QCD and BSM

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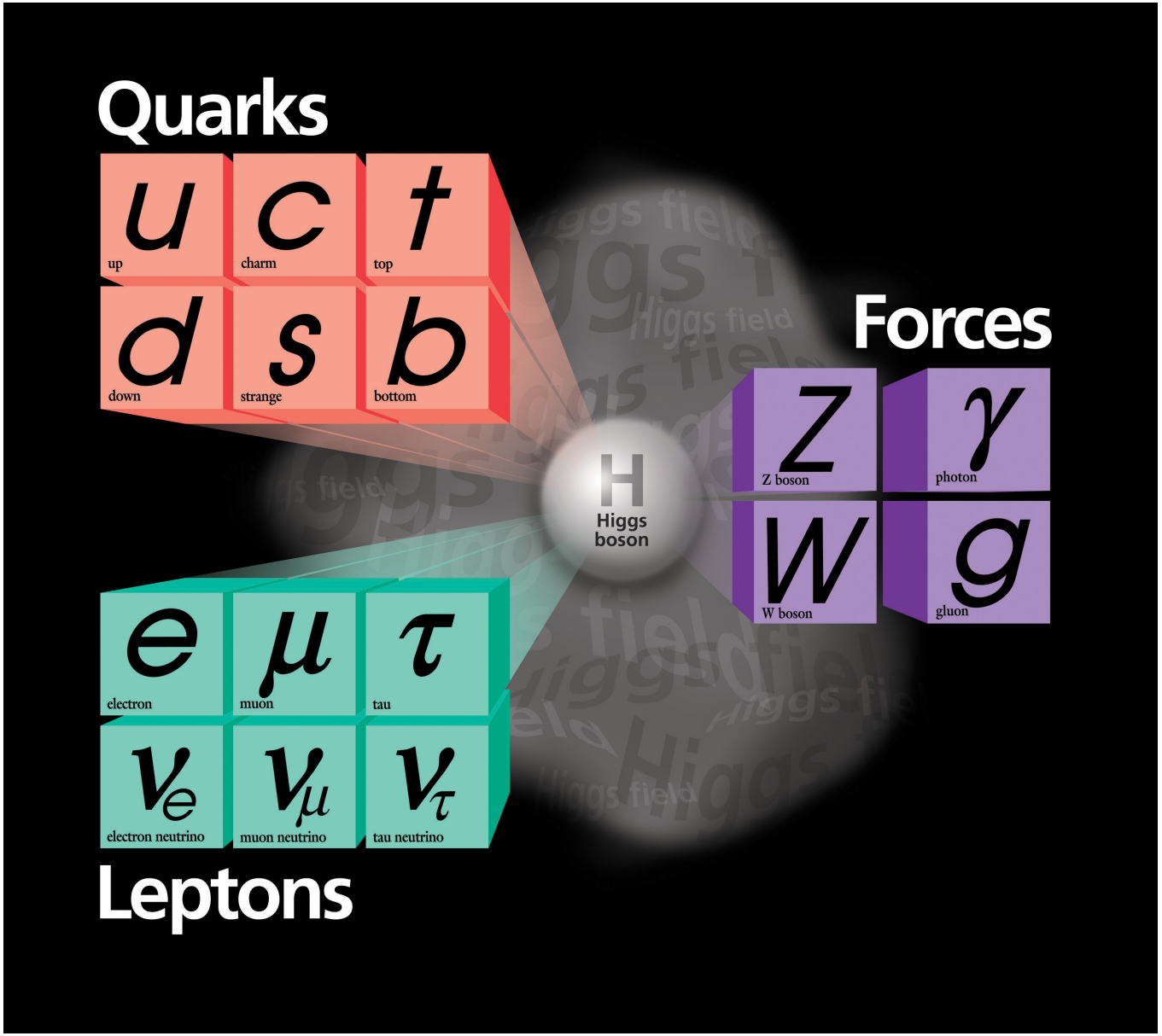

Matter:

quarks

leptons

Forces:

electro-magnetic

weak

strong

Higgs

The Standard Model of Particle Physics – 2

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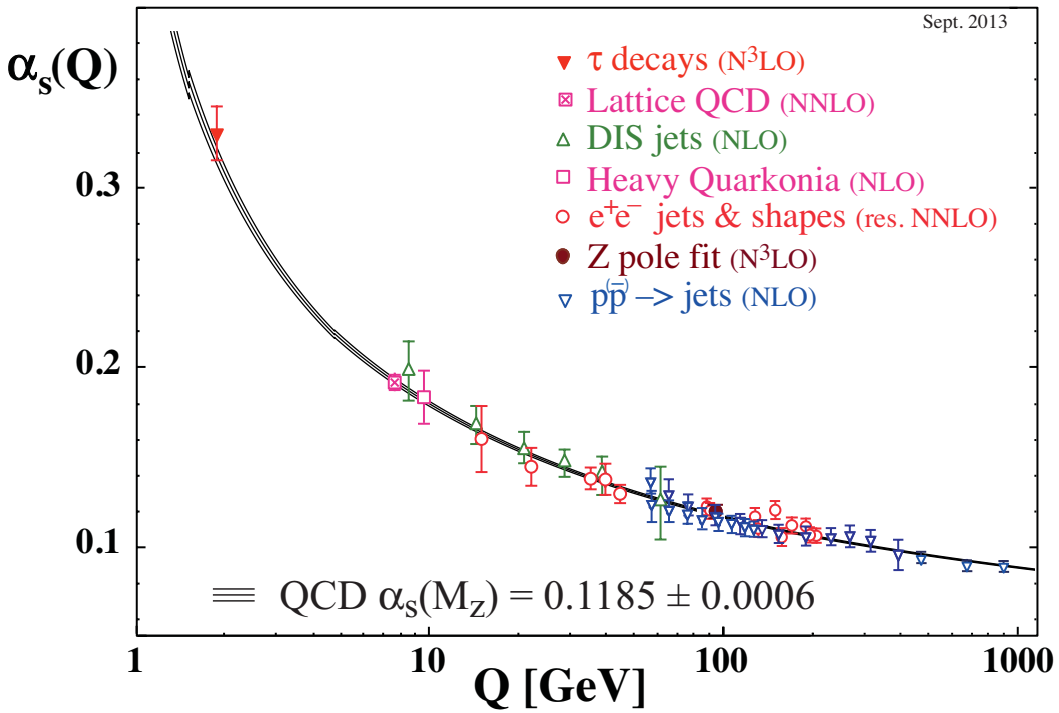
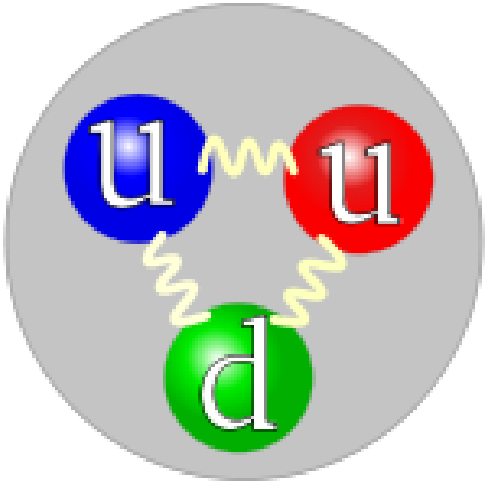
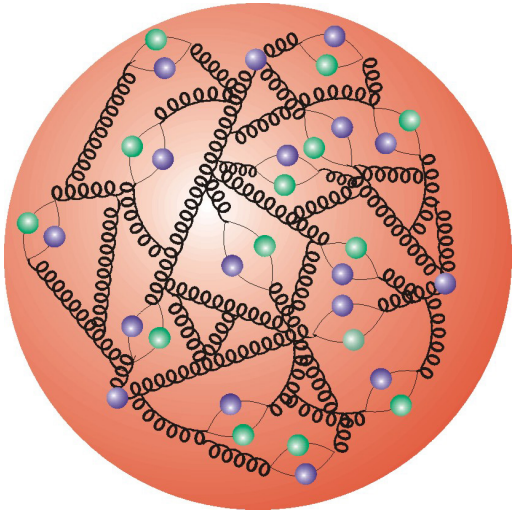
\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L} &= \sum_f \overline{\psi}_f \gamma^\mu i \mathcal{D}_\mu \psi_f - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} W^i_{\mu\nu} W^{i\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a\mu\nu} \\
&\quad + (\mathcal{D}_\mu \phi)^\dagger (\mathcal{D}_\mu \phi) - \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi - \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 \\
&\quad - \frac{\sqrt{2}\mu^2}{\lambda} \sum_{f,f'} \mathcal{M}_{ff'} (\overline{\psi}_{Lf} \phi \psi_{Rf'} + \overline{\psi}_{Rf'} \phi^\dagger \psi_{Lf}) \ , \\
\mathcal{D}_\mu &= \partial_\mu + i g_1 \frac{Y}{2} B_\mu + i g_2 \frac{\tau^i}{2} W^i_\mu + i g_3 \frac{\lambda^a}{2} G^a_\mu \ , \\
F^a_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_\mu A^a_\nu - \partial_\nu A^a_\mu + g f^{abc} A^b_\mu A^c_\nu \quad (f^{abc} = 0 \text{ for } U(1)) \ .
\end{aligned}
$$

Nonlinear equations, mathematically too complex to "solve".
Perturbation theory: expansion e.g. in orders of $\alpha_{\rm em}$.
$E_n = a_1 \alpha_{\rm em} + a_2 \alpha_{\rm em}^2 + a_3 \alpha_{\rm em}^3 + \cdots$

Strong interactions: Quantum ChromoDynamics (QCD)

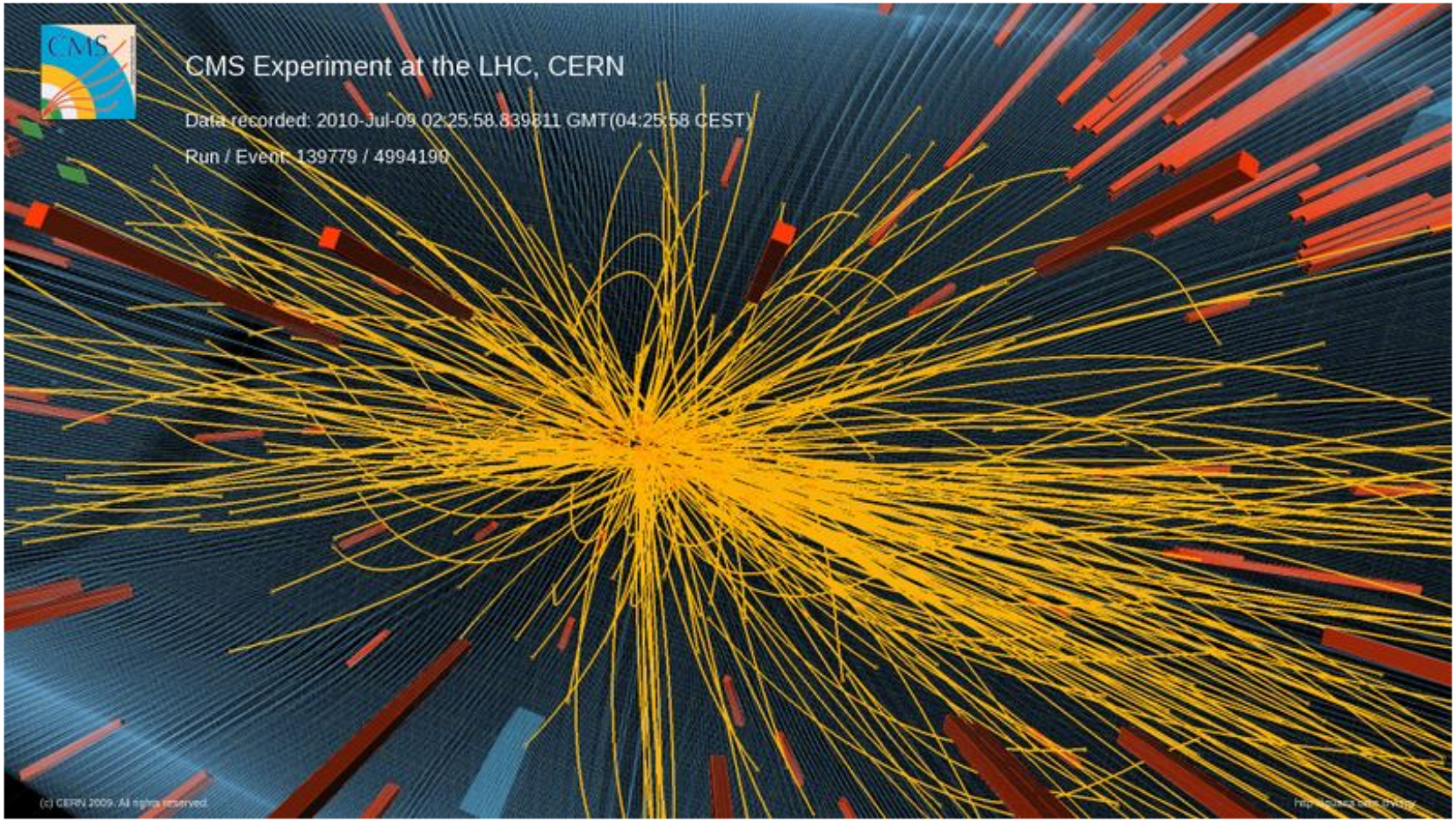






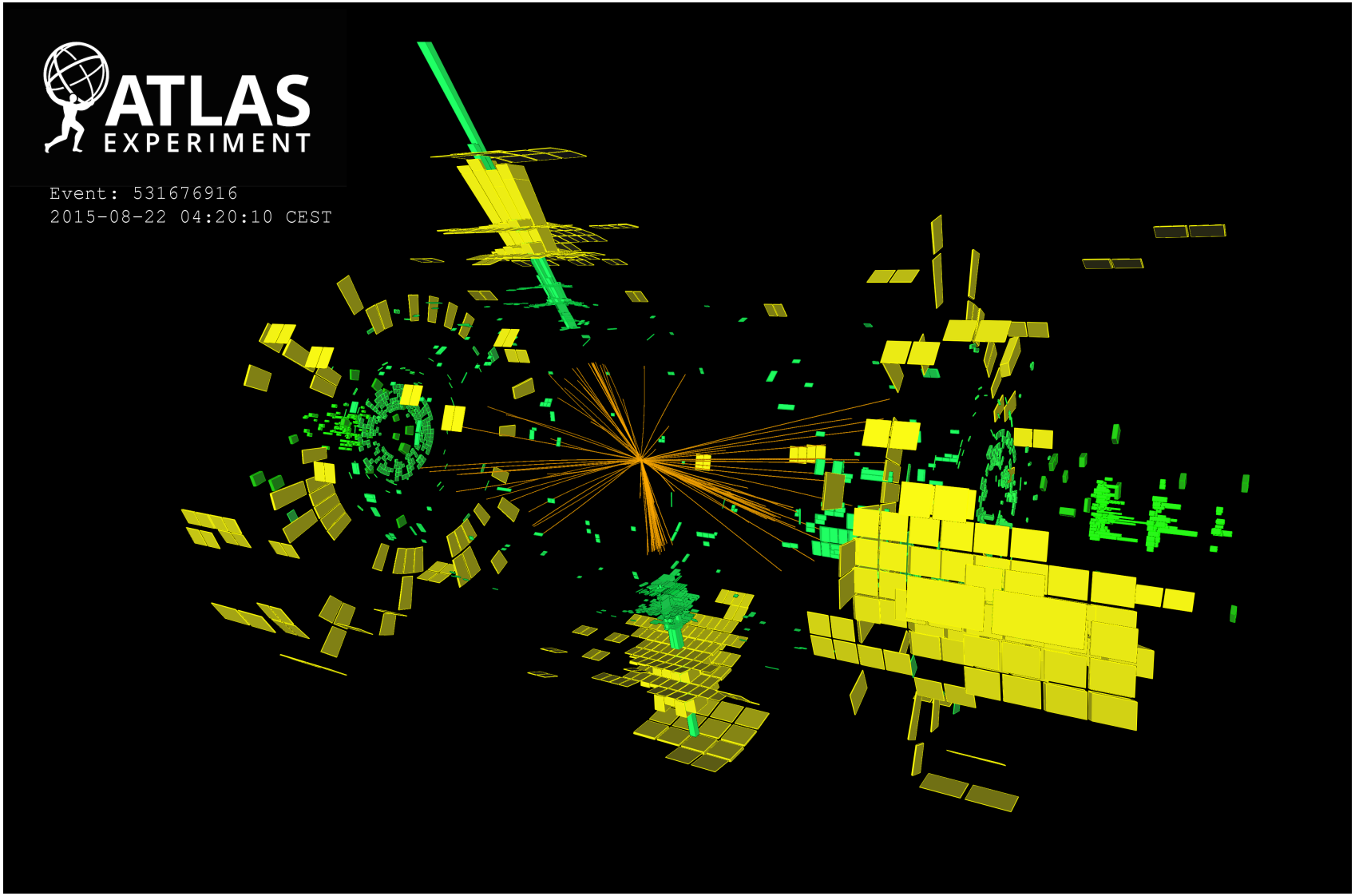
- $\alpha_s \gg \alpha_{em}$
- $\alpha_s \to \infty$ for small scales
- triple-gluon vertex: gluon self-interaction
- quarks + gluons confined inside hadrons

High-energy collisions at the LHC



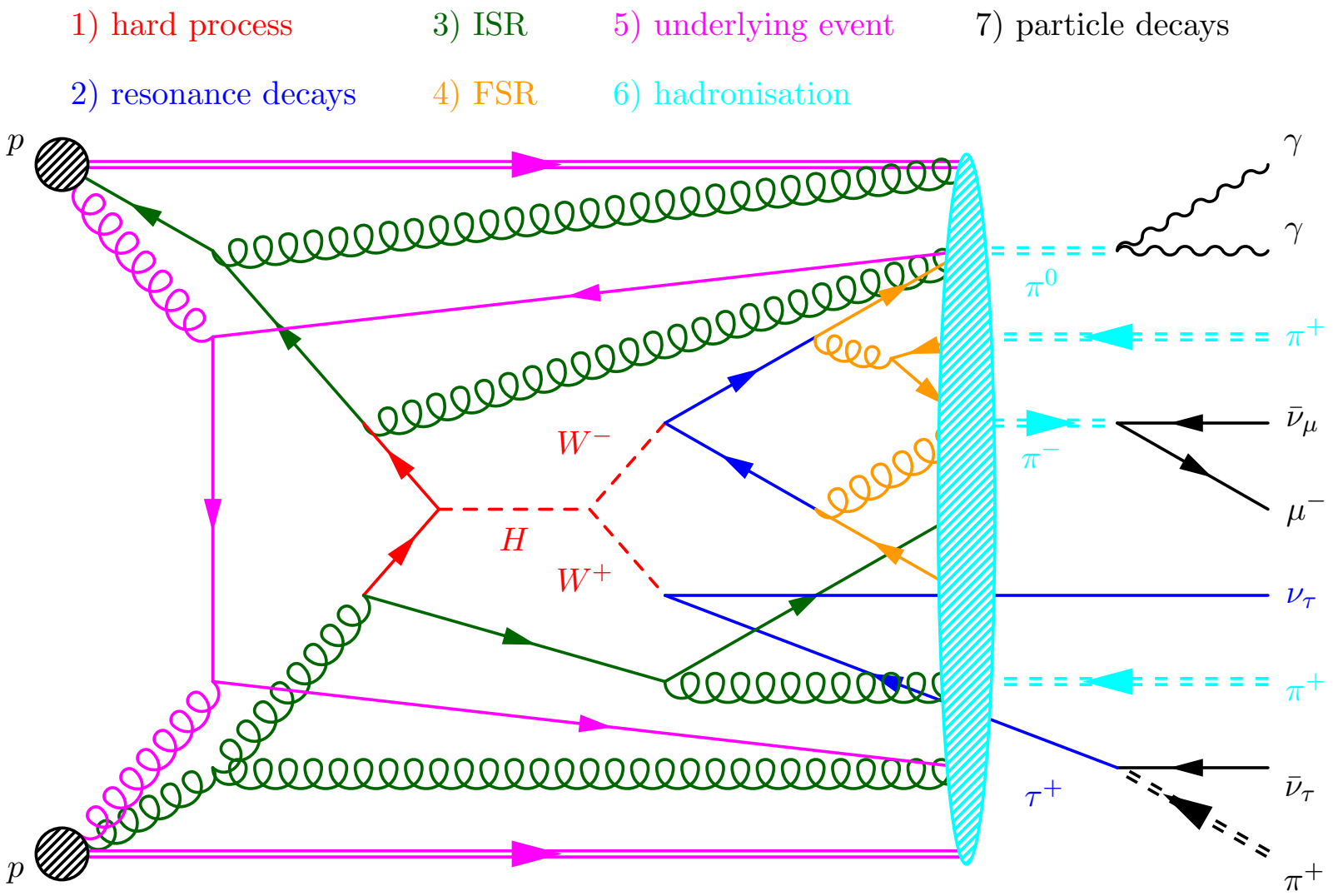
Strong interactions: observe high multiplicities at the LHC.

Jets



A scattered quark or gluon appers as a jet of particles — somehow.

Dissection of an Event



(from Philip Ilten, PhD thesis)

Sketch hides many further layers of complexity!

What is PYTHIA? Who was Pythia?

QCD is unsolved.
No perfect description.
Do the best you can!

An event generator is intended to simulate various event kinds as accurately as possible.

Use random numbers to represent quantum mechanical choices.

Experimentalists use it at various stages of planning and analysis.

The Oracle of Delphi:
ca. 1000 B.C. — 390 A.D.

Long-term development project.

Currently at PYTHIA 8.215:
code $\sim$ 100 000 lines; documentation a further $\sim$ 50 000 lines.

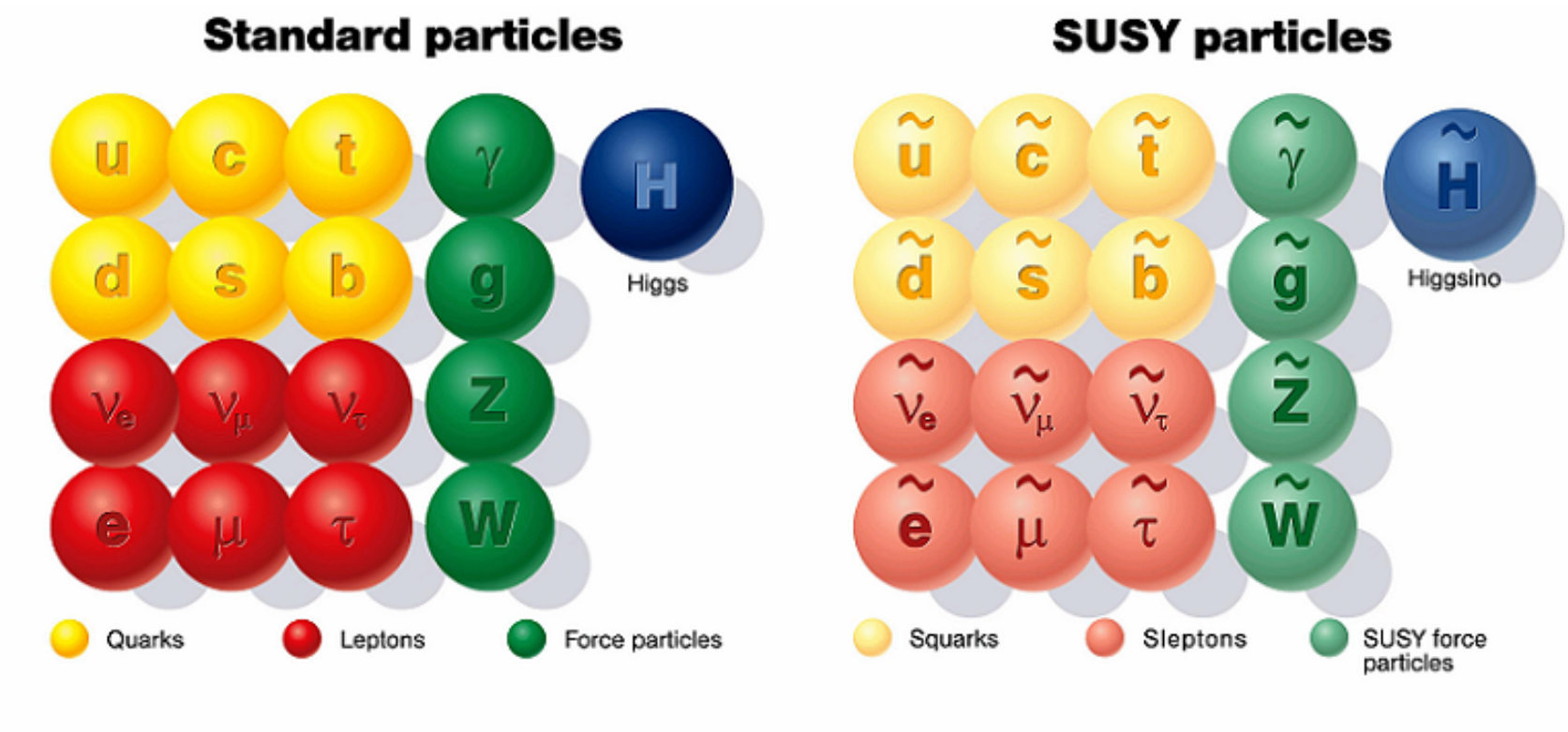
Beyond the Standard Model

The Standard Model (SM) is successful, but flawed:

- Describes 5% of the energy content of the Universe.
- Dark Matter is 27% — new particle(s) to be found!
- Gravity not part of the SM; Dark Energy 68%.
- Divergences e.g. in Higgs mass $\Rightarrow$ extreme fine-tuning ($\delta m_e/m_e \sim \alpha_{\rm em} \ln(m_{\rm Pl}^2/m_e^2)$; $\delta m_H^2 \sim m_{\rm Pl}^2$)
- $\sim$ 25 free parameters, much arbitrariness
- How come $Q_e + Q_p \equiv 0$?
- (Matter-antimatter asymmetry of the Universe)
- (Neutrino masses)
- ...

Anthropic principle: we only exist because the Universe is flawed.

Supersymmetry (SUSY)



"Mirror" world, (more than) doubling up particle content.
A SUSY partner for each SM particle, offset by spin 1/2.
Cancels divergences, e.g. for Higgs mass.

Not without problems, e.g. ~ 100 more parameters.
Intense multi-decade hunt unsuccessful.

Examples of other BSM physics

Superstrings requires big groups like $E_8 \times E_8$, where e.g. $E_8 \to E_6 \to SU(5) \to SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

- Unification of SM gauge groups.
- Many new matter and interaction particles.
- Weakly coupled "hidden" sectors, e.g. other E_8.
- Large extra dimensions.

Each topic can stand on its own.

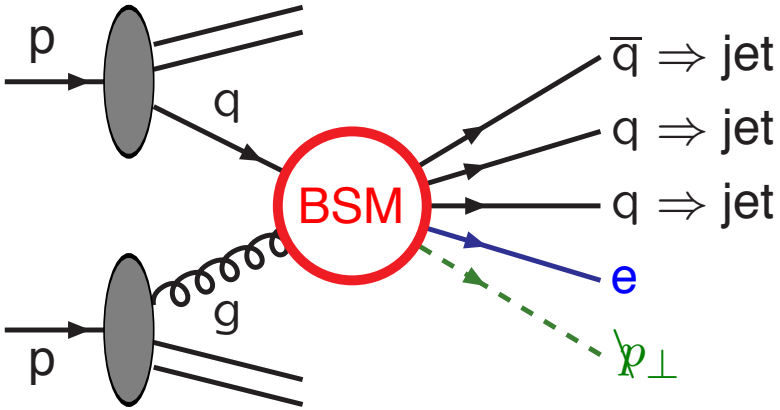
Also many other possibilities, like

- a fourth generation,
- compositeness, or
- left–right symmetry.

Unknown which is right track, if any.

BSM at the LHC

BSM particles usually short-lived, or weakly interacting (like DM). Then visible final state consists of hadrons, leptons and photons, just like ordinary processes.



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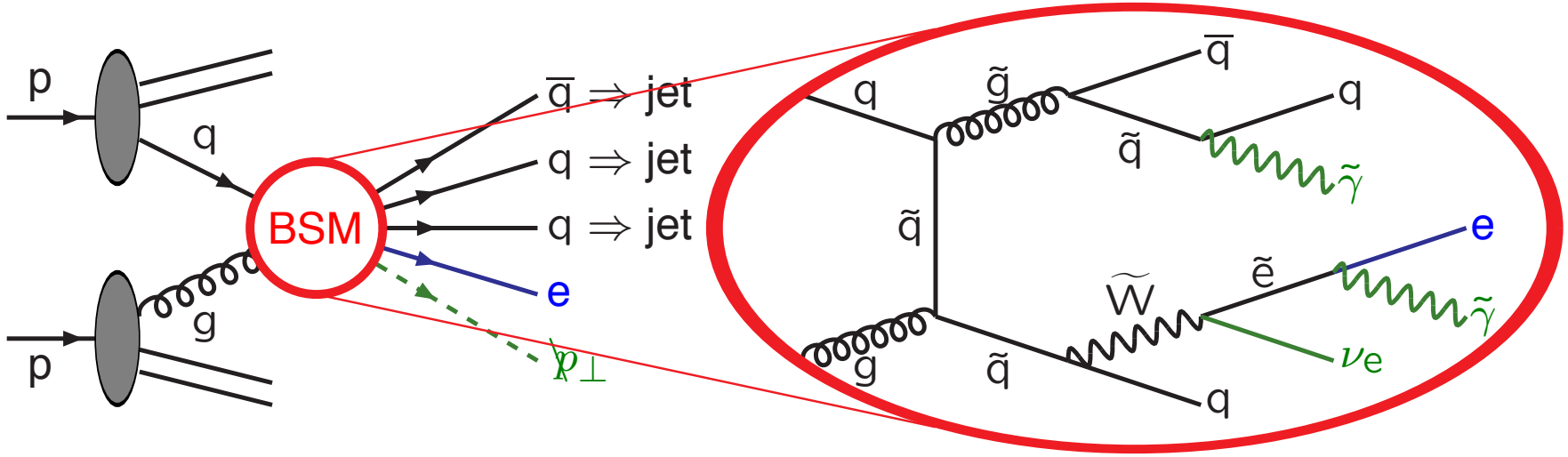


As easy to model as SM processes.

Original structure hidden, but traces of it may be left in terms of invariant masses and angular distributions.

Discovery requires detailed understanding of rare signals and huge backgrounds.

BSM and QCD at the LHC

LHC is a QCD machine:

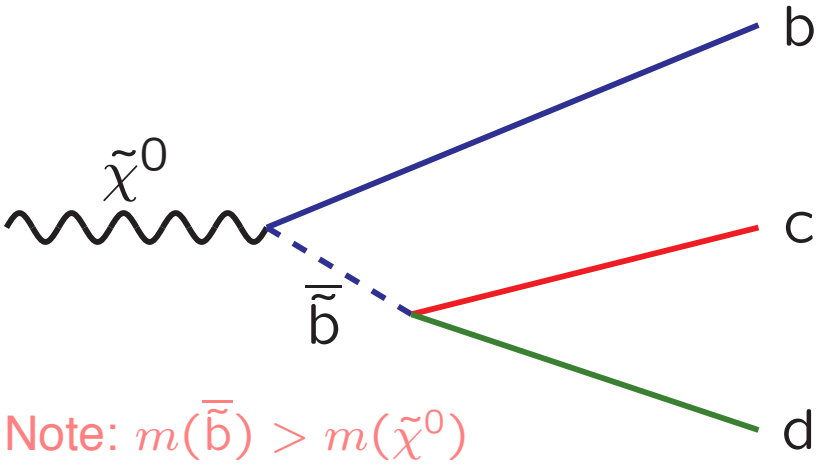
- hard processes initiated by quarks and gluons,
- final state almost always dominated by hadrons,
- underlying event by QCD mechanisms (showers, MPIs, . . .),
- even in scenarios for physics Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) production of new coloured states often favoured (squarks, KK gluons, excited quarks, leptoquarks, . . .).

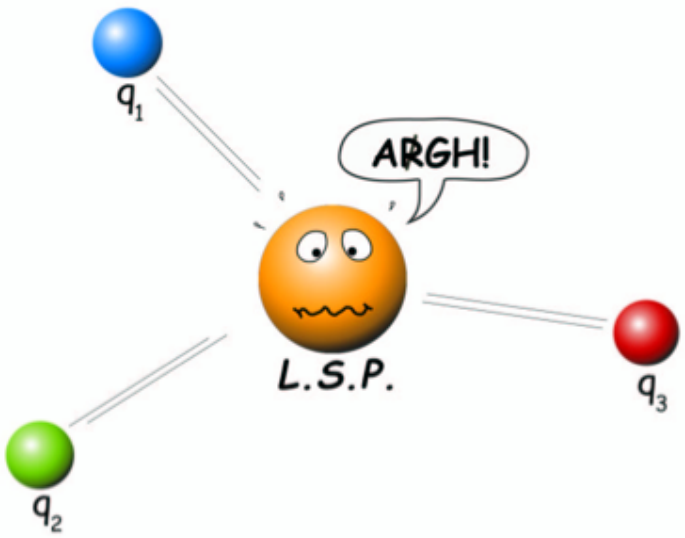
In addition, BSM physics can raise "new", specific QCD aspects:

- new production mechanisms
- new parton-shower aspects
- new decay channels
- new hadronization phenomena
- new correlations with rest of the event

1. *R*-parity violation in SUSY

Baryon number violation (BNV) is allowed in SUSY superpotential.
Alternatively lepton number violation, but proton unstable if both.
BNV couplings should not be too big, or else large loop corrections
$\Rightarrow$ relevent for LSP (Lightest Supersymmetric Particle).





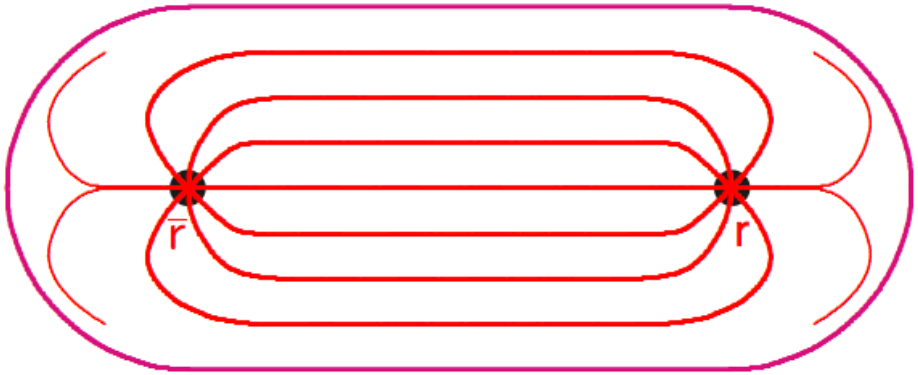
What about showers and hadronization in decays?

P. Skands & TS, Nucl. Phys. B659 (2003) 243;

N. Desai & P. Skands, arXiv:1109.5852 [hep-ph]

The Lund string

In QCD, for large charge separation, field lines seem to be compressed to tubelike region(s) $\Rightarrow$ **string(s)**

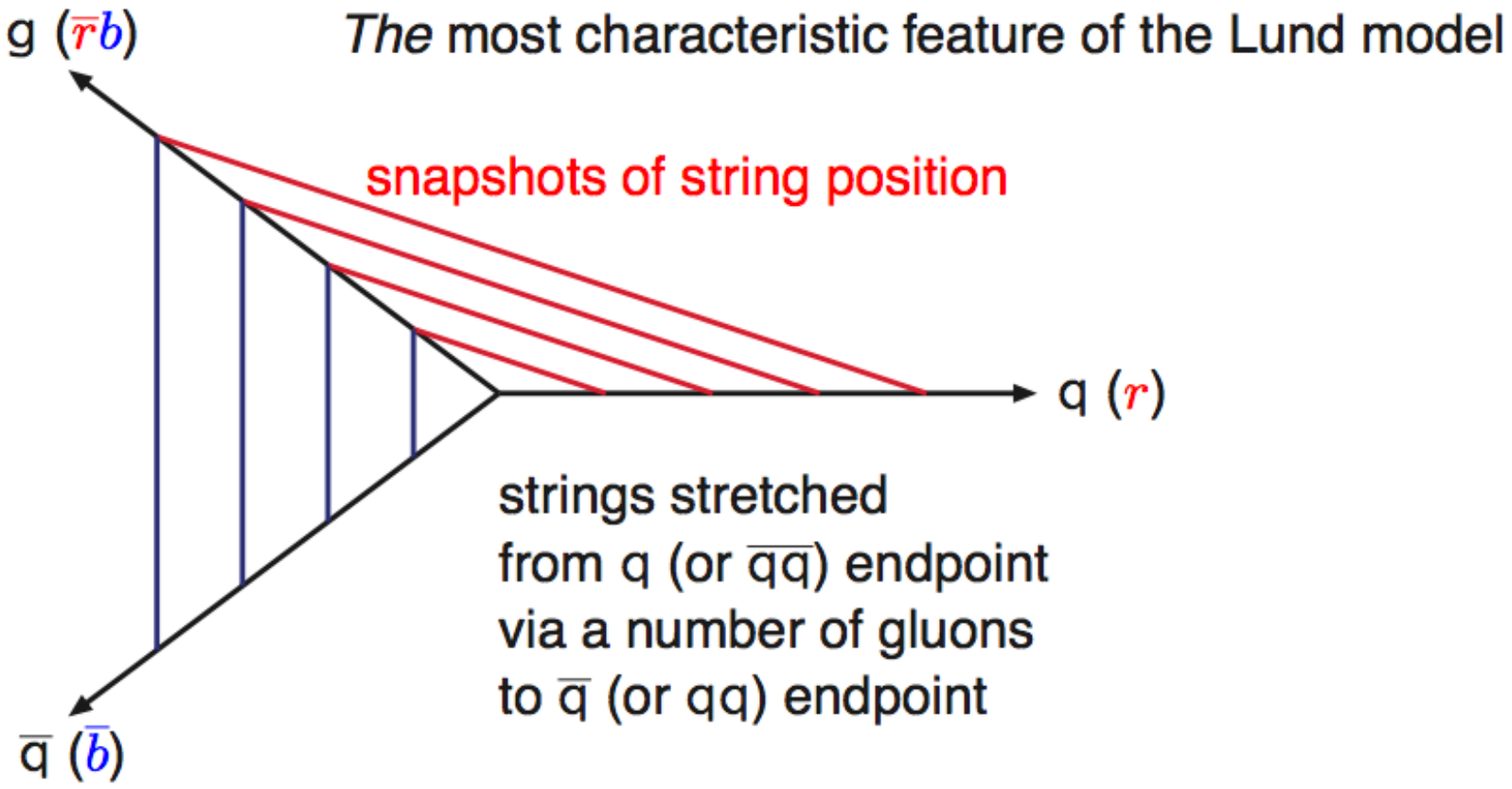


by self-interactions among soft gluons in the "vacuum".

Gives linear confinement with string tension:
$F(r) \approx \mathrm{const} = \kappa \approx 1\ \mathrm{GeV/fm} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad V(r) \approx \kappa r$

Separation of transverse and longitudinal degrees of freedom $\Rightarrow$ simple description as 1+1-dimensional object – **string** – with Lorentz invariant formalism

The Lund gluon picture

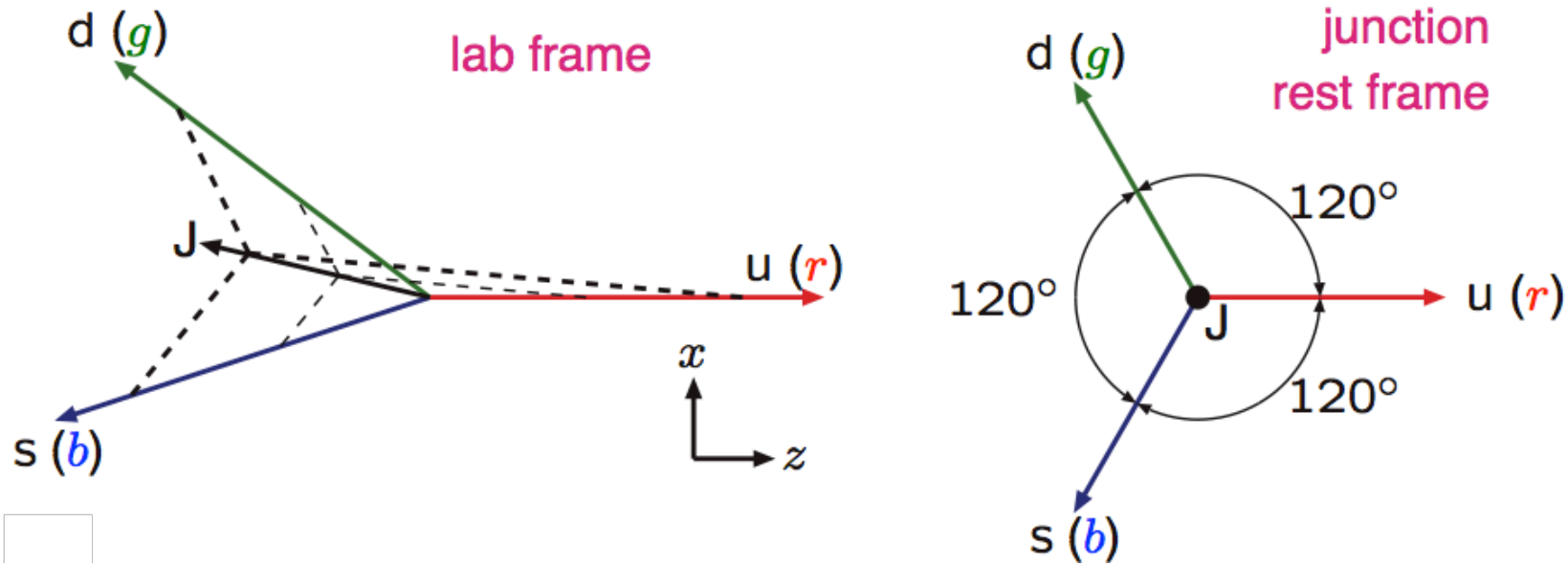


Gluon = kink on string, carrying energy and momentum

Force ratio gluon/ quark = 2,
cf. QCD $N_C/C_F = 9/4$, $\rightarrow 2$ for $N_C \rightarrow \infty$

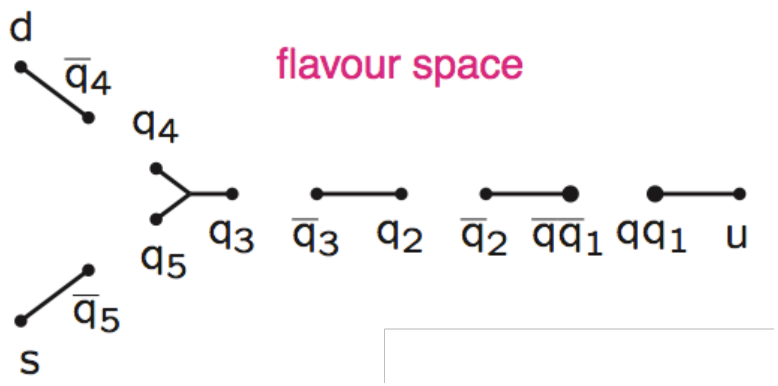
The junction

What string topology for 3 quarks in overall colour singlet?
One possibility is to introduce a **junction** (Artru, 't Hooft, . . .).

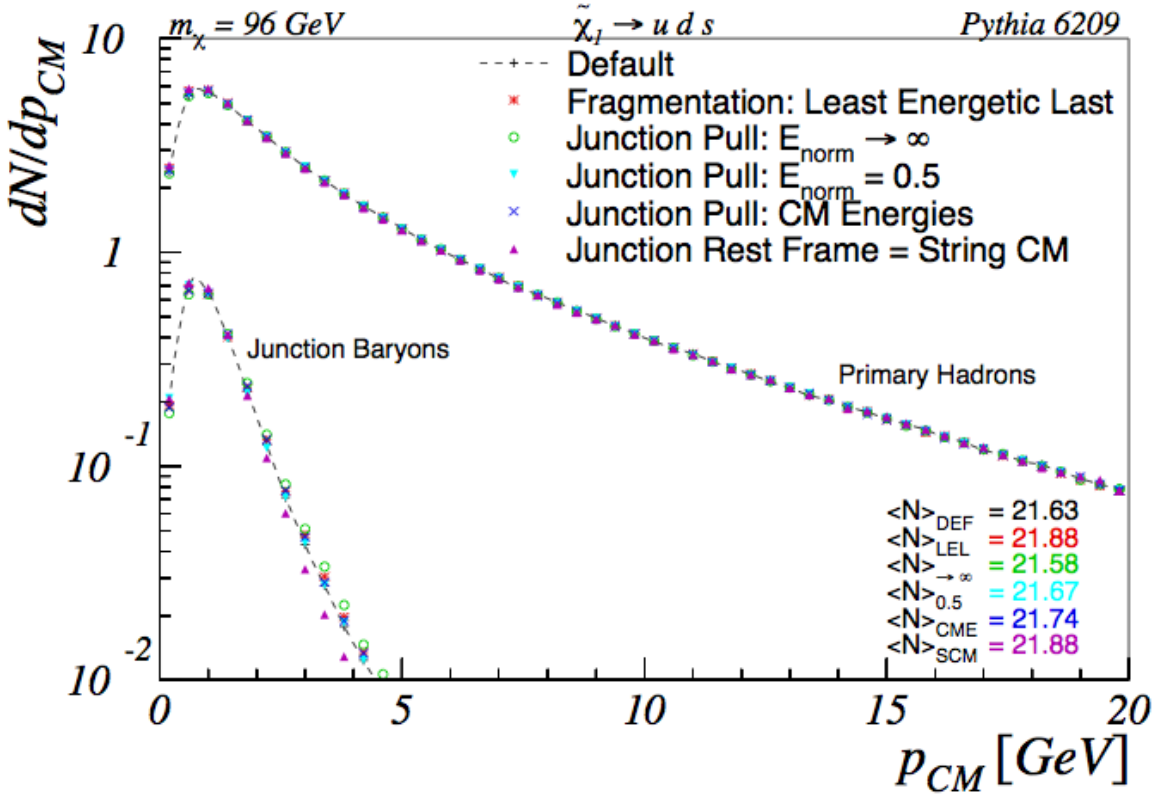


Junction rest frame = where string tensions $\mathbf{T}_i = \kappa\, \mathbf{p}_i/|\mathbf{p}_i|$ balance
= 120° separation between quark directions.
This is not the CM frame where momenta $\mathbf{p}_i$ balance,
but in BNV decay no collinear singularity between quarks,
so normally junction is slowly moving in LSP rest frame.

Junction hadronization

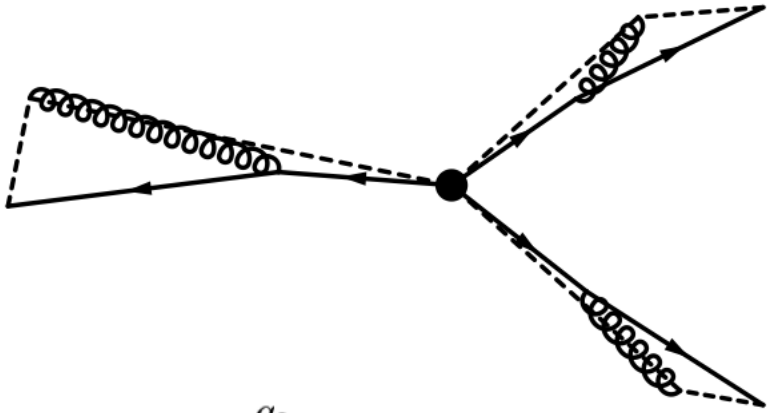


Each string piece can break, mainly to give mesons. Always one baryon around junction; junction "carries" baryon number.

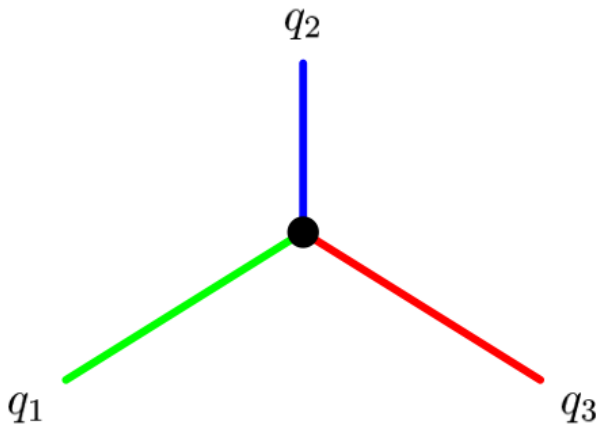


Junction baryon slow $\Rightarrow$ "smoking-gun" signal.

The junction and dipole showers



Normal showers:
each parton can radiate.



Dipole showers: each *pair* of partons, with matching colour–anticolour, can radiate, with recoil inside system.
But here no simply matching colours!

Solution: let each three possible dipoles radiate, but with half normal strength.
Gives correct answer collinear to each parton, and reasonable interpolation in between.

2. *R*-hadron motivation

Now different tack: *R*-parity conserved.

Conventional SUSY: LSP is neutralino, sneutrino, or gravitino.
Squarks and gluinos are unstable and decay to LSP,
e.g. $\tilde{g} \to \tilde{q}\overline{q} \to q\tilde{\chi}\overline{q}$.

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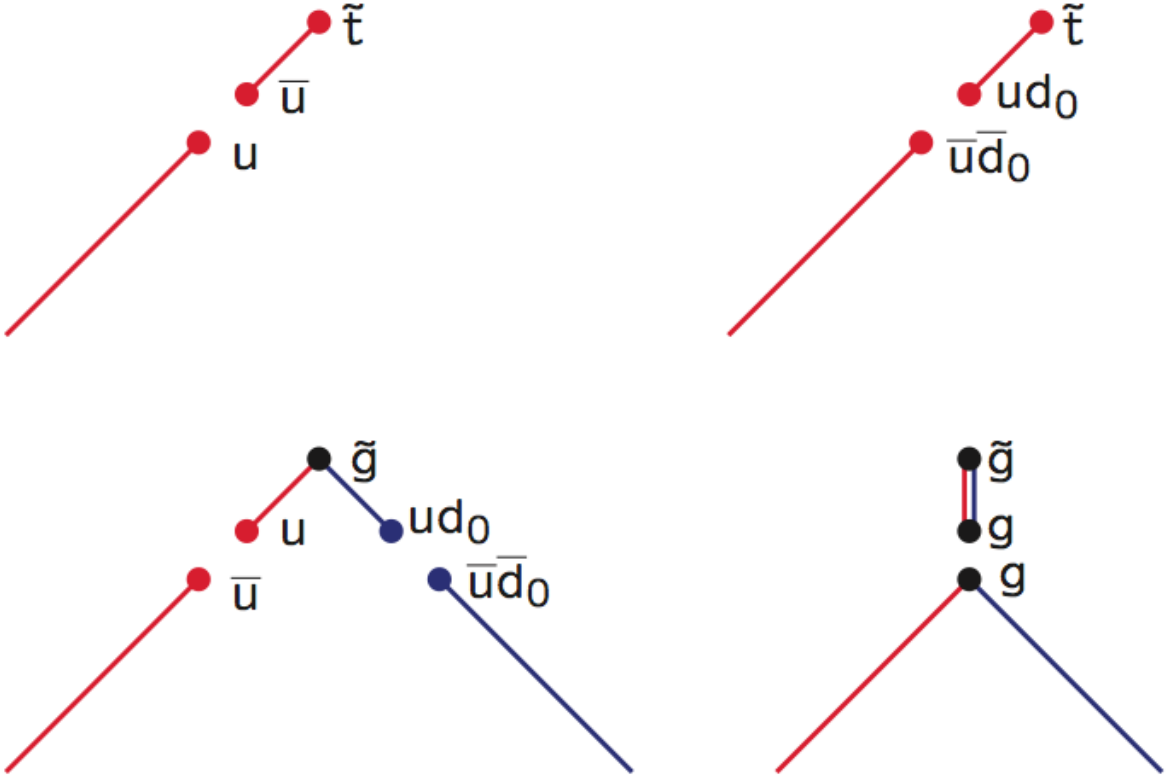
More generally, many BSM models contain colour triplet or octet particles that can be (pseudo)stable: extra-dimensional excitations with odd KK-parity, leptoquarks, excited quarks, ...

$\Rightarrow$ PYTHIA allows for hadronization of 3 generic states:

- colour octet uncharged, like $\tilde{g}$, giving $\tilde{g}u\overline{d}$, $\tilde{g}uud$, $\tilde{g}g$, ...,
- colour triplet charge $+2/3$, like $\tilde{t}$, giving $\tilde{t}\overline{u}$, $\tilde{t}ud_0$, ...,
- colour triplet charge $-1/3$, like $\tilde{b}$, giving $\tilde{b}\overline{c}$, $\tilde{b}su_1$, ...

R-hadron formation



Squark fragmenting to meson or baryon

Gluino fragmenting to baryon or glueball

Most hadronization properties by analogy with normal string fragmentation, but
glueball formation new aspect, assumed $\sim 10\%$ of time (or less).

R-hadron interactions

R-hadron interactions with matter involve interesting aspects:

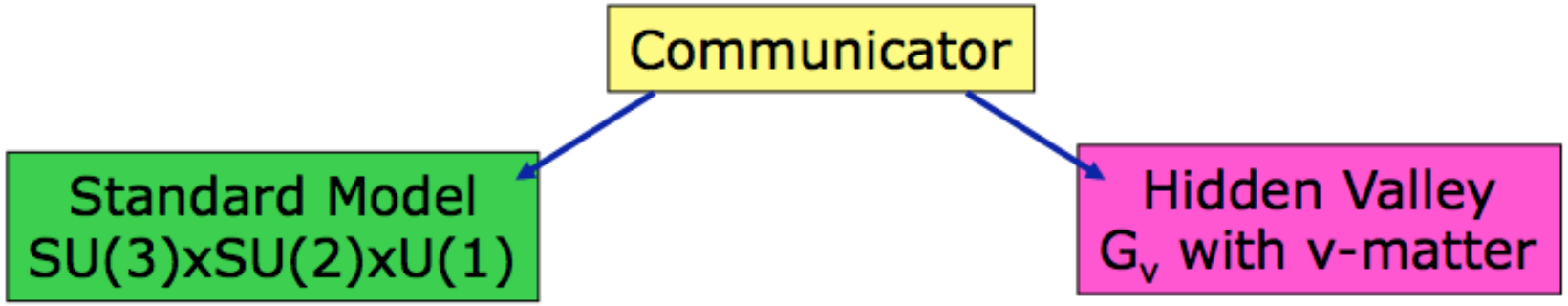
- $\tilde{\mathrm{b}}/\tilde{\mathrm{t}}/\tilde{\mathrm{g}}$ massive $\Rightarrow$ slow-moving, $v \sim 0.7c$.
- In R-hadron rest frame the detector has $v \sim 0.7c$
  $\Rightarrow E_{\mathrm{kin,p}} \sim 1$ GeV: low-energy (quasi)elastic processes.
- Cloud of light quarks and gluons interact with hadronic rate; sparticle is inert reservoir of kinetic energy.
- Charge-exchange reactions allowed, e.g.
  $R^+(\tilde{\mathrm{g}}\mathrm{u}\overline{\mathrm{d}}) + \mathrm{n} \to R^0(\tilde{\mathrm{g}}\mathrm{d}\overline{\mathrm{d}}) + \mathrm{p}$.
  Gives alternating track/no-track in detector.
- Baryon-exchange predominantly one way,
  $R^+(\tilde{\mathrm{g}}\mathrm{u}\overline{\mathrm{d}}) + \mathrm{n} \to R^0(\tilde{\mathrm{g}}\mathrm{udd}) + \pi^+$,
  since (a) kinematically disfavoured (π exceptionally light) and (b) few pions in matter.

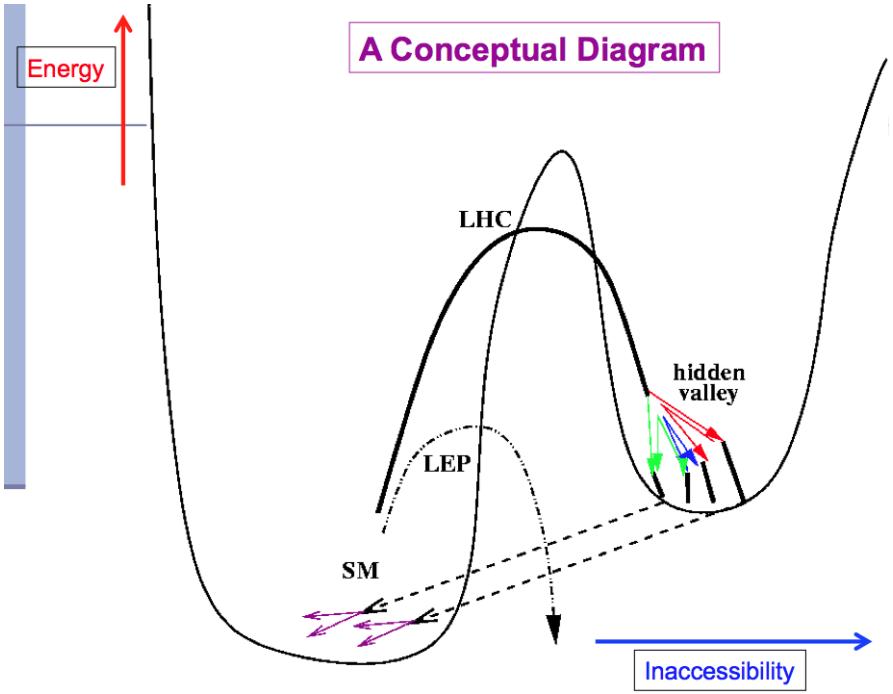
. . . but part of detector simulation (GEANT), not PYTHIA.

A.C. Kraan, Eur. Phys. J. C37 (2004) 91; M. Fairbairn et al., Phys. Rep. 438 (2007) 1

3. Hidden Valleys: motivation

M. Strassler, K. Zurek, Phys. Lett. B651 (2007) 374; . . .





Courtesy
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L. Carloni & TS, JHEP 1009, 105; L. Carloni, J. Rathsman & TS, JHEP 1104, 091

Hidden Valleys setup

Hidden Valleys (secluded sectors) experimentally interesting if they can give observable consequences at the LHC:

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Either of two gauge groups,

1. Abelian $U(1)$, unbroken or broken (massless or massive γ_v),
2. non-Abelian $SU(N)$, unbroken ($N^2 - 1$ massless g_v's),

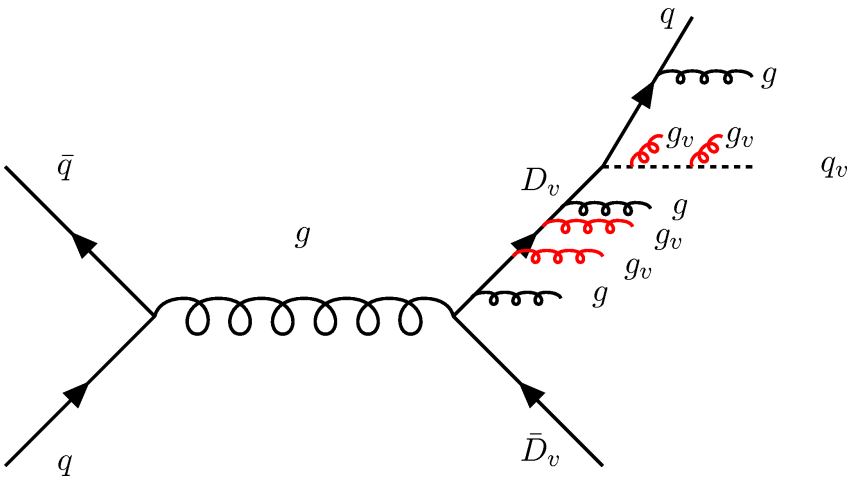
with matter q_v's in fundamental representation.

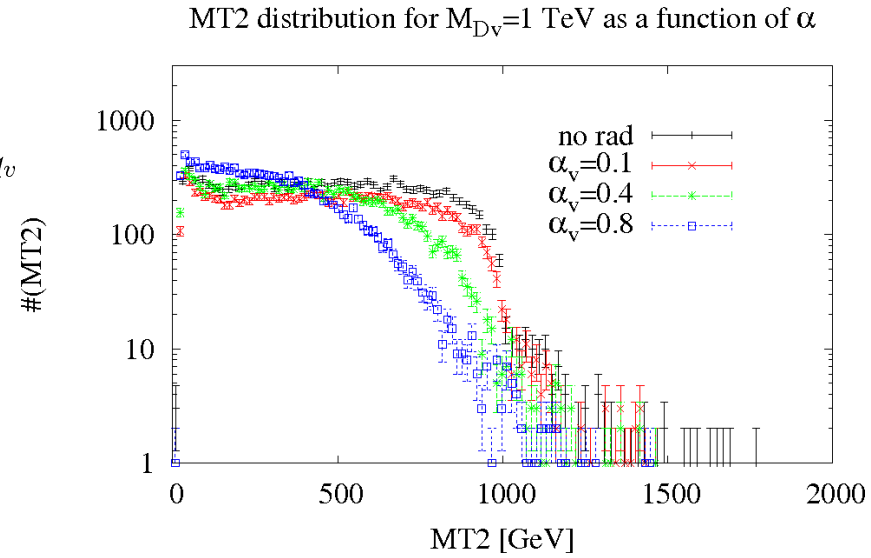
Times three alternative production mechanisms

1. massive Z': $\mathrm{q}\overline{\mathrm{q}} \to \mathrm{Z}' \to \mathrm{q}_v\overline{\mathrm{q}}_v$,
2. kinetic mixing: $\mathrm{q}\overline{\mathrm{q}} \to \gamma \to \gamma_v \to \mathrm{q}_v\overline{\mathrm{q}}_v$,
3. massive F_v charged under both SM and hidden group, so e.g. $\mathrm{gg} \to \mathrm{F}_v\overline{\mathrm{F}}_v$. Subsequent decay $\mathrm{F}_v \to \mathrm{fq}_v$.

Hidden Valleys showers

Interleaved shower in QCD, QED and HV sectors:
emissions arranged in one common sequence of decreasing emission $p_\perp$ scales.
HV $U(1)$: add $\mathrm{q}_v \to \mathrm{q}_v\gamma_v$ and $\mathrm{F}_v \to \mathrm{F}_v\gamma_v$.
HV $SU(N)$: add $\mathrm{q}_v \to \mathrm{q}_v\mathrm{g}_v$, $\mathrm{F}_v \to \mathrm{F}_v\mathrm{g}_v$ and $\mathrm{g}_v \to \mathrm{g}_v\mathrm{g}_v$.





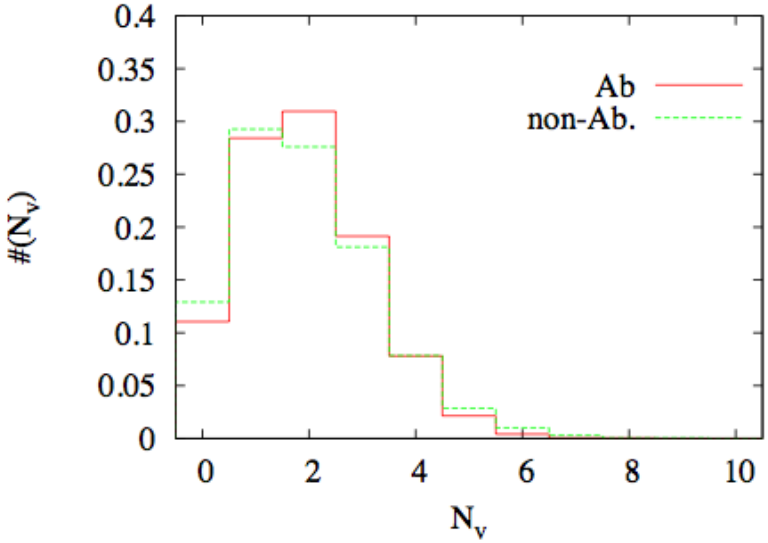
Recoil effects in visible sector also of invisible emissions!

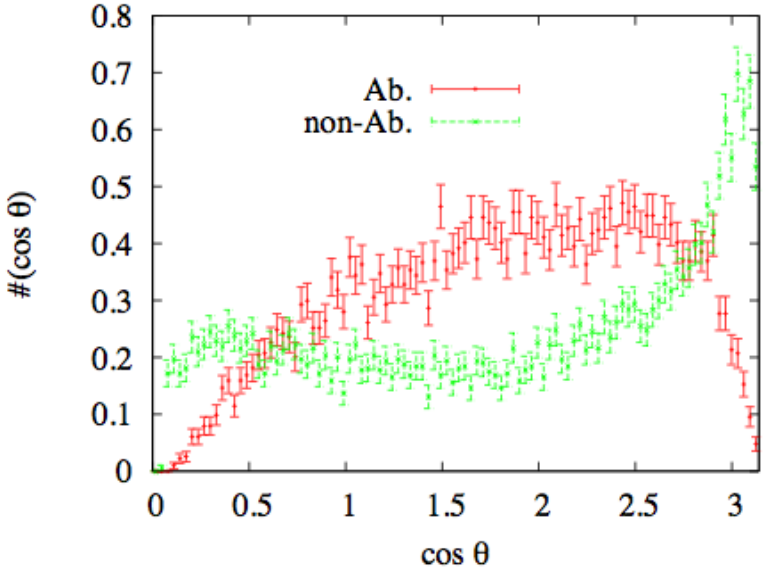
Hidden Valleys decays

Hidden Valley particles may remain invisible, or

- Broken $U(1)$: γ_v acquire mass, radiated γ_vs decay back, $\gamma_v \to \gamma \to \mathrm{f}\bar{\mathrm{f}}$ with BRs as photon ($\Rightarrow$ lepton pairs!)
- $SU(N)$: hadronization in hidden sector, with full string fragmentation setup, giving
  - off-diagonal "mesons", flavour-charged, stable & invisible
  - diagonal "mesons", can decay back $\mathrm{q}_v\bar{\mathrm{q}}_v \to \mathrm{f}\bar{\mathrm{f}}$

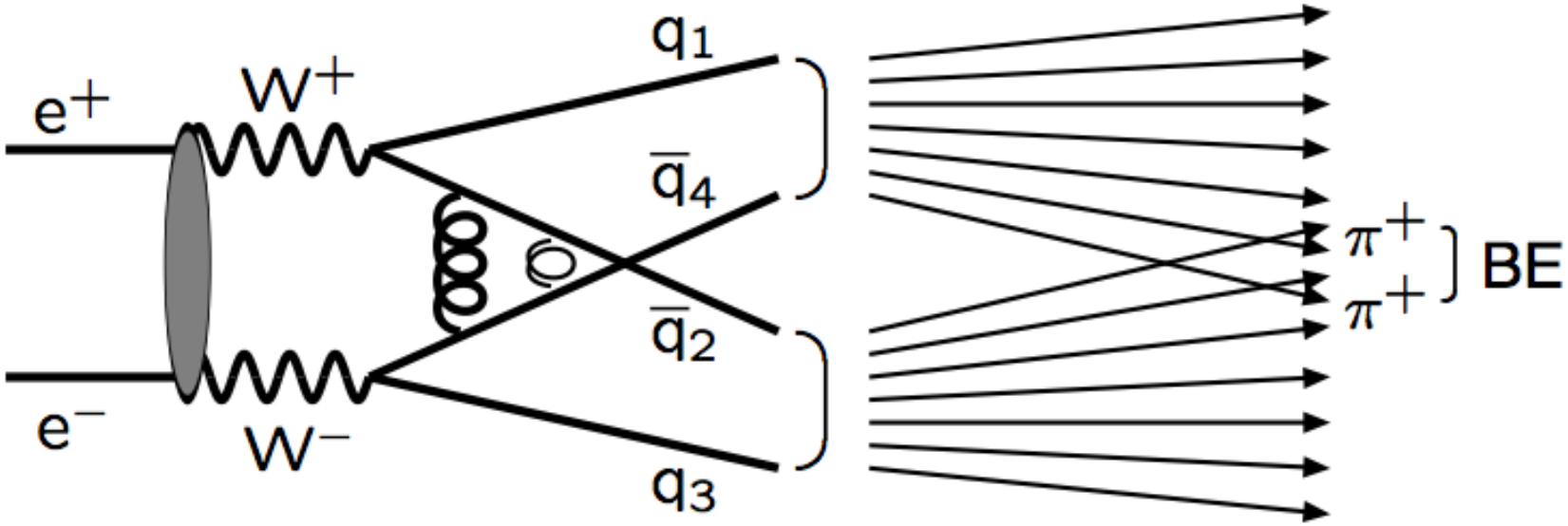
Even when tuned to same average activity, hope to separate





4. Interconnection at LEP 2

$e^+e^- \to W^+W^- \to q_1\bar{q}_2\, q_3\bar{q}_4$ reconnection limits m_W precision!



- perturbative $\langle \delta M_W \rangle \lesssim 5$ MeV : negligible!
  (killed by dampening from off-shell W propagators)
- nonperturbative $\langle \delta M_W \rangle \sim 40$ MeV :
  favoured; no-effect option ruled out at 2.8σ
  (but more extreme models from other authors ruled out)
- Bose-Einstein $\langle \delta M_W \rangle \lesssim 100$ MeV : full effect ruled out.
  (but models with ~ 20 MeV barely acceptabe)

Colour reconnection models for LEP 2

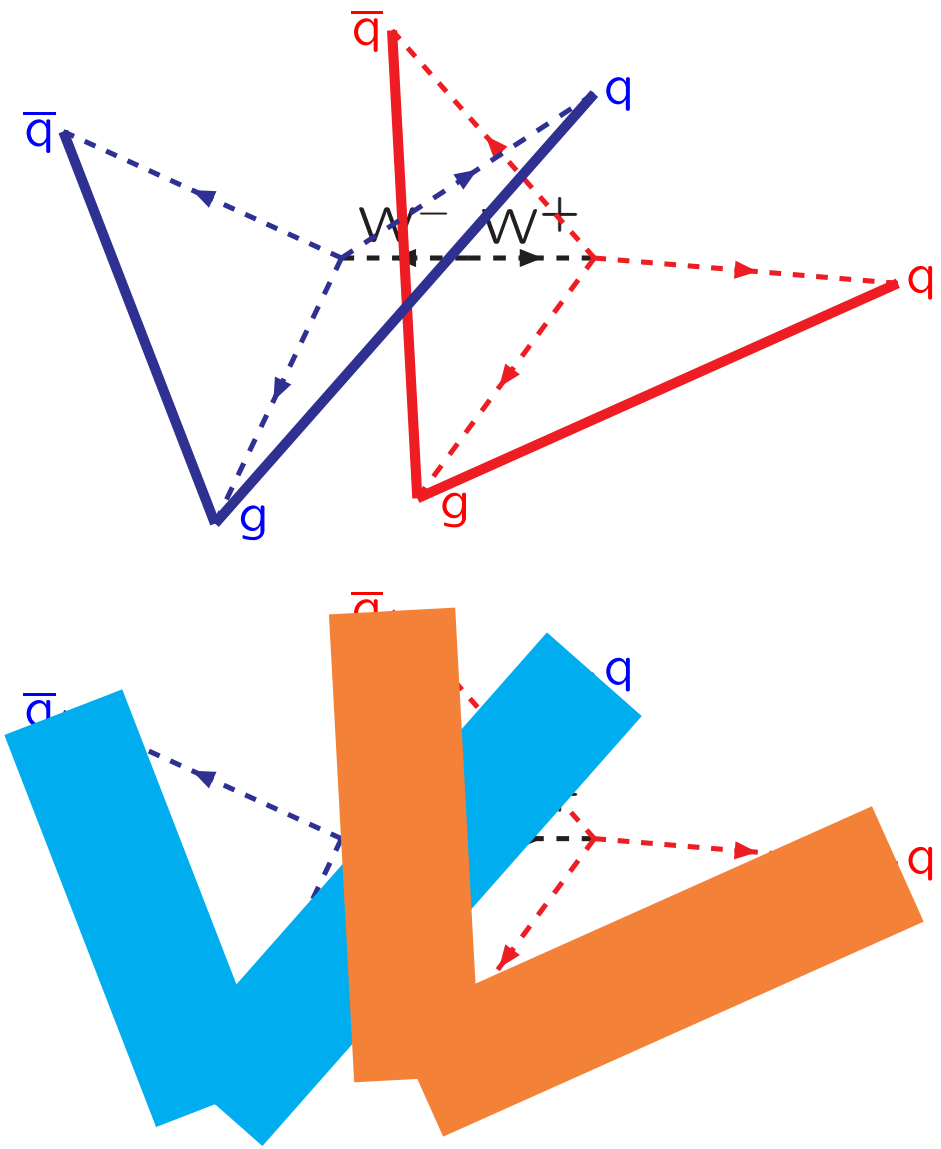
Colour rearrangement studied in several models, e.g.

Scenario II: vortex lines.
Analogy: type II superconductor.
Strings can reconnect only if central cores cross.

Scenario I: elongated bags.
Analogy: type I superconductor.
Reconnection proportional to space–time overlap.

In both cases favour reconnections that reduce total string length.

LEP 2 data agrees with scenario I with $\sim 50\%$ of all events reconnected.

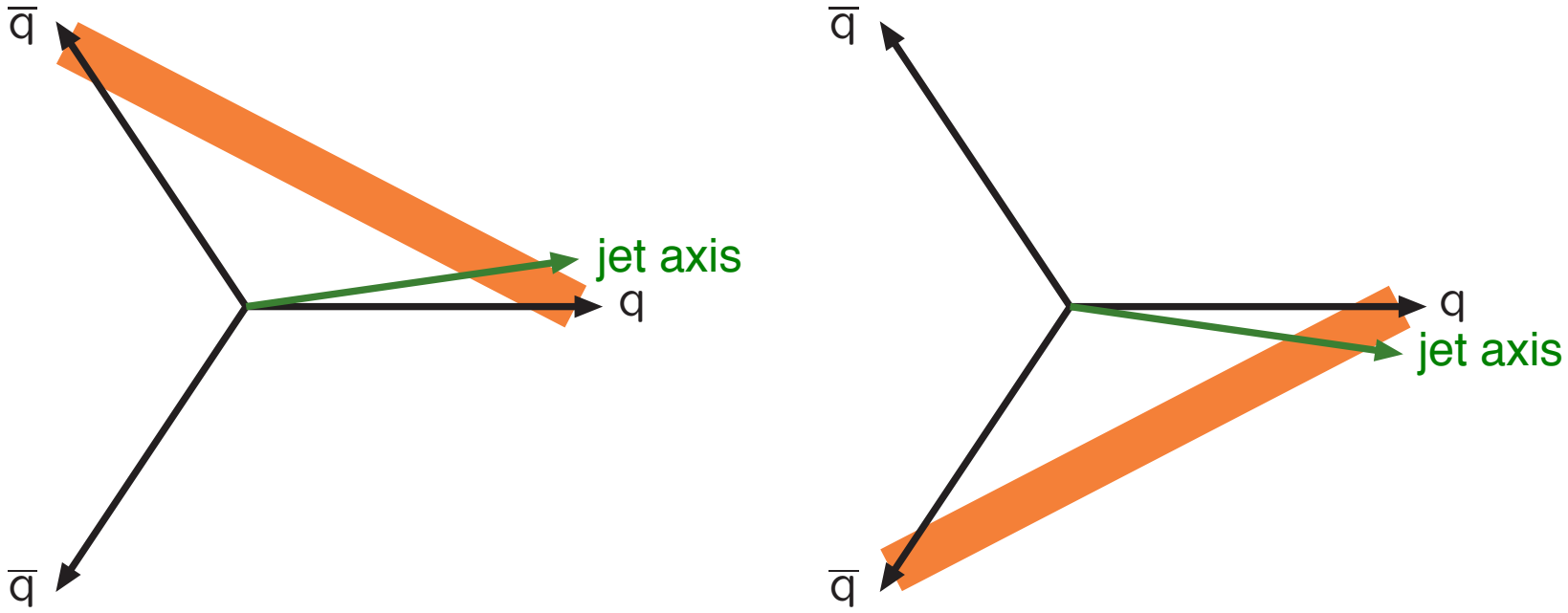


(schematic only; nothing to scale)

Higgs *CP* Violation

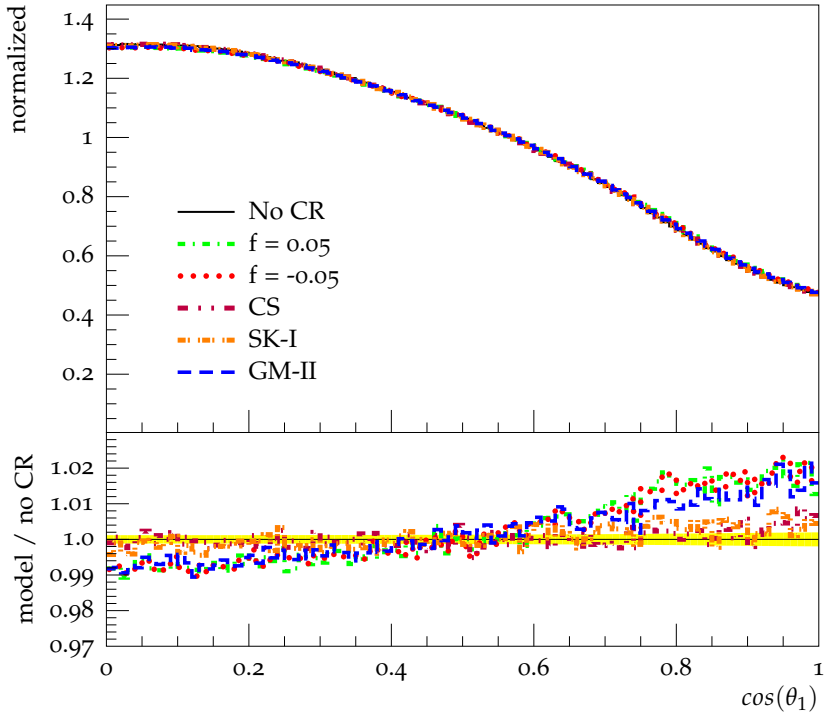
Is the 125 GeV Higgs a pure *CP*-even state? Any odd admixture?

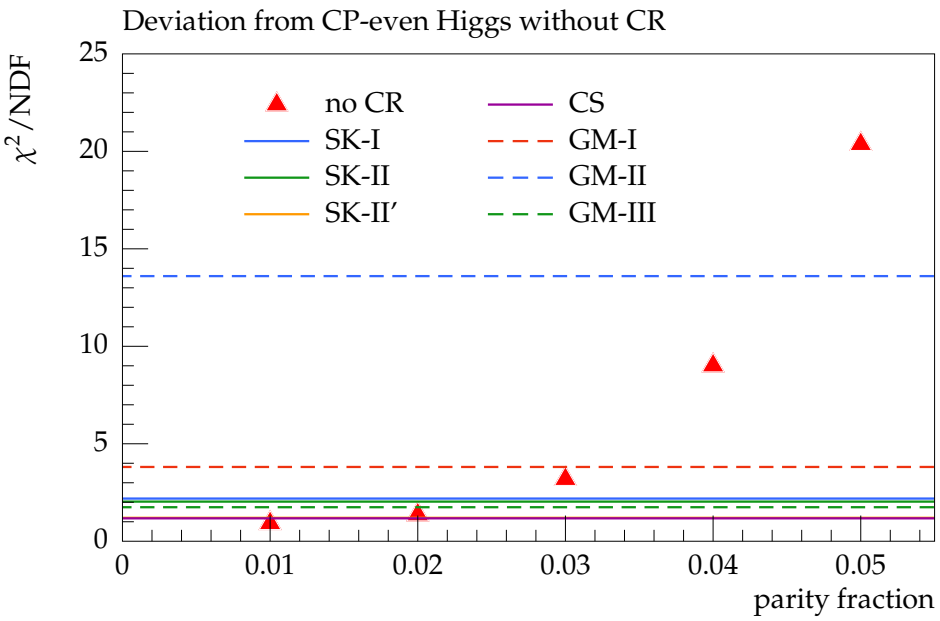
For LHC and future $\mathrm{e}^+\mathrm{e}^-$ (& $\mu^+\mu^-$?) colliders to probe.
One possibility is $\mathrm{H}^0 \to \mathrm{W}^+\mathrm{W}^- \to \mathrm{q}_1\overline{\mathrm{q}}_2\mathrm{q}_3\overline{\mathrm{q}}_4$.
Angular correlations put limits on odd admixture.



But: colour reconnection ⇒ shifted jet directions
⇒ shifted angular correlations.

Higgs *CP* Violation – 2





$$f = \frac{\int \text{odd} + |\text{interference}|}{\int \text{all}}$$

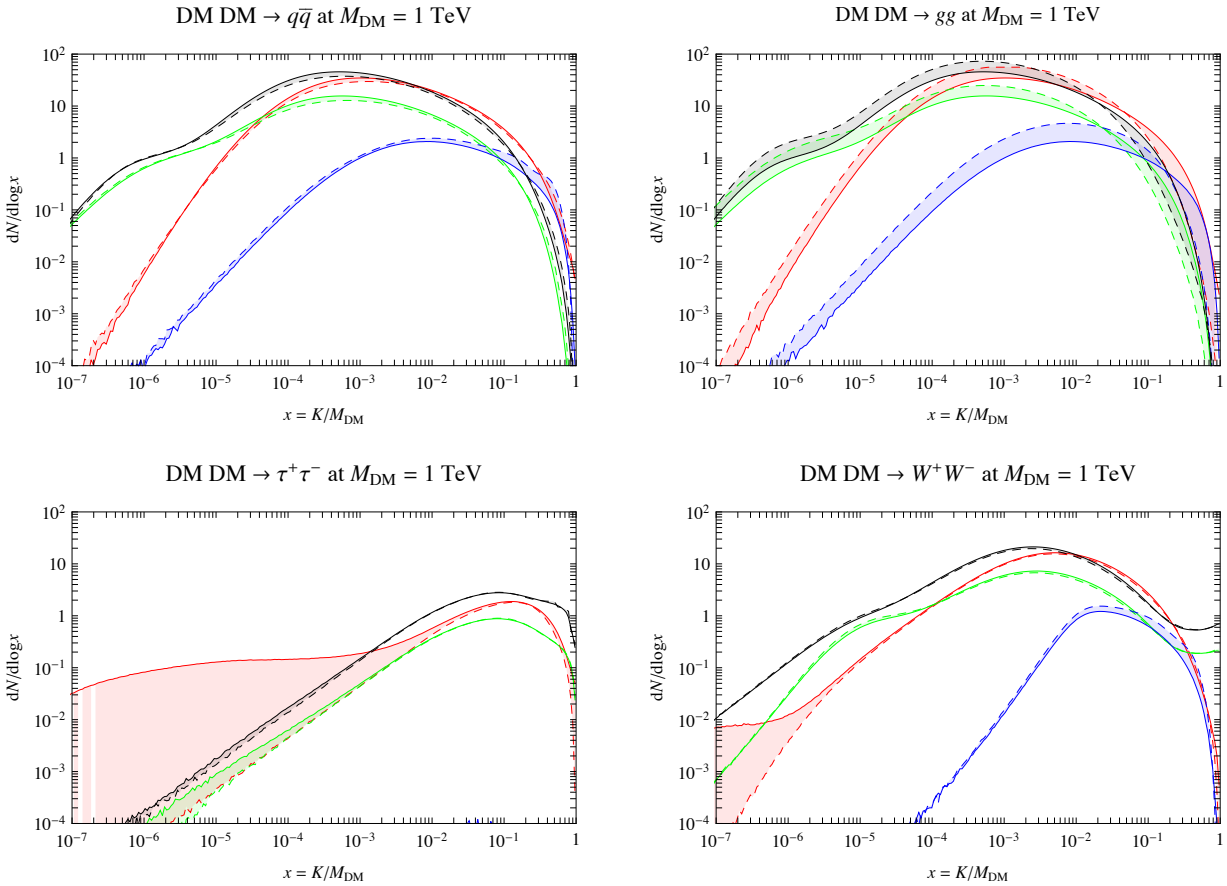
Conclusion 1: only problem for constraints $f < 0.03 - 0.05$.

Conclusion 2:

precision physics is not only a matter of higher orders.

5. Dark Matter annihilation

Common question: in my model DM particles annihilate pairwise.
Given the mass and the two-body branching ratios,
what is the spectrum of γ, $e^{\pm}$, $p/\overline{p}$, ν?



photons
$e^{\pm}$
$\overline{p}$
neutrinos

PYTHIA continuous
HERWIG dashed

M. Cirelli et al.,
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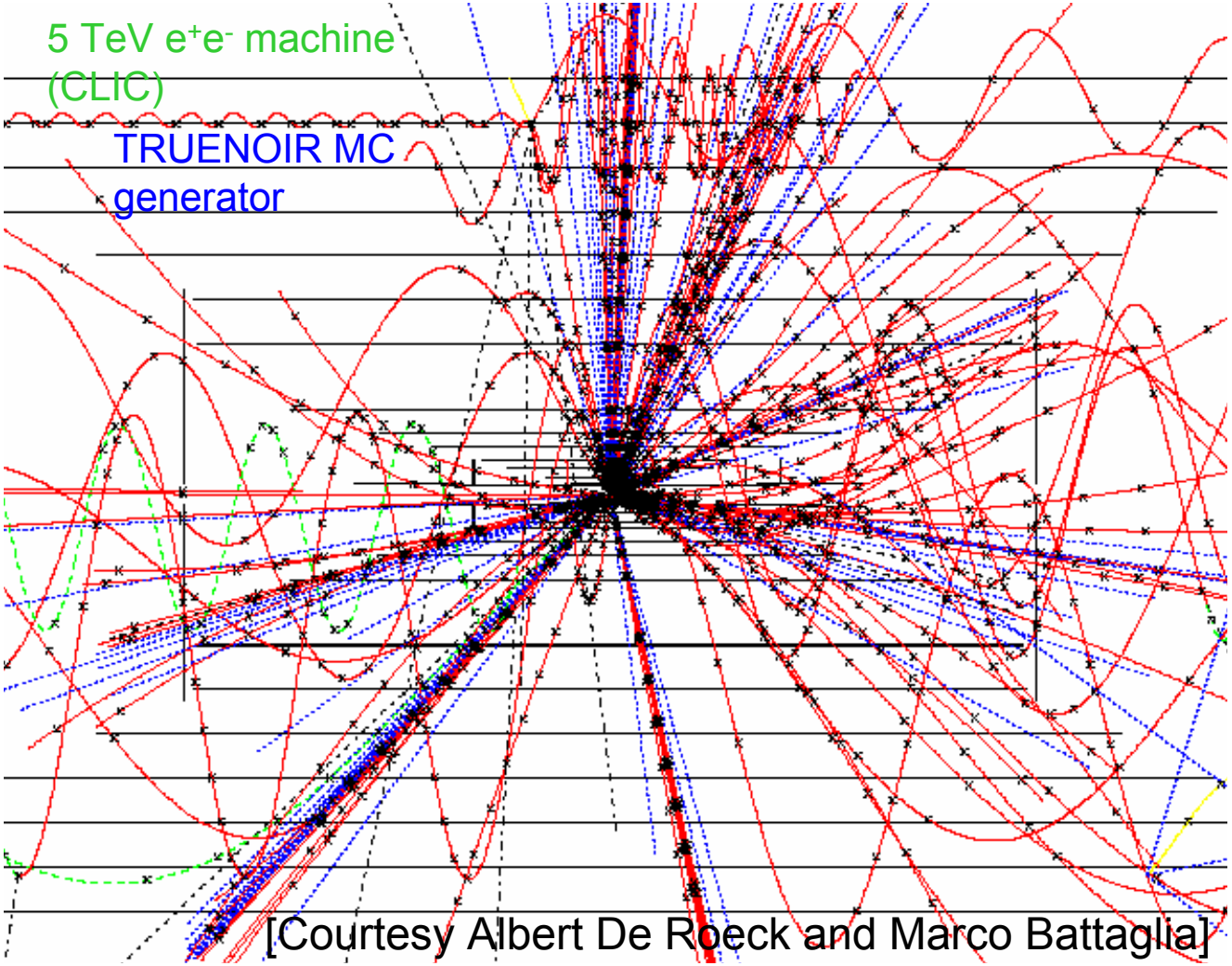
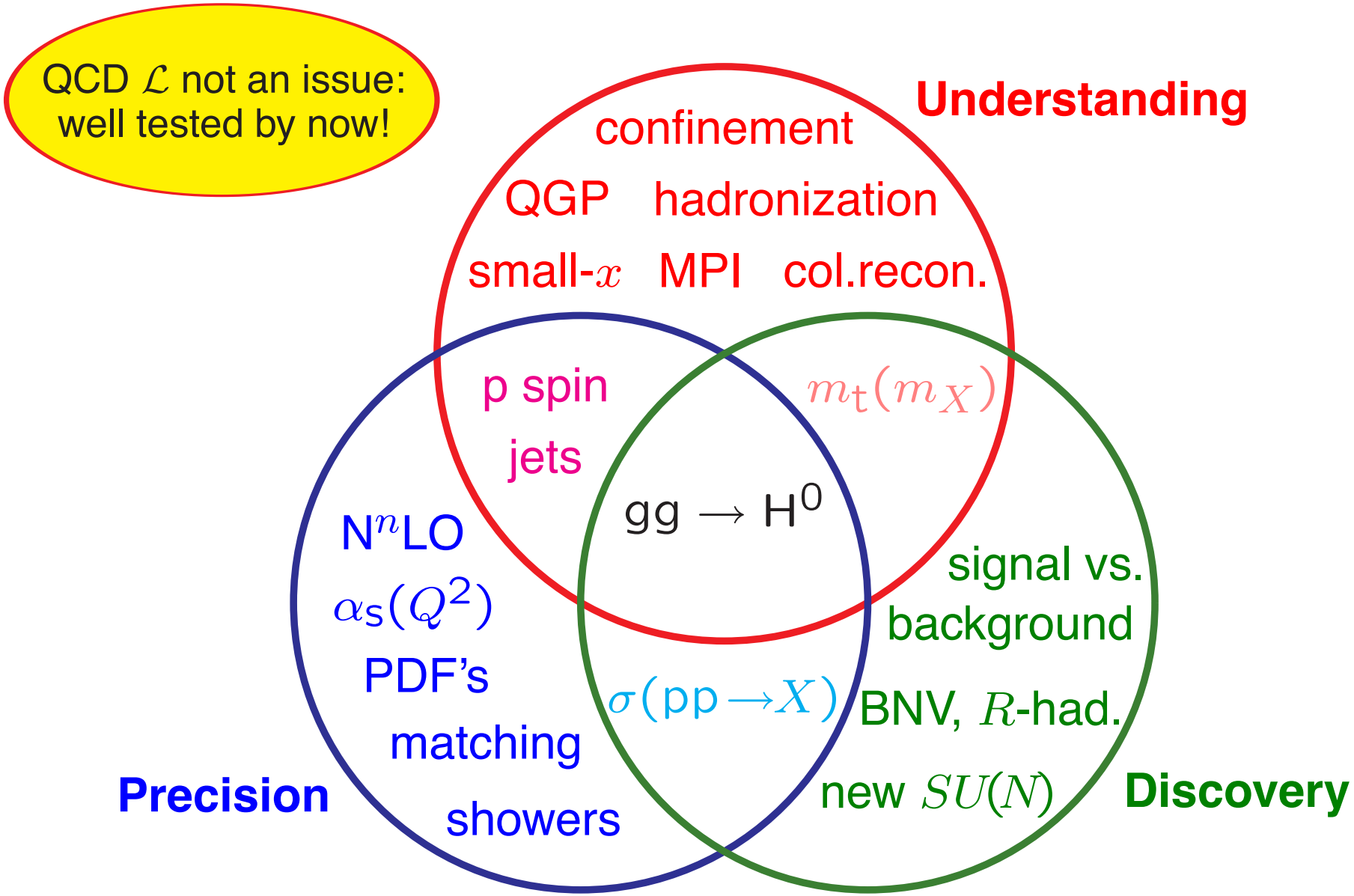
6. Black Hole evaporation



(in presentation by G. Landsberg, 2002)

- production
- spin-down
- Hawking radiation
- final evaporation
- remnants
- showers
- hadronization

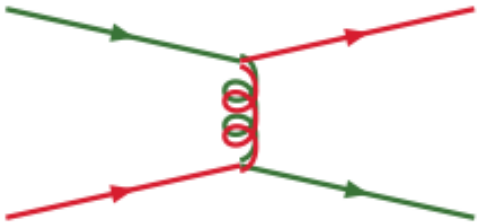
The Three Frontiers of QCD



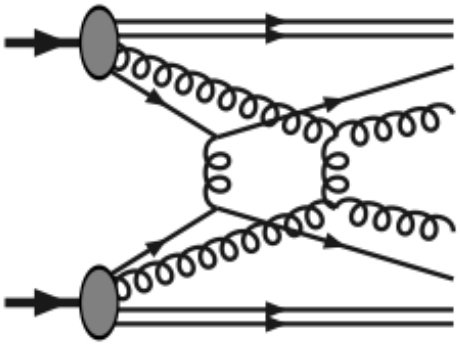
Multiparton Interactions (MPIs)

A proton is a bunch of partons: several parton-parton collisions per proton-proton one is unavoidable.

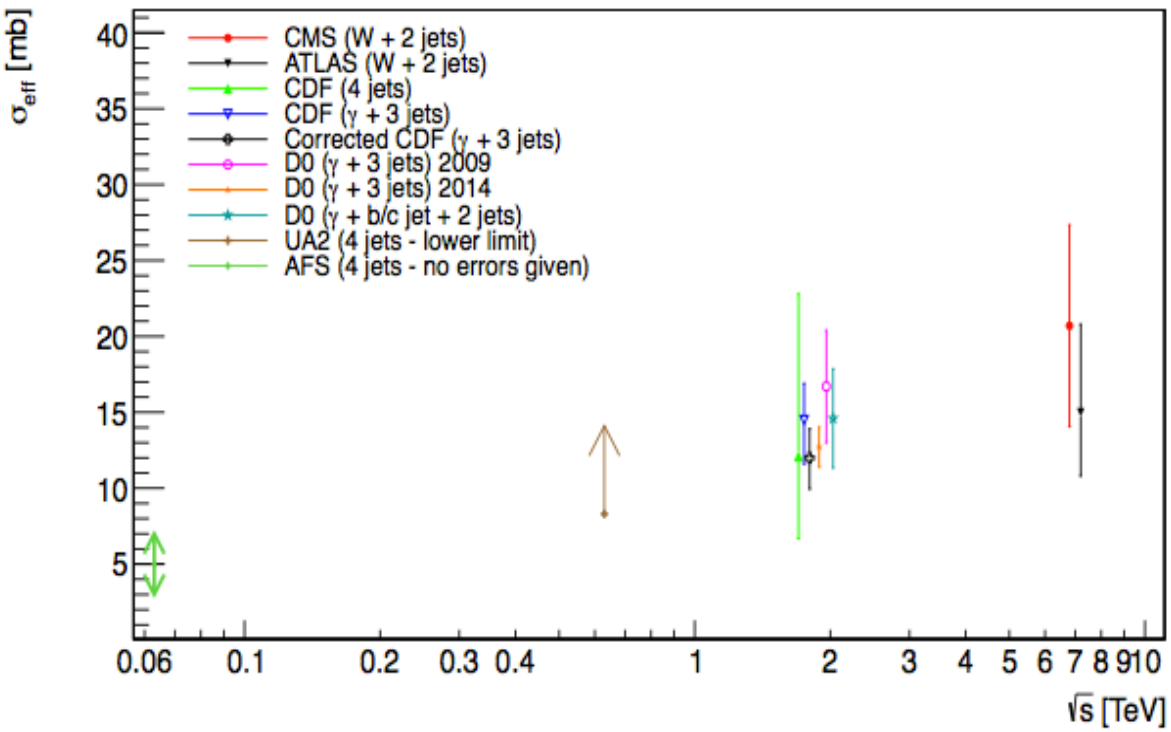
Normal QCD $2 \to 2$



supplemented by Double Parton Scattering (DPS)



and beyond (MPI)



$$\sigma_{AB} = \frac{1}{1+\delta_{AB}} \frac{\sigma_A \sigma_B}{\sigma_{\rm eff}}$$

so $\sigma_{\rm eff} \approx \sigma_{\rm non-diff}/2 \Rightarrow$ twice naive rate

The divergence of the QCD cross section

Cross section for $2 \to 2$ interactions is dominated by t-channel gluon exchange, so diverges like $\mathrm{d}\hat{\sigma}/\mathrm{d}p_\perp^2 \approx 1/p_\perp^4$ for $p_\perp \to 0$. Also, $\int \mathrm{d}x\, f(x, p_\perp^2) = \infty$, i.e. infinitely many partons, so

$$\sigma_{\mathrm{int}}(p_{\perp\mathrm{min}}) = \iiint_{p_{\perp\mathrm{min}}} \mathrm{d}x_1\, \mathrm{d}x_2\, \mathrm{d}p_\perp^2\, f_1(x_1, p_\perp^2)\, f_2(x_2, p_\perp^2)\, \frac{\mathrm{d}\hat{\sigma}}{\mathrm{d}p_\perp^2}$$

diverges for $p_\perp \to 0$: unphysical!

MPIs half of solution, since then $\sigma_{\mathrm{int}}(p_{\perp\mathrm{min}}) > \sigma_{\mathrm{non-diff}}$ allowed, but not enough. Need regularization e.g. like

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\hat{\sigma}}{\mathrm{d}p_\perp^2} \propto \frac{\alpha_\mathrm{s}^2(p_\perp^2)}{p_\perp^4} \to \frac{\alpha_\mathrm{s}^2(p_{\perp 0}^2 + p_\perp^2)}{(p_{\perp 0}^2 + p_\perp^2)^2}$$

with $p_{\perp 0} \approx 2 - 3$ GeV to describe data.

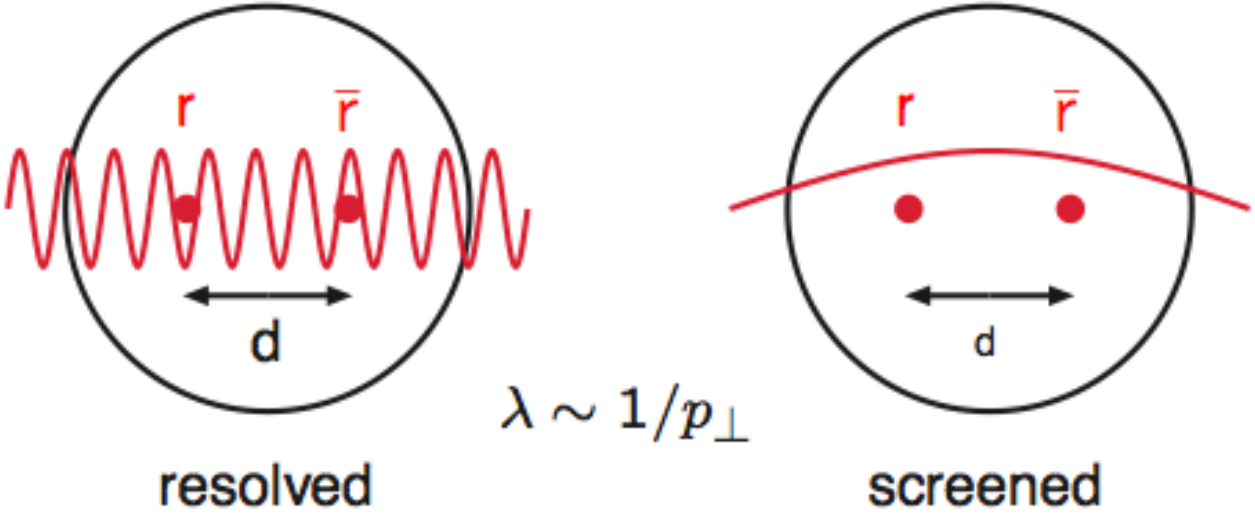
Colour screening

Other half of solution is that perturbative QCD is not valid at small $p_\perp$ since q, g are not asymptotic states (confinement!).

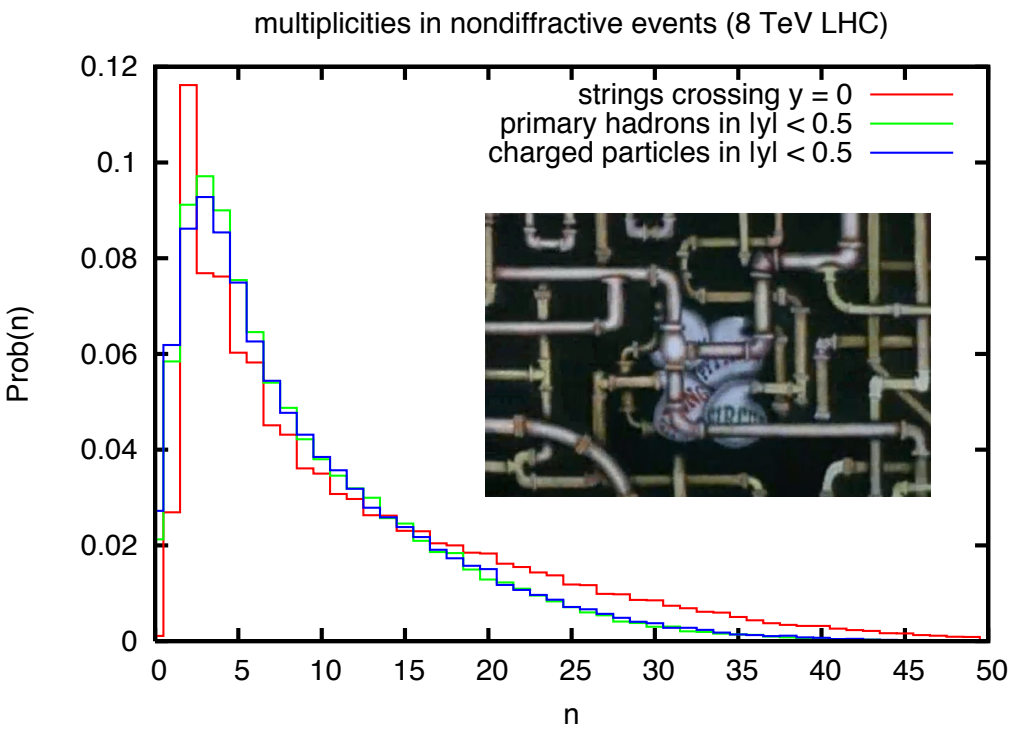
Naively breakdown at

$$p_{\perp\mathrm{min}} \simeq \frac{\hbar}{r_\mathrm{p}} \approx \frac{0.2\ \mathrm{GeV} \cdot \mathrm{fm}}{0.7\ \mathrm{fm}} \approx 0.3\ \mathrm{GeV} \simeq \Lambda_\mathrm{QCD}$$

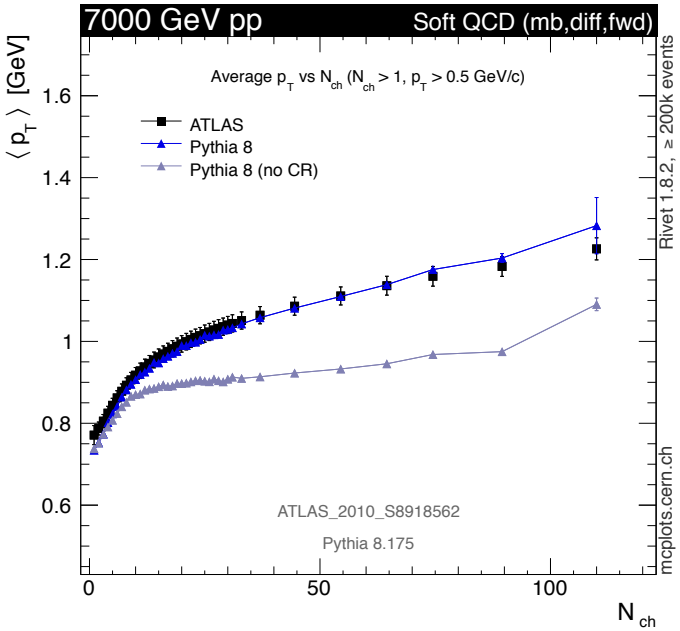
. . . but better replace r_p by (unknown) colour screening length d in hadron:



Colour reconnection



$\langle p_\perp \rangle (n_{\rm ch})$ effect:



String width $\sim$ hadronic width

$\Rightarrow$ Overlap factor $\sim$ 10!

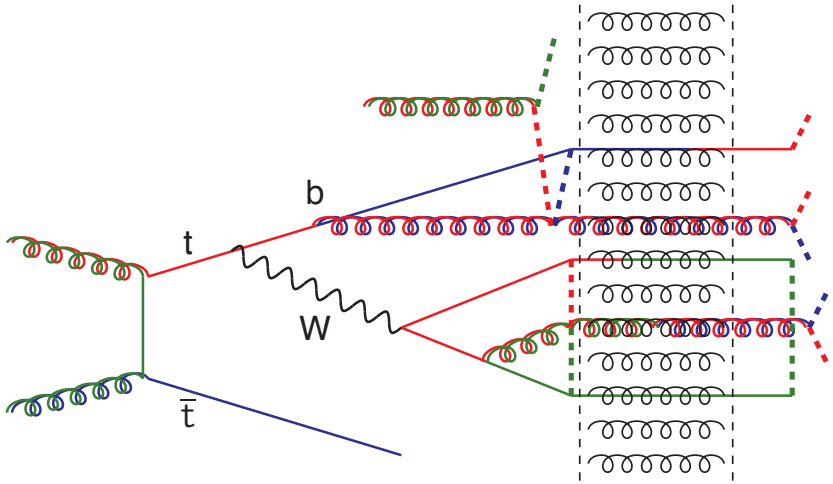
Larger for hard collisions (small impact parameter)

Colour reconnection (CR): reduce total string length $\Rightarrow$ reduce hadronic multiplicity

A top mass puzzle

$$\left.\begin{array}{l}\Gamma_{\rm t} \approx 1.5\ {\rm GeV}\\ \Gamma_{\rm W} \approx 2\ {\rm GeV}\\ \Gamma_{\rm Z} \approx 2.5\ {\rm GeV}\end{array}\right\} \Rightarrow c\tau \approx 0.1\ {\rm fm}:$$

p "pancakes" have passed,
MPI/ISR/FSR for $p_\perp \geq 2$ GeV,
inside hadronization colour fields.

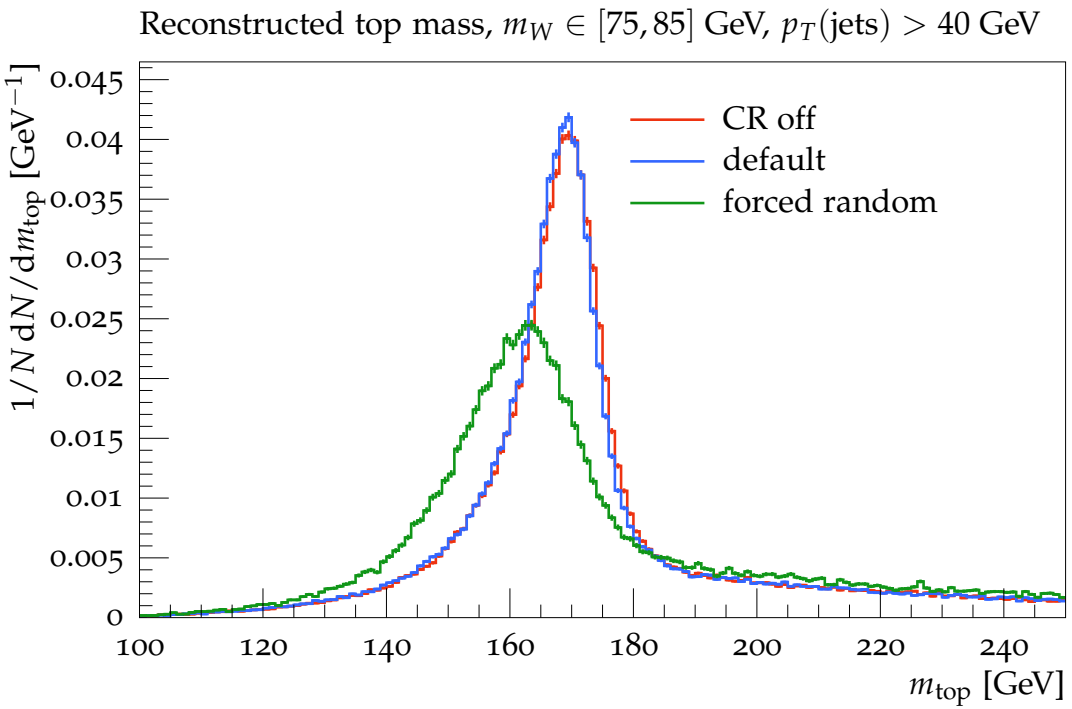


Experiment	m_{top} [GeV]	Error due to CR	Reference
World comb.	173.34±0.76	310 MeV (**40%**)	arXiv:1403.4427
CMS	172.22±0.73	150 MeV (**20%**)	CMS-PAS-TOP-14-001
D0	174.98±0.76	100 MeV (**13%**)	arXiv:1405.1756

(S. Argyropoulos)

1. Great job in reducing the errors.
2. CR is one of the dominant systematics.
3. Why is the CR uncertainty going down when there are
   - no advances in theoretical understanding, and
   - no measurements to constrain it?

Effects on top mass before tuning



$\Delta m_{\rm top}$ relative to no CR:

model	$\Delta m_{\rm top}$ [GeV]	$\Delta m_{\rm top}$ rescaled
default (late)	-0.415	$+0.209$
default early	$+0.381$	$+0.285$
forced random	-6.970	-6.508

Asymmetric spread:

$\Delta m_{\rm top} < 0$ easy,

$\Delta m_{\rm top} > 0$ difficult.

Parton showers already prefer minimal λ.

Main effect from jet broadening, some from jet–jet angles.

Effects on top mass after tuning

No publicly available measurements of UE in top events.

- Afterburner models tuned to ATLAS jet shapes in $\mathrm{t\bar{t}}$ events
  $\Rightarrow$ high CR strengths disfavoured.
- Early-decay models tuned to ATLAS minimum bias data
  $\Rightarrow$ maximal CR strengths required to (almost) match $\langle p_\perp \rangle (n_{\mathrm{ch}})$.

model	Δm_{top} rescaled
default (late)	$+0.239$
forced random	-0.524
swap	$+0.273$

Δm_{top} relative to no CR

$$\mathbf{m_{top}^{max} - m_{top}^{min} \approx 0.80}\ \mathrm{GeV}$$

Excluding most extreme (unrealistic) models down to

$$\mathbf{m_{top}^{max} - m_{top}^{min} \approx 0.50}\ \mathrm{GeV}$$

(in line with Sandhoff, Skands & Wicke)

Studies of top events could help constrain models:

- jet profiles and jet pull (skewness)
- underlying event

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