# **Ultra-relativistic nuclear collisions**



Lecture 1

a) light flavors

- introductory remarks and context
- hadron production, statistical model and the QCD phase boundary
- chemical freeze-out and the case of weakly bound objects
- production yields in high energy collisions

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# Quark-gluon plasma –a new state of matterdeconfined quarks and gluons



in relativistic nucleus-nucleus collisions, a new state of matter is produced, in which colored quarks and gluons roam freely

Simulation: UrQMD, Frankfurt

#### The phase diagram of strongly interacting matter

at low temperature and normal density colored quarks and gluons are bound in colorless hadrons - confinement chiral symmetry is spontaneously broken (generating 99% of proton mass e.g.) 1972 QCD (Gross, Politzer, Wilczek) asymptotic freedom at small distances

<u>at high temperature and/or high density</u> quarks and gluons freed from confinement -> new state of strongly interacting matter 1975 (Collins/Perry and Cabibbo/Parisi)

now called Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)



#### Quark-gluon plasma and the early universe



## **Evolution of the Early Universe**



#### How to create QGP in the laboratory?



# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



27 km long, 8 sectors

1232 dipole magnets (15m, 30 tonnes each) to bend the beams Cooled with 120 tonnes of He at 1.9 K

pp: 2808 bunches/ring, each 1.15x10<sup>11</sup> protons (8 min filling time) Design luminosity: **10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>** 

PbPb: 592 bunches/ring, each 7x10<sup>7</sup> Pb ions

Design luminosity: 1027 cm-2s-1

Transverse r.m.s beam size: 16 µm, r.m.s. bunch length: 7.5 cm

Beam kinetic energy: 362 MJ per beam (1 MJ melts 2 kg copper)

Total stored electromagnetic energy: 8.5 GJ (dipole magnets only)

#### Overall view of the LHC experiments.





the TPC (Time Projection Chamber) - 3D reconstruction of up to 15 000 tracks of charged particles per event



with 95 m<sup>3</sup> the largest TPC ever





**560 million read-out pixels!** precision better than 500 μm in all 3 dim. 180 space and charge points per track

# The interior of the TPC, 2004

#### first PbPb collisions at LHC at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ A TeV

setup for ion collisions: November 4 first collisions with stable beams: November 8 until Dec 6

already in Dec 2010 5 publications in PRL and PLB



# Charged particle multiplicity in pp, pPb and central PbPb collisions



increase with beam energy significantly steeper than in pp

can the fireball formed in central nuclear collisions be considered matter in equilibrium?

## **Equilibration at the phase boundary**

• Statistical model analysis of (u,d,s) hadron production: an important test of equilibration of quark matter near the phase boundary, **no equilibrium**  $\rightarrow$  **no QGP matter** 

- Would also imply: no (strangeness) equilibration in hadronic phase
- Present understanding: multi-hadron collisions near phase boundary bring hadrons close to equilibrium – supported by success of statistical model analysis
  Phys.Lett. B596 (2004) 61-69
- This implies little energy dependence above RHIC energy
- Analysis of hadron production  $\rightarrow$  determination of T<sub>c</sub> Is this picture also supported by LHC data?

## **Summary of pre-LHC era**

# example of thermal fits: RHIC lower energies, STAR data alone



good fits, T = 160 - 164 MeV

# overall systematics, including ALICE data, on proton/pion and kaon/pion ratios



proton anomaly?

# Parameterization of all freeze-out points before LHC

data

note: establishment of limiting temperature

 $T_{lim} = 161 + -4 MeV$ 

get T and  $\mu_B$  for all energies

for LHC predictions we picked T = 161 MeV and, later, 164 MeV

Me Me () 180 Me 160 2005 fits, dN/dy data ratios vields ٥ 140 600 120 500 400 100 new fits (yields) 300 80 dN/dy 200 Ο 4π 60 100 parametrization 40 . . . . . . . 10<sup>2</sup> 10<sup>2</sup> 10 10 √s<sub>NN</sub> (GeV) √s<sub>NN</sub> (GeV)

A. Andronic, pbm, J. Stachel,Nucl. Phys. A772 (2006) 167, nucl-th/0511071 ,J. Phys. G38 (2011) 124081

T<sub>lim</sub> = 161 MeV is close to the QCD phase transition temperature

#### update April 2014 incl. 3He and hypertriton

LHC, Pb–Pb, 0-10%



 $K^*$  not in fit

 $T = 156.5 \pm 1.5 \text{ MeV}, V = 5230 \pm 420 \text{ fm}^3$  $\pi, K^{\pm}, K^0$  from charm included (0.7%, 2.6%, 2.9% for best fit) [ no  $\pi$  in fit:  $T = 158 \pm 1.5 \text{ MeV}, V = 4730 \pm 380 \text{ fm}^3, \chi^2/N_{df} = 30.3/12$ ]

#### fit to data excluding protons



excellent fit, T = 158 MeV chi<sup>2</sup>/ndf < 1

#### The newest T-mu plot including LHC data



#### Newest global fit



#### where are we?

since QM2012, discrepancy between protons and thermal fit went from 7 sigma to 2.9 (2.7) sigma

T went from 152 to 156.5 MeV

fit without protons yields slightly higher T = 158 MeV, driven by hyperons

#### the 'proton anomaly' and production of light nuclei

can the measurement of d, t, 3He and 4He settle the issue? what about hypertriton?

important to realize: production yield of deuterons is fixed at  $T = T_chem = 156$  MeV even if  $E_B(d) = 2.23$  MeV!

entropy/baryon is proportional to -ln(d/p) and is conserved after T\_chem

good agreement with LHC d and hyper-triton yield implies: there is no shortage of protons and neutrons at chemical freeze-out, inconsistent with annihilation scenario

## The thermal model and loosely bound, fragile objects

successful description of production yields for d, d\_bar, 3He hypertriton, ... implies no entropy production after chemical freeze-out

hypertriton binding energy is 130 keV << T\_chem = 156 MeV

# use relativistic nuclear collision data and thermal model predictions to search for exotic objects

A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, H. Stoecker, Production of light nuclei, hypernuclei and their antiparticles in relativistic nuclear collisions, Phys. Lett. B697 (2011) 203, arXiv:1010.2995 [nucl-th].

# Some historical context on cluster production in relativistic nuclear collisions

P.J. Siemens and J.I. Kapusta, Phys. Rev. Lett. 43 (1979) 1486.

here the provocative statement was made that cluster formation probability is determined by the entropy of the fireball in its compressed state, i.e. for example: entropy/baryon is proportional to -ln(d/p)

#### ENTROPY AND CLUSTER PRODUCTION IN NUCLEAR COLLISIONS

László P. CSERNAI\* and Joseph I. KAPUSTA

PHYSICS REPORTS (Review Section of Physics Letters) 131, No. 4 (1986) 223-318.

Very concise summary, including an elucidation of the relation between thermal fireball model and coalescence model

#### The 'snowball in hell' story

Production of strange clusters and strange matter in nucleus-nucleus collisions at the AGSP. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel (SUNY, Stony Brook). Dec 1994. 9 pp.Published in J.Phys. G21 (1995) L17-L20

In conclusion, the fireball model based on thermal and chemical equilibrium describes cluster formation well, where measured. It gives results similar in magnitude to the predictions of the coalescence model developed recently [6] to estimate production probabilities for light nuclear fragments (p, d, t,  $\alpha$  ...) and for for strange hadronic clusters (such as the H dibaryon) in Au-Au collisions at the AGS. Predicted yields for production of strange matter with baryon number larger than 10 are well below current experimental sensitivities.

# Thermal vs coalescence model predictions for the production of loosely bound objects in central Au—Au collisions

Phys. Lett. B315 (1994) 7 Thermal Model Coalescence Model T = .120 GeVT=.140 GeVParticles d 151911.7t+<sup>3</sup>He 1.53.00.80.020.0670.018  $\alpha$  $H_0$ 0.090.150.07 ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{5}H$  $4 \cdot 10^{-4}$  $3.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$  $2.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$  $^{o}_{J\Lambda}$ He  $7.2 \cdot 10^{-7}$  $7.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$  $1.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$  $4.0 \cdot 10^{-10}$  $9.6 \cdot 10^{-9}$  $4 \cdot 10^{-8}$  $^{7}_{\Xi^{0}\Lambda\Lambda}$ He  $^{10}_{1}$  St<sup>-8</sup>  $1.6 \cdot 10^{-14}$  $7.3 \cdot 10^{-13}$  $^{12}St^{-9}$  $1.7 \cdot 10^{-15}$  $1.6 \cdot 10^{-17}$  $^{14}_{1}$ St<sup>-11</sup>  $6.2 \cdot 10^{-21}$  $1.4 \cdot 10^{-18}$  $^{16}_{2}$ St<sup>-13</sup>  $1.2 \cdot 10^{-21}$  $2.4 \cdot 10^{-24}$  $20 \, {\rm St}^{-16}$  $9.6 \cdot 10^{-31}$  $2.3 \cdot 10^{-27}$ 

A.J. Baltz, C.B. Dover, et al.,

P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, J. Phys. G 28 (2002) 1971 [arXiv:nucl-th/0112051] J.Phys. G21 (1995) L17-L20

# deuterons and anti-deuterons also well described at AGS energy

14.6 A GeV/c central Si + Au collisions and GC statistical model P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, J.P. Wessels, N. Xu, PLB 1994



dynamic range: 9 orders of magnitude! No deviation

#### Thermal model and production of light nuclei at AGS energy



mass number A

#### update April 2014 incl. 3He

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# energy dependence of d/p ratio and thermal model prediction



agreement between thermal model calculations and data from Bevalac/SIS18 to LHC energy

A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, H. Stoecker, Phys. Lett. B697 (2011) 203, arXiv:1010.2995 [nucl-th].

# loosely bound objects are formed at chemical freezeout very near the phase boundary

implies that chemical freeze-out is followed by an isentropic expansion

no appreciable annihilation in the hadronic phase

# Hypertriton yield x branching ratio and the thermal model



Note: binding energy of hypertriton is 130 keV!! Most likely B.R. = 0.25 (also used by STAR)



note: yield peaks at low (SIS100) energies an exciting but tough prospect for FAIR
#### The size of loosely bound molecular objects

# Examples: deuteron, hypertriton, XYZ 'charmonium states, molecules near Feshbach resonances in cold quantum gases

Quantum mechanics predicts that a bound state that is sufficiently close to a 2-body threshold and that couples to that threshold through a short-range S-wave interaction has universal properties that depend only on its binding energy. Such a bound state is necessarily a loosely-bound molecule in which the constituents are almost always separated by more than the range. One of the universal predictions is that the root-mean-square (rms) separation of the constituents is  $(4\mu E_X)^{-1/2}$ , where  $E_X$  is the binding energy of the resonance and  $\mu$  is the reduced mass of the two constituents. As the binding energy is tuned to zero, the size of the molecule increases without bound. A classic example of a loosely-bound S-wave molecule is the deuteron, which is a bound state of the proton and neutron with binding energy 2.2 MeV. The proton and neutron are correctly predicted to have a large rms separation of about 3.1 fm.

#### Artoisenet and Braaten, arXiv:1007.2868

#### The deuteron as a loosely bound object



# **The Hypertriton**

mass = 2.990 MeV

B.E. = 0.13 MeV

molecular structure: (p+n) + Lambda

2-body threshold:  $(p+p+n) + pi = {}^{3}He + pi$ -

rms radius =  $(4 \text{ B.E. } \text{M}_{\text{red}})^{-1/2} = 10.3 \text{ fm} =$ rms separation between d and Lambda

in that sense: hypertriton = (p n Lambda) = (d Lambda) is the ultimate halo state

yet production yield is fixed at 156 MeV temperature (about 1000 x E.B.)

## The X(3872)

mass is below threshold of  $(D^{*0} D^{0}_{bar})$  by (0.42 +/- 0.39) MeV

rms separation = 3.5 - 18.3 fm structure:  $D^{*0}\overline{D}^{0} + D^{0}\overline{D}^{*0}$ 

should be able to predict the X(3872) production probability in pp collisions at LHC energy with an accuracy of about 30%, uncertainty is due to not very precisely known number of charm quarks

result ready shortly

deuteron and anti-deuteron production in pp collisions at high energy an important background for dark matter searches

Heavy dark matter states DM can decay via

 $DM \rightarrow d d_{bar} + X$ 

Major experiments such as AMS-02 and GAPS search for anti-deuterons in cosmic rays

General Analysis of Antideuteron Searches for Dark Matter

Yanou Cui,  $^{a,1}$  John D. Mason,  $^{a,2}$  and Lisa Randall  $^{a,3}$ 

arXiv:1006.0983

background yield from  $p + H \rightarrow d_{bar} + X$  and  $p + He \rightarrow d_{bar} + X$ should also be well described (better than 50 % accuracy, much better than current coalescence estimates) within thermal model

## Summary - part a

the Pb-Pb central collision hadron yields from LHC run1 are well described by assuming equilibrated matter at T = 156 MeV and mu\_b < 1 MeV

the original > 7 sigma proton anomaly is now 2.9 (2.7) sigma

success to describe also yields of loosely bound states provides strong evidence for isentropic expansion after chemical freeze-out

These results should be very useful also for dark matter searches and the nature of XYZ states

overall the LHC data provide strong support for chemical freeze-out driven by the (cross over) phase transition at  $T_c = 156$  MeV

The thermal model is alive and well Exciting prospects for study of loosely bound objects

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#### what are 'hard probes'?

Hard probes are observables which involve an energy or mass scale  $Q^2 >> (Lambda_QCD)^2$ 

$$\alpha_{\rm s}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{\beta_0 \ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2)}$$
  
  $\Lambda \approx 0.1 \text{ GeV for } \alpha_{\rm s}(M_{\rm Z^0} \equiv 91.2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.12$ 

for such processes, production can be precisely computed in pQCD

in QGP physics, we are interested in studying their propagation in and interaction with the QGP medium





<b>FERMIONS</b> matter constituents spin = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2,						
Leptons spin =1/2				Quarks spin =1/2		
Flavor	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge		Flavor	Approx. Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge
VL lightest neutrino*	(0-0.13)×10 <sup>-9</sup>	0		U up	0.002	2/3
e electron	0.000511	-1		d down	0.005	-1/3
𝔑 middle neutrino*	(0.009-0.13)×10 <sup>-9</sup>	0		C charm	1.3	2/3
μ muon	0.106	-1		S strange	0.1	-1/3
𝒫 heaviest neutrino*	(0.04-0.14)×10 <sup>-9</sup>	0		top	173	2/3
τ tau	1.777	-1		b bottom	4.2	-1/3

# Remarks on production of open charm and charmonia

- charm quark mass >>  $\Lambda_{QCD}$  production described in QCD perturbation theory
- all calculations employ gluon fusion as starting point
- argument is energy independent until global energy conservation very close to threshold becomes important
- production of charm quark pairs takes place at timescale  $1/m_c$  $m_c = 1.5 \text{ GeV} \longrightarrow t_c = 0.13 \text{ fm}$
- to build up wave function of mesons including those with open charm needs about t = 1fm --> charm production and charmed hadron formation are decoupled
- overall cross section is due to production of charm quark pairs
- time scale is much too short to dress the charm quarks essential to take current quarks



## **Cross section for charm production**

based on M. Glueck, J. F. Owens, E. Reya, Phys. Rev. D17 (1978) 2324

in leading order there are 3 important diagrams:





#### differential cross section

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\sigma^{gg + o\overline{c}}}{dt} &= \frac{\pi \alpha_s^2}{64s^2} \left( 12M_{ss} + \frac{16}{3}M_{tt} + \frac{16}{3}M_{uu} \right. \\ &+ 6M_{st} + 6M_{su} - \frac{2}{3}M_{tu} \right) , \quad (A1) \end{split}$$
 with  
$$\begin{split} M_{ss} &= \frac{4}{s^2} \left( t - m^2 \right) (u - m^2) , \\ M_{tt} &= \frac{-2}{(t - M^2)^2} \left[ 4m^4 - (t - m^2)(u - m^2) \right. \\ &+ 2m^2(t - m^2) \right] , \\ M_{uu} &= \frac{-2}{(u - m^2)^2} \left[ 4m^4 - (u - m^2)(t - m^2) \right. \\ &+ 2m^2(u - m^2) \right] , \quad (A2) \\ &+ 2m^2(u - m^2) \right] , \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} M_{su} &= \frac{4}{s(u-m^2)} \left[ m^4 - u(s+u) \right] \,, \\ M_{tu} &= \frac{-4m^2}{(t-m^2)(u-m^2)} \left[ 4m^2 + (t-m^2) + (u-m^2) \right] \,, \end{split}$$

#### total cross section

$$\sigma^{gg+c\overline{c}} = \frac{\pi\alpha_s^2}{64s} \left[ 12(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\gamma)(1-\gamma)^{1/2} + \frac{16}{3} \left( (4+2\gamma)\ln\frac{1+(1-\gamma)^{1/2}}{1-(1-\gamma)^{1/2}} - 4(1+\gamma)(1-\gamma)^{1/2} \right) + 6\left(2\gamma\ln\frac{1+(1-\gamma)^{1/2}}{1-(1-\gamma)^{1/2}} - 4(1+\gamma)(1-\gamma)^{1/2}\right) - \frac{2}{3}2\gamma(1-\gamma)\ln\frac{1+(1-\gamma)^{1/2}}{1-(1-\gamma)^{1/2}} \right]$$

with  $\gamma \equiv 4m^2/s \leq 1$ .

this result plus NLO/NNLO/FONLL corrections are currently the basis of all open charm calculations (see, e.g., the calculations by Cacciari et al., discussed below.

# heavy quark production in pp collisions situation before LHC turned on



# Measurement of open charm cross section in pp collisions at the LHC

all LHC experiments contribute

ALICE at pt > 2 GeV/c and 0 < y < 4ATLAS and CMS at pt > 6 GeV/c 0 < y < 2.5LHCb at pt > 2 GeV/c and 2.5 < y < 4

all detectors employ sophisticated Si vertex detectors

# $D^0$ , $D^+$ and $D^{0^*}$ in 7 TeV pp data



# measurements agree well with state of the art pQCD calculations



# charm and beauty via semi-leptonic decays

Inclusive electron spectrum from 2 PID methods: TPC-TOF-TRD and TPC-EMCAL



direct  $\gamma$  from pQCD

#### charm and beauty electrons compared to pQCD



- ALICE data complimentary to ATLAS measurement at higher pt (somewhat larger y-interval)
- good agreement with pQCD
- at upper end of FONLL range for  $p_t <$
- 3 GeV/c where charm dominates

arXiv:1205.5423 ATLAS: PLB707 (2012) 438 FONLL: Cacciari et al., arXiv:1205.6344

## the total ccbar cross section in pp collisions as of QM2014



- good agreement between ALICE, ATLAS and LHCb at LHC energy
- large syst. error due to extrapolation to low pt, need to push measurements in that direction
- data factor 2 ± 0.5 above central value of FONLL but well within uncertainty
- beam energy dependence follows well FONLL

# beauty cross section in pp and ppbar collisions as of QM2014



### charm production depends on associated multiplicity



# **Open heavy flavor production and the QGP**

1. m\_q >> Lambda\_QCD charm quark production is independent of the medium formed in the collision (see above)

2. propagation of heavy quarks in the medium can be used to diagnose it

energy loss – thermalization – hydrodynamic flow

interaction with the hot/dense QCD medium

— energy loss

- dependence on medium density and volume
- color charge dependent (Casimir factor)  $\rightarrow \Delta E_{gluon} > \Delta E_{gluon}$
- parton mass dependent (dead cone effect: Dokshitzer & Kharzeev, PLB 519(2001)199)  $\rightarrow \Delta E_{u,d,s} > \Delta E_{c} > \Delta E_{b}$

thermalization

dependence on transport properties of the medium

## **Formation time of quarkonia**

heavy quark velocity in charmonium rest frame:

v = 0.55 for J/ $\psi$  see, e.g. G.T. Bodwin et al., hep-ph/0611002

minimum formation time: t = radius/v = 0.45 fm

see also: Huefner, Ivanov, Kopeliovich, and Tarasov, Phys. Rev. D62 (2000) 094022; J.P. Blaizot and J.Y. Ollitrault, Phys. Rev. D39 (1989) 232 **formation time of order 1 fm** 

formation time is not short compared to plasma formation time especially at high energy

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formation time of open charm hadrons not well understood

presumably similar to charmonia

separation of time scales for initial hard process and late hadronization/hadron formation is called "factorization"

rigorously proven for deep inelastic scattering



charm conservation equation

no medium effect  $\sigma_{c\bar{c}} = 1/2 \left[ \sigma_{D^+} + \sigma_{D^-} + \sigma_{D^0} + \sigma_{\bar{D}^0} + \sigma_{\Lambda_c} + \sigma_{\bar{\Lambda}_c} \dots \right]$ medium effects on charmed hadrons affect redistribution

of charm, but not overall cross section

it is not consistent with the charm conservation equation to reduce all charmed hadron masses in the medium for an enhanced cross section



#### gluon radiation by a quark traversing a medium

from Dokshitzer & Kharzeev, Phys.Lett. B519 (2001) 199-206 we get for the probability of radiation of a gluon with energy  $\omega$  by a quark with mass M and energy E

$$dP = \frac{\alpha_{\rm s} \ C_F}{\pi} \ \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \ \frac{k_{\perp}^2 \ dk_{\perp}^2}{(k_{\perp}^2 + \omega^2 \theta_0^2)^2}, \qquad \theta_0 \equiv \frac{M}{E}$$
$$k_{\perp}^2 \simeq \sqrt{\hat{q} \ \omega} \qquad \hat{q} \equiv \rho \ \int \frac{d\sigma}{dq^2} \ q^2 \ dq^2 \qquad C_F = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c}$$

here the density of scatterers in the medium is encoded in q<sup>^</sup>

#### 'dead cone' effect for charm quarks



Figure 1: Ratio of gluon emission spectra off charm and light quarks for quark momenta  $p_\perp=10~{\rm GeV}$  (solid line) and  $p_\perp=100~{\rm GeV}$  (dashed);  $x=\omega/p_\perp$ .

# now open charm and open beauty in AA collisions

#### how to quantify the effect of the medium?

 $R_{AA}$ =yield(AA)/( $N_{coll}$  yield(pp))

 $R_AA = medium/vacuum$ 

R\_AA = 1 if no dense medium is formed or if one looks at electro-weak probes

## **D** meson signals in Pb Pb collisions

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## suppression of charm at LHC energy

pp reference at 2.76 TeV: measured 7 TeV spectrum scaled with FONLL cross checked with 2.76 TeV measurement (large uncertainty due to limited luminosity)



energy loss for all species of D-mesons within errors equal - not trivial energy loss of central collisions very significant - suppr. factor 5 for 5-15 GeV/c

#### suppression of charm at LHC energ



### Suppression only for Strongly Interacting Hard Probes



photons, Z and W scale with number of binary collisions in PbPb – not affected by medium  $\rightarrow$  demonstrates that charged particle suppression is medium effect: energy loss in QGP

# charm Quarks also Exhibit Elliptic Flow


#### model description of energy loss and flow of Dmesons



both are determined by transport properties of the medium (QGP) simultaneous description still a challenge for some models

#### comparison of suppression for b-quarks and c-quarks



#### summary - heavy quark production

• heavy quark production in pp collisions is well described within the framework of pQCD

 heavy quark production in pPb and Pb-Pb collisions is only weakly modified – gluon shadowing

 heavy quark propagation in AA collisions is strongly influenced by the fireball's medium – heavy quark energy loss and hydrodynamic flow

#### additional slides

#### important note: corrections for weak decays

All ALICE data do not contain hadrons from weak decays of hyperons and strange mesons – correction done in hardware via ITS inner tracker

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#### treatment of weak decays

#### fraction of yield from weak decays



software corrections at all lower energies

# **Re-evaluation of fits at RHIC energies – special emphasis on corrections for weak decays**

Note: corrections for protons and pions from weak decays of hyperons depend in detail on experimental conditions

RHIC hadron data all measured without application of Si vertex detectors

In the following, corrections were applied as specified by the different RHIC experiments



#### Au+Au central at 200 GeV, all experiments combined





TECHNIS

DARMSTAD

GSI

## The latest news at very low energy – QM2014 results from HADES



TECHNISCHE

DARMSTADT

UNIVER

#### GC fits at the LHC (pp collisions)





Poor fit with Grand Canonical ensemble in pp collisions





#### from M. Floris, QM2014



#### Excluding protons or pions (GSI)







#### could it be weak decays from charm?

weak decays from charmed hadrons are included in the ALICE data sample

at LHC energy, cross sections for charm hadrons is increased by more than an order of magnitude compared to RHC

first results including charm and beauty hadrons indicate changes of less than 3%, mostly for kaons

not likely an explanation

#### could it be incomplete hadron resonance spectrum?

Note: because of baryon conservation, adding more baryon resonances will decrease in the model the p/pi ratio

An N\* will decay dominantly into 1 N + a number (depending on the N\* mass) of pions

### Same effect seen in K/pi ratio because of strangeness conservation

A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, Thermal hadron production in relativistic nuclear collisions: the sigma meson, the horn, and the QCD phase transition, Phys. Lett. **B673** (2009) 142, erratum ibid. **B678** (2009) 516, arXiv:0812.1186.



#### could it be proton annihilation in the hadronic phase?

F. Becattini et al., Phys. Rev. C85 (2012) 044921 and arXiv: 1212.2431

 need to incorporate detailed balance, 5pi → p p\_bar not included in current Monte Carlo codes (RQMD)

- taking detailed balance into account reduces effect strongly, see Rapp and Shuryak 1998
- see also W. Cassing, Nucl. Phys. A700 (2002) 618 and recent reanalysis, by Pan and Pratt, arXiv:
- agreement with hyperon data would imply strongly reduced hyperon annihilation cross section with anti-baryons  $\rightarrow$  no evidence for that

#### centrality dependence of proton/pion ratio



#### example: search for H-Dibaryon

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### Measurement of the fireball temperature via photon emission

Photons and neutral mesons measured via the conversion method in the ALICE TPC, see, .e.g, M. Wilde (ALICE coll.) QM2012





#### γ-ray tomography of ALICE



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#### method

- Direct Photon Signal:  $\gamma_{direct} = \gamma_{inc} \gamma_{decay} = (1 \frac{\gamma_{decay}}{\gamma_{inc}}) \cdot \gamma_{inc}$
- Double Ratio:  $\frac{\gamma_{inc}}{\pi^0} / \frac{\gamma_{decay}}{\pi^0_{param}} \approx \frac{\gamma_{inc}}{\gamma_{decay}}$  if > 1 direct photon signal  $\rightarrow$  cancellation of uncertainties
- Numerator: Inclusive  $\gamma$  spectrum per  $\pi^0$
- Denominator: Sum of all decay photons per  $\pi^0$ Decay photons are obtained by a cocktail calculation
- Photons and  $\pi^0$ s are measured via conversion method  $\pi^0 \to \gamma + \gamma, \ \gamma \to e^+e^-$

#### **Inclusive photon measurement in Pb-Pb collisions**



#### **Final result**



average T = 304 +/- 51 MeV

highest ever measured temperature

### **Interpretation in terms of** fireball parameters

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TABLE I: The values of various parameters - thermalization time  $(\tau_i)$ , initial temperature  $(T_i)$  and hadronic multiplicity dN/dy - used in the present calculations.

VONN
centrality
dN
dy
$ au_i$
$T_i$
$T_{c}$



p<sub>T</sub> (GeV)

$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	2.76  TeV
centrality	0-40%
$\frac{dN}{dy}$	1212
$ au_i$	$0.1~\mathrm{fm}$
$T_i$	$553 { m MeV}$
$T_c$	$175 { m MeV}$
$T_f$	$100 {\rm MeV}$
EoS	Lattice QCD

note: T\_i = 3.2 x T\_c

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#### Thermal photons also exhibit flow

most hydro-models produce little flow for thermal photons





Figure 4: Inclusive photon  $v_2^{\gamma,\text{inc}}$  and decay photon  $v_2^{\gamma,\text{bg}}$  in 0–40% Pb-Pb collisions.

Figure 5: Direct-photon  $v_2^{\gamma,\text{dir}}$  in 0–40 % Pb-Pb collisions.

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Fig. 14. Transverse-momentum spectra (left panel) and elliptic flow (right panel) of direct photons in 0-20% central Au-Au( $\sqrt{s}=200 \text{ AGeV}$ ) collisions at RHIC, compared to PHENIX data [49, 54]. The curves are calculations [55] with a realistic fireball evolution employing thermal QGP and hadronic rates which are "dual" around  $T_c$ , corresponding to Fig. 9.

In this approach, large initial temperatures are not required, and the spectral shapes are due to very strong radial flow. Precision measurements are needed to separate the different approaches.

