# NPAC Particle Physics Course 6 – Hadron Collisions

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## Program

The two sections:

- Soft and collinear divergences
- Jets and infrared safety

at the end of the Introduction to QCD are very much relevant for this course.

Also PDFs, presented in the course about DIS

- 1. Initial/final state and factorization
  - 1.1 PDFs
  - 1.2 Fragmentation
- 2. Kinematics at hadron colliders (reminder)
- 3. Example: di-jet production at the LHC
- 4. Monte Carlo event generators
- 5. Jet reconstruction

#### Schematics of a hadron collision



## Multiple interactions in a bunch crossing ("pile up")



## Proton content



#### Factorization

NAIVE PARTON MODEL



QCD-IMPROVED PARTON MODEL



#### **PDF** evolution



## **Fragmentation I**



## **Fragmentation II**



## Fragmentation III

Fragmentation function: probability density function of a variable relating quark - hadron kinematics ( $x_B^{weak}, x_p^{weak}, z$ )



#### b-quark Fragmentation measurements from LEP



 $x_B^{weak} = 0.7092 \pm 0.0025$ (The *b*-hadron takes ~70% of the *b*-quark energy) Fragmentation: Peterson model for b and c quarks (non-perturbative component)



#### CMS acceptance



#### $2 \rightarrow 2 \mbox{ processes}$ at the LHC

For illustration... as a part of the example of the dijet cross-section calculation



#### CMS dijet cross-section



#### Parton showers and clustering



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String fragmentation (Pythia)

Cluster fragmentation (Herwig)

## Event display with jets



## Jet algorithms I

- Two main families of jet algorithms:
  - Top-down  $\rightarrow$  cone algorithms
  - Bottom-up  $\rightarrow$  sequential recombination
- Example of a top-down algorithm: <u>cone algorithm with seed</u>

<u>Definition</u>: jet radius  $R^2 = \Delta y^2 + \Delta \phi^2$ Here, a fixed R is the main parameter

- 1. Order objects (particles) by decreasing  $p_T$
- 2. Choose  $1^{st}$  object (maximum  $p_T$ ) as the seed
- 3. Collect all objects in a cone within R around the seed
- 4. Recalculate jet axis
- 5. Stable axis?
  - No  $\rightarrow$  take new jet axis as seed (from step 4), go to step 3

Yes  $\rightarrow$  <u>the ensemble of objects is a jet</u>. Remove from list and go to step 2 · (until the list is empty)

It is clear that this algorithm gives round jets

## Jet algorithms II

 Example of a bottom-up algorithm: <u>Inclusive k<sub>T</sub> algorithm</u> (iterative pairwise clustering)

<u>Definitions</u>:  $d_{ij}$  (distance between two objects i, j)  $d_{iB}$  (between object i and beam)

$$d_{ij} = \min(p_{Ti}^2, p_{Tj}^2) \frac{\Delta R_{ij}^2}{R^2} \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta R_{ij}^2 = (y_i - y_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2$$
  
$$d_{iB} = p_{Ti}^2$$

- 1. For each particle/object *i* compute the distances  $d_{ij}$  and  $d_{iB}$
- 2. Find the minimum distance of all
- 3. Is it  $d_{ij}$  or  $d_{iB}$ ?

 $d_{ij} \rightarrow \text{combine } i + j \text{ into a single object and go to step 1}$ 

 $d_{iB} \rightarrow \underline{\text{object i is a jet}}$ . Remove it from the list and go to step 1

(until the list is empty)

Use only jets with  $p_T > p_{Tmin}$ 

Features:

- + collinear and IR safe
- + each hadron uniquely assigned to a jet
- sensitive to noise (underlying event, pile-up...)
- It is clear that this algorithm gives jets with complicated shapes

Computing time (for *N* objects)  $\propto N \log N$ 

## Jet algorithms III

• <u>Anti- *k<sub>T</sub>* algorithm</u>

same as  $k_T$ , with :  $d_{ij} = \min(p_{Ti}^{-2}, p_{Tj}^{-2}) \frac{\Delta R_{ij}^2}{R^2}$ This gives more regular jets and is easier to calibrate experimentally  $\rightarrow$  it is often used in LHC experiments

- In general, the jet radius R has to be optimized to reject background and keep signal
  - Less pollution from underlying event and pile up  $\rightarrow$  small R
  - Include QCD radiation;
    englobe particles that participate in hadronization → large R

## Jet algorithms IV

