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Monte Carlo Event Generators — IV

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Outline of Lectures

- ▶ Lecture I: Basics of Monte Carlo methods, the event generator strategy, matrix elements, LO/NLO, ...
- ▶ Lecture II: Parton showers, initial/final state, (matching/merging), hadronization, decays. ...
- ▶ Lecture III: Minimum bias, multi-parton interactions, pile-up, summary of general purpose event generators and tools, ...
- ▶ Lecture IV: Protons vs. heavy ions, Glauber calculations, initial/final-state interactions, ...

Buckley et al. (MCnet collaboration), *Phys. Rep.* **504** (2011) 145. See also arXiv:2605.16036.



Outline of Lecture IV

Heavy Ions Introduction

The Glauber formalism

Distributing nucleons in a nuclei

The standard Glauber implementations

The Initial State

Color Glass Condesate

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Quark-Gluon Plasma

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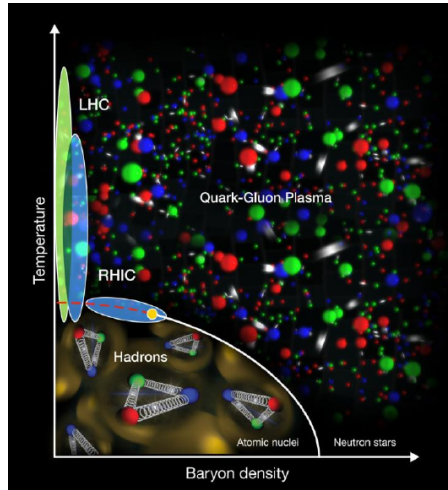
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Comparison to data



QCD phase diagram



$$T_C \sim 170 \text{ MeV} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ K}$$

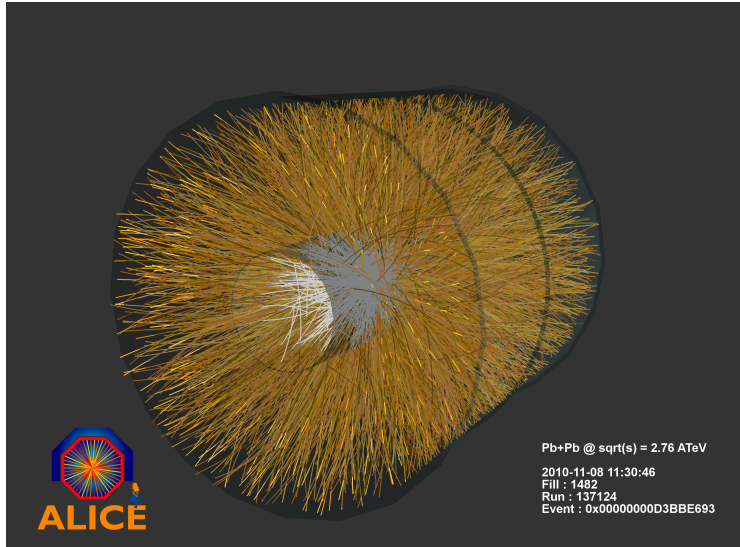


pp vs. AA (from the pp point of view)

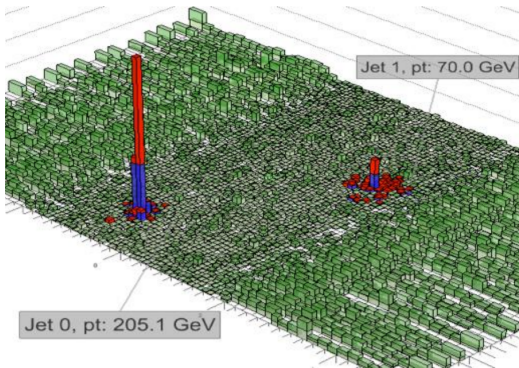
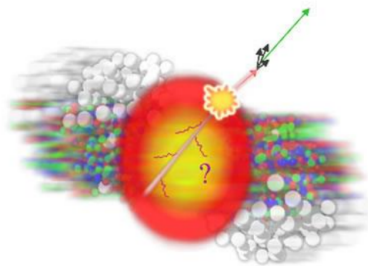
My first reactions when encountering Heavy Ion physics:

- ▶ That's just smashing bunches of nucleons together!
- ▶ Who is this Glauber guy anyway?
- ▶ You do you mean with centrality?
- ▶ When is many particles too many?
- ▶ I'm from Lund, I want to use string fragmentation!
- ▶ You measured what?
- ▶ Are you really seeing the Quark–Gluon Plasma?

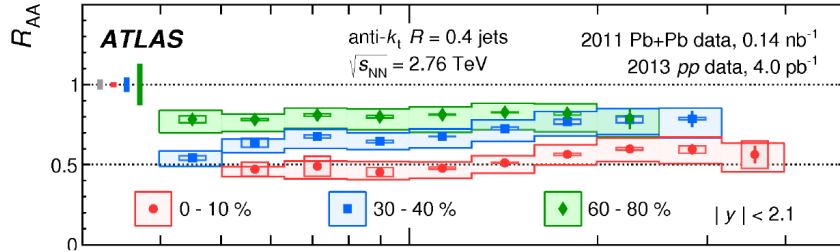




Jet quenching



The R_{AA} factor



$$R_{AA} = \frac{d^2 N^{AA} / dp_T d\eta}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle d^2 \sigma^{pp} / dp_T d\eta}$$

$$\langle T_{AA} \rangle \sigma^{pp} = \langle N_{coll} \rangle$$

N_{coll} is the # of binary collisions

For perturbative QCD processes:

$R_{AA} < 1$: suppression

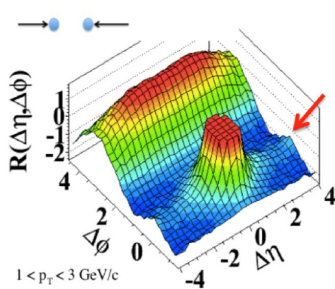
$R_{AA} = 1$: no nuclear effects

$R_{AA} > 1$: enhancement

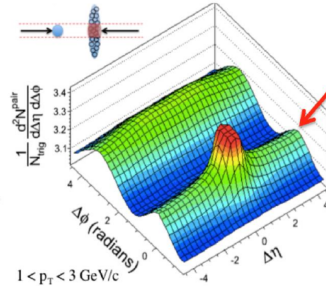


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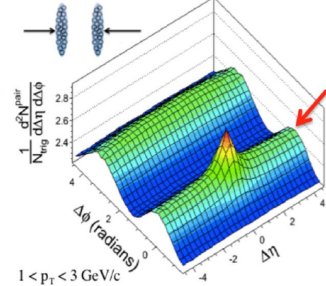
(a) $pp \sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} \geq 110$



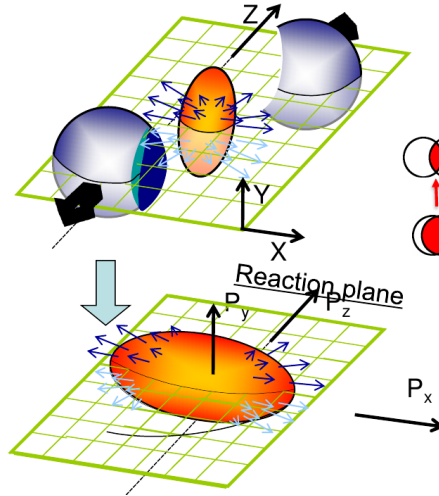
(b) $pPb \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}, 220 < N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} \leq 260$



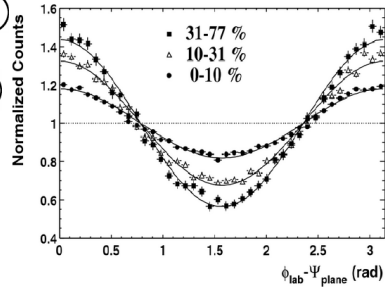
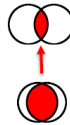
(c) $PbPb \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}, 220 < N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} \leq 260$



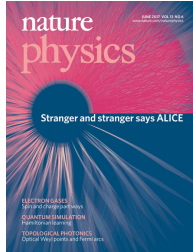
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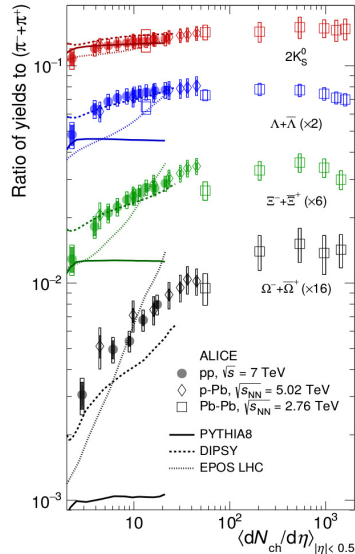
Fourier decomposition:
$$\frac{dN}{d\Delta\phi} = 1 + 2 v_2 \cos(2 \Delta\phi)$$



Strangeness enhancement

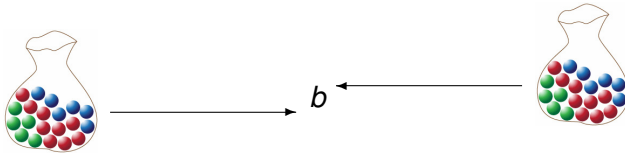


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The Glauber formalism

- ▶ How do we model the geometrical distribution of nucleons in colliding nuclei?
- ▶ How do we determine which nucleon interacts with which nucleon?
- ▶ How do they interact?



Distributing nucleons in a nuclei

There are advanced models for the shell-structure of nuclei — we will not be that advanced.

Assume a simple density of nucleons based on the (spherically symmetric) Woods–Saxon potential

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0(1 + w r^2 / R^2)}{1 + \exp((r - R)/a)}$$

R is the radius of the nucleus

a is the *skin width*

w can give a varying density but is typically = 0



For a nucleus (Z, A), we simply generate A nucleon positions randomly according to some density profile

$$P(\vec{r}_i) = \rho(r_i) d^3 \vec{r}_i$$

The Woods–Saxon parameters are tuned to measurements of (low energy) charge distributions assuming some charge distribution of each nucleon (proton).

We normally assume iso-spin invariance ($p \approx n$).

There are absolutely no correlations between the nucleons.

What happens if two nucleons end up in the same place?



We can get some correlations if we assume that nucleons have a **hard core**, R_h , and require $\Delta r_{ij} > 2R_h$

If you generate a nucleon which is too close to a previously generated nucleon you could either

- ▶ generate a new position for the last one (efficient, but may give a bias)
- ▶ throw away everything and start over (inefficient, unbiased)



There are many implementations of this, and most experiments have their own.
Typical parameters for $A > 16$ are
(from the GLISSANDO program):

R (fm)	a	w	R_h
$(1.120A^{1/3} - 0.860A^{-1/3})$	0.540	0	0
$(1.100A^{1/3} - 0.656A^{-1/3})$	0.459	0	0.45

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We can estimate the AA cross section assuming the nuclei are like black disks,

$$\sigma^{AA} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^2\vec{b} \frac{d\sigma^{AA}(b)}{d^2\vec{b}} = 4\pi R^2$$

where

$$\frac{d\sigma^{AA}(b)}{d^2\vec{b}} = \begin{cases} 1 & : \quad b < 2R \\ 0 & : \quad b > 2R \end{cases}$$



We can also look at the positions of the individual nucleons:

$$\frac{d\sigma^{AA}(b)}{d^2\vec{b}} = 1 - \prod_{i,j} \int d^2\vec{r}_i d^2\vec{r}_j \left(1 - \frac{d\sigma^{NN}(b_{ij})}{d^2\vec{b}} \right) \rho(\vec{r}_i) \rho(\vec{r}_j)$$

where $b_{ij} = |\vec{b} + \vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|$.

But we have to think about which cross section we are talking about. Total?
Non-diffractive? Inelastic?



The standard (naive) Glauber implementation

Estimate the distribution in number of participants in a pA or AA collision.

- ▶ Distribute the nucleons randomly according to Woods–Saxon
- ▶ Monte-Carlo the b -distributions (typically in a square with side $\sim 4R$).
- ▶ Count the number of nucleons in the target that is within a distance $d = \sqrt{\sigma/2\pi}$ from any of the projectile nucleons. (Gives you N_{coll} and N_{part} .)

Normally no fluctuations, but includes diffractively wounded nucleons by using

$$\sigma = \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{\text{NN}} + \sigma_{\text{dex}}^{\text{NN}} = \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{NN}} - \sigma_{\text{el}}^{\text{NN}}.$$



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Centrality, N_{coll} and N_{part} are **Model-dependent** observables.



A more sophisticated Glauber implementation

Assume a fluctuating NN cross section (a.k.a. Glauber–Gribov colour fluctuations)

$$P(\sigma) = \rho \frac{\sigma}{\sigma + \sigma_0} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\sigma/\sigma_0 - 1)^2}{\Omega^2} \right\}$$

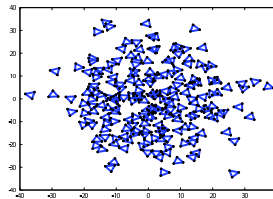
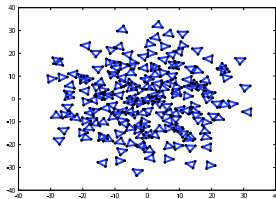
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$$T(b, \sigma) \propto \exp \left(-cb^2/\sigma \right).$$

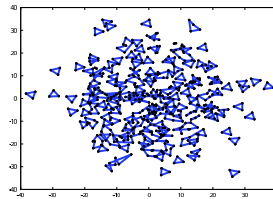
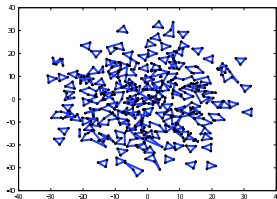
For pA this gives a longer tail out to a large number of wounded nucleons.



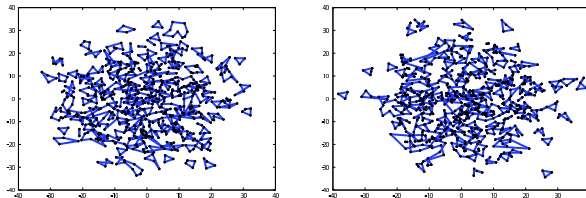
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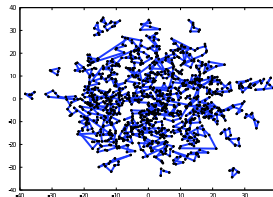
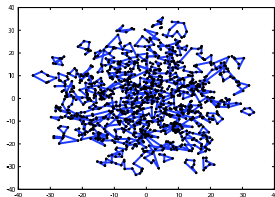
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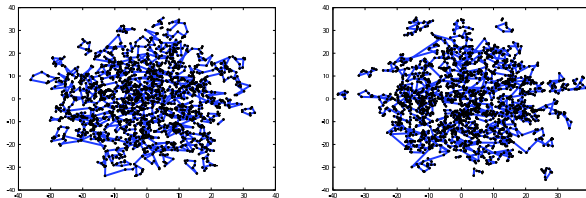
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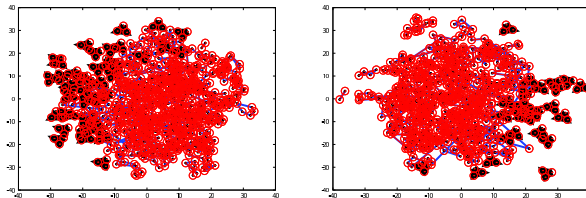
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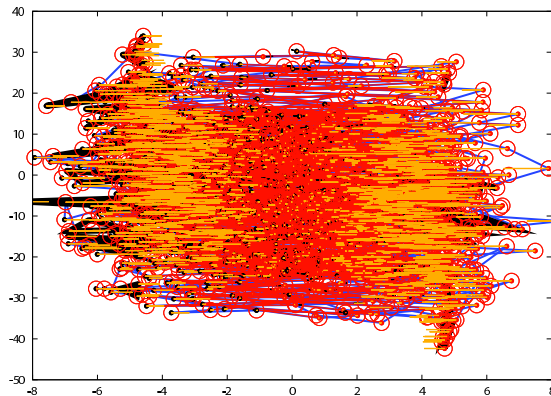
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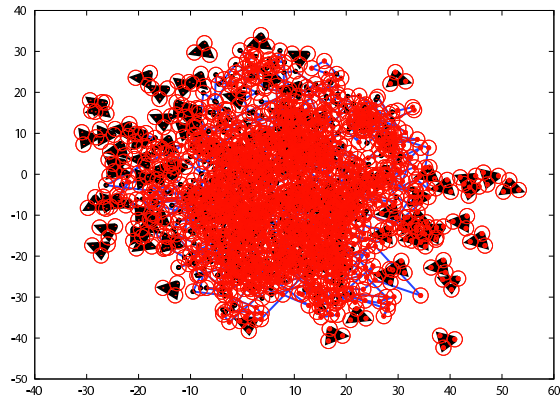
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Color Glass Condensate (CGC)

A mean-field statistical approach to the density of gluons.

- ▶ Color: It's American, and yes, it's QCD
- ▶ Glass: Solid on short timescales, amorphous on long.
- ▶ Condensate: There are a lot of gluons.

Includes **Saturation** of gluons.

In standard DGLAP the gluon density increases rapidly with decreasing x . Also in BFKL. Somewhere it has to stop, $g + g \rightarrow g = \text{Saturation}$

$$Q_{\text{sat}} = Q_0^2 \left(\frac{x}{x_0} \right)^\lambda$$

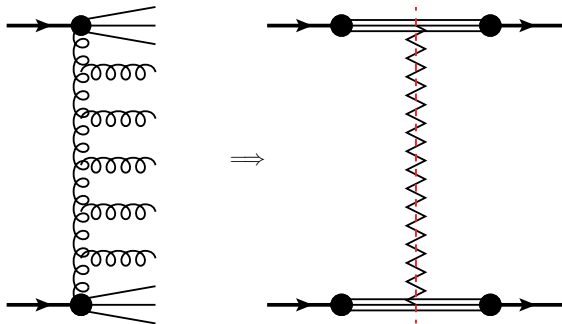


CGC starts with an initial gluon density at some $x \sim 0.01$, and evolves it to smaller x using a (non-linear) renormalization group equation (JIMWLK $\sim$ BFKL + Saturation)

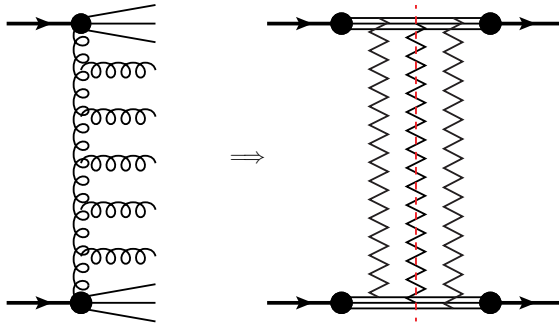
The initial density is folded with the nucleon distribution in b .



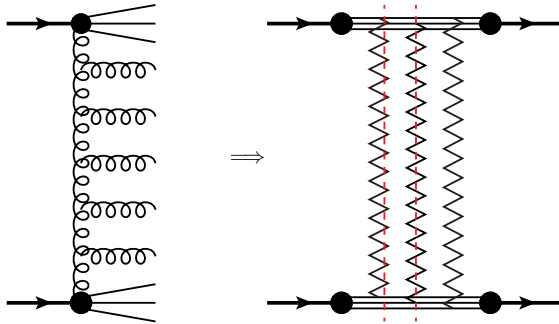
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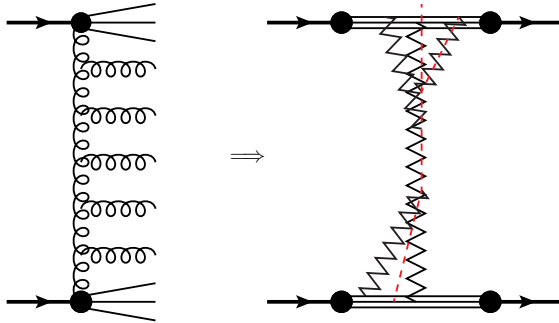
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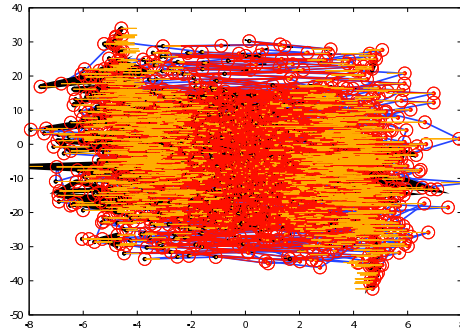
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Each cut pomeron will give rise to a string (or two) spanned between two colliding nucleons, or between a nucleon and another Pomeron.



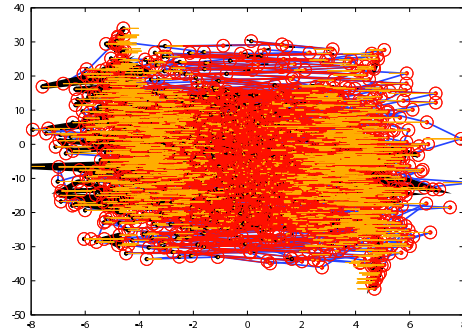
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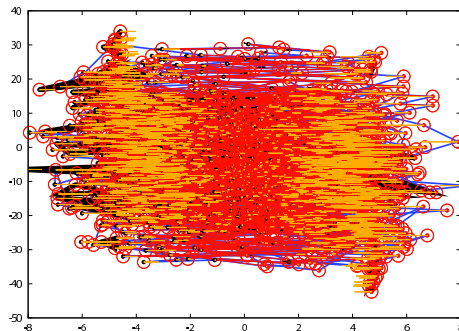
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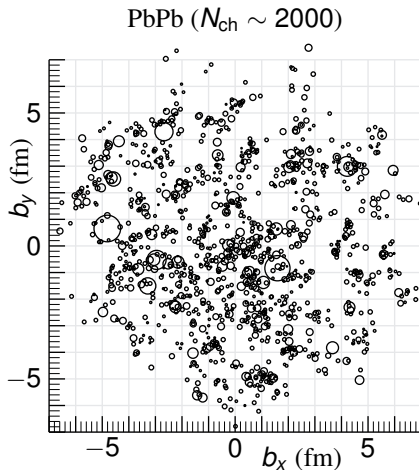
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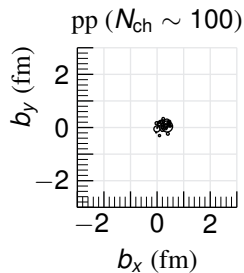
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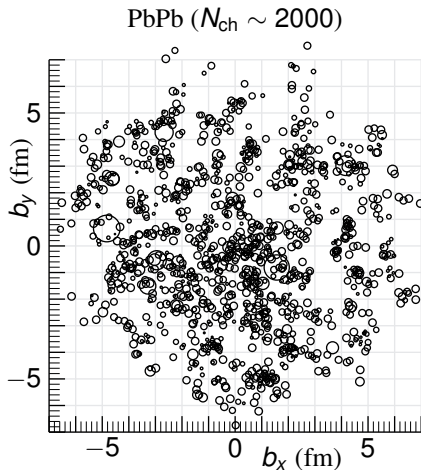
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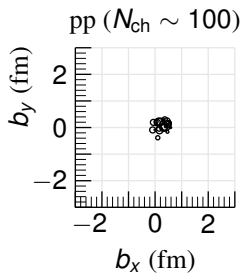
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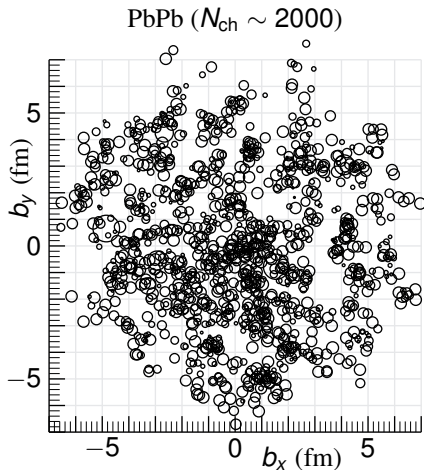
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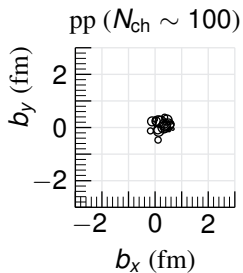
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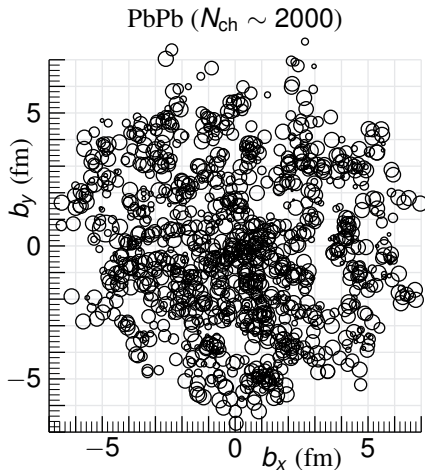
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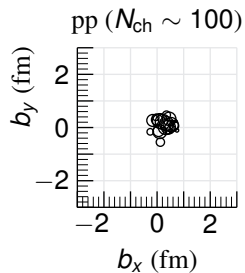
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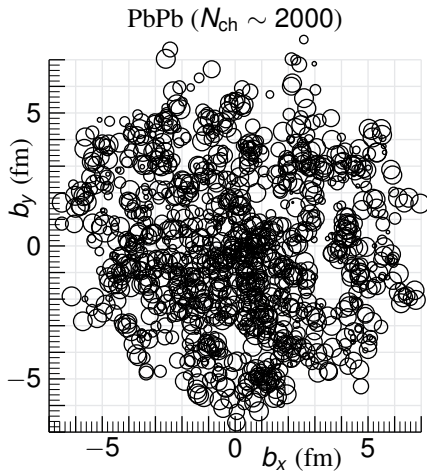
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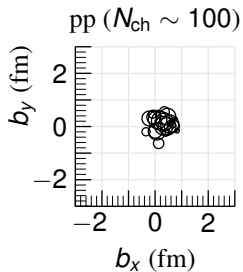
$t = 0.4 \text{ fm/c}$



Dipoles/Strings crossing $\eta = 0$



$t = 0.5 \text{ fm}/c$



Quark-Gluon Plasma

Construct the the energy momentum density and the flavour flow vector for all point in space at an initial proper time $\tau = \tau_0$:

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x) = \sum_i \frac{\delta p_i^\mu \delta p_i^\nu}{\delta p_i^0} g(x - x_i)$$

$$N_q^\mu(x) = \sum_i \frac{\delta p_i^\mu}{\delta p_i^0} q_i g(x - x_i)$$

- ▶ $q_i = u, d, s$
- ▶ δp is the momentum of the parton (or string segment)
- ▶ $g(x)$ is a smoothing kernel with some assumed width



Relativistic hydrodynamics

The individual flavour flow is a conserved current

$$\partial_\nu N_q^\nu = 0$$

So is the energy–momentum tensor

$$\partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Typically divide up in small cells, get the velocity vector u^ν in the restframe of each cell (comoving frame) and evolve.

but we have four only equations for $T^{\mu\nu}$ so we need to have extra assumptions.



Ideal fluid

In the comoving frame:

- ▶ $T^{00} = \varepsilon$: energy density
- ▶ $T^{0i} = 0$: no energy flow
- ▶ $T^{i0} = 0$: no momentum flow
- ▶ $T^{ij} = \delta_{ij}p$: isotropic pressure

But it s also possible to include viscous effects...



Freezeout = Hadronisation and Rescattering

After the evolution we convert $T^{\mu\nu}$ and N_q^μ back into particles (Hadrons). This happens at some given hypersurface at some freeze-out time τ_f .

There is still a fairly high density of hadrons, and we expect some rescattering:

$$h_1 + h_2 \rightarrow h' \quad \text{or} \quad h_1 + h_2 \rightarrow h'_1 + h'_2 \quad \text{or} \quad h_1 + h_2 \rightarrow h'_1 + h'_2 + h'_3 + \dots$$

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Sorry, I don't understand this enough myself

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c.f. the model in PYTHIA

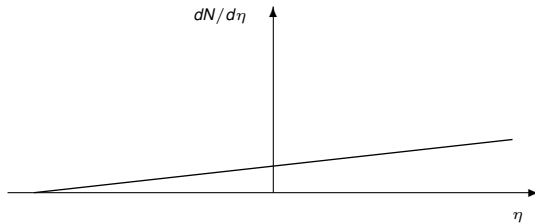
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A simple model by Białas and Czyż, implemented in **Fritiof**

Each wounded nucleon contributes with hadrons according to a multiplicity function $F(\eta)$, fitted to data, and approximately looks like



$$\frac{dN}{d\eta} = F(\eta)$$

(single wounded nucleon)

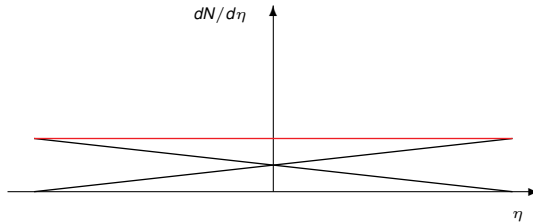
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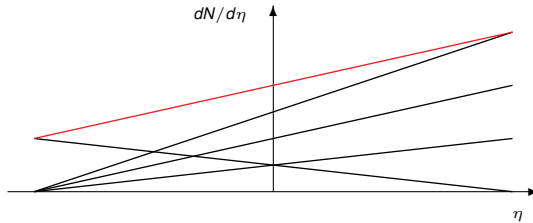
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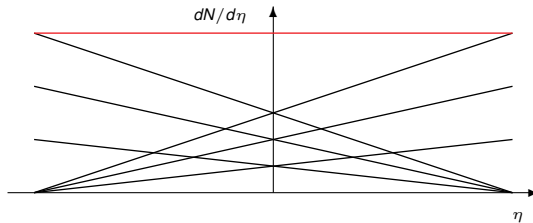
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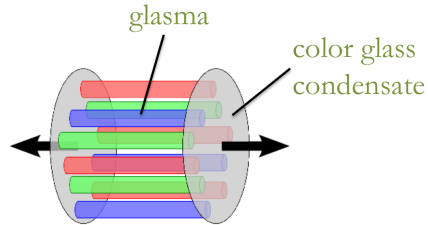


In Fritiof this was modelled by stretching out a string from each wounded nucleon with an invariant mass distributed as dm_X/m_X , which reproduces $F(\eta) \propto \eta - \eta_0$.

Note that there are no collective effects here. But nevertheless Fritiof reproduced most data: No clear evidence for QGP until the late nineties.



IP-GLASMA



Final state version of the Color Glass Condensate .

After a collision of the condensates, filament-like structures with longitudinally aligned colour electric and magnetic fields arise (not strings, but somewhat similar)

Breaks down to a normal QGP after $\tau \sim 0.5$ fm/c.



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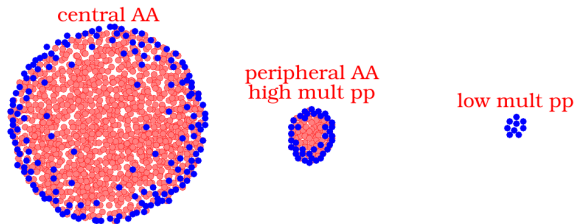
(one of the standard HI generators)

- ▶ Inspired by Fritiof
- ▶ Hard scatterings with nuclear PDFs + Shadowing
- ▶ Soft radiation with ARIADNE
- ▶ String fragmentation



EPOS: Core – Corona

- ▶ Start with the Pomeron picture.
- ▶ Create strings
- ▶ Divide up:
 - ▶ Core: If the density of strings is high, chop them up and use relativistic hydrodynamics.
 - ▶ Corona: For lower densities, allow for hard interactions and perturbative ISR/FSR/MPI evolution



AMPT

(Another standard HI generator with collective effects)

- ▶ Same initial state as HIJING
- ▶ String melting
 - ▶ String fragmentation
 - ▶ Convert back to $q\bar{q}$
 - ▶ Evolve in time with elastic scattering
 - ▶ Nearest neighbour recombination into hadrons
- ▶ Hadron rescattering



JETSCAPE



A modular framework for modelling jets in HI collisions, where you can plug in

- ▶ Your favourite Glauber model
- ▶ Your favourite QGP model (with or without Glasma)
- ▶ A model for generating pp events with jet evolution influenced by the QGP (and vice versa). E.g. JEWEL.
- ▶ Your favourite hadronisation model
- ▶ Your favourite hadron rescattering model.

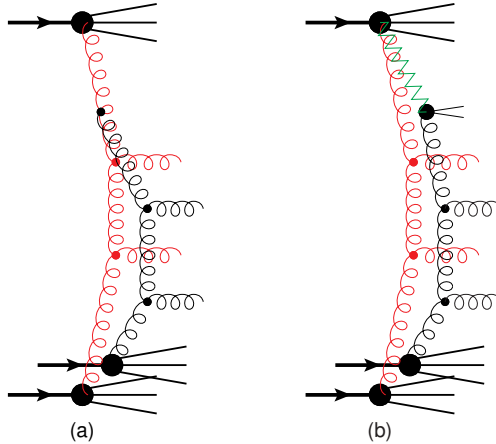


Heavy Ions in PYTHIA8: Angantyr



- ▶ Glauber model with advanced fluctuation treatment
- ▶ Divides NN interactions into absorptive, single or double diffractive.
- ▶ Also differentiates absorptive interactions:
 - ▶ Primary: is modelled as a PYTHIA non-diffractive pp event.
 - ▶ Secondary: an interaction with a nucleon that has already had an interaction with another. Modelled as a (modified) (non-)diffractive excitation event (similar to dm_X/m_X in Fritiof).
- ▶ All sub-events generated on parton level and merged together into a consistent pA or AA event and then hadronised.





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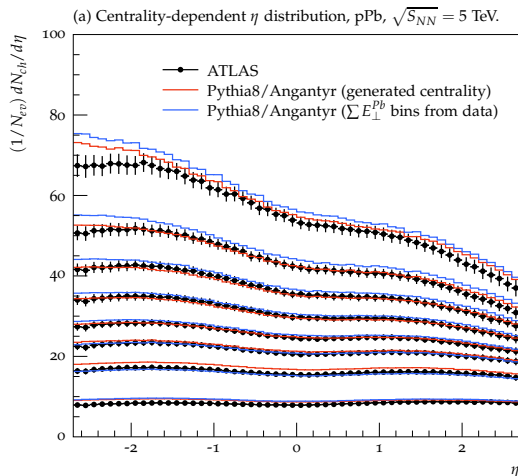
Comparison to data

Several parameters in addition to the pp PYTHIA8 ones.

- ▶ Nucleon distributions can in principle be measured independently.
- ▶ NN cross section fluctuations are fitted to (semi-) inclusive pp cross sections (total, non-diffractive, single and double diffractive, elastic, and elastic slope) for given $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$.
- ▶ Diffractive parameters for secondary absorptive collisions, “tuned” to non-diffractive pp PYTHIA.
- ▶ M_X distribution: $dM_X^2/M_X^{2(1+\epsilon)}$, could be tuned (to pA), but we choose $\epsilon = 0$.
- ▶ Few other choices concerning energy momentum conservation which do not have large impact.



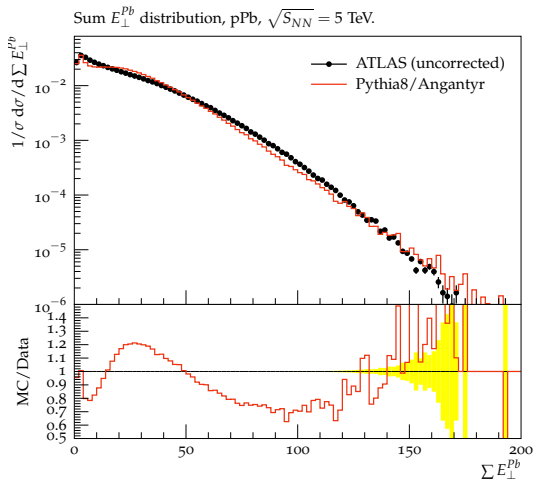
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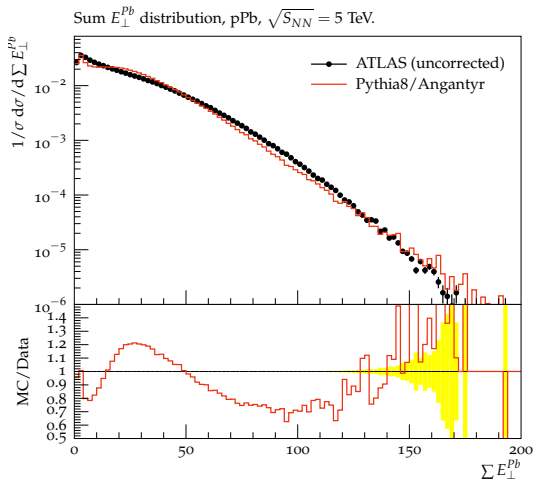
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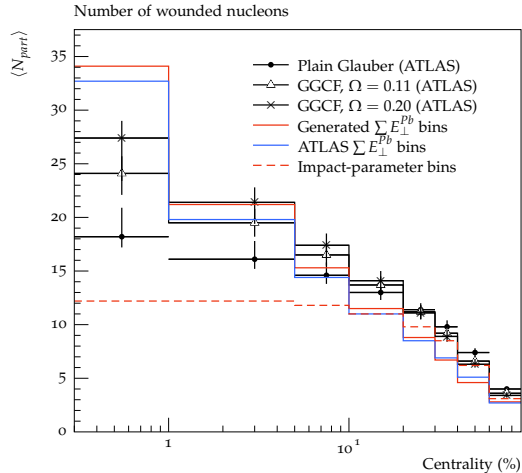
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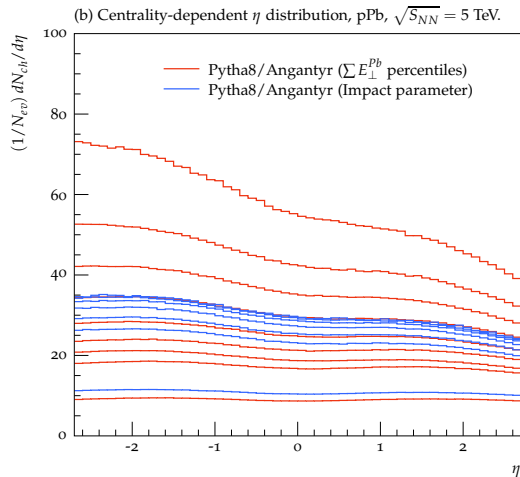
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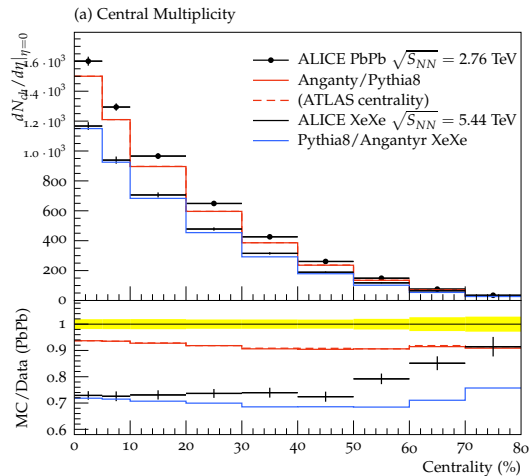
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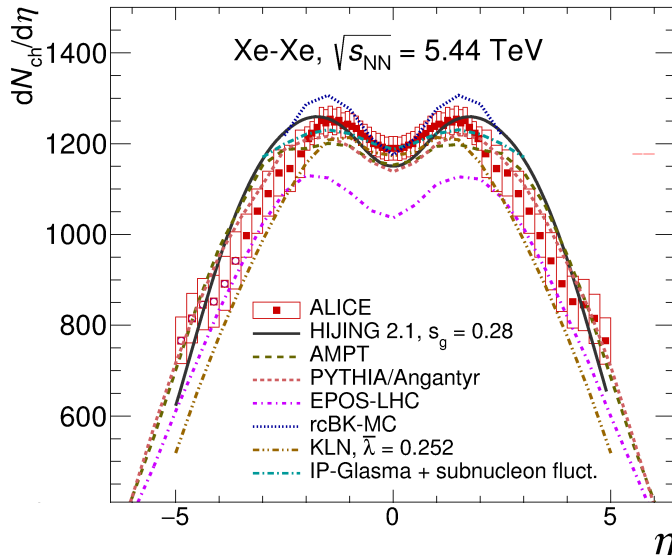


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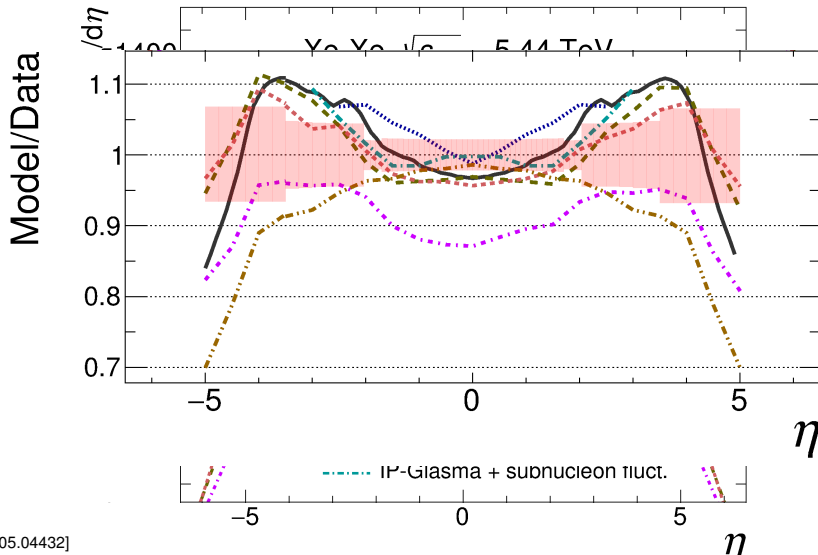
Central multiplicity in PbPb





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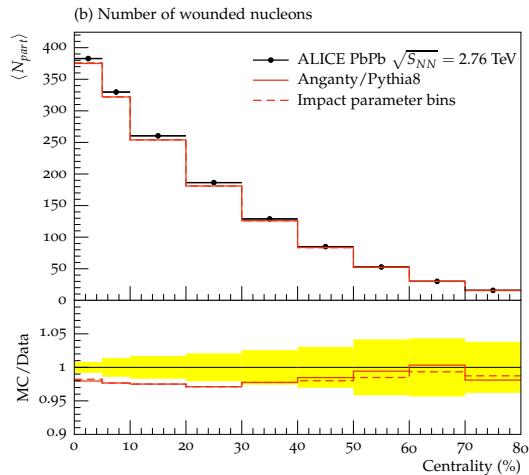




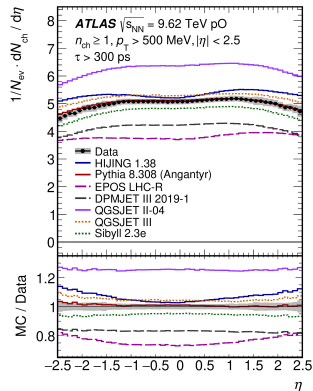
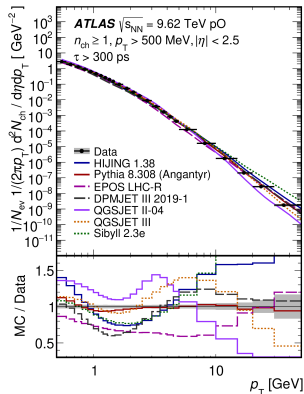
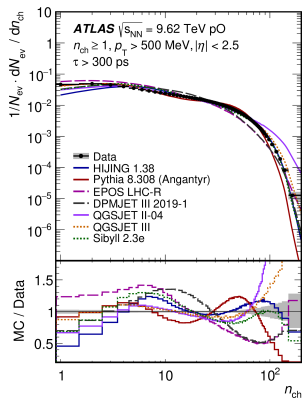
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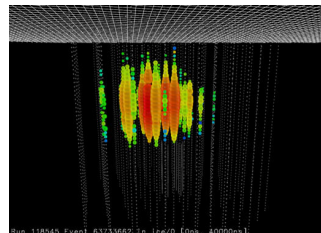
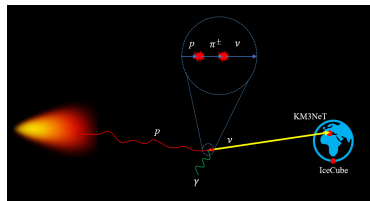
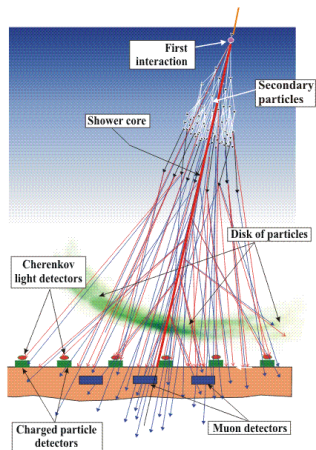
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Recent pO results



Ultra-relativistic Cosmic Rays



Go generate yourself!

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By tradition HI and HEP (and Astro-physics) have been separate communities

- ▶ LHC brought them together
- ▶ There are collective effects in pp
- ▶ There are jets in AA
- ▶ There are high-energy cosmic particles
- ▶ We can (and need to) learn from each other
- ▶ We should also look beyond colliders.



Outline of Lectures

- ▶ Lecture I: Basics of Monte Carlo methods, the event generator strategy, matrix elements, LO/NLO, ...
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Buckley et al. (MCnet collaboration), *Phys. Rep.* **504** (2011) 145. See also arXiv:2605.16036.







String fragmentation

Formally based on one-dimensional, massless, relativistic strings.

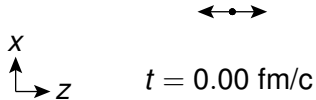
- ▶ $V(r) \propto r$ gives a constant string tension
 $\kappa \sim 1 \text{ GeV/fm}$
- ▶ The string breaks by $q\bar{q}$ pairs tunnelling out of the vacuum
 $P \propto \exp(-\pi(m_q^2 + k_{\perp}^2)/\kappa)$
- ▶ Strings are stretched between a quark and an anti-quark with gluons in between acting as kinks.
- ▶ Hadrons are chopped off from the ends with the Lund symmetric fragmentation function
 $f(z) \propto \frac{(1-z)^a}{z} e^{-bm_{\perp}^2/z}$



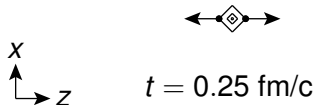
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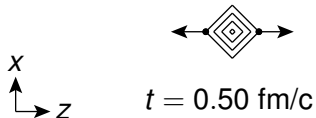
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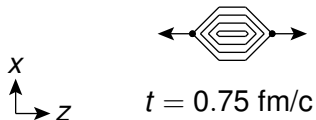
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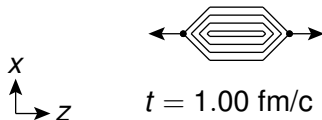
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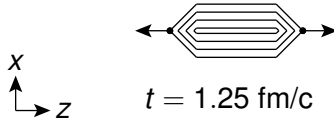
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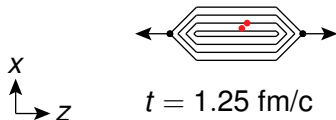
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String repulsion: Shoving

The string endpoints (quarks and gluons) carry longitudinal momentum, but the string itself cannot.

The shoving between parallel strings gives a transverse push according to

$$\frac{dp_{\perp}}{dt dz} = \frac{g\kappa\delta_{\perp}(t)}{R^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\delta_{\perp}^2(t)}{4R^2}\right).$$

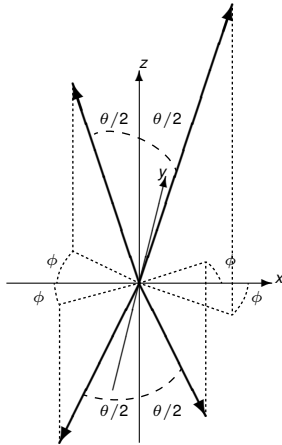
This push must be parallel to both string pieces.

There is no frame where two random string pieces are parallel.

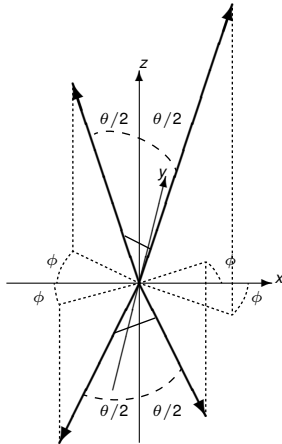
But there is always a frame where they lie in parallel planes at any given time.



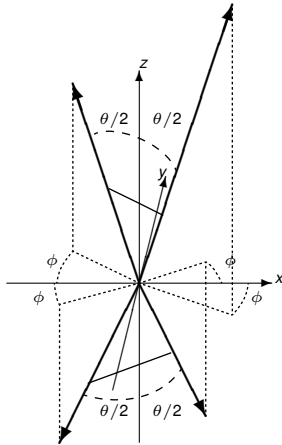
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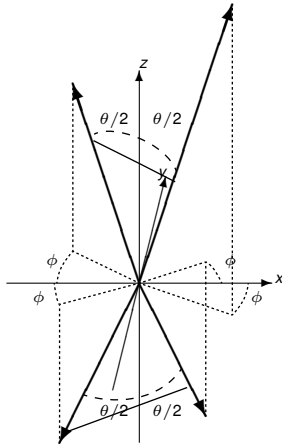
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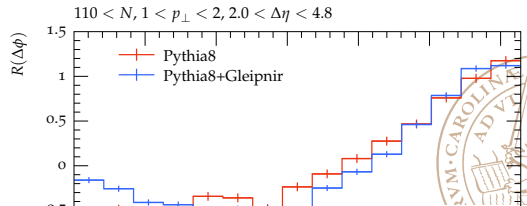
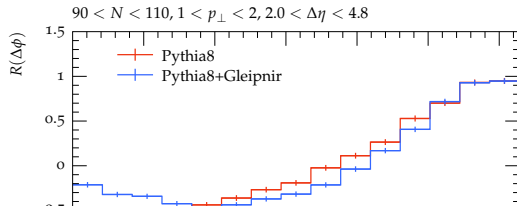
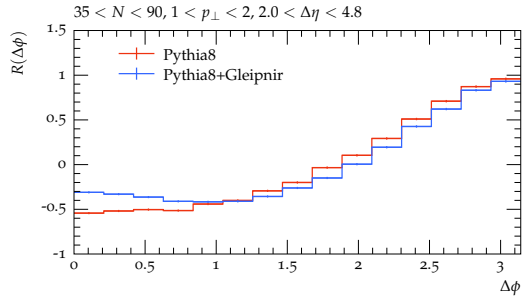
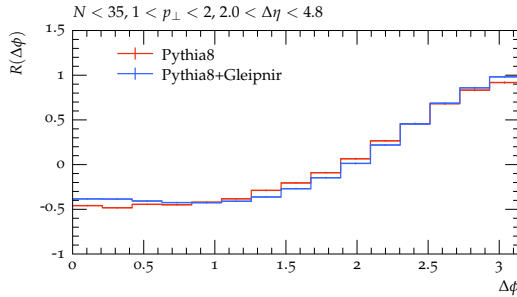
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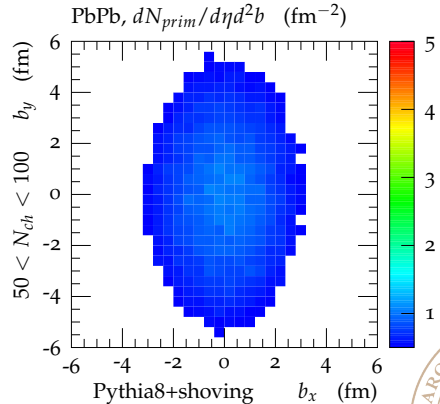
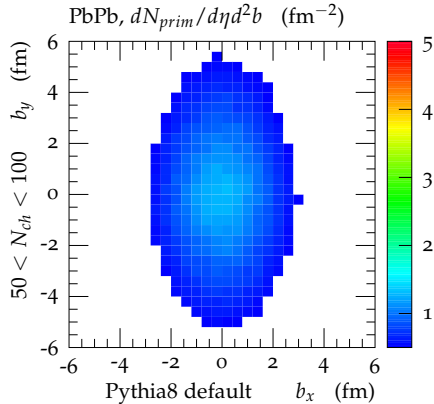
- ▶ Use (simplified) space-time information of all partons.
- ▶ Transform to parallel frame for every pair of string pieces.
- ▶ Calculate and collect small nudges, ordered in time.
- ▶ Apply the nudges to the produced primary hadrons (both position and momenta).



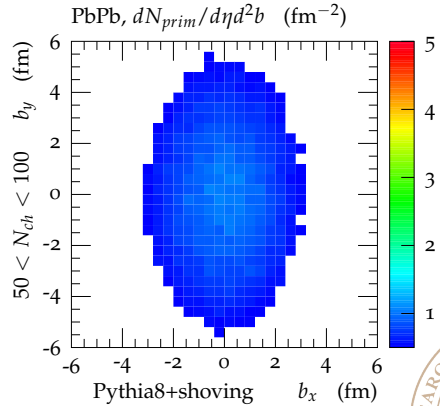
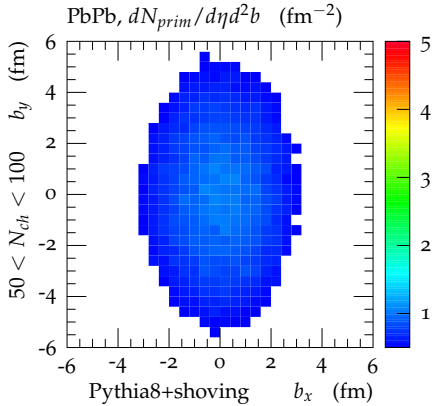
We have a ridge!



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Rope hadronisation

Overlapping strings will give a higher string tension.

From lattice calculations $\kappa \propto C_2$.

In a rope with p parallel and q anti-parallel, completely overlapping strings we have

$$\kappa_{\{p,q\}} = \frac{1}{4} (p^2 + pq + q^2 + 3p + 3q) \kappa_{\{1,0\}}$$

The relative probability to produce a strange quark in a break-up, compared to a light quark is

$$P \propto \exp(\pi(m_s^2 - m_d^2)/\kappa_{\text{eff}}),$$

where $\kappa_{\text{eff}} = \kappa_{\{p,q\}} - \kappa_{\{p-1,q\}}$

is the *reduction* of the string tension.



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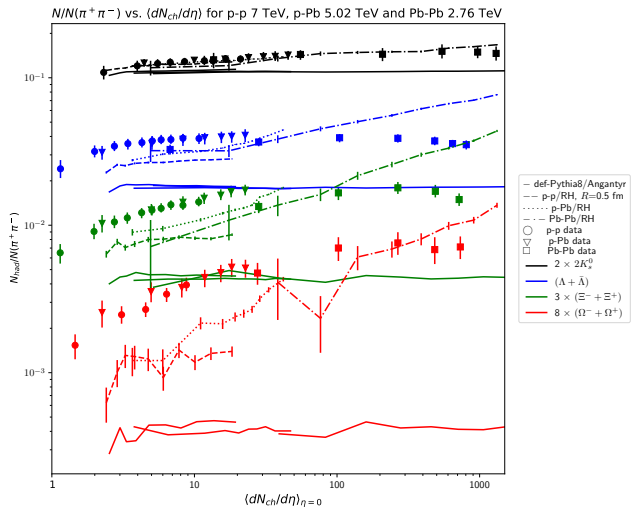
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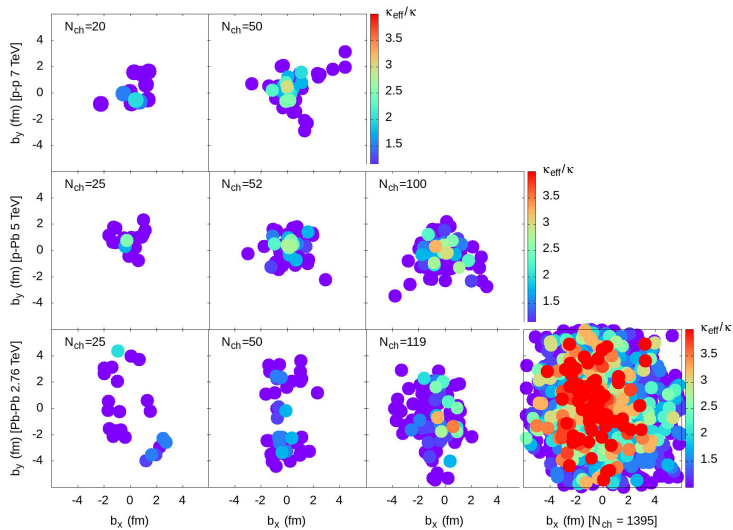
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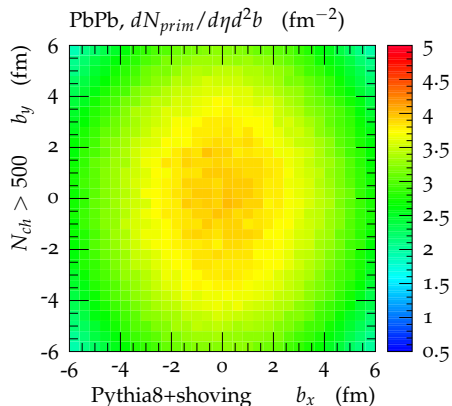
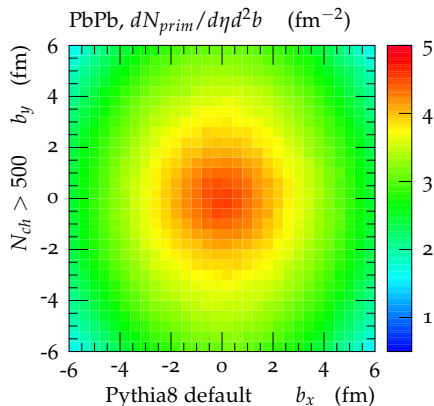


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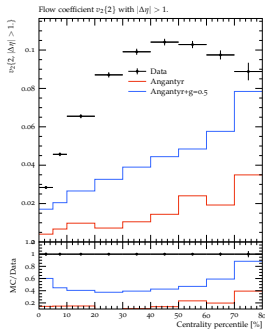
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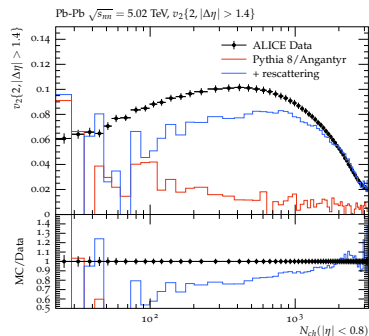
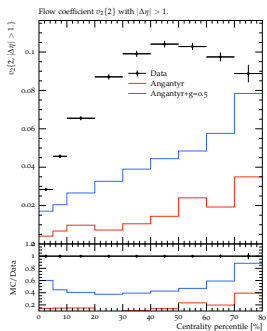


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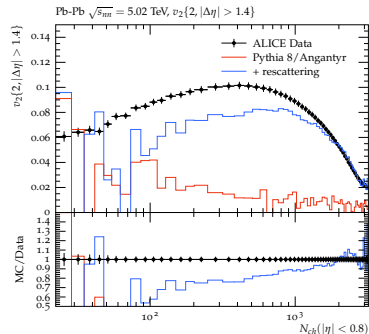
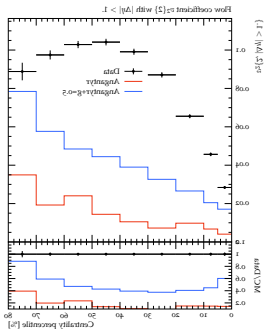


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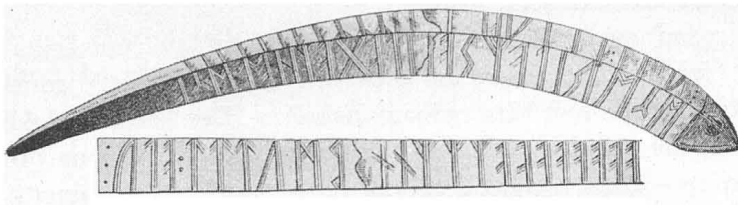
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By tradition HI and HEP have been separate communities

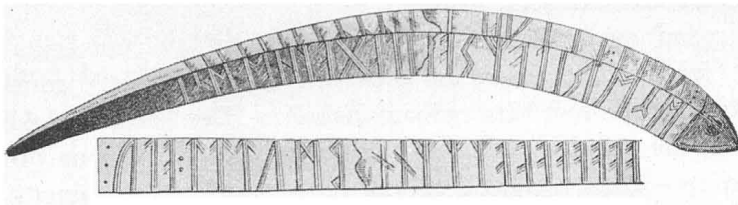
- ▶ LHC brought them together
- ▶ There are collective effects in pp
- ▶ There are jets in AA
- ▶ We can (and need to) learn from each other

Questions!

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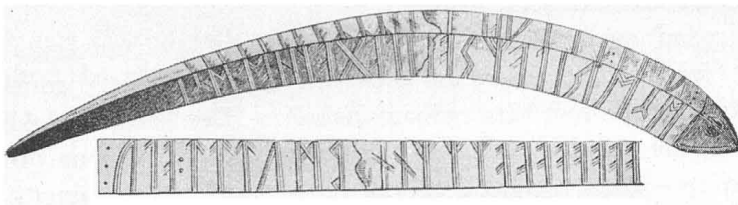
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ERILAR
the rune master

SAWILAGAR
magic

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is my name