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Extension of Pythia8 to high energy nuclear colisions

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We report a current status of a new Monte-Carlo event generator for high energy nuclear collisions based on the Pythia8 event generator:nPythia. Nuclear collisions are modeled by the successive nucleon-nucleon (NN) collisions based on the Glauber type model. For each NN collision, we use Pythia8, but taking account of conservation laws for a whole system. It is found that incoherent sum of NN collision picture based on Pythia8 describes the rapidity distributions of produced hadrons at SPS energies in Pb+Pb, d+Au at RHIC, and p+Pb at LHC. However, this picture significantly overestimates hadron yield in Au+Au at RHIC and Pb+Pb at LHC, indicating strong nuclear suppression effects. We introduce a simple model to simulate such nuclear suppression effect motivated by the Color Glass Condensate (CGC).

Relevant topics

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