



# Global dynamics and strangeness production in HI collisions @ 1-2A GeV with FOPI

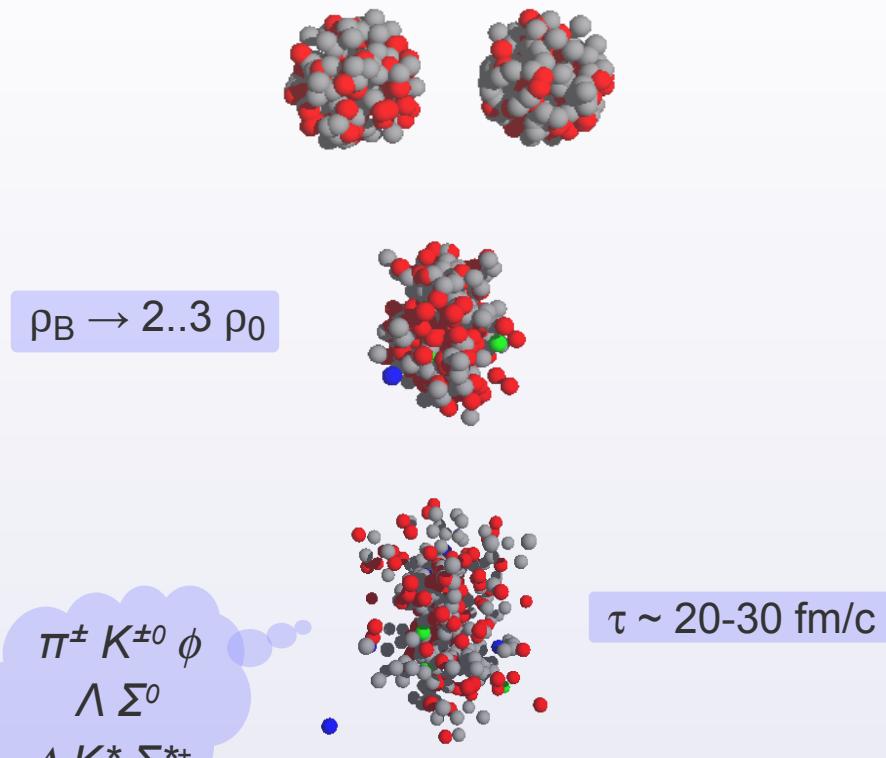
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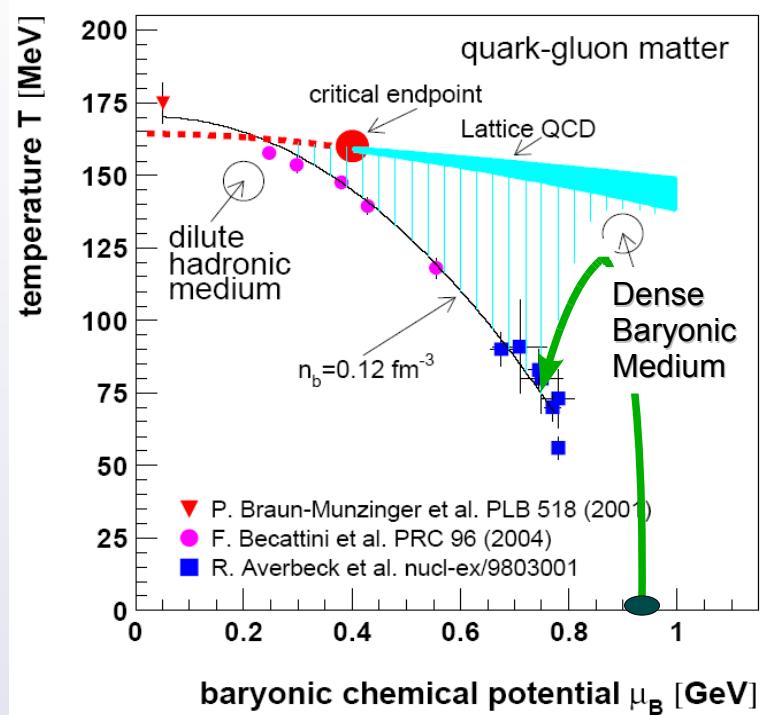
- Global dynamics of HI collisions:
  - *Stopping, Flow, Yield ratios, Phase diagram*
- Strangeness production
  - *In-medium modifications of  $K^{+,-,0}$*
  - *“Other” sources of  $K^-$ :  $\Sigma(1385)$ ,  $\phi$*
  - *Neutral strangeness*

# Heavy Ion Collisions around $E_{beam} = 1-2A$ GeV

## Dynamical picture



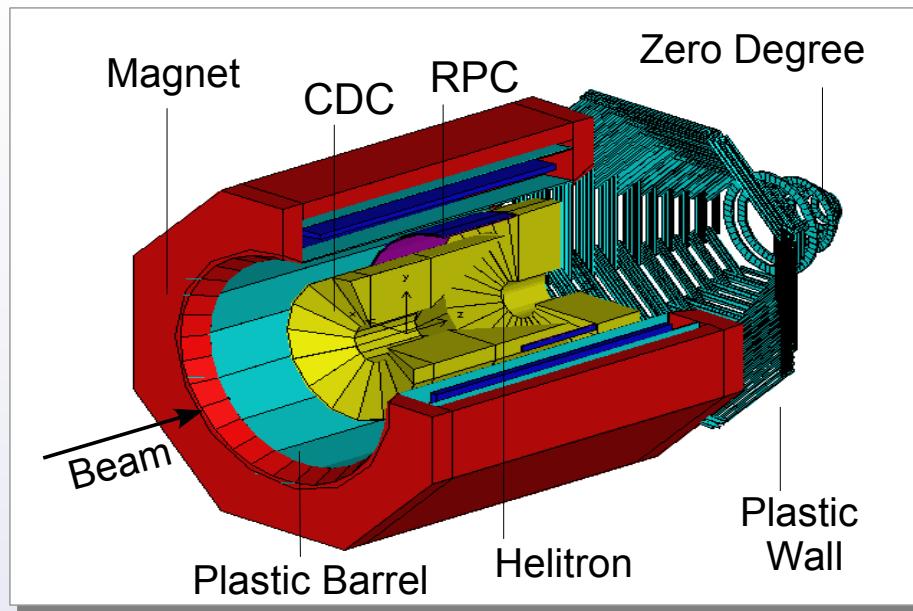
## Phase diagram



■  $T_{Freeze Out} = 50..90 \text{ MeV}$

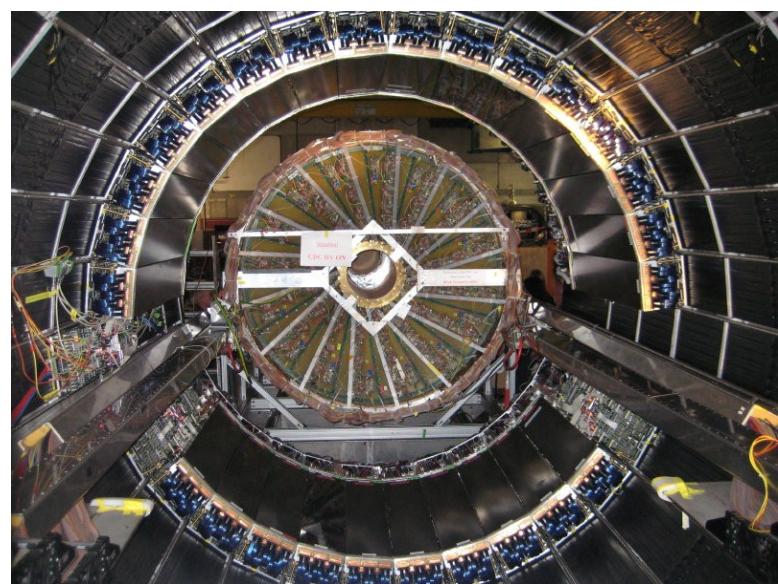
- Equilibration at freeze-out ?
- Dynamical picture vs 2-dim phase diagram?

# FOPI experimental setup

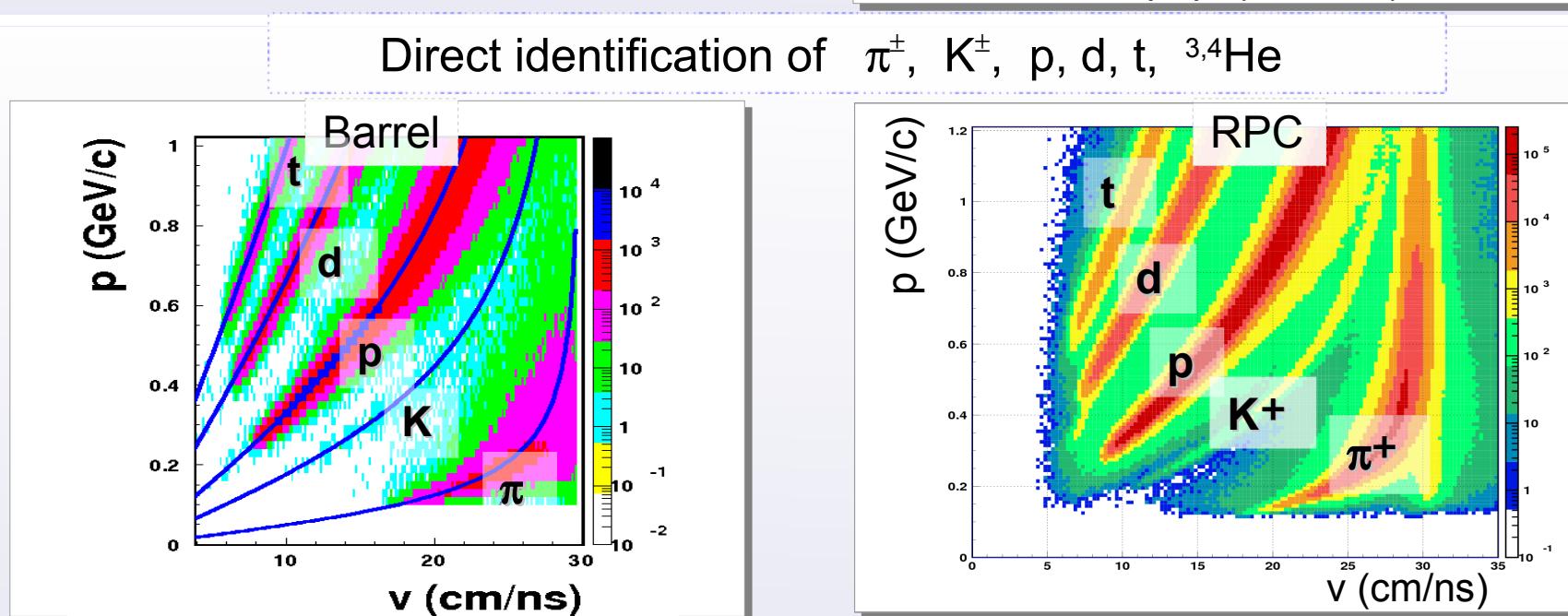
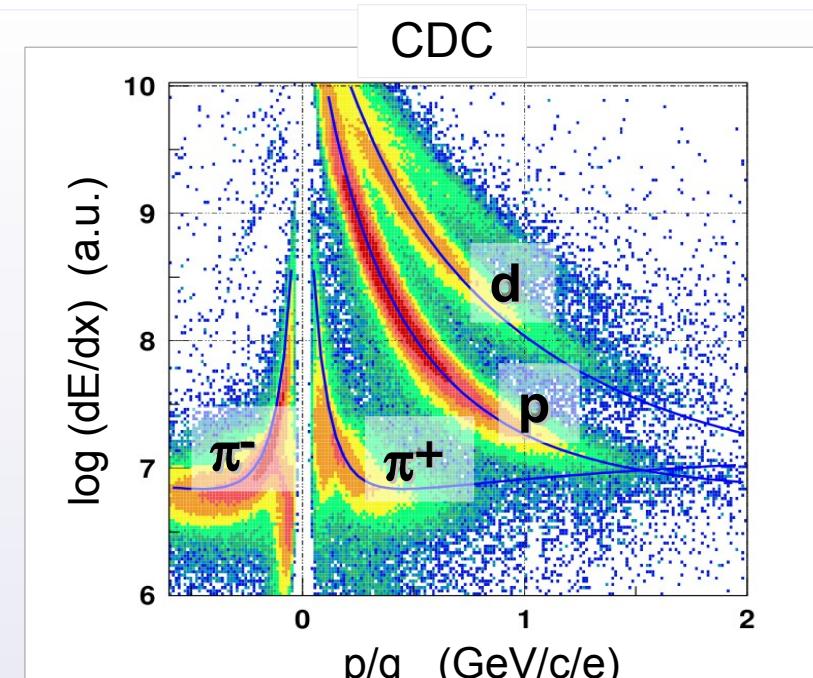
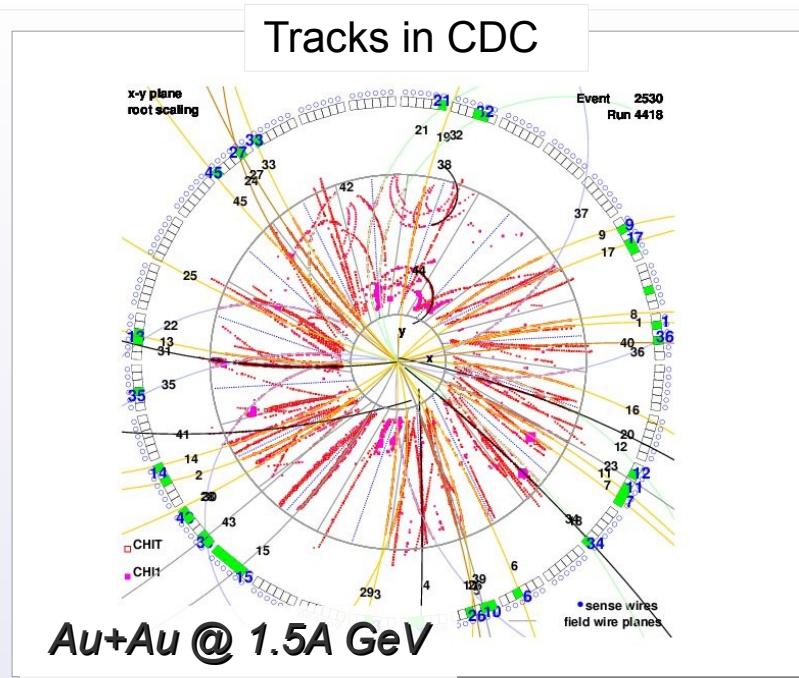


- Nearly  $4\pi$  coverage
- Drift chambers: CDC, Helitron
- ToF : Plastic Barrel, RPC
- Forward: Plastic Wall, Zero Degree

NIPNE Bucharest, Romania  
ITEP Moscow, Russia  
CRIP/KFKI Budapest, Hungary  
LPC Clermont-Ferrand, France  
Korea University, Seoul, Korea  
IMP Lanzhou, China  
Kurchatov Institute Moscow, Russia  
ITEP Moscow, Russia  
TUM, Munich, Germany  
SMI Vienna, Austria  
GSI Darmstadt, Germany  
IReS Strasbourg, France  
FZ Rossendorf, Germany  
Univ. of Heidelberg, Germany  
**Univ. of Warsaw, Poland**  
RBI Zagreb, Croatia



# Identification of charged particles



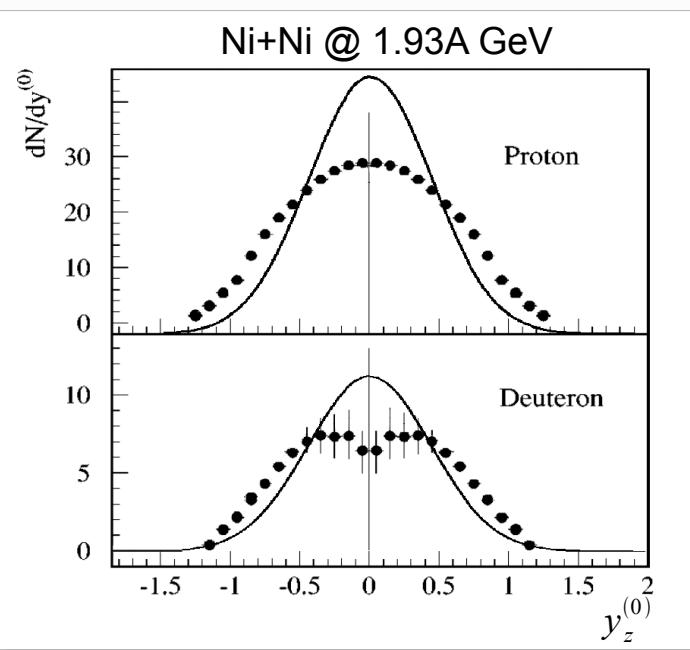
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# Global dynamics

- *Nuclear stopping vs transparency*
- *Directed flow of charged barions*
- *Elliptic flow of charged barions*

# Rapidity distributions

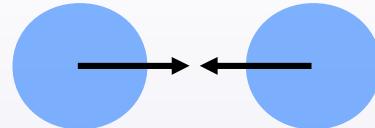
- protons, deuterons



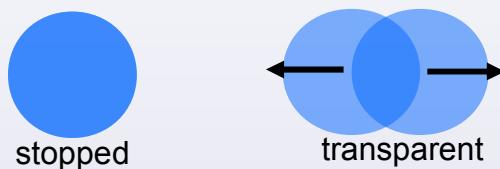
B.Hong et al (FOPI), PRC 57, 244 (1998)

Initial state:

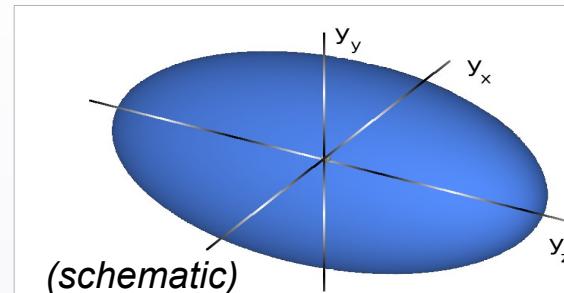
Transparency



Final state:

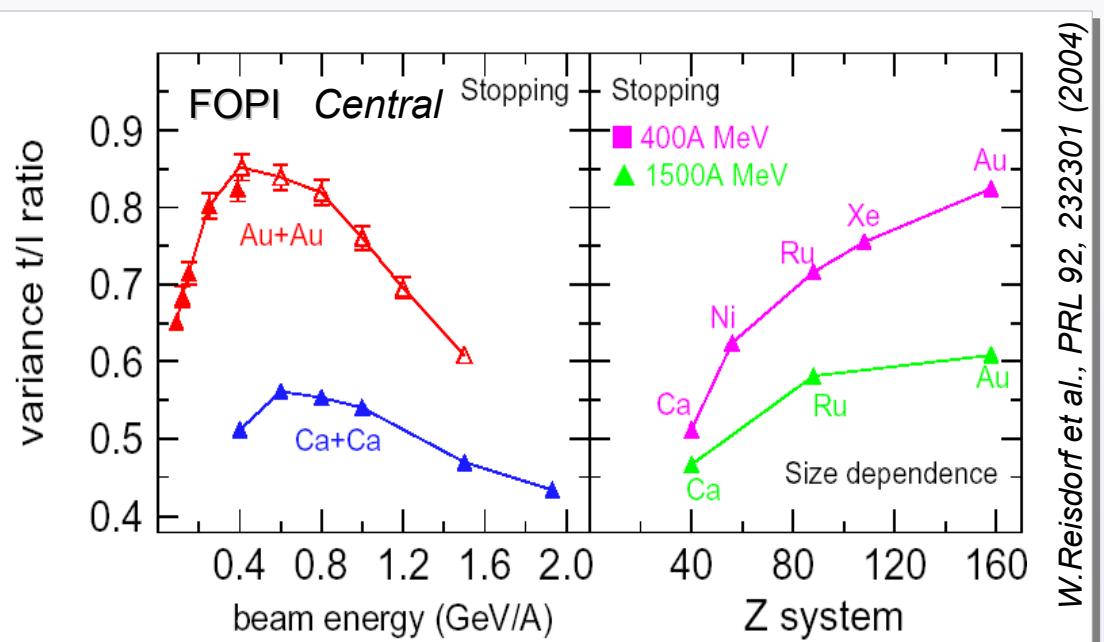


- All charged baryons: p,d,t,<sup>3,4</sup>He,Li,...



Variance t/l ratio:

$$vartl = \frac{\sigma^2(y_t)}{\sigma^2(y_z)}$$



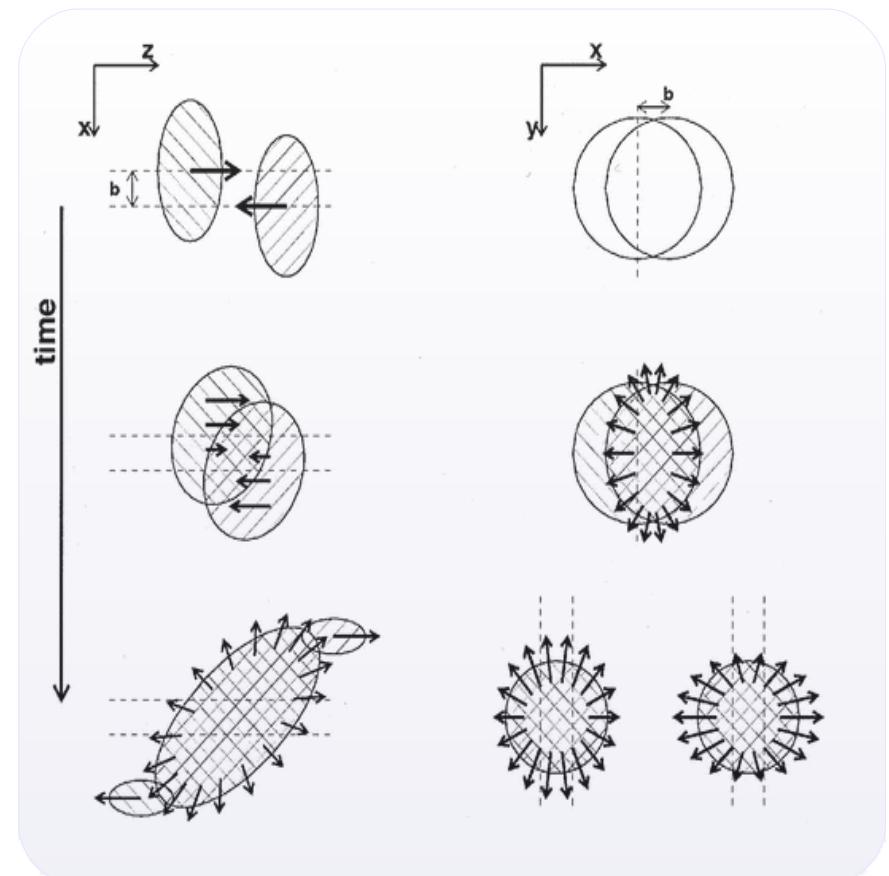
**Partial transparency**

- Reasons:

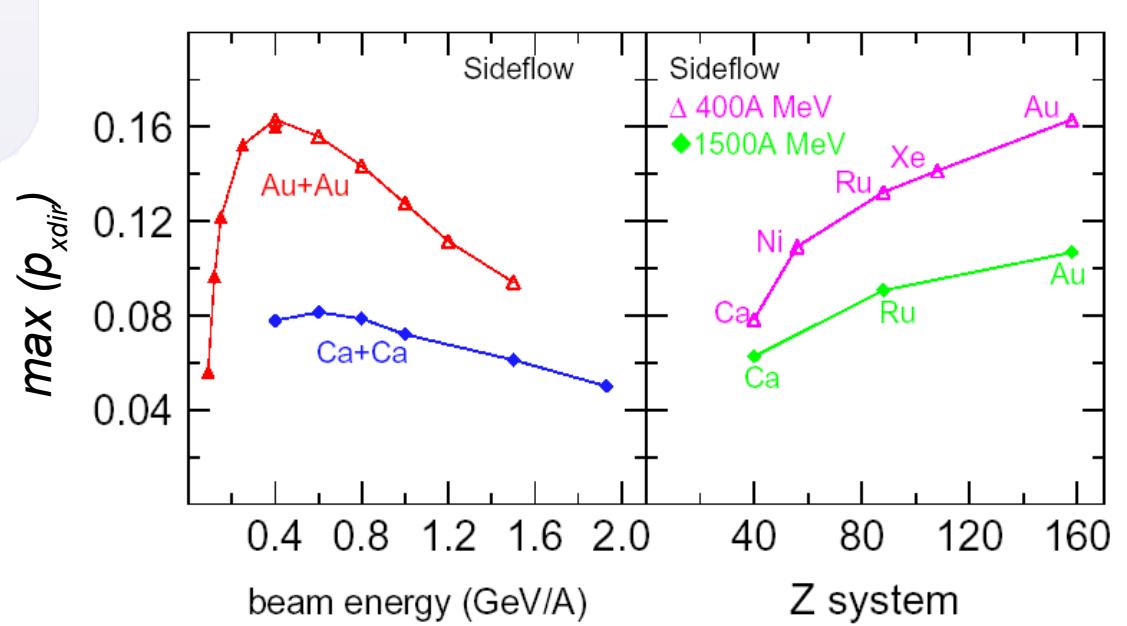
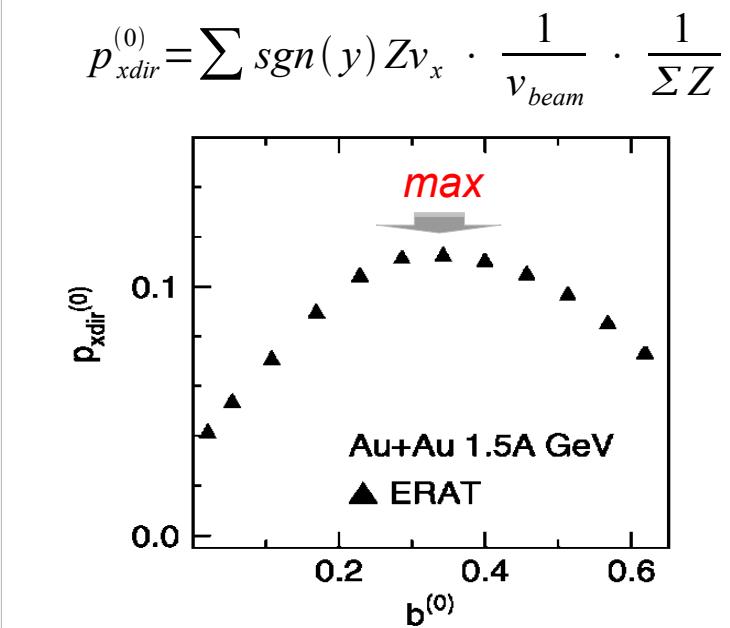
Low  $T_{beam}$  → Pauli exclusion

High  $T_{beam}$  → in-medium  $\sigma$  (?)

# Side flow

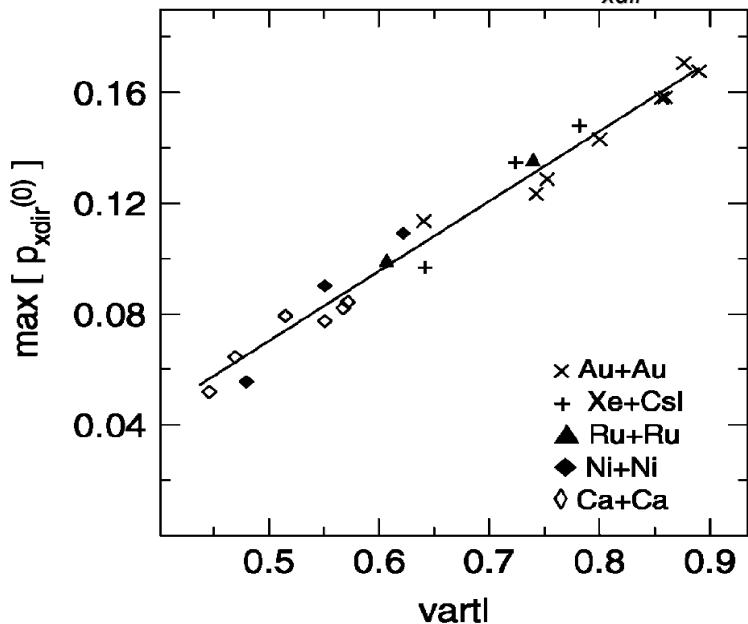


- Pattern identical as *vartl* !

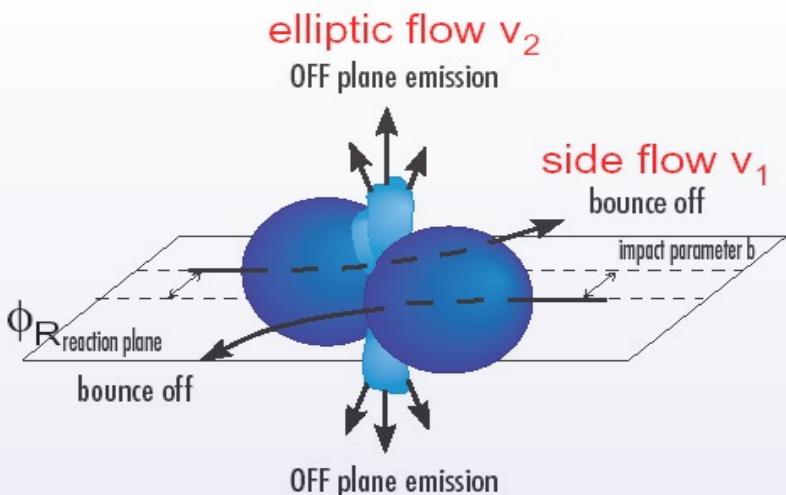


# Elliptic flow

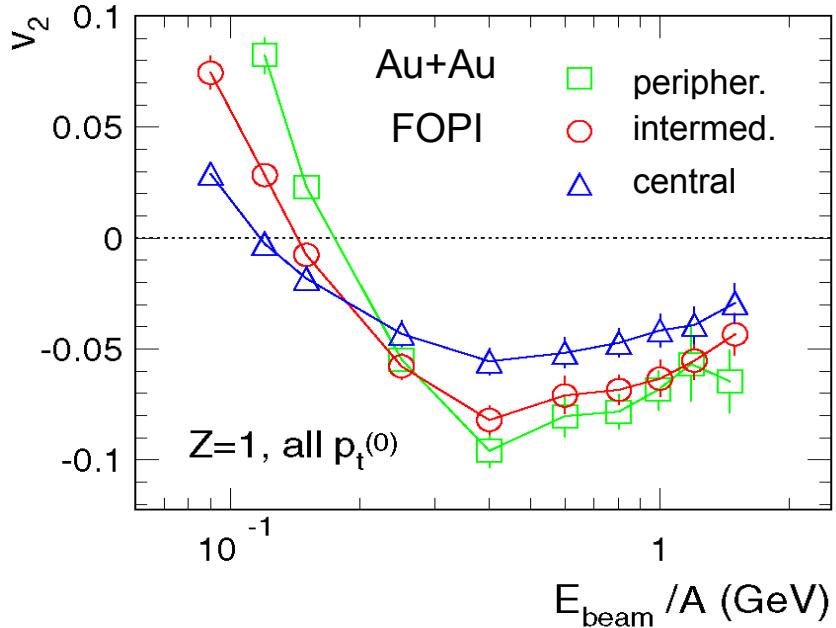
- Correlation between  $v_{\text{artl}}$  and  $\max[p_{x\text{dir}}^{(0)}]$



- more stopping ( $v_{\text{artl}}$ )
  - more pressure
  - more side flow ( $p_{x\text{dir}}$ )
  - more shadowing in-plane
  - more out-of-plane emission ( $v_2$ )
- more transparency ( $v_{\text{artl}}$ )
  - less pressure
  - less side flow ( $p_{x\text{dir}}$ )
  - less shadowing in-plane
  - less out-of-plane emission ( $v_2$ )



$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \sim 1 + 2v_1 \cos \phi + 2v_2 \cos(2\phi) + \dots$$

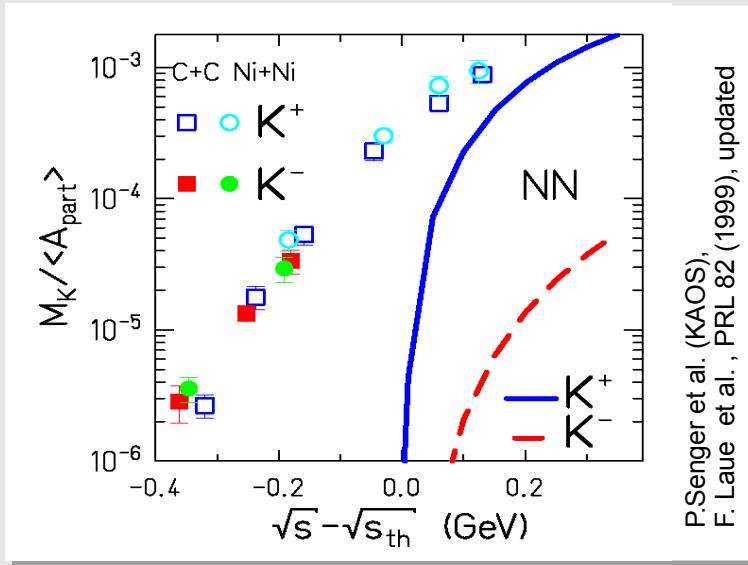


# 2. Strangeness in medium

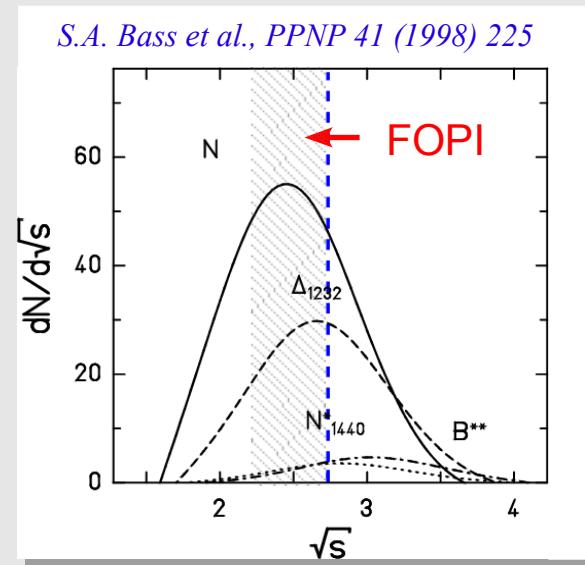
- ✚ *KN interaction (potential)*
  - *Directed flow*
  - *K momenta of  $\pi+A$  and  $p+A$*
  - *$K^-/K^+$  as function of Kinetic Energy and Rapidity*
  
- ✚ *Other  $K^-$  sources*
  - $\Sigma^{\pm *}(1385)$ ,  $\phi$

# Sub- and Nearthreshold Production of Kaons

- Production thresholds:  $NN \rightarrow NK^+\Lambda$   $E_{lab} = 1.6 \text{ GeV}$   
 $NN \rightarrow K^+K^-NN$   $E_{lab} = 2.5 \text{ GeV}$



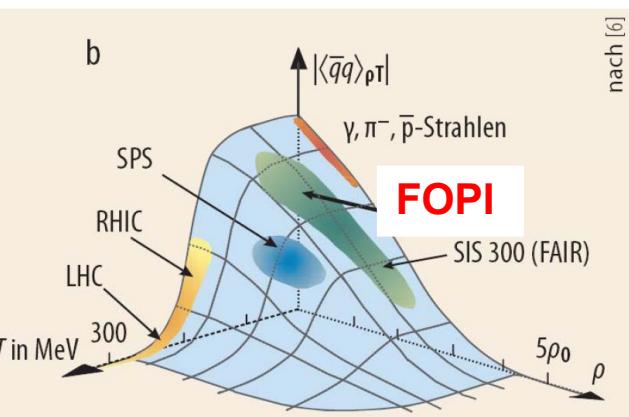
- At SIS energies, resonance production ( $\Delta, N^*$ ) reaches maximum



## Production processes (dominant)

- $K^{+0}$  and  $Y$  via **multi-step** processes  $N + N \rightarrow \Delta + N \rightarrow K^{+,0} + Y + B$
- $K^-$  production more complex :
  - via **strangeness exchange** reactions :  $\pi + Y \leftrightarrow K^- + B$
  - coupled to resonances e.g.  $\Sigma(1385)$ ,  $\Lambda(1405)$  and  $\Lambda(1520)$
  - $K^-N$  potential attractive

# Probing partial restoration of chiral symmetry



W. Weise, Prog.Theor.Phys.Supp. 149, 1 (2003)

**Gell-Mann Oakes Renner – relation:**

$$m_K^{*2} f_K^{*2} = - \frac{m_u + m_s}{2} \langle \bar{u}u + \bar{s}s \rangle + \Theta(m_s^2)$$

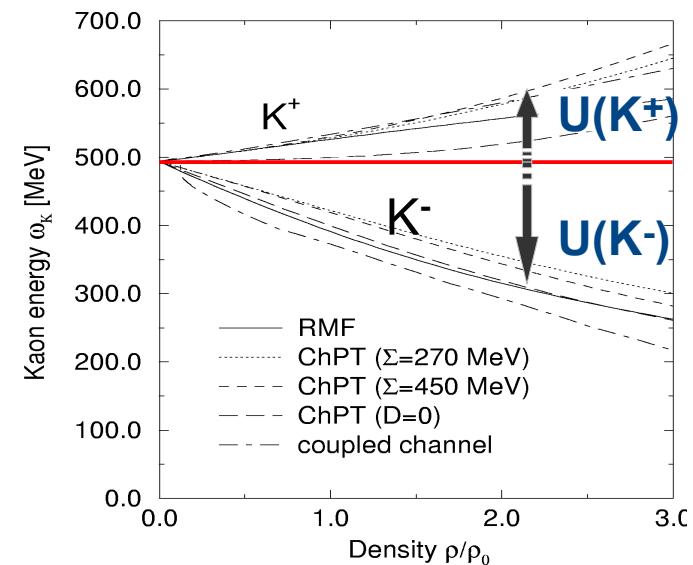
Decay constant  
Mass

- Energy of Kaon in medium:

$$\omega_K = \sqrt{p_K^2 + (m + U_S)^2} + U_V$$

$$\text{For } p = 0, \quad \omega_K = m + V_{Total}(\rho)$$

- $\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla} U \Rightarrow K^- \text{ attracted}, K^+ \text{ repelled}$



J. Schaffner-Bielich *et al.* NPA 625(1997) 325

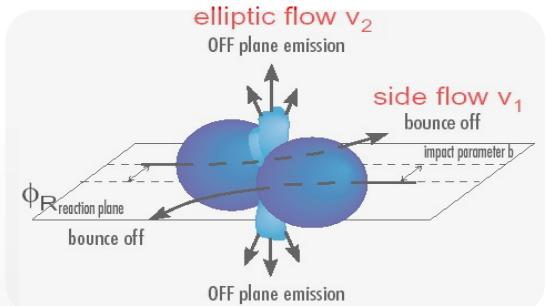
- Ways to probe  $U(K)$ :

- Sideward Flow of kaons
- $K^-/K^+$  vs kinetic energy

- Decay constants
- Kaonic clusters

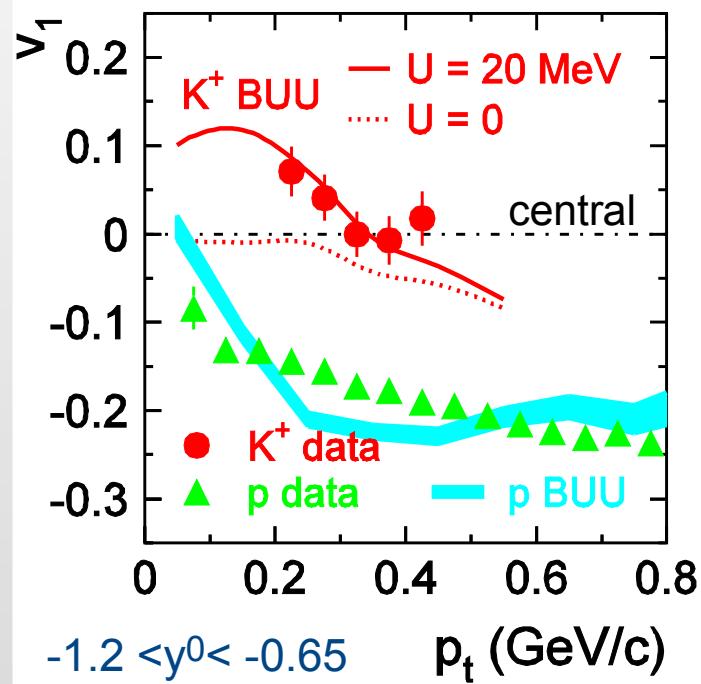
# In-medium KN potential: $K^+$ Flow

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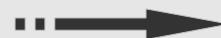
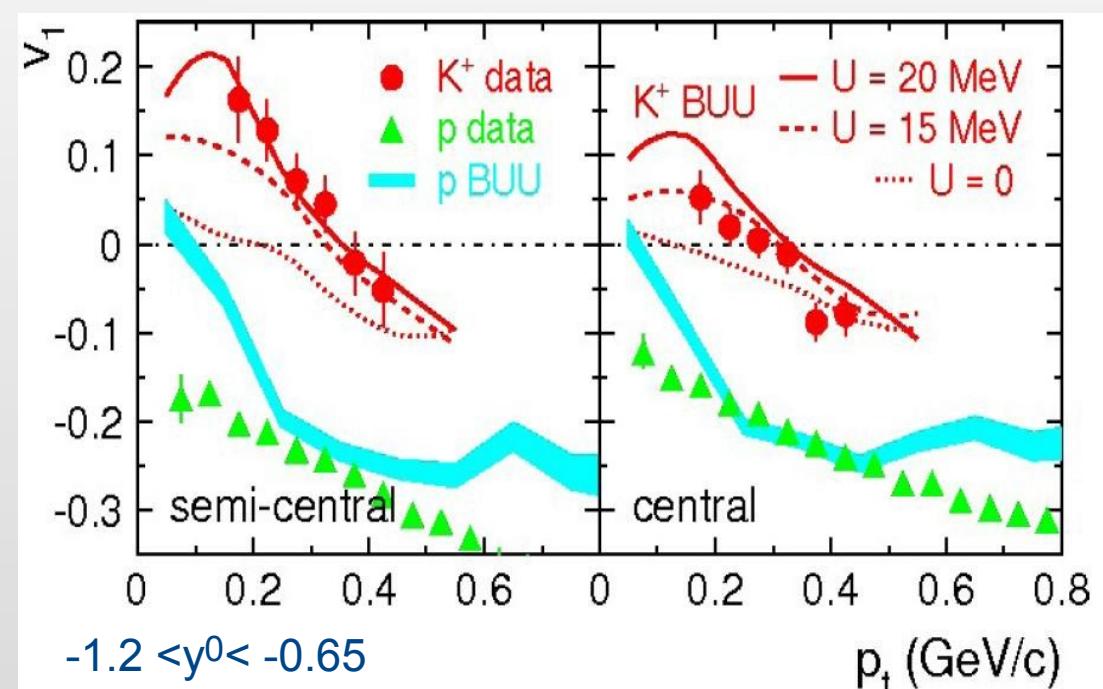


P. Crochet et al. (FOPI), PLB 486, 6 (2000)

Ni+Ni @ 1.93A GeV

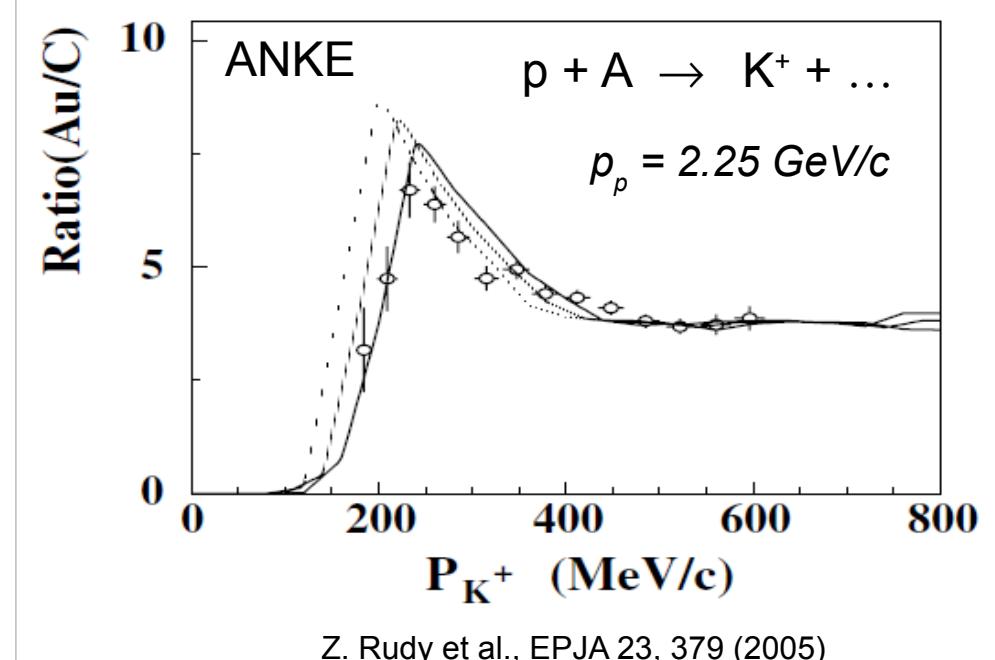
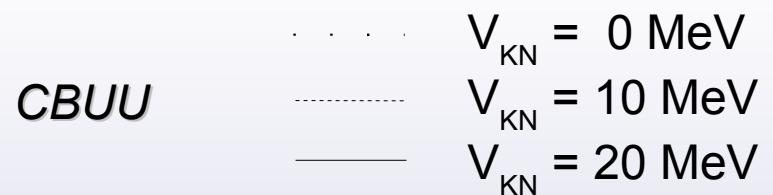
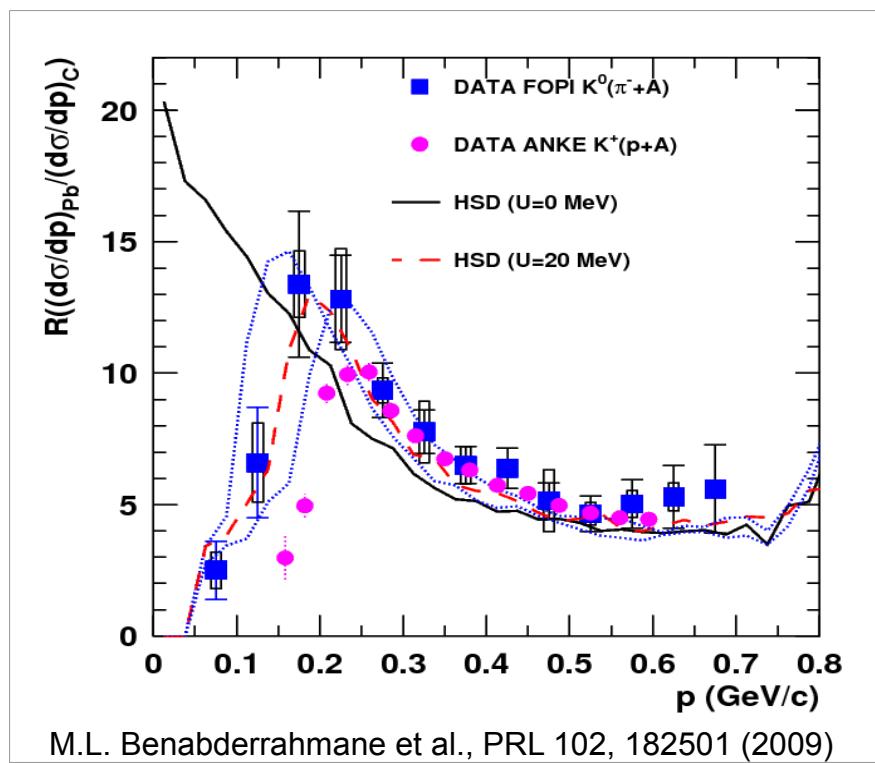
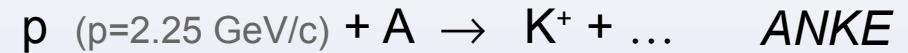
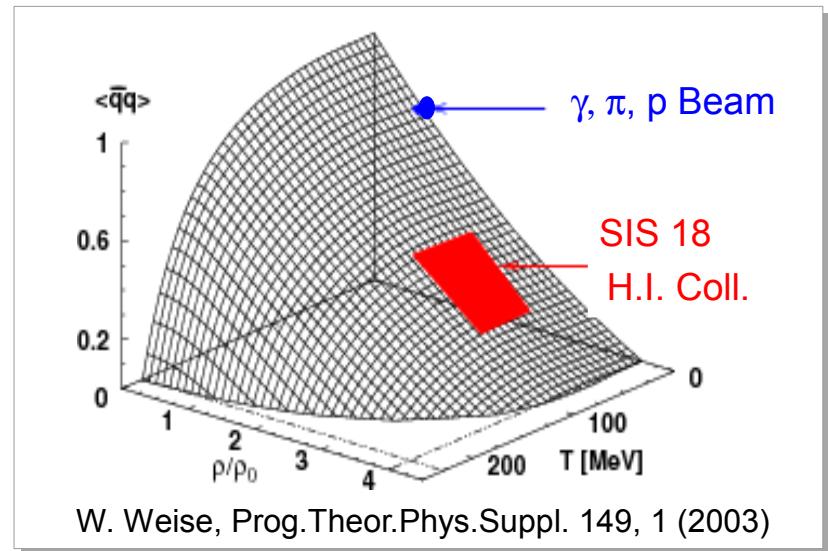


Ru+Ru @ 1.69A GeV

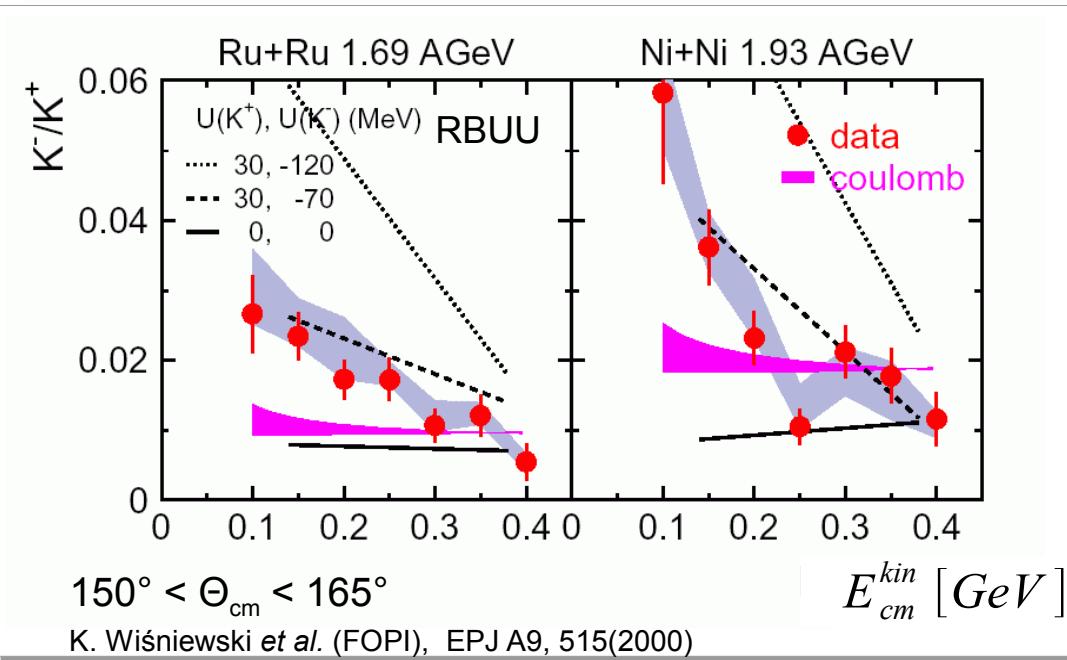


$K^+$  flow compared to RBUU, favours  
weak repulsive  $U(K^+N) \sim +20$  MeV

# In-medium KN potential at $\rho < \rho_0$

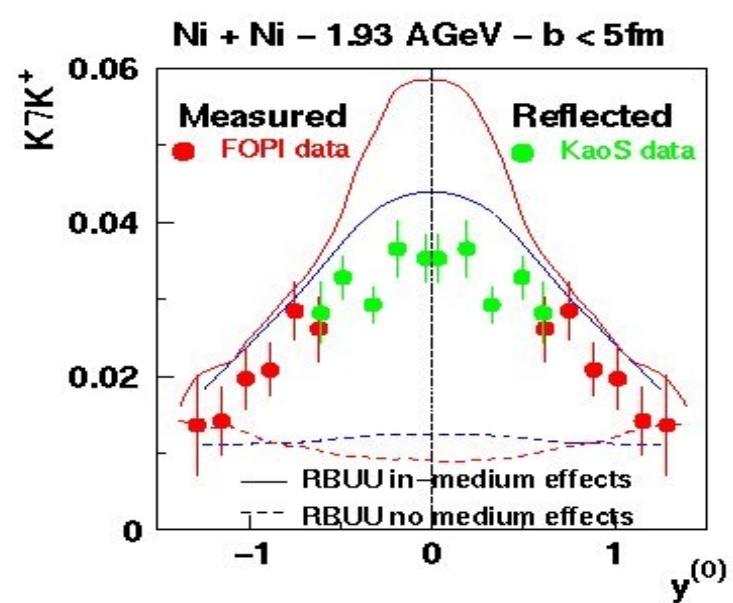


# In-medium KN potential: $K^-/K^+$ yield



Data – vs – RBUU

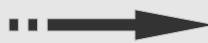
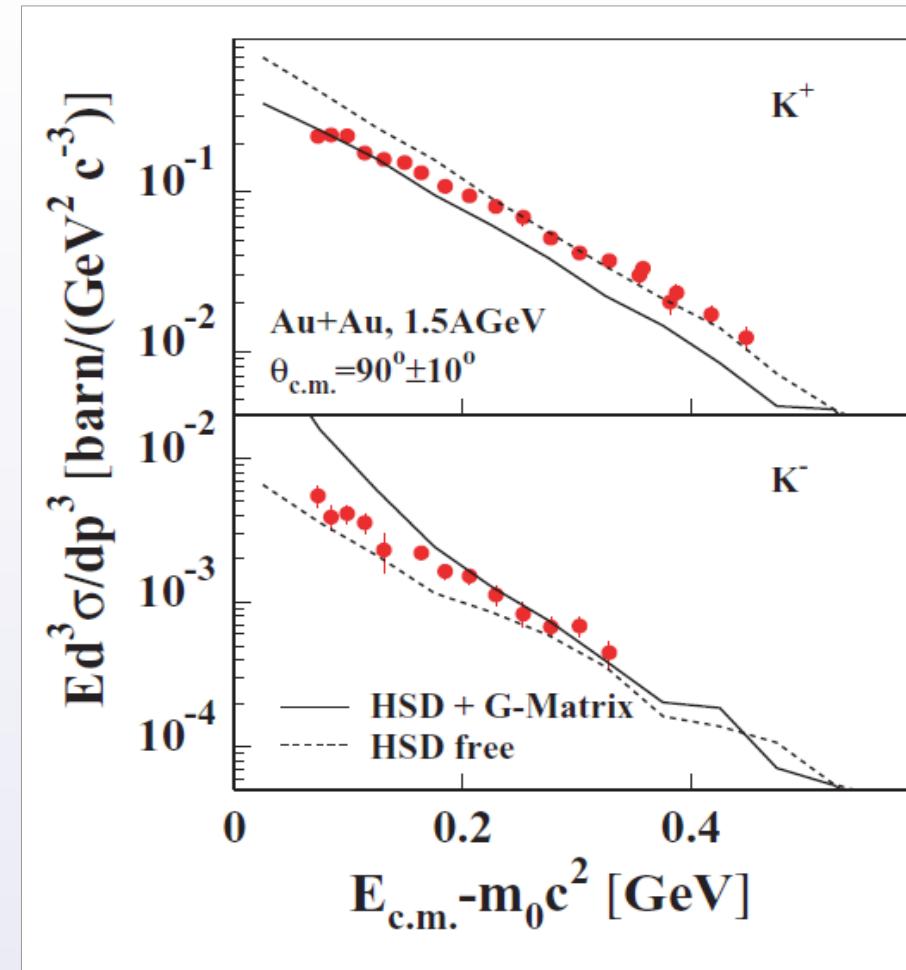
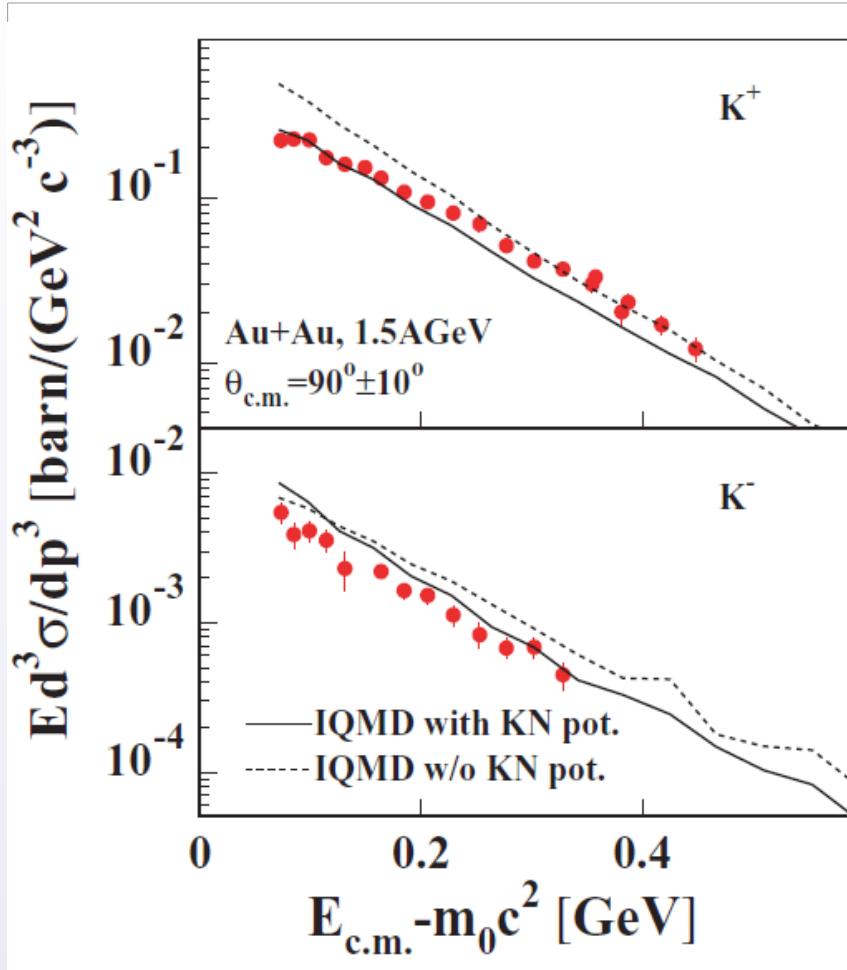
- $U = 0 \rightarrow K^-/K^+$  flat
- Strong effect at low  $E_{kin}$



Data – vs – RBUU

- Clear preference for  $U_{KN} > 0$  option
- Red/Blue = Soft/Hard EOS option
- Still description not ideal

# $K^-$ and $K^+$ data from KaoS



Our understanding  
too simplistic ?

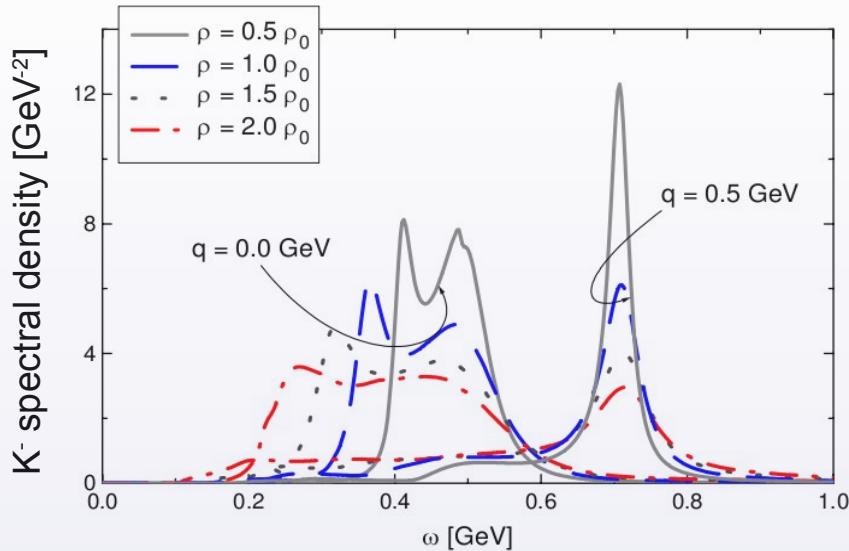
- $K^-$  production via resonances
- Some  $K^-$  from  $\phi$  (outside medium)

# K<sup>-</sup> production in medium

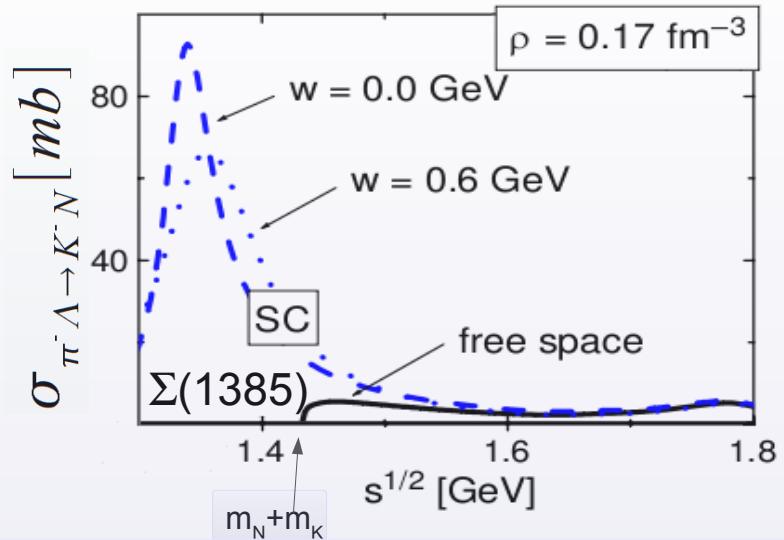
Chiral perturbation theory (xPT)

M.F.M. Lutz, PPNP 53, 125 (2004)

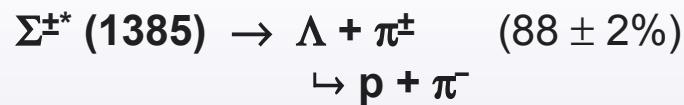
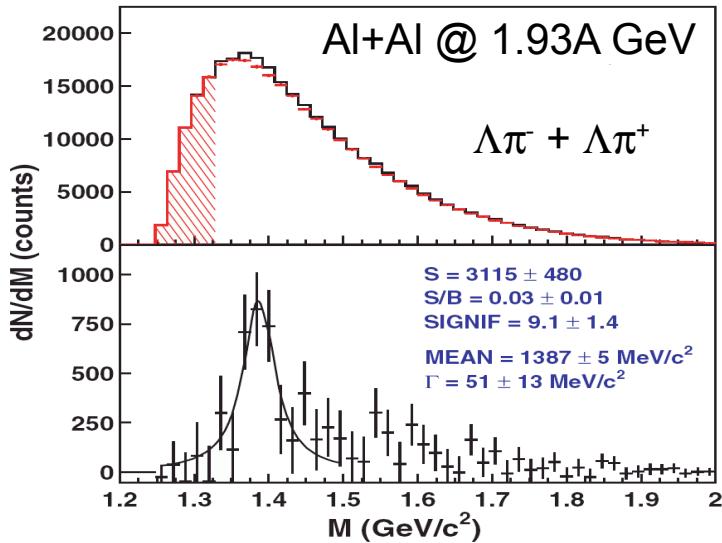
- Antikaon spectral function in dense matter



- Strange resonances in K<sup>-</sup> production



FOPI



$E_{th} = 2.33 \text{ GeV}$  (subthreshold)  
 $\Gamma = 39.4 \text{ MeV}, \quad c\tau = 5 \text{ fm}$  (short lived)

$$\frac{P(\Sigma^{*-} + \Sigma^{*+})}{P(\Lambda + \Sigma^0)} = 0.125 \pm 0.026 \pm 0.033$$

X. Lopez et al. (FOPI), PRC 76, 052203(R) (2007)

# $\phi$ meson ( $s\bar{s}$ )

- $\phi(s\bar{s}) \rightarrow K^+K^-$  ( $BR = 49\%$ )

$m = 1019$  MeV

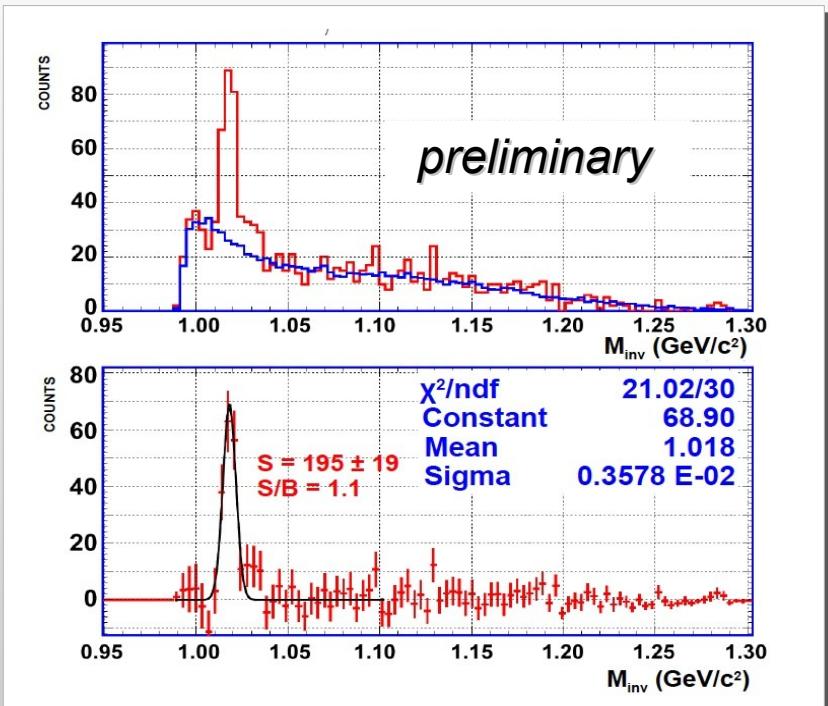
$c\tau = 50$  fm

$E_{th} = 2.6$  GeV

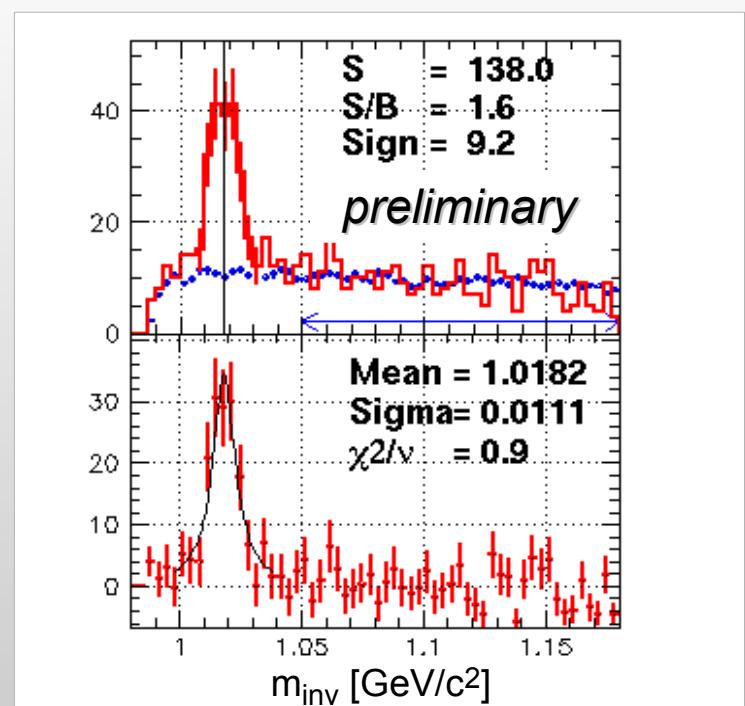
(decays mostly outside collision zone)

(subthreshold)

- Al+Al @ 1.93A GeV (P. Gasik)



- Ni+Ni @ 1.93A GeV (KP)



- $P_\phi / \text{collision} = (2.2 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-4}$

$$\frac{P(\phi)}{P(K^-)} = 0.27 \pm 0.10$$

- $P_\phi / \text{collision} = (6 \pm 1 \pm 2) \cdot 10^{-4}$

$$\frac{P(\phi)}{P(K^-)} = 0.44 \pm 0.13$$

# 3. The Final Concerto

- *Strange neutral particles:  $K^0$  and  $\Lambda^0$*
- *“Kinematical temperature”*
- *“Statistical temperature”*
- *Phase Diagram*

# $K^0$ and $\Lambda$ at 1.9A GeV

- $K^0$  and  $\Lambda$  (from secondary vertices)

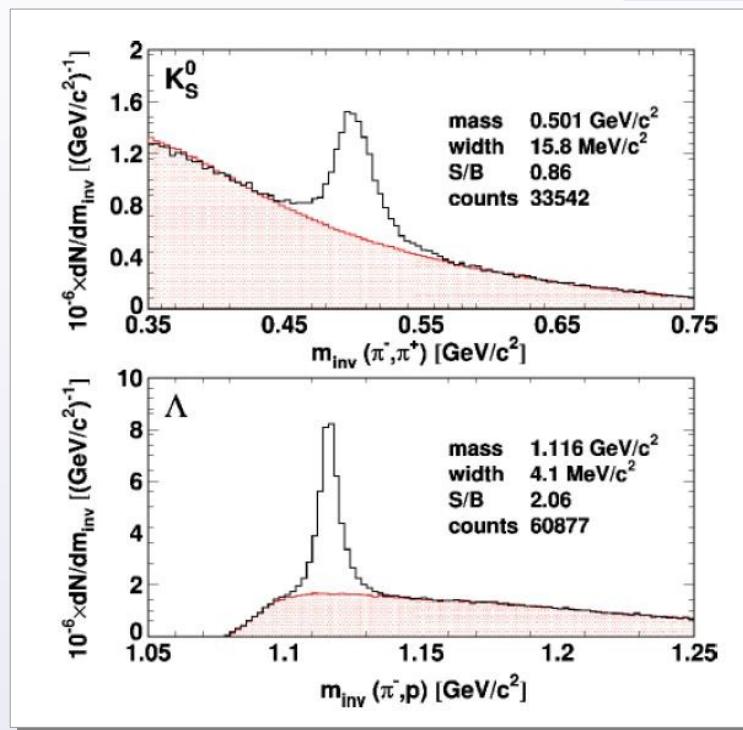
$$K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^- \quad (69\%)$$

$$\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^- + p \quad (64\%)$$

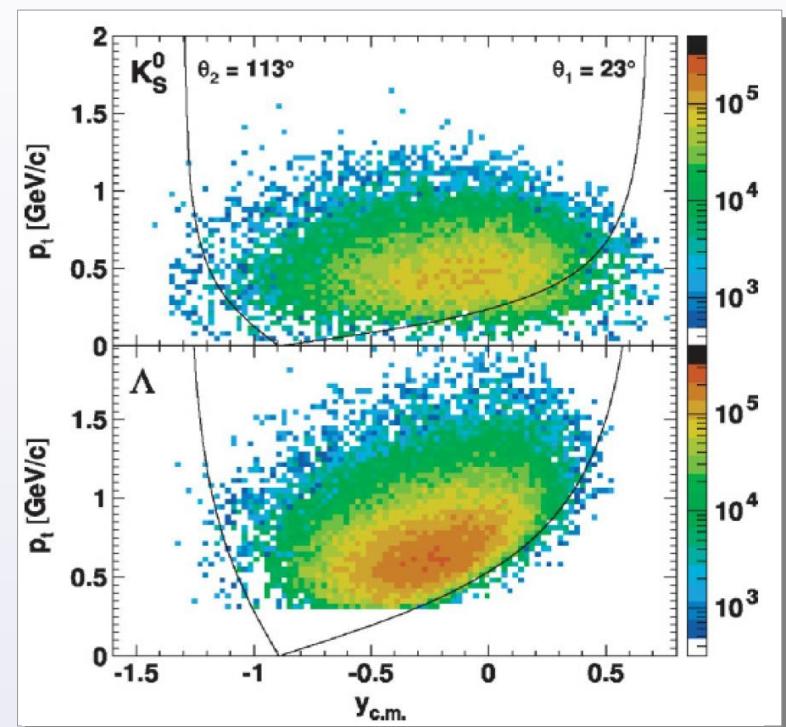
	$K^0 (d\bar{s})$	$\Lambda (uds)$
Ni+Ni	30 k	60 k
Al+Al	60 k	100 k

- Identification of  $K^0$  and  $\Lambda$

Ni+Ni @ 1.93A MeV

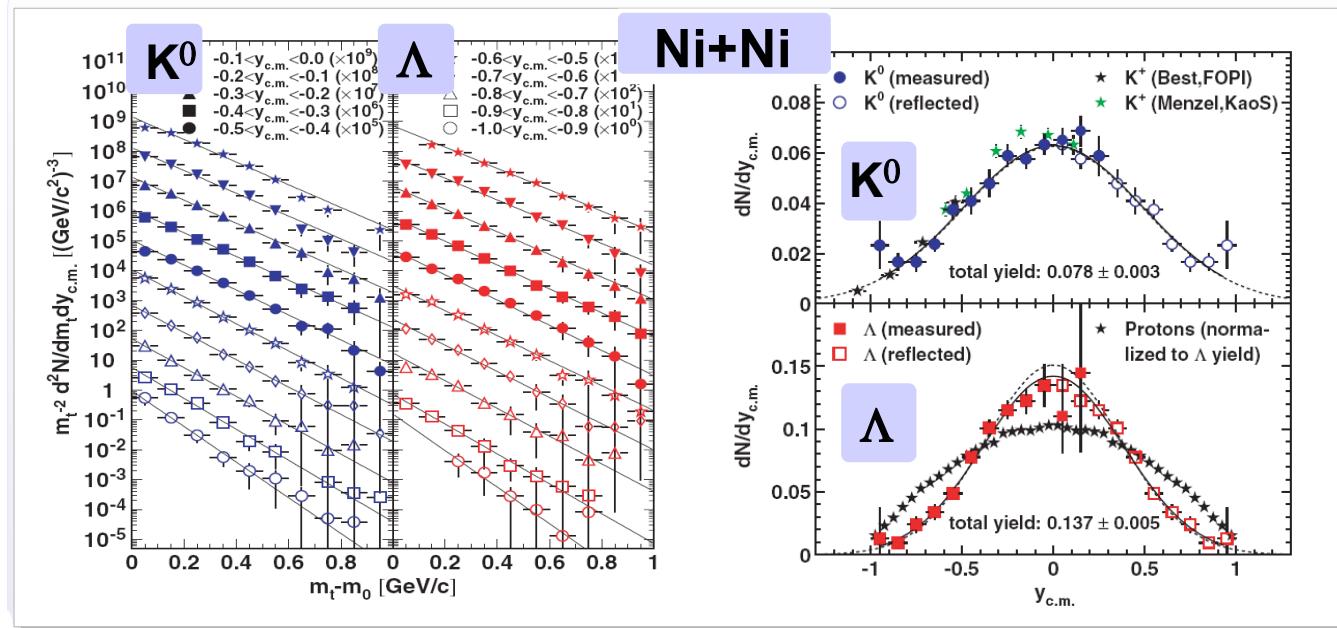


- Phase space: occupancy vs acceptance



M. Merschmeyer, X. Lopez et al. (FOPI), PRC 76, 024906 (2007)

# $K^0$ and $\Lambda$ : phase space analysis

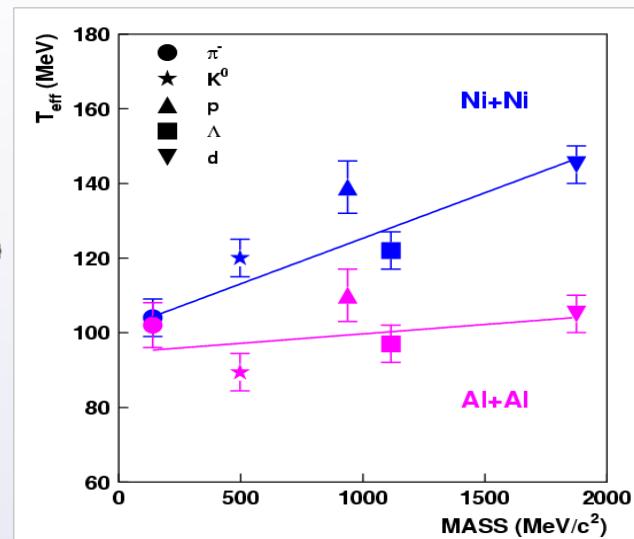


$E_{beam} = 1.93A$  GeV

- $\Lambda$  and  $K^0$  obeying Boltzmann distributions
- $\Lambda$  and proton: emission patterns different ( $p \rightarrow$  transparency)

## Temperature of colliding system

$$T_{eff} = T + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{m_0 \langle \beta_{rad} \rangle^2}{2}$$



- Ni+Ni: radial flow  
Al+Al: almost no expansion
- Same kinetical freeze-out T in Al+Al and Ni+Ni  
( $T \sim 90..100$  MeV)

# Statistical model: particle yields

- Assumption: equilibrium @ chemical freeze-out

**Density of species  $i$**  (in grandcanonical ensemble):

$$n_i(\mu, T) = \frac{N_i}{V} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^2 dp}{\exp\left(\frac{E_i - \mu_B B_i - \mu_S S_i - \mu_{I_3} I_{3i}}{T}\right) + 1}$$

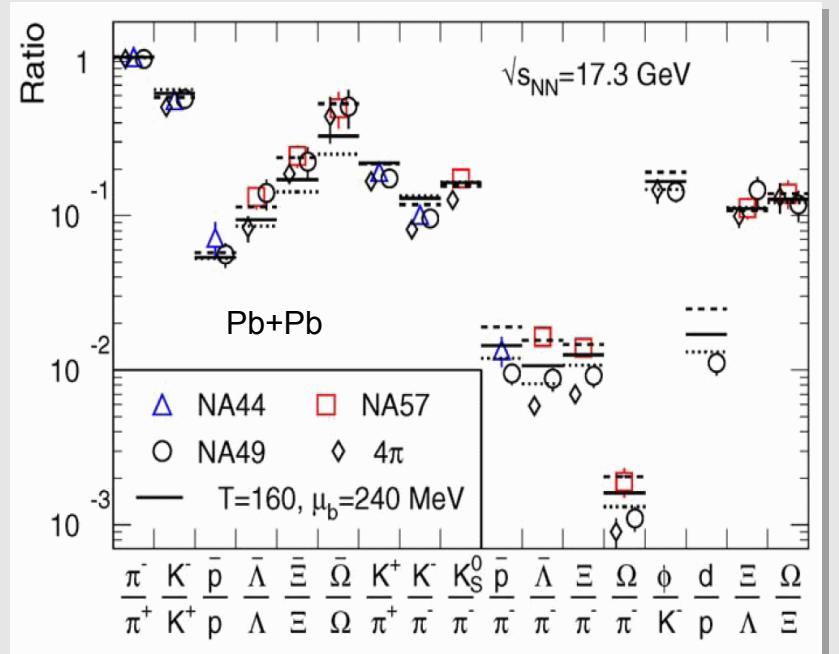
Free parameters:  
chemical potential  $\mu_B$   
temperature  $T$

For particle ratios :  $V$  cancels out

Fixed by conservation laws:  $\mu_S, \mu_{I_3}$

## Yield ratios @ SPS

A.Andronic, P.Braun-Munzinger, J.Stachel NPA 772 (2006) 167



looks promising

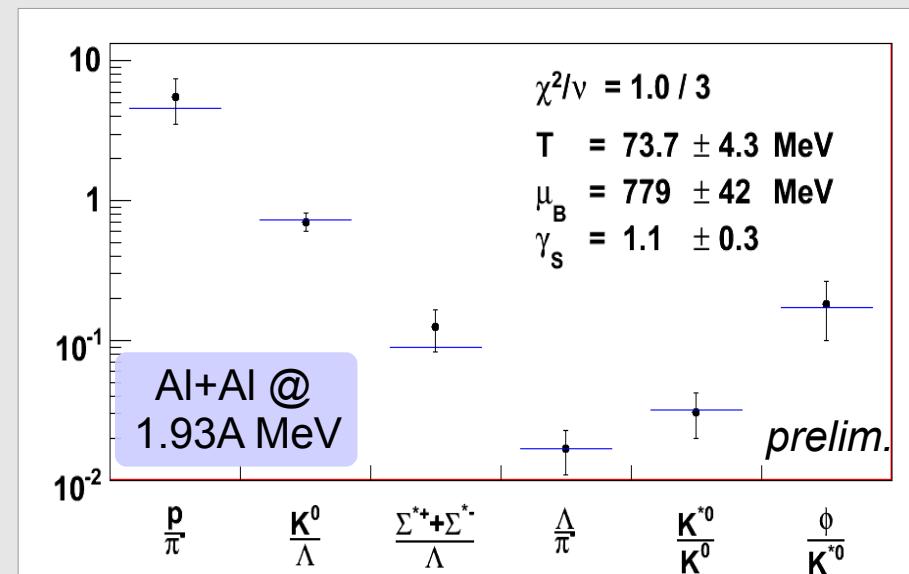
# Particle yields at freeze-out

## Al+Al

- 6 independent ratios with 5 strange particles :
  $p, \pi^-, K^0, \Lambda, \phi, K^{*0}(892)$  and  $\Sigma^{*\pm}(1385)$

## Ni+Ni

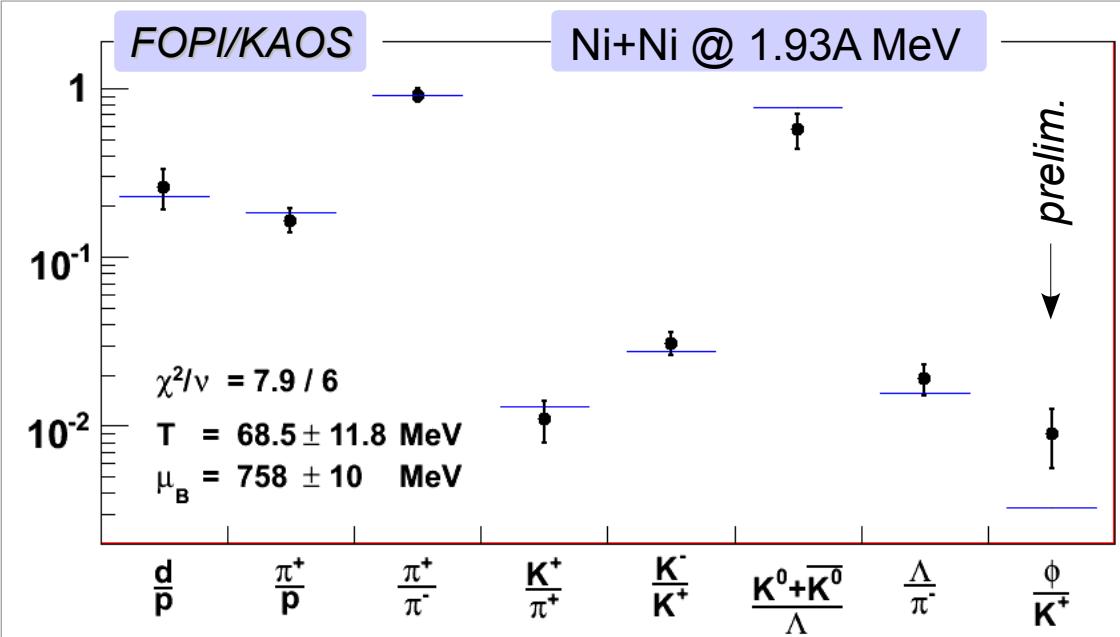
- 8 independent ratios with 4 strange particles
  $p, d, \pi^\pm, K^\pm, K^0, \phi, \Lambda$



## Statistical Model

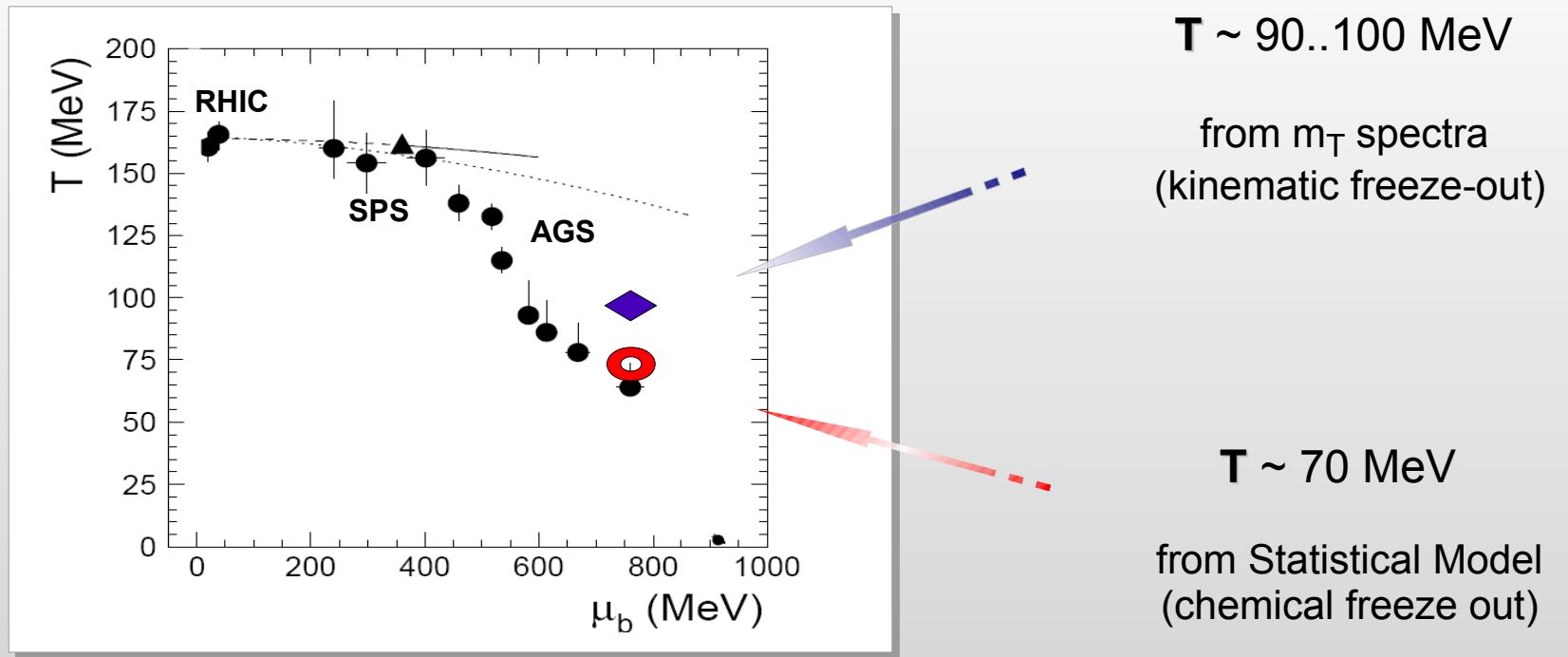
(calc.: **THERMUS** code  
*S.Wheaton, J.Cleymans hep-ph/0407175*)

- Grand Canonical ensemble;  
 For  $S \neq 0$ , Canonical ensemble
- $T \sim 70 \text{ MeV}, \mu_B = 770 \text{ MeV}$
- For Al+Al,  $\gamma_s \approx 1$
- Model fitting well



# Freeze-out on phase diagram

P.Braun-Munzinger, J. Wambach, Rev. Mod. Phys 81, 1031 (2009)



Assuming those models, we obtain

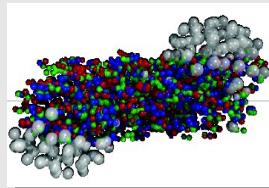
$$T_{kin} > T_{chem}$$

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*Is the equilibrium assumption wrong?*  
Need for more systematics

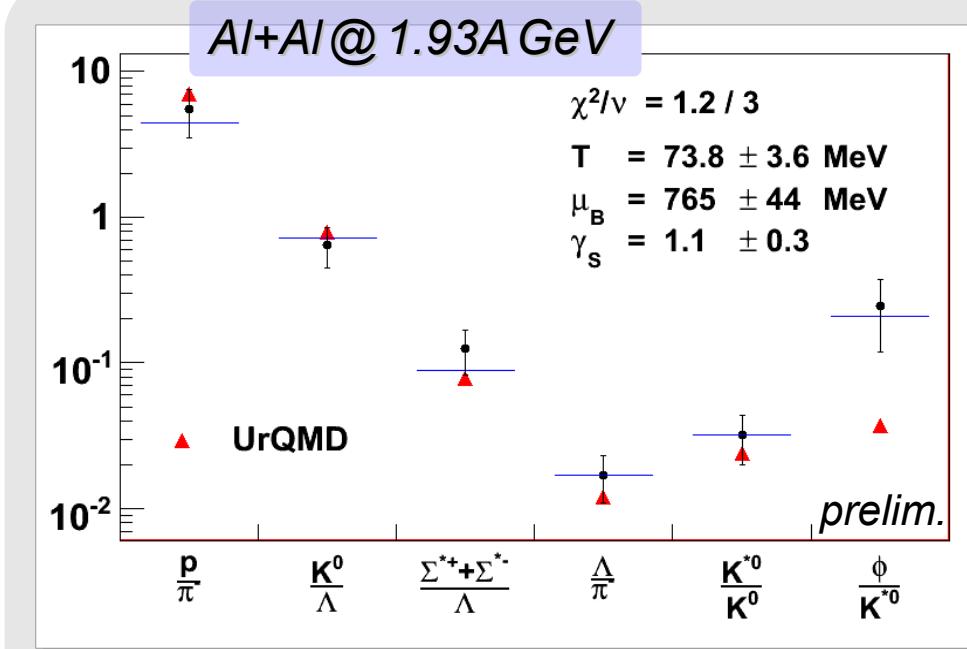
# Particle yields and UrQMD



## UrQMD

M.Bleicher, S.Vogel  
Uni Frankfurt

- No equilibration assumed
- Cascade model – no mean field
  - no in-medium effects
- $\Sigma^{*\pm}$  and  $K^*$  reconstructable in experiment:  
*Excluded decay products undergoing inelastic rescattering with medium*



→ UrQMD in agreement with data and Statistical Model



Either: *More precise data needed*

Or: *Integrated yields are not a good signature to study thermalisation issues*

# Summary and conclusion

- General dynamics of the collision at 1-2A GeV:

stopping → pressure → side flow → shadowing → out-of-plane preference

vartl

max [p<sub>xdir</sub>]

v<sub>2</sub>

- In-medium modification of strangeness

→ Flow of K<sup>+</sup> → V<sub>KN</sub> ≈ +20 MeV

→ p<sub>Kaon</sub> (Pb) / p<sub>Kaon</sub> (C) → V<sub>KN</sub> ≈ +20 MeV

→ K<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>-</sup> (E<sub>kin</sub>) → V<sub>KN</sub> ≈ +30 MeV, V<sub>KN</sub> ≈ -70 MeV (quantitative)

→ K<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>-</sup> separately → with in-medium better, but inconclusive

- Other kaon sources [ Σ\*(1385) , φ ] may bias model calculations of in-medium effects
- Phase space analysis of particles → “kinematical temperatures” T<sub>kine</sub>
- Yield ratio compared to thermal model → “thermal temperatures” T<sub>ther</sub>
- Unexpected inversion T<sub>kine</sub> > T<sub>ther</sub> → thermal assumption wrong?

# Thank you