# Heavy Particles & Hard Jets:

from ttbar at the Tevatron to SUSY at the LHC

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# Approximations to QCD

- 1. Fixed order matrix elements: Truncated expansion in  $\alpha_s$ 
  - Full intereference and helicity structure to given order.
  - Singularities appear as low-p<sub>⊤</sub> log divergences.
  - Complexity increases rapidly with final state multiplicity → in practice limited to 2 → 5/6.
- 2. Parton Showers: infinite series in  $\alpha_{\underline{s}}$  (but only singular terms = collinear approximation).
  - Resums logs to all orders → excellent at low p<sub>T</sub>.
  - Factorisation → Exponentiation → Arbitrary multiplicity
  - Easy match to hadronisation models
  - Interference terms neglected + simplified helicity structure + ambiguous phase space → large uncertainties away from singular regions.

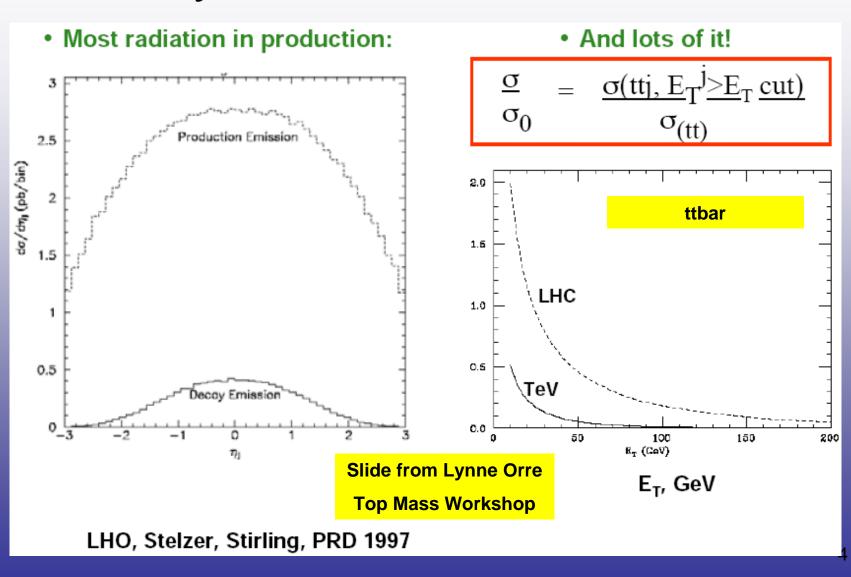
### What's what?

- Matrix Elements correct for 'hard' jets
- Parton Showers correct for 'soft' ones.

# So what is 'hard' and what is 'soft'?

 And to what extent is it realistically possible to construct and/or tune showers to describe hard radiation?

## Stability of PT at Tevatron & LHC



# (S)MadGraph Numbers

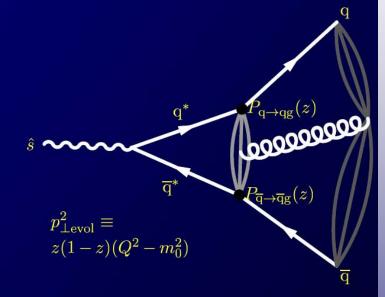
		sps1a				T = 600 GeV <sub>/</sub> top		
_ LHC -								
LIIC	$\sigma_{ m tot}[ m pb]$	$\tilde{g} ilde{g}$	$\tilde{u}_L \tilde{g}$	$\tilde{u}_L \tilde{u}_L^*$	$ ilde{u}_L ilde{u}_L$	TT		
$p_{T,j} > 100 \text{ Ge}$	$V = \sigma_{0j}$	4.83	5.65	0.286	0.502	1.30		
	$\sigma_{1j}$	2.89	2.74	0.136	0.145	0.73		
	$\sigma_{2j}$	1.09	0.85	0.049	0.039	0.26		
$p_{T,j} > 50 \text{ Ge}$	$\mathbb{V}[-\sigma_{0j}]$	4.83	5.65	0.286	0.502	1.30		
	$\sigma_{1j}$	5.90	5.37	0.283	0.285	1.50		
	$\sigma_{2j}$	4.17	3.18	0.179	0.117	1.21		

- 1) Extra 100 GeV jets are there ~ 25%-50% of the time!
- 2) Extra 50 GeV jets ??? No control → We only know ~ a lot!

# Pythia 6.3+: p<sub>T</sub>-ordered showers

Merged with X + 1 jet Matrix Elements (by reweighting) for:  $h/\gamma/Z/W$  production, and for most EW, top, and MSSM decays!

Exclusive *kinematics* constructed inside dipoles based on  $Q^2$  and z, assuming yet unbranched partons on-shell

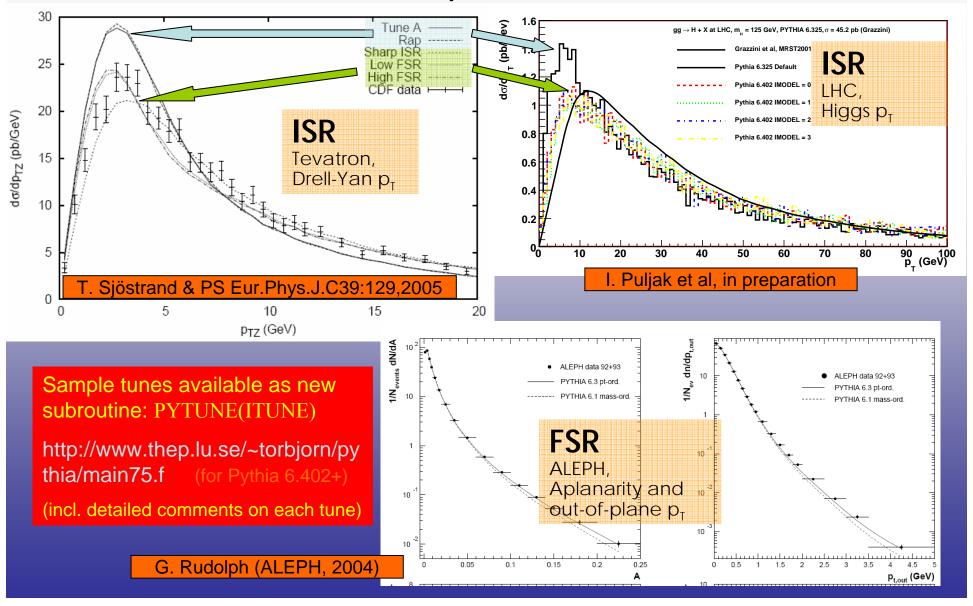


Iterative application of Sudakov factors...

 $\Rightarrow$  One combined sequence  $p_{\perp \max} > p_{\perp 1} > p_{\perp 2} > \ldots > p_{\perp \min}$ 

NB: Choice of  $p_{\perp \max}$  non-trivial and *very* important for hard jet tail  $\leftrightarrow$  wimpy vs power showers...

# Pythia 6.3+: p<sub>T</sub>-ordered showers



# To Quantify:

- Compare MadGraph (for ttbar, and SMadGraph for SUSY), with 0, 1, and 2 explicit additional jets to:
- 5 different shower approximations (Pythia):
  - 'Wimpy Q<sup>2</sup>-ordered' (PHASE SPACE LIMIT  $< Q_F)_{\kappa=1}$
  - 'Power Q<sup>2</sup>-ordered' (PHASE SPACE LIMIT = s) PARP(67)
  - 'Tune A' ( $Q^2$ -ordered) (PHASE SPACE LIMIT ~  $Q_F$ )
  - 'Wimpy  $p_T$ -ordered' (PHASE SPACE LIMIT =  $Q_F$ )
  - 'Power p<sub>T</sub>-ordered' (PHASE SPACE LIMIT = s) New in 6.3

NB: Renormalisation scale in  $p_{\tau}$ -ordred showers also varied, between  $p_{\tau}/2$  and  $3p_{\tau}$ 

### ttbar + jets @ Tevatron

### Process characterized by:

- Threshold production (mass large compared to s)
- <u>A 50-GeV jet is reasonably hard</u>, in comparison with hard scale ~ top mass

### **SCALES** [GeV]

$$s = (2000)^2$$
 $Q^2_{Hard} \sim (175)^2$ 

$$50 < p_{T,jet} < 250$$

### → RATIOS

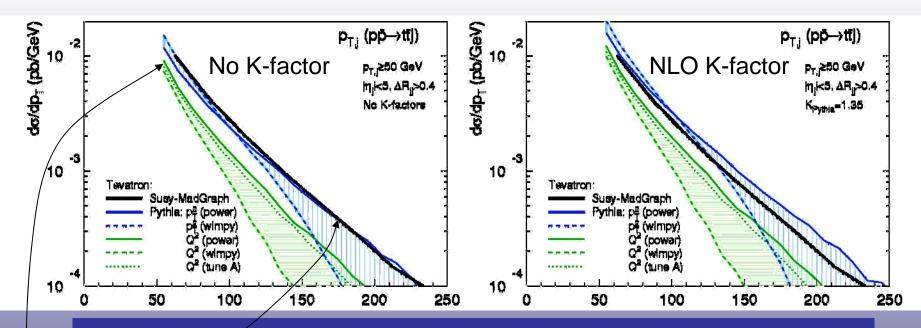
$$Q^{2}_{H}/s = (0.1)^{2}$$
  
1/4 < p<sub>T</sub> / Q<sub>H</sub> < 2

#### SCALES [GeV]

 $s = (2000)^2$  $Q^2_{Hard} \sim (175)^2$  $50 < p_{T,jet} < 250$ 

# ttbar + jets @ Tevatron Q2H/S = (0.1)2

**RATIOS** 



### Hard tails:

- Power Showers (solid green & blue) surprisingly good (naively expect collinear approximation to be worse!)
- Wimpy Showers (dashed) drop rapidly around top mass.

Soft peak: logs large @ ~ mtop/6 ~ 30 GeV → fixed order still good for 50 GeV jets (did not look explicitly below 50 GeV yet)

## ttbar + jets @ LHC

### Process characterized by:

- Mass scale is small compared to s
- <u>A 50-GeV jet is still hard</u>, in comparison with hard scale ~ top mass, but is now soft compared with s.

### **SCALES** [GeV]

$$s = (14000)^2$$
  
 $Q^2_{Hard} \sim (175+...)^2$   
 $50 < p_{T,jet} < 450$ 

### **RATIOS:**

$$Q^{2}_{H}/s = (0.02)^{2}$$
  
1/5 < p<sub>T</sub> / Q<sub>H</sub> < 2.5

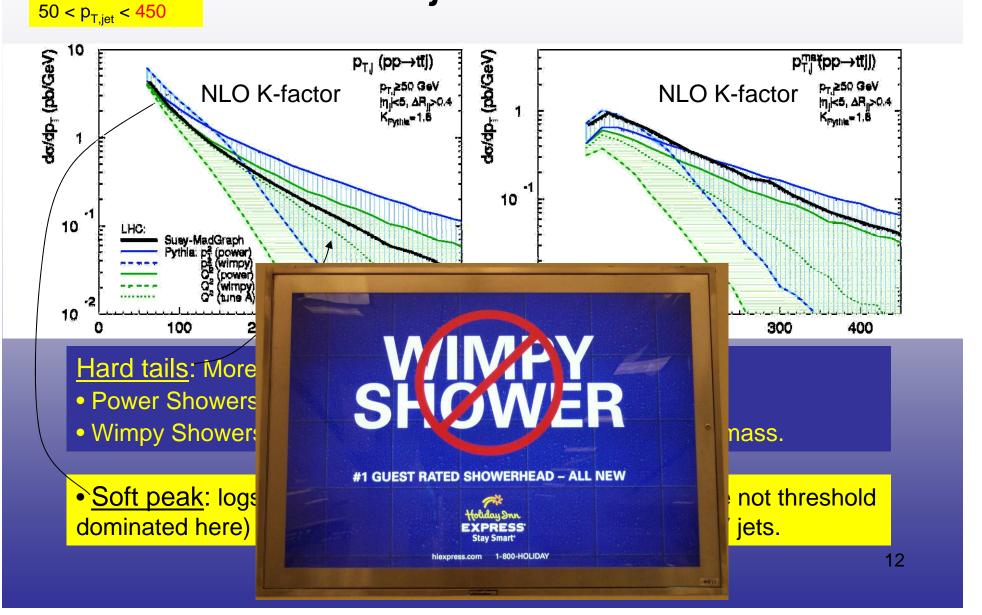
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## ttbar + jets @ LHC

#### **RATIOS**

 $Q_{H}^{2}/s = (0.02)^{2}$ 1/5 <  $p_{T}$  /  $Q_{H}$  < 2.5



### SUSY + jets @ LHC

### Process characterized by: (SPS1a → m<sub>gluino</sub>=600GeV)

- Mass scale is again large compared to s
- But a 50-GeV jet is now soft, in comparison with hard scale ~ SUSY mass.

### **SCALES** [GeV]

$$s = (14000)^2$$

$$Q^2_{Hard} \sim (600)^2$$

$$50 < p_{T,iet} < 450$$

### **RATIOS**

$$Q^2_H/s = (0.05)^2$$

$$1/10 < p_T / Q_H < 1$$

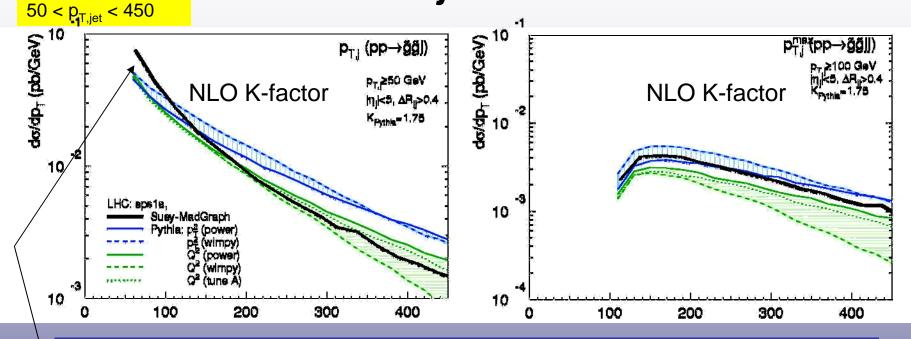
#### SCALES [GeV]

 $s = (14000)^2$  $Q^2_{Hard} \sim (600)^2$ 

# SUSY + jets @ LHC

#### **RATIOS**

 $Q_{H}^{2}/s = (0.05)^{2}$ 1/10 < p<sub>T</sub> / Q<sub>H</sub> < 1



Hard tails: Still a lot of radiation (p<sub>T</sub> spectra have moderate slope)

- Parton showers less uncertain, due to higher signal mass scale.
- <u>Soft peak</u>: fixed order breaks down for ~ 100 GeV jets. Reconfirmed by parton showers → universal limit below 100 GeV.

No description is perfect everywhere!

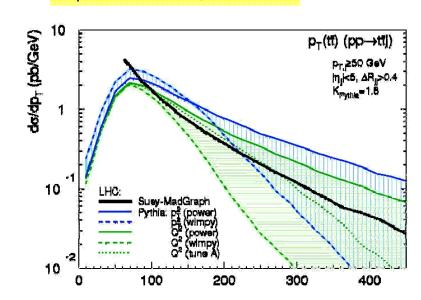
→ To improve, go to ME/PS matching (CKKW / MC@NLO / ...)

# p<sub>T</sub> of hard system

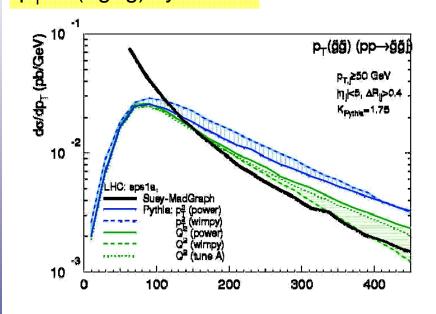
(Equivalent to  $p_{T,Z}$  for Drell-Yan)

ttbar + 1 jet @ LHC

p<sub>T</sub> of (ttbar) system



 $\sim$ g $\sim$ g + 1 jet @ LHC p<sub>T</sub> of ( $\sim$ g $\sim$ g) system



→ Resummation necessary

Bulk of cross section sits in peak sensitive to multiple emissions.

### Conclusions

- SUSY-MadGraph Comparisons to PYTHIA
   Q<sup>2</sup>- and p<sub>T</sub><sup>2</sup>- ordered showers → New
   illustrations of old wisdom:
  - Hard jets (= hard in comparison with signal scale)
    - Parton showers can produce realistic rates
    - They can also produce completely wrong rates
    - Use matrix elements with explicit jets when possible
  - Soft jets (= soft in comparison with signal process, but still e.g. 100 GeV for SPS1a)
    - fixed order not reliable, due to large logarithms from QCD singularities 
       use resummation / parton showers.





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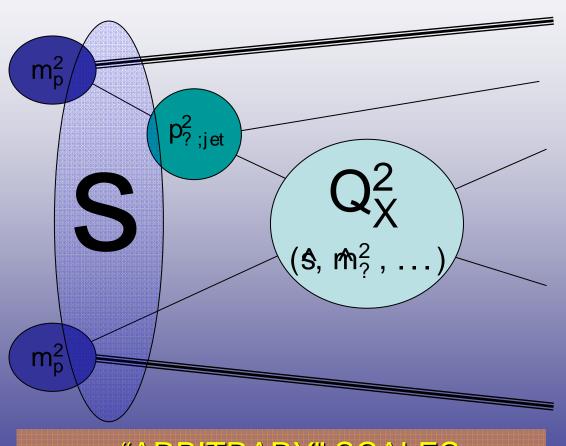




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# Collider Energy Scales



+ "ARBITRARY" SCALES:

• Q<sub>F</sub> , Q<sub>R</sub> : Factorisation & Renormalisation

### HARD SCALES:

- s : collider energy
- pT,jet : extra activity
- Q<sub>x</sub>: signal scale (ttbar)
- m<sub>x</sub> : large rest masses

### SOFT SCALES:

- Γ : decay widths
- m<sub>p</sub>: beam mass
- Λ<sub>QCD</sub>: hadronisation
- m<sub>i</sub>: small rest masses

# A handwaving argument

Quantify: what is a soft jet?

Handwavingly, leading logs are:

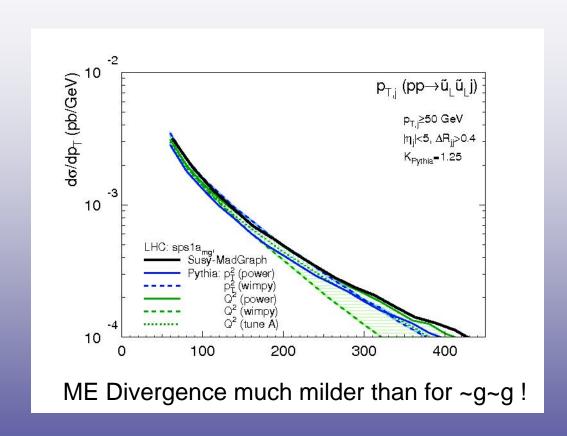
$$\mathbb{R}_{s} \log^{2}(\mathbb{Q}_{F}^{2} = p_{?;jet}^{2})$$

! O(1) for 
$$\frac{Q_F}{p_{?;jet}} \gg 6$$

So, very roughly, logs become large for jet p<sub>T</sub> around 1/6 of the hard scale.

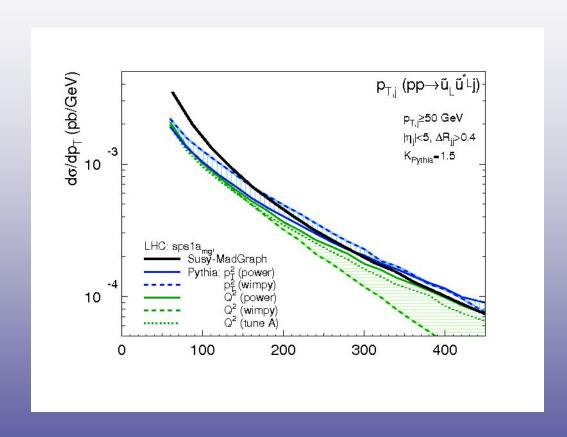
Hard or Soft?

# More SUSY: ~u<sub>1</sub> ~u<sub>1</sub>



Possible cause: qq-initiated valence-dominated initial state → less radiation.

# More SUSY: ~u<sub>L</sub>~u<sub>L</sub>\*



Other sea-dominated initial states exhibit same behaviour as ~g~g