

Antibaryon production in pp interactions at  $s^{1/2} \approx 10$  GeV:  
statistical hadronization and p+p-bar scaling?

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# Antibaryon vs Baryon production

$$p + p \rightarrow \bar{B} + X$$

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$$p + p \rightarrow B + N + M$$

- Significant difference in threshold energy
- Negligible at SPS energies (5-20 GeV)???
- Imprint on fluctuations?

$$p + p \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} + \Lambda + p + p$$

$$p + p \rightarrow \Lambda + p + K^+$$

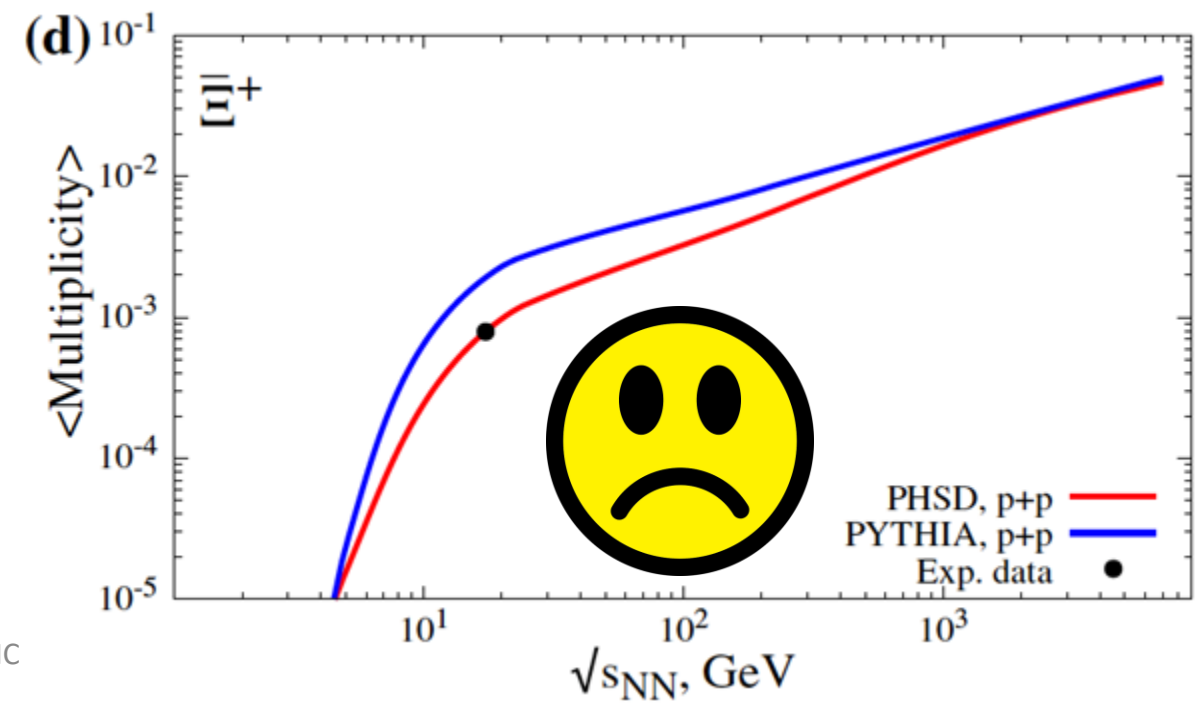
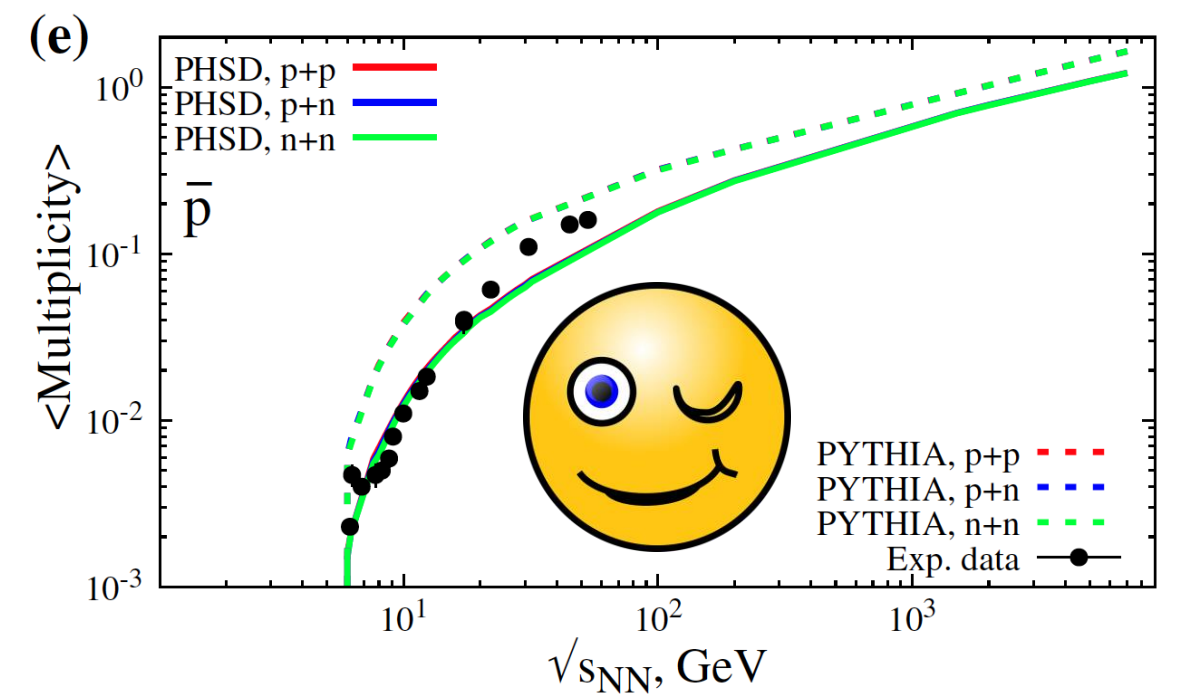
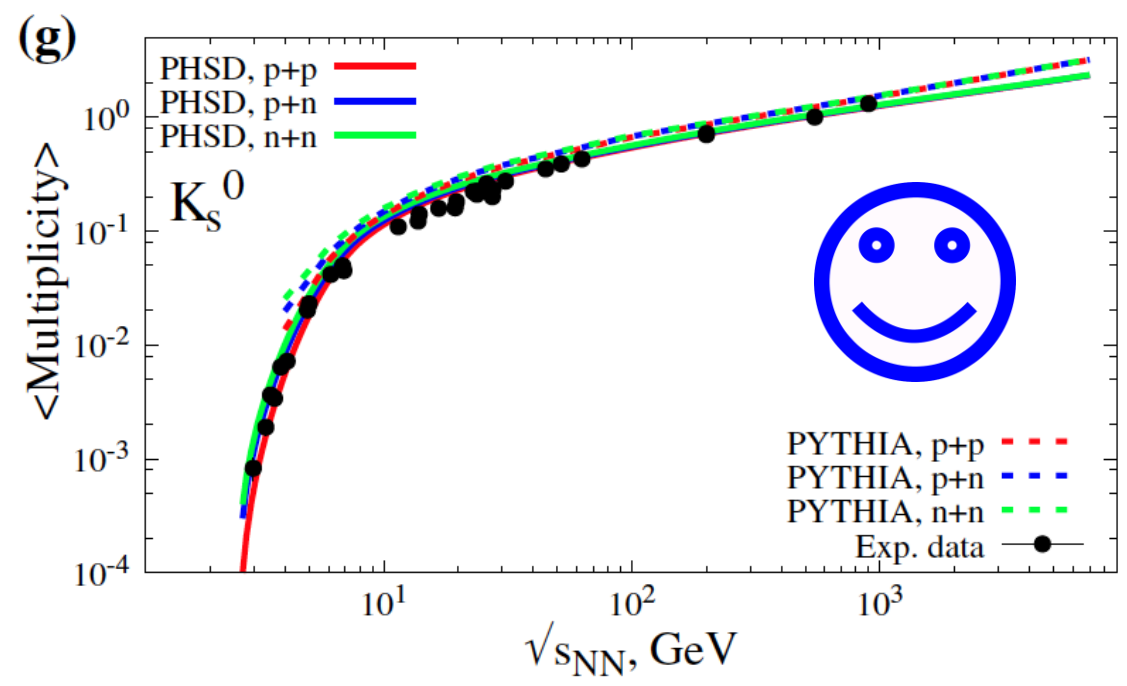
$$\Delta(\sqrt{s}) = m_{\Lambda} + m_p - m_K = 1.6 \text{ GeV}$$

- State-of-the-art calculations of pp->X multiplicities in PHSD and PYTHIA (2020)

# Hadron production in elementary nucleon–nucleon reactions from low to ultra-relativistic energies

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Applicability of PHSD extended from  $\sqrt{s_{BB}}=10$  GeV down to  $\sqrt{s_{BB}}=2.65$  GeV („PHSD tune”)

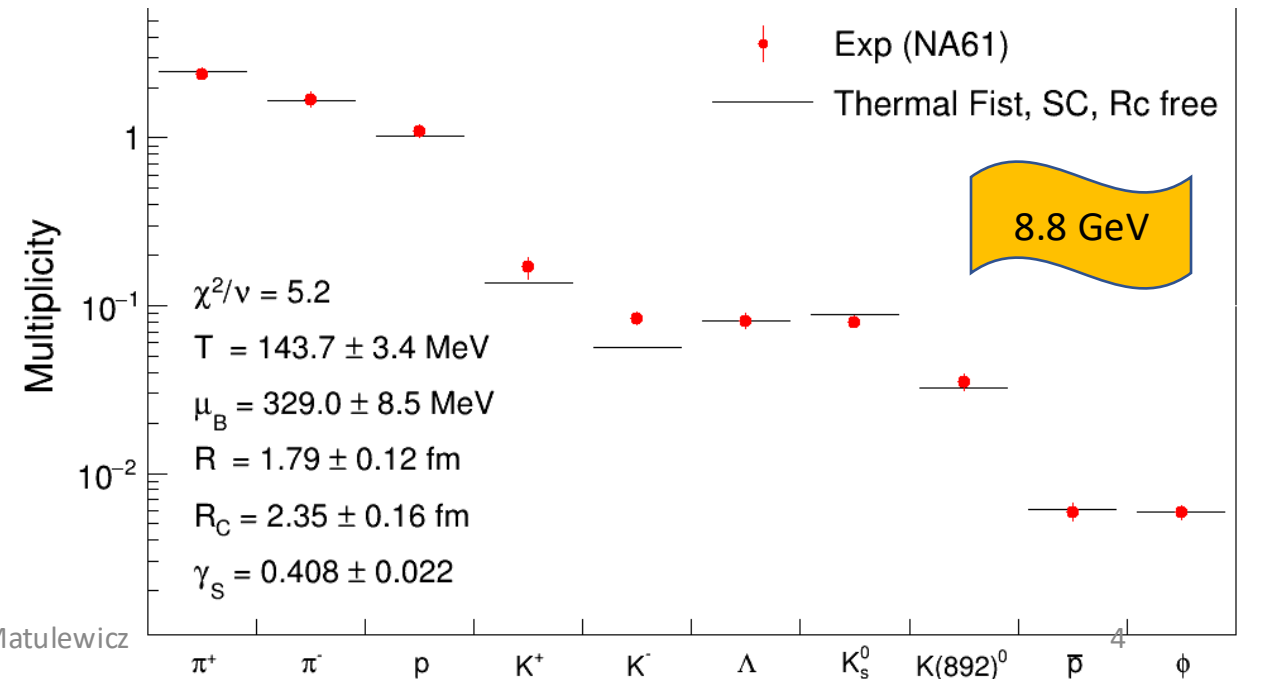
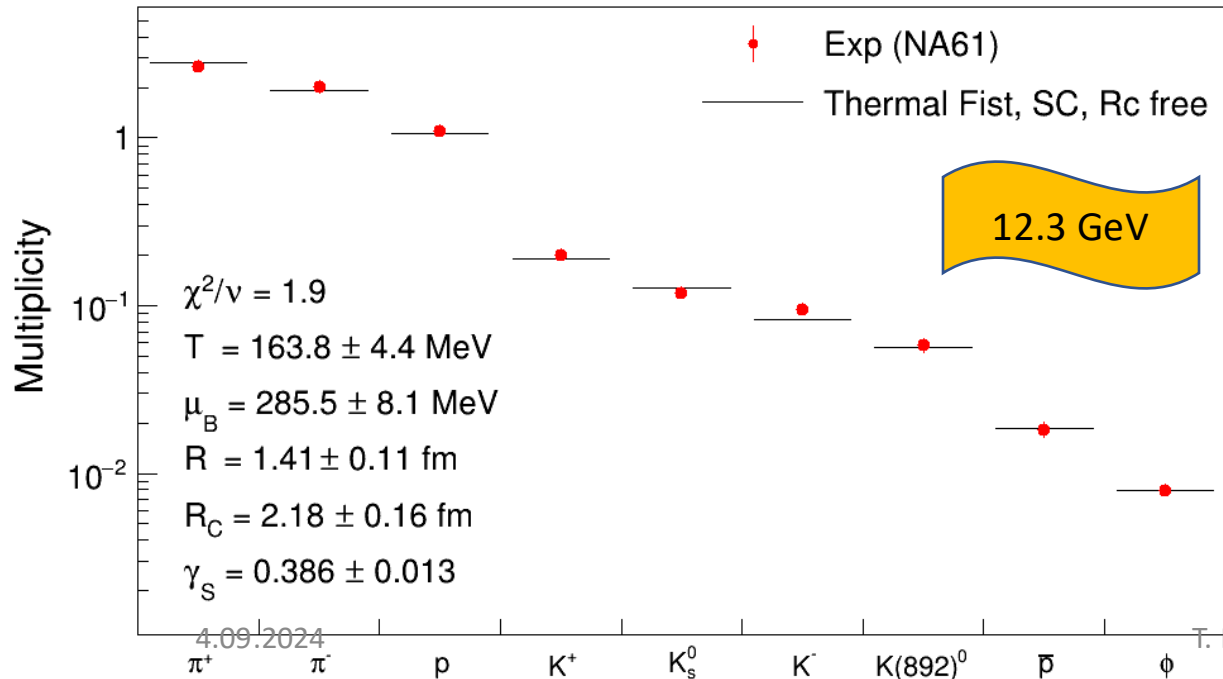
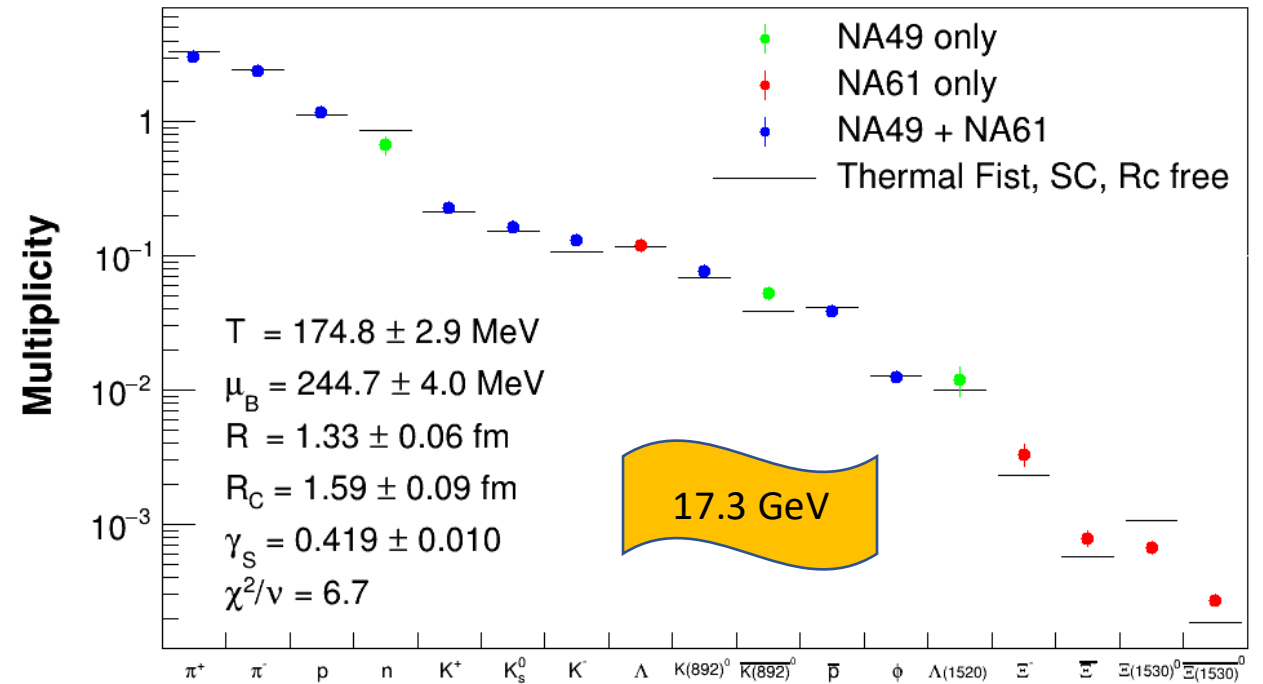


# Description of particle yields within GCE+SC free volume for strangeness

published:

*J.Phys. G 48, 085006 (2021) first attempt*

*Acta Phys. Pol. B54, 12-A1 (2023) extension to 3 energies (December 2023)*



# Relative accuracy of pp HRG $\sim 20\%$

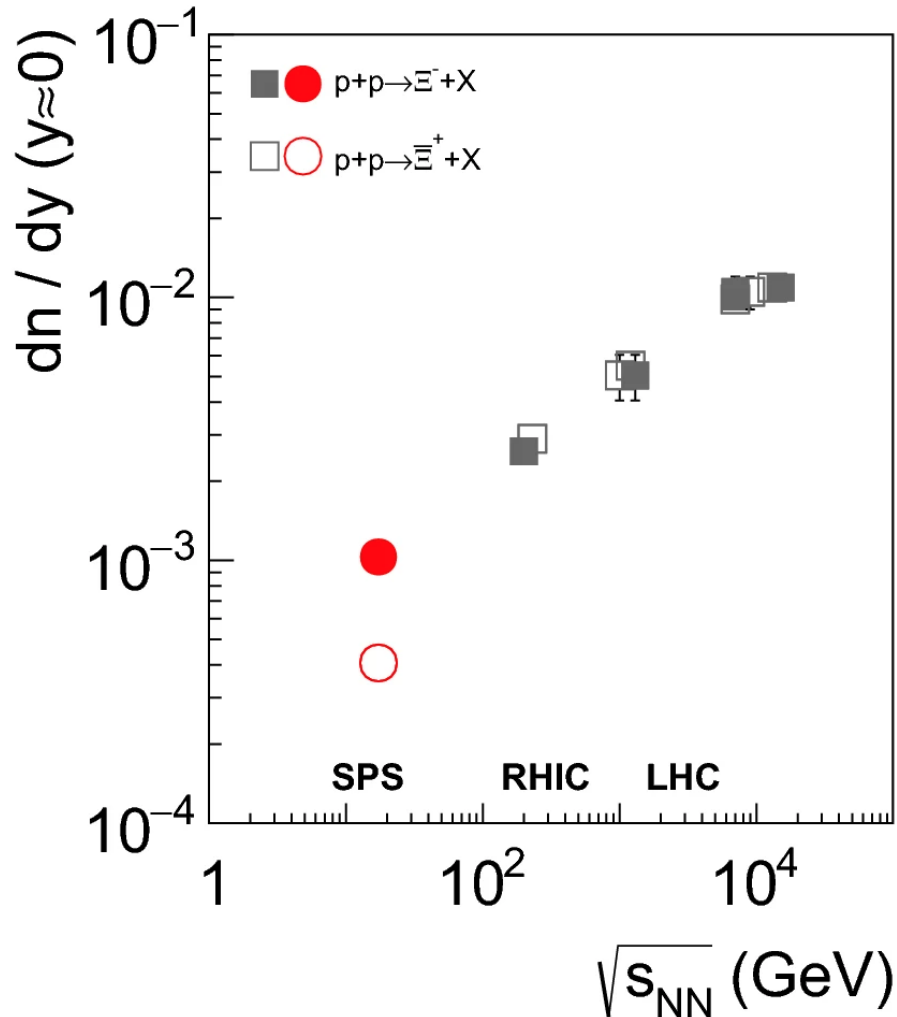
- Relative difference between experimental yields  $Y_{\text{exp}}$  and the results of hadronic thermalization  $Y_{\text{stat}}$  (36 multiplicities, 3 energies)

$$\left\langle \frac{Y_{\text{stat}} - Y_{\text{exp}}}{Y_{\text{exp}}} \right\rangle = (-4 \pm 17)\%$$

- Precision of statistical HRG description of experimental yields  $\sim 20\%$ . Working tool with limited prediction power only?? Some physics??
- Expected yields for many particles published (10.5506/APhysPolB.54.12-A1 )
- Accuracy of predictions 20% ???



# Antibaryon/baryon ratio

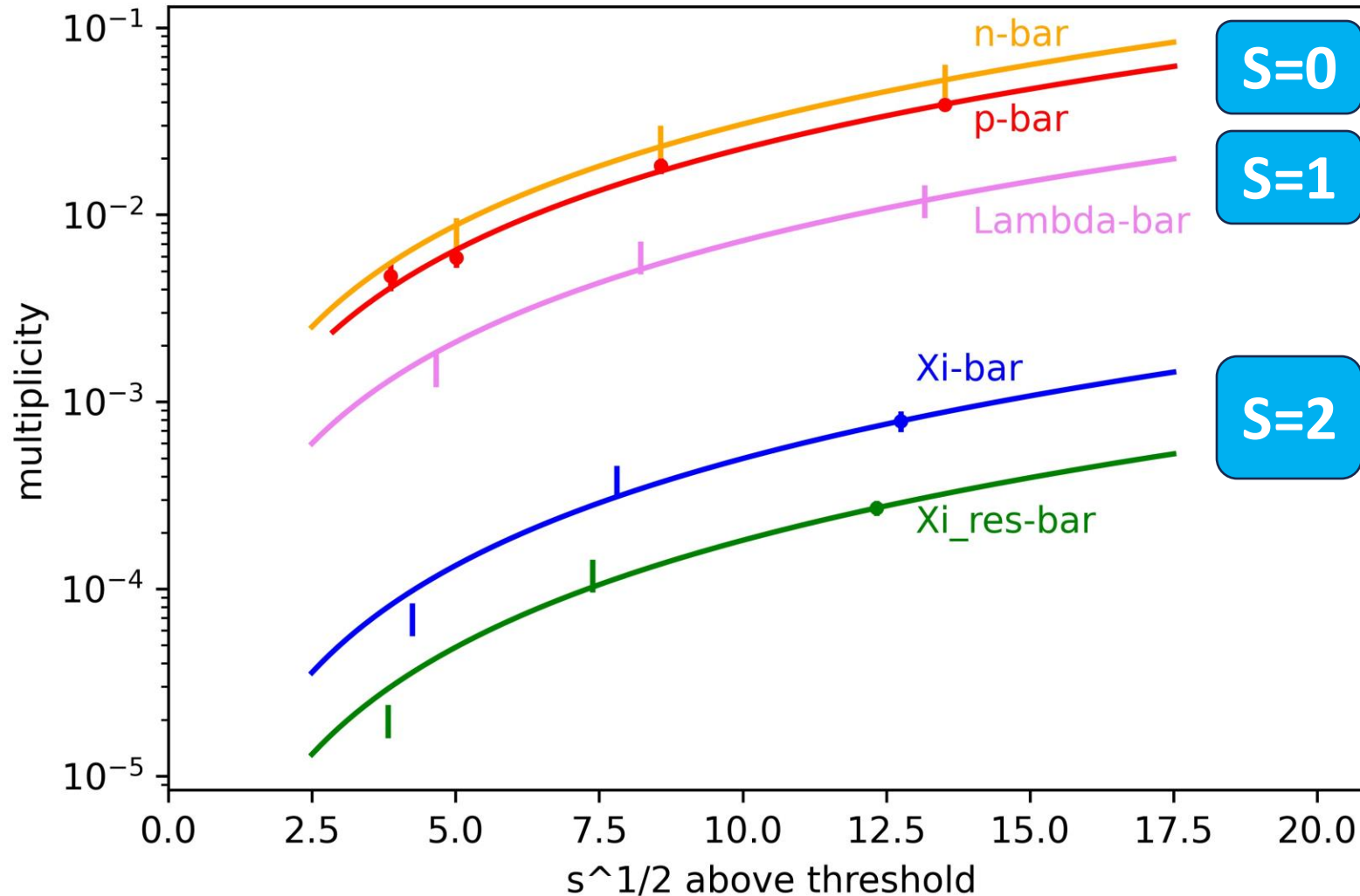


NA61/SHINE, Eur. Phys. J. C (2020) 80:833

$p_T$  and  $y = 0$  in rapidity. The small value of the ratio of mean multiplicities  $\langle \Xi^+ \rangle / \langle \Xi^- \rangle = 0.24 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.05$  emphasizes the strong suppression of  $\Xi^+$  production.

**0.25 (HRG)**

# p+p-bar scaling applied to other antibaryons



- experimental results (NA61/SHINE) | HRG statistical model predictions (20% precision assumed)

Red curve - fit to antiproton production

Energy scale accounts for different threshold energy.

$$\sqrt{s_{free}} = \sqrt{s} - 2m_p - 2m_B$$

$$M_{\bar{B}} \sim \left(\sqrt{s_{free}}\right)^\alpha$$

$$\alpha = 1.81 \pm 0.09$$



# Backup slides



# Antiproton multiplicities (no errors!) from M.Antinucci et al., Lett. Nuovo Cim. 6, 121 (1973)

$S$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	$S^{1/2}$ (GeV)	Antiproton multiplicity
37.8	6.1	0.0023
46.8	6.8	0.0040
67.2	8.2	0.005
81	9.0	0.008
100	10	0.011
133	11.5	0.015
485	22	0.061
960	31	0.11
2025	45	0.15
2810	53	0.16

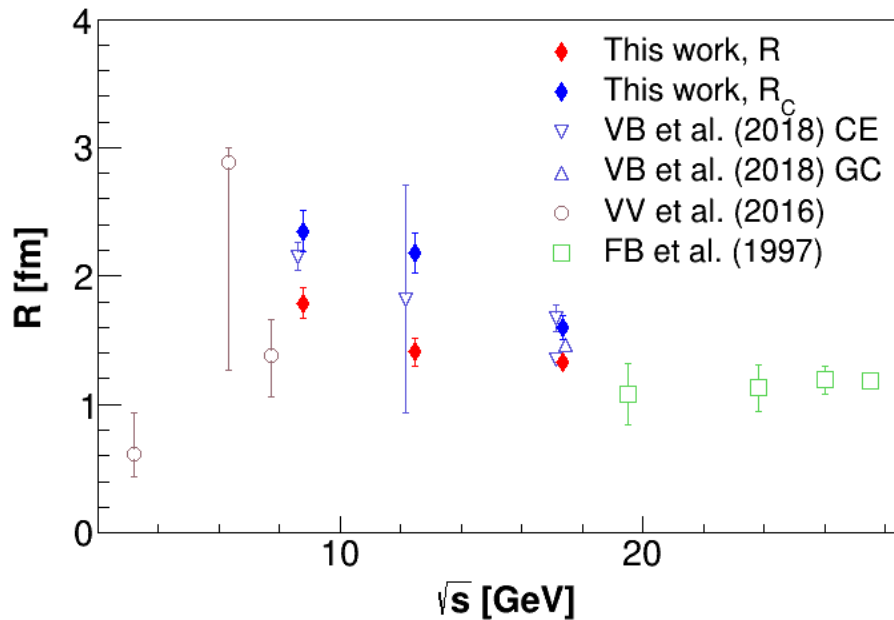
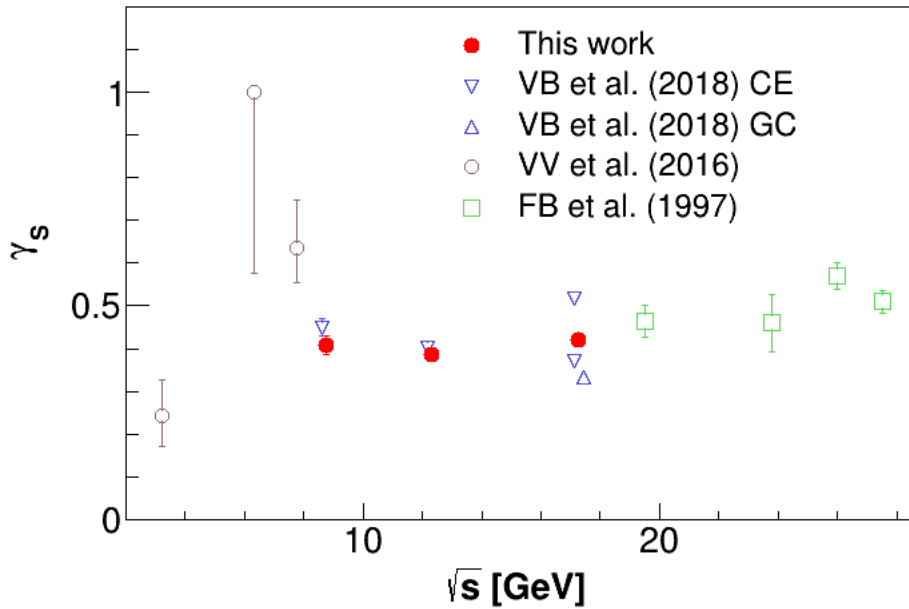
	NA61@SPS			NA49@SPS NA61@SPS	STAR@RHIC	
	Energy $s^{1/2}$ (GeV)					
Particle	6.3	7.7	8.8	12.3	17.3	200
$\pi^0$						●
$\pi^+$	●	●	●	●	●	●
$\pi^-$	●	●	●	●	●	●
p	●	●	●	●	●	●
p-bar	●	●	●	●	●	●
n					●	
$\phi$			●	●	●	●
$K^+$	●	●	●	●	●	●
$K^-$	●	●	●	●	●	●
$K_s^0$		●	●	●	●	●
$K(892)^0$			●	●	●	
$K(892)^0\text{-bar}$					●	
$\Lambda$			●		●	●
$\Lambda\text{-bar}$						●
$\Lambda(1520)$					●	
$\Xi^-$					●	●
$\Xi^+$					●	●
$\Xi(1530)^0$					●	
$\Xi(1530)^0\text{-bar}$					●	
$\Omega$						●
$\Omega\text{-bar}$						●

**proton+proton**

- **NA61/SHINE** **Eur. Phys. J. C (2017) 77:671 etc**  
**new**  $K_s^0$  @80GeV/c, 40GeV/c, 31GeV/c  
**Eur. Phys. J. C 84, 820 (2024)**
- **NA49**
- **merged NA49&NA61/SHINE**  
(M. Schmelling, Phys. Scr.51,676 (1995))  
J. Phys. G 48 (2021) 085004
- **PHENIX** Phys.Rev.Lett.91:241803,2003
- **STAR** Phys. Rev. C 75, 064901 (2007)  
Phys. Lett. 612B, 181 (2005)

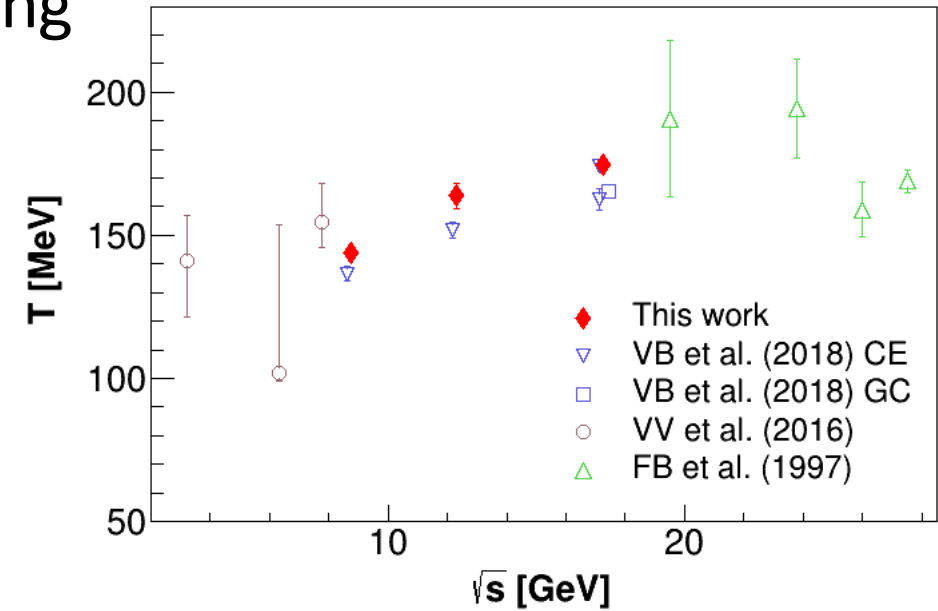
Results at  $s^{1/2}=17.3$  GeV are complete

	Initial	Reconstructed
Charge	2	$1.86 \pm 0.22$
Baryon number	2	$1.92 \pm 0.11$
Strangeness	0	$-0.014 \pm 0.023$



## The effects of adding $K_0^S$ yields

V. Begun et al,  
PRC98 (2018)  
V. Vovchenko et al.,  
PRC93 (2016)  
F. Beccatini & U. Heinz,  
ZPhys C76 (1997)



- The  $\chi^2$  values in „acceptable” range for analyses with  $\phi$
- Strangeness undersaturation factor  $\gamma_s \cong 0.4$
- Temperature (& baryochemical potential) similar to previous analyses
- Decrease of canonical volume with increasing energy

•  $R_C$  above  $R$  !

- *Acta Phys. Pol. B54, 12-A1 (2023)*
- *Both strangeness suppression factor and radius have to be used*

# Could $R_C > R$ ? Hints not only from femtoscopy

## pp collisions @ $\sqrt{s} = 27.4$ GeV

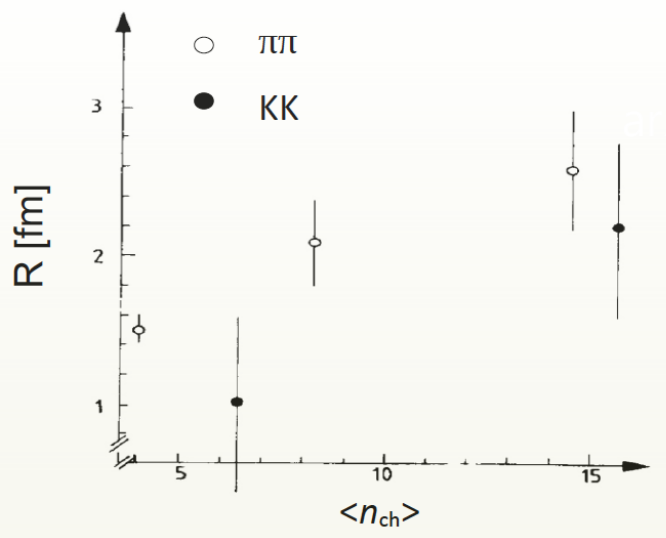
M. Aguilar-Benitez et al. (NA27 Collaboration), Z. Phys. C54, 21 (1992)

For  $\pi^\pm \pi^\pm$  pairs,  $R = 1.71 \pm 0.04$  fm

For  $K^\pm K^\pm$  pairs,  $R = 1.87 \pm 0.33$  fm

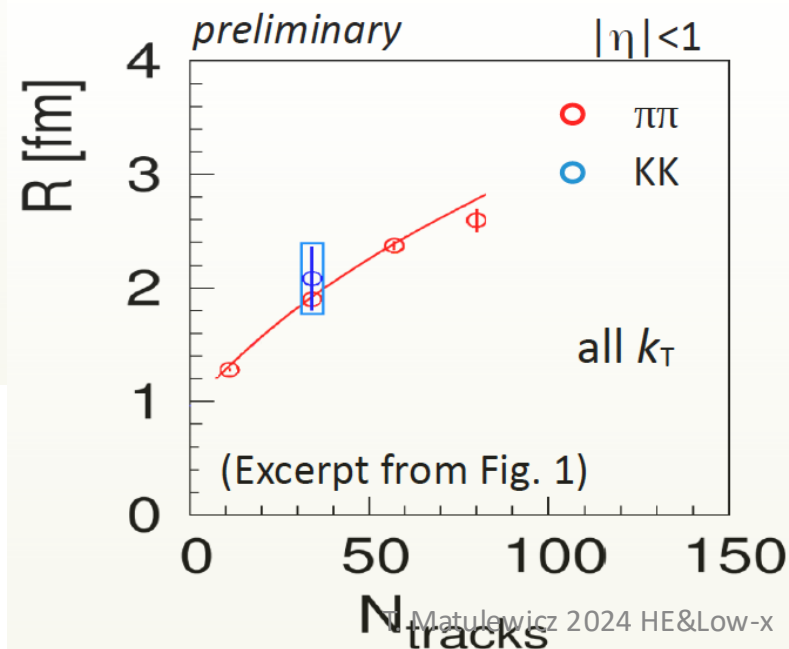
## pp collisions @ $\sqrt{s} = 63$ GeV

T. Åkesson et al. (AFS Collaboration), PL 155B, 128 (1985)



## pp collisions @ $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV

S.M. Dogra (CMS Collaboration), NP A931, 1061 (2014)



PHYSICAL REVIEW C **103**, 014904 (2021)

J. Cleymans, P.M. Lo, K. Redlich, N. Sharma

*The resulting yields (the SCE model fit to ALICE data) exhibit much better agreement with data by decreasing strangeness suppression at lower multiplicities due to larger value of  $V_C$  than  $V_A$ .*

Femtoscopic results inconclusive

**→ more precise determination of the HBT radius of kaon pairs from pp interactions welcome!**