

# Status of the physics studies by MEPhl group



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## Introduction: MEPhI group activities

BBC detector development with JINR group (see talks by Andrey Durov and others, presented on Tuesday)

Preparation for mass-production of a reduced size (128 tiles/wheel) prototype



Tests with CAEN FERS 5202 +Alternative to CAEN 5202 electronics

#### Detailed tile-to-tile GEANT4 modeling



- SiPM "Transmission boxes" development
- Optical cable (clear) and connectors development

#### X-ray scanner For BBC tile testing



#### <u>Today:</u>

- Investigation of BBC performance basing on its current G4 geometry using SPDRoot
- Development of the SPD heavy ion program: limits from Straw tracker, particle spectra and flows
- $\succ$  J/ $\Psi$  angular coefficient study

physics

detectors

### First look at the BBC occupancy maps for different colliding systems

- Occupancies with O+O, Kr+Kr, Xe+Xe systems.
- UrQMD generator, full SPDRoot chain (only BBC enabled), minbias 50 kEvents.
- sqrt(s<sub>NN</sub>)=12 GeV (6 GeV in back-up).





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## Ion physics at SPD

What can be done?

Study the quark-gluon matter properties in small systems (p+p, d+d, O+O, Ar+Ar, Xe+Xe ...)

- Influence of the initial state on the system dynamics
- Dynamics and final state effects, transport coefficients
- Vortical structure
  - Access via various particle decays (hyperons, meson resonance and J/psi) in a broad acceptance.
  - Energy dependence of vortical structure.
- Heavy flavor production
  - Dissociation and recombination, partonic energy loss.
  - Access to J/psi and charmonium via dielectron and dimuon channels.

#### Why SPD?

- High trigger rates and spatial resolution.
- Large pseudorapidity acceptance.
- Complementary to MPD, but with unique physics opportunities.



### **Straw tracker occupancies**

- The limitation could come from the straw tracker since the high charged particle multiplicity events (ion-ion collisions) lead to degradation of the detector resolution.
- > The ongoing study is aimed to determine occupancy effects on the tracking efficiency.
- **pp**: Minbias events using Pythia8, 10 GeV, 10k events through the full SPDRoot chain
- XeXe: Minbias events using UrQMD model, 10 GeV, 10k events through the full SPDRoot chain



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### Straw tracker track reconstruction

"First" tracks were taken.

To test the resolution change we check the track quantity (reco\_pT-truth\_pT)/truth\_pT. **pp collisions** 



Momentum resolution is about **3.6%** in pp collisions.

### Ion physics at SPD: spectra

#### Yields and $p_T$ spectra of of identified hadrons in Ar+Ar collision

UrQMD, Ar+Ar, √s<sub>NN</sub> = 4, 10, 14.5 GeV

~ 10M events



Spectra and yields of identified hadrons allow to get values of freezeout and that may provide information about the temperature of the system and chemical potentials.

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## Ion physics at SPD: directed flow

#### $v_1$ of identified hadrons for cent 0-10%, 10-40% and 40-80%



 $v_n$  is sensitive to the early stages of collision, may provide information of transport properties: EOS,  $\eta/s$ ,  $\zeta/s$ , etc.

### Angular coefficients in $J/\Psi$ events using lepton pairs in pp



J/ $\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ; BF = 5.96 ± 0.03%, Γ = 304 ± 9 keV

 $\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T dy dm d\cos \theta \, d\varphi} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{d\sigma^{U+L}}{dp_T dy dm} \left[ \left( 1 + \cos^2 \theta \right) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{A}_0 \left( 1 - 3\cos^2 \theta \right) + \mathbf{A}_1 \sin 2\theta \cos \varphi + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{A}_2 \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\varphi \right]$ 

$$A_0 = \frac{2 \, d\sigma^L}{d\sigma^{U+L}}, \qquad A_1 = \frac{2\sqrt{2} \, d\sigma^I}{d\sigma^{U+L}}, \qquad A_2 = \frac{4 \, d\sigma^T}{d\sigma^{U+L}},$$

The Collins-Soper (CS) reference frame:  $\theta = \theta_{CS}, \varphi = \varphi_{CS}$ 



 $\sigma^{L}$ ,  $\sigma^{T}$ ,  $\sigma^{I}$  - the longitudinal, the transverse and the longitudinaltransverse interference cross sections.

 $\sigma^{U+L}$  - the unpolarized production cross section.

*Mirkes E., Kim C. S. J/\Psi decay lepton distribution in hadronic collisions //Physics Letters B.* – 1995. – *T.* 346. –  $N_{2}$ . 1-2. – *C.* 124-128.

## $J/\psi$ kinematic distributions

- Using the Pythia8 generator, 100k events with  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=10$  GeV were simulated under the conditions of the first phase of the SPD experiment.
- The KFParticle package was used to reconstruct  $J/\psi$ .
- When selecting muons, their PDG codes and the type of the parent particle were checked.





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### Muon kinematic distributions from $J/\psi$ decays





When selecting muons, only their PDG codes were required.

#### **Current status:**

working on implementing folded polynomial templates into the analysis code.

## Conclusions

MEPhI group contributes to detector construction and physics studies.

#### BBC detector:

- BBC detector developments are performed in close cooperation with the JINR group.
- > First estimation of the BBC occupancies was obtained.

#### □ Physics analyses:

- First look at the straw tracker performance for different colliding nuclei systems: occupancies, track momentum resolution.
- > Spectra for the  $\pi^{\pm}$ ,  $K^{\pm}$ , p and anti-p were constructed for Ar+Ar and pp at SPD energies using UrQMD.
- > Directed flow  $v_1$  of charged hadrons was estimated using UrQMD.
- > Status of J/ $\psi$  angular coefficients study was presented.

and many more is in progress!

### **Back-up slides**



### **BBC occupancies for different colliding systems**

0+0

100

80

60 40

20

0-

-20

-40 -60

-80

Y coord (cm)

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hHitMap

Entries

Mean x

Mean y

Std Dev x

Std Dev y

Hit Map of BBC

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845501

-0.02952

0.07885

25.7

25.63

1200

1000

800

600

400

200

### **BBC occupancies for different colliding systems: final particles**

O+O collisions sqrt(s<sub>NN</sub>)=6 GeV (left); sqrt(s<sub>NN</sub>)=12 GeV (right)



### **BBC geometry performance**



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## **Ion physics at SPD**

- Searching for the critical point and phase boundary in the QCD phase diagram is currently a focus of experimental and theoretical nuclear physics research.
- Spectra and yields of identified hadrons allow to get values of freeze-out such as T, μB and may provide information about particle production mechanisms.
- $v_n$  sensitive to the early stages of collision, may provide information of transport properties: EOS,  $\eta/s$ ,  $\zeta/s$ , etc.
- Global hyperon polarization as a probe of vortical structure.



• Heavy flavor production.

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 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 10 GeV$ 

Centrality (%)	β	T (MeV)
0–5%	0.490 ± 0.001	93.3 ± 0.3
5–10%	0.487 ± 0.002	92.5 ± 0.3
10–20%	0.483 ± 0.003	88.0 ± 1.0
20–30%	0.474 ± 0.004	91.0 ± 1.0
30–40%	0.475 ± 0.004	91.4 ± 1.0
40–50%	0.422 ± 0.006	108.0 ± 1.0
50–60%	0.449 ± 0.008	96.0 ± 2.0

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## $J/\psi$ angular coefficients study: Methodology overview

- Build reference coefficients Airef with moments method from MC predictions
- Fold signal templates using  $Ai_{ref}$  and MC simulation
- Build background, data templates
- Make workspace (containing likelihood, data, parameters)
- Fit Ais,  $\sigma$ , NPs



Folded polynomial templates are used to build a likelihood

Variational templates also present to take into account systematic uncertainties

Angular coefficients are parameters that normalize the polynomial templates

Cross-section scales all signal templates independently in each measurement bin

Background templates are added to likelihood

Maximum likelihood fit is performed to the **reconstructed data** to determine the coefficients and crosssections in full phase space of leptons

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