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The usual statement is that the emittance of the injected beam is  $\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = 10$  (normalized) for heavy ions in RHIC.

Tracking studies requires a more precise statement. Tracking requires that a 4-dimensional surface be specified in  $x, x', y, y'$  space that contains 95% of the beam. The tracking studies can then investigate the stability of the particles inside this surface.

A simple way to specify this surface is by

$$\epsilon_T = \epsilon_x(x, x') + \epsilon_y(y, y') = C,$$

where  $C$  is a constant chosen so that this surface contains 95% of the beam. One reason for using this expression is that  $\epsilon_T$  is, <sup>very</sup> roughly a constant of the motion.

It will be argued below  
that the proper choice of  $C$   
is

$$C = 10(5/3) = 16.7$$

corresponding to the statement that  
 $\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = 10$ .

Assuming for the moment  
that  $C = 16.7$  is the proper choice of  
 $C$ , then in tracking studies where  
runs are done with  $\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y$   
then the proper starting emittance  
is

$$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = 8.33$$

If runs are done with  $\epsilon_y = 0$ , then  
the starting  $\epsilon_x$  is

$$\epsilon_x = 16.7$$

$$\epsilon_y = 0$$

These two points are on the surface  
 $\epsilon_T = \text{constant}$  that contains 95% of  
the beam.

I assume that the statement  $\varepsilon_x = \varepsilon_y = 10$  means that for the projection of the particles on the  $x, x'$  plane, ~~95%~~ + 95% of the particles have an  $\varepsilon_x$  which is smaller than  $\varepsilon_x = 10$ , and a similar statement applies to the  $y, y'$  plane.

I assume that the distribution  $p(x, x', y, y')$  is gaussian with the form

$$p(x, x', y, y') \sim \exp\left(-(\varepsilon_x(x, x') + \varepsilon_y(y, y'))/\bar{\varepsilon}\right) \quad (1)$$

The projection on the  $x, x'$  plane has the distribution

$$p(x, x') = \int dy dy' p(x, x', y, y')$$

$$\sim \exp\left(-\varepsilon_x(x, x')/\bar{\varepsilon}\right) \quad (2)$$

In order for 95% of the particle to ~~have~~ have an  $\varepsilon_x$  which is smaller than  $\varepsilon_x = 10$  then

$$\bar{\varepsilon} = 10/3 \quad (3)$$

The fraction of the particles that have a total emittance,  $\epsilon_T = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y$ , which is smaller than  $\bar{\epsilon}_T$  is given by

$$F(\epsilon_T) = 1 - \exp(-\epsilon_T/\bar{\epsilon}) \left(1 + \epsilon_T/\bar{\epsilon}\right). \quad (4)$$

This may be derived from Eq(1) for  $P(x, x', y, y')$ . The choice  $\epsilon_T$  that includes 95% of the particles is  $\epsilon_T = 5 \bar{\epsilon}$  (the actual answer is closer to  $4.8 \bar{\epsilon}$ ).

Thus the  $\epsilon_T$  that contains 95% of the particles is

$$\epsilon_T = 5 \bar{\epsilon}$$

$$\epsilon_T = 5 \left(\frac{10}{3}\right)$$

$$\epsilon_T = 16.67$$

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meaning of the statement that  
 $\epsilon_x = 10.$