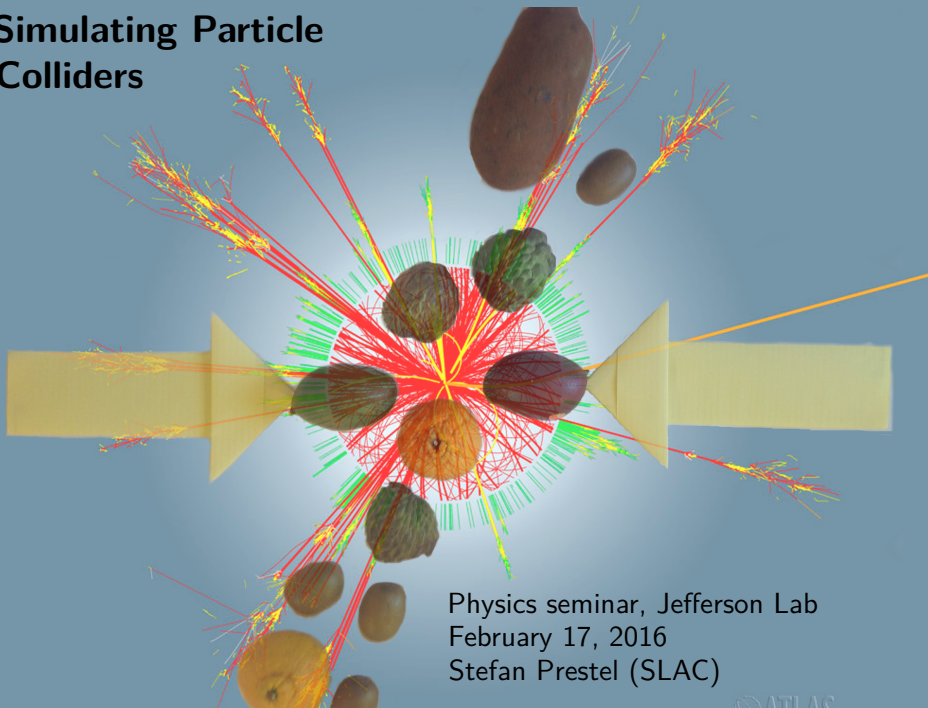


Simulating Particle Colliders



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Outline

1. Smash to discover, or why we do collider physics
2. Modelling scattering events, or the mess with hadrons
3. Perturbative predictions, parton showers and fixed-order calculations.
4. Summary and Outlook

Disclaimer: This will be a Monte-Carlo-biased (review) talk,
from a high-energy perspective.

No discussion of spin effects, unfortunately.

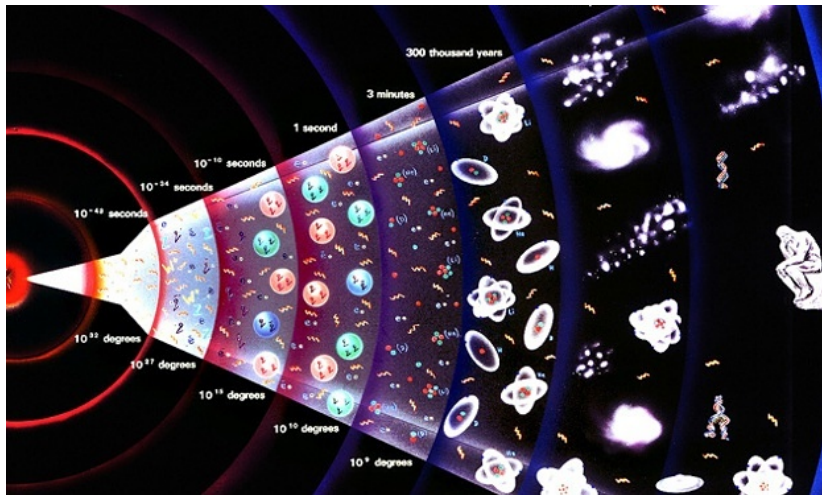
No pretzelosity, just prestelosity.

1. Smash to discover

- a) What is our goal?
- b) Why colliders?

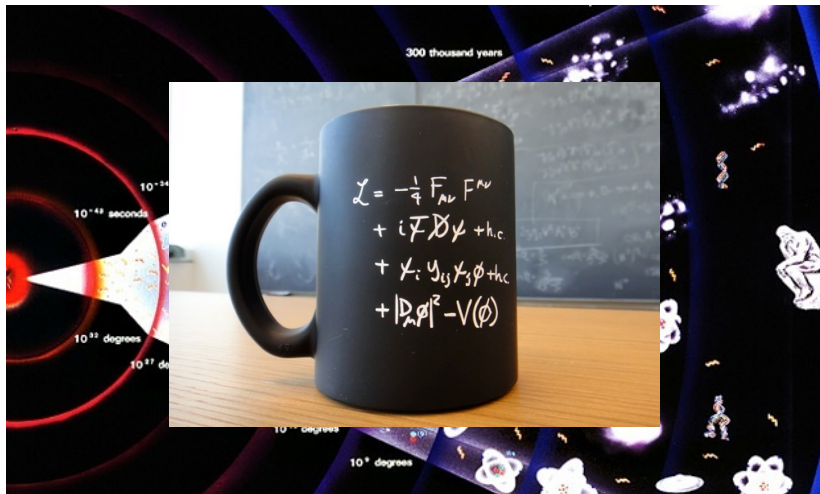
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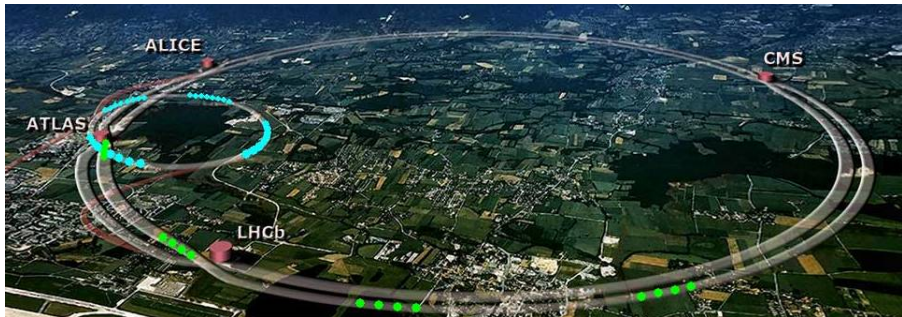


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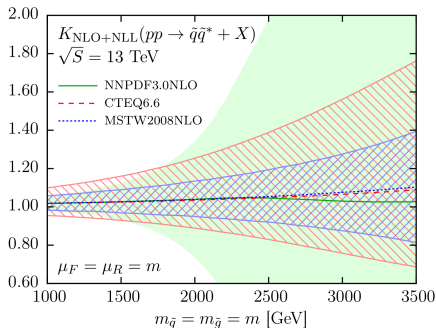
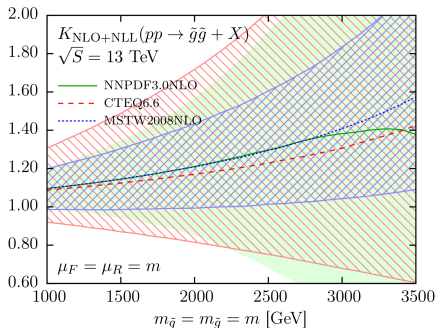


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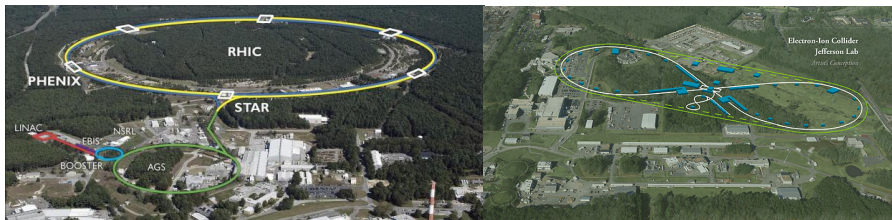
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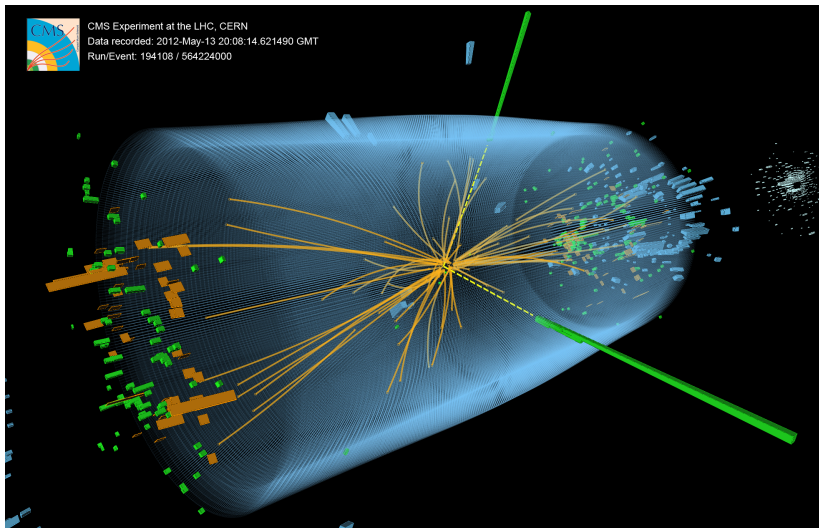
We need to understand the proton better before we can say anything about new phenomena.

→ Need very detailed understanding of the strong interaction!

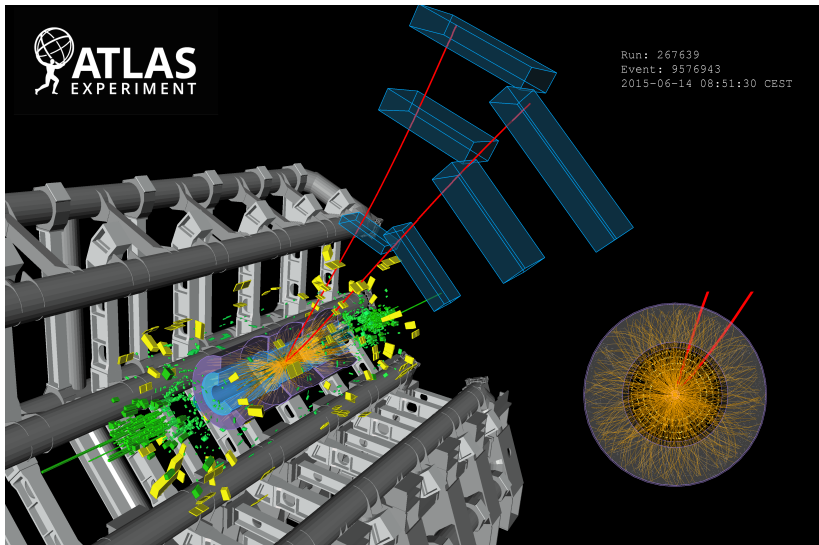
→ Colliders are perfect to study matter under extreme conditions.

The 12 GeV upgrade will greatly improve the understanding of GPD/TMDs, spin structure and hybrid mesons!

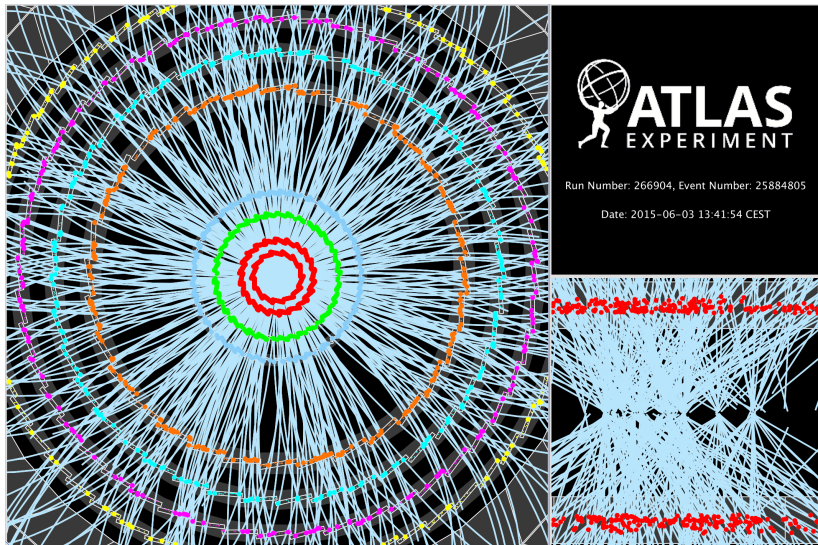
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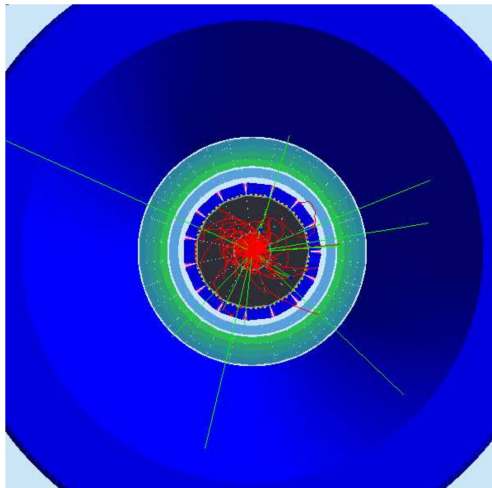
The mess we're facing: J/Ψ production in the ATLAS detector



The mess experiments are facing: (Almost) raw data



The mess experiments are facing



CLAS12 simulated event “[...] obtained for a luminosity $L = 10^{33} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$, corresponding to 1/100 of the nominal luminosity, for practical reasons related to the graphical interface.”

2. Modelling scattering events

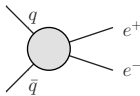
To find new hints of new phenomena, we compare experimental data with the best simulations of our current “best” theory. Here, we'll discuss

- a) Our idea / prejudice how scattering events look like
- b) How we hope to model scattering events.

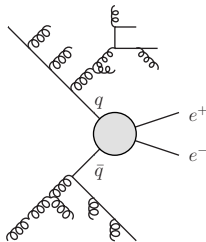
Our goal



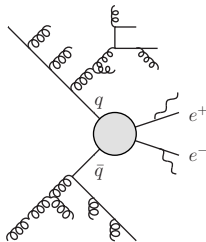
High-energy scattering $ab \rightarrow ABC \dots$ of fundamental particles at the
"core" of the collision



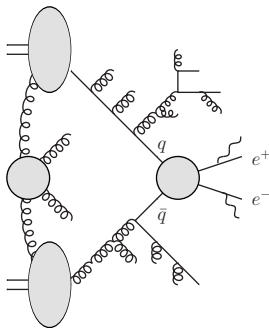
Highly accelerated particles decelerate by radiating (especially QCD emissions) arbitrarily often,



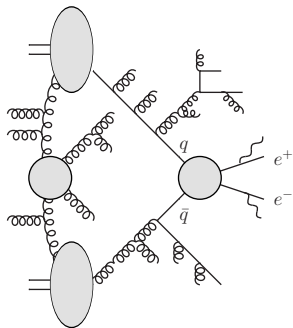
...but even massive W- or Z-bosons can be radiated at very high energies.



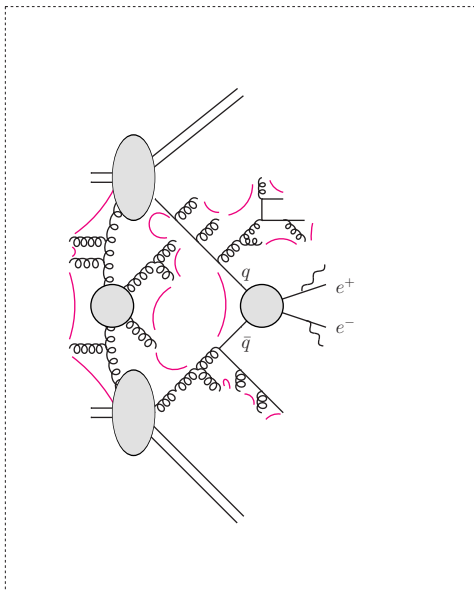
Colliding composite protons means there can be many interactions
between the proton constituents



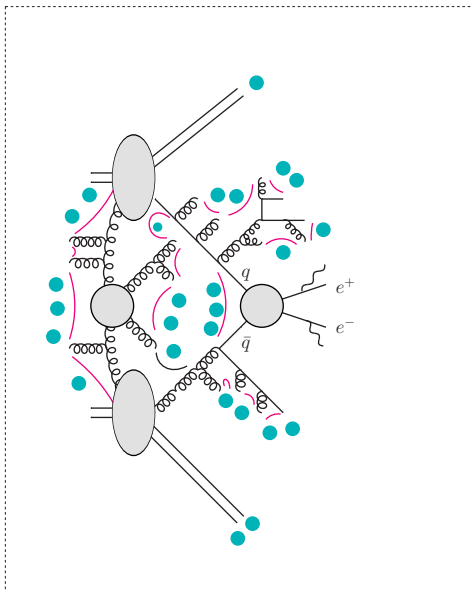
...which all produce yet more radiation.



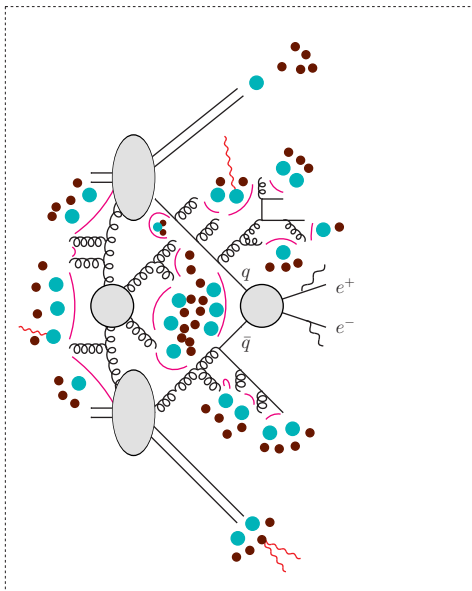
If all energies are small, we have a phase transition to a colour-neutral state (by transitioning to “proto-hadron” colour strings)



The colour-neutral strings then break up into tiny pieces forming
(highly excited) hadrons,



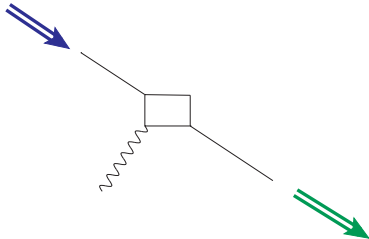
and the excited hadrons decay into the particles (protons, pions, photons, electrons ...) we see in the detector.



Theory models: Alice's Baryon-number violating dreamland



Incoming hadron

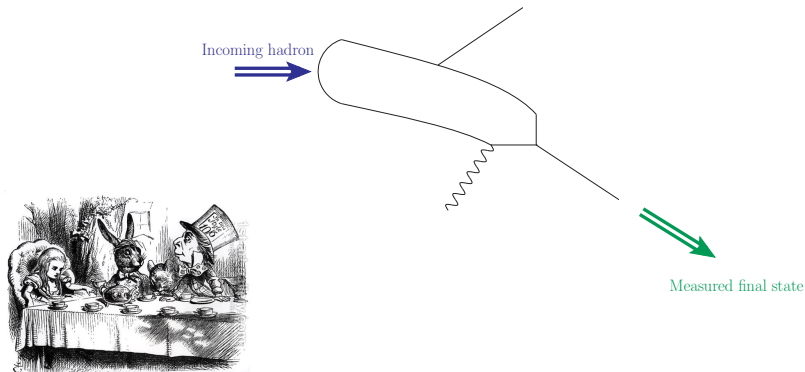


Measured final state

Imagine deep inelastic scattering with a non-colored final state.
If all the partons momenta are parallel to the incoming composite proton,
then we have a simple (boring) final state.

Calculable in fixed-order perturbation theory.

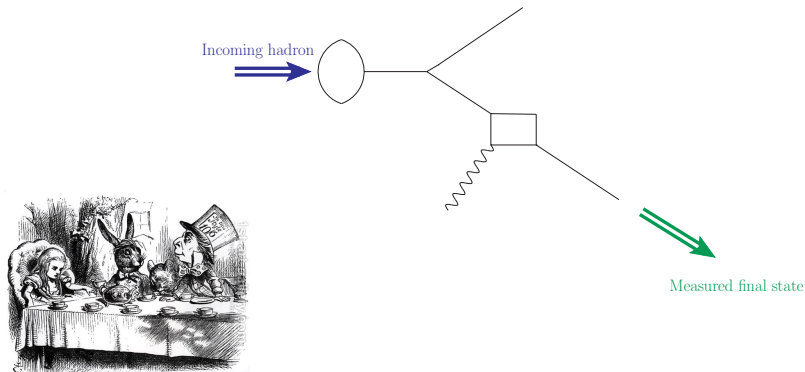
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More interesting if the parton momenta have transverse components. Semi-inclusive measurements of the final state then allow to map the proton structure.

Measureable, by now good non-perturbative fits.

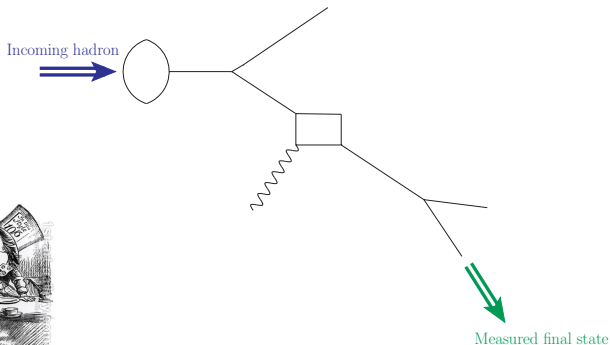
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Calculable evolution in resummed perturbation theory.

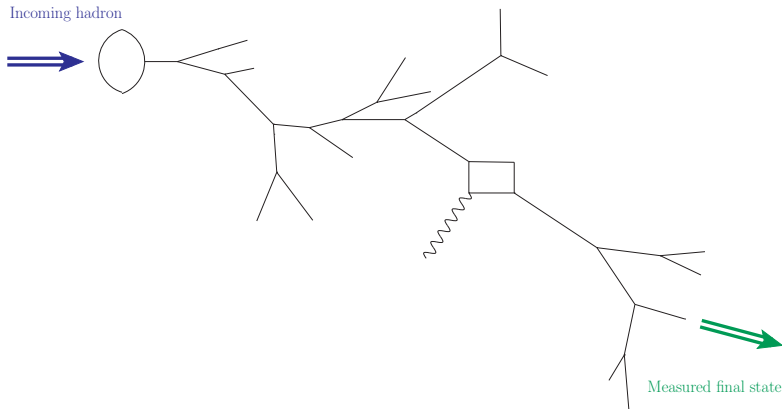
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With final-state color, the effects of initial-state and final-state evolution are not straight-forwardly factorized (long-wavelength “soft” gluons see only global charge densities).

Tough measurement. Factorization in calculation model-dependent.

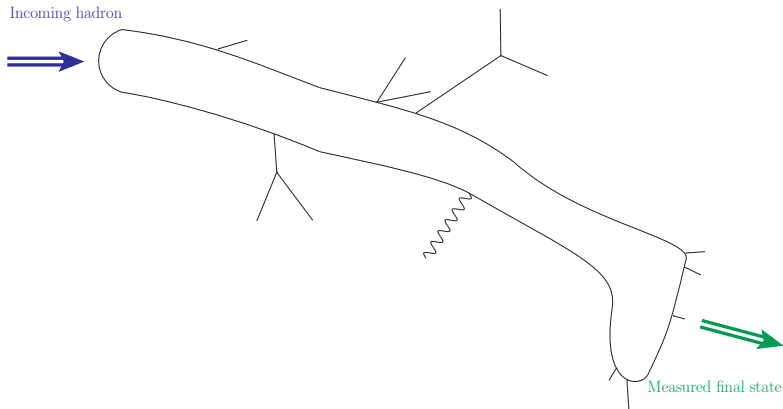
Realistic scatterings



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3. Perturbative calculations

- a) What are the assumptions of perturbation theory?
- b) Status of fixed-order calculations
- c) Parton showering

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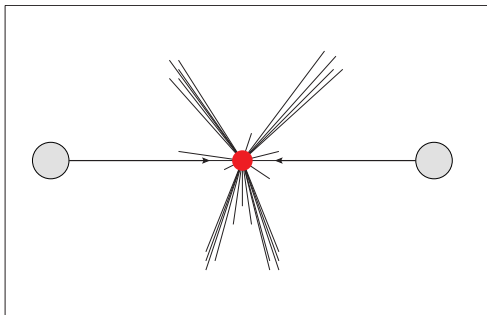
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Probabilities of converting parton ensemble to observed final state

Factorizing the fragmentation component: Jets

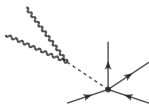
Hard scattering + Radiation cascade + Hadronisation + Hadron decays

Observation: Leads to collimated sprays of particles called **Jets**.



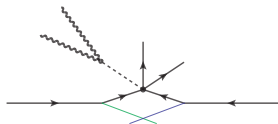
For $p_{\perp} > \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$, we expect $\mathcal{D}_{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N, A, B} \approx \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{jets}}} \mathcal{J}_i(p_n \in \text{Jet}_i)$

→ If we can get away with measuring jets, non-perturbative model less important – but we introduce a *jet definition* dependence.



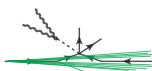
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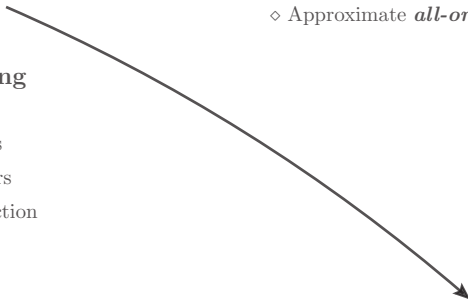
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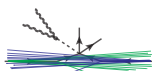
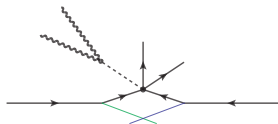
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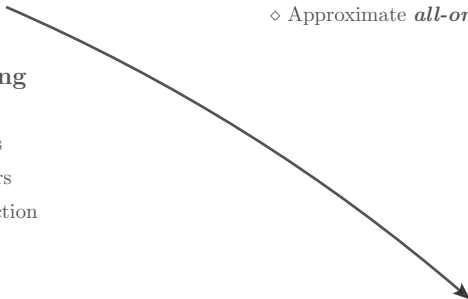


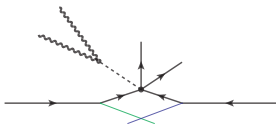
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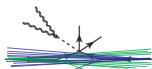
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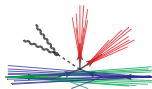
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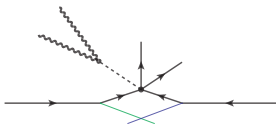
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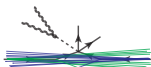
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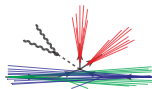
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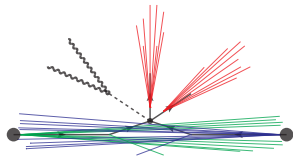
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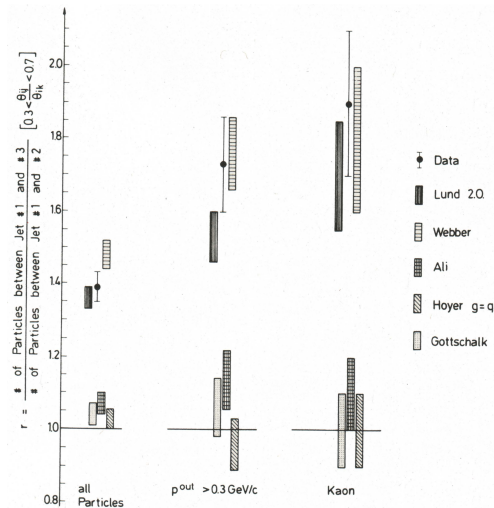


Low-energy cross section

- ◇ Particles have low energies
- ◇ Particles collected in jets
- ◇ Collision energy extracted from proton beam fragmentation (*data parametrisation*)



Remember: This is only an approximation!



Data shows that jets at LEP “talk to each other”. The phenomenon is called string effect. It’s perturbative incarnation is called *color coherence*.

Reliable perturbative predictions

Mission statement: Use perturbative predictions to capture large portion of the dynamics before invoking non-perturbative models.

Good predictions should...

1. **Fulfill physical constraints:**

Charge and flavour conservation.
4-momentum conservation.

2. **Fulfill consistency constraints:**

Should have a well-defined accuracy for inclusive + exclusive (semi-inclusive) cross-sections.

→ Recover accurate multi-jets fixed-order results.

→ Recover beam and jet functions (i.e. TMD evolution).

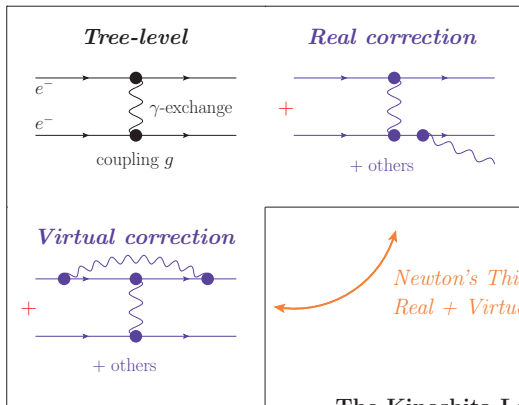
3. **Capture all-order dynamics**, e.g. include color coherence.

4. **Have smooth matching to non-perturbative regime:**

Masses should be physical.

Unresolved partons should not affect matching.

Fixed-order calculations



*Newton's Third Law of QFT:
Real + Virtual = finite!*

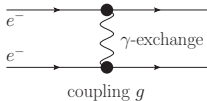
The Kinoshita-Lee-Nauenberg theorem

- ◇ Add all diagrams of same power in g ,
and all zero-momentum ∞ s will cancel!

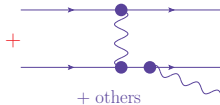
→ **Finite next-to-leading order (NLO)
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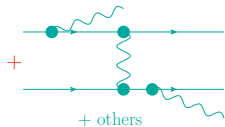
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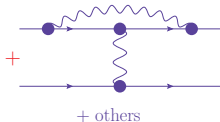
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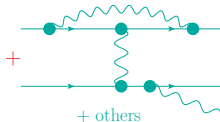
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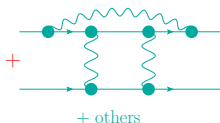
Virtual correction



Real-Virtual



Double Virtual



NNLO calculation

- ◇ Very accurate
- ◇ Newton's Third Law of QFT more complicated:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Real} &+ \text{Virtual} = \text{finite} \\
 \text{Double Real} &+ \text{Real-Virtual} \\
 &+ \text{Double Virtual} + (\text{Virtual})^2 = \text{finite}
 \end{aligned}$$

Status of fixed-order calculations

Task: Calculate $d\sigma$ exactly up to fixed power of coupling constant. Captures QM interferences. Cancellation of low-energy divergences quite complicated... and imperfect for exclusive observables.

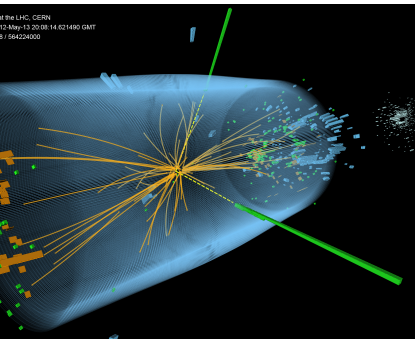
Calculations for less inclusive observables invoke cuts, since otherwise unreliable because of soft/collinear emissions. Status:

- Tree-Level: $pp \rightarrow X + \leq 10$ partons (needs cuts)
- Next-to-leading order: $pp \rightarrow X + \leq 5$ partons (needs cuts)
- NNLO: $pp \rightarrow X + \leq 1$ (may need cuts)
- N³LO: $gg \rightarrow H$ inclusive cross section

Good... but we're not quite there yet



Remember the Higgs-boson candidate in CMS?



We're up to a good start, but we need many more ingredients!

First, an approximation

Real corrections R + Virtual corrections V = Finite

...and singularities in R and V are *scattering-process independent*.

\Rightarrow Approximate higher-order correction for scattering processes:

$$R' + V' = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad V' = - \int d(\text{d.o.f. of emission}) R'$$

Now assume that $\Gamma = R'/\text{Born} \in [0, 1]$.

Parton shower by analogy to nuclear decay

State of unstable isotope

State evolution

Probability

t_{start} t_{stop}



Isotope decayed in the time interval

$\Gamma \delta t$

$$\delta t = t_{start} - t_X$$



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interval δt



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“Virtual correction”

$$1 - \Gamma \delta t$$



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All-order probability of no resolvable state change until t_X

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The parton shower

The no-emission probability is directly related to the conventional *Sudakov factor* Δ , and encodes all-order log-enhancements. The product $\Delta\Gamma$ is always regular.

Iterability of this “nuclear decay” procedure requires that

- After an emission, charges, flavours, 4-momenta have to be conserved.
- R'/B is a process-independent* probability[†].

This allows to approximate any process $2 \rightarrow X + n$ partons:

- a) Start with $2 \rightarrow X$ scattering Φ_B with evolution parameter t
- b) Choose a state change at t' according to probability $R'/B(\Phi_R)$
- c) If the state change is accepted, reset $\Phi_B \rightarrow \Phi_R$
- d) Reset $t \rightarrow t'$, start again at a)

The ratio R'/B contains only collinear/soft pieces.

→ Extra partons are collimated with partons in original $X \rightarrow \text{Jets!}$

* Process-specific, improved kernels are possible.

[†] Probability can be understood rather broadly. Most functions that do not diverge for $t \neq 0$ may be fine.

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We have defined a new dipole-parton shower, and implemented independently in the PYTHIA and SHERPA to minimise bug contamination (arXiv:1506.05057). Codes available as PYTHIA and SHERPA plugins.

DIRE

Interference terms in soft-gluon MEs \supset propagator structure $1/(s_{aj}s_{bj})$ which leads to coherence (and, after integration, to angular ordering).
 \Rightarrow Implement coherence directly at the integrand level by ordering evolution in dipole $p_{\perp}^2 = s_{aj}s_{bj}/\mu^2$.

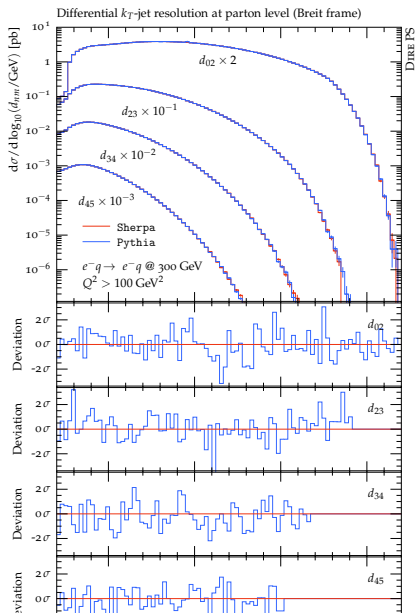
The soft-gluon divergence ($s_{aj}s_{bj}$) is then shared between emissions off a and off b . Careful not to over-count:

$$\frac{dp_{\perp a}^2}{p_{\perp a}} \int dz \mathcal{P}_{a \rightarrow aj}^{\sim}(z_a) + \frac{dp_{\perp b}^2}{p_{\perp b}} \int dz \mathcal{P}_{b \rightarrow bj}^{\sim}(z_b) := \frac{dp_{\perp}^2}{p_{\perp}^2}$$

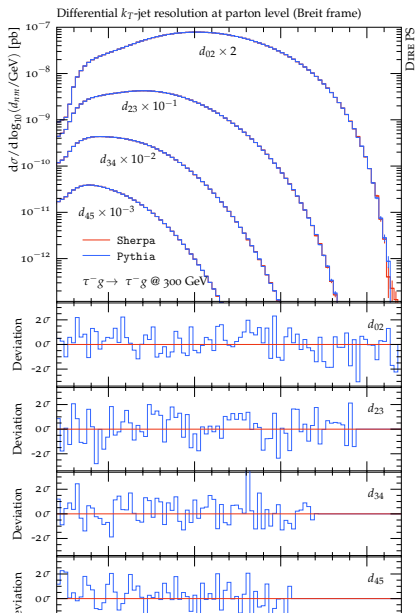
\Rightarrow PS splitting probabilities (dipoles) must vanish in the anti-collinear limits, except at $p_{\perp} = 0$.

Thus, dipoles project onto the respective collinear directions.
 \Rightarrow PS recovers factorised jet/beam function evolution.

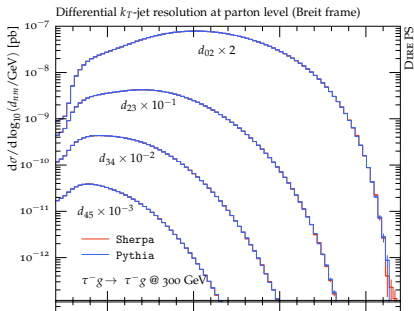
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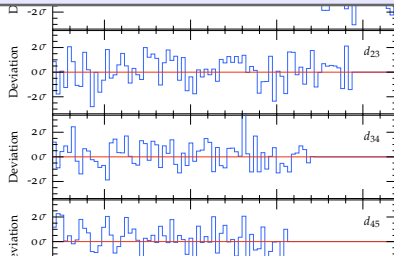
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New: DIS predictions with PYTHIA8



Parton showers and x_{Bjorken}

Forget FSR. The PS should obey the DGLAP equation

$$\frac{df(x_0, t)}{f(x_0, t)} = dt \frac{dx'}{x'} \frac{f(x', t)}{f(x_0, t)} P\left(\frac{x_0}{x'}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad x_0 = \frac{2p_{aj}q}{2Pq} = \frac{Q^2}{2Pq} = x_{\text{Bjorken}}$$

and x is the longitudinal momentum fraction.

Initial state radiation in a traditional PS proceeds by

- Take massless incoming line, shift to accommodate virtuality t .
- Split the massive incoming line to produce the emission.

Introduktion of a virtuality t means

$$x_0 = \frac{2p_{aj}q}{2Pq} = \frac{Q^2}{2Pq} \left(1 + \frac{t}{Q^2}\right) \neq x_{\text{Bjorken}}$$

\Rightarrow Application of PS changes x of hard process.

The issue with DIS

Problem is related to the shift massless \rightarrow massive.

Note: In the Drell-Yan case, the necessary shift is taken from the whole final state. Integrating shifted final state yields correct result. But in DIS, we cannot naively shift the lepton!

Pythia 6 solution: For the first ISR, reinterpret x_{Bjorken} of the core scattering to be

$$x_{0,PS} = x_{\text{Bjorken}} \left(1 - \frac{t}{Q^2} \right)$$

i.e. take the necessary energy from reinterpreting the hard scattering. Use a strongly t -dependent z to arrive at this form.

\Rightarrow Inclusive cross section is correctly evaluated with longitudinal momentum fraction.

Note: Final-state showers also more complicated, with awkward z -definition.

DIS in Pythia 8

Employ an exact phase space factorisation.

...and take necessary momentum from final-state parton \tilde{k} .

$$p_{aj} - p_k = p_a - p_j - p_k$$

All momenta are massless, before and after the splitting.

Thus, before as well as after the splitting, we have

$$(p_{aj} + q)^2 = 2p_{aj}q - Q^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad x_0 = \frac{2p_{aj}q}{2Pq} = \frac{Q^2}{2Pq} = x_{\text{Bjorken}}$$

and after the splitting

$$(p_a + q)^2 = \frac{2p_{aj}q}{z} - Q^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad x_1 = \frac{2p_a q}{2Pq} = \frac{x_0}{z} = \frac{x_{\text{Bjorken}}}{z}$$

Structure functions in all n -parton cross sections are evaluated with sensible longitudinal momentum fractions, simply because integrating over shifted final state yields p_{aj} and p_k again.

Why was DIS not included earlier?

Old model

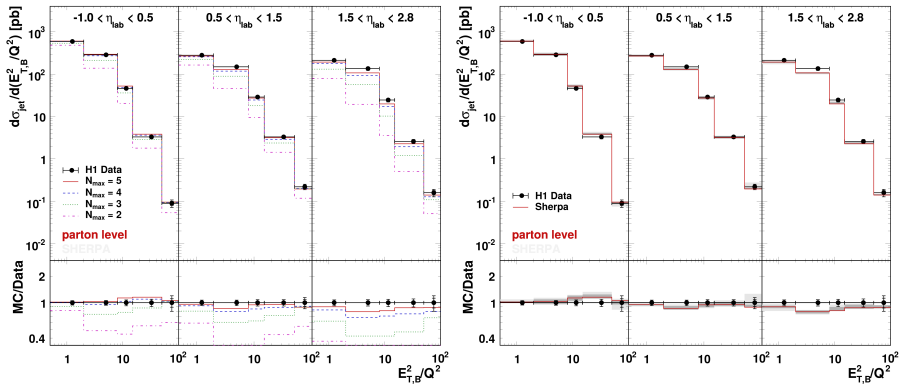
- ◇ Implemented in PYTHIA 6.
- ◇ Jet rates technically still depend on custom structure functions.
- ◇ z-definition in FSR rather messy. Not coherent.
- ◇ Largest FSR virtuality $(m'_1)_{max} = E'_1$ leaves holes in phase space.
- ◇ Differences in FSR and ISR mean not easily improved with full MEs. Thus uncertain for large W^2 .
- ◇ Includes diffractive model and beam remnant treatment.

New model: DIRE

- ◇ Plugin to PYTHIA 8.
- ◇ Depends only on standard structure functions^(*).
- ◇ Straight-forward z-definitions, coherence built into kernels directly.
- ◇ Largest evolution scale naturally set by dipole mass.
- ◇ Exact local momentum conservation allows inclusion of exact MEs. Will be helpful for large W^2 region.
- ◇ No diffraction yet, rudimentary beam remnants.

(*) up to power corrections from difference of kernels to DGLAP.

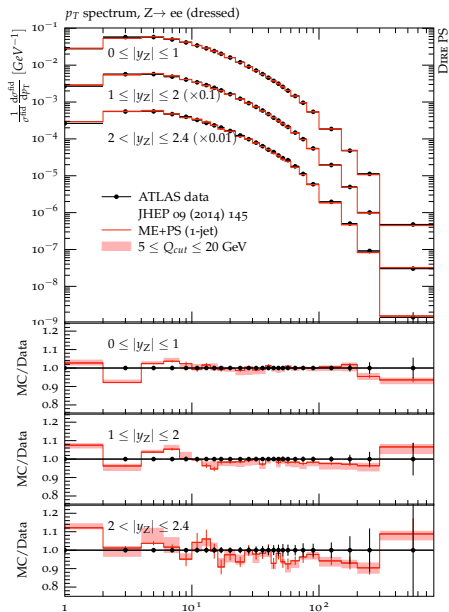
Exact phase space factorisation has further advantages



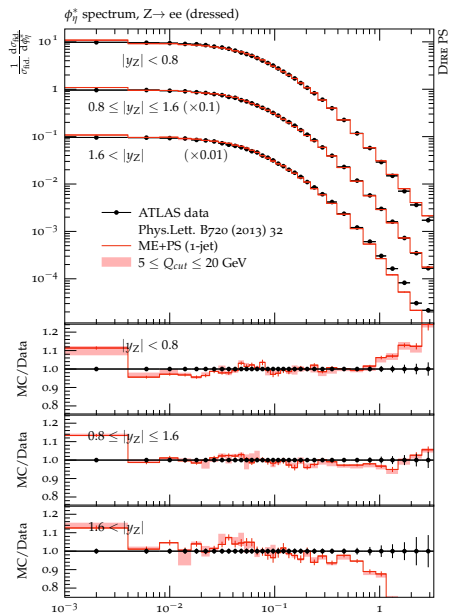
SHERPA predictions for the inclusive jet cross section as a function of $E_{T,B}^2/Q^2$ in bins of η_{lab} , as measured by H1. Plot taken arXiv:1006.5696

Exact phase space factorisation enables corrections with multi-jet matrix elements. Merging a "DGLAP" PS with tree-level multi-jet gives good data description.

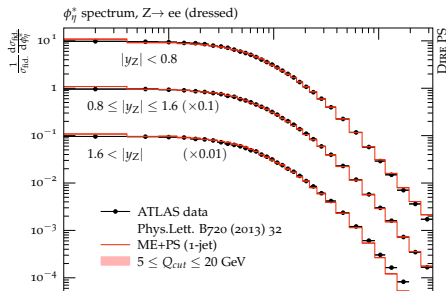
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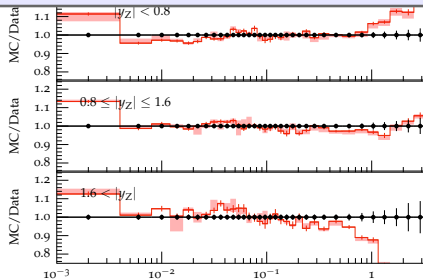
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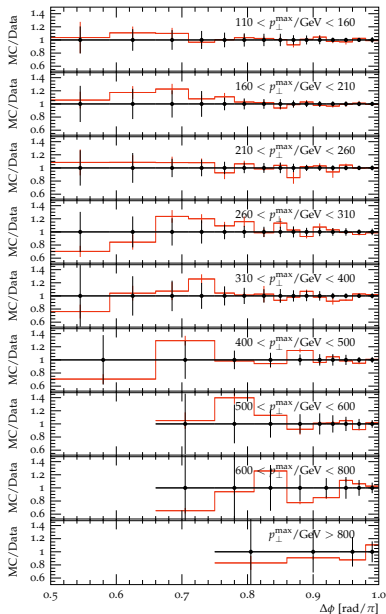
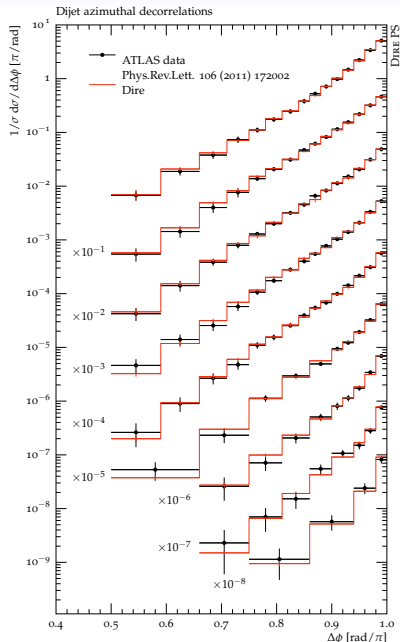
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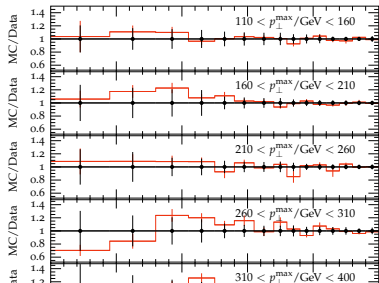
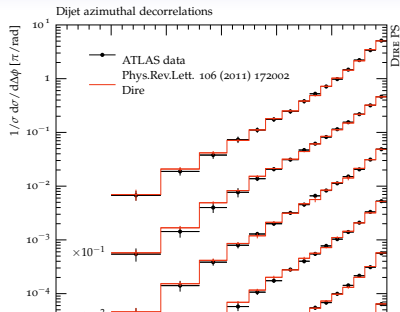
Not too terrible description of Drell-Yan data.



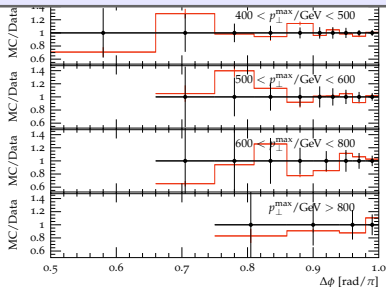
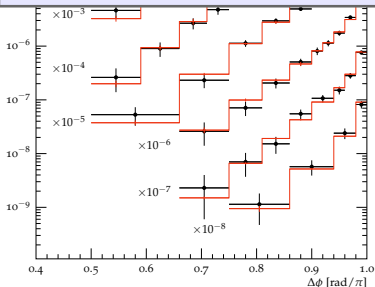
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Shower alone not bad in describing LHC multi-jet data.



DIRE web page and support

- DIRE is a complete replacement of the PYTHIA 8 showers.
- It naturally interleaves with the generator, since PYTHIA 8 natively supports steering of new showers within its evolution.
- DIRE is developed collaboratively in PYTHIA 8 + SHERPA.

You can download the new showers at

`www.hepforge.org/archive/direforpythia`

or at

`www.slac.stanford.edu/~prestel/DIRE`

and you can get contact the support team under

`direforpythia@projects.hepforge.org`

Two ways to calculate multi-particle scatterings

We have discussed two ways to use the perturbative approximation:

Fixed-order calculation

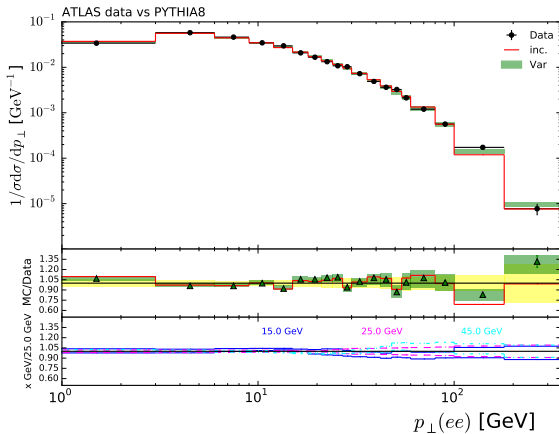
- ◇ All quantum interferences included at fixed coupling power.
- ◇ Describes high-energy scattering and jet seed production.
- ◇ Unreliable close to zero-momentum singularities.

All-order parton shower

- ◇ All coupling powers accounted for approximately.
- ◇ Describes jet evolution from high-energy to low-energy state.
- ◇ Unreliable when interferences and finite remainders matter.

A good (theoretical) model of particle colliders needs a combination of both methods!

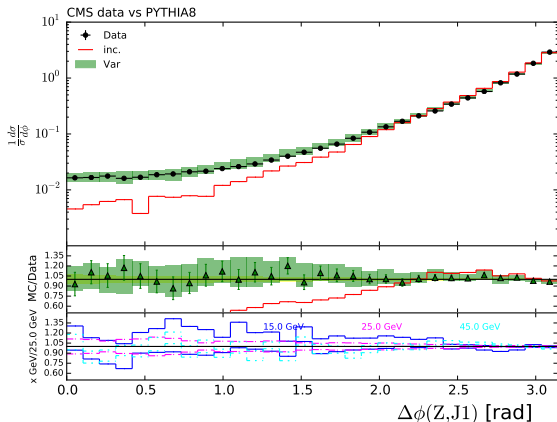
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Transverse momentum of a reconstructed Z-boson (as measured by the ATLAS detector, LHC running at 7 TeV collision energy)

Without parton shower, the theory model would give ∞ at zero p_{\perp} .

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Azimuthal angle difference between Z-boson and the highest-energy jet (measured by the CMS detector at 7 TeV collision energy)

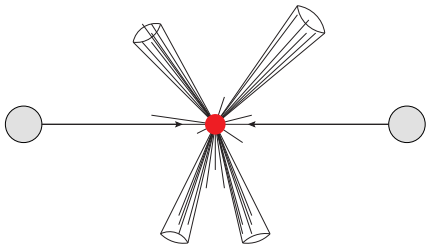
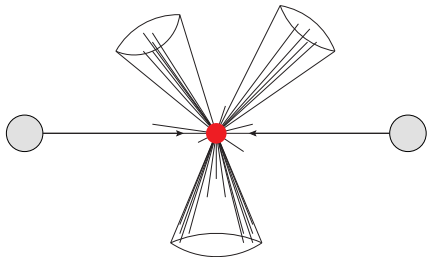
Without fixed-order calculations, the theory model would underpredict small angular differences.

Jets evolution vs. Jet production

Naively combining parton shower and fixed-order calculation leads to a double-counting of states.

Q: How is the transition between jet production and evolution defined?

A: It is not defined. Both can yield the same particle configurations.



Removing this overlap without impairing either calculation is the main problem of combination schemes.

... you wouldn't want to ruin the veggies!



How do we remove the overlap?

No emission \rightarrow State not changed

$\rightarrow P(\text{no-emission}) = \text{All-order approximate virtual correction}$

One emission \rightarrow State contains an extra particle

$\rightarrow P(\text{emission}) = \text{All-order approximate real emission}$

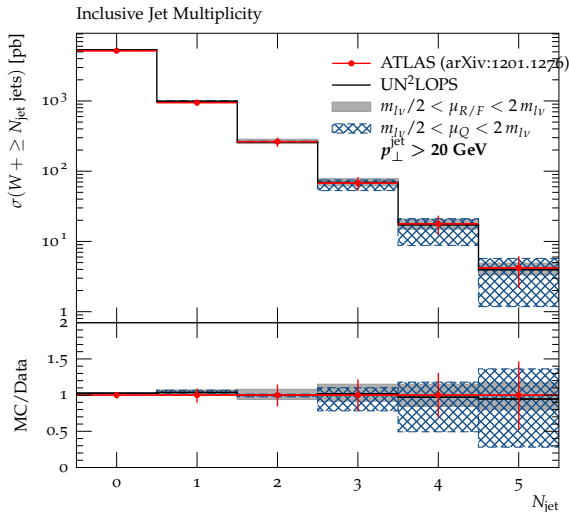
\Rightarrow Subtract from the FO calculation what the PS adds, i.e. use an adjusted FO calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tree - Level} + \text{Virtual Correction} + \text{Real Correction} \\ \rightarrow & \text{Tree - Level} + \left[\text{Virtual Correction} + P(\text{no emission}) \right]_{1\text{st order}} \\ & + \left[\text{Real Correction} - P(\text{emission}) \right]_{1\text{st order}} \end{aligned}$$

...then simply act the PS on this FO calculation, and the arbitrary “adjustment” will be removed and both NLO calculation and PS combined without impairing either!

\Rightarrow PS + NLO cross section combined. Can also be done at NNLO.

NNLO+PS matched results



n_{jets} in association with a Z-boson. UN²LOPS has (very) small uncertainty in zero/one-jet rate. Shower uncertainty larger for higher multiplicities.

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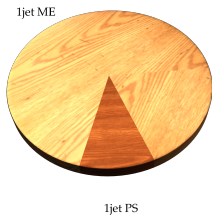


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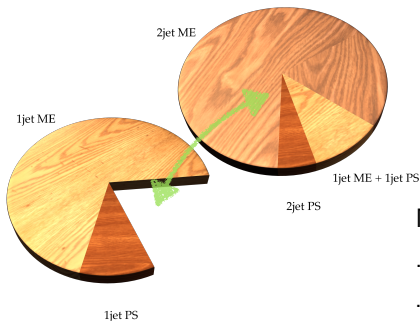
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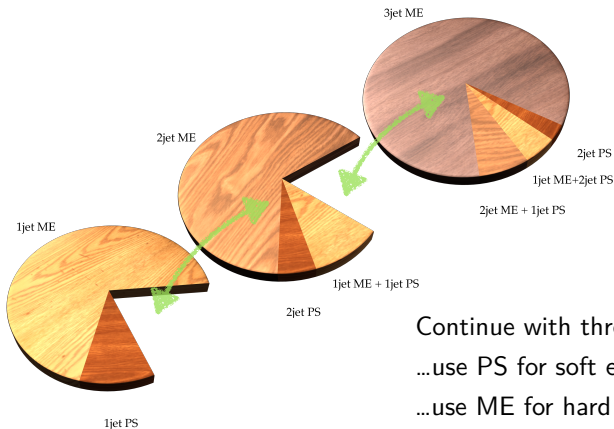
Look at one-jet states:
...use PS for soft emissions
...use ME for hard emissions

Merging: Iterative improvements by slicing



Now improve two-jet states:
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...use ME for hard emissions

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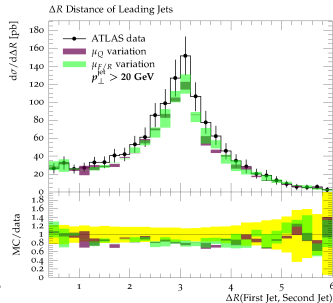
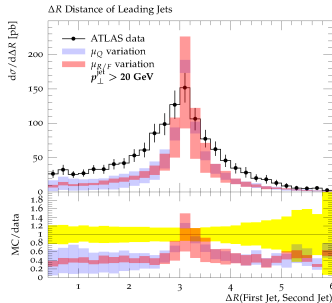
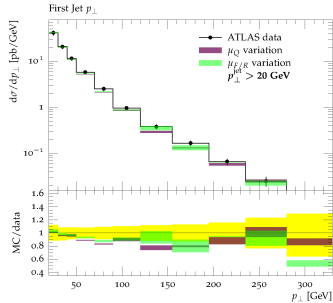
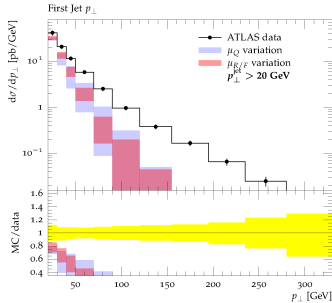
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This is minimised by correctly attaching the PS resummation and updating the PS all-order virtual corrections.

- ⇒ Any number of NLO calculations *merged* with each other and with PS all-order resummation (common schemes: MEPS@NLO, UNLOPS)

Data comparisons (W+jets)

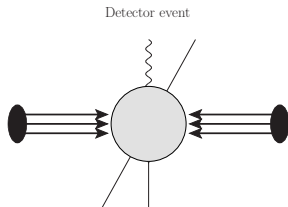


Inclusive sample containing (W + no resolved)@NLO, (W + one resolved)@NLO and (W + two resolved)@LO.

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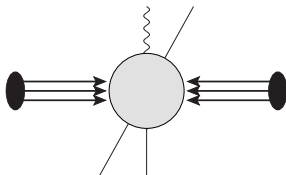
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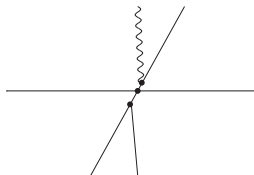
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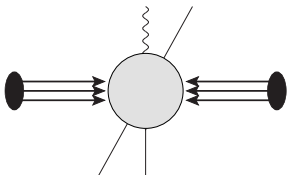
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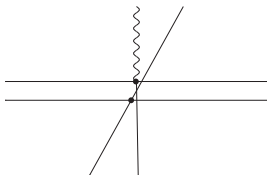
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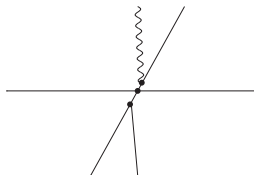
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Multiple scattering



Perturbative scattering



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When colliding composite objects, many scatterings "compete" for the collision energy – **and multiple scattering can look like single complicated scatterings!**

⇒ Event generator improvements need to match seamlessly with the remaining bits!

Combining multiple calculations with each other and with accurate parton showering within a **full event simulation**



⇒ **General Purpose Monte Carlo Event Generators.**

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- Showers are an implementation of all-order QCD evolution.
- More precise data will require ever more precise simulations.
- There are still a lot of open ends:

Can we overcome our language barriers?

Can we construct a realistic TMD Monte-Carlo generator?

Dare we dream of spin-dependent evolution / hadronisation?

Lunch time!



Thanks for your time!

DIRE splitting functions

The massless dipole splitting functions in the *all* (II, IF, FI, FF) sectors are

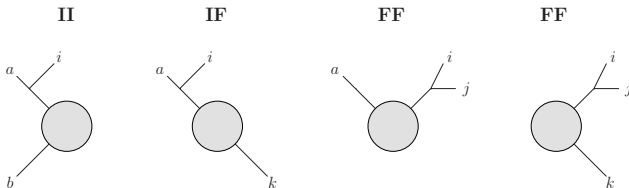
$$P_{qq}(z, \kappa^2) = 2 C_F \left[\left(\frac{1-z}{(1-z)^2 + \kappa^2} \right)_+ - \frac{1+z}{2} \right] + \frac{3}{2} C_F \delta(1-z)$$

$$P_{gg}(z, \kappa^2) = 2 C_A \left[\left(\frac{1-z}{(1-z)^2 + \kappa^2} \right)_+ + \frac{z}{z^2 + \kappa^2} - 2 + z(1-z) \right] + \delta(1-z) \left(\frac{11}{6} C_A - \frac{2}{3} n_f T_R \right)$$

$$P_{gq}(z, \kappa^2) = 2 C_F \left[\frac{z}{z^2 + \kappa^2} - \frac{2-z}{2} \right] \qquad P_{qg}(z, \kappa^2) = T_R \left[z^2 + (1-z)^2 \right]$$

These functions, integrated over the full physical phase space, or for z -boundaries $\{0/x, 1\}$, give the correct anomalous dimensions.

DIRE ordering variables



More concretely, we generate phase space in the variables

$$\rho_{II} = \frac{s_{ai}s_{bi}}{s_{ab}} \frac{s_{aib}}{s_{ab}}$$

$$\rho_{IF} = \frac{s_{ai}s_{ik}}{s_{ai} + s_{ak}} \frac{s_{ai} + s_{ik} + s_{ak}}{s_{ai} + s_{ak}}$$

$$\rho_{FI} = \frac{s_{aj}s_{ij}}{s_{ai} + s_{aj}} \frac{s_{ij} + s_{aj} + s_{ai}}{s_{ai} + s_{aj}}$$

$$\rho_{FF} = \frac{s_{ij}s_{jk}}{s_{ij} + s_{ik} + s_{jk}}$$

$$z_{II} = 1 - \frac{s_{bi}}{s_{ab}}$$

$$z_{IF} = 1 - \frac{s_{ik}}{s_{ai} + s_{ak}}$$

$$z_{FI} = \frac{s_{ai}}{s_{ai} + s_{aj}}$$

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and pick Φ randomly in $[0, 2\pi]$. Note that the evolution variables ρ are inverse eikonal factors!