Probing Proton+Proton Collisions at the LHC using Resonances and Charmonia



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Plan:

- Introduction to the high-energy physics group at IIT Indore
- New excitements in pp physics
- Resonance and charmonia production
- Probing hadronic phase lifetime using resonance yields
- Event Topology in pp collisions
- Summary



Experimental High-Energy Physics Group



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Ph.D. Students (Degree awarded)



Dr. Aditya Nath Mishra

Thesis Title: Multihadron Production in High-Energy Collisions and Forward Rapidity Measurement of Inclusive Photons in Pb+Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV in ALICE Experiment at LHC. (01 July 2016) (*Presently Postdoc at: Wigner Research Centre, Budapest, Hungary*)

Dr. Ajay Kumar

Thesis Title: Conceptual Design of Lambda Disks Detector for the PANDA Experiment. (Co-supervisor) [11 August 2016] (*Presently at: Benaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, India (UGC D.S. Kothari Fellow)*)

Dr. Pooja Pareek

Thesis Title: Measurement of Neutral Pion and Eta Mesons in proton+proton collisions with ALICE at the Large Hadron Collider. (25 July 2018) (*Presently Postdoc at: VECC, Kolkata, [Selected for CCNU, China]*)







Thesis Title: Study of K^{0*} and ϕ meson Production in proton+proton Collisions with ALICE at the LHC and Application of Non-extensive Statistics in High Energy Physics. (18 March 2019) (Presently Postdoc at Institute of Nuclear Physics, Polish Academy of Science (PAS), IFJ PAN, Krakow, Poland)

Dr. Pragati Sahoo

Dr. Arvind Khuntia

Thesis Title: Measurement of $K(892)^{*\pm}$ in Proton+ Proton collisions with ALICE at the LHC and Study of Particle Production using Color String Percolation Model. (11 April 2019) (Presently Institute Postdoc at IIT Bombay)

Dr. Dhananjaya Thakur

Thesis Title: Multiplicity dependence of Forward Rapidity J/ψ production in proton+proton collisions with ALICE at the LHC and Study of Particle Production in High-Energy Collisions. (27 August 2019) (*Postdoc at Institute of Modern Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Lanzhou*)

Dr. Sushanta Tripathy

Thesis Title: Event shape and Multiplicity dependence of ϕ meson production in Proton+Proton collisions with ALICE at the LHC and Characterization of Heavy-Ion Collisions using Relativistic Kinetic Theory. (18 October 2019) (*Presently Postdoc at: INFN Fellow, INFN Bologna, Italy*) 07/Sept/2021 Raghunath Sahoo, WRCP, Budapest





Ph.D. Students (Ongoing)



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Thesis Title: Event topology and multiplicity dependence of K*(892)⁰ productionin proton+proton collisions with ALICE at the LHC and probing TeV collisions through particle production and transport properties (July 2017 – Submitted: 15 Aug. 21)

Suman Deb

Thesis Title: Measurement of event shape and multiplicity dependence of $K(892)^{*\pm}$ in Proton+Proton collisions with ALICE at the LHC (July 2017 - present)

Neelkamal Mallick

Thesis Title: Azimuthal anisotropy of forward rapidity J/ Ψ in ALICE at the LHC (July 2019 - present)

Dushmanta Sahu Thesis Title: J/Ψ polarization studies in high-multiplicity pp collisions in ALICE and possible Formation of QGP-Droplets in Proton+Proton Collisions at the LHC Energies (July 2019 - present) Raghunath Sahoo, WRCP, Budapest









Rutuparna Rath

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Girija Sankar Pradhan

Thesis Title: Study of Hadronic Shower Models in Cosmic Ray events and Muon puzzle in GRAPES-3 Experiment at Ooty (July 2019 - present)

Ronald Scaria

Thesis Title: Study of Hadronic Composition of Cosmic Showers using GRAPES-3 Experiment (January 2020 - present)

Suraj Prasad: (August 2020 - present)

Debadatta Behera: J/ Ψ production as a function of multiplicity and nuclear modification in O-O collisions with ALICE at the LHC (August 2020 - present)

Kshitish Kumar Pradhan

(December 2020 - present)

07/Sept/2021









Postdoctoral Research Associate(s) :

Dr. Captain Rituraj Singh Ph.D. BITS-Pilani, Postdoctoral Fellow-I (17 Nov. 2020 - present)

11 postdoctoral fellows have worked in the group during 2013-2021.



Ph.D. Student Achievements :

- Mr. Suman Deb got 6-months McNet Fellowship to work in Germany and UK (2019)
- The paper by Dushmanta Sahu, Sushanta Tripathy, Girija Sankar Pradhan and Raghunath Sahoo (Phys. Rev. C 101, 014902 (2020)) got BEST POSTER award in DAE-BRNS Symposium on Nuclear Physics-2019, University of Lucknow
- The paper by Sushanta Tripathy, Rutunparna Rath, Sudipan De, M. Younus and Raghunath Sahoo (Phs. Rev. C 98, 064904 (2018)) got BEST POSTER award in DAE-BRNS Symposium on High Energy Physics-2018, IIT Madras
- Sushanta Tripathy got the BEST POSTER FLASH Talk presentation in Quark Matter-2018 (In 10/389 posters)
- Sushanta Tripathy has got INFN Fellowship-2021 (working in INFN, Bologna, Italy), PAG-MM, Convenor in ALICE

Main Research Outcomes:

> 8 PhDs+ 11 Postdocs+ 42 MSc/BTech Research Awarded + 11 PhD (ongoing)

- > 14 ALICE Analysis Notes
- > 5- Experimental papers in ALICE
- > 50+ papers in QGP Theory/Phenomenology

The QCD Phase Diagram





Creating the QGP state



Need to collide Heavy-lons

Take a high-mass atom like Pb
Take away the electron => *Heavy-ion*) *Accelerate the Ion* to almost the speed of light *Collide the Ions*Study the aftermath by specialized detectors which surround the collision point => Experiment





CERN

27 km circumference ~ 100 m underground Design Energy: 14 TeV (pp), 5.5 TeV (Pb-Pb)

Jura mountains

World's Most Powerful Accelerator: The Large Hadron Collider

Lake Geneva

Studying Heavy lons





Global properties & freezeout conditions

- Particle multiplicities: *energy densities*
- Particle spectra: radial flow, expansion and freeze-out Temperatures
- Particle flow: Nature of matter
- Fluctuations and correlations: Access to *Critical Phenomena, T_c and freeze-out* conditions, shape and size of the system

Direct probes of QGP

- Electromagnetic Probes: photons and dileptons
- Quarknonia, Strangeness enhancement
- **Heavy Flavour**
- Jets

Study of energy loss and nuclear modification factors

Particle density & Energy density



Photon Spectra and QGP temperature

Direct photons



Compton Annihilation

Direct photons from initial *hard scattering* of quarks and gluons

- Photons do not interact via the nuclear force → QGP is transparent to the medium
- Photons are emitted in all stages and are unaffected by the medium.





Decay Photons from hadrons (π^0 , η , etc): Challenge is to separate the thermal part.

(1eV=11605K)

LARGEST EVER TEMPERATURE REACHED IN THE LAB

Do we form droplets of QGP in pp collisions?





- Test of pQCD calculations from cross section measurements
- Provide reference for p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions
- High multiplicity pp: what's the behaviour?

• Intermediary reference

p-Pk

 Address cold nuclear matter effects in initial and final states

pp ALICE ALICE pp at 13 TeV 3-04-30 08:13:04(UTC

p-Pb at 5.02 TeV



Enhancement of Strangeness

✓ Enhanced production of strangeness (more pronounced for multistrange baryons) is a proposed signature of QGP.

- ✤ s-quarks are not part of the colliding nuclei (hadrons)
- (u,d)-quarks form ordinary matter
- * s(95 MeV): are sufficiently light to be produced abundantly during the collision
- * Strangeness is produced in hard partonic scattering processes by



Strangeness enhancement: pp, pPb, XeXe to PbPb



Enhancement of strangeness in highmultiplicity pp collisions: Does it signal the formation of QGP-droplets?

- ✓ Smooth evolution as a function of event multiplicity (in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions)
- Measurement at different energies as a function of multiplicity indicate that the hadron chemistry is driven by multiplicity regardless of the collision energy
- ✓ Ratios increase from low to high multiplicity in small systems and reach values similar to those observed in Pb-Pb collisions.
- ✓ Strangeness enhancement increases with strangeness content.

Enhancement of Strangeness: Spectra



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nature physics

Stranger and stranger says ALICE

ALICE: Nature Phys. 13 (2017) 535

Simultaneous fit: $T_{fo} = 163 \pm 10$ MeV, $<\beta_{T}> = 0.49 \pm 0.02$

- \checkmark The FO temperature is in line with that the seen in heavy-ion collisions
- \checkmark Close to the quark-hadron phase transition temperature, $T_{\rm c}$

Blast wave fits to particle spectra



Boltzmann-Gibbs Blast-Wave model:

Thermodynamic model with 3 fit parameters: T_{kin} , $\langle \beta_T \rangle$ and n (velocity profile)

Describes the particle production from a thermalized source + a radial flow boost

Simultaneous fits to *π*,*K*,*p* spectra gives:

- increase of $<\beta_T>$ with centrality
- Similar evolution of fit parameters in case of pp and p-Pb collisions
- At similar multiplicities, <β_T> is larger for smaller systems

Extracting T_{kin} (Kinetic freeze-out temperature) and $\langle \beta_T \rangle$ (Radial Flow velocity)

Do we form QGP-droplets in high-multiplicity pp collisions at the LHC energies?

1. "Early universe signals in proton collisions at the Large Hadron Collider." Raghunath Sahoo and Tapan K. Nayak, Current Science (2021)

2. "Possible Formation of QGP-droplets in Proton-Proton Collisions at the CERN Large Hadron Collider." Raghunath Sahoo, arXiv:1908.10566, [Bulletin of Association of Asia Pacific Physical Societies (AAPPS), Vol-29, Page-16, August 2019 (Invited Article)]

Resonance production – access to freeze-out times CERNCOURIER International journal of high-energy physics



K*(892)⁰ and $\phi(1020)$ production at midrapidity in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

Based on Phys. Rev. C 102, 024912 (2020) (ALICE Collab.)

PC: Raghunath Sahoo (Chair) Sushanta Tripathy Arvind Khuntia Anders Knopse

Physics message

- First results for K*(892)⁰ and φ(1020) in pp collisions at 8 TeV
- Includes extension of K*(892)⁰ to high-p_T and improved re-analysis for φ(1020) in pp collisions at 7 TeV
- Serve as reference to study nuclear effects in p-Pb and Pb+Pb collisions
- Input to tune QCD-inspired MC event generators

Analysis Details (K*⁰)



- \succ K^{*}(892)⁰ → K+π (BR: 66.6%)
- Background Subtraction: Event Mixing
- ➢ Normalization Range: 1.1 − 1.5 GeV/c²
- Fit Function: Breit-Wigner + Pol2
- Fitting Range : 0.7 1.2 GeV/c² and width is free.
 (Depending upon the shape of the signal)
- 28 p_T bins from 0 GeV/c to 20 GeV/c



Analysis Details (φ)





- \succ **φ**(1020) → K⁺+K⁻ (BR: 49.2%)
- Background Subtraction: Event-mixing
- Residual background : pol2
- Peak fit function: Voigtian function (BW+Gauss)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}m_{\mathrm{KK}}} = \frac{A\Gamma}{(2\pi)^{3/2}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\frac{(m_{\mathrm{KK}} - m')^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \frac{1}{(m' - M)^2 + \Gamma^2/4} \mathrm{d}m'.$$

- Width is fixed to the PDG value.
- Mass and resolution are free.
- > 23 p_T bins from 0.4 GeV/c to 16 GeV/c.

Corrected yield



- First results for $K^*(892)^0$ and $\phi(1020)$ in pp collisions at 8 TeV
- Includes extension of $K^*(892)^0$ to high- p_T and improved re-analysis for $\phi(1020)$ in 7 TeV

Yield ratios to 2.76 TeV



- The p_{T} -differential yield ratio to 2.76 TeV is consistent for 7 and 8 TeV within systematic uncertainties.
- For both K^{*0} and φ, the differential yield ratios are independent of p_T within systematic uncertainties up to about 1 GeV/c for different collision energies → particle production mechanism in soft scattering regions is independent of collision energy
- An increase in the slope of the differential yield ratios is observed for $p_T > 1-2 \text{ GeV}/c$

Energy dependence of yield ratios:

- K^{*0}/π and φ/π ratios are independent of collision energy → the chemistry of the system is independent of the energy from RHIC to the LHC energies.
- Also indicates the strangeness production mechanisms do not depend on energy in inelastic pp collisions at LHC energies → no strangeness enhancement in minimum bias pp collisions
- K^{*0}/K and φ/K ratios are independent of the collision energy → agrees with the prediction of a thermal model in the grand-canonical limit



MC Model comparison:



- None of the MC models seem to explain the K^{*0} spectra over the full p_T range whereas PHOJET and PYTHIA describe the data for the intermediate and high- p_T regions.
- The MC models fail to explain the p_T spectra of ϕ mesons completely

Hadronic phase lifetime



Hadronic phase lifetime

$$\left[\frac{K^{*0}}{K}\right]_{kinetic} = \left[\frac{K^{*0}}{K}\right]_{chemical} \times e^{-\Delta t/\tau}$$

- This enables us to calculate the hadronic phase lifetime
- Shows a high dependency on charged particle multiplicity
- Slightly dependent on energy of the system
- High multiplicity pp collisions show finite hadronic phase lifetime



*Figures are from D. Sahu, S. Tripathy, G. S. Pradhan and R. Sahoo, Phys. Rev. C 101, 014902 (2020)

Multiplicity dependence of J/ ψ production using ALICE at the LHC

Link to draft: https://alicepublications.web.cern.ch/node/5122

PC: Raghunath Sahoo (Chair) Dhananjaya Thakur, Anisa Khatun, Tinku Sarkar – Sinha, Indranil Das

Paper status: Ready for CR2 (target journal JHEP)

J/ψ production as a function of multiplicity



- > J/ψ yield increases with increasing charged-particle multiplicity, showing approximately a linear behavior.
- > In the scenario of multiparton interaction: If MPI extend up to a regime of hard processes, the yield of J/ψ should also scale with the number of partonic interactions, leading to a linear correlation of J/ψ yield with event multiplicity.
- > The points are above the line along unity around $N_{ch}/\langle N_{ch} \rangle$ 1.6 for pp at $\sqrt{s} = 13 TeV$.
- additional mechanisms such as collectivity, color reconnection, percolation, saturation physics etc. come to the play and are becoming prominent at higher center-of-mass energy.

System and rapidity dependence



> At forward rapidity, approximately linear increase whereas the trend is faster than linear at the mid-rapidity, irrespective of the multiplicity estimator: different production dynamics

- Similar trend across collision system at the same rapidity.
- \succ Event activities associated with the production of J/ ψ are independent of collision energy and colliding systems, but are largely dependent on rapidity

Model comparison



- Higher Fockstates :arXiv:1910.09682
- CGC+ICEM : Phys. Rev. D98, (2018)
- QCD with 3 gluons: arXiv:1910.13579
- Percolation: Phys.Rev. C86 (2012)
- EOPS3: Phys. Rev. C89, (2014)
- PYTHIA8: Comput. Phys. Commun. 191 (2015)

- PYTHIA8 includes MPI along with color reconnection, where the charm and bottom quarks can be involved in MPI 2->2 hard subprocesses is able to predict the linear increase
- EPOS3 includes parton-based Gribov-Regge formalism as initial conditions followed by the hydrodynamical expansion of the system
- Model with higher fock states: The production of q⁻q by gluons is more involved, both the incoming gluon and produced q⁻q interact with the target and screen each other. Correspondingly, charm quarks and charmonia are shadowed considerably compared to the light quarks

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CGC+ICEM: Color Glass Condensate (CGC) approach, employing NRQCD framework. The dynamics of such configurations are controlled by semi-hard saturation scale Qs (x) in each of the colliding hadrons. The interplay between soft and hard mechanisms may change with change of energy, centrality (multiplicity) due to change of x.

CGC with the 3-gluon fusion model assumes that the dominant contribution comes from gluon-gluon fusion, and the heavy quarks formed in the process might emit soft gluons in order to hadronize into D-mesons or form quarkonia states.

Percolation model considers high-energy hadronic collisions as driven by the exchange of colour sources – strings, between the projectile and the target. The charged particle multiplicities can suffer a reduction due to the interaction among the sources.

$< p_T >$ of J/ ψ vs. multiplicity



- > An increase in $\langle p_T \rangle$ of with multiplicity is observed with a moderate increase at high multiplicity
- > In the MPI perspective: The high multiplicity events are produced by MPIs and the incoherent superposition of such interactions would lead to the saturation of the $\langle p_T \rangle$ towards the higher multiplicity

> The relative $\langle p_T \rangle$ of J/ ψ is independent of center-of-mass energy.







Neutral K* Vs. spherocity in pp-collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ and 13 TeV

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Status: Analysis ongoing

Analysis Note: https://alice-notes.web.cern.ch/node/947

Introduction

Event shapes are characterised using transverse spherocity

$$S_0^{p_{\mathrm{T}}=1} = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \left(\frac{\sum_i |\vec{p_{\mathrm{T}i}} \times \hat{n}|}{\sum_i |\vec{p_{\mathrm{T}i}}|} \right)^2$$

where \hat{n} is a two-dimensional unit vector in the transverse plane, chosen in a way so that S_0 is minimized.





 $S_0 \rightarrow 0$ (jetty limit) (Dominated by hard QCD processes) $S_0 \rightarrow 1$ (isotropic limit) (Dominated by soft QCD processes)

Event Topology in pp collisions@ LHC



N. Mallick, R. Sahoo, S. Tripathy and A. Ortiz, J. Phys. G 48 (2021) 4, 045104, arXiv:2001.06849, N. Malliick, S. Tripathy, A.N. Mishra and R. Sahoo, Phys. Rev. D 103 (2021) 094031

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R. Rath, A. Khuntia, R. Sahoo, and J. Cleymans, J. Phys. G: Nucl. and Part. Phys. 47, 055111 (2020)
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Spherocity distribution



> Dominance of isotropic events in high multiplicity pp collisions.

> Dominance of jetty events in low multiplicity pp collisions.

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Spherocity Distribution (Energy dependence)



- Energy dependence of spherocity distribution is observed which is more prominent for higher multiplicity classes
- > The system becomes more isotropic for higher collision energy



Results: *p*_T **spectra (V0M I-III)**

Efficiency X Acceptance

Corrected *p*_T spectra

10 0-100%, 13 TeV 0-10%, 13 TeV, 20% 0-10%, 13 TeV, 20% √ dN/(dp_dy) [(GeV/c)⁻¹ 1/N_{ev} dN/(dp₁dy) [(GeV/*c*)⁻] 0 0 0 Spherocity integrated Isotropic Isotropic Jetty • Spherocity Integrated • Spherocity Integrated Isotropic Jetty Jetty ×10⁻ 10⁻⁴ 0 sp integrated 1.4 1.2 1.1 1.1 1.0 0.9 10⁻⁵ 2.5 ratio to Min. bias. ratio to Min. bias 2 1.5 ratio to 8.0 0.9 9.0 02 0.5 0.6 0.4 0.2 -0.52 10 6 8 10 2 8 10 4 6 p_ (GeV/*c*) 6 8 p_{_} (GeV/c) $p_{_{T}}$ (GeV/c) Reconstructed K^{*0} Efficiency X Acceptance =Generated K^{*0}

Isotropic and jetty events are chosen for top and bottom 20% of the spherocity distribution respectively
 Corrected *p*_T spectra is obtained after correcting the raw *p*_T spectra with efficiency X acceptance

Similarly, results are also obtained for other multiplicity and finer spherocity bins

Raw *p*_T spectra

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Transverse momentum spectra, yield and $\langle p_T \rangle$



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- The integrated yield is the highest for isotropic events
- The mean transverse momentum is the highest for jetty events but consistent within systematic uncertainties

Results with finer spherocity bins (10%, 1%) are ongoing.

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<p_>(GeV/c)

0.0289

0.0287

0.0376

Summary

- > pp minimum bias: No signal of strangeness enhancement
- High-multiplicity pp becomes interesting with heavy-ion-like signatures
- > pp@LHC is no longer going to be a baseline study for QCD medium formation in AA collisions
- Resonance production: access to FO dynamics and particle production
- Charmonia: rapidity depdnece production dynamics
- > MPI+CR explains the charmonia production: Effect of Underlying events
- Requirement of differential studies: Multiplicity and event topology

IIT Indore- WRCP MoU will be a greate initiative of collaborative research in high-energy nuclear physics and beyond