

# A STUDY OF $\gamma$ -FAMILIES GENERATED IN NUCLEON-NUCLEUS (NA) AND PION-NUCLEUS ( $\pi$ A) INTERACTIONS

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In the paper the separation of the  $\gamma$ -families generated in NA and  $\pi$ A interactions is realized from the analysis of simulated  $\gamma$ -families. Some characteristics of NA and  $\pi$ A families and the influence of the process of inelastic charge-exchange of charged pions into neutral ones type of  $\pi^{\pm}A \rightarrow \pi^0 + \dots$  are studied.

In the paper the characteristics of  $\gamma$ -families generated in pion-nuclear  $\pi$ A-interactions ( $\pi$ -families) and nucleon-nuclear NA-interactions (N-families) in atmosphere is investigated.

The selecting criteria of  $\pi$  and N-families is proposed from the analysis of  $\gamma$ -families simulated on the basis of scaling CS and CSC -models.

The CS -model is based on extrapolation to the super-high energies of the interaction characteristics known in the accelerator energies in the assumption of Feynman scaling validity. For that there is made no difference between NA and  $\pi$ A interactions mechanism.

In the CSC -model the inelastic charge-exchange of leading charge pion into neutral one  $\pi^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^0 + \dots$  was taken into account. The inelastic charge-exchange probability W is set equal to 0.2 at  $x_1 = E_1 / E_0 \geq 0.5$  ( $x_1$  - Feynman's variable for leading particle,  $E_0$  - energy of colliding particle).

The families are considered as a formed mainly in the pion-nuclear interactions ( $\pi$ -families), if the fraction of the energy from pion interactions

$$K^{\pi} = \frac{\sum E_{\gamma}^{\pi}}{\sum E_{\gamma}},$$

where  $\sum E_{\gamma}^{\pi}$  - the summary energy of the cascades from  $\pi$ A - interactions, was satisfied the relation:  $K^{\pi} > 0.5$ . If the value

$$K^N = \frac{\sum E_{\gamma}^N}{\sum E_{\gamma}},$$

where  $\sum E_{\gamma}^N$  - the summary energy of the  $\gamma$ -quanta from nucleon-nuclear cascades, was satisfied the relation:  $K^N > 0.5$ , than such families are considered as a formed in the nucleon-

nuclear interactions (N-families) ( $\sum E_\gamma$  - the total energy of  $\gamma$ -family).

The spatial characteristic of the simulated  $\gamma$ -families  $\bar{R} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_\gamma} R_i}{n_\gamma}$  (where  $R_i$  - distance of  $\gamma$ -quanta from axis of family,  $n_\gamma$  - number of  $\gamma$ -quanta in the family) is considered too. The simulated families were selected according to criteria analogous to those in Pamir experiment: the family summary energy  $\sum E_\gamma = 30 + 500$  TeV, the number of particles  $n_\gamma \geq 3$ , the minimal energy of quanta was equal to  $E_\gamma = 2$  TeV, only those quanta is included in families which were found in the round with radius  $R = 30$  sm from the center. As we showed in the work /1/, the simulated families with  $R > 40$  mm mainly consist of the  $\pi$ -families (them fraction compose 70 + 85% for both models), and families for which angles of arrival on plant  $\Theta \leq 20^\circ$  and  $R < 20$  mm mainly consist of the N-families. Therefore, those conditions used as a selecting criteria of  $\pi$  and N-families in the work.

The characteristics of simulated  $\gamma$ -families were compared with the experiment "Pamir" data. The film scanning and particle selection were realised within the radius  $R = 30$  sm relatively the energy weighted center of  $\gamma$ -family. In the result it were selected  $N = 539$   $\gamma$ -families with energies  $\sum E_\gamma = 30 + 500$  TeV and number of particles  $n_\gamma \geq 3$ . The minimum energy of the  $\gamma$ -quanta in the families was set  $E_\gamma = 2$  TeV. At this, the conditions near to experimental in the simulated families were introduced. The registration efficiency of  $\gamma$ -quanta  $E_\gamma = 2 + 4$  TeV in the energy region change from 0.3 to 1.0. The registration efficiency of  $\gamma$ -families reach 1.0 at energy  $\sum E_\gamma \geq 70$  TeV. The error  $\delta E$  in the energy measuring and real spatial resolution of the close situated quanta (quanta, situated on distance  $r_{1,2} = 40 + 100$   $\mu$ m with energies  $E_1 + E_2 = 25 + 50$  TeV, were considered as an unified) were taken account.

In the paper an distributions of families arrived the installation under different angles  $\Theta$  to vertical investigated. In the experiment the errors of the angles determination for the families arrived under small angles to vertical are large.

The registration probability of  $\gamma$ -quanta decrease in the large angles range  $\Theta > 36^\circ$ . Therefore, events with angles of arrival situating in interval  $9^\circ \leq \Theta \leq 36^\circ$  were selected for analyse. At this, the error in the angle measuring of the arrival  $\Delta\Theta \sim 1^\circ$  introduced in the simulated families.

All events divided on the groups of families arrived the installation under angles  $\Delta\Theta_1 = 9^\circ + 18^\circ$  (number this families  $N_1$ ), and arrived under angles  $\Delta\Theta_2 = 18^\circ + 36^\circ$  ( $N_2$ ).

The value

$$F = \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

where  $P_1 = N_1/(N_1 + N_2)$  -the fraction of families arrived on plant under angles  $\Delta\Theta_1 = 9^\circ + 18^\circ$  and  $P_2 = N_2/(N_1 + N_2)$  -the fraction of families arrived under angles  $\Delta\Theta_2 = 18^\circ + 36^\circ$  is calculated for families of experiment "Pamir" and simulated families. In consequence an following values  $F$ :  $0.82 \pm 0.08$  (CS -model),  $1.45 \pm 0.15$  (CSC -model) and  $1.64 \pm 0.16$  (experiment) were obtained.

Like that, the experimental data relatively value  $F$  agree with CSC -model.

In the paper the families selected according to selecting criteria of  $\pi$  and  $N$ -families ( $R > 40$  mm and  $R < 20$  mm) is investigated. At this, for value  $\Delta = N_\pi / N_N$ , where  $N_\pi$  -number of  $\pi$ -families,  $N_N$  -number of  $N$ -families the following values were obtained:  $0.5 \pm 0.07$  (CS-model),  $0.78 \pm 0.12$  (CSC-model) and  $0.73 \pm 0.09$  (experiment).

How one can see from analyse of the angular distributions of  $\gamma$ -families and the correlation between  $\pi$  and  $N$ -families, the experimental data are described by CSC-model in that the inelastic charge-exchange of leading charge pion into neutral one  $\pi^\pm \rightarrow \pi^0 + \dots$ , was taken account.

#### R E F E R E N C E

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