

STRAIGHT-LINE PATH APPROXIMATION  
FOR DESCRIPTION OF HIGH-ENERGY PARTICLE SCATTERING  
IN QUANTUM FIELD THEORY \*)

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In this paper the problem of an asymptotic behaviour of high-energy elastic and inelastic process amplitudes is studied by means of the functional integration methods in quantum field theory.

The closed relativistic invariant expressions for both an elastic and inelastic scattering amplitudes are obtained in scalar nucleon-vector meson interaction model.

The straight-line path approximation (SLPA) permitting effectively calculate available functional integrals is formulated. It is shown that, in the high-energy limit and at fixed momentum transfers, the principal logarithmic terms are cancelled. Besides, the elastic scattering amplitudes can be represented in the eikonal form; the radiation correction contributions to diagrams of the generalized ladder type being factorized and depending only upon momentum transfers. The Poisson distribution over a number of secondary soft mesons is obtained for the elastic scattering cross sections. It is shown that the  $t$ -dependence disappears in the differential cross section summed over a number of all the secondary particles. It is in accordance with the hypothesis on the automodel behaviour of the deep inelastic hadron interaction processes at high energies.

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