

Aspen Winter Conference 2009 – The Year of the Ox

(towards)

Theoretical Understanding of Quantum
Chromodynamics at Hadron Colliders



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Overview

Disclaimer: gory details
not possible in 25 mins!

► Calculating Collider Observables

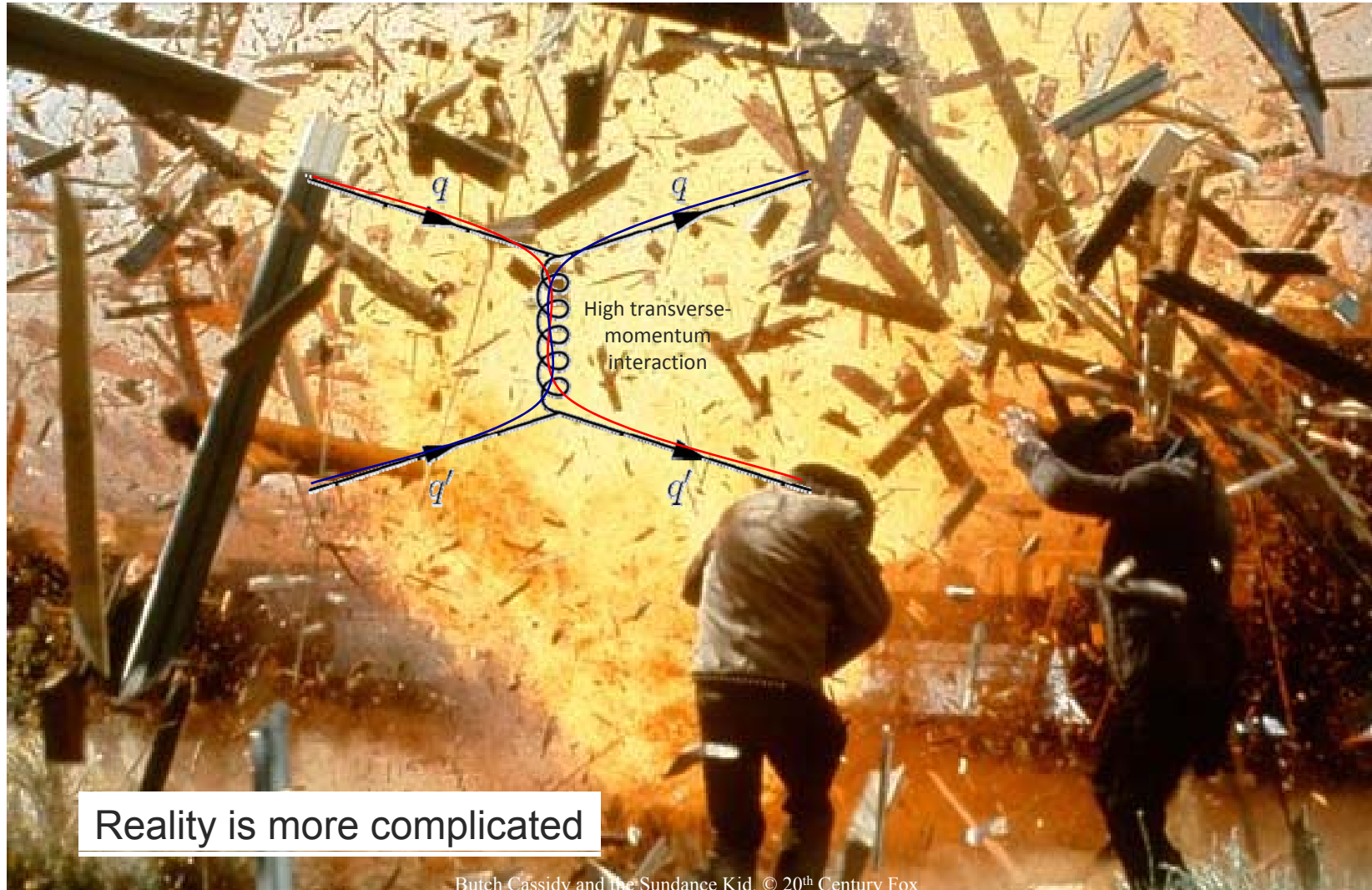
- Three Ways to High Precision

► The Road to High Precision for Everyone

- What we want
 - High precision: model constraints + window to higher scales
- What we got
- How to get what we want
 - No alternative: **solve QCD**

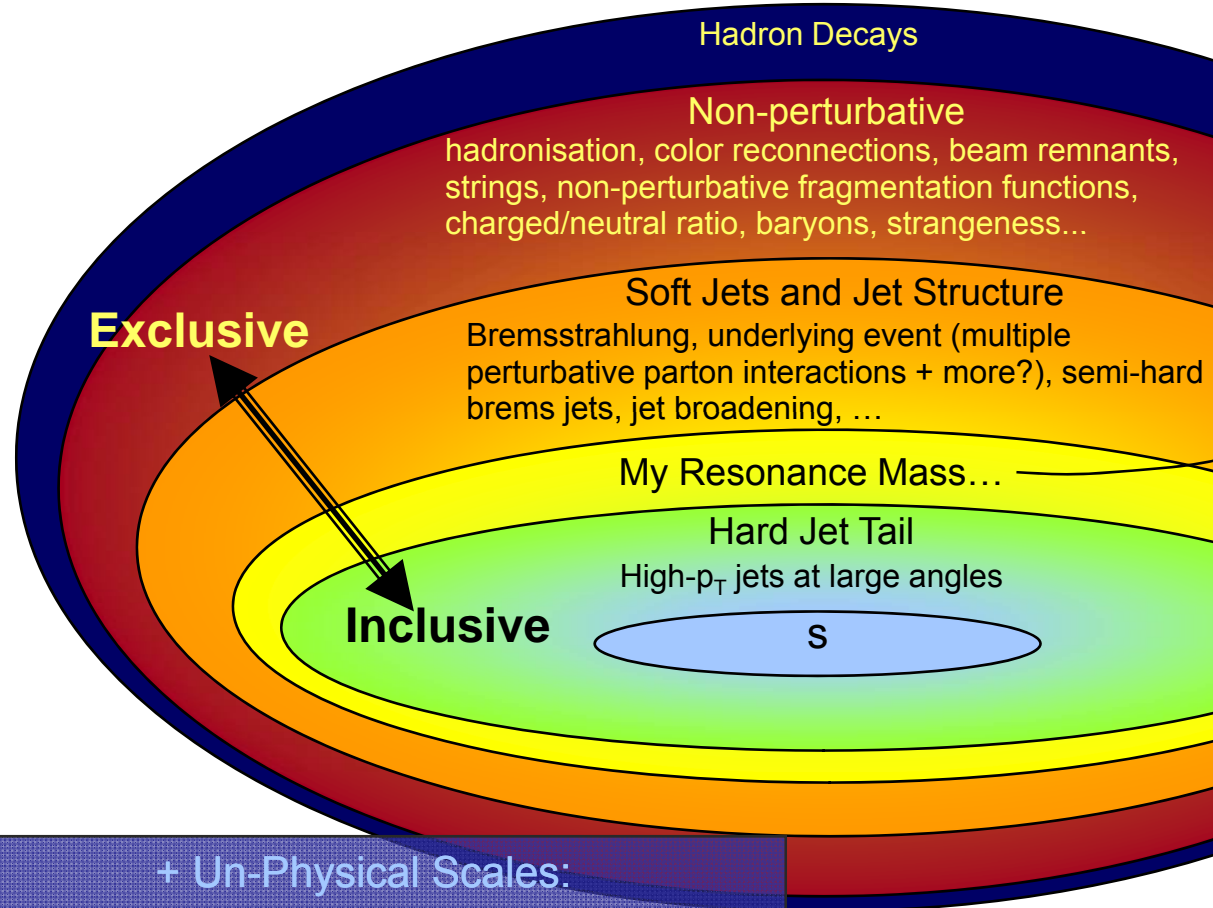


Calculating Collider Observables



Factorization, Infrared Safety, and Unitarity

► Not the title of a book you'd read?



These Things Are Your Friends

- IR Safety: guarantees non-perturbative (NP) corrections suppressed by powers of NP scale
- Factorization: allows you to sum inclusively over junk you don't know how to calculate
- Unitarity: allows you to estimate things you don't know from things you know (e.g., loop singularities = - tree ones; $P(\text{fragmentation}) = 1, \dots$)

+ Un-Physical Scales:

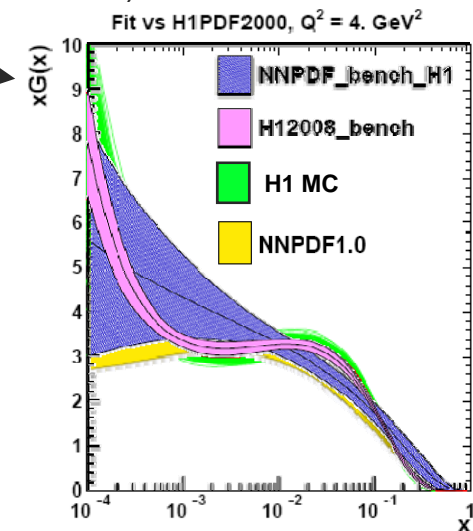
- Q_F, Q_R : Factorization(s) & Renormalization(s)
- Q_E : Evolution(s)



The Way of the Chicken

► Who needs QCD? I'll use leptons

- Sum inclusively over all QCD
 - Leptons almost IR safe by definition
 - WIMP-type DM, Z' , EWSB \rightarrow may get some leptons
- Beams = hadrons for next decade (RHIC / Tevatron / LHC)
 - At least need **well-understood PDFs**
 - High precision = **higher orders** \rightarrow enter QCD
- Isolation \rightarrow indirect sensitivity to dirt
- Fakes \rightarrow indirect sensitivity to dirt
- **Not everything gives leptons**
 - Need to be a lucky chicken ...



► The unlucky chicken

- Put all its eggs in one basket and didn't solve QCD

Summary of Hera-LHC Workshop: Parton Distributions
Ball et al; Feltesse, Glazov, Radescu; 0901.2504 [hep-ph]



The Way of the Fox

► I'll use semi-inclusive observables

- Sum inclusively over the worst parts of QCD

- Still need to be friends with IR safety → **jet algs**

- **FASTJET** Cacciari, Salam, Soyez: JHEP 0804(2008)063
Cone → “anti-kT” ~ IR safe cone

- Beams = hadrons for next decade (RHIC / Tevatron / LHC)

- Still need **well-understood PDFs**

- High precision = **more higher orders** → **more QCD**

- **Large hierarchies** ($s, m_1, m_2, p_{Tjet1}, p_{Tjet2}, \dots$) → **Careful !**

- **Huge enhancements** caused by leaps towards classical limit

- Perturbative series “blows up” → cannot truncate at any fixed order

- For 600 GeV particles, **a 100 GeV jet can be “soft”** ← Alwall, de Visscher, Maltoni: JHEP 0902(2009)017

- Use infinite-order **approximations** = parton showers

- Only “LL” → not highly precise + only good when **everything** is hierarchical

- Need to combine with explicit matrix elements → **matching** (more later)

- Still, non-factorizable + non-pert corrections set **an ultimate limit**



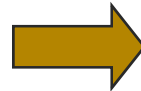
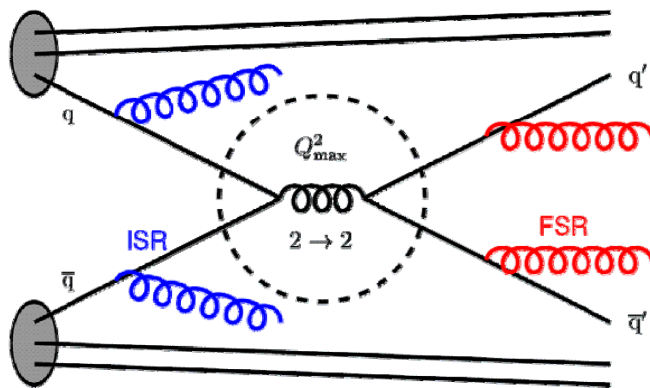
Now Hadronize This



Simulation from
D. B. Leinweber, hep-lat/0004025
gluon action density: $2.4 \times 2.4 \times 3.6$ fm

Triplet
Anti-Triplet

The Way of the Ox



► Calculate Everything: **solve QCD** → requires compromise

- Improve Born-level perturbation theory, by including the ‘most significant’ corrections → complete events → any observable you want

1. *Parton Showers*

2. *Matching*

3. *Hadronisation*

4. *The Underlying Event*



1. *Soft/Collinear Logarithms*

2. *Finite Terms, “K”-factors*

3. *Power Corrections (more if not IR safe)*

4. ?

(+ many other ingredients: resonance decays, beam remnants, Bose-Einstein, ...)

Asking for complete events is a tall order ...



Classic Example: Number of tracks

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

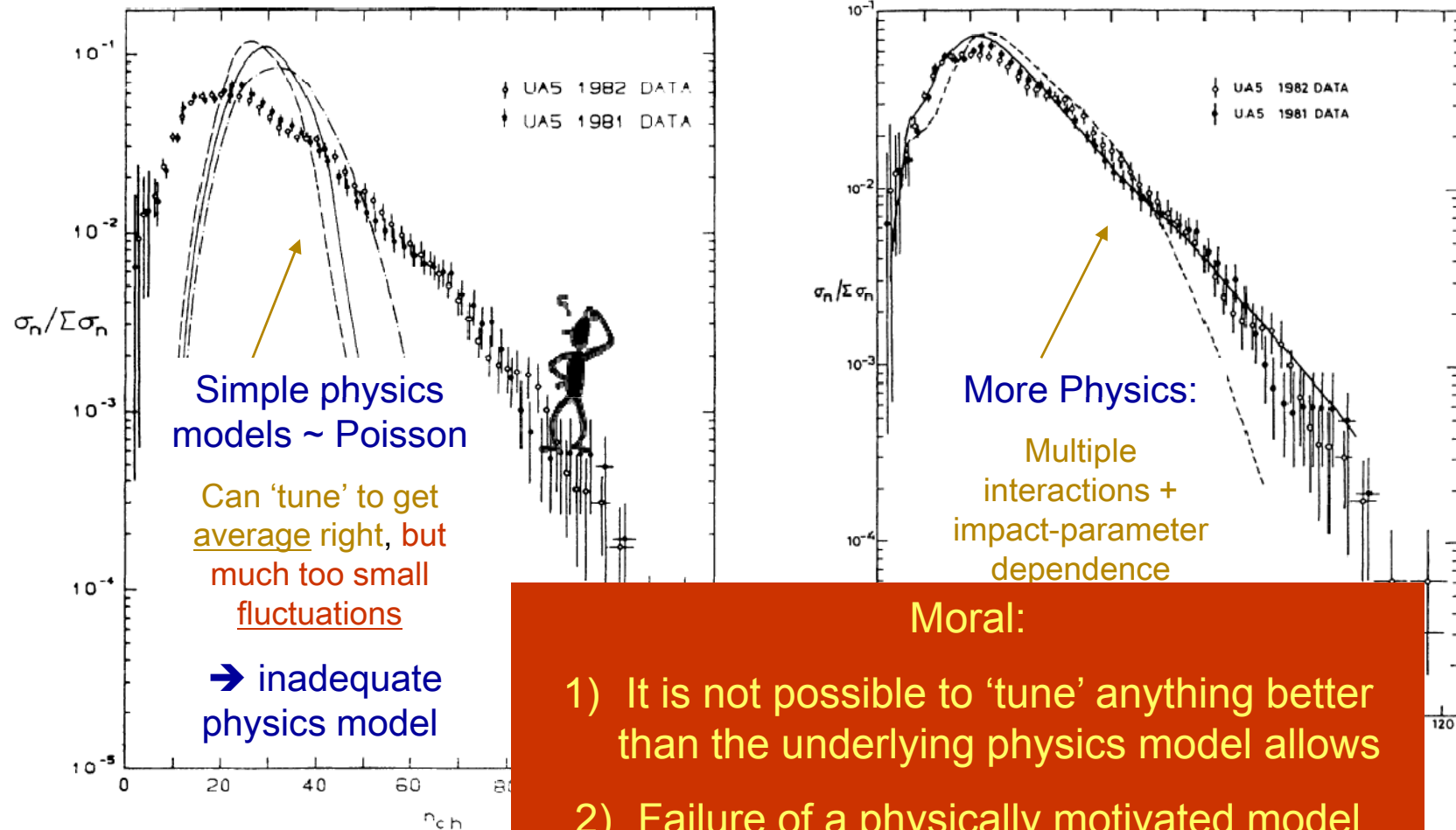


FIG. 3. Charged-multiplicity distribution results (Ref. 32) vs simple models: dashed including hard scatterings, dash-dotted also in final-state radiation.

Moral:

- 1) It is not possible to 'tune' anything better than the underlying physics model allows
- 2) Failure of a physically motivated model usually points to more physics (interesting)
- 3) Failure of a fit not as interesting

540 GeV, UA5
variable im-
tribution;



What We Want & What We Got

► Generate Events, Evaluate Observables

PS: Parton Shower (LL)
LL: Leading Log (∞ order)
LO: Leading Order

- SM benchmarks: **(N)NLO**
Mostly: $K \times LO + LO$ jets up to matched order + PS jets
[MC@NLO, POWHEG: **NLO** + PS jets (no further matching)]
- SM + jets, BSM (+ jets): **(N)LO**
Generic NLO/NNLO matching now being discussed
Lavesson, Lönnblad: JHEP 0812(2008)070
Giele, Kosower, PS: PRD78(2008)014026
- NLL resummations of multiple emissions
LL showers with array of “NLL effects”
NLLJET: e^+e^- : Kato and Munehisa, CPC64(1991)67
- Theory of the Underlying Event (will return to later)
Phenomenological Models
Multiple Parton Interactions
- Systematically improvable non-perturbative models
Phenomenological Models
Non-interacting Clusters \leftrightarrow Strings
 - (Includes non-perturbative BSM, e.g., hidden-valley)
- Complete Evaluation of Remaining Uncertainties
“Herwig \div Pythia” (+ MAX/MIN)
 - Monte Carlos with Uncertainty Bands



The Matching Game

- ▶ $[X]_{ME}$ + shower **already contains** $\text{sing}_{LL} \{ [X + n \text{ jet}]_{ME} \}$
 - So we really just missed some finite bits, not the entire ME!
 - Adding full $[X + n \text{ jet}]_{ME} = \text{overkill} \rightarrow$ LL singular terms would be double-counted



Solution 1: “Additive” (most widespread)

Seymour, CPC90(1995)95
+ many more recent ...

- Work out the difference and correct by *that amount*
- \rightarrow add compensating $[X + n \text{ jet}]_{ME}$ events, with double-counting subtracted out

$$w_n = [X + n \text{ jet}]_{ME} - \text{Shower}\{w_{n-1,2,3,..}\}$$

- WITH phase space cuts (“matching scale”): Herwig, CKKW, MLM, ARIADNE
- WITHOUT phase space cuts: MC@NLO (but only 1 jet + has negative weights)



Solution 2: “Multiplicative”

Sjöstrand, Bengtsson : Nuc Phys B289(1987)810; PLB185(1987)435
+ one or two more recent ...

- Work out the ratio between PS and ME \rightarrow multiply PS by that ratio (< 1 if PS $>$ ME)

$$P_n = [X + n \text{ jet}]_{ME} / \text{Shower}\{[X+n-1 \text{ jet}]_{ME}\}$$

- Positive weights, auto-unweighting, no matching scale, exponentiates, **idiot proof**
 - At LO: Pythia (only 1 jet but has positive weights)
 - At NLO: POWHEG (only 1 jet but has positive weights)
 - VINCIA/GeNeVa: generalized to multijets, now aiming for NNLO (+ NLL) (+ uncertainty bands)



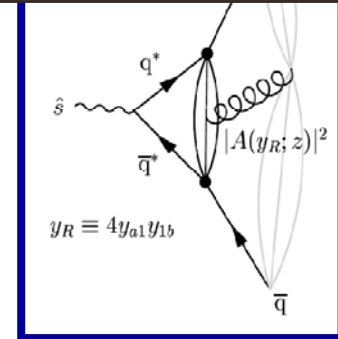
NLO with Addition

Multiplication at this order
 → $\alpha, \beta = 0$ (POWHEG)

► First Order Shower expansion

PS $\int d\Phi_2 |M_2^{(0)}|^2 \int_{Q_{\text{had}}^2}^s \frac{d\Phi_3}{d\Phi_2} A_{q\bar{q}}(\dots) \delta(\mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}(\{p\}_3))$

Unitarity of shower → 3-parton real = ÷ 2-parton “virtual”



► 3-parton real correction ($A_3 = |M_3|^2/|M_2|^2 + \text{finite terms}; \alpha, \beta$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_3^{(R)} &= |M_3^{(0)}|^2 - \left(A_3^0(\dots) + \frac{4\pi\alpha_s \hat{C}_F}{s} \left(\alpha + \beta \frac{s_{ar} + s_{rb}}{s} \right) \right) |M_2^{(0)}|^2 \\
 &= -\frac{4\pi\alpha_s \hat{C}_F}{s} \left(\alpha + \beta \frac{s_{ar} + s_{rb}}{s} \right) |M_2^{(0)}|^2 \quad \Rightarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

Finite terms cancel in 3-parton \mathcal{O}

► 2-parton virtual correction (same example)

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_2^{(V)} &= 2\text{Re} [M_2^{(1)} M_2^{(0)*}] + |M_2^{(0)}|^2 \int_0^s \frac{d\Phi_3}{d\Phi_2} A_{q\bar{q}}(\dots) + \int_0^{Q_{\text{had}}^2} \frac{d\Phi_3}{d\Phi_2} w_3^{(R)} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha_s \hat{C}_F}{2\pi} \left(2I_{q\bar{q}}^{(1)}(\epsilon, s) - 4 - 2I_{q\bar{q}}^{(1)}(\epsilon, s) + \frac{19 + \alpha + \frac{2}{3}\beta}{4} \right) |M_2^{(0)}|^2 \\
 &= \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\alpha + \frac{2}{3}\beta \right) \right) |M_2^{(0)}|^2 \quad \Rightarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

Finite terms cancel in 2-parton \mathcal{O} (normalization)



Controlling the Calculation

▶ In a matched shower calculation, there are many dependencies on things not traditionally found in matrix-element calculations:

▶ The final answer will depend on:

- The choice of shower evolution “time”
- The splitting functions (finite terms not fixed)
- The phase space map (“recoils”, $d\Phi_{n+1}/d\Phi_n$)
- The renormalization scheme (vertex-by-vertex argument of α_s)
- The infrared cutoff contour (hadronization cutoff)
- Matching prescription and matching scales

Variations →

Comprehensive uncertainty estimates

(showers with uncertainty bands)

Matching to MEs (& NⁿLL?) →

Reduced Dependence

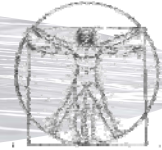
(systematic reduction of uncertainty)





VINICIA

VIRTUAL NUMERICAL COLLIDER WITH INTERLEAVED ANTENNAE



Gustafson, PLB175(1986)453; Lönnblad (ARIADNE), CPC71(1992)15.
Azimov, Dokshitzer, Khoze, Troyan, PLB165B(1985)147
Kosower PRD57(1998)5410; Campbell, Cullen, Glover EPJC9(1999)245

► Based on Dipole-Antennae

- Shower off color-connected pairs of partons
- Plug-in to PYTHIA 8 (C++)

► So far:

• Choice of evolution time:

- pT-ordering
- Dipole-mass-ordering
- Thrust-ordering

• Splitting functions

- QCD + arbitrary finite terms (Taylor)

• Phase space map

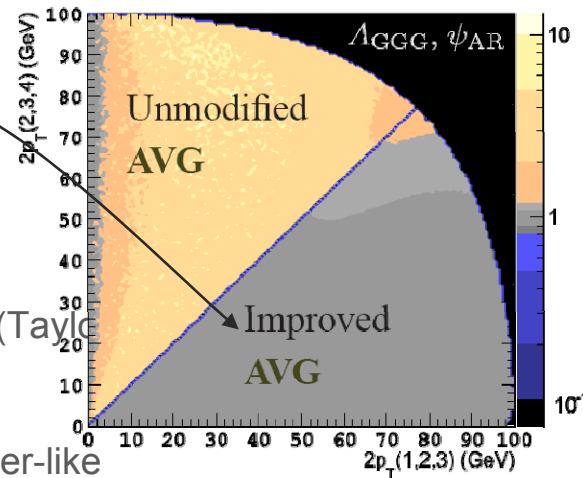
- Antenna-like or Parton-shower-like

• Renormalization scheme ($\mu_R = \{\text{evolution scale, } p_T, s, \text{ 2-loop, ...}\}$)

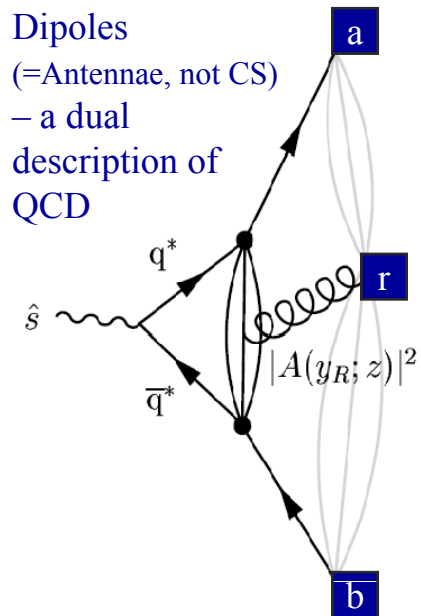
• Infrared cutoff contour (hadronization cutoff)

- Same options as for evolution time, but independent of time → universal choice

Comparison of pure shower to **second-order** matrix elements



Dipoles
(=Antennae, not CS)
– a dual
description of
QCD



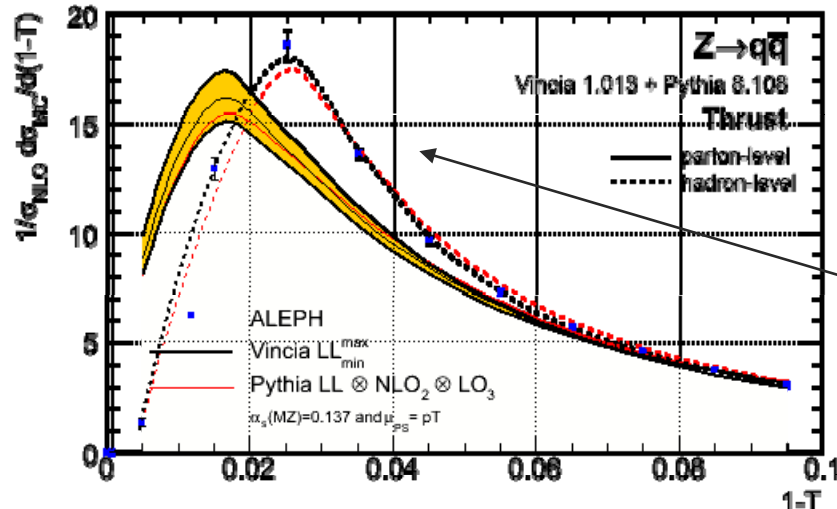
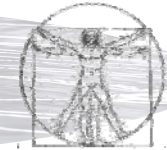
PS: ask about
Dokshitzer-
Marchesini,
please ... ☺

Giele, Kosower, PS: PRD78(2008)014026 + Les Houches 'NLM' 2007



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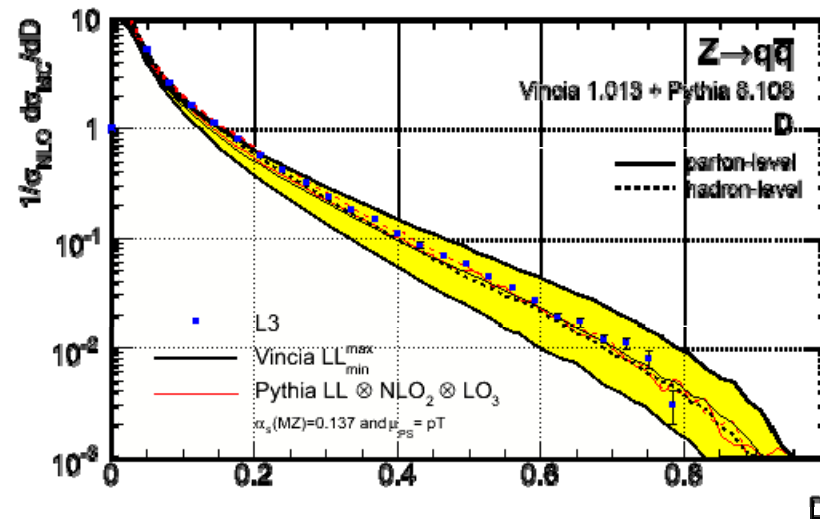
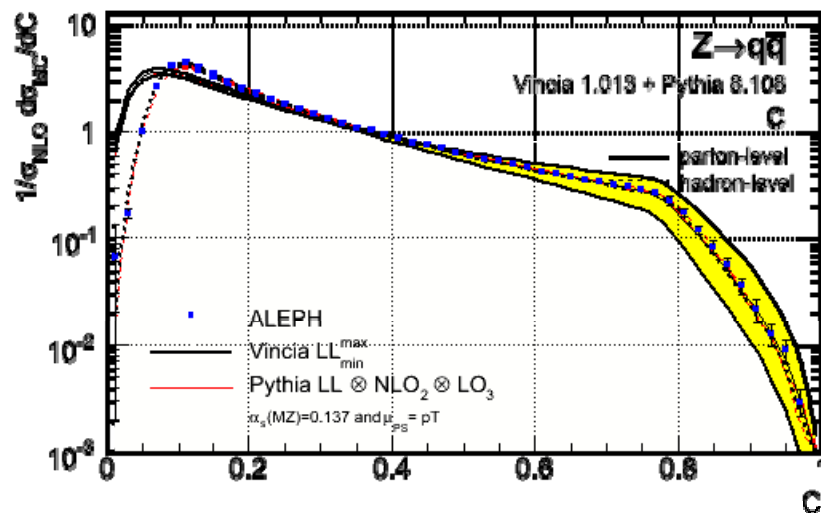


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- evolution variable, kinematics maps, radiation functions, renormalization choice, matching strategy (here just varying splitting functions)

► At Pure LL,

- can definitely see a non-perturbative correction, but hard to precisely constrain it

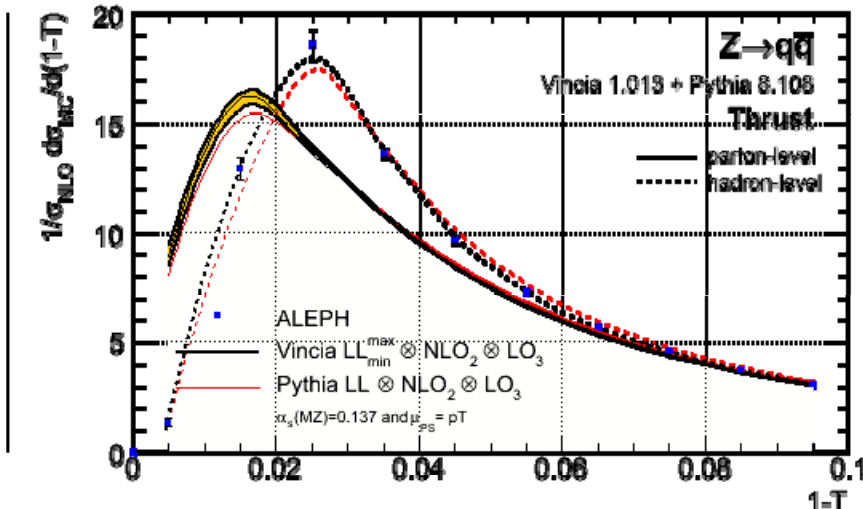
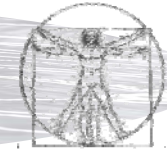


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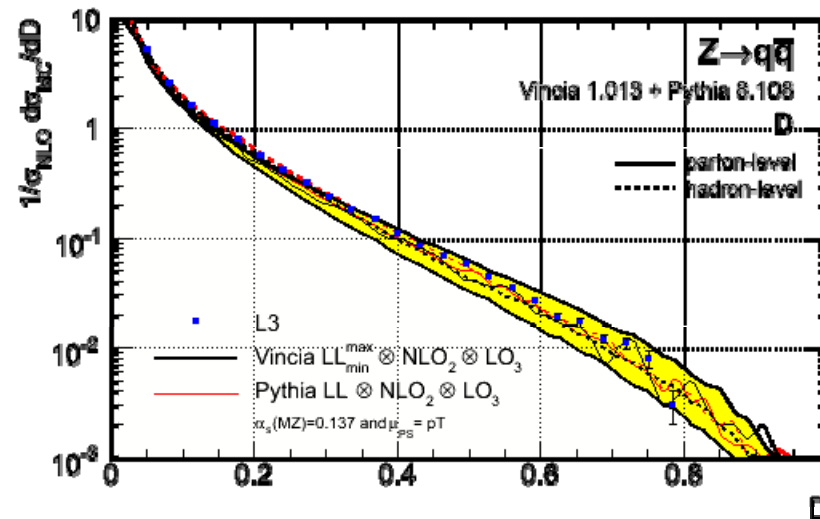
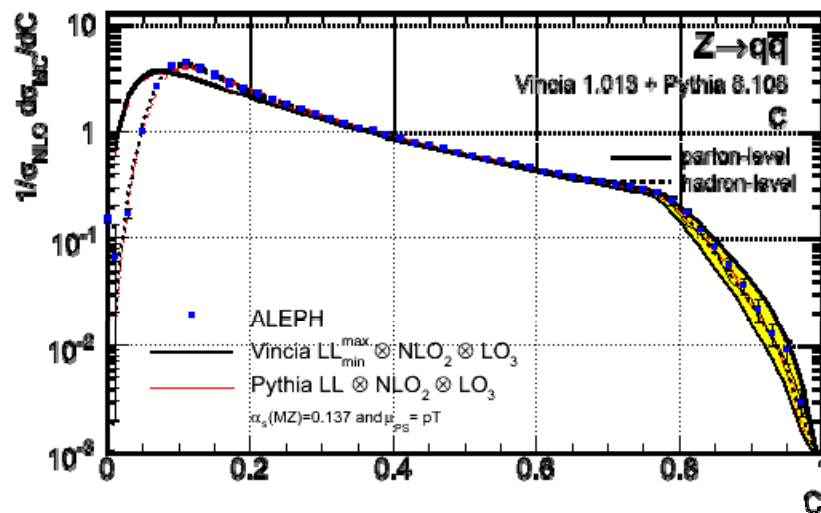


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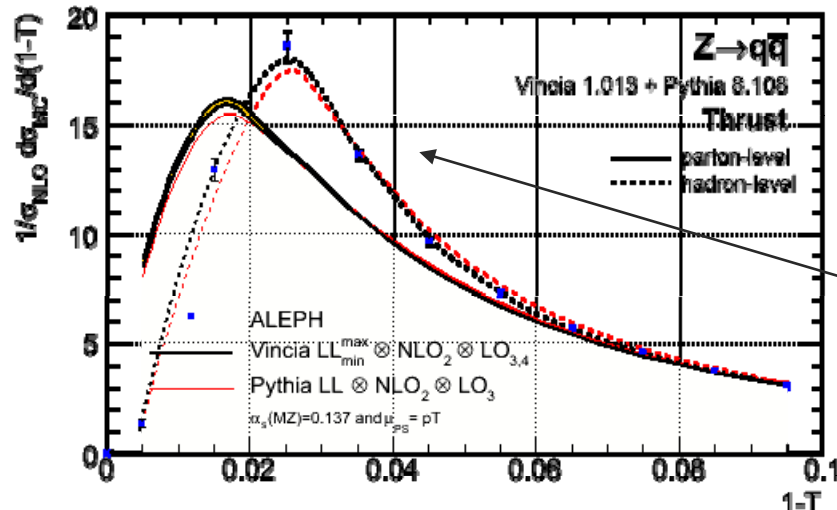
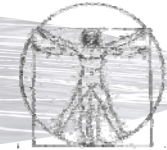


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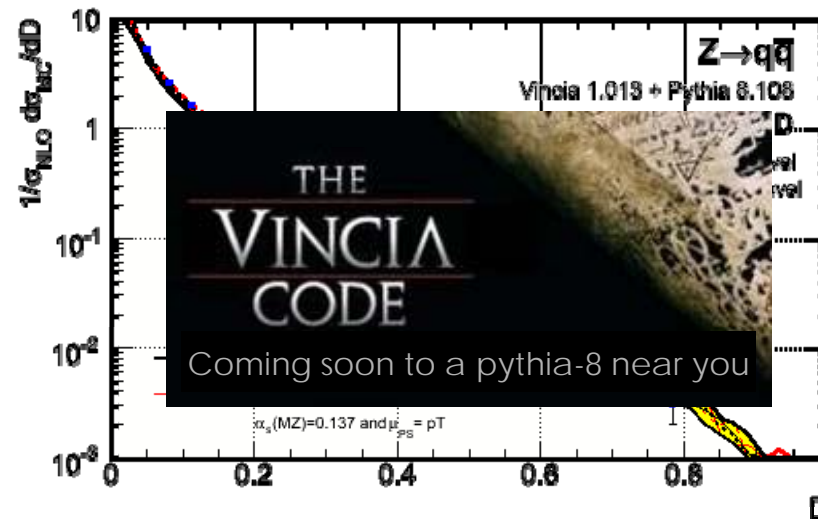
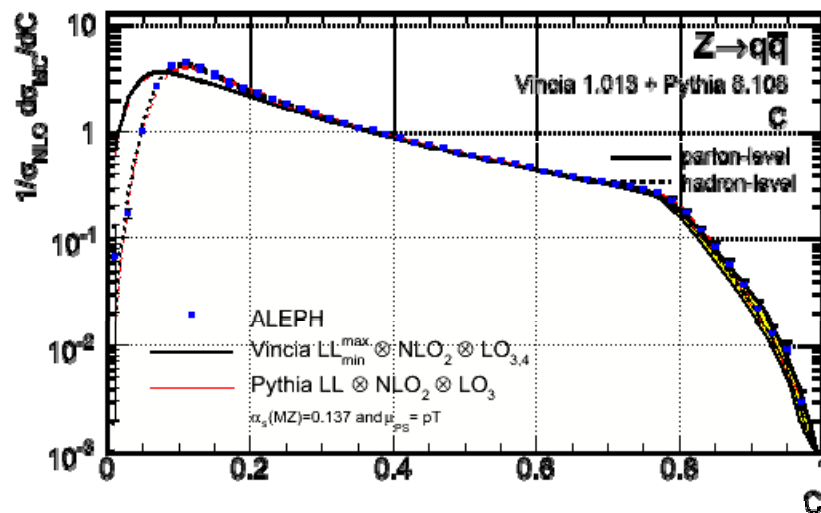
► Can vary

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► After 2nd order matching

- ➔ Non-pert part can be precisely constrained.

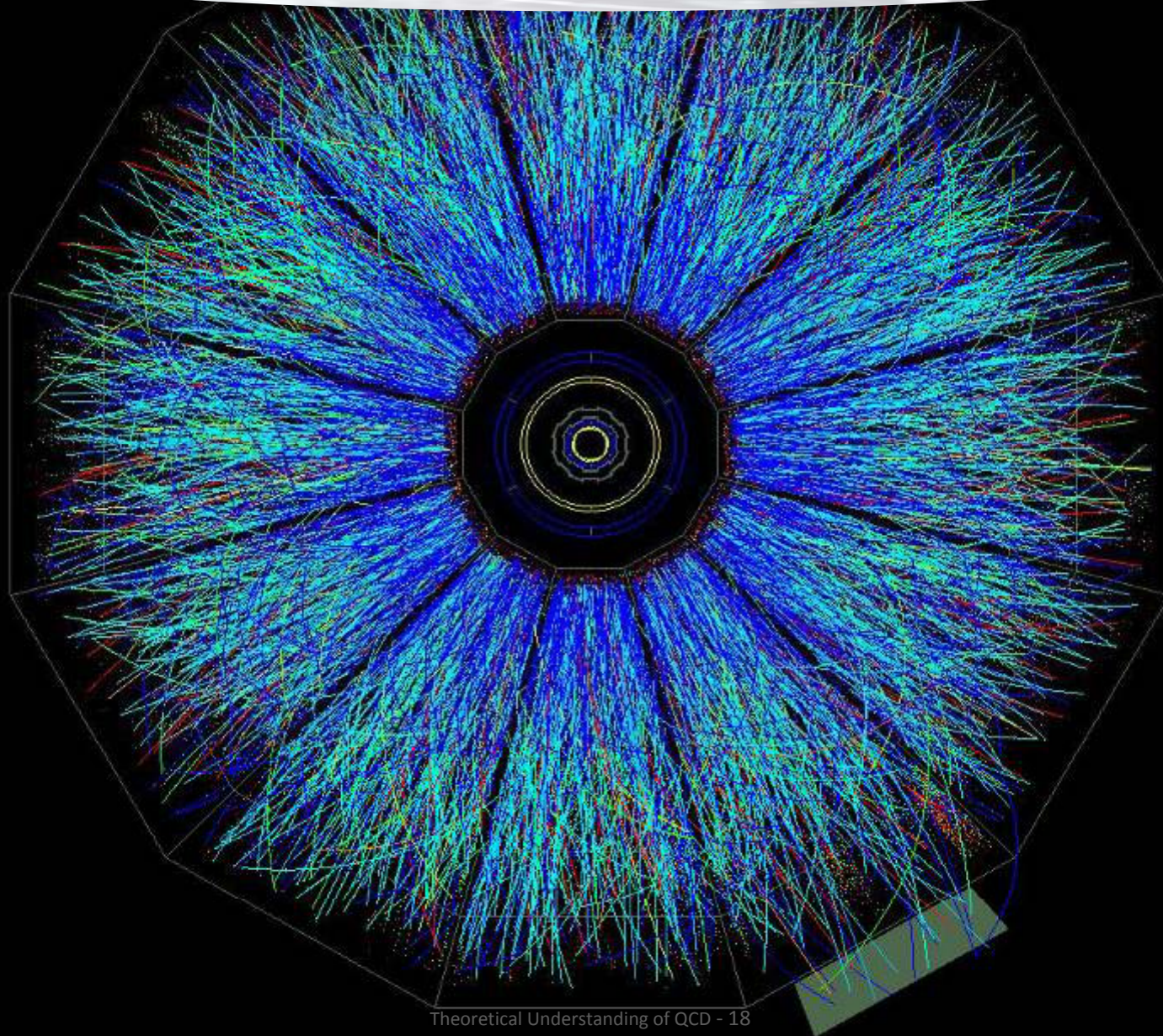
(will need 2nd order logs as well for full variation)



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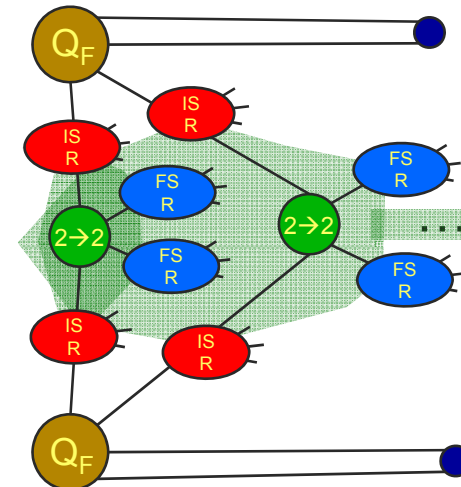
The Underlying Event



Particle Production

► Starting point: matrix element + parton shower

- hard parton-parton scattering
 - (normally $2 \rightarrow 2$ in MC)
- + bremsstrahlung associated with it
 - $\rightarrow 2 \rightarrow n$ in (improved) LL approximation



► But hadrons are not elementary

► + QCD diverges at low p_T

→ multiple perturbative parton-parton collisions

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

► No factorization theorem

→ Herwig++, Pythia, Sherpa: MPI models

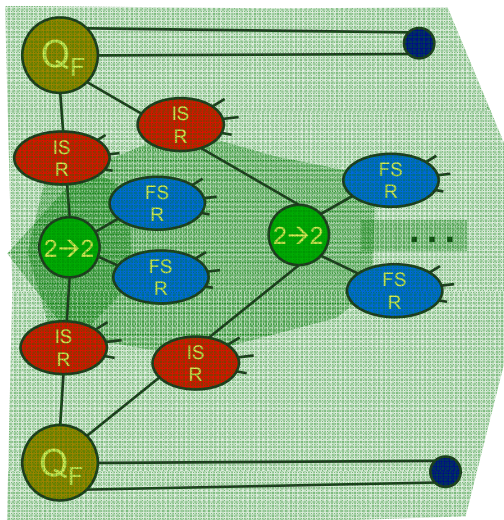
Note:
Can take
 $Q_F \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$



Additional Sources of Particle Production

$Q_F \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
 ME+ISR/FSR
 + perturbative MPI

+
 Stuff at
 $Q_F \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$



Need-to-know issues for IR sensitive quantities (e.g., N_{ch})

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

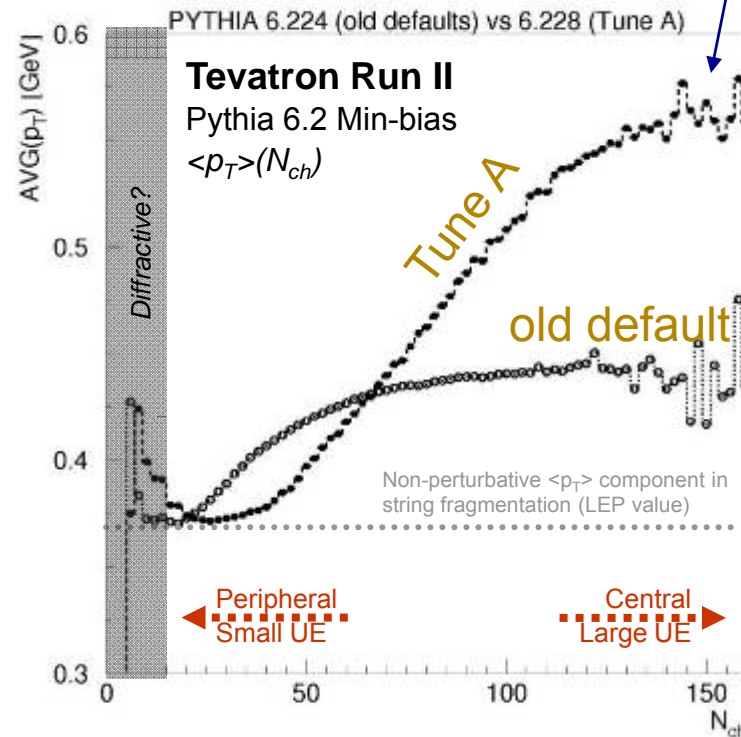


Underlying Event and Color

► Min-bias data at Tevatron showed a surprise

- Charged particle p_T spectra were highly correlated with event multiplicity: **not expected**
- For his 'Tune A', Rick Field noted that a high correlation in color space between the different MPI partons could account for the behavior
- **But needed ~ 100% correlation. So far not explained**
- Virtually all 'tunes' now employ these more 'extreme' correlations
 - But existing models too crude to access detailed physics
- What is their origin? Why are they needed?

Not only more
(charged particles), but
each one is harder



Successful models: string interactions (area law)

PS & D. Wicke : EPJC52(2007)133 ; J. Rathsman : PLB452(1999)364



Conclusions

- ▶ **QCD Phenomenology is in a state of impressive activity**
 - Increasing move from educated guesses to precision science
 - Better matrix element calculators+integrators (+ more user-friendly)
 - Improved parton showers and improved matching
 - Developments in underlying events / minimum bias, towards a theory?
 - Upgrades of hadronization and decays
 - I believe the aim is set: NNLO + NLO multileg + NLL shower MC's
 - To improve further, will need theoretical foundation for UE and hadronization
- ▶ **Early LHC Physics: theory**
 - At 14 TeV, everything is interesting
 - Even if not a dinner Chez Maxim, rediscovering the Standard Model is much more than bread and butter
 - Real possibilities for real surprises
 - It is both essential, and I hope possible, to ensure timely discussions on “non-classified” data, such as min-bias, dijets, Drell-Yan, etc → allow rapid improvements in QCD modeling (beyond simple retunes) after startup





Additional Slides



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(Bremsstrahlung Example: SUSY @ LHC)

► Naively, brems suppressed by $\alpha_s \sim 0.1$

- Truncate at fixed order = LO, NLO, ...
- However, if ME $\gg 1 \rightarrow$ **can't truncate!**

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

► Example: SUSY pair production at 14 TeV, with MSUSY ~ 600 GeV

LHC - sps1a - m \sim 600 GeV

Plehn, Rainwater, PS PLB645(2007)217

FIXED ORDER pQCD	σ_{tot} [pb]	$\tilde{g}\tilde{g}$	$\tilde{u}_L\tilde{g}$	$\tilde{u}_L\tilde{u}_L^*$	$\tilde{u}_L\tilde{u}_L$	TT
$p_{T,j} > 100$ GeV	σ_{0j}	4.83	5.65	0.286	0.502	1.30
inclusive $X + 1$ "jet"	$\rightarrow \sigma_{1j}$	2.89	2.74	0.136	0.145	0.73
inclusive $X + 2$ "jets"	$\rightarrow \sigma_{2j}$	1.09	0.85	0.049	0.039	0.26
$p_{T,j} > 50$ GeV	σ_{0j}	4.83	5.65	0.286	0.502	1.30
	σ_{1j}	5.90	5.37	0.283	0.285	1.50
	σ_{2j}	4.17	3.18	0.179	0.117	1.21

(Computed with SUSY-MadGraph)

Cross section for 1 or more 50-GeV jets larger than total σ , obviously non-sensical

• Conclusion: 100 GeV can be "soft" at the LHC

- Matrix Element (fixed order) expansion breaks completely down at 50 GeV
- With decay jets of order 50 GeV, this is important to understand and control

→ Alwall, de Visscher, Maltoni:
JHEP 0902(2009)017



Monte Carlo at Fixed Order

**High-dimensional problem
(phase space)**

$d \geq 5 \rightarrow$ Monte Carlo integration



“Monte Carlo”: N. Metropolis, first Monte Carlo calculation on ENIAC (1948), basic idea goes back to Enrico Fermi



“Experimental”
distribution of
observable \mathcal{O} in
production of X :

Fixed Order
(all orders)

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{O}} \right|_{\text{ME}} = \sum_{k=0} \int d\Phi_{X+k} \left| \sum_{\ell=0} M_{X+k}^{(\ell)} \right|^2 \delta(\mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}(\{p\}_{X+k}))$$

k : legs

ℓ : loops

$\{p\}$: momenta

Principal virtues

1. Stochastic error $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{N}^{-1/2})$ independent of dimension
2. Full (perturbative) quantum treatment at each order
3. (KLN theorem: finite answer at each (complete) order)

Note 1: For k larger than a few, need to be quite clever in phase space sampling

Note 2: For $k+\ell > 0$, need to be careful in arranging for real-virtual cancellations



Z → 4 Matching by multiplication

► Starting point:

- LL shower w/ large coupling and large finite terms to generate “trial” branchings (“sufficiently” large to over-estimate the full ME).
- Accept branching [i] with a probability

$$\mathcal{P}^{[i]}(\{p\}_4) = \underbrace{\frac{\alpha_s(\mu_{\text{ps}}^{[i]}) A_3^{[i]}(\{p\}_4)}{\hat{\alpha}_s \hat{A}_3^{[i]}(\{p\}_4)}}_{\text{Sjöstrand-Bengtsson term}} + \underbrace{\frac{\alpha_s^2(\mu_{\text{me}})}{\hat{\alpha}_s} \left(\frac{A_4^0(\{p\}_4) - \sum_{[j] \in 4 \rightarrow 3} A_3^{[j]}(\{p\}_4) A_3^{[j]}(\{\hat{p}\}_3^{[j]})}{\sum_{[j] \in 4 \rightarrow 3} \alpha_s(\mu_{\text{ps}}^{[j]}) \hat{A}_3^{[j]}(\{p\}_4) A_3^{[j]}(\{\hat{p}\}_3^{[j]})} \right)}_{\text{2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ order matching term (with 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ order subtracted out)}}$$

► Each point in 4-parton phase space then receives a contribution

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \hat{\alpha}_s \alpha_s(\mu_{\text{ps}}^{[qg]}) \hat{A}_3^{[qg]}(\{p\}_4) A_3^{[q\bar{q}]}(\{\hat{p}^{[qg]}\}_3) \mathcal{P}^{[qg]} + \hat{\alpha}_s \alpha_s(\mu_{\text{ps}}^{[g\bar{q}]}) \hat{A}_3^{[g\bar{q}]}(\{p\}_4) A_3^{[q\bar{q}]}(\{\hat{p}^{[g\bar{q}]}\}_3) \mathcal{P}^{[g\bar{q}]} \\
 & = \alpha_s^2(\mu_{\text{me}}) A_4^0(\{p\}_4) \quad \text{(If you think this looks deceptively easy, you are right)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: to maintain positivity for subleading colour, need to match across 4 events, 2 representing one color ordering, and 2 for the other ordering



The $Z \rightarrow 3$ 1-loop term

► Second order matching term for 3 partons

$$w_3^{(V)} = 2\text{Re} \left[M_3^{(1)} M_3^{(0)*} \right] + |M_3^{(0)}|^2 \left(\int_0^s \frac{d\Phi_3}{d\Phi_2} (A_{qg} S_{qg} + A_{g\bar{q}} S_{g\bar{q}}) \right) + \int_0^{Q_{\text{had}}^2} \frac{d\Phi_4}{d\Phi_3} w_4^{(R)} \\ - w_2^{(V)} A_{q\bar{q}} S_{q\bar{q}} + |M_3^{(0)}|^2 \left(\delta_\alpha + \int_{Q_{E3}^2}^s \frac{d\Phi'_3}{d\Phi_2} (A_{q\bar{q}} S_{q\bar{q}} - (1 - Q_{E3}^2/Q_{E4}^2) (A_{qg} S_{qg} + A_{g\bar{q}} S_{g\bar{q}})) \right)$$

► Additive (S=1) → Ordinary NLO subtraction + shower leftovers

- Shower off $w_2^{(V)}$
- “Coherence” term: difference between 2- and 3-parton (power-suppressed) evolution above Q_{E3} . Explicit Q_E -dependence cancellation.
- δ_α : Difference between alpha used in shower ($\mu = p_T$) and alpha used for matching → Explicit scale choice cancellation
- Integral over $w_4^{(R)}$ in IR region still contains NLL divergences → regulate
- Logs not resummed, so remaining (NLL) logs in $w_3^{(R)}$ also need to be regulated

► Multiplicative : $S = (1+\dots)$ → Modified NLO subtraction + shower leftovers

- $A*S$ contains all logs from tree-level → $w_4^{(R)}$ finite.
- Any remaining logs in $w_3^{(V)}$ cancel against NNLO → NLL resummation if put back in S



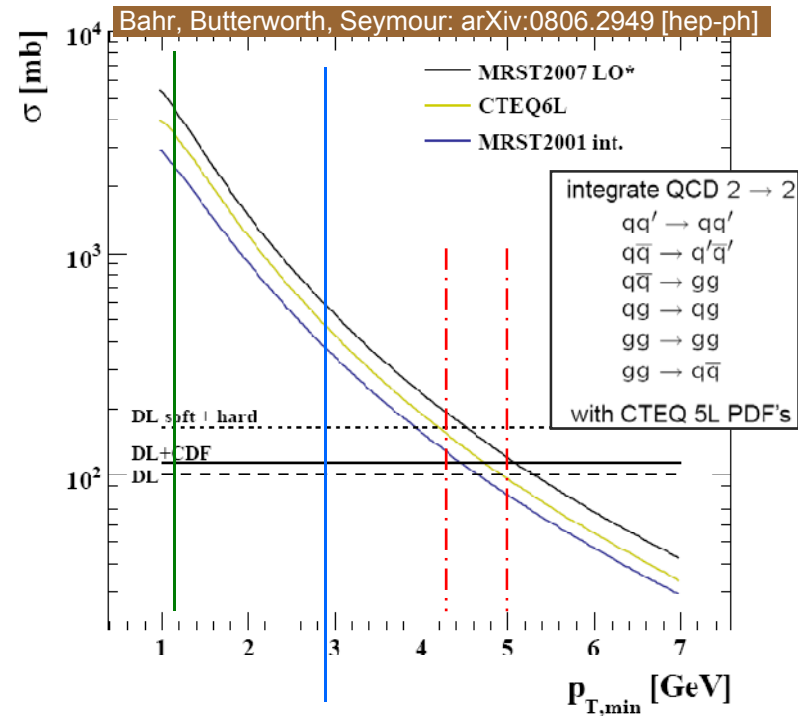
(Why Perturbative MPI?)

► Analogue: Resummation of multiple bremsstrahlung emissions

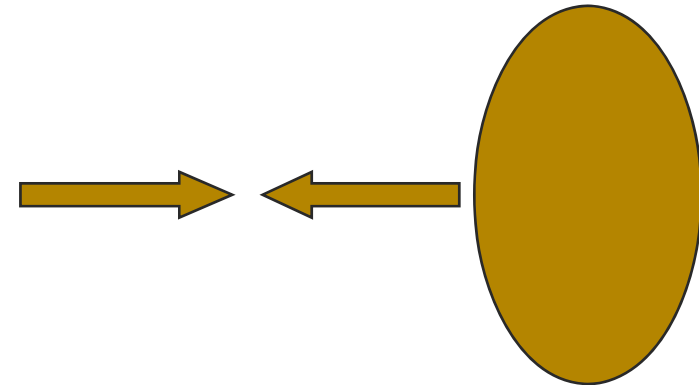
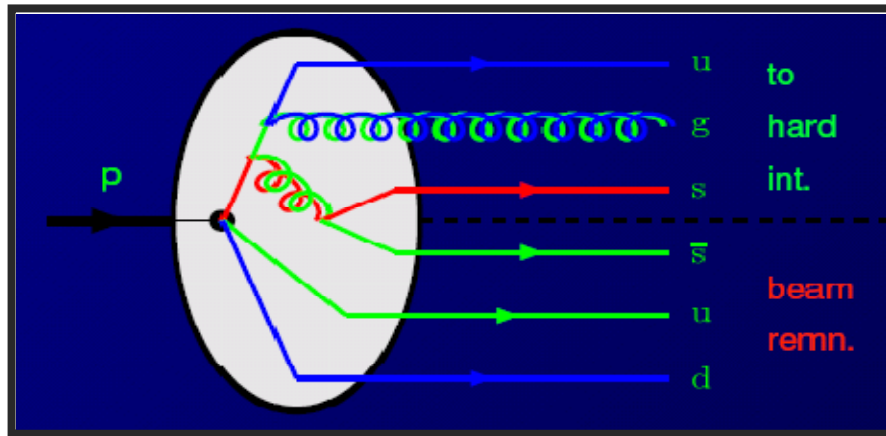
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► (Resummation of) Multiple Perturbative Interactions

- Divergent σ for one interaction (fixed-order)
- Finite σ for divergent number of interactions (infinite-order)
 - N(jets) rendered finite by finite perturbative resolution = color-screening cutoff (E_{cm} -dependent, but large uncert)



What's the problem?



How are the initiators and remnant partons correlated?



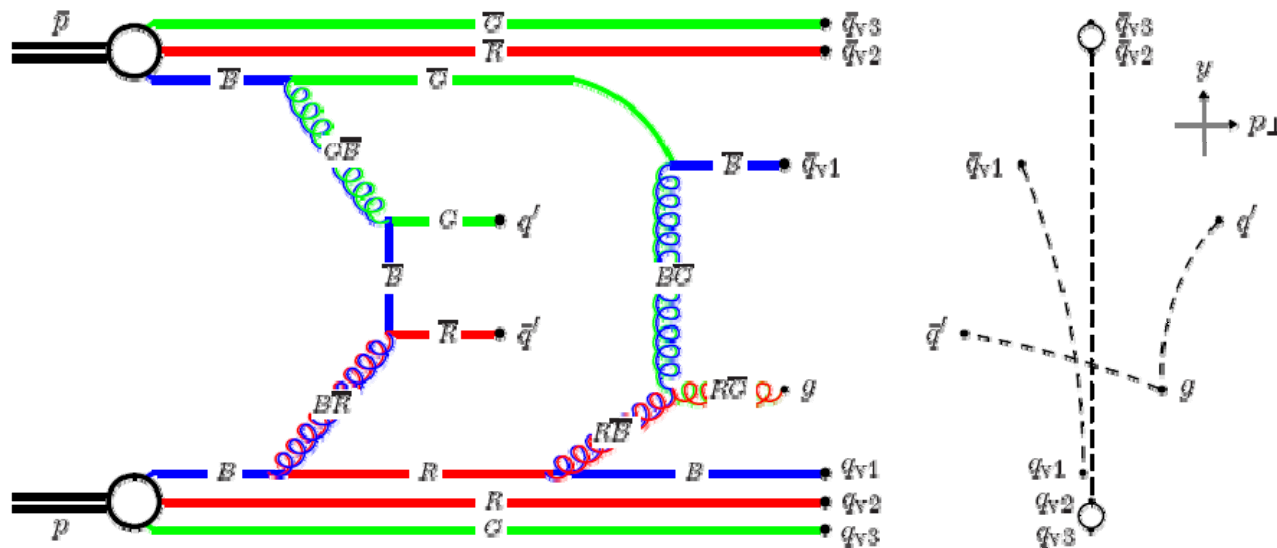
- in impact parameter?
- in flavour?
- in x (longitudinal momentum)?
- in k_T (transverse momentum)?
- in colour (\rightarrow string topologies!)
- What does the beam remnant look like?
- (How) are the showers correlated / intertwined?



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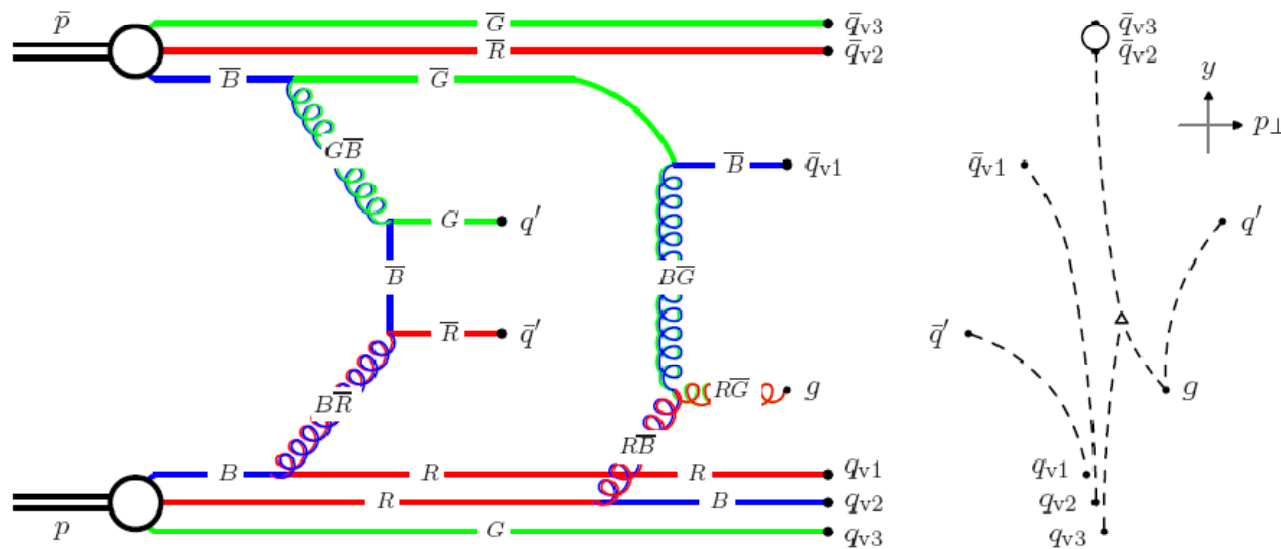
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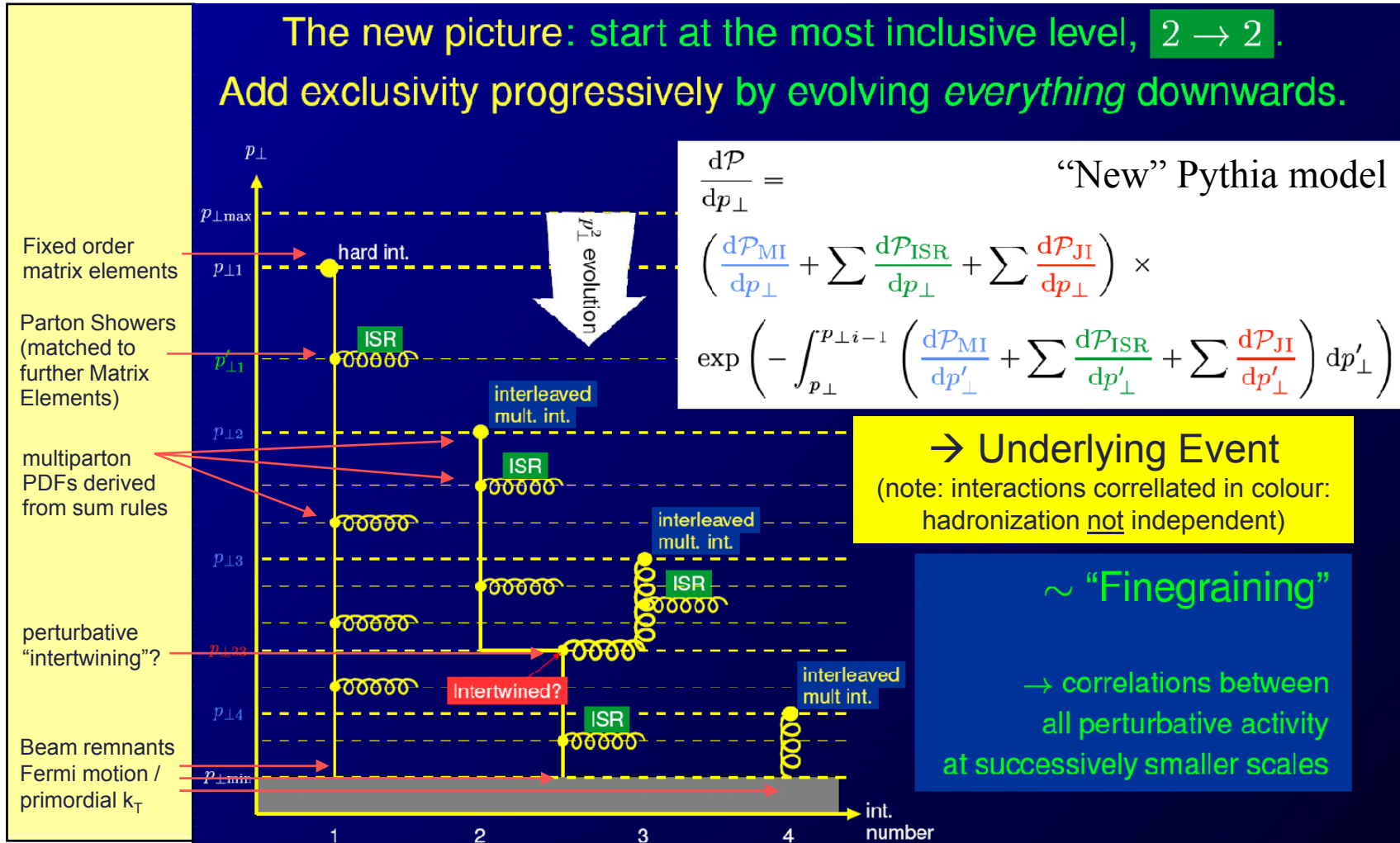


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The Interleaved Idea

The new picture: start at the most inclusive level, $2 \rightarrow 2$.
 Add exclusivity progressively by evolving *everything* downwards.



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

