

# Phenomenology at collider experiments [Part 5: MC generators]

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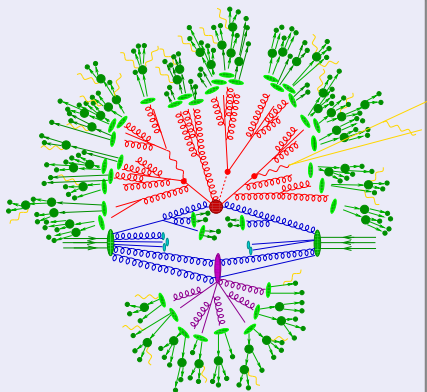
# Simulation's paradigm

## Basic strategy

Divide event into stages, separated by different scales.

- **Signal/background:**  
Exact matrix elements.
- **QCD-Bremsstrahlung:**  
Parton showers (also in *initial state*).
- **Multiple interactions:**  
Beyond factorization: Modeling.
- **Hadronization:**  
Non-perturbative QCD: Modeling.

## Sketch of an event



# Monte Carlo integration

## Convergence of numerical integration

- Consider  $I = \int_0^1 dx^D f(\vec{x})$ .
- Convergence behavior crucial for numerical evaluations.  
For integration ( $N =$  number of evaluations of  $f$ ):
  - Trapezium rule  $\simeq 1/N^{2/D}$
  - Simpson's rule  $\simeq 1/N^{4/D}$
  - Central limit theorem  $\simeq 1/\sqrt{N}$ .
- Therefore: Use central limit theorem.

# Monte Carlo integration

## Monte Carlo integration

- Use random vectors  $\vec{x}_i \longrightarrow$ :  
Evaluate estimate of the integral  $\langle I \rangle$  rather than  $I$ .

$$\langle I(f) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\vec{x}_i).$$

(This is the original meaning of Monte Carlo: Use random numbers for integration.)

- Quality of estimate given by error estimator (variance)

$$\langle E(f) \rangle^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} [\langle I^2(f) \rangle - \langle I(f) \rangle^2].$$

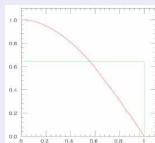
- Name of the game: Minimize  $\langle E(f) \rangle$ .
- Problem: Large fluctuations in integrand  $f$
- Solution: **Smart sampling methods**

# Monte Carlo integration

## Importance sampling

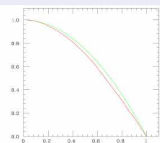
Basic idea: Put more samples in regions, where  $f$  largest  
 $\implies$  improves convergence behavior  
 (corresponds to a Jacobian transformation).

- Assume a function  $g(\vec{x})$  similar to  $f(\vec{x})$ ;
- obviously then,  $f(\vec{x})/g(\vec{x})$  is comparably smooth, hence  $\langle E(f/g) \rangle$  is small.



$$I = \int_0^1 dx \cos \frac{\pi}{2} x$$

$$= 0.637 \pm 0.308/\sqrt{N}$$



$$I = \int_0^1 dx (1-x^2) \frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} x}{1-x^2}$$

$$= \int d\rho \frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} x}{1-x^2} [x(\rho)]$$

$$= 0.637 \pm 0.032/\sqrt{N}$$

# Monte Carlo integration

## Stratified sampling

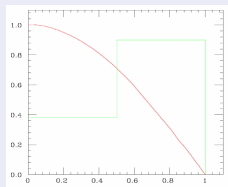
Basic idea: Decompose integral in  $M$  sub-integrals

$$\langle I(f) \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^M \langle I_j(f) \rangle, \quad \langle E(f) \rangle^2 = \sum_{j=1}^M \langle E_j(f) \rangle^2$$

Then: Overall variance smallest, if “equally distributed”.

⇒ **Sample, where the fluctuations are.**

- Divide interval in bins;
- adjust bin-size or weight per bin such that variance identical in all bins.



$$\langle I \rangle = 0.637 \pm 0.147/\sqrt{N}$$

# Monte Carlo integration

## Example for stratified sampling: VEGAS

- Assume  $m$  bins in each dimension of  $\vec{x}$ .
- For each bin  $k$  in each dimension  $\eta \in [1, n]$  assume a **weight (probability)**  $\alpha_k^{(\eta)}$  for  $x_k$  to be in that bin.

Condition(s) on the weights:

$$\alpha_k^{(\eta)} \in [0, 1], \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k^{(\eta)} = 1.$$

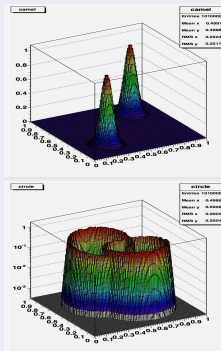
- For each bin in each dimension calculate  $\langle I_k^{(\eta)} \rangle$  and  $\langle E_k^{(\eta)} \rangle$ .

Obviously, for all  $\eta$ ,  $\langle I \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^m \langle I_k^{(\eta)} \rangle$ , but error estimates different.

- In each dimensions, iterate and update the  $\alpha_k^{(\eta)}$ ;  
example for updating:

$$\alpha_k^{(\eta)}(\text{rm new}) \propto \alpha_k^{(\eta)}(\text{rm old}) \left( \frac{E_k^{(\eta)}}{E_{\text{tot.}}^{(\eta)}} \right)^{\kappa}.$$

- Problem with this simple algorithm:  
Gets a hold only on fluctuations  $\parallel$  to binning axes.





# Monte Carlo integration

## Multichannel sampling

Basic idea: Use a sum of functions  $g_i(\vec{x})$  as Jacobian  $g(\vec{x})$ .

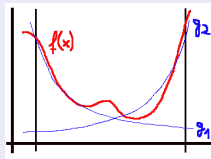
$$\implies g(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i g_i(\vec{x});$$

$\implies$  condition on weights like stratified sampling;

(“Combination” of importance & stratified sampling).

Algorithm for one iteration:

- Select  $g_i$  with probability  $\alpha_i \rightarrow \vec{x}_j$ .
- Calculate total weight  $g(\vec{x}_j)$  and partial weights  $g_i(\vec{x}_j)$
- Add  $f(\vec{x}_j)/g(\vec{x}_j)$  to total result and  $f(\vec{x}_j)/g_i(\vec{x}_j)$  to partial (channel-) results.
- After  $N$  sampling steps, update a-priori weights.



This is the method of choice for parton level event generation!

# Monte Carlo integration

## Selecting after sampling: Unweighting efficiency

Basic idea: Use hit-or-miss method;

Generate  $\vec{x}$  with integration method,

compare actual  $f(\vec{x})$  with maximal value during sampling;

$\implies$  “Unweighted events”.

Comments:

- unweighting efficiency,  $w_{\text{eff}} = \langle f(\vec{x}_j)/f_{\text{max}} \rangle =$  number of trials for each event.
- Good measure for integration performance.
- Expect  $\log_{10} w_{\text{eff}} \approx 3 - 5$  for good integration of multi-particle final states at tree-level.
- Maybe acceptable to use  $f_{\text{max,eff}} = K f_{\text{max}}$  with  $K < 1$ .  
 Problem: what to do with events where  $f(\vec{x}_j)/f_{\text{max,eff}} > 1$ ?  
 Answer: Add  $\text{int}[f(\vec{x}_j)/f_{\text{max,eff}}] = k$  events and perform hit-or-miss on  $f(\vec{x}_j)/f_{\text{max,eff}} - k$ .

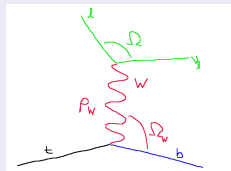
# Monte Carlo integration

## Particle physics example: Evaluation of cross sections

- Simple example:  $t \rightarrow bW^+ \rightarrow b\bar{l}\nu_l$ :

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{8\pi\alpha}{\sin^2\theta_W} \right)^2 \frac{p_t \cdot p_\nu p_b \cdot p_l}{(p_W^2 - M_W^2)^2 + \Gamma_W^2 M_W^2}$$

- Phase space integration (5-dim)
- $$\Gamma = \frac{1}{2m_t} \frac{1}{128\pi^3} \int d^2p_W^2 \frac{d^2\Omega_W}{4\pi} \frac{d^2\Omega}{4\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{p_W^2}{m_t^2} \right) |\mathcal{M}|^2$$



## Advantages

- Throw 5 random numbers, construct four-momenta ( $\implies$  full kinematics, "events")
- Apply **smearing** and/or **arbitrary cuts**.
- Simply **histogram any quantity of interest** - no new calculation for each observable

# Parton level simulations

## Stating the problem(s)

- Multi-particle final states for signals & backgrounds.
- Need to evaluate  $d\sigma_N$ :

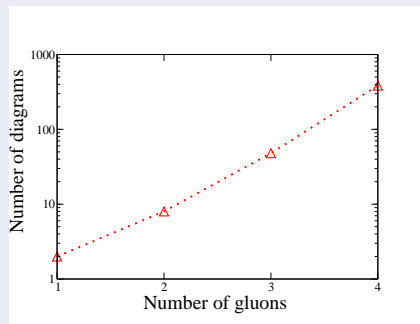
$$\int_{\text{cuts}} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{d^3 q_i}{(2\pi)^3 2E_i} \right] \delta^4 \left( p_1 + p_2 - \sum_i q_i \right) |\mathcal{M}_{p_1 p_2 \rightarrow N}|^2.$$

- Problem 1: Factorial growth of number of amplitudes.
- Problem 2: Complicated phase-space structure.
- Solutions: **Numerical methods.**

# Factorial growth

Example:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q} + ng$

n	#diags
0	1
1	2
2	8
3	48
4	384



# Phase space integration

## Integration methods: Multi-channeling

Basic idea: Translate Feynman diagrams into channels

⇒ decays,  $s$ - and  $t$ -channel props as building blocks.

R.Kleiss and R.Pittau, *Comput. Phys. Commun.* **83** (1994) 141

## Integration methods: “Democratic” methods

- Rambo/Mambo: Flat & isotropic

R.Kleiss, W.J.Stirling and S.D.Ellis, *Comput. Phys. Commun.* **40** (1986) 359;

- HAAG: Follows QCD antenna pattern

A.van Hameren and C.G.Papadopoulos, *Eur. Phys. J. C* **25** (2002) 563.

# Limitations of parton level simulation

## Factorial growth

- ... persists due to the number of color configurations

(e.g.  $(n - 1)!$  permutations for  $n$  external gluons).

- Solution: Sampling over colors,  
but correlations with phase space  
⇒ Best recipe not (yet) found.
- New scheme for color: color dressing

(C.Duhr, S.Hoche and F.Maltoni, JHEP **0608** (2006) 062)

# Limitations of parton level simulation

## Factorial growth

- Off-shell vs. on-shell recursion relations:

Final State	BG		BCF		CSW	
	CO	CD	CO	CD	CO	CD
$2g$	0.24	0.28	0.28	0.33	0.31	0.26
$3g$	0.45	0.48	0.42	0.51	0.57	0.55
$4g$	1.20	1.04	0.84	1.32	1.63	1.75
$5g$	3.78	2.69	2.59	7.26	5.95	5.96
$6g$	14.2	7.19	11.9	59.1	27.8	30.6
$7g$	58.5	23.7	73.6	646	146	195
$8g$	276	82.1	597	8690	919	1890
$9g$	1450	270	5900	127000	6310	29700
$10g$	7960	864	64000	-	48900	-

Time [s] for the evaluation of  $10^4$  phase space points, sampled over helicities & color.



# Limitations of parton level simulation

## Efficient phase space integration

- Main problem: Adaptive multi-channel sampling translates “Feynman diagrams” into integration channels  
     $\implies$  hence subject to growth.
- But it is practical only for 1000-10000 channels.
- Therefore: Need better sampling procedures  $\implies$  open question with little activity.

(Private suspicion: Lack of glamour)

# Limitations of parton level simulation

## General

- Fixed order parton level (LO, NLO, ...) implies fixed multiplicity
- No control over potentially large logs  
(appear when two partons come close to each other).
- Parton level is parton level  
**experimental** definition of observables relies on hadrons.

Therefore: **Need hadron level event generators!**

# Motivation: Why parton showers?

## Some more refined reasons

- Experimental definition of jets based on hadrons.
- But: Hadronization through phenomenological models  
(need to be tuned to data).
- Wanted: Universality of hadronization parameters  
(independence of hard process important).
- Link to fragmentation needed: Model softer radiation  
(inner jet evolution).
- Similar to PDFs (factorization) just the other way around  
(fragmentation functions at low scale,  
parton shower connects high with low scale).
- Practical: In MC's typically start with  $2 \rightarrow 2$  process  
(Further jets from QCD shower)  
(This approximation has been overcome only  $\approx 5$  years ago!)

# Motivation: Why parton showers?

## Common wisdom

- Well-known: **Accelerated charges radiate**
- QED: Electrons (charged) emit photons  
Photons split into electron-positron pairs
- QCD: Quarks (colored) emit gluons  
Gluons split into quark pairs
- Difference: Gluons are colored (photons are not charged)  
Hence: Gluons emit gluons!
- Cascade of emissions: **Parton shower**

# Occurrence of large logarithms

## The Sudakov form factor

- Diff. probability for emission between  $q^2$  and  $q^2 + dq^2$ :

$$d\mathcal{P} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \int_{Q_0^2/q^2}^{1-Q_0^2/q^2} dz P(z) =: \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \bar{P}(q^2).$$

- No-emission probability  $\Delta(Q^2, q^2)$  between  $Q^2$  and  $q^2$ .

$$\text{Evolution equation for } \Delta: -\frac{d\Delta(Q^2, q^2)}{dq^2} = \Delta(Q^2, q^2) \frac{\mathcal{P}}{dq^2}.$$

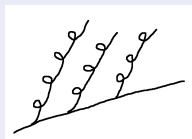
$$\implies \Delta(Q^2, q^2) = \exp \left[ - \int_{q^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dk^2}{k^2} \bar{P}(k^2) \right].$$

# Occurrence of large logarithms

## Many emissions

- Iterate emissions (jets)

Maximal result for  $t_1 > t_2 > \dots t_n$ :

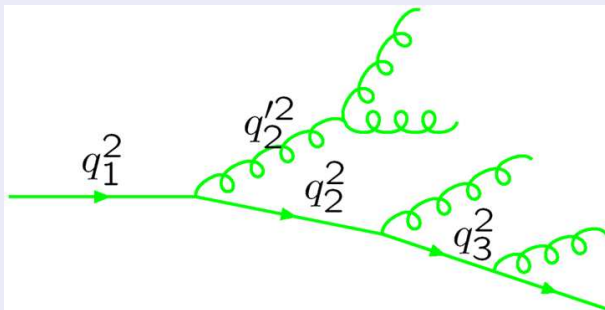


$$d\sigma \propto \sigma_0 \int_{Q_0^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dt_1}{t_1} \int_{Q_0^2}^{t_1} \frac{dt_2}{t_2} \dots \int_{Q_0^2}^{t_{n-1}} \frac{dt_n}{t_n} \propto \log^n \frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2}$$

- How about  $Q^2$ ? **Process-dependent!**

# Occurrence of large logarithms

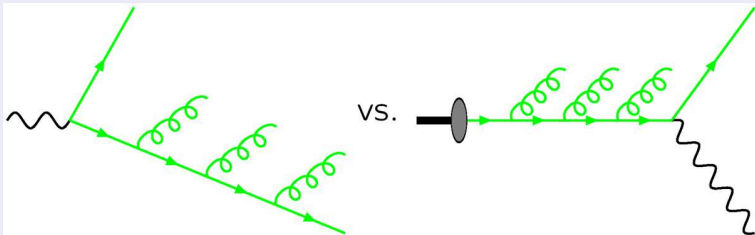
## Ordering the emissions : Radiation pattern



$$q_1^2 > q_2^2 > q_3^2, q_1^2 > q_2'^2$$

# Occurrence of large logarithms

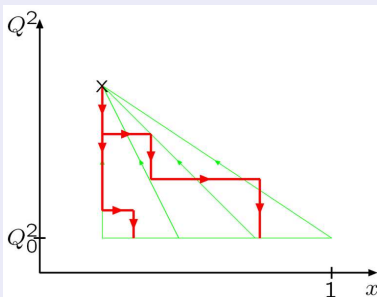
## Forward vs. backward evolution: Pictorially





# Occurrence of large logarithms

## Use of DGLAP evolution



DGLAP evolution:

PDFs at  $(x, Q^2)$  as function of PDFs at  $(x_0, Q_0^2)$ .

Backward evolution:

start from hard scattering at  $(x, Q^2)$  and work down in  $q^2$  and up in  $x$ .

Change in algorithm:

$$\Delta_i(q^2) \implies \Delta_i(q^2)/f_i(x_i, q^2).$$

# Inclusion of quantum effects

## Resummed jet rates in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

S.Catani *et al.* Phys. Lett. **B269** (1991) 432

- Use Durham jet measure ( $k_{\perp}$ -type):

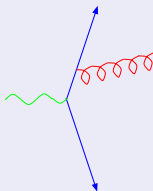
$$k_{\perp,ij}^2 = 2\min(E_i^2, E_j^2)(1 - \cos\theta_{ij}) > Q_{\text{jet}}^2.$$

- Remember prob. interpret. of Sudakov form factor:

$$\mathcal{R}_2(Q_{\text{jet}}) = [\Delta_q(E_{\text{c.m.}}, Q_{\text{jet}})]^2$$

$$\mathcal{R}_3(Q_{\text{jet}}) = 2\Delta_q(E_{\text{c.m.}}, Q_{\text{jet}})$$

$$\cdot \int dq \left[ \alpha_s(q) \bar{P}_q(E_{\text{c.m.}}, q) \frac{\Delta_q(E_{\text{c.m.}}, Q_{\text{jet}})}{\Delta_q(q, Q_{\text{jet}})} \Delta_q(q, Q_{\text{jet}}) \Delta_g(q, Q_{\text{jet}}) \right]$$

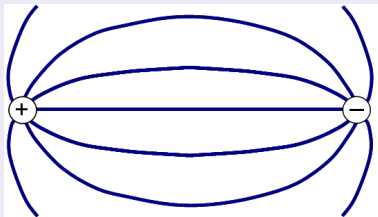


# Hadronization

## Confinement

- Consider dipoles in QED and QCD

QED:

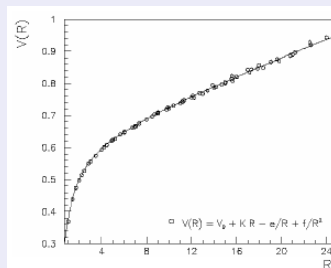
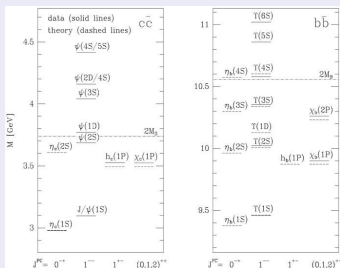


QCD:



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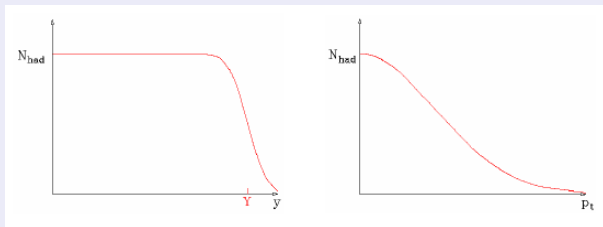
## Linear QCD potential in quarkonia



# Hadronization

## Some experimental facts $\rightarrow$ naive parameterizations

- In  $e^+e^- \rightarrow$  hadrons: Limits  $p_\perp$ , flat plateau in  $y$ .



- Try “smearing”:  $\rho(p_\perp^2) \sim \exp(-p_\perp^2/\sigma^2)$

# Hadronization

## Effect of naive parameterizations

- Use parameterization to “guesstimate” hadronization effects:

$$E = \int_0^Y dy d\rho_{\perp}^2 \rho(\rho_{\perp}^2) p_{\perp} \cosh y = \lambda \sinh Y$$

$$P = \int_0^Y dy d\rho_{\perp}^2 \rho(\rho_{\perp}^2) p_{\perp} \sinh y = \lambda(\cosh Y - 1) \approx E - \lambda$$

$$\lambda = \int d\rho_{\perp}^2 \rho(\rho_{\perp}^2) p_{\perp} = \langle p_{\perp} \rangle .$$

- Estimate  $\lambda \sim 1/R_{\text{had}} \approx m_{\text{had}}$ , with  $m_{\text{had}}$  0.1-1 GeV.
- Effect: Jet acquire non-perturbative mass  $\sim 2\lambda E$  ( $\mathcal{O}(10\text{GeV})$  for jets with energy  $\mathcal{O}(100\text{GeV})$ ).

# Hadronization

## Implementation of naive parameterizations

- Feynman-Field independent fragmentation.

R.D.Field and R.P.Feynman, Nucl. Phys. B **136** (1978) 1

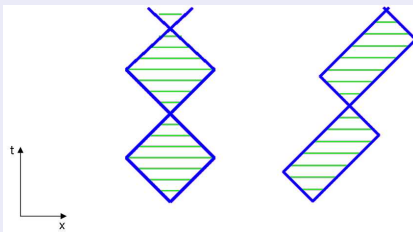
- Recursively fragment  $q \rightarrow q' + \text{had}$ , where
  - Transverse momentum from (fitted) Gaussian;
  - longitudinal momentum arbitrary (hence from measurements);
  - flavor from symmetry arguments + measurements.
- Problems: frame dependent, “last quark”, infrared safety, no direct link to perturbation theory, . . . .

# Hadronization

## Yo-yo-strings as model of mesons

B.Andersson, G.Gustafson, G.Ingelman and T.Sjostrand, Phys. Rept. 97 (1983) 31.

- Light quarks connected by string: area law  $m^2 \propto \text{area}$ .
- $L=0$  mesons only have 'yo-yo' modes:



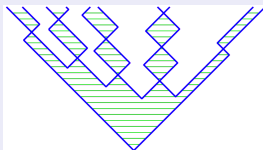


# Hadronization

## Dynamical strings in $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

B.Andersson, G.Gustafson, G.Ingelman and T.Sjostrand, Phys. Rept. **97** (1983) 31.

- Ignoring gluon radiation: Point-like source of string.
- Intense chromomagnetic field within string:  
More  $q\bar{q}$  pairs created by tunnelling.
- Analogy with QED (Schwinger mechanism):  
 $d\mathcal{P} \sim dxdt \exp(-\pi m_q^2/\kappa)$ ,  $\kappa =$  “string tension”.

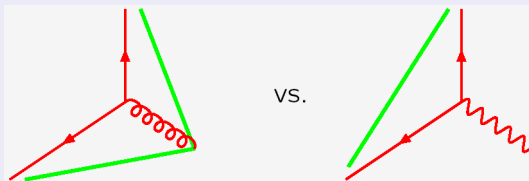


# Hadronization

## Glueons in strings = kinks

B.Andersson, G.Gustafson, G.Ingelman and T.Sjostrand, Phys. Rept. **97** (1983) 31.

- String model = well motivated model, constraints on fragmentation (Lorentz-invariance, left-right symmetry, ...)
- Gluon = kinks on string? Check by “string-effect”

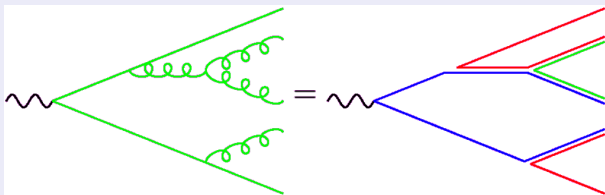


- Infrared-safe, advantage: smooth matching with PS.

# Hadronization

## Preconfinement

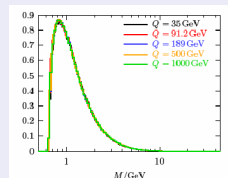
- Underlying: Large  $N_c$ -limit (planar graphs).
- Follows evolution of color in parton showers:  
at the end of shower color singlets close in phase space.
- Mass of singlets: peaked at low scales  $\approx Q_0^2$ .



# Hadronization

## Primordial cluster mass distribution

- Starting point: Preconfinement;
- split gluons into  $q\bar{q}$ -pairs;
- adjacent pairs color connected, form colorless (white) clusters.
- Clusters ( $\approx$  excited hadrons) decay into hadrons



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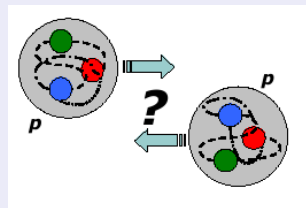
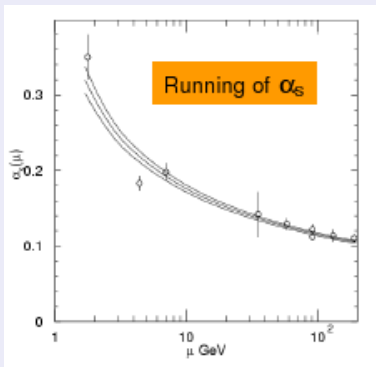
## Cluster model

B.R.Webber, Nucl. Phys. B 238 (1984) 492.

- Split gluons into  $q\bar{q}$  pairs, form singlet clusters:  
     $\implies$  continuum of meson resonances.
- Decay heavy clusters into lighter ones;  
    (here, many improvements to ensure leading hadron spectrum hard enough, overall effect: cluster model becomes more string-like);
- if light enough, clusters  $\rightarrow$  hadrons.
- Naively: spin information washed out, decay determined through phase space only  $\rightarrow$  heavy hadrons suppressed (baryon/strangeness suppression).

# Underlying Event

## Multiple parton scattering?



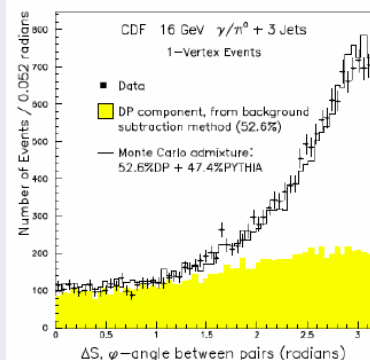
- Hadrons = extended objects!
- No guarantee for one scattering only.
- Running of  $\alpha_s$   
 $\Rightarrow$  preference for soft scattering.

# Underlying Event

## Evidence for multiple parton scattering

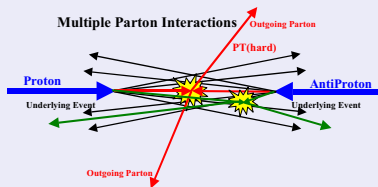
- Events with  $\gamma + 3$  jets:
  - Cone jets,  $R = 0.7$ ,  $E_T > 5$  GeV;  $|\eta_j| < 1.3$ ;
  - “clean sample”: two softest jets with  $E_T < 7$  GeV;
- $\sigma_{\text{DPS}} = \frac{\sigma_{\gamma j} \sigma_{jj}}{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{eff}} \approx 14 \pm 4$  mb.

CDF collaboration, Phys. Rev. D56 (1997) 3811.



# Underlying Event

## Definition(s)



- 1 Everything apart from the hard interaction including IS showers, FS showers, remnant hadronization.
- 2 Remnant-remnant interactions, soft and/or hard.

⇒ Lesson: **hard to define**



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## Model: Multiple parton interactions

- To understand the origin of MPS, realize that

$$\sigma_{\text{hard}}(p_{\perp,\text{min}}) = \int_{p_{\perp,\text{min}}^2}^{s/4} dp_{\perp}^2 \frac{d\sigma(p_{\perp}^2)}{dp_{\perp}^2} > \sigma_{pp,\text{total}}$$

for low  $p_{\perp,\text{min}}$ . Here:  $\frac{d\sigma(p_{\perp}^2)}{dp_{\perp}^2} = \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 d\hat{\tau} f(x_1, q^2) f(x_2, q^2) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{2 \rightarrow 2}}{dp_{\perp}^2} \delta\left(1 - \frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}}\right)$   
 $(f(x, q^2) = \text{PDF}, \hat{\sigma}_{2 \rightarrow 2} = \text{parton-parton x-sec})$

- $\langle \sigma_{\text{hard}}(p_{\perp,\text{min}}) / \sigma_{pp,\text{total}} \rangle \geq 1$
- Depends strongly on cut-off  $p_{\perp,\text{min}}$  (Energy-dependent)!

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## Old Pythia model: Algorithm, simplified

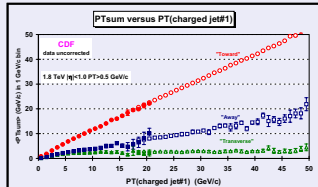
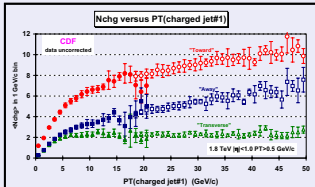
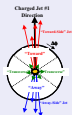
T.Sjostrand and M.van Zijl, Phys. Rev. D **36** (1987) 2019.

- Start with hard interaction, at scale  $Q_{\text{hard}}^2$ .
- Select a new scale  $p_{\perp}^2$   
 (according to  $f = \frac{d\sigma_{2\rightarrow 2}(p_{\perp}^2)}{dp_{\perp}^2}$  with  $p_{\perp}^2 \in [p_{\perp,\text{min}}^2, Q^2]$ )
- Rescale proton momentum ("proton-parton = proton with reduced energy").
- Repeat until below  $p_{\perp,\text{min}}^2$ .
- May add impact-parameter dependence, showers, etc..
- Treat intrinsic  $k_{\perp}$  of partons ( $\rightarrow$  parameter)
- Model proton remnants ( $\rightarrow$  parameter)

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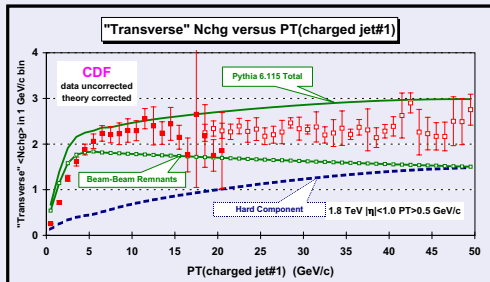
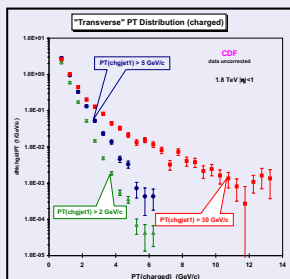
In the following: Data from CDF, PRD 65 (2002) 092002, plots partially from C. Buttar

## Observables



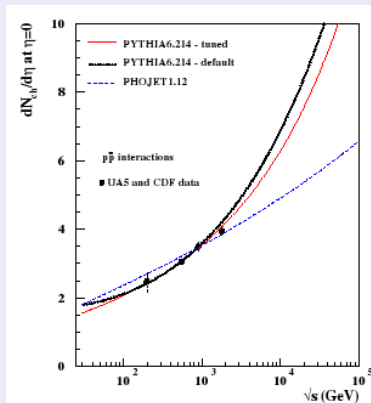
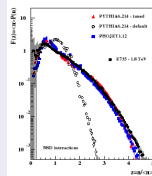
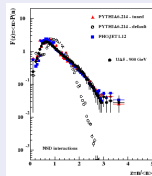
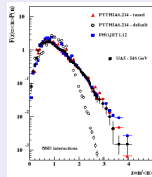
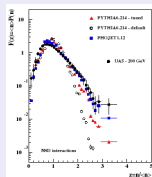
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## Hard component in transverse region



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## Energy extrapolation



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## General facts on current models

- No first-principles approach for underlying event:

Multiple-parton interactions: beyond factorization

Factorization (simplified) = no process-dependence in use of PDFs.

- Models usually based on xsecs in collinear factorization:  
 $d\sigma/dp_{\perp} \propto p_{\perp}^{4-8} \implies$  strong dependence on cut-off  $p_{\perp}^{\min}$ .
- "Regularization":  $d\sigma/dp_{\perp} \propto (p_{\perp}^2 + p_0^2)^{2-4}$ , also in  $\alpha_S$ .
- Model for scaling behavior of  $p_{\perp}^{\min}(s) \propto p_{\perp}^{\min}(s_0)(s/s_0)^{\lambda}$ ,  $\lambda = ?$

Two Pythia tunes:  $\lambda = 0.16$ ,  $\lambda = 0.25$ .

- Herwig model similar to old Pythia and SHERPA
- New Pythia model: Correlate parton interactions with showers, more parameters.

# To take home

## Hard MEs

- Theoretically very well understood, realm of perturbation theory.
- Fully automated tools at tree-level available,  $2 \rightarrow 6$  no problem at all.
- Obstacle(s) for higher multiplicities:  
factorial growth, phase space integration.
- NLO calculations much more involved, no fully automated tool, only libraries for specific processes (MCFM, NLOJET++), typically up to  $2 \rightarrow 3$ .
- NNLO only for a small number of processes.

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## Parton showers

- Theoretically well understood, still in realm of perturbation theory, but beyond fixed order.
- Consistent treatment of leading logs in soft/collinear limit, formally equivalent formulations lead to different results because of non-trivial choices (evolution parameter, etc.).
- Can be improved through matrix elements in many ways.  
Keywords: MC@NLO, Multijet-merging, ME-corrections



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## Hadronization

- Various phenomenological models;
- different levels of sophistication, different number of parameters;
- tuned to LEP data, overall agreement satisfying;
- validity for hadron data not quite clear - differences possible (beam remnant fragmentation not in LEP).

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- Various definitions for this phenomenon.
- Theoretically not understood, in fact: beyond theory understanding (breaks factorization);
- models typically based on collinear factorization and semi-independent multi-parton scattering  
     $\implies$  very naive;
- models highly parameter-dependent, leading to large differences in predictions;
- connection to minimum bias, diffraction etc.?
- even unclear: good observables to distinguish models.