

MPD PWG2 status report

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Outline

- **Intro / reminder (PWG2 tasks)**
- **Feasibility study results for MPD physics cases :**

Related to PWG2

- Model development
- Hadroproduction with the MPD detector (hadron spectra and yields)
- Multistrange hyperons
- Hypernuclei

Partially related to PWG2

- Hyperon flow
- Ev-by-Ev fluctuations of net-protons

- **Summary**

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PWG2 members : currently 13 persons from Russia, Poland, China + several are interesting

PWG2 physics cases

■ Light flavor hadron spectra, yields, and ratios

- Energy, system size and centrality dependence of the production of charged hadrons (pions, kaons, (anti)protons).
- Extraction of transverse momentum spectra, rapidity distributions, mean multiplicities, and particle ratios.
- Nuclear modification factor, antiparticle/particle ratio, radial flow, phase diagram mapping.

■ Strangeness (hyperons and hypernuclei)

- Analysis of strange hyperons (Lambda, Ks, Omega) and their antiparticles: spectra, yields, antiparticle/particle ratio, nuclear modification factor, azimuthal anisotropy (together with PWG3).
- (Anti)Lambda polarization.
- Reconstruction of single and double hypernuclei: spectra, rapidity density, and lifetime.

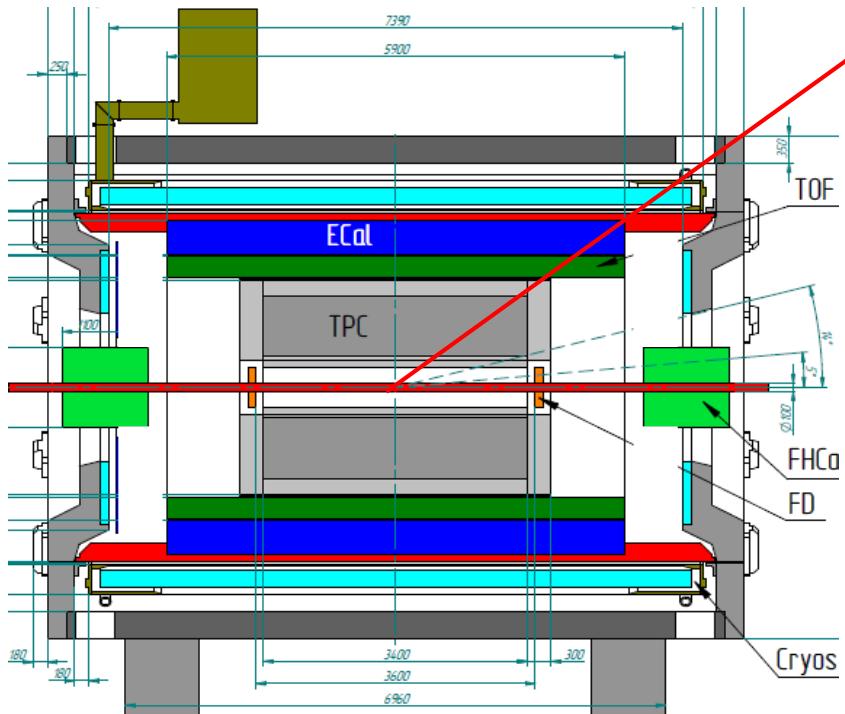
■ Resonances

- Production of ρ , ϕ , K^* , $\Lambda(1520)$ etc.

■ Light nuclei

- Production of nucleon clusters (d , t , He_3 , He_4) in various reactions (from $p+p$ to $Au+Au$): spectra, yields, coalescence coefficients.

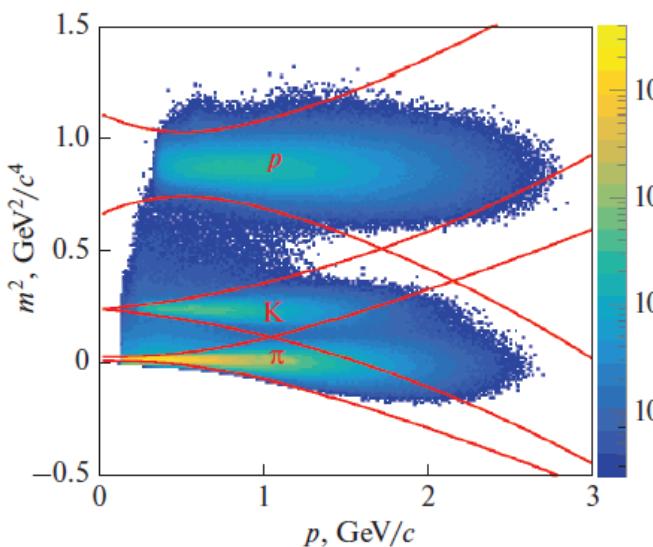
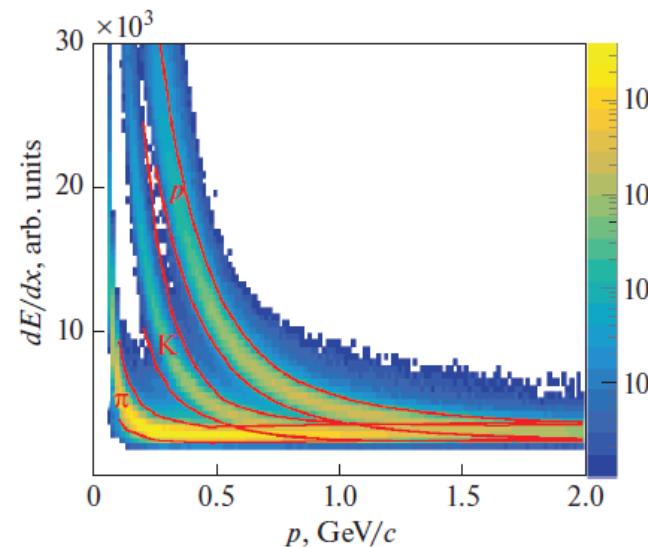
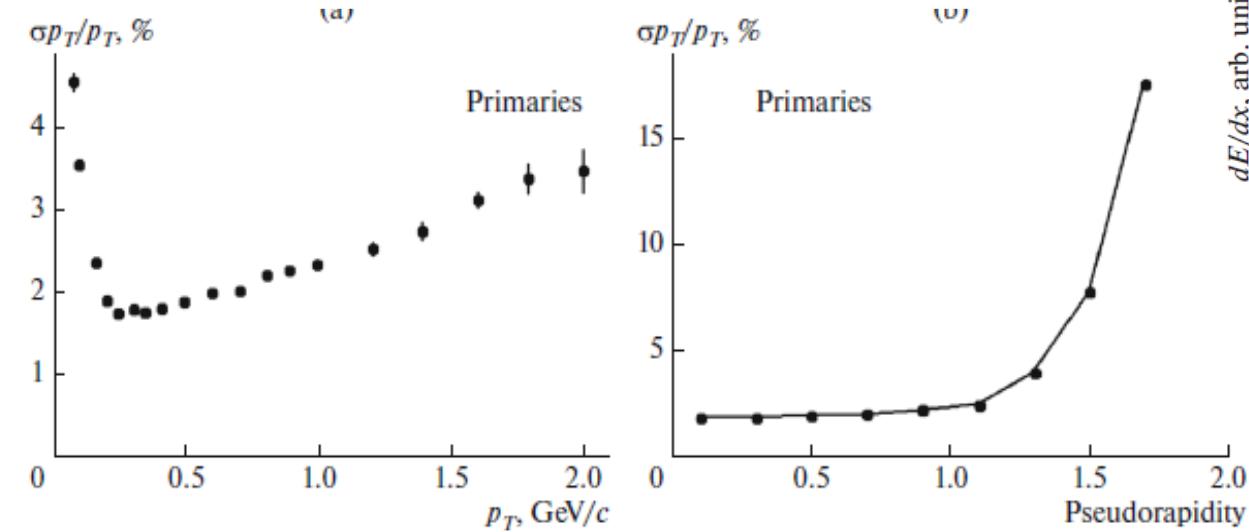
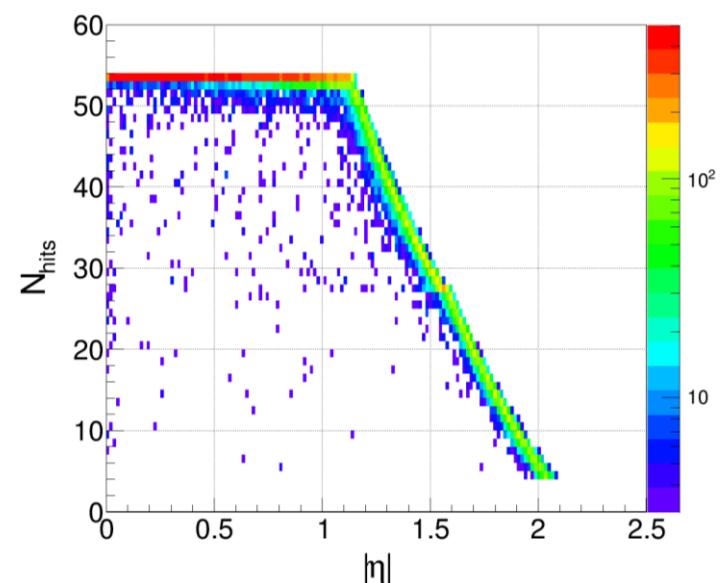
MPD setup and overall performance for Stage1



$\eta=1.3$

MPD at Stage'1:

- **TPC tracking:** $|\eta|<1.6$ ($N_{\text{points}}>15$)
- **TOF & ECAL coverage:** $|\eta|<1.3$
- **PID:** combined $|\eta|<1.3$, $p_T<3 \text{ GeV}/c$, limited PID $1.3<|\eta|<1.6$ (dE/dx)



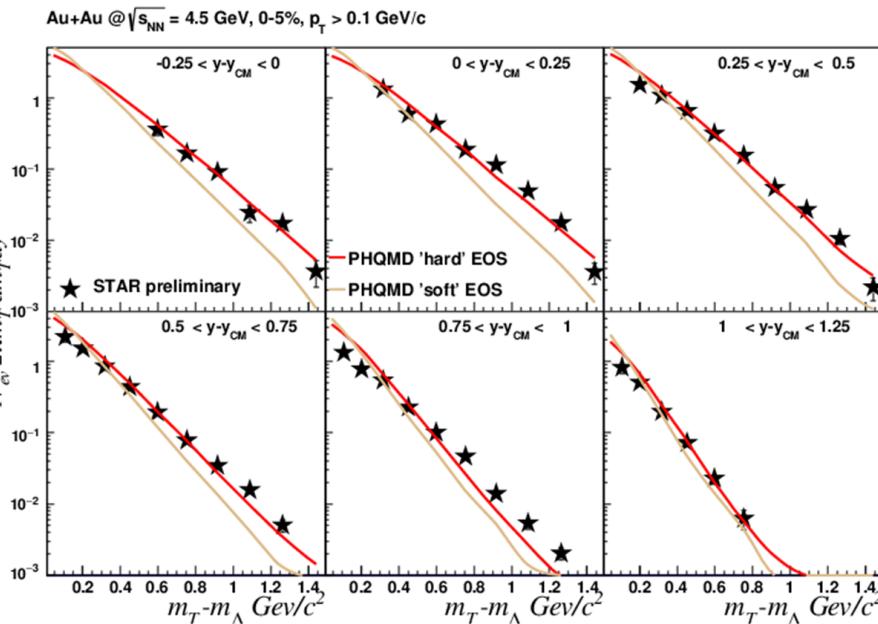
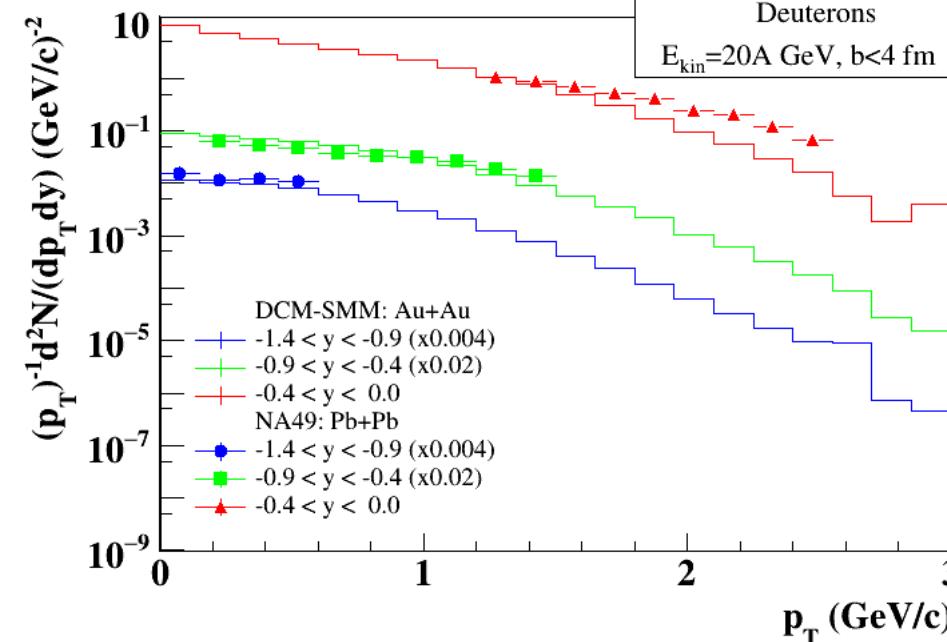
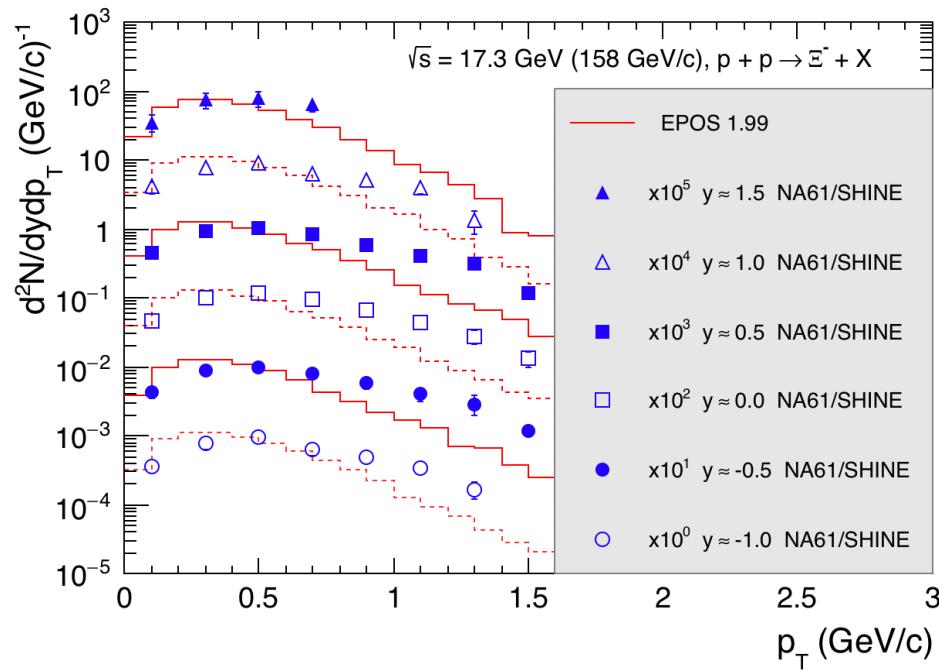
Development & tests of models

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Goals of the activity:

- Reliable simulation input for particular energies/systems (for example, p+p)
- Testing dedicated event generators for specific probes (for instance for (hyper)nuclei)

Models under study/development: **EPOS, PHSD/PHQMD, DCM-SMM**



Hadroproduction in $p+p$ collisions at NICA energies

- To collect the most complete set of experimental data of hadron yields from $p+p$ collisions in the NICA energy range including results of mean multiplicities, rapidity distributions, and transverse spectra.
- To undertake a systematic study of the collected experimental results as a function of the collision energy and obtain proper parameterizations for the energy dependence of inclusive production cross-sections, as well as investigate the evolution of the parameters of the hadron phase-space distributions.
- Since most bulk observables relate to the non-perturbative sector of QCD, it is one of the main goals of this work to obtain the basis for a model independent framework for predicting of hadron yields in $p+p$ collisions at NICA energies.

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PHYSICS OF ELEMENTARY PARTICLES AND ATOMIC NUCLEI. EXPERIMENT

A New Review of Excitation Functions of Hadron Production in pp Collisions in the NICA Energy Range

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Abstract—Data on hadron multiplicities from inelastic proton-proton interactions in the energy range of the NICA collider have been compiled. The compilation includes recent results from the NA61/SHINE and NA49 experiments at the CERN SPS accelerator. New parameterizations for excitation functions of mean multiplicities $\langle \pi^\pm \rangle$, $\langle K^\pm \rangle$, $\langle K_S^0 \rangle$, $\langle \Lambda \rangle$, $\langle p \rangle$, $\langle \bar{p} \rangle$ are obtained in the region of collision energies $3 < \sqrt{s_{NN}} < 31$ GeV. The energy dependence of the particle yields, as well as variation of rapidity and transverse momentum distributions are discussed. A standalone algorithm for hadron phase space generation in pp collisions is suggested and compared to model predictions using an example of the PHQMD generator. The investigation has been performed at the Laboratory of High Energy Physics, JINR.

Hadroproduction in $p+p$ collisions at NICA energies : data compilation (II)

Table 1. The compiled results on the mean multiplicity of charged pions from inelastic proton-proton interactions at different collision energies

Reference	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	$\langle \pi^- \rangle$	Error, %
[6, 17]	2.99	0.2	10
[6, 17]	3.50	0.29	10
[6, 17]	4.93	0.63	10
[6, 17]	5.03	0.75	10
[17]	5.10	0.72	10
[17]	5.97	0.98	10
[6, 17]	6.12	1.01	10
[12]	6.27	1.05	5
[13]	6.27	1.08	19
[17]	6.38	1.08	10
[6, 17]	6.84	1.11	10
[17]	6.86	1.11	10
[17]	7.43	1.21	10
[12]	7.74	1.31	5
[13]	7.75	1.47	13
[12]	8.76	1.48	3
[13]	8.76	1.71	10
[12]	12.32	1.94	4
[13]	12.32	2.03	9
[6, 17]	13.90	2.19	10
[12]	17.30	2.44	5
[13]	17.30	2.40	8
[10]	17.30	2.36	2
[17]	19.75	2.82	10
[17]	22.02	2.98	10
[10, 17]	30.98	3.44	10
Reference	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	$\langle \pi^+ \rangle$	Error, %
[6, 17]	2.99	0.48	10
[6, 17]	3.50	0.67	10
[6, 17]	4.93	1.22	10
[6, 17]	5.03	1.37	10
[6, 17]	6.12	1.6	10
[13]	6.27	1.88	11
[6, 17]	6.84	1.88	10
[13]	7.75	2.08	10
[13]	8.76	2.39	7
[13]	12.32	2.67	5
[13]	17.30	3.11	13
[10]	17.30	3.02	?

Table 2. The compiled results on the mean multiplicity of charged kaons from inelastic proton-proton interactions at different collision energies

Reference	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	$\langle K^- \rangle$	Error, %
[6, 17]	5.03	0.0095	35
[6, 17]	6.15	0.036	14
[13]	6.27	0.024	26
[6, 17]	6.84	0.031	14
[13]	7.75	0.045	11
[6]	7.86	0.05	30
[6, 17]	8.21	0.07	29
[13]	8.76	0.084	8
[6, 17]	9.08	0.08	25
[6, 17]	9.97	0.11	27
[6, 17]	11.54	0.13	23
[13]	12.32	0.095	7
[13]	17.30	0.132	11
[10]	17.30	0.13	10
[17]	22.02	0.24	10
[10]	23.00	0.171	15
[6]	23.68	0.209	15
[6]	30.59	0.244	15
[10, 17]	30.98	0.245	10
Reference	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	$\langle K^+ \rangle$	Error, %
[6]	2.98	0.0046	15
[6, 17]	2.99	0.0035	16
[6]	2.99	0.0044	18
[6]	3.12	0.0057	18
[6]	3.35	0.0069	15
[6, 17]	3.50	0.008	21
[6]	4.11	0.02	20
[6, 17]	5.03	0.07	43
[6]	5.35	0.054	10
[6, 17]	6.15	0.107	2
[13]	6.27	0.097	14
[6, 17]	6.84	0.1188	13
[13]	7.75	0.157	12
[13]	8.76	0.17	15
[6, 17]	11.54	0.21	28
[13]	12.32	0.201	7
[13]	17.30	0.234	9
[10]	17.30	0.227	5
[17]	22.02	0.35	10
[10]	23.00	0.273	15
[6]	23.68	0.337	15

Table 3. The compiled results on the mean multiplicity of $\langle K_S^0 \rangle$ and $\langle \Lambda \rangle$ from inelastic proton-proton interactions at different collision energies

Reference	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	$\langle K_S^0 \rangle$	Error, %
[6]	2.98	0.00083	22
[6]	3.35	0.0019	16
[6, 17]	3.50	0.00364	3
[6]	3.63	0.0034	9
[6]	3.85	0.0064	8
[6]	4.08	0.0072	8
[6, 17]	4.93	0.0202	2
[6, 17]	5.01	0.023	2
[6, 17]	6.12	0.0415	3
[6, 17]	6.84	0.0495	2
[6]	6.91	0.045	9
[6]	11.45	0.109	6
[6]	13.76	0.122	8
[6, 17]	13.90	0.141	10
[6]	16.66	0.158	4
[6]	19.42	0.16	13
[6]	19.66	0.181	8
[10]	23.00	0.222	10
[6]	23.76	0.224	8
[6]	26.02	0.26	4
[6]	27.43	0.2	10
[6]	27.60	0.232	5
[10, 17]	30.98	0.274	10
Reference	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	$\langle \Lambda \rangle$	Error, %
[6, 17]	2.98	0.0033	18
[18]	3.17	0.0073	4
[6]	3.35	0.0073	4
[6, 17]	3.50	0.0127	9
[6]	3.63	0.0109	6
[6]	3.85	0.0172	6
[6]	4.08	0.0201	5
[6, 17]	4.93	0.0388	2
[6, 17]	5.01	0.035	11
[6, 17]	6.12	0.061	3

Table 4. The compiled results on the mean multiplicity of $\langle p \rangle$ and $\langle \bar{p} \rangle$ from inelastic proton-proton interactions at different collision energies

Reference	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	$\langle p \rangle$	Error, %
[6, 17]	3.50	1.56	10
[6, 17]	4.93	1.68	10
[6, 17]	5.01	1.55	10
[6, 17]	6.12	1.41	10
[6, 17]	6.15	1.69	10
[13]	6.27	1.154	4
[6, 17]	6.84	1.615	10
[13]	7.75	1.093	6
[13]	8.76	1.095	8
[13]	12.32	0.977	14
[13]	17.30	1.069	12
[10]	17.30	1.162	15
[17]	22.02	1.28	10
[10, 17]	30.98	1.34	10
Reference	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	$\langle \bar{p} \rangle$	Error, %
[6, 17]	6.15	0.0023	10
[13]	6.27	0.0047	15
[6, 17]	6.84	0.004	10
[13]	7.75	0.0047	16
[6, 17]	8.21	0.005	10
[13]	8.76	0.0059	12
[6, 17]	9.08	0.008	10
[6, 17]	9.97	0.011	10
[6, 17]	11.54	0.015	10
[13]	12.32	0.0183	10
[13]	17.30	0.0402	9
[10]	17.30	0.039	15
[17]	22.02	0.061	10
[10, 17]	30.98	0.11	10

Hadroproduction in $p+p$ collisions at NICA energies : data analysis (III)

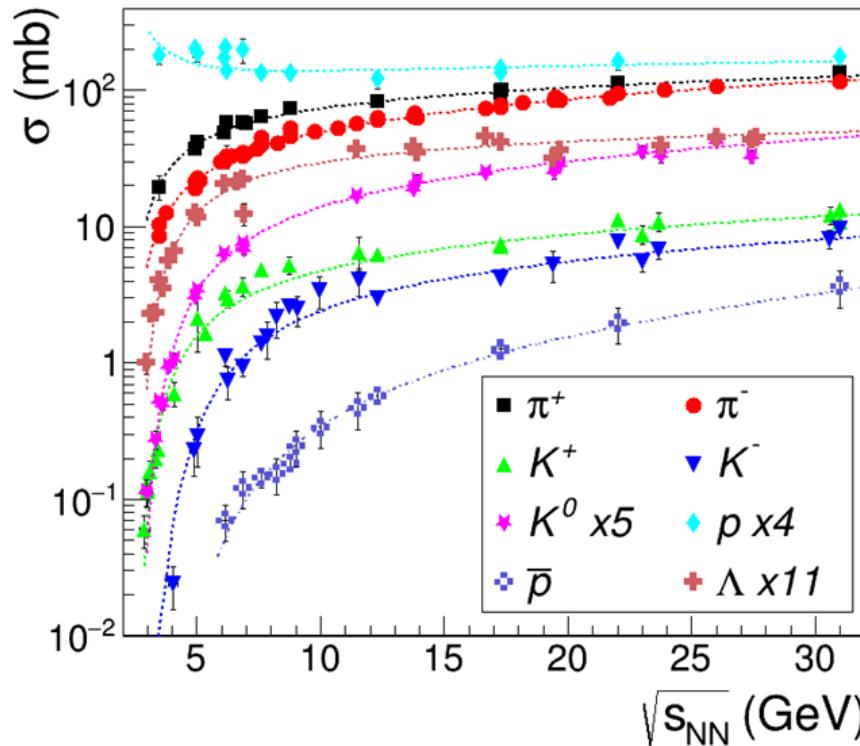
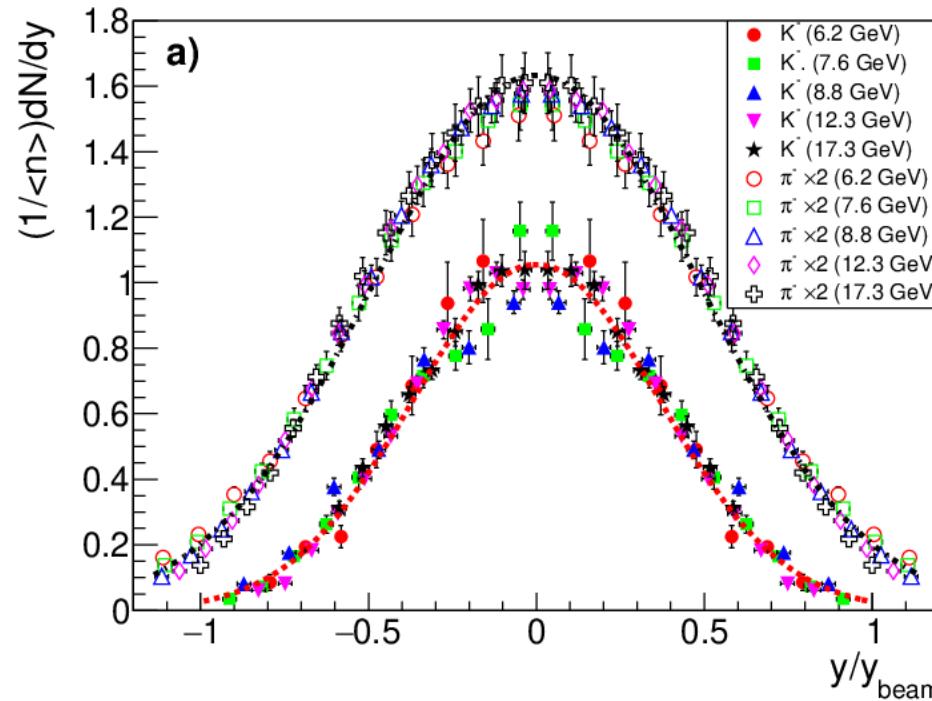


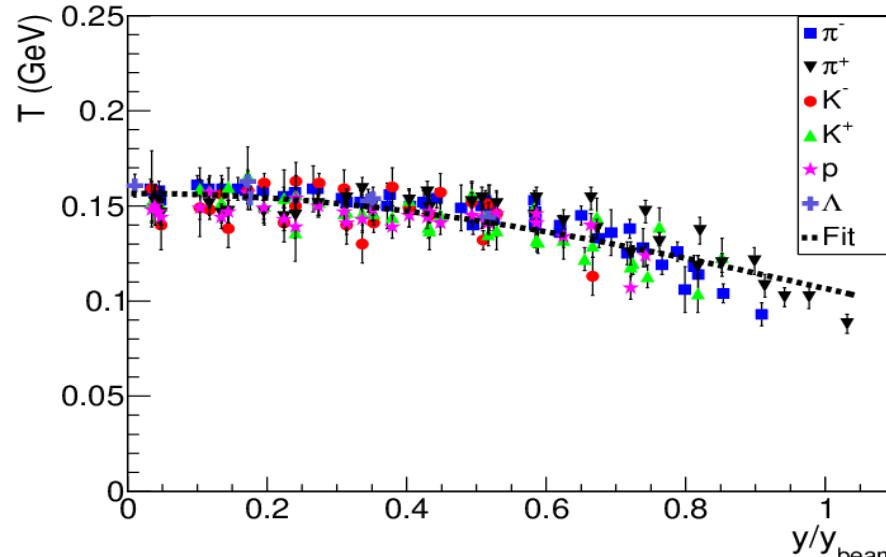
Fig. 4. Inclusive hadron production cross-sections from pp interactions as a function of the center-of-mass energy. Dashed lines are parameterizations to Eq. (2).

The slope parameter T in bins of y/y_{beam}
Unique parameterization!



Scaled yields of K- and π^- as a function of normalized rapidity from $p+p$ at 6-17 GeV

Similar shapes!



Strangeness-to-entropy in Au+Au: MPD performance study

- Particle spectra, yields & ratios are sensitive to bulk fireball properties and phase transformations in the medium
- Uniform acceptance and large phase coverage are crucial for precise mapping of the QCD phase diagram

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METHODS OF PHYSICAL EXPERIMENT

Performance of the MPD Detector in the Study of the Strangeness to Entropy Ratio in Heavy-Ion Collisions at the NICA Accelerator Complex

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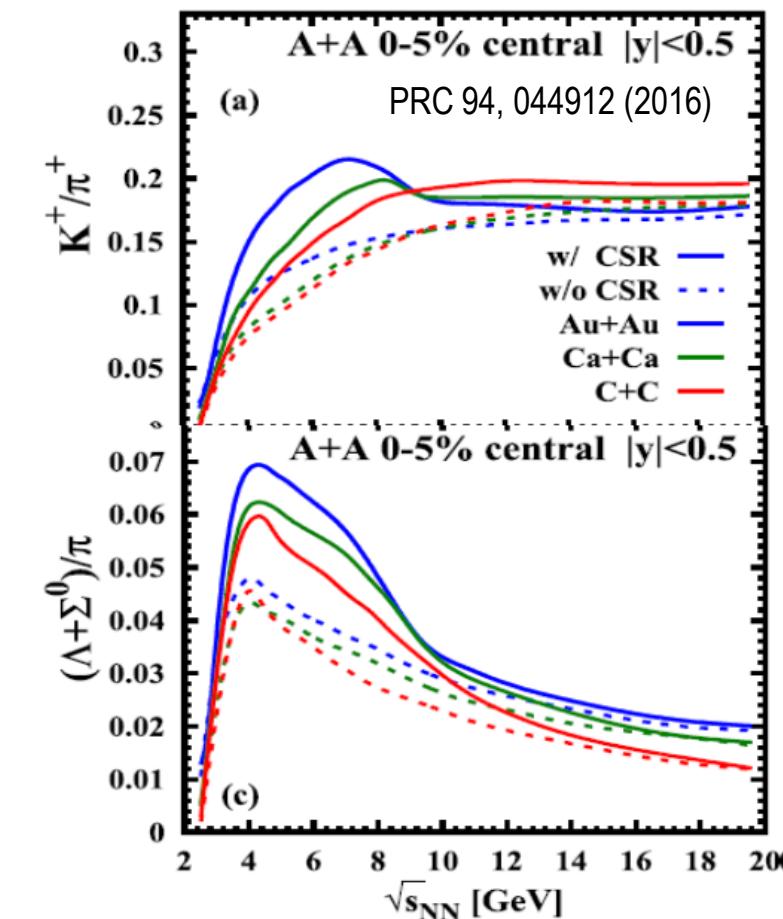
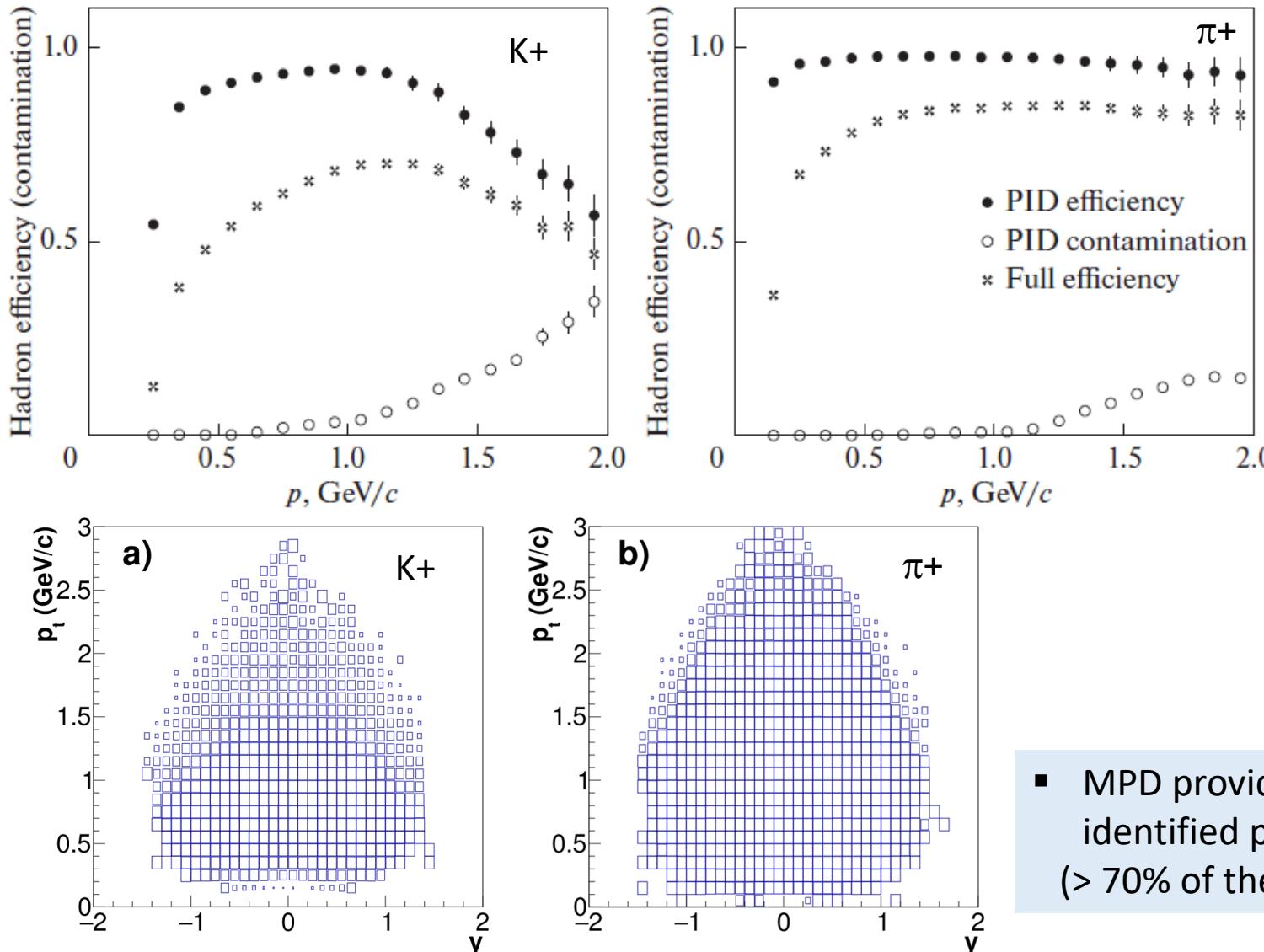
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Abstract—Strangeness production in heavy-ion collisions is one of the main goals of the scientific program at the NICA accelerator complex. The MPD detector is designed to study the properties of strongly interacting matter at extreme baryon densities. In this article, the MPD performance to measure the excitation function of the strangeness to entropy ratio in central Au + Au collisions is reported. The investigation has been performed at the Laboratory of High Energy Physics, JINR.

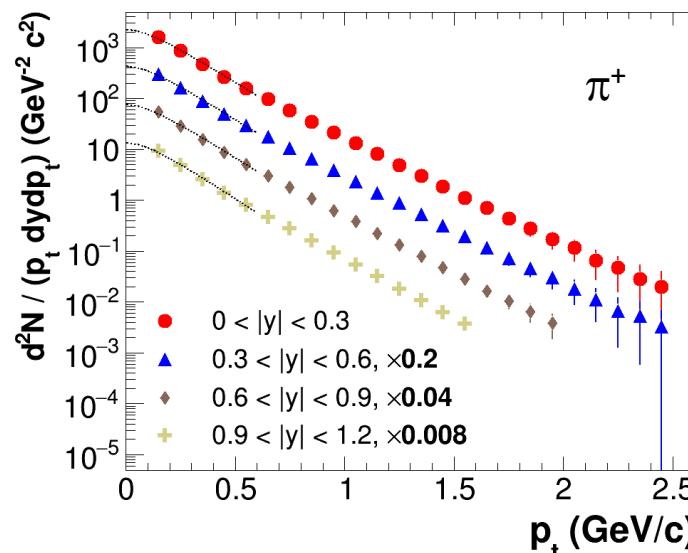
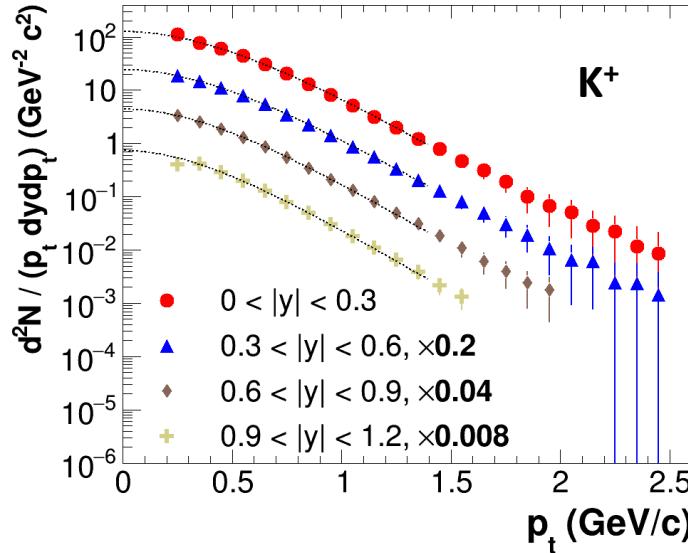
Study of the K/ π -ratio in MPD: analysis details

- ✓ 0-5% central Au+Au at 5 energies from the PHQMD model, which implements partonic phase and CSR effects
- ✓ Recent reconstruction chain, combined dE/dx +TOF particle ID, spectra analysis

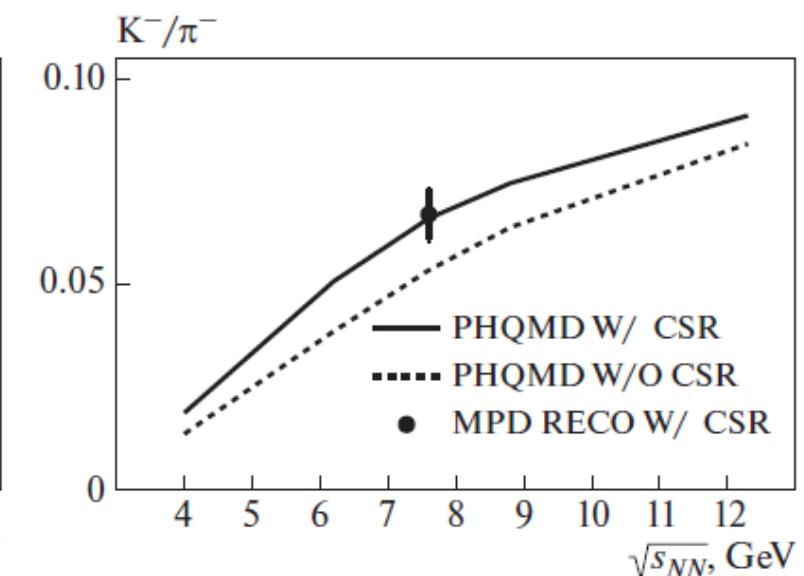
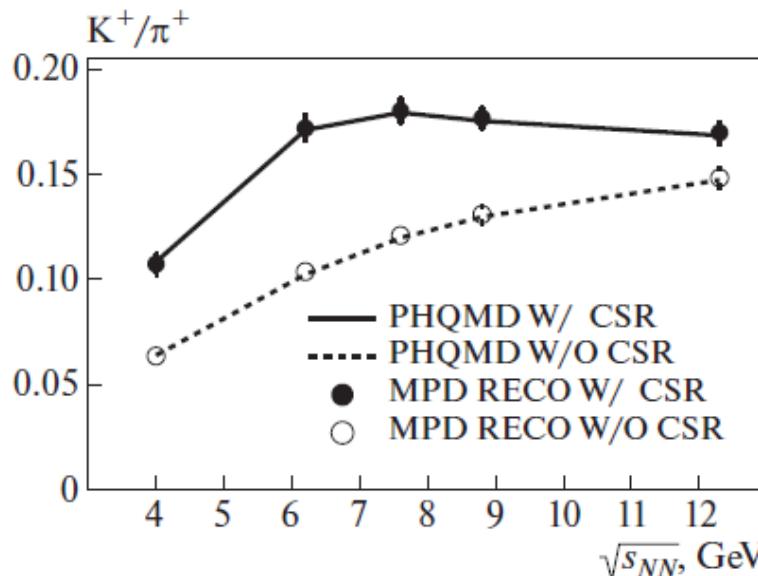
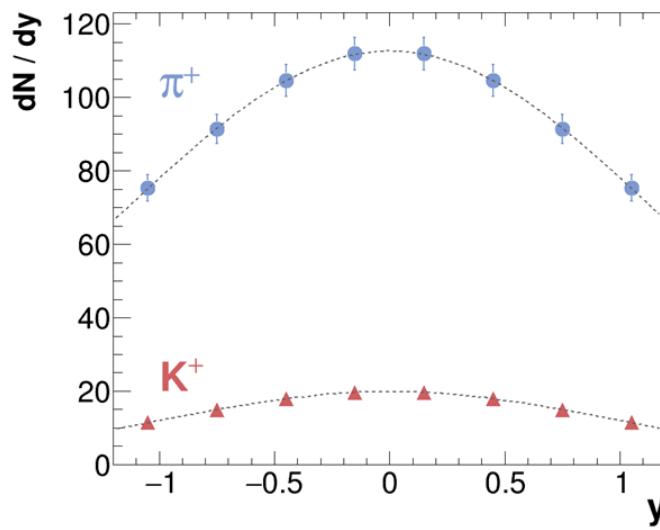


- MPD provides large coverage for identified pions and kaons (> 70% of the full phase space at 9 GeV)

Study of the K/ π -ratio in MPD: results



- Hadron spectra can be measured from $p_T=0.2$ to $2.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Extrapolation to full p_T -range and to the full phase space can be performed exploiting the spectra shapes (see BW fits for p_T -spectra and Gaussian for rapidity distributions)
- A few percent error for the ratios



Study of hadroproduction with MPD: first results

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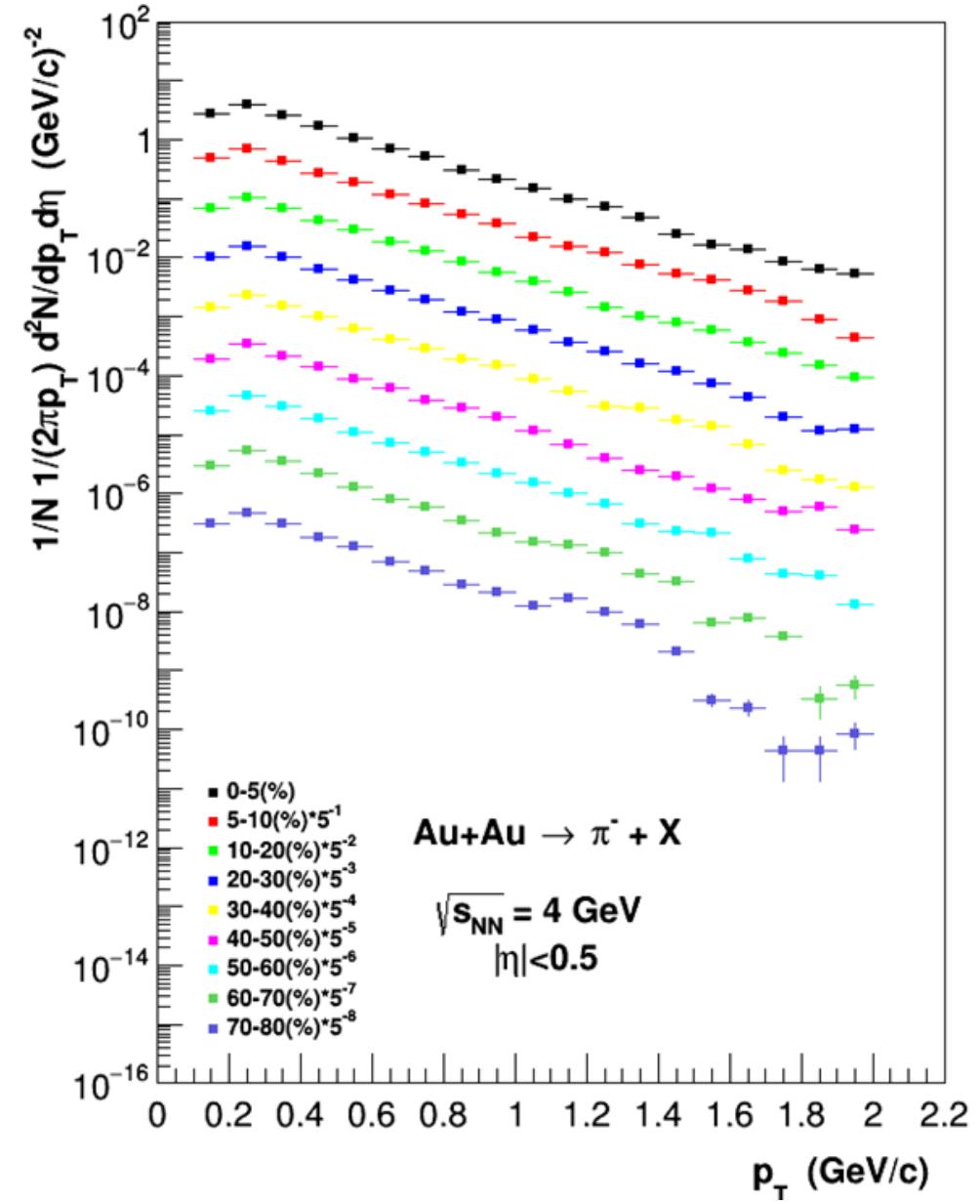
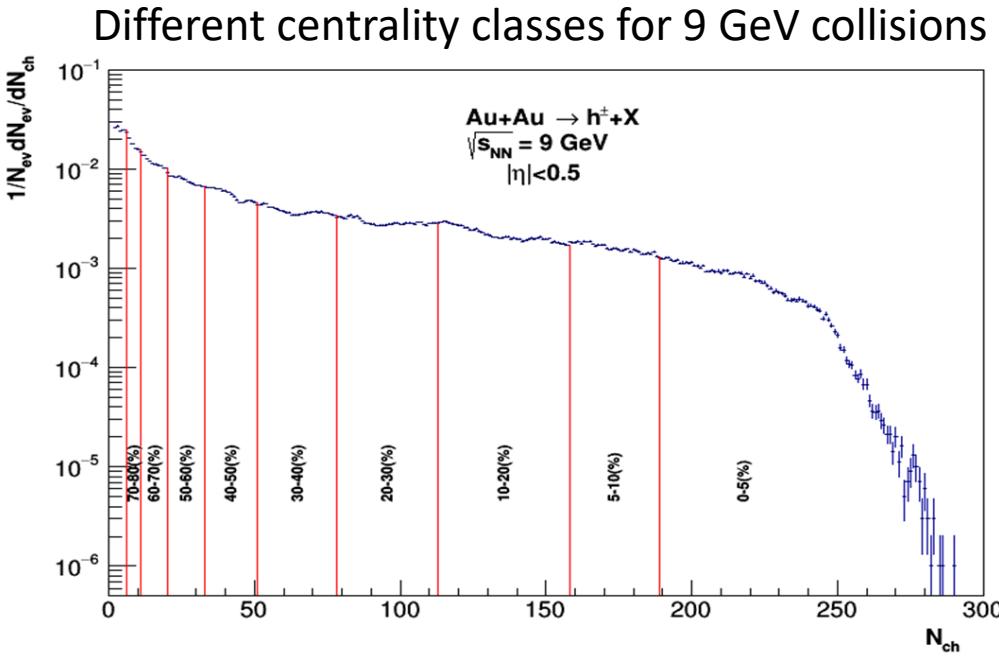
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- Min. bias Au+Au collisions (UrQMD)
- Centrality selection by charged multiplicity in TPC
- Primary, Nhits > 20, pT > 0.1 GeV/c

No final corrections yet - Analysis is ongoing



Study of hyperon production with the MPD detector

- Excitation function of hadrons, including strangeness (yields, spectra, and ratios)
- Nuclear matter EOS, in-medium effects, and chemical equilibration can be probed
- Hyperons sensitive to early stage and phase transformations in QCD medium
- Non-monotonic strangeness-to-entropy ratio seen in heaviest systems (phase transformation?)
- Lack of data on multistrangeness in the NICA energy range

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METHODS OF PHYSICAL EXPERIMENT

Perspectives of Multistrange Hyperon Study at NICA/MPD from Realistic Monte Carlo Simulation¹

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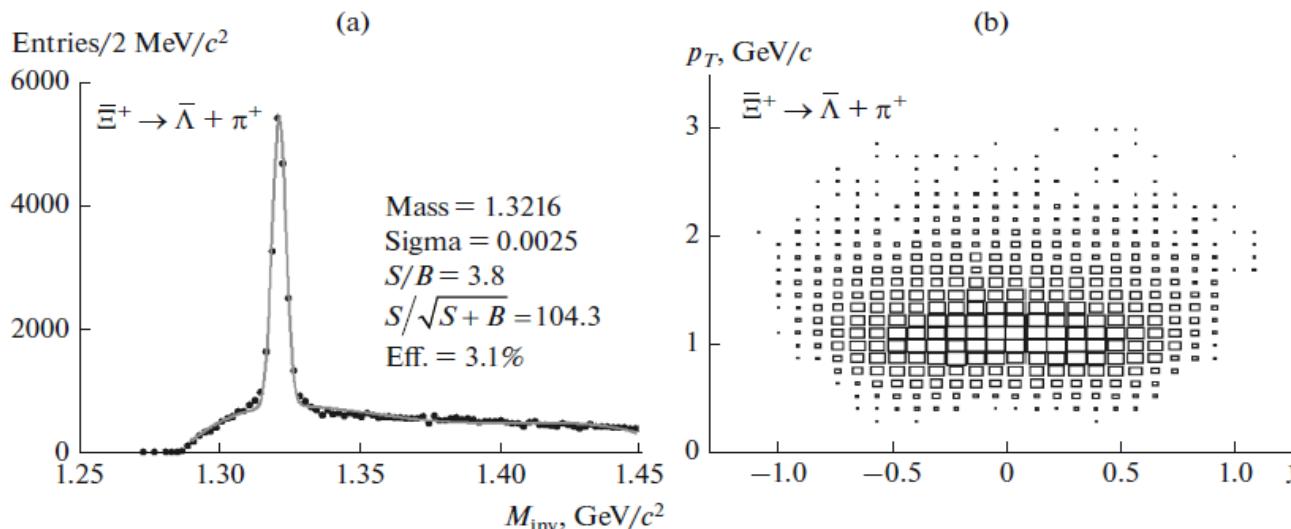
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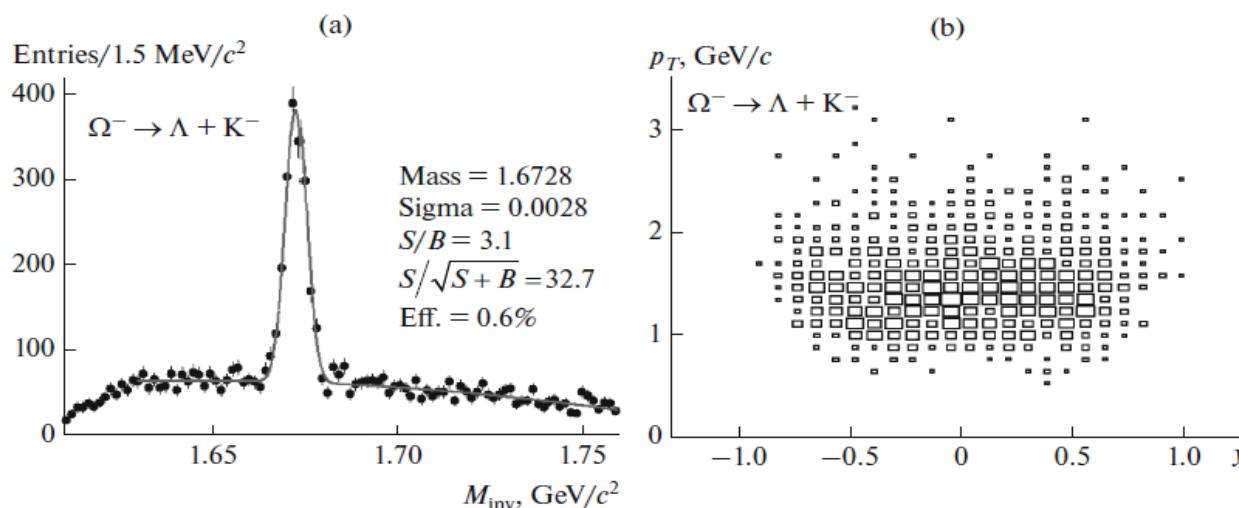
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Abstract—One of the main tasks of the NICA/MPD physics program is a study of strangeness production in nuclear collisions. In this paper the MPD detector performance for measurements of multistrange hyperons in Au + Au collisions at NICA energies is presented based on the analysis of realistically simulated data samples. Perspectives of the studies on the strangeness production at the experiment start-up are evaluated.

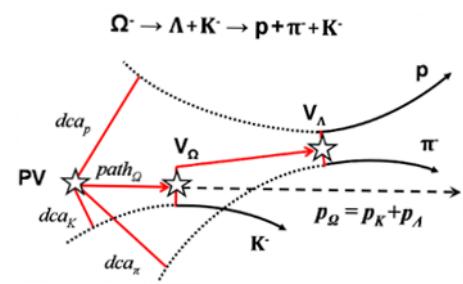
Study of hyperon production with the MPD: analysis & results



Reconstructed invariant mass of Ξ^+ (a) and $y - p_T$ phase space (b).



Reconstructed invariant mass of Ω^- (a) and $y - p_T$ phase space (b).



Data set: 8M minbias Au+Au @ 11 GeV (PHSD)

MPD setup: TPC & TOF, ideal centrality binning (no FHCAL)

Selection criteria: $|\eta| < 1.3$, $N_{\text{hits}} \geq 10$ + quality/analysis cuts

Realistic track reconstruction: clustering in TPC

Realistic PID: combined dE/dx+TOF

Analysis: secondary vertex finding technique

Corrections: evaluated in each centrality bin

**Encouraging results
for multi-strangeness!**

Particle	Λ	anti- Λ	Ξ^-	anti- Ξ^+	Ω^-	anti- Ω^+
Yield*	$2 \cdot 10^7$	$3.5 \cdot 10^5$	$1.5 \cdot 10^5$	$8.0 \cdot 10^3$	$7 \cdot 10^3$	$1.5 \cdot 10^3$

Study of hypernuclei production in MPD

- Precise information on Y-N interaction: strange sector of nuclear EOS, astrophysics
- Hypernuclei ground, excited states and life times: critical assessments or QCD calculations and model predictions
- Production mechanism of (hyper)nuclei: freezeout vs dynamical transport models

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Prospects for Studying Hyperons and Hypernuclei on the NICA Collider

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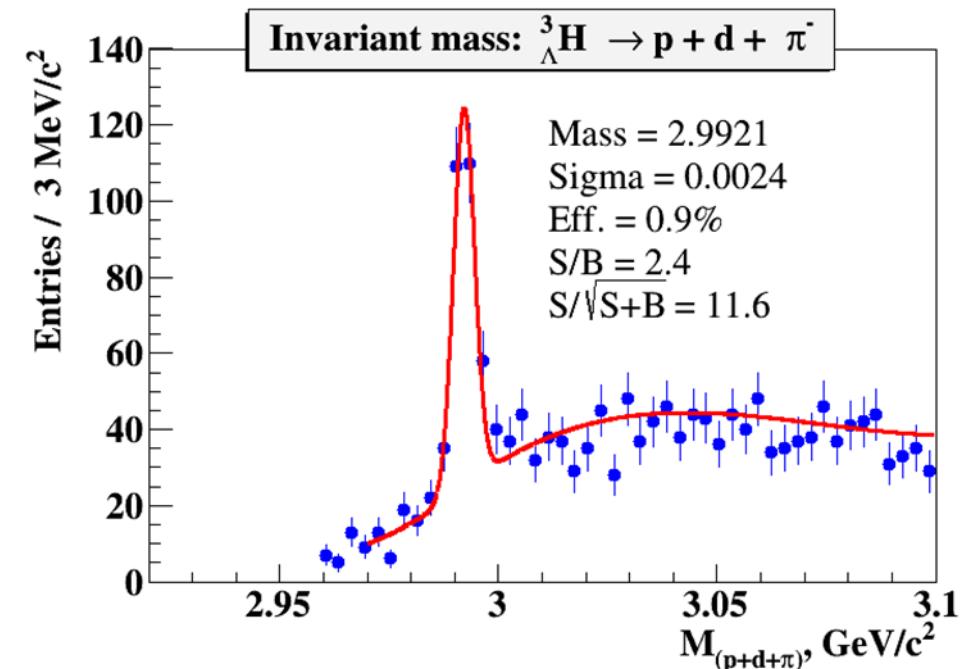
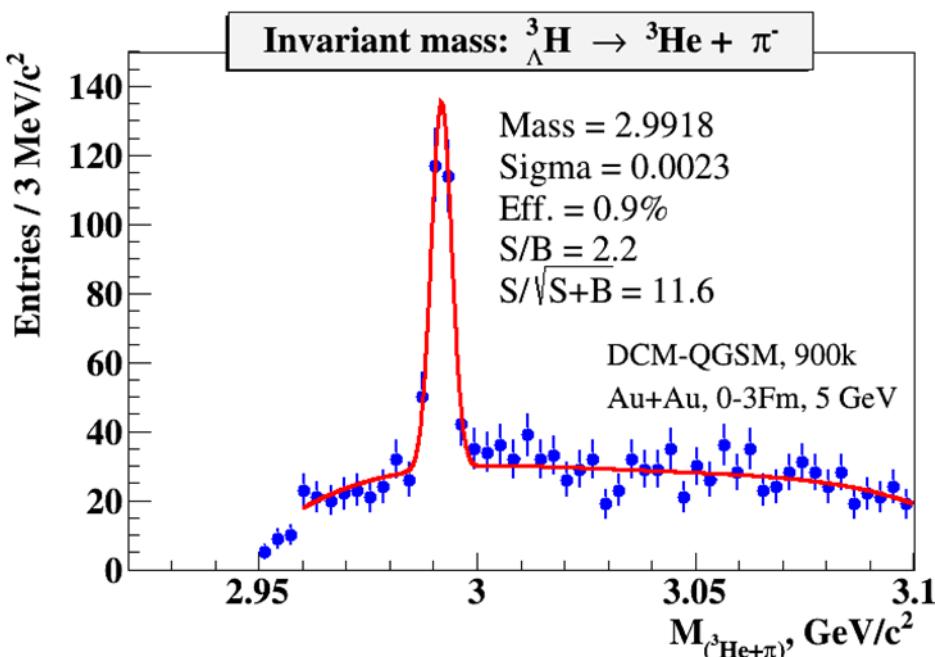
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Abstract—NICA is a new flagship project in Dubna aimed at constructing a new accelerator complex for heavy ions. The main goal of the project is experimental exploration of the still poorly known region of the nuclear matter phase diagram of the highest net-baryon density. The MPD detector is a multi-purpose large acceptance spectrometer for studying heavy-ion collisions. An overview is presented of the NICA physics program for studying strangeness production and present MPD performance for reconstructing hyperons and hypernuclei.

Study of hypernuclei production with the MPD: results

- Generator: 900k central Au+Au @ 5 GeV (DCM-QGSM¹)
- Detectors: MPD Satge'1 configuration (barrel)
- Track acceptance criterion: $|\eta| < 1.3$, $N_{\text{hits}} \geq 10$

[1] J. Steinheimer, K. Gudima, et al, *Phys. Lett. B* 714 (2012) pp 85-91

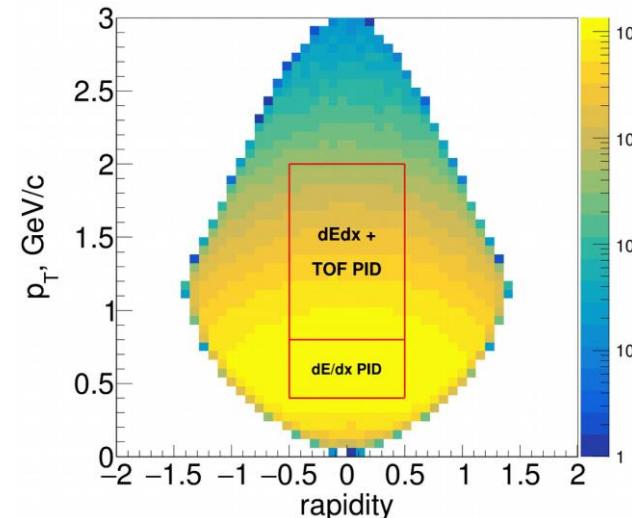


A signal of ~400 Λ^0 is seen in 1MEvents at 5 GeV
Ongoing activity : model input, better PID, tuning of the selection criteria

MPD prospects for the QCD critical end point search: net-proton cumulants

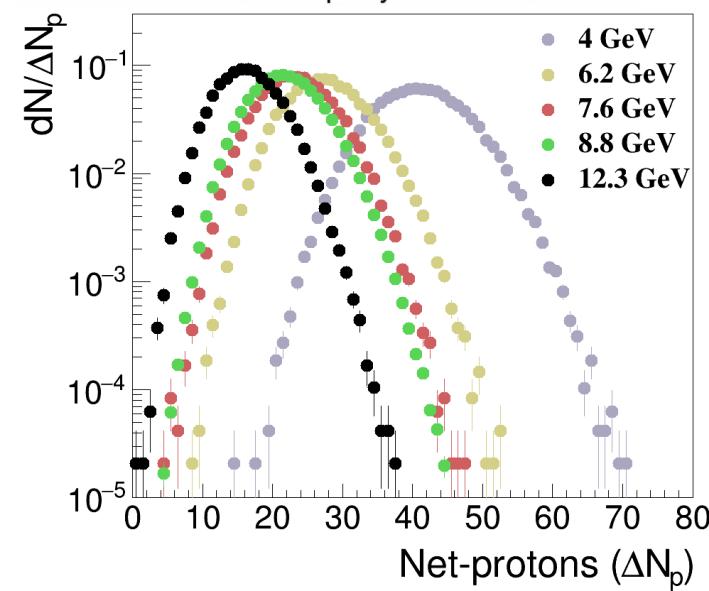
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Cumulant ratios of net-proton multiplicity distribution are directly compared to susceptibilities, which diverge in the proximity of CEP in central A+A collisions



- Au+Au 5% central (PHSD model)
- Full MPD reconstruction
- Combined dE/dx+TOF particle ID

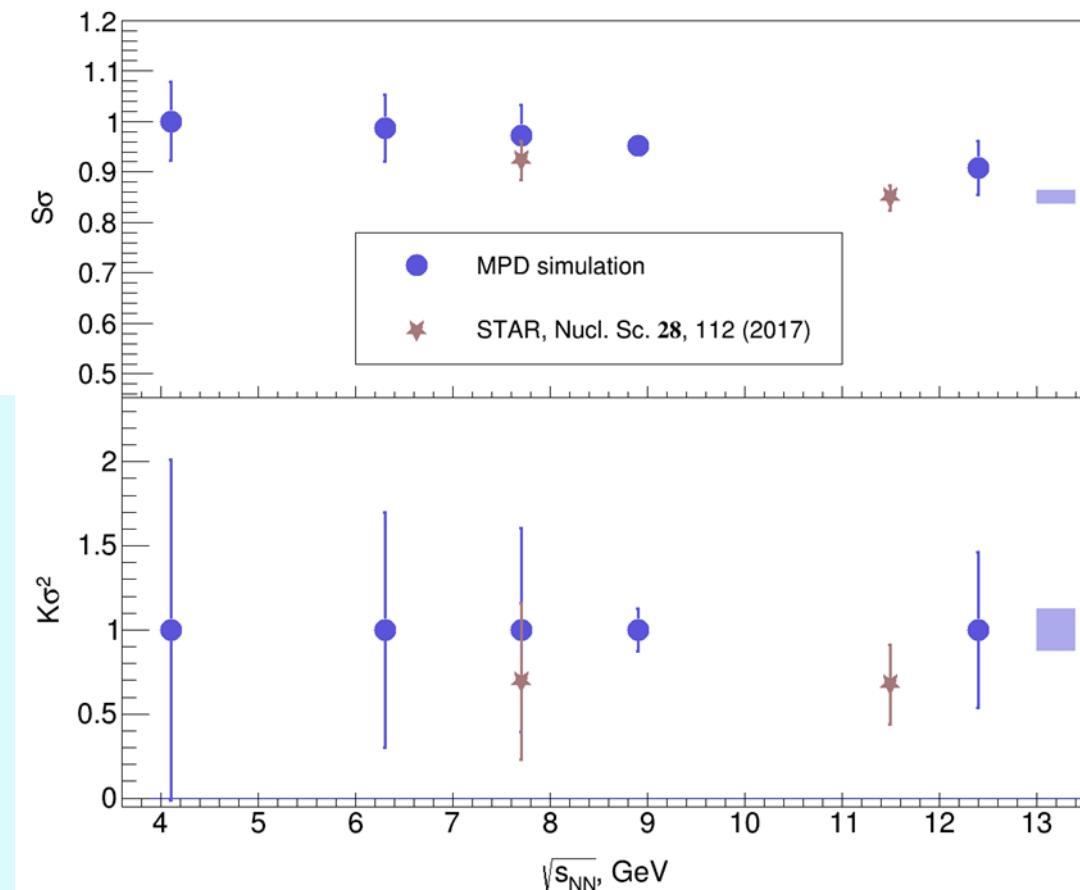
Corrections for the MPD inefficiency:
A..Bzdak and V. Koch,
Phys. Rev. C 86, 044904 (2012)



- MPD detector provides a large midrapidity phase-space
- From 35 to 65 identified p-pbar (Au+Au, $|y|<0.5$, $pT<1.8$ GeV/c)
- Event statistics above 1Mevents provides sufficient precision of measurements

$$\frac{k_3}{k_2} = S\sigma \quad \frac{k_4}{k_2} = K\sigma^2$$

Cumulant ratio at MPD within
 $|y| < 0.5$ and $0.2 < pT < 2.0$ GeV/c



Visibility of MPD PWG2 results in 2019-20

“A new review of excitation functions of hadron production in pp collisions in the NICA energy range”,
V. Kolesnikov, V. Kireyeu, V. Lenivenko, A. Mudrokh, K. Shtejer, D. Zinchenko, E. Bratkovskaya,
Physics of Particles and Nuclei Letters, 2020, Vol. 17, No. 2, pp. 142–153.

“Prospects for Studying Hyperons and Hypernuclei on the NICA Collider”,
V. I. Kolesnikov, A. I. Zinchenko, V. A. Vasendina,
Bulletin of the Russian Academy of Sciences: Physics, 2020, Vol. 84, No. 4, pp. 451–454.

“Performance of the MPD detector in the study of the strangeness to entropy ratio in heavy-ion
collisions at the NICA accelerator complex”,
V. Kolesnikov, V. Kireyeu, A. Mudrokh, A. Zinchenko, and V. Vasendina,
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“Prospects for the study of event-by-event fluctuations and strangeness production with the MPD detector at NICA”,
A. Mudrokh, V. Kolesnikov, V. Vasendina and A. Zinchenko,
Accepted in the Physics of Elementary Particles and Atomic Nuclei Letters, Vol. 20, No 3 (2020).

Several oral talks at Conferences: **ICNFP19** (2 talks), **WPCF2019**, **Nucleus-2019** (2 talks), **19th Lomonosov**,
SQM'19 (poster), **QM'19** (poster)

Summary

- MPD physics simulation within PWG2 is ongoing

Steady progressing : Hadron spectra, *Multistrangeness*, *Hypernuclei*, *Ev-by-Event fluctuations*

Resonances also well advanced in the PNPI group(Gatchina, see backup)

- 5 papers over the last half a year and >8 talks at Conferences in 2019
- In plans : extend analysis activities to a large data set for official DSTs (Bi+Bi?)

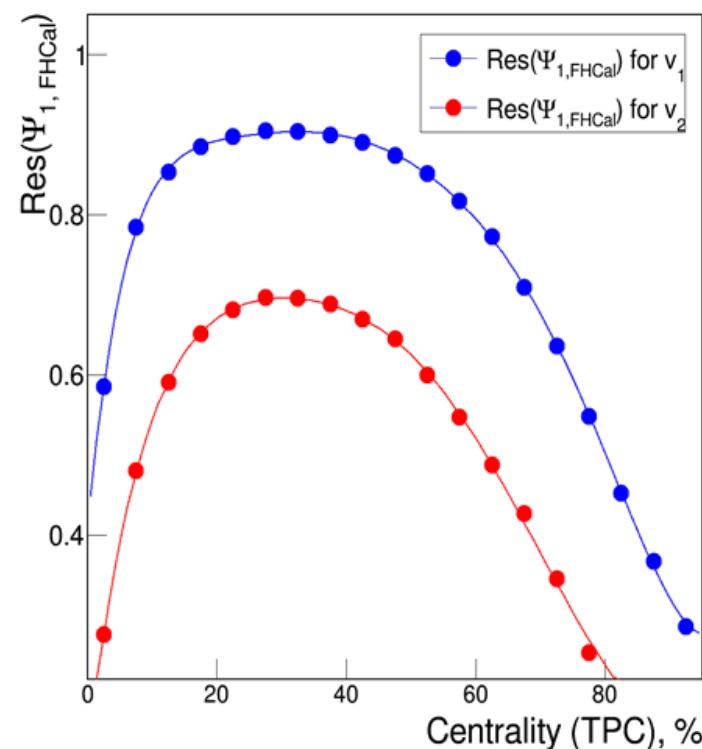
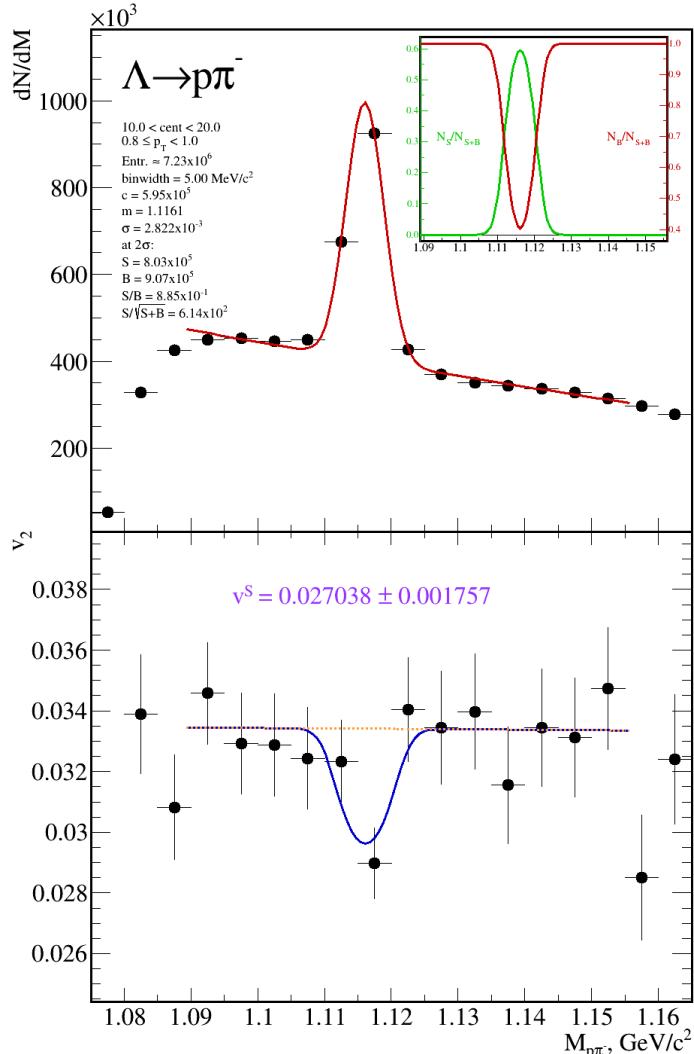
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Backup

Hyperon Flow : results

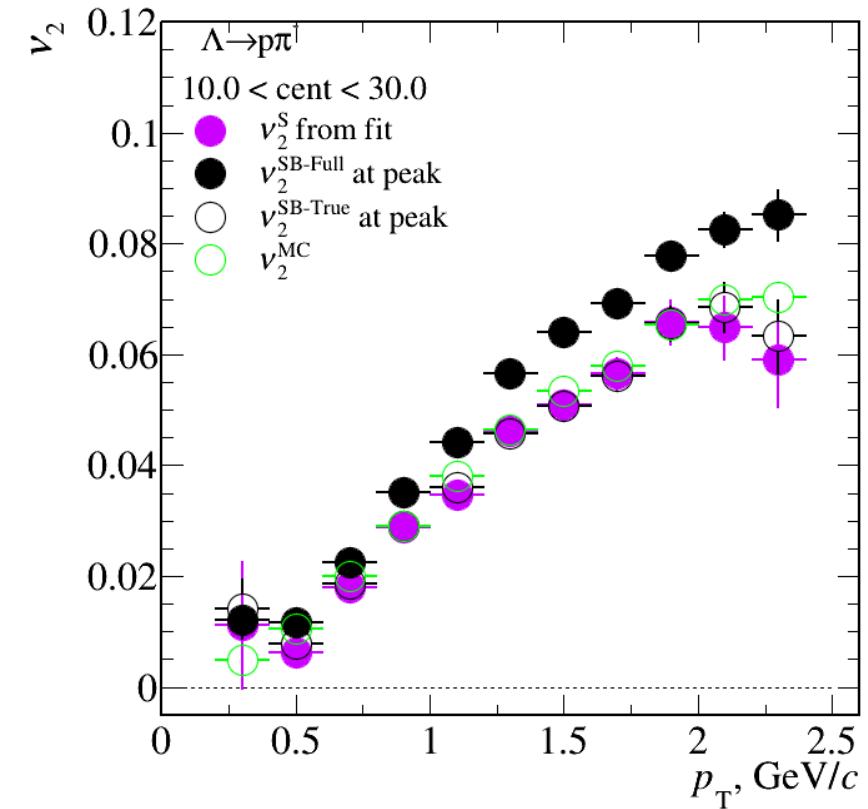
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- 15M Au+Au at 11 GeV (UrQMD)
- Recent tracking & V0 reco, MC PID
- Event plane - FHCAL

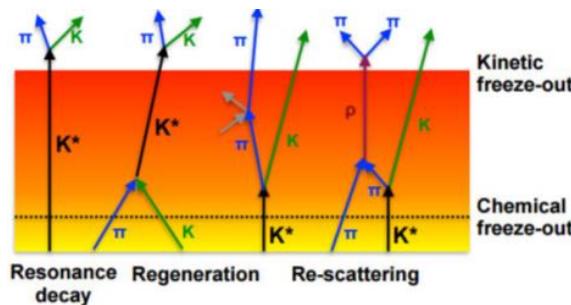


Extracted flow signal after fit
Measured flow (s+bg) at peak region

$$v_2^{\text{SB}}(m_{\text{inv}}, p_T) = v_2^S(p_T) \frac{N^S(m_{\text{inv}}, p_T)}{N^{\text{SB}}(m_{\text{inv}}, p_T)} + v_2^B(m_{\text{inv}}, p_T) \frac{N^B(m_{\text{inv}}, p_T)}{N^{\text{SB}}(m_{\text{inv}}, p_T)}$$



Measured flow only for True
Measured flow from MC/model



MPD physics cases: Hadron Resonances (HR)

- Due to short life time HR can probe fireball properties
- HR abundancies sensitive to the hadronization temperature and the lifetime of the interacting hadron gas → HR probe hadronization scenario (sudden or gradual)

In-medium effects affect HR production rates and more pronounced at low collision energies (FAIR, NICA)
Careful interpretation of results required a detailed MC studies with hadronic phase effects under control!

