# Ultra-relativistic Heavy-Ion Collision Experiments

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## NA61/SHINE

139 participants from 28 institutes and 15 countries

## **Institutions in Poland:**

Jagiellonian University, University of Silesia, Jan Kochanowski University, University of Warsaw, Warsaw University of Technology, National Center for Nuclear Studies, University of Wrocław

## Participants:

24 staff, 9 PhD students, 3 support

#### Main contribution:

Construction of Quartz and Gas Cherenkov Z-detectors (20 kCHF)

- Significant contribution to construction of PSD detector
- Building of new beam position detectors (BPD) + electronics (25 kCHF)
- New Detector Control System (DCS), LabVIEW → EPICS (under development) (8k CHF + 160k CHF planned)

## Main responsibilities:

- During data taking: maintenance, supervision (and development) of: DCS, web-based utilities, gas system of TPCs, BPDs, experimental databasis
- Significant contribution to data calibration and reconstruction
- Analysis of data for neutrino physics: measurement of cross-section and hadron spectra in p+C interaction at 31 GeV
- Analysis of data for ion program: spectra and yields ( $K^{+}$ ,  $\pi^{+}$ , (anti-)protons, (anti-)lambdas,  $K^*$  resonance, etc.), fluctuations and correlations (multiplicity,  $\hat{p}_{\tau}$ , azimuthal angle, chemical composition). Supervision of all analyses within NA61 ion program

## Financing:

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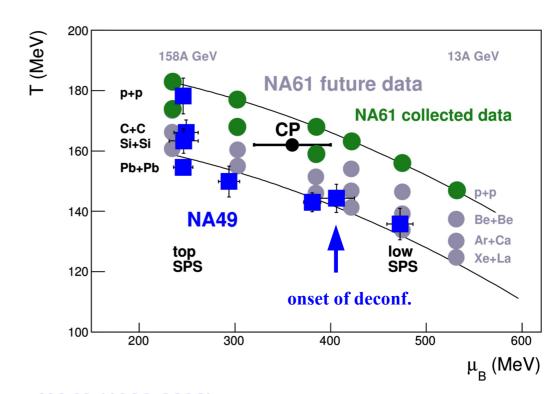


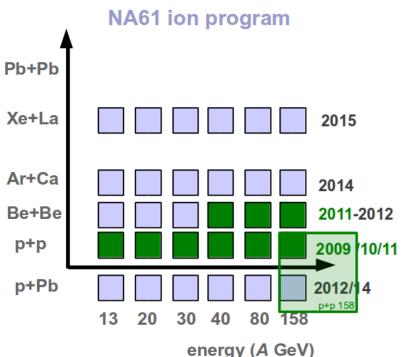
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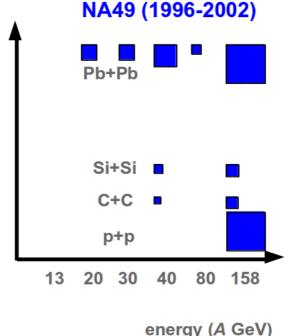
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# The most interesting region of the phase diagram is covered by SPS!

- Onset of deconfinement at  $\cong 30 \text{ AGeV}$ Alt et al. (NA49), PR C77, 024903 (2008)
- Critical point?  $(T^{CP}, \mu_B^{CP}) = (162\pm 2, 360\pm 40) \text{ MeV}$  Fodor and Katz, JHEP 0404, 050 (2004)





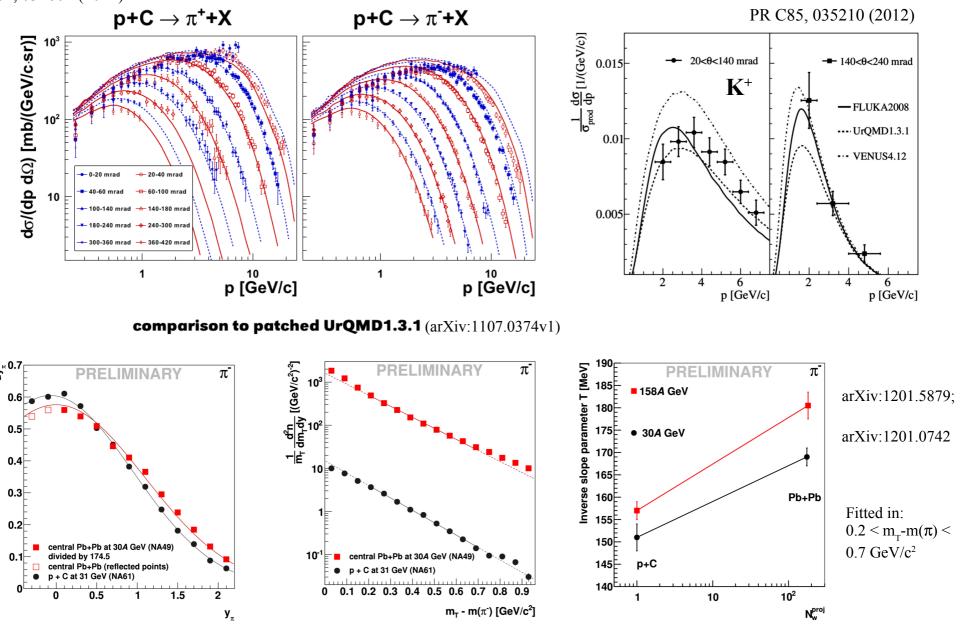


NA61/SHINE ion program: comprehensive scan in the whole SPS energy range (13-158 AGeV) with light and intermediate mass nuclei

First time in history when such a 2D scan (energy, system size) will be performed

# Results from p+C at 31 GeV

PR C84, 034604 (2011)



Pilot results on hadron production (spectra and fluctuations) in p+p interactions at 20, 31, 40, 80 and 158 GeV are ready and they will be shown on summer conferences

## STAR

### **Institutions in Poland:**

Warsaw University of Technology, The H. Niewodniczański Institute of Nuclear Physics Polish Academy of Sciences, AGH University of Science and Technology, Cracow University of Technology

## Participants:

5 staff, 4 PhD students

#### Main contribution:

- Contribution to the STAR apparatus upgrage (power supplies for the Roman Pots) 110 k PLN
- Planned: Dedicated Computing facility for STAR reconstruction

## Main responsibilities:

- Analysis of femtoscopic two-particle correlations (meson + baryon)
- Convenorship of the BulkCorr Physics Analysis Group
- Participation in the Energy Scan Programme
- Analysis of the J/Psi production and polarization
- Analysis of the elastic, diffractive and ultraperipheral data
- Significant contribution to the offline computing software, computer simulations and participation in the installation works of the Roman pots detectors.

## Financing:

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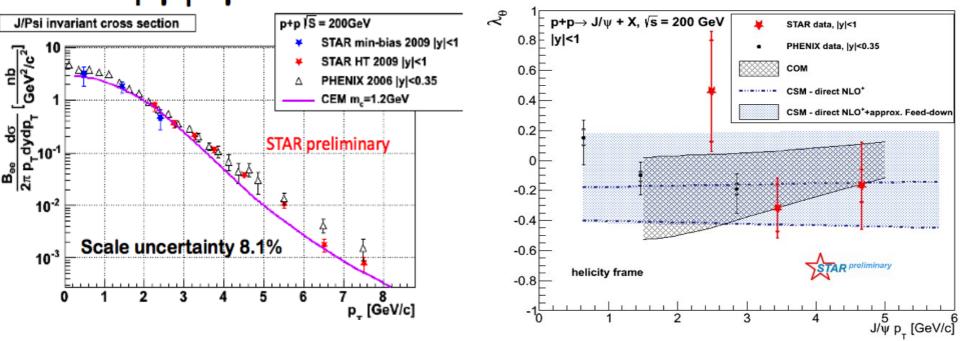




# $J/\psi$ production and polarization in p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV in STAR

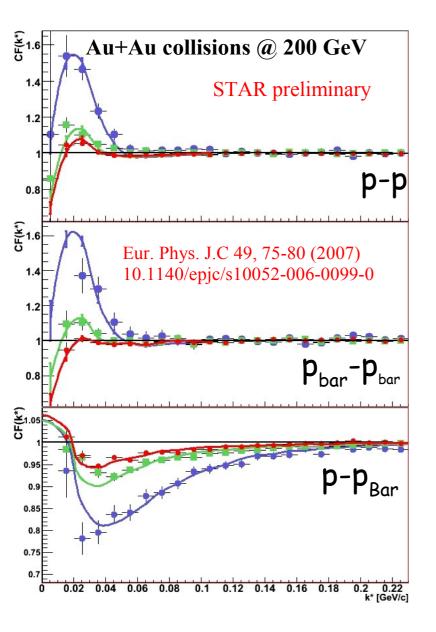
## J/ψ p<sub>T</sub> spectrum

## J/ψ spin alignment (polarization)

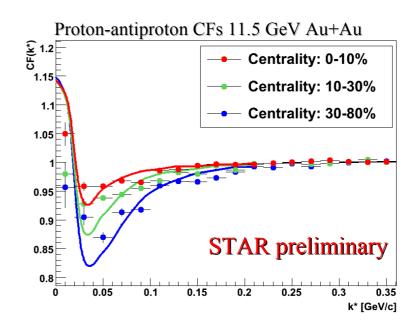


- $ightharpoonup J/\psi$  production measurement for min-bias data, in 0-3 GeV/c  $p_{_T}$  range
- $\checkmark$  J/ $\psi$  production cross section: 40.6 +/- 6.0(stat.) [nb]
- $ightharpoonup J/\psi$  polarization measured in 2-6 GeV/c  $p_{_T}$  range, polarization parameter  $\lambda$  extracted in helicity frame in 3 J/ψ  $p_{_T}$  bins
- ightharpoonup Obtained  $p_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$  dependent polarization parameter consistent with NLO+ CSM, COM model predictions and with no polarization within current theoretical and experimental uncertainties

# **Baryon Femtoscopy**



- ✓ Baryon femtoscopy an important cross-check for hydrodynamic evolution hypothesis
- ✓ Correlations with anti-baryons possible for the first time in accelerator experiments – due to low net baryon density
- ✓ Same analysis performed for the Beam Energy Scan programme at RHIC







## A Large Ion Collider Experiment

European Organisation for Nuclear Research

### **Institutions in Poland:**

 Warsaw University of Technology, National Centre for Nuclear Research, The H. Niewodniczański Institute of Nuclear Physics Polish Academy of Science

## Participants:

18 staff, 6 PhD students, 3 other

### Main contribution:

- M&O costs: 3\*50 kCHF = 150 kCHF/yr.
- PHOS: 1000 crystals + electronics (500 kCHF)
- TPC detector construction (500 kCHF)
- Planned: 500 kCHF for PHOS upgrade

## Main responsibilities:

- TPC software development, calibration
- PHOS upgrade of detector electronics
- Convenorship of the Femtoscopy Physics Analysis Group
- Detector Construction DataBase (DCDB): maintenance&operation
- Data analysis femtoscopic two-particle correlations (meson, baryon, pp vs. PbPb)
- Outreach&Offline event display, visualization, MaterClass

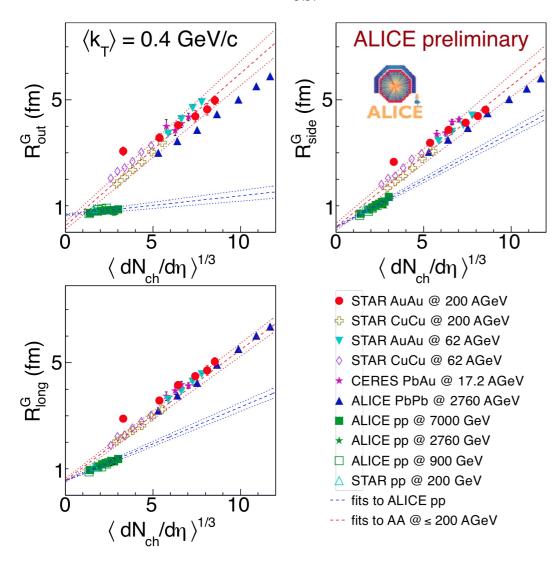
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# Pion Femtoscopy in ALICE

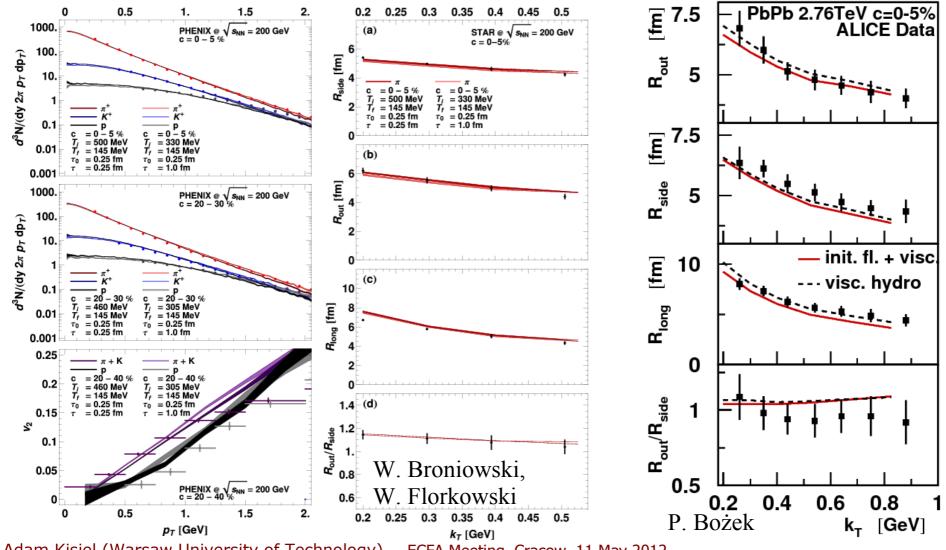
Pion femtoscopy in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 0.9$ , 2.76, 7 TeV and PbPb collisions at  $\sqrt{s}_{NN} = 2.76$  TeV



- ✓ Pion femtoscopy with same apparatus for different collision types and vs. Collision energy
- ✓ For the first time multiplicity scaling seen in pp, but different from AA
- ✓ Linear scaling in AA seen (as expected), differences to RHIC trends observed, explained as consequences of hydrodynamic evolution of the system
- ✓ For the first time direct comparison of pp and AA possible at similar multiplicity address the question of "initial" vs. "final" state driving the freeze-out shape and time

# Connection to theory

- ✓ Hydrodynamics + statistical hadronization (THERMINATOR, THERMINATOR 2) successful at describing soft physics at RHIC (spectra, v2, femtoscopy)
- ✓ Versatile tool, being tailored to new tasks (LHC, 3+1 hydro, viscous hydro), adopted and used by other authors and experimental collaborations



# **Summary**

- ✓ Several groups focused on ultra-relativistic heavy-ion physics present in a few scientific centers
- ✓ Basic funding secured for the participation in all experiments for the next few years
- ✓ Participation in experiments at all the main accelerator programs in the field (NA61 at SPS, STAR at RHIC, ALICE at LHC)
- ✓ Experimental data analysis focused on the selected topics, with where Polish groups can have significant contribution
- Successful collaboration with theory