Directed flow v_1 of deuterons in Xe+CsI collisions at 3.8A GeV

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Anisotropic flow

Spatial asymmetry of the initial state matter transforms into momentum anisotropy of the produced particles

$$E\frac{d^3N}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2N}{p_t dp_t dy} (1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos(n(\phi - \Psi_r)))$$
$$v_n = \langle \cos(n(\phi - \Psi_r)) \rangle$$

Coefficients v_n quantify anisotropic transverse flow of particles

Anisotropic flow is sensitive to:

- Time of the interaction between overlap region and spectators
- Compressibility of the created matter



The BM@N Setup: Xe+CsI 3.8A Gev



Event and track selection criteria

Event selection criteria:

Physical runs Central collision trigger CCT2 at least 2 tracks in vertex $Vtx_R < 1 \text{ cm}$ $Vtx_7 < 0.1 \text{ cm}$

Track selection criteria:

Outside the FHCal acceptance

 $N_{hits} > 5$ $\chi 2 < 5$ DCA < 5 cm



Particle Identification



Deuteron identification criteria



 $N-\sigma$ distributions for deuteron candidates Solid lines represent the selection criteria for different p/q ranges.

m²-distribution in narrow p/q ranges



m^2 -distribution in p_{τ} -y windows



m² particle distribution in p_{τ} and y bins in the TOF700

Particle Identification



m² versus p/q distribution of the selected deuteron candidates

Deuteron p_T -y acceptance



Flow vectors

A unit u_{nk} vector is defined in the transverse plane for each particle k

 $u_{n,k} = e^{in\phi_k}$

Event flow vector Q_n - an estimate of the reaction plane

$$Q_n = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{M} w_k u_{n,k}}{\sum_{k=1}^{M} w_k} = |Q_n| e^{in\Psi_n^E}$$

 Ψ_n^E - n-th harmonic event plane angle, *M* - multiplicity of particles in the group.

Resolution

Scalar product method

$$v_1=rac{\langle u_1Q_1^{F1}
angle}{R_1^{F1}}$$

The resolution correction factor R_n

$$R_1^{F1}=\langle \cos(\Psi_1^{F1}-\Psi_1^{RP})
angle$$

Using three groups of particles and the pairwise correlations of Q_n , R_n reads

$$egin{aligned} R_1^{F2(F1,F3)} &= rac{\sqrt{\langle Q_1^{F2}Q_1^{F1}
angle \langle Q_1^{F2}Q_1^{F3}
angle}}{\sqrt{\langle Q_1^{F1}Q_1^{F3}
angle}} \ R_1^{F2\{Tp\}(F1,F3)} &= \langle Q_1^{F2}Q_1^{Tp}
angle rac{\sqrt{\langle Q_1^{F1}Q_1^{F3}
angle}}{\sqrt{\langle Q_1^{Tp}Q_1^{F1}
angle \langle Q_1^{Tp}Q_1^{F1}
angle}} \end{aligned}$$



Symmetry plane resolution as a function of centrality



Different estimations of R_1 are in reasonable agreement for all three symmetry planes.

 v_1 for deuterons from the TOF400 and TOF700



v₁ for deuterons identified separately with TOF400 and TOF700 are in a good agreement



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v<sub>1</sub>: effect of applying efficiency correction
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Systematics due to tracking and secondary particles



Systematics due to run-by-run variations



Systematics due to contamination from other particle species



Systematics due to symmetry plane estimation (non-flow)



The systematics for combined (F2+F3) planes is below 2%

Total systematics estimation

N _{hits}	Chi2/N DF	DCA	Vtx	runld	centrality	non-flow	Identification	total
3%	2%	1%	3%	4%	5 %	2 %	5%	9%

v_1 of protons and deuterons as a function of y and p_T



v_{1} of protons and deuterons as a function of \boldsymbol{p}_{T}



Scaled v_1 of protons and deuterons as a function of scaled p_T/A



The slope of v_1 of deuterons at midrapidity as a function of collision energy



Directed flow slope of deuterons at midrapidity dv_1/dy is found to be in a good agreement with existing world data.

The slope of v_1 of deuterons at midrapidity $dv_1/dy_{cm} | y_{cm} = 0$ as a function of collision energy.

Summary

- v₁ of deuterons was measured differentially as a function of transverse momentum, rapidity and centrality
- The systematic uncertainty due to track quality, secondaries contamination, contamination from different particle species and run-by-run variations were estimated. The total systematic uncertainty was found to be bellow 9%
- The directed flow v₁ of protons and deuterons was studied for mass-number scaling. v₁ for protons and deuterons follow the scaling
- The directed flow slope at midrapidity $dv_1/dy|_{y=0}$ was extracted. Value for $dv_1/dy|_{y=0}$ is found to be in agreement with the world data

Backup

Particle Identification



m2 particle distribution in p_{τ} and y bins in the TOF700

STAR data: v_1 of protons and deuterons as a function of p_T



STAR data: scaled v_1/A of protons and deuterons as a function of scaled p_T/A



v_1 of protons and deuterons as a function of y and p_T



centrality 10-30% - for the BM@N data centrality 5-40% - for STAR



Systematics due to vertex position

