

Fluctuation effects in high-energy collisions

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Abstract

One of the main characteristics of the high-energy hadronic or nuclear collisions is the existence of large event-by-event fluctuations, manifested in several observed quantities. We investigated the effects of fluctuations in the initial conditions, by using the Interacting Gluon Model, modified by the inclusion also of the impact-parameter fluctuation [1]. Some observables which follow directly from this model, such as the inelasticity and leading-particle distributions as well as the energy-dependence of the average inelasticity, exhibit a good agreement with all the existing data including those obtained in cosmicray experiments, indicating the soundness of the model and showing the importance of correctly accounting for the impact-parameter fluctuation. The rapidity and pseudo-rapidity distributions calculated by applying the onedimensional hydrodynamical model with fluctuating mass and momentum show a considerable deviation from those computed with the average initial conditions, using the same mechanism. To account for the semi-inclusive distributions and the forward-backward correlation, it is necessary to take into account also the multiplicity fluctuation, for fireballs of fixed masses. This has been done within the longitudinal phase-space model, with the energy and momentum distributions of the fireballs given by the IGM.

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