# Non-perturbative Modelling in MC event generators

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## Outline

#### Brief recap of soft models in Herwig

Hadronization Multiple partonic interactions Colour reconnection

#### Some new developments/studies

NP corrections in dijets and Z+jet Two particle correlations Dynamics in cluster hadronizaion and Colour reconnection

# Soft models

Where do soft models affect observables that are first and foremost determined perturbatively?

- Hadronization and Hadronic Decays
- Multiple Parton Interactions (MPI) Modelling
- Colour Reconnection
- (...)

All are in close *correspondence* with the parton shower.

## Soft models

Observations at colliders that are affected

- "Corrections"
- Soft particles *always* add to jet activity
- Hadronization and MPI add/remove activity from jets
- Many soft or few hard particles share the partonic momentum flow?
- Few heavy particles or many light particles?

Precision goal — "MC error" often sizable

# Soft models

More fundamental questions

- "The ridge" (near side long range correlations in  $\eta$ )
- Dense, high multiplicity events
- Strangeness enhancement
- *pp* to heavy ions
- Microscopic modeling of medium effects
- Is "Pythia minus Herwig" good enough?
- More/better theory input in soft models?



Cluster carries net momentum of its constituents Spectrum determined by final state of parton shower Independent of hard scales Tail of *heavy clusters*, still large scale available





Secondary Light Clusters

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Binary fission along quarks' direction of motion Flavour introduced in  $q\bar{q}$  pairs Baryons could be introduced via diquarks Mass  $\rightarrow$  multiplicity, momentum Beam remnant clusters split off as very light clusters

 $\rightarrow$  *Kinematic triangle* 



#### End up with fairly light clusters too light? Decay into single hadron Exchange momentum with neighbour

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Decay isotropically into hadron pairs Individual Hadrons get weight according to flavour multiplet, CM momentum, spin multiplicity etc.



Baryon pairs possible usually appear from clusters with 1 or 2 diquarks could also emerge in pairs from mesonic clusters

# Hadronization

UV cutoff of hadronizaiton is IR cutoff of parton shower. Some kind of factorization.

- Assignment of colour lines, leading 1/N<sub>C</sub> expansion.
  First insight from colour evolution of soft gluons?
  More updates from parton showers at non-leading colour.
- Colour reconnection models alter the picture. See later.
- Gluon splitting, *m*<sub>g</sub>-dependence (+kinematic details?)
- Fission dynamics, now binary. Choice of phase space. Non-binary, i.e.  $2 \rightarrow N$  fission, relation to soft UE? Non-perturbative  $p_{\perp}$ .
- Choice of hadrons and masses in cluster decay

[Plätzer, JHEP 07 (2023) 126; Hoang, Plätzer, Samitz, JHEP 10 (2018) 200]

[SG, Hoang, Kiebacher, Plätzer, Samitz, in progress]

#### After tuning (ideal world): $\approx$ independence of PS cutoff scale $\mu^2$

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# MPI/Eikonal model basics

#### Mulitple hard and soft interactions



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Toward region = *Z* boson Away region = recoil jet Transverse = UE, *but* also activity from additional jets Trans-min/max = transverse with higher/lower  $\Sigma E_{\perp}$ 

Sensitive to higher order corrections, i.e. real emission of hard jets

How universal is the MPI description, as normally tuned to jet events/Min Bias?





Merging important for jet observables

[K. Bartnick, B.Sc. thesis, KIT 2021]

[ATLAS, EPJ C74 (12) 2014]





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#### So far...

We find that for many observables we get a reasonable answer

Only looking at any charged particles

General activity from soft particles reflected

High  $p_{\perp}$  observables decouple where expected (not shown)

How about more details?

# Application in Physics Analysis

Consider precision prediction of differential cross section involving jets for observables that are not (very) sensitive to non-perturbative physics.

MC to determine non-perturbative bin-by-bin corrections.

Correction factor from simulation

$$C(\text{bin } i) = \frac{O(\text{PS+Had+MPI})}{O(\text{PS})}$$

Compare dijets and Z+jets.

Use LO/NLO simulation with Herwig 7 (CH3 tune), Anti-kt jets with R = 0.4, 0.8 (AK4, AK8).

# Triple differential dijet/Z+jet production

Expect: smallest NP effects in central region. Differences between large  $y_b$  and large  $y^*$ ? "Spill-over" of extra activity?

[SG, M. Horzela, M. Kaur, K. Rabbertz, A. Singla, C. Verstege]



<sup>[</sup>Fig. from M.J. Schnepf, PhD thesis, KIT-ETP 2022.]

#### NP correction factors — Dijets Total



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#### NP correction factors — Dijets MPI/Had



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#### NP correction factors — Z+jet Total



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#### NP correction factors — Z+jet Hadronization



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### NP correction factors — Z+jet MPI



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Z+jet "differential" UE



[D. Leonardi, B.Sc. thesis, KIT 2024]

#### MPI off/on

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#### Observations

Correction factors from interplay of Hadronization and MPI

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Larger at small p_{\perp}, as expected
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Hadronization tends to reduce cross section at low  $p_{\perp}$  — energy get pulled out of the jet from cluster/string towards colour connected partner.

MPI enhances cross section due to extra activiy added

MPI effect gets very large (up to  $2\times$ ) at low  $p_{\perp}$ 

# Dynamical Hadronization corrections

Use dynamical gluon mass and model for cluster splittings with smooth continuation of cluster dynamics from parton shower.



# Hadronization corrections not picked up from hard parton scales anymore!

[Plätzer, Samitz]

## Example: Two-particle correlations



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# Example: Two-particle correlations

Cluster model innherently introduces strong two particle correlations in cluster decay

 $cluster \longrightarrow hadron + hadron$ 

Simple model to overcome this strong correlation, rather than bookkeeping in hadronization do *post hadronization momentum swaps* 

[Ronja Zimmermann, M.Sc. thesis, KIT 2021]

Colour structure as it may result from parton shower



#### After colour reconnection $MM \rightarrow MM$



 $MM \to (qq) - (\bar{q}\bar{q})$ 



Baryonic reconnection



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Baryonic and mesonic cluster



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# Colour reconnection from soft gluon evolution

CR could be initiated by soft gluon exchange = colour-anticolour exchange in the fundamental representation.

- Evolution of multiple clusters in colour space
- project on colour singlet states
- phase space dependent weights
- preconfinement evident



[SG, Kirchgaeßer, Plätzer, Siodmok, JHEP 11 (2018) 149]

Still only longitudinal splitting in  $C \rightarrow CC$  phase space.

Demand smooth connection to parton shower  $\mu^2 = UV$  cutoff for hadronization  $\rightarrow$  real sensitivity to "soft" regions in event shapes etc. [Plätzer, Samitz, to appear]

Demand smooth interpolation from perturbative to non-perturbative physics. Currently under study [SG, S. Kiebacher, S. Plätzer, Priedigkeit, *in progress*]

#### First steps...



[SG, Kiebacher, Plätzer, Priedigkeit, in progress]

[Data from ALICE, EPJC77(2017)8,569]

# Cluster Decay correlations as expected No strong correlations from CR.

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[SG, Kiebacher, Plätzer, Priedigkeit, in progress]

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#### Balance of diquark-pair and baryonic clusters.

# Summary and conclusion

Overview of hadronization and soft physics models

NP corrections can be quite large in forward region How robust are the MPI models? More data?

Ideas need to be tied together in a bigger context:

- parton showers beyond leading colour
- colour reconnection from soft gluon evolution
- hadronization is not "stand-alone"

Close links to high density phenomena,  $\rightarrow$  heavy ions  $\rightarrow$  colour ropes in Lund string model

A fresh look at soft physics must tie many loose ends together