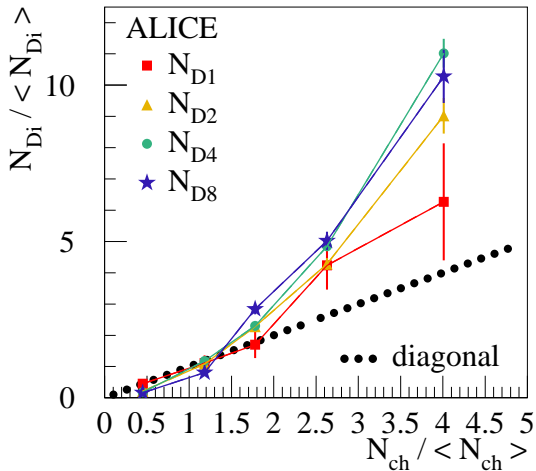


Multiplicity dependence of charm production in pp scattering at 7 TeV and parton saturation

K.W. in collaboration with

T. Pierog, Iu. Karpenko, B. Guiot, G. Sophys

D multiplicity vs charged multiplicity in pp



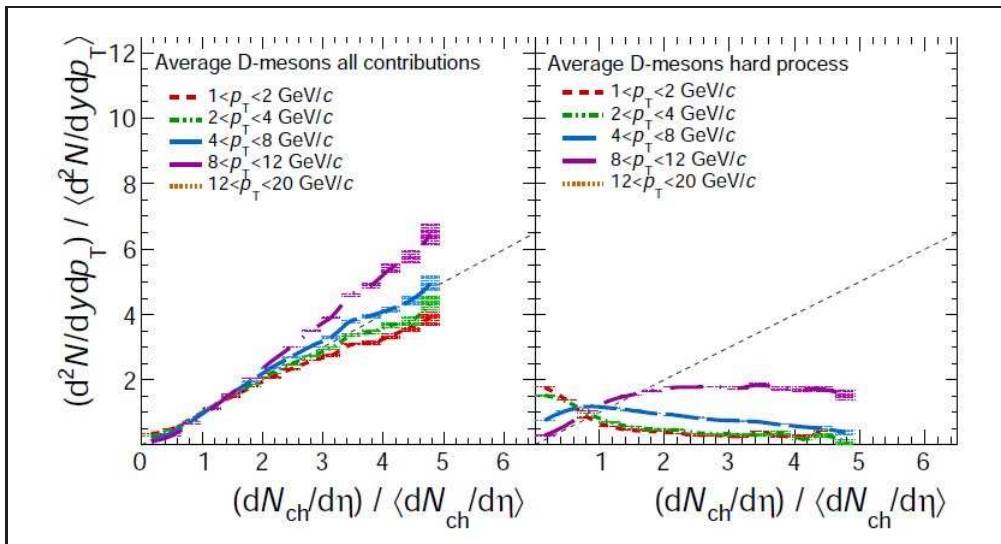
Significant deviation from the diagonal (linear increase)

in particular for large p_t

Similar observations for J/Ψ and Υ

ALICE arXiv:1505.00664v1

PYTHIA 8.157



Already understanding a linear increase is a challenge!

(Only recent Pythia versions can do)

**Even much more the
deviation from linear** (towards higher values)

Trying to understand these data in the EPOS framework

Important issues:

- **Multiple scattering, parton saturation**
- **Collectivity**

Part I

EPOS Overview

EPOS: Based on multiple scattering and flow

Several steps (even in pp!):

1) Initial conditions:

Gribov-Regge **multiple scattering** approach,
elementary object = Pomeron = parton ladder,
Nonlinear effects via saturation scale Q_s

2) Core-corona approach

to separate fluid and jet hadrons

3) Viscous **hydrodynamic expansion**, $\eta/s = 0.08$

4) Statistical hadronization, final state hadronic cascade

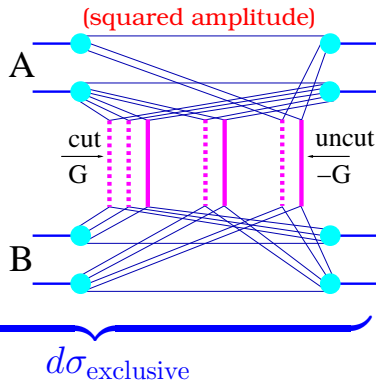
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Initial conditions: Marriage pQCD+GRT+energy sharing

(Drescher, Hladik, Ostapchenko, Pierog, and Werner, Phys. Rept. 350, 2001)

For pp, pA, AA:

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



$$\text{cut Pom} : G = \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} 2\text{Im} \{ \mathcal{FT} \{ T \} \} (\hat{s}, b), T = i\hat{s} \sigma_{\text{hard}}(\hat{s}) \exp(R_{\text{hard}}^2 t)$$

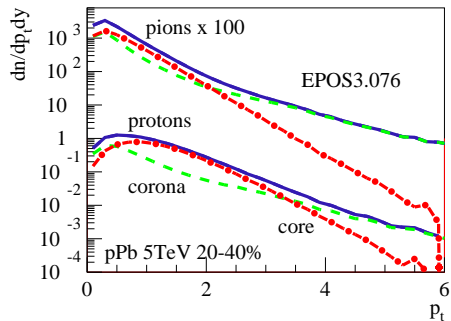
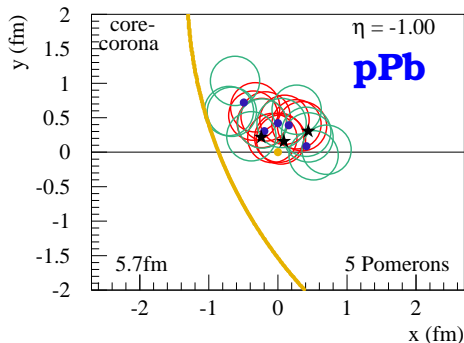
Nonlinear effects considered via saturation scale Q_s

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

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 => Hydro evolution (Yuri Karpenko)

Israel-Stewart formulation, $\eta - \tau$ coordinates, $\eta/S = 0.08$, $\zeta/S = 0$

$$\partial_{;\nu} T^{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\nu} T^{\mu\nu} + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^{\mu} T^{\nu\lambda} + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^{\nu} T^{\mu\lambda} = 0$$

$$\gamma (\partial_t + v_i \partial_i) \pi^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{\pi^{\mu\nu} - \pi_{\text{NS}}^{\mu\nu}}{\tau_{\pi}} + I_{\pi}^{\mu\nu} \quad \gamma (\partial_t + v_i \partial_i) \Pi = -\frac{\Pi - \Pi_{\text{NS}}}{\tau_{\Pi}} + I_{\Pi}$$

$T^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon u^{\mu} u^{\nu} - (p + \Pi) \Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu},$

$\pi_{\text{NS}}^{\mu\nu} = \eta (\Delta^{\mu\lambda} \partial_{;\lambda} u^{\nu} + \Delta^{\nu\lambda} \partial_{;\lambda} u^{\mu}) - \frac{2}{3} \eta \Delta^{\mu\nu} \partial_{;\lambda} u^{\lambda}$

$\partial_{;\nu}$ denotes a covariant derivative,

$\Pi_{\text{NS}} = -\zeta \partial_{;\lambda} u^{\lambda}$

$\Delta^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - u^{\mu} u^{\nu}$ is the projector orthogonal to u^{μ} ,

$I_{\pi}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{4}{3} \pi^{\mu\nu} \partial_{;\gamma} u^{\gamma} - [u^{\nu} \pi^{\mu\beta} + u^{\mu} \pi^{\nu\beta}] u^{\lambda} \partial_{;\lambda} u_{\beta}$

$\pi^{\mu\nu}$, Π shear stress tensor, bulk pressure

$I_{\Pi} = -\frac{4}{3} \Pi \partial_{;\gamma} u^{\gamma}$

Freeze out: at 168 MeV, Cooper-Frye $E \frac{dn}{d^3p} = \int d\Sigma_{\mu} p^{\mu} f(up)$, equilibrium distr

Hadronic afterburner: UrQMD

Marcus Bleicher, Jan Steinheimer

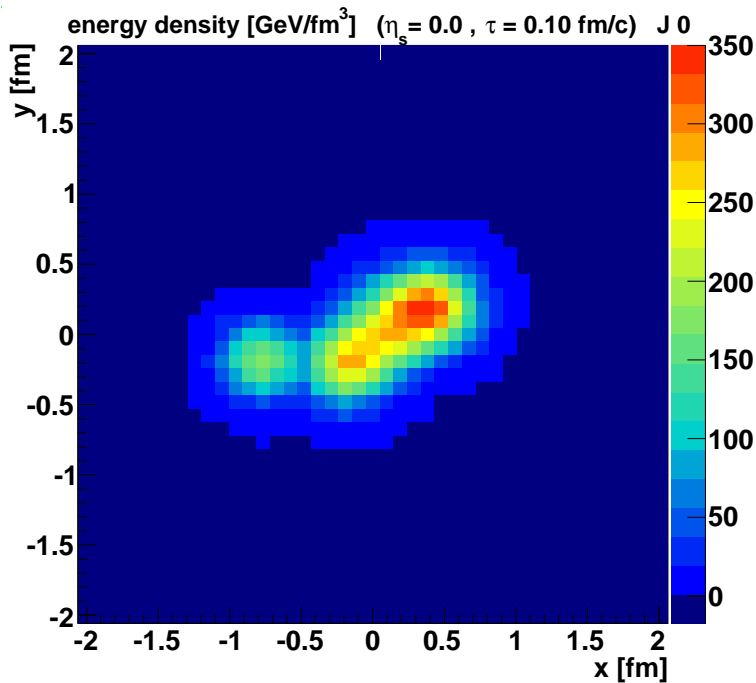
Results

Detailed studies of **pt spectra**
and **azimuthal anisotropies** (dihadron corr., v_n) in pp, pA:

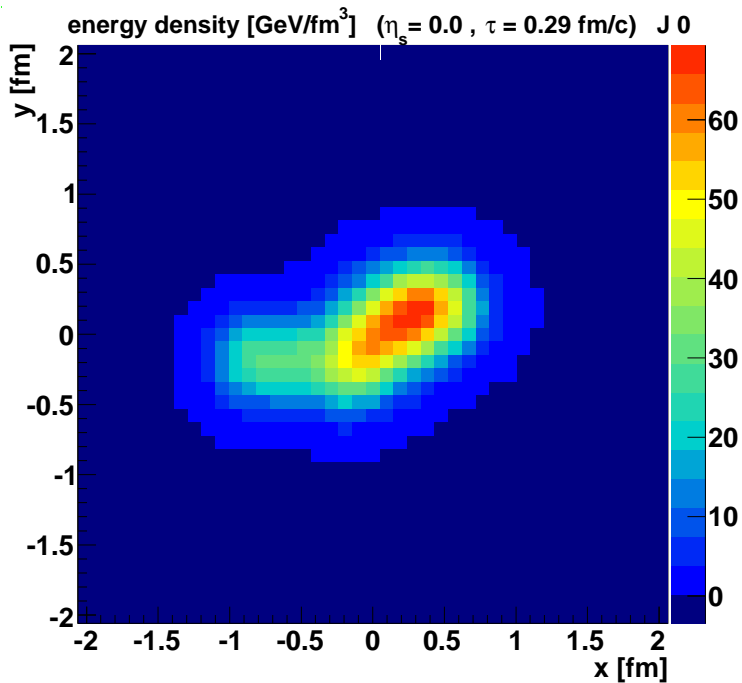
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In the following : An example of an
asymmetric space-time evolution (high mult pp event, 7TeV)

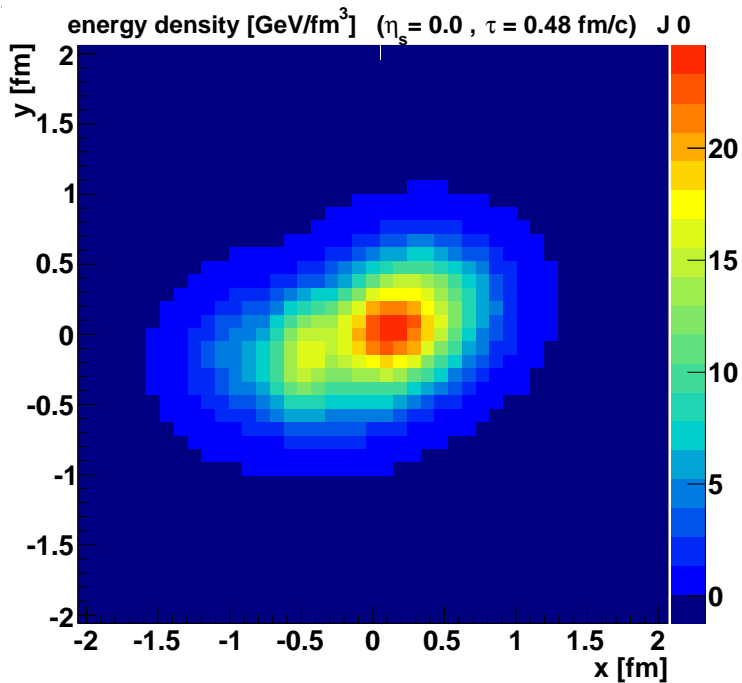
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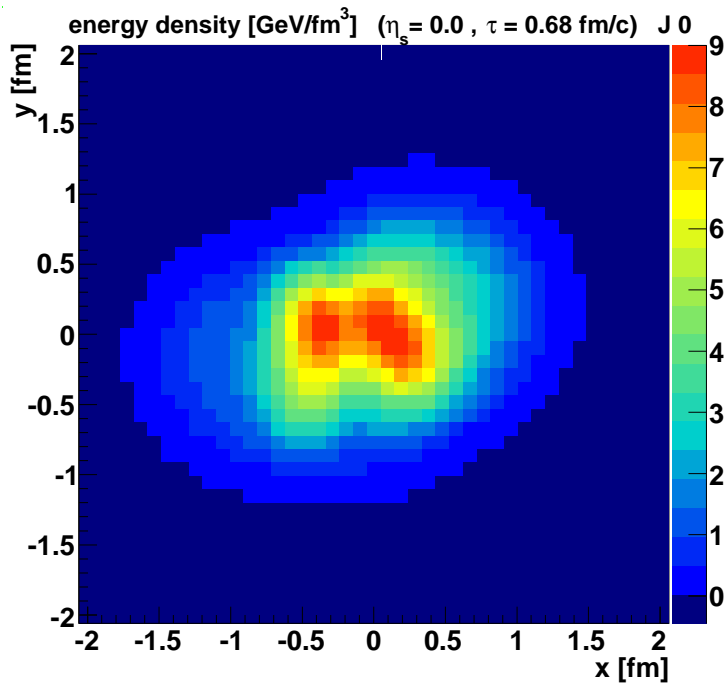
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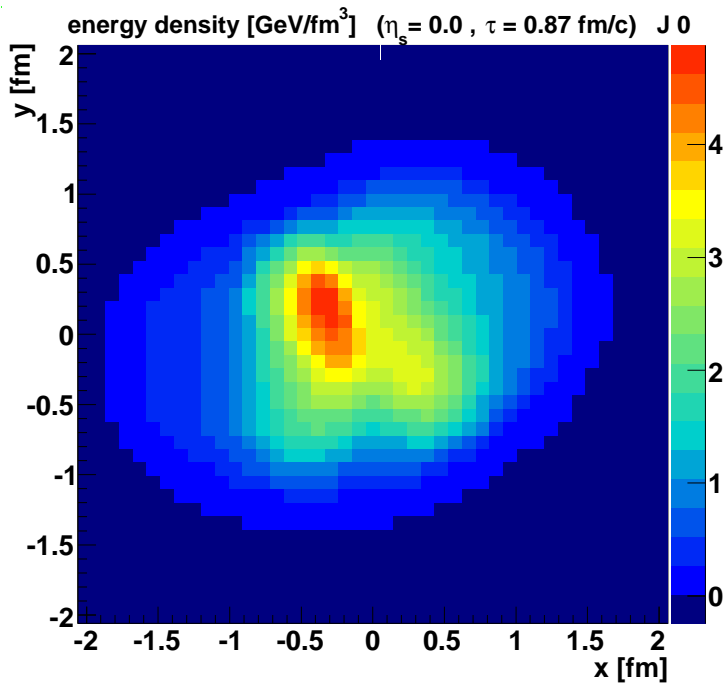
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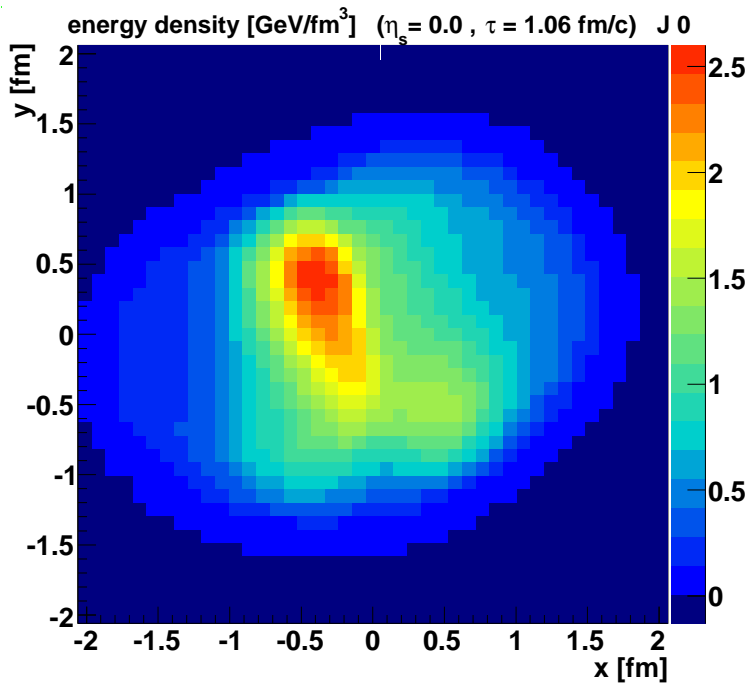
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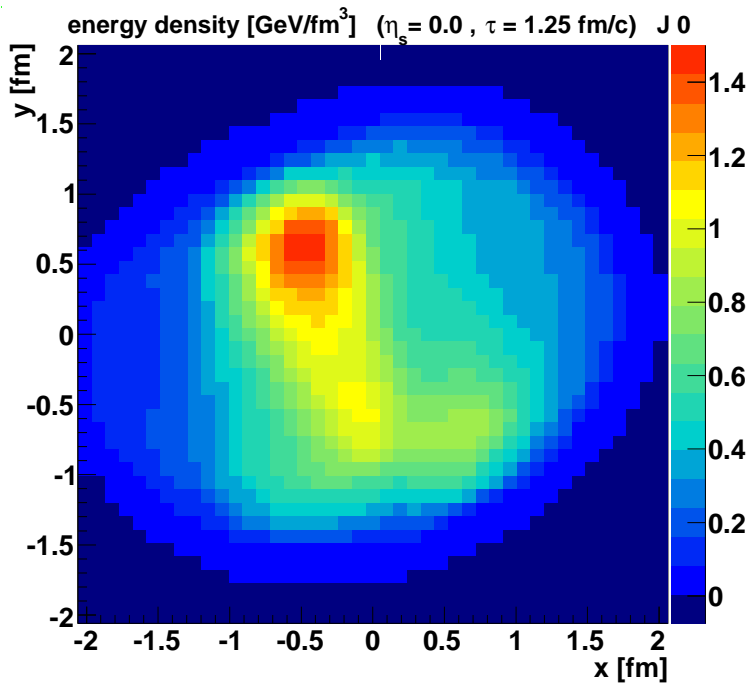
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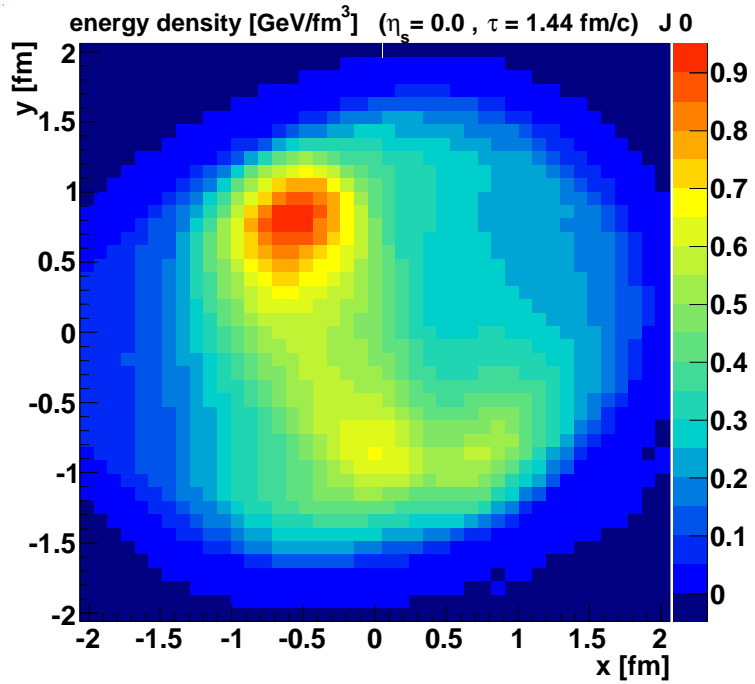
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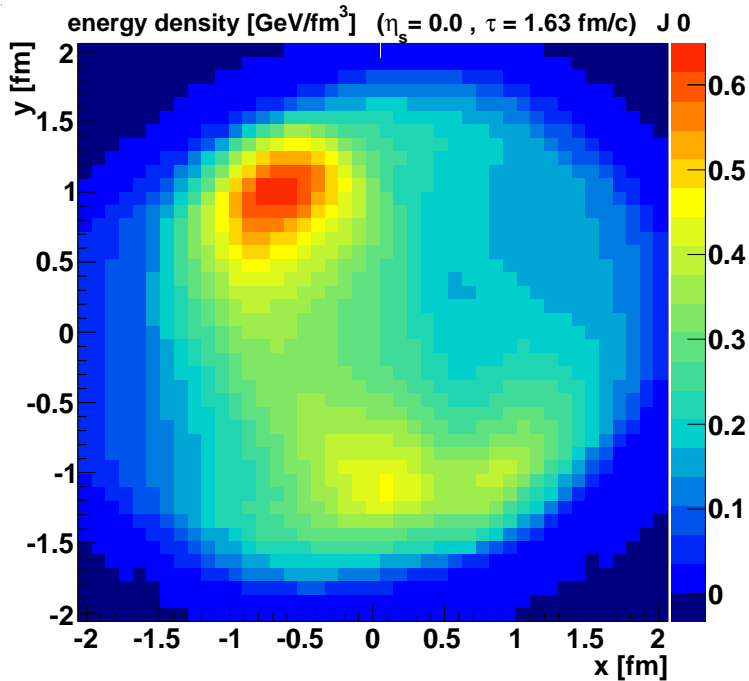
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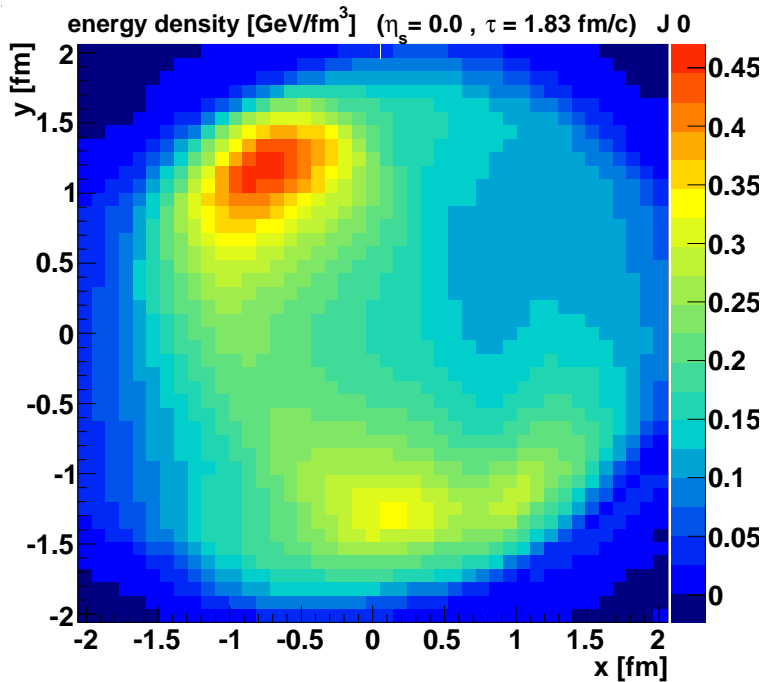
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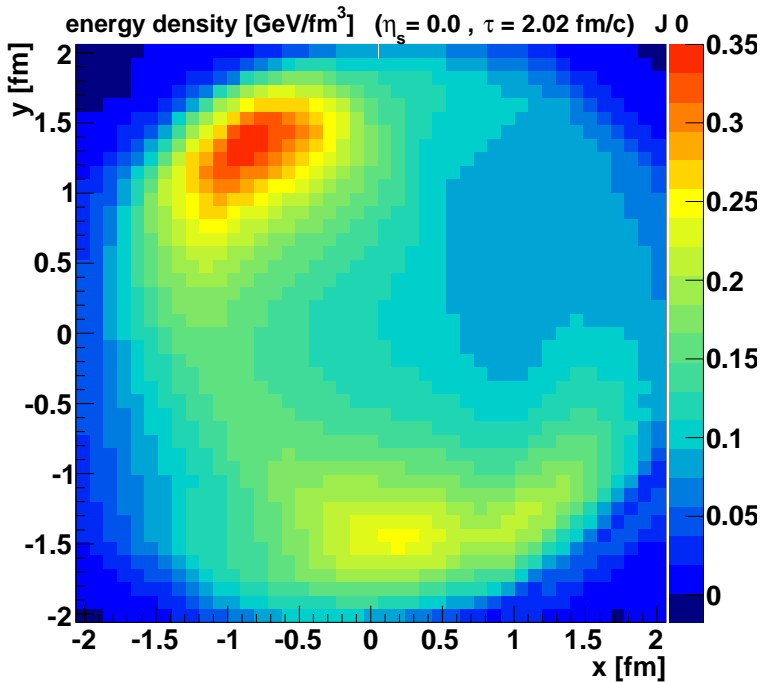
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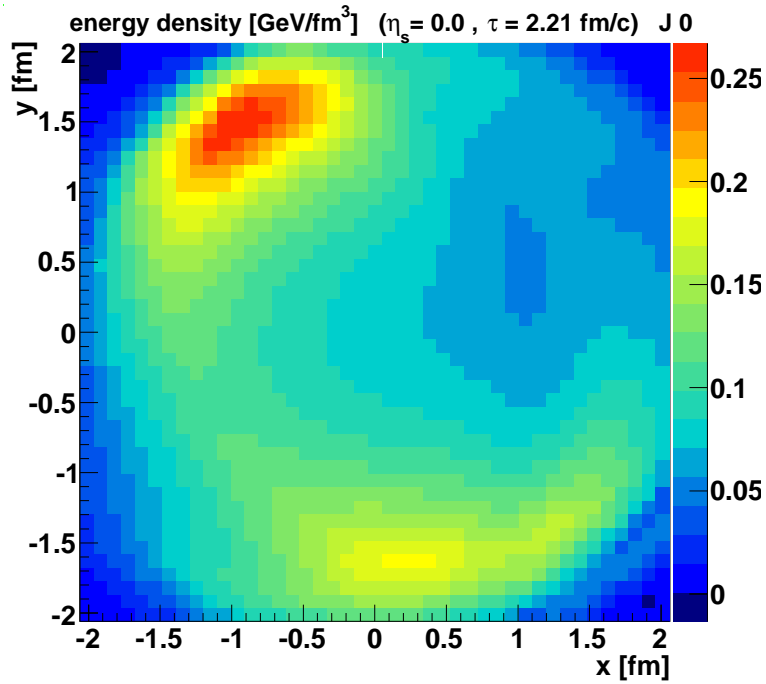
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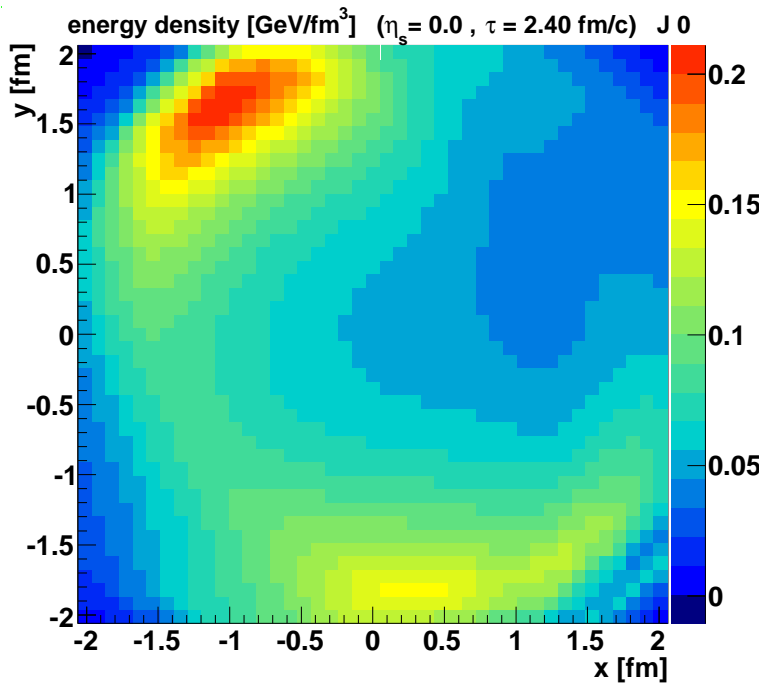
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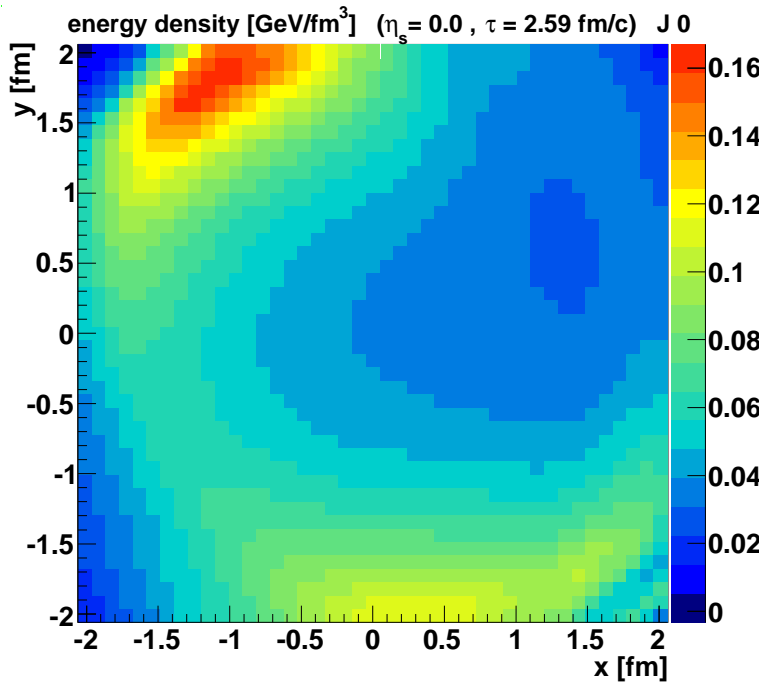
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Part II

A crucial ingredient:

The saturation scale Q_s^2

Some facts about the Gribov-Regge multiple scattering scheme (the heart of the EPOS approach)

S-matrix:

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

Unitarity relation:

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

which leads to (Σ includes phase space integration)

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

with (s, t : Mandelstam variables)

$$\text{disc } T_{ii} = T_{ii}(s + i\epsilon, t) - T_{ii}(s - i\epsilon, t)$$

In detail :

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= \langle i | \hat{S}^\dagger \hat{S} | i \rangle \\
 &= \sum_f \langle i | \hat{S}^\dagger | f \rangle \langle f | \hat{S} | i \rangle \\
 &= \sum_f \langle f | \hat{S} | i \rangle^* \langle f | \hat{S} | i \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$1 = \sum_f S_{fi}^* S_{fi}$$

Using $S_{fi} = \delta_{fi} + i(2\pi)^4 \delta(p_f - p_i) T_{fi}$, dividing by $i(2\pi)^4 \delta(0)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{i} (T_{ii} - T_{ii}^*) &= \sum_f (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_f - p_i) |T_{fi}|^2 \\
 &= 2w \sigma_{\text{tot}} \\
 &= 2s \sigma_{\text{tot}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The l.h.s. :

$$\frac{1}{i} (T_{ii} - T_{ii}^*) = 2\text{Im}T_{ii}$$

So we get the optical theorem

$$2\text{Im}T_{ii} = \sum_f (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_f - p_i) |T_{fi}|^2 = 2s \sigma_{\text{tot}}$$

Assume:

- 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 (see optical theorem)

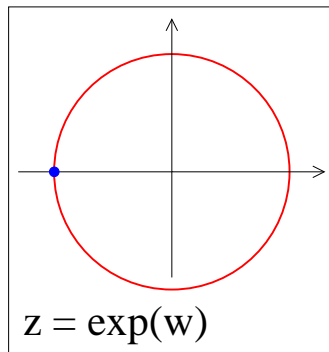
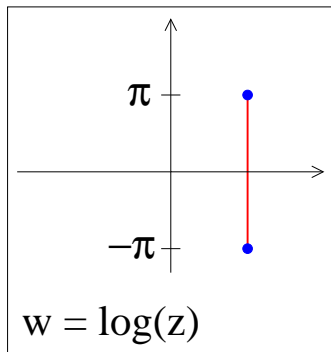
Using the Schwarz reflection principle, $T_{ii}(s, t)$ first defined for $\text{Im}s \geq 0$ can be continued in a unique fashion via $T_{ii}(s^*, t) = T_{ii}(s, t)^*$. So:

$$\frac{1}{i} (T_{ii}(s, t) - T_{ii}(s, t)^*) = \frac{1}{i} (T_{ii}(s, t) - T_{ii}(s^*, t)) = \frac{1}{i} \text{disc } T_{ii}$$

with

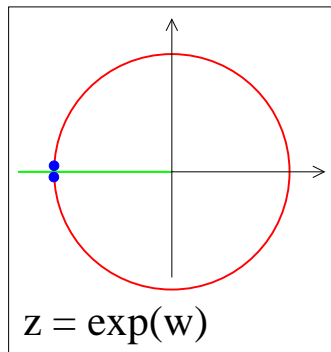
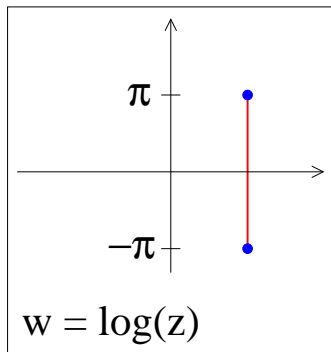
$$\text{disc } T_{ii} = T_{ii}(s + i\epsilon, t) - T_{ii}(s - i\epsilon, t).$$

Discontinuity, example: exp and its inverse log



Problem: $\exp(w)$ maps two points to one,
inversion not possible

unless one excludes the green line



and shifts points on this line up or down (by ϵ).
Discontinuity = $2\pi i$

In detail: Let us study the mapping

$$w \rightarrow z \text{ with } z = \exp(w).$$

Consider $w = x + iy$, with x fixed and y going from $-\pi$ to π , which means we have a trajectory going from $w_1 = x - i\pi$ to $w_2 = x + i\pi$.

Doing the mapping $w \rightarrow z$ for this trajectory, we get

$$z = e^x e^{iy}$$

describing a circular trajectory with radius e^x with start and end point $z_1 = z_2 = -e^x$

Doing the inverse mapping $z \rightarrow w = \log(z)$: We get for $z_1 = z_2$ two different values w_1 and w_2 !!

One has to define \log in $\mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$ (branch). The negative real axis is called branch cut. The discontinuity at $z = -e^x$:

$$\log(z + i\epsilon) - \log(z - i\epsilon) = 2\pi i$$

Back to our T-matrix : We have

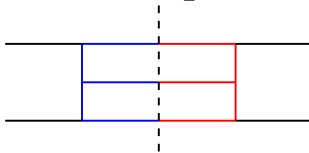
$$2s \sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sum_f (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_f - p_i) |T_{fi}|^2 = \frac{1}{i} \text{disc } T_{ii}$$

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

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

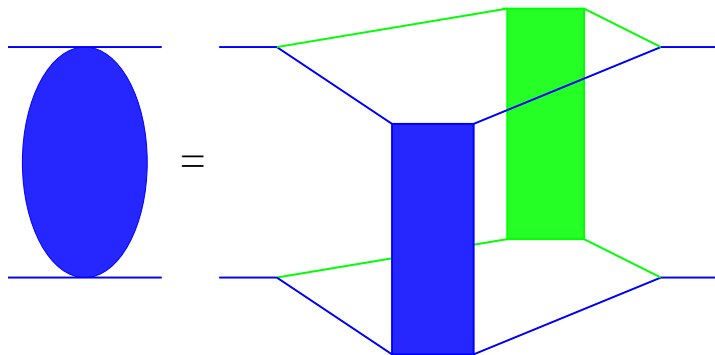
Modified Feynman rules :

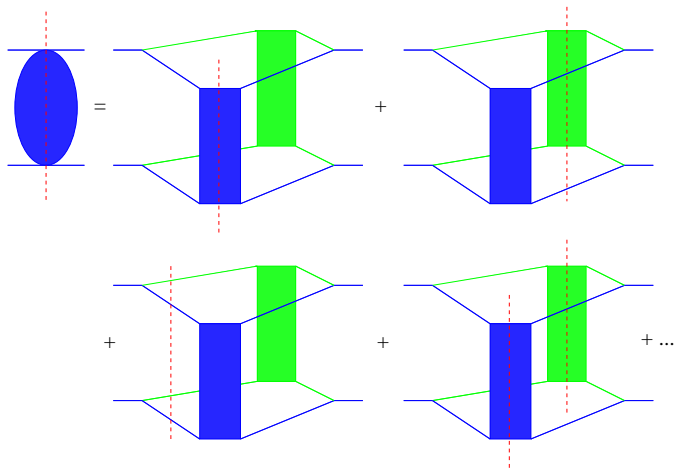
- Draw a dashed line from top to bottom



- Use “normal” Feynman rules to the left
- Use the complex conjugate expressions to the right
- For lines crossing the cut: Replace propagators by mass shell conditions $2\pi\theta(p^0)\delta(p^2 - m^2)$

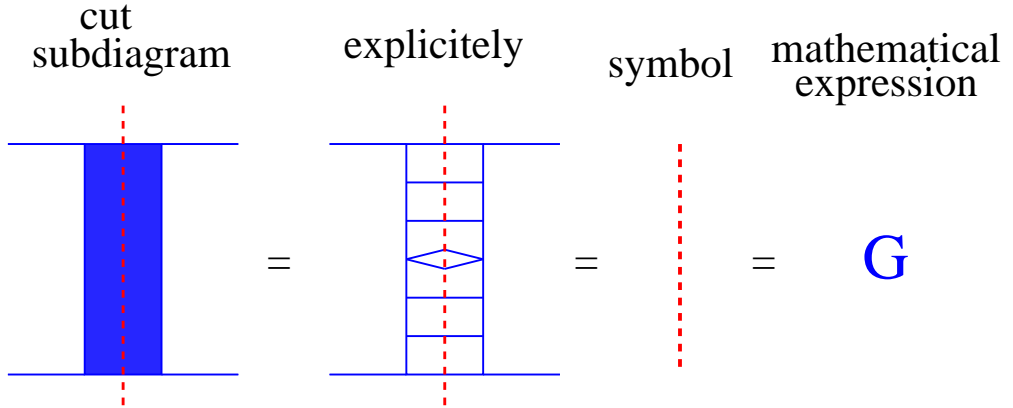
Useful in case of substructures:

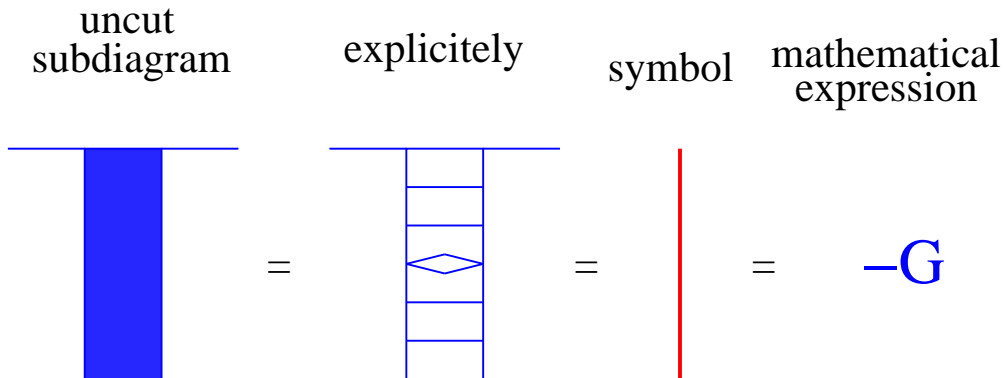




Cut diagram

= sum of products of cut/uncut subdiagrams





Single Pomeron contribution G , computed via pQCD, can be (very well) fitted as^{*)}

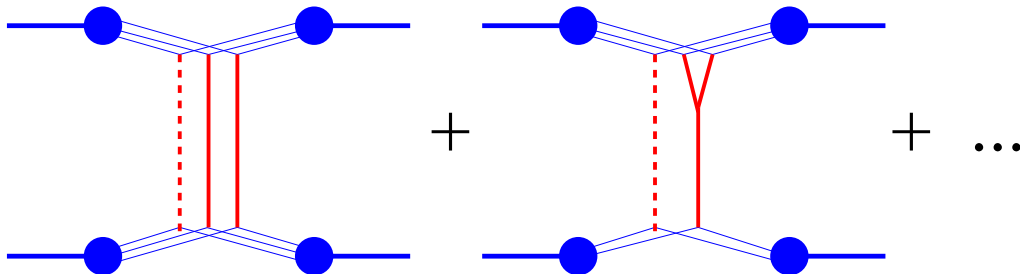
$$G \approx G_{\text{fit}} = \alpha (x^+)^{\beta} (x^-)^{\beta'}$$

(x^{\pm} are light cone momentum fractions)

Extremely useful! Allows analytical calculations of cross sections.

^{*)} (Drescher, Hladik, Ostapchenko, Pierog, and Werner, Phys. Rept. 350, 2001)

Consistency requires adding more diagrams (ladder splitting/fusion, triple Pomeron vertices, gluon fusion in CGC ...)



(Drescher, Hladik, Ostapchenko, Pierog, and Werner, Phys. Rept. 350, 2001)

Motivated by model calculations, we treat ladder fusion via adding an exponent ¹ :

$$G_{\text{fit}} \rightarrow G_{\text{eff}} = \alpha (x^+)^{\beta + \varepsilon^{\text{proj}}} (x^-)^{\beta' + \varepsilon^{\text{targ}}}$$

(“epsilon method”) with

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon(Z),$$

depending on “the number of participants”:

$$Z^{\text{proj}} = \sum_{\text{proj nucleons } i'} f_{\text{part}} \left(|\vec{b} + \vec{b}_{i'} - \vec{b}_j| \right)$$

(j is the target nucleon the Pomeron is connected to)

¹K.Werner, FM.Liu, T.Pierog, Phys.Rev. C74 (2006) 044902

Advantages

- Cross section calculations perfectly doable
- Energy dependence of σ_{tot} , σ_{el} (and more) correct

Big problems

- **Adding ε does not change the internal Pomeron structure**
- No binary scaling in pA at high p_t (tails much too low)

Solution

- Introducing a **saturation scale**

(K. Werner, B. Guiot, Iu. Karpenko, T. Pierog,
Phys.Rev. C89 (2014) 064903)

Before: Compute G with fixed soft cutoff Q_0
→ fit → add ε exponents

New: Compute G with saturation scale $Q_s \propto Z \hat{s}^\lambda$
→ fit (\hat{s} = Pomeron invariant mass)

varying Q_s changes internal structure!

Still something missing ...

- The saturation scale depends on the number of **participating nucleons**,
- but NOT on the **number of Pomerons** N_{Pom} (participating parton pairs)

The number of Pomerons represents the event activity in pp, as the number of participating nucleons does in pA.

The final solution

- Combining “epsilon method” and saturation scale in a smart way (T. Pierog and K. Werner, procs. EDS 2015, Borgo, France)

Step 1 Compute $G = G(Q_0)$ with fixed soft cutoff Q_0
→ fit → add ε exponents (→ G_{eff}) in order to fit cross sections

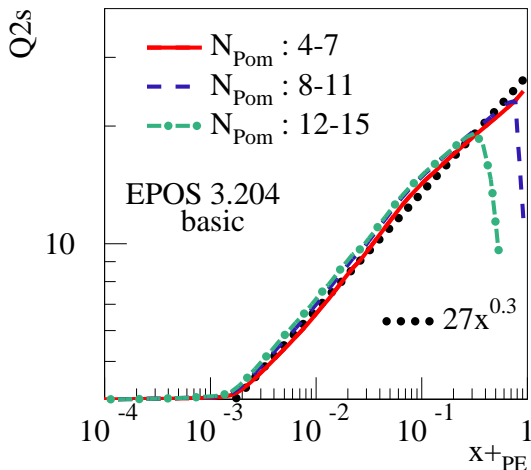
Step 2 Introduce saturation scale via

$$G_{\text{eff}} = k G(Q_s)$$

affecting the internal structure

(We will see what to take to k)

The saturation scale Q_s^2



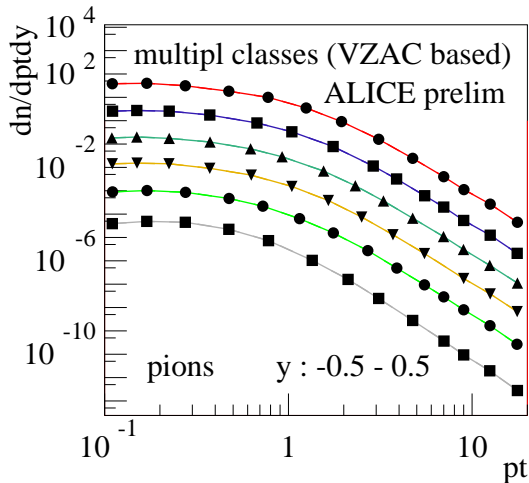
pp at 7 TeV

using $G_{\text{eff}} = k G(Q_s)$

with constant k

(x_{+PE} is the LC momentum fraction on the projectile side)

A crucial test: Multiplicity dependence of spectra at high p_t



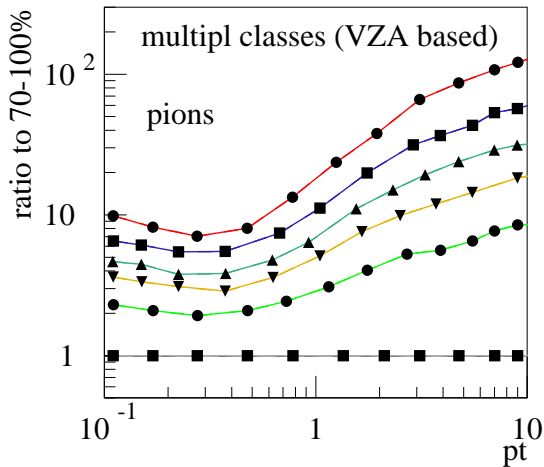
preliminary ALICE data

(digitalized from B.A.Hess,
talk at MPI@LHC 2015 Trieste
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multiplicity bins
(top to bottom):
0-1%, 1-5%, 10-15%, 20-30%,
40-50%, 70-100%

lines to guide the eye

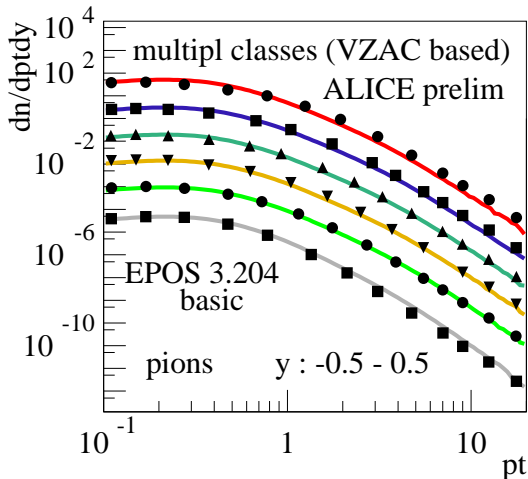
Same data - ratio to 70-100%



non-trivial:

**spectra get harder
with multiplicity**

Comparing ALICE data with EPOS calculations



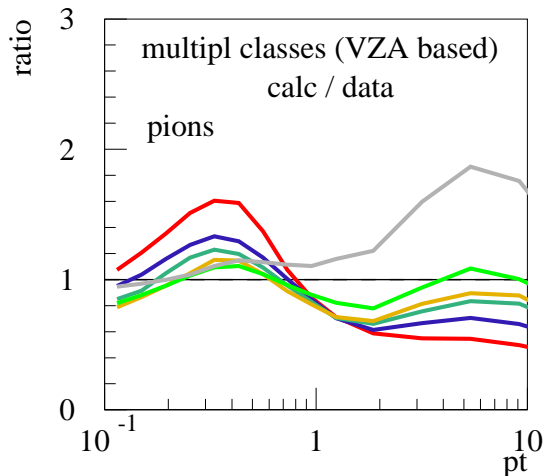
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multiplicity bins
(top to bottom):
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Not too bad for a first shot ... but tails are not correct

Comparing ALICE data with EPOS calculations

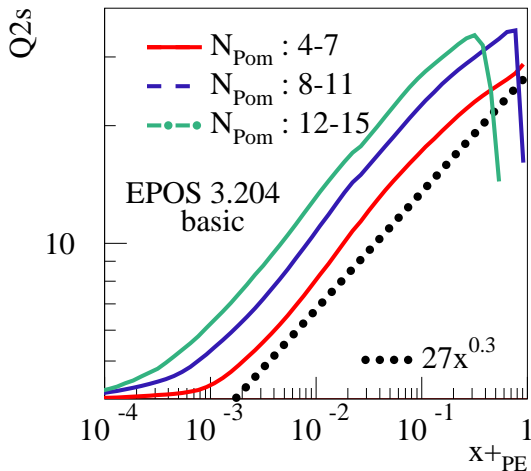
Ratio calculation / data



multiplicity bins :
0-1% (red) , 1-5%, 10-15%,
20-30%, 40-50%, 70-100%
(grey)

Tails wrong by factors of two (low pt will be modified by hydro)

Make saturation scale Q_s^2 depending on N_{Pom}



pp at 7 TeV

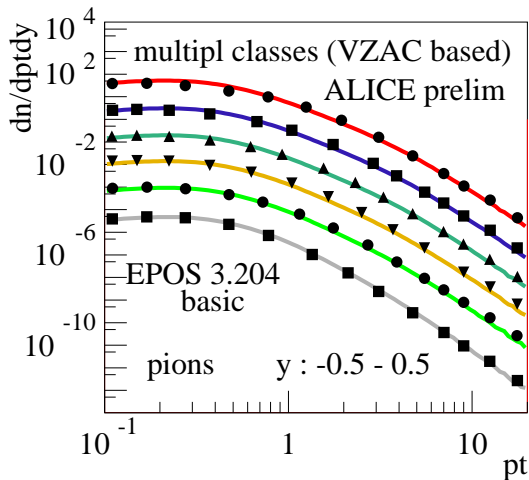
using $G_{\text{eff}} = k G(Q_s)$

with

$$k = \left(\frac{N_{\text{Pom}}}{\langle N_{\text{Pom}} \rangle} \right)^{0.75}$$

higher Q_s^2 with increasing Pomeron number (like N_{part} dependence in pA)

Comparing ALICE data with EPOS calculations



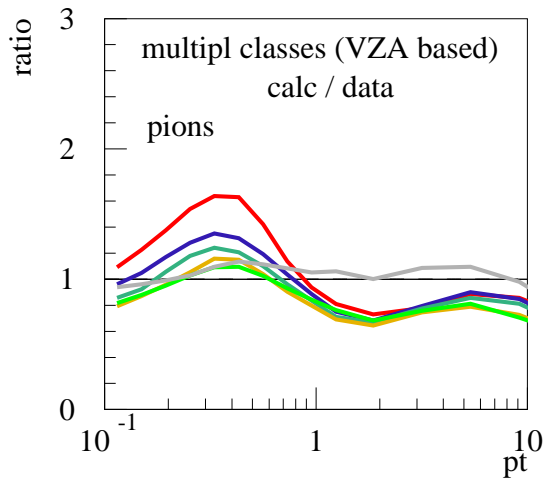
using

$$k = \left(\frac{N_{\text{Pom}}}{\langle N_{\text{Pom}} \rangle} \right)^{0.75}$$

=> much better

Comparing ALICE data with EPOS calculations

Ratio calculation / data



using

$$k = \left(\frac{N_{\text{Pom}}}{\langle N_{\text{Pom}} \rangle} \right)^{0.75}$$

multiplicity bins :
0-1% (red) , 1-5%, 10-15%,
20-30%, 40-50%, 70-100%
(grey)

Tails reasonable (low
pt will be modified by hydro)

Still finetuning and tests needed, but we use

$$G_{\text{eff}} = k G(Q_s)$$

with

$$k = \left(\frac{N_{\text{Pom}}}{\langle N_{\text{Pom}} \rangle} \right)^{A_{\text{sat}}}, \quad A_{\text{sat}} = 0.75$$

to analyse the multiplicity dependence of D-meson production (results depend somewhat on A_{sat})

Remark : This new procedure => EPOS 3.2xx

Part III

Multiplicity dependence of charm production

Notations (always at midrapidity) (D-meson = average D^+, D^0, D^{*+})

N_{ch} : **Charged particle multiplicity**

N_{D1} : **D-meson multiplicity for $1 < p_t < 2$ GeV/c**

N_{D2} : **D-meson multiplicity for $2 < p_t < 4$ GeV/c**

N_{D4} : **D-meson multiplicity for $4 < p_t < 8$ GeV/c**

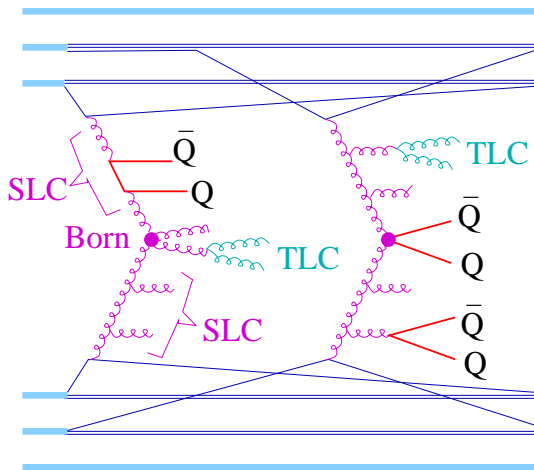
N_{D8} : **D-meson multiplicity for $8 < p_t < 12$ GeV/c**

In addition we define normalized multiplicities

$$n = N / \langle N \rangle$$

for n_{ch} and n_{Di}

Heavy quark (Q) production in EPOS multiple scattering framework



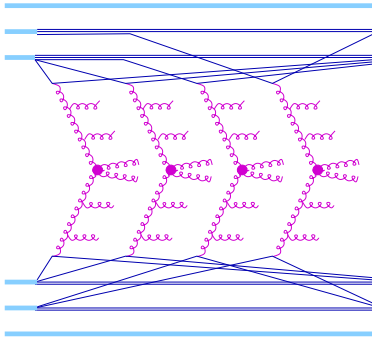
as light quark
production

(but non-zero masses :
 $m_c = 1.3, m_b = 4.2$)

In any of the ladders

- during SLC** (space-like cascade)
- during TLC** (time-like cascade)
- in Born**

Multiple scattering (EPOS3, basic):



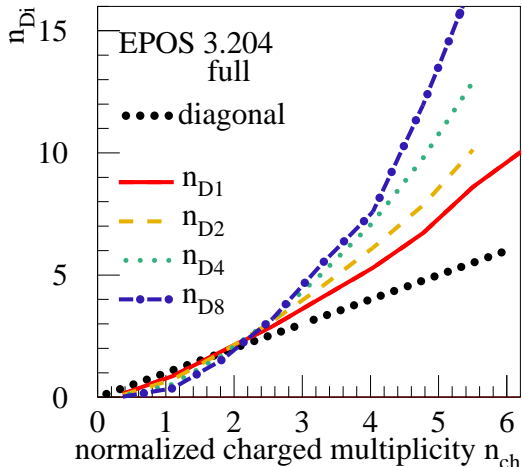
$$N_{Di} \propto N_{ch} \propto N_{Pom}$$

**“Natural” linear
behavior**

(first approximation)

The actual calculations

n_{Di} vs n_{ch}



... even more than linear increase!

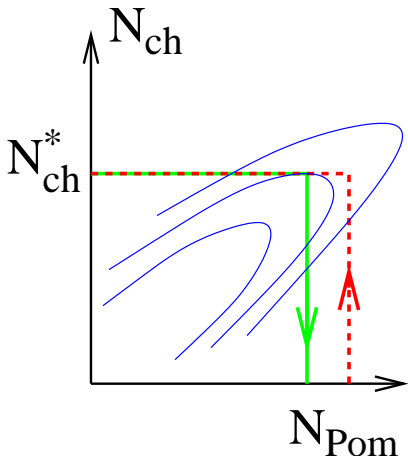
(in particular for large p_t)

(less for $A_{sat} = 0$)

(much less in EPOS 3.1xx)

Why this p_t dependence ?

Crucial: Fluctuations



N_{ch} and N_{Pom}
are correlated,
but not one-to-one

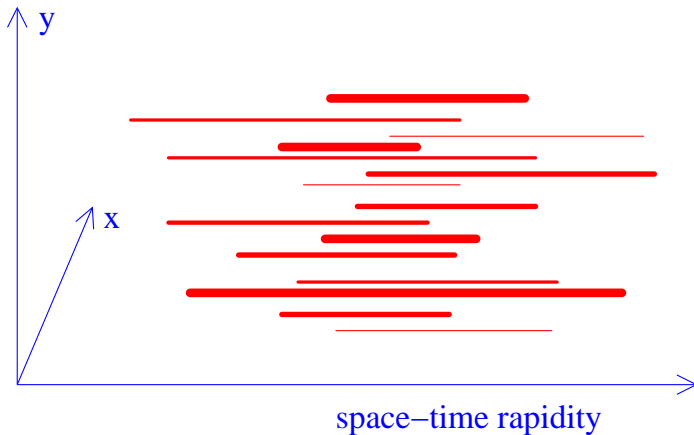
(\Rightarrow two-dimensional
probability distribution)

**In the following, we consider fixed values n_{ch}^*
of normalized charged multiplicities**

To understand the implications of “fixed n_{ch} ”

Strings in multiple scattering event (Schematic view):

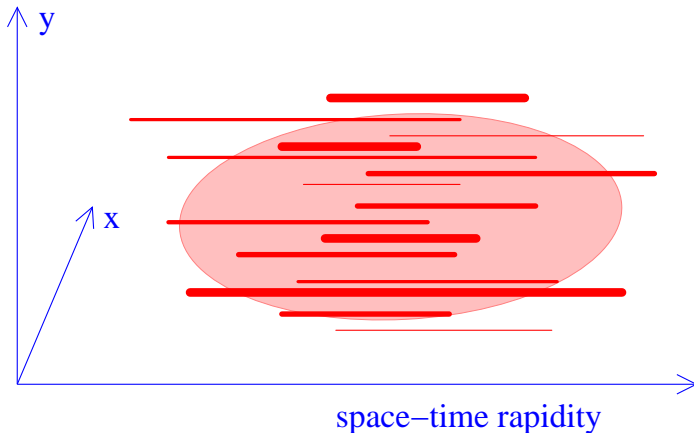
basic EPOS



Strings of
different lengths,
different rapidity
coverage,
different hardness

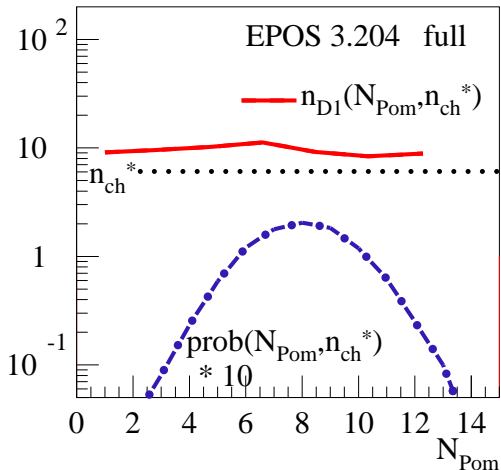
length
 \sim mass ($\sqrt{x^+x^-s}$)

full EPOS (with hydro) string segments => fluid



but
string properties
- number,
- masses,
- hardnesses
determine initial
energy density and
final multiplicity

Consider n_{D1} for some given n_{ch}^*



$n_{D1} =$

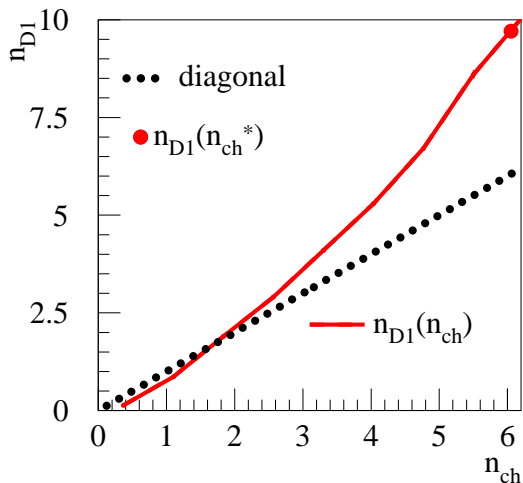
$$\sum_{N_{Pom}} \text{prob}(N_{Pom}, n_{ch}^*) \times n_{D1}(N_{Pom}, n_{ch}^*)$$

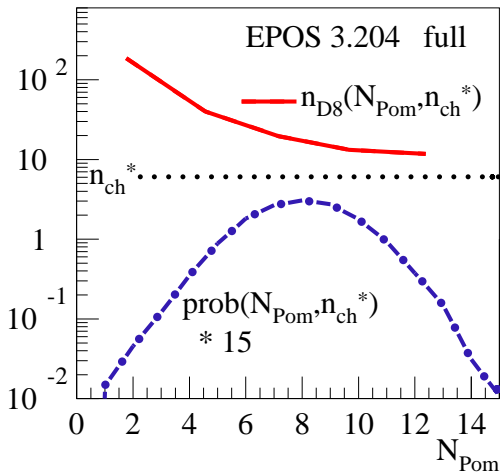
$\approx 1.6 n_{ch}^*$

having used

$$n_{D1}(N_{Pom}, n_{ch}^*) \approx 1.6 n_{ch}^*$$

The precise calculation (red point)



n_{D8} for given n_{ch}^* 

$$n_{D8} =$$

$$\sum_{N_{Pom}} \text{prob}(N_{Pom}, n_{ch}^*) \\ \times n_{D8}(N_{Pom}, n_{ch}^*) \\ \gg n_{ch}^*$$

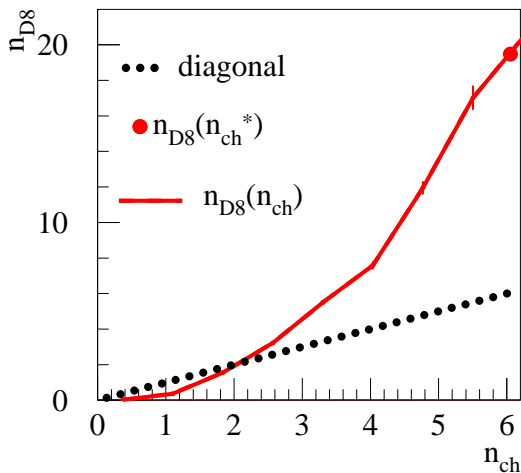
because

$n_{D8} > n_{ch}^*$ at high N_{Pom}

and

increases strongly
towards small N_{Pom}

The precise calculation (red point)



**significantly
above the
diagonal!**

**strongly
non-linear!**

**How to understand
 $n_{D8} \gg n_{ch}^*$
and why increasing to-
wards small N_{Pom} ?**

We compute in addition

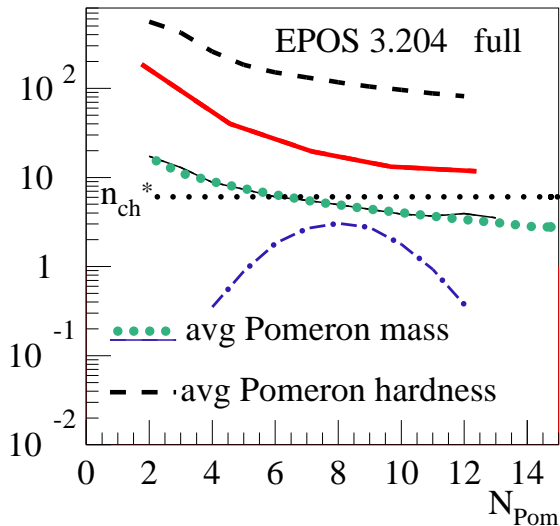
- **The average invariant Pomeron mass for given N_{Pom} and n_{ch}^* (/100 GeV)**
- **The average Pomeron hardness**

$$\left(\langle p_t^2 \rangle / \langle p_t^2 \rangle_{\text{ref}} - 1 \right) \times 100$$

for given N_{Pom} and n_{ch}^*

(based on string segments; $\langle p_t^2 \rangle_{\text{ref}} = 0.55 \text{ GeV}^2$)

Pomeron mass and hardness



**both increase
significantly with
decreasing N_{Pom}**

red line: n_{D8}

**blue dashed-dotted:
 N_{Pom} distr**

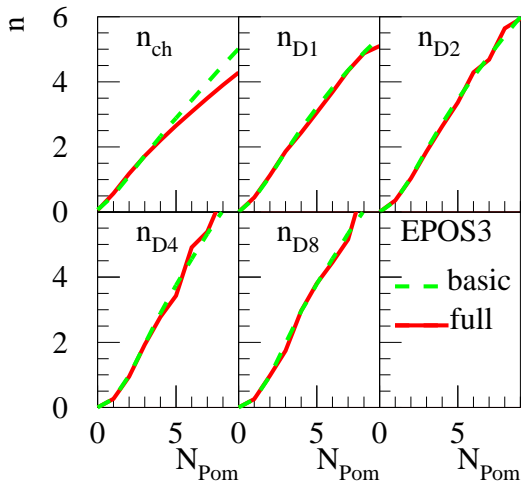
**correspondence
hardness - n_{D8} !!**

Strong non-linear increase (of $n_{D8}(n_{ch})$) since

- **Pomerons harder with increasing multiplicity (more screening, higher Q_2^s)**
- **The number of Pomerons fluctuates for given multiplicity and smaller Pomeron numbers imply harder Pomerons**
- **note : n_{D8} is nothing but a “Pomeron hardness” measure (even a very sensitive one)**

Hydo helps somewhat

(for basic EPOS the increase is somewhat less)



**No change
for n_{Di}**

**But some reduction
of n_{ch}**

**=> $n_{D8}(n_{ch})$ with
hydro is somewhat
steeper compared to
basic EPOS**

Why multiplicity reduction?

Basic EPOS:

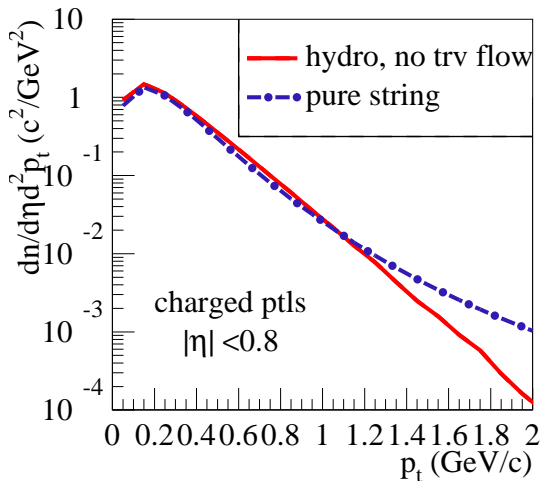
Pomerons > Strings
> String fragmentation

(independent of event activity)

Full model:

Pomerons > Strings
> Fluid, collectivity

(collective energy increases with event activity)

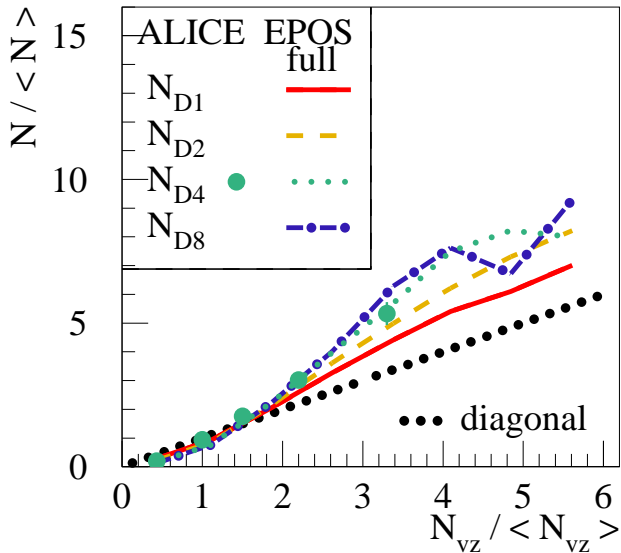


Taking charged-particle multiplicity at forward/backward rapidity

$$2.8 < \eta < 5.1 \quad \text{and} \quad -3.7 < \eta < -1.7$$

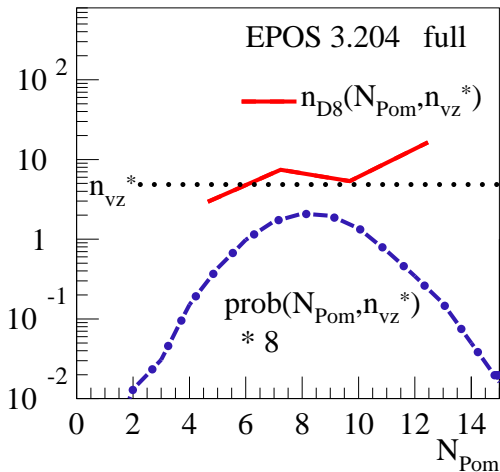
(Vzero multiplicity, N_{vz} , n_{vz})

Vzero multiplicity : Smaller increase



as in the data

n_{D8} for given n_{vz}^*



whereas

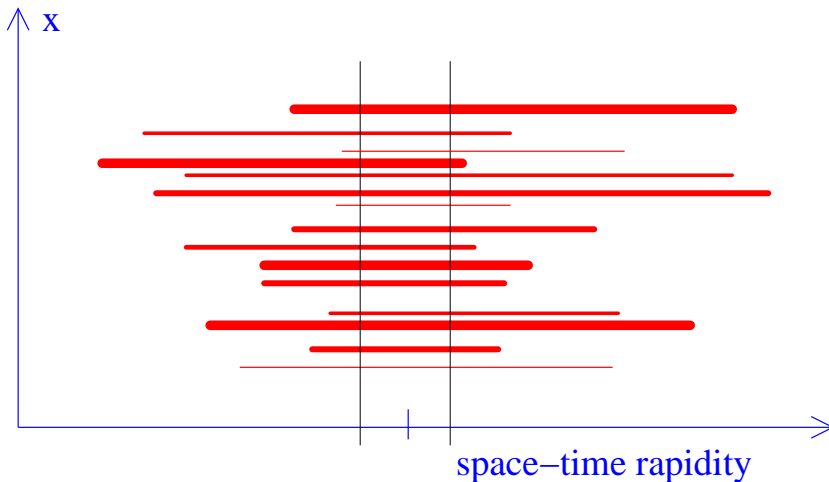
$n_{D8}(N_{Pom}, n_{ch}^*)$
increases strongly
towards small N_{Pom}

$n_{D8}(N_{Pom}, n_{vz}^*)$
decreases slightly

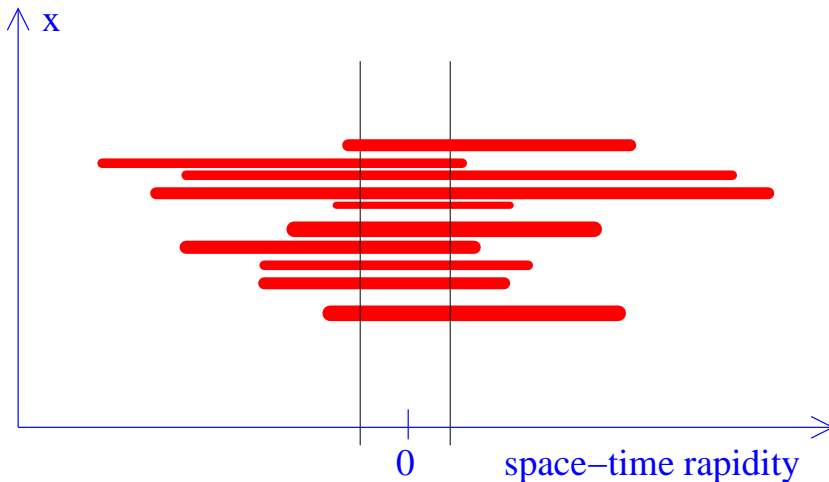
=> Pomerons
do not get harder

Why do Pomerons get harder at small N_{Pom} for fixed n_{ch} but not for fixed n_{vz} ?

In case of n_{ch} , almost all Pomerons cover the corresponding central rapidity range



In case of n_{ch} , almost all Pomerons cover the corresponding central rapidity range, **so to keep n_{ch} fixed for smaller N_{Pom} requires harder Pomerons (no other way)**

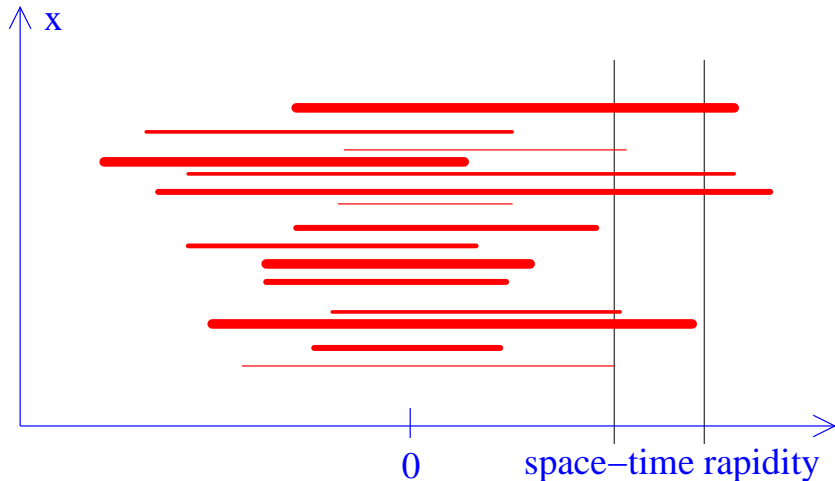


Side remark:

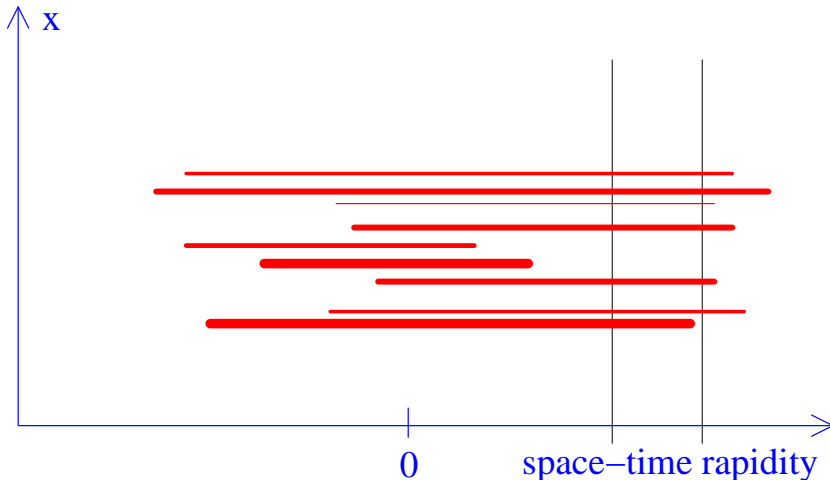
In principle a possibility to define

- particular event classes, with essentially “hard” Pomerons,**
- by triggering on high multiplicity AND large D meson yields**

In case of n_{vz} , only some Pomeron cover the corresponding forward rapidity range,



In case of n_{vz} , only some Pomerons cover the corresponding forward rapidity range, so to keep n_{vz} fixed for smaller N_{Pom} can be accommodated with more Pomerons covering that rapidity range



Summary

- **New (and final?) major improvement of the multiple scattering scheme in EPOS: Pomeron number dependence of the saturation scale**
(and the corresponding technical improvements which make it possible)
- **Provides increasing Pomeron hardness with increasing multiplicity** (ALICE multipl dependence of spectra)
- **Explains strong increase of high pt charm production vs multiplicity, and the modest increase in case of forward multiplicity.**