# SHERPA for EIC

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### $\bullet$ introduction

• SHERPA for EIC

### • outlook

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# instead of an introduction

(executive summary)

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### how to build an event generator

- paradigm: "divide et impera"
- divide simulation in distinct phases, with (logarithmically) separated scales
- start with signal event

(fixed order perturbation theory)

• dress partons with parton shower

(resummed perturbatkon theory)

add underlying event

(phenomenological models)

hadronize partons

(phenomenological models

decay hadrons

(effective theories, simple symmetries & data)



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# precision frontier for LHC

 $\checkmark~$  NNLO  $\otimes$  parton shower for colour singlet production

(MINNLO: 1309.4634, 1407.2940, ..., 2208.12660; UNNLOPS: 1405.4607, 1407.3773)

 $\checkmark~$  NNLO  $\otimes$  parton shower for heavy quarks

(MINNLO: 2112.04168 (tī), 2302.01645 (bb))

✓ MEPS@NLO: NLO multijet merging

(SHERPA: 1207.5030; MADGRAPH: 1209.6215; PYTHIA: 1211.7278; HERWIG: 1705.06700 plus follow-ups & refinements)

 $\checkmark\,$  all of the above including EW@NLO

(explicit: 1511.08692, 1705.00598, ..., 2204.07652; Sudakov approximation: hep-ph/0010201, 2111.13453)

 $\checkmark$  (N)NLO  $\otimes$  N<sup>1,2,3</sup>LL $\otimes$  parton shower

(GENEVA: 1211.7049, 1508.01475, 2102.08390, ...) (2107.01224, 2208.02276 (not covered here))

- multijet merging with TMDs
- improving parton showers

((next-to leading) logarithmic accuracy, amplitude evolution, ... (not covered here))

# simulating *ep* collisions

### (preparing for the future: HERA $\rightarrow$ EIC)

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# precision QCD studies at HERA

- "old" HERA data and analysis as boot-camp for EIC
- HERA = unique test-bed for (non-)perturbative QCD:
  - large- $Q^2$  DIS has no MPI  $\longrightarrow$  initial state showering "clean"  $\longrightarrow$  beam fragmentation "clean"
  - add HERA data to hadronization tunes?
- also: large photo-production cross section:
  - test hadronic structure of photon (relevant for EIC)
  - nota bene: last fits of photon-PDF are 20 years old
  - new fits urgently needed for EIC

(that is, if we want to treat collinear factorisation as limiting case for TMD's etc..)

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- impact of photon PDFs



### a quick peak to diffraction

(FK Meinzinger, in prep.)

- diffraction modelled with pomeron PDF
- compare with data from HERA (diff.mass)
- sneak preview (LO only) below



### photo-production at EIC

(see also Meinzinger FK, 2311.14571)

- SHERPA simulations at NLO (K-factor  $\approx 1.6...2$ )
- inclusive quantities: x,  $E_{\perp}$  of leading jet



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- event shapes: thrust, thrust minor



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- heavy quark (c, b) production



# summary & outlook

(the now and the future)

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### summary

 $\checkmark\,$  simulations for LHC in healthy shape

(ongoing progress in hunt for ultimate perturbative accuracy, "getting more 'N's' into game")

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- how about non-perturbative effects? (hadronization, MPI's, etc.)
- very limited experience of DIS community with modern MC tools
  - need to use HERA data as boot-camp: RIVET etc.
- photo-production important part of cross section, but:
  - last fit for photon PDF from beginning 2000's
  - no systematic tune of MPI's in  $\gamma p$  collisions
  - no systematic tune of forward fragmentation



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