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# Monte Carlo Generators for the LHC

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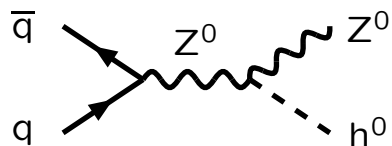
1. (Monday) Introduction and Overview; Matrix Elements
2. (today) **Parton Showers; Matching Issues**
3. (Wednesday) Multiple Interactions and Beam Remnants
4. (Thursday) Hadronization and Decays; Summary and Outlook

# Event Physics Overview

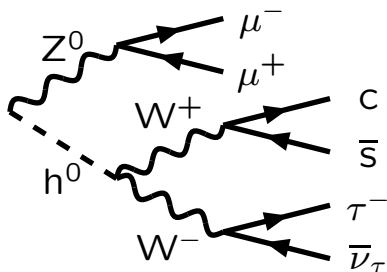
Repetition: from the “simple” to the “complex”,  
or from “calculable” at large virtualities to “modelled” at small

## Matrix elements (ME):

- 1) Hard subprocess:  
 $|\mathcal{M}|^2$ , Breit-Wigners,  
parton densities.

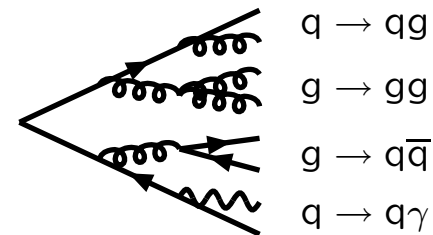


- 2) Resonance decays:  
includes correlations.

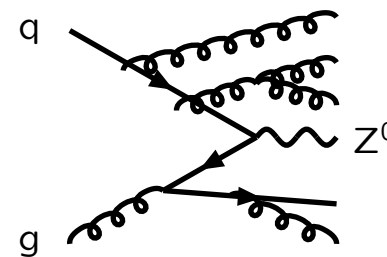


## Parton Showers (PS):

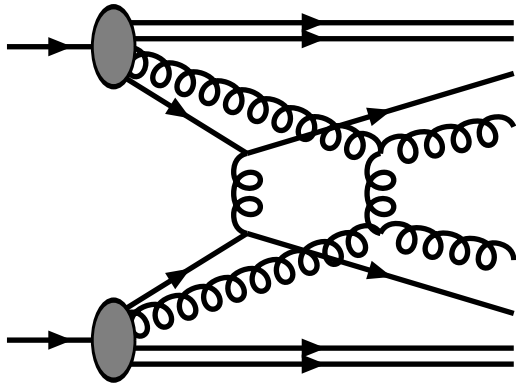
- 3) Final-state parton showers.



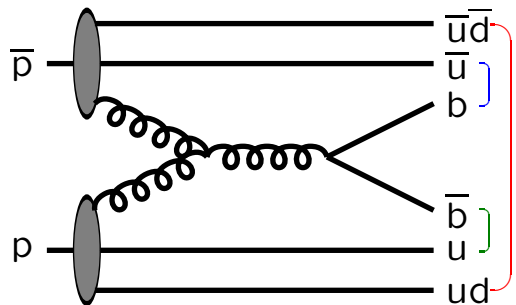
- 4) Initial-state parton showers.



### 5) Multiple parton-parton interactions.

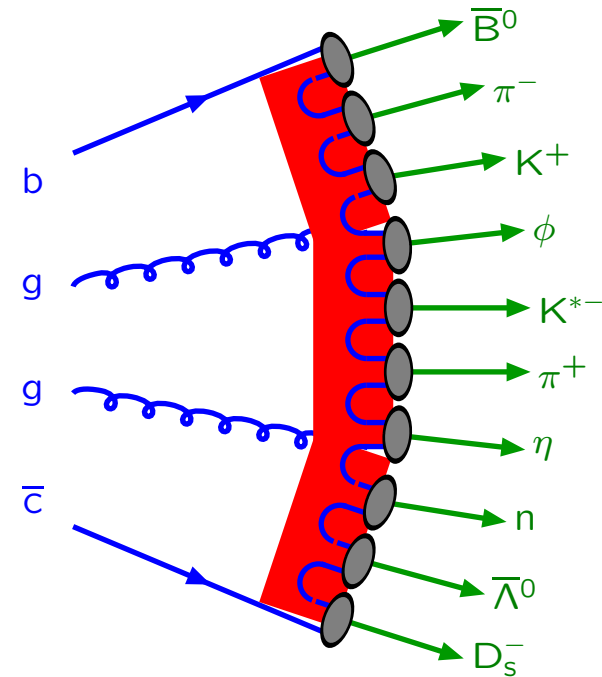


### 6) Beam remnants, with colour connections.

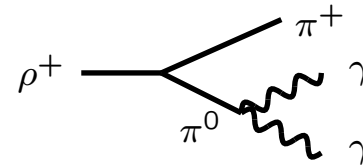


5) + 6) = Underlying Event

### 7) Hadronization



### 8) Ordinary decays: hadronic, $\tau$ , charm, ...



# Divergences

Emission rate  $q \rightarrow qg$  diverges when

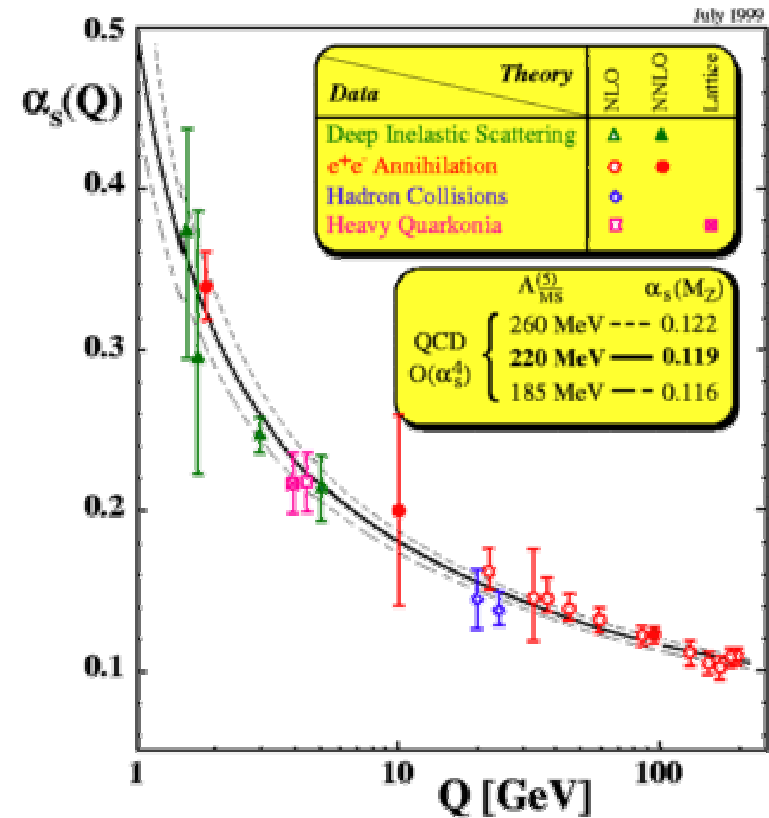
- collinear: opening angle  $\theta_{qg} \rightarrow 0$
- soft: gluon energy  $E_g \rightarrow 0$

Almost identical to  $e \rightarrow e\gamma$

(“bremsstrahlung”),

but QCD is non-Abelian so additionally

- $g \rightarrow gg$  similarly divergent
- $\alpha_s(Q^2)$  diverges for  $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$   
(actually for  $Q^2 \rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ )

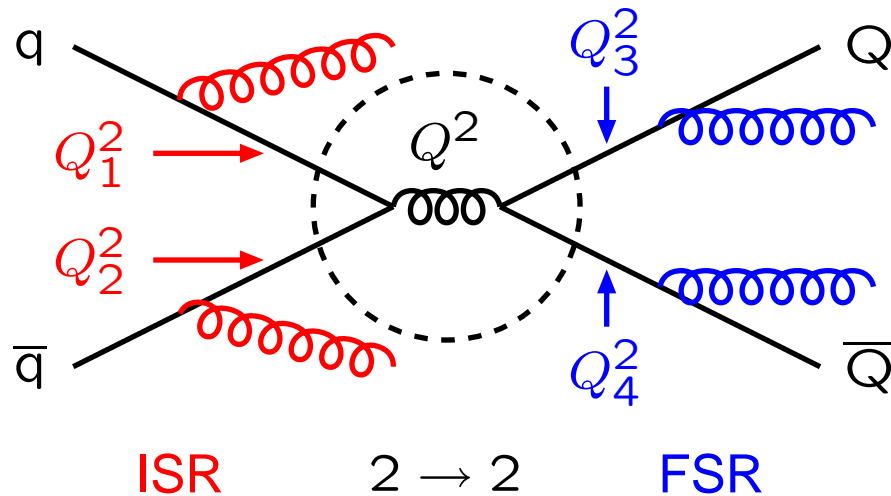


Big probability for one emission  $\implies$  also big for several  
 $\implies$  with ME's need to calculate to high order **and** with many loops  
 $\implies$  extremely demanding technically (not solved!), and  
involving big cancellations between positive and negative contributions.

Alternative approach: **parton showers**

# The Parton-Shower Approach

$$2 \rightarrow n = (2 \rightarrow 2) \oplus \text{ISR} \oplus \text{FSR}$$



FSR = Final-State Rad.;  
timelike shower

$Q_i^2 \sim m^2 > 0$  decreasing

ISR = Initial-State Rad.;  
spacelike shower

$Q_i^2 \sim -m^2 > 0$  increasing

$2 \rightarrow 2 =$  hard scattering (on-shell):

$$\sigma = \iiint dx_1 dx_2 d\hat{t} f_i(x_1, Q^2) f_j(x_2, Q^2) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}}{d\hat{t}}$$

Shower evolution is viewed as a probabilistic process,

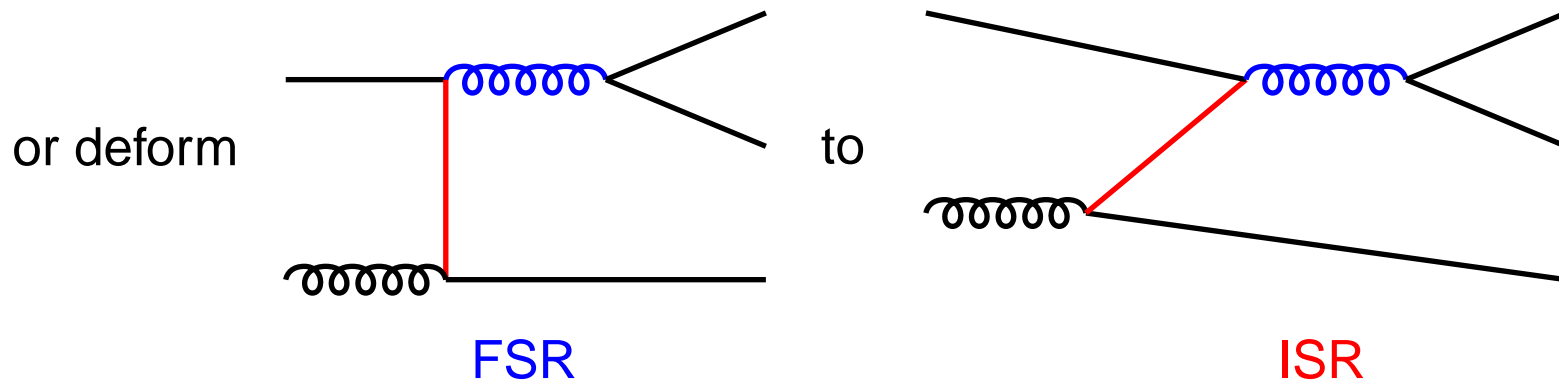
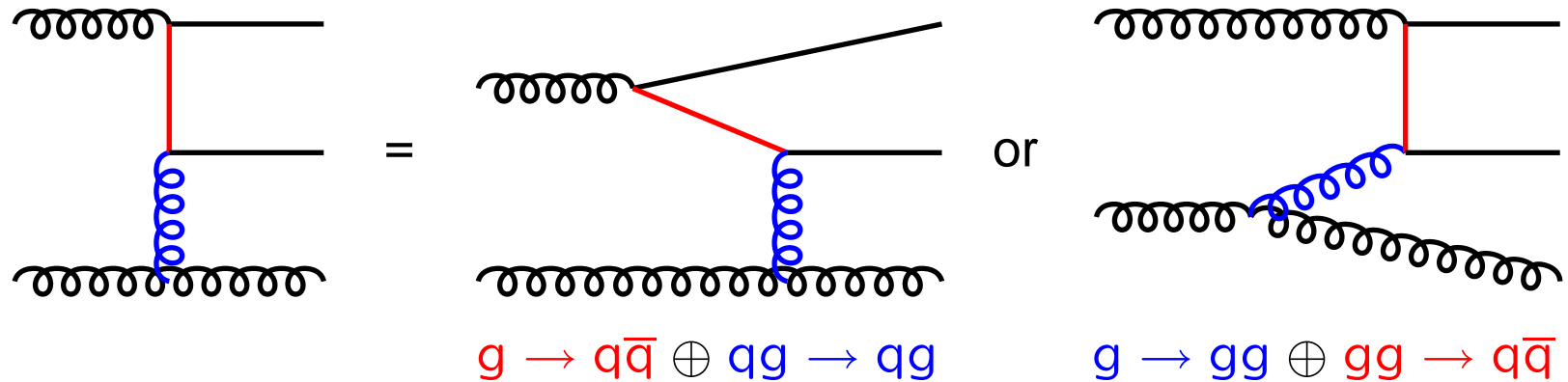
which occurs with unit total probability:

*the cross section is not directly affected,*

*but indirectly it is, via the changed event shape*

# Doublecounting

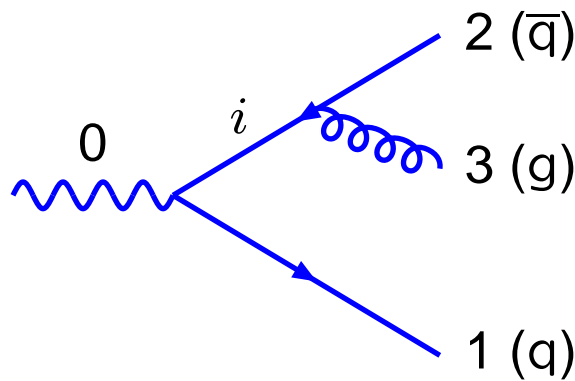
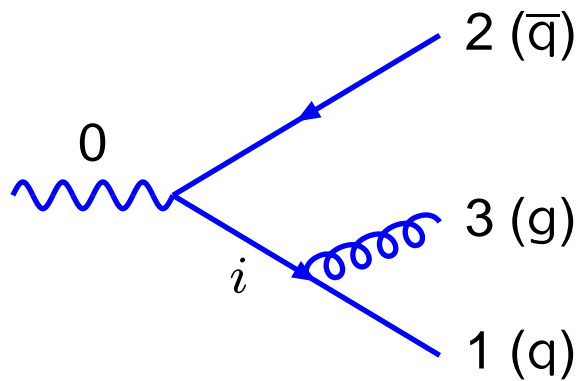
A  $2 \rightarrow n$  graph can be “simplified” to  $2 \rightarrow 2$  in different ways:



*Do not doublecount:  $2 \rightarrow 2 = \text{most virtual} = \text{shortest distance}$*

Conflict: theory derivations often assume virtualities strongly ordered;  
interesting physics often in regions where this is not true!

# From Matrix Elements to Parton Showers



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$$

$$x_j = 2E_j/E_{\text{cm}} \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

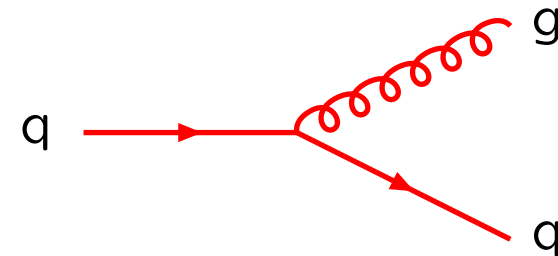
$$m_q = 0 : \frac{d\sigma_{\text{ME}}}{\sigma_0} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{4}{3} \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)} dx_1 dx_2$$

Rewrite for  $x_2 \rightarrow 1$ , i.e. q-g collinear limit:

$$1 - x_2 = \frac{m_{13}^2}{E_{\text{cm}}^2} = \frac{Q^2}{E_{\text{cm}}^2} \Rightarrow dx_2 = \frac{dQ^2}{E_{\text{cm}}^2}$$

$$x_1 \approx z \Rightarrow dx_1 \approx dz$$

$$x_3 \approx 1 - z$$



$$\Rightarrow d\mathcal{P} = \frac{d\sigma}{\sigma_0} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dx_2}{(1-x_2)} \frac{4}{3} \frac{x_2^2 + x_1^2}{(1-x_1)} dx_1 \approx \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{4}{3} \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} dz$$

## Generalizes to DGLAP (Dokshitzer–Gribov–Lipatov–Altarelli–Parisi)

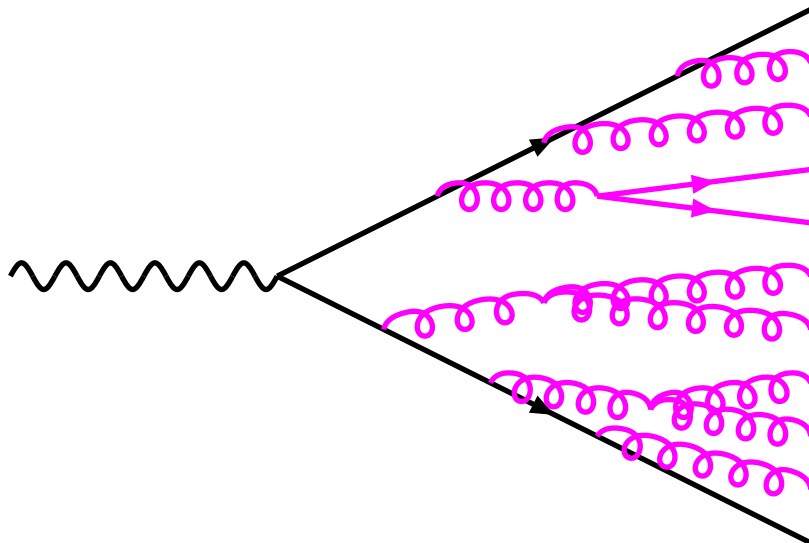
$$d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz$$

$$P_{q \rightarrow qg} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$$

$$P_{g \rightarrow gg} = 3 \frac{(1-z(1-z))^2}{z(1-z)}$$

$$P_{g \rightarrow q\bar{q}} = \frac{n_f}{2} (z^2 + (1-z)^2) \quad (n_f = \text{no. of quark flavours})$$

Iteration gives final-state parton showers



Need soft/collinear cut-offs  
to stay away from  
nonperturbative physics.

Details model-dependent, e.g.

$Q > m_0 = \min(m_{ij}) \approx 1 \text{ GeV}$ ,

$z_{\min}(E, Q) < z < z_{\max}(E, Q)$

or  $p_{\perp} > p_{\perp \min} \approx 0.5 \text{ GeV}$



# The Sudakov Form Factor

Conservation of total probability:

$$\mathcal{P}(\text{nothing happens}) = 1 - \mathcal{P}(\text{something happens})$$

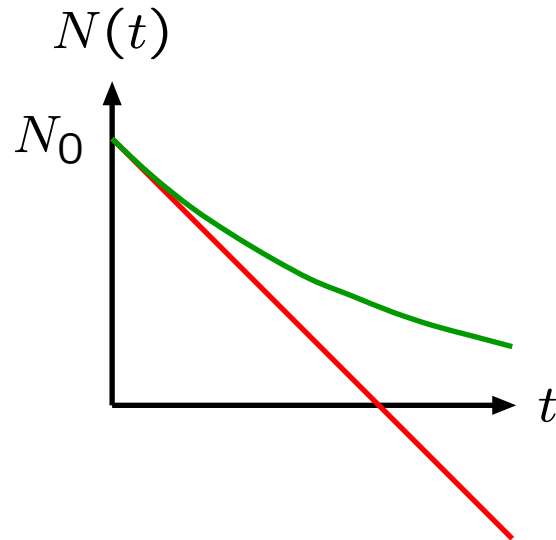
“multiplicativeness” in “time” evolution:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{nothing}}(0 < t \leq T) = \mathcal{P}_{\text{nothing}}(0 < t \leq T_1) \mathcal{P}_{\text{nothing}}(T_1 < t \leq T)$$

Subdivide further, with  $T_i = (i/n)T$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{\text{nothing}}(0 < t \leq T) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{P}_{\text{nothing}}(T_i < t \leq T_{i+1}) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( 1 - \mathcal{P}_{\text{something}}(T_i < t \leq T_{i+1}) \right) \\ &= \exp \left( - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{P}_{\text{something}}(T_i < t \leq T_{i+1}) \right) \\ &= \exp \left( - \int_0^T \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{something}}(t)}{dt} dt \right) \\ \implies d\mathcal{P}_{\text{first}}(T) &= d\mathcal{P}_{\text{something}}(T) \exp \left( - \int_0^T \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{something}}(t)}{dt} dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

Example: radioactive decay of nucleus



naively:  $\frac{dN}{dt} = -cN_0 \Rightarrow N(t) = N_0 (1 - ct)$

depletion: a given nucleus can only decay once

correctly:  $\frac{dN}{dt} = -cN(t) \Rightarrow N(t) = N_0 \exp(-ct)$

generalizes to:  $N(t) = N_0 \exp\left(-\int_0^t c(t') dt'\right)$

or:  $\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = -c(t) N_0 \exp\left(-\int_0^t c(t') dt'\right)$

sequence allowed: nucleus<sub>1</sub> → nucleus<sub>2</sub> → nucleus<sub>3</sub> → ...

Correspondingly, with  $Q \sim 1/t$  (Heisenberg)

$$d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz \exp\left(-\sum_{b,c} \int_{Q^2}^{Q_{\max}^2} \frac{dQ'^2}{Q'^2} \int \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z') dz'\right)$$

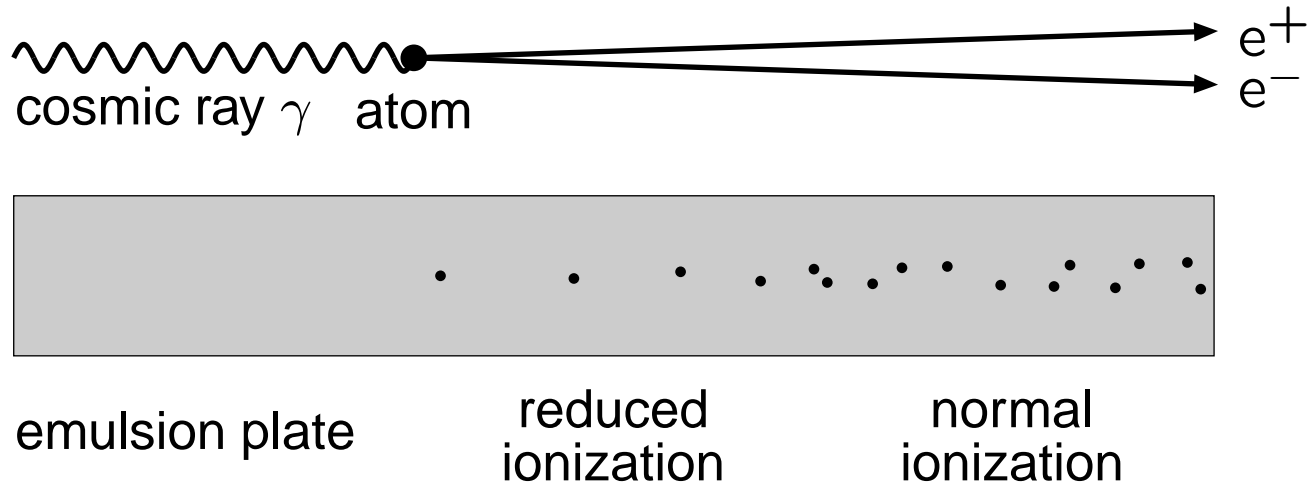
where the exponent is (one definition of) the Sudakov form factor

A given parton can only branch once, i.e. if it did not already do so

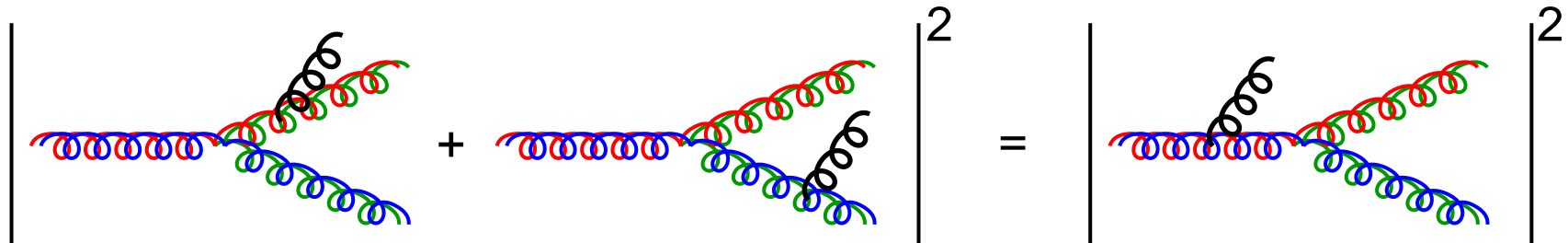
Note that  $\sum_{b,c} \int dQ^2 \int dz d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} \equiv 1 \Rightarrow$  convenient for Monte Carlo  
 ( $\equiv 1$  if extended over whole phase space, else possibly nothing happens)

# Coherence

QED: Chudakov effect (mid-fifties)



QCD: colour coherence for **soft** gluon emission

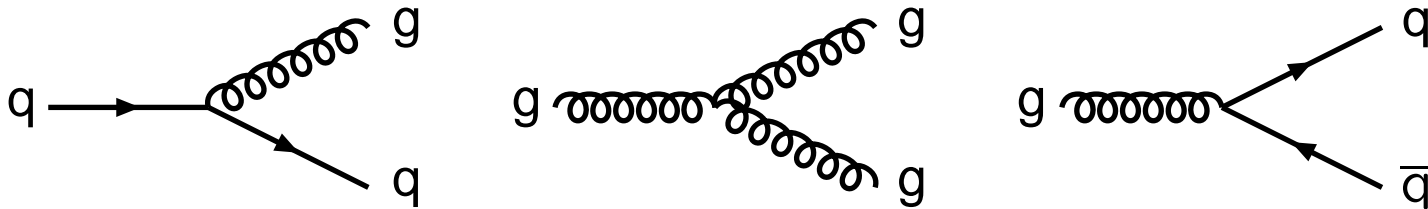


- solved by
- requiring emission angles to be decreasing
- or
- requiring transverse momenta to be decreasing

# The Common Showering Algorithms

Three main approaches to showering in common use:

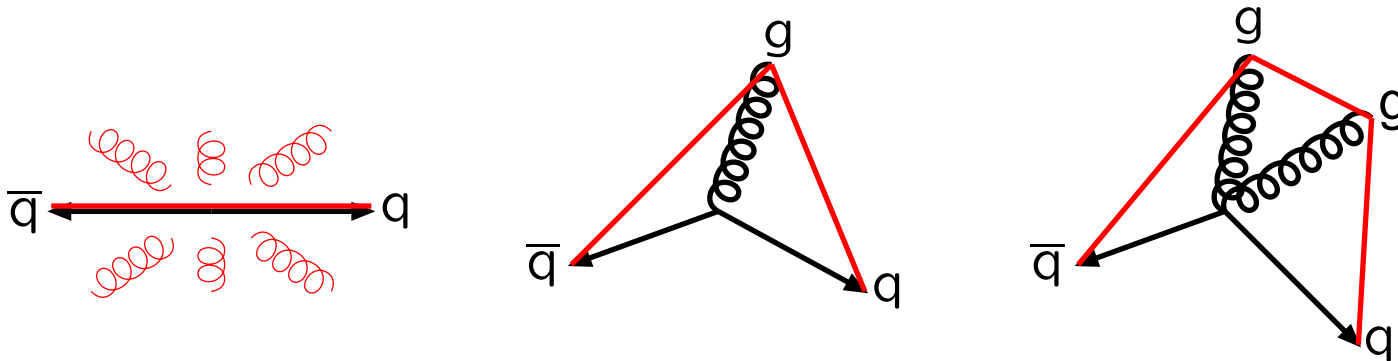
Two are based on the standard shower language  
of  $a \rightarrow bc$  successive branchings:



HERWIG:  $Q^2 \approx E^2(1 - \cos \theta) \approx E^2\theta^2/2$

PYTHIA:  $Q^2 = m^2$  (timelike) or  $= -m^2$  (spacelike)

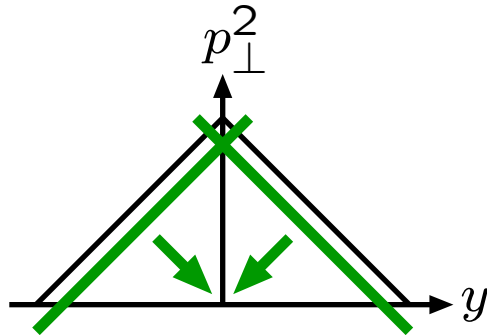
One is based on a picture of dipole emission  $ab \rightarrow cde$ :



ARIADNE:  $Q^2 = p_{\perp}^2$ ; FSR mainly, ISR is primitive;  
there instead LDCMC: sophisticated but complicated

# Ordering variables in final-state radiation

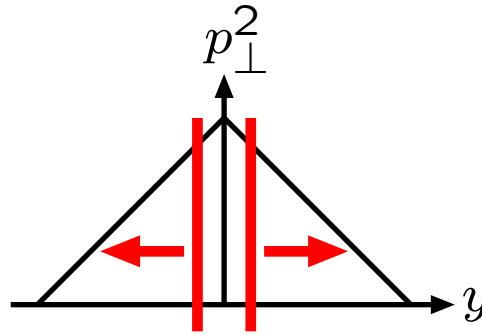
PYTHIA:  $Q^2 = m^2$



large mass first  
 $\Rightarrow$  “hardness” ordered  
**coherence brute force**

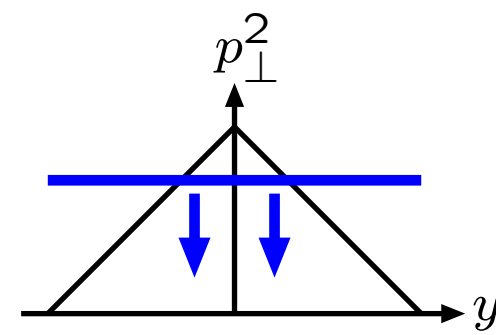
covers phase space  
 ME merging simple  
 $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  simple  
**not Lorentz invariant**  
 no stop/restart  
 ISR:  $m^2 \rightarrow -m^2$

HERWIG:  $Q^2 \sim E^2\theta^2$



large angle first  
 $\Rightarrow$  **hardness not ordered**  
 coherence inherent  
**gaps in coverage**  
**ME merging messy**  
 $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  simple  
**not Lorentz invariant**  
 no stop/restart  
 ISR:  $\theta \rightarrow \theta$

ARIADNE:  $Q^2 = p_{\perp}^2$

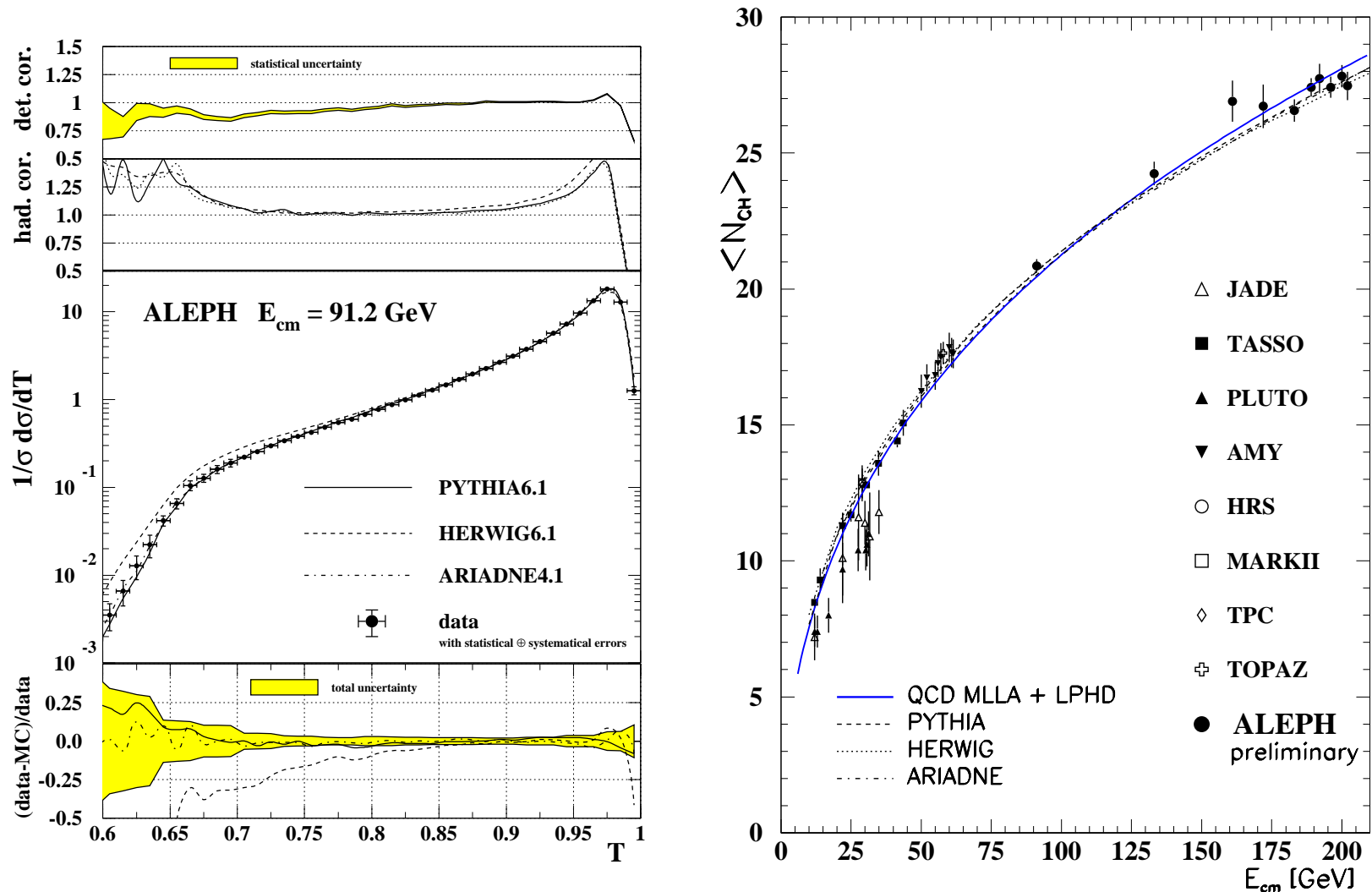


large  $p_{\perp}$  first  
 $\Rightarrow$  “hardness” ordered  
 coherence inherent

covers phase space  
 ME merging simple  
 $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  **messy**  
 Lorentz invariant  
 can stop/restart  
**ISR: more messy**

# Data comparisons

All three algorithms do a reasonable job of describing LEP data, but typically  $\text{ARIADNE } (p_{\perp}^2) > \text{PYTHIA } (m^2) > \text{HERWIG } (\theta)$



... and programs evolve to do even better ...

# Leading Log and Beyond

Neglecting Sudakovs, rate of one emission is:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}_{q \rightarrow qg} &\approx \int \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \int dz \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{4}{3} \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \\ &\approx \alpha_s \ln \left( \frac{Q_{\max}^2}{Q_{\min}^2} \right) \frac{8}{3} \ln \left( \frac{1-z_{\min}}{1-z_{\max}} \right) \sim \alpha_s \ln^2\end{aligned}$$

Rate for  $n$  emissions is of form:

$$\mathcal{P}_{q \rightarrow qng} \sim (\mathcal{P}_{q \rightarrow qg})^n \sim \alpha_s^n \ln^{2n}$$

Next-to-leading log (NLL): inclusion of *all* corrections of type  $\alpha_s^n \ln^{2n-1}$

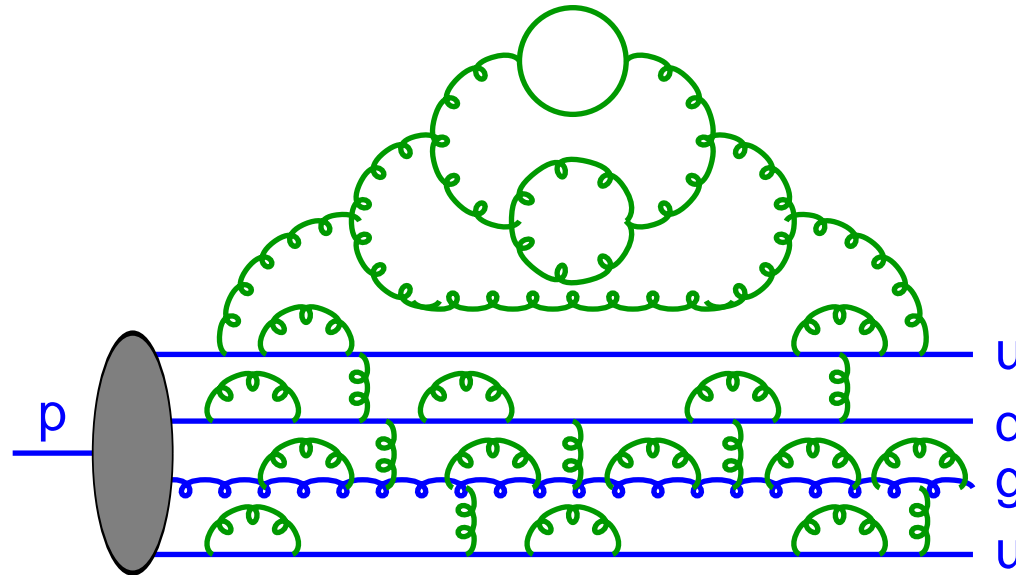
No existing generator completely NLL (NLLJET?), but

- energy-momentum conservation (and “recoil” effects)
- coherence
- $2/(1-z) \rightarrow (1+z^2)/(1-z)$
- scale choice  $\alpha_s(p_{\perp}^2)$  absorbs singular terms  $\propto \ln z, \ln(1-z)$  in  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  splitting kernels  $P_{q \rightarrow qg}$  and  $P_{g \rightarrow gg}$
- ...

⇒ far better than naive, analytical LL

# Parton Distribution Functions

Hadrons are composite, with time-dependent structure:



$f_i(x, Q^2)$  = number density of partons  $i$   
at momentum fraction  $x$  and probing scale  $Q^2$ .

Linguistics (example):

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \sum_i e_i^2 x f_i(x, Q^2)$$

structure function

parton distributions

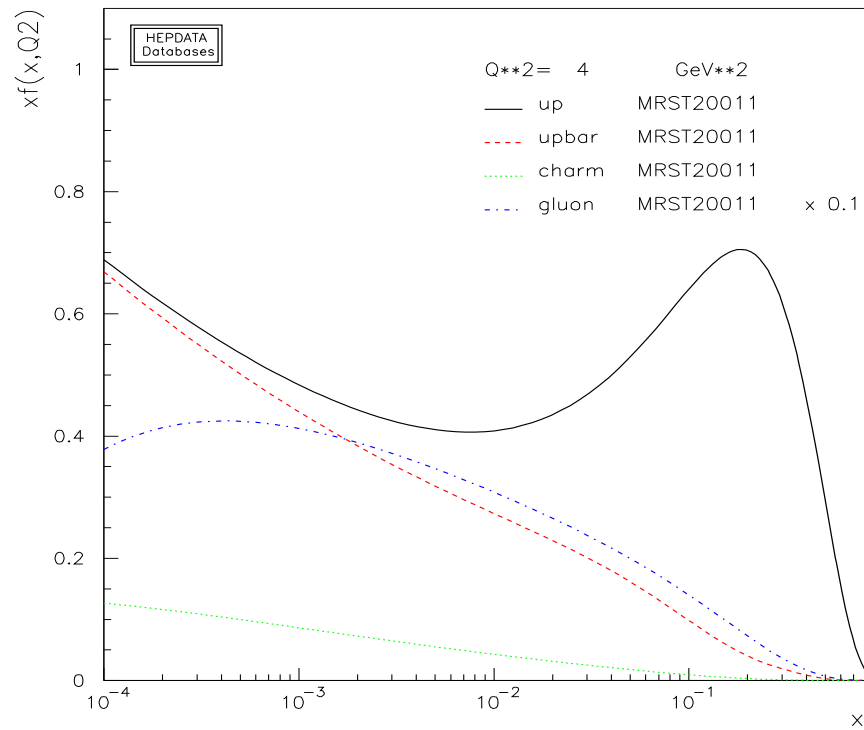


Absolute normalization at small  $Q_0^2$  unknown.

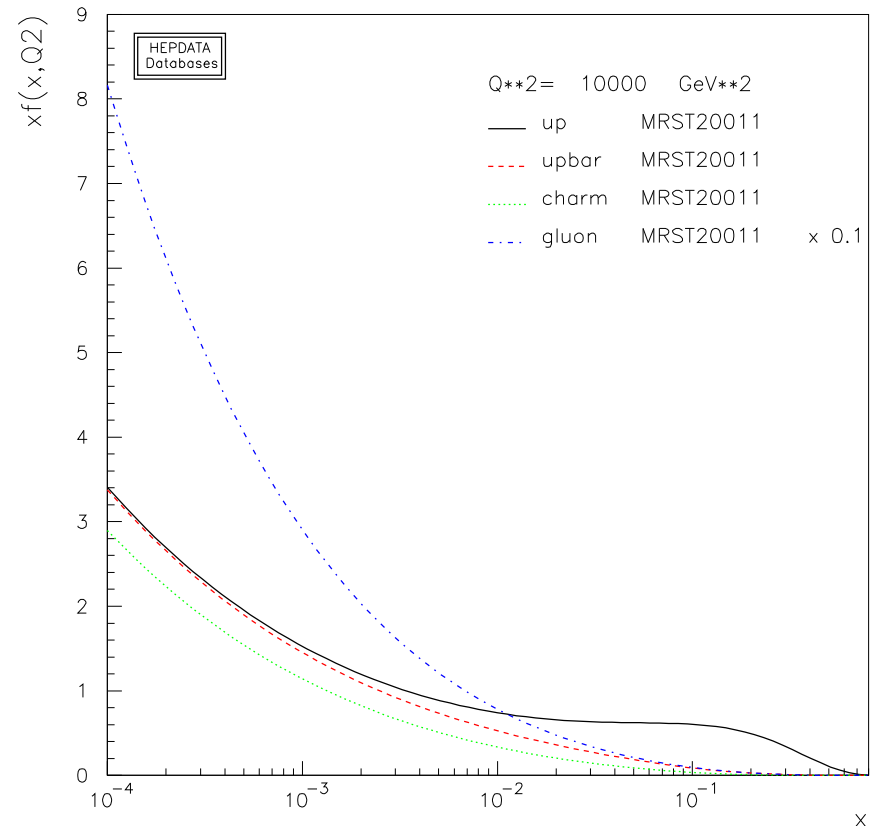
Resolution dependence by DGLAP:

$$\frac{df_b(x, Q^2)}{d(\ln Q^2)} = \sum_a \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} f_a(x', Q^2) \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc} \left( z = \frac{x}{x'} \right)$$

$Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$

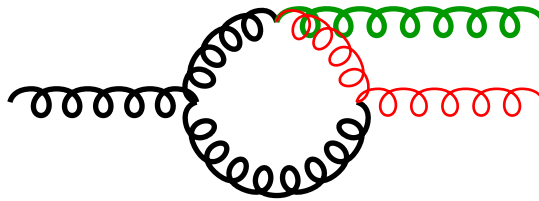


$Q^2 = 10000 \text{ GeV}^2$

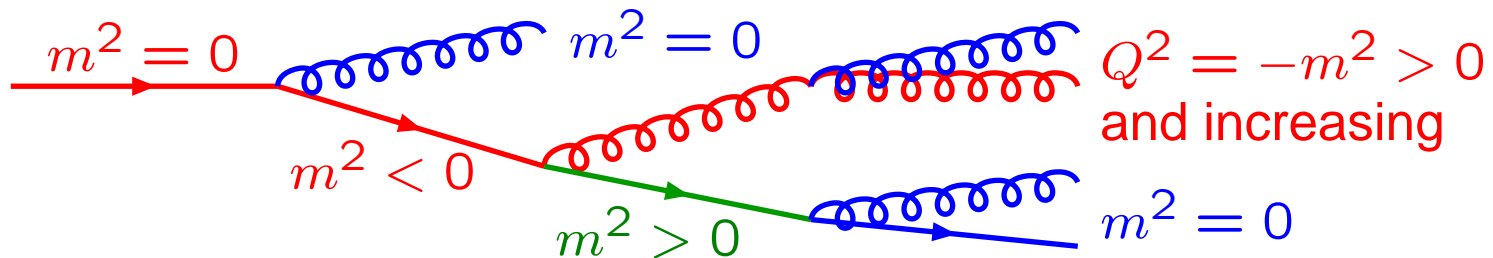


# Initial-State Shower Basics

- Parton cascades in  $p$  are continuously born and recombined.
- Structure at  $Q$  is resolved at a time  $t \sim 1/Q$  *before* collision.
- A hard scattering at  $Q^2$  probes fluctuations up to that scale.
- A hard scattering inhibits full recombination of the cascade.



- Convenient reinterpretation:



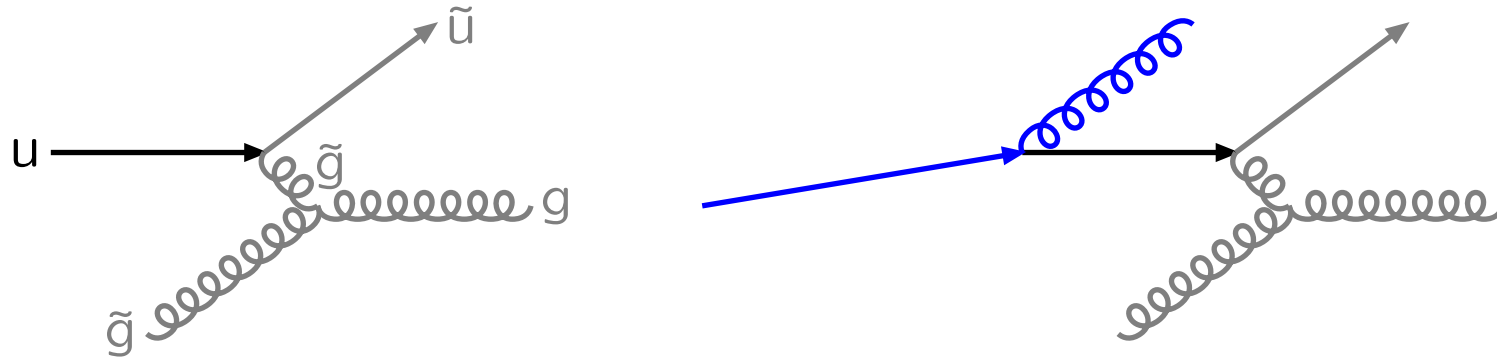
Event generation could be addressed by **forwards evolution**:  
pick a complete partonic set at low  $Q_0$  and evolve, see what happens.

**Inefficient:**

- 1) have to evolve and check for *all* potential collisions, but 99.9...% inert
- 2) impossible to steer the production e.g. of a narrow resonance (Higgs)

# Backwards evolution

**Backwards evolution** is viable and  $\sim$ equivalent alternative:  
start at hard interaction and trace what happened “before”



Monte Carlo approach, based on *conditional probability*: recast

$$\frac{df_b(x, Q^2)}{dt} = \sum_a \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} f_a(x', Q^2) \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z)$$

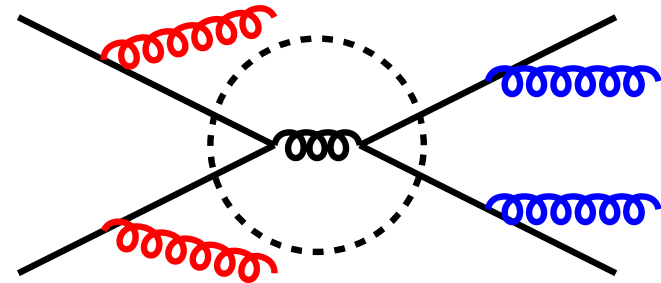
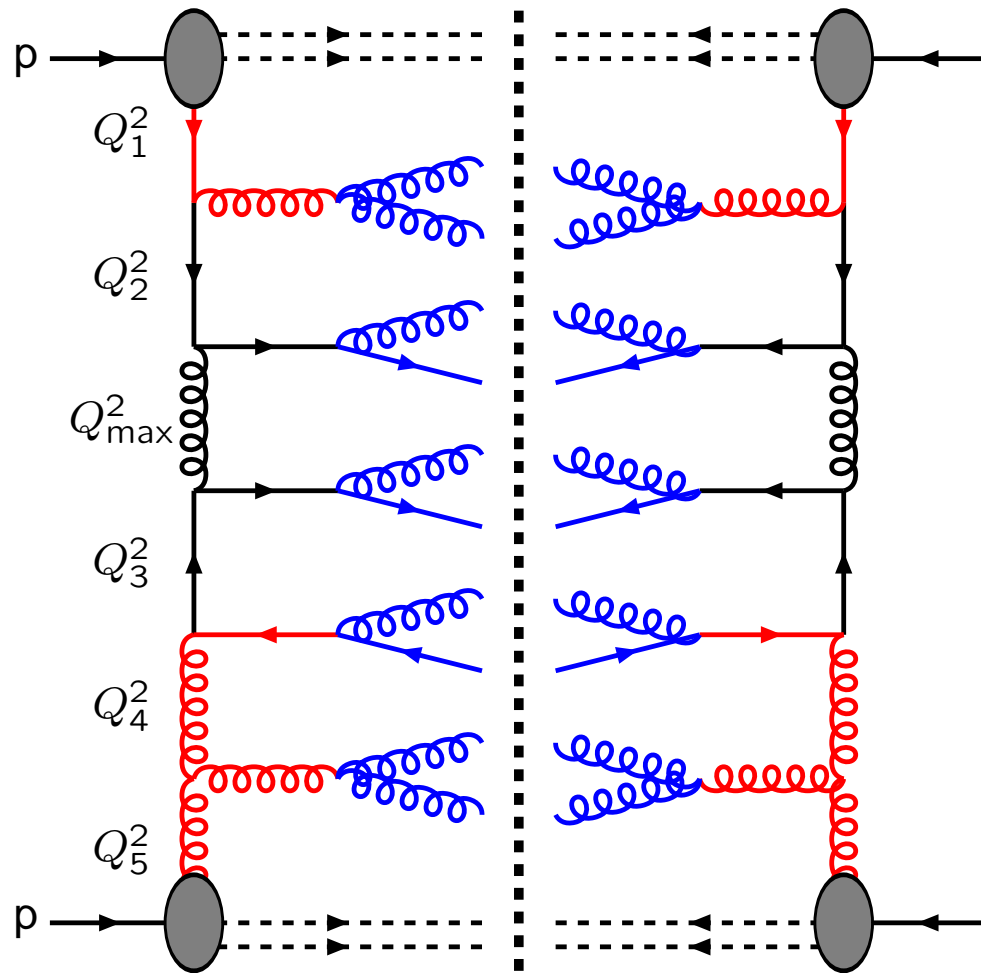
with  $t = \ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2)$  and  $z = x/x'$  to

$$d\mathcal{P}_b = \frac{df_b}{f_b} = |dt| \sum_a \int dz \frac{x' f_a(x', t)}{x f_b(x, t)} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z)$$

then solve for *decreasing*  $t$ , i.e. backwards in time,  
starting at high  $Q^2$  and moving towards lower,  
with Sudakov form factor  $\exp(-\int d\mathcal{P}_b)$

Ladder representation combines whole event:

cf. previously:



One possible

Monte Carlo order:

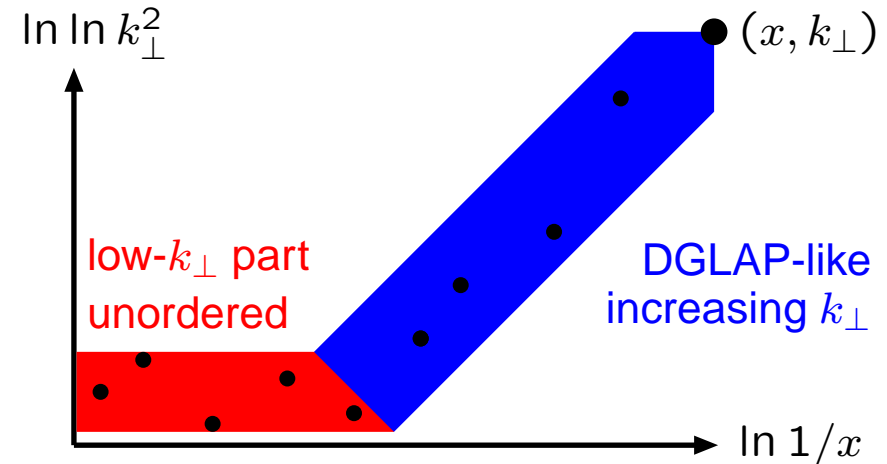
- 1) Hard scattering
- 2) Initial-state shower  
from center outwards
- 3) Final-state showers

DGLAP:  $Q_{\max}^2 > Q_1^2 > Q_2^2 \sim Q_0^2$   
 $Q_{\max}^2 > Q_3^2 > Q_4^2 > Q_5^2 \sim Q_0^2$

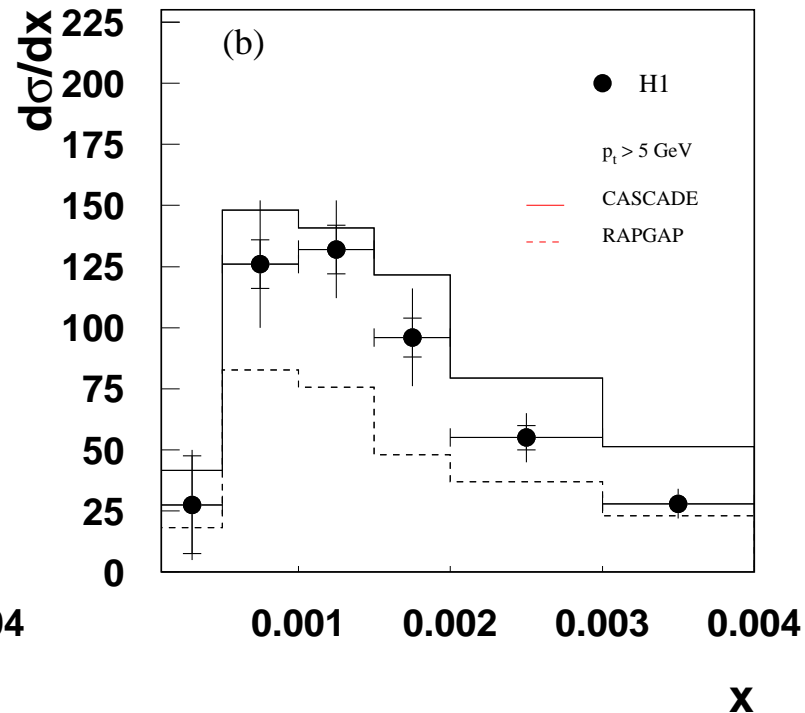
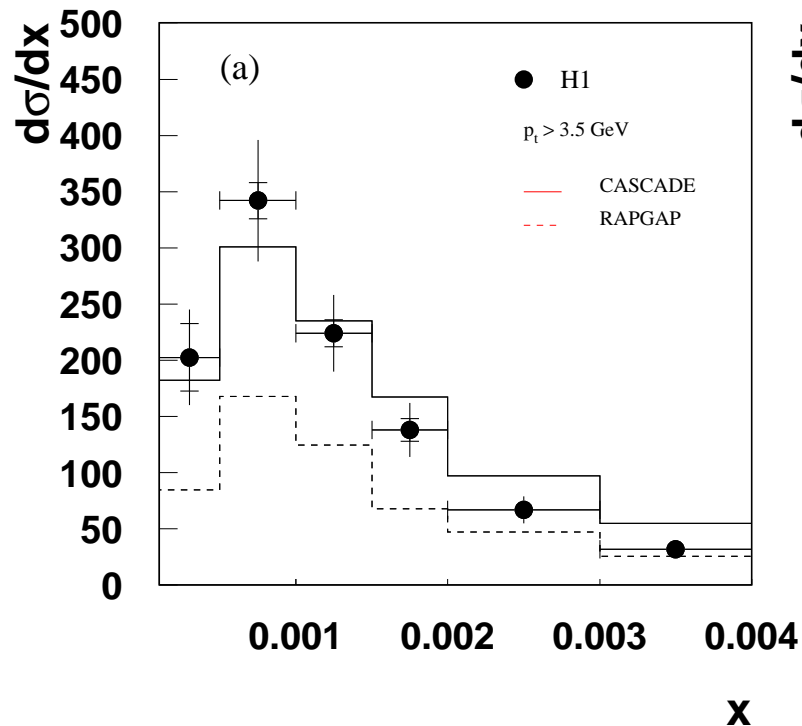
BFKL/CCFM: go beyond  $Q^2$  ordering;  
 important at small  $x$  and  $Q^2$

# Initial-State Shower Comparison

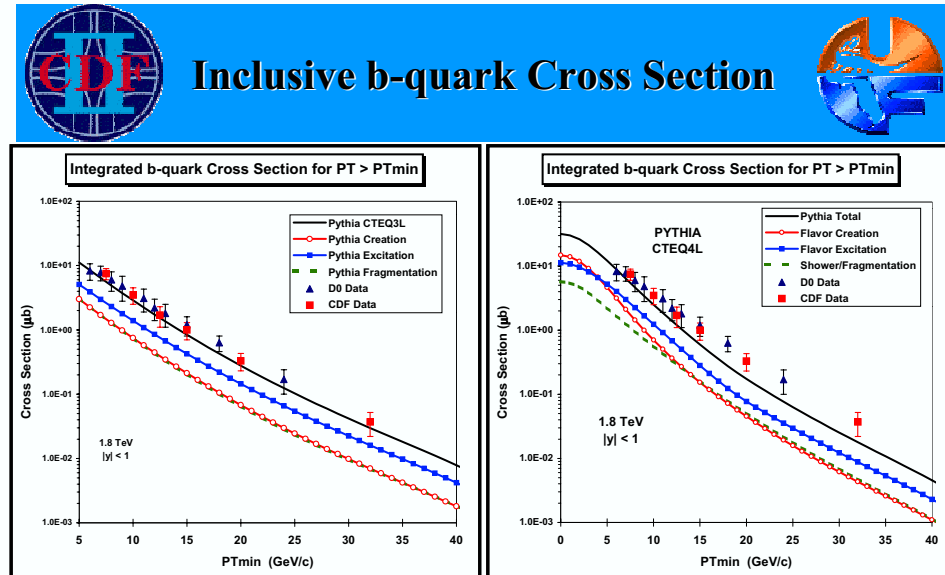
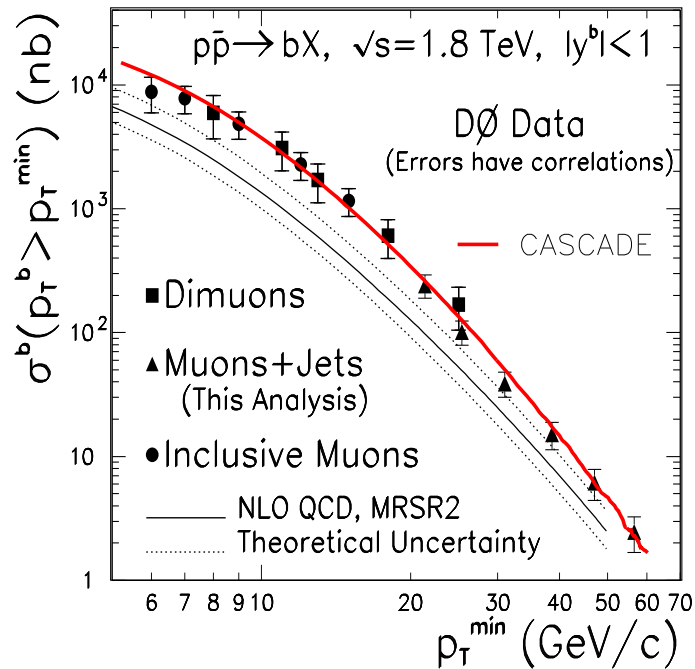
Two(?) CCFM Generators:  
 (SMALLX (Marchesini, Webber))  
 CASCADE (Jung, Salam)  
 LDC (Gustafson, Lönnblad):  
 reformulated initial/final rad.  
 $\implies$  eliminate non-Sudakov



Test 1) forward (= p direction) jet activity at HERA



## 2) Heavy flavour production



→ Data on the integrated b-quark total cross section ( $P_T > P_{Tmin}$ ,  $|y| < 1$ ) for proton-antiproton collisions at 1.8 TeV compared with the QCD Monte-Carlo model predictions of PYTHIA 6.115 (CTEQ3L) and PYTHIA 6.158 (CTEQ4L). The four curves correspond to the contribution from **flavor creation**, **flavor excitation**, **shower/fragmentation**, and the resulting total.

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but also explained by DGLAP with leading order pair creation  
+ flavour excitation ( $\approx$  unordered chains)  
+ gluon splitting (final-state radiation)

CCFM requires off-shell ME's + unintegrated parton densities

$$F(x, Q^2) = \int^{Q^2} \frac{dk_{\perp}^2}{k_{\perp}^2} \mathcal{F}(x, k_{\perp}^2) + (\text{suppressed with } k_{\perp}^2 > Q^2)$$

so not ready for prime time in pp

# Initial- vs. final-state showers

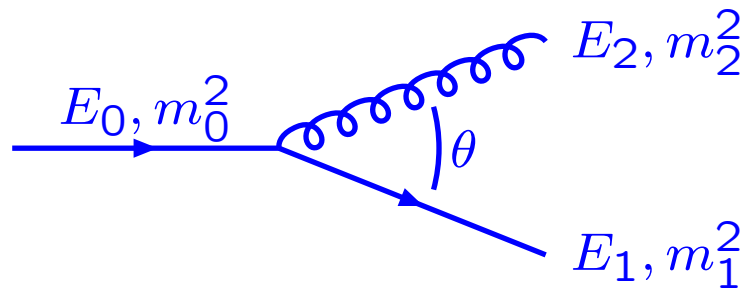
Both controlled by same evolution equations

$$d\mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow bc} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz \cdot \text{(Sudakov)}$$

but

Final-state showers:

$Q^2$  timelike ( $\sim m^2$ )



decreasing  $E, m^2, \theta$

both daughters  $m^2 \geq 0$

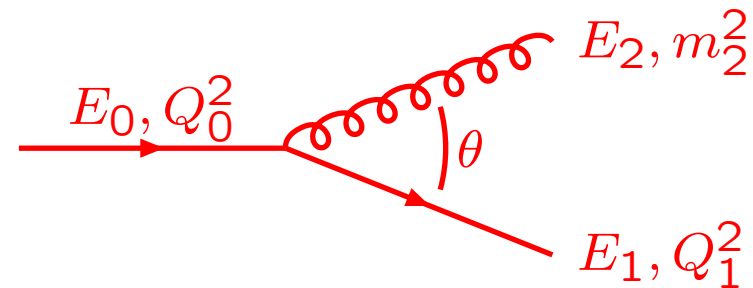
physics relatively simple

$\Rightarrow$  “minor” variations:

$Q^2$ , shower vs. dipole, ...

Initial-state showers:

$Q^2$  spacelike ( $\approx -m^2$ )



decreasing  $E$ , increasing  $Q^2, \theta$

one daughter  $m^2 \geq 0$ , one  $m^2 < 0$

physics more complicated

$\Rightarrow$  more formalisms:

DGLAP, BFKL, CCFM, GLR, ...

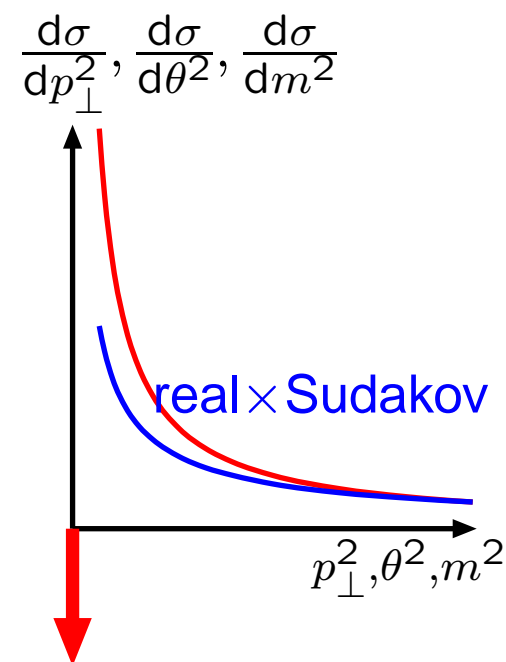
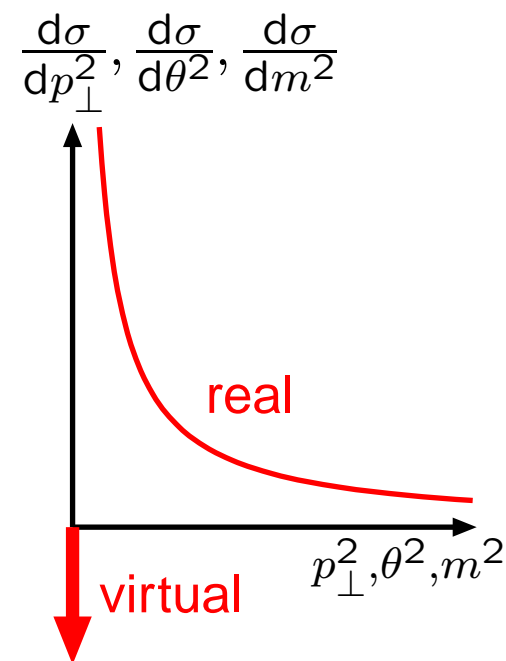
# Matrix Elements vs. Parton Showers

## ME : Matrix Elements

- + systematic expansion in  $\alpha_S$  ('exact')
- + powerful for multiparton Born level
- + flexible phase space cuts
- loop calculations very tough
- negative cross section in collinear regions  
⇒ unproductive jet/event structure
- *no easy match to hadronization*

## PS : Parton Showers

- approximate, to LL (or NLL)
- main topology not predetermined  
⇒ inefficient for exclusive states
- + process-generic ⇒ simple multiparton
- + Sudakov form factors/resummation  
⇒ sensible jet/event structure
- + *easy to match to hadronization*





# Matrix Elements and Parton Showers

Recall complementary strengths:

- ME's good for well separated jets
- PS's good for structure inside jets

Marriage desirable! But how?

- Problems:
- gaps in coverage?
  - doublecounting of radiation?
  - Sudakov?
  - NLO consistency?

Much work ongoing  $\implies$  no established orthodoxy

Three main areas, in ascending order of complication:

- 1) Match to lowest-order nontrivial process — merging
- 2) Combine leading-order multiparton process — vetoed parton showers
- 3) Match to next-to-leading order process — MC@NLO

# Merging

= cover full phase space with smooth transition ME/PS

Want to reproduce  $W^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{\sigma(\text{LO})} \frac{d\sigma(\text{LO} + g)}{d(\text{phasespace})}$

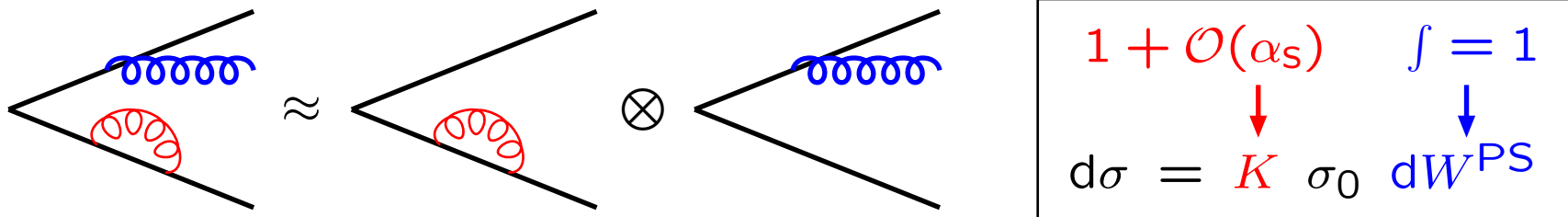
by shower generation + correction procedure

$$\underbrace{W^{\text{ME}}}_{\text{wanted}} = \underbrace{W^{\text{PS}}}_{\text{generated}} \overbrace{\frac{W^{\text{ME}}}{W^{\text{PS}}}}^{\text{correction}}$$

- Exponentiate ME correction by shower Sudakov form factor:

$$W_{\text{actual}}^{\text{PS}}(Q^2) = W^{\text{ME}}(Q^2) \exp\left(-\int_{Q^2}^{Q_{\text{max}}^2} W^{\text{ME}}(Q'^2) dQ'^2\right)$$

- Do not normalize  $W^{\text{ME}}$  to  $\sigma(\text{NLO})$  (error  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  either way)



- Normally several shower histories  $\Rightarrow$   $\sim$  equivalent approaches

# Final-State Shower Merging

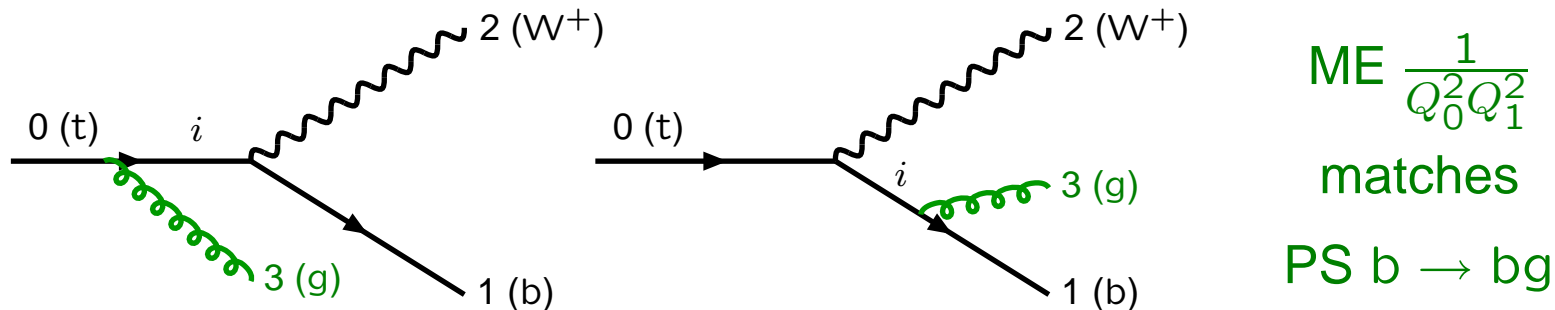
Merging with  $\gamma^*/Z^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$  for  $m_q = 0$  since long

(M. Bengtsson & TS, PLB185 (1987) 435, NPB289 (1987) 810)

For  $m_q > 0$  pick  $Q_i^2 = m_i^2 - m_{i,\text{onshell}}^2$  as evolution variable since

$$W^{\text{ME}} = \frac{(\dots)}{Q_1^2 Q_2^2} - \frac{(\dots)}{Q_1^4} - \frac{(\dots)}{Q_2^4}$$

Coloured decaying particle also radiates:



$\Rightarrow$  can merge PS with generic  $a \rightarrow bcg$  ME

(E. Norrbin & TS, NPB603 (2001) 297)

Subsequent branchings  $q \rightarrow qg$ : also matched to ME, with reduced energy of system

PYTHIA performs merging with generic FSR  $a \rightarrow bcg$  ME,

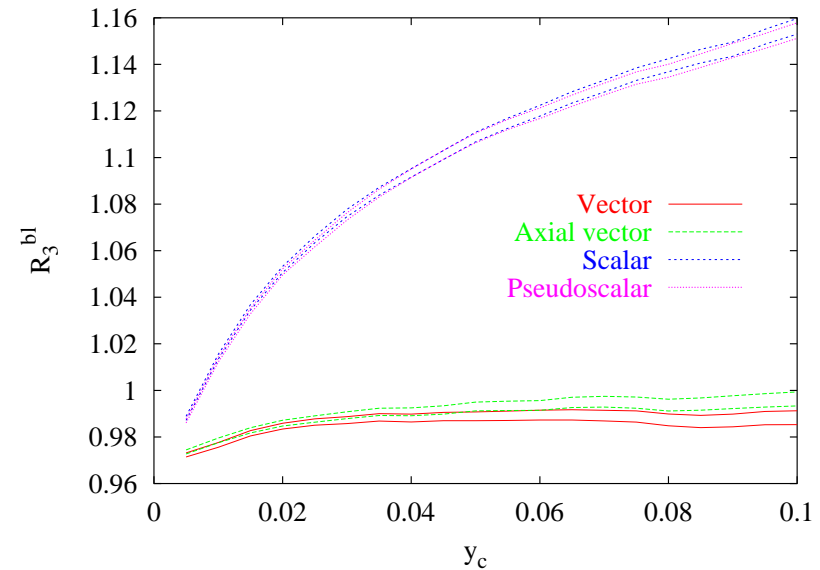
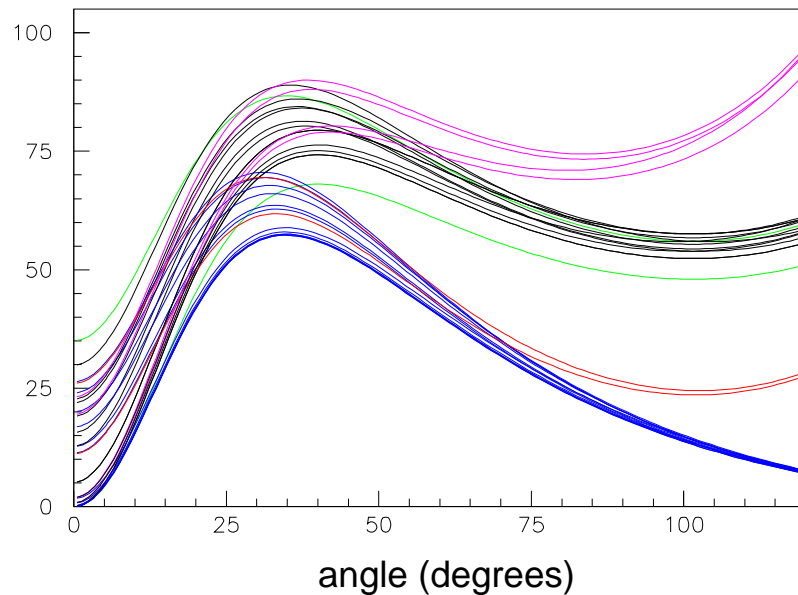
in SM:  $\gamma^*/Z^0/W^\pm \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ ,  $t \rightarrow bW^+$ ,  $H^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ ,

and MSSM:  $t \rightarrow bH^+$ ,  $Z^0 \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}$ ,  $\tilde{q} \rightarrow \tilde{q}'W^+$ ,  $H^0 \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}$ ,  $\tilde{q} \rightarrow \tilde{q}'H^+$ ,

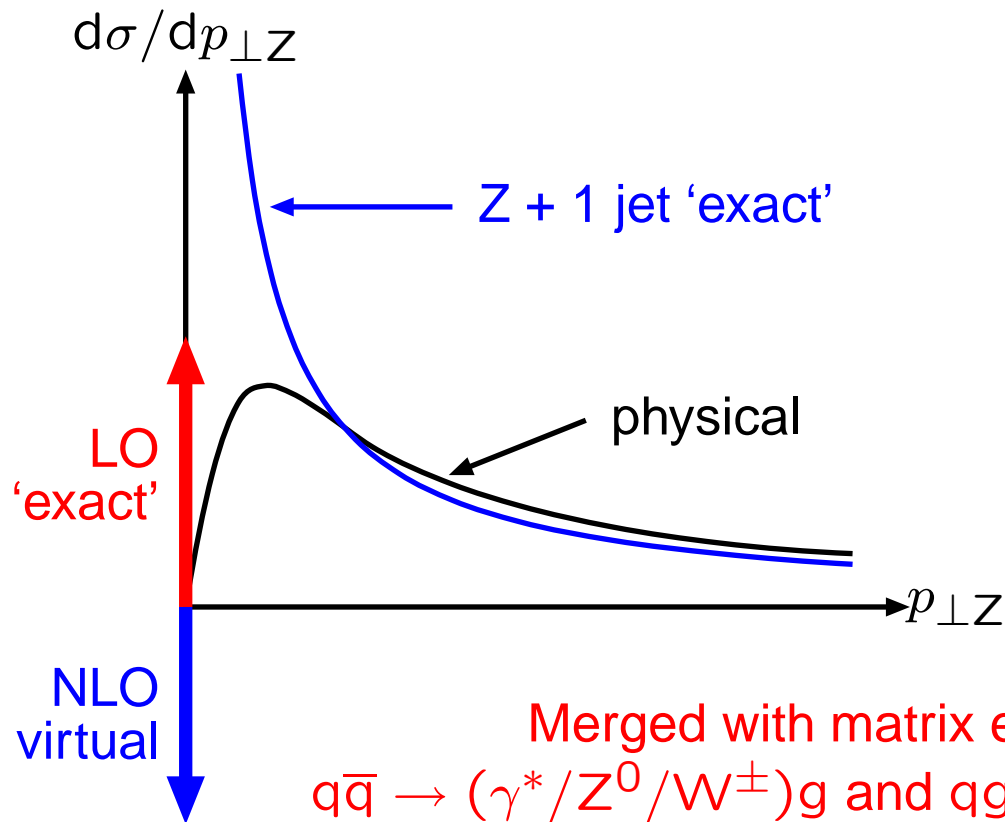
$\chi \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ ,  $\chi \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ ,  $\tilde{q} \rightarrow q\chi$ ,  $t \rightarrow \tilde{t}\chi$ ,  $\tilde{g} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ ,  $\tilde{q} \rightarrow q\tilde{g}$ ,  $t \rightarrow \tilde{t}\tilde{g}$

g emission for different  
colour, spin and parity:

$R_3^{bl}(y_c)$ : mass effects  
in Higgs decay:



# Initial-State Shower Merging



resummation:  
physical  $p_{\perp Z}$  spectrum

shower: ditto  
+ accompanying  
jets (exclusive)

Merged with matrix elements for  
 $q\bar{q} \rightarrow (\gamma^*/Z^0/W^\pm)g$  and  $qg \rightarrow (\gamma^*/Z^0/W^\pm)q'$ :

(G. Miu & TS, PLB449 (1999) 313)

$$\left(\frac{W^{\text{ME}}}{W^{\text{PS}}}\right)_{q\bar{q}' \rightarrow gW} = \frac{\hat{t}^2 + \hat{u}^2 + 2m_W^2 \hat{s}}{\hat{s}^2 + m_W^4} \leq 1$$

$$\left(\frac{W^{\text{ME}}}{W^{\text{PS}}}\right)_{qg \rightarrow q'W} = \frac{\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2 + 2m_W^2 \hat{t}}{(\hat{s} - m_W^2)^2 + m_W^4} < 3$$

with  $Q^2 = -m^2$   
and  $z = m_W^2/\hat{s}$

# Merging in HERWIG

HERWIG also contains merging, for

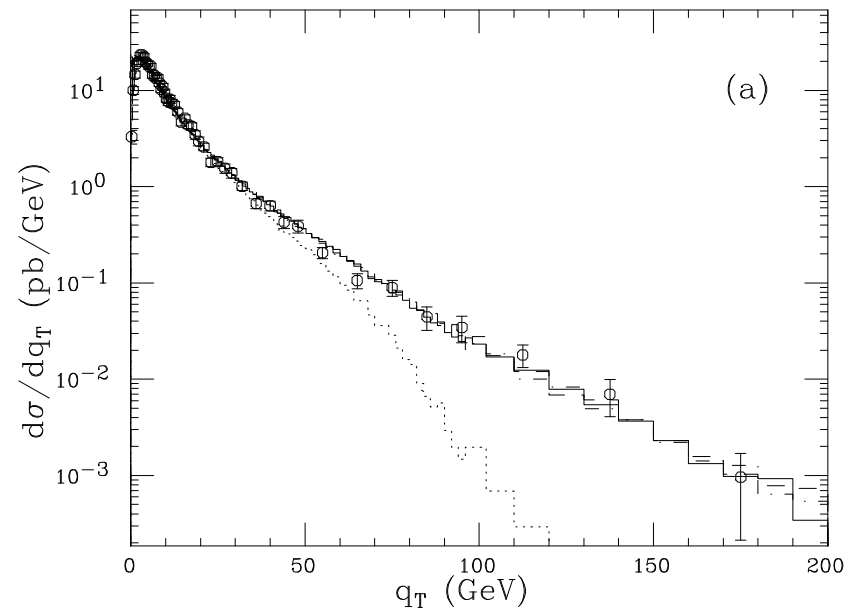
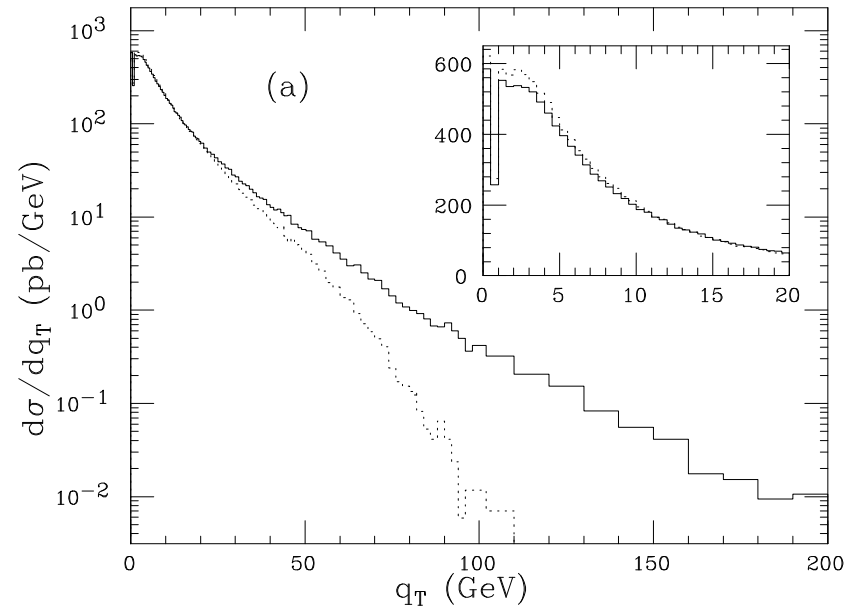
- $Z^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
- $t \rightarrow bW^+$
- $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z^0$

and some more

Special problem:  
angular ordering does not cover full phase space; so

- (1) fill in “dead zone” with ME
- (2) apply ME correction in allowed region

Important for agreement with data:



# Vetoed Parton Showers

S. Catani, F. Krauss, R. Kuhn, B.R. Webber, JHEP 0111 (2001) 063; L. Lönnblad, JHEP0205 (2002) 046;

F. Krauss, JHEP 0208 (2002) 015; S. Mrenna, P. Richardson, JHEP0405 (2004) 040;

M.L. Mangano, in preparation

**Generic method to combine ME's of several different orders to NLL accuracy; will be a 'standard tool' in the future**

Basic idea:

- consider (differential) cross sections  $\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots$ , corresponding to a lowest-order process (e.g. W or H production), with more jets added to describe more complicated topologies, in each case to the respective leading order
- $\sigma_i, i \geq 1$ , are divergent in soft/collinear limits
- absent virtual corrections would have ensured “detailed balance”, i.e. an emission that adds to  $\sigma_{i+1}$  subtracts from  $\sigma_i$
- such virtual corrections correspond (approximately) to the Sudakov form factors of parton showers
- so use shower routines to provide missing virtual corrections  
⇒ rejection of events (especially) in soft/collinear regions

## Veto scheme:

- 1) Pick hard process, mixing according to  $\sigma_0 : \sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots$ ,  
above some ME cutoff, with large fixed  $\alpha_{s0}$
- 2) Reconstruct imagined shower history (in different ways)
- 3) Weight  $W_\alpha = \prod_{\text{branchings}} (\alpha_s(k_{\perp i}^2) / \alpha_{s0}) \Rightarrow \text{accept/reject}$

### CKKW-L:

- 4) Sudakov factor for non-emission  
on all lines above ME cutoff

$$W_{\text{Sud}} = \prod \text{“propagators”}$$

$$\text{Sudakov}(k_{\perp \text{beg}}^2, k_{\perp \text{end}}^2)$$

- 4a) CKKW : use NLL Sudakovs

- 4b) L: use trial showers

- 5)  $W_{\text{Sud}} \Rightarrow \text{accept/reject}$

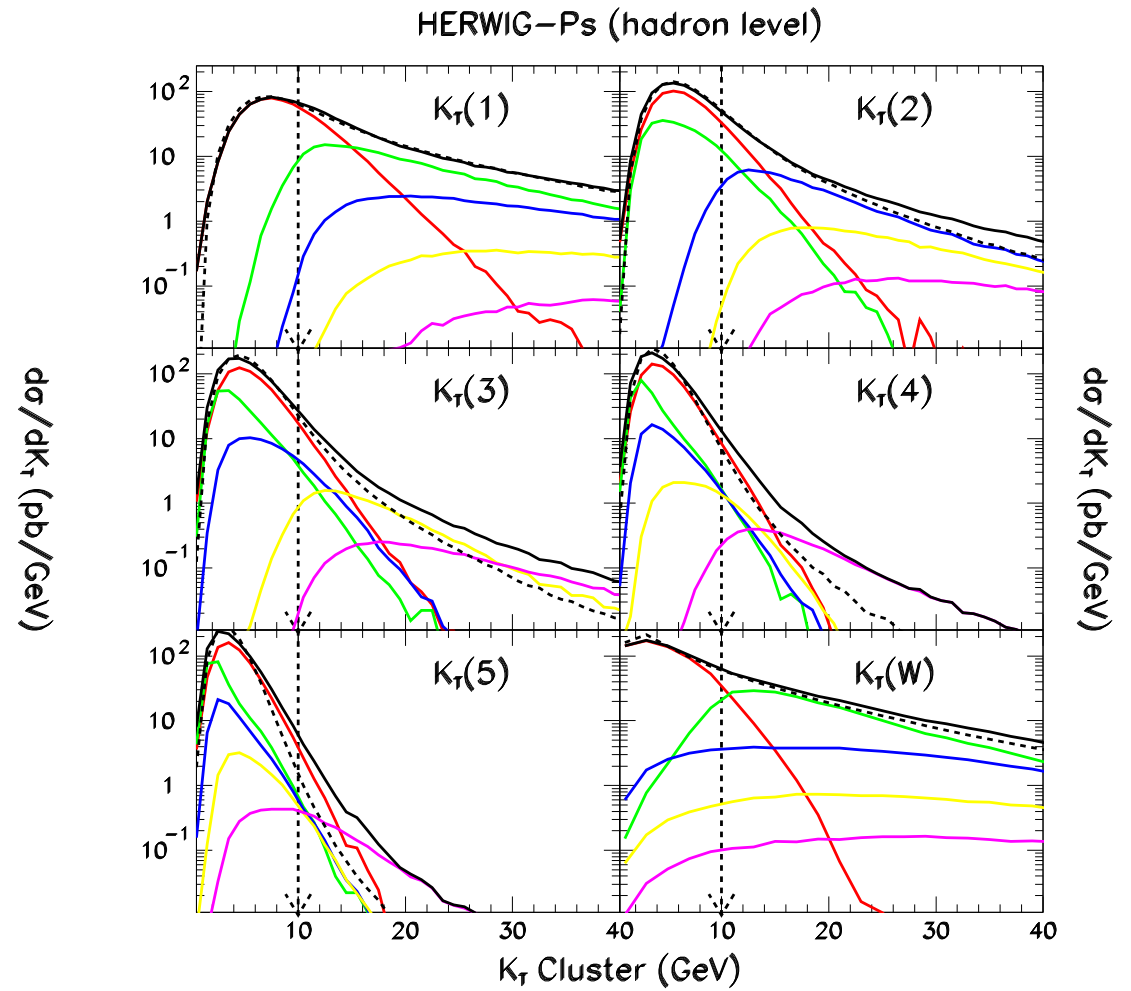
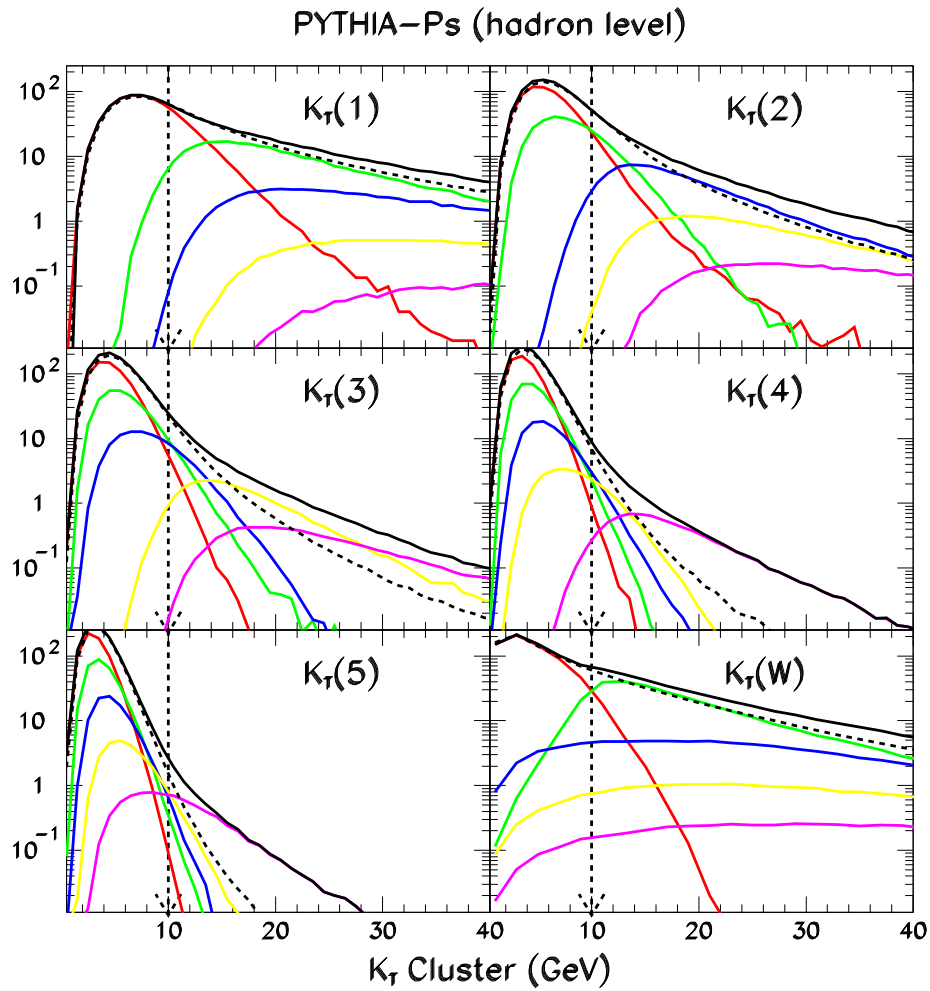
- 6) do shower,  
vetoing emissions above cutoff

### MLM:

- 4) do parton showers
- 5) (cone-)cluster  
showered event
- 6) match partons and jets
- 7) if all partons are matched,  
and  $n_{\text{jet}} = n_{\text{parton}}$ ,  
keep the event,  
else discard it



CKKW mix of  $W + (0, 1, 2, 3, 4)$  partons,  
hadronized and clustered to jets:



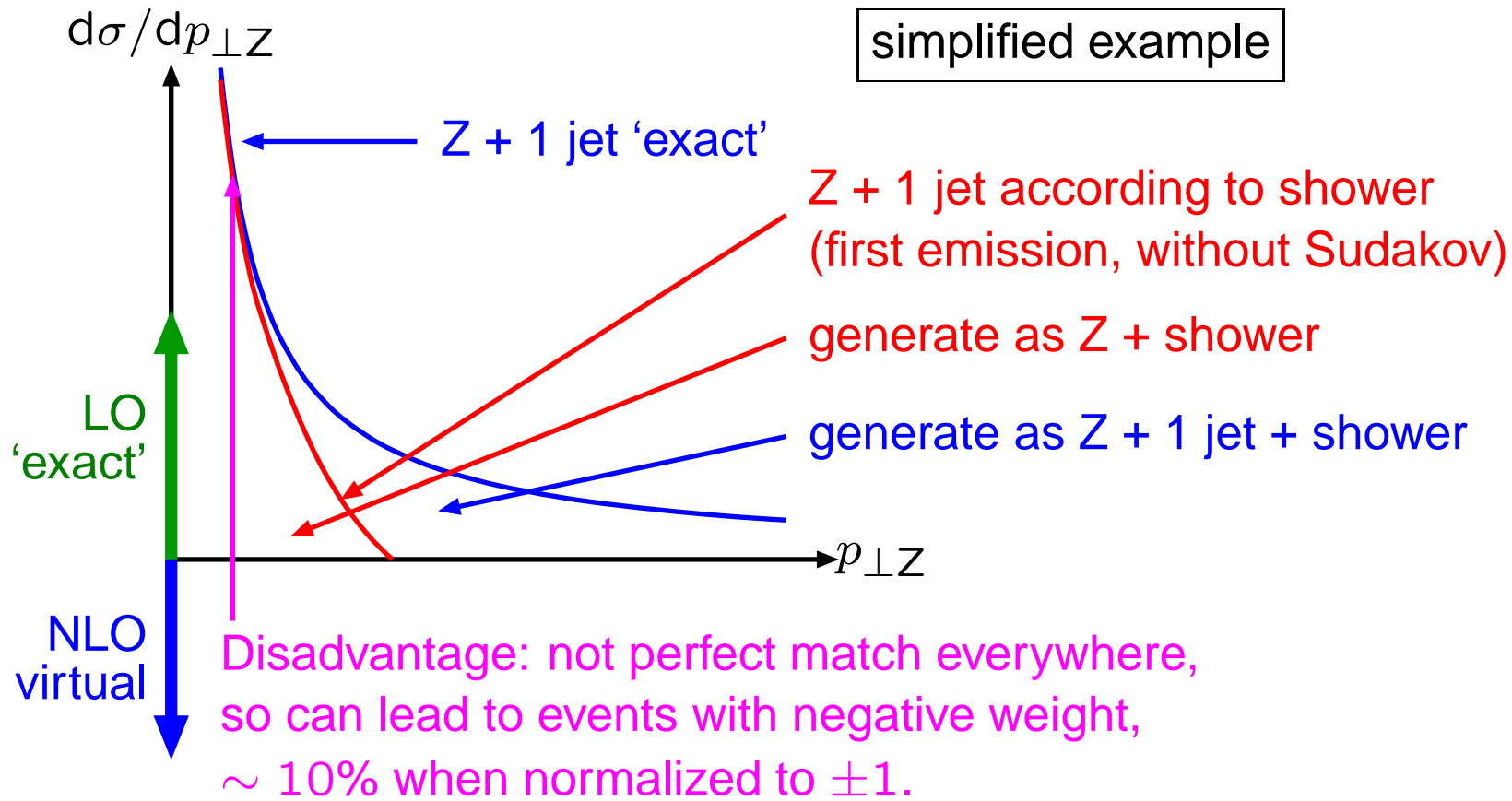
# MC@NLO

## Objectives:

- Total rate should be accurate to NLO.
- NLO results are obtained for all observables when (formally) expanded in powers of  $\alpha_S$ .
- Hard emissions are treated as in the NLO computations.
- Soft/collinear emissions are treated as in shower MC.
- The matching between hard and soft emissions is smooth.
- The outcome is a set of “normal” events, that can be processed further.

## Basic scheme (simplified!):

- 1) Calculate the NLO matrix element corrections to an  $n$ -body process (using the subtraction approach).
- 2) Calculate analytically (no Sudakov!) how the first shower emission off an  $n$ -body topology populates  $(n + 1)$ -body phase space.
- 3) Subtract the shower expression from the  $(n + 1)$  ME to get the “true”  $(n + 1)$  events, and consider the rest of  $\sigma_{\text{NLO}}$  as  $n$ -body.
- 4) Add showers to both kinds of events.



MC@NLO in comparison:

- Superior with respect to “total” cross sections.
- Equivalent to merging for event shapes (differences higher order).
- Inferior to CKKW–L for multijet topologies.

⇒ pick according to current task and availability.

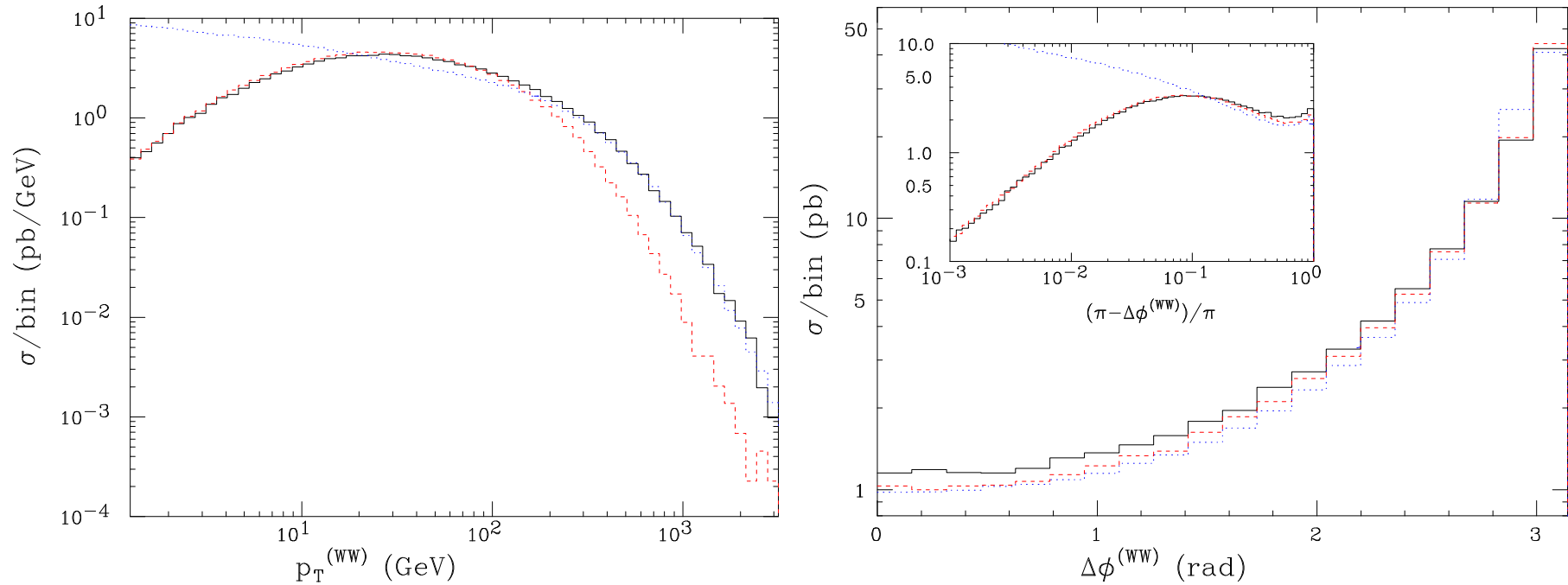
## MC@NLO 2.31 [hep-ph/0402116]

IPROC	Process
-1350-IL	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow (Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow) l_{\text{IL}} \bar{l}_{\text{IL}} + X$
-1360-IL	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow (Z \rightarrow) l_{\text{IL}} \bar{l}_{\text{IL}} + X$
-1370-IL	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow (\gamma^* \rightarrow) l_{\text{IL}} \bar{l}_{\text{IL}} + X$
-1460-IL	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow (W^+ \rightarrow) l_{\text{IL}}^+ \nu_{\text{IL}} + X$
-1470-IL	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow (W^- \rightarrow) l_{\text{IL}}^- \bar{\nu}_{\text{IL}} + X$
-1396	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow \gamma^* (\rightarrow \sum_i f_i \bar{f}_i) + X$
-1397	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow Z^0 + X$
-1497	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow W^+ + X$
-1498	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow W^- + X$
-1600-ID	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow H^0 + X$
-1705	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow b\bar{b} + X$
-1706	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow t\bar{t} + X$
-2850	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow W^+ W^- + X$
-2860	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow Z^0 Z^0 + X$
-2870	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow W^+ Z^0 + X$
-2880	$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow W^- Z^0 + X$

(Frixione, Webber)

- Works identically to HERWIG: the very same analysis routines can be used
- Reads shower initial conditions from an event file (as in ME corrections)
- Exploits Les Houches accord for process information and common blocks
- Features a self contained library of PDFs with old and new sets alike
- LHAPDF will also be implemented

# W<sup>+</sup>W<sup>-</sup> Observables



These correlations are problematic: the soft and hard emissions are both relevant. MC@NLO does well, resumming large logarithms, and yet handling the large-scale physics correctly

Solid: MC@NLO

Dashed: HERWIG  $\times \frac{\sigma_{NLO}}{\sigma_{LO}}$

Dotted: NLO

# HERWIG shower improvements

## Quasi-Collinear Limit (Heavy Quarks)

Sudakov-basis  $p, n$  with  $p^2 = M^2$  ('forward'),  $n^2 = 0$  ('backward'),

$$p_q = zp + \beta_q n - q_\perp$$

$$p_g = (1-z)p + \beta_g n + q_\perp$$

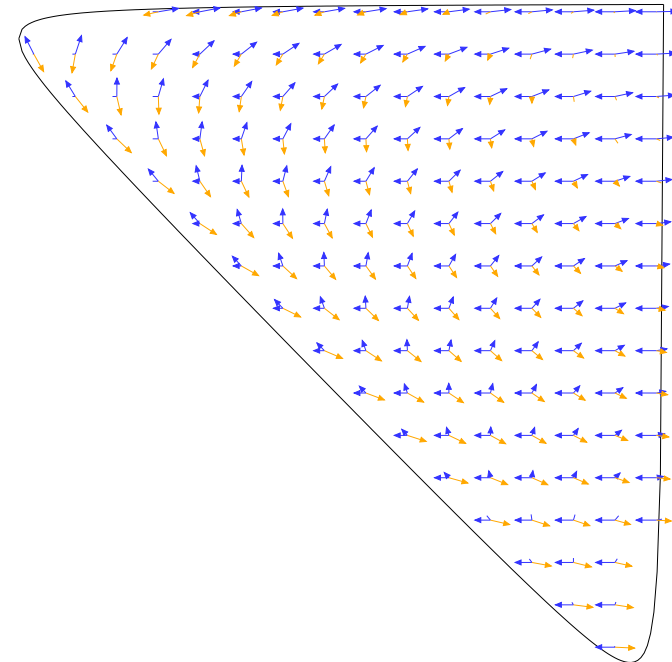
Collinear limit for radiation off heavy quark,

$$P_{gq}(z, \mathbf{q}^2, m^2) = C_F \left[ \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} - \frac{2z(1-z)m^2}{\mathbf{q}^2 + (1-z)^2 m^2} \right]$$

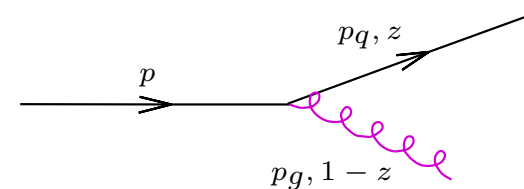
$$= \frac{C_F}{1-z} \left[ 1 + z^2 - \frac{2m^2}{z\tilde{q}^2} \right]$$

→  $\tilde{q}^2 \sim \mathbf{q}^2$  may be used as evolution variable.

$q\bar{q}g$ -Phase space  $(x, \bar{x})$



Single emission:



## New evolution variables

Kinematics to allow better treatment of heavy particles, avoiding overlapping regions in phase space, in particular for soft emissions

We choose  $\tilde{q}^2$  as new evolution variable,

$$\tilde{q}^2 = \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{z^2(1-z)^2} + \frac{m^2}{z^2} \quad \text{for } q \rightarrow qg$$

and with the argument of running  $\alpha_S$  chosen according to

$$\alpha_S(z^2(1-z)^2\tilde{q}^2)$$

angular ordering

$$\tilde{q}_{i+1} < z_i \tilde{q}_i \quad \tilde{k}_{i+1} < (1-z_i) \tilde{q}_i$$

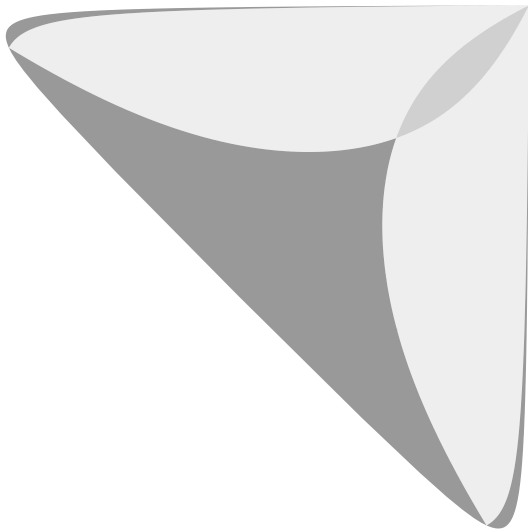
Technically: *reinterpretation* of known evolution variables, i.e. the branching probability for  $a \rightarrow bc$  still is

$$dP(a \rightarrow bc) = \frac{d\tilde{q}^2}{\tilde{q}^2} \frac{C_i \alpha_S}{2\pi} P_{bc}(z, \tilde{q}) dz$$

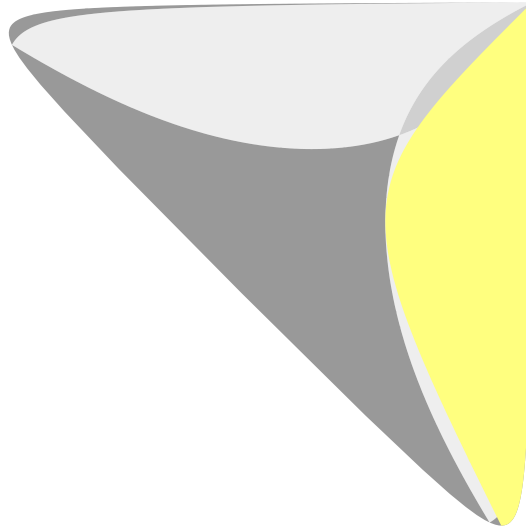
→ Sudakov's etc. technically remain the same!

## $q\bar{q}g$ Phase Space old vs new variables

Consider  $(x, \bar{x})$  phase space for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$



HERWIG



Comparison



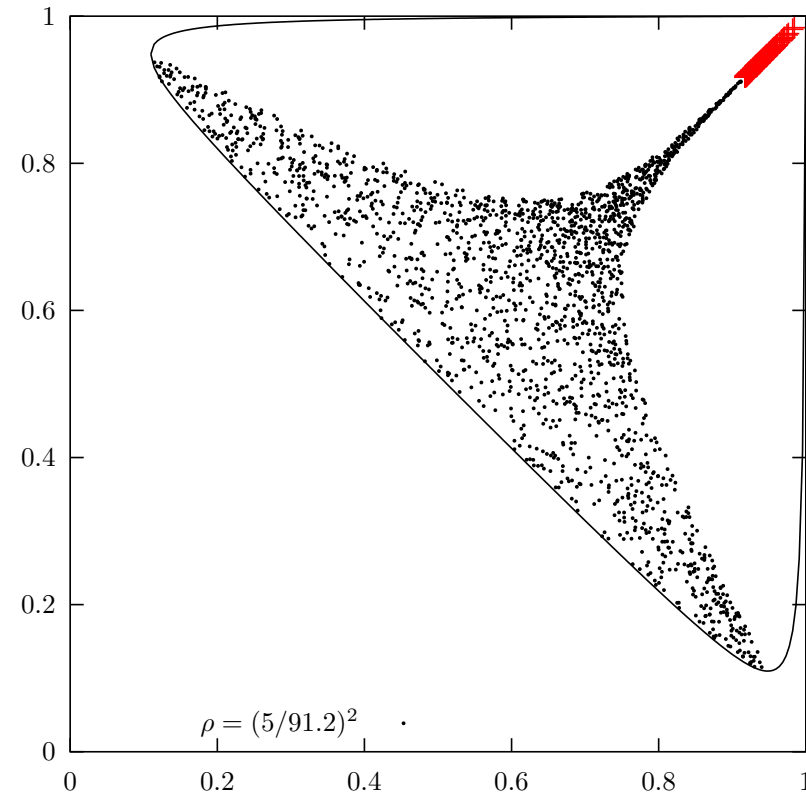
Herwig++

- ✗ Larger dead region with new variables.
- ✓ Smooth coverage of soft gluon region.
- ✓ No overlapping regions in phase space.



## Hard Matrix Element Corrections

- Points  $(x, \bar{x})$  in **dead region** chosen acc to LO  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$  matrix element and accepted acc to ME weight.
- About **3%** of all events are actually hard  $q\bar{q}g$  events.
- Red points have **weight**  $> 1$ , practically no error by setting weight to one.
- Event **oriented** according to given  $q\bar{q}$  geometry. Quark direction is kept with weight  $x^2/(x^2 + \bar{x}^2)$ .



# PYTHIA shower improvements

## Objective:

**Incorporate several of the good points of the dipole formalism (like ARIADNE) within the shower approach ( $\Rightarrow$  hybrid)**

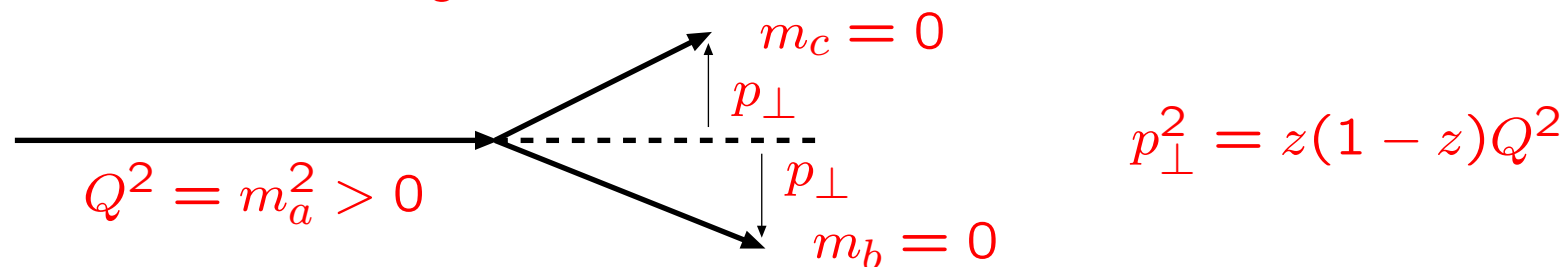
- $\pm$  explore alternative  $p_{\perp}$  definitions
- +  $p_{\perp}$  ordering  $\Rightarrow$  coherence inherent
- + ME merging works as before (unique  $p_{\perp}^2 \leftrightarrow Q^2$  mapping; same  $z$ )
- +  $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  natural
- + kinematics constructed after each branching  
(partons explicitly on-shell until they branch)
- + showers can be stopped and restarted at given  $p_{\perp}$  scale  
(not yet worked-out for ISR+FSR)
- +  $\Rightarrow$  well suited for ME/PS matching (L-CKKW, real+fictitious showers)
- +  $\Rightarrow$  well suited for simple match with  $2 \rightarrow 2$  hard processes
- + + well suited for *interleaved multiple interactions*

# Simple kinematics

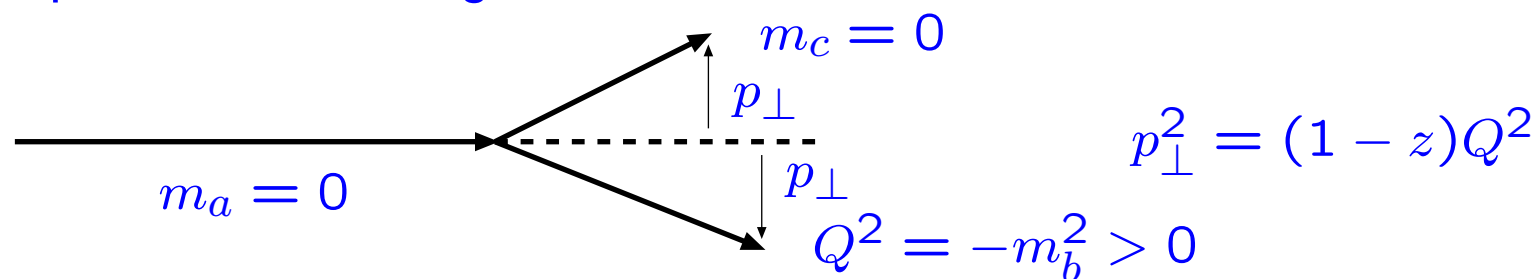
Consider branching  $a \rightarrow bc$  in lightcone coordinates  $p^\pm = E \pm p_z$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p_b^+ = zp_a^+ \\ p_c^+ = (1-z)p_a^+ \\ p^- \text{ conservation} \end{array} \right\} \implies m_a^2 = \frac{m_b^2 + p_\perp^2}{z} + \frac{m_c^2 + p_\perp^2}{1-z}$$

Timelike branching:



Spacelike branching:



Guideline, not final  $p_\perp$ !

# Transverse-momentum-ordered showers

1) Define  $p_{\perp\text{evol}}^2 = z(1-z)Q^2 = z(1-z)M^2$  for FSR  
 $p_{\perp\text{evol}}^2 = (1-z)Q^2 = (1-z)(-M^2)$  for ISR

2) Evolve all partons *downwards* in  $p_{\perp\text{evol}}$  from common  $p_{\perp\text{max}}$

$$d\mathcal{P}_a = \frac{dp_{\perp\text{evol}}^2}{p_{\perp\text{evol}}^2} \frac{\alpha_s(p_{\perp\text{evol}}^2)}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz \exp\left(-\int_{p_{\perp\text{evol}}^2}^{p_{\perp\text{max}}^2} \dots\right)$$

$$d\mathcal{P}_b = \frac{dp_{\perp\text{evol}}^2}{p_{\perp\text{evol}}^2} \frac{\alpha_s(p_{\perp\text{evol}}^2)}{2\pi} \frac{x' f_a(x', p_{\perp\text{evol}}^2)}{x f_b(x, p_{\perp\text{evol}}^2)} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) dz \exp(-\dots)$$

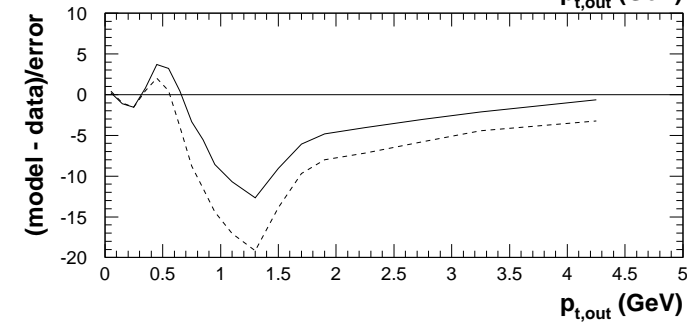
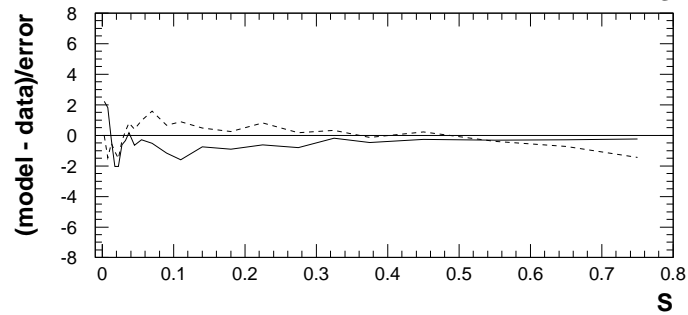
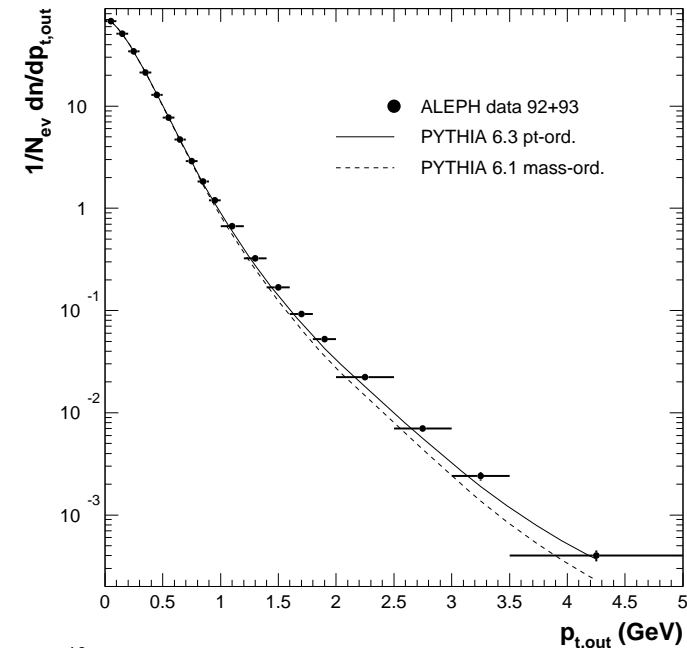
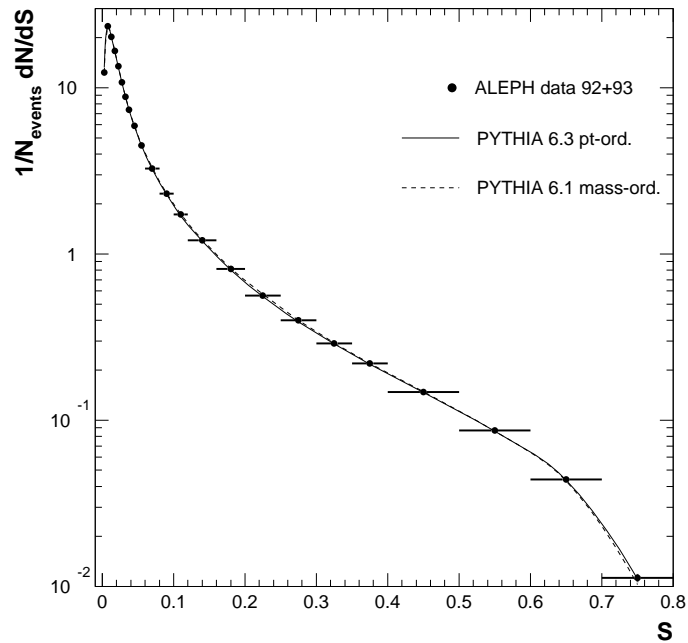
Pick the one with *largest*  $p_{\perp\text{evol}}$  to undergo branching; also gives  $z$ .

3) Kinematics: Derive  $Q^2 = \pm M^2$  by inversion of 1), but then interpret  $z$  as *energy fraction* (not lightcone) in “dipole” rest frame, so that *Lorentz invariant* and matched to matrix elements. Assume yet unbranched partons on-shell and shuffle  $(E, \mathbf{p})$  inside dipole.

4) *Iterate*  $\Rightarrow$  combined sequence  $p_{\perp\text{max}} > p_{\perp 1} > p_{\perp 2} > \dots > p_{\perp\text{min}}$ .

# Testing the FSR algorithm

Tune performed by Gerald Rudolph (Innsbruck)  
based on ALEPH 1992+93 data:



# Quality of fit

Distribution of	nb.of interv.	$\sum \chi^2$ of model	
		PY6.3 $p_{\perp}$ -ord.	PY6.1 mass-ord.
Sphericity	23	25	16
Aplanarity	16	23	168
1–Thrust	21	60	8
Thrust <sub>minor</sub>	18	26	139
jet res. $y_3(D)$	20	10	22
$x = 2p/E_{cm}$	46	207	151
$p_{\perp in}$	25	99	170
$p_{\perp out} < 0.7 \text{ GeV}$	7	29	24
$p_{\perp out}$	(19)	(590)	(1560)
$x(B)$	19	20	68
sum $N_{dof} =$	190	497	765

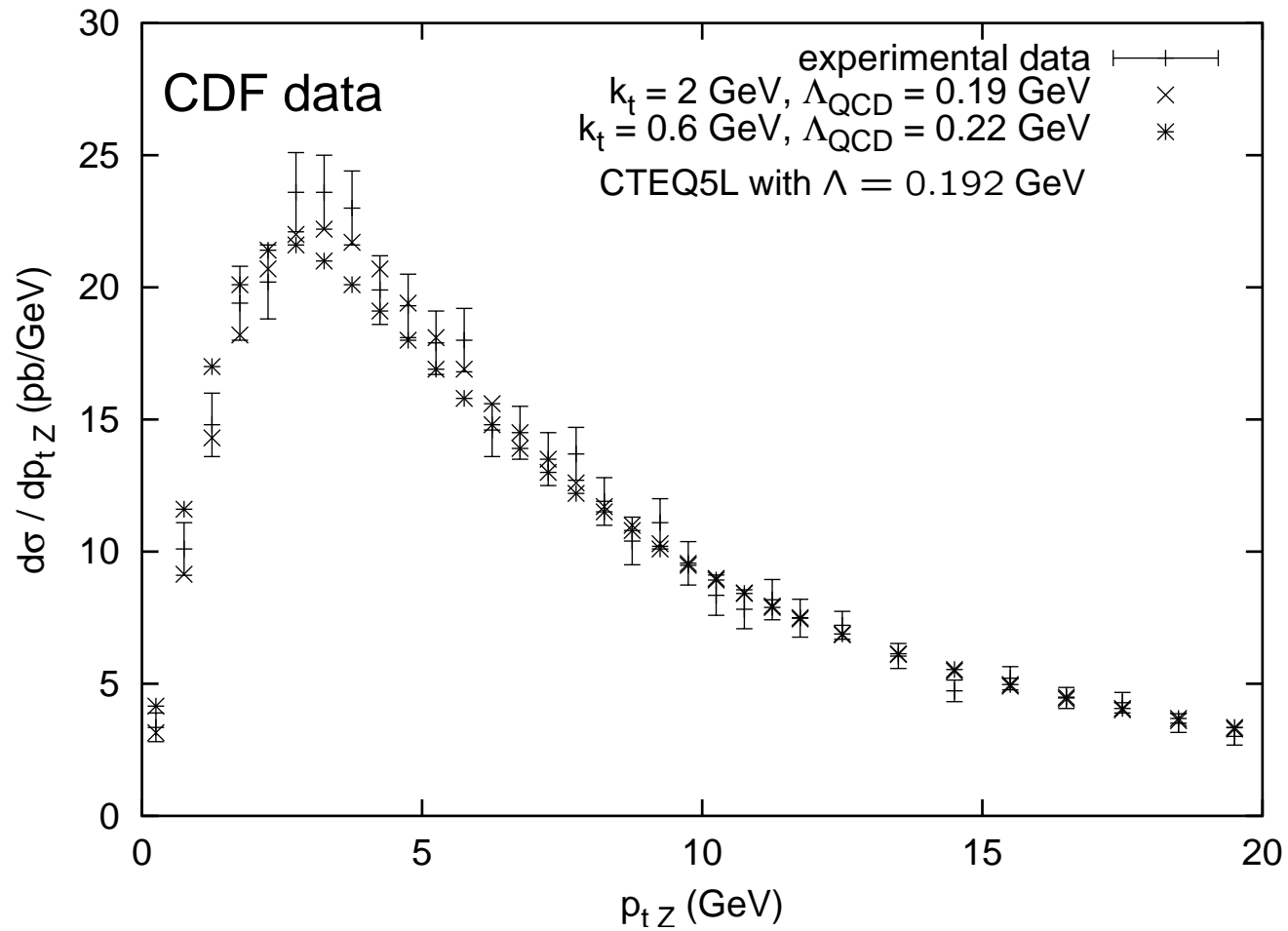
Generator is not assumed to be perfect, so add fraction  $p$  of value in quadrature to the definition of the error:

$$\sum \chi^2 \begin{matrix} p & 0\% & 0.5\% & 1\% \\ & 523 & 364 & 234 \end{matrix}$$

for  $N_{dof} = 196 \Rightarrow$  generator is 'correct' to  $\sim 1\%$   
*except*  $p_{\perp out} > 0.7 \text{ GeV}$  (10%–20% error)

# Testing the ISR algorithm

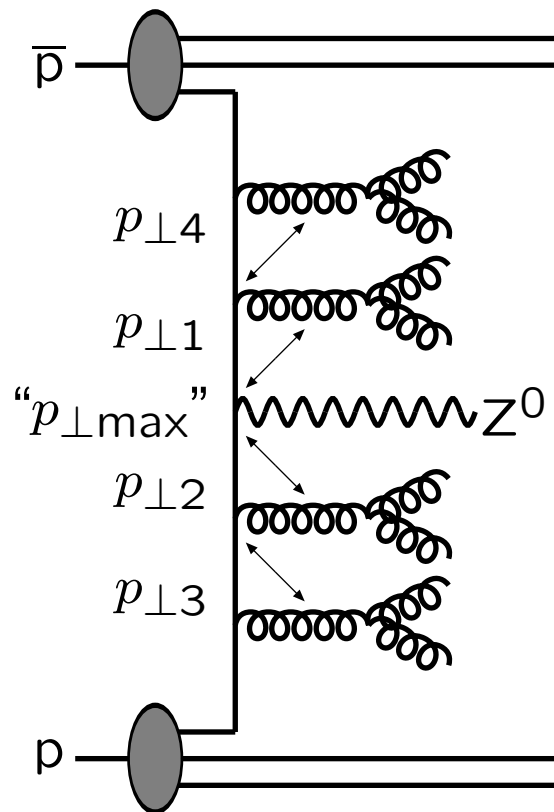
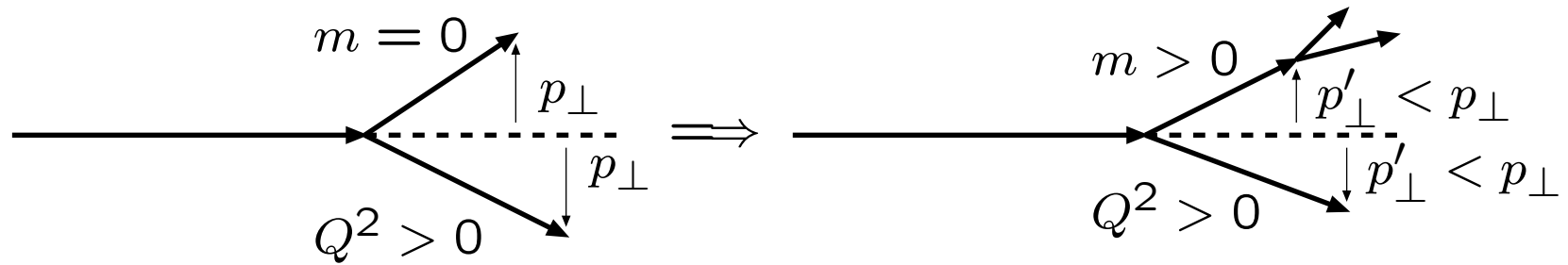
Still only begun...



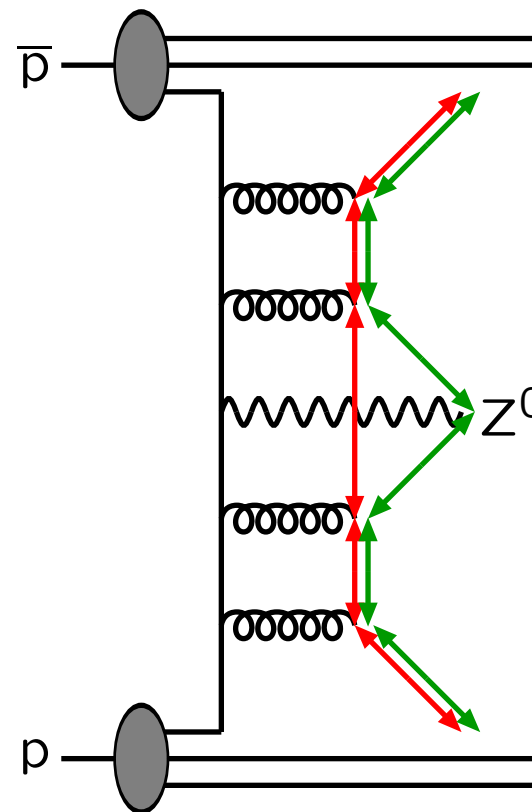
... but so far no showstoppers

# Combining FSR with ISR

Evolution of timelike sidebranch cascades can reduce  $p_{\perp}$ :



Old:  
 $Z^0$  takes  
 recoil



New:  
 $Z^0$  takes  
 recoil  
 or  
 $Z^0$  unaffected  
 by FSR  
 (later later)



# Shower Summary

- Showers bring us *from* few-parton “pencil-jet” topologies *to* multi-broad-jet states. ●
- Necessary complement to matrix elements: ●
- ★ Do not trust off-the-shelf ME for  $R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2} \lesssim 1$  ★
- ★ Do not trust unmatched PS for  $R \gtrsim 1$  ★
- Two main lines of evolution: ●
- ★ (1) Improve algorithm as such: evolution variables, kinematics, NLL, small- $x$ ,  $k_{\perp}$  factorization, BFKL/CCFM, ... ★
- ★ (2) Improve matching ME-PS: merging, vetoed parton showers, MC@NLO ★
- ★  $\Rightarrow$  active area of development; high profile ★
- Tomorrow: Multiple parton–parton interactions; the other perturbative mechanism of complicating a simple few-parton topology ●