

Parton Showers - Part III



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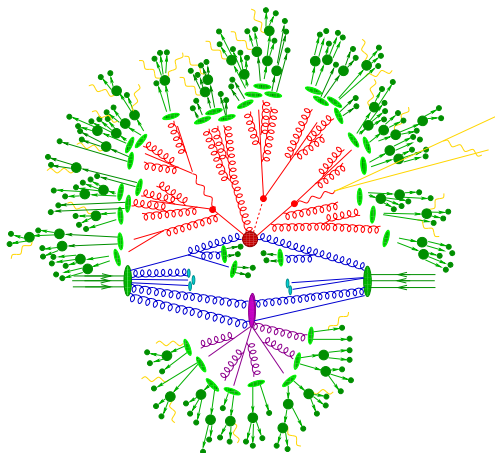
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Outline of Lecture III

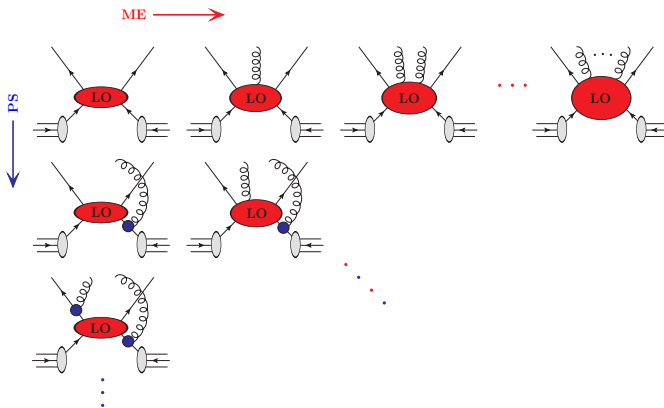
- ▶ Merging ME and PS at NLO
- ▶ Secondary hard interactions
- ▶ Hadronization & Decays

The structure of MC events

- ▶ Hard interaction
- ▶ QCD evolution
- ▶ Secondary hard interactions
- ▶ Hadronization
- ▶ Hadron decays
- ▶ Higher-order QED corrections



Recap: Merging matrix elements & parton showers



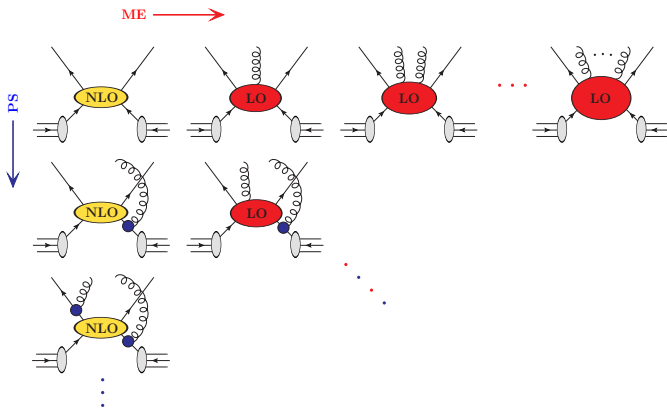
Recap: MEPS merging in MC@NLO notation

- ▶ Observable O to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle O \rangle = & \int d\Phi_B B(\Phi_B) \left[\Delta^{(K)}(t_c, \mu_Q^2) O(\Phi_B) \right. \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Jet veto in PS
- ▶ Jet cut on $n + 1$ -parton final state

Merging combined with matching (MENLOPS)



MENLOPS for POWHEG

[Hamilton,Nason] arXiv:1004.1764

[SH,Krauss,Schönherr,Siegert] arXiv:1009.1127

- Increase accuracy below Q_{cut} to full NLO

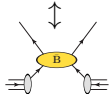
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- Local K -factor for smooth merging

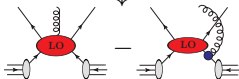
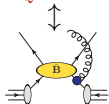
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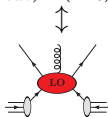
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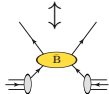


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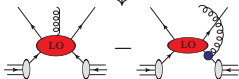
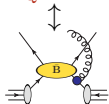
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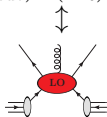
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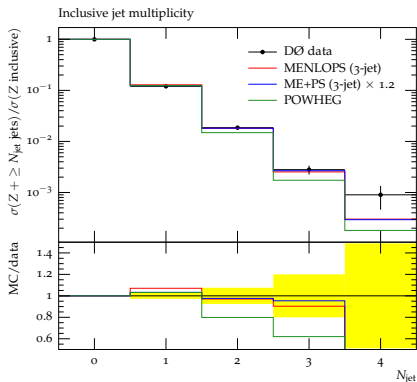


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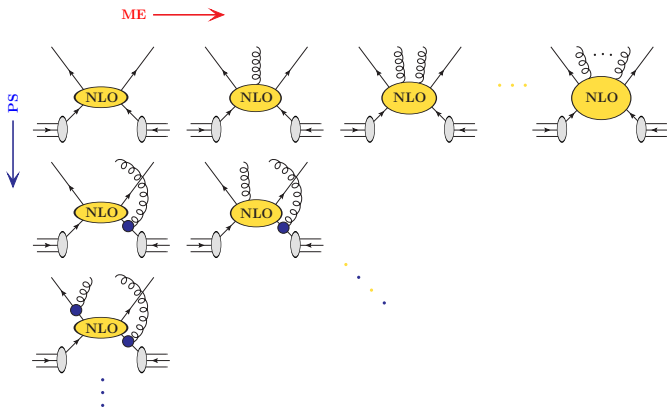
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Z+jets at Tevatron



- ▶ Jet rates in MENLOPS improved over NLOPS
- ▶ Total cross section in MENLOPS improved over MEPS

Merging multiple matched calculations (MEPS@NLO)



Constructing MEPS@NLO

[Lavesson,Lönnblad,Prestel] arXiv:0811.2912 arXiv:1211.7278

[Gehrmann,Krauss,Schönherr,Siegert,SH] arXiv:1207.5031 arXiv:1207.5030

[Frederix,Frixione] arXiv:1209.6215

- ▶ MEPS for 0+1-jet in MC@NLO notation

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- ▶ Reorder by parton multiplicity k , change notation $R_k \rightarrow B_{k+1}$
- ▶ Analyze exclusive contribution from k hard partons only ($t_0 = \mu_Q^2$)

$$\langle O \rangle_k^{\text{excl}} = \int d\Phi_k B_k \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \Delta_i^{(K)}(t_{i+1}, t_i; > Q_{\text{cut}}) \Theta(Q_k - Q_{\text{cut}}) \\ \times \left[\Delta_k^{(K)}(t_c, t_k) O_k + \int_{t_c}^{t_k} d\Phi_1 K_k \Delta_k^{(K)}(t_{k+1}, t_k) \Theta(Q_{\text{cut}} - Q_{k+1}) O_{k+1} \right]$$

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- Add hard remainder function

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 &\times \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(1 + \int_{t_{i+1}}^{t_i} d\Phi_1 K_i \Theta(Q_i - Q_{\text{cut}}) \right) F_i(t_{i+1}, t_i; \mu_F^2) \\
 &\times \left[\Delta_k^{(D)}(t_c, t_k) O_k + \int_{t_c}^{t_k} d\Phi_1 \frac{D_k}{B_k} \Delta_k^{(D)}(t_{k+1}, t_k) \Theta(Q_{\text{cut}} - Q_{k+1}) O_{k+1} \right] \\
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- Add hard remainder function
- Subtract $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ terms from truncated vetoed PS

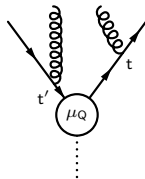
MEPS@NLO from a different perspective

- ▶ Define compound evolution kernel

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{D}_k(\Phi_{k+1}) &= D_k(\Phi_{k+1}) \Theta(t_k - t_{k+1}) \\ &+ B_k(\Phi_k) \sum_{i=n}^{k-1} K_i(\Phi_i) \Theta(t_i - t_{k+1}) \Theta(t_{k+1} - t_{i+1})\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Extend MC@NLO modified subtraction

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{B}_k^{(D)}(\Phi_k) &= [B_k(\Phi_k) + \tilde{V}_k(\Phi_k) + I_k(\Phi_k)] \\ &+ \int d\Phi_1 [\tilde{D}_k(\Phi_{k+1}) - S_k(\Phi_{k+1})] \\ \tilde{H}_k^{(D)}(\Phi_{k+1}) &= R_k(\Phi_{k+1}) - \tilde{D}_k(\Phi_{k+1})\end{aligned}$$



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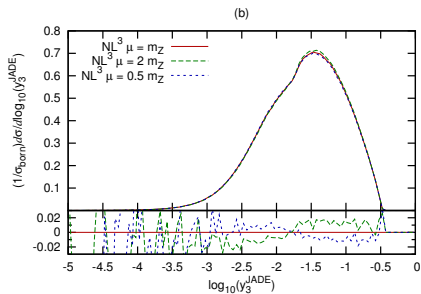
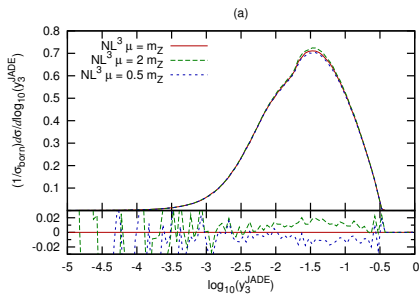
- Differential event rate for exclusive $n + k$ -jet events

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle O \rangle_k^{\text{excl}} &= \int d\Phi_k \tilde{B}_k^{(D)} \Theta(Q_k - Q_{\text{cut}}) \\
 &\times \left[\tilde{\Delta}_k^{(D)}(t_c, \mu_Q^2) O_k + \int_{t_c}^{\mu_Q^2} d\Phi_1 \frac{\tilde{D}_k^{(D)}}{B_k} \tilde{\Delta}_k^{(D)}(t, \mu_Q^2) \Theta(Q_{\text{cut}} - Q_{k+1}) O_{k+1} \right] \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

- Structurally equivalent to MENLOPS!
- Truncated PS contributes at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ at LEP

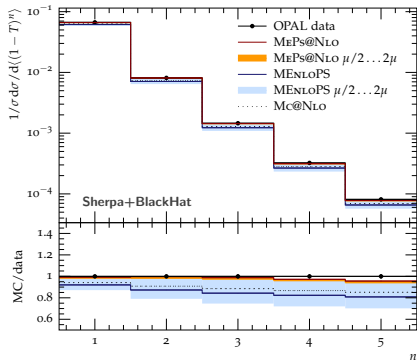
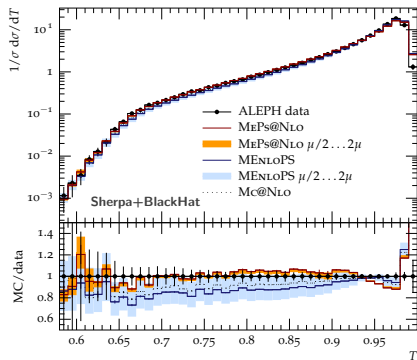
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- ▶ Scale variations around 2%
- ▶ Agreement between 1- and 2-loop but no further reduction of uncertainty

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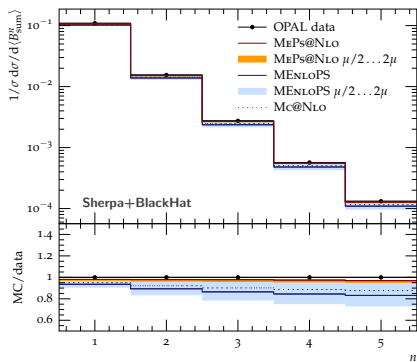
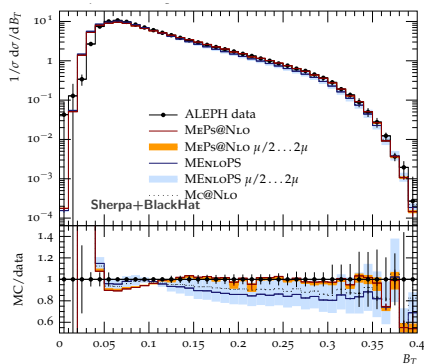
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- ▶ Thrust & its moments
- ▶ MEPS@NLO with 2,3&4 jet PL at NLO plus 5&6 jet PL at LO vs MENLOPS with up to 6 jets at LO

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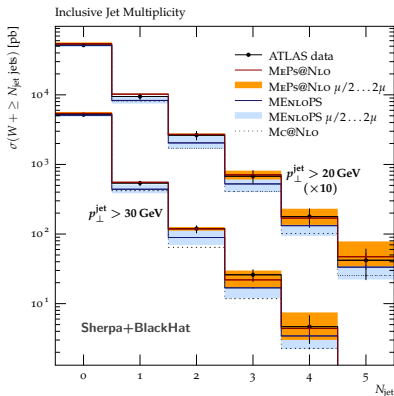
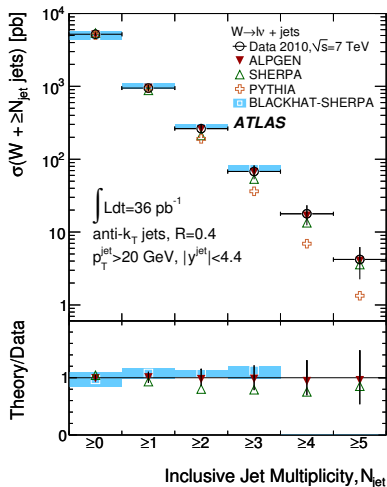


- ▶ Total jet broadening & its moments
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W +jets production at the LHC

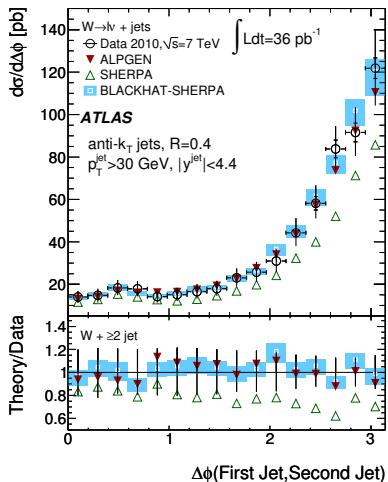
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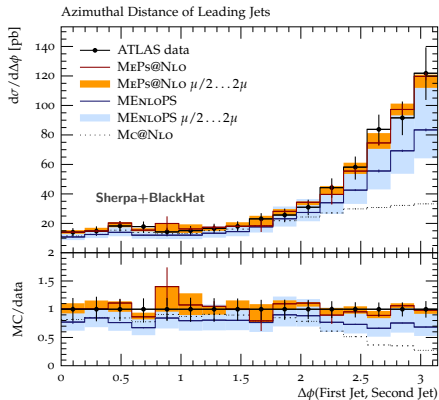


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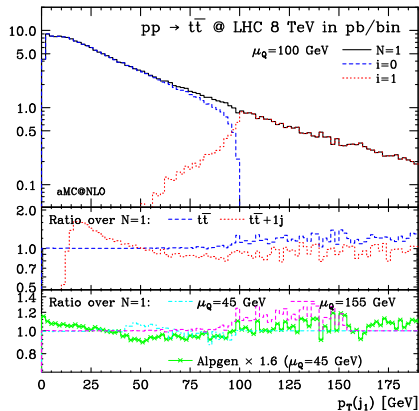
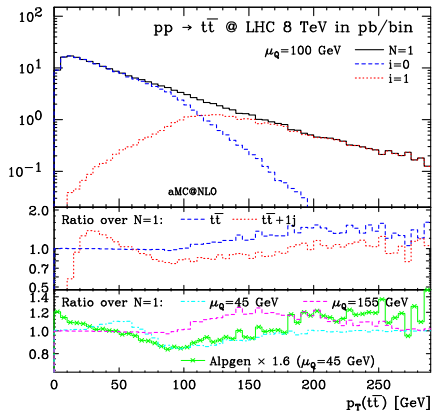
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Top pair production at the LHC

[Frederix,Frixione] JHEP12(2012)061



Unitarized ME+PS merging

- Unitarity condition of PS:

$$1 = \Delta^{(K)}(t_c) + \int_{t_c} d\Phi_1 K(\Phi_1) \Delta^{(K)}(t)$$

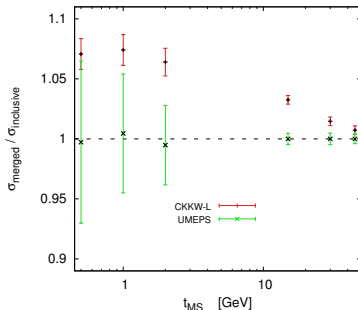
- CKKW-like merging violates PS unitarity as **ME ratio** replaces **splitting kernels** in emission terms, but not in Sudakovs

$$K(\Phi_1) \rightarrow \frac{R(\Phi_1, \Phi_B)}{B(\Phi_B)}$$

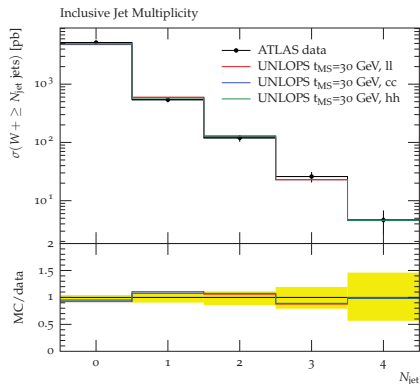
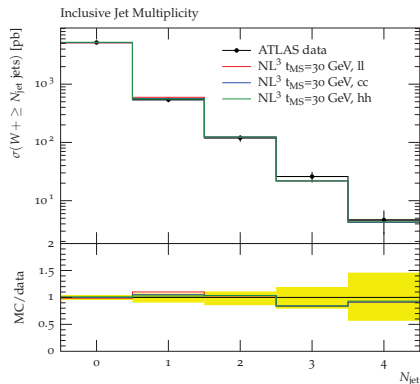
- Mismatch removed by **explicit subtraction**

$$1 = \underbrace{\left\{ \Delta^{(K)}(t_c) + \int_{t_c} d\Phi_1 \left[K(\Phi_1) - \frac{R(\Phi_1, \Phi_B)}{B(\Phi_B)} \right] \Theta(Q - Q_{\text{cut}}) \Delta^{(K)}(t) \right\}}_{\text{unresolved emission / virtual correction}} + \underbrace{\int_{t_c} d\Phi_1 \left[K(\Phi_1) \Theta(Q_{\text{cut}} - Q) + \frac{R(\Phi_1, \Phi_B)}{B(\Phi_B)} \Theta(Q - Q_{\text{cut}}) \right] \Delta^{(K)}(t)}_{\text{resolved emission}}$$

[Lönnblad, Prestel] JHEP02(2013)094



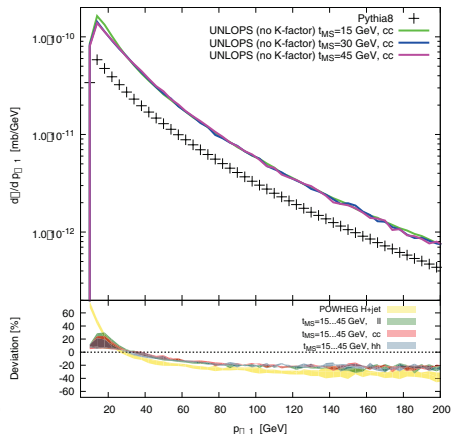
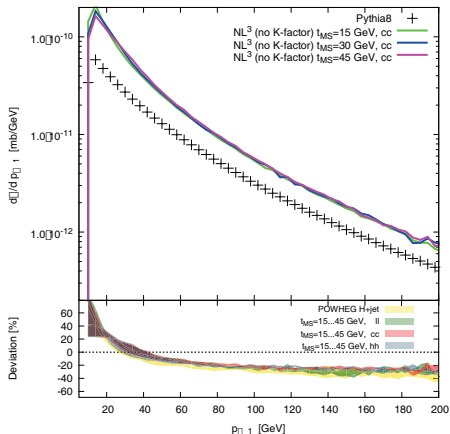
Z+jets production at the LHC



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Higgs+jets production at the LHC

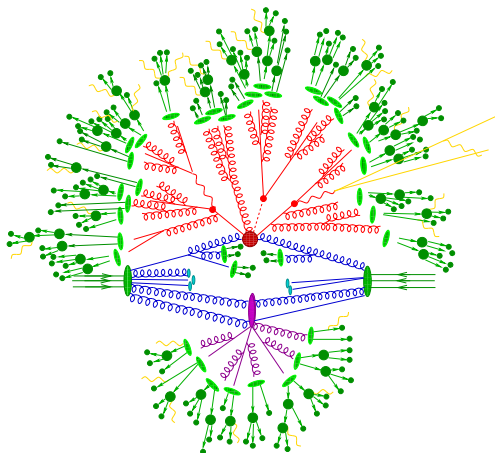
[Lönnblad, Prestel] JHEP03(2013)166



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The structure of MC events

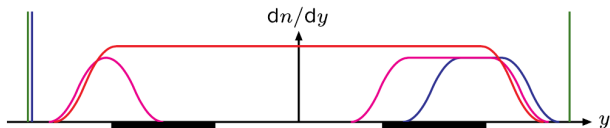
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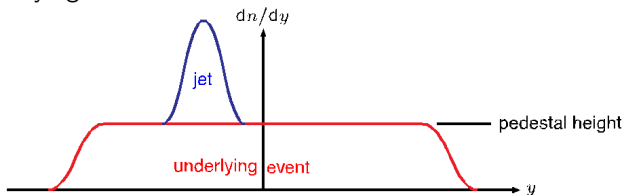
What is what

► Soft inclusive collision

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sigma_{\text{elastic}} + \sigma_{\text{single diffractive}} + \sigma_{\text{double diffractive}} + \sigma_{\text{non-diffractive}}$$

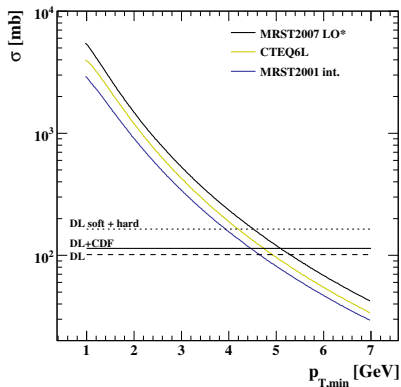


► Underlying event



Modeling the pedestal

[Sjöstrand,Zijl] PRD36(1987)2019

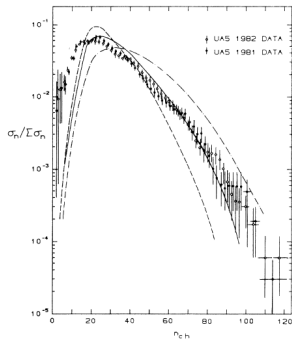


- ▶ Partonic cross sections diverge roughly like dp_T^2/p_T^4
- ▶ Total cross section at LHC exceeded for $p_T \approx 2\text{-}5$ GeV
- ▶ Interpretation as possibility for multiple hard scatters with

$$\langle n \rangle = \frac{\sigma_{\text{hard}}}{\sigma_{\text{non-diffractive}}}$$

- ▶ Main free parameter is $p_{T,\min}$
Determines size of σ_{hard}

Modeling the pedestal



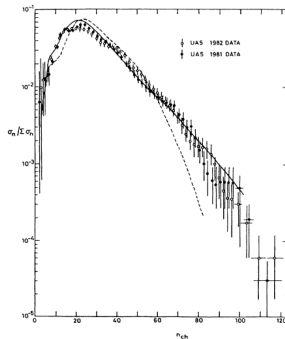
- ▶ Despite MPI wrong charged multi distribution Impact parameter dependent model needed
- ▶ Various hadron shape models in b-space (Exponential, Gaussian, double Gaussian)

$$\langle n \rangle = \frac{\sigma_{\text{hard}}}{\sigma_{\text{non-diffractive}}}$$



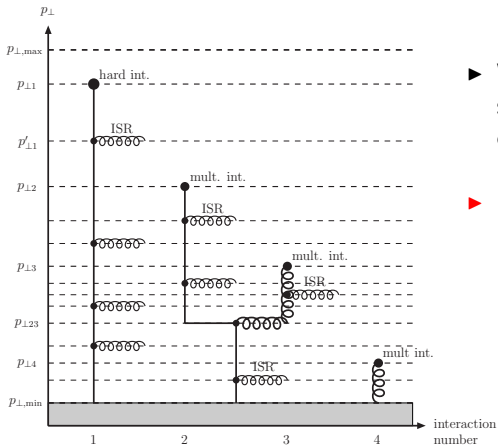
$$\langle \tilde{n}(b) \rangle = f_c f(b) \frac{\sigma_{\text{hard}}}{\sigma_{\text{non-diffractive}}}$$

- ▶ Hardness of the collision determines overlap Collisions with large overlap in turn have more secondary interactions



Combination with the parton shower

[Sjöstrand,Skands] hep-ph/0408302



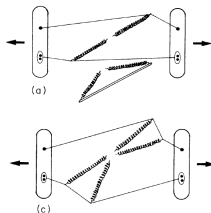
- ▶ When attaching IS shower to secondary scattering can ask at each point whether emission or new interaction is more likely

- ▶ **New evolution equation**

$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}}{dp_T} = \left(\frac{d\mathcal{P}_{MI}}{dp_T} + \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{ISR}}{dp_T} \right) \times \exp \left\{ - \int_{p_T}^{p'_T} dp'_T \left(\frac{d\mathcal{P}_{MI}}{dp'_T} + \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{ISR}}{dp'_T} \right) \right\}$$

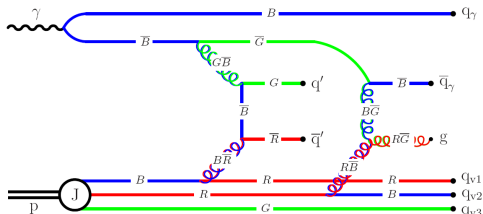
Color connections and beam remnants

[Sjöstrand,Skands] hep-ph/0402078



- ▶ New models embed scatters into existing color topology
- ▶ Three different options for string drawing
 - ▶ At random
 - ▶ Rapidity ordered
 - ▶ String length optimized

- ▶ Secondary scatterings need to be color-connected to something
- ▶ Simplest model would decouple them from proton remnants
- ▶ Next-to-simplest model would put all scatters on one color string



A model for minimum bias collisions

[Butterworth,Forshaw,Seymour] hep-ph/9601371

[Borozan,Seymour] hep-ph/0207283

- ▶ Assume parton distribution within beam hadron is

$$\frac{dn_a(x, \mathbf{b})}{d^2\mathbf{b}dx} = f_a(x) G(\mathbf{b})$$

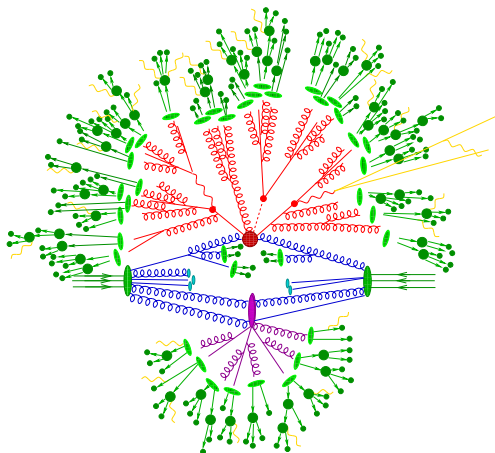
- ▶ Use electromagnetic form factor

$$G(\mathbf{b}) = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{b})}{(1 + \mathbf{k}^2/\mu^2)^2}$$

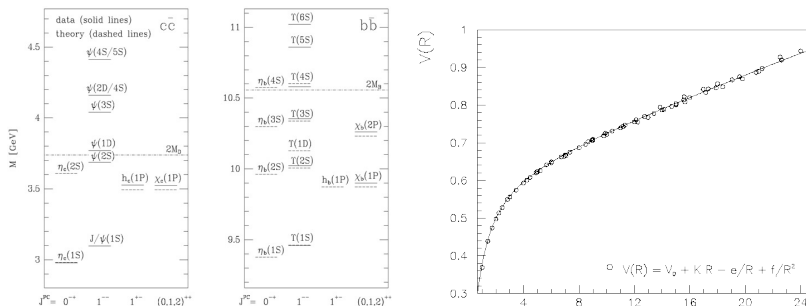
- ▶ EM measurements indicate $\mu_P = 0.71$ GeV
 μ is however left free in model \rightarrow tuning
- ▶ Continue model below $p_{T,\min}$ with same b-space parametrization
but cross section as Gaussian in $p_T \rightarrow$ inclusive non-diffractive events

The structure of MC events

- ▶ Hard interaction
- ▶ QCD evolution
- ▶ Secondary hard interactions
- ▶ **Hadronization**
- ▶ Hadron decays
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The inter-quark potential



- ▶ Measure QCD potential from quarkonia masses
- ▶ Or compute using lattice QCD
- ▶ Approximately linear potential \leftrightarrow QCD flux tube

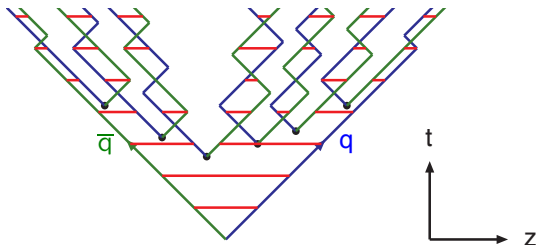
The Lund string model

[Andersson,Gustafson,Ingelman,Sjöstrand] PR97(1983)31

- ▶ Start with example $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
- ▶ QCD flux tube with constant energy per unit rapidity \leftrightarrow 
- ▶ New $q\bar{q}$ -pairs created by tunneling (κ - string tension)

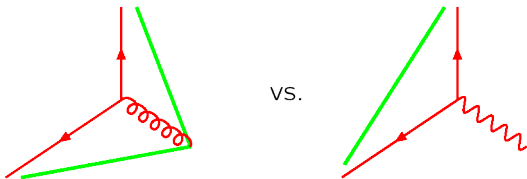
$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}}{dxdt} = \exp \left\{ -\frac{\pi^2 m_q^2}{\kappa} \right\}$$

- ▶ Expanding string breaks into hadrons, then yo-yo modes
- ▶ Baryons modeled as quark-diquark pairs



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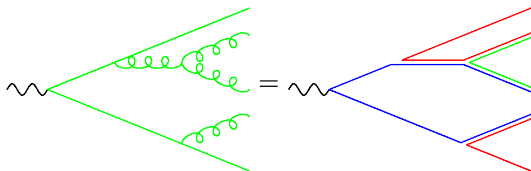
- ▶ String model very well motivated, but many parameters
- ▶ But also gives genuine prediction of “string effect”
- ▶ Gluons are kinks on string
String accelerated in direction of gluon
- ▶ Infrared safe matching to parton showers
Gluons with $k_T \lesssim 1/\kappa$ irrelevant



The cluster model

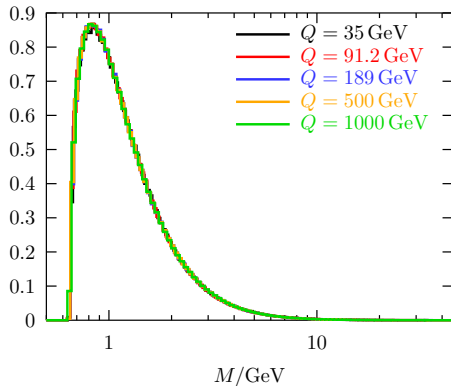
[Webber] NPB238(1984)492

- ▶ Underlying idea: Preconfinement
- ▶ Follow color structure of parton showers:
color singlets end up close in phase space
- ▶ Mass of color singlets peaked at low scales ($\approx t_c$)



The cluster model

Primary Light Clusters



- Mass spectrum of primordial clusters independent of cm energy

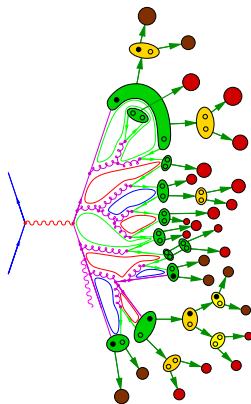
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Naïve model

- ▶ Split gluons into $q\bar{q}$ -pairs
- ▶ Color-adjacent pairs form primordial clusters
- ▶ Clusters decay into hadrons according to phase space
→ baryon & heavy quark production suppressed

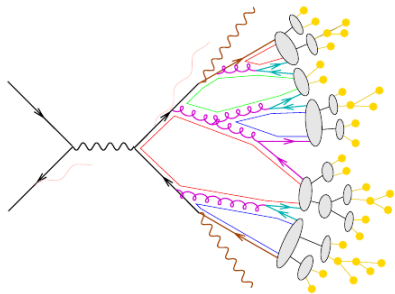
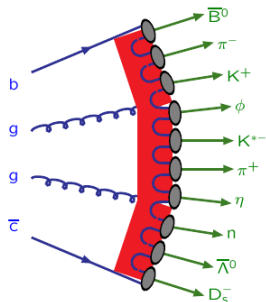
Improved model

- ▶ Heavy clusters decay into lighter ones
- ▶ Three options: $C \rightarrow CC$,
 $C \rightarrow CH$ & $C \rightarrow HH$
- ▶ Leading particle effects



String vs Cluster

[T.Sjöstrand, Durham'09]

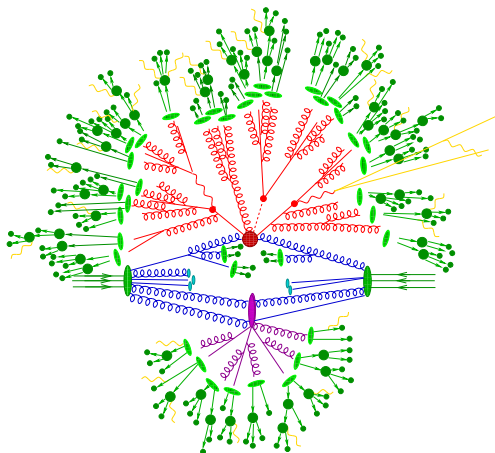


program	PYTHIA	HERWIG
model	string	cluster
energy-momentum picture	powerful	simple
parameters	predictive	unpredictive
flavour composition	few	many
parameters	messy	simple
	unpredictive	in-between
	many	few

“There ain't no such thing as a parameter-free *good* description”

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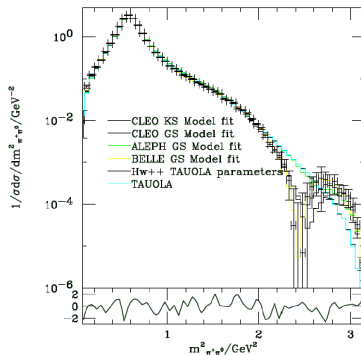


Secondary particle decays

- ▶ String and clusters decay to some stable hadrons but main outcome are unstable resonances
- ▶ These decay further according to the PDG decay tables
- ▶ Many hadron decays according to phase space but also a large variety of form factors known
- ▶ Not all branching ratios known precisely plus many BR's in PDG tables do not add up to one
- ▶ Significant effect on hadronization yields, hadronization corrections to event shapes, etc.

Secondary particle decays & photon radiation

- ▶ Previous generations of generators relied on external decay packages Tauola (τ -decays) & EvtGen (B -decays)
- ▶ New generation programs Herwig++ & Sherpa contain at least as complete a description
- ▶ Spin correlations and B-mixing built in
- ▶ No interfacing issues
- ▶ Previous generations of generators relied on external package Photos to simulate QED radiation
- ▶ New generation programs Herwig++ & Sherpa have simulation of QED radiation built in



Summary

- ▶ NL³SP, MEPS@NLO & FxFx allow to merge NLO-matched simulations of anything+jets
- ▶ UNLOPS unitarises entire simulation
- ▶ Underlying event typically simulated by MPI can be combined with PS in common evolution
- ▶ Two models (string & cluster) for parton to hadron fragmentation

Strong couplings and PDFs

- ▶ PS dictates choice of renormalization scale (n - order α_s in Born)

$$\left[\alpha_s(\mu_R^2)\right]^{n+k} = \left[\alpha_s(\mu_{\text{core}}^2)\right]^n \prod_{i=0}^k \alpha_s(b k_T^2(t_i, z_i)), \quad b = \text{const}$$

- ▶ Monotonicity of strong coupling allows to solve for μ_R
- ▶ PS also dictates choice of factorization scales (DGLAP evolution)
- ▶ Introduces collinear counterterms due to constrained evolution

$$F_i(t, t'; \mu_F^2) = 1 - \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R^2)}{2\pi} \log \frac{t'}{t} \sum_{b=q,g} \int_{x_i}^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{ba}(z) \frac{f_b(x_i/z, \mu_F^2)}{f_a(x_i, \mu_F^2)}$$