

# A tour of QCD at hadron colliders.

Part 2 of 2

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# Summary of 1st part.

## **The QCD Lagrangian**

- gauge-field theory for the strong force
- dynamics and interactions of colour-charged quarks and colour-charged gluons
- non-abelian: running coupling decreases with energy

## **The two faces of QCD**

- confined phase: large-coupling regime, physics of hadrons
- asymptotic free phase: coupling small, perturbation theory applicable

## **Soft & collinear divergences**

- singularities associated with the emission of soft/collinear gluons
- divergences cancel between real & virtual corrections

# Soft & collinear singularities: recap.

**soft/collinear gluon emission cross section factorises:**

$$|\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}g}|^2 d\Phi_{q\bar{q}g} \simeq |\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}}|^2 d\Phi_{q\bar{q}} d\mathcal{S}, \quad \text{where} \quad d\mathcal{S} = \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dE}{E} \frac{d\theta}{\sin\theta} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi}$$

➡ divergent as  $E \rightarrow 0$  and/or  $\theta \rightarrow 0$

**these singularities cancel between real & virtual:**

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}) = \sigma_{q\bar{q}} \left( \underbrace{\underbrace{1}_{\text{LO}} + 1.045 \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi}}_{\text{NLO}} + \underbrace{\cdots}_{\text{higher orders}} \right)$$

➡ perturbation theory works well for inclusive cross sections

.....  
... let's look at more exclusive observables now  $\leadsto$  estimate  $N_g = \#$  emitted gluons

# Multiple gluon emissions.

estimate mean number of gluon emissions off a quark with energy  $\sim Q$ :

$$\langle N_g \rangle \simeq \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \int^Q \frac{dE}{E} \int^{\pi/2} \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \Theta(E\theta > Q_0)$$

- diverges for  $E \rightarrow 0$  &  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ ; cut out transverse momenta ( $k_T \simeq E\theta$ ) smaller than  $Q_0 \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  (below that the language of quarks & gluons loses its meaning!)

$$\langle N_g \rangle \simeq \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \ln^2 \frac{Q}{Q_0} + \mathcal{O} \left( \alpha_s \ln \frac{Q}{Q_0} \right)$$

- assume  $Q = 200 \text{ GeV}$  &  $Q_0 = 1 \text{ GeV} \rightsquigarrow \ln^2 \frac{Q}{Q_0} \approx 30 \rightsquigarrow \langle N_g \rangle > 1$



➡ simple expansion in  $\alpha_s$  spoiled by large logarithms

**Is 1st order perturbation theory useless beyond total cross sections?**

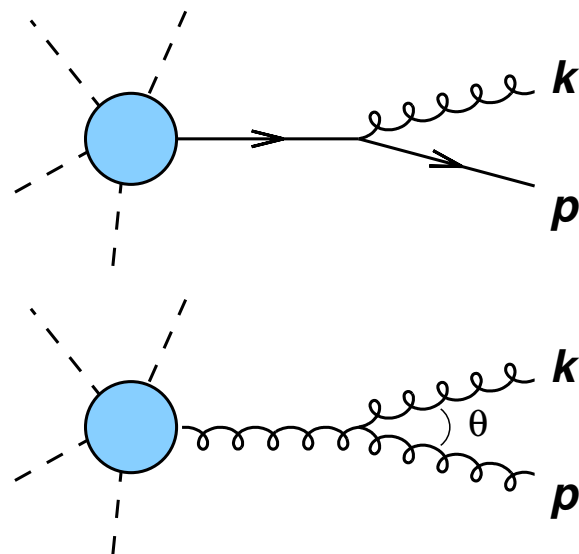
- try to calculate next order
- try to approximate higher-order contributions
- and/or look for better behaved final-state observables



# Multiple gluon emissions.

**approximate higher-order contributions or:** once a gluon is emitted it can itself emit additional gluons

- consider only collinear and/or soft emissions, since we have seen that they are logarithmically enhanced and they factorise:


$$\begin{aligned} &\simeq \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dE}{E} \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \\ &\simeq \frac{2\alpha_s C_A}{\pi} \frac{dE}{E} \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

- same divergence structure, independent of emitter
- only difference is colour factor, gluon emits  $C_A/C_F = 2.25$  times more
- expect structure from 1st order,  $\alpha_s \ln^2 Q/Q_0$ , to **repeat at all orders!**

# Gluon vs. hadron multiplicity.

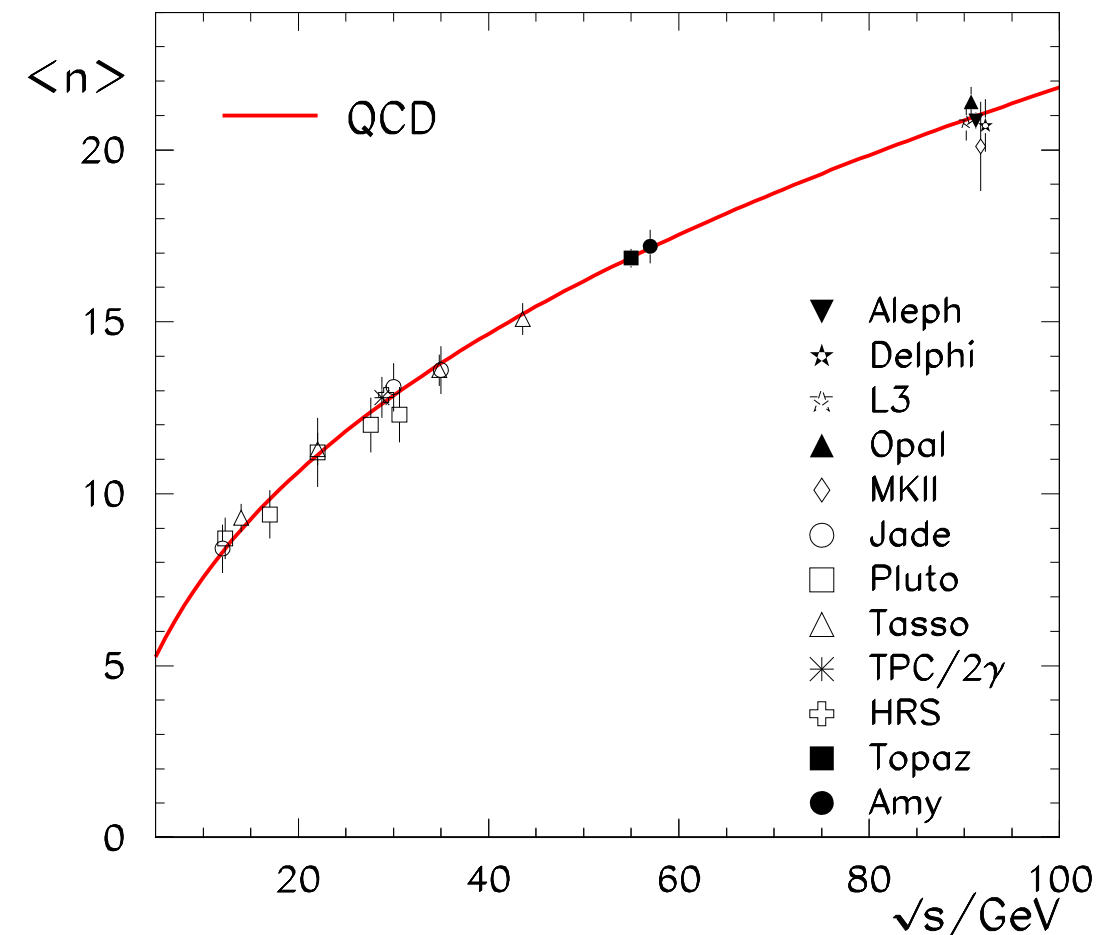
- gluon multiplicity can be calc'd by summing all orders  $n$  of enhanced terms:

$$\langle N_g \rangle \sim \frac{C_F}{C_A} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \left( \frac{C_A}{2\pi b_0^2 \alpha_s} \right)^n$$

$$\sim \frac{C_F}{C_A} \exp \left( \sqrt{\frac{2C_A}{\pi b_0^2 \alpha_s(Q)}} \right)$$

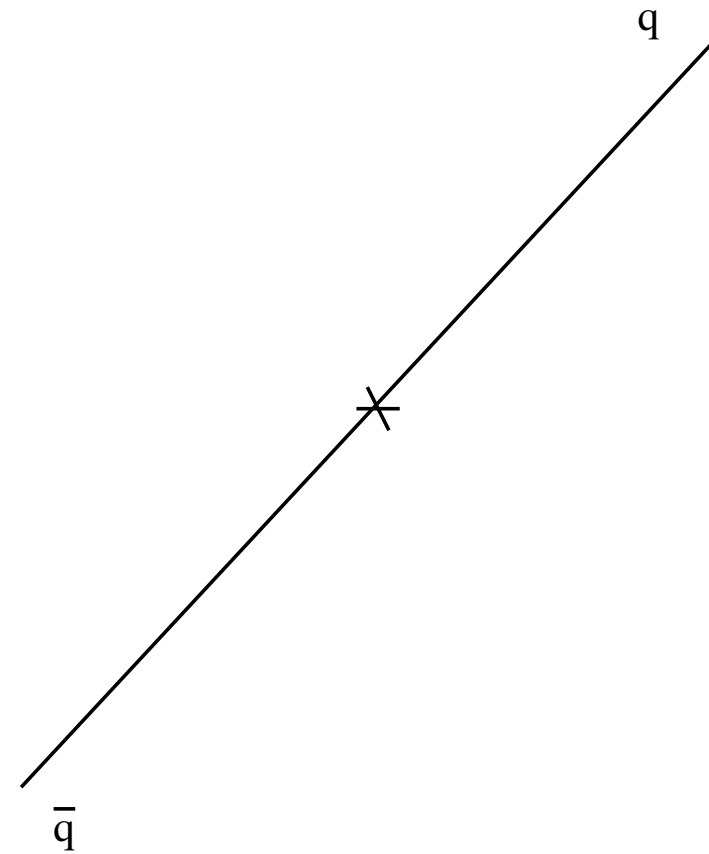
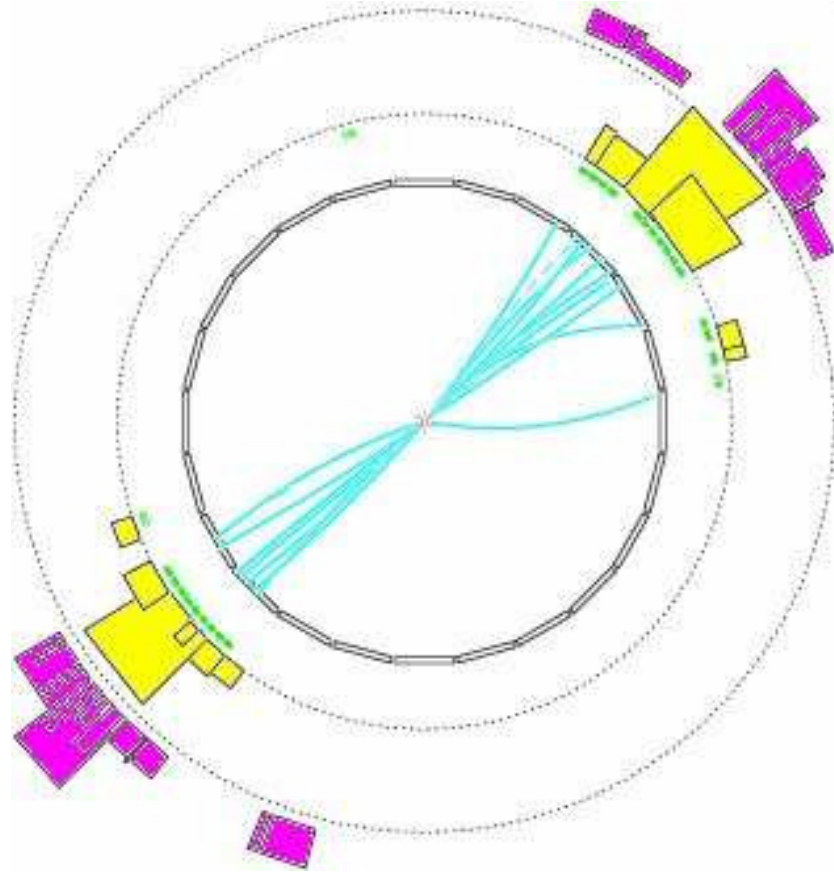
- interpret as function of  $Q \equiv \sqrt{s}$
- direct comparison to data suggests:  $\langle N_{\text{had}} \rangle = c_{\text{fit}} \langle N_g \rangle$

➡ perturbative QCD can get us quite far!



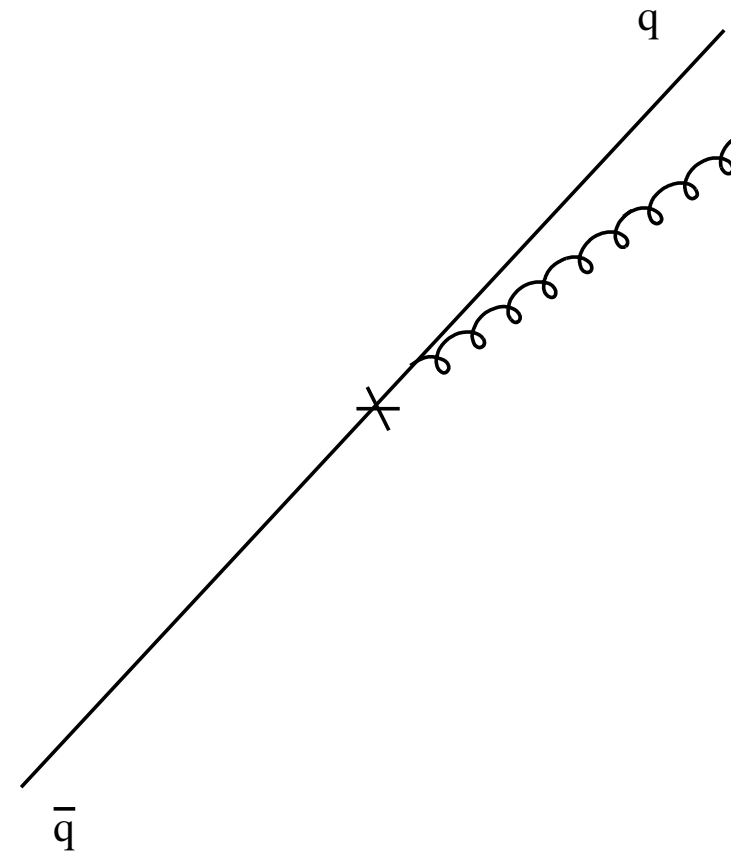
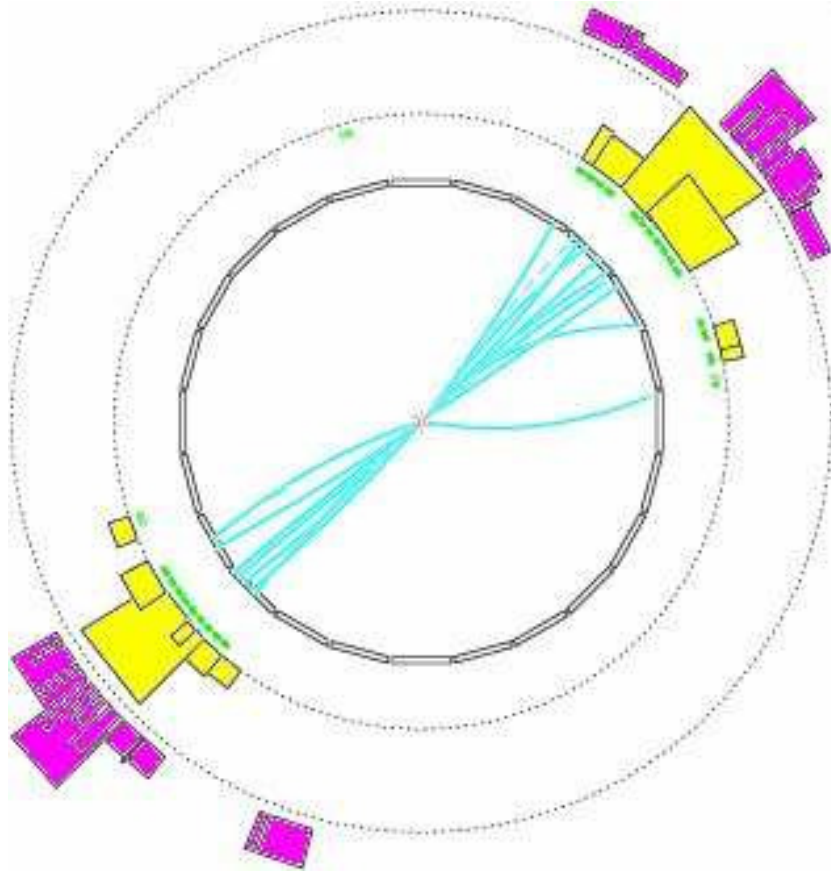
# Multiple gluon emissions.

start out with the  $q\bar{q}$  system



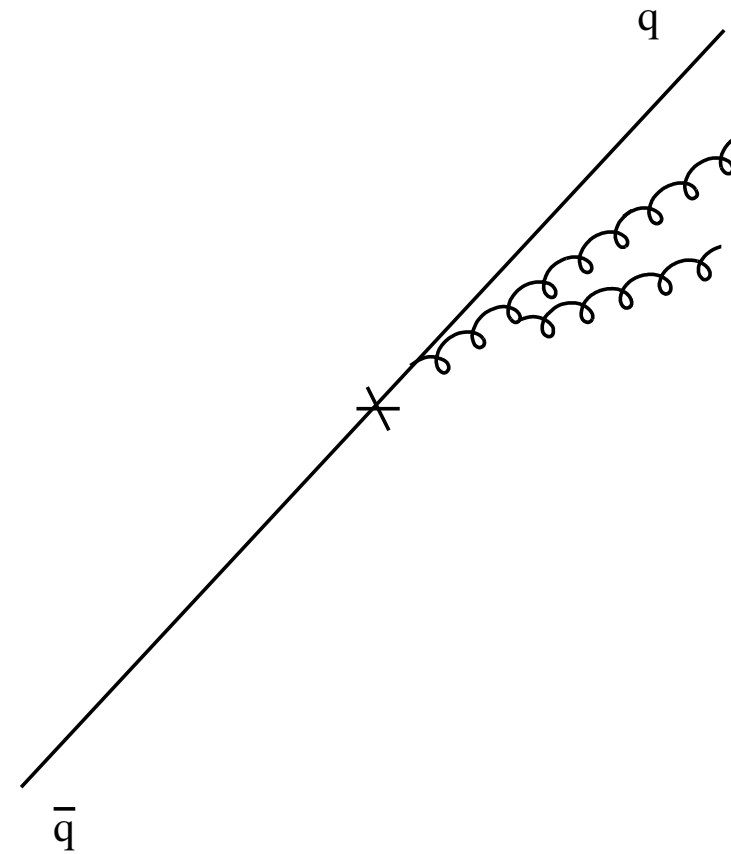
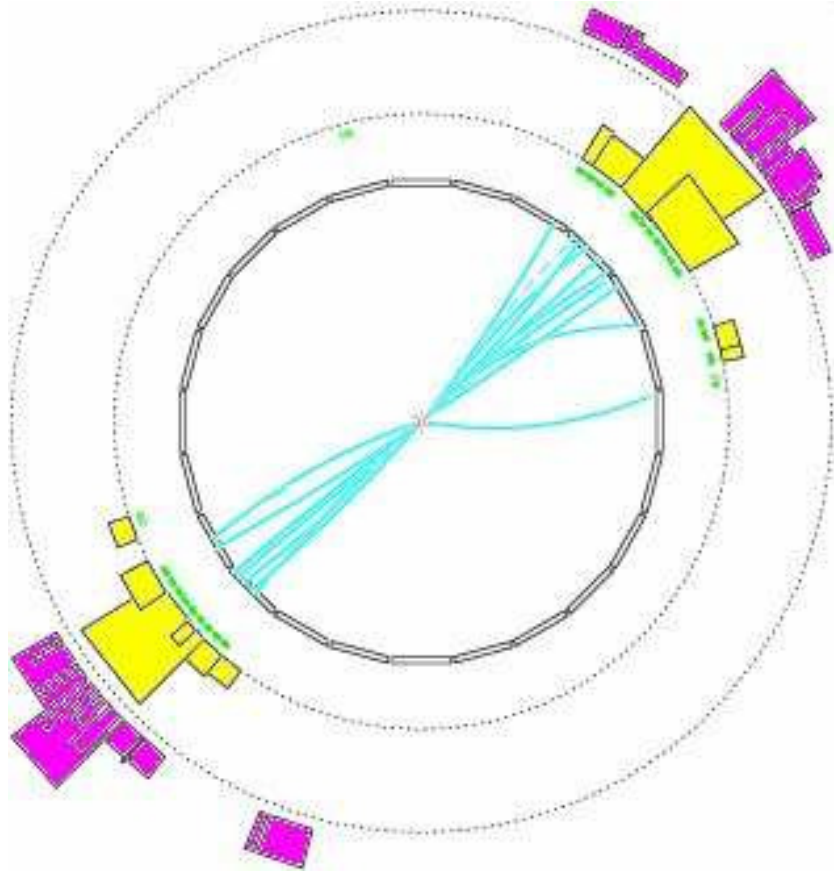
# Multiple gluon emissions.

quark emits small-angle gluon



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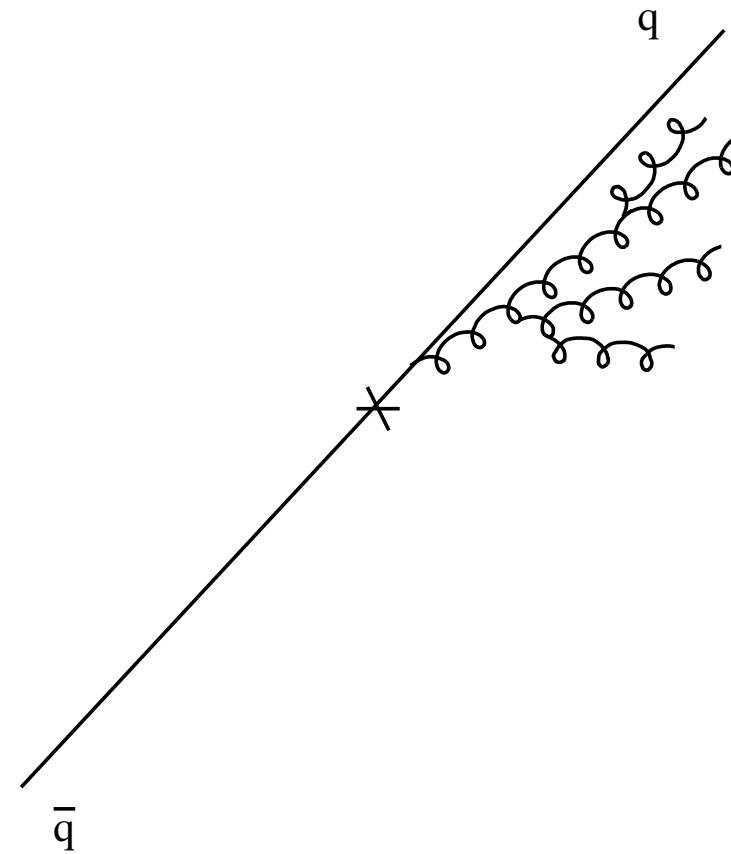
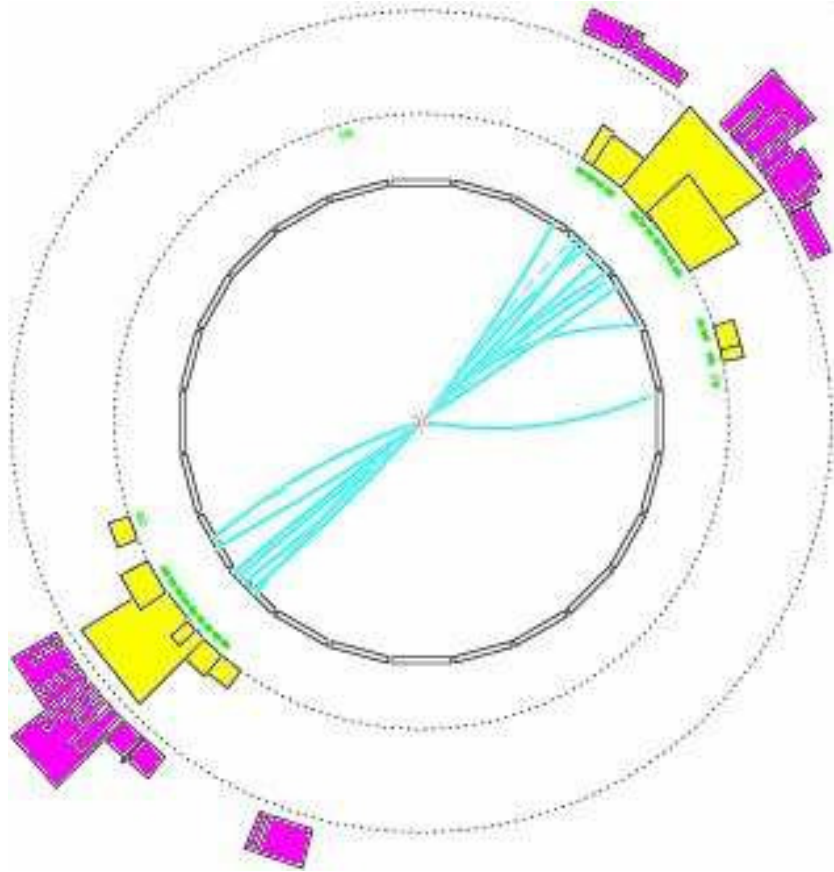
gluon radiates additional gluon





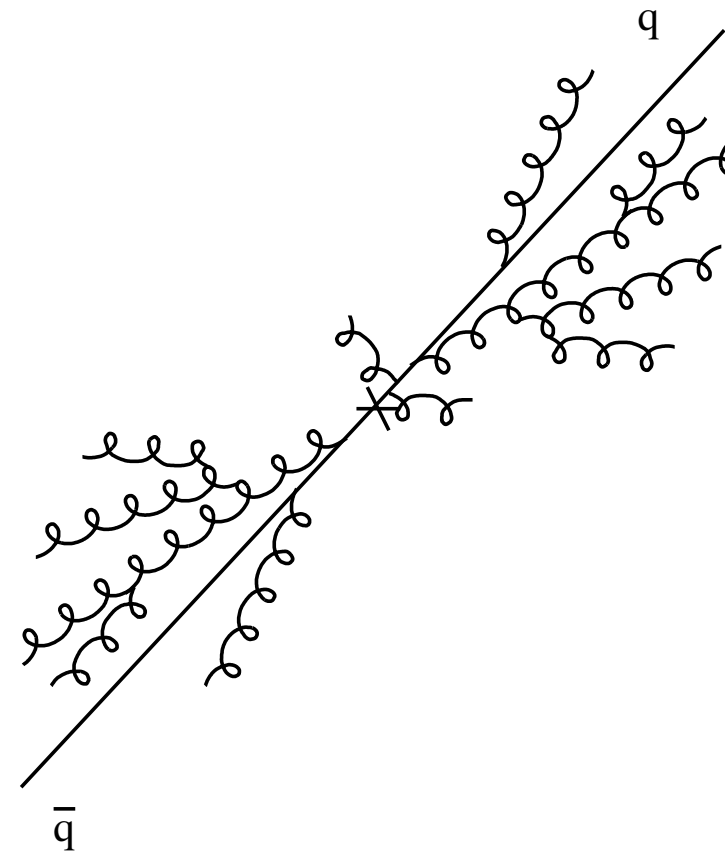
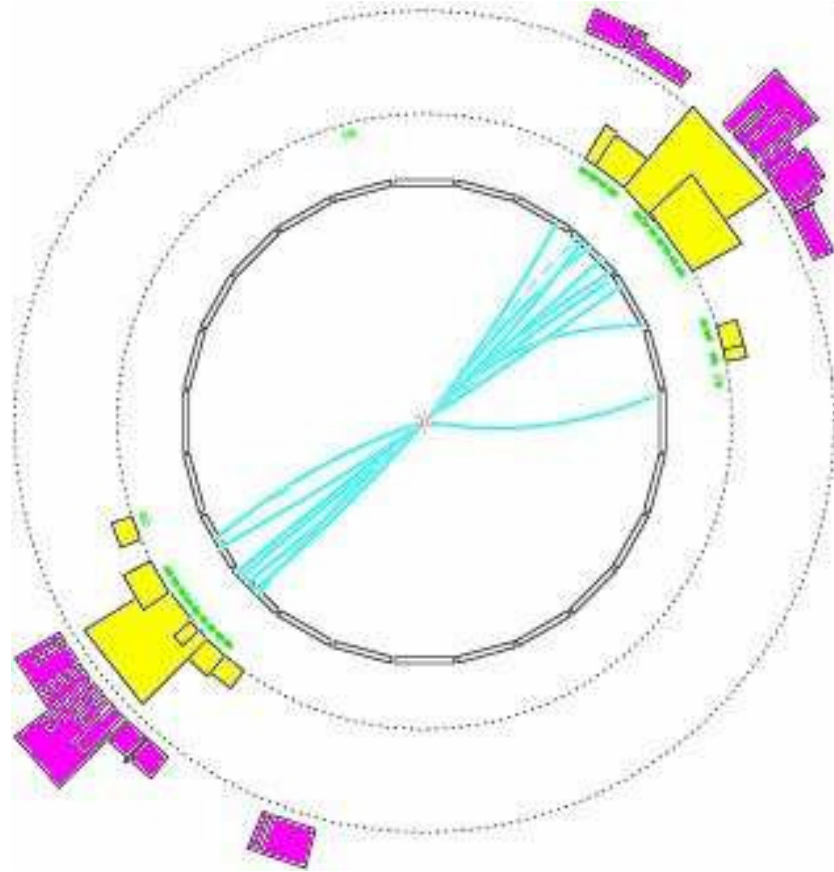
# Multiple gluon emissions.

... and again ... and again



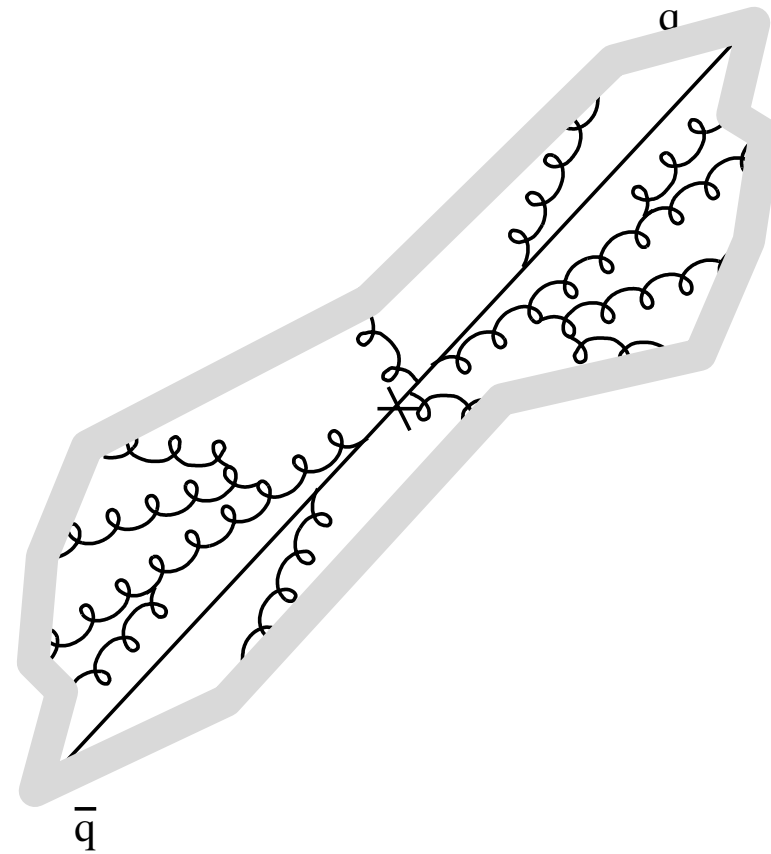
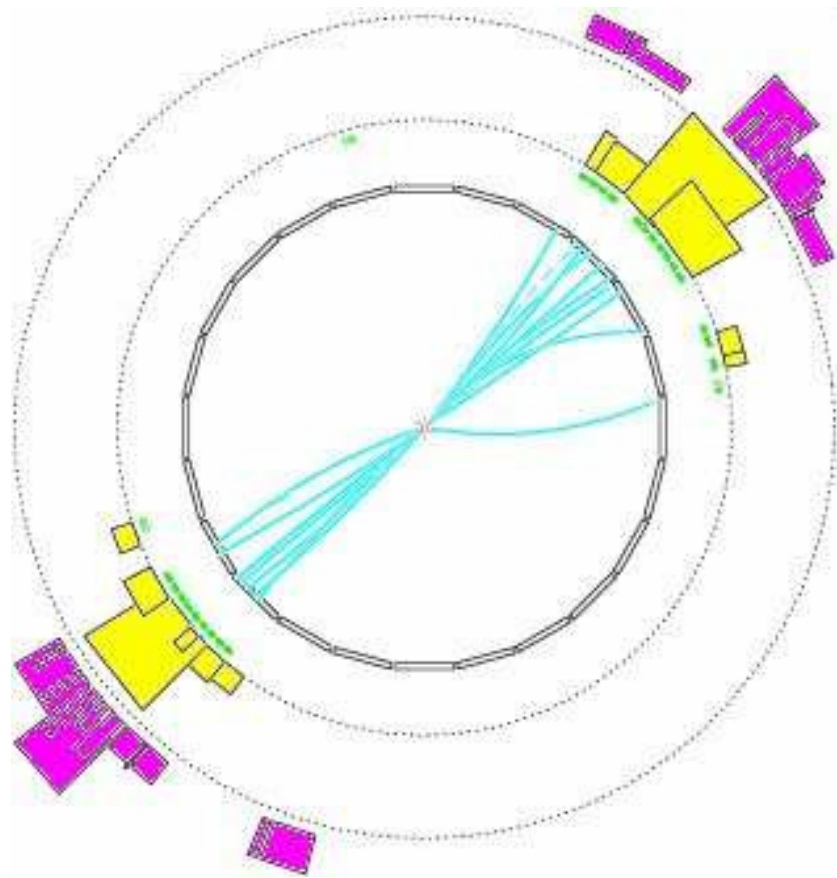
# Multiple gluon emissions.

meanwhile the same happens on the other side



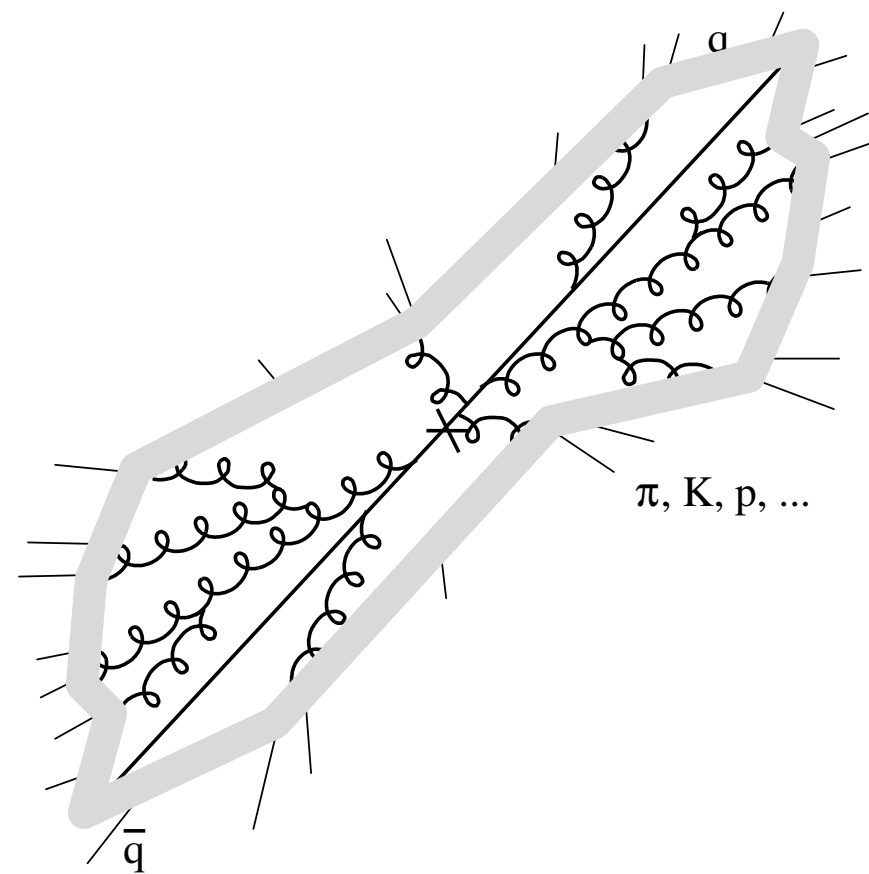
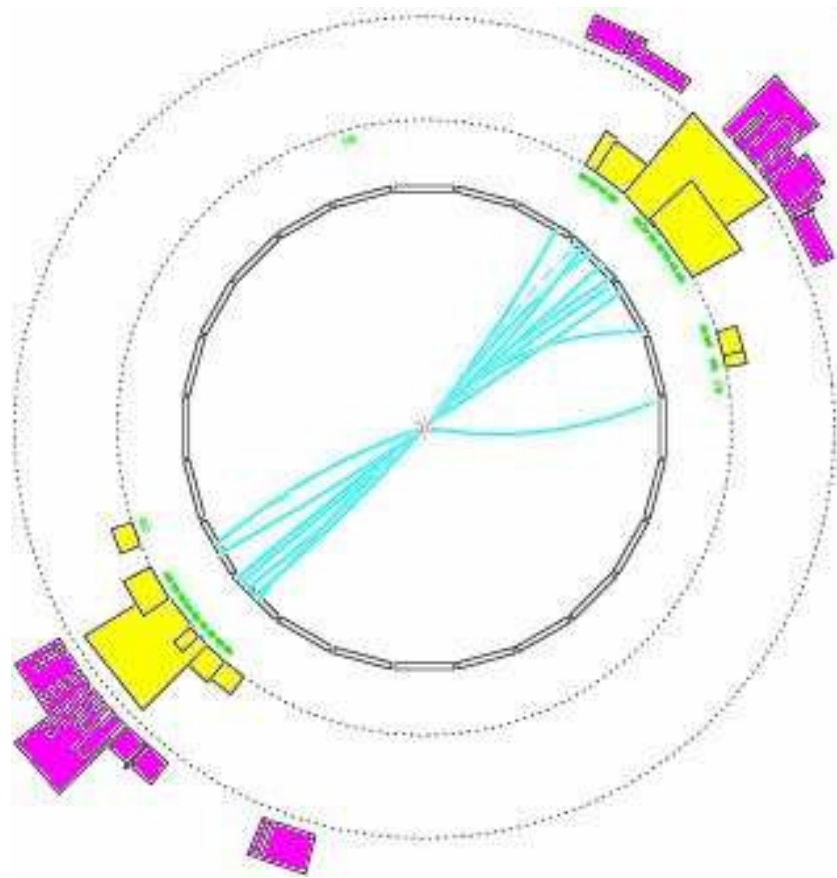
# Multiple gluon emissions.

at  $Q \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$  a non-perturbative transition happens ...



# Multiple gluon emissions.

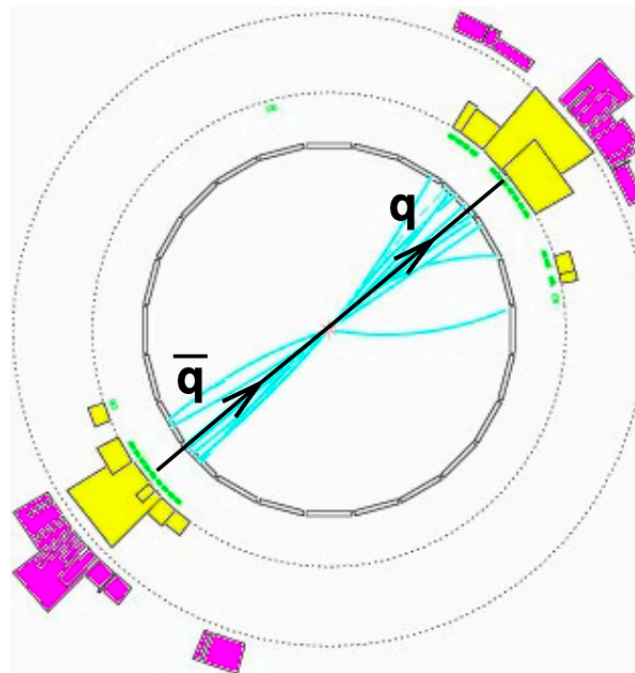
... resulting in a bunch of hadrons collimated w/r/t the initial  $q\bar{q}$  system



# Defining jets.

**jet definition (prel.):** jets are collimated sprays of hadronic particles

- hard partons undergo soft and collinear showering
- hadrons closely correlated with the hard partons' directions



## Counting jets

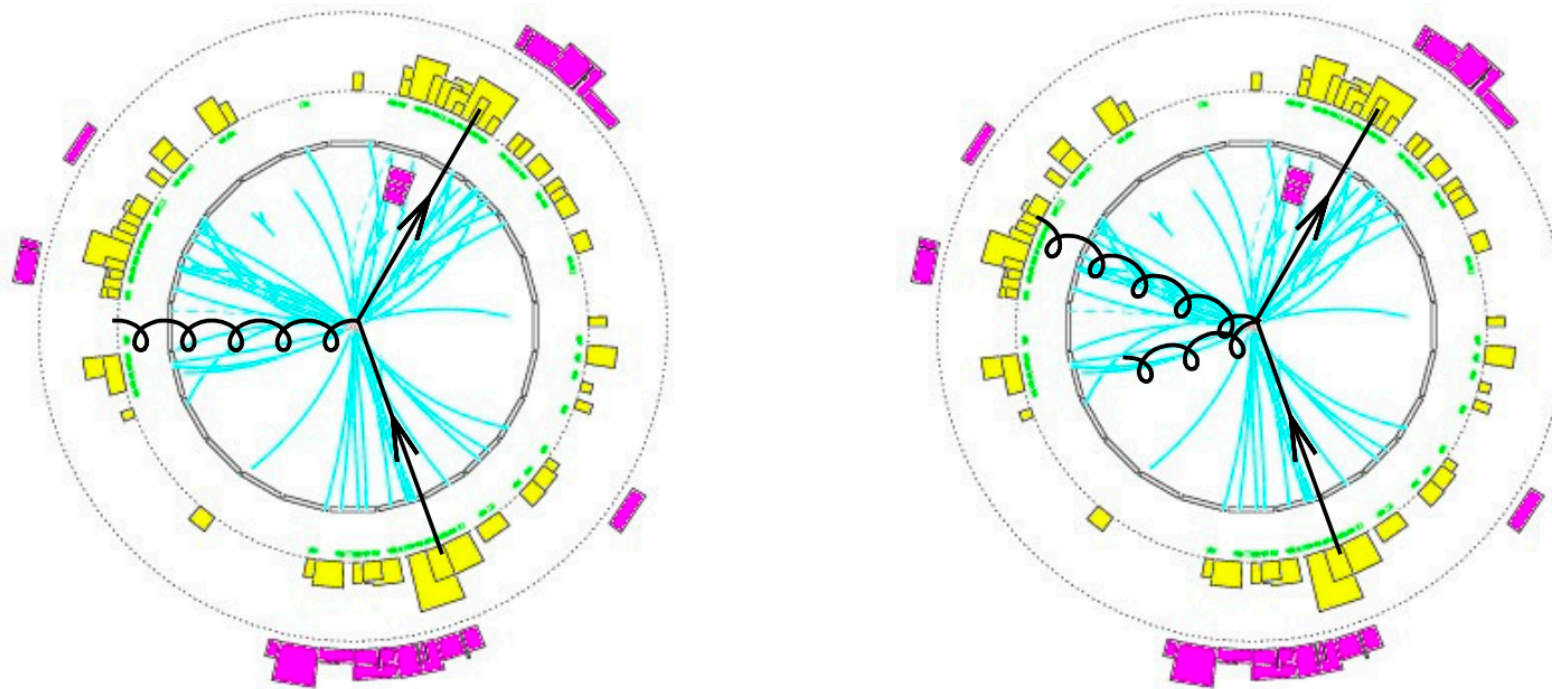
- near perfect two-jet event
- almost all energy contained in two cones



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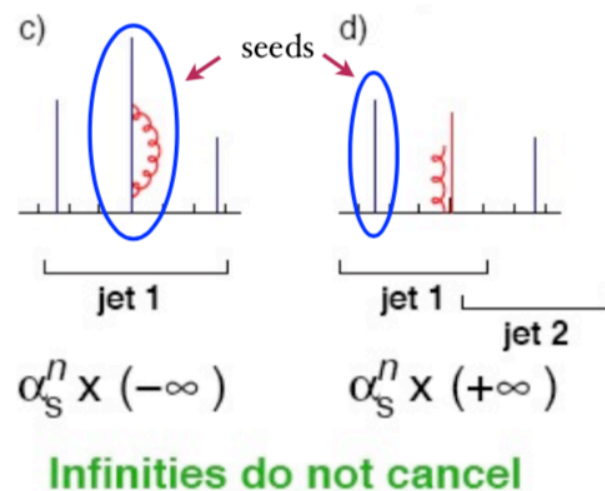
- hard emissions can induce more jets
- jet counting not obvious, is this a three- or a four-jet event?

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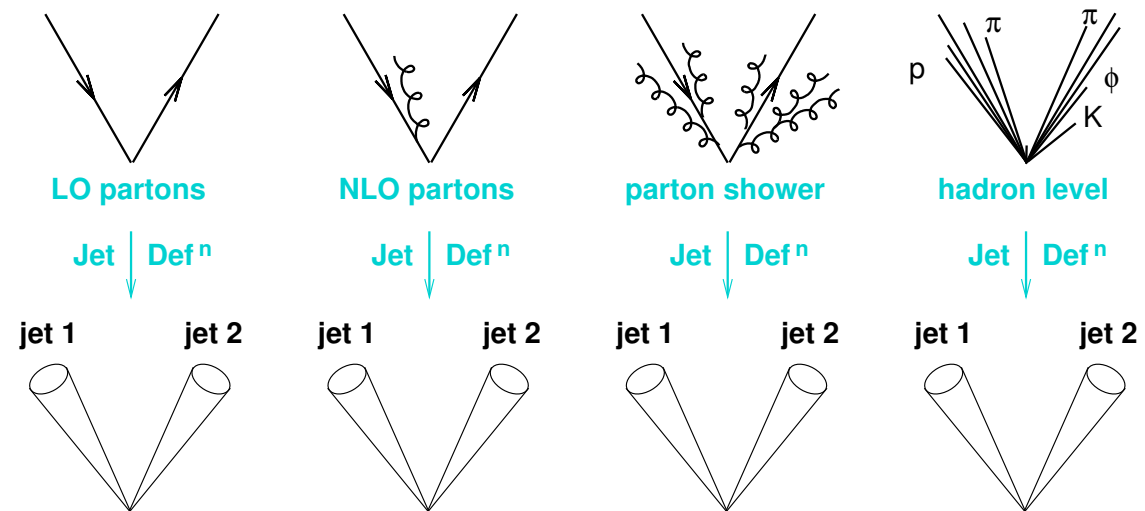
**jet definition (addendum):** jet number should not change when adding a soft/collinear emission

otherwise the **cancellation of divergences would be spoiled**, perturbative expansion gets out of control (at some order, depending on observable & jet definition)

collinear unsafe jet algorithm



soft & collinear safe jet algorithm



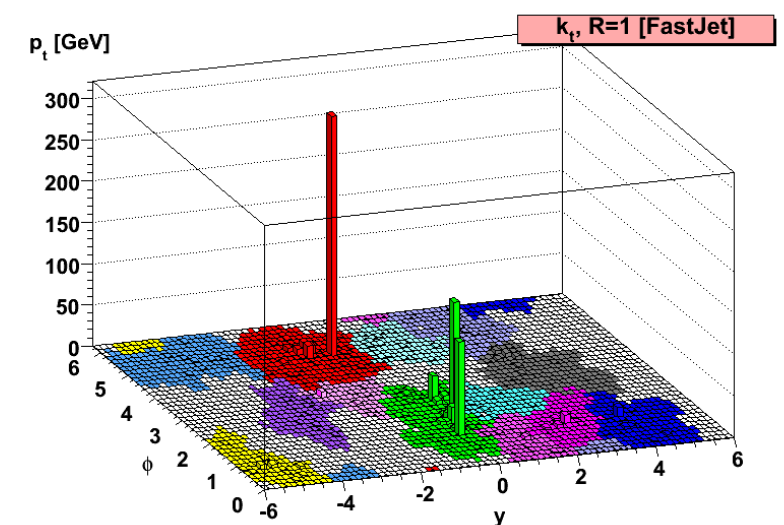
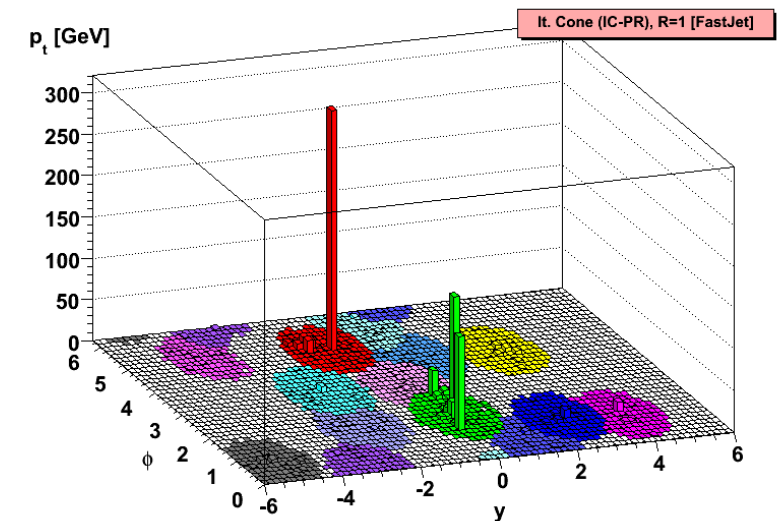
**need infrared & collinear safe jet (& observable) definitions**

crucial for comparing theory with experimental results

# Jet algorithms.

## Jet definition determined by ...

- how to group together particles into common jets
  - typical parameter is  $R$ , distance in  $y$ - $\phi$  space
- how to combine momenta of jet constituents to yield jet momentum
- two generic types of jet algorithms in common use
  - cone algorithms
    - widely used in the past at TEVATRON
    - jets have regular/circular shapes
    - some older ones suffer from IR or collinear unsafety
  - sequential recombination algorithms
    - widely used at LEP [Durham kT algorithm]
    - jets can have irregular shapes
    - default at the LHC experiments [anti-kT algorithm]



# Sequential recombination algorithms.

1. compute distance measure  $y_{ij}$  for each pair of final-state particles
2. at hadronic colliders: determine all distance measures w/r/t the beam  $y_{iB}$
3. determine the minimum  $y_{\min}$  of all  $y_{ij}$  and  $y_{iB}$
4. **exclusive case:**
  - if  $y_{\min} = y_{ij} < y_{\text{cut}} \rightarrow$  recombine  $i$  and  $j$  into single new  $ij$   
return to step 1
  - if  $y_{\min} = y_{iB} < y_{\text{cut}} \rightarrow$  recombine  $i$  with the „beam jet“ (i.e. forget about it)  
return to step 1
  - otherwise declare all remaining objects to be jets and stop
4. **inclusive case (no  $y_{\text{cut}}$  or beam jet, needs a-posteriori IR safety criterion, e.g.  $p_{T,\min}$ ):**
  - if  $y_{\min} = y_{ij}$ , recombine  $i$  and  $j$  into single new  $ij$ , return to step 1
  - if  $y_{\min} = y_{iB}$ , declare  $i$  to be a jet and remove it from the list, return to step 1
  - stop when no particles remain

different algorithms use different measures  $y_{ij}$  &  $y_{iB}$

# Sequential recombination: $k_T$ algorithm.

recall the soft/collinear splitting probability

$$d\mathcal{S} \simeq \frac{2\alpha_s C_{A/F}}{\pi} \frac{dE_i}{\min(E_i, E_j)} \frac{d\theta_{ij}}{\theta_{ij}}$$

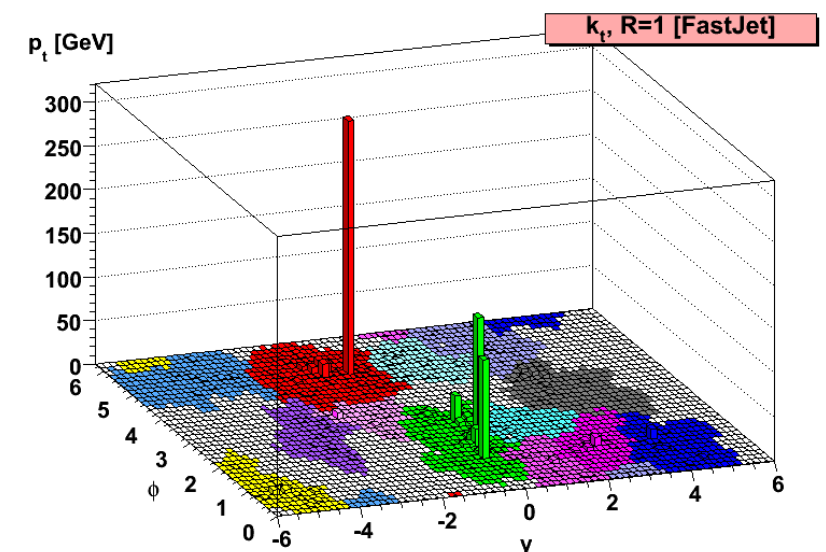
(using  $\min(E_i, E_j)$  we can avoid specifying which is soft)

➡ motivates the

$k_T$  algorithm's distance measure:

$$y_{ij} = 2 \frac{\min(E_i^2, E_j^2)}{Q^2} (1 - \cos \theta_{ij})$$

- in the collinear limit same dependence as  $d\mathcal{S}$  denominator
- relative transverse momentum, normalised to total energy
- soft/collinear particles get clustered first
- effectively inverts the sequence of shower emissions (more soon)



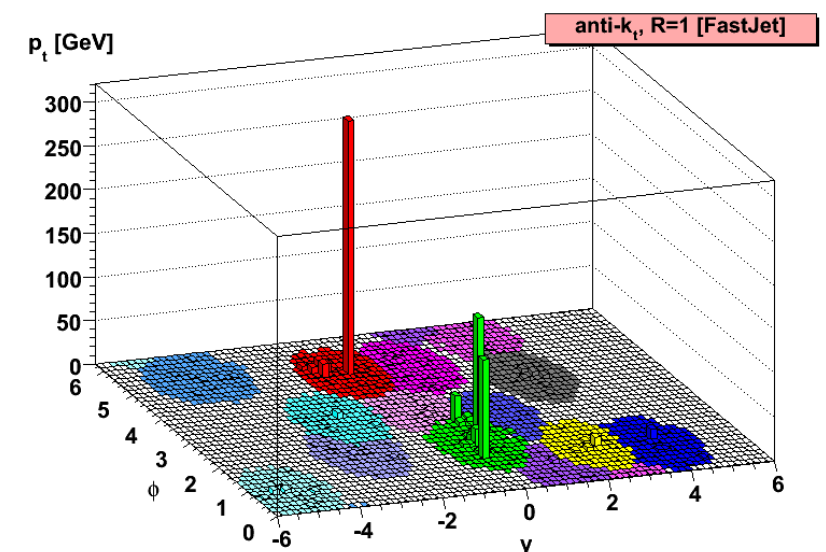


# Sequential recombination: anti- $k_T$ algorithm.

**invert energies:**  $y_{ij} = 2Q^2 \min(E_i^{-2}, E_j^{-2}) (1 - \cos \theta_{ij})$

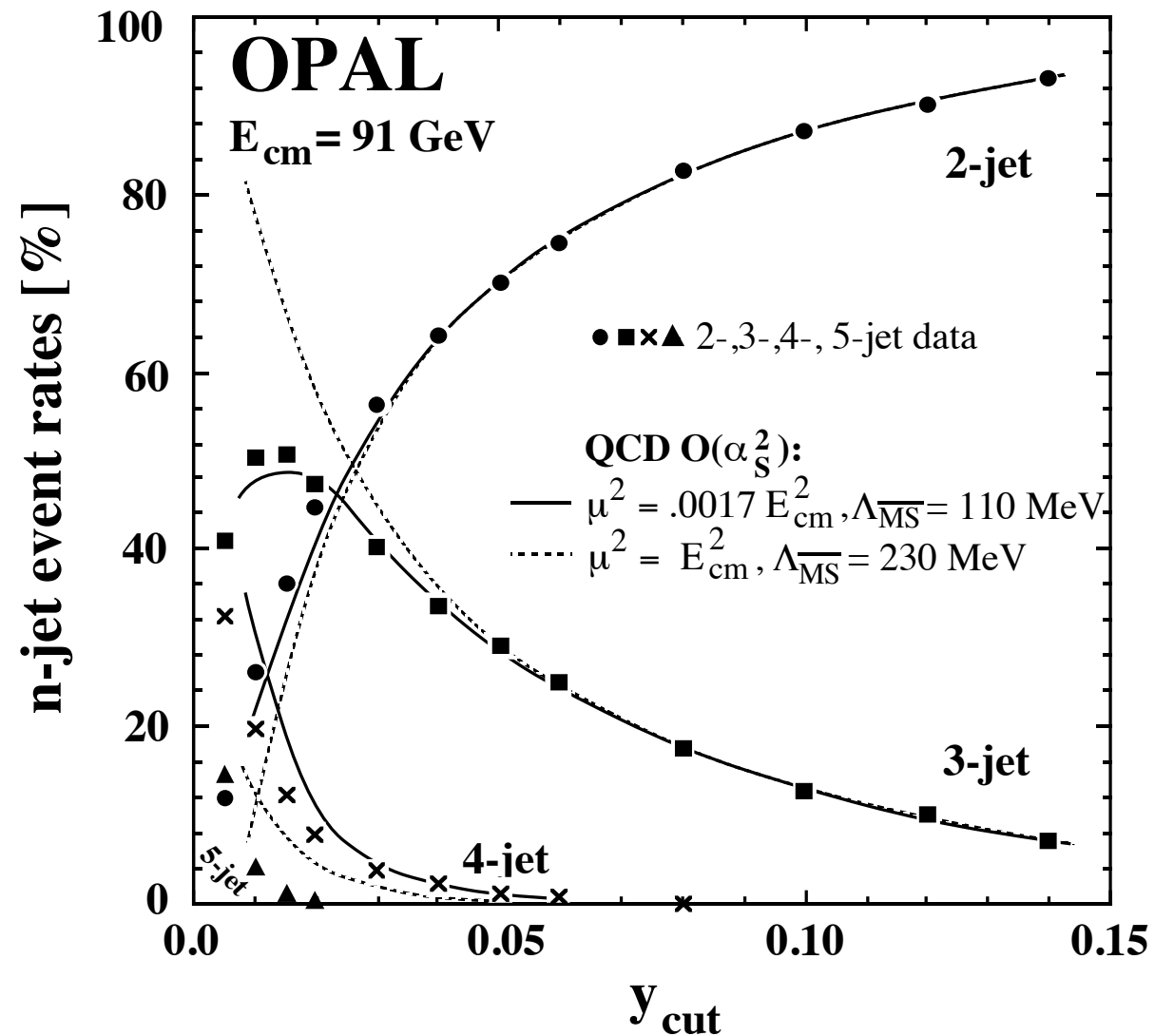
- jet finding starts with hardest objects
- later on, softer particles get clustered into hard jets
- produces nicely regular shaped jets

- default in current LHC physics analyses



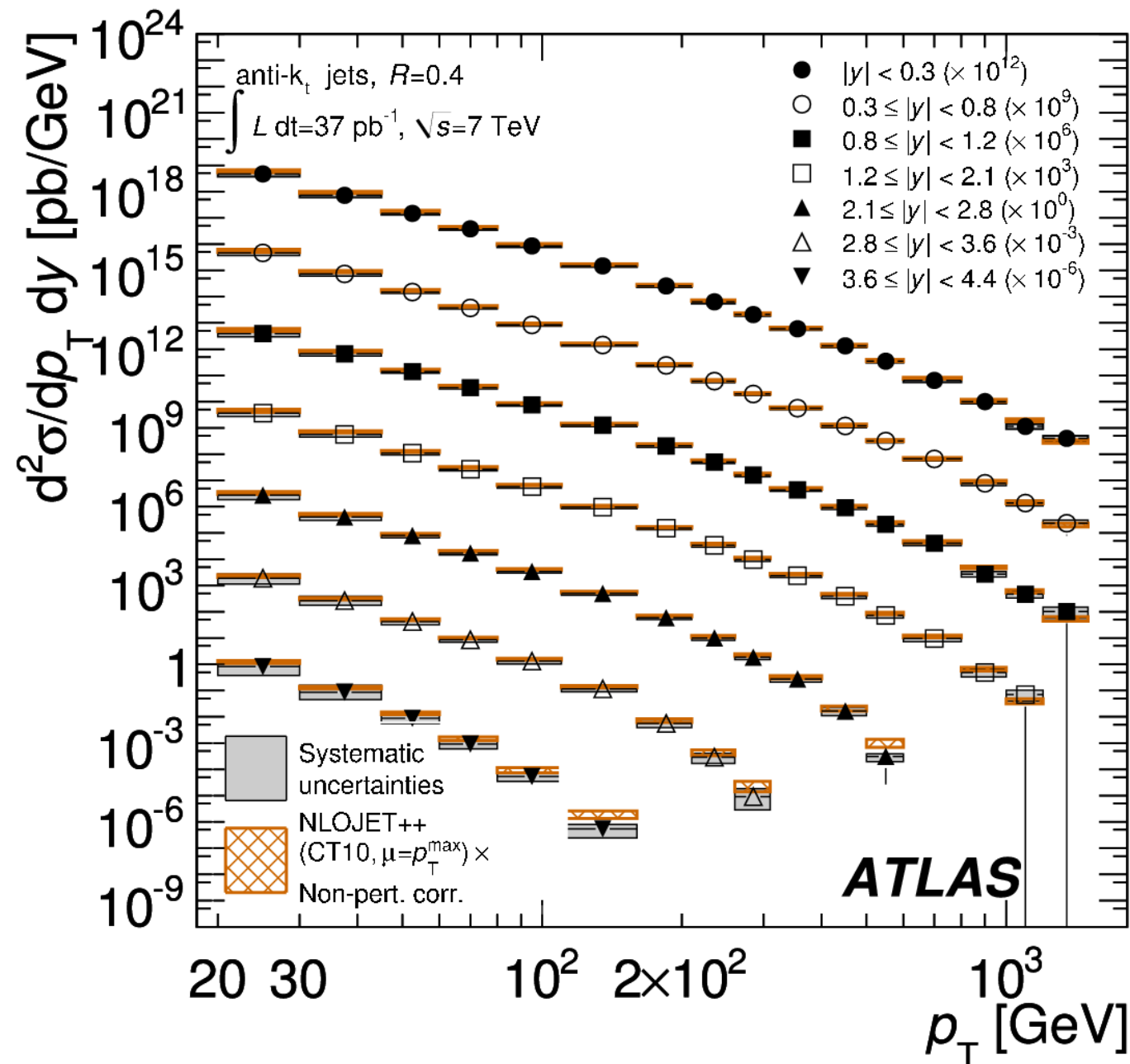
# $k_T$ algorithm at work @ LEP.

$k_T$  jet fractions at LEP



# anti- $k_T$ algorithm at work @ LHC.

anti- $k_T$  inclusive jets at LHC



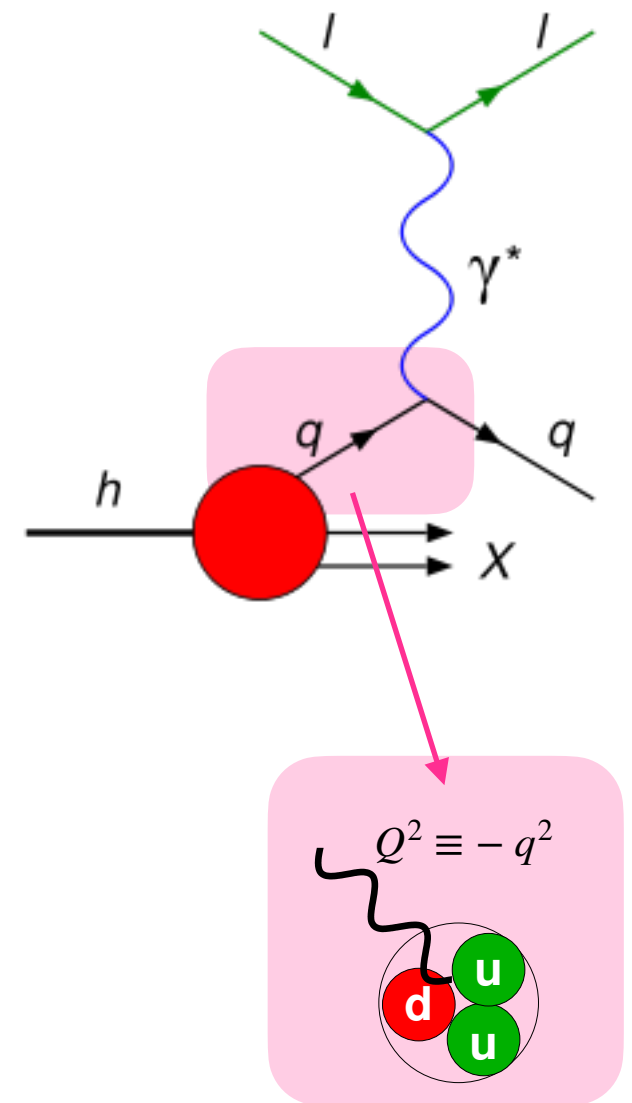
QCD for processes with  
incoming hadrons.

# Processes with incoming hadrons.

- so far: processes with final-state hadrons only
- at hadron colliders, all processes are induced by quarks & gluons, even if otherwise of electroweak nature (as e.g.  $\gamma$ ,  $W$ ,  $Z$ ,  $h$  production processes)
- in order to predict cross sections for processes with initial-state hadrons: need info on **proton short distance structure**

## starting point: the naïve parton model

- quarks bound inside proton
  - soft gluon exchange  $\sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ , acts as binding force responsible for this confinement
  - exchange of hard photon breaks the proton apart via recoil
- ➡ learn about proton structure via **Deep Inelastic Scattering** (DIS)



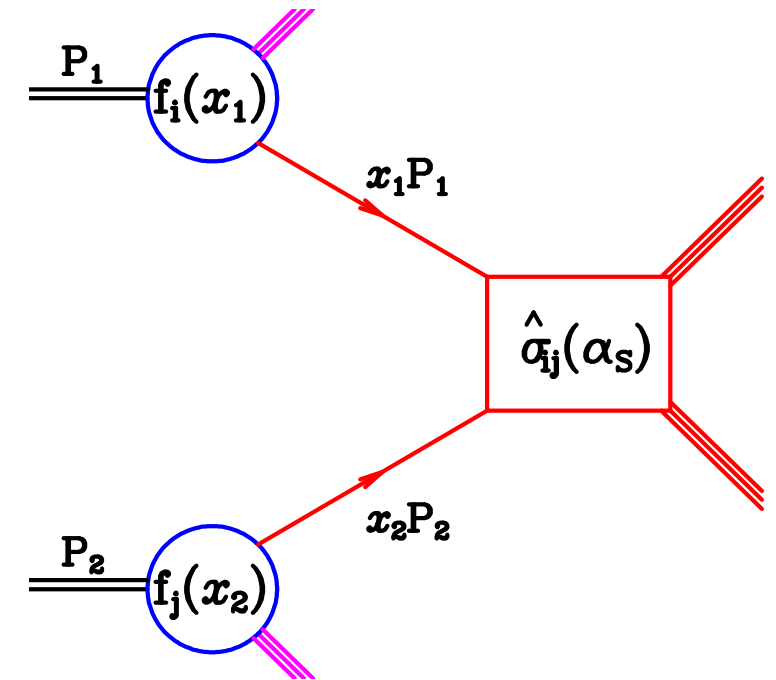


# Naïve parton model factorisation.

- hadronic cross section in the naïve parton model:

$$\sigma(s) = \sum_{ij} \int dx_1 f_{i/p}(x_1) \int dx_2 f_{j/p}(x_2) \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow X}(x_1 x_2 s)$$

- cross section is factorised
  - assume partons move collinearly with protons:  $p_i = x_i P_i$
  - partonic vs. hadronic centre-of-mass energy:  $\hat{s} = x_1 x_2 s$
  - parton distribution functions  $f_{i/p}$  parametrise number density of quarks inside protons



# Parton distribution functions: sum rules.

- proton contains "valence" quarks:  $|p\rangle = |u\ u\ d\rangle$

$$\rightsquigarrow \int_0^1 dx \left( f_{u/p}(x) - f_{\bar{u}/p}(x) \right) = 2 \quad \& \quad \int_0^1 dx \left( f_{d/p}(x) - f_{\bar{d}/p}(x) \right) = 1$$

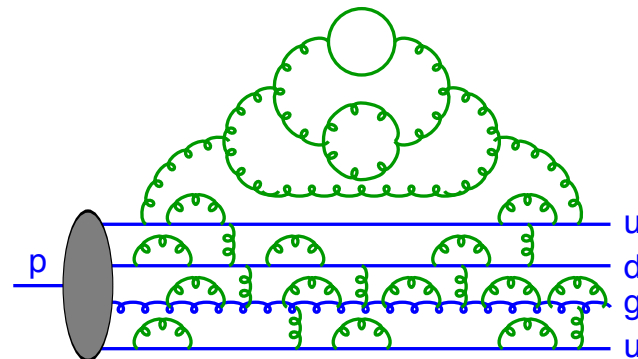
- measure fraction of proton momentum carried by quarks:

$$\sum_q \int_0^1 dx\ x f_{q/p}(x) \simeq 0.5$$

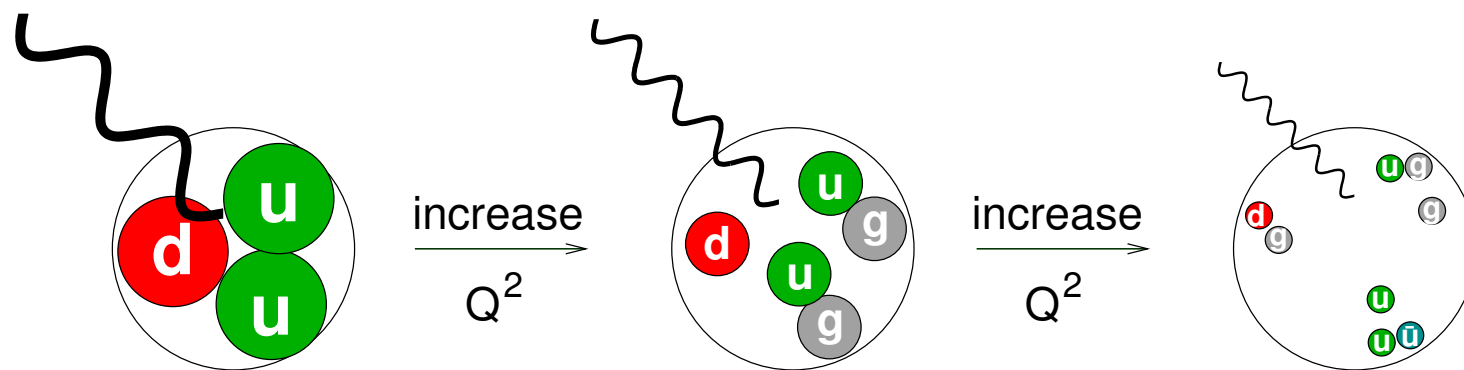
- need to take gluons into account, carry remaining  $\simeq 0.5$  of proton momentum
- gluons appear in splitting process  $q \rightarrow qg$
- let's better check for the impact of higher-order QCD corrections

# Factorisation 2.0.

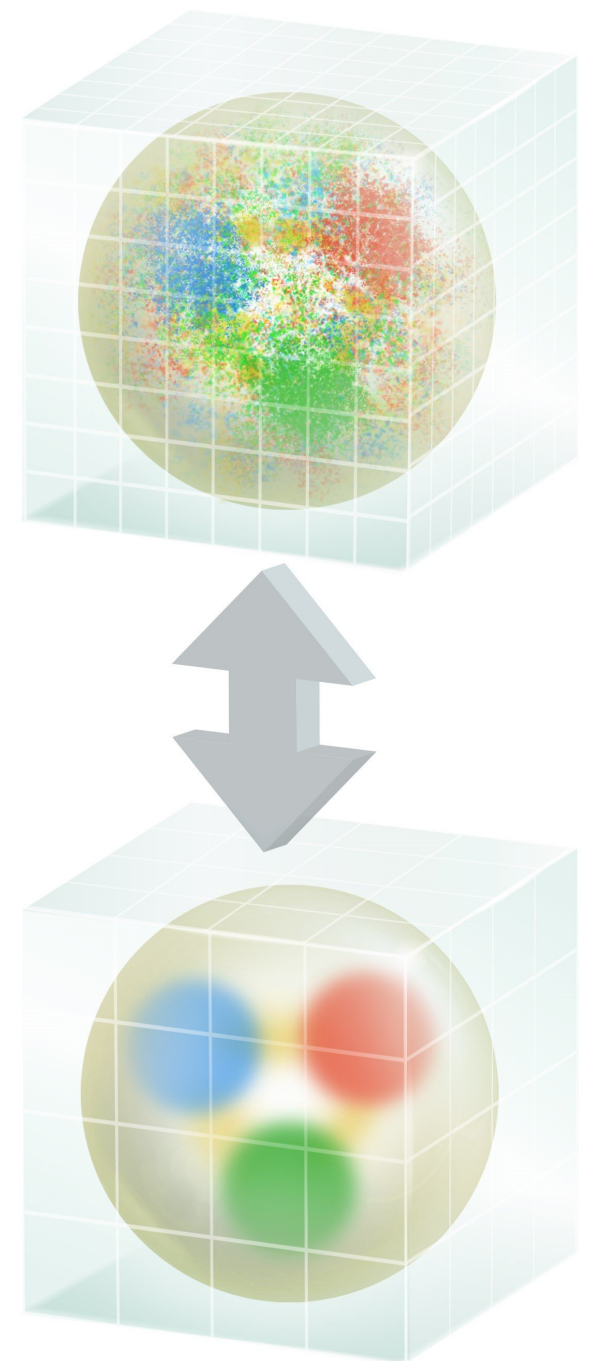
- most fluctuations inside the proton happen at times  $t_{\text{had}} \sim 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$



- a hard interaction (e.g.  $\gamma^*$  in DIS) probes much shorter times  $t_{\text{hard}} \sim 1/Q$
- hard probe takes instantaneous snapshot of hadron structure with „resolution“  $\sim 1/Q$



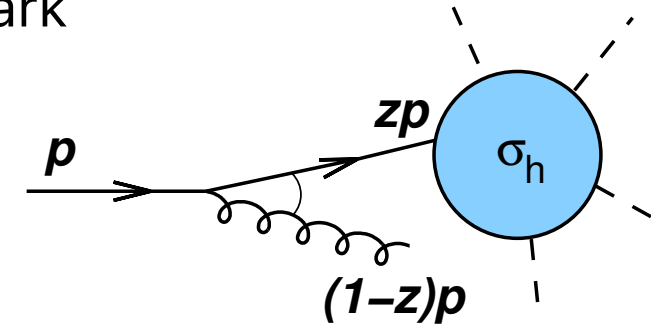
➡ PDFs are scale-dependent objects:  $f_{i/p}(x) \rightarrow f_{i/p}(x, Q^2)$



# The factorisation scale.

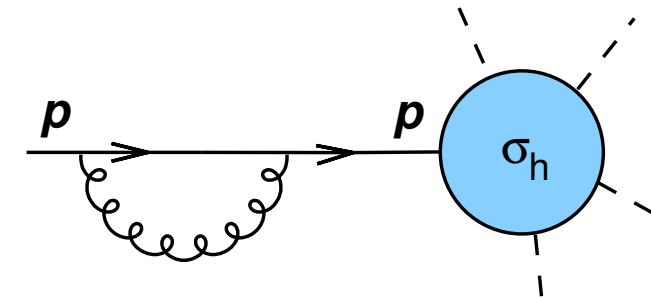
- consider soft & collinear emissions from an initial-state quark

$$\sigma_{g+h}(p) \simeq \sigma_h(zp) \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dz}{1-z} \frac{dk_t^2}{k_t^2}$$



- where we assume  $\sigma_h$  involves momentum transfers  $Q \gg k_t$

$$\sigma_{V+h}(p) \simeq -\sigma_h(p) \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dz}{1-z} \frac{dk_t^2}{k_t^2}$$



- total cross sections receives contributions from both

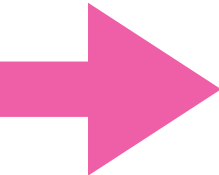
$$\sigma_{g+h} + \sigma_{V+h} \simeq \underbrace{\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \int_0^{Q^2} \frac{dk_t^2}{k_t^2}}_{\text{infinite}} \underbrace{\int_0^1 \frac{dz}{1-z} [\sigma_h(zp) - \sigma_h(p)]}_{\text{finite}}$$

- ➡ regulate singularity in  $k_t$  by factorisation scale  $\mu_F$ ,  
& absorb singularity into redefined scale-dependent PDFs

# Factorised hadronic cross section.

Review of factorization theorems: [Collins, Soper, Sterman hep-ph/0409313]

**factorisation into hard and soft component (resummed in PDFs)**


$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow X_{\text{part}}}(s; \mu_R^2, \mu_F^2) \equiv \sum_{ij} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_{i/p}(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_{j/p}(x_2, \mu_F^2) d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow X_{\text{part}}}(\hat{s}; \{p_X\}, \mu_R^2, \mu_F^2) + \mathcal{O}((\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/Q)^p)$$

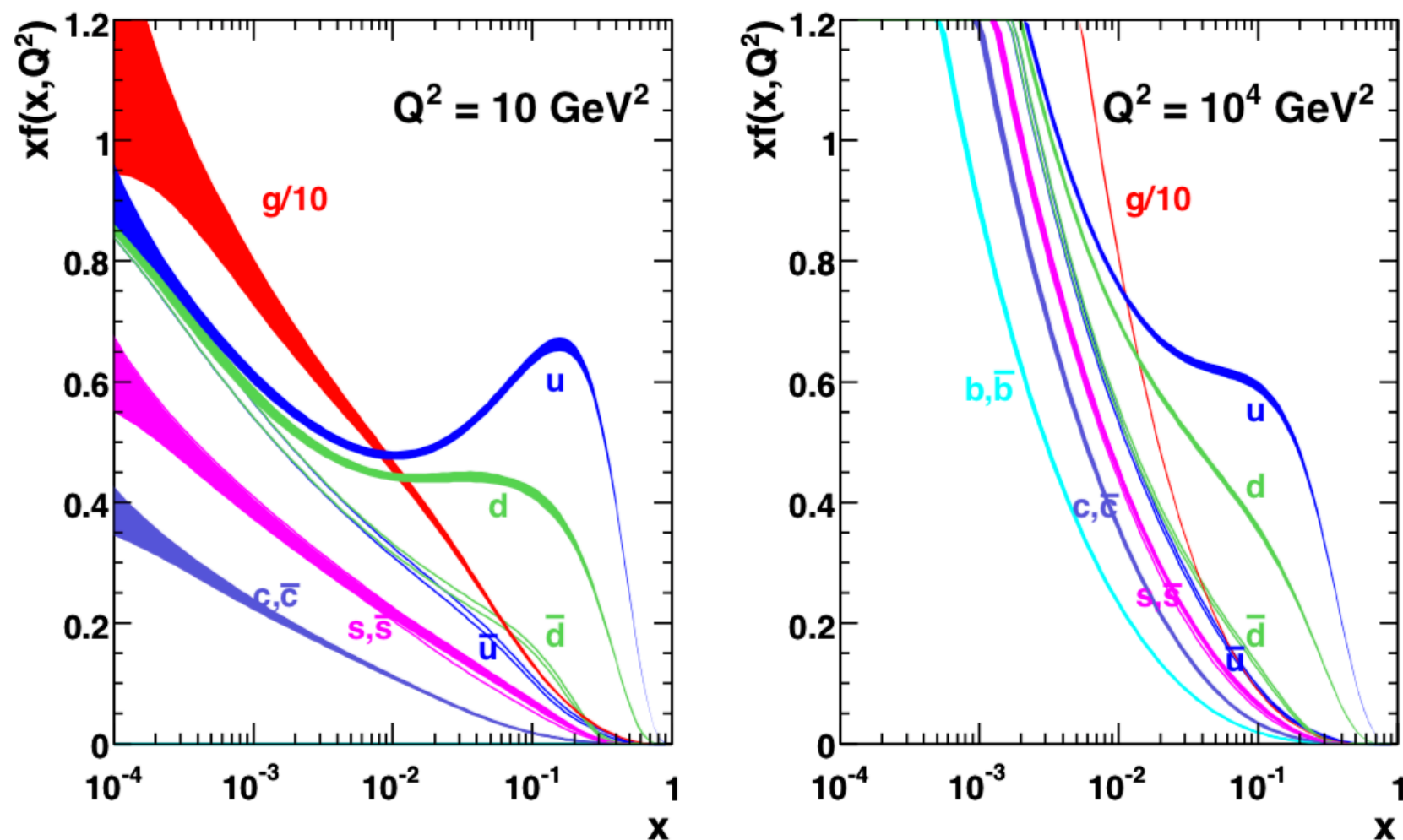
- emissions with  $k_t \lesssim \mu_F$  implicitly included in PDFs
- emissions with  $k_t \gtrsim \mu_F$  explicitly described by the hard process
- change of PDFs w/r/t  $\mu_F$  covered by perturbative QCD, calculable
  - ➡ „running“ PDFs in analogy to the renormalisation scale  $\mu_R$
  - ➡ only need to extract PDFs at some input scale
- typically identify  $\mu_F$  with the inherent process scale  $Q$

# Aside: $\mathcal{O}((\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/Q)^p)$ .

- exponent  $p$  depends on observable
  - with  $p = 1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(1\%)$  correction  $\rightarrow$  "dirty"
  - with  $p = 2 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(0.01\%)$  correction  $\rightarrow$  quite safe
  - lack the framework to reliably determine  $p$  easily
- Jet physics at LHC  $\rightarrow p = 1$
- jet-inclusive LHC cross sections  $\rightarrow p = 2$
- Z, W and Higgs production with non-zero  $p_T$  (i.e. jet recoil)  $p = 1$  or  $p = 2$ ?
  - answer appears to be 2  
[Ferraro Ravasio, Limatola & Nason, 2011.14114; Caola, Ferrario Ravasio, Limatola, Melnikov & Nason, 2108.08897 + 2204.02247]
- critical for LHC programme and its sub-percent level measurements of Z, W and H  $p_T$ , in turn important for constraining  $\alpha_s$  and PDF etc.!

# PDFs for the LHC.

MSTW 2008 NLO PDFs (68% C.L.)



- note  $g/10$ !  $\leadsto$  gluon-initiated processes are enhanced at the LHC
- current PDF sets extracted from DIS,  $p\bar{p}$  & fixed target data
- more recently LHC data has also become important part of fits



# Summary of pert. QCD.

Perturbative QCD gets us quite far!

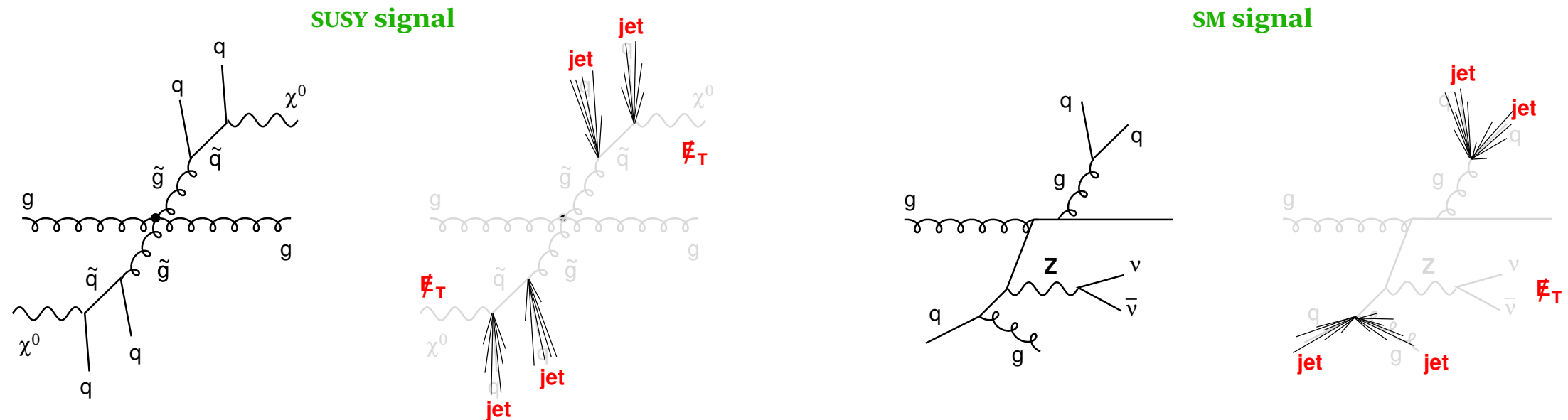
## Multiple gluon emission & jets

- we can calculate multiple gluon emission efficiently
- resummation of leading higher-order terms (e.g. using parton shower, see later)
- giving rise to internal structure of jets
- proper jet definition allows to consistently use jets
  - ... in fixed-order calculations
  - ... after parton-showering, hadronisation, detector simulation
  - ... in experimental analyses (and compare them to theory!)

## The hadron-hadron cross section

- factorisation of soft and hard component
- hard kernel convoluted with non-perturbative PDFs
- need to be extracted from data
- PDFs scale dependent, evolution described by pQCD

# New Physics in a busy QCD environment.

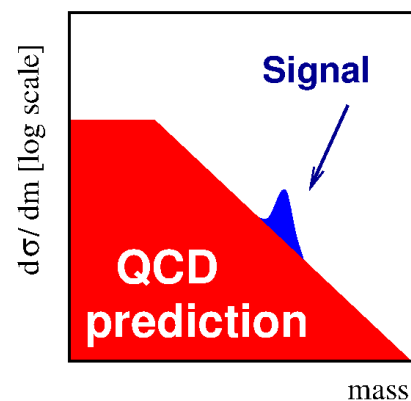


- identify relevant & measurable signatures
  - largest cross section for colour-charged particles
- find selection criteria to enhance signal over SM background [ $S/B \sim 1$ ]
  - many hard jets, isolated leptons/photons, large  $\cancel{E}_T$
  - might need to focus on rare decays, e.g.  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
  - New Physics encoded in energies, flavours, kinematical edges

# What does a discovery look like?

**Searching for New Physics in collision events**  
find excess of events over the Standard Model expectation

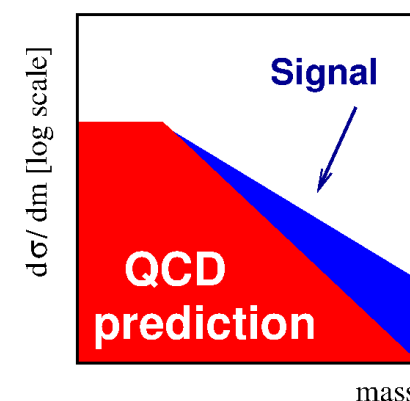
## mass peak



- fully reconstructed resonance, e.g. new gauge boson  $Z'$
- simple invariant mass variable

➡ largely independent of background

## broad high-mass (high- $p_T$ ) excess



- inclusive multi-particle final state, e.g. unreconstructed cascade decay
- sum of all transverse momenta

➡ knowledge of backgrounds crucial

Theory challenge:  
precise SM predictions &  
flexible New Physics simulations.

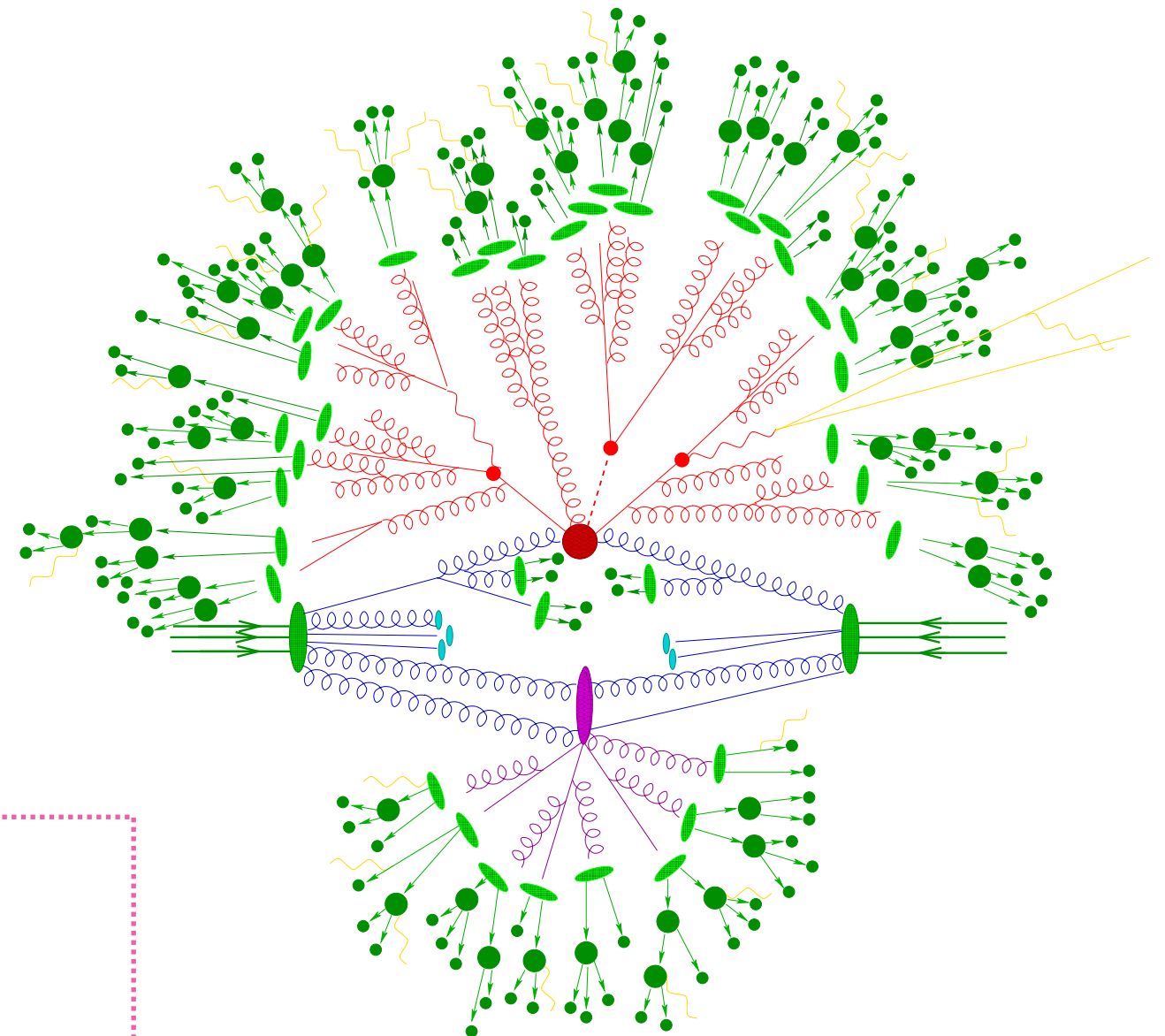
# Theoretical modelling of pp collisions.

## Monte Carlo event generators

PYTHIA, HERWIG, SHERPA

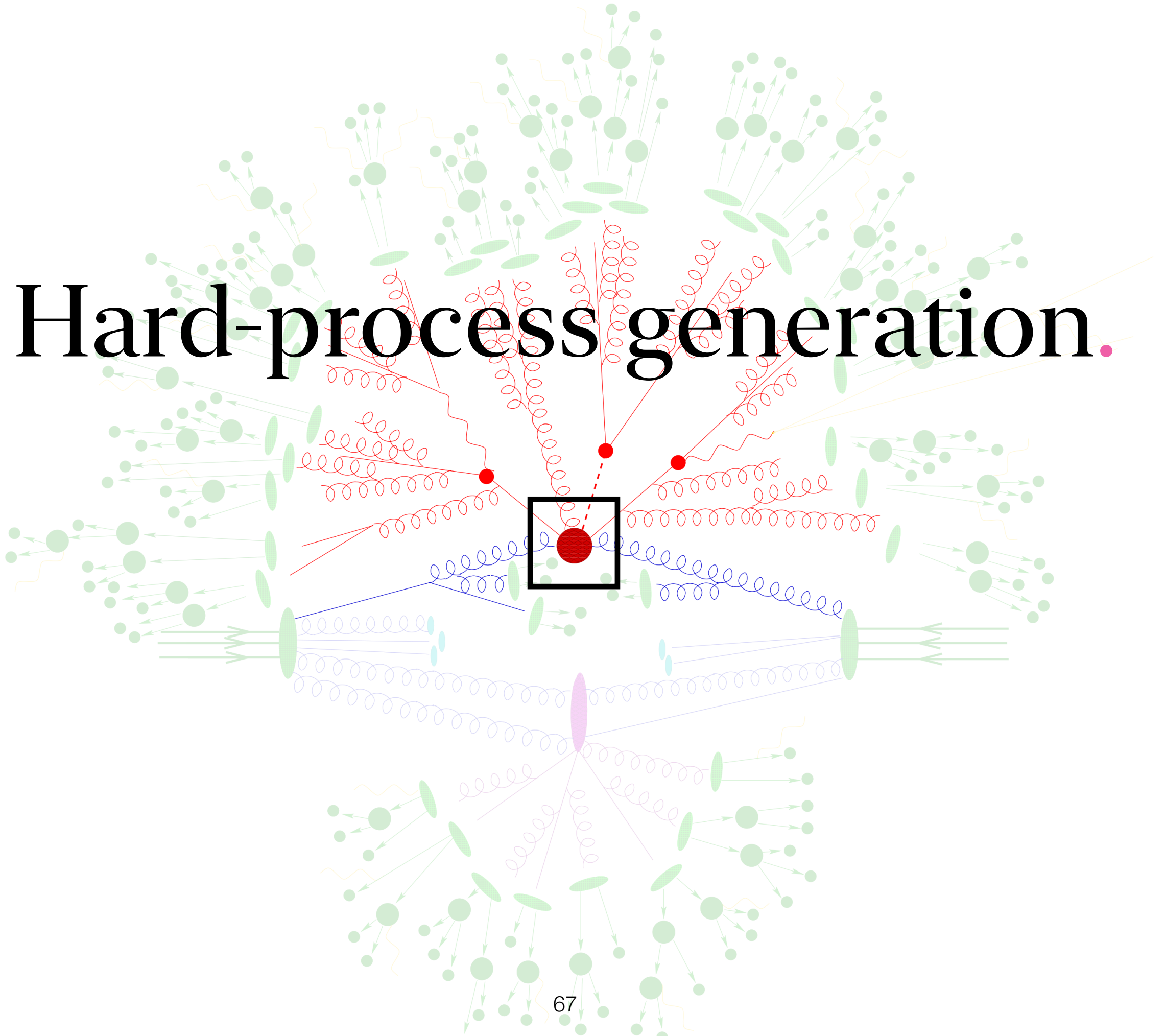
[Buckley, S. et al. Phys. Rept. **504** (2011) 145]

- **Hard interaction**  
exact matrix elements  $|\mathcal{M}|^2$
- **QCD bremsstrahlung**  
parton showers in the **initial** and **final** state
- **Multiple interactions**  
beyond factorisation: modelling
- **Hadronisation**  
non-perturbative QCD: modelling
- **Hadron decays**  
phase space or effective theories



- ➡ stochastic simulation of pseudo data
- ➡ fully exclusive hadronic final states
- ➡ direct comparison with experimental data  
(after detector simulation) e.g. ATLAS, CMS, LHCb, D0, CDF

# Hard-process generation.



# The hard process.

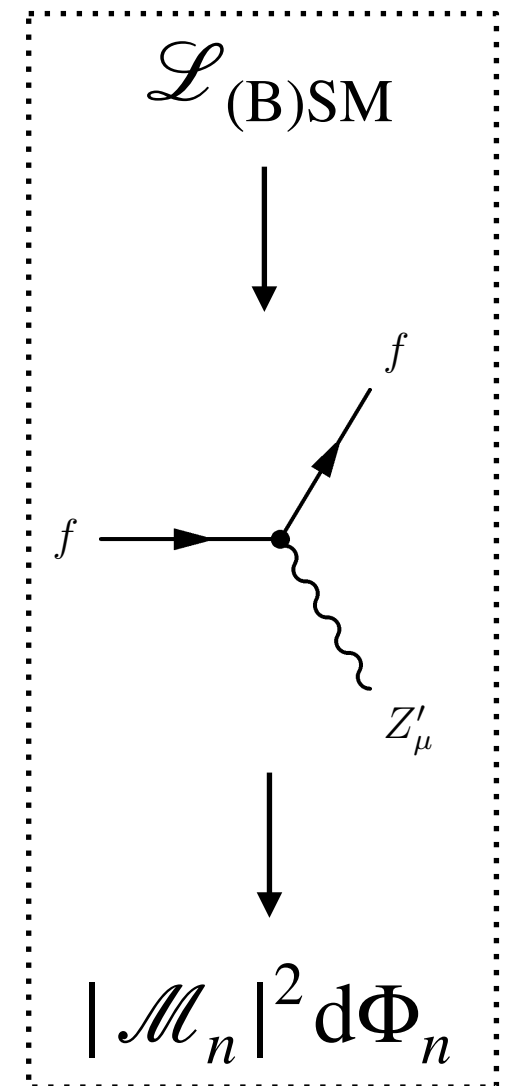
$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow X_n} = \sum_{ab} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_b(x_2, \mu_F^2) |\mathcal{M}_{ab \rightarrow X_n}|^2 d\Phi_n$$

## generic features

- high-dimensional phase space:  $\dim(\Phi_n) = 3n - 4$
- $|\mathcal{M}_{ab \rightarrow X_n}|^2$  wildly fluctuating over  $\Phi_n$
- steep parton density functions

## state of the art

- tree-level fully automated, up to  $2 \rightarrow 8 \dots 10$ 
  - extract Feynman rules from Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}$   
[FeynRules by Christensen & Duhr Comput. Phys. Commun. **180** (2009) 1614]
  - generate compact expressions for  $|\mathcal{M}|^2$
  - self-adaptive Monte-Carlo integrators, e.g. MADGRAPH, ALPGEN, SHERPA
- at NLO QCD up to  $2 \rightarrow 5$  results available
  - automation of one-loop calculations (but not always practical/available)
- quite a few results at NNLO QCD available, at least then relevant too: NLO EW





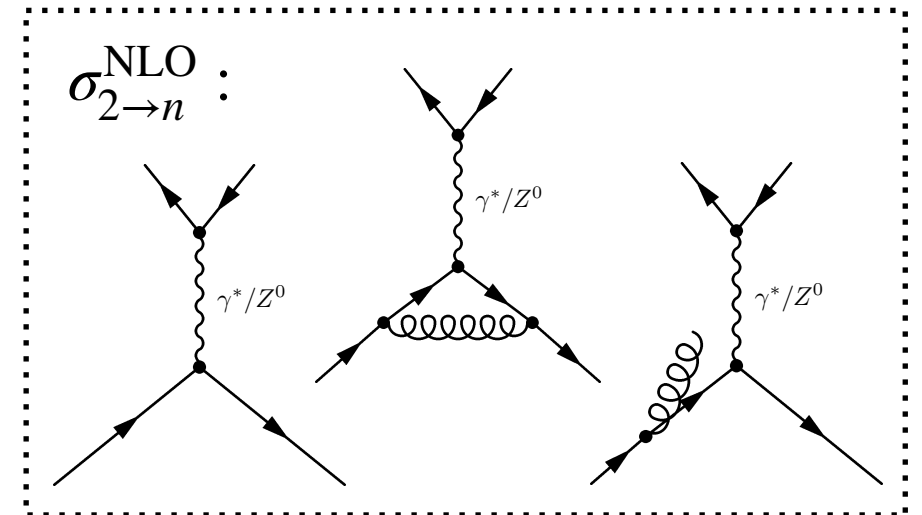
# Hard processes to NLO QCD.

**Anatomy of NLO QCD calculations (in dim. reg.  $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$ )**

$$\sigma_{2 \rightarrow n}^{\text{NLO}} = \int_n d^{(4)}\sigma^B + \int_n d^{(d)}\sigma^V + \int_{n+1} d^{(d)}\sigma^R$$

- (UV renormalised) virtual corrections  $\sigma^V \sim \text{IR divergent}$
- real emission  $\sigma^R \sim \text{IR divergent}$

➡ for IR-safe observables sum is finite



**Dipole subtraction method** [Catani, Seymour Nucl. Phys. B 485 (1997) 291]

$$\sigma_{2 \rightarrow n}^{\text{NLO}} = \int_n \left[ d^{(4)}\sigma^B + \int_{\text{loop}} d^{(d)}\sigma^V + \int_1 d^{(d)}\sigma^A \right]_{\epsilon=0} + \int_{n+1} \left[ d^{(4)}\sigma^R - d^{(4)}\sigma^A \right]$$

- subtraction terms yield local approximation for the real-emission process
- exactly describe the amplitude in the soft & collinear limits, i.e. correct  $1/\epsilon$  and  $1/\epsilon^2$  poles

$$\int_{n+1} d^{(d)}\sigma^A = \sum_{\text{dipoles}} \int_n d^{(d)}\sigma^B \otimes \int_1 d^{(d)}V_{\text{dipole}}$$

spin- & colour correlations ↵

↵ universal dipole terms

# Hard processes to NLO QCD.

The emerging picture: a fully differential NLO calculation

$$\sigma_{2 \rightarrow n}^{NLO} = \int_{n+1} \left[ d^{(4)}\sigma^R - d^{(4)}\sigma^A \right] + \int_n \left[ d^{(4)}\sigma^B + \int_{\text{loop}} d^{(d)}\sigma^V + \int_1 d^{(d)}\sigma^A \right]_{\epsilon=0}$$

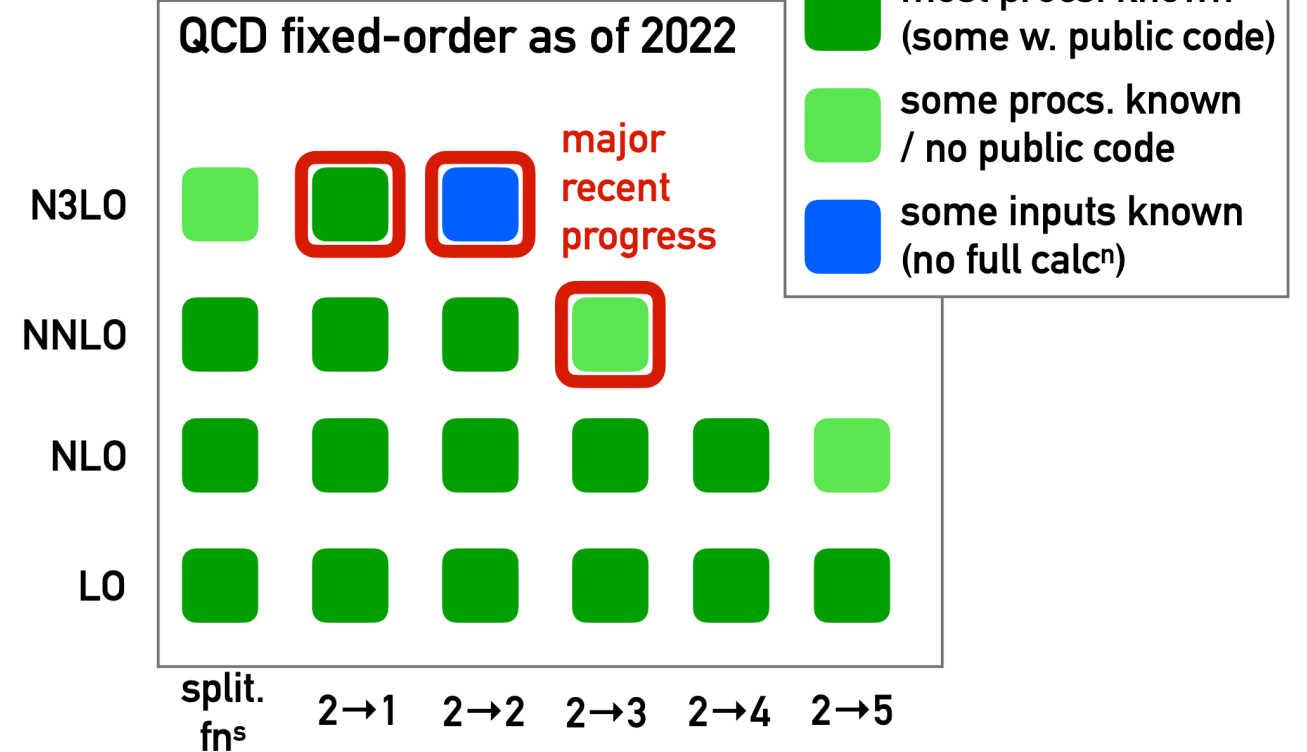
## Monte-Carlo codes

- all the tree-level bits
- subtraction of singularities
- efficient phase-space integration

## One-Loop codes

- loop amplitudes, i.e.  $2\Re(\mathcal{A}_V \mathcal{A}_B^\dagger)$
- including loop integration, i.e. ...
- $1/\epsilon$ ,  $1/\epsilon^2$  coefficients & finite terms

[Gavin Salam ICHEP 2022]

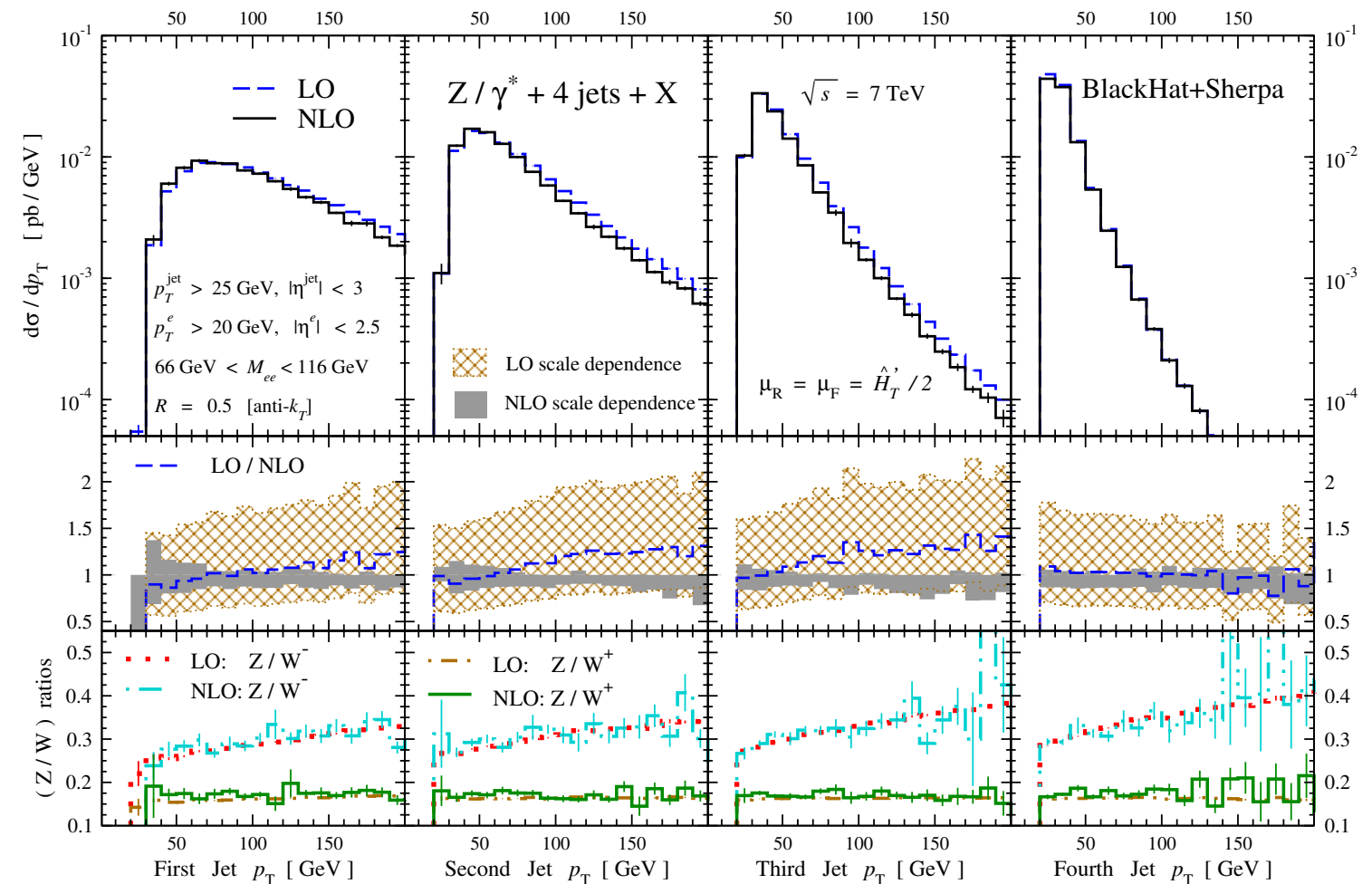
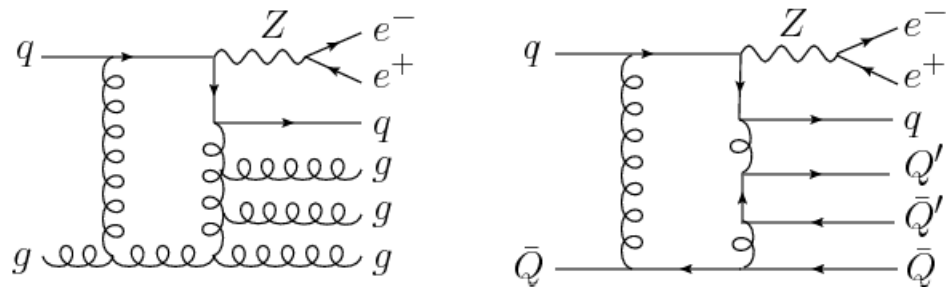


# Hard processes to NLO QCD.

## Example: BLACKHAT+SHERPA Z + 4 jets LHC predictions

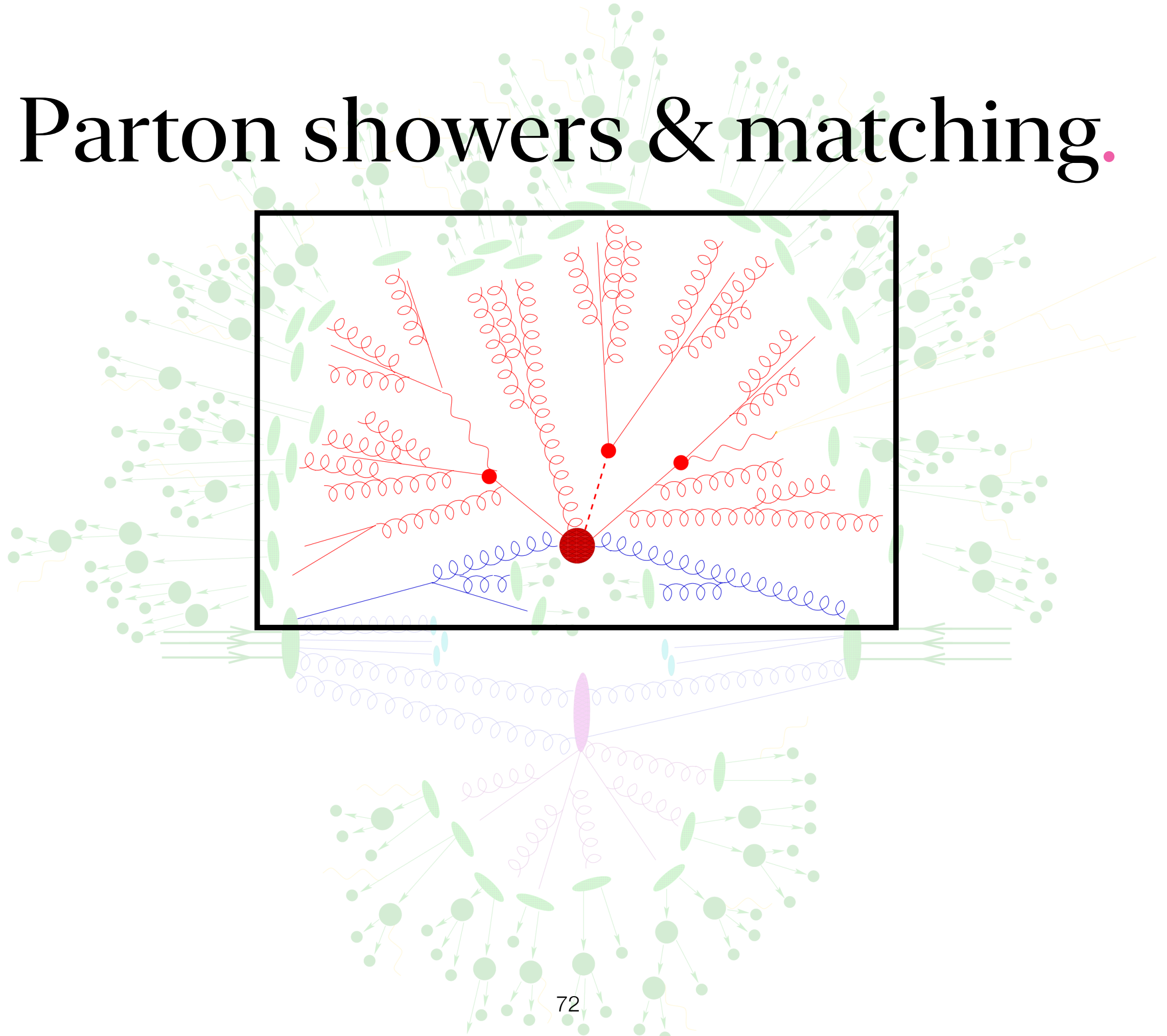
[Ita et al. Phys. Rev. D **85** (2012) 031501]

- include one-loop virtual & real-emission corrections, as e.g. in diagrams



➡ reduced scale uncertainties in cross sections & differential distributions

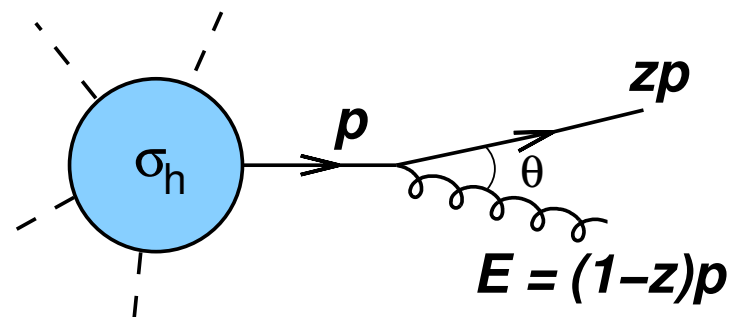
# Parton showers & matching.



# Approximating multi-parton production.

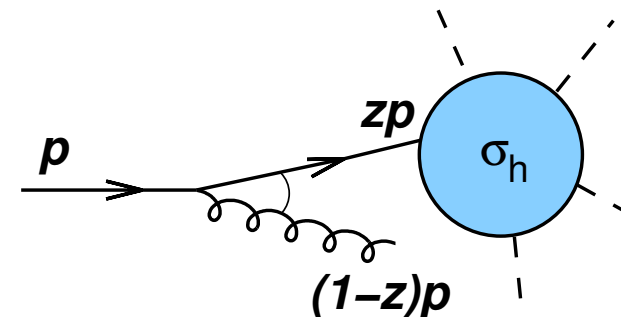
*n*-parton cross section dominated by soft and/or collinear emissions

**Final-state splitting**



$$\sigma_{h+g} \simeq \sigma_h \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dz}{1-z} \frac{dk_t^2}{k_t^2}$$

**Initial-state splitting**

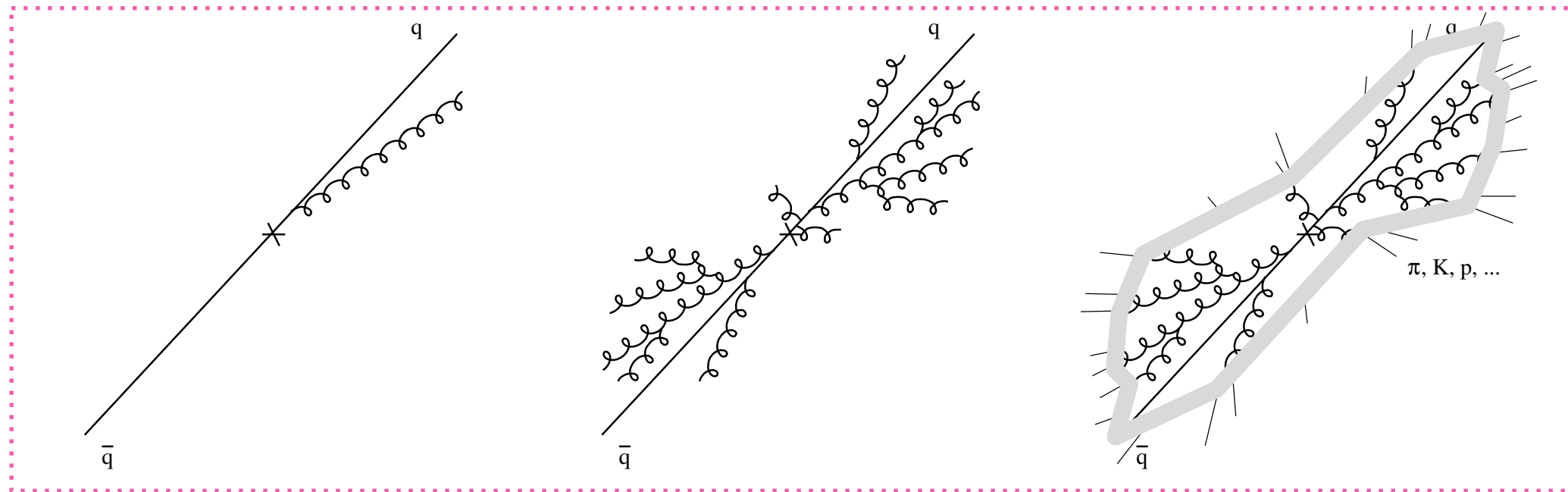


$$\sigma_{h+g} \simeq \sigma_h \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dz}{1-z} \frac{dk_t^2}{k_t^2}$$

- valid when the gluon is much lower in energy than the emitter, i.e.  $z \lesssim 1$  ...
  - ... and/or emission angle  $\theta$  ( $k_t \simeq E\theta$ ) is much smaller than the angle between the emitter and any other parton in the event (angular ordering, colour coherence)
- ➡ factorisation lends itself to Markov Chain simulation: parton shower of subsequent emissions

# Approximating multi-parton production.

## The QCD parton shower picture

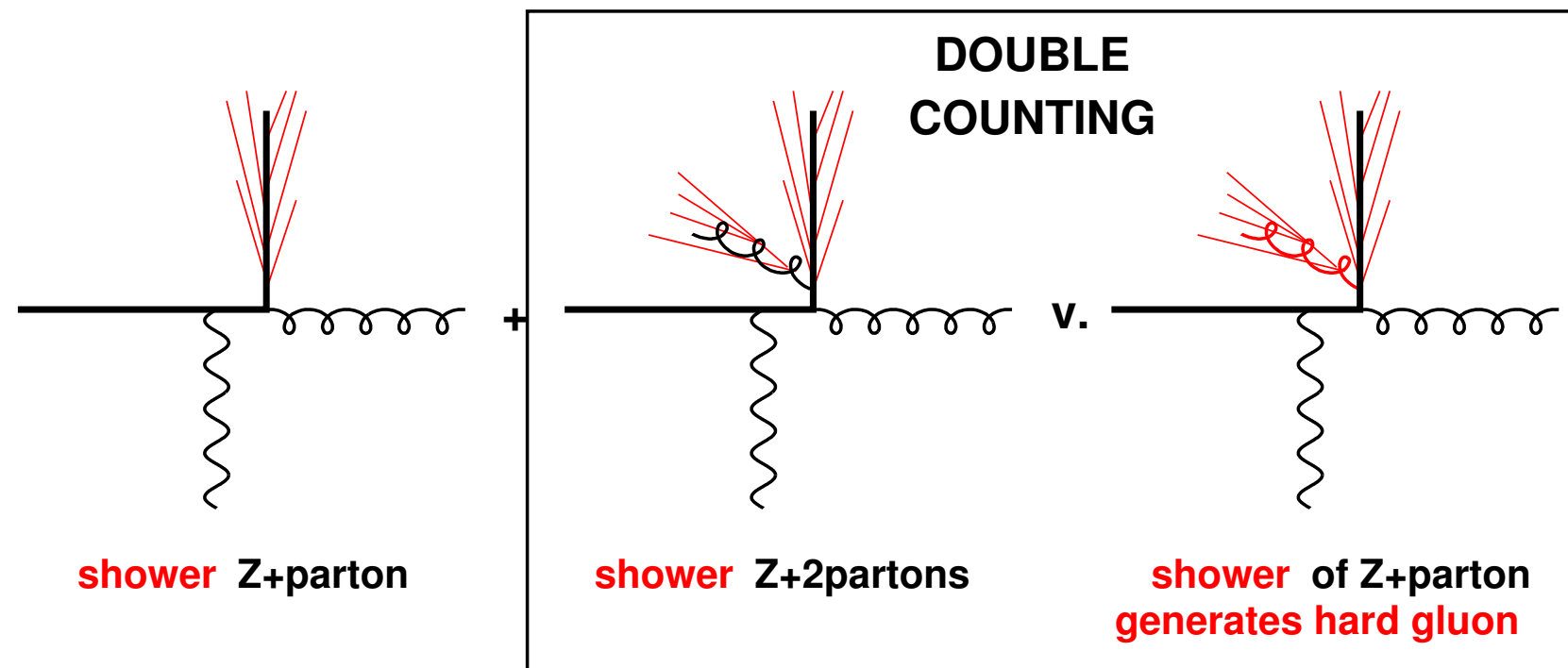


- construct explicitly the initial- & final-state partons history/fate
- successive branching of incoming and outgoing legs
  - $\leadsto$  exclusive partonic final states
- evolve parton ensemble from hard process scale to low cut-off scale  $Q_0 \sim \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GeV}^2)$ 
  - $\leadsto$  link the hard process to universal hadronisation models
- model intra-jet energy flows: jets become multi-parton objects

# Matching exact matrix elements with parton showers.

## The art of combining matrix elements with parton showers

- model (few) hardest emissions by exact matrix elements
- avoid any double counting or dead regions of emission phase space
- preserve fixed-order & logarithmic precision of the calculation
- seminal work:
  - multileg tree-level matching: [Catani et al. JHEP **0111** (2001) 063] ME+PS
  - NLO + Parton Shower: [Frixione, Webber JHEP **0206** (2002) 029] MC@NLO

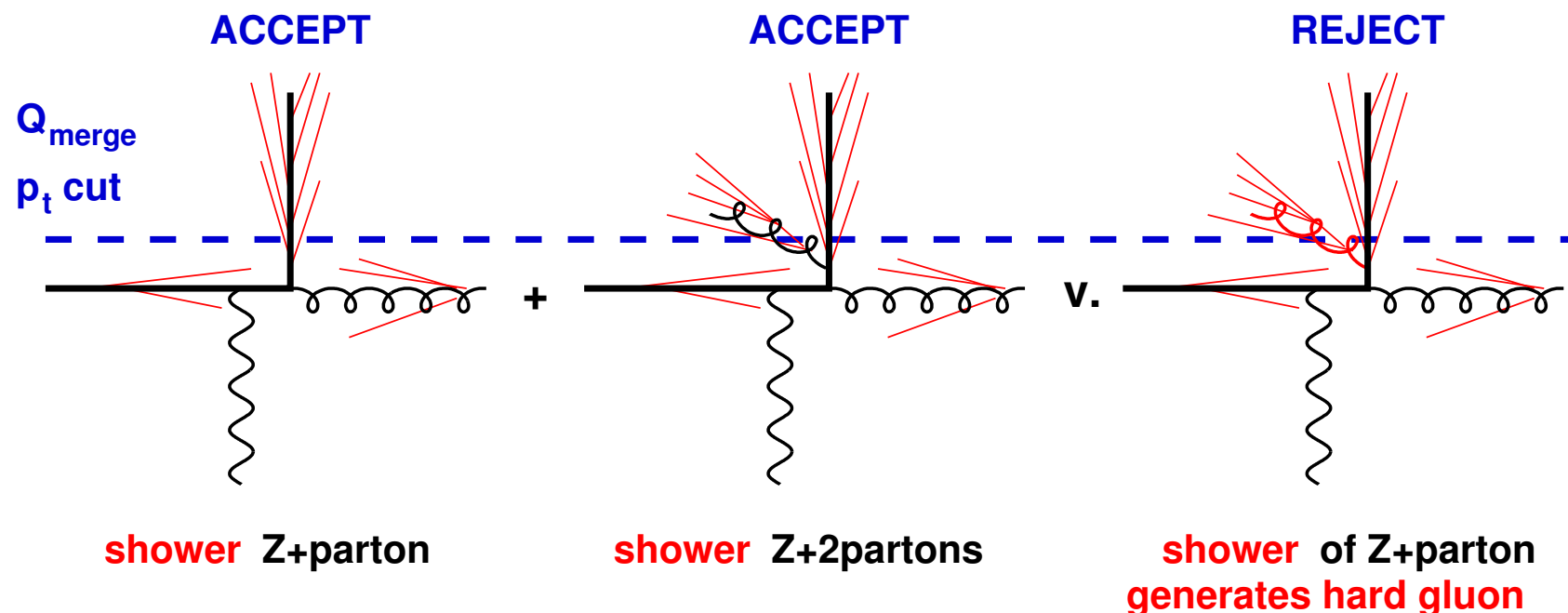




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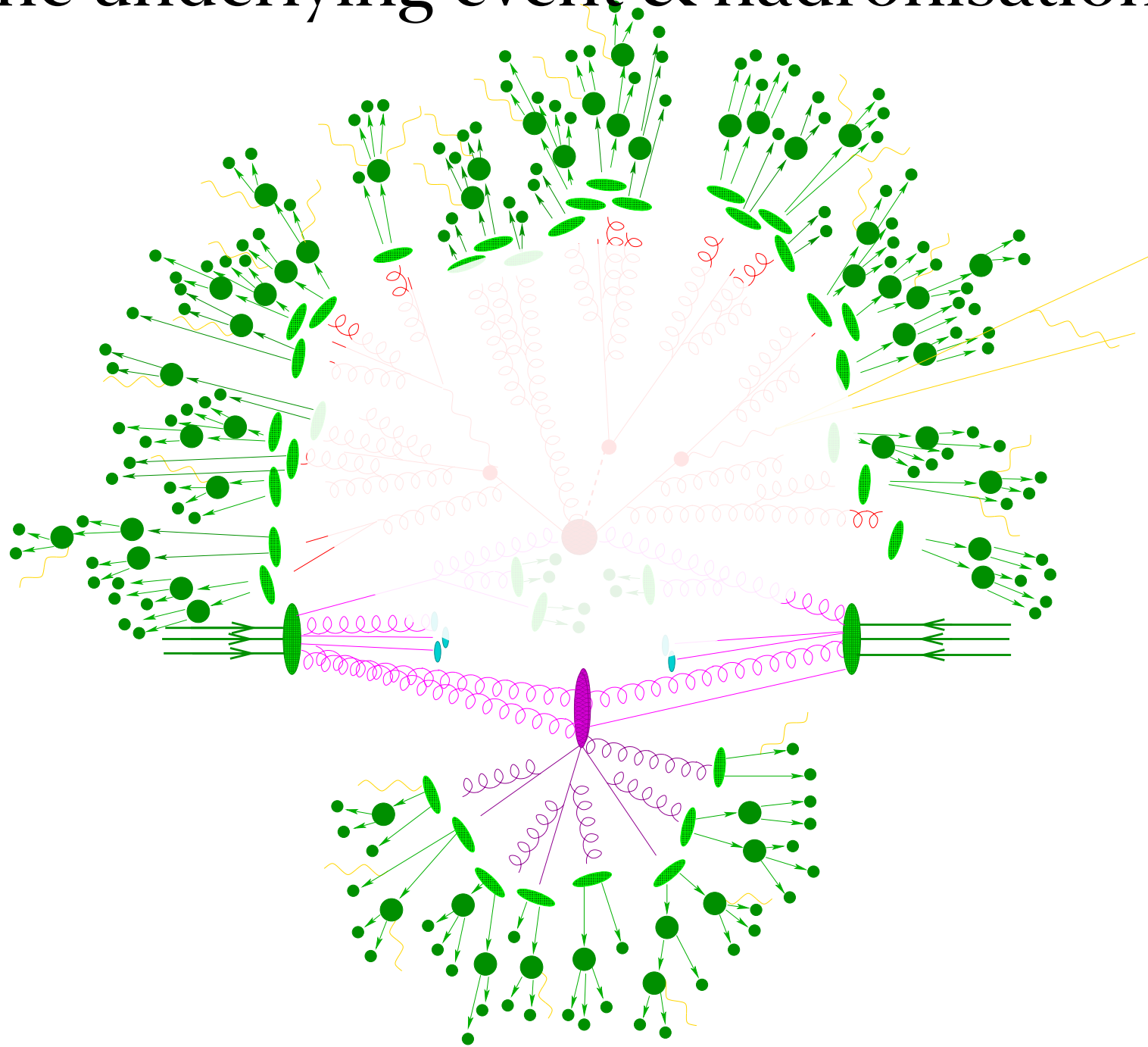
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→ standard for LHC event generation [Alwall et al. Eur. Phys. J. C **53** (2008) 473]

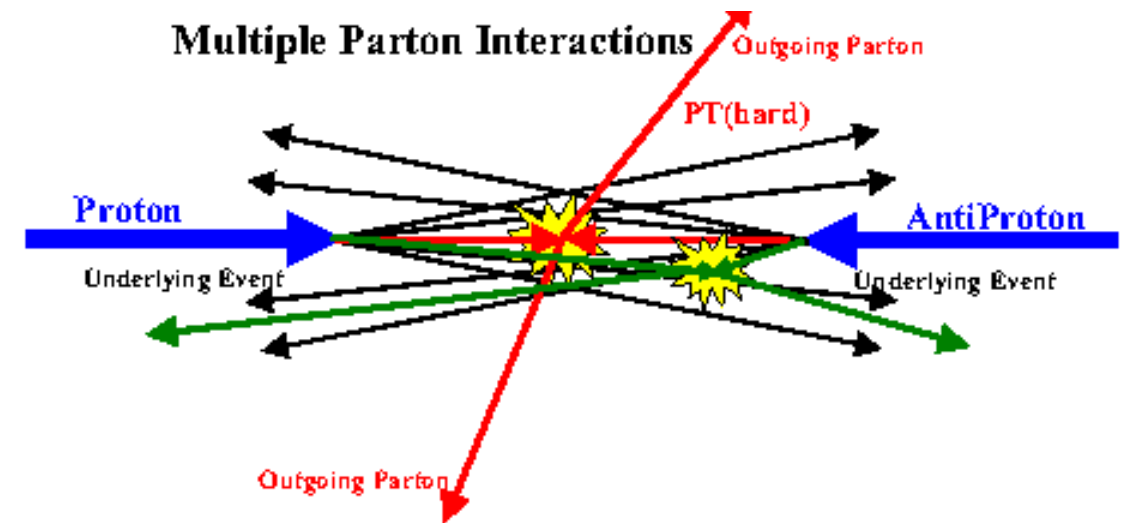
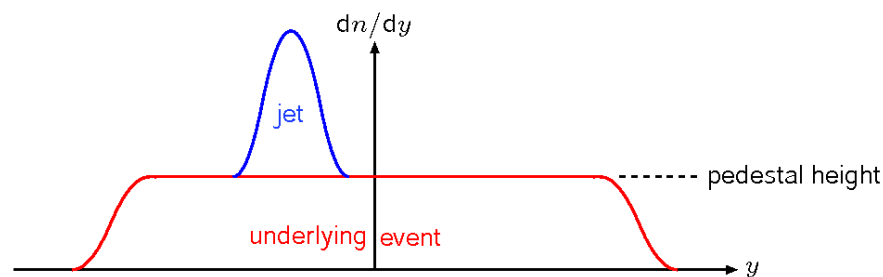
→ necessitates truncated showering [Höche, S. et al. JHEP **0905** (2009) 053]

# Leaving behind perturbative grounds: The underlying event & hadronisation.



# The underlying event: remnant-remnant interactions.

- definition attempt: everything but the hard interaction including the shower and the hadronisation
- soft & hard remnant-remnant interactions



- beyond factorisation: multiple-parton interactions (MPI)

$$\sigma_{\text{QCD}}^{2 \rightarrow 2}(p_{\text{T,min}}^2) = \int_{p_{\text{T,min}}^2}^{s/4} dp_{\text{T}}^2 \frac{d\sigma_{\text{QCD}}^{2 \rightarrow 2}(p_{\text{T}}^2)}{dp_{\text{T}}^2} = \iint \int_{p_{\text{T,min}}^2}^{s/4} dx_a dx_b dp_{\text{T}}^2 f_a(x_a, p_{\text{T}}^2) f_b(x_b, p_{\text{T}}^2) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{\text{QCD}}^{2 \rightarrow 2}}{dp_{\text{T}}^2}$$

- for low  $p_{\text{T,min}}$ :  $\langle \sigma_{\text{QCD}}^{2 \rightarrow 2}(p_{\text{T,min}}^2) / \sigma_{pp}^{\text{ND}} \rangle > 1$ , interpret as average number of interactions per pp collision  $\langle n \rangle$ , Poissonian if assumed to be independent:

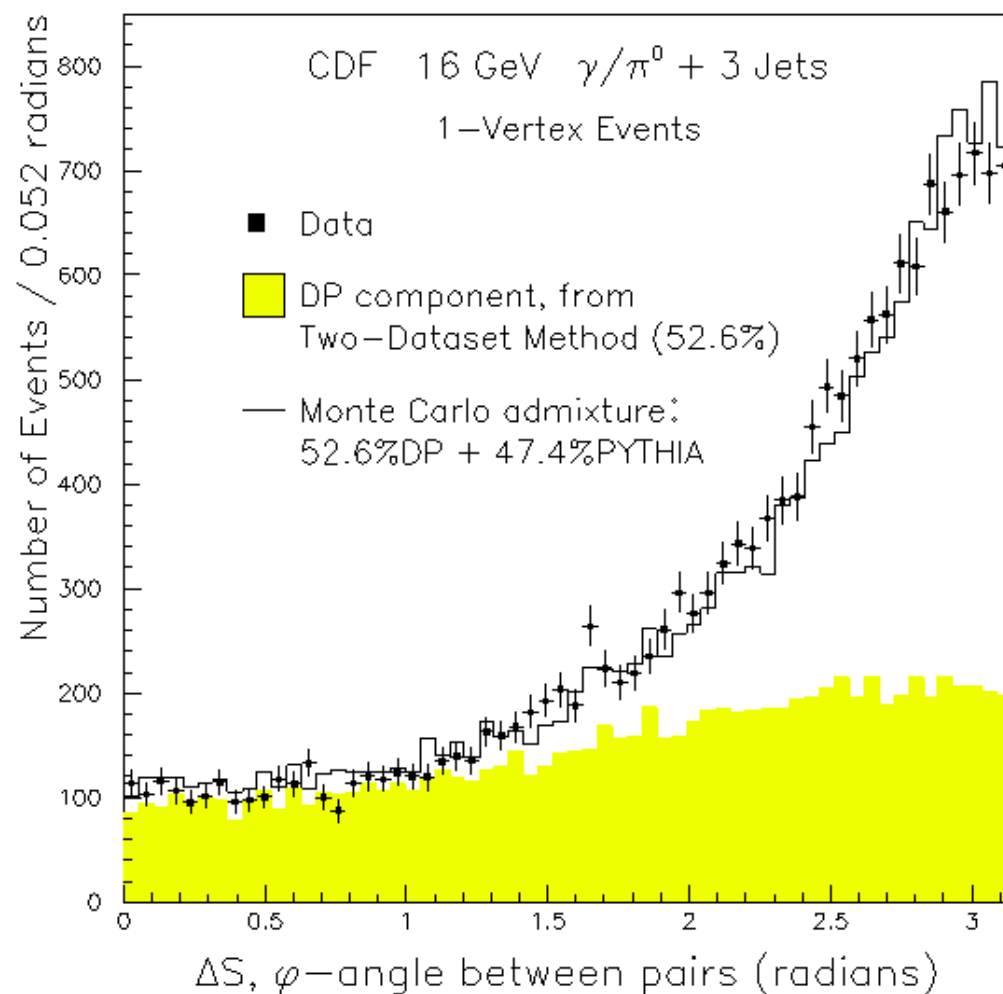
$$\mathcal{P}_n = \frac{\langle n \rangle^n}{n!} e^{-\langle n \rangle}$$

- strong dependence on cut-off  $p_{\text{T,min}}$

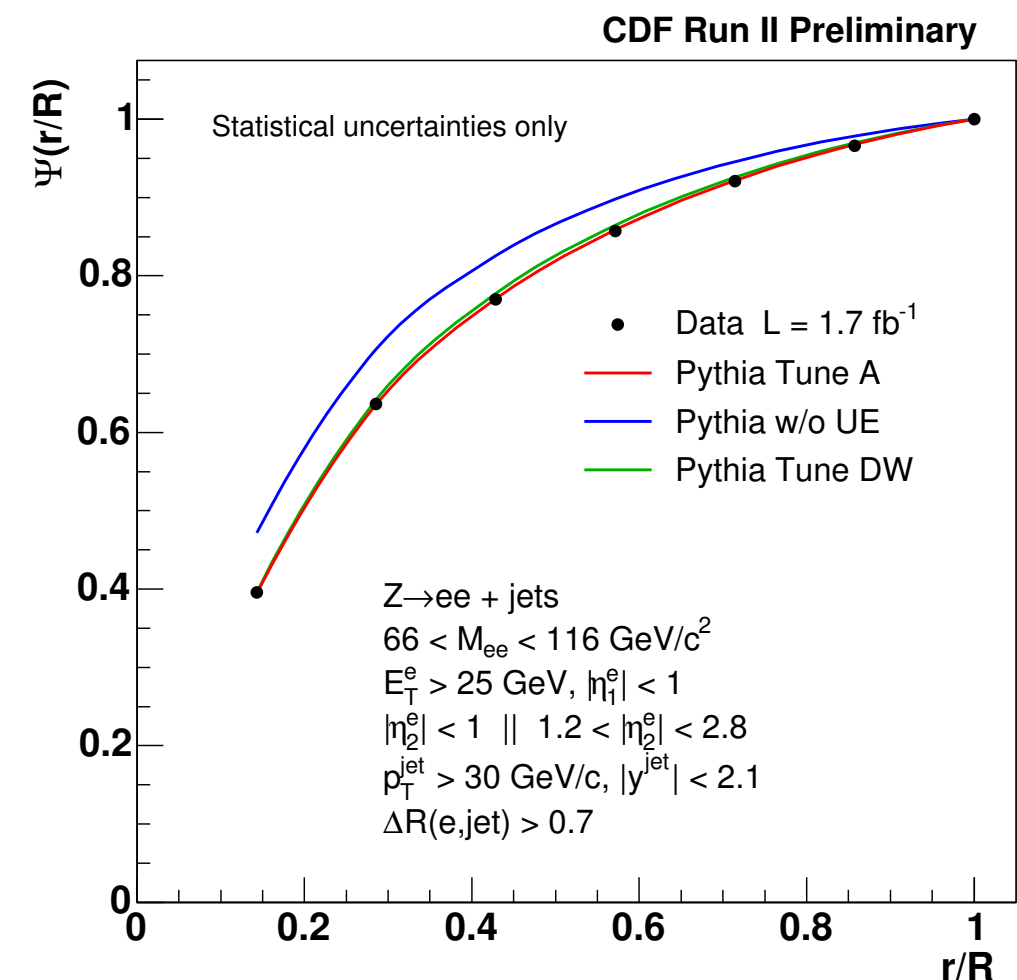
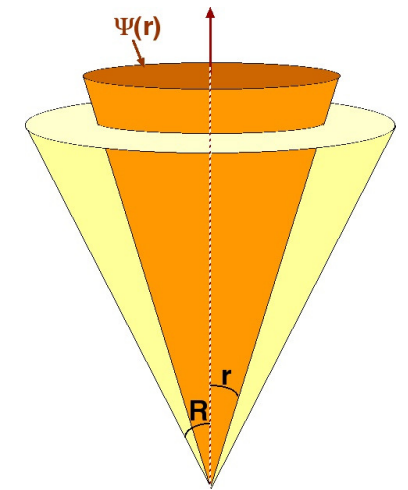
# Experimental evidence for MPI.

## Direct: DPS in $\gamma + 3$ jets

[CDF Phys. Rev. **D56** (1997) 3811]



## Indirect: jet shapes



# A simple multiple interactions model.

[Sjöstrand, Zijl Phys. Rev. D **36** (1987) 2019]

- hard process defines scale  $p_{T,\text{hard}}$
- generate sequence of additional  $2 \rightarrow 2$  qcd scattering ordered in  $p_T$

$$\mathcal{P}(p_T) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{ND}} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{QCD}}^{2 \rightarrow 2}}{dp_T^2} \exp \left\{ - \int_{p_T^2}^{p_{T,\text{hard}}^2} \frac{1}{\sigma_{ND}} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{QCD}}^{2 \rightarrow 2}}{dp_T'^2} dp_T'^2 \right\}$$

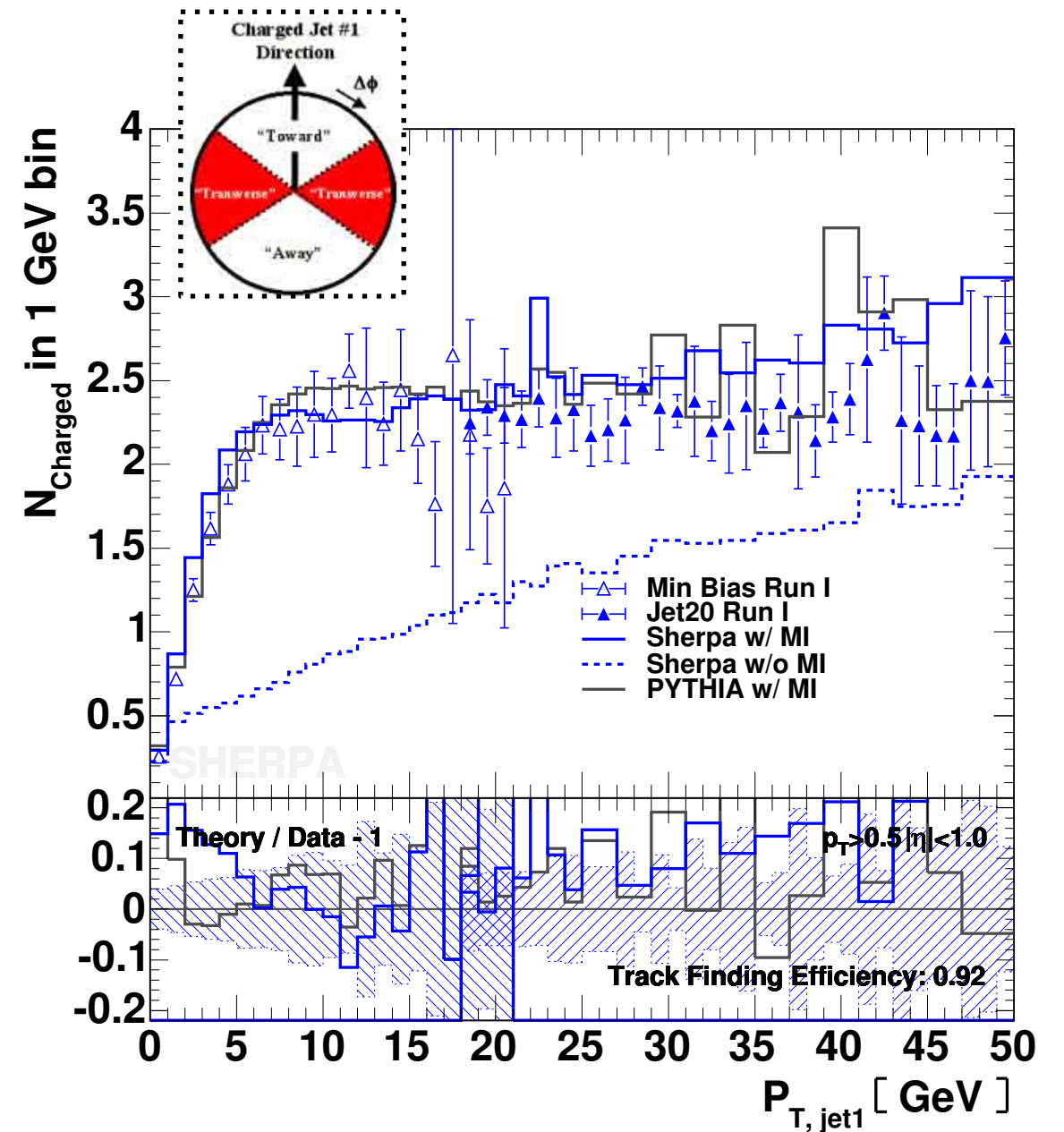
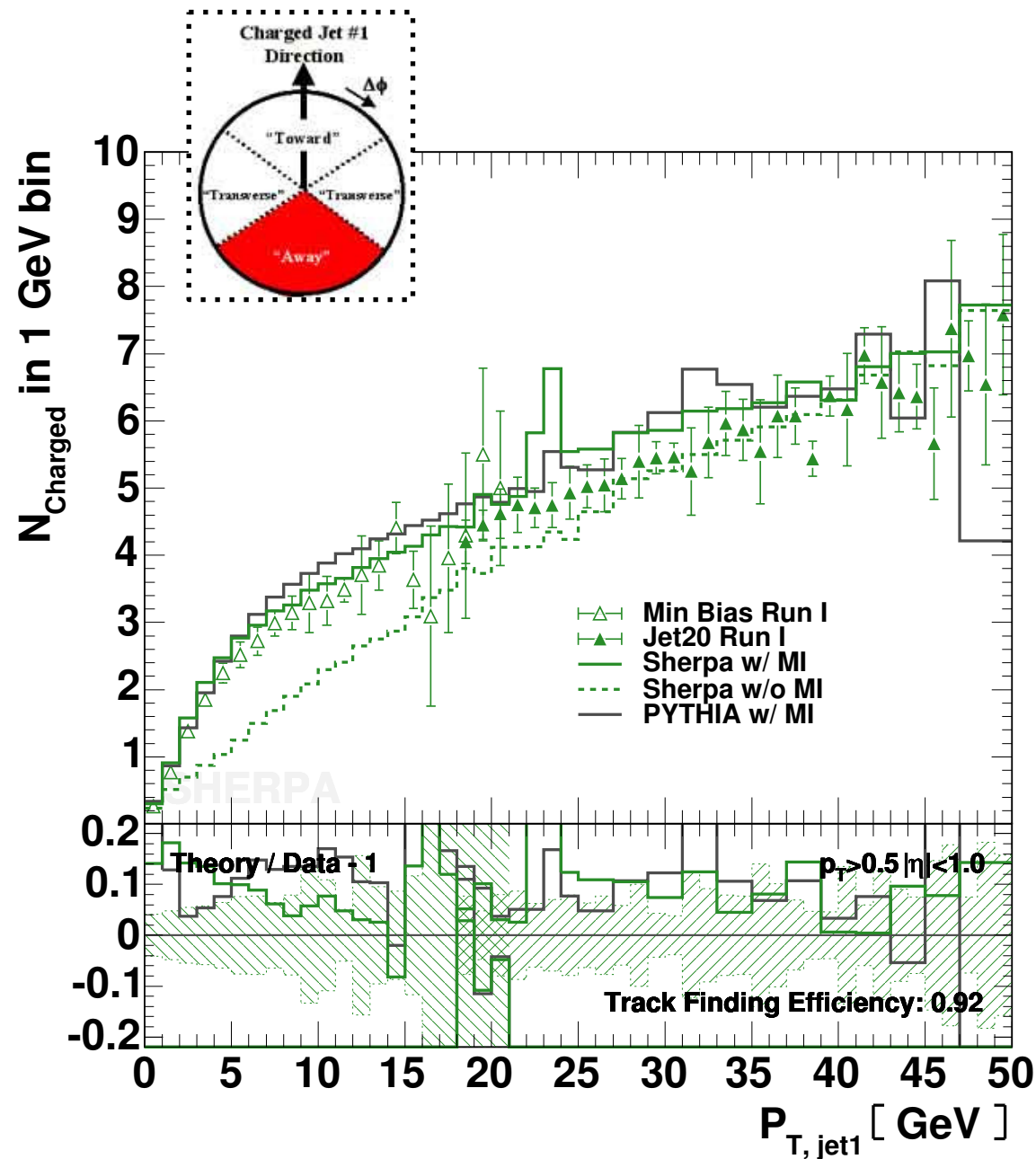
with  $\hat{\sigma}_{\text{QCD}}^{2 \rightarrow 2}$  regulated according to

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{\text{QCD}}^{2 \rightarrow 2}}{dp_T^2} \rightarrow \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{\text{QCD}}^{2 \rightarrow 2}}{dp_T^2} \times \frac{p_T^4}{(p_T^2 + p_{T,\text{min}}^2)^2} \frac{\alpha_S^2(p_T^2 + p_{T,\text{min}}^2)}{\alpha_S^2(p_T^2)} \quad \text{with parameter } p_{T,\text{min}} \approx 2 \text{ GeV}$$

## Further features

- impact parameter dependence (typically double Gaussian)
  - $\leadsto$  central collisions more active,  $\mathcal{P}_n$  broader than Poissonian
- use rescaled PDFs taking into account used up momentum
  - $\leadsto$   $\mathcal{P}_n$  narrower than Poissonian
- attach parton showers & hadronisation

# The underlying event: comparison to TEVATRON data.



$N_{\text{charged}}$  vs.  $p_{T,\text{jet1}}$  in different  $\Delta\phi$  regions w/r/t the leading jet

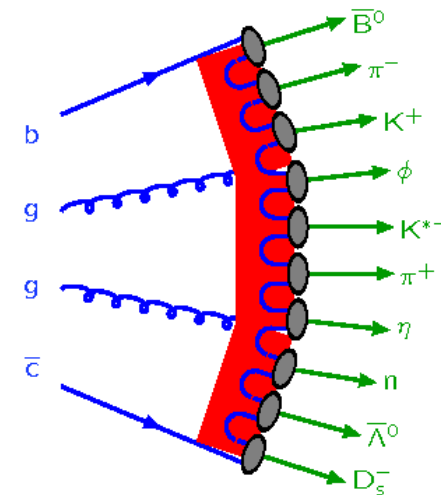
# From partons to hadrons: hadronisation models.

## Aim: dynamical hadronisation of multi-parton systems

- capture main non-perturbative aspects of QCD
- **universality**
  - robust extrapolation to new machines, higher energies
  - should not depend on specifics of the hard process
- model (un)known decays of (un)known hadrons
  - hadron multiplicities, meson/baryon ratios
  - decay branching fractions
  - hadron-momentum distributions

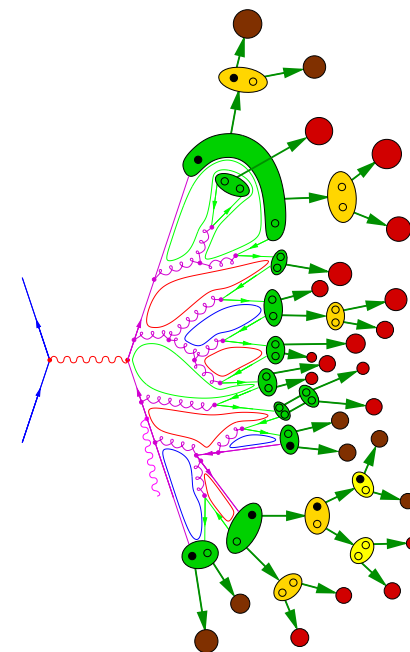
## Lund-string fragmentation

implemented in PYTHIA



## cluster-hadronisation model

implemented in HERWIG & SHERPA





# From partons to hadrons: cluster-hadronisation model.

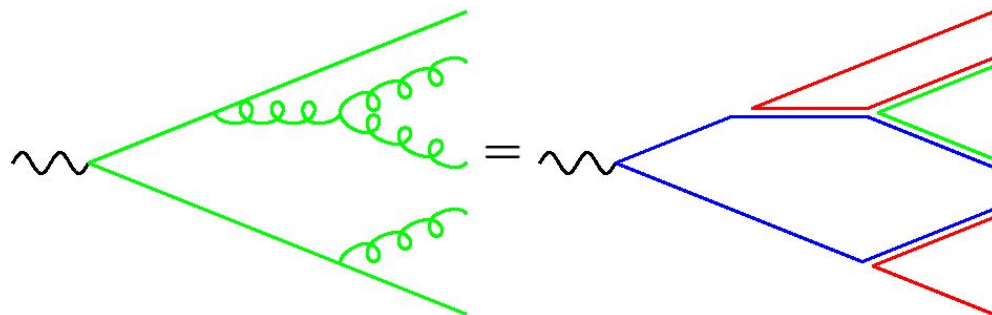
- Cluster-formation model
- Cluster-decay model

## Features

→ preconfinement  
colour-neighbouring partons after shower tend to be close in phase space; independent of hard process; → universal invariant mass distribution

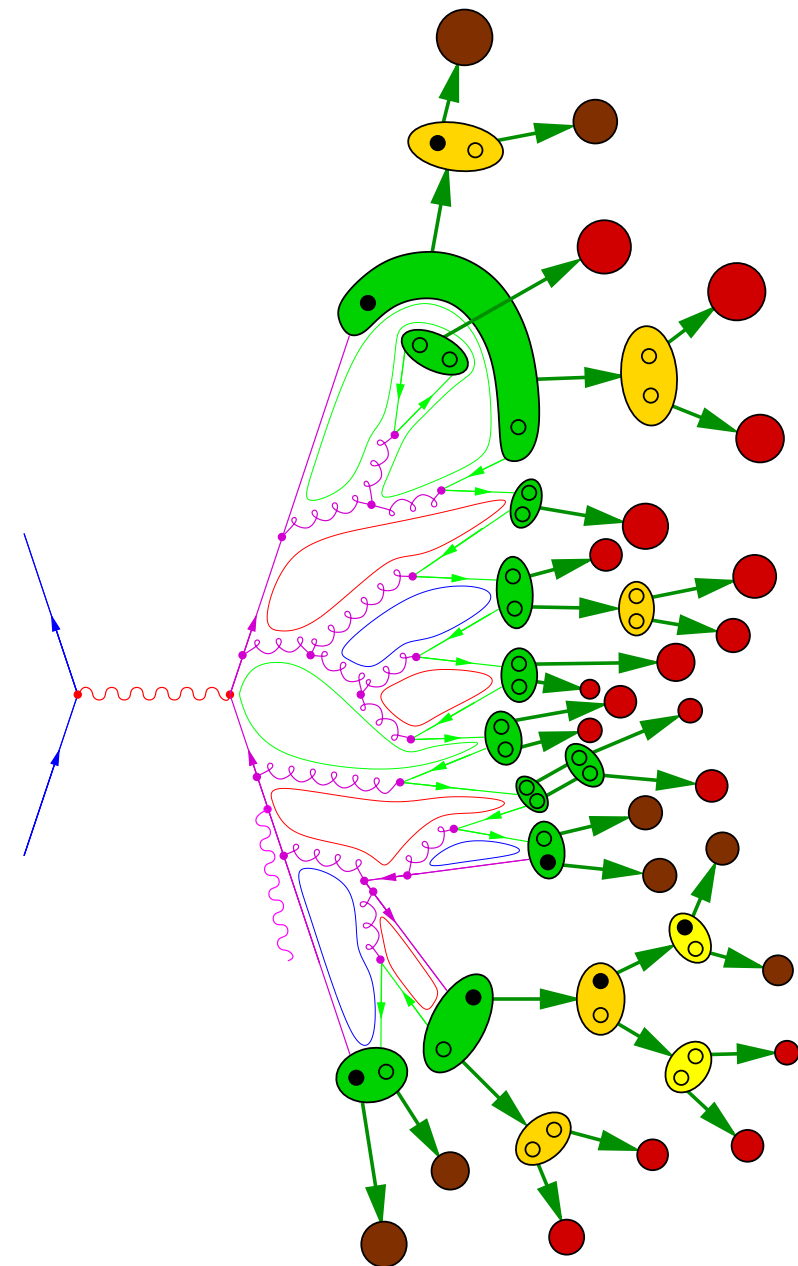
→ parametrisation of primary-hadron generation

→ locality and universality



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# From partons to hadrons: cluster-formation model.

## Result after the parton shower: a colour-ordered parton list

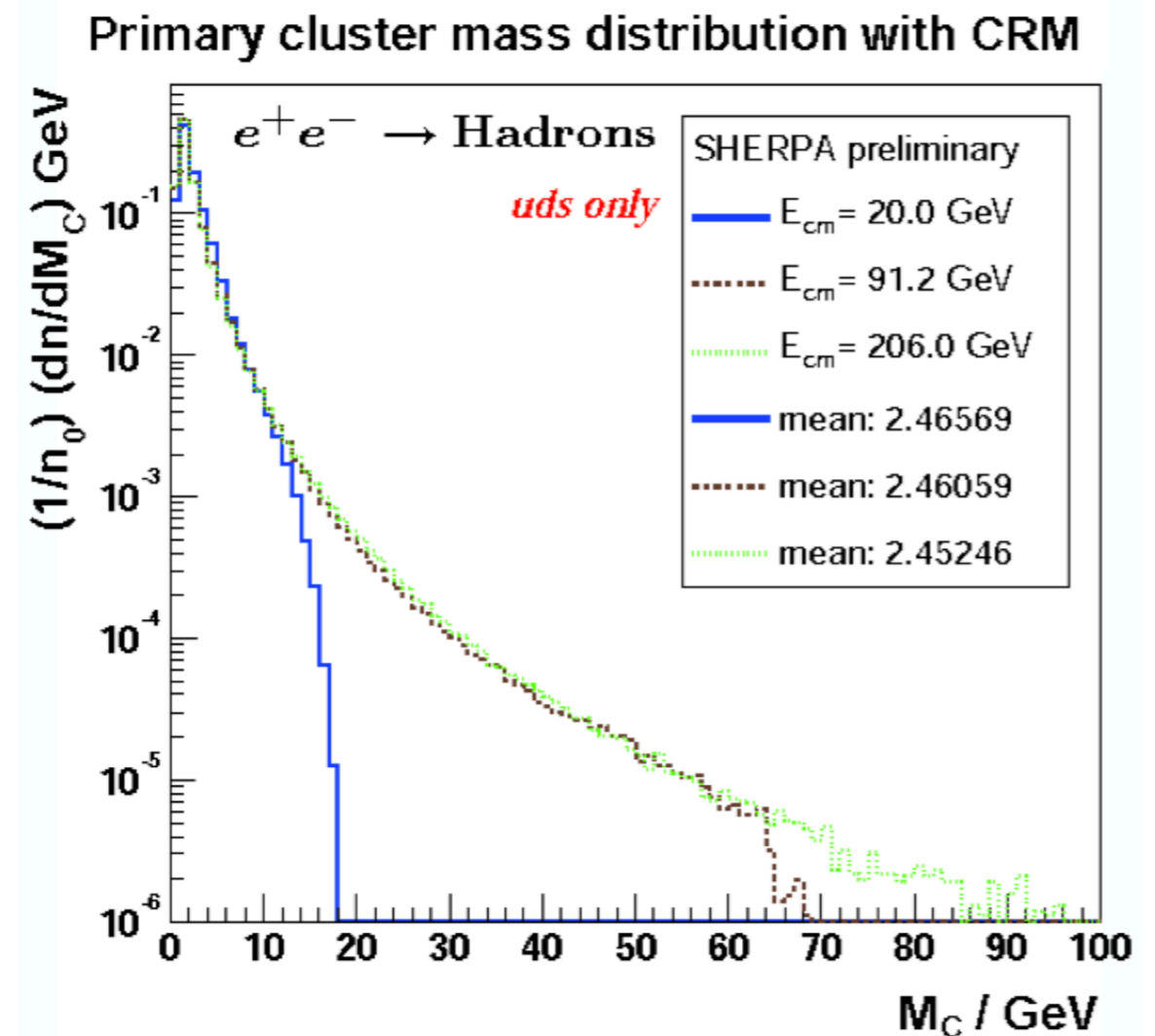
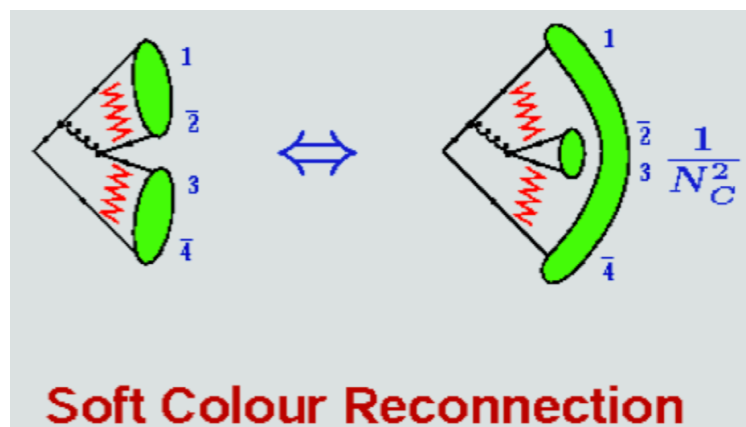
- parton masses

$\leadsto$  constituent masses

- enforced gluon splitting

$$g \rightarrow q\bar{q}, g \rightarrow q_1 q_2 \bar{q}_1 \bar{q}_2$$

- colour-singlet clusters formed



$\leadsto$  independent of centre-of-mass  
energy of the hard process  
(preconfinement)

# From partons to hadrons: cluster-decay model.

**Ansatz: cluster mass  $\Rightarrow$  transition type**

- cluster mass in hadron regime

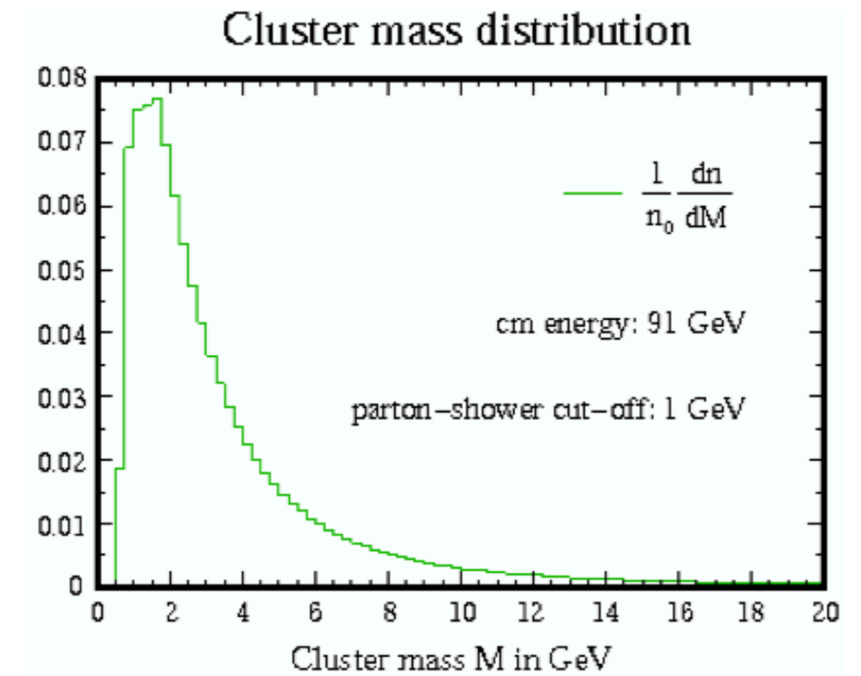
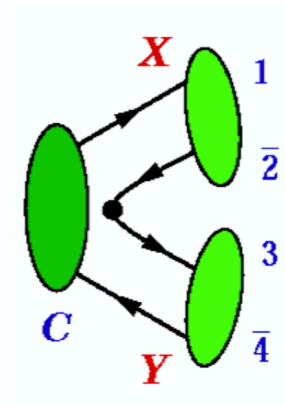
$\leadsto$  1-body decay  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$

- else 2-body decay

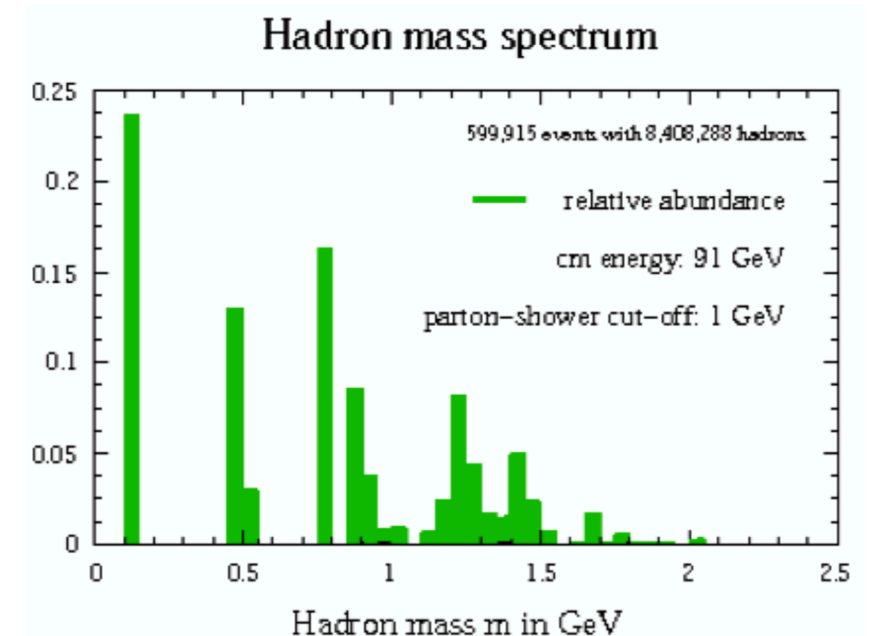
$\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \mathcal{Y}$

$\leadsto$  determine  $M_{\mathcal{X}}$  and  $M_{\mathcal{Y}}$

$\leadsto$  select channel accordingly  
 $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{C} \text{ or } \mathcal{H}$



kinematics  $\Downarrow$  flavour content



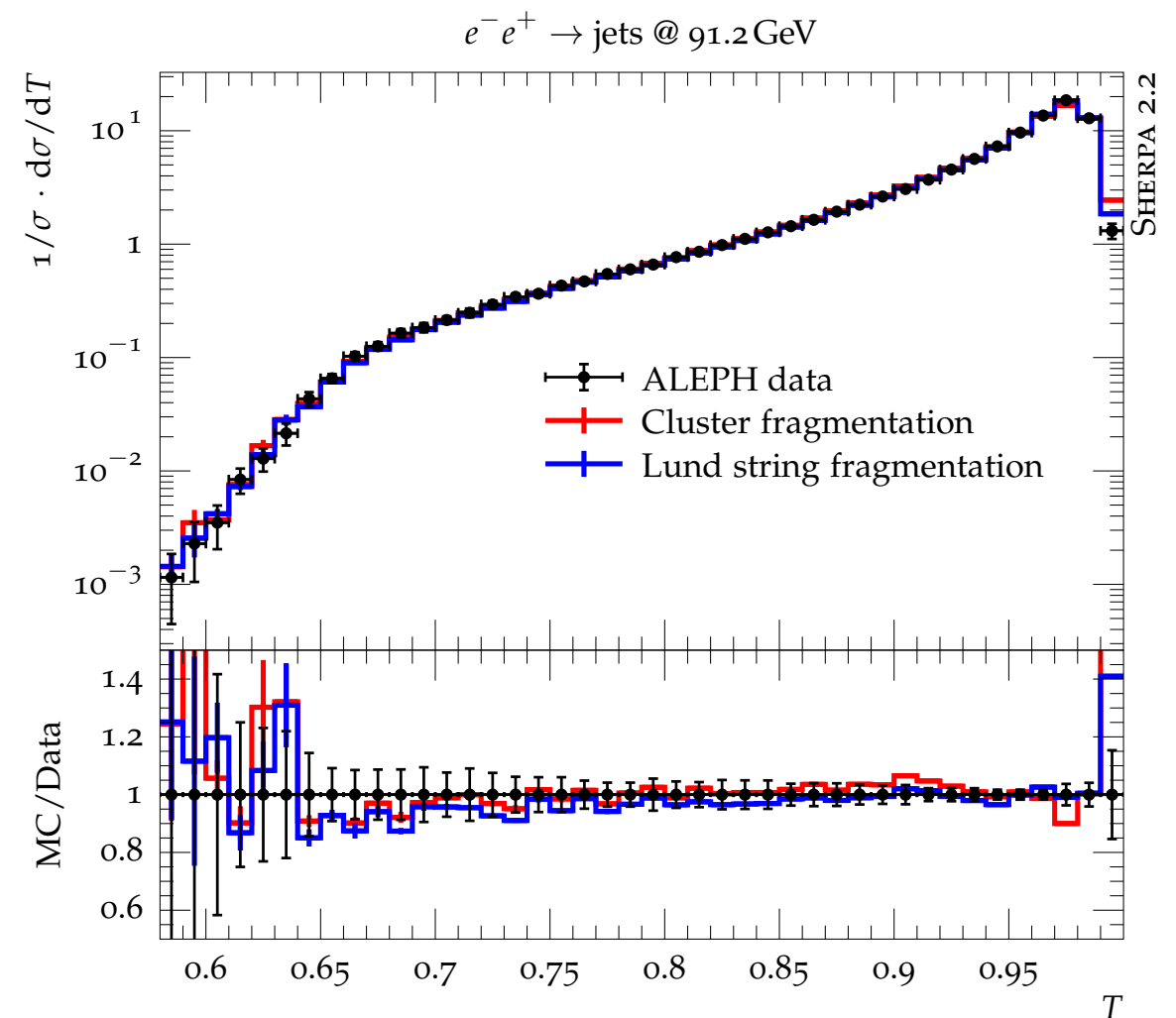
# Point of reference: LEP @ $\sqrt{s} = 91.2$ GeV.

**particle multiplicities: HERWIG++**

Particle	Measured LEP	Herwig++
All Charged	$20.924 \pm 0.117$	20.814
$\gamma$	$21.27 \pm 0.6$	22.67
$\pi^0$	$9.59 \pm 0.33$	10.08
$\rho(770)^0$	$1.295 \pm 0.125$	1.316
$\pi^\pm$	$17.04 \pm 0.25$	16.95
$\rho(770)^\pm$	$2.4 \pm 0.43$	2.14
$\eta$	$0.956 \pm 0.049$	0.893
$\omega(782)$	$1.083 \pm 0.088$	0.916
$\eta'(958)$	$0.152 \pm 0.03$	0.136
$K^0$	$2.027 \pm 0.025$	2.062
$K^*(892)^0$	$0.761 \pm 0.032$	0.681
$K^*(1430)^0$	$0.106 \pm 0.06$	0.079
$K^\pm$	$2.319 \pm 0.079$	2.286
$K^*(892)^\pm$	$0.731 \pm 0.058$	0.657
$\phi(1020)$	$0.097 \pm 0.007$	0.114
$p$	$0.991 \pm 0.054$	0.947
$\Delta^{++}$	$0.088 \pm 0.034$	0.092
$\Sigma^-$	$0.083 \pm 0.011$	0.071
$\Lambda$	$0.373 \pm 0.008$	0.384
$\Sigma^0$	$0.074 \pm 0.009$	0.091
$\Sigma^+$	$0.099 \pm 0.015$	0.077
$\Sigma(1385)^\pm$	$0.0471 \pm 0.0046$	0.0312*
$\Xi^-$	$0.0262 \pm 0.001$	0.0286
$\Xi(1530)^0$	$0.0058 \pm 0.001$	0.0288*
$\Omega^-$	$0.00125 \pm 0.00024$	0.00144
...	...	...

**event shapes: SHERPA**

$$T = \max_{|n|=1} \frac{\sum_i n \cdot p_i}{\sum_i |p_i|}$$

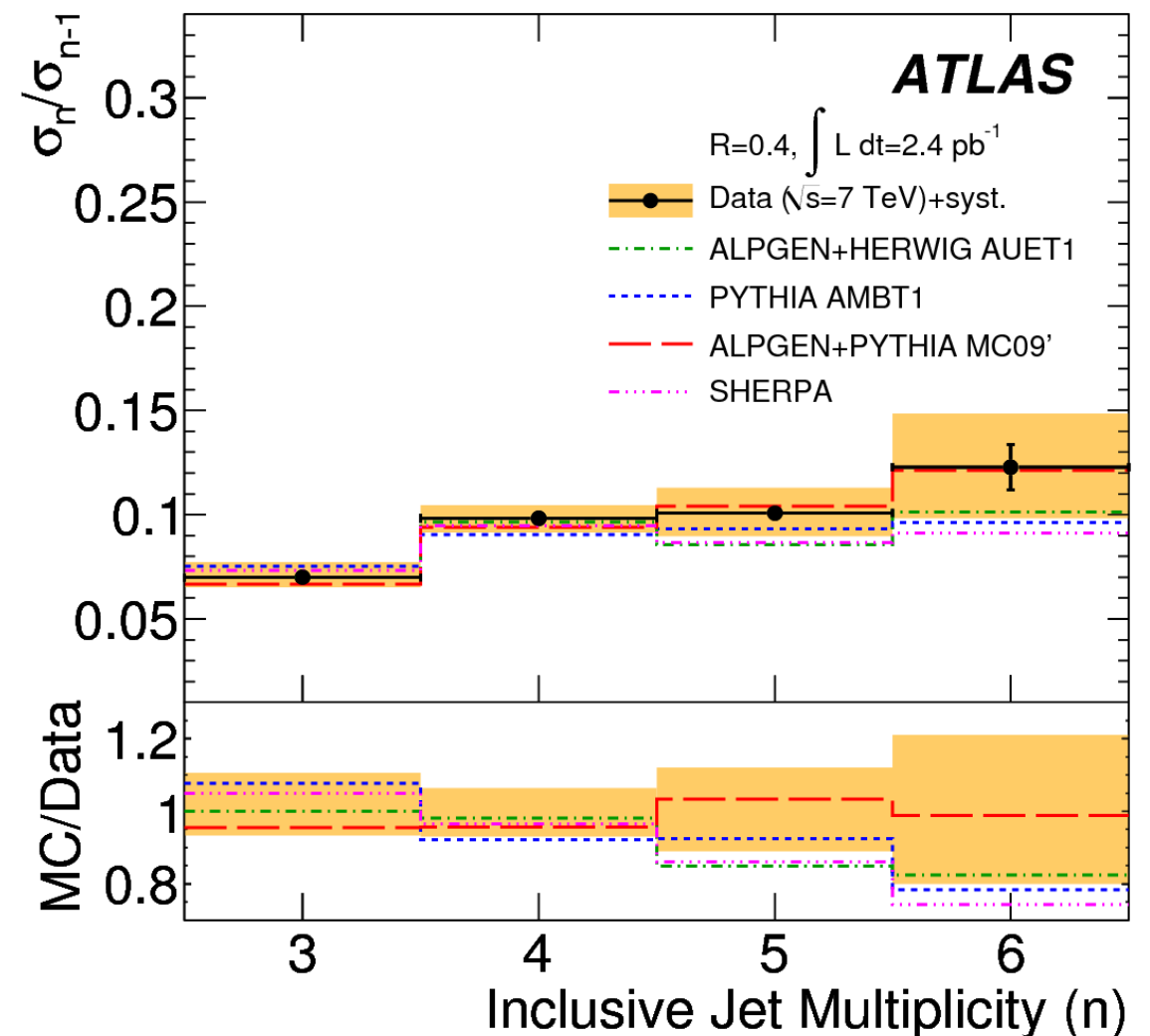
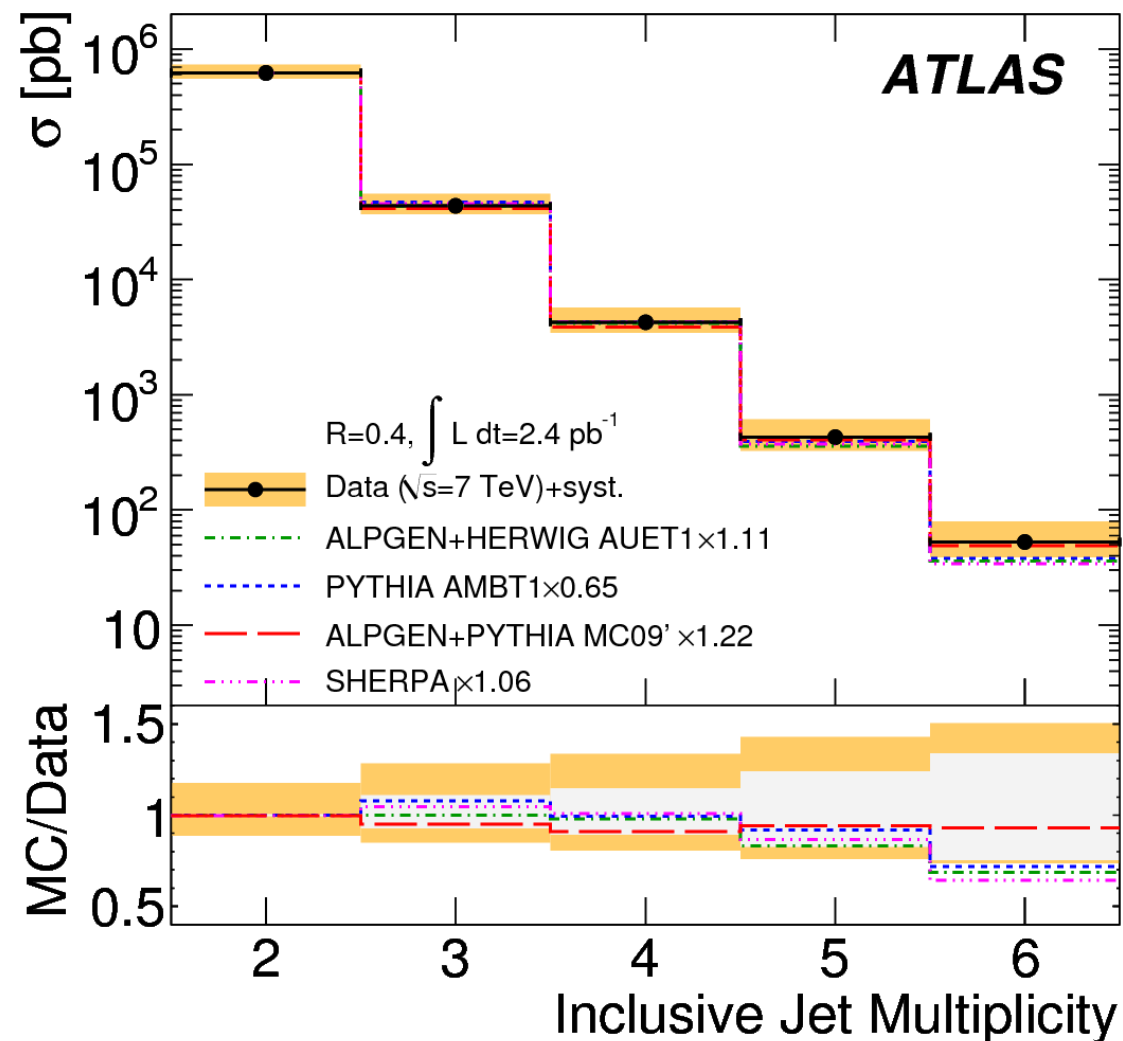


[Gieseke et al. JHEP 0402 (2004) 005]

QCD at TeV energies.

# Direct multijet production @ LHC.

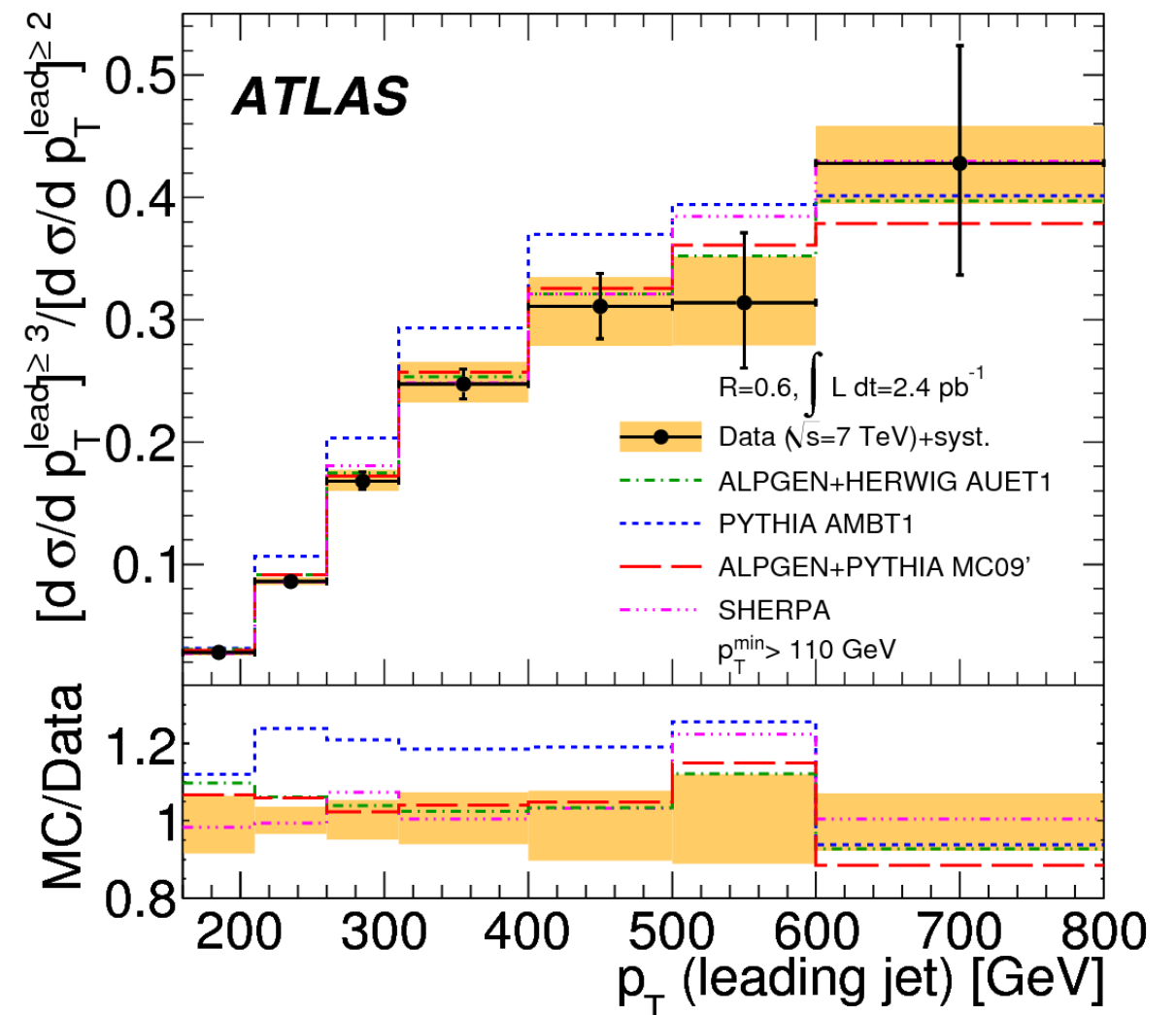
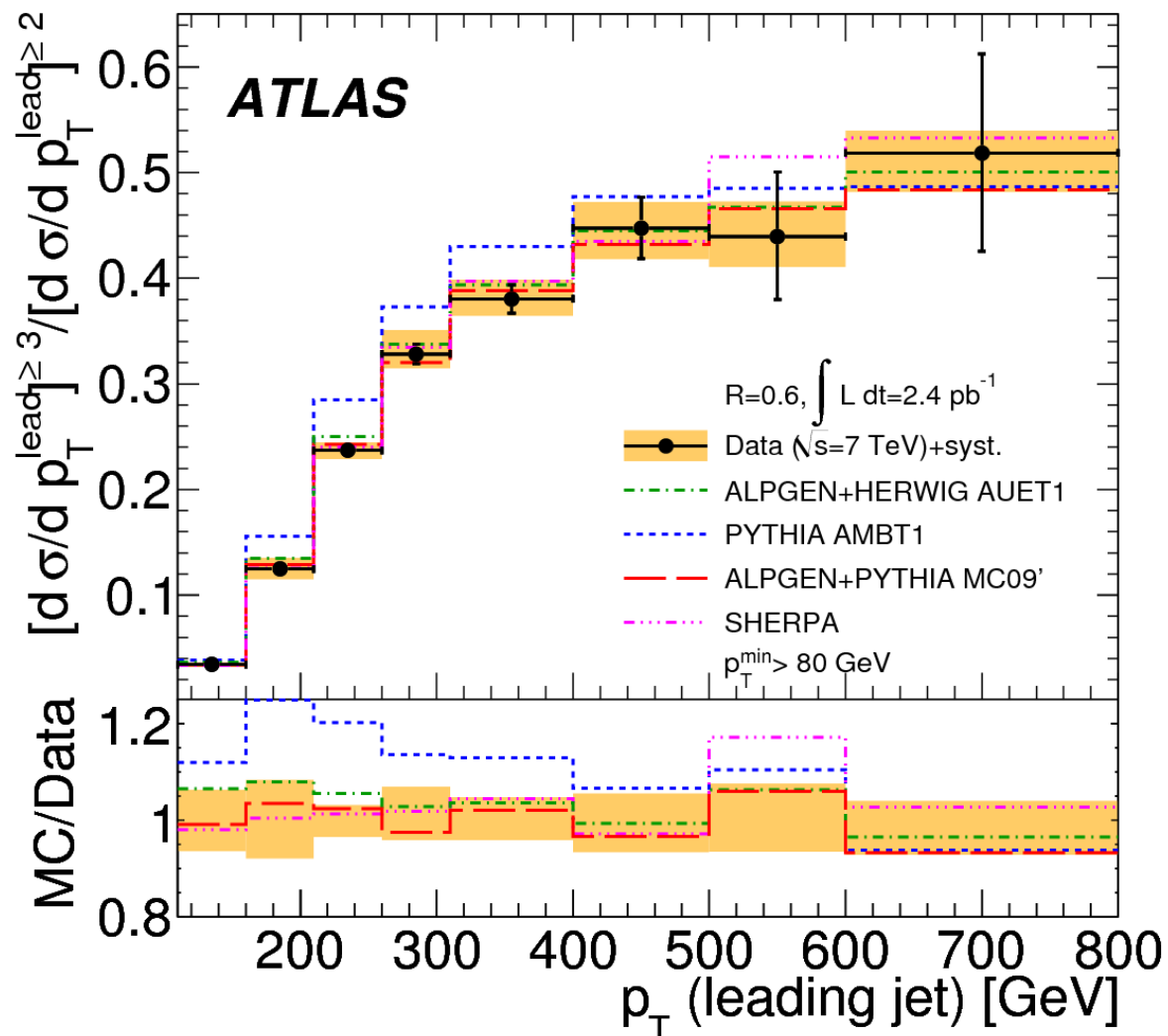
**ATLAS pure jets analysis** [G. Aad et al. Eur. Phys. J. C **71** (2011) 1763]



↪ multijet-production rates well under control

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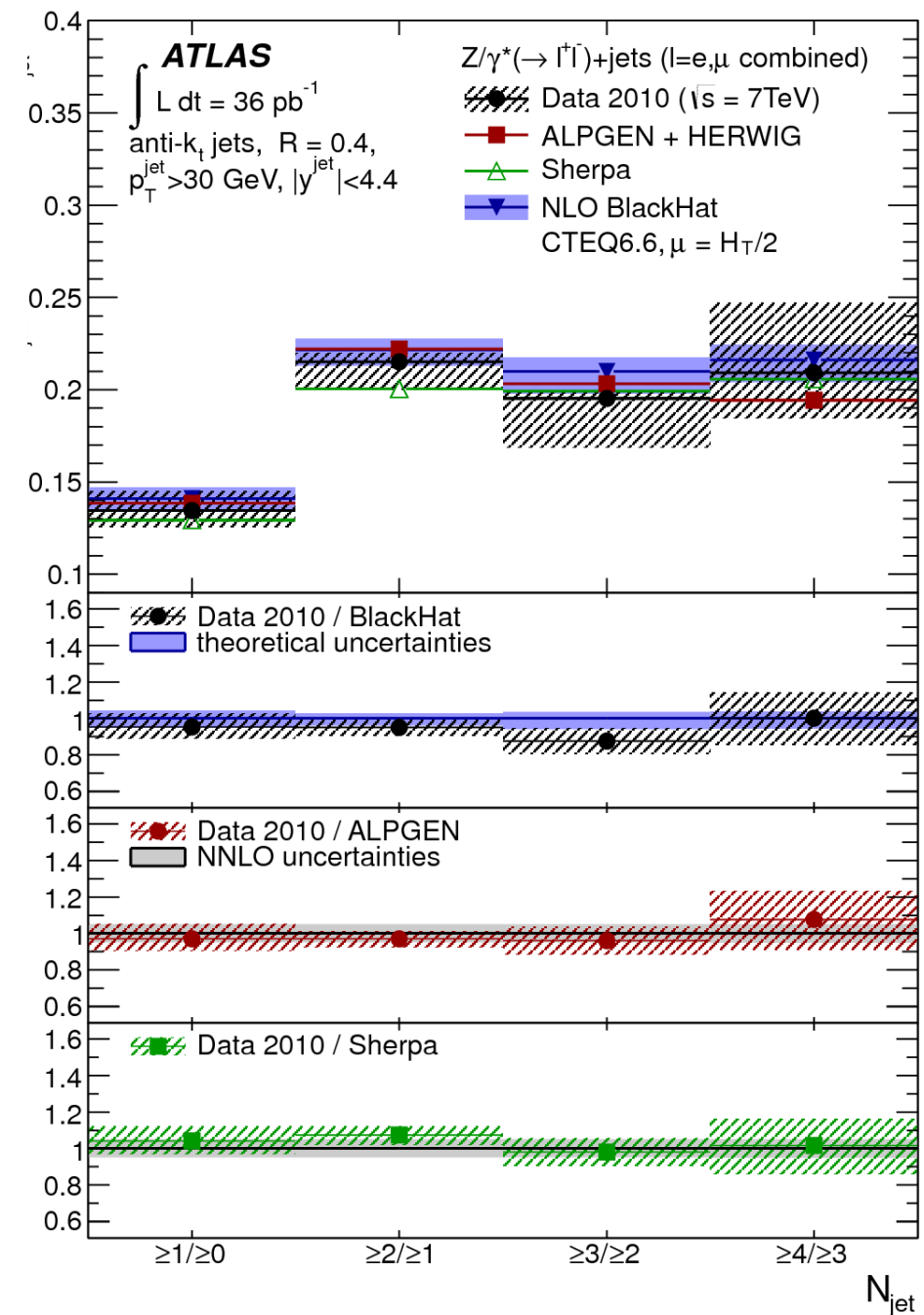
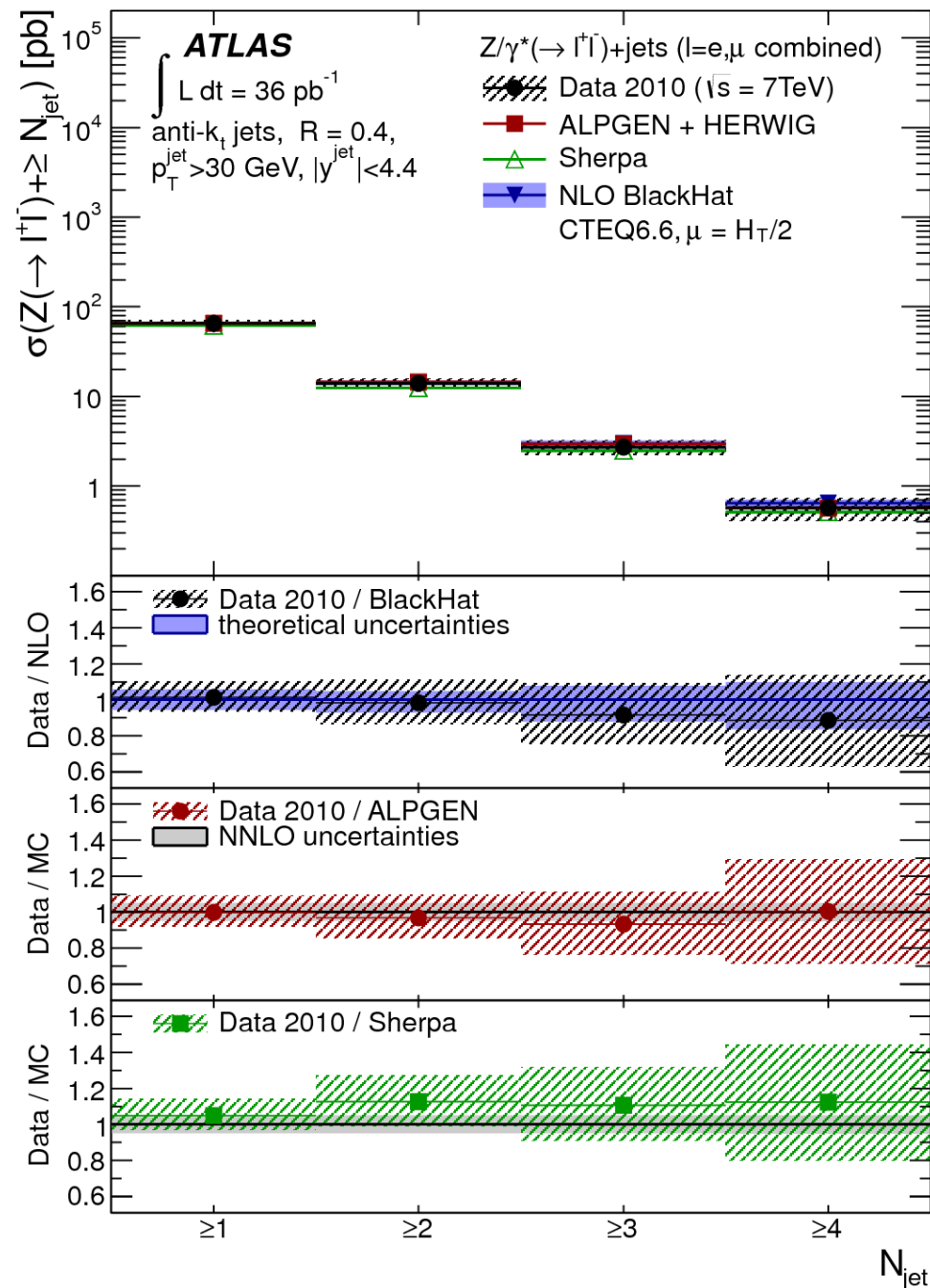


- more differential observables can discriminate calculations / parameter choices
- matrix-element based approaches superior for high- $p_T$  jets



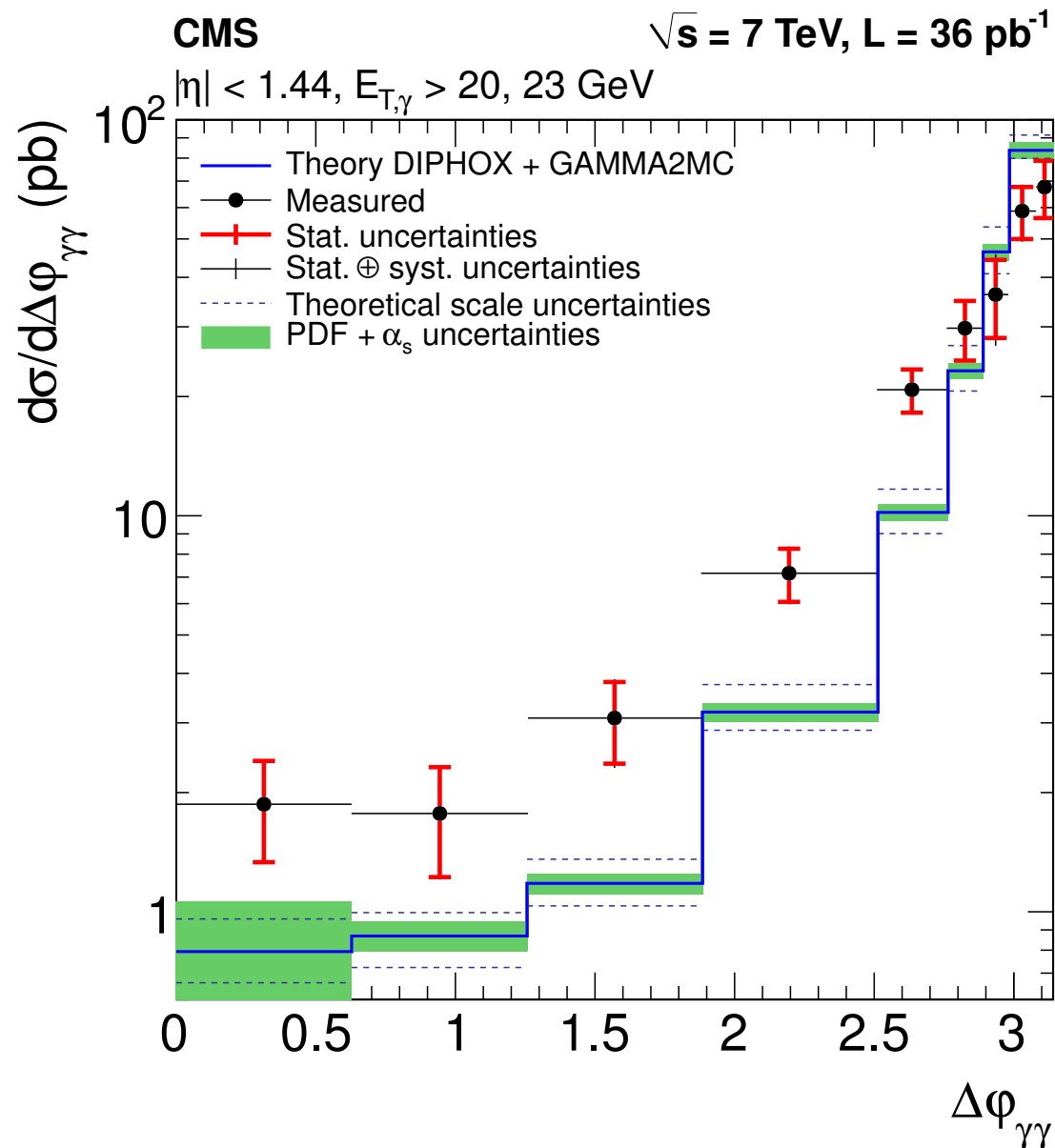
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**ATLAS  $Z(\rightarrow e^+e^-/\mu^+\mu^-) + \text{jets}$  analysis** [G. Aad et al. Phys. Rev. D **85** (2012) 032009]

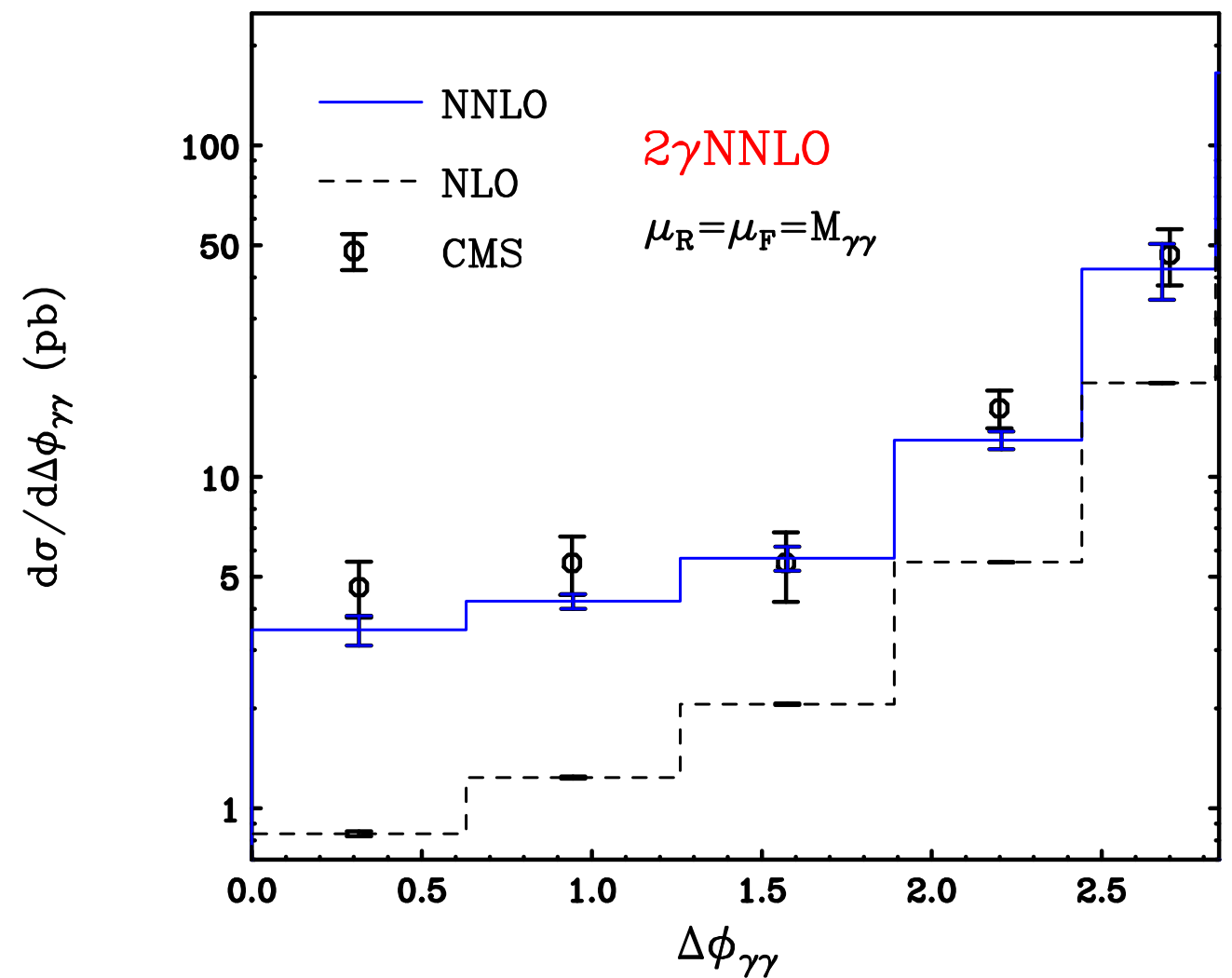


# Indirect multijet sensitivity @ LHC.

## CMS diphoton analysis [S. Chatrchyan et al. JHEP 1201 (2012) 133]



azimuthal decorrelation



preliminary NNLO

# Summary of 2nd lecture.

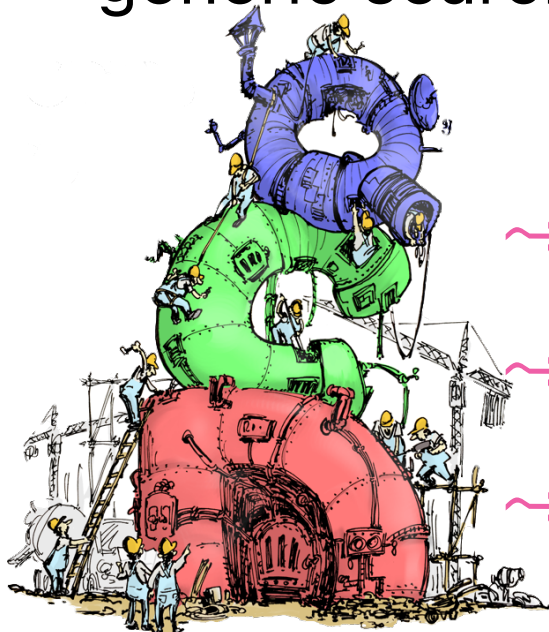
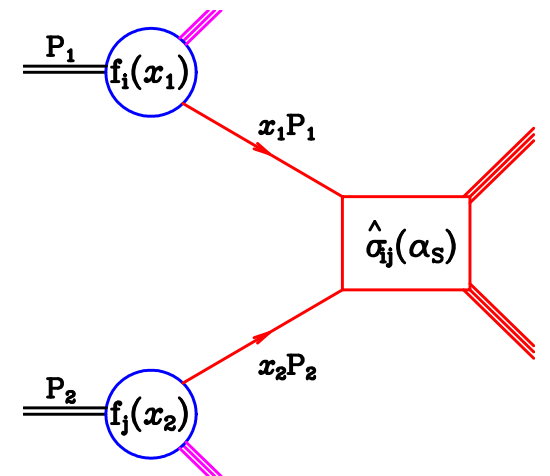
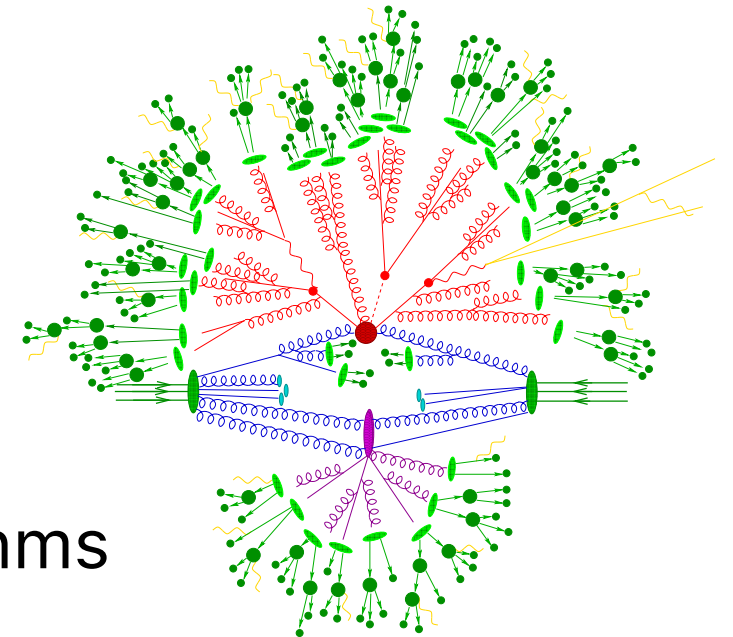
**Monte-Carlo generators:**  
**stochastic simulation of exclusive events**

**Precise predictions for the Standard Model**

- multileg tree-level & one-loop matrix elements
- sophisticated parton-shower & matching algorithms

**Flexible New Physics simulations**

- quick and easy implementation of new ideas
- generic search strategies



~> **QCD is a very predictive theory**

~> **plenty of interesting phenomena**

~> **QCD Monte Carlos are predictive tools for LHC physics**