

Geometry and Transformations

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Units

- when to use unit conversions and when not?
- laws of **Physics** are invariant upon unit transformations

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}, \quad E^2 = (pc)^2 + (mc^2)^2$$

- inside of NGC we want to use equations → unit invariance
- assume all internal variables are given in a predefined, self-consistent, but unknown unit system!
- `GetEnergy()`, `GetDistance()`, `GetMomentum()`, `kSpeedOfLight` etc.

Bare Numbers Law

- use explicit units for bare numbers:
`auto energy = 1e19_eV;`
`auto double radius = 1.4_km;`
- reading external data (from custom files containing bare numbers, see above)
- use it to output raw numbers
`cout << energy << endl; ???`
`cout << energy/1_EeV << " EeV" << endl;`
`cout << r/1_cm << " cm" << endl;`

Coordinates

- when to use coordinate transformations and when not?
- laws of **Physics** are invariant upon coordinate transformations

$$\frac{d}{dt}(m\gamma\vec{v}) = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$E^2 = c^2(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{p}) + m^2c^4$$

- since written in terms of invariants under Affine/Euclidian, Galilean, or even Lorentz transformations
- no coordinate components!

Coordinates

- Affine transformations conserve also higher level properties

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} \quad \sin \alpha = \frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$$

Message from Offline

- use Cartesian coordinate systems (CS)
- do not use coordinate components and specific CS representations unless absolutely necessary (similar to units: input, output)
- think in geometrical terms of **location** and **direction**: **Point**, **Vector**
- express your equations using above **abstract** terms
- coordinate components are already a **specific realization** of an abstract concept of **Point** and **Vector**
- this way you can avoid explicit usage of predefined or custom CS
- some more geometrical constructs: **Line**, **Plane**, **Sphere**, **Cylinder**
- how to define them? **Line**: two points? point and direction? → C++ ctor!
- use correct concepts: shower core is a **Line**, impact point is an intersection between the **Line** and the ground **Plane**

Objects

operations in Affine space:

Point - Point = Vector

$$\dot{a} - \dot{b} = \vec{x}$$

Point \pm Vector = Point

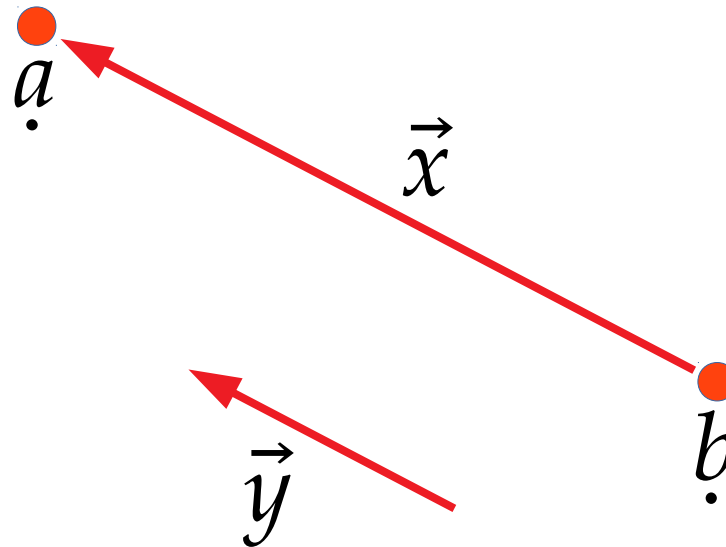
$$\dot{b} + \vec{x} = \dot{a}$$

scalar * Vector = Vector

$$s \vec{x} = \vec{y}$$

- coordinate systems CS, registry of created CS, counted references

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class CoordinateSystemPtr;
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Coordinates

Bare Coordinate Law

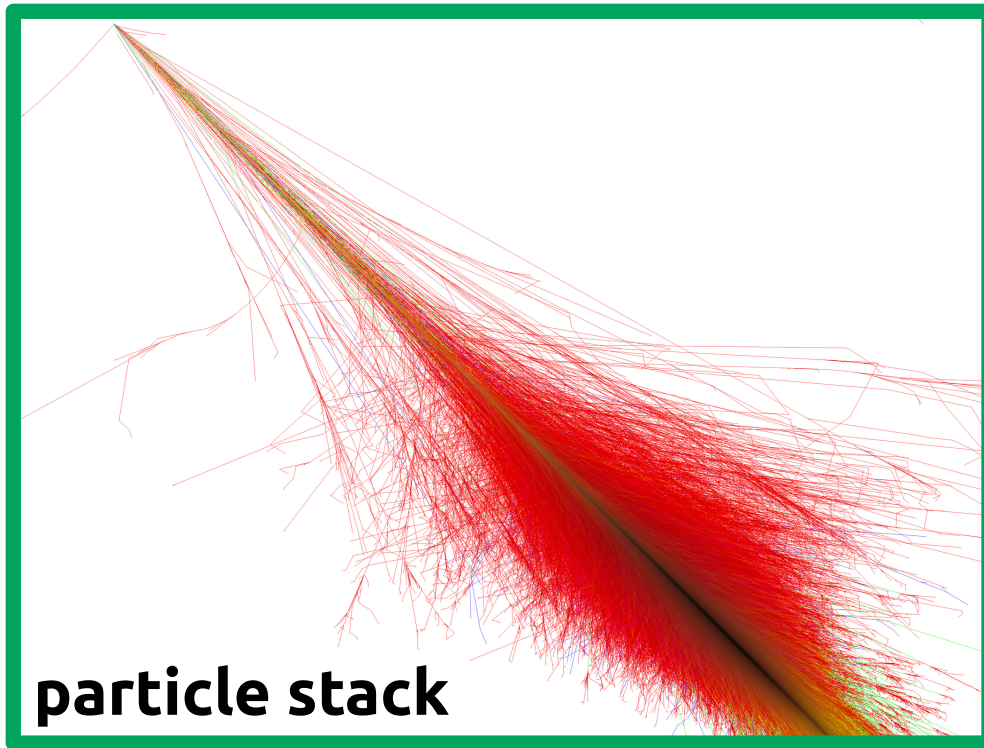
- **use explicit CS reference for accessing/setting bare coordinates:**
`Vector zenithNormal(0, 0, 1, groundCS);`
`Point core(-10, 13, 1440, flatEarthCS);`
`Vector axis(0, 0, -1, showerCS);`
- **reading external data: setup their CS relative to your reference, read bare coordinates**
- **use it to get specific components**
`auto velocityEast = velocity.GetX(groundCS);`
`auto bMagLong = magneticField.GetZ(showerCS);`

Representation

$$\text{particle} = \{i, p^\mu, x^\mu\}$$

Transformations

environment rest-frame



particle stack

hadronic interactions

p^μ

CMS frame

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model₁

rest frame

R

model₂

x^μ

environment

rest frame

R

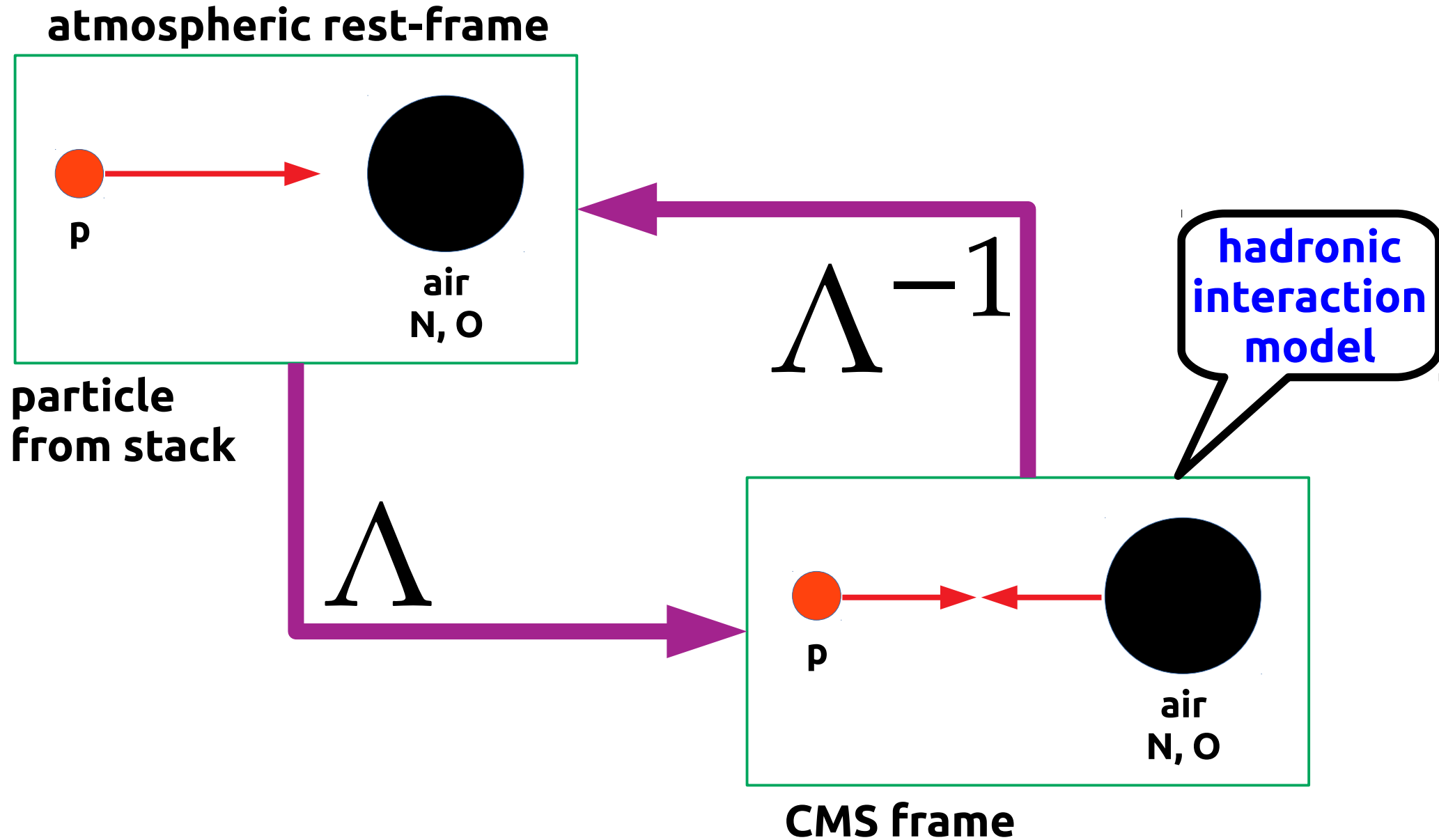
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CMS frame

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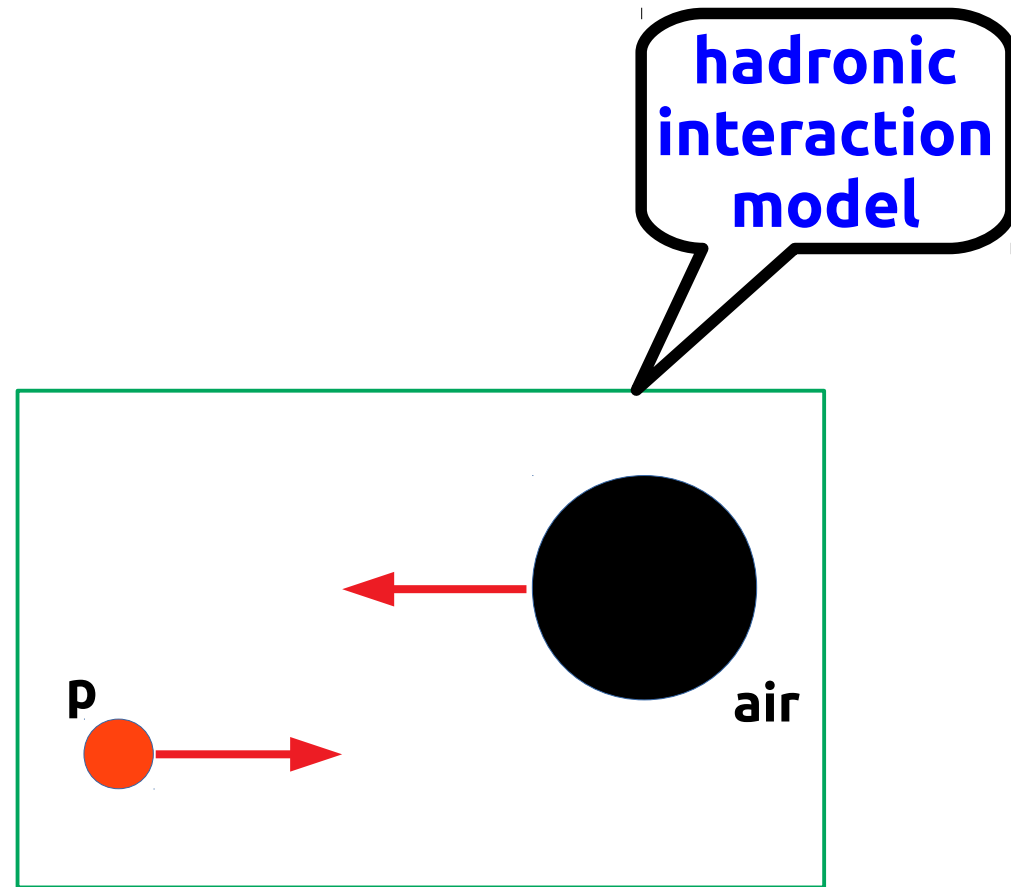
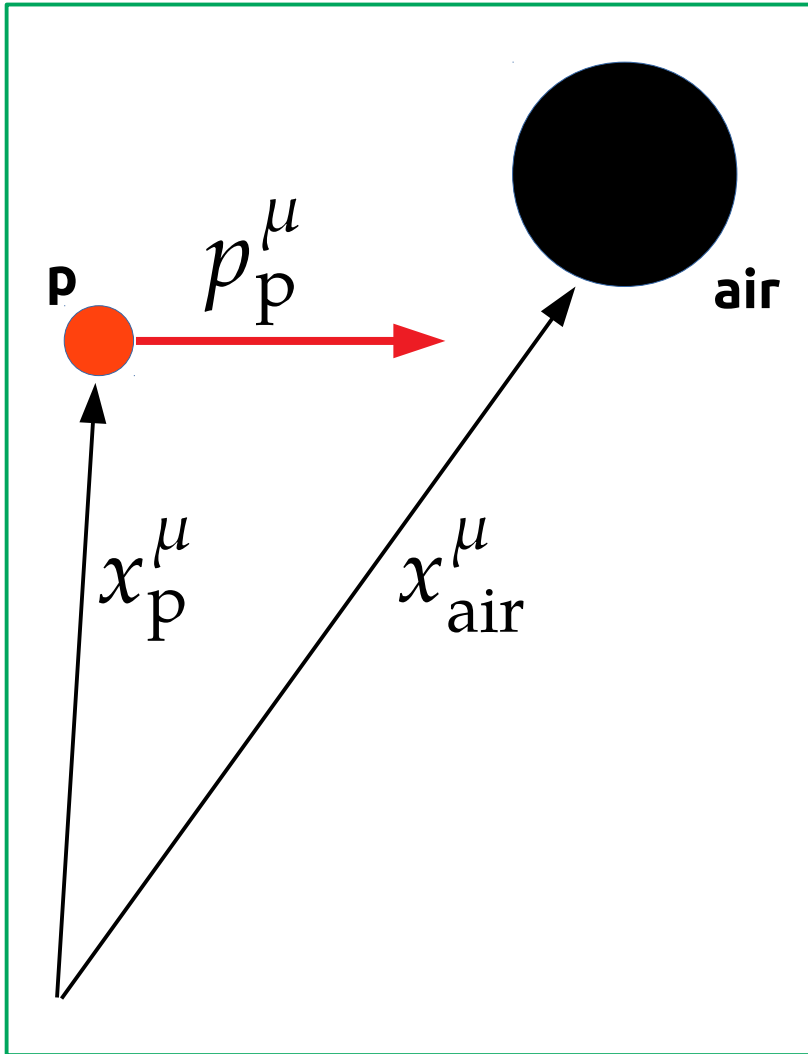
shock wave

Collision



Space-time

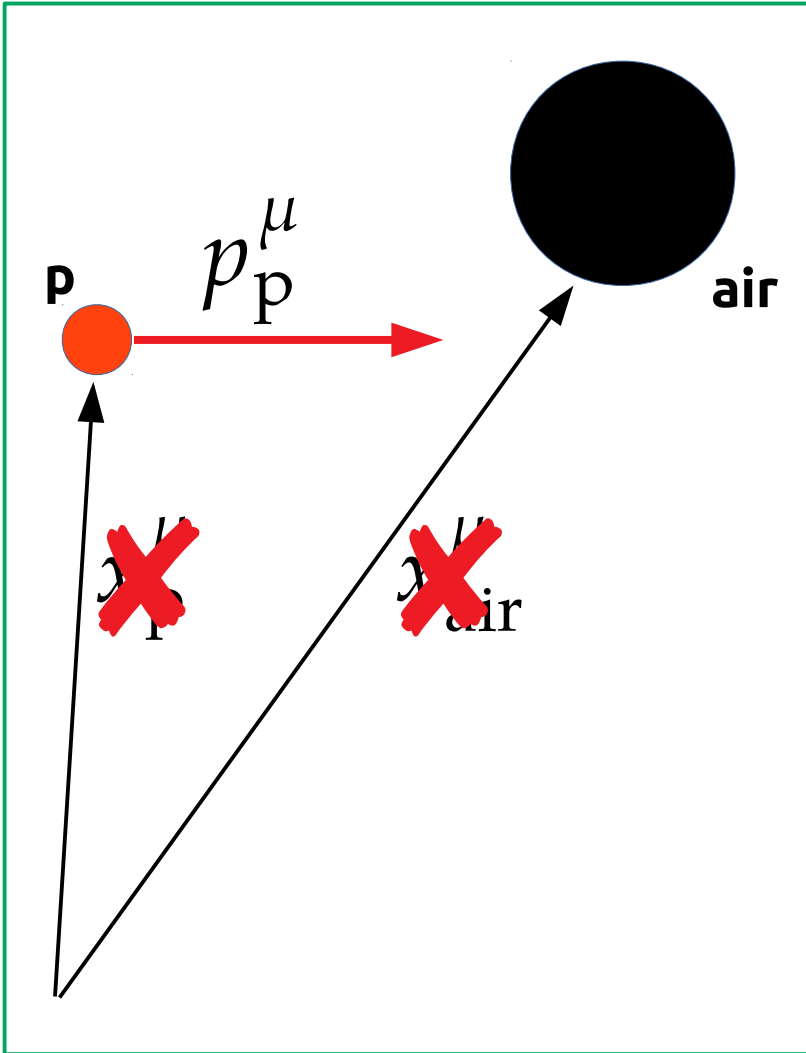
atmospheric rest-frame



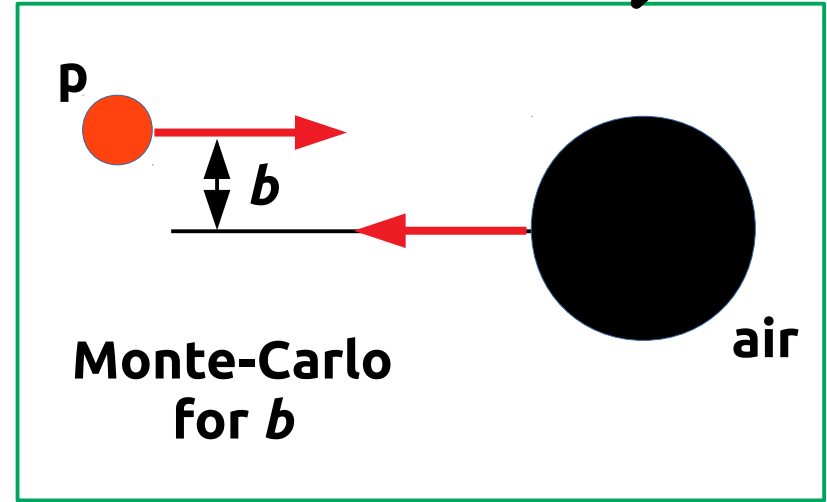
CMS frame

Space-time Irrelevant

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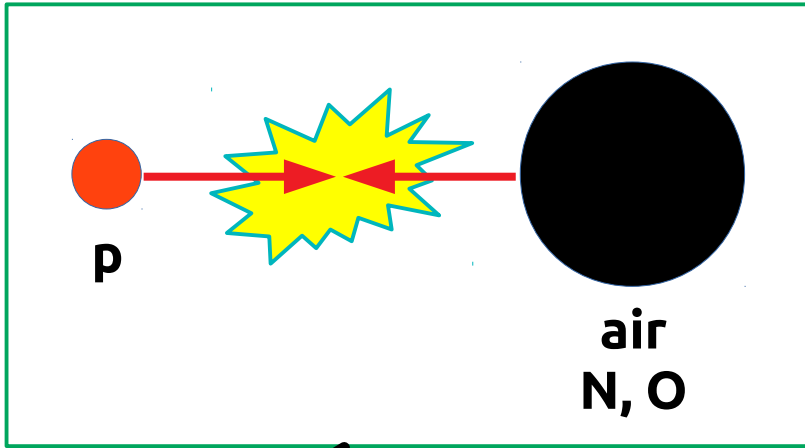
hadronic interaction model



CMS frame

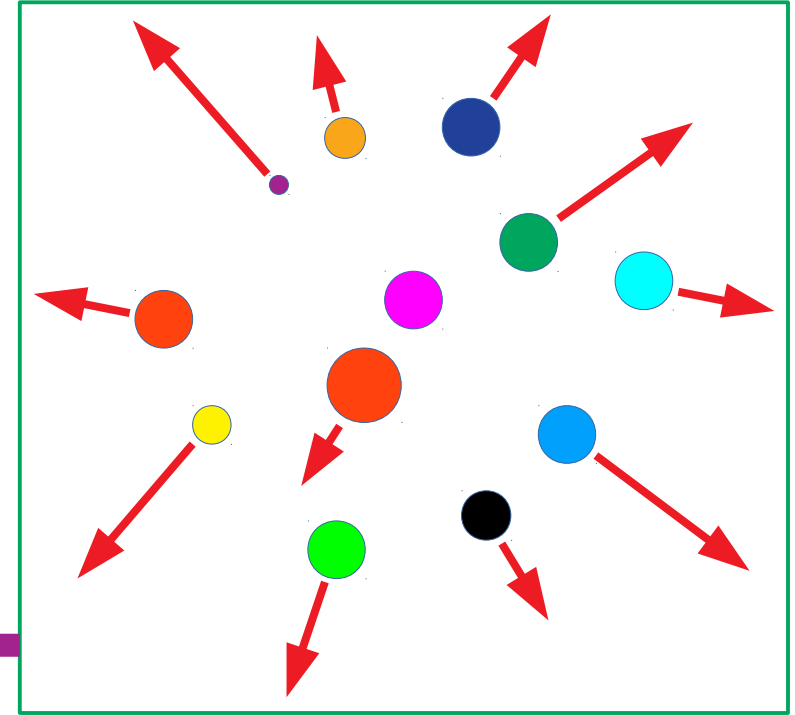
Secondaries

CMS frame



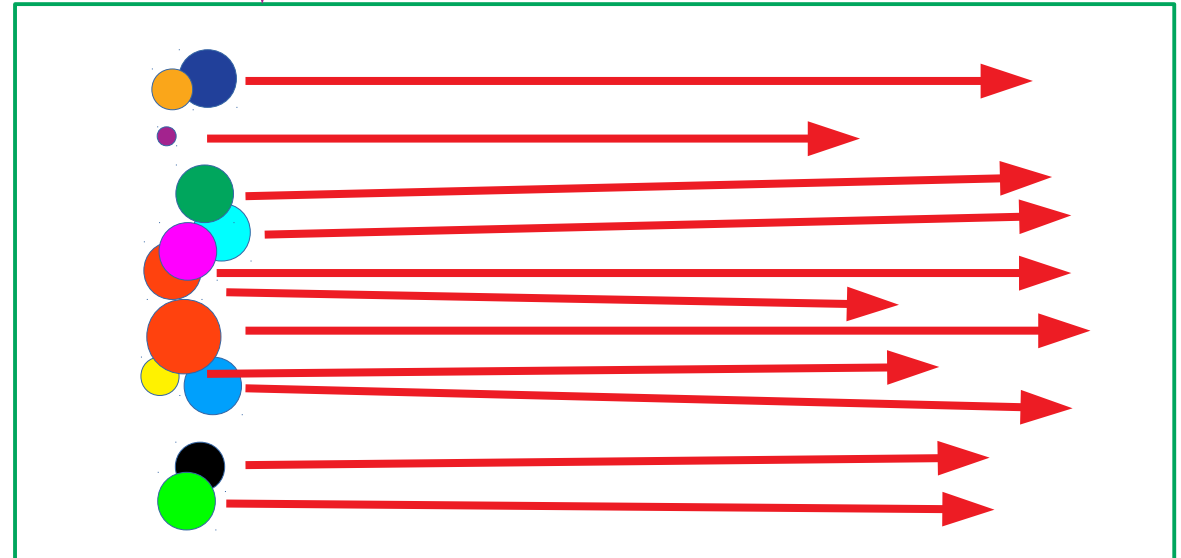
interact →

CMS frame



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atmospheric rest-frame



back to stack

hadronic interaction model

Where?

$$\{i, p^\mu, x^\mu\}_{CS}$$

Where?

$$\{i, (p^\mu)_{CS}, (x^\mu)_{CS}\}$$

Where?

$$\Gamma_{CS}^{CS'}(\{i, p^\mu, x^\mu\})$$

Thank you!