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Correcting the B_A coalescence factor at GSI-HADES and RHIC-BES energies

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Heavy-ion Collisions QCD Phase Diagram

- Equations of State (EoS), Phase **Transition**
- Beam Energy Scan: Early Universe, **Neutron Stars**
- **Dark matter**

Light nuclei are currently one of the most active and interesting topics that can study all the mentioned above.

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[1] Nayak, Tapan K., Journal of Physics, 2020.



Figure 1 QCD Phase Diagram [1]





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At the Early Universe

- Big bang nucleosynthesis
- $p + n \rightarrow d + \gamma$
 - This reaction cannot take place in a hot universe!
 - **Deuteron Bottleneck** $(T \sim 10^{10} \text{K})$
- After the $T \sim 10^9$, these reaction died down where the lighter clusters are feed into heavier nuclei

[2] Hou, S. Q., et al (2017). Non-extensive statistics to the cosmological lithium problem. The Astrophysical Journal, 834(2), 165.



Figure 2 The abundance of light elements in the early universe as a function of time and temperature [2].









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In Heavy-ion collisions

- The study of formation of light nuclei can be done statistically by two approaches
 - **X** Thermal model
 - Snow-ball-in-hell
 - **Coalescence model**
 - Phase-space coalescence

$$E_{A} \frac{d^{3}N_{A}}{dp_{A}^{3}} = B_{A} \left(E_{p} \frac{d^{3}N_{p}}{dp_{p}^{3}} \right)^{Z} \left(E_{n} \frac{d^{3}N_{n}}{dp_{n}^{3}} \right)^{N} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

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Deuteron production from Thermal model





Figure 3 The deuteron formation mechanisms.





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Signal for Dark Matter (AMS on ISS)

- \bar{p} and \bar{n} are produced by WIMP annihilations (Signals)
- Random $p + p \rightarrow \overline{p} + X$ in galaxy (BG – very small)
- \overline{d} and ³ He are produced via coalescence mechanism.
- We need an understanding on the cluster formation process in detail via coalescence method.

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At low energy

- B_A is the probability of having light nuclei per $(p^Z \cdot n^{A-Z})$ and is usually inferred as Vol^{-1}
- $B_A \propto Vol^{-1}$
 - $Vol_{HBT} \uparrow vs Vol_{EXP} \downarrow (Why?)$

Probability

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$$B_2 \sim \frac{d}{p_f^2} \dots$$
 Final stat

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m GeV^2/c^3}]^{
m A}$ E $\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{A}}$ 10FOPI PHENIX **NA44** STAR HADES NA49 * **NA52** EOS $BRAHMS(\bar{A})$ 0 ALICE E864 HBT $\mathbf{E878}$ 10^{-6} 10^{-7} $\begin{bmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ 10^{-1} & 10^0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$ te protons? 10^{2} 10^{3} 10^{4} E_{beam} [A GeV] Figure 5 B_A as a function of E_{beam}









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Probability

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$$B_2 \sim \frac{d}{p_f^2} \Rightarrow B'_2 \sim \frac{d}{p_i^2}$$
 with

All the protons before coalescence

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ith $p_i > p_f$



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Problems with B_A Experimental problems!

$$E_A \frac{d^3 N_A}{dp_A^3} = B_A \left(E_p \frac{d^3 N_p}{dp_p^3} \right)^Z \left(E_n \frac{d^3 N_n}{dp_n^3} \right)^N \longrightarrow B_2 \sim d/p_f^2$$

- used.
- - equilibrate the iso-spin), $N_n \neq N_p$.

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1. Only final state protons and estimated neutrons (after coalescence) are

2. The **neutrons** are usually not measured, and the neutron distribution is often assumed to be the same as the proton distribution.

At low energy, the system has no enough energy and time to





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Estimation for Primordial state

Protons and Neutrons before "Coalescence"

Before Coalescence

$$p \to n + \pi^+ \\ n \to p + \pi^-$$

$$p_{prim} = p_{part} + (\pi^{-} n_{prim} = n_{part} - n_$$

•
$$\checkmark p_{prim} = p_{final} + Z$$

• $\checkmark n_{prim} = p_{prim} \left[\frac{p_p}{p_p} \right]$

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After Coalescence

 $(-\pi^{+})$ $p_{final} = p_{prim} - Z_i \times Cluster_i$ $n_{final} = n_{prim} - N_i \times Cluster_i$ $\Delta\pi$







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UrQMD Simulations

Ultra-relativistic Quantum Molecular Dynamics

- Quark and gluon degree of freedom
- time-steps

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$$\checkmark p_{prim} = p_{final} + 2$$

•
$$\checkmark n_{prim} = p_{prim} \delta_{iso}^{pri}$$

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Microscopic transport theory (Boltzmann transport)

• The information/history on all collisions, decays, produced resonances, and all stable particles, 4-momentum, charge, and quantum numbers at all

 $Z_i \times Cluster_i$

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Corrected *B*_A estimation

Reminders:

- 1. The final state protons (after coalescence) are used.
- **Final vs Primordial**
- A factor of 1-3 (r-r, b-b)
 - Deuterons are more likely to coalesce at $p_T \approx 0$ (see Fig. 3)
 - The primordial protons are fed into clusters (lesser final protons)

Primordial state vs final state at 1.23A GeV



Figure 7 B_2 as a function of transverse momentum p_T





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Reminders:

- 2. The **neutron** distribution is often assumed to be the same as the proton distribution.
- $d/p^2 \operatorname{vs} d/pn$
 - A factor of 1.5 for final (n/p~1.5 similar to N_{Au}/Z_{Au} of gold nucleus).

 \checkmark From both effects, B_2 is reduced by a factor of ~4

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Corrected *B*_A estimation B_2 and B_3 as a function of energy



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Figure 8 B_A as a function of beam energy





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Correction of B_A

- We clarify the interpretation for the B_A equation
- We shows that B_A is affected by **primordial and final** state protons and neutrons. (First problems).
- We shows that B_A is also affected by using proton square instead of proper estimated neutron (Second problems).
- The corrected B_A is now made sense and **drops** at low energy in agreement with HBT result.

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I. EQUATION PER STAGE

A. t=0

 $2\times 118 = n_{initial}$ $2 \times 79 = p_{initial}$

B. before π -emission

$$\begin{split} n_{part} &= \frac{A_{part}}{2A} 2N \\ p_{part} &= \frac{A_{part}}{2A} 2Z \\ A_{part} &= p_{part} + n_{part} \end{split}$$

C. after isospin eq./before cluster

$$\begin{split} \Delta \pi &= \pi^- - \pi^+ \\ p_{prim} &= p_{part} + \Delta \pi \\ n_{prim} &= n_{part} - \Delta \pi \end{split}$$

D. after cluster

$$p_{final} = p_{prim} - C$$

 $n_{final} = n_{prim} - C$

II. WE WANT n_{prim}

$$n_{prim} = n_{part} - \Delta \pi$$

now we put in n_{part} ,

$$n_{prim} = \frac{A_{part}}{2A}2N - \Delta\pi$$

But, we know

$$\frac{n_{part}}{p_{part}} = \frac{\frac{A_{part}}{2A}2Z}{\frac{A_{part}}{2A}2N} = \frac{N}{Z}$$

which means,

$$n_{part} = \frac{N}{Z} p_{part}$$

Then this is equal to,

$$n_{part} = \frac{N}{Z}(p_{prim} - \Delta \pi)$$

NOW A_{part} is,
 $A_{part} = p_{part} + n_{part}$
 $A_{part} = (p_{prim} - \Delta \pi) + (\frac{N}{Z}(p_{prim} - \Delta \pi))$

$$A_{part} = (p_{prim} - \Delta\pi) \times (\frac{N}{Z} + 1)$$
(1)

put back to n_{prim}

$$n_{prim} = \frac{A_{part}}{2A} 2N - \Delta \pi$$
$$n_{prim} = \frac{(p_{prim} - \Delta \pi) \times (\frac{N}{Z} + 1)}{2A} 2N - \Delta \pi$$

Then, we know $p_{prim} = p_{final} + C$

$$n_{prim} = \frac{(p_{final} + C - \Delta \pi) \times (\frac{N}{2} + 1)}{2A} 2N - \Delta \pi$$

$$n_{prim} = (p_{final} + C - \Delta \pi) \times [1 + \frac{(A - Z)^2 - Z^2}{ZA}] - \Delta \pi \quad (2)$$

III. JANS STUFF

Somehow the idea was to get n_{final} without ${\cal A}_{part}$ which can be used also to do a consistency check for A_{part} since $A_{part} = n_{final} + p_{final}$, assuming all measured nucleons are participants. So I started from:

$$n_{prim} = n_{part} - \Delta \pi$$

$$n_{prim} = p_{part} \left(\frac{A-Z}{Z}\right) - \Delta \pi$$

$$n_{prim} = (p_{prim} + \Delta \pi) \cdot \left(\frac{A-Z}{Z}\right) - \Delta \pi$$

$$n_{prim} = p_{prim} \left(\frac{A-Z}{Z}\right) - \Delta \pi \left(1 - \left(\frac{A-Z}{Z}\right)\right)$$
We wversion with $(p_{prim} - \Delta \pi)$:

New version with $(p_{prim} - \Delta \pi)$:

$$n_{prim} = (p_{prim} - \Delta \pi) \cdot \left(\frac{A - Z}{Z}\right) - \Delta \pi$$
$$n_{prim} = p_{prim} \left(\frac{A - Z}{Z}\right) - \Delta \pi \left(1 + \left(\frac{A - Z}{Z}\right)\right)$$