

Probing dense baryonic matter with strangeness



Motivation

In - medium effects
 K^- N interaction

Kaons in Medium

Inclusive K^0 – production in πA
 Kaon flow

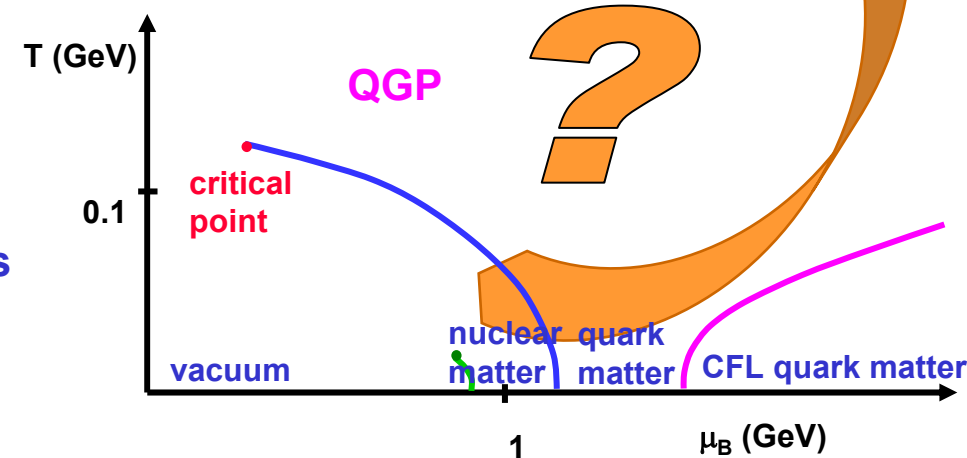
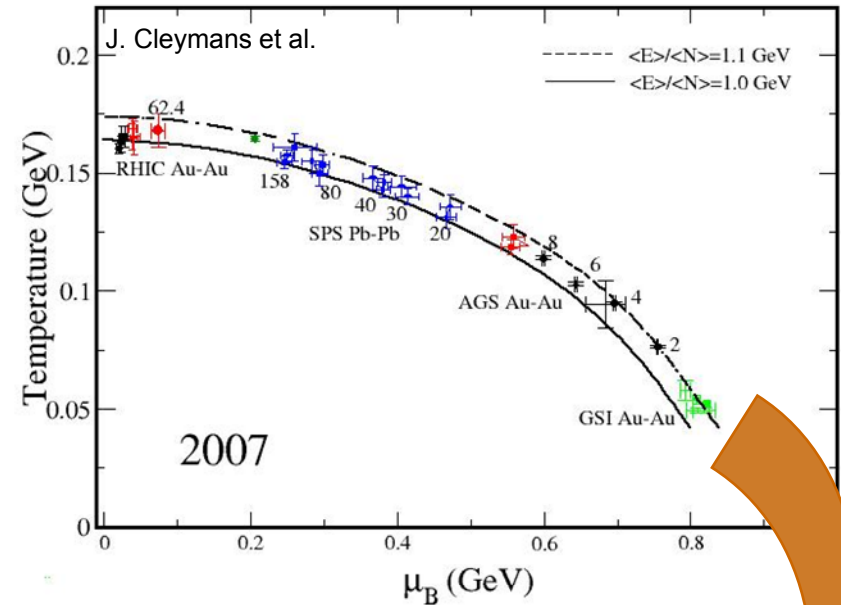
Strange Resonances

Excited hyperon $\Sigma^*(1385)$
 Mesons $K^*(895)$, $\phi(1020)$
 Thermalisation?

Kaonic bound states

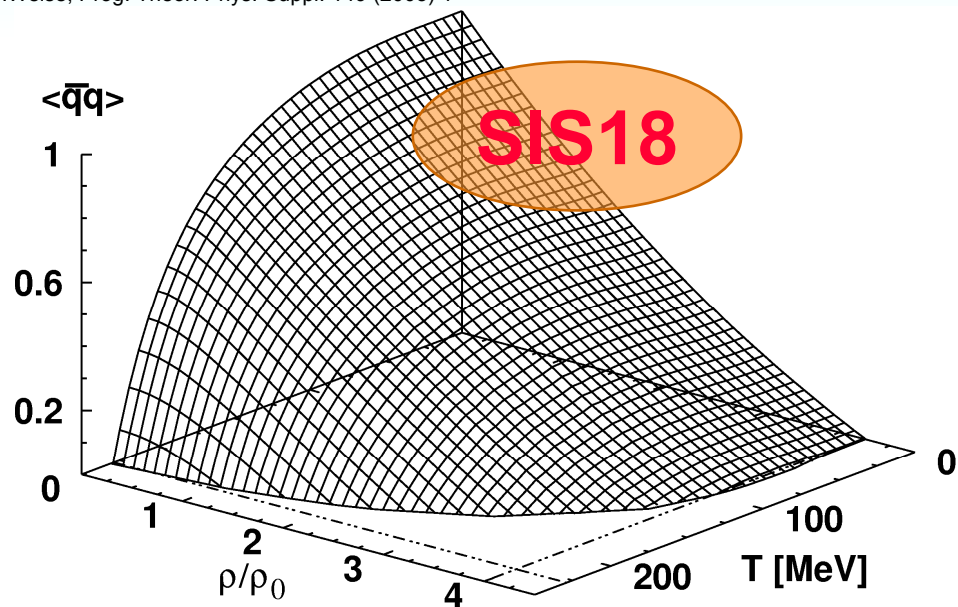
AY – model
 Kaonic cluster production in HI collisions
 Experimental evidence for kaonic clusters

Summary/Conclusions



Hadrons in Medium

W.Weise, Prog. Theor. Phys. Suppl. 149 (2003) 1



**Modified properties of hadrons
in dense baryonic matter?**

$M^*(\rho)$ (mass)
 $\Gamma^*(\rho)$ (width)
 $\sigma^*(\rho)$ (cross section)

GOR – relation: $m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 = - \langle m_q \rangle \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$

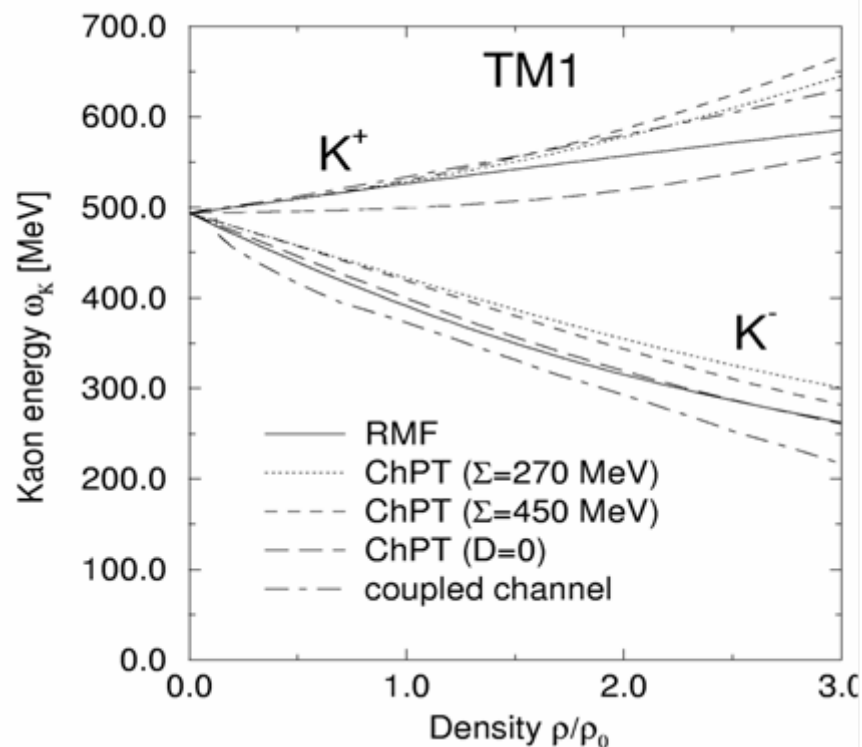
**In-medium effects in finite systems:
'Trivial'**

- Fermi motion
- Pauli blocking
- Collisional broadening

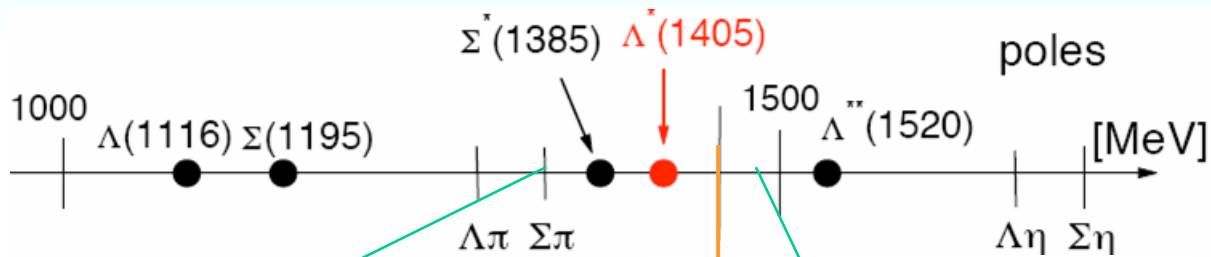
'Non-trivial'

- Partial restoration of chiral symmetry
- Meson – baryon coupling
- Bound states

in-medium kaon energy



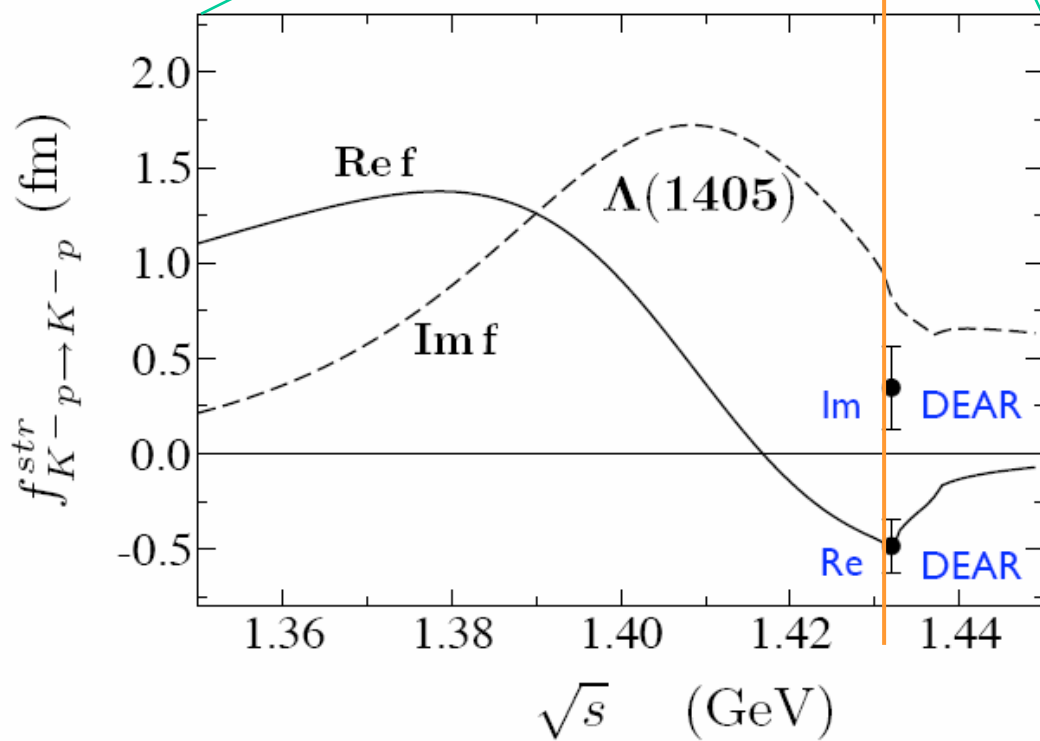
$\bar{K}N$ – interaction



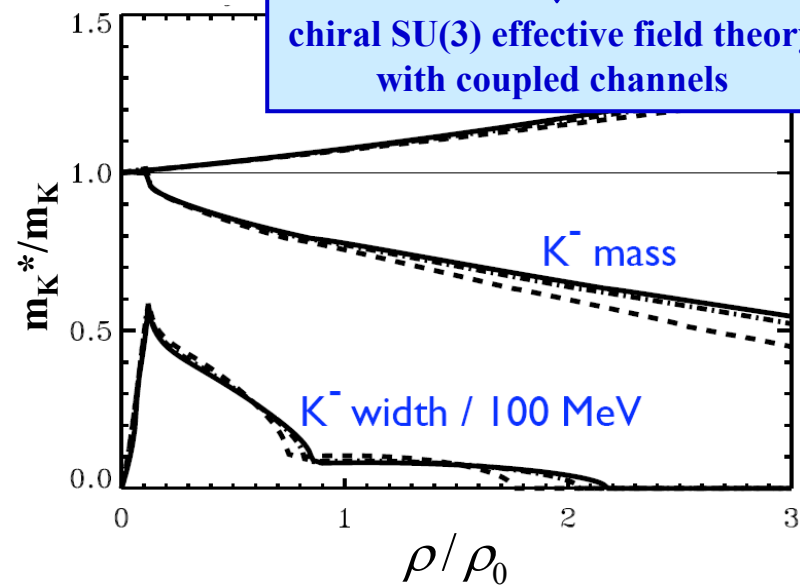
$$\sqrt{s} = \omega + m_N$$

↑
 \bar{K} - energy

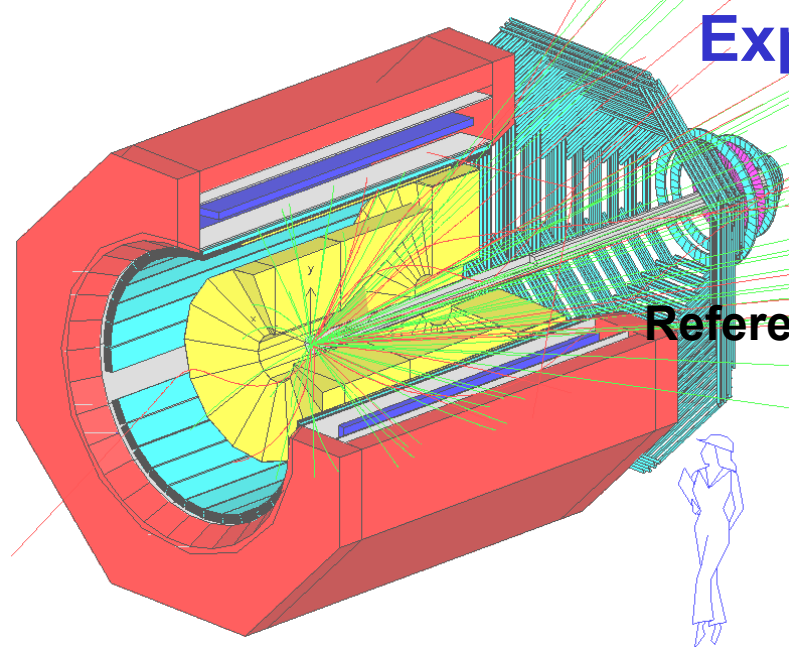
Scattering amplitude f



due to presence of resonances
 ↓
 non – perturbative problem
 ↓
 chiral SU(3) effective field theory
 with coupled channels



Summary: $\bar{K}N$ – interaction is attractive at finite densities, but strength (depth of potential) is unclear



Reference data from elementary reactions

K^0 , Λ production and phase space distributions in
 $\pi^- + C, Al, Cu, Sn, Pb$ @ 1.15 GeV/c, (S273, 2004)

K^0 , K^+ , K^- , ϕ , Λ production in
 $\pi^- + LH_2, C, Pb$ @ 1.7 GeV/c, (S339, 2010)

Systematics of strangeness data from heavy-ion reactions

K^0 , K^+ , K^- , ϕ , K^* , Λ , $\Sigma^*(1385)$ production and kaon flow
Search for kaonic bound states

Ni + Ni	@ 1.93 AGeV,	(S261, 2003)
Al + Al	@ 1.91 AGeV,	(S297, 2005)
Ni + Ni	@ 1.91 AGeV,	(S325, 2008)
Ru + Ru	@ 1.7 AGeV,	(S338, 2009)
Ni + Pb	@ 2 AGeV,	(S338, 2009)

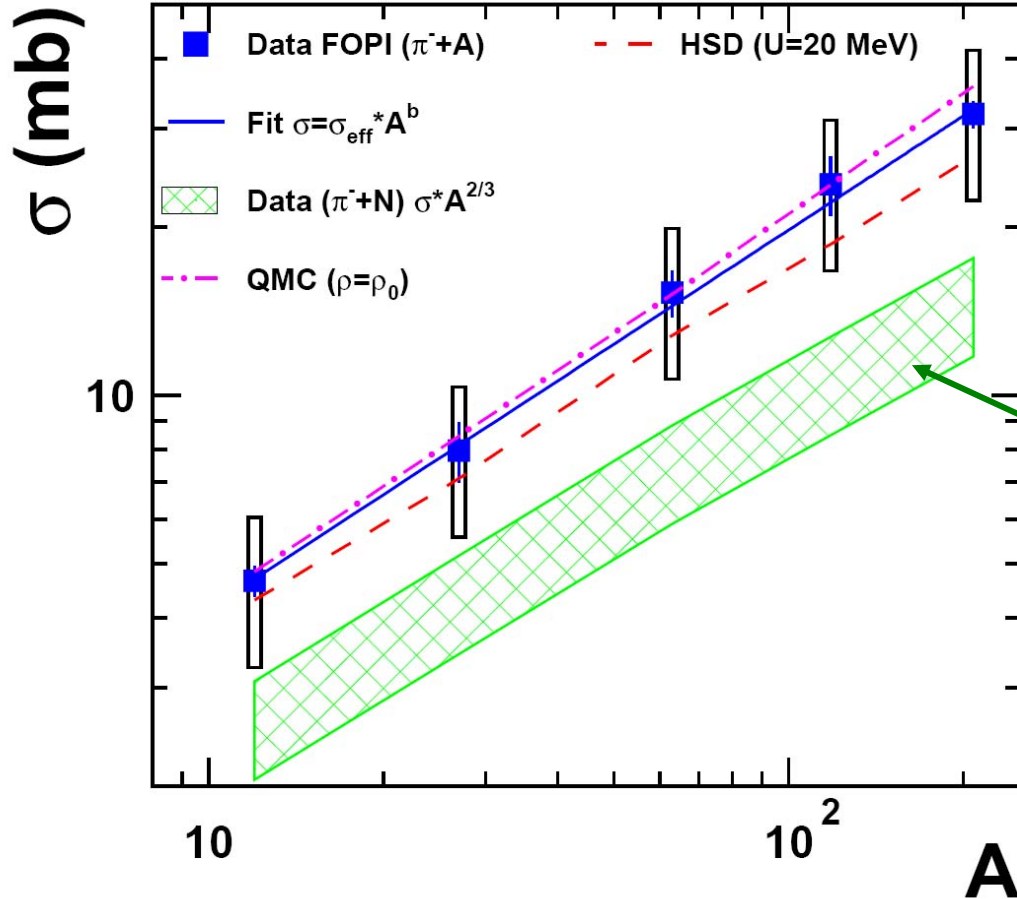
Search for exotica in elementary reaction existence of ppK^- - bound state

$p + p$ @ 3 GeV, (S349, 2009)

Evidence for in-medium effect at $\rho=\rho_0$

Inclusive K^0 – production in $\pi^- + A$ reactions at 1.15 GeV/c

M.L. Benabderramane et al. (FOPI), submitted to PRL, arXiv:0807.3361



$$\sigma(\pi + A \rightarrow K^0 + X) = \sigma_0 A^\alpha$$

$$\sigma_0 = 0.87 \pm 0.13 \text{ mb}$$

$$\alpha = 0.67 \pm 0.03$$

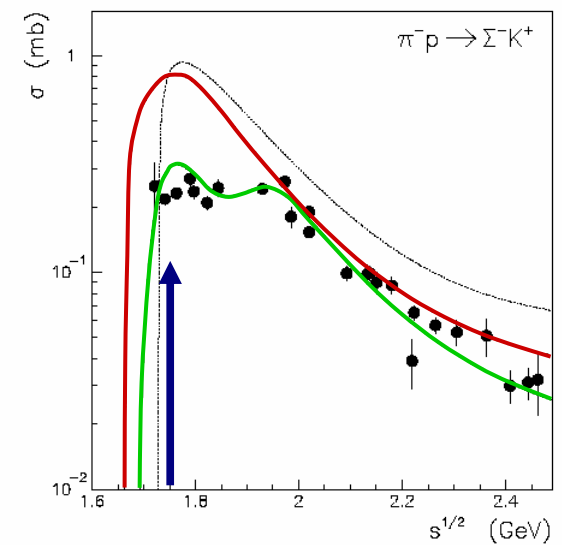
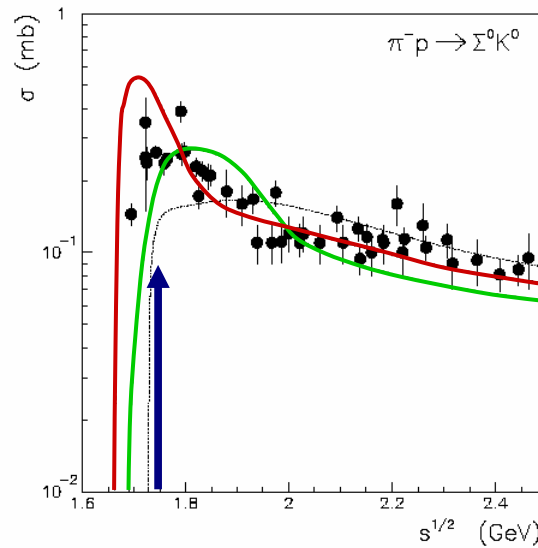
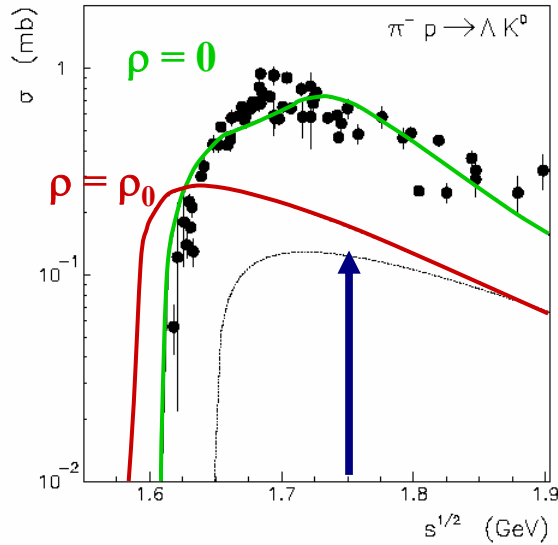
Expectation for vacuum cross section

Enhanced K^0 – production on cold nuclei!

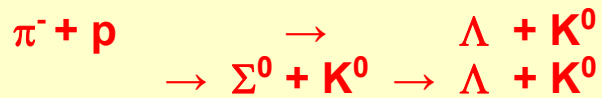
Pion induced strangeness production

QMC – Quark-Meson Coupling Model + Resonance model,
(infinite nuclear matter)

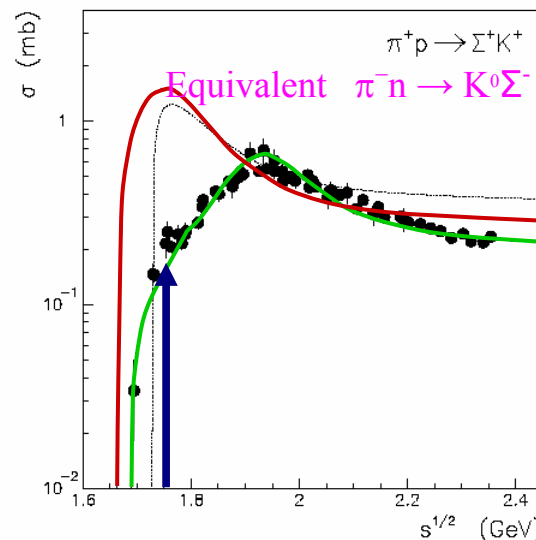
K. Saito, K. Tsushima, A.W. Thomas, hep-ph/0506314



Strangeness production in $\pi^- A$ reactions:



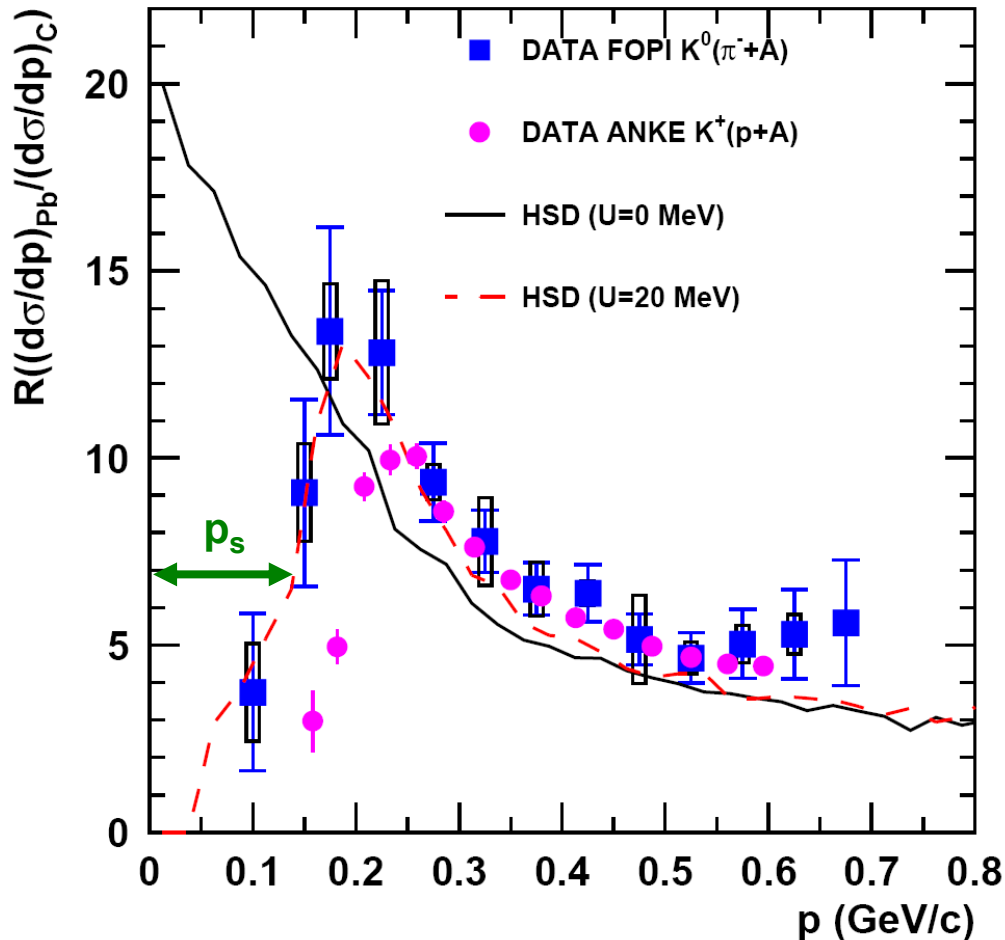
All channels have different density dependence.



Resonance model can be tested by exclusive measurements and by analysing all reaction channels, i.e. K^0, K^+, K^-, Φ and Λ (new data needed)

K^0 production in $\pi^- + A$ reactions at 1.15 GeV/c

Ratio of momentum distributions:



M.L. Benabderramane, PhD thesis, Heidelberg (2007), arXiv:0807.3361

Anke data @ COSY

M. Büscher et al., *EPJ*, A22, 301 (2004)

$p + p \rightarrow K^+ + X$ at 2.5 GeV

Model interpretation with RBUU

$U(K^+) = + 20$ MeV

Model independent analysis:

$$U_K = \frac{p_s^2}{2m_K} = \frac{(140\text{MeV})^2}{2 \cdot 498\text{MeV}} = 20\text{MeV}$$

Potential depth: $U(K^0) = + 20$ (+/- 5) MeV consistent with heavy-ion data on K^+ , Accuracy (only) statistics limited, Method applicable to determine isospin dependence of KN – potential (e.g. $\pi^- + {}^X\text{Sn}$).

K^0 and Λ measurements in HI - reactions



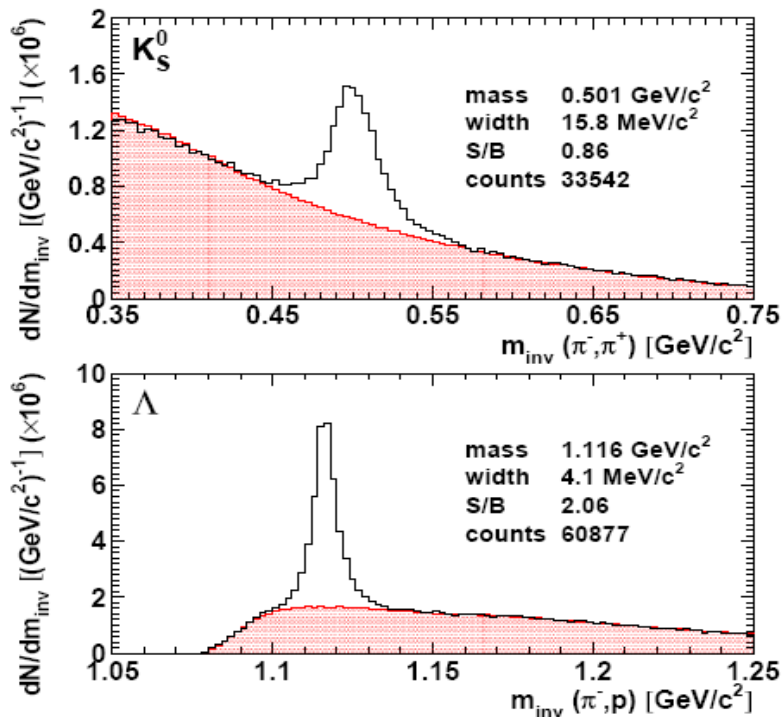
M. Merschmeyer et al. (FOPI), PRC 76, 024906 (2007),
nucl-ex/0703036

Transverse mass spectra

Reconstruction of secondary vertices

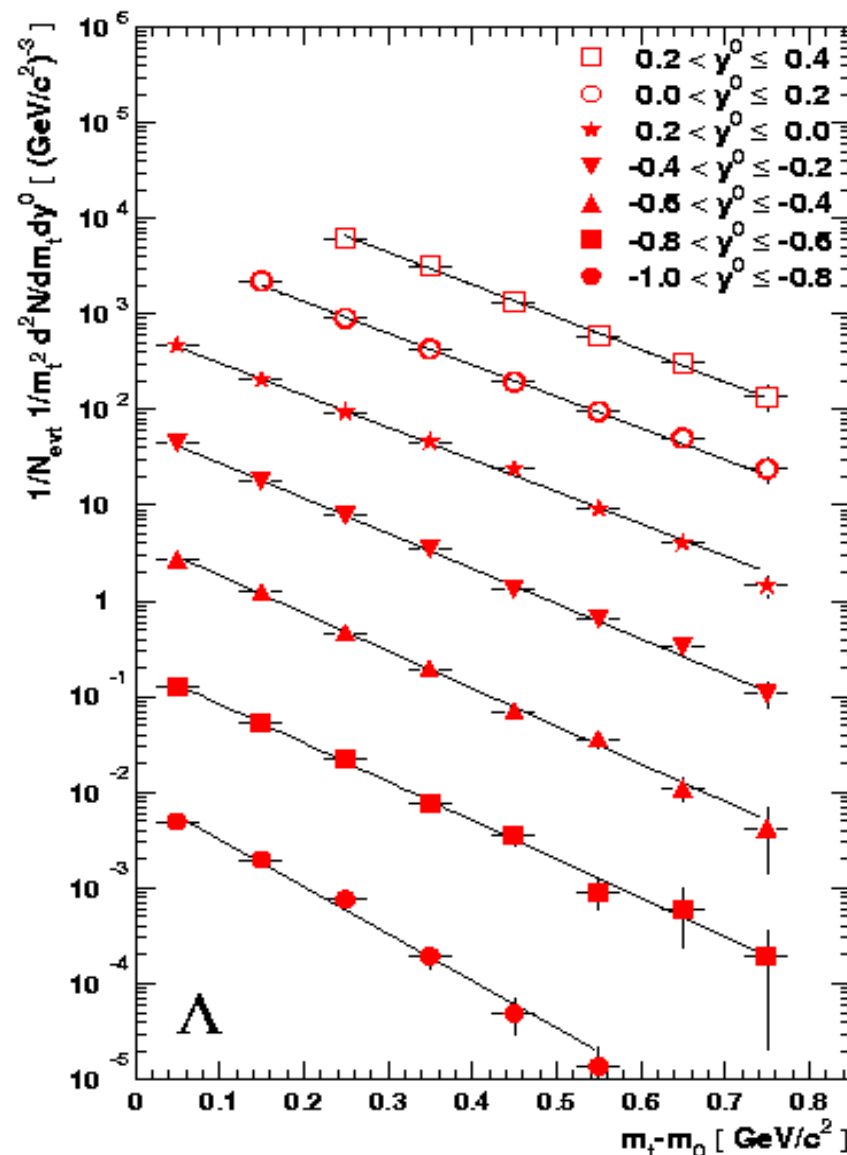
~ 60k (100k) Λ in Ni (Al)

~ 30k (60k) K^0 in Ni (Al)



Typical detection probability

$$P_{\text{det}} = P_{\text{prod}} \cdot \varepsilon \approx 10^{-1} \cdot 10^{-2} = 10^{-3}$$



Reconstruction of short lived resonances in HI collisions

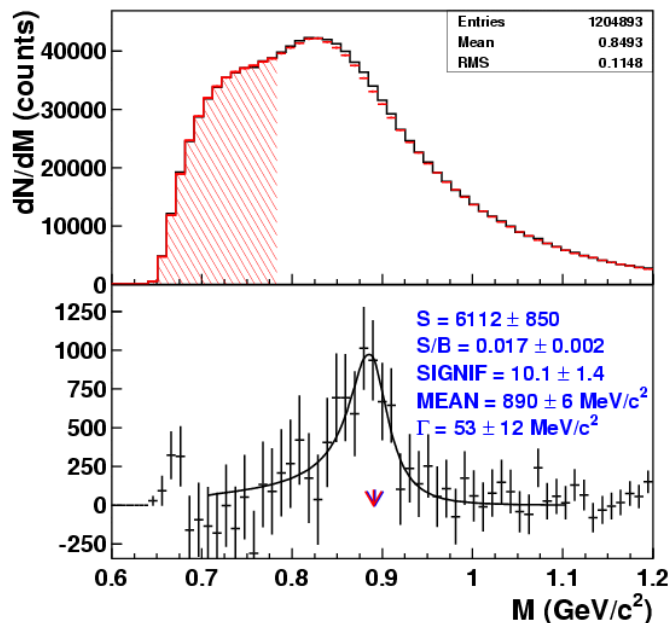
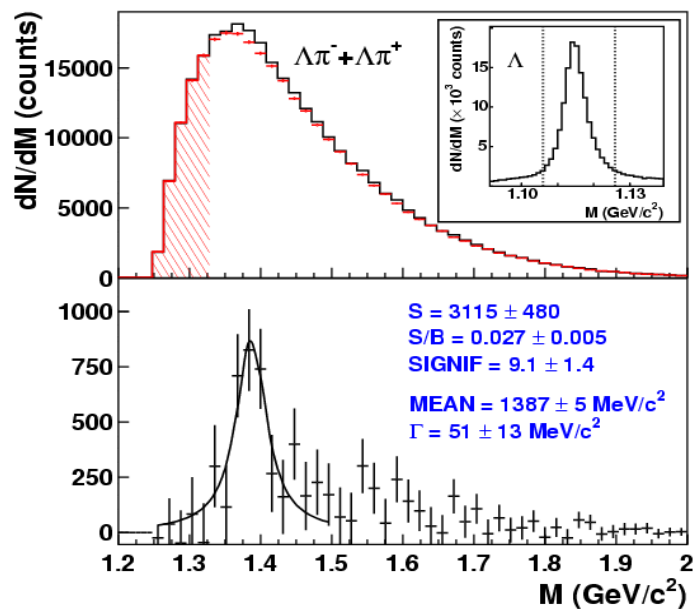


$\Sigma^*(1385)$ subthreshold production,
X. Lopez et al. (FOPI), PRC 76, 052203(R) (2007)

$\Sigma^* \rightarrow \Lambda + \pi$ ($88 \pm 2\%$)
 $\rightarrow \mathbf{p} + \pi^- + \pi$
 $\Gamma = 39.4 \text{ MeV}$
 $c\tau = 5 \text{ fm}$

$K^* \rightarrow K + \pi$ ($88 \pm 2\%$)
 $\Gamma = 50.7 \text{ MeV}$
 $c\tau = 4 \text{ fm}$

Exp. Conditions:
 Al+Al at 1.92 AGeV,
 21 d running (Aug 2005)
 $5 \cdot 10^8$ recorded events
 10 TByte raw data

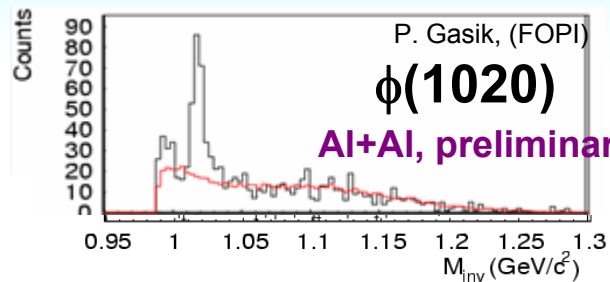


$$P_{\text{det}} \approx 10^{-5}$$

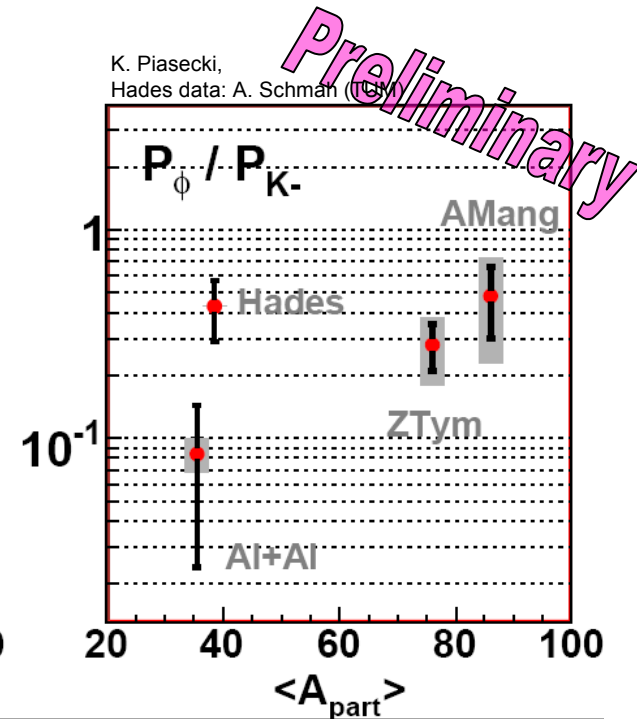
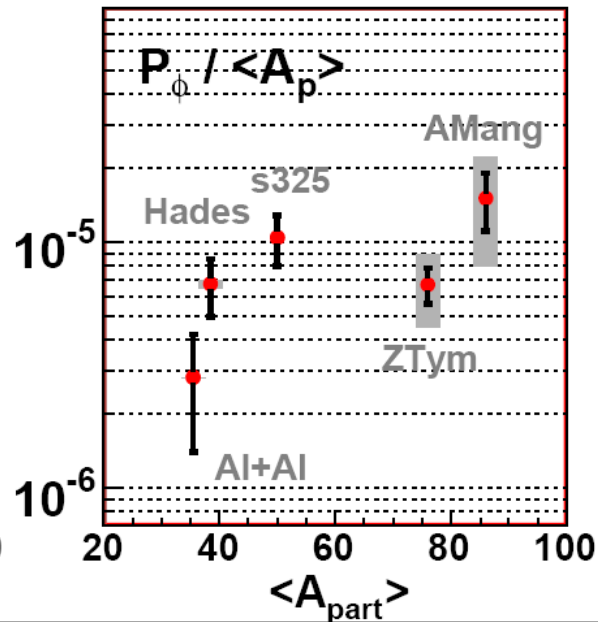
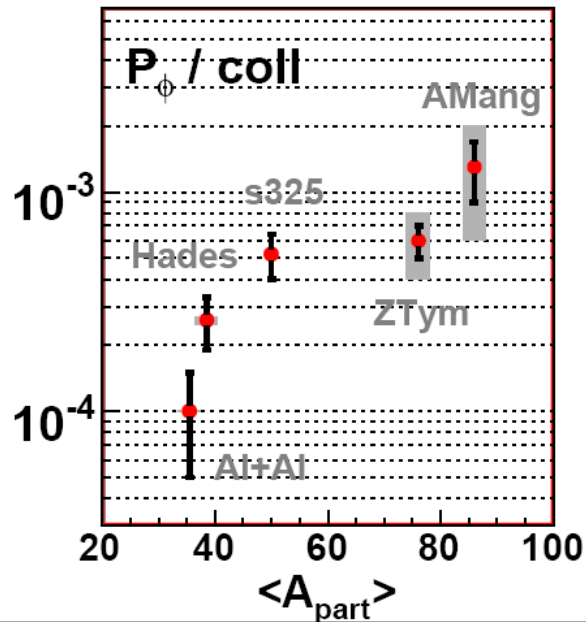
FOPIs reconstruction method and background construction works for wide resonances.

Masses and widths consistent with PDG values.

Φ – meson production systematics



$$P_{\text{det}} \approx 10^{-6}$$



Available data still rather scarce.

Large Φ/K^- - ratio seems to be confirmed (A.Mangiarotti et al. (FOPI), NPA 714, 89 (2003))
 15% - 20% of all K^- are produced via the ϕ - meson and will not see any attractive K^- - potential.

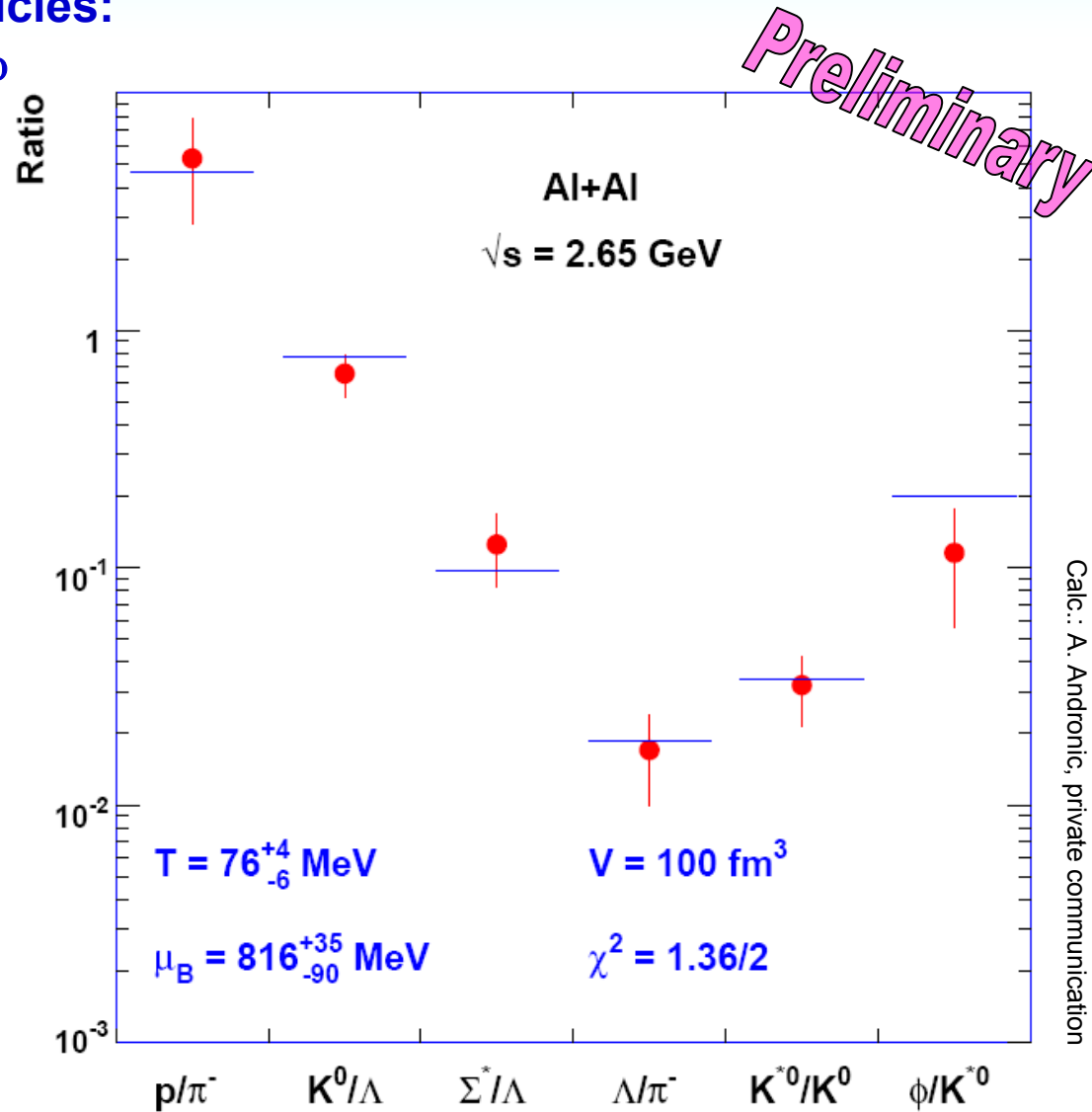
Necessary to extend studies to larger size systems.

Particle yields at freeze-out

5 independent ratios with 4 strange particles:
 ρ , π^- , K^0 , ($\Lambda+\Sigma^0$), $K^{*0}(892)$ and $\Sigma^{*\pm}(1385)$, ϕ
in Al+Al @ 1.9 AGeV

Comparison to statistical model:

- canonical ensemble ($\gamma_s = 1$)

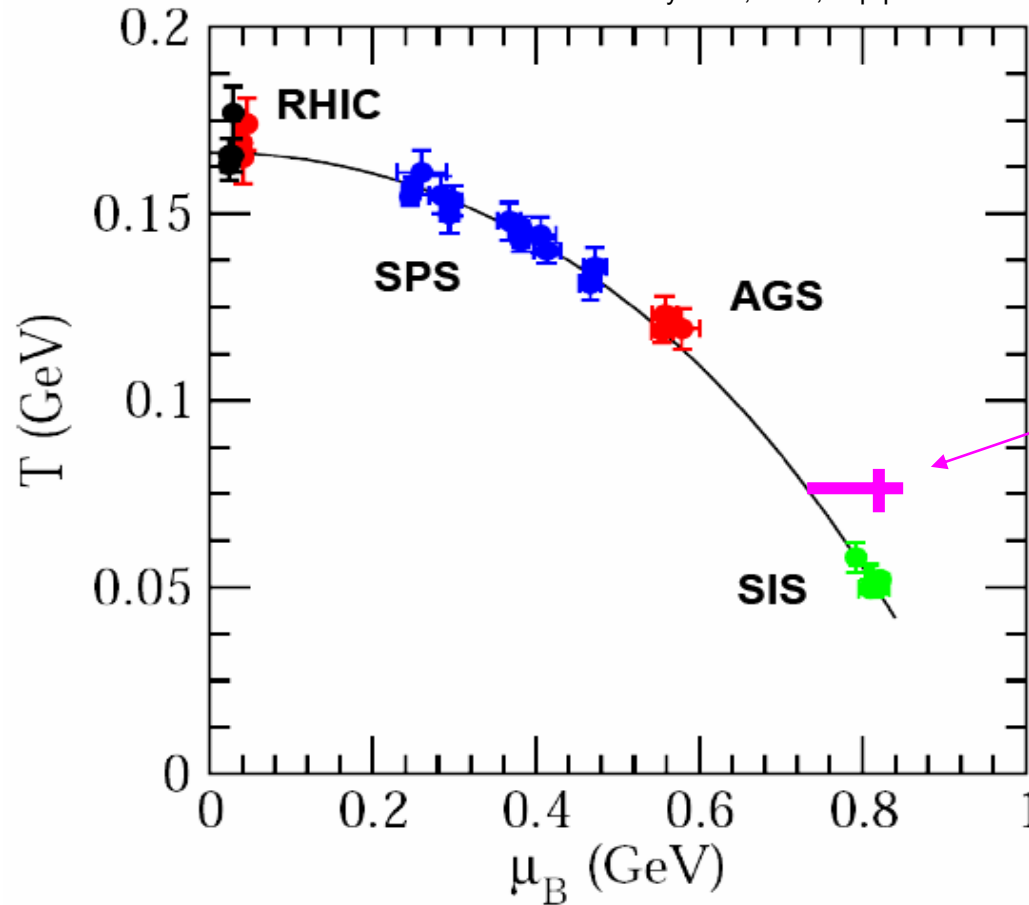


Equilibrium picture works surprisingly well
for Al+Al with $\gamma_s=1$!

Freeze-out points in phase diagram



J. Cleymans, et al., hep-ph/0511094



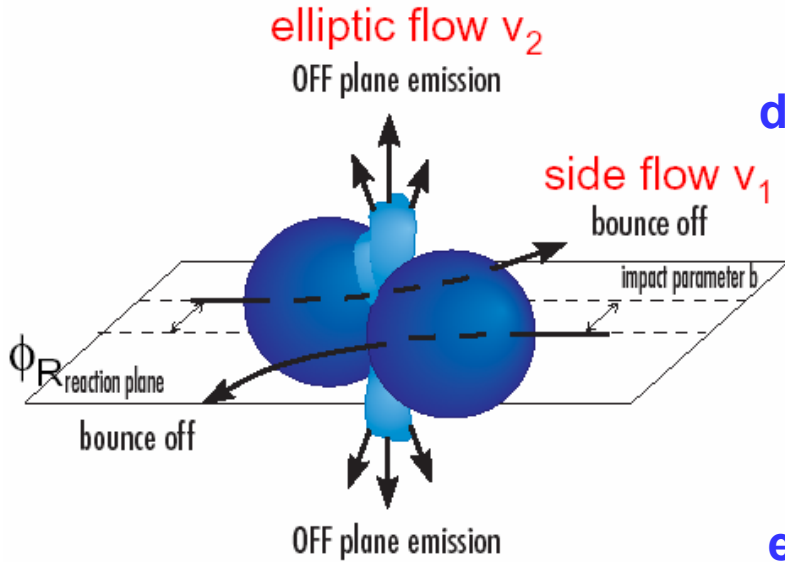
**Chemical equilibrium seems to be achieved even in Al+Al.
Equilibration mechanism not understood yet in transport.
 $T(\text{Al} + \text{Al}) > T(\text{Au} + \text{Au})$.
In-medium effects need to be extracted from other observables.**

Kaon – flow measurements



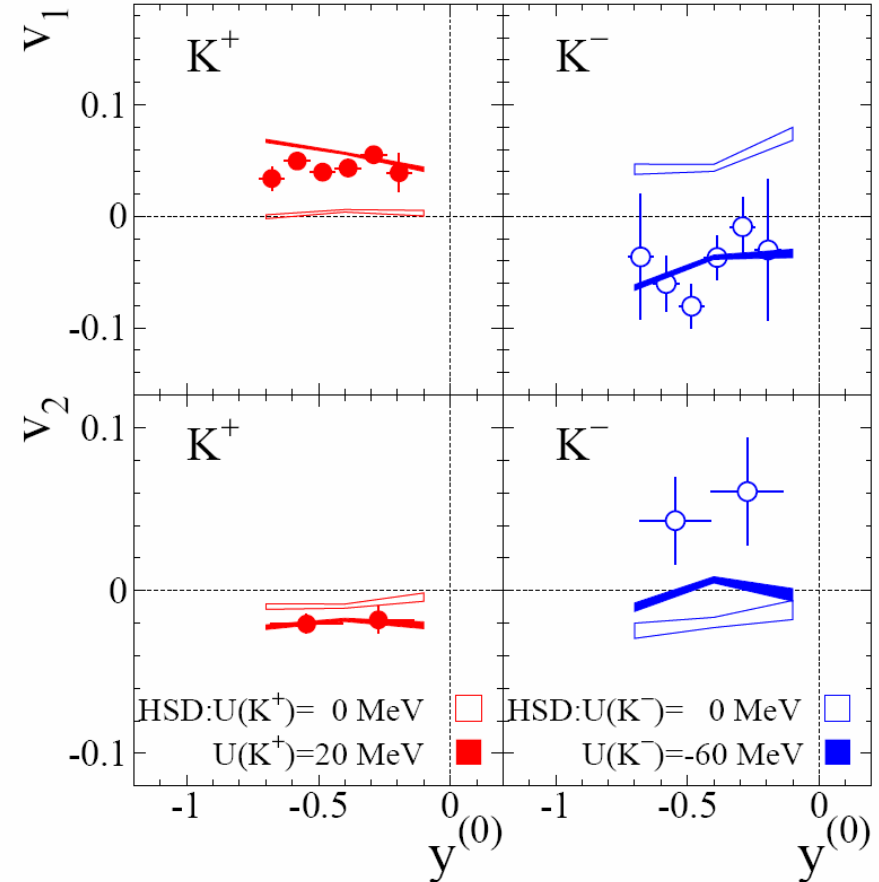
Ni+Ni @ 1.93 AGeV

Y.J.Kim (FOPI)



directed flow:

elliptic flow:



**Sensitivity of flow to depth of kaon potential: $U(K^+) = + 20$ MeV,
 $U(K^-) < - 60$ MeV**

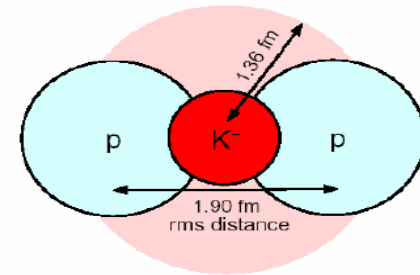
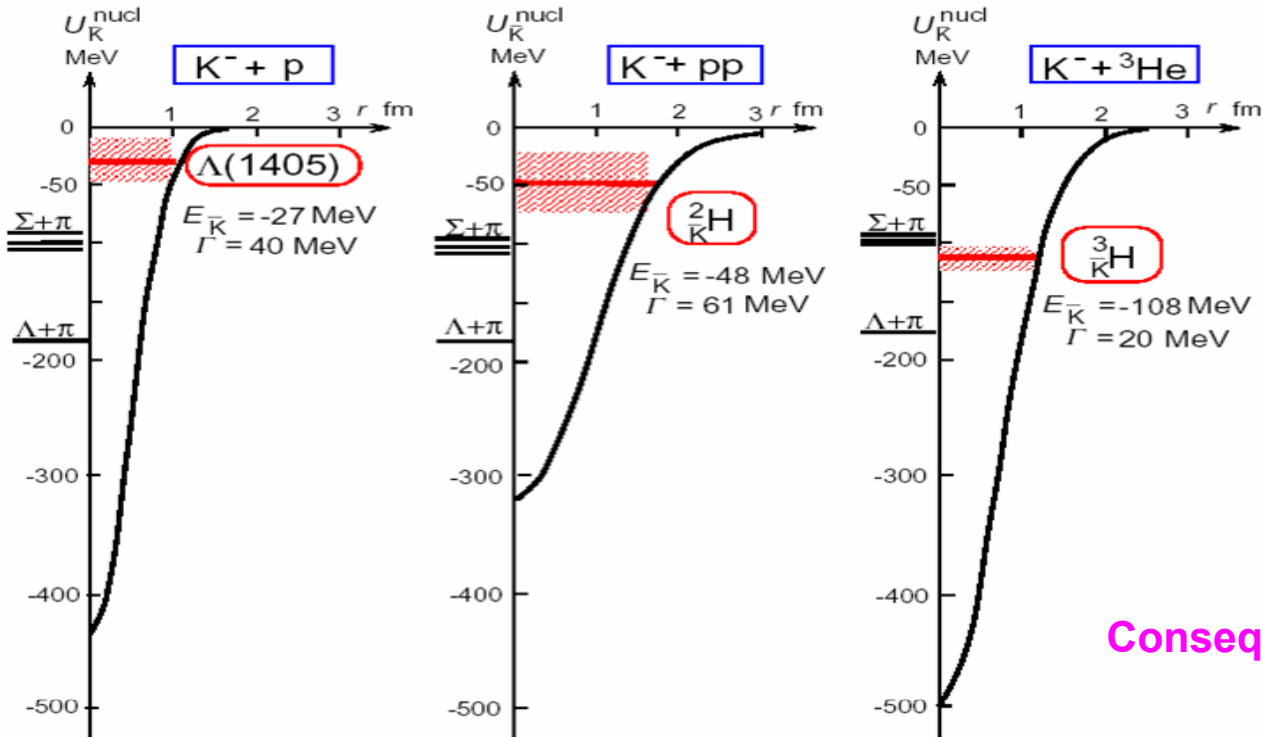
For K^- no consistent description yet by transport models.
 HSD – E. Bratkovskaya et al. (Frankfurt, Giessen)
 IQMD – C. Hartnack et al. (Nantes)

Phenomenological $\bar{K}N$ - potential

$\bar{K}N$ interaction is strongly attractive ! $\Lambda(1405)$ is (K^-p) bound state.

Y. Akaishi, T. Yamazaki, Phys.Rev.C65, 044005 (2002)

T. Yamazaki and Y. Akaishi, Phys.Lett.B535, 70 (2002)

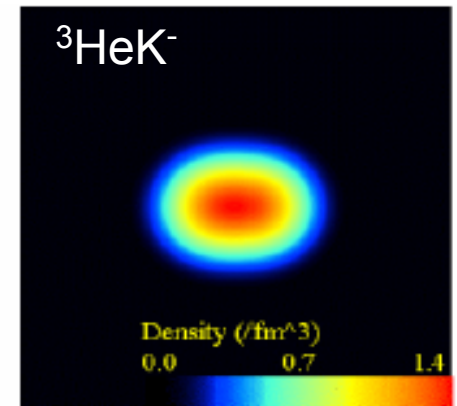
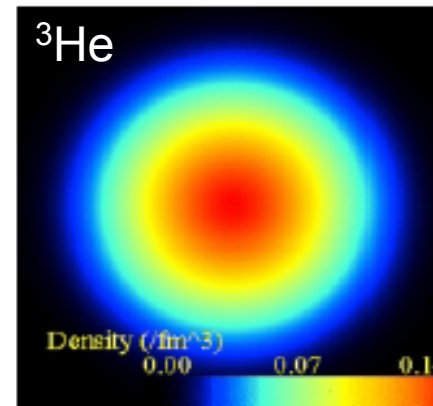


Consequence of strong attraction:
Shrinking!

A.Dote et al., PRC70,044313(2004)

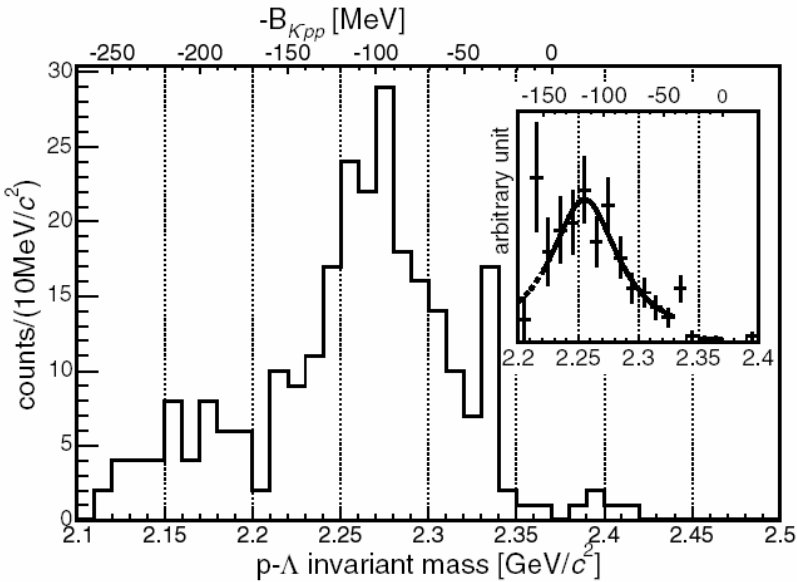
AY- potential designed to:

- describe scattering length of free $\bar{K}N$ scattering
- X-ray shifts of kaonic hydrogen atom
- mean and width of $\Lambda(1405)$



Evidence for $(ppK^-)_{\text{bound}}$ by FINUDA @ DaΦne

M. Agnello et al., PRL 94, 212303 (2005)



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$$

$$K^- + \Lambda \rightarrow (ppK^-) + X \rightarrow \Lambda + p + X$$

(invariant mass spectroscopy)

Production probability:

$$P \cdot \text{BR} = 0.1\% \text{ per stopped } K^-$$

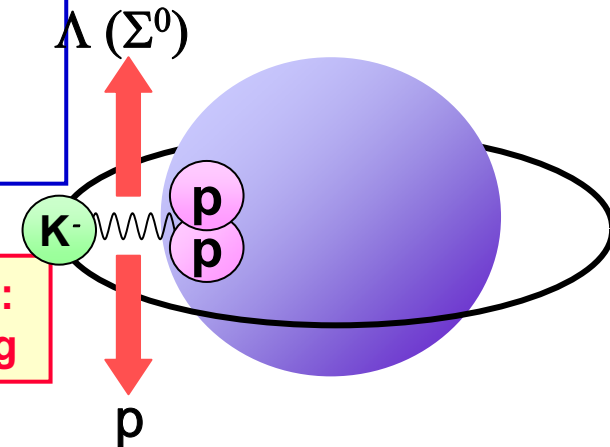
Peak parameter:

$$M = 2.255 \pm 0.009 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 67^{+14+2}_{-11-3} \text{ MeV}$$

**Controversial interpretation:
2N absorption + rescattering**

V.K. Magas, E. Oset, et al., nucl-th/0601013



Bound state predictions for ppK^- :

Author	Ref.	Mean (GeV)	Width (MeV)
Akaishi, Yamazaki	PRC65, 044005 (2002)	2.322	61
Dote, Weise	nucl-th/0701050	2.310	100
N.V. Shevchenko et al.	PRL 98, 082301 (2007)	~2.310	~100

New data on $(ppK^-)_{\text{bound}}$

T. Yamazaki, et al.

Exa2008, Vienna, last week:
(reanalysis of old DISTO data)

$p + p \rightarrow K^+ + X \rightarrow K^+ + \Lambda + p$ at 2.85 GeV

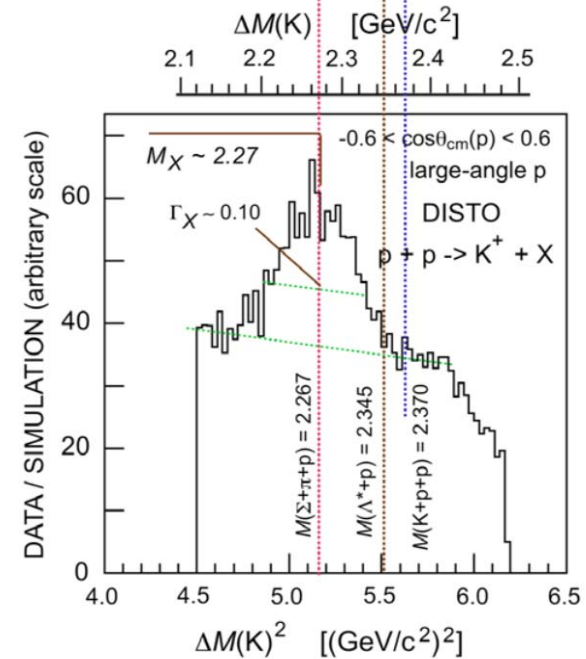
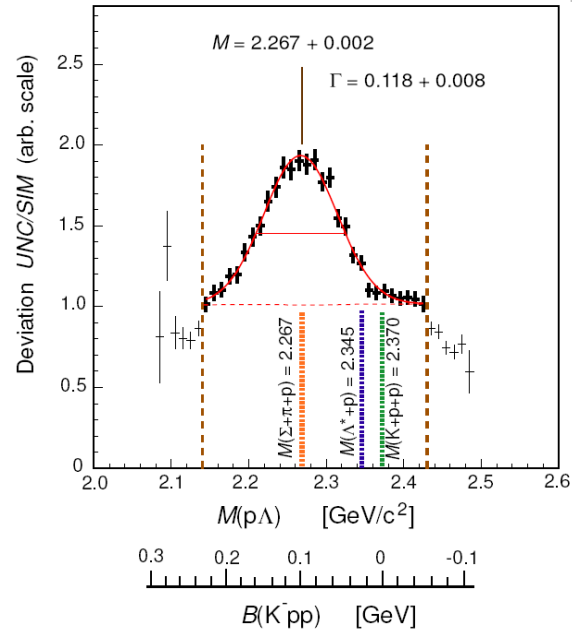
Production probability:

$$X / \Lambda = 0.1$$

Peak parameter:

$$M = 2.265 \pm 0.002 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 118 \pm 0.008 \text{ MeV}$$

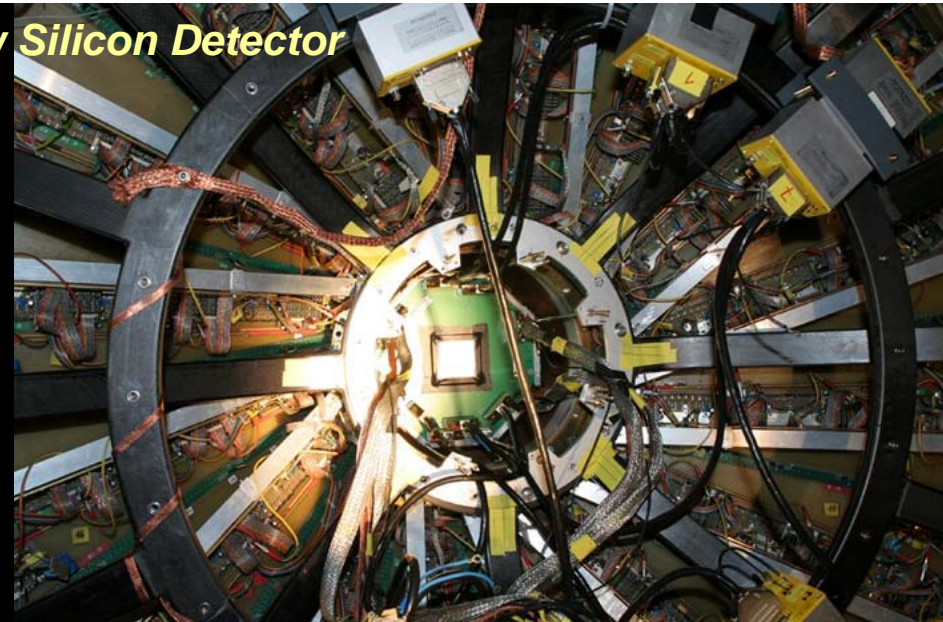
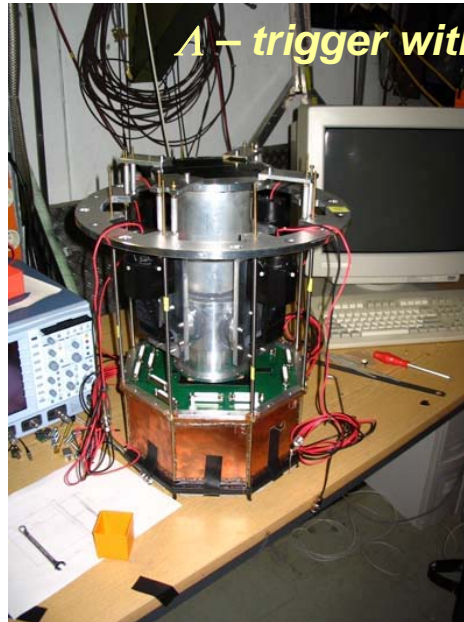


Λ – trigger with new Silicon Detector

FOPI pp - program:

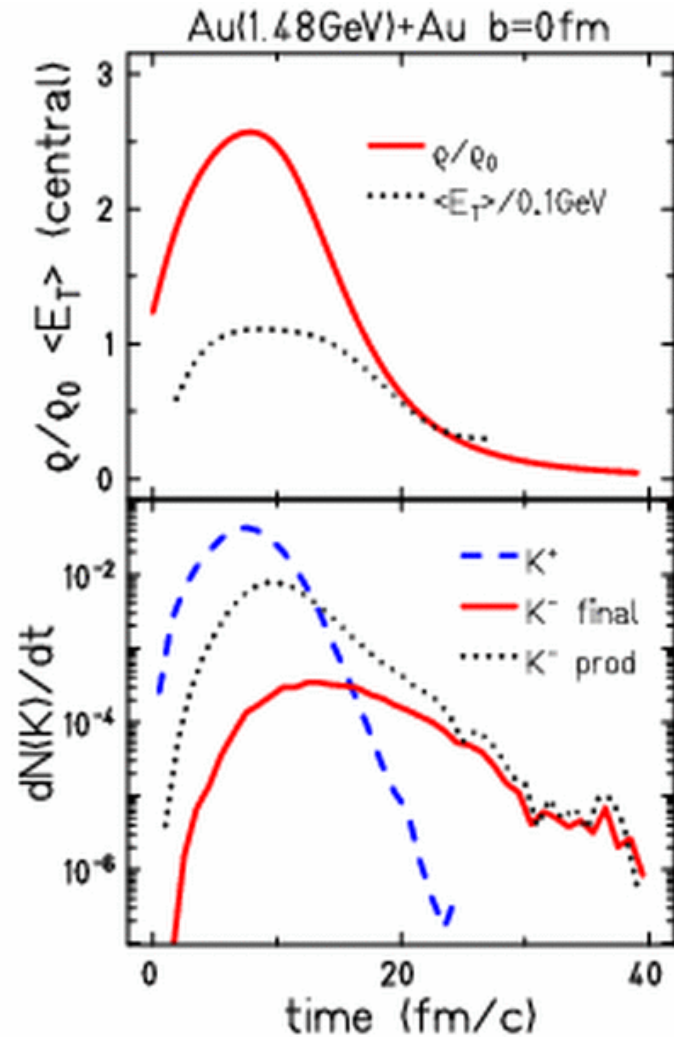
L. Fabbietti (TUM)

production run planned
for 2009



Antikaon Cluster Production in HI collisions

IQMD, C.Hartnack, Nantes



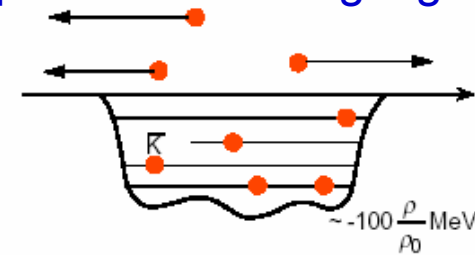
**Central density in HI collisions
from transport model calculations:**

$$\rho_{\text{max}} = 2-3 \cdot \rho_0$$

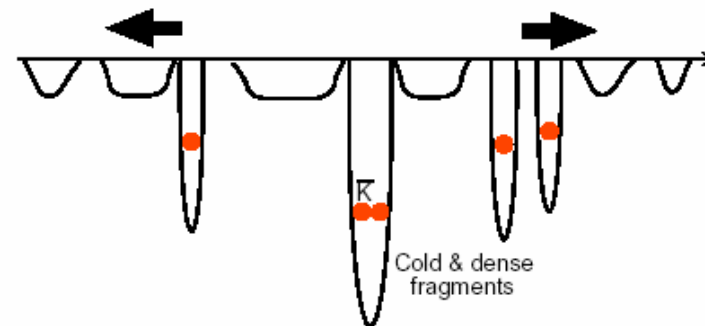
Possible mechanism for cluster formation:

T.Yamazaki et al., NPA738,168 (2004)

1) Kaon production during high density phase



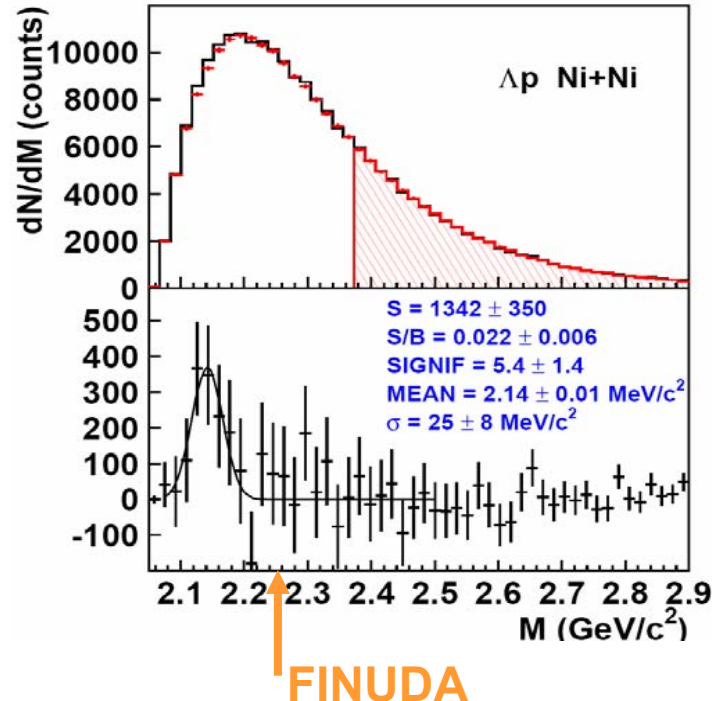
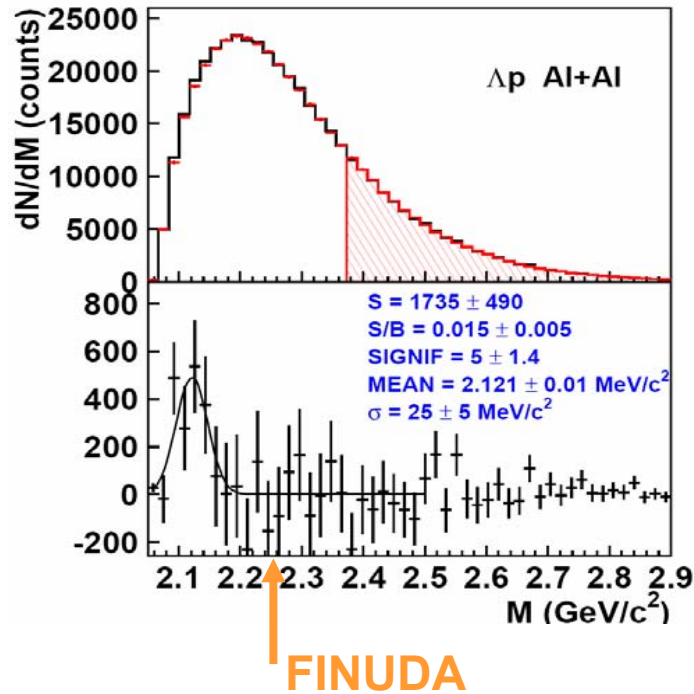
2) capture of K^- in deep trapping centers



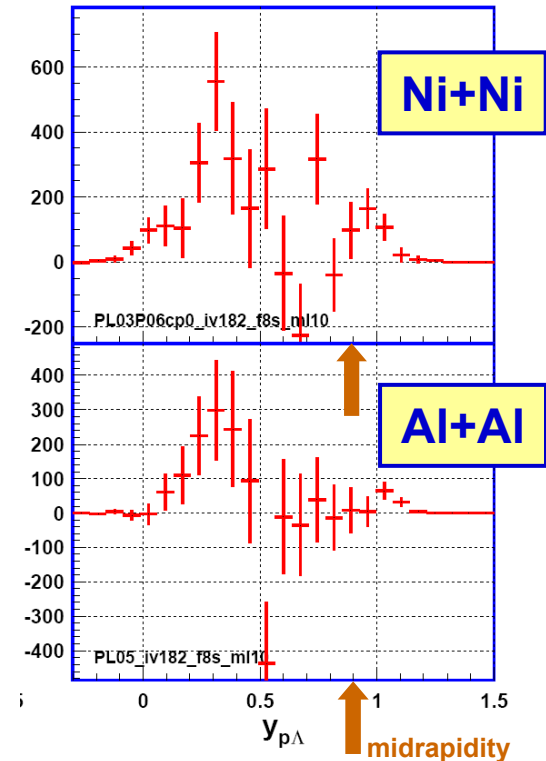
Search for ppK^-



Δp – invariant mass



Rapidity distribution



**Excess observed in Ni+Ni and Al+Al with statistical significance of ~ 5.
 Yield located in spectator/fireball interface region (like non-strange clusters).
 Peak position in variance with FINUDA result.**

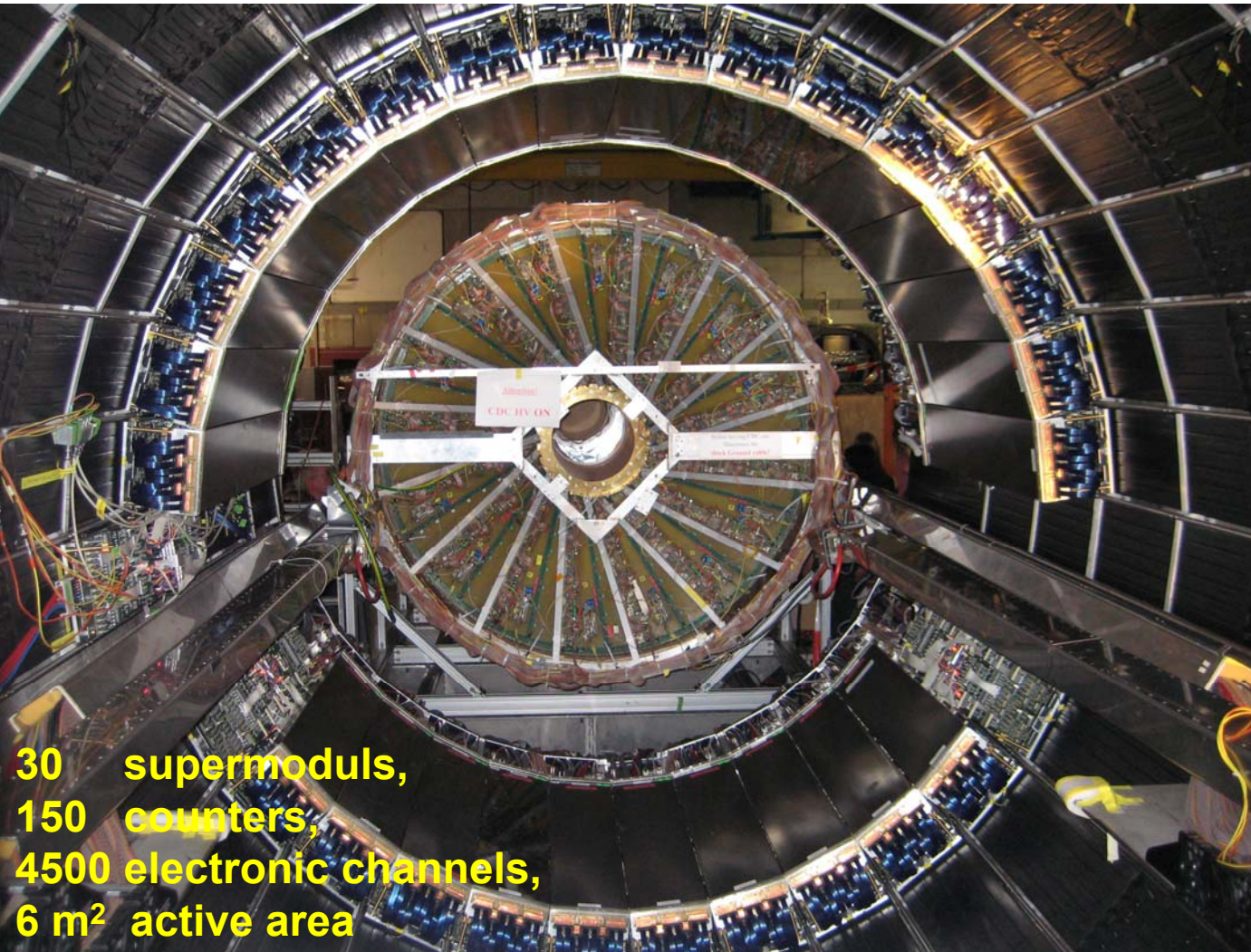
Possible interpretation: ΣN – bound state H(2129)

Object seen in $K^- + d \rightarrow \Lambda p \pi^-$ (O. Braun et al., NPB 124,45 (1977))

Final round of experiments in 2008 - 2010 with improved PID



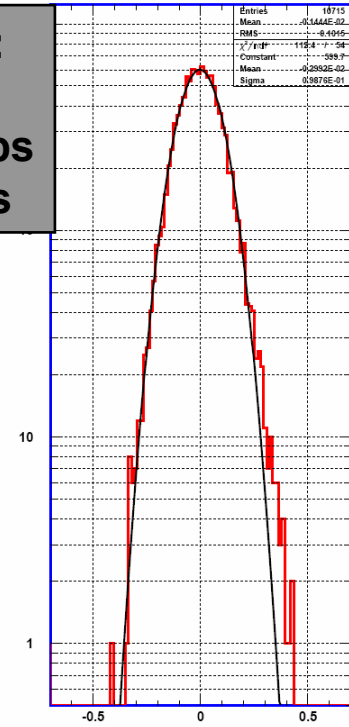
New MMRPC TOF Barrel



30 supermodules,
150 counters,
4500 electronic channels,
6 m² active area

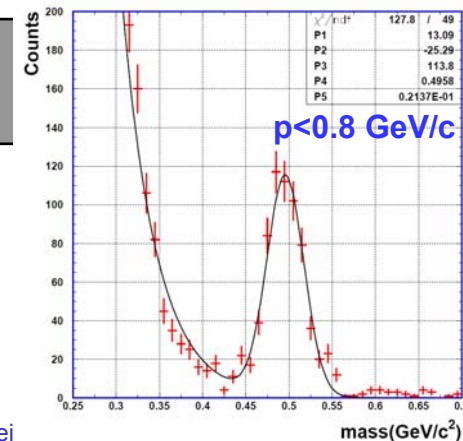
Performance:
(Oct. 2007)

$\sigma_{\text{system}} \sim 100 \text{ ps}$
 $\sigma_{\text{RPC}} \sim 65 \text{ ps}$



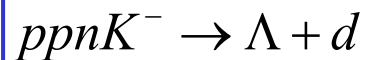
$\Delta t = t_{\text{meas}} - t_{\text{exp}} \text{ (ns)}$

K⁻ - PID:
S/B > 10



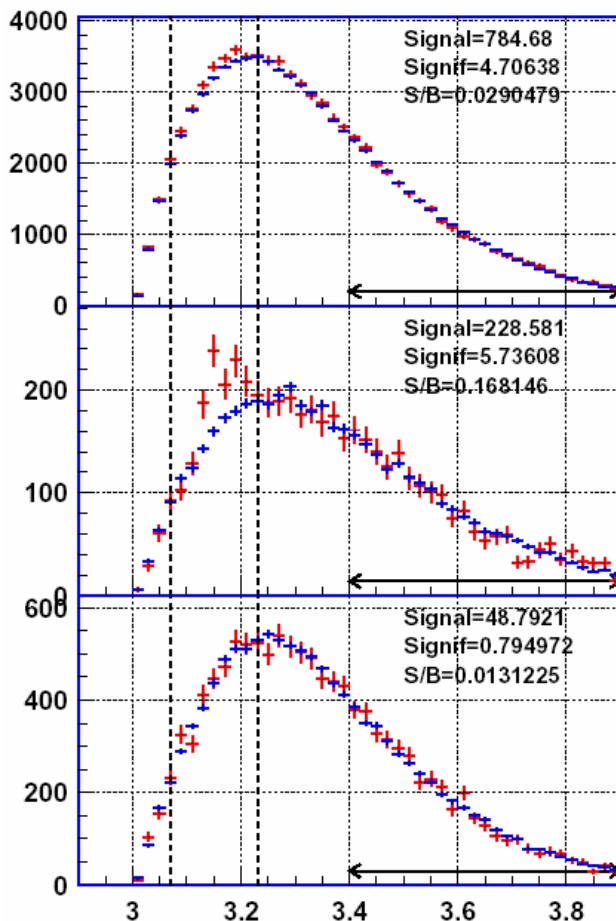
Subevents rotated
Vertex shifted
Lambda Cut “s”

Possible decay channel:

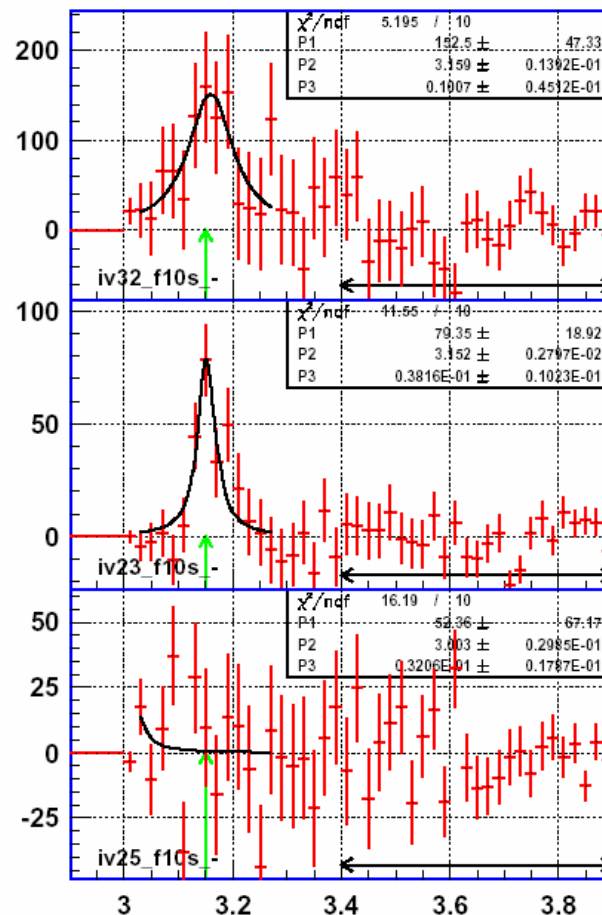


d-Cuts:

HM3MIN	
D03MAX	
PT3MIN	
PT3MAX	
Sdxy3max	
M3LOW	1,7
M3HIGH	
DML	
DPHL3MIN	30
YDLMAX	0,65
PTDLMIN	
PTDLMAX	
CCNT	<10
BM3MIN	
F10	



$M_{inv}(\Lambda+d)$ (GeV)

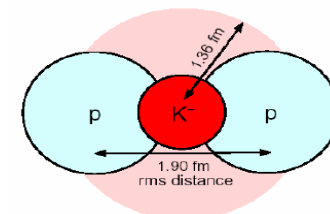


Data

additional cuts:
 $|\Delta\phi| > 30^\circ$
 $y_{pair} < 0.65$

Signal-MC

Background-MC

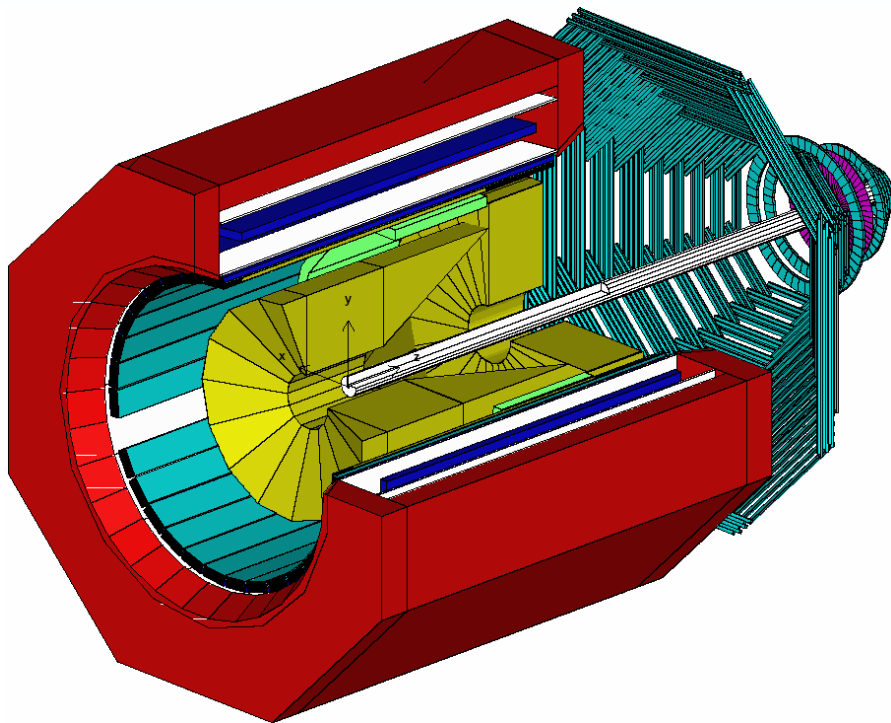


Properties: (?)

$M \approx M(\text{KEK}) = 3.14 \text{ GeV}$

$\Gamma \gg 20 \text{ MeV} > \Gamma(\text{KEK})$

Strange baryon program with FOPI @ GSI



IPNE Bucharest, Romania
CRIP/KFKI Budapest, Hungary
LPC Clermont-Ferrand, France
GSI Darmstadt, Germany
FZ Rossendorf, Germany
Univ. of Warsaw, Poland
IMP Lanzhou, China
TUM, Munich, Germany
+ P. Kienle (TUM), T.Yamazaki(RIKEN)

ITEP Moscow, Russia
Kurchatov Institute Moscow, Russia
Korea University, Seoul, Korea
IReS Strasbourg, France
Univ. of Heidelberg, Germany
RBI Zagreb, Croatia
SMI Vienna, Austria

Program:

Strangeness in

HI collision

pion induced reactions

proton-proton collisions

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Summary / Conclusion

Strangeness production close to threshold is still far from being understood.

New data from FOPI at SIS18

- Inclusive K^0 production in πA
 - sensitivity to in-medium cross sections and Kaon potential at $\rho=\rho_0$
- Short lived strange resonances: ϕ , $K^*(892)$, $\Sigma^*(1395)$
(for the first time below NN – threshold)
 - chemical equilibrium in Al + Al @ 1.9 AGeV ?
- Flow of charged kaons under the same experimental condition
 - K^- - potential is attractive, magnitude is unclear
- Evidence for strange di-baryon production ($H1^+$)
 - cluster formation not yet understood

Search for multi-baryonic strange clusters ongoing

- Structures seen in Λp (Λd) final states in diff. reactions
 - confirmation of peak position and width under diff. experimental absolutely necessary

Serious theoretical effort necessary to interpret available and coming data.

Strange hadrons, especially strange multi-baryonic clusters, are an exiting possibility towards the properties of cold dense baryonic matter and non-perturbative QCD.

Strangeness physics from 2 – 10 AGeV must be revisited! \Rightarrow CBM @ SIS100