The event generator SIBYLL 2.1

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History of SIBYLL

First QCD-inspired model for air shower simulations



- multiple soft interactions
- two-channel model for diffraction

Plans for revised version (Ahn et al.)

Minijet model: underlying ideas (i)



$$\sigma_{QCD} = \sum_{i,j,k,l} \frac{1}{1 + \delta_{kl}} \int dx_1 \, dx_2 \, \int_{p_{\perp}^{\text{cutoff}}} dp_{\perp}^2 \, f_i(x_1, Q^2) \, f_j(x_2, Q^2) \, \frac{d\sigma_{i,j \to k,l}}{dp_{\perp}}$$

Minijet model: underlying ideas (ii)



Overlap function

Independent interactions: Poisson distribution

$$\langle n(\vec{b}) \rangle = \sigma_{\text{QCD}} A(s, \vec{b})$$

$$P_n = \frac{\langle n(\vec{b}) \rangle^n}{n!} \exp\left(-\langle n(\vec{b}) \rangle\right)$$

$$\sigma_{\text{ine}} = \int d^2 \vec{b} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n = \int d^2 \vec{b} \left(1 - \exp\{-\sigma_{\text{QCD}} A(s, \vec{b})\} \right)$$

Profile function for partons

Proton: dipole
$$A_{p}(\mathbf{v}_{p},\vec{b}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{2}} \int d^{2}q \left(1 + \frac{q^{2}}{\mathbf{v}_{p}^{2}}\right)^{-2} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{b}} = \mathbf{v}_{p} |\mathbf{v}_{p}\vec{b}|K_{1}(|\mathbf{v}_{p}\vec{b}|)$$
Meson: monopole
$$A_{m}(\mathbf{v}_{m},\vec{b}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{2}} \int d^{2}q \left(1 + \frac{q^{2}}{\mathbf{v}_{m}^{2}}\right)^{-1} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{b}}$$

$$A_{pp}^{hard}(\mathbf{v}_{p},\vec{b}) = \int d^{2}\vec{b}'A_{p}(|\vec{b}-\vec{b}'|)A_{p}(|\vec{b}'|)$$

$$A_{pp}(\mathbf{v},\vec{b}) = \frac{\mathbf{v}^{2}}{96\pi}(\mathbf{v}|\vec{b}|)^{3}K_{3}(\mathbf{v}|\vec{b}|)$$

$$A_{\pi p}(\mathbf{v},\mu_{\pi},\vec{b}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{v}^{2}\mu_{\pi}^{2}}{\mu_{\pi}^{2}-\mathbf{v}^{2}} \left((\mathbf{v}|\vec{b}|)K_{1}(\mathbf{v}|\vec{b}|) - \frac{2\mathbf{v}^{2}}{\mu_{\pi}^{2}-\mathbf{v}^{2}} \left[K_{0}(\mathbf{v}|\vec{b}|) - K_{0}(\mu_{\pi}|\vec{b}|)\right]\right)$$

(Durand & Pi, PRD 1991)

Color flow and strings: valence quarks



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Hard processes: two-gluon scattering

Only gluons considered, quarks included by effective parton density



Kinematics etc. given by parton densities and perturbative QCD Two strings stretched between quark pairs from gluon fragmentation

Multiple soft and hard interactions



SIBYLL 1.7: shortcomings in describing data



Extensions of model in SIBYLL 2.1

(Ahn et al., PRD80 (2009) 094003)

$$\sigma_{\rm ine} = \int d^2 \vec{b} \left(1 - \exp\left\{ -\sigma_{\rm soft} A_{\rm soft}(s, \vec{b}) - \sigma_{\rm QCD} A_{\rm hard}(\vec{b}) \right\} \right)$$



High parton densities



No dependence on impact parameter !

SIBYLL: simple geometric criterion

$$\pi R_0^2 \simeq \frac{\alpha_s(Q_s^2)}{Q_s^2} \cdot xg(x, Q_s^2)$$

$$xg(x,Q^2) \sim \exp\left[\frac{48}{11 - \frac{2}{3}n_f} \ln \frac{\ln \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}}{\ln \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}} \ln \frac{1}{x}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$p_{\perp}(s) = p_{\perp}^0 + 0.065 \text{GeV} \exp\left\{0.9\sqrt{\ln s}\right\}$$

Profile function of soft partons



 $R^2(s) = R_0^2 + \alpha' \ln s$

Two-channel model for diffraction dissociation

(Kaidalov Phys Rep. 50 (1979) 157)

$$\langle YZ | \mathcal{M}^{\text{int}} | YZ \rangle = \mathcal{M}^{\text{Born}}$$

$$\langle YZ | \mathcal{M}^{\text{int}} | Y^*Z \rangle = \beta_Y \mathcal{M}^{\text{Born}}$$

$$\langle YZ | \mathcal{M}^{\text{int}} | YZ^* \rangle = \beta_Z \mathcal{M}^{\text{Born}}$$

$$\langle YZ | \mathcal{M}^{\text{int}} | Y^*Z^* \rangle = \beta_Y \beta_Z \mathcal{M}^{\text{Born}}$$

$$\langle Y^*Z | \mathcal{M}^{\text{int}} | Y^*Z \rangle = (1 - 2\alpha_Y) \mathcal{M}^{\text{Born}}$$

$$\langle YZ^* | \mathcal{M}^{\text{int}} | YZ^* \rangle = (1 - 2\alpha_Z) \mathcal{M}^{\text{Born}}$$

$$Y^*Z^* | \mathcal{M}^{\text{int}} | Y^*Z^* \rangle = (1 - 2\alpha_Y)(1 - 2\alpha_Z) \mathcal{M}^{\text{Born}}.$$

$$\hat{\chi}(s, \mathbf{b}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \beta_Y & \beta_Z & \beta_Y \beta_Z \\ \beta_Y & 1 - 2\alpha_Y & \beta_Y \beta_Z & \beta_Z (1 - 2\alpha_Y) \\ \beta_Z & \beta_Y \beta_Z & 1 - 2\alpha_Z & \beta_Y (1 - 2\alpha_Z) \\ \beta_Y \beta_Z & \beta_Z (1 - 2\alpha_Y) & \beta_Y (1 - 2\alpha_Z) & (1 - 2\alpha_Y)(1 - 2\alpha_Z) \end{pmatrix} \chi(s, \mathbf{b})$$

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Multiple interactions within two-channel model

Diffraction changes probabilities for multiple interactions (hard and soft)

$$\sigma_{N_s,N_h} = \int d^2b \sum_{k=1}^4 \Lambda_k \frac{[2\lambda_k \chi_{\text{soft}}(s, \mathbf{b})]^{N_s}}{N_s!} \frac{[2\lambda_k \chi_{\text{hard}}(s, \mathbf{b})]^{N_h}}{N_h!} \exp\{-2\lambda_k (\chi_{\text{soft}}(s, \mathbf{b}) + \chi_{\text{hard}}(s, \mathbf{b}))\}$$

Treatment equivalent to assumption of fluctuations in initial state of protons

(Blaettel et al. PRD 1993; Guzey et al. PLB 2006; Lipari & Lusignoli PRD 2009)

$$\gamma_{j} = \sqrt{\alpha_{j}^{2} + \beta_{j}^{2}} \qquad \qquad \lambda_{1} = (1 - \alpha_{Y} - \gamma_{Y})(1 - \alpha_{Z} - \gamma_{Z}) \\ \Lambda_{1} = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_{Y}}{\gamma_{Y}}\right)\left(1 - \frac{\alpha_{Z}}{\gamma_{Z}}\right) \qquad \Lambda_{2} = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_{Y}}{\gamma_{Y}}\right)\left(1 + \frac{\alpha_{Z}}{\gamma_{Z}}\right) \qquad \lambda_{2} = (1 - \alpha_{Y} - \gamma_{Y})(1 - \alpha_{Z} + \gamma_{Z}) \\ \Lambda_{3} = \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_{Y}}{\gamma_{Y}}\right)\left(1 - \frac{\alpha_{Z}}{\gamma_{Z}}\right) \qquad \Lambda_{4} = \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_{Y}}{\gamma_{Y}}\right)\left(1 + \frac{\alpha_{Z}}{\gamma_{Z}}\right) \qquad \lambda_{4} = (1 - \alpha_{Y} + \gamma_{Y})(1 - \alpha_{Z} - \gamma_{Z}) \\ \lambda_{4} = (1 - \alpha_{Y} + \gamma_{Y})(1 - \alpha_{Z} + \gamma_{Z}).$$

SIBYLL cross section fits



Comparison to fixed target data



Comparison to collider data (i)



Diffraction: part of cross section assigned to diffraction, increased number ofmultiple interactions in non-diffractive part of cross section

Comparison to collider data (ii)

Charged multiplicity UA5, 900 GeV c.m.s.



Wider distribution mainly related to inclusion of diffraction in eikonal formalism

Could also be achieved with different impact parameter profile, but then elastic scattering not correctly described

Impact of impact parameter profile



Scaling: model predictions (i)



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Scaling: model predictions (ii)



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Interaction of hadrons with nuclei



Standard Glauber approximation:

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}} = \int d^2 \vec{b} \left[1 - \prod_{k=1}^A \left(1 - \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{NN} T_N(\vec{b} - \vec{s}_k) \right) \right] \approx \int d^2 \vec{b} \left[1 - \exp\left\{ -\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{NN} T_A(\vec{b}) \right\} \right]$$

$$\sigma_{\rm prod} \approx \int d^2 \vec{b} \left[1 - \exp\left\{ -\sigma_{\rm ine}^{NN} T_A(\vec{b}) \right\} \right]$$

Coherent superposition of elementary nucleonnucleon interactions

Example: proton-carbon cross section



Number of participating target nucleons (I.8 at I00 GeV)

String configuration for nucleus as target



Outlook

New version with small updates:

- bug fixes and technical improvements
- increased baryonantibaryon production
- charmed mesons and baryons



(Ahn et al. ISVHECRI 2010)