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### hot matter

illustration: S. Bass



incoming nuclei hot hadronic matter gas





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#### well described by hydrodynamics with small viscosity

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- quark correlations amplified in hadrons:
  - e.g. flow



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- high phase space density
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- exponential quark p<sub>T</sub> spectrum disfavors fragmentation
  - high p<sub>T</sub> hard power law distribution disfavors recombination


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fragmentation: parton A→N hadrons for each hadron: p<sub>T,N</sub> < p<sub>T,A</sub>



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baryon production difficult in fragmentation









- scaling deviations:  $p_T \sim 3-4$ GeV/c
  - $\rightarrow$  end recombination dominance

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# y: control measurement



no color charge  $\rightarrow$  insensitive to produced mat R<sub>AA</sub>(p<sub>T</sub><14GeV/c) consistent with unity

# $\pi^0$ : light meson







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# direct proton production?



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# more quantitative: $n_{eff}(x_T)$

 physically motivated way to compare cross sections across collision energies








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- in contrast, in hard fragmentation picture: balancing strangeness will be close, in same jet

## tests: energy dependence



- p/pbar differences increase with decreasing  $\sqrt{s}$
- p/pbar triggered correlations (separately) can help determine direct component if incoming nucleus probed in valence region

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• decreasing proton v2? increasing direct component?

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# x<sub>T</sub> scaling: photons

 $E\frac{d^3\sigma}{dn^3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^{n(x_T,\sqrt{s})}}} G(x_T)$ 



- good scaling over a wide range of x<sub>T</sub> with n=5
  - 23 < 1800 GeV



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#### are baryons coming from somewhere else?

### QGP as filter

