Performance for centrality determination and anisotropic flow measurement of the Forward Hadron Calorimeter (FHCal) for MPD detector at NICA

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Directed flow at NICA energies



Strong centrality dependence of directed flow of protons is expected at NICA energy range based on STAR preliminary data

Non-monotonic dv_1/dy behavior can signal the phase transition

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Elliptic flow at NICA energies



At Nuclotron-NICA energy range elliptic flow as a function of energy changes sign Both directed and elliptic flow can signal a first order phase transition

Multi-Purpose Detector (MPD) at NICA



Time projection chamber (TPC) Inner radius 27 cm, outer radius 140 cm, length 340 cm.



Forward Hadron Calorimeter (FHCal) 2 sub detectors located at z=+3.2 meters from interaction point

Transverse segmentation: 44 modules



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FHCal and TPC acceptance



Setup, event and track selection



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Combined particle identification based on TPC + TOF



Anisotropic flow performance

Event plane method

- Reaction plane is not known experimentally
- Finite number of detected particles leads to limited resolution of the event plane orientation
- Azimuthal angle of the event plane can be estimated from azimuthal angles of emitted particles:

$$\vec{Q}_{n} = [Q_{n,X}, Q_{n,Y}]$$

$$Q_{n,X} = \sum_{i} \omega_{i} \cos(n \varphi_{i}) = |\vec{Q}| \cos(n \Psi_{n,EP})$$

$$Q_{n,Y} = \sum_{i} \omega_{i} \sin(n \varphi_{i}) = |\vec{Q}| \sin(n \Psi_{n,EP})$$

$$i = 0 \dots N_{particles}$$

$$\Psi_{n,EP} = \frac{1}{n} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{Q_{n,Y}}{Q_{n,X}}\right)$$



Resolution correction factor



Good performance in the centrality range 0-80% for NICA collision energy range

Resolution correction factor: GEANT3 vs GEANT4 comparison



GEANT4 has more realistic hadronic shower simulation



Both directed and elliptic flow results after reconstruction and resolution correction are consistent to that of MC simulation

p_T dependence of directed and elliptic flow Au+Au, √s_{NN} = 5 GeV



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y dependence of directed and elliptic flow Au+Au, $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}} = 11 \text{ GeV}$



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Anisotropic flow performance summary

- Full reconstruction chain was implemented:
 - Combined particle identification based on TPC and TOF
 - Full tracking: latest version of cluster finder
 - Realistic hadronic simulation (GEANT4)
- Reconstructed v_1, v_2 are in agreement with MC simulated values

Centrality determination

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Impact parameter is not known

Experimentally:

Centrality classes determined based on a fraction of a total number of nucleus-nucleus inelastic collisions

Multiplicity of the produced particles and/or spectator's energy can be used for centrality determination

Centrality estimation using multiplicity distribution in TPC



- Good correlation between b and TPC Multiplicity
- Events were grouped in centrality classes based on multiplicity distribution

Impact parameter resolution is 5-10% for ~10-80% centrality range



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The fragment loss in the central area of the beam pipe limits range of the centrality determination using energy deposition in FHCal

Centrality estimation using FHCal-subevent energy correlation



Done by INR group Resolution of FHCal centrality using energy asymmetry is ~6% in mid-central collisions

Centrality determination summary

- Procedure for centrality determination using multiplicity from TPC or energy deposition from FHCal is developed:
 - Centrality classification using TPC allows for impact parameter resolution 5-10%
 - Centrality classification using FHCal allows for impact parameter resolution 5-10%
 - Combined centrality estimation based on both TPC and FHCal is under development

Thank you for your attention!

Backup

Track selection



Primary track selection



Distance of the closest approach (DCA) between TPC tracks and primary vertex

Tracks from secondary particles distort measured azimuthal flow coefficients

Introduced p_{τ} and η dependent 2σ DCA cut from Gaussian fit with smoothened p_{τ} dependence to second particle contamination

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Introduced p T and η dependent 2σ DCA cut from Gaussian fit with smoothened p T dependence to reduce secondary contamination

Primary track selection: 2σ cut



- Peak of the DCA distribution was fitted using gaus fit;
- σ given from that fit as function of p_{τ} was fitted using polynomial fit.
- Fitted polynomial function (*Pol*) was used for primary track selection: |DCA|<2*Pol*(p_⊤).

PID implementation in the performance study



Only tracks with TOF hit were selected

MpdPid method returns probability of the track to be the certain particle species

Only tracks with corresponding particle probability $P_{particle}$ >90% were selected



TOF identification significantly improves PID results in the high momenta region (p>1 GeV/c). It is based on the separation by the m² values.

Red lines on this figure show 3σ bands for pions, kaons and protons.

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PID implementation in the performance study



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Anisotropic flow in heavy-ion collisions



v_1/v_2 – directed/elliptic flow

Modeling directed flow at NICA energies



Both UrQMD and LAQGSM are in agreement with experimental measurements. For performance study UrQMD and LAQGSM are used.

EP method implementation

Q-vectors and Ψ_n were calculated both left and right FHCal parts in order to obtain EP resolution for half of the detector and then for full detector:

 E_i is the energy deposition in *i-th* FHCal module and φ_i is its azimuthal angle. For *m*=1 weights had different signs for backward and forward rapidity.

No gain calibration was used.



Event plane resolution factor

In order to exclude detector acceptance effects and get v_n one should calculate EP resolution factor first

Using 2-subevent method and extrapolation formula we get:

And then v_n will be

Resolution correction factor: GEANT3 vs GEANT4 comparison



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Azimuthal flow as function of centrality



Momentum range: $p_{\tau} = (0.2-3)$ GeV/c. Pseudorapidity range: $|\eta| < 1.5$.

No efficiency correction as a function of p T / η is applied Should be investigated in the future - not critical for TDR approval

Azimuthal flow as function of p_T 5 GeV 11 GeV



Azimuthal flow as function of y 5 GeV 11 GeV



Comparison with the old results



Old data: 2017 (FHCal TDR version) New data: 4M generated in 2018

Centrality was estimated using the multiplicity in TPC New tracking algorithm was used Difference in centrality determination is caused by new tracking

Centrality estimation with FHCAL is in progress

No correction yet for pT/η dependence of the PID efficiency

Comparison with other detectors: high granularity FHCal (highFHCal) and FHCal



Event plane resolution is comparable to that of FHCal and highFHCal

Beam energy dependence of v_1 slope and v_2



Zhang, Chao et al. arXiv:1803.02053 [nucl-ex]



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Both TPC track multiplicity and FHCal energy decomposition correlated with TPC track multiplicity can be used for centrality determination q/ 5 AGeV 2 detectors
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E_{dep}, Multiplicity GEANT3 vs GEANT4



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FHCal rings selection



- 2 FHCal detectors:
- Backward (B) in η<0
 Forward (F) in η>0
 3 FHCal modules groups:
 - Inner (0)
 - Middle (1)
 - Outer (2)





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F-B correlations of FHCal modules





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B-B & F-F correlations of FHCal modules



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E(ring) vs multiplicity in TPC



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E_F-E_B(ring) vs E_{Tot}



Impact parameter vs E,Mult



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