Search for hyperheavy toroidal nuclear systems formed in heavy ion collision

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1.010 ms

1.111 ms

1.212 ms

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Global properties of experimental data for Au + Au reaction at 23 AMeV



Shape analysis

δ parameter measures the shape of the events in momenta space.



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 Δ^2 parameter measures the flatness of the events in velocity space. For toroids it is much smaller than for sphere or bubble.



$$\Delta^{2} = min[\sum_{i=1}^{5} d_{i}^{2}(A, B, C, D)],$$

$$d_{i} = \frac{A \cdot v_{x,i} + B \cdot v_{y,i} + C \cdot v_{z,i} + D}{\sqrt{A^{2} + B^{2} + C^{2}}}.$$

A, B, C, D - plane parameters



Observables distributions



One can see that for both observables the biggest difference between experimental distribution and model predictions is observed for the Ball $8V_0$, and Bubble $8V_0$ configurations. In contrast to that, the experimental data seem to be more consistent with the simulations assuming toroidal freeze-out configurations.

Location of toroidal events on the Θ_{plane} vs Θ_{flow} plane



Efficiency factor:



Efficiency factor – ratio of number of events fulfilling the selection conditions to the total number of events with 5 heavy fragments

 $\delta < 0.05$ $\Delta^2 < 0.001 c^2$

- EF values for experimental data are very close to the model predictions for toroidal configurations.
- This observation may indicate the formation of toroidal/flat freeze-out configuration created in the Au + Au collisions at 23 MeV/nucleon.

Other observables

■ Z frag \ge 3 ◆ Z frag \ge 10 ▼ Z frag \ge 15 ▲ Z frag \ge 20 ► Z frag \ge 25





$\sigma_{\!A}$ can not be used as indication of toroidal objects formation in Au +Au reaction

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Vij (cm/ns)



V_{ij} -is mean value of relative velocities for flat events with 5 fragments

The mean values of v_{ij} are smallest for the region where observation toroidal freeze-out configuration is expected.

- The experimental data are compared with ETNA and QMD model predictions.
- Efficiency factor is used as indication of formation of exotic freeze-out configuration.
- Distributions of v_{ij} indicate that freeze-out configuration for events located outside reaction plane are more extended
- Comparison between experimental data and model predictions may be used as an indication of the formation of toroidal nuclear systems

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CHIMERAs advantage:

- •1192 telescopes: Si and Csl
- Low detection threshold -1MeV/A
- Covering almost 94% of 4π
- Z and A7identification

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The external line corresponds to Au like nuclei.

You can also see isolated lines corresponding to fragments with mass from 4 up to 15.

Multiplicity distribution for well defined events



Macroscopic droplet collisions

Formation the toroidal-shapes configurations can be observed in binary droplet collision at high velocity



0 ms 0.390 ms 0.585 ms 0.780 ms 0.975 ms 1.754 ms 2.144 ms



2.729 ms 3.314 ms 3.899 ms 4.678 ms 7.992 ms 17.544 ms V=3.89 m/s





V=9.1 m/s

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Estimation of collision centrality



One can see on this plot that noncentral events are located at small θ_{flow} angles (> 20 degree) and big θ_{plane} angles (< 75 degree).

As an impact parameter estimator for experimental data we used total trans28 rse momentum

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$$E = \frac{1}{2} \cdot m \cdot \frac{R^2}{(t_0 - t)^2} \qquad \qquad t_0 = \alpha \cdot ch_{time} + 1.01734 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{m \cdot R^2}{2E}}$$

E- particle energy [MeV] calculated from:

m- ion mass [u]

R – distance from target to detector [cm]

$$t_0$$
 – time offset calculated for each detector [ns] α = 3-T / d

T- cyclotron period [ns]

d- distance between two beam bursts [channels]

For calibration data the following 8-parametres function is fitted:

$$t_0 = \begin{cases} t_{0,sat} & t_{0,sat} < \Delta t \\ t_{0,sat} - \Delta t & t_{0,sat} > \Delta t, \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta t = B - A(1 - exp(\gamma m)) \cdot (\frac{E}{E_{PT}})^{(\alpha - \delta m)} \cdot exp(-(\frac{E + (\beta + \mu m)E_{PT}}{E_{PT}^4})^{\epsilon})$$

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Reconstruction results

