Flow Measurements of Light Nuclei Over a Large Rapidity in Heavy Ion Collisions at Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

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Investigating the production of light nuclei through various observables is important in understanding the evolution of nuclear matter under extreme conditions. Flow observables provide valuable insights into the early stages of heavy-ion collisions. In this talk, we will present flow measurements of light nuclei (protons, deuterons, tritons, helium-3, and helium-4) in Au+Au collisions at various collision energies between $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.2$ and 7.7 GeV. These measurements, facilitated by the fixed-target program (FXT) and the second phase of the Beam Energy Scan program (BES-II) of STAR at RHIC, cover a broad range of rapidity including the target rapidity, aiming to understand the behavior of light nuclei in this region. At $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3$ GeV, a breaking of nucleon number (A) scaling is observed around y ≈ 0.5 for directed flow measurements, which may indicate the different production mechanisms of light nuclei across near-mid rapidity to target rapidities. In this presentation, we systematically study light nuclei flows $(v_1 \text{ and } v_3 \text{ relative to the first-order event plane})$ and A scaling across rapidities in higher collision energies from BES-II. These studies aid in exploring the equation of state at high baryon density.

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