<u>New Results On Energy and Momentum</u> <u>Conservation in Meson Production for</u> <u>A+A Collisions at SPS Energies</u>

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Prologue ;
EM fields ;
Fire streaks ;
Summary.





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- New, specific "energy-momentum conservation picture" of the initial stage of the collision.

- New exp. data from NA61/SHINE@SPS.
- New info on the space-time evolution of both participants and spectators.



2) electromagnetic fields



- (a) Peripheral Pb+Pb ($Q_{\text{SPECTATOR}} \approx 70 \text{ e.u.}$) \rightarrow large EM effect, $\pi^+/\pi^- \approx 0$.
- (b) Intermediate Ar+Sc ($Q_{SPECTATOR}$ ≈ 8 e.u) → visible EM effect, breaks isospin symmetry.

(c) Central Ar+Sc ($Q_{SPECTATOR}$ ≈ 3 e.u.) → still visible shadow of EM effect.





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Plot from: M. Kiełbowicz, WPCF 2018





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Picture from IFJ PAN press release: google out "fire streaks in collisions"





Each fire streak fragments independently into pions

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}y} \sim A \cdot (E_{\mathsf{s}}^* - m_{\mathsf{s}}) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\left[(y - y_{\mathsf{s}})^2 + \epsilon^2\right]^{\frac{n}{2}}}{n\sigma_y^n}\right)$$

A. Szczurek., A. R., M. Kiełbowicz, Phys. Rev. C 95, 024908 (2017)





data points from: NA49, T. Anticic et al., Phys. Rev. C 86, 054903 (2012)

- Spectator-induced EM effects brought us from the final state of the reaction ...
- ... into a picture of the longitudinal evolution of the system at the initial stage at SPS energies, largely governed by energy-momentum conservation...
- ... BUT they also give us a chance to get insight into the spectator system's excitation energy.

Thank you!

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Extra slides

