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Talk:
Probing Hydrodynamics at 7.7 GeV: Model Comparisons of the Bulk Properties
of Au+Au Collisions.

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MOTIVATION

Why studying hydrodynamics at 7.7 GeV?

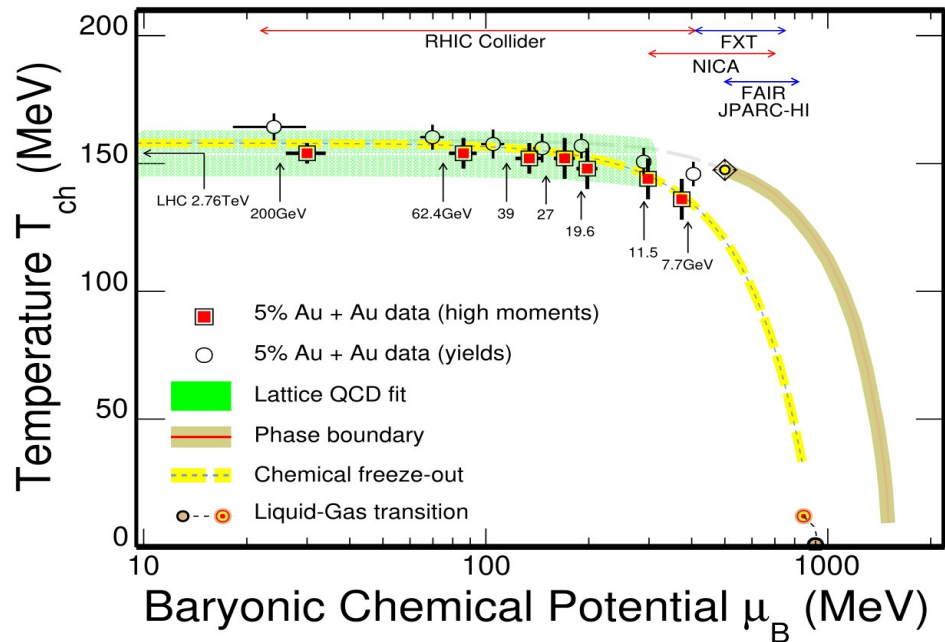


Fig1 [1]: A summary of the chemical freeze-out temperature $T_{ch}(\mu_B)$ distribution. Data points are from the 0-5% central Au+Au collisions at STAR BES.

Challenges we still have:

- Baryon stopping and large net-baryon density.
- Non-equilibrium dynamics and applicability of hydrodynamics ?
- Initial conditions and geometry differences
- Equation of State at finite μ_B , hadronic rescattering, freeze-out dynamics.
- Event-generators limitations below ~ 10 GeV

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} \approx 7.7 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\mu_B \sim 1000 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T \sim 150 \text{ MeV}$$

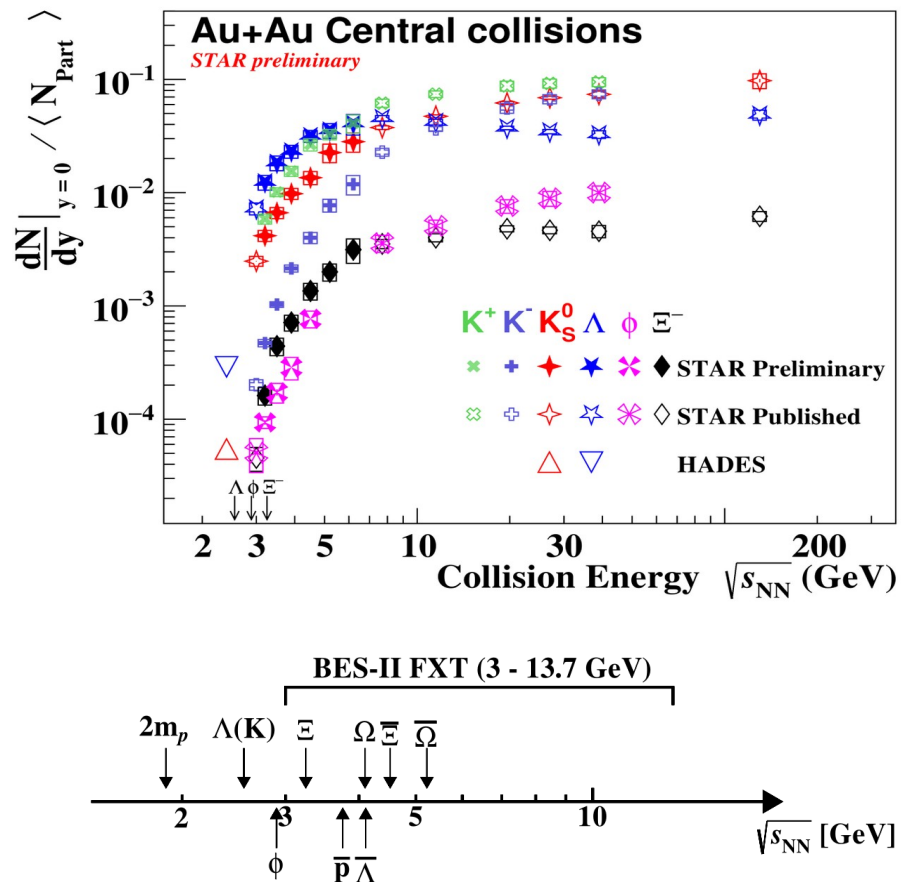
$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 2.76 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\mu_B < 10 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T \sim 150 \text{ MeV}$$

PREVIOUS RESULTS

Strange Particles Production Near The Threshold



Rich structure in strangeness excitation functions.

➤ Production mechanisms are different at low and high energies (high and low baryon density).

Partonic interaction (pair production)

$gg \rightarrow ss$ or $qq \rightarrow ss$

Hadronic interaction (associated production)

$BB \rightarrow BYK$ or $BB \rightarrow BEKK$

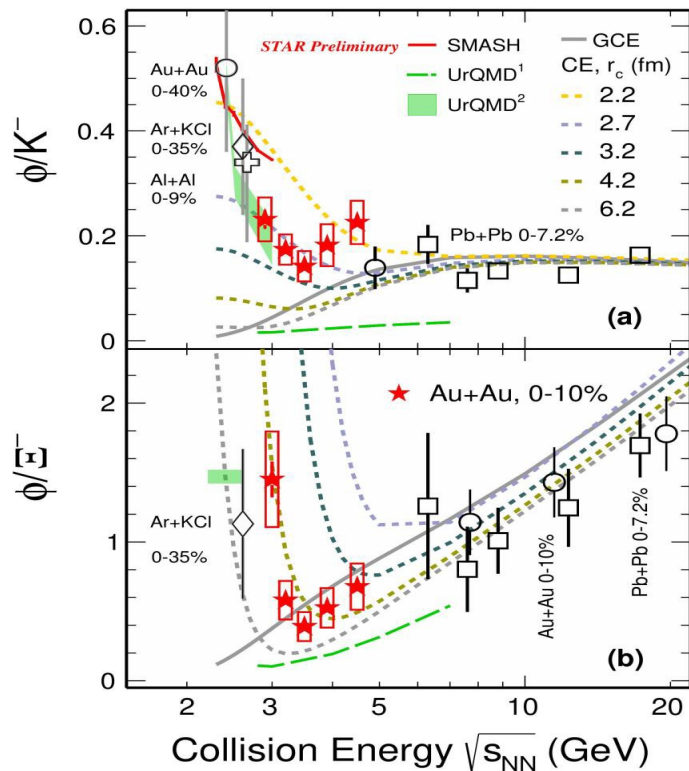
B: N, p, Λ , etc. Y: Λ , Σ , etc. K: K^+ , K^0

➤ Baryon-dominated to meson-dominated transitions
 Ks^0 and Λ mid-rapidity yield cross at ~ 8 GeV.

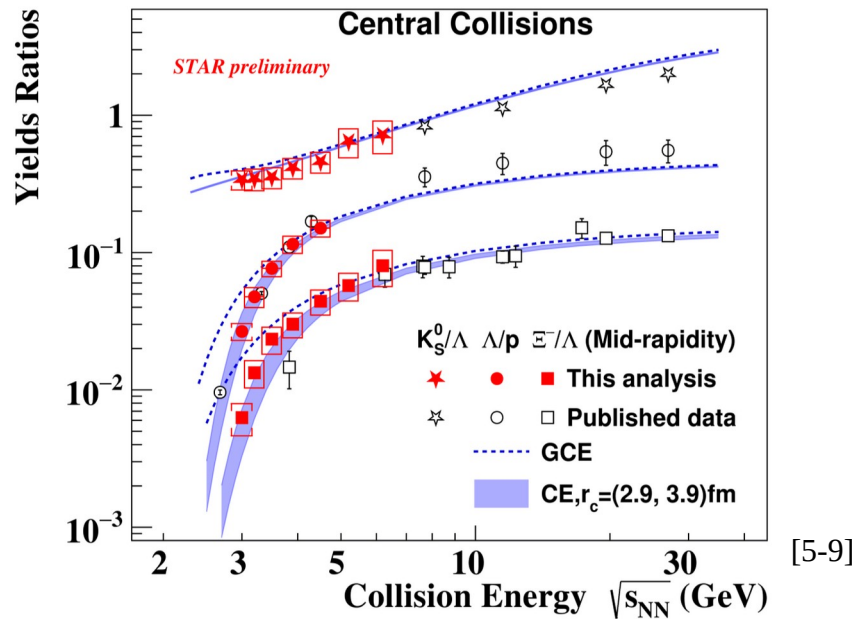
➤ First measurement of Ξ^- near- / sub-threshold energies in Au+Au collision.

PREVIOUS RESULTS

Strange Particles Ratio



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[5-9]

CE describe yield ratios with $rc \sim 3 - 4$ fm, GCE fails below $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 5$ GeV

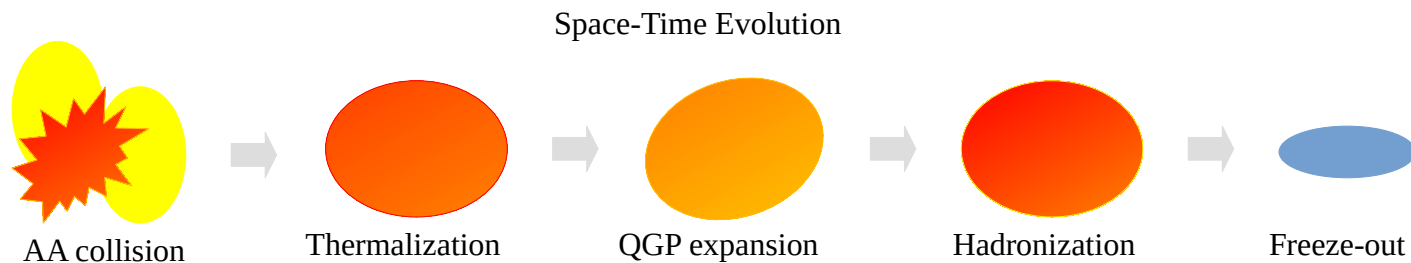
Test of the medium properties in high baryon density region

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INTRODUCTION

→ Hydrodynamical Picture



Hydrodynamics relies on local equilibrium:

- Conserved energy-momentum, conserved baryon number: $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu}=0$ $\partial_\mu N_B^\mu=0$
- Equation of State (EoS): $p = p(T, \mu_B)$ or $p = p(\epsilon, n)$
- Initial conditions, transport coefficients, dissipative effects are necessary.

Local Conservation
+
EoS



Collective expansion
(flow)

Hydrodynamics describes how the energy, momentum, and conserved charges of the medium evolve continuously in space and time.

INTRODUCTION

→ Phenomenological Models and Frameworks

Models	AMPT	EPOS4	PYTHIA	SMASH
Name	<i>A Multi-Phase Transport Model</i>	<i>Energy conserving quantum mechanical approach, based on Partons, parton ladders, strings, Off-shell remnants, and Splitting of parton ladders.</i>	PYTHIA8 (Angantyr Model)	<i>Simulating Many Accelerated Strongly-interacting Hadrons</i>
Physics	Transport Model	Hybrid Model (core/corona + hydro + hadronic cascade)	Hadronic Model (pQCD+ Lund String Hadronization)	Hadronic Transport Model
Hydro stage	String-Melting	Yes	No	No
μ_B range	Medium-High	Medium	Low	High
Collectivity (flow)	Moderate-strong	Strong	Weak	Moderate
Energy range for heavy-ion collisions	≥ 5 GeV	≥ 4 GeV	≥ 4 GeV	$\gtrsim 1$ -2 GeV

SELECTION CRITERIA

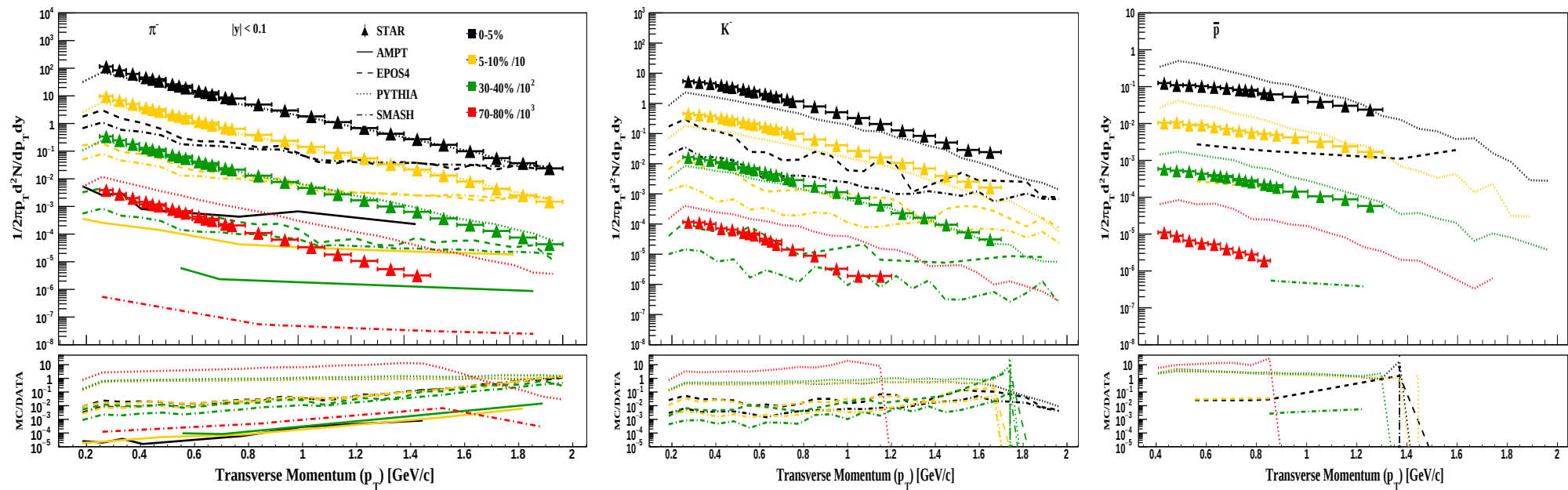
- The experimental data presented here are based on data taken with the STAR experiment, program BES I, in Au+Au collisions at 7.7 GeV centre-mass energy, collected in the year 2010. [10]
- Observables analyzed: Transverse momentum spectra (p_T), $\langle p_T \rangle$ vs $\langle N_{part} \rangle$, antiparticle/particle ratio, mixed particles ratio, blast-wave function fitting.
- Particles analyzed: π^+ , π^- , K^+ , K^- , p , $\bar{p}$

	π^-	π^+	K^-	K^+	$\bar{p}$	p
pT range	0.2-2.0 GeV				0.4-2.0 GeV	
y range	$ y < 0.1$					
Vertex radius	$\sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2} < 2\text{ cm}$					

Models	N_{events}
STAR	4000000
AMPT	360000
EPOS	80000
PYTHIA8	2700000
SMASH	2300000

RESULTS

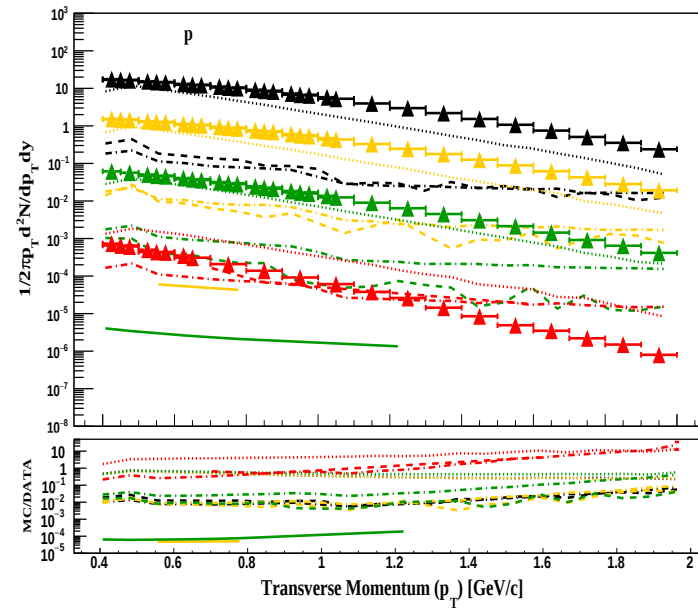
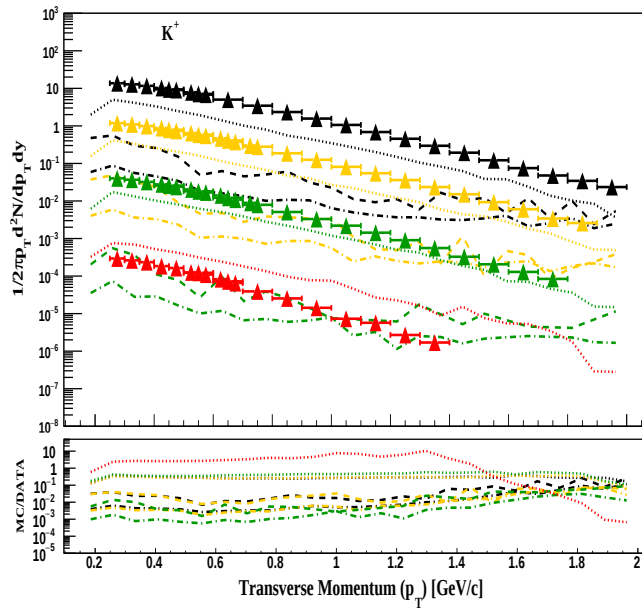
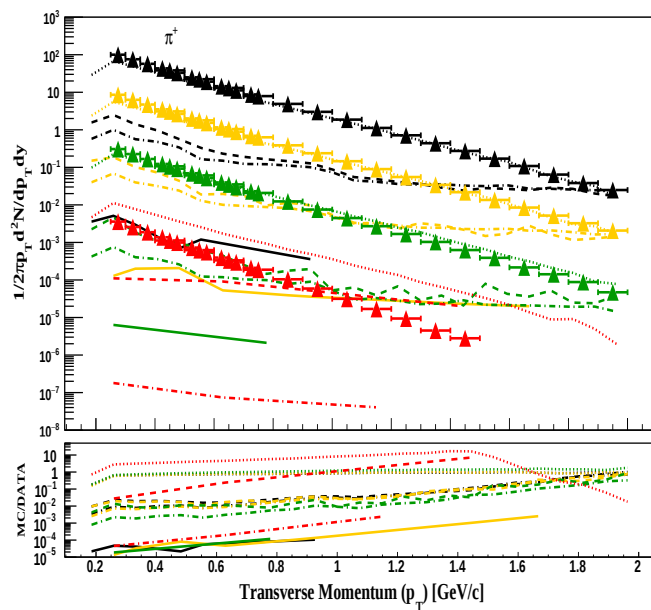
→ Transverse Momentum Spectra (antiparticles)



- p_T distributions are normalized by $\langle N_{part} \rangle$ in each centrality class.
- The p_T spectra follow the order $\pi < K < p$.
- PYTHIA8 fairly describes the experimental π^+ distribution for 0-5%, 5-10% and 30-40% centrality classes.
- PYTHIA8 overestimates particle production in peripheral collisions.

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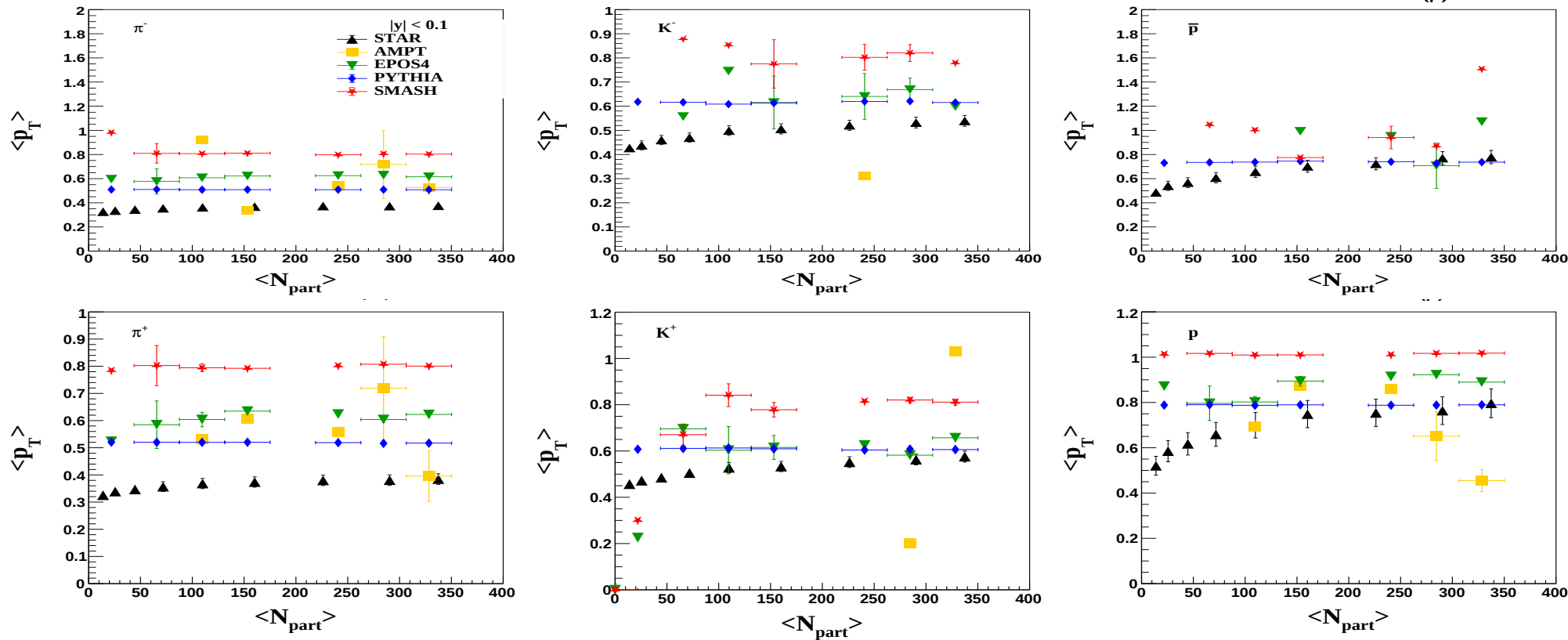
→ Transverse Momentum Spectra (particles)



- AMPT fails to produce $K^\pm$ and $\bar{p}/p$ at mid-rapidity.
- AMPT fails to predict particle production for 70-80% centrality class.

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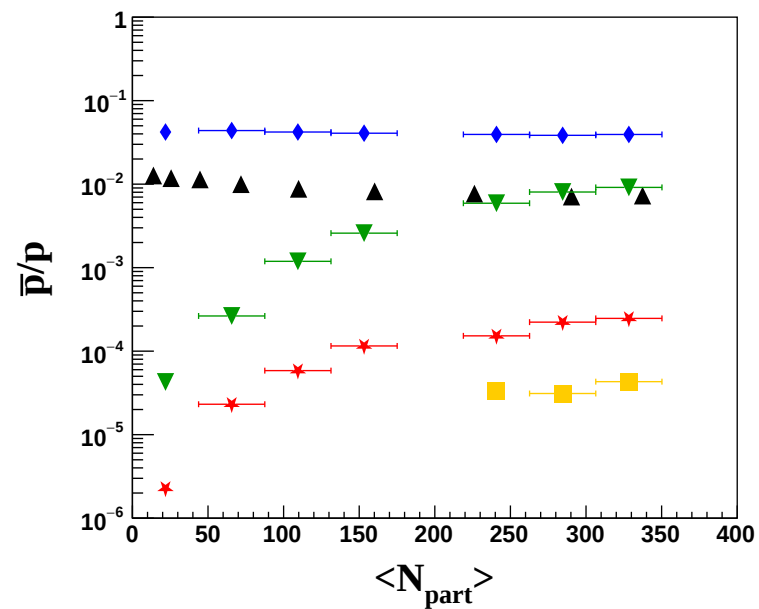
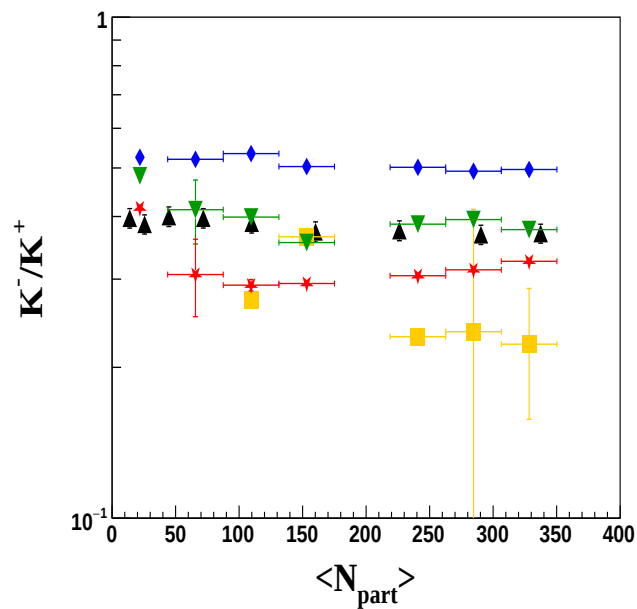
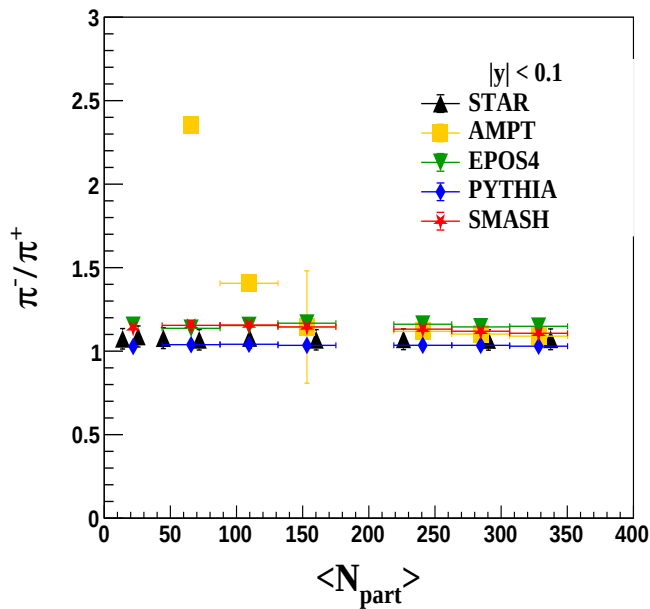
→ Average Transverse Momentum in Dependence of Centrality Classes



- Increase of $\langle p_T \rangle$ with increasing hadron mass it reflects collective expansion in the radial direction.

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→ Antiparticle/Particle Ratio

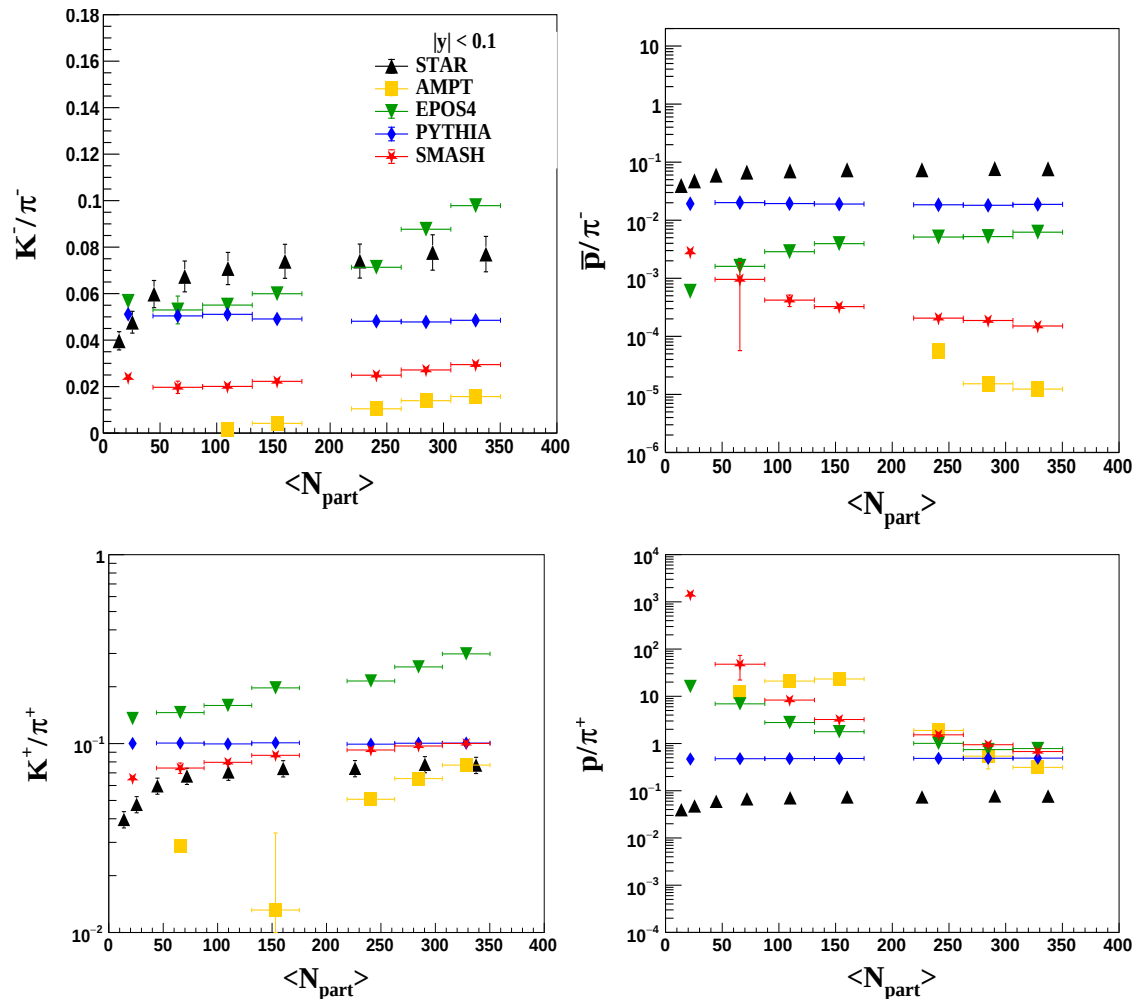


- $\pi^-/\pi^+ > 1$ indicating contributions from resonance decays (such as Δ).
- $K^-/K^+ < 1$ higher contribution from K^+ production.
- $\bar{p}/p < 1$ indicating large baryon stopping.

- PYTHIA shows the best agreement with π^-/π^+ ratio
- EPOS describes ratios K^-/K^+ and $\bar{p}/p$ the best, except for peripheral collisions.

RESULTS

→ Mixed Ratio



- The ratio K^+/π^+ is interesting:
 - ✓ PYTHIA8 weak dependence on centrality classes, indicating string fragmentation.
 - ✓ EPOS4 shows an enhanced ratio with $\langle N_{part} \rangle$, could indicate QGP signals?
- The baryon/meson (p/π^+) ratio decreases from peripheral to central collisions.
- p/π^+ ratio is larger than the experimental data for all models.

RESULTS

→ Blast-Wave Function Fitting - Boltzman-Gibbs Blast Wave Function

$$\frac{dN}{p_T dp_T} \sim \int_0^R r dr m_T I_0\left(\frac{p_T \sinh \rho}{T}\right) K_1\left(\frac{m_T \cosh \rho}{T}\right)$$

where

$$m_T = \sqrt{m^2 + p_T^2} \quad \text{Transversal mass}$$

$$\rho(r) = \tanh^{-1}(\beta(r)) \quad \text{Flow rapidity}$$

$$\beta(r) = \beta_s (r/R)^n \quad \text{Radial flow velocity}$$

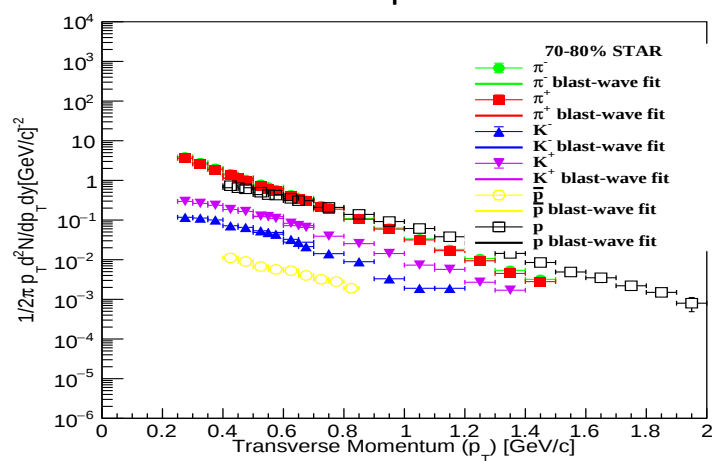
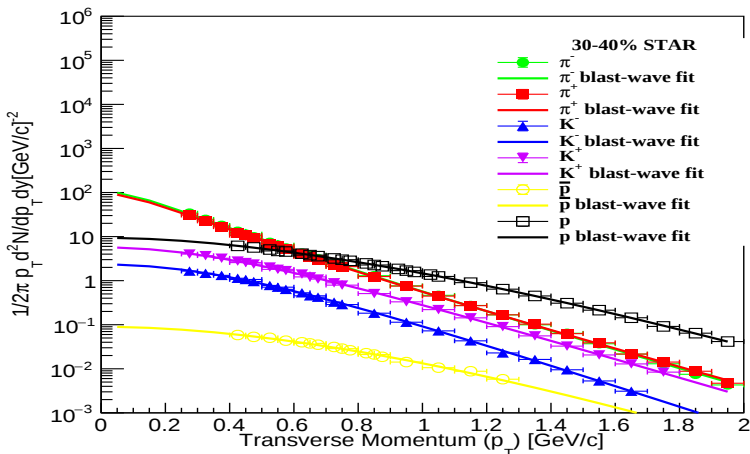
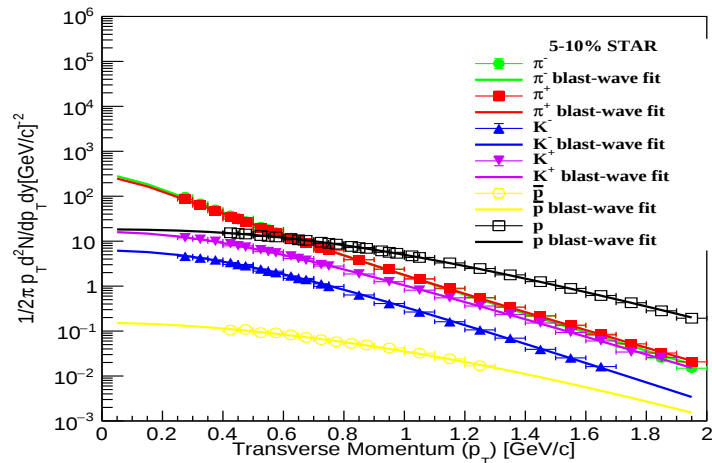
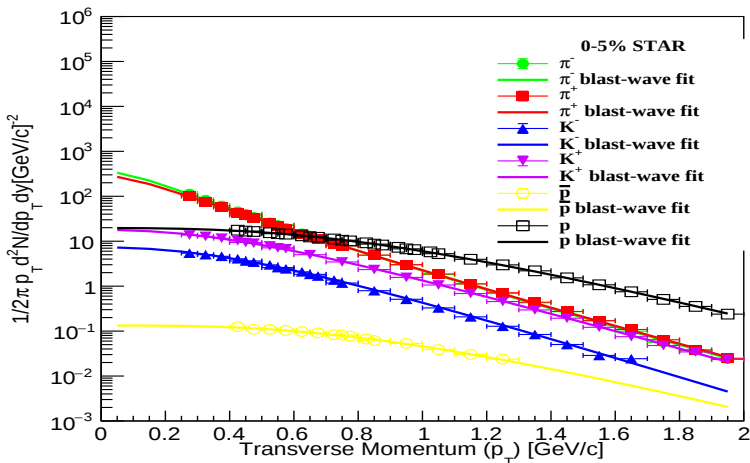
$$\beta_s \quad \text{Surface velocity}$$

$$r/R \quad \text{Relative radial position}$$

- The model assumes that the particles are locally thermalized with a common transverse collective flow velocity.
- The BW model is hydrodynamics-motivated but is not suited for describing hard processes at high pT ranges.
- We can use the BW model to extract the kinetic freeze-out parameters.

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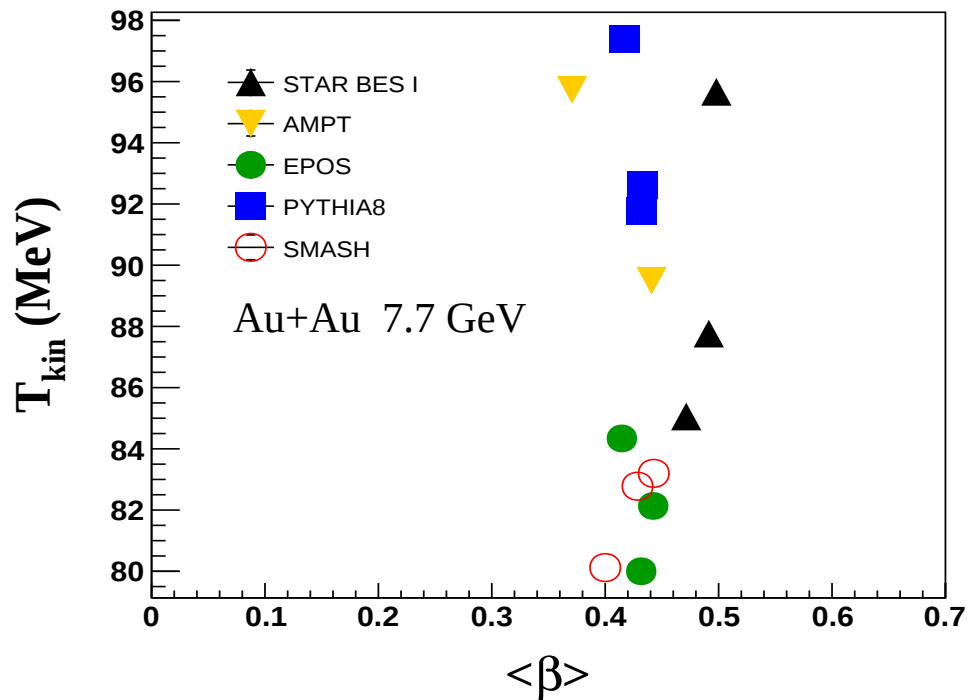
→ Blast-Wave Function Fitting - Experimental Data Fitting



RESULTS

→ Blast-Wave Function Fitting - T_{kin} vs $\langle\beta\rangle$

For central to intermediate collisions



- We are considering the fitting parameters for 0-5%, 5-10% and 30-40% centrality classes.
- The average radial flow velocity is around 0.3-0.5 in general.
- Decrease in the temperature from intermediate to central collisions.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- We have presented the transverse momentum and particle ratio, in dependence of collision centrality, obtained from transport (AMPT and SMASH), hadronic (PYTHIA8) and hydrodynamical (EPOS4) models.
 - All models poorly describe the overall pT spectra for the particles considered.
 - Increase of $\langle p_T \rangle$ with increasing hadron mass.
 - PYTHIA and EPOS4 show fair results with the π^-/π^+ and K^-/K^+ ratios, respectively.
 - EPOS4 and AMPT present an enhanced K^+/π^+ ratio that could indicate strangeness production mechanisms related to medium-effects.
- We computed the Boltzman-Gibbs Blast Wave function and estimate the kinetic freeze-out parameters for STAR BES-I data and the system predicted by the considered models.
 - The BGBW satisfactory describes the experimental data for central-intermediate collisions.

**Thank you
for
your attention**

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