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Abstract

The rather complete data set of hadron yields from central Si + A collisions at the Brookhaven AGS is used to test whether the system at freeze-out is in thermal and hadro-chemical equilibrium. Rapidity and transverse momentum distributions are discussed with regards to the information they provide on hydrodynamic flow.

The goal of the ultra-relativistic heavy-ion program at the BNL AGS and CERN SPS is to study highly excited and dense nuclear matter and possibly the transition from hot and dense hadronic matter to deconfined quark-matter with restored chiral symmetry. While future collider experiments will probe a hot quark-gluon plasma with low net baryon density, present fixed target experiments create matter, possibly quark-matter, at very high baryon density and moderate temperature.

The present paper is following up on an earlier suggestion by some of us [1], based on the first AGS and SPS data, that a high degree of thermalization is reached and that there is evidence for hydrodynamic

net baryon density at freeze-out, the baryon chemical potential. The relatively large freeze-out temperature thus determined implies that even higher temperatures are reached earlier in the collision. In order to reach the freeze-out stage, the system has to expand considerably. Longitudinal and transverse spectra and, in particular, their mass dependence can yield information on the expansion velocity. This discussion forms the second part of this paper.

The present study starts on the following background:

i) Production of transverse energy and the proton rapidity distribution after a central silicon nucleus col-



Particle Multiplicity in Heavy Ion Collisions

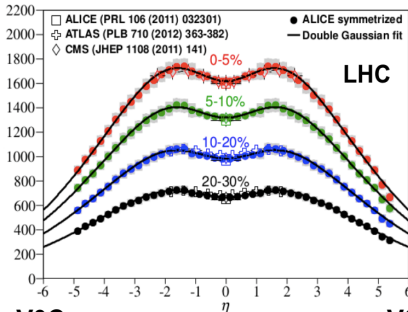


Acceptance for charged particles

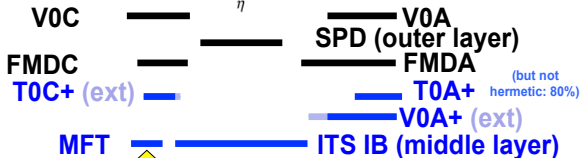


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Now:
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This is (-3.6,-2.5), i.e. the MFT+MUON acc.



Particle Multiplicity in Heavy Ion Collisions

About 24 000 particles are produced in a heavy ion collision at the LHC.

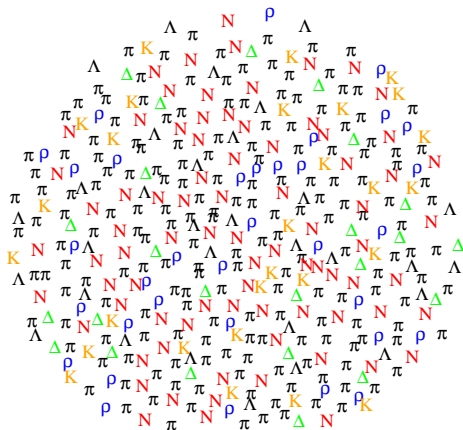
Hence: Use Concepts from Statistical Mechanics to analyze the final state

e.g. use Energy Density, Particle Density, Pressure, Temperature, Chemical Composition, ...

These concepts turn out to be useful at all energies, RHIC, SPS, GSI ...



Hadronic Gas before Chemical Freeze-Out



J.C. and H. Satz, Z. fuer Physik C57, 135, 1993.

The Theoretical Basis for the Thermal Model

Bjorken scaling + Transverse expansion

After integration over m_T

$$\frac{dN_i/dy}{dN_j/dy} = \frac{N_i^0}{N_j^0}$$

where N_i^0 is the particle yield
as calculated in a fireball **AT REST!**

Effects of hydrodynamic flow cancel out in ratios.

The volume is given by $\pi R^2 \tau$!



Uncertainties in the Thermal Model

Uncertainties are related to the information in the Particle Data Booklet.

Particle yields are determined from:

$$N_i = \sum_j N_j Br(j \rightarrow i).$$

Hence one must know how hadronic resonances decay.

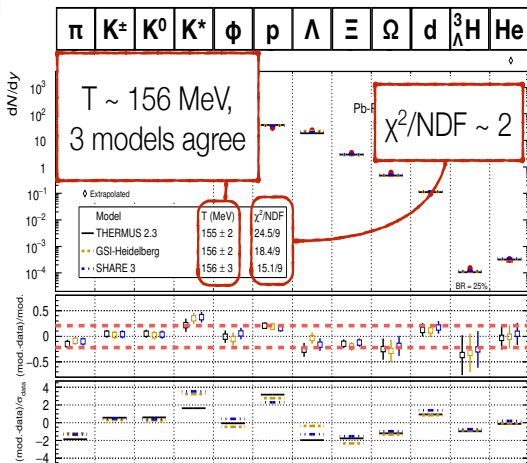
As an example, the final yield of π^+ 's is given by

$$N_{\pi^+} = N_{\pi^+}(\text{thermal}) + N_{\pi^+}(\text{resonance decays})$$

depending on the temperature, over 80% of observed pions are due to resonance decays



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RHIC (STAR)

 $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV $\chi^2/\text{NDF} \sim 1$

Better fit in

60-80%,

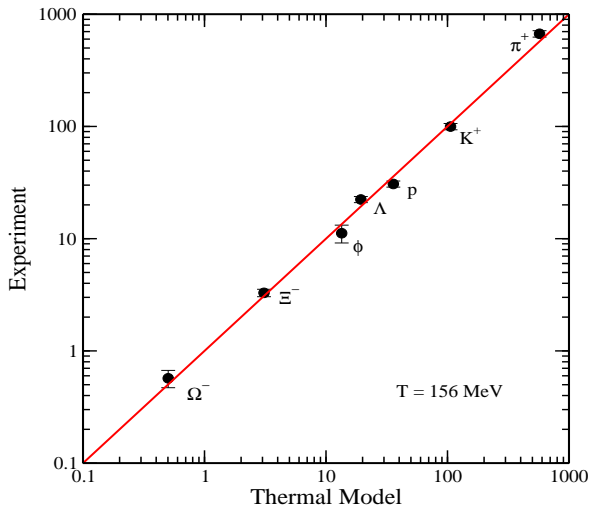
Petran et al, arXiv:1310.5108

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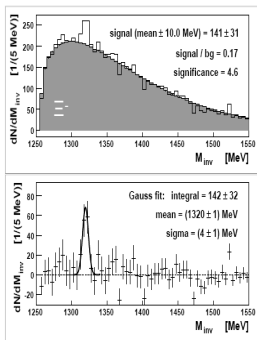
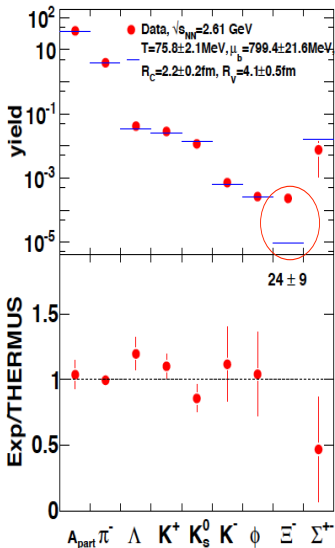
Comput.Phys.Commun, 180 84

Andronic et al, PLB 673 142

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Hadrons in Ar+KCl@1.76A GeV



Strong excess of the Ξ^-

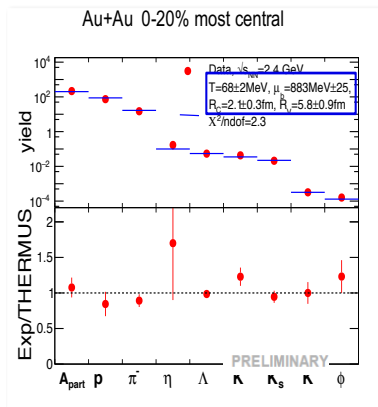
NN-threshold:

$$E_{beam} = 3.74 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \sqrt{s} - \sqrt{s_{th}} = 630 \text{ MeV!}$$

Comparing Au+Au data with a statistical model

Macroscopic description based on:

- Grand canonical ensemble ($T, \mu = \mu_B, \mu_S, \mu_Q, V$ and sometimes γ_S , usually μ_s and μ_Q are constrained)
- Strangeness canonical ensemble ($T, \mu = \mu_B, \mu_Q, R_c = R_v$)
- Strangeness canonically suppressed at low temperatures, but not enough to explain data \rightarrow needs additional parameter: $R_c < R_v$
- ϕ meson (hidden strangeness) not suppressed by R_c but strongly by γ_S



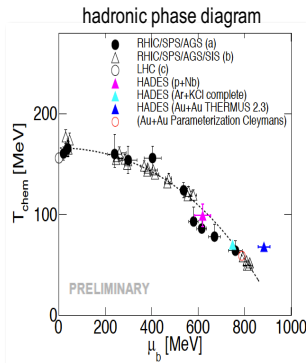
Implementation: THERMUS V2.3

Wheaton & Cleymans Comp. Phys. Com. 180 (2009)

Hadron yields described by T, μ_B, R_v , and R_c

- \rightarrow rather large values for T and μ_B
- $\rightarrow \gamma_S$ instead of R_c delivers similar results, but undershoots the ϕ yield

HADES in the phase diagram



T and μ_b higher than expected from parameterization and universal freeze-out line ($E/B=1\text{GeV}$)

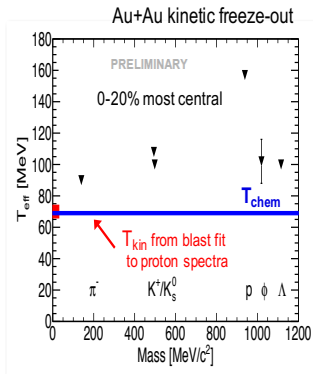
Systematics of freeze-out points:

Andronic, PBM, J. Stachel, NPA 772 (2006)

Cleymans, Oeschler et al., PRC 73 (2006)

Parameterization of T and μ_b :

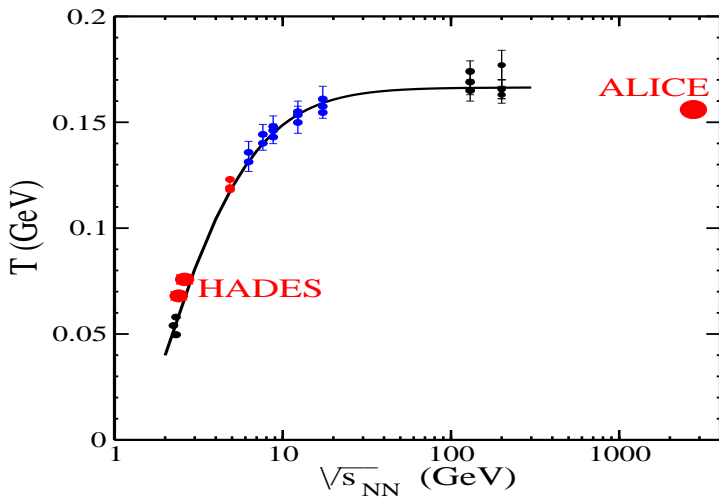
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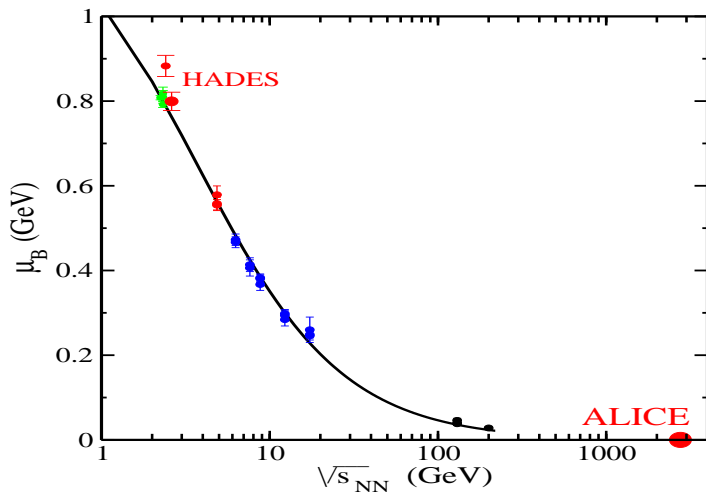


We find $T_{\text{kin}} \approx T_{\text{chem}} = 68 \text{ MeV}$

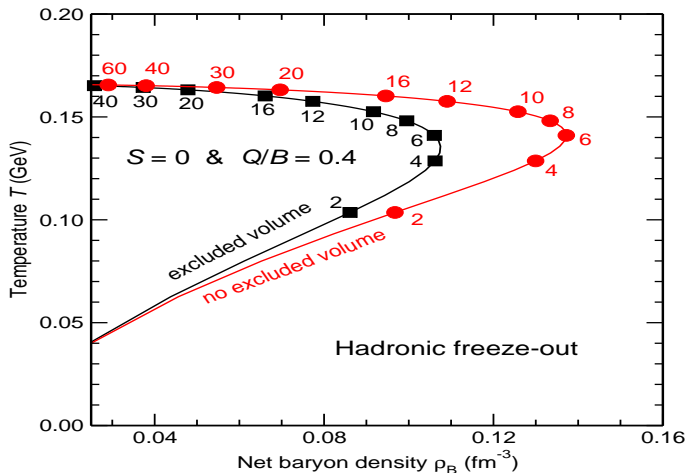
Todo: add fragments (d,t,He) to further constrain T_{kin}

Chemical Freeze-Out Temperature



Chemical Freeze-Out μ_B 

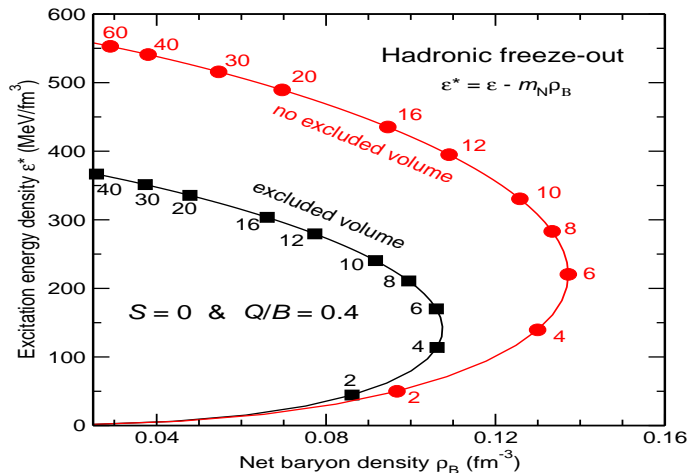
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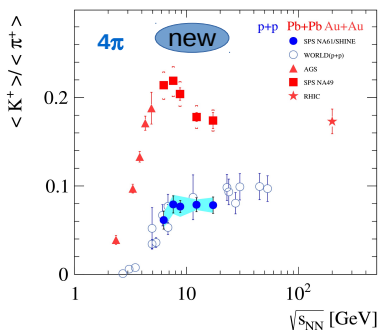
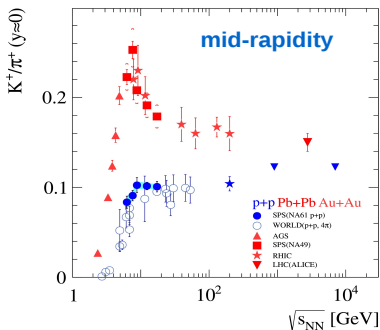


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Unexpected Results

K. Grebieszko (NA61/SHINE) talk at CPOD2016:

Maximum in the K^+/π^+ ratio disappears in small systems



To analyze the particle ratios use:

- the Wroblewski factor
- $s/T^3 = 7$ describes chemical freeze-out

Strangeness in Heavy Ion Collisions vs Strangeness in pp - collisions

Use the Wroblewski factor

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

This is determined by the number of **newly** created quark – anti-quark pairs and **before** strong decays, i.e. before ρ 's and Δ 's decay.

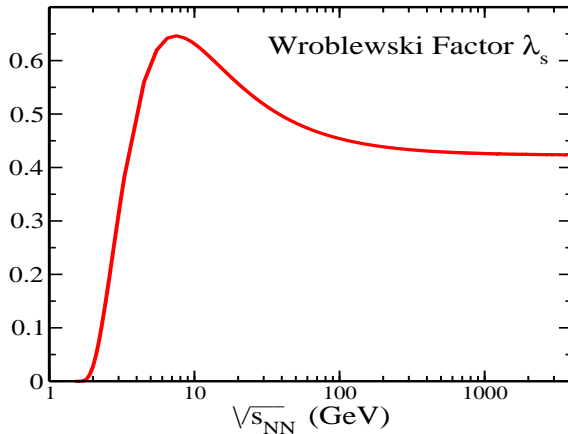
Limiting values :

$\lambda_s = 1$ all quark pairs are equally abundant, SU(3) symmetry.

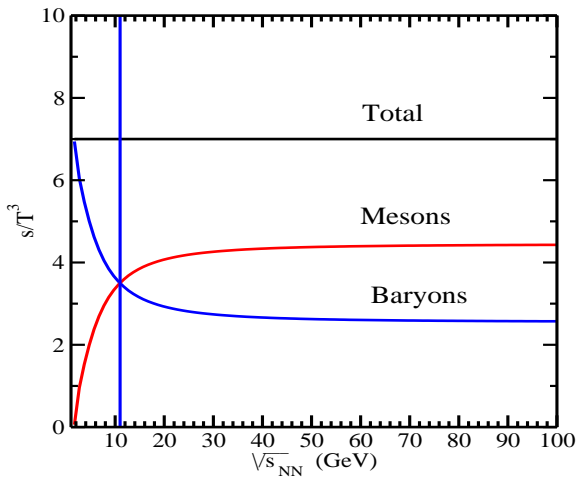
$\lambda_s = 0$ no strange quark pairs.



Wroblewski Factor



$$s/T^3$$



J.C., H. Oeschler, K. Redlich, S. Wheaton, Phys. Lett. B615 (2005) 50-54

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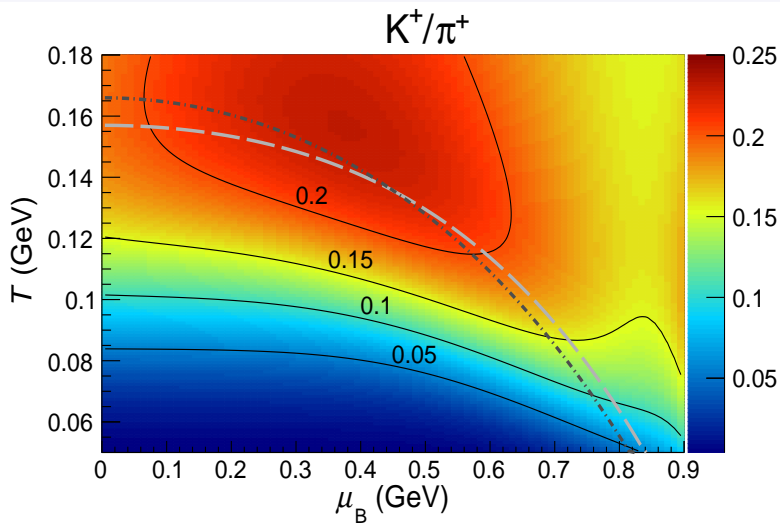
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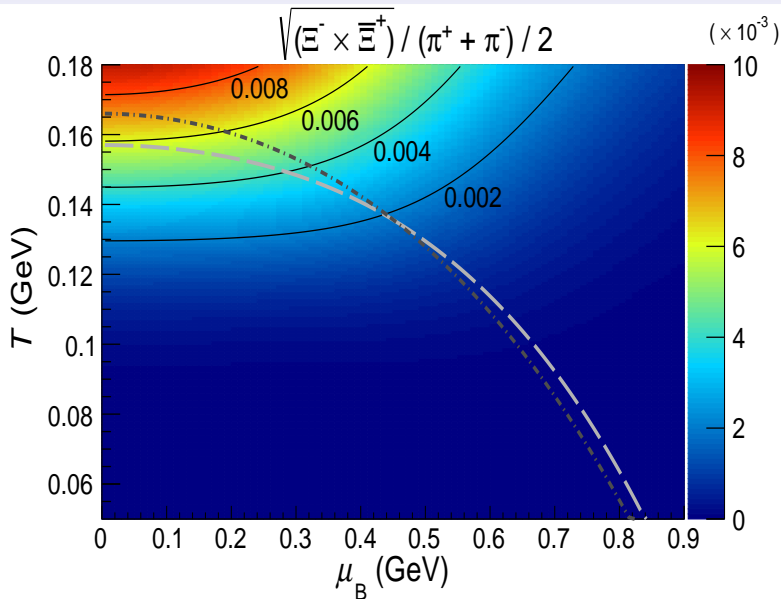
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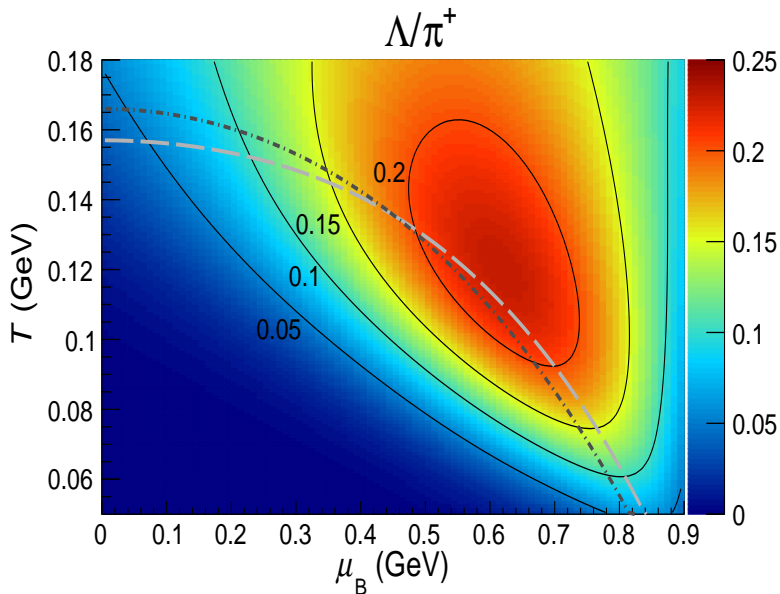


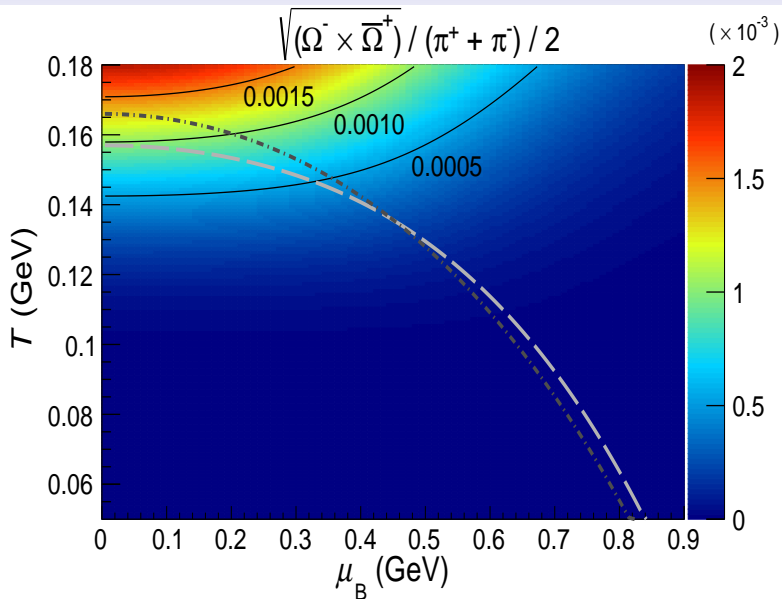


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Small systems.

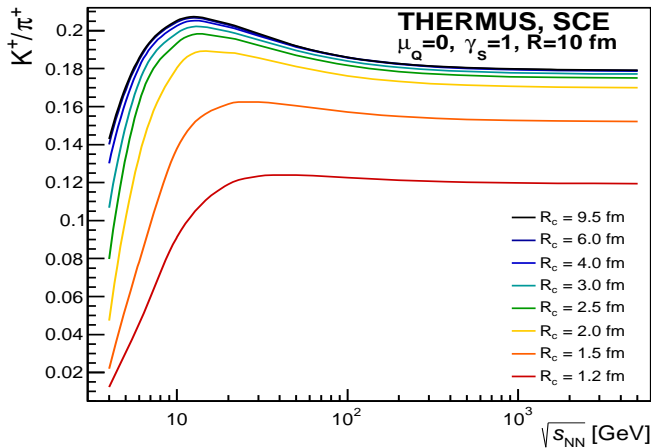
- Use the canonical ensemble with strangeness conservation.
- Introduce two volumes: global volume and a strangeness correlation volume .
- Reduce the strangeness correlation volume to describe small systems.

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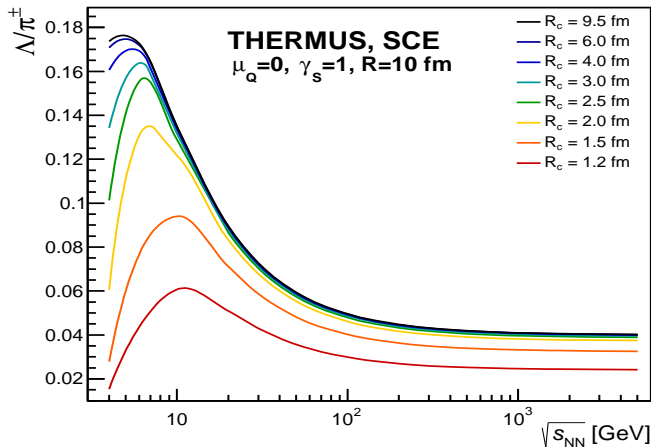
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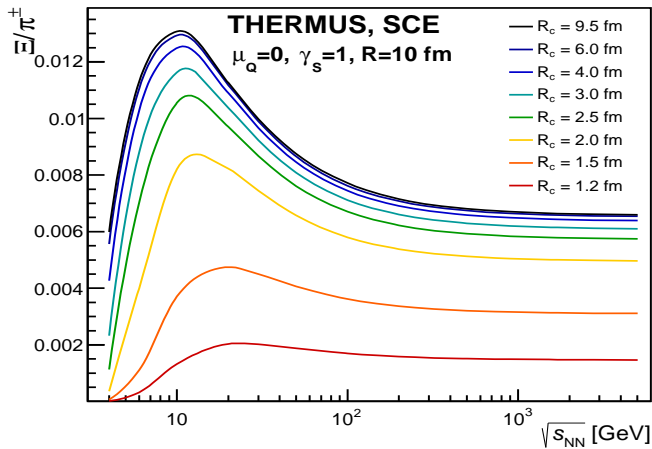


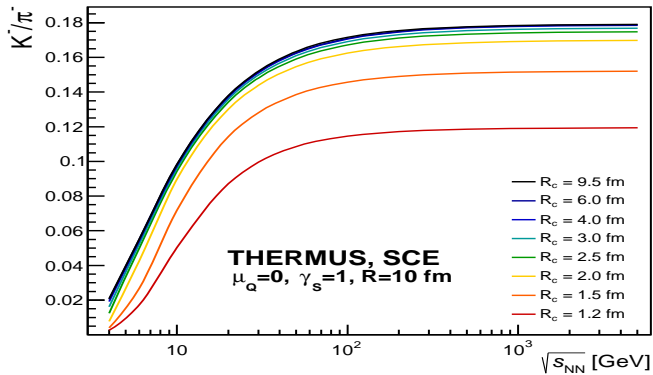
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Maximum in Λ/π^+ ratio survives







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Peter, many happy returns.