



# Status and Developments of Event Generators

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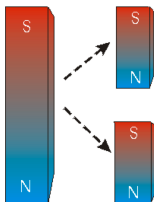
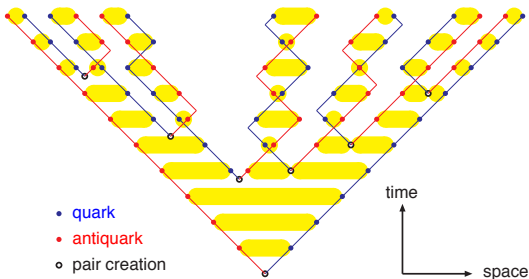
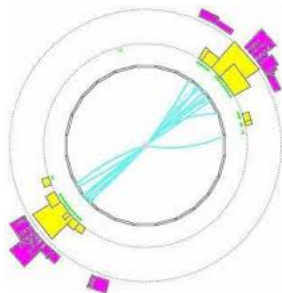
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**Further talks by Gavin Salam, Rikkert Frederix,  
Tomas Jezo, Marek Schönherr, Frank Tackmann, ...  
...and several of the experimental presentations (?)**

Created by Bo Andersson and Gösta Gustafson



**Lund string model:**  $\sim$  like rubber band that is pulled apart and breaks into pieces, or like a magnet broken into smaller pieces.

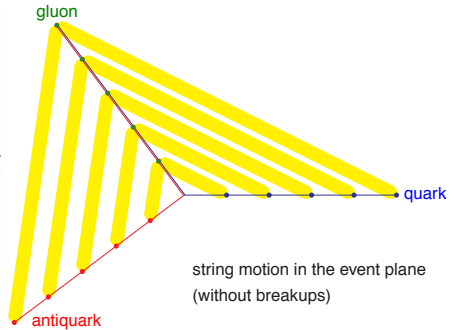
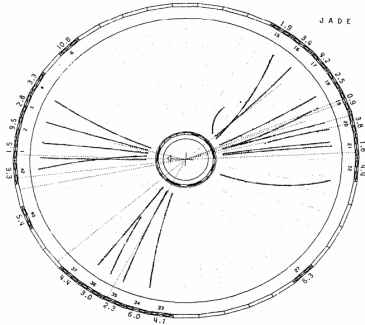
Complete, consistent description of 2-jet events  
— but not necessarily perfect.

## 1978: JETSET version 1

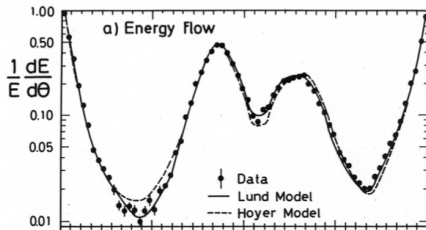
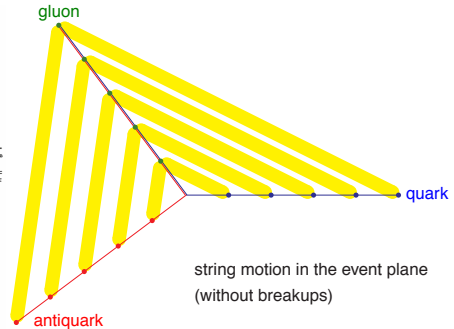
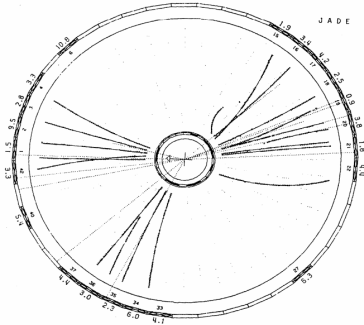
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SUBROUTINE LISTEN(J)
COMMON /JET/ K(100:2), P(100:5)
COMMON /PAR/ PUD, PSI, SIGMA, CX2, EEEG, WFIN, IFLBEG
COMMON /DATA1/ MESO(9:2), CHX(6:2), PHAS(19)
IFLBN=(10-IFLBEG)/5
I=1-EEEE
100 I=1
100 I=1
C 1 FLAVOUR AND PT FOR NEXT ANTIQUARK
IFL1=LARB(IFLBEG)
PT1=SIGMA*BORT(-ALOG(RANF(D)))
PH1=1+.282*WANF(D)
P1=PT1+COS(PH1)
P1=PT1+SIN(PH1)
C 2 FLAVOUR AND PT FOR NEXT ANTIQUARK
IFL2=INT(RANF(D)*PUD)
PT2=SIGMA*BORT(-ALOG(RANF(D)))
PH2=1+.282*WANF(D)
P2=PT2+COS(PH2)
P2=PT2+SIN(PH2)
C 3 MESON FORMED: SPIN ADDED AND FLAVOUR MIXED
K(1:1)=MESO(3+IFL1+5)+IFL2, IFLBEG)
ISPIN=INT(PSI+RANF(D))
K(1:2)=1+4*ISPIN*(1+1)
IF(K(1:1).LE.1.6) GOTO 110
TX1=RANF(D)
WK1=(1-1.6+3)*ISPIN
K(1:3)=4*ISPIN+TX1*CHX(CIK(K(1:1))-INT(TX1+CHX(KN(2)))
C 4 MESON MASS FROM TABLE, PT FROM CONSTITUENTS
110 P(1:3)=PHAS(K(1:2))
P(1:1)=P1+P2
P(1:2)=P1+P2
P(1:3)=P1+P2+P2
C 5 RANDOM CHOICE OF 1*(C=1)P2 RESONANCE(=1/5)*2 AVAILABLE GIVES E AND P2 = RANF(D)
IF(RANF(D).LT.CX2) I=1, X=X(1+1,3)
P(1:1)=X(1)+P(1:1)
P(1:2)=X(2)+P(1:2)
P(1:3)=X(3)+P(1:3)
C 6 IF UNSTABLE, DECAY CHAIN INTO STABLE PARTICLES
120 IFL=IDM
IF(K(IPD(2),GE.8) CALL DECAY(IPD,1)
IF(IPD,LT,1.4 AND ILE,76) GOTO 120
C 7 FLAVOUR AND PT OF BARK FORMED IN PAIR WITH ANTIQUARK ABOVE
IFL1=IFL2
P1=P2
P1=P2
C 8 IF ENOUGH E=P2 LEFT, GO TO 2
4=1-1
IF(M-CT,WFIN,AND ILE,95) GOTO 100
N=1
RETURN
END
SUBROUTINE LISTEN(J)
COMMON /JET/ K(100:2), P(100:5)
COMMON /DATA1/ MESO(9:2), CHX(6:2), PHAS(19)
WRITE(6,*)
DO 100 I=1,N
IF(K(1:1).GT.D) C1=CHAI(K(1:1))
IF(K(1:1).LE.D) IC=C(K(1:1))
C2=CHAI(K(1:2))
C3=CHAI(4*(K(1:2)-1)/2)
IF(K(1:1).GT.D) WRITE(6:120) I, C1, C2, C3, (P(1:1), J)=5
RETURN
END
110 FORMAT('I1:1',I1,'I1:1',I1,'I2:1',I2,'I3:1',I3,'I4:1',I4,'I5:1',I5,'I6:1',I6,'I7:1',I7,'I8:1',I8,'I9:1',I9,'I10:1',I10,'I11:1',I11,'I12:1',I12,'I13:1',I13,'I14:1',I14,'I15:1',I15,'I16:1',I16,'I17:1',I17,'I18:1',I18,'I19:1',I19,'I20:1',I20,'I21:1',I21,'I22:1',I22,'I23:1',I23,'I24:1',I24,'I25:1',I25,'I26:1',I26,'I27:1',I27,'I28:1',I28,'I29:1',I29,'I30:1',I30,'I31:1',I31,'I32:1',I32,'I33:1',I33,'I34:1',I34,'I35:1',I35,'I36:1',I36,'I37:1',I37,'I38:1',I38,'I39:1',I39,'I40:1',I40,'I41:1',I41,'I42:1',I42,'I43:1',I43,'I44:1',I44,'I45:1',I45,'I46:1',I46,'I47:1',I47,'I48:1',I48,'I49:1',I49,'I50:1',I50,'I51:1',I51,'I52:1',I52,'I53:1',I53,'I54:1',I54,'I55:1',I55,'I56:1',I56,'I57:1',I57,'I58:1',I58,'I59:1',I59,'I60:1',I60,'I61:1',I61,'I62:1',I62,'I63:1',I63,'I64:1',I64,'I65:1',I65,'I66:1',I66,'I67:1',I67,'I68:1',I68,'I69:1',I69,'I70:1',I70,'I71:1',I71,'I72:1',I72,'I73:1',I73,'I74:1',I74,'I75:1',I75,'I76:1',I76,'I77:1',I77,'I78:1',I78,'I79:1',I79,'I80:1',I80,'I81:1',I81,'I82:1',I82,'I83:1',I83,'I84:1',I84,'I85:1',I85,'I86:1',I86,'I87:1',I87,'I88:1',I88,'I89:1',I89,'I90:1',I90,'I91:1',I91,'I92:1',I92,'I93:1',I93,'I94:1',I94,'I95:1',I95,'I96:1',I96,'I97:1',I97,'I98:1',I98,'I99:1',I99,'I100:1',I100,'I101:1',I101,'I102:1',I102,'I103:1',I103,'I104:1',I104,'I105:1',I105,'I106:1',I106,'I107:1',I107,'I108:1',I108,'I109:1',I109,'I110:1',I110,'I111:1',I111,'I112:1',I112,'I113:1',I113,'I114:1',I114,'I115:1',I115,'I116:1',I116,'I117:1',I117,'I118:1',I118,'I119:1',I119,'I120:1',I120,'I121:1',I121,'I122:1',I122,'I123:1',I123,'I124:1',I124,'I125:1',I125,'I126:1',I126,'I127:1',I127,'I128:1',I128,'I129:1',I129,'I130:1',I130,'I131:1',I131,'I132:1',I132,'I133:1',I133,'I134:1',I134,'I135:1',I135,'I136:1',I136,'I137:1',I137,'I138:1',I138,'I139:1',I139,'I140:1',I140,'I141:1',I141,'I142:1',I142,'I143:1',I143,'I144:1',I144,'I145:1',I145,'I146:1',I146,'I147:1',I147,'I148:1',I148,'I149:1',I149,'I150:1',I150,'I151:1',I151,'I152:1',I152,'I153:1',I153,'I154:1',I154,'I155:1',I155,'I156:1',I156,'I157:1',I157,'I158:1',I158,'I159:1',I159,'I160:1',I160,'I161:1',I161,'I162:1',I162,'I163:1',I163,'I164:1',I164,'I165:1',I165,'I166:1',I166,'I167:1',I167,'I168:1',I168,'I169:1',I169,'I170:1',I170,'I171:1',I171,'I172:1',I172,'I173:1',I173,'I174:1',I174,'I175:1',I175,'I176:1',I176,'I177:1',I177,'I178:1',I178,'I179:1',I179,'I180:1',I180,'I181:1',I181,'I182:1',I182,'I183:1',I183,'I184:1',I184,'I185:1',I185,'I186:1',I186,'I187:1',I187,'I188:1',I188,'I189:1',I189,'I190:1',I190,'I191:1',I191,'I192:1',I192,'I193:1',I193,'I194:1',I194,'I195:1',I195,'I196:1',I196,'I197:1',I197,'I198:1',I198,'I199:1',I199,'I200:1',I200,'I201:1',I201,'I202:1',I202,'I203:1',I203,'I204:1',I204,'I205:1',I205,'I206:1',I206,'I207:1',I207,'I208:1',I208,'I209:1',I209,'I210:1',I210,'I211:1',I211,'I212:1',I212,'I213:1',I213,'I214:1',I214,'I215:1',I215,'I216:1',I216,'I217:1',I217,'I218:1',I218,'I219:1',I219,'I220:1',I220,'I221:1',I221,'I222:1',I222,'I223:1',I223,'I224:1',I224,'I225:1',I225,'I226:1',I226,'I227:1',I227,'I228:1',I228,'I229:1',I229,'I230:1',I230,'I231:1',I231,'I232:1',I232,'I233:1',I233,'I234:1',I234,'I235:1',I235,'I236:1',I236,'I237:1',I237,'I238:1',I238,'I239:1',I239,'I240:1',I240,'I241:1',I241,'I242:1',I242,'I243:1',I243,'I244:1',I244,'I245:1',I245,'I246:1',I246,'I247:1',I247,'I248:1',I248,'I249:1',I249,'I250:1',I250,'I251:1',I251,'I252:1',I252,'I253:1',I253,'I254:1',I254,'I255:1',I255,'I256:1',I256,'I257:1',I257,'I258:1',I258,'I259:1',I259,'I260:1',I260,'I261:1',I261,'I262:1',I262,'I263:1',I263,'I264:1',I264,'I265:1',I265,'I266:1',I266,'I267:1',I267,'I268:1',I268,'I269:1',I269,'I270:1',I270,'I271:1',I271,'I272:1',I272,'I273:1',I273,'I274:1',I274,'I275:1',I275,'I276:1',I276,'I277:1',I27
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Predicted unique event structure;  
inside & between jets.

Confirmed first by JADE 1980.

**Generator crucial  
to sell physics!**

(today: PS, M&M, MPI, ...)

## Physics:

- string fragmentation  
(& colour coherence)
- dipole showers
- backwards evolution (for ISR)
- multiparton interactions (MPI)
- colour reconnection (CR)
- matching (POWHEG style)  
& merging (CKKW-L, ...)
- small-x evolution (CCFM, ...)
- interleaved evolution
- heavy-ion collisions
- QCD effects for BSM

## Generators:

JETSET  
PYTHIA  
Fritiof  
Ariadne  
LDC  
DIPSY

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Lepto  
VINCIA  
DIRE

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RapGap  
HIJING  
...  
GEANT

# The workhorses

Herwig, PYTHIA and Sherpa offer convenient frameworks for LHC physics studies, covering all aspects above, but with slightly different history/emphasis:



PYTHIA (successor to JETSET, begun in 1978):  
originated in hadronization studies,  
still special interest in soft physics.



Herwig (successor to EARWIG, begun in 1984):  
originated in coherent showers (angular ordering),  
cluster hadronization as simple complement.

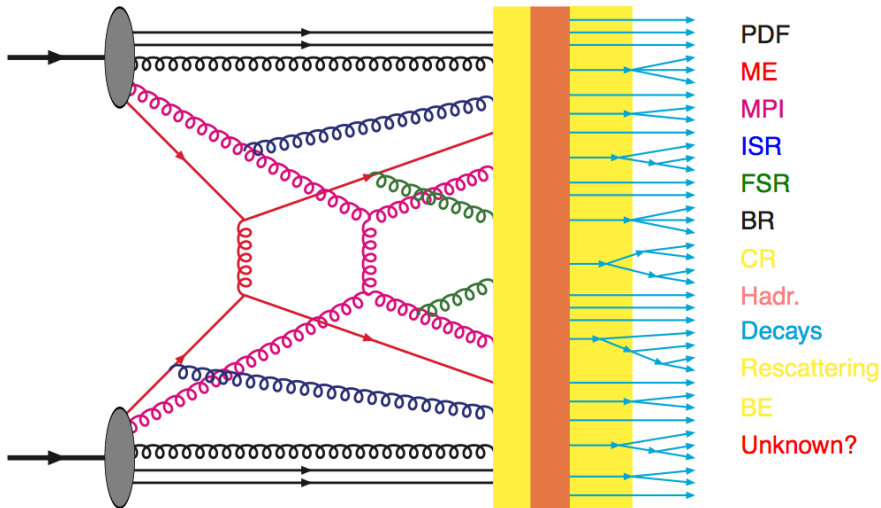


Sherpa (APACIC++/AMEGIC++, begun in 2000):  
had own matrix-element calculator/generator  
originated with matching & merging issues.



# The structure of an event

All full-fledged generators need to address many issues:



Herwig  
PYTHIA  
Sherpa  
MadGraph

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Plugin:  
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CERN  
Durham  
Glasgow  
Göttingen  
Heidelberg  
Karlsruhe  
UC London  
Louvain  
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- Short-term studentships (3 - 6 months).  
Experimentalists welcome!
- Summer schools  
2016: DESY (w. CTEQ)  
2017: Lund, 3 - 7 July

**Send your students!**

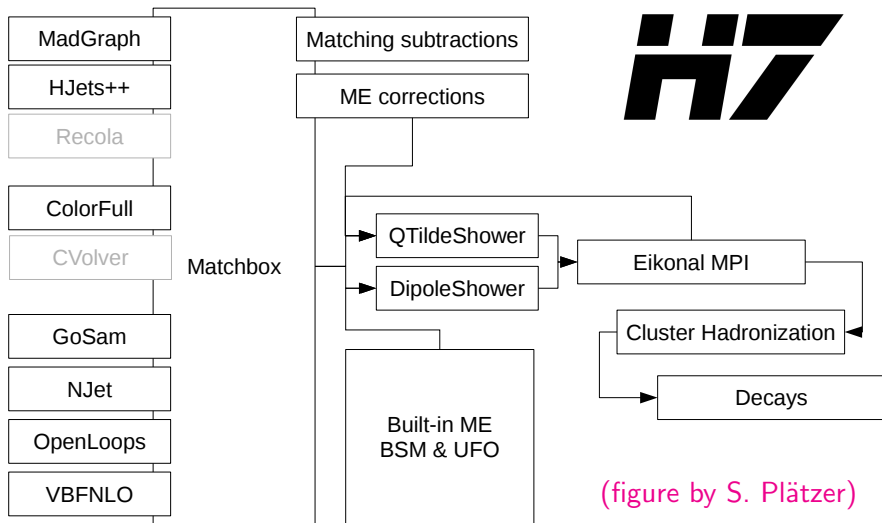
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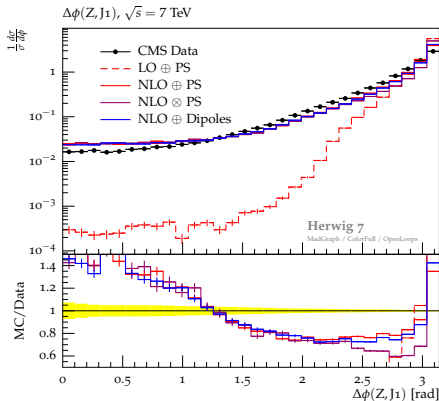
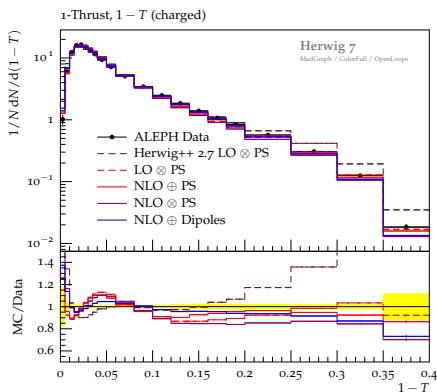
# Matchbox in Herwig 7



script downloads & sets up external libraries (above + more)

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- Two showers: angular ordered or **dipole**.  
Spin correlations and QED radiation in the former.
- Facilities for **parton-shower uncertainties**.
- New **tunes**, including MB/UE.
- Vastly improved **documentation**, usage and installation.
- **Several parallelization options**.

# Herwig 7 examples



LO  $\rightarrow$  NLO  $\Rightarrow$  major improvements in  $e^+e^-$  and pp alike.

Subtractive or multiplicative matching less important.

Ditto angular-ordered or dipole shower.

Herwig 7.1 later this year:

- **NLO multijet merging** (unitarized merging ideas).
- Loop-induced processes.
- Extended UFO-model support.
- Extended reweighting: weight vectors in HepMC files.
- Improved top decay in dipole shower.
- Interface to HEJ.
- Soft interactions and diffraction.

In the longer run:

- **Code now 500k lines  $\Rightarrow$  need for significant restructuring.**
- Amplitude-based parton showers.



# Sherpa 2.2 news and activities

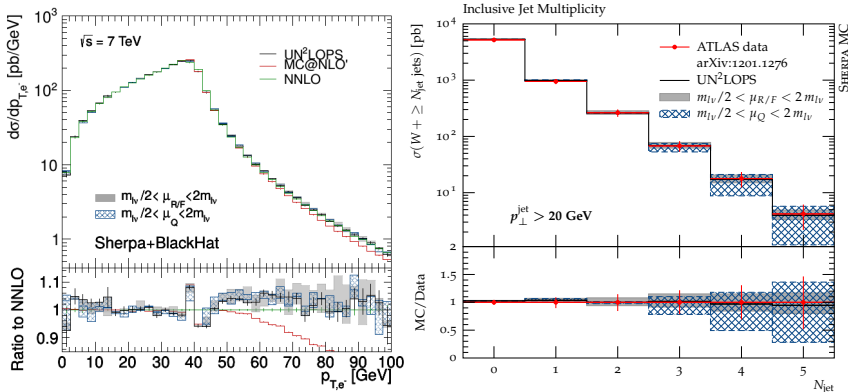
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# Sherpa NNLO QCD with parton showers

## W production @ NNLO+PS with SHERPA +BLACKHAT

[Höche et al. arXiv:1507.05325]



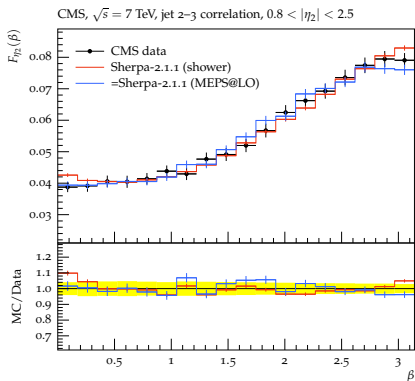
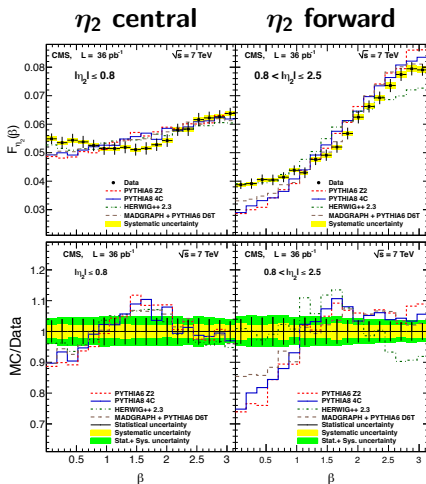
- fully differential hadron-level NNLO+PS simulation
  - inclusive (born-like) distribution NNLO accurate
  - 0-jet bin NNLO, 1-jet bin NLO, 2-jet bin LO,  $\geq 3$ -jets shower accuracy
- small corrections away from Born kinematics

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ME observables through interpolating grids  
(ApplGrid, FastNLO, MCgrid, ...).
- **Electroweak NLO corrections**, together with OpenLoops.
- Merging for loop-induced processes.

# Sherpa QCD coherence test

Study events with two hard and one further softer third jets.  
Angular distribution of third around second probes colour coherence:



PYTHIA/Herwig does not quite describe data, whereas Sherpa fares much better.

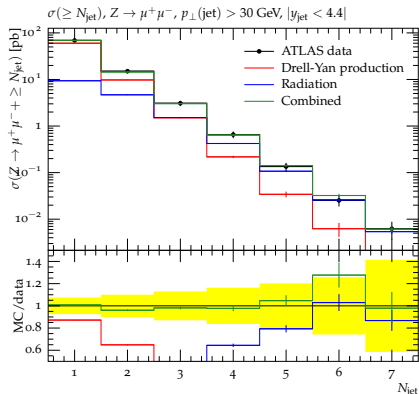
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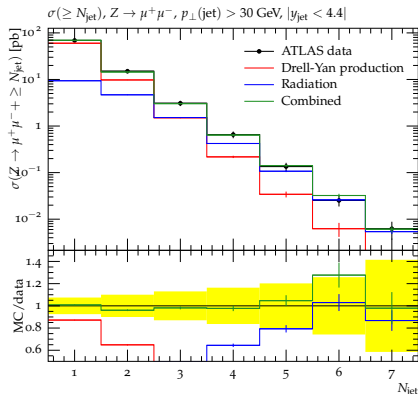
## Ongoing work and plans:

- **Full NNLO QCD + NLO EW** (for  $2 \rightarrow 1$ ,  $2 \rightarrow 2$ ).
- **Higher-order shower**  
(one-loop splitting functions, sub-leading colour).
- Automated  $N$ -jettiness slicing.

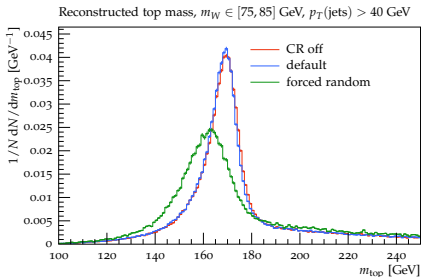
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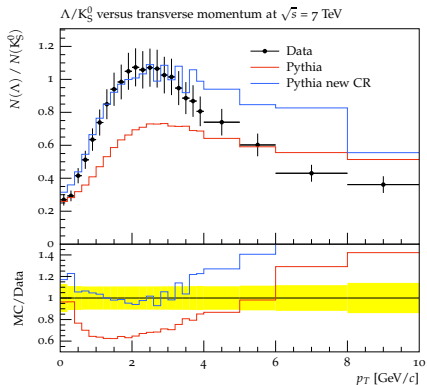
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- Allow reweighting of rare shower branchings.
- Automated **parton-shower uncertainty bands**.
- Extended interface for external shower plugins.
- Complete LHEF v3 support.
- Can run Madgraph5\_aMC@NLO and POWHEG BOX from within PYTHIA.
- Complete Python interface.



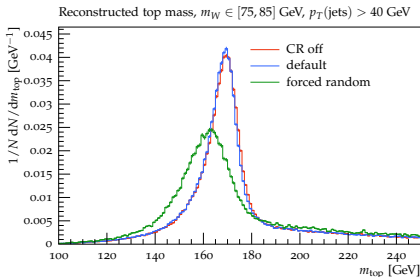
# PYTHIA 8.2 news



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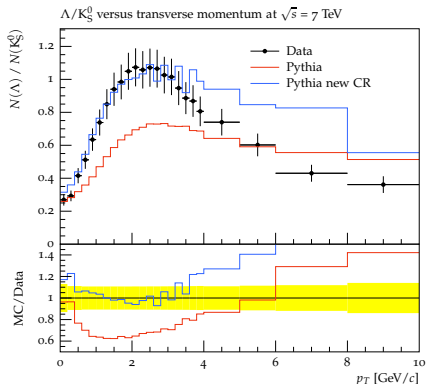




- Many new **colour reconnection** models.
- Double onium production.
- New model for **hard diffraction**.
- Several new tunes; **Monash** new default.

Ongoing work and plans:

- $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $\gamma p$  and  $ep$ .
- Total, elastic and diffractive cross sections.
- Improved showers and hadronization.



# Match and merge strategies

Input from:

Madgraph5\_aMC@NLO

POWHEG BOX

ALPGEN

COMIX/Sherpa

NLOJET++

JETRAD

HJETS++

BlackHat

GoSam

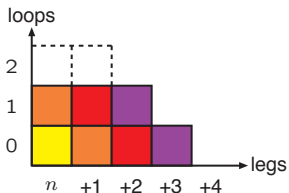
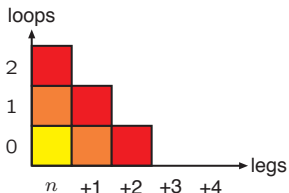
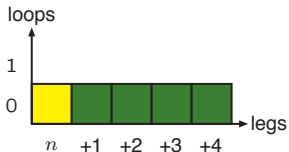
Helac

OpenLoops

VBFNLO

CalpHEP/CompHEP

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CKKW

CKKW-L

MLM

UMEPS

MC@NLO

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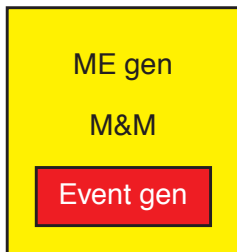
MIN<sup>2</sup>LOPS

**Intense activity, no “final word”.**

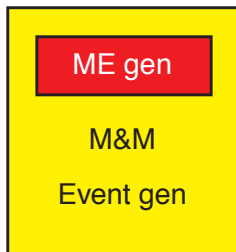
# Combination strategies

Big flexibility, but different baseline “world view”:

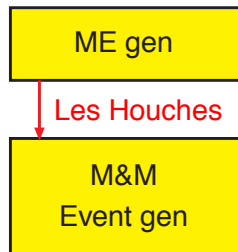
MadGraph:



Herwig, Sherpa:



Pythia:



Event gen = ISR + FSR + MPI + BBR + CR + hadronization + ...  
≠ “hadronizer”

**ME and Event Generators both indispensable**

# VINCIA: an Interleaved Antennae shower

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

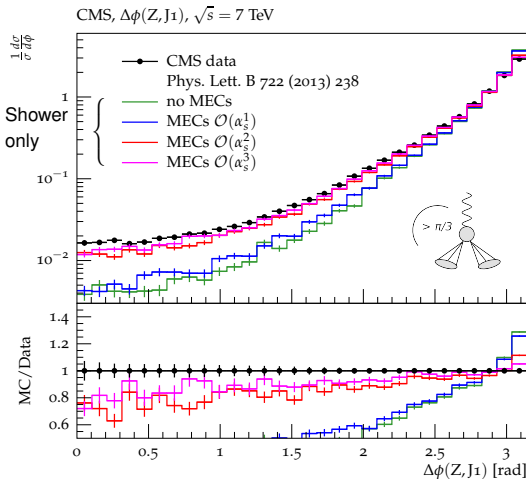
Based on antenna factorization of amplitudes and phase space.

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.



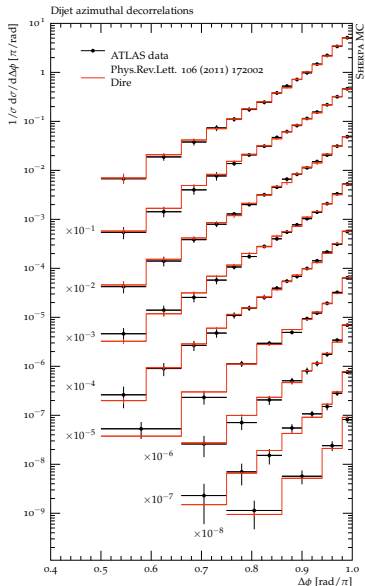
# DIRE: a Dipole Resummation shower

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

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



# Apologies: will not cover

- **High Energy Jets (HEJ)**: BFKL-inspired description of well-separated multijets, with approximate matrix elements and virtual corrections.
- **Deductor**: improved handling of colour, partitioned dipoles, all final partons share recoil,  $q^2/E$  evolution variable.
- **Geneva**: Soft Collinear Effective Theory resummed (exclusive)  $n$ -jet rates as starting point for showers.
- **Ariadne**: first dipole parton shower program.
- **DIPSY**: evolution and collision of dipoles in transverse space.
- revived **Fritiof**: overlayed modified pp collisions to model pA.
- **EPOS**: pp/pA/AA, MPI + strings, saturation, thermalized core separate from corona, hydrodynamical evolution.
- **DPMJET, QGSJET, SIBYLL**: other pp/pA/AA/cosmic ray.
- ...

# Summary and Outlook

- Increased ME calculational capability: legs and loops.
- Match and merge approaches still steadily developing.  
Generators typically offer several options.  
Spread between approaches one measure of uncertainty.
- Continued/increased interest in parton shower development,  
with each generator offering several options.
- Automated uncertainty bands for scale choices etc.
- Many challenges remaining in soft physics, pA, AA:  
diffraction, colour reconnection, collective effects, ...
- **Generators have gone from fringe activity for a few  
to a mainstream part of phenomenology research.**

Thank You!

