# Particle selection from BM@N data

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#### Baryonic Matter @ Nuclotron experiment



- DCMQGSM-SMM events, 8M
- Full GEANT4 simulation of all detector subsystems
- Experimental data from RUN8: Xe+Cs@3.8A GeV (VF-tracking)
- Time-of-flight information is taken from TOF-400 and TOF-700 detectors
- Tracks are reconstructed in tracking system within the magnetic field

Tracking system

## Time-of-flight system



- Time-of-flight information is taken from TOF-400 and TOF-700 detectors
- The time-of-flight (ToF) system is based on the start time T0 detector near the target and two walls of multi-gap resistive plate chambers (mRPC)
- Time resolution of TOF-700 chamber ~60 ps
- Time resolution of ToF-400 chamber ~50 ps

# DCM-QGSM-SMM Xe+Cs@3A GeV: vs p/q distribution for charged particles



Momentum depends on  $\Box$  with m2 as a parameter

## Matching distance vs m<sup>2</sup> for all charged particles

Matching distance - distance from particles track to its hit in ToF.



Cuts on Matching Distance: M dist <= 2 (for ToF-400) и M dist <= 4 (for ToF-700) - to reduce background.

# • $<m^2 > m^2 vs p/q$ for selected primary protons



#### Results for applying the selection criteria based on m<sup>2</sup>



#### RUN8 Data: m2 vs p distribution for charged particles



- <m2> depends on momentum
- The width of the distributions for each species is rather large
  - Further calibration of TOF-data is required

#### Fitting the mass distribution in narrow p/q ranges for protons



p/q (GeV/c)

## RUN8 Data: proton candidates $p_{T}$ vs y



### Fitting the mass distribution in narrow p/q ranges for $\pi$ -



p/q (GeV/c)

## RUN8 Data: $\pi$ - candidates $p_{\tau}$ vs y





# Summary

- Proton identification procedure was tested on MC-simulation of BM@N experiment based on GEANT4 model and DCMQGSM-SMM Xe+Cs@3.0AGeV events as an input
  - Misidentification ratio is found to be below 1%
- Charged hadrons identification was performed for recent physical run of the BM@N experiment in Xe+Cs@3.8A GeV collisions:
  - Rather wide distribution of m2 was observed for all particle species, further calibration of TOF-data is required
  - Protons and negatively charged pions were selected using via fitting the m2 distribution in narrow momentum ranges
- TODO:
  - Compare the results for different tracking
  - Check the run-by-run systematics

# $\boldsymbol{p}_{T}$ vs y for proton identification performance



Misidentification of protons in the selection is mostly under 1%.

# $p_{T}$ vs y for proton candidates





All candidates - all particles that passed the selection. True proton - particles that passed the selection and are protons.

Most of the selected particles are protons.

# $p_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$ vs y for proton candidates



False candidates - particles that passed the selection, but are not protons

# $p_{\rm T}$ vs y for primary protons without hit in ToF

Particles without hit in ToF-system are unidentifiable.



# $\boldsymbol{p}_{T}$ vs y for primary sim protons

Sim protons - protons from GEANT4 simulation.  $\frac{3}{8}$ 

Identification ratio - ration true and false proton candidates to all candidates - demonstrate selection efficiency.



# $\boldsymbol{p}_{T}$ vs y for proton identification efficiency



Most of the protons were selected using the ToF-method

# $\boldsymbol{p}_{T}$ vs y for proton identification performance



#### m<sup>2</sup> vs p/q distribution for all charged particles

ToF-400

ToF-700



- No significant dependency of <m2> on momentum is observed
- We observe wider band for each particle species with larger momentum

#### m<sup>2</sup> vs p/q for all reconstructed protons

Protons were selected via PDG code of sim particle associated with track



Cut on PDG code was used to suppress contribution from other particle species.





