Baryon Production in Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions

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incoming nuclei

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illustration: S. Bass



incoming nuclei



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hot matter



incoming nuclei hot hadronic matter gas



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- also p+p collsions, crucial baseline

Au+Au collision















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well described by hydrodynamics with small viscosity

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valence quark flow

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excess baryons

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



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- makes baryons a good place to look for novel effects

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• scaling deviations: $p_T \sim 3-4$ GeV/c

correlated baryons?



baryons: less same side correlations in the most central collisions

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y: control measurement



γ: no color charge → insensitive to produced matter $R_{AA}(p_T<14GeV/c)$ consistent with unity

π^0 : light meson



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are baryons coming from somewhere else?

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filter: hot nuclear matter



- colored partons lose a lot of energy
- suppresses baryons from fragmentation
- direct processes unsuppressed
 - relative contributions enhanced



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- n increased slightly
 - running coupling, evolution of PDFs & FFs

x_T 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_T with n=5
 - 23 < 1800 GeV



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x_T scaling: pions



- good scaling over a wide range of xT
- higher exponent than the photons n=6.3

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

 use measurements at two collision energies to extract the effective exponent

pions: heavy ion collisions



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power increased for protons, increases w/ centrality

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p and pbar



- n higher for p and pbar than pions
- n increases with centrality
- both charges show the same trend

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

baryon "anomaly"

- low p_T: recombination
- intermediate & high p_T: higher twist
 - hot nuclear matter \rightarrow study rare QCD processes!
 - identified particle measurements in a range of systems and energies provide a great way to study higher twist QCD processes and hot nuclear matter
 - strong motivation for RHIC energy scan at moderate center of mass (40–200GeV) p+p & heavy ions

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Arleo, Aurenche, Brodsky, Hwang, & Sickles: in preparation Brodsky: arXiv:0904.3037













still unclear why $R_{AA}(p) > R_{AA}(\pi)$

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- potentially extremely interesting: sensitive to mean free path

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• decreasing proton v2? increasing direct component?

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- $n(x_T) = 4$: leading twist 2 \rightarrow 2 scattering
 - increased slightly: running coupling, evolution of PDFs

$$E\frac{d\sigma}{d^3p}(AB \to CX) \propto \frac{(1-x_T)^{2n_{spectator}-1}}{p_T^{2n_{active}-4}} \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}^{n(x_T,\sqrt{s})}} G(x_T)$$