Production of doubly strange particles in statistical model

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### HADES: complete measurement of particles containing strange quarks in Ar+KCI collisions @ 1.76 AGeV

one experimental set-up for all particles!

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We study the relative distributions of strangeness among various hadron species

We are not interested in how strangeness is produced! We know the final K<sup>+</sup> multiplicity!

$$\begin{aligned} R_{K^-/K^+} &= \frac{N_{K^-}}{N_{K^+}} = 2.5^{+1.2}_{-0.9} \times 10^{-2} \\ R_{\Xi/\Lambda/K^+} &= \frac{N_{\Xi^-}}{N_{\Lambda+\Sigma^0} N_{K^+}} = 0.20^{+0.16}_{-0.11} \\ R_{\Xi/K^+}^{(\text{Hades})} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{N_{\Sigma^++\Sigma^-}}{N_{K^+}} = 0.13^{+0.16}_{-0.11} \checkmark N_{\Sigma^++\Sigma^-}^{(\text{Hades})} = N_{K^+} + 2N_{K_s^0} - N_{\Lambda+\Sigma^0} - 2N_{\Xi^-} - 3N_{K^-} \end{aligned}$$

Isospin asymmetry coefficient for ArK and ArCl collisions is  $\eta = \frac{A-Z}{Z} \simeq 1.14$ but measured ratio  $\frac{2N_{K_s^0}}{N_{K^+}} = 0.82$ 

$$\begin{split} N_{\Sigma^{+}+\Sigma^{-}}^{(\mathrm{iso})} &= (1+\eta) \, N_{K^{+}} - N_{\Lambda+\Sigma^{0}} - (1+\frac{1}{\eta}) \, N_{K^{-}} - 2 \, (1+\frac{1}{\eta}) \, N_{\Xi^{-}} \\ R_{\Sigma/K^{+}}^{(\mathrm{iso})} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{N_{\Sigma^{+}+\Sigma^{-}}}{N_{K^{+}}} = 0.30^{+0.23}_{-0.17} \end{split}$$

#### Statistical model for strange particles:

At SIS energies K<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>0</sup> have long mean free paths and escape the fireball right after their creation in direct reactions.

The fireball have some negative strangeness which is statistically distributed among K<sup>-</sup>, anti-K<sup>0</sup>,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Xi$ , $\Omega$ 



anti-strangeness released = strangeness accumulated inside= strangeness released at breakup

[C.-M. Ko, Phys. Lett. B 120, 294 (1983); Kolomeitsev, Voskresensky, Kämpfer, IJMP E5, 316 (1996)]

We know the average kaon multiplicity

$$\mathcal{M}_{K^+} = (2.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-2}$$

Of course kaons are produced not piecewise but as whole entities.

events with  $K^+ \longrightarrow N_{K^+} = M_{K^+}$ .  $N_{tot} \leftarrow total number of events$ Multi-kaon event classes:

1 2K<sup>+,0</sup> 11 3K<sup>+,0</sup> **\K**+,0 + + +  $\cdots$ + $P_{s\bar{s}}^{(1)} N_{\text{tot}} + P_{s\bar{s}}^{(2)} N_{\text{tot}} + P_{s\bar{s}}^{(3)} N_{\text{tot}} + \cdots = N_{\text{tot}} (1+\eta) \mathcal{M}_{K^+}$  $P_{s\bar{s}}^{(n)}$  probability of creation of  $n \ s\bar{s}$  pairs at breakup  $P_{s\bar{s}}^{(n)} = \Lambda^n e^{-\Lambda}/n!$  $\overline{\mathsf{K}},\Lambda,\Sigma,\Xi,\Omega$  $\overline{\mathsf{K}},\Lambda,\Sigma,\Xi$  $\overline{\mathsf{K}}, \Lambda, \Sigma$ no  $\Xi, \Omega!$ no  $\Omega!$ 

 $\Lambda$  -- integral probability of the pair production

Let W be the probability of (s bar-s) pair production in a unit of volume and a unit of time, which is a function of local temperature and density.

$$\Lambda = \int_{0}^{t_{col}} V(t) \mathcal{W}(\rho(t), T(t)) \, dt$$

$$V(t) = f(t) V_{fo} \qquad \Lambda = \tau \, \overline{\mathcal{W}} V_{fo}^{4/3} = \lambda \, V_{fo}^{4/3}$$

$$t_{col} = \tau V_{fo}^{1/3} \qquad V_{fo} \text{ freeze-out volume}$$

$$P_{s\bar{s}}^{(n)} = \Lambda^{n} \frac{e^{-\Lambda}}{n!} \qquad P_{s\bar{s}}^{(1)} = \lambda V_{fo}^{4/3} - \lambda^{2} \, V_{fo}^{8/3} + \frac{1}{2} \, \lambda^{3} \, V_{fo}^{4} + O(\lambda^{4})$$

$$P_{s\bar{s}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{2} \, V_{fo}^{8/3} - \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{3} \, V_{fo}^{4} + O(\lambda^{4})$$

$$P_{s\bar{s}}^{(3)} = \frac{1}{6} \, \lambda^{3} \, V_{fo}^{4} + O(\lambda^{4})$$

The value of  $\lambda$  is fixed by the total  $K^+$  multiplicity observed in an inclusive collision.

We denote the multiplicity of  $K^+$  mesons produced in each *n*-kaon events as:  $M_{K^+}^{(n)} = \frac{n}{1+n} P_{s\bar{s}}^{(n)}$ 

$$\mathcal{M}_{K^+} = \sum_{n} \langle M_{K^+}^{(n)} \rangle = \frac{1}{1+\eta} \sum_{n} n \left\langle P_{s\bar{s}}^{(n)} \right\rangle = \frac{\langle \Lambda \rangle}{1+\eta}$$

 $\langle \dots 
angle$  -- averaging over the collision impact parameter

impact parameter averaging

$$\langle \dots \rangle = \frac{2}{b_{\max}^2} \int_{0}^{b_{\max}} db \, b \, (\dots) \qquad \qquad b_{\max} = 2 \, r_0 \, A^{1/3}$$
  
 $r_0 = 1.124 \, \text{fm}$ 

$$\langle P_{s\bar{s}}^{(1)} \rangle = (1+\eta) \mathcal{M}_{K^+} \Big[ 1 - (1+\eta) \zeta^{(2)} \mathcal{M}_{K^+} + \frac{1}{2} \zeta^{(3)} (1+\eta)^2 \mathcal{M}_{K^+}^2 \Big]$$

$$\langle P_{s\bar{s}}^{(2)} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (1+\eta)^2 \mathcal{M}_{K^+}^2 \Big[ \zeta^{(2)} - (1+\eta) \zeta^{(3)} \mathcal{M}_{K^+} \Big]$$

$$\langle P_{s\bar{s}}^{(3)} \rangle = (1+\eta)^3 \frac{1}{6} \zeta^{(3)} \mathcal{M}_{K^+}^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta^{(n)} &= \frac{\left\langle V_{\rm fo}^{\frac{4}{3}n} \right\rangle}{\left\langle V_{\rm fo}^{4/3} \right\rangle^n} \qquad V_{\rm f.o.}(b) = \frac{2A}{\rho_{B,\rm fo}} F(b/b_{\rm max}) \quad \text{overlap function} \\ & \text{[Gosset et al, PRC 16, 629 (1977)]} \\ & & \text{freeze-out density} \\ & \left\langle V_{\rm f.o.} \right\rangle \approx \frac{A}{2\rho_{B,\rm fo}} \end{aligned}$$

enhancement factors!!

#### total strangeness multiplicity

$$M_S^{(n)} = n P_{s\bar{s}}^{(n)}$$

Using the experimental kaon multiplicity  $\mathcal{M}_{K^+} = (2.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-2}$  we estimate

$$\langle M_S^{(1)} \rangle = 5.2 \times 10^{-2} \quad \langle M_S^{(2)} \rangle = 8.8 \times 10^{-3} \quad \langle M_S^{(3)} \rangle = 8.7 \times 10^{-4}$$



$$\frac{\langle M_S^{(3)} \rangle}{(1+\eta)\mathcal{M}_{K^+}} \simeq 1\%$$

of kaons is produced triplewise

The <u>statistical probability</u> that strangeness will be released at freeze-out in a hadron of type a with the mass  $m_a$  is

$$P_{a} = \mathbf{z}_{\mathbf{S}}^{s_{a}} V_{\text{fo}} p_{a} = \mathbf{z}_{\mathbf{S}}^{s_{a}} V_{\text{fo}} \nu_{a} e^{q_{a} \frac{\mu_{B}(t)}{T(t)}} f(m_{a}, T_{\text{fo}})$$

- $S_a$  # of strange quarks in the hadron
- $u_a$  spin-isospin degeneracy factor
- $q_i$  baryon charge of the hadron

$$f(m,T) = \frac{m^2 T}{2\pi^2} K_2\left(\frac{m}{T}\right)$$

baryon chemical potential  $\mu_B(t) \simeq -T(t) \ln \left\{ 4 \left[ f(m_N, T) + 4 f(m_\Delta, T) \right] / \rho_B(t) \right\}$ 

 $Z_S$  is a *normalization factor* which could be related to a probability of one *s*-quark to find itself in a hadron *a* 

This factor follows from the requirement that the sum of probabilities of production of different strange species and their combinations, which are allowed in the finale state, is equal to one.

This factor depends on how many strange quarks are produced. Hence, it is different in single-, double- and triple-kaon events.

$$P_a^{(n)} = z_S^{(n)s_a} V_{\rm fo} p_a$$

single-kaon event: n = 1 only  $\overline{K}$ ,  $\Lambda$  and  $\Sigma$  can be in the final state

$$P_{\bar{K}}^{(1)} + P_{\Lambda}^{(1)} + P_{\Sigma}^{(1)} = 1 = z_S^{(1)} V_{\text{fo}} \left( p_{\bar{K}} + p_{\Lambda} + p_{\Sigma} \right)$$

multiplicity of 
$$\bar{K}$$
,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma$   $M_a^{(1)} = g_a P_{s\bar{s}}^{(1)} P_a^{(1)} = g_a P_{s\bar{s}}^{(1)} z_S^{(1)} V_{fo} p_a$   
isospin factor

double-kaon event: n = 2  $\overline{K}\overline{K}$ ,  $\overline{K}\Lambda$ ,  $\overline{K}\Sigma$ ,  $\Lambda\Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda\Sigma$ ,  $\Sigma\Sigma$  and  $\Xi$  can be in the final state  $\left(P_{\overline{K}}^{(2)} + P_{\Lambda}^{(2)} + P_{\Sigma}^{(2)}\right)^2 + P_{\Xi}^{(2)} = 1 \\ z_S^{(2)2} V_{
m fo}^2 (p_{\overline{K}} + p_{\Lambda} + p_{\Sigma})^2 + z_S^{(2)2} V_{
m fo} p_{\Xi} = 1$ 

multiplicity of  $\bar{K}, \Lambda, \Sigma$   $M_a^{(2)} = g_a \, 2 \, P_{s\bar{s}}^{(2)} \, P_a^{(2)} \left( P_{\bar{K}}^{(2)} + P_{\Lambda}^{(2)} + P_{\Sigma}^{(2)} \right)$ 

multiplicity of  $\Xi$   $M^{(2)}_{\Xi} = g_{\Xi} P^{(2)}_{s\bar{s}} P^{(2)}_{\Xi}$ 

triple-kaon event: 
$$n=3$$

$$\overline{\mathsf{K}}\overline{\mathsf{K}}\overline{\mathsf{K}}, \overline{\mathsf{K}}\overline{\mathsf{K}}\Lambda, \overline{\mathsf{K}}\overline{\mathsf{K}}\Sigma, \overline{\mathsf{K}}\Lambda\Lambda, \overline{\mathsf{K}}\Lambda\Sigma, \overline{\mathsf{K}}\Sigma\Sigma, \Lambda\Lambda\Sigma, \Sigma\Sigma\Lambda, \Lambda\Lambda\Lambda, \Sigma\Sigma\Sigma, \Xi\overline{\mathsf{K}}, \Xi\Lambda, \Xi\Sigma$$
  
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can be in the final state

$$\left(P_{\bar{K}}^{(3)} + P_{\Lambda}^{(3)} + P_{\Sigma}^{(3)}\right)^3 + 3P_{\Xi}^{(3)}\left(P_{\bar{K}}^{(3)} + P_{\Lambda}^{(3)} + P_{\Sigma}^{(3)}\right) + P_{\Omega}^{(3)} = 1$$

multiplicity of  $\bar{K}$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma = M_a^{(3)} = g_a \, 3 \, P_{s\bar{s}}^{(3)} P_a^{(3)} \left[ \left( P_{\bar{K}}^{(3)} + P_{\Lambda}^{(3)} + P_{\Sigma}^{(3)} \right)^2 + P_{\Xi}^{(3)} \right]$ 

 $\text{multiplicity of } \Xi \qquad \qquad M_{\Xi}^{(3)} = g_{\Xi} \, 3 \, P_{s\bar{s}}^{(3)} \, P_{\Xi}^{(3)} \left( P_{\bar{K}}^{(3)} + P_{\Lambda}^{(3)} + P_{\Sigma}^{(3)} \right)$ 

multiplicity of 
$$\Omega$$
  $M^{(3)}_{\Omega} = P^{(3)}_{s\bar{s}} P^{(3)}_{\Omega}$ 

$$\begin{split} R_{K^{-}/K^{+}} &= \eta \frac{\langle M_{\bar{K}}^{(1)} + M_{\bar{K}}^{(2)} \rangle}{(1+\eta) \mathcal{M}_{K^{+}}} &= \frac{\eta p_{\bar{K}}}{p_{\bar{K}} + p_{\Lambda} + p_{\Sigma}} Y_{1} \\ R_{\Lambda/K^{+}} &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{M}_{K^{+}}} \left\langle M_{\Lambda}^{(1)} + M_{\Lambda}^{(2)} + \eta \frac{M_{\Sigma}^{(1)} + M_{\Sigma}^{(2)}}{\eta^{2} + \eta + 1} \right\rangle = (1+\eta) \frac{\left[p_{\Lambda} + \frac{\eta p_{\Sigma}}{\eta^{2} + \eta + 1}\right]}{p_{\bar{K}} + p_{\Lambda} + p_{\Sigma}} Y_{1} \\ R_{\Sigma/K^{+}} &= \frac{\eta^{2} + 1}{2(\eta^{2} + \eta + 1)} \frac{\langle M_{\Sigma}^{(1)} + M_{\Sigma}^{(2)} \rangle}{\mathcal{M}_{K^{+}}} &= \frac{(\eta^{2} + 1)(\eta + 1)}{2(\eta^{2} + \eta + 1)} \frac{p_{\Sigma}}{p_{\bar{K}} + p_{\Lambda} + p_{\Sigma}} Y_{1} \\ R_{\Xi/\Lambda/K^{+}} &= \frac{\frac{\eta}{1+\eta} \langle (M_{\Xi}^{(2)} + M_{\Xi}^{(3)}) \rangle}{\langle M_{\Lambda}^{(1)} + M_{\Lambda}^{(2)} + \eta \frac{M_{\Sigma}^{(1)} + M_{\Sigma}^{(2)}}{\eta^{2} + \eta + 1}} \rangle \mathcal{M}_{K^{+}} &= \eta \frac{p_{\Xi}/(p_{\bar{K}} + p_{\Lambda} + p_{\Sigma})}{\langle V_{f_{O}} \rangle \left(p_{\Lambda} + \frac{\eta p_{\Sigma}}{\eta^{2} + \eta + 1}\right)} Y_{2} \end{split}$$

in **blue** the standard results; in **red** corrections

$$Y_1 = 1 - \frac{(1+\eta)\mathcal{M}_{K^+} p_{\Xi}}{(p_{\bar{K}} + p_{\Lambda} + p_{\Sigma})^2} \frac{\langle V_{\text{fo}}^{5/3} \rangle}{\langle V_{\text{fo}}^{4/3} \rangle^2}$$

small correction <5%

$$Y_2 = rac{1}{2} \widetilde{\zeta}^{(2)} = rac{1}{2} rac{\langle V_{
m fo}^{5/3} 
angle}{\langle V_{
m fo}^{4/3} 
angle^2} \langle V_{
m fo} 
angle \simeq 0.52$$
 strong suppression!

#### $\Xi/\Lambda/K$ ratio is sensitive to the fireball freeze-out volume

#### Parameters of the model

density Analysis of pion, proton, K<sup>-</sup> yields in HICs at SIS and Bevalac energies gives

$$ho_{B,{
m fo}}=(0.5\text{--}0.7)\,
ho_0$$

We use  $ho_{B,\mathrm{fo}}=0.6\,
ho_0$ 

Voskresensky, Sov.J.Nucl.Phys. 50, 983 (1989); NPA555,293 (1993) Kolomeitsev,Voskresensky,Kämpfer, IJMP E5, 316 (1996) Kolomeitsev,Voskresensky nucl-th/0001062

in-medium potentials  $E(p) = \sqrt{m^2 + p^2} \longrightarrow \sqrt{m^{*2} + p^2} + V = \sqrt{(m+S)^2 + p^2} + V$ 

 $f(m,T) \to f(m^*,T) \exp(-V/T)$  scalar and vector potentials

nucleons:  $S_N \simeq S_\Delta \simeq -190 \text{ MeV}\rho_B/\rho_0$   $V_N \simeq V_\Delta \simeq +130 \text{ MeV}\rho_B/\rho_0$ deltas: [Kolomeitsev, Voskresensky, NPA 759,373 (2005)]

hyperons: optical potentials  $U_i = [S_i + V_i(\rho_0)] \rho_B / \rho_0$ 

 $U_{\Lambda} = -27 \text{ MeV}$  [Hashimoto, Tamura, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 57, 564 (2006)]

 $U_{\Sigma} = +24 \,\,{
m MeV}$  [Dabrowski, Phys.Rev.C 60, 025205 (1999)]

$$U_{\Xi} = -14 \,\,\mathrm{MeV}$$
 [Khaustov et al., Phys.Rev.C 61, 054603 (2000)]

kaons:  $U_{\bar{K}} = -75 \text{ MeV}$  used in [Schade, Wolf, Kämpfer, PRC81, 034902 (2010)]

temperature

best fit for  $K^{--}$ ,  $\Lambda$  ratios: T=69 MeV

#### Ratios as functions of the freeze-out temperature



results with vacuum masses

suppression  $Y_2$ 

Inclusion of potentials improves the temperature match for K and  $\Lambda$  ratios, improves  $\Sigma$  ratio (repulsive potential), increases  $\Xi$  ratio (not strong enough)

ratio	exp. value	inclusive
$(K^-/K^+) \times 10^2$	$2.54^{+1.21}_{-0.91}$	2.55
$\Lambda/K^+$	$1.46_{-0.37}^{+0.49}$	1.50
$\Sigma/K^+$ (Hades)	$0.13_{-0.12}^{+0.16}$	0.290
$\Sigma/K^+$ (iso)	$0.30_{-0.17}^{+0.23}$	0.230
$\Xi/\Lambda/K^+$	$0.20^{+0.16}_{-0.11}$	0.047
$(\Omega/\Lambda K^-/K^+) \times 10^2$		0.85
$(\Omega/\Xi/K^+) \times 10^2$		0.42

# **HADES trigger effect**

HADES counts only the events with MUL>16



[Schade, PhD thesis2010] trigger function  $T_{\text{LVL1}}(b) = \begin{cases} b, & b < 3.9 \text{ fm} \\ 3.6 e^{-0.27 \left(\frac{b}{1 \text{ fm}} - 3.75\right)^2}, & b \ge 3.9 \text{ fm} \end{cases}$  $\langle V_{\text{f.o.}} \rangle_{\text{LVL1}} = \frac{2\pi \int_0^{b_{\text{max}}} \text{db} \, T_{\text{LVL1}}(b) \, V_{\text{f.o.}}(b)}{2\pi \int_0^{b_{\text{max}}} \text{db} \, T_{\text{LVL1}}(b)} = 1.77 \, \langle V_{\text{f.o.}} \rangle$ exp. value inclusive ratio triggered  $2.54^{+1.21}_{-0.91}$  $(K^{-}/K^{+}) \times 10^{2}$ 2.552.55 $1.46^{+0.49}_{-0.37}$  $\Lambda/K^+$ 1.501.50 $0.13^{+0.16}_{-0.12}$  $\Sigma/K^+$ (Hades) 0.2900.290 $\Sigma/K^+$ (iso)  $0.30^{+0.23}_{-0.17}$  $0.20^{+0.16}_{-0.11}$  $\Xi/\Lambda/K^+$ 0.0470.026 $(\Omega/\Lambda K^-/K^+) \times 10^2$ 0.850.26 $(\Omega/\Xi/K^+) \times 10^2$ 0.42 0.23

# **Conclusion 1:**

HADES data show the problems with the strangeness balance: too few  $\Sigma$  baryons and too many  $\Xi$  are observed.

Isospin corrections could help to understand  $\Sigma$  yield.

With an inclusion of in-medium potentials yield we can describe K<sup>-</sup>/K<sup>+</sup>,  $\Lambda$ /K<sup>+</sup>, and  $\Sigma$ /K<sup>+</sup> ratios;

 $\Xi/\Lambda/K^+$  ratio cannot be described. Suppression of the ration calculated in statistical model due to explicit strangeness conservation in each collision and HADES event trigger!

What can we do?

### 1. in medium potential and freeze-out density

A more attractive  $\Xi$  in-medium potential? We would need  $U_{\Xi} < -120 \text{ MeV}$  to increase the ratio  $\Xi^{-}/\Lambda/K^{+}$  up to the lowest end of the empirical error bar.

Such a strong attraction exceeding the nucleon optical potential is unrealistic. It would imply that  $\Xi$  baryon is bound in nucleus stronglier than two  $\Lambda$ s,

 $2(m_A + U_I) - (m_V + m_N + U_V + U_N) \sim 100 \text{ MeV} > 0.$ 

This would influence the description of doubly strange hypernuclei

The leading order analyzis of hyperon and nucleon mass shifts in nuclear matter using the chiral perturbation theory [Savage, Wise, PRD 53, 349 (1996)] shows that the  $\Xi$  shift is much smaller than nucleon and  $\Lambda$  shifts.

Recent analyses [Polinder, Haidenbauer, Meissner, PLB 653, 29 (2007), Gasparyan, Haidenbauer, Hanhart, arXiv:1111.0513]

support the relative smallness of  $\Xi N$  scattering lengths.

We can take somewhat larger freeze-out density:  $ho_{B,\mathrm{fo}}=0.7\,
ho_0$ 

 $R_{\Xi/\Lambda/K^+} = 0.026 \longrightarrow 0.028$ 

### 2. K<sup>+</sup> multiplicity

We vary the  $K^+$  multiplicity within the experimental error bars and take the maximal possible value

$$\mathcal{M}_{K^+} = 3.2 \times 10^{-2}$$
  $R^{(\mathrm{exp})}_{\Xi/\Lambda/K^+} = 0.175^{+0.16}_{-0.11}$  (  $0.20^{+0.16}_{-0.11}$  before)

much larger than the result of the stat model:  $0.027 \pm 1$ 

Could it be that the number of produced K<sup>+</sup> mesons is underestimated by HADES?

KaoS measured K\*<br/>@1.8 AGeVC+C [PRL82, 1640 (1999)] $\sigma_{C+C}/12^2 = (2.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-2} \text{ mb}$ Ni+Ni [PRL78, 4007 (1997)] $\sigma_{Ni+Ni}/58^2 = (1.7 \pm 0.45) \times 10^{-2} \text{ mb}$ 

Taking the median of 0.02 mb we obtain that for the Ar+KCl  $\sigma_{K^+}=31~{
m mb}$ 

 $\mathcal{M}_{K^+} = \frac{\sigma_{K^+}}{\sigma_{\text{geom}} \varkappa_{\text{LVL1}}} \qquad \qquad \text{decrease of the geometrical cross section} \\ \text{because of triggering off peripheral collisions} \\ \mathcal{M}_{K^+} = 3.8 \times 10^{-2} \\ \text{larger than Hades value!} \qquad \qquad \varkappa_{\text{LVL1}} = \int_0^{b_{\text{max}}} db T_{\text{LVL1}}(b) / \int_0^{b_{\text{max}}} db b \simeq 0.449 \\ \longrightarrow R_{\Xi/\Lambda/K^+}^{(\text{exp})} = 0.14^{+0.10}_{-0.09} \end{cases}$ 

### 3. Non-equilibrium effects

The main assumption of our model is that the strange subsystem is in thermal equilibrium with a non-strange subsystem and that strange particles are in chemical equilibrium with each other.

For L and  $\Sigma$  $\Lambda N \leftrightarrow \Lambda N$  $\Sigma N \leftrightarrow \Sigma N$  $\Lambda N \leftrightarrow \Sigma N$  $\sigma \sim 80 - 25 \text{ mb}$ for relative moments  $p_T$  to  $2p_T$ <br/> $p_T \sim 300 \text{ MeV}$  is the thermal momentum for T=70 MeVFor  $\overline{K}$  $K^- N \leftrightarrow \pi \Lambda(\Sigma)$  $\pi \Lambda(\Sigma) \leftrightarrow \pi \Lambda(\Sigma)$ For  $\Xi$ EN interaction is expected to be smaller than  $\Lambda N$  and  $\Sigma N$  interactions $\sigma(\Xi^- p \to \Xi^- p) \sim 15 \text{ mb}$  $\sigma(\Xi^- p \to \Lambda \Lambda) \lesssim 10 \text{ mb}$  $\sigma(\Xi^0 p \to \Xi^0 p) \lesssim 15 \text{ mb}$ <br/>[Polinder, Haidenbauer, Meissner, PLB 653, 29 (2007)]

Scattering of  $\Xi$ s on pions for nearly isospin symmetrical matter is considerably weaker than the  $\pi$ N scattering (vey narrow  $\Xi^*(1532)$  resonance, not broad  $\Delta(1232)$ )

#### **E** baryons are presumably weaklier coupled to the non-strange system

Earlier freezeout!

$$R_{\Xi/\Lambda/K^+} \sim \frac{p_{\Xi}[\widetilde{T}_{\rm fo}]}{(p_{\Lambda} + \frac{1}{3}p_{\Sigma})(p_{\bar{K}} + p_{\Lambda} + p_{\Sigma})[T_{\rm fo}]} Y_2 \qquad \widetilde{T}_{\rm fo} > T_{\rm fo}$$

increase of the ratio

#### <u>Where do $\Xi$ baryons come from?</u>

 $N_{K^-} \ll N_{\Lambda,\Sigma}$ strangeness creation reactions:  $KN \rightarrow K\Xi - 380 \text{ MeV}$  $\pi\Sigma \rightarrow K\Xi - 480 \text{ MeV}$ very exothermic, very inefficient  $\pi\Lambda \to K\Xi - 560 \text{ MeV}$ ss quarks are strongly bound in  $\Xi$ ! strangeness recombination reactions:  $\sigma \sim 10 \text{ mb}$  $K\Lambda \rightarrow \Xi \pi + 154 \text{ MeV}$ anti-kaon induced reactions  $K\Sigma \rightarrow \Xi \pi + 232 \text{ MeV}$ [Li,Ko NPA712, 110 (2002)]  $\Lambda \Lambda \rightarrow \Xi N - 26 \text{ MeV}$ can be more efficient since double-hyperon processes  $\Lambda \Sigma \rightarrow \Xi N + 52 \text{ MeV}$  $N_{K^-} \ll N_{\Lambda,\Sigma}$  $\Sigma\Sigma \rightarrow \Xi N + 130 \text{ MeV}$ [Tomasik, E.K., arXiv:1112.1437]

[Polinder, Haidenbauer, Meissner, PLB 653, 29 (2007)]



 $\label{eq:linear} \begin{array}{l} [Li,Chen,Ko,Lee \ 1204.1327] \\ calculated the same cross sections in \\ Born approximation [much larger <math display="inline">\sigma ] \ and \\ implemented in \ transport \ code. \end{array}$ 

increased  $\Xi$  production

# Influence of $U_{\overline{K}}$ potential on $\overline{K}\Lambda \to \Xi\pi$ reaction

Reaction threshold drops below the p-wave  $\Xi^*(1532)$  resonance



[Tomasik, E.K., SQM2011 proceedings, arXiv:1112.1437]

#### **Conclusion 2:**

The main source of  $\Xi$  is strangeness recombination reactions.

Double-hyperon processes can be very important.

Anti-kaon induced reactions can be strongly enhanced if the attractive kaon potential is included