The BRAHMS HI and Spin Programs



Broad RAnge Hadron Magnetic Spectrometers

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BRAHMS studies the properties of the produced medium as a function of its longitudinal expansion...

•What is the energy available for particle production?

•What is the longitudinal extent of the created medium?

How does the "chemistry" of the medium change with rapidity?
Are small-x effects (saturation)

evident in the forward direction?

•Are there characteristic differences seen at large rapidity between AA and pp collisions?





Energy Balance (200 GeV Au+Au)

Energy (in GeV)

р	•	3108	π^0	: 6004
p	:	428	n	: 3729
K +	•	1628	n	: 513
K⁻	:	1093	K ⁰	: 1628
π+	:	5888	$\overline{K_0}$: 1093
π-	:	6117	Λ	: 1879
			$\overline{\Lambda}$: 342

sum: 33.4 TeV produced: 24.8TeV

Starting with ≈35 TeV (E_{beam}×N_{part}), ≈25 TeV carried away by produced particles.





Bjorken vs. Landau

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K/π Ratios



BRAHMS particle ratios Au+Au and pp compared (200 GeV)



AuAu ≈ pp

Particle Ratios (AuAu and pp) continued...



d+Au at 200 GeV. Initial state effects at forward rapidity? R_{dAu} and R_{cp}

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Both saturation and recombination models can reproduce behavior!

 $R_{dAu} = \overline{\langle}$

 $\frac{1}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle} \frac{dN_{dp_{T}} d\eta \left(d + Au\right)}{dN_{dp_{T}} d\eta \left(pp\right)} = R_{CP} = \frac{\langle N_{coll}^{peripheral} \rangle}{\langle N_{coll}^{central} \rangle} \frac{dN_{dp_{T}} d\eta \left(central\right)}{dN_{dp_{T}} d\eta \left(peripheral\right)}$

R_{dAu} rises faster for pbar than π -



What about forward Au+Au? Identified particle R_{AA.}



What about forward Au+Au? (cont.) R_{cp} (AuAu)



$R_{AA}(62.4 \text{ GeV Au+Au})$



(pp reference is based on ISR collider data)

Peripheral Au+Au is not pp!



An asymmetric reaction region leads to asymmetric particle production: $\frac{dN'}{d(\phi - \Psi_R)} = A \left(1 + \sum_n 2v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_R)] \right)$

What happens at forward rapidity?

BRAHMS Azimuthal Flow



Single Transverse Spin Asymmetry



A_n = (σ^+ - σ^-) / (σ^+ + σ^-) With spin direction defined by $\vec{k}_{\mu} \times \vec{k}_{\pi}$

Early pQCD calculations predicted effect to be small.

Low energy data (FNAL E704) show clear differences between π^{+-} and π^{0} .

D.L.Adams (E704) Phys.Lett B264,462(1991); Phys.ReV D53, 4747 (1996).



Several models:
Sivers effect (initial state).
Collins effect (final state).
Qui and Sterman (twist-3 pQCD)

Kinematic Variables and Measurement

- The kinematic variables of interest are Feynman x (x_F) and p_T .
- Shown is the BRAHMS acceptance for the data taken at $\theta = 2.3^{\circ}$ and the maximum field setting (7.2 Tm).



A_N for π^+ and π^- (2004 run)



Also find $A_N \approx 0$ for protons.

With 2005 pp data, BRAHMS will be able to explore p_T - x_F dependence...



Summary

- •With a focus on the forward region, the BRAHMS heavy-ion program includes studies of a rich variety of topics:
 - ✓ Nuclear stopping and energy balance.
 - ✓ Low-x saturation effects. Relative importance of initial state (saturation) and final state (recombination, etc.) effects in the forward region.
 - ✓ Longitudinal extent of produced medium.
 - \checkmark Nuclear chemistry of produced medium as a function of rapidity.
 - \checkmark Radial and azimuthal flow.

•Initial state *vs*. final state questions of a very different type arise with the study of single transverse spin alignment of pions in polarized pp measurement. Extensive new results will become available with the analysis of the 2005 pp data.

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Strangeness—Kaon Spectra

Top 5% central collisions

