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Monte Carlo Event Generators

Lecture 2: Parton Showers and
Perturbative QCD

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 - Matrix Elements
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 - Underlying Event Modelling

Lecture 2

Today we will cover

- The Standard Parton Shower approach
 - Final-state showers
 - Initial-state showers.
- Merging Matrix Elements with Parton Showers
 - Traditional Approach
 - CKKW
 - MC@NLO
 - Where Next?

e⁺e⁻ Annihilation to Jets

- In order to consider the basic idea of the parton shower let's start with the cross section for e⁺e⁻ annihilation into three jets.
- The cross section can be written as

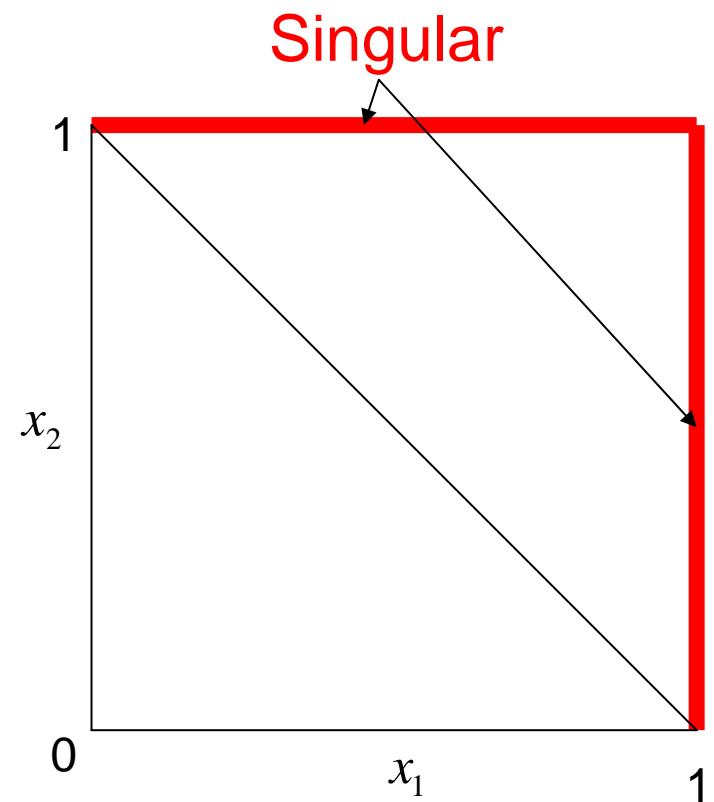
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} = \sigma_0 C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)}$$

- where x_1 and x_2 are the momentum fractions of the quark and antiquark

$$x_i = 2 \times \frac{\text{Energy of } i}{\text{Centre of Mass Energy}}$$

- Singular as $x_1 \rightarrow 1$ or $x_2 \rightarrow 1$.
- Energy Conservation requires

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_g = 2$$



e⁺e⁻ Annihilation to Jets

- So the matrix element is singular as $x_1 \rightarrow 1$, $x_2 \rightarrow 1$ or both.
- What does this mean physically?

$$\begin{aligned} p_{cm} &= p_1 + p_2 + p_g \\ (p_{cm} - p_2)^2 &= (p_1 + p_g)^2 \\ E_{cm}^2 - 2E_{cm}E_2 &= 2E_1E_3(1 - \cos \theta_{13}) \\ (1 - x_2) &= \frac{1}{2}x_1x_3(1 - \cos \theta_{13}) \end{aligned}$$

- So $x_2 \rightarrow 1$ means that 1 and 3 are **collinear**.
- Also $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2$ means that $x_1 \rightarrow 1$ and $x_2 \rightarrow 1$ implies $x_g \rightarrow 0$, **soft**

QCD Radiation

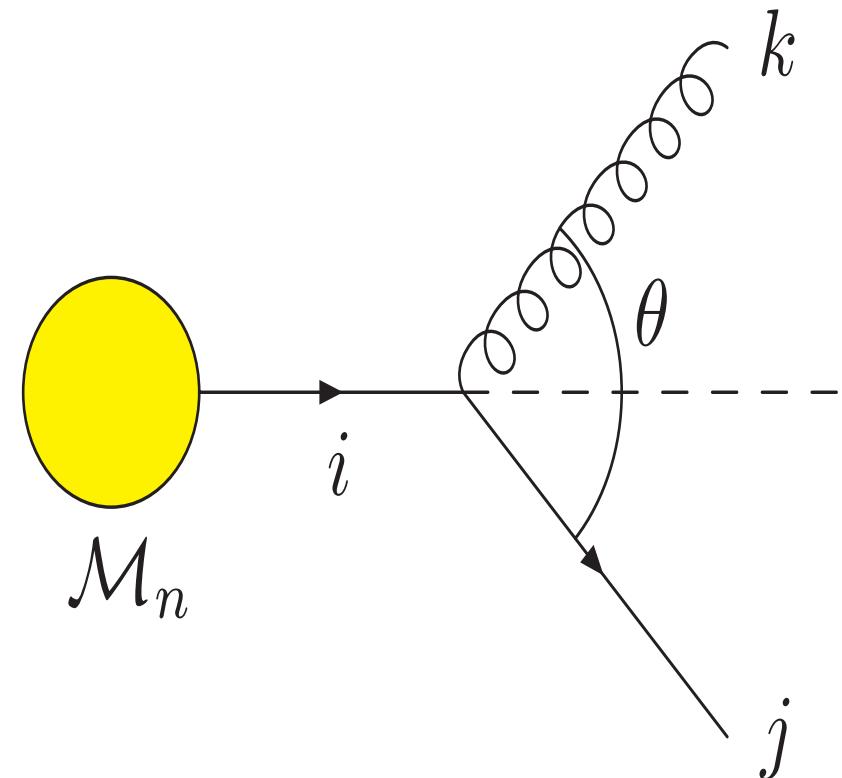
- It is impossible to calculate and **integrate** the matrix elements for large numbers of partons.
- Instead we treat the regions where the **emission** of QCD radiation is **enhanced**.
- This is **soft** and **collinear** radiation.

Collinear Singularities

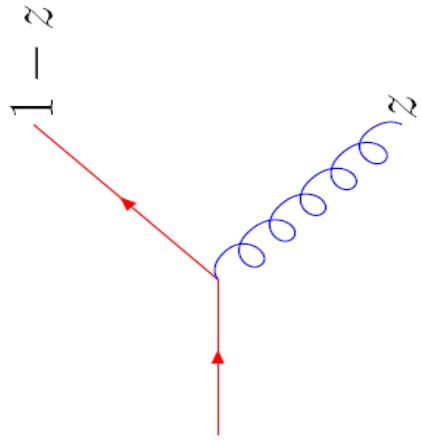
- In the **collinear** limit the cross section for a process **factorizes**

$$d\sigma_{n+1} = d\sigma_n \frac{d\theta^2}{\theta^2} dz \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{ji}(z)$$

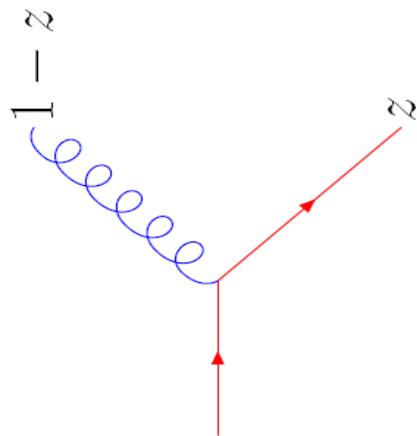
- $P_{ji}(z)$ is the DGLAP splitting function.
- The splitting function only depends on the spin and flavours of the particles



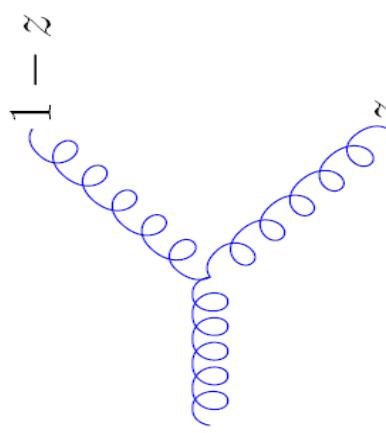
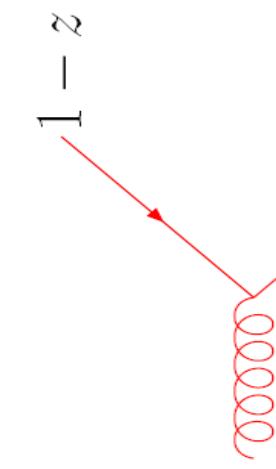
Splitting Functions



$$C_F \frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z}$$



$$C_F \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$$



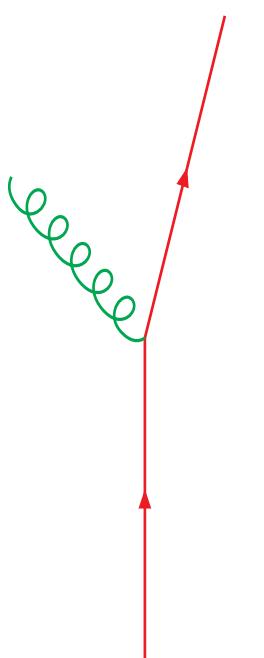
$$C_A \left(\frac{z}{1-z} + \frac{1-z}{z} + z(1-z) \right)$$

$$T_R (z^2 + (1-z)^2)$$

Collinear Singularities

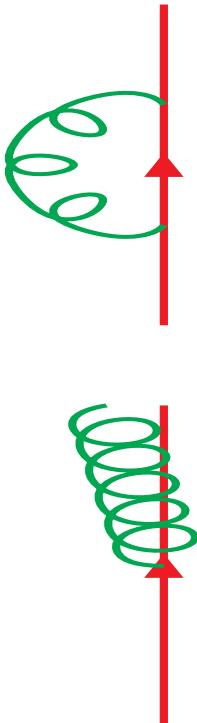
- This expression is singular as $\theta \rightarrow 0$.
- What is a parton? (or what is the difference between a collinear pair and a parton)
- Introduce a resolution criterion, e.g. $k_T > Q_0$
- Combine the virtual corrections and unresolvable emission

Resolvable Emission



Finite

Unresolvable Emission



Finite

- Unitarity: Unresolved + Resolved = 1

Monte Carlo Procedure

- Using this approach we can exponentiate the real emission piece.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Unresolved} &= 1 - \text{Resolved} \\ &= \exp \left(- \int_{q^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dk^2}{k^2} \int_{Q_0^2/q^2}^{1-Q_0^2/q^2} dz \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{ji}(z) \right) \end{aligned}$$

- This gives the **Sudakov form factor** which is the probability of evolving between two scales and emitting no resolvable radiation.
 - More strictly it is the probability of evolving from a high scale to the cut-off with no resolvable emission.

Numerical Procedure

Radioactive Decay

- Start with an isotope
- Work out when it decays by generating a random number $R \in [0,1]$ and solving

$$R = \exp[-t/\tau]$$

where τ is its lifetime

- Generate another random number and use the branching ratios to find the decay mode.
- Generate the decay using the masses of the decay products and phase space.
- Repeat the process for any unstable decay products.
- This algorithm is actually used in Monte Carlo event generators to simulate particle decays.

Parton Shower

- Start with a parton at a high virtuality, Q , typical of the hard collision.
- Work out the scale of the next branching by generating a random number $R \in [0,1]$ and solving

$$R = \Delta(Q^2, q^2)$$

where q is the scale of the next branching

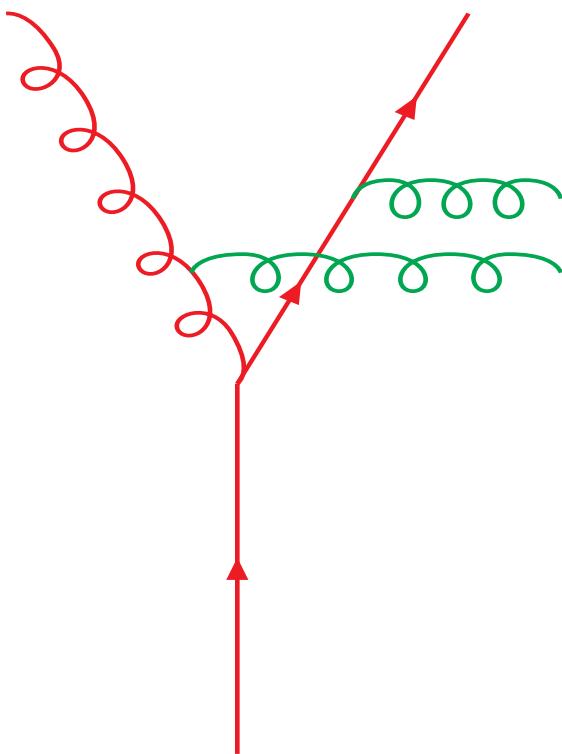
- If there's no solution for q bigger than the cut-off stop.
- Otherwise workout the type of branching.
- Generate the momenta of the decay products using the splitting functions.
- Repeat the process for the partons produced in the branching.

Monte Carlo Procedure

- The key difference between the different Monte Carlo simulations is in the choice of the evolution variable.
- **Evolution Scale**
 - Virtuality, q^2
 - Transverse Momentum, k_T .
 - Angle, θ .
 - ...
- **Energy fraction, z**
 - Energy fraction
 - Light-cone momentum fraction
 - ...
- All are the same in the collinear limit.

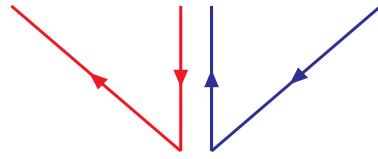
Soft Emission

- We have only considered collinear emission. What about soft emission?
- In the soft limit the matrix element factorizes but at the **amplitude** level.
- Soft gluons come from all over the event.
- There is quantum interference between them.
- Does this spoil the parton shower picture?

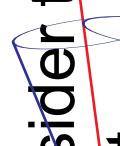


Angular Ordering

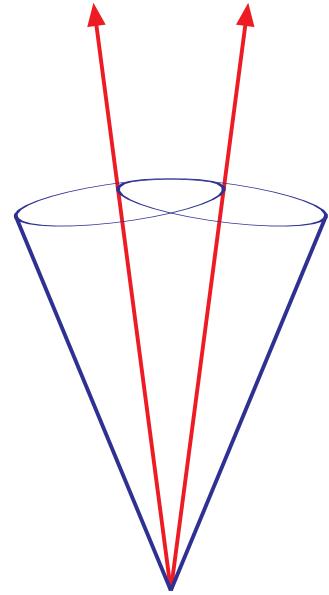
Colour Flow



- There is a remarkable result that if we take the large number of colours limit much of the **interference is destructive**.
- In particular if we consider the colour flow in an event.
- QCD radiation only occurs in a cone up to the direction of the colour partner.



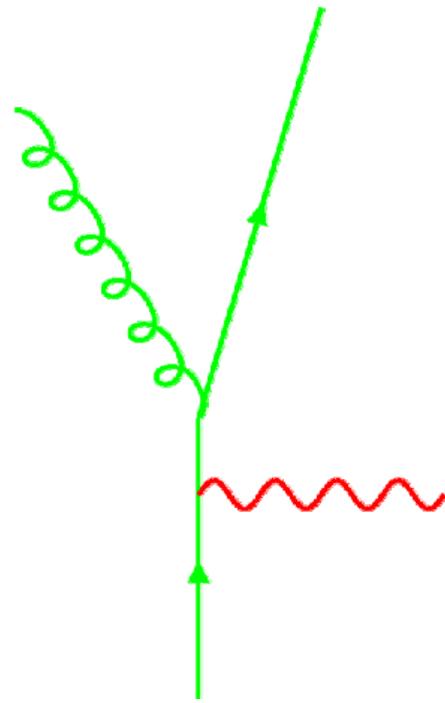
Colour Partner



Emitter

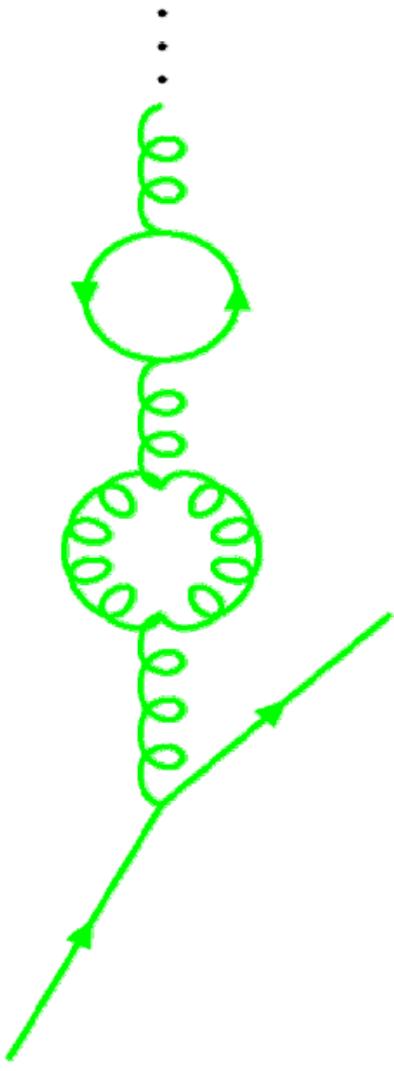
Colour Coherence

- **Angular Ordering** and **Colour Coherence** are often used interchangeably in talks etc..
- However there is a difference.
- **Colour Coherence** is the phenomena that a soft gluon can't resolve a small angle pair of particles and so only sees the colour charge of the pair.
- Angular Ordering is a way of implementing colour coherence in parton shower simulations.



Running Coupling

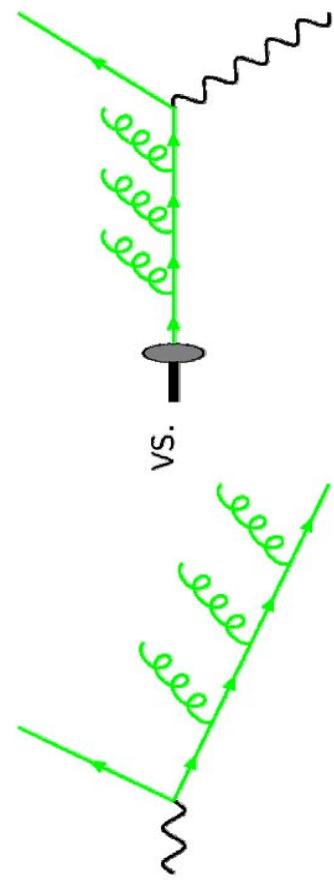
- It is often said that Monte Carlo event generators are leading-log.
- However they include many effects beyond leading log, e.g.
 - Momentum Conservation
 - Running Coupling Effects



- Effect of summing higher orders is absorbed by replacing α_s with $\alpha_s(k_T^2)$.
- Gives more soft gluons, but must avoid the Landau pole which makes the cut-off a physical parameter.

Initial-State Radiation

- In principle this is similar to final-state radiation.
- However in practice there is a complication
- For **final-state** radiation
 - One end of the evolution fixed, the scale of the hard collision.
- For **initial-state** radiation
 - Both ends of the evolution fixed, the hard collision and the incoming hadron
- Use a different approach based on the evolution equations.



Initial-State Radiation

- There are two options for the initial-state shower
 - **Forward Evolution**
 - Start at the hadron with the distribution of partons given by the PDF.
 - Use the parton shower to evolve to the hard collision.
 - Reproduces the PDF by a Monte Carlo procedure.
 - Unlikely to give an interesting event at the end, so highly inefficient.
 - **Backward Evolution**
 - Start at the hard collision and evolve backwards to the proton guided by the PDF.
 - Much more efficient in practice.

Initial-State Radiation

- The evolution equation for the PDF can be written as

$$\frac{df_b(x, Q^2)}{dt} = \sum_a \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} f_a\left(\frac{x}{z}, Q^2\right) \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) \quad \text{where } t = \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$$

- Or

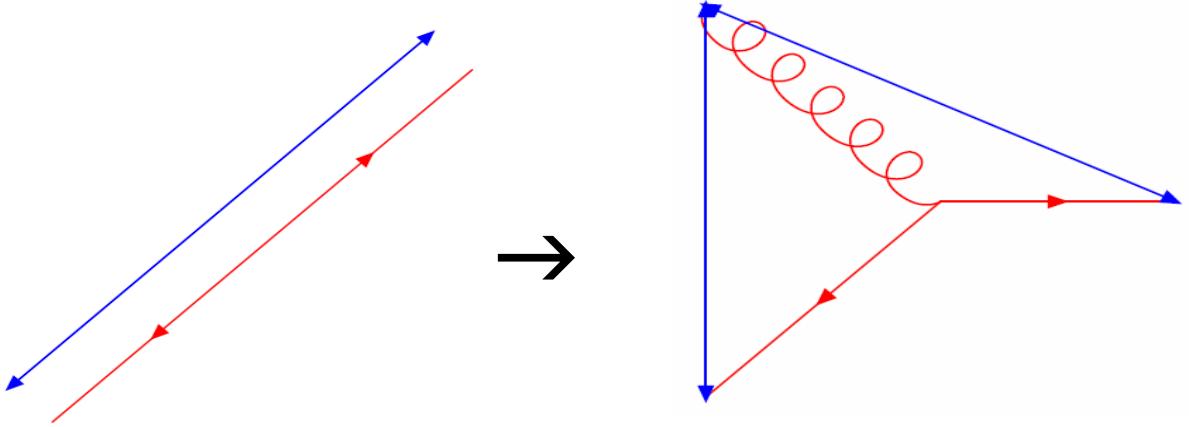
$$dP_b = \frac{df_b}{f_b} = |dt| \sum_a \int dz \frac{x' f_a(x', Q^2)}{x f_b(x, Q^2)} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z) \quad \text{where } x' = \frac{x}{z}$$

- This can be written as a Sudakov form-factor for evolving backwards in time, i.e from the hard collision at high Q^2 to lower with

$$S = \exp\left(- \int dP_b\right)$$

The Colour Dipole Model

- The standard parton shower approach starts from the collinear limit and makes changes to include soft gluon coherence.
- The Colour Dipole Model starts from the soft limit.
- Emission of soft gluons from the colour-anticolour dipole is universal.



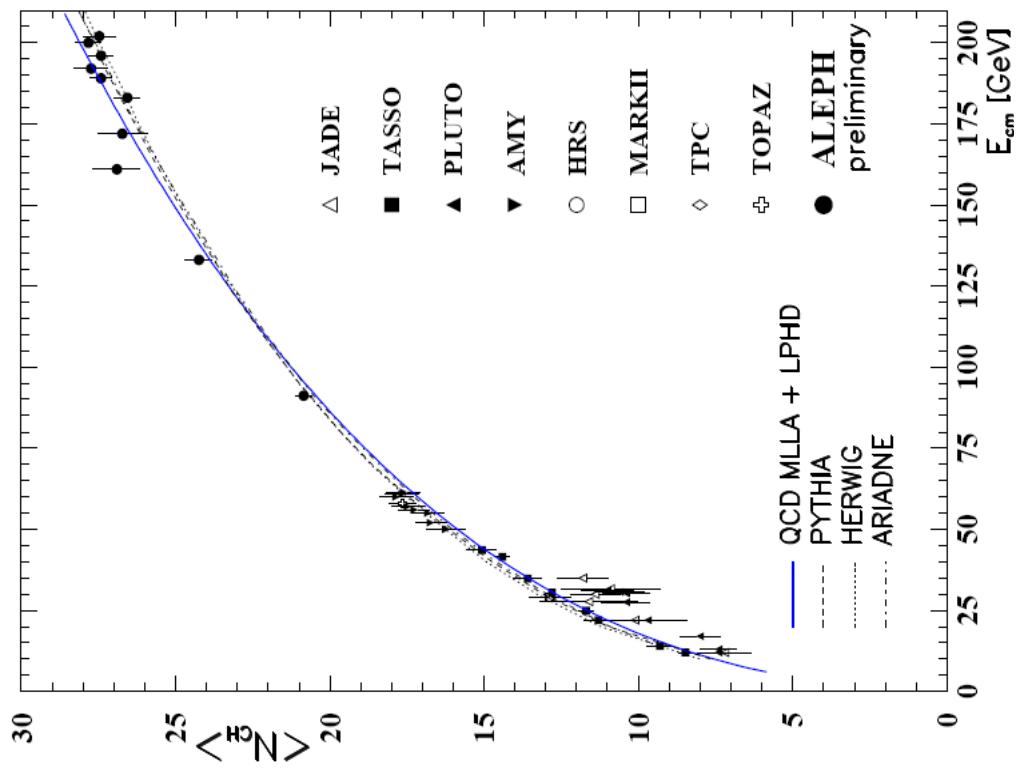
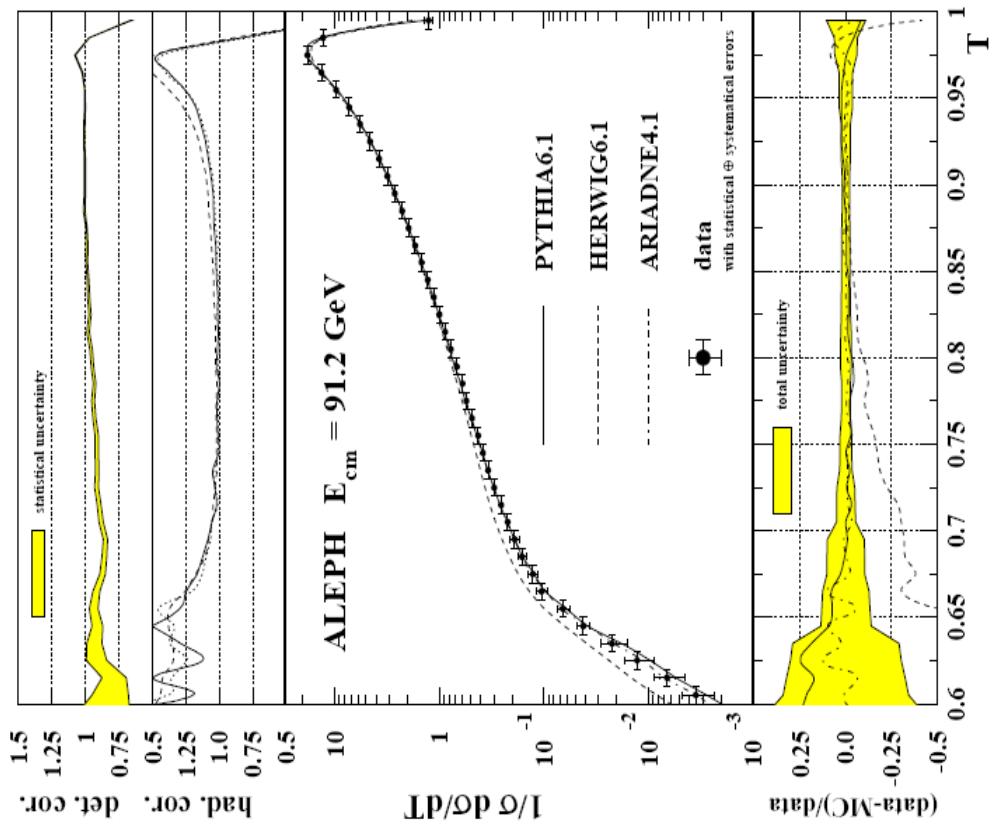
$$d\sigma \approx \sigma_0 \frac{C_A}{2} \frac{\alpha_s(k_T)}{2\pi} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} dy \quad y = \text{rapidity} = \log \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

- After emitting a gluon, the colour dipole splits into two new dipoles

Parton Shower

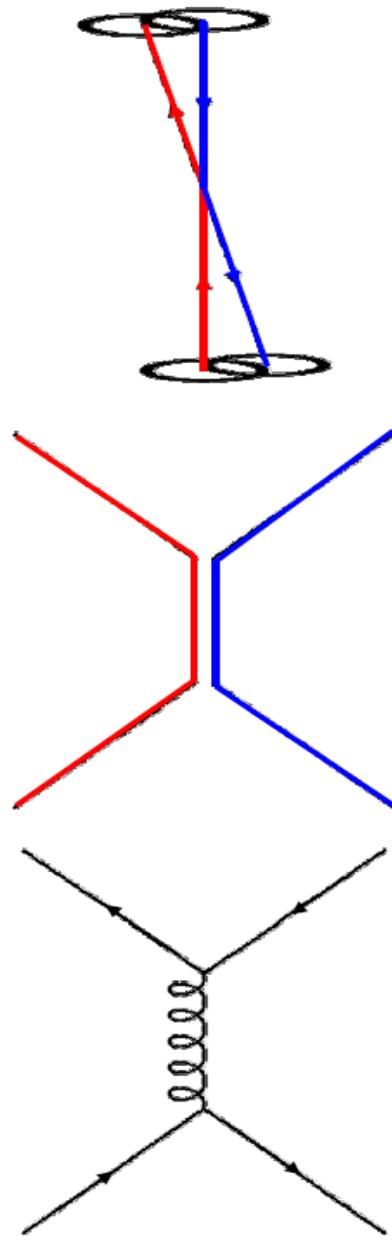
- **ISAJET** uses the original parton shower algorithm which only resums **collinear** logarithms.
- **PYTHIA** uses the **collinear** algorithm with an angular **veto** to try to reproduce the effect of the angular ordered shower.
- **HERWIG** uses the angular ordered parton shower algorithm which resums both **soft** and **collinear** singularities.
- **SHERPA** uses the **PYTHIA** algorithm.
- **ARIADNE** uses the colour dipole model.

LEP Event Shapes



Hadron Collisions

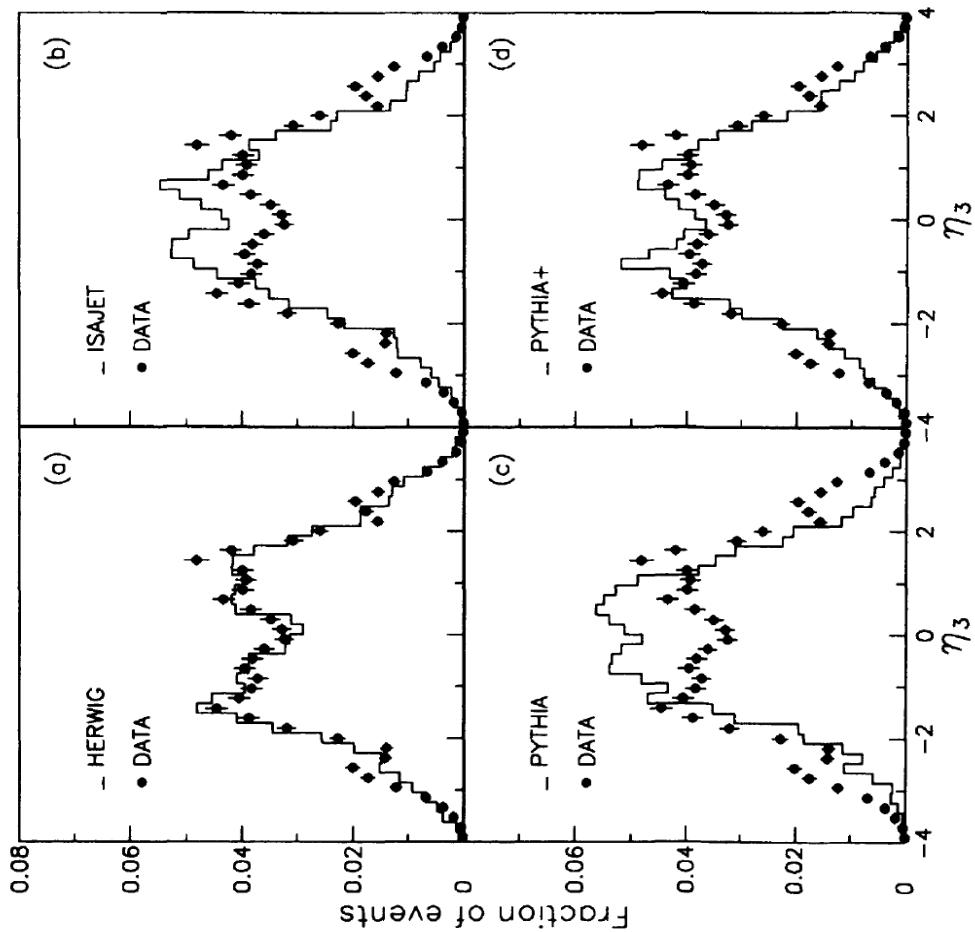
- The hard scattering sets up the initial conditions for the parton shower.
- Colour coherence is important here too.



- Each parton can only emit in a cone stretching to its colour partner.
- Essential to fit the Tevatron data.

Hadron Collisions

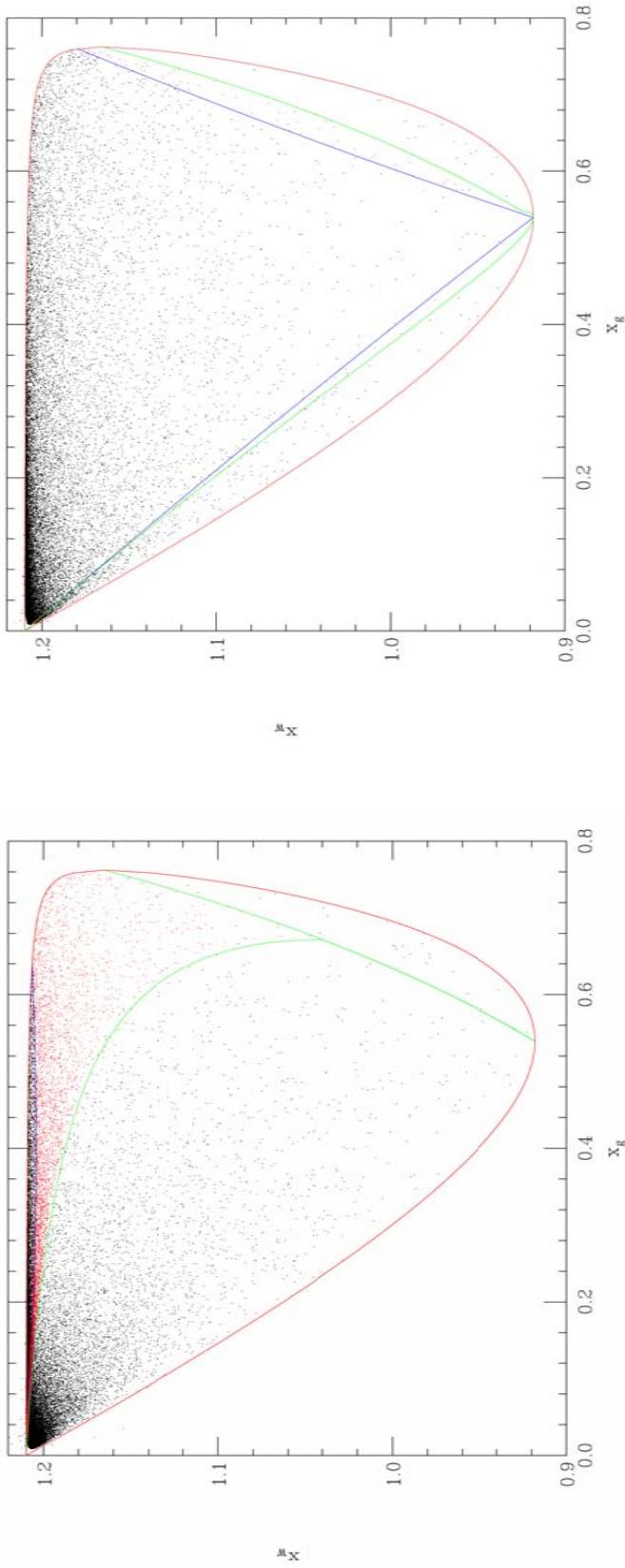
- Distributions of the pseudorapidity of the third jet.
 - Only described by
 - **HERWIG** which has complete treatment of colour coherence.
 - **PYTHIA+** has partial
- **PRD50, 5562, CDF (1994)**



Recent Progress

- In the parton shower per se there have been two recent advances.
 - 1) **New Herwig++ shower**
 - Based on massive splitting functions.
 - Better treatment of radiation from heavy quarks.
 - More Lorentz invariant.
 - 2) **New PYTHIA p_T ordered shower**
 - Order shower in p_T , should be coherent.
 - Easier to include new underlying event models.
 - Easier to match to matrix elements

Herwig++ for $t \rightarrow b W^+ g$

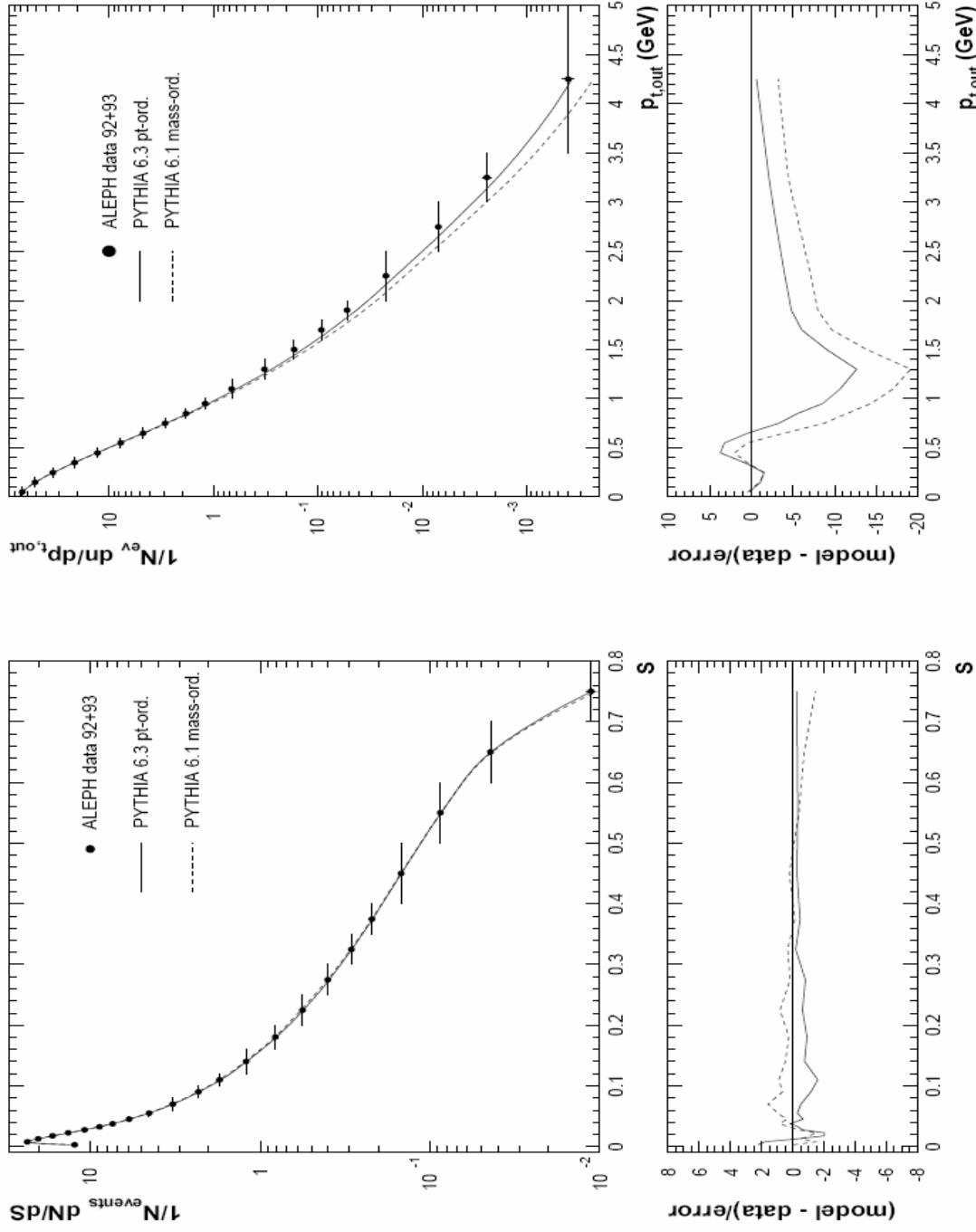


$$x_i = 2 \times \frac{\text{Energy of } i}{\text{Mass of Top Quark}}$$

- Based on the formalism of S. Gieseke, P. Stephens and B.R. Webber, JHEP 0312:045, 2003.

• Improvement on the previous FORTRAN version.

PYTHIA p_T ordered Shower



Hard Jet Radiation

- The parton shower is designed to simulate **soft** and **collinear** radiation.
- While this is the bulk of the emission we are often interested in the radiation of a **hard** jet.
- This is **not** something the **parton shower** should be able to do, although it often does better than we expect.
 - **If you are looking at hard radiation HERWIG/PYTHIA will often get it wrong.**

Hard Jet Radiation

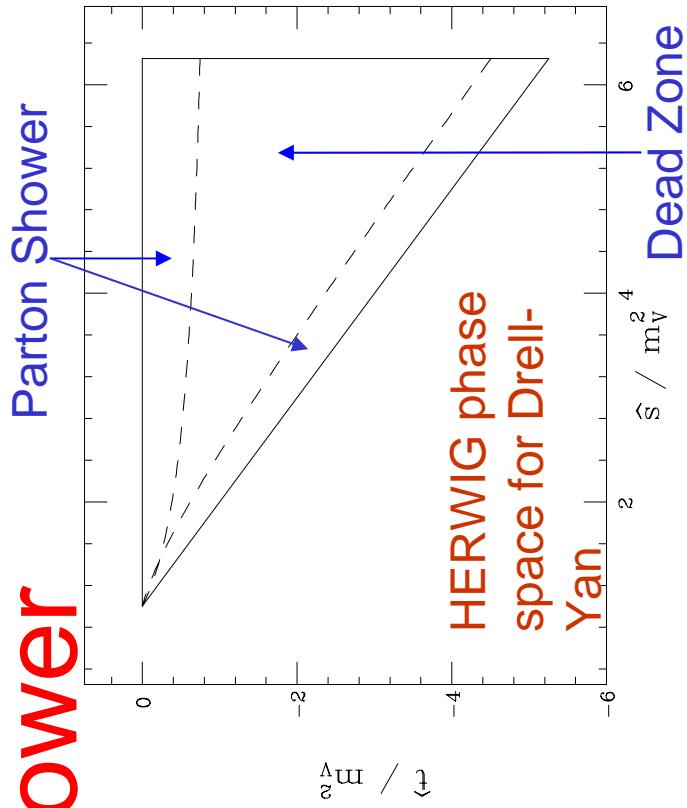
- Given this failure of the approximations this is an obvious area to make improvements in the shower and has a long history.
- You will often here this called
 - Matrix Element matching.
 - Matrix Element corrections.
 - Merging matrix elements and parton shower
 - MC@NLO
- I will discuss all of these and where the different ideas are useful.

Hard Jet Radiation: General Idea

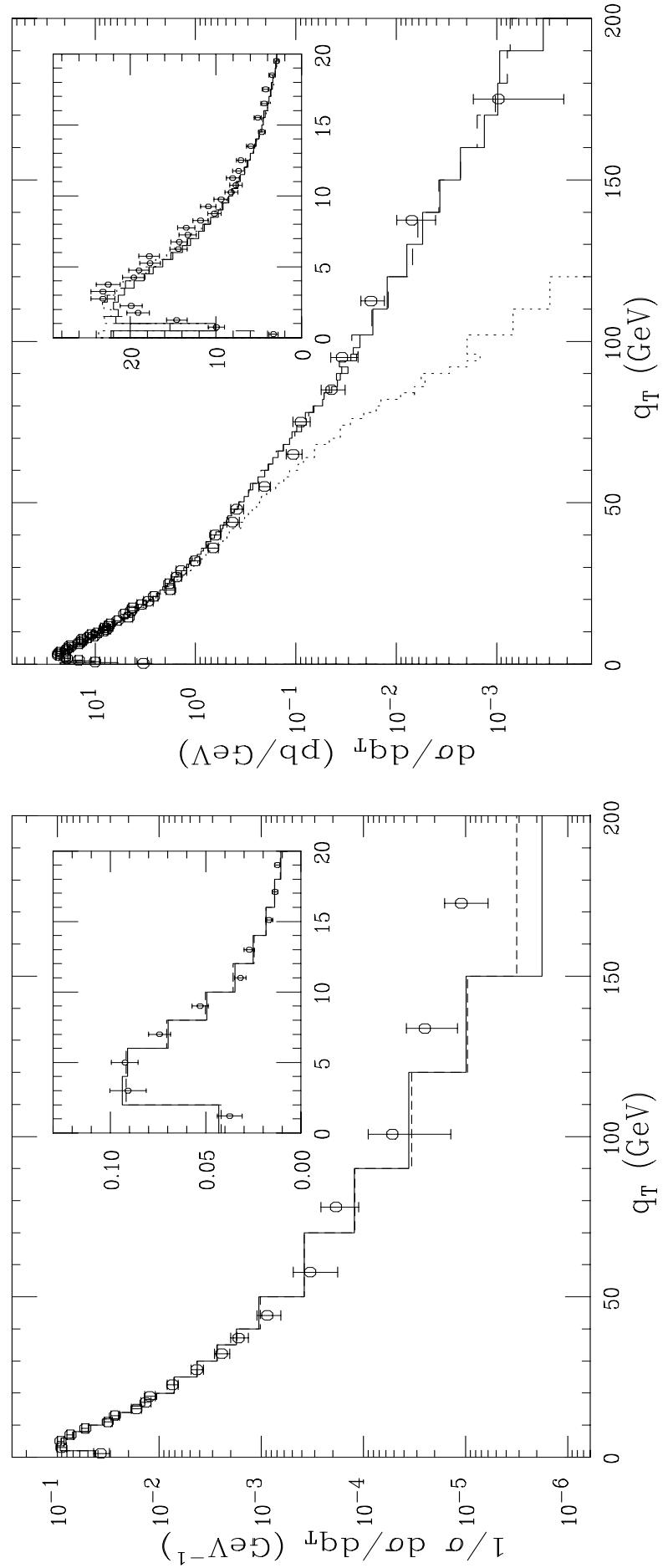
- **Parton Shower (PS)** simulations use the soft/collinear approximation:
 - Good for simulating the internal structure of a jet;
 - Can't produce high p_T jets.
- **Matrix Elements (ME)** compute the exact result at fixed order:
 - Good for simulating a few high p_T jets;
 - Can't give the structure of a jet.
- We want to use both in a **consistent** way, i.e.
 - ME gives **hard emission**
 - PS gives soft/collinear emission
 - Smooth matching between the two.
 - No double counting of radiation.

Matching Matrix Elements and Parton Shower

- The oldest approaches are usually called matching matrix elements and parton showers or the **matrix element correction**.
- Slightly different for **HERWIG** and **PYTHIA**.
- In **HERWIG**
 - Use the leading order matrix element to fill the dead zone.
 - Correct the parton shower to get the leading order matrix element in the already filled region.
- **PYTHIA** fills the full phase space so only the second step is needed.



Matrix Element Corrections



Z q_T distribution from CDF

W q_T distribution from D0

G. Corcella and M. Seymour, Nucl.Phys.B565:227-244,2000.

Matrix Element Corrections

- There was a lot of work for both HERWIG and PYTHIA. The corrections for
 - e^+e^- to hadrons
 - DIS
 - Drell-Yan
 - Top Decay
 - Higgs Productionwere included.
- There are problems with this
 - Only the hardest emission was correctly described
 - The leading order normalization was retained.

Recent Progress

- In the last few years there has been a lot of work addressing both of these problems.
- Two types of approach have emerged
 - 1) **NLO Simulation**
 - NLO normalization of the cross section
 - Gets the hardest emission correct
 - 2) **Multi-Jet Leading Order**
 - Still leading order.
 - Gets many hard emissions correct.

NLO Simulation

- There has been a lot of work on NLO Monte Carlo simulations.
- Only the MC@NLO approach of Frixione, Nason and Webber has been shown to work in practice.
- Although an alternative approach by Nason looks promising and a paper with results for Z pairs appeared last week.

MC@NLO

- MC@NLO was designed to have the following features.
 - The output is a set of fully exclusive events.
 - **The total rate is accurate to NLO**
 - NLO results for observables are recovered when expanded in α_s .
 - Hard emissions are treated **as** in NLO calculations.
 - Soft/Collinear emission are treated **as** in the parton shower.
 - The matching between hard emission and the parton shower is **smooth**.
 - MC hadronization models are used.

Basic Idea

- The basic idea of MC@NLO is
 - Work out the shower approximation for the real emission.
 - Subtract it from the real emission from
 - Add it to the virtual piece.
- This cancels the singularities and avoids double counting.
- It's a lot more complicated than it sounds.

Toy Model

- I will start with Bryan Webber's **toy model** to explain MC@NLO to discuss the **key features** of NLO, MC and the matching.
- Consider a system which can radiate photons with energy with energy x with
 - $0 \leq x \leq x_s \leq 1$ where x_s is the energy of the system before radiation.
 - After radiation the energy of the system $x'_s = x_s - x$
 - Further radiation is possible but photons don't radiate.

Toy Model

- Calculating an observable at NLO gives

$$\langle O \rangle = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 dx x^{-2\varepsilon} O(x) \left[\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx} \right)_B + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx} \right)_V + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx} \right)_R \right]$$

where the Born, Virtual and Real contributions are

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx} \right)_B = B \delta(x) \quad \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx} \right)_V = \alpha \left(\frac{B}{2\varepsilon} + V \right) \delta(x) \quad \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx} \right)_R = \alpha \frac{R(x)}{x}$$

α is the coupling constant and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} R(x) = B$

Toy Model

- In a subtraction method the real contribution is written as

$$\langle O \rangle_R = \alpha BO(0) \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{x^{1+2\varepsilon}} + \alpha \int_0^1 dx \frac{O(x)R(x) - BO(0)}{x^{1+2\varepsilon}}$$

- The second integral is finite so we can set $\varepsilon = 0$

$$\langle O \rangle_R = -\alpha \frac{B}{2\varepsilon} O(0) + \alpha \int_0^1 dx \frac{O(x)R(x) - BO(0)}{x}$$

- The NLO prediction is therefore

$$\langle O \rangle_{sub} = \int_0^1 dx \left[\alpha O(x) \frac{R(x)}{x} + O(0) \left(B + \alpha V - \alpha \frac{B}{x} \right) \right]$$

Toy Monte Carlo

- In a MC treatment the system can emit many photons with the probability controlled by the Sudakov form factor, defined here as

$$\Delta(x_1, x_2) = \exp \left[-\alpha \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx \frac{Q(x)}{x} \right]$$

where $Q(x)$ is a monotonic function which has

$$0 \leq Q(x) \leq 1 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} Q(x) = 1 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} Q(x) = 0$$

- $\Delta(x_1, x_2)$ is the probability that no photon can be emitted with energy x such that $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$.

Toy MC@NLO

- We want to interface NLO to MC. Naïve first try
 - $O(0) \Rightarrow$ start MC with 0 real emissions: F_{MC}^0
 - $O(x) \Rightarrow$ start MC with 1 real emission at x : $F_{MC}^1(x)$
- So that the overall generating functional is

$$\int_0^1 dx \left[F_{MC}^0 \left(B + \alpha V - \frac{\alpha B}{x} \right) + F_{MC}^1(x) \frac{\alpha R(x)}{x} \right]$$

- This is wrong because MC with no emissions will generate emission with NLO distribution

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx} \right)_{MC} = \alpha B \frac{Q(x)}{x}$$

Toy MC@NLO

- We must subtract this from the second term

$$F_{MC@NLO} = \int_0^1 dx \left[F_{MC}^0 \left(B + \alpha V + \frac{\alpha B(Q(x)-1)}{x} \right) + F_{MC}^1(x) \frac{\alpha(R(x)-BQ(x))}{x} \right]$$

- This prescription has many good features:

- The added and subtracted terms are equal to $O(\alpha)$
- The coefficients of F_{MC}^0 and F_{MC}^1 are separately finite.
- The resummation of large logs is the same as for the Monte Carlo renormalized to the correct NLO cross section.

However some events may have negative weight.

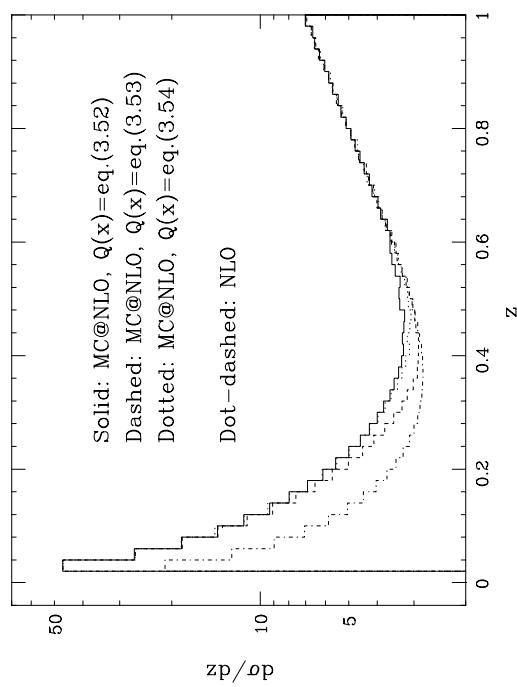
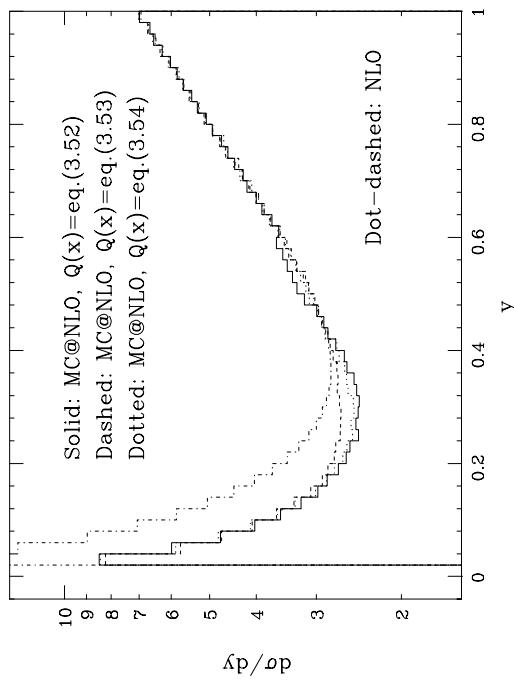
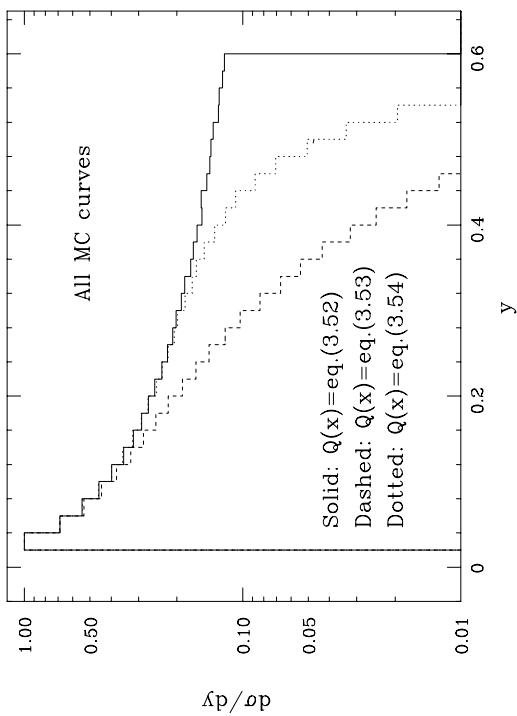
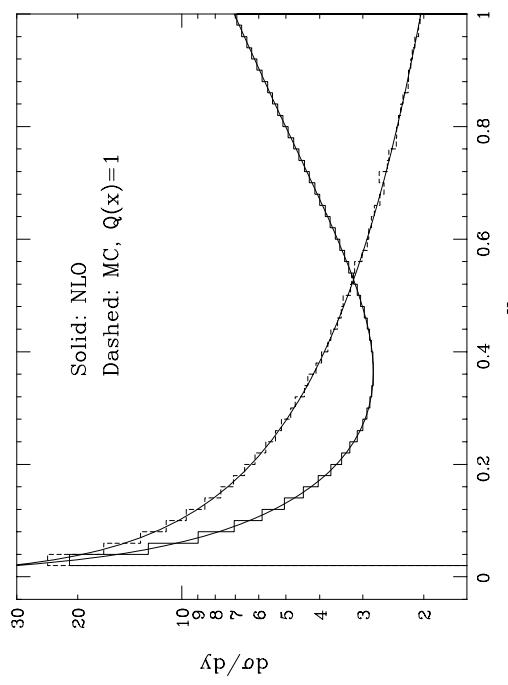
Toy MC@NLO Observables

- As an example of an “exclusive” observable consider the energy γ of the hardest photon in each event.
- As an “inclusive” observable consider the fully inclusive distributions of photon energies, z
- Toy model results shown are for

$$\alpha = 0.3, \quad B = 2, \quad V = 1,$$

$$R(x) = B + x \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} + 20x^2 \right)$$

Toy MC@NLO Observables



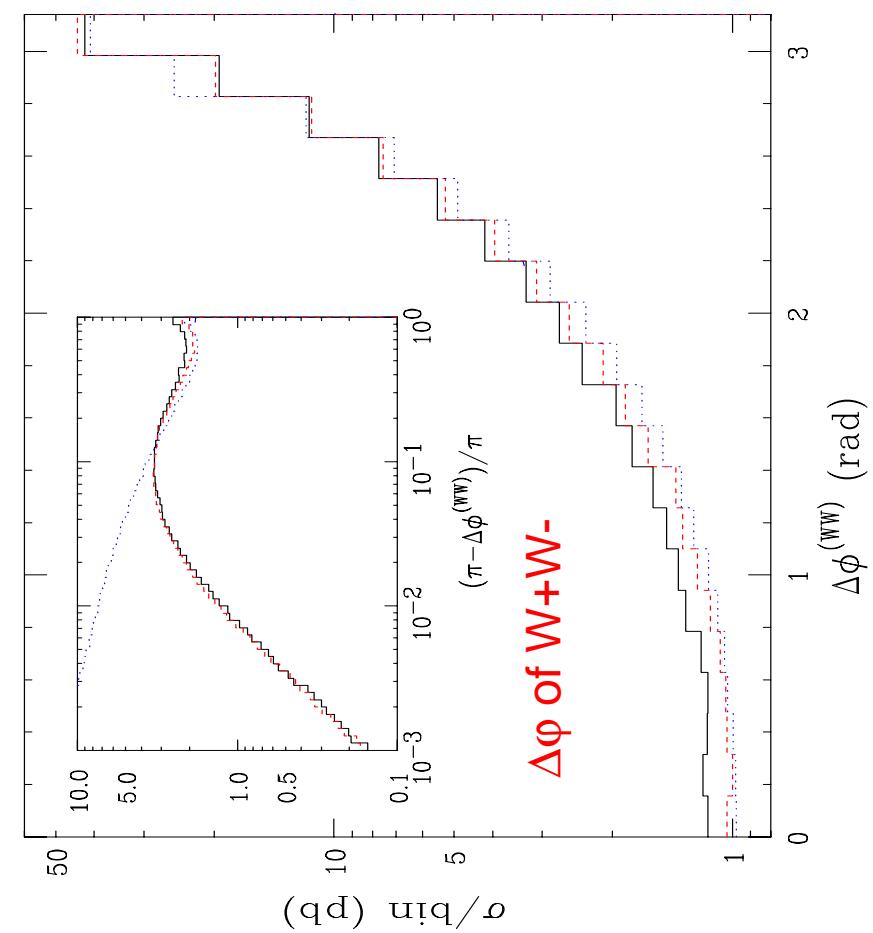
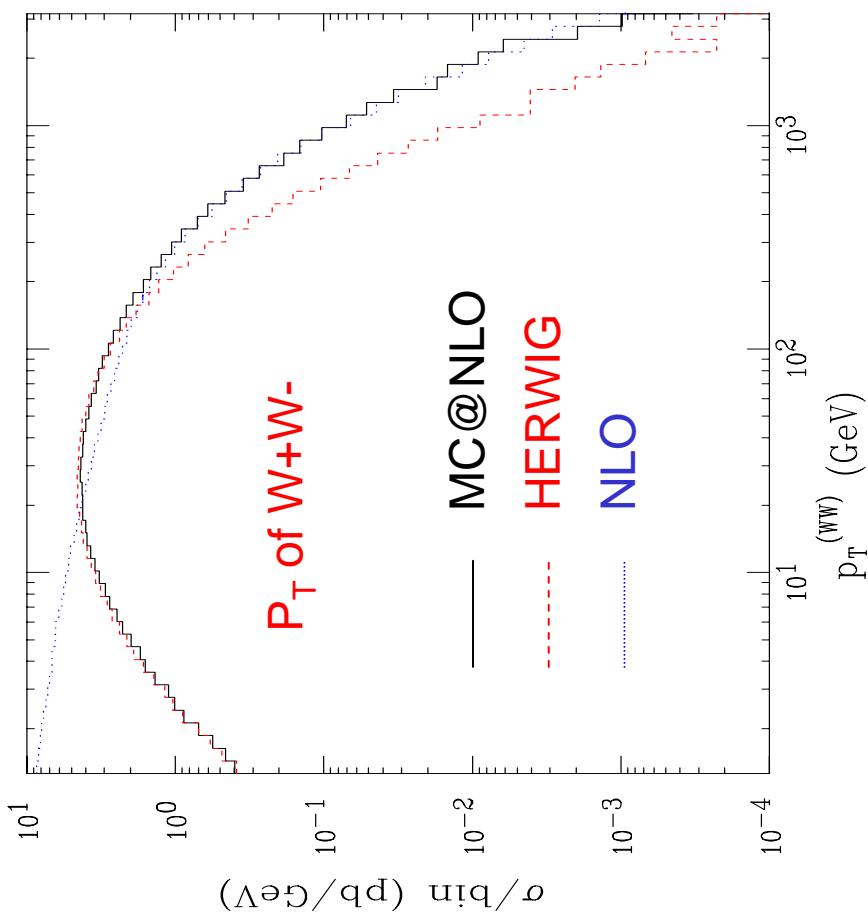
Real QCD

- For **normal QCD** the **principle** is the **same** we subtract the shower approximation to the real emission and add it to the virtual piece.
- This cancels the singularities and avoids double counting.
- It's a lot more complicated.

Problems

- For each new process the shower approximation must be worked out, which is often complicated.
- While the general approach works for any shower it has to be worked out for a specific case.
- So for MC@NLO only works with the HERWIG shower algorithm.
- It could be worked out for PYTHIA or Herwig++ but this remains to be done.

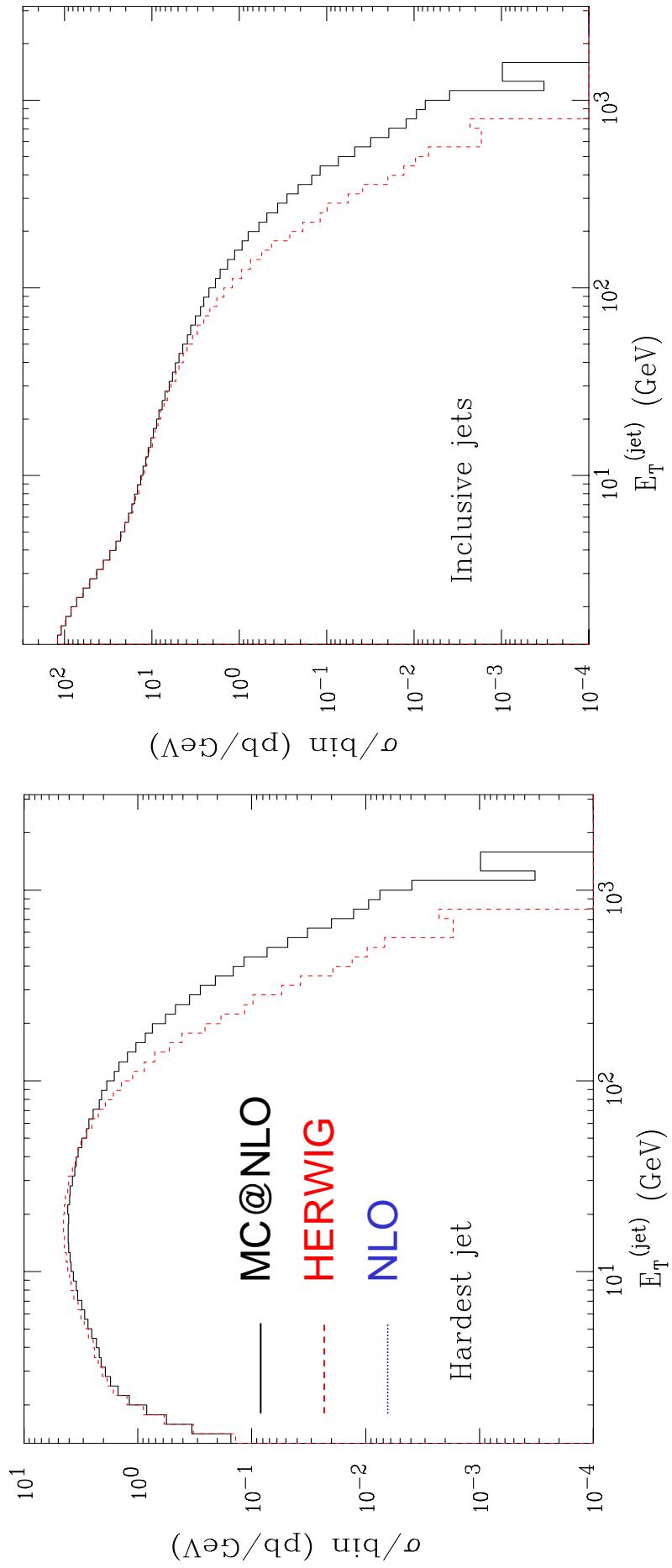
W^+W^- Observables



MC@NLO gives the correct high P_T result and soft resummation.

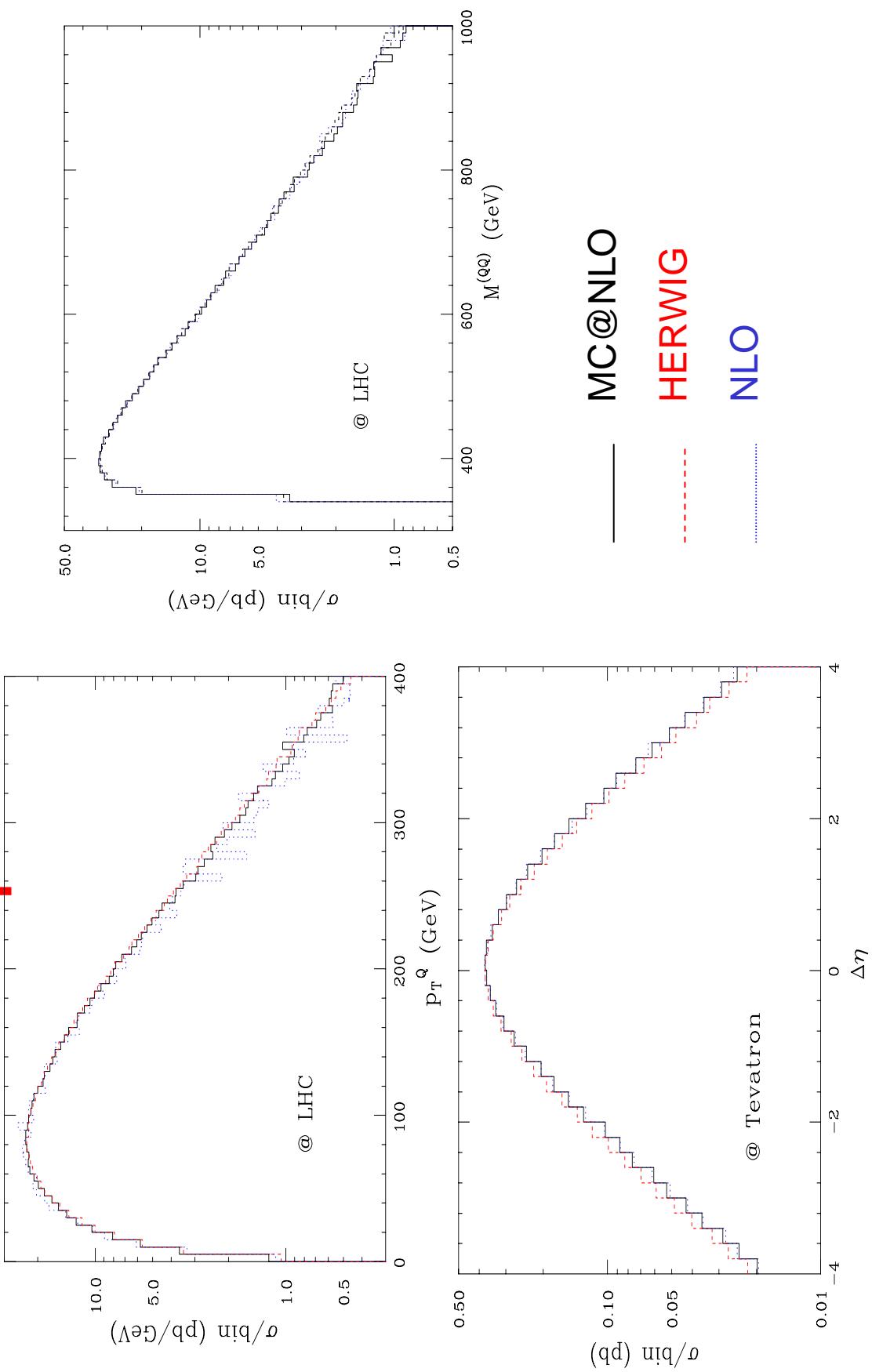
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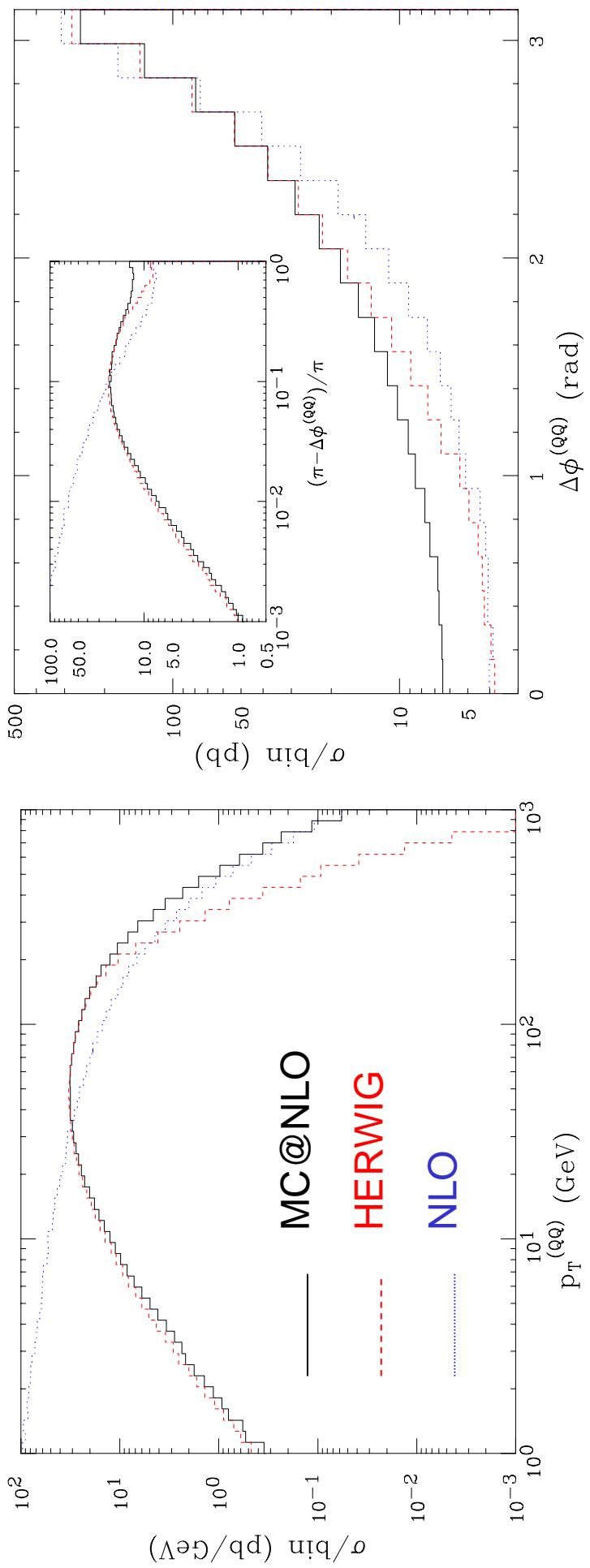
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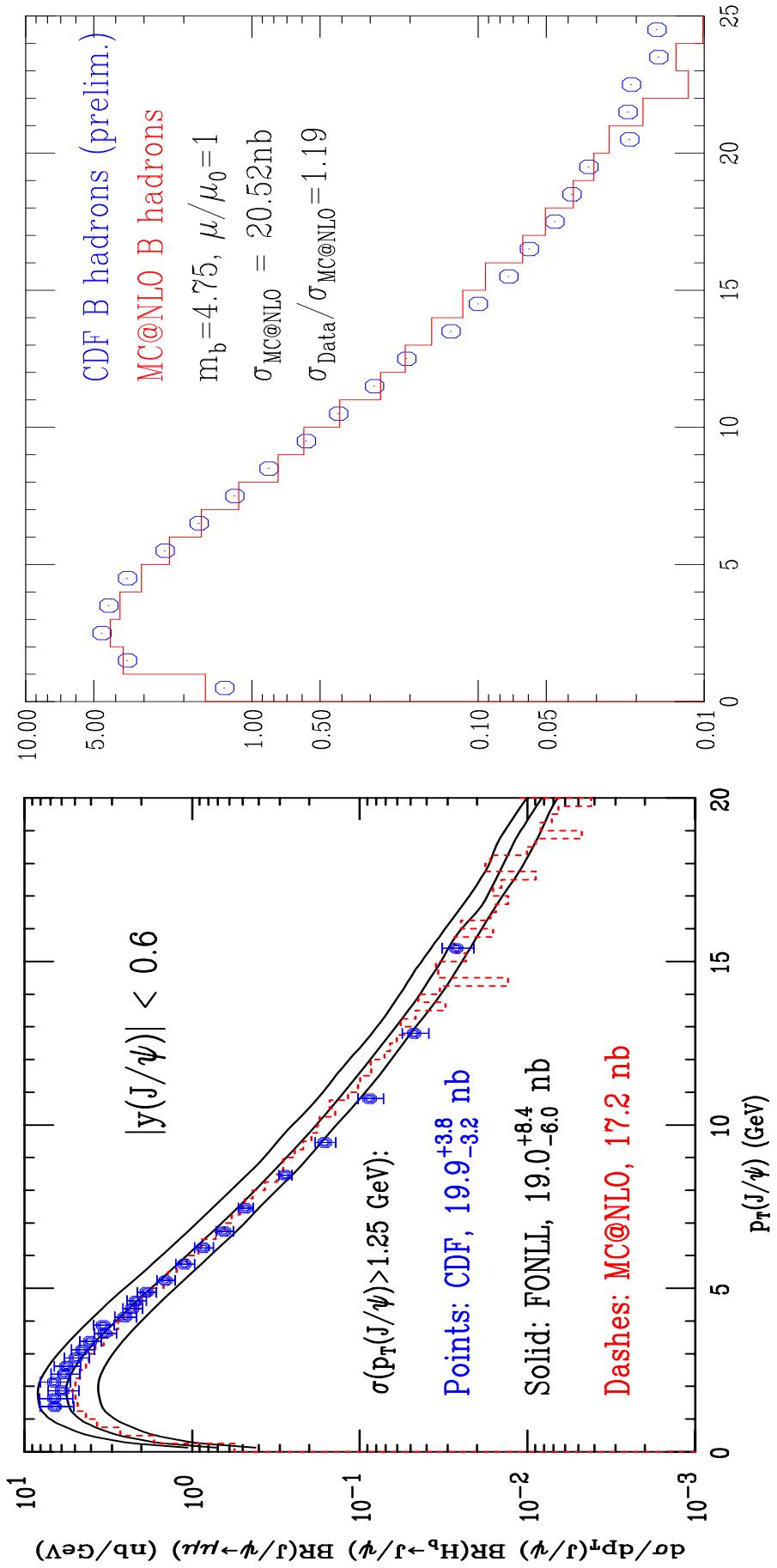
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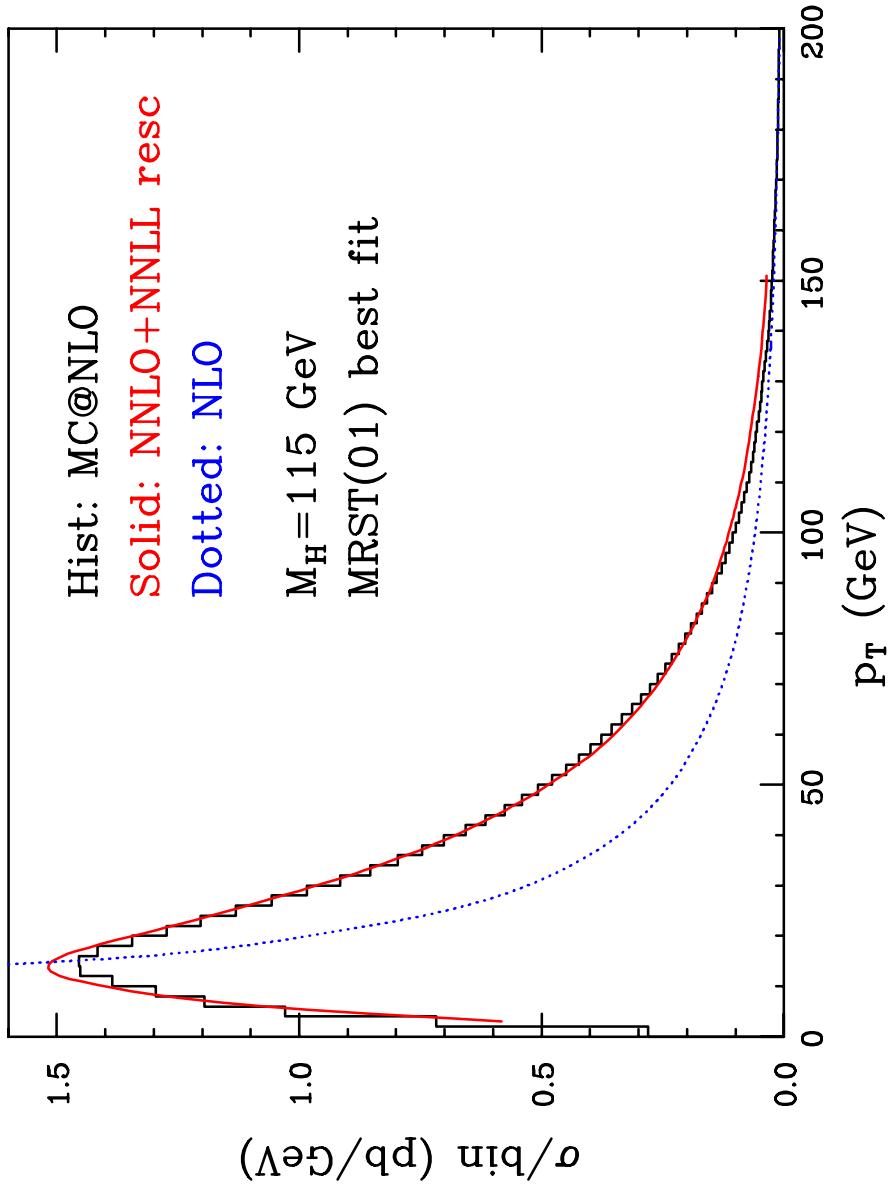
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NLO Simulation

- So far MC@NLO is the only implementation of a NLO Monte Carlo simulation.
- Recently there have been some ideas by Paulo Nason JHEP 0411:040,2004 and recent results.
- In this approach there are no negative weights but more terms would be exponentiated beyond leading log.

Multi-Jet Leading Order

- While the NLO approach is good for one hard additional jet and the overall normalization it **cannot** be used to give **many jets**.
- Therefore to simulate these processes use matching at **leading order** to get many hard emissions correct.
- I will briefly review the general idea behind this approach and then show some results.

CKKW Procedure

- Catani, Krauss, Kuhn and Webber JHEP 0111:063,2001.
- In order to match the ME and PS we need to separate the phase space:
- One region contains the soft/collinear region and is filled by the PS;
- The other is filled by the matrix element.
- In these approaches the phase space is separated using in **k_T -type jet algorithm**.

Durham Jet Algorithm

- For all final-state particles compute the resolution variables

$$d_{kB} \approx E_k^2 \theta_{kB}^2 \approx k_{\perp kB}^2 \quad \theta_{kB}^2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$d_{kl} \approx \min(E_k^2, E_l^2) \theta_{kl}^2 \approx k_{\perp kl}^2 \quad \theta_{kl}^2 \rightarrow 0$$

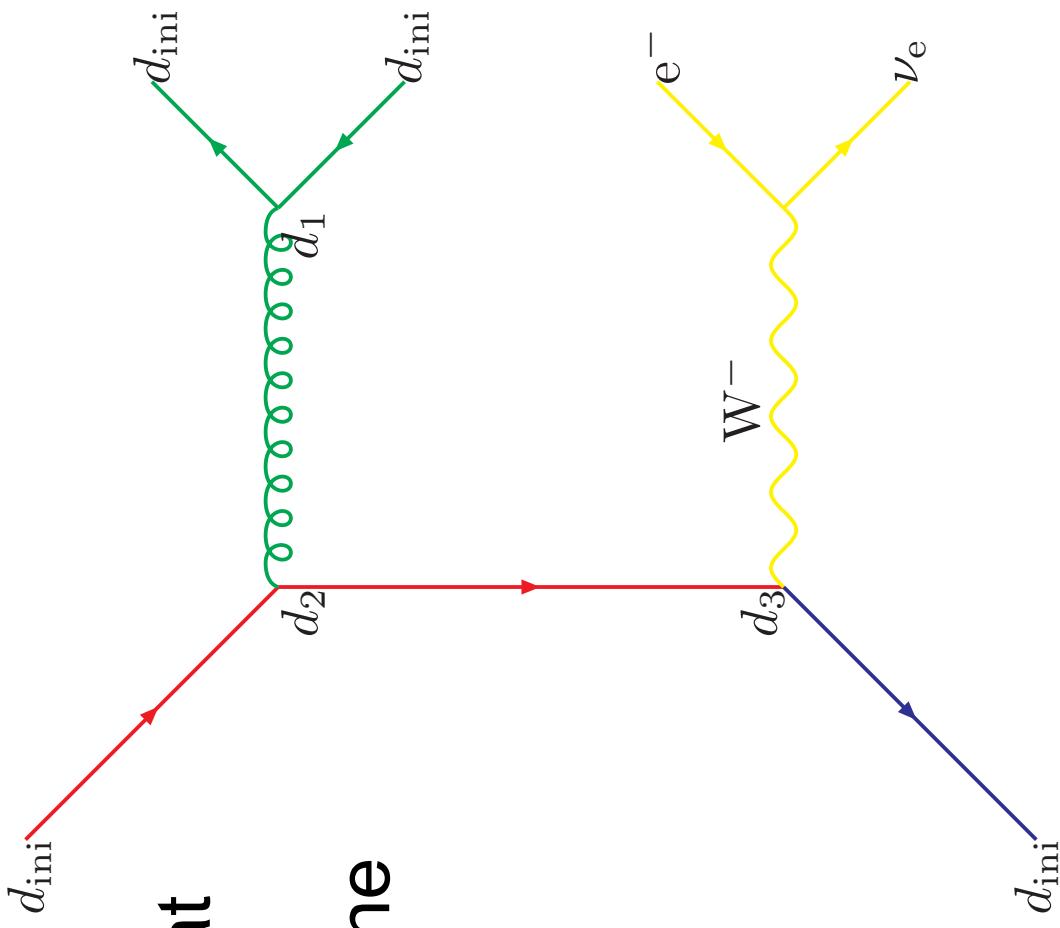
- The smallest of these is selected. If d_{kl} is the smallest the two particles are merged. If d_{kB} is the smallest the particle is merged with the beam.
- This procedure is repeated until the minimum value is above some stopping parameter d_{cut} .
- The remaining particles and pseudo-particles are then the hard jets.

CKKW Procedure

- **Radiation above** a **cut-off** value of the jet measure is simulated by the **matrix element** and radiation **below** the cut-off by the **parton shower**.
- 1) Select the jet multiplicity with probability
$$P_n = \frac{\sigma_n}{\sum_{k=0}^N \sigma_k}$$
where σ_n is the n -jet matrix element evaluated at resolution d_{ini} using d_{ini} as the scale for the PDFs and α_S , n is the number of jets
 - 2) Distribute the jet momenta according the ME.

CKKW Procedure

- 3) Cluster the partons to determine the values at which $1, 2, \dots, n$ -jets are resolved. These give the nodal scales for a tree diagram.
- 4) Apply a coupling constant reweighting.

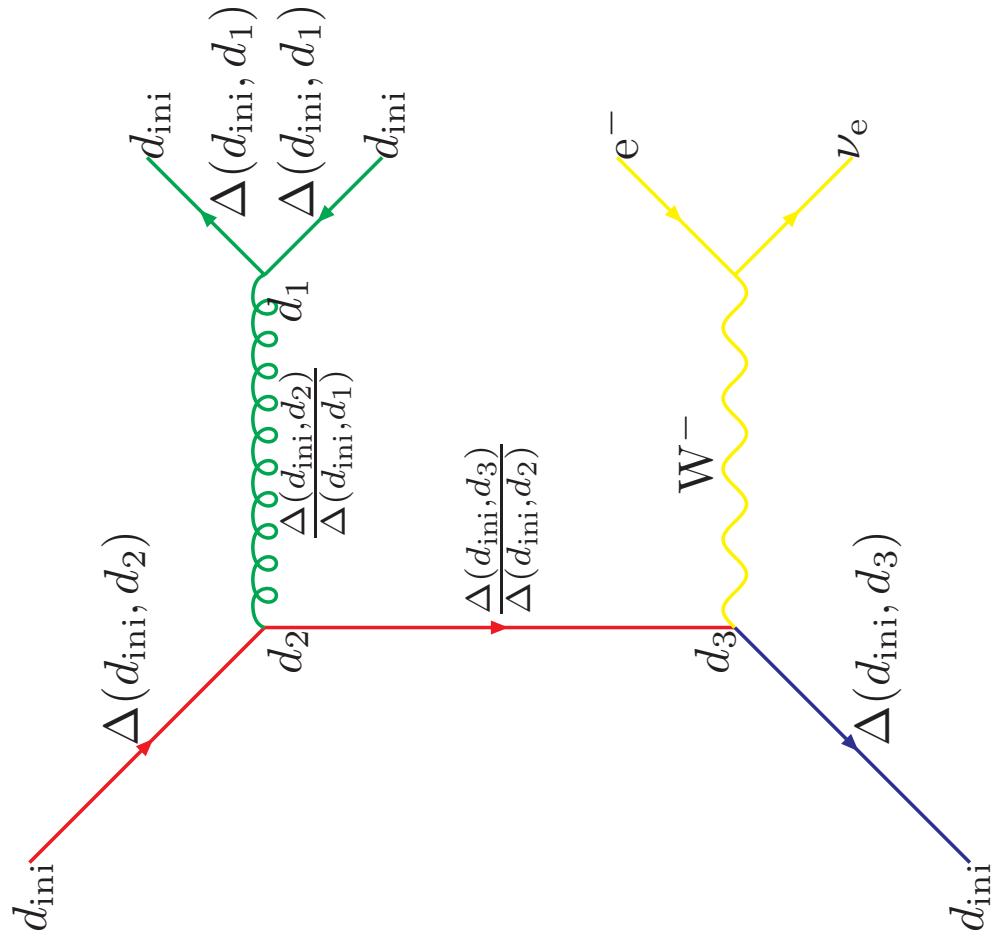


$$\frac{\alpha_s(d_1)\alpha_s(d_2)\dots\alpha_s(d_3)}{\alpha_s(d_{\text{ini}})^n} \leq 1$$

CKKW Procedure

- 5) Reweight the lines by a Sudakov factor

$$\frac{\Delta(d_{\text{ini}}, d_j)}{\Delta(d_{\text{ini}}, d_k)}$$



- 6) Accept the configuration if the product of the α_s and Sudakov weight is less than $R \in [0,1]$ Otherwise return to step 1.

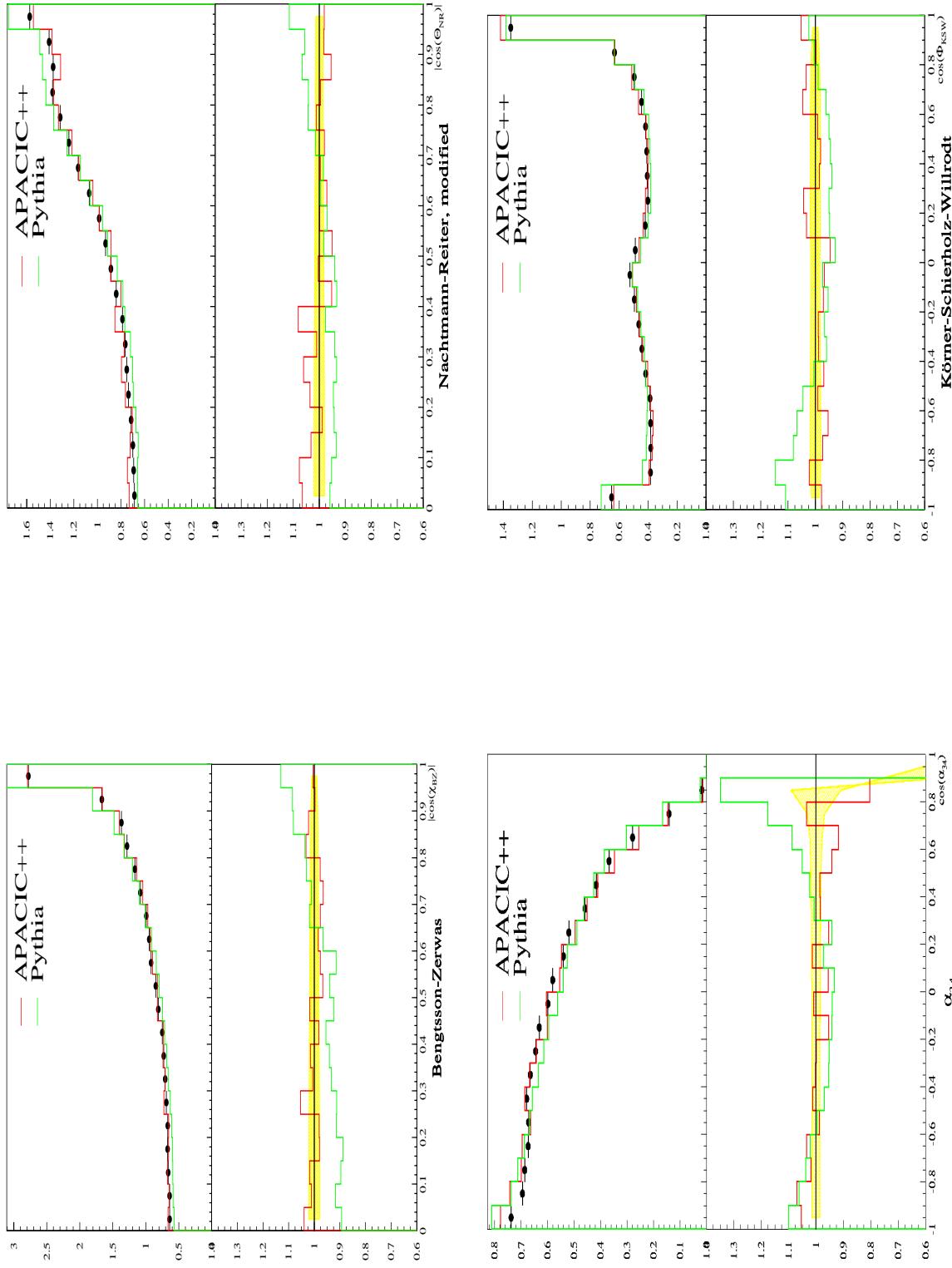
CKKW Procedure

- 7) Generate the parton shower from the event starting the evolution of each parton at the scale at which it was created and vetoing emission above the scale d_{ini} .

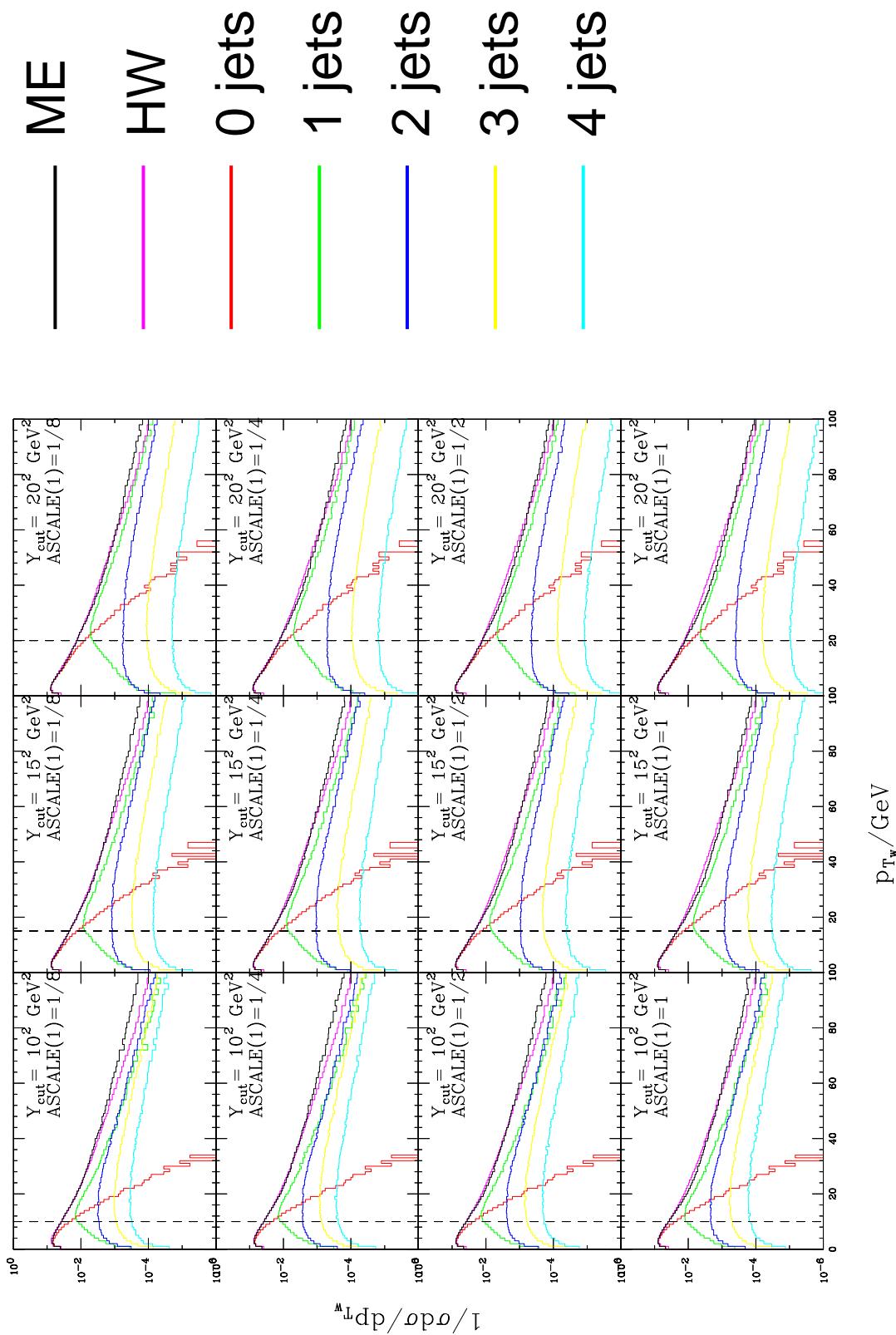
CKKW Procedure

- Although this procedure ensures smooth matching at the NLL log level are **still choices** to be made:
 - Exact definition of the Sudakov form factors.
 - Scales in the strong coupling and α_S .
 - Treatment of the highest Multiplicity matrix element.
 - Choice of the k_T algorithm.
- In practice the **problem** is **understanding what the shower** is doing and treating the matrix element in the same way.

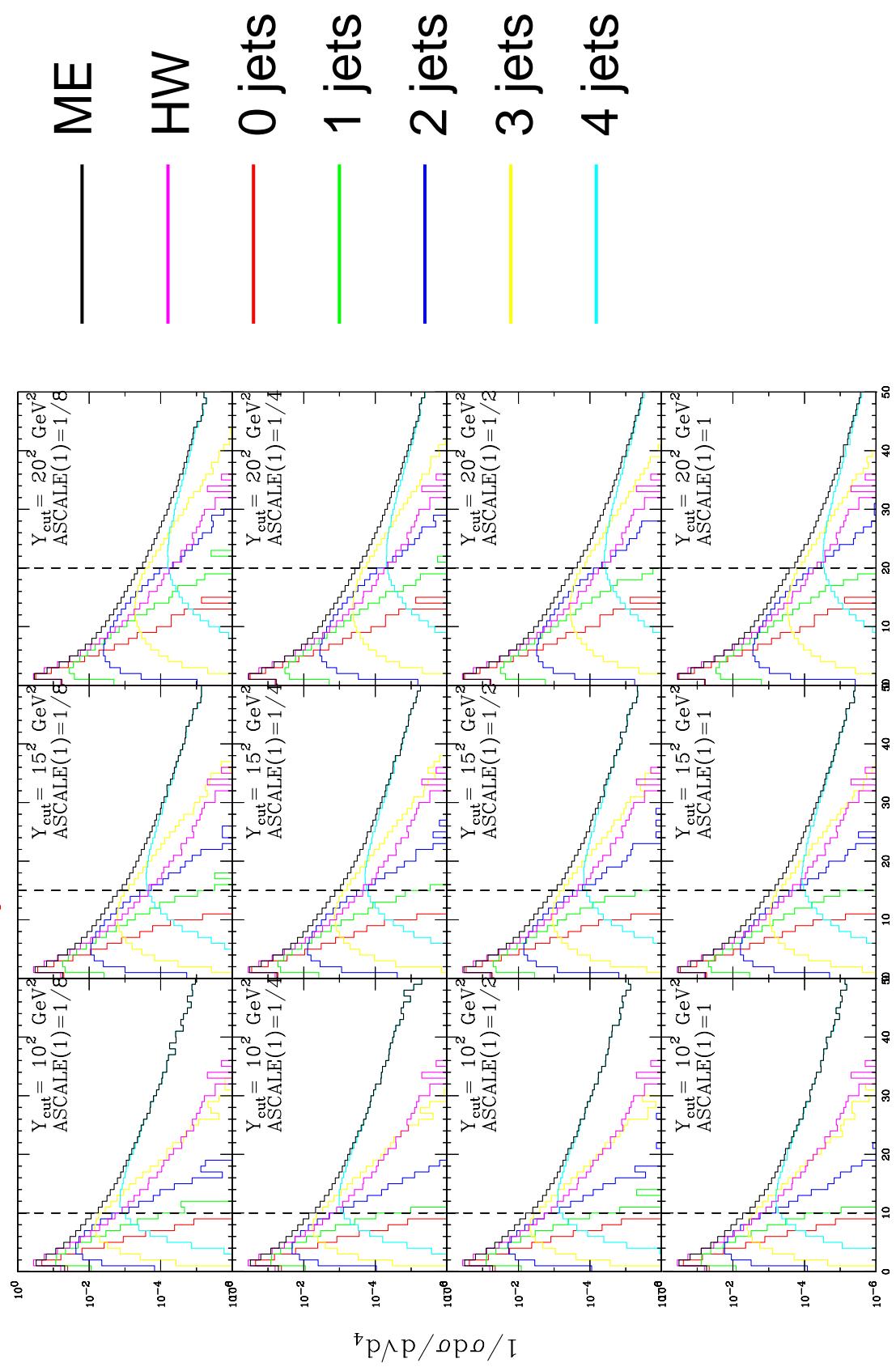
e⁺e⁻ Results from SHERPA



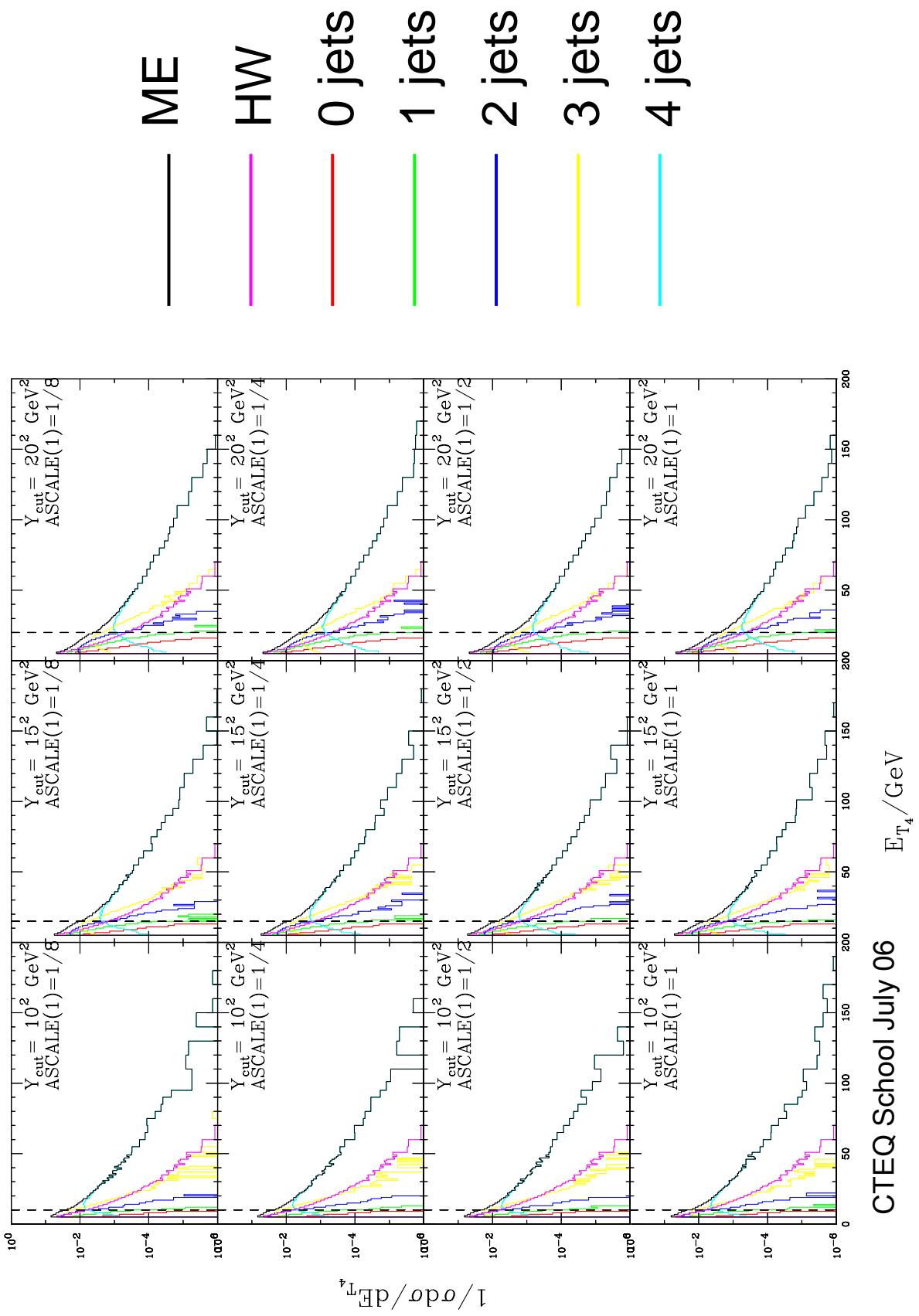
p_T of the W at the Tevatron from HERWIG



Tevatron p_T of the 4th jet from HERWIG



LHC E_T of the 4th jet from HERWIG



What Should I use?

- Hopefully this lecture will help you decide which of the many different tools is most suitable for a given analysis.
 - Only soft jets relative to hard scale MC
 - Only one hard jet **MC@NLO** or old style ME **correction**
 - Many hard jets **CKKW**.
- The most important thing is to **think first** before running the simulation.

Summary

- In this afternoon's lecture we have looked at
 - The basic parton shower algorithm
 - Colour Coherence
 - Backward Evolution
 - Next-to-leading Order simulations
 - Matrix Element matching
- On Thursday we will go on and look at the non-perturbative parts of the simulation.