

# Monte Carlo Event Generators

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# 1 Introduction

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## 1.1 Challenges

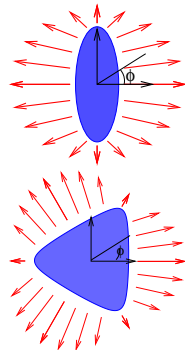
Since 2 decades we know: Colliding heavy ions at relativistic energies

behave like an expanding fluid,  
with huge transverse flow

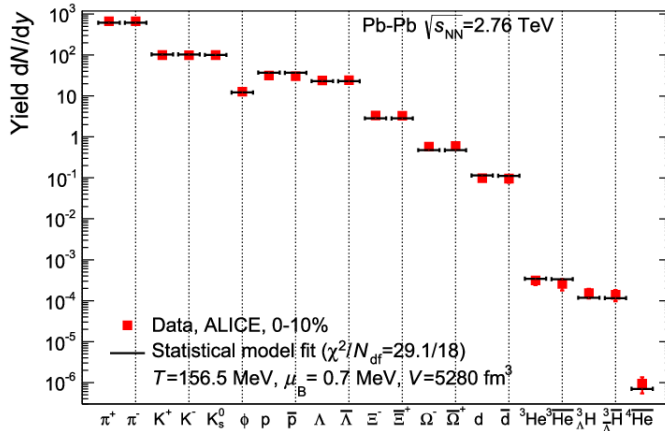
(observables: pt spectra)

being in particular asymmetric:  
elliptical / triangular ...

(observables: flow harmonics  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$  etc)



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

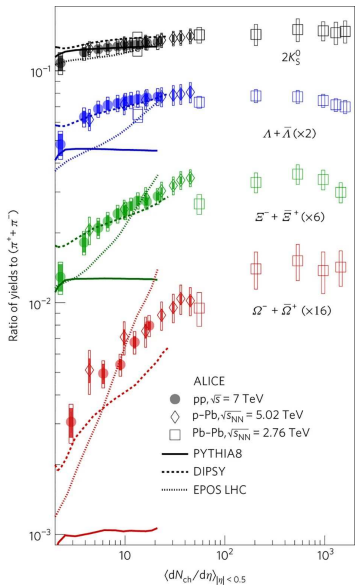


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Very different compared to particle production from string decay



**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)**

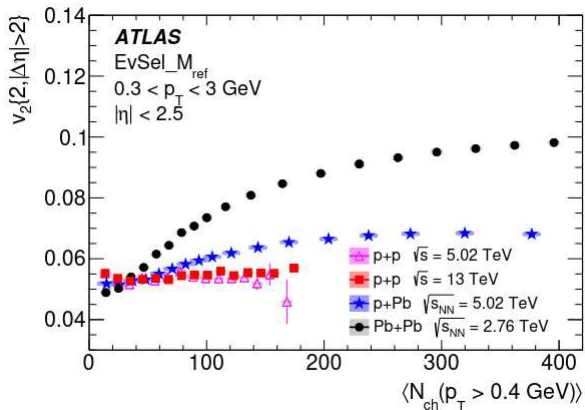
Central PbPb understood as due to “statistical particle production”

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

**The event generators ... clearly need to be improved**

## $v_2$ vs multiplicity for pp, pPb, PbPb

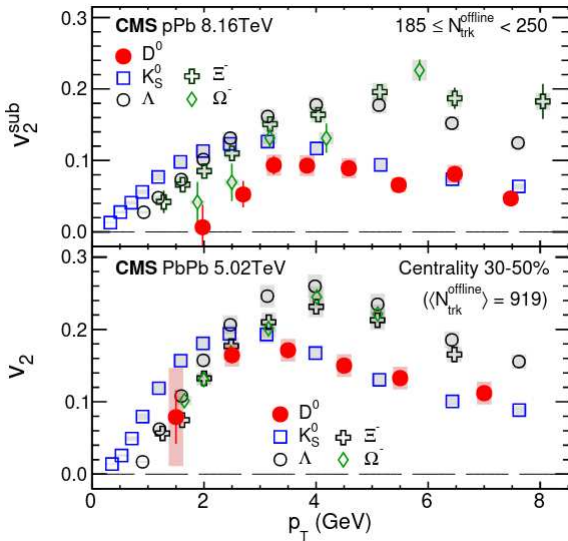
(Eur. Phys. J. C 77 (2017) 428)



Large  $v_2$  values (flow) for all systems, but different  $N_{ch}$  dependence

Small energy dependence

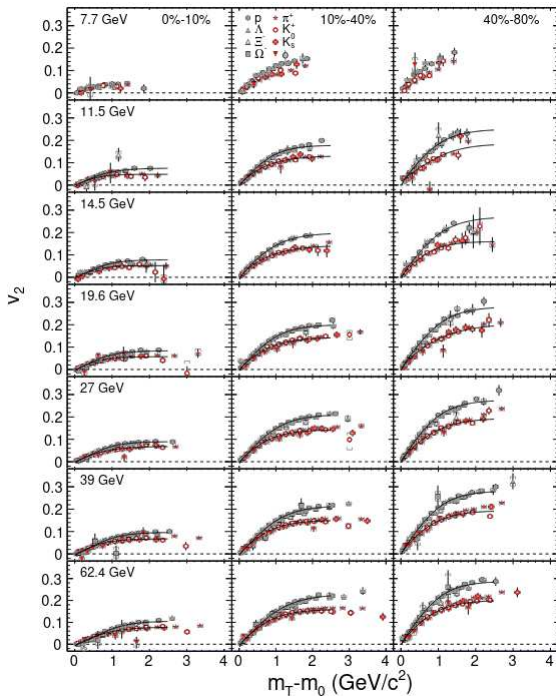
small  $N_{ch}$  dependence in pp



**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**

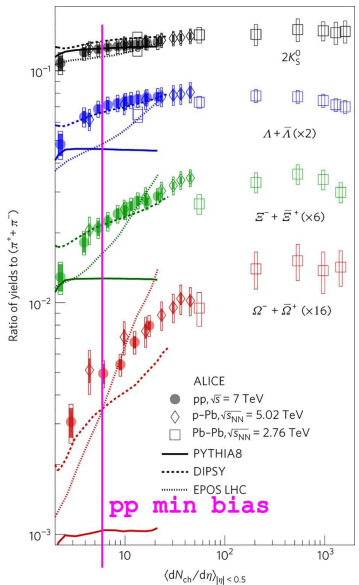
**Similar to K\_s at large**  
**pt ("usual" meson be-**  
**havior)**



**$v_2$  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**

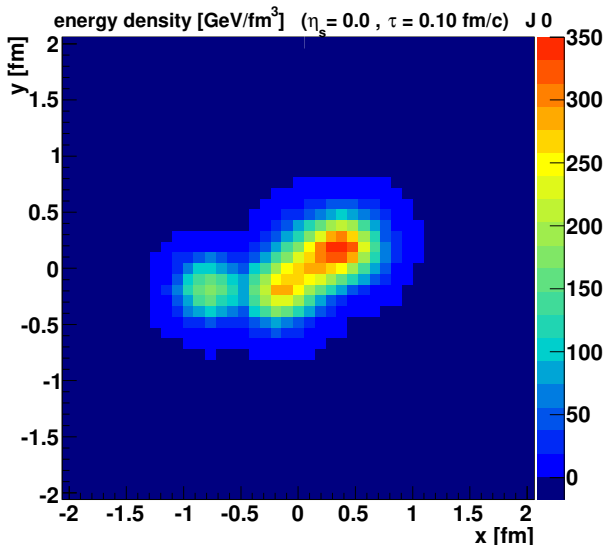
so some “new input” is needed ... compatible with the “normal” pp behavior (jets etc)

**So these “features” (flow, stat. hadronization,...), usually referred to as “QGP 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



**Tiny**

**Very short lived  
( $< 2 \text{ fm}/c$ )**

**Very energetic  
here  $350 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$**

(nuclear matter:  $0.16 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$ )

**Very strongly  
interacting  
(fluid-like)**

Energy density vs  $x, y$

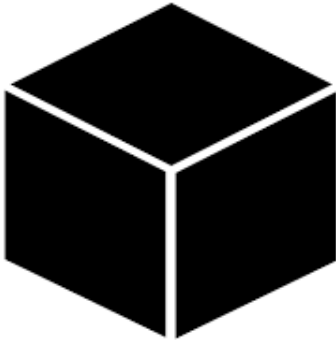
**We better understand all that in a quantitative fashion ...  
and not to forget high pt features happening at the same  
time! We have**

- 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 interpret  $w$  as probability distribution and  $I$  as expectation value (or mean value), so**

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int w(x_1, \dots, x_n) f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_{1i}, \dots, x_{ni})}_{\text{MC estimate}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

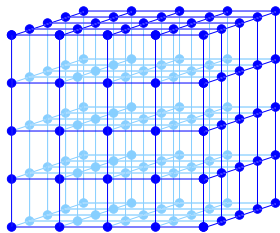
## 1.3 Monte Carlo Methods and the Ising Model

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 transitions very similar to the QGP phase transition
- The MC methods used there are precisely what we need for heavy ion simulations
- Good example of a multi-dimensional variable  $X$ , being here the  $N^3$  spin values, let us call it a “state”

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

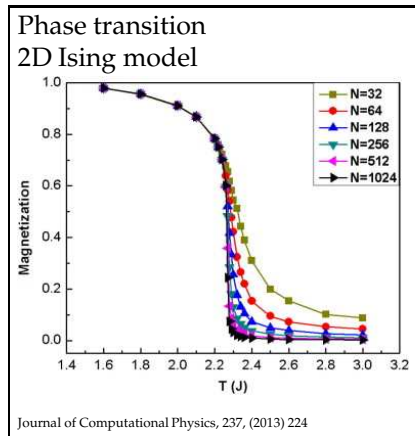
$$\langle M \rangle = \sum w(X) M(X)$$

with

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

with

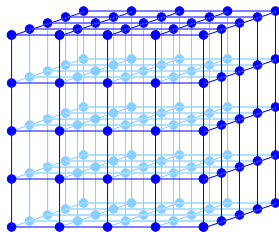
$$E = -\alpha \sum_{\text{neighbors } k, k'} s_k s_{k'}$$





## Why difficult?

For  $N^3$  atoms, the number  $K$   
of 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  $X_j$  distributed according to  $w(X)$

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

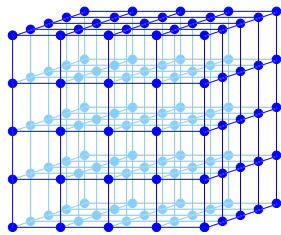
## 1.4 Ising Model and Markov chains

The problem is:

generate a “state”  $X$  according to

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

corresponding to “thermal equilibrium”



$X$  is one of the  $2^{(N^3)}$  possible states of the lattice

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  $w_t \rightarrow w_{t+1}$  (Metropolis)  
such that  $w_t$  converges to  $w_\infty = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta E(X)}$   
(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)**

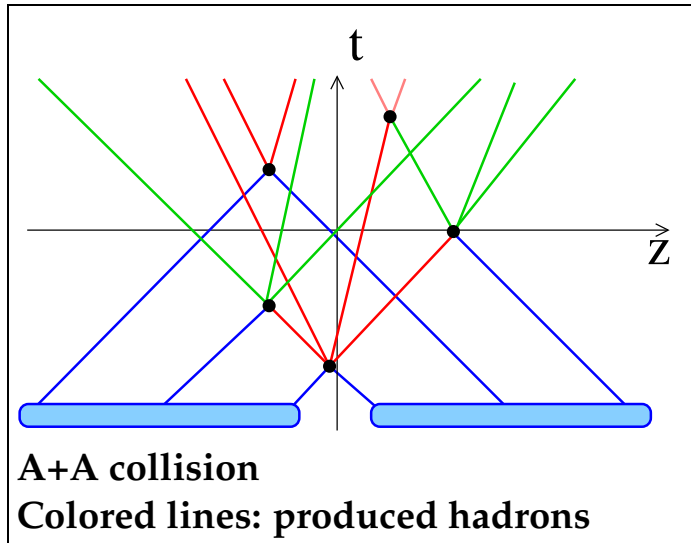
## 1.5 Parallel and sequential scattering

At "low" energy:  
(RHIC, few GeV)

Sequential  
collisions  
(cascade)

Crucial:

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



At “high” energy (LHC):

$$\gamma > 1000$$

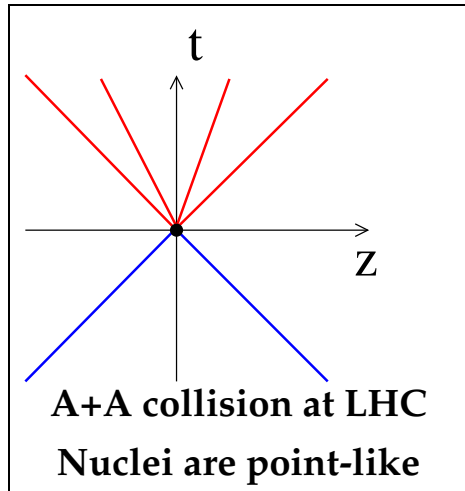
Longitudinal size

$$d = \frac{2R}{\gamma} \lesssim 0.01 \text{ fm}/c$$

**All interactions  
simultaneously at  $t = 0$   
(in parallel)**

Particle production later

$$\tau_{\text{form}} \gg \tau_{\text{collision}}$$



**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)**

When does the “parallel approach” break down ?

The condition is

$$d = \frac{2R}{\gamma} < c\tau_{\text{form}} \approx 1 \text{ fm}$$

so for  $R = 7 \text{ fm}$ , we get

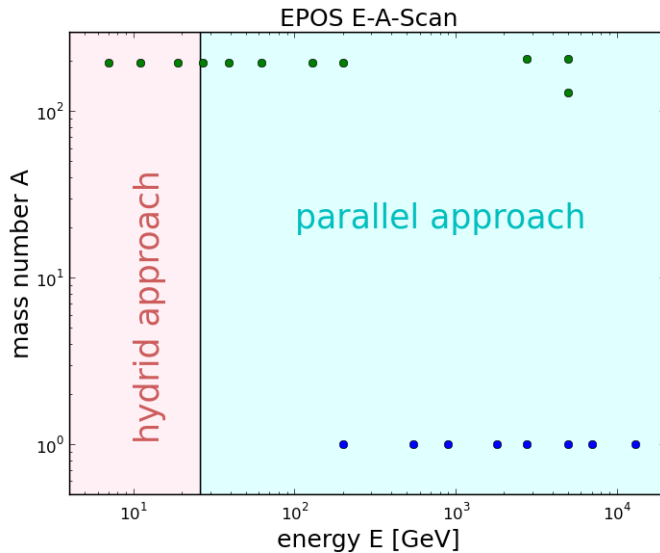
$$\gamma > \frac{2R}{c\tau_{\text{form}}} \approx \frac{14}{1}$$

so the “critical” energy per nucleon is

$$E \approx 14 m_p c^2 \approx 13 \text{ GeV}$$

So lower RHIC energies are no more covered, a mixture between “parallel” and “sequential” approach is needed..





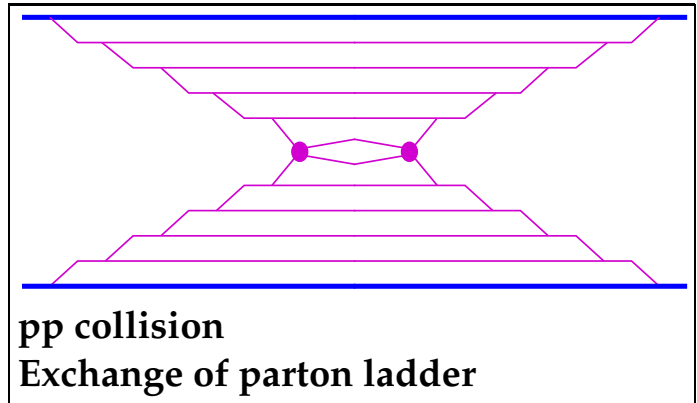
**Points:**  
Epos  
comparisons  
to data

## 1.6 Parallel approach in pp

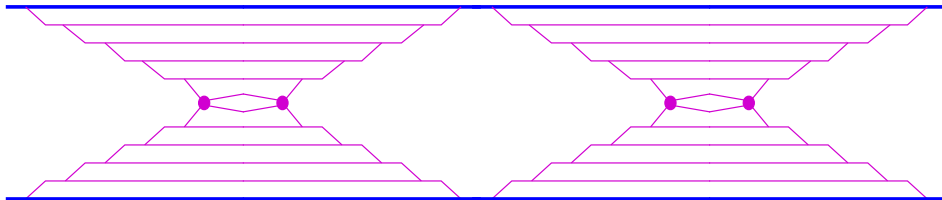
At LHC energy: Interaction: successive parton emissions

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:

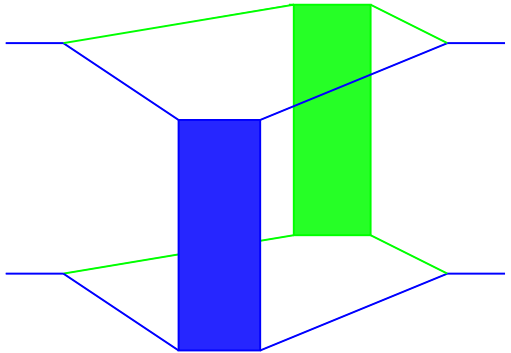
- **High energy approach = parallel interactions  
(as done in EPOS)**

And we know that multiple scattering is important!

So double scattering in pp should look like this:

Here two parallel scatterings

No contradictions with respect 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 – why ?

## 1.7 Factorization

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

$$\sigma_{\text{dijet}} = \sum_{kl} \int \frac{d^3 p_3 d^3 p_4}{E_3 E_4} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_{\text{PDF}}^k(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_{\text{PDF}}^l(x_2, \mu_F^2) \frac{1}{32s\pi^2} \sum_{\bar{\mu}} |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4),$$

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 2-di-jet event counts twice

Summing  $N$ -di-jet events, we have

$$\sigma_{\text{dijet}} = \sum_N N \sigma_{\text{dijet}}^{(N)}$$

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

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sum_N \sigma_{\text{dijet}}^{(N)}$$

For inclusive cross section, enormous simplifications apply, but to understand this we have to first understand “parallel scattering”, referred to as **Gribov-Regge approach**

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## 2 Gribov Regge approach

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## 2.1 Gribov-Regge approach (EPOS basis) and factorization

**Basis: S-matrix theory** (elementary quantum mechanics)

**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)

## Hypotheses:

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

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

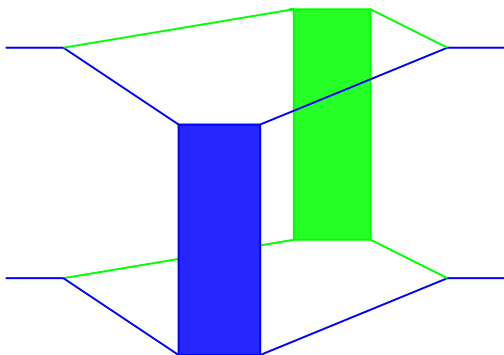
In the following we use  $T = T_{ii}$  (elastic scattering).

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

being composed of<sup>\*)</sup>

multiple "Pomerons" as  
 $-i \{ iT_{\text{Pom}} \times \dots \times iT_{\text{Pom}} \}$

Compatible with pQCD,  
hidden in the "boxes"  
(Pomerons)



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\*) simplified version, Gribov-Regge (GR) approach without energy conservation

We will show later :

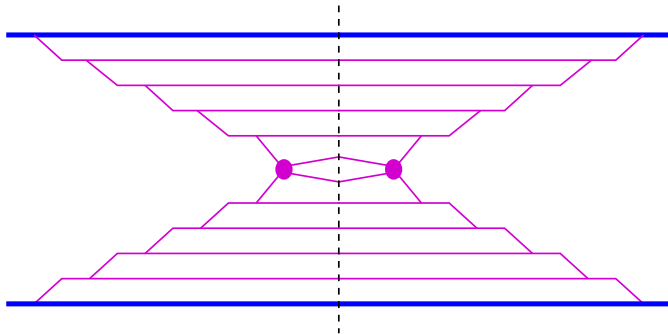
$$2s \sigma_{\text{tot}} = (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_f - p_i) \sum_f |T_{fi}|^2 = \frac{1}{i} \text{disc } T$$

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

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

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

## Cut Pomeron = squared inelastic diagram:



Di-jet production in the center.

Each Pomeron produces one di-jet.

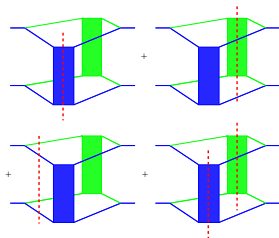
## Why does factorization work ?

Easy to see in the GR picture without energy conservation, using simple assumptions.

Consider multiple scattering amplitude

$$iT = \prod iT_P$$

cross section:  
sum over all  
cuts.

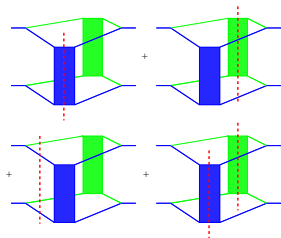


For each cut Pom:

$$\frac{1}{i} \text{disc} T_P = 2 \text{Im} T_P \equiv G$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} & iT_P + \{iT_P\}^* \\ &= i(i \text{Im} T_P) + \{i(i \text{Im} T_P)\}^* \\ &= -2 \text{Im} T_P \equiv -G \end{aligned}$$



**Di-jet cross section  $\sigma_{\text{dijet}}$ :** Each cut Pomeron produces 1 di-jet

Contribution to the cross section for  $n$  Pomerons ( $k$  refers to the cut Pomerons):

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{dijet}}^{(n)} &\propto \sum_{k=0}^n k G^k (-G)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} \\ &\propto \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} k \times \binom{n}{k}\end{aligned}$$



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

For  $n = 2$  :

$$+0 \times 1 - 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 1 = 0$$

**No contribution !**

For  $n = 3$  :

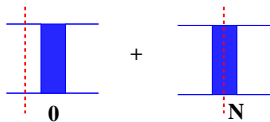
$$-0 \times 1 + 1 \times 3 - 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 1 = 0$$

**No contribution either !**

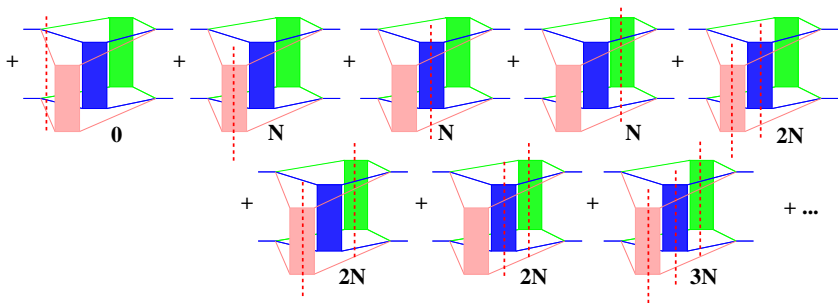
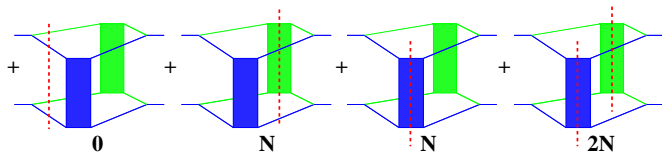
Actually, for any  $n > 1$  :

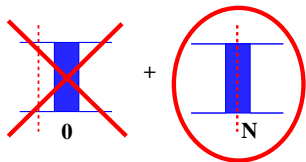
$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} k \times \binom{n}{k} = 0$$

- **Almost all of the diagrams (i.e.  $n=2, n=3, \dots$ ) 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))

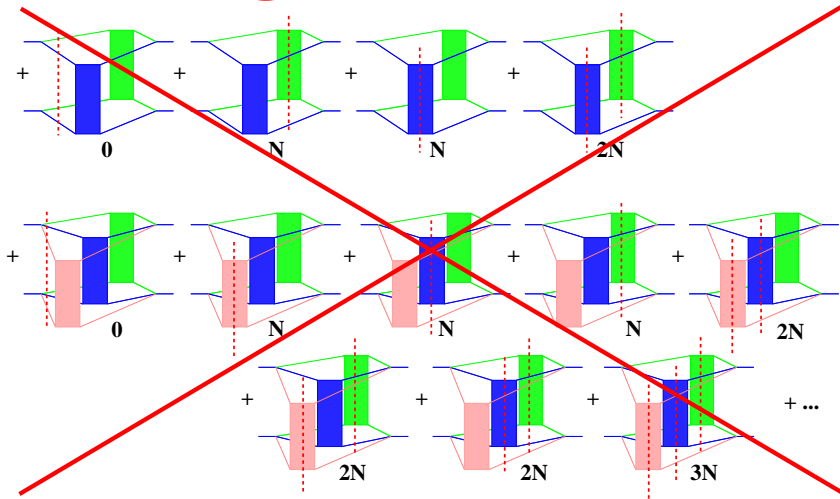


All the diagrams  
which contribute to  $pp$

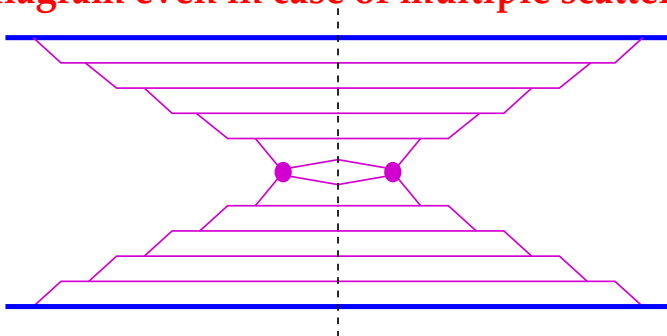




for inclusive cross sections  
 everything cancels  
 - up to one diagram  
 $\Rightarrow$  factorization



**simple diagram even in case of multiple scattering**



**corresponds to factorization:**

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

## Remark:

- We get perfect AGK cancellations in our simplified GR picture (no energy sharing)
- In the full scheme, it works at large  $p_t$  (in EPOS4)

## 2.2 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.

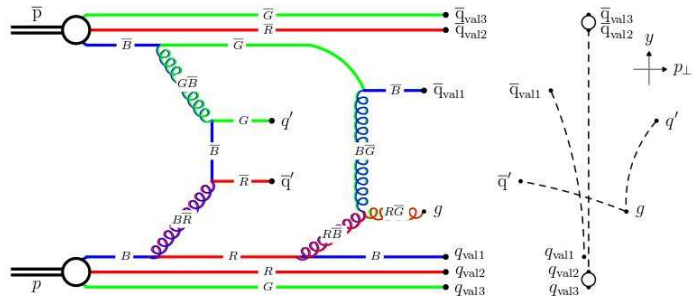
However, many observables require “full events”, like everything related to given multiplicity selections.

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,...)

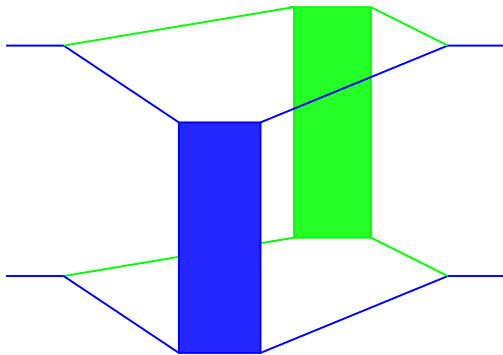




## Strategy 2

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

and sample di-  
jets for each  
Pomeron, one  
per Pomeron  
**(EPOS)**

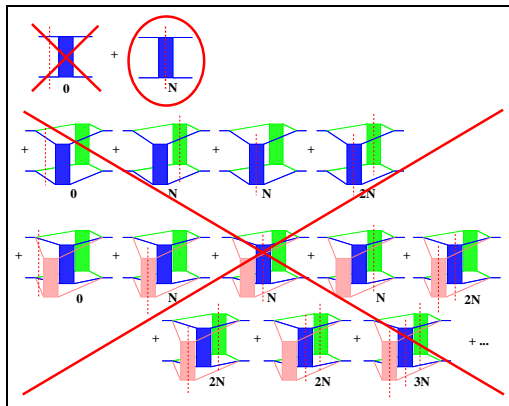


## 2.3 Pros and cons

Strategy	Pros	Cons
Method 1 (PYTHIA)	<p>Simple to realise</p> <hr/> <p>Best method for inclusive cross sections</p>	<p>“Reconstruction” of multiple scattering without solid theoretical basis</p> <hr/> <p>probably not working for small pt</p> <hr/> <p>No obvious extension towards AA</p>
Method 2 (EPOS)	<p>Solid theoretical basis concerning multiple parallel scattering</p> <hr/> <p>Straightforward generalization for AA</p>	<p>Realisation technically demanding</p> <hr/> <p>Factorization not for free, big effort needed to realize the cancellations</p>

Main problem for the EPOS method:

Since all diagrams are considered:



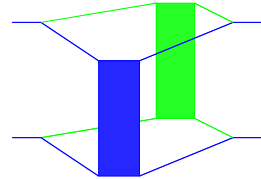
In case of inclusive cross sections, the corresponding diagrams must actually cancel, which requires high precision and good strategies

## 2.4 AA collisions

Almost trivial to extend the multiple Pomeron picture to AA.

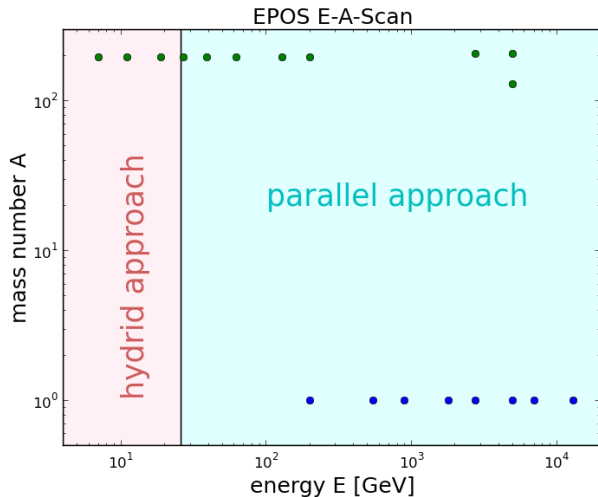
The T-matrix is essentially a product of the pp expressions:

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



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 sophisticated strategies needed to get cancellations)

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

but there seems to be a simple way, called Glauber model ...

## 2.5 Glauber and Gribov Regge

**Glauber approach** (essentially geometry)

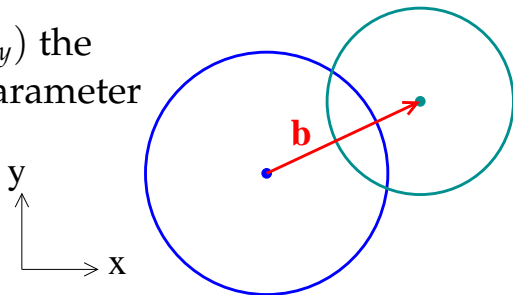
**Nucleus-nucleus collision A + B :**

- 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 of 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:

- Be  $\rho_A$  and  $\rho_B$  the (normalized nuclear densities), and
- $b = (b_x, b_y)$  the impact parameter

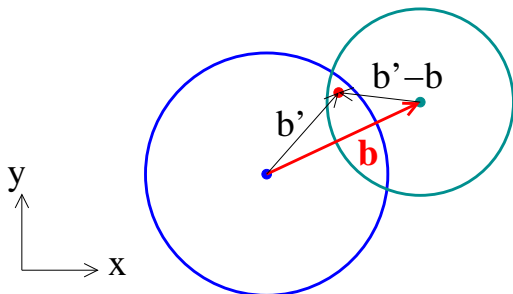


Define integral over nuclear density for each nucleus:

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

and the “thickness function”

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



## Probability of interaction

(for  $\rho_A$  and  $\rho_B$  normalized to 1)

$$P = T_{AB}(b) \sigma_{NN}$$



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

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

**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 explicitly:

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

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)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\sigma^{pp}}{d^2b} &= \sum_{m>0} \sum_l \frac{G(b)^m}{m!} \frac{\{-G(b)\}^l}{l!} \\ &= \sum_{m>0} \frac{G(b)^m}{m!} e^{-G(b)} = \sum_m \frac{G(b)^m}{m!} e^{-G(b)} - e^{-G(b)}\end{aligned}$$

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

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

we obtain (**neglecting energy sharing**):

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma^{AB}}{d^2b} &= \int dT_{AB} \underbrace{\sum_{m_1} \dots \sum_{m_{AB}}}_{\Sigma m_i \neq 0} \prod_{k=1}^{AB} \frac{G(b_k)^{m_k}}{m_k!} e^{-G(b_k)} \\
 &= \int dT_{AB} \sum_{m_1} \dots \sum_{m_{AB}} \prod_{k=1}^{AB} \frac{G(b_k)^{m_k}}{m_k!} e^{-G(b_k)} - \prod_{k=1}^{AB} e^{-G(b_k)} \\
 &= \int dT_{AB} \prod_{k=1}^{AB} \underbrace{\sum_{m_k} \frac{G(b_k)^{m_k}}{m_k!}}_{\exp(G(b_k))} e^{-G(b_k)} - \prod_{k=1}^{AB} e^{-G(b_k)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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”.**

## So we find:

**In the GR framework (based on quantum mechanics!) we obtain cross section results**

- corresponding to a simple geometrical picture**
- as realized in the Glauber approach**



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- as realized in the Glauber approach**

**BUT ...**

**... this concern total cross sections!!**

**and not at all particle production cross sections**

□ **In Glauber**

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

□ **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”**

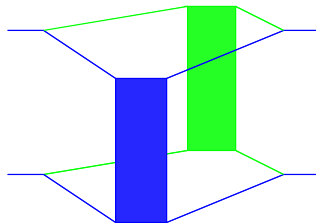
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### 3 Gribov-Regge & Partons (GRP)

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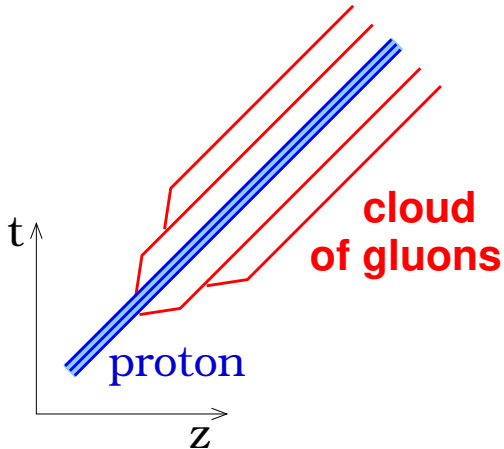
**Back to the GR approach employed in EPOS to account for multiple parallel interactions, via the (elastic scattering) T-matrix**

$$-i \{ iT_{\text{Pom}} \times \dots \times iT_{\text{Pom}} \}$$



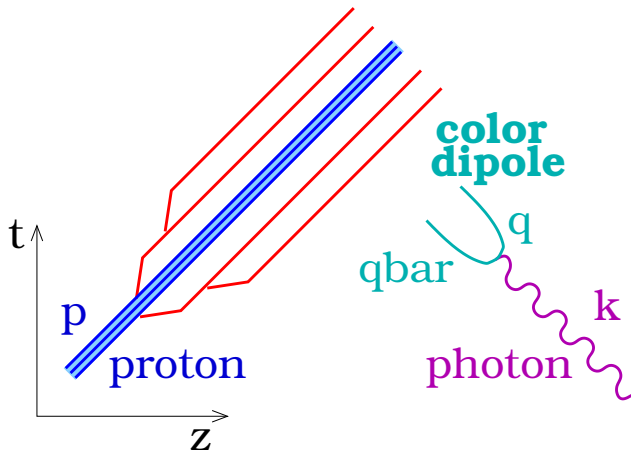
The QCD part is hidden in the “boxes”, so what precisely should be put there?

### 3.1 A fast moving proton



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

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



photon splits  
into  $q$ - $q$ bar

→ Color dipole

$p$  and  $k$  are proton and photon momentum

What precisely the photon “sees” depends on two kinematic variables,

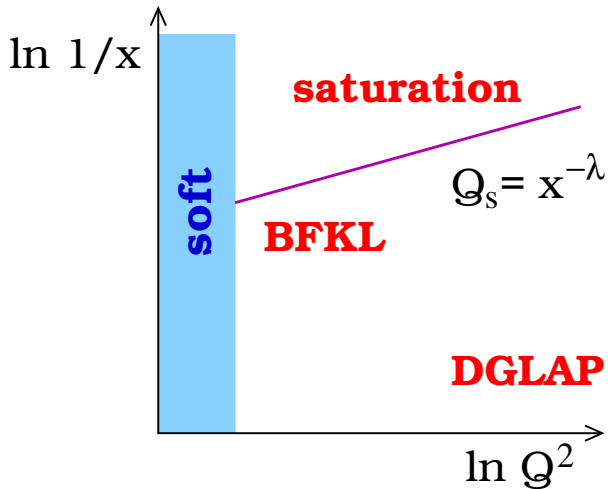
the **virtuality**

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

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, Kuraev, and Lipatov):

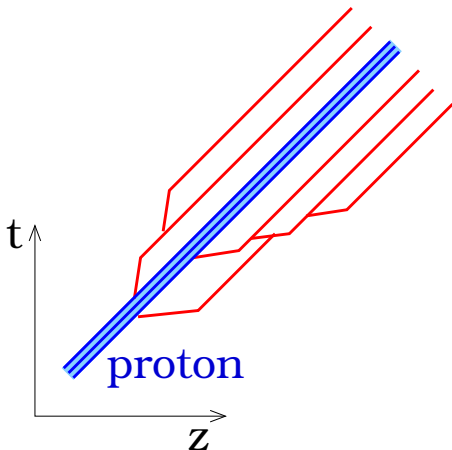
$$\frac{\partial \varphi(x, \mathbf{q})}{\partial \ln \frac{1}{x}} \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi^2} \int d^2 k K(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}) \varphi(x, \mathbf{k})$$

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

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

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

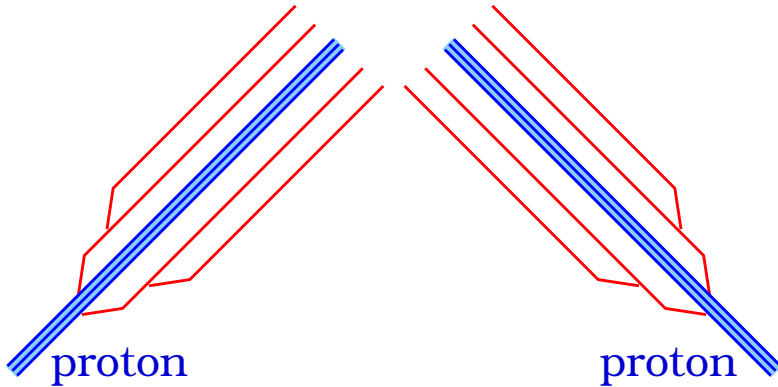
## Very large $\ln 1/x$ : Saturation domain



**Non-linear effects**

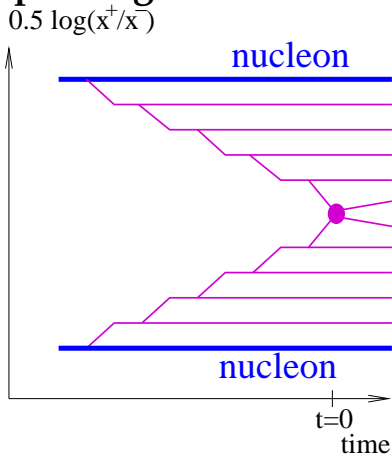
Gluon from one cascade is absorbed by another one

### 3.2 pp scattering (linear domain)



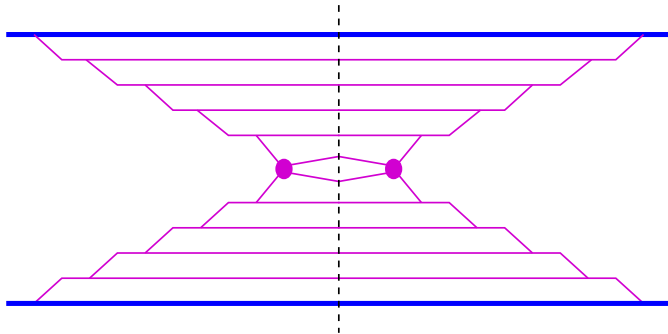
Same evolution as in proton-photon (**causality**)

## Different way of plotting the same reaction



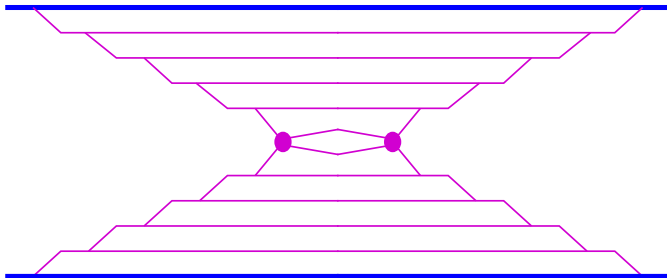
inelastic scattering diagram

## Corresponding cut diagram



referred to as **“cut parton ladder”**  
= amplitude squared of the inelastic diagram

## Corresponding elastic diagram



referred to as **“(uncut) parton ladder”**

### 3.3 Soft domain

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

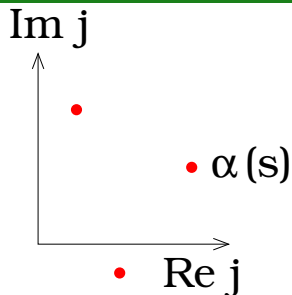
But one may use again the hypothesis of **Lorentz invariance** and **analyticity** of the T-matrix. One starts with a partial wave expansion of the T-matrix (Watson-Sommerfeld transform) :

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

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

With  $\alpha(s)$  being the right-most pole of  $\mathcal{T}(j, s)$  one gets for  $t \rightarrow \infty$ :

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



and assuming crossing symmetry one gets the famous asymptotic result

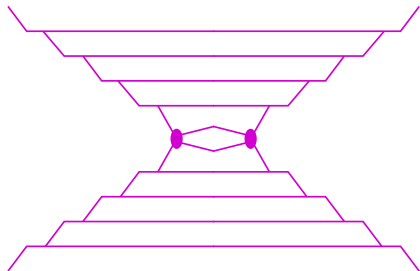
$$T(s, t) \propto s^{\alpha(t)}$$

with the “Regge pole”

$$\alpha(t) = \alpha(0) + \alpha' t$$

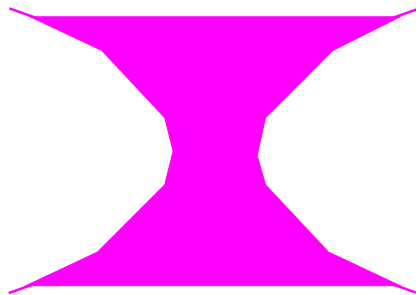


**Perturbative:  
Parton ladder**



T-matrix computed  
(DGLAP)

**Soft:  
Soft Pomeron**



**gluon fields**

T-matrix parametrized

Formulas:

$$T_{\text{soft}}(\hat{s}, t) = 8\pi s_0 i \gamma_{\text{Pom-parton}}^2 \left( \frac{\hat{s}}{s_0} \right)^{\alpha_{\text{soft}}(0)} \\ \times \exp \left( \left\{ 2R_{\text{Pom-parton}}^2 + \alpha'_{\text{soft}} \ln \frac{\hat{s}}{s_0} \right\} t \right),$$

Cut soft Pomeron (Schwarz reflection principle):

$$\frac{1}{i} \text{disc } T_{\text{soft}}(\hat{s}, t) \\ = \frac{1}{i} [T_{\text{soft}}(\hat{s} + i0, t) - T_{\text{soft}}(\hat{s} - i0, t)] \\ = 2\text{Im } T_{\text{soft}}(\hat{s}, t)$$

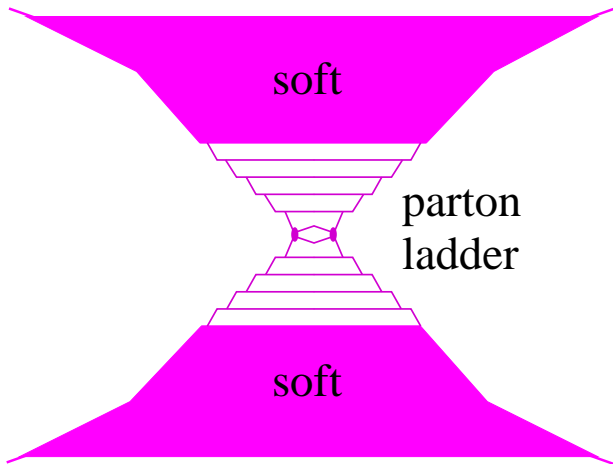
Interaction cross section,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{soft}}(\hat{s}) &= \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} 2\text{Im} T_{\text{soft}}(\hat{s}, 0), \\ &= 8\pi\gamma_{\text{part}}^2 \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{s_0}\right)^{\alpha_{\text{soft}}(0)-1},\end{aligned}$$

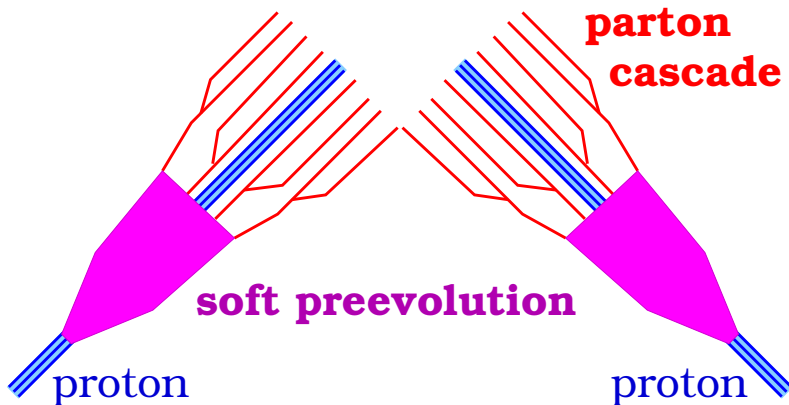
using the optical theorem (with  $t = 0$ ),

which grows faster than data

### 3.4 Semihard Pomeron



## Space-time picture of semihard Pomeron



## Hard cross section and amplitude

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

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

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

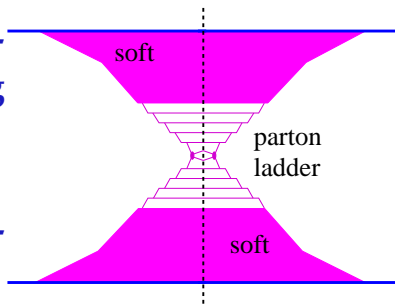
Semihard amplitude :

$$iT_{\text{semihard}}(\hat{s}, t) = \sum_{jk} \int_0^1 \frac{dz^+}{z^+} \frac{dz^-}{z^-} \\ \times \text{Im} T_{\text{soft}}^j\left(\frac{s_0}{z^+}, t\right) \text{Im} T_{\text{soft}}^k\left(\frac{s_0}{z^-}, t\right) iT_{\text{hard}}^{jk}(z^+ z^- \hat{s}, t)$$

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

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

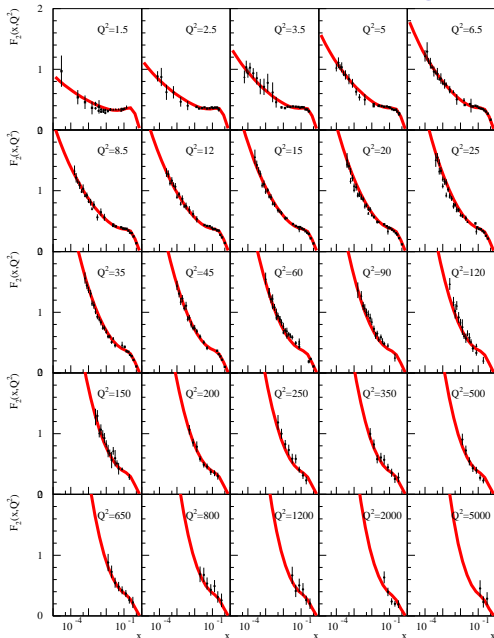


$$E_3 E_4 \frac{d^6 \sigma_{\text{dijet}}}{d^3 p_3 d^3 p_4} = \sum_{kl} \int \int dx_1 dx_2 f_{\text{PDF}}^k(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_{\text{PDF}}^l(x_2, \mu_F^2) \frac{1}{32s\pi^2} \sum_{\bar{m}} |\mathcal{M}^{kl \rightarrow mn}|^2 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4),$$

$f_{\text{PDF}}$  are the EPOS PDFs, convolution of soft & DGLAP part



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



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

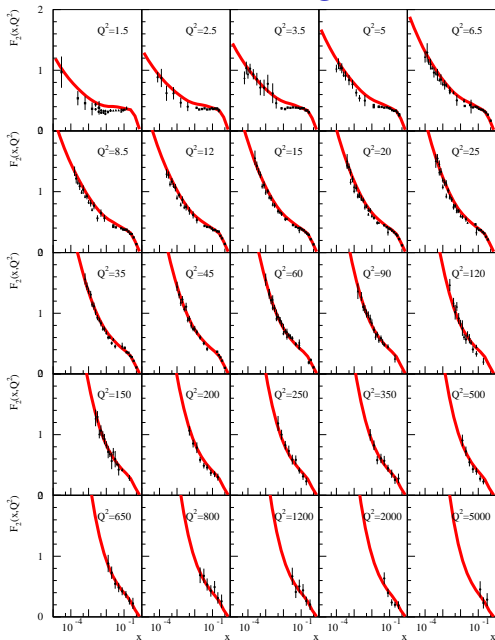
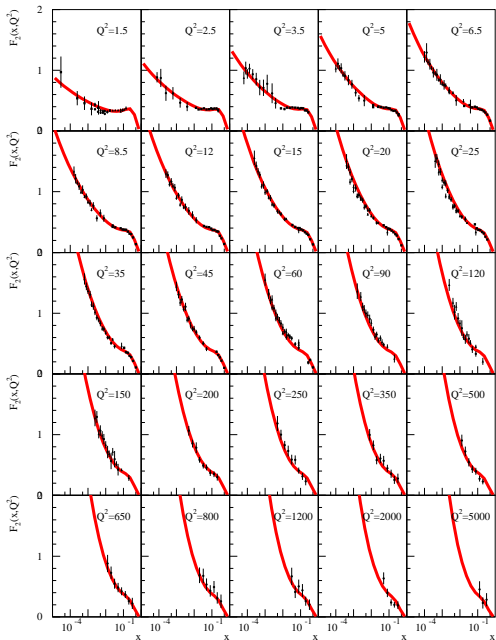
$$F_2 = \sum_k e_k^2 x f_{\text{PDF}}^k(x, Q^2)$$

with

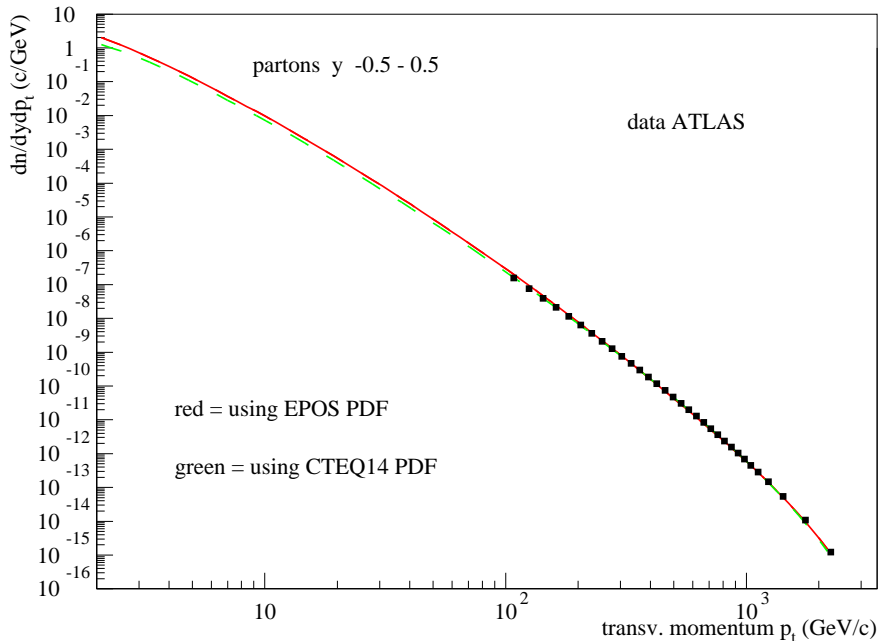
$$x = x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2pq}$$

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

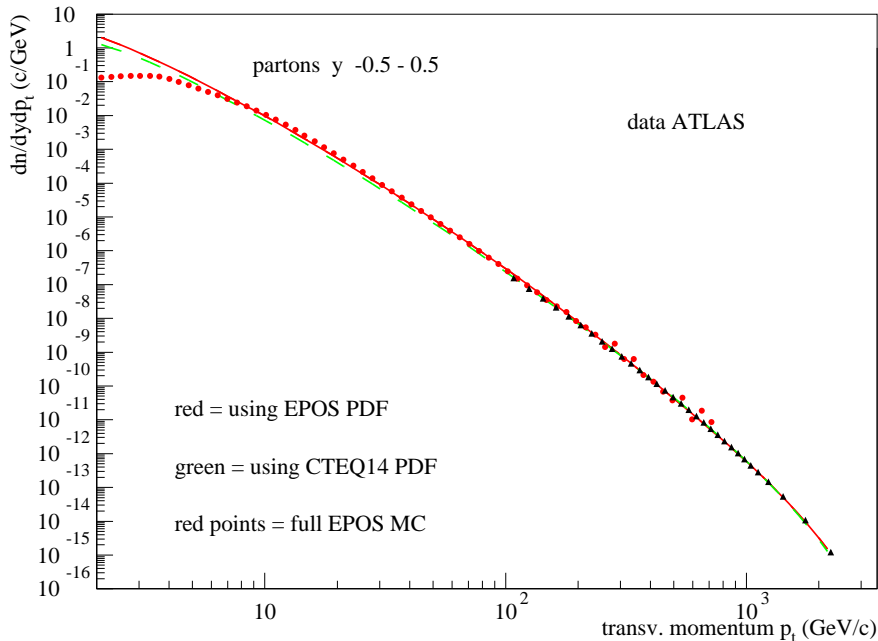
## $F_2$ with EPOS PDF (left) and CTEQ14(5f) PDF (right)



# Jet cross section vs $p_t$ for pp at 13 TeV



# Jet cross section vs $p_t$ for pp at 13 TeV



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## 4 Multiple Pomeron exchange in EPOS

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**The full approach,  
going beyond factorization**

## 4.1 Multiple scattering

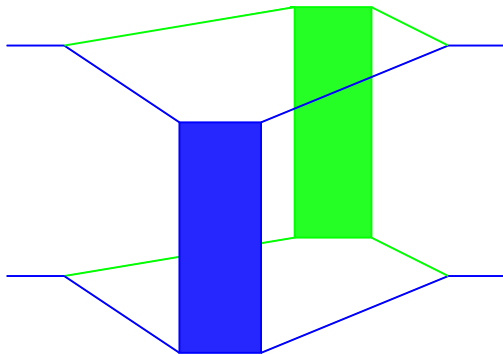
Be  $T$  the elastic (pp,pA,AA) scattering T-matrix =>

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

**Basic assumption : Multiple "Pomerons"**

$$iT = \sum_k \frac{1}{k!} \{ iT_{\text{Pom}} \times \dots \times iT_{\text{Pom}} \}$$

## Example: 2 “Pomerons”



Evaluate

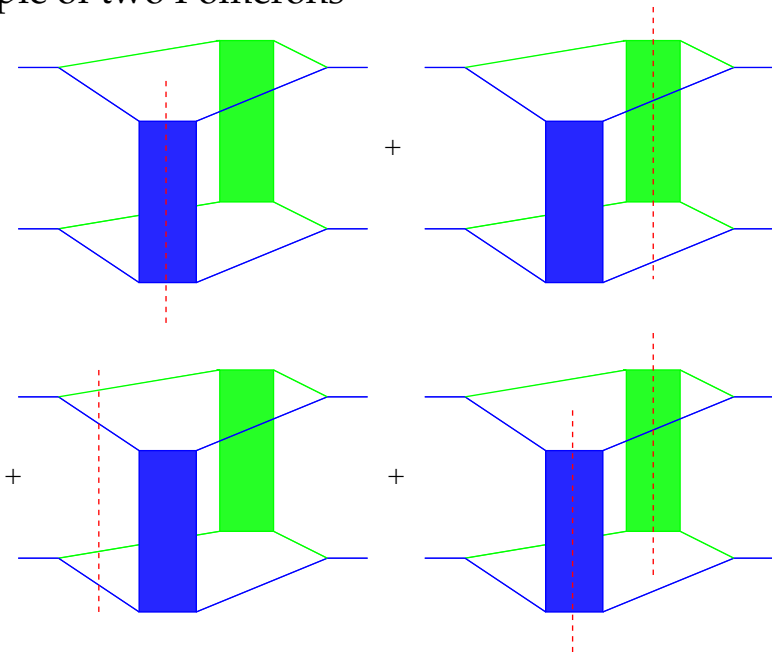
$$\frac{1}{i} \text{disc} \{ iT_{\text{Pom}} \times \dots \times iT_{\text{Pom}} \}$$

using “cutting rules” :

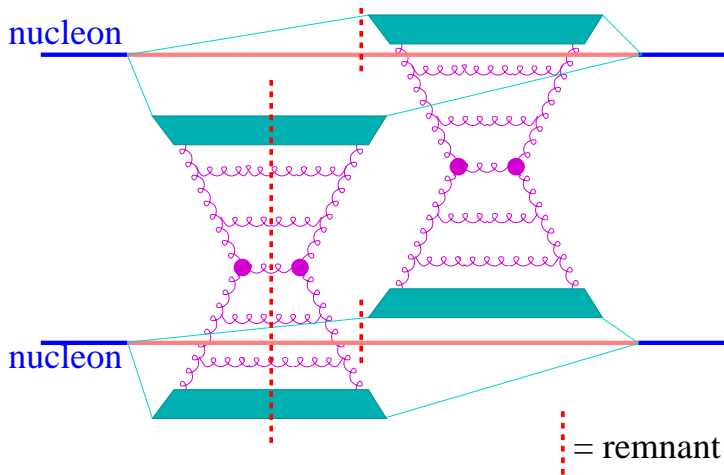
**A “cut” multi-Pomeron diagram  
amounts to the sum of all possible cuts**



## Example of two Pomeron



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



Using a simplified notation  
for “cut” and “uncut” Pomeron

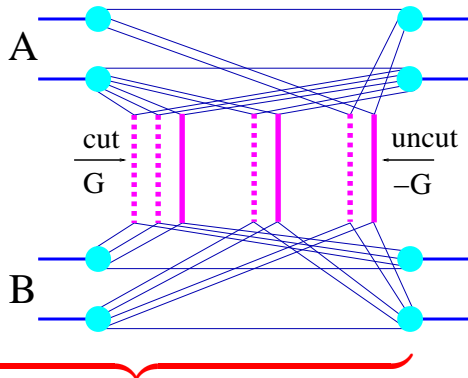


one gets ...

## 4.2 Complete result

For pp, pA, AA:

$$\sigma^{\text{tot}} = \sum_{\text{cut P}} \int \sum_{\text{uncut P}} \int$$



**partial cross section  $\sigma_K$**

Dotted lines : Cut Pomerons (parton ladders)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma^{\text{tot}} = & \int d^2b \int \prod_{i=1}^A d^2b_i^A dz_i^A \rho_A(\sqrt{(b_i^A)^2 + (z_i^A)^2}) \\
 & \prod_{j=1}^B d^2b_j^B dz_j^B \rho_B(\sqrt{(b_j^B)^2 + (z_j^B)^2}) \\
 & \sum_{m_1 l_1} \dots \sum_{m_{AB} l_{AB}} (1 - \delta_{0\Sigma m_k}) \int \prod_{k=1}^{AB} \left( \prod_{\mu=1}^{m_k} dx_{k,\mu}^+ dx_{k,\mu}^- \prod_{\lambda=1}^{l_k} d\tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^+ d\tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^- \right) \left\{ \right. \\
 & \prod_{k=1}^{AB} \left( \frac{1}{m_k!} \frac{1}{l_k!} \prod_{\mu=1}^{m_k} G(x_{k,\mu}^+, x_{k,\mu}^-, s, |\vec{b} + \vec{b}_{\pi(k)}^A - \vec{b}_{\tau(k)}^B|) \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \prod_{\lambda=1}^{l_k} -G(\tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^+, \tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^-, s, |\vec{b} + \vec{b}_{\pi(k)}^A - \vec{b}_{\tau(k)}^B|) \right) \right\} \\
 & \prod_{i=1}^A \left( 1 - \sum_{\pi(k)=i} x_{k,\mu}^+ - \sum_{\pi(k)=i} \tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^+ \right)^\alpha \prod_{j=1}^B \left( 1 - \sum_{\tau(k)=j} x_{k,\mu}^- - \sum_{\tau(k)=j} \tilde{x}_{k,\lambda}^- \right)^\alpha \left. \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

□ **Complicated due to strict energy sharing**

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

□ **but doable**

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

## Step 1:

- 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**



### 4.3 Configurations via Markov chains

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

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$$

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

A homogeneous Markov chain is defined as

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

with  $p(x' \rightarrow x)$  being the transition probability (or matrix).

Normalization :  $\sum_x p(x' \rightarrow x) = 1$ .

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

$$\sum_a f(a) p(a \rightarrow b).$$

One defines an operator  $T$  (comme Translation)

$$Tf(b) = \sum_a f(a) p(a \rightarrow b).$$

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  $f$ ,

- one constructs a  $T$  such that  $Tf = f$
- and then considers  $f_1 \rightarrow Tf_1 \rightarrow T^2 f_1 \dots$
- 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 :

$$\begin{aligned} Tf(b) &= \sum_a f(a) p(a \rightarrow b) \\ &= \sum_a f(b) p(b \rightarrow a) \\ &= f(b) \sum_a p(b \rightarrow a) \\ &= f(b). \end{aligned}$$

## 4.4 Metropolis algorithm

Definitions:

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

Take

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

with

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

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

**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

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

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

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

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

The  $F$  according to Metropolis is

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

One finds indeed

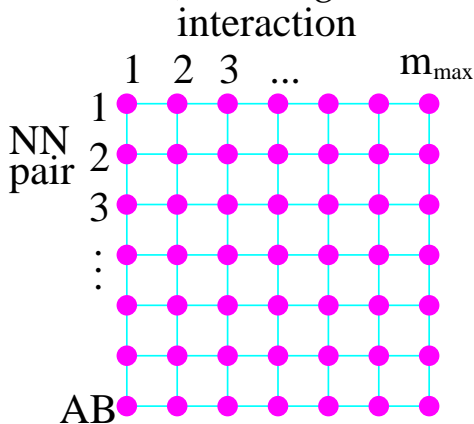
$$\frac{F(z)}{F(\frac{1}{z})} = \frac{\min(z, 1)}{\min(\frac{1}{z}, 1)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} z/1 & \text{pour } z \leq 1 \\ 1/\frac{1}{z} & \text{pour } z > 1 \end{array} \right\} = z.$$

So one proposes for each iteration a new configuration  $b$  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.

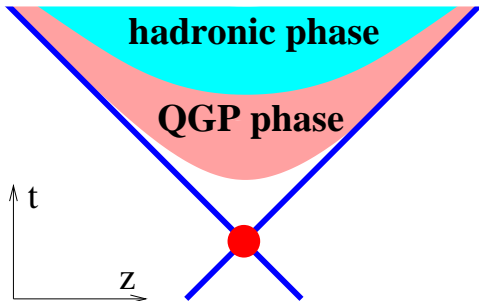
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## 5 Secondary interactions (overview)

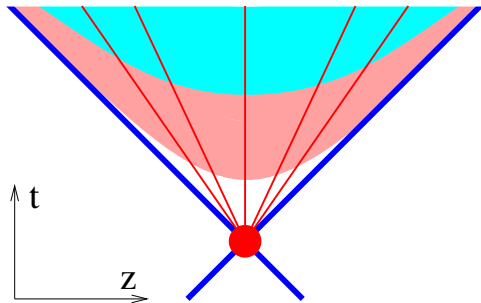
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## 5.1 Primary and secondary interactions

So far we discussed **primary interactions** (the red point)



## Milne coordinates are used to describe evolution



**Proper time (hyperbolas)**

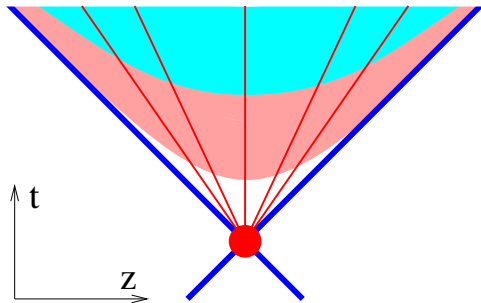
$$\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - z^2}$$

**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)

$$\langle y \rangle \approx \eta_s$$

so primary interactions determine “essentially” the rapidity distribution

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

## **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!**

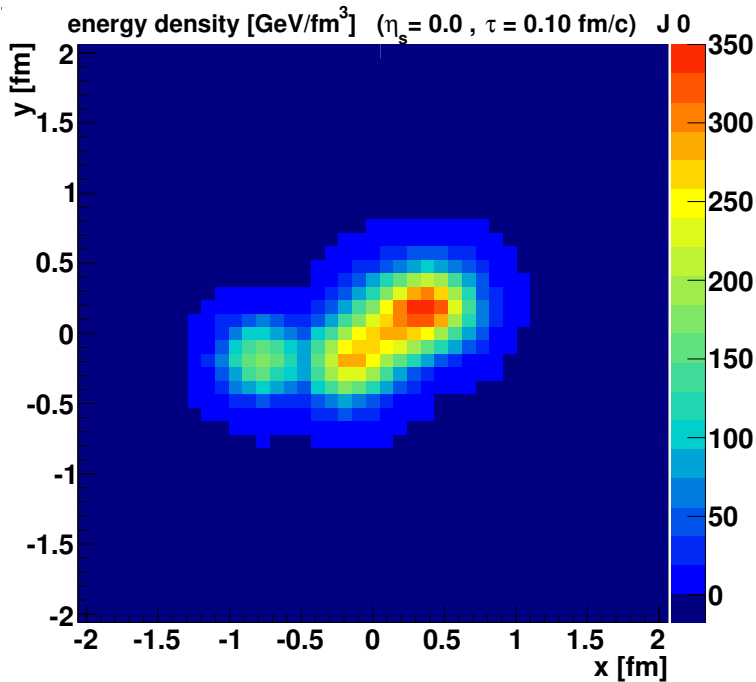
## 5.2 Secondary interactions: An example

In this section:

An example of a EPOS simulation  
of expanding matter in pp scattering  
with initial conditions from GRP

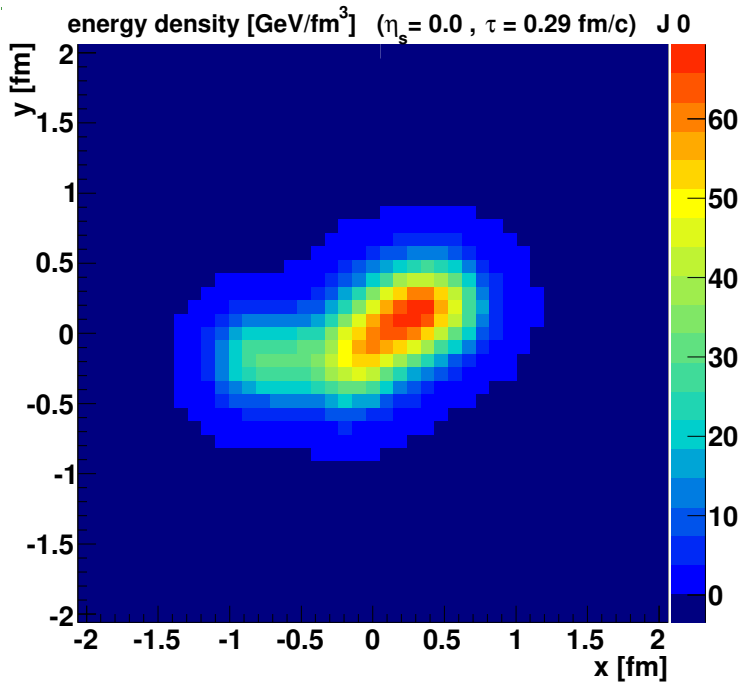
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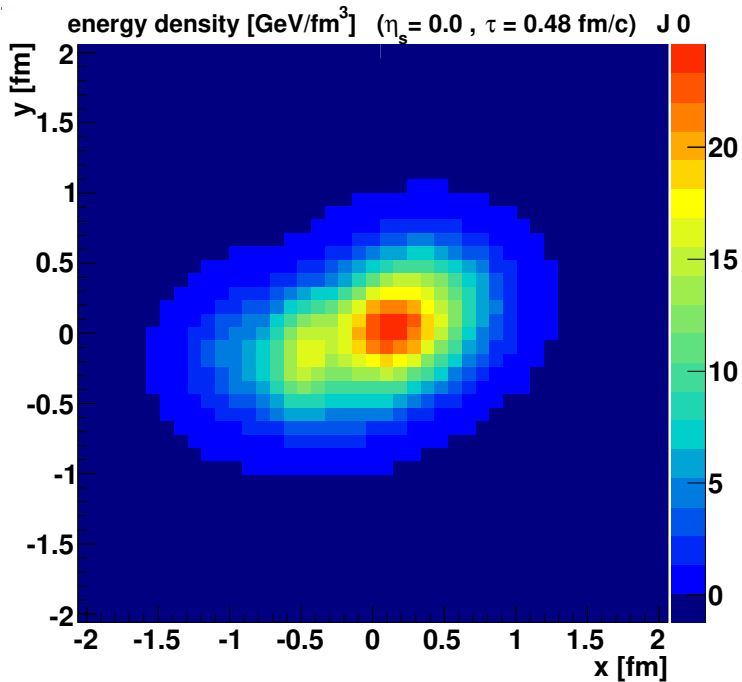




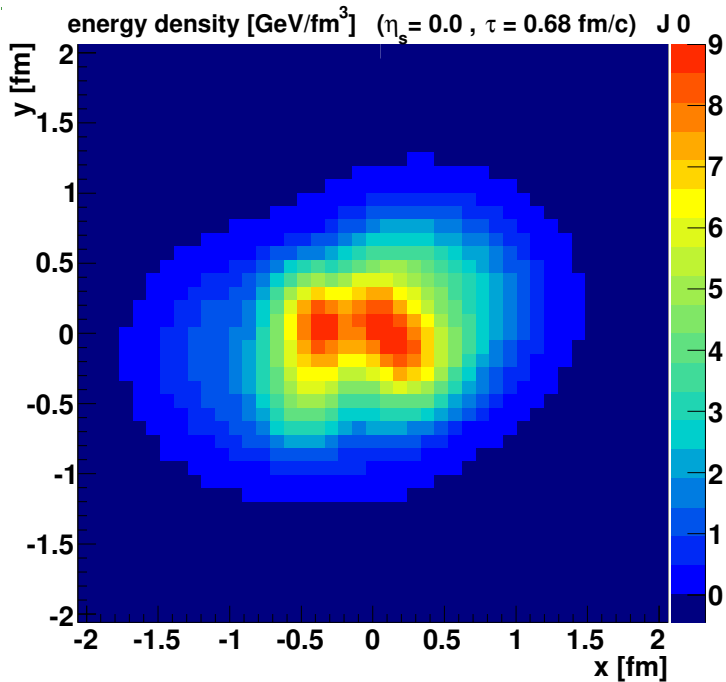
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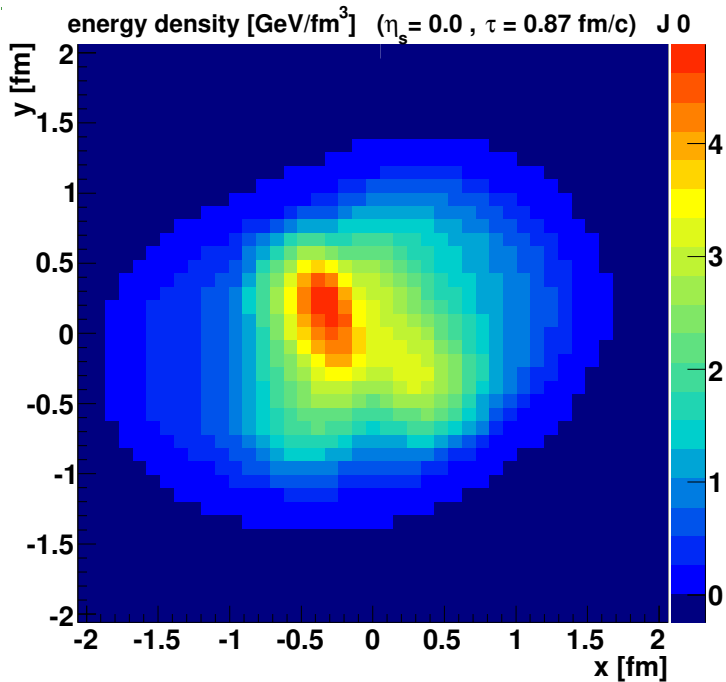
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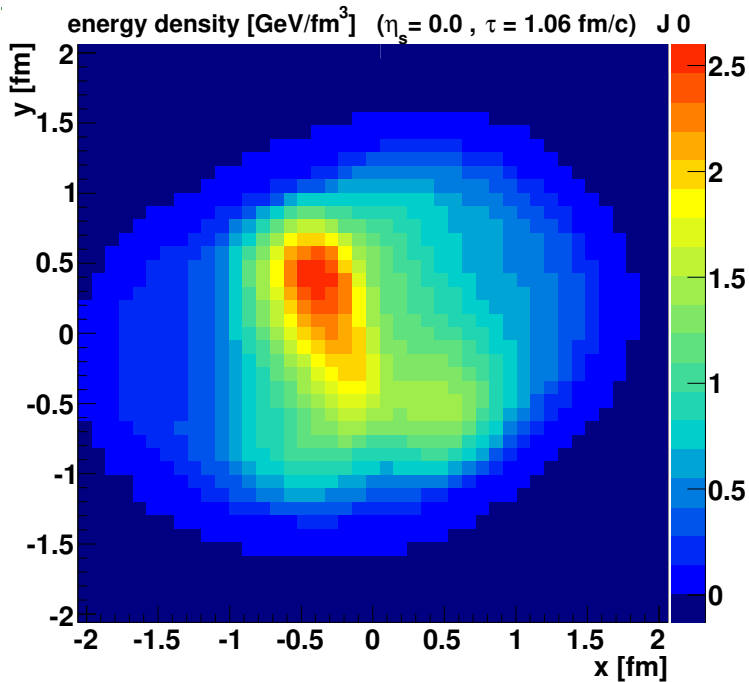
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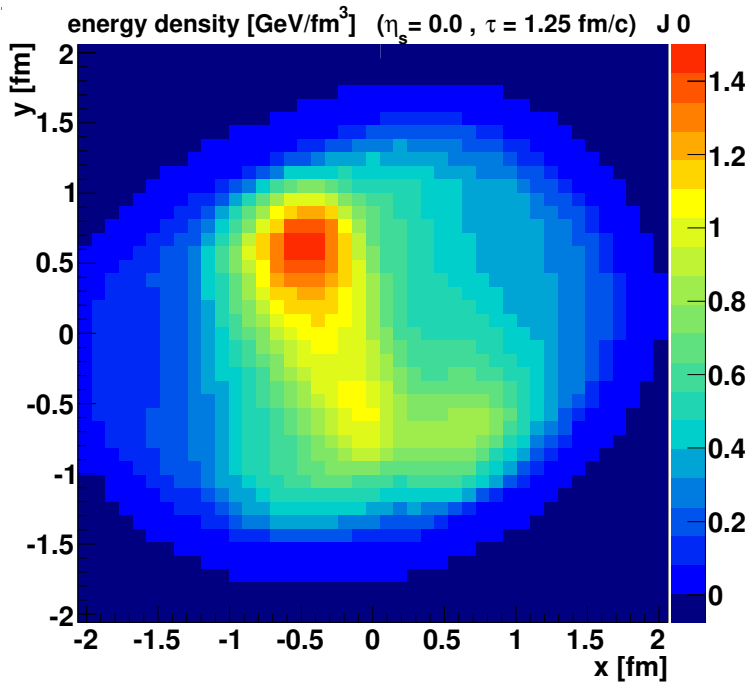
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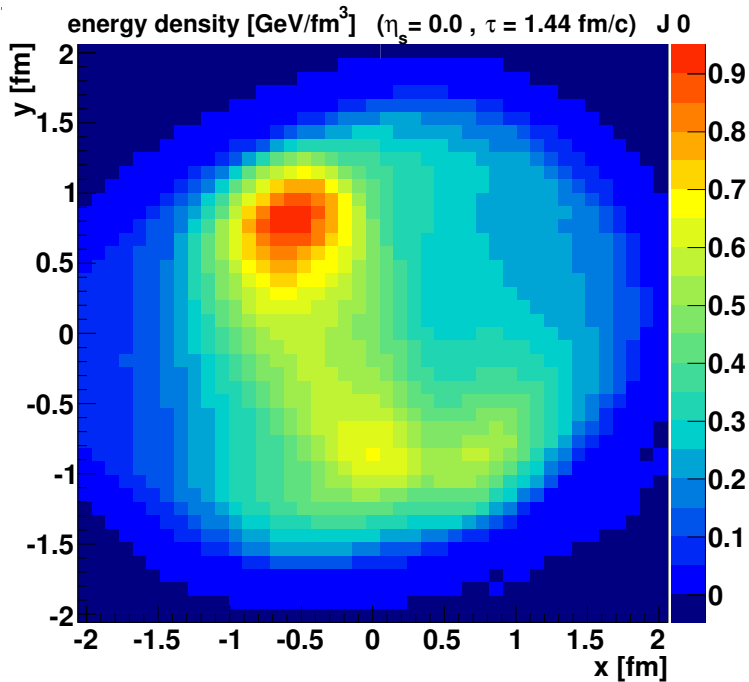
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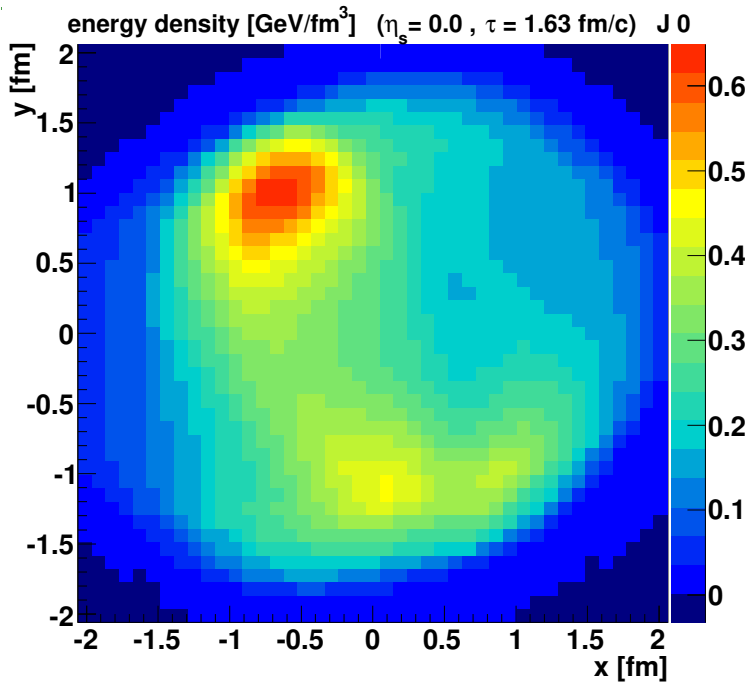
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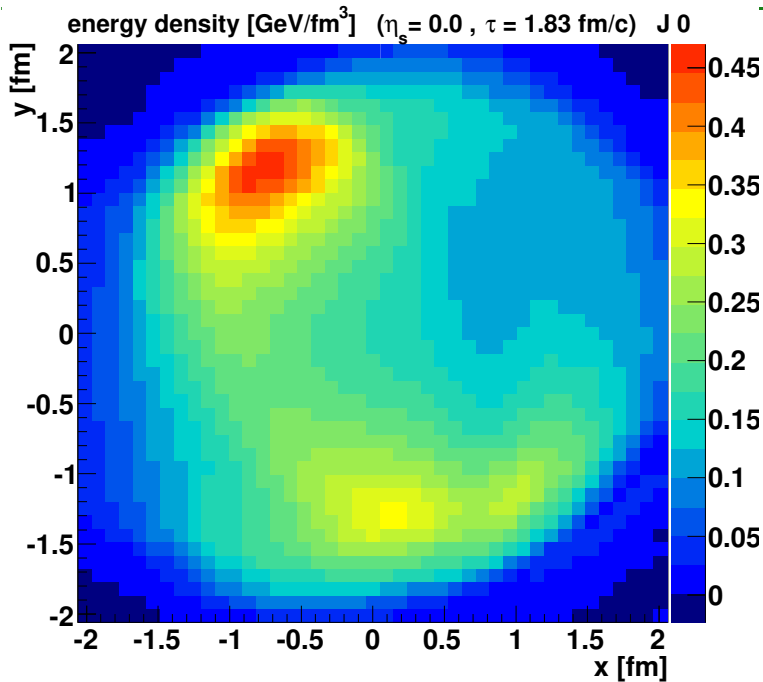


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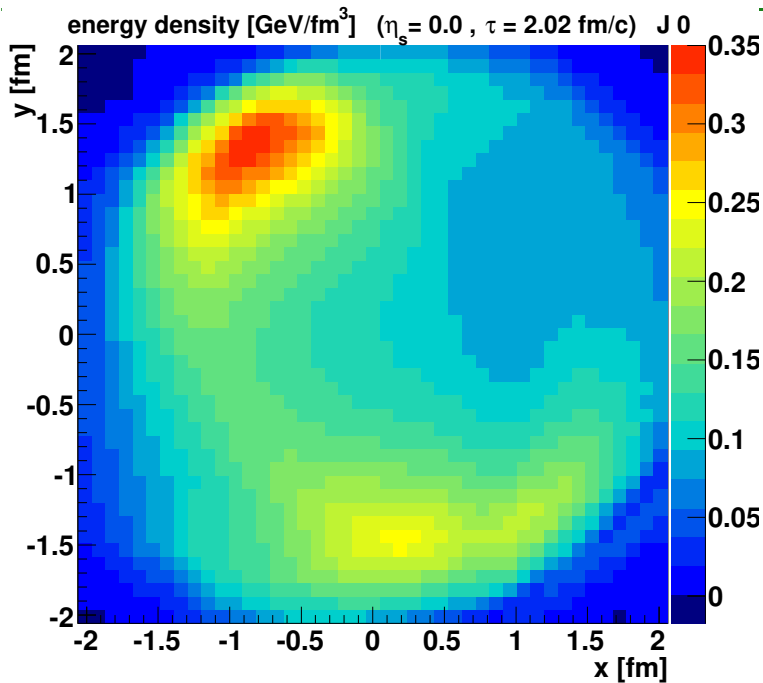




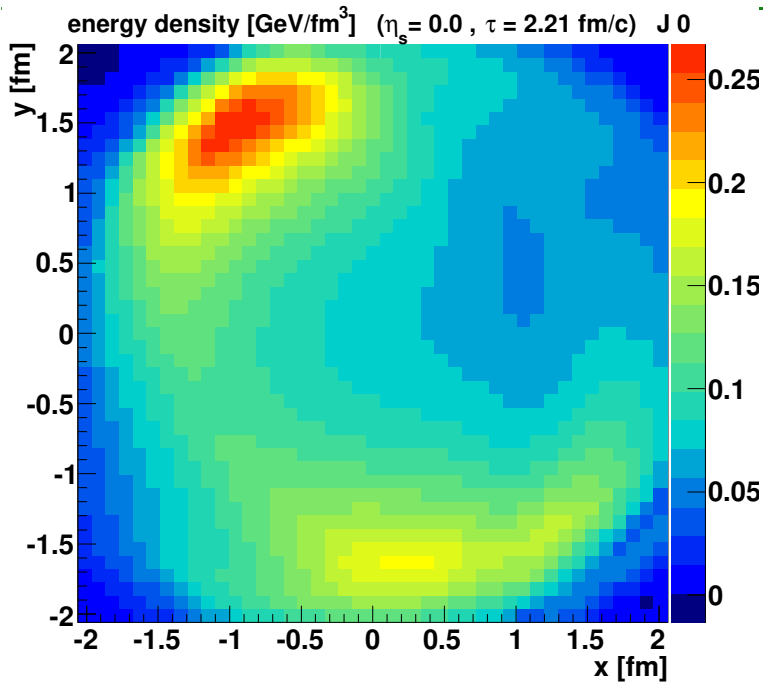
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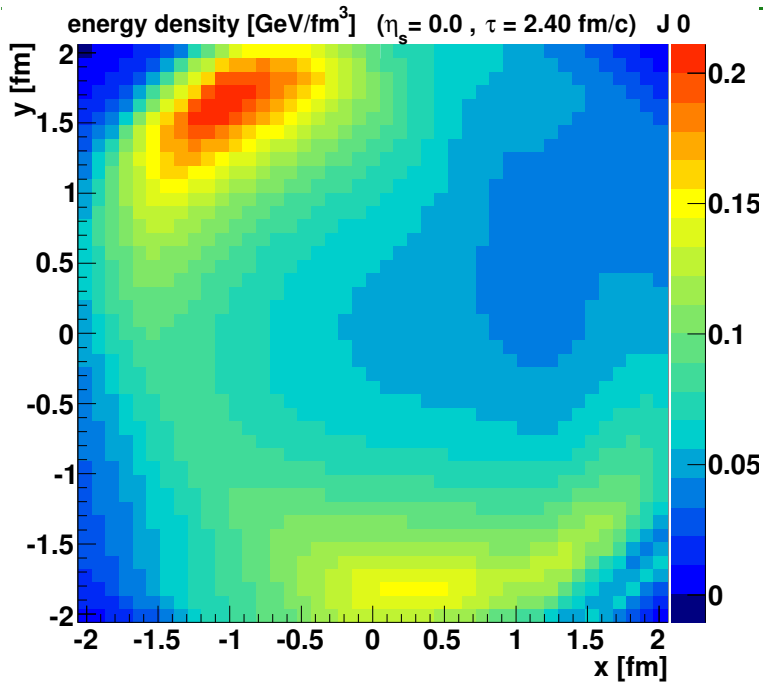
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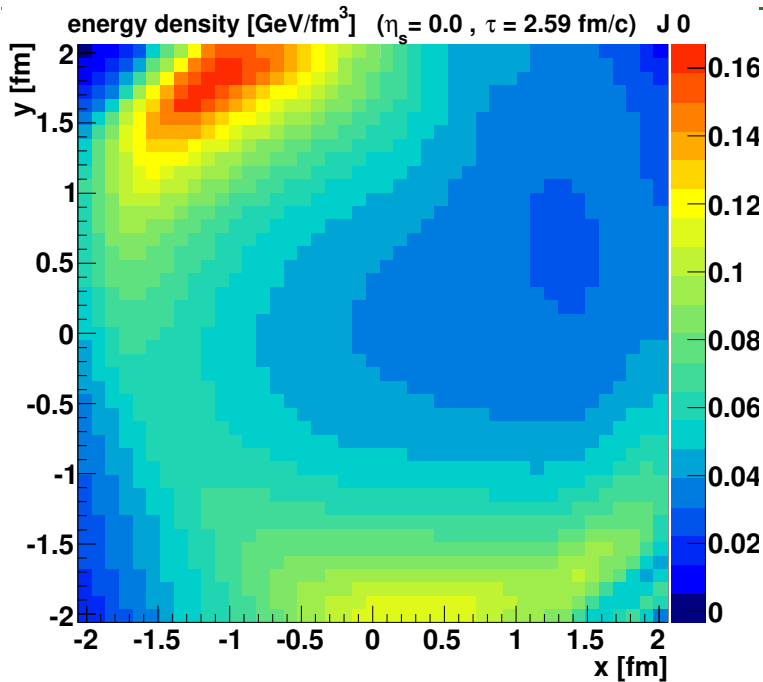
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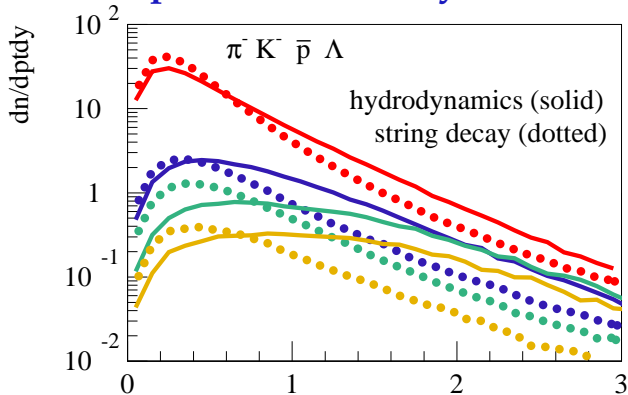


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## 5.3 Radial flow visible in particle distributions

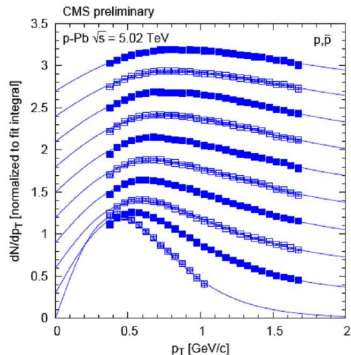
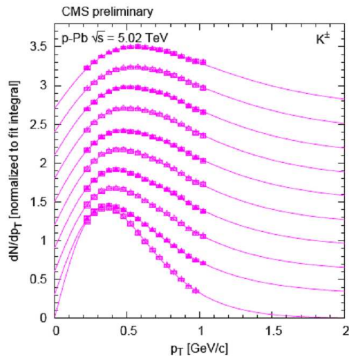
### Particle spectra affected by radial flow



=> mass ordering of  $\langle p_t \rangle$ ,  $\lambda/K$  increase

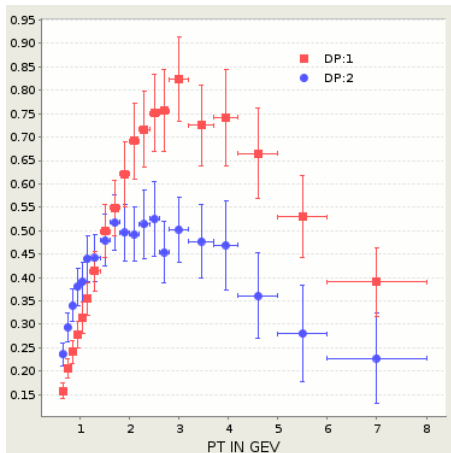
## pPb at 5TeV

CMS, arXiv:1307.3442

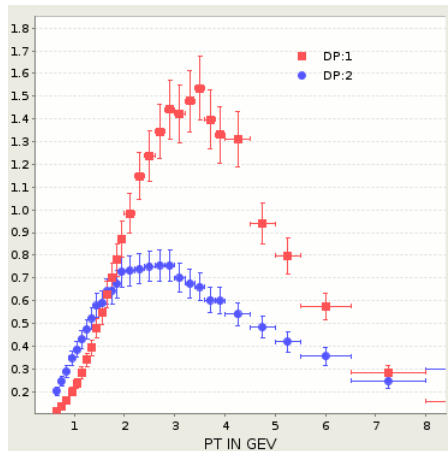


**Strong variation of shape with multiplicity  
for kaon and even more for proton  $p_T$  spectra  
(flow like)**

## $\Lambda / K_S$ versus $p_T$ (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**



## 5.4 Ridges & flow harmonics

Anisotropic radial flow  
visible in dihadron-correlations

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

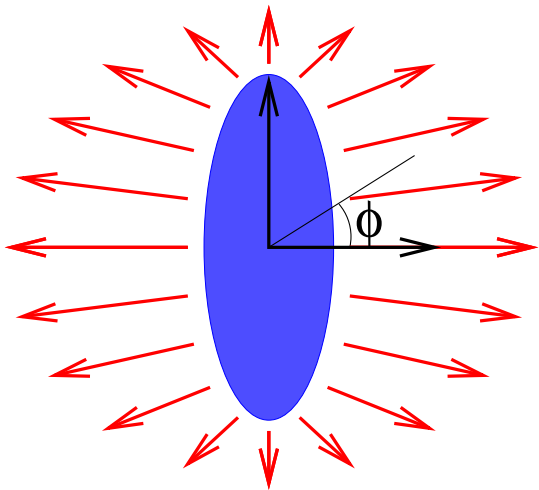
**Anisotropic flow due to initial  
azimuthal anisotropies**

## Initial “elliptical” matter distribution:

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

$\eta_s$ -invariance  
same form at any  $\eta_s$

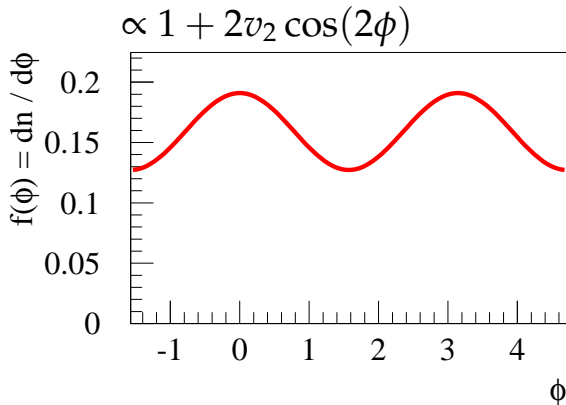
$$\eta_s = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{t+z}{t-z}$$



Particle  
distribution:

Preferred  
directions

$\phi = 0$  and  $\phi = \pi$



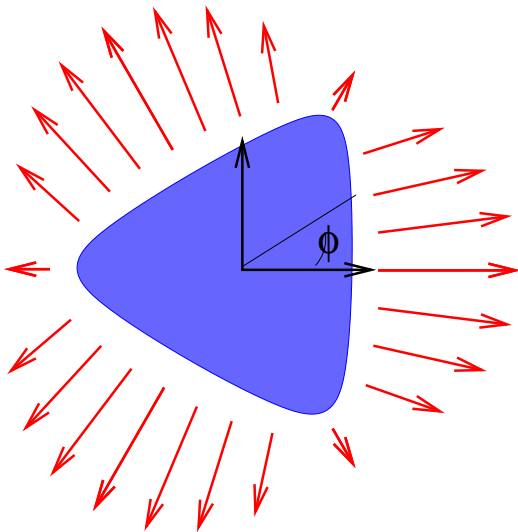
Dihadrons:

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

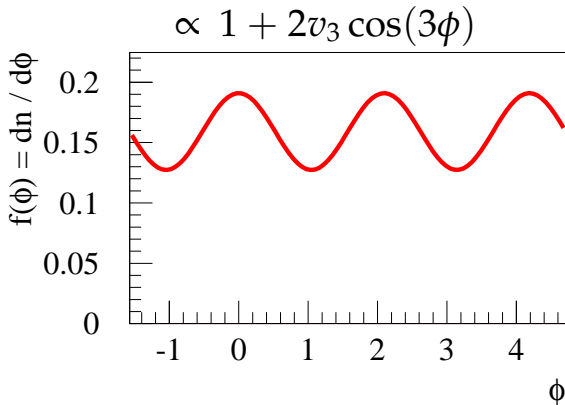


Particle  
distribution:

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  $\phi = 0$ :

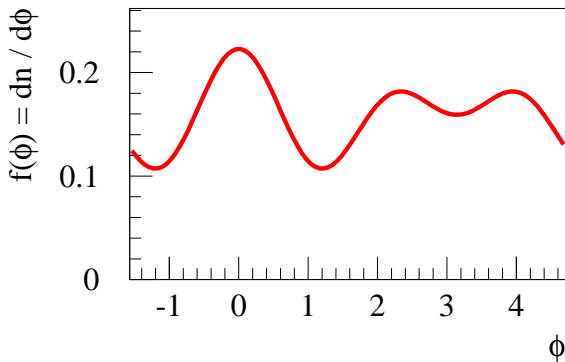
The **ridge**

(extended in  $\eta$ )

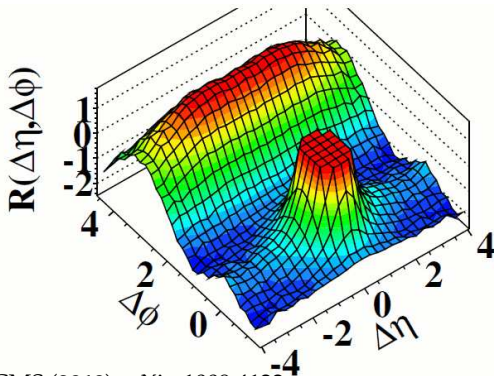
Awayside peak  
may originate  
from jets, not the  
ridge (for large  
 $\Delta\eta$ )

Here,  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  non-zero

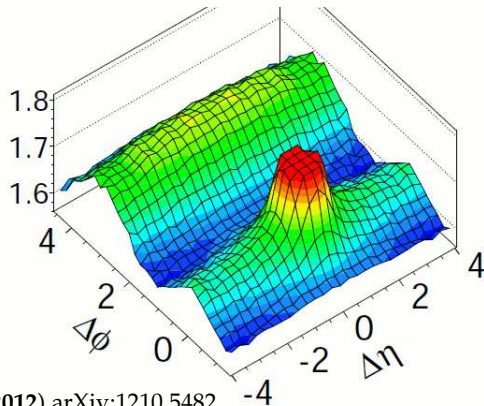
$$\propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos(2\phi) + 2v_3 \cos(3\phi)$$



**CMS: Ridges** (in dihadron correlation functions)  
also seen in **pp** (left) and **pPb** (right)



CMS (2010) arXiv:1009.4122  
JHEP 1009:091,2010



CMS (2012) arXiv:1210.5482  
Phys. Lett. B 718 (2013) 795

**Looks like flow !**



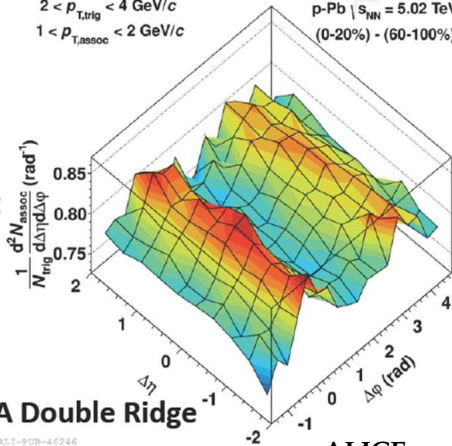
## Ridges also realized in simulations in pPb (and even pp)

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

$$2 < p_{T, \text{trig}} < 4 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$1 < p_{T, \text{assoc}} < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$$

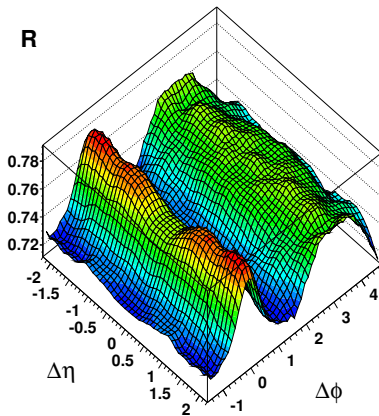
p-Pb |  $s_{NN} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$   
(0-20%) - (60-100%)



$$p_T^{\text{assoc}} \text{ 1.0-2.0 GeV}/c$$

$$p_T^{\text{trig}} \text{ 2.0-4.0 GeV}/c$$

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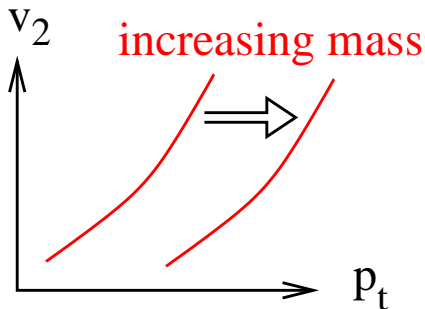


## 5.5 Flow harmonics, identified particles

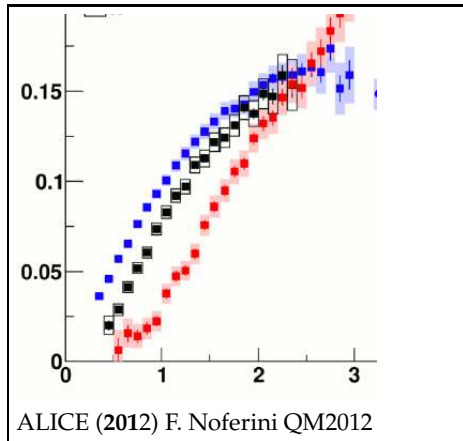
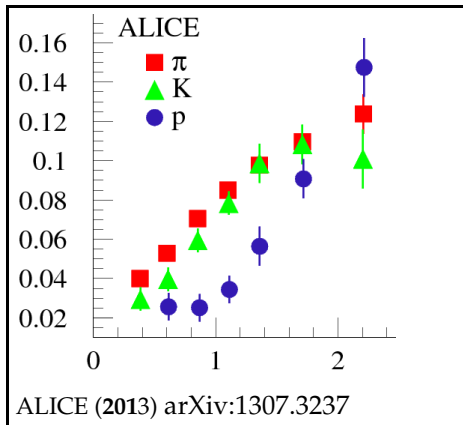
Flow shifts particles to higher  $p_t$

Effect increases with mass

Also true for  $v_2$  vs  $p_t$



## ALICE: $v_2$ versus $p_T$ : 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**

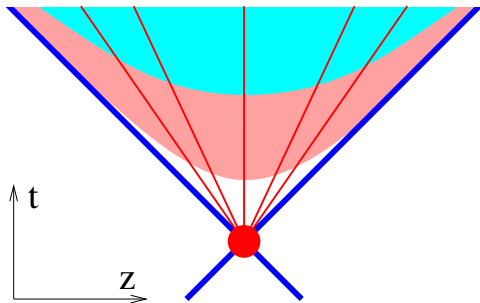
**becomes interesting for pp and pA**

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## 6 (Pre)hadrons and secondary interactions

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

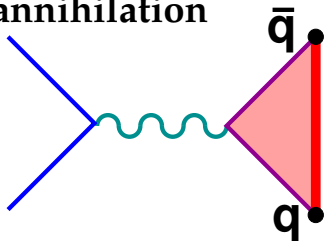


Each cut Pomeron corresponds to a parton ladder

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

## 6.1 From partons to strings

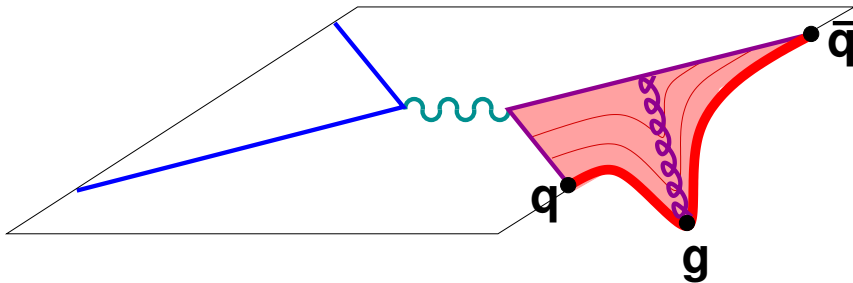
Electron-positron annihilation



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 $e^+e^-$

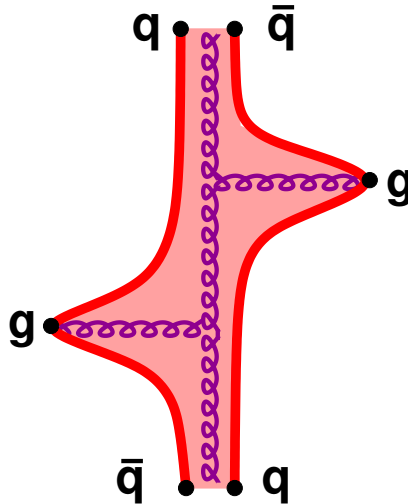


Kinky relativistic string



## Cut Pomerons

(cut parton ladders)



Two kinky relativistic strings (at least)

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

Nambu, Scherk, Rebbi ... 1969-1975

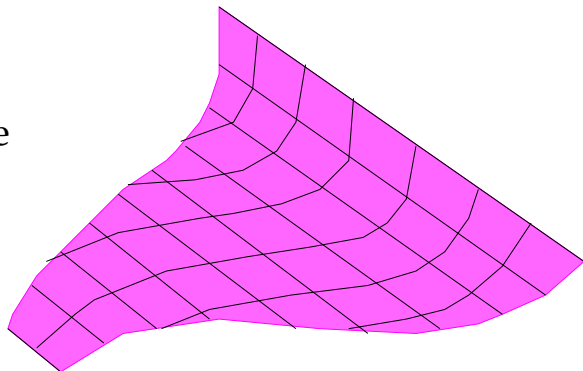
reviewed in PR 232, pp 87-299, 1993, PR 350, pp 93-289, 2001

**String:**

two-dimensional surface

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

in Minkowski space



$$\text{Action } S = \int L d\tau d\sigma$$

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

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

(using  $\tilde{\zeta}_1 = \sigma$ ,  $\tilde{\zeta}_2 = \tau$ ).

Gauge invariance:

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

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

$$g_{ij} = M_{mi} g'_{mn} M_{nj} \rightarrow g = M^T g' M$$

So which gives

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

Using  $\sqrt{|\det g|} = \sqrt{|\det g'|} |\det M|$  and in addition

$$d^2 \zeta' = |\det M| d^2 \zeta,$$

we get

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

= gauge invariance!!

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

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} x'x' & x'\dot{x} \\ \dot{x}x' & \dot{x}\dot{x} \end{pmatrix}$$

we get

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

Euler-Lagrange equations of motion:

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

We use the gauge fixing

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

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

- **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  $q - g \dots - g - \bar{q}$ , with soft “end partons”  $q$  and  $\bar{q}$ , and hard inner gluons  $g$ .

The mapping “partons  $\rightarrow$  string” is done such that we **identify a parton sequence with a kinky string**

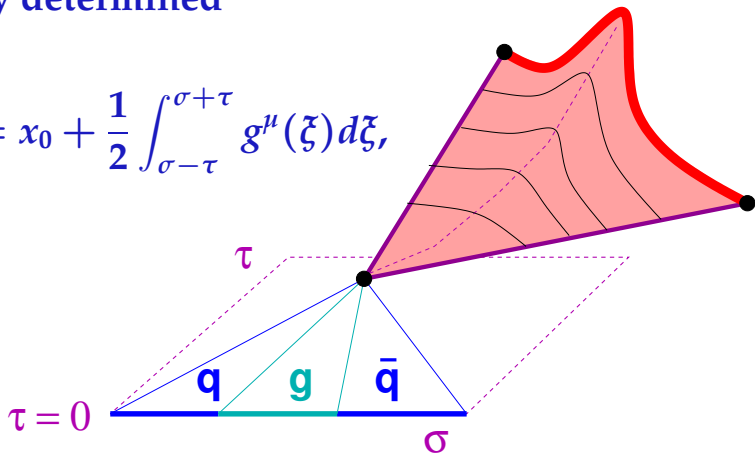
by requiring “parton = kink”,

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

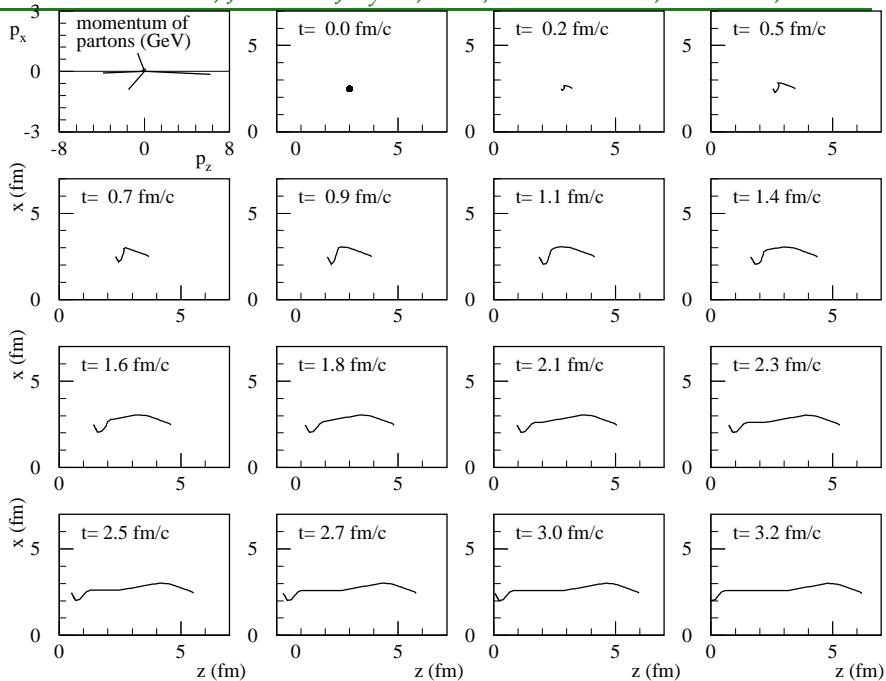
$$x^\mu(\sigma, \tau) = x_0 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\sigma-\tau}^{\sigma+\tau} g^\mu(\xi) d\xi,$$



Mapping partons  $\Rightarrow$  string initial conditions

In the following figure,

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



## 6.2 Hadron production

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

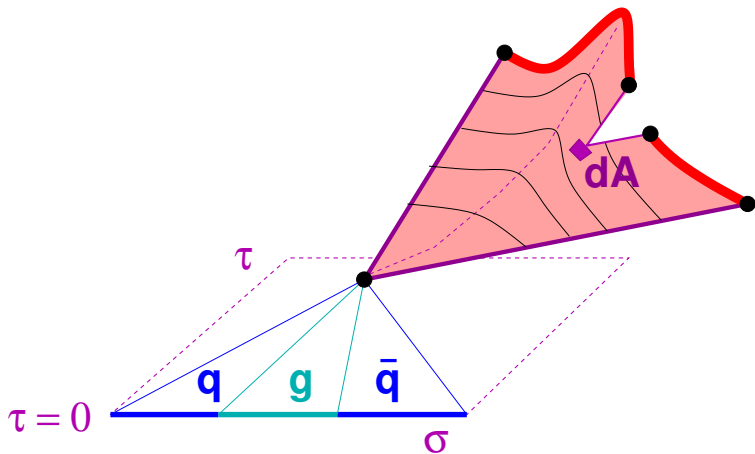
**Hypothesis: the string breaks within an infinitesimal area  $dA$  on its surface with a probability which is proportional to this area,**

$$dP = p_B dA,$$

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

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<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

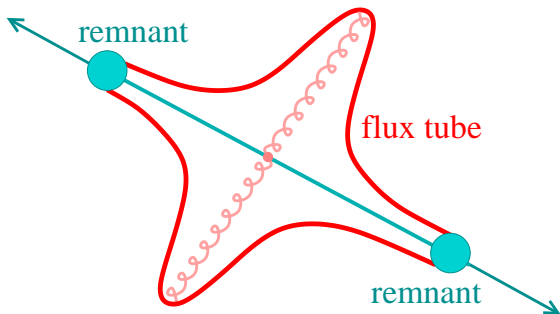
$$f(k) \propto e^{-|\vec{p}_t|/2\bar{p}_t}, \quad (1)$$

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



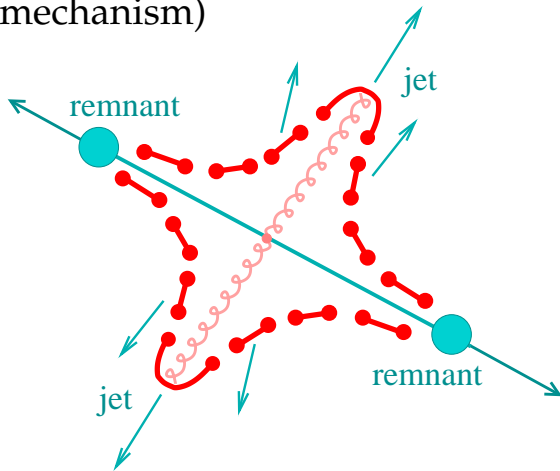
## Jets:

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



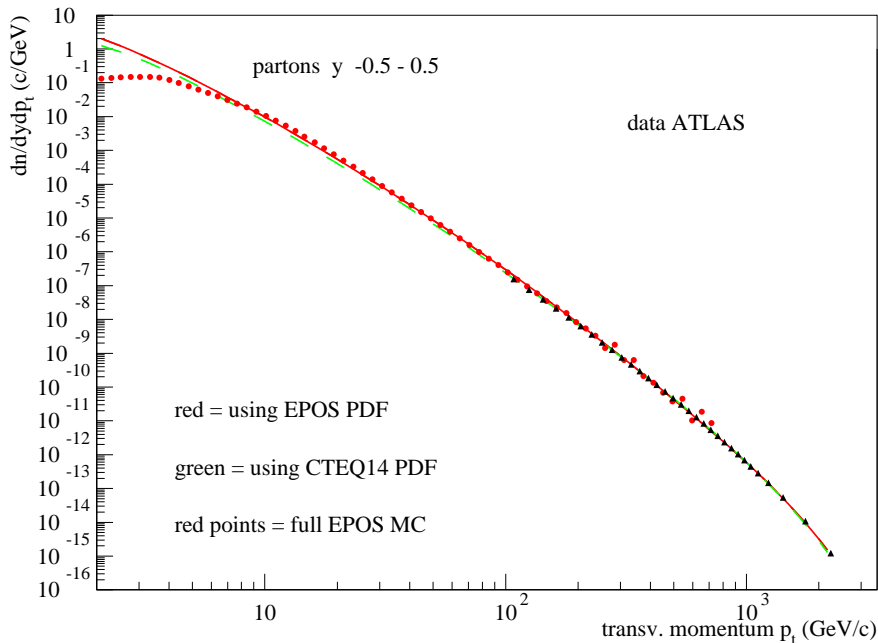
(here no IS radiation, only hard process producing two gluons)

**which expand and break**  
via the production of quark-antiquark pairs  
(Schwinger mechanism)

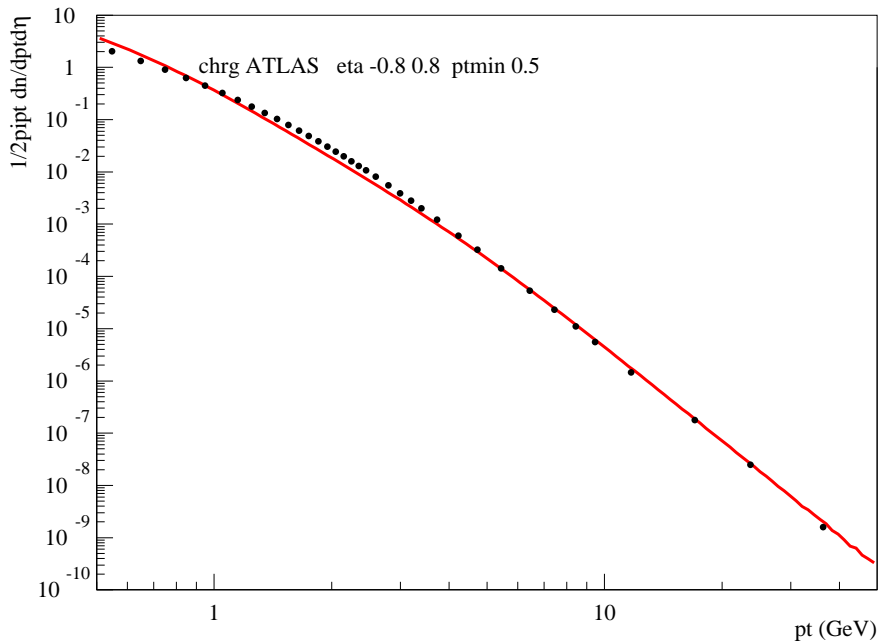


String segment = hadron. Close to "kink": jets

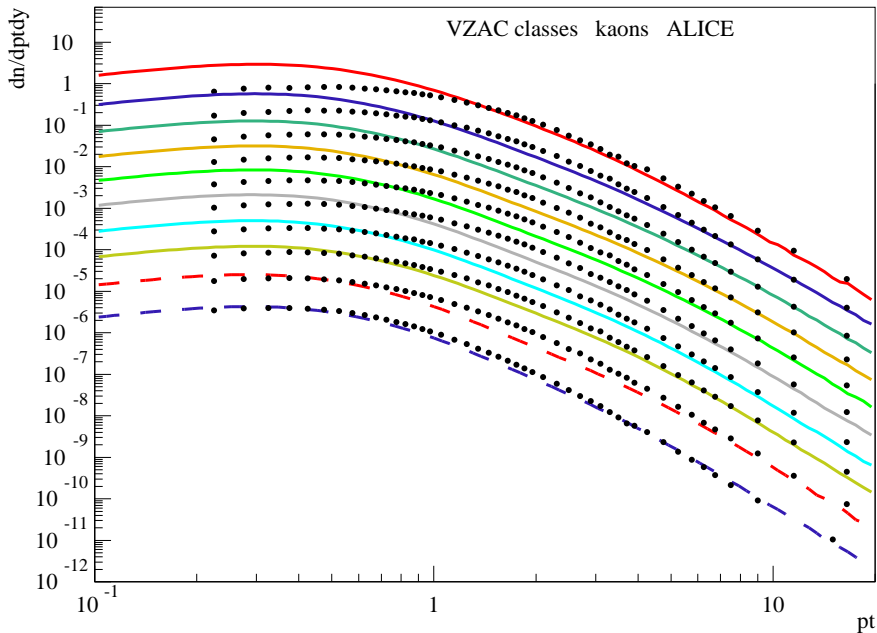
## Example pp at 13 TeV : Partons



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



## Kaons different centralities ... not really great



### 6.3 Core-corona procedure

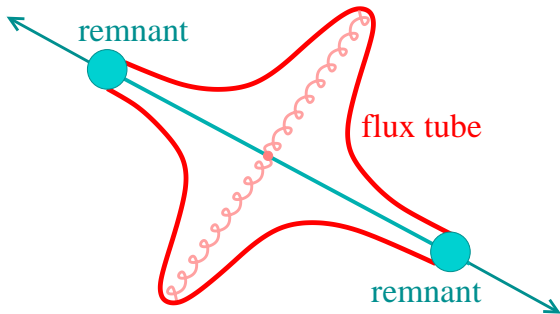
#### In case of multiple Pomerons (almost always)

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

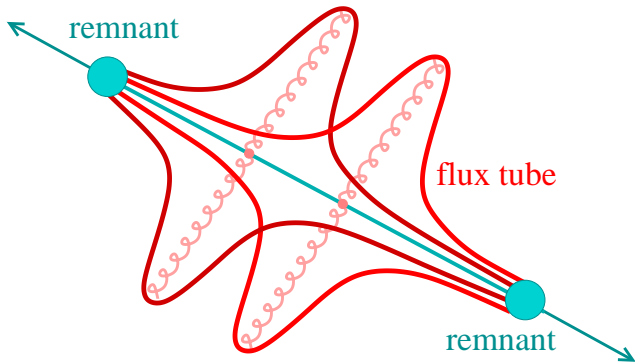
**Some string pieces (pre-hadrons) will constitute bulk matter, others show up as jets**

**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**

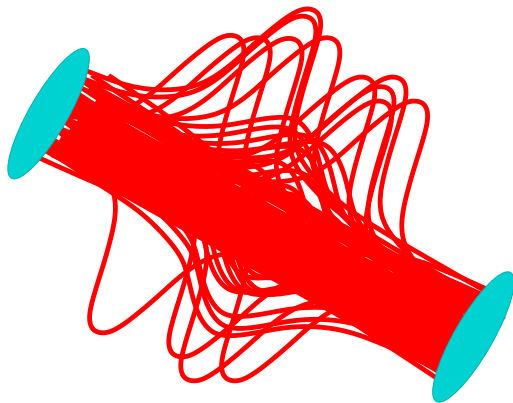


... two scatterings => 4 color flux tubes





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

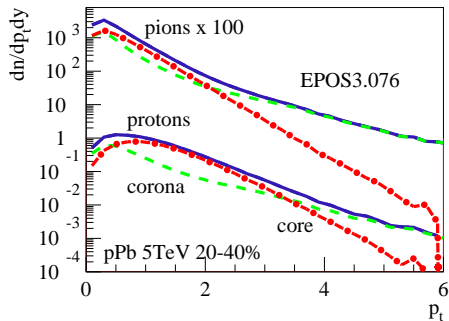
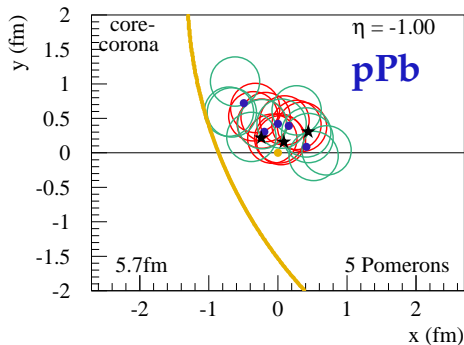


=> matter + escaping pieces (jets)

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

Pomeron  $\Rightarrow$  parton ladder  $\Rightarrow$  flux tube (kinky string)

String segments with high  $p_t$  escape  $\Rightarrow$  corona the others form the core = **initial condition for hydro** depending on the local string density

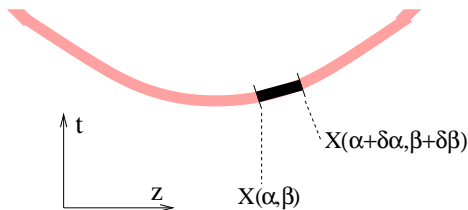


## Core:

(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.

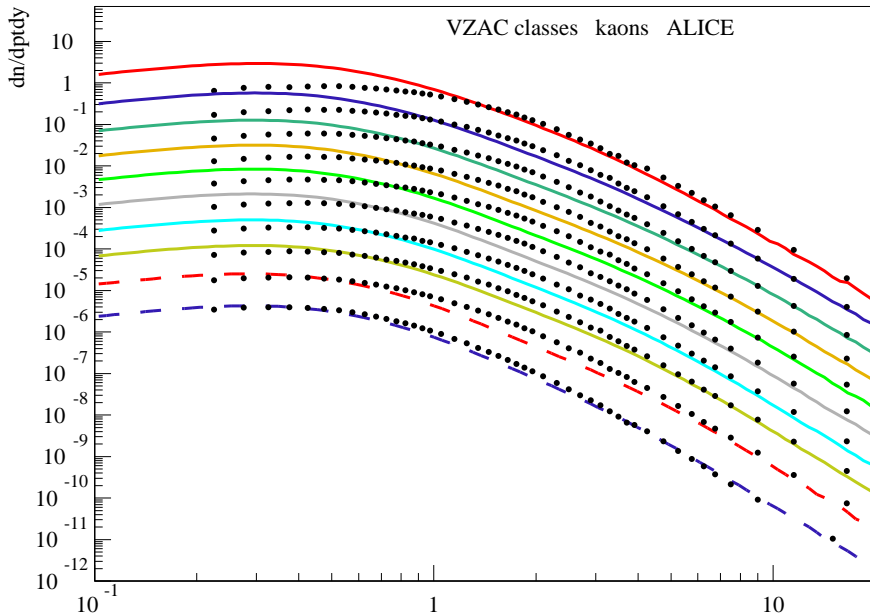
$g$ : Gaussian smoothing kernel with a transverse width  $\sigma_\perp$

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

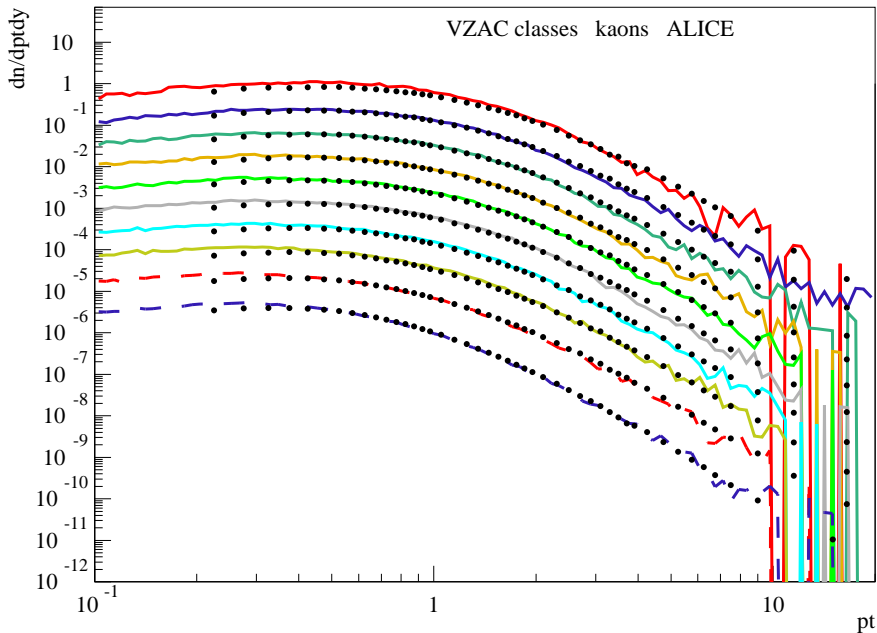
## **6.4 Some results sensitive to flow**

- Spectra
- correlations

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

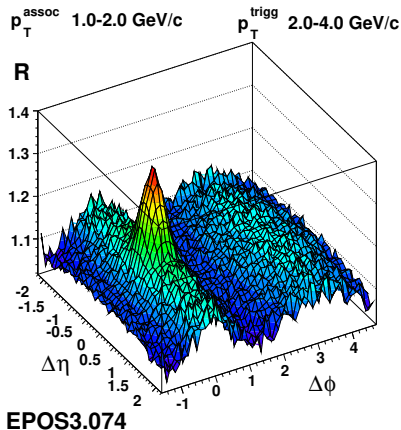
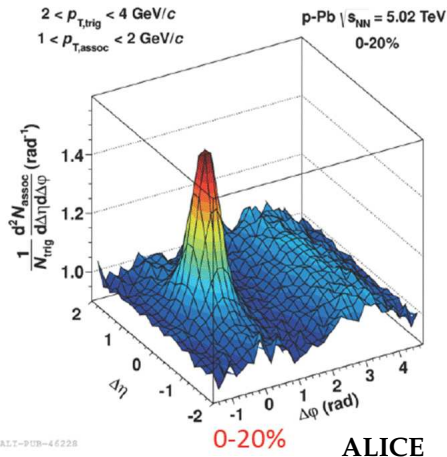


## Kaons different centralities ... full simulation



# "Ridges" in pA

ALICE, arXiv:1212.2001, arXiv:1307.3237





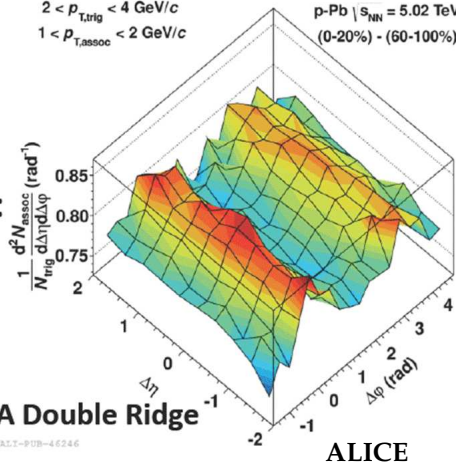
## Central - peripheral (to get rid of jets)

$$2 < p_{T, \text{trig}} < 4 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$1 < p_{T, \text{assoc}} < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$p\text{-Pb} \mid s_{NN} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$$

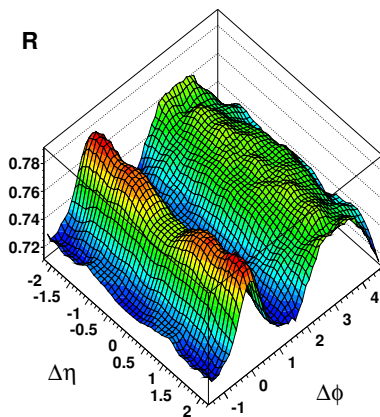
$$(0\text{-}20\%) - (60\text{-}100\%)$$



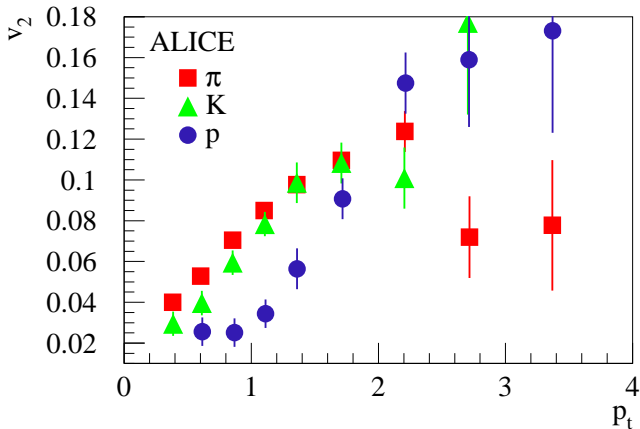
$$p_{T, \text{assoc}}^{\text{assoc}} \quad 1.0\text{-}2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$p_{T, \text{trig}}^{\text{trig}} \quad 2.0\text{-}4.0 \text{ GeV}/c$$

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## Identified particle $v_2$



**mass splitting, as in PbPb !!!**

## pPb in EPOS3:

**Pomerons (number and positions)**

**characterize geometry (P. number  $\propto$  multiplicity)**

random

azimuthal

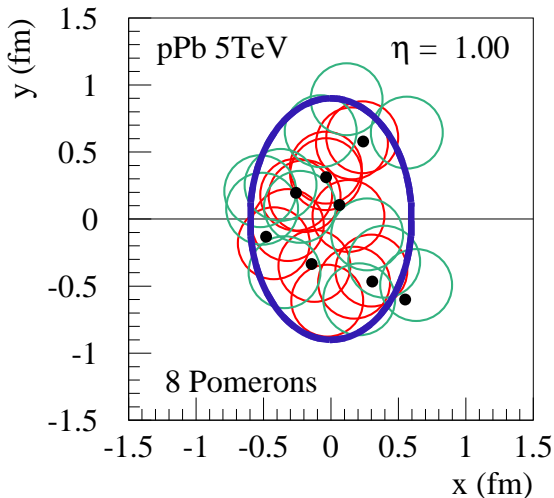
asymmetry

=>

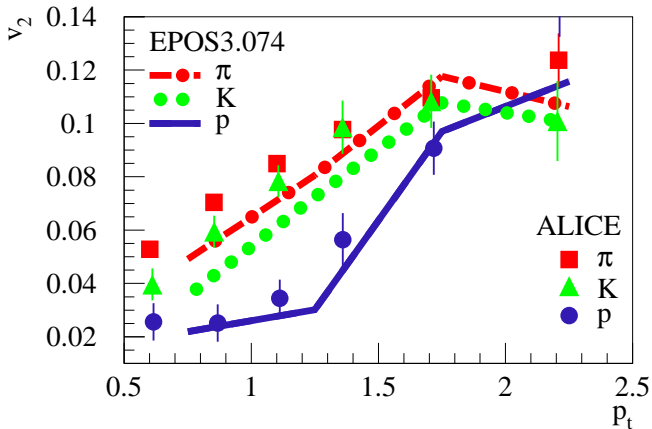
asymmetric flow

seen at higher  $p_t$  for

heavier  $p_t$ s



## $v_2$ for $\pi$ , K, p clearly differ

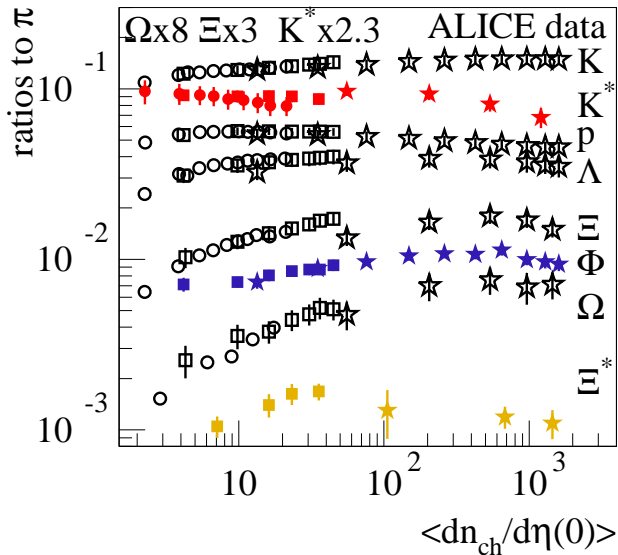


mass splitting, due to flow

## 6.5 Statistical particle production

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

# Particle ratios to pions vs $\left\langle \frac{dn_{ch}}{d\eta}(0) \right\rangle$

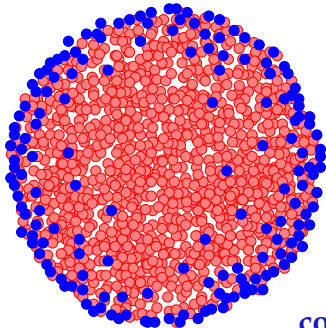


## Core-corona picture in EPOS

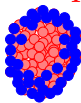
Phys.Rev.Lett. 98 (2007) 152301, Phys.Rev. C89 (2014) 6, 064903

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

central AA



peripheral AA  
high mult pp,pA

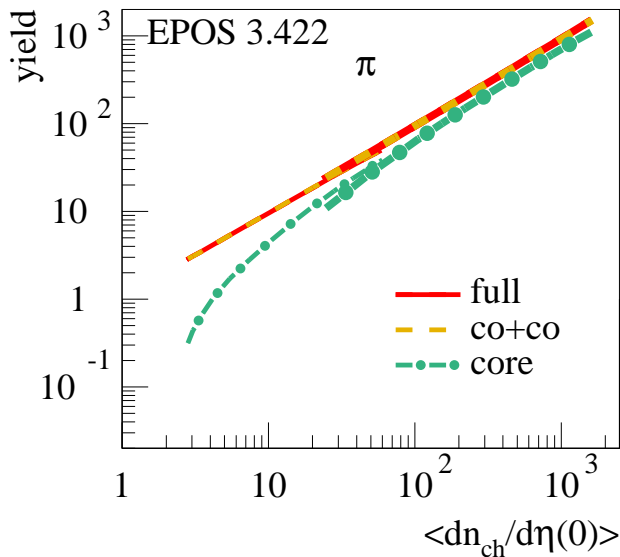


low mult pp



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

## Pion yields: core & corona contribution



thin lines  
= pp (7TeV)

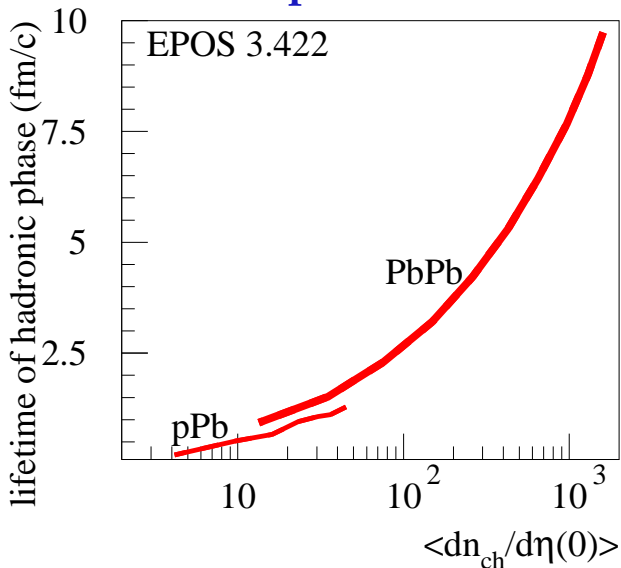
intermediate lines  
= pPb (5TeV)

thick lines  
= PbPb (2.76TeV)

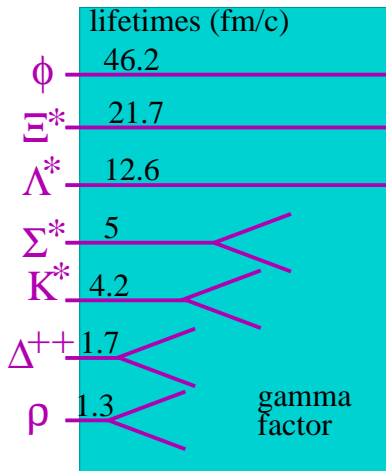
full = with hadronic  
cascade (UrQMD)



## Lifetime of hadronic phase



## Resonance suppression in the hadronic stage (in-medium decay)

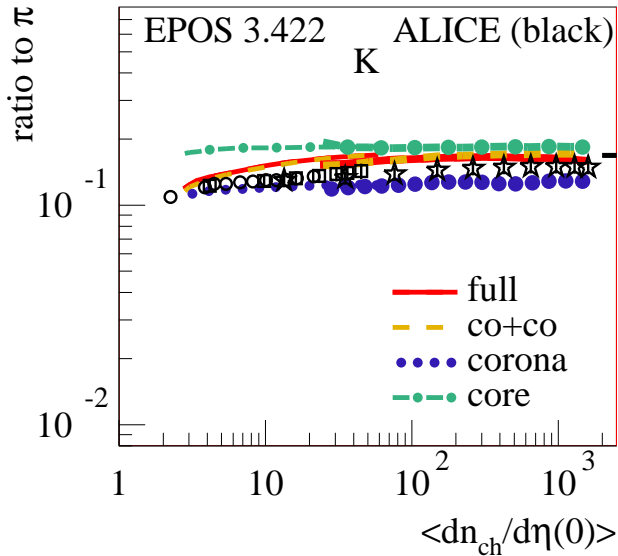


depends on the lifetime and  
the system size

Also possible:  
Resonance production,  
inelastic scattering

but there is more

# Kaon to pion ratio



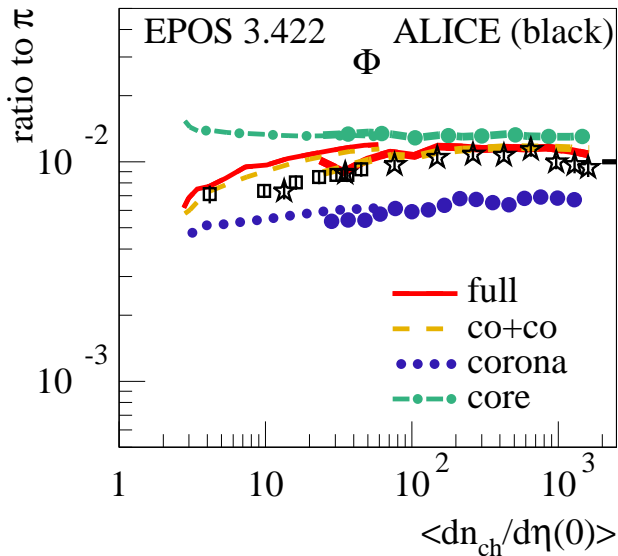
**core hadronization:**  
 $T = 164 \text{ MeV}, \mu_B = 0$

**statistical model fit**  
 (horizontal black line)

A. Andronic et al.,  
 arXiv:1611.01347  
 $T = 156.5 \text{ MeV}, \mu_B = 0.7 \text{ MeV}$

thin lines = pp (7TeV)  
 intermediate lines = pPb (5TeV)  
 thick lines = PbPb (2.76TeVVV)  
 circles = pp (7TeV)  
 squares = pPb (5TeV)  
 stars = PbPb (2.76TeV)

## Phi to pion ratio



long-lived

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

thin lines = pp (7TeV)

intermediate lines = pPb (5TeV)

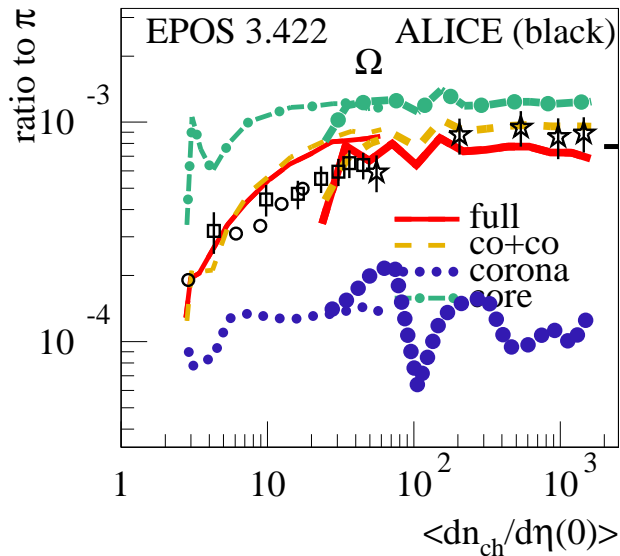
thick lines = PbPb (2.76TeV)

circles = pp (7TeV)

squares = pPb (5TeV)

stars = PbPb (2.76TeV)

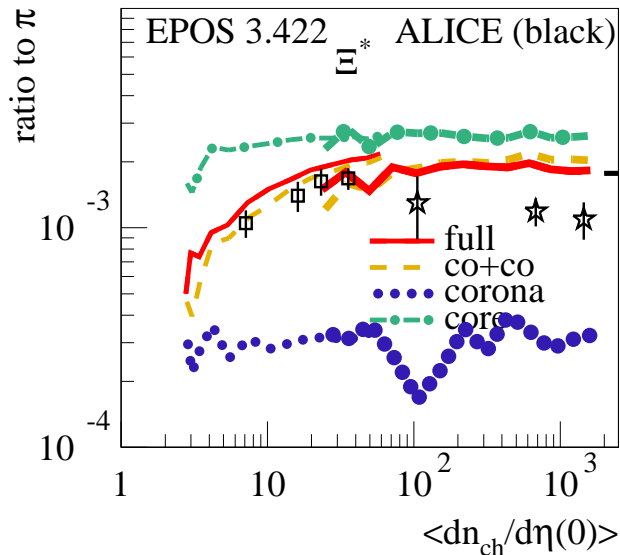
# Omega to pion ratio



thin lines = pp (7TeV)  
 intermediate lines = pPb (5TeV)  
 thick lines = PbPb (2.76TeV)

circles = pp (7TeV)  
 squares = pPb (5TeV)  
 stars = PbPb (2.76TeV)

## $\Xi^*$ to pion ratio

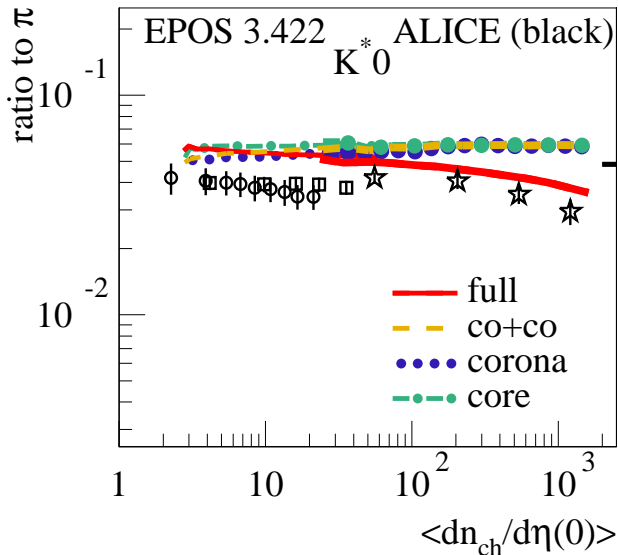


**long-lived**

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

thin lines = pp (7TeV)  
 intermediate lines = pPb (5TeV)  
 thick lines = PbPb (2.76TeV)  
 circles = pp (7TeV)  
 squares = pPb (5TeV)  
 stars = PbPb (2.76TeV)

## K\* to pion ratio



core  $\approx$  corona

in-medium decay

$\tau \approx 4.2$  fm/c

thin lines = pp (7TeV)

intermediate lines = pPb (5TeV)

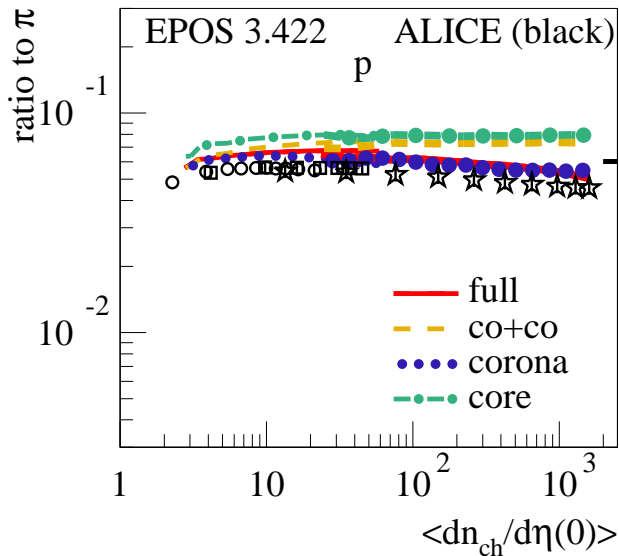
thick lines = PbPb (2.76TeV)

circles = pp (7TeV)

squares = pPb (5TeV)

stars = PbPb (2.76TeV)

## Proton to pion ratio



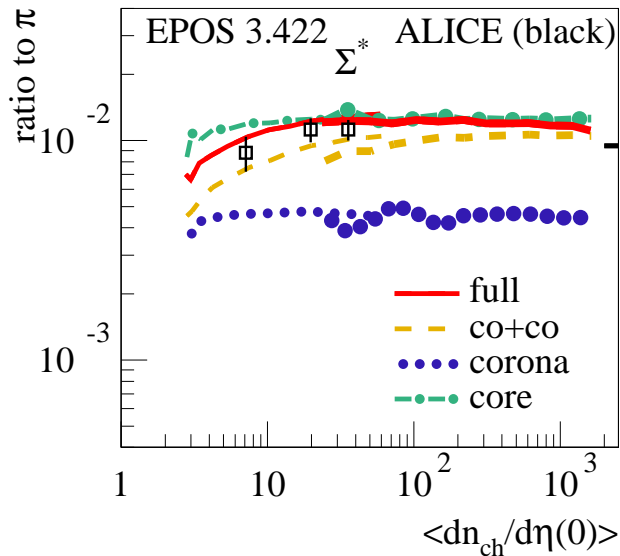
**inelastic  
interactions  
(annihilation)**

thin lines = pp (7TeV)  
 intermediate lines = pPb (5TeV)  
 thick lines = PbPb (2.76TeV)

circles = pp (7TeV)  
 squares = pPb (5TeV)  
 stars = PbPb (2.76TeV)



## $\Sigma^*$ to pion ratio

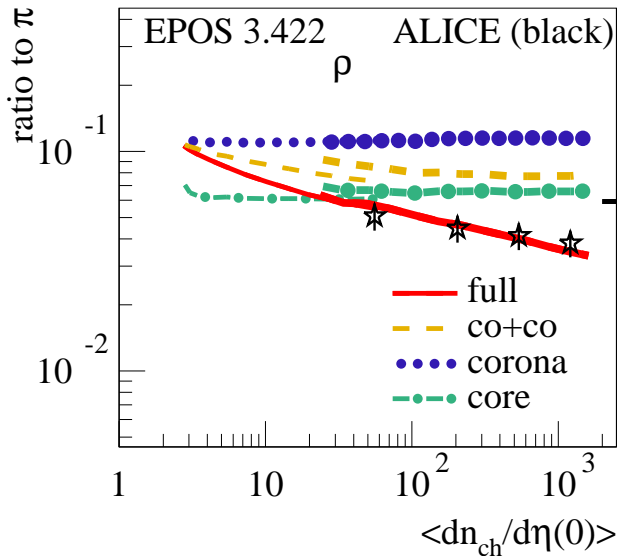


**resonance  
 production  
 and  
 in-medium decay**

$$\tau \approx 5 \text{ fm}/c$$

thin lines = pp (7TeV)  
 intermediate lines = pPb (5TeV)  
 thick lines = PbPb (2.76TeVVVV)  
 circles = pp (7TeV)  
 squares = pPb (5TeV)  
 stars = PbPb (2.76TeV)

## $\rho$ to pion ratio



**corona bigger !**

**in-medium decay**

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

thin lines = pp (7TeV)  
 intermediate lines = pPb (5TeV)  
 thick lines = PbPb (2.76TeV) VVV  
 circles = pp (7TeV)  
 squares = pPb (5TeV)  
 stars = PbPb (2.76TeV)