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Energy dependence of transverse momentum fluctuations in Au–Au collisions from a multiphase transport model

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Event-by-event mean transverse momentum fluctuations ($\langle p_T \rangle$) offer a sensitive probe of initial state overlap area and energy density fluctuations in relativistic heavy-ion collisions. We investigate these fluctuations in Au+Au collisions at 3.0–19.6 GeV, focusing on the centrality and energy dependence using an improved multiphase transport (AMPT) model. A power-law dependence of p_T cumulants on centrality is observed, consistent with the independent source picture.

Normalized mean transverse momentum $\langle p_T \rangle$ fluctuations and scaled cumulants are conducted, with variances aligning well with the trends observed in experimental data. Using a two-subevents method, short-range correlations are slightly suppressed compared to the standard approach. These findings potentially establish a robust framework for investigating initial state fluctuations across different energies in heavy-ion collisions.

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