# Phases of matter in the BRAHMS experiment

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### **Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider**







- 1. Detector setup.
- 2. General (bulk) characteristics of nucleus-nucleus reactions.
- 3. Nuclear modification at mid-rapidity
- 4. Nuclear modification at forward rapidity
- 5. Elliptic Flow
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### Broad Range Hadron Magnetic Spectrometers



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## Particle production and energy loss



>5.0 GeV/fm<sup>3</sup> for AuAu @ 200 GeV

>4.4 GeV/fm<sup>3</sup> for AuAu @ 130 GeV

>3.7 GeV/fm<sup>3</sup> for AuAu @ 62.4 GeV

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### Primary versus produced matter



### K<sup>-</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> and antihyperon/hyperon







How  $\mu_s = \frac{1}{4} \mu_{u,d}$  will work for hyperons? Hbar/H = (pbar/p)<sup>3/4</sup> for Lambdas = (pbar/p)<sup>1/2</sup> for Xis = (pbar/p)<sup>1/4</sup> for Omegas

# High p<sub>t</sub> suppression & jet quenching

Particles with high p<sub>t</sub>'s (above ~2GeV/c) are primarily produced in hard scattering processes early in the collision

p+p experiments  $\rightarrow$  hard scattered partons fragment into jets of hadrons

In A-A, partons traverse the medium  $\rightarrow$  Probe of the dense and hot stage

If QGP → partons will lose a large part of their energy (induced gluon radiation) → suppression of jet production ↔ Jet Quenching



Experimentally  $\rightarrow$  depletion of the high p<sub>t</sub> region in hadron spectra

### Charged hadron invariant spectra





# $\label{eq:RAA} R_{AA} < 1 \leftrightarrow \text{Suppression relative to} \\ \text{scaled NN reference}$

# Energy and system dependent nuclear modification factors at h~0 and 1



R <sub>AuAu</sub> (200 GeV) < R<sub>AuAu</sub>(63 GeV) < R<sub>CuCu</sub>(63 GeV) for charged hadrons

• p+p at 63 GeV is ISR Data (NPB100), RHIC-Run6 will provide better reference

### Control measurement: d+Au @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =200



**Excludes alternative interpretation in terms of Initial State Effects** 

 $\rightarrow$  Supports the Jet Quenching for central Au+Au collisions

+ back-to-back azimuthal correlation and jet structure by STAR and PHENIX

# Nuclear modification factors ( $R_{CP}$ , $R_{AuAu}$ ) for p,K,p at y~3.1



- Suppression for pions and kaons:  $R_{AuAu}$ :  $\pi < K < p$
- $R_{AUAU} \neq Rcp$  (<Ncoll>,<Npart> for 40-60% ~ 70,56)

# $R_{AuAu}(Y=0) \sim R_{AuAu}(y\sim3)$ for central Au+Au at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV



R AuAu (Y=0) ~ RAuAu (y~3) for pions and protons: accidental?

Rapidity dependent interplay of Medium effect + Hydro + baryon transport

### ... more on $R_{AA}$ rapidity dependence



Similar level of suppression for central collisions
At forward rapidity R<sub>AA</sub> shows stronger rise towards peripheral coll.

(surface -> volume emmission)

Looking for scaling:  $dN/d\eta$  ?

BE:  $\varepsilon = 3/2 \times (\langle E_t \rangle / S\tau_0) dN_{ch}/d\eta$ S is transwers area of overlaping region  $\langle E_t \rangle$  dirived from π and K spectra

Is the energy density the only parameter that controls  $R_{AA}$ ?

New pp data @62GeV will allow for various comparisions at the same rapidities

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## Examine d+Au at all rapidities





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# BACKUP SLIDES

## $R_{_{dAu}}$ and $R_{_{AA}}$ for anti-protons and pions @200

#### **BRAHMS PRELIMINARY**



- suppression for  $\pi^-$  but stronger for AuAu
- $\bullet$  both  $R_{\scriptscriptstyle dA}$  and  $R_{\scriptscriptstyle AA}$  show enhancement for p-bar

#### Anti-particle to particle ratios



•At 200 GeV: π<sup>-</sup>/π<sup>+</sup> = 1.0, K<sup>-</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> = 0.95, pbar/p = 0.75

•At 62 GeV: π<sup>-</sup>/π<sup>+</sup> = 1.0, K<sup>-</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> = 0.84, pbar/p = 0.45,

• At |y|<1 matter⇔antimatter



• pbar/p verus K<sup>-</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> : good statistical model description with  $\mu_B = \mu_B(y)$  with T~170MeV •But this describes also energy depencency at y=0  $\Rightarrow$  only  $\mu_B$  controls the state of matter •STAR and NA47 measures pbar/p versus  $\Xi^{-}/\Xi^{+}$ 

It is not true for p+p





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# K/π ratios at η=3.1, Au+Au



# Strong energy absorption model from a static 2D matter

- **Source.** (Insprired by A.Dainese (Eur.Phys.J C33,495) and A.Dainese, C.Loizides and G.Paic (hep-ph/0406201) )
- Parton spectrum using pp reference spectrum
- Parton energy loss  $\Delta E \sim q.L^{**2}$
- q adjusted to give observed  $R_{AA}$  at  $\eta \sim 1$ .

The change in dN/d $\eta$  will result in slowly rising  $R_{_{AA}}$  .

The modification of reference pp spectrum causes the  $R_{\text{AA}}$  to be approximately constant as function of  $\eta$  .



# Summary

#### Large hadron multiplicities

Almost a factor of 2 higher than at SPS energy( $\leftrightarrow$  higher  $\epsilon$ ) Much higher than pp scaled results( $\leftrightarrow$  medium effects)

#### **Identified hadron spectra**

Good description by statistical model Large transverse flow consistent with high initial density

v2(pt) is seem to not depend on rapidity

#### **p/**π

show strong  $\eta$  dependency for given energy depend only on  $\textbf{N}_{\text{par}}$ 

#### High-p<sub>⊤</sub>

suppression increases with energy for given centrality bin

weak dependency on rapidity of R<sub>AA</sub> which is consistent with surface jet emission

**R**<sub>CP</sub> can hide or enhance nuclear effects

At y=3.2 R<sub>AA</sub> shows larger suppression than R<sub>dA</sub>





### RdAu Update: Identified Particle RdAu at



- RdAu of identified particle consistent with published h- results
- $dAu(\pi -)/dAu(\pi +)$ : Valance quark isospin dominates in pp?

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# **Limiting Fragmentation**

Shift the  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  distribution by the beam rapidity, and scale by  $\langle N_{part} \rangle$ . Lines up with lower energy  $\Rightarrow$  limiting fragmentation



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