

Recent results from NA61/SHINE

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NA61/SHINE – few facts



- Located at the CERN SPS
- Successor of NA49
- Large acceptance spectrometer for fixed target experiment on primary (ions) and secondary (ions, hadrons) beams
- Data taking since 2009

Physics program



• Strong interactions program

- search for the critical point of strongly interacting matter
- study of the properties of the onset of deconfinement
- study high p_T particles production (energy dependence of nuclear modification factor)
- Hadron-production measurements for neutrino experiments
 - reference measurements for the neutrino experiment for computing initial neutrino fluxes at J-PARC, FERMILAB
- Hadron-production measurements for cosmic ray experiments
 - reference measurements of p+C, p+p, π+C, and K+C interactions for cosmic-ray physics (Pierre-Auger, KASCADE) for improving air shower simulations





Facility

Beams for NA61/SHINE





Available beams:

- Primary ions (13A 150A GeV/c):
 - Argon
 - Xenon
 - Lead
- Secondary:
 - hadrons (p, π^{\pm} , K $^{\pm}$) 13 350 GeV/c
 - ions (Be, . . .) 13A 150A GeV/c



Secondary ion beam composition (Pb fragmentation on Be target)



Experimental layout



Particle identification

- h⁻ analysis based on the fact that the majority of negatively charged particles are π⁻ mesons. Contribution of the other particles is subtracted using EPOS Monte-Carlo
- dE/dx analysis uses TPC energy loss information to identify particles
- tof-dE/dx method estimates number of p, K, π using an energy loss and a particle time of flight measurements





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Event selection

- Use PSD calorimeter
- Based on forward energy measurements (reaction violence selection)
- The forward energy (*E_F*) is dominated by energy of projectile spectators









Onset of deconfinement

π^- spectra from 2D-scan





- Rapidity spectra approximately Gaussian, independently of the collision energy and system size
- Large acceptance allows to obtain 4π multiplicity (sum of data and extrapolation, for details see arXiv:1612.01334)
- m_T spectra in p+p exponential
- m_T spectra in larger systems (central collisions) deviate from the exponential shape

Energy and system size dependence of m_T spectra







- m_T shape differs significantly between p+p and A+A
 - system size dependence
 - small energy dependence
 - the effect associated to transverse collective flow

Study of onset of deconfinement: kink





 $<\pi$ > – mean multiplicity in full acceptance <W> – mean number of wounded nucleons

- The slope of energy dependence for heavier systems is larger than for lighter systems at high SPS energies
- Statistical model with phase transition (SMES - Acta Phys. Pol. B30 (1999) 2705) predicts increase of the slope – KINK – of $<\pi>/<W>$ in QGP due to the larger number of degrees of freedom in comparison to Hadron Gas (HRG)

Study of onset of deconfinement: step



- Plateau STEP in the inverse slope parameter of m_T spectra in Pb+Pb collisions observed. It is expected for the onset of deconfinement due to mixed phase of HRG and QGP (SMES)
- Qualitatively similar structure is visible in p+p
- Be+Be is consistent with step structure and slightly above p+p



- Rapid changes in K⁺/π⁺ HORN were observed in Pb+Pb collisions. It was predicted (SMES) as a signature of onset of deconfinement too
- Plateau like structure visible in p+p in mid-rapidity as well as in 4π acceptance
- Be+Be very close to p+p
- <K+>/<π+> in Ar+Sc show similar to p+p dependence of the collision Energy and it is placed between p+p and Pb+Pb

Rapid changes in p+p at SPS – comparison with models





Monte-Carlo models provide poor description of data



Critical point



No sign of any anomaly that can be attributed to the critical point (so far)



Other results



Surprisingly Be+Be results are very close to p+p independent of collision energy

• Data suggest a jump between light and heavy systems

System size dependence

System size dependence - multiplicity fluctuations





- Why ω[N] in central Be+Be collisions is close to p+p value?
- Why ω[N] is suppressed for central Ar+Sc collisions in comparison to p+p and Be+Be?
- Percolation threshold?

 ω[N] is significantly larger for inelastic p+p interactions and for the central Be+Be collisions than for central Ar+Sc collisions



- Large coverage in rapidity, shape approximately described by Gaussian (black curve)
- Models approximately describe spectra shape (models normalised to the integral of data)

Φ(1020) in p+p: rapidity spectra

$\Phi(1020)$ in p+p: width of rapidity p+p δ δ NA61 Preliminary • φ NA61 p+p ο π΄ • K* NA49 Pb+Pb • K⁻ 1.5 1.5 $\frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}y} = \frac{\langle \pi^- \rangle (y_0, \sigma_0)}{2\sigma_0 \sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot$ $\cdot \left[\exp\left(-\frac{(y-y_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{(y+y_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right) \right]$ 0.5 0.5 **NA61 Preliminary** 2.5 2.5 2 3 2 У_{beam} У_{beam}

- σ_y in p+p follows the trend of other hadrons
- σ_v in p+p and Pb+Pb exhibit different y_{beam} dependence

$\Phi(1020)$ in p+p: $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ dependence





- $<\Phi>/<\pi>$ in p+p increases with $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$
- <Φ>/<π> ratio about 3x larger in Pb+Pb collisions independently of interaction energy
 - Enhancement of $<\Phi>/<\pi>$ ratio is close to $<K^+>/<\pi^+>$, larger than for $<K^->/<\pi^->$



- The NA61 data follow the trend set by the world data, at the same time reducing the uncertainty significantly
- EPOS overestimates <Λ> at 40 GeV/c



- The presented NA61/SHINE results agree with the world data
- Measurements in A+A collisions at the AGS and by NA49 show a different behavior than that observed in p+p reactions due to difference in baryon density

Interaction cross-section of ⁷Be on ⁹Be



 $\begin{array}{c} \sigma_{\text{tot}} \!=\! \sigma_{\text{inel}} \!+\! \sigma_{\text{el}} \\ \sigma_{\text{inel}} \!=\! \sigma_{\text{prod}} \!+\! \sigma_{\text{qe}} \end{array}$

- inelastic cross section initial state particles are different than final state ones
- elastic cross section initial and final state particles are the same
- quasi–elastic cross section either target or projectile fragmented, but no new particles
- production cross section there is at least one new particle in the final state
- Values measured by NA61/SHINE are in good agreement with earlier measurement at lower momentum [Tanihata et al., PRL 55, 2676, 1985], as well as with predictions of the Glauber based Glissando model [Broniowski, Rybczyński, Bozek, Comput. Phys. Commun. 180, 69, 2009]
- NA61 measurements together with ~1A GeV/c Bevalac data established energy dependence of the inelastic cross section



Neutrino and cosmic ray program

Data taking plan





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Hadron-production measurements for neutrino experiments



The T2K experiment published a measurement of θ_{13} angle in the neutrino mixing matrix (PRL 107, 041801 (2011))

Systematic error estimate was based on the NA61/SHINE results

Hadron-production measurements for neutrino experiments

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 $\sigma_{\text{inel}} = 258.4 \pm 2.8(\text{stat}) \pm 1.2(\text{det})^{+5.0}_{-2.9}(\text{mod}) \text{mb}$ $\sigma_{\text{prod}} = 230.7 \pm 2.8(\text{stat}) \pm 1.2(\text{det})^{+6.3}_{-3.5}(\text{mod}) \text{mb}$

Hadron Production: p+T2K replica—>π+X



T2K Flux Uncertainty with new NA61 data

Eur.Phys.J. C76 (2016) no.2, 84

P_{Beam} [GeV/c]

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With NA61 p+C thin target result

NA61/SHINE 2009 p+C @ 31 GeV



T2K v-flux uncertainty improves ~25% compared to previous result

Can reduce pion production contribution to the flux error to 4%

With NA61 p+T2K replica target result



Hadron-production measurements for cosmic ray experiments



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Hadron-production measurements for cosmic ray experiments





Cross sections measurements



Input for validation/tuning of Monte Carlo generators





Future of NA61/SHINE

Open charm measurements

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D⁰ candidates selected by TPCs only



- Vertex detector:
 - Small Acceptance Vertex Detector was commissioned in 2015
 - Pilot data was recorded in 2016
 - ${\scriptstyle \bullet }$ $\,$ Vertex fit resolution on the level of 50 μm
 - four pixel detection stations
 - MIMOSA-26AHR sensor

 Feasibility of the D⁰ meson measurements in two body decay channel: D⁰ → K⁺ + π⁻, in central Pb+Pb collisions at the SPS energy range

> D⁰ candidates selected by TPCs and vertex detector



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NA61/SHINE in 2021–2024

Detector upgrades during Long Shutdown in 2019–2020: 1 kHz readout by upgrading TPCs readout electronics, Large Acceptance Vertex Detector, increase and improve beam intensity and quality, ToF, PSD







- Measurements of Xe+La collisions at 20A 150A GeV/c in 2017
- Measurement of Pb+Pb collisions at 150A GeV/c in 2018
 - New Vertex detector → pilot open charm measurements and precise measurement of fluctuations and collective effects in Pb+Pb collisions
- Detector upgrade foreseen during long shutdown (2019-2020)
- NA61/SHINE in 2021-2024: High statistics beam momentum scan with Pb+Pb collisions for the precise measurements of open charm and multistrange hyperon production
- NA61/SHINE performs precise particle production for neutrino physics programs which is planned to be continued after 2020
- NA61/SHINE plans to measure fragments production and energy dependence cross section for AMS experiment after 2020



Summary



NA61/SHINE performs the unique system size vs energy scan for systematic study of the phase diagram of strongly interacting matter

- p+p, Be+Be and Ar+Sc data collected and being analysed
- Unexpected system size dependence of K+/ π+ ratio observed in p+p and Be+Be
- Plans to extend NA61/SHINE program with measurements of open charm and multi-strange hyperon production in 2021-2024

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BACKUP SLIDES

Secondary beryllium beam



- Fragmentation target length optimized to maximize the production of the desired fragment
- Double magnetic spectrometer separates fragments according to the selected magnetic rigidity
- Possible to use degrader, Cu plate where ions lose energy according to the charge



NA61/SHINE Detector

⁷Be+⁹Be@158A GeV/c



- Large acceptance: 50%
- High momentum resolution:
 - σ(p)/p² ≈ 10⁻⁴ (GeV /c)⁻¹ (at full B=9 T m)
- ToF walls resolution:
 - ToF-L/R: $\sigma(t) \approx 60$ ps; ToF-F: $\sigma(t) \approx 120$ ps
- Good particle identification:
 - $\sigma(dE/dx)/ < dE/dx > \approx 0.04; \sigma(m_{inv}) \approx 5 MeV$
- High detector efficiency: 95%
- Event recording rate: 70 events/sec



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- In each p, p_T bin sum of Gauss functions is fitted to the dE/dx spectrum
- For each track the probability for being a hadron of specific type is calculated based on the fitted dE/dx distribution
- Sum of these probabilities gives the mean multiplicity of the identified hadrons

Energy loss (dE/dx) vs time of flight (tof) method





 Fit a two-dimensional weighted Gaussian function in the mass² vs dE/dx plane

V⁰ – method



Method example

- Decay channel: $\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^-$
- Invariant mass histograms in p_T and y bins
- In each p, p_T bin sum of signal (i.e. Lorentzian) and background functions is fitted to the invariant mass spectrum



 Λ mass from PDG 1115.678±0.006±0.006 GeV/c²

Lifetime is calculated based on the difference between position of the main and the decay vertex



Results are consistent with PDG value ($c\tau_{\Lambda}$ = 7.89 cm⁴7



p+p collisions

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Precise measurements (π ⁻**meson)**

⁷Be+⁹Be collisions





Solid lines: exponential fit.

 \wedge in p+p at 40 GeV/c

Dotted lines: used to extrapolate to 4π

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Rapidity distributions







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h⁻ analysis method

- Majority (more than 90%) of negatively charged particles are π⁻ mesons
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Centrality selection in ion collisions



- PSD (Projectile Spectator Detector) is located on the beam axis and measures the forward energy E_F related to the non-interacting nucleons of the beam nucleus
- Cuts on E_F allows to select different centrality classes
- Four event classes







- Fitted: double Gaussian function symmetrically displaced from midrapidity (both Gaussians have the same width, but they differ in amplitude)
- Asymmetry decreases from 0.86 (0-5%) to 0.97 (15-20%)
- Two opposite effects influence asymmetry of the spectra:
 - asymmetric system ⁷Be projectile on ⁹Be target (small effect),
 - centrality selection based on projectile spectators (large effect).

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NA61/SHINE p+p results published in Eur.Phys.J. C74 (2014) 2794



0-5% ⁷Be+⁹Be and p+p vs. $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

Mean multiplicities of π^{-} in ⁷Be+⁹Be

Transverse mass spectra of π^{-}



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Two-particle correlations in $\Delta\eta$, $\Delta\phi$ in p+p





- NA61/SHINE: maximum at $(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi) = (0, \pi)$ probably due to resonance decays and momentum conservation
- NA61 results show stronger enhancement in $\Delta \phi \approx \pi$ and no "jet peak" at $\Delta \phi \approx 0$ (in comparison with ALICE)

ALICE



Statistical model of the early stage

Motivation: Statistical Model of the Early Stage (SMES)



- 1st order phase transition to QGP between top AGS and top SPS energies $\sqrt{s_{MN}} \approx 7$ GeV
- number of internal degrees of freedom (*ndf*) increases $HG \rightarrow QGP$ (activation of partonic degrees of freedom)
- \bullet total entropy and total strangeness are the same before and after hadronization (cannot decrease QGP \rightarrow HG)
- mass of strangeness carriers decreases HG \rightarrow QGP (m_{A,K,...} > m_s)
- constant temperature and pressure in mixed phase

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Assumptions

main strangeness carriers



lambdas have significant influence on total strangeness production (anti-lambdas not)

Λ (ud**s**) K⁺ (u **anty-s**) K⁻ (anty-u **s**) K⁰ (d **anty-s**) anty-K⁰ (anty-d **s**)



 $\overline{s} \rightarrow K^+, \overline{K}^0$ $s \rightarrow \overline{K}^-, \overline{K}^0, \Lambda$

 $\langle K^* \rangle / \langle \pi^* \rangle$ proportional to strangeness/entropy

 $\langle K^{-} \rangle / \langle \pi^{-} \rangle$ additionally sensitive to baryon density

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Scan of the phase diagram world status















Facility	SPS	RHIC	NUCLOTRON-M	NICA	SIS-100/300	LHC
Laboratory	CERN Geneva	BNL Brookhaven	JINR Dubna	JINR Dubna	FAIR GSI Darmstadt	CERN Geneva
Experiment	NA61/SHINE	STAR PHENIX	BM@N	MPD	HADES + CBM CBM	ALICE ATLAS CMS
Start of data taking	2009(11)	2010	2015	2017	2017/18 (2019/20)	2009
cms energy [GeV/(N+N)]	5.1 – 17.3	7.7 (5?) – 200	<~3.5	4 – 11	2.3 - ~4.5 ~4.5 - ~8.5	up to 5500 14000 (p+p)
Physics	CP & OD	CP & OD	HDM	OD & HDM	HDM, OD & CP	PDM



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- Strongly intensive measures Δ and Σ (here applied to P_T and N fluctuations) \rightarrow PR C88, 024907, 2013
- All NA61 results (ω [N], Δ [P_T, N], Σ [P_T, N], Φ_{pT}) are corrected for non-target interactions, detector inefficiencies and trigger bias (see talk by E. Andronov, A. Seryakov and NA61, arXiv:1510.00163)

$$\Delta[P_{T}, N] = \frac{1}{\omega[p_{T}]\langle N \rangle} [\langle N \rangle \omega[P_{T}] - \langle P_{T} \rangle \omega[N]] \qquad P_{T} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_{Ti}$$
$$\Sigma[P_{T}, N] = \frac{1}{\omega[p_{T}]\langle N \rangle} [\langle N \rangle \omega[P_{T}] + \langle P_{T} \rangle \omega[N] - 2(\langle P_{T} N \rangle - \langle P_{T} \rangle \langle N \rangle)]$$

$$\omega[P_T] = \frac{\langle P_T^2 \rangle - \langle P_T \rangle^2}{\langle P_T \rangle} \qquad \omega[N] = \frac{\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2}{\langle N \rangle} \qquad \omega[p_T] = \frac{\overline{p_T^2} - \overline{p_T^2}}{\overline{p_T}}$$

 $\Delta[\mathsf{P}_{_{T}},\mathsf{N}] \text{ uses only first two moments: } \langle\mathsf{N}\rangle, \langle\mathsf{P}_{_{T}}\rangle, \langle\mathsf{P}_{_{T}}^{_2}\rangle, \langle\mathsf{N}^2\rangle$

important relation:

 $\Sigma[P_T, N]$ uses also correlation term: $\langle P_T N \rangle - \langle P_T \rangle \langle N \rangle$

$$\Phi_{p_{T}} = \sqrt{\overline{p_{T}}} \omega[p_{T}] \left[\sqrt{\Sigma[P_{T}, N]} - 1 \right]$$

thus Δ and Σ can be sensitive to several physics effects in different ways

$$\begin{aligned} z_{p_{T}} &= p_{T} - \overline{p_{T}} & \overline{p_{T}} \text{ - inclusive average} \\ \text{event variable } Z_{p_{T}} &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(p_{T,i} - \overline{p_{T}} \right) & \Phi_{p_{T}} &= \sqrt{\frac{\langle Z_{p_{T}}^{2} \rangle}{\langle N \rangle}} - \sqrt{\overline{z_{p_{T}}^{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

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