

SHERPA: Overview and latest developments

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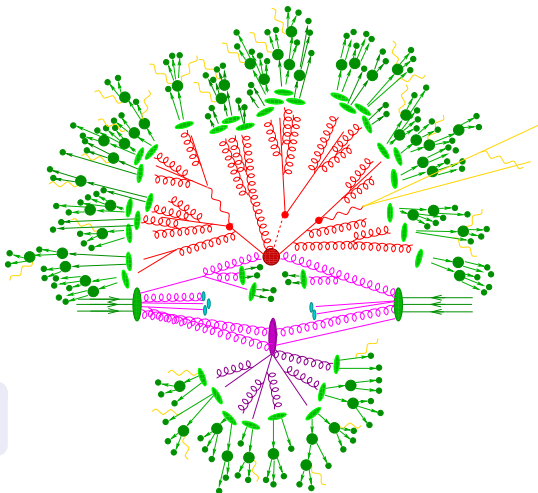
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- Initial state parton shower (QCD)
- Underlying event
- Signal process
- Final state parton shower (QCD)
- Fragmentation
- Hadron decays
- QED radiation



SHERPA is the framework steering these event phases.

Input files

Example run card Run.dat for Drell-Yan@LHC

```
(beam){
  BEAM_1 = 2212
  BEAM_ENERGY_1 = 7000.
  BEAM_2 = 2212
  BEAM_ENERGY_2 = 7000.
}(beam)

(processes){
  Process : 93 93 -> 11 -11 93{1}
  Order electroweak : 2
  End process
}(processes)

(selector){
  JetFinder sqr(20/E_CMS) 1.
  Mass 11 -11 66 116
}(selector)
```

- Non-existent sections/parameters can be specified in files in fallback locations, or use default values
- Parameter-overwriting from the command line possible
- Tag replacing functionality

Running the generator: 3-step strategy

First run: Generating the ME libraries

```
$ Sherpa EVENTS=10000 OUTPUT=2
....
Single_Process::Tests for 2_2__d__db__e__e+
  Prepare gauge test and init helicity amplitudes. This may take some time.
In String_Handler::Complete : this may take some time...
Single_Process::CheckLibraries : Looking for a suitable library. This may take some time.
Library_Loader::LoadLibrary(): Failed to load library 'libProc_P2_2_2_6_14_16_5_0.so'.
Single_Process::WriteLibrary :
  Library for 2_2__d__db__e__e+ has been written, name is P2_2_2_6_14_16_5_0
....
Amagic::InitializeProcesses :
  Some new libraries were created and have to be compiled and linked.
  Type "./makelibs" in '/home/frank/sherpa/trunk/SHERPA/Run/LHC' and rerun.
```

Compiling the libraries

- Written out in C++
- Using autotools for compilation setup
- Simply type ./makelibs

Running the generator: 3-step strategy

Second run: Integration, event generation

```
$ Sherpa EVENTS=10000 OUTPUT=2
....
All_Processes::CalculateTotalXSec for 2_3__j__j__e__e+__j
Starting the calculation. Lean back and enjoy ... .
523.701 pb +- ( 16.9984 pb = 3.24582 % ) 5000 ( 46.1 % )
full optimization: ( 0 s elapsed / 45 s left / 45 s total )
....
508.574 pb +- ( 0.672573 pb = 0.132247 % ) 310000 ( 75.2 % )
2_3__j__j__e__e+__j : 508.574 pb +/- 0.132247 %, exp. eff: 0.926893 %.
Store result : xs for 2_3__j__j__e__e+__j : 508.574 pb +/- 0.132247%,
max : 0.000140913

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-- SHERPA generates events with the following structure --
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Perturbative      : Signal_Processes:Amegic
Perturbative      : Hard_Decays:
Perturbative      : Jet_Evolution:Apacic
Perturbative      : Multiple_Interactions:None
Hadronization     : Beam_Remnants
Hadronization     : Hadronization: Ahadic
Hadronization     : Hadron_Decays

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Event 600 ( 7 s elapsed / 114 s left / 121 s total )
```

Process integration

Active modules

Event generation

Event record

Internal event structure

- Event (\approx `HepMC::GenEvent`) = list of linked Blobs (\approx `HepMC::GenVertex`)
- Four-momentum conservation locally fulfilled
- Particle status codes similar to HepMC

Example Blob for signal process

```
Blob [0]( 1, Signal Process      , 2 -> 3 @ (0,0,0,0)
```

```
Incoming particles :
```

```
[G] 2 u      1 ( 4 -> 1) [( 5.3229e+01,-3.7077e-01,-5.2213e-01, 5.3225e+01), p^2=-3.6380e-12, m= 0.0000e+00] (615, 0)
```

```
[G] 2 G      1 ( 4 -> 1) [( 8.8449e+01, 2.3747e-01,-1.7765e-01,-8.8449e+01), p^2= 0.0000e+00, m= 0.0000e+00] (613,615)
```

```
Outgoing particles :
```

```
[H] 2 e-     2 ( 1 -> 5) [( 5.1618e+01,-1.8670e+01,-4.8114e+01, 9.6923e-01), p^2= 0.0000e+00, m= 0.0000e+00] ( 0, 0)
```

```
[H] 2 e+     3 ( 1 -> 5) [( 5.5660e+01, 3.9427e+01, 2.0197e+01,-3.3698e+01), p^2= 4.5475e-13, m= 0.0000e+00] ( 0, 0)
```

```
[H] 2 u      4 ( 1 -> 5) [( 3.4400e+01,-2.0890e+01, 2.7217e+01,-2.4946e+00), p^2=-6.8212e-13, m= 0.0000e+00] (613, 0)
```

Other output formats

- HepEvt
- HepMC, if linked with the HepMC package

SHERPA release 1.1

- 1.1.0 released in April 2008, bugfix release 1.1.1 in May 2008
- Available on GENSER (**thanks for the quick response!**), in ATLAS and CMS

New features (↪ later)

- AHADIC++ – Cluster fragmentation module
- HADRON++ – Complete hadron and τ decay module
- PHOTONS++ – QED radiation in the YFS formalism
- CKKW merging for processes with decay chains
- Expandability through dynamically linked user libraries

Important UI changes

- Particle ID's now conform with PDG
- New default parameters, **see Changelog** before using old setups!
- One sectioned input file (“run card”) instead of separate files

⇒ **Migration script for old setups provided**

Installation

What you need

- SHERPA tarball from <http://sherpa-mc.de>
- C++ compiler (g++), fortran compiler (g77+libg2c or gfortran)
- Autotools: automake, autoconf, libtool

Installation procedure

- `tar xzf Sherpa-1.1.1.tar.gz`
- `cd SHERPA-MC-1.1.1`
- `TOOLS/makeinstall -c`
- That's it. Should take 10-20 mins.

```
xterm
[10:33 140: SHERPA-MC-1.1.0]$ TOOLS/makeinstall -c
*****
*****
writing stdout and stderr to 'sherpa_install.log'
installing module ATOOLS ... done
installing module HELICITIES ... done
installing module BSM ... done
installing module PDF ... done
installing module MODEL ... done
installing module PHASIC+ ... done
installing module EXTRA_JS ... done
installing module AHEGIC+ ...
```

Linking to optional external packages

- HepMC library version 2.x: For output in HepMC event record
`TOOLS/makeinstall --copt --enable-hepmc2=/path/to/hepmc/`
- LHAPDF: For using common interface to many PDF sets
`TOOLS/makeinstall --copt --enable-lhapdf=/path/to/lhapdf/`

Matrix elements: AMEGIC++

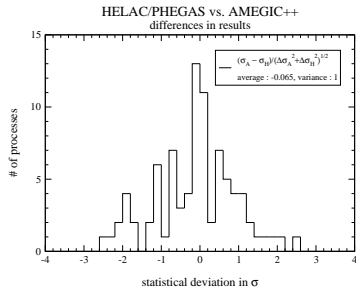
JHEP 0202(2002)044

Features

- Fully automated matrix element calculation in SM, MSSM and ADD using helicity amplitudes
- Expandable with additional vertices/models (Technicolor and Little Higgs being worked on by users)
- High performance by writing out matrix elements and dedicated phase space channels into compiled libraries

Validation

- MC4LHC cross section comparison
<http://mlm.web.cern.ch/mlm/mcwshop03/mcwshop.html>
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow 6f$ comparison with HELAC/PHEGAS
 EPJ C34(2004) 173 see \Rightarrow
- MSSM $2 \rightarrow 2$ comparison with WHIZARD/O'Mega & SMadGraph
 Phys. Rev. D73(2006)055005



Parton shower: APACIC++

Comput.Phys.Commun.174:876-902,2006

Features

- Similar to old Pythia parton shower
Comput.Phys.Commun.82:74-90,1994
- Virtuality ordered
- Veto on increasing angles

Differences with respect to Pythia

- Choice of renormalisation and factorisation scales
- Treatment of masses in the PS
- Alterations for CKKW merging

More about two new shower modules:

CSSHOWER++

ADICIC++

↪ later!

Merging ME and PS

Combining the advantages, avoiding the disadvantages

Matrix Elements

- + Exact to fixed order
- + Include all interferences
- Only low FS multiplicity

Parton Showers

- + Resum all leading logarithms to all orders
- + Produce exclusive multi-particle final state
- No interference effects



- **Hard radiation** well described by **ME**
- **Correct intrajet evolution** provided by **PS**

Particularities

- Avoid double counting of emissions!
- Correct scale settings in all steps

Strategy

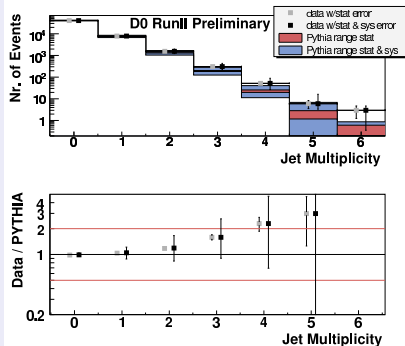
- Separate phase space by Q_{cut} (k_T type measure)
 - Region of jet production: ME
 - Region of jet evolution: PS
- Select final state and kinematics according to cross section made finite by Q_{cut}
- Backwards clustering to identify core process and “shower history”
- Reweight ME with Sudakov form factors and α_s scale corrections
- Start PS at hard scale, and veto emissions harder than Q_{cut}

⇒ Correct jet observables

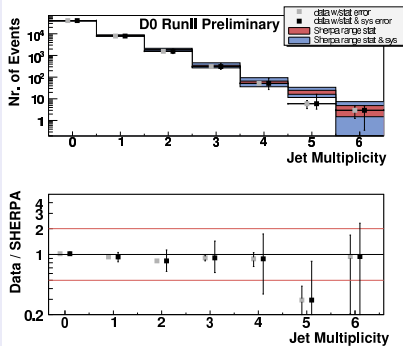
CKKW merging: Z+jets @ Tevatron

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Pythia 6.2 (normalized to data)



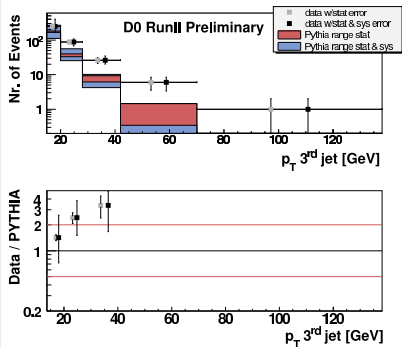
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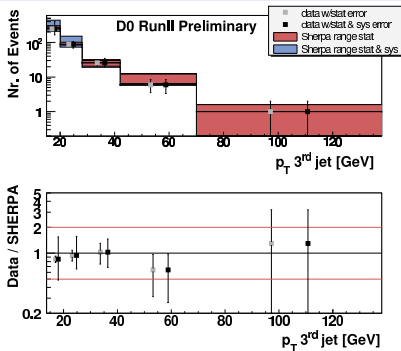
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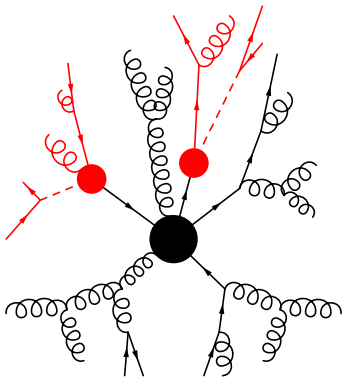


SHERPA 1.0 (normalized to data)



CKKW with decay chains

S. Hoeche, F. Krauss, J. Winter: in preparation



Heavy flavour production in SHERPA

- Narrow width approximation \Rightarrow Full matrix element factorises into **production** and **decay** parts

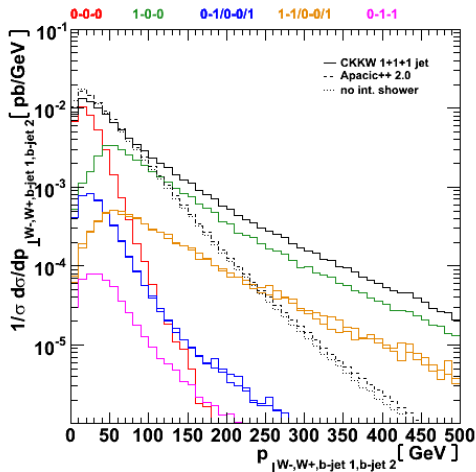
$$\mathcal{A}^{(n)} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{prod}}^{(n_{\text{prod}})} \otimes \prod_i \mathcal{A}_{\text{dec},i}^{(n_i)}$$

- AMEGIC++ provides diagrams for decay chains
- APACIC++ provides production and decay shower off heavy partons
- **CKKW merging** is applied separately and independently in production and decay

Implemented fully general and applicable e. g. in SUSY decay chains.

CKKW with decay chains

Example: $t\bar{t}$ production



Does it make a difference?

Black solid vs. Black dashed:
Yes.

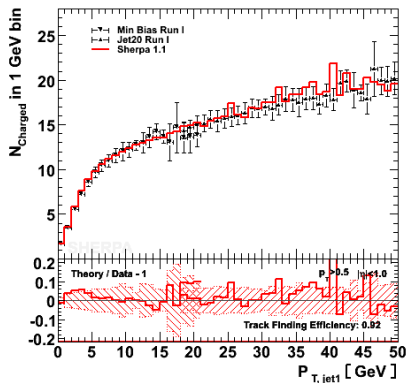
Where does it come from?

- 1 jet in prod., 0 in decay
- 1 jet in prod., 1 in decay

Multiple parton interactions: AMISIC++

hep-ph/0601012

N_{charged} vs. $p_{T,\text{jet}1}$ in CTC

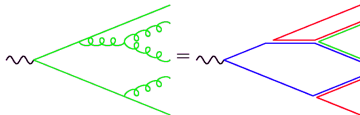


- Based on the PYTHIA model
PRD36(1987)2019
- Parton showers attached to secondary interactions
- With CKKW: Starting scale for MI evolution μ_{MI} chosen according to p_T of QCD partons in k_T -clustered core process
- Veto PS emissions harder than μ_{MI}

Although based on the same model as Pythia, tuned parameters can not be re-used, because of PS attached

Cluster fragmentation

- Large N_C -limit
- Split perturbative gluons non-perturbatively into $q\bar{q}$
- Colour connected pairs form colourless clusters



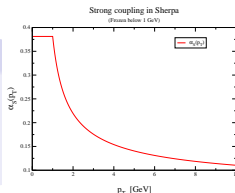
- After evolution in parton showers: colour singlets close in phase space
- Clusters (\approx excited hadrons) decay into clusters or hadrons

Cluster fragmentation: AHADIC++

Eur. Phys. J. C36 (2004) 381

QCD "as if"

- Splittings $\propto \alpha_s(p_\perp)/p_\perp^2$
 (non-perturbative tunable α_s)
- Limit allowed p_\perp in gluon splitting



Dynamic cluster-hadron boundary

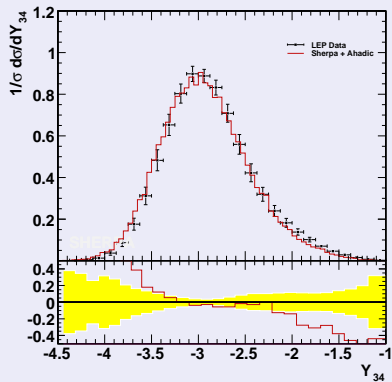
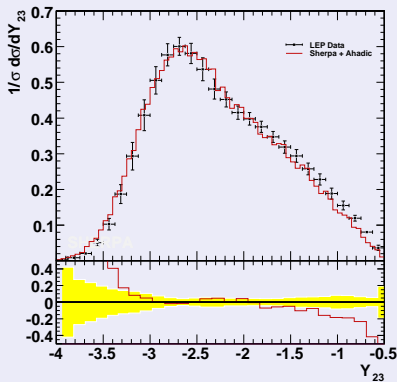
- Cluster decays $C \rightarrow CC$
- Decay product lighter than heaviest matching hadron \rightarrow Transition to hadron
 (compensate recoil locally)
- Initial cluster light enough \rightarrow Decay to hadron pair

Particularities

- Include diquarks throughout
- Use dipole splitting kinematics

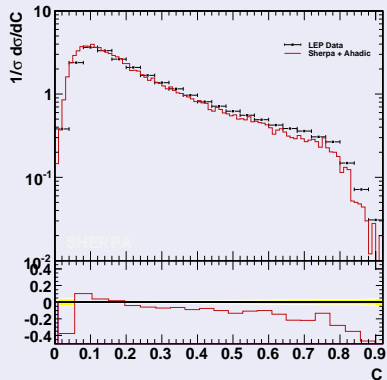
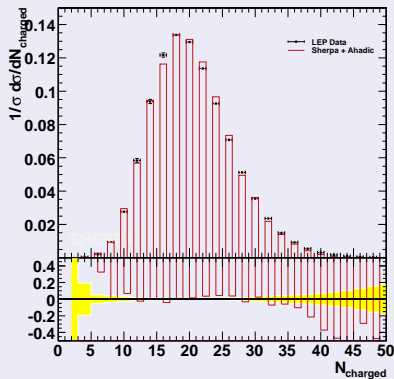
AHADIC++: Results

LEP I data



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LEP I data



Hadron and τ decays: HADRONS++

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Highlights

- Decay kinematics according to matrix elements with form factors
- Kinematical corrections for spin correlations
- Treatment of neutral meson mixing and related CP violation

Other features

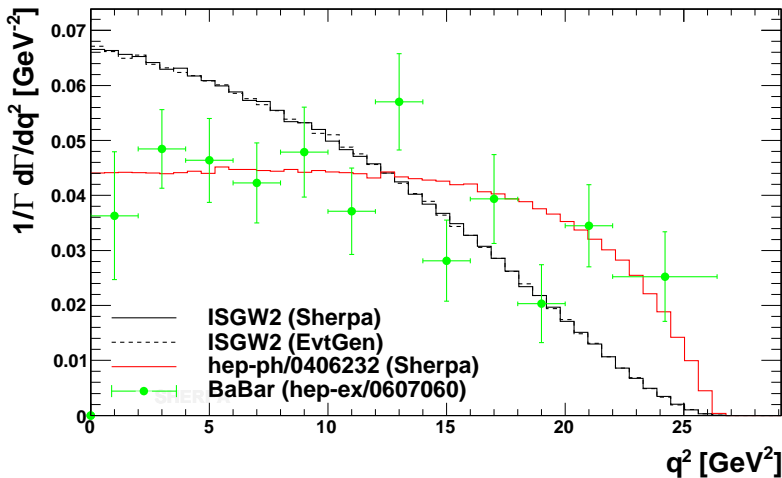
- Mass smearing of unstable resonances
- Partonic decays for incomplete decay tables

Status

- Decay tables for ≈ 400 particles
- ≈ 2500 decay channels
- ≈ 400 decay channels with form factors

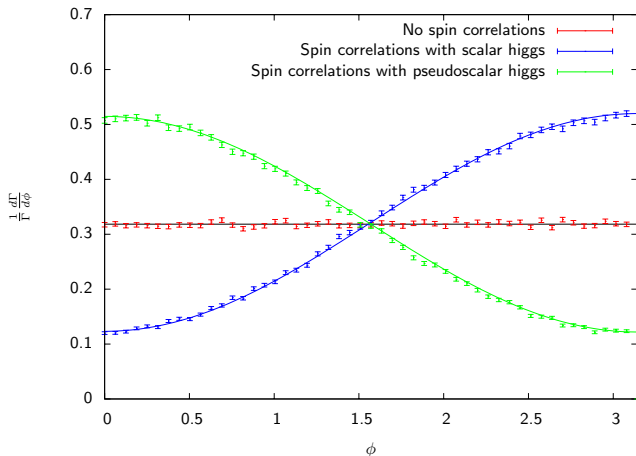
Matrix elements and form factor models in $B \rightarrow \pi \nu_l \bar{l}$

F. Krauss, T. Laubrich, FS: in preparation



Spin correlations in $h \rightarrow \tau^- \tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$

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Angle between τ decay planes (Analytical results: [Z.Phys.C64:21-30,1994](#))

CP violation in the interference

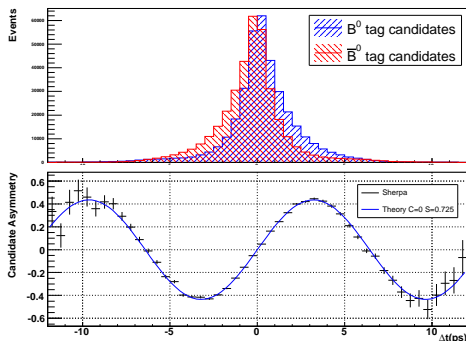
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Asymmetry in decays to common final state f

$$A_{CP}(t) = \frac{\Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow f)}{\Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow f)} = S \cdot \sin(\Delta m_{BT}) - C \cdot \cos(\Delta m_{BT})$$

Example: $B_d \rightarrow J/\Psi K_S$

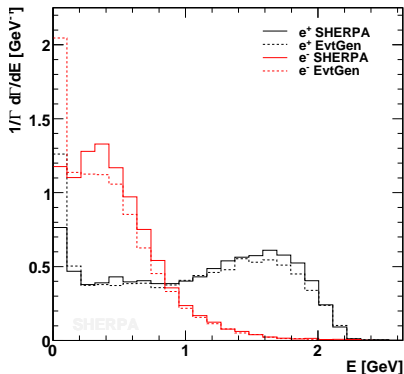
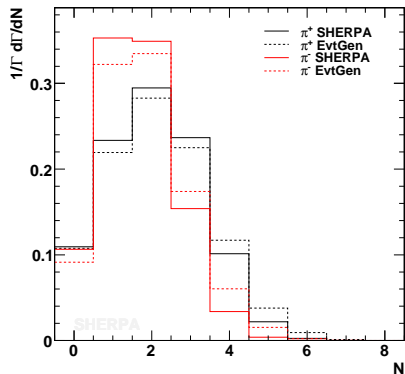
$$\begin{aligned} S &= \Im(\lambda_{f_{CP}}) \\ &= \sin(2\beta) \\ &= 0.725 \\ C &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



Inclusive observables

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Results for inclusive B^+ decay: π multiplicities and e^\pm spectrum



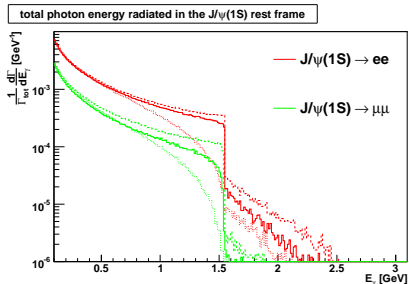
Comparison with EvtGen ([Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A462:152-155,2001](http://nuclinstrom.meth.a462:152-155,2001))

Corrections for higher order QED effects: PHOTONS++ F. Krauss, M. Schönherr: in preparation

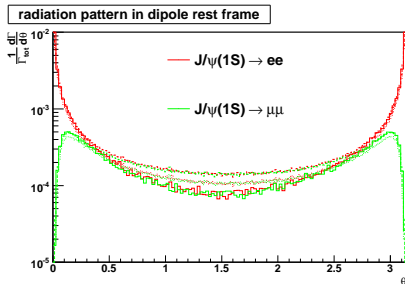
- Sums all contributions of soft photon radiation (real and virtual) using the Yennie-Frautschi-Suura-Formalism (YFS)
⇒ exact as $k \rightarrow 0$, perturbative series for hard emission effects
- Hard emission effects up to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ incorporated generally via approximated matrix elements in the quasi-collinear limit
- Important cases with $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ real and/or virtual exact matrix elements
 $V \rightarrow FF$, $V \rightarrow SS$, $S \rightarrow FF$, $S \rightarrow SS$, $\tau \rightarrow \ell\nu_\ell\nu_\tau$
- ME corrections for radiative semi-leptonic meson decays ($1 \rightarrow 3 + \gamma$) under way (form factor model)
- Implemented for hadron and τ decays
- No limitation on final state complexity

Leptonic hadron decays: $J/\psi \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}$

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total radiated energy in the J/ψ rest frame

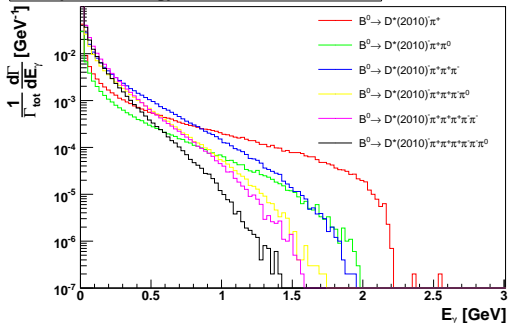


angular spectrum in the rest frame of the dipole

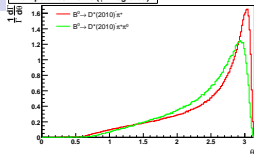
- soft only (dotted)
- collinear approximated ME (dashed)
- exact ME (solid)

Multipoles: ($B \rightarrow D^{*-} + \text{Pions}$)

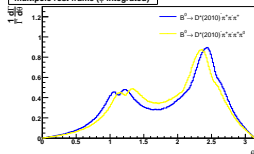
total photon energy radiated in B^0 rest frame



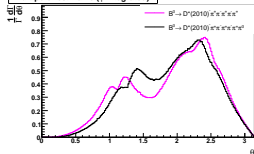
photon angular distribution in multipole rest frame (φ integrated)



photon angular distribution in multipole rest frame (φ integrated)



photon angular distribution in multipole rest frame (φ integrated)



Energy spectrum and angular radiation patterns for fixed kinematical configurations.

High multiplicity matrix elements: COMIX

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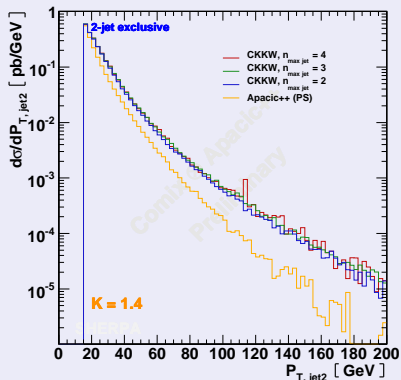
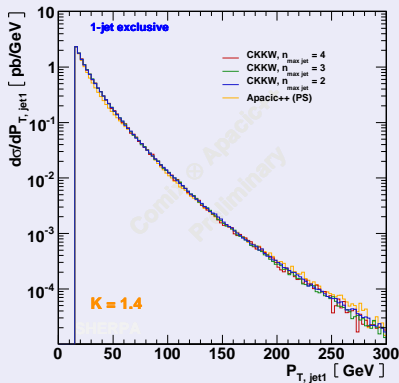
- Revisited Berends-Giele recursion: JHEP08(2006)062 \Rightarrow new matrix element generator COMIX
- Fully general implementation of SM interactions, e. g.
 - $pp \rightarrow W/Z + N$ jets (N up to 6, all partons!)
 - $pp \rightarrow N$ jets + $t [W^+b + M$ jets] $\bar{t} [W^- \bar{b} + M$ jets] (N/M up to 2/1)
 - $pp \rightarrow N$ gluons (N up to 12)
 - $pp \rightarrow N$ jets (N up to 8, all partons!)

Example from MC4LHC comparison vs. COMIX

σ [pb]	Number of jets						
$e^-e^+ + \text{QCD jets}$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
COMIX	723.5(4)	187.9(3)	69.7(2)	27.14(7)	11.09(4)	4.68(2)	2.02(2)
ALPGEN	723.4(9)	188.3(3)	69.9(3)	27.2(1)	10.95(5)	4.6(1)	1.85(1)
AMEGIC++	723.0(8)	188.2(3)	69.6(2)	27.21(6)	11.1(1)		

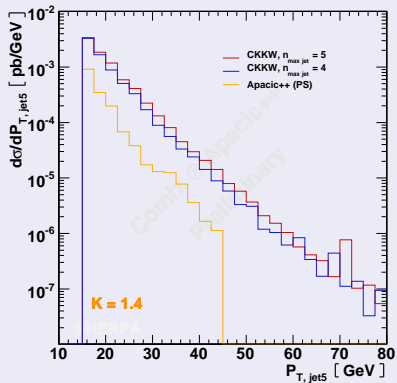
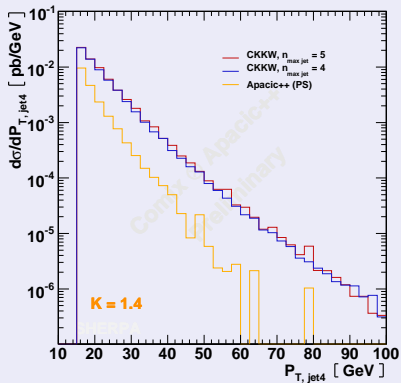
Merging with COMIX

Exclusive jet p_T in Z+jets production at the Tevatron



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New showers: CSSHOWER++ and ADICIC++

JHEP03(2008)038 and arXiv:0712.3913

- So far in SHERPA: Virtuality ordered, (old-)Pythia-like shower APACIC++.
- Recent efforts: Two new shower modules, to study shower and merging systematics.
- Will be easily switchable in future SHERPA

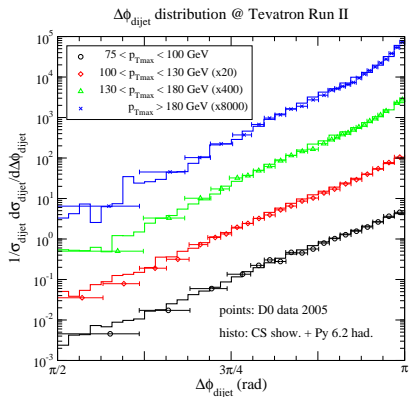
CSSHOWER++

- Based on Catani-Seymour dipole subtraction
- Dipole terms can be used to describe splittings
- Correct soft & collinear limits, better treatment of colour coherence

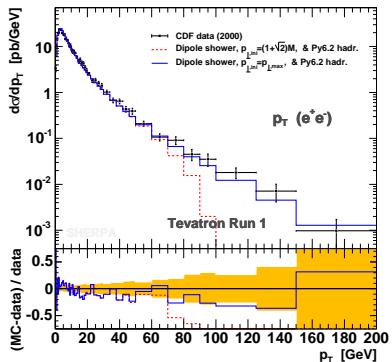
ADICIC++

- Emission off colour dipoles (associated to initial and/or final state colour lines)
- Idea implemented in Ariadne, very good performance for LEP/HERA
- In addition: Initial state emission formulated completely perturbative

First results with CSSHOWER++ and ADICIC++ (no merging yet)



CSSHOWER++: Inclusive Jet production



ADICIC++: Boson p_T in Drell-Yan

Immediate future

- Merging between all combinations of shower and matrix element generators
- Inclusive decays, including spin correlations, finite width treatment

Ideas how to handle such a version “1.2” in the beginning?
Experimental, but still available from GENSER?

Input from GENSER

- Please keep using our bug tracker for your suggestions.
- Latest issue reported: Making SHERPA relocatable. Good idea.
- Will also try to improve our LHAPDF linking, should help especially in non-standard installations like on GENSER.

<http://sherpa-mc.de>

- Downloads
- Announcement mailing list
- Documentation