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# Hadrosynthesis and Quark Confinement

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caveats

- strangeness suppression in elementary collisions
- strangeness suppression weakened/removed  
in nuclear collisions

# 1. Thermal Hadron Production

what is “thermal”?

- equal *a priori* probabilities for all states in accord with given overall average energy  $\Rightarrow$  temperature  $T$ ;
- partition function of ideal resonance gas

$$\ln Z(T) = V \sum_i \frac{d_i}{(2\pi)^3} \phi(m_i, T)$$

Boltzmann factor  $\phi(m_i, T) = 4\pi m_i^2 T K_2(m_i/T) \sim \epsilon^{-m_i/T}$ ;

- relative abundances  $\frac{N_i}{N_j} = \frac{d_i \phi(m_i, T)}{d_j \phi(m_j, T)} \sim \epsilon^{-(m_i - m_j)/T}$

predicted in terms of temperature  $T$

## Abundances

$e^+e^-$ , LEP Data [Becattini 1996]

Fit relative abundances to ideal resonance gas of all hadronic resonances, with  $M \leq 1.7$  GeV, two parameters  $T$  and  $\gamma_s$

$$T = 169.9 \pm 2.6 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\gamma_s = 0.691 \pm 0.053$$

$$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 17.2/12$$

estimate systematic error by varying resonance gas scheme, contributing resonances

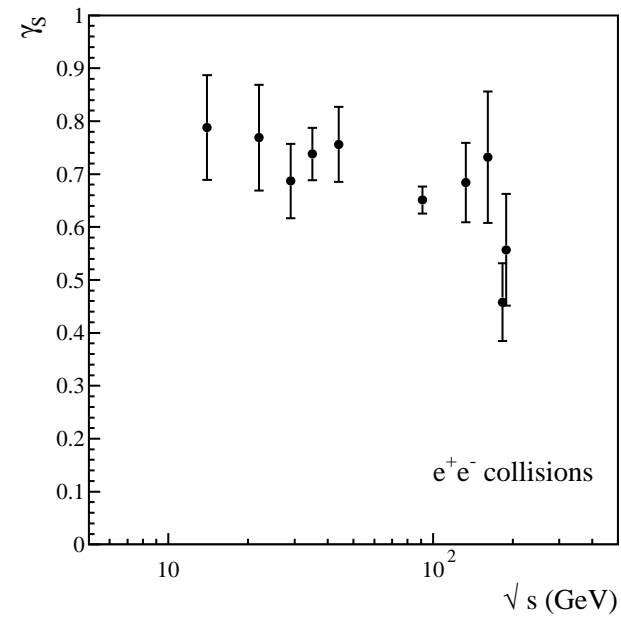
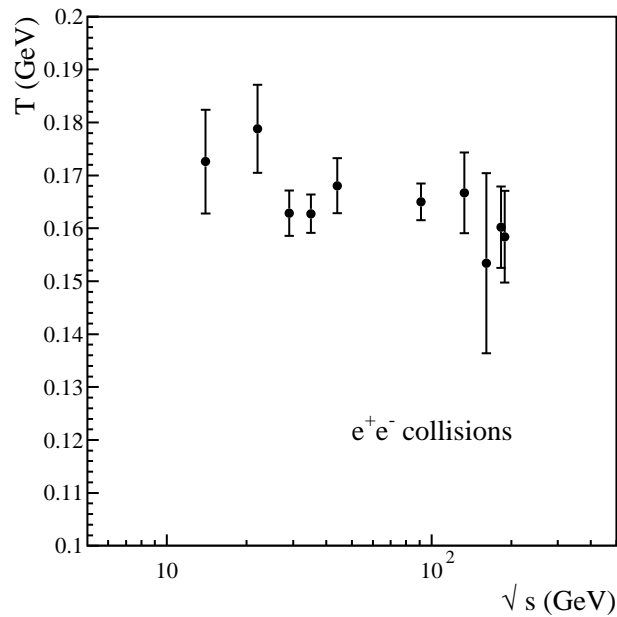
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species	measured		fit
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$\eta$	0.934	$\pm 0.13$	0.908
$\rho^0$	1.21	$\pm 0.22$	1.16
$K^{*+}$	0.357	$\pm 0.027$	0.349
$K^{*0}$	0.372	$\pm 0.027$	0.343
$\eta'$	0.13	$\pm 0.05$	0.1070
$p$	0.488	$\pm 0.059$	0.484
$\phi$	0.10	$\pm 0.0090$	0.167
$\Lambda$	0.185	$\pm 0.0085$	0.152
$\Xi^-$	0.0122	$\pm 0.00079$	0.011
$\Xi^{*0}$	0.0033	$\pm 0.00047$	0.00391
$\Omega$	0.0014	$\pm 0.00046$	0.000782

$$T = 170 \pm 10 \text{ MeV}, \gamma_s \simeq 0.7 \pm 0.1$$

similar analyses carried out for  $e^+e^-$  at

[Becattini et al., 2008]

$$\sqrt{s} = 14, 22, 29, 35, 43, 133, 161, 183 \text{ GeV}$$



$$T = 170 \pm 15 \text{ MeV}, \gamma_s \simeq 0.7 \pm 0.15$$

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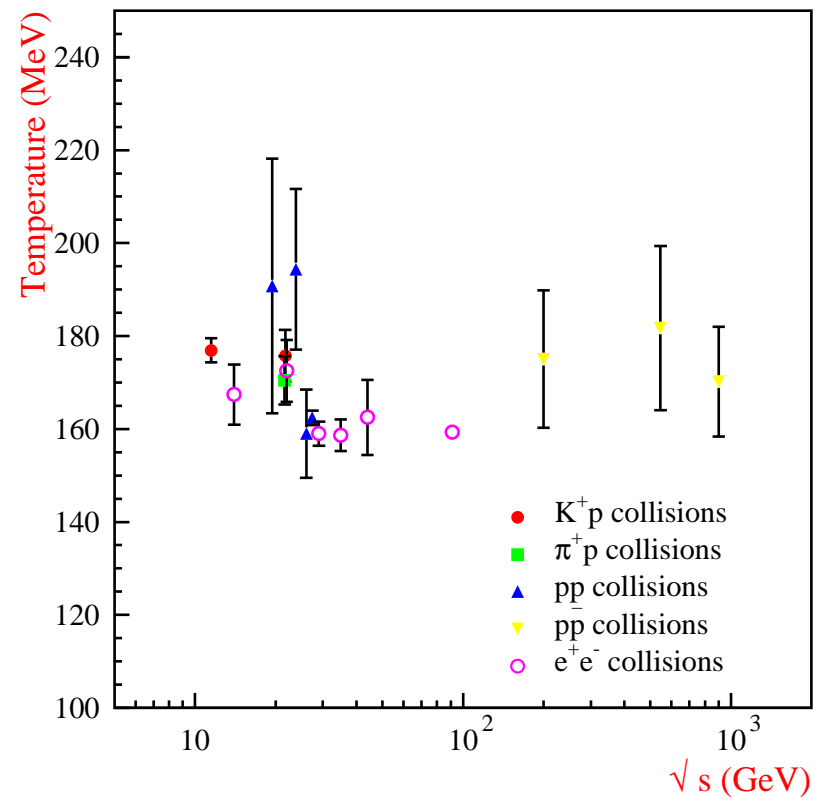
Result:

$$T \simeq 170 \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\gamma_s \simeq 0.7 \pm 0.2 \text{ MeV}$$

independent of

- collision energy
- collision configuration





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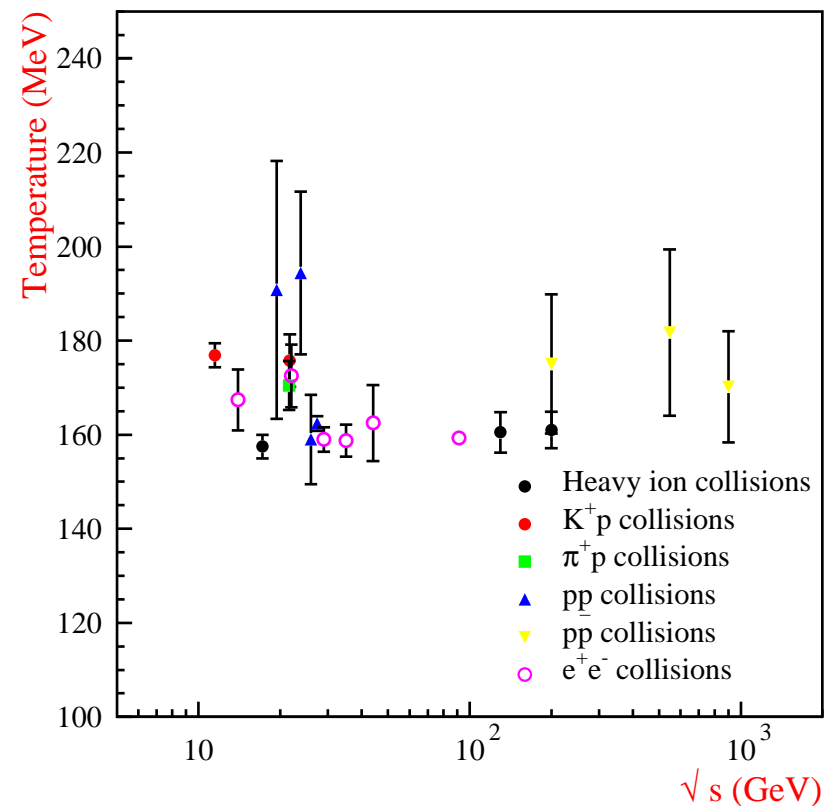
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Result:

same hadronization temperature  
for high energy heavy ion  
and elementary collisions,  
collision energy independent

increased strangeness  
 $\gamma_s \rightarrow 0.8 - 1.0$  for high  
energy heavy ion collisions



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## WHY?

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Conjecture:

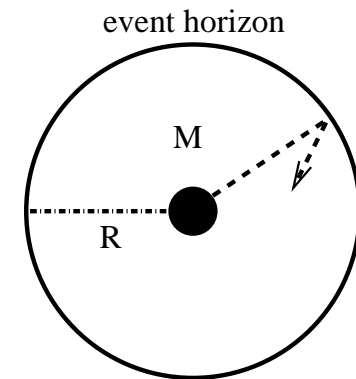
physical vacuum  $\sim$  event horizon for colored constituents  
thermal hadron production  $\sim$  Hawking-Unruh radiation of QCD

[Paolo Castorina, Dmitri Kharzeev, HS 2007]

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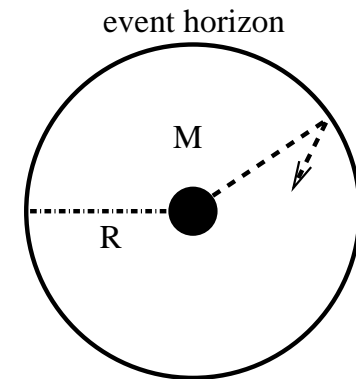
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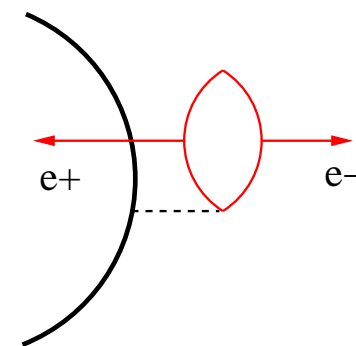
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[Hawking 1975]

- Hawking radiation

quantum effect  $\sim$  uncertainty principle  
vacuum fluctuation  $e^+e^-$  outside event  
horizon, with  $\Delta E \Delta t \sim 1$   
if in  $\Delta t$ ,  $e^+$  falls into black hole,  
then  $e^-$  can escape; equivalent:  
 $e^-$  tunnels through event horizon





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- Unruh relation

[Unruh 1976]

event horizon arises for systems in uniform acceleration

mass  $m$  in uniform acceleration  $a$

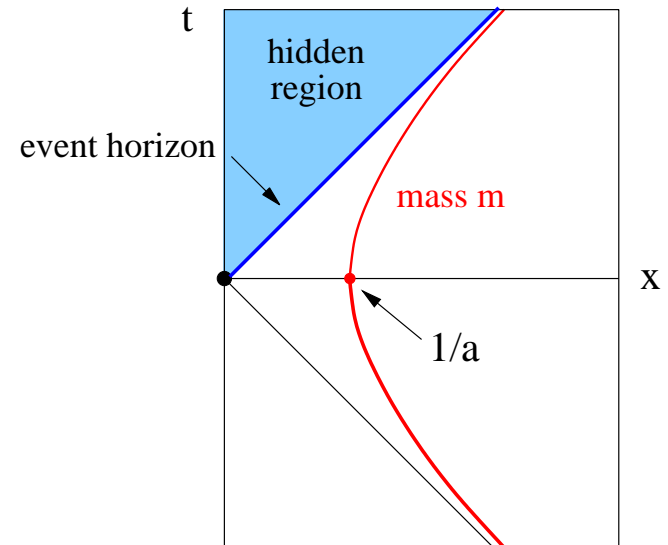
$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{mv}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} = F$$

$$v = dx/dt, F = ma, c = 1$$

solution: hyperbolic motion

$$x = \frac{1}{a} \cosh a\tau$$

$$t = \frac{1}{a} \sinh a\tau$$

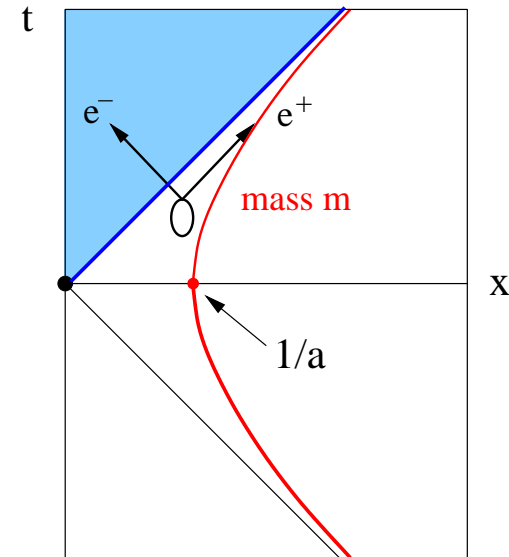


$\exists$  event horizon:  $m$  cannot reach hidden region  
observer in hidden region cannot communicate with  $m$

$m$  passes through vacuum, can use part of acceleration energy to excite vacuum fluctuations on-shell

$e^+$  absorbed in detector on  $m$   
 $e^-$  disappears beyond event horizon

“quantum entanglement”  
 $\sim$  Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen effect



observer on  $m$  & observer in hidden region have incomplete information:  $\Rightarrow$  each sees thermal radiation of

Unruh temperature  $T_U = \frac{\hbar a}{2\pi c} = \frac{\hbar F}{2m\pi c}$

## Applications:

- for  $F = GMm/R^2$  and Schwarzschild  $R = 2M$  recover Hawking temperature

$$T_U = \frac{a}{2\pi} = \frac{GM}{R^2} = \frac{1}{8\pi GM}$$

- for  $F = e\mathcal{E}$  recover Schwinger mechanism for production of pair (mass  $m$ ) in strong field  $\mathcal{E}$

$$T_U = \frac{a}{2\pi} = \frac{e\mathcal{E}}{\pi m}$$

$$P(m, \mathcal{E}) \sim \exp\{-m/T_U\} = \exp\{-\pi m^2/e\mathcal{E}\}$$

production probability  $P(m, \mathcal{E})$

### 3. Pair Production and String Breaking

Basic process: two-jet  $e^+e^-$  annihilation, cms energy  $\sqrt{s}$ :

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$$

$q\bar{q}$  separate subject to constant confining force  $F = \sigma$

initial quark velocity  $v_0 = \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}}$ ,  $p \simeq \sqrt{s}/2$

Solve  $ma = \sigma$  (hyperbolic motion): [Hosoya 1979, Horibe 1979]

$$\tilde{x} = [1 - \sqrt{1 - v_0\tilde{t} + \tilde{t}^2}] , \quad \tilde{x} = x/x_0 , \quad \tilde{t} = t/x_0$$

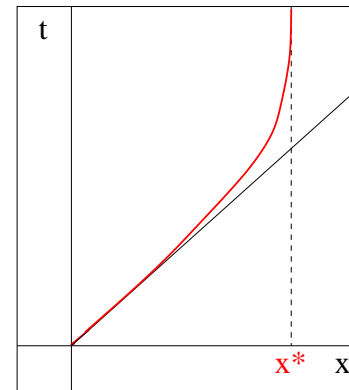
with  $x_0 = \frac{m}{\sigma} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v_0^2}} = \frac{m}{\sigma} \gamma = \frac{1}{a} \gamma$

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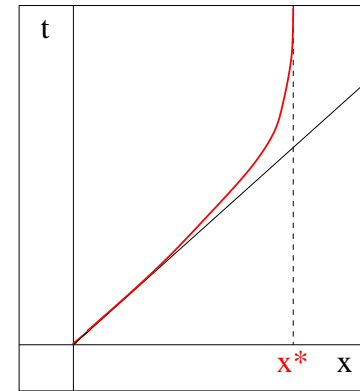
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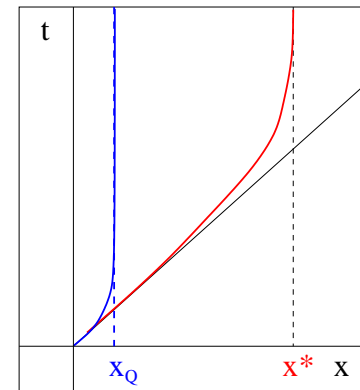
Strong field  $\Rightarrow$  vacuum unstable  
against pair production [Schwinger 1951]

when  $\sigma x > \sigma x_Q \equiv 2m$   
string connecting  $q\bar{q}$  breaks

Result:



classical event horizon



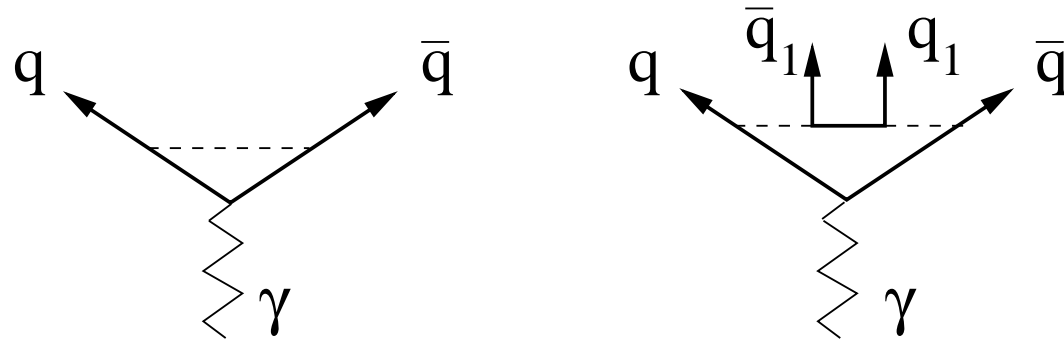
quantum event horizon



Hadron production in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation:

“inside-outside cascade”

[Bjorken 1976]



$q\bar{q}$  flux tube has thickness

$$r_T \simeq \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\sigma}}$$

$q_1\bar{q}_1$  at rest in cms, but

$$k_T \simeq \frac{1}{r_T} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{\pi\sigma}{2}}$$

$q\bar{q}$  separation at  $q_1\bar{q}_1$  production

$$\sigma x(q\bar{q}) = 2\sqrt{m^2 + k_T^2}$$

$q_1$  screens  $\bar{q}$  from  $q$ , hence string breaking at

$$x_q \simeq \frac{2}{\sigma} \sqrt{m^2 + (\pi\sigma/2)} \simeq \sqrt{2\pi/\sigma} \simeq 1 \text{ fm}$$

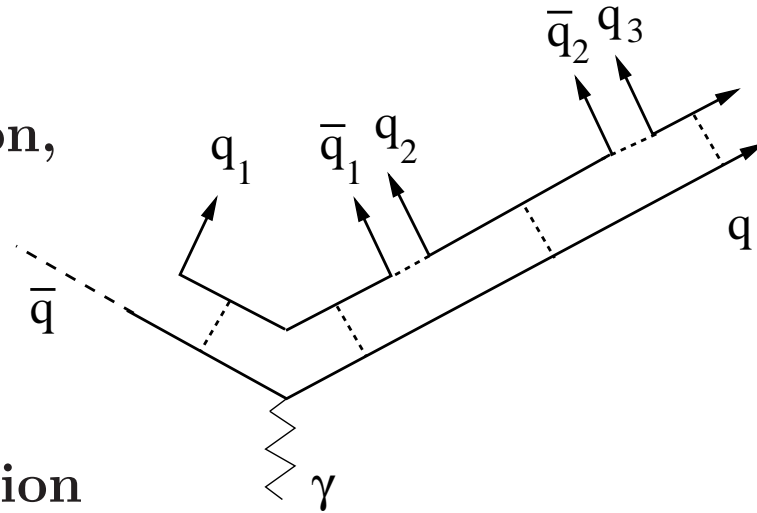
new flux tubes  $q\bar{q}_1$  and  $\bar{q}q_1$   
 stretch  $q_1\bar{q}_1$   
 to form new pair  $q_2\bar{q}_2$

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equivalent:

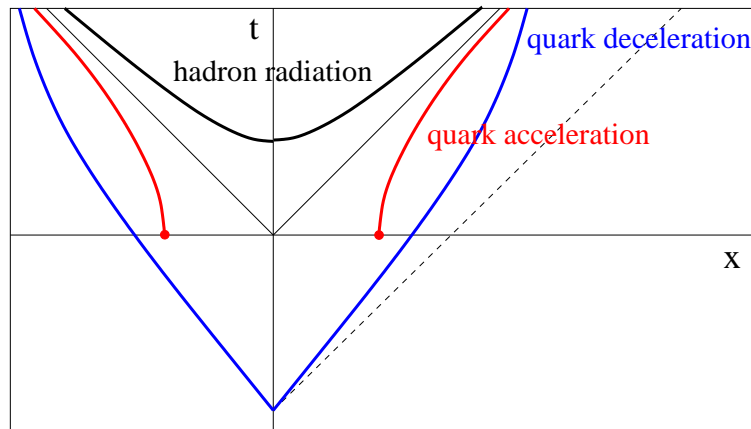
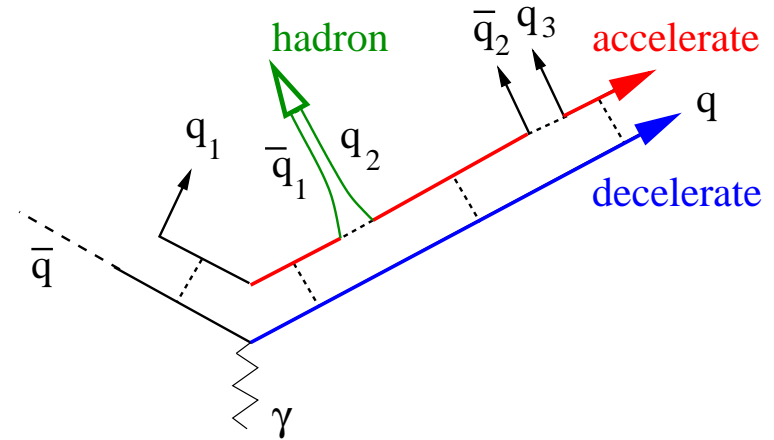
$\bar{q}_1$  reaches  $q_1\bar{q}_1$  event horizon,  
 tunnels to become  $\bar{q}_2$

emission of hadron  $\bar{q}_1q_2$   
 as Hawking radiation



self-similar pattern:

screening  
string breaking  
tunnelling  
quark acceleration  
/deceleration  
Hawking radiation



temperature of Hawking radiation: what acceleration?

$(\bar{q}_1 \rightarrow \bar{q}_2 \rightarrow \bar{q}_3 \rightarrow \dots)$

$$a = F/m \Rightarrow a_q = \frac{\sigma}{w_q} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{m_q^2 + k_q^2}}$$

string breaking & thickness determine  $k_q \simeq \sqrt{\pi\sigma/2}$

$$\Rightarrow a_q \simeq \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{m_q^2 + (\sigma/2\pi)}}$$

for light quarks,  $m_q \ll \sqrt{\sigma} \simeq 420$  MeV, hence

$$T = \frac{a}{2\pi} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{2\pi}} \simeq 170 \text{ MeV}$$

temperature of hadronic Hawking-Unruh radiation in QCD

## 4. Strangeness Production

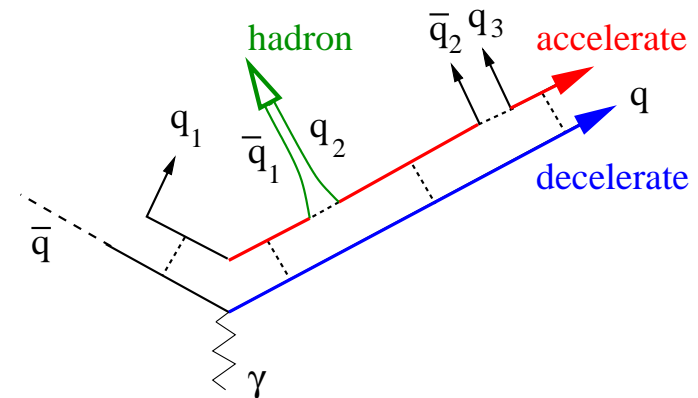
[Becattini, Castorina, Manninen, HS 2008]

Unruh temperature  $\sim 1 / \text{mass of secondary}$

we had for finite quark mass  $m_q$

$$a_q \simeq \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{m_q^2 + (\sigma/2\pi)}} \Rightarrow T_U = \frac{a_q}{2\pi}$$

produced meson consists  
of quarks  $\bar{q}_1$  and  $q_2$



meson containing two different quark masses  
will have average acceleration

$$\bar{a}_{12} = \frac{w_1 a_1 + w_2 a_2}{w_1 + w_2} = \frac{2\sigma}{w_1 + w_2}; \quad w_i \simeq \sqrt{m_i^2 + (\sigma/2\pi)}$$

leading to

$$T(12) \simeq \frac{a_{12}}{2\pi}$$

easily extended to baryons; result: five temperatures

$$T(00) = T(000); \quad T(s0); \quad T(ss) = T(sss); \quad T(00s); \quad T(0ss)$$

fully determined by  $\sigma$  and  $m_s$

for  $\sigma \simeq 0.17 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $m_s \simeq 0.08 \text{ GeV}$

obtain temperatures:

does this work?

analyse all existing high energy  $e^+e^-$  data

$T$	[GeV]
$T(00)$	0.164
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hadron production data in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation exist at

$$\sqrt{s} = 14, 22, 29, 35, 43, 91, 180 \text{ GeV}$$

(PETRA, PEP, LEP)

example:

long-lived hadrons produced at LEP for  $\sqrt{s} = 91.25 \text{ GeV}$

fit data in terms  
of  $\sigma$  and  $m_s$

result:

$$\sigma = 0.169 \pm 0.002 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$m_s = 0.083 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 22/12$$

standard values:

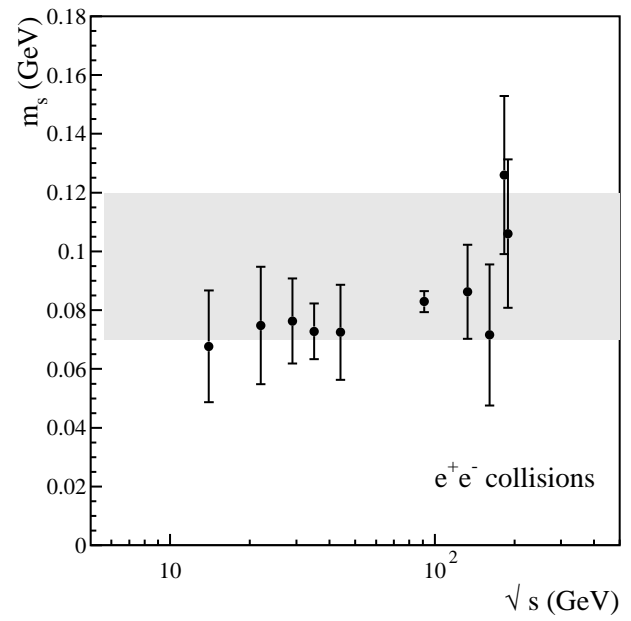
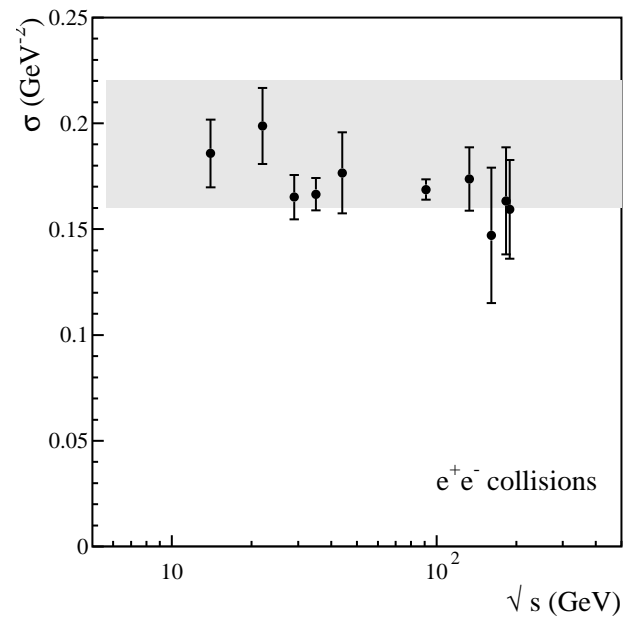
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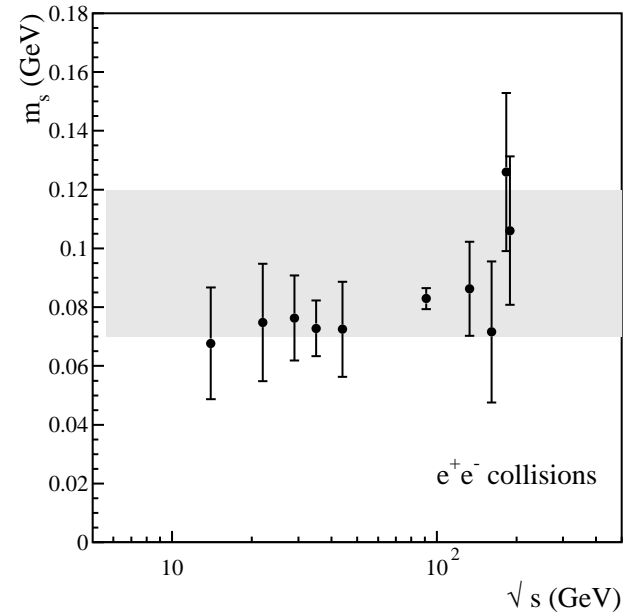
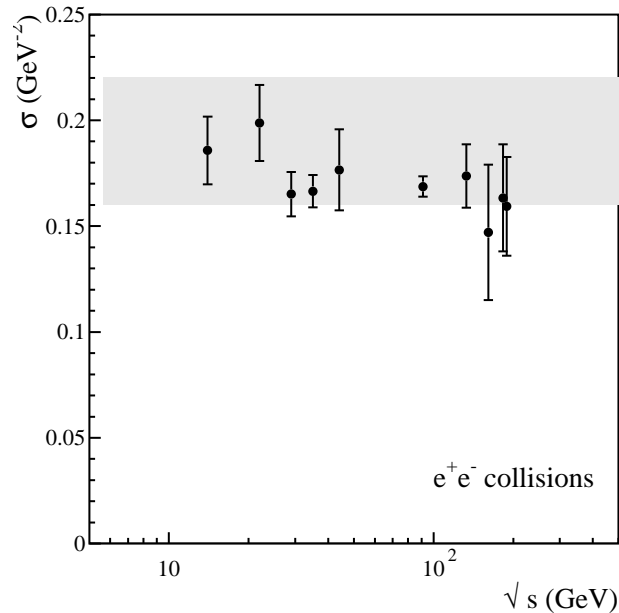
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perform analyses for all data

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## Conclude

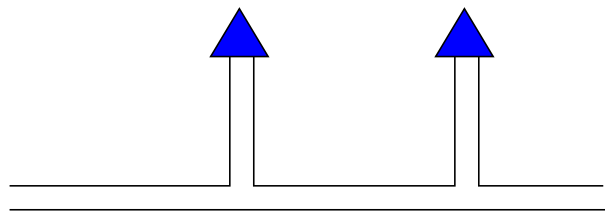
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**Hawking-Unruh radiation of QCD**

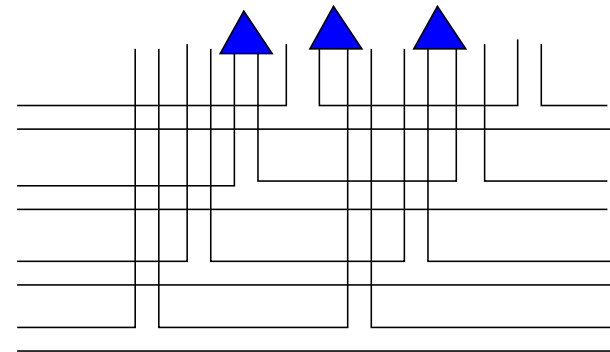
$\Rightarrow pp/p\bar{p}$  (straight-forward); heavy ions (interesting)

## Heavy Ions

- elementary collisions  
sequential  $q\bar{q}$  pair production  $\Rightarrow$  independent hadron emission
- nuclear collisions  
superposition of  $q\bar{q}$  pair production,  
interference, averaging



elementary



nuclear

result: average temperature determined by averaged quark acceleration

$$\bar{a} = \frac{N_q w_q a_q + N_s w_s a_s}{N_q w_q + N_s w_s} = \left( \frac{\sigma}{w_q} \right) \frac{N_q + N_s}{N_q + N_s (w_s/w_q)} \simeq 0.97 a_q$$

all hadrons acquire average temperature

$$T = \frac{\bar{a}}{2\pi} \simeq 160 \text{ MeV}$$

strangeness suppression removed

in high energy nuclear collisions

## 5. Kinetic vs. Stochastic Thermalization

Kinetic thermalization:

time evolution of given non-equilibrium configuration  
(two parallel colliding parton beams)  
through multiple collisions  
to a time-independent equilibrium state  
(quark-gluon plasma)

requires

- many constituents
- sufficiently large interaction cross sections
- sufficiently long time

thermal hadron production in  $e^+e^-$ ,  $pp/pp\bar{p}$ ?

Hagedorn: *the emitted hadrons are “born into equilibrium”*

## Hawking radiation:

- final state produced at random from the set of all states corresponding to temperature  $T_H$  determined by confining field
- this set of all final states is same as that produced by kinetic thermalization
- measurements cannot tell if the equilibrium was reached by thermal evolution or by throwing dice:

⇒ Ergodic Equivalence Principle ⇐

gravitation  $\sim$  acceleration

kinetic  $\sim$  stochastic

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- The physical vacuum is an event horizon for coloured quarks and gluons; thermal hadrons are Hawking-Unruh radiation produced by quark tunnelling through event horizon.
- The corresponding hadronization temperature  $T_H$  is determined by quark acceleration and deceleration in the colour field at the (quantum) horizon.
- Strangeness suppression arises through modified Unruh temperature for strange quark mass. In nuclear collisions, it is effectively removed by averaging.
- Given string tension  $\sigma$  and strange quark mass  $m_s$ , the resulting scenario provides a parameter-free description of thermal hadron production in all high energy interactions.

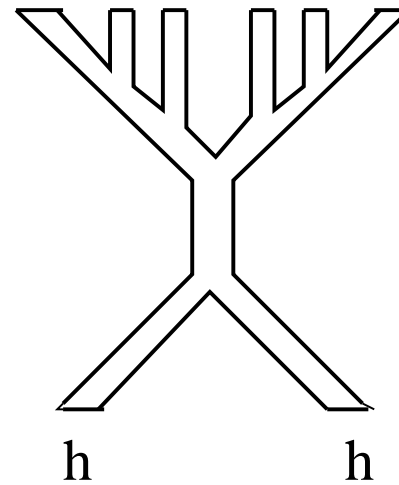
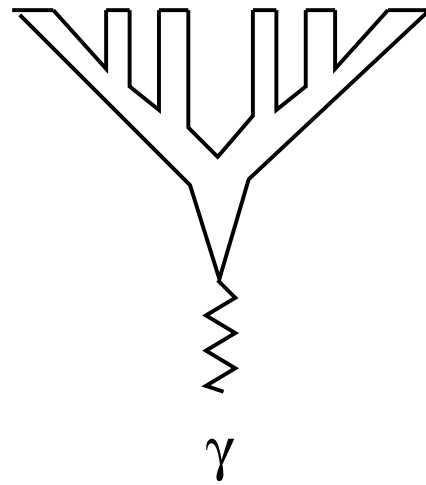
God does play dice, but He sometimes throws them where they can't be seen.

Stephen Hawking

generalize:

$e^+e^-$  annihilation  
“black hole” creation

hadron-hadron collision  
“black hole” fusion



both  $\rightarrow$  self-similar cascades

Heavy ion collisions: interference between emitted hadrons