Conclusions

- NA49 has identified particles in the forward hemisphere with controlled centrality
- Large variety of nuclear collisions studied
- Smooth transition from p+p via peripheral to central Pb+Pb in many observables
  - ∘ longitudinal spectra, shapes, stopping
  - ∘ evolution of transverse activity
  - ∘ particle yields, strangeness
    pions flat, kaons up, antiprotons down, like at AGS
  - elliptic flow
    final momentum reflects initial space eccentricity
  - interferometry
- No significant non-statistical fluctuations in $\langle p_T \rangle$ and K/π
  - upper limit for DCC formation and parity violation
- Strangeness increase also seen in central p+A in the forward hemisphere
- How to compare different collision systems?
  Simple number of participants or collisions scaling is insufficient