

Status of the
PYTHIA8
Event Generator

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- ▶ essential cause
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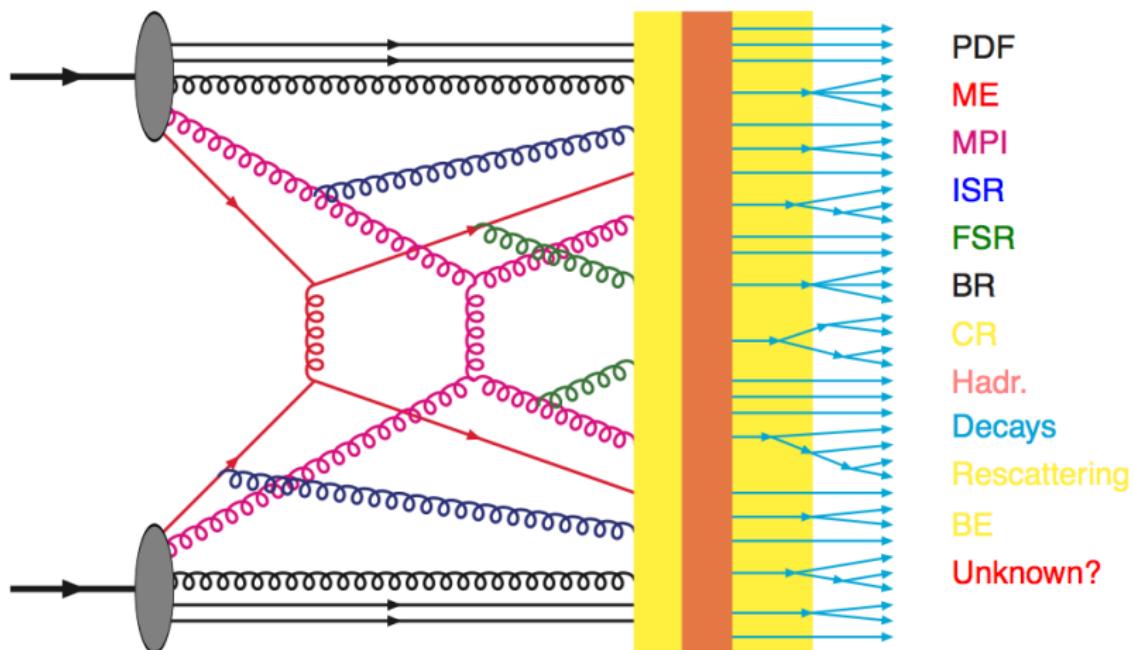
Aristotle's approach to "Why" questions: the 4 causes

- ▶ formal cause **What is it?**
- ▶ material cause **What is it made of?**
- ▶ essential cause **Where does it come from?**
- ▶ final cause **What is it good for?**

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What is Pythia8?

Simulation of “elementary” particle interactions using all the Standard Model physics we know



What is it made of?

- > 100,000 lines of code (C++)
 - ~ 1000 physics “rules”
 - ~ 1000 parameters (booleans, integers, real numbers)
 - > 40,000 lines of documentation
 - ~ 1000 files
 - 9 authors: Lund (4), Heidelberg, Boston, Chicago, Melbourne
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- ▶ thousands of users worldwide
 - ▶ 20,000+ citations to PYTHIA/JETSET manuals

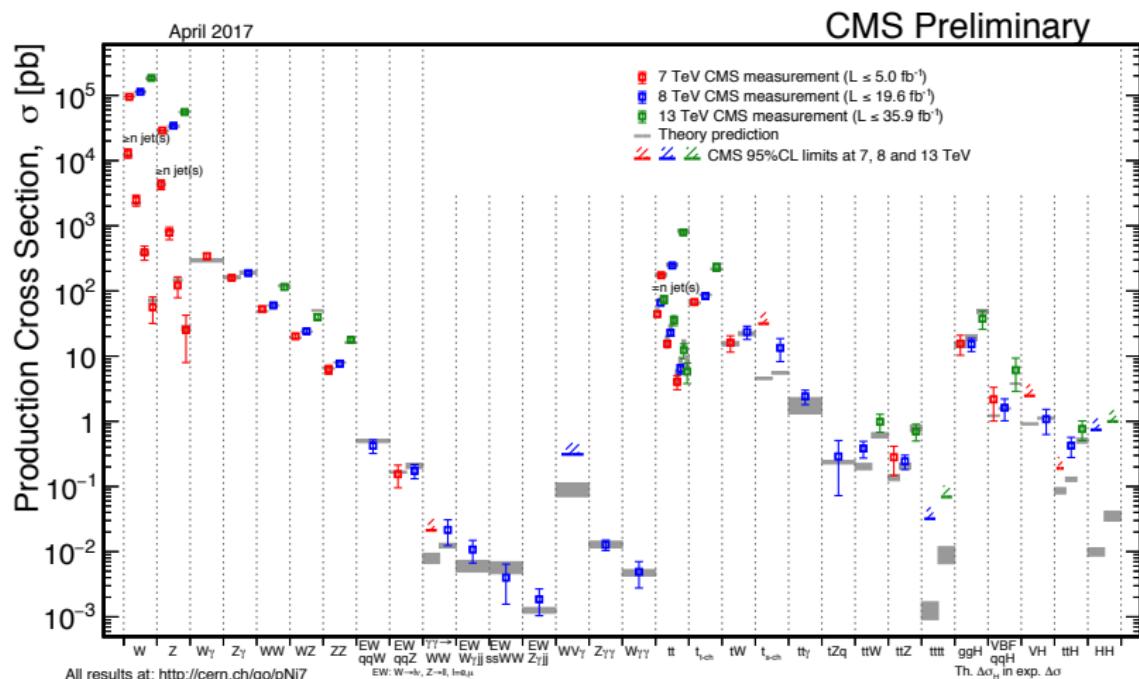
Where does it come from?



+Peter Skands @ Monash, Australia; Phil Ilten @ MIT

What is it good for?

Theory vs. Data for the Standard Model



Pythia8 is a component of most of these predictions

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#8 - 17: Daya Bay Collaboration - New measurements suggest 'antineutrino anomaly' fueled by modeling error

4 April 2017 - Daya Bay Collaboration

Analysis indicates missing particles problem may stem from uranium isotope

Results from a new scientific study may shed light on a mismatch between predictions and recent measurements of ghostly particles streaming from nuclear reactors—the so-called “reactor antineutrino anomaly,” which has puzzled physicists since 2011.

The anomaly refers to the fact that scientists tracking the production of antineutrinos—emitted as a byproduct of the nuclear reactions that generate electric power—have routinely detected fewer antineutrinos than they expected. One theory is that some neutrinos are morphing into an undetectable form known as “sterile” neutrinos.

But the latest results from the Daya Bay reactor neutrino experiment, located at a nuclear power complex in China, suggest a simpler explanation—a miscalculation in the predicted rate of antineutrino production for one particular component of nuclear reactor fuel.

Antineutrinos carry away about 5 percent of the energy released as the uranium and plutonium atoms that fuel the reactor split, or “fission.” The composition of the fuel changes as the reactor operates, with the decays of different forms of uranium and plutonium (called “isotopes”) producing different numbers of antineutrinos with different energy ranges over time, even as the reactor steadily produces electrical power.

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Event Generator Reasons

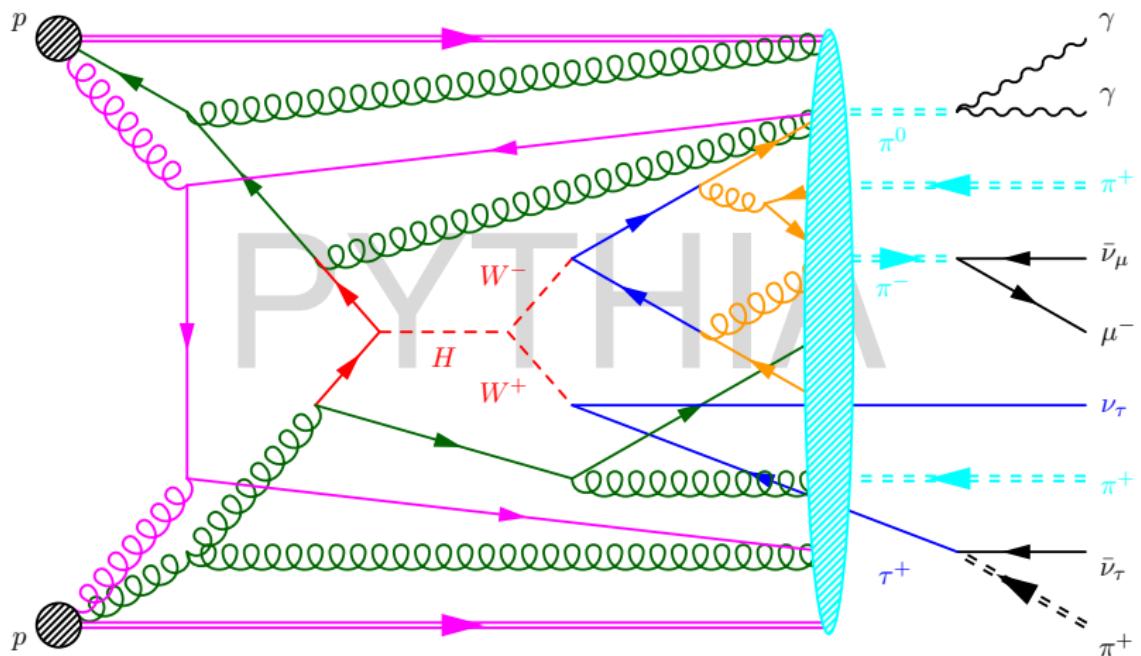
- ▶ Structure of LHC events impossible to “solve” from first principles.
- ▶ Several competing mechanisms contribute, both perturbative and nonperturbative.
- ▶ Even if calculable somehow, need 1000-body expressions and phase space sampling.
- ▶ Immense variability, with “typical events” and “rare corners”.

An event generator is intended to simulate various event kinds, with random numbers providing quantum mechanical variability.

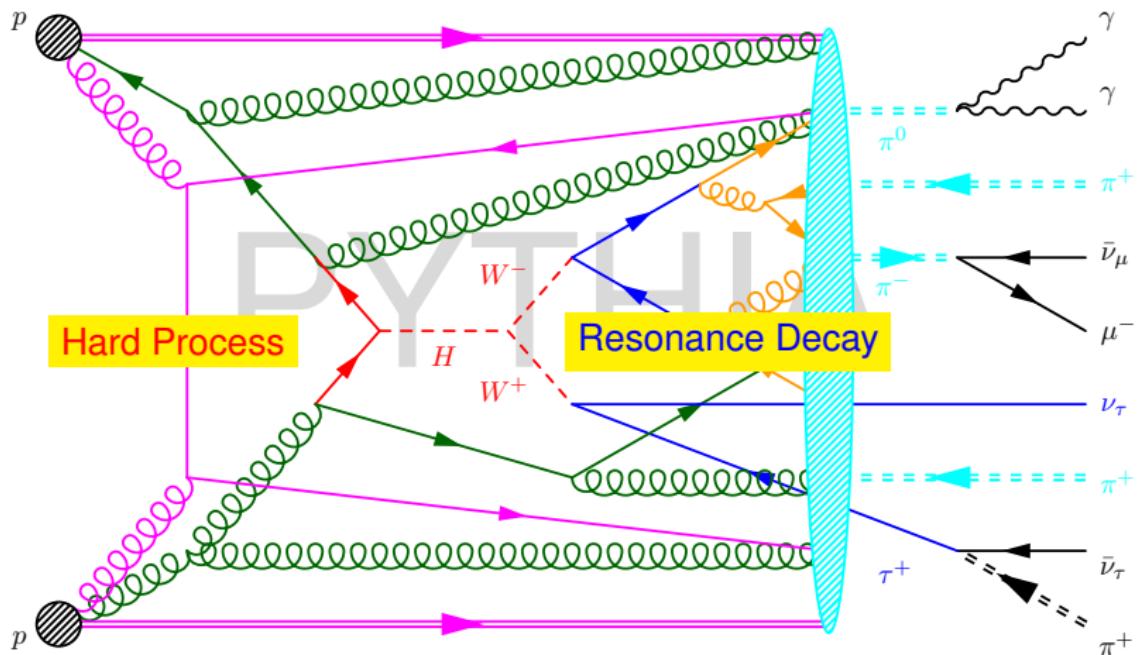
It can be used to

- ▶ predict event rates and topologies ⇒ estimate feasibility
- ▶ simulate possible backgrounds ⇒ devise analysis strategies
- ▶ study detector requirements ⇒ optimize design and trigger
- ▶ study detector imperfections ⇒ evaluate acceptance

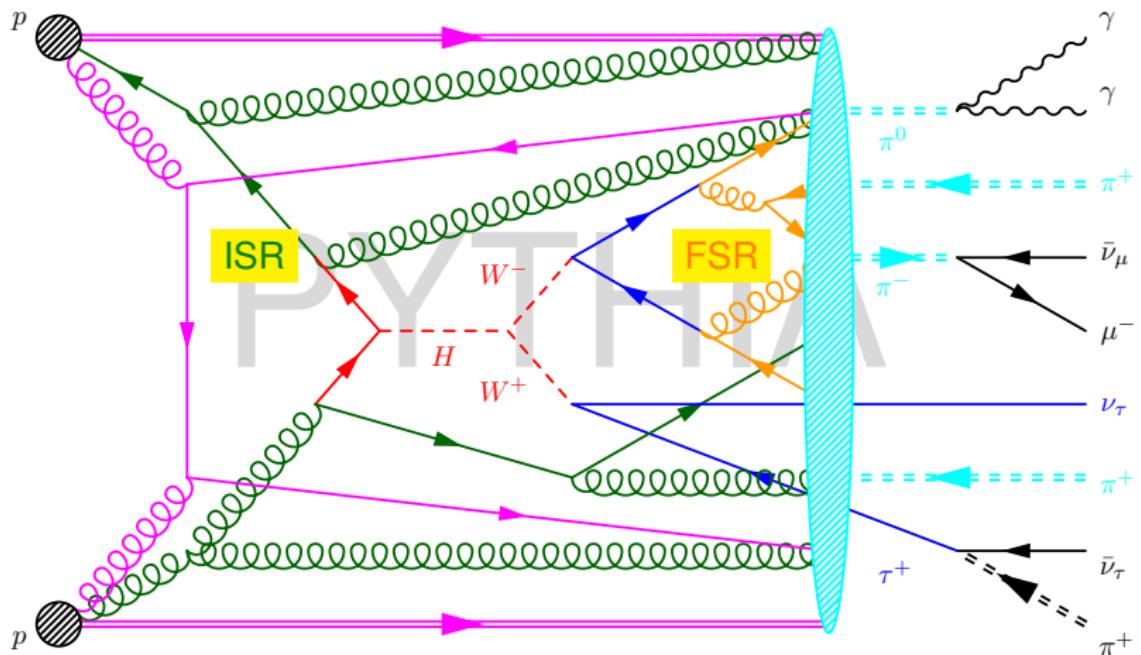
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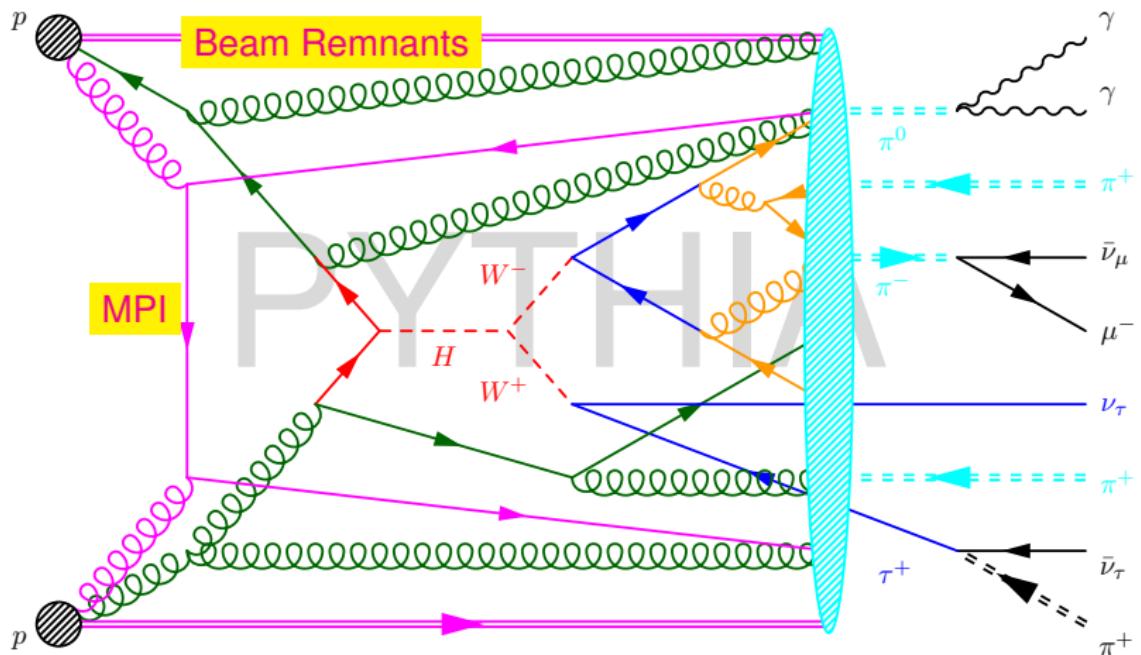
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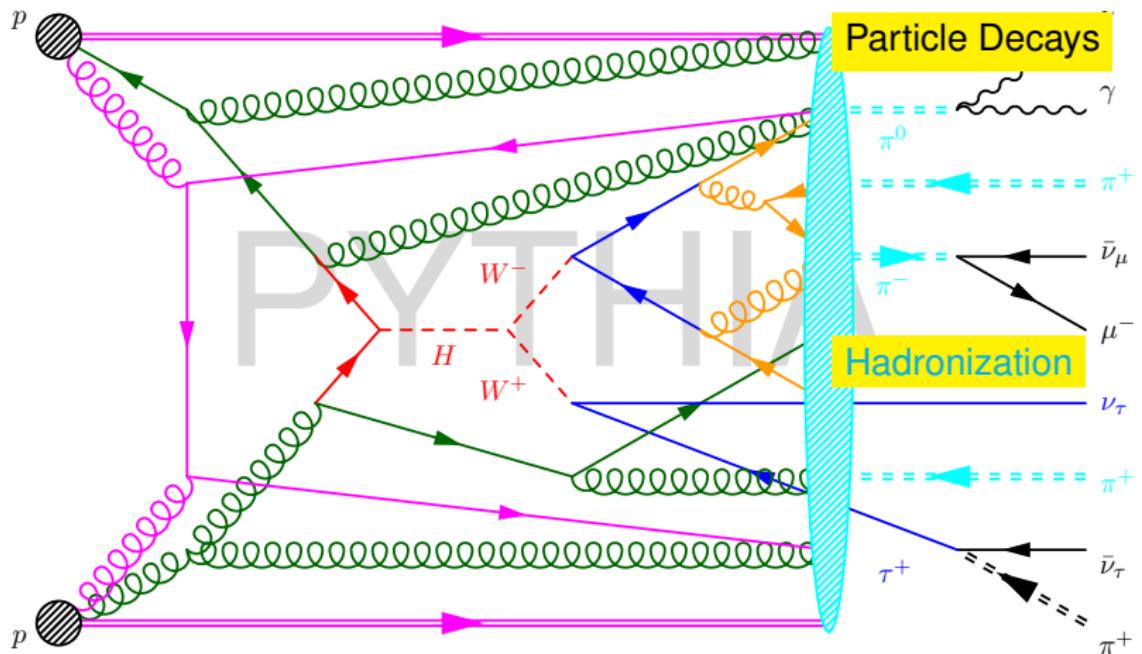
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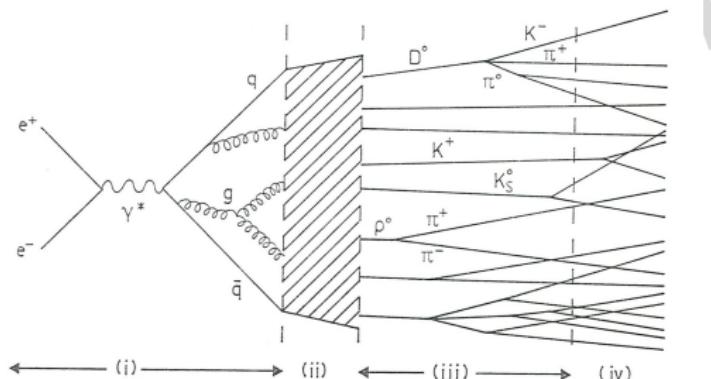
Cartoon of a proton-proton collision



Introduction

Modern event generators were born at DESY,
for the PETRA e^+e^- collider! (1978 – 86, 13 – 46 GeV)

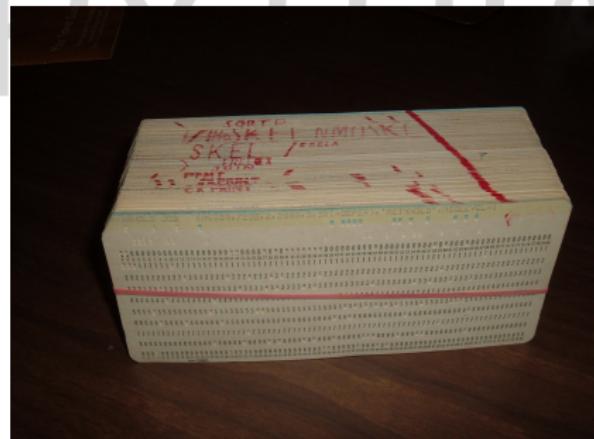
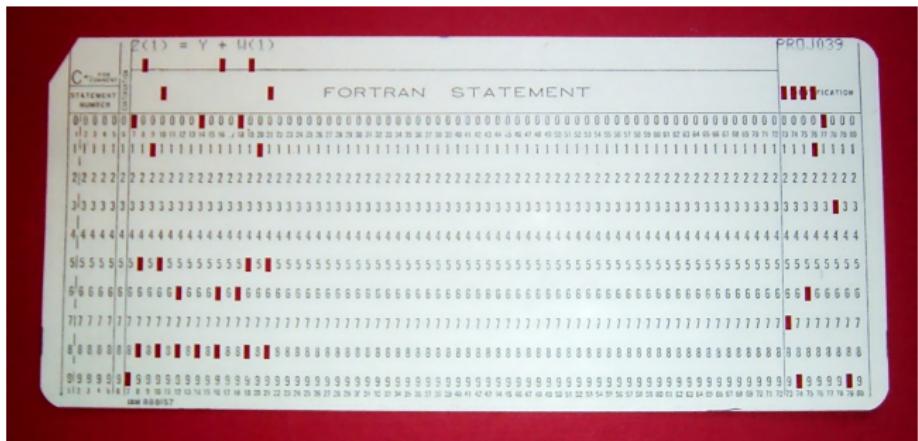
- ▶ Combine perturbative picture of hard processes, involving electroweak and strong interactions, with nonperturbative picture of hadronization.
- ▶ Provide “complete” events, with parameters to be tuned to data, and used to study and understand different kinds of physics.



JETSET version 1 (November 1978)

≈ 200 punched cards
Fortran code

(Sjostrand/Soderberg)



*https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punched_card

The Lund String Model

In QCD, for large charge separation, field lines seem to be compressed to tubelike region(s) \Rightarrow **string(s)**



by self-interactions among soft gluons in the “vacuum”.

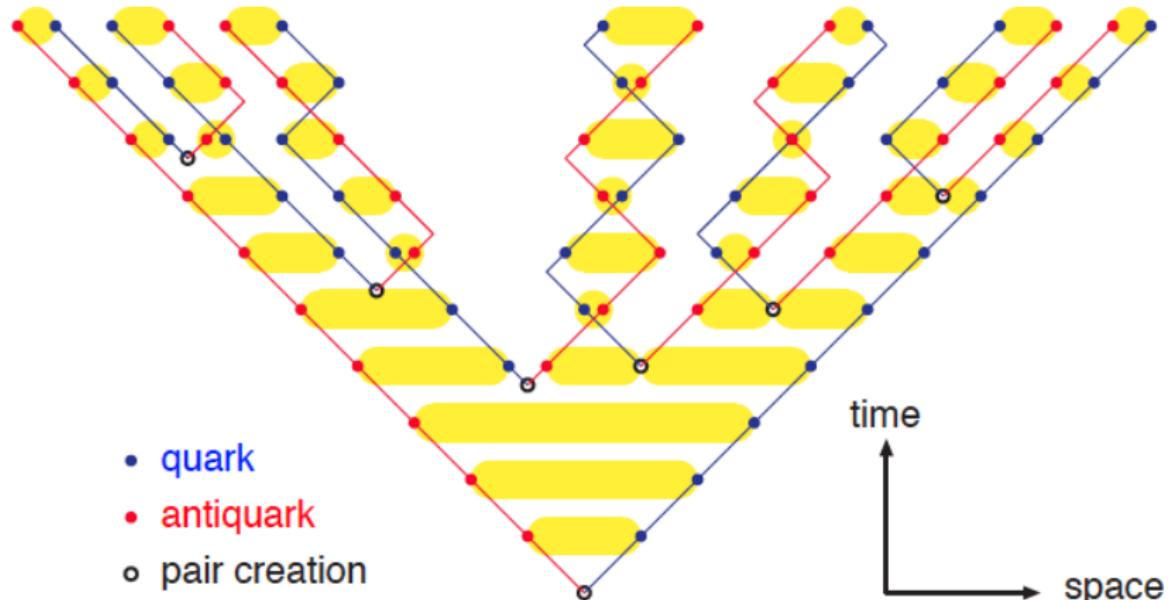
Gives linear confinement with string tension:

$$F(r) \approx \text{const} = \kappa \approx 1 \text{ GeV/fm} \iff V(r) \approx \kappa r$$

String breaks into hadrons along its length,
with roughly uniform probability in rapidity,
by formation of new $q\bar{q}$ pairs that screen endpoint colors.

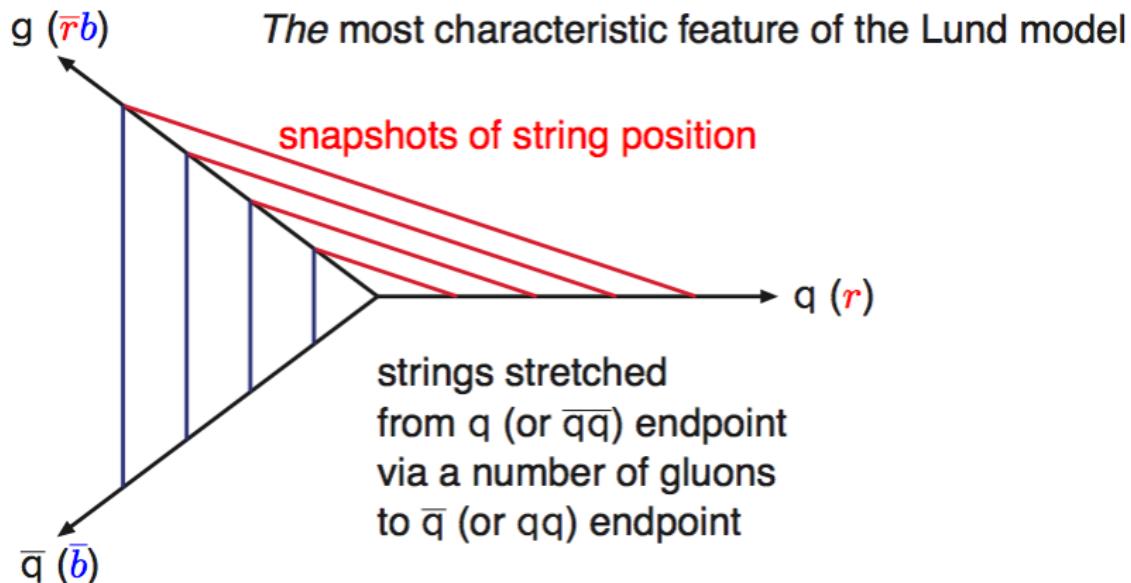
Lund String Model: 2 jets

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$$



Consistent description of 2 jet topologies

The Lund Gluon Picture



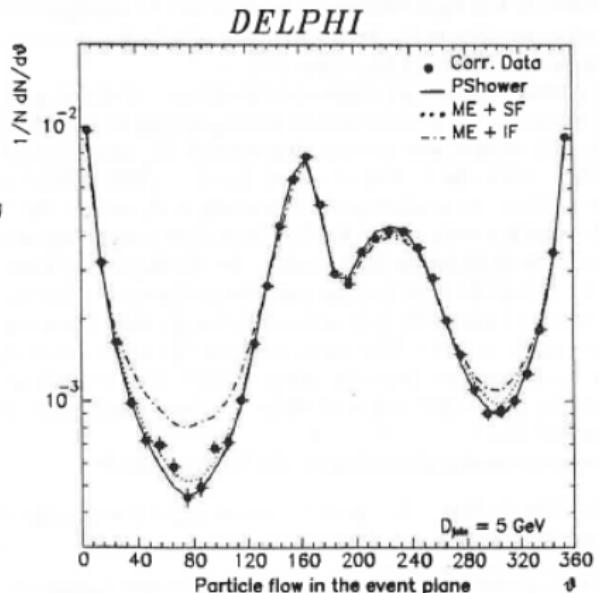
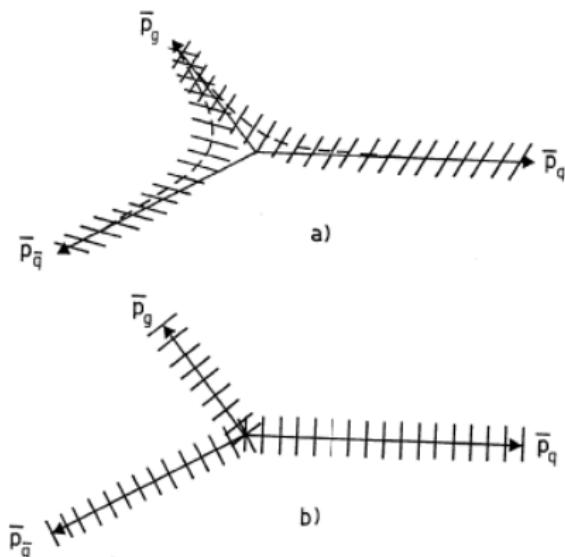
Gluon = kink on string

Force ratio gluon/ quark = 2,

cf. QCD $N_C / C_F = 9/4, \rightarrow 2$ for $N_C \rightarrow \infty$

No new parameters introduced for gluon jets!

Lund String Model: 3 jets



(a) String vs (b) Independent (Feynman-Field) fragmentation

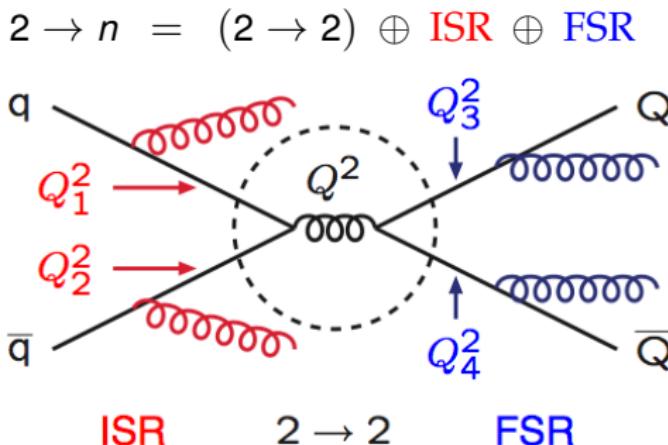
Outline for the Rest of the Talk

- ▶ Main features/physics/phenomena
- ▶ Thorny (corner) problems of modeling QCD
- ▶ BSM and QCD
- ▶ Developments
- ▶ Future

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The Parton-Shower Approach

MAIN PHENOMENA



Iterative structure
of gluon emissions
in Parton Shower (PS)
approximation
starting from exact
Matrix Element (ME)
predictions

FSR = Final-State Radiation = timelike shower

$Q_i^2 \sim m^2 > 0$ decreasing

ISR = Initial-State Radiation = spacelike showers

$Q_i^2 \sim -m^2 > 0$ increasing

Showers are unitary: do not (explicitly) change cross sections;
emission probabilities do not exceed unity — Sudakov factor.

Matrix Elements and Parton Showers

Complementary strengths:

- ▶ ME's good for well separated jets
- ▶ PS's good for structure inside jets

Marriage desirable! But how?

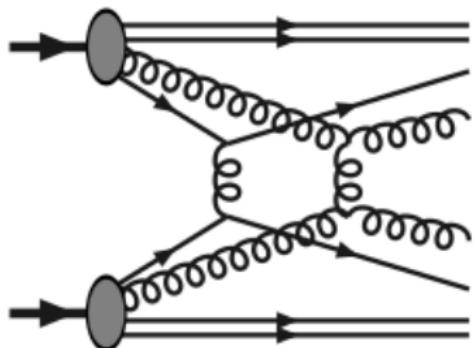
Very active field of research; requires a lecture of its own

- ▶ Reweight first PS emission by ratio ME/PS (simple POWHEG)
- ▶ Combine several LO MEs, using showers for Sudakov weights
 - ▶ CKKW: analytic Sudakov – not used any longer
 - ▶ CKKW-L: trial showers gives sophisticated Sudakovs
 - ▶ MLM: match of final partonic jets to original ones
- ▶ Match to NLO precision of basic process
 - ▶ MCatNLO: additive \Rightarrow LO normalization at high p_T
 - ▶ POWHEG: multiplicative \Rightarrow NLO normalization at high p_T
- ▶ Combine several orders, as many as possible at NLO

Matching/merging with PYTHIA

- ▶ Built-in NLO+PS for many resonance decays
 $(\gamma^*/Z^0, W^\pm, t, H^0, \text{SUSY}, \dots)$
- ▶ Some few built-in +1 matching ($\gamma^*/Z^0/W^\pm + 1 \text{ jet}$)
- ▶ Default max scale gives fairly good QCD jet rates,
also for gauge boson pairs, top pairs (with damping), SUSY
- ▶ Accepts just about any valid Les Houches Event input
(but matching at an ill-defined “scale”)
- ▶ POWHEG interface extends on “scale” matching to showers
- ▶ MCatNLO interface under development by Frixione et al
- ▶ MLM matching code for ALPGEN and MadGraph5
- ▶ CKKW-L LO matching (tested for MadGraph5 input)
- ▶ UNLOPS NLO matching coming
- ▶ VINCIA: alternative antenna shower package, with ME matching
on the way

Multiparton interactions (MPI's)



Problem:

$$\sigma_{\text{int}} = \iiint dx_1 dx_2 dp_T^2 f_1(x_1, p_T^2) f_2(x_2, p_T^2) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dp_T^2} = \infty$$

since $\int dx f(x, p_T^2) = \infty$ and $d\hat{\sigma}/dp_T^2 \approx 1/p_T^4 \rightarrow \infty$ for $p_T \rightarrow 0$.

Requires empirical dampening at small p_T ,
owing to color screening (proton finite size).

Many aspects beyond pure theory \Rightarrow model building.

Multiparton interactions modeling

Regularise cross section with $p_{\perp 0}$ as free parameter

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dp_{\perp}^2} \propto \frac{\alpha_s^2(p_{\perp}^2)}{p_{\perp}^4} \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_s^2(p_{\perp 0}^2 + p_{\perp}^2)}{(p_{\perp 0}^2 + p_{\perp}^2)^2}$$

with energy dependence

$$p_{\perp 0}(E_{\text{CM}}) = p_{\perp 0}^{\text{ref}} \times \left(\frac{E_{\text{CM}}}{E_{\text{CM}}^{\text{ref}}} \right)^{\epsilon}$$

Matter profile in impact-parameter space gives time-integrated overlap which determines level of activity:

ISR and MPI compete for beam momentum \rightarrow PDF rescaling
+ flavor effects (valence, $q\bar{q}$ pair companions, ...)
+ correlated primordial k_{\perp} and color in beam remnant

Many partons produced close in space-time
 \Rightarrow color rearrangement; reduction of total string length
 \Rightarrow steeper $\langle p_T \rangle(n_{\text{ch}})$

Interleaved evolution

- ▶ Transverse-momentum-ordered parton showers for ISR/FSR
- ▶ MPI also ordered in p_T

⇒ Allows interleaved evolution for ISR, FSR and MPI:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\mathcal{P}}{dp_T} &= \left(\frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{MPI}}}{dp_T} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ISR}}}{dp_T} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{FSR}}}{dp_T} \right) \\ &\times \exp \left(- \int_{p_T}^{p_{\perp \max}} \left(\frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{MPI}}}{dp'_T} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ISR}}}{dp'_T} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{FSR}}}{dp'_T} \right) dp'_T \right)\end{aligned}$$

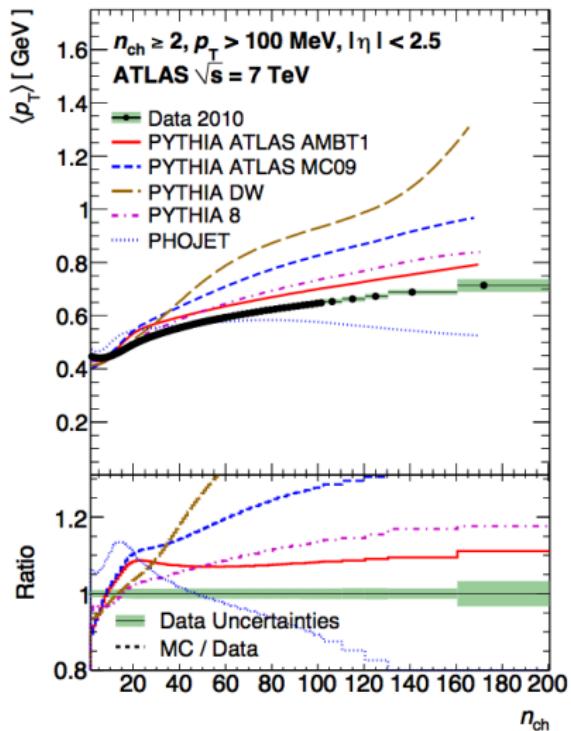
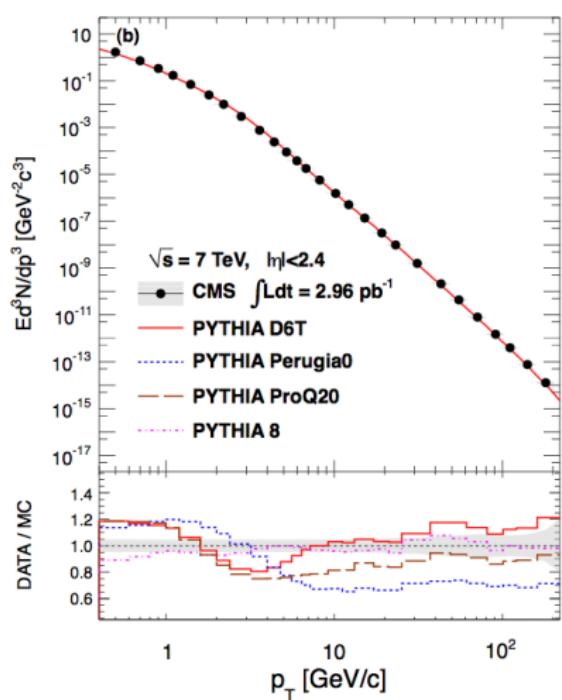
Ordered in decreasing p_T using “Sudakov” trick.

Corresponds to increasing “resolution”:

smaller p_T fill in details of basic picture set at larger p_T .

- ▶ Start from fixed hard interaction ⇒ underlying event
- ▶ No separate hard interaction ⇒ minbias events
- ▶ Possible to choose two hard interactions, e.g. W^-W^-

Charged Transverse Momentum Distribution



$\langle p_T \rangle$ sensitive to color correlations between MPIs!

Systematic tuning (vs Brute Force vs Expert)

RIVET: collection of experimental data,
together with matching analysis routines.
Can be applied to generator events
for comparison with data.

PROFESSOR: parameter tuning
in multidimensional parameter space.



- ▶ Generate large event samples at $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ random points in (reasonable) parameter space. Slow!
- ▶ Analyze events and fill relevant histograms.
- ▶ For each bin of each histogram parametrize

$$X_{MC} = A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n B_i p_i \sum_{i=1}^n C_i p_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n D_{ij} p_i p_j$$

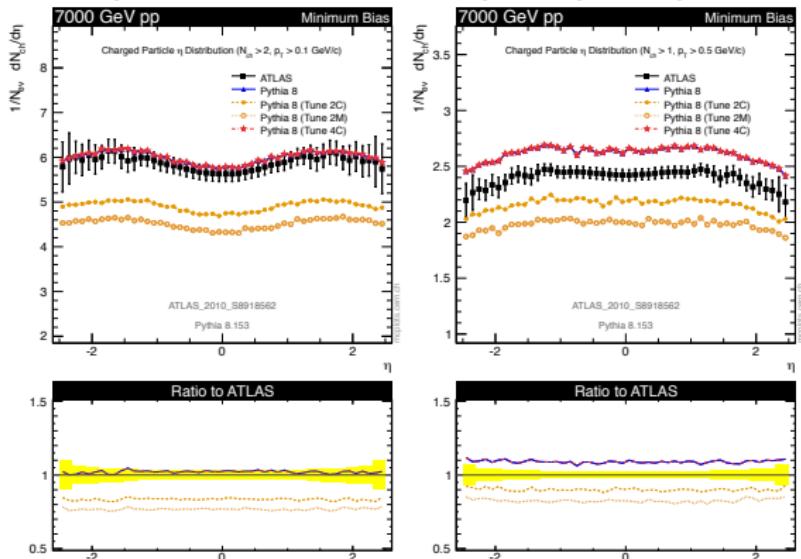
- ▶ Do minimization of χ^2 to parametrized results. Fast!

MCPLLOTS

Repository of comparisons between various tunes and data,
mainly based on RIVET for data analysis,
see <http://mcplots.cern.ch/>.

Part of the LHC@home 2.0 platform for home computer participation.

Generator	Version
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Monash 2013 Tune Parameters

Final-state radiation (FSR) parameters.

FSR Parameters	Monash 13	(Default)	Comment
TimeShower:alphaSvalue	= 0.1365	= 0.1383	! Effective alphaS(mZ) value
TimeShower:alphaSorder	= 1	= 1	! Running order
TimeShower:alphaSuseCMW	= off	= off	! Translation from \overline{MS} to CMW
TimeShower:pTmin	= 0.50	= 0.40	! Cutoff for QCD radiation
TimeShower:pTminChgQ	= 0.50	= 0.40	! Cutoff for QED radiation
TimeShower:phiPolAsym	= on	= on	! Asymmetric azimuth distributions

Parton-distribution (PDF) and Matrix-Element (ME) parameters.

PDF and ME Parameters	Monash 13	(Default)	Comment
PDF:pSet	= 13	= 8	! PDF set for the proton
SigmaProcess:alphaSvalue	= 0.130	0.135	! alphaS(MZ) for matrix elements
MultiPartonInteractions:alphaSvalue	= 0.130	0.135	! alphaS(MZ) for MPI

String-breaking parameters.

HAD Parameters	Monash 13	(Default)	Comment
# String breaks: pT and z distributions			
StringPT:sigma	= 0.335	= 0.304	! Soft pT in string breaks (in GeV)
StringPT:enhancedFraction	= 0.01	= 0.01	! Fraction of breakups with enhanced pT
StringPT:enhancedWidth	= 2.0	= 2.0	! Enhancement factor
StringZ:aLund	= 0.68	= 0.3	! Lund FF a (hard fragmentation supp)
StringZ:bLund	= 0.98	= 0.8	! Lund FF b (soft fragmentation supp)
StringZ:aExtraSquark	= 0.0	= 0.0	! Extra a when picking up an s quark
StringZ:aExtraDiquark	= 0.97	= 0.50	! Extra a when picking up a diquark
StringZ:rFactC	= 1.32	= 1.00	! Lund-Bowler c-quark parameter
StringZ:rFactB	= 0.855	= 0.67	! Lund-Bowler b-quark parameter
# Flavour composition: mesons			
StringFlav:ProbStoUD	= 0.217	= 0.19	! Strangeness-to-UD ratio
StringFlav:mesonUDvector	= 0.5	= 0.62	! Light-flavour vector suppression
StringFlav:mesonSvector	= 0.55	= 0.725	! Strange vector suppression
StringFlav:mesonCvector	= 0.88	= 1.06	! Charm vector suppression
StringFlav:mesonBvector	= 2.2	= 3.0	! Bottom vector suppression
StringFlav:etaSup	= 0.60	= 0.63	! Suppression of eta mesons
StringFlav:etaPrimeSup	= 0.12	= 0.12	! Suppression of eta' mesons
# Flavour composition: baryons			
StringFlav:probQQtoQ	= 0.081	= 0.09	! Diquark rate (for baryon production)
StringFlav:probSQtoQQ	= 0.915	= 1.000	! Strange-diquark suppression
StringFlav:probQQ1toQQ0	= 0.0275	= 0.027	! Vector diquark suppression
StringFlav:decupletSup	= 1.0	= 1.0	! Spin-3/2 baryon suppression
StringFlav:suppressLeadingB	= off	= off	! Optional leading-baryon suppression
StringFlav:popcornSpair	= 0.9	= 0.5	!
StringFlav:popcornSmeson	= 0.5	= 0.5	!

Initial-state radiation (ISR) and primordial- k_T parameters.

ISR Parameters	Monash 13	(Default)	Comment
SpaceShower:alphaSvalue	= 0.1365	= 0.137	! Effective alphaS(mZ) value
SpaceShower:alphaSorder	= 1	= 1	! Running order
SpaceShower:alphaSuseCMW	= off	= off	! Translation from $\overline{\text{MS}}$ to CMW
SpaceShower:samePTasMPI	= off	= off	! ISR cutoff type
SpaceShower:pT0Ref	= 2.0	= 2.0	! ISR pT0 cutoff
SpaceShower:ecmRef	= 7000.0	= 1800.0	! ISR pT0 reference ECM scale
SpaceShower:ecmPow	= 0.0	= 0.0	! ISR pT0 scaling power
SpaceShower:rapidityOrder	= on	= on	! Approx coherence via y-ordering
SpaceShower:phiPolAsym	= on	= on	! Azimuth asymmetries from gluon pol
SpaceShower:philntAsym	= on	= on	! Azimuth asymmetries from interference
TimeShower:dampenBeamRecoil	= on	= on	! Recoil dampening in final-initial dipoles
BeamRemnants:primordialKTsoft	= 0.9	= 0.5	! Primordial kT for soft procs
BeamRemnants:primordialKTHard	= 1.8	= 2.0	! Primordial kT for hard procs
BeamRemnants:halfScaleForKT	= 1.5	= 1.0	! Primordial kT soft/hard boundary
BeamRemnants:halfMassForKT	= 1.0	= 1.0	! Primordial kT soft/hard mass boundary

Multi-Parton-Interaction (MPI), Colour-Reconnection (CR), and Diffractive parameters.

MPI Parameters	Monash 13	(Default)	Comment
MultipartonInteractions:pT0Ref	= 2.28	= 2.085	! MPI pT0 IR regularization scale
MultipartonInteractions:ecmRef	= 7000.0	= 1800.0	! MPI pT0 reference ECM scale
MultipartonInteractions:ecmPow	= 0.215	= 0.19	! MPI pT0 scaling power
MultipartonInteractions:bProfile	= 3	= 3	! Transverse matter overlap profile
MultipartonInteractions:expPow	= 1.85	= 2.0	! Shape parameter
BeamRemnants:reconnectRange	= 1.8	= 1.5	! Colour Reconnections
SigmaTotal:zeroAXB	= on	= on	! Carried over from 4C
SigmaDiffractive:dampen	= on	= on	! Carried over from 4C
SigmaDiffractive:maxXB	= 65.0	= 65.0	! Carried over from 4C
SigmaDiffractive:maxAX	= 65.0	= 65.0	! Carried over from 4C
SigmaDiffractive:maxXX	= 65.0	= 65.0	! Carried over from 4C
Diffraction:largeMassSuppress	= 4.0	= 2.0	! High-mass diffraction suppression power

The Eternal Struggle

Started out with intent to use simple principles.

Spent rest of life making increasingly complex models/codes.

You spend 10% of the effort and code to get to 90% of the physics, and then the going gets tough.

Particle physics is more complex than we would wish, but simpler than it could have been.

Why stick with event generators?

Our objective is to understand physics, not to write code.

But often code offers a unique way to gain insight.

Thorny Corners of QCD

Colour Reconnection (CR)

CR needed to explain e.g. $\langle p_T \rangle(n_{\text{ch}})$, 1987 and now:

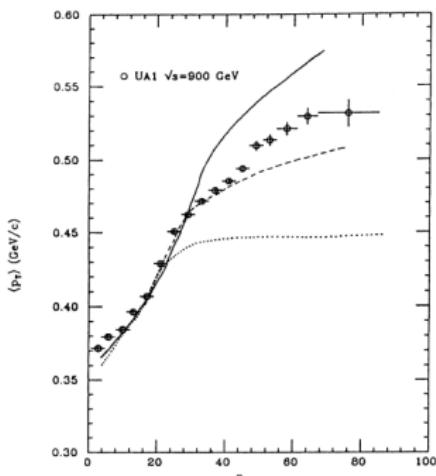
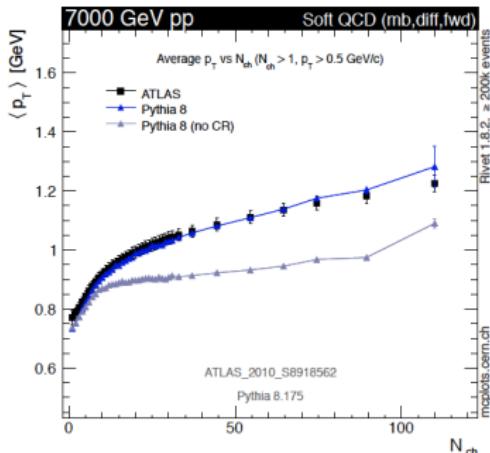


FIG. 27. Average transverse momentum of charged particles in $|\eta| < 2.5$ as a function of the multiplicity. UA1 data points (Ref. 49) at 900 GeV compared with the model for different assumptions about the nature of the subsequent (nonhardest) interactions. Dashed line, assuming $q\bar{q}$ scatterings only; dotted line, gg scatterings with "maximal" string length; solid line gg scatterings with "minimal" string length.



CR reduces total string length
⇒ reduces hadronic multiplicity

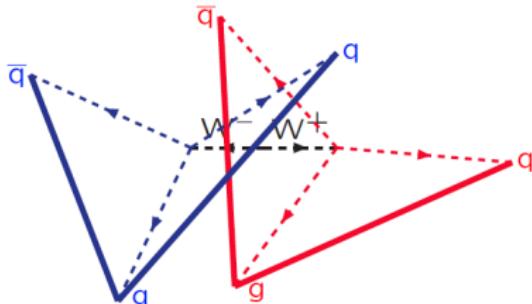
PYTHIA CR models for LEP 2

Colour reconnection studied in several models, e.g.

Scenario II: vortex lines.

Analogy: type II superconductor.

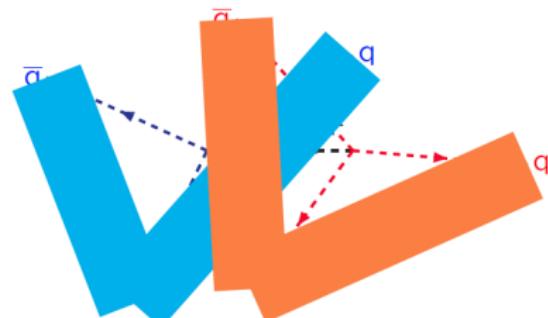
Strings can reconnect only if central cores cross.



Scenario I: elongated bags.

Analogy: type I superconductor.

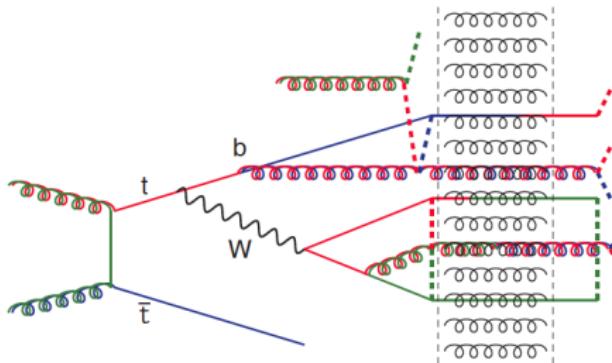
Reconnection proportional to space-time overlap.



(schematic only; nothing to scale)

The top mass uncertainty from CR

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_t &\approx 1.5 \text{ GeV} \\ \Gamma_W &\approx 2 \text{ GeV} \\ \Gamma_Z &\approx 2.5 \text{ GeV} \\ \Rightarrow c\tau &\approx 0.1 \text{ fm}\end{aligned}$$



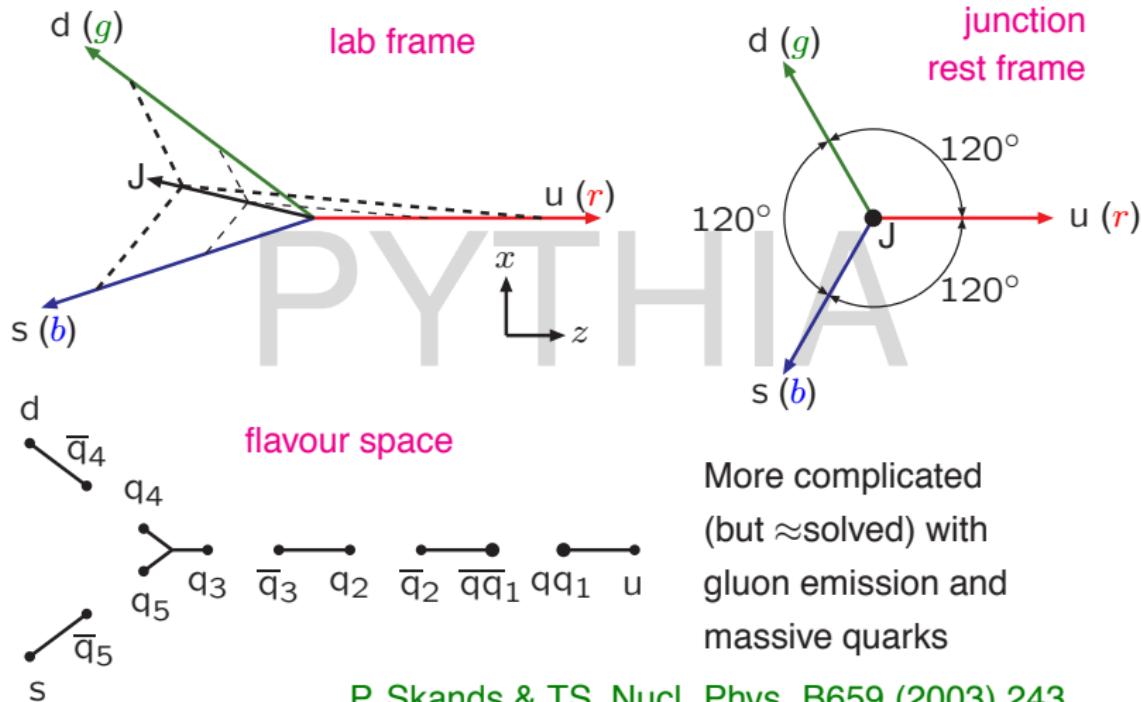
Decays occur when p “pancakes” have passed, after MPI/ISR/FSR with $p_T \geq 2 \text{ GeV}$, but inside hadronization colour fields.

Experimentalists achieve impressive m_t precision,
e.g. CMS $m_t = 172.35 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.48 \text{ GeV}$ (PRD93 (2016) 072004),
whereof $\text{CR} \pm 0.10 \text{ GeV}$
from PYTHIA 6.4 Perugia 2011 $|\text{CR} - \text{noCR}|$
Is this realistic?

BSM physics 1: R -parity violation

BSM & QCD

Encountered in R -parity violating SUSY decays $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow u d s$,
or when 2 valence quarks kicked out of proton beam



More complicated
(but \approx solved) with
gluon emission and
massive quarks

BSM physics 2: *R*-hadrons

What if coloured (SUSY) particle like \tilde{g} or \tilde{t}_1 is long-lived?

- ★ Formation of *R*-hadrons

$\tilde{g}q\bar{q}$	$\tilde{t}_1\bar{q}$	"mesons"
$\tilde{g}qqq$	\tilde{t}_1qq	"baryons"
$\tilde{g}g$		"glueballs"

- ★ Conversion between *R*-hadrons

by "low-energy" interactions with matter:



- ★ Displaced vertices if finite lifetime, or else

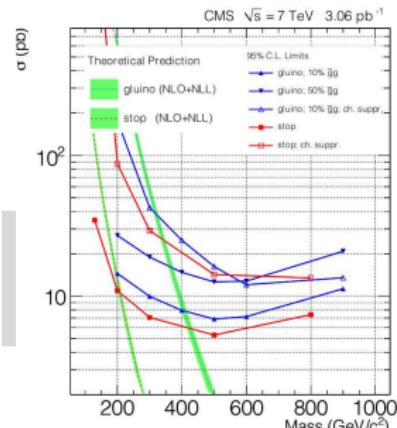
- ★ punch-through: $\sigma \approx \sigma_{\text{had}}$ but

$$\Delta E \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV} \ll E_{\text{kin},R}$$

A.C. Kraan, Eur. Phys. J. C37 (2004) 91;

CMS, arXiv:1101.1645

M. Fairbairn et al., Phys. Rep. 438 (2007) 1



Partly event generation, partly detector simulation.

Public add-on in PYTHIA 6, now integrated part of PYTHIA 8.

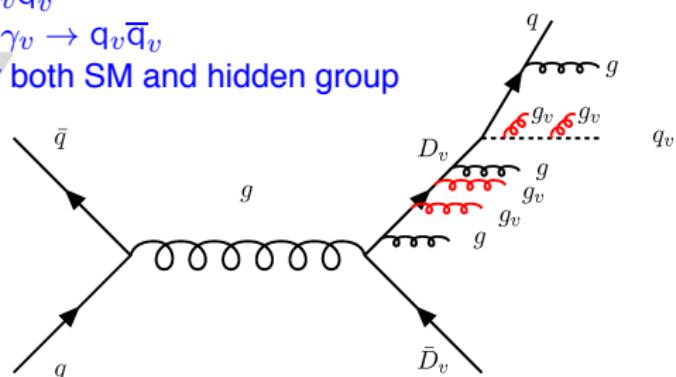
Can also be applied to non-SUSY long-lived "hadrons".

BSM physics 3: Hidden Valley (Secluded Sector)

What if new gauge groups at low energy scales, hidden by potential barrier or weak couplings? (M. Strassler & K. Zurek, ...)

Complete framework implemented in PYTHIA:

- * New gauge group either Abelian $U(1)$ or non-Abelian $SU(N)$
- * 3 alternative production mechanisms
 - 1) massive Z' : $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow q_v\bar{q}_v$
 - 2) kinetic mixing: $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow \gamma_v \rightarrow q_v\bar{q}_v$
 - 3) massive F_v charged under both SM and hidden group
- * Interleaved shower in QCD, QED and HV sectors:
add $q_v \rightarrow q_v\gamma_v$ (and F_v)
or $q_v \rightarrow q_vg_v$, $g_v \rightarrow g_vg_v$, which gives recoil effects also in visible sector

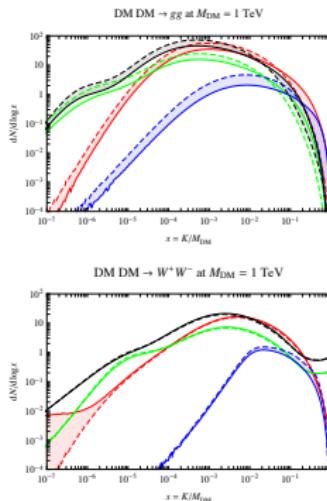
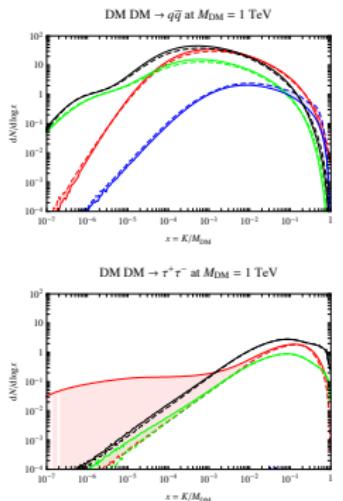


L. Carloni & TS, JHEP 09 (2010) 105;

L. Carloni, J. Rathsman & TS, JHEP 04 (2011) 091

Dark Matter annihilation

Common question: in my model DM particles annihilate pairwise.
Given the mass and the two-body branching ratios,
what is the spectrum of γ , e^\pm , p/\bar{p} , ν ?



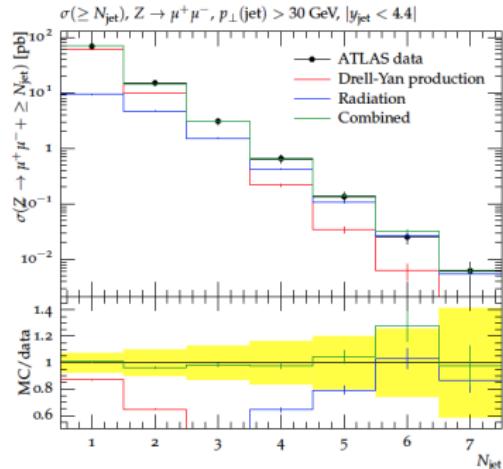
photons
 e^\pm
 \bar{p}
neutrinos

PYTHIA continuous
HERWIG dashed

M. Cirelli et al.,
JCAP 1103 (2011) 051,
JCAP 1210 (2012) E01

PYTHIA 8.2 news

- New **match&merge** schemes (now 8) and options.
- **Weak showers**: $q \rightarrow qZ^0$, $q \rightarrow q'W^\pm$ (also merged).
- Allow reweighting of rare shower branchings.
- Automated **parton-shower uncertainty bands**.
- Extended interface for external shower plugins.
- Complete LHEF v3 support.
- Can run Madgraph5_aMC@NLO and POWHEG BOX from within PYTHIA.
- Complete Python interface.



VINCIA: an Interleaved Antennae shower

Markovian process: no memory of path to reach current state.

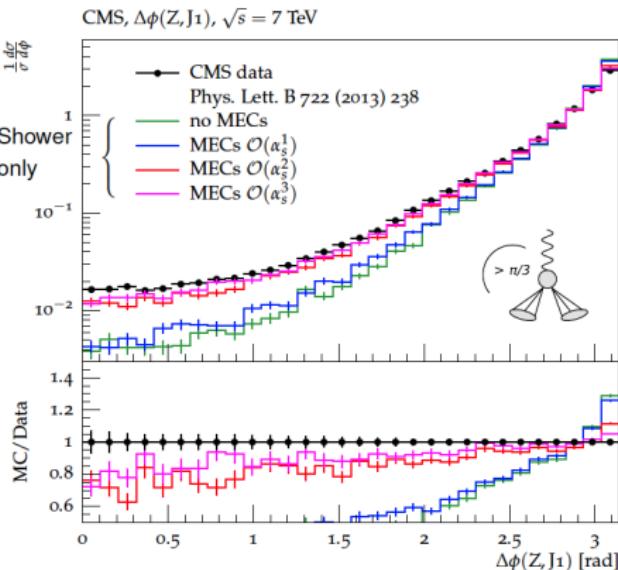
Based on antenna factorization of amplitudes and phase space.

Smooth ordering fills
whole phase space.

Step-by-step reweighting
to new matrix elements:
 $Z \rightarrow Zj \rightarrow Zjj \rightarrow Zjjj$
(also Sudakov), e.g.

$$W = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{Zj}|^2}{\sum_i a_i |\mathcal{M}_Z|^2}$$

Replaces PYTHIA
normal showers;
recent release.



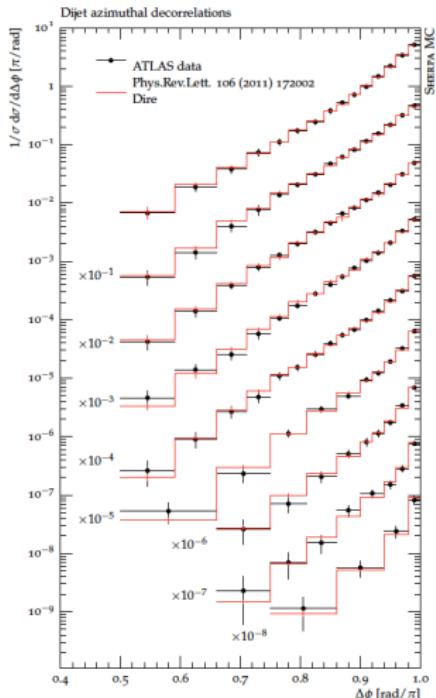
DIRE: a Dipole Resummation shower

Joint Sherpa/PYTHIA development,
but separate implementations,
means technically well tested.

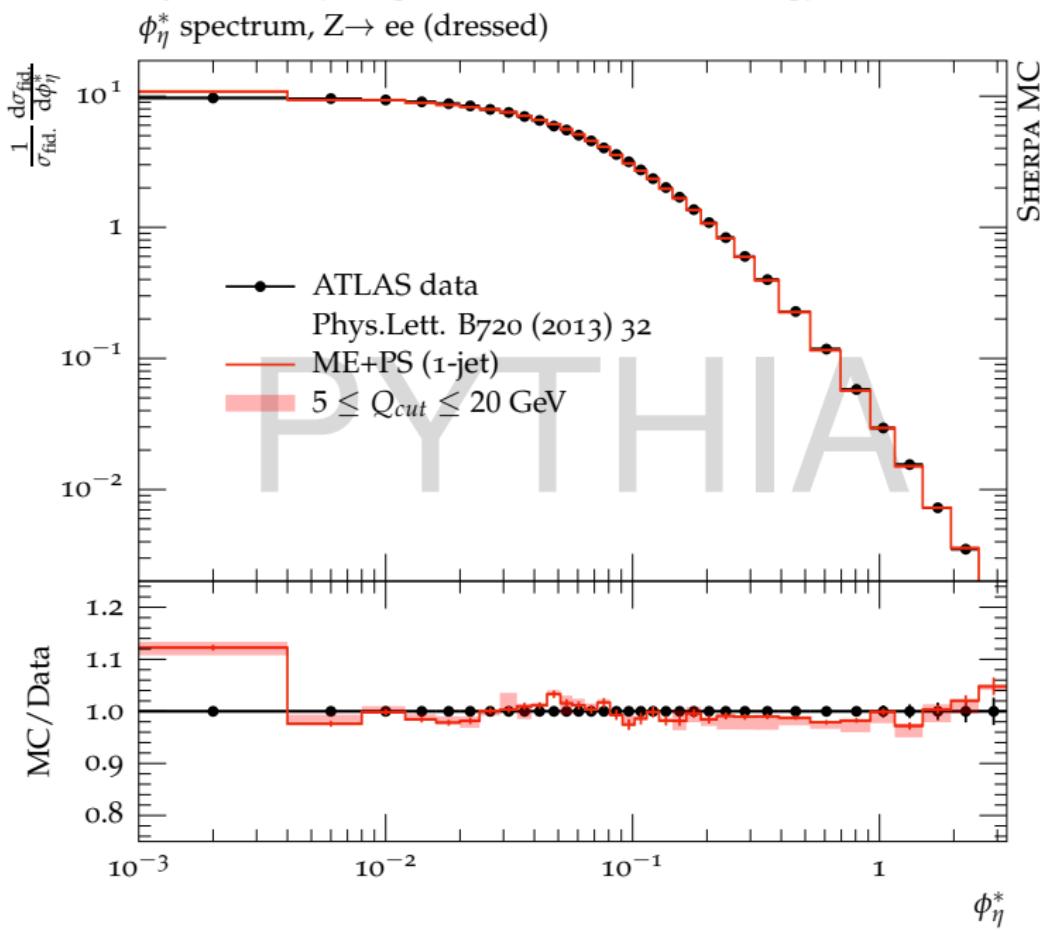
“Midpoint between dipole and parton shower”,
dipole with emitter & spectator,
but not quite CS ones:
unified initial-initial, initial-final,
final-initial, final-final.

Soft term of kernels in all
dipole types is less singular

$$\frac{1}{1-z} \rightarrow \frac{1-z}{(1-z)^2 + p_\perp^2/M^2}$$



LHC data comparisons (merged ME+DIRE showering)

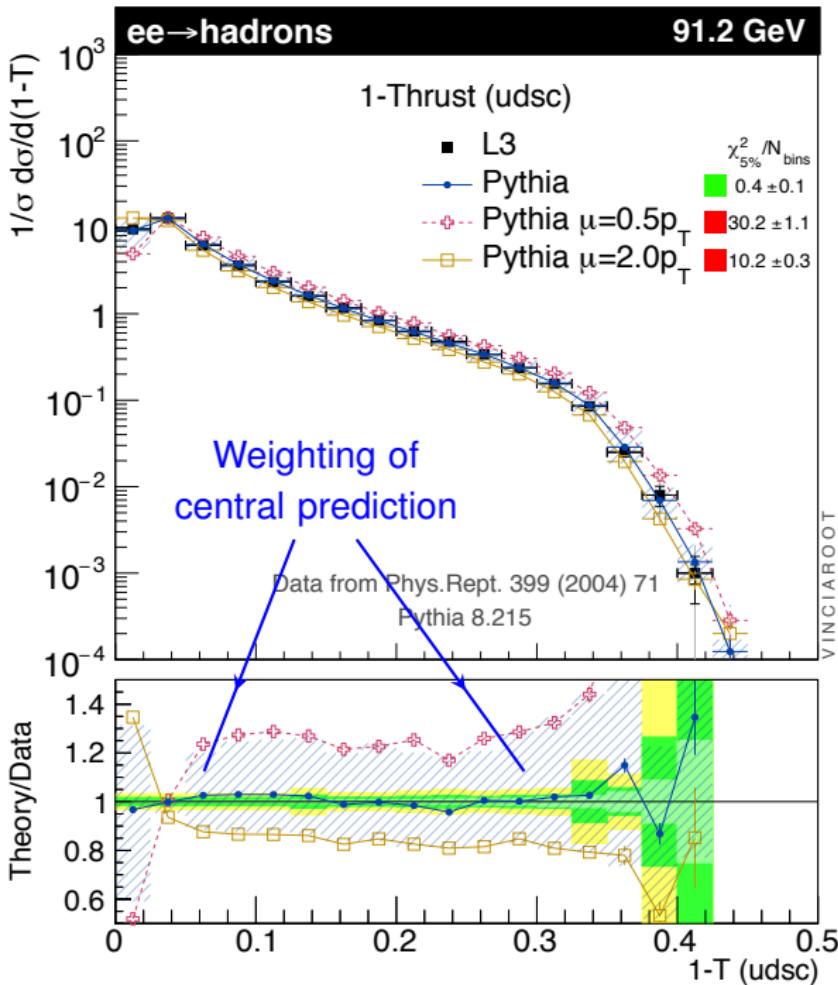


In Situ Shower Parameter Variation

- ▶ Includes renormalisation-scale and non-singular term variations
- ▶ Output = vector of alternative weights for each event
- ▶ quick estimate of uncertainties without needing separate runs
- ▶ a single sample to run through detector simulation etc.
- ▶ (hadronisation etc also only has to be carried out once).
- ▶ choose which variations you want, how large,
correlated/uncorrelated

Note: simpler type of ME (hard parameter) weighting long available through UserHooks

Could be exploited in tuning



Selected Highlights from Pythia 8.224 (18 Jan 2017)

A new alternative "thermal hadronization" option is introduced, wherein an exponential $\exp(-pT / T)$ hadronic transverse momentum spectrum replaces the default Gaussian one, with a "temperature" T as free parameter. Given this pT , the next hadron (consistent with local flavour conservation) is picked among the possibilities with an $\exp(-mT / T)$ weight. This option is accessed with `StringPT:thermalModel = on`.

A new option `StringPT:closePacking = on` allows to enhance the pT width in regions where there is a high density of partly overlapping strings. This works both for the default Gaussian and the alternative exponential (see above) pT description; in the latter case it will also enhance the rate of heavier-particle production.

New option with running coupling in Hidden Valley scenarios.
Some other small fixes in it.

Improved safety checks for the presence of LHE files.

New status codes 49 and 59 introduced for ISR and FSR partons, respectively, to represent special states in the evolution where $E^2 - p^2 = m^2$ is not fulfilled.

Bug fixes

Bug fix in the `TimeShower::findMEtype(...)` for a few rare cases.

Fix in the setup of tunes with
`SpaceShower:rapidityOrder = off`.

The new (in 8.219) `SpaceShower:rapidityOrderMPI` then also ought to have been set off, but this was missed, giving small inconsistencies (around 2% reduction of the charged multiplicity). Thanks to James Monk.

The handling of the `meMode` ranges 52 - 60 and 62 - 70 were incorrect, insofar as checks or not against duplication of existing channels go, and have now been set straight. Thanks to Christopher West.

Minor bug fix in the `TimeShower` machinery to optionally enhance the rate of some shower branchings.

Other minor bug fixes/updates.

Future Developments (& Holy Grails)

NLL parton showers

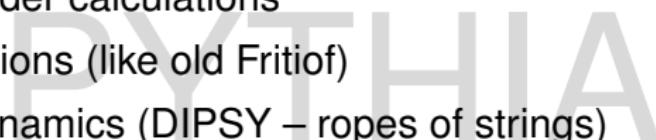
Fully automated, efficient combination of Pythia and higher-order calculations

pA collisions (like old Fritiof)

String dynamics (DIPSY – ropes of strings)

Forays into νA interactions

...



Last Thoughts

Who will be doing the physics of event generation 20 years from now?

Who are we training?[†]

What are we training them to do?

Event generator physics is not just about having ideas and writing some code. I think that part of the reason the PYTHIA manual has been one the most-highly-cited physics papers since 2012 is our dedication to the needs of the community.

[†]I have no students. For Törbjörn, banking jobs pay more. Peter is starting at Monash.

Here is an example of what an event generator author has to do (in just one random week):

GENSER at CERN reports an issue with PYTHIA6[†] when compiled with the new gfortran-4.9 with respect to gfortran-4.8. This occurs with “-O” but not “-g”. It has never occurred in a previous version of gfortran. Fortunately, this is a problem I can reproduce. I print out event listings, and run code in a debugger, and eventually find a line where the two calculations diverge. It looks like a compiler problem! My Computing Division colleagues look at it and say the line violates the Fortran 66 standard.[§] Indeed, it is a 20 year old bug in the code, unnoticed until this point. The code is rewritten, and we prepare a new release.

[†]We are not even officially supporting the FORTRAN version, but it was still used by CMS and ATLAS and that is part of service work.

[§]I was alive, but barely.

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