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Scaling properties of negative particle production in Au+Au collisions from BES-I at RHIC

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- > Summary





Search for signatures of a phase transition in nuclear matter produced in heavy ion collisions at high energies

Systematic analysis of hadron spectra in pp, pA and AA collisions to search for general features of structure, interaction and fragmentation over a wide scale range

#### z-Scaling as a tool in high energy physics

Development of z-scaling approach for description of hadron production in AA collisions and verification of self-similarity principle

New analysis of STAR data on negative particle spectra in AuAu collisions from BES-I

- Verification of scaling properties of spectra in z-presentation
- Development of microscopic scenario of hadron production in AA

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### Fundamental principles and symmetries



"Fundamental symmetry principles dictate the basic laws of physics, control the structure of matter, and define the fundamental forces in Nature."

Leon M. Lederman

Self-similarity is a property of physical phenomena and the principle to construct theories.

"Scaling" and "Universality" are concepts developed to understanding critical phenomena. Scaling means that systems near the critical points exhibiting self-similar properties are invariant under transformation of a scale. According to universality, quite different systems behave in a remarkably similar fashion near the respective critical points. Critical exponents are defined only by symmetry of interactions and dimension of the space. H.Stanley, G.Barenblatt,...





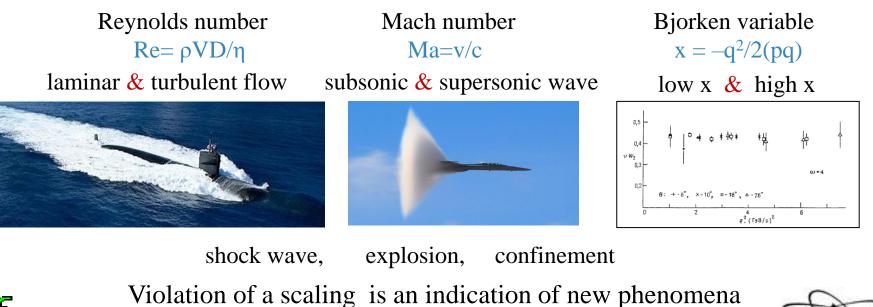
### Self-similarity

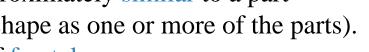
- > A self-similar object is exactly or approximately similar to a part of itself (i.e. the whole has the same shape as one or more of the parts).
- Self-similarity is a typical property of fractals.  $\succ$

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Scale invariance is an exact form of self-similarity where at any magnification there is a smaller piece of the object that is similar to the whole.

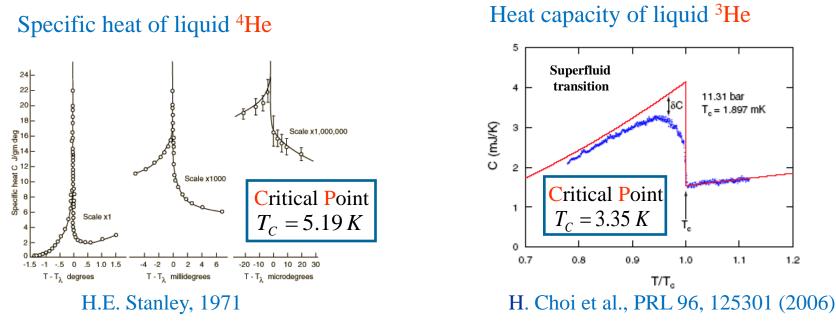
#### Description of a process in terms of a scaling function and similarity parameter







### Discontinuity of specific heat near a Critical Point



- Near a critical point the singular part of thermo-dynamic potentials is a Generalized Homogeneous Function (GHF).
- > The Gibbs potential  $G(\lambda^{a_{\varepsilon}}\varepsilon, \lambda^{a_{p}}p) = \lambda G(\varepsilon, p)$  is GHF of  $(\varepsilon, p)$ .

$$c_v \sim \epsilon / \epsilon^{-\alpha}$$
  $\epsilon \equiv (T - T_c) / T_c$   $c_v = -T (d^2 G / dT^2)$ 

Critical exponents define the behavior of thermo-dynamical quantities nearby the Critical Point.

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### Self-similarity: z-scaling

Inclusive cross sections of  $\pi^-$ , K<sup>-</sup>,  $\bar{p}$ ,  $\Lambda$ in pp collisions

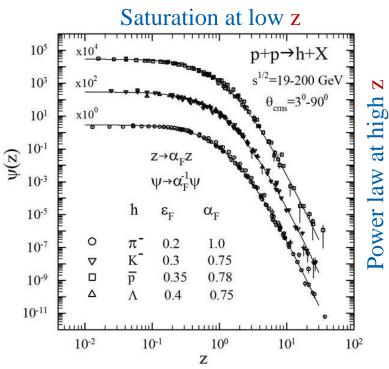
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ISR:

NPB 100 (1975) 237 PLB 64 (1976) 111 NPB 116 (1976) 77 (low p<sub>T</sub>) NPB 56 (1973) 333 (small angles)

#### STAR:

PLB 616 (2005) 8 PLB 637 (2006) 161 PRC 75 (2007) 064901



- Energy & angular independence
  - > Flavor independence  $(\pi, K, \bar{p}, \Lambda)$
  - ➢ Saturation for z < 0.1</p>
- > Power law  $\Psi(z) \sim z^{-\beta}$  for high z > 4

Energy scan of spectra at U70, ISR, Sp̄pS, SPS, HERA, FNAL(fixed target), Tevatron, RHIC, LHC

MT & I.Zborovsky T.Dedovich Phys.Rev.D75,094008(2007) Int.J.Mod.Phys.A24,1417(2009) J. Phys.G: Nucl.Part.Phys. 37,085008(2010) Int.J.Mod.Phys.A27,1250115(2012) J.Mod.Phys.3,815(2012)



Scaling – "collapse" of data points onto a single curve. Universality classes – hadron species ( $\epsilon_F$ ,  $\alpha_F$ ).



### Self-similarity of strangeness production in pp at RHIC 8

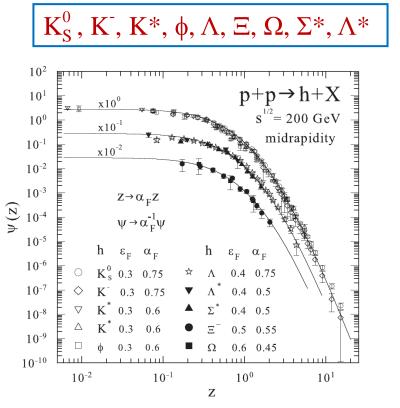
#### Universality: flavor independence of the scaling function

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Solid line for  $\pi^-$  meson is a reference frame

$$\varepsilon_{\pi} = 0.2, \quad \alpha_{\pi} = 1$$

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- Energy independence
- Angular independence
- Flavor independence
- Saturation for z < 0.01

- **>** Power law  $\Psi(z) \sim z^{-\beta}$  at large z
- $\succ \epsilon_{\rm F}, \alpha_{\rm F}$  independent of  $p_{\rm T}, s^{1/2}$



- > Energy independence of  $\Psi(z)$  (s<sup>1/2</sup> > 20 GeV)
- > Angular independence of  $\Psi(z)$  ( $\theta_{cms}=3^{0}-90^{0}$ )
- > Multiplicity independence of  $\Psi(z)$  (dN<sub>ch</sub>/d $\eta$ =1.5-26)
- Saturation of  $\Psi(z)$  at low z (z < 0.1)
- > Power law,  $\Psi(z) \sim z^{-\beta}$ , at high z (z > 4)
- Flavor independence of  $\Psi(z)$  ( $\pi$ ,K, $\phi$ , $\Lambda$ ,..,D,J/ $\psi$ ,B, $\Upsilon$ ,..., top)

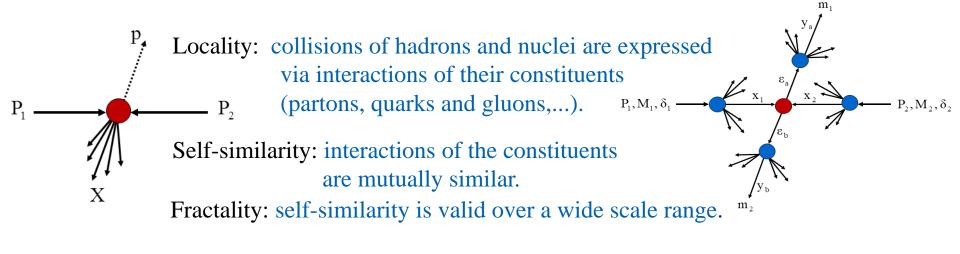
These properties reflect self-similarity, locality, and fractality of hadron interactions at a constituent level. It concerns the structure of the colliding objects, constituent interactions and fragmentation process.





### z-Scaling

Principles: locality, self-similarity, fractality



#### Hypothesis of z-scaling :

 $s^{1/2}$ ,  $p_T$ ,  $\theta_{cms}$ 

Inclusive particle distributions can be described in terms of constituent sub-processes and parameters characterizing bulk properties of the system.

 $Ed^3\sigma/dp^3$ 

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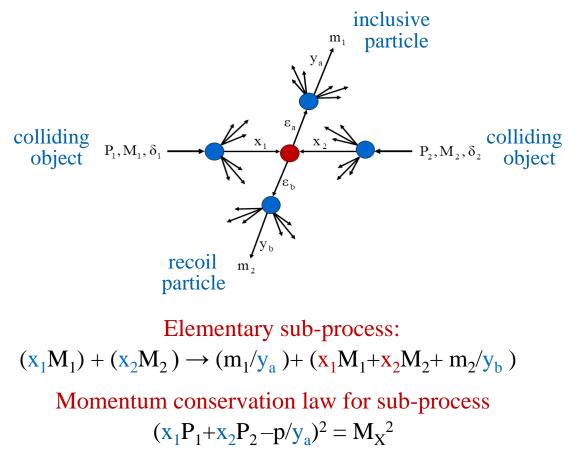
Scaled inclusive cross section of particles depends in a self-similar way on a single scaling variable z.  $x_1, x_2, y_a, y_b$  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \varepsilon_a, \varepsilon_b, c$ 

 $\Psi(z)$ 



### Locality

## Collisions of colliding objects are expressed via interactions of their constituents



Mass of recoil system

 $M_X = x_1 M_1 + x_2 M_2 + m_2 / y_b$ 

 $P_1, P_2, p$  – momenta of colliding and produced particles

 $M_1, M_2, m_1$  – masses of colliding and produced particles

 $x_1, x_2$  – momentum fractions of colliding particles carried by constituents

 $y_a, y_b$  – momentum fractions of scattered constituents carried by inclusive particle and its recoil  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  – fractal dimensions of colliding particles

 $\epsilon_a, \epsilon_b$  – fractal dimensions of scattered constituents (fragmentation dimensions)  $m_2$  – mass of recoil particle

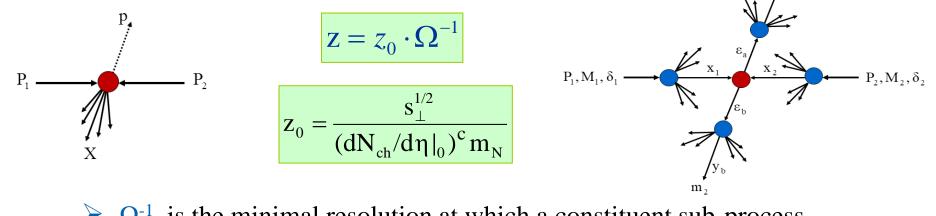
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#### Interactions of constituents are mutually similar

The self-similarity parameter z is a dimensionless quantity, expressed through the dimensional values  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , p,  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , characterizing the process of inclusive particle production  $m_1$ 

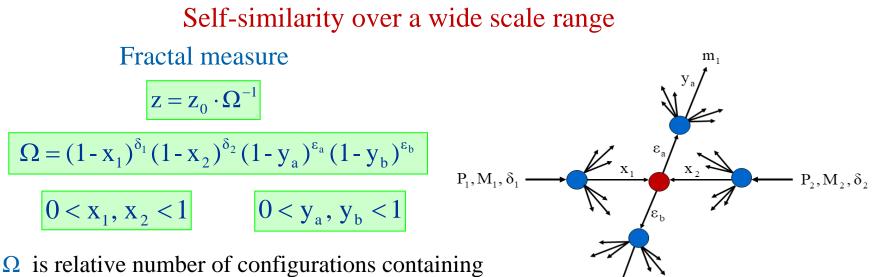


- $\Omega^{-1}$  is the minimal resolution at which a constituent sub-process can be singled out of the inclusive reaction
- >  $s_{\perp}^{1/2}$  is the transverse kinetic energy of the sub-process consumed on production of  $m_1 \& m_2$

 $> dN_{ch}/d\eta|_0$  is the multiplicity density of charged particles at  $\eta = 0$ 

- c is a parameter interpreted as a "specific heat" of created medium
- $\geq$  m<sub>N</sub> is an arbitrary constant (fixed at the value of nucleon mass)

### Fractality



 $\mathbf{m}_{2}$ 

a sub-process with fractions  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $y_a$ ,  $y_b$  of the corresponding 4-momenta

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 $\delta_1, \delta_2, \epsilon_a, \epsilon_b$  are parameters characterizing structure of the colliding objects and fragmentation process, respectively

 $\Omega^{-1}(x_1, x_2, y_a, y_b)$  characterizes resolution at which a constituent subprocess can be singled out of the inclusive reaction

The fractal measure z diverges as the resolution  $\Omega^{-1}$  increases.

$$z(\Omega)|_{\Omega^{-1}\to\infty}\to\infty$$



Principle of minimal resolution: The momentum fractions  $x_1, x_2$ and  $y_a, y_b$  are determined in a way to minimize the resolution  $\Omega^{-1}$  of the fractal measure z with respect to all constituent sub-processes taking into account 4-momentum conservation law:

Momentum conservation law

$$(x_1P_1 + x_2P_2 - p/y_a)^2 = M_X^2$$

$$\begin{cases} \partial \Omega / \partial x_1 |_{y_a = y_a(x_1, x_2, y_b)} = 0\\ \partial \Omega / \partial x_2 |_{y_a = y_a(x_1, x_2, y_b)} = 0\\ \partial \Omega / \partial y_b |_{y_a = y_a(x_1, x_2, y_b)} = 0 \end{cases}$$

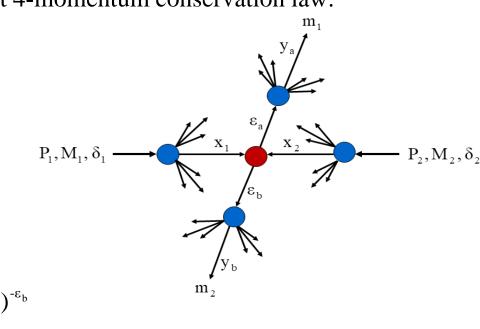
Resolution of sub-process  $Ω^{-1} = (1 - x_1)^{-\delta_1} (1 - x_2)^{-\delta_2} (1 - y_a)^{-\epsilon_a} (1 - y_b)^{-\epsilon_b}$ 

> Mass of recoil system  $M_X = x_1 M_1 + x_2 M_2 + m_2/y_b$

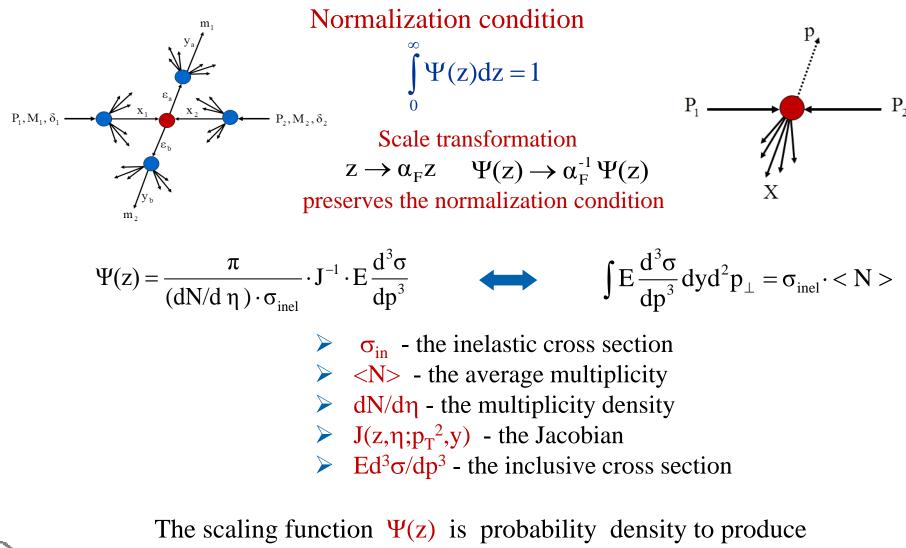
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Fractions  $x_1, x_2, y_a, y_b$  are expressed via Lorentz invariants – scalar products of 4-D momenta and particle masses.





### Scaling function $\Psi(z)$



the inclusive particle with the corresponding z.



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### Self-similarity of h hadron production in pp collisions

pp is of interest by itself:
- verification and search for new features
- search for a phase transition with different probes
pp interactions is a reference frame for pA and AA physics

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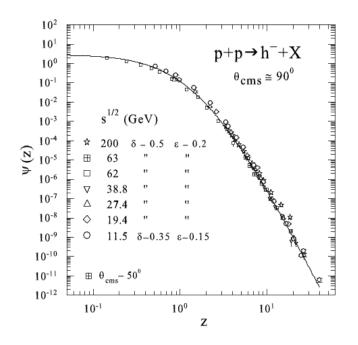
# Self-similarity parameter $z = z_0 \Omega^{-1}$ $z_0 = \frac{s_\perp^{1/2}}{(dN_{ch}/d\eta|_0)^c m_N}$ $\Omega = (1 - x_1)^{\delta} (1 - x_2)^{\delta} (1 - y_a)^{\epsilon_F} (1 - y_b)^{\epsilon_F}$

- >  $dN_{ch}/d\eta|_0$  multiplicity density
- ➤ c "specific heat" of bulk matter
- >  $\delta$  proton fractal dimension
- $\succ$   $\epsilon_{\rm F}$  fragmentation fractal dimension

#### Scaling function

$$\Psi(z) = \frac{\pi}{(dN/d\eta) \cdot \sigma_{inel}} \cdot J^{-1} \cdot E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3}$$

#### "Collapse" of data onto a single curve



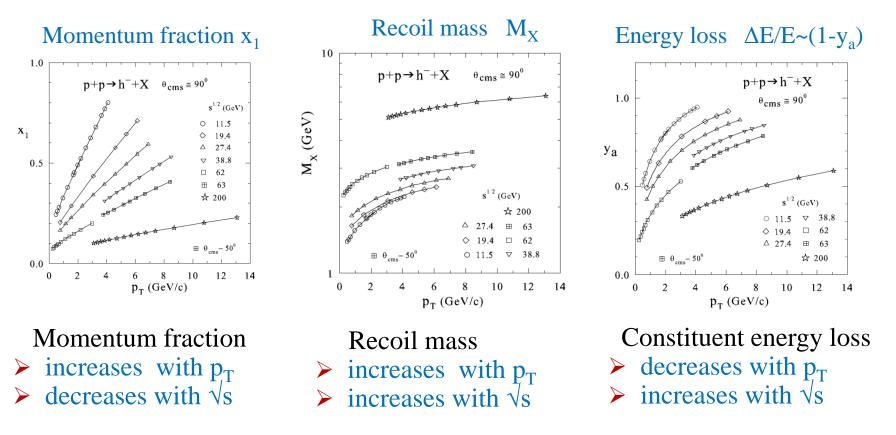
- Energy independence of  $\Psi(z)$
- > Centrality independence of  $\Psi(z)$
- Power law at high z
- Saturation at low **z**



Universality: the same shape of  $\Psi$  vs.  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  $p_T$ 



Constituent level of particle production in terms of



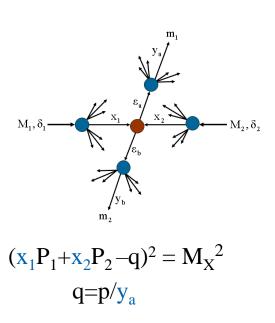
> pp is a reference frame for pA and AA

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- $\triangleright$  physics at high  $x_1$  and  $p_T \rightarrow$  nearby a kinematic boundary
- > asymptotic behavior of  $\Psi(z)$  at high  $z \rightarrow$  power law

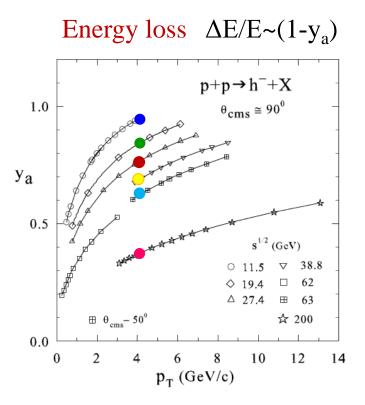


### Constituent energy loss in pp



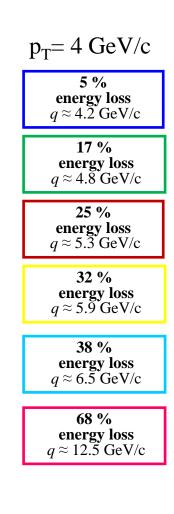
- p momentum of produced hadron
- q momentum of scattered constituent

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- $\blacktriangleright$  decreases with  $p_T$
- $\blacktriangleright \quad \text{increases with } \sqrt{s}$



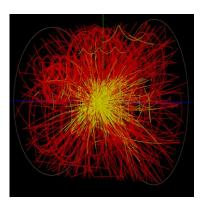


### Search for scaling features in AuAu at RHIC

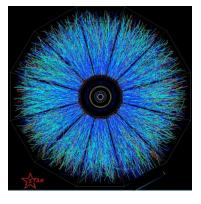
Probing a microscopic structure of a hot and high density nuclear matter at multiple length scales

Self-similarity of hadron production

RHIC beam energy scan with Au+Au:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7, 11.5, 14.5, 19.6, 27, 39, 62, 130, 200 \text{ GeV}$ 









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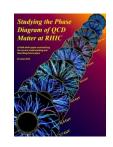
### Fundamental principles and symmetries

Phase transition and critical phenomena in usual matter (gas, liquid, solid)

"Scaling" and "Universality" are concepts developed to understanding critical phenomena. Scaling means that systems near the critical points exhibiting selfsimilar properties are invariant under transformation of a scale. According to universality, quite different systems behave in a remarkably similar fashion near the respective critical points. Critical exponents are defined only by symmetry of interactions and dimension of the space.

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#### Phase transition and critical phenomena in nuclear matter



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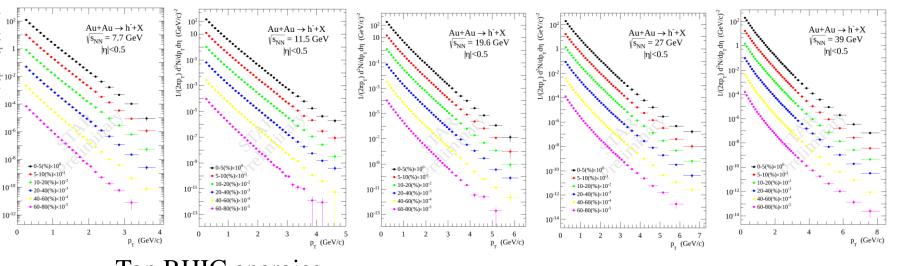
The idea is to vary the collision energy and look for the signatures of QCD phase boundary and QCD critical point i.e. to span the phase diagram from the top RHIC energy (lower  $\mu_B$ ) to the lowest possible energy (higher  $\mu_B$ ). To look for the phase boundary, we would study the established signatures of QGP at 200 GeV as a function of beam energy. Turn-off of these signatures at particular energy would suggest the crossing of phase boundary. Similarly, near critical point, there would be enhanced fluctuations in multiplicity distributions of conserved quantities (net-charge, net-baryon).

STAR collaboration

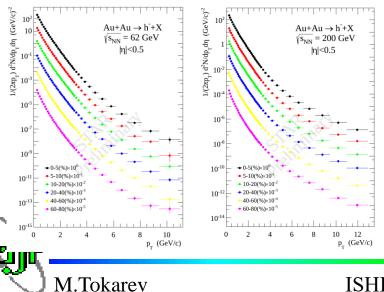


#### Transverse momentum spectra in Au+Au

**BES-I** energies



#### Top RHIC energies



/(2πp\_) d<sup>2</sup>N/dp

Wide kinematic and dynamical range of particle production:

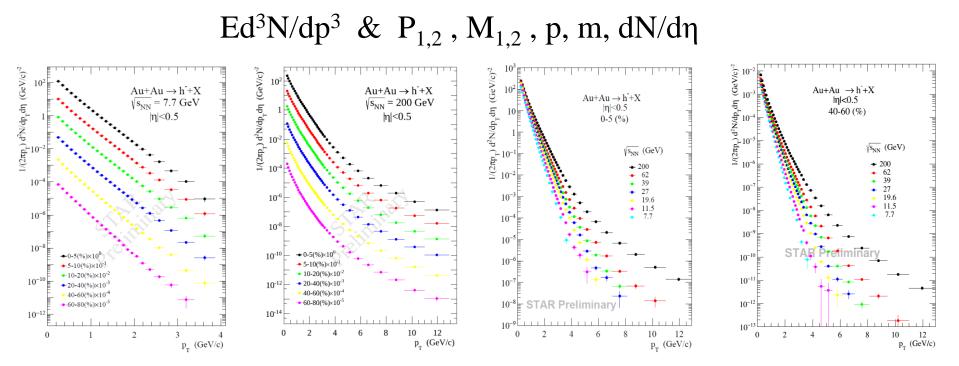
- ▶ Beam energy  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7-200 \text{ GeV}$
- ► Centrality 80% 5% ( $dN_{ch}/d\eta \mid_0 \approx 10-600$ )
- > Transverse momentum  $p_T = 0.2-12 \text{ GeV/c}$

Unprecedented conditions to search for new phenomena in nuclear matter produced in heavy ion collisions.



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#### Au+Au Spectra vs. dimensional measurable



- Centrality dependence of spectra
   Exponential behavior of spectra
- at low  $p_T$  for all energies  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$
- > Power behavior of spectra at high  $p_T$  and energy  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

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 Energy dependence of spectra
 Difference of yields at various energies strongly increases with p<sub>T</sub> for all centralities

The particle yield changes by 7-9 orders of magnitude



Self-similarity parameter

$$z = z_0 \Omega^{-1}$$
$$z_0 = \frac{s_{\perp}^{1/2}}{(dN_{ch}/d\eta|_0)^c m_N}$$

$$\Omega = (1 - x_1)^{\delta_{A_1}} (1 - x_2)^{\delta_{A_2}} (1 - y_a)^{\varepsilon} (1 - y_b)^{\varepsilon}$$

- $ightarrow dN_{ch}/d\eta|_0$  multiplicity density
- $\succ$  c<sub>AA</sub> "specific heat" of bulk matter
- >  $\delta_A$  nucleus fractal dimension
- $\succ$   $\epsilon_{AA}$  fragmentation dimension

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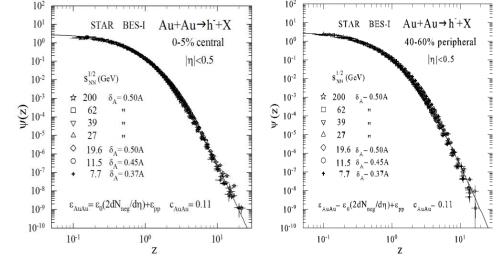
#### AA collisions:

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$$o_{A} = Ao$$
  
 $\varepsilon_{AA} = \varepsilon_{0} (dN_{AA}/d\eta) + \varepsilon_{pp}$ 

$$\Psi(z) = \frac{\pi}{(dN/d\eta) \sigma_{inel}} J^{-1}E \frac{d^3 \sigma}{dp}$$

#### "Collapse" of data points onto a single curve



- Energy independence of  $\Psi(z)$
- $\succ$  Centrality independence of  $\Psi(z)$
- $\blacktriangleright \quad \text{Dependence of } \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{AA} \text{ on multiplicity}$
- Power law at low- and high-z regions

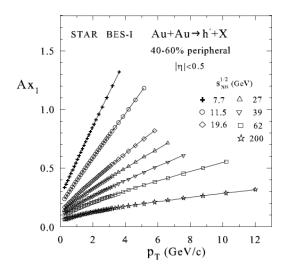
Indication of the decrease of  $\delta$  for  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 19.6 \text{ GeV}$ 



### Self-similarity of h<sup>-</sup> production in peripheral Au+Au<sup>25</sup>

#### Constituent level of particle production in terms of

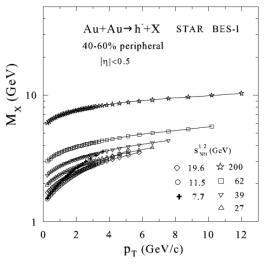
#### Momentum fraction Ax 1



Momentum fraction
 increases with p<sub>T</sub>
 decreases with √s<sub>NN</sub>

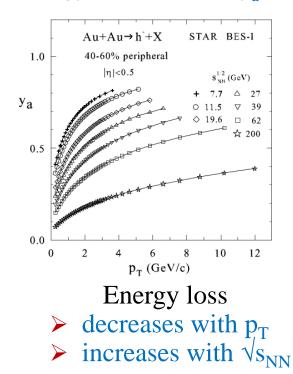
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Recoil mass
 increases with p<sub>T</sub>
 increases with √s<sub>NN</sub>

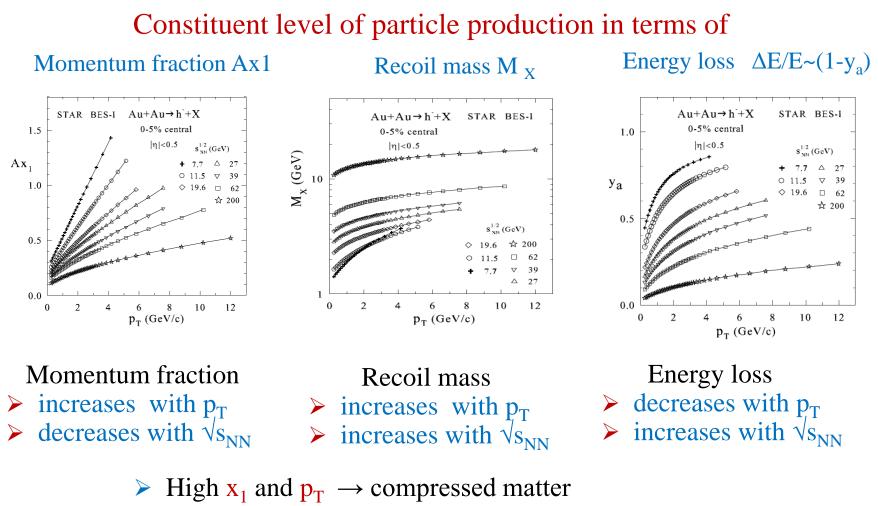
Energy loss  $\Delta E/E \sim (1-y_a)$ 



- > High  $x_1$  and  $p_T \rightarrow$  compressed matter
- > High  $y_a \rightarrow$  low energy loss, clear PT & CP signatures



### Self-similarity of h<sup>-</sup> production in central Au+Au



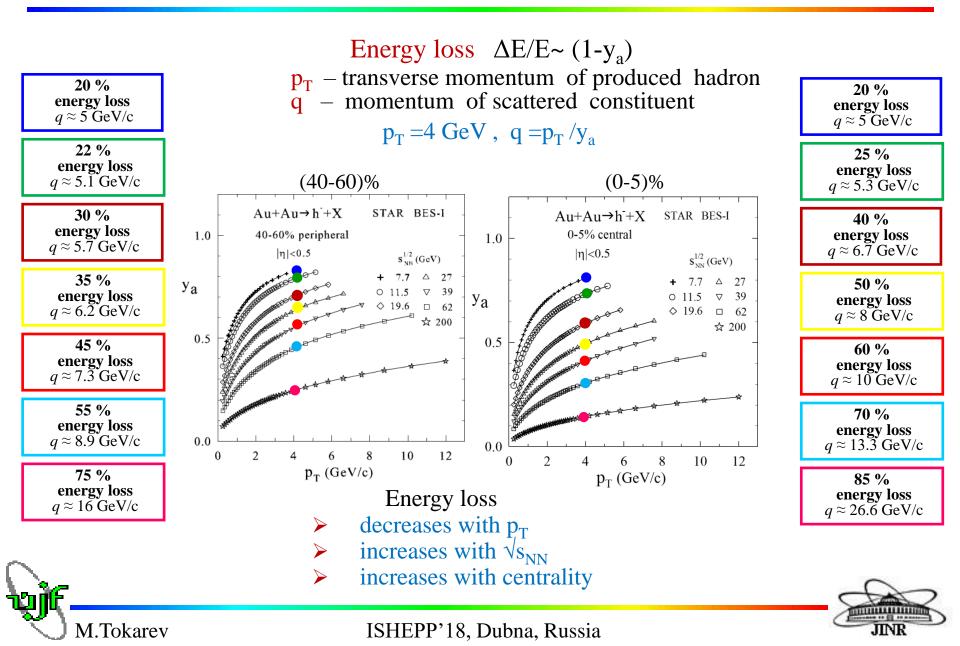
 $\succ$  Large  $M_X \rightarrow$  high density recoil system

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> High  $y_a \rightarrow$  low energy loss, clear PT & CP signatures

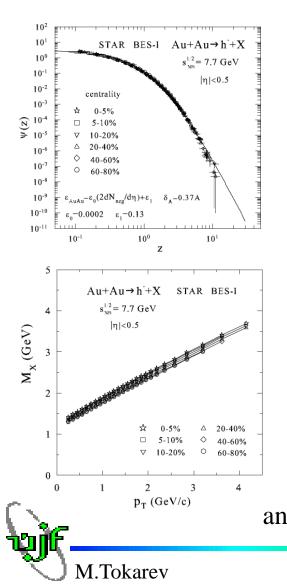
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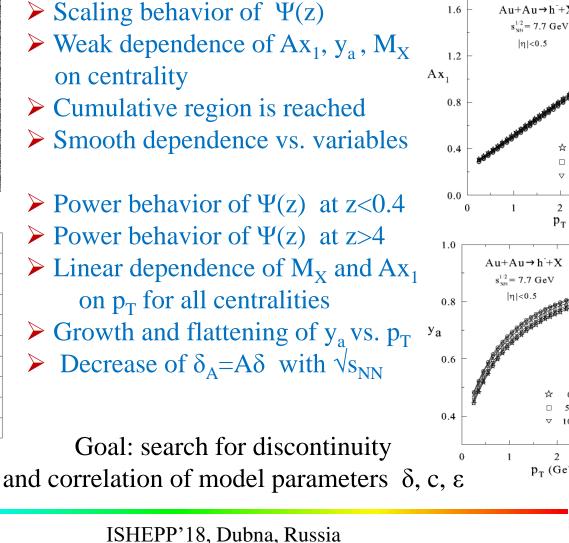
#### Constituent energy loss in Au+Au

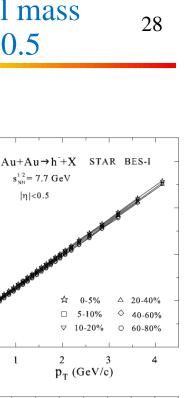


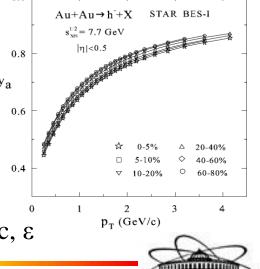
#### Scaling function, momentum fractions and recoil mass vs. centrality and $p_T$ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7 \text{ GeV } \& |\eta| < 0.5$

 $Au + Au \rightarrow h^{-} + X$ 



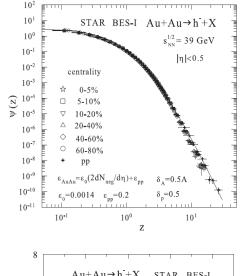






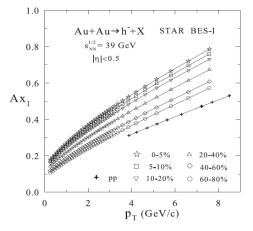
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## Scaling function, momentum fractions and recoil mass vs. centrality and $p_T$ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 39$ GeV & $|\eta| < 0.5$

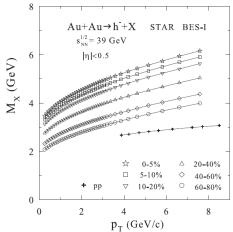


#### $Au+Au \rightarrow h^-+X$

- Scaling behavior of  $\Psi(z)$
- Strong dependence of Ax<sub>1</sub>, y<sub>a</sub>, M<sub>X</sub> on centrality
- Cumulative region is not reached
- Smooth dependence vs. variables

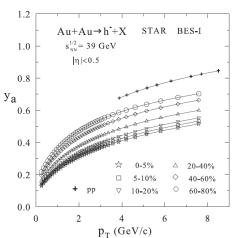


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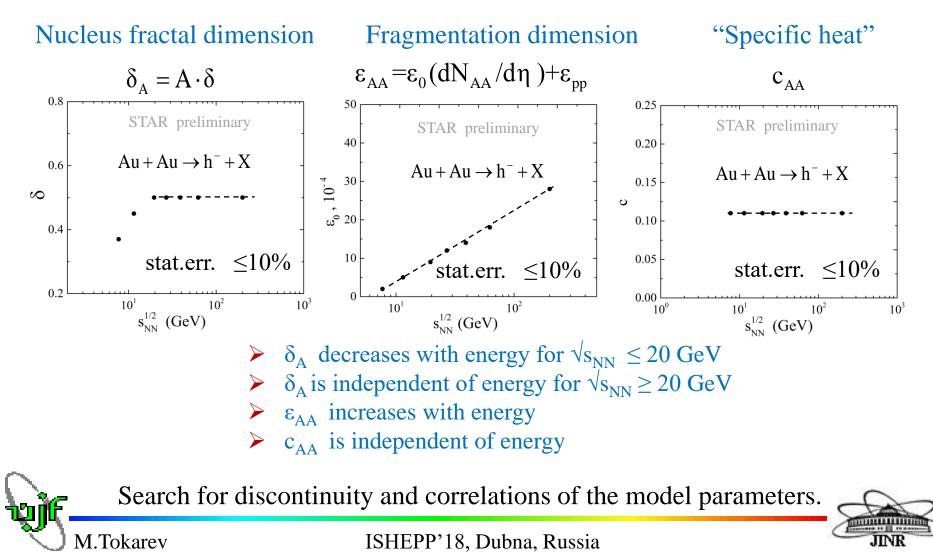
- Power behavior of Ψ(z) at z<0.4</li>
   Power behavior of Ψ(z) at z>4
   Growth of Ax<sub>1</sub>, y<sub>a</sub>, and M<sub>X</sub> on p<sub>T</sub> for all centralities
   Independence of δ<sub>A</sub>=Aδ on √s<sub>NN</sub>
- Goal: search for discontinuity and correlation of model parameters  $\delta$ , c,  $\epsilon$





### Model parameters: $\delta_A$ , $\epsilon_{AA}$ , $c_{AA}$

Parameters  $\delta_A$ ,  $\epsilon_{AA}$ ,  $c_{AA}$  are determined from the requirement of scaling behavior of  $\Psi$  as a function of self-similarity parameter z



### Conclusions

- New results of analysis of experimental data on negative hadrons produced in Au+Au collisions at RHIC from BES-I program in the framework of z-scaling were presented.
- New confirmation of scaling properties of data z-presentation in AA collisions were obtained.
- The dependence of momentum fractions, recoil mass vs. collision energy, centrality and transverse momentum was studied.
- The constituent energy loss for a wide kinematic range and centrality of events was estimated.
- > STAR BES-I data in z-presentation demonstrate smooth behavior vs. a collision energy, centrality over a wide range of  $p_T$ .
- > Discontinuities of model parameters fractal dimensions  $\delta_A$ ,  $\epsilon_{AA}$  and "heat capacity"  $c_{AA}$ , are not visible.
- Parameter correlations as signatures of phase transition and Critical Point were discussed.

The obtained results can be of interest in searching for a Critical Point and signatures of phase transition in nuclear matter produced at SPS, RHIC and LHC in present, and FAIR & NICA in future.



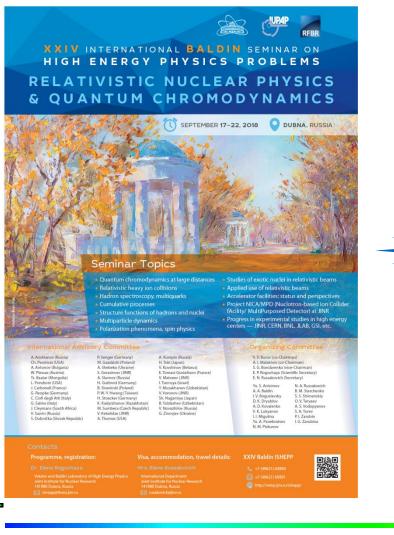
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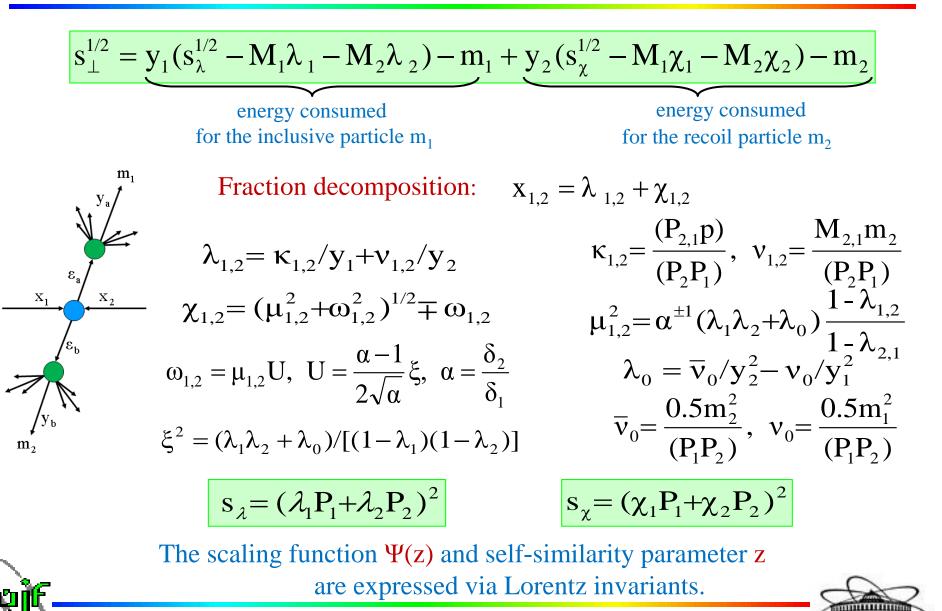








### Transverse kinetic energy $\sqrt{s}$



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