

Recent improvements to the lepton propagator PROPOSAL

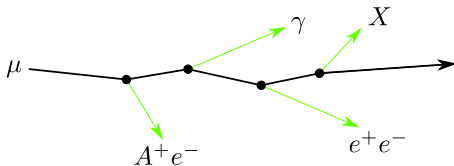
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PROPOSAL

- ▶ Monte Carlo tool for charged lepton propagation through media
- ▶ Written in C++
- ▶ Used in the simulation chain of IceCube
- ▶ **PR**opagator with **O**ptimal **P**recision and **O**ptimized **S**peed for **A**ll **L**eptons
 - ▶ Calculate energy losses
 - ▶ Passes interaction points and decay/interaction products to further simulation programs



Energy cuts

- ▶ Distinguish between **continuous** and **stochastic** energy losses
- ▶ Cut between continuous and stochastic loss:

$$\text{cut} = \min(e_{\text{cut}}, v_{\text{cut}} \cdot E), \quad v := \text{relative energy loss}$$

- ▶ Set energy cuts before, inside and behind the detector

Energy cuts in IceCube

- ▶ before: $v_{\text{cut}} = 0.05$
- ▶ inside: $e_{\text{cut}} = 500 \text{ MeV}$
- ▶ behind: $v_{\text{cut}} = v_{\text{max}}$

Continuous loss

Describes energy loss in the range $v \in [v_{\text{min}}, v_{\text{cut}}]$

$$\begin{aligned} f(E) &:= \sum_{\text{processes}} \frac{dE_{\sigma}}{dx} \\ &= E \cdot \sum_{\text{process}} \sum_{\text{atom in medium}} \frac{N_i}{A_i} \int_{v_{\text{min}}}^{v_{\text{cut}}} v \frac{d\sigma}{dv} dv \end{aligned}$$

Stochastic loss

Described by the interaction probability $v \in [v_{\text{cut}}, v_{\text{max}}]$

$$dP(E) = \sigma(E) dx$$

$$\sigma(E) = \sum_{\text{processes}} \sum_{\text{atom in medium}} \frac{N_i}{A_i} \int_{v_{\text{cut}}}^{v_{\text{max}}} \frac{d\sigma}{dv} dv$$

Summary of the algorithm

Basic loop

Do:

Calculate the energy E_f until the next stochastic loss



Advance the particle according to E_f



Calculate the stochastic loss

Until: The particle decays **or** the max. propagation length is reached

Specific Features

- ▶ **Interpolation tables**
- ▶ Continuous Randomization
- ▶ Multiple parametrizations of cross sections for systematic studies
- ▶ Further parameters for the trade-off between performance and precision (e.g. stop propagating the particle, if the energy is below a threshold)

Use of Interpolation tables

e.g. sampling of energy until next stochastic loss E_f

$$\int_{E_i}^{E_f} \frac{\sum \frac{N_i}{A_i} \int_{v_{\text{cut}}}^{v_{\text{max}}} \frac{d\sigma_j}{dv} dv}{E \sum \frac{N_i}{A_i} \int_{v_{\text{cut}}}^{v_{\text{max}}} v \frac{d\sigma_j}{dv} dv} dE = -\ln(\xi)$$

$$\text{where } \sigma_{\text{pair}}(v) = \int \frac{d\sigma}{dv d\rho} dv d\rho$$

⇒ Calculation of many integrals

- ▶ Instead use 1D Interpolation → huge performance gain

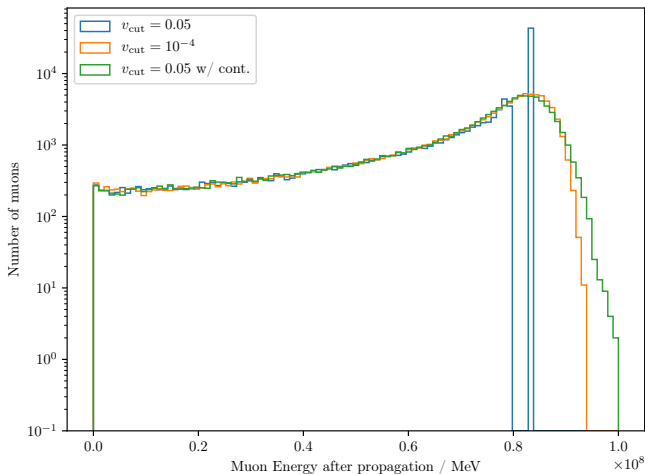
Continuous Randomization

Problem with energy cut:

- ▶ low: high precision, but slow and many (unnecessary) secondaries
- ▶ high: fast, but less precision and artifacts in muon flux
- ▶ muons without a stochastic loss are all treated the same

⇒ continuous randomization of the muon energy till next stochastic loss E_f

$$\langle (\Delta(\Delta E)) \rangle \approx \int_{e_0}^{e_{\text{cut}}} \frac{dE}{-f(E)} \left(\int_0^{e_{\text{cut}}} e^2 \frac{d\sigma}{dv} de \right)$$



Cross section parametrizations for systematic studies

Bremsstrahlung

Parametrizations

- ▶ KelnerKokoulinPetrukhin
- ▶ AndreevBezrukovBugaev
- ▶ PetrukhinShestakov
- ▶ CompleteScreening
- ▶ SandrocksSoedingreksoRhode

also consider LPM and TM Effect

e^+e^- Pair Production

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and LPM Effect

Nuclear inelastic Interaction

- ▶ Vector meson dominance
 - ▶ Kokoulin
 - ▶ Rhode
 - ▶ BezrukovBugaev
 - ▶ Zeus

with hard and soft component

- ▶ Regge Theory
 - ▶ AbramowiczLevinLevyMaor91
 - ▶ AbramowiczLevinLevyMaor97
 - ▶ ButkevichMikheyev
 - ▶ RenoSarcevicSu (spin 0)

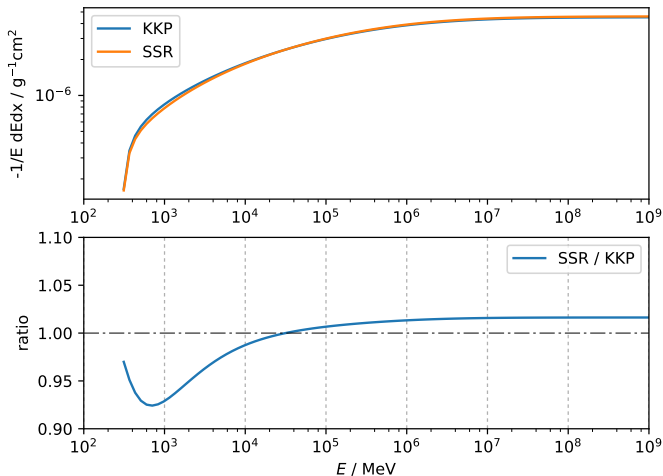
with shadowing parametrizations of

- ▶ ButkevichMikheyev
- ▶ DuttaRenoSarcevicSeckel

Improvements in the newest version

- ▶ New parametrizations of interaction processes
 - ▶ Bremsstrahlung
 - ▶ Pair production
 - ▶ Nuclear inelastic Interaction
 - ▶ Multiple Scattering
- ▶ Improved hadronic and leptonic decay calculations
- ▶ Restructuring of the code (more polymorphism)
 - ▶ faster
 - ▶ easier to maintain
 - ▶ easily extendable
- ▶ Python interface using pybind11

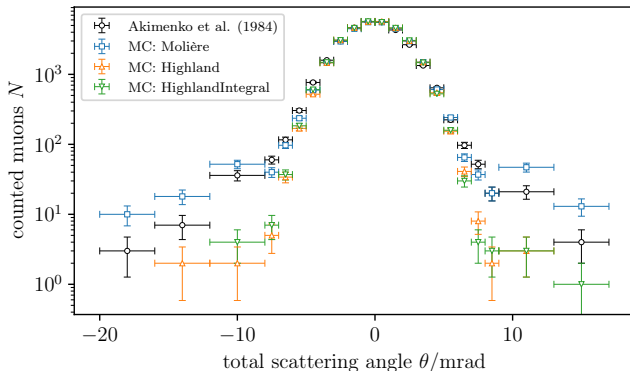
New Cross Sections



- ▶ improved atomic screening functions for
 - ▶ bremsstrahlung
 - ▶ pair production
 - ▶ radiative corrections for bremsstrahlung
- ⇒ corrections of several percent

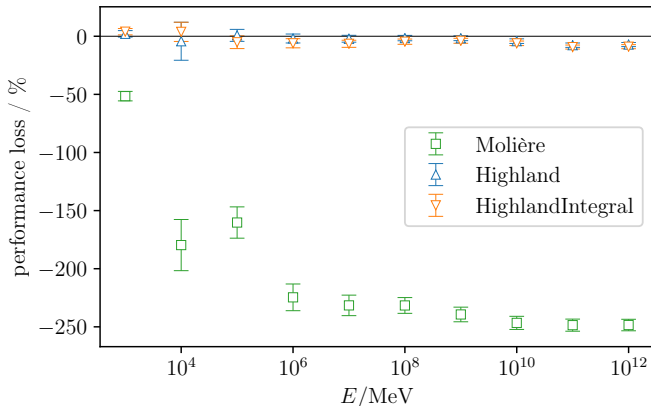
Multiple Scattering

- ▶ Molière
 - ▶ precise description
 - ▶ slow, especially for many components in medium
- ▶ Highland parametrization
 - ▶ Gaussian approximation to Molière's theory
 - ▶ two types available: one including continuous losses and one without
- ▶ no scattering



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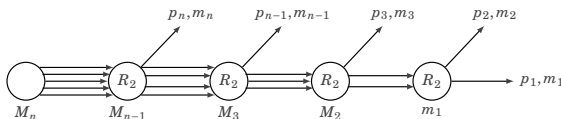
Hadronic Decay

- ▶ Before: two-body decay
- ▶ Calculate N -body decay phase space
- ▶ Constant matrix element

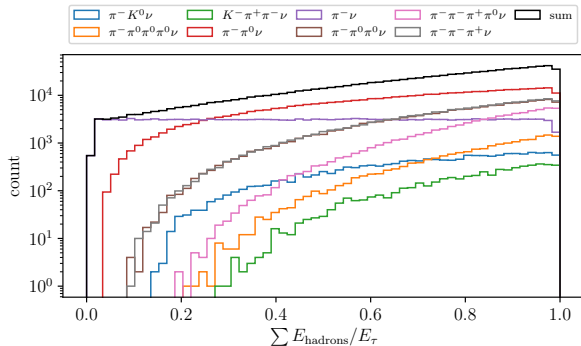
$$\Gamma = \frac{(2\pi)^4}{2M} \underbrace{\int \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{d^3 p_i}{2E_i} \delta^4 \left(p - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \right)}_{N\text{-body phase space}} \overbrace{|\langle M(\mathbf{p}_i) \rangle|^2}^{\text{set to 1}}$$

Raubold-Lynch algorithm

- ▶ Iterative integration over intermediate two-body phase spaces
- ▶ Exactly calculable



Decay



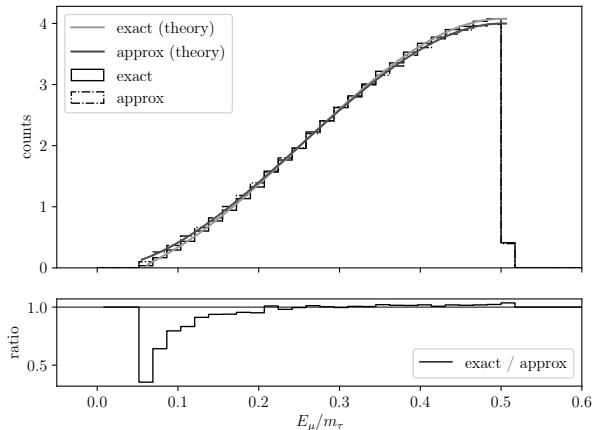
Leptonic Decay

- Muon decay and electronic tau decay ($m_l^2/M^2 \approx 0$)

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dx} = \frac{G_F^2 M^5}{192\pi^3} (3 - 2x)x^2, \quad x = \frac{E_l}{E_{\max}}$$

- muonic tau decay ($m_\mu/m_\tau \approx 1/17$)

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dx} = \frac{G_F^2}{12\pi^3} E_{\max} \sqrt{E_l^2 - m_l^2} \times [ME_l(3M - 4E_l) + m_l^2(3E_l - 2M)]$$



Creating custom particle

- ▶ use pre-defined particles
 - ▶ electrons
 - ▶ muons
 - ▶ taus
 - ▶ sTaus, etc.
- ▶ or create new particle with properties
 - ▶ lifetime
 - ▶ mass
 - ▶ charge
 - ▶ decay channels
- ▶ combination of both

```
import pyPROPOSAL as pp
mu_def_builder = pp.particle.ParticleDefBuilder()
mu_def_builder.SetParticleDef(
    pp.particle.MuMinusDef.get()
mu_def_builder.SetLow(1e3) # MeV
mu_def_builder.SetName('new_mu')
mu_def_builder.SetMass(1e4) # MeV
mu_def_builder.SetLifetime(1e-5) # sec
mu_def_builder.SetCharge(2)
# create Leptonic decay table
decay_table = pp.decay.DecayTable()
products = [pp.particle.EMinusDef.get(),
            pp.particle.NuMuDef.get(),
            pp.particle.NuEBarDef.get()]
ldec = pp.decay.LeptonicDecayChannel(*products)
decay_table.add_channel(1, ldec)
mu_def_builder.SetDecayTable(decay_table)

particle_def = mu_def_builder.build()
```

Usage of new Structure

- ▶ Initialization of a Propagator
 - ▶ a Configuration file (json)
 - ▶ and a Particle Definition

The Interpolation files are build
- ▶ Propagation through different sectors consisting of a geometry and a medium

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prop = pp.Propagator(particle_def,
                    config_file)

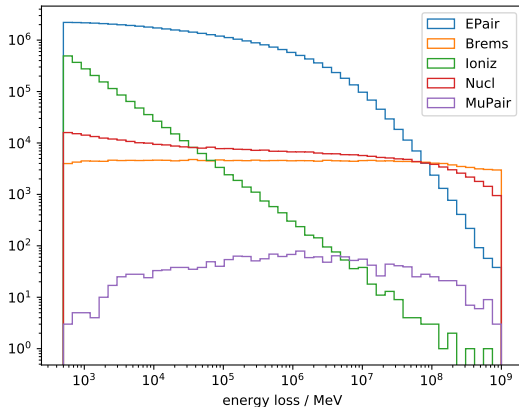
mu = prop.particle
mu.position = pp.Vector3D(0, 0, 0)
mu.direction = pp.Vector3D(0, 0, 1)
mu.energy = 1e10 # MeV
max_distance = 1e5 # cm
secondaries = prop.propagate(max_distance)
```

```
"global":
{
  "interpolation":
  {
    "do_interpolation" : true,
    "path_to_tables" : ["resources/tables"],
    "do_binary_tables" : false
  },
  "stopping_decay" : true,
  "scattering" : "Highland",
  "brems" : "BremsAndreevBezrukovBugaev",
  "photo" : "PhotoBezrukovBugaev",
  "lpm" : false,
  "photo_shadow" : "ShadowDuttaRenoSarcevicSeckel"
},
"sectors": [
  {
    "hierarchy" : 0,
    "medium" : "ice",
    "density_correction" : 1,
    "geometry" :
    {
      "shape" : "sphere",
      "origin" : [0, 0, 0],
      "outer_radius" : 6374134000000,
      "inner_radius" : 0
    }
  },
]
```

Rare Processes

Implementation of rare processes, but with different signature in detector

- ▶ Muon pair production: Creation of muon bundles originating by a single muon
- ▶ Weak interaction: disappearance of a muon in a cascade

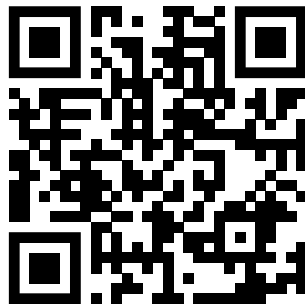


Outlook

- ▶ medium of sector independent of density (for atmosphere)
- ▶ Magnetic field deflection
- ▶ further electron/positron processes: Annihilation, Bhabha and Møller scattering







<https://github.com/tudo-astroparticlephysics/PROPOSAL>



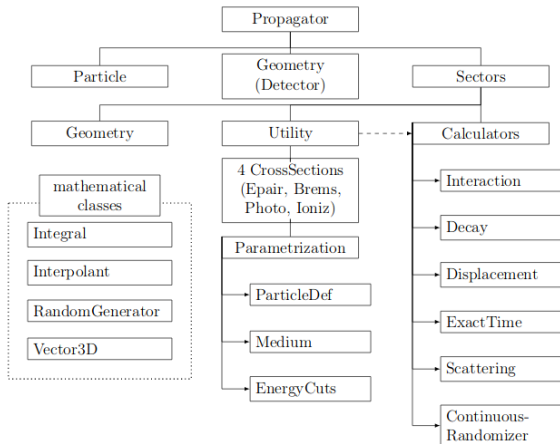
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Schematic of the main class structure



Runtime improvement

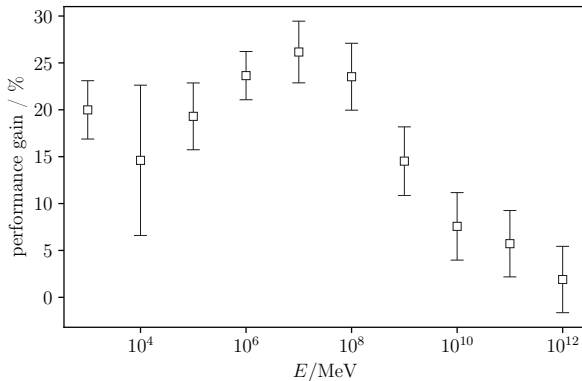


Figure: Runtime improvement $(t_{\text{old}} - t_{\text{new}})/t_{\text{old}}$ of the new version compared to the previous version. Multiple scattering is disabled. Per energy range 1000 muons were propagated through ice until they lost their energy.