
Calculation of K^*/K^+ and
phi ratio assuming partial
chemical equilibration at
 $T_{ch} < T < T_{th}$

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Motivation and Goal

- Statistical model fits hadron ratios but over-predicts the ratios involving K^* and ϕ .
- Due to their large inelastic cross sections, K^* and ϕ do not chemically freeze-out at T_{ch} , but they do freeze-out later at T_{th} .
- At T_{th} , number of K^* can be calculated from the numbers of π and K^+ , and the number of ϕ from the numbers of K^+ and K^- .
- The results are comparable with ALICE data in Pb+Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV / A.

Blast-wave model with two freeze-outs

Chemical Freeze-out at $T = T_{ch}$: N_i 's fixed

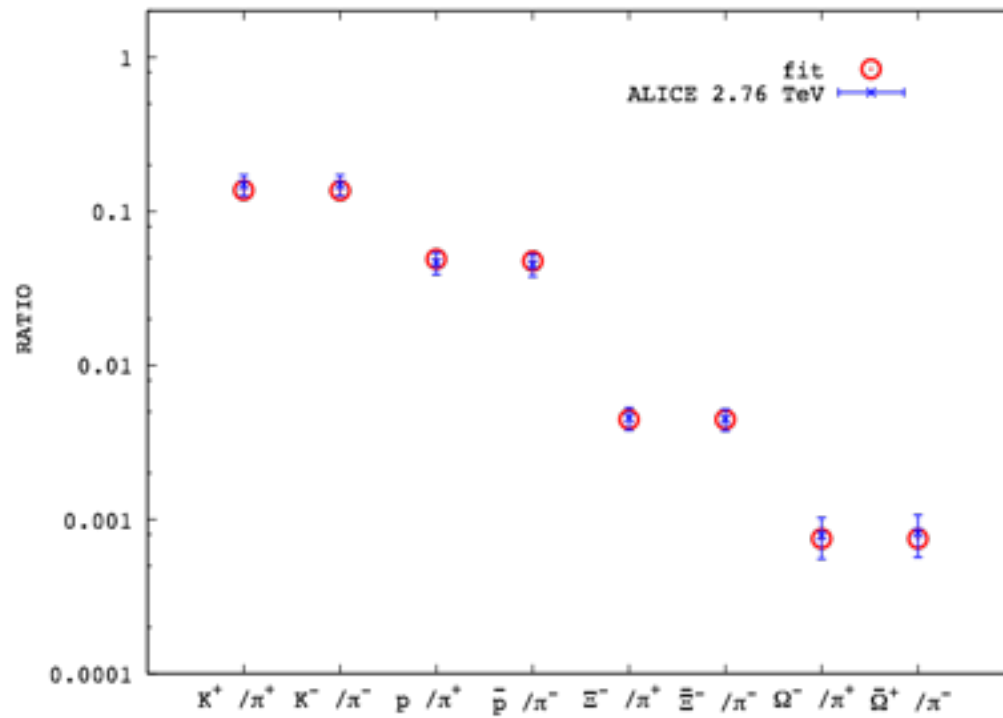
$$\mu_i = (n_q - n_{\bar{q}})\mu_B/3 + (n_s - n_{\bar{s}})\mu_s$$

Thermal Freeze-out at $T = T_{th}$: Momentum spectra calculated from

$$\frac{dN_i^{th}}{m_T dm_T} = \frac{d_i V_{eff}}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-y_m}^{y_m} dy \int_{-\eta_{max}}^{\eta_{max}} d\eta \int_0^1 r' dr' m_T \cosh(y - \eta) \exp\left(-\frac{m_T \cosh(y - \eta) \cosh \rho - \mu_i}{T}\right) I_0\left(\frac{p_T \sinh \rho}{T}\right)$$

with μ_i calculated from N_i as $\mu_i = T \ln[N_i \int \int m_T dm_T dy (\frac{d^2 N_i'}{m_T dm_T dy})]$ where the ' denotes that $\exp(\mu_i/T)$ is absent and calculate momentum spectra

Difference from usual blast-wave model : Relative magnitudes of p_T spectra are already determined by N_i 's , which is fixed at T_{ch} .



Chemical parameters fitted:

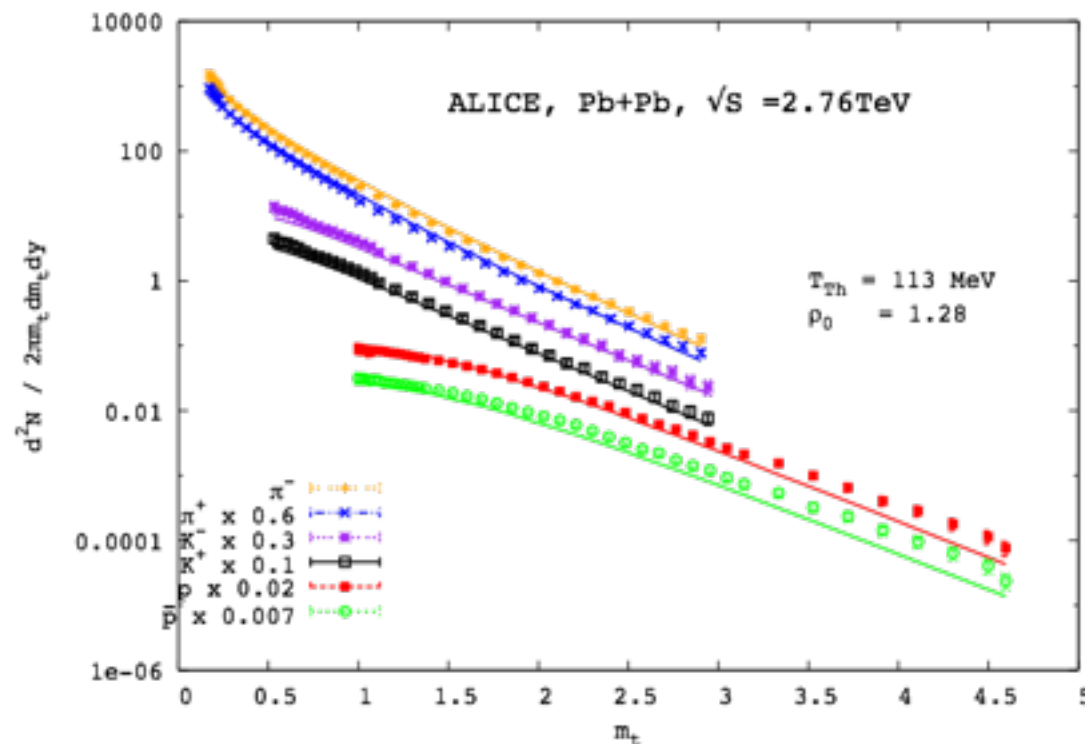
$T=150$ MeV

$\mu_B=0.37$ MeV

$\mu_s=0.15$ MeV

$\chi^2/N=0.9$

Ratios only among pions, kaons, protons and anti-protons are fitted, whose pt spectrum is available



Thermal parameters fitted:

$T=113$ MeV

$\rho_0=1.28$

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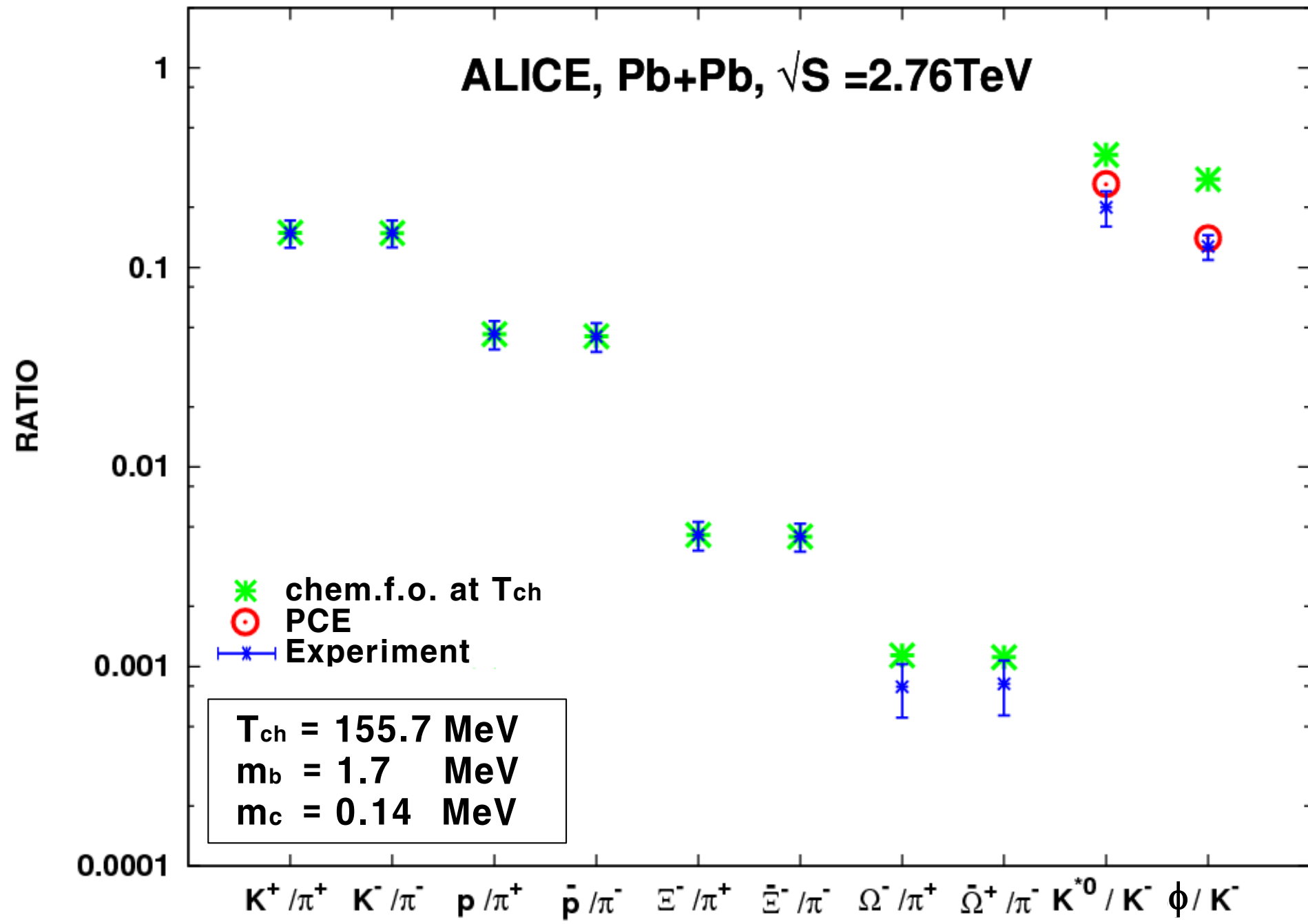
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Summary

Within blast-wave model which assumes two freeze-outs, namely the chemical and thermal freeze-out,

Reactions involving K^* and ϕ , which have large inelastic cross-sections, are assumed to be chemically balanced until T_{th} while other hadrons chemically freeze-out at T_{ch} ($>T_{th}$).

Thus calculated numbers of K^* and ϕ at T_{th} agrees with the measured ratios by ALICE collaboration.