

# Chemical equilibrium study in nucleus-nucleus collisions at SPS 158A GeV

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Two component model

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# Statistical hadronization model

- Hadrons emitted from regions at statistical equilibrium
- A snapshot of the system at chemical freeze out (inelastic interactions cease)
- Ideal hadron-resonance gas, grand-canonical ensemble, mean primary particle multiplicities are given by:

$$\langle N_i \rangle = \frac{(2J_i + 1)V}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3p}{(\gamma_s^{ns} \lambda_i)^{-1} e^{\sqrt{p^2 + m_i^2}/T} \pm 1} \quad \lambda_i = e^{(\mu_B B_i + \mu_S S_i + \mu_Q Q_i)/T}$$

(provided that masses and charges are distributed among different clusters corresponding to a single large fireball)

- 6 parameters to be fitted:  $T, V, \mu_B, \mu_S, \mu_Q, \gamma_s$
- Eliminate 2 by conditions:  $S=0$  and  $\frac{n_Q}{n_B} = \frac{Z}{A}$
- Total multiplicity of a hadron = primary production + contribution from the decay of heavier hadrons

# Small systems

- Small systems (p-p), exact conservation of charges "BSQ-canonical ensemble"
- Uses Boltzmann approximation, mean primary particle multiplicities reads:

$$\langle N_i \rangle = \frac{Z_{B-B_i, S-S_i, Q-Q_i}}{Z_{B,S,Q}} z_i^1$$

$$\omega = \sum_B z_i^1 e^{i(S_i \phi_s + Q_i \phi_Q)}$$

$$Z_{B,S,Q}(T, V, \gamma_s) = \frac{Z_0}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_s \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_Q \cos(S\phi_s + Q\phi_Q - B \arg(\omega(\phi_s, \phi_Q))) \\ \times I_B(2|\omega(\phi_s, \phi_Q)|) \exp(2 \sum_M z_i^1 \cos(S_i \phi_s + Q_i \phi_Q))$$

- Exact conservation of Strangeness, "S-canonical ensemble"

$$\langle N_i \rangle = \frac{Z_{S-S_i}}{Z_S} \lambda_i z_i^1$$

$$\lambda_i = e^{(\mu_B B_i + \mu_Q Q_i)/T}$$

$$Z_{B,S,Q}(T, V, \gamma_s) = \frac{Z_0}{\pi} \int_0^\pi e^{\sum_i \gamma_s^{ns} \lambda_i z_i^1} [\cos(S\phi_s) \cos(\omega) + \sin(S\phi_s) \sin(\omega)] d\phi_s$$

$$\omega = \sum_i \gamma_s^{ns} \lambda_i z_i^1 \cos(S_i \phi_s)$$

# Fit results, NA49 p-p and Pb-Pb at 158AGeV

- No major discrepancy between data and model
- Theoretical multiplicities within 2 standard deviations

From F. Becattini et al. Phys. Rev. C69:

024905, 2004

"Analysis B"

Parameter	Value	Error
T	177.3	7.1
$\gamma_s$	0.45	0.03
V'	0.13	0.01
$\chi^2/\text{dof}$	13/7	

BSQ- canonical ensemble

Particle	Measurement	Fit	Residual
$\pi^+$	$3.15 \pm 0.16$	3.288	0.865
$\pi^-$	$2.45 \pm 0.12$	2.455	0.042
$K^+$	$0.21 \pm 0.02$	0.201	-0.472
$K^-$	$0.13 \pm 0.013$	0.108	-1.828
$K_S^0$	$0.18 \pm 0.04$	0.151	-0.718
$\phi$	$0.012 \pm 0.0015$	0.015	1.927
$\bar{p}$	$0.040 \pm 0.007$	0.044	0.638
$\Lambda$	$0.115 \pm 0.012$	0.117	0.179
$\bar{\Lambda}$	$0.0148 \pm 0.0019$	0.014	-0.448
$\Lambda(1520)$	$0.012 \pm 0.003$	0.006	-1.964

NA49 p-p 158A GeV

$$V' = VT^3 \exp(-0.7/T)$$

# Fit results, NA49 p-p and Pb-Pb at 158AGeV

- No major discrepancy between data and model
- Theoretical multiplicities within 2.5 standard deviations

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"Analysis B"

Parameter	Value	Error
T	154.8	2.1
$\mu_B$	244.5	7.8
$\gamma_S$	0.94	0.04
V'	18.46	1.07
$\chi^2 / \text{dof}$	21.6/9	

Grand canonical ensemble

Particle	Measurement	Fit	Residual
$N_P$	$362 \pm 1 \pm 5$	364	0.337
$\pi^+$	$619 \pm 17 \pm 31$	533	-2.427
$\pi^-$	$639 \pm 17 \pm 31$	565	-2.077
$K^+$	$103 \pm 5 \pm 5$	104	0.129
$K^-$	$51.9 \pm 1.9 \pm 3$	59.4	2.099
$K_S^0$	$81 \pm 4$	83	0.533
$\phi$	$7.6 \pm 1.1$	8.7	0.978
$\Lambda$	$53 \pm 5.0$	56	0.645
$\bar{\Lambda}$	$4.64 \pm 0.32$	5.08	1.366
$\Xi^-$	$4.45 \pm 0.22$	4.34	-0.524
$\Xi^+$	$0.83 \pm 0.04$	0.79	-0.922
$\Omega$	$0.62 \pm 0.09$	0.49	-1.438
$\bar{\Omega}$	$0.20 \pm 0.03$	0.19	-0.388

**NA49 Pb-Pb 158A GeV**  
(5% most central)

$$V' = VT^3 \exp(-0.7/T)$$

# Fit results, NA49 C-C

- No major discrepancy between data and model
- Theoretical multiplicities within a standard deviation

S- canonical ensemble

Particle	Measurement	Fit	Residual
$N_p$	$16.3 \pm 1$	16.0	-0.339
$\pi^+$	$22.4 \pm 0.3 \pm 1.6$	22.0	-0.229
$\pi^-$	$22.2 \pm 0.3 \pm 1.6$	22.0	-0.093
$K^+$	$2.54 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.25$	2.75	0.829
$K^-$	$1.49 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.15$	1.51	0.104
$\phi$	$0.18 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.02$	0.16	-1.103
$\Lambda$	$1.32 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.32$	1.69	1.152
PRELIMINARY $\bar{\Lambda}$	$0.181 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.019$	0.182	0.046

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**NA49 C-C 158A GeV**  
(15.3% most central)

Parameter	Value	Error
T	165.7	4.1
$\mu_B$	248.1	12.5
$\gamma_S$	0.58	0.04
V'	0.84	0.05
$\chi^2 / \text{dof}$	3.4/4	

$$V' = VT^3 \exp(-0.7/T)$$

# Fit results, NA49 Si-Si

S- canonical ensemble

- No major discrepancy between data and model
- Theoretical multiplicities within 2 standard deviations

PRELIMINARY

Particle	Measurement	Fit	Residual
$N_P$	$41.4 \pm 2$	40.3	-0.553
$\pi^+$	$56.6 \pm 0.7 \pm 4.0$	56.5	-0.032
$\pi^-$	$57.6 \pm 0.6 \pm 4.0$	56.5	-0.265
$K^+$	$7.44 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.74$	8.17	0.985
$K^-$	$4.42 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.44$	4.49	0.148
$\phi$	$0.66 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.08$	0.51	-1.841
$\Lambda$	$3.88 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.56$	4.760	1.697
$\bar{\Lambda}$	$0.505 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.076$	0.508	0.040

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**NA49 Si-Si 158A GeV**  
(12.2% most central)

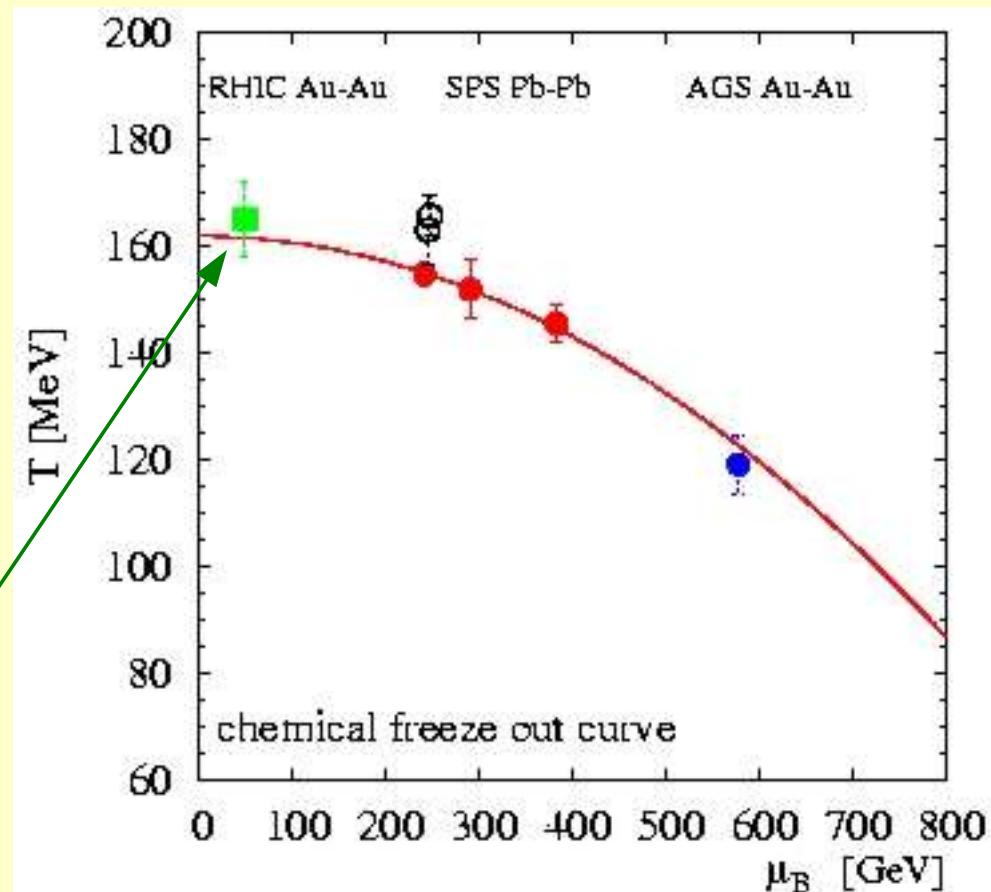
Parameter	Value	Error
T	163	6.5
$\mu_B$	245.5	15.1
$\gamma_S$	0.66	0.07
V'	2.1	0.18
$\chi^2 / dof$	7.6/4	

Errors re-scaled with  $\sqrt{\chi^2 / dof}$

$$V' = VT^3 \exp(-0.7/T)$$

# Chemical freeze-out curve

- Fitted parameters slightly above heavy system chemical FO curve
- At the same beam energy, baryon chemical potential weakly dependent on  $N_p$   $\mu_B \approx 250 \text{ MeV}$
- At same beam energy, temperature 5-15 MeV larger than in heavy systems
- Small systems decouple at higher  $\langle E \rangle / \langle N \rangle$  than heavy systems

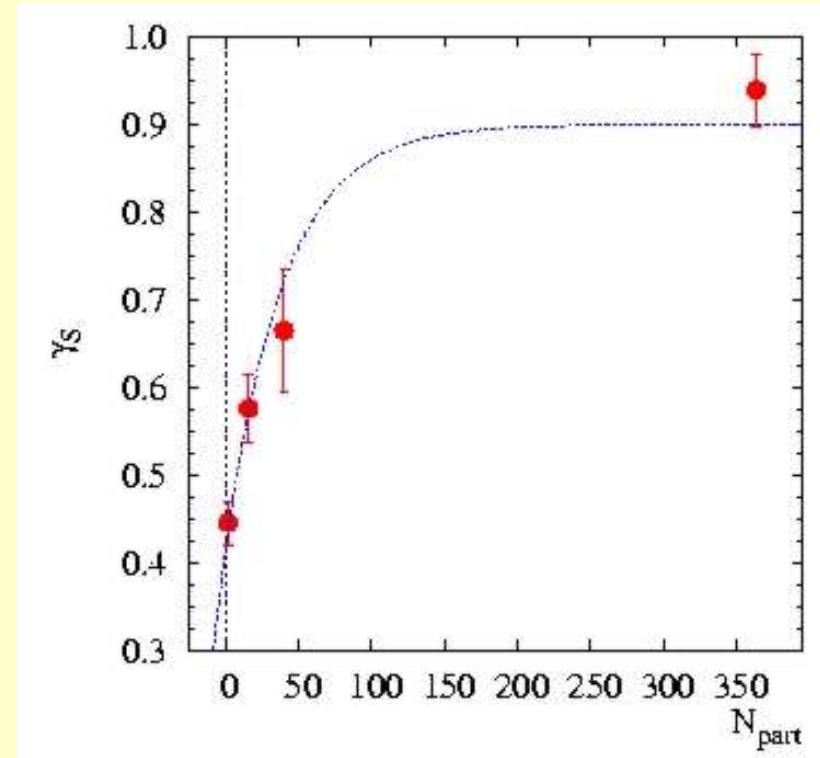
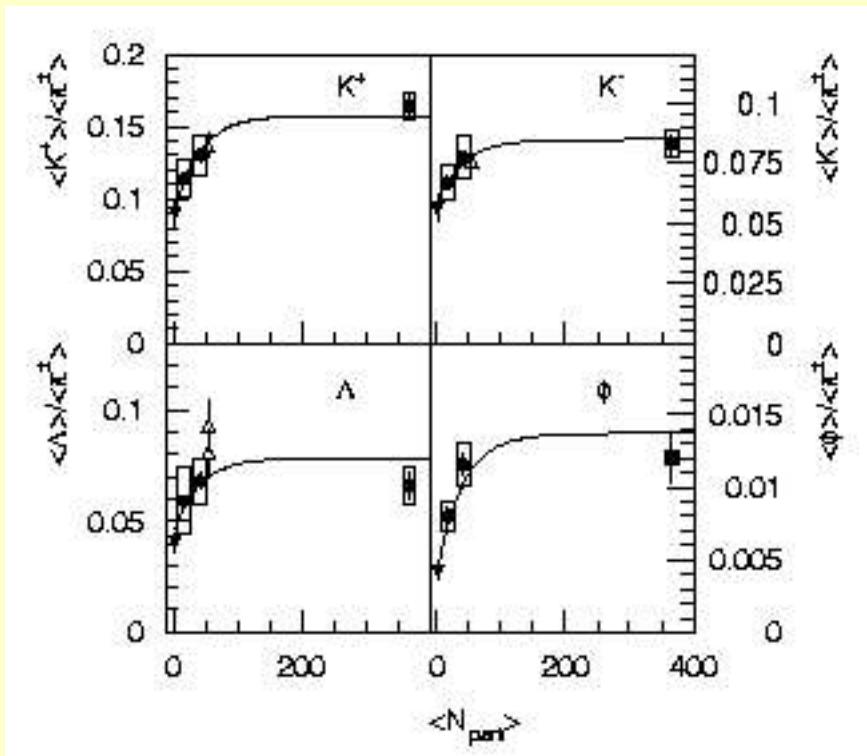


From W. Florkowski et al.  
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# System size dependence: $\gamma_S$

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$\gamma_S$  rapidly increasing in  $N_P$

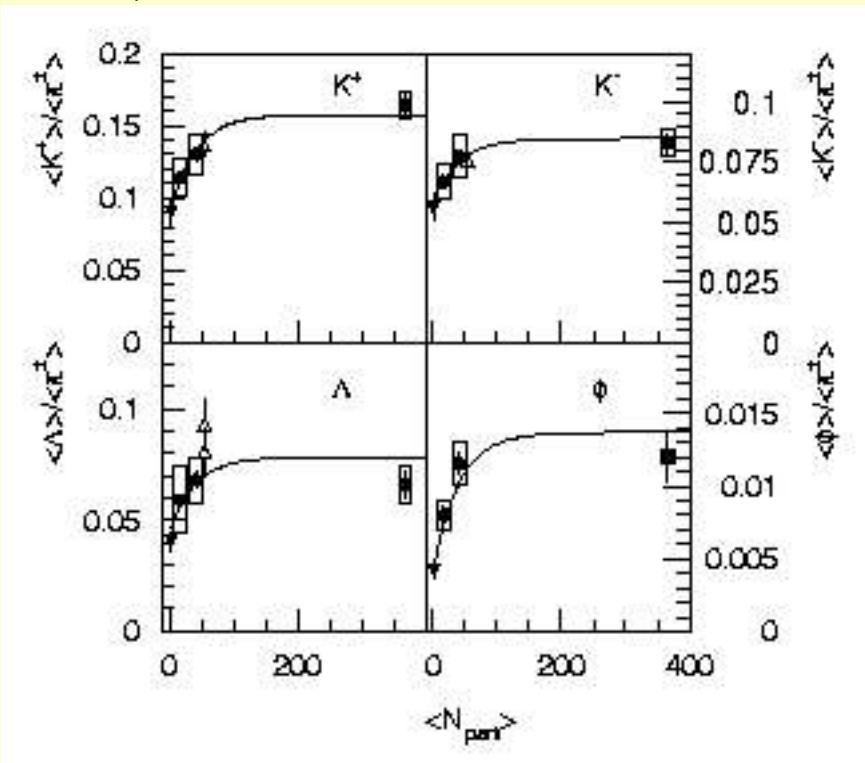


Curves to guide eye, functional form:  $a - b \exp(-N_p/40)$

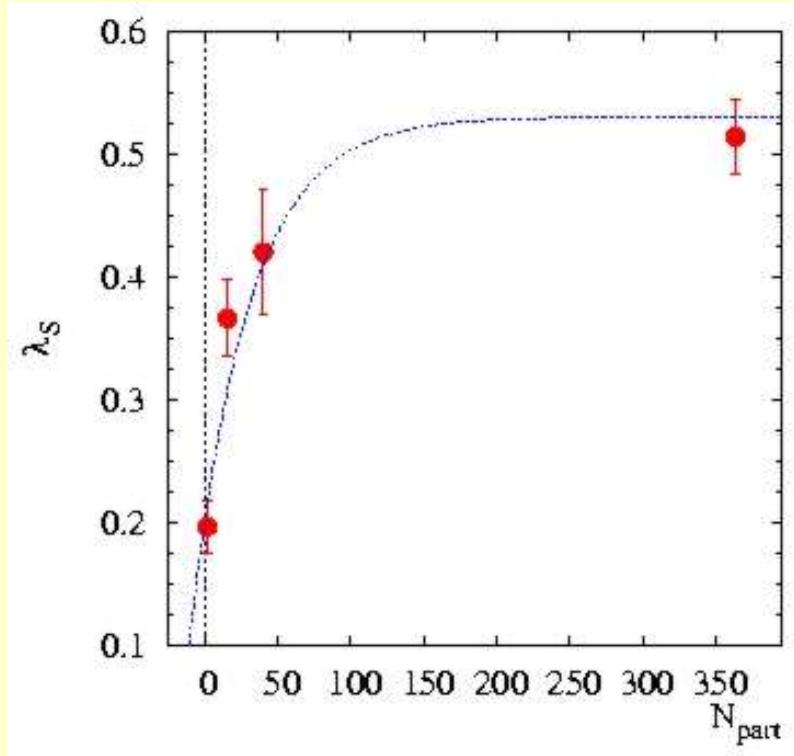
# System size dependence: $\lambda_s$

Wrobleski factor, similar behaviour

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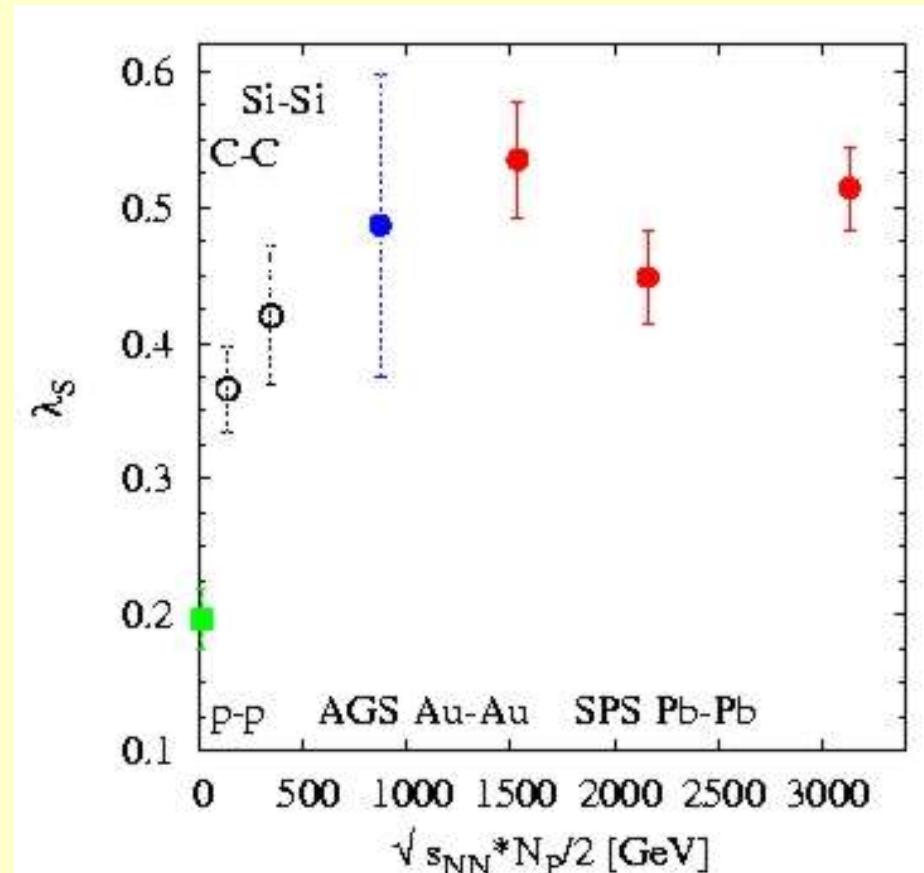
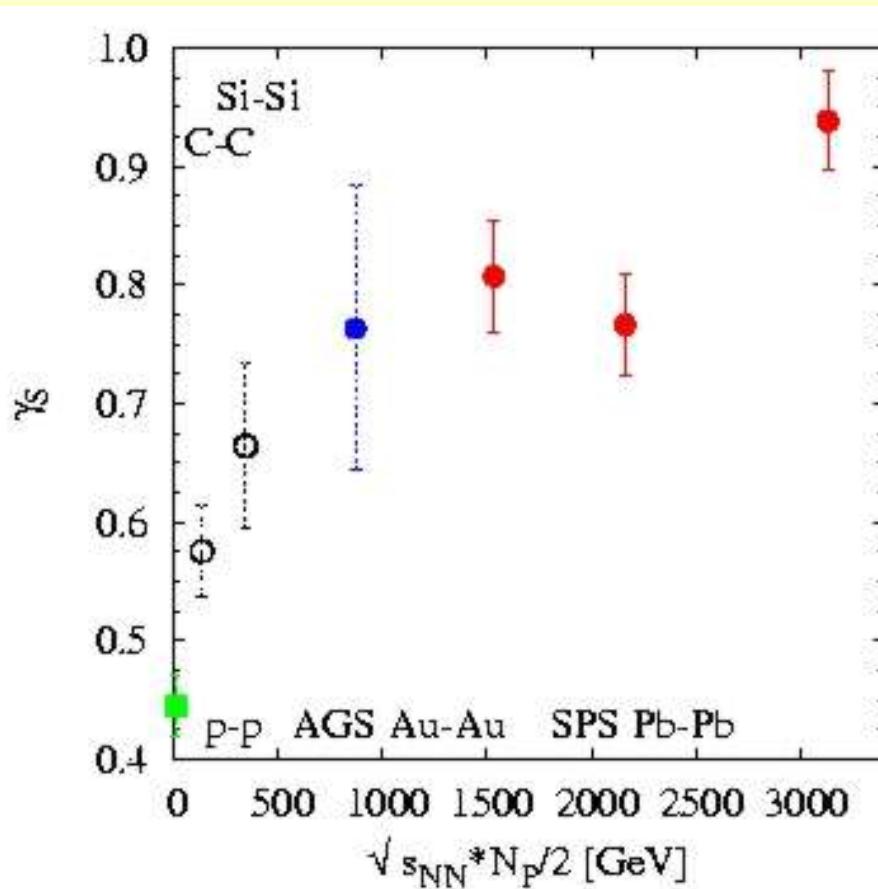
$$\lambda_s = \frac{2(\text{newly produced } s\bar{s})}{\text{newly produced } (u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})}$$



Curves to guide eye, functional form:  $a - b \exp(-N_p/40)$

# Total energy dependence

**Smooth (monotonic) behaviour in strangeness production**



# Superposition of NN collisions with fully equilibrated fireball

- Divide system into two components:

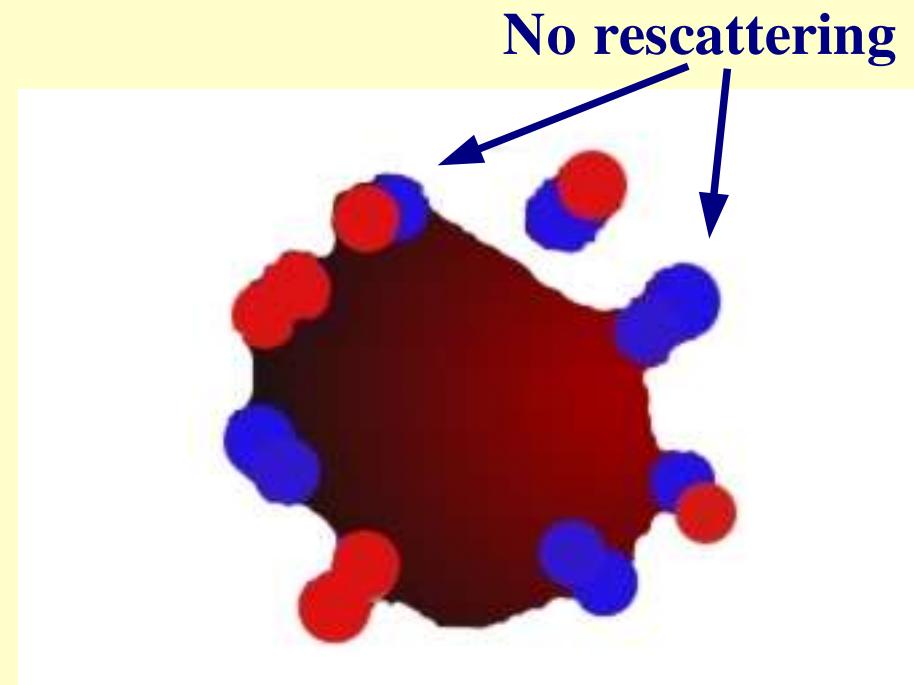
Large cluster in complete chemical equilibrium ( $\gamma_s = 1$ )

Strangeness suppression arising from single nucleon-nucleon collisions

- Fit pp yields at same energy
- (pp at 158A GeV, NA49) using BSQ-canonical ensemble
- Retain parameters from pp fit, calculate production from nn and np

$$N_i = N_i^{\text{fireball}} + \langle N_c \rangle N_i^{NN}$$

- Fit  $N_c$  together with the thermal parameters of equilibrated fireball



# Superposition of NN collisions with fully equilibrated fireball

- Good agreement with the standard statistical model
- 25 independent NN collisions  $\Rightarrow$  310 nucleons out of 360 contribute to the formation of large equilibrated fireball
- 7 %  $\pi$ , 13 % proton, 0.004 %  $\Omega$  coming from NN component
- $\langle N_c \rangle$  expected to be roughly the same for 20, 30, 40 and 80 A GeV collisions

NA49 Pb-Pb 158A GeV

Parameters	SHM		SHM(TC)
	Pb-Pb 158A GeV		
$T$ (MeV)	$154.8 \pm 1.4$ (2.1)	$153.9 \pm 1.3$ (2.0)	
$\mu_B$ (MeV)	$244.5 \pm 5.0$ (7.8)	$239.4 \pm 6.3$ (9.2)	
$\gamma_S$	$0.938 \pm 0.027$ (0.042)	1.0 (fixed)	
$VT^3 \exp[-0.7 \text{GeV}/T]$	$18.46 \pm 0.69$ (1.07)	$16.26 \pm 0.56$ (0.81)	
$\langle N_c \rangle$		$25 \pm 9$ (13)	
$\chi^2/\text{dof}$	$21.6/9$	$19.1/9$	

## Superposition of NN collisions with fully equilibrated fireball

- Good agreement with the standard statistical model
- Significant improvement in fit quality
- 11 independent NN collisions  $\Rightarrow$  only half of the nucleons contribute to the formation of large equilibrated fireball
- 54 %  $\pi$ , 14 % proton, 0.08 %  $\Omega$  coming from NN component

NA49 Si-Si 158A GeV

Parameters	SHM	SHM(TC)
Si-Si 158A GeV		
$T$ (MeV)	$163.0 \pm 4.7$ (6.5)	$162.0 \pm 7.6$ (7.6)
$\mu_B$ (MeV)	$245.5 \pm 11.0$ (15.1)	$234.4 \pm 22.5$ (22.5)
$\gamma_S$	$0.664 \pm 0.050$ (0.069)	1.0 (fixed)
$VT^3 \exp[-0.7 \text{GeV}/T]$	$2.10 \pm 0.13$ (0.18)	$0.91 \pm 0.11$ (0.11)
$\langle N_c \rangle$		$11.4 \pm 1.8$ (1.8)
$\chi^2/\text{dof}$	7.6/4	1.0/4

# Superposition of NN collisions with fully equilibrated fireball

- 6 independent NN collisions  $\Rightarrow$  4 nucleons out of 16 contribute to the formation of large fireball
- Fire ball treated S-canonically, repeat analysis in BSQ-canonical ensemble

NA49 C-C 158A GeV

Parameters	SHM	SHM(TC)
	C-C 158A GeV	
T (MeV)	$165.7 \pm 4.1$ (4.1)	$169.1 \pm 11.6$ (13.3)
$\mu_B$ (MeV)	$248.1 \pm 12.5$ (12.5)	$238.3 \pm 43.7$ (50.0)
$\gamma_S$	$0.575 \pm 0.042$ (0.042)	1.0 (fixed)
$VT^3 \exp[-0.7 \text{GeV}/T]$	$0.84 \pm 0.05$ (0.05)	$0.23 \pm 0.04$ (0.04)
$\langle N_c \rangle$		$5.7 \pm 0.7$ (0.8)
$\chi^2/\text{dof}$	3.4/4	5.2/4

# Conclusions

- Statistical model fits well all the NA49 data analysed here
- $T$  and  $\mu_B$ , weak  $Np$  dependence.  $\gamma_s$  stronger  $Np$  dependence
- $T$  and  $\mu_B$ , strong energy dependence.  $\gamma_s$  weaker energy dependence
- Strangeness under saturation might be possible to explain without  $\gamma_s$  with the two component hadronization model