



Past, Present and Future of the PYTHIA Event Generator

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1994: First ATLAS/CMS Technical Proposals

CMS Technical Proposal:

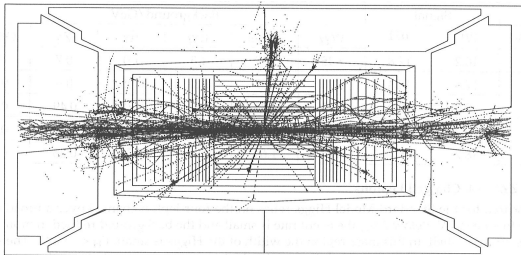


Fig. 12.9: Full GEANT simulation of $H(150 \text{ GeV}) \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 2 e^+ 2 e^-$.

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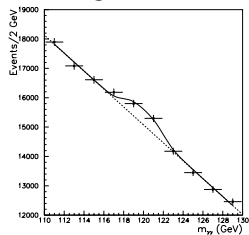


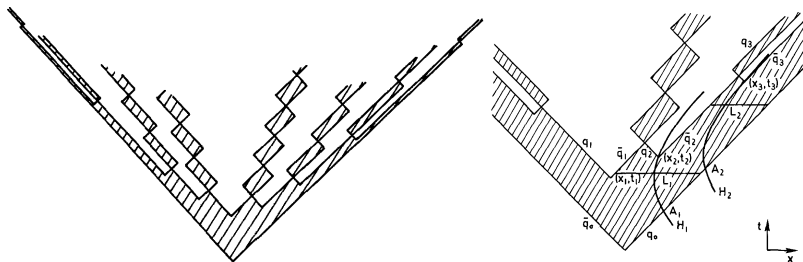
Figure 11.6: Expected $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ signal for $m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$, combined with the prompt $\gamma\gamma$ background, assuming an integrated luminosity of 10^5 pb^{-1} .

For ATLAS/CMS/LHCb detector design studies in the 1990'ies, PYTHIA was providing input for most GEANT 3 simulations!

How did that come about? What has happened since?

Many of the basic ideas came early, and are “easy” to present. Later additions are very important, but less transparent.

1977: Lund studies of hadronization begin



B.Andersson, G. Gustafson, C. Peterson, Z. Physik C1 (1979) 105
(begun 1977, preprint 1978, published 1979):

- constant string tension $\kappa \approx 1 \text{ GeV/fm}$
- particle production (approximately) along hyperbola
- lightcone kinematics ($p^\pm = E \pm p_z$)
- analytic, recursive procedure from one end
- **no complete systems**
- **$f(z) = 1$ not left-right symmetric**

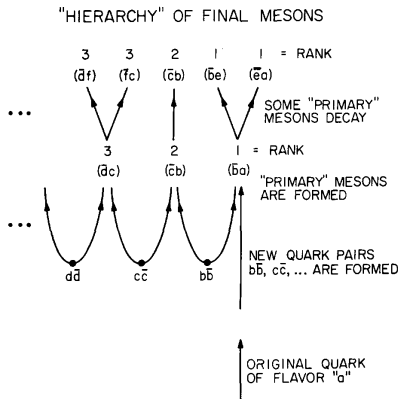
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Nucl. Phys. B136 (1978) 1

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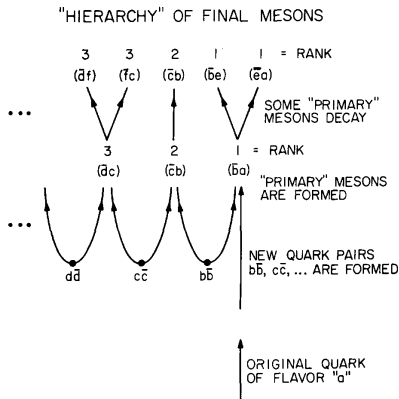
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Lund: Bengt E.Y. Svensson suggests Monte Carlo implementation of current Lund analytic equations in Field–Feynman spirit, carried out by TS and B. Söderberg

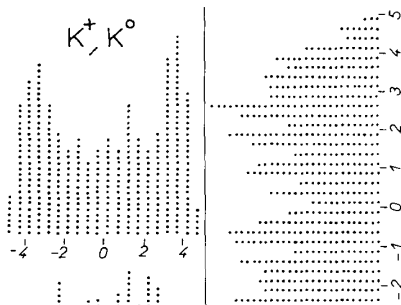
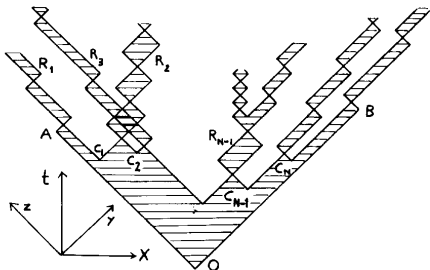
1973: The forgotten Artru–Mennessier model

X. Artru and G. Mennessier,
String Model
and Multiproduction
Nucl. Phys.B70 (1974) 93

- exponential decay in area
- complete two-jet system
- Monte Carlo code
- **off-shell hadrons**
- **no transverse d.o.f.**
- **not salesmen**

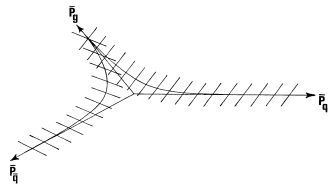
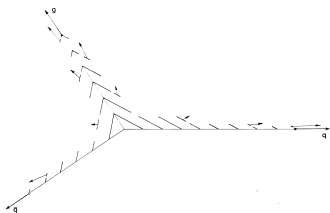
1982: Lund symmetric
fragmentation function

$$f(z) = \frac{(1-z)^a}{z} \exp\left(-\frac{bm_{\perp}^2}{z}\right)$$



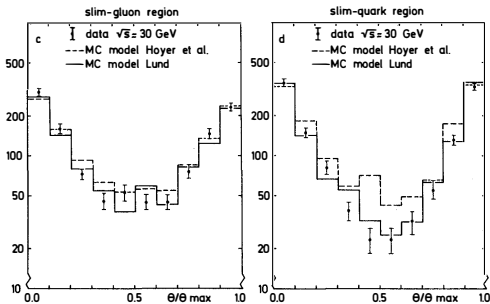
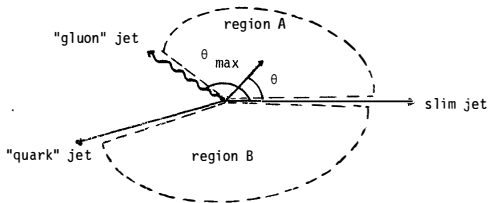
1980: The string effect

Lund December 1979



⇒ JADE,
Moriond, March 1980

... but not by TASSO



1982: The strong coupling

CELLO: The influence of Fragmentation Models in the Determination of the Strong Coupling Constant in e^+e^- Annihilation into Hadrons

Value of α_s obtained at $\sqrt{s} = 34$ GeV with the Lund model (LM) and the Hoyer model (HM).
(first order in QCD)

Method	Lund model	Hoyer model	$\frac{\alpha_s(\text{LM})}{\alpha_s(\text{HM})}$
$S \geq 0.25 \ A \leq 0.1$	0.280 ± 0.045	0.190 ± 0.030	1.47
$O \geq 0.20$	0.260 ± 0.040	0.190 ± 0.020	1.37
$O \geq 0.30$	0.255 ± 0.050	0.200 ± 0.035	1.28
# of 3-clusters	0.235 ± 0.025	0.145 ± 0.020	1.62
Cluster Thrust	0.235 ± 0.025	0.155 ± 0.015	1.52
EWAC*	0.250 ± 0.040	0.150 ± 0.020	1.67

The error in the determination of α_s using the 3-jet fraction (see text) is statistical only (including statistical Monte Carlo error).

*Energy-weighted angular correlation.

String fragmentation
increases α_s by $\sim 50\%$!

JETSET 3: ~ 1000 lines

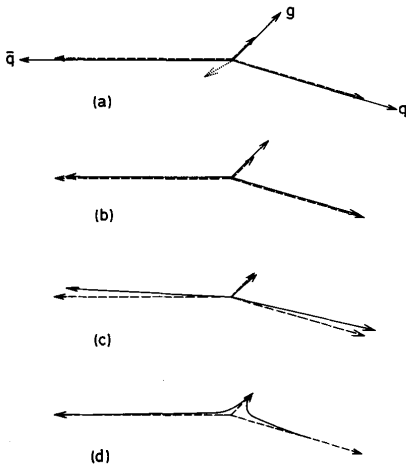


Fig. 2a-d. A slightly exaggerated picture of momentum conservation effects. In **a** the momenta of initial partons are full arrows and of jets after fragmentation dashed, with dotted indicating final momentum imbalance: In **b-d** the momenta before conservation are dashed (as in **a**), after full. Hoyer rescaling in **b**, Ali boost in **c**, Lund strings (along which particles are sitting) in **d**

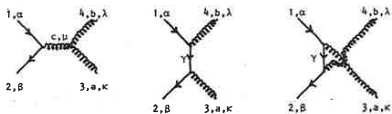
1982: The beginning of PYTHIA

LEPTO: colour flow in ep DIS (G. Ingelman & TS)

Compton + High- p_{\perp} : colour flow in pp
(Hans-Udo Bengtsson)

Process: $q_i \bar{q}_i \rightarrow gg$

Diagrams:



Colour flows:

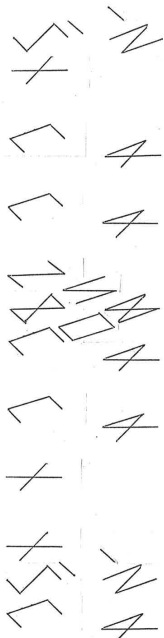


String configurations:



$N_C \rightarrow \infty$ classifies colour topologies

\Rightarrow ~~Cassandra~~ \Rightarrow PYTHIA



Delphi and Pythia



Delphi: 120 km west of Athens, on the slopes of Mount Parnassus.

Python: giant snake killed by Apollon.

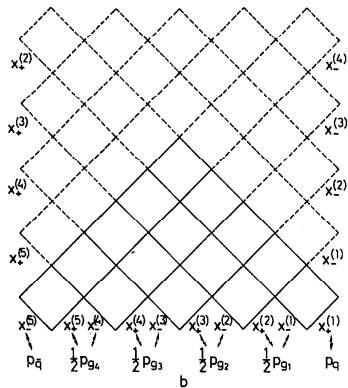
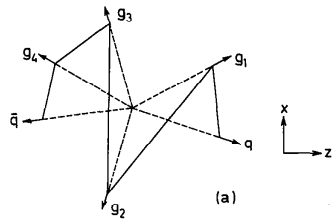
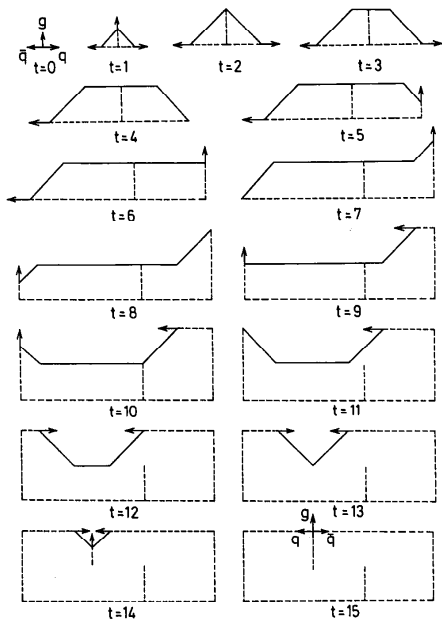
The Oracle of Delphi: ca. 1000 B.C. – 390 A.D.

Pythia: local prophetess/priestess.

Key role in myths and history, notably in

“The Histories” by Herodotus of Halicarnassus (~482 – 420 B.C.)

1983: Complicated string topologies



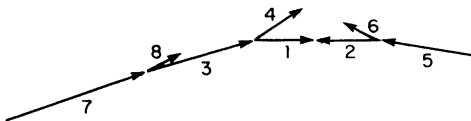
1984: Backwards evolution of ISR

Final-state radiation (FSR) intensely studied, two coded up:

- Kajantie–Pieterinen (incoherent) and
- Marchesini–Webber (coherent)

Initial-state radiation (ISR) big hurdle

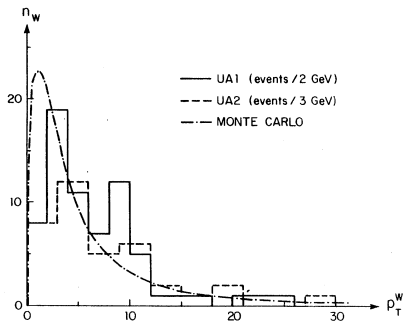
- forward evolution in time and Q^2 may not “hit right”
- backwards evolution reverses order



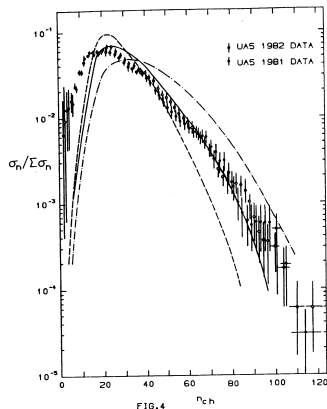
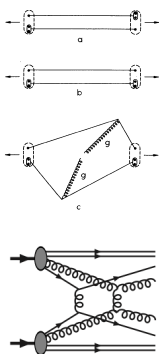
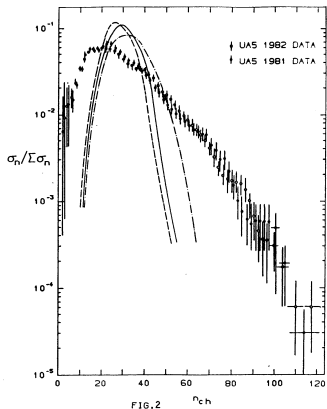
$$dP_b = \frac{df_b(x,t)}{f_b(x,t)} = |dt| \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} \sum_a \int \frac{dx'}{x'} \frac{f_a(x',t)}{f_b(x,t)} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(\frac{x}{x'}) \quad (2)$$

This probability exponentiates, so that one may define a form factor

$$S_b(x, t_1; t) = \exp \left\{ - \int_t^{t_1} dt' \frac{\alpha_s(t')}{2\pi} \sum_a \int \frac{dx'}{x'} \frac{f_a(x', t')}{f_b(x, t')} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(\frac{x}{x'}) \right\} \quad (3)$$



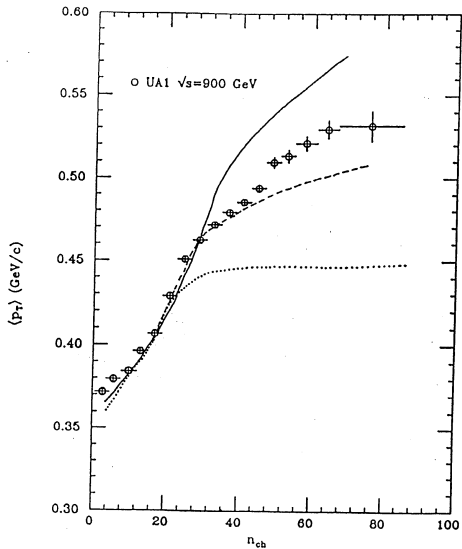
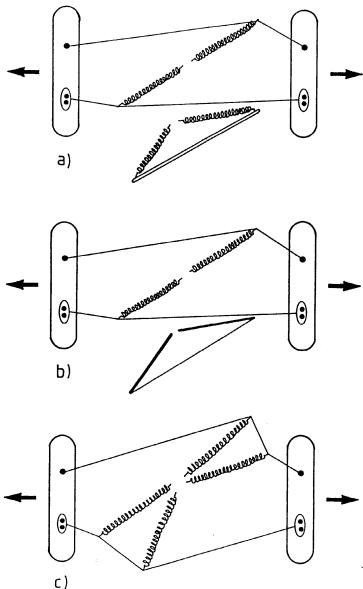
1985: Multiparton interactions



without MPI: low- p_{\perp}
 + QCD $p_{\perp \min} = 1.6$ GeV
 + ISR+FSR

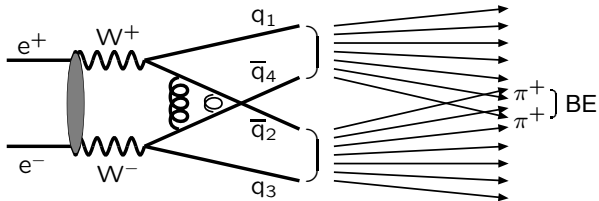
with MPI,
 $p_{\perp \min} = 2.0, 1.6, 1.2$ GeV

1986: Colour reconnection



extremes all or no colour reconnection

1996: Colour reconnection in e^+e^- annihilation



At LEP 2 search for effects in $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow q_1\bar{q}_2 q_3\bar{q}_4$:

- **perturbative** $\langle \delta M_W \rangle \lesssim 5$ MeV : negligible!
- **nonperturbative** $\langle \delta M_W \rangle \sim 40$ MeV :

favoured; no-effect option ruled out at 99.5% CL.

Best description for reconnection in $\approx 50\%$ of the events.

- **Bose-Einstein** $\langle \delta M_W \rangle \lesssim 100$ MeV : full effect ruled out (while models with ~ 20 MeV barely acceptable).

1986: Dipole showers

Gösta Gustafson: dual description of partonic state:
partons connected by dipoles \Leftrightarrow dipoles stretched between partons
parton branching \Leftrightarrow **dipole splitting**

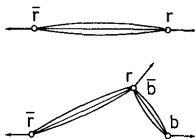
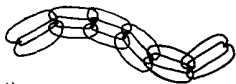


Fig. 3

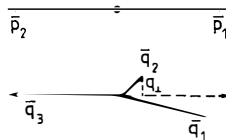


Fig. 4

p_\perp -ordered dipole emissions \Rightarrow **coherence** (cf. angular ordering)

- Originally implemented in **ARIADNE**
- Now basis for three different implementations in **PYTHIA**:
old simple, **VINCIA** and **DIRE**
- plus showers in **HERWIG**, **SHERPA**, ...

Huge enterprise with many people over many years,
aiming for increased precision, NLO+NLL and beyond

1986: Matrix element corrections

Consider $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$
with $d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ME}} = d\sigma_{q\bar{q}g}^{\text{LO}}/\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{LO}}$

$$\begin{aligned}d\sigma_{q\bar{q}g} &= \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{NLO}} d\mathcal{P}_{\text{PS}} \exp\left(-\int_{Q^2}^{Q_{\text{max}}^2} d\mathcal{P}_{\text{PS}}\right) \\ &\times \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ME}}}{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{PS}}} \exp\left(-\int_{Q^2}^{Q_{\text{max}}^2} (d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ME}} - d\mathcal{P}_{\text{PS}})\right) \\ &= \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{NLO}} d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ME}} \exp\left(-\int_{Q^2}^{Q_{\text{max}}^2} d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ME}}\right)\end{aligned}$$

using the veto algorithm, assuming $d\mathcal{P}_{\text{PS}} > d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ME}}$ everywhere.

Later extended to (almost) all resonance decays $a \rightarrow bc \rightarrow bcg$
and some ISR like $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z^0/W^\pm/\dots$

Rediscovered as the POWHEG method,
now commonly used for NLO processes.

1992: Unified full-length manual

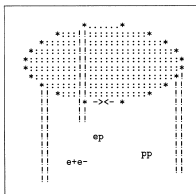
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PYTHIA 5.6 and JETSET 7.3 Physics and Manual

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- good documentation
key to early success
- 12 published manuals
- from 1992: steadily updated
big manual (280 pp)
- PYTHIA 6.4 in JHEP 2006,
(480 pp →) 580 pp
> 11,500 citations
- in total > 35,000 citations
- now bulk of documentation
as xml/html manual
- but big new publication
in preparation

does not stop a **HUGE**
amount of mail/questions

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May 1992

1996: SPYTHIA

No.	Subprocess	No.	Subprocess	No.	Subprocess	No.	Subprocess	No.	Subprocess	No.	Subprocess		
Hard QCD processes:		36	$f_1\gamma \rightarrow f_1W^\pm$	New gauge bosons:		Higgs pairs:		Compositeness:		210	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow f_1f_2\phi^+$	250	$f_1g \rightarrow q_1L\chi_3$
11	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow f_1f_2$	69	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$	141	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \gamma/Z^0/\mathbb{Z}'^0$	297	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow H^\pm H^0$	146	$e\gamma \rightarrow e^+$	211	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}_1\tilde{\rho}_2^+$	251	$f_1g \rightarrow q_1R\chi_3$
12	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow f_1f_2$	70	$\gamma W^\pm \rightarrow Z^0W^\pm$	142	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow W^\pm$	298	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow H^\pm H^0$	147	$dq \rightarrow d^+$	212	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}_2\tilde{\rho}_2^+$	252	$f_1g \rightarrow q_1R\chi_4$
13	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow gg$	Prompt photons:		144	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow R$	299	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow A^0H^0$	148	$uq \rightarrow u^+$	213	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \rho_1\rho_1^+$	253	$f_1g \rightarrow q_1R\chi_4$
28	$f_1g \rightarrow f_1g$	14	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow g\gamma$	Heavy SM Higgs:		300	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow A^0H^0$	167	$q_1q_2 \rightarrow \rho_1^+\rho_2^+$	214	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \rho_1^+\rho_2^+$	254	$f_1g \rightarrow q_1L\chi_1^+$
53	$gg \rightarrow f_1f_1$	18	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow f_1\gamma$	5	$Z^0Z^0 \rightarrow h^0$	301	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow H^+H^-$	168	$q_1q_2 \rightarrow u^+q$	215	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1\tilde{\chi}_1$	256	$f_1g \rightarrow q_1L\chi_2^+$
68	$gg \rightarrow gg$	29	$f_1g \rightarrow f_1\gamma$	8	$W^+W^- \rightarrow h^0$	Leptoquarks:		169	$q_1\tilde{q}_2 \rightarrow e^+e^+\tau^+$	216	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1\tilde{\chi}_2$	258	$f_1g \rightarrow q_1L\chi_3^+$
Soft QCD processes:		114	$gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	71	$Z_L^0Z_L^0 \rightarrow Z_L^0Z_L^0$	145	$q_1f_2 \rightarrow LQ$	165	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z^0 \rightarrow f_1f_2k$	217	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2\tilde{\chi}_2$	259	$q_1g \rightarrow q_1R\tilde{g}$
91	elastic scattering	115	$gg \rightarrow g\gamma$	72	$Z_L^0Z_L^0 \rightarrow W_L^\pm W_L^\mp$	162	$gg \rightarrow fLQ$	166	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z^0 \rightarrow f_1f_2k$	218	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_3\tilde{\chi}_3$	261	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1\tilde{\chi}_1^*$
92	single diffraction (XB)	Deeply Inel. Scatt.:		73	$Z_L^0W_L^\pm \rightarrow Z_L^0W_L^\pm$	163	$gg \rightarrow LQ_LQ_L$	Extra Dimensions:		219	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_4\tilde{\chi}_4$	262	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \nu_2^*L_2^*$
93	single diffraction (AX)	10	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow f_1f_2$	76	$W_L^\pm W_L^\pm \rightarrow Z_L^0Z_L^0$	164	$q_1q_2 \rightarrow LQ_LQ_L$	220	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1\tilde{\chi}_2$	221	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1\tilde{\chi}_3$	263	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \nu_1^*L_2^*$
94	double diffraction	99	$\gamma^*q \rightarrow \gamma q$	77	$W_L^\pm W_L^\pm \rightarrow W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$	Technicolor:		391	$f\bar{f} \rightarrow G^*$	222	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1\tilde{\chi}_3$	264	$gg \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1\tilde{\chi}_1^*$
95	low- p_\perp production	Photon-induced:		BSM Neutral Higgs:		149	$gg \rightarrow \eta_{cc}$	393	$q\bar{q} \rightarrow gG^*$	223	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2\tilde{\chi}_2$	265	$gg \rightarrow \nu_2\tilde{\chi}_2^*$
Open heavy flavour:		33	$f_1\gamma \rightarrow f_1g$	151	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow H^0$	191	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \rho_{cc}^0$	394	$qg \rightarrow qG^*$	224	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2\tilde{\chi}_4$	271	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow q_1Lq_1L$
(also fourth generation)		34	$f_1\gamma \rightarrow f_1\gamma$	152	$gg \rightarrow H^0$	192	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \rho_{cc}^+$	395	$gg \rightarrow gG^*$	225	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_3\tilde{\chi}_4$	272	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow q_1Rq_1R$
81	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow Q_k\bar{Q}_k$	54	$g\gamma \rightarrow f_1k$	153	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H^0$	193	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \omega_{cc}^0$	Left-right symmetry:		226	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_1^-$	273	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow q_1Lq_1R$
82	$gg \rightarrow Q_k\bar{Q}_k$	58	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow f_1k$	171	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow Z^0H^0$	194	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow f_1f_2k$	341	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow H_{\pm}^\pm$	227	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^+\tilde{\chi}_2^-$	274	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow q_1Rq_1L$
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Closed heavy flavour:		134	$f_1\gamma\gamma \rightarrow f_1\gamma$	181	$gg \rightarrow Q_k\bar{Q}_kH^0$	363	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \pi_{cc}^+\pi_{cc}^-$	345	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow H_{\pm}^\pm \mu^\mp$	231	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_3\tilde{\chi}_1^+$	278	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow q_1Rq_1R$
86	$gg \rightarrow J/\psi g$	135	$g\gamma\gamma \rightarrow f_1f_1$	182	$q_1\bar{q}_2 \rightarrow Q_k\bar{Q}_kH^0$	364	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \gamma\pi_{cc}^0$	346	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow H_{\pm}^\pm \mu^\mp$	230	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_3\tilde{\chi}_1^+$	279	$gg \rightarrow q_1Rq_1L$
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89	$gg \rightarrow \chi_{c2}g$	138	$\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow f_1f_1$	185	$gg \rightarrow gH^0$	366	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow Z^0\pi_{cc}^0$	349	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow H_{\pm}^\pm H_{\mp}^\mp$	234	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2\tilde{\chi}_2^+$	282	$bq_2 \rightarrow b_2q_1R$
104	$gg \rightarrow \chi_{c0}$	139	$\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow f_1f_1$	186	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow A^0$	367	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow W^\pm\pi_{cc}^\pm$	350	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow Z^0\pi_{cc}^0$	235	$f_1f_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_3\tilde{\chi}_2^+$	283	$bq_2 \rightarrow b_1q_1R$
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(Snowmass 1984, 1986; Aachen 1990; ...)

1996: Parton-level interfaces

- originally: each generator is an island,
with hard-coding only feasible for $2 \rightarrow 2$ and a few $2 \rightarrow 3$
- 1988: PDG particle codes (1 = d, 2 = u, 11 = e^- , 21 = g, ...)
- 1989: HEPEVT commonblock for final (LEP) events
- 1996: LEP2 4-fermion generator parton input to JETSET
- (1989 \rightarrow) \sim 1998: CompHEP
- (1994 \rightarrow) \sim 2000: MadGraph
- 2001: Les Houches Accord, transfer of event information
using Fortran commonblocks

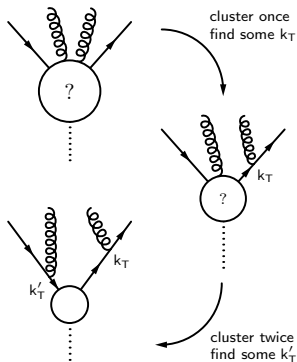
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&XMAXUP(MAXPUP), LPRUP(MAXPUP)
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&SPINUP
COMMON/HEPEUP/NUP, IDPRUP, XWGTUP, SCALUP, AQEDUP, AQCDUP,
&IDUP(MAXNUP), ISTUP(MAXNUP), MOTHUP(2, MAXNUP),
&ICOLUP(2, MAXNUP), PUP(5, MAXNUP), VTIMUP(MAXNUP),
&SPINUP(MAXNUP)
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- 2006: Les Houches Event Files 1.0, ditto, using file format
- several other standards: SLHA, LHAPDF, HepMC, ...

2000: Match and Merge

- Match: transition from (one) ME at high Q to PS at low
- Merge: combine several ME topologies: $X, X + 1, X + 2, \dots$
- Use shower Sudakovs to provide missing virtual corrections
- Increasingly technical sophistication over 20 years!
- Main research topic of larger event generator community



many methods, several from Lund
(Leif Lönnblad, Stefan Prestel)

- Match: MC@NLO, POWHEG
- Merge: CKKW, CKKW-L, MLM, FxFx
- M&M: UMEPS, NL³, UNLOPS

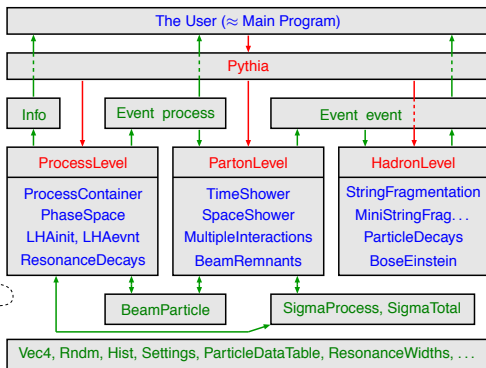
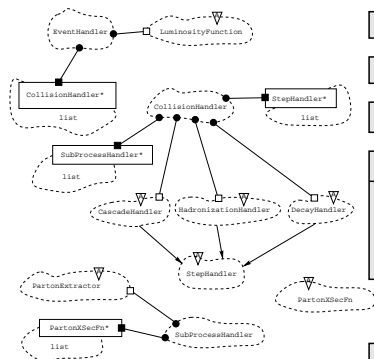
~ 10 alternatives in PYTHIA,
all rely on LHEF input

2004: PYTHIA 8

All early codes written in Fortran 77

1998: PYTHIA 7 in C++, sophisticated platform → ThePEG

2004: PYTHIA 8 in C++, simpler approach but physics focus

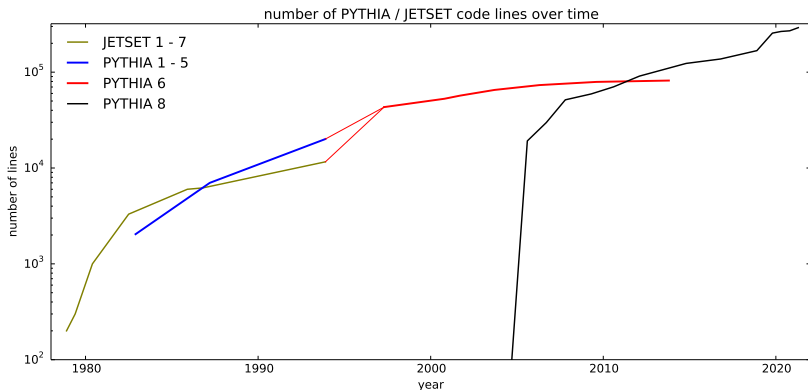


2007: 8.1 first public release

2014: 8.2 some systematization ⇒ minor incompatibility

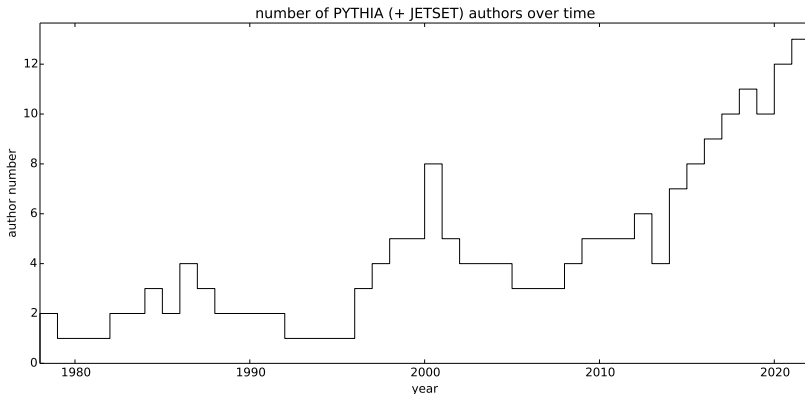
2019: 8.3 C++98 → C++11, significant internal changes

Code size expansion



- 1997: JETSET fused into PYTHIA
- size includes comment lines and blank lines
- for C++: source, headers, example main programs, but not data (PDF, LHEF), xml/html manual, ME libraries, ...
- **currently ~ 300,000 lines**

Group size expansion



Does not include:

- non-coding collaborators, like Bo Andersson and Gösta Gustafson
- authors of other “Lund” programs built on top, like LEPTO, ARIADNE, FRITIOF, LDC, DIPSY, POMPYT, ...
- many authors of other non-Lund programs built on top

Administrative structure

Current authors:

Christian Bierlich

Nishita Desai

Leif Gellersen

Ilkka Helenius

Philip Ilten

Leif Lönnblad

Stephen Mrenna

Stefan Prestel

Christian Preuss

Torbjörn Sjöstrand

Peter Skands

Marius Utheim

Rob Verheyen

Exploding collaboration size new problem;
still finding our way.

Main tasks crystallized in recent years,
notably Philip Ilten as codemaster.

Future organization discussed this week,
resulting in triumvirate:

- spokesperson: Peter Skands
(deputy: Ilkka Helenius)
- code master: Philip Ilten
(deputy: Stephen Mrenna)
- web master: Christian Bierlich

Physics studies based on personal interest,
so far little to no central planning,
but now begun discussion of common projects.

Showers and matching&merging

Strive towards NLO + NLL by improved showers,
combined with higher-order matrix elements



VINCIA – VIRTual Numerical Collider
with Interleaved Antennae

Skands, Preuss, Verheyen

- antenna-dipole: $2 \rightarrow 3$ splittings with both recoiling
- sector shower: unique path to given final state
- full electroweak cascade module



DIRE – DIpole RESummation

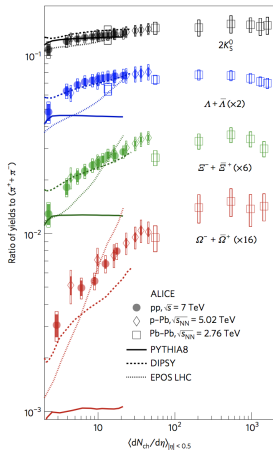
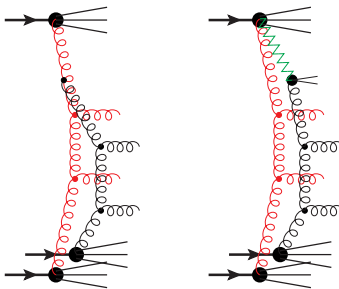
Prestel, Gellersen

- developed jointly with SHERPA
- NLO splitting kernels (negative weights!)
- scale and scheme variations in merging
- Dark Matter emission in shower

Heavy-ion collisions

Bierlich, Lönnblad (+ Gösta Gustafson, students, postdocs)

- 1984: FRITIOF, successful at low energies, but not for higher
- 2016: ANGANTYR for complete pA and AA collisions
 - full nuclear geometry
 - subdivide collisions into binary ones
 - ropes with higher string tension
 - shove between strings gives flow



Hadronic rescattering and applications

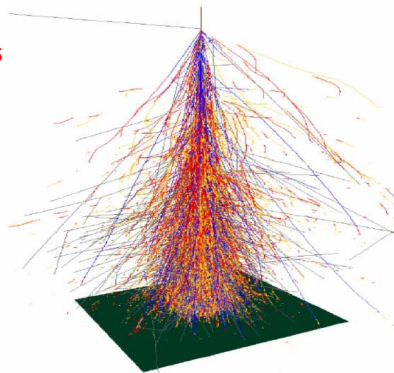
Utheim, TS (Bierlich, Ilten)

- space-time picture of hadronization
- low-energy hadron-hadron collisions
- hadronic rescattering in pp, pA, AA

Future (?):

- formation of pentaquarks etc.
- Bose-Einstein
- extend to arbitrary energies
- component of cosmic ray cascades

(PYTHIA already heavily used
for cosmic ray production,
e.g. by Dark Matter annihilation)



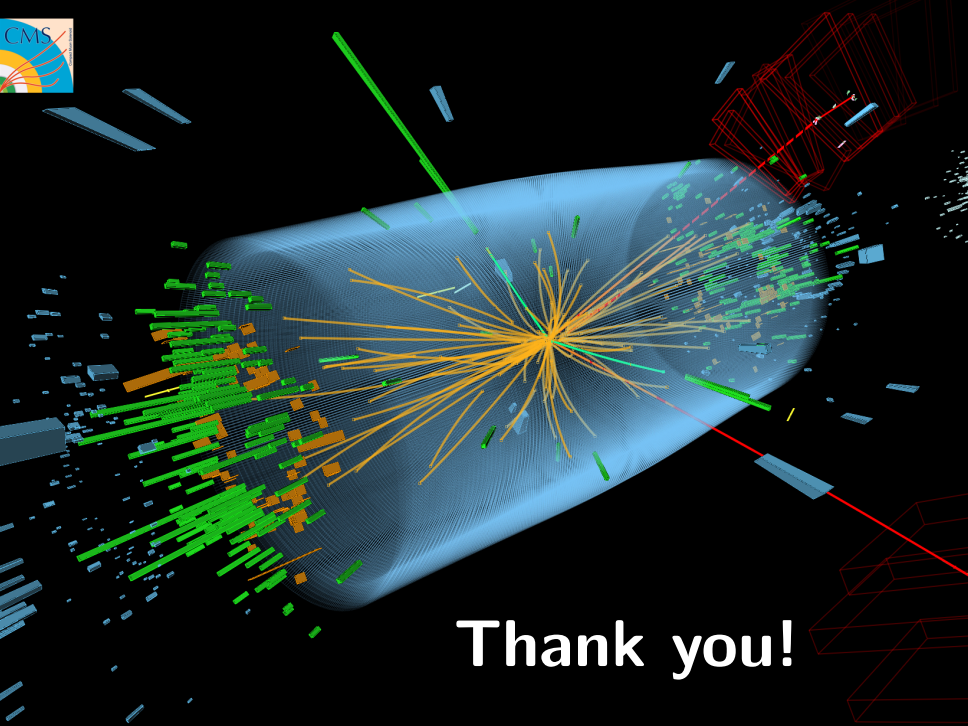
high-energy cosmic ray
in atmosphere,
not with PYTHIA

- $\gamma p, \gamma\gamma$, notably in AA collisions;
UPC = UltraPeripheral Collisions (Helenius)
- DIS and photoproduction transition e.g. at EIC
(Helenius, Prestel, Bierlich)
- BSM physics, e.g. Dark Matter (Desai, Prestel, Skands, ...)
- bottom/charm/ τ physics (Ilten)
- FCC and other future accelerators (all)
- Rivet and other common tools (Bierlich, ...)
- code development (all), e.g. parallelization (Utheim, ...)

New topics tend to come along when least you expect it.
No lack of work to be done!

Five-year plan?

- Dark showers
- DM annihilation spectra
- New BSM models
- BSM in hadron decay
- EW evolution
- Precision physics
- Become NNLO generator
- Heavy ions
- Photon-ion collisions
- Smooth DIS transition
- Nonperturbative models
- B physics
- QED at hadronic scales
- Cosmic rays
- Improved code structure
- Better interfaces
- New tunes
- Machine learned ME generation
- Native code rather than external links, like PHOTOS
- Parallel processing
- GPU's and other new computing
- Interact with numerous experimental collaborations, old and new



Thank you!