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Hadron Collisions Inside and Out

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Overview

► Introduction

- QCD & Event Generators

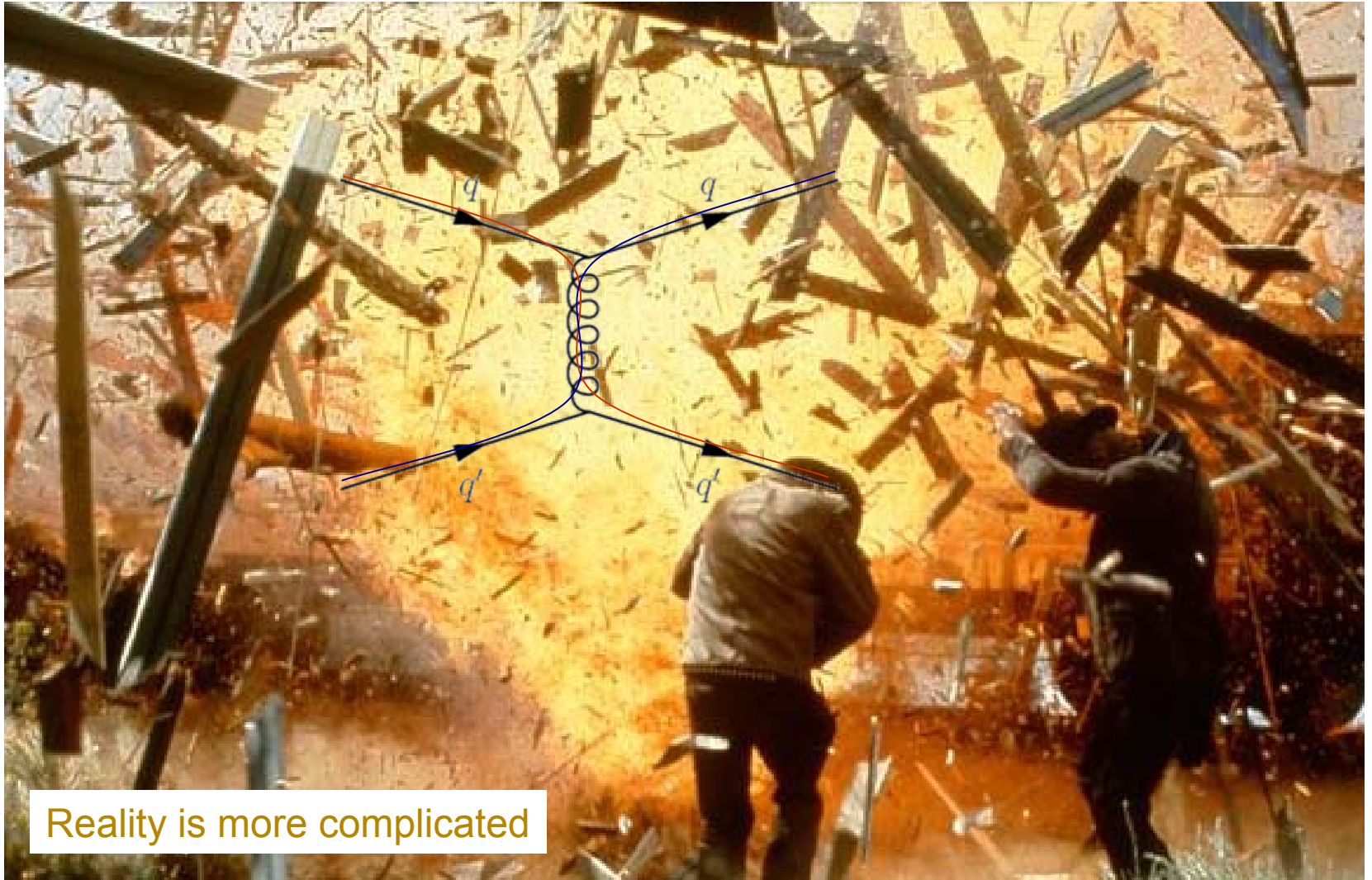
► Towards Improved Event Generators

- Parton Showers
- Combining Matrix Elements and Parton Showers (1)
 - Second part in theory seminar tomorrow
- Minimum Bias and the 'Underlying Event'

► The Event Generator Outlook

- The move to C++

Quantum ChromoDynamics



Reality is more complicated

Classic Example: Number of tracks

UA5 @ 540 GeV, single pp, charged multiplicity in minimum-bias events

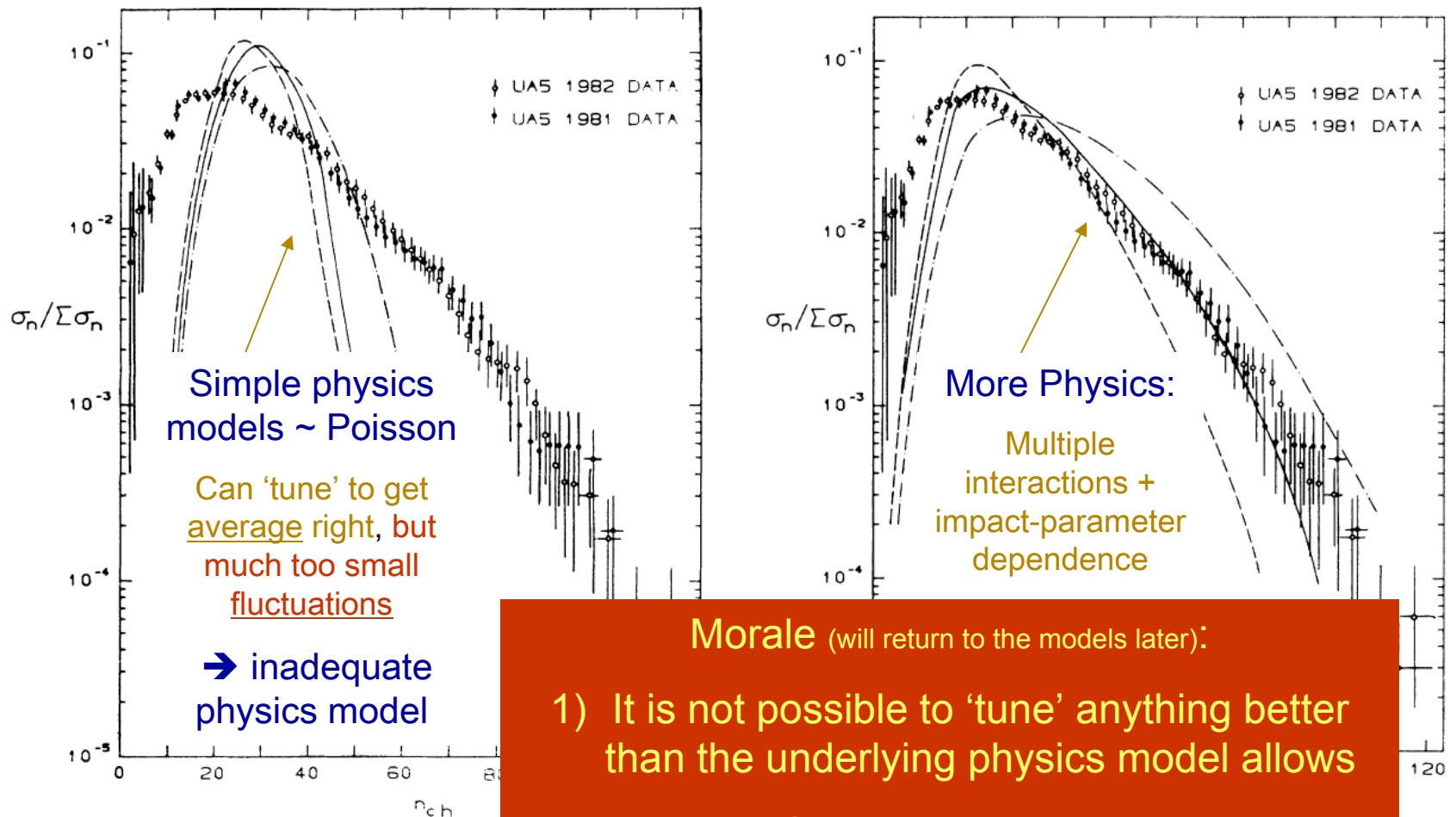


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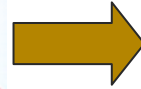
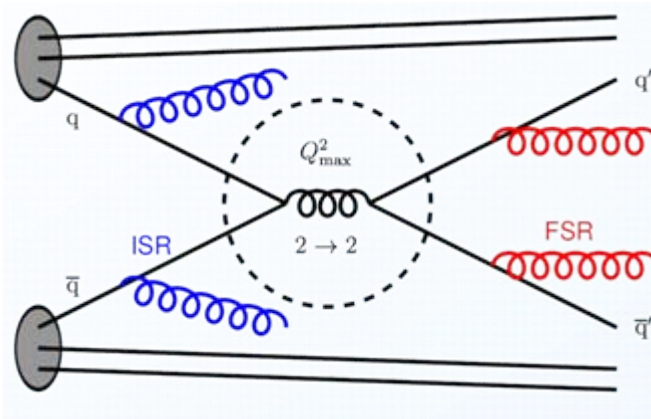
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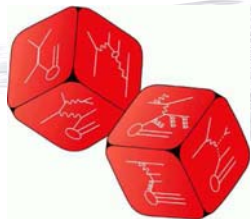
Traditional Event Generators



- ▶ Basic aim: improve lowest order perturbation theory by including leading corrections \rightarrow exclusive event samples
 1. sequential resonance decays
 2. bremsstrahlung
 3. underlying event
 4. hadronization
 5. hadron (and τ) decays

E.g. PYTHIA

2006: first publication of PYTHIA manual
JHEP **0605:026,2006**
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The Monte Carlo Method

► Want to generate events in as much detail as Mother Nature

→ Get average *and* fluctuations right

→ Make random choices, ~ as in nature

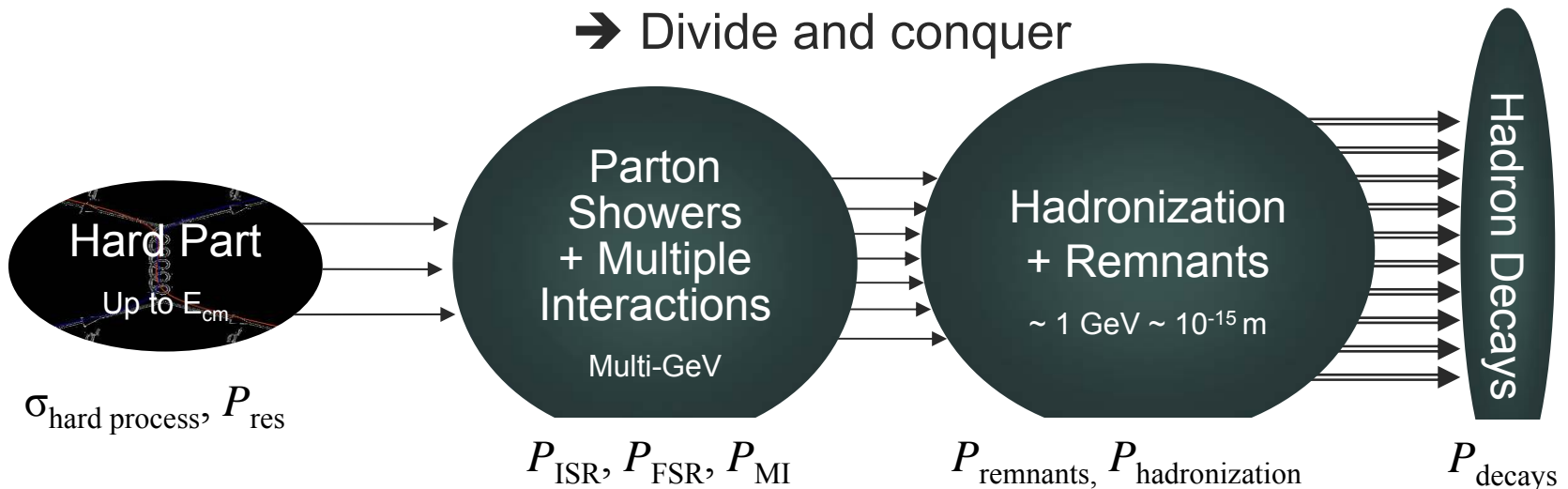
$$\sigma_{\text{final state}} = \sigma_{\text{hard process}} P_{\text{tot, hard process} \rightarrow \text{final state}}$$

(appropriately summed & integrated over non-distinguished final states)

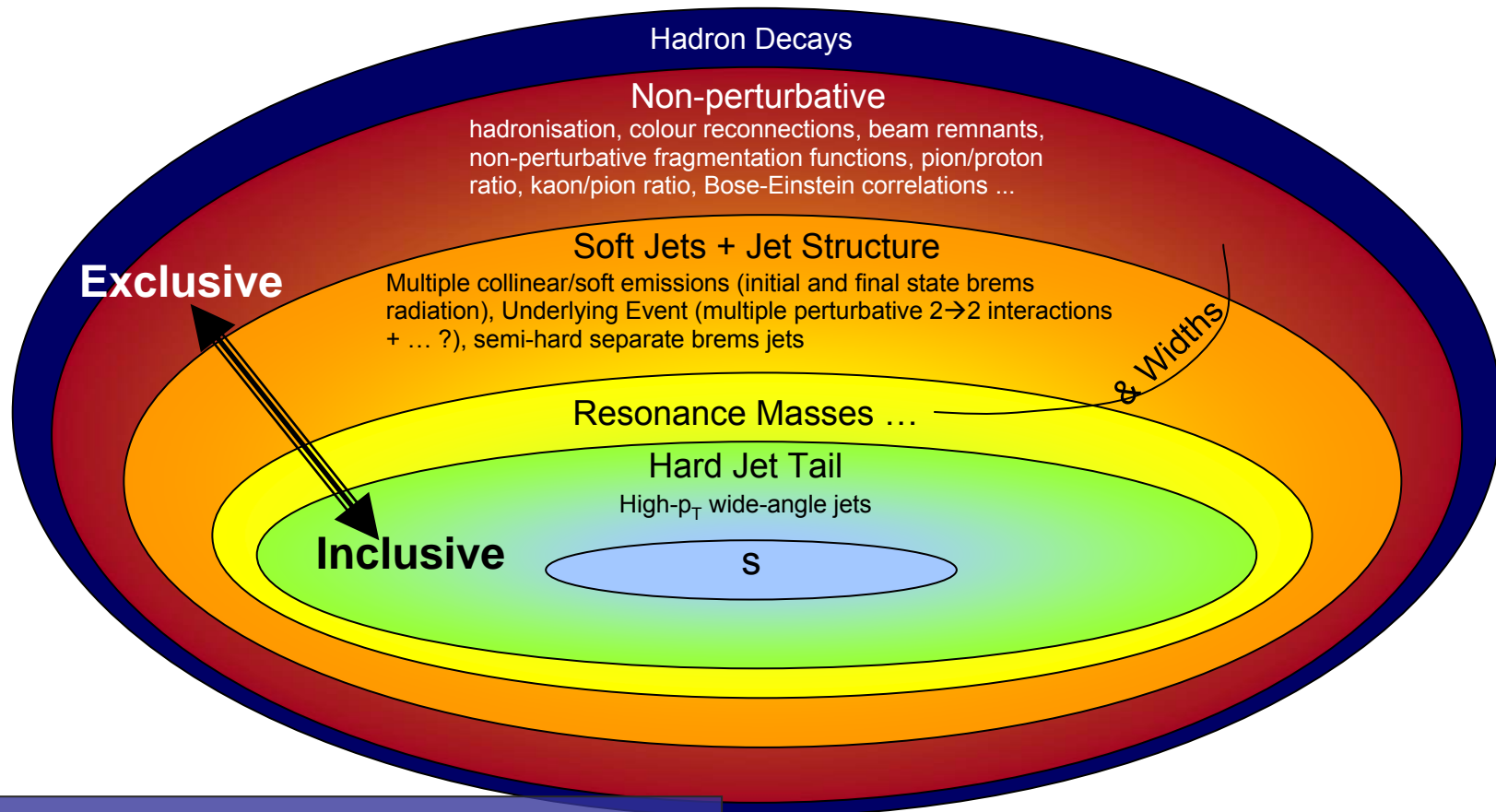
where $P_{\text{tot}} = P_{\text{res}} P_{\text{ISR}} P_{\text{FSR}} P_{\text{MI}} P_{\text{Remnants}} P_{\text{Hadronization}} P_{\text{decays}}$

With $P_i = \prod_j P_{ij} = \prod_j \prod_k P_{ijk} = \dots$ in its turn

→ Divide and conquer



Collider Energy Scales



+ "UNPHYSICAL" SCALES:

- Q_F , Q_R : Factorisation(s) & Renormalisation(s)

The Bottom Line

The S matrix is expressible as a series in g_i , g_i^n/t^m , g_i^n/x^m , g_i^n/m^m , g_i^n/f_π^m , ...

To do precision physics:

FO → DGLAP → HQET → BFKL → χ^{PT}

Solve more of QCD

Combine approximations which work in different regions: matching

Control it

Good to have comprehensive understanding of uncertainties

Even better to have a way to systematically improve

Non-perturbative effects

don't care whether we know how to calculate them

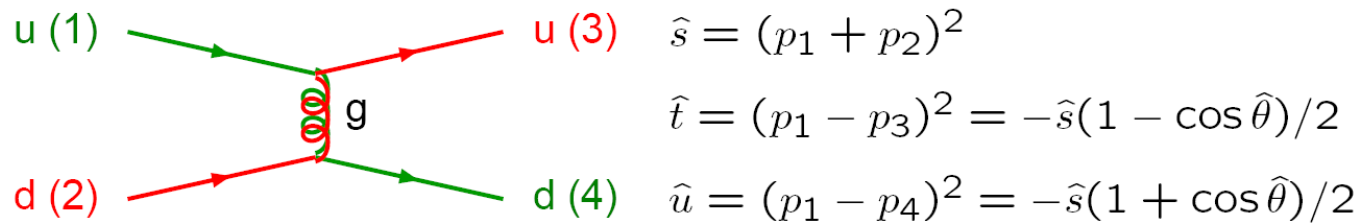
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QCD-based Event Generators

Parton Showers & Matching

Cross Sections and Kinematics

- ▶ Starting point 2 → n hard scattering perturbative matrix element



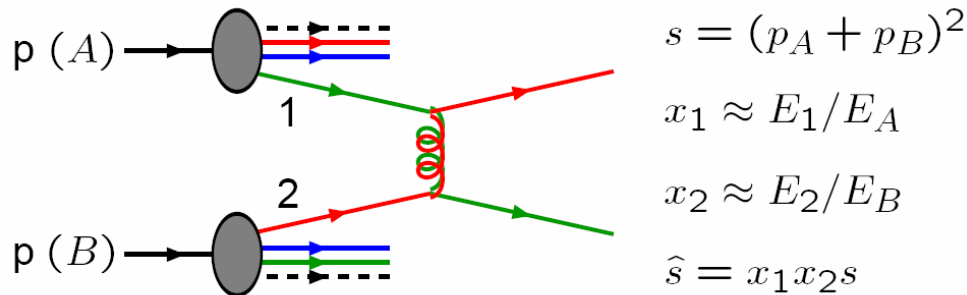
$$\hat{s} = (p_1 + p_2)^2$$

$$\hat{t} = (p_1 - p_3)^2 = -\hat{s}(1 - \cos\hat{\theta})/2$$

$$\hat{u} = (p_1 - p_4)^2 = -\hat{s}(1 + \cos\hat{\theta})/2$$

$$qq' \rightarrow qq' : \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d\hat{t}} = \frac{\pi}{\hat{s}^2} \frac{4}{9} \alpha_s^2 \frac{\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}^2} \quad (\sim \text{Rutherford})$$

- ▶ Fold with parton distribution functions → pp cross section



$$s = (p_A + p_B)^2$$

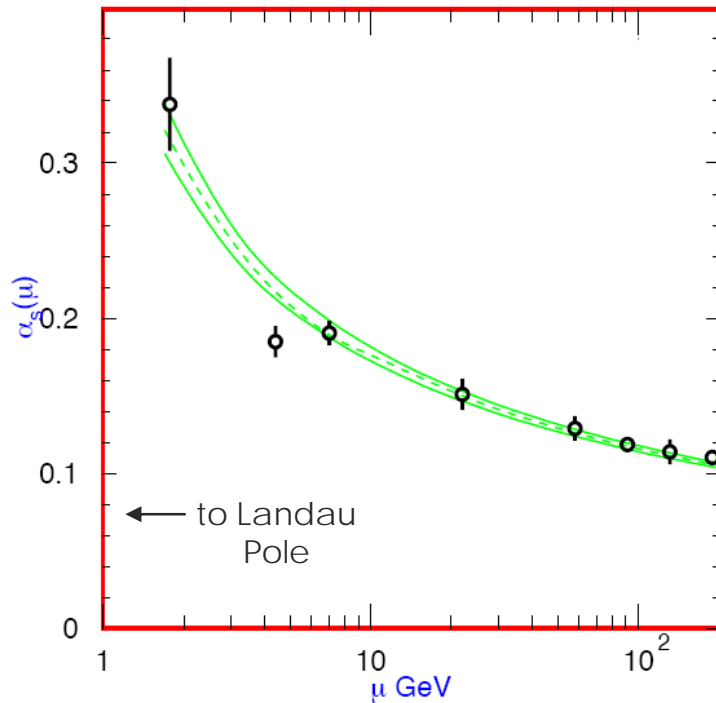
$$x_1 \approx E_1/E_A$$

$$x_2 \approx E_2/E_B$$

$$\hat{s} = x_1 x_2 s$$

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

► To connect this with 'real' final states, 2 fundamental problems:



Problem 1: QCD becomes non-perturbative at scales below ~ 1 GeV

$e^+e^- \rightarrow 3$ jets

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} = \frac{2\alpha_s}{3\pi} \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)}$$

$$x_i = \frac{2E_i}{\sqrt{s}}$$

Problem 2: bremsstrahlung corrections singular for soft and collinear configurations

Bremsstrahlung: Parton Showers

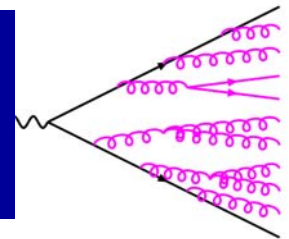
► Starting observation: forward singularity of bremsstrahlung is universal

- → Leading contributions to all radiation processes (QED & QCD) can be worked out to all orders once and for all
- → exponentiated (Altarelli-Parisi) integration kernels

Schematic: Forward (collinear) factorization of QCD amplitudes → exponentiation

$$d\sigma_{n+1} = d\sigma_n d\Pi_{n \rightarrow n+1} P_{n \rightarrow n+1}$$

$$\rightarrow d\sigma_{n+2} = d\sigma_n (d\Pi_{n \rightarrow n+1} P_{n \rightarrow n+1})^2 \text{ and so on } \dots \rightarrow \exp[]$$

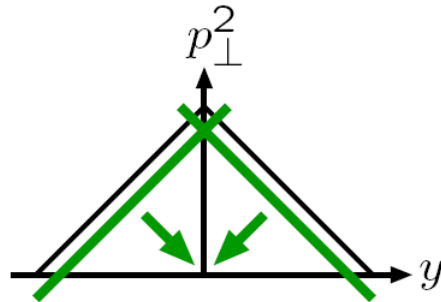


► Iterative (Markov chain) formulation = parton shower

- Generates the leading “collinear” parts of QED and QCD corrections to any process, to infinite order in the coupling
- The chain is ordered in an “evolution variable”: parton virtuality, jet-jet angle, transverse momentum, ...
- → a series of successive factorizations the lower end of which can be matched to a hadronization description at some fixed low hadronization scale $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

Ordering Variables

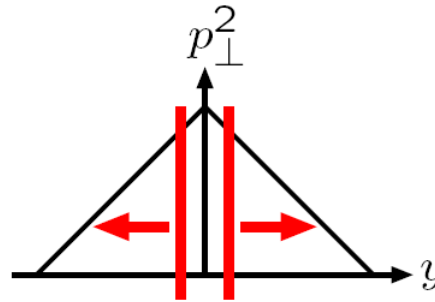
PYTHIA: $Q^2 = m^2$



large mass first
 \Rightarrow "hardness" ordered
coherence brute force

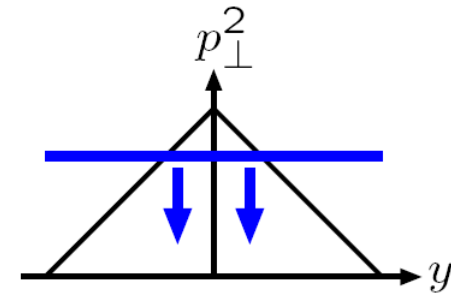
covers phase space
 ME merging simple
 $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ simple
not Lorentz invariant
 no stop/restart
 ISR: $m^2 \rightarrow -m^2$

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



large angle first
 \Rightarrow **hardness not ordered**
 coherence inherent
gaps in coverage
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ARIADNE: $Q^2 = p_{\perp}^2$

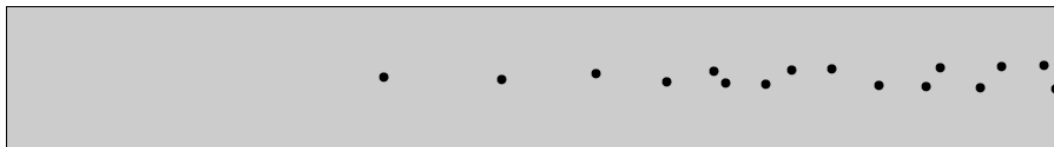
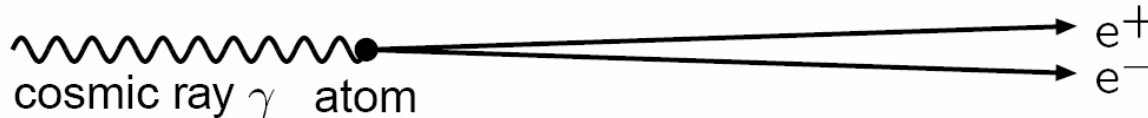


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 can stop/restart
ISR: more messy

Coherence

QED: Chudakov effect (mid-fifties)

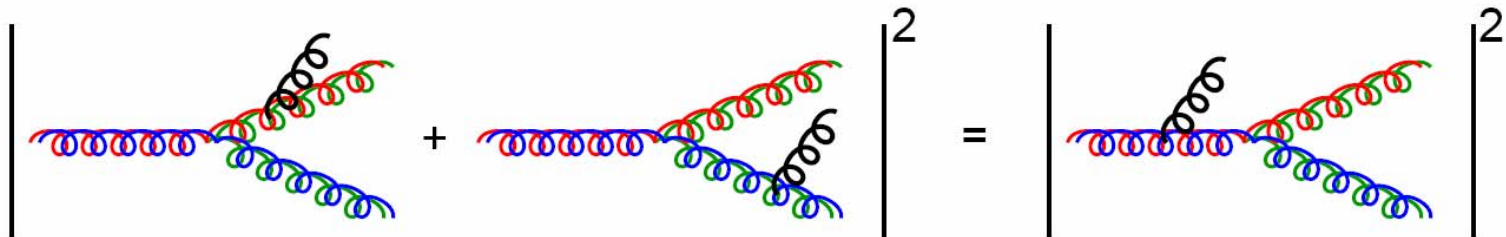


emulsion plate

reduced
ionization

normal
ionization

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



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

A Problem

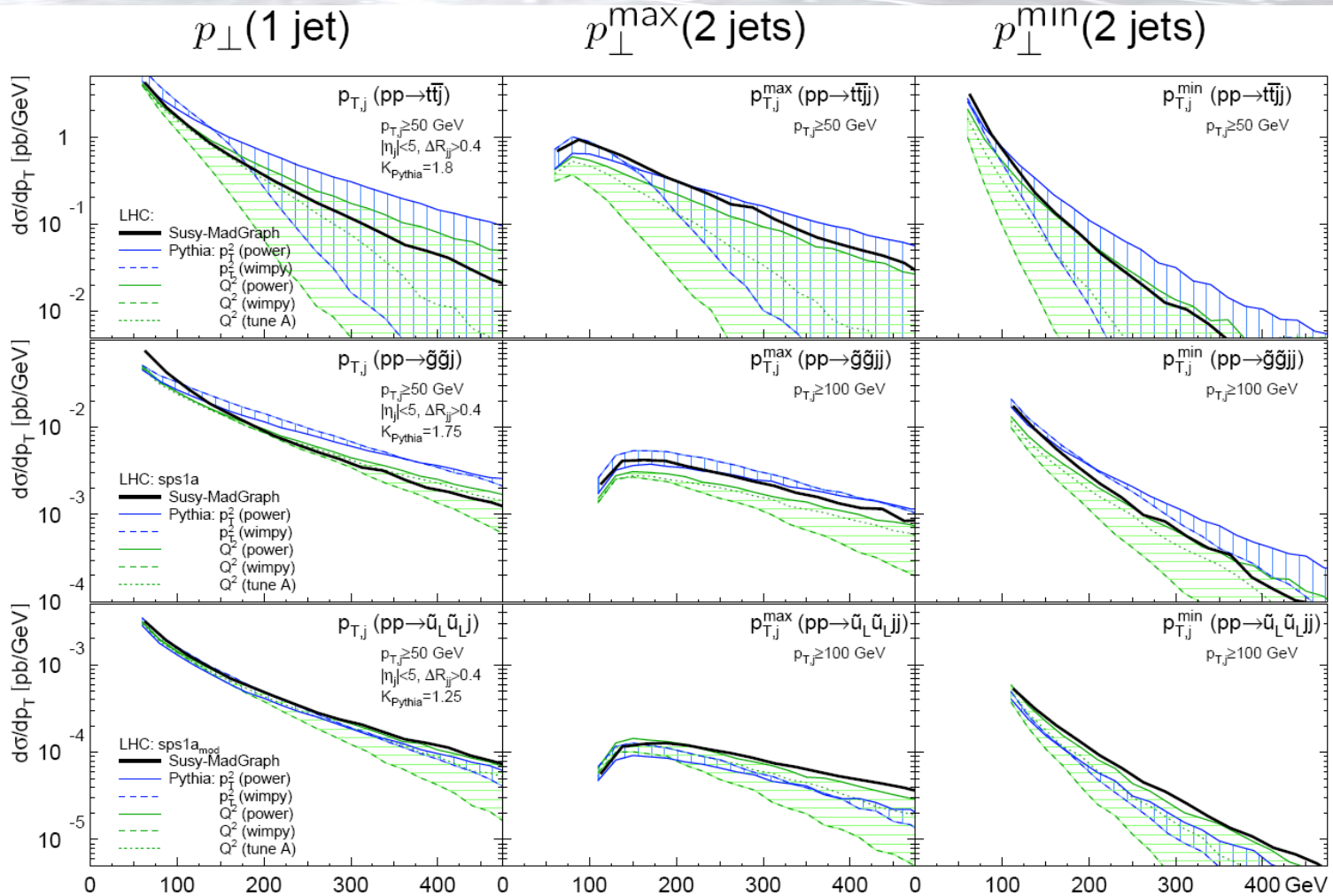
► The best of both worlds? We want:

- A description which accurately predicts hard additional jets
- + jet structure and the effects of multiple soft emissions

► How to do it?

- Compute emission rates by parton showering?
 - Misses relevant terms for hard jets, rates only correct for strongly ordered emissions $p_{T1} \gg p_{T2} \gg p_{T3} \dots$
 - (common misconception that showers are soft, but that need not be the case. They can err on *either side* of the right answer.)
- Compute emission rates with matrix elements?
 - Misses relevant terms for soft/collinear emissions, rates only correct for well-separated individual partons
 - Quickly becomes intractable beyond one loop and a handfull of legs

Example: tops, gluinos, and squarks plus jets



power: $Q_{\text{max}}^2 = s$; wimpy: $Q_{\text{max}}^2 = m_{\perp}^2$; tune A: $Q_{\text{max}}^2 = 4m_{\perp}^2$
 $m_t = 175$ GeV, $m_{\tilde{g}} = 608$ GeV, $m_{\tilde{u}_L} = 567$ GeV

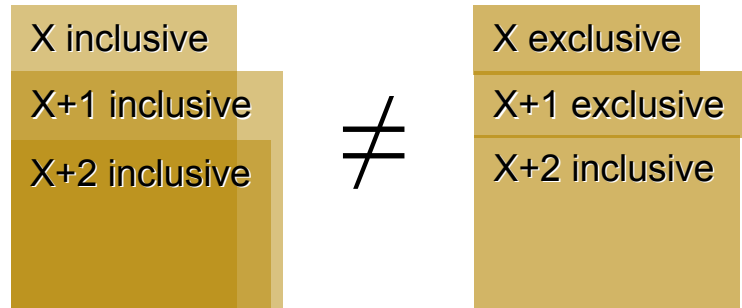
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Double Counting

► Combine different multiplicities → *inclusive* sample?

► In practice – Combine

1. $[X]_{ME} + \text{showering}$
2. $[X + 1 \text{ jet}]_{ME} + \text{showering}$
3. ...



► → Double Counting:

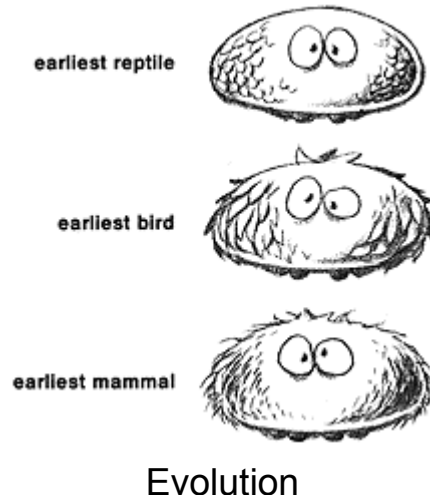
- $[X]_{ME} + \text{showering}$ produces some X + jet configurations
 - The result is X + jet in the shower approximation
- If we now add the *complete* $[X + \text{jet}]_{ME}$ as well
 - the total rate of X+jet is now approximate + exact ~ double !!
 - some configurations are generated *twice*.
 - and the total inclusive cross section is also not well defined



► When going to X, X+j, X+2j, X+3j, etc, this problem gets worse

Matching

- ▶ Matching of up to one hard additional jet (since long)
 - PYTHIA-style (reweight shower)
 - HERWIG-style (add separate events from ME: weight = ME-PS)
 - MC@NLO-style (ME-PS subtraction similar to HERWIG, but NLO)
- ▶ Matching of generic (multijet) topologies (since a few years)
 - ALPGEN-style (MLM)
 - SHERPA-style (CKKW)
 - ARIADNE-style (Lönblad-CKKW)
 - PATRIOT-style (Mrenna & Richardson)
- ▶ Brand new approaches (still in the oven)
 - Refinements of MC@NLO (Nason)
 - CKKW-style at NLO (Nagy, Soper)
 - SCET approach (based on SCET – Bauer, Schwarz)
 - VINCIA (based on QCD antennae – Giele, Kosower, PS)



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The Underlying Event

Towards a complete picture of hadron collisions

Additional Sources of Particle Production

- ▶ Domain of fixed order and parton shower calculations: hard partonic scattering, and bremsstrahlung associated with it.
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- ▶ But hadrons are not elementary
- ▶ + QCD diverges at low p_T
- ▶ → multiple perturbative parton-parton collisions should occur

e.g. $4 \rightarrow 4$, $3 \rightarrow 3$, $3 \rightarrow 2$

- ▶ Normally omitted in explicit perturbative expansions

- ▶ + Remnants from the incoming beams
- ▶ + additional (non-perturbative / collective) phenomena?
 - Bose-Einstein Correlations
 - Non-perturbative gluon exchanges / colour reconnections ?
 - String-string interactions / collective multi-string effects ?
 - Interactions with “background” vacuum / with remnants / with active medium?

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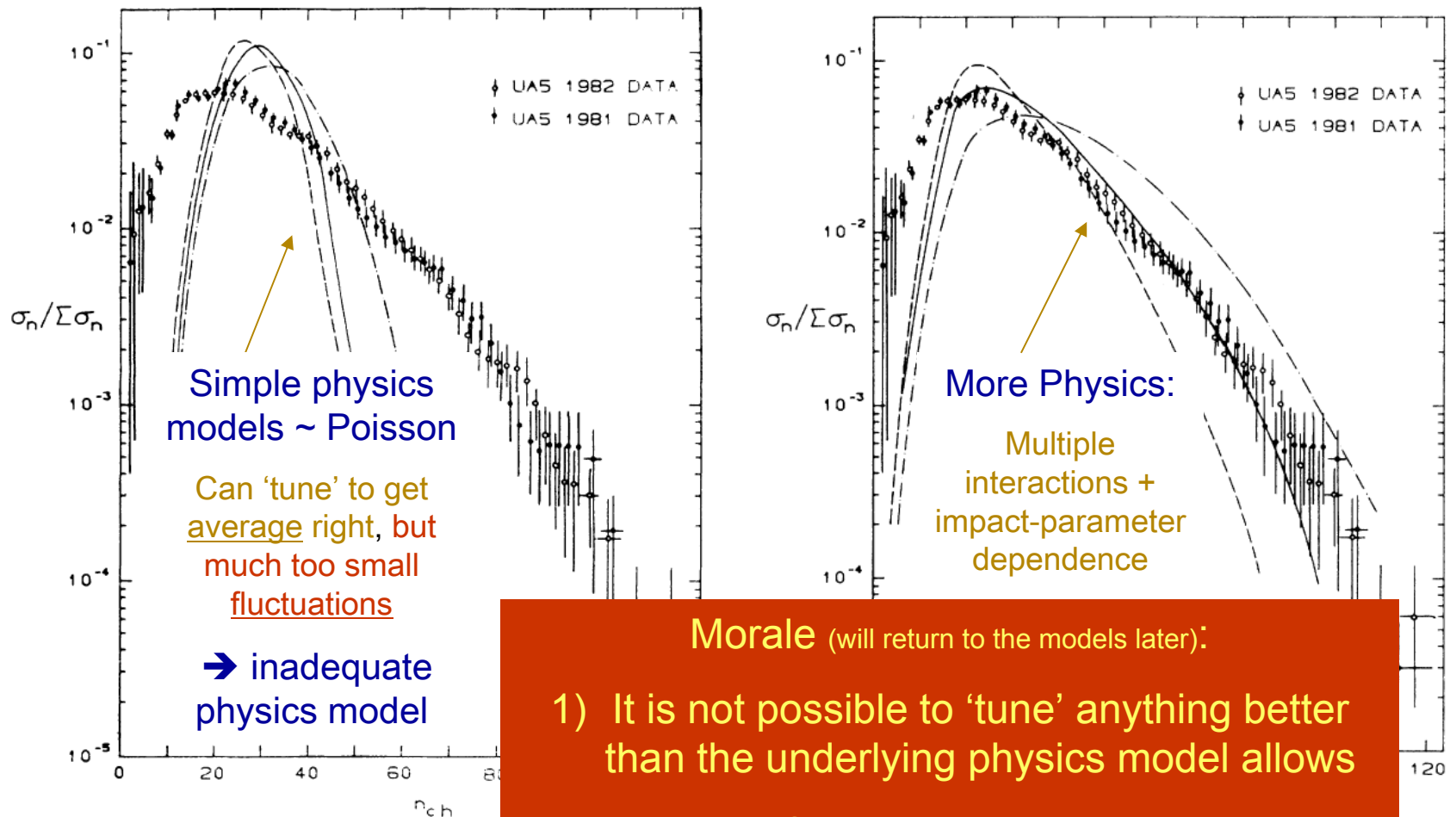


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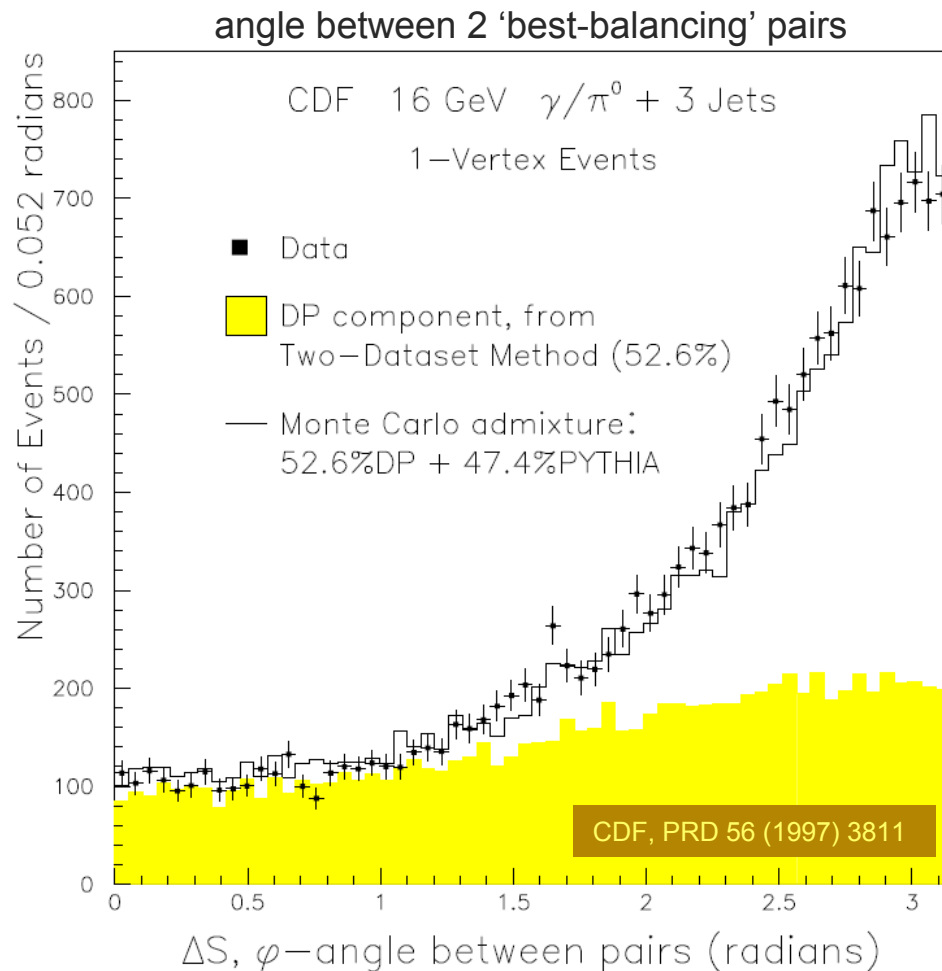
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Multiple Interactions → Balancing Minijets

- ▶ Look for additional balancing jet pairs “under” the hard interaction.
- ▶ Several studies performed, most recently by Rick Field at CDF → ‘lumpiness’ in the underlying event.

(Run I)

CDF : Extraction by comparing double parton scattering (DPS) to a mix of two separate scatterings. Sample: 14000 $\gamma/\pi^0 + 3j$ events. Strong signal observed, 53% DPS



Basic Physics

► Sjöstrand and van Zijl (1987):

- First serious model for the underlying event
- Based on resummation of perturbative QCD $2 \rightarrow 2$ scatterings at successively smaller scales \rightarrow multiple parton-parton interactions
- Dependence on impact parameter crucial to explain N_{ch} distributions.
 - Peripheral collisions \rightarrow little matter overlap \rightarrow few interactions. Central collisions \rightarrow many
 - N_{ch} Poissonian for each impact parameter \otimes convolution with impact parameter profile \rightarrow wider than Poissonian!
- Colour correlations also essential
 - Determine between which partons hadronizing strings form (each string \rightarrow $\log(m_{\text{string}})$ hadrons)
 - **Important ambiguity: what determines how strings form *between* the different interactions?**

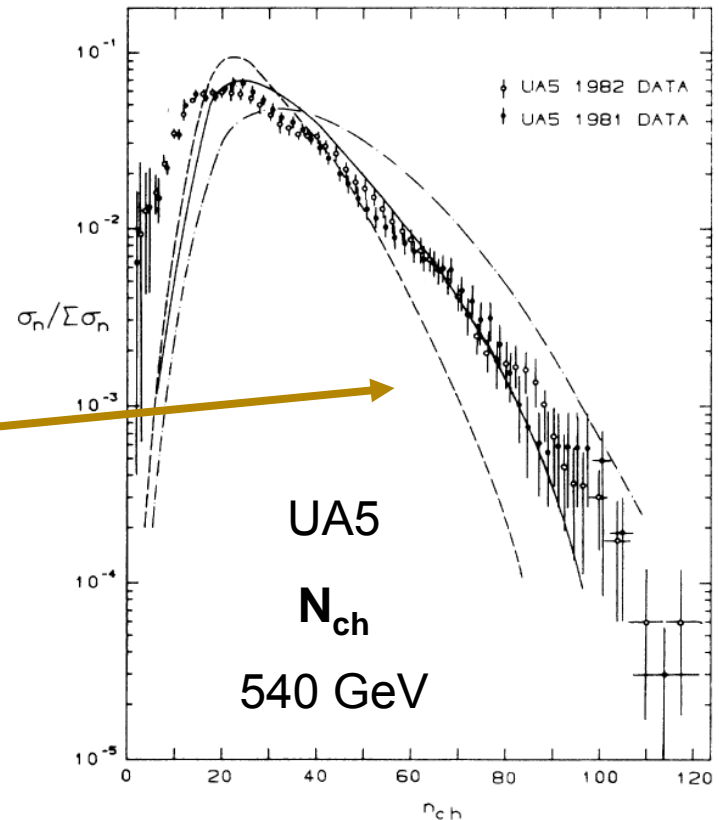
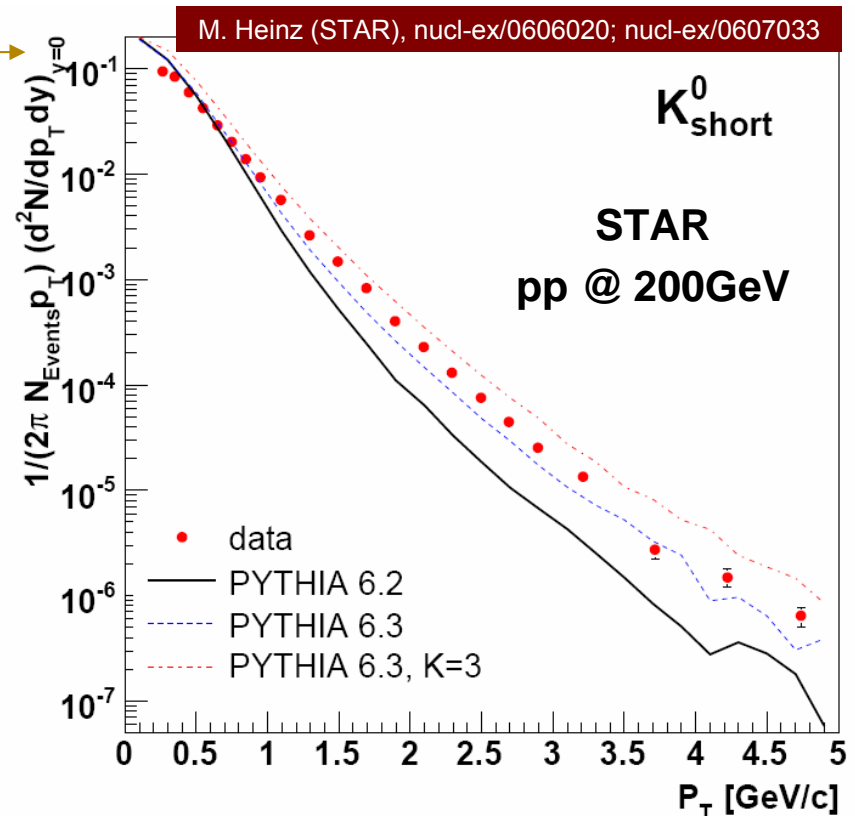


FIG. 5. Charged-multiplicity distribution at 540 GeV, UA5 results (Ref. 32) vs impact-parameter-independent multiple-interaction model: dashed line, $p_{T\text{min}}=2.0$ GeV; solid line, $p_{T\text{min}}=1.6$ GeV; dashed-dotted line, $p_{T\text{min}}=1.2$ GeV.

Underlying Event and Colour

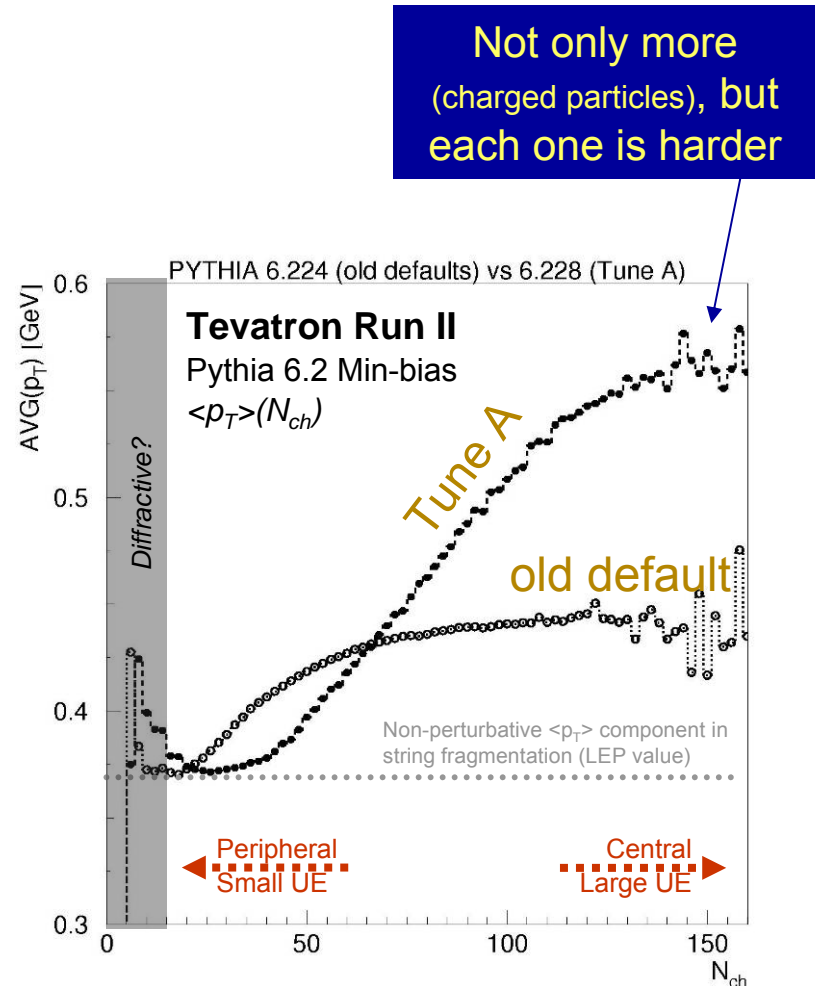
► In PYTHIA (up to 6.2), some “theoretically sensible” default values for the colour correlation parameters had been chosen

- Rick Field (CDF) noted that the default model produced too soft charged-particle spectra.
- (The same is seen at RHIC:) →
- For ‘Tune A’ etc, Rick noted that $\langle p_T \rangle$ increased when he increased the colour correlation parameters
- Virtually all ‘tunes’ now used by the Tevatron and LHC experiments employ these more ‘extreme’ correlations
- Tune A, and hence its more extreme colour correlations are now the default in PYTHIA (will return to this ...)



Correlation: $\langle p_T \rangle$ vs N_{ch}

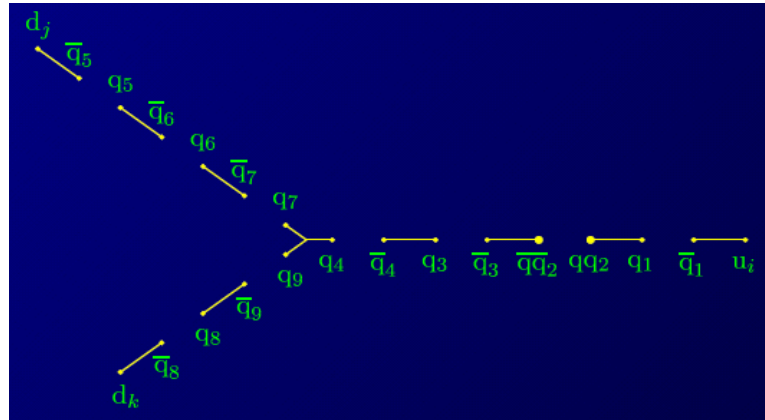
- ▶ Both RHIC and Rick find the average hadron is harder in high-multiplicity events than in low-multiplicity ones
- ▶ If high multiplicity is interpreted as \sim large UE, this raises the question:
- ▶ Why do 'active' collisions produce harder hadrons?
 - If I just stack independent collisions on top of each other, the prediction would be \sim flat
 - How do the hadrons from a central collision 'know' it was central? Do they talk to each other?
 - What do they talk about? And how?



The 'Intermediate' Model

► Meanwhile in Lund: Sjöstrand and PS (2003):

- Further developments on the multiple-interactions idea
- First serious attempt at constructing multi-parton densities
 - If sea quark kicked out, “companion” antiquark introduced in remnant (distribution derived from gluon PDF and gluon splitting kernel)
 - If valence quark kicked out, remaining valence content reduced
- Introduction of “string junctions” to represent beam baryon number
 - Detailed hadronization model for junction fragmentation → can address baryon number flow separately from valence quarks



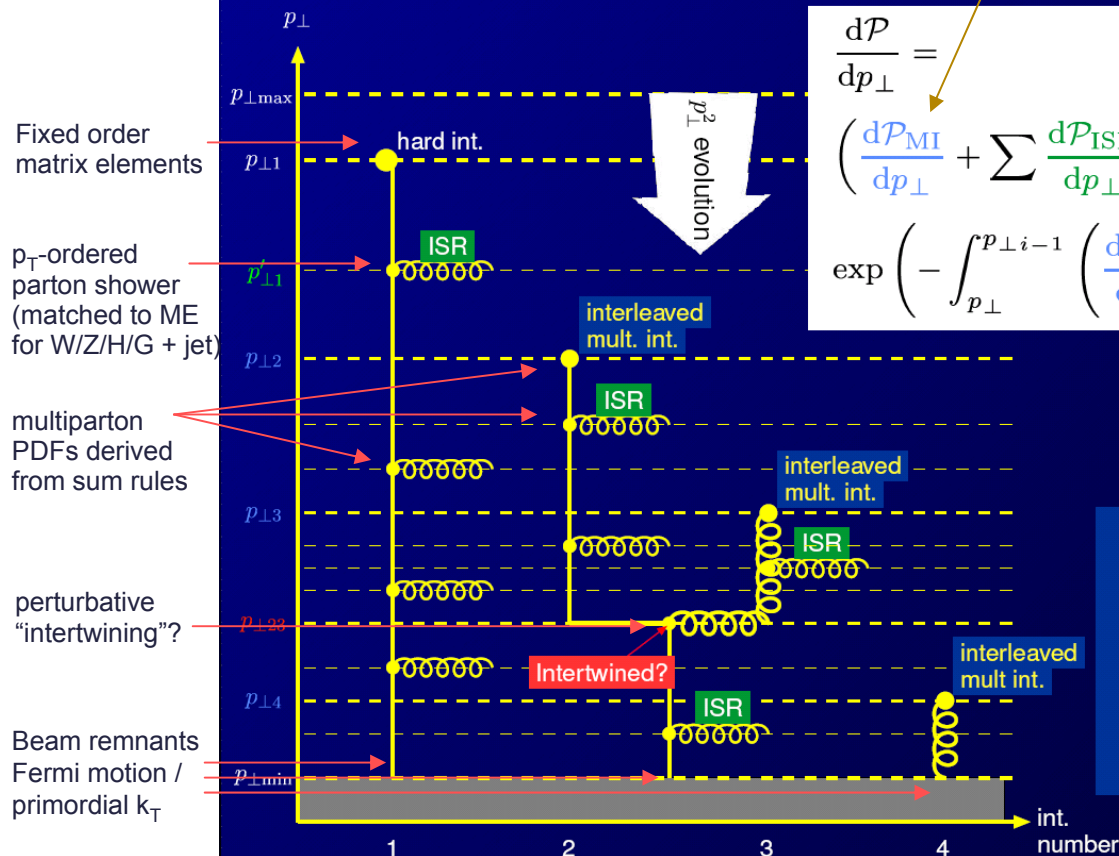
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The 'New' Model

NB: Tune A still default since more thoroughly tested.
To use new models, see e.g. PYTUNE (Pythia6.408+)

► Sjöstrand and PS (2005): The new picture: start at the most inclusive level, **add exclusivity progressively by evolving everything downwards.**

- 'Intertwining' of perturbative activity



$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}}{dp_{\perp}} = \left(\frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{MI}}}{dp_{\perp}} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ISR}}}{dp_{\perp}} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{JI}}}{dp_{\perp}} \right) \times \exp \left(- \int_{p_{\perp}}^{p_{\perp, i-1}} \left(\frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{MI}}}{dp'_{\perp}} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ISR}}}{dp'_{\perp}} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{JI}}}{dp'_{\perp}} \right) dp'_{\perp} \right)$$

~ "Finegraining"
→ correlations between all perturbative activity at successively smaller scales

Sjöstrand & PS : JHEP03(2004)053, EPJC39(2005)129

Hooking it Up

▶ But the old ambiguity remained.

- How are the interaction initiators (and thereby their final states) correlated in colour?
- Fundamentally a non-perturbative question, so hard to give definite answers

▶ Simple-minded guess

- There are many partons in the proton. Only a few interact → to first approximation their colour correlations should just be random

▶ But random connections produced the usual flat $\langle p_T \rangle(N_{ch})$ behaviour

- Clearly, the new model and showers did not change the fact that *some* non-trivial colour correlations appear to be necessary

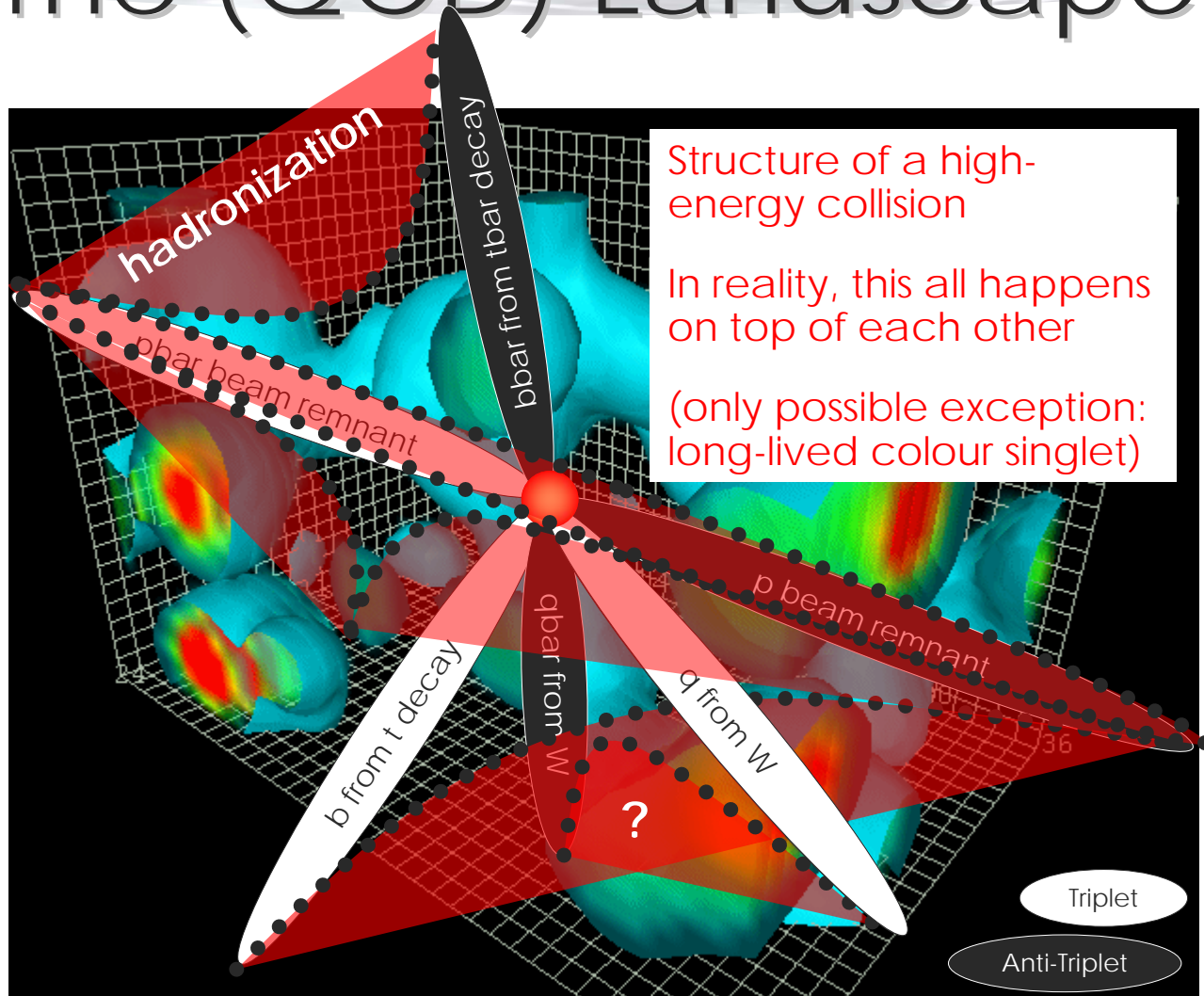
▶ We also tried deliberately optimizing the correlations between the initiators to give the most highly correlated final states

- This did lead to a small rise in the $\langle p_T \rangle(N_{ch})$ distribution, but too little

▶ One place left to look

- Could there be some non-trivial physics at work in the final state itself?

The (QCD) Landscape



D. B. Leinweber, hep-lat/0004025

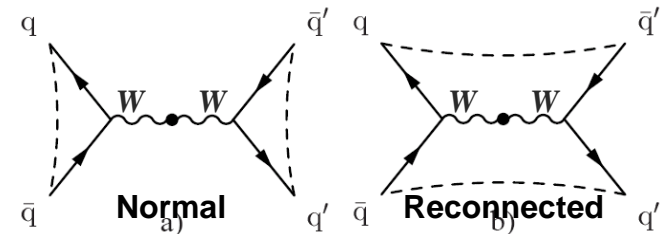
Color Reconnections

Sjöstrand, Khoze, Phys.Rev.Lett.72(1994)28 & Z. Phys.C62(1994)281 + more ...

OPAL, Phys.Lett.B453(1999)153 & OPAL, hep-ex0508062

► Searched for at LEP

- Major source of W mass uncertainty
- Most aggressive scenarios excluded
- But effect still largely uncertain $P_{\text{reconnect}} \sim 10\%$



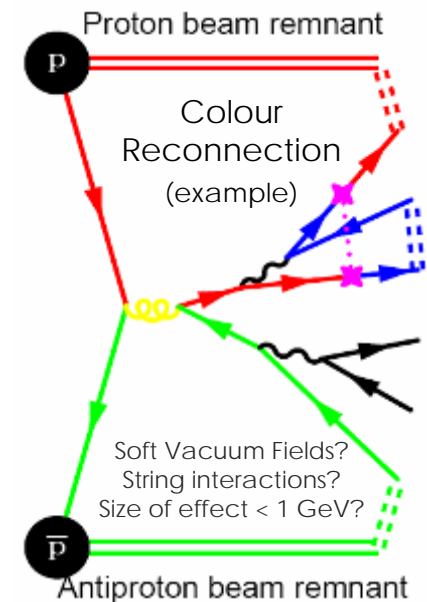
► Prompted by CDF data and Rick Field's studies to reconsider.

What do we know?

- Non-trivial initial QCD vacuum
- A lot more colour flowing around, not least in the UE
- String-string interactions? String coalescence?
- Collective hadronization effects?
- More prominent in hadron-hadron collisions?
- What is $\langle p_T \rangle (N_{\text{ch}})$ telling us?
- What (else) is RHIC, Tevatron telling us?
- *Implications for Top mass? Implications for LHC?*

Existing models only for WW → a new toy model for all final states: colour annealing

Sandhoff + PS, in Les Houches '05 SMH Proceedings, hep-ph/0604120

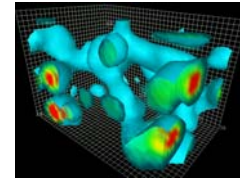


Colour Annealing

► **Toy model** of (non-perturbative) **color reconnections**, applicable to any final state

- at hadronisation time, each string piece has a probability to interact with the vacuum / other strings:

$$P_{\text{reconnect}} = 1 - (1-\chi)^n$$



- χ = strength parameter: fundamental reconnection probability (free parameter)
- n = # of multiple interactions in current event (\sim counts # of possible interactions)

► **For the interacting string pieces:**

- New string topology determined by annealing-like minimization of 'Lambda measure'
 - Similar to area law for fundamental strings: $\Lambda \sim \text{potential energy} \sim \text{string length} \sim \log(m) \sim N$

► \rightarrow good enough for order-of-magnitude

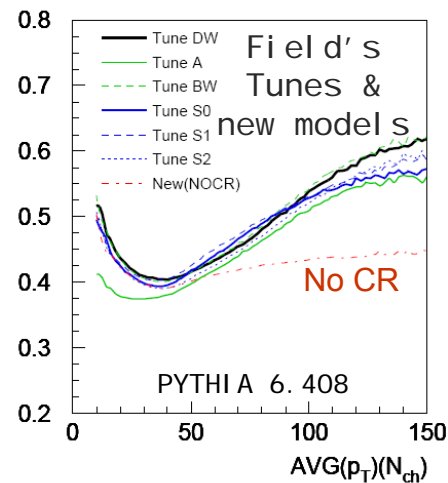
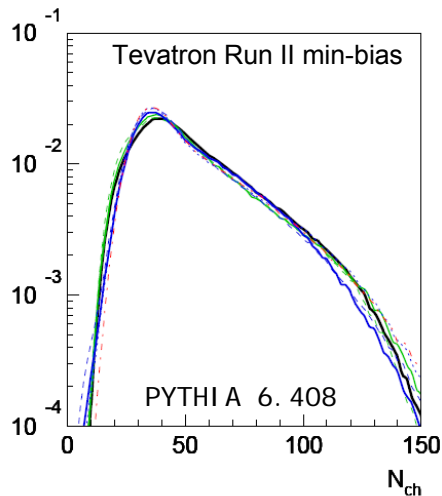
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A First Study

► Using Tevatron min-bias as constraint

- Those were the distributions that started it all
- High-multiplicity tail should be somewhat similar to top \rightarrow less extrapolation required
- Why not use LEP? Again, since the extrapolation might not be valid.
 - No UE in ee, no beam remnants, less strings, no 'bags' in initial state.
 - The comparison would still be interesting and should be included in a future study

► As a baseline, all models were tuned to describe N_{ch} and $\langle p_T \rangle(N_{ch})$



- Improved Description of Min-Bias
- Effect Still largely uncertain
- Worthwhile to look at top etc

Top Mass Estimator

D. Wicke (DØ)

Event Generation Selection

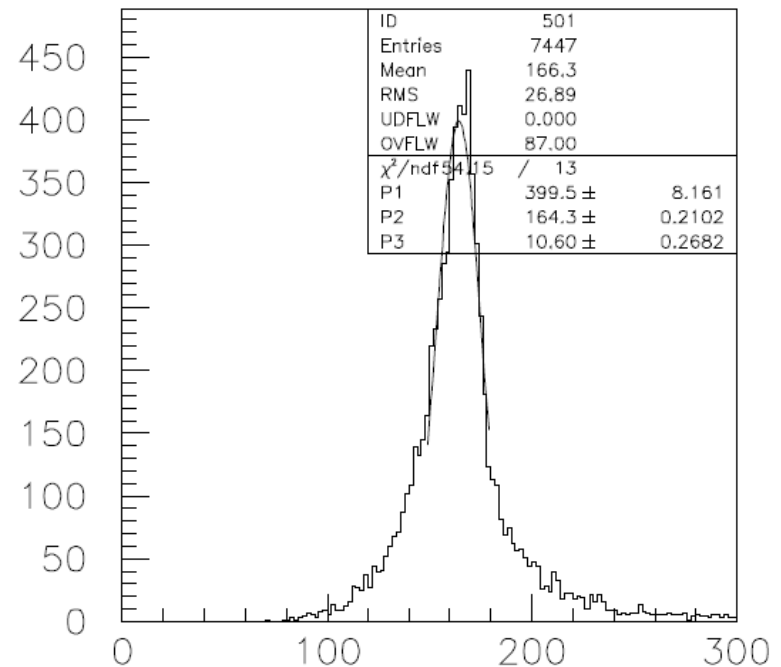
- ▶ For each model **100k inclusive events** were generated
- ▶ Jets are reconstructed using *both*
 - Cone ($\Delta R = 0.5, p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$) ← Used for paper
 - k_T ($d_{\text{cut}} = 150 \text{ GeV}^2$)
- ▶ Exactly **4 reconstructed Jets**
- ▶ Technical simplifications:
 - Generator semileptonic events.
 - Unique assignment to MC truth by ΔR possible.
- ▶ Reconstruct mass on correct assignment only:
 - $m^2 = (p_{b\text{jet}} + p_{q\text{jet}} + p_{q\text{barjet}})^2$

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Mass Distribution

- Reconstruct mass on each event.
- Fit distribution with Gaussian.
Also considered Gaussian + p1, and flat
- Fitrange: ± 15 GeV
(iterated to avoid bias).
Also considered ± 30 GeV
- Obviously suffers from out of cone problems.
- Fit W -mass from light jets.
- Scale m_t with $80.4 \text{ GeV}/m_W$.



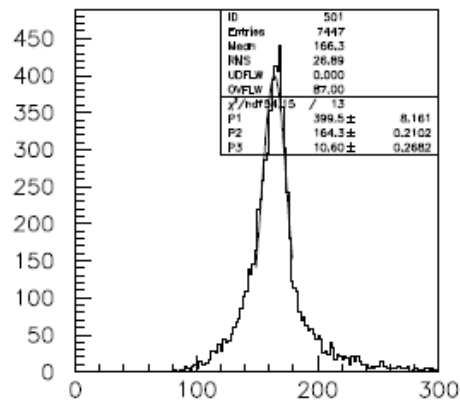
Top Mass from Jets (e/mu+4jets, hadronic)

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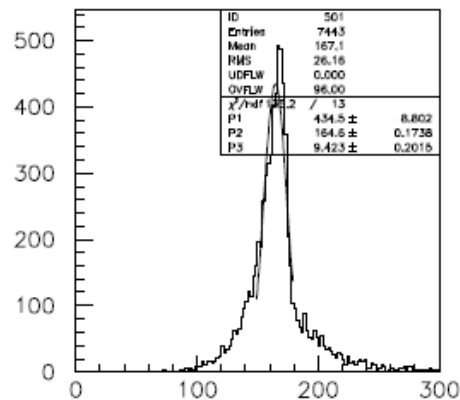
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On Fitting

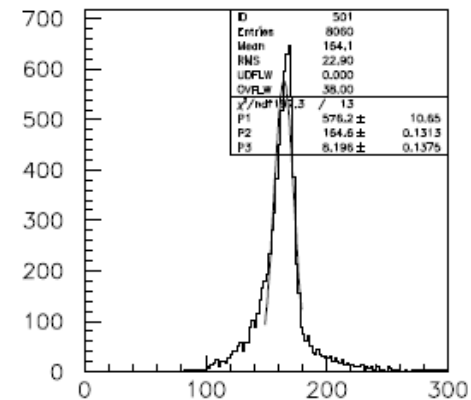
Different models lead to different shapes



Top Mass from Jets (e/mu+4jets, hadronic)



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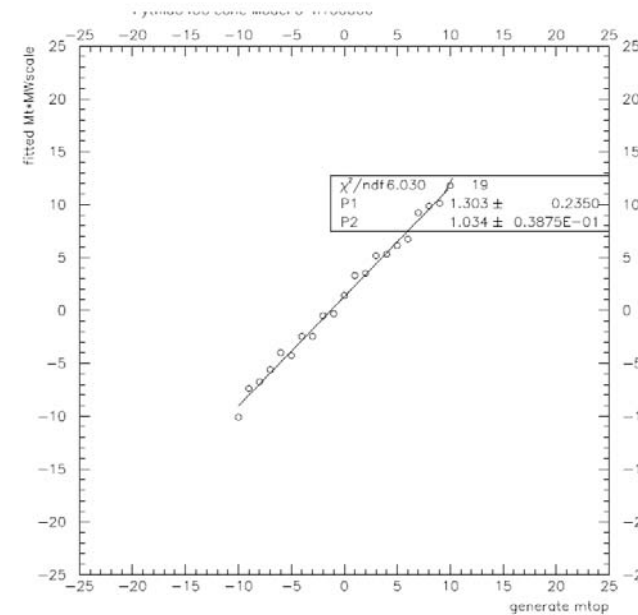
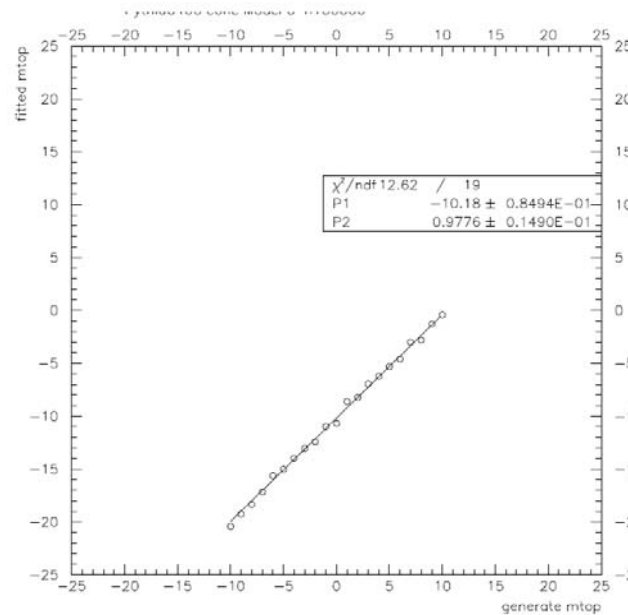
Fit ranges

- Sensitivity depends on fit ranges.
- Thus each mass analysis needs to investigate its own sensitivity.
- Sensitive estimators may be used to restrict models.

Top Mass Estimator

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Calibration Curves



- Calibration curves show reasonably linear behaviour
- Scaling with m_W does the right thing
- Fit straight line to obtain offset at 175 GeV

Procedure has been repeated for a dozen different (tuned) models.

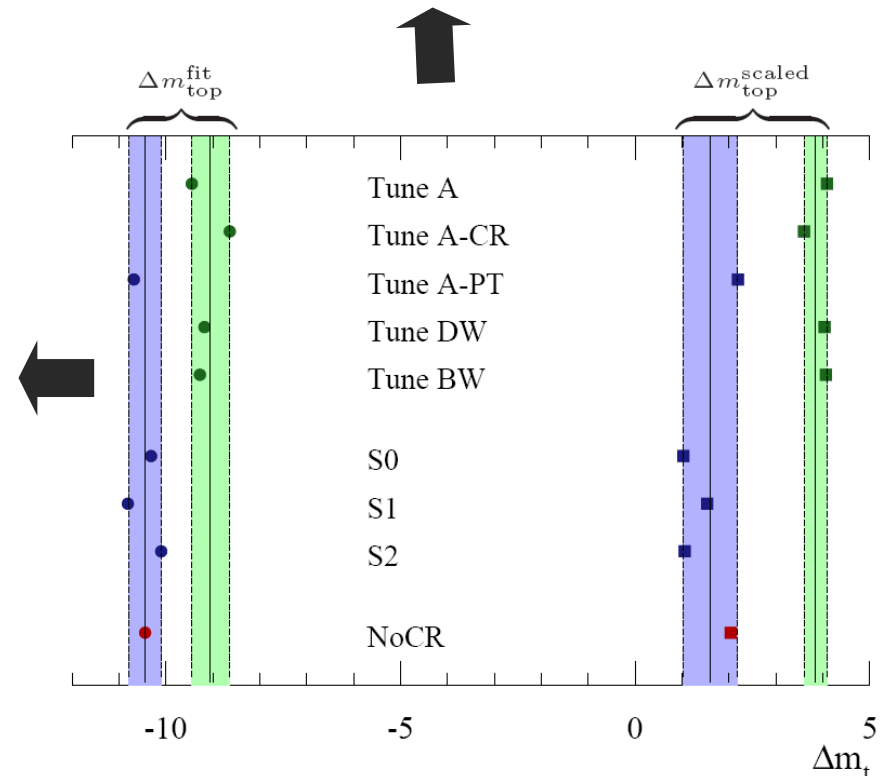
Preliminary Conclusions

▶ $\Delta(m_{top}) \sim 1$ GeV from parton shower

- To some extent already accounted for by HERWIG – PYTHIA, should still be investigated
- Match to hard matrix elements for top + jets + further constrain shower parameters

▶ $\Delta(m_{top}) \sim 0.5$ GeV from infrared effects

- Early days. May be under- or overestimated. Models are crude, mostly useful for reconnaissance and order-of-magnitude
- Pole mass does have infrared sensitivity. Can we figure out some different observable which is more stable?
 - It may be difficult to derive one from first principles, given the complicated environment, but proposals could still be tested on models
- Infrared physics ~ universal? → use complimentary samples to constrain it. Already used a few min-bias distributions, but more could be included
- As a last resort, take top production itself and do simultaneous fit?



A few weeks ago: D. Wicke + PS, [hep-ph/0703081](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0703081)



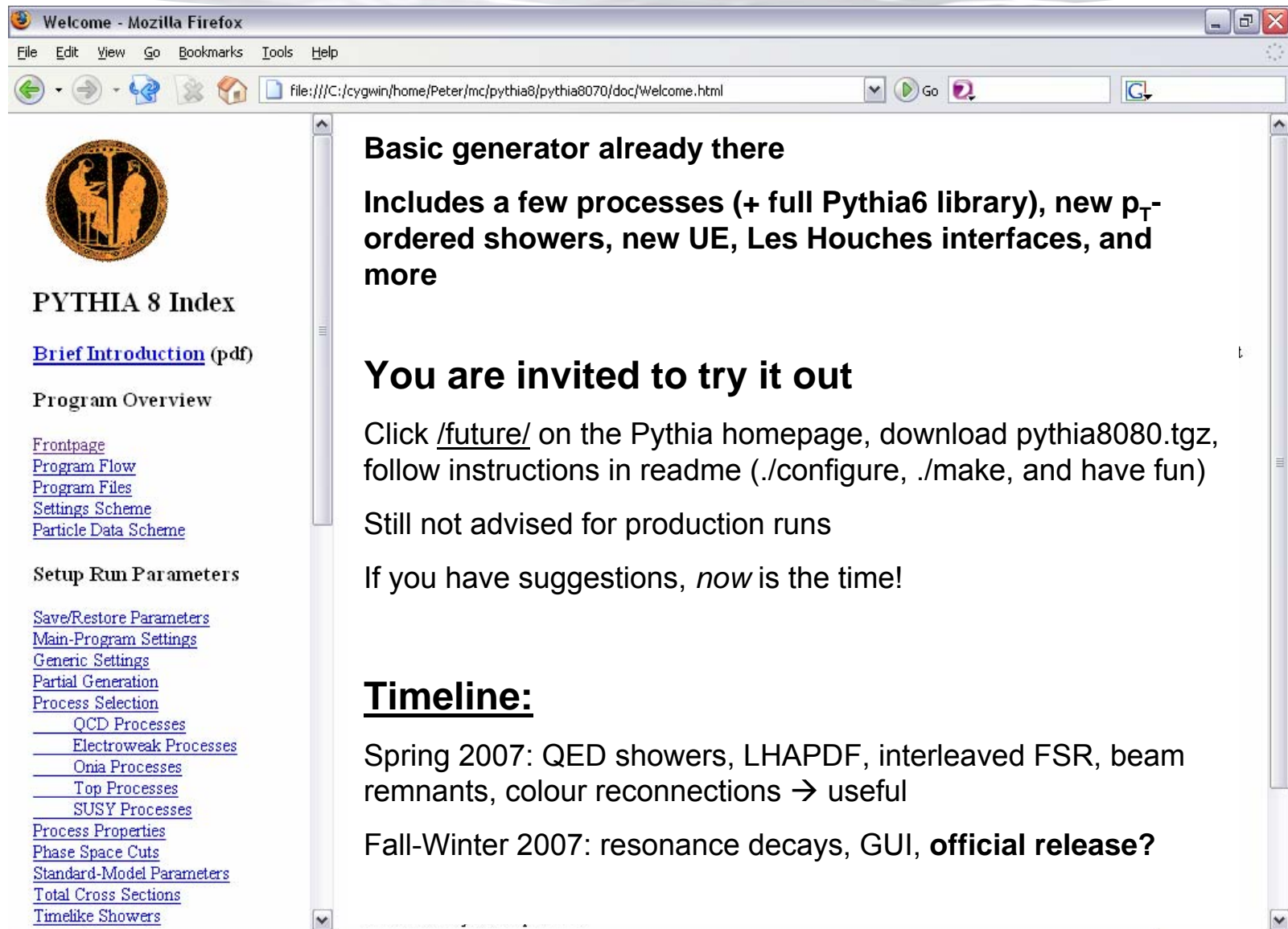
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The C++ Monte Carlos

C++ Players

- ▶ **HERWIG++: complete reimplementation**
 - Improved parton shower and decay algorithms
 - Eventually to include CKKW-style matching (?)
 - B.R. Webber; S. Gieseke, D. Grellscheid, A. Ribon, P. Richardson, M. Seymour, P. Stephens, . . .
- ▶ **SHERPA: complete implementation, has CKKW**
 - ME generator + wrappers to / adaptations of PYTHIA, HERWIG parton showers, underlying event, hadronization
 - F. Krauss; T. Fischer, T. Gleisberg, S. Hoeche, T. Laubrich, A. Schaelicke, S. Schumann, C. Semmling, J. Winter
- ▶ **PYTHIA8: selective reimplementation**
 - Improved parton shower and underlying event, limited number of hard subprocesses
 - Many obsolete features not carried over → simpler, less parameters
 - T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna, P. Skands
- ▶ (+ various more specialized packages)


PYTHIA 8



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Basic generator already there

Includes a few processes (+ full Pythia6 library), new p_T -ordered showers, new UE, Les Houches interfaces, and more

You are invited to try it out

Click [/future/](#) on the Pythia homepage, download pythia8080.tgz, follow instructions in readme (./configure, ./make, and have fun)

Still not advised for production runs

If you have suggestions, *now* is the time!

Timeline:

Spring 2007: QED showers, LHAPDF, interleaved FSR, beam remnants, colour reconnections → useful

Fall-Winter 2007: resonance decays, GUI, **official release?**

The Generator Outlook

- ▶ Generators in state of continuous development:
- ▶ Better & more user-friendly general-purpose matrix element calculators+integrators
- ▶ Improved parton showers and improved matching to matrix elements
- ▶ Improved models for underlying events / minimum bias
- ▶ Upgrades of hadronization and decays
- ▶ Moving to C++

- ▶ Data needed to constrain models & rule out crazy ideas
 - New methods → could QCD become a precision science?
- ▶ Important for virtually all other measurements + can shed light on fundamental & interesting aspects of QCD (e.g. string interactions)