

Hydrodynamic fluctuations and two-particle correlation functions

The field of high-energy nuclear collisions has witnessed a surge of interest in recent years in the role played by hydrodynamic fluctuations. Hydrodynamic fluctuations may have significant effects on systems created at RHIC, FAIR or NICA whose trajectories in the QCD phase diagram pass near a possible critical end point (CEP). To test for the existence of such a CEP, it is vital to understand the connections between a system's proximity to the CEP and the properties of observables used in probing heavy-ion collisions. So far, the properties of the two-particle correlation function, as defined by HBT interferometry, have remained unexplored in this respect. We discuss the effects of event-by-event hydrodynamic fluctuations on both the two-particle correlation function and the HBT radii extracted from it. For simplicity, we assume a system characterized by Bjorken symmetry and study the fluctuations of the correlation function and HBT radius along the longitudinal direction as functions of rapidity distance Δy . We show how these quantities are affected by hydrodynamic fluctuations along trajectories in the QCD phase diagram which pass close to the CEP.

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