

SMASH transport code and light nuclei production in heavy ion collisions

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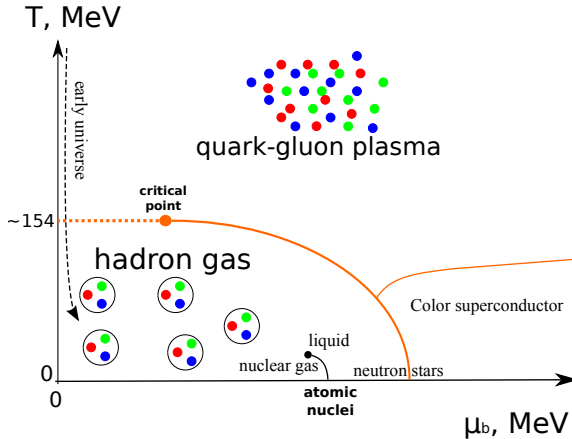
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[Phys.Rev. C99 \(2019\) no.4, 044907, arXiv:1809.03071](#)

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Where is phase transition/critical point?



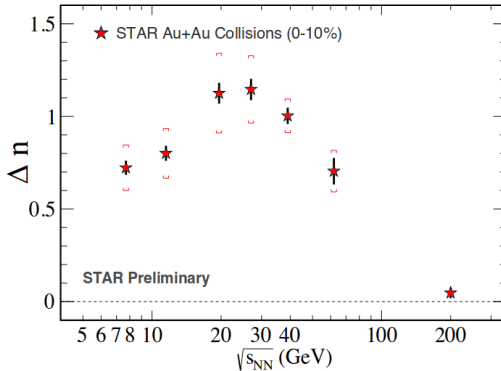
Generic critical point feature: fluctuations increase

Light nuclei production is related to nucleon density fluctuations in coordinate space

Kaijia Sun et al., Phys. Lett. B 774, 103 (2017)

$$\Delta n \equiv \frac{\langle (\delta n)^2 \rangle}{\langle n \rangle^2}, \quad N_t \cdot N_p / N_d^2 \approx g(1 + \Delta n), \quad g \approx 0.29$$

derived using coalescence model



Dingwei Zhang, poster at Quark Matter 2018

Can one reproduce this without assuming critical point?

Coalescence models

- Nuclei are formed at late stages of collision, at kinetic freeze-out
- Nucleons bind into nuclei if they are close in phase space

$$E_A \frac{dN_A}{d^3P_A} = B_A \left(E_p \frac{dN_p}{d^3P_p} \right)^Z \left(E_n \frac{dN_n}{d^3P_n} \right)^N \Bigg|_{P_p=P_n=P_A/A}$$

- In different types of coalescence models:

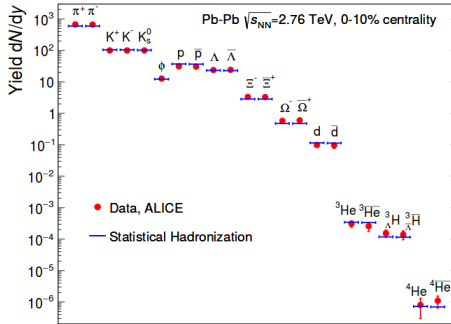
$$B_A \sim \left(\frac{4}{3} \pi p_0 \right)^{A-1} \text{ or } B_A \sim V_{eff}^{-(A-1)}$$

- $v_2^d(2p_T) = 2v_2^p(p_T)$

Thermal model

- Assumes rapid freeze-out of nuclei together with hadrons
- Deuteron yield in Pb+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV:
$$N_d = \frac{gV}{2\pi^2} T m^2 K_2(m/T), \quad T = 155 \text{ MeV}$$
- Deuteron: binding energy 2.2 MeV

Snowballs in hell.

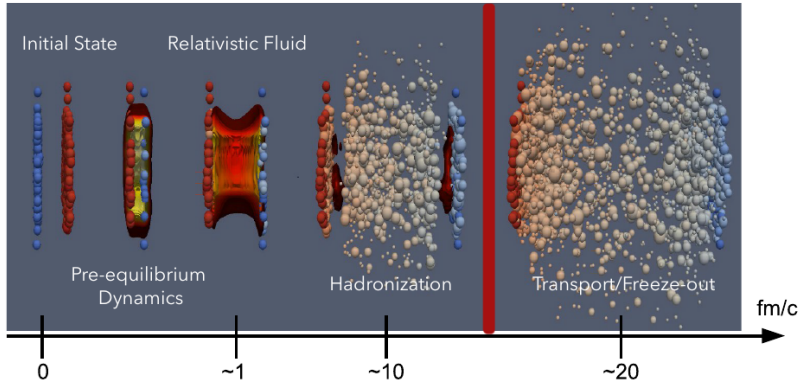


A. Andronic, et al., arXiv:1710.09425

Deuteron: rapid chemical freeze-out at 155 MeV, like hadrons?

Methodology: hybrid approach

Particlization $T = 155 \text{ MeV}$



- CLVisc hydro [L. G. Pang, H. Petersen and X. N. Wang, arXiv:1802.04449 \[nucl-th\]](#)
- SMASH hadronic afterburner [J. Weil et al., PRC 94, no. 5, 054905 \(2016\)](#)
- Treat deuteron as a single particle
 - implement deuteron + X cross-sections explicitly

Most important deuteron production/disintegration reactions

Largest $d + X$ disintegration rate $\rightarrow$ largest reverse production rate

Most important = largest $\sigma_{d+X}^{\text{inel}} n_X$

X	$\sigma_{d+X}^{\text{inel}}$ [mb] ($\sqrt{s} - \sqrt{s_{thr}} = [0.05, 0.25]$ GeV)	$\frac{dN^X}{dy} _{y=0}$
$\pi^\pm$	80 - 160	732
K^+	< 40	109
K^-	< 80	109
p	50 - 100	33
$\bar{p}$	80 - 200	33
γ	< 0.1	comparable to π ?

$\pi + d$ are the most important because of pion abundance

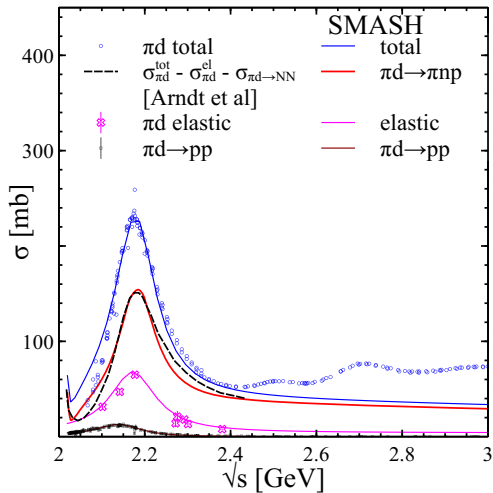
Reactions with deuteron implemented in SMASH

- $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi np$, $\pi d \leftrightarrow np$, elastic $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi d$
- $Nd \leftrightarrow Nnp$, elastic $Nd \leftrightarrow Nd$
- $\bar{N}d \leftrightarrow \bar{N}np$, elastic $\bar{N}d \leftrightarrow \bar{N}d$
- CPT conjugates of all above – reactions for anti-deuteron
- all are tested to obey detailed balance within 1% precision

$\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi np$ is the most important at high (LHC) energies

$Nd \leftrightarrow Nnp$ is the most important at low (AGS) energies

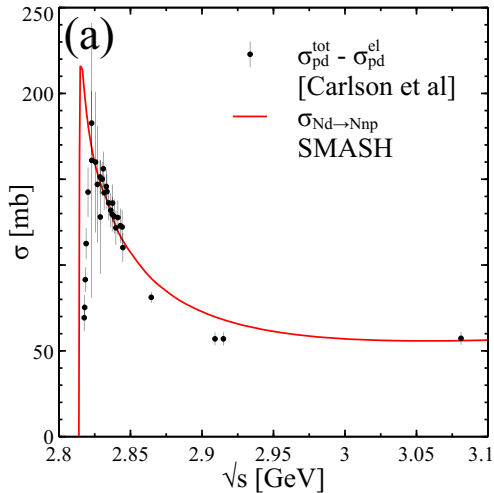
Reactions of deuteron with pions



$\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi np$ is the most important at LHC energies

$\sigma_{\pi d}^{\text{inel}} > \sigma_{\pi d}^{\text{el}}$, not like for hadrons

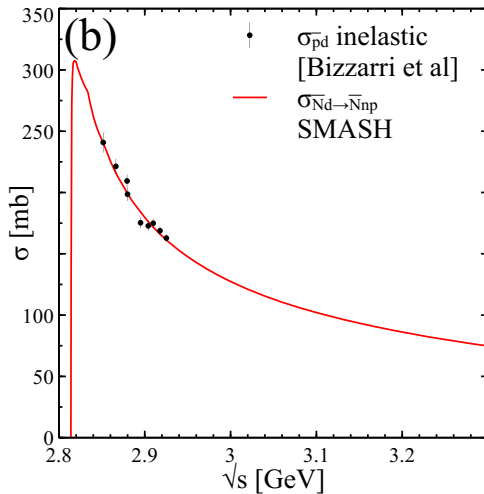
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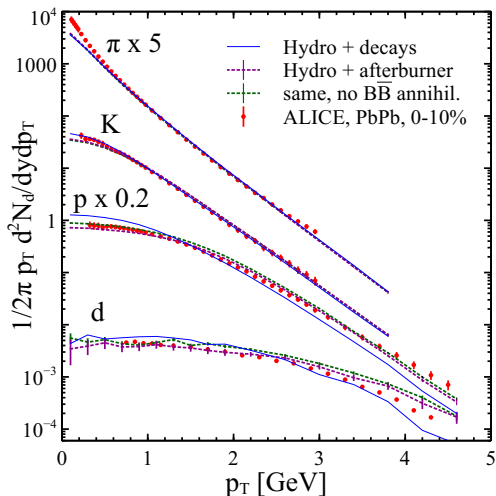
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Transverse momentum spectra

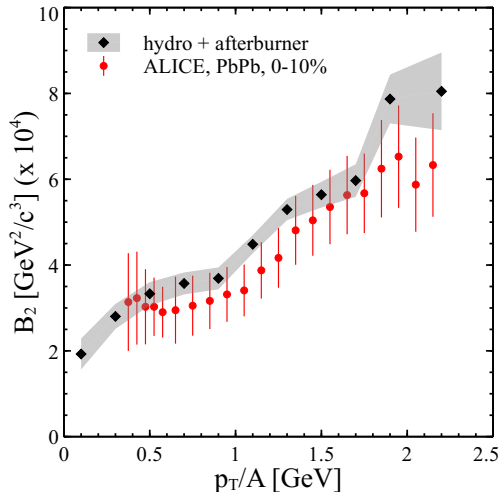


Pion and kaon spectra not affected by afterburner

Proton spectra: pion wind effect and $B\bar{B}$ annihilations ($\sim 10\%$)

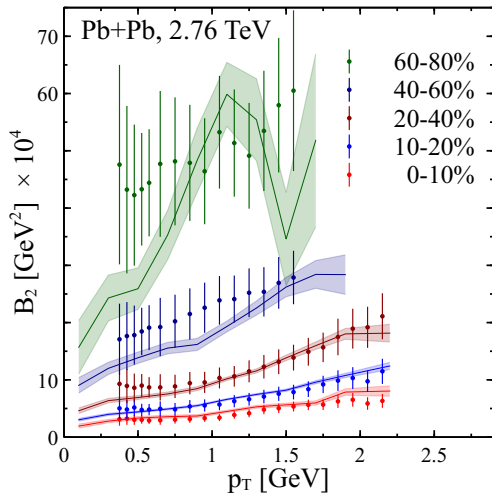
Obtaining $B_2(p_T)$ coalescence parameter

$$B_2(p_T) = \frac{\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N_d}{p_T dp_T dy} \big|_{p_T^d = 2p_T^p}}{\left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N_p}{p_T dp_T dy} \right)^2}$$



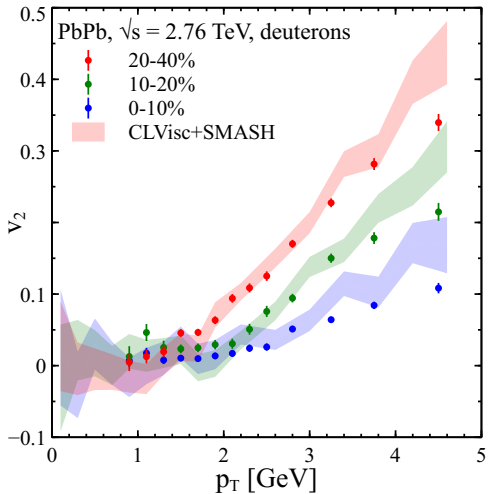
Reproducing B_2 without any free parameters

$B_2(p_T)$ for different centralities



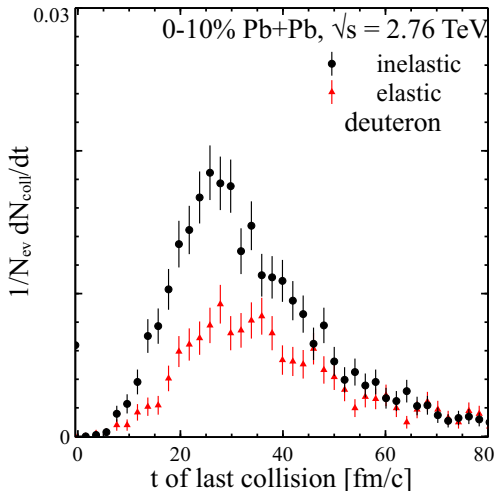
Works well for all centralities

Deuteron v_2



Does deuteron freeze out at 155 MeV?

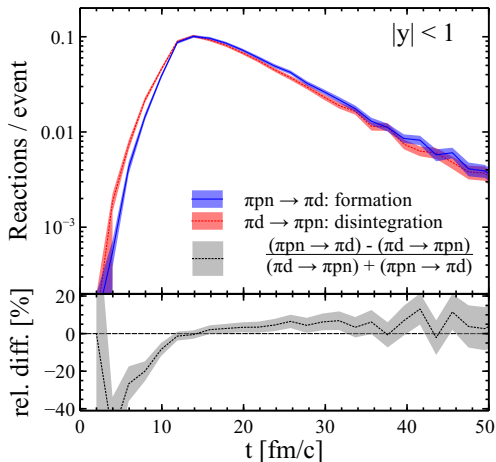
Only less than 1% of final deuterons original from hydrodynamics



Deuteron freezes out at late time

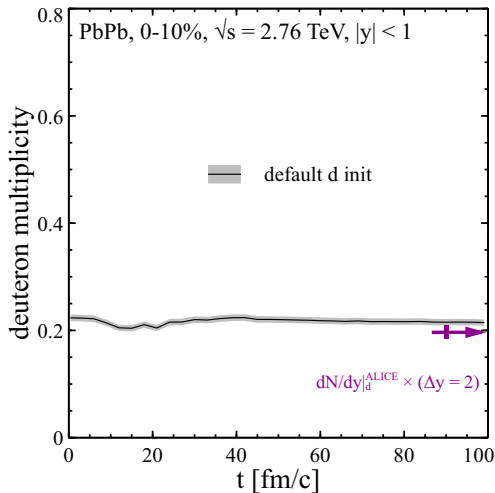
Its chemical and kinetic freeze-outs roughly coincide

Is $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi np$ reaction equilibrated



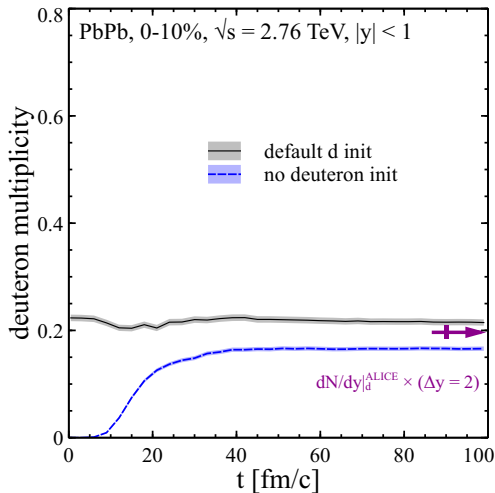
After about 12-15 fm/c within 5% $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi np$ is equilibrated

Deuteron yield



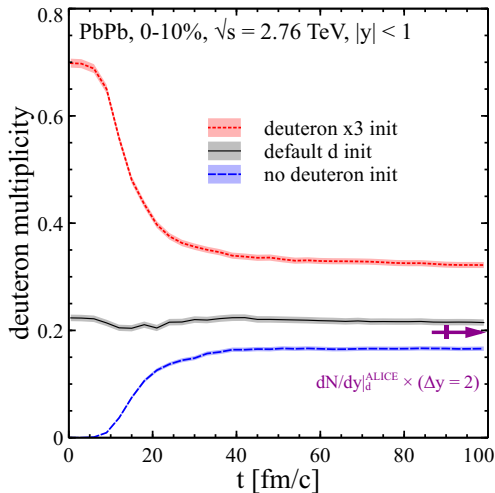
The yield is almost constant. Why? Does afterburner really play any role?

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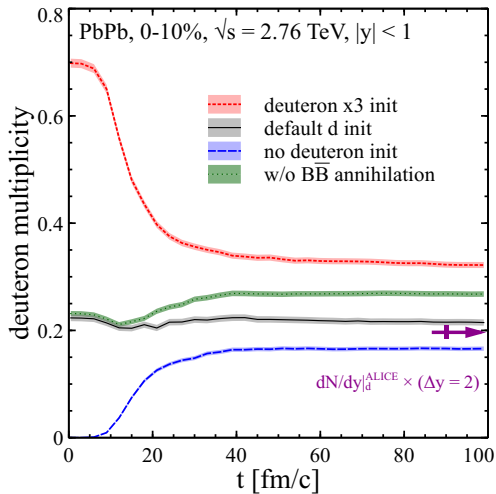
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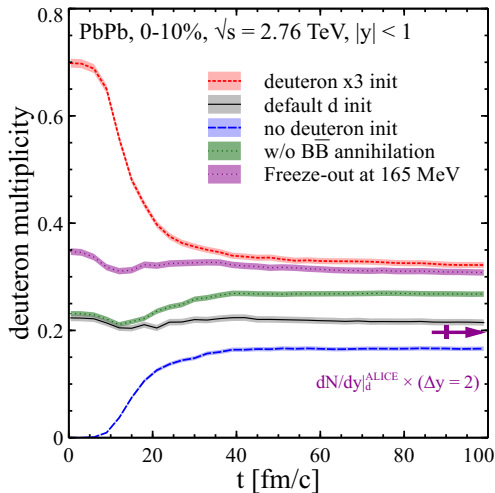
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Deuteron yield



Without $B\bar{B}$ annihilations yield coincidence is less impressive

Deuteron yield



But it persists if T of particlization is changed to 165 MeV

Toy model of deuteron production: no annihilations

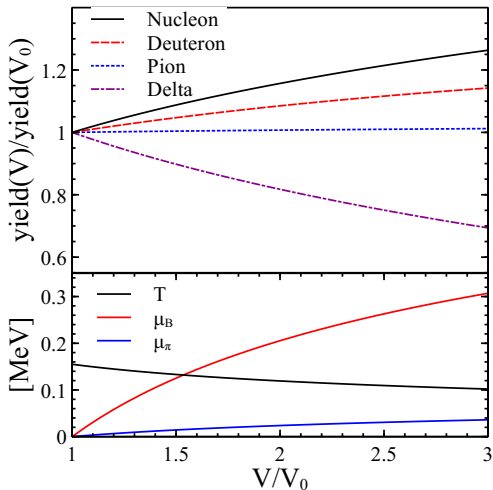
- only π , N , Δ , and d
- isoentropic expansion
- pion number conservation
- baryon (not net!) number conservation

$$(s_{\pi}(T, \mu_{\pi}) + s_N(T, \mu_B) + s_{\Delta}(T, \mu_B + \mu_{\pi}) + s_d(T, 2\mu_B))V = \text{const}$$

$$(\rho_{\Delta}(T, \mu_B + \mu_{\pi}) + \rho_{\pi}(T, \mu_{\pi}))V = \text{const}$$

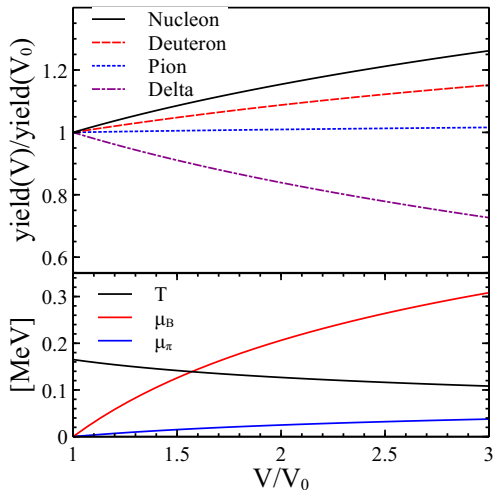
$$(\rho_N(T, \mu_B) + \rho_{\Delta}(T, \mu_B + \mu_{\pi}) + 2\rho_d(T, 2\mu_B))V = \text{const}$$

Toy model of deuteron production: results



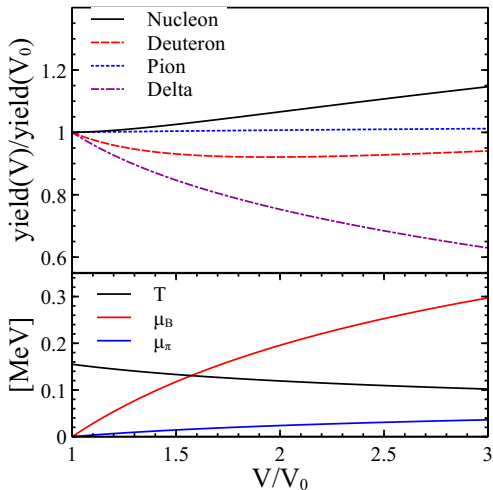
No annihilation: deuteron yield grows, like in simulation.

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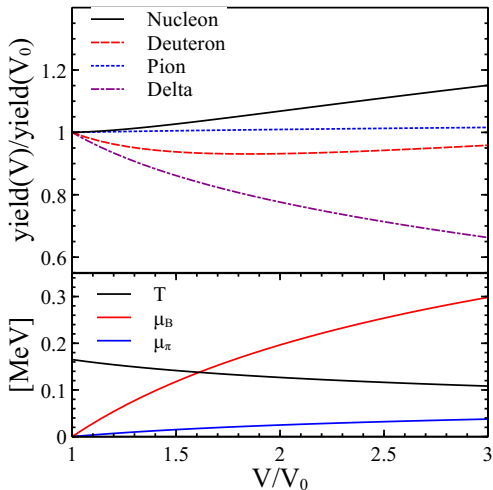
$T_{\text{particlization}} = 165 \text{ MeV}$. Relative yields are similar, like in simulation.

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Annihilation out of equilibrium: $\mu_B = \mu_B \frac{V/V_0}{a+V/V_0}$, $a = 0.1$
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Annihilation out of equilibrium: $\mu_B = \mu_B \frac{V/V_0}{a+V/V_0}$, $a = 0.1$

$T_{\text{particlization}} = 165$ MeV. Qualitatively similar to our simulation.

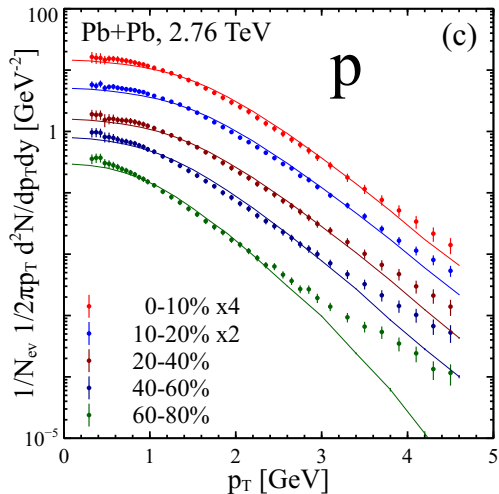
Summary

- $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi pn$: most important deuteron producing / disintegrating reaction at LHC
- deuteron does not freeze-out at 155 MeV
- chemical and kinetic freeze-outs of deuteron roughly coincide
- deuteron yield stays constant after particlization, as thermal model assumes
 - reason: interplay of $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi pn$ ($d \uparrow$) close to equilibrium and $B\bar{B}$ annihilations out of equilibrium ($d \downarrow$)

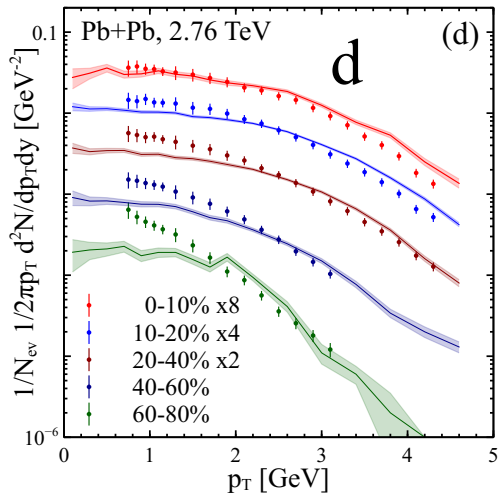
Outlook

- Deuteron: ongoing work on d production in pp
- d in AuAu at STAR BES, with SMASH / hydro + SMASH
- t and ${}^3\text{He}$ via $dN\pi \leftrightarrow t\pi$, $dN\pi \leftrightarrow {}^3\text{He}\pi$

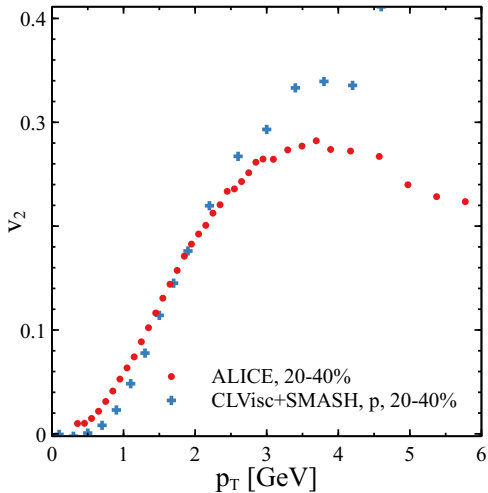
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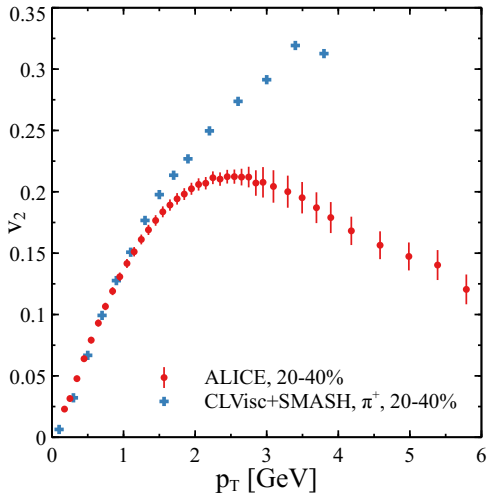
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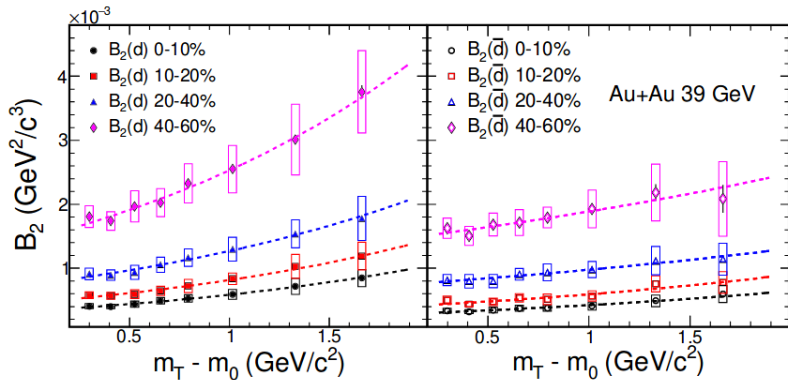
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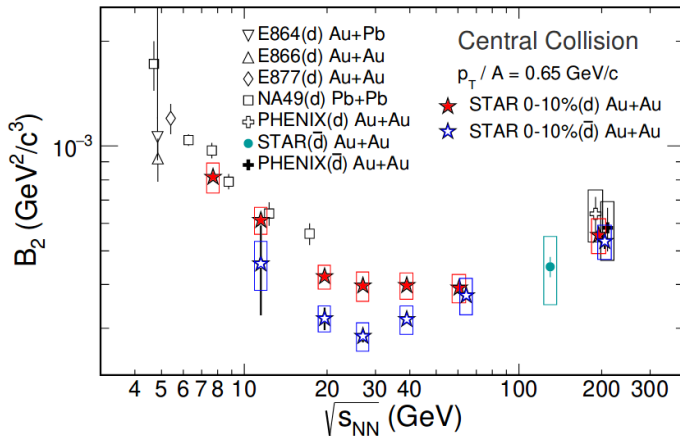


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R. Scheibl and U. W. Heinz, PRC **59**, 1585 (1999)

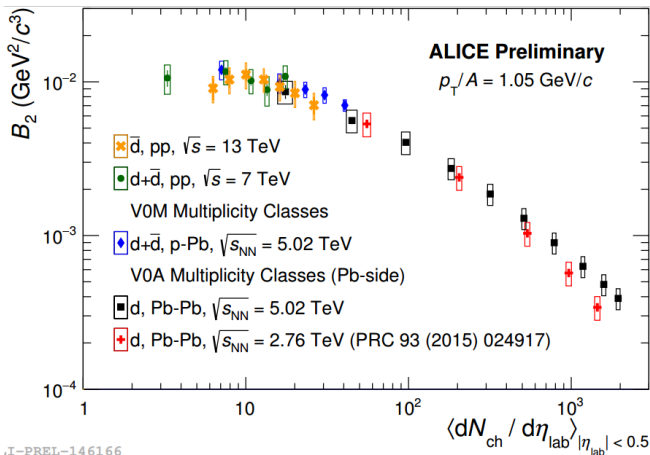
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SMASH transport approach

Simulating

Multiple

Accelerated

Strongly-interacting

Hadrons

- Monte-Carlo solver of relativistic Boltzmann equations

BUU type approach, testparticles ansatz: $N \rightarrow N \cdot N_{test}$, $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma / N_{test}$

- Degrees of freedom
 - most of established hadrons from PDG up to mass 3 GeV
 - strings: do not propagate, only form and decay to hadrons
- Propagate from action to action (timesteps only for potentials)
action $\equiv$ collision, decay, wall crossing
- Geometrical collision criterion: $d_{ij} \leq \sqrt{\sigma/\pi}$
- Interactions: $2 \leftrightarrow 2$ and $2 \rightarrow 1$ collisions, decays, potentials, string formation (soft - SMASH, hard - Pythia 8) and fragmentation via Pythia 8

SMASH: initialization

- “collider” - elementary or AA reactions, $E_{beam} \gtrsim 0.5 A \text{ GeV}$
- “box” - infinite matter simulations
 - detailed balance tests, computing transport coefficients, thermodynamics of hadron gas
 - [Rose et al., PRC 97 \(2018\) no.5, 055204](#)
- “sphere” - expanding system
 - comparison to analytical solution of Boltzmann equation,
 - [Tindall et al., Phys.Lett. B770 \(2017\) 532-538](#)
- “list” - **hadronic afterburner after hydrodynamics**

SMASH: degrees of freedom

N	Δ	Λ	Σ	Ξ	Ω	Unflavored			Strange	
N_{938}	Δ_{1232}	Λ_{1116}	Σ_{1189}	Ξ_{1321}	Ω_{1672}^-	π_{138}	$f_{0\ 980}$	$f_{2\ 1275}$	$\pi_{2\ 1670}$	K_{494}
N_{1440}	Δ_{1620}	Λ_{1405}	Σ_{1385}	Ξ_{1530}	Ω_{2250}^-	π_{1300}	$f_{0\ 1370}$	$f_{2\ 1525}'$		K^{*892}
N_{1520}	Δ_{1700}	Λ_{1520}	Σ_{1660}	Ξ_{1690}		π_{1800}	$f_{0\ 1500}$	$f_{2\ 1950}$	$\rho_{3\ 1690}$	$K_{1\ 1270}$
N_{1535}	Δ_{1905}	Λ_{1600}	Σ_{1670}	Ξ_{1820}			$f_{0\ 1710}$	$f_{2\ 2010}$		$K_{1\ 1400}$
N_{1650}	Δ_{1910}	Λ_{1670}	Σ_{1750}	Ξ_{1950}		η_{548}		$f_{2\ 2300}$	$\phi_{3\ 1850}$	K^{*1410}
N_{1675}	Δ_{1920}	Λ_{1690}	Σ_{1775}	Ξ_{2030}		η'_{958}	$a_{0\ 980}$	$f_{2\ 2340}$		$K^{*0\ 1430}$
N_{1680}	Δ_{1930}	Λ_{1800}	Σ_{1915}			η_{1295}	$a_{0\ 1450}$		$a_{4\ 2040}$	$K^{*2\ 1430}$
N_{1700}	Δ_{1950}	Λ_{1810}	Σ_{1940}			η_{1405}		$f_{1\ 1285}$		K^{*1680}
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N_{1875}		Λ_{1890}				σ_{800}		$a_{2\ 1320}$		$K_{2\ 1820}$
N_{1900}		Λ_{2100}					$h_{1\ 1170}$			$K^{*4\ 2045}$
N_{1990}		Λ_{2110}				ρ_{776}		$\pi_{1\ 1400}$		
N_{2080}		Λ_{2350}				ρ_{1450}	$b_{1\ 1235}$	$\pi_{1\ 1600}$		
N_{2190}						ρ_{1700}				
N_{2220}							$a_{1\ 1260}$	$\eta_{2\ 1645}$		
N_{2250}						ω_{783}				
						ω_{1420}		$\omega_{3\ 1670}$		
						ω_{1650}				

- Isospin symmetry
- Perturbative treatment of non-hadronic particles (photons, dileptons)

Hadrons and decay modes configurable via human-readable files

Interactions in SMASH

- Resonance formation and decay

Ex. $\pi\pi \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$, quasi-inelastic scattering

$$\pi\pi \rightarrow f_2 \rightarrow \rho\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi\pi$$

- (In)elastic $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering

parametrized cross-sections $\sigma(\sqrt{s}, t)$ or

isospin-dependent matrix elements $|M|^2(\sqrt{s}, I)$

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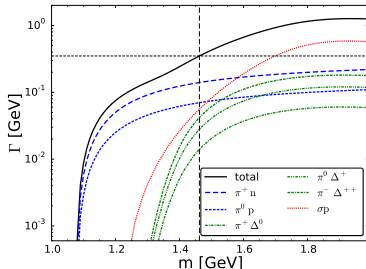
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$N(1440)^+$



For every resonance:

- Breit-Wigner spectral function $\mathcal{A}(m) = \frac{2\mathcal{N}}{\pi} \frac{m^2\Gamma(m)}{(m^2 - M_0^2)^2 + m^2\Gamma(m)^2}$
- Mass dependent partial widths $\Gamma_i(m)$

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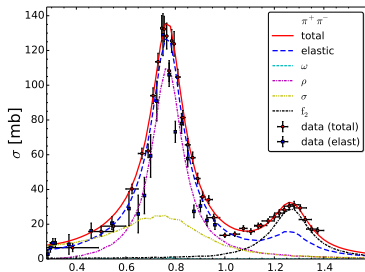
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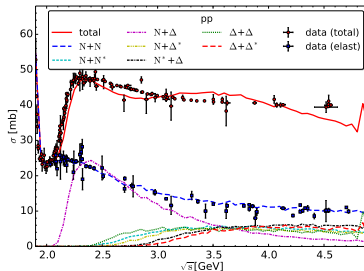
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- $NN \rightarrow NN^*$, $NN \rightarrow N\Delta^*$, $NN \rightarrow \Delta\Delta$, $NN \rightarrow \Delta N^*$,
 $NN \rightarrow \Delta\Delta^*$

angular dependencies of $NN \rightarrow XX$ cross-sections implemented

- Strangeness exchange $KN \rightarrow K\Delta$, $KN \rightarrow \Lambda\pi$, $KN \rightarrow \Sigma\pi$



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10 string model parameters
currently under tuning

- String (soft or hard) fragmentation: always via Pythia 8

- Hard scattering and string formation: Pythia

- Soft string formation: SMASH

- single/double diffractive
- $B\bar{B}$ annihilation
- non-diffractive

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- Skyrme and symmetry potential

- $$U = a(\rho/\rho_0) + b(\rho/\rho_0)^\tau \pm 2S_{\text{pot}} \frac{\rho_{I3}}{\rho_0}$$

ρ - Eckart rest frame baryon density

ρ_{I3} - Eckart rest frame density of I_3/I

$a = -209.2$ MeV, $b = 156.4$ MeV, $\tau = 1.35$, $S_{\text{pot}} = 18$ MeV

corresponds to incompressibility $K = 240$ MeV

assures stability of a nucleus with Fermi motion

Transverse radius of Cu

