Probing the strongly interacting matter with NA61/SHINE

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- Experimental setup
- Physics program
- Single particle spectra
 - Results from p+p
 - Results from Be + Be
- E-by-E fluctuations
 - New fluctuation measures
 - Comparison to Pb + Pb data
- Summary



The NA61/SHINE apparatus

"successor" of NA49 with numerous upgrades

- 5 TPCs with 3 of them inside the magnetic field
- large acceptance
- > high momentum resolution: $\sigma(p)/p^2 \approx 10^{-4} (GeV/c)^{-1}$ (at 9 Tm)
- > precise particle identification: $\frac{\sigma(dE/dx)}{\langle dE/dx \rangle} \approx 4\%$ $\sigma(t) \approx 60 \, ps$

SPS Heavy Ion and Neutrino Experiment (3 different communities)



in this contribution: only ion program

Operates since 2007



Heavy Ion program





by varying the energy and/or size of the colliding system the CEP might be localized (CEP = freeze-out)

Observables:

Event-by-Event fluctuations

M. Stephanov, K. Rajagopal, E. V. Shuryak, PRD 60, 114028 (1999)



Particle Identification (p+p, example)



A. Rustamov, Int. Conf. FAIR in Europe, 2014, Worms, Germany



Single particle spectra (p+p, Be+Be)

π⁻ spectra, p+p





Softening of EOS in p+p?

Fermi-Landau initial conditions Ideal Hydrodynamical expansion

 $p(\varepsilon) = c_s^2 \varepsilon$

$$\frac{dn}{dy} = \frac{Ks_{NN}^{1/4}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{y}^{2}}}e^{-\frac{y^{2}}{2\sigma_{y}^{2}}}$$

$$\sigma_y^2 = \frac{8}{3} \frac{c_s^2}{1 - c_s^4} \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2m_N}\right)$$

L. D. Landau, Izv. Akad. Nauk, 17, 51 (1953) E. V. Shuryak, Yad. Fiz., 16, 395 (1972) M. Bleicher, arXiv:hep-ph/0509314v1 NA61: EPJ C74 (2014) 2794





Kaon spectra, p+p

dE/dx + TOF analysis at mid - rapidity





Similar T_{eff} for both charges $\left\langle N_{K^{+}=u\overline{s}} \right\rangle > \left\langle N_{K^{-}=\overline{u}s} \right\rangle$



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Blast Wave Model





π⁻ spectra, Be+Be





Normalized ratio of m_T spectra at different energies





Chemical (particle number) E-by-E Fluctuations





A novel approach, the Identity Method

- The problem: Event by event particle identification
- > The strategy:
 - for each measurement x_i and particle j in an event one defines

$$w_j(x_i) = \frac{\rho_j(x_i)}{\sum_j \rho_j(x_i)}$$

for each event one constructs:

$$W_j = \sum_{i} w_j(x_i)$$

finally one calculates moments of W distribution

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle W_p^2 \rangle - b_p \\ \langle W_k^2 \rangle - b_k \\ \langle W_p W_k \rangle - b_{pk} \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} \langle N_p^2 \rangle \\ \langle N_k^2 \rangle \\ \langle N_p N_k \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

fully defined by a specific combinations of $\rho_j(x)$

- M. Gazdzicki et al., PRC 83, 054907 (2011)
- M. I. Gorenstein, PRC 84, 024902 (2011), second moments
- A. Rustamov, M. I. Gorenstein, PRC 86, 044906 (2012), (third and higher moments)

Implementation: TIdentity module (being used in NA49, NA61SHINE, ALICE)





Fluctuation measures

$$\omega_{N} = \frac{\left\langle N^{2} \right\rangle - \left\langle N \right\rangle^{2}}{\left\langle N \right\rangle}$$

$$\Sigma[A,B] = \frac{\langle B \rangle \omega_A + \langle A \rangle \omega_B - 2(\langle AB \rangle - \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle)}{\langle A+B \rangle}$$

$$\Phi[A,B] = \frac{\sqrt{\langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle}}{\langle A+B \rangle} \Big[\sqrt{\Sigma[A,B]} - 1 \Big]$$

Wounded Nucleon Model: $\langle N \rangle \propto N_w$ GCE: $\langle N \rangle \propto V$

fluctuation measures are acceptance dependent

A. Bzdak, V. Koch, Phys. Rev. C86 (2012) 044904 NA49: Phys. Rev. C89 (2014) 054902

compare the results in a common acceptance



Φ, both charges (common acceptance)





Φ, both charges (common acceptance)





Negative charges



no significant differences
between p + p and Pb + Pb

- smooth excitation functions
- no significant differences between p + p and A + A



Positive charges

second moments first moments 0.02 $\Phi[K^+,\pi^+]$ K⁺/π⁺ (y≈0) NA49 Pb + Pb (0-3.5%) NA61 p + p0.01 0.2 0.1 b+Pb Au+Au p+p -0.01 WORLD(p+p) AGS SPS(NA49) RHIC LHC(ALICE) -0.02 0 8 6 10 12 14 16 18 10^{2} 10^{4} √s [GeV] $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV]

- structures in A + A excitation function
- smooth dependence in p+p?
- significant differences between p + p and A + A

 structures in excitations functions both in Pb + Pb and p+p.



- Particle spectra
 - High precision double differential pion spectra were measured in p+p and Be+Be collisions at 5 different energies
 - Onset of collectivity is observed in Be+Be reactions above 40A GeV/c projectile momenta
- E-by-E fluctuations
 - A new unfolding method has been employed for extracting second moments of identified particle multiplicity distributions
 - Obtained results in p+p reactions are compared to those from Pb+Pb of NA49 and UrQMD transport model
 - Like in case of the first moments, the deviations between p+p and Pb+Pb data are observed only for positive K, π pairs.



Landscape of critical points





courtesy of M. Stephanov: arXiv:hep-ph/0402115v1





