

# Self-similarity of strangeness production in $pp$ collisions at **RHIC**

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- Introduction
- **z**-Scaling (ideas, definitions,...)
- Properties of data **z**-presentation
- Self-similarity of strange particle production in **pp** collisions at **RHIC**
- Momentum fraction, recoil mass and constituent energy loss vs.  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  $p_T$ , strangeness content
- Summary

## Search for new symmetries in Nature

Systematic analysis of inclusive cross sections of particle production in  $pp$ ,  $pA$  and  $AA$  collisions to search for general features of structure, interaction and fragmentation over a wide scale range

## $z$ -Scaling as a new scaling in high energy physics

Development of  $z$ -scaling approach for description of processes with strange particle production in inclusive reactions and verification of self-similarity principle

Analysis of new RHIC data on strange particle spectra in  $pp$  collisions

## The suggested approach can be used to study

- Origin of strangeness
- Symmetry of constituent interactions at small scales
- Similarity and difference of  $u, d, s, c, b, t$  quark fragmentation
- Strangeness as probe to search for new physics
- $pp$  is a reference frame for  $pA$  and  $AA$  physics





"Fundamental symmetry principles dictate the basic laws of physics, control the structure of matter, and define the fundamental forces in Nature."

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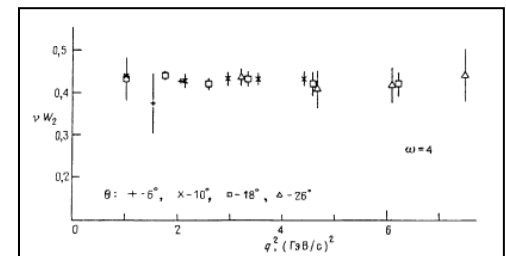
Self-similarity is a property of physical phenomena and the principle to construct theories.

- A self-similar object is exactly or approximately **similar** to a part of itself (i.e. the whole has the same shape as one or more of the parts).
- **Self-similarity** is a typical property of **fractals**.
- **Scale invariance** is an exact form of self-similarity where at any magnification there is a smaller piece of the object that **is similar** to the whole.

## Dimensionless dynamical function vs. self-similarity parameter

- Drag force vs. Reynolds number  $Re = \rho V D / \eta$  hydrodynamics
- Friction force vs. Mach number  $Ma = v / c$  aerodynamics
- Structure function  $F(x)$  vs. Bjorken variable  $x = -q^2 / 2(pq)$  deep-inelastic scattering

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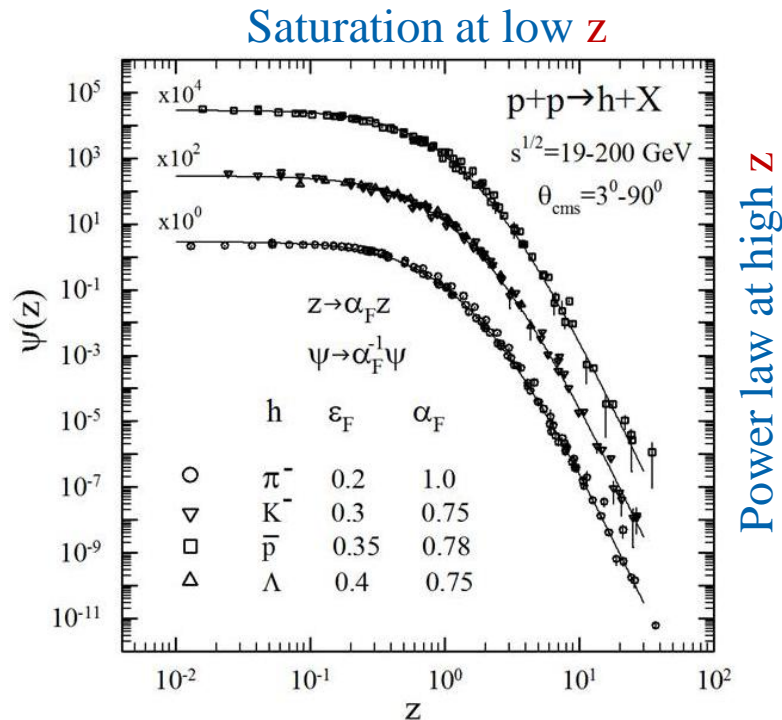


Inclusive cross sections of  $\pi^-, K^-, \bar{p}, \Lambda$  in pp collisions

FNAL:  
PRD 75 (1979) 764

ISR:  
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PLB 64 (1976) 111  
NPB 116 (1976) 77  
(low  $p_T$ )  
NPB 56 (1973) 333  
(small angles)

STAR:  
PLB 616 (2005) 8  
PLB 637 (2006) 161  
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Energy scan of spectra at U70, ISR, S $\bar{p}$ pS, SPS, HERA, FNAL(fixed target), Tevatron, RHIC, LHC

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- Energy & angular independence
- Flavor independence ( $\pi, K, \bar{p}, \Lambda$ )
- Saturation for  $z < 0.1$
- Power law  $\Psi(z) \sim z^{-\beta}$  for high  $z > 4$

Scaling – “collapse” of data points onto a single curve.  
Universality classes – hadron species ( $\epsilon_F, \alpha_F$ ).

# Properties of $\Psi(z)$ in pp collisions

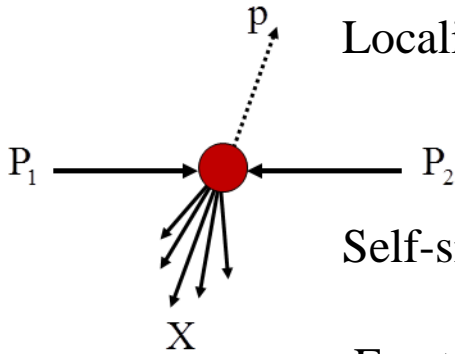
- Energy independence of  $\Psi(z)$  ( $s^{1/2} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ )
- Angular independence of  $\Psi(z)$  ( $\theta_{\text{cms}} = 3^\circ - 90^\circ$ )
- Multiplicity independence of  $\Psi(z)$  ( $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta = 1.5 - 26$ )
- Saturation of  $\Psi(z)$  at low  $z$  ( $z < 0.1$ )
- Power law,  $\Psi(z) \sim z^{-\beta}$ , at high  $z$  ( $z > 4$ )
- Flavor independence of  $\Psi(z)$  ( $\pi, K, \phi, \Lambda, \dots, D, J/\psi, B, Y, \dots, \text{top}$ )

These properties reflect **self-similarity**, **locality**, and **fractality** of hadron interactions at a constituent level.

It concerns the **structure** of the colliding objects, constituent interactions **and** fragmentation **process**.



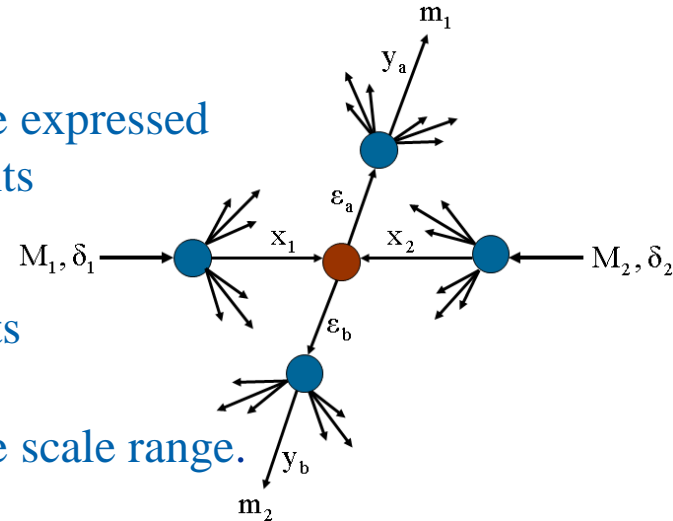
## Principles: locality, self-similarity, fractality



Locality: collisions of hadrons and nuclei are expressed via interactions of their constituents (partons, quarks and gluons,...).

Self-similarity: interactions of the constituents are mutually similar.

Fractality: self-similarity is valid over a wide scale range.



## Hypothesis of z-scaling :

$$s^{1/2}, p_T, \theta_{\text{cms}}$$

Inclusive particle distributions can be described in terms of constituent sub-processes and parameters characterizing bulk properties of the system.

$$x_1, x_2, y_a, y_b$$

$$\delta_1, \delta_2, \epsilon_a, \epsilon_b, c$$

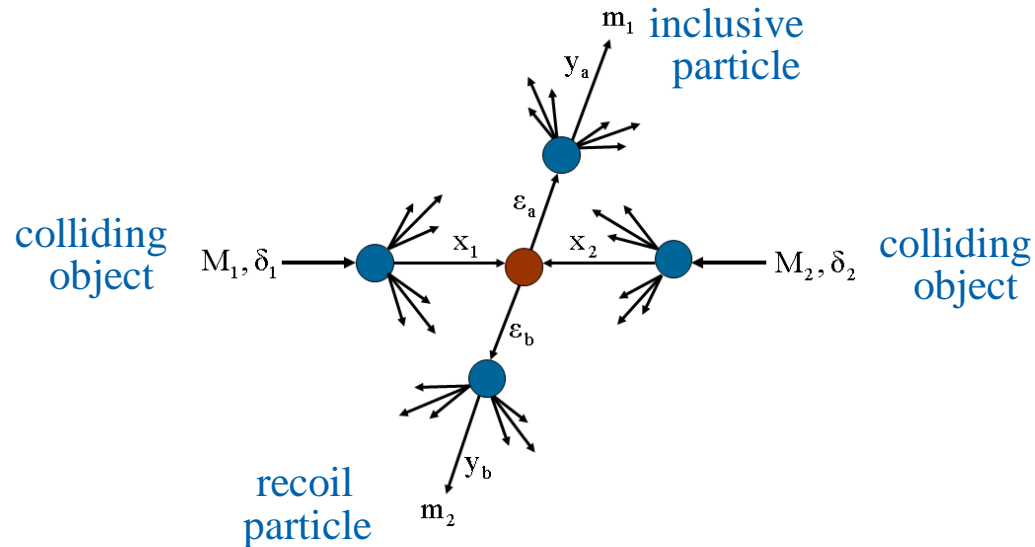
$$Ed^3\sigma/dp^3$$

Scaled inclusive cross section of particles depends in a self-similar way on a single scaling variable  $z$ .

$$\Psi(z)$$



Collisions of colliding objects  
are expressed via interactions of their constituents



Momentum conservation law for constituent sub-process

$$(x_1 P_1 + x_2 P_2 - p/y_a)^2 = M_X^2$$

Recoil mass

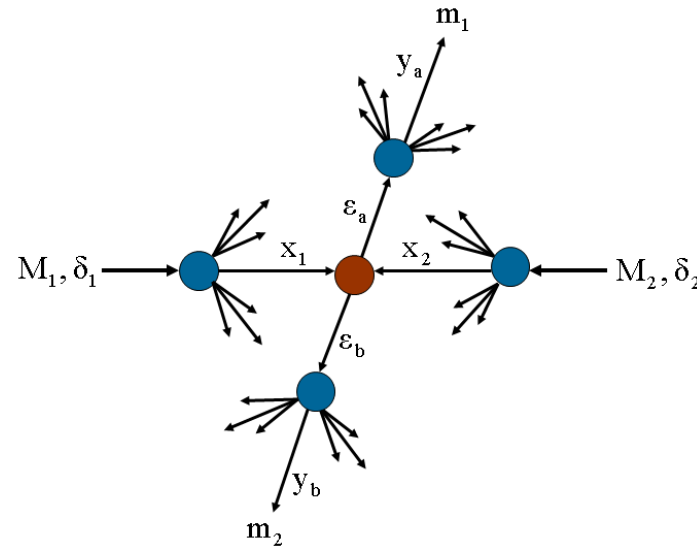
$$M_X = x_1 M_1 + x_2 M_2 + m_2/y_b$$

Interactions of constituents are mutually similar

Self-similarity parameter

$$Z = z_0 \cdot \Omega^{-1}$$

$$z_0 = \frac{s_{\perp}^{1/2}}{(dN_{ch}/d\eta|_0)^c m}$$



- $\Omega^{-1}$  is the minimal resolution at which a constituent sub-process can be singled out of the inclusive reaction
- $s_{\perp}^{1/2}$  is the transverse kinetic energy of the sub-process consumed on production of  $m_1$  &  $m_2$
- $dN_{ch}/d\eta|_0$  is the multiplicity density of charged particles at  $\eta = 0$
- $c$  is a parameter interpreted as a “specific heat” of created medium
- $m$  is an arbitrary constant (fixed at the value of nucleon mass)

## Self-similarity over a wide scale range

### Fractal measure

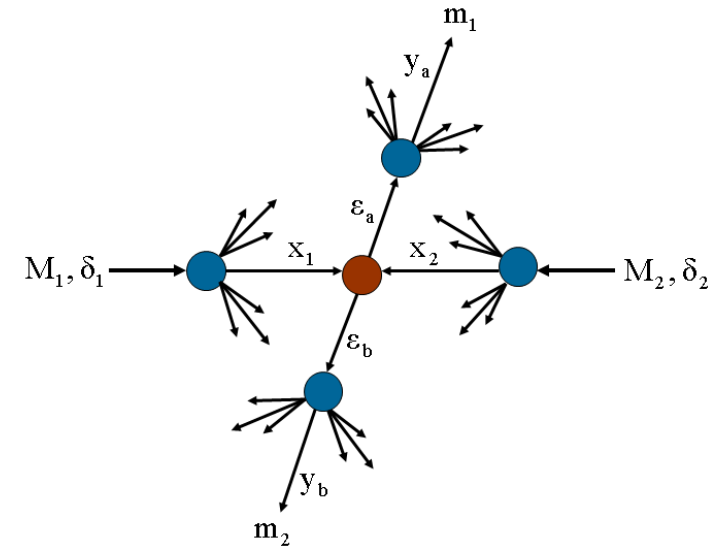
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$$\Omega = (1-x_1)^{\delta_1} (1-x_2)^{\delta_2} (1-y_a)^{\varepsilon_a} (1-y_b)^{\varepsilon_b}$$

$\Omega$  is relative number of configurations containing a sub-process with fractions  $x_1, x_2, y_a, y_b$  of the corresponding 4-momenta

$\delta_1, \delta_2, \varepsilon_a, \varepsilon_b$  are parameters characterizing structure of the colliding objects and fragmentation process, respectively

$\Omega^{-1}(x_1, x_2, y_a, y_b)$  characterizes resolution at which a constituent sub-process can be singled out of the inclusive reaction



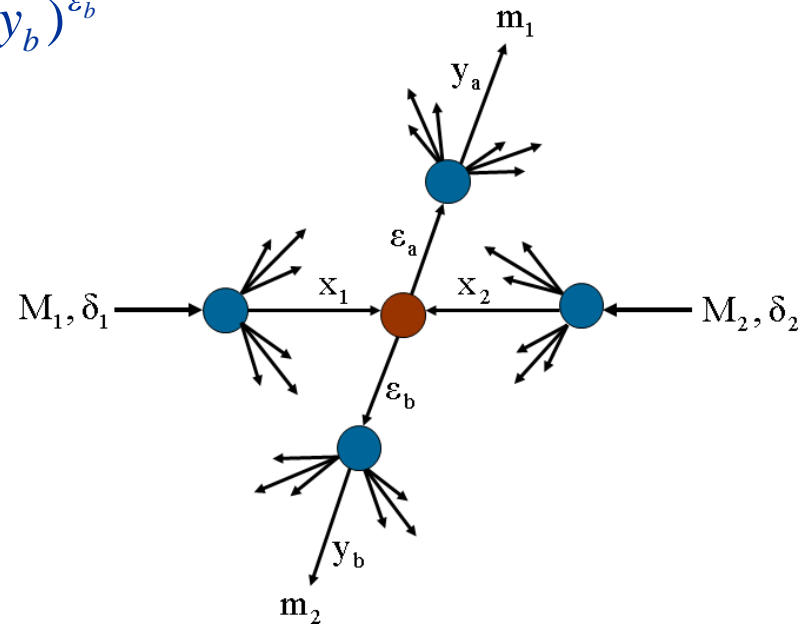
The fractal measure  $z$  diverges as the resolution  $\Omega^{-1}$  increases.

$$z(\Omega) \Big|_{\Omega^{-1} \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \infty$$

**Principle of minimal resolution:** The momentum fractions  $x_1, x_2$  and  $y_a, y_b$  are determined in a way to minimize the resolution  $\Omega^{-1}$  of the fractal measure  $z$  with respect to all constituent sub-processes taking into account 4-momentum conservation law:

$$\Omega = (1 - x_1)^{\delta_1} (1 - x_2)^{\delta_2} (1 - y_a)^{\varepsilon_a} (1 - y_b)^{\varepsilon_b}$$

$$\begin{cases} \partial\Omega / \partial x_1 |_{y_a=y_a(x_1, x_2, y_b)} = 0 \\ \partial\Omega / \partial x_2 |_{y_a=y_a(x_1, x_2, y_b)} = 0 \\ \partial\Omega / \partial y_b |_{y_a=y_a(x_1, x_2, y_b)} = 0 \end{cases}$$



**Momentum conservation law**

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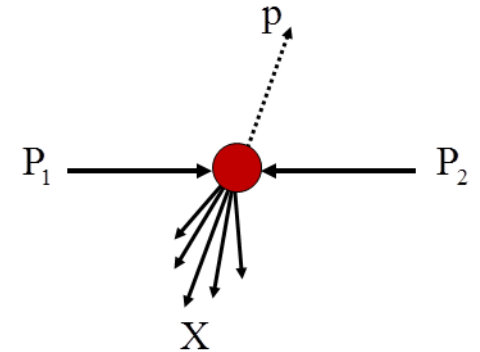
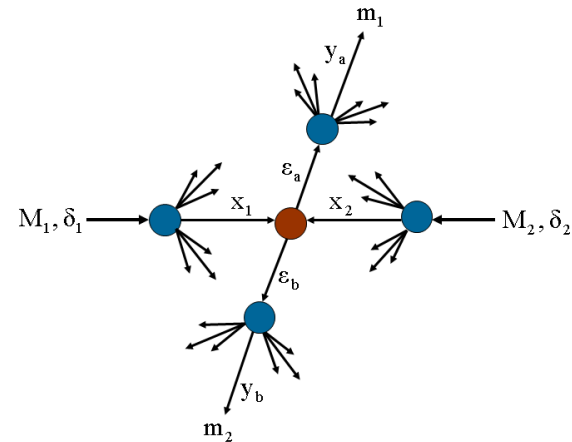
**Recoil mass**

$$M_X = x_1 M_1 + x_2 M_2 + m_2 / y_b$$

# Scaling function $\Psi(z)$

## Normalization condition

$$\int_0^{\infty} \Psi(z) dz = 1$$



## Scale transformation

$$z \rightarrow \alpha_F z \quad \Psi(z) \rightarrow \alpha_F^{-1} \Psi(z)$$

preserves the normalization condition

$$\Psi(z) = \frac{\pi}{(dN/d\eta) \cdot \sigma_{inel}} \cdot J^{-1} \cdot E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \int E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} dy d^2p_{\perp} = \sigma_{inel} \cdot \langle N \rangle$$

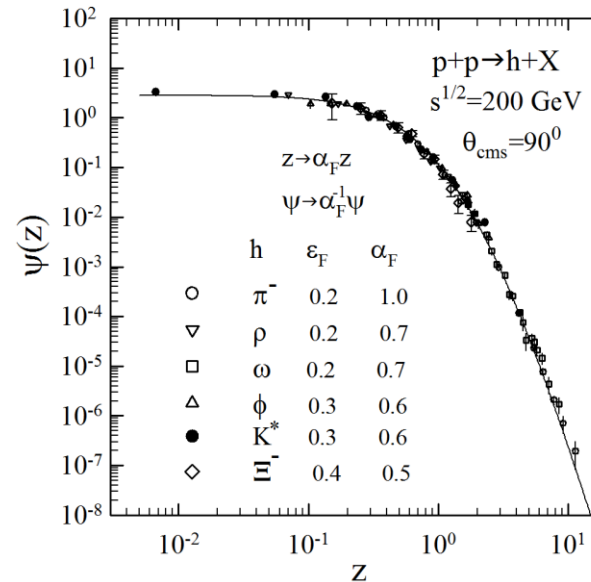
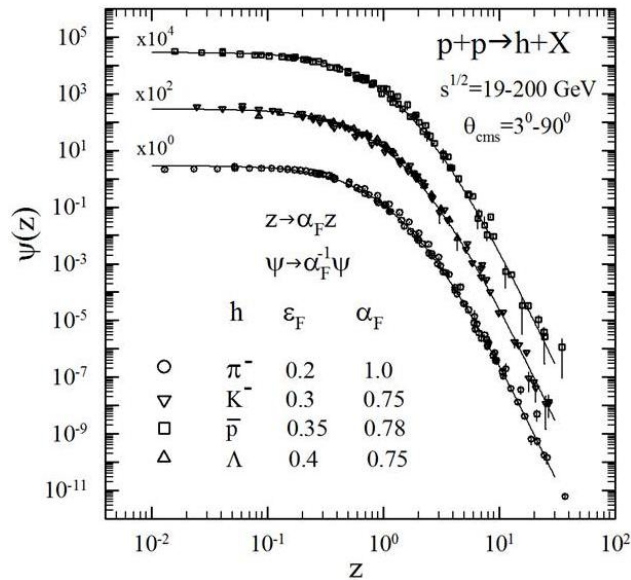
- $\sigma_{in}$  - the inelastic cross section
- $\langle N \rangle$  - the average multiplicity
- $dN/d\eta$  - the multiplicity density
- $J(z, \eta; p_T^2, y)$  - the Jacobian
- $E d^3\sigma/dp^3$  - the inclusive cross section

The scaling function  $\Psi(z)$  is probability density to produce the inclusive particle with the corresponding  $z$ .

## Flavor independence of scaling function

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$\pi, \rho, \omega, \phi, K^*, \Lambda, \Xi, J/\psi$



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- Energy independence
- Angular independence
- Flavor independence
- Saturation for  $z < 0.01$
- Power law  $\Psi(z) \sim z^{-\beta}$  at large  $z$
- $\epsilon_F, \alpha_F$  independent of  $p_T, s^{1/2}$

Self-similarity of particle production with various flavor content.





$K^-$

- PRD 19 (1979) 764
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- ▽ PRD 40 (1989) 2777
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- ★ PRC 75 (2007) 064901
- ☆ PRL 108 (2012) 072302

$K^*$

- PRC 84 (2011) 064909
- △ NPB 203 (1982) 27
- ☆ PRC 71 (2005) 064902
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$K_S^0$

- △ PRD 20 (1979) 37
- PLB 61 (1976) 309
- ZPC 12 (1982) 217
- ▽ PRD 83 (2011) 052004
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$\phi$

- PLB 491 (2000) 59
- △ NPB 203 (1982) 27
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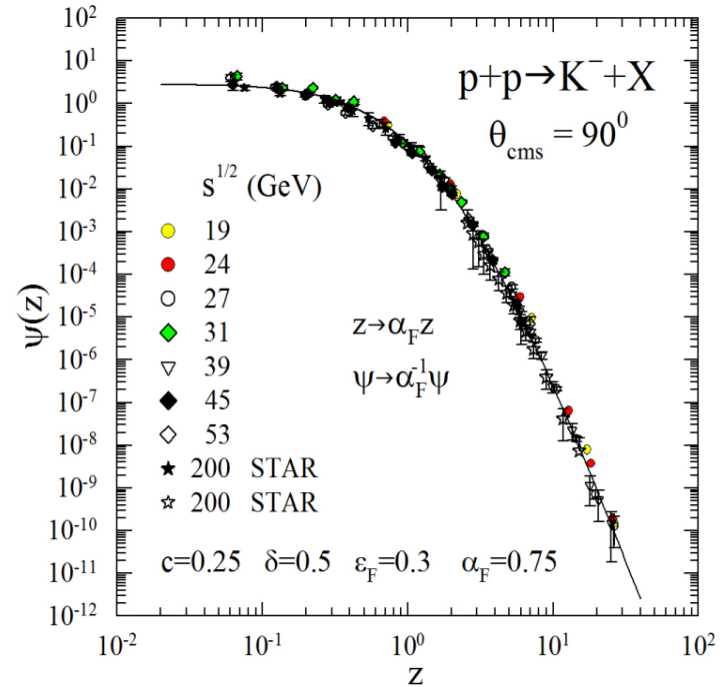
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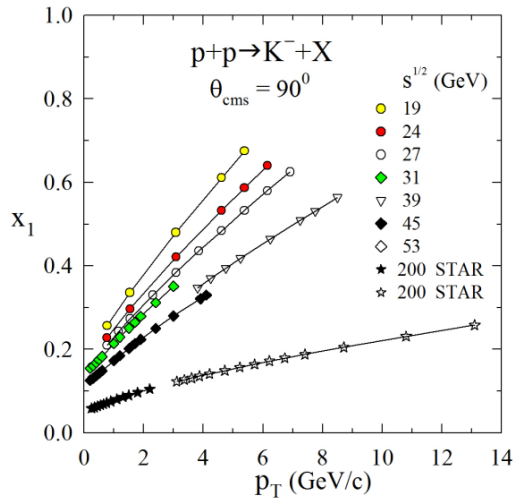


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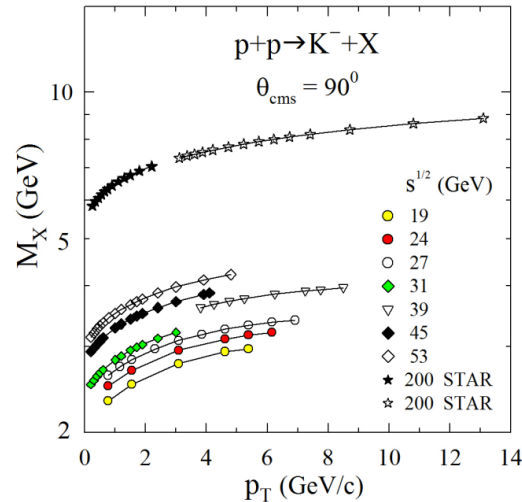
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## Constituent level of particle production in terms of

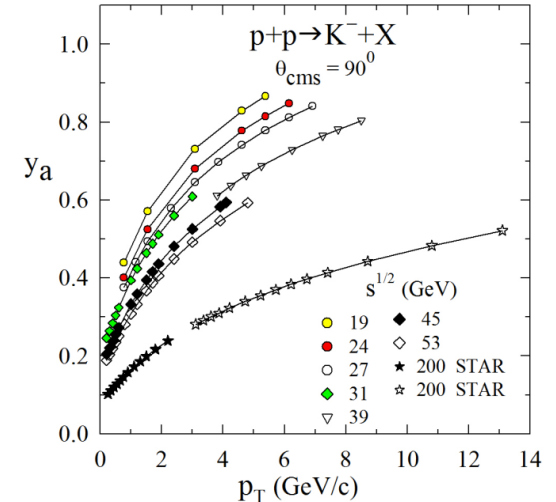
### Momentum fraction



### Recoil mass



### Energy loss $\Delta E/E \sim (1-y_a)$



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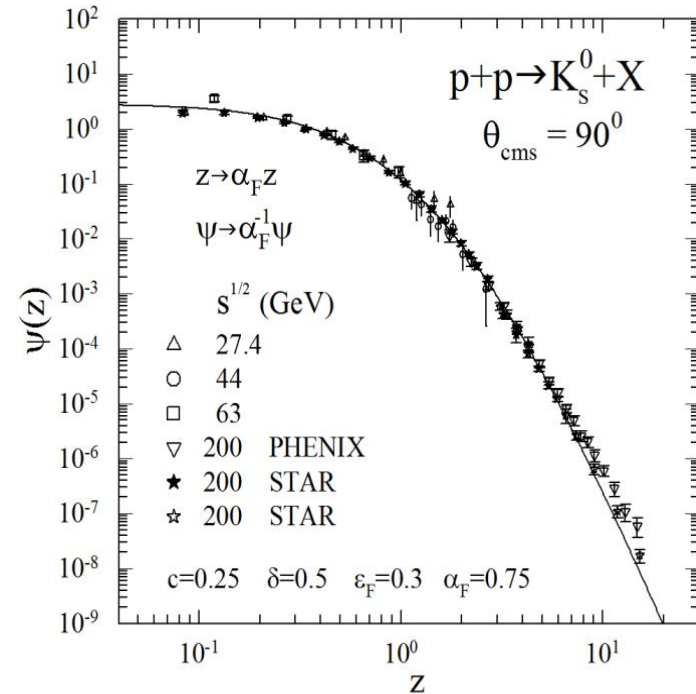
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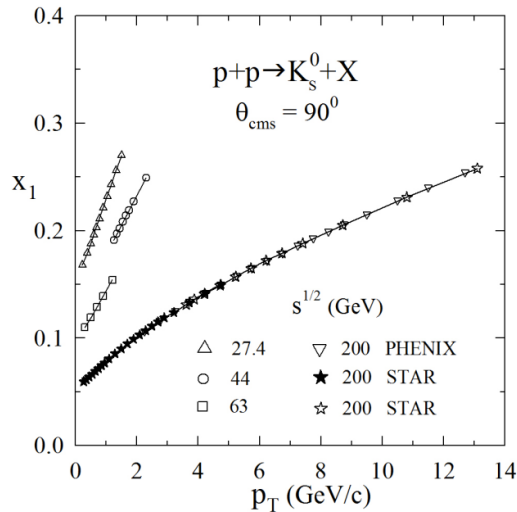


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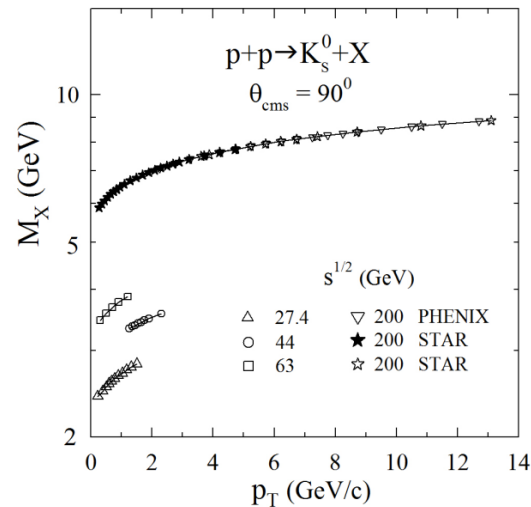
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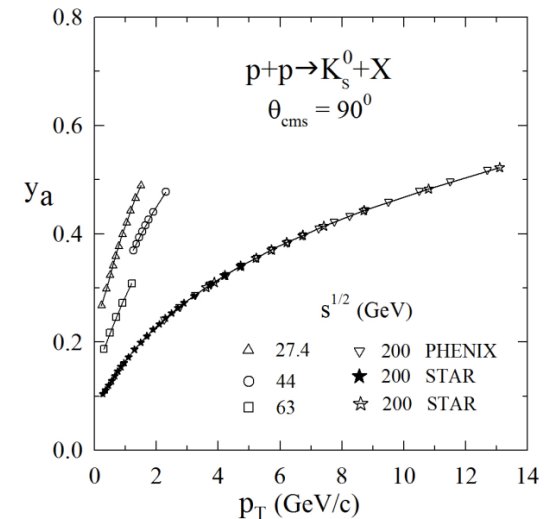
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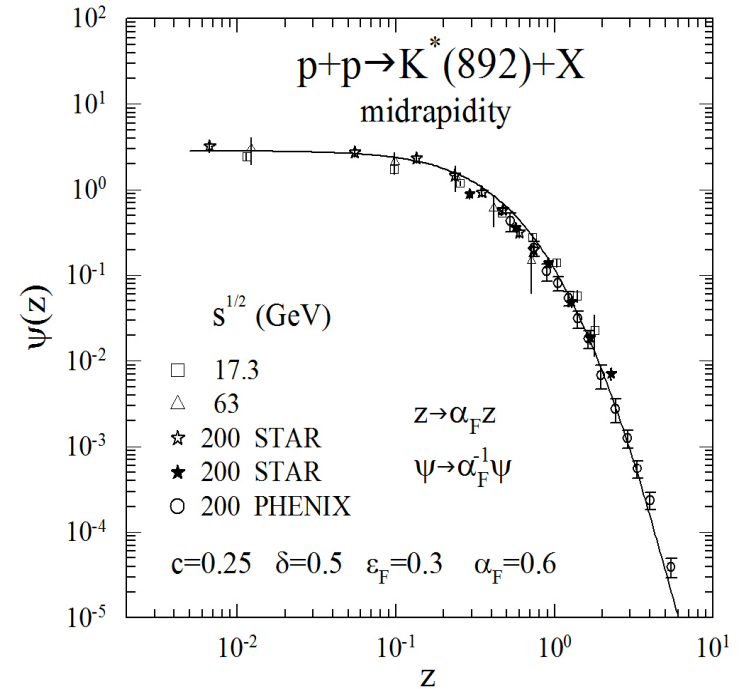
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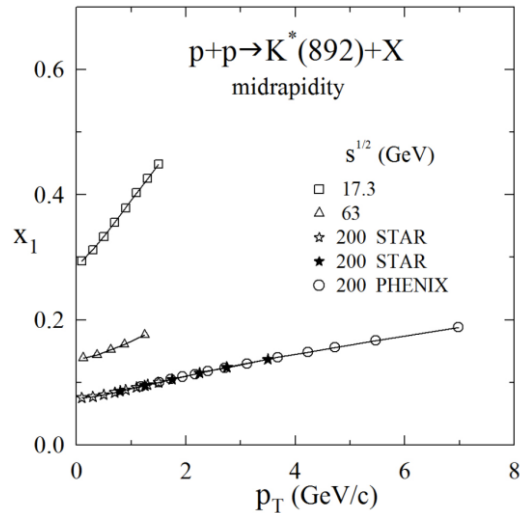


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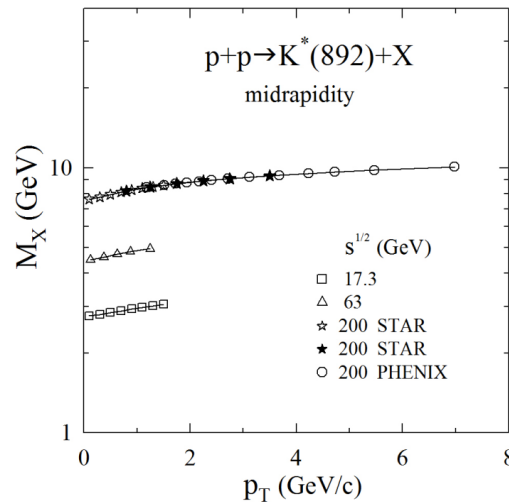
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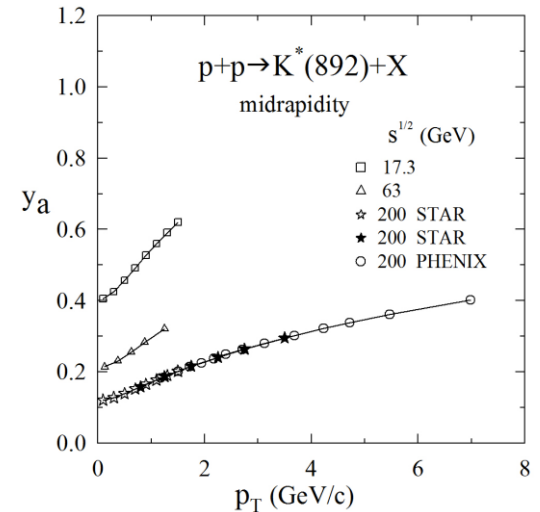
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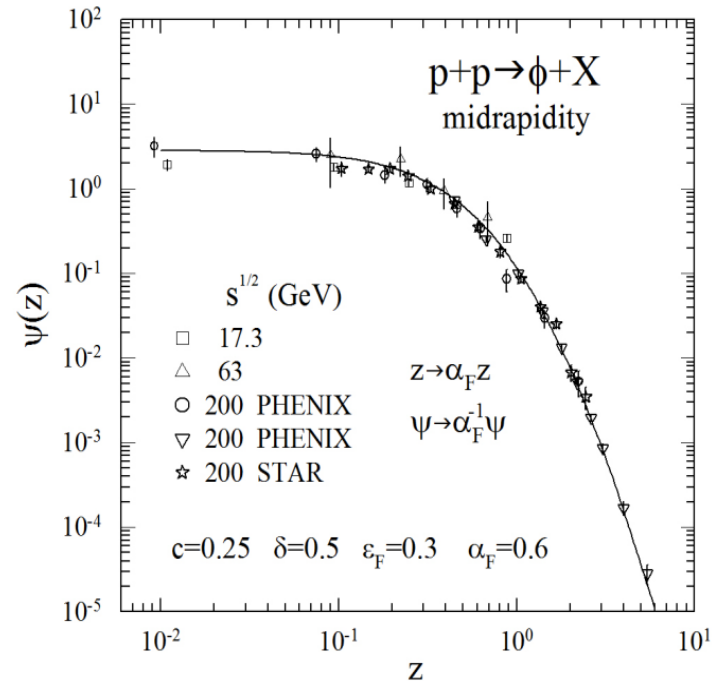
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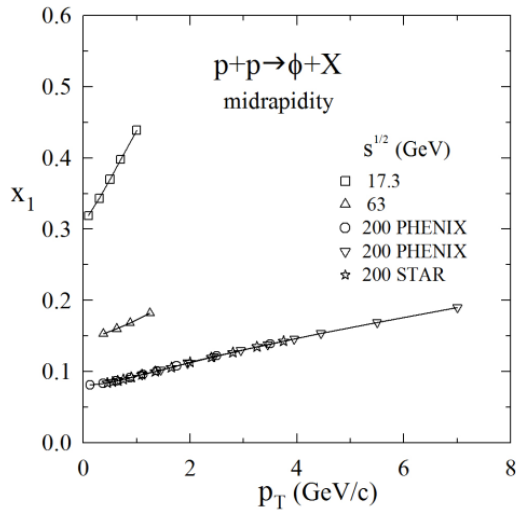
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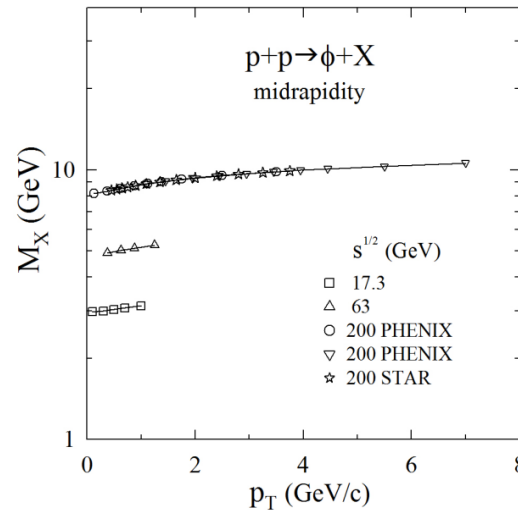
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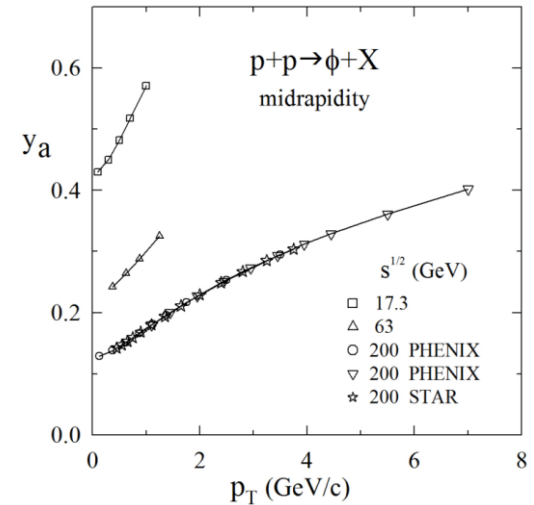
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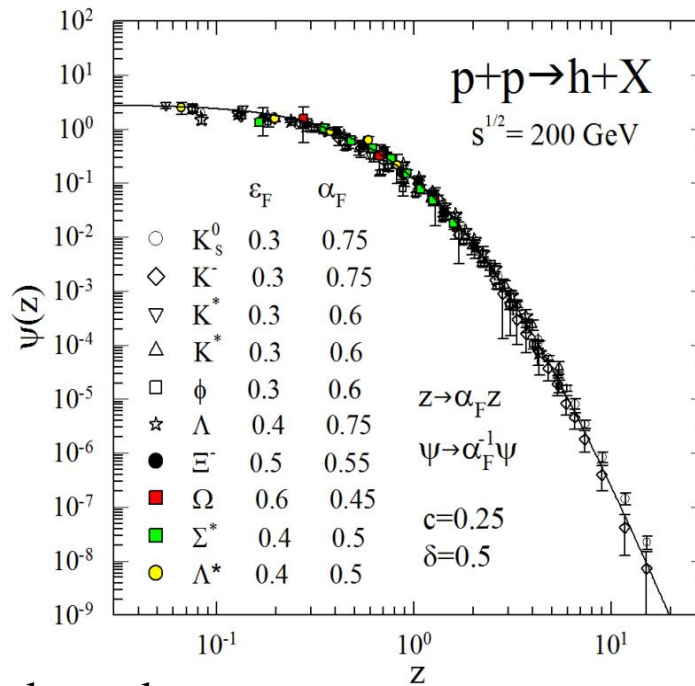
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Solid line for  $\pi^-$  meson  
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$$\varepsilon_\pi = 0.2, \quad \alpha_\pi = 1$$

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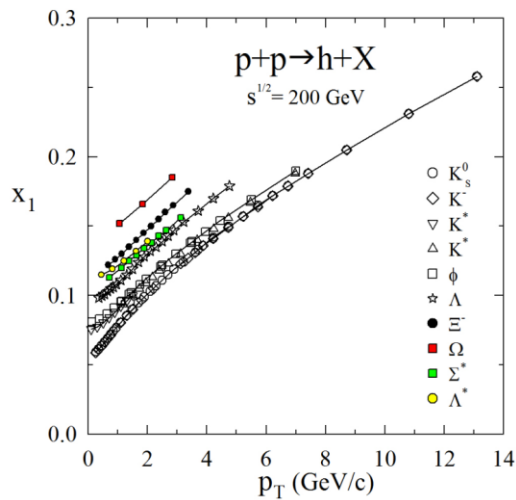
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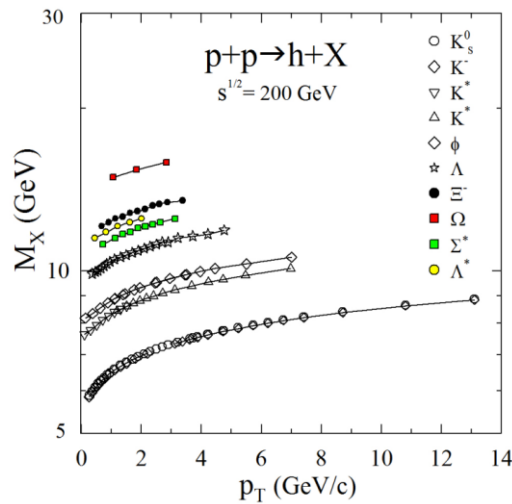
Momentum fraction



The more strangeness,  
the larger momentum fraction

$$x_1^\Omega > x_1^\Xi > x_1^\Sigma > x_1^K$$

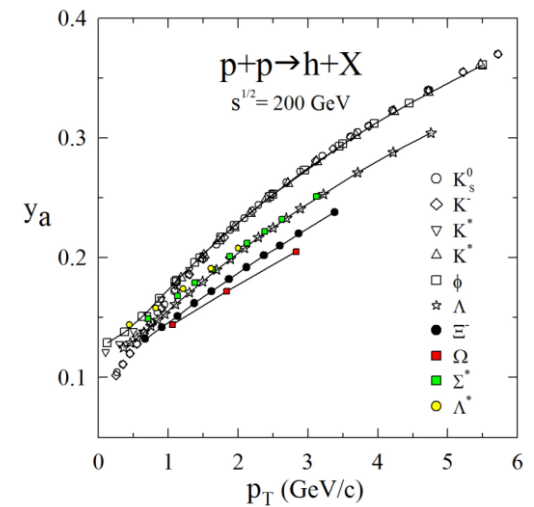
Recoil mass



The more strangeness,  
the larger recoil mass

$$M_X^\Omega > M_X^\Xi > M_X^\Sigma > M_X^K$$

Energy loss  $\Delta E/E \sim (1-y_a)$



The more strangeness,  
the larger energy loss

$$\epsilon_\Omega > \epsilon_\Xi > \epsilon_\Sigma > \epsilon_K$$

Self-similarity dictates the properties of constituent sub-process.



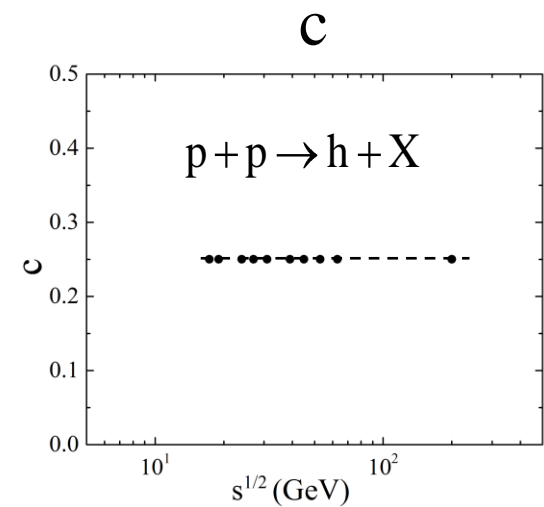
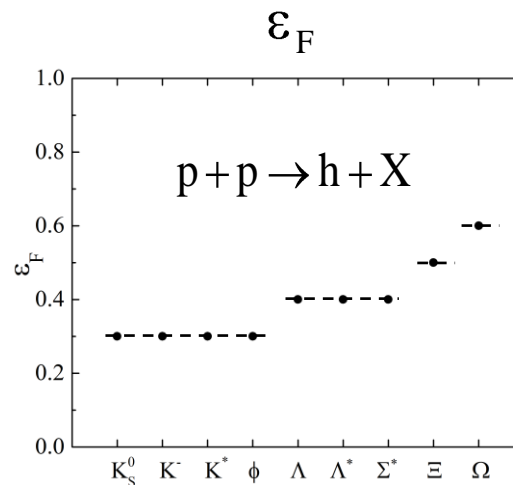
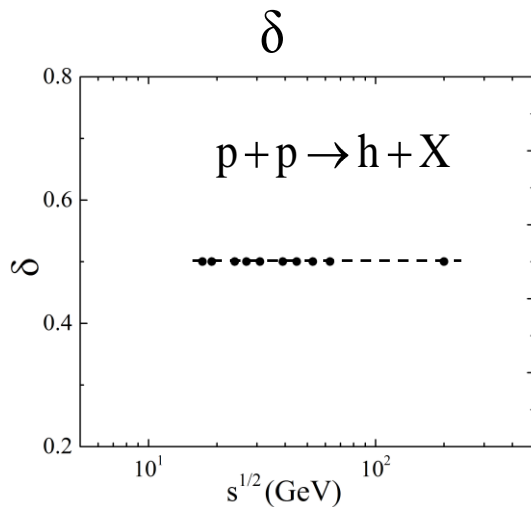
# Model parameters: $\delta$ , $\epsilon_F$ , $c$

Parameters  $\delta$ ,  $\epsilon_F$ ,  $c$  are found from the scaling behavior of  $\Psi$  as a function of self-similarity variable  $z$

Proton fractal dimension

Fragmentation dimension

“Specific heat”



- $\delta$ ,  $\epsilon_F$ ,  $c$  are independent of  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  $p_T$
- $\epsilon_F$  depends on flavor

A discontinuity and strong correlation of the model parameters could give indication on new physics in pp collisions:  
Search for phase transition, critical point .... with strange probes.

# Summary & Outlook

- New data on transverse momentum spectra of strange hadrons produced in p+p collisions at RHIC in mid-rapidity region were analyzed in the z-scaling approach.
- Self-similarity of strangeness production in p+p collisions over a wide kinematical range was found.
- Constituent energy loss as a function of collision energy and transverse momentum of different strange particles was estimated.
- The energy independence of fractal dimensions and “specific heat” was confirmed.

Specific features of constituent sub-process with strange particles found in the z-scaling approach can be sensitive to critical phenomena in Strange Quark Matter created in pp, pA and AA collisions.

Discontinuity of z-scaling parameters would be manifestation of these phenomena .



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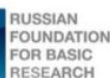
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