

Elements of QCD for hadron colliders

theoretical concepts and phenomenology

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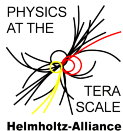


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Contents of this course

- Basics of QCD
 - The QCD Lagrangian
 - Perturbation Theory & The running coupling
- Soft & collinear singularities
- The concepts of parton showers and jets
- QCD for processes with incoming protons
- Monte-Carlo event generators

Soft & collinear singularities: recap

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\rightsquigarrow let's look a little more exclusive now

\rightsquigarrow estimate the number of emitted gluons

Multiple gluon emissions

Let's try to integrate emission probability to 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 $Q_0 \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
 \rightsquigarrow 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 $Q = 200$ GeV & $Q_0 = 1$ GeV $\rightsquigarrow \ln^2 \frac{Q}{Q_0} \approx 30$

\rightsquigarrow simple expansion in α_s spoiled by large logarithms, $\langle N_g \rangle > 1$

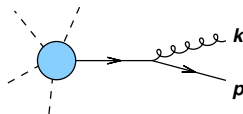
Is 1st order perturbation theory useless beyond total cross sections?

- Could try to calculate next order, and see what happens!
- Can try to approximate higher-order contributions!
- Look for better behaved final-state observables!

Multiple gluon emissions

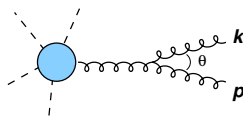
Once a gluon is emitted it can itself emit further gluons

- consider collinear (& soft) emissions only [logarithmically enhanced]
- in the small angle limit ($\theta \ll 1$) emissions factorize



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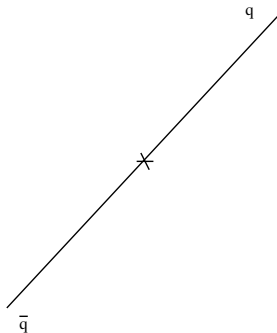
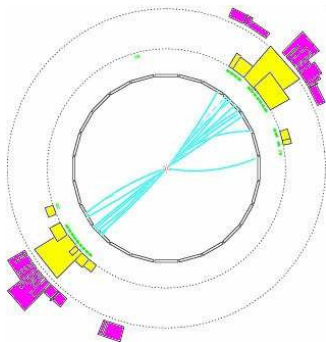
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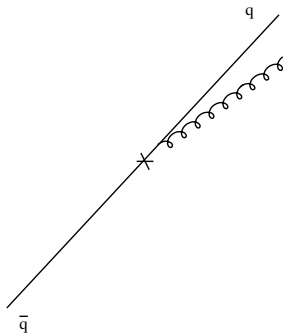
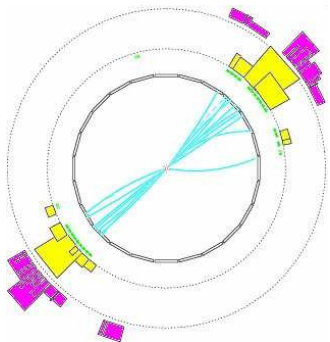
- same divergence structure, independent of who emits
- only difference being the colour factor ($C_F = 4/3$, $C_A = 3$)
 \rightsquigarrow gluons emit more
- expect 1st-order structure ($\alpha_s \ln^2 Q/Q_0$) to appear at each new order

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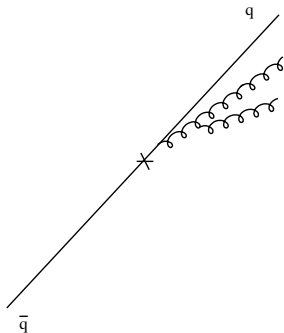
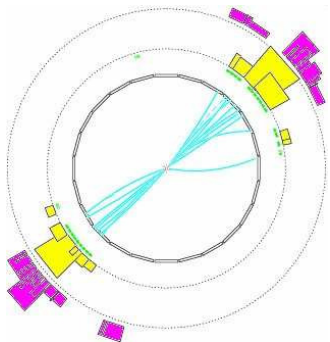
Start out with the $q\bar{q}$ system



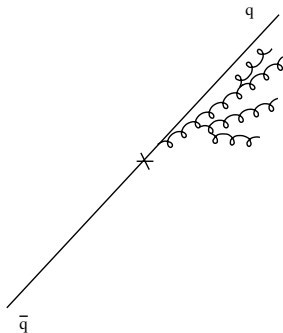
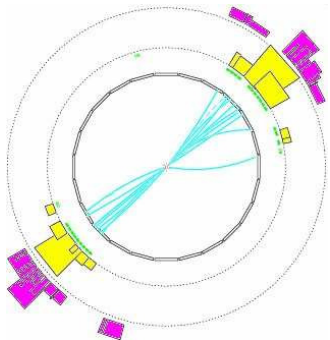
Quark emits small angle gluon



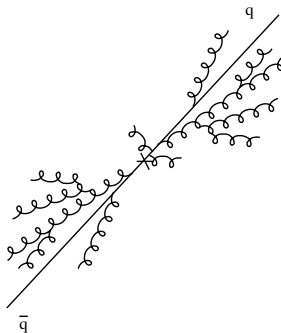
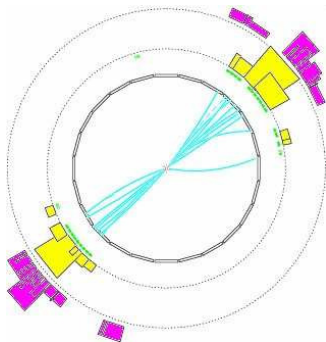
Gluon radiates a further gluon



And so on and so forth ...

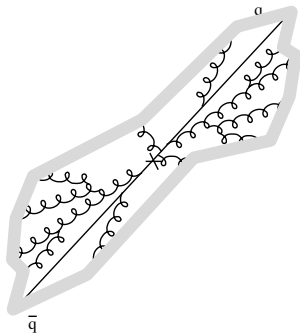
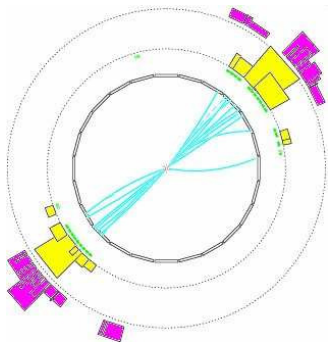


Meanwhile the same happen on the other side



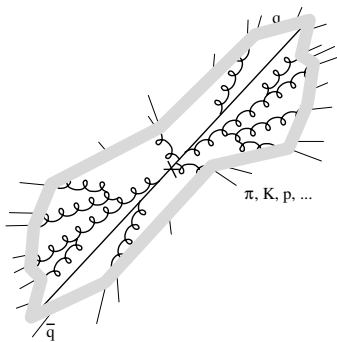
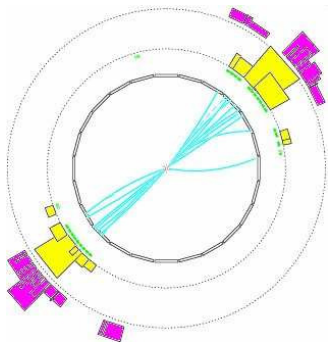
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At some point a non-perturbative transition happens



Multiple gluon emissions

Resulting in a pattern of collimated hadrons [at small angles wrt to the quarks]



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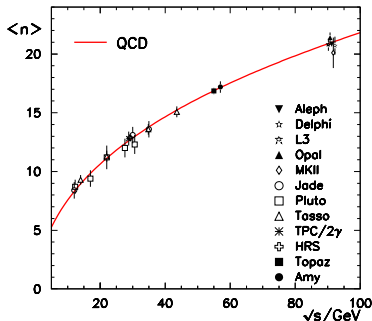
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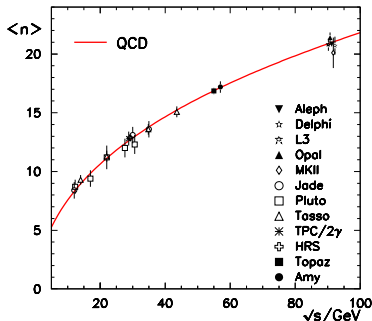
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Seems like perturbative QCD can get us quite far!

Parton-Shower simulations

Using the soft/collinear approximation we can make predictions for events' detailed partonic structure, when supplemented with a model for hadronization for hadronic final states even.

However, we cannot perform analytic calculations for every observable ever be measured. [too many experimenters, too many observables, too few theorists]

The solution: Parton-Shower simulations

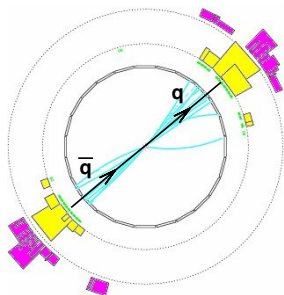
- implement space-time picture of parton evolution [limited to leading logarithms]
- successive parton emissions for arbitrary processes
- Markov-chain Monte Carlo process describing the parton proliferation
- observable/process independent

⇒ **cornerstone of Monte-Carlo event generators, more soon**

The emergent picture: final-state jets

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- hard partons undergo soft and collinear showering
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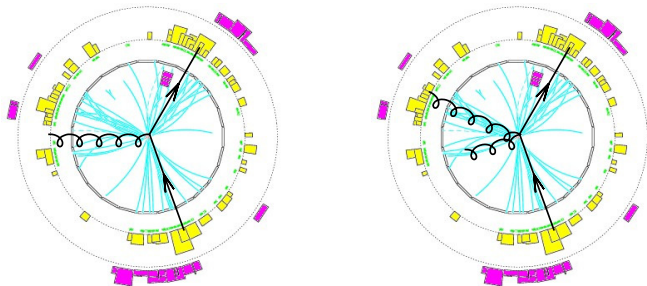
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- ↪ almost all energy contained in two cones

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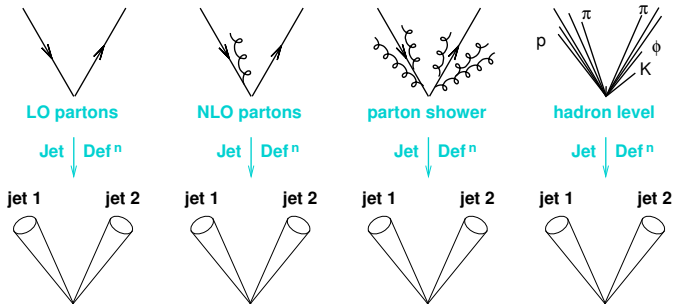
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- ↪ hard emissions can induce more jets
- ↪ jet counting not obvious, is this a three- or four-jet event?

Defining jets

Jet definition (addendum): jet number shouldn't depend upon just a soft/collinear emission

↪ Infrared & collinear safety



Infrared & Collinear safe jet definitions

crucial for comparing theory with experimental results

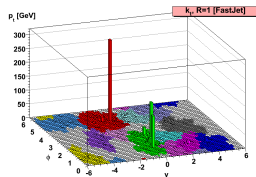
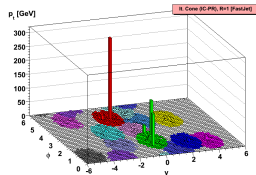
Jet algorithms

Jet definition

- group together particles into a common jets [jet algorithm]
- typical parameter is R , distance in $y - \phi$ space, determines angular reach
- combine momenta of jet constituents to yield jet momentum [recombination scheme]

two generic types of jet algorithms are commonly used:

- cone algorithms
 - widely used in the past at the Tevatron
 - jets have regular/circular shapes
 - some suffer from IR or collinear unsafety
- **sequential recombination algorithms**
 - widely used at LEP [Durham k_T algorithm]
 - jet can have irregular shapes
 - default at the LHC experiments [anti- k_T algorithm]



A generic jet finding algorithm

- 1 compute a distance measure y_{ij} for each pair of final-state particles
- 2 determine all distance measures wrt the beam y_{iB}
- 3 determine the minimum of all y_{ij} 's and y_{iB} 's
 - 1 if y_{ij} is smallest, **combine** particles ij , sum four-momenta
 - 2 if y_{iB} is smallest, **remove** particle i , call it a jet
- 4 go back to step one, until all particles are clustered into jets

in analyses one typically uses

- jets with inter-jet distances $y_{ij} > y_{\text{cut}}$ [exclusive mode]
- jets with inter-jet distances $y_{ij} > y_{\text{cut}}$ & $E > E_{\text{cut}}$ [inclusive mode]

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

Sequential recombination algorithms: the k_T algorithm

recall the soft and collinear limit of the gluon-emission probability for $a \rightarrow ij$

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The k_T -algorithm distance measure

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

- ↪ in the collinear limit: $y_{ij} \simeq \min(E_i^2 E_j^2) \theta_{ij}^2 / Q^2$
- ↪ relative transverse momentum, normalized to total energy
- ↪ soft/collinear particles get clustered first
- ↪ effectively inverts the sequence of shower emissions

Sequential recombination algorithms: the anti- k_T algorithm

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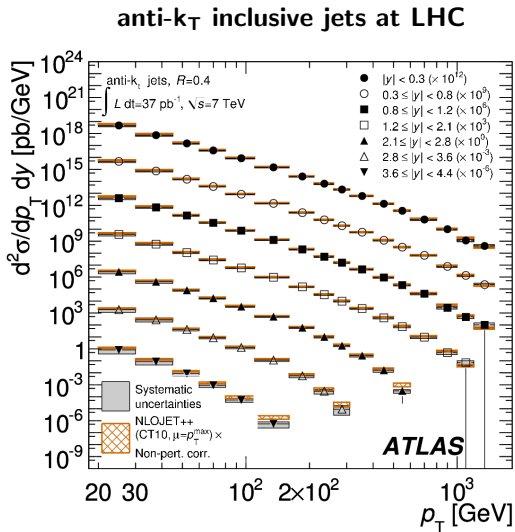
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The anti- k_T -algorithm distance measure

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

- ↪ jet-finding starts out with hard objects
- ↪ softer particles get clustered into hard jets later on
- ↪ produces nicely regular shaped jets
- ↪ default in current LHC physics analyses



Processes with incoming hadrons

- so far considered processes with final-state hadrons only
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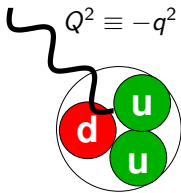
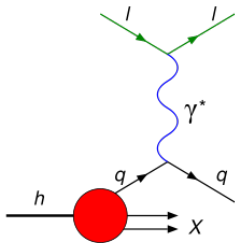
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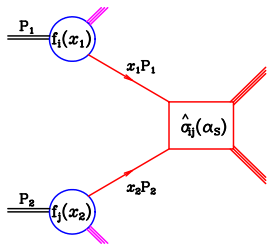
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- ↪ learn about the proton structure via Deep-Inelastic-Scattering (DIS)



Processes with incoming hadrons: factorization

hadronic cross section in the naïve parton model

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



factorized cross section

- assume partons move collinear with the protons: $p_i = x_i P_i$
- partonic cms energy: $\hat{s} = x_1 x_2 s$
- $f_{i/p}$ Parton-Distribution-Functions parametrize number densities of quarks inside protons

Parton-Distribution-Functions: sum rules

- $|p\rangle = |u u d\rangle$, the valence quark distributions

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

- fraction of proton's momentum carried by quarks

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

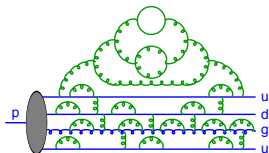
\rightsquigarrow well, we kind of forgot the gluons, carry $\simeq 0.5$ of protons' momentum

\rightsquigarrow gluons appear in splitting processes $q \rightarrow qg$

\rightsquigarrow let's better check impact of higher-order QCD corrections

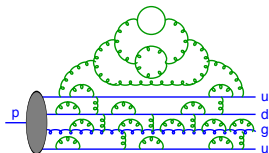
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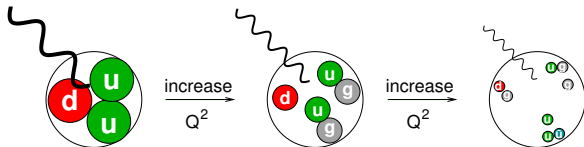


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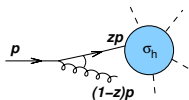


- a hard interaction (e.g. γ^* in DIS) probes much shorter times $t_{\text{hard}} \sim 1/Q$
- hard probes take instantaneous snapshots of hadron structure
- PDFs are scale dependent objects: $f_{i/p}(x) \rightarrow f_{i/p}(x, Q^2)$



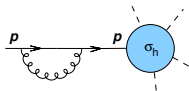
Factorization revised: the factorization scale

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 σ_h involves momentum transfer $Q \gg k_t$



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

total cross section receives contributions from both

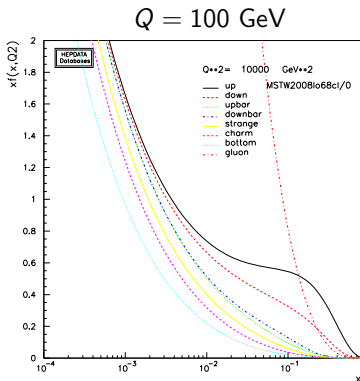
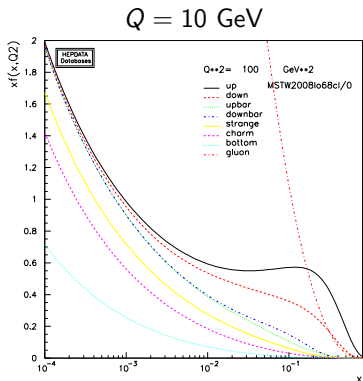
$$\sigma_{g+h} + \sigma_{V+h} \simeq \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \underbrace{\int_0^{Q^2} \frac{dk_t^2}{k_t^2}}_{\text{infinite}} \underbrace{\int_0^1 \frac{dz}{1-z} [\sigma_h(zp) - \sigma_h(p)]}_{\text{finite}}$$

regulate the singularity in the k_t integral by μ_F , the factorization scale
absorb the singularity into redefined, scale dependent, PDFs

Factorization into hard and soft component (resummed in PDFs)

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

- emissions with $k_t \lesssim \mu_F$ implicitly included in PDFs
- emissions with $k_t \gtrsim \mu_F$ described by the hard process
- change of PDFs wrt to μ_F covered by perturbative QCD, calculable [in analogy to the renormalization scale, μ_R]
 \rightsquigarrow only need to extract PDFs at some non-perturbative input scale
- typically we identify μ_F with the inherent process scale, Q



- current PDF sets extracted from DIS, $p\bar{p}$ & fixed target data
- only since very recently first LHC data gets included in fits
- much, much more to come over the next years

perturbative QCD gets us quite far

multiple gluon emission & jets

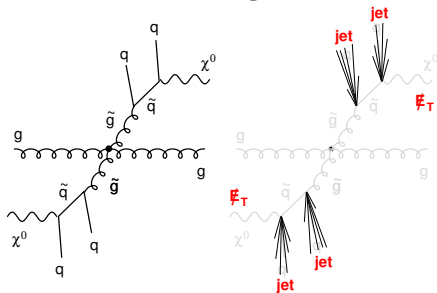
- we can calculate multiple gluon emissions efficiently
- resummation of leading higher-order terms [parton shower]
- giving rise to internal structure of jets
- proper jet definition allows to consistently use jets
 - in fixed-order calculations
 - after parton showering
 - including hadronization corrections

The hadron-hadron cross section

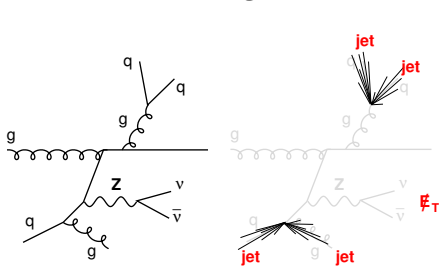
- factorization of soft and hard component
- hard kernel convoluted with non-perturbative PDFs
- need to be extracted from data
- PDFs scale dependent, evolution described by pQCD

Search for New Physics in a busy QCD environment

SUSY Signal



SM Background



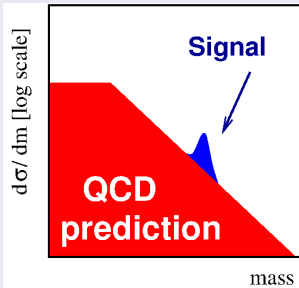
- identify relevant/measurable signatures
 - ↪ largest cross sections for color-charged particles
- find selection criteria to enhance signal over SM background [$S/B \sim 1$]
 - ↪ many hard jets, isolated leptons/photons, large \cancel{E}_T
 - ↪ might need to focus on rare decays, e.g. $h \rightarrow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

What does discovery look like?

Searching for New Physics in collision experiments

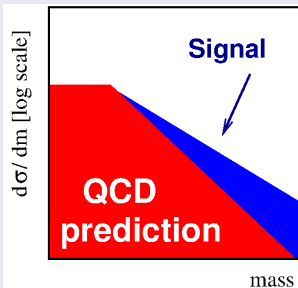
Find excess of events over the Standard Model expectation

mass peak



- fully reconstructed resonance, e.g. new gauge boson Z'
- simple invariant mass variable
- ↪ largely background independent

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

The theory challenge

Precise SM predictions

&

Flexible New Physics simulations

Monte Carlo Event Generators

- **Hard interaction**

exact matrix elements $|\mathcal{M}|^2$

- **QCD bremsstrahlung**

parton showers in the **initial** and **final** state

- **Multiple Interactions**

beyond factorization: modelling

- **Hadronization**

non-perturbative QCD: modelling

- **Hadron Decays**

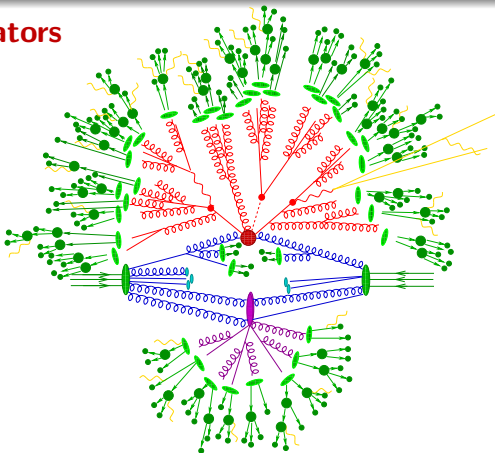
phase space or effective theories

⇒ **stochastic simulation of pseudo data**

⇒ **fully exclusive hadronic final states**

⇒ **direct comparison with experimental data**, e.g. ATLAS, CMS, LHCb, DØ, CDF

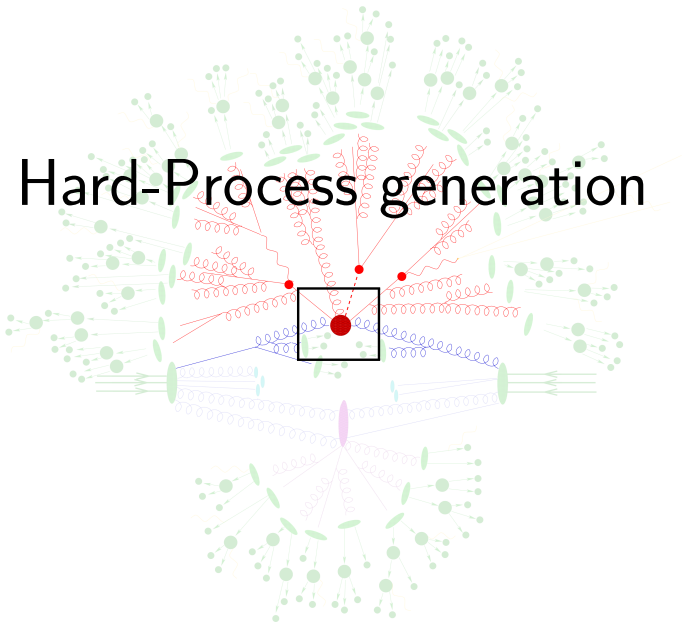
modulo detector simulation



Pythia, Herwig, Sherpa

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

Hard-Process generation



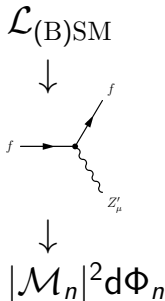
$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow X_n} = \sum_{ab} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_b(x_2, \mu_F^2) |\mathcal{M}_{ab \rightarrow X_n}|^2 d\Phi_n$$

generic features

- high-dimensional phase space $\dim[\Phi_n] = 3n - 4$
- $|\mathcal{M}_{ab \rightarrow X_n}|^2$ wildly fluctuating over Φ_n
- steep parton densities [parametrization]

state-of-the-art

- tree-level fully automated [up to $2 \rightarrow 8 - 10$]
 - 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 first $2 \rightarrow 5$ results available
- ↪ automation of one-loop calculations within reach



Hard Processes at Next-to-Leading Order QCD

Anatomy of NLO QCD calculations [in dim. regularization $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$]

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



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

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

- subtraction terms yield local approximation for the real emission process
- describe the amplitude in the soft & collinear limits [$1/\epsilon$ 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- & color correlations \leftarrow

\rightarrow universal dipole terms

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The emerging picture: a fully differential NLO calculation

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Monte-Carlo codes

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

One-Loop codes

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

some recent NLO calculations by the year:

2009 $W + 3\text{jets}, t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$

2010 $W + 4\text{jets}, Z + 3\text{jets}$

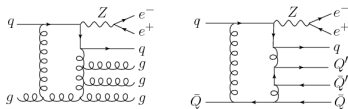
2011 $Z + 4\text{jets}, t\bar{t} + 2\text{jets}, b\bar{b}b\bar{b}, WW + 2\text{jets}, 4\text{jets}$

2012 $\gamma + 3\text{jets}$

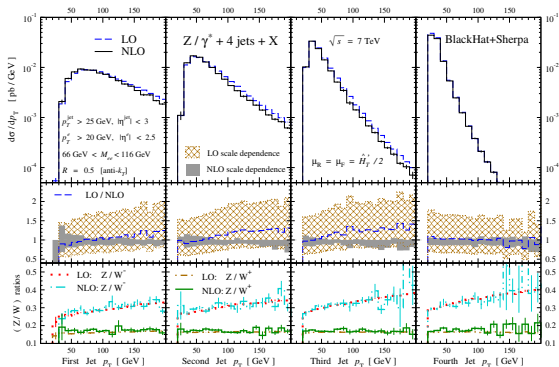
Hard Processes at Next-to-Leading Order QCD

BLACKHAT+SHERPA: $Z + 4$ jets LHC predictions [Ita et al. Phys. Rev. D **85** (2012) 031501]

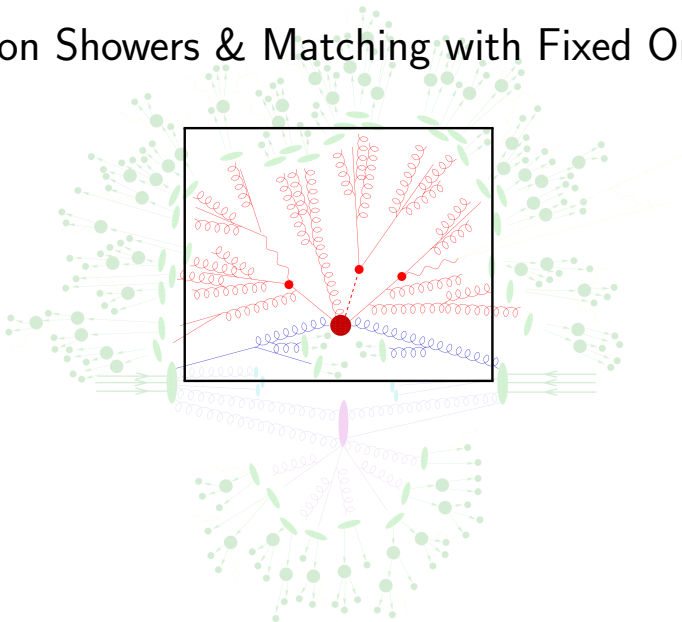
- include one-loop virtual & real emission corrections, e.g.



→ reduced scale uncertainties in cross sections & differential distributions



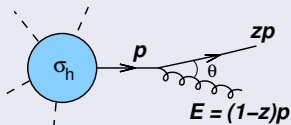
Parton Showers & Matching with Fixed Order



Approximating multi-parton production

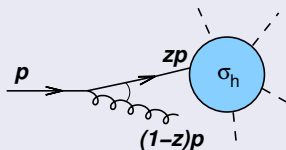
n -parton cross section dominated by soft and/or collinear emissions

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



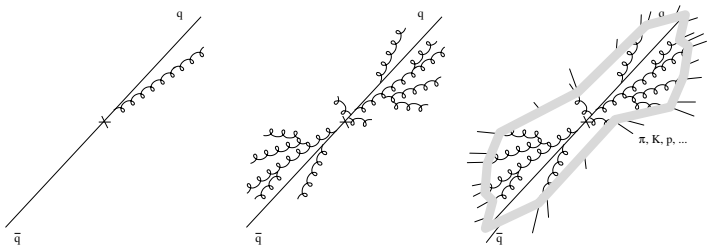
$$\sigma_{g+h}(p) \simeq \sigma_h(zp) \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dz}{1-z} \frac{dk_t^2}{k_t^2}$$

- valid when the gluon is much lower in energy than the emitter, i.e. $z \lesssim 1$
- emission angle θ ($k_t \simeq E\theta$) is much smaller than the angle between the emitter and any other parton in the event [angular ordering, color coherence]

↪ lends itself into simulation: parton shower of subsequent emissions

Approximating multi-parton production

The QCD Parton Shower picture

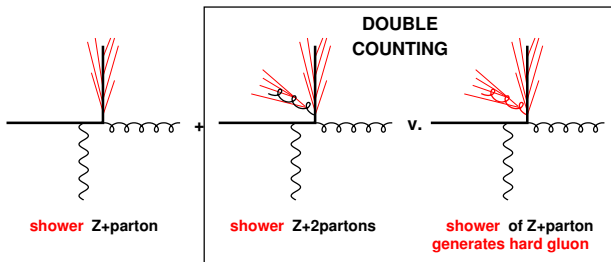


- construct explicitly the initial- & final-state partons history/fate
- successive branching of incoming and outgoing legs
 - ↪ exclusive partonic final states
- evolve parton ensemble from high- to low scale $Q_0 \sim \mathcal{O}(1\text{GeV}^2)$
 - ↪ link the hard process to universal hadronization 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

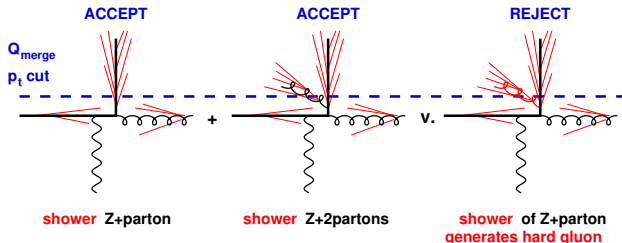
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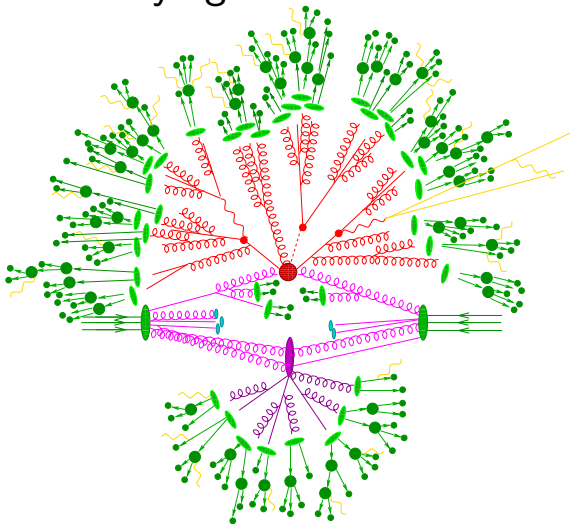
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\rightsquigarrow the new standards for LHC event generation [Alwall et al. Eur. Phys. J. C **53** (2008) 473]

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

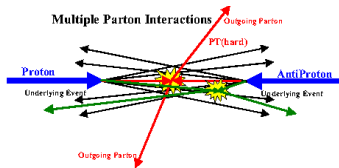
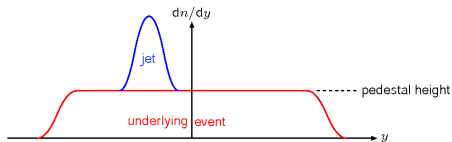
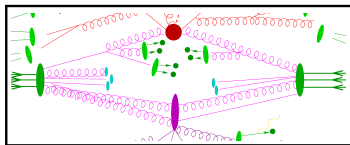
Leaving the perturbative ground: The Underlying Event & Hadronization



The Underlying Event: remnant-remnant interactions

Definition: An attempt

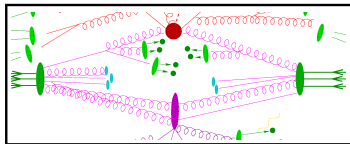
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Beyond factorization: Multiple-Parton Interactions

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{QCD}}^{2\rightarrow 2}(p_{T,\text{min}}^2) &= \int_{p_{T,\text{min}}^2}^{s/4} dp_T^2 \frac{d\sigma_{\text{QCD}}^{2\rightarrow 2}(p_T^2)}{dp_T^2} \\ &= \int \int \int_{p_{T,\text{min}}^2}^{s/4} dx_a dx_b dp_T^2 f_a(x_a, p_T^2) f_b(x_b, p_T^2) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{\text{QCD}}^{2\rightarrow 2}}{dp_T^2} \sim \frac{\alpha_S^2(p_T^2)}{p_T^4}\end{aligned}$$

→ for low $p_{T,\text{min}}$: $\langle \sigma_{\text{QCD}}^{2\rightarrow 2}(p_{T,\text{min}}^2) / \sigma_{pp}^{\text{ND}} \rangle > 1 = \langle n \rangle$

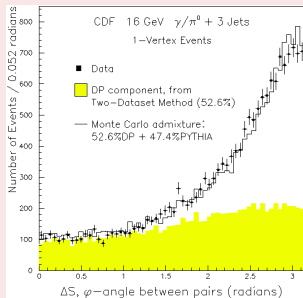
→ there might be many interactions per event $\mathcal{P}_n = \frac{\langle n \rangle^n}{n!} e^{-\langle n \rangle}$

→ strong dependence on cut-off $p_{T,\text{min}}$ → **energy dependent!**

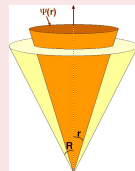
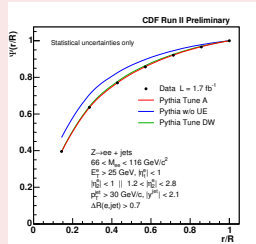
Experimental Evidence

direct: DPS in $\gamma + 3\text{jets}$

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



indirect: jet shapes



Multiple Interactions: A simple model

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

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

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

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

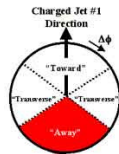
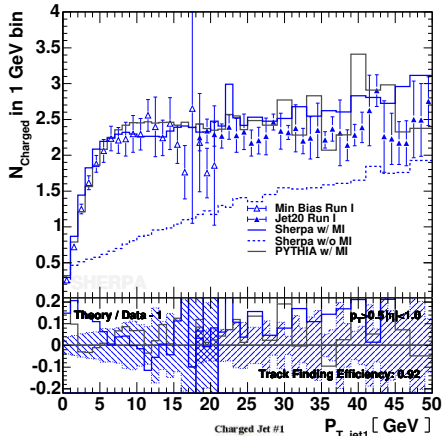
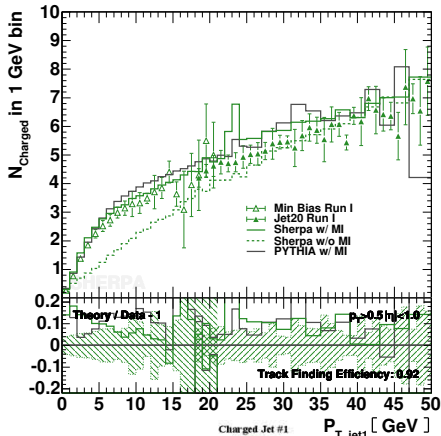
$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{QCD}^{2 \rightarrow 2}}{dp_{\perp}^2} \rightarrow \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{QCD}^{2 \rightarrow 2}}{dp_{\perp}^2} \times \frac{p_{\perp}^4}{(p_{\perp}^2 + p_{\perp 0}^2)^2} \frac{\alpha_S^2(p_{\perp}^2 + p_{\perp 0}^2)}{\alpha_S^2(p_{\perp}^2)} \quad [\text{parameter } p_{T,0} \approx 2 \text{ GeV}]$$

further features

- impact parameter dependence [typically double Gaussian]
- ↪ central collisions more active, \mathcal{P}_n broader than Poissonian
- use rescaled PDFs taking into account used up momentum
- ↪ \mathcal{P}_n narrower than Poissonian
- attach parton showers/hadronization

The Underlying Event: comparison to Tevatron data

N_{charged} vs. $p_{\perp, \text{jet}1}$ in different $\Delta\phi$ regions w.r.t the leading jet



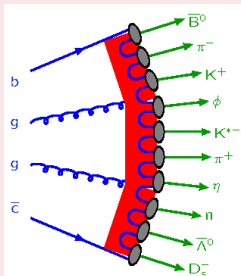
From partons to hadrons: Hadronization Models

Objectives: dynamical hadronization 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

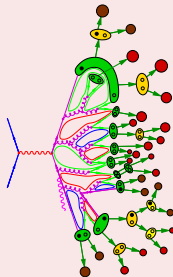
Lund string fragmentation

implemented in PYTHIA



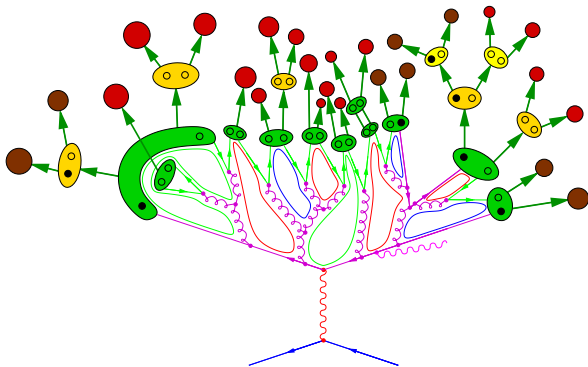
Cluster-hadronization model

implemented in HERWIG & SHERPA



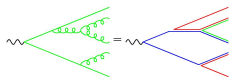
From partons to hadrons: Cluster-Hadronization Model

- Cluster-formation model
- Cluster-decay model



features

- **preconfinement** [colour neighboring partons after shower close in phase space]
- **parametrization of primary-hadron generation**
- **locality and universality**



From partons to hadrons: Cluster-Formation Model

Parton shower ends up with colour-ordered parton list

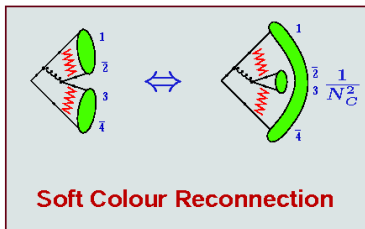
➔ Parton masses

➔ constituent masses

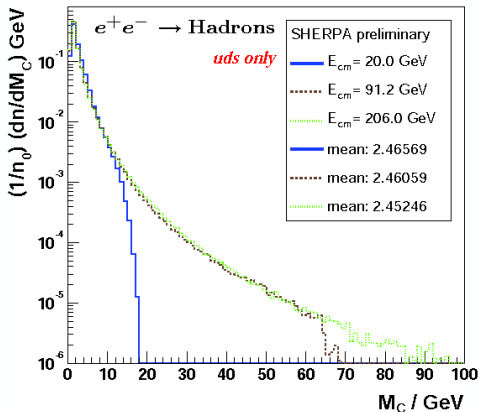
➔ Enforced gluon splitting

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

➔ White clusters formed



Primary cluster mass distribution with CRM

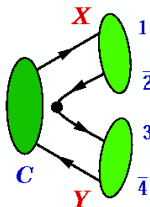


↔ independent of cm energy of the hard process

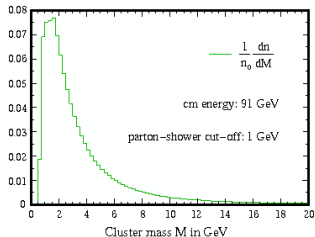
From partons to hadrons: Cluster-Decay Model

Ansatz: Cluster mass \Rightarrow transition type

- M_C in hadron regime
 \rightarrow 1-body decay $C \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$
- else 2-body decay $C \rightarrow \mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y}$
 - determine M_X & M_Y
 - select channel
 - $C \rightarrow CC$ / $C \rightarrow HH$
 - $C \rightarrow CH/HC$

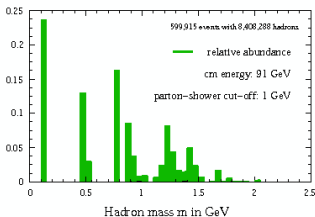


Cluster mass distribution



kinematics \Downarrow flavour content

Hadron mass spectrum



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

particle multiplicities: HERWIG++

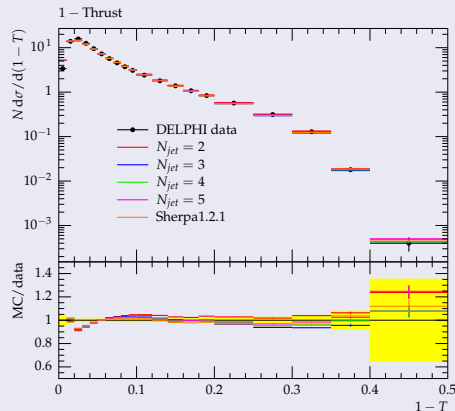
[Gieseke et al. JHEP **0402** (2004) 005]

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

event shapes: SHERPA

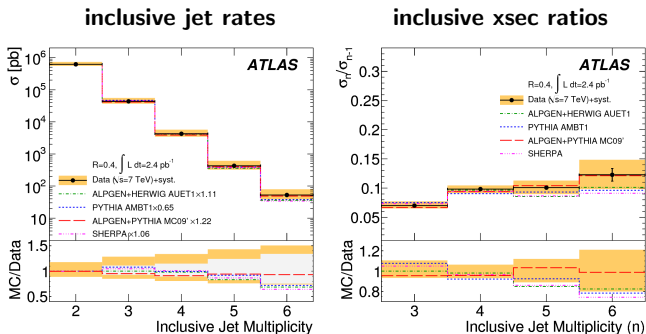
[Sherpa unpublished]

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



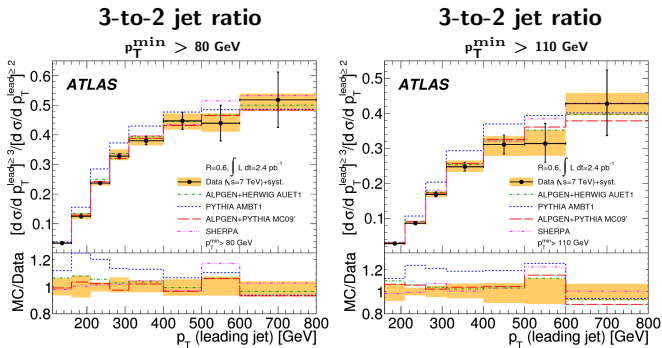
QCD at TeV energies

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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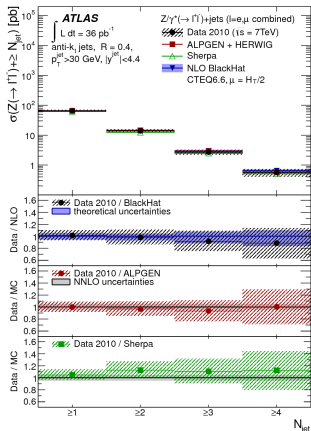


- ↪ more differential observables can discriminate calculations
- ↪ matrix-element based approaches superior for high- p_T jets

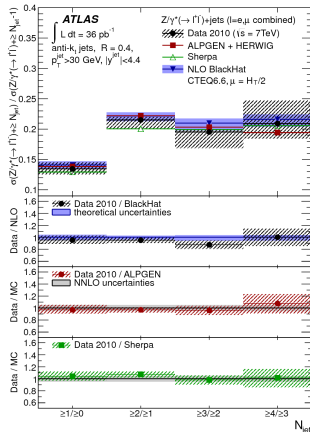
Direct multijet production @ LHC

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

inclusive jet rates



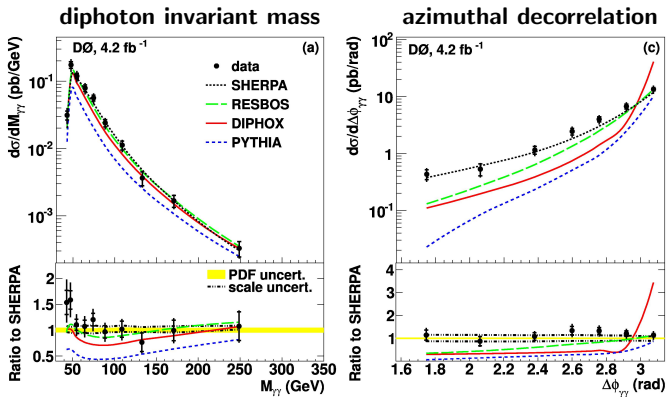
inclusive xsec ratios



'Indirect' multijet sensitivity @ Tevatron

Diphoton analysis of $D\bar{O}$ [V. M. Abazov *et al.* Phys. Lett. B 690]

latest plots: <http://www-d0.fnal.gov/Run2Physics/WWW/results/final/QCD/Q10B/>

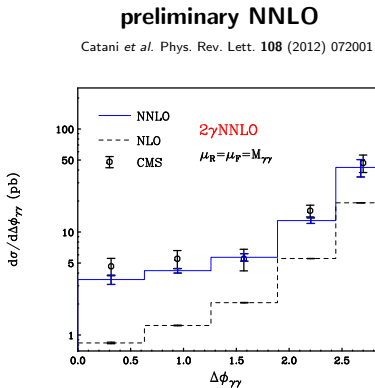
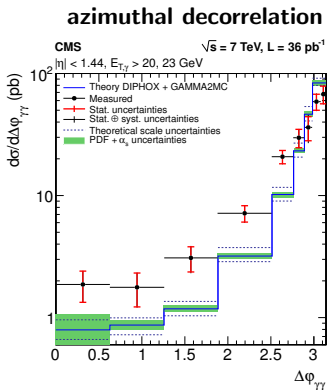


↪ sophisticated QED \oplus QCD matching algorithm [Höche, S., Siebert Phys. Rev. D 81 (2010) 034026]

↪ high-multiplicity matrix elements crucial to describe data

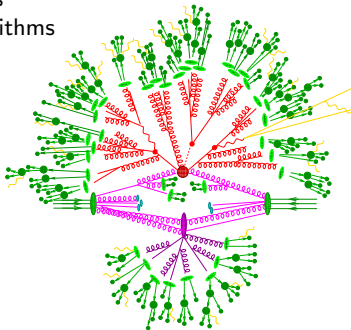
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Diphoton analysis of CMS [S. Chatrchyan *et al.* JHEP 1201 (2012) 133]



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