

Correlations and collective flow in pp and p+Pb collisions at the LHC energies

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Flow measurements in p+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ TeV have indicated the development of collective flow in the small systems created at the LHC. Using the ultrarelativistic quantum molecular dynamics (UrQMD) model, we investigate the azimuthal correlations in p+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ TeV with two- and four-particle cumulants. Our calculations indicate that pure hadronic interactions can not generate the collective flow as measured in experiments, additional effects from initial state and/or from the QGP are needed to reproduce the flow data[1]. Using the same flow analysis method, we explore the collective flow in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV with two different baseline calculations[2], including: 1. VISHNU hybrid model simulations that connect viscous hydrodynamics for the QGP expansion and UrQMD for the hadron resonance gas evolution, using smooth initial conditions, 2. VISHNU simulations with fluctuating initial conditions. Our calculations of multiplicity dependent elliptic flow are comparable with the recent measurements from ATLAS. We find that triangular flow (if observed) is one of the unique observable directly associated with the domain structures in the created small pp systems.

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