

# ***Study of freeze-out, directed flow and vorticity in heavy-ion collisions at NICA energies***



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# Outline

- I. Motivation
- II. Chemical and thermal freeze-out of main hadron species
- III. Spatial separation of different species.  
Consequences for
  - Thermal Model predictions of yields
  - directed flow of different particles
  - thermal vorticity
  - Lambda and anti-Lambda polarization
  - femtoscopy correlations
- IV. Conclusions

# I. Motivation

# Dynamic Regimes

Parton distribution,  
Nuclear geometry  
Nuclear shadowing

Parton production &  
regeneration  
(or, sQGP)

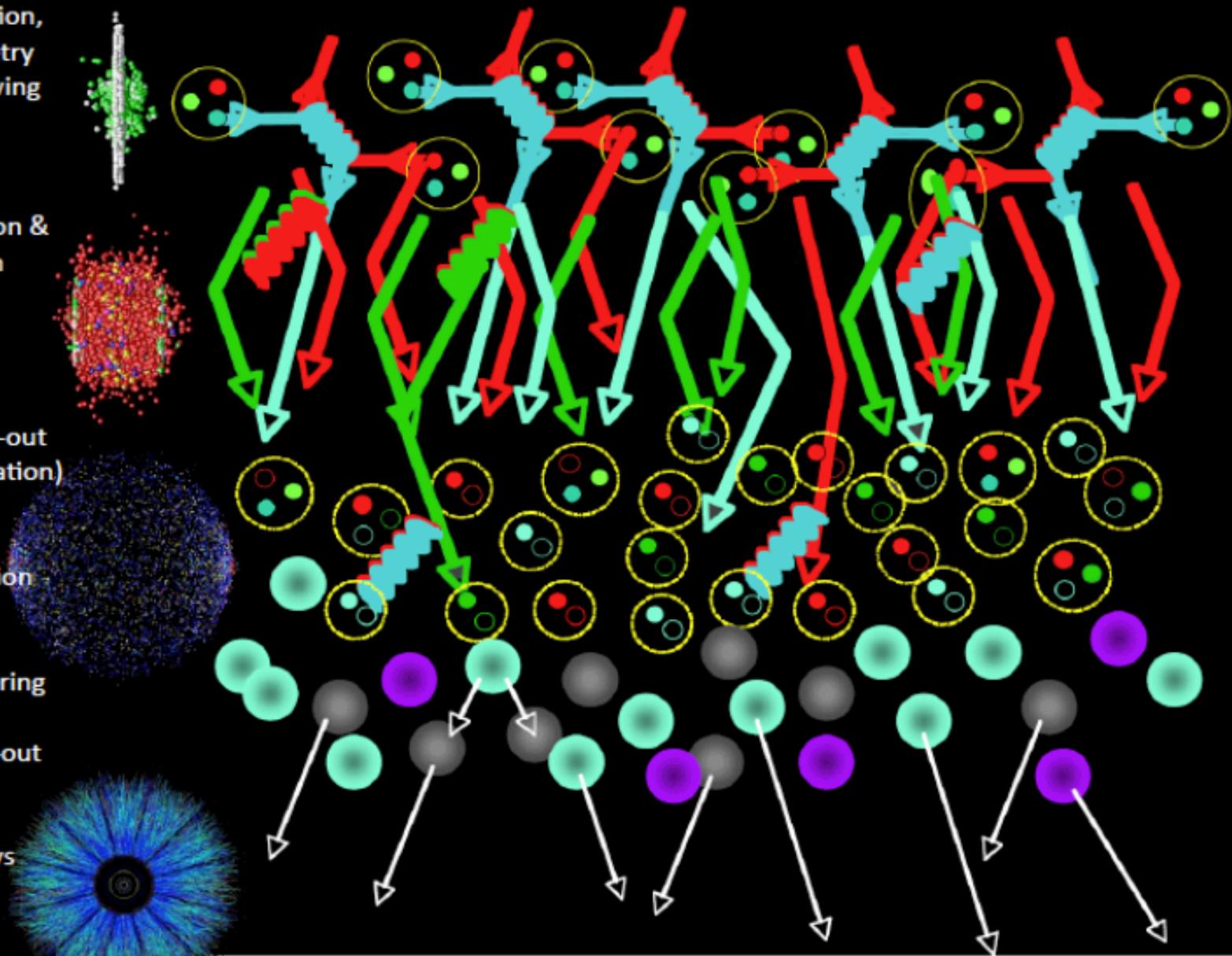
Chemical freeze-out  
(Quark recombination)

Jet fragmentation  
functions

Hadron rescattering

Thermal freeze-out

Hadron decays



# Motivation

- Flavor dependent Freeze-out temperature  
In the crossover region of QCD phase diagram  
F.A. Flor, G. Olinger, R. Bellwied ArXiv: 2008.03111  
 $T_{\text{ch}} = 150 \text{ MeV}$   $T_{\text{cs}} = 165 \text{ MeV}$

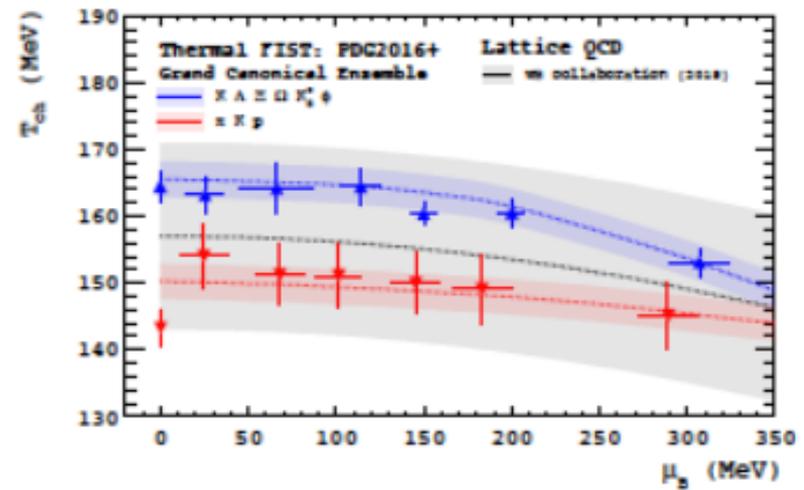
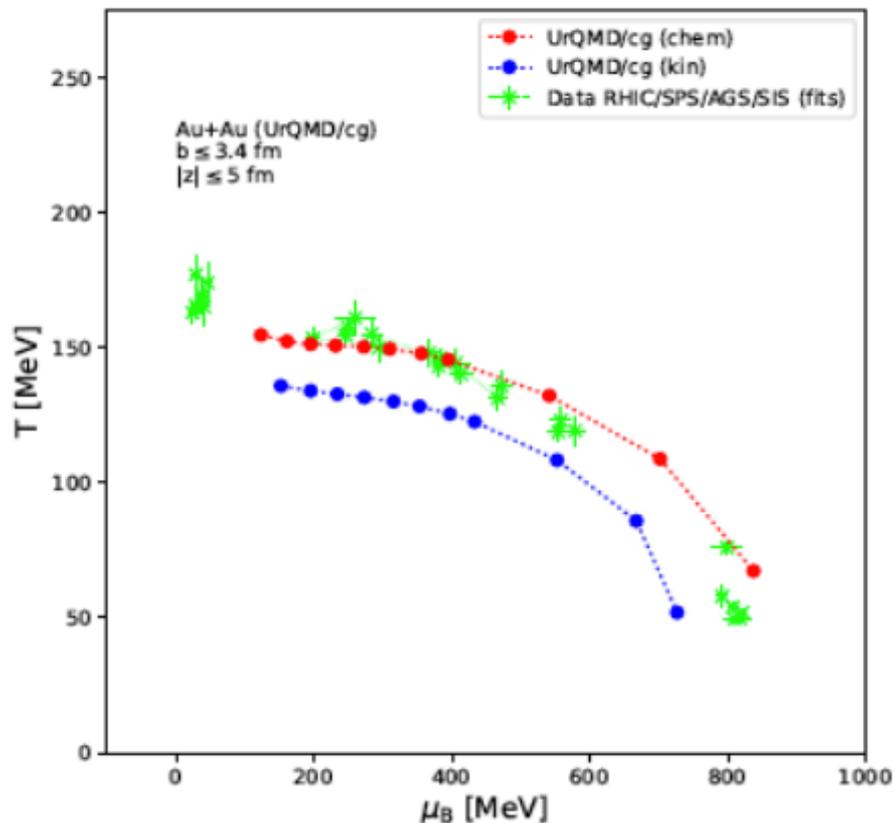


FIG. 2: *Strange* (blue points) and *light* (red points) GCE fits to STAR and ALICE data measured at collision energies ranging from  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 11.5 \text{ GeV}$  to  $5.02 \text{ TeV}$  (0 - 10%) via The FIST using the PDG2016+ hadronic spectrum.

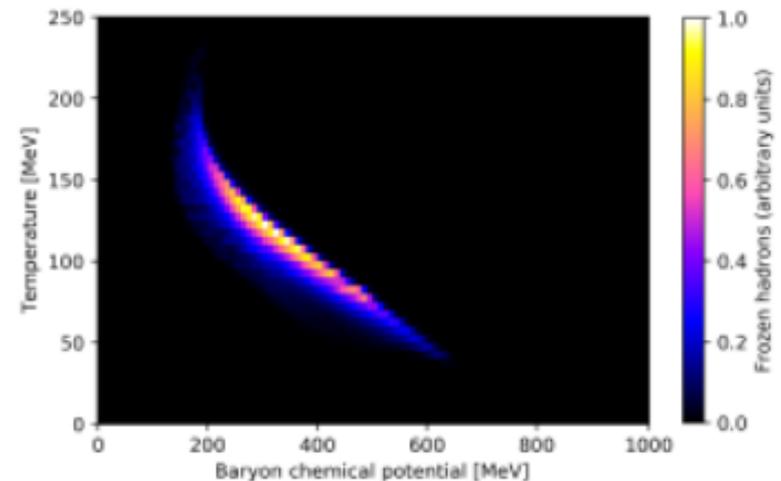
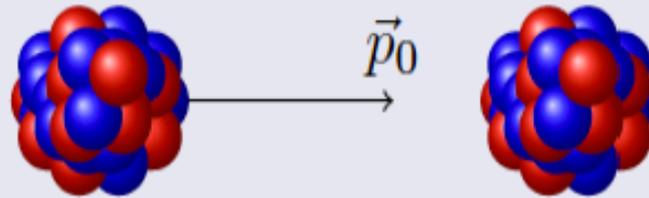


Figure 12. (Color online) Profile of the kinetic freeze-out temperature and baryon chemical potential at  $|y| < 0.2$  for Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19.6 \text{ GeV}$ .

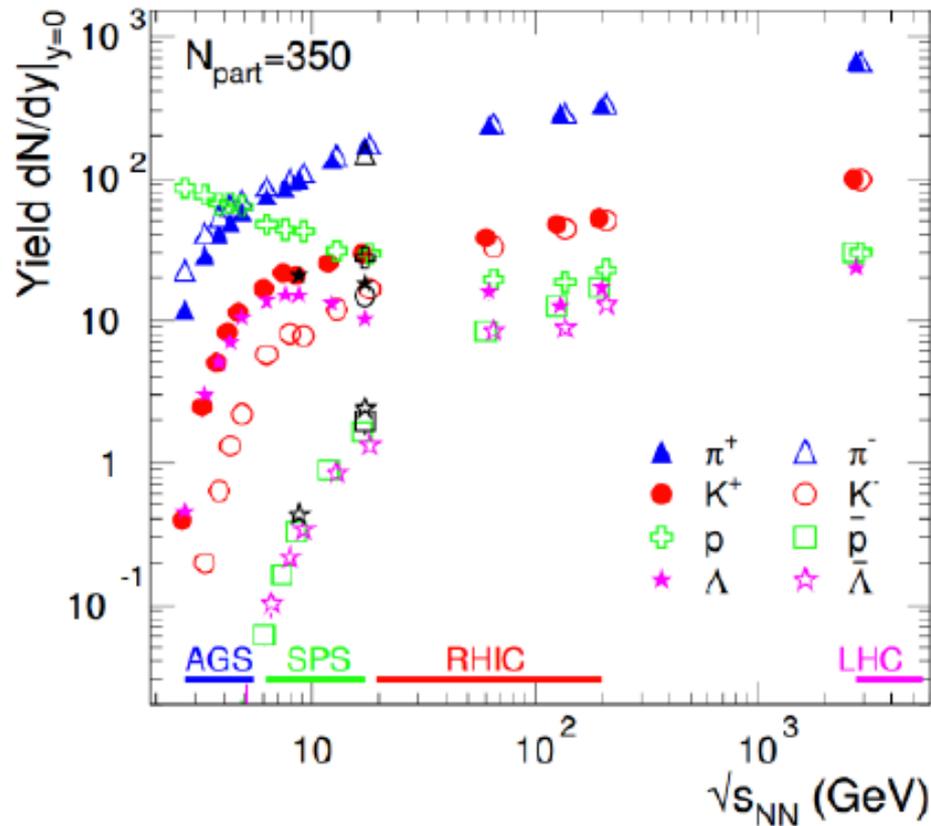
# Motivation

Au+Au at  $E_{lab} = 40A$  GeV and  $b = 0$  fm within UrQMD



- To do the analysis of the spatio-temporal evolution of all particles in the  $T - \mu_B, T - \mu_S$  plane and the analysis of the finally emitted particles in  $x - t$  plane.
- See the spatial separation of strange particles from non strange (and of mesons from baryons).
- Find average  $T, \mu_B, \mu_S$  of different particles at freeze-out time.

# Identified hadron yields



- Lots of particles, most newly created from the excited gluon fields ( $E=mc^2$ )
- Large variety of species:
  - $\pi^\pm(u\bar{d}, d\bar{u})$ ,  $m=140$  MeV
  - $K^\pm(u\bar{s}, s\bar{u})$ ,  $m=494$  MeV
  - $p(uud)$ ,  $m=938$  MeV
  - $\Lambda(uds)$ ,  $m=1116$  MeV
  - also:  $\Xi(dss)$ ,  $\Omega(sss)$ , ...
- Abundancies follow mass hierarchy, except at low energies where remnants from the incoming nuclei are significant
- **What do we learn?**

## Grand Canonical Ensemble

$$\ln Z_i = \frac{V g_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \pm p^2 dp \ln(1 \pm \exp(-(E_i - \mu_i)/T))$$

$$n_i = N/V = -\frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial \ln Z_i}{\partial \mu} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^2 dp}{\exp((E_i - \mu_i)/T) \pm 1}$$

$$\mu_i = \mu_B B_i + \mu_S S_i + \mu_{I_3} I_i^3$$

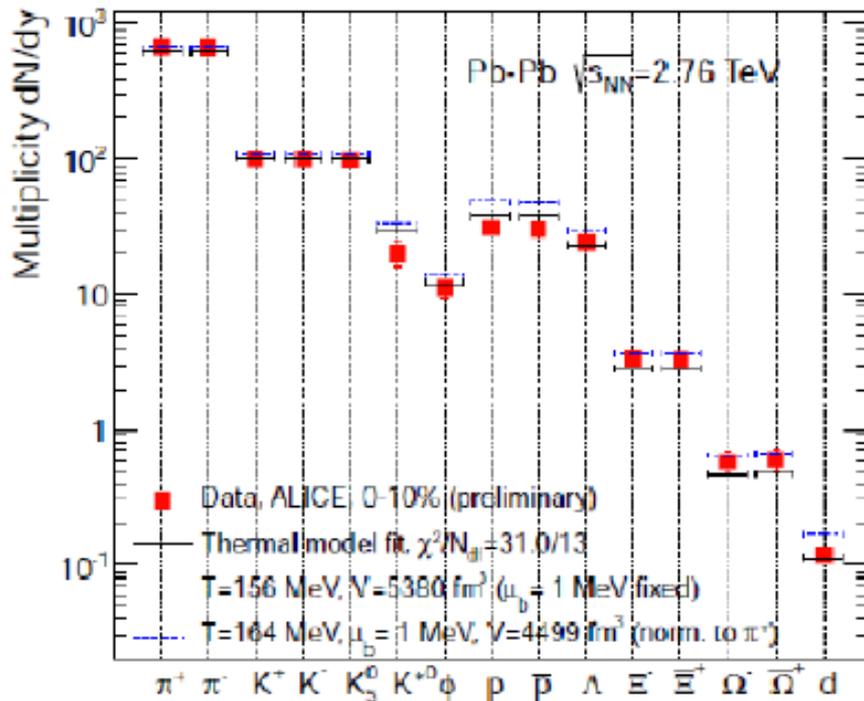
Fit at each  
energy  
provides  
values for  
T and  $\mu_b$

for every conserved quantum number there is a chemical potential  $\mu$   
but can use conservation laws to constrain:

- Baryon number:  $V \sum_i n_i B_i = Z + N \rightarrow V$
- Strangeness:  $V \sum_i n_i S_i = 0 \rightarrow \mu_S$
- Charge:  $V \sum_i n_i I_i^3 = \frac{Z - N}{2} \rightarrow \mu_{I_3}$

This leaves only  $\mu_b$  and T as free parameter when  $4\pi$  considered  
for rapidity slice fix volume e.g. by  $dN_{ch}/dy$

# Chemical freeze-out



- Thermal fits of hadron abundancies:

$$n_i = N_i/V = -\frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial \ln Z_i}{\partial \mu} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^2 dp}{\exp[(E_i - \mu_i)/T] \pm 1}$$

- Quantum numbers conservation

$$\mu = \mu_B B + \mu_{I_3} I_3 + \mu_S S + \mu_C C$$

- Hadron yields  $N_i$  can be obtained using only 3 parameters:  $(T_{chem}, \mu_B, V)$

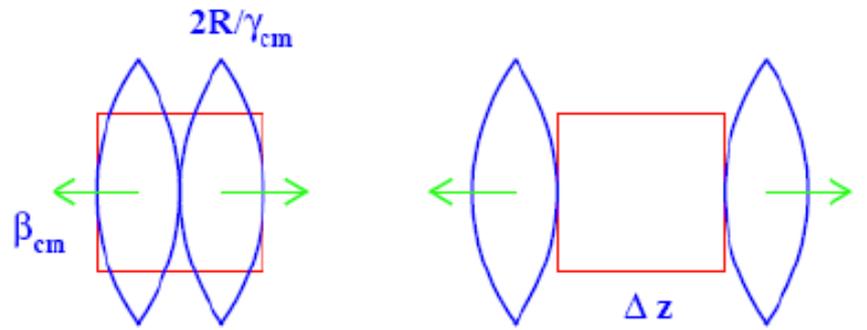
- The hadron abundancies are in agreement with a thermally equilibrated system

$$T_{chem} = 155-165 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\mu_B \sim 0$$

**Central cell:**  
**Relaxation to**  
**(local) equilibrium**

# Equilibration in the Central Cell



$$t^{\text{cross}} = 2R/(\gamma_{\text{cm}} \beta_{\text{cm}})$$

$$t^{\text{eq}} \geq t^{\text{cross}} + \Delta z/(2\beta_{\text{cm}})$$

## Kinetic equilibrium:

- Isotropy of velocity distributions
- Isotropy of pressure

## Thermal equilibrium:

Energy spectra of particles are described by Boltzmann distribution

L.Bravina et al., PLB 434 (1998) 379;  
JPG 25 (1999) 351

$$\frac{dN_i}{4\pi p E dE} = \frac{V g_i}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \exp\left(\frac{\mu_i}{T}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{E_i}{T}\right)$$

## Chemical equilibrium:

Particle yields are reproduced by SM with the same values of  $(T, \mu_B, \mu_S)$ :

$$N_i = \frac{V g_i}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} \int_0^\infty p^2 dp \exp\left(\frac{\mu_i}{T}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{E_i}{T}\right)$$

# Statistical model of ideal hadron gas

input values

output values

$$\epsilon^{\text{mic}} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_i E_i^{\text{SM}}(T, \mu_B, \mu_S),$$

$$\rho_B^{\text{mic}} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_i B_i \cdot N_i^{\text{SM}}(T, \mu_B, \mu_S),$$

$$\rho_S^{\text{mic}} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_i S_i \cdot N_i^{\text{SM}}(T, \mu_B, \mu_S).$$

Multiplicity  $\rightarrow$

$$N_i^{\text{SM}} = \frac{V g_i}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} \int_0^\infty p^2 f(p, m_i) dp,$$

Energy  $\rightarrow$

$$E_i^{\text{SM}} = \frac{V g_i}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} \int_0^\infty p^2 \sqrt{p^2 + m_i^2} f(p, m_i) dp$$

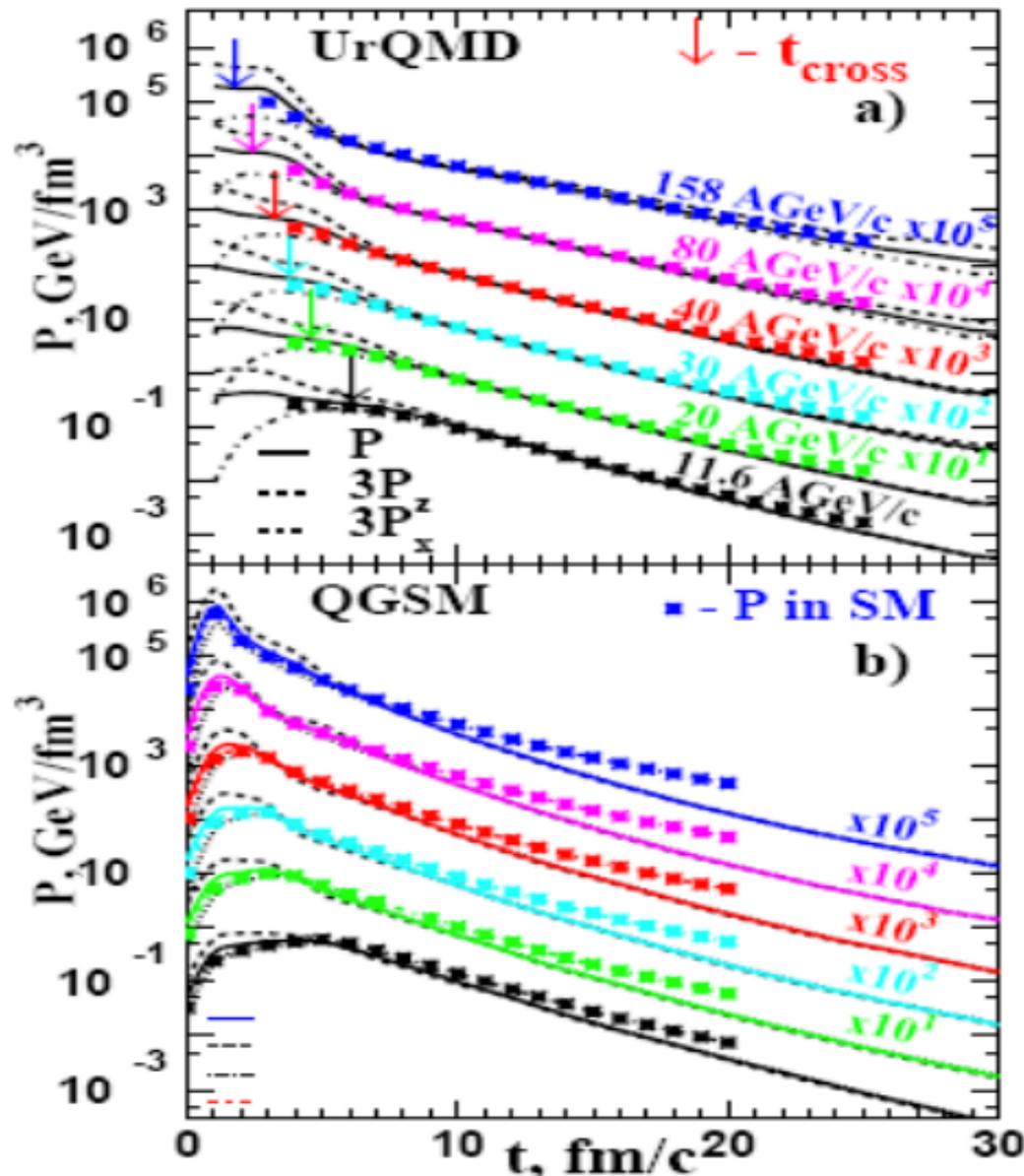
Pressure  $\rightarrow$

$$P^{\text{SM}} = \sum_i \frac{g_i}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} \int_0^\infty p^2 \frac{p^2}{3(p^2 + m_i^2)^{1/2}} f(p, m_i) dp$$

Entropy density  $\rightarrow$

$$s^{\text{SM}} = - \sum_i \frac{g_i}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} \int_0^\infty f(p, m_i) [\ln f(p, m_i) - 1] p^2 dp$$

# Kinetic Equilibrium



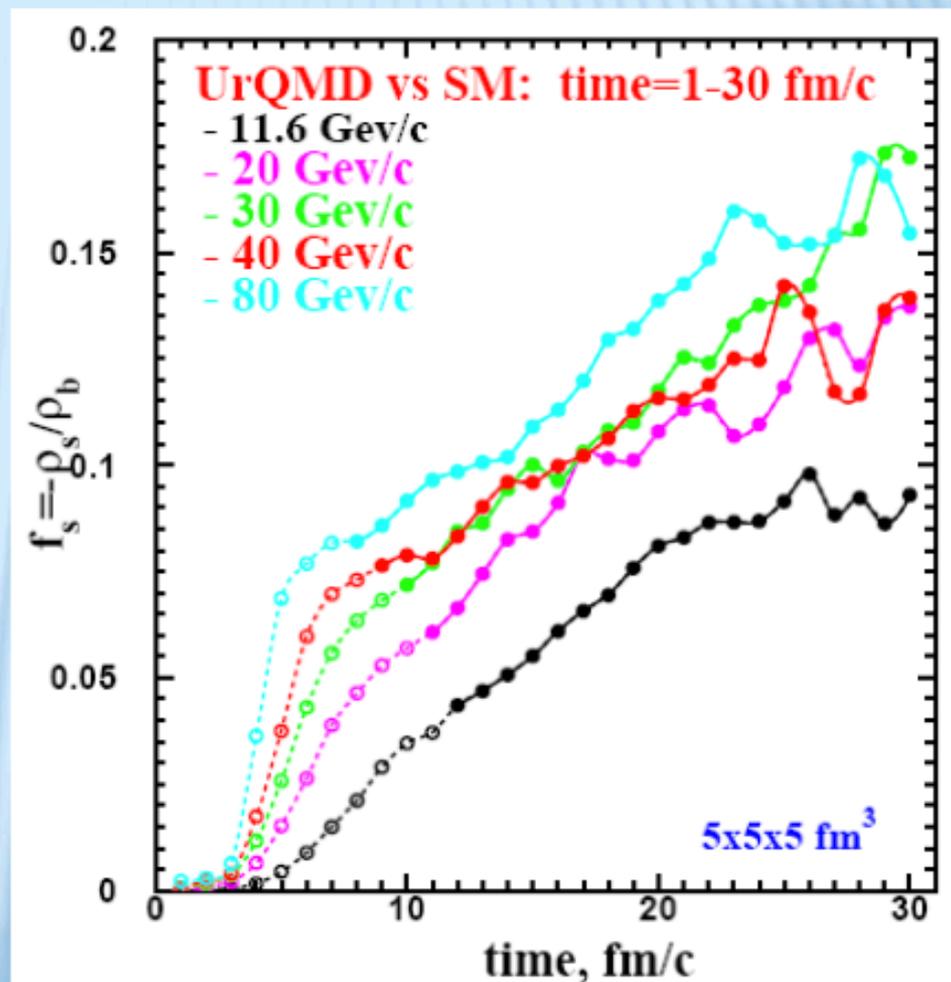
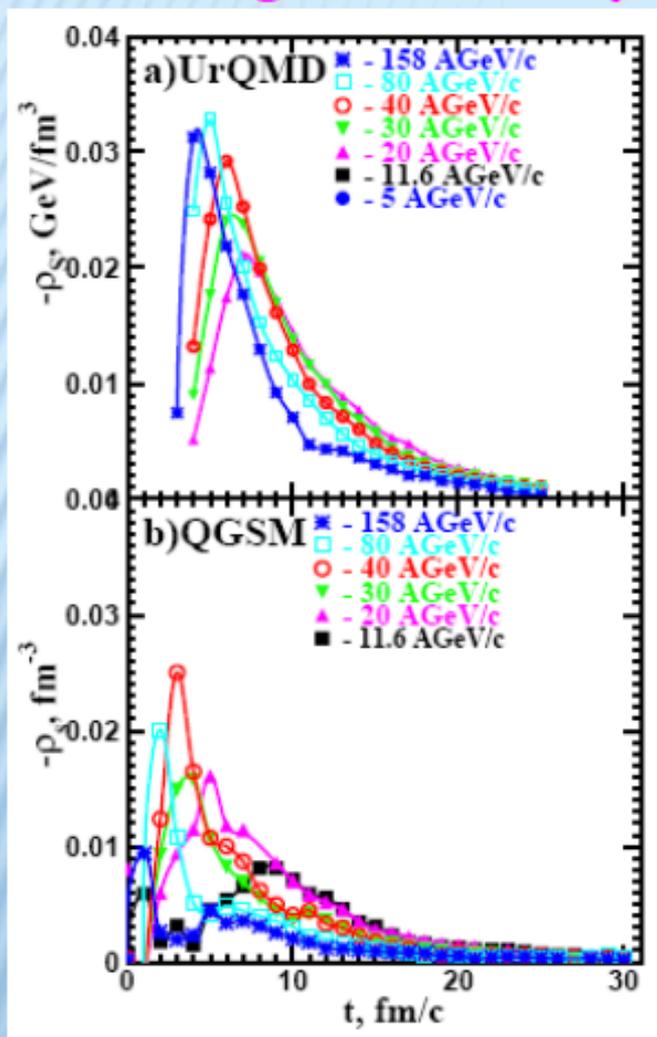
Isotropy of pressure

L.Bravina et al.,  
PRC 78 (2008) 014907

Pressure becomes isotropic  
for all energies from 11.6  
A GeV to 158 A GeV

# NEGATIVE NET STRANGENESS DENSITY

Net strangeness density in the central cell at 11 to 80 AGeV

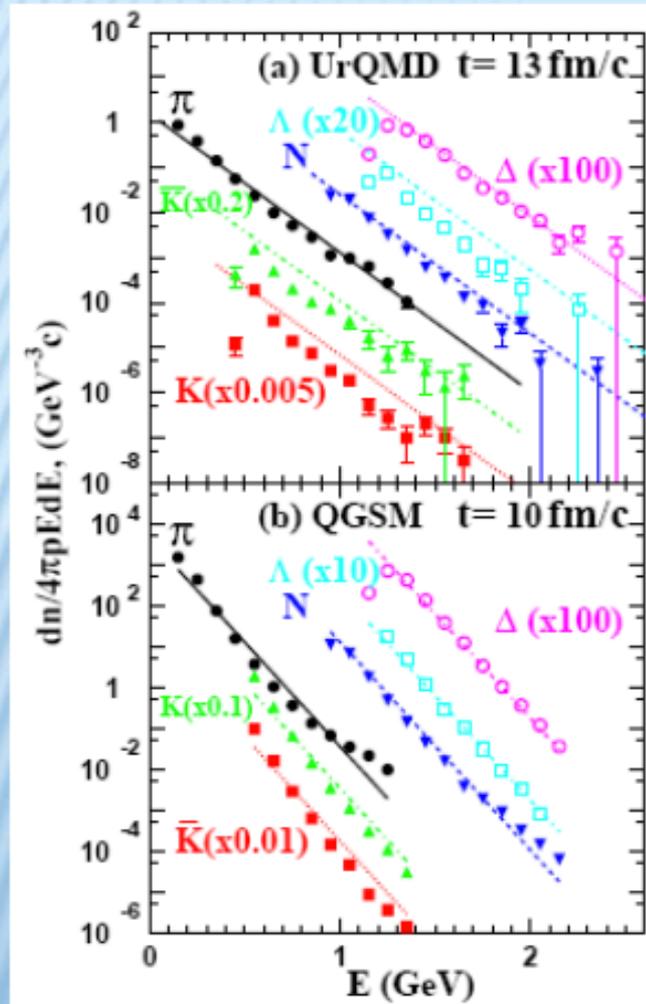


Net strangeness in the cell is negative because of different interaction cross sections for **Kaons** and **antiKaons** with **Baryons**

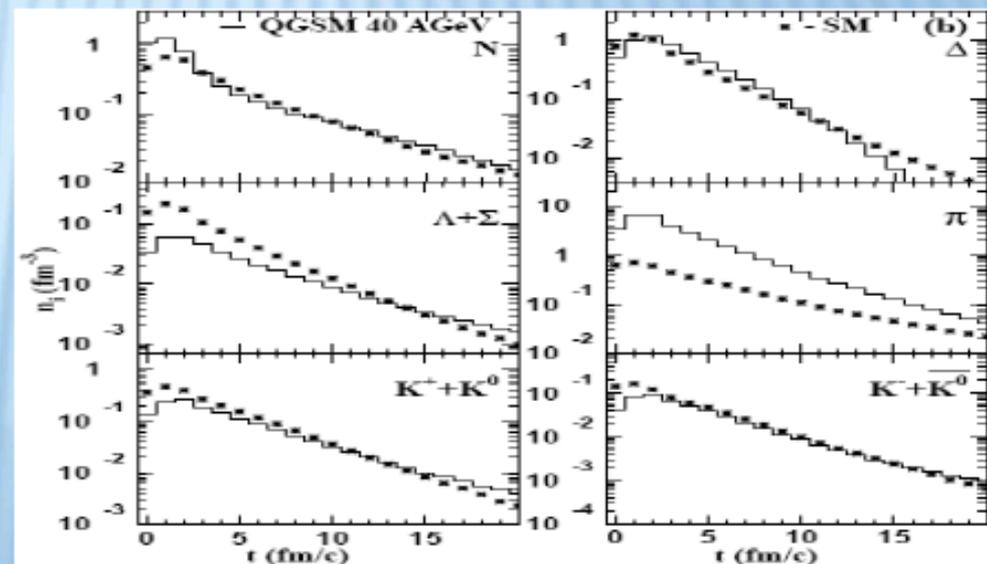
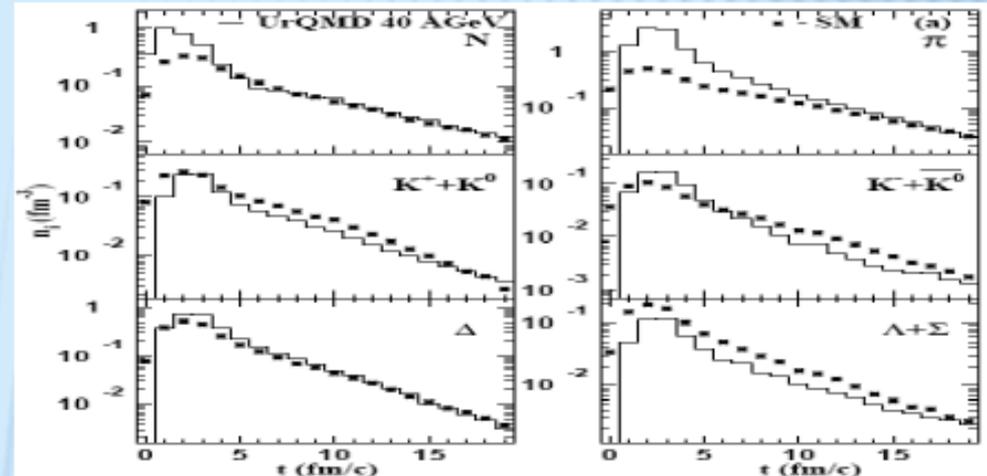
# THERMAL AND CHEMICAL EQUILIBRIUM

Boltzmann fit to the energy spectra

Particle yields



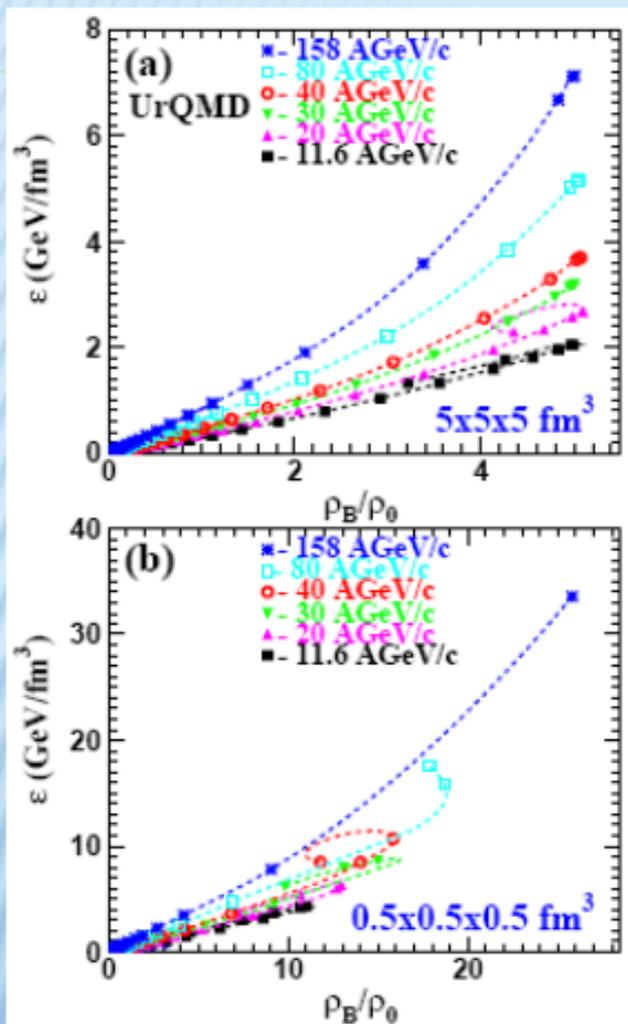
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Thermal and chemical equilibrium seems to be reached

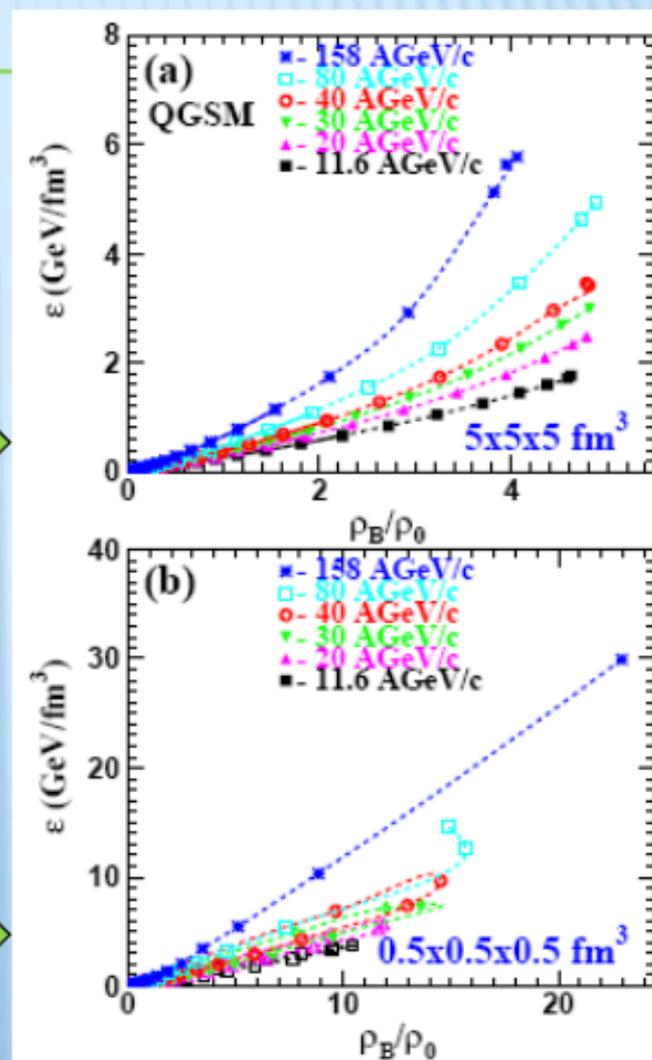
# HOW DENSE CAN BE THE MEDIUM?

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"Big" cell ( $V = 5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ fm}^3$ )

"Small" cell ( $V \Rightarrow 0$ )

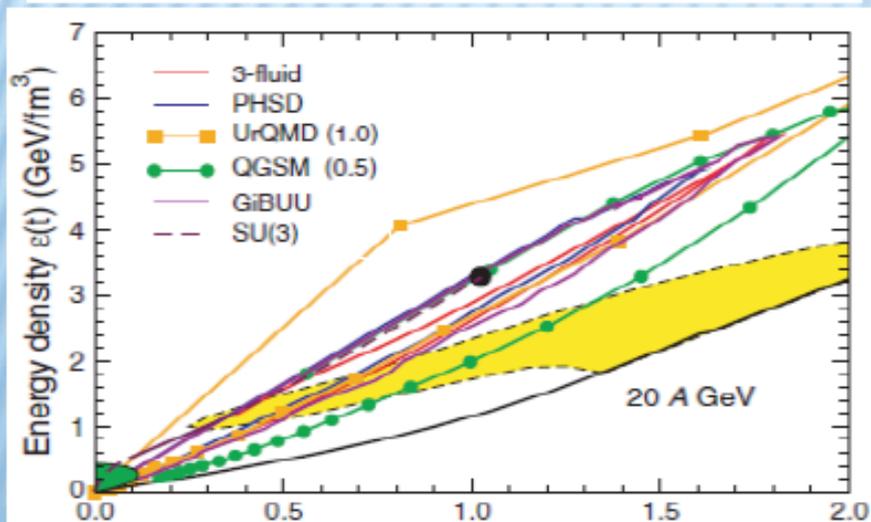
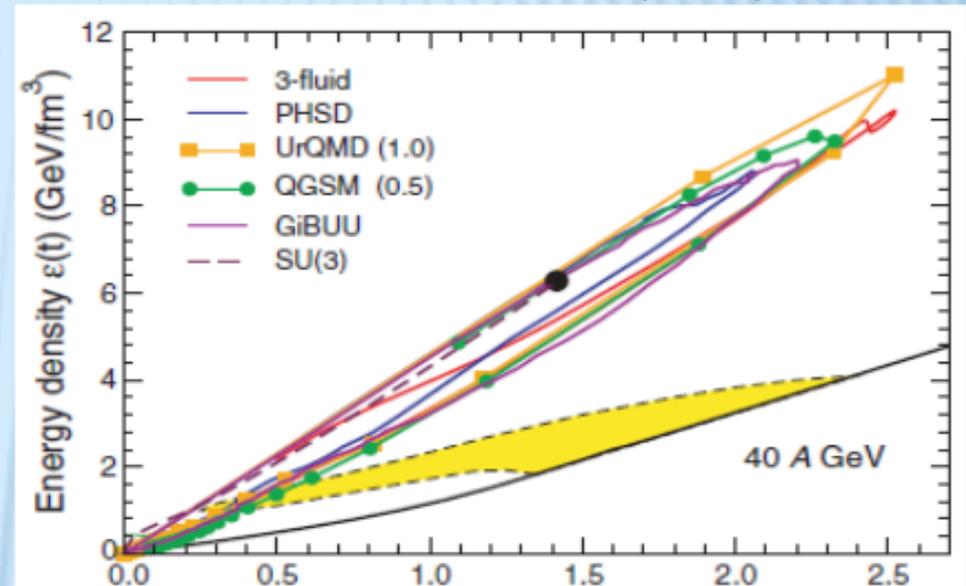
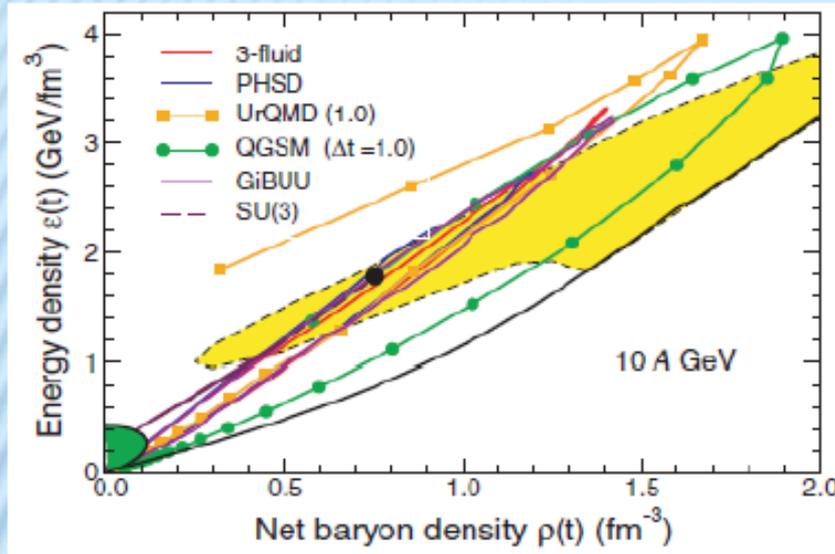


Dramatic differences at the non-equilibrium stage; after beginning of kinetic equilibrium the energy densities and the baryon densities are the same for "small" and "big" cell

# COMPARISON BETWEEN MODELS

The phase trajectories at the center of a head-on Au+Au collisions

I. Arsene et al., PRC 75 (2007) 034902



Green area : freeze-out region;  
Yellow area : the phase coexistence region from schematic EOS that has a critical point at final density

Different models exhibit a large degree of mutual agreement

## **II. Chemical and Thermal Freeze-out of Main Hadron Species**

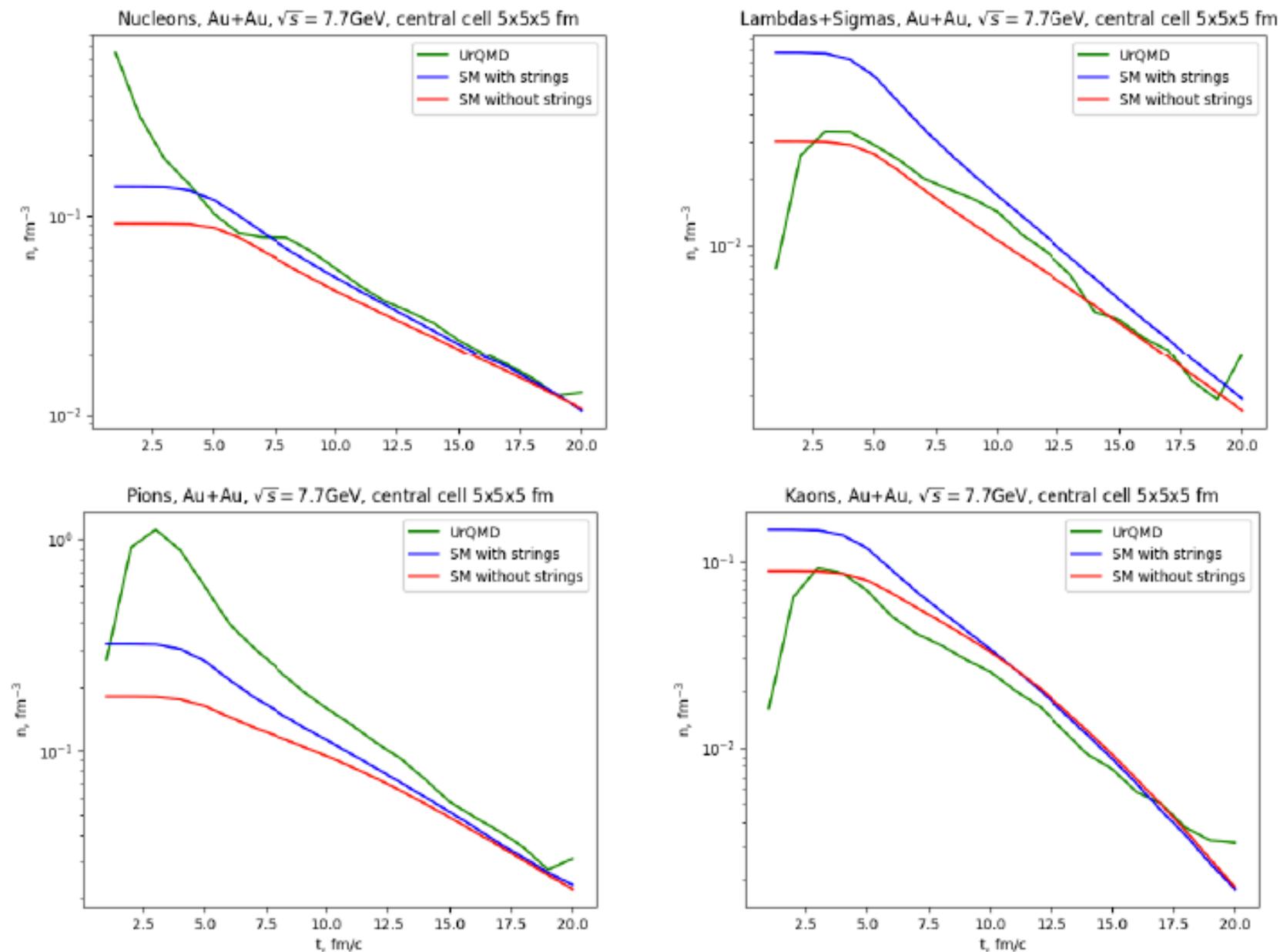


Figure 1: Particle densities in the central cell at times 1 – 20  $\text{fm}/c$ .

Different particles  
are frozen at different space  
times  
with different values of  
 $T - \mu_B - \mu_S$

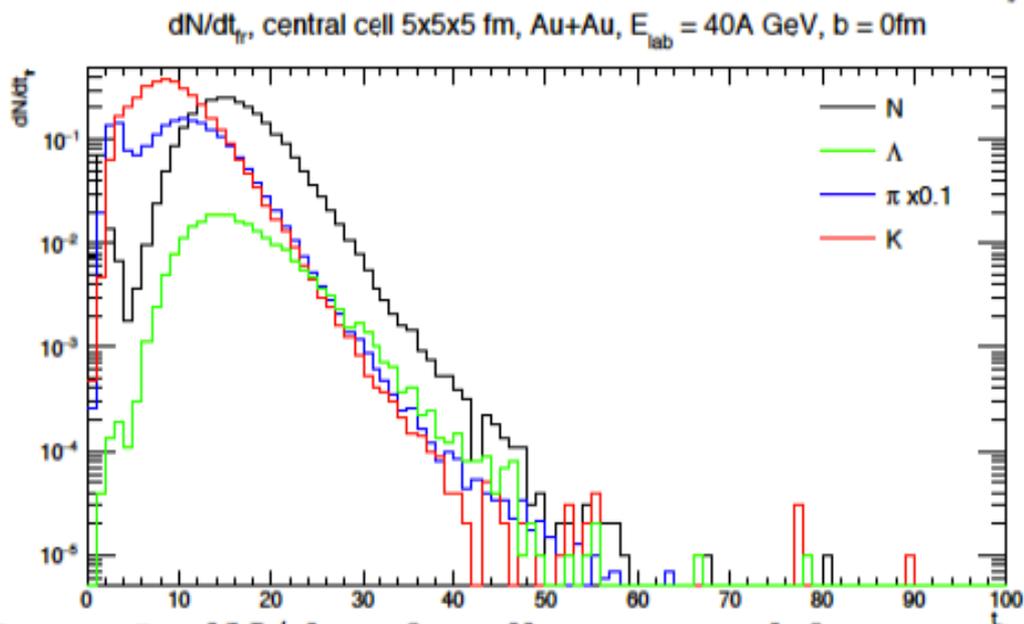
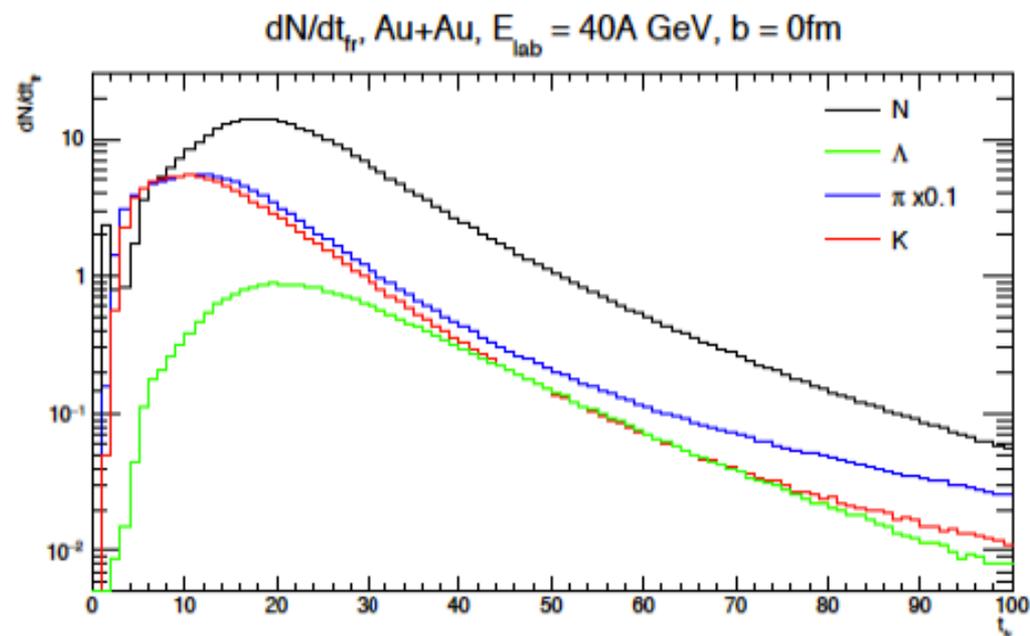


Figure 3:  $dN/dt_{fr}$  for all space and for central cell.

# Au+Au, $E_{lab}=10A$ GeV, $b = 0$ fm, all space

	All y						$ y  < 1$					
	$t$ , fm/c	$ x ,  y $ , fm	$ z $ , fm	$T$ , MeV	$\mu_b$ , MeV	$\mu_s$ , MeV	$t$ , fm/c	$ x ,  y $ , fm	$ z $ , fm	$T$ , MeV	$\mu_b$ , MeV	$\mu_s$ , MeV
All	18.0	4.7	6.4	112.4	473.1	72.1	18.1	4.9	5.3	110.6	492.3	70.8
p	19.7	4.7	7.2	108.6	478.1	63.0	19.6	4.9	5.7	101.9	524.5	72.5
$\bar{p}$	19.1	5.9	7.8	109.0	459.1	64.5	18.3	6.4	5.8	106.1	462.1	66.6
$\Lambda$	24.6	5.5	8.1	90.4	539.8	50.4	24.4	5.7	7.1	92.2	532.3	49.4
$\bar{\Lambda}$	23.3	6.6	8.6	98.2	487.0	58.0	22.7	6.8	7.2	96.4	497.4	54.1
$\Sigma$	20.4	4.7	6.4	105.0	496.4	56.8	20.3	4.8	5.7	101.9	524.5	72.5
$\bar{\Sigma}$	20.0	5.5	7.5	106.3	472.7	62.3	19.5	5.7	6.4	104.0	489.4	62.4
$\pi$	16.9	4.7	6.1	116.8	448.5	69.0	17.0	4.9	5.1	114.6	471.2	73.4
$K$	14.4	3.7	4.4	128.1	457.4	83.5	14.4	3.9	3.8	124.8	486.1	93.8
$\bar{K}$	20.9	5.3	7.1	102.9	486.2	59.9	20.8	5.5	6.1	101.0	500.6	64.8

Table 1: Average coordinates of freezeout and  $T$ ,  $\mu_b$ ,  $\mu_s$  at this coordinates.

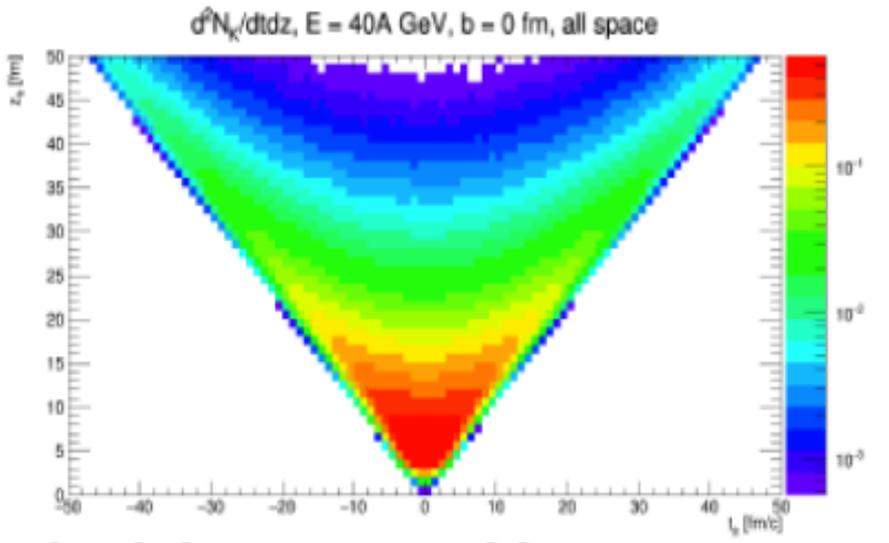
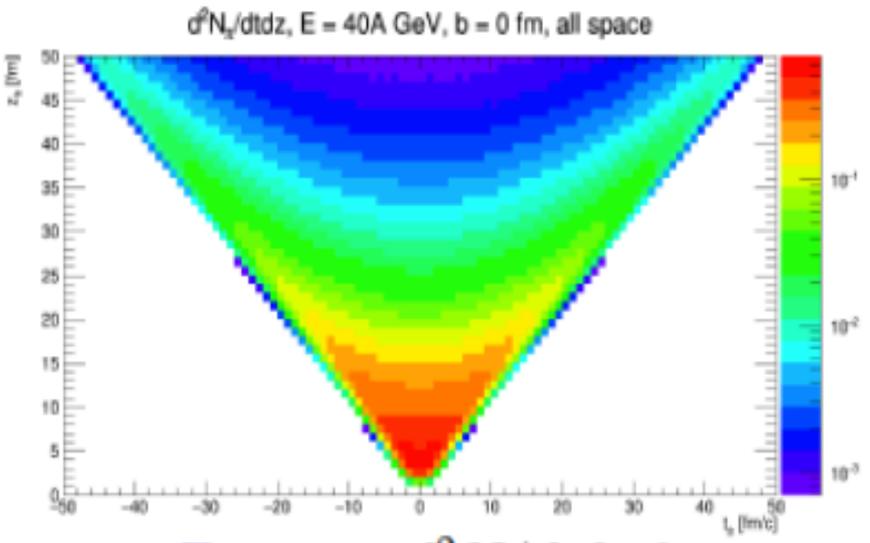
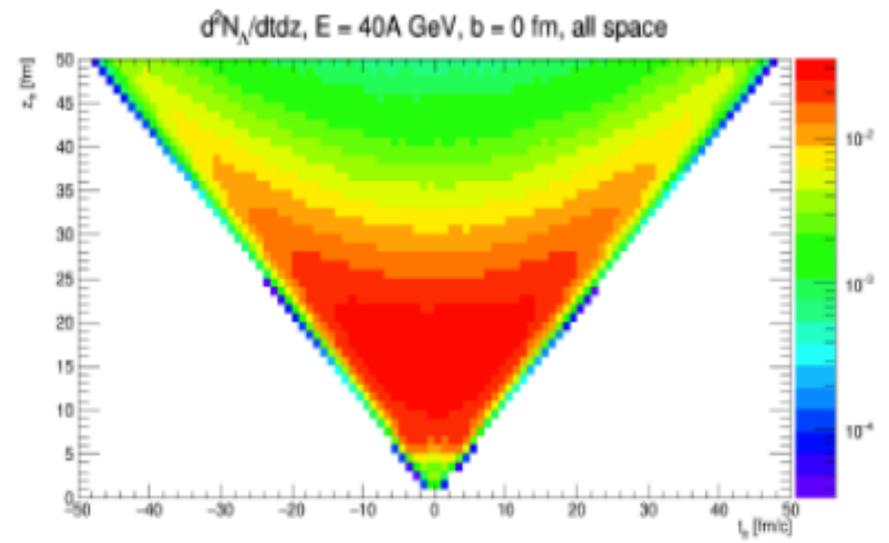
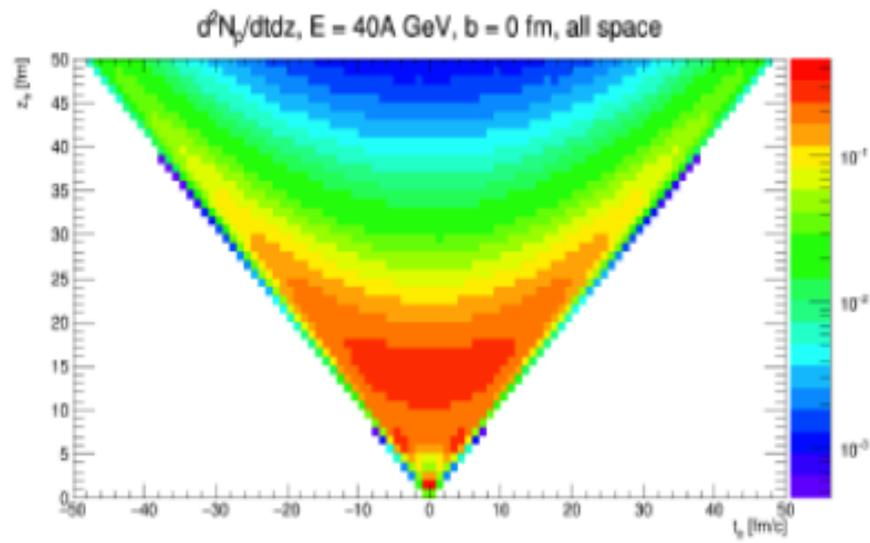
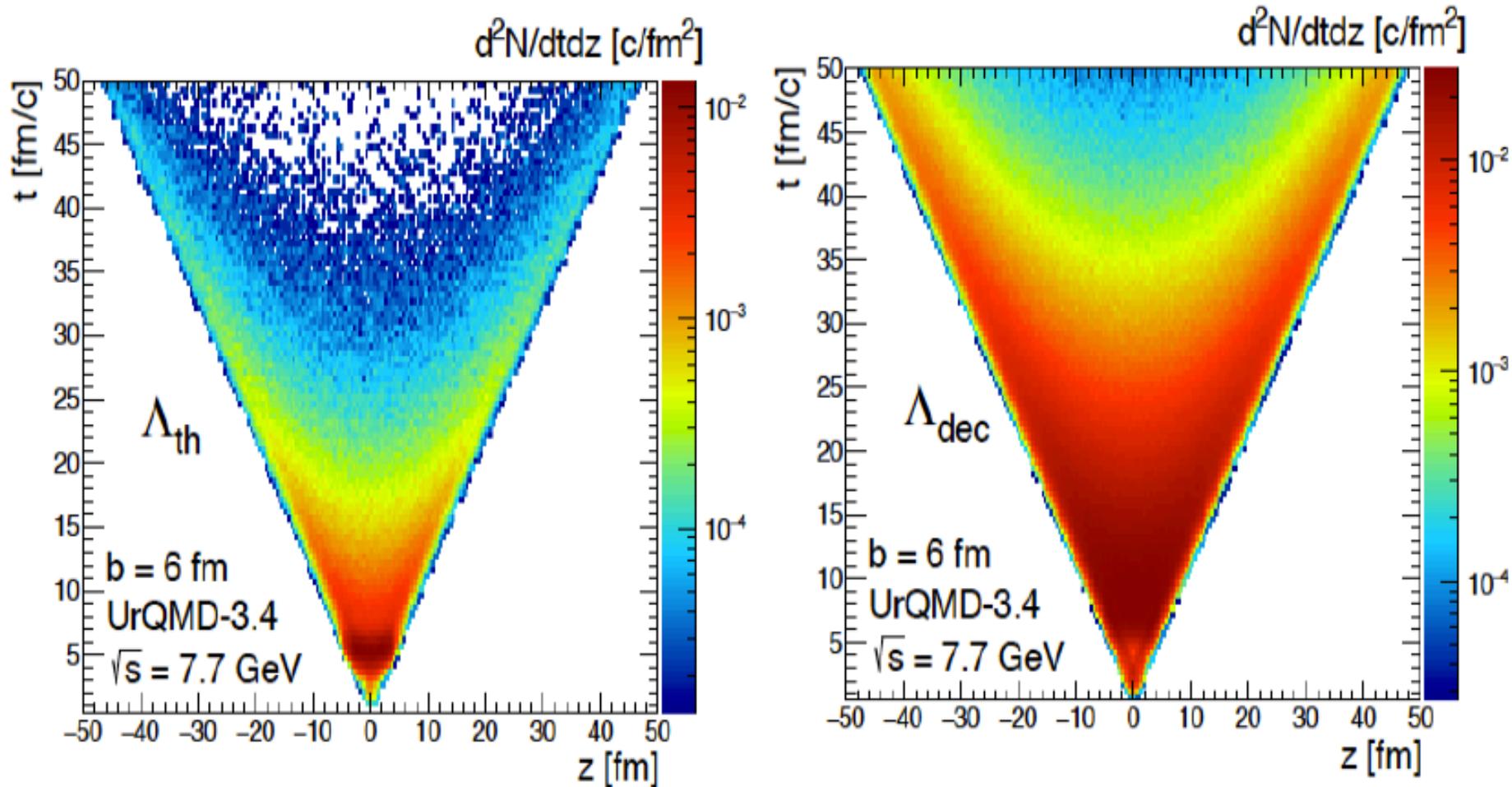


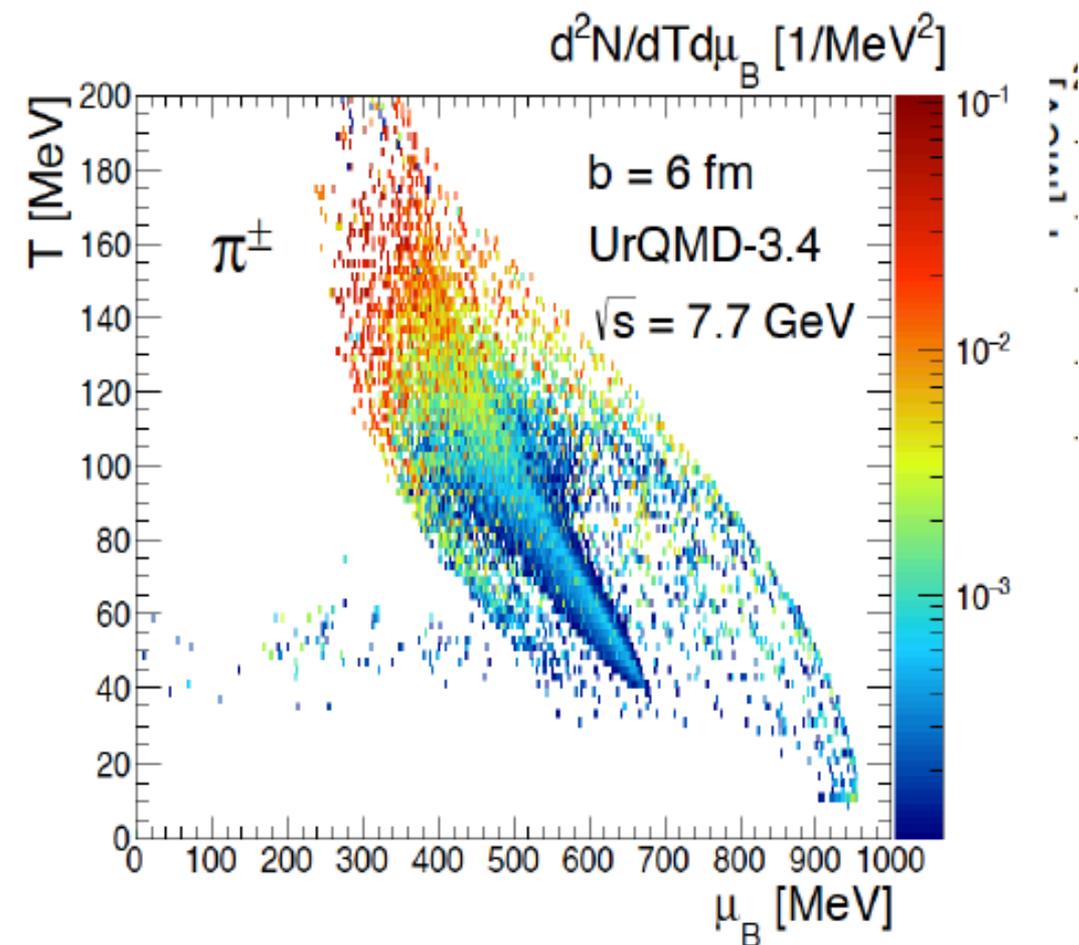
Figure 4:  $d^2N/dtdz$  for protons, lambdas, pions and kaons.

# Freeze-out

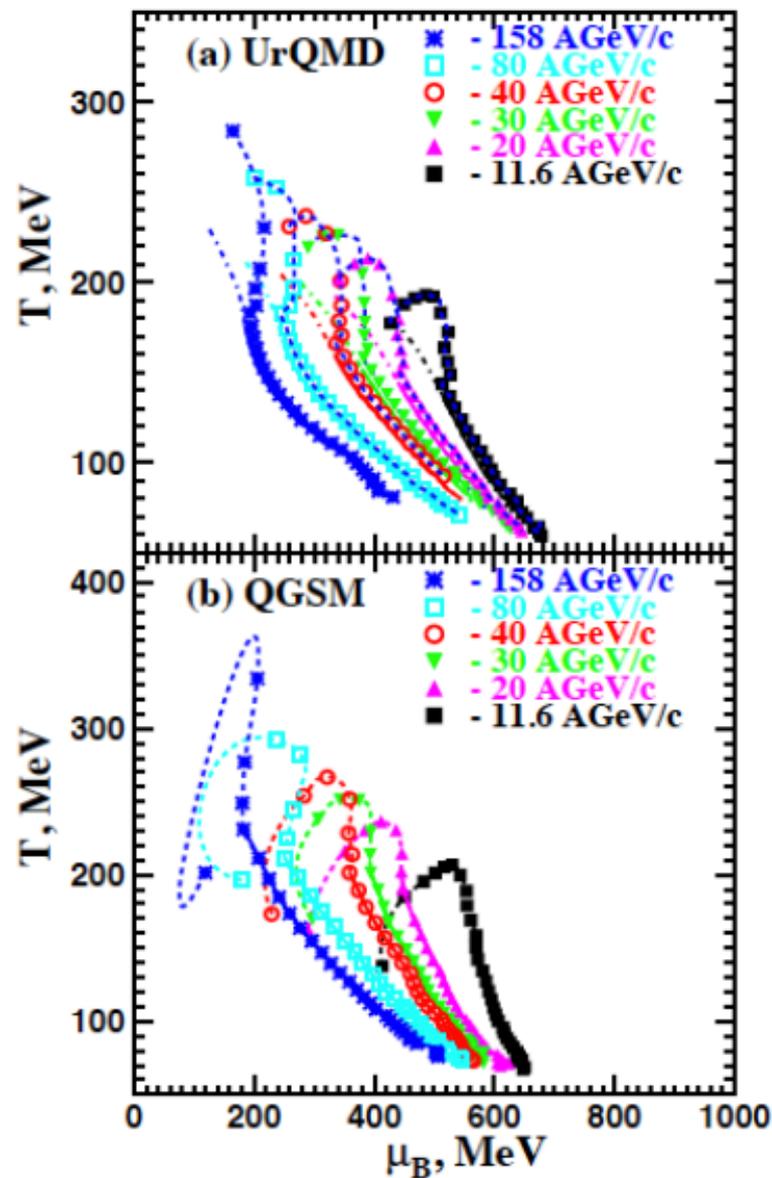


$d^2N/dtdz$  distribution of the final state hadrons over their formation point in  $(t, z)$  plane at  $\sqrt{s} = 7.7$  GeV (left),  $\sqrt{s} = 19.6$  GeV (right),  $b = 6$  fm.

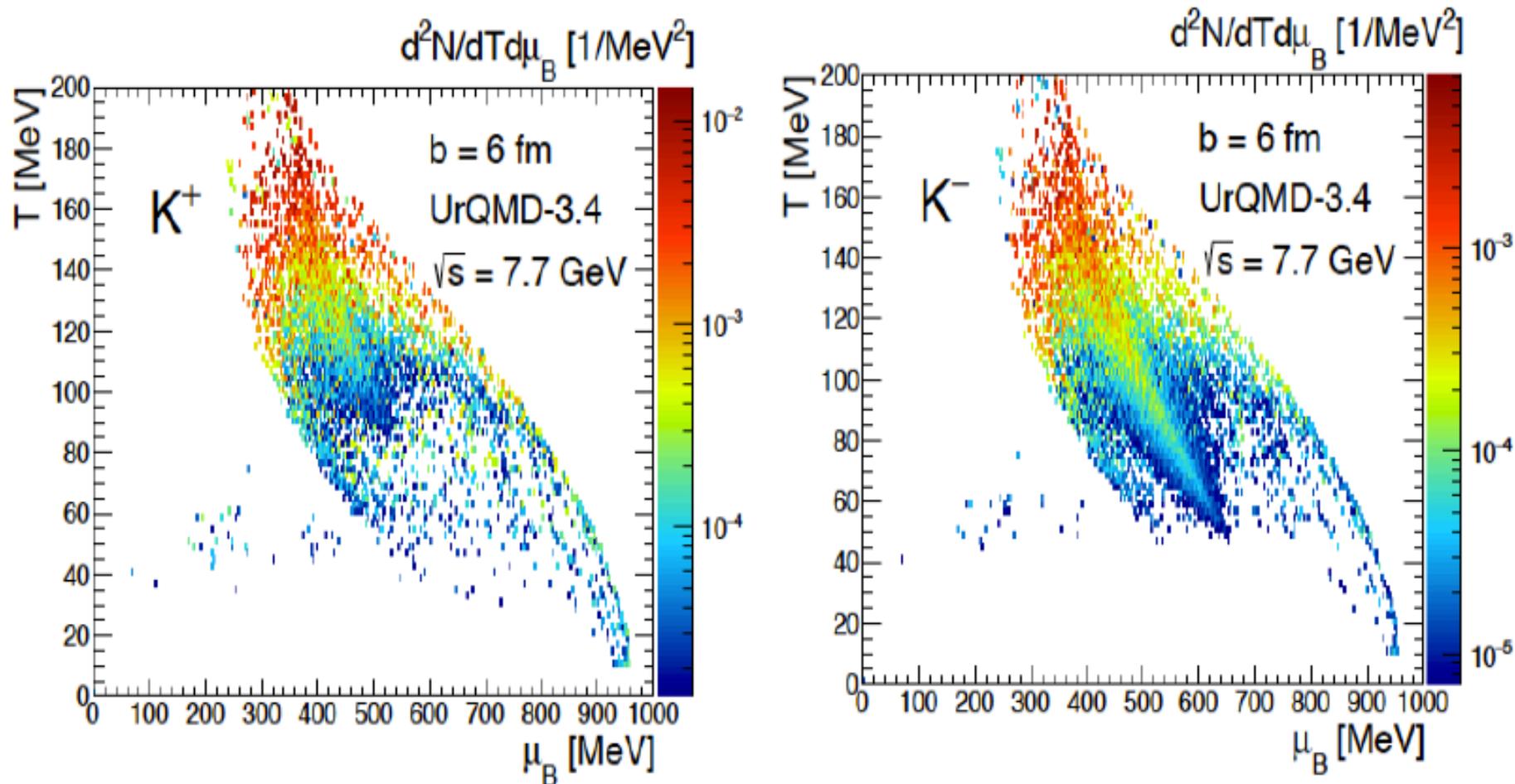
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$d^2N/dTd\mu_B$  distribution of the final state hadrons  
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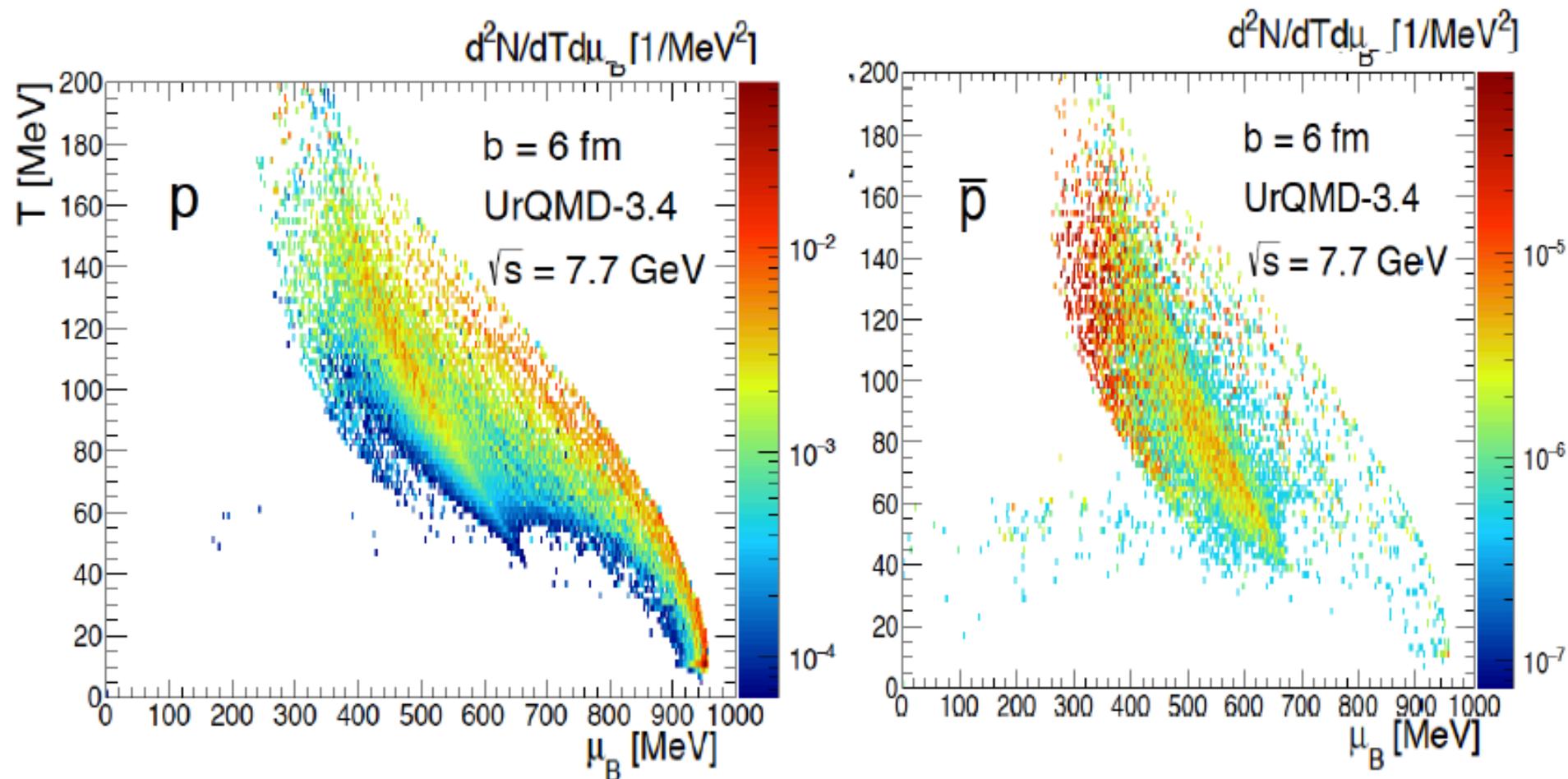


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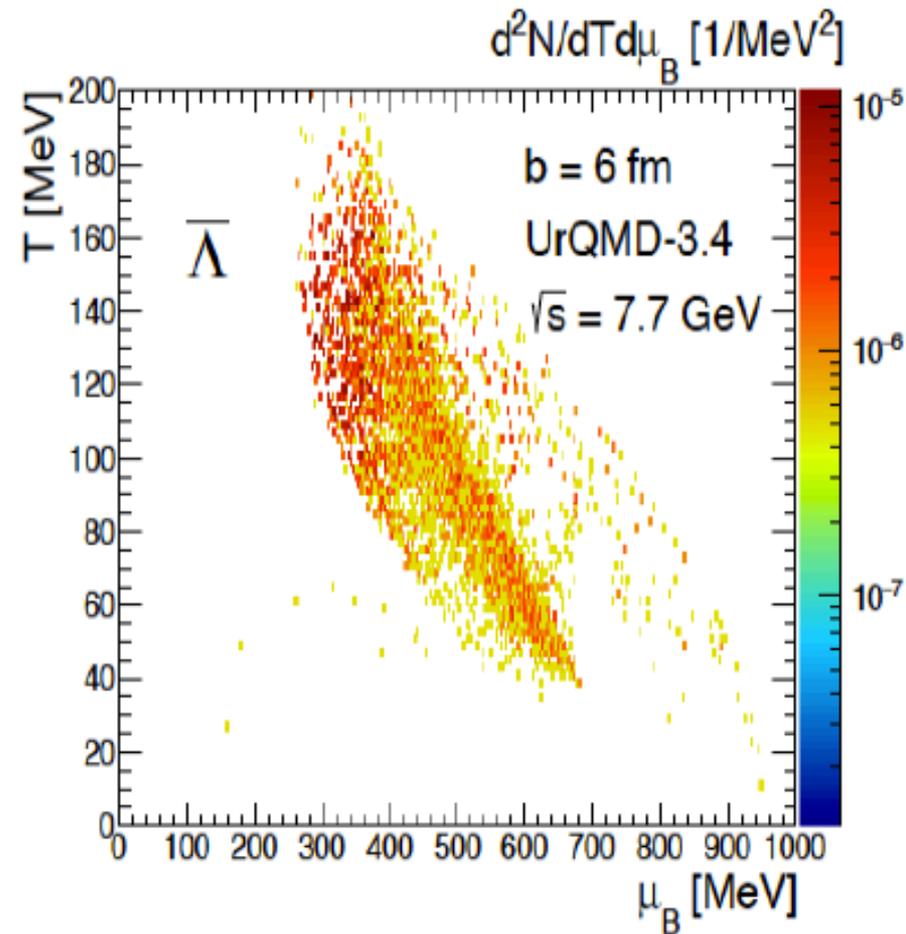
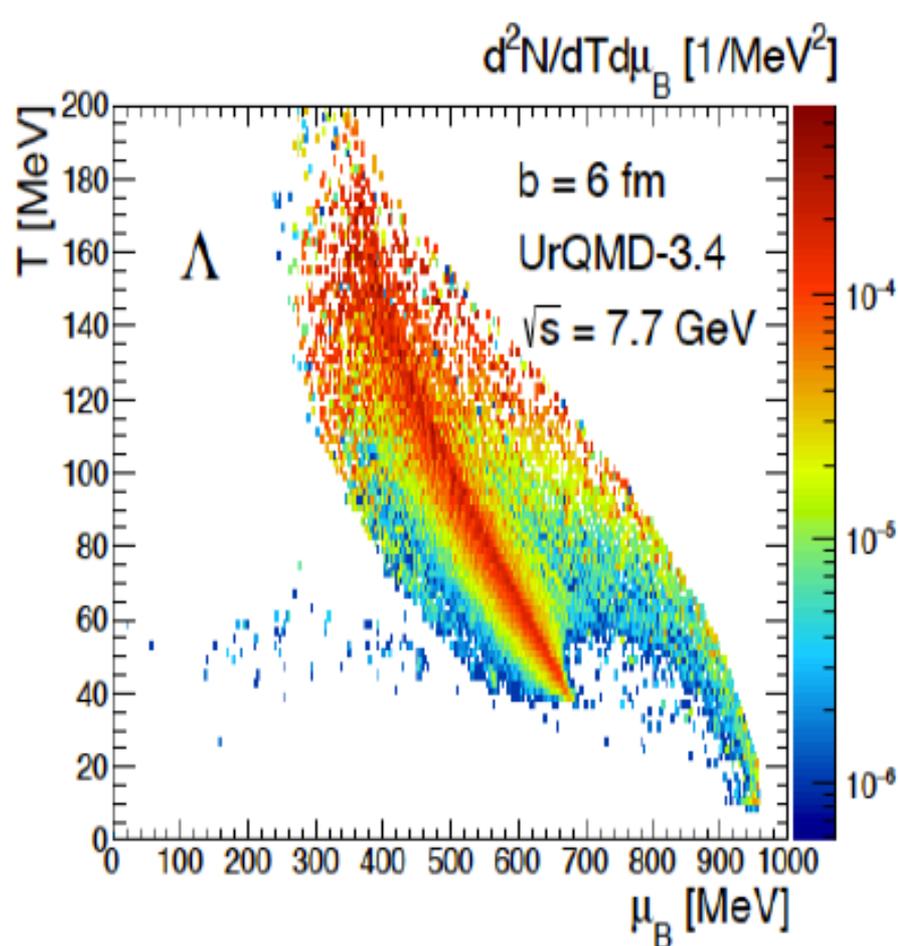
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$d^2N/dT d\mu_B$  distribution of the final state hadrons over their formation point in  $(T, \mu_B)$  plane at  $\sqrt{s} = 7.7$  GeV,  $b = 6$  fm.

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# **Consequences of the different space-time freeze-out: - Differences in yields in SM**

**L.Bravina et al, Springer Proceedings  
in Physics, vol. 250 (2020) p. 215**

## The difference between average freeze-out and freeze-out for particular species is very large

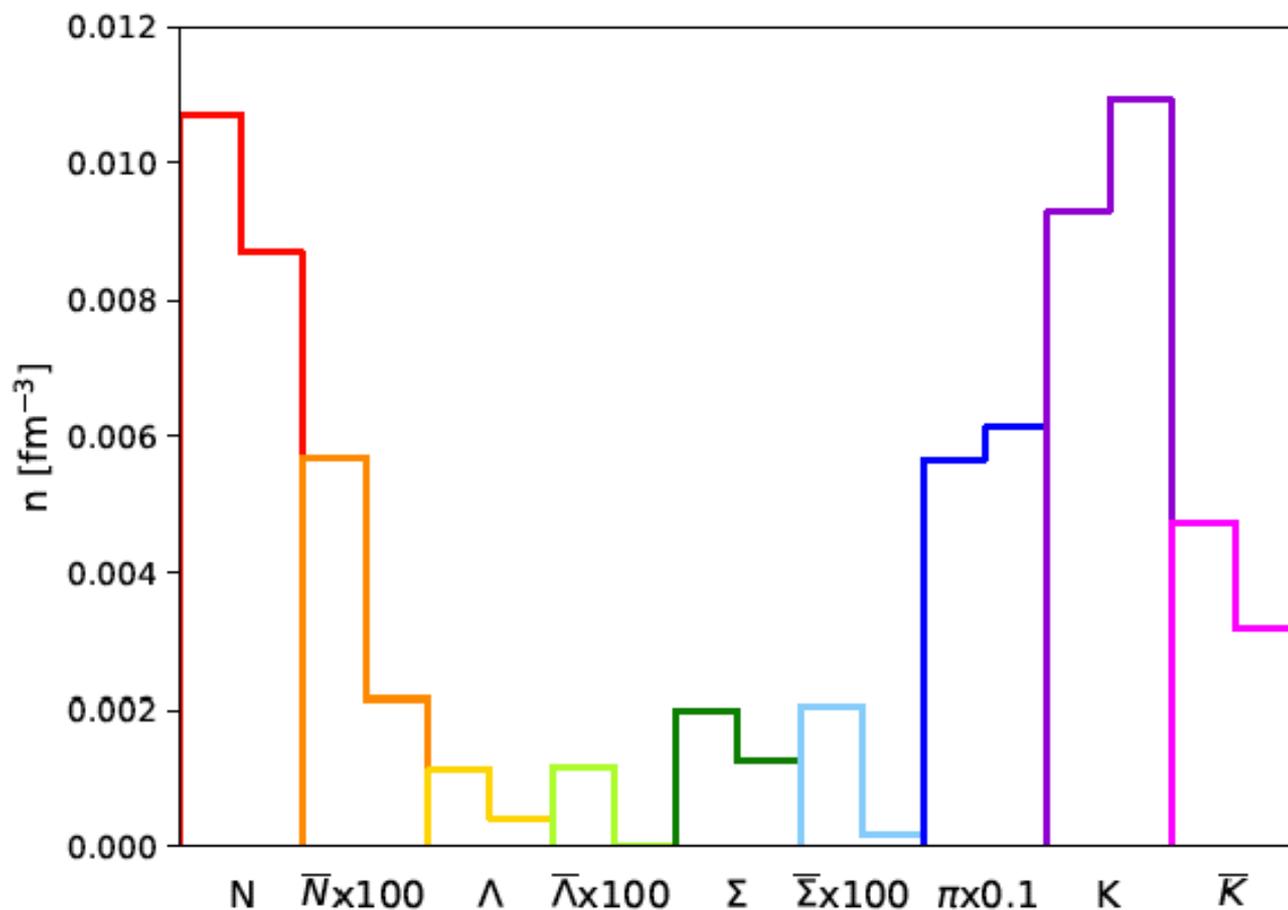


Figure 4: Particle densities at average freezeout coordinates of all particles (left column) and at freezeout coordinates of each particle type (right column) from statmodel; at average freezeout coordinates of all particles (star) and at freezeout coordinates of each particle type (pentagon) from UrQMD.  $E = 40A$  GeV.

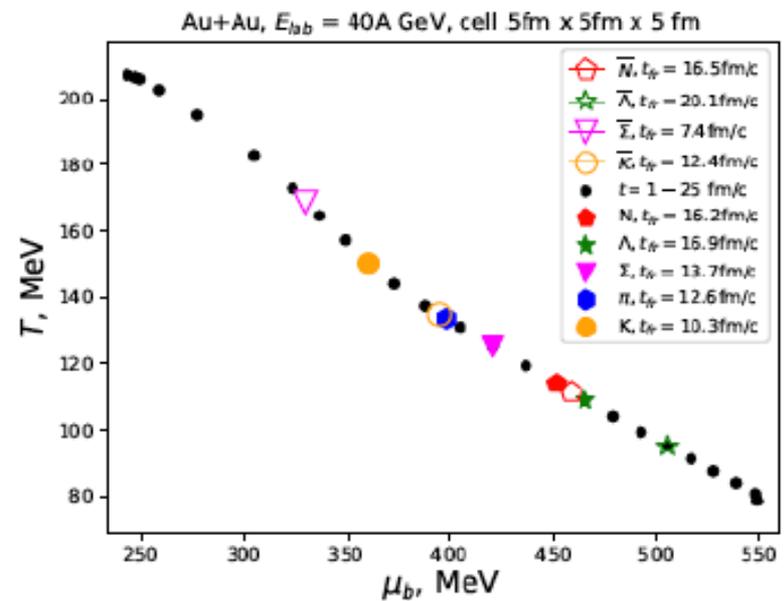
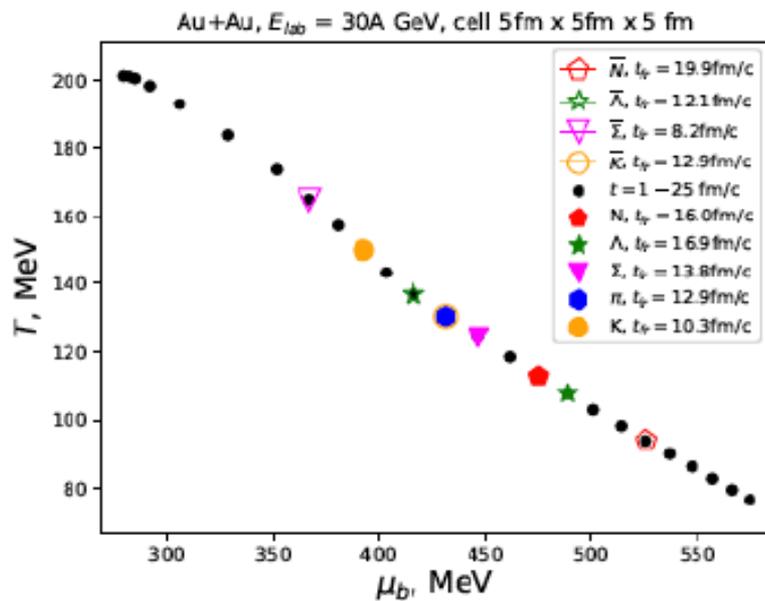
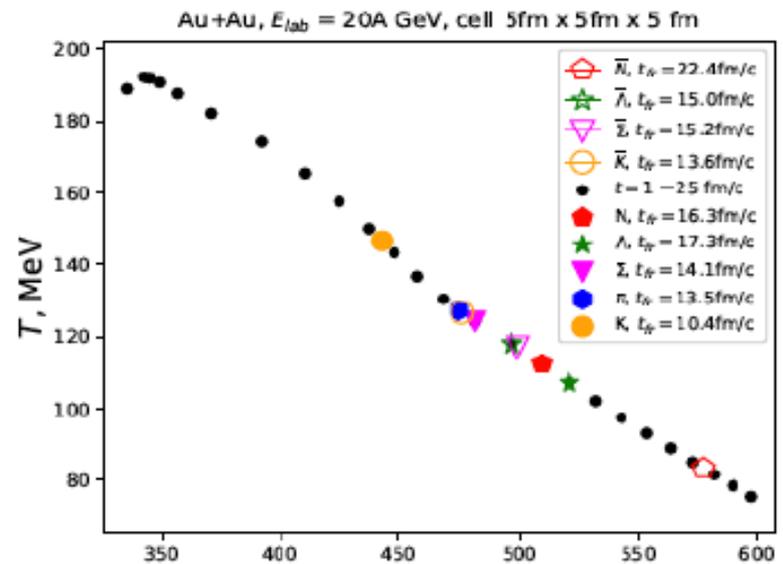
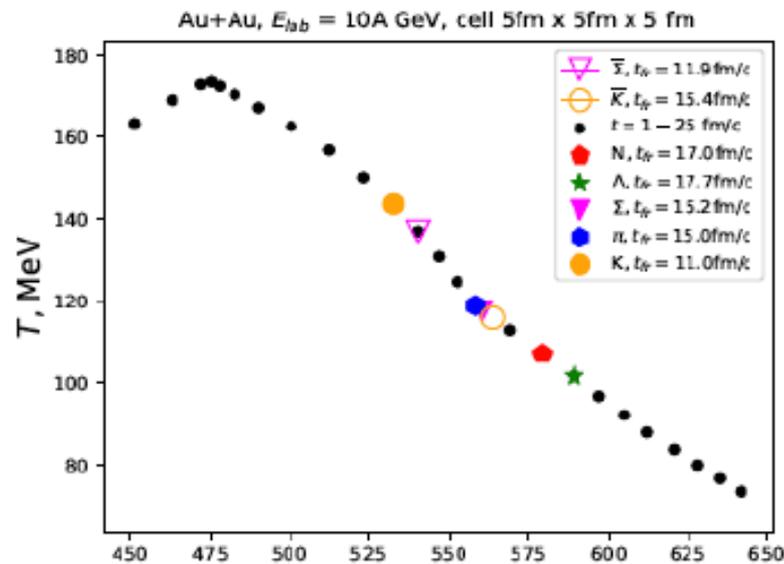


Figure 2:  $T(\mu_B)$  in the central cell. Average freezeout times of different particles in the central cell are marked by colored markers.

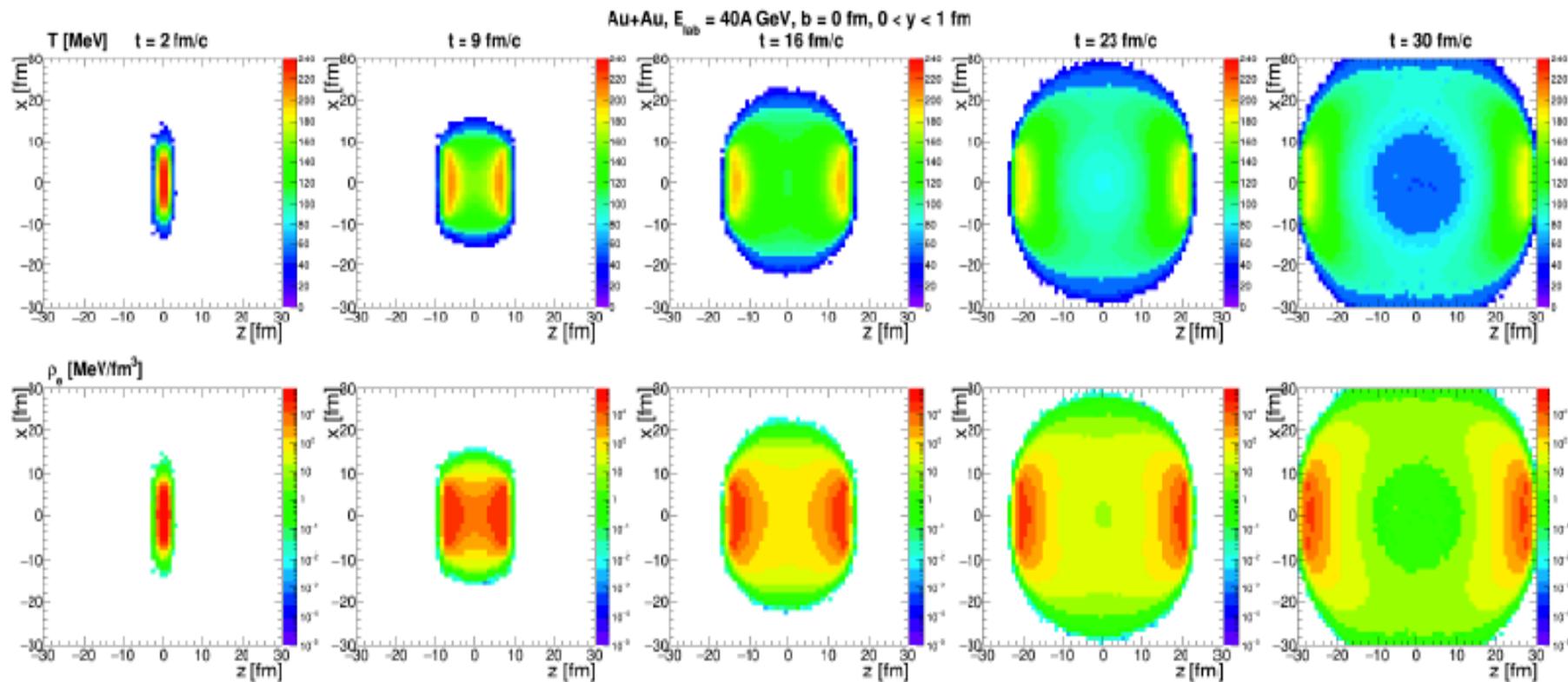


Figure 5:  $T$  and  $\epsilon$  spatial distributions.

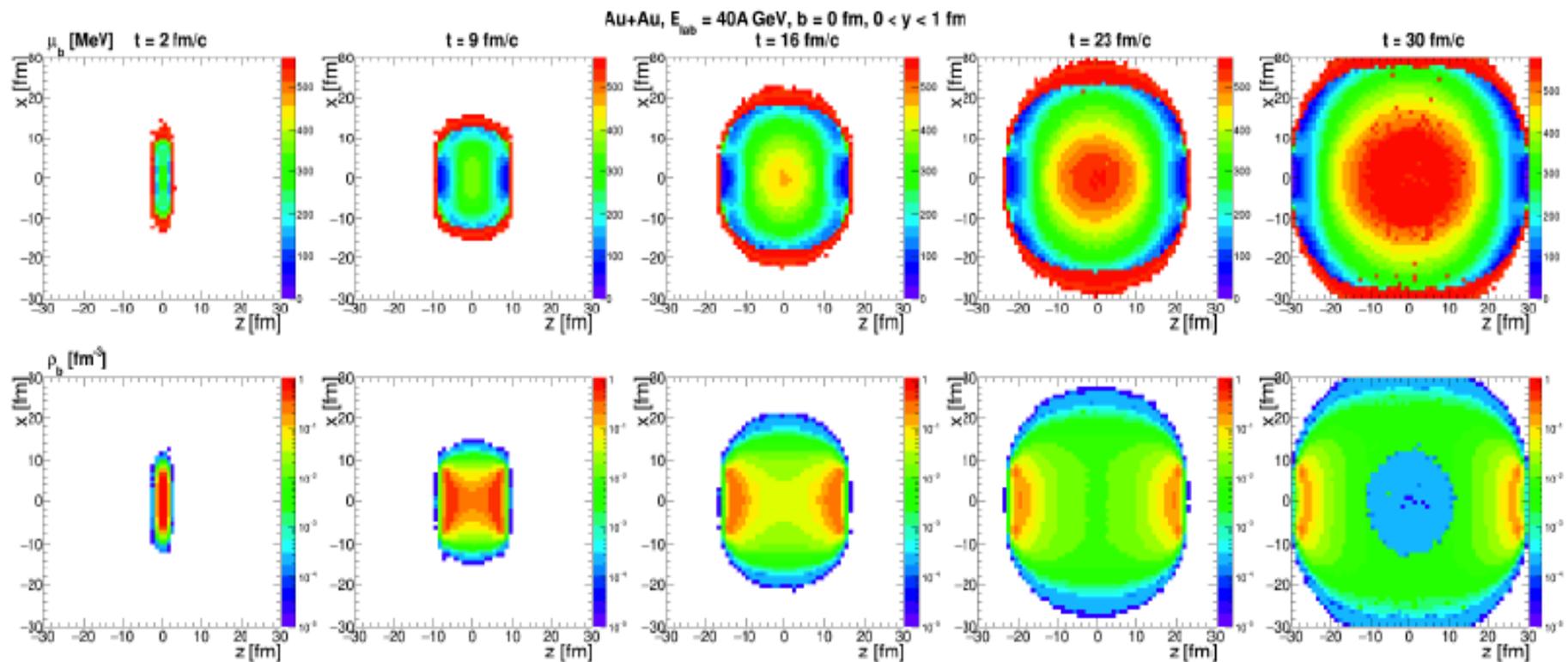


Figure 6:  $\mu_b$  and  $\rho_b$  spatial distributions.

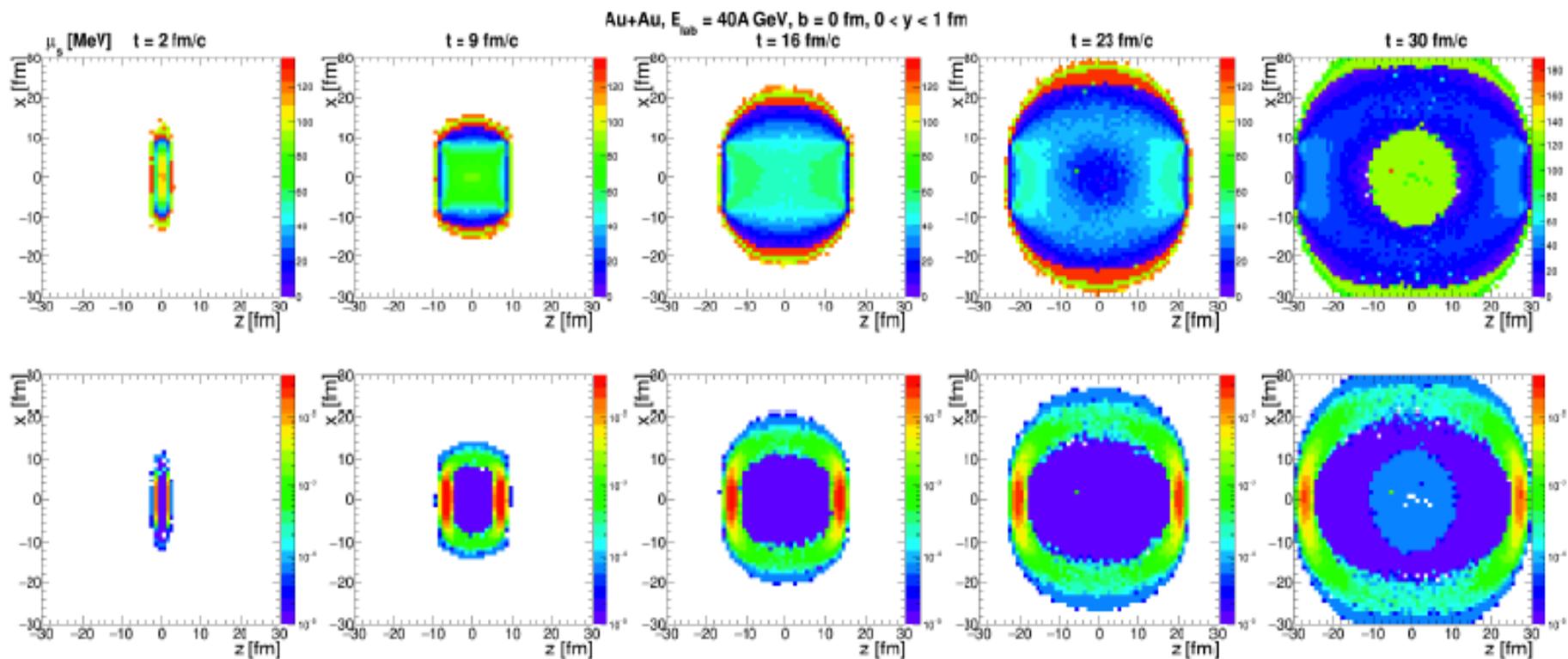
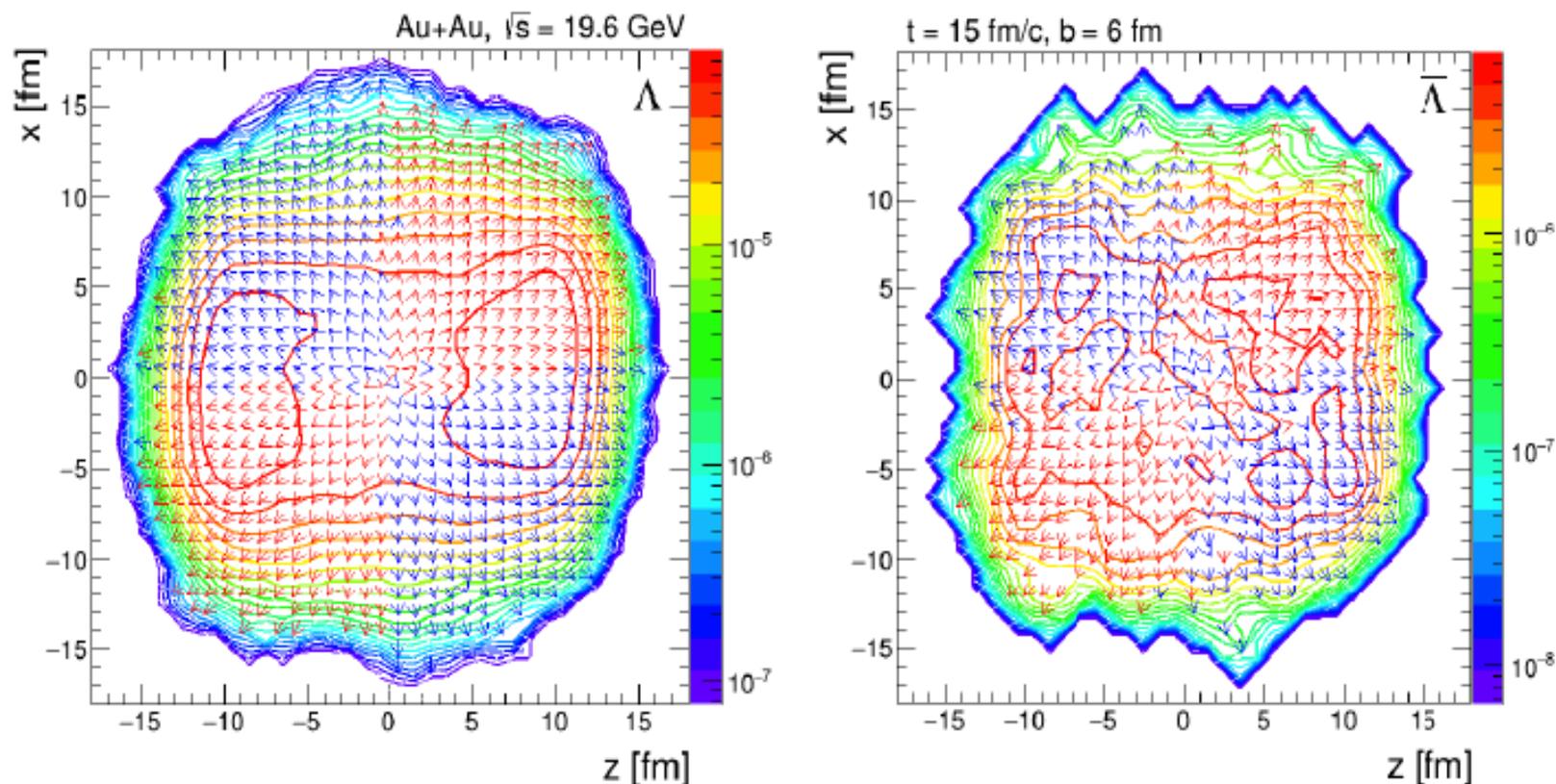


Figure 7:  $\mu_s$  and  $\rho_s$  spatial distributions.

**Consequences of the different  
space-time freeze-out:  
- Directed flow**

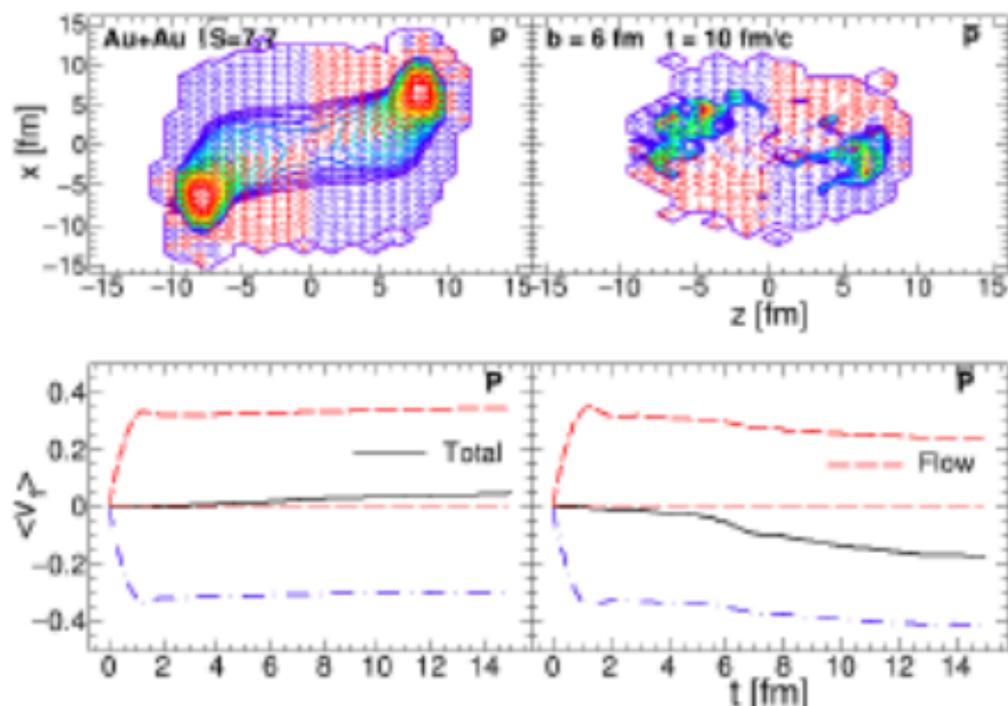
**L.B. et al., Universe 5 (2019) 3, 69**

# Space distribution of Lambdas



At  $\sqrt{s} = 19.6$  GeV  $\Lambda$  are mostly located near hot and dense regions and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  are distributed more uniformly near system center.

# Space distribution of Lambdas



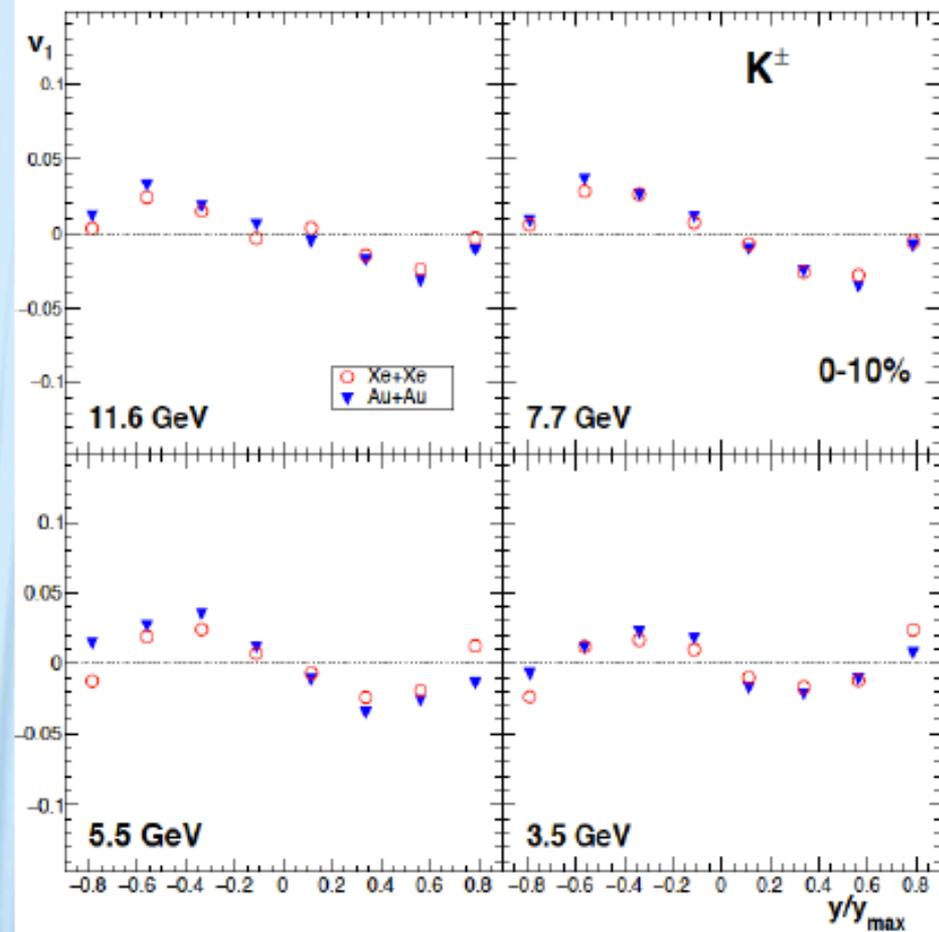
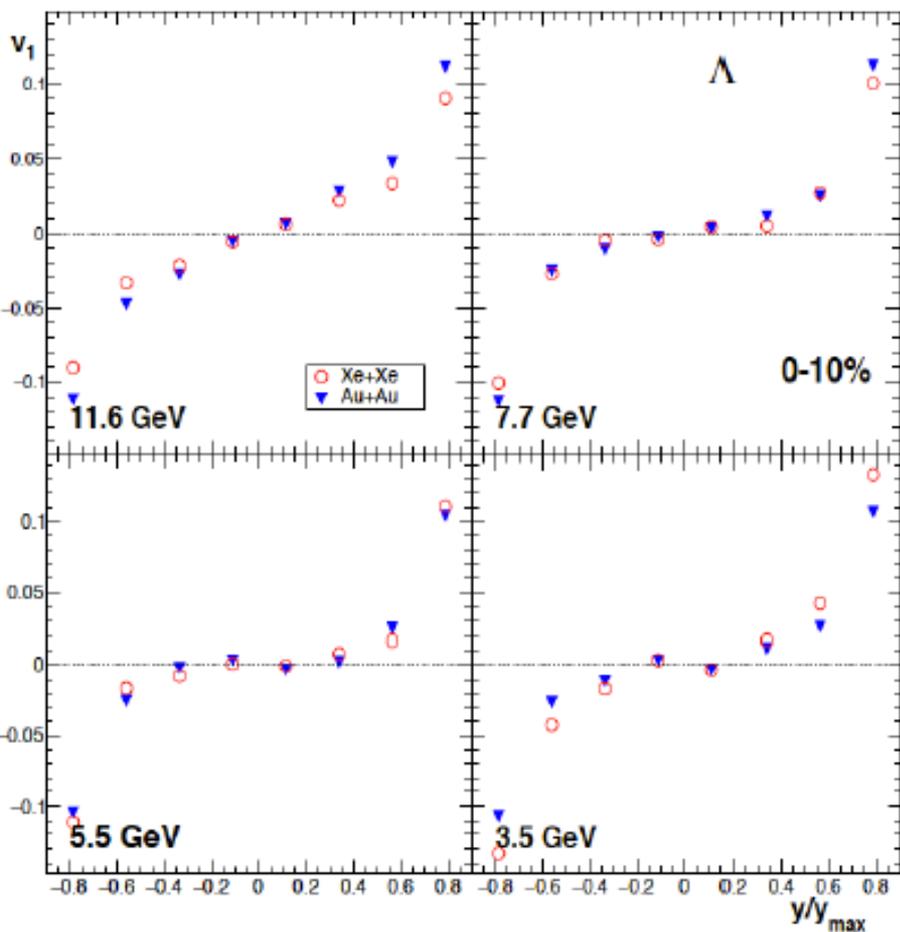
At low energies  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  are produced and emitted from the same regions as protons and antiprotons respectively.  $\Lambda$ 's are concentrated also near hot and dense spectators, whereas  $\bar{\Lambda}$ 's are mostly produced in central region.

Mean flow is calculated as:

$$\langle v_1 \rangle = \int \text{sign}(y) v_1(y) \frac{dN^{\text{par}}}{dy} dy / \int \frac{dN^{\text{par}}}{dy} dy$$

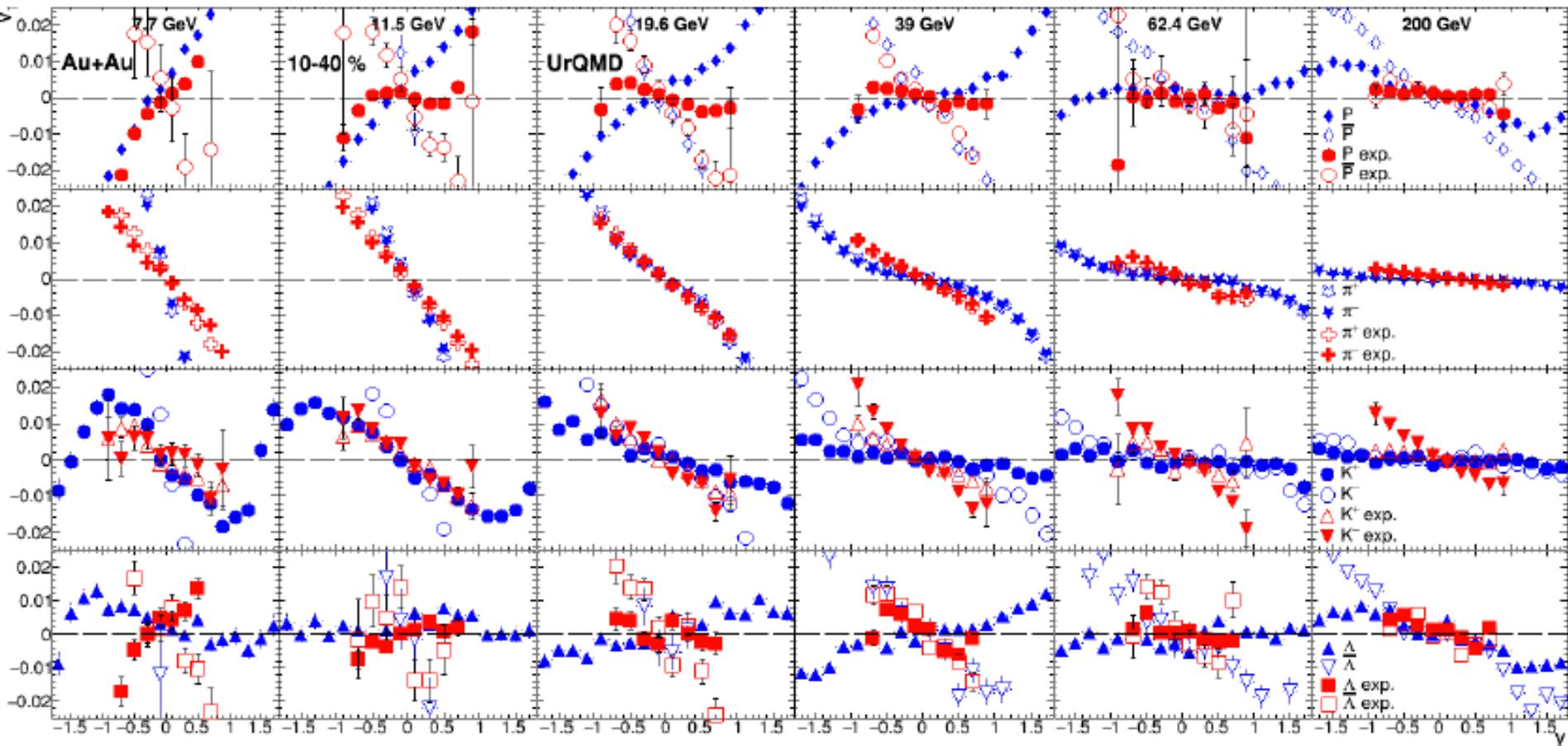
Collective velocities are shown on the picture to demonstrate that particles which have positive product of velocities  $v_x v_z$  produce normal component of flow and particles with  $v_x v_z < 0$  produce anti-flow component of directed flow. [Bravina et al, EPJ Web of Conferences 191, 05004 (2018)]

# Directed flow for Lambdas and kaons



$V_1$  for  $\Lambda$  changes sign at midrapidity with decreasing collision energy, whereas  $V_1$  for kaons has negative slope (antiflow)

# Different slopes of different particles: URQMD and Data

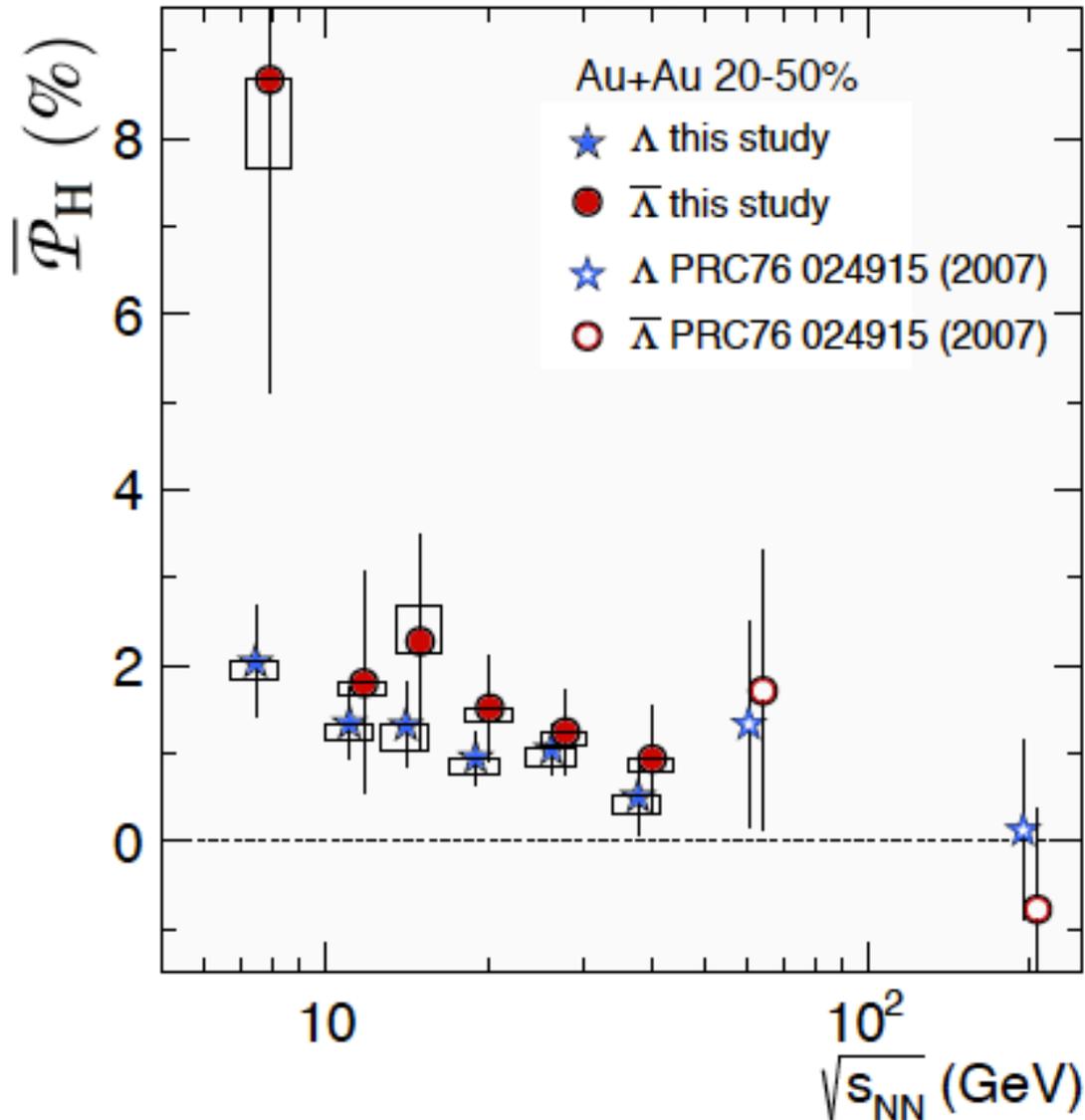


**Consequences of the different  
space-time freeze-out:  
- Difference in Polarization  
for lambdas and antilambdas**

O.VITIUK ET AL SPRINGER PROCEEDINGS IN PHYSICS, VOL. 250 (2020) P. 429

**O.Vitiuk, L.B., E.Zabrodin, PLB 803 (2020) 135298**

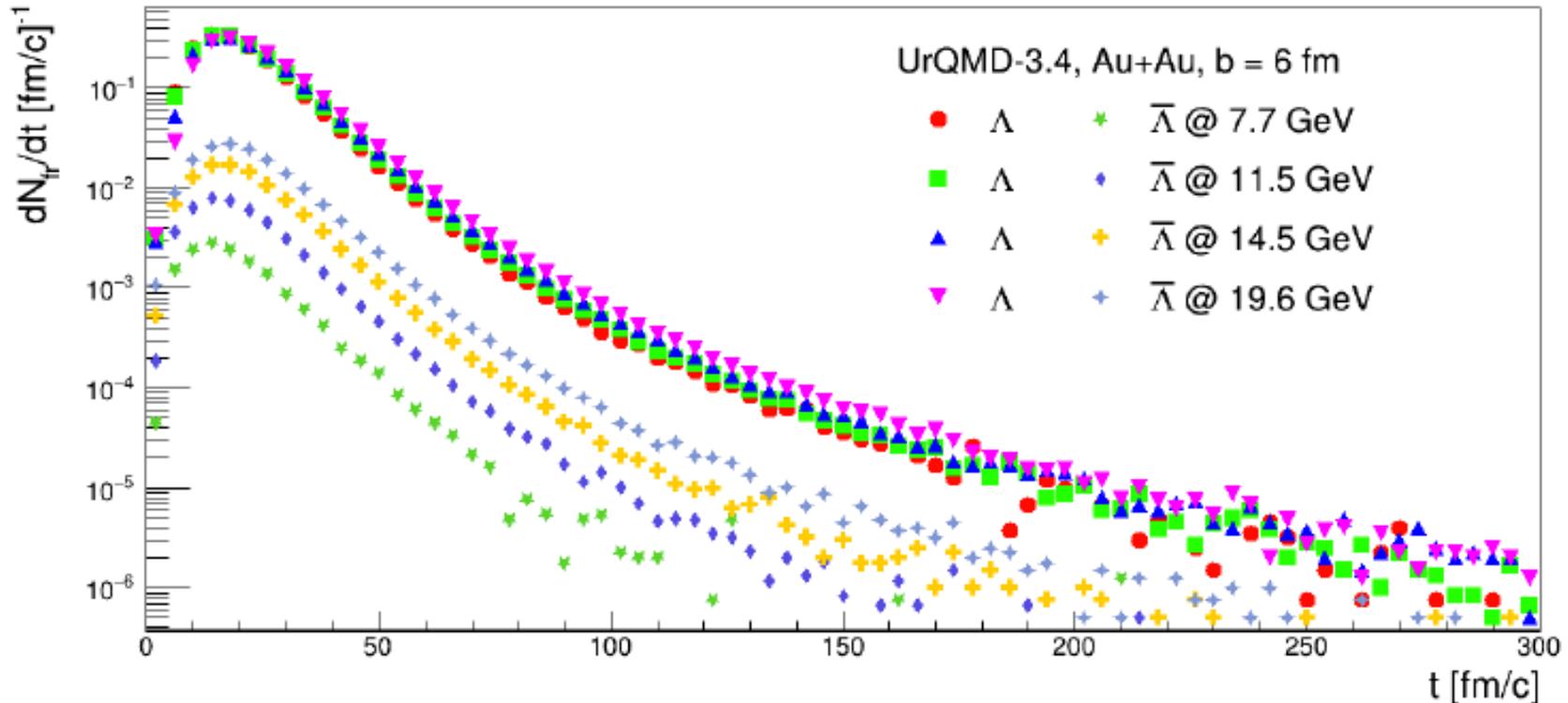
# Motivation



**“The discovery of global Lambda polarization in non-central heavy ion collisions opens new directions in the study of the hottest, least viscous - and now, most vortical - fluid ever produced in the laboratory.”**

STAR Collaboration,  
Nature 548 (2017) 62

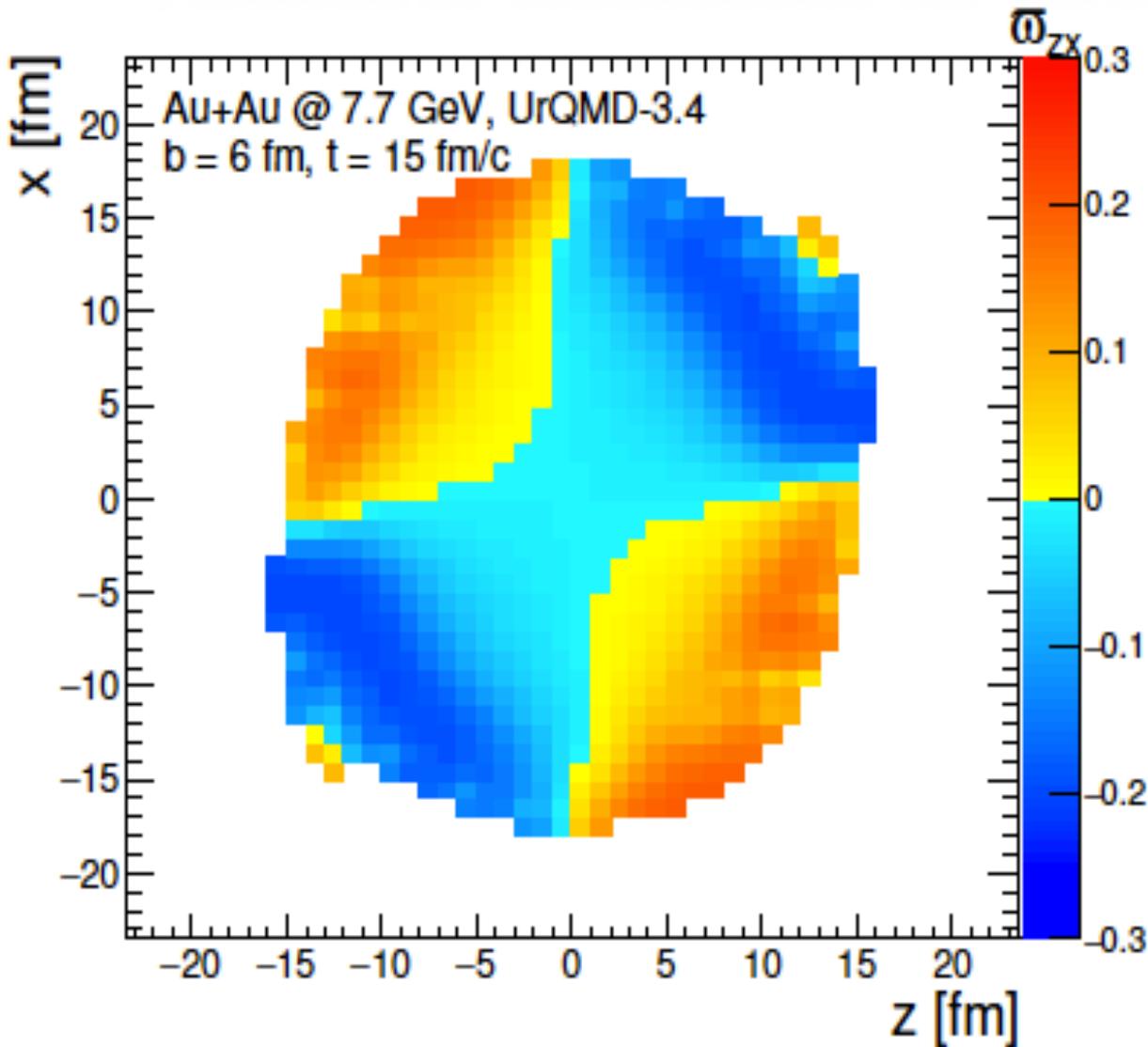
# Freeze-out of hyperons



$\Lambda$ 's and  $\bar{\Lambda}$ 's with  $|y| < 1$  and  $0.2 < p_t < 3$  GeV/c were analyzed.

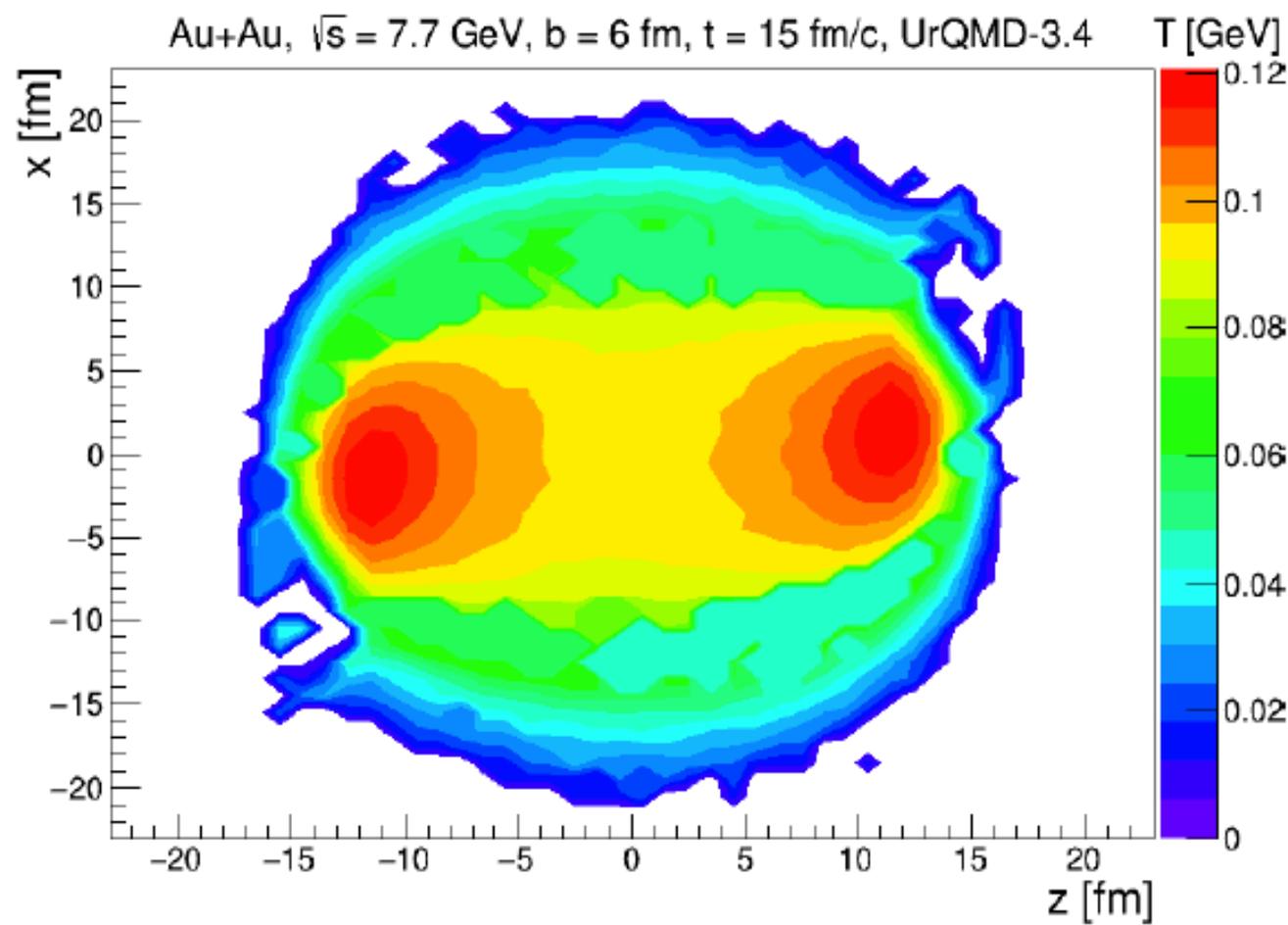
$\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	7.7	11.5	14.5	19.6
Mean freeze-out time $\Lambda$ [fm/c]	21.3009	21.9568	23.066	24.3462
Mean freeze-out time $\bar{\Lambda}$ [fm/c]	19.7806	21.0302	21.959	23.1288

# Thermal vorticity in reaction plane



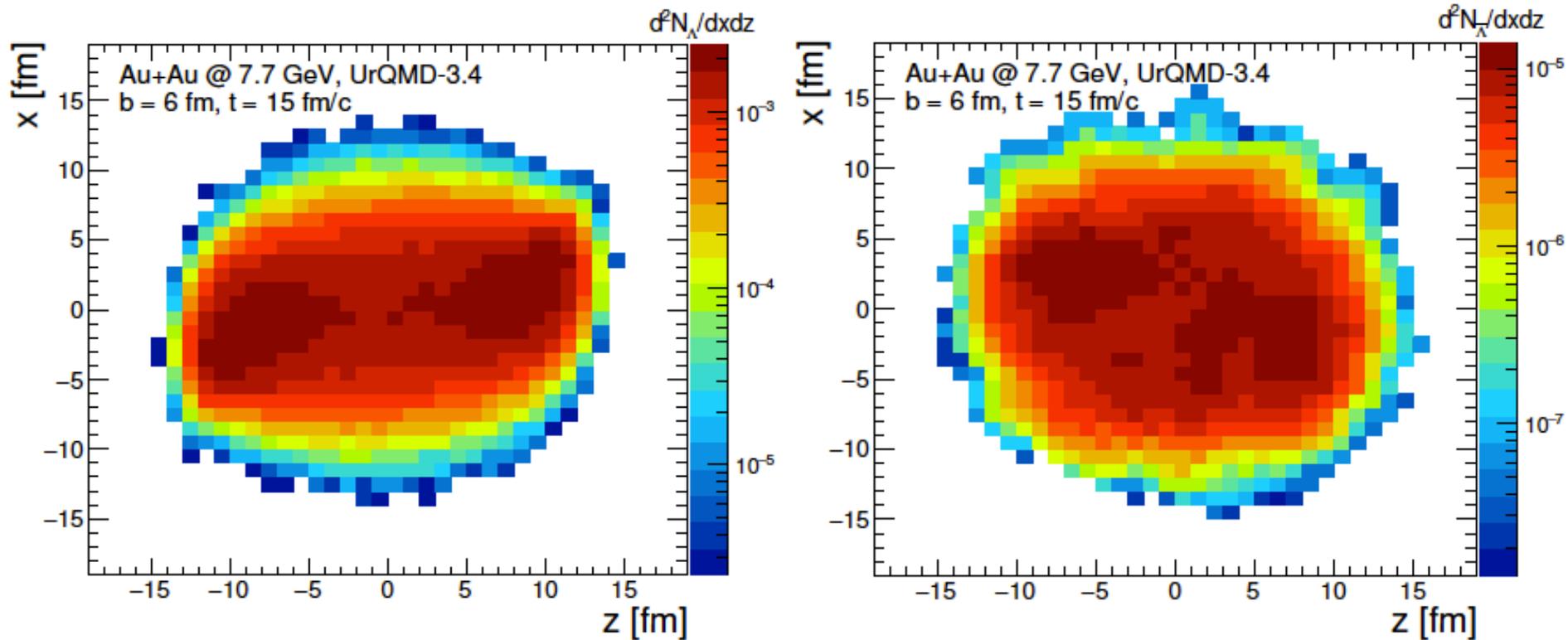
Thermal vorticity component  $\omega_{zx}$  has quadrupole structure in the reaction plane. The value of  $\omega_{zx}$  decreases with the expansion of the system. The first and third quadrants are associated with a central region with a slight negative vorticity. This connecting part becomes smaller as the energy of the colliding nuclei increases.

# Proper Temperature



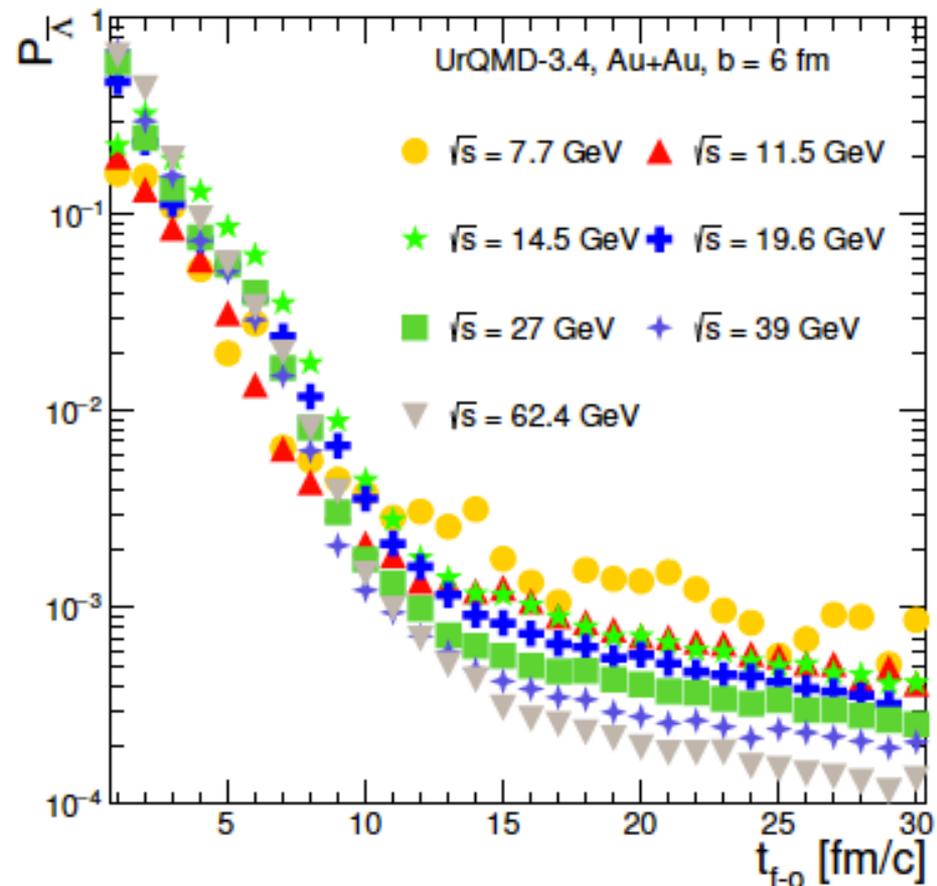
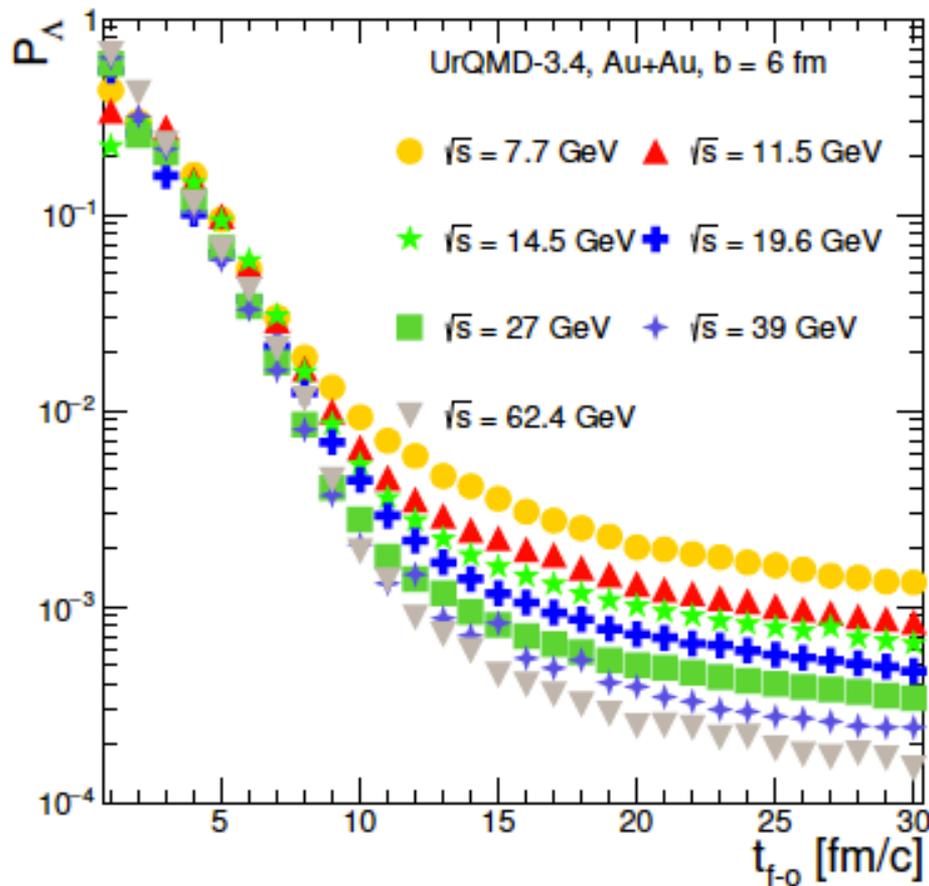
Temperature extracted with statistical model is not uniform. There are two main regions. More hot regions with  $T \simeq 100$  MeV are connected to dense spectators. The other part is related to fireball with temperature  $\simeq 60$  MeV.

# Spatial distribution of $\Lambda$ and anti- $\Lambda$



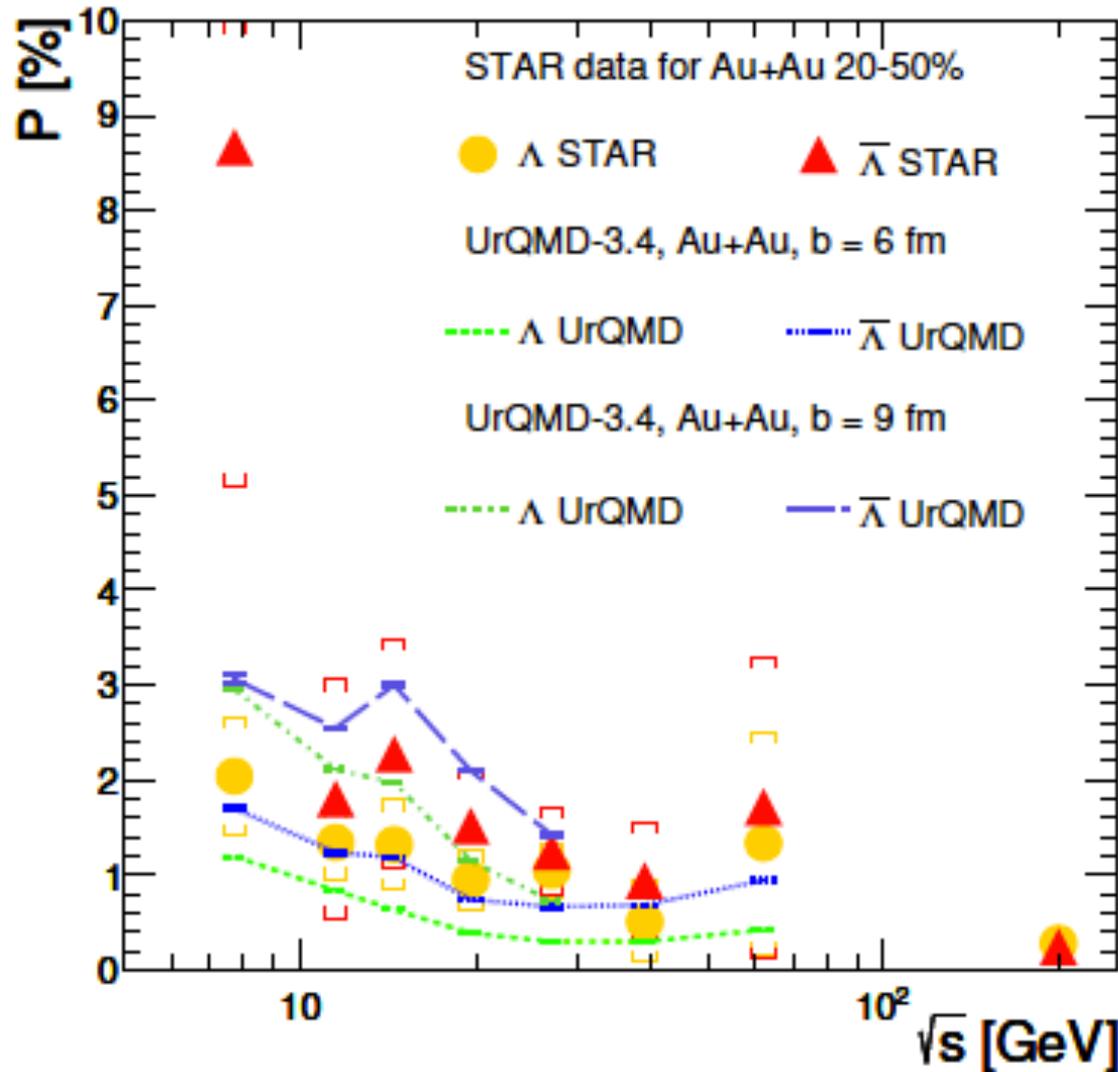
At  $\sqrt{s} = 7.7$  GeV  $\Lambda$  are mostly located near hot and dense regions and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  are distributed more uniformly near system center.

# Polarization of $\Lambda$ and anti- $\Lambda$



The polarization of both hyperons decreases with time. In the early stages, Lambdas form mainly in hot and dense areas with high polarization. The polarization of the (anti-) Lambdas formed after  $t = 10$  fm /c is close to zero.

# Energy dependence of global polarization of $\Lambda$ and anti- $\Lambda$

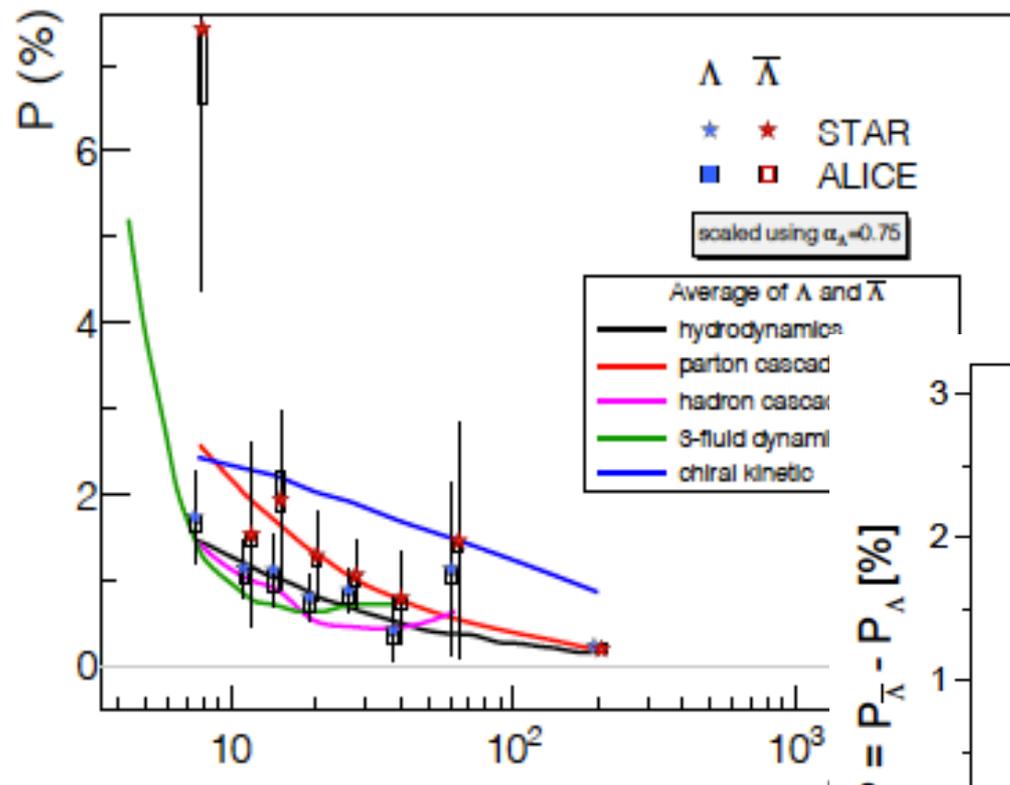


The difference between the global polarization of both hyperons is due to

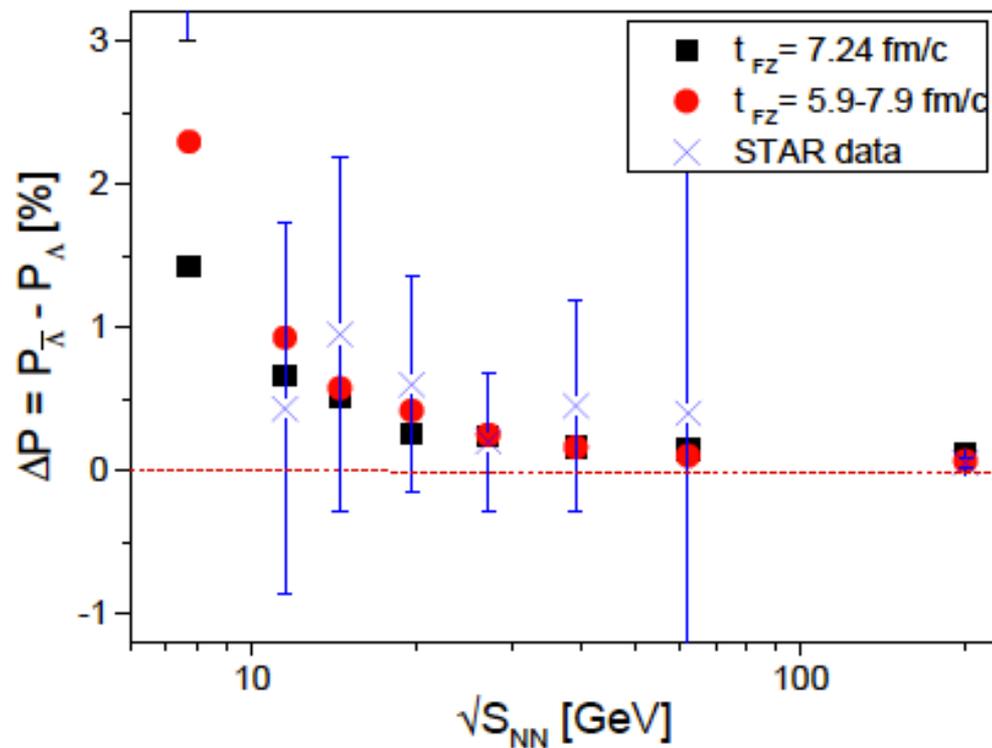
- (1) different space-time distributions of Lambdas and anti-Lambdas and
- (2) different thermal vorticity in the freeze-out regions of both hyperons.

Data: STAR Collaboration,  
PRC 98 (2018) 014910

# Comparison with other models



Y.Xie, G.Chen, L.P.Csernai,  
EPJC 81 (2021) 12



F.Becattini and M.A.Lisa,  
Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci.  
70 (2020) 395

# IV. Cross-over between phase and space freeze-out (in collaboration with Yu. Sinyukov et al)

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**SPATIOTEMPORAL STRUCTURE OF THE PION EMISSION IN AU+AU COLLISIONS AT  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19.6$  GEV IN THE URQMD MODEL**

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# Correlation functions

- Charged pions were considered
- Correlation functions built as ratio of distributions with and without weight:

$$C(q_{long}, q_{out}, q_{side}) = \frac{A(q_{long}, q_{out}, q_{side}; w)}{B(q_{long}, q_{out}, q_{side})}$$

$$w = 1 + \cos(q \cdot r)$$

q - pair relative 4-momentum,

r - pair relative 4-coordinates

$q_{long}, q_{out}, q_{side}$  - in Bertsch-Pratt parametrization

- Analysed independently pion pairs with  $k_T = \frac{|\vec{p}_{T1} + \vec{p}_{T2}|}{2}$  in ranges:  
[0.05,0.15], [0.15,0.25], [0.25,0.35], [0.35,0.45], [0.45,0.55], [0.55,0.65], [0.65,0.75] GeV/c

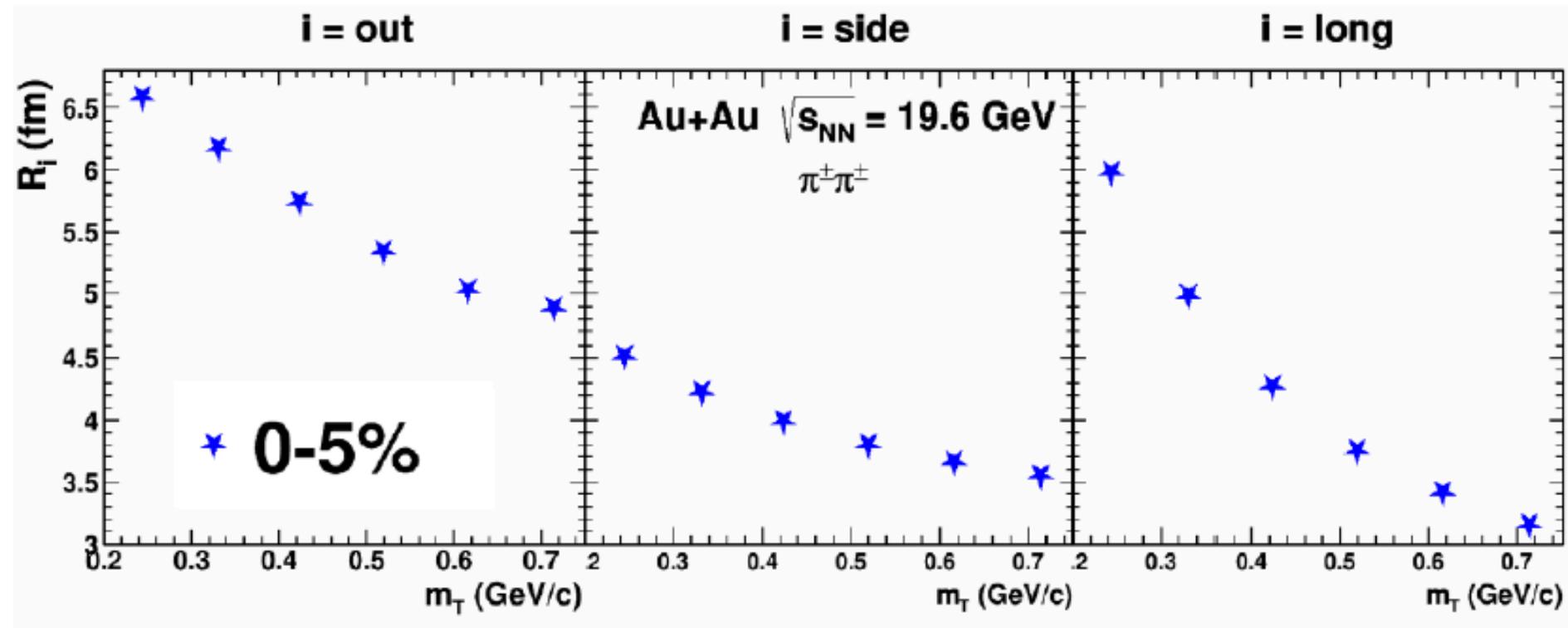
**The following transformations of relative momentum were applied:**

- Lorentz boost into the system of the pair's center of mass along the Z axis.
- Coordinate rotation according to Bertsch-Pratt parametrization:
  - Long direction - parallel to the beam (z axis)
  - Out direction - parallel to  $\vec{k}_T$
  - Side direction - perpendicular to long and out

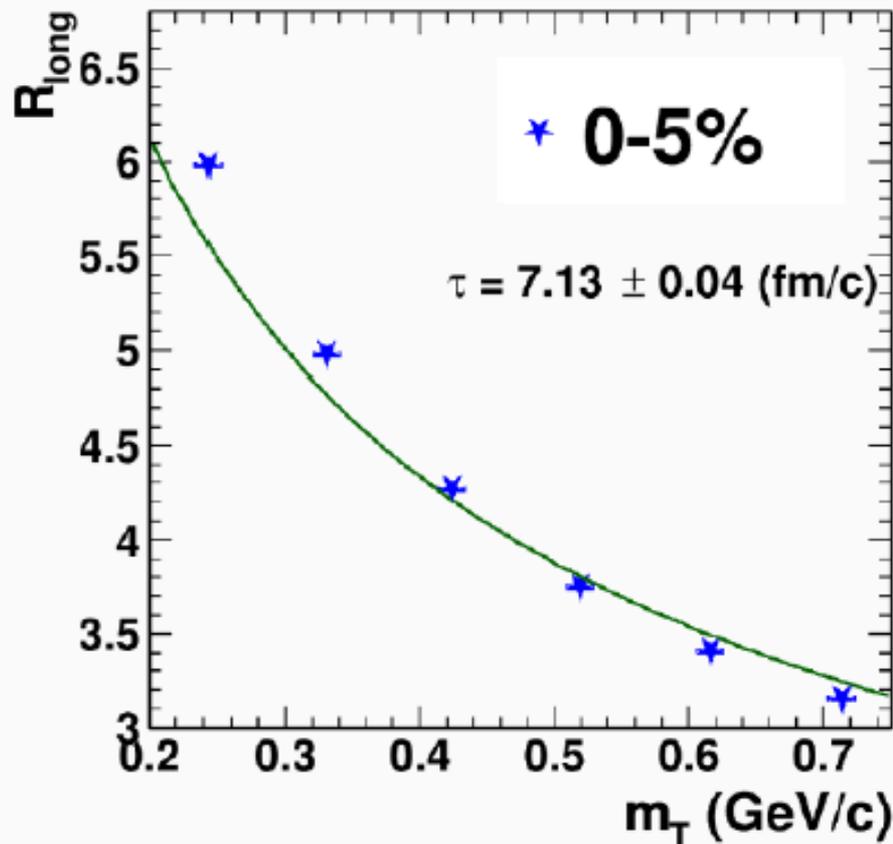
**Correlation function fit**

$$C(q_{long}, q_{out}, q_{side}) = 1 + \lambda \cdot e^{-R_{long}^2 q_{long}^2 - R_{out}^2 q_{out}^2 - R_{side}^2 q_{side}^2}$$

# $m_T$ dependence of correlation radii



## Obtaining $\tau$ from $R_{long}$ fit



Dependency of  $R_{long}$  fitted with:

$$R_{long} = \tau \cdot \sqrt{\frac{T}{m_T}}$$

$$\tau = 7.13 \pm 0.04 \text{ fm/c}$$

# Emission function distribution

The second approach is based on a direct analysis of the last collision points. In UrQMD full information about last collision points is available, that allows studying the spatiotemporal structure of emission function straightforwardly.

Considered distribution of  $\pi^+$  kinetic freeze-out:

$$\frac{dN^2}{r_T \cdot d\tau dr_T}$$

Where:

$$\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - z^2}$$
$$r_T = \sqrt{r_x^2 + r_y^2}$$

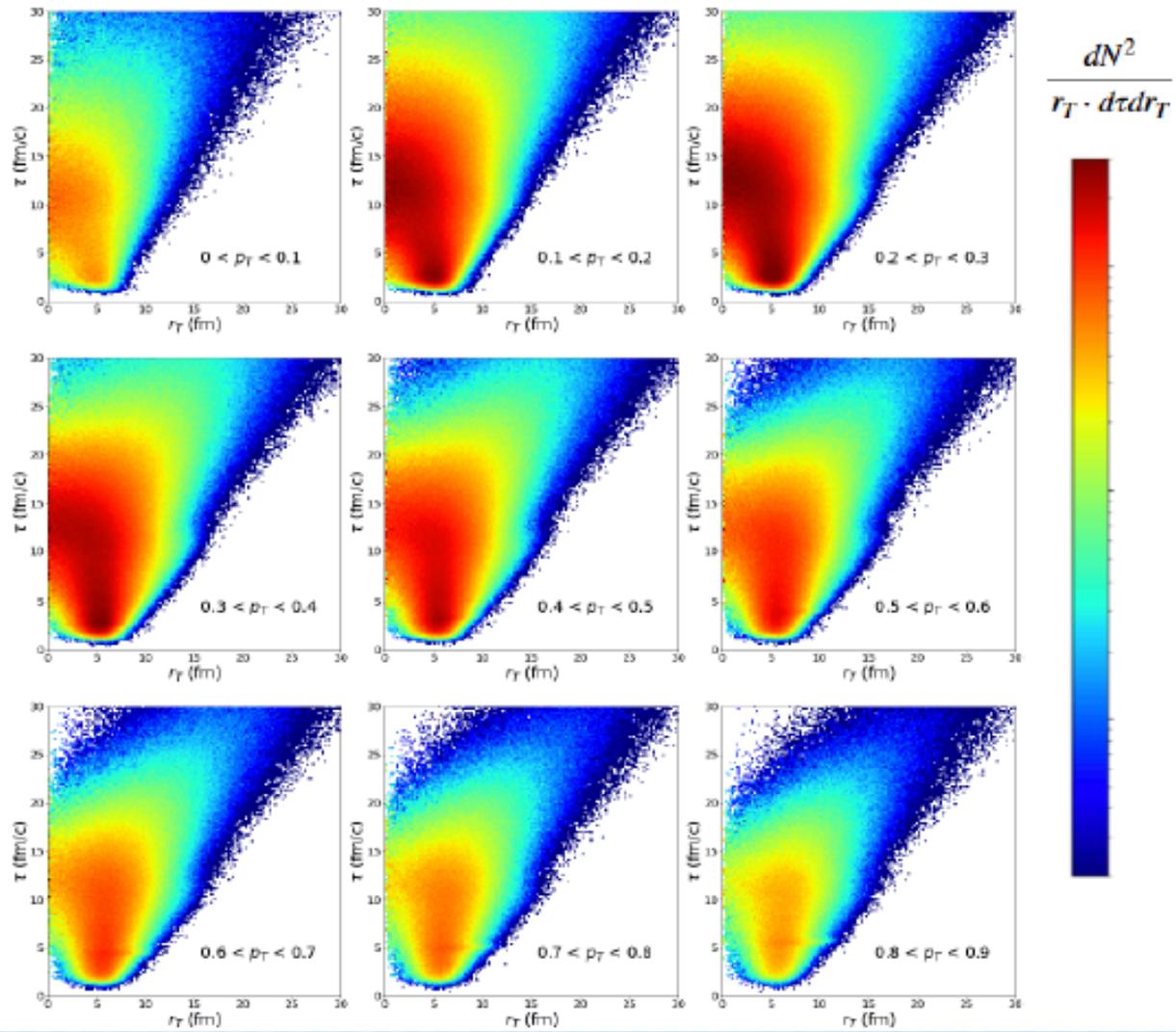
Time-space rapidity:  $\left| \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \frac{t+z}{t-z} \right| < 0.5$

With the following cuts:

Momentum rapidity:  $\left| \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \frac{E+p_z}{E-p_z} \right| < 0.5$

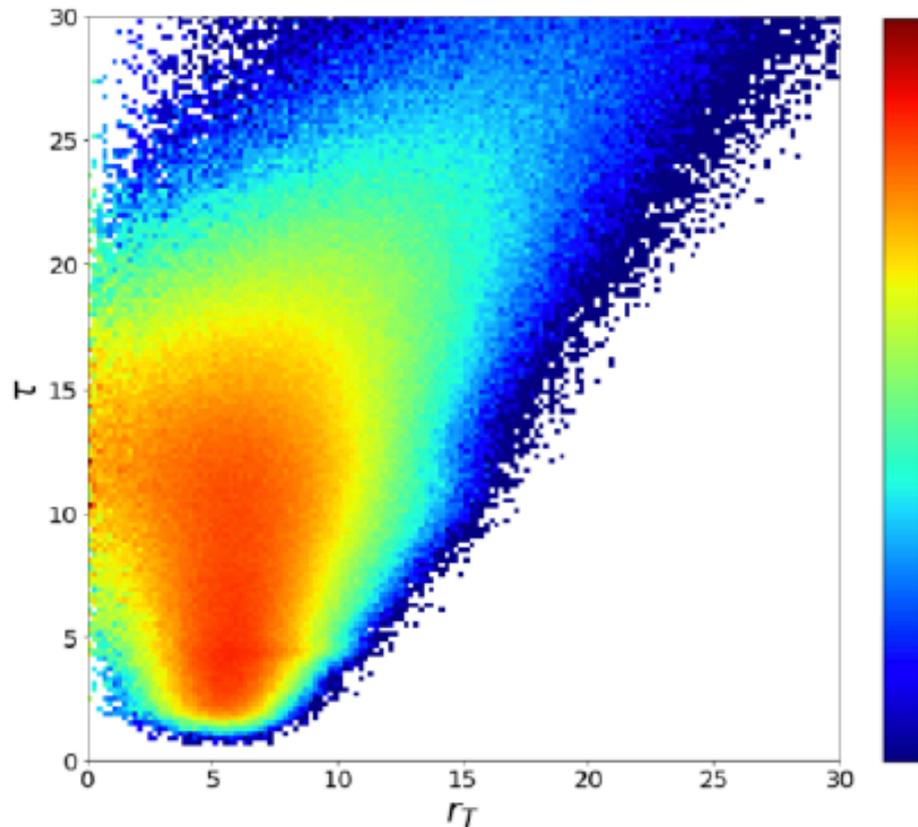
Distributions built separately for  $p_T$  in ranges:

[0,0.1], [0.1,0.2], [0.2,0.3], [0.3,0.4], [0.4,0.5], [0.5,0.6], [0.6,0.7], [0.7,0.8], [0.8,0.9]



To the accordance with asymptotic formulas, high- $p_T$  will be considered further.

In the area of  $p_T > 0.4$  GeV/c maximum absolute value is observed in the interval of [0.6, 0.7] GeV/c



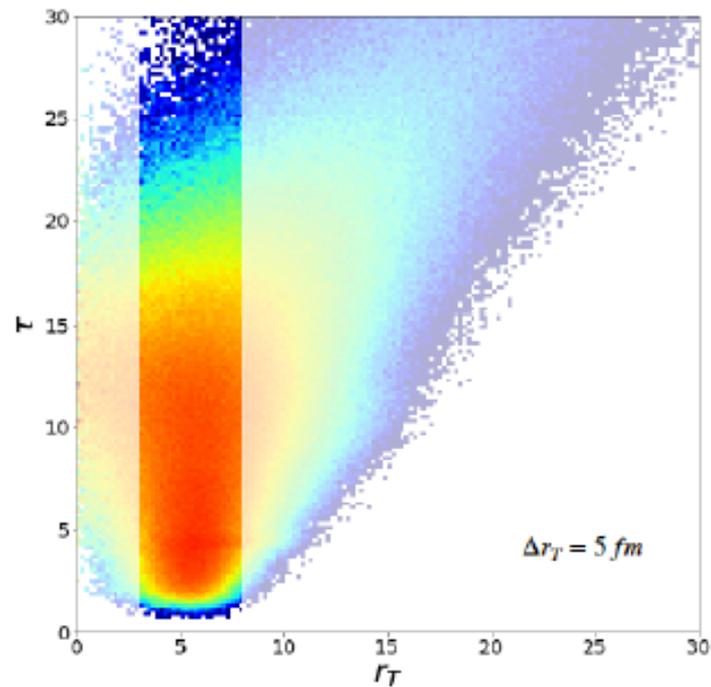
Maximum emission,  $\tau_{max}$ , could be obtained from the fit:

$$g(\tau) \sim e^{-\frac{(\tau - \tau_{max})^2}{2 \cdot d^2}}$$

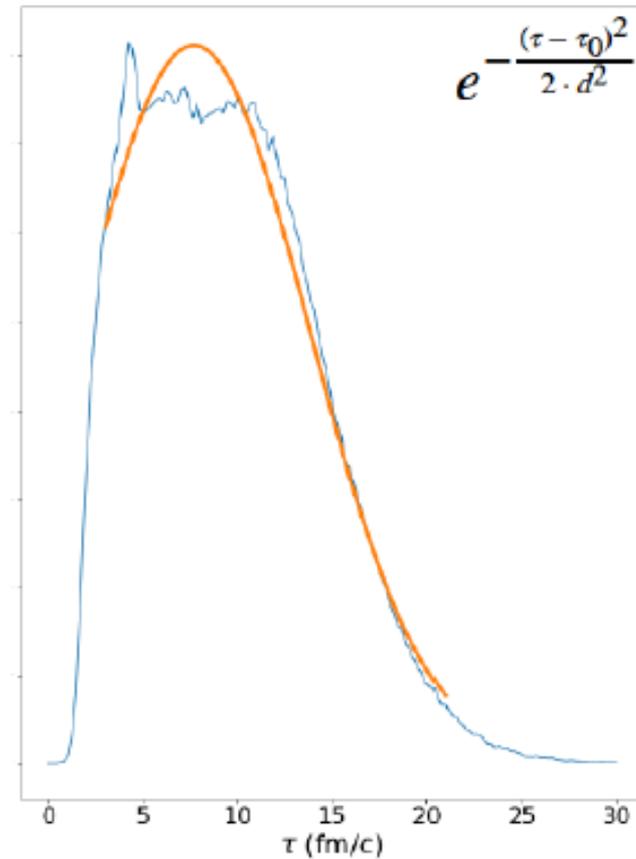
where d - emission duration

To move to the distribution over  $\tau$ , the  $r_T$  integration interval has to be selected

Interval over  $r_T$  is centered around the point of distribution maximum value



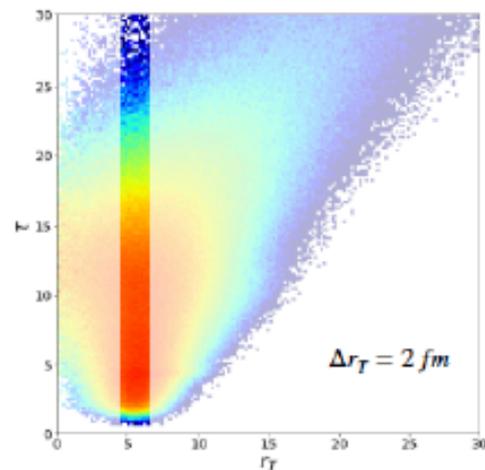
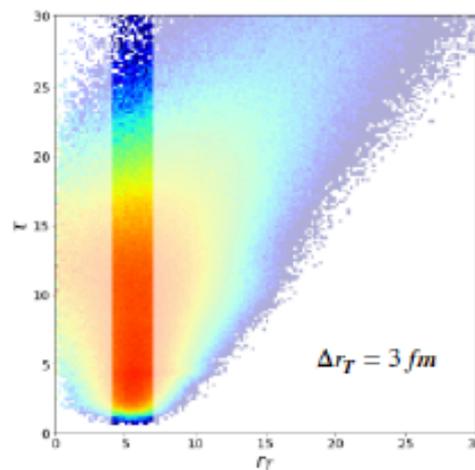
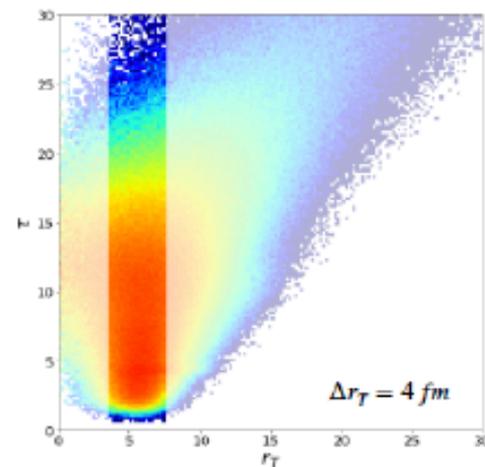
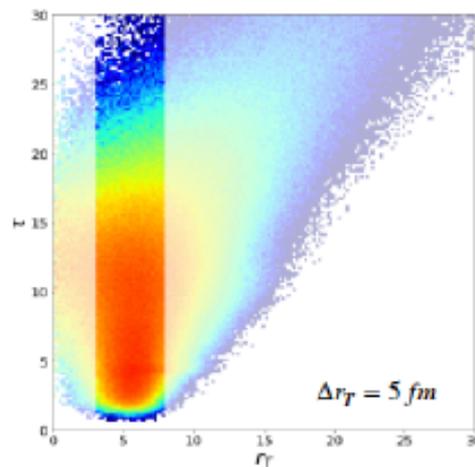
The 10% and 30% of points were truncated from the left and right distribution edge correspondingly, due to asymmetry of the distribution



Different width of  $r_T$  regions were considered for extraction of  $\tau$ .

$r_T$  variation defines the uncertainty of the final value:

$$\tau = 7.03 \pm 0.88 \text{ fm}/c$$



# Comparison

Maximum emission time from  
correlation femtoscopy:

$$\text{Fitting } R_{long} = \tau \cdot \sqrt{\frac{T}{m_T}}$$

$$\tau = 7.13 \pm 0.04 \text{ fm}/c$$

Fitting  $R_{long}$  accordingly to Yu.Sinyukov et al., NPA 946 (2016) 227

$$\tau = 5.92 \pm 0.04 \text{ fm}/c$$

Maximum emission time from  
distribution of emission function:

$$\tau = 7.03 \pm 0.88 \text{ fm}/c$$

# CONCLUSIONS

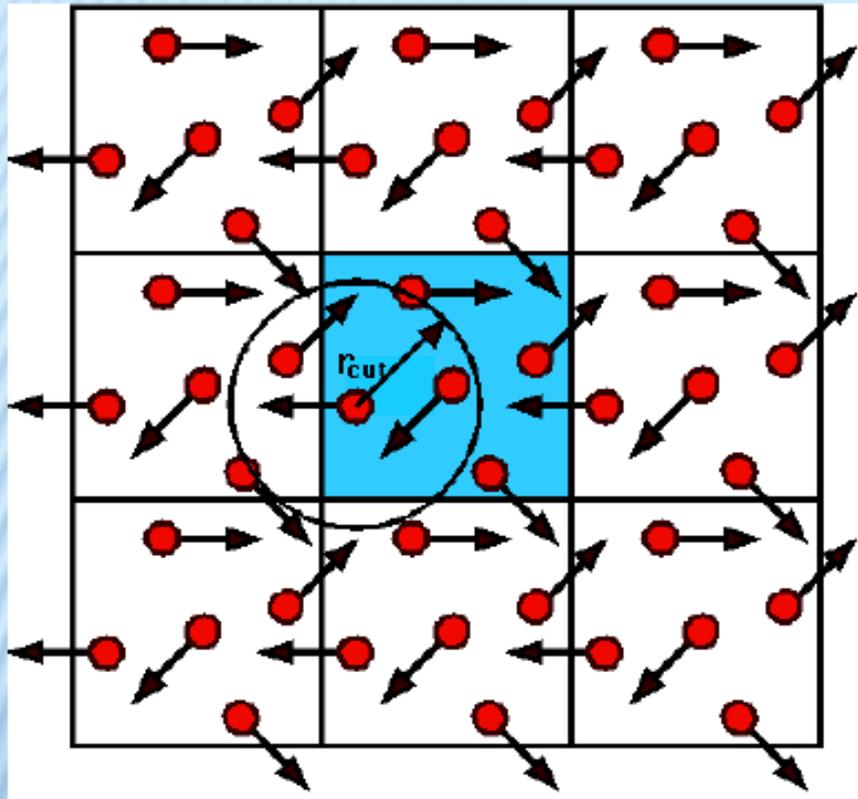
- *MC models favor chemical equilibration of hot and dense matter at  $t \approx 7$  fm/c*
- *In MC models different hadron species are frozen at different times:  $K, \pi$ , anti- $\Sigma$ , anti- $p$ , anti- $\Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda$  and in different space regions with different values of  $T$  and chemical potentials*
- *These circumstances naturally explain such effects as*
  - normal directed flow for  $p, \Sigma, \Lambda$  and antiflow for their antiparticles at low and intermediate energy nuclear collisions*
  - different polarization of  $\Lambda$  and anti- $\Lambda$  in these collisions*
- *(iii) and many other peculiar signals and observables ...*

# Back-up Slides

**Infinite hadron gas:**  
**a box with periodic**  
**boundary conditions**

# BOX WITH PERIODIC BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

M. Belkacem et al., PRC 58, 1727 (1998)



Model employed: UrQMD  
55 different baryon species  
(N,  $\Delta$ , hyperons and their  
resonances with

$m \leq 2.25 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ),

32 different meson species  
(including resonances with  
 $m \leq 2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ) and their  
respective antistates.

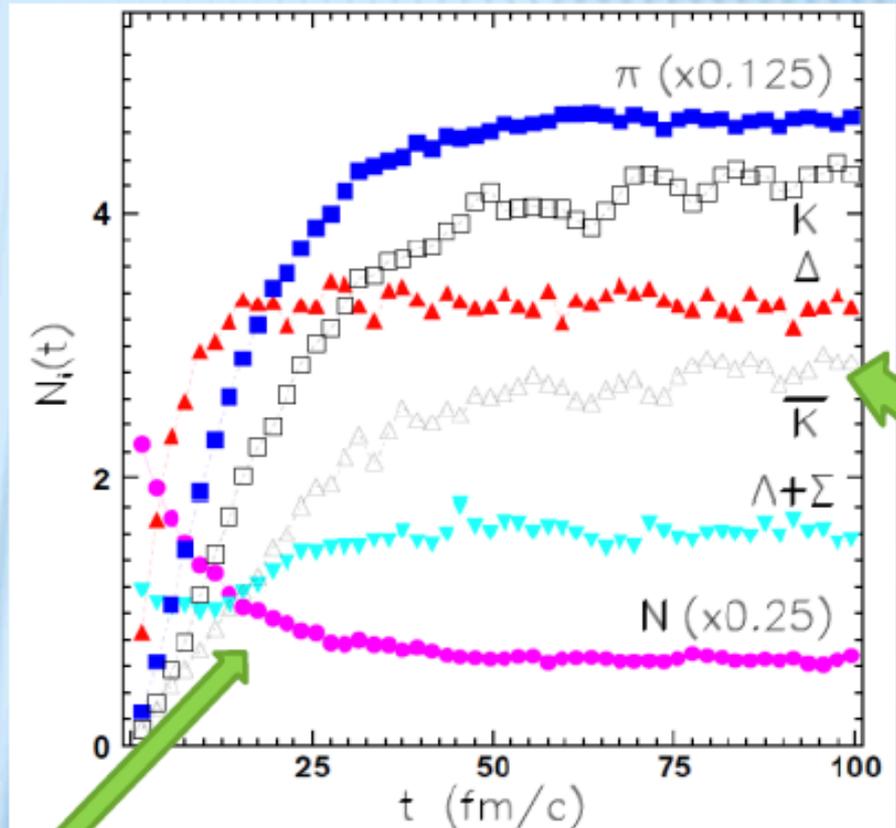
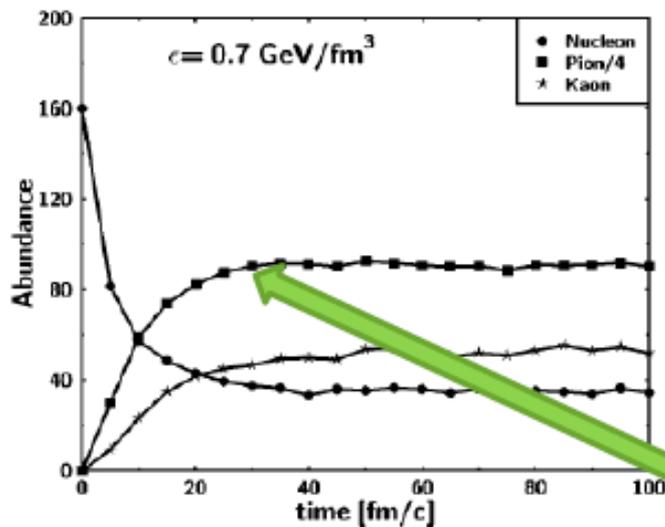
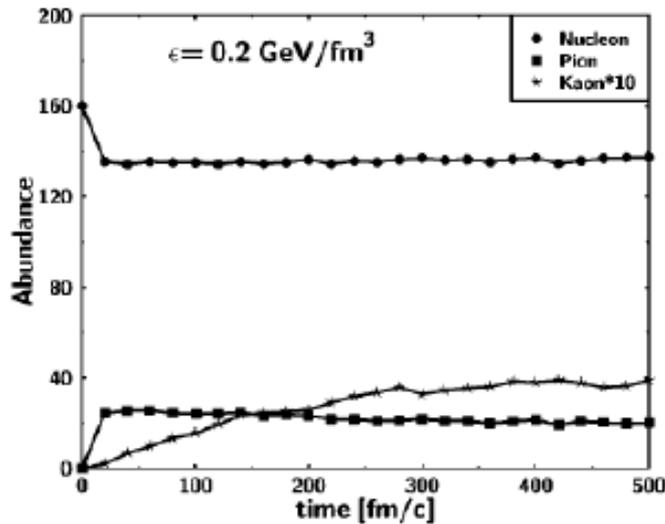
For higher mass excitations  
a string mechanism is invoked.

Initialization: (i) nucleons are uniformly  
distributed in a configuration space;  
(ii) Their momenta are uniformly distributed  
in a sphere with random radius and then  
rescaled to the desired energy density.

Test for equilibrium: particle yields and energy spectra

# BOX: PARTICLE ABUNDANCES

M. Belkacem et al., PRC 58, 1727 (1998)

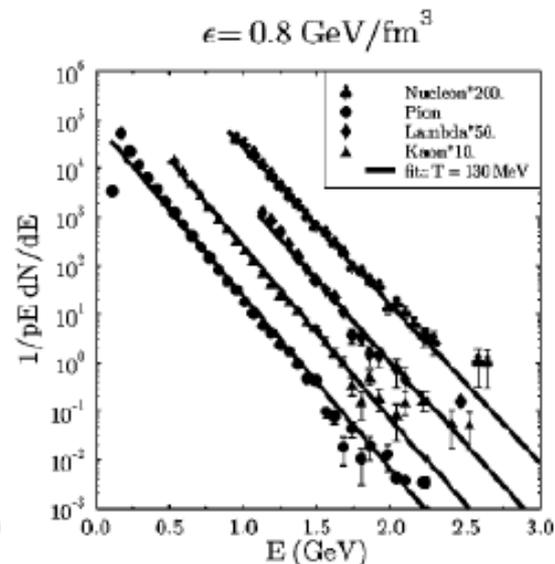
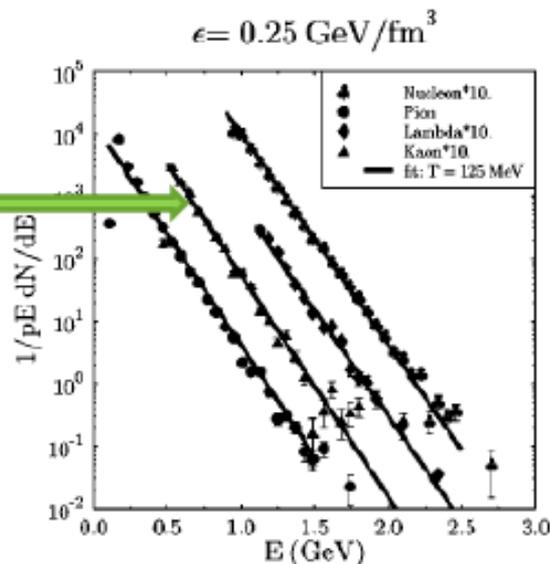


L. Bravina et al., PRC 62, 064906 (2000)

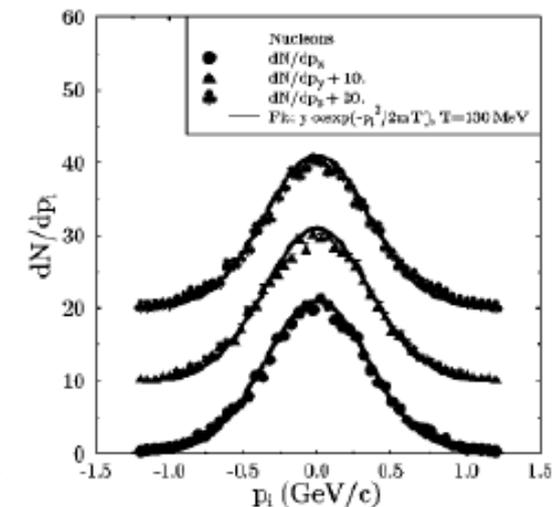
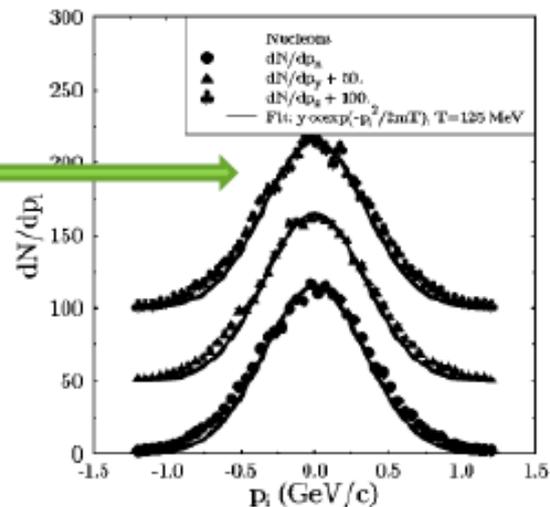
Saturation of yields after a certain time. Strange hadrons are saturated longer than others.

# BOX: ENERGY SPECTRA AND MOMENTUM DISTRIBUTIONS

Fit to Boltzmann distributions  $\sim \exp(-E/T)$



Fit to Gaussian distributions  $\sim \exp(-p^2/2mT)$

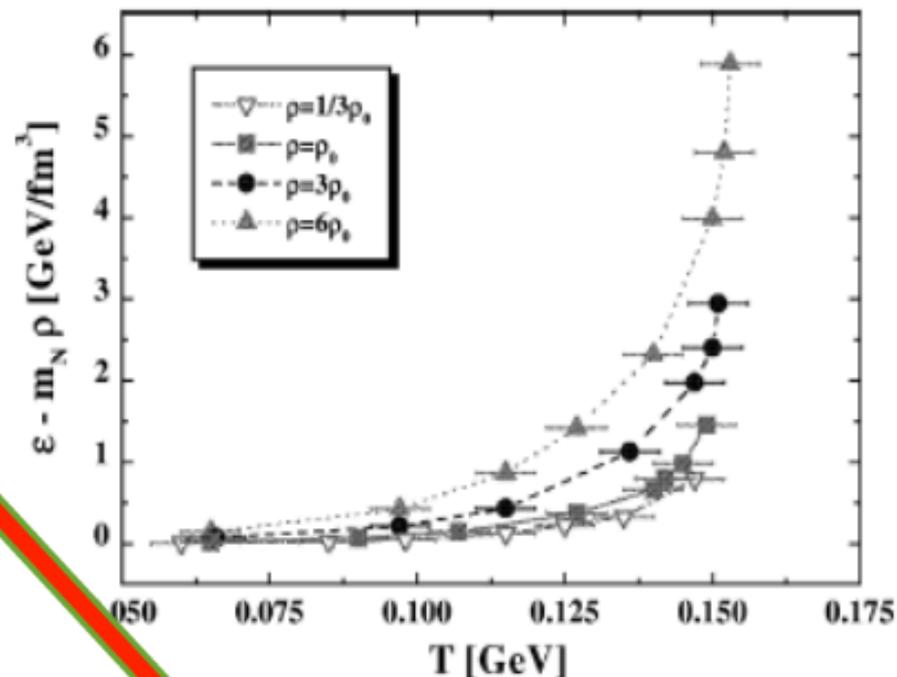
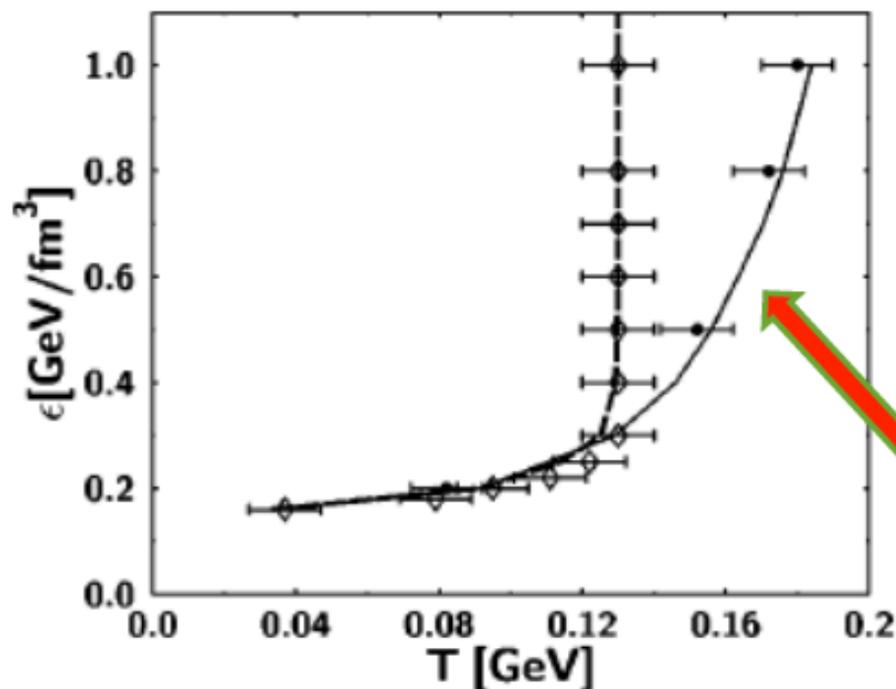


Nearly the same temperature and complete isotropy of  $dN/dp_T$

# BOX: HAGEDORN-LIKE LIMITING TEMPERATURE

M. Belkacem et al., PRC 58, 1727 (1998)

HSD



E. Bratkovskaya et al., NPA 675, 661 (2000)

UrQMD

A rapid rise of  $T$  at low  $\epsilon$  and saturation at high energy densities. Saturation temperature depends on number of resonances in the model. W/o strings and many-N decays – no limiting  $T$  is observed.