Two identical pion and baryon-baryon correlations in collisions of Ni+Ni at 1.93A GeV

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Two-particle correlations at small relative momenta provide information about the size of the emitting system due to their sensitivity to nuclear and Coulomb final-state interactions and quantum statistical effects. Small-angle correlations of pion-pion, proton-proton and deuteron-deutoron pairs emitted from Ni+Ni collisions at a beam energy of 1.93A GeV are investigated with the FOPI detector system at GSI Darmstadt [1]. Correlation functions have been obtained for different centrality classes and ranges of total kinetic energies, E1+E2, of two coincident particles. A clear positive correlation is observed for small relative momenta of pion pair in the region of momentum difference qi50 MeV/c. An effective source radius can be obtained after fitting the Gaussian function to the Coulomb corrected correlation function. Proton-proton correlation function perfectly matches the results obtained in the previous FOPI stadies [2]. The two-deuteron correlation function exhibits an anticorrelation effect for small relative momentum in the region of qi100 MeV/c. Experimental data were compared to a Koonin model[3] like final-state interaction model [4]. This allowed for the extraction of the effective Gaussian radius of the source of deuteron emission.

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