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Study of dependence of kinetic freezeout temperature on production cross-section of the particles in various centrality intervals in Au-Au and Pb-Pb collisions at high energies

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Abstract: Transverse momentum spectra of $\pi^+$, $p$, $\Lambda$, $\Xi$ or $\bar{\Xi}$, $\Omega$ or $\bar{\Omega}$ and deuteron ($d$) in different centrality intervals in Gold-Gold (Au-Au) and Lead-Lead (Pb-Pb) collisions at 62.4 GeV and 2.76 TeV respectively, are analyzed by the blast wave model with Boltzmann Gibbs statistics. We extracted Kinetic freeze out temperature, transverse flow velocity and kinetic freezeout volume from the transverse momentum spectra of the particles. It is observed that the non-strange and strange (multi-strange) particles freezeout separately due to different reaction cross-sections. While the freezeout volume and transverse flow velocity are mass dependent which decrease with the rest mass of the particles. The present work reveals the scenario of double kinetic freezeout in collisions at STAR and ALICE Collaborations. Furthermore, the kinetic freezeout temperature and freezeout volume are larger in central collisions than the peripheral collisions and they decrease from central to periphery. However the transverse flow velocity remains almost unchanged from central to peripheral collisions.

Keywords: non-strange; strange; multi-strange; kinetic freeze-out temperature; transverse flow velocity; freezeout volume; cross-section; centrality bins; transverse momentum spectra

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1. Introduction

Freezeout stages are very important because they provide essential information about the emission of the particles at those stages. Generally, there are two freezeout stages found in literature namely chemical freezeout and kinetic freezeout stage. Both these freezeout stages correspond to their respective temperatures. The chemical freezeout is the intermediate stage in high energy collisions where the intra-nuclear collisions among the particles are inelastic and the ratios of various types of particles remain unchanged and the temperature of the particles at this stage is chemical freezeout temperature that describes the excitation degree of the system at the chemical freezeout stage. Correspondingly, the thermal/kinetic freezeout is the last but not the least stage in high energy collisions. At this stage, the intra- nuclear collisions among the particles are elastic and the transverse momentum distributions of various kinds of particles are no longer changed and the temperature at this stage is called kinetic freezeout temperature.

According to thermal and statistical model [1–4], the chemical freezeout temperature ($T_{ch}$) in central nucleus- nucleus collisions increases with increase of the collisions energy from a few GeV to above 10 GeV and then saturates in an energy range from more than a dozen of GeV. At top Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) and Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the maximum $T_{ch}$ is 160 MeV, although there is a slight increase from RHIC to LHC energy, but the situation of kinetic freezeout temperature ($T_0$) is complex. At first, $T_0$ in central collisions increases with increasing the collision energy from a few GeV to
above 10 GeV, but this tendency can either be saturated, decrescent or increcent. On the other hand, $T_{ch}$ central nucleus-nucleus collisions is abit larger than in peripheral nucleus-nucleus collisions, however, there are three possible trends of $T_0$ from central to peripheral collisions which are (1) $T_0$ increase from central to peripheral collisions (2) $T_0$ decrease from central to peripheral collisions and (3) $T_0$ remains constant from central to peripheral collisions. It is very important to search for the correct trend of $T_0$ with energy and centrality. Furthermore, there are different kinetic freezeout scenarios found in literature which include single, double, triple and multiple kinetic freezeout scenarios [5–10]. In single kinetic freezeout scenario one set of parameters is used for the strange, multi-strange and non-strange particles, in double kinetic freezeout scenario one set of parameters is used for strange (multi-strange) and other for non-strange particles, separate sets of parameters are used for strange, multi-strange and non-strange particles in triple kinetic freezeout scenario, while separate sets of parameters for each particle are used in multiple kinetic freezeout scenario. The trend of transverse flow velocity ($\beta_T$) and freezeout volume ($V$) with energy is an increasing trend in most of the literatures [6, 11-16]. Most of the literature claims the decreasing (or invariant) trend of $\beta_T$ and $V$ from central to peripheral collisions [10, 15, 16–18].

The transverse momentum spectra ($p_T$) of the particles are very important observables due to the reasons that they provide very essential information about the equilibrium dynamics and isotropy of the system in high energy collisions [9]. In present work, we will analyze the $p_T$ spectra of $\pi^+$, $p$, $\Lambda$, $\Sigma$(\bar{2}$^-$), $\Omega$(\bar{1}$^+$) and deuteron (d) in Au-Au and Pb-Pb collisions at 62.4 GeV and 2.76 TeV respectively.

The remainder of the paper consists of method and formalism, and results and discussion in section 2 and 3 respectivey and the summary our main observations and conclusions are presented in section 4.

2. The method and formalism

There are various models suggested for the extraction of $T_0$, $V$ and $\beta_T$, e.g blast wave model with Boltzmann Gibbs statistics (BGBW) [19–21], blast wave model with Tsallis statistics [TBW] [22–24], an alternative method by using Tsallis statistics [25–31] and an alternative method by using blast wave model boltzmann Gibbs statistics [32–37]. In this work, we choose the blast wave model with boltzmann Gibbs statistics which is phenomenological model and is used for the spectra of hadrons based on the flow of local thermal sources with global variables of temperature, volume and transverse flow velocity.

According to reference [38–40], the $p_T$ distribution of the BGBW can be written as

$$f(p_T) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dp_T} = C \frac{gV}{(2\pi)^2} p_T m_T \int_0^R r dr \left[ \frac{p_T \sinh(\rho_1)}{T_0} \right] K_1 \left( \frac{m_T \cosh(\rho_1)}{T_0} \right),$$

(1)

where $C$ stands for the normalization constant, $g$ represents the degeneracy factor of the particles, $V$ is the freezeout volume, $m_T = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m_0^2}$ is the transverse mass, $m_0$ is the rest mass of the particle, $r$ is the radial coordinate, $R$ is the maximum radius, $\rho = \tanh^{-1}[\beta(r)]$ is the boost angle, $\beta(r) = \beta_S(r/R)^{n_0}$ is a self-similar flow profile, $\beta_S$ is the flow velocity on the surface, as mean of $\beta(r)$, $\beta_T = (2/R^2) \int_0^R r \beta(r) dr = 2\beta_S/(n_0 + 2)$, and $n_0$ is regarded as free parameter [41] that fluctuates largely by several times increases 1 in the number of free parameters. $l_0$ and $K_1$ are the bessel modified functions of the first and second kind respectively.

Eqn. (1) is not enough for the description of the whole $p_T$ spectra, particularly, when the maximum $p_T$ reaches to 100 GeV/c at LHC collisions [42], where several $p_T$ regions [43] has been observed by the model analysis. These regions include the first $p_T$ region with $p_T < 4.5$ GeV/c, the second region and third region with $4-6$ GeV/c < $p_T <
17-20 GeV/c and \( p_T > 17-20 \) GeV/c respectively. Different \( p_T \) regions are expectedly in correspondence to different interacting mechanisms, such as the effects and changes by medium, nuclear transparency and the effect of number of strings etc, which are discussed in detail in [17]. Therefore, for the complete description of the whole \( p_T \), we can use the functions such as Tsallis Levy [44, 45], the Hagedorn function [42, 46, 47] to the spectra in high and very high \( p_T \) regions and it corresponds to an inverse power law. In this work, we used the inverse power law to describe the \( p_T \) spectra in high \( p_T \) regions, that is

\[
f_H(p_T) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dp_T} = A p_T \left( 1 + \frac{p_T}{p_0} \right)^{-n},
\]

where \( N \) and \( A \) represents the number of particles and normalization constant respectively, and \( p_0 \) and \( n \) are the free parameters. There are several modified versions of Hagedorn function found in literature [48–54].

Generally, the two main process responsible for the contribution of \( p_T \) spectra are soft excitation (contributes soft component in low \( p_T \) region) and hard scattering process (contributes in whole \( p_T \) region). Eqn. (1) is taken into account for the soft excitation process and eqn.(2) for the hard scattering process. Eqn. (1) and (2) can be superposed by (1) superposition principle where the contribution regions of components overlap each other and (2) by hagedorn model (usual step function), when there is no overlapping of different regions of different components. According to the first method

\[
f_0(p_T) = k f_S(p_T) + (1-k) f_H(p_T),
\]

where \( k \) represents the contribution fraction of the first component and \((1-k)\) represents the contribution function of the second component.

The usual step function can be used to structure the superposition of the Eqn. (1) and (2). According to Hagedorn model [42, 46, 47], the usual step function can also be used for the superposition of the two functions, as

\[
f_0(p_T) = A_1 \theta(p_1 - p_T) f_1(p_T) + A_2 \theta(p_T - p_1) f_2(p_T),
\]

where \( A_1 \) and \( A_2 \) are the fraction constants which give the two components to be equal to each other at \( p_T = p_1 \).

### 3. Results and discussion

Figure 1 demonstrates the transverse momentum (\( p_T \)) spectra, \([1/(2\pi p_T) d^2 N / dy dp_T]\) or \([1/N_{ev}(1/(2\pi p_T) d^2 N / dy dp_T)]\) of \( \pi^+ \), \( p \), \( \Lambda \), \( \Xi^+ \), \( \Omega^+ \) and deuteron (\( d \)) in various centrality classes in Au-Au collisions at 62.4 GeV. The spectra is distributed in different centrality classes, e.g for \( \pi^+ \) and \( p \), 0–5%, 5–10%, 10–20%, 20–30%, 30–40%, 40–50%, 50–60%, 60–70% and 70–80%, for \( \Lambda \), 0–5%, 5–10%, 10–20%, 20–30%, 30–40%, 40–60% and 60–80%, for \( \Xi^+ \), 0–5%, 5–10%, 10–20%, 20–40%, 40–60% and 60–80%, for \( \Omega^+ \), 0–20%, 20–40% and 40–60% at \(|y| < 0.1\), and for deuteron (\( d \)), 0–10%, 10–20%, 20–40%, 40–60% and 60–80%, at \(|y| < 0.3\). The symbols are cited from the experimental data measured by the STAR Collaboration at Relativistic Heavy Ion collisions (RHIC) [55-57]. In the figure, the curves are our fitted results with Eq. (1). The corresponding values of free parameters \((T_0, V, \beta_T \text{ and } n_0)\), normalization constant \((N_0)\), \( \chi^2 \) and number of degree of freedom (ndof) are listed in Table 1 in which the parameter trend will be analyzed and discussed later in this section. One can see that the \( p_T \) spectra of the particles are shown to obey approximately the blast wave model with boltzmann Gibbs statistics. Furthermore, the spectra of \( \pi^+ \) in 5–10%, 10–20%, 20–30%, 30–40%, 40–50%, 50–60%, 60–70% and 70–80% centrality intervals are scaled with 1/3, 1/7, 1/18, 1/40, 1/100, 1/250, 1/700 and 1/1500 respectively, while the centrality intervals of \( p \) 5–10%, 10–20%,
Fig. 1. Transverse momentum spectra of $\pi^+$, $p$, $\Lambda$, $\Xi^+$ and $\Omega^+$ rapidity $|y| < 0.1$, and deuteron ($d$) at rapidity $|y| < 0.3$, produced in different centrality intervals in Au-Au collisions at 62.4 GeV. Different symbols represent the $p_T$ spectra of different particles measured by the STAR collaboration [55–57] and the curves are our fitted results with BGBW model. The corresponding results of data/fit is presented in each panel.
Fig. 2. Transverse momentum spectra of $\pi^+$, $p$, $\Lambda$, $\Xi$, $\Omega$ rapidity and deuteron ($d$) produced in different centrality intervals in Pb-Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV. Different symbols represent the $p_T$ spectra of different particles measured by the ALICE collaboration [58–60] and the curves are our fitted results with BGBW model. The corresponding results of data/fit is presented in each panel.
20–30%, 30–40%, 40–50%, 50–60%, 60–70% and 70–80% $p$ are scaled by 1/3, 1/7, 1/26, 1/60, 1/150, 1/250, 1/400 and 1/600 respectively.

Figure 2 is similar to Fig.1 but it shows the the $p_T$ spectra of $\pi^+$, $p$, $\Lambda$, $\Xi$, $\Omega$ and deuteron ($d$) in different centrality intervals in Pb-Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV. The spectra is distributed in different centrality intervals, e.g for $\pi^+$, and $p$ 0–5%, 5–10%, 10–20%, 20–30%, 30–40%, 40–50%, 50–60%, 60–70%, 70–80% and 80–90% at $|y| < 0.5$, for $\Lambda$, $\Xi$, and $\Omega$ 0–10%, 10–20%, 20–40%, 40–60%, and 60–80%, for $\Omega$, 0–10%, 10–20%, 20–40%, 40–60% and 60–80% at $y = 0$, and for deuteron ($d$) 0–10%, 10–20%, 20–40%, 40–60% and 60–80%, at $|y| < 0.5$. The spectra of of $\pi^+$ and $p$ in 5–10%, 10–20%, 20–30%, 30–40%, 40–50%, 50–60%, 60–70% and 70–80% centrality intervals are scaled with 1/2, 1/4, 1/6, 1/8, 1/10, 1/10, 1/10, 1/10 and 1/10 respectively. The symbols are cited from the experimental data measured by the ALICE Collaboration at Large Hadron Collider (LHC) [58–60]. In the figure, the curves are our fitted results with Eq. (1). The corresponding values of free parameters ($T_0$, $V$, $\beta_T$ and $n_0$), normalization constant ($N_0$), $\chi^2$ and number of degree of freedom (ndf) are listed in Table 1 in which the parameter trend will be analyzed and discussed below. One can see that the $p_T$ spectra of the particles are shown to obey approximately the blast wave model with boltzmann Gibbs statistics.

Figure 3 analyze the dependence of kinetic freezeout temperature ($T_0$) on centrality class (C%) and mass of the particles. Panel (a) and (b) shows the result for Au-Au and Pb-Pb collisions respectively. The colored symbols represent different species of particles and the particles from left to right shows the result of $T_0$ from central to peripheral collisions. One can see that the kinetic freezeout temperature of the emission source decreases with the decrease of centrality from central to peripheral collisions. The central collision makes the degree of excitation of system high and results in high temperature, but as the centrality decreases, the collision become less and less violent due to less and less number of participants in the interaction which results in decreasing the degree of excitation of they system and correspondingly the temperature decrease more and more. This result is consistent with [5, 6, 18, 27, 28, 29, 61] but inconsistent with [62–66]. In addition, the dependence of $T_0$ on $m_0$ is not clear. The pion and proton has almost same values for $T_0$ and similarly the the strange (muti-strange) particles. Deuteron has the largest mass and it freezeout at the same time with pion and proton. The reason maybe the production cross-section of the interacting particle. According to kinematics, the reactions with lower cross-section is supposed to be switched-off at higher temperatures/densities or earlier in time than the reactions with higher cross-sections. $\pi^+$, $p$ and $d$ are non-strange particles, so they have the same $T_0$, while $\Lambda$, $\Xi$($\Xi^+$) and $\Omega$($\Omega^+$) are strange flavored particles, so they have the same $T_0$. The non-strange particles has larger production cross-section than the strange or multi-strange particles, therefore the non-strange particles freezeout later than the strange (multi)strange particles. This results is consistent with one of our recent work [10], however ref.[10] observed separate decoupling of strange and multi-strange also. It is noteworthy that the observed $T_0$ at RHIC is lower than that of LHC.

Figure 4 is similar to Fig.3, but shows the dependence of transverse flow velocity ($\beta_T$) on centrality class and mass of the particles. One can see that $\beta_T$ depends on the rest mass of the particles. Greater the mass of the particle is, smaller the transverse flow velocity which is a natural hydrodynamical behavior [67]. Furthermore, there is no centrality dependence of $\beta_T$ observed in present work, as $\beta_T$ is almost the same at the central and peripheral collisions. However $\beta_T$ is larger at LHC than that of RHIC.

Figure 5 is similar to Fig.3 and 4, but shows the dependence of $V$ on centrality class and mass of the particles. One can see that $V$ decrease continuously from central to peripheral collisions because the central collisions correspond to large number of binary collisions due to the re-scattering of partons and hence the system with more participants reaches quickly to equilibrium state. While the number of participants decrease with the decrease of event centrality and the system goes to equilibrium state in a steady manner.
Table 1. Values of free parameters $T_0$ and $\beta_T$, $V$ and normalization constant ($N_0$), $n_0$, $\chi^2$, and degree of freedom (dof) corresponding to the curves in Figs. 1–6.

| Collisions | Centrality | Particle | $T_0$ (GeV) | $\beta_T$ (c) | $V$ ($fm^3$) | $N_0$ | $n_0$ | $\chi^2$/dof |
|------------|------------|----------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------|------|-------------|
| Au-Au      | 5% – 10%   | $\pi^\pm$ | 0.111 ± 0.005 | 0.520 ± 0.008 | 5000 ± 193 | 0.25 ± 0.06 | 0.8 | 3/5 |
| 62.4 GeV   | 10% – 20%  | $\Lambda$ | 0.137 ± 0.006 | 0.70 ± 0.009 | 4120 ± 160 | 0.002 ± 0.004 | 0.4 | 1/7 |
| 62.4 GeV   | 5% – 10%   | $\Sigma^+$ | 0.138 ± 0.004 | 0.450 ± 0.011 | 4150 ± 150 | 0.0008 ± 0.00004 | 0.7 | 0.4/5 |
| Au-Au      | 5% – 10%   | $\Xi^-$ | 0.134 ± 0.005 | 0.450 ± 0.011 | 4000 ± 140 | 6.5 × 10^{-6} × 6 × 10^{-6} | 1 | 3/6 |
| 62.4 GeV   | 10% – 20%  | $\Omega^-$ | 0.131 ± 0.006 | 0.452 ± 0.012 | 3800 ± 157 | 5.2 × 10^{-6} × 4 × 10^{-7} | 0.8 | 2/6 |
| 62.4 GeV   | 5% – 10%   | $\Xi^-$ | 0.114 ± 0.005 | 0.400 ± 0.011 | 3400 ± 140 | 0.00085 ± 0.00005 | 1.6 | 3/7 |
| Pb-Pb      | 5% – 10%   | $\pi^\pm$ | 0.130 ± 0.005 | 0.584 ± 0.012 | 7000 ± 200 | 345 ± 36 | 0.8 | 89/36 |
| 2.76 TeV   | 10% – 20%  | $\pi^\pm$ | 0.127 ± 0.006 | 0.583 ± 0.010 | 6816 ± 191 | 165.55 ± 23 | 0.7 | 158/36 |
| 2.76 TeV   | 5% – 10%   | $\pi^\pm$ | 0.127 ± 0.006 | 0.570 ± 0.010 | 6700 ± 180 | 8 ± 0.7 | 1 | 58/30 |

Fig. 1

Fig. 2
Table 1. The dependence of $T_0$ (GeV) on centrality class (% of the particle.

| Centrality | Particle | $T_0$ (GeV) |
|------------|----------|-------------|
| 0 - 10%    | $\Lambda$ | 0.155 ± 0.005 | 6000 ± 200 | 0.13 ± 0.03 |
| 0 - 10%    | $\Xi$     | 0.156 ± 0.006 | 5990 ± 201 | 0.14 ± 0.03 |
| 0 - 10%    | $\Omega$  | 0.157 ± 0.007 | 5980 ± 202 | 0.15 ± 0.03 |

Fig. 3. Dependence of $T_0$ on centrality class (C%) and rest mass ($m_0$) of the particle.

Fig. 4. Dependence of $\beta_T$ on centrality class (C%) and rest mass ($m_0$) of the particle.
Fig. 5. Dependence of $V$ on centrality class (C%) and rest mass ($m_0$) of the particle.

from central to peripheral collisions. Additionally, $V$ depends on the mass of the particles. Greater the mass of the particle is, lower the $V$. $V$ at LHC is larger than that at RHIC.

4. Conclusions

The main observations and conclusions are summarized here.

a) The transverse momentum spectra of different particle species are analyzed by the blast wave model with Boltzmann Gibbs statistics and the bulk properties in terms of the kinetic freezeout temperature, transverse flow velocity and freezeout volume are extracted in different centrality classes in Au-Au and Pb-Pb collisions at 62.4 GeV and 2.76 TeV respectively.

b) It is observed that $T_0$ is dependent on the cross-section of the interacting particle, i.e. Larger the production cross-section of the interacting particle correspond to smaller $T_0$.

c) A double kinetic freezeout scenario is observed due to the separate decoupling of non-strange and strange (strange) particles.

d) The transverse flow velocity ($\beta_T$) and kinetic freezeout volume ($V$) are observed to depend on the mass of the particles, i.e. Larger the mass of the particle correspond to smaller $\beta_T$ and $V$.

e) Kinetic freezeout temperature ($T_0$) and freezeout volume ($V$) decrease from central peripheral collisions due to decrease of degree of excitation of interacting system and the decrease of the number of binary collisions due to the re-scattering of partons respectively from central to peripheral collisions. While $\beta_T$ is observed to be independent of centrality and remains almost unchanged from central to peripheral collisions.

f) $T_0$, $\beta_T$ and $V$ are observed to be larger at LHC collisions than at RHIC.

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