#### The Role of Femtoscopy in Constraining the Eq. of State of High-Baryon-Density Matter

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# Femtoscopy Theory (one slide)



"SOURCE FUNCTION" measures phase space cloud, not source!!!

GOAL: Measure  $C(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2)$  to infer  $S(\vec{v}_{cm}, \vec{r})$ For identical bosons:  $|\phi|^2 = 1 + \cos(2\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r})$ Strong/Coulomb makes inversion more complicated



# **Basic Idea**



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#### S.P. Phys. Rev. D (1986) Two-Pion Correlation Function

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# Phase Transition at Low Energy

neutron-neutron correlations at 25A MeV and 58A MeV



## Sensitivity to EoS (realistic calc.s)



## **Role of Femtoscopy in Global Analysis**



E.Sangaline & S.P, PRC 2016





A.Sorensen et al., nucl-th2301.13253

# Evidence of EoS Stiffening & Softening from $v_1, v_2$

 $v_1$  rises and falls with beam energy



## Bayesian Analysis of $v_1, v_2$

Calculations has some questions:
momentum dependence of potential
role of string/flux-tubes on v<sub>1</sub>



#### S.Altiparmak, C.Ecker, L.Rezzola, Ast.J.Lett. (2022)

#### **Neutron Stars**

Evidence of stiffness for  $\rho \sim 3\rho_0$  from neutron star observations  $- c_s^2$  higher for neutron-rich matter





## Source Radii vs Beam Energy



**REMARKABLE!** Lowering beam energy below 19.6 GeV yields higher speed of sound despite higher  $p/\pi$  ratio!



## **UrQMD vs STAR/HADES**

#### Where to go from here...

## Which Beam Energies?



Lower BES (FXT) energies and HADES energies  $\bullet explore up to ~\lesssim 3\rho_0$  without becoming QGP  $\bullet can then avoid hydro$ 

Isospin degree of freedom

- crucial for astrophysical correction
- •FRIB 400 program?

#### What to Measure emphasis on sensitivity to EoS

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- 1. Pions
  - tilt and azimuthal sensitivity
  - away from mid-rapidity (important at lower energy)
- Protons & Kaons

   also good shape sensitivity
- 3. Non-identical particles –  $S(\vec{r})$  not reflection symmetric



#### What to Calculate emphasis on sensitivity to EoS

#### **READY TO GO:**

- 1. CoRAL (Correlations Analysis Library)
  - Calculates 3D Correlations
  - Wide variety of species pairs
  - Need only provide OSCAR output
  - Not turnkey, but easily adaptable
- 2. Emulation software for Bayesian Analysis
  - Smooth Emulator
     (developed at MSU for BAND Collab.)
  - Initial state parameters, EoS, viscosity need to be simultaneously analyzed

#### <u>TO DO:</u>

- **1. Improve Transport Theory** 
  - Momentum dependence
  - Initial stopping
  - Parameterize possibilities for Bayesian analysis
- 2. Improve data/model comparisons
  - Extracting Gaussian radii for *pp...*
  - Compare angular decompositions?

## What to take away from this talk

- I. The physics of high-baryon density in hadron phase is fundamentally interesting
  - Eq. of state
  - Astrophysical connection
- **II.** Femtoscopy will play large role in that effort!