Towards understanding of \$K^0_s meson production in hadronic interactions

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NA61/SHINE Collaboration arXiv:2402.17025v1 [hep-ex] 26 Feb 2024 K0s meson production in inelastic p+p interactions at 31, 40 and 80 GeV/c beam momentum measured by NA61/SHINE at the CERN SPS



SMASH ~ O.K., EPOS O.K. at 158 GeV/c, PHSD - ???

Experimental data and models + FTF



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Study of 2-particles transverse momentum correlations of Ks0-mesons in proton-proton interactions

V.Abramov et al, Possible studies at the first stage of the NICA collider operation with polarized and unpolarized proton and deuteron beams, arXiv:2102.08477 *Phys.Part.Nucl.* **52 (2021) 6, 1044-1119 SPD collabotation** Spin effects in elastic scattering and hyperon production, study of multiquark correlation, dibaryon resonances, exclusive reactions, open charm and charmonia near threshold. Minimal bias interactions will be studied also at SPD. *2-particles transverse momentum correlations of* Λ *-hyperons in PP and DD interactions can be studied at SPD.*

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1. The method of study of 2-particle Pt-correlations

2. 2-particle Pt correlations of Ks0-mesons in PP-interactions in Geant4/FTF model

3. The Pt correlations of in Ks0-mesons PP-interactions in Pythia model and comparison with FTF ones.

Towards Study of 2-Particle Pt Correlations



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e+e- PHYSICS AT PETRA – **THE FIRST FIVE YEARS,** Sau Lan WU and *DESY.*

Jets in High Energy Physics





Two-particle correlation functions for beam (left) and thrust (right) axis analyses with offline multiplicity $N_{offline Trk} \ge 12$.



What to do at lower energies when jets are not produced?

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K_{s}^{0} - (Λ or anti- Λ)- hadron correlations in pp collisions at \sqrt{s} = 13 TeV ALICE Collaboration



Fig. 1 An example of the raw same-event (left), mixed-event (middle) and final (mixed-event scaled, right) two-dimensional correlation function for K_S^0 -hadrons. The correlation functions were scaled with

1/1000 for better visibility. The plateau in the left and middle plot is caused by non-equal selection in η of the trigger and associated particle



Exp. data on K_8^0 -and (Λ anti- Λ) - hadron correlations were compared with predictions of Pythia, EPOS models.



Method of study 2 particle's Pt-correlations

1. We calculated 1000000 proton-proton interactions at \sqrt{S} =10 GeV using FTF and Pythia generators in SPDRoot version 4.1.6.1

2. We selected events with production of Ks0-mesons, and calculated:

 $Cos(\phi_K0s) = Px_K0s / Pt_K0s$ Sin(ϕ_K0s) = Py_K0s / Pt_K0s



3. For these events we transformed Px and Py momenta of particles associated with Λ –hyperon in the new rotated coordinate system:

Px' = Px * $Cos(\phi_K0s)$ + Py * $Sin(\phi_K0s)$ Py' = - Px * $Sin(\phi_K0s)$ + Py * $Cos(\phi_K0s)$ (It is obviously, that for K0s Px'=Pt; Py'=0)

4. We performed analysis of transformed Px' and Py'² of particles produced with K0s - mesons.

Comparison of Px' of Λ -hyperons and protons associated with K⁰_s - mesons in PP- events calculated by FTF

 $< Px'_K^0 > = 470.8 \text{ MeV/c}, N_K^0 = 57897$



<Px'_Pr> = - 87.5 MeV/c, N_Pr = 58959

Px' of particles associated with K_{s}^{0} – meson in PP-events calculated by FTF generator <Px' K_{s}^{0} > = 470.8 MeV/c



<Px'_Λbar> = -67.1 MeV/c , **<Px'_K+>=-103.6 MeV/c**, **<**Px'_K- > = -78.8 MeV/c <Px'_π0> = -26 MeV/c, **<**Px'_π+>=-20 MeV/c, **<**Px'_π- > = -27 MeV/c

Correlations of mean Px' of Λ -hyperons, K+, protons and π - mesons with K^0_s – meson Px' in PP-events calculated by **FTF** and **PyTHIA**



Comparison of correlations of mean Px' of Λ hyperons, protons, Kmesons and π -mesons with K^0_s – meson Px' in events calculated by **PYTHIA** and **FTF**



Correlations of mean Py² of Λ - hyperons, protons K and π mesons with K⁰_s – meson Px' in PP-events calculated by **FTF and PyTHIA**



FTF

$${Py'}^2 \Lambda >= 193 (MeV/c)^2$$

 ${Py'}^2 K+>= 151 (MeV/c)^2$
 ${Py'}^2 Pr >= 147 (MeV/c)^2$
 ${Py'}^2 \pi+>= 75 (MeV/c)^2$
 $PyTHIA$
 ${Py'}^2 \Lambda >= 232 (MeV/c)^2$
 ${Py'}^2 Pr >= 211 (MeV/c)^2$
 ${Py'}^2 K+>= 188 (MeV/c)^2$
 ${Py'}^2 \pi+>= 98 (MeV/c)^2$

Comparison of correlations of mean Py'² of Λ hyperons, protons, K- and π mesons with K⁰_s – meson Px' in events calculated by FTF and PYTHIA



Table of Numbers and mean values of Px' and Py'² of particles associated with K_{s}^{0} – meson in PP-events at \sqrt{S} = 10 GeV

Gene- rator	Κ ⁰ s	٨	K+	K-	Λbar	Proton	π+	π-	π0
FTF	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
	57897	11509	22401	13779	200	58959	131387	85365	121901
Pythia	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
	78850	28219	29466	20857	573	74571	201812	129411	182025
FTF	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>
	471	-224	-104	-77	-67	-87	-30	-27	-26
Pythia	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>	<px></px>
	523	-88	-75	-63	-77	-128	-31	-33	-34
FTF	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py²></py²>	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py<sup>2></py<sup>
	0	193	151	122	202	147	75	73	72
Pythia	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py²></py²>	<py²></py²>	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py²></py²>	<py<sup>2></py<sup>	<py²></py²>
	0	232	188	158	222	211	98	97	91

Summary

- 1. We observe strong 2-particle Pt correlations between K⁰_s mesons and strange particles in PP interactions according to Geant4 FTF model.
- 2. Event generators Pythia and Geant4 FTF give different predictions for these correlations. FTF model predicts stronger correlations between strange particles than Pythia model.
- 3. According to Pythia generator, 2-particle Pt correlations between K_{s}^{0} mesons and protons stronger than in FTF generator.
- 4. FTF predicts lower values of mean Py² of associated particles with K⁰_s mesons than PyTHIA generator.
- 5. The Pt correlations are connected with main assumptions of various string models used in Pythia and Geant4 FTF.
 - Study of correlations allows tuning and calibration of the main simulation generators -- Pythia and Geant4 in high energy physics!

Correlations of mean Px', Py'² of Λ -bar hyperons, K and π mesons with Λ hyperon Px' in PP-events calculated by PYTHIA



 $Py'^{2} \Lambda bar > = 193 (MeV/c)^{2} Py'^{2} K0 > = 156 (MeV/c)^{2} Py'^{2} \pi 0 > = 74 (MeV/c)^{2}$

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Px' of particles associated with Λ hyperons in PP- events calculated by **Pythia**

We calculated 1000000 PP-events at \sqrt{S} =10 GeV using Pythia in SPDRoot



<Px'_ Λ > = 613 MeV/c, N_ Λ =100281; <Px'_ Λ bar>=-80 MeV/c, N_ Λ bar=2731
<Px'_K0> = -83 MeV/c, <Px'_K+>=-90 MeV/c, <Px'_K-> = -91 MeV/c
<Px'_ π 0> = -36 MeV/c, <Px'_ π +>=-55 MeV/c, <Px'_ π -> = -18 MeV/c

K+, K- and K0s in FTF model



All O.K. with K0s. K- ~ O.K. There is exp. problem with K+!