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How to constraint the symmetry energy at supra baryonic density?

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The symmetry energy at high density: evidences from existing data: models, open problems.

The Asy-EOS-S394 experiment at GSI: neutron and proton elliptic flows: observables, open problems.

Overview of the last test@GSI. Set-up preparation





Asy-EOS 2010 Workshop Noto

The key problem: The density dependence of the Simmetry Energy



Experimental constraint to the symmetry energy



Collective flow (n-p elliptic flow, n-p differential transverse flow

Charged pions π^+/π^- , K⁺/K⁰ ratio, etc.

Generally uncostrained especially above saturation density due to limited data available and theoretical predictions are very different

Two cases study using pion emission in heavy ion collisions. IBUU / ImIQMD



Z. Xiao, Bao-An Li et al., PRL 102, 062502 (2009)

Comparison of IBUU04 $Y(\pi^{-})/Y(\pi^{+})$ ratio from FOPI data evidence a super soft (x=1) E_{sym} for the most neutron rich reactions.

$$Y(\pi -)/Y(\pi +) \approx (N/Z)^2$$



Two cases study using pion emission in heavy ion collisions. IBUU / ImIQMD



The ImIQMD model is used with different parametrization of the stiffness of symmetry energy and effective interaction Z.Q. Feng et al., PLB 683 140 (2010)



Evolution of central densities reached at different incident energies

<u>A question</u>: which densities are really probed from a given observable (pions in this case) ? Two cases study using pion emission in heavy ion collisions. IBUU / ImIQMD



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Reaction	Energy (AMeV)	
¹⁹⁷ Au+ ¹⁹⁷ Au	400	N/Z=1.50
⁹⁶ Zr+ ⁹⁶ Zr	400	N/Z=1.40
⁹⁶ Ru+ ⁹⁶ Ru	400	N/Z=1.18

Figure 3: Schematic diagram of experimental setup in Cave C.

The proposal was presented on 27th-28th February 2009 at GSI PAC: spokepersons:

R. Lemmon and P. Russotto (Asy-EOS collaboration)

- LAND calorimeter positioned to cover the mid-rapidity kinematic region
- CHIMERA and TOF wall will give modulus and orientation of impact parameter
- Krakow/R3B telescope arrays used for light fragment detection
- Back-angle target hodoscope as reaction trigger (WU Microball)
- Califa prototype (LCP/light fragments)

Transverse and elliptic flow



Some definitions:

Y = rapidity $p_t = transverse momentum$

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi}(y, p_t) = 1 + V_1 \cos(\phi) + 2V_2 \cos(2\phi)$$

 $V_1(y, p_t) = \left\langle \frac{p_x}{p_t} \right\rangle$ **Transverse flow:** *it provides information on the azimuthal anisotropy in the reaction plane*



 $V_2(y, p_t) = \left\langle \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_t^2} \right\rangle$ **Elliptic flow:** *it measures the competition between in plane (V*₂>0) *and out-of-plane emission (V*₂<0)

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The P_t dependence of v2 is sensitive to the high density behaviour of the EOS since highly energetic particles originate from the initial compressed and out-of-equilibrium phase of the collision

P_t dependence on V2: analysis on Au+Au @ 400 A.MeV (Land + Fopi)

UrQMD simulation P. Russotto and Q. Li Different "slope" ASY-STIFF ($\gamma = 1.5$) y(n)/v(ASY-SOFT $(\gamma = .5)$ 1.20.2 0.4 1.2 0.6 0.8pt (GeV/c) n/p yield ratio as a function of p_t for Au+Au central collisions. **Experiment problems:** W. Trautmann: **Limited statistics** HiDeSymE, LAND configuration not optimized for V2 studies

result from neut/hydro ratios

 $- \langle \gamma \rangle = 0.94 \pm 0.21$



Open problems:

Statistics on previous "flow" experiments not sufficient Not consistent results on the potential term of symmetry energy when comparing data on pi-/pi+ ratio with different models. Results of the analysis are model dependent How results evolve with isospin asymmetry of entrance channel?



M. Di Toro: HiDeSymE, Zagreb 2009:

SMF calculations:

m^{*}_n < m^{*}_p: effect of mass splitting on elliptic flow: larger neutron repulsion for asy-stiff, larger neutron squeezeout at midrapidity. Could be comparable to effects due to the symmetry energy.

S394 SETUP SUMMARY

- Characterization of collision events -Chimera & ToF Wall:
 - Impact parameter
 - Reaction plane
- Squeeze-out and directed flow LAND neutron and proton detection
- Yields of complex fragments (t/³He) charged particle array (CPA, Califa)
- Charged particles at backward angles -Microball (USA contribution)

S394 PARTIAL: CHIMERA SETUP



modulus and orientation of the impact parameter→ detection system with high effective granularity at forward angles CsI rings of the CHIMERA multidetector



Pb (3% target) run 22-23 **Big Box GSI TEST** GEOMETRY Silicons 0.5 Plastic front of G5 and G2 detector (front of G4I)

GSI TEST with U BEAM, September 2009

SPA NIM A To be submitted



New mechanical setup for CHIMERA@GSI rings



CONCLUSIONS

Constraining the symmetry term of EOS: The new experiment proposed at GSI by the Asy-EOS collaboration is a challenge. It is a unique occasion to get new data with high statistics in order to measure different observables sensitive to the symmetry energy at supra-saturation densities.

UrQMD simulations have shown that proton-neutron flows constitute a crucial observable to probe the symmetry energy. Experimental setup is configured in order to obtain the maximum information possible from this experiment.

This is also an important experimental step to get new ideas towards the study of EOS in regions not only far from normal density but also with the use in the future of new radioactive beam facilities (extreme isospin asymmetry) such as FAIR (GSI), FRIB (USA), RIBF (Riken) SPIRAL2 (France), SPES (Italy), etc..

5394 experiment/ Asy-EOS collaboration

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