

Strangeness and Formation of QGP

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*Relativistic heavy ion collision research program was created to discover and study how hadrons melt into quark gluon plasma (QGP), and QGP turns into matter again. I will survey **strangeness as a signature of QGP** across past decades and show recent results obtained explaining experimental and lattice data.*

1965-7 – Hagedorn's **singular** Statistical Bootstrap

accepted as 'the' initial singular hot Big-Bang theory

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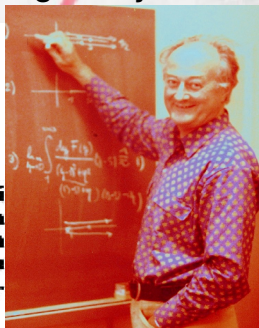
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Siedende Urmaterie

R. HAGEDORN, CERN (Genève)

Wenn auch niemand dabei

war, als das Universum entstand, so erlauben uns doch unsere heutigen Kenntnisse der Atom-, Kern- und Elementarteilchenphysik, verbunden mit der Annahme, dass die Naturgesetze unwandelbar sind, Modelle zu konstruieren, die mehr und mehr auf mögliche Beschreibungen der Anfänge unserer Welt zusteuern.

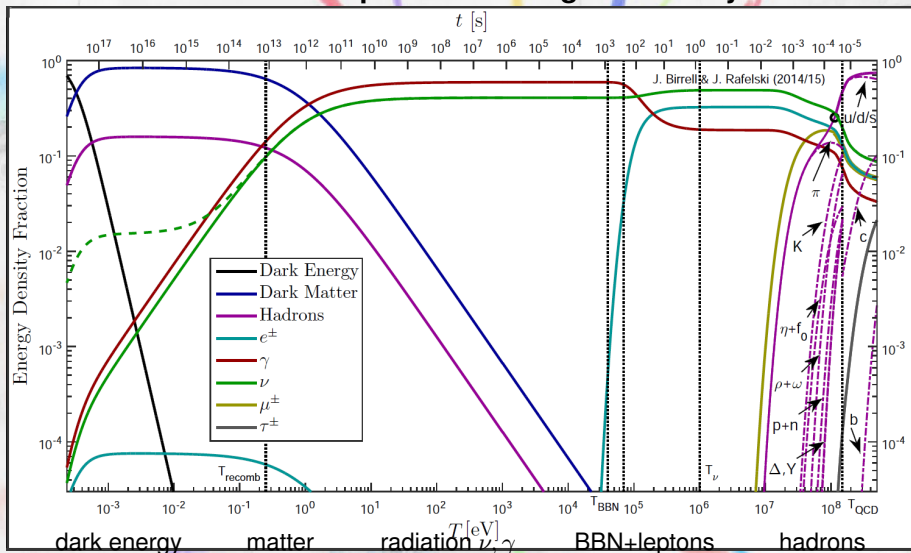


Boiling Primordial Matter *Even though no one was present when the Universe was born, our current understanding of atomic, nuclear and elementary particle physics, constrained by the assumption that the Laws of Nature are unchanging, allows us to construct models with ever better and more accurate descriptions of the beginning... We would have never understood these things if we had not advanced on Earth the fields of atomic and nuclear physics. To understand the great, we must descend into the very small.*

Repeated in S. Weinberg's Cosmology book about the Big Bang singularity

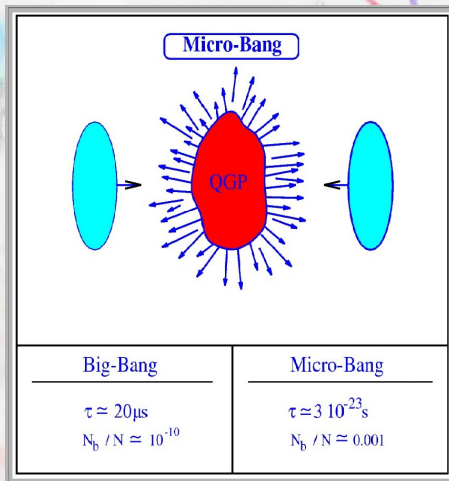
A quick look at: Explore the Universe: today \Leftarrow QGP

The Universe Composition in Single View 50 y After



Different dominance eras: Temperature grows to right

1977/8 JR+RH at CERN: how can we recreate Big-Bang in lab?



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions

- Universe time scale 18 orders of magnitude longer, hence equilibrium of leptons & photons
- Baryon asymmetry six orders of magnitude larger in Laboratory, hence chemistry different
- Universe: dilution by scale expansion, Laboratory explosive expansion of a fireball

⇒ Theory connects RHI collision experiments to Universe

Physics of RHIC collisions & Quark Gluon Plasma

1 RECREATE THE EARLY UNIVERSE IN LABORATORY

Recreate and understand the high energy density conditions prevailing in the Universe when matter formed from elementary degrees of freedom (quarks, gluons) at about $20 \mu\text{s}$ after the Big-Bang.

2 PROBING OVER A 'LARGE' DISTANCE THE (DE)CONFINING QUANTUM VACUUM STRUCTURE

The quantum vacuum, the present day relativistic æther, determines prevailing form of matter and laws of nature.

3 STUDY OF THE ORIGIN OF MATTER & OF MASS

Matter and antimatter created when QGP 'hadronizes'. Mass of matter originates in the confining vacuum structure

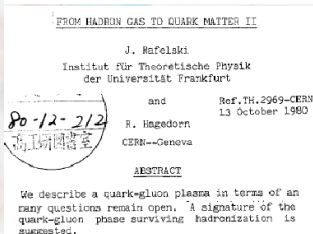
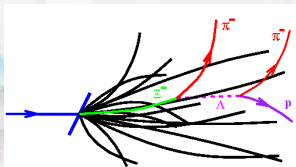
4 PROBE ORIGIN OF FLAVOR

Normal matter made of first flavor family ($d, u, e, [\nu_e]$). Strangeness-rich quark-gluon plasma the sole laboratory environment filled 'to the rim' with 2nd family matter ($s, c, [\mu, \nu_\mu]$). and considerable abundance of b and even t .

5 PROBE STRONGEST FORCES IN THE UNIVERSE

For a short time the relativistic approach and separation of large charges $Ze \leftrightarrow Ze$ generates EM fields 1000's time stronger than those in Magnetars; strongfields=strong force=strong acceleration

QGP signatures: 1980-81: Strangeness s, \bar{s} -many CERN experiments followed
Anti-strangeness in QGP: $\bar{s} > \bar{q}$ in SPS experiments



A: Strange hadrons are subject to a self analyzing decay

B: There are many strange particles allowing study different physics questions ($q = u, d$):

$$K(q\bar{s}), \quad \bar{K}(\bar{q}s), \quad K^*(890), \dots$$

$$\Lambda(qqs), \quad \bar{\Lambda}(\bar{q}\bar{q}\bar{s}), \quad \Lambda(1520), \dots$$

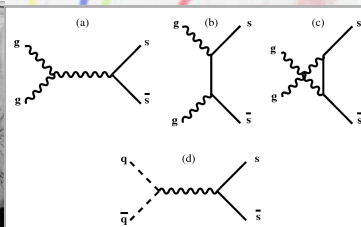
$$\phi(s\bar{s}), \quad \Xi(qss), \quad \Xi(\bar{q}\bar{s}\bar{s}), \dots$$

$$\Omega(sss), \quad \bar{\Omega}(\bar{s}\bar{s}\bar{s})$$

C: Production rates hence statistical significance is high.

THEORETICAL CONSIDERATION within QCD

A: 1982 JR-BMüller PRL48 (1982) 1066 show production of strangeness dominated by gluon fusion $GG \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ strangeness \Leftrightarrow gluons in QGP;



B: coincidence of scales:

$$m_s \simeq T_c \rightarrow \tau_s \simeq \tau_{\text{QGP}} \rightarrow$$

strangeness yield can grow gradually - make models of time/size dep.

QCD strangeness production cross sections

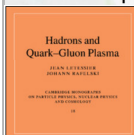
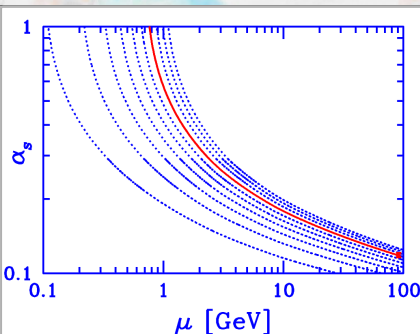
The generic angle averaged cross sections for (heavy) flavor s , \bar{s} production processes $g + g \rightarrow s + \bar{s}$ and $q + \bar{q} \rightarrow s + \bar{s}$, are:

$$\bar{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow s\bar{s}}(s) = \frac{2\pi\alpha_s^2}{3s} \left[\left(1 + \frac{4m_s^2}{s} + \frac{m_s^4}{s^2} \right) \tanh^{-1} W(s) - \left(\frac{7}{8} + \frac{31m_s^2}{8s} \right) W(s) \right],$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow s\bar{s}}(s) = \frac{8\pi\alpha_s^2}{27s} \left(1 + \frac{2m_s^2}{s} \right) W(s). \quad W(s) = \sqrt{1 - 4m_s^2/s}$$

QCD resummation: running α_s and m_s taken at the energy scale $\mu \equiv \sqrt{s}$.

An essential pre requirement for the perturbative theory to be applicable in domain of interest to us, is the relatively small experimental value; in figure $\alpha_s^{(4)}(\mu)$ as function of energy scale μ for a variety of initial conditions. **Solid line:** $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.118$. Were instead $\alpha_s(M_Z) > 0.125$ the perturbative strangeness production approach would have been in question.



Hadrons and Quark-Gluon Plasma

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Particle abundance N : T, V and Υ

- Overall normalization V (also dV/dy)
 - Ambient temperature T
 - Fugacity $\Upsilon_{\pm} = \gamma e^{\pm\mu/T}$ where μ "Relative" equilibrium chemical potential and **phase space occupancy** $= \gamma(t)$ is time dependent – creation of strangeness – even if everything is stationary relates to achievement of "Absolute" chemical equilibrium .
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- N Obtained from integral of the distribution over phase space

$$\langle N \rangle = gV \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} n; \quad n(\varepsilon; T, \Upsilon) = \frac{1}{\Upsilon_{\pm}^{-1} e^{\varepsilon/T} \pm 1}$$
$$\langle N \rangle = \frac{gVT^3}{2\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\pm 1)^{n-1} \Upsilon_{\pm}^n}{n^3} \left(\frac{nm}{T} \right)^2 K_2 \left(\frac{nm}{T} \right) \quad \Upsilon_{\pm} \leq e^{m/T}$$

- Particle properties determine:
degeneracy g (e.g. spin $= (2J + 1)$), and Hadron mass m

Strangeness Deconfinement Signatures

A: TOTAL Strangeness: normalized with another conserved yield:

s strangeness/ S entropy s/b baryon # when b measured

depend on **evolution dynamics** and initial conditions

B: Strangeness at QGP break-up:

i: Is QGP near chemical equilibrium?

$$\left. \frac{n_s(t, T(t))}{n_s(\infty, T(t))} \right|_{\text{QGP}} \equiv \gamma_s^{\text{QGP}}(t) \rightarrow 1? \quad \gamma_s^{\text{HG}} \simeq 3\gamma_s^{\text{QGP}} \rightarrow 3$$

ii: For consistency we need also to consider $\gamma_q^{\text{HG}} > 1$
this over population controls ENTROPY enhancement

C: STRANGENESS MOBILITY IN QGP imprinted at hadronization on greatly enhanced produced multi (anti)strange hadron abundances.

strangeness/entropy s/S : both s and S (almost) conserved in QGP \rightarrow hadrons \rightarrow detector

Relative s/S yield measures the number of active degrees of freedom and the degree of relaxation when strangeness production freezes-out in QGP. Perturbative expression in chemical equilibrium:

$$\frac{s}{S} = \frac{\frac{g_s}{2\pi^2} T^3 (m_s/T)^2 K_2(m_s/T)}{(g 2\pi^2/45) T^3 + (g_s n_f/6) \mu_q^2 T} \simeq \frac{1}{35} = 0.0286$$

much of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ interaction effect cancels out. When considered $s/S \rightarrow 1/31 = 0.0323$. Now introduce QGP abundance

< 1 nonequilibrium

$$\frac{s}{S} = \frac{0.03 \gamma_{(t)s}^{\text{QGP}}}{0.4 \gamma_G + 0.1 \gamma_{(t)s}^{\text{QGP}} + 0.5 \gamma_{(t)q}^{\text{QGP}} + 0.05 \gamma_{(t)q}^{\text{QGP}} (\ln \lambda_q)^2} \rightarrow 0.03 \gamma_{(t)s}^{\text{QGP}}.$$

We return to topic at end of lecture

Instant success of strangeness signature proposal

Strangeness in quark–gluon plasma

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Based on a lecture given at the Bielefeld Workshop on 'Quark Matter Formation and Heavy Ion Collisions', May 10–14, 1982
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It is argued that observation of the strange-particle abundance may lead to identification of the quark–gluon plasma and measurement of some of its properties. Approach to chemical equilibrium and competitive processes in the hadronic gas phase are discussed.



picked up by Marek in Dubna ...

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A Study of Λ -Production
in Central Nucleus–Nucleus Interactions
at a Momentum of 4.5 GeV/c Per Incident Nucleon

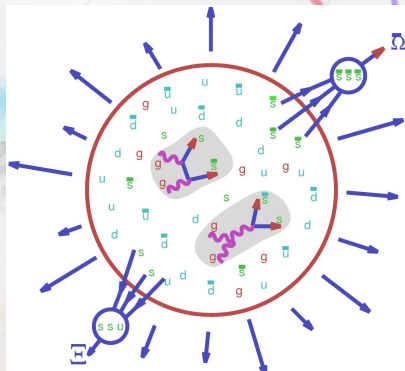
Transverse momenta and rapidities of Λ 's produced in central nucleus–nucleus collisions at 4.5 GeV/c per nucleon /CC, CNe, CNe, CCu, CZr, CPb, OPb/ have been studied and compared with those from inelastic He–Li interactions at the same incident momentum. Polarization of Λ hyperons was found to be consistent /within the errors/ with zero ($\langle p_x \rangle = 0.06 \pm 0.11$) for 274 Λ 's from central collisions. The upper limit of Λ/Λ production ratio was estimated to be less than 10^{-2} at a 90% confidence level.

The analyzed experimental data were obtained using the triggered 2 m streamer spectrometer SKM-200.

The investigation has been performed at the Laboratory of High Energies, JINR.

Communication of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna 1983

Strange hadrons from QGP: two-step formation mechanism



- 1 $GG \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ (thermal gluons collide)
 $GG \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ (initial parton collision)
gluon dominated reactions
- 2 hadronization of pre-formed
 $s, \bar{s}, c, \bar{c}, b, \bar{b}$ quarks



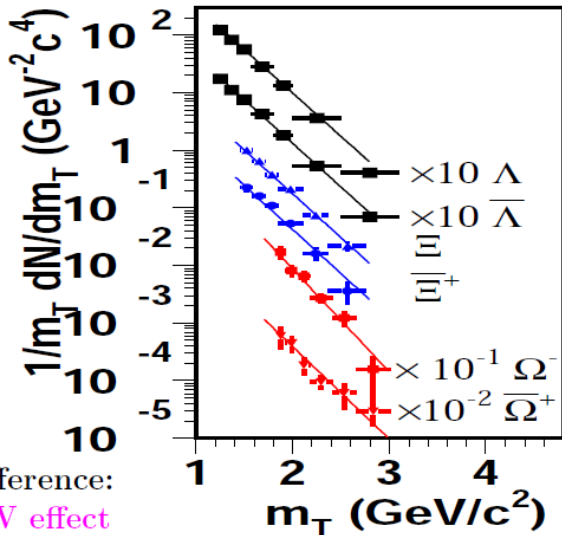
Evaporation-recombination formation of complex rarely produced (multi)exotic flavor (anti)particles from QGP is signature of quark mobility thus of deconfinement. Enhancement of flavored (strange, charm,...) antibaryons progressing with 'exotic' flavor content. J. Rafelski, *Formation and Observables of the Quark-Gluon Plasma* Phys.Rept. **88** (1982) p331; P. Koch, B. Muller, and J. Rafelski; *Strangeness in Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions*, Phys.Rept. **142** (1986) p167

Pb-Pb SPS collisions also show matter-antimatter symmetry: Sudden hadronization of QGP

| WA97 | T_{\perp}^{Pb} [MeV] |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| T^{K^0} | 230 ± 2 |
| T^{Λ} | 289 ± 3 |
| $T^{\bar{\Lambda}}$ | 287 ± 4 |
| T^{Ξ} | 286 ± 9 |
| $T^{\bar{\Xi}}$ | 284 ± 17 |
| $T^{\Omega+\bar{\Omega}}$ | 251 ± 19 |

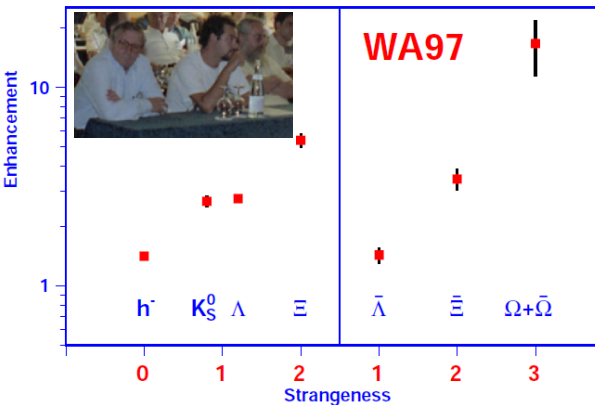
Λ within 1% of $\bar{\Lambda}$

Kaon – hyperon difference:
EXPLOSIVE FLOW effect



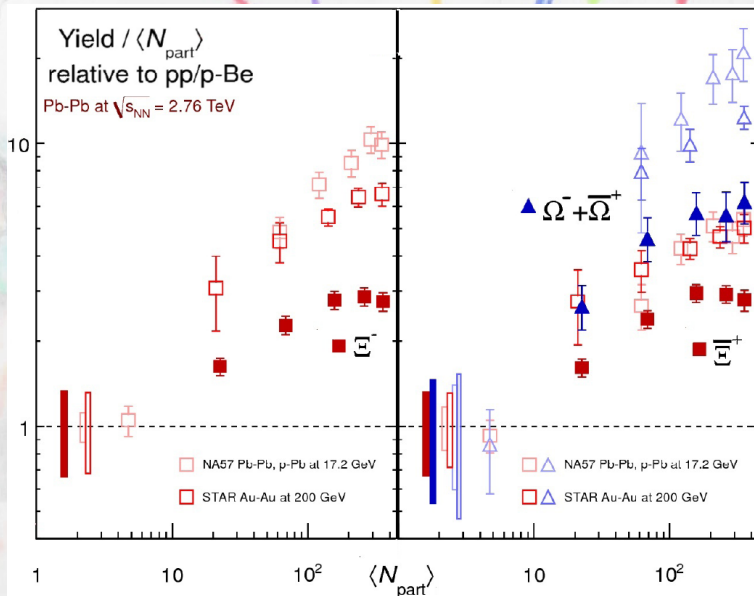
Predicted: Strange antibaryons enhanced

WA97 SPS Antihyperons: The largest observed QGP medium effect



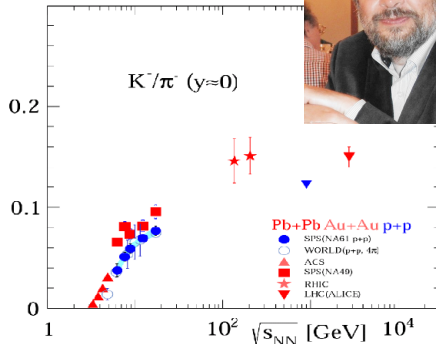
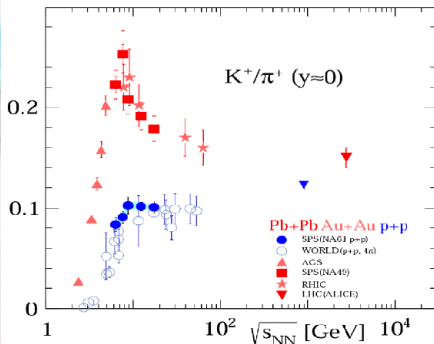
Enhancement GROWS with a) strangeness b) antiquark content as we predicted. Enhancement with respect to yield in p-Be collisions, scaled up with the number of 'wounded' nucleons. Result → CERN QGP discovery announcement in 2000. All other CERN strangeness experimental results agree.

Today: Effect remains largest medium effect in RHI collisions



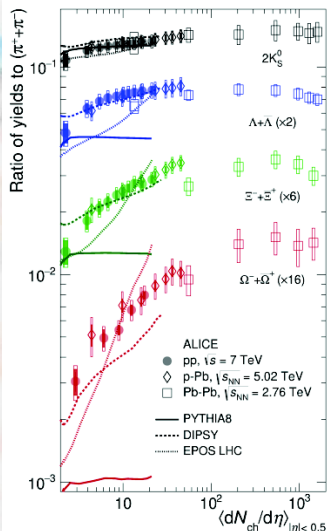
Onset of Deconfinement: NA49/NA61

Marek's Discovery: The HORN



Evidence of drastic change in matter properties – far from equilibrium hadrons turn at the peak into a quark-gluon plasma ball in near equilibrium. Use of non-equilibrium physics essential in understanding the Horn and understanding the threshold of QGP formation.

Current interest in small systems: Strange antibaryon enhancement smoothly rising with entropy of fireball



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Significant enhancement of strangeness with multiplicity in high multiplicity pp events

pp behavior resamble p-Pb : both in term of value of the ratio and shape

No evident dependence on cms energy: strangeness production apparently driven by final state rather than collision system or energy

At high mult. pp ratio reaches values similar to the one in Pb-Pb (when ratio saturates)

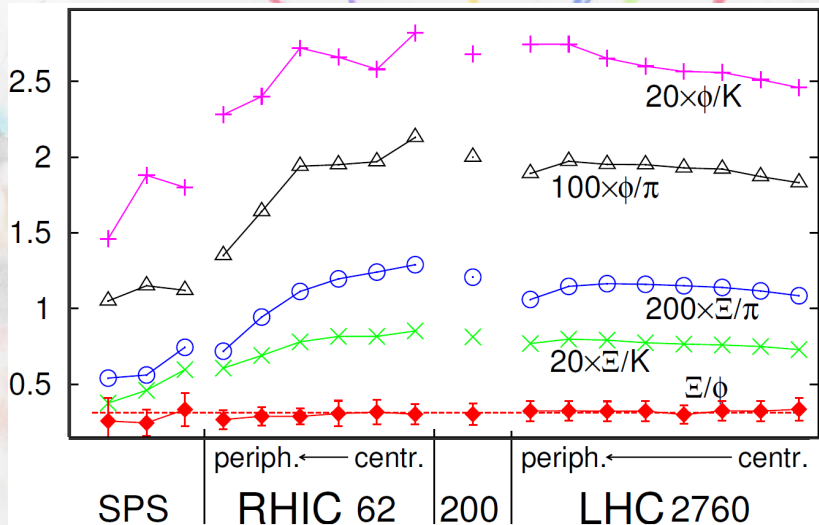
Models fail to reproduce data. Only DIPSY gives a qualitative description.

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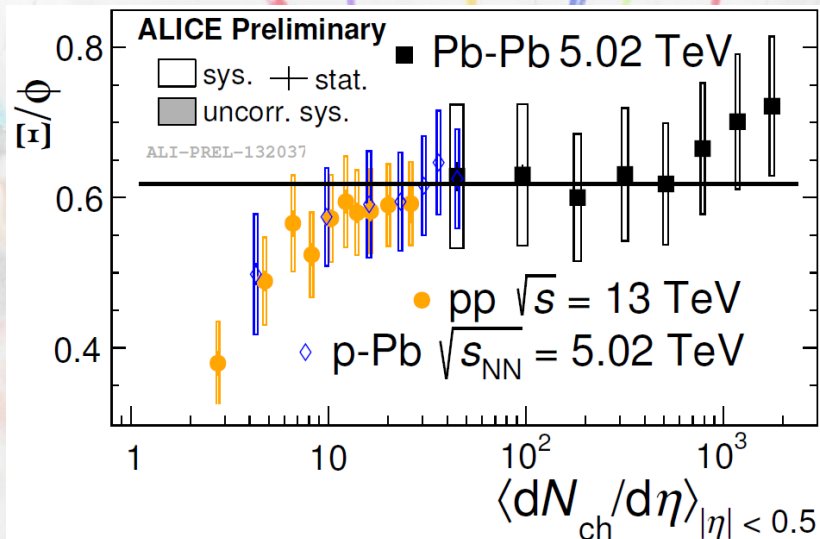
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Hadronization: Recombinant $\Xi(ssq)/\phi(s\bar{s})$ (nearly) constant



M. Petran, J. Rafelski, *Multistrange Particle Production and the Statistical Hadronization Model* Phys.Rev. C **82** (2010) 011901

Hadronization: Recombinant $\Xi(ssq)/\phi(s\bar{s})$: Alice



Found in QM2018 Reports, Adapted with one line.....

The chemical hadronization analysis invented



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Strange anti-baryons from quark-gluon plasma

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Abstract

Experimental results on strange anti-baryon production in nuclear S – W collisions at 200 A GeV are described in terms of a simple model of an explosively disintegrating quark-lepton plasma (QGP). The importance of the strange anti-baryon signal for the identification of the QGP state and for the diagnosis of its properties is demonstrated.

Chemical nonequilibrium and deconfinement in 200A GeV sulphur induced reactions

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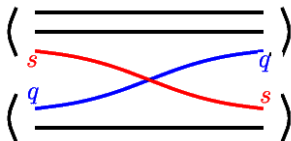
We interpret hadronic particle abundances produced in S-Au/W/Pb 200A GeV reactions in terms of the final state hadronic phase space model and determine by a data fit of the chemical hadron freeze-out parameters. Allowing for the flavor abundance nonequilibrium a highly significant fit to experimental particle abundance data emerges, which supports the possibility of strangeness distillation. We find under different strategies stable values for freeze-out temperature $T_f = 143 \pm 3$ MeV, baryochemical potential $\mu_B = 173 \pm 6$ MeV, ratio of strangeness (γ_s) and light quark (γ_q) phase space occupancies $\gamma_s/\gamma_q = 0.60 \pm 0.02$, and $\gamma_q = 1.22 \pm 0.05$ without accounting for collective expansion (radial flow). When introducing flow effects which allow a consistent description of the transverse mass particle spectra, yielding $|v_c| = 0.49 \pm 0.01$ c, we find $\gamma_s/\gamma_q = 0.69 \pm 0.03$, $\gamma_q = 1.41 \pm 0.08$. The strange quark fugacity is fitted at $\lambda_s = 1.00 \pm 0.02$ suggesting chemical freeze-out directly from the deconfined phase.

Nonequilibrium parameters describe time evolution of fireball system

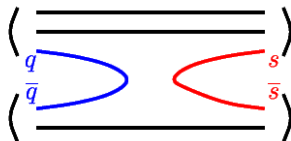
Hadronization: Chemical reactions involving quarks

EXAMPLE: Strangeness in HG:

Relative
chemical equilibrium



Absolute
chemical equilibrium



EXCHANGE REACTION PRODUCTION REACTION

Absolute equilibrium $\gamma \rightarrow 1$ require more rarely occurring truly inelastic collisions with creation of new particles.

| | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| γ_i controls overall abundance of quark 'i' pairs | Absolute chemical equilibrium |
| λ_i controls difference between strange and non-strange quarks 'i' | Relative chemical equilibrium |

WHY STATISTICAL HADRONIZATION MODEL... (SHM) WORKS

- a) Confinement: \Rightarrow breakup into free quarks not possible;
- b) Strong interaction: \Rightarrow equal hadron production strength irrespective of produced hadron type

\Rightarrow 'elementary' hadron yields depend only on the **available phase space**

Historical approaches:

- Fermi: Micro-canonical phase space
sharp energy and sharp number of particles
E. Fermi, Prog.Theor.Phys. 5 (1950) 570: **HOWEVER**
Experiments report event-average rapidity particle abundances,
model should describe **an average event**
- Canonical phase space: sharp number of particles
ensemble average energy $E \rightarrow T$ temperature
 T could be, but needs not to be, a kinetic process temperature
- Grand-canonical – ensemble average energy and number of particles:
 $N \rightarrow \mu \Leftrightarrow \Upsilon = e^{(\mu/T)}$

Our interest: bulk QGP fireball properties of hadron source evaluated independent of complex explosion dynamics \Rightarrow analyze integrated hadron spectra.

SHARE Idea/Team: US-Polish NATO collaboration 2002/04

Statistical **HA**adronization with **RE**sonances

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SHARE: Statistical hadronization with resonances

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Abstract

SHARE is a collection of programs designed for the statistical analysis of particle production in relativistic heavy-ion collisions. With the physical input of intensive statistical parameters, it generates the ratios of particle abundances. The program includes cascade decays of all confirmed resonances from the Particle Data Tables. The complete treatment of these resonances has been known to be a crucial factor behind the success of the statistical approach. An optional feature implemented is the Breit–Wigner distribution for strong resonances. An interface for fitting the parameters of the model to the experimental data is provided.

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Balance of baryon number in the quark coalescence model

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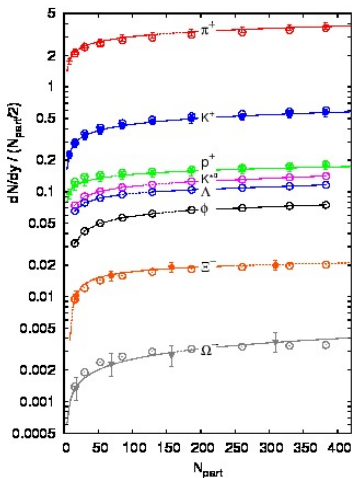
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The charge and baryon balance functions are studied in the coalescence hadronization mechanism of quark–gluon plasma. Assuming that in the plasma phase the $q\bar{q}$ pairs form uncorrelated clusters whose decay is also uncorrelated, one can understand the observed small width of the charge balance function in the Gaussian approximation. The coalescence model predicts even smaller width of the baryon–antibaryon balance function: $\sigma_{BB}/\sigma_{+-} = \sqrt{2/3}$.



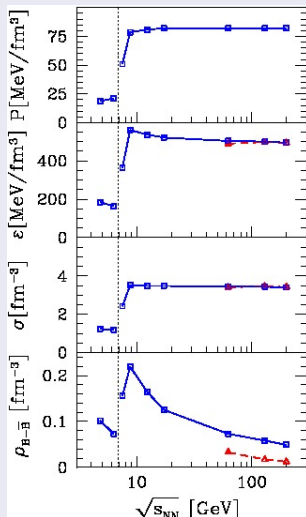
Examples SHM Analysis (Chemical Nonequilibrium)

Particle Yield Example:LHC



M. Petran, J. Letessier, V. Petracek, J. Rafelski Phys.Rev. C **88** (2013) no.3, 034907

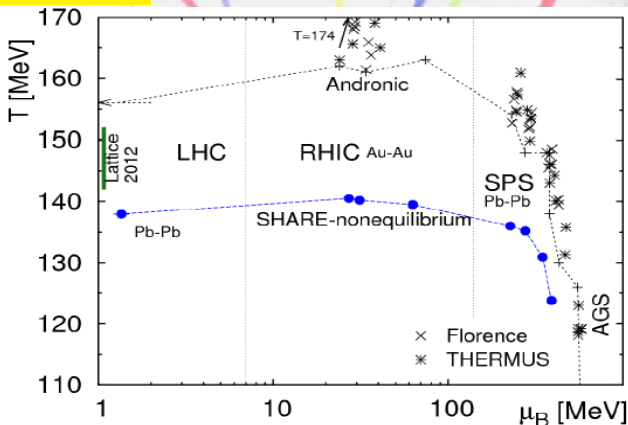
Bulk properties from SHM yields



J. Letessier, J. Rafelski, Eur.Phys.J. A **35** (2008) 221-242

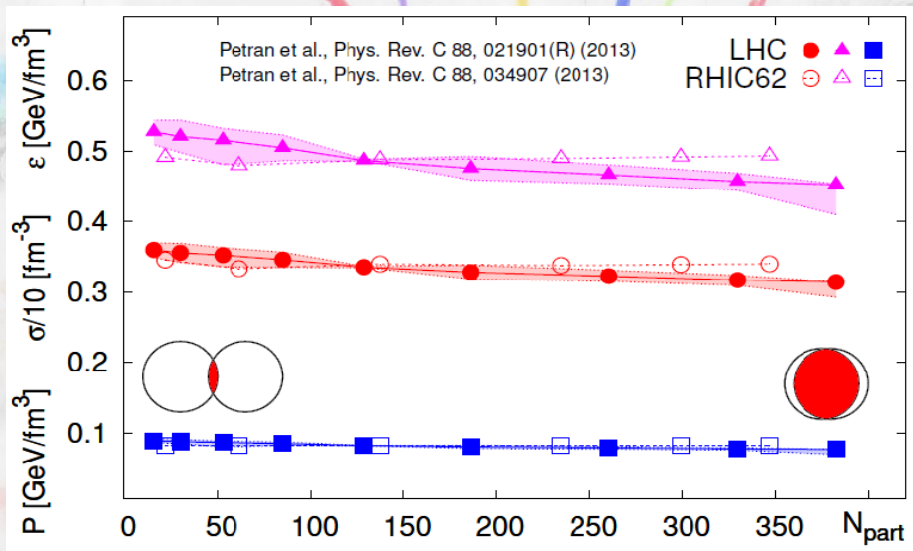
Consistency with lattice QCD REQUIRES: Chemical nonequilibrium + supercooling = sudden fireball breakup

Work with Michal Petran



Chemical freeze-out MUST be below lattice results. For direct free-streaming hadron emission from QGP, T -SHM is the QGP source temperature, there **cannot be full chemical equilibrium**.

Smaller systems hadronize earlier (more dense fireball)



There are also remaining questions about kinetic process of strangeness production. Today we only look at QCD perturbative model

Collaboration/project with Inga Kuznetsova

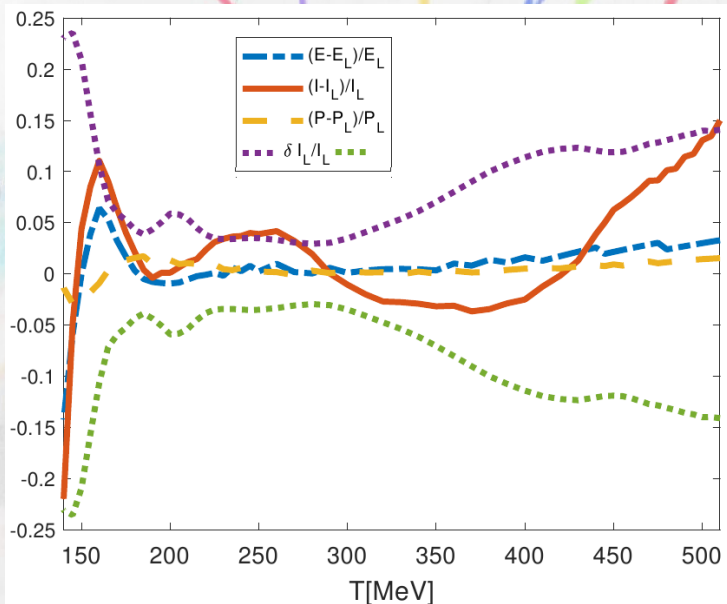
The problem: the Lattice EOS show that we do not have a simple quark-gluon free gas: QGP is a complicated thermal plasma with effective particles that interact weakly.



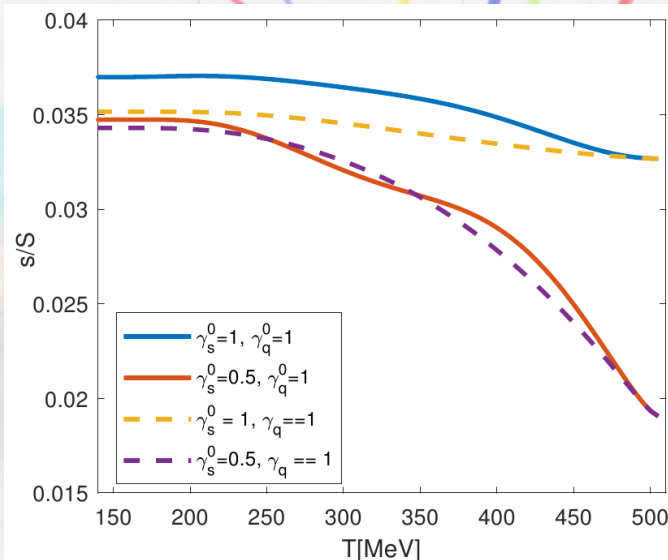
- 1 Describe the fully thermal and chemical equilibrium state in terms of effective quark and gluon with thermal mass degrees of freedom
- 2 Use these effective particles to model evolution of strangeness in dynamical fireball to constrain models that were used in step 1

Lesson: A very difficult project: almost always quasiparticles that are easily used to model lattice incompatible with our knowledge about strange particle yields.

Step 1: Level of agreement with Lattice Data



Step 2: Strangeness growth before hadronization: Step 1 parameters a big constraint on what works



- Universality of fireball bulk properties across the entire reaction energy domain we express in terms of the invariant measure
- Strange antibaryon signature of QGP leads to discovery of universal properties of QGP at hadronization; differences in: Fireball volume size, and in strangeness saturation
- At SPS, RHIC: Baryon number deposition varies strongly as function of collision energy. This is the chemical potential dependence on collision energy. WHY?
To clarify question: why baryons are stopped?
- Advanced models of strangeness production consistent with lattice QCD in progress