Study of K^{*0} and φ Meson Production in proton+proton Collisions with ALICE at the LHC and Universality of Particles Production in HEP

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Physics Topics

© Resonance Production in pp collisions in ALICE

Pythia MC Simulation Study:

Solution In the Area of the Intriguing Similarities between high-pT particle production in pp and A-A collisions

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Outline:

[arXiv:1910.14410] (ALICE Collaboration)

Motivation

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Systematic Uncertainties Calculation

Corrected *p*_T spectra

dN/dy, <*p*_T>, Model Comparison

Summary

Motivation





Properties of Hadronic phase: (lifetime, density)

Chemical freeze out:

The inelastic processes cease and the particle yields (and relative abundances) are fixed

Kinetic freeze out:

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2. Regeneration:

Pseudo-elastic scattering of decay products ($K\pi \rightarrow K^{*0}$, $K^+K^- \rightarrow \phi$) \rightarrow increase of yields



Effect of hadronic process depends on:

lifetime of hadronic phase resonance lifetime scattering cross sections

Resonances with lifetimes comparable to that of the fireball are very promising tools to study properties of the hadronic phase.

Particles	ρ ⁰	K*0	φ		Λ(1520)	≡*0
Mass (MeV/ <i>c</i> ²)	770	896	1019	9	1520	1532
Width (MeV/c ²)	150	47.4	4.27	7	15.7	9.1
Mean Life-time (fm/ <i>c</i>)	1.3	4.2	46.2	2	12.6	21.7
Decay	π+π-	πΚ	K+K⁻		К⁻р	π +Ξ-
BR (%)	~100	66.6	48.9	9	22.5	66.7

Measurement in pp collisions acts as reference for Pb-Pb and p-Pb collisions and also helps in tuning the MC generators inspired by pQCD.

Particle Yield Ratios to Stable Particles

K*0/K:

Suppression with multiplicity in pp is observed

φ/K :

No suppression with multiplicity in pp and Pb-Pb

K*0/K

Rescattering is dominant over regeneration





Rescattering is not significant due ² to long lifetime

Plotted as function of $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle^{1/3}$: proxy for system radius [2] (cf. femtoscopy studies)

[1] Eur. Phys. J. C 76 245 (2016)[2] Phys.Lett.B 696:328-337,2011

ALICE Detector



Data set and Analysis Cuts

Data

Decay Channel: $K^{*0} \rightarrow K\pi$

 $\phi \rightarrow \kappa_{+}\kappa_{-}$

Data Period: LHC12 [a-d, h, i] pass2, AOD

Total Accepted events ~ 47 M

Event selection (Standard Run-1 Selection) kINT7 trigger Pileup Rejection using AliAnalysisUtils::IsPileUpEvent() Event has a track or SPD primary vertex identified Vertex z position: $|V_z| < 10$ cm

Track selection:

Standard ITS TPC TrackCuts 2011 η : -0.8 — 0.8 for reconstructed tracks $p_T > 0.15$ GeV/c $|y_{pair}| < 0.5$

PID Selection In_{$\sigma\pi$}, TPCI < 2 σ with a TOF veto of < 3 σ

Analysis Details

Decay Channel	Branching ratio	Life-time
K*0 → Kπ	66.6%	4.16 fm/ <i>c</i>
φ → K+K-	48.9%	46.2 fm/ <i>c</i>

Background Subtraction:

Event Mixing **Fit Function:**

Breit-Wigner for Signal + Pol2 for Residual Background

Fitting Range:

 $0.7 - 1.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and width is a free parameter

Background Subtraction:

Event Mixing

Fit Function:

Voigtian for Signal + Pol2 for Residual Background

Fitting Range:

 $1.04 - 1.06 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and width is fixed to PDG value $4.26 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

Breit-Wigner:

$$\frac{dN}{dm_{K\pi}} = \frac{A}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma_0}{\left(m_{K\pi} - m_0\right)^2 + \frac{\Gamma^2}{4}}$$

Pol2 :
$$f(m) = a + bm + cm^2$$

Voigtian:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}M_{\mathrm{KK}}} = \frac{A\Gamma_0}{(2\pi^{3/2})\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp\left(\frac{(M_{\mathrm{KK}} - m')^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \frac{1}{(m' - m_0)^2 + \frac{\Gamma_0^2}{4}} \mathrm{d}m' + (BM_{\mathrm{KK}}^2 + CM_{\mathrm{KK}} + D)$$

Invariant Mass







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Raw Spectra



Efficiency X Acceptance



$$Efficiency \ X \ Acceptance = \frac{Reconstructed \ K^{*0}}{Generated \ K^{*0}}$$

Systematic Uncertainty (K*⁰)

Variations:

- 1. Signal extraction variation
- 2. Vertex cut variation
- 3. Track cut variation
- 4. PID cut variation
- Signal extraction variation:
 Fitting range (3 ranges)
 Normalisation region (3 regions)
 Res. background (pol3)(Default: pol2)
 Fixed Width (Default: Free width)
 Function Integration(Default: Bin count)

2. Vertex cut variation(Default Vz < 10 cm): t IVzl < 8 cm IVzl < 12 cm

3. Track cut variation: ncr cut | Default ncr >70 variation: ncr >80, ncr > 100 rtpc cut |Default rtpc > 0.8 variation: rtpc > 0.9 dacz cut | Default dcaz < 2 cm variation: dcaz < 1 cm dcaxy currently | Default dcaxy < 7σ variation: dcaxy < 4σ</p>

4. PID cut variations (Default: tpc2σvetoTOF3σ): tpc1.5σvetoTOF3σ tpc2.5σvetoTOF3σ tpc2σvetoTOF4σ

In each group RMS value is taken as the systematic uncertainty

Systematic Uncertainty (φ)

Signal Extraction Event Mixing normalization Fit Range Residual background polynomial

Background Subtraction Method Event-mix Like-Sign

Track/Event Selection Cuts Vertex Cuts Track quality cuts Other Sources: Material Budget Normalization Signal Loss Tracking Branching ratio Hadronic interaction

Uncertainties are grouped. The standard deviation of each group is considered as systematic uncertainty.

Fitting range

K*0



Fractional Uncertainty

Φ

K*0



Corrected p_T Spectra

K*0



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Comparison to Other Energies

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For K_{*^0} and ϕ the differential yield ratio is independent of p_T within the systematic uncertainties up to 1 GeV/c for different collision energies.

The particle production mechanism in soft scattering regions is independent of collision energy.

An increase in slope of differential yield ratios is observed for $p_T > 1$ GeV/c, which suggests a larger number of hard scattering as the collision energy increases.

dN/dy and <pt>

K*0

Energy	dN/dy	<pt></pt>		
pp 7 TeV	0.097±0.0004 ^{0.01} 0.009	$1.01 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.02$		
pp 8 TeV	$0.101 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.012$	$1.037 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.029$		
pp 13 TeV	0.104 ± 0.0008 ± 0.0108	1.121 ± 0.005 ± 0.032		

φ

Energy	dN/dy	<рт>		
pp 7 TeV	$0.032 \pm 0.0004^{0.004}_{0.0035}$	$1.07 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.03$		
pp 8 TeV	0.0335 ± 0.00025 ± 0.0030	$1.146 \pm 0.0053 \pm 0.040$		
pp 13 TeV	$0.0374 \pm 0.0004 \pm 0.0024$	$1.234 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.032$		

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dN/dy interpolation for Pion, Kaon and Proton

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The integrated yields for Pion, Kaon and Proton in pp@8 TeV are interpolated using the values available from other energies.

K*0/K and ϕ/K vs Energy



The K*⁰/K and φ/K ratios in pp collisions are found to be independent of centre of mass energies and in different collision systems, with the only exception of K*⁰ in Pb–Pb collisions, which we attribute to final state effects in the late hadronic stage. The behaviours of these ratios in pp collisions agree with the thermal model predictions

K*0/π and φ/π vs Energy



- It is observed that the K*0/π and φ/π is independent of the collision energy within the systematic uncertainty, which indicate the chemistry of the system is independent of energy.
- This flat behaviour is not trivial as there are finite increase of dN/dy for π, K^{*0} and φ with increase in collision energy.
- It is observed that, the percentage increase of dN/dy for π , K^{*0} and ϕ as a function of collision energies are similar within systematic uncertainties from RHIC to LHC, which results the flat behaviour of K^{*0} / π and ϕ / π .

φ/K^{*0} ratio



Despite K*0 and ϕ having similar masses, the ϕ /K*⁰ \neq 1. This hints a different particle production mechanisms for K*⁰ and ϕ .

MC Model Comparision



- PYTHIA 8 (Monash tune) explains the p_T spectra for K^{*0} at very low p_T but under-estimate at intermediate p_T and approaches to experimental data at high p_T. For φ meson, PYTHIA 8 (Monash tune) predicts the yields within 40-60 % below the experimental data.
- PHOJET has a softer p_T spectra for K^{*0} and it explains the data above p_T > 4 GeV/c within the uncertainties. For φ meson, PHOJET predicts the yields similar to PHYTHIA 8 at low p_T, while it approaches to experimental data at higher p_T.
- For K^{*0}, EPOS LHC explains the p_T spectra at low p_T and overestimate the data above 4 GeV/c. For φ meson, the EPOS LHC model agrees marginally with data at low p_T and deviates monotonically from data with increase in p_T.

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- The first measurement of the K^{*0} and ϕ production at mid-rapidity in minimum bias pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV in the range 0< pT <20 GeV/c for K^{*0} and 0.4< pT <16 GeV/c for $\phi(1020)$ are presented.
- Hardening of the pT-spectra is observed with increase in collision energy.
- The particle ratios (K* $^{0}/\pi$ and ϕ/π) seem to be independent of collision energy within systematic uncertainties.
- Similar behaviour is also observed for K^{*0}/K and φ/K ratios as a function of collision energy.
- No significant energy dependence of ϕ /K^{*0} in minimum bias pp collisions in LHC energies is observed. Despite K^{*0} and ϕ having similar masses, the ϕ /K^{*0} \neq 1. This hints a different particle production mechanisms for K^{*0} and ϕ .
- The p–Pb measurements at the same energy are in preparation and these pp results will contribute to the baseline for the p–Pb collisions.

PYTHIA 8.212 (Monash 2013 tune) STUDY

Intriguing similarities between high-p_Tparticle production in pp and A-A collisions

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Introduction

Results and observations

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In the absence of Nuclear Effects : R_{AA} = 1.

shape of R_{AA} vs p_T gives information about the parton energy loss.

BUT

At High p_T ($p_T > 8$ GeV/C): shape of R_{AA} for high-pT particles is not fully attributed to the parton energy loss.

Because

I will demonstrate here, a similar shape is observed for the analogous ratios in pp collisions, i.e., highmultiplicity pT spectra normalized to that for minimum-bias events.



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Results



• p_T spectra is fitted with power-law function ($\propto p^{-n}$).

- ♦ Not possible to describe the full-p_T (8–200 GeV/c) interval assuming the same power-law exponent.
- ✦ For p_T larger than 20 GeV/c the ratios go beyond 20%
- This allows the extraction of local power-law exponents for different p_T sub-intervals. The results indicate that the exponent has an important dependence on pT.
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Results

- ✦ Going from low to high energies the power-law exponent decreases in both data and PYTHIA8.212.
- ♦ This is expected because at higher energies the production cross sections of hard processes increases resulting in a change in the slope of the spectra at large transverse momenta.
- Within 10% the exponents, that were before distinctly different on p_T scale, fall now approximately on a universal curve in x_T scale.





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Results:Comparison of PbPb and pp spectra (5.02 TeV)



Similar behavior is also observed for Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV

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Question arises: Can we have a QGP like medium in pp collisions??

ENERGY DENSITY can give answer!!

QGP phase transition:

• The original idea: energy density based on dE/dy

• QGP critical $\epsilon_c \sim 1 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$

This is very easy to achieve even in pp collisions

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In high-multiplicity pp collisions, we reach high energy densities

https://indico.cern.ch/event/684046/contributions/2809620/attachments/1572015/2480526/csanad_zimanyi17_dndeta.pdf

Summary

- \checkmark The slopes of the p_T spectra have a marked dependence on the multiplicity and energy in pp collisions and on the centrality in heavy ion collisions.
- Solution For every centrality of AA collisions, one may find a multiplicity class in pp collisions which has a the same exponent.
- \checkmark It has been demonstrated that the characterization of the spectra in function of x_T and of the power law exponent offers interesting observation (scaling behavior).
- \checkmark The effect of the rise of the RAA at high momenta is not due to an increased transparency of the hot system. The behavior of the rise is solely due to the evolution of the p_T spectra. Rather than working with the ratio of two spectra we should carefully analyse the spectra of each collision system.
- \checkmark The similarities between pp and PbPb suggest that the high-p_T production in both systems have a common origin, namely, the **density of the system**.

Parton energy loss in pp collision at very high multiplicity

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Observations

Summary

Interesting to study the multiplicity dependence of Underlying events at intermediate and higher leading transverse momentum (p_T^L).

Leading Particle:

Particle with highest p_T in the particular event is assigned as a leading pT of the event. The azimuthal angle with the leading particle will be the new reference for other particles belonging to the event.

Underlying Event (UE): In parton-parton scattering, the UE is usually defined to be everything except the two outgoing hard scattered partons:

- Beam-beam remnants.
- Additional parton-parton interaction
- Initial and final state radiations

etc.....

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Observables: Leading Particles:

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- Traditional UE measurement: according to the azimuthal direction of leading charged particle, three distinct topological regions are defined:
 - Toward: $|\Delta \Phi| < \pi/3$ (sensitive to Jet fragmentation)
 - Away: |ΔΦ| > 2π/3
 - > Transverse: $\pi/3 < |\Delta \Phi| < 2\pi/3$ (sensitive to UE)

Observation: Hard/Jetty spectra (NS-TS)

- NS-TS spectra, which is obtained by subtracting the Transverse Side (TS) spectrum from the Near Side (NS) spectrum since the TS one is supposed to run also in the NS region.
- The spectra exhibit a hardening with multiplicity.
- At higher multiplicities the slope of the spectra continues decreasing without producing higher momentum particles! higher multiplicities the slope of the spectra continues decreasing without producing higher momentum particles!

Missing high-pT particle and getting access of particles at low-pT is not a coincident!

Observation: Leading Particles Spectra

✦ The low pT-part of the highest multiplicity bins spectra develop a "kink" at around 1 GeV/c

✦ This supports the previous observation that the leading particles have been "degraded"?

Observation: Exponents

In the low pt region $(8 < p_T < 15 \text{ GeV}/c)$, a rather important variation in the power-law exponent beyond the multiplicities corresponding to the maximum leading transverse momenta, while in the higher pt bin $(48 < p_T < 54 \text{ GeVc})$) this tendency is much smaller.

The observations invite an important question: are we observing some kind of melting of the highest momentum particles – them "melting" and producing particles at lower momenta increasing thus the multiplicity and mean momentum?

Summary

- ☑ The maximum reachable multiplicities are not accompanied by an increase in the maximum leading particle momentum. The proportionality between maximum pT and increasing multiplicity breaks down at multiplicity densities of around ~50.
- \checkmark Beyond multiplicity density ~ 50, the NS-TS spectra continue to get flatter, increasing the mean transverse momentum, seemingly at the expense of the maximum reachable momentum
- \checkmark Beyond the particle density corresponding to the maximum p_T reach both the TS and the NS-TS regions suffer a sudden hardening.
- At very low momenta the high multiplicity events present also a specific evolution by augmenting the yield of the smallest transverse momenta . The feature is observed both in the NS-TS spectra as well as in the leading particle spectra

Backup Slide

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Similar to the one observed in the RAA measured in Pb-Pb collisions.

Backup Slide

Comparison of exponents obtained from ALICE data and PYTHIA 8.212 in pp 13 TeV

