

Physics beyond collider – future NA61

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NA61 physics program beyond 2020

Strong interaction program

Open charm in heavy ion collisions

Multi-strange hyperons in heavy ion collisions

Cosmic ray program

Fragmentation cross sections needed for interpretation of AMS-02 data

Neutrino program

Accelerator and atmospheric neutrino experiments expressed interest in thin-target measurements

Cosmic ray program

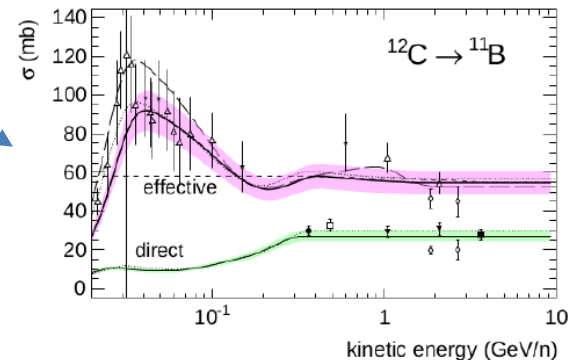
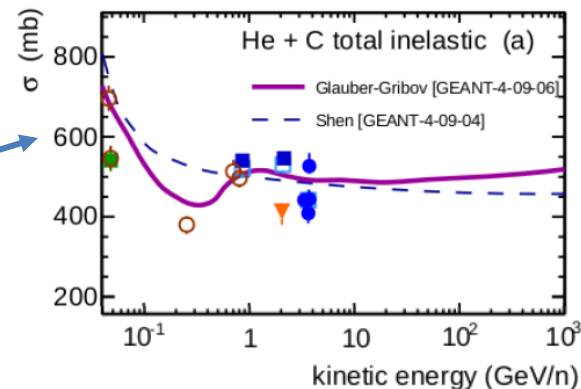
1G\$ (AMS) game-changing data 'cannot be' exploited because of GeV nuclear physics (XS uncertainties \gg AMS-02 data uncertainties)

Cosmic Ray data modelling requires

- Reaction cross-section (CR destruction)
- Production cross sections (secondary species)
- No data above 5 GeV/n

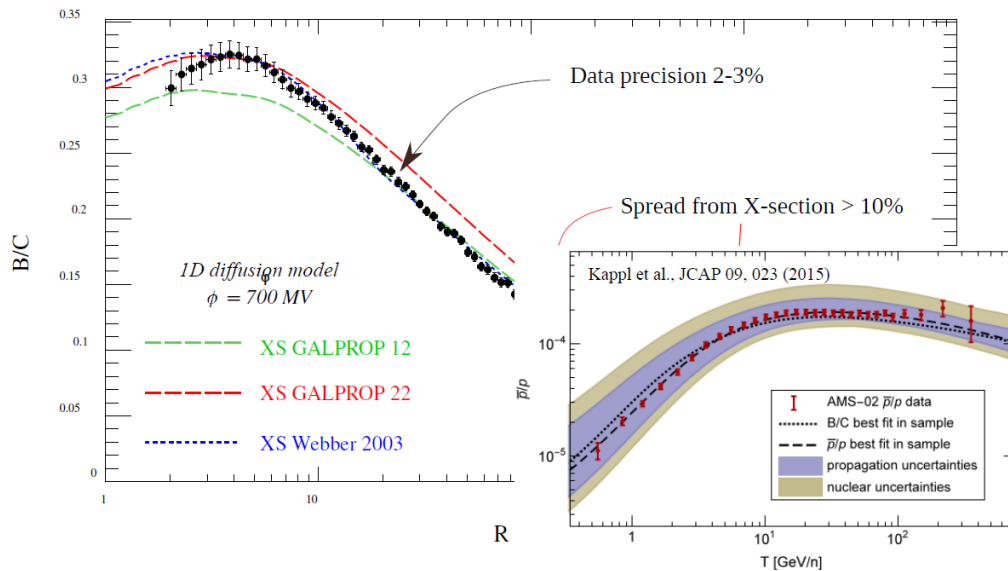
- Cross section uncertainties $\sim 10\text{-}15\%$
- AMS-02 uncertainties $\sim 3\%$

Tomassetti: arXiv1707.06917



Cosmic ray program

From Y. Genolini



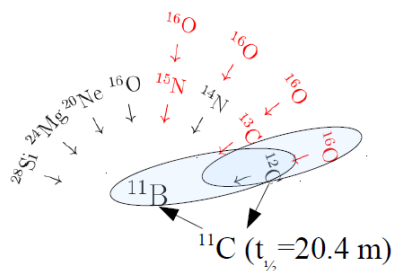
Nuclear cross section is dominant systematic uncertainty on transport parameters

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Ranking of individual XS (with short-lived nuclei)

[Set $\sigma_{(P+T \rightarrow F)} = 0$ one at a time, propagate, sort]

$$\sigma_{CR}^{P+T \rightarrow X} = \sigma_{Direct}^{P+T \rightarrow X} + \sum_i Br_i \sigma_{Ghost}^{P+T \rightarrow X(i \rightarrow X)}$$



→ Exactly what we need!

N.B.: flight time between target/detector determines which XS is measured (direct or cumulative of some sort)

Contributions (with ghosts) for B at 10 GeV/n

secondary = 84.7%
primary = 0%
radioactive = 15.3%

Sorted XS	Involved	XS[mb]
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	20.0%	30.0
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C}^{[20.4\text{m} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B}]})$	17.9%	26.8
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	19.9%	27.3
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	8.3%	12.3
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	8.1%	11.0
$\sigma(^{11}\text{B} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	4.4%	38.9
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C})$	3.0%	32.3
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	3.0%	36.6
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	2.9%	38.6
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C}^{[20.4\text{m} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B}]})$	2.6%	34.6
$\sigma(^{14}\text{N} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	2.6%	29.2
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{C}^{[19.3\text{s} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B}]})$	2.1%	3.1
$\sigma(^{13}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	1.5%	22.2
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{13}\text{O}^{[8.6\text{ms} \rightarrow ^{13}\text{C}]})$	1.4%	30.5
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	1.2%	14.7
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Energy	10 GeV/nuc	
1 step	80.6%	
2 steps	15.9%	
>2 steps	3.5%	
>1%	$^{11}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{12}\text{C}$	32.4%
	$^{11}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{16}\text{O}$	18.8%
	$^{10}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{12}\text{C}$	10.4%
	$^{10}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{16}\text{O}$	9.0%
	$^{10}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{11}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{12}\text{C}$	2.3%
	$^{11}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{24}\text{Mg}$	1.8%
	$^{11}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{12}\text{C} \leftarrow ^{16}\text{O}$	1.7%
	$^{11}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{15}\text{N} \leftarrow ^{16}\text{O}$	1.6%
	$^{11}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{14}\text{N}$	1.5%
	$^{11}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{28}\text{Si}$	1.4%
	$^{11}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{20}\text{Ne}$	1.4%
	$^{10}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{11}\text{B} \leftarrow ^{16}\text{O}$	1.3%
	$^{10}\text{Be} \text{ decay}$	3.4%
[0.1%, 1%] [0.01%, 0.1%] < 0.01%	# of reactions	Total
	28	8.8%
	90	3.5%
	277	0.7%

To reach 3% precision on B flux @10 GeV

Need a 2% precision on ~ 10 reactions

and 10% precision on the rest

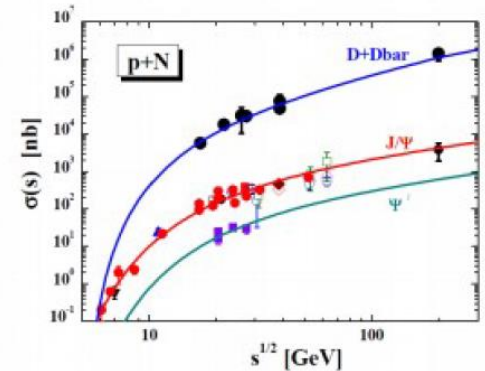
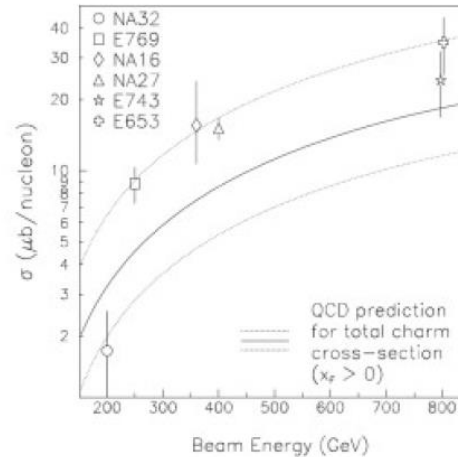
Energy dependent cross section measurement for all important reactions:

- parameterization
- compilation of data

Open charm and multi-strange hadron production

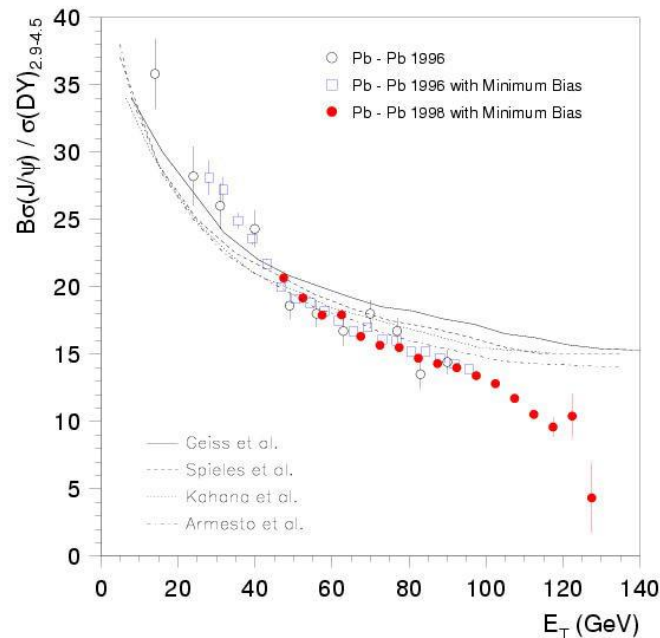
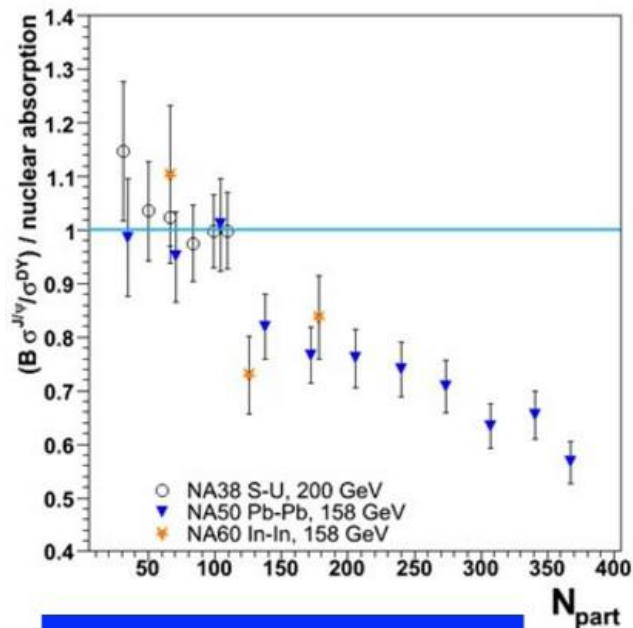
Why open charm:

- No measurements for A+A at SPS energies
- Important for onset of deconfinement



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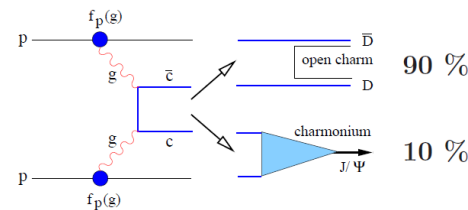
Extensive data on $\langle J/\psi \rangle$ production at SPS



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How to properly calibrate J/Ψ production
(Satz – NA61 beyond 2020 workshop)

charmonium production
in pp collisions



J/ψ measured in pp collisions is approximately

60 % direct $J/\psi(1S)$, 30 % $\chi_c(1P)$ & 10 % ψ' (2S) feed-down

narrow resonances \rightarrow decay outside interaction region

medium sees traversal of higher resonances

- crucial question:

are these features

(hidden/open, relative quarkonium fractions)

changed in nuclear collisions?

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modifications in nuclear collisions:

- initial state effects
 - pdf modification (shadowing, antishadowing)
 - energy loss of incident parton (gluon)
- final state effects
 - energy loss of primary $c\bar{c}$
 - cold nuclear matter effect on (nascent) charmonium
 - secondary matter effect on (nascent) charmonium

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previous analysis procedure:

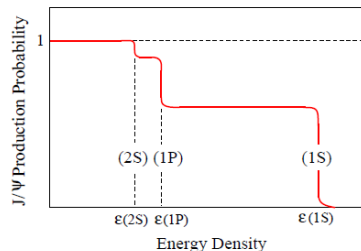
- measure production in pp and pA
 - determine pdf modification (shadowing, antishadowing)
 - determine parton energy loss
 - determine cold nuclear matter effect
- construct model for AA
 - scale pp by number of collisions
 - incorporate initial & cnm final state modifications
- compare to AA data: is there *anomalous behavior*?
 - i.e., something not accounted for by model → **inconclusive**

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Theoretical Scenarios

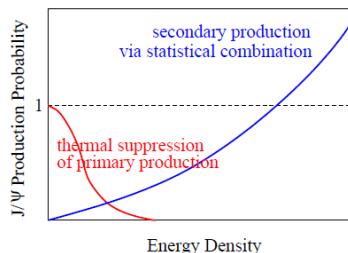
• sequential suppression

color screening dissociates charmonium states in QGP first higher excited states (2S), (1P), then ground state (1S)



• statistical enhancement

all primary charmonia dissociated at high collision energy, overabundance of charm quarks equilibration, $c\bar{c}$ excess survives hadronisation by statistical combination



- Both scenarios claim that presence of medium modifies the relative fraction of $c\bar{c}$ going into charmonia
- neither says anything about how many $c\bar{c}$ pairs are produced in AA relative to scaled pp

Conclusions

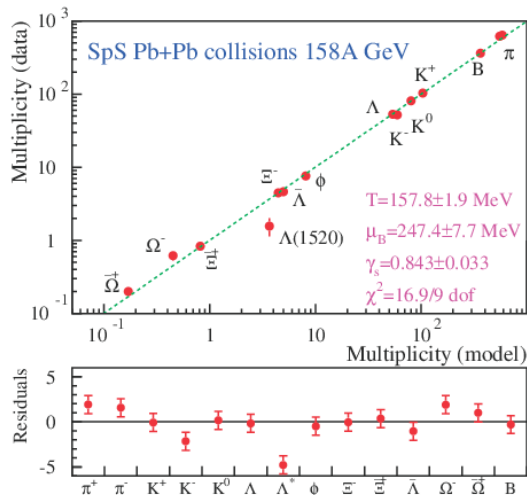
Only measurements of hidden/open heavy flavor production, measurements of excited/ground state quarkonium production in pp , pA , AA

can provide model-independent answers to model-independent questions.

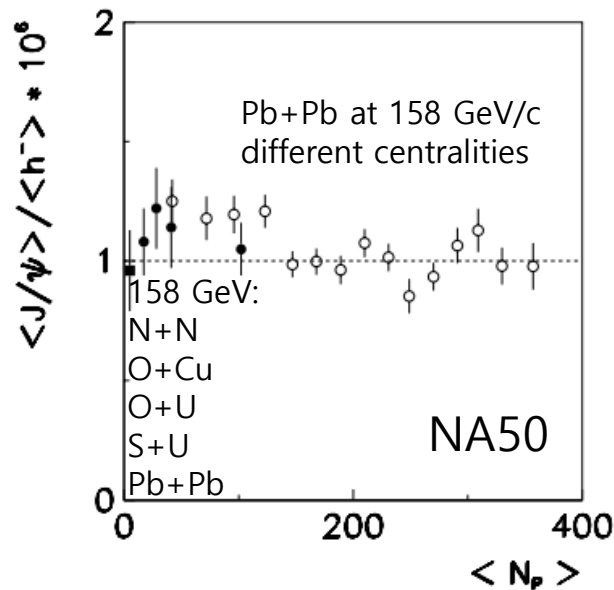
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Alternative model – statistical hadronization model

Successfully describes strange and non-strange particle production



$$\langle J/\Psi \rangle (\sim V) / \langle h^- \rangle (\sim V) = \text{const}(A)$$



NA61/SHINE - beams and targets

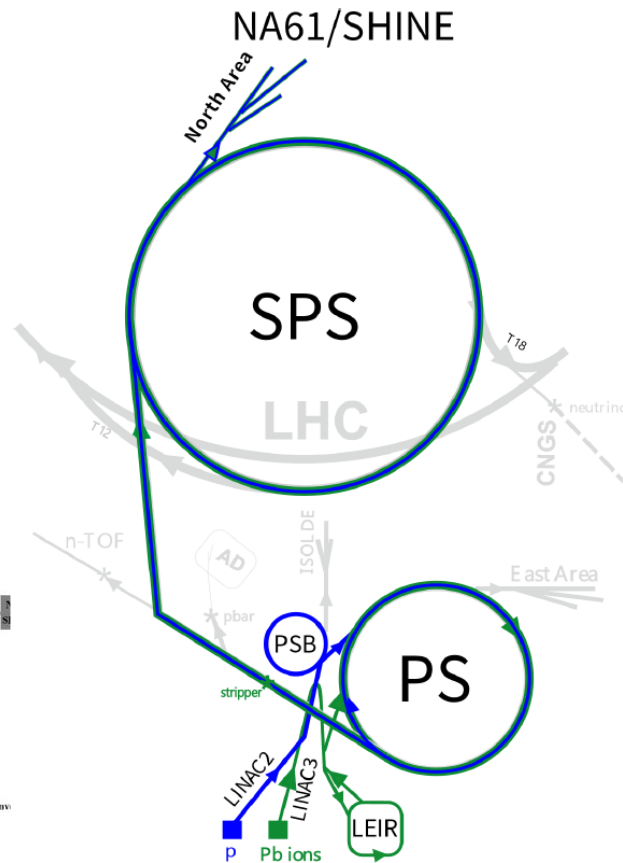
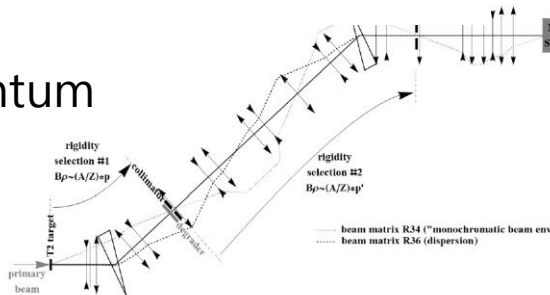
Possible beams:

- Hadrons:
 - Primary protons at 400 GeV/c
 - Secondary (π , K, p) at 13–350 GeV/c
- Ions:
 - Primary: Ar, Xe, Pb at 13A–150A GeV/c
 - Secondary from Pb fragmentation (e.g. Be) at 13A–150A GeV/c

Targets:

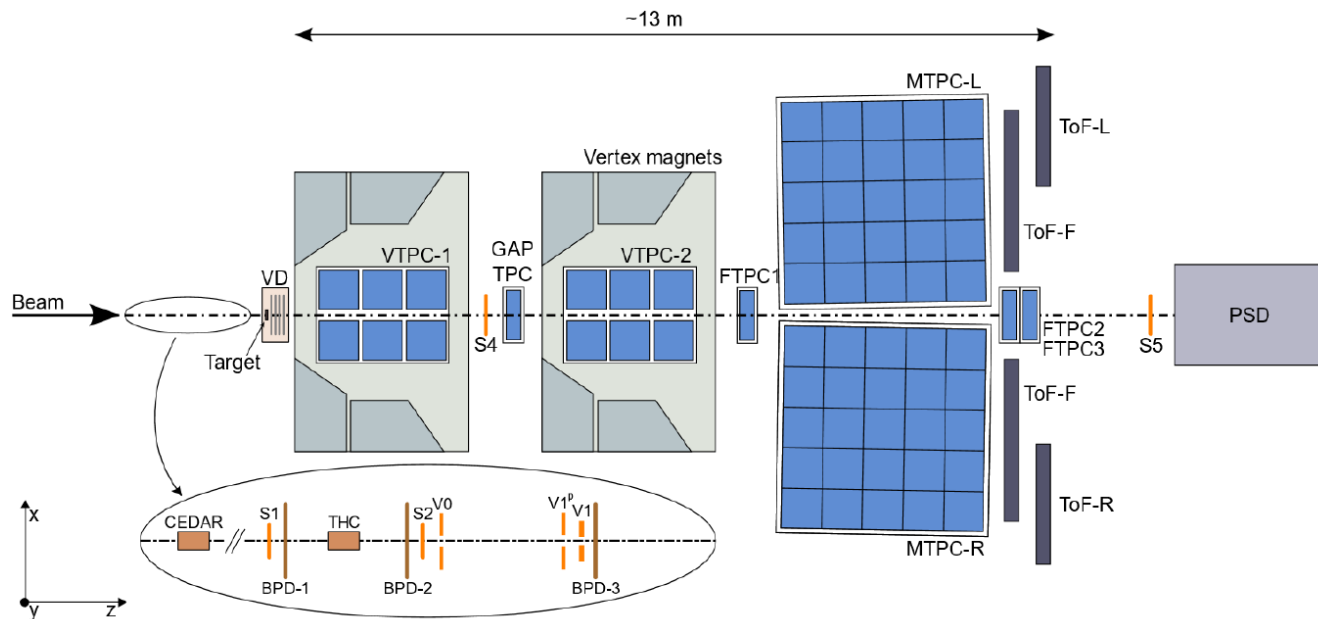
- Almost any solid state (from 500 μm to 1 m)
- Liquid hydrogen (20 cm)

H2 beamline is used for momentum and charge selection as well as nuclear fragments separation



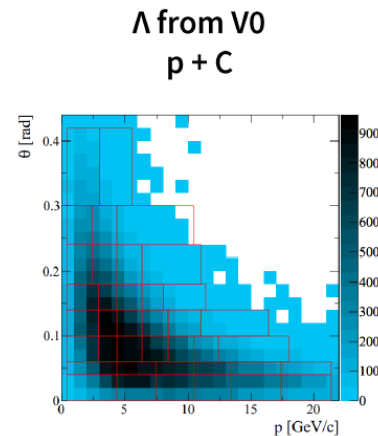
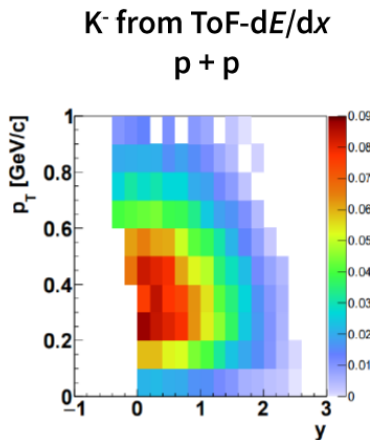
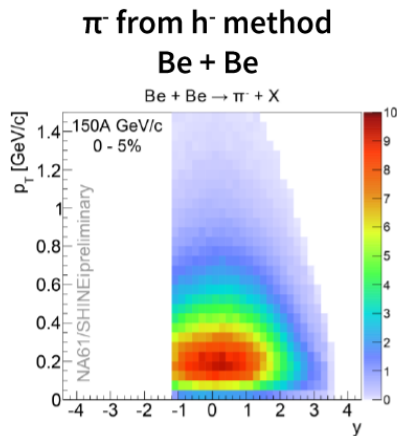
NA61 spectrometer

Large acceptance hadron spectrometer – coverage of the full forward hemisphere, down to $p_T = 0$



NA61 particle identification

- Particle identification methods
 - dE/dx — based on TPCs energy loss measurements
 - ToF- dE/dx — based on combined TPCs and ToFs measurements
 - h^- — used for π^- identification based on Monte-Carlo models
 - $V0$, Ξ , Ω , D^0 — based on decay topology
- Example phase space coverage of various identification methods:



Facility upgrades

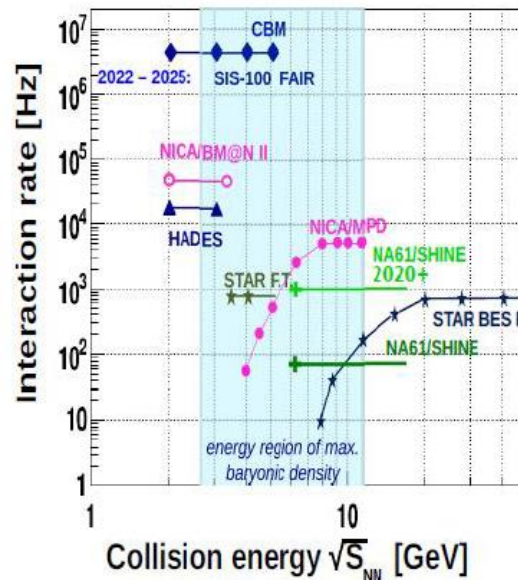
Increase readout rate to 1kHz:

New TPC readout electronics (from ALICE)

New Data Acquisition System

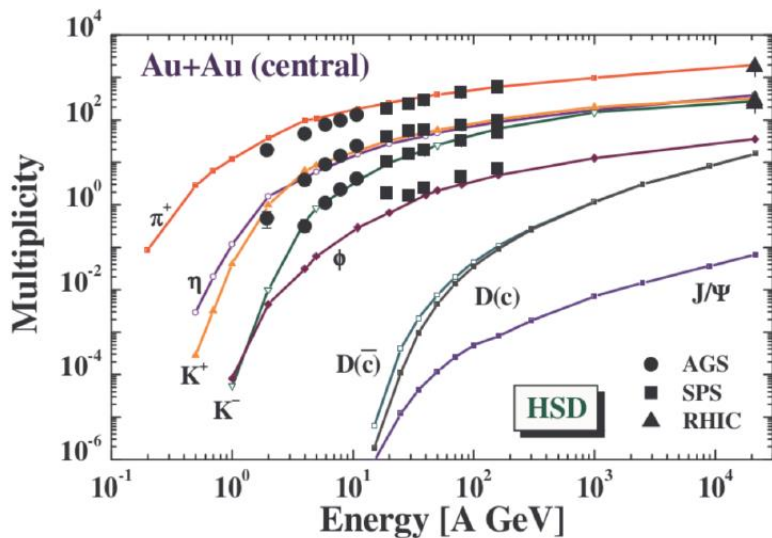
Detectors upgrades:

- Large acceptance Vertex Detector based on ALPIDE sensors
- New ToF walls based on mRPC technology
- New BPDs based on scintillating fibers
- Upgrade of the PSD to handle large beam intensities



Open charm simulations

200k of the 0-10% most central Pb+Pb collisions at 150A GeV/c were generated using the AMPT (A MultiPhase Transport) model



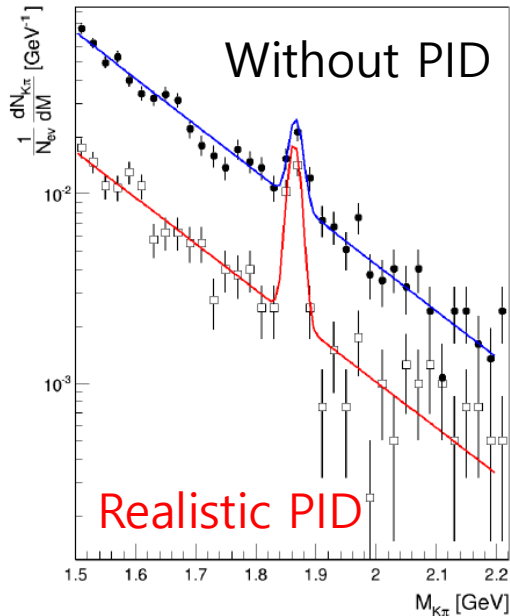
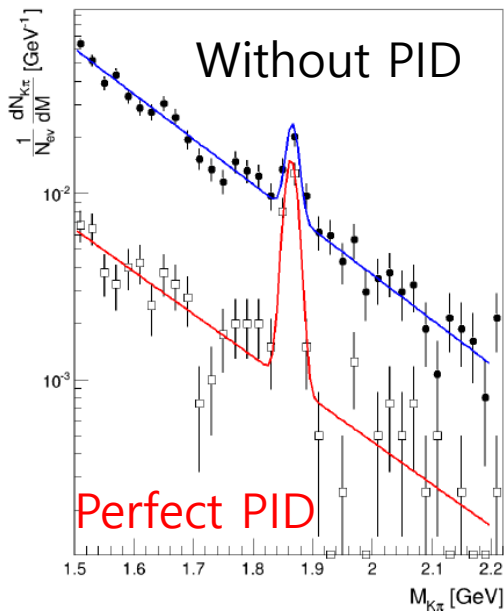
The model properly describes production of charged pions and kaons.

The AMPT model predicts an average multiplicity of about 0.01 for $D^0 + \bar{D}^0$ mesons produced in central Pb+Pb collisions at 150A GeV/c (significantly lower than the predictions of PYTHIA and HSD)

AMPT mean multiplicity for $D^0 + \bar{D}^0$ mesons was scaled to the HSD prediction.

SAVD simulations results

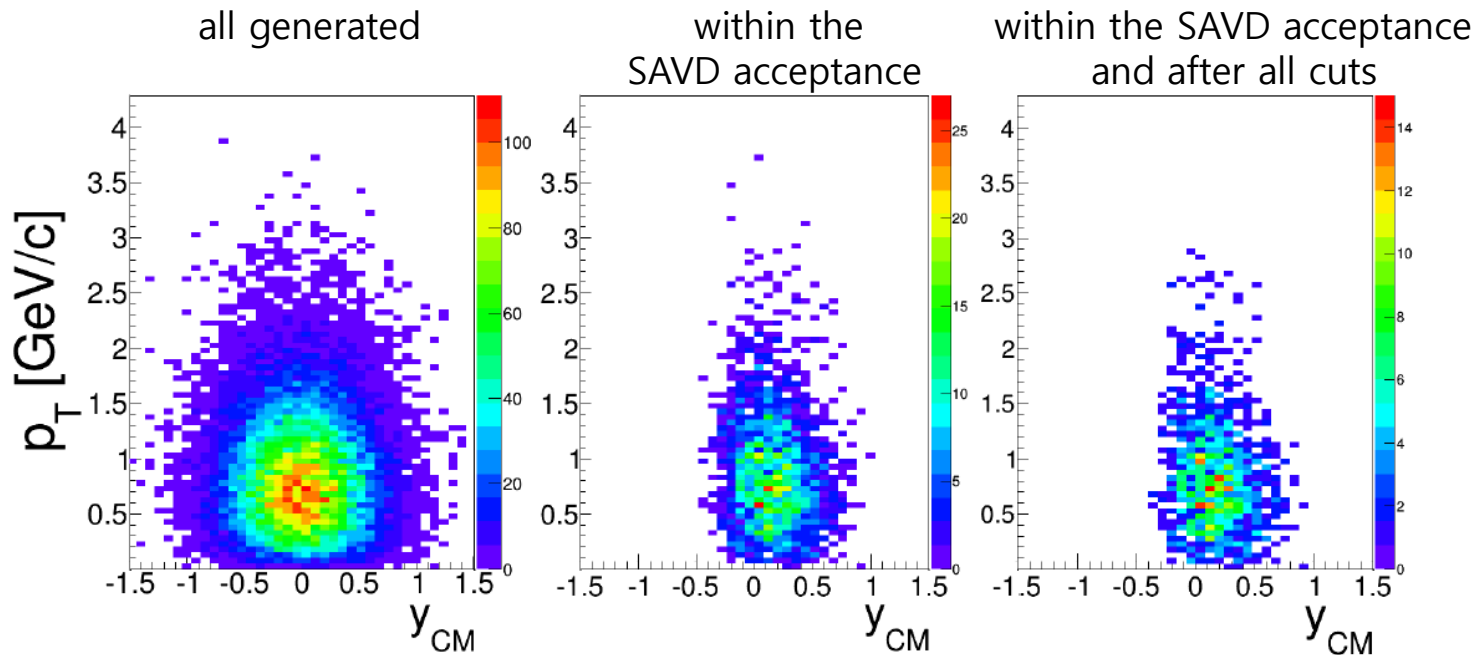
The invariant mass of pion-kaon pair candidates after the cuts for the SAVD.



The total number of measured $D^0 + \bar{D}^0$ decays in 4 millions central **Pb+Pb collisions at 150A GeV/c** (statistics after 1 day of data taking beyond 2020) is estimated to be about **1500**

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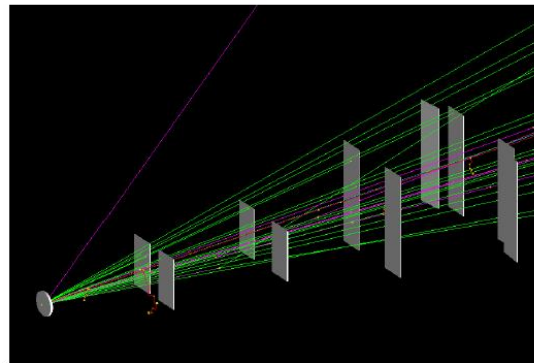
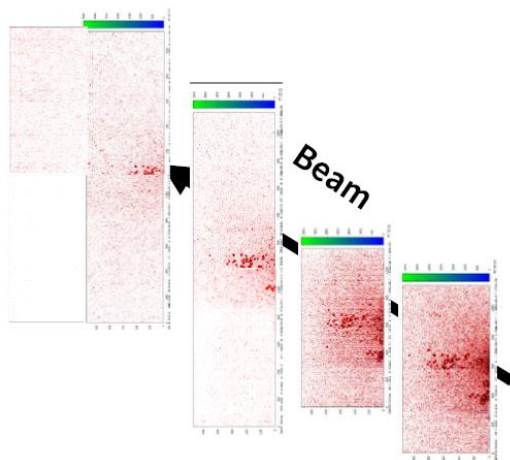
Population of D^0 mesons in transverse momentum p_T and rapidity y .



Results are plotted for the 0-20 % most central Pb+Pb collisions at 150A GeV/c and correspond to 4 million events.

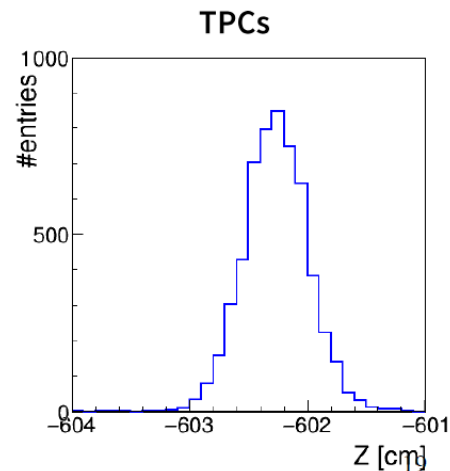
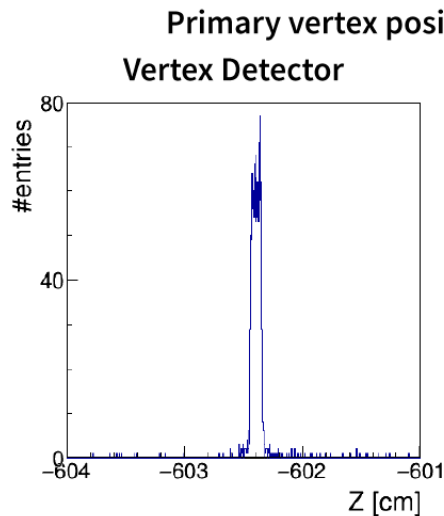
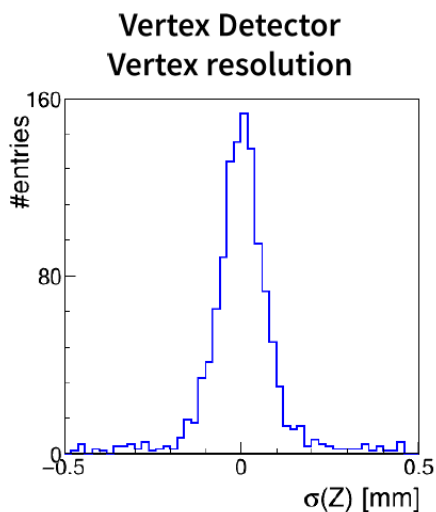
NA61 – Vertex detector

- Built for open charm measurements
- Based on Mimosa26 sensors
- Small Acceptance VD:
4 stations, 16 sensors
- 5 μm tracking resolution



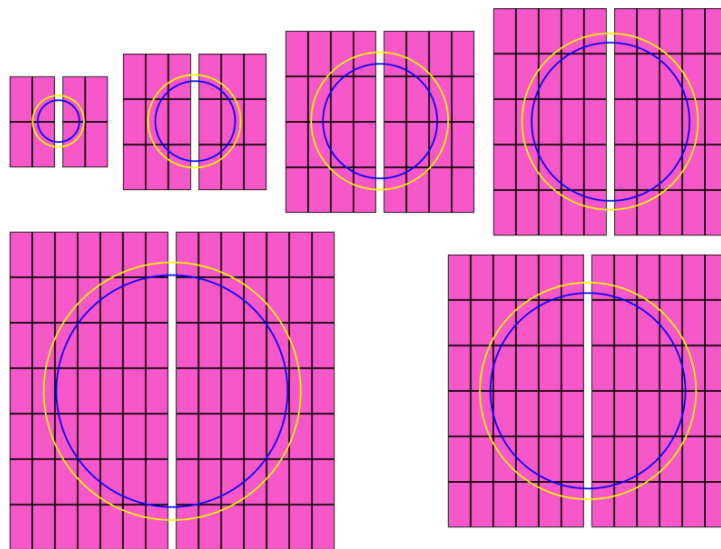
NA61 – Vertex detector

- Vertex detector was commissioned in December 2016
- Pb + Pb at 150A GeV/c data taking with 1 mm target
- Vertex resolution: 30 μm — possible to distinguish D^0 decays



Vertex Detector beyond 2020

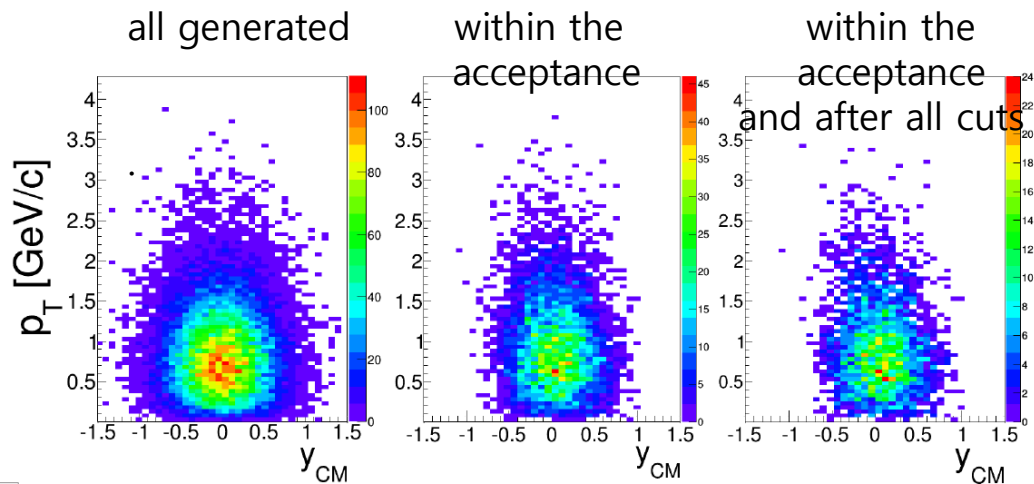
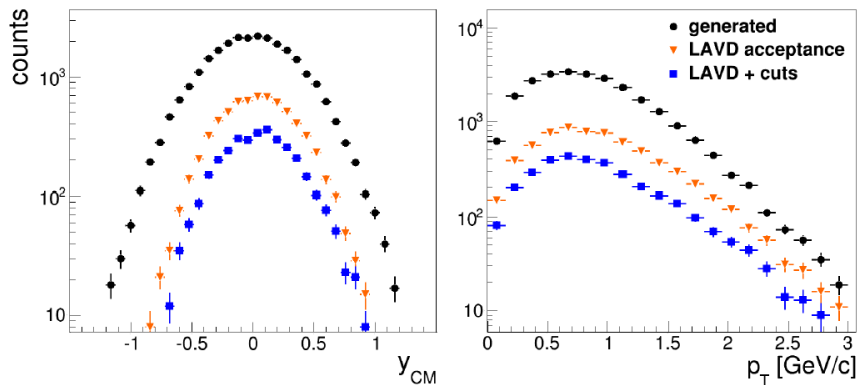
In the VD beyond 2020 the stations are located at the same distances as in the SAVD.



Approximately 6 layers with 400 ALPIDE sensors. Basically geometry of SAVD with additional sensors and layers.

Vertex Detector beyond 2020

Results are plotted for the 0-20 % most central Pb+Pb collisions at 150A GeV/c and correspond to 4 million events. –
1 day of data taking beyond 2020



10 days of Pb+Pb data taking in 2021 (40M events):

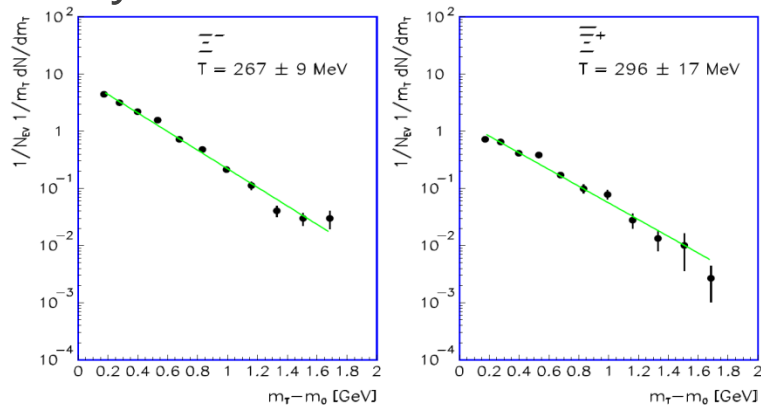
Beam momentum	40A GeV/c	75A GeV/c	150A GeV/c
D ⁰ candidates	1000	7000	40000

- NA61 beyond 2020 will be well suited to precisely measure open charm produced in Pb+Pb collisions at 40-150A GeV/c.
Statistics should be sufficient to obtain two dimensional spectra of D^0 and their antiparticles.
- Fragmentation cross sections measurements needed for interpretation of AMS-02 data can be performed only by NA61 beyond 2020.
- Measurements for neutrino experiments are under consideration.
- Proposal for the new program should be ready by the end of the year.

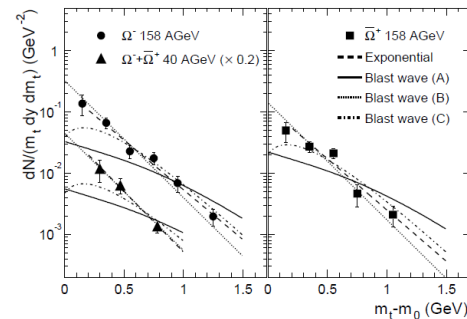
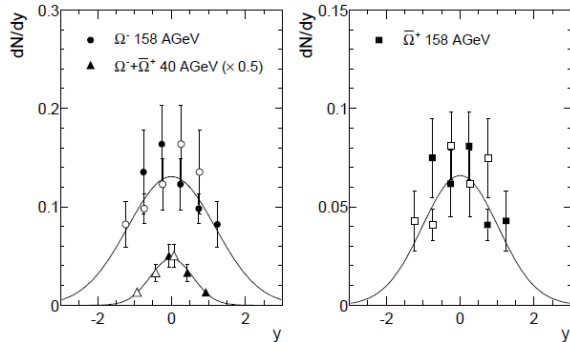
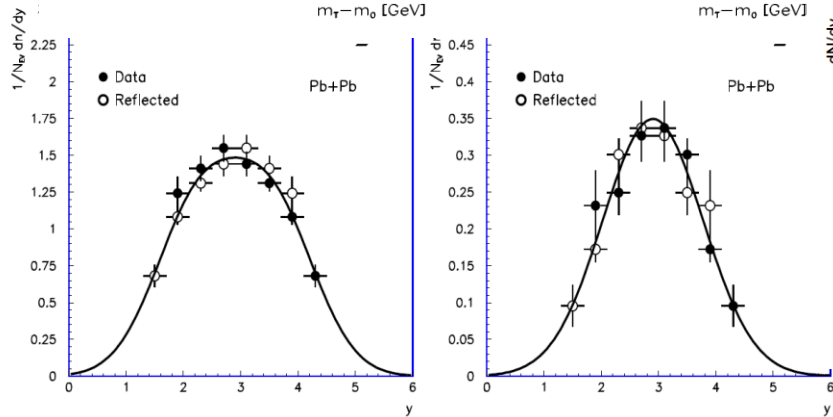
Backup

Multi-strange hadrons beyond 2020

History



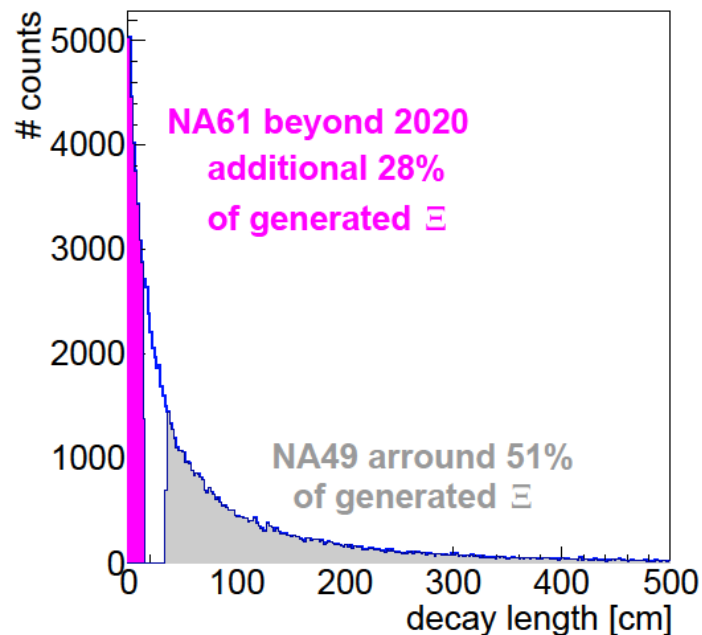
NA49 experiment measured Ω production in Pb+Pb collisions (with centrality window 22%) based only on candidates with decay length higher than 25 cm from interaction point and Ξ production (with centrality window 7%) based only on candidates with decay length higher than 35 cm from interaction point



NA49 Collaboration: **Phys.Rev.Lett.** 94 (2005) 192301,
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Multi-strange hadrons beyond 2020

Impact of vertex detector for Ξ measurements



Precise vertex measurement should automatically reduce combinatorial background.

Acceptance similar to NA49.

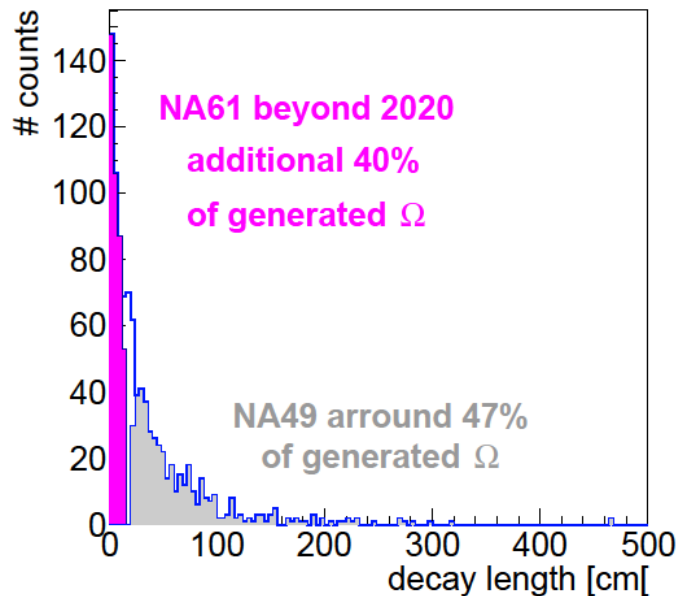
Additional 28% of Ξ visible.

Pb+Pb at 158A GeV/c:

Source	Ξ^-	Ξ^+
NA49 (400k events)	4800	900
VD improvement (400k events)	7400	1400
Readout rate (40M events)	740000	140000

Multi-strange hadrons beyond 2020

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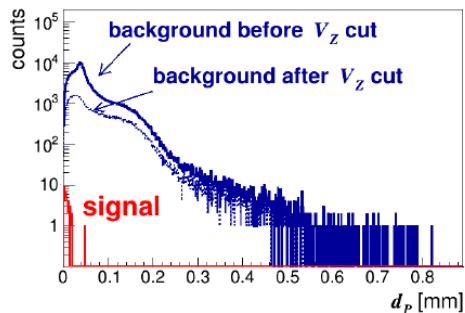
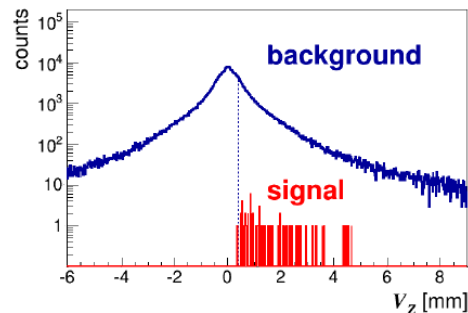
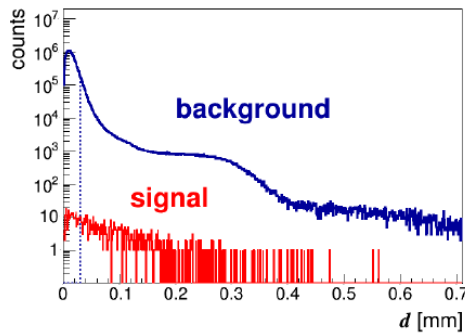
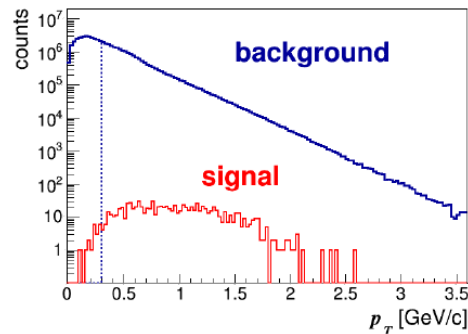
Additional 40% of Ω visible.

Pb+Pb at 158A GeV/c:

Source	Ω^-	$\bar{\Omega}^+$
NA49 (2.5M events)	~350	~100
VD improvement (2.5M events)	650	185
Readout rate (40M events)	10400	3000

The strategy for reconstructing open charm

In order to reduce the large combinatorial background, kinematical and topological cuts are applied:

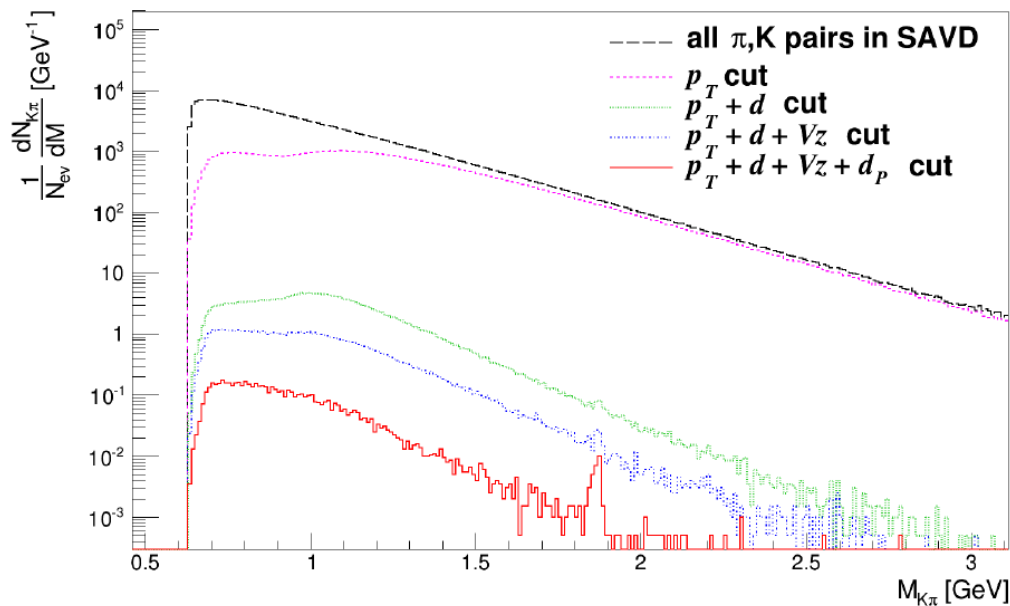


- (i) A cut on the track transverse momentum p_T ,
- (ii) a cut on the track impact parameter d ,
- (iii) a cut on the longitudinal distance V_Z between the D decay candidate and the interaction point,
- (iv) a cut on the impact parameter d_p of the back-extrapolated D candidate momentum vector.

We select tracks with $p_T > 0.31$ GeV/c, $d > 31$ μ m, and track pairs with $V_Z > 400$ μ m, $d_p < 20$ μ m.

The strategy for reconstructing open charm

The cuts reduce the number of **signal pairs** by a **factor of 2**, while the number of **background** pairs in the signal region is reduced **by a factor of 2×10^5**



The distributions were obtained assuming perfect particle identification.