Results from NA61/SHINE ion program

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The NA61/SHINE heavy-ion program

Search for the Critical Point

Search for a maximum of CP signatures: fluctuations of N, average p_T , etc., intermittency, when system freezes out close to CP



Study of the Onset of Deconfinement

Search for the onset of the horn/kink/step in collisions of light nuclei; additional analysis of fluctuations and correlations



2D phase-space scan

NA61/SHINE is performing 2D phase diagram (T, μ_B) scan - colliding various nuclei at various energies.



- h⁻ analysis method majority of negatively charged particles are π⁻ mesons. Contribution of other particles is subtracted using VENUS and EPOS models.
- dE/dx analysis uses information on energy loss in the TPC gas to identify particles (Bethe-Bloch relativistic rise region used)

The results are corrected for particles from weak decays (feed-down) and the detector effects using simulations. Out of target interactions are subtracted using events recorded with empty liquid hydrogen target.



 π^- transverse mass spectra



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(Pb+Pb results on central (7%; 5%) collisions measured by NA49: PR C66, 054902 (2002); PR C77, 024903 (2008))

proton transverse mass spectra



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(y intervals: -0.32 < y < 0.80 for 40A GeV/c, -0.37 < y < 0.30 for 80A GeV/c, -0.50 < y < -0.1 for 158A GeV/c)

 $\frac{m_T}{\frac{dN_i}{m_T dm_T dv}} = A_i m_T K_1 \left(\frac{m_T \cosh p}{T}\right) I_0 \left(\frac{p_T \sinh p}{T}\right) \text{ Schnede}$

Schnedermann, Sollfrank, Heinz, PR C48, 2462 (1993)



Transverse mass spectra are approximately exponential in p+p interactions. In central Pb+Pb collisions the exponential dependence is modified by the transverse flow.

Kink, step, dale

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studying the properties of the onset of deconfinement



 π^- multiplicity at the SPS energies increases faster in central Pb+Pb than in p+p collisions (kink). The two dependencies cross at about 40A GeV.

Inverse slope parameters T of m_T spectra at the SPS energies show different behavior in central Pb+Pb (step) than in p+p (smooth increase)

Yad. Fiz.16, 395 (1972): $\sigma_y^2 = \frac{8}{3} \frac{c_s^2}{1-c_s^4} ln\left(\sqrt{s_{NN}/2m_p}\right)$ The dale appears to be present also in p+p reactions

NA61/SHINE aims to measure fluctuations of charged particles produced in various nucleus' inelastic collisions at various energies



As predicted, the NA49 experiment observed indications of enhanced fluctuations in medium-sized systems at the top SPS energy. Systematic and precise measurements of fluctuations in p+p, Be+Be, Ar+Ca and Xe+La as function of collision energy by NA61 may lead to the discovery of the critical point...

Many popular fluctuation measures are sensitive to the fluctuations of the system size (centrality). Experimentally one limits these fluctuations employing forward calorimeters (in NA61 Projectile Spectator Detector) which measure the number of spectators. The impact of the remaining system size fluctuations can be removed by use of properly defined fluctuation measures.



$$\begin{split} \Delta^{NX} &= \frac{1}{C_{\Delta}} \left[\langle X \rangle \omega[N] - \langle N \rangle \omega[X] \right] \\ \Sigma^{NX} &= \frac{1}{C_{\Sigma}} \left[\langle X \rangle \omega[N] + \langle N \rangle \omega[X] - 2 \left(\langle NX \rangle - \langle N \rangle \langle X \rangle \right) \right] \\ \Phi_{\rho_{T}} &= \sqrt{\frac{\langle X^{2} \rangle}{\langle N \rangle} - \frac{2 \langle X \rangle \langle NX \rangle}{\langle N \rangle^{2}} + \frac{\langle X \rangle^{2} \langle N^{2} \rangle}{\langle N \rangle^{2}} - \sqrt{\frac{\langle X_{2} \rangle}{\langle N \rangle} - \frac{\langle X \rangle^{2}}{\langle N \rangle^{2}}} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} C_{\Sigma} &= C_{\Delta} = \frac{1}{\langle N \rangle \omega[\rho_T]} & \omega[\rho_T] = \frac{Var(\rho_T)}{\rho_T^2} \\ X &= \sum_{i=1}^N \rho_{T_i} & X_2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \rho_{T_i}^2 \end{split}$$

- $\Delta^{\textit{NX}} = \Sigma^{\textit{NX}} = 0$ in the absence of fluctuations
- $\Delta^{NX} = \Sigma^{NX} = 1$ for independent particle sources

(Phys. Rev. C 84, 014904 (2011), arXiv:1303.0871)

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comparison with NA49 Pb+Pb



After limiting to the NA49 acceptance (forward rapidity only, common azimuthal acceptance for all energies), Φ_{p_T} value has decreased and became equal (within errors) to NA49 Pb+Pb results.

No indications of CP in NA49 Pb+Pb and in NA61 p+p. We are waiting for results from Be+Be, Ar+Ca and Xe+La...

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Summary

The NA61/SHINE ion program started with measurements of p+p and Be+Be interactions. Soon Ar+CA and Xe+La collisions will be measured. The data are taken at 13A, 20A, 30A, 40A, 80A, 158A GeV/c.

Results of single particle spectra of identified hadrons in inelastic p+p interactions:

- **()** spectra of π^- , π^+ , K^- and p are realized, more particles soon,
- @ the Pb+Pb kink is absent in p+p interactions,
- \bigcirc the Pb+Pb *dale* seems to be present also in p+p interactions.

Results on fluctuations in p+p interactions:

- p_T and chemical fluctuations similar in p+p interactions and central Pb+Pb collisions, (important to perform the comparison using strongly intensive quantities and within the same acceptance),
- ${\bf 0}$ no indication for enhanced fluctuations due to the critical point in p+p interactions and central Pb+Pb collisions,
- the results in p+p interactions approximately agree with predictions of EPOS and VENUS.

First results from Be+Be interactions:

- energy dependence of inelastic cross section agrees with the predictions of GLISSANDO (*GLauber Initial-State Simulation AND mOre...*)
- ❷ spectra and fluctuations soon ...

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Thank You!

$$\omega_i = \frac{\langle N_i^2 \rangle - \langle N_i \rangle^2}{\langle N_i \rangle}$$

For Poissonian mult. dist. $\omega = 1$ Intensive measure: in WNM ω independent of N_W but dependent on fluctuations of N_W

$$\Phi_{ij} = \frac{\langle N_i \rangle \langle N_j \rangle}{\langle N_i + N_j \rangle} \cdot \left[\sqrt{\Sigma^{ij}} - 1 \right]$$

$$\Sigma^{ij} = [\langle \mathsf{N}_i \rangle \cdot \omega_j + \langle \mathsf{N}_j \rangle \cdot \omega_i - 2 \left(\langle \mathsf{N}_{ij} \rangle - \langle \mathsf{N}_i \rangle \langle \mathsf{N}_j \rangle \right)] \\ / \langle \mathsf{N}_i + \mathsf{N}_j \rangle$$

For independent particle emission $\Phi = 0$ Strongly intensive measure: in WNM Φ independent of N_W and fluctuations of N_W

In experiment chemical fluctuations of identified particles multiplicities may be distorted by incomplete particle identification.

Results on chemical fluctuations in NA49 and NA61 presented here are corrected for misidentification using the unfolding procedure of the identity method: Gaździcki, Grebieszkow, Maćkowiak, Mrówczyński, PR C83, 054907 (2011); Gorenstein, PR C84, 024902 (2011); Rustamov, Gorenstein, PR C86, 044906 (2012).

Fluctuations cannot be corrected for the limited acceptance \rightarrow results are presented in NA61 acceptance (https://edms.cern.ch/document/1237791/1)

Scaled variance of the multiplicity distributions in p+p interactions



$$\begin{split} \omega_{p+\bar{p}} \,\, \text{and} \,\, \omega_p < 1 \,\, \text{probably due to} \\ \text{baryon number conservation.} \,\, \omega_p \,\, \text{and} \\ \omega_{p+\bar{p}} \,\, \text{similar (small fraction of} \\ \text{antiprotons).} \end{split}$$

$$\label{eq:scalarseq} \begin{split} \omega_{K} > 1 \text{ probably due to strangeness} \\ \text{conservation. } \omega_{K^+} \text{ close to 1 and} \\ < \omega_{K}, \text{ which suggests that} \\ \text{strangeness conservation contributes} \\ \text{to } \omega_{K}. \end{split}$$

Increase of ω_{π} with energy reflecting increase of $\omega_{N_{ch}}$ measured in full phase-space (see PR 351, 161 (2001)). $\omega_{\pi^+} < \omega_{\pi}$ possibly due to charge conservation.

 ω_{π} and $\omega_{N_{ch}}$ similar at higher energies (at lowest energies the fraction of protons is significant).

All models predictions are similar to experimental results.



 Φ measure of chemical fluctuations: comparison of p+p with central Pb+Pb (NA49) collisions



$$\begin{split} & \Phi_{\pi(\rho+\vec{p})} \text{ and } \Phi_{\pi^+\rho} < 0 \text{ most} \\ & \text{probably due to charge conservation} \\ & \text{and resonance decays (PR C70, 064903} \\ & (2004)). \text{ Similar tendency for NA61} \\ & p+p \text{ and NA49 Pb+Pb.} \end{split}$$

In p+p $\Phi_{\pi K} > 0$ probably due to strangeness conservation ($\Phi_{\pi^+ K^+}$ close to 0 supports this interpretation). For p+p $\Phi_{\pi K}$ slightly increases with energy; such effect not visible for NA49 Pb+Pb.

Very weak increase of $\Phi_{(p+\bar{p})K}$ with energy in p+p data, whereas for Pb+Pb $\Phi_{(p+\bar{p})K}$ decreases with energy (high momentum part removed from NA49 Pb+Pb data). For both systems $\Phi_{(p+\bar{p})K}$ crosses zero at middle SPS energies. No energy dependence of Φ_{pK^+} .

All models predictions are similar to measurements in p+p.



$\Delta\eta-\Delta\phi$ correlations

$$\Delta \eta - \Delta \phi$$
 correlations

p+p at 158 GeV/c (all pairs)

Data, all charged



$$\begin{split} \Delta \eta &= |\eta_1 - \eta_2| \qquad \Delta \phi = |\phi_1 - \phi_2| \\ C\left(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi\right) &= \frac{N_{mixed}^{pairs}}{N_{data}^{pairs}} \frac{S(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi)}{M(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi)} \\ S\left(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi\right) &= \frac{d^2 N^{signal}}{d\Delta \eta d\Delta \phi} \qquad M\left(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi\right) = \frac{d^2 N^{mixed}}{d\Delta \eta d\Delta \phi} \end{split}$$

- Maximum at $(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi) = (0, \pi)$, better visible in narrow mult. bins. Resonance decays and momentum conservation.
- Coulomb and quantum effects contribute to a weak enhancement at (0,0).



By dividing two-particle correlations analysis into multiplicity bins one can study contributions of certain phenomena to the inclusive correlations (e.g. resonance decays). (See also ZPC 64, 301 (1994)).

$\Delta \eta - \Delta \phi$ correlations

p+p at 158 GeV/c (pairs of negatively charged particles)

Data, neg. charged



- Practically no resonances which decay into two negatively charged particles.
- Very low momentum conservation hill visible at $(0, \pi)$ on averaged distribution and on multiplicity bins distributions.
- Quite difficult to observe, because it is masked by:
 - Quantum statistics hill at (0,0).
 - Hill at $(3, \pi)$ for multiplicity selected correlations. Probably global momentum conservation.



The same analysis is currently performed on NA49 Pb+Pb data.