Centrality determination in heavy-ion collisions with CBM experiment

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Collision geometry

Heavy-ion collision geometry: impact parameter, number of participants, binary collisions.



Cannot be measured directly!

Centrality: estimating geometry in experiment

Collisions are grouped into event (centrality) classes with the most central class defined by events with the highest multiplicity (smallest forward rapidity region energy) which corresponds to small values of the impact parameter.



A procedure to convert between average model quantities (, <N_{part}>, etc) and measurable multiplicities / energies is needed.

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CBM experiment subsystems used in centrality determination



Projectile Spectator Detector (PSD)

STS TDR https://repository.gsi.de/record/54798

PSD TDR https://repository.gsi.de/record/109059

Silicon Tracking System (STS)

Simulation setup

| Models | UrQMD (no fragments), DCM-QGSM (with fragments) |
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| System | Au-Au |
| Energy | 10 AGeV |
| Statistics | ~0.5M events |
| CBM geometry | MVD, STS, RICH, TDR, TOF, PSD |
| PSD geometry | 44 modules, 4 central, 6 cm hole, elongated in x |
| Transport code | GEANT4 |
| Detector response | CBMRoot |

Centrality estimators in CBM



STS+MVD provide the multiplicity of produced particles.

Estimating model parameters with measured quantities



Events with multiplicities M± Δ M have impact parameter in range B± σ

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Centrality determination with track multiplicity



Average impact parameter versus centrality

Centrality selection for peripheral events (50-100%) is difficult due to low multiplicity.

Centrality determination with track multiplicity

Standard deviation of the impact parameter



With 5% wide centrality classes the impact parameter resolution is below 7% for midcentral events

Centrality determination with PSD energy



PSD is an independent centrality estimator. Impact parameter resolution obtained with PSD1 is comparable to that of the STS for central events and by ~20% worse than for midcentral

Simulation with fragments



Apply cuts on correlation to remove events with fragments. It introduces bias for centrality determination with PSD in very peripheral collisions

Combined centrality selection with PSD1 and STS



Centrality determination procedure for 2D correlation:

- Iterative fitting (profiling, fitting, profile perp. to the fit, refit)
- Slicing perpendicular to refit

Using correlation between track multiplicity and energy in PSD improves the impact parameter resolution in central (0-30%) collisions

Glauber Monte-Carlo fit

(similar to the approach used by ALICE at the LHC*)



*ALICE IJMPA 29 (2014) 1430044

Self-consistency of the fitting algorithm



Glauber Monte-Carlo fit for different multiplicity ranges



Best fit parameters are similar for different fit ranges. The best fit corresponds to small contribution of N_{coll} (f=1).

Extract model parameters with MC-Glauber



Extracted model parameters with MC-Glauber (both width and mean) are consistent with simulated DCM-QGSM values using multiplicity for centrality classes determination. For peripheral (>50%) collisions small difference for mean is observed.

Procedure for centrality determination

1. Determine the total cross-section and the "anchor" point (a value below which determination is not reliable) based on a fit with a Glauber model based function

2. Make all variables dimensionless

3. Parameterise the 2D correlation between multiplicity and/or PSD subgroup energies (in case of 2D analysis)

4. Slice the 2D correlation or 1D distribution

5. Using CentralitySlice objects to get centrality for a given event via user interface

Testing the procedure with real data (NA61/SHINE)

In reality performance of the detectors changes with time (detector gain variations, beam parameters variations, etc)



Run-by-run correction procedure was implemented for CBM

Summary

- Centrality Framework was developed for CBM. It includes the following components:
 - Centrality determination based on energy in PSD and track multiplicity
 - MC-Glauber fitting procedure to determine the total cross-section and the "anchor" point
 - Run-by-run equalization of centrality estimators
- Centrality Framework was tested with CBM simulations and NA61/SHINE Pb+Pb test data
 - The impact parameter resolution obtained with the PSD centrality estimation is comparable to that of the STS
 - PSD usage is limited due to loss of fragments in a beam hole

Next steps:

• Expand model parameters estimation for selection with PSD and correlation