



Reconstruction of \Sigma^0 hyperons at the MPD Experiment

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Motivation





The main purpose of the MPD experiment is to search for the first order phase transition and the critical end-point

Hyperons production in heavy-ion collisions is important for addressing many open questions

Phase diagram

MPD detector

 $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda + \gamma \ (BR \approx 100\%)$:

$$M_{\Sigma^0} = 1192.642 \pm 0.024 \text{ MeV}$$

 $\tau_{\Sigma^0} = 7.4 \pm 0.7 \times 10^{-20} s$

- Study of strangeness production mechanisms
- Feed-down contribution to Λ and photon spectrum
- As a reference to tune the event generators and models



Dataset

- Collision system: Bi+Bi@9.2 GeV
- Event generator: UrQMD
- Production: 50M events <u>https://mpdforum.jinr.ru/t/request-25-general-purpose-50m-urqmd-bibi-9-2-second-collaboration-paper/455</u> + 15M events <u>https://mpdforum.jinr.ru/t/request-34-general-purpose-15m-urqmd-bibi-9-2-dielectron-enhanced/618</u>
- Analysis Train (Wagon pairGLambda):<u>https://mpdforum.jinr.ru/t/request-12-input-request-25-request-34/682</u>
- \blacktriangleright Event cut: Primary vertex of event reconstructed and vertex_z cut < 100 cm

Photon Reconstruction

The photon from the Σ^0 is very soft (low energy) due to the small mass difference between Σ^0 and $\Lambda (m_{\Sigma^0} - m_{\Lambda} \approx 77 \text{ MeV})$.

Energy resolution of the TPC is better than that of ECal at low energy.



The best way would be to reconstruct photons from photon conversion: $\gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^-$.

Photon Conversion

Photon will convert into a positron-electron pair when it interacts with the materials in the detectors, the probability of photon conversion strongly depends on the material budget



Beam pipe: r = 4 cmTPC inner structures : r = 27 cm

Only about 2% photon conversion can be detected

Photon Reconstruction

Photon reconstruction by photon conversion: $\gamma^* \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

Electron identification by TPC and TOF:

- $n_{hits} > 10$
- $p_T > 0.05 \text{ GeV/c}$
- $n\sigma_{el}^{tpc} < 3.0$
- $n\sigma_{el}^{tof} < 3.0$ (if TOF Match)

Pair's variables:

- dca: distance of closest approach for e^+e^- tracks
- Chi2: quality of the secondary vertex reconstruction
- angle: between $\vec{r} \& \vec{p}$
- decay length: the distance from primary vertex to V0 vertex
- mass: the mass of mother particle of e^+e^- pair



Topological structure of photon conversion

Photon Reconstruction



The black dotted curves as selection, which a range accounts for 90% of photon in the total signal.



The purity of photons was large than 90% at $0.1 < p_T < 1.0 \text{ GeV/c}$

Λ Reconstruction

Λ reconstruction by the decay channel with BR ≈ 64.1%: $Λ → p + π^-$

p and π^- are selected by the TPC and TOF.

- $n_{hits} > 24$
- $p_T > 0.1 \; {\rm GeV/c}$



P+

V0

dca

Σ^0 Reconstruction

 γ (PCM)+ Λ pairs



The width of Σ^0 reconstruction by EMC method was large than PCM method

The EMC method had many backgrounds that cannot be extracted by mix events

Σ^0 Reconstruction



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Backup

Photon



Resolution



function, the Gaussian fitted sigma as a resolution.

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Efficiency and purity



Purity



- $PhiV < 1.0\sigma_{PhiV}$
- $Disth < 1.0\sigma_{disth}$
- $\chi^2 < 1.0\sigma_{\chi^2} \&\&p_T > 1.5$
- angle $< 1.0\sigma_{angle}$
- $Mass < 1.0\sigma_{Mass}$

- Dist: *dist* < 1.0
- Chi2: $\chi^2_{\Lambda} < 3.0$
- Angle : *angle* < 0.1
- Decay: *decay* > 0.5
- Mass: $|M_{p\pi^-} M_{\Lambda}| < 0.004$

EMC Photon



Purity



- Chi2: $\chi^2 < 4$
- Time: $T_{cl} < 2$
- Match1:dphi < 10 && dz < 10
- Match2:

$$\frac{dz^2}{7.5^2} + \frac{dphi^2}{7.5^2} > 4$$

• Lambda:

$$\left(\frac{\lambda_{short} - 1.4}{0.9}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\lambda_{long} - 2.5}{1}\right)^2 < 1$$

Lambda













PCM True











EMC ratio



Normalized region

Mix event: 10(Vz)*10(Cen)*1 (EP)

