

Strangeness in Heavy-Ion Collisions

An Updated Review



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Outline

Strangeness in heavy-ion physics

Overview on strangeness measurements by different experiments

Global Λ polarization

First significant measurement

Vorticity and magnetic field strength

Hyperon interaction

$\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction and search for bound states

Hypernuclei measurements

Small systems and strangeness enhancement

Strangeness as QGP signal

Proton-proton and proton-nucleus collisions

Multiplicity dependence

Baryon-meson ratios

Hadronization mechanisms, evidence for recombination?

Overview on Strangeness Measurements

Experiments

GSI-SIS

FOPI, KAOS, HADES

BNL-AGS

E802, E810, E866, E895, ...

CERN-SPS (Pb beam)

WA97, NA44, NA45, NA50
NA49, NA57, NA61

BNL-RHIC

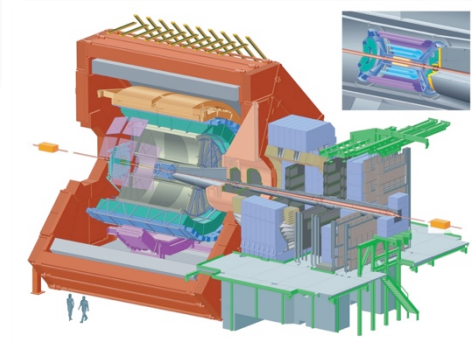
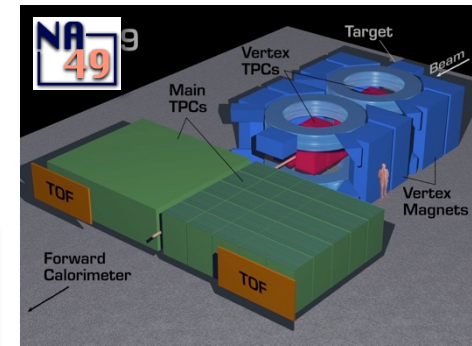
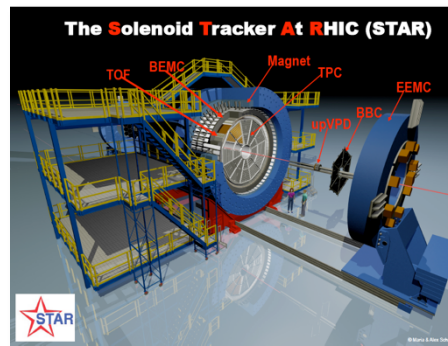
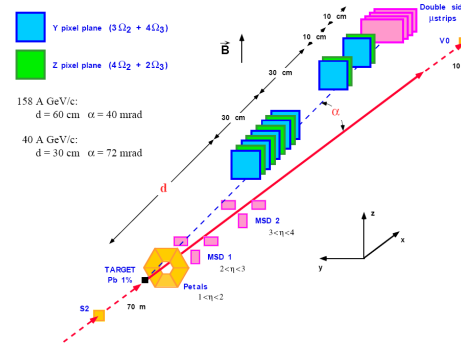
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CERN-LHC

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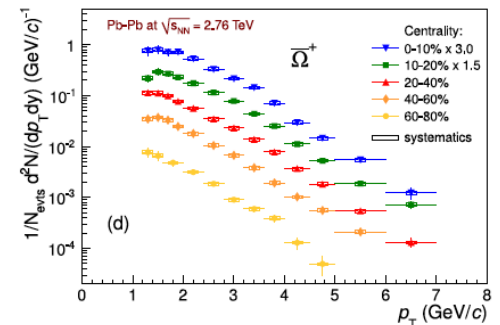
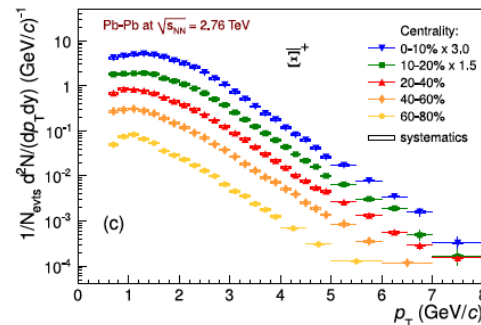
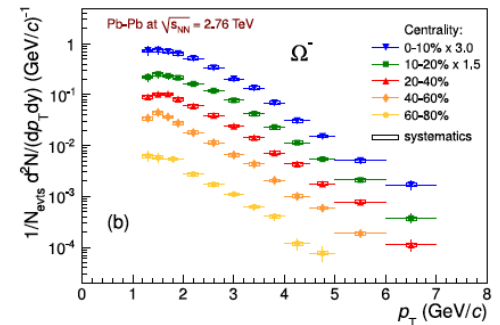
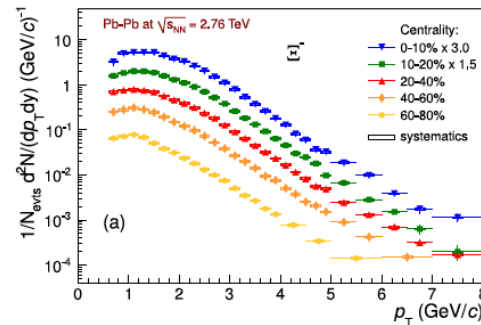
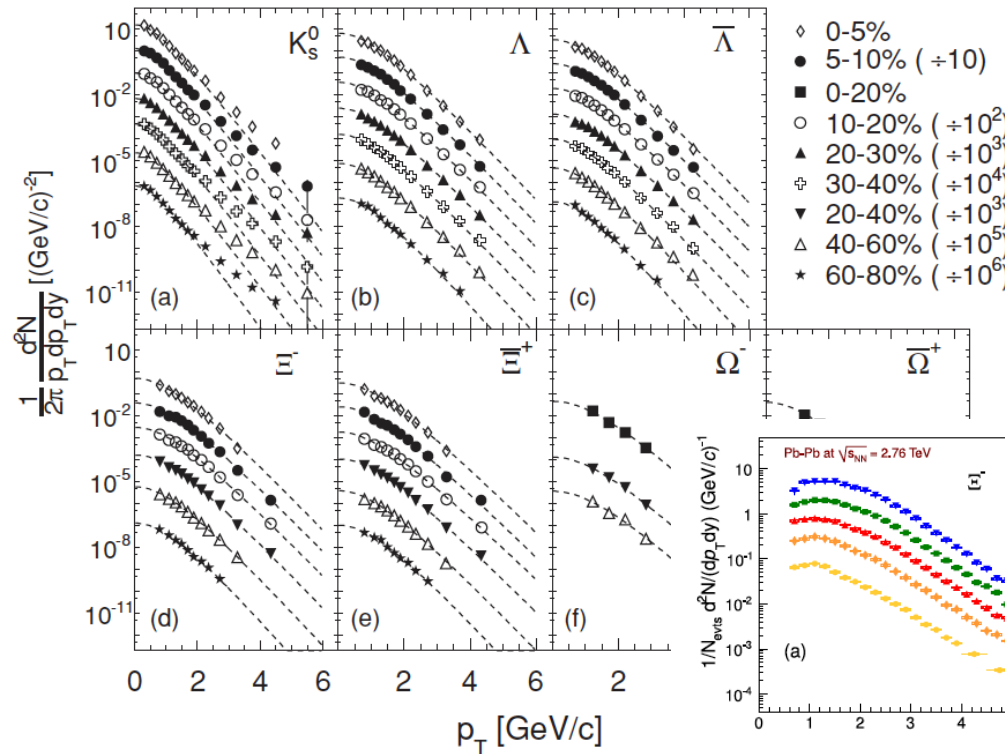
New low energy programs

CBM@FAIR, NICA



Overview on Strangeness Measurements

RHIC and LHC

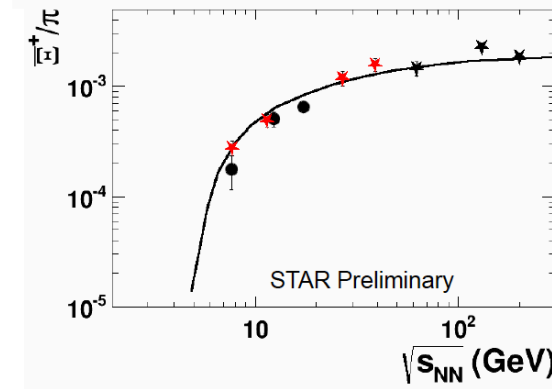
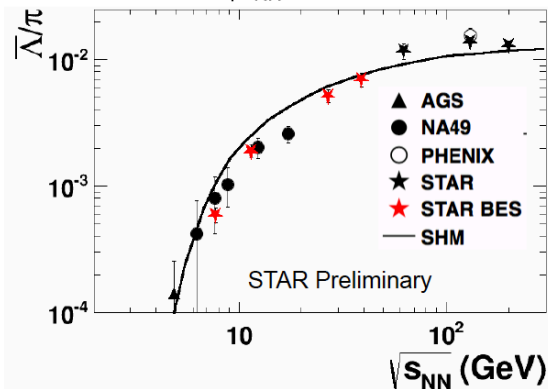
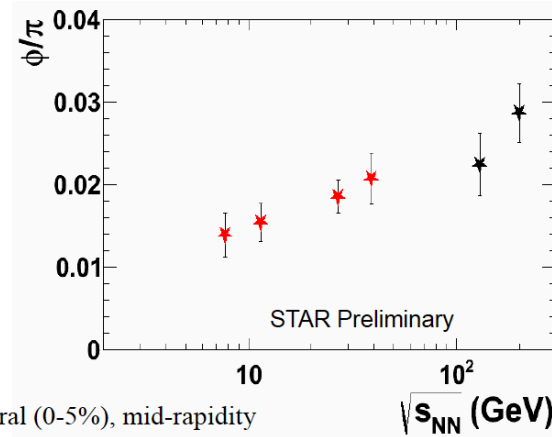
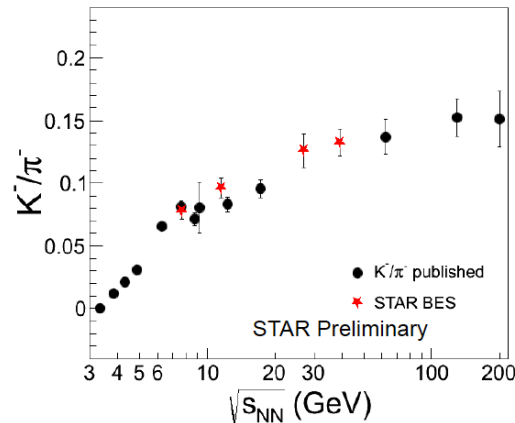


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PLB728, 216 (2014)

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV

Overview on Strangeness Measurements

Beam Energy Scan at RHIC



most central (0-5%), mid-rapidity

Overlap with SPS data

Good agreement with NA49 yields

Most particle species covered for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 7$ GeV

STAR
Shusu Shi SQM16

SHM
A. Andronic et al.,
NPA772 (2006) 167

Overview on Strangeness Measurements

Beam Energy Scan at the CERN-SPS: NA61 / SHINE

Systematic study of pp

Beam energies

20, 31, 40, 80, 158 GeV

Before: collection of “historic” data as reference

Data on charged kaons and Λ available up to now

Large rapidity coverage

Results from Be+Be

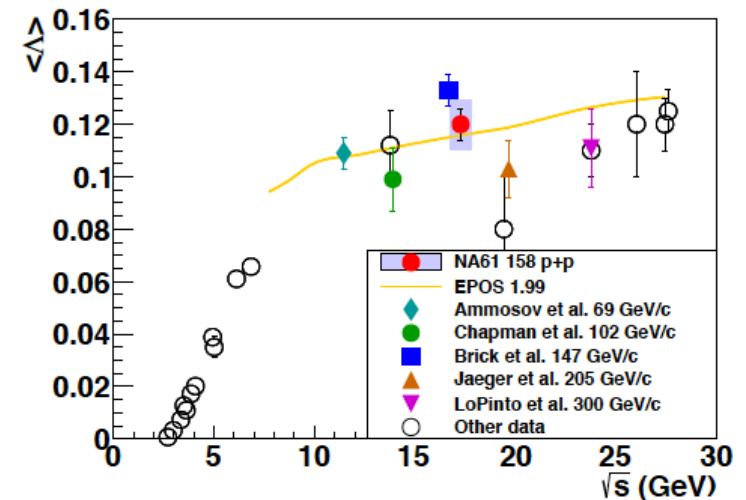
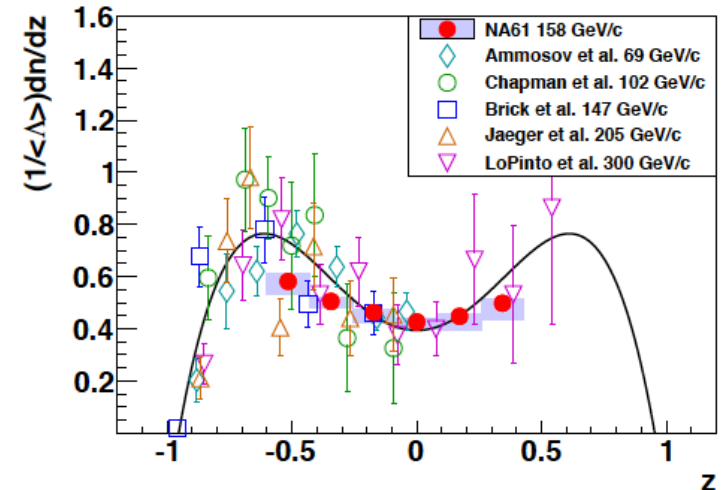
Beam energies

13, 19, 31, 40, 75, 150 AGeV

Charged pions shown so far

Heavier systems

Analysis of Ar+Sc ongoing

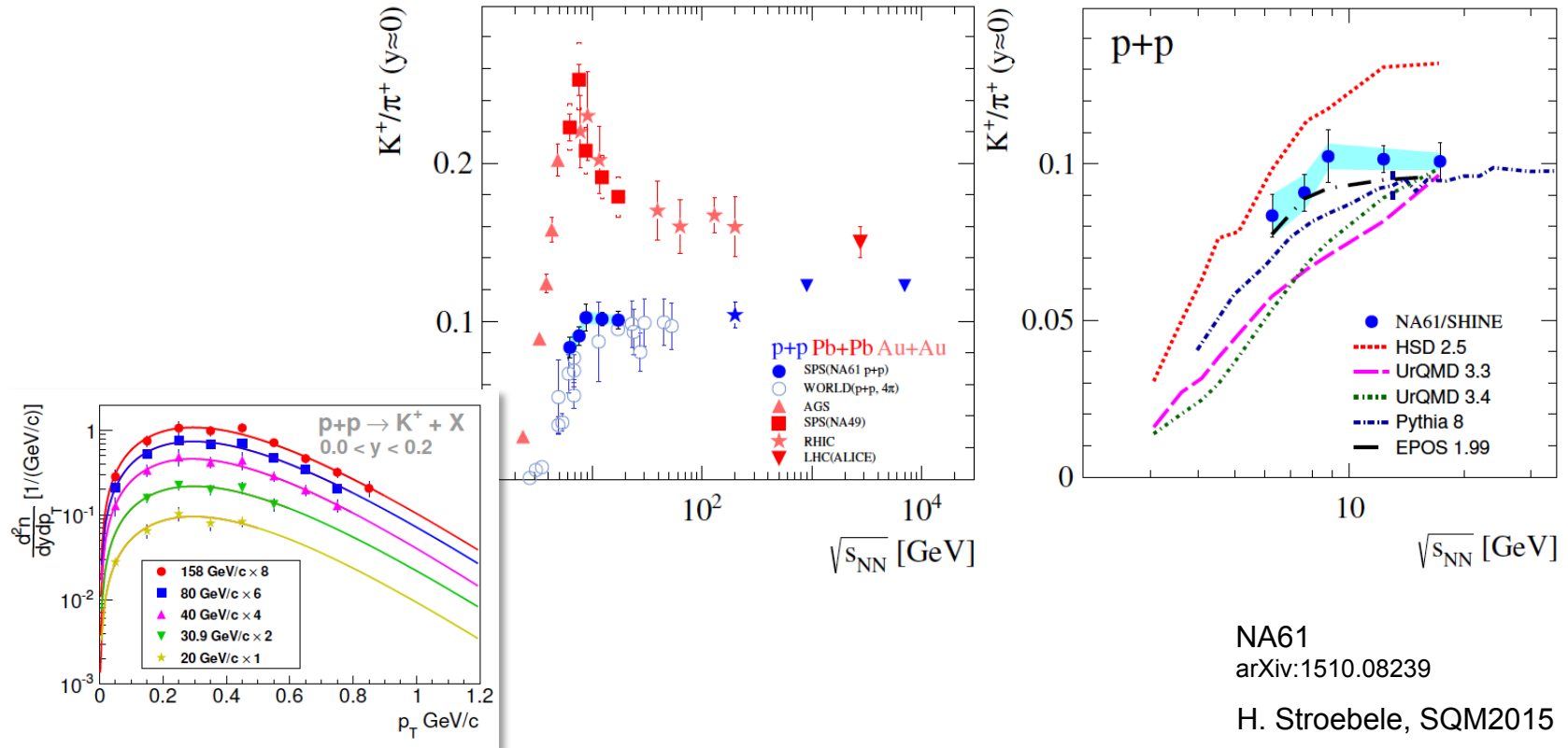


NA61
EPJC76, 198 (2016)

H. Stroebele, SQM2015

Overview on Strangeness Measurements

Beam Energy Scan at the CERN-SPS: NA61 / SHINE



NA61
arXiv:1510.08239

H. Stroebele, SQM2015

Energy dependence of K^+/π^+ yields

Reduced statistical and systematic errors in comparison to “historic” data

Important benchmark for models

Overview on Strangeness Measurements

Energy Dependence of Total Yields

Covered CM-energies

AGS: $2.4 \leq \sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 4.8$ GeV

SPS: $6.3 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 17.3$ GeV

RHIC: $7 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 200$ GeV

LHC: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2760$ GeV

High energies

All particle species measured

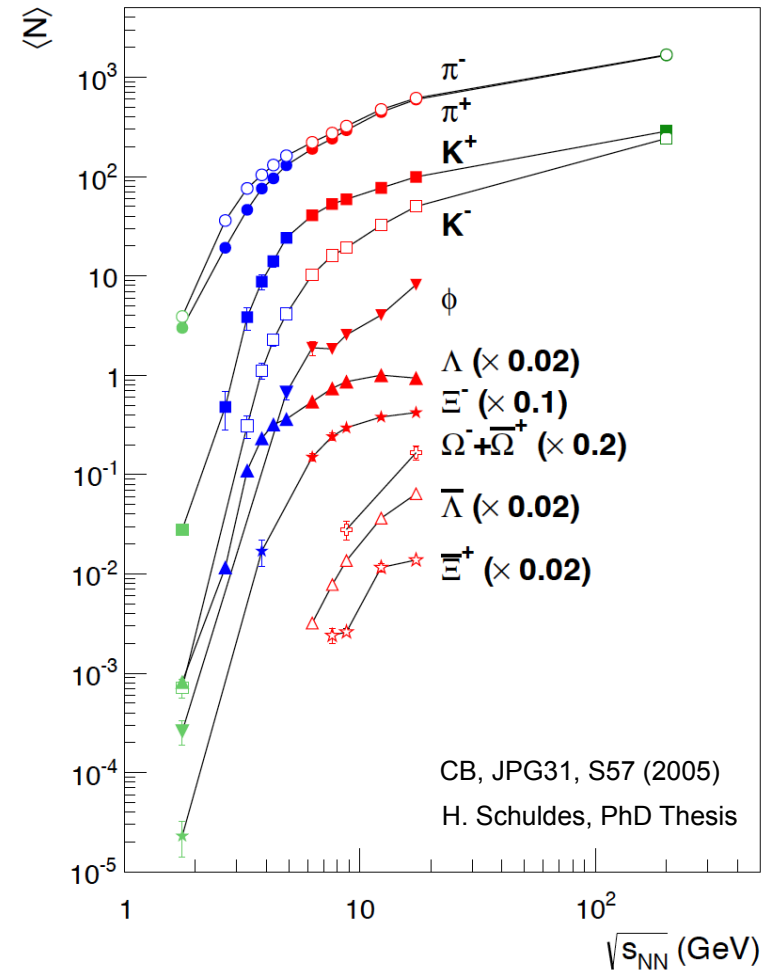
Only mid-rapidity data

Low energies

Mostly limited to bulk particles

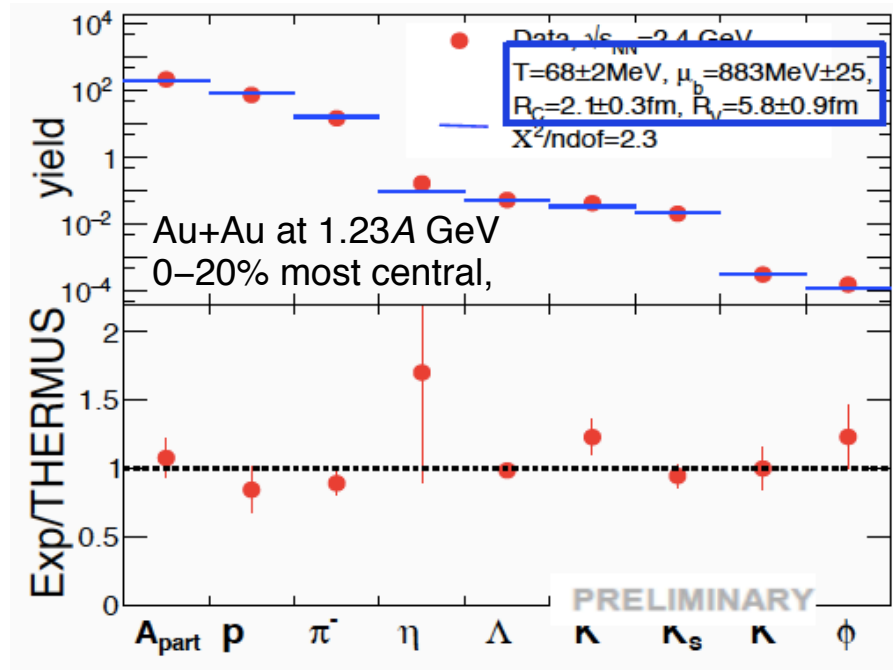
Almost no rare strange (anti-)particles (Ξ^- , Ω^-) at low energies

4π data available

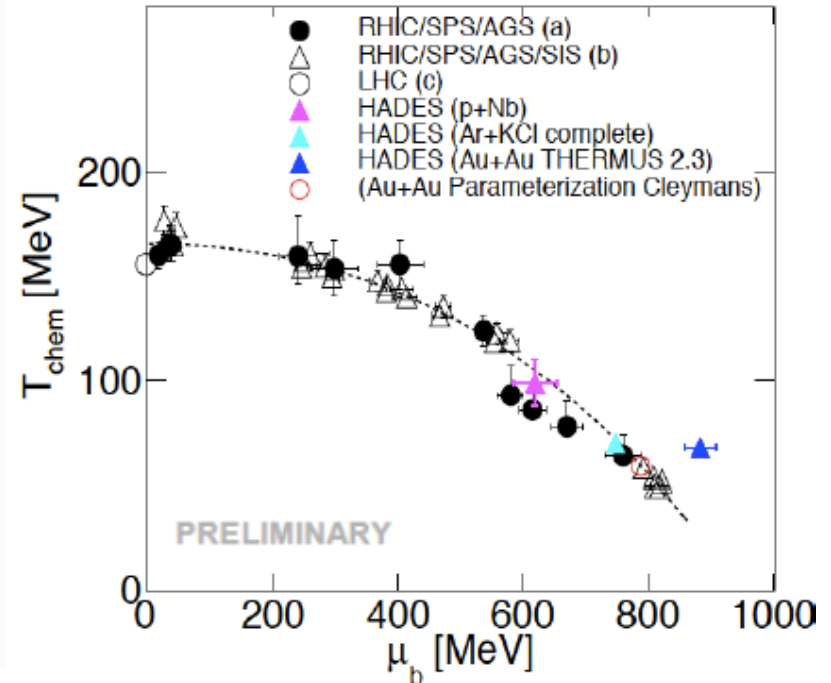


Overview on Strangeness Measurements

SIS-18: HADES Data Compared to Statistical Model



R. Holzmann SHM: S. Wheaton et al.
 SQM2016 CPC180, 84 (2009)



Quite extensive data set!

T and μ_B right now above expectation from freeze-out curve ...

Overview on Strangeness Measurements

SIS-18: HADES Data on ϕ Meson

ϕ/K^- -ratio

Rapid rise towards low energies

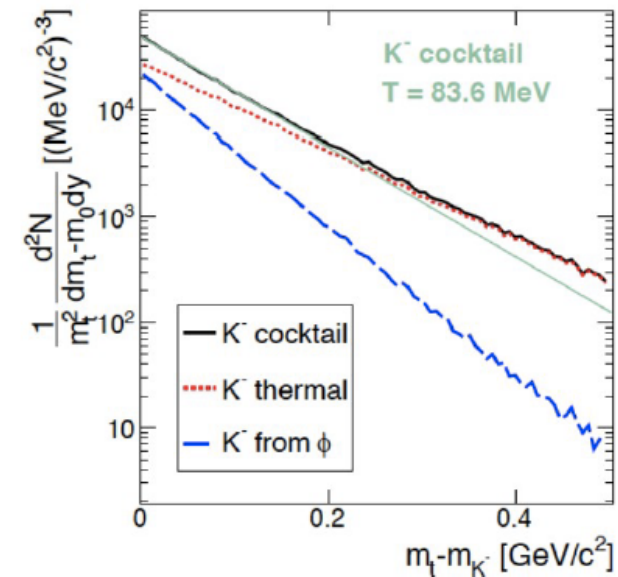
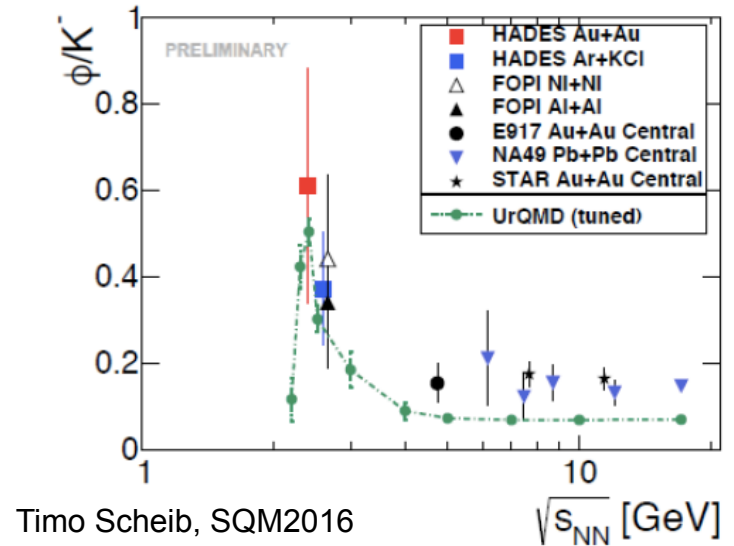
Qualitatively predicted by statistical model

Described my (modified) UrQMD

FeedException into kaons

Can explain the different slope parameters of K^+ and K^-

Important role of ϕ at low energies



Global Λ Polarization

Basic Idea

Polarization of quarks

Coupling of system orbital momentum \vec{L} to spins of (anti-)quarks in QGP (for non-central A+A collisions)

Might survive hadronization as a polarization of hadrons

Λ polarization P_H

Relative to the reaction plane

α_H = Hyperon decay parameter

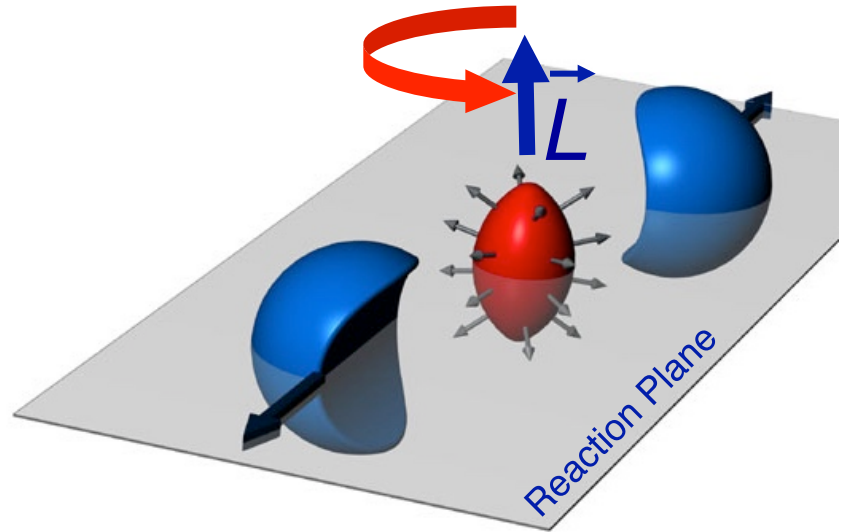
θ^* = Angle between momentum of daughter (anti-)proton in Λ frame relative to \vec{L}

Standard technique for event plane determination

$\Psi_{EP}^{(1)}$ = Event plane angle

$R_{EP}^{(1)}$ = Event plane resolution

ϕ_p^* = Azimuthal angle relative to EP



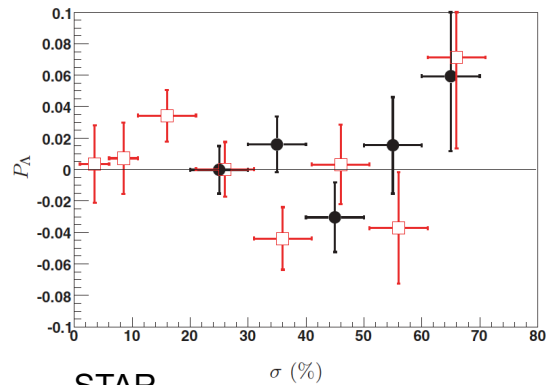
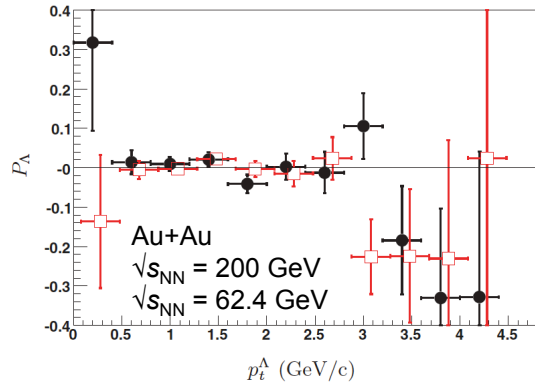
Globally polarized QGP

Z. Liang and X.N. Wang,
PRL94 (2005) 102301

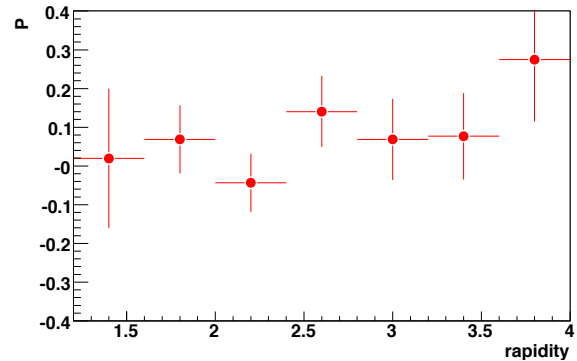
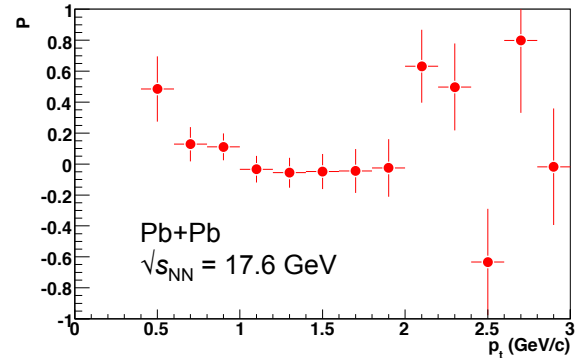
$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta^*} \propto 1 + \alpha_H P_H \cos \theta^*$$
$$P_H = \frac{8}{\pi \alpha_H} \frac{\langle \sin(\phi_p^* - \Psi_{EP}^{(1)}) \rangle}{R_{EP}^{(1)}}$$

Global Λ Polarization

Previous Measurements



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PRC76 (2007) 024915



NA49
JPG35 (2008) 044004

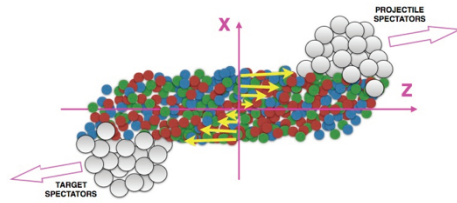
No significant signal observed at SPS and RHIC
First attempts, limited statistics at SPS (no systematic errors!)

Global Λ Polarization

Access to Vorticity and Magnetic Field Strength

Viscous hydro calculations

Vorticity: $\vec{\omega} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v}$



F. Becattini et al.,
EPJC75 (2015) 406

Non-vanishing vorticity along initial angular momentum for $\eta/s > 0$

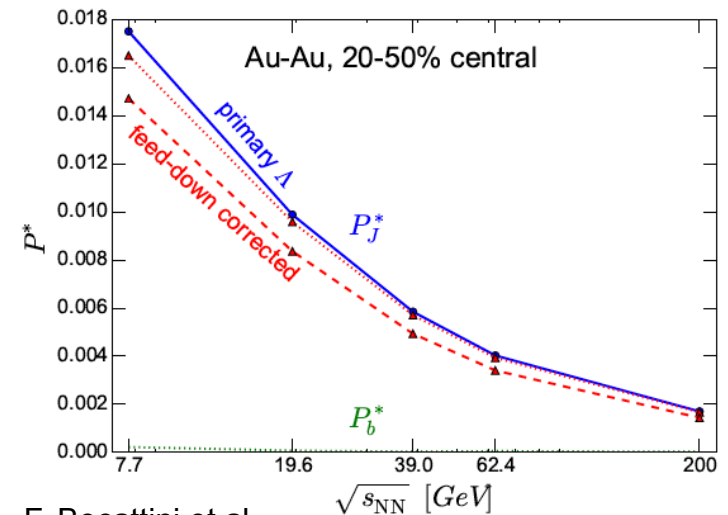
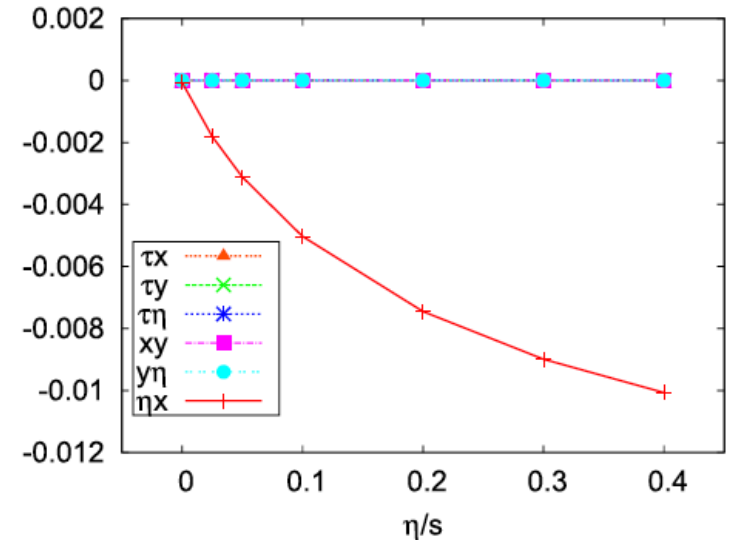
Energy dependence

E-by-E UrQMD+vHLLC calculation

Strong energy dependence of integrated polarization vector P_J^*

Shorter fluid lifetime + stronger directed flow

Feed-down from resonance decays



F. Becattini et al.,
arXiv:1610.02506, arXiv:1610.04717

Global Λ Polarization

Previous Measurements

First observation: STAR-BES

Positive polarization in
non-central Au+Au collisions

Resolution corrected

Energy dependence

Increase towards lower energies

Splitting between Λ and $\bar{\Lambda}$?

Magnetic component: P_M

Vortical component: P_V

$$P_{\Lambda,prim} = P_V + P_M \Leftrightarrow P_{\bar{\Lambda},prim} = P_V - P_M$$

Model interpretation

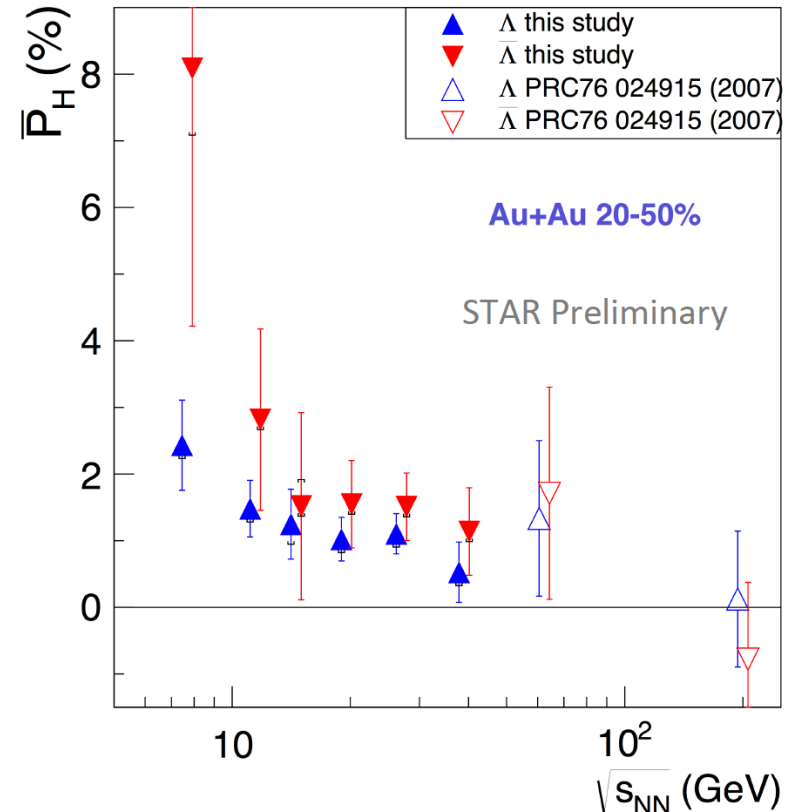
Feed-down correction (model-dep.)

\Rightarrow magnetic component ≈ 0

$B[10^{14}\text{T}] \approx \bar{P}_M[\%]$ expected

Thermal vorticity

$\omega \approx 0.02\text{--}0.16 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ (for $T = 200 \text{ MeV}$)



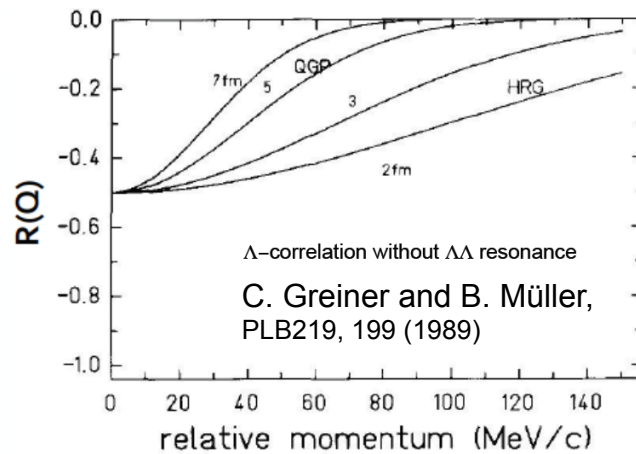
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Hyperon Interaction

$\Lambda\Lambda$ Correlations

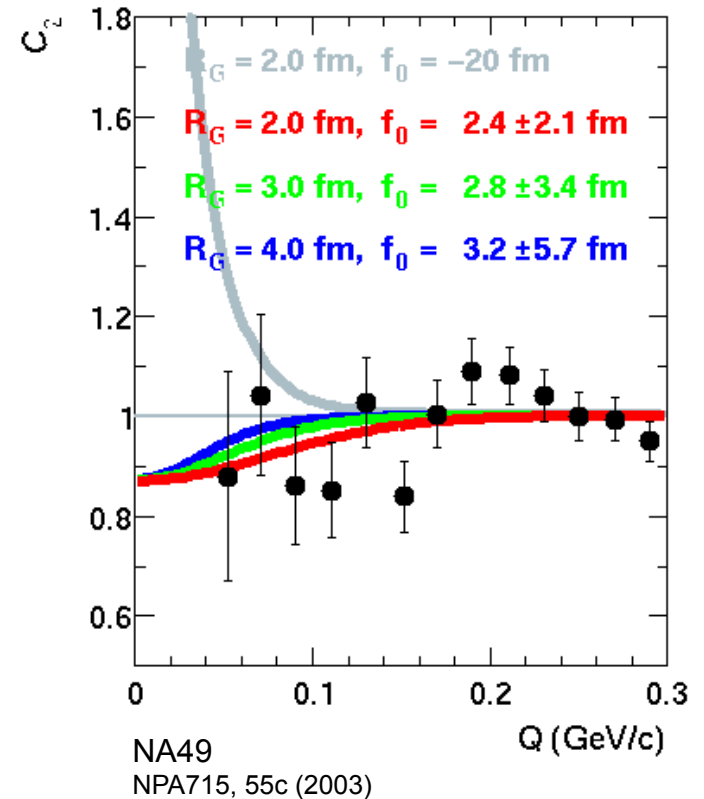
$\Lambda\Lambda$ correlation function

Information on $\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction can be extracted from two-particle c.f.



Experimental challenge

High statistics on low- Q pairs needed



Hyperon Interaction

$\Lambda\Lambda$ Correlations

High statistics measurement

Corrected $\Lambda\Lambda$ two-particle c.f. obtained by STAR:

$$C'(Q) = \frac{C_{measured}(Q) - 1}{P(Q)} + 1$$

Corrections: Λ purity ($P(Q)$)

Feed down: $\Sigma^0\Lambda$, $\Sigma^0\Sigma^0$, $\Xi^-\Xi^-$
interaction not known

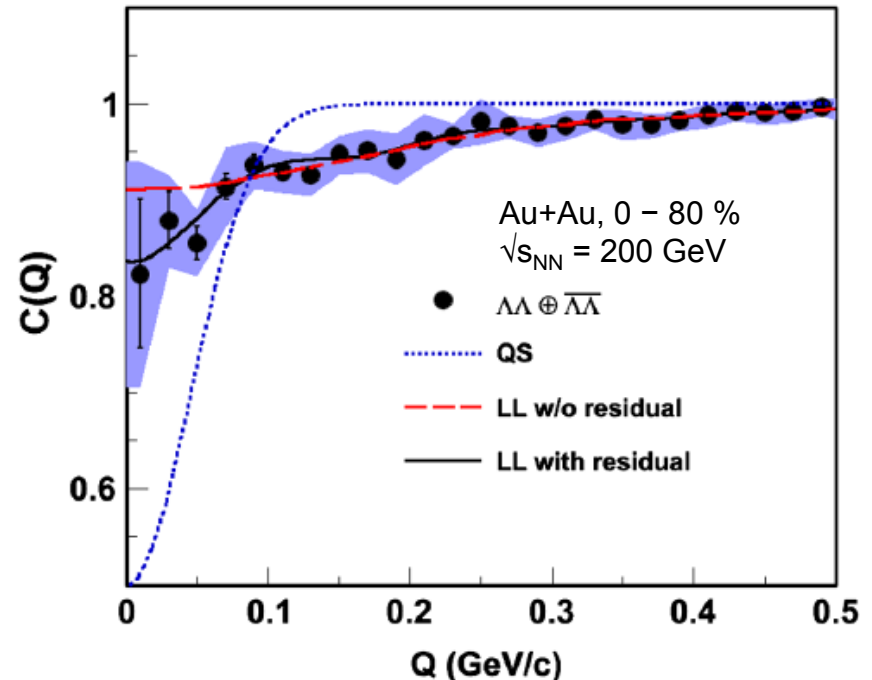
\Rightarrow effect not subtracted here

Effects in $\Lambda\Lambda$ c.f.

Quantum statistics \Rightarrow anti-correlation

Strong interaction between $\Lambda\Lambda$ pairs

$\Rightarrow C(Q=0) \neq 0.5$



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PRL114, 022301 (2015)

Hyperon Interaction

Strong Interaction between Λ s

$\Lambda\Lambda$ scattering length

Fit with Lednicky-Lyuboshitz model

Parameters:

S-wave scattering length a_0

Effective radius r_{eff}

Emission radius r_0

(Normalization N and suppr. par. λ)

Term for residual correlations ($a_{\text{res}}, r_{\text{res}}$)

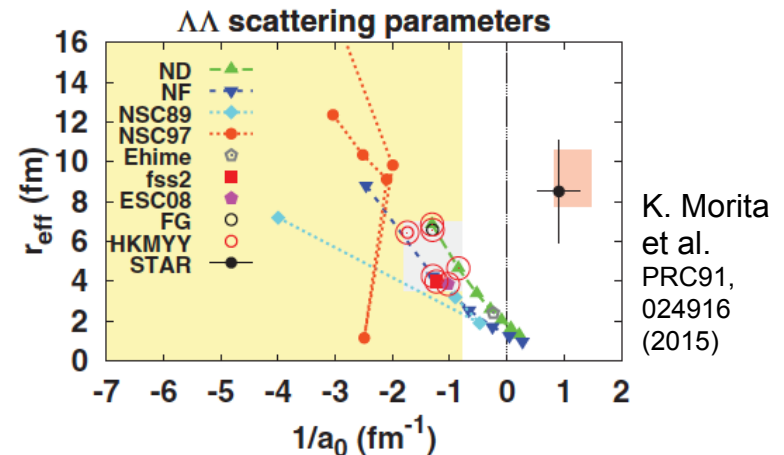
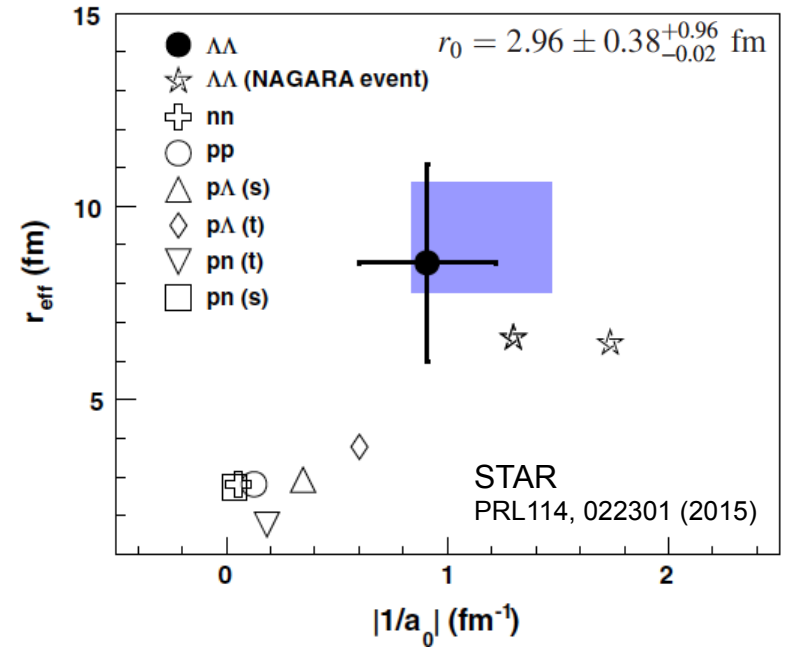
Interaction is weak

$$|a_{\Lambda\Lambda}| < |a_{p\Lambda}| < |a_{NN}|$$

Sign not yet conclusive

Fit suggests weak repulsive interaction

Morita et al. favor weak attraction
(radial expansion included)

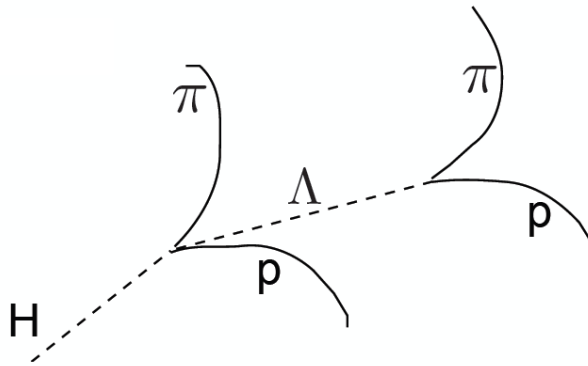


Hyperon Interaction

Direct Searches for H-Dibaryon

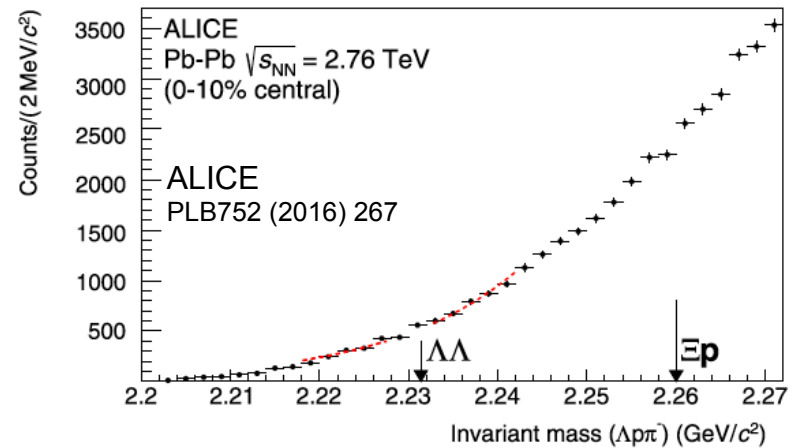
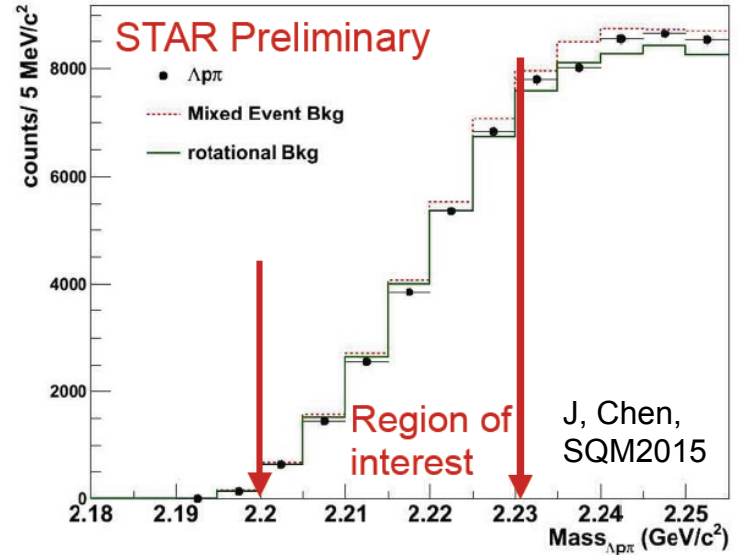
Invariant mass studies

Topological reconstruction of $\pi p \Lambda$



No signals observed

STAR and ALICE data

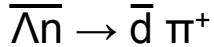


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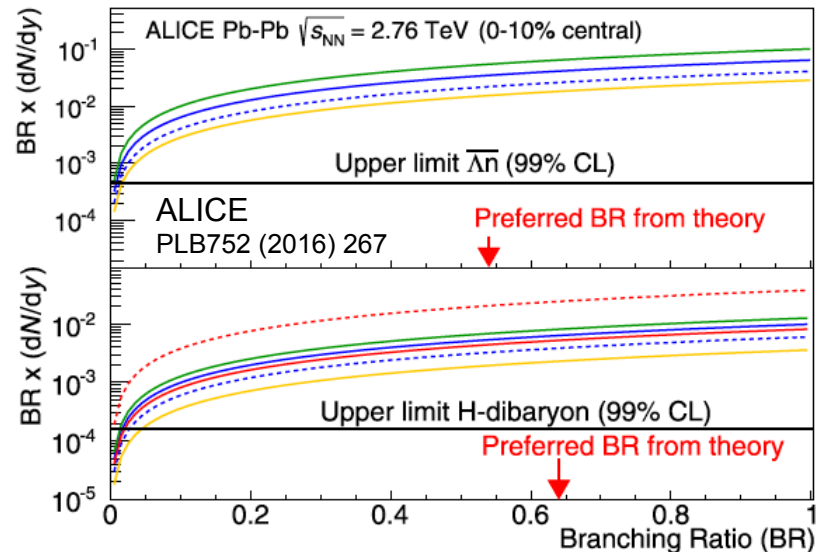
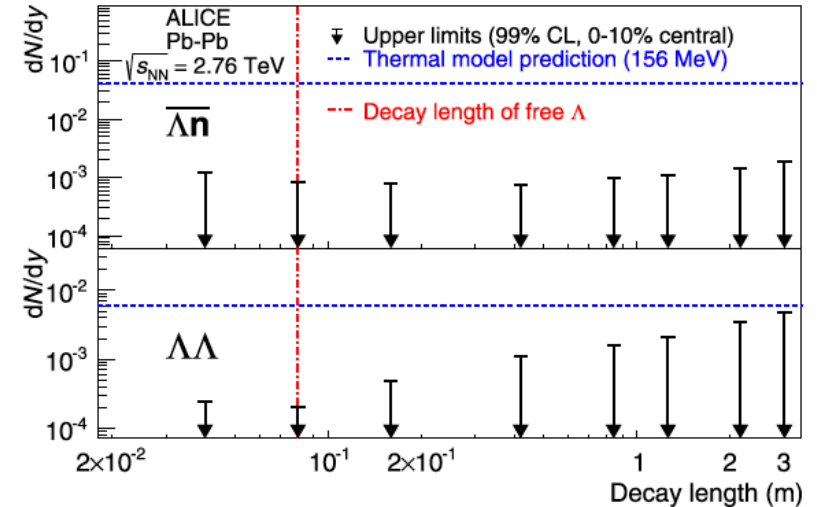
Extraction of upper limits

Λ -bound states: $\Lambda\Lambda$ and $\bar{\Lambda}n$



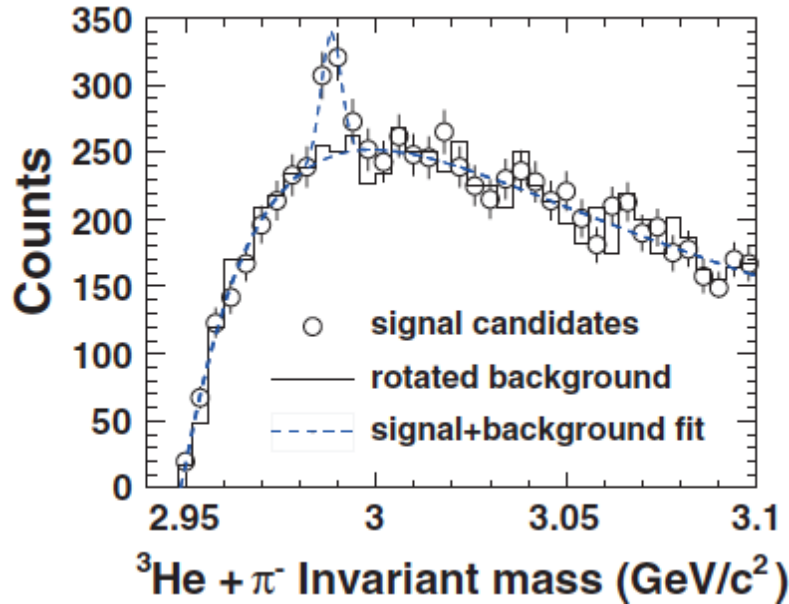
Upper limits as function of lifetime and branching ratios

Theory expectations from thermal model (eq. and non-eq.), hybrid UrQMD, and coalescence model (for H-dibaryon)



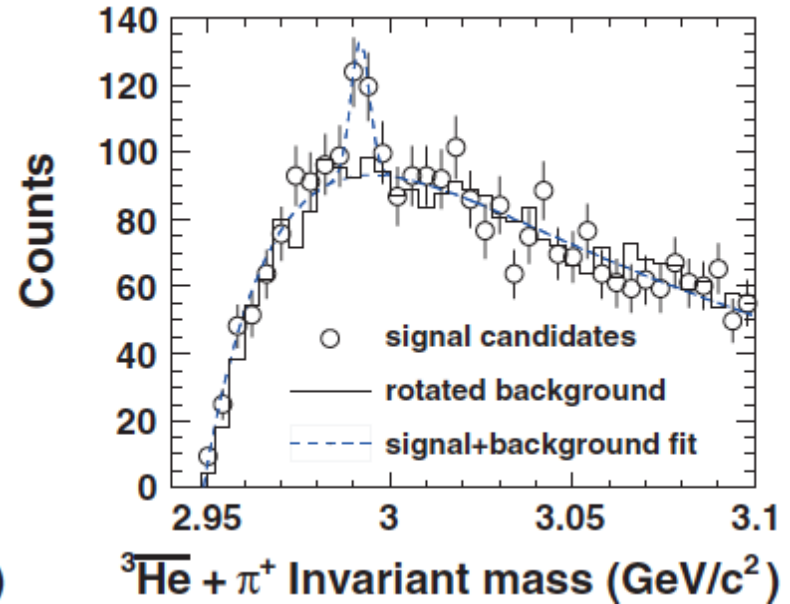
Hypernuclei

Hypertriton Measurement by STAR



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Science vol.328, 58 (2010)

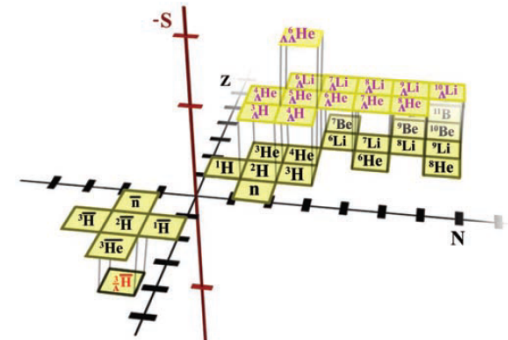


First observation of an anti-hypernucleus

Extends chart of nuclei

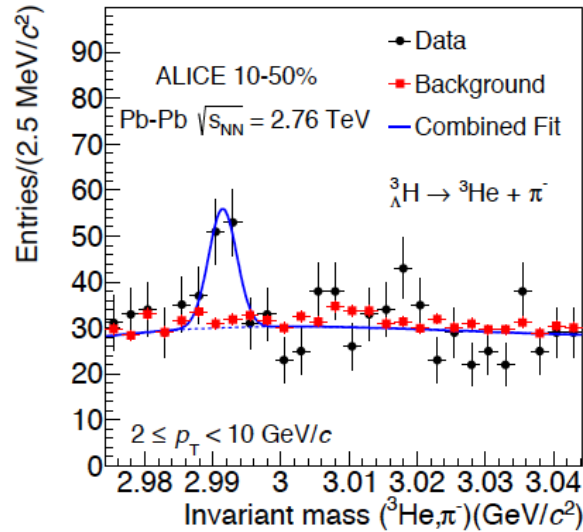
Bound Λ -nucleon states

Good agreement with thermal model expectation
in contrast to $\Lambda\Lambda$ and $\overline{\Lambda n}$

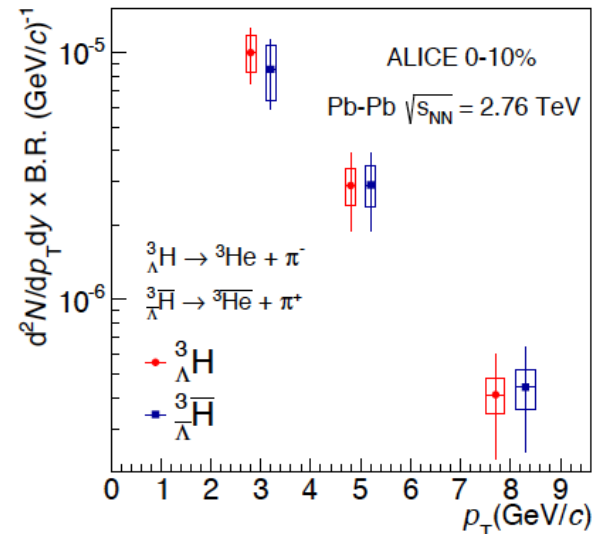
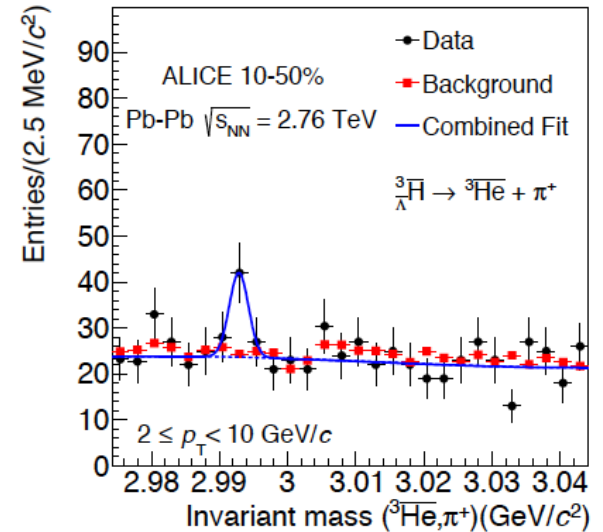


Hypernuclei

Hypertriton Measurement by ALICE



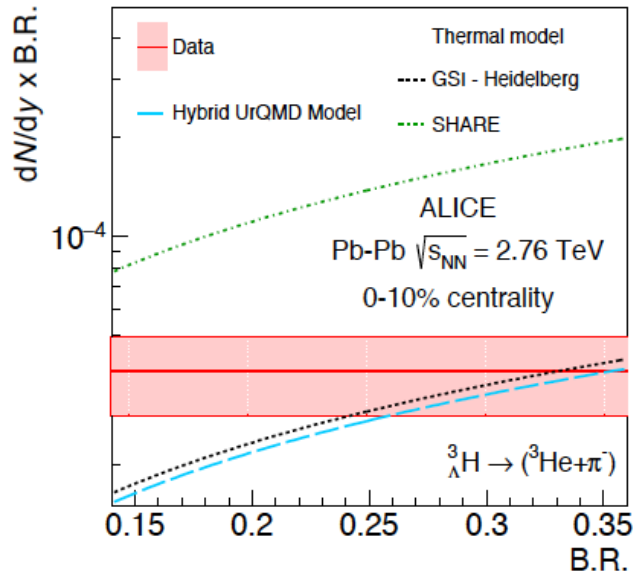
ALICE
arXiv:1506.08453



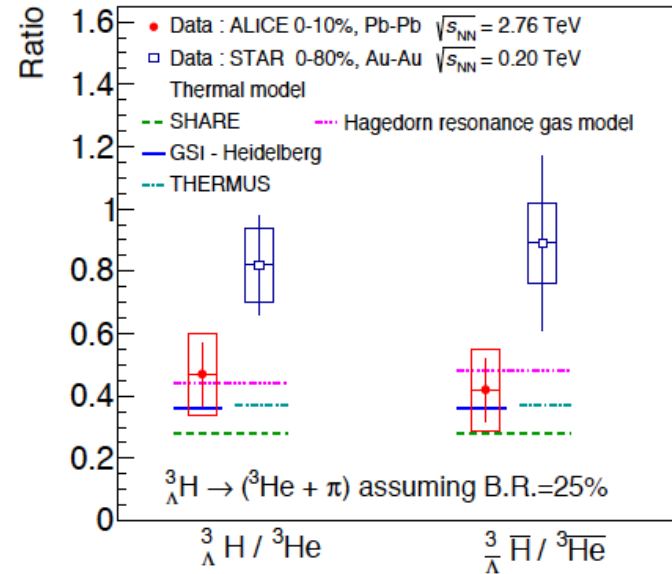
**Same yield of hypertriton
and anti-hypertriton**
 p_T dependence measured

Hypernuclei

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arXiv:1506.08453



Yield of hypertriton

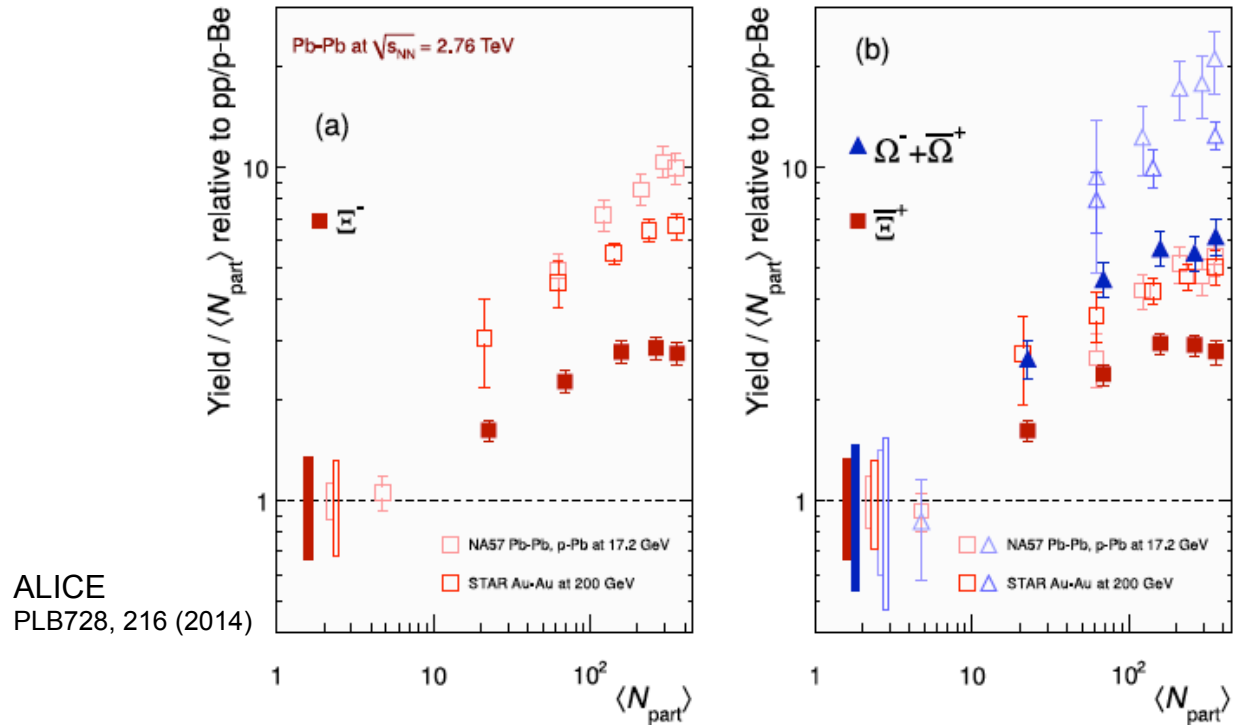
Good agreement with equilibrium thermal models and hybrid UrQMD

Ratio hypertriton/ ${}^3\text{He}$

Good agreement with thermal model expectations

Small Systems

LHC Data (ALICE) on Strangeness Enhancement



Enhancement factor

Relative to p+p

$$E = \frac{2}{\langle N_{part} \rangle} \left[\frac{dN(Pb + Pb)}{dy} \Big|_{y=0} / \frac{dN(p + p)}{dy} \Big|_{y=0} \right]$$

Enhancement for Ω factor ≈ 6

Small Systems

Energy Dependence of pp Data

Ratio strange/non-strange

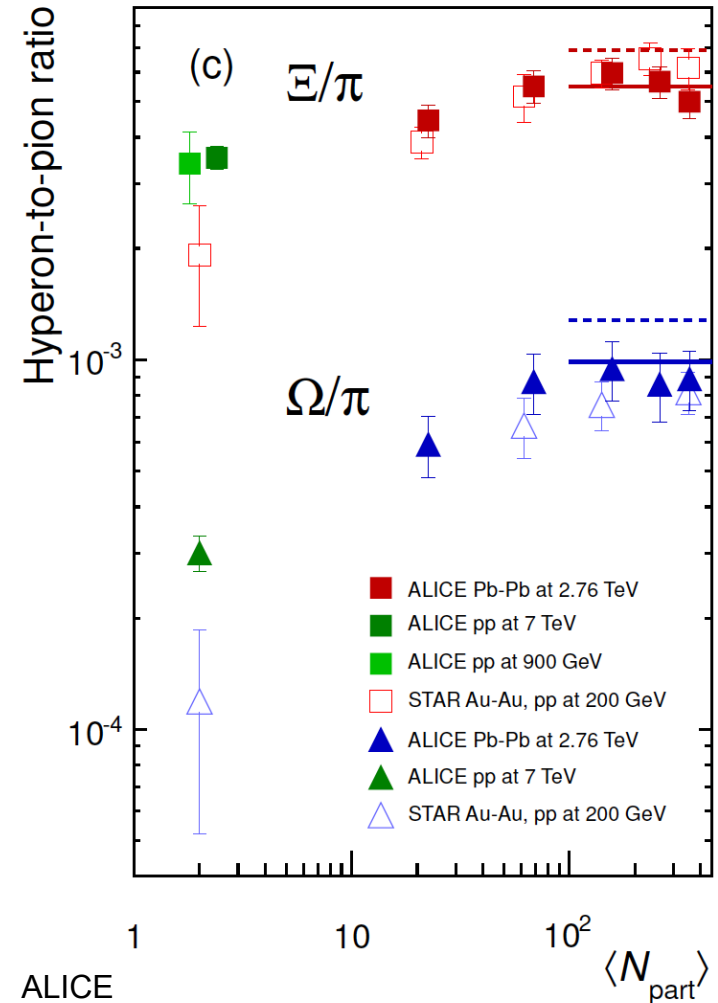
Hyperon-to-pion ratios

Increase with \sqrt{s} stronger in
pp than in A+A

AA: $\Xi/\pi(\text{LHC}) \approx \Xi/\pi(\text{RHIC})$
 $\Omega/\pi(\text{LHC}) \approx \Omega/\pi(\text{RHIC})$

pp: $\Xi/\pi(\text{LHC}) > \Xi/\pi(\text{RHIC})$
 $\Omega/\pi(\text{LHC}) \gg \Omega/\pi(\text{RHIC})$

**Strangeness-suppression
in pp released
at high energies**



Small Systems

Particle Ratios in Proton-Nucleus: Ξ/π and Ω/π

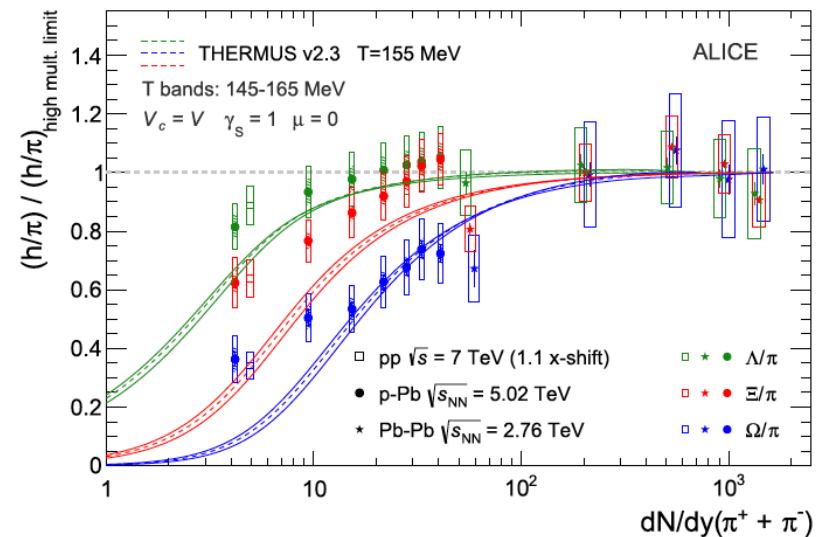
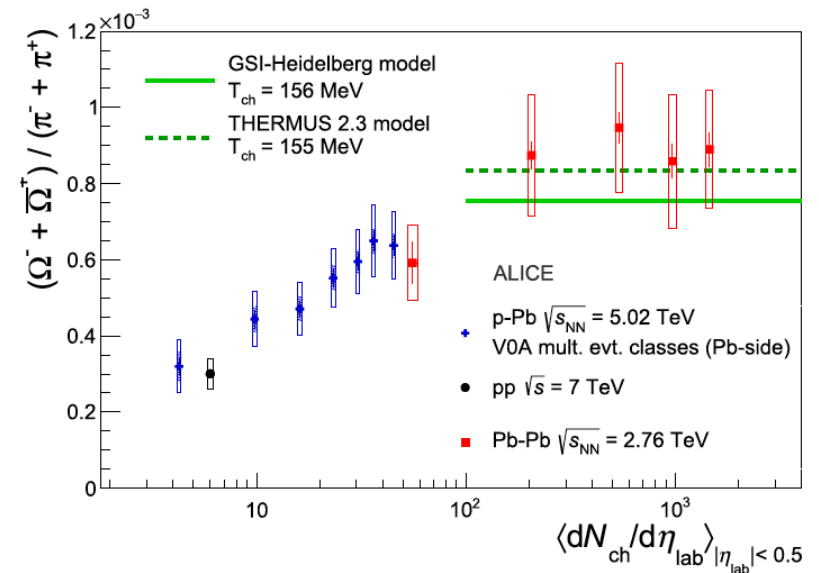
Multiplicity Dependence

p-Pb provides qualitative connection between pp and Pb-Pb also for multistrange particles

Better scaling with multiplicity density?

Reaches level of statistical model (GC) expectation

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PLB758 (2016) 389



Small Systems

Particle Ratios in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb Compared

Multiplicity Dependence

pp event classes, measure of reaction violence: $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$

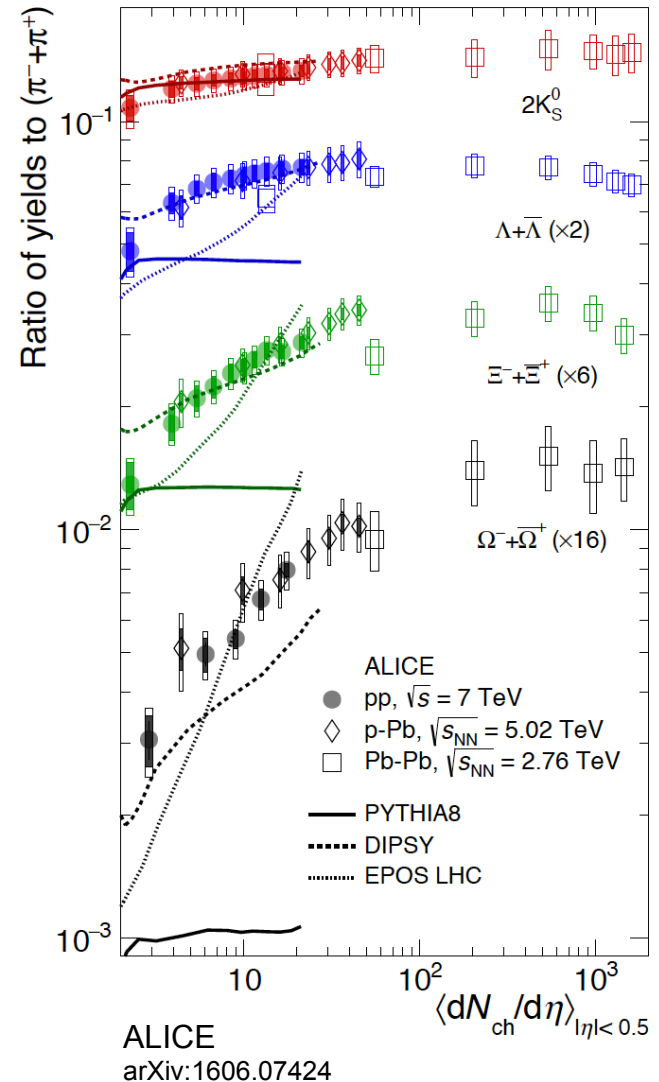
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Not trivial, since physics in high mult. pp \neq high mult. p-Pb

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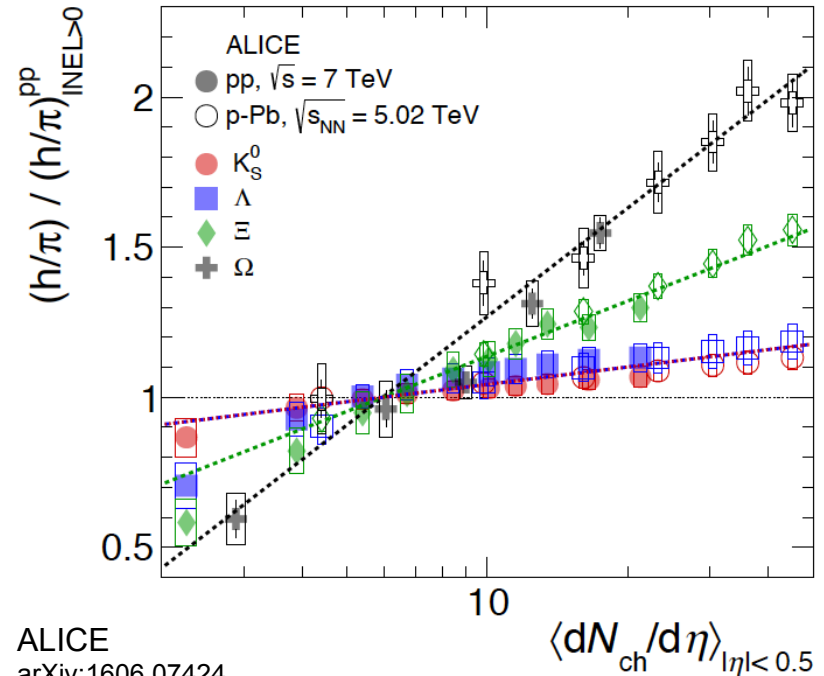
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Strangeness hierarchy

Stronger multiplicity dependence for higher strangeness content



Small Systems

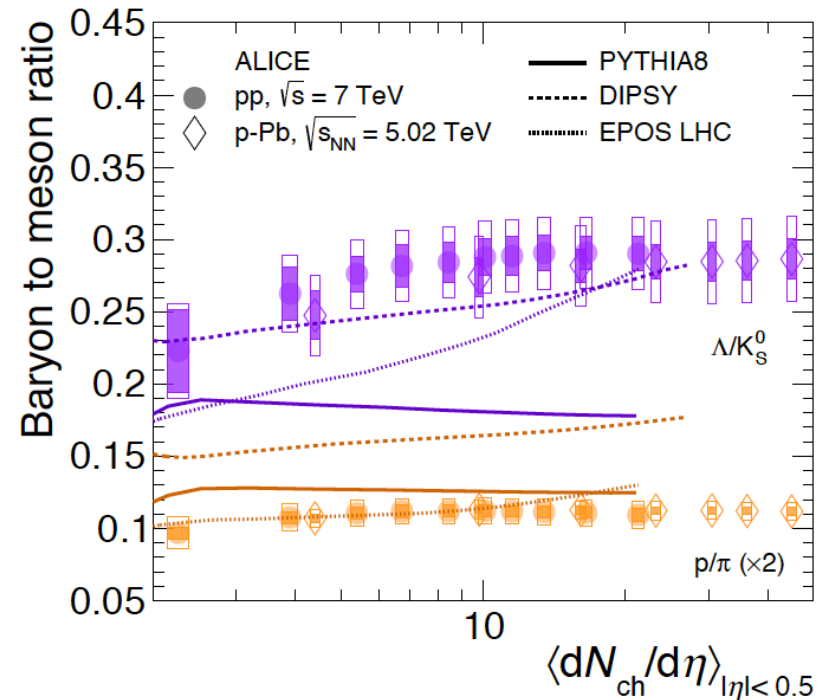
Particle Ratios in pp and p-Pb Compared

Multiplicity Dependence

Λ/K_s^0 and p/π

Common evolution with $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$

Ratios show no strong increase
 \Rightarrow not mass related,
but depends on strangeness content



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arXiv:1606.07424

Small Systems

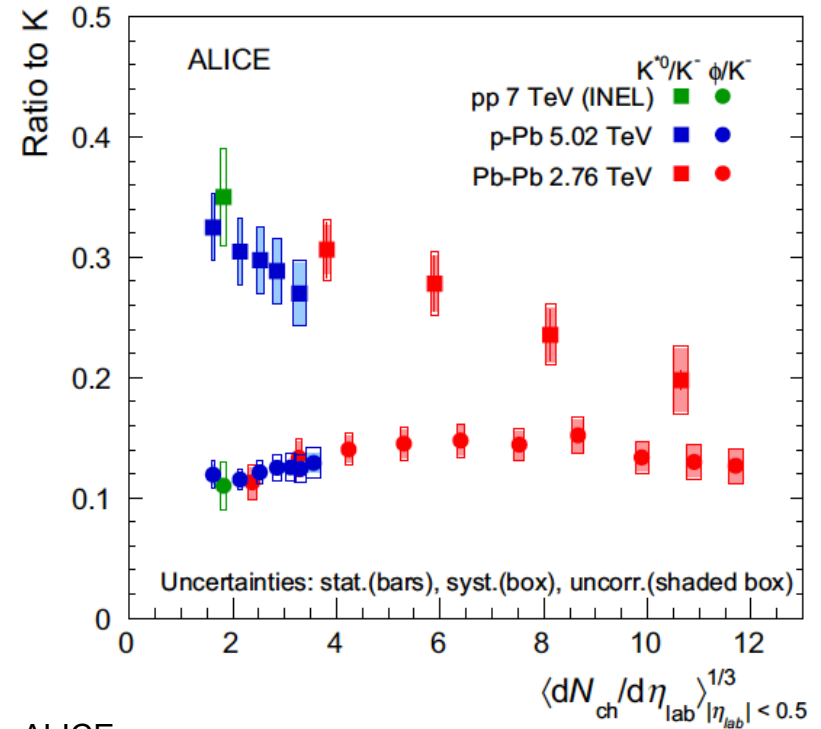
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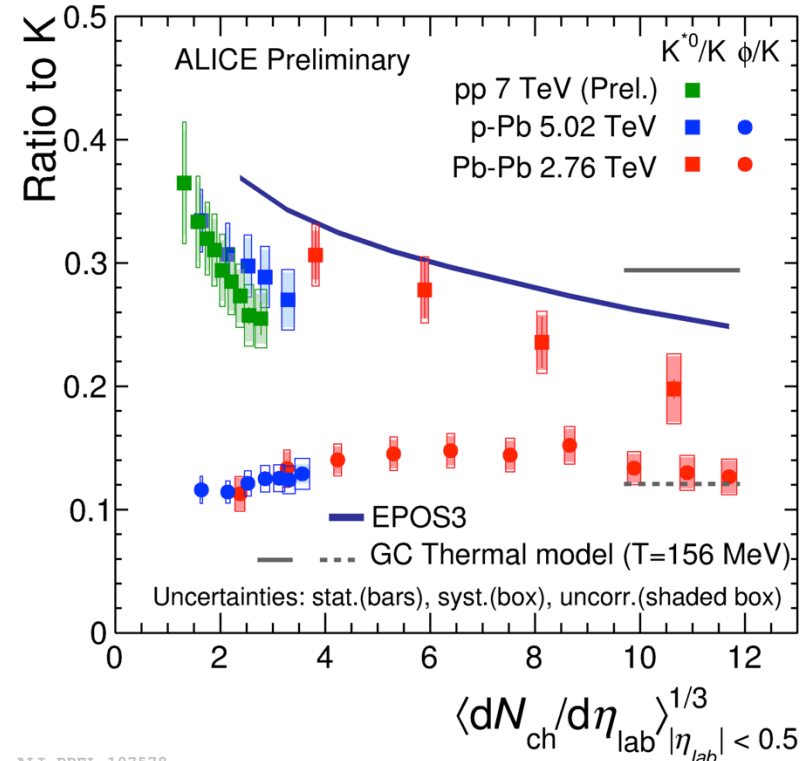
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Stronger trend seen in pp!

Different physics ...

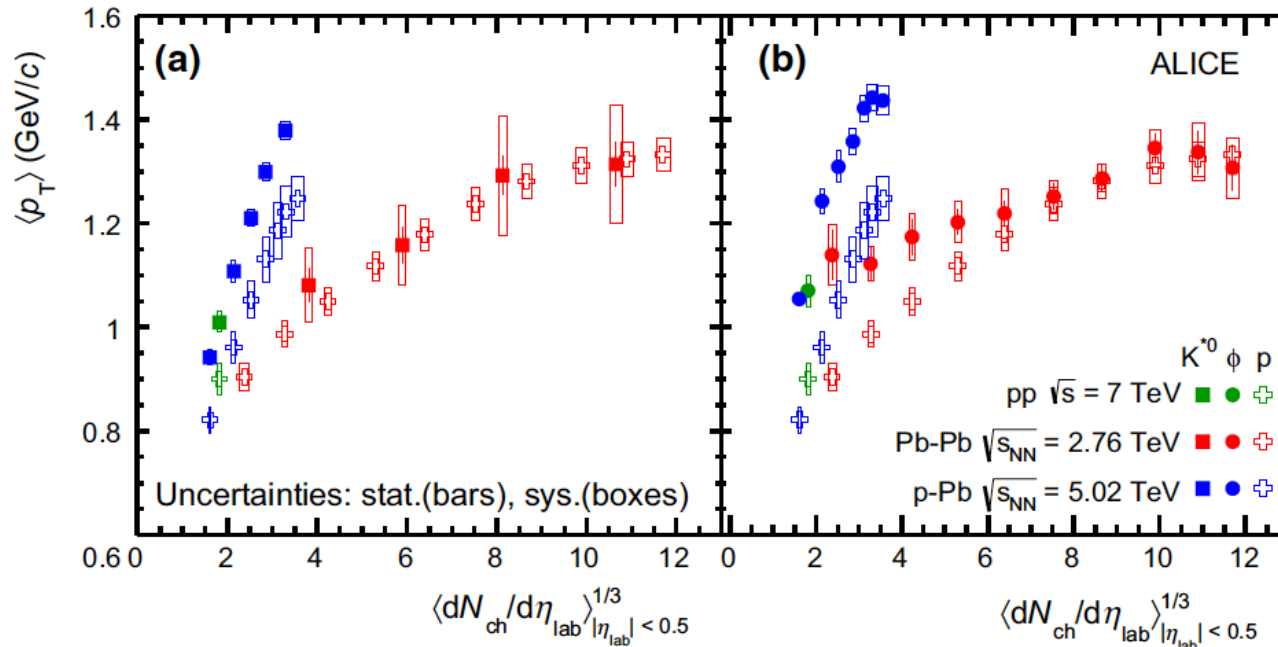


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Anders Knospe, SQM16

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$\langle p_T \rangle$ in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb Compared



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No universal scaling for dynamical quantities

$\langle p_T \rangle_{p\text{-Pb}} > \langle p_T \rangle_{\text{Pb-Pb}}$ at the same $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$, also true for higher moments

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Side Remark: J/ψ vs Multiplicity in pp

Multiplicity Dependence

Similar strong increase of relative J/ψ yield with multiplicity density

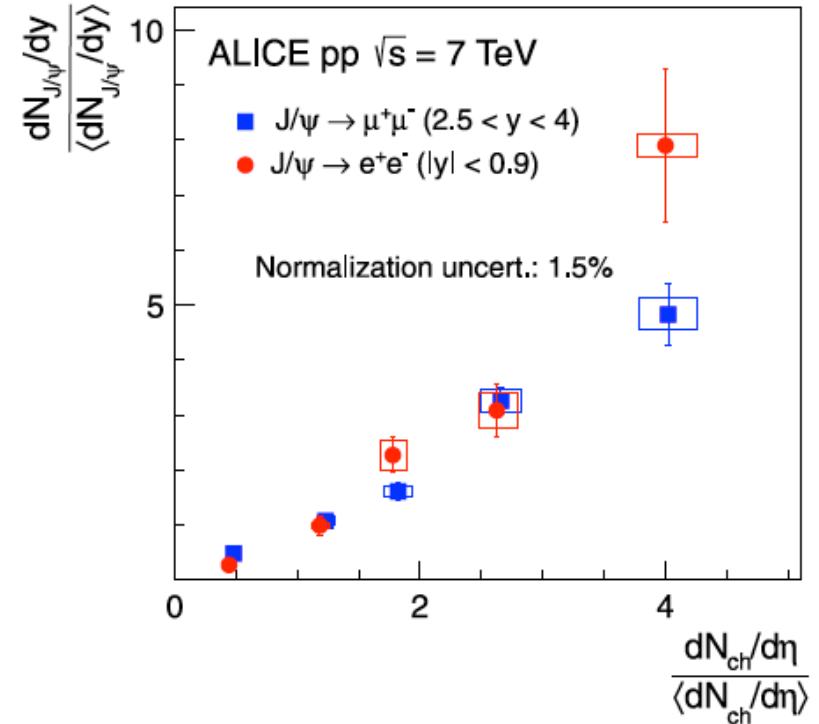
Comparable to p-Pb (not public yet)

Similar for open charm!

Interplay soft+hard physics

$dN_{ch}/d\eta$: soft scale, described via Multi Parton Interactions (MPI)

J/ψ production: hard scale, also affected by MPI ?



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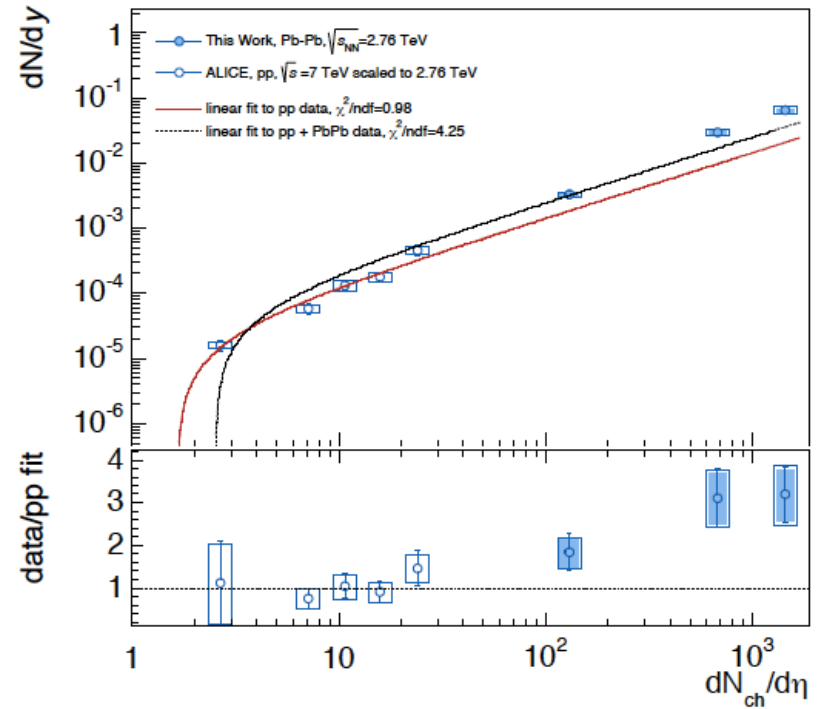
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Connection to Pb-Pb?

Maybe also not so bad ...

Add p-Pb data



Julian Book
PhD Thesis

Conclusions

Lots of new and precise data in the last few years

At high and low energies!

New topics (re-)appear

Global Λ polarization \Rightarrow 1st significant measurement

$\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction: information from correlation measurements

Hypernuclei measurements

Interesting results from small systems at high energies

Smooth evolution of strangeness enhancement with multiplicity density

Same for Pb-Pb, p-Pb and pp!

However, does not work for all observables

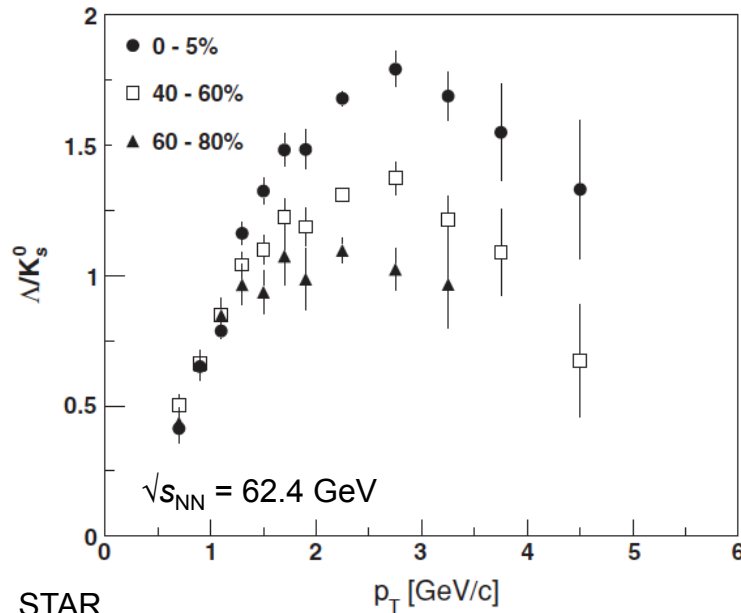
Baryon-Meson comparisons

Sign of recombination or hydrodynamic flow?

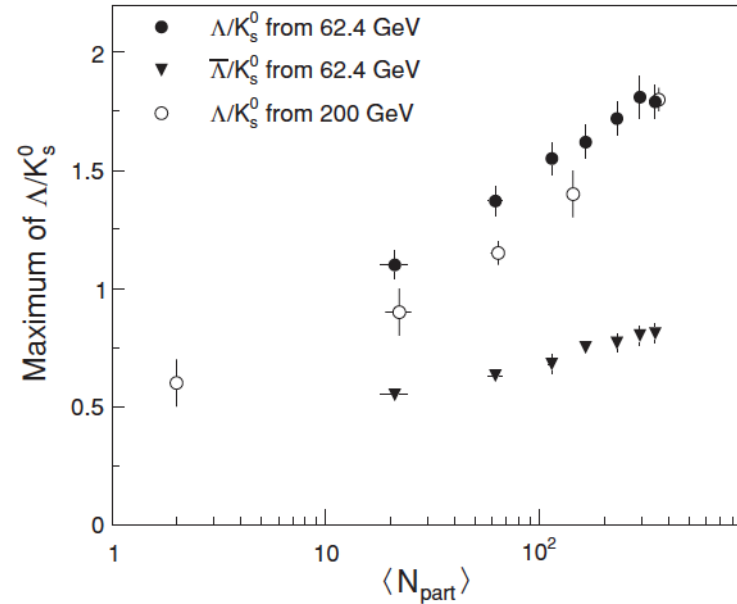
Indication for change of medium properties around $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 14.5$ GeV?

Baryon-Meson

Λ/K_s^0 -Ratio vs p_T at RHIC



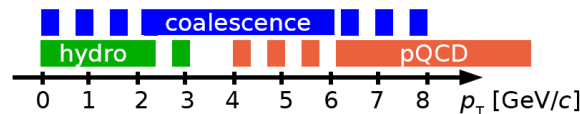
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PRC83, 024901 (2011)



Physics of intermediate p_T region

Dominance of baryon production $\Rightarrow \Lambda/K_s^0 > 1$ for $1.5 < p_T < 4$ GeV/c

Recombination



Hydro flow

Other (baryons as color singlet, transparent to final state interactions)

S. Brodsky and
A. Sickles,
PLB668, 111 (2008)

Baryon-Meson

$\bar{\Lambda}/K_s^0$ -Ratio vs p_T at RHIC

Energy dependence

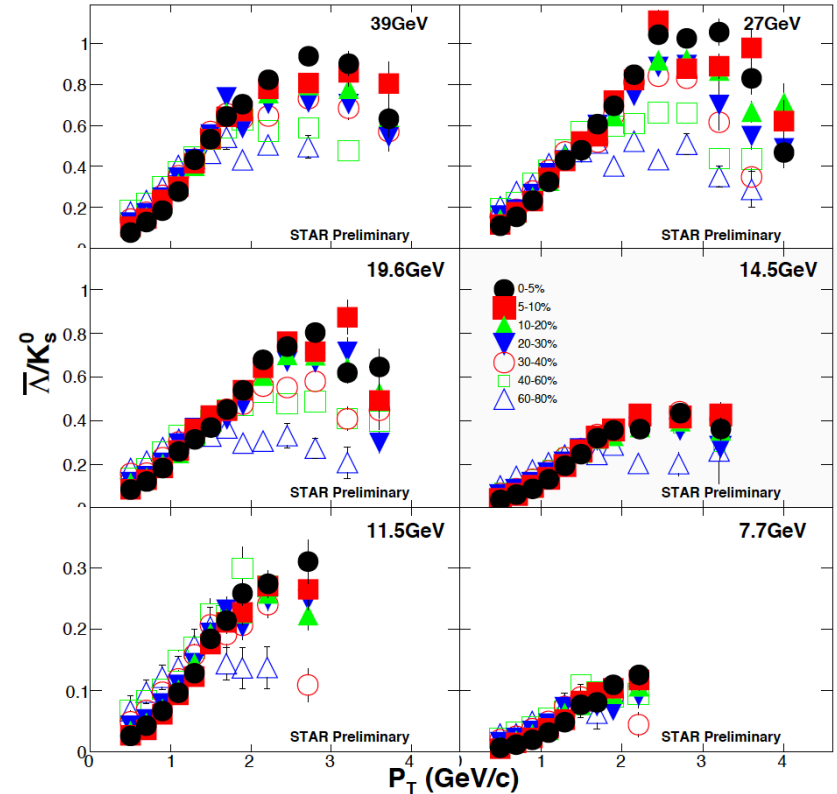
Maximum in $\bar{\Lambda}/K_s^0$ -ratio decreases with decreasing energy

Centrality dependence seems to get weaker

Medium properties

Transition around $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 14.5$ GeV?
Or rather smooth evolution?

⇒ More statistics needed



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v_2 of Antiparticles at RHIC

Energy dependence

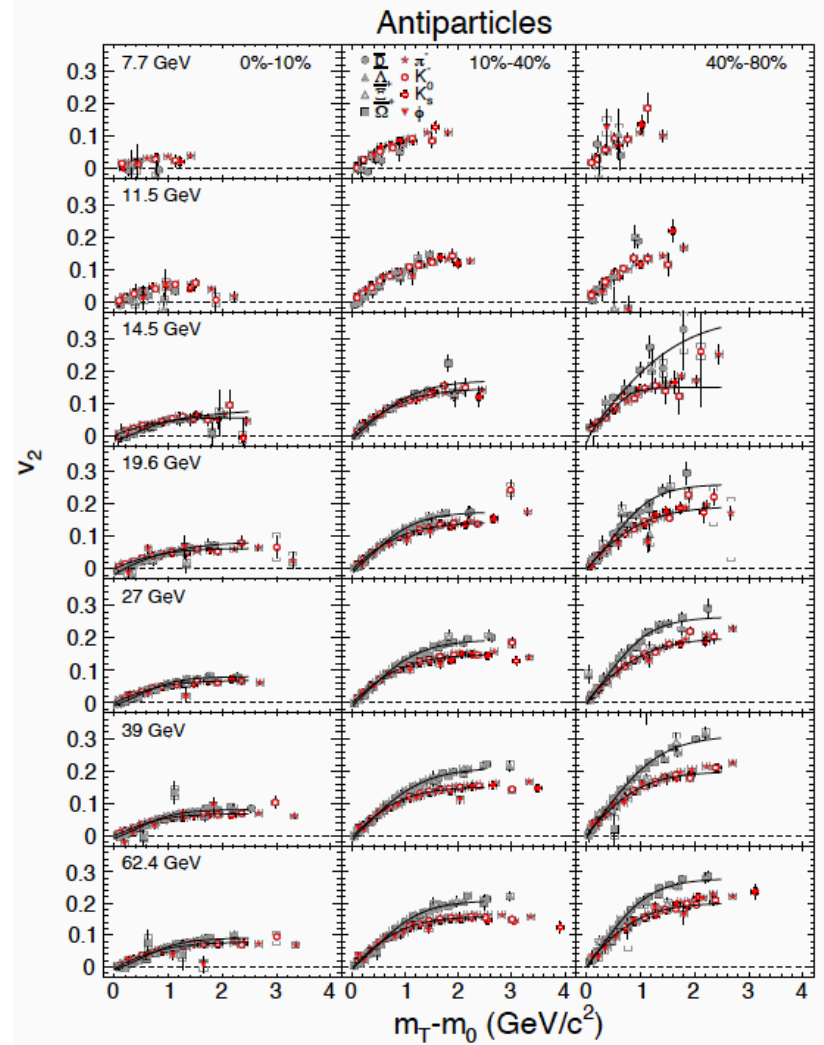
Many different anti-baryons analyzed

Splitting between baryon and meson seen for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 11.5$ GeV

Medium properties

Transition around $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 14.5$ GeV?
Or rather smooth evolution?

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Baryon-Meson

Λ/K_S^0 -Ratio vs p_T at LHC

Same baryon dominance

Height of maximum similar to RHIC
 $(\Lambda/K_S^0)_{\max} \approx 1.5$

Position of maximum
 shifted to slightly higher p_T

Strong centrality dependence
 pp: $(\Lambda/K_S^0)_{\max} \approx 0.5$

High p_T (> 7 GeV/c)

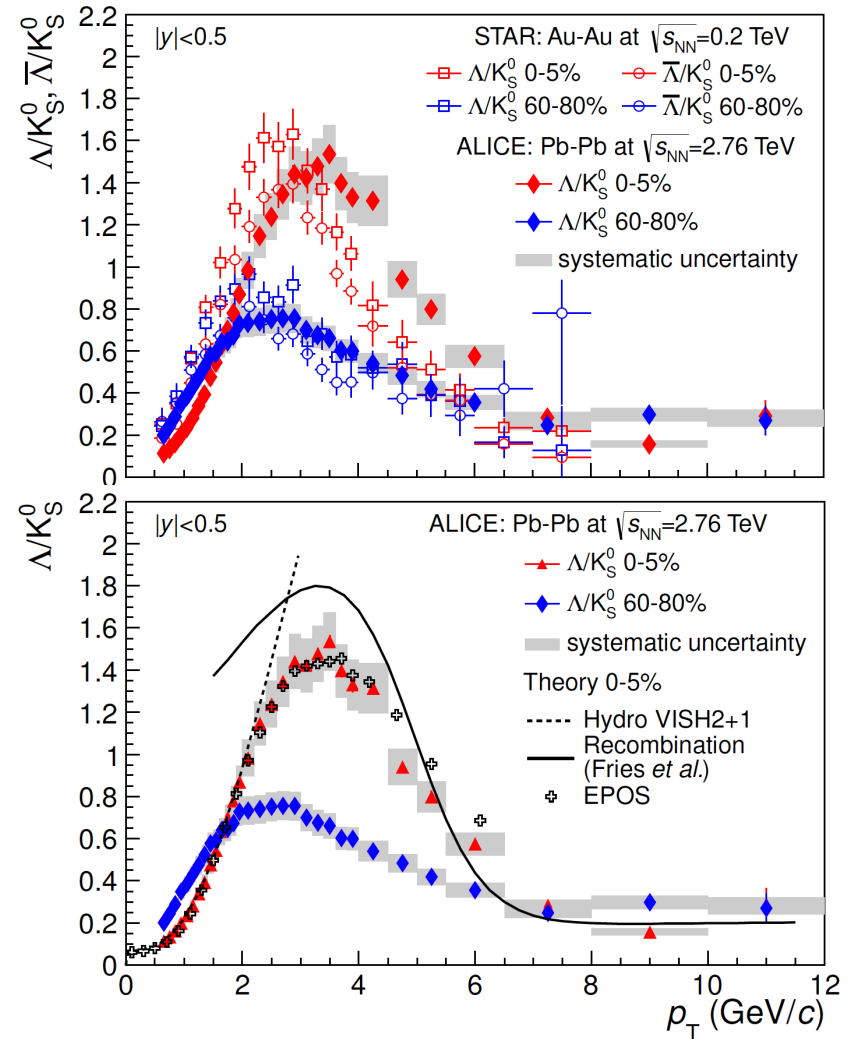
Ratio the same in pp and A+A (~ 0.3)

Model comparisons

Hydro works up to $p_T \approx 2$ GeV/c

Recombination model describes
 shape, but overestimates ratio

Good description by EPOS



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 PRL111, 222301 (2013)

Baryon-Meson

Λ/K_S^0 -Ratio vs p_T at LHC

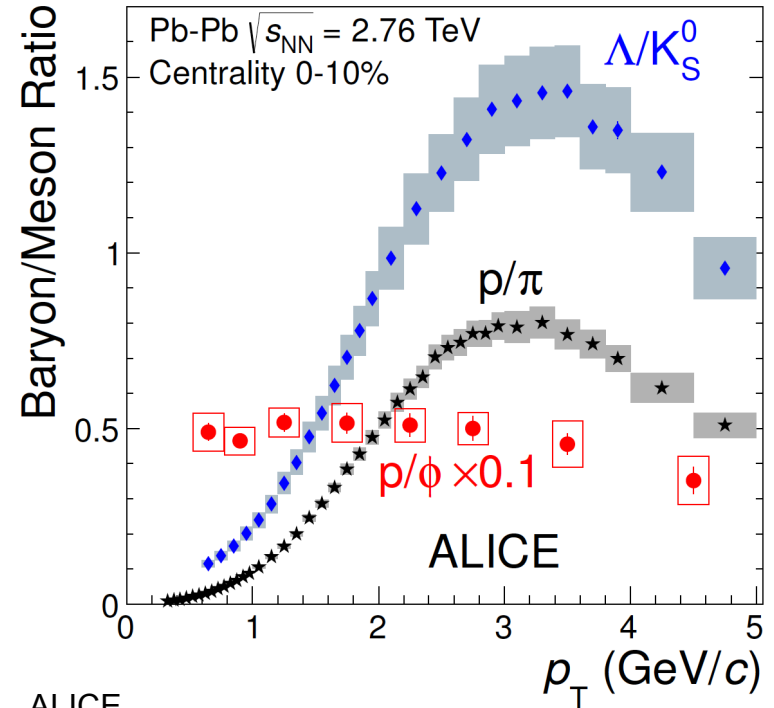
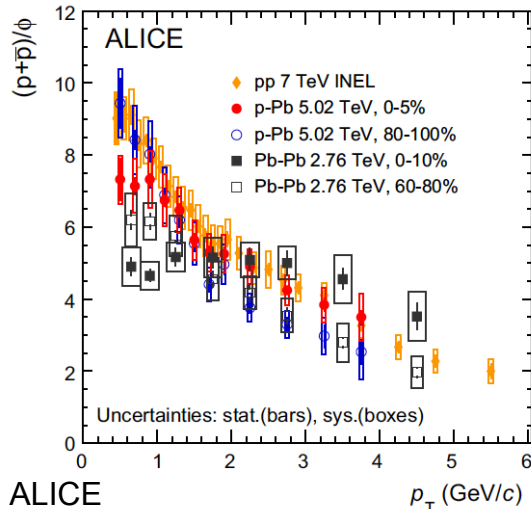
Baryon/meson or mass?

Comparison of Λ/K_S^0 and p/ϕ

p/ϕ -ratio is flat as function of p_T
(central collisions)

⇒ Mass difference the driving factor

Strong centrality dependence of p/ϕ
Role of rescattering?



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PRC91, 024609 (2015)

Baryon-Meson

Ω/ϕ -Ratio vs p_T at RHIC and LHC

Only strange quarks

Baryon (sss) and meson ($s\bar{s}$)

Small hadronic cross section
 \Rightarrow partonic phase

Ratio Ω/ϕ

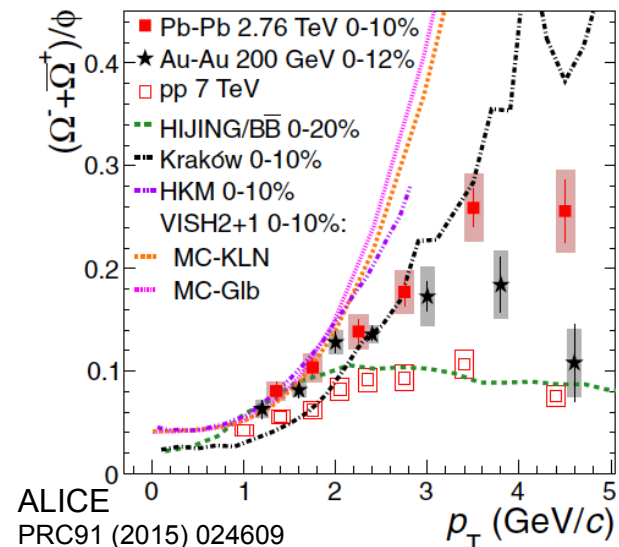
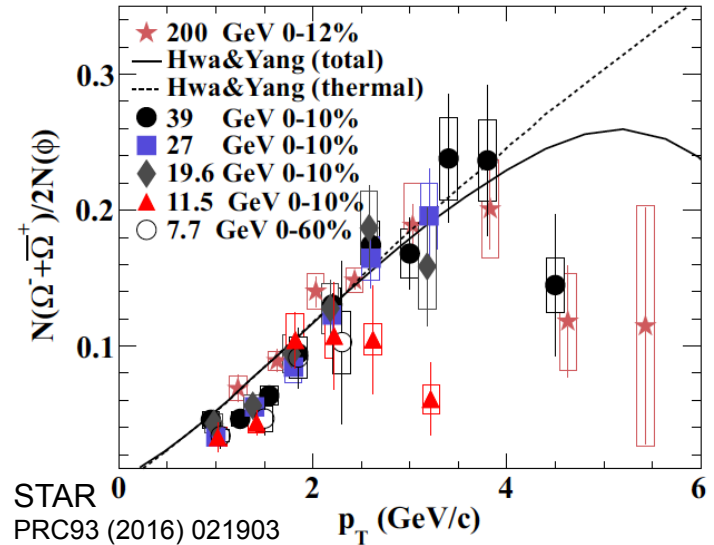
Rising up to $p_T \approx 4$ GeV/c

Consistent with quark coalescence model up to $p_T \approx 4$ GeV/c
 Maximum at different position

p_T dependence not described by any model

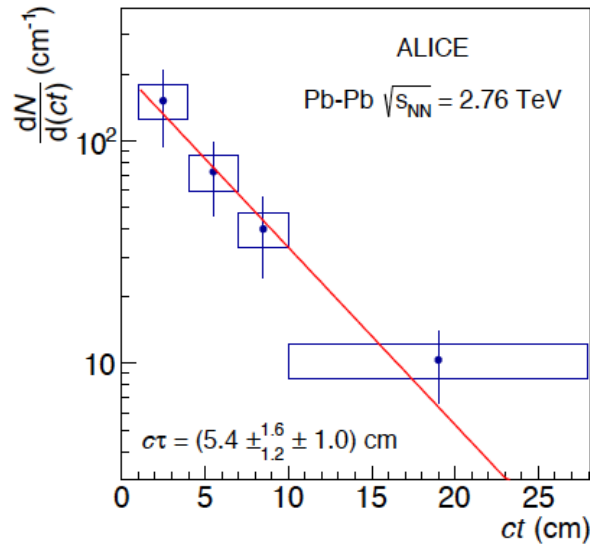
$\Omega/\phi(\text{LHC}) > \Omega/\phi(\text{RHIC}, 200 \text{ GeV})$
 for $p_T > 3$ GeV/c

Also deviation at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 11.5$ GeV

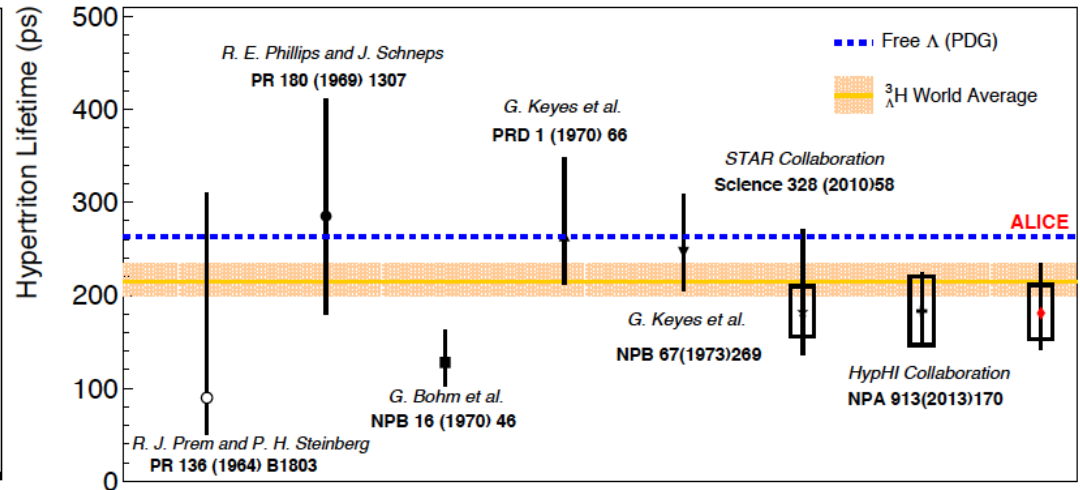


Hypernuclei

Lifetime of Hypertriton



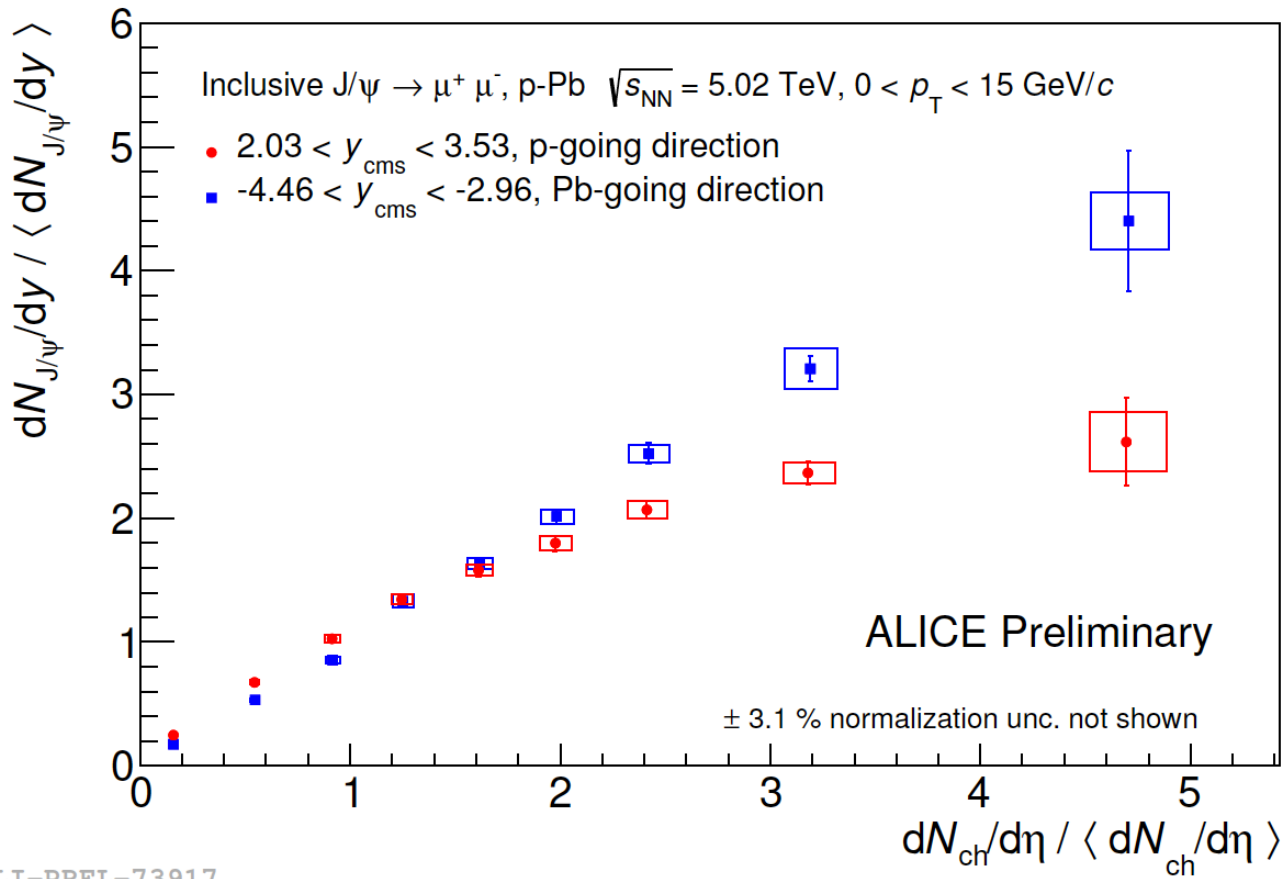
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arXiv:1506.08453



New world average $\tau = 215_{-16}^{+18}$ ps

Good agreement with STAR and ALICE measurement

Slightly below expectation for free Λ



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Hyperon Interaction

Implications for Bound States (H-Dibaryon)

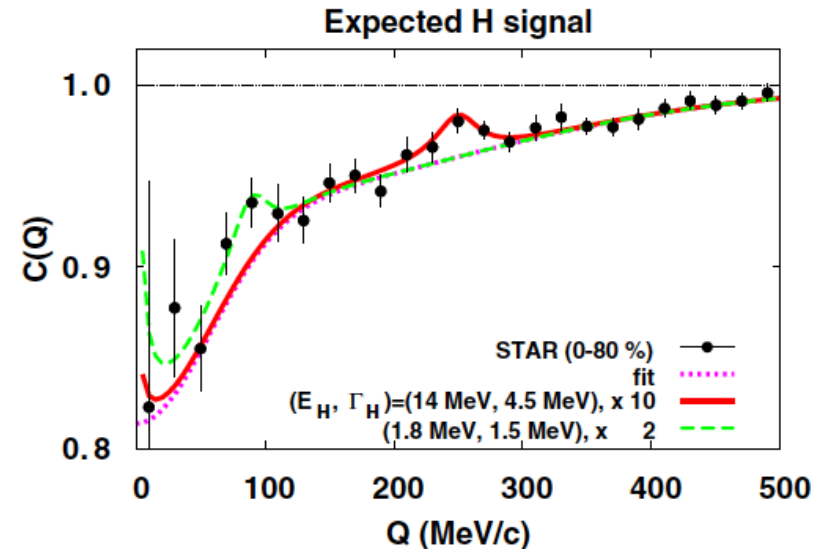
$\Lambda\Lambda$ bound state

Disfavored, since it would imply a depletion below 0.5 of c.f. at $Q = 0$

Resonance above $\Lambda\Lambda$ thres.

Very small signal expected

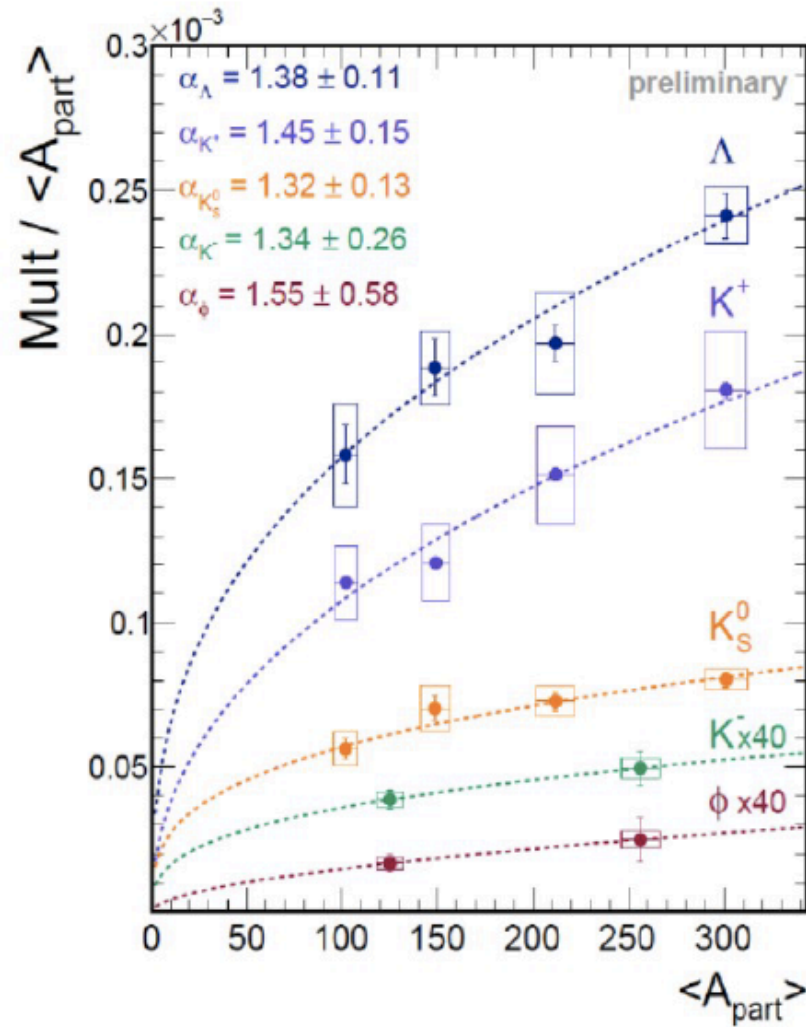
More statistics needed



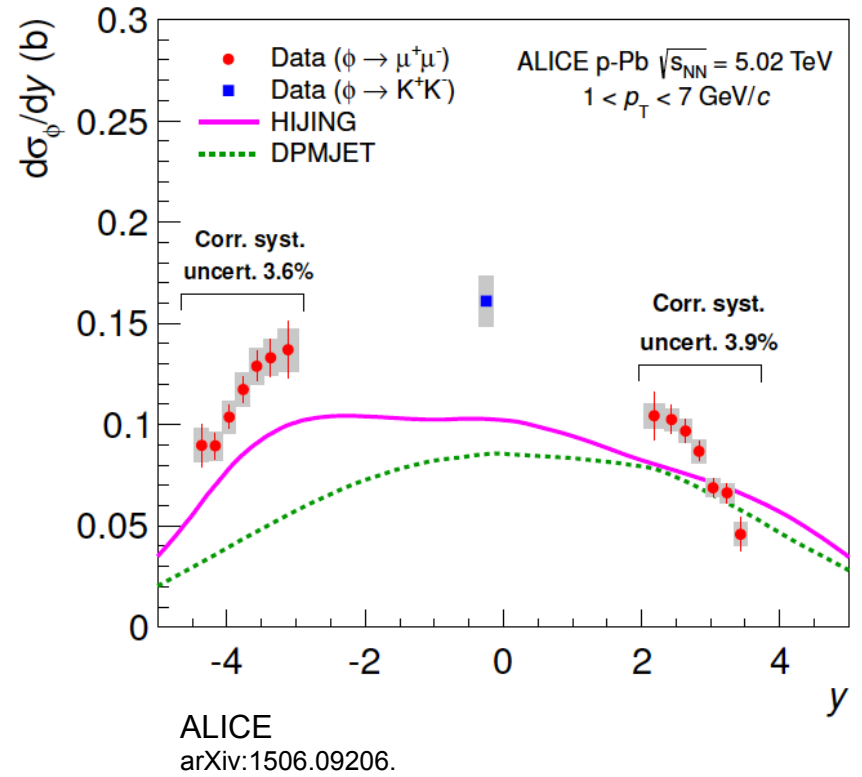
K. Morita et al.
PRC91, 024916 (2015)

Overview on Strangeness Measurements

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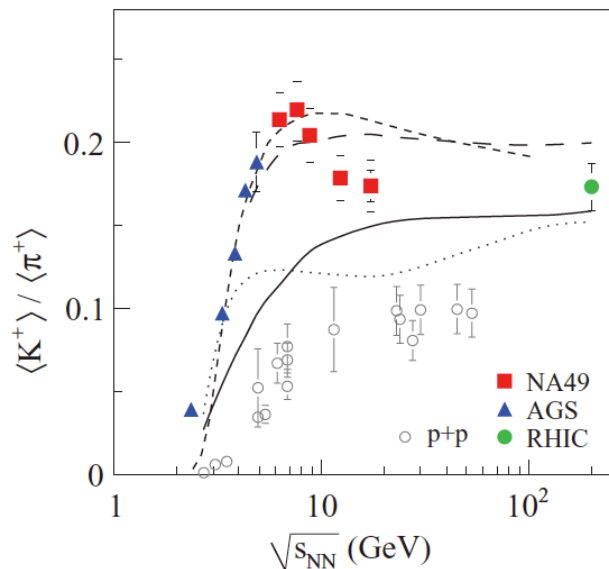


Timo Scheib,
SQM2016



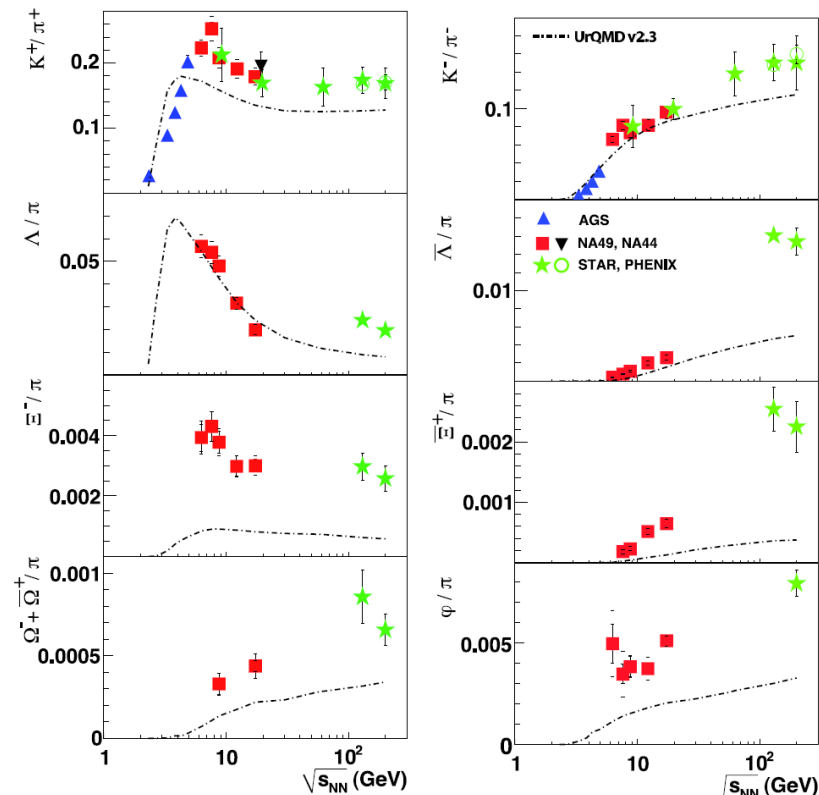
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Yields at Lower Energies (NA49 + AGS)



NA49

PRC66, 054902 (2002)
 PRL93, 022302 (2003)
 PRL94, 192301 (2005)
 PRC77, 024903 (2008)
 PRC78, 034918 (2008)
 PRC78, 044907 (2008)



Available data

Central events: π , K , p , Λ (statistics ok) and Λ^* , K^* , Ξ , Ω , ϕ (low statistics)

System size: π , K , p , (Λ), not at all energies

Overview on Strangeness Measurements

Yields at Lower Energies (NA49): System Size Dependence

Transport models

OK for Λ

Slightly below $\bar{\Lambda}$

Too low for Ξ

UrQMD: H. Petersen et al.
arXiv: 0903.0396

HSD: W. Cassing and
E. Bratkovskaya,
PR 308, 65 (1999)
and private communication

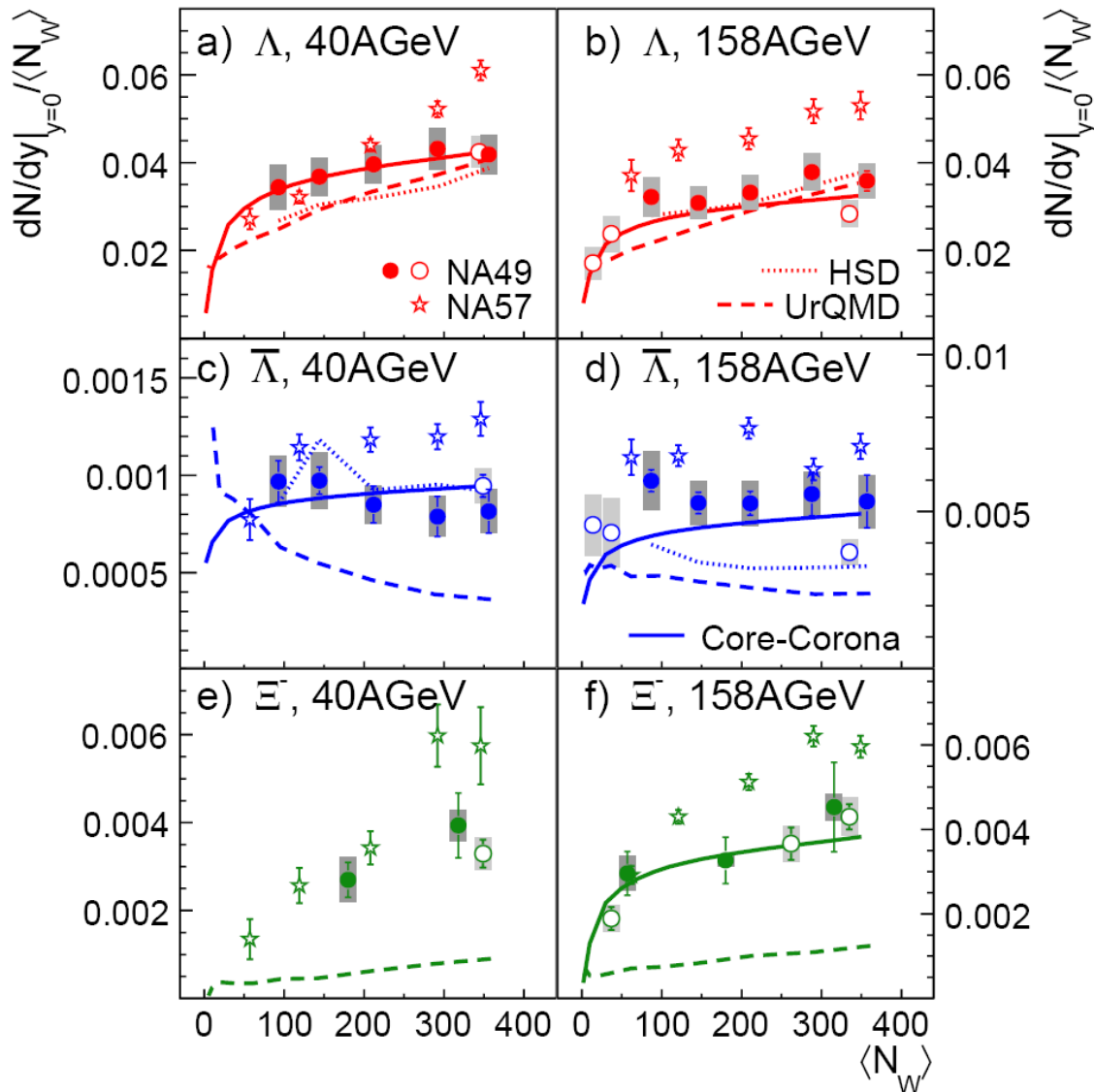
Core Corona model

OK for Λ and Ξ

F. Becattini and J. Manninen,
PLB673, 19 (2009)

J. Aichelin and K. Werner,
arXiv:0810.4465

NA49
PRC80, 034906 (2009)



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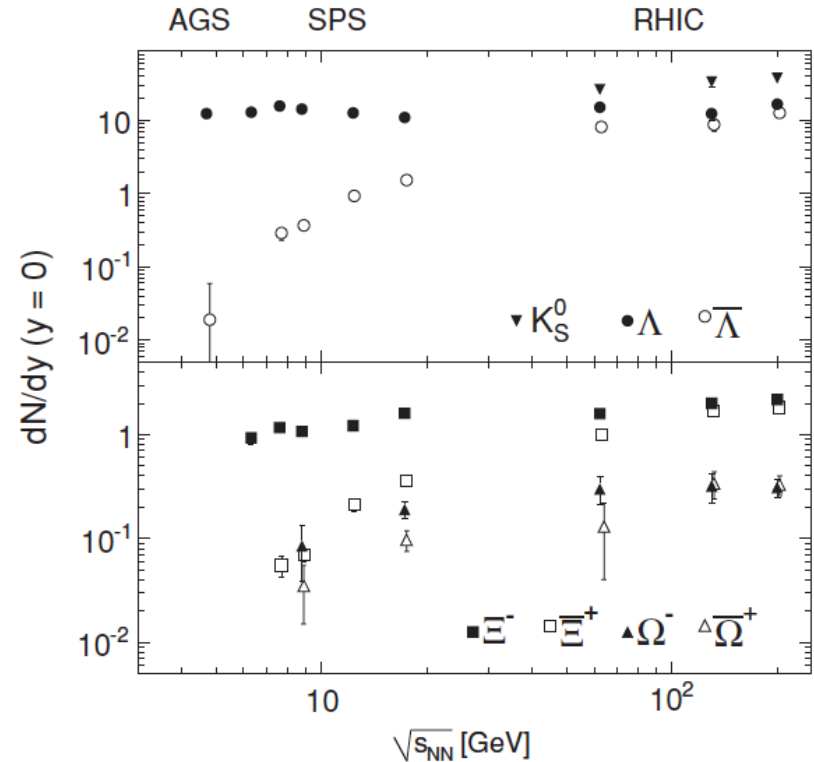
Yields at Lower Energies (NA49, NA57, STAR)

Energy Dependence

Gap between SPS and RHIC is being closed

Overlap with SPS → cross checks

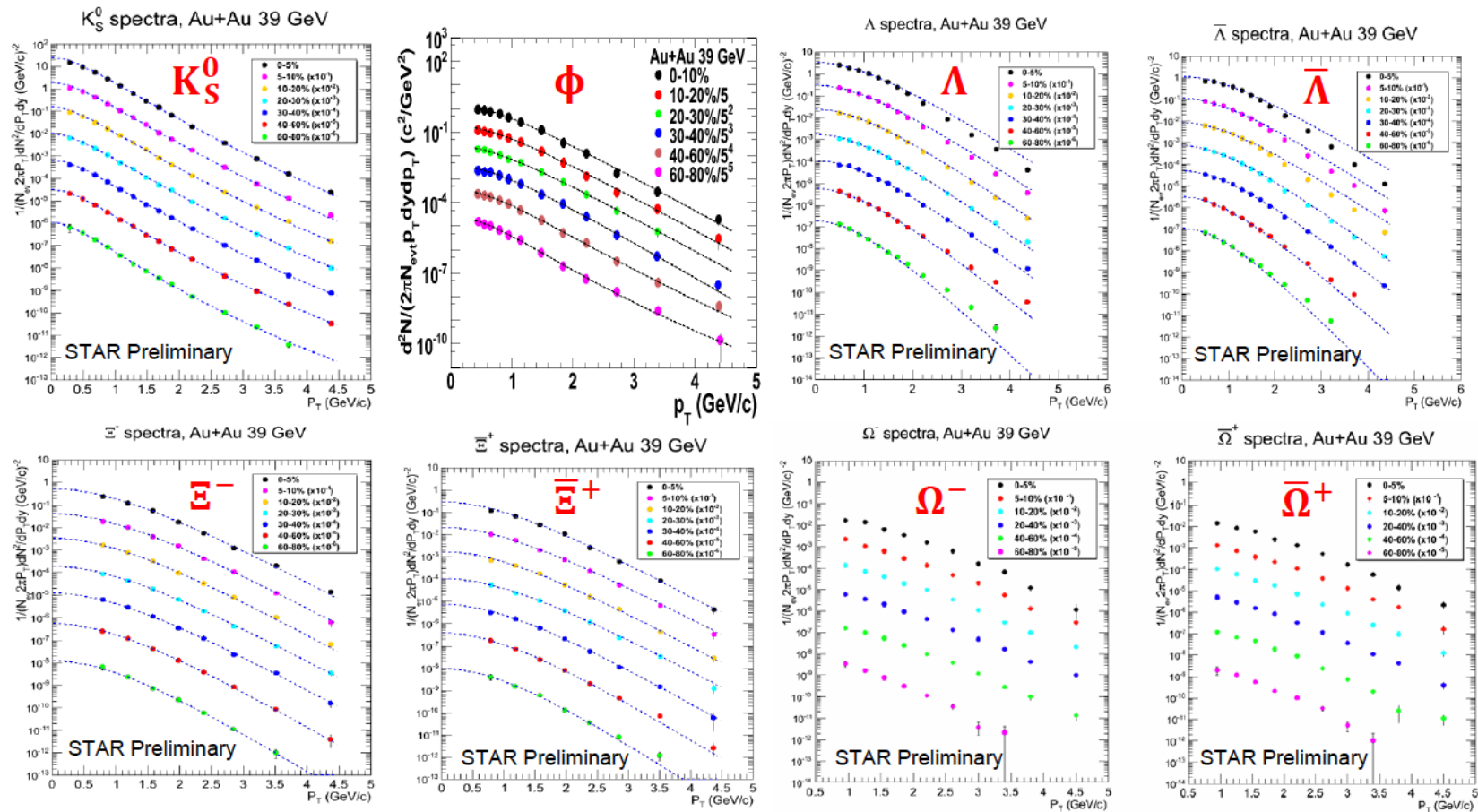
From top SPS energy up to LHC all particle species, including rare Ξ and Ω , are covered



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PRC83, 024901 (2011)

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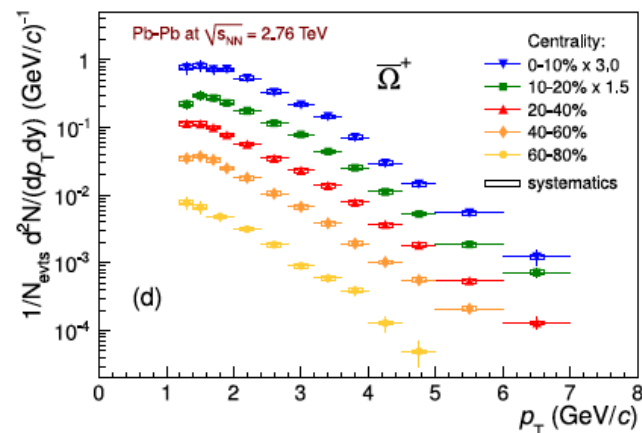
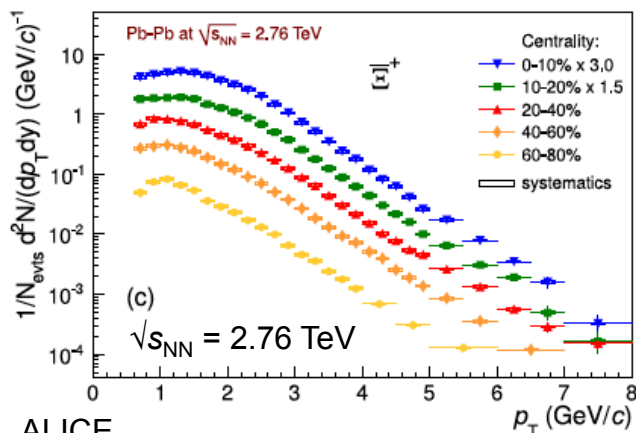
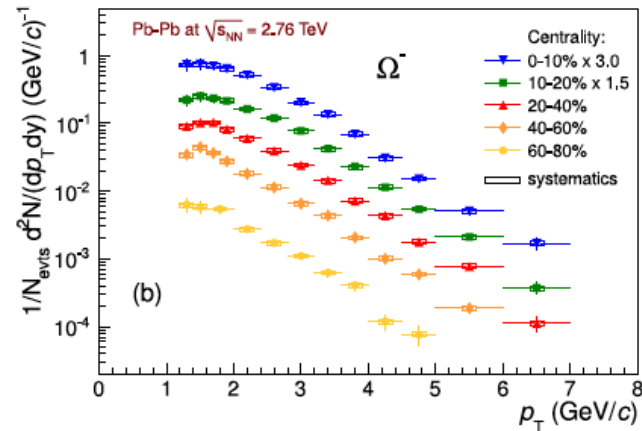
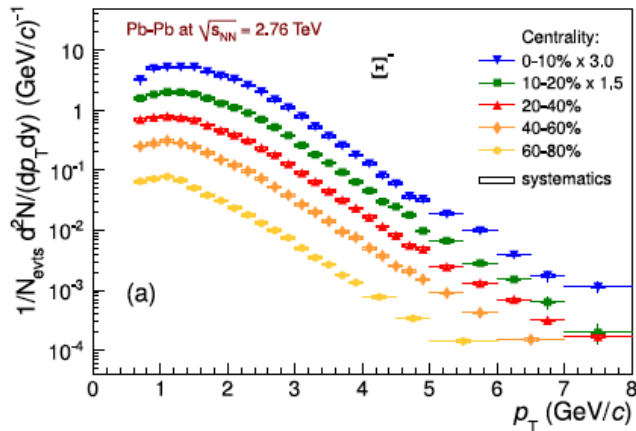
Beam Energy Scan (BES) at RHIC: STAR



X. Zhang, SQM 2015

Overview on Strangeness Measurements

LHC



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PLB728, 216 (2014)

Overview on Strangeness Measurements

Beam Energy Scan (BES) at RHIC: STAR

Antibaryon-baryon ratios

Mid-rapidity yields

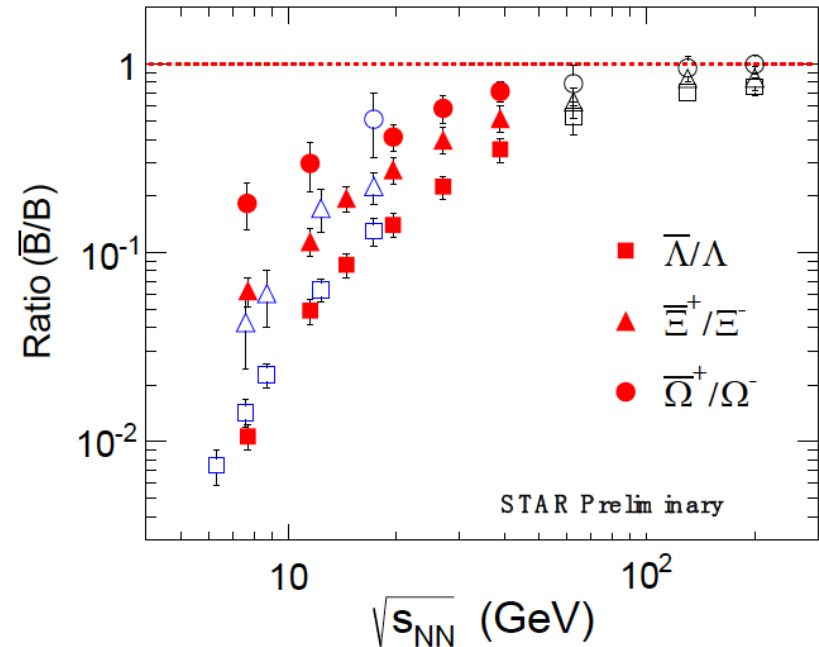
Continuous evolution
from SPS to RHIC

Ratios converge towards
unity at high energies

$$R(\bar{\Omega}^+/\Omega^-) > R(\bar{\Xi}^+/\Xi^-) > R(\bar{\Lambda}/\Lambda)$$

Overlap with SPS data

Good agreement with NA49 ratios



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Strangeness Enhancement

Cascades at Low Energies

Sub-Threshold

Threshold in N+N: $E_{\text{thr}} = 3.74$ GeV

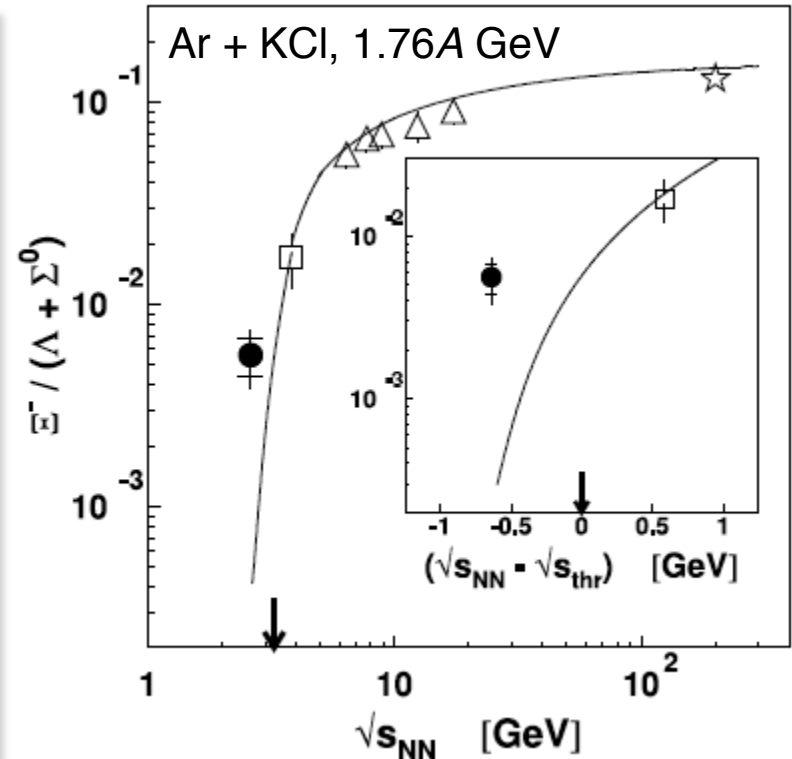
Surprisingly high Ξ^- yield

Statistical model comparison

Data much above model expectation

Similar for transport models

New mechanisms?

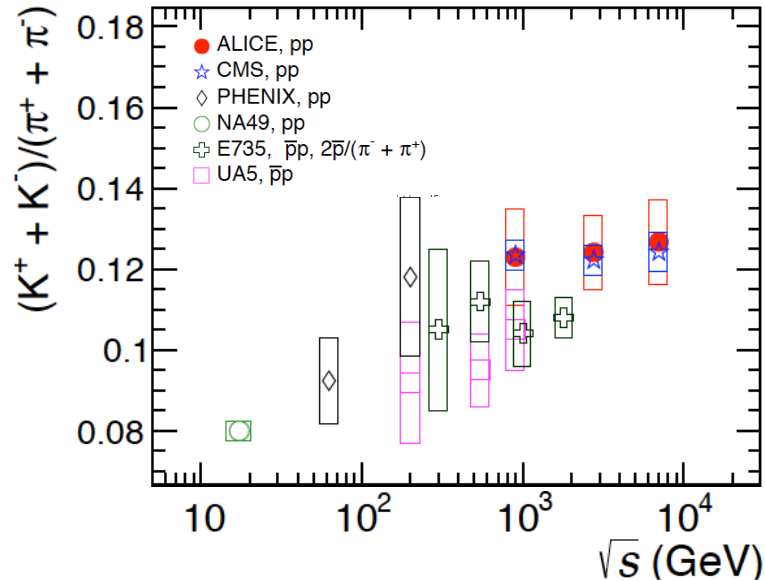


HADES

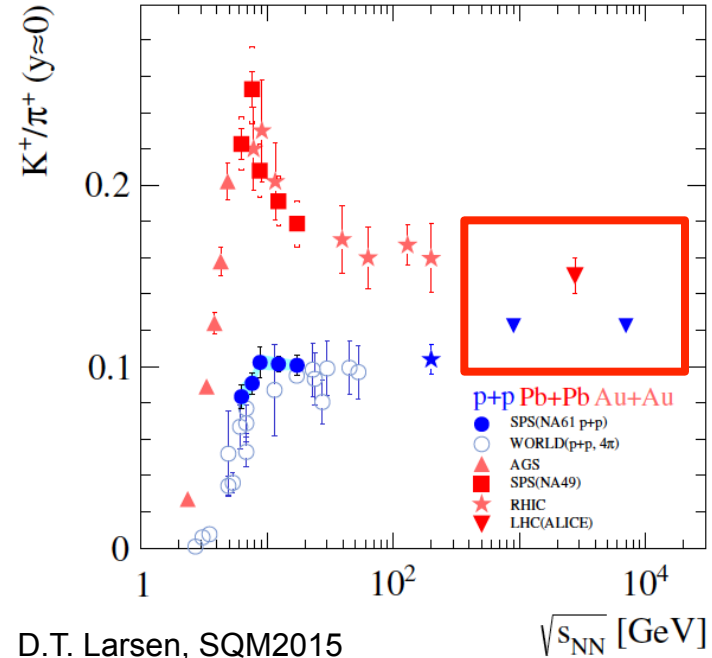
PRL103, 132301 (2009)

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Energy Dependence of pp Data



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EPJC75,226 (2015)



D.T. Larsen, SQM2015

Strange / non-strange ratio: K^+/π^+

Continuous increase with \sqrt{s} in pp (not in A+A, though)

Ratio converges to approx. same value at high energies

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Statistical Model Comparison in pp

Statistical model analysis of pp

Existing for lower energies and older Tevatron data at higher energies

Based on canonical ensemble

Predictions for pp

Grand-canonical ensemble

Table 2. Predictions of the midrapidity density of hadrons relative to that of all charged hadrons at $\sqrt{s} = 10$ TeV in the grand-canonical limit. The temperature value is assumed as $T = 170$ MeV, and the numbers *do not* include weak decay products.

Particle	$(dn/dy)/(dn/dy_{ch})$	$(dn/dy)/(dn/dy_{ch})$
	$\gamma_S = 0.6$	$\gamma_S = 1$
...		
$\Lambda = \bar{\Lambda}$	0.0112	0.0162
$\Xi^+ = \Xi^-$	0.001 05	0.002 54
$\Omega^+ = \Omega^-$	0.000 121	0.000 488

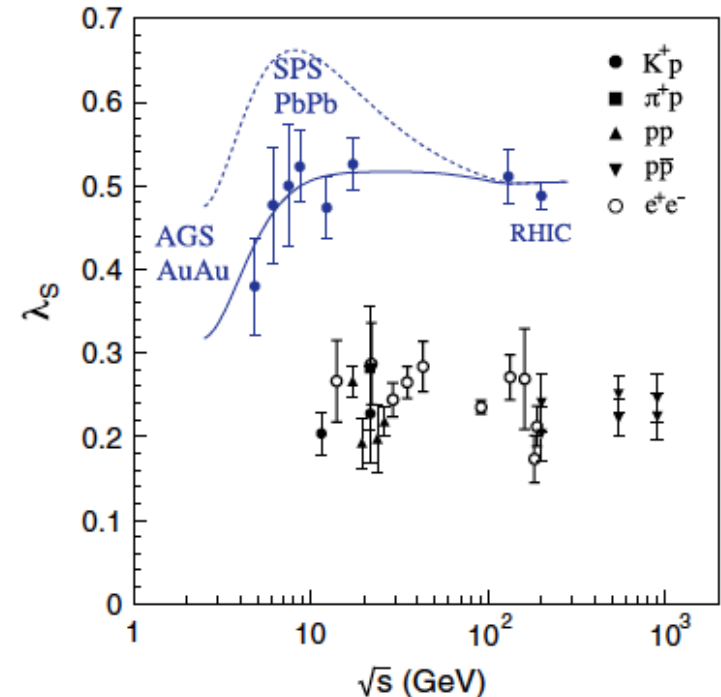
F. Becattini et al.,
JPG38, 025002 (2011)

Measurement (pp, $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV):

$\Xi^-/(dN_{ch}/d\eta)$: 0.00131

$\Omega^-/(dN_{ch}/d\eta)$: 0.000112

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PLB728, 216 (2014)



F. Becattini and J. Manninen,
JPG35, 104013 (2008)

Wroblewski-factor:

$$\lambda_S = \frac{2 \langle s\bar{s} \rangle}{\langle u\bar{u} \rangle + \langle d\bar{d} \rangle}$$

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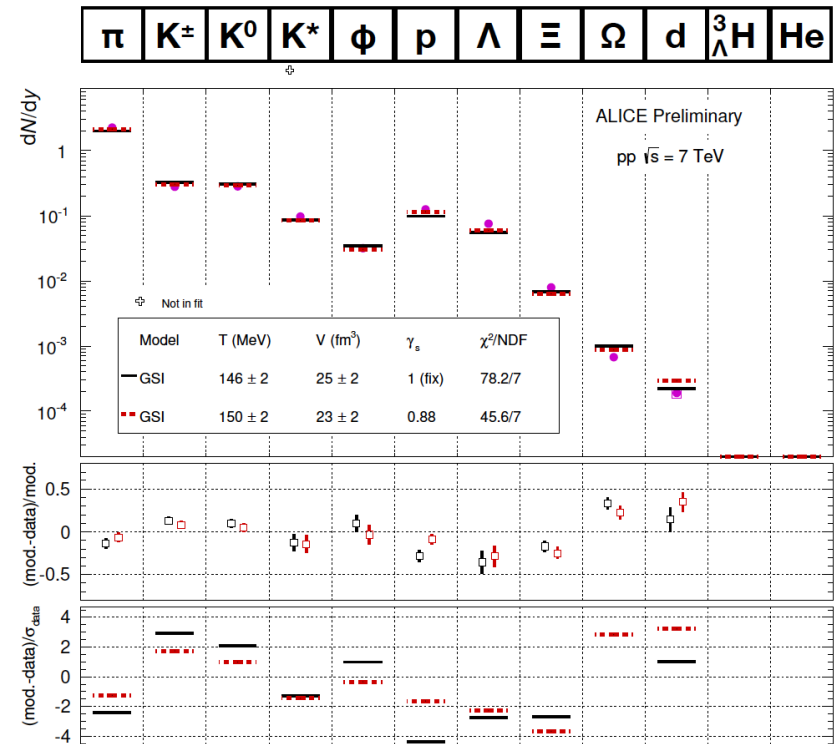
Statistical Model Comparison in pp

Statistical model fit

Grand canonical ensemble

χ^2/NDF not too impressive

Lower temperature than in extrapolation by Becattini et al.



M. Floris, QM2014

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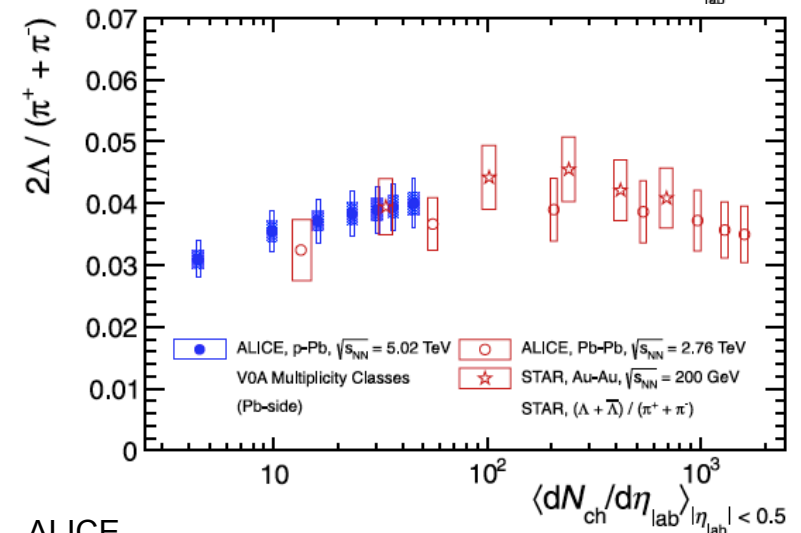
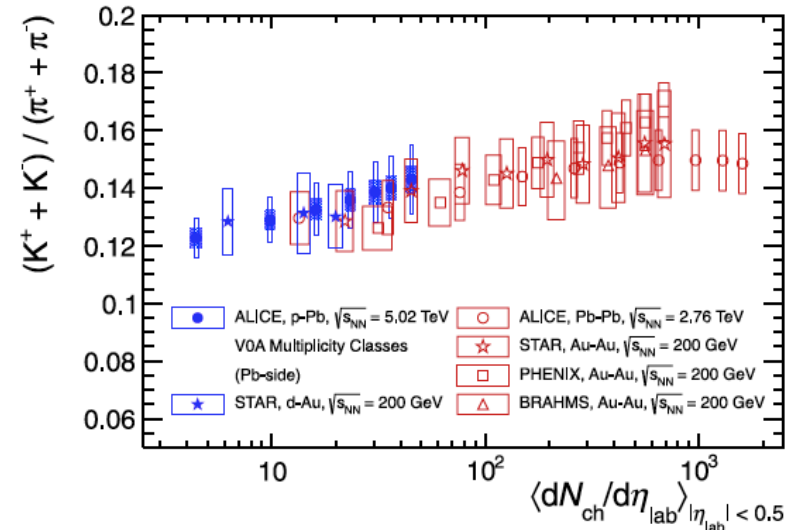
Particle Ratios: K/π and Λ/K^0_s in Proton-Nucleus Collisions

Multiplicity Dependence

Similar increase of strange/non-strange ratios in p-Pb and Pb-Pb

Connection between pp and AA?

How about multistrange particles?



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PLB728, 25 (2014)

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Statistical Model for p-Pb

Statistical model fits

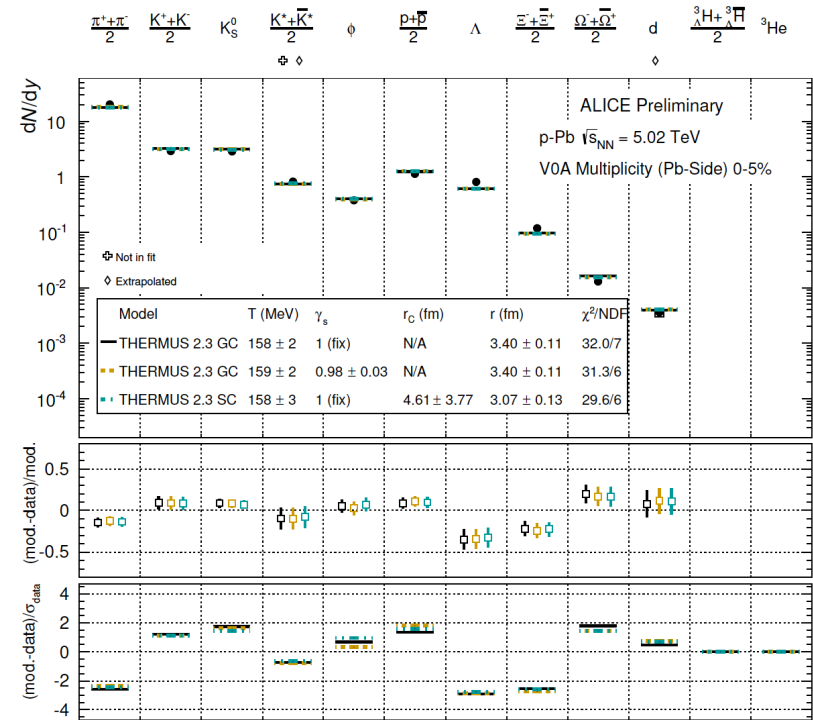
Grand-canonical (GC) and strangeness-canonical (SC)

Most central p-Pb collisions

χ^2/NDF not too impressive

γ_s compatible with unity.

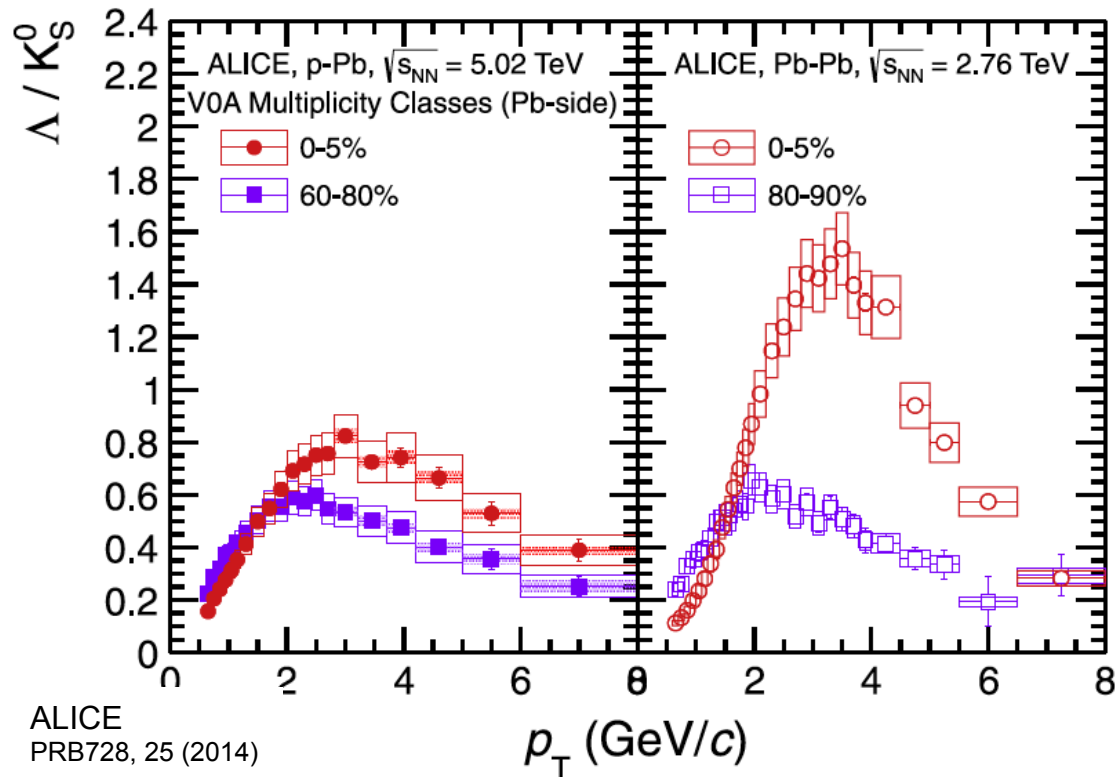
$R_C \approx R_V \Rightarrow$ no canonical strangeness suppression



M. Floris, QM2014

Baryon-Meson Ratios

Λ/K_s^0 -Ratio vs p_T at LHC: p-Pb vs Pb-Pb



No enhancement above unity in p-Pb

But higher than in pp, with maximum at similar position than Pb-Pb

Multiplicity dependence in p-Pb seen

Baryon-Meson Ratios

Ω/ϕ -Ratio vs p_T at RHIC

NCQ-scaled Ω/ϕ -ratio

Might reflect strange quark distribution $f_s(p_T^s)$ at hadronization

$$\frac{N(\Omega^- + \bar{\Omega}^+)|_{p_T^\Omega = 3p_T^s}}{N(\phi)|_{p_T^\phi = 2p_T^s}}$$

$$N(\phi)|_{p_T^\phi = 2p_T^s}$$

J.H. Chen et al.,
PRC78, 034907 (2008)

Fit to ratios with Boltzmann

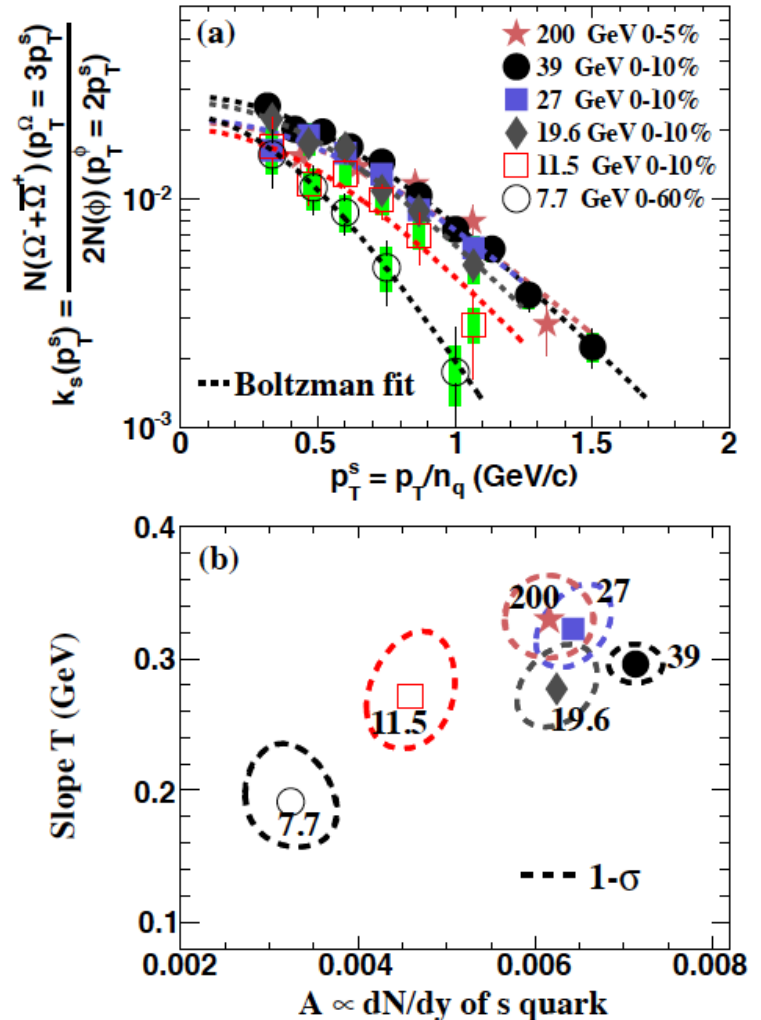
$$g_s A \frac{m_T}{T(m_s + T)} e^{-(m_T - m_s)/T}$$

($m_s = 0.46 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, g_s takes $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ -dependent yield ratio \bar{s}/s into account)

Similar fit results for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \geq 19.6 \text{ GeV}$
deviations below

(note: centrality selection different at 7.7 GeV)

Transition from partonic to hadronic
matter below $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19.6 \text{ GeV}$?



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arXiv:1506.07605

