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An overview on some global trends observed in heavy ion collisions based on experimental results from AGS up to LHC energies and on similarities between pp and Pb-Pb collisions at LHC

Results obtained in collaboration with A. Pop, C. Andrei, I. Berceanu, A. Lindner, M. Tarzila



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## Outline

### > Introduction

- $\sim <p_T > /[(dN/dy)/S_J]^{1/2}$  centrality and collision energy dependence
- $\succ$  [(dN/dy)/S\_]<sup>1/2</sup> scaling
- $\rightarrow (dE_T/dy)/(dN/dy) (dN/dy)/S_{\perp}$  correlation
- > The slope of  $\varepsilon_{B_i} \cdot \tau (dN/dy)/S_{\perp}$  correlation energy dependence
- >  $(dN/dy)^{(strange and multi strange)}/(dN/dy) (dN/dy)/S_{\perp}$  correlation
- Similar studies for pp collisions and comparison with Pb-Pb collisions
- Concluding remark

### 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of high energy heavy-ion

- The high-energy heavy-ion program at LBL has started in summer 1974 (CERN Courier, June 1974)
- A University of Frankfurt group has exposed their AgCl detectors to various heavy-ion beams at energies from 250 MeV/A to 2.1 GeV/A. The observed peaks in the angular distributions of light fragments that moved with beam energy in a manner suggestive of these particles arising from shock waves, causing considerable excitement in the nuclear science community.
- After being used for several high energy experiments, the LBL streamer chamber used in the collision of 1.8-GeV/nucleon Ar on a lead oxide target, evidenced charged particle multiplicities of over 100 in such reactions.



https://escholarship.org/uc/item/8bw3436f

# **Could we unravel** the **History of the Universe**

0-10

10-15 m

**Big Bang** 

Plasma

**Ouark-Gluon** Protons& Neutrons 1013K. 10-6s 1012K, 10-4s

110<sup>-15</sup> m

Low-mass Neutral Nuclei Atoms 109K, 3 min 4000K, 105y

Star Formation 109y

Heavy Elements >109y



Today

# **based on experiments** in terrestrial laboratories ?

How to produce extreme states of nuclear matter in terrestrial laboratories ?





### **Physics motivation**



### **Theory predictions**

### String percolation

T.S.Biro, H.B.Nielsen and J.Knoll, Nucl.Phys. B245(1984)449 J.Dias de Deus and C. Pajares, Phys.Lett. B695(2011)211 I. Bautista et al., Revista Mexicana de Fisica 65(2019)197

$$\begin{split} \frac{dN}{dy} &= F(\eta)\bar{N}^s\mu\\ \eta &\equiv (r_0/R)^2\bar{N}^s \text{ - transverse string density; } \bar{N}^s \text{ - the average number of strings}\\ \mu &= (r_0/R)^2\bar{N}^s \text{ - transverse string density; } \mu \text{ - string multiplicity}\\ F(\eta) &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{1-e^{-\eta}}{\eta}}\\ \langle p_T^2 \rangle &= \langle p_T^2 \rangle_1 / F(\eta) \quad \langle p_T^2 \rangle_1 \text{ - average string transverse momentum}\\ \sqrt{\langle p_T^2 \rangle} / \sqrt{\langle dN/dy \rangle / S_\perp} \sim 1 / \sqrt{(1-e^{-\eta})} \end{split}$$

$$< p_T^2 > /[(dn/dy)/S_{\perp}] \propto < p_T^2 >_1 r_0^2 / \mu (1-e^{-\eta})$$

### CGC

### Local parton-hadron duality picture and dimensionality argument

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$$\langle p_T \rangle / \sqrt{\frac{dN}{dy} / S_\perp} \sim \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\langle p_T \rangle / \sqrt{\frac{dN}{dy} / S_\perp}$$

n - no. of charged particles from a gluon fragmentation

<u>decreases as a function of:</u> - collision energy

- <u>centrality</u>



M.Petrovici, A.Lindner and A.Pop, Phys. Rev. C 98(2018)024904

### **Experimental results**



### $[(dN/dy)/S_{\perp}]^{1/2}$ scaling



## $[(dN/dy)/S_{\perp}]^{1/2}$ scaling



M. Petrovici, A. Lindner and A. Pop, AIP Conf.Proc. 2076 (2019) 1, 040001

### Signature for phase transition ?



 $E/N \sim \epsilon/s = E_{fo}/S_{fo}$ ;  $s(T_0) = a(1/R_0^3)(dN/dy)$ 

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$$\frac{dN}{dy} \simeq \frac{3}{2} \frac{dN}{dy}^{(\pi^+ + \pi^-)} + 2 \frac{dN}{dy}^{(p+\bar{p},\Xi^- + \bar{\Xi}^+)} + \frac{dN}{dy}^{(K^+ + K^-,\Lambda + \bar{\Lambda},\Omega^- + \bar{\Omega}^+)} + 2 \frac{dN}{dy}^{K_S^0} + 2 \frac{dN}{dy}^{(\Sigma^+ + \Sigma^-)} + \frac{dN}{dy}^{(\Sigma^+ + \bar{\Sigma}^-)} + 2 \frac{dN}{dy}^{(\Sigma^- + \bar{\Sigma}^-)} + 2 \frac{$$

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$$\frac{dE_T}{dy} \simeq \frac{3}{2} (\langle m_T \rangle \frac{dN}{dy})^{(\pi^+ + \pi^-)} + 2(\langle m_T \rangle \frac{dN}{dy})^{(p + \bar{p}, \Xi^- + \bar{\Xi}^+)} + (\langle m_T \rangle \frac{dN}{dy})^{(K^+ + K^-, \Lambda + \bar{\Lambda}, \Omega^- + \bar{\Omega}^+)} + 2(\langle m_T \rangle \frac{dN}{dy})^{K_S^0} + 2(\langle m_T \rangle \frac{dN}{dy})^{(\Sigma^+ + \Sigma^-)} + 2(\langle m_T \rangle \frac{dN}{dy})^{(\Sigma^+ + \Sigma^-$$

$$\langle m_T \rangle - \rangle \langle m_T \rangle - m_0$$
- for baryonsRHIC energies: $\langle m_T \rangle - \rangle \langle m_T \rangle + m_0$ - for antibaryons $\langle m_T \rangle$ - for other particles

### $(dE_T/dy)/(dN/dy) - (dN/dy)/S_{\perp}$ correlation



# $(dE_T/dy)/(dN/dy) - (dN/dy)/S_{\perp}$ correlation - core-corona $\pi^{\pm}$ , $K^{\pm}$ , p, pbar and their neutrals



 $\varepsilon_{B_i}$  - (dN/dy)/S<sub>1</sub> correlation for A-A - centrality dependence

 $\varepsilon_{Bi} \cdot \tau = (dE_T/dy)/S_{\perp}$ 



M.Petrovici and A.Pop, Phys.Rev. C107(2023)034913

### Strangeness production - smoking gun of deconfinement

J.Rafelski and B.Muller, Phys.Rev.Lett. 48(1982)1066



K. Werner, Phys. Rev. C109(2024)014910

### Strangeness production - smoking gun of deconfinement



 $(dN/dy)^{(strange and multi strange)}/(dN/dy) - (dN/dy)/S_{\perp}$  correlation



 $(dN/dy)^{(strange and multi strange)}/(dN/dy) - (dN/dy)/S_{\perp}$  correlation central collisions



 $(dN/dy)^{(strange and multi strange antihadron)}/(dN/dy) - (dN/dy)/S_{\perp}$  correlation





### Do we see a new state of deconfined matter at LHC energies?



### Short review pp vs A-A @ LHC



C.Andrei et al., ALICE Week, PWG2-Soft Physics, 9.11.2010 C.Andrei et al., Paper draft, 14.03.2011

### Short review pp vs A-A @ LHC

 $z^{raw}$ 

0.7 - 1.3

1.4 - 2.0

2.1 - 2.9

3.0 - 4.1

4.2 - 5.1

5.2 - 6.2

6.3 - 7.4

7.5 - 8.6



C. Andrei for ALICE Collaboration, Nucl. Phys. A931(2014)888

### Short review pp vs A-A @ LHC





$$R_{pp} = 1 fm \cdot f_{pp} - \text{maximal radius for which the energy density} of the Yang-Mill fields is larger than  $\varepsilon = \alpha \Lambda_{QCD}^4 \ (\alpha \in [1, 10])$ 
$$S_{\perp}^{pp} = \pi R_{pp}^2$$
$$\alpha = 1 \qquad f_{pp} = \begin{cases} 0.387 + 0.0335x + 0.274x^2 - 0.0542x^3 & \text{if } x < 3.4 \\ 1.528 & \text{if } x > 2.4 \end{cases}$$$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x = 1 \\ x = (dN_g/dy)^{1/3} \\ dN_g/dy \approx dN/dy \end{array}$$
 1.538 if  $x \geq 3.4$ 

A. Bzdak et al., Phys.Rev. C87(2013)064906

McLarren, M. Praszalowicz and B. Schenke, Phys. Rev. C87(2013)064906

## A-A vs. pp @ LHC π, K, p



(PANIC2021), https://pos.sissa.it/380/197/.

## A-A vs. pp @ LHC $(dE_T/dy)/(dN/dy) - (dN/dy)/S_{\perp}$ and $\varepsilon_{Bj} - (dN/dy)/S_{\perp}$



M.Petrovici and A.Pop, Phys.Rev. C107(2023)034913

### A-A vs. pp @ LHC (dN/dy)<sup>(strange and multi strange)</sup>/(dN/dy) - (dN/dy)/S<sub>1</sub>



M. Petrovici and A. Pop, EuNPC 2022 A. Pop and M. Petrovici, arXiv:2402.19115[hep-ph]

Highest charged particle multiplicity in pp at midrapidity selected by "VOM" by ALICE Collaboration !!!

## $< p_T > / [(dN/dy)/S_{\perp}^{geom}]$



### What's next?



## **Concluding remark**



"We have found it of paramount importance that in order to progress we must recognize the ignorance and leave room for doubt. Scientific knowledge is a body of statements of varying degrees of certainty some most unsure, some nearly sure, none absolutely certain." <u>Richard Feynman</u> **Backup slides** 

### **Expectations based on QCD**

### QCD – non-Abelian gauge theory & asymptotic freedom

D.J.Gross, H.D.Politzer and F.Wilczek - Nobel Prize 2004

0.5

**QCD** - running coupling constant  $\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{12\pi}(33 - 2n_f)\log(Q^2/\mu^2)}$ 

**QCD** – intrinsic scale  $\Lambda^2 = \mu^2 exp[\frac{12\pi}{(33-2n_f)\alpha_s(\mu^2)}]$ 

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{12\pi}{(33 - 2n_f)\log(Q^2/\Lambda^2)}$$

 $\alpha_s$  is small  $\Rightarrow$  a perturbative description in terms of Quarks and Gluons interacting weekly



for  $Q^2 \sim \Lambda^2$ 

for  $Q^2 \gg \Lambda^2$ 

Quarks and Gluons arrange themselves in Strongly Bound Clusters - Hadrons

> Since  $\Lambda_{QCD} \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$  a phase transition is expected at:  $T \sim \Lambda_{QCD} \sim O(10^{12} \text{ K})$ or  $\rho_B \sim \Lambda_{QCD}^3 \sim 1 \text{ fm}^{-3}$



Strongly Bound Clusters Hadrons







Weekly interacting Quarks and Gluons



### pp vs. Pb-Pb @ LHC - $(dN/dy)/S_{\perp}$ scaling

Observable	α	species
$< p_T >= f([(dN/dy)/S_{\perp}]^{1/2}])$	10	$\pi, \mathrm{K}^{\text{-}}, \mathrm{K}^{0}_{\mathrm{s}}, arLambda, arLambda, arLambda$
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$< dE_T/dy > / < dN/dy > = f([(dN/dy)/S_{\perp}]^{1/2}])$	10	$\pi, \mathrm{K}^{\text{-}}, \mathrm{K}^{0}_{\mathrm{s}}, \mathrm{p}, \ arLambda, arLambda, arLambda$
Slope p <sub>T</sub> =f(mass)	1	$\pi, \mathrm{K}^{\text{-}}, \mathrm{K}^{0}_{\mathrm{s}}, \mathrm{p}, \ arLambda, arLambda, arLambda$
$<\beta_{\rm T}>$	1	$\pi, \mathrm{K}^{\text{-}}, \mathrm{K}^{0}_{\mathrm{s}}, \mathrm{p}, \ arLambda, arLambda, arLambda$
$Y^{1s(ms)}/\langle dN/dy \rangle$	1	$\mathrm{K}, \Lambda, \Xi, \Omega$

Why the offset of  $p_T = f(mass)$  and  $T^{f_0}_{kin}$  from BGBW fits do not scale ?



pp vs. Pb-Pb @ LHC

System	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	Cen. (%)	$\langle N_{ m part}  angle$	$S_{\perp}^{ m geom}$ (fm <sup>2</sup> )	$S_{\perp}^{ m var}$ (fm <sup>2</sup> )	$f_{ m core}$	$(S_{\perp}^{\text{geom}})^{\text{core}}$ (fm <sup>2</sup> )	$(S_{\perp}^{ m var})^{ m core} \ ({ m fm}^2)$	dN/dy
Ph-Ph	2760	0-5	$3825 \pm 31$	$166.9 \pm 0.7$	$170.7 \pm 0.7$	$0.94 \pm 0.00$	$146.0 \pm 0.7$	$148.0 \pm 0.6$	$2837.0 \pm 144.0$
1010	2700	5-10	$329.4 \pm 4.9$	$146.1 \pm 0.7$	$154.7 \pm 0.0$	$0.90 \pm 0.00$	$121.9 \pm 0.7$	$126.5 \pm 0.5$	$2345.5 \pm 112.4$
		10-20	$259.9 \pm 2.9$	$119.8 \pm 0.8$	$132.4 \pm 0.6$	$0.86 \pm 0.00$	$96.3 \pm 0.7$	$102.7 \pm 0.3$	$1763.2 \pm 84.8$
		20-30	$185.4 \pm 3.9$	$92.9 \pm 0.8$	$107.5 \pm 0.5$	$0.81 \pm 0.00$	$71.5 \pm 0.8$	$78.4 \pm 0.3$	$1195.8 \pm 54.2$
		30-40	$128.1 \pm 3.3$	$71.4 \pm 0.8$	$87.2 \pm 0.4$	$0.76 \pm 0.00$	$52.4 \pm 0.8$	$59.7 \pm 0.2$	$784.8 \pm 35.9$
		40–50	$84.2 \pm 2.6$	$53.7 \pm 0.8$	$70.3 \pm 0.3$	$0.70 \pm 0.00$	$37.2 \pm 0.8$	$44.8 \pm 0.2$	$482.7 \pm 21.4$
		50-60	$52.1 \pm 2.0$	$38.6 \pm 0.8$	$56.1 \pm 0.3$	$0.63 \pm 0.00$	$24.7 \pm 0.9$	$33.1 \pm 0.1$	$274.8 \pm 12.5$
		60–70	$29.5 \pm 1.3$	$25.7\pm0.8$	$43.6 \pm 0.2$	$0.54 \pm 0.00$	$14.6 \pm 0.9$	$23.8 \pm 0.1$	$141.8 \pm 5.4$
		70–80	$14.9\pm0.6$	$14.2\pm0.8$	$30.8\pm0.2$	$0.43\pm0.00$	$6.4\pm0.7$	$15.1 \pm 0.1$	$67.2 \pm 3.0$
Pb-Pb	5020	0–5	$385 \pm 2$	$170.2 \pm 0.7$	$174.2 \pm 0.7$	$0.94\pm0.00$	$149.0 \pm 0.7$	$151.5 \pm 0.6$	$3320.6 \pm 131.4$
		5-10	$333 \pm 4$	$149.2 \pm 0.7$	$158.5 \pm 0.6$	$0.90\pm0.00$	$124.4 \pm 0.7$	$129.9 \pm 0.5$	$2698.7 \pm 117.2$
		10-20	$263 \pm 4$	$122.4 \pm 0.8$	$135.8 \pm 0.6$	$0.86\pm0.00$	$98.1 \pm 0.7$	$105.6 \pm 0.4$	$2042.5 \pm 84.7$
		20-30	$188 \pm 3$	$94.9\pm0.8$	$110.5 \pm 0.5$	$0.82\pm0.00$	$72.9\pm0.7$	$80.8\pm0.3$	$1401.4 \pm 62.9$
		30–40	$131 \pm 2$	$73.4 \pm 0.8$	$90.0 \pm 0.4$	$0.77 \pm 0.00$	$53.8\pm0.8$	$61.8 \pm 0.3$	$931.0 \pm 44.5$
		40-50	$86.3 \pm 1.7$	$55.7\pm0.8$	$73.1 \pm 0.3$	$0.71\pm0.00$	$38.6\pm0.8$	$46.9 \pm 0.2$	$588.6 \pm 27.8$
		50-60	$53.6 \pm 1.2$	$40.7\pm0.8$	$58.7\pm0.3$	$0.63\pm0.00$	$26.3\pm0.8$	$34.9\pm0.2$	$346.9 \pm 26.1$
		60–70	$30.0\pm0.8$	$27.9\pm0.8$	$45.9\pm0.2$	$0.54\pm0.01$	$16.2\pm0.8$	$25.5 \pm 0.1$	$186.1 \pm 26.0$
		▶ 70–80	$15.6\pm0.5$	$16.6 \pm 0.7$	$33.0\pm0.2$	$0.43\pm0.01$	$7.7\pm0.7$	$17.0 \pm 0.1$	$93.5 \pm 27.4$

$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV)	dN/dy	$S_{\perp}$ (	$S_{\perp}$ (fm <sup>2</sup> )			
( <i>pp</i> )		$\alpha = 1$	$\alpha = 10$			
7	→ 82.1 ± 2.8	$7.43 \pm 0.48$	$4.30 \pm 0.36$			
	$70.2 \pm 2.2$ 59.4 ± 1.7	$7.43 \pm 0.41$ $7.43 \pm 0.35$	$4.30 \pm 0.31$ $4.30 \pm 0.27$			
	$48.8 \pm 1.3$	$7.43 \pm 0.30$ 7 39 ± 0.02	$4.30 \pm 0.23$ $4.20 \pm 0.02$			
	$26.8 \pm 0.6$	$6.89 \pm 0.02$	$4.20 \pm 0.02$ $3.80 \pm 0.03$			
	$18.2 \pm 0.4$ $10.8 \pm 0.2$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.94 \pm 0.06 \\ 4.58 \pm 0.06 \end{array}$	$3.16 \pm 0.04$ $2.29 \pm 0.04$			



### pp vs. Pb-Pb @ LHC - hydro models

Pb-Pb, 5.02 TeV

 $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta = 100$ 



 T = 200 MeV
 T = 155 MeV T = 100 MeV  $\tau_0$  [fm/c]  $\tau-\tau_0 \; [fm/c]$  T = 200 MeV
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p-p, 5.02 TeV

 $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta = 100$ 

p-p, 5.02 TeV

 $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta = 20$ 

p-Pb, 5.02 TeV

 $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta = 100$ 

U. Heinz et al., Journal of Physics: Conf. Series 1271(2019)012018