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Study of Two Particle Azimuthal Correlation in pp and pPb Collisions at 5.02 TeV in ALICE



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Introduction



Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP):

- 1. Deconfined state of quarks and gluons
- 2. Thermally equillibrated state of matter

A Large Ion Collider Experiment (ALICE)



• <u>Time Projection Chamber</u> (TPC):

It is a gas detector and used for particle identification and tracking through momentum and energy loss measurement

Inner Tracking System (ITS):

ITS is silicon detector and used for-

 Primary vertex reconstruction
Particle identification
Tracking and standalone reconstruction of low *p_T* particles

It is a Calorimeter and it is used for centrality estimation through deposited energy of spectators

It is a scintilator detector used for centrality estimation using produced particles

Motivation



A. M. Sirunyan et al. (CMS Collaboration) https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.96.064902 Unexplained long J. Adam et al. [ALICE], Nature Phys. 13 (2017), 535-539 doi:10.1038/nphys4111 [arXiv:1606.07424 [nucl-ex]]

Unexplained long-range correlations observed in pPb collisions | CMS Experiment

- We know, in heavy-ion collisions, partons lose energy in the medium
- What should we see in angular correlation studies? Softer and broader distribution of hadrons around the jet axis than seen in pp
- The widths of the heavy-ion jet appear broader
- Effect is more in awayside as the recoiled parton travels through a significant amount of the medium
- Significant softening of the awayside jets has been observed in heavy-ion

We are probing the modification of jet-like yields and widths in pp and pPb collisions

A. Ohlson [STAR], "Jet-hadron correlations in STAR," J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 316 (2011), 012015, arXiv:1106.6032 [nucl-ex]



Measurement of correlation in data

- *What is Correlation ?* Given a particle (trigger), what is the probability of finding another particle (associated) at a relative angle
- Two particle correlation between pairs of triggers and associate hadrons in $\Delta\eta$ - $\Delta\phi$ space is defined as,

$$C(\Delta \phi, \Delta \eta) = \frac{1}{N_{trigger}} \frac{d^2 N_{asso}}{d\Delta \phi d\Delta \eta} \qquad \Delta \phi = \phi_{trig} - \phi_{asso}, \Delta \eta = \eta_{trig} - \eta_{asso}$$

The Same Event (SE):

$$S(\Delta \phi, \Delta \eta) = \frac{1}{N_{trigger}} \frac{d^2 N_{same}}{d\Delta \phi d\Delta \eta}$$

Physics correlation + finite detector acceptance effect + background due to uncorrelated pairs



The Background (ME):



Same Event

Mixed Event





Due to the finite acceptance in η the probability of reconstructing pairs in small $\Delta \eta$ is large (triangular shape) Pair acceptance







To correct for this pair acceptance and to remove background due to uncorrelated pairs : mixed event method is used

$$C(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi) = B(0, \pi) \frac{S(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi)}{B(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi)}$$

- We divide correlation functions of the Signal with mixed event to extract the physics correlation
- The pair counts in the mixed event are normalized with the value at(0, π) to make it 1



Analysis details

- <u>Dataset</u> : LHC16q pass2 dataset is used for pPb LHC17p_pass1 for pp
- <u>Event cuts</u>: Trigger kINT7 (V0AND, hit in both V0A and V0C): Minimum bias trigger and rejection of background events, |Z-Vertex| < 10 cm, Physics selection Task is used to select collision candidates in data and reject background and poor quality events
- <u>Track cuts:</u>
- ▶ |η| < 0.8</p>
- Filterbit96
- ▶ Trigger p_T : 8 < p_T < 16 GeV/c,
- > Associate p_T : 0.15 < p_T < 8 GeV/c
- Track merging correction is included
- Centrality estimator: V0A and ZNA are used for pPb

Preliminary Results

Raw correlation function



ZNA estimator

Number of pairs is increasing with increasing centrality

 $8 < p_{T,trigg} < 16 \text{ GeV/c}$

 $0.15 < p_{T,asso} < 8 \text{ GeV/c}$

Raw correlation function



V0A estimator

Number of pairs is increasing with increasing centrality

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0.15< p_{T,asso}<8 GeV/c

Raw correlation function



Number of pairs decreases with increasing the transverse momentum of associated particles



With the increase of associated transverse momentum width of the near-side peak is being decreased

Δφ projection of correlation function



Awayside and Nearside Yield

 $1.8 \leq \Delta \phi \leq 4.5$



Near side and away side yields are decreasing with increasing associated P_T



Yield is the area covered by the curve of certain range

 $-1.5 \leq \Delta \phi \leq 1.5$

Ratio of Yield

Raw Data



This ratio shows that both of the estimators can be used for centrality selection since the ratio becomes approximately 1









Summary

- Centrality dependence correlations between two hadrons for pPb collisions have been studied for VOA and ZNA estimators and for pp Minimum Bias (MB) as reference
- $\Delta \phi$ projection of correlation function shows that width of near side peak is being decreased with increasing associated transverse momentum
- Centrality dependence away-side and near-side yield have been studied for both V0A and ZNA estimators with associated transverse momentum
- Ratio of yields for different centrality classes has been measured using both of the estimators

Future Plan

- Raw data has to be corrected using simulation.
- Efficiency and secondary contamination have to be determined using Monte Carlo (MC) simulation, correction factor is to be calculated.
- Efficiency correction procedure can be validated by the Closure test.
- Correction factor is to be used in raw data to estimate the corrected data.

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