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EPOS4 What are the new concepts?

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Space-time picture of pp, pA, AA at high energy



Primary interactions, pointlike overlap (even in *pA*, *AA* scattering: large γ factors)

followed (later) by QGP formation

BUT the picture is not really correct...

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More realistic space-time picture



splitting into multiple partons (parton evolution) long in advance, takes a long time (large γ factors)

but the interaction region (red point) is pointlike

multiple scatterings must happen in parallel

EPOS4 philosophy concerning primary interactions

Avoid sequential scatterings,

 concerning both parton-parton
 and nucleon-nucleon interactions

 Do multiple scatterings

 rigorously in parallel

□ Respect the rule "MC = theory"

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Some technical remarks:			
Graph's are fince but it should be clear what is benind. We use			
	symbol	meaning	
	T(s,t)	elastic scattering T-matrix; <i>s</i> , <i>t</i> Mandelstam variables	
	T(s,b)	Fourier transformation of $T(s, t)$ with respect to the momentum transfer, divided by $2s$ (impact parameter representation)	
	G	2 ImT – representing inelastic scattering (cut diagram)	
	$ ilde{\sigma}$	<i>pp</i> cross sections: $\sigma^{pp} = \int d^2b \tilde{\sigma}^{pp}(s,b)$	
		A+B cross sections: $\sigma^{AB} = \int db_{AB} \ \tilde{\sigma}^{AB}(s, b, \{b_i^A\}, \{b_i^B\})$	
$\int db_{AB} = \int d^2b \int \prod_{i=1}^A d^2b_i^A \ T_A(b_i^A) \int \prod_{i=1}^B d^2b_j^B \ T_B(b_j^B)$,			
with transv. nucleon coordiates b_i^A and b_j^B , with the nuclear thickness function			
$T_A(b) = \int dz ho_A\left(\sqrt{b^2 + z^2} ight)$			
w	here ρ_A is	the (normalized) nuclear density for nucleus A.	



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Implement energy-momentum conservation, referred to as GR+

□ For certain observables not so important (total cross sections)

□ For others absolutely crucial (particle production)

 Necessary as solid basis for MC (otherwise contradictions, but GR still widely used)



K = {{ m_k }, { $x_{k\mu}^{\pm}$ }} (m_k subscatterings per pair k, with $x_{k\mu}^{\pm}$) Solid basis of Monte Carlo:

- \Box one determines *K* according to *P*(*K*),
- ☐ instantaneously, no sequences, in parallel!! Here: MC = theory

EPOS4 improvement, step 2:

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□ So far: general framework, based on "some *G*"

- □ *G* represents a subscattering
- **D** Now: make link with QCD: $G = G_{QCD}$

□ G_{QCD} represents parton-parton scattering, based on pQCD, including DGLAP evolution

See: K. Werner and B. Guiot, PRC 108, 034904 (2306.02396) Early work (no HF): H.J. Drescher, M. Hladik, S. Ostapchenko, T. Pierog, K. Werner, Phys.Rept. 350 (2001) 93-289 (hep-ph/0007198)



collision of two nuclei with three subscatterings

We compute and tabulate "moduls" (QCD evolution, Born cross sections, vertices) which then allow to evaluate the diagram Different ways to rearrange the modules...



Looks good, but

- □ Here we considered just one single subscattering
- □ In GR, the full multiple scattering scenario is equal to the single one for inclusive cross sections (AGK theorem)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\rm incl}^{AB}}{dp_t} = AB \times \frac{d\sigma_{\rm incl}^{\rm single \, scattering}}{dp_t}$$

- □ Does AGK hold in our case (GR⁺)?
- And does AGK hold for nuclear scattering (which would amount to binary scaling)?

Validity of AGK Check *p*_t of partons

for minimum bias PbPb and *pp* scatterings at 5.02 TeV.





AGK badly violated!!! The problem is the energy sharing among subscatterings



Inclusive particle spectra (like p_t) are determined by the distribution of the LC momenta x^+ and x^- of the subscatterings.

Crucial variable: the squared CMS energy fraction

$$x_{\rm PE} = x^+ x^- \approx s / s_{\rm tot}$$

For a given scattering, involving projectile nucleon *i* and target nucleon *j* define: $N_{\text{conn}} = \frac{N_{\text{P}} + N_{\text{T}}}{2}$

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 $N_{\rm P}$ = number of scatterings involving *i* $N_{\rm T}$ = number of scatterings involving *j*



The x_{PE} distributions $f(x_{PE})$ depend on N_{conn} Large $N_{conn} \Rightarrow$ large x_{PE} suppressed small x_{PE} enhanced We will use the notation $f^{(N_{conn})}(x_{PE})$



Large $N_{\text{conn}} \Rightarrow \text{large } x_{\text{PE}} \text{ suppressed } \Rightarrow \text{large } p_t \text{ suppressed}$



Min, bias *pp* or *AA* = superposition of different *N*_{conn} contributions

Cannot be equal to the single-scattering case (*N***_{conn} = 1) => violation of AGK**

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We define the "deformation" $f^{(N_{conn})}(x_{PE})$ relative to the reference $f^{(1)}(x_{PE})$	of nce
$R_{\text{deform}} = \frac{f^{(N_{\text{conn}})}(x_{\text{PE}})}{f^{(1)}(x_{\text{PE}})}$	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
$R_{deform} \neq 1$ creates the problem But we are able to parameter R_{deform} and tabulate it, for all systems, all centrality classes	ize ys- 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
So $R_{\text{deform}} = R_{\text{deform}}(N_{\text{conn}}, x_{\text{PE}})$	$\alpha^{=}10^{-4} 10^{-5} 10^{-4} 10^{-3} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 1$ $10^{-5} 10^{-4} 10^{-3} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 1$ $x_{PE} = x^{+} x^{-1}$
can be considered to be known, it tabulated and available via interp lation (to be used later).	is o-

There are actually two problems



concerning the single scattering expression *G*, the fundamental building block of the multiple scattering formalism

□ The assumption $G = G_{QCD}$ seems to be wrong (AGK problem)

Nonlinear effects are completely missing

EPOS4 improvement, step 3: Add saturation

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suggesting to treat nonlinear effects by introducing saturation scales Q_{sat}^2 as the lower limits Q_0^2 of the virtualities for DGLAP evolutions

We compute and tabulate $G_{\text{QCD}}(Q_0^2, x^+, x^-, s, b)$ for a large range of Q_0^2 values see K. Werner and B. Guiot, PRC 108, 034904 (2306.02396)

For the connection between the basic multiple scattering building block *G* and the QCD expression G_{QCD} one postulates:

For each subscattering, for given x^{\pm} , *s*, *b*, and N_{conn} : $G(x^{+}, x^{-}, s, b) = n \frac{G_{\text{QCD}}(Q_{\text{sat}}^{2}, x^{+}, x^{-}, s, b)}{R_{\text{deform}}(N_{\text{conn}}, x_{\text{PE}})}$ such that *G* does not depend on N_{conn} ,
whereas Q_{sat}^{2} does depend on $x^{+}, x^{-}, N_{\text{conn}}$

n is a normalization constant

Early attemps in this direction:

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Same relation for p_t distributions (deduced from x+x⁻)



But no change for large p_t . If interested in large p_t : One replaces Q_{sat}^2 by some constant $Q_0^2 = \max\{Q_{sat}^2\}$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\rm incl}^{AB\,(mb)}}{dp_t} = AB \frac{d\sigma_{\rm incl}^{\rm single\,scattering}}{dp_t} \left[Q_0^2\right]$$

but only for p_t^2 bigger than the relevant Q_{sat}^2 values (gAGK theorem)

Extremely important: One gets factorization (in *pp* and *A*+*B*) for inclusive cross sections at high pt in a fully self-consistent ^(*) multiple (parallel) scattering scheme.

(*) Mandatory: (A) energy-mom. conservation, (B) parallel scattering, (C) MC = theory, (D) factorization





formulas: K. Werner, B. Guiot, PRC 108, 034904 (2306.02396)

Implementing both energy-mom conservation and saturation is needed, the one compensates the other, such that the central part remains unchanged





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EPOS4 documentation

- EPOS4 web page (since 10/2022) https://klaus.pages.in2p3.fr/epos4/ thanks Laurent Aphecetche for explaining gitlab pages, nextjs etc thanks Damien Vintache for managing installation/technical issues
 - **Papers** (https://klaus.pages.in2p3.fr/epos4/physics/papers)
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Summary (concerning primary scattering in EPOS4)

- □ There are ad hoc assumptions, details may be questioned, but the overall multiple-scattering picture seems mandatory, since based on very fundamental principles:
 - * parallel scattering formalism
 - * energy-momentum sharing (EMS)
 - * implementing saturation
 - Seems mandatory to implement "environment dependent" factorization scales, which compensate exacly the effect of the EMS
 - * validity of factorization at high pt
 - * MC = theory
- □ Solid basis for further activities:
 - EPOS4 systematic improvements EPOS4HQ, including quarkonia and HF collectivity, EPOS4JET ...
- □ AND (with Tanguy Pierog) create a fast version to be used for air shower simulations