



# High energy hadronic interaction models bridging accelerators with cosmic ray physics

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## High energy particle interaction



#### General properties of particle production



#### hard (central)

- high particle (number) density
- low energy density
- heavy particles decay into this region
- collider detectors optimized for searches in this region (W, Z, Higgs, SUSY, etc..)

#### soft (forward)

- low particle density
- high energy density
- products of valence quark interactions
- crucial part for properties of air showers

#### Why this separation?



- diagrammatical QCD calculations (currently) work only in a perturbative approach due to running coupling constant (pQCD or hard QCD)
- precision of calculation increases with the number of orders included (LO, NLO, NNLO, etc.)
- no calculable theory for non-perturbative regime (soft QCD)
- instead, (Gribov-)Regge Theory is successfully applied
- lattice QCD and other methods (AdS-Stringtheory) are not there (yet)

#### Predictions of two-string models



<sup>(</sup>Capella et al., Physics Reports 1994)

Feynman-scaling long-range correlations leading particle effect delayed threshold for baryon pair production

Feynman scaling

**Two-string models** 

$$2E\frac{dN}{d^3p} = \frac{dN}{dy \, d^2p_{\perp}} \longrightarrow f(x_F, p_{\perp})$$

#### **Distribution independent of energy**

$$\frac{dN}{dx} \approx \tilde{f}(x) \qquad x = E/E_{\text{prim}}$$

#### Experimental evidence for scaling



CMS Collaboration, Journal of High Energy Physics 08, 086 (2011).

## Leading particle effect





Fluctuations: Generation of sea quark antiquark pair and leading/excited hadron

In case a pair of strange quarks is raised from the sea - associated production of  $p + p \rightarrow \Lambda + K^+ + X$ 



#### Feynman-x distributions at fixed target experiments



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#### Desired behavior of an interaction model

**Requirements** • describe soft and hard physics

- smooth transition between these two regimes
- extrapolation into unknown/-measured phase-space

But...

- separation between 'soft' and 'hard' not clearly defined
- pQCD minijet cross-section grows faster than In<sup>2</sup>s
- small-x behavior not well known
- other problems..



#### Lessons learned from LHC

#### Spectrum weighted moment (Z-factors)



	DPMJET	QGSJet	Ratio
$Z_{pp}$	0.117	0.154	0.75
$Z_{pK^+}$	0.0067	0.0056	1.19

$$Z_{kh} = \int_0^1 dx \ x^{\gamma - 1} \frac{dn(kA \to hY)}{dx}$$

## LHC phase-space coverage



Typical Feynman-x coverage of LHC measurements  $~x_F \ll 0.1$ 

#### How relevant are current LHC measurements for air showers?

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#### How relevant are current LHC measurements for air showers?



- Air shower models so far only tuned to about 10 % !
- Forward detectors are crucial.

#### Extrapolation of total pp cross-section

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#### Extrapolation to pA



- Extrapolation in energy after LHC min-bias data is strongly constrained
- Extrapolation from pp to p-air is the bigger problem







#### Charm in interaction models

#### Production mechanisms

**Contribution from hard scattering** 

- Largest contribution at high energies
- many NLO calculations available

Non-perturbative component

- di-quark fragments together with charm quark in valence scattering
- leading particle effect (SELEX)
- most relevant contribution for inclusive fluxes of muons and neutrinos

Charm in fragmenation

- usually strongly suppressed u:d:s:c =  $1:1:0.3:10^{-11}$
- in DPMJET-II.55 enhanced by adding higher probability raising charm from the sea close to string ends

#### Origin of non-perturbative component

Asymmetry

#### SELEX Collaboration, F. G. Garcia et al., Physics Letters B 528, 49 (2002).



#### Calibrating model to data

- Low energy: fixed target data
  - Full phase space coverage
  - Mostly non-perturbative
- High energy: collider data
  - Mostly perturbative
  - Limited coverage

$$y = \frac{1}{2} ln \left( \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \right) \le ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{s}}{m_p} \right)$$

$$y_{max}^{7TeV} \sim 9$$

$$ALICE$$

$$LHCb$$

$$Region of interest$$

$$Region ymax$$

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#### LHCb phase-space, how limiting is limited?

7TeV c.m energy well beyond the knee

$$\sqrt{s} = 7TeV \rightarrow E_{lab} = 26PeV$$

 $\gamma_{CR} \approx 3$ 

How much does LHCb phasespace contribute to integrated spectrum?

	%
LHCb	7
perturbative	37
Non-perturbative	59

 $\rightarrow$  LHC data **not** restrictive



#### LHCb D-mesons and charmed Lambda



#### x<sub>F</sub> distributions at fixed target experiments



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#### Inclusive charm production



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## Application to prompt lepton fluxes

#### Matrix cascade equation

(discretized) coupled cascade equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi_h(E_i)}{\mathrm{d}X} = - & \frac{\phi_h(E_i)}{\lambda_{int}^{(h)}(E_i)} + \sum_{E_k \ge E_i} \sum_k \frac{c_{k \to h}(E_i, E_k)}{\lambda_{int}^{(k)}(E_k)} \phi_k(E_k) & \overset{E.J.A}{\mathrm{Gaiss}} \\ & - & \frac{\phi_h(E_i)}{\lambda_{dec}^{(h)}(E_i, X)} + \sum_{E_k \ge E_i} \sum_k \frac{d_{k \to h}(E_i, E_k)}{\lambda_{dec}^{(k)}(E_k, X)} \phi_k(E_k) & \overset{R.Er}{\mathrm{Riehol}} \\ & & 2014 \end{aligned}$$

#### More details in

E.J. Ahn, R. Engel, AF, T. Gaisser, F. Riehn, T. Stanev, ICRC 2013 proceedings

R. Engel, AF, T. Gaisser, F. Riehn, T. Stanev, ISVHECRI 2014

Transformation by distribution of coefficients into matrices

Numerical integration using high performance linear algebra

matrix cascade equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\phi}{\mathrm{d}X} = \left[ (-1 + \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{R})\bar{\Lambda}_{int} + (-1 + \mathbf{D})\bar{\Lambda}_{dec}(X) \right] \vec{\phi}$$

#### Muon neutrino flux



#### Detailed contribution to atmospheric lepton flux



SIBYLL2.3\_rc1 atmospheric lepton fluxes, TIG primary flux model.

#### Uncertainty due to nuclear effects



ERS - R. Enberg, M. H. Reno, and I. Sarcevic, Phys. Rev. D 78, 43005 (2008).

TIG - M. Thunman, G. Ingelman, and P. Gondolo, Astroparticle Physics 5, 309 (1996).

$$R_{pA} = \frac{dN_{pA}/dp_T}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle \, dN_{pp}/dp_T}$$

#### Summary

- Variety of interaction models due to unsolved questions in theory and experiment
- Calibration of models is based on accelerator data rather than fitting to cosmic ray observations
- LHC data restricted extrapolation behavior of models, although the phasespace of interest for cosmic rays is not well covered
- Progress in modeling charmed particle production in air showers
- Work towards restricting uncertainties on the prompt flux is ongoing
- Uncertainties due to nuclear effects are currently an open question and any type of proton-light nucleus data would help

## Backup

#### Momentum fractions



#### Particle production spectra (ii)



#### Comparison with ATLAS minimum bias results



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## LHC forward physics



#### Comparison with other calculation methods

Comparison for QGSJET-II-03 + H3a. Offset of 10 between lines.



#### Charm in proton-air interactions

- Additional uncertainties due to extrapolation pp to p-air
- Is the interaction point like?

MRS - perturbative QCD + saturation, A. D. Martin, M. G. Ryskin, and A. M. Stasto, Acta Physica Polonica B 34, 3273 (2003).





## + + A comment on charm<sup>+</sup> in<sup>+</sup>DPMJET-II



- DPMJET-II is in reasonable agreement with central differential charm distributions at LHC
- In the more forward phase space it consistently overestimates all available measurements



DPMJET-II charm model disfavored by LHC