

# Status and Progress of Pythia8

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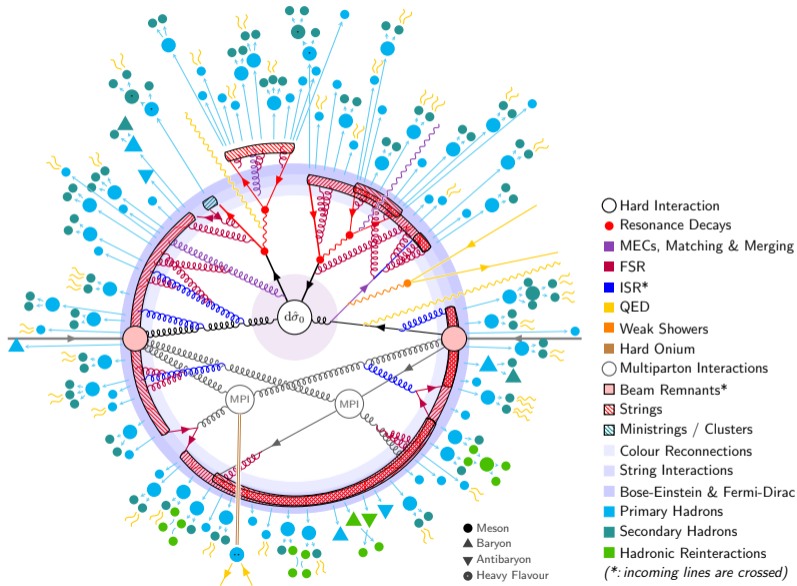
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# An event in PYTHIA 8 [Bierlich, Chakraborty, Desai, LG, et al. (2022)]



# Introduction: Status and Progress

- Current series: PYTHIA 8.3. New manual: [\[Bierlich, Chakraborty, Desai, LG, et al. \(2022\)\]](#)
- Broad rather than deep overview, reflects broad interests within collaboration

## General Overview

- Heavy ion physics:  
Angantyr
- Hadronization: string interactions
- Rescattering & Cosmic rays
- ...

## PS and Related

- Dire & Vincia
- Automated variations
- 2→4 splittings
- Matching & merging
- Interleaved resonance decays
- Sector showers
- ...

## Technical and Organizational

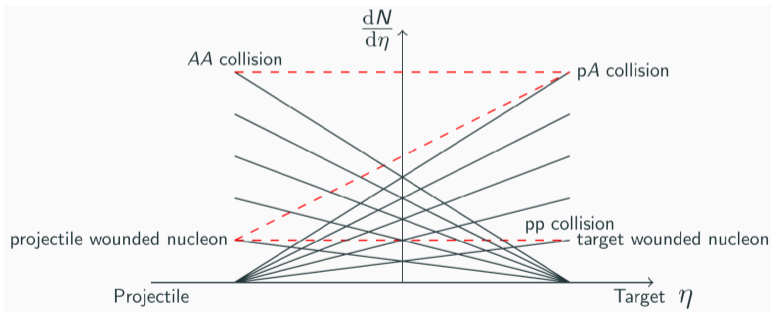
- Python interface
- Pythia8 contrib
- Gitlab & issue desk
- Distributed management
- ...

- Not a complete list, apologies to those not mentioned

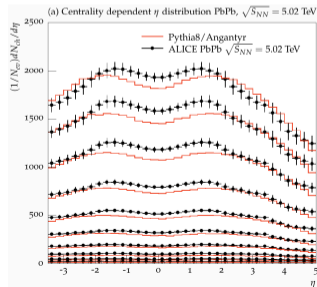
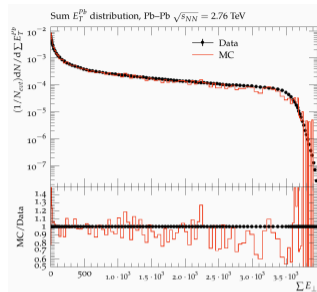
## A Broad Overview

# ANGANTYR

- Framework for heavy ion collisions
  - Glauber calculation decides which nucleons hit each other
  - PYTHIA pp, pn & nn events stacked on top of each other
  - A clean baseline for adding collective effects, no QGP



[Bierlich, Gustafson, Lönnblad, Shah (2018)]



# String Interactions and CR

- Extending Lund strings' abilities: interactions between strings
- String shoving generates flow
- Rope hadronization increases strangeness and baryons
- Intention: alternative to QGP models
- Extension to AA ongoing

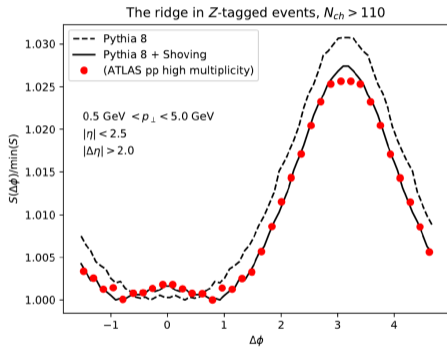
[Bierlich, Gustafson, Lönnblad (2018)]

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[Bierlich, Chakraborty, Gustafson, Lönnblad (2021)]

- Spatially constrained QCD color reconnection in pp, pA, AA

[Lönnblad, Shah (2023)]



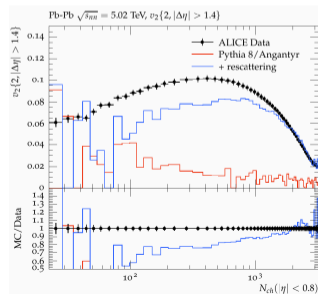
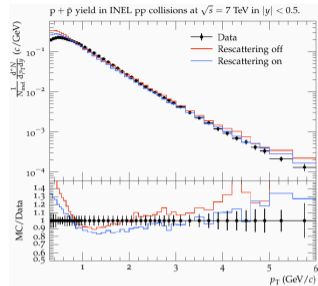
# Hadronic Rescattering

- Allow hadrons to scatter again in final state
- Some effects in pp, very important in ion collisions
- Requires knowledge of production vertices
- Comes with new framework for low energy QCD cross sections

[Ferreres-Solé, Sjöstrand (2018)] [Sjöstrand, Utheim (2020)] [Bierlich, Sjöstrand, Utheim (2021)]

- Low energy QCD framework can be used for atmospheric cascades of cosmic rays

[Sjöstrand, Utheim (2022)]



# Parton Showers and Related Aspects



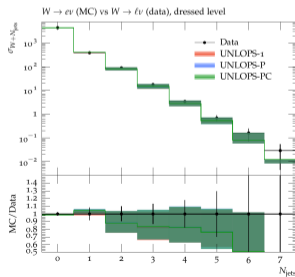
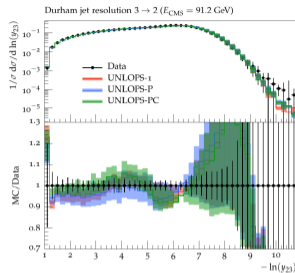
# Automated Variations: Shower and Merging

- Expanding on automated scale and pdf variations in parton showers

[Mrenna, Skands (2016)]

- Automatic consistent renormalization scale variation in different merging schemes
- Scheme variations for unitary NLO multi-jet merging
- Help improve error estimation and save runtime

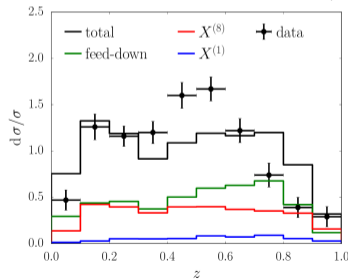
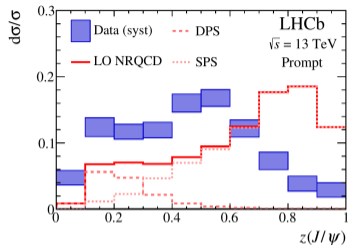
[LG, Prestel (2020)]



# Quarkonia Production in the Parton Shower

- Production of heavy flavor mesons in parton shower
- Based on NRQCD LDMEs
- Color singlet & octet quarkonia implemented

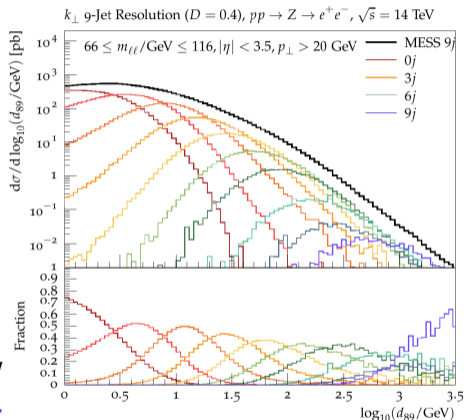
[Cooke, Ilten, Lönnblad, Mrenna (coming soon)]



- Alternative parton shower, based on antenna formalism
- Fully incorporated in Pythia since 8.3
- Fully coherent soft interference for QED
- Includes model for electroweak shower, with interleaved resonance decays
- Sector shower to facilitate high multiplicity jet merging
- Work towards NNLO matching

⇒ Dedicated presentation by Christian Preuss tomorrow

[Brooks, Skands (2019)] [Skands, Verheyen (2020)] [Brooks, Preuss, Skands (2020)] [Brooks, Preuss (2021)] [Brooks, Skands, Verheyen (2022)] [Campbell, Höche, Li, Preuss, Skands (2023)]



# DIRE

- Fully incorporated DIRE shower in PYTHIA 8.3
- Dipole-like parton shower, evolution symmetric in emitter and spectator
- Partial fractioned eikonal à la Catani-Seymour
- Focus on higher order corrections to kernels
- Facilitates merging and matrix-element corrections
- QCD and QED shower with automatic uncertainties
- Some study of QCD/QED interference and contributions beyond LC
- Allows for dark matter emissions in shower

[Höche, Prestel (2015)] [Höche, Prestel (2017)] [Dulat, Höche, Prestel (2018)] [LG, Höche, Prestel (2022)] [LG, Prestel, Spannowsky (2022)]

# Double Soft and Triple Collinear Emissions

- Inclusion of double soft and triple collinear effects into NLO parton shower treated separately in [Höche, Prestel (2017)] and [Dulat, Höche, Prestel (2018) [hep-ph]]
- Two structurally different approximations. Implemented in shower as additional kernel, avoiding double counting with LO shower by subtracting iterated LO shower

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^{(tc)} &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \end{array} \right] , \\
 P^{(ds)} &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3} \\ \text{Diagram 4} + \dots \end{array} \right] ,
 \end{aligned}$$

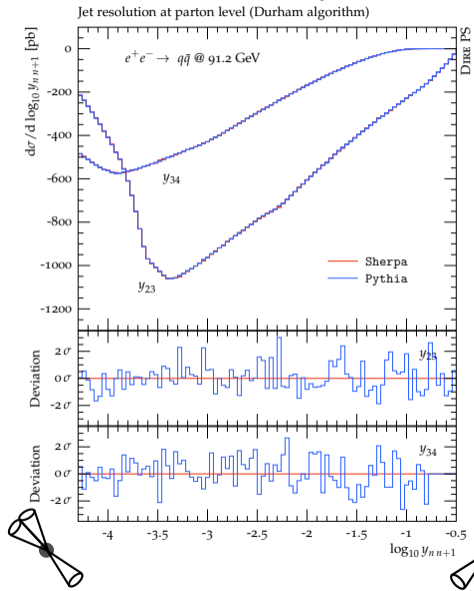
# Combining Double Soft and Triple Collinear Emissions

- Need both double soft and triple collinear emissions in full NLO shower, needed for NNLL/NNDL accuracy
- Remove overlap: include double soft, and subtract corresponding contribution from each triple collinear kernel [LG, Höche, Prestel (2022)]

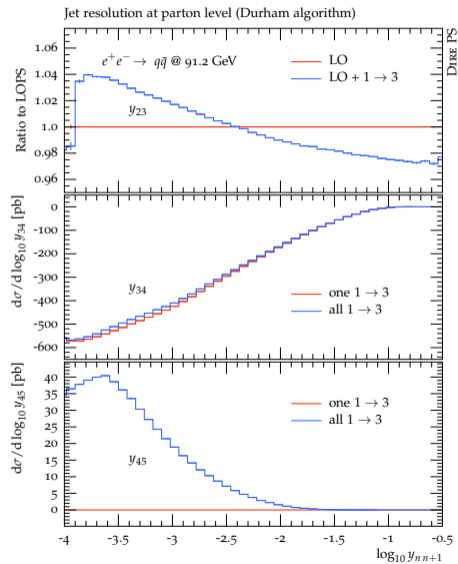
$$P^{(tc-ds)} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} - \text{Diagram 2} \\ - \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} + \dots \end{array} \right].$$

The diagram shows four Feynman diagrams arranged in a 2x2 grid, enclosed in large square brackets. The top-left diagram is a diamond shape with two black dots on the top edge, representing triple collinear emissions. The top-right diagram is a diamond shape with two small circles on the top edge, representing double soft emissions. The bottom-left diagram is a diamond shape with two black dots on the left and right edges, representing double soft emissions. The bottom-right diagram is a diamond shape with two wavy lines on the left and right edges, representing triple collinear emissions. The diagrams are connected by minus and plus signs: top-left minus top-right, minus bottom-left plus bottom-right, and an ellipsis follows the bottom-right diagram.

# Validation and impact of soft-subtracted triple-collinear splittings



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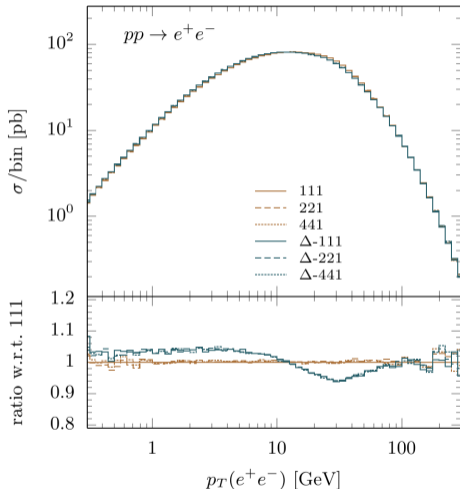
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# MC@NLO- $\Delta$

- New NLO-accurate matching prescription
- Reduces number of negative-weight events
- Implemented in MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO and PYTHIA 8.3 (runtime interface)
- Drawback: increased runtime

⇒ See Rikkert's talk for more details!

[Frederix, Frixione, Prestel, Torrelli (2020)]





# Higher Order Matching

- TOMTE: N3LO+PS
  - Consistent combination of N3LO+PS
  - Proof-of-principle code using Pythia+Dire+Apfel available
  - Based on UN<sup>2</sup>LOPS

[Prestel (2021)] [Bertone, Prestel (2022)]

- Fully differential NNLO+PS
  - Extension of POWHEG philosophy to NNLO
  - Born-local NNLO K-factor
  - Hardest-emission spectrum of PS given by NLO result (real-virtual and double-real corrections)
  - Proof-of-concept worked out for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2j$
  - $\Rightarrow$  Christian's talk

[Campbell, Höche, Li, Preuss, Skands (2023)]

# Technical and Organizational Developments

# Technical Developments

- Better ME interfacing
- Transition to c++11
- Based on gitlab.com (formerly svn)
  - Enhanced collaboration and code review
  - Automated tests
  - Issue desk for user questions and feedback, also via authors@pythia.org
- PowhegHooks for all shower models
- Python interface
- PythiaParallel
- Pythia8 contrib coming soon
  - Interface for user-contributed code
  - UserHooks, and much much more!
- HPC compatibility
- Much more...

# The PYTHIA Collaboration

- Distributed management: Codemaster, Spokesperson, Webmaster
- Developments driven by individual's interests
  - Christian Bierlich; Lund; HI, hadronization. **Webmaster**
  - Nishita Desai; Tata Inst; SUSY, SLHA, BSM.
  - LG; Lund; Uncertainties, matching/merging, showers.
  - Ilkka Helenius; Jyväskylä; Photoproduction,  $\gamma - \gamma$ , diffraction. **Spokesperson**
  - Philip Ilten; Cincinatti;  $\tau$ 's, onia, LHCb. **Codemaster**
  - Leif Lönnblad; Lund; HI, hadronization.
  - Stephen Mrenna; Fermilab; SUSY, matching/merging, CMS.
  - Christian Preuss; Zürich; Vincia, extME, matching/merging.
  - Torbjörn Sjöstrand; Lund; SM, parton showers, MPIs, CR, hadronization, core structure.
  - Peter Skands; Monash; VINCIA, MPIs, CR, tuning, hadronization. **Deputy spokesperson**
  - Marius Uthmeim; Jyväskylä; Hadronic rescattering, HI. **Deputy codemaster**
  - Rob Verheyen; UCL; Weak showers, VINCIA.

# Summary

- PYTHIA general purpose event generator with diverse applications
- General developments: Heavy Ions, string interactions, rescattering, ...
- PS and matching: VINCIA and DIRE, variations, towards higher order matching...
- Many technical developments, distributed management
- Check new manual, comprehensive overview of physics and usage  
[[Bierlich, Chakraborty, Desai, LG, et al. \(2022\)](#)]