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**Discovery of the Perfect Fluidity of Quark-Gluon Plasma at RHIC and  
hydrodynamical analysis of recent RHIC data**

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# Exploring the Quark Gluon Plasma at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

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- Milestones at RHIC
- Hydrodynamics
- Direct photon results

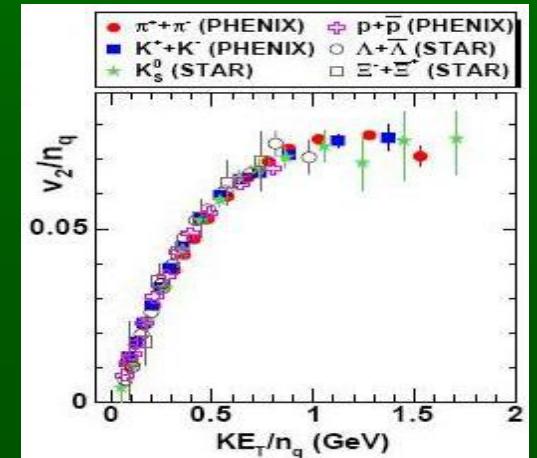
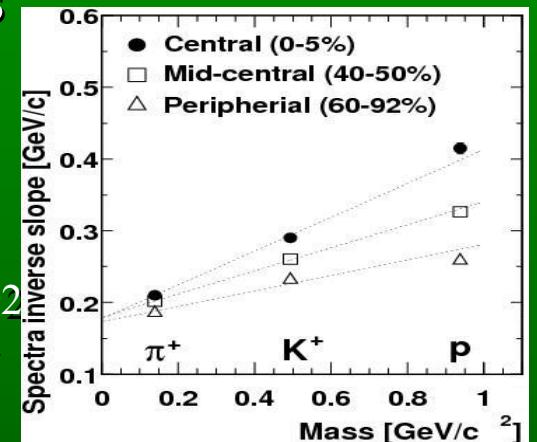
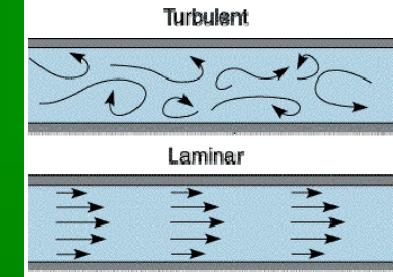
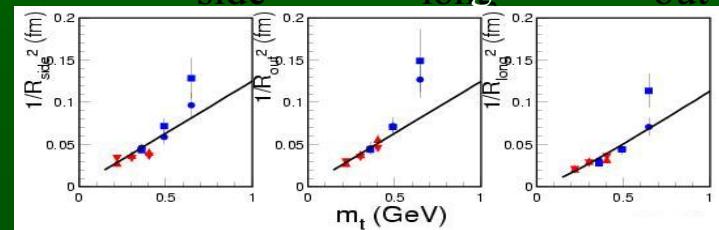
# Milestones of RHIC results

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- Jet suppression in A+A: new phenomenon
  - Phys. Rev. Lett. 88, 022301 (2002)
- No jet suppression in d+A: new form of matter
  - Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 072303 (2003)
- Summary of the results: matter is a liquid
  - Nucl. Phys. A 757, 184-283 (2005)
- Elliptic flow scaling: quark degrees of freedom
  - Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 162301 (2007)
- Heavy quark flow: viscosity near lower limit
  - Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 172301 (2007)
- Initial temperature, state of matter: no final answer yet

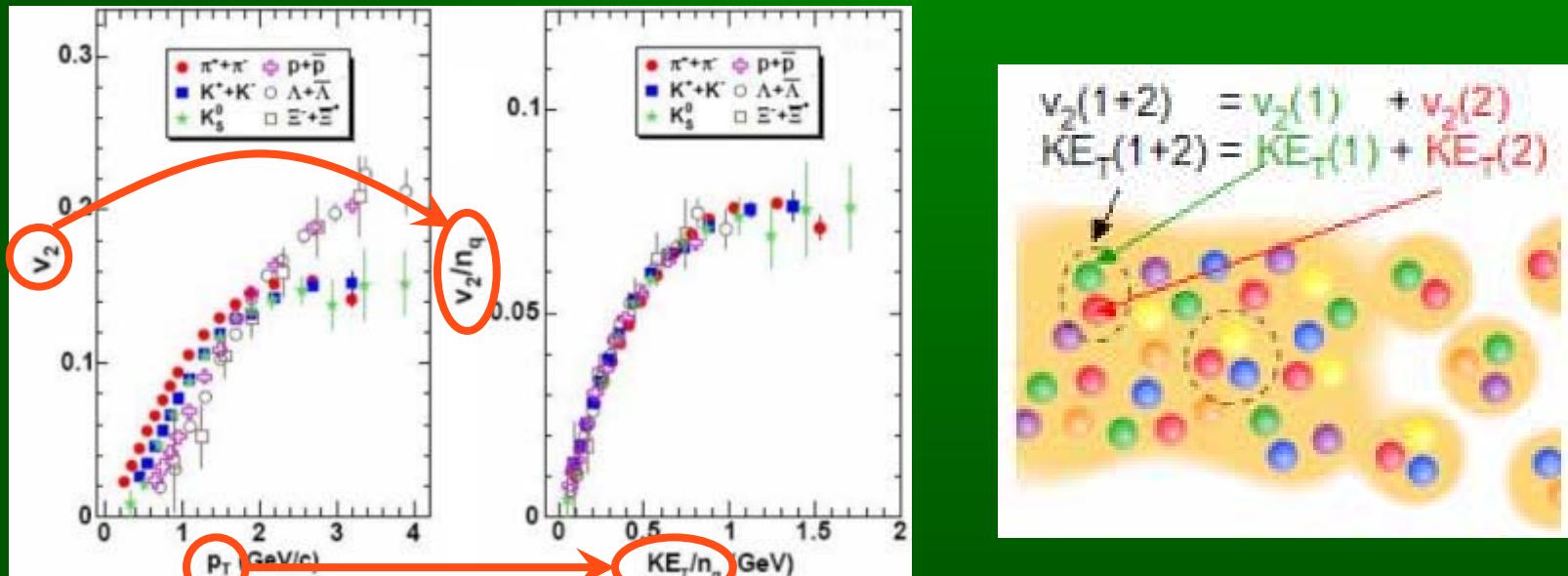
# Hydrodynamic scaling predictions

- Hydro predicts scaling (also viscous)
- What does a scaling mean?
  - For example Reynolds number  $\rho v r / \eta$
  - Only a combination of parameters matters
- Collective, thermal behavior →  
Loss of information
- Spectra slopes:  $N_1 \sim e^{-\frac{m_t}{T_{\text{eff}}}}$ ;  $T_{\text{eff}} = T_0 + m u_t^2$
- Elliptic flow:  $v_2 = \frac{I_1(w)}{I_0(w)}$ ;  $w \sim KE_T$
- HBT radii:  $R_{\text{side}}^{-2} \approx R_{\text{long}}^{-2} \approx R_{\text{out}}^{-2} \sim \frac{1}{m_t}$



# Quark degrees of freedom

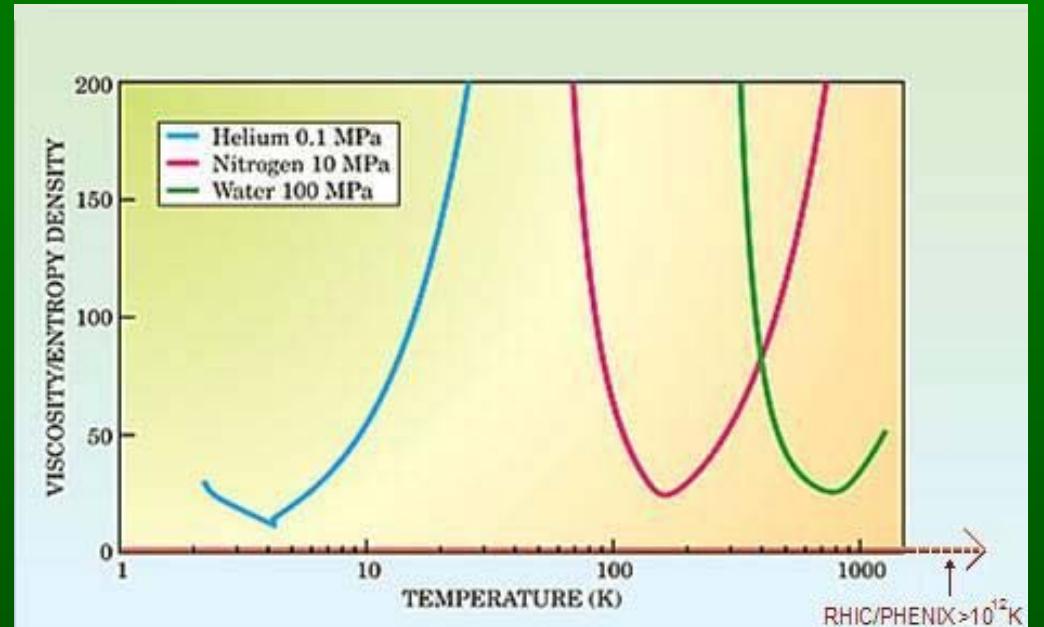
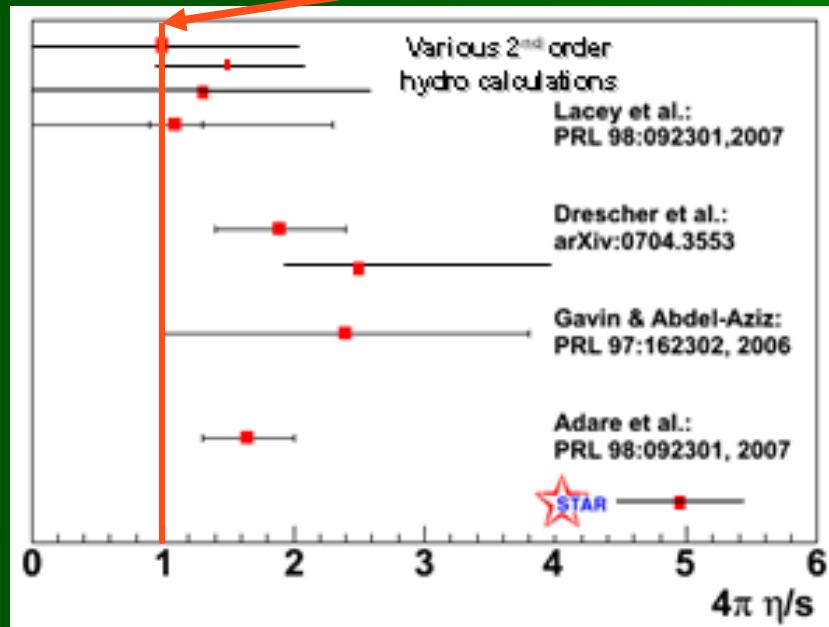
- Elliptic flow ( $v_2$ ) is a central observable
  - measure of momentum space asymmetry
  - sign of collective behavior
- Measured for several types of particles
- Scaling variable suggested by hydro:  $KE_t$
- Both  $v_2$  and  $KE_t$  scale by the number of quarks



- Explanation by quark flow
- Indirect sign of quark degrees of freedom

# Superfluidity

- Kinematic viscosity  $\eta/s$  lower than that of superfluid helium
- Conjectured limit:  $1/4\pi$  (via AdS/CFT)



# Perfect hydro solutions

Solution	Basic prop's	EoS	Observables
<b>Csörgő, Nagy, Csanád</b> Phys.Lett.B 663:306-311, 2008 Phys.Rev.C77:024908,2008	Ellipsoidal, 1D accelerating	$\varepsilon - B = \kappa(p + B)$	$dn/dy, \varepsilon$
<b>Landau</b> Izv. Acad. Nauk SSSR 81 (1953) 51	Cylindr., 1D, accelerating	$\varepsilon = \kappa n T$	None
<b>Hwa-Björken</b> R.C. Hwa, PRD10, 2260,1974 J.D. Bjorken, PRD27, 40(1983)	Cylindr., 1D, non-accelerating	$\varepsilon = \kappa n T$	$dn/dy, \varepsilon$
<b>Bialas et al.</b> A. Bialas, R. A. Janik, and R. B. Peschanski, Phys. Rev. C76, 054901 (2007).	1D, between Landau and Hwa-Björken	$\varepsilon = \kappa n T$	$dn/dy$
<b>Csörgő, Csernai, Hama, Kodama</b> Heavy Ion Phys. A 21, 73 (2004))	Ellipsoidal, 3D, non-accelerating	$\varepsilon = \kappa n T$	This work does the calculation
???	Ell, 3D, accel.	realistic	???

# Where we are

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- Revival of interest, new solutions
  - Sinyukov, Karpenko, nucl-th/0505041
  - Pratt, nucl-th/0612010
  - Bialas et al.: Phys.Rev.C76:054901,2007
  - Borsch, Zhdanov: SIGMA 3:116,2007
  - Nagy et al.: J.Phys.G35:104128,2008 and arXiv/0909.4285
  - Liao et al.: arXiv/09092284 and Phys.Rev.C80:034904,2009
  - Mizoguchi et al.: Eur.Phys.J.A40:99-108,2009
  - Beuf et al.:Phys.Rev.C78:064909,2008 (dS/dy as well!)
- Need for solutions that are:
  - accelerating + relativistic+ 3 dimensional
  - explicit + simple + compatible with the data

# A 3D relativistic solution

- The hydro fields are these:

- $v(s)$  arbitrary, but realistic to choose Gaussian  $v(s) = e^{-bs/2}$   
 $b < 0$  is realistic

- Ellipsoidal symmetry

$$s = \frac{x^2}{X(t)^2} + \frac{y^2}{Y(t)^2} + \frac{z^2}{Z(t)^2}$$

$$n = n_0 \left( \frac{\tau_0}{\tau} \right)^3 v(s)$$

$$T = T_0 \left( \frac{\tau_0}{\tau} \right)^{(3/\kappa)} \frac{1}{v(s)}$$

$$p = p_0 \left( \frac{\tau_0}{\tau} \right)^{\left( 3 + \frac{3}{\kappa} \right)}$$

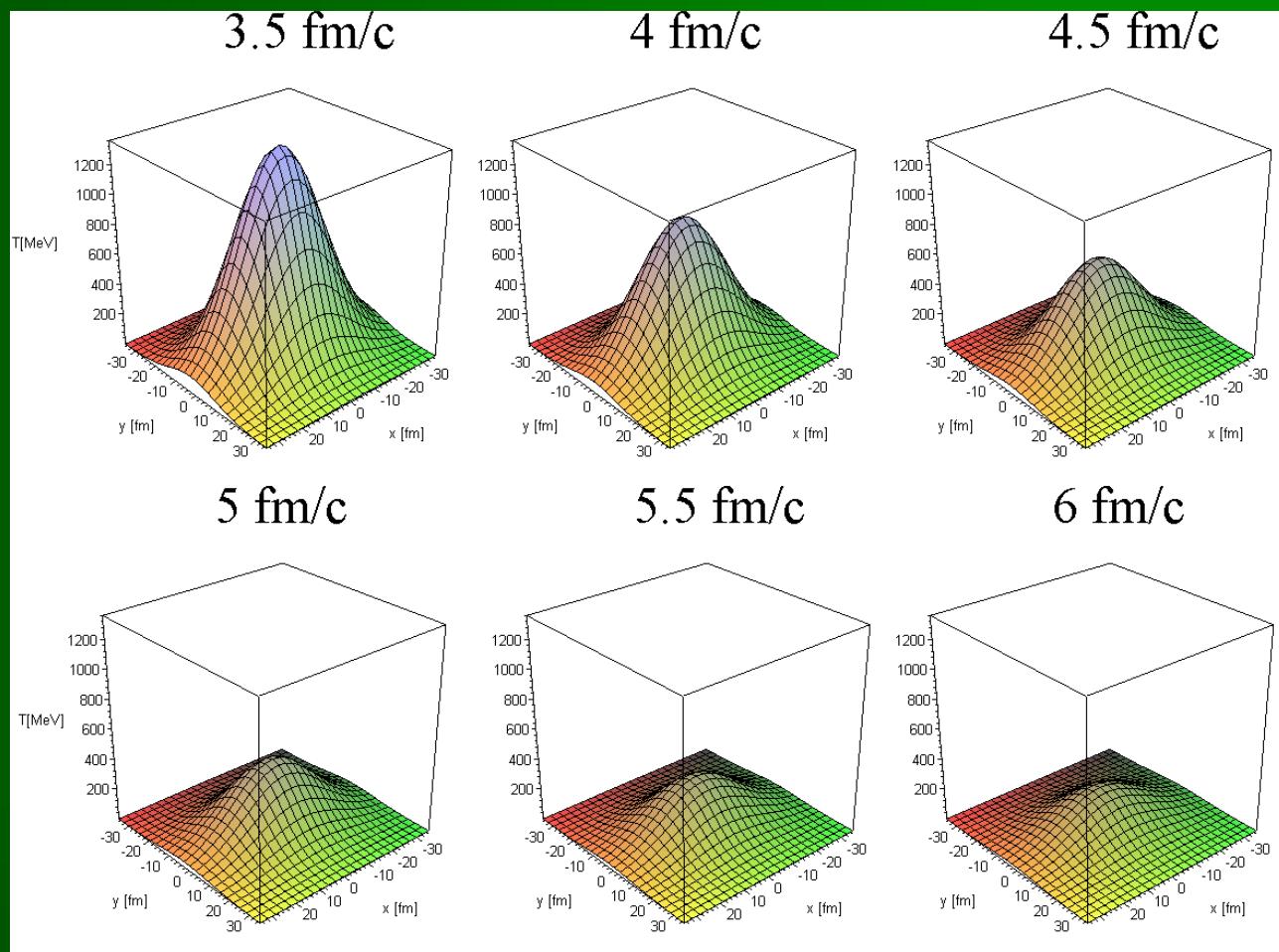
$$u^\mu = \gamma \left( 1, \frac{\dot{X}(t)}{X(t)} x, \frac{\dot{Y}(t)}{Y(t)} y, \frac{\dot{Z}(t)}{Z(t)} z \right)$$

- (thermodynamic quantities const. on the  $s=\text{const.}$  ellipsoid)
- Directional Hubble-flow (no acceleration)
  - $v=Hr$  or  $H=v/r$ , the Hubble-constants:  $\frac{\dot{X}(t)}{X(t)}, \frac{\dot{Y}(t)}{Y(t)}, \frac{\dot{Z}(t)}{Z(t)}$
  - $\dot{X}(t), \dot{Y}(t), \dot{Z}(t) : \text{const.}; (\dot{X}, \dot{Y}) \Leftrightarrow (u_t, \varepsilon)$

(T. Csörgő, L. P. Csernai, Y. Hama és T. Kodama, Heavy Ion Phys. A 21, 73 (2004))

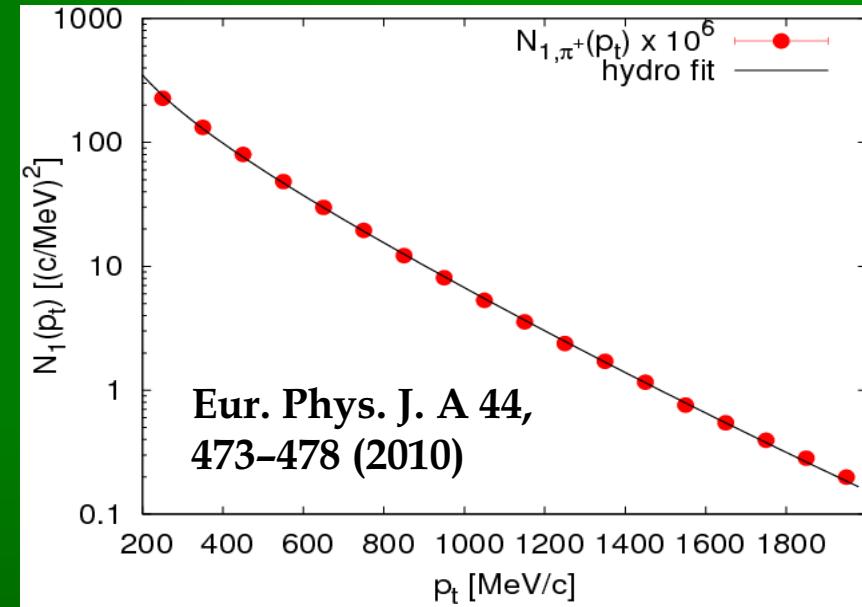
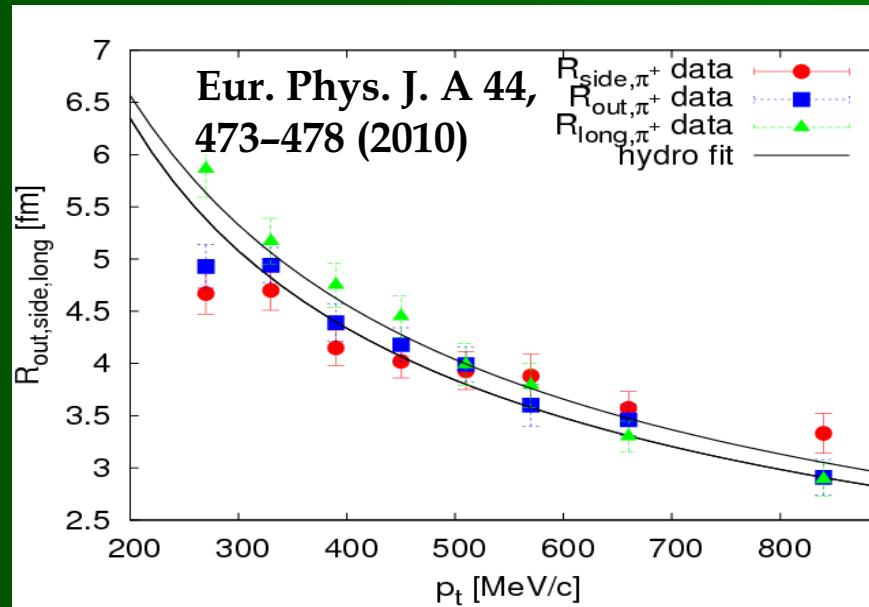
# Temperature profile

Transverse temperature profile as a function of time  
with an example parameter set:



# Single pion spectrum with HBT radii

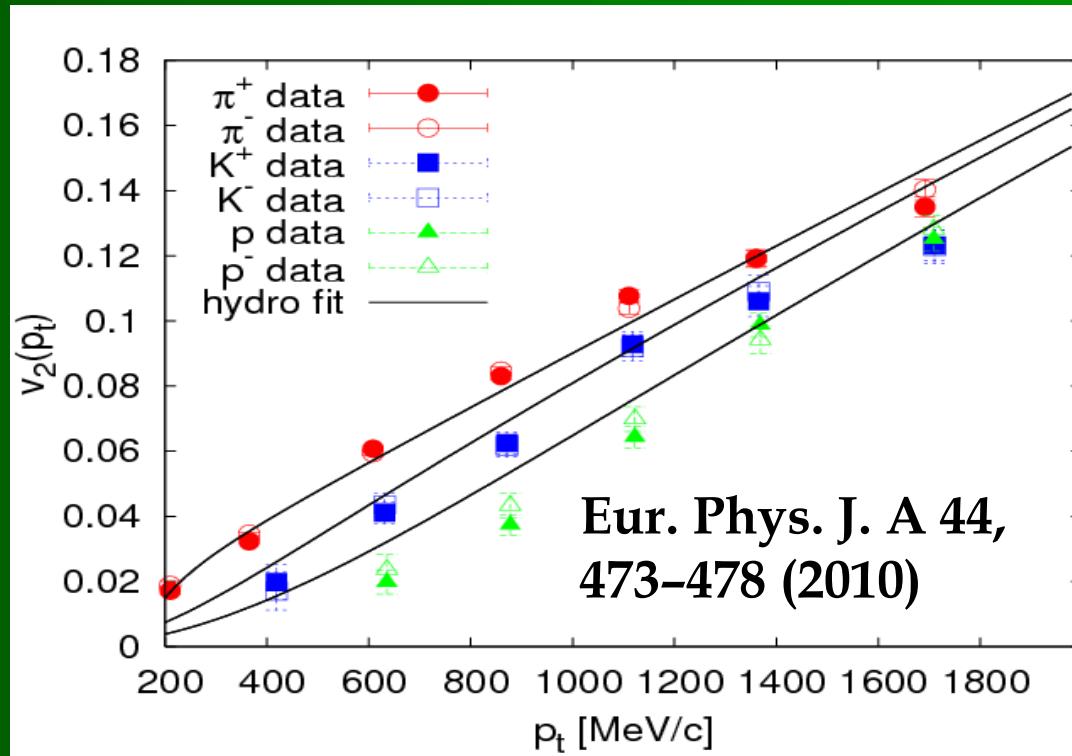
- 0-30% centrality, Au+Au, PHENIX



- $T_0$   $199 \pm 3$  MeV central freeze-out temp.
- $\varepsilon$   $0.80 \pm 0.02$  momentum space ecc.
- $u_t^2/b$   $-0.84 \pm 0.1$  ( $b < 0$ ) transv. flow/temp. grad
- $\tau_0$   $7.7 \pm 0.1$  freeze-out proper time
- $\chi^2$  171 (24 with theory error)

# Elliptic flow

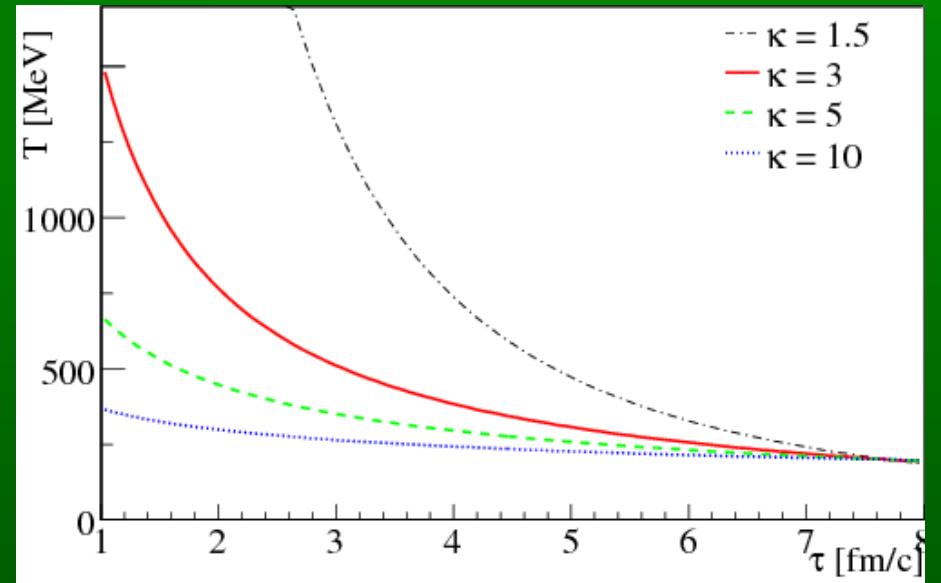
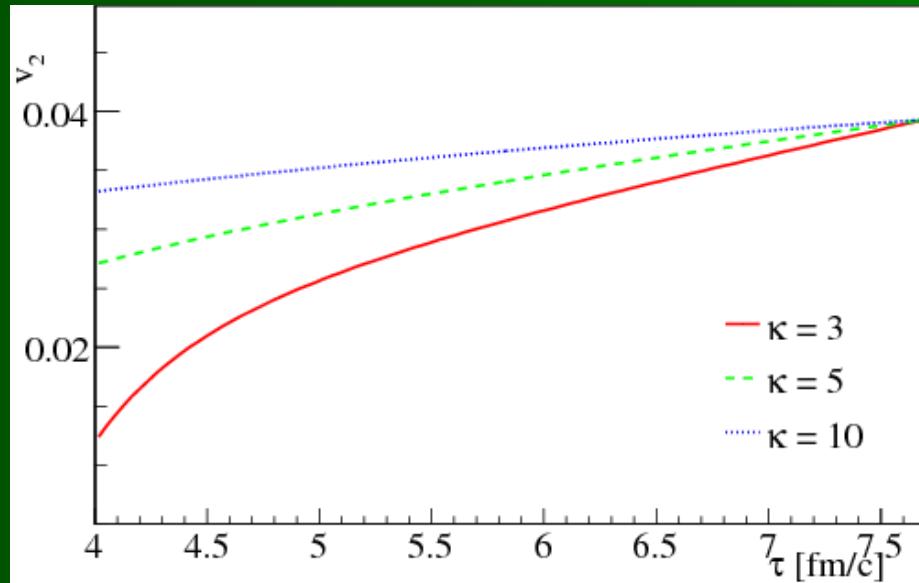
- 0-92% centrality, Au+Au, PHENIX (R.P. method technique)



- $T_0$   $204 \pm 7$  MeV f.o. temperature
- $\varepsilon$   $0.34 \pm 0.01$  eccentricity
- $u_t^2/b$   $-0.34 \pm 0.07$  ( $b < 0$ ) transv. flow/temp. grad
- $\chi^2$  256 (66 with theory error)

# Insensitivity on the EoS

- Hadronic data corresponds to the initial state
- Not directly sensitive to
  - Equation of state
  - Initial condition



- Look for other data...
- Photon-emission rather continuous

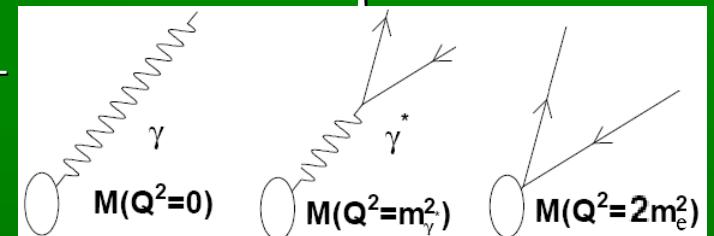
# Summary of the fit results

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- Freeze-out central temperature  $\sim 200$  MeV
- Hadronic fits don't depend on:
  - EoS ( $\kappa$  or sound velocity)
  - initial temperature
- Other data needed to determine IC and EoS
- After thermalization:
  - thermal/direct emission will play a significant role
  - direct photons 'feel' the evolution of the fireball
- Can we measure direct photons?
- Yes we can!

# How to measure direct photons?

- PHENIX measurement done: PRL 104, 132301 (2010)
- Problem: huge background from  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Idea: thermal + virtual photon production parallel
  - $X \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ,  $X \rightarrow \gamma$  and  $X \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^-$  from the same process



- Dielectron and real photon production related as:

$$\frac{d^2n_{ee}}{dm_{ee}dp_t} = \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{1}{m_{ee}} L(m_{ee}) S(m_{ee}) \frac{dn_\gamma}{dp_t}, \quad L(m_{ee}) = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_e^2}{m_{ee}^2}} \left( 1 + \frac{2m_e^2}{m_{ee}^2} \right)$$

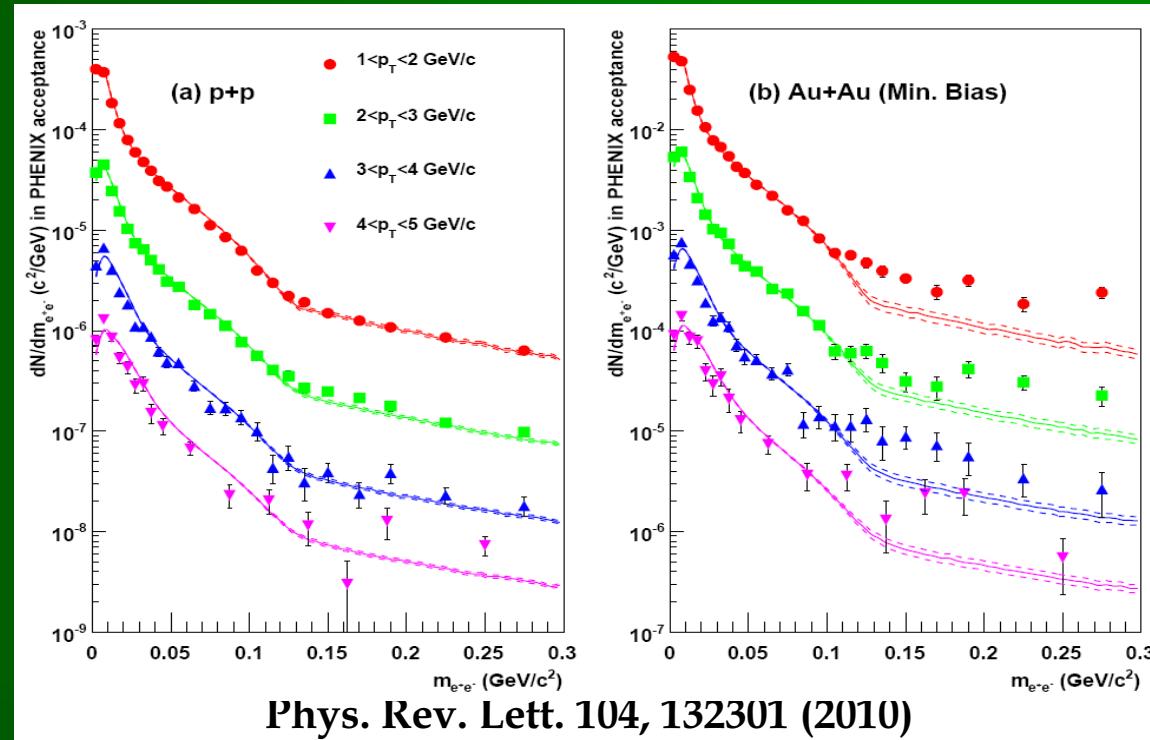
- $S$  process dependent,  $dn_{\gamma^*}/dn_\gamma$ , for  $\pi_0$  and  $\eta$  e.g.:

$$S(m_{ee}) = \left| F(m_{ee}^2) \right|^2 \left( 1 - m_{ee}^2/M_h^2 \right)^3, \quad S(m_{ee}) = 0 \text{ for } m_{ee} > M_h$$

- For  $p_t \gg m_{ee} \gg m_e$ :  $L, S \rightarrow 1$

# Dielectron spectrum measurement

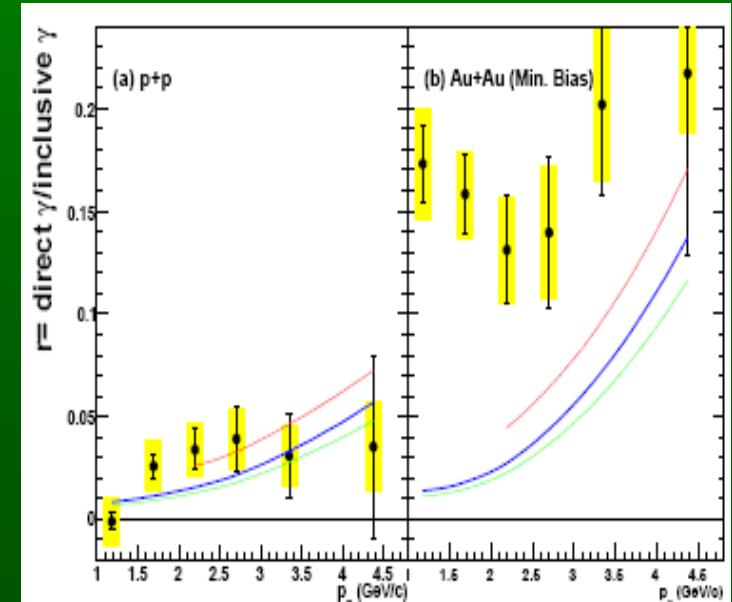
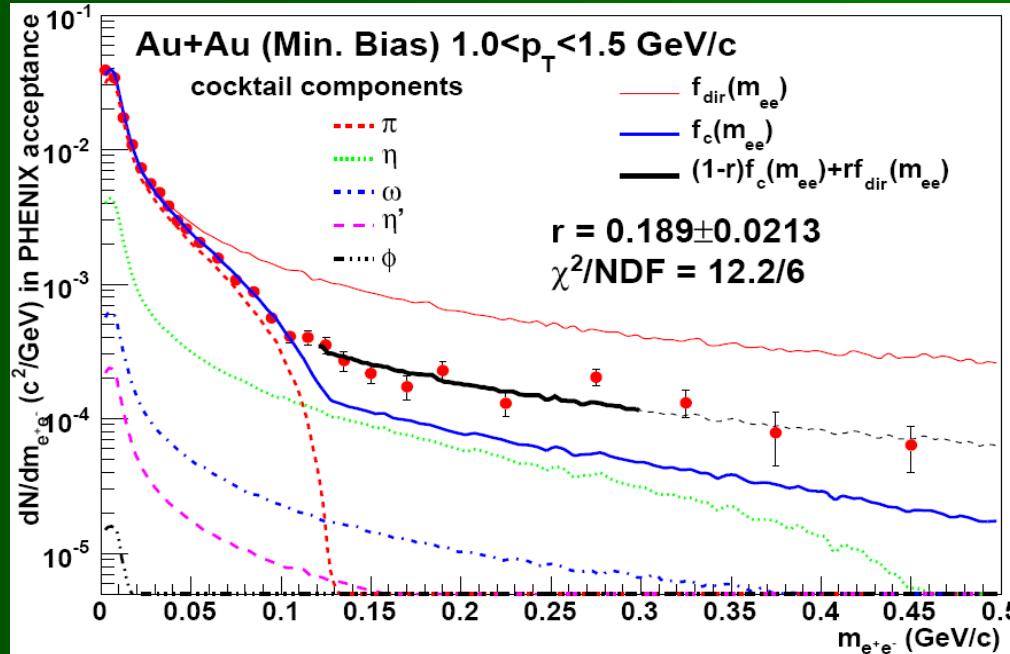
- Measured electron pairs with  $p_t$  of 1-5 GeV
- Easy via electron ID capabilities
- Compare to dielectrons from hadronic cocktail



- Excess seen above pion mass due to virtual  $\gamma$

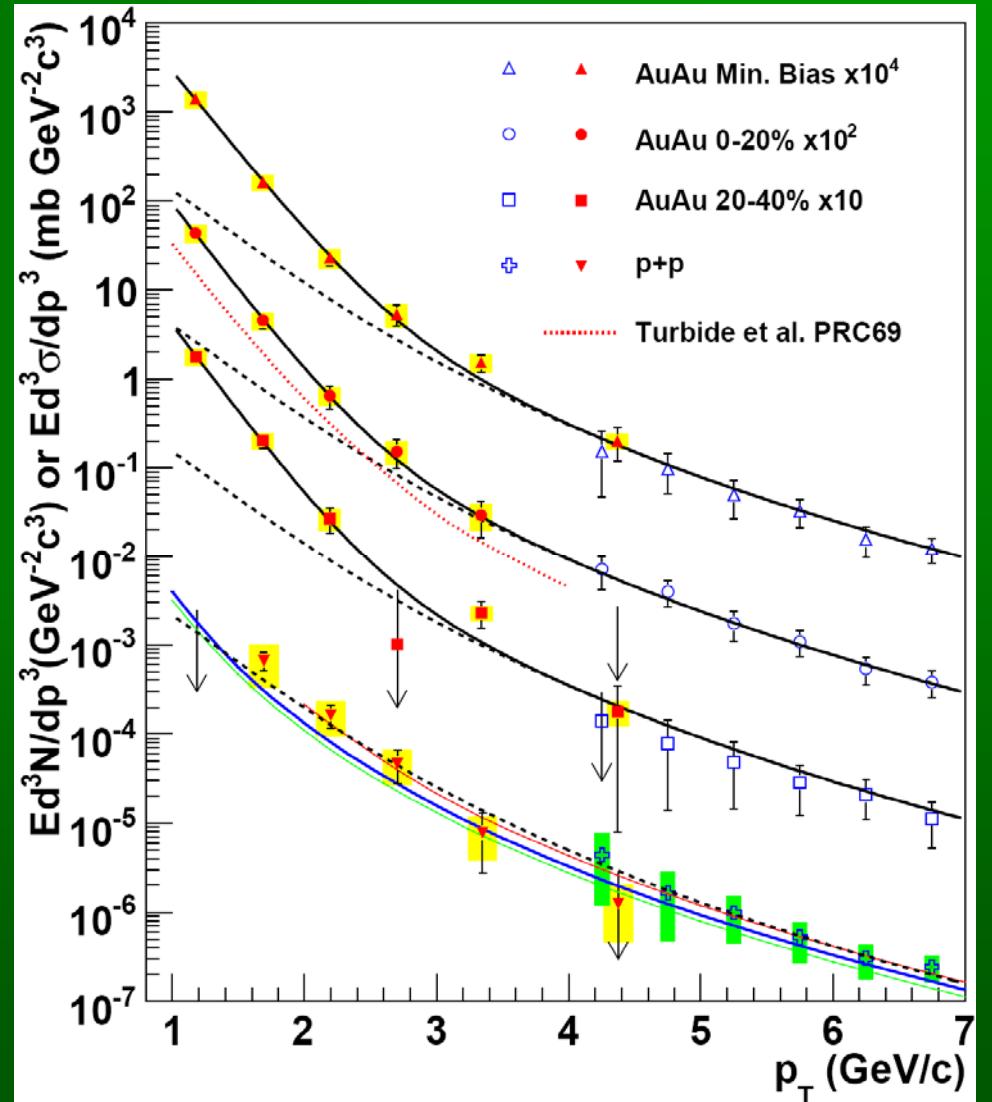
# Direct photons versus decay photons

- Excess: virtual direct photons (decaying into  $e^+e^-$  pairs)
- Inclusive  $e^+e^-$ : hadronic + dir. virtual photon components
  - Hadronic electron pairs ( $f_c$ ), calculated from cocktail:  $\pi, \eta, \omega, \eta', \phi$
  - Electron pairs from direct virtual photons ( $f_{dir}$ ) calculated from  $f_c$  via previous formula
- Determine ratio  $r$  by fit for separate  $p_t$  bins
- Use  $r$  to scale inclusive photon spectra



# Direct photon spectra measured

- Inclusive photons:  
from the  $m_{ee} < 0.03$   
 $\text{GeV}/c^2$  inclusive  $e^+e^-$   
yield ( $S=1$  here)
- Direct photon spect.:  
 $N_{\text{dir}}(p_t) = r \times N_{\text{incl}}(p_t)$
- Thermal below roughly  
3 GeV
- What temperature does  
this correspond to?



# Initial temperature

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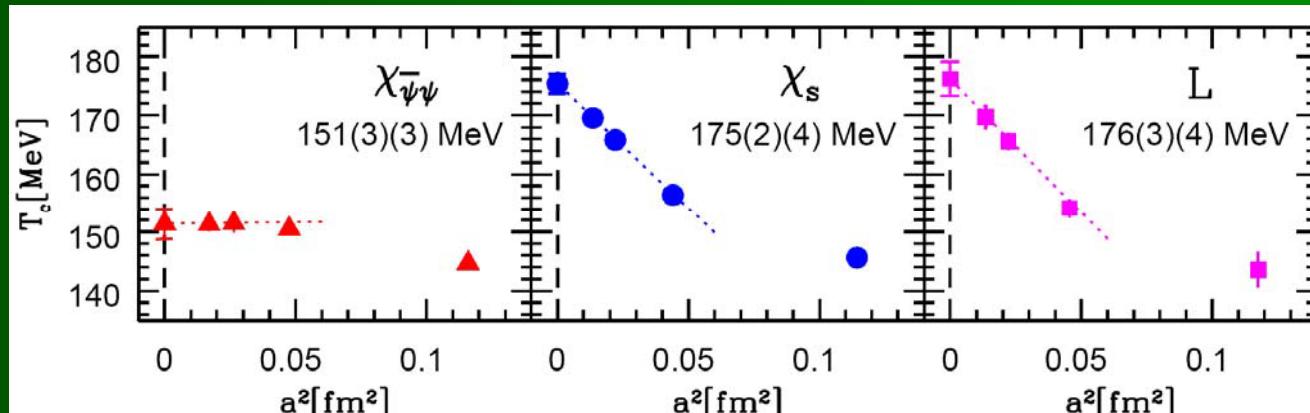
- Direct photon spectra can be fitted with a single average temperature
- $233 \pm 14 \pm 19$  MeV for minimum bias
- Initial temperature definitely higher
- More sophisticated method: using hydro
- Photon yield would then be:

$$\int \frac{p_\mu d^3\Sigma_\mu}{p_\mu u^\mu} dt$$
$$e^{-\frac{T}{T}} - 1$$

- Integration over the whole time evolution

# Transition temperature

- Budapest-Wuppertal group (arXiv:0908.3341) :
  - Chiral susceptibility: 151(3)(3) MeV
  - Strange quark number susceptibility: 175(2)(4) MeV
  - Polyakov loops: 176(3)(4) MeV



- MILC group, PRD71, 034504 (2005):
  - chiral susceptibility: 169(12)(4) MeV
- RBC-Bielefeld, PRD74 , 054507 (2006):
  - chiral susceptibility and Polyakov loops: 192(7)(4) MeV
- Some disagreement, but well below 200 MeV
- Experimental data:  $T_i$  at least 2-3 $\sigma$  above  $T_c$

# Summary

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- Hydro working at RHIC
- Indirect signs of quark DoF seen
- $T_c$  calculated via lattice QCD
- Hadronic data at RHIC + hydro:  $T_{\text{final}} \cong T_c$
- Photon data at RHIC + hydro:  $T_{\text{initial}} \gg T_c$

**Thank you for your  
attention**

# Why we use hydrodynamics?

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- Hadron & parton cascade models
  - Noneqilibrium models
  - Don't describe most of particle creation at low  $p_t$
- Flow + hadronic cascade and resonance corrections
  - Small correction at RHIC energies ([arXiv:0903.1863](https://arxiv.org/abs/0903.1863))
- Most of particle creation according to hydro
  - Pion and kaon HBT radii  $m_t$  scaling ([Acta Phys. Polon. Supp. 1:521-524, 2008](https://doi.org/10.12693/APPSUPP.1.521))
- After  $\sim 10$  fm/c noneqilibrium expanding hadron gas
  - Anomalous diffusion, no correction for spectra or flow ([Braz. J. Phys. 37:1002-1013, 2007](https://doi.org/10.1593/bjps.061323))
- American Institute of Physics: success of hydro is the physics story 2005

# Little vocabulary of hydrodynamics

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- Exact/parametric solution
  - Solution of hydro equations analytically, without approximation
  - Usually has free parameters
- Hydro inspired parameterization
  - Distribution determined at freeze-out only, their time dependence is not considered
- Numerical solution
  - Solution of hydro equations numerically
  - Start from arbitrary initial state

# Nonrelativistic solutions

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Solution	Symmetry	Density prof.	EoS	Observables
Csizmadia et al. Phys. Lett. B443:21-25, 1998	Sphere	Gaussian	$\varepsilon = \frac{3}{2} nT$	Calculated
Csörgő Central Eur.J.Phys.2: 556-565, 2004	Sphere	Arbitrary	$\varepsilon = \frac{3}{2} nT$	Not calculated
Akkelin et al. Phys.Rev. C67,2003	Ellipsoid	Gaussian ( $T=T(t)$ )	$\varepsilon = \kappa(T)nT$	Calculated
Csörgő Acta Phys.Polon. B37:483-494,2006	Ellipsoid	Arbitrary ( $T=T(r,t)$ )	$\varepsilon = \kappa nT$	Not calculated
Csörgő, Zimányi Heavy Ion Phys.17:281-293,2003	Ellipsoid	Gaussian	$\varepsilon = \kappa_e nT - B$	Calculated

# Equations of relativistic hydro

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- Assuming local thermal equilibrium
- For a perfect fluid:  $T^{\mu\nu} = w u^\mu u^\nu - p g^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $w = \epsilon + p \Rightarrow \partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$
- Equations in four-vector form and nonrelativistic notation

- Euler equation:

$$w u^\nu \partial_\nu u^\mu = (g^{\mu\eta} - u^\mu u^\eta) \partial_\eta p \quad \frac{w}{1-v^2} \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = - \left( \nabla p + \mathbf{v} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \right)$$

- Energy conservation:

$$w \partial_\nu u^\nu + u^\nu \partial_\nu \epsilon = 0 \quad \frac{1}{w} \frac{d\epsilon}{dt} = - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} - \frac{1}{1-v^2} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{v^2}{2}$$

- Charge conservation:

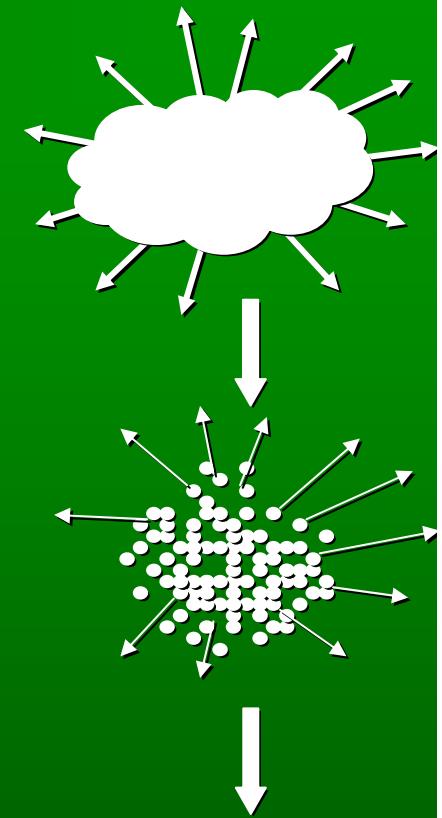
$$\partial_\mu (n u^\mu) = 0 \quad \frac{d}{dt} \ln \frac{n}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} = - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

$$u^\mu \partial_\mu = \frac{d}{d\tau} \quad \text{comoving proper-time derivative}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \nabla \quad \text{comoving derivative}$$

# How analytic hydro works

- Take hydro equations and EoS
- Find a solution
  - Will contain parameters (like Friedmann, Schwarzschild etc.)
  - Will use a possible set of initial conditions
- Use a freeze-out condition
  - Eg fixed proper time or fixed temperature
  - Generally a hyper-surface
- Calculate the hadron source function
- Calculate observables
  - E.g. spectra, flow, correlations
  - Straightforward calculation
- Hydrodynamics: Initial conditions  $\otimes$  dynamical equations  $\otimes$  freeze-out conditions



# How analytic hydro works

Hydro equations + EoS

$$(\partial_t + \nabla \vec{v}) n = 0$$

$$(\partial_t + \nabla \vec{v}) T = -p \nabla \vec{v}$$

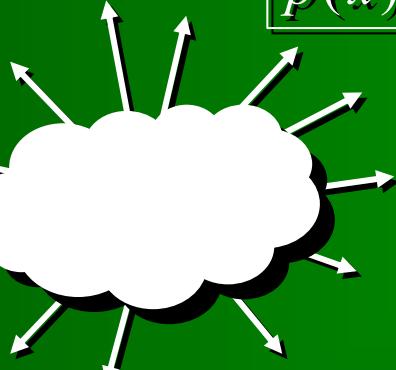
$$(\partial_t + \vec{v} \nabla) \vec{v} = -(1/n) \nabla p$$

$$T = \frac{3}{2} p$$

PLB505:64-70,2001  
hep-ph/0012127

Self-similar solution:

$$p(x), n(x), T(x), \vec{v}(x)$$



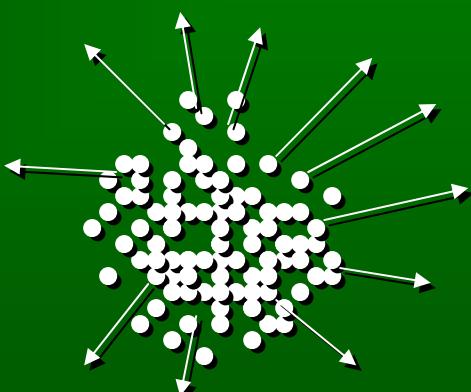
Phase-space distribution  
Boltzmann-equation

$$f(x, p) \sim n(x) \exp\left\{-\frac{(p-mv)^2}{kT}\right\}$$

$$(\partial_t + \vec{v} \nabla) f(x, p) = S(x, p)$$

PRC67:034904,2003  
hep-ph/0108067

Source  
 $S(x, p)$



PRC54:1390-1403,1996  
hep-ph/9509213

Observables  
 $N_1(p), C_2(p_1, p_2), v_2(p)$

Scheme works also backwards

# The source function

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- Source function: probability of a particle created at  $x$  with  $p$
- Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution + extra terms

$$S(x, p)d^4x = \mathcal{N}n(x)\exp\left[-\frac{p_\mu u^\mu(x)}{T(x)}\right] \frac{p_\mu u^\mu}{u^0} H(\tau) d^4x$$

- $\mathcal{N}$  normalization
- $H(\tau)d\tau$  freeze-out distribution  
if sudden:  $H(\tau) = \delta(\tau - \tau_0)$
- $\frac{p_\mu u^\mu}{u^0} d^3x$  Cooper-Fry prefactor (flux term)
- Validity:  $\tau_0 > R_{HBT}$ ,  $m_t > T_0$

# Single particle spectrum

- Source function: spatial origin and momentum
- Momentum distribution

→ integrate on spatial  
coordinates:

$$N_1(p) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} S(x, p) d^4x$$

- Second order Gaussian approximation around emission maximum
- After integration:

$$N_1(p) = \bar{N} \cdot \bar{E} \cdot \bar{V} \cdot \exp \left[ -\frac{p^2}{2ET_0} - \frac{E}{T_0} - \frac{p_x^2}{2ET_x} - \frac{p_y^2}{2ET_y} - \frac{p_z^2}{2ET_z} \right]$$

- Directional slope parameter:

$$T_x = T_0 + \frac{ET_0 \dot{X}_0^2}{b(T_0 - E)}$$

# Transverse momentum spectrum

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- Go to mid-rapidity ( $y=0$ )
- Integrate on transverse angle  $\phi$

$$N_1(p_t) = \bar{N} \bar{V} \left( m_t - \frac{p_t^2 (T_{\text{eff}} - T_0)}{m_t T_{\text{eff}}} \right) \exp \left[ -\frac{p_t^2}{2m_t T_{\text{eff}}} + \frac{p_t^2}{2m_t T_0} - \frac{m_t}{T_0} \right]$$

- The effective temperature is from the slopes:

$$T_x = T_0 + m_t \dot{X}^2 \frac{T_0}{b(T_0 - E)}, \quad T_y = T_0 + m_t \dot{Y}^2 \frac{T_0}{b(T_0 - E)},$$

$$\frac{1}{T_{\text{eff}}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{T_x} + \frac{1}{T_y} \right)$$

# The elliptic flow

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- The elliptic flow can be calculated as:

$$v_2 = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi N_1(p_t, \phi) \cos(2\phi)}{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi N_1(p_t, \phi)}$$

- Result (similar to other models):  $v_2 = \frac{I_1(w)}{I_0(w)}$

- $I_n(w)$ : modified Bessel functions

$$I_n(w) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{w\cos(2\phi)} \cos(2n\phi) d\phi$$

- Where  $w$  is:

$$w = \frac{p_t^2}{4m_t} \left( \frac{1}{T_y} - \frac{1}{T_x} \right) \sim E_K \frac{\epsilon}{T_{eff}}$$

# Two-particle correlation radii

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- Definition:

$$C_2(p_1, p_2) = \frac{N_2(p_1, p_2)}{N_1(p_1)N_1(p_2)}$$

- From the source function:  $C_2(q, K) = 1 + \lambda \left| \frac{\tilde{S}(q, K)}{\tilde{S}(0, K)} \right|^2$
- Changing coordinates

$$q = p_1 - p_2, K = 0.5(p_1 + p_2) \Rightarrow C_2(q, K) = 1 + \lambda \exp(-R_x^2 q_x^2 - R_y^2 q_y^2 - R_z^2 q_z^2)$$

- Result:  $R_i = \frac{T_0 \tau_0 (T_i - T_0)}{m_t T_i}$

- The usual scaling (same for kaons!):  $R_i^2 \sim \frac{1}{m_t}$

- Bertsch-Pratt coordinates:  $R_{out} = R_{side} = 0.5(R_x^2 + R_y^2)^{1/2}$

- Freeze-out:  $\tau = \text{const.} \leftrightarrow \Delta\tau = 0 \rightarrow R_{out} = R_{side}$

# Famous solutions

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- Landau's solution (1D, developed for p+p):
  - Accelerating, implicit, complicated, 1D
  - L.D. Landau, Izv. Acad. Nauk SSSR 81 (1953) 51
  - I.M. Khalatnikov, Zhur. Eksp.Teor.Fiz. 27 (1954) 529
  - L.D.Landau and S.Z.Belenkij, Usp. Fiz. Nauk 56 (1955) 309
- Hwa-Bjorken solution:
  - Non-accelerating, explicit, simple, 1D, boost-invariant
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# Virtual to real photon ratio

The yields of virtual photons  $dN_{\gamma^*}$  and electron pairs  $dN_{ee}$  are related:

$$\frac{d^2 N_{ee}}{dM^2} = \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{L(M)}{M^2} dN_{\gamma^*}, \quad (\text{B1})$$

$$L(M) = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_e^2}{M^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_e^2}{M^2}\right), \quad (\text{B2})$$

$$\frac{d^2 N_{ee}}{dM^2} = \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{L(M)}{M^2} S(M, q) dN_{\gamma^*}. \quad (\text{B3})$$

Here we have introduced  $S(M, q) = dN_{\gamma^*}(M)/dN_{\gamma^*}$  to factor out the difference between real photon emission and virtual photon emission. The factor  $S(M, q)$  is pro-

tors, phase space, and spectral functions.  $S(M, q)$  approaches 1 for small  $M$ ,  $S(M, q) \rightarrow 1$  for  $M \rightarrow 0$ . Additionally, since  $L(M) \simeq 1 - 6m_e^4/M^4$  for  $m_e \ll M$ ,  $L(M) = 1$  is a very good approximation. Thus the relationship between the electron pair yield and the direct photon yield simplifies to

$$\frac{d^2 N_{ee}}{dM^2} \simeq \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{1}{M^2} dN_{\gamma^*}, \quad (\text{B4})$$

$$\frac{d^2 N_{ee}}{dM} \simeq \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{1}{M} dN_{\gamma^*}. \quad (\text{B5})$$

$$\frac{d^2 n_{ee}}{dm_{ee}} = \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{1}{m_{ee}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_e^2}{m_{ee}^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_e^2}{m_{ee}^2}\right) S dN_{\gamma^*} \quad (1)$$