The following is based on a 3-hour lecture on "Monte Carlo Event Generators" given at the summer school "Heavy Ion Collisions in the QCD phase diagram", June 27 - July 08, 2022, Nantes, France.

It discusses elements of Monte Carlo event generators in general, but in particular the basic principles of parallel scatterings and their realisation in the new **EPOS4** scheme.

## **Monte Carlo Event Generators**

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#### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Challenges

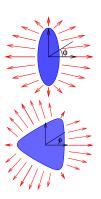
# Since 2 decades we know: Colliding heavy ions at relativistic energies

behave like an expanding fluid, with huge transverse flow

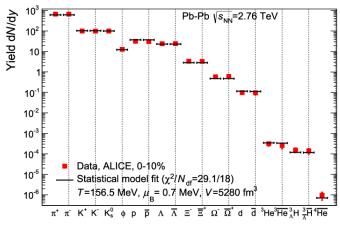
(observables: pt spectra)

being in particular asymmetric: elliptical / triangular ...

(observables: flow harmonics v2, v3 etc)



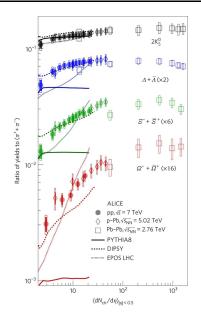
## We see "statistical particle production" (observables: particle yields or ratios)



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Very different compared to particle production from string decay

But similar features show up in small systems, at low energies, and as well for heavy flavor particles.



Yields/pions vs multiplicity, for pp, pPb, PbPb (ALICE, in nature physics 2017)

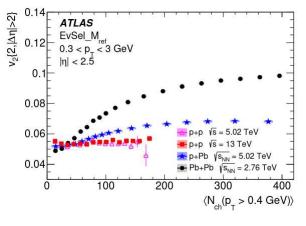
Central PbPb understood as due to "statistical particle production"

But it seems that pp and pPb are at least partly also showing this behavior

The event generators ... clearly need to be improved

#### v2 vs multiplicity for pp, pPb, PbPb

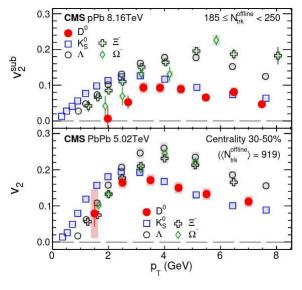
(Eur. Phys. J. C 77 (2017) 428)



Large v2 values (flow) for all systems, but different N ch dependence

**Small** energy dependence

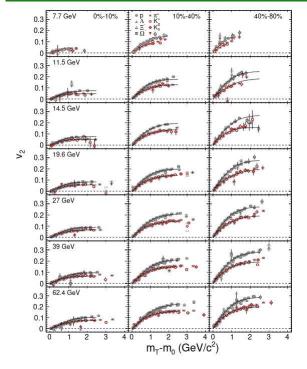
small N\_ch dependence in pp



v2 vs pt for pPb at 8.16TeV and PbPb at 5.02TeV (Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 082301)

Large v2 values in pPb even for D mesons

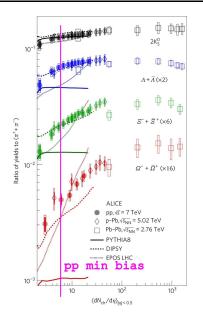
Similar to K<sub>s</sub> at large pt ("usual" meson behavior)



v2 vs m T for AuAu at 7-62 GeV (Phys.Rev.C 93 (2016) 1, 014907)

Similar behavior down to low energies (where no QGP is expected)

#### Actually flow / statistical decay issues are relevant even for min bias pp!



elementary pp models (particle production simply based on string decay)

do not produce enough  $\Omega$ baryons even for min bias pp

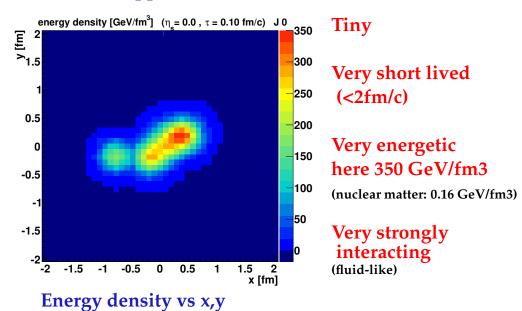
so some "new input" is needed ... compatible with the "normal" pp behavior (jets etc)

So these "features" (flow, stat. hadronizaton,...), usually referred to as "OGP signals", expected in high energy heavy ion collisions,

- □ show up in pp scattering, even min bias
- □ show up in "low energy" collisions
- concern even charmed hadrons

In particular the "small systems" (pp, pA) are very interesting...

#### **EPOS** simu pp 7TeV

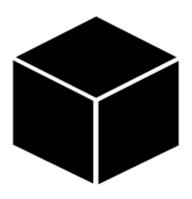


We better understand all that in a quantitative fashion ... and not to forget high pt features happening at the same time! We have

- these "mini-plasmas" producing low pt particles (soft domain)
- □ and very high pt particles (from pQCD processes, hard domain)

=> we need general purpose Monte Carlo Event Generators which allow to incorporate and test these "features"

#### 1.2 What means "Monte Carlo Method"



It should NOT be a black box producing "events" of particles

to be compared with "real" events



#### Monte Carlo Method means

- a tool to solve well defined mathematical problems
- □ based on probability theory

(random variables and random numbers)

Example: Compute  $I = \int_0^1 f(x) dx$ , which may be written as

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(x) f(x) dx, \text{ with } w(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We may interprete w as probability distribution and I as expectation value (or mean value), so

$$I = \langle f \rangle = \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} f(x_i)}_{MC \, estimate} + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

with uniform (in [0,1]) random numbers  $x_i$ 

An error of order  $1/\sqrt{N}$  is huge, nobody computes an 1Dintegral like that, BUT for computing high-dimensional integrals, the formula

$$I = \int w(x_1, ..., x_n) f(x_1, ..., x_n) dx_1 ... dx_n$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} f(x_{1i}, ..., x_{ni})}_{MC \text{ estimate}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

is very useful.

Attention: MC sums over N "events", but these MC events are not necessarily "physical" events



So, Monte Carlo Method (as discussed in this talk) means more precisely

- $\square$  a tool to compute integrals  $\int w(X) f(X) dX$  of a multidimensional variable X
- $\square$  as mean value  $\langle f(X) \rangle$  with X distributed according to w (with w being a multi-dimensional distribution)

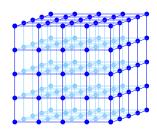
#### Monte Carlo Methods and the Ising Model

Actually generating *n*-dimensional *X* distributed according to some given w is usually very complicated for large n

- □ a problem well known in statistical physics since a long time
- □ with intelligent solutions

## **Extremely useful:** The Ising model of ferromagnetism

Box of  $N \times N \times N$  atoms each one carrying a spin with possible values +1 and -1 (spin up, spin down)



- ☐ Anyhow useful to know, one deals with phase trasitions very similar to the QGP phase transition
- ☐ The MC methods used there are precisely what we need for heavy ion simulations
- $\square$  Good example of a multi-dimensional variable X, being here the  $N^3$  spin values, let us call it a "state"

interesting quantity here is the average magnetization  $\langle M \rangle$ :

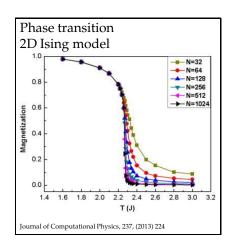
$$\langle M \rangle = \sum w(X) M(X)$$

with

$$w(X) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta E(X)}$$

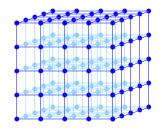
with

$$E = -lpha \sum_{\text{neighbors } k,k'} s_k s_{k'}$$



#### Why difficult?

For  $N^3$  atoms, the number Kof possible states is  $2^{(N^3)}$  $N = 100 : K \approx 10^{300000}$ 



**Solution: Monte-Carlo method:** 

$$\langle M \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^K w(X_i) M(X_i) \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J M(X_j)$$

with "reasonable" *J*, and  $X_i$  distributed according to w(X)

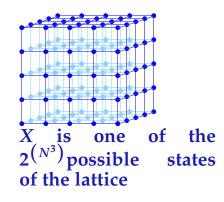
... provided we know how to generate X according to w(X)

#### Ising Model and Markov chains

The problem is: generate a "state" X according to

$$w(X) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta E(X)}$$

corresponding to "themal equilibrium"



Simple "direct methods" (rejection sampling) do not work.

Idea: Let's copy nature which always finds eventually the "equilibrium distribution"

One considers a stochastic iterative process (Markov chain)

$$w_1 \rightarrow w_2 \rightarrow \dots$$



A. Markov

with appropriate transitions  $w_t \to w_{t+1}$  (Metropolis) such that  $w_t$  converges to  $w_{\infty} = \frac{1}{7} e^{-\beta E(X)}$ (it works, thanks to "fixed point theorems")

#### Why useful for us?

- ☐ Markov chain + Metropolis is extremely powerful, it works for ANY distribution and not just Boltzmann distributions
- ☐ It allows to treat "parallel interactions" in high energy scattering
- ☐ We use it for microcanonical QGP decay (needed for small systems)

#### Parallel and sequential scattering

Some crucial thoughts about the validity of certain theoretical concepts in AA and pp scattering

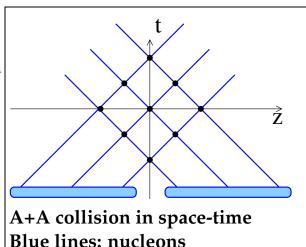
#### Parallel and sequential scattering in AA

#### Crucial time scales

 $\tau_{\text{collision}}$  is the duration of the AA collision

 $\tau_{\rm interaction}$  is the time between two NN interactions

 $\tau_{\rm form}$  is the particle formation time



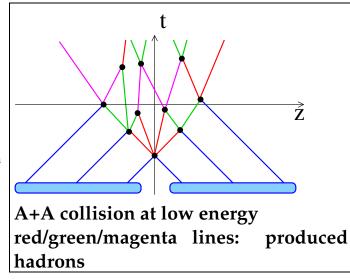
#### At "low" energy

**Sequential** collisions (cascade)

#### Crucial:

 $\tau_{\rm form} < \tau_{\rm interaction}$ 

 $\tau_{\rm form}$  is the particle formation time  $\tau_{\text{interaction}}$  is the time between two NN interactions



## At "high" energy ( $\gg$ 1GeV): Longitudinal size

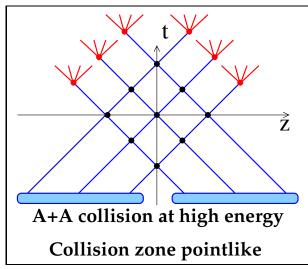
$$d=rac{2R}{\gamma}\ll 1\,\mathrm{fm/c}$$

All interactions simultaneously at t = 0 (in parallel)

Particle production later. Condition:

$$au_{
m form}\gg au_{
m collision}$$

 $\tau_{\text{collision}}$  is the duration of the AA collision



Low energy and high energy nuclear scattering are completely different, and completely different theoretical methods are needed

☐ High energy approach = parallel interactions (as done in EPOS)

(and this is why we need these Markov chain techniques...)

- ☐ At LHC energies, one can completely separate
  - primary interactions (within < 0.01 fm/c)
  - and secondary interactions (hydro evolution etc)

## What is the range of validity of the "parallel approach"?

The condition is

$$au_{
m collision} = rac{2R}{\gamma c} < au_{
m form} pprox 1 \, {
m fm/c}$$

For R = 6.5 fm, we get

$$\gamma > \frac{2R}{c\tau_{\rm form}} \approx \frac{13}{1}$$

so the critical energy per nucleon is  $E \approx 13 \, m_v c^2 \approx 12 \, \text{GeV}$ 

The "parallel approach" is valid (and required) for  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}\gtrsim 24\,\mathrm{GeV}$  (upper BES energies, LHC)

## What is the range of validity of the "cascade approach"?

The condition is (with *n* nucleons in a row)

$$au_{
m interaction} = rac{2R}{n\gamma eta c} > au_{
m form} pprox 1\,{
m fm/c}$$

For R = 6.5 fm and n = 6, we get

$$\gamma \beta < \frac{2R}{nc\tau_{\rm form}} \approx \frac{13}{6}$$

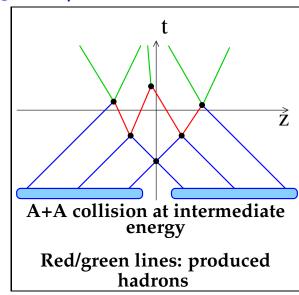
so the critical energy per nucleon is  $E \approx \gamma m_p c^2 \approx 2.2 \,\text{GeV}$ 

The "cascade approach" is valid for  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \lesssim 4 \, \text{GeV}$ 

# The intermediate range $4 < \sqrt{s_{NN}} < 24 \text{ GeV}$

On needs a "partially parallel approach"

Several (but not all) NN scatterings are realized, before particle production starts

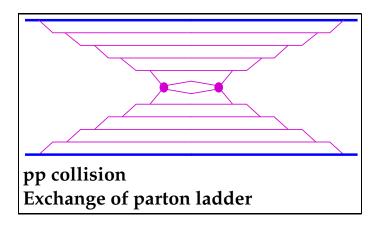


### Parallel approach in pp

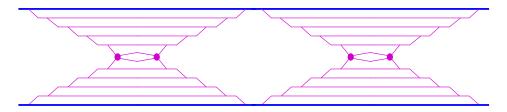
# At LHC energy: Interaction: successive parton emissions

Large gamma factors, very long lived ptls

The complete process takes a very long time



#### Impossible to have several of these interactions in a row



#### So also in pp:

☐ High energy approach = parallel interactions (as done in EPOS)

And we know that multiple scattering is important!

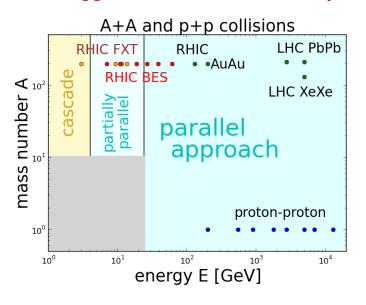
## So double scattering in pp should look like this:

Here two parallel scatterings No contradictions with re-

spect to timescales

So it seems mandatory to use a parallel scattering scheme, for pp and AA, known since a long time ... but somewhat forgotten nowadays ...

#### Parallel approach needed almost everywhere



Points (besides FXT): Epos comparisons to data

#### 1.6 Factorization and S-matrix

#### **Factorization**

The most popular approach to treat HE pp, is based on "factorization", where the di-jet cross section is given as

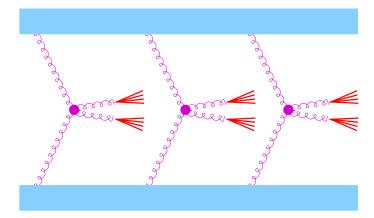
$$\sigma_{
m dijet} = \sum_{kl} \int rac{d^3 p_3 d^3 p_4}{E_3 E_4} \int dx_1 dx_2 \, f_{
m PDF}^k(x_1, \mu_{
m F}^2) f_{
m PDF}^l(x_2, \mu_{
m F}^2) \ rac{1}{32 s \pi^2} ar{\Sigma} |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4),$$

Easy! No sophisticated MC needed.

But where are these complicated "parallel" scatterings?

The di-jet cross section is an inclusive cross section, i.e. one counts di-jets, not di-jet events, so a N-di-jet event counts N times

Here: N=3: We count 3 dijets.



Summing N-di-jet events, we get for the inclusive di-jet cross section

$$\sigma_{
m dijet} = \sum_{N} N \, \sigma_{
m dijet}^{(N)}$$

whereas the total cross section (forgetting soft for the moment)

$$\sigma_{
m tot} = \sum_{N} \sigma_{
m dijet}^{(N)}$$

For inclusive cross section, enormous simplifications apply!

To understand this we have to first look closer at "parallel scattering", using an appropriate tool (S-matrix approach).

#### **Crash course on S-matrix theory**

### S-matrix theory is based on two major beliefs:

- □ Even when a theory is not 100% known, one may obtain considerable guidance from a general quantum mechanical framework based on (plausible) hypotheses
- $\square$  Properties of functions f(x) of real variables are much better understood when "continuing" into the complex plane \*)

<sup>\*)</sup> based on the uniqueness of analytic continuation in the complex plane, an extremely power theorem

# Reminder: The scattering operator $\hat{S}$ is defined via

$$|\psi(t=+\infty\rangle = \hat{S} |\psi(t=-\infty\rangle$$

## The S-matrix is the corresponding representation

$$S_{ij} = \langle i | \hat{S} | j \rangle$$

for basis states  $|i\rangle$  and  $|j\rangle$ .

#### The T-matrix is defined as

$$S_{fi} = \delta_{fi} + i(2\pi)^4 \delta(p_f - p_i) T_{fi}$$

### Fundamental properties of the S-matrix

#### Most important:

The scattering operator  $\hat{S}$  must be unitary:

$$\hat{S}^{\dagger}\hat{S}=1$$

(elementary quantum mechanics), which means the scattering does not change the normalisation of a state.

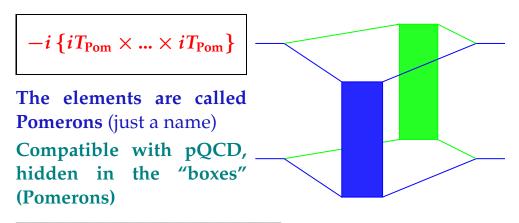
# Very plausible 3 hypotheses:

- $\Box$   $T_{ii}$  is Lorentz invariant  $\rightarrow$  use s, t
- $\Box$   $T_{ii}(s,t)$  is an analytic function of s, with s considered as a complex variable (Hermitean analyticity)
- $\Box$   $T_{ii}(s,t)$  is real on some part of the real axis

Using the Schwarz reflection principle (a theorem),  $T_{ii}(s,t)$  first defined for Ims > 0 can be continued in a unique fashion via  $T_{ii}(s^*,t) = T_{ii}(s,t)^*$ .

In the following we use  $T = T_{ii}$  (elastic scattering).

Based on the observation of multiple scattering at HE, and the necessity of parallel scatterings, one postulates a particular form of the (elastic scattering) **T-matrix** \*):



<sup>\*)</sup> simplified version, without energy conservation

It can be shown (from unitarity + 3 hypotheses):

$$2s \, \sigma_{\mathrm{tot}} = (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_f - p_i) \sum_f \left| T_{fi} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{disc} \, T$$

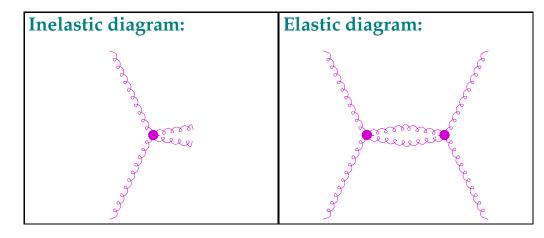
Interpretation:  $\frac{1}{i}$  disc T can be seen as a so-called "cut diagram", with modified Feynman rules, the "intermediate particles" are on mass shell.

Cut diagrams ( $\frac{1}{i}$ disc T) represent inelastic processes, uncut diagrams (T) elastic ones.

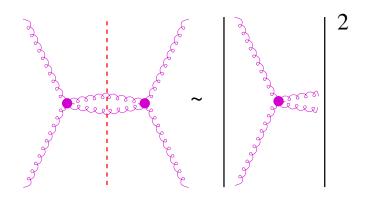
The notion of "cutting" is extremely useful in our approach, more details later.

### Example: Di-jet diagram

(We consider here jet = parton)



### The cut diagram is (up to constant) equal to squared inelastic one



The cut diagram ( $\frac{1}{2}$  disc T) represents inelastic processes, for *T* representing the corresponding elastic ones.

# Why does factorization work?

Easy to see in our **S-matrix approach** based on parallel scatterings (Gribov-Regge picture, as used in EPOS).

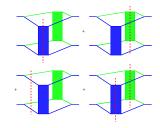
Here, the simplified version, without energy conservation, using simple assumptions:

Consider multiple scattering amplitude, i.e. a T-matrix of the form

$$iT = \prod iT_{\rm P}$$

 $T_P$  represents one elementary scattering (Pomeron)

Cross section: sum over all cuts.



Here, two parallel scatterings

A cut Pomeron is (up to a constant) equal to the inelastic amplitude squared, it represents the weight to produce a di-jet.

An uncut Pomeron is just an elastic scattering, nothing produced.

For each cut Pom:

$$\frac{1}{i}\mathrm{disc}T_{\mathrm{P}}=2\mathrm{Im}T_{\mathrm{P}}\equiv G$$

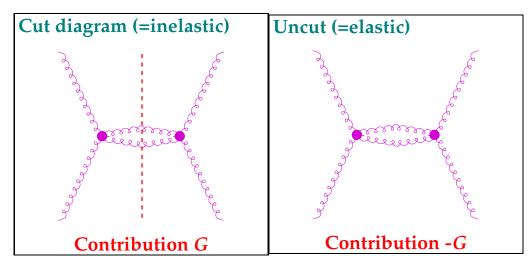
For each uncut one (considering imaginary  $T_P$ ):

$$iT_{P} + \{iT_{P}\}^{*}$$

$$= i(i \operatorname{Im} T_{P}) + \{i(i \operatorname{Im} T_{P})\}^{*}$$

$$= -2\operatorname{Im} T_{P} \equiv -G$$

### **Explicitly**

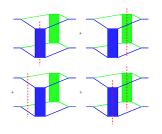


Negative contribution means shadowing / screening

#### Consider two Pomerons

Total cross section contribution (at least one +G) proportional to

$$0 \times (-G)^2 + 2G(-G) + G^2$$



Di-jet cross section  $\sigma_{\text{dijet}}$ : Each cut Pomeron produces one di-jet =>

$$\sigma_{\text{dijet}} = 0 \times (-G)^2 + 1 \times 2G(-G) + 2 \times G^2$$
  
= 0 - 2G<sup>2</sup> + 2G<sup>2</sup> = 0

The different contributions cancel!!

#### **Consider three Pomerons**

**Total cross section contribution** (at least one +G) proportional to

$$0 \times (-G)^3 + 3G(-G)^2 + 3G^2(-G) + G^3$$

For di-jet cross section  $\sigma_{\text{dijet}}$ , add coefficients (number of di-jets):

$$0 \times (-G)^3 + 1 \times 3G(-G)^2 + 2 \times 3G^2(-G) + 3 \times G^3$$
  
= 0 + 3G<sup>3</sup> - 6G<sup>3</sup> + 3G<sup>3</sup> = 0

Again the different contributions cancel!!

## **Contribution for n Pomerons** (*k* refers to the cut Pomerons):

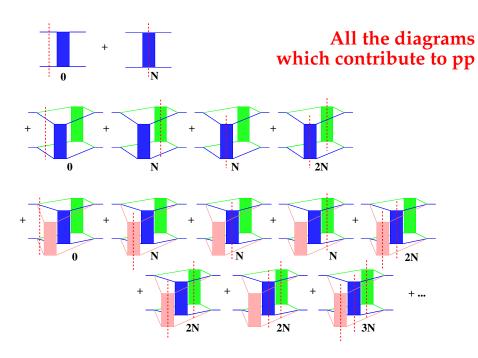
$$\sigma_{\text{dijet}}^{(n)} \propto \sum_{k=0}^{n} k G^{k} (-G)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k}$$

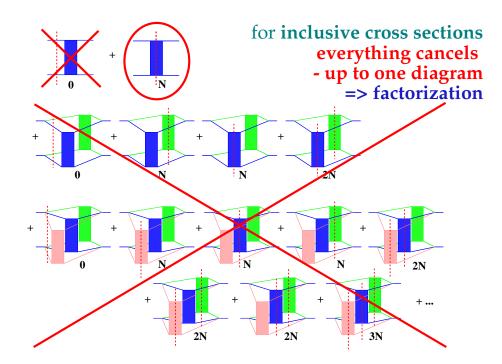
$$\propto \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^{n-k} k \times \binom{n}{k}$$

$$= 0$$
 for any  $n > 1$ 

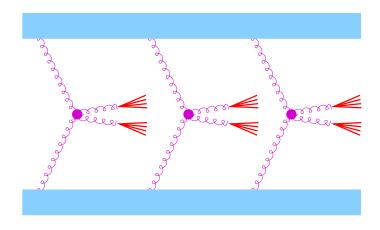
 $\square$  Almost all of the diagrams (i.e. n=2, n=3, ....) do not contribute at all to the inclusive cross section

- ☐ Enormous amount of cancellations (interference), only n=1 contributes
- □ AGK cancellations (Abramovskii, Gribov and Kancheli cancellation (1973))



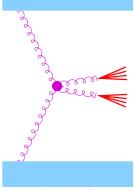


#### Even though the real events show multiple Pomerons



For inclusive cross sections (and only then) a simple dia-

gram is enough



which corresponds to factorization:

$$\sigma_{\rm incl} = f \otimes \sigma_{\rm elem} \otimes f$$

#### Remark:

☐ We get perfect AGK cancellations in our simplified GR picture (no energy sharing)

☐ In the full scheme, it works at large pt (in EPOS4)

## **Beyond factorization**

Factorization simplifies things enormously!

Extremely useful when computing inclusive di-jet cross sections to study the underlying elementary QCD processes. The full event structure is not needed.

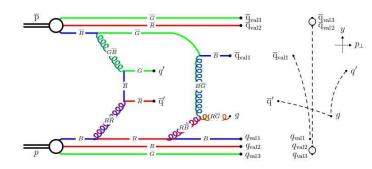
However, many observables require "full events", like everything related to given multiplicity selections.

Two strategies to deal with.

#### **Strategy 1**

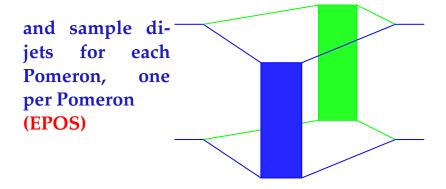
Start out from factorization, sampling several di-jets from a single diagram,

and then attribute them to different subprocesses, redefine color structures (Pythia, Herwig,...)



### Strategy 2

Start out from multi-Pomeron S-matrix, sample multi-Pomeron configurations using cutting rule techniques, employing Markov chains

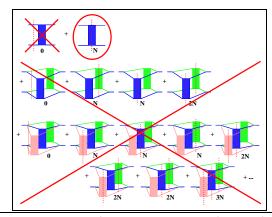


#### Pros and cons

Strategy	Pros	Cons
Method 1 (PYTHIA)	Simple to realise  Best method for inclusive cross sections	"Reconstruction" of multiple scattering without solid theoretical basis ———————————————————————————————————
		small pt  No obvious extension towards AA
Method 2 (EPOS)	Solid theoretical basis concerning multiple parallel scattering  Straightforward generalization for AA	Realisation technically demanding ————————————————————————————————————

Main problem for the EPOS method:

Since all diagrams are considered:



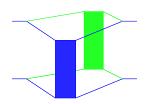
In case of inclusice cross sections, the corresponding diagrams must actually cancel, which requires high precision and good strategies

#### **AA** collisions

Almost trivial to extend the multiple Pomeron picture to AA.

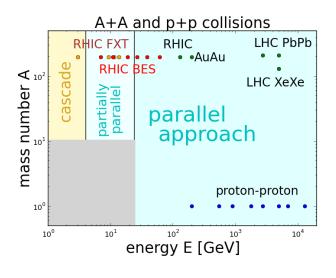
The T-matrix is essentially a product of the pp expressions:

$$-i \prod_{\text{pairs}} \{iT_{\text{Pom}} \times ... \times iT_{\text{Pom}}\}$$



Again, the difficulty is the fact that realizing AGK cancellations requires big efforts

Crucial! Amounts to binary scaling



So again, the multiple Pomeron approach is difficult (high precision and sophisicated strategies needed to get cancellations)

but there is no real alternative, we need a "parallel approach"

## 1.7 Glauber and Gribov Regge

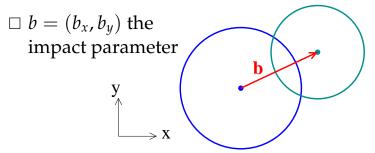
**Glauber approach** (essentially geometry) Nucleus-nucleus collision A + B:

- ☐ Sequence of independent binary nucleon-nucleon collisions
- □ Nucleons travel on straight-line trajectories
- The inelastic nucleon-nucleon cross-section  $\sigma_{NN}$  is independent of the number od NN collisions

**Monte Carlo version:** Two nucleons collide if their transverse distance is less than  $\sqrt{\sigma_{NN}/\pi}$ .

## **Analytical formulas** for A + B scattering:

 $\square$  Be  $\rho_A$  and  $\rho_B$  the (normalized nuclear densities), and



Define integral over nuclear density for each nucleus:

$$T_{A/B}(b') = \int \rho_{A/B}(b',z)dz,$$

### and the "thickness function"

$$T_{AB}(b) = \int T_A(b')T_B(b'-b)d^2b'$$

$$y$$

$$b'-b$$

$$b$$

### **Probability of interaction**

(for 
$$ho_A$$
 and  $ho_B$  normalized to 1)  $P = T_{AB}(b) \ \sigma_{NN}$ 

Having *AB* possible pairs: probability of *n* interactions:

$$P_n = \left(\begin{array}{c} AB \\ n \end{array}\right) P^n (1-P)^{AB-n}$$

**Probability of at least one interaction** (given *b*):

$$\sum_{n=1}^{AB} P_n = 1 - P_0 = 1 - (1 - P)^{AB}$$

And correspondingly the AB cross section :

$$\sigma^{AB} = \int \{1 - (1 - P)^{AB}\} d^2b.$$

(called optical limit).

**Probability of an interaction** explicitely:

$$\frac{d\sigma^{AB}}{d^2b} = 1 - \{(1 - T_{AB}(b) \sigma_{NN})^{AB}\}.$$

**Glauber MC formula** (with  $\sigma_{NN} = \int f(b)d^2b$ ):

$$\frac{d\sigma^{AB}}{d^2b} = 1 - \left\{ \int \prod_{i=1}^A d^2b_i^A T_A(b_i^A) \prod_{j=1}^B d^2b_j^B T_B(b_j^B) \prod_{k=1}^{AB} (1-f) \right\}.$$

In the MC version, one extracts  $N_{\text{coll}}$ ,  $N_{\text{particip}}$ , and one usually employs a "wounded nucleon approach"

Does this make sense?

### Theoretical justification?

... based on relativistic quantum mechanical scattering theory, compatible with QCD

=> Gribov-Regge approach

## Gribov Regge for pp, no energy sharing

In the GR framework, we obtain (neglecting energy sharing)

$$\frac{d\sigma^{pp}}{d^2b} = \sum_{m>0} \sum_{l} \frac{G(b)^m}{m!} \frac{\{-G(b)\}^l}{l!}$$

$$= \sum_{m>0} \frac{G(b)^m}{m!} e^{-G(b)} = \sum_{m} \frac{G(b)^m}{m!} e^{-G(b)} - e^{-G(b)}$$

So

$$\frac{d\sigma^{pp}}{d^2b} = 1 - e^{-G(b)} = f(b)$$

with f(b) being the probability of an interaction at given b.

# Gribov Regge for A+B scattering

In the GR framework, defining

$$\int dT_{AB} := \int \prod_{i=1}^{A} d^2b_i^A T_A(b_i^A) \prod_{i=1}^{B} d^2b_j^B T_B(b_j^B),$$

we obtain (neglecting energy sharing):

$$\frac{d\sigma^{AB}}{d^2b} = \int dT_{AB} \underbrace{\sum_{m_1, \dots, m_{AB}} \prod_{k=1}^{AB} \frac{G(b_k)^{m_k}}{m_k!}}_{F_{m_k} \neq 0} e^{-G(b_k)}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{AB}}{d^{2}b} = \int dT_{AB} \underbrace{\sum_{m_{1}} \dots \sum_{m_{AB}} \prod_{k=1}^{AB} \frac{G(b_{k})^{m_{k}}}{m_{k}!}}_{\sum m_{i} \neq 0} e^{-G(b_{k})}$$

$$= \int dT_{AB} \underbrace{\sum_{m_{1}} \dots \sum_{m_{AB}} \prod_{k=1}^{AB} \frac{G(b_{k})^{m_{k}}}{m_{k}!}}_{e^{-G(b_{k})} - \prod_{k=1}^{AB} e^{-G(b_{k})}$$

$$= \int dT_{AB} \underbrace{\prod_{k=1}^{AB} \sum_{m_{k}} \frac{G(b_{k})^{m_{k}}}{m_{k}!}}_{exp(G(b_{k}))} e^{-G(b_{k})} - \underbrace{\prod_{k=1}^{AB} e^{-G(b_{k})}}_{exp(G(b_{k}))}$$

So

$$\frac{\sigma^{AB}}{d^2b} = 1 - \int dT_{AB} \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^{AB} e^{-G(b_k)} \right\}$$

With  $f = 1 - e^{-G(b)}$  being the probability of an interaction in pp (with  $\sigma^{pp} = \int f(b)d^2b$ ),

we get the Gribov-Regge result

$$\frac{\sigma^{AB}}{d^2b} = 1 - \left\{ \int dT_{AB} \prod_{k=1}^{AB} (1-f) \right\}$$

which corresponds to "Glauber Monte Carlo".

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BUT ...

### ... this concern total cross sections!!

## and not at all particle production cross sections

### □ In Glauber

- one has (usually) a hard component ( $\sim N_{\rm coll}$ )
- and a soft one ( $\sim N_{\rm part}$ , wounded nucleons)

### $\square$ In GR (EPOS)

- remnants contribute only at large rapidities,
- otherwise everything is coming from "cut Pomerons" associated to NN scatterings, and one has to account for "shadowing/saturation"

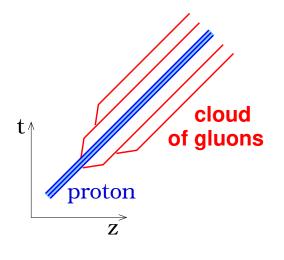
# 2 Gribov-Regge & Partons (GRP)

Back to the GR approach employed in EPOS to account for multiple parallel interactions, via the (elastic scattering) T-matrix

$$-i\left\{iT_{\mathrm{Pom}} imes... imes iT_{\mathrm{Pom}}
ight\}$$

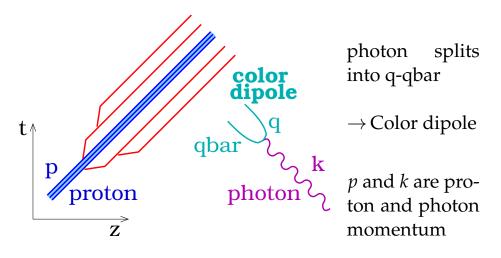
The QCD part is hidden in the "boxes", so what precisely should be put there?

### 2.1 A fast moving proton



emits successively partons (mainly gluons), quasi-real (large gamma factors)

# ... which can be probed by a virtual photon (emitted from an electron)



What precisely the photon "sees" depends on two kinematic variables.

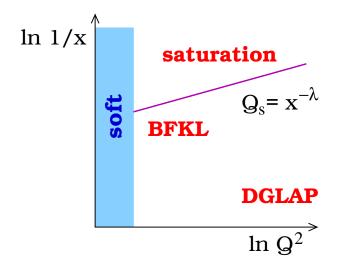
the virtuality

$$Q^2 = -k^2$$

and the **Bjorken variable** 

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2pk}$$

which probes partons with momentum fraction x. It determines also the **approximation scheme** to compute the parton cloud.



DGLAP: summing to all orders of  $\alpha_s \ln Q^2$ 

BFKL: summing to all orders of  $\alpha_s \ln \frac{1}{x}$ 

Linear equations BFKL (Balitsky, Fadin, Kuraey, and Lipatoy):

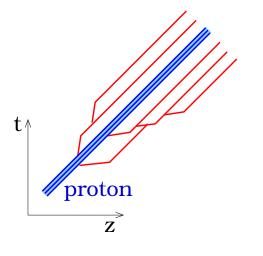
$$\frac{\partial \varphi(x,q)}{\partial \ln \frac{1}{\pi}} \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi^2} \int d^2k \, K(q,k) \varphi(x,k)$$

with 
$$xg(x, Q^2) = \int_0^{Q^2} \frac{d^2k}{k^2} \varphi(x, k)$$
,

DGLAP (Dokshitzer, Gribov, Lipatov, Altarelli and Parisi):

$$\frac{\partial g(x,Q^2)}{\partial \ln q^2} = \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P(z) g(\frac{x}{z},Q^2)$$

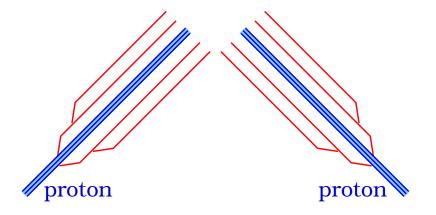
### Very large $\ln 1/x$ : Saturation domain



## Non-linear effects

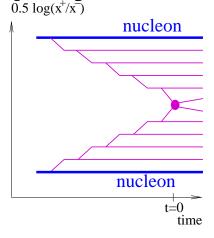
Gluon from one cascade is absorbed by another one

### pp scattering (linear domain)



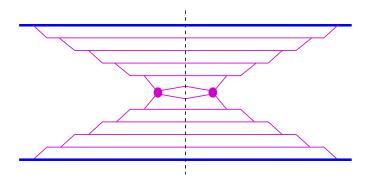
Same evolution as in proton-photon (causality)

## Different way of plotting the same reaction



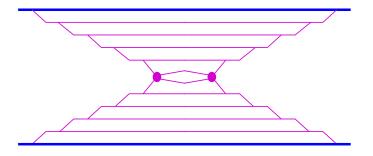
inelastic scattering diagram

### Corresponding cut diagram



referred to as "cut parton ladder" = amplitude squared of the inelastic diagram

### Corresponding elastic diagram



referred to as "(uncut) parton ladder"

### Soft domain

Very small  $\ln Q^2$ : No perturbative treatment!

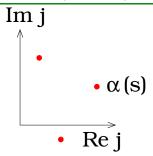
But one may use again the hypothesis of Lorentz invariance and analyticity of the T-matrix. One starts with a partial wave expansion of the T-matrix (Watson-Sommerfeld transform):

$$T(t,s) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (2j+1)\mathcal{T}(j,s)P_j(z)$$

with  $t \propto z - 1$ ,  $z = \cos \vartheta$ ,  $P_i$ : Legendre polynomials.

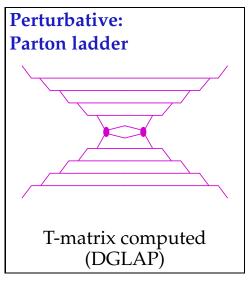
With  $\alpha(s)$  being the rightmost pole of  $\mathcal{T}(j,s)$  one gets for  $t \to \infty$ :

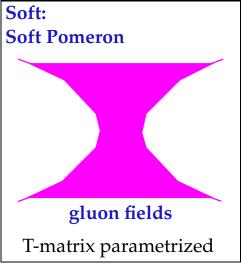
$$T(t,s) \propto t^{\alpha(s)}$$



and assuming crossing symmetry one gets the famous asymptotic result

$$T(s,t) \propto s^{lpha(t)}$$
 with the "Regge pole"  $lpha(t) = lpha(0) + lpha' t$ 





### Formulas:

$$T_{
m soft}(\hat{s},t) = 8\pi s_0 i \, \gamma_{
m Pom-parton}^2 \left(rac{\hat{s}}{s_0}
ight)^{lpha_{
m soft}(0)} \ imes \exp\left(\left\{2R_{
m Pom-parton}^2 + lpha_{
m soft}' \lnrac{\hat{s}}{s_0}\right\} t
ight),$$

Cut soft Pomeron (Schwarz reflection principle):

$$\frac{1}{i}\operatorname{disc} T_{\text{soft}}(\hat{s}, t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{i} \left[ T_{\text{soft}}(\hat{s} + i0, t) - T_{\text{soft}}(\hat{s} - i0, t) \right]$$

$$= 2\operatorname{Im} T_{\text{soft}}(\hat{s}, t)$$

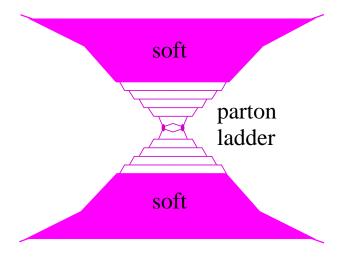
Interaction cross section,

$$\sigma_{\rm soft}(\hat{s}) = \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} 2 {\rm Im} \, T_{\rm soft}(\hat{s}, 0)$$
,

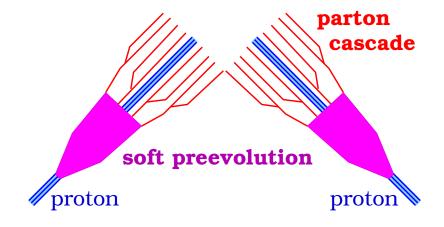
$$=8\pi\gamma_{\mathrm{part}}^2\left(\frac{\hat{s}}{s_0}\right)^{\alpha_{\mathrm{soft}}(0)-1}$$
,

using the optical theorem (with t = 0), which grows faster than data

### 2.4 Semihard Pomeron



### Space-time picture of semihard Pomeron



### Hard cross section and amplitude

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\rm hard}^{jk}(\hat{s},Q_0^2) &= \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} 2 {\rm Im} \, T_{\rm hard}^{jk}(\hat{s},t=0) \\ &= K \sum_{ml} \int dx_B^+ dx_B^- dp_\perp^2 \frac{d\sigma_{\rm Born}^{ml}}{dp_\perp^2} (x_B^+ x_B^- \hat{s},p_\perp^2) \\ &\times E_{\rm QCD}^{jm}(x_B^+,Q_0^2,M_F^2) \, E_{\rm QCD}^{kl}(x_B^-,Q_0^2,M_F^2) \theta \left(M_F^2-Q_0^2\right) \, , \end{split}$$

One knows (Lipativ, 86): amplitude is imaginary, and nearly independent on t => (with  $R_{\text{hard}}^2 \simeq 0$ ):

$$T_{\text{hard}}^{jk}(\hat{s},t) = i\hat{s}\,\sigma_{\text{hard}}^{jk}(\hat{s},Q_0^2)\,\exp\left(R_{\text{hard}}^2\,t\right)$$

## Semihard amplitude:

$$iT_{\text{semihard}}(\hat{s},t) = \sum_{jk} \int_0^1 \frac{dz^+}{z^+} \frac{dz^-}{z^-}$$

$$\times \operatorname{Im} T_{\text{soft}}^j \left(\frac{s_0}{z^+}, t\right) \operatorname{Im} T_{\text{soft}}^k \left(\frac{s_0}{z^-}, t\right) iT_{\text{hard}}^{jk}(z^+ z^- \hat{s}, t)$$

(valid for  $s \to \infty$  and small parton virtualities except for the ones in the ladder)

soft

parton ladder

soft

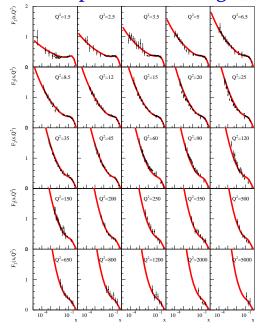
Based on these diagrams, one computes T's needed for generating multi-Pomeron configurations,

but also computes di-jet cross sections in "factorization mode" as

tions in "factorization mode" as 
$$E_{3}E_{4}\frac{d^{6}\sigma_{\text{dijet}}}{d^{3}p_{3}d^{3}p_{4}} = \sum_{kl} \int \int dx_{1}dx_{2} f_{\text{PDF}}^{k}(x_{1},\mu_{\text{F}}^{2}) f_{\text{PDF}}^{l}(x_{2},\mu_{\text{F}}^{2}) \\ \frac{1}{32s\pi^{2}} \bar{\sum} |\mathcal{M}^{kl \to mn}|^{2} \delta^{4}(p_{1} + p_{2} - p_{3} - p_{4}),$$

f<sub>PDF</sub> are the EPOS PDFs, convolution of soft & DGLAP part

### Electron-proton scattering $F_2$ vs x



To check our  $f_{PDF}$ , we can compute

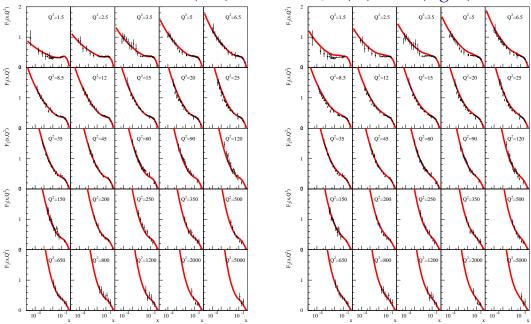
$$F_2 = \sum_k e_k^2 x f_{PDF}^k(x, Q^2)$$

with

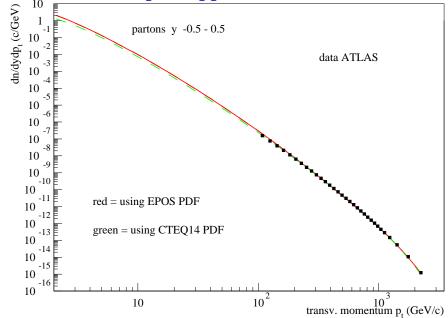
$$x = x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2pq}$$

in the EPOS framework, and compare with data from ZEUS, H1

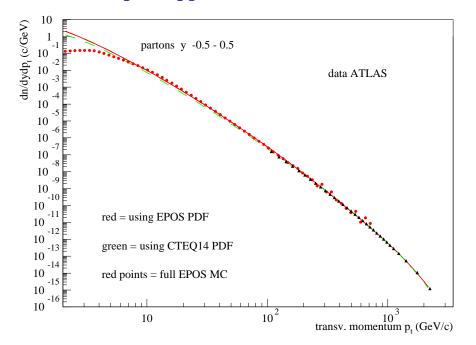
# F<sub>2</sub> with EPOS PDF (left) and CTEQ14(5f) PDF (right)



## Jet cross section vs pt for pp at 13 TeV



### Jet cross section vs pt for pp at 13 TeV



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# Multiple Pomeron exchange in EPOS

The full approach, going beyond factorization

### 3.1 Multiple scattering

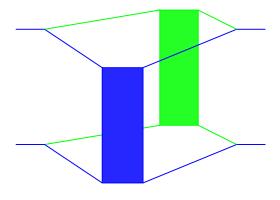
Be T the elastic (pp,pA,AA) scattering T-matrix =>

$$2s\,\sigma_{\rm tot} = \frac{1}{\rm i}{\rm disc}\,T$$

Basic assumption : Multiple "Pomerons"

$$iT = \sum_{k} \frac{1}{k!} \left\{ iT_{\text{Pom}} \times ... \times iT_{\text{Pom}} \right\}$$

## Example: 2 "Pomerons"



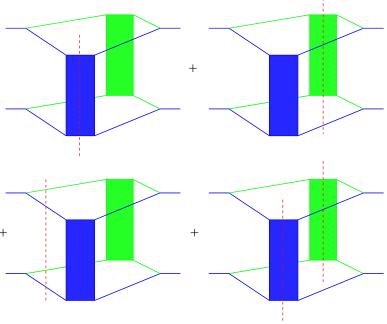
#### **Evaluate**

$$\frac{1}{i} \operatorname{disc} \left\{ i T_{\text{Pom}} \times ... \times i T_{\text{Pom}} \right\}$$

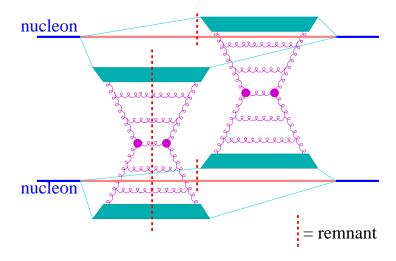
using "cutting rules":

A "cut" multi-Pomeron diagram amounts to the sum of all possible cuts

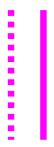
# Example of two Pomerons



Using "Pomeron = parton ladder + soft", we have (first diagram)

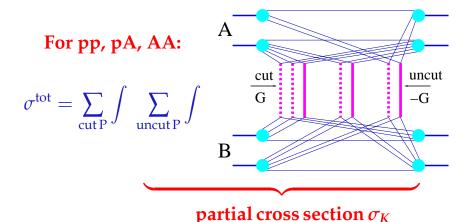


Using a simplified notation for "cut" and "uncut" Pomeron



one gets ...

#### 3.2 Complete result



Dotted lines: Cut Pomerons (parton ladders)

$$\begin{split} \sigma^{\text{tot}} &= \int d^2b \int \prod_{i=1}^A d^2b_i^A \, dz_i^A \, \rho_A (\sqrt{(b_i^A)^2 + (z_i^A)^2}) \\ &\prod_{j=1}^B d^2b_j^B \, dz_j^B \, \rho_B (\sqrt{(b_j^B)^2 + (z_j^B)^2}) \\ &\sum_{m_1l_1} \dots \sum_{m_{AB}l_{AB}} (1 - \delta_{0\Sigma m_k}) \, \int \prod_{k=1}^{AB} \left( \prod_{\mu=1}^{m_k} dx_{k,\mu}^+ dx_{k,\mu}^- \prod_{\lambda=1}^{l_k} d\tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^+ d\tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^- \right) \bigg\{ \\ &\prod_{k=1}^{AB} \left( \frac{1}{m_k!} \frac{1}{l_k!} \prod_{\mu=1}^{m_k} G(x_{k,\mu}^+, x_{k,\mu}^-, s, |\vec{b} + \vec{b}_{\pi(k)}^A - \vec{b}_{\tau(k)}^B|) \right) \\ &\prod_{\lambda=1}^{l_k} -G(\tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^+, \tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^-, s, |\vec{b} + \vec{b}_{\pi(k)}^A - \vec{b}_{\tau(k)}^B|) \bigg\} \\ &\prod_{i=1}^{A} \left( 1 - \sum_{\pi(k)=i} x_{k,\mu}^+, -\sum_{\pi(k)=i} \tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^+ \right)^{\alpha} \prod_{j=1}^{B} \left( 1 - \sum_{\tau(k)=j} x_{k,\mu}^- - \sum_{\tau(k)=j} \tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^- \right)^{\alpha} \bigg\} \end{split}$$

□ Complicated due to strict energy sharing

=> 10,000,000-dimensional intergrals, not separable

□ but doable

- Parameterizations for  $G(x^+, x^-, s, b)$
- Analytical integrations
- Employing Markov chain techniques

## Step 1:

- $\square$  We compute **partial cross sections**  $\sigma_K$  for particular configurations K via analytical integration
- □ *K* is a multi-dimensional variable for example for double scattering in pp with two Pomerons involved:  $K = \{x_1^+, x_1^-, \vec{p}_{t1}, x_2^+, x_2^-, \vec{p}_{t2}\}$
- □ Configurations *K* in AA scattering may be quite complex

### Step 2:

The partial cross sections  $\sigma_K$  can (properly normalized) be

□ interpreted as **probability distributions**,

 □ enabling us to use Monte Carlo techniques to generate configurations *K* using Markov chain techniques

#### 3.3 Configurations via Markov chains

Consider a sequence of multidimensional random numbers (or better random configurations)

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, ...$$

with  $f_t$  being the law for  $x_t$ .

A homogeneous Markov chain is defined as

$$f_t(x) = \sum_{x'} f_{t-1}(x') p(x' \to x).$$

with  $p(x' \to x)$  being the transition probability (or matrix). Normalization :  $\sum_{x} p(x' \to x) = 1$ .

Let f be the law for  $x_t$ . The law for  $x_{t+1}$  is

$$\sum_{a} f(a) p(a \to b).$$

One defines an operator T (comme  $\underline{T}$  ranslation)

$$Tf(b) = \sum_{a} f(a) p(a \rightarrow b).$$

So Tf is the law for  $x_{t+1}$  when f is the law for  $x_t$ .

A law is called stationary if Tf = f.

Theorem: If a stationary law Tf = f exists, then  $T^k f_1$  converges towards f (which is unique) for any  $f_1$ .

So to generate random configurations according to some (given) law f,

- $\square$  one constructs a T such that Tf = f
- $\square$  and then considers  $f_1 \to Tf_1 \to T^2f_1...$
- □ and constructs the corresponding random configurations

One needs, for a given law f, to find a transition matrix p such that Tf = f

Sufficient condition (detailed balance):

$$f(a) p(a \rightarrow b) = f(b) p(b \rightarrow a)$$
,

Proof: 
$$Tf(b) = \sum_{a} f(a) p(a \to b)$$
$$= \sum_{a} f(b) p(b \to a)$$
$$= f(b) \sum_{a} p(b \to a)$$
$$= f(b).$$

#### 3.4 Metropolis alorithm

**Definitions:** 

$$p_{ab} = p(a \rightarrow b),$$
  
 $f_a = f(a).$ 

Take

$$p_{ab} = w_{ab} u_{ab}. \qquad (a \neq b).$$

with

$$w_{ab}$$
: proposal matrix  $(\sum_b w_{ab} = 1)$ 

 $u_{ab}$ : acceptance matrix ( $u_{ab} \leq 1$ )

This is NOT the simple acceptance-rejection method!!

#### Detailed balance:

$$f_a p_{ab} = f_b p_{ba}$$

amounts to

$$f_a w_{ab} u_{ab} = f_b w_{ba} u_{ba},$$

or

$$\frac{u_{ab}}{u_{ba}} = \frac{f_b}{f_a} \frac{w_{ba}}{w_{ab}}.$$

The expression

$$\frac{u_{ab}}{u_{ba}} = \frac{f_b}{f_a} \frac{w_{ba}}{w_{ab}}.$$

is solved by

$$u_{ab} = F\left(\frac{f_b}{f_a} \frac{w_{ba}}{w_{ab}}\right),\,$$

with a function F with

$$\frac{F(z)}{F(\frac{1}{z})} = z.$$

Proof: With 
$$z \equiv \frac{f_b}{f_a} \frac{w_{ba}}{w_{ab}}$$
 one finds:  $\frac{u_{ab}}{u_{ba}} = \frac{F(z)}{F(\frac{1}{z})} = z = \frac{f_b}{f_a} \frac{w_{ba}}{w_{ab}}$ .

The *F* according to Metropolis is

$$F(z) = \min(z, 1).$$

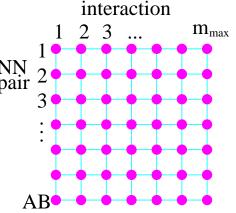
One finds indeed

$$\frac{F(z)}{F(\frac{1}{z})} = \frac{\min(z,1)}{\min(\frac{1}{z},1)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} z/1 & \text{pour } z \leq 1 \\ 1/\frac{1}{z} & \text{pour } z > 1 \end{array} \right\} = z.$$

So one proposes for each iteration a new configuation b according to some  $w_{ab}$ , and accepts it with probability

$$u_{ab} = \min\left(\frac{f_b}{f_a}\frac{w_{ba}}{w_{ab}}, 1\right).$$

Configuration lattice, define  $w_{ab}$  such that b changes w.r.t. a only on one lattice site (like Ising model Metropolis)



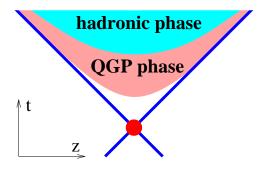
Long iterations, but allows to generate very complex configurations according to very complex laws.

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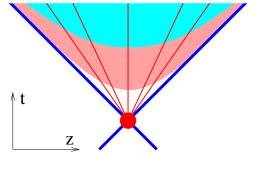
Secondary interactions (overview)

### 4.1 Primary and secondary interactions

So far we discussed primary interactions (the red point)



#### Milne coordiantes are used to describe evolution



**Proper time** (hyperbolas)

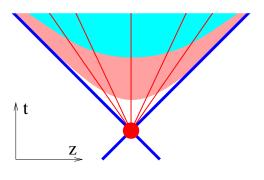
$$\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - z^2}$$

Space-time rapidity (red lines)

$$\eta_s = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{t+z}{t-z}$$

(not pseudorapidity)

# Primary interactions determine matter distribution in $\eta_s$



and in essentially any scenario  $\eta_s$  corresponds to the average rapidity (of volume cells)

$$< y > \approx \eta_s$$

so primary interactions determine "essentially" the rapidity distrbution

with 
$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + P_z}{E - P_z}$$

# Basic structure of EPOS (for modelling pp, pA, AA)

- □ Primary interactions Multiple scattering, instantaneously, in parallel (Gribov-Regge & Partons, GRP)
- □ Secondary interactions formation of "matter" which expands collectively, like a fluid, decays statistically

□ Primary interactions affect very strongly the evolution!

#### 4.2 Secondary interactions: An example

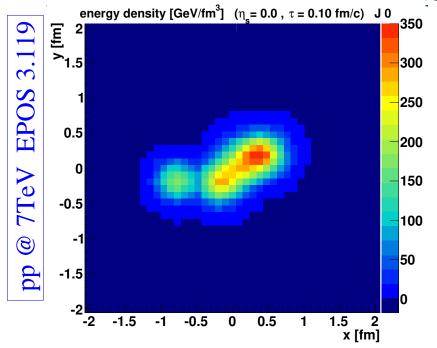
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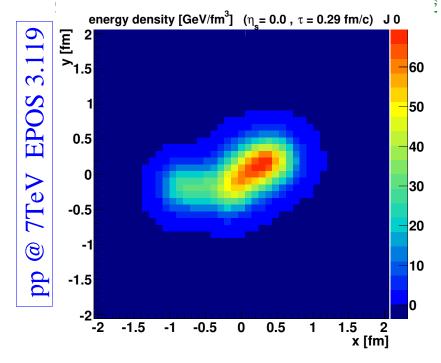
An example of a EPOS simulation

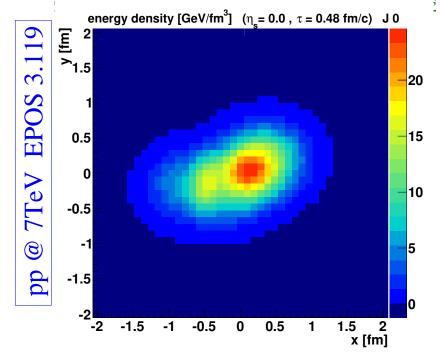
of expanding matter in pp scattering

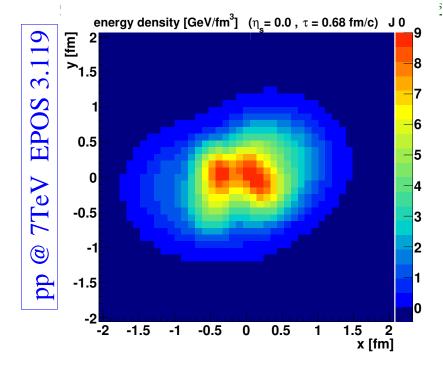
with initial conditions from GRP

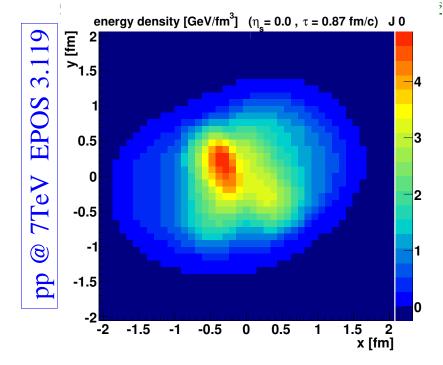
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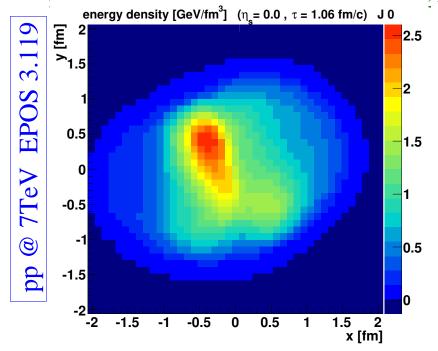


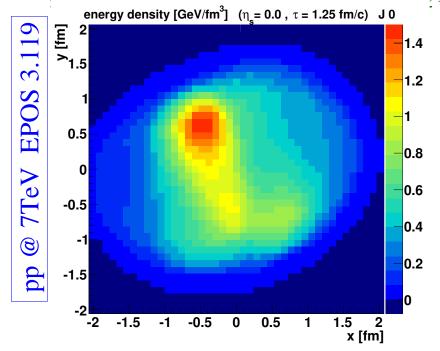


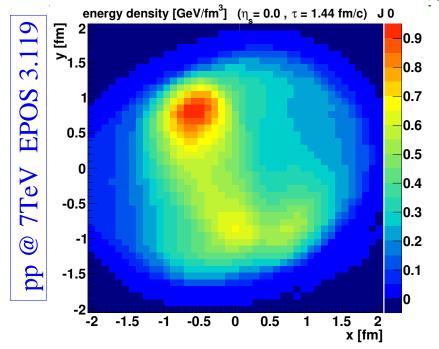


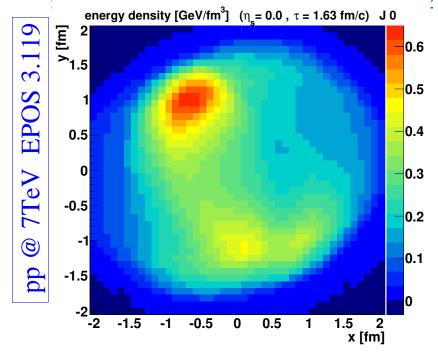


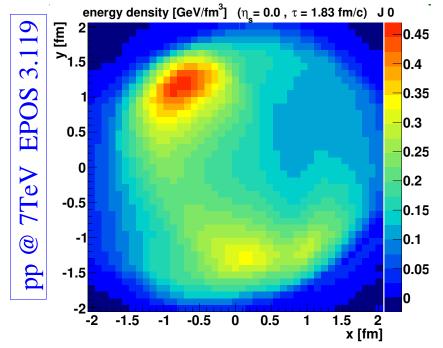


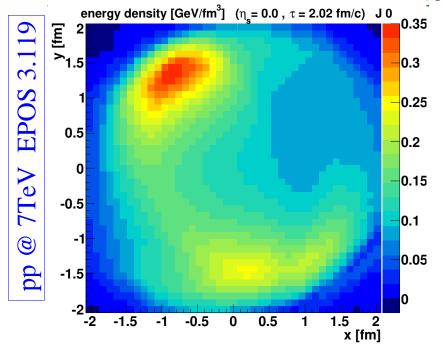


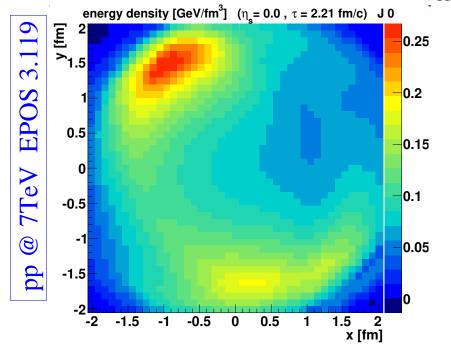


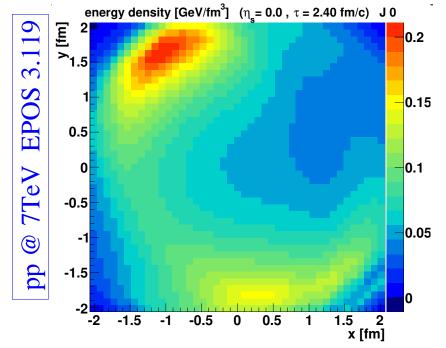


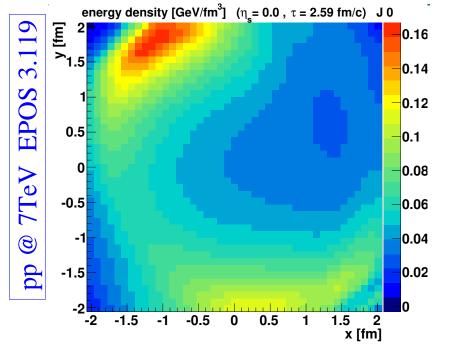






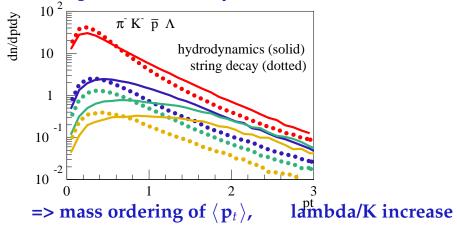




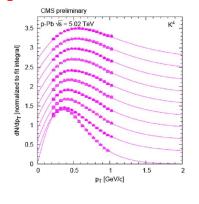


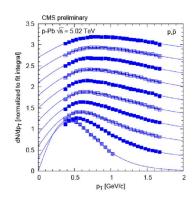
#### 4.3 Radial flow visible in particle distributions

#### Particle spectra affected by radial flow



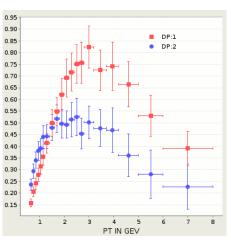




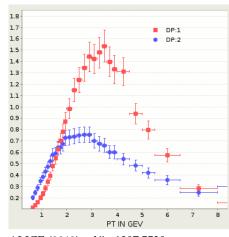


Strong variation of shape with multiplicity for kaon and even more for proton pt spectra (flow like)

## $\Lambda/K_{\scriptscriptstyle S}$ versus pT (high compared to low multiplicity) in pPb (left) similar to PbPb (right)



ALICE (2013) arXiv:1307.6796



ALICE (2013) arXiv:1307.5530 Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 222301 (2013)

In AA: partially due to flow

#### 4.4 Ridges & flow harmonics

Anisotropic radial flow visible in dihadron-correlations

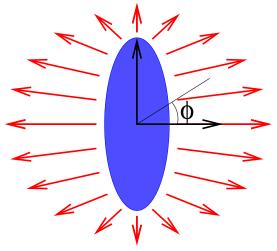
$$R = \frac{1}{N_{\text{trigg}}} \frac{dn}{d\Delta\phi\Delta\eta}$$

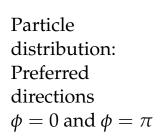
Anisotropic flow due to initial azimuthal anisotropies

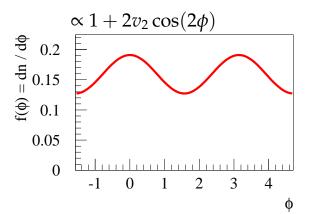
#### Initial "elliptical" matter distribution:

Preferred expansion along  $\phi = 0$ and  $\phi = \pi$ 

 $\eta_s$ -invariance same form at any  $\eta_s$  $\eta_s = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{t+z}{t-z}$ 





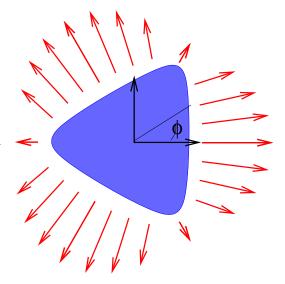


## Dihadrons: preferred $\Delta \phi = 0$ and $\Delta \phi = \pi$ (even for big $\Delta \eta$ )

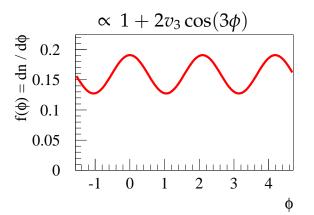
#### Initial "triangular" matter distribution:

Preferred expansion along  $\phi = 0$ ,  $\phi = \frac{2}{3}\pi$ , and  $\phi = \frac{4}{3}\pi$ 

 $\eta_s$ -invariance



Particle. distribution: Preferred directions  $\phi = 0, \, \phi = \frac{2}{3}\pi,$ and  $\phi = \frac{4}{3}\pi$ 



Dihadrons: preferred  $\Delta \phi = 0$ , and  $\Delta \phi = \frac{2}{3}\pi$ , and  $\Delta \phi = \frac{4}{3}\pi$ (even for large  $\Delta \eta$ )

In general, superposition of several eccentricities  $\varepsilon_n$ ,

$$\varepsilon_n e^{in\psi_n^{PP}} = -\frac{\int dx dy \, r^2 e^{in\phi} e(x,y)}{\int dx dy \, r^2 e(x,y)}$$

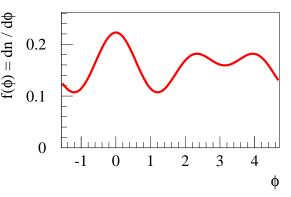
Particle distribution characterized by harmonic flow coefficients

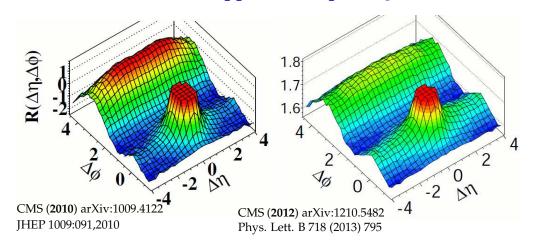
$$v_n e^{in\psi_n^{EP}} = \int d\phi \, e^{in\phi} f(\phi)$$

At  $\phi = 0$ : The **ridge** 

(extended in  $\eta$ )

Awayside peak may originate from jets, not the ridge (for large  $\Delta\eta$ ) Here,  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  non-zero  $\propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos(2\phi) + 2v_3 \cos(3\phi)$ 

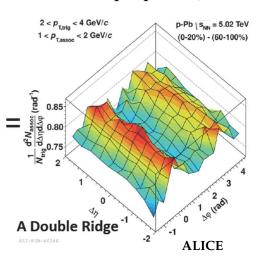


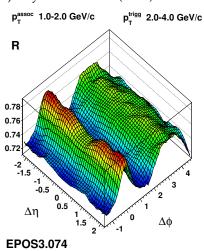


#### Looks like flow!

#### Ridges also realized in simulations in pPb (and even pp)

Central - peripheral (to remove jets) Phys. Lett. B 726 (2013) 164-177

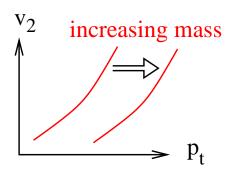




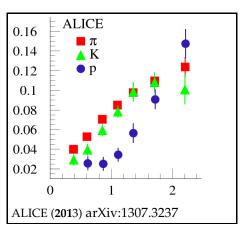
Flow shifts particles to higher  $p_t$ 

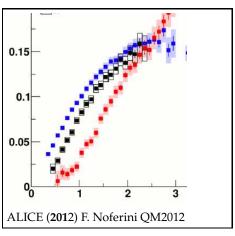
Effect increases with mass

Also true for  $v_2$  vs  $p_t$ 



#### **ALICE:** v2 versus pT: mass splitting $(\pi, K, p)$ in pPb (left) similar to PbPb (right)





**Typical flow result!** 

So: "Flow-like phenomena" are also seen in pp and pA, therefore:

## Heavy ion approach

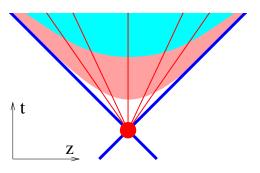
= primary (multiple) scattering + subsequent fluid evolution

becomes interesting for pp and pA

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5 (Pre)hadrons and secondary interactions

## Primary interactions (red point) amout to multiple Pomeron exchanges, done in momentum space



Each cut Pomeron corresponds to a parton ladder

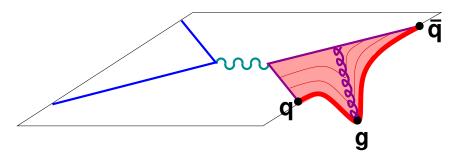
We need it's space-time  $(\eta_s - \tau)$  evolution to construct an initial condition for a collective expansion

# Electron-positron annihilation **q**

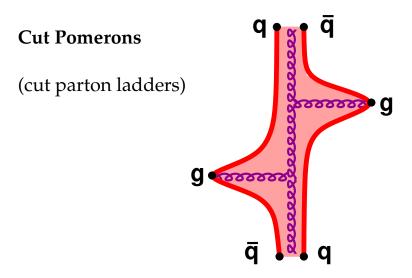
## Color field between two color charges => relativistic string

B. Andersson, G. Gustafson, G. Ingelman, and T. Sjostrand, Phys. Rep. 97 (83) 31 X. Artru, Phys. Rep. 97 (83) 147

## High pt gluon emission in e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>



Kinky relativistic string



Two kinky relativistic strings (at least)

#### Theoretical framework: **Classical string theory**

Nambu, Scherk, Rebbi ... 1969-1975

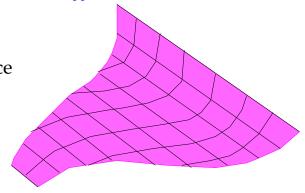
reviewed in PR 232, pp 87-299, 1993, PR 350, pp 93-289, 2001

## String:

two-dimensional surface

$$x(\sigma, \tau)$$

in Minkowski space



Action 
$$S = \int L d\tau d\sigma$$

The Lagrangian is obtained by demanding **gauge invariance** of the action => Nambu-Goto Lagrangian:

$$L = -\kappa \sqrt{|\det g|}$$

with  $\kappa$  being the string tension, and with the metric

$$g_{ij} = \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial \xi^{i}} \frac{\partial x_{\mu}}{\partial \xi^{j}}$$

(using  $\xi_1 = \sigma$ ,  $\xi_2 = \tau$ ).

#### Gauge invariance:

$$g_{ij} = \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial \xi^{i}} \frac{\partial x_{\mu}}{\partial \xi^{j}} = \frac{\partial \xi'^{m}}{\partial \xi^{i}} \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial \xi'^{m}} \frac{\partial x_{\mu}}{\partial \xi'^{n}} \frac{\partial \xi'^{n}}{\partial \xi^{j}}$$

so (with M being Jacobien of  $\xi'(\xi)$ ):

$$g_{ij} = M_{mi}g'_{mn}M_{nj} \rightarrow g = M^Tg'M$$

So which gives

$$\sqrt{|\det g|} = \sqrt{|\det g'|} |\det M|$$

Using 
$$\sqrt{|\det g|} = \sqrt{|\det g'|} |\det M|$$
 and in addition 
$$d^2 \xi' = |\det M| d^2 \xi,$$

we get

$$\sqrt{|\det g|}d^2\xi = \sqrt{|\det g'|}d^2\xi'$$

= gauge invariance!!

With "dot" and "prime" referring to the partial derivatives with respect to  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$ :

$$g = \left(\begin{array}{cc} x'x' & x'\dot{x} \\ \dot{x}x' & \dot{x}\dot{x} \end{array}\right)$$

we get

$$L = -\kappa \sqrt{|\det g|} = -\kappa \sqrt{(x'\dot{x})^2 - x'^2\dot{x}^2}$$

Euler-Lagrange equations of motion:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_u} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x'_u} = 0.$$

We use the gauge fixing

$$x'^2 + \dot{x}^2 = 0$$
 and  $x'\dot{x} = 0$ ,

which provides a very simple equation of motion, namely a wave equation,

$$\frac{\partial^2 x_{\mu}}{\partial \tau^2} - \frac{\partial^2 x_{\mu}}{\partial \sigma^2} = 0,$$

with the boundary conditions:

$$\partial x_{\mu}/\partial \sigma = 0$$
,  $\sigma = 0$ ,  $\pi$ .

Solution

$$x^{\mu}(\sigma,\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ f^{\mu}(\sigma+\tau) + f^{\mu}(\sigma-\tau) + \int_{\sigma-\tau}^{\sigma+\tau} g^{\mu}(\xi) d\xi \right].$$

We have

$$x^{\mu}(\sigma, \tau = 0) = f^{\mu}(\sigma)$$

and

$$\dot{x}^{\mu}(\sigma,\tau=0)=g^{\mu}(\sigma)$$

Strings are classified according to the functions f and g. We take  $f^{\mu} = 0$  (no initial extension)

## We also consider only strings with a

 $\Box$  piecewise constant initial velocity g, which are called kinky strings.

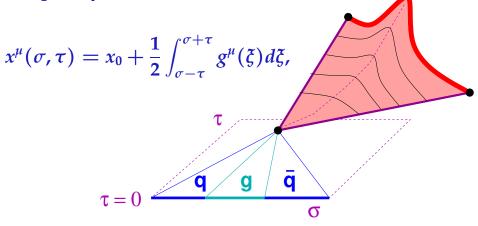
□ This string is characterized by a sequence of  $\sigma$  intervals  $[\sigma_k, \sigma_{k+1}]$ , and the corresponding constant values (say  $v_k$ ) of g in these intervals.

An electron-positron event (or a parton ladder) represents a **sequence of partons** of the type  $q - g... - g - \bar{q}$ , with soft "end partons" q and  $\bar{q}$ , and hard inner gluons g.

The mapping "partons →string" is done such that we **iden**tify a parton sequence with a kinky string

by requiring "parton = kink", with 
$$\sigma_{k+1} - \sigma_k = \text{energy of parton } k$$
 and  $v_k = \text{momentum of parton } k/E_k$ .

## **String evolution** completely determined

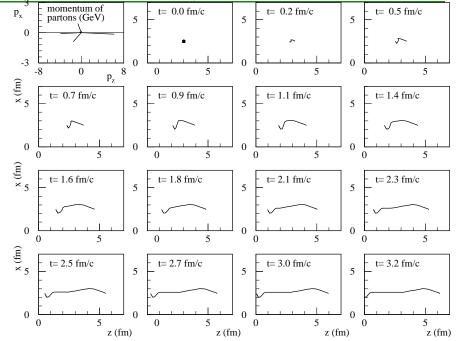


Mapping partons => string initial conditions

In the following figure,

we show the evolution of a string generated in electron-positron annihilation (4 internal kinks).

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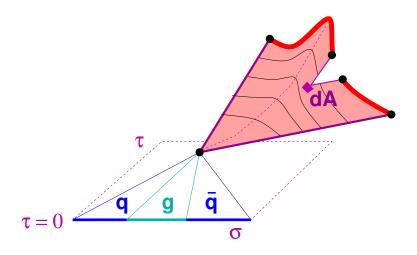
is finally realized via string breaking, such that string fragments are identified with hadrons.

Hypothesis: the string breaks within an infinitesimal area dA on its surface with a probability which is proportional to this area,

$$dP = p_B dA$$
,

where  $p_B$  is the fundamental parameter of the procedure. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Elegant realization, making use of the dynamics of strings with piecewise constant initial conditions.



A string break is realized via quark-antiquark or diquark-antidiquark pair production with probability

$$p_{i(j)} = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(-\pi \frac{M_{i(j)}^2}{\kappa}\right)$$

with

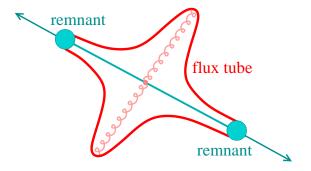
$$M_{ij} = M_i + M_j + c_i c_j M_0$$

**Transverse momenta**  $\vec{p}_t$  and  $-\vec{p}_t$  are generated at each breaking, according to

$$f(k) \propto e^{-|\vec{p}_t|/2\bar{p}_t}, \qquad (1)$$

with a parameter  $\bar{p}_t$ .

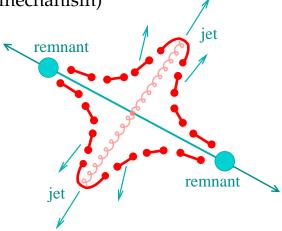
**Jets:** Parton ladder = color flux tubes = **kinky strings** 



(here no IS radiation, only hard process producing two gluons)

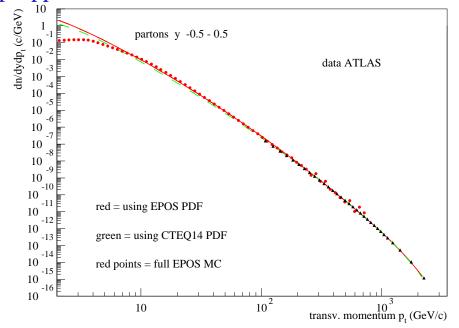
### which expand and break

via the production of quark-antiquark pairs (Schwinger mechanism)

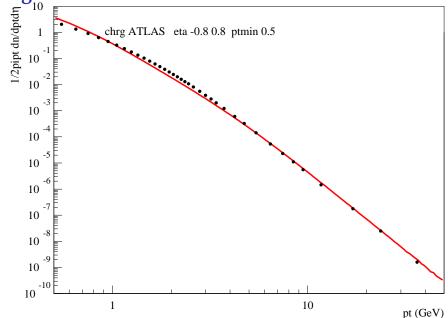


String segment = hadron. Close to "kink": jets

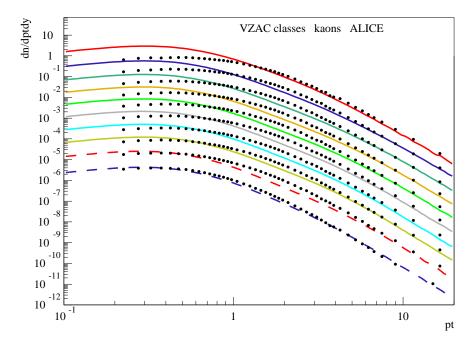
## Example pp at 13 TeV: Partons



### Charged hadrons ... too low around 2-3 GeV/c



## Kaons diffent centralities ... not really great



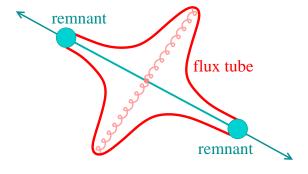
## In case of multiple Pomerons (almost always)

□ the standard procedure has to be modified, since the density of strings will be so high that they cannot possibly decay independently

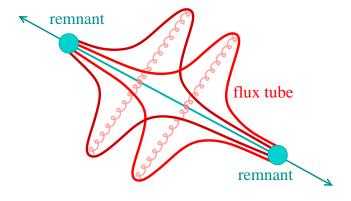
Some string pieces (pre-hadrons) will constitute bulk matter, others show up as jets

These are the same strings (all originating from hard processes at LHC) which constitute BOTH jets and bulk!

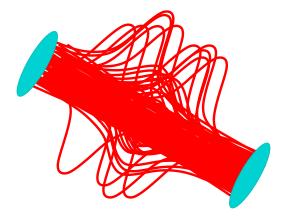
### again: single scattering => 2 color flux tubes



### ... two scatterings => 4 color flux tubes



### ... many scatterings (AA) => many color flux tubes

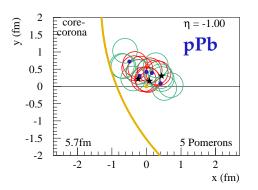


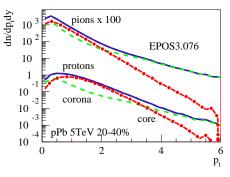
=> matter + escaping pieces (jets)

### Core-corona procedure (for pp, pA, AA):

Pomeron => parton ladder => flux tube (kinky string)

String segments with high pt escape => **corona** the others form the core = initial condition for hydro depending on the local string density



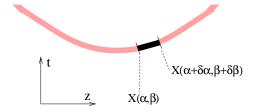


### Core:

(we use  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  rather than  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$ )

We split each string into a sequence of string segments, corresponding to widths  $\delta \alpha$  and  $\delta \beta$  in the string parameter space

Picture is schematic: the string extends well into the transverse dimension, correctly taken into account in the calculations



Energy momentum tensor and the flavor flow vector at some position *x* at initial proper time  $\tau = \tau_0$ :

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x) = \sum_{i} \frac{\delta p_{i}^{\mu} \delta p_{i}^{\nu}}{\delta p_{i}^{0}} g(x - x_{i}),$$
  

$$N_{q}^{\mu}(x) = \sum_{i} \frac{\delta p_{i}^{\mu}}{\delta p_{i}^{0}} q_{i} g(x - x_{i}),$$

 $q \in u, d, s$ : net flavor content of the string segments

$$\delta p = \left\{ \frac{\partial X(\alpha, \beta)}{\partial \beta} \delta \alpha + \frac{\partial X(\alpha, \beta)}{\partial \alpha} \delta \beta \right\}$$
: four-momenta of the segments.

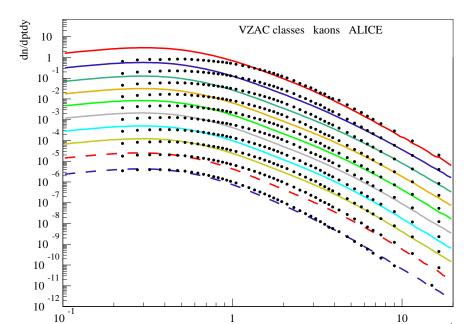
g: Gaussian smoothing kernel with a transverse width  $\sigma_{\perp}$ 

The Lorentz transformation into the comoving frame provides the energy density  $\varepsilon$  and the flow velocity components  $v^i$ .

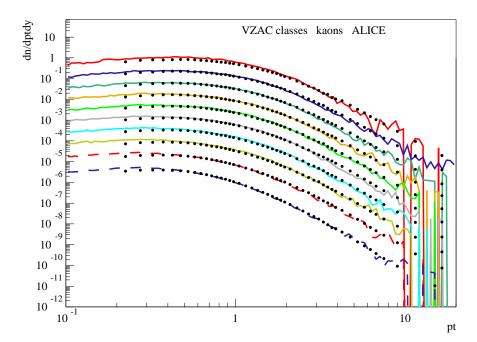
### 5.4 Some results sensitive to flow

- ☐ Spectra
- □ correlations

### Kaons diffent centralities ... w/o core corona

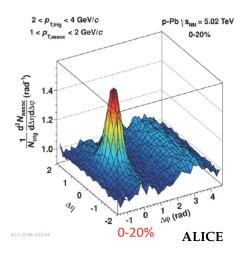


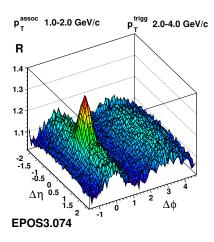
### Kaons diffent centralities ... full simulation

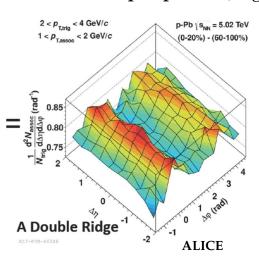


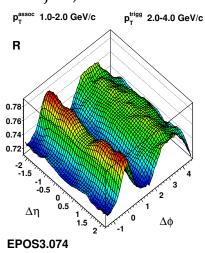
### "Ridges" in pA

ALICE, arXiv:1212.2001, arXiv:1307.3237

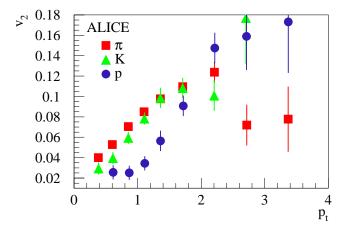








## Identified particle v2

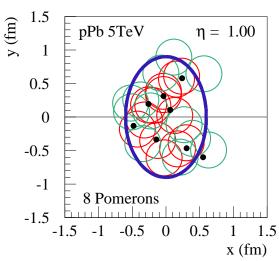


mass splitting, as in PbPb !!!

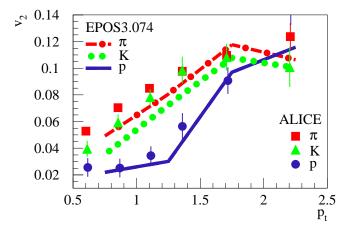
### pPb in EPOS3:

**Pomerons (number and positions) characterize geometry (P. number ∝ multiplicity)** 

random
azimuthal
asymmetry
=>
asymmetric flow
seen at higher pt for
heavier ptls



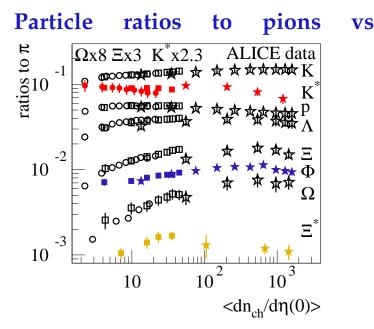
### v2 for ß, K, p clearly differ



mass splitting, due to flow

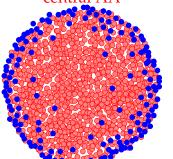
## 5.5 Statistical particle production

Statistical particle production (from plasma decay) is very different from particle production via string decay



# **Core-corona picture in EPOS** Phys.Rev.Lett. 98 (2007) 152301, Phys.Rev. C89 (2014) 6, 064903

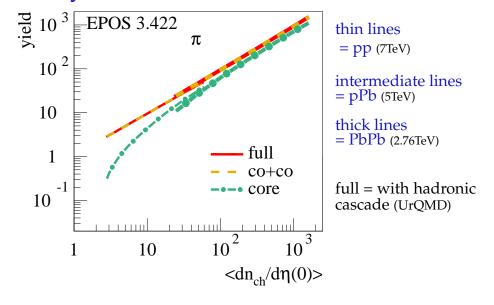
Gribov-Regge approach => (Many) kinky strings => core/corona separation (based on string segments) central AA



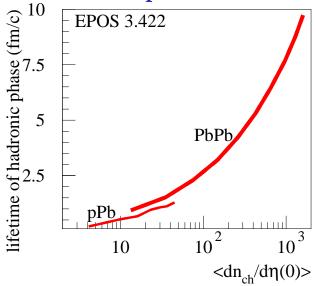
peripheral AA high mult pp,pA

low mult pp

core => hydro => flow + statistical decay corona => string decay

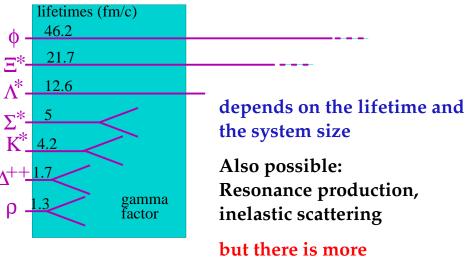


# Lifetime of hadronic phase

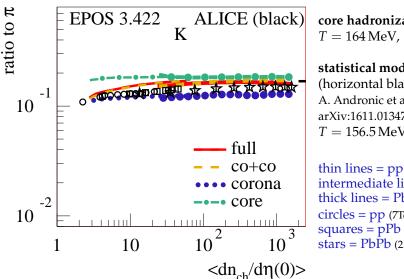


# Resonance suppression

in the hadronic stage (in-medium decay)



# Kaon to pion ratio



#### core hadronization:

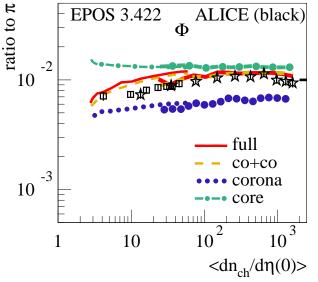
 $T = 164 \,\text{MeV}, \ \mu_B = 0$ 

### statistical model fit

(horizontal black line) A. Andronic et al., arXiv:1611.01347

 $T = 156.5 \,\text{MeV}, \mu_B = 0.7 \,\text{MeV}$ 

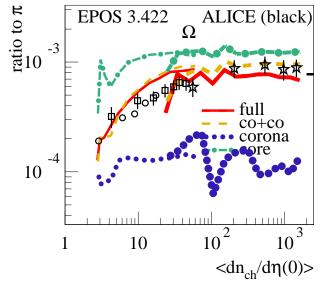
# Phi to pion ratio



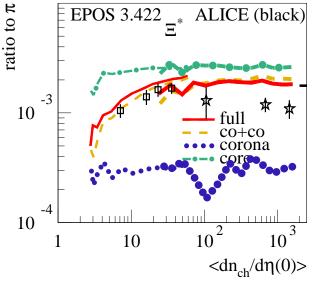
## long-lived

 $\tau \approx 46.2 \, \text{fm/c}$ 

## Omega to pion ratio

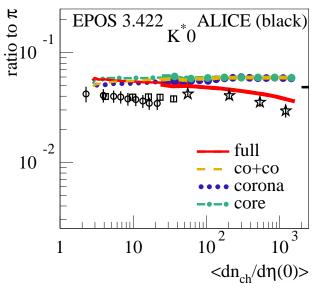


# $\Xi^*$ to pion ratio



## long-lived

 $\tau \approx 21.7 \, \text{fm/c}$ 

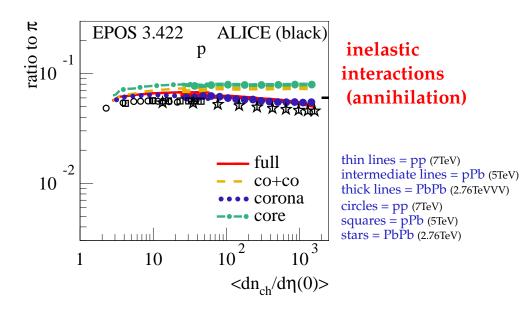


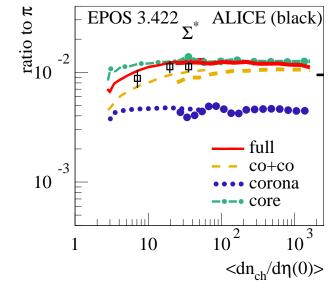
# $core \approx corona$

## in-medium decay

 $\tau \approx 4.2 \, \mathrm{fm/c}$ 

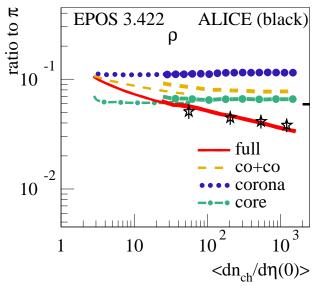
## Proton to pion ratio





resonance production and in-medium decay  $\tau \approx 5 \, \mathrm{fm/c}$ 

## $\rho$ to pion ratio



# corona bigger!

## in-medium decay

 $\tau \approx 1.3 \, \text{fm/c}$