



# Hidden puzzle of the correlation femtoscopy at the top RHIC and LHC energies and its possible solution

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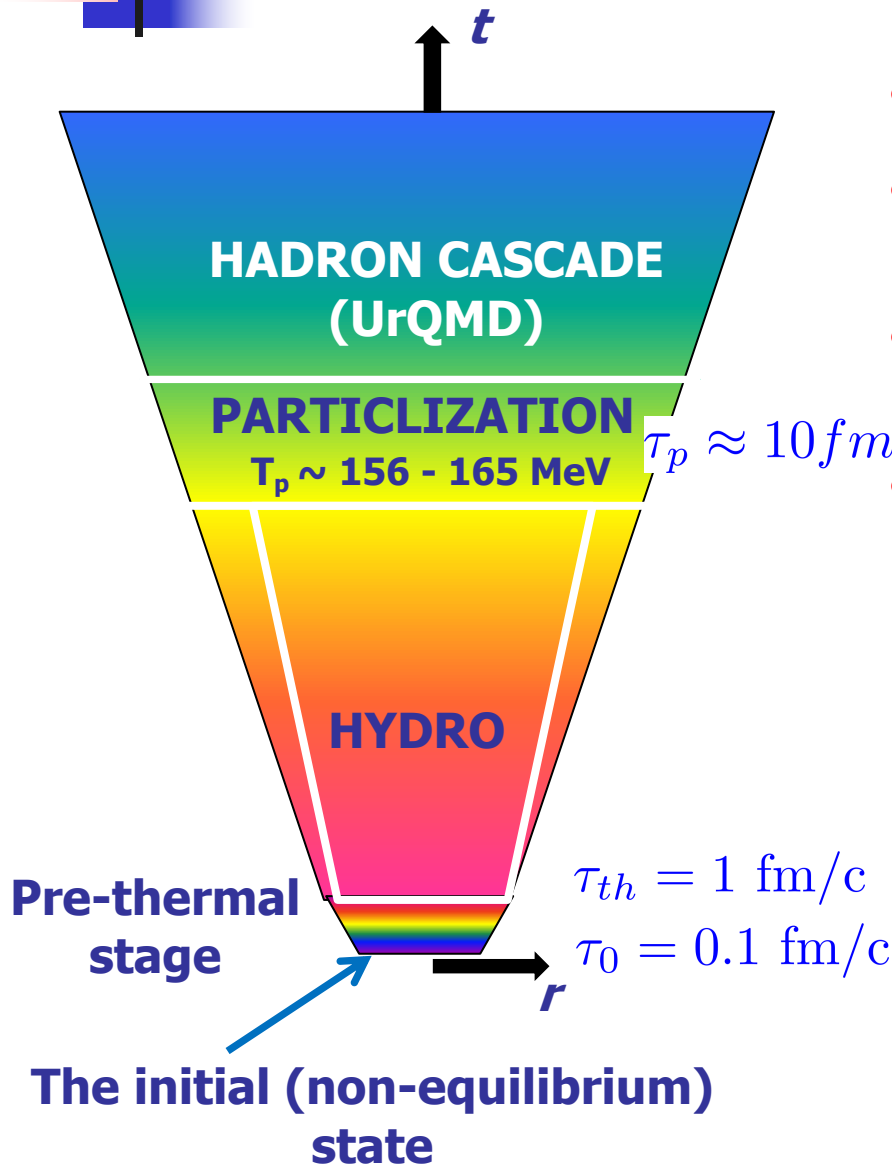
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# Integrated HydroKinetic Model: HKM $\rightarrow$ iHKM



**Complete algorithm incorporates the stages:**

- generation of the initial states: (MC Glaub & CGC)
- thermalization of initially non-thermal matter;
- viscous chemically equilibrated relativistic (Israel-Steward) hydrodynamic expansion,
- particlization of expanding medium at the hadronization area ;
- a switch to UrQMD cascade with near equilibrium hadron gas as input;
- simulation of observables.

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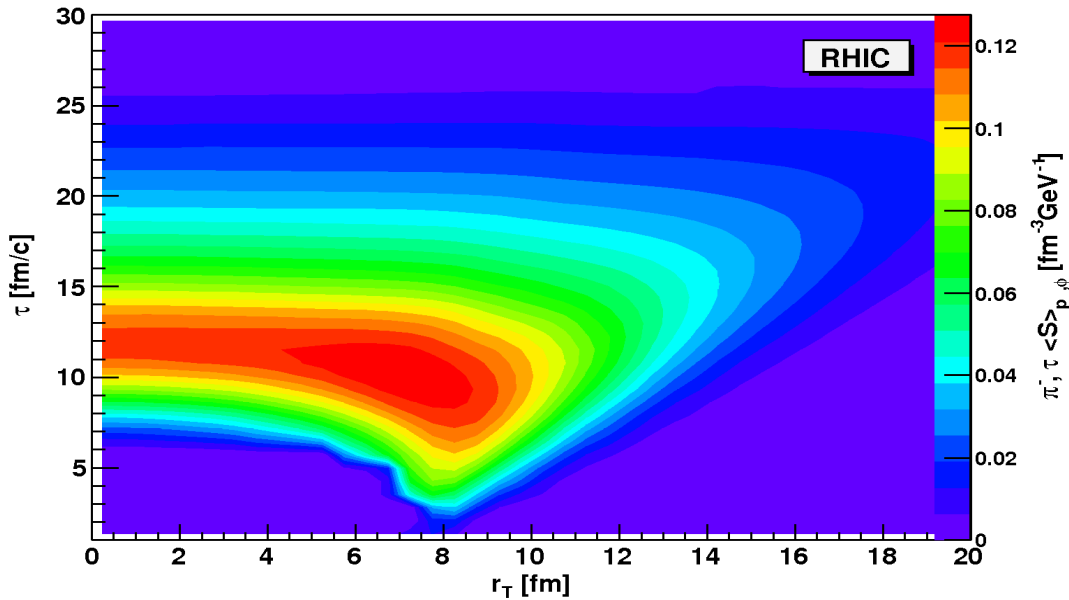
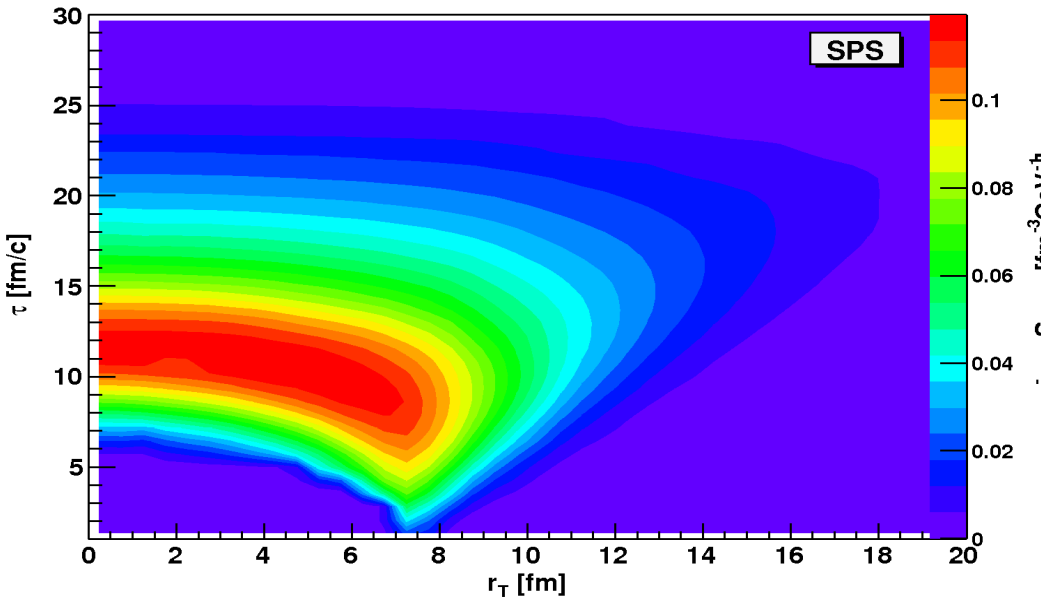
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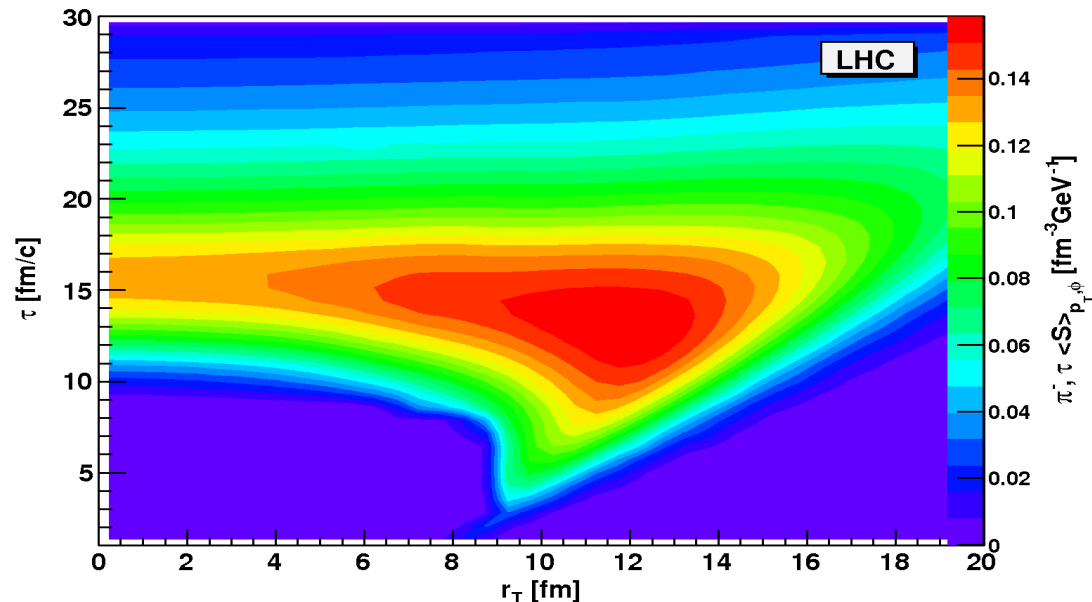
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# "Ancient" RHIC HBT puzzle (Ro/Rs ~1)



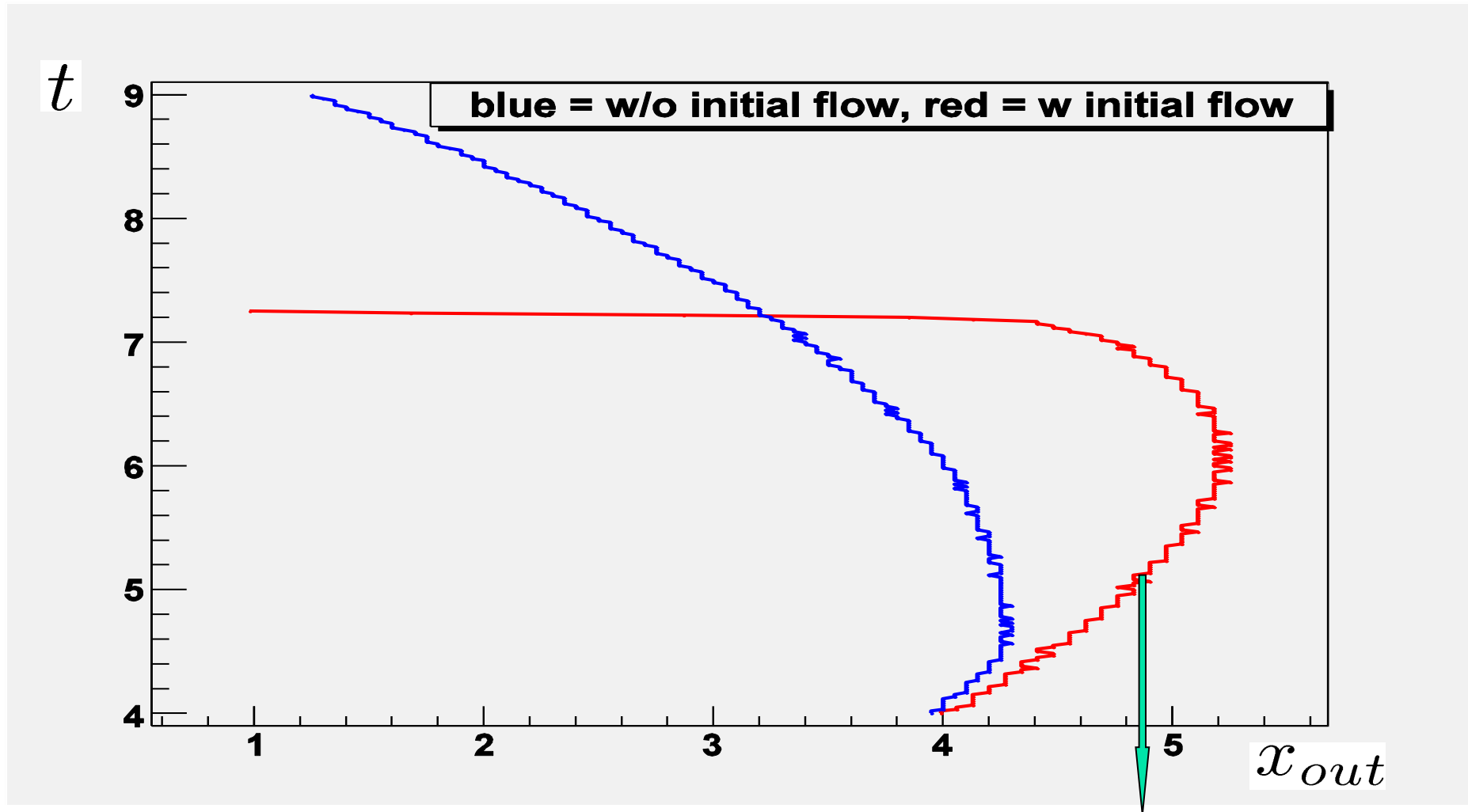
$$R_{out}^2 \approx R_{side}^2 + v^2 \langle \Delta t^2 \rangle_p - 2v \langle \Delta x_{out} \Delta t \rangle_p, v = \frac{p_T}{p^0}$$



**Emission functions for top SPS, RHIC and LHC energies (HKM results)**

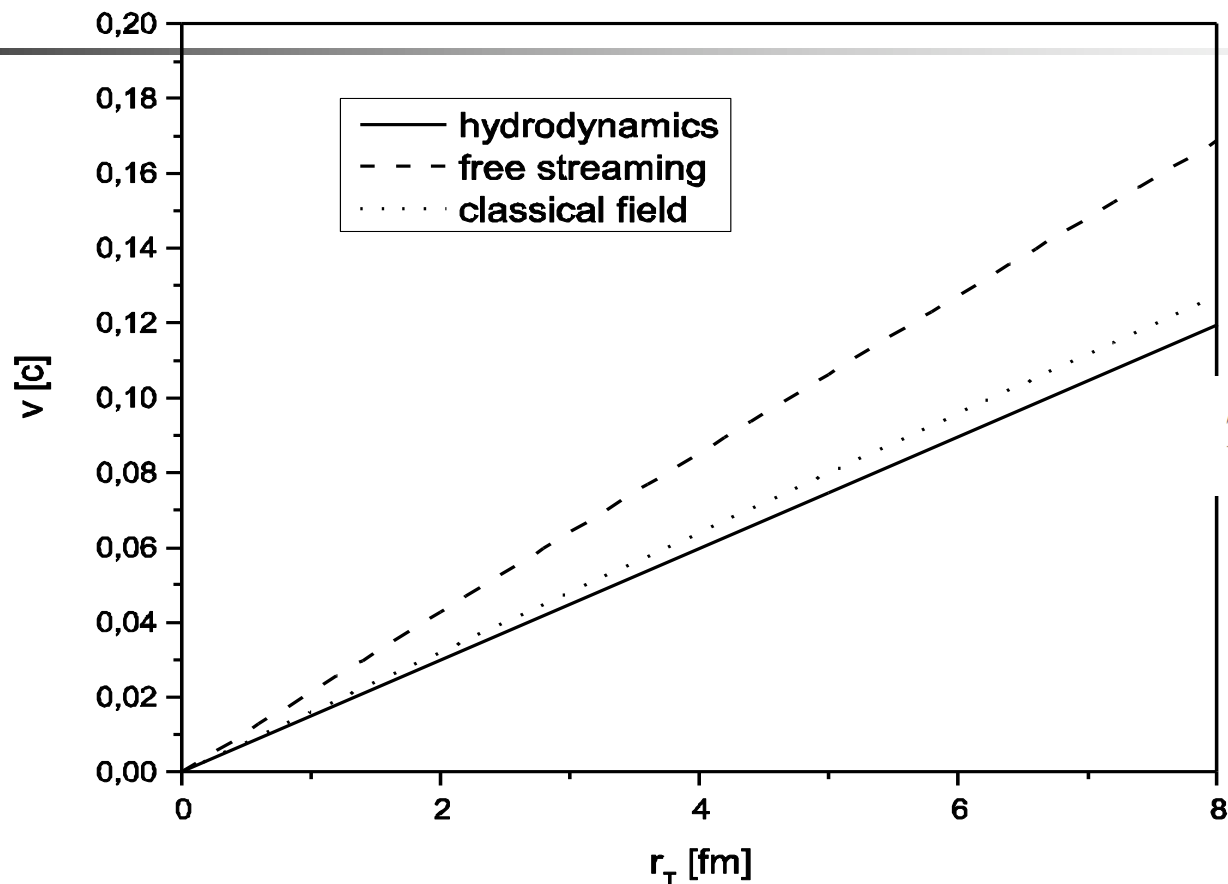
When particle radiation starts – near 1 fm/c from periphery - system already has transverse expansion !

# Initial flows and Ro/Rs ratio ( $t_0=1-2$ fm/c)



$$R_{out}^2 \approx R_{side}^2 + v^2 \langle \Delta t^2 \rangle_p - 2v \langle \Delta x_{out} \Delta t \rangle_p, v = \frac{p_T}{p_0}$$

# Collective velocities developed between $\tau_0=0.3$ and $\tau=1.0$ fm/c



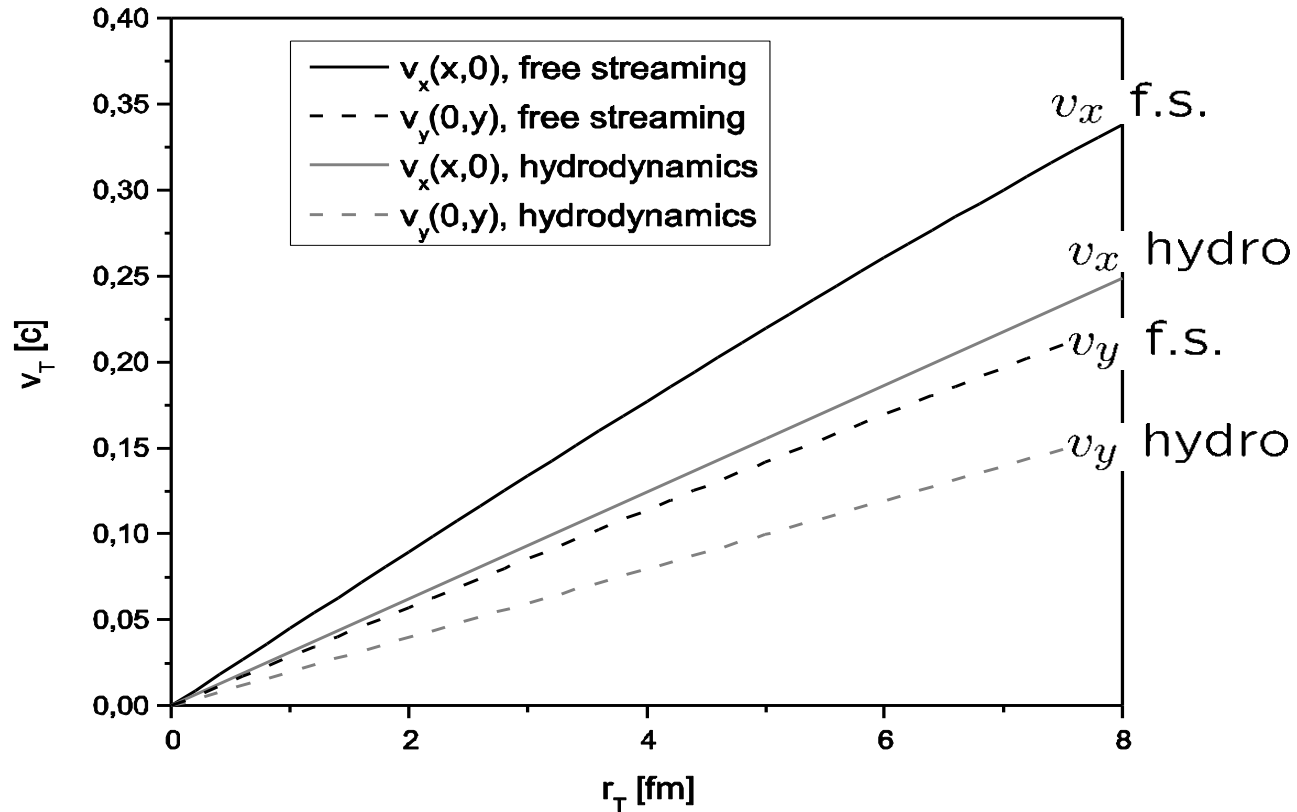
**Central collisions**

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x) = \int d^3 p \frac{p^\mu p^\nu}{p_0} f(x, p)$$

$$u^\mu = \frac{T^{\mu\nu} u_\nu}{T^{\mu\nu} u_\mu u_\nu} = \frac{T^{\mu\nu} u_\nu}{\epsilon}$$

**Collective velocity developed at pre-thermal stage from proper time  $\tau_0 = 0.3$  fm/c by supposed thermalization time  $\tau_{th} = 1$  fm/c for scenarios of partonic free streaming and free expansion of classical field. The results are compared with the hydrodynamic evolution of perfect fluid with hard equation of state  $p = 1/3 \epsilon$  started at  $\tau_0$ . Impact parameter  $b=0$ .**

Collective velocities and their **anisotropy** developed between  $\tau_0 = 0.3$  and  $\tau = 1.0$  fm/c



**Non-central collisions**  
**b=6.3 fm**

Collective velocity developed at pre-thermal stage from proper time  $\tau_0=0.3$  fm/c by supposed thermalization time  $\tau_i = 1$  fm/c for scenarios of partonic free streaming. The results are compared with the hydrodynamic evolution of perfect fluid with hard equation of state  $p = 1/3 \epsilon$  started at  $\tau_0$ . Impact parameter  $b=6.3$  fm.

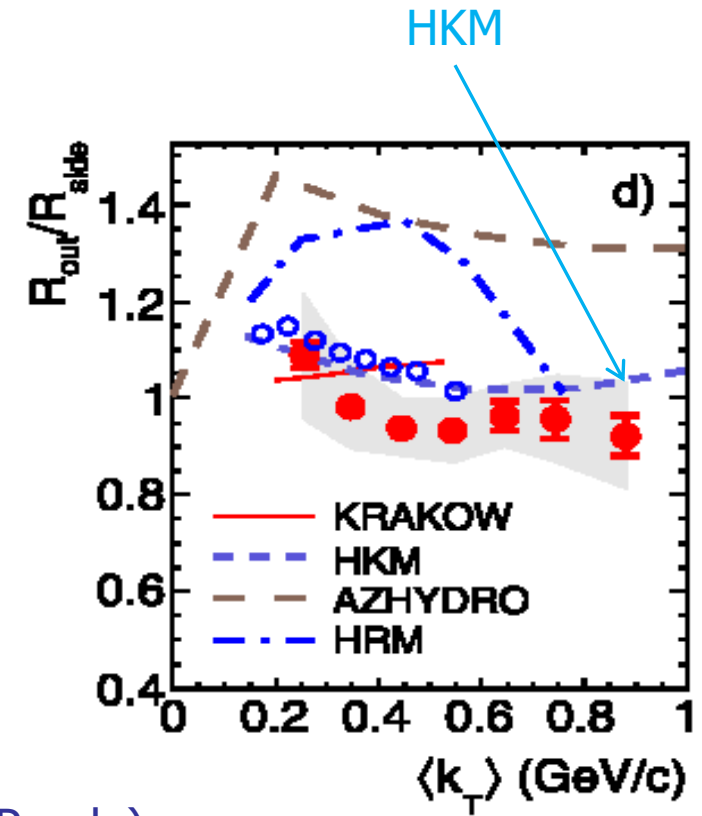
# HKM prediction: solution of the HBT Puzzle

Two-pion Bose–Einstein correlations in central Pb–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV <sup>☆</sup> ALICE Collaboration Physics Letters B 696 (2011) 328.



## Quotations:

Available model predictions are compared to the experimental data in Figs. 2-d and 3. Calculations from three models incorporating a hydrodynamic approach, AZHYDRO [45], KRAKOW [46,47], and HKM [48,49], and from the hadronic-kinematics-based model HRM [50,51] are shown. An in-depth discussion is beyond the scope of this Letter but we notice that, while the increase of the radii between RHIC and the LHC is roughly reproduced by all four calculations, only two of them (KRAKOW and HKM) are able to describe the experimental  $R_{out}/R_{side}$  ratio.

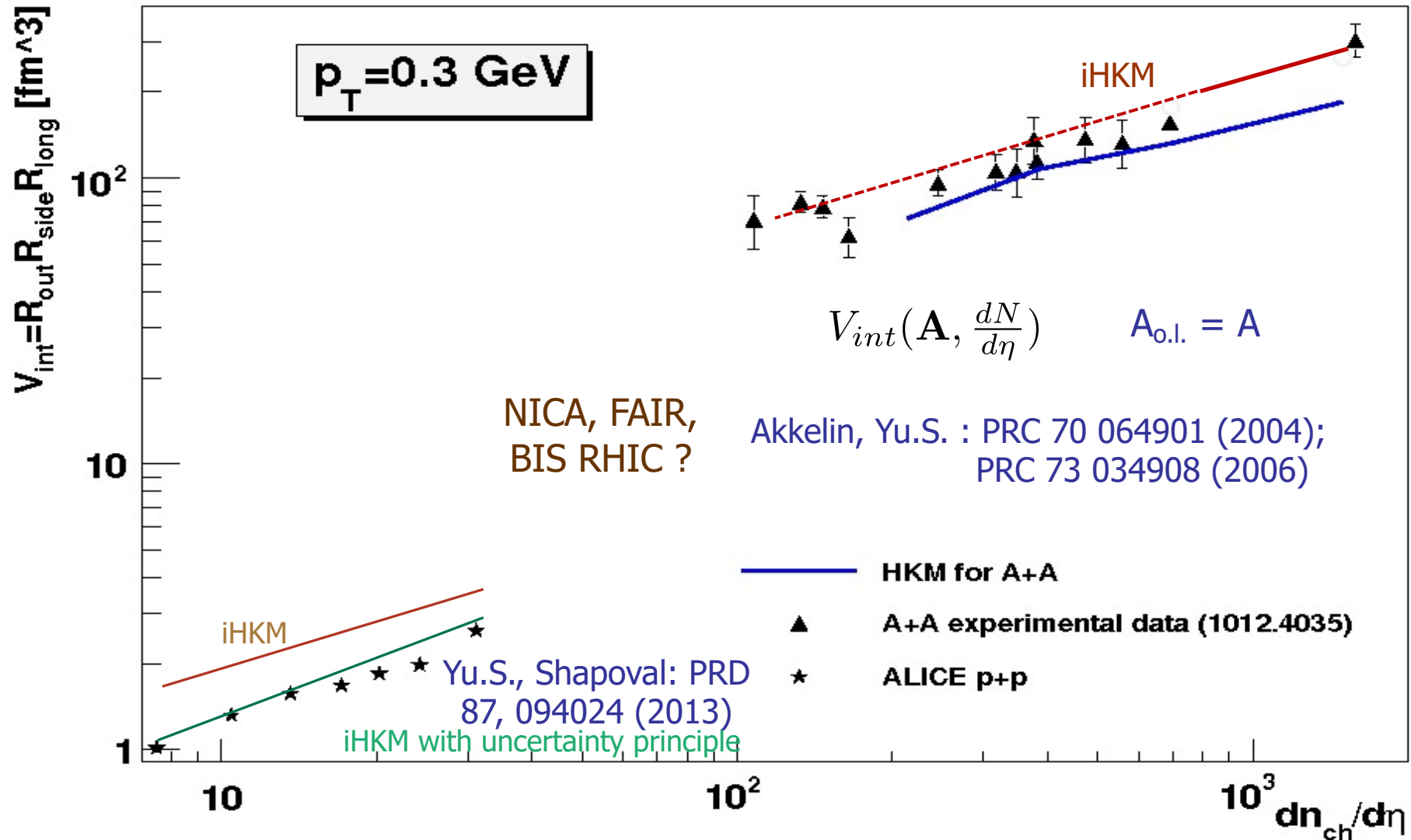


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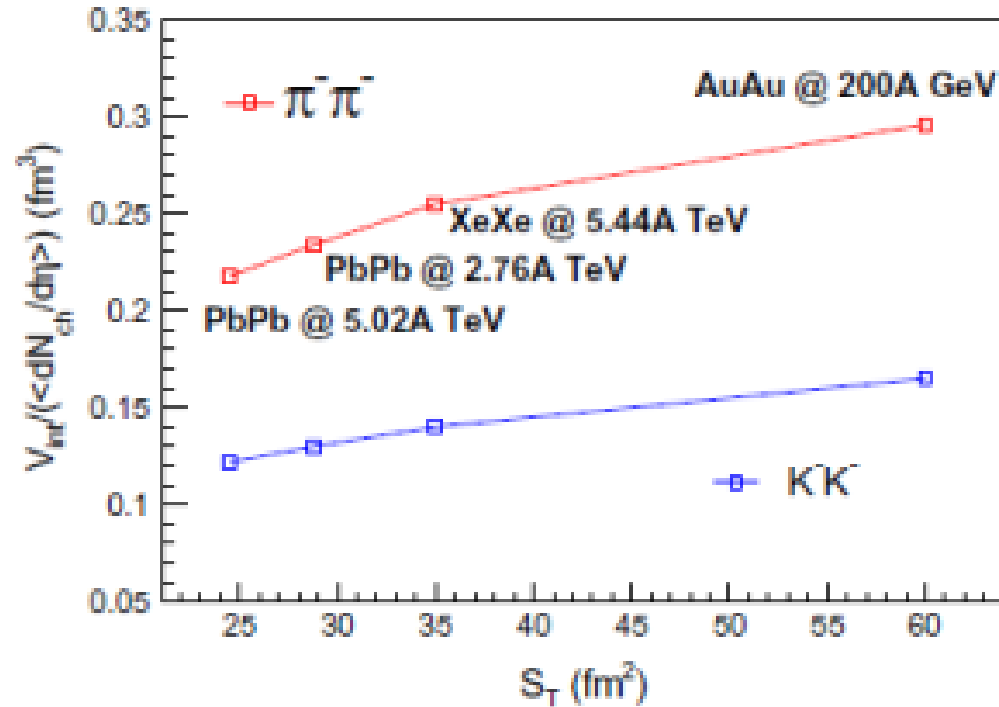
(includes contribution Karpenko, Yu.S. about solution of HBT Puzzle)

# Interferometry volume $V_{int}$ in LHC p-p and **central** Au-Au, Pb-Pb collisions



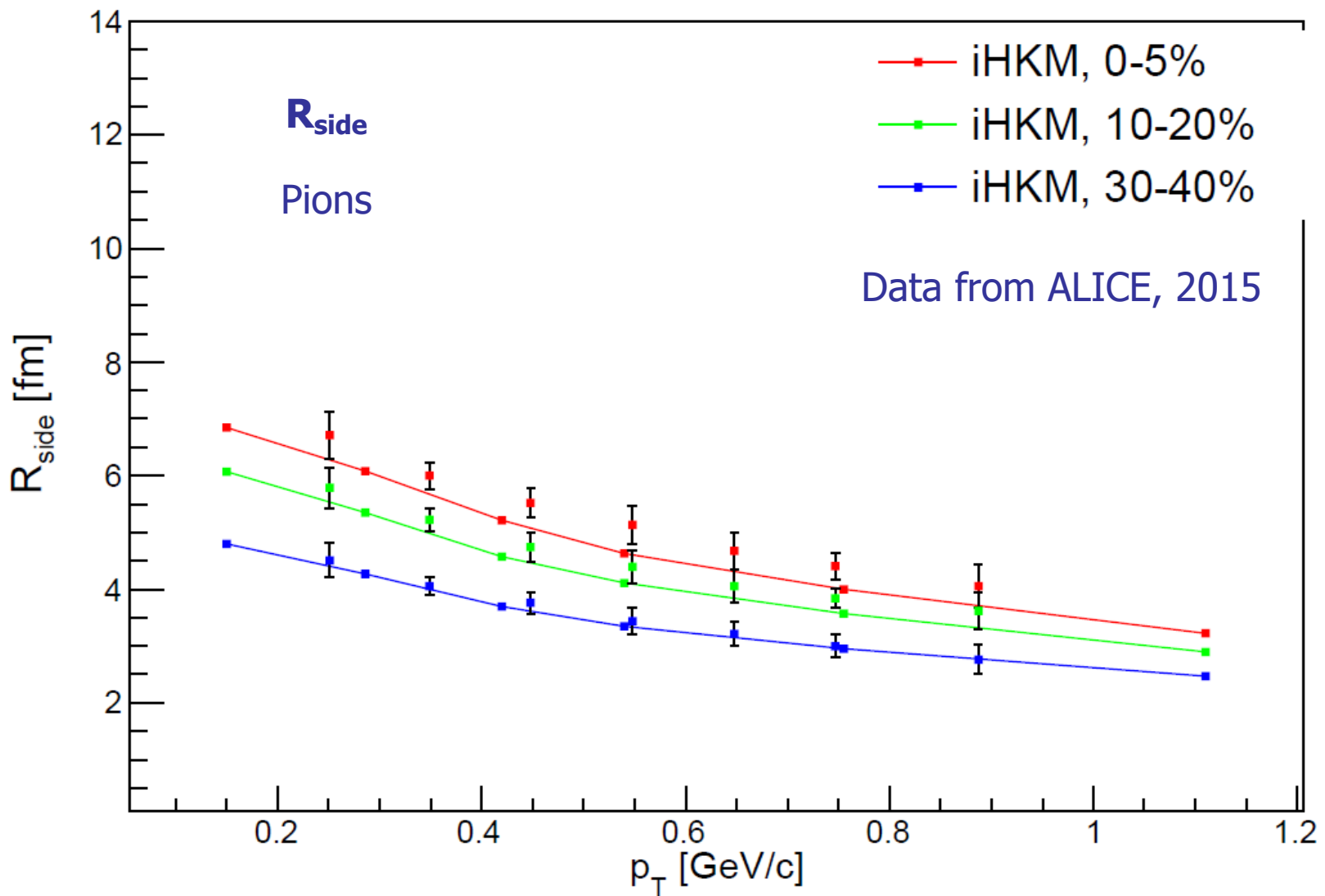


$$V_{int}(\mathbf{A}, \frac{dN}{d\eta} = \text{fixed})$$



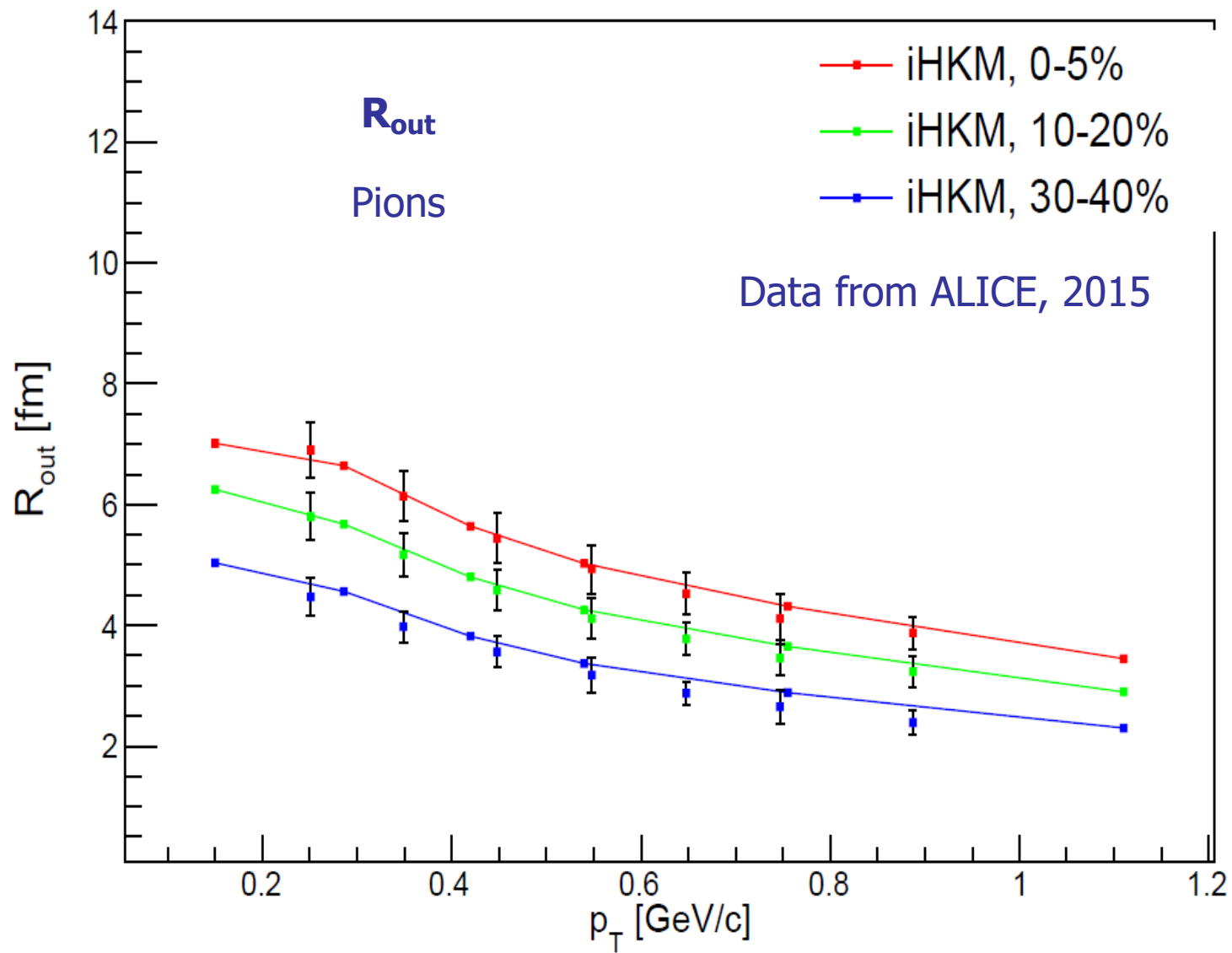
Experiment	Centrality (%)	$\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$
Au+Au @ 200 GeV	0–5	688
Pb+Pb @ 2.76 TeV	19–28	693
Pb+Pb @ 5.02 TeV	23–33	677
Xe+Xe @ 5.44 TeV	10–19	680

Fig. 15 The pion and kaon interferometry volume  $V_{int} = R_{out}R_{side}R_{long}$ , divided by the mean charged particle density  $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$ , calculated in iHKM for different relativistic heavy-ion collisions, characterized by the areas  $S_T$  of the colliding nuclei initial transverse overlapping. The corresponding collision centralities can be found in Table 2. The interferometry radii correspond to the pair transverse momentum  $0.2 < k_T < 0.3$  GeV/c



The  $R_{side}$  dependence on transverse momentum for different centralities in the iHKM

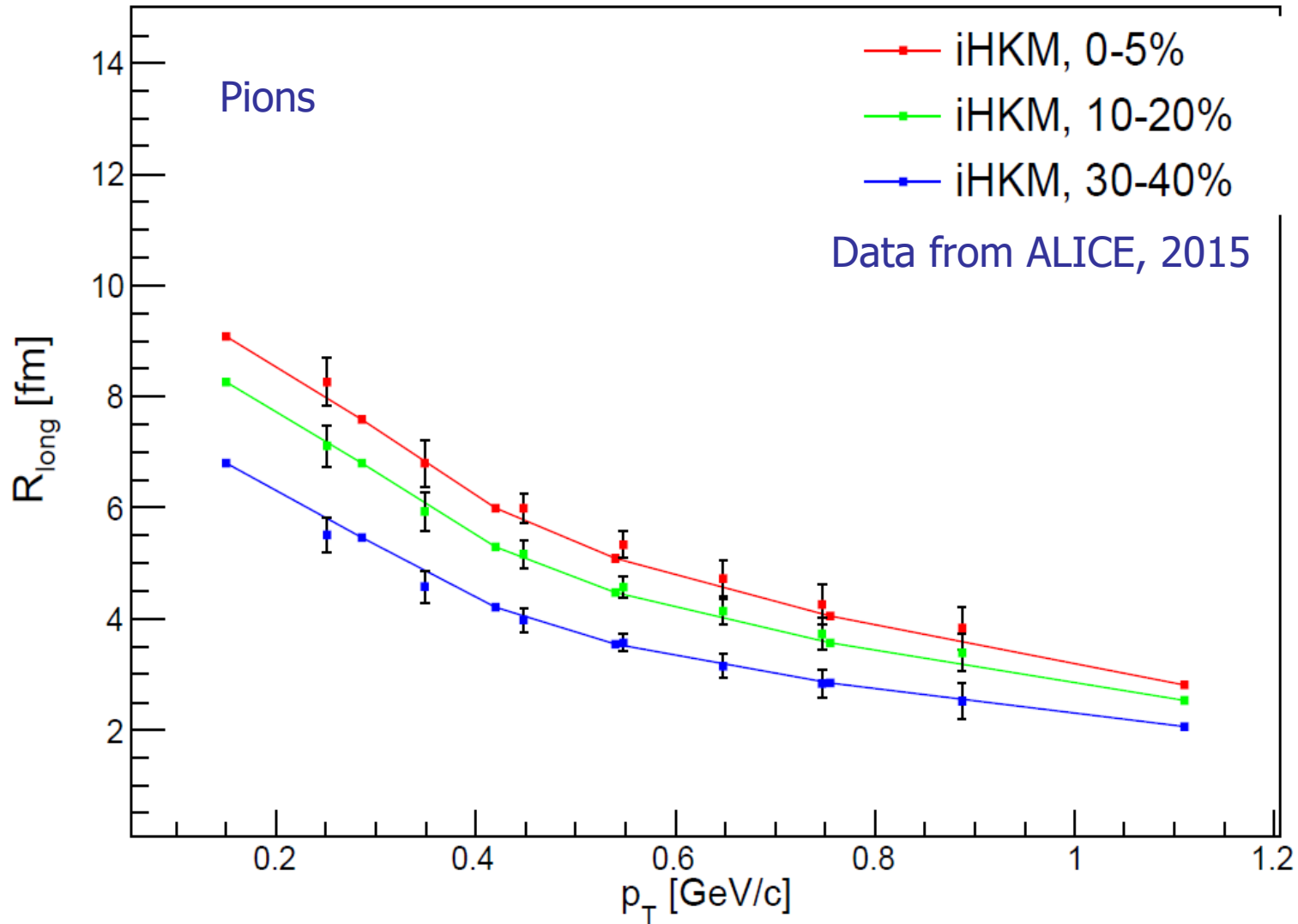
scenario under the same conditions as in Fig. 1. The experimental data are from [33].



The  $R_{out}$  dependence on transverse momentum for different centralities in the iHKM basic scenario under the same conditions as in Fig. 1.

# General Conclusion: iHKM describes femtoscopy results at top RHIC and LHC energies

quite good/excellently.





## Femtoscopic scales and particle production in the relativistic heavy ion collisions from Au+Au at 200 AGeV to Xe+Xe at 5.44 ATeV within the integrated hydrokinetic model

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The recent results on the main soft observables, including hadron and photon yields and particle number ratios,  $pT$  spectra, flow harmonics, as well as the femtoscopic radii, obtained within the integrated hydrokinetic model (iHKM) for high-energy heavy-ion collisions are reviewed and re-examined. The cases of different nuclei colliding at different energies are considered: Au+Au collisions at the top RHIC energy  $s_{NN} = 200$  GeV, Pb+Pb collisions at the LHC energies  $s_{NN} = 2.76$  TeV and  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV, and the LHC Xe+Xe collisions at  $s_{NN} = 5.44$  TeV. The effect of the initial conditions and the model parameters, including the utilized equation of state (EoS) for quark-gluon phase, on the simulation results, as well as the role of the final afterburner stage of the matter evolution are discussed. The possible solution of the so-called "photon puzzle" is considered. The attention is also paid to the dependency of the interferometry volume and individual interferometry radii on the initial transverse geometrical size of the system formed in the collision.

# Results of saddle point method at the hypersurface of maximal emission

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V.Yu. Naboka, Nucl. Phys. A **946**, 227 (2016)

$$p_0 \frac{d^3 N}{d^3 p} = \int_{\sigma_{m.e.}(p)} d\sigma_\mu p^\mu f_{l.eq.}(x, p),$$

$$C(p, q) \approx 1 + \frac{\left| \int_{\sigma_{m.e.}(k)} d\sigma_\mu k^\mu f_{l.eq.}(x, k) \exp(iqx) \right|^2}{\left( \int_{\sigma_{m.e.}(k)} d\sigma_\mu k^\mu f_{l.eq.}(x, k) \right)^2}.$$

$$p_0 \frac{d^3 N}{d^3 p} \propto \exp \left[ -(m_T/T + \alpha)(1 - \bar{v}_T^2)^{1/2} \right],$$

defines transverse slope of the spectra for  
boost-inv. long expansion

$$R_{\text{long}}^2(m_T) = \tau^2 \lambda^2 \left( 1 + \frac{3}{2} \lambda^2 \right),$$

defines long-femto radius

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{T}{m_T} (1 - \bar{v}_T^2)^{1/2}, \quad \bar{v}_T = k_T / (m_T + \alpha T)$$

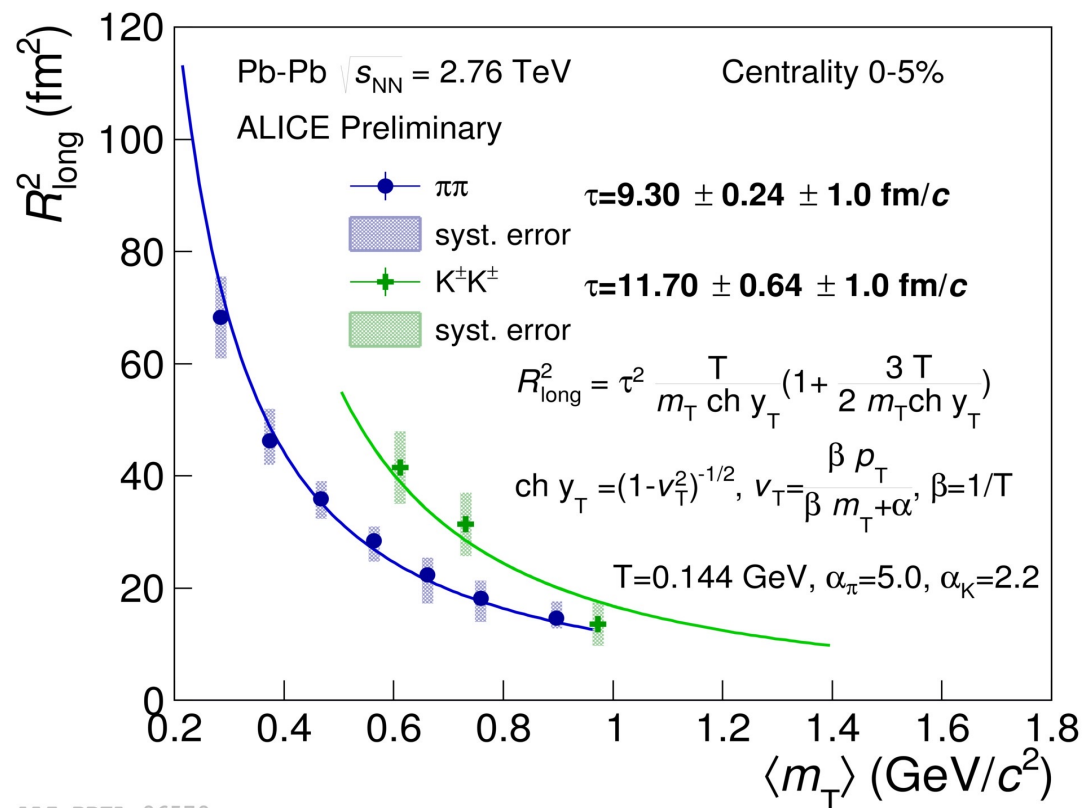
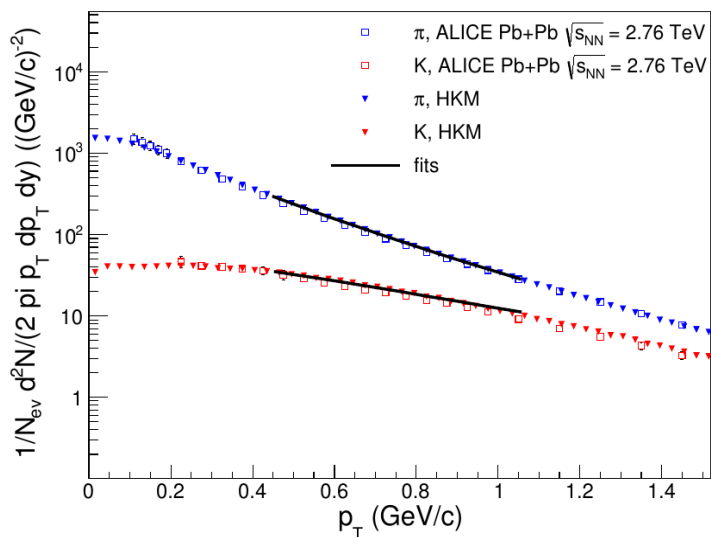
Where  $\tau$  is (proper) time,  $T$  is temperature and  $\alpha$  defines intensity of the transverse flow at the area of hypersurface of maximal emission in selected momentum interval around  $p \cong k$

# Extraction of emission time from fit $R_{\text{long}}$



The new formula for extraction of the maximal emission time for the case of strong transverse flow was used ( Yu. S., Shapoval, Naboka, Nucl. Phys. A 946 (2016) 227 )

The parameters of freeze-out:  $T$  and “intensity of transverse flow”  $\alpha$  were fixed by fitting  $\pi$  and  $K$  spectra ( arxiv:1508.01812 )



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# Other analytic approximations, hydro evolution

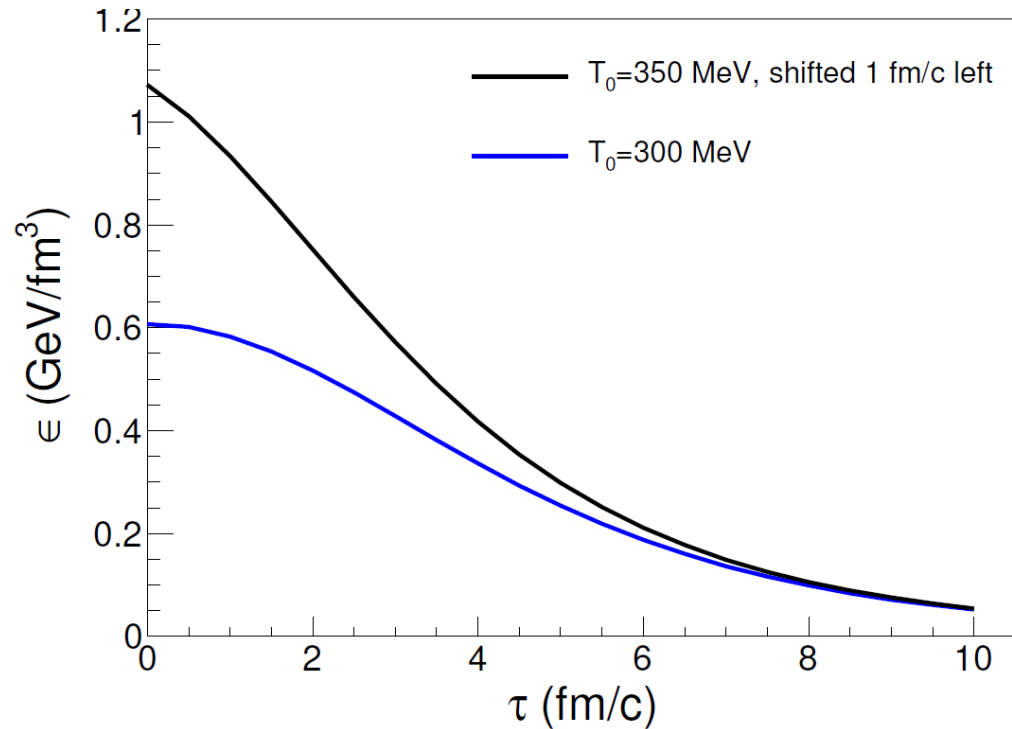
Relativistic hydro 1D Bjorken expansion:  $\epsilon(\tau) = \epsilon_0 \tau^{-4/3}$

Relativistic hydro 3D  
Gubser solution:

$$\epsilon(r_T, \tau) = \frac{\epsilon_0}{\tau^{4/3}} \frac{(2q)^{8/3}}{[1 + 2q^2(\tau^2 + r_T^2) + q^4(\tau^2 - r_T^2)^2]^{4/3}}$$

Non-relativistic solution:  
of Hydro + Boltzmann eqs.  
(simultaneously!!!) :

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{x} = 0, t) = \frac{AT_0^4 (mR_0^2/T_0)^{5/2}}{(t^2 + mR_0^2/T_0)^{5/2}}$$

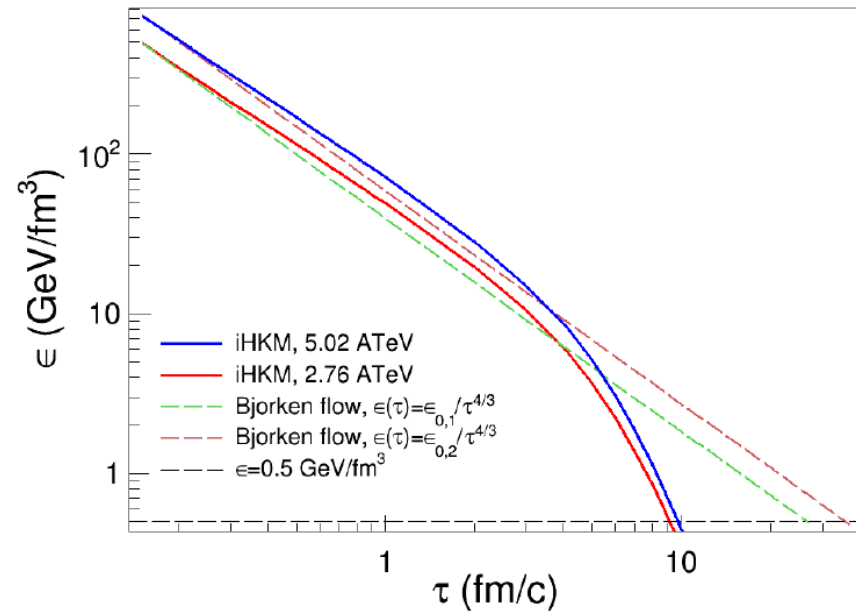
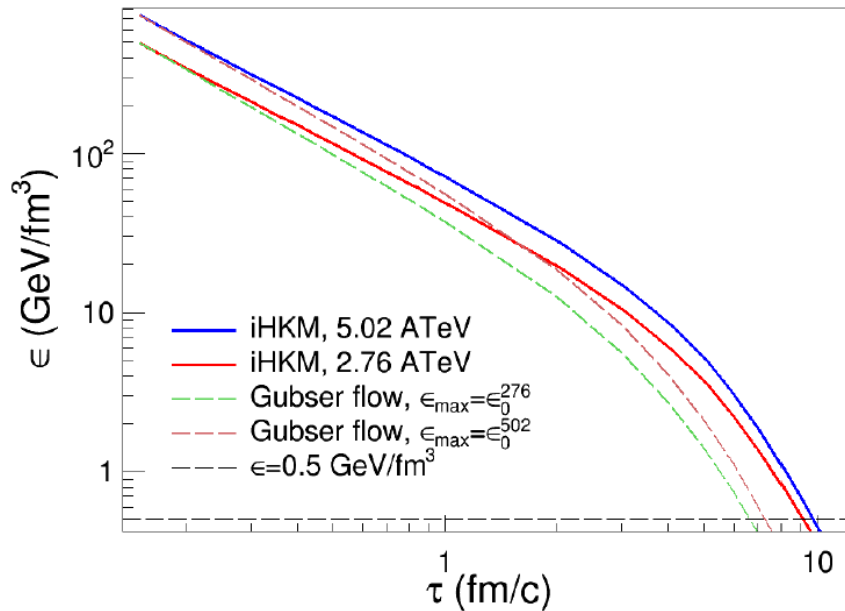




# Puzzle I: nearly equal freeze-out times extracted from long-radii starting at top RHIC energy until top LHC one.

**Simplest though:** More initial energy density at the same initial times (0.1 fm/c) at near the same sizes of colliding nuclei and same initial velocity distributions -> then more time necessary to reach freeze-out (energy density there is the same 0.5 GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>). But despite initial energy density between RHIC (200 GeV), LHC (2760 GeV) and LHC (5020 GeV) differs by factors 2-10, the freeze-out times nevertheless are hardly differ: 8.5 – 9 - 10 fm/c (RHIC – LHC).

**Explanation:**



**THE REASON IS:** Intensive relativistic transverse expansion starting around 0.4 fm/c in 3D hydro-models of heavy ion collisions.

## Puzzle II: *Long-femto radii and “real” life-time of the system*

The sudden freeze-out of the hydro-system, when one transform it (by particlization procedure) to many-particle system cannot be the final stage **without** afterburner one: in that case the hydro-matter with near **zero** mean free path (m.f.p.) – according hydro-definition - transforms **suddenly** in ideal gas that has **infinite** m.f.p., so particles, that interacted quite strongly suddenly stop to interact, that is physically **absurd**.

Our aim now is to analyze how long is duration of the afterburner stage, aiming to understand: can we neglect it?

**ANSWER: IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO NEGLECT !**

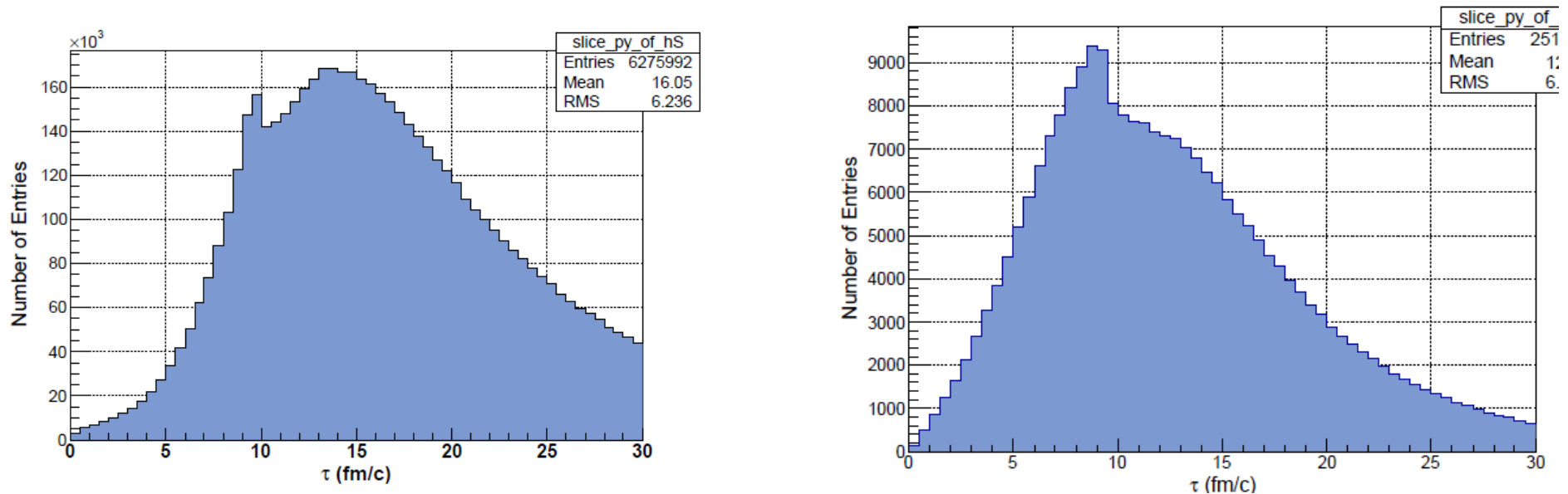
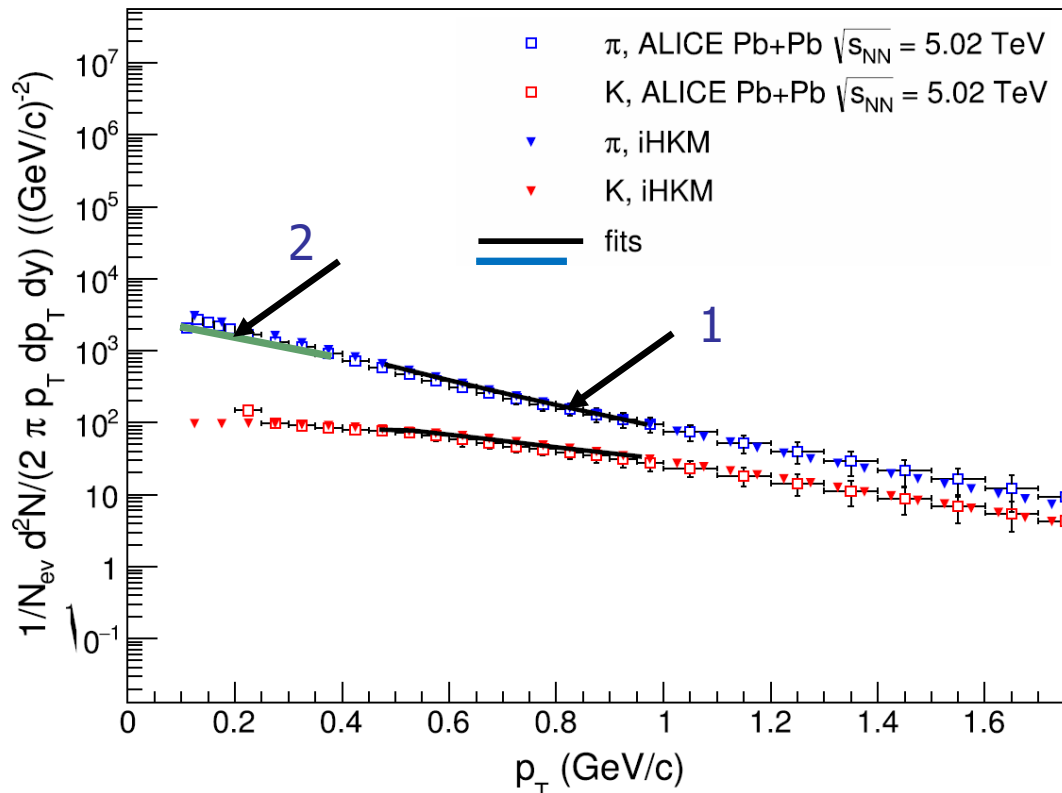


FIG. 1. The time of emission distribution for pions in central Pb+Pb collisions ( $c = 0 - 5\%$ ) at the LHC energy  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV simulated within iHKM,  $0.2 < p_T < 0.3$  GeV/c,  $|y| < 0.5$ .

The same as in Fig. 1, but for wide  $p_T$  region,  $0.5 < p_T < 2.0$  GeV/c.

# Puzzle II. Solution



**1** – corresponds to fitting in semi-soft and semi-hard  $p_T/k_T$  interval of pion spectra and radii. It gives the temperature of max. emission near 140 GeV and  $\tau = 10 fm/c$

**2** – corresponds to fitting soft pion spectra (0.2 – 0.4 GeV) with temperature of maximal emission near 105 GeV and  $\tau = 14.5 fm/c$

**THE PUZZLE IS COMPLETE.**

Fig. 4. The iHKM results for pion and kaon  $p_T$  spectra compared to the ALICE data [26] for the LHC Pb+Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV ( $c = 0 - 5\%$ ) together with the lines, representing a combined fit to the iHKM spectra using (8) with the same effective temperature  $T$  for pions and kaons.



## CONCLUSIONS

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We considered the two puzzle femtoscopic observations in ultrarelativistic heavy ion collisions.

- The first one is the closeness of the observed maximal emission times of pions at the quite different collision energies: from top RHIC to top LHC ones.

It is explained by intensive (including all direction) 3D hydro-expansion.

- Another paradoxical effect is that despite the long enough duration of the post-hydro- dynamic/afterburner cascade stage, the observed times of the maximal emission are close to the particlization time.

The explanation is that despite analysis of spectra and long-correlations provided in the soft  $k_T/p_T$  momentum region (0.2-0.4 GeV) within detail iHKM model of ultrarelativistic heavy ion collisions gives the time of maximal emission **15 fm/c**, the same analysis at the semi-soft & semi-hard momenta (0.5 – 1.5 fm/c) brings such the m.e. time to be **10 fm/c**, that coincide with our previous results and also ALICE Collaboration ones for wide  $k_T/p_T$  interval. Duration of emission is large enough in both  $k_T/p_T$  intervals.

See details in

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Thank you for your attention !

**Boltzmann Eqs., continuous emission and  
Cooper-Frye formula:**

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**Hydro-kinetic approach to relativistic heavy ion collisions**

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**KINETICS VERSUS HYDRODYNAMICS:  
GENERALIZATION OF LANDAU/COOPER-FRYE  
PRESCRIPTION FOR FREEZE-OUT\***

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# Saddle point approximation

**Spectrum**  $n(t \rightarrow \infty, p) = \int d^3r f(t_0, \mathbf{r}, p) \mathcal{P}_{t_0 \rightarrow t}(t_0, \mathbf{r}, p) + \int d^3r \int_{t_0}^t dt' S(t', \mathbf{r}', p)$

**Emission density**  $S(t', \mathbf{r}', p) = f^{\text{leq}}(t', \mathbf{r}' + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{p_0}(t' - t_0), p) Q(t', \mathbf{r}', p)$

**where**  $Q(t', \mathbf{r}', p) = \frac{d}{dt'} \mathcal{P}_{t' \rightarrow t}(t', \mathbf{r}' + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{p_0}(t' - t_0), p)$

**Normalization condition**  $\int_{t_0}^{\infty} dt' Q(t', \mathbf{r}', p) = 1 - \mathcal{P}(t_0, \mathbf{r}', p)$

**Eqs for saddle point**  $t_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r}, p): \frac{dQ(t', \mathbf{r}', p)}{dt'} \Big|_{t'=t'_{\sigma}} = 0,$   
 $\frac{d^2Q(t', \mathbf{r}', p)}{dt'^2} \Big|_{t'=t'_{\sigma}} < 0,$

**Physical conditions at**  $t_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r}, p) \frac{1}{\langle v_{\sigma} \rangle(x) n(x)} = \tau_{\text{scat}} \approx \tau_{\text{exp}} = - \left( \frac{1}{n(x)} u^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} n \right)^{-1}$

# Cooper-Frye prescription

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}' + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{p_0}(t'_\sigma(\mathbf{r}', p) - t_0)$$

Spectrum in new variables

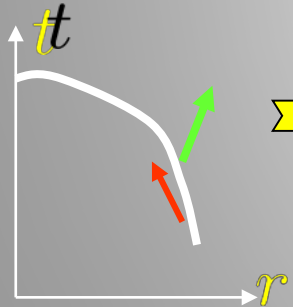
$$\Rightarrow n(t \rightarrow \infty, p) \approx \int d^3r \left| 1 - \frac{\mathbf{p}}{p_0} \frac{\partial t_\sigma}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \right| \int_{t_0}^t dt' S(t', \mathbf{r}, p).$$

Emission density in saddle point representation

$$\Rightarrow S(t', \mathbf{r}, p) = f^{1\text{eq}}(t', \mathbf{r} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{p_0}(t' - t_\sigma), p) \\ \times \frac{\mathcal{P}_{t_\sigma \rightarrow \infty}(t_\sigma, \mathbf{r}, p)}{\tau_{\text{rel}}(t_\sigma(\mathbf{r}, p), \mathbf{r}, p)} \exp(-(t' - t_\sigma(\mathbf{r}, p))^2 / 2D^2(\mathbf{r}, p))$$

Temporal width of emission

$$\Rightarrow D(\mathbf{r}, p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \tau_{\text{rel}}(t_\sigma, \mathbf{r}, p) \mathcal{P}_{t_\sigma \rightarrow \infty}^{-1}(t_\sigma, \mathbf{r}, p) \approx \tau_{\text{rel}}(t_\sigma, \mathbf{r}, p)$$



$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{t_\sigma \rightarrow \infty}^{-1} = \exp \left( \int_{t_\sigma}^{\infty} ds \tau_{\text{rel}}^{-1} \left( s, \mathbf{r} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{p_0}(s - t_\sigma(\mathbf{r}, p), p) \right) \right)$$

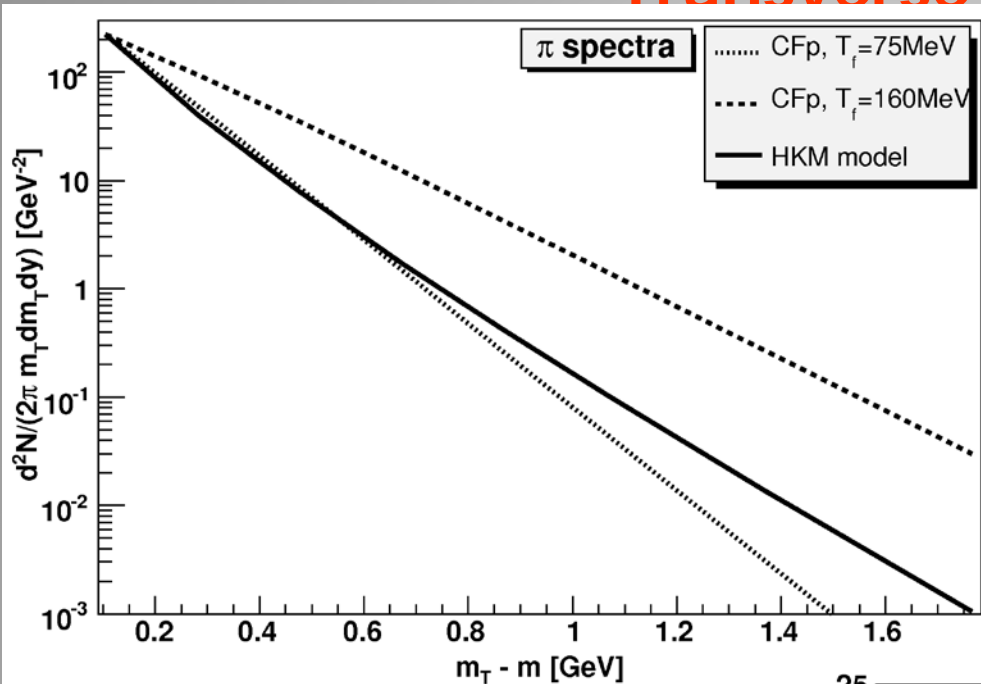
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Generalized Cooper-Frye f-la

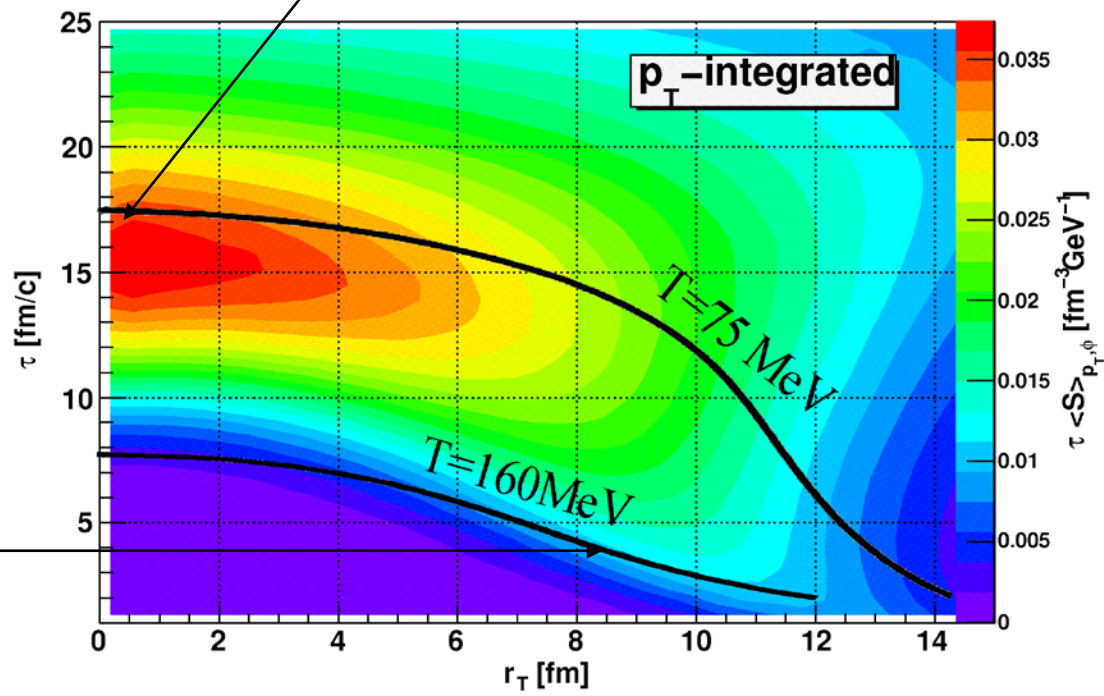
$$\Rightarrow p^0 n(t \rightarrow \infty, p) = \int_{\sigma(p)} d\sigma_\mu p^\mu f^{1\text{eq}}(x, p)$$



# Transverse Spectra

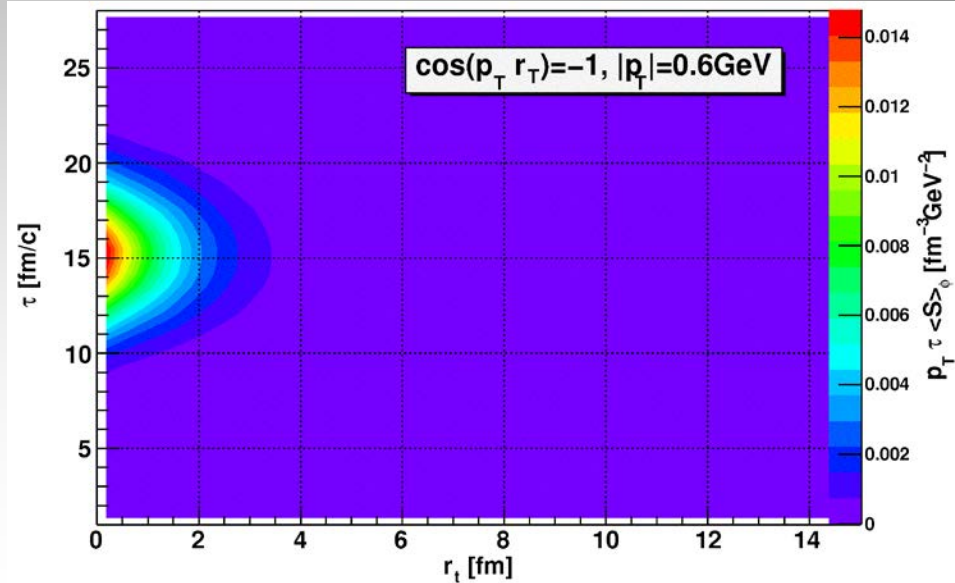
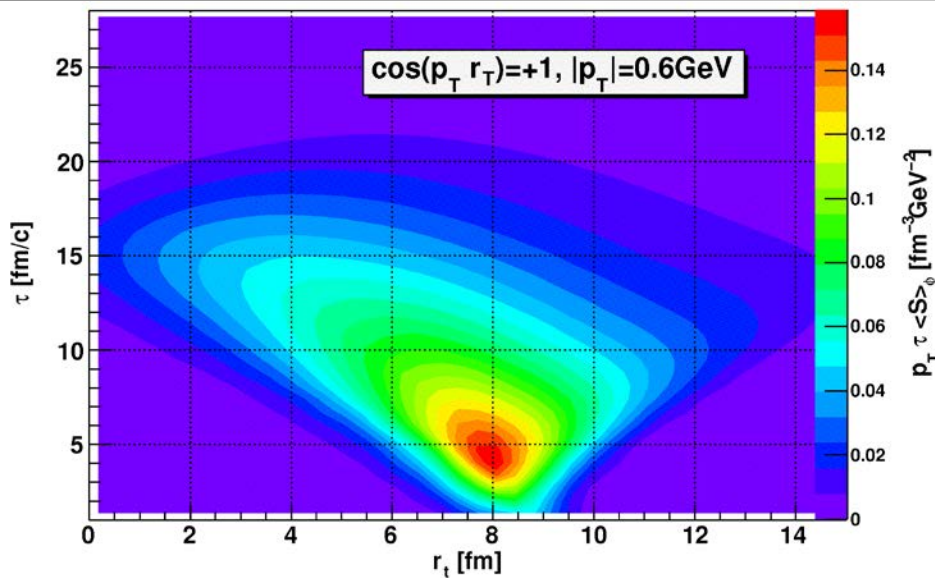


Max at  $P_t = 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$



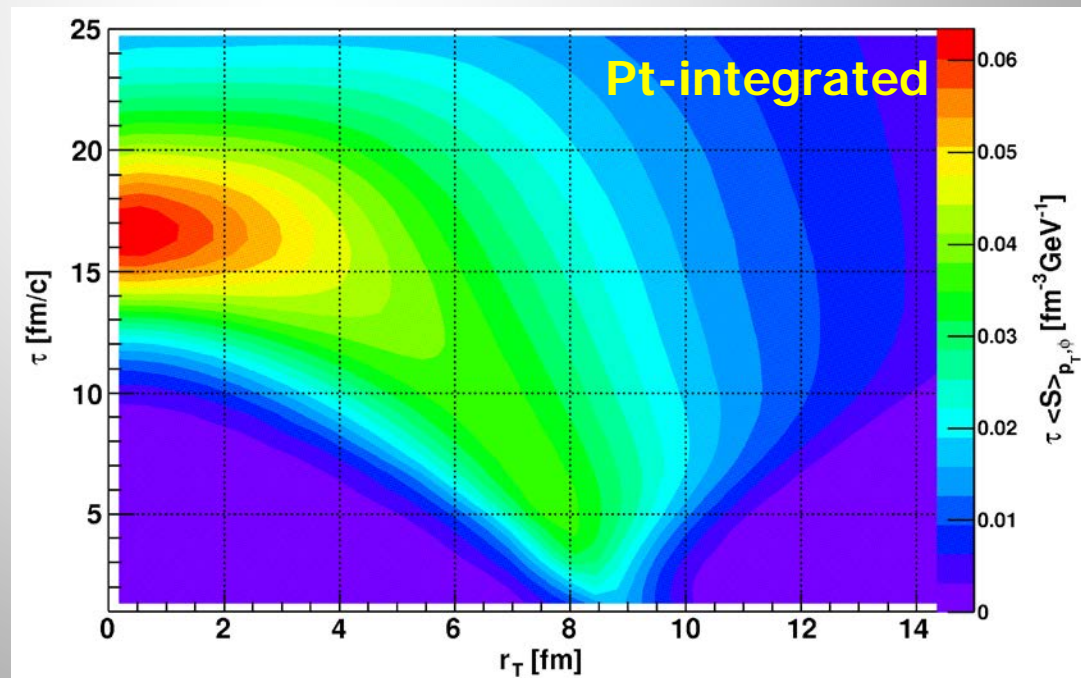
Max at  $P_t = 1.2 \text{ GeV}/c$

# Momentum dependence of freeze-out



Here and further for Pb+Pb collisions we use:  
initial energy density  
 $\epsilon_i = 6 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$  ( $T_i = 247 \text{ MeV}$ )

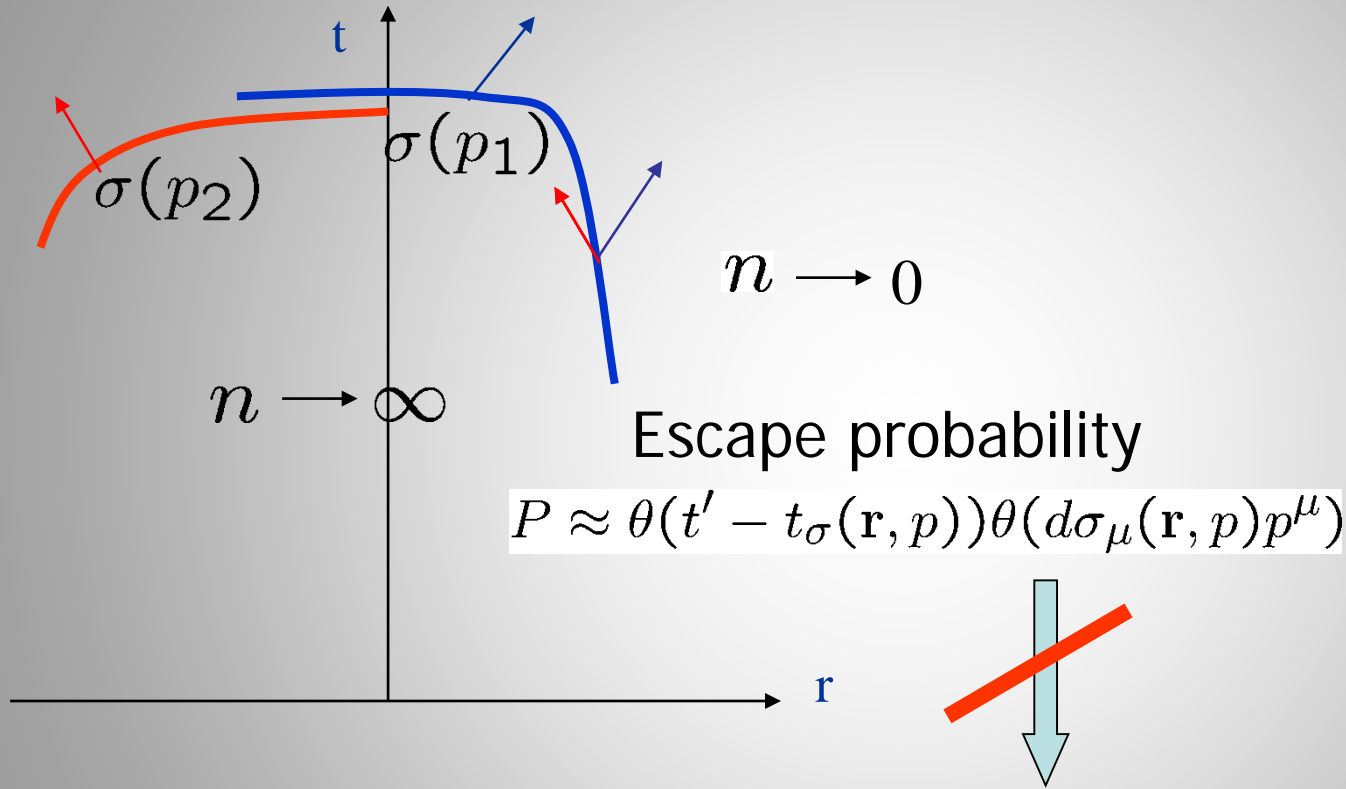
EoS from Lattice QCD when  $T < 160 \text{ MeV}$ , and EoS of chemically frozen hadron gas with 359 particle species at  $T < 160 \text{ MeV}$ .



# Generalized Cooper-Frye prescription:

$$p^0 \frac{d^3 N}{d^3 p} = \int_{\sigma(p)} d\sigma_{\mu} p^{\mu} f^{l.eq.}(x, p)$$

$$d\sigma_{\mu} p^{\mu} > 0$$



$$p^0 \frac{d^3 N}{d^3 p} = \int_{\sigma(p)} d\sigma_{\mu} p^{\mu} f^{l.eq.}(r, p) \theta(d\sigma_{\mu} p^{\mu})$$

**THE END**