#### Prospects of Charm Meson Measurements at the SPD

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#### Continuing the Saga ...

- So far neutral *D* meson simulation with ideal case (no vertex smearing and perfect PID) shown
- Extended study to realistic simulation with vertex smearing in generator and use of TOF (up to p = 1.5 GeV/c) and AeroGel (up to p = 2.5 GeV/c) for particle identification
- Also studied charged  $(D^+)$  meson
- Some details of the  $D^+$  simulation with realistic simulation will be shown
- One year projected statistic before and after selection criteria and resulting statistical uncertainties will be shown
- Caution : these plots assume ALL data recorded, so these uncertainties are more of a guideline than proper expected values



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#### Simulation (Pythia8+SpdRoot) Details

- Subsystems : Beam-pipe, Inner Tracker, Straw Tracker, Magnet
- Silicon Inner Tracker : MAPS, 4 layers with end-caps
- Event vertex (0,0,0), 30 cm Gaussian z-smearing
- TOF and AeroGel likelihoods used for PID
- MinBias for background study and open-charm for signal
- $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ K^-$  forced (branching ratio 9.22%)
- V0 reconstruction with KFParticle package, constrained to primary vertex
- Require at least 3 SVD hits for daughter  $(\pi, K)$  track candidates
- SpdVertexCombiFinder to reconstruct all combinations of  $(\pi, \pi, K)$
- Mass window cut (1.7 2.0 GeV/ $c^2$ ) for all



#### Figure Of Merit and Cuts : Decay Length



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#### FOM and Cuts : Decay Length Divided by Uncertainty



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#### Other Considerations



Accepted below  $\theta_{coll} = 0.3$  rad although FOM suggests  $\theta_{coll} = 1.84$  rad collinearity angle = angle between invariant momentum (of daughter tracks) and vector from primary vertex to reconstructed decay position - supposed to be small angles



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#### Cuts to Suppress MB Background

- Decay length : L > 0.02 cm, L/dL > 3.05
- Collinearity angle : Acol < 0.3 rad
- V0 properties :  $\chi^2_{V0-PV} > 0.5$ ,  $DCA_{V0-PV} > 0.005$  cm
- Daughter track properties :
- $DCA_{\pi-K} < 0.012$  cm, opening angle OA < 1.5 rad
- Daughter to PV :  $\chi^2_{d-PV} > 2.5$ ,  $DCA_{d-PV} > 0.012$  cm
- Daughter to V0 :  $DCA_{d-V0} < 0.01$  cm
- Invariant mass window 1.7-2.0  ${\rm GeV}/c^2$
- $|x_F| > 0.2$  for asymmetry measurements



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#### $D^+$ Study : MC Before and After Selection



 $\begin{array}{c} \mbox{Realistic MC study of } D^+ \mbox{ reconstruction and background :} \\ 20 \mbox{ Million open-charm and 80 Million minbias events generated} \\ \mbox{Left : reconstructed invariant mass spectra, 215964 } D^+, 3.657 \times 10^6 \mbox{ random bkg} \\ \mbox{ Right : selected invariant mass spectra, 1420 } D^+, 2 \mbox{ random bkg} \\ \mbox{ After } |x_F| > 0.2 \mbox{ cut, 138 } D^+ \mbox{ and no background survive} \end{array}$ 



#### Some Relevant Numbers

- Following CDR estimates for projected statistics :
- $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ K^-$  : 360 M in 1 year
- $D^+ 
  ightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ K^-$  : 520 M in 1 year
- $D^0$  decay channel branching ratio = 3.89%
- $D^+$  decay channel branching ratio = 9.22%
- In the open-charm events generated with Pythia8, 54.4% events have D<sup>0</sup>'s and 20% events have D<sup>+</sup>'s
- All these are taken into account when scaling MC to data for one year



#### Example of MC to Data Scaling

- $D^+$  in MC : 20 M  $\times$  0.2  $\times$  0.0922 = 368800
- D<sup>+</sup> in data : 520 M (CDR : in one year )
- Signal scale : 1410 (for projected total reconstructed counts)
- MinBias in MC : 80 M
- MinBias in data : 32800 B (32.8 mb cross-section and 1 fb<sup>-1</sup> integrated luminosity for one year)
- Background scale : 410000 (for projected total reconstructed counts)
- Scale for selection criteria : 0.66% for  $D^+$ , 5.47 imes  $10^{-7}$  for MB
- Scale for  $|x_F| > 0.2$  cut : 10% for  $D^+$ , 37% for MB
- Final scale factors : 0.93 for  $D^+$ , 0.08 for MB (after all selections)



#### Prescription for SSA (and uncertainty) Calculation



Figure 1: Illustrative plot from PHENIX :  $\pi^0$  (above) and  $\eta$  (below) from di-photon invariant mass spectra

- Following the standard practice at STAR, PHENIX and COMPASS:
- From invariant mass spectra in azimuthal ( $\phi$ ) slices, define signal region (often  $2\sigma$  around the peak), count total, calculate raw asymmetry (and uncertainty)
- Far from signal peak, count pure background, calculate background asymmetry (and uncertainty)
- Correct 'raw' asymmetry with background asymmetry (and relative contribution) to extract 'signal' asymmetry (and uncertainty)



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#### Now Some Explicit Equations

Transverse Single Spin Asymmetry :

$$A_{N}(\phi) = \frac{1}{P\langle |\cos(\phi)| \rangle} \frac{N(\phi) - \mathcal{R}.N(\phi + \pi)}{N(\phi) + \mathcal{R}.N(\phi + \pi)}$$

where *P* is beam polarization,  $\langle |cos(\phi)| \rangle = \frac{\int_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} cos(\phi) d\phi}{\phi_2 - \phi_1}$  is the average of the cosine of azimuth in the  $\phi$  bin,  $\mathcal{R}$  is relative luminosity for opp. pol. dir. of beam, N's are counts in  $\phi$  bins. One can use  $N(\phi) = N_L$  and  $N(\phi + \pi) = N_R$  for left and right as simplified notation

Statistical Uncertainty of SSA (propagation of error assuming two independent variables  $N(\phi)$  and  $N(\phi + \pi)$ ):

$$\sigma_{\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{N}}}(\phi) = \frac{1}{P\langle |cos(\phi)|\rangle} \frac{2\mathcal{R}.\mathcal{N}(\phi).\mathcal{N}(\phi+\pi)}{(\mathcal{N}(\phi)+\mathcal{R}\mathcal{N}(\phi+\pi))^2} \sqrt{(\frac{\sigma_{\mathcal{N}(\phi)}}{\mathcal{N}(\phi)})^2 + (\frac{\sigma_{\mathcal{N}(\phi+\pi)}}{\mathcal{N}(\phi+\pi)})^2}$$



#### Simplifications

Assume  $\mathcal{R} \sim 1$ ,  $N(\phi) \sim N(\phi + \pi) = N$  where N is the count of candidates in a  $\phi$  bin ( $N = N_{detected}/n$  if you have n bins in azimuth) and assume Poisson distribution of counts (so that  $\sigma_N = \sqrt{N}$ )

Simplified version of statistical uncertainty of SSA :

$$\sigma_{\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{N}}}(\phi) = rac{1}{P\langle |cos(\phi)| 
angle} rac{1}{\sqrt{2N}}$$



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#### Finally : The Signal

Corrected signal SSA :

$$A_N^{Sig}(\phi) = \frac{A_N^{Raw}(\phi) - r.A_N^{Bkg}(\phi)}{1 - r}$$

where  $r = \frac{N_{Bkg}}{N_{raw}}$  is background contribution to raw/total count under the signal peak

Corrected signal statistical uncertainty of SSA :

$$\sigma_{A_{N}^{Sig}}(\phi) = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_{A_{N}^{Raw}}^{2}(\phi) + r^{2}\sigma_{A_{N}^{Bkg}}^{2}(\phi)}}{1 - r}$$



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#### Procedure

- After background suppression cuts, scale MC counts of signals in x<sub>F</sub> bins to get counts in 1 year of data
- Using S/B ratio from analysis, estimate raw/total and background counts done because we lack enough bkg MC to get bkg count directly
- For each  $x_F$  bin, distribute  $N_t$  and  $N_b$  in 12  $\phi$  bins, estimate raw and background uncertainties in each  $\phi$  bin
- For each pair of  $(\phi, \phi + \pi)$  bins, extract corrected signal uncertainty  $\sigma_{A_N}(\phi)$
- For x<sub>F</sub> bin, combine uncertainties for independent measurements in 6 (pairs of left-right) φ bins

$$\sigma_{A_N}(x_{ extsf{F}}) = rac{1}{\sqrt{\sum\limits_{i=1}^6 rac{1}{\sigma_{A_N}^2(\phi_i)}}}$$

 Next : scaled spectra and projected statistical uncertainties for 4 cases : D<sup>0</sup> ideal and realistic MC, D<sup>+</sup> ideal and realistic MC

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# Efficiency of Selection Criteria : Projected for 1 Year of Data : $D^0$ Ideal Case





- Properly scaled this time ...
- Fitted with two Gaussians for signal + linear function for background

Image: A = 1 = 1

- S/B for entire mass range = 0.12
- **NICA** S/B for  $2\sigma$  mass window = 20

#### Projected Statistical Uncertainties : D<sup>0</sup> Ideal Case



- Two changes/corrections form the plot shown before (bottom left):
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## Efficiency of Selection Criteria : Projected for 1 Year of Data : $D^+$ Ideal Case





#### Projected Statistical Uncertainties : D<sup>+</sup> Ideal Case





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## Efficiency of Selection Criteria : Projected for 1 Year of Data : $D^+$ Realistic Case





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#### Projected Statistical Uncertainties : $D^+$ Realistic Case





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- Background suppression seems on the right tracks
- Uncertainties shown here assume perfect data recording, therefore DAQ performance (and software event selection) needs to be taken into account
- Counts after cuts are not statistically meaningful yet
- Trying tighter cuts is impossible with zero counts after selections from limited MC sample
- For all 4 sets of studies, produced more than 250 Million events
- Fine tuning of cuts have to wait till large MC samples are available from software/production team
- Plan to look into the effects of track reconstruction efficiency and TOF performance into D meson reconstruction



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### Backup



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#### Generated Event Vertex Smearing



Vertex Z distribution probably distorted because the distribution shown here are only for events with reconstructed  $\pi^+\pi^+K^-$  invariant mass within  $1.7 - 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 



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