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Calculation of k*/k+ ratio assuming the partial chemical equilibration

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Production of Kin the relativistic heavy-ion collisions at LHC draws strong interest since the ratio involving K mesons such as K/pi or K/K+ doesn't fit to the statistical model calculations while most of other ratios fit nicely. The reason is possibly that the Kdoesn't chemically freeze-out at the same temperature T_{ch} as other particles do. Rather K maintains partial chemical equilibrium through the process $K* \to K + +\pi$ until the thermal freeze-out temperature, T_{th} . In this presentation, after fitting the momentum spectra of measured hadrons and ratios involving them measured by the ALICE collaborations with a blast-wave model which assumes the chemical freeze-out at higher T_{ch} and the thermal freeze-out at lower T_{th} , the ratio $K*/\pi$ is calculated from the parameters thus obtained assuming the partial chemical equilibration of K*, K and pi until T_{th} , and the result is compared with the data.

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