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Ratios of the average transverse energy density for ϕ , K^+ , K^- and K^* mesons in the range $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 39 \text{ GeV} - 2.76 \text{ TeV}$ and hypothesis of a common production source

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We investigate the collision energy dependence of the average transverse energy $\langle dE_t/dy \rangle$ at midrapidity registered at midrapidity ($|y| < 0.5$) for identified particles (ϕ , K^+ , K^- and K^* mesons) produced in central Au+Au and Pb+Pb collisions over a broad energy range from RHIC to LHC (39 GeV – 5020 GeV). Resonances like ϕ and K^* have different hadronic cross sections, masses and lifetimes and can be used to study the properties and evolution of the hot and dense QGP medium produced in high energy nucleus-nucleus collisions. Of a peculiar interest is the mechanisms of production of these particles, containing one strange quark.

We present in this report our results of calculations of the average transverse energy at midrapidity using the published data on particle density $\langle dN/dy \rangle$ and the mean transverse momenta $\langle p_t \rangle$ for K^+ , K^- and K^* mesons formed in very central (0–5%) Au+Au and Pb+Pb collisions. We found that, similar to our previous studies for Ω and Λ baryons, the ratio of the average transverse energy density to the particle density is a function of the form $\sim Q(s_{NN})^n$. Our primary discovery is that the power-law exponent n is statistically indistinguishable for strange-hyperons. This universal behavior leads to an important property: the ratios of the average transverse energy densities in nucleus collisions are practically constant from RHIC to LHC.

We discuss this observed energy independence of ratios of transverse energies within the framework of the multipomeron exchange gluon string tension parameter (t_{eff}) of the model.

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