

NA61/SHINE performed the 2D scan in **collision energy and system size** to study the phase diagram of strongly interacting matter





Uniqueness of heavy ion results from NA61/SHINE





Study of the onset of deconfinement: Particle production properties

Onset of deconfinement: step

Plateau – **STEP** – in the inverse slope parameter T of m_T spectra in Pb+Pb collisions observed at SPS energies. This is expected for the onset of deconfinement due to mixed phase of HRG and QGP (SMES).



Qualitatively similar energy dependence is seen in p+p, Be+Be and Pb+Pb collisions

Magnitude of T in Be+Be slightly higher than in p+p

Ar+Sc results between p+p/Be+Be and Pb+Pb

Onset of deconfinement: horn

Rapid changes in K⁺/ π^+ – **HORN** – were observed in Pb+Pb collisions at SPS energies. This was predicted (SMES) as a signature of onset of deconfinement.



Plateau like structure visible in p+p

Be+Be close to p+p

Ar+Sc is higher than p+p but form of energy dependence is similar to p+p (no horn)



Study of the onset of fireball

Onset of fireball



• None of the models reproduce K^+/π^+ ratio or T for whole $\langle W \rangle$ range

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Transition from resonances to strings

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Rates of increase of K^+/π^+ and T change sharply in p+p collisions at SPS energies

The fitted change energy is ≈7 GeV close to the energy of the onset of deconfinement ≈ 8 GeV

Models assuming change from resonances to string production mechanism show similar trend



Multi-strange hadron production in p+p interactions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 17.3 \text{ GeV}$

Multi-strange measurements

□ Final results stand for multi-strange hyperon production in inelastic *p*+*p* interactions at 158 GeV/c corresponding to $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 17.3$ GeV.

- Results are corrected for geometrical detector acceptance and reconstruction efficiency and secondary interactions and branching ratios to unmeasured channels.
- □ A total of **33 million** events were analyzed.
- Multi-strange hyperons are identified by their decay topologies.





E production in *p***+***p* at 158 GeV/*c*



E production in inelastic p+p collisions at 158 GeV/c



□ The only results on Ξ^- and $\overline{\Xi}^+$ production in *p*+*p* at the SPS energy □ Strong suppression of $\overline{\Xi}^+$ production: $\langle \overline{\Xi}^+ \rangle / \langle \Xi^- \rangle = 0.24 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.05$

Ξ production in inelastic p+p collisions – model comparison



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□ The enhancement recalculated based on the NA61/SHINE data



The strangeness enhancement factor:

$$E = \frac{2}{\langle N_W \rangle} \frac{dn/dy (A+A)}{dn/dy (p+p)}$$

Nucl. Phys. B111 (1976) 461 J. Phys. G 32 (2006) 427–442

□ The NA61/SHINE p+p data is new baseline for Ξ production at 158 GeV/c



E(1530)⁰ production in *p+p* at **158** GeV/*c*



$\Xi(1530)^{0}$ production in inelastic p+p collisions at 158 GeV/c



The only results on \Xi(1530)^0 production in *p***+***p* **at the SPS energy**

□ The second result on $\Xi(1530)^0$ production in *p*+*p* (ALICE at 7 TeV Eur.Phys.J.C 75 (2015) 1) □ Suppression of $\overline{\Xi}(1530)^0$ production: $\langle \overline{\Xi}(1530)^0 \rangle / \langle \Xi(1530)^0 \rangle = 0.35 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.05$

$\Xi(1530)^{0}$ production in inelastic p+p collisions at 158 GeV/c



HRG model in the CE formulation and *p*+*p* data



 Fit by different variants of the HRG model (THERMAL-FIST1.3
 Comput.Phys.Commun.244(2019)295):
 Canonical Ensemble with fixed γ_s=1
 Canonical Ensemble with fitted strangeness saturation parameter γ_s

Significant discrepancies of the fitted parameters

- \Box The statistical model fails when fixed γ_s
- □ The fit with free γ_s finds $\gamma_s = 0.434 \pm 0.028$ and reproduces the measurements well a suppression of strange particle production in *p*+*p* collisions at CERN SPS energies



NA61/SHINE in 2021-2024

NA61/SHINE program for 2021-2024

- What is the mechanism of open charm production?
- How does the onset of deconfinement impact open charm production?
- How does the formation of quark gluon plasma impact J/ψ production?

To answer these questions mean number of charm quark pairs, $\langle c\bar{c} \rangle$, produced in A+A collisions has to be known. Up to now corresponding experimental data does not exist and only NA61/SHINE can perform this measurement in the near future.



Foreseen NA61/SHINE resolution is sufficient to answer addressed questions

Detector upgrade during LS2



Summary

- 2D scan in system size and collision energy was completed in 2017 with Xe+La data
- Analysis ongoing for p+p, Be+Be, Ar+Sc, Xe+La and Pb+Pb data
- No horn in Ar+Sc collisions
- Unexpected system size dependence: (p+p ≈ Be+Be) ≠ (Ar+Sc ≠ Pb+Pb)
- New and unique results on E and E⁺, E(1530)0 and E(1530)⁰ production in p+p interactions at 158 GeV/c
- NA61/SHINE program with measurements of open charm production in 2021-2024
- The Canonical Ensemble HRG fit with free γs finds γs =0.434±0.028 and reproduces the measurements well - suppression of strange particle production in p+p collisions at CERN SPS energies



Thank you

Strangeness production in p+p at 158 GeV/c



Strangeness enhancement factors



Fixed target experiment located at the CERN SPS accelerator



Beams:

ions (Be, Ar, Xe, Pb)

 p_{beam} =13A–150A GeV/c

- hadrons (п, К, р)
 *p*_{beam}=13–400 GeV/*c*
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.1 16.8 (27.4) \text{ GeV}$

Large acceptance hadron spectrometer –

coverage of the full forward hemisphere, down to $p_{\rm T} = 0$