Measurement of Azimuthal Anisotropy with the New Reaction Plane Detector in the PHENIX experiment

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Azimuthal anisotropy





Spatial anisotropy in noncentral collision provides azimuthal anisotropy of Particle emission.

The large anisotropy is an Momentum anisotropy A hot and dense partonic matter.

$$\frac{dN}{d\Phi} \propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos 2(\Phi - \Psi)$$

 Ψ : reaction plane angle

Motivation of v_2 measurement



Large v_2 was observed in RHIC

The values agreed with hydro-dynamical models

It suggests rapid thermalization and quark flow.

KE_{T} and quark number scaling



- The values of v₂ are in proportion to the number of quarks
- heavy particle shifts to high p_T
- These agree very well by KE_τ/n_q scaling at low p_τ range.

$$KE_T = \sqrt{(M^2 - P_T^2)} - M$$

Reaction Plane Resolution



- Reaction plane resolution was ~0.4 before the introduction of the reaction plane detector.
 - The observed v₂
 strength is only less than 40% of its real value.
 - statistical power less than 1/6.

Reaction Plane Detector (RxP)

The reaction plane detector was installed just before Run7 (2007).



Acceptance of "RxP"



and the particles with more large v_2 .

RxP :
$$\eta = \pm 1 \sim 2.8$$
(blue)
BBC : $\eta = \pm 3.1 \sim 4$ (red)



New Reaction Plane Resolution



PID in PHENIX



v_2 before and after



Before (Run4)

BBC RP resolution (< 0.4) 0.8 billion events

After (Run7)

Better resolution of RxP (< 0.75) Higher statistical (3.5 billion) $_{10}$

Number scaling by quark or atom



 $v_2^d \sim 2 v_2^p$, $p_T^d \sim 2 p_T^p$

- Deuteron and proton are consistent almost on the number scaling.
- It is agree that the p and n have same v₂ and final state coalescence of them.
- Deuteron peak is expected at p_τ=6GeV/c.

KE_{T} scaling



- They are consistent between mesons or baryons.
- The values are decided by centrality, KE_T and quark number.
- Meson line and baryon line approach at high KE_T.

Quark number and KE_{T} scaling



- Consistent for all particles on KE_{T} and quark number scaling at KE_{T}/n_{q} <0.8GeV.
- They approach at high p_T. (deviate on KE_T/n_q scaling)
- This indicate a change of particle and v₂ production mechanism.

Heavy flavor and J/ ψ v₂



- The data at low pT favor the models that include quark level elliptic flow of charm.
- It could not be judged whether J/Psi succeeds the charm flow Because the poor statistics.
- B meson decay becomes a significant source above 2.5 GeV/c.

Summary

- The new reaction plane detector worked well.
 - Resolution is improved by a factor of two.
 - It means 4 times of statistic Power.
- Deuteron v_2 and p_{τ} are double of proton.
 - d and p are consistent on atom number scaling.
 - It agree the p-n coalescence in final state.
- v_2 is decided by centrality, KE_T and n_a on KE_T scaling.
 - Consistent for all particles on KE_{T} and n_{q} scaling at KE_{T} <0.8GeV.
- v_2 have no depend on particles at high p_T range.
 - Production mechanism is different.

 $v_2^d \sim 2 v_2^p$

 $p_T^d \sim 2 p_T^p$

Back up







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Correlation effect



v₂ is over estimated by correlation effect.

According to HIJING+PYTHIA, the effect by jet does not have any problem with η >1.5



Design and Geant simulation



Detector parameters were optimized with Geant simulation

Thickness

Scintillator 2cm

Converter 2cm

 Φ division into 12



Configuration of RxP

