Anisotropic flow measurements from NA61/SHINE and NA49 scans at SPS

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Collision geometry and the anisotropic transverse flow

Asymmetry in coordinate space converts due to interaction into momentum asymmetry with respect to the symmetry plane:

$$\rho(\phi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} [1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos(n(\phi - \Psi_s))]$$



 $v_n = \langle \cos(n[\phi - \Psi_s]) \rangle$

 Ψ_{s} can be estimated with produced particles Ψ_{pp} or with projectile (target) spectators Ψ_{proj} (Ψ_{spec})

Needed components to calculate v_n :

- momentum (ϕ , y, p_T)
- centrality estimation
- particle identification
- + $\Psi_{\!_{s}}$ estimation

Pb beam energy scan with NA49 and NA61/SHINE



NA49:



- Four large-acceptance TPC-s
 - full coverage of forward hemisphere
 - tracking + identification down to $p_{\tau} \sim 0 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Forward rapidity calorimeter NA49: Ring (RCAL) + Veto (VCAL) calorimeters NA61/Shine: Projectile spectator detector (PSD)
- Pb+Pb beam energy (momentum) scan: NA49: 20A, 30A, 40A, 80A, 158A GeV data NA61/Shine: 13A, 30A, 150A GeV/c

Event & tracks selection, centrality estimation

Event Selection:

- Event has fitted vertex
- Good reconstructed vertex position
- Good beam position
- No overlap events



Track selection:

Number of clusters: $N_{clusters}$ [VTPC1+VTPC2] > 15 $N_{clusters}$ [Total] > 30 $0.55 < N_{cl}$ [Total] / N_{cl} [Total, Pot] < 1.1 Distance of closest approach to vertex $|b_x| < 2 \text{ cm}; |b_y| < 1 \text{ cm}$



Negative pions and protons identified using track energy losses (dE/dx)

Scalar product method with 1st harmonic Q-vector

TPC u-vector

$$u_n = (u_x, u_y) = (\cos n \phi, \sin n \phi)$$

PSD subevents **Q**-vector

$$Q_{1,i}^{A} = \frac{1}{E_{A}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{A}} E_{j} u_{1,i}^{j} \quad i = [x, y]$$



Directed flow:

A.B.C – PSD subevents

Elliptic flow:

$$v_2 = \frac{4 \langle u_{2,i} Q_{1,j}^A Q_1^B \rangle}{R_{1,j}^A R_{1,k}^B}$$

12 combinations

 $\mathsf{R}_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}^{\scriptscriptstyle A}$ – resolution correction factor

 $v_{1,i} = \frac{2 \langle u_{1,i} Q_{1,i}^A \rangle}{R_{1,i}^A}$ 6 combinations

Corrections for detector azimuthal non-uniformity



QnVector Corrections Framework

- Data driven corrections for azimuthal acceptance non-uniformity
 I. Selyuzhenkov and S. Voloshin [PRC77 034904 (2008)]
- QnVector Corrections Framework (used by ALICE)
 J. Onderwaater, V. Gonzalez, I. Selyuzhenkov https://github.com/FlowCorrections/FlowVectorCorrections
- Recentering, twist, and rescaling corrections applied time dependent (run-by-run) and as a function of centrality

QnTools Framework

- Extended flow-vector corrections for p_T/y -differential
- Multi-dimensional correlations of flow-vectors
 L. Kreis (GSI / Heidelberg) and I. Selyuzhenkov (GSI / MEPhI) https://github.com/HeavyIonAnalysis/QnTools

3 PSD + 1 TPC subevents resolution



"Systematics" for directed flow (v_1) negative pions



NA61/SHINE Preliminary results

Results are presented for correlations between charged pions and protons* (in the TPC acceptance) and all hadrons at forward rapidity (in the PSD (VCAL) acceptance)

The results are corrected only for azimuthal detector non-uniformity. No p_T/Y dependent efficiency correction applied. No corrections for secondary interactions and weak decays are done yet. Only statistical uncertainties are shown.

*hadrons produced by strong interaction processes and their electromagnetic decays

NA61/SHINE acceptance: TPC https://edms.cern.ch/document/1549298/1

Negative pion v_1 vs transverse momentum



- Strong centrality dependence of v₁(p_T)
- $v_1(p_T \sim 0 \text{ GeV}/c) \rightarrow 0$
- For mid-central v₁ changes sign at $p_{_{T}} \sim 1 \text{ GeV/}c$

- Significant mass dependence of $v_1(p_T)$

Slope of v_1 at midrapidity: comparison with STAR

* Proton and π^{\cdot} selection is tuned to fit STAR fxt acceptance



- Clear mass dependence
- Slope of $v_1(y)$ changes sign at ~70% centrality (protons) and ~20% centrality (π -)
- $v_1(y)$ slope extraction is sensitive to fitting function and rapidity range

Pion and proton $v_2(p_T)$ vs STAR FXT

* Proton and π^{-} selection is tuned to fit STAR fxt acceptance



Directed and elliptic flow energy dependence



strong energy dependence

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 change of sign moves to high-pT with increasing energy Weak energy-dependence

Summary

- Obtained preliminary results on directed and elliptic flow relative to spectator plane from NA49 and NA61/Shine Pb+Pb beam energy (momentum) scan data. Results are presented differentially vs transverse momentum, rapidity and centrality.
 - Negative pions and protons v_1 and v_2 for collisions at 13A GeV/c (NA61/Shine, 2015)
 - Charged pions and protons v_1 and v_2 for collisions at 30A GeV/c (NA61/Shine, 2016)
 - Negative pions v_1 for collisions at $E_{beam} = 40A$ GeV (NA49)
- New results are compared to STAR@RHIC beam energy scan program
- Energy dependence of v_1 and v_2 is presented

BACKUP

Pb-ion beam energy scan with NA49 (1996-2002)



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- Large acceptance hadron spectrometer (TPC)
 - full coverage of forward hemisphere
 - tracking + identification down to $p_T \sim 0 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Forward rapidity calorimeters
- Pb+Pb beam energy scan 20A, 30A, 40A, 80A, 158A GeV data

PSD Energy vs Charged tracks multiplicity



Clear anti-correlation – mostly spectators in PSD

QnTools setup for *u*- and *Q*-vectors

| | <i>u</i> -vector | Q-vector |
|---|---|----------------------|
| Subevents | Protons (TPC) Negative pions (TPC) Positive pions (TPC) | PSD1 PSD2 PSD3 |
| Weights | 1 | Energy in PSD module |
| Correction steps | Recentering Twist Rescale | Recentering |
| Correction axes | P _⊤ : [0.0, 3.0] GeV/ <i>c</i> , 10 bins <i>Y</i> : [-0.8, 1.6] 20 bins Centrality: 8 bins | Centrality: 8 bins |
| Total amount of <i>u</i> -and <i>Q</i> -vectors | 10 x 20 x 8 x 3 = 4800 | 8 x 3 = 24 |

3 PSD subevents resolution



$$R_{i,A}[B,C] = \sqrt{2 \frac{\langle Q_{i,A} Q_{i,B} \rangle \langle Q_{i,A} Q_{i,C} \rangle}{\langle Q_{i,B} Q_{i,C} \rangle}}$$

Resolution is biased due to self correlations: hadronic shower sharing between PSD subevents.



"Systematics" for directed flow (v_1) protons



Preliminary results for π^{-} and p: only X-component, PSD subevents are combined

Proton $v_1(y)$ vs with STAR FXT (13A GeV/c)



Slope of v_1 at midrapidity vs. centrality (13A GeV/c)



Slope extraction procedure:

- 1st order polynomial fit with 2 parameters (slope and offset):
- Offset for protons is below $6x10^{-3}$ for centrality 0-60% and increasing up to $3x10^{-2}$ for centrality >60%.

Observations:

- Slope of proton v₁ changes sign at about 70% centrality
- Slope of pions v₁ changes sign at about 20% centrality

Slope extraction is sensitive to fit function and rapidity range

Slope of v_1 at midrapidity vs. centrality (30A GeV/c)



Slope extraction is sensitive to fit function and rapidity range



Preliminary results for centrality dependence presented by STAR Collaboration: NPA 956 (2016) 260

Elliptic flow $v_2(p_T)$: particle type dependence



NA49 results: spectator (new) vs participant (published) plane



Observed difference between results relative to participant and spectator symmetry planes

Results relative to participant plane are corrected for global momentum conservation (following procedure in N. Borghini et al. Phys.Rev. C66 (2002) 014901)

Backup: Pb+Pb flow results in NA49 & NA61/SHINE

- 🗧 preliminary 📃 published 📒 in progress/to be done
- 13A GeV/c: Present talk
- 30A GeV/*c*:

NA61/SHINE measurements of anisotropic flow relative to the spectator plane in Pb-Pb collisions over a wide rapidity range (QM2018 talk) link

NA61/SHINE measurements of anisotropic flow relative to the spectator plane in Pb+Pb collisions at 30A GeV/c link

• 40A GeV (NA49)

(TPC only analysis) Directed and elliptic flow of charged pions and protons in Pb+Pb collisions at 40A and 158A GeV (2003) link
 Anisotropic flow measured in Pb-Pb collisions with the NA49 experiment at the CERN SPS (QM2018 poster) link

- **1**50A GeV/*c*
- 158A GeV (NA49)

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Negative pion v_{1vs} rapidity: comparison with STAR FXT Au+Au @ 4.5 GeV ($p_{LAB} = 9.8A$ GeV/c)

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