Colour Reconnection in Cluster Hadronisation

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- Colour reconnection in Herwig++
- Underlying event at the Tevatron
- What happens at the LHC?

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- \blacktriangleright \rightarrow clusters
- highly excited hadronic states





[Webber, Nucl. Phys. B238 (1984) 492]

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- consider *reformation* of clusters, *e.g.* (*il*) + (*jk*)
 → "colour reconnection"

allow CR if the cluster mass decreases,

$$M_{il} + M_{kj} < M_{ij} + M_{kl},$$

where $M_{ab}^2 = (p_a + p_b)^2$ is the (squared) cluster mass

► accept alternative clustering with probability p_{reco} (model parameter) ⇒ allows to switch on CR smoothly

... with one constraint

Colour reconnection (CR) in Herwig++ (cont.)





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- ... to smaller masses (surprise)

Retrospective: particle flow in $WW \rightarrow 4j$ at LEP



small effects here

marginal improvement (if at all)

data from [DELPHI Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C51 (2007) 249-269]

What changes in the underlying event at CDF?

Tevatron Run I (1.8 TeV), Rivet: CDF_2001_S4751469



[CDF Collaboration, A. A. Affolder et al., Phys. Rev. D65 (2002) 092002.]

Tevatron Run II (1.96 TeV), Rivet: CDF_2008_NOTE_9351



[Kar, Field, CDF Note, CDF/PUB/CDF/PUBLIC/9351 (2008)]

Fact sheet

- idea: local exchange of soft gluons
- Condition for colour reconnection:

$$|d_{il}|^2 + |d_{kj}|^2 < |d_{ij}|^2 + |d_{kl}|^2,$$

where $d^{\mu}_{ab} \equiv v^{\mu}_a - v^{\mu}_b$ is the spacetime distance of the respective partons

- prefers clusters of partons nearby in spacetime
- semi-classical Ansatz for generation of spacetime information:
 - multiple parton scatters distributed over hadron area
 - lifelength of partons in showers generated according to the partons' momenta

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- fails to describe CDF data
- anyone tried with HERWIG?

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- CR improves description of UE at Tevatron (as expected)
- no changes or minor improvement in hadronic WW decay at LEP

Open questions

- Can we understand colour reconnection?
- ► Is CR a correction to pre-confinement?
- Dependency on energy or physical setup?
- Is the spacetime-based model inappropriate?

- ► hadronization sensitive to CR ⇒ re-tuning to LEP data necessary (cf. Andrzej's talk)
- compare to LHC data
- CR is being validated.
- most likely released in Herwig++ 2.5 (coming soon!)



- Colour reconnection is one ingredient to eliminate Herwig++'s problems with the undelying event at the LHC
- more on that in Andrzej's talk