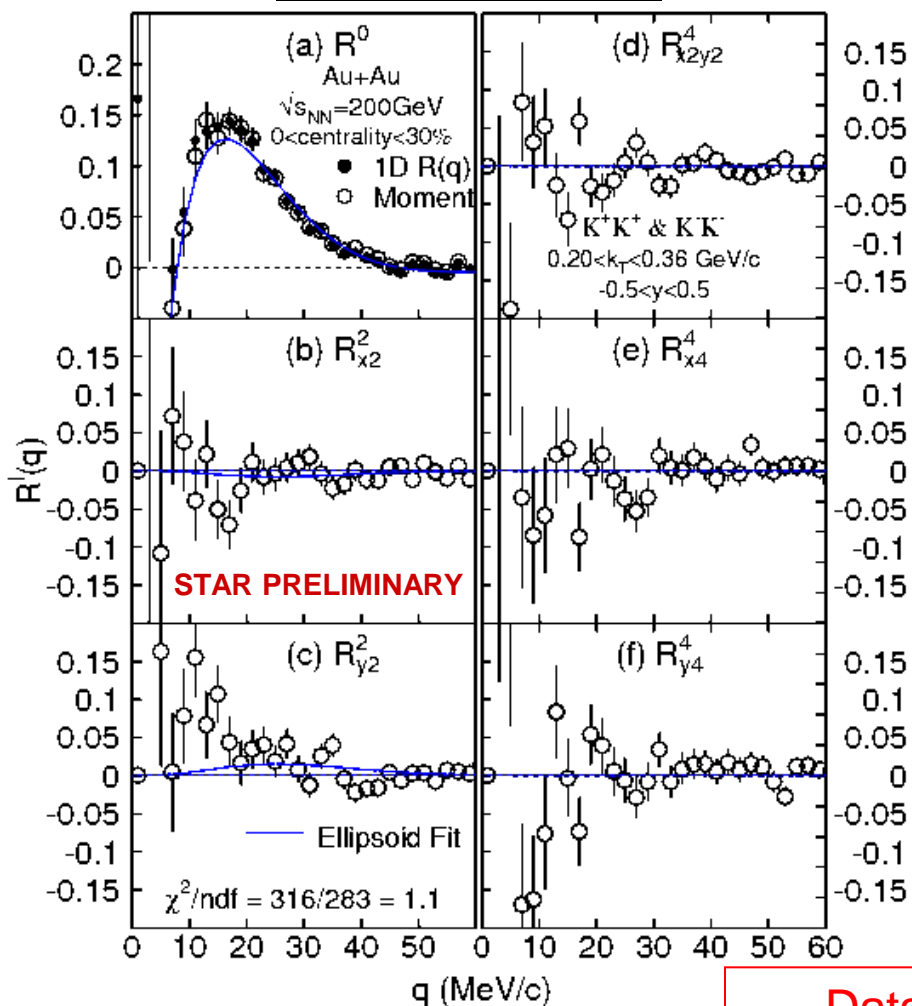
## STAR Collaboration



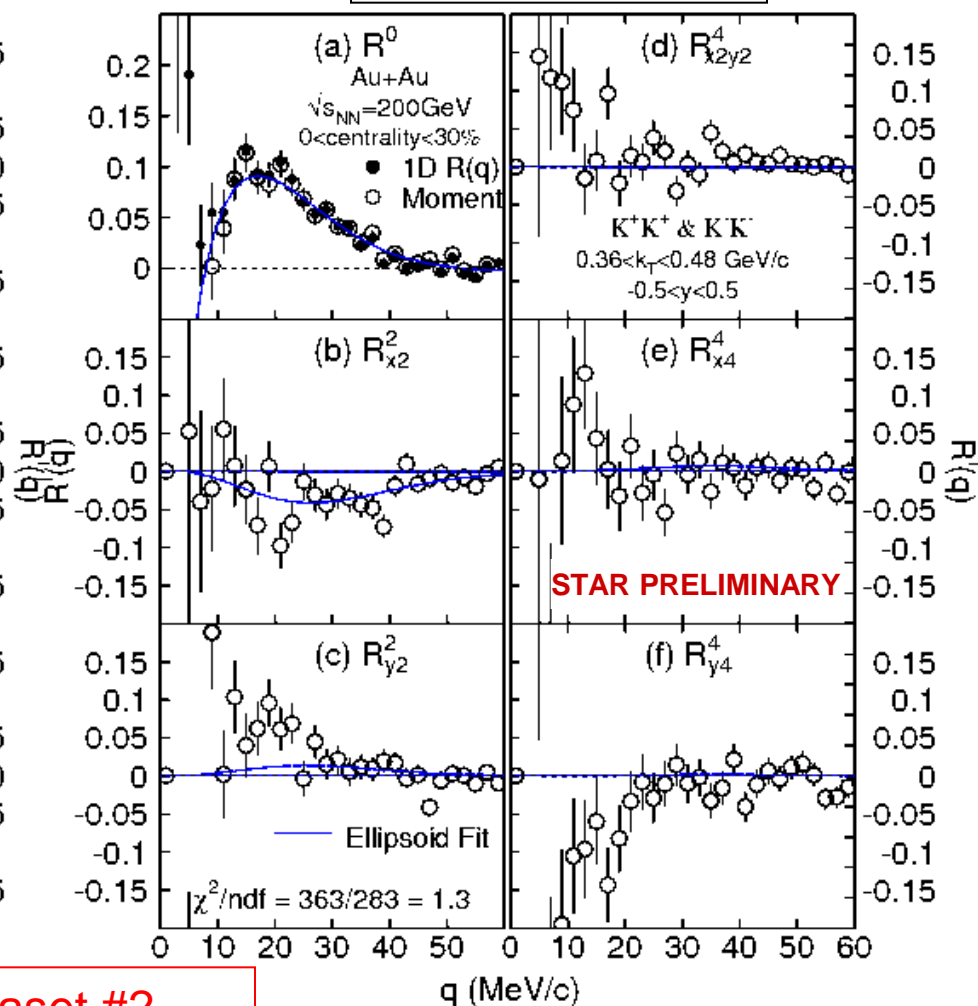
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**0.2 < k<sub>T</sub> < 0.36 GeV/c**

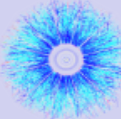


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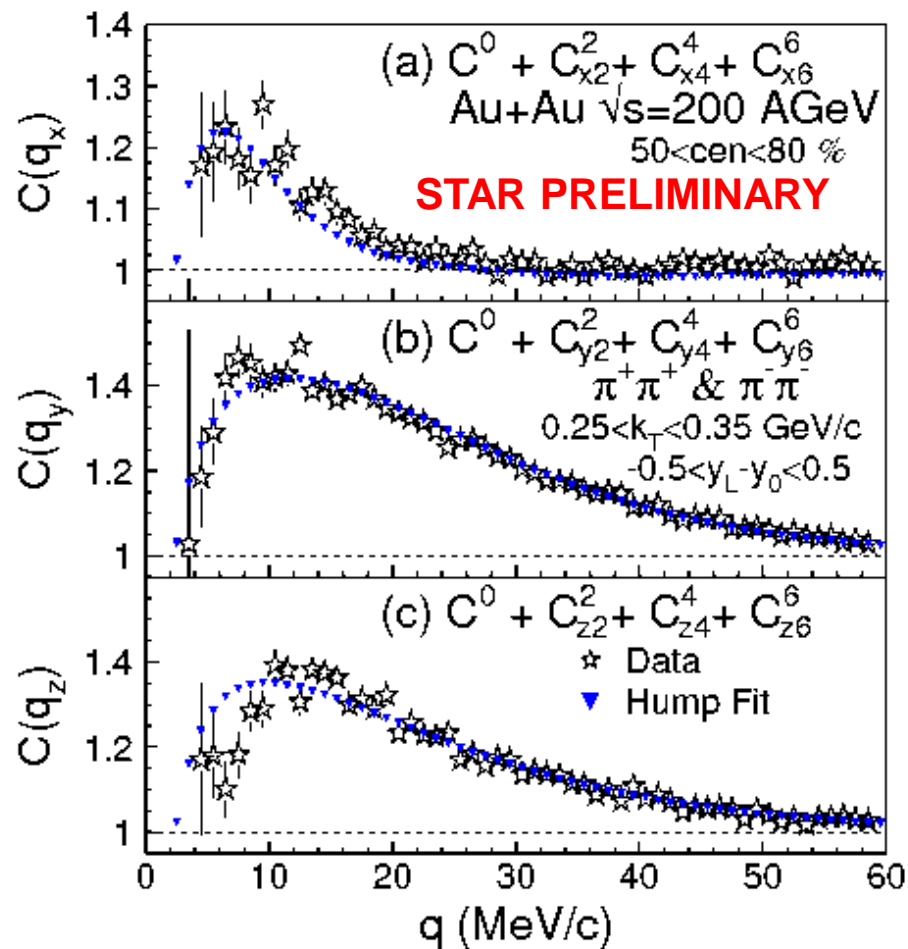


**Dataset #2**  
**Run4 Cent<30%**

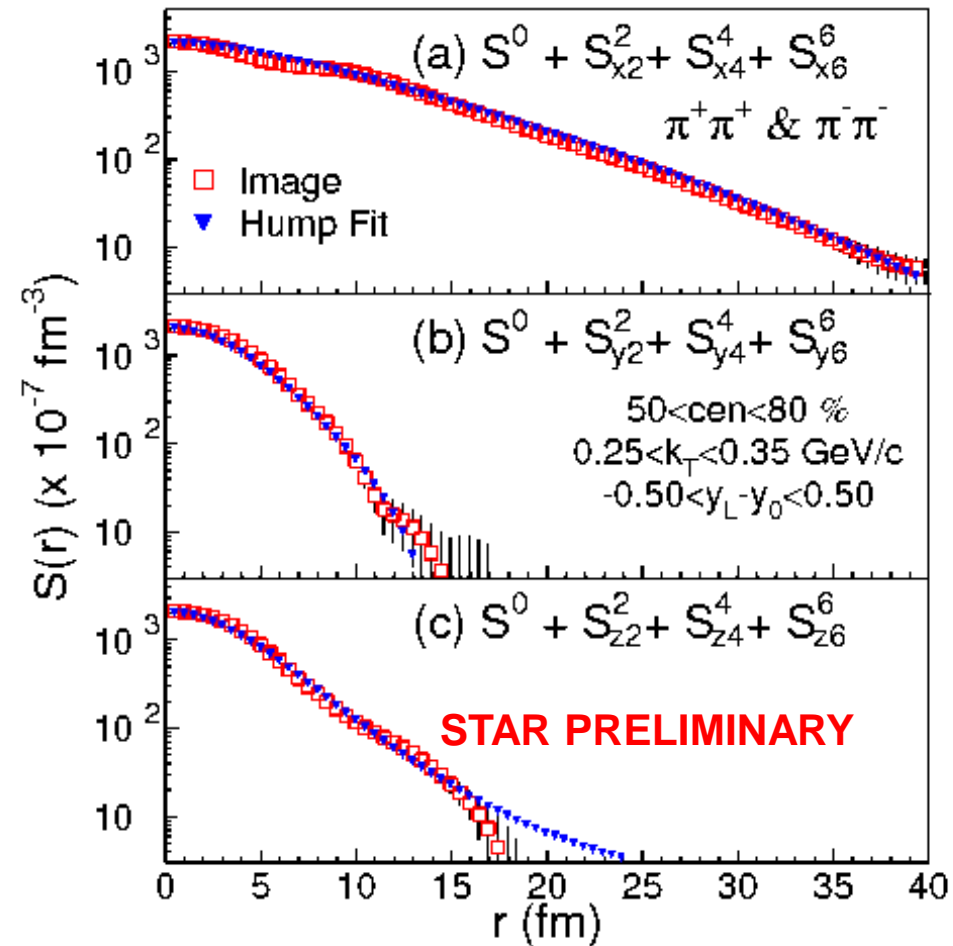
# Peripheral pions in STAR



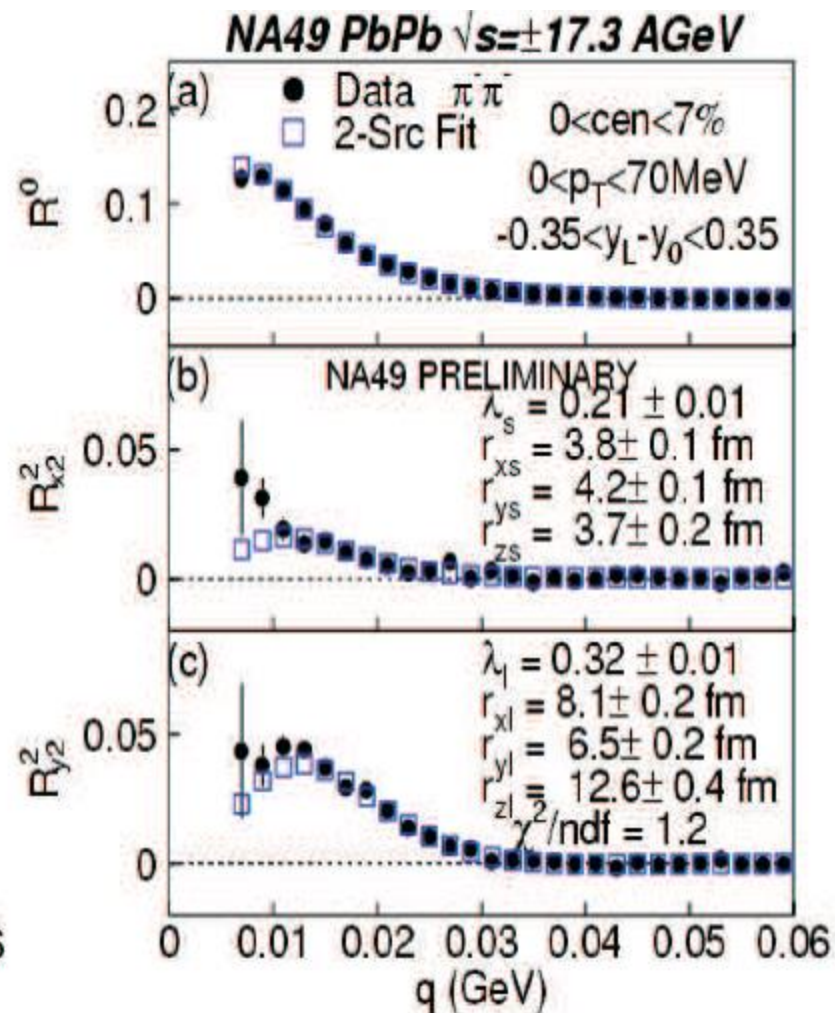
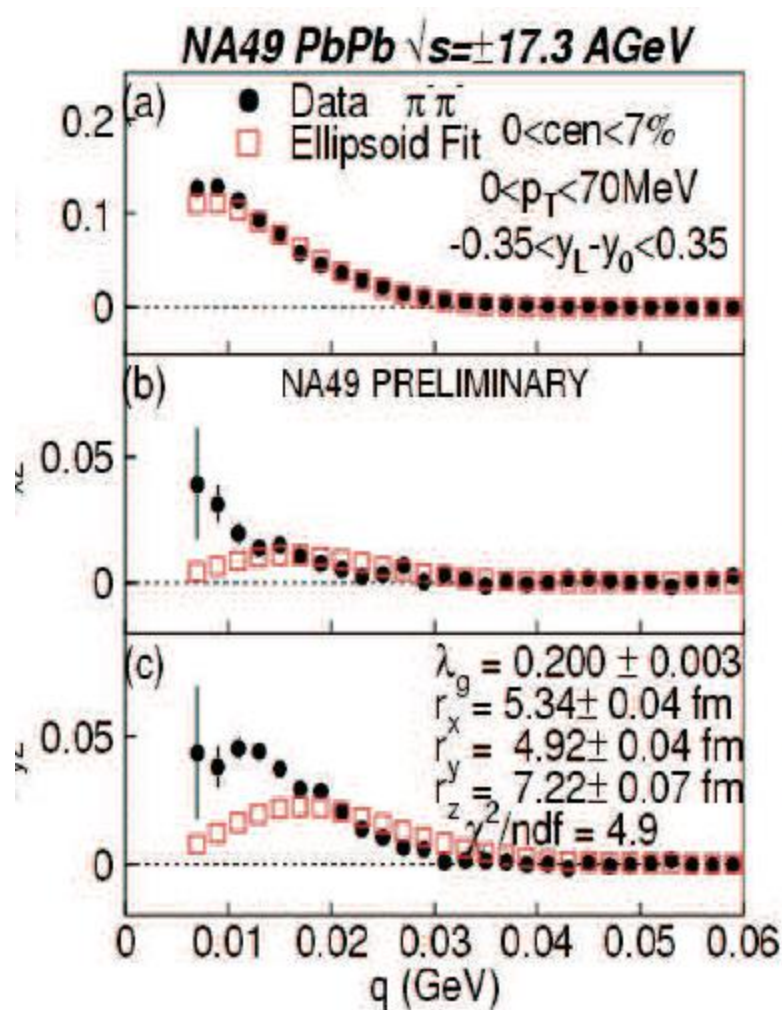
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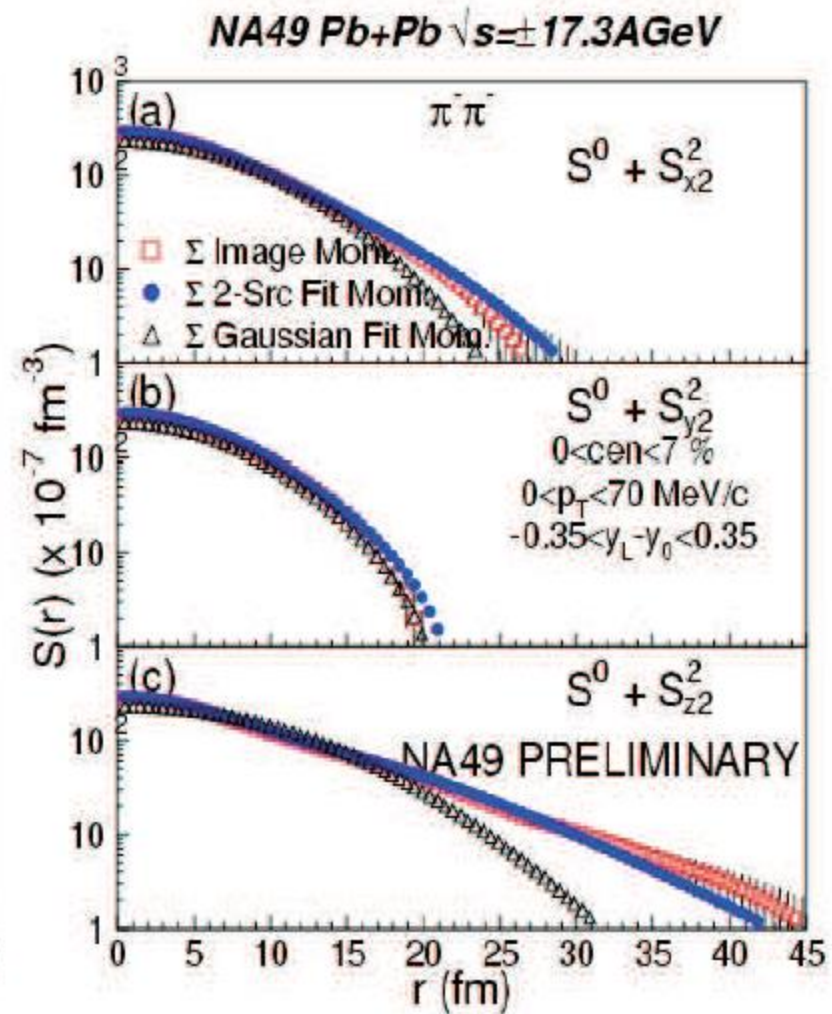
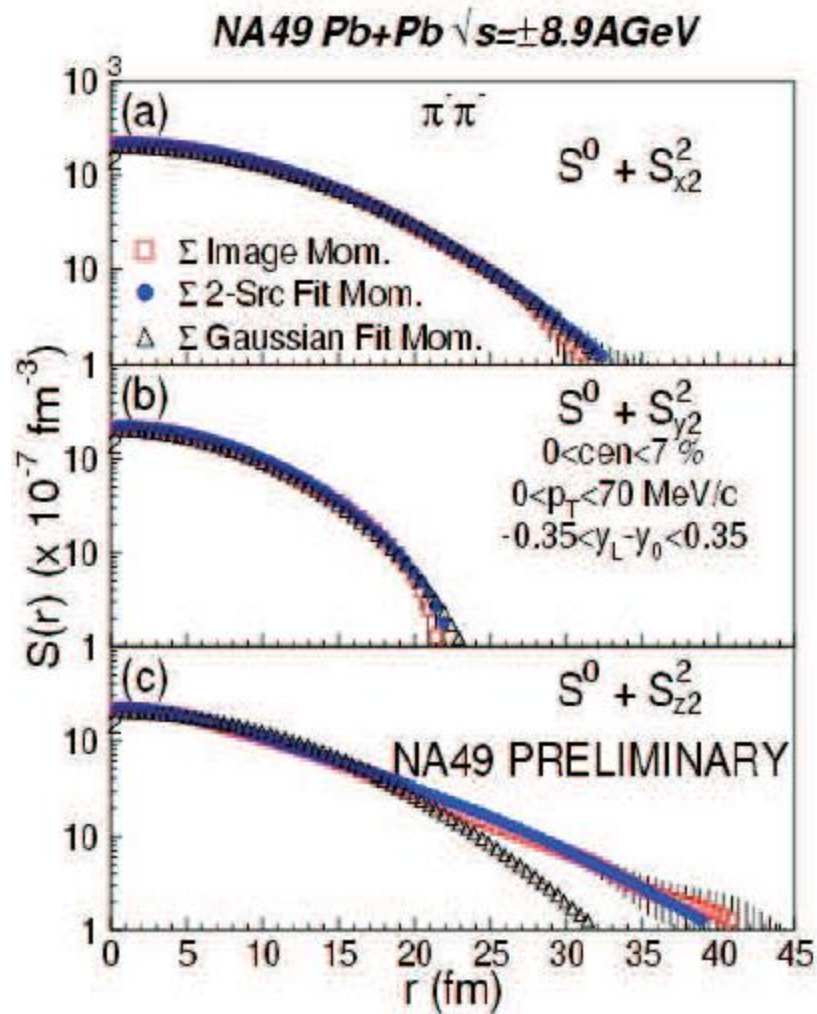
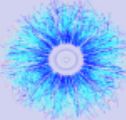
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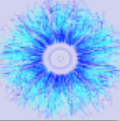
# NA49 pions in Pb+Pb - correlation



# NA49 pions in Pb+Pb - sources



# Rescattering



## Hadronic Rescattering Code

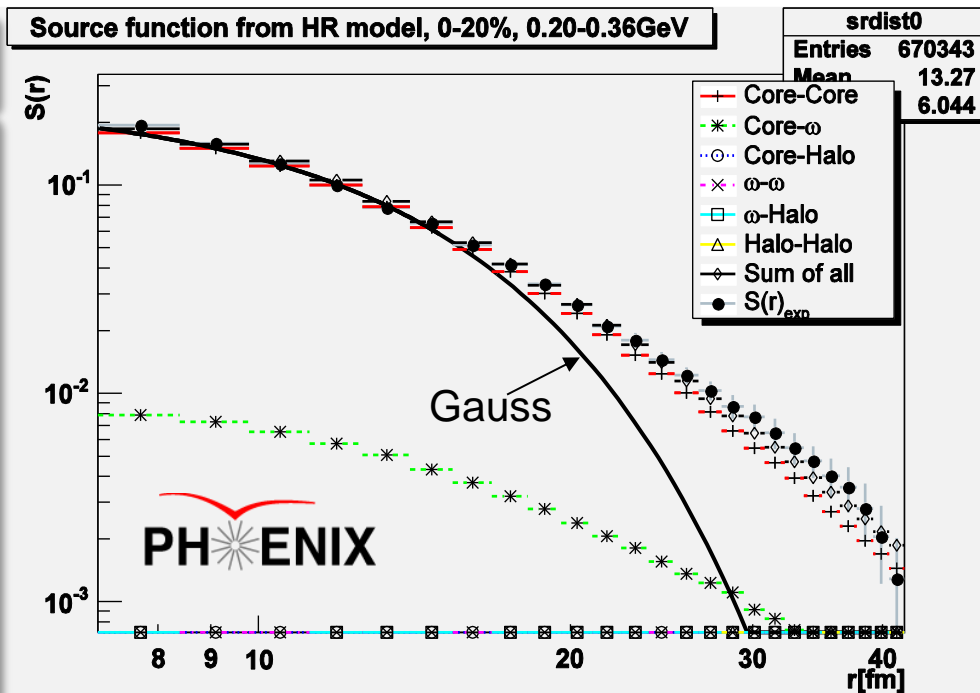
Simple but smart cascade model

- Only a few resonances ( $\rho$ ,  $\Delta$ ,  $K^*$ ;  $\omega$ ;  $\eta$ ,  $\eta'$ ,  $\Phi$ ,  $\Lambda$ )
- Causality kept in all scatterings
- $p$ -dependent cross sections

Shown to be working

- Describes spectra,  $v_2$ , HBT radii for both SPS and RHIC
- Insensitive to initial conditions
- Similar predictions to exact hydro
- Sensitive to PID ( $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $p$ )

T. J. Humanic, *Int. J. Mod. Phys. E* 15 (2006)



Csanád, Csörgő, Nagy, *Braz.J.Phys.* 37 (2007)

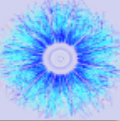
- HRC able to describe the observed 1D pion source

*Note: model limitations lead to breakdown for higher  $k_T$  bin (not shown)*

- Underlying mechanism: anomalous diffusion

- Diffusion with fixed mean free path: Central Limit Theorem  $\rightarrow$  Gaussian distrib.
- Expanding system, changing x-section: Gnedenko-Kolmogorov  $\rightarrow$  Lévy distrib.

# Resonances



## THERMINATOR Single Freezeout

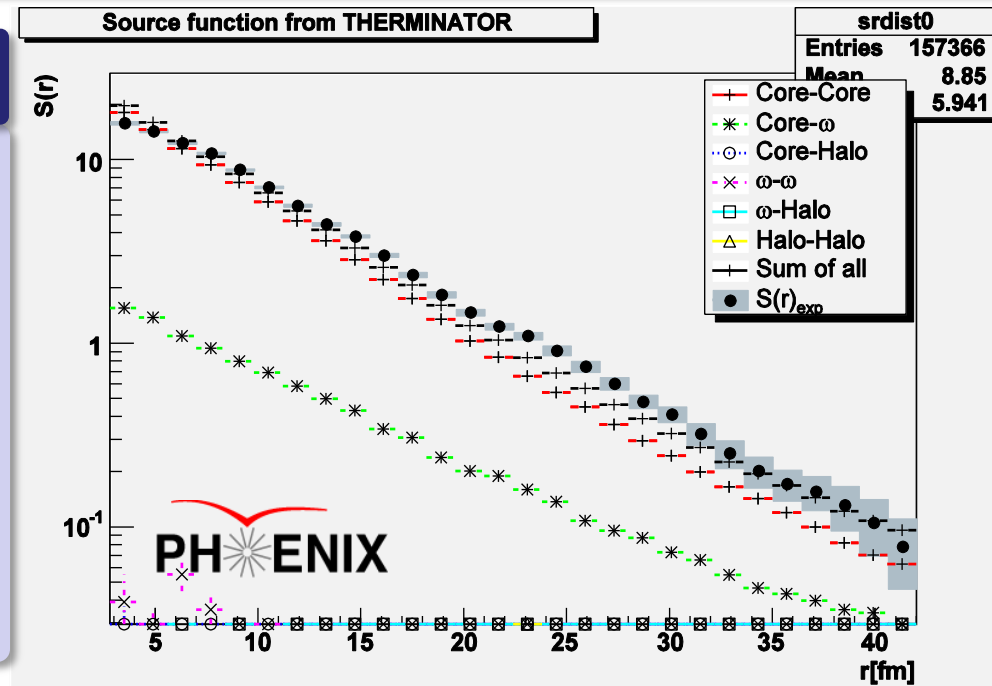
### Cracow Single Freezeout model

- Particle phase-space according to FD, BE distributions
- Thermal & chem. eq. same time
- Universal  $T$ ,  $\mu_{13}$ ,  $\mu_B$ ,  $\mu_S$
- Single hyper-ellipsoid FO surface

### Hadronic phase

- Many resonances (385)
- No rescattering

Kisiel et al., *Comput.Phys.Commun.* 174 (2006)



R.V. (PHENIX), WWND 2007 proc. [arXiv:0706.4409]

- Single FO with resonances: also yields a relatively good description
  - Parameters tuned for PHENIX HBT
  - Note: model limitations cause problems at  $r \rightarrow 0$  (not shown)*
- Underlying mechanism: many long lived resonances
  - Different contributions die out gradually
  - Continuously increasing mean lifetimes provide a random variable with time-dependent mean and variance  $\rightarrow$  similar effect to anomalous diffusion