



Centrality dependence of freeze-out temperature fluctuations in Pb-Pb collisions at the LHC



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How (when) the statistical system ends?

Generally, the freeze-out moment (the end of a statistical system) is defined as the moment when hadrons cease to interact and start to stream freely to detectors.

The whole experimental information we get (the data) is from this particular moment, this is like a photo taken at this (and only this) moment.

We model the freeze-out by imposing the condition:

$$T(\vec{r}, t) = T_{f.o.} = \text{constant} .$$

This defines the 3dim freeze-out hypersurface.



W. Broniowski and W. Florkowski, PRL **87** (2001) 272302;
PRC **65** (2002) 064905

1. The freeze-out hypersurface and the Hubble-like expansion

$$\tau_f = \sqrt{t^2 - r_x^2 - r_y^2 - r_z^2} = \text{const}, \quad u^\mu = \frac{x^\mu}{\tau_f}$$

with condition $r = \sqrt{r_x^2 + r_y^2} < \rho_{max}$.

2. Contributions from resonance decays to the measured particle multiplicities and momentum distributions are taken into account completely.



- ▶ Statistical parameters T_f , μ_B
- ▶ Geometric parameters τ_f , ρ_{max}
- ▶ All four parameters T_f , μ_B , ρ_{max} and τ_f are fitted to the spectra simultaneously in this version of the model [for RHIC: DP, APPB **40**, 2825 (2009)].
- ▶ For LHC $\mu_B = 0$ (and $\mu_S = \mu_Q = 0$), so there are three parameters: T_f , ρ_{max} and τ_f .



$$\frac{dN_i}{d^2p_T dy} = \int p^\mu d\sigma_\mu f_i(p \cdot u)$$

f_i - final distribution of the i th particle, *i.e.* with contributions from resonance decays:

$d\sigma_\mu$ - normal vector to the freeze-out hypersurface

$$f_i = f_i^{prim} + \sum_{decay} f_i^{decay}$$

The distribution describes production from one collision (\equiv one event).

What are data "points" really?

$$\frac{1}{N_{ev}} \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_{ev}(i)} \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} C_{ij}(p_T) \frac{N^j(i, p_T)}{\Delta p_T \Delta y}$$

$N_{ev}(i)$ - the number of events in the i th centrality bin

p_T - the value in the middle of the p_T bin Δp_T

$N^j(i, p_T)$ - the number of counts of particle species j in the centrality bin i and the p_T bin Δp_T

$C_{ij}(p_T)$ - the total correction factor

N_k^j - the number of counts of j 's from k th event $\in (i, \Delta p_T)$

$$N^j = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{ev}} N_k^j \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} C_{ij} \frac{N^j}{\Delta p_T \Delta y} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{ev}} \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} C_{ij} \frac{N_k^j}{\Delta p_T \Delta y}$$

$$\frac{1}{N_{ev}} \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} = \frac{1}{N_{ev}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{ev}} \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2 N_k}{dp_T dy}$$



What are data "points" really? *cont.*

$$\frac{1}{N_{ev}} \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} = \frac{1}{N_{ev}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{ev}} \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2 N_k}{dp_T dy}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2 N_k}{dp_T dy} \leftarrow k\text{th observation of } \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy}$$

for given particle species and a centrality and p_T bin

Data "points" are sample means!



x - a random variable with the p.d.f. $f(x)$

$a(x)$ - a continuous function of x (also a random variable)

$a_k = a(x_k)$ - k th observation of a

(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) - a sample of size n

If the variance of $a(x)$ exists, then

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \longrightarrow E[a] = \int a(x) f(x) dx ,$$

when $n \rightarrow \infty$.

The theoretical equivalent of data

The weak law of the large numbers



The correct equivalent of the data "point" is:

$$\left\langle \frac{dN_i}{d^2p_T dy} \right\rangle_{\theta} = \int \frac{dN_i}{d^2p_T dy} f(\theta) d\theta .$$

$\theta = \beta_f, \tau_f$ or ρ_{max} is a random variable now!

Only $\theta = \beta_f (= 1/T_f)$ works!

log-normal p.d.f.

$$f(\beta_f; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \frac{1}{\beta_f} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\ln \beta_f - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}$$

triangular p.d.f.

$$f(\beta_f; \check{\beta}_f, \Gamma) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma - |\beta_f - \check{\beta}_f|}{\Gamma^2} & , |\beta_f - \check{\beta}_f| \leq \Gamma \\ 0 & , |\beta_f - \check{\beta}_f| > \Gamma \end{cases}$$

Removal of some resonance states

The most weakly bound resonances are removed, with the full width $\Gamma > 250$ MeV (and masses below 1600 MeV).

Removed resonances: $f_0(500)$, $h_1(1170)$, $a_1(1260)$, $\pi(1300)$, $f_0(1370)$, $\pi_1(1400)$, $a_0(1450)$, $\rho(1450)$, $K_0^*(1430)$ and $N(1440)$.

The removal of $f_0(500)$ state has the theoretical justification:

W. Broniowski, F. Giacosa and V. Begun, Phys. Rev. C **92**, 034905 (2015).

The removal itself is not enough, without randomization

$\chi^2/n_{dof} = 1.5$, $p\text{-value} = 10^{-6}$ ($n_{dof} = 235$),
for most central Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV.

unacceptable!



Fit to the spectra for the most central class

Fitting the average invariant distributions with the removal, acceptable!

log-normal p.d.f.			
τ_f (fm)	ρ_{max} (fm)	μ	σ
13.80 ± 0.40	20.48 ± 0.60	-4.7439 ± 0.0235	0.1764 ± 0.0090
$E[T_f]$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{V[T_f]}$ (MeV)	χ^2/n_{dof}	p -value (%)
116.7 ± 3.0	20.7 ± 1.6	1.048	29

triangular p.d.f.			
τ_f (fm)	ρ_{max} (fm)	$\check{\beta}_f$ (MeV $^{-1}$)	Γ (MeV $^{-1}$)
14.42	21.45	0.0092482	0.0040906
$E[T_f]$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{V[T_f]}$ (MeV)	χ^2/n_{dof}	p -value (%)
111.6	22.6	1.026	38



Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV, log-normal p.d.f., $n_{dof} = 234$

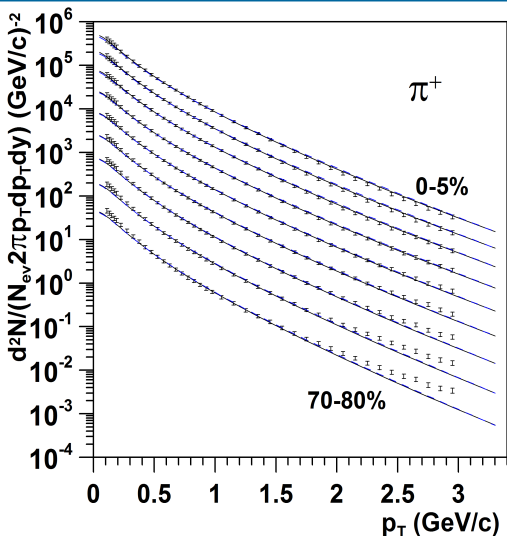
Cent. [%]	τ_f [fm]	ρ_{max} [fm]	$E[T_f]$ [MeV]	$\sqrt{V[T_f]}$ [MeV]	χ^2/n_{dof}	p-v [%]
0-5	13.8 ± 0.4	20.5 ± 0.6	116.7 ± 3.0	20.7 ± 1.6	1.05	29
-10	12.6 ± 0.4	18.7 ± 0.5	119.1 ± 3.0	20.2 ± 1.7	0.84	96
-20	11.1 ± 0.3	16.4 ± 0.5	122.2 ± 3.0	19.6 ± 1.7	0.59	100
-30	9.3 ± 0.3	13.6 ± 0.4	126.5 ± 3.2	18.7 ± 1.9	0.34	100
-40	7.8 ± 0.2	11.0 ± 0.3	131.4 ± 3.3	17.3 ± 2.0	0.30	100
-50	6.6 ± 0.2	9.0 ± 0.3	133.7 ± 3.4	16.7 ± 2.2	0.61	100
-60	5.5 ± 0.2	7.2 ± 0.2	134.7 ± 3.6	16.7 ± 2.3	1.37	0.01
-70	4.6 ± 0.2	5.8 ± 0.2	133.4 ± 3.6	17.4 ± 2.2	2.82	0
-80	3.6 ± 0.1	4.4 ± 0.2	132.5 ± 3.6	17.6 ± 2.2	4.36	0

Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV, $n_{dof} = 235$

Cent. [%]	τ_f [fm]	ρ_{max} [fm]	T_f [MeV]	χ^2/n_{dof}	p-v [%]
0-5	10.0 ± 0.1	14.7 ± 0.9	147.0 ± 0.5	1.74	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-9}$
-10	9.3 ± 0.1	13.7 ± 0.8	147.3 ± 0.5	1.45	$9.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
-20	8.4 ± 0.1	12.3 ± 0.8	148.0 ± 0.6	1.09	17.2
-30	7.3 ± 0.1	10.6 ± 0.7	149.3 ± 0.6	0.69	99.99
-40	6.3 ± 0.1	8.9 ± 0.6	150.5 ± 0.6	0.49	100
-50	5.4 ± 0.1	7.3 ± 0.5	152.0 ± 0.6	0.66	99.999
-60	4.5 ± 0.1	5.9 ± 0.5	153.0 ± 0.7	1.24	0.65
-70	3.7 ± 0.1	4.6 ± 0.4	153.5 ± 0.7	2.47	0
-80	2.9 ± 0.1	3.4 ± 0.3	154.1 ± 0.8	3.86	0



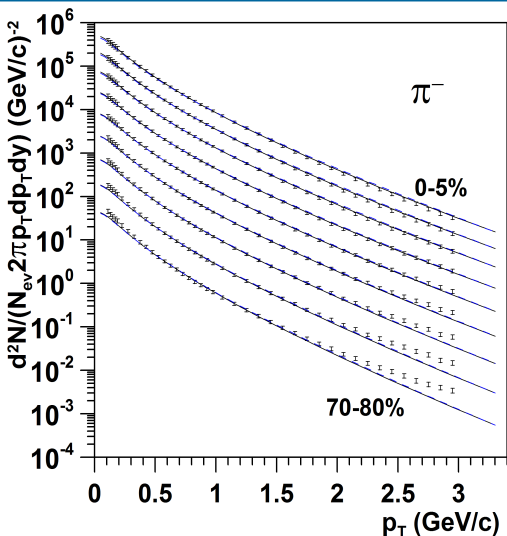
Spectra of positive pions: Pb-Pb@2.76 TeV



Lines - the model with the log-normal p.d.f. of β_f , blue dashed lines - the SFOM without randomization and with all hadronic resonances included.



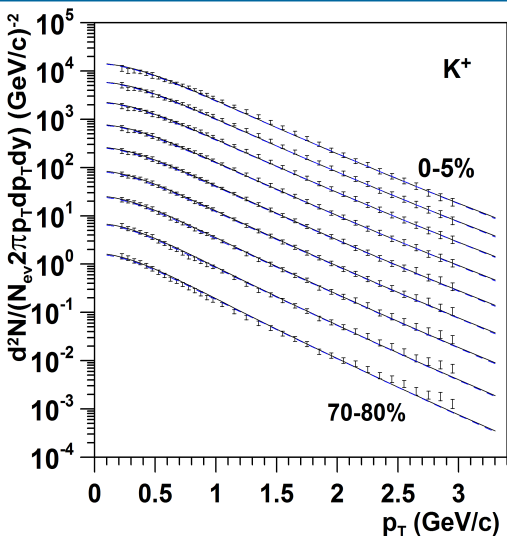
Spectra of negative pions: Pb-Pb@2.76 TeV



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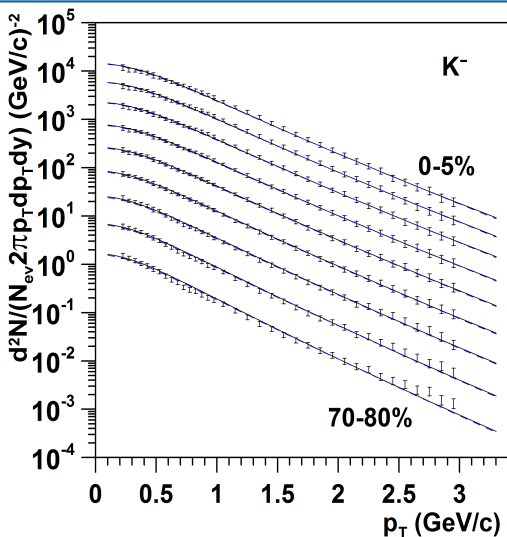
Spectra of positive kaons: Pb-Pb@2.76 TeV



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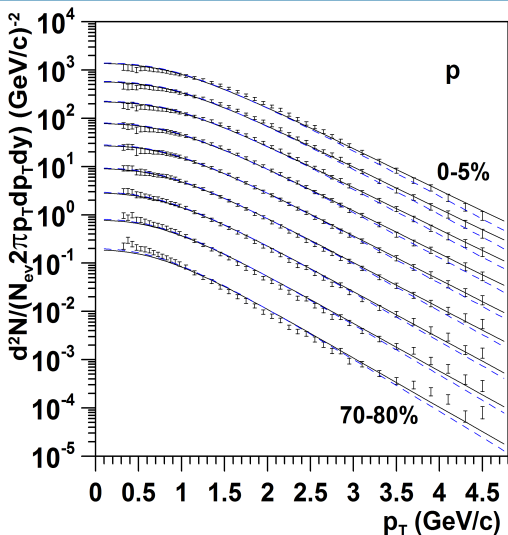
Spectra of negative kaons: Pb-Pb@2.76 TeV



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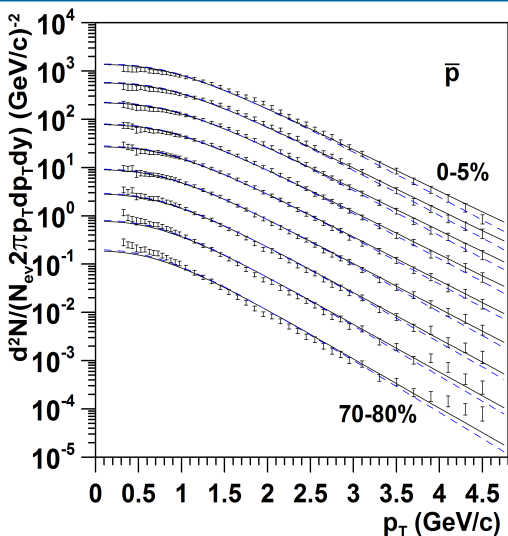
Spectra of protons: Pb-Pb@2.76 TeV



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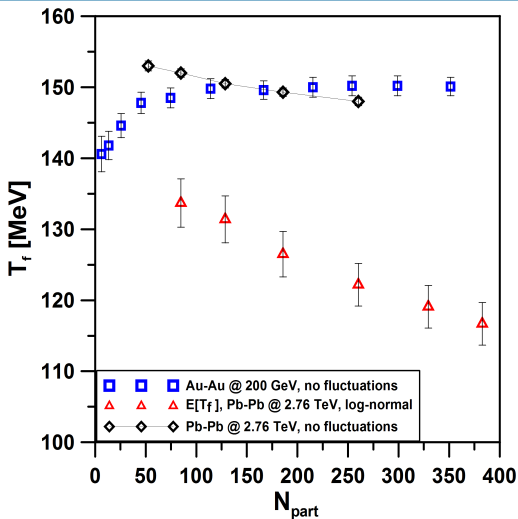
Spectra of antiprotons: Pb-Pb@2.76 TeV



Lines - the model with the log-normal p.d.f. of β_f , blue dashed lines - the SFOM without randomization and with all hadronic resonances included.



Freeze-out temperature vs centrality



Au-Au: DP, APPB **40**, 2825 (2009)

- ▶ The 2 most central bins of Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV are inhomogeneous, during each event the thermal system is created indeed and with approximately the same size at its end, however with different temperature. And the final shape of the spectra is the consequence of summing emissions from many different sources.
- ▶ The centrality bins of Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV can be divided into 3 groups: the first, the 2 most central bins where the freeze-out temperature fluctuates significantly; the second, the mid central bins where the situation might look similar to that at the RHIC, the same freeze-out temperature, $T_f \sim 150$ MeV, only ρ_{max} factor ~ 1.5 greater (τ_f approx. the same) what causes that the volume is greater ~ 2.5 times; the third, the peripheral bins where nothing helps.



- ▶ The distribution of the freeze-out temperature means the distribution within a bin here. But the significant part of the freeze-out temperature fluctuations might be of *non-thermal* origin, so this would represent the possible variation of the freeze-out conditions event-by-event within the bin.
- ▶ A great deal of data in high energy physics are averages, so in any theoretical modeling (of these data) one should be aware of possible misinterpretations when an average is compared with a prediction for a single event.

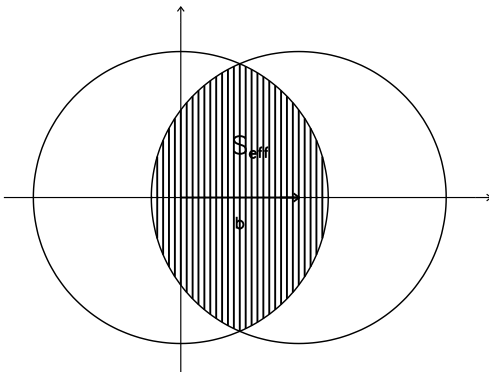
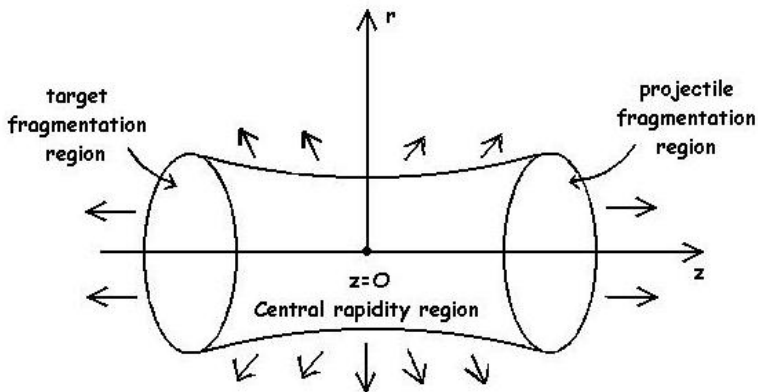


Figure: View of an AA collision at impact parameter b . The region where the nuclei overlap has been hatched and its area equals S_{eff} .



A central collision





Yields in the Single-Freeze-Out Model

$$\frac{dN_i}{dy} = \pi \rho_{max}^2 \tau_f n_i$$

V. Begun, W. Florkowski and M. Rybczynski,
Phys. Rev. C **90**, 054912 (2014)

The average particle yield per unit rapidity

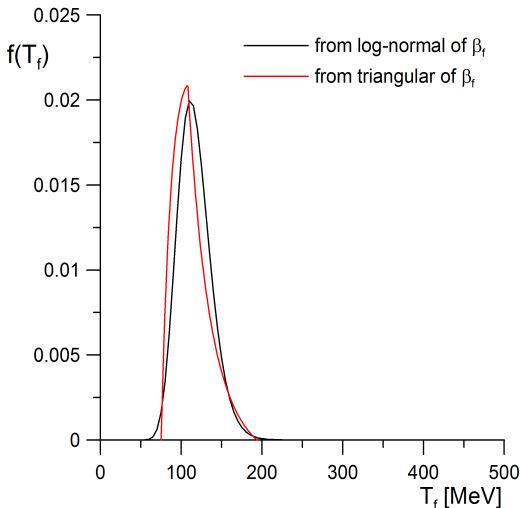
$$\left\langle \frac{dN_i}{dy} \right\rangle_{\beta_f} = \pi \rho_{max}^2 \tau_f \langle n_i \rangle_{\beta_f}$$



Species	Data	Model: $\left\langle \frac{dN_i}{dy} \right\rangle_{\beta_f}$	
		triangular p.d.f.	log-normal p.d.f.
π^+	733 ± 54.0	745.3	739.2
π^-	732 ± 52.0	745.3	739.2
K^+	109 ± 9.0	106.9	107.5
K^-	109 ± 9.0	106.9	107.5
p	34 ± 3.0	33.0	32.9
\bar{p}	33 ± 3.0	33.0	32.9

Ratios			
	Data	triangular p.d.f.	log-normal p.d.f.
p/π	0.046 ± 0.003	0.044	0.045
K/π	0.149 ± 0.010	0.143	0.145

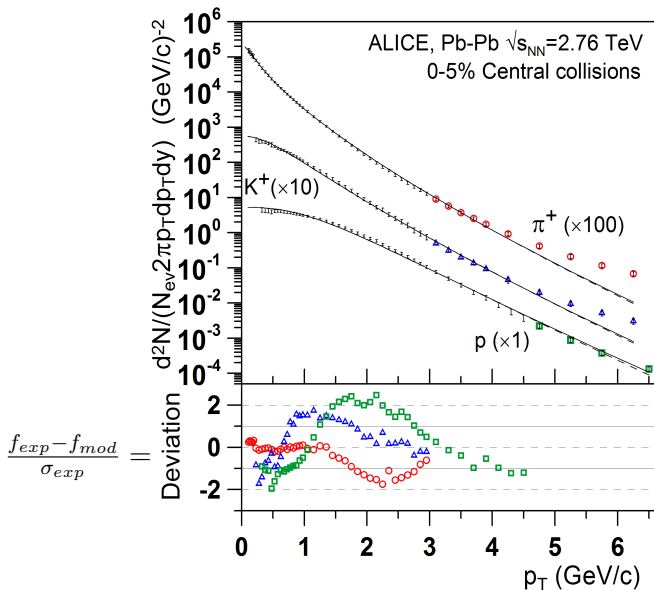
Distributions of the freeze-out temperature



0-5% centrality Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV

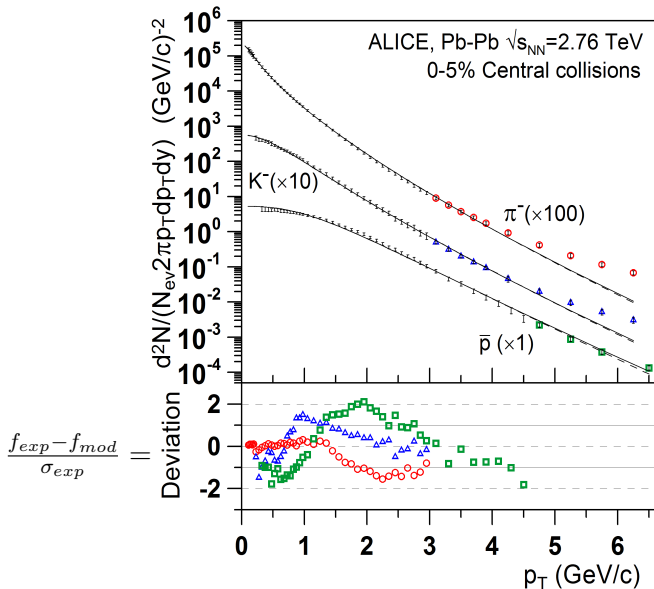


Spectra of positive pions, kaons and protons





Spectra of negative pions, kaons and protons



$$\chi_{LS}^2(\vec{Y}; \vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^N (Y_i - \Lambda(X_i; \vec{\theta})) [V^{-1}]_{ij} (Y_j - \Lambda(X_j; \vec{\theta}))$$

$$\chi_{LS}^2(\vec{Y}; \vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(Y_i - \Lambda(X_i; \vec{\theta}))^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$\Lambda(X; \vec{\theta})$ - the true value function

$\vec{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m)$ - unknown parameters

V - covariance matrix

$n_{dof} = N - m$ - the number of degrees of freedom

σ_i^2 - the variance of Y_i



The probability of obtaining the value of the test statistic equal to or greater than the value just obtained for the present data set (*i.e.* χ^2_{min}), when repeating the whole experiment many times:

$$p = P(\chi^2 \geq \chi^2_{min}; n_{dof}) = \int_{\chi^2_{min}}^{\infty} f(z; n_{dof}) dz ,$$

$f(z; n_{dof})$ - the χ^2 p.d.f.



$$0 \leq z \leq +\infty,$$

$n = 1, 2, \dots$ - the number of degrees of freedom

$$f(z; n) = \frac{1}{2^{n/2} \Gamma(n/2)} z^{n/2-1} \cdot e^{-z/2}$$

$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!, \quad \Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x), \quad \Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$E[z] = n, \quad V[z] = 2n$$

What does SHM mean?

For the boost invariant system:

$$\boxed{\frac{(dN_i/dy)_{y=0}}{(dN_j/dy)_{y=0}} = \frac{N_i}{N_j} = \frac{n_i}{n_j}}, \quad y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_L}{E - p_L}$$

$$n_i(T, \mu_B) = n_i^{prim}(T, \mu_B) + \sum_a \varrho(i, a) n_a^{prim}(T, \mu_B),$$

$n_i^{prim}(T, \mu_B)$ - the thermal density of particle species i at the freeze-out

$\varrho(i, a)$ - the final fraction of particle species i which can be received from all possible decays (cascades) of particle a , the sum is over all kinds of resonances in the hadron gas

Primordial distributions

At the freeze-out the momentum distributions are frozen and these are primordial distributions:

$$f_i^{prim} = \frac{(2s_i + 1)}{(2\pi\hbar c)^3} \frac{1}{\exp\left\{\frac{E_i - \mu_i}{T}\right\} \pm 1}$$

$$\mu_i = B_i\mu_B + S_i\mu_S + Q_i\mu_Q$$

$$n_i^{prim} = \int d\vec{p} f_i^{prim}(\vec{p})$$

$$\sum S_i n_i = 0, \quad \frac{\sum Q_i n_i}{\sum B_i n_i} = \frac{Z}{A}$$



The Cooper-Frye formula

$\sigma^\mu = \sigma^\mu(\alpha, \eta, \phi)$ – a freeze-out hypersurface

j^μ – a particle density current = a fluid 4-flow

$dQ = j^\mu d\sigma_\mu$ - the amount of the fluid (the number of particles) passing through the hypersurface element $d\sigma_\mu$

$$d\sigma_\mu = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\beta\gamma} \frac{\partial\sigma^\nu}{\partial\alpha} \frac{\partial\sigma^\beta}{\partial\eta} \frac{\partial\sigma^\gamma}{\partial\phi} d\alpha d\eta d\phi$$

$j^\mu = f(x, p) d\vec{p} \frac{p^\mu}{E}$ - the particle density current with momenta in $[\vec{p}, \vec{p} + d\vec{p}]$

The Cooper-Frye formula, *cont.*

$$dN = \int_{\sigma} f(x, p) d\vec{p} \frac{p^{\mu}}{E} d\sigma_{\mu}$$

the total number of particles with momenta in $[\vec{p}, \vec{p} + d\vec{p}]$ emitted (decoupled) from the hypersurface σ^{μ} ,
 $d\sigma_{\mu}$ is the normal vector to the hypersurface.

$$E \frac{dN}{d^3p} = \frac{dN}{d^2p_T dy} = \int_{\sigma} f(x, p) p^{\mu} d\sigma_{\mu}$$

F.Cooper, G.Frye and E.Schonberg, Phys.Rev.**D11**, 192 (1975)

$$t = \tau \cosh \alpha_{\parallel} \cosh \alpha_{\perp}, \quad r_x = \tau \sinh \alpha_{\perp} \cos \phi, \\ r_y = \tau \sinh \alpha_{\perp} \sin \phi, \quad r_z = \tau \sinh \alpha_{\parallel} \cosh \alpha_{\perp}.$$

$$\frac{dN_i}{d^2p_T dy} = \tau^3 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\alpha_{\parallel} \int_0^{\rho_{max}/\tau} \sinh \alpha_{\perp} d(\sinh \alpha_{\perp}) \int_0^{2\pi} d\xi (p \cdot u) f_i(p \cdot u),$$

$$p \cdot u = m_T \cosh (\alpha_{\parallel} - y) \cosh \alpha_{\perp} - p_T \cos \xi \sinh \alpha_{\perp}.$$



$$f_i(\vec{r}, \vec{q}, t) = \frac{(2s_i + 1)}{(2\pi\hbar c)^3} \frac{1}{\exp \left\{ \frac{q_\nu u^\nu(\vec{r}, t) - \mu_i(\vec{r}, t)}{T(\vec{r}, t)} \right\} \pm 1}$$