# Hadronic multiparticle production in SIBYLL – from LHC to air showers

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## Ultra-high energy cosmic rays



#### SIBYLL development



## Hadrons



- \* quarks & gluons
- \* strong force (QCD)
- \* valence & sea (structured)
- \* Lorentz-contraction
   → disk at high energy

## Hadron interactions



## Requirements for air showers

• Energy range : GeV .. 10<sup>6</sup> GeV



- $p, n, \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}, \Lambda, \Sigma$
- Forward particle production

$$\eta = -\log \tan(\frac{\theta}{2})$$

HEP models ?



 $\rightarrow$  Extrapolation !

## The event generator SIBYLL

\* multiple interactions
\* soft & hard interactions
\* space & momentum structure
\* diffractive interactions

#### Fully inclusive model

$$\sigma_{\rm tot} = 4 \int d^2 \vec{b} \, Im(a(s, \vec{b}))$$

Amplitude?

Eikonal approximation:

$$a(s,\vec{b}) = \frac{i}{2}(1 - e^{-\chi(s,\vec{b})}) \qquad \chi = \sum_{i} \chi_{i} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{i}(s)A_{i}(s,\vec{b})$$

 $\sigma_i$  Parton cross section

 $A_i(s, \vec{b})$  Profile function

 $\sigma_{\mathrm{inel}}, \sigma_{N_{\mathrm{h}}, N_{\mathrm{s}}} \dots$ 

## Hard & soft interactions

$$\sigma_{QCD}(s, p_T^{min}) = \int_{p_T^{min}}^{\infty} dp_T \int dx_1 \int dx_2 \sum_{i,j,k,l} f_i(x_1, Q^2) f_j(x_2, Q^2) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{i,j \to k,l}}{dp_T}(\hat{s}, \hat{t})$$

 $f_i(x_i)$  : parton distribution function

$$p_{
m T}^{
m min}$$
 :soft / hard

Hard



$$\sigma_{\rm soft} = \mathcal{A}\left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^{-\epsilon} + \mathcal{B}\left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^{\Delta}$$

: Soft parameterization

 $f_{
m soft}(x_i) \sim \left(rac{1}{x}
ight)^{lpha}$  : soft gluons

$$f_{
m lead}(x_i) \sim x^eta$$
 : valence quarks



#### Event in SIBYLL



## Hadronization in SIBYLL

\* string fragmentation



$$f(z) = \frac{(1-z)^{\alpha}}{z} e^{-bm_{\rm T}/z}$$

 $f_{\rm lead}(z) = z^{\beta}$ 

Parameters	Value
u,d : s	0.3
s:c	0.004
qq:q	0.04
Spin0 : spin1	0.3

#### LHC measurements



#### Interaction cross section



Two conflicting measurements at TeVatron!

#### Interaction cross section



Translates into shift in Xmax

### **Baryon production**



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TeVatron measurement contradicted by CMS → pre-LHC models too high → Sibyll too low







## Particle production



In central phase space p – p interaction well understood

What about the rest ???



#### Small angle measurements



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## 'Muon problem'



\* Hybrid events

\* Select longitudinal profile p & Fe

\* Compare signals in surface detector

**Both** p and Fe simulations fail to describe signal in surface detector

Missing Muons? Models incomplete? New physics ??

$$R_{\mu} = 1.5 \dots 1.6$$

How to extend the model?

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## Muon production in air showers

 $\pi^0$ 

Meson decay !

$$\pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm} \to \mu^{\pm} + \nu_{\mu}/\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$$

Competition 
$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

 $n_{\rm chd}$  :  $n_{\rm tot}$ 

## Muon production in air showers

Heitler-Matthews



 $n_{\rm chd}$  :  $n_{\rm tot} \to \alpha$ 

Ratio: 'muon producing' to all particles

$$N_{\mu} = A^{1-\alpha} \left(\frac{E_0}{E_{\rm crit}}\right)^{\alpha}$$

Experimentally (low-energy):  $\alpha \approx 0.8 \dots 0.9$ 

Increase ratio of 'muon producing' to electromagnetic

 $n_{
m chd}$  :  $n_{
m tot}$ 



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 $n_{\mathrm{chd}}$  :  $n_{\mathrm{tot}}$ 



Leading pions !



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Baryon production



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Leading pions !



+ exotic scenarios (new particles, pions stable ...)

## **Baryon production**



Baryon production underestimated

5-10% increase

## Leading pions in data



## Leading pions in the model



#### Not reproduced by model !



 $R_{
ho^0}/R_{\pi^0} = 0.3$ 

## Leading pions in the model



## Adding new processes and exchanges



 $R_{\rho^0}/R_{\pi^0} = f(x_{\rm F})$ 

#### Leading pions in air showers



$$\log N_{\mu} = \log \left( A^{1-\alpha} \right) + \alpha \log \left( \frac{E_0}{E_{\text{crit}}} \right)$$

## Energy dependence



Approach entirely phenomenological

Underlying process?

 $\rightarrow$  scaling behaviour?

Effect on muons?

## Muons in the new model



## Input from theory



## 'Inelastic screening'



Requires coherence !

## Nuclear diffraction

In Sibyll 2.1:

$$\sigma_{\rm diff}^{\rm hNuc} = \sigma_{\rm prod} \, \left( \frac{\sigma_{\rm diff}^{hp}}{\sigma_{\rm inel}^{hp}} \right)^{N_{\rm w}}$$

Sibyll 2.3: calculate diffractive cross section

$$\sigma_{\rm diff}^{\rm hNuc} = \sigma_{\rm diff}^{\rm Glauber} + f_{\rm incoherent} \,\sigma_{\rm prod} \, \left(\frac{\sigma_{\rm diff}^{hp}}{\sigma_{\rm inel}^{hp}}\right)^{N_{\rm w}}$$



## Effect of the diff. cross section



## Air shower predictions



#### Muon number



#### Relative muon number



## Comparing primaries



## What kind of muons?



Increase in low energy muons

## What kind of muons?



#### Xmax



#### **Relative changes**



Xmax **not** unambigous !

## Predictions summarized



Deeper Xmax  $\rightarrow$  heavier composition  $\rightarrow$  larger signal at ground

Increased number of muons → larger signal at ground



## Summary & Outlook

Sibyll is alive and well.

- \* First LHC results implemented.
- \* Contemporary model:
  - beam remnants, leading vector mesons, increased baryon production
- \* Destinct feature: charm production

Interaction models: "the same but different"

LHC has boosted development BUT potential not exhausted. Many forward measurements open.

## Charm model





Sibyll 2.3

Charm production cross section (mb)

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10<sup>0</sup>

10

10<sup>-2</sup>

10

E769

LEBC-EHS

LEBC-MPS

HERA-B STAR

PHENIX ALICE

- ALICE |y| < 1

 $10^{2}$ 



 $10^{3}$ 

Center-of-mass energy  $\sqrt{s}$  (GeV)

LHCb fid. D<sup>0, ±</sup>

 $10^{4}$ 

#### Leading particles - Remnants



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## Why forward physics?

 $\Delta b \Delta p_{\rm T} \sim 1$ Point-like partons  $\rightarrow Q^2$  small direkt collisions (small b) are rare  $\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{\mathrm{ela}}}{\mathrm{d}O^2} \approx e^{-B_{\mathrm{ela}}Q^2}$  $B_{ela} \sim 20 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \rightarrow \langle Q^2 \rangle \sim 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$  $p_{\rm T}$  is  $\mathcal{O}(0.5 {\rm GeV})$  with  $\ln (E_{\rm cm})$  $\theta = \tan(\frac{p_{\rm T}}{p_z}) \approx \frac{p_{\rm T}}{p_z}$  $p_z$  is  $\mathcal{O}(E_{\rm cm})$ dN/dŋ  $p+p \rightarrow charged$ 

Most energy at small angles ! the larger the energy the smaller the angle



#### Event types



No color exchange (diffractive)





## Modelling hadron interactions

$$\mathrm{d}\sigma_{pp\to\mathrm{final state}} = |\mathcal{M}|^2 \prod_{\mathrm{final state}} \frac{\mathrm{d}\vec{p_i}}{E_i}$$

Problems.. \* complex final state

\* Amplitude unknown

 $\alpha_{\rm s} \approx 1$ 





#### What are we doing?

