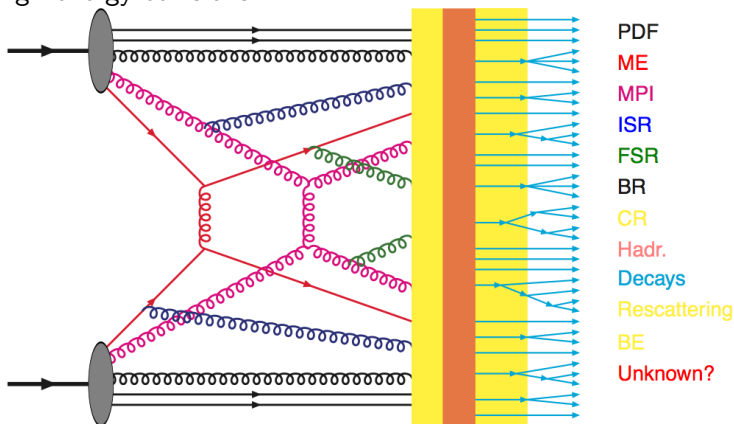


# Hard diffraction in PYTHIA 8

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PYTHIA 8 is a general purpose event generator for high-energy collisions.



It attempts to describe all parts. [Figure: T. Sjöstrand]

# PYTHIA 8

Currently 8 authors (incl. 3 post-docs and 2 PhD students).

New main features as of version 8.2:

- New models of colour reconnections  
(S. Argyropoulos, J. Christiansen, P. Skands + T. Sjöstrand)
- Variety of matching and merging schemes  
(S. Prestel + L. Lönnblad)
- Weak showers, matching and merging with weak showers  
(J. Christiansen, S. Prestel + T. Sjöstrand)
- Many new tunes - default Monash 2013 tune  
(P. Skands et. al)

Ongoing work:

- Model for hard  $\gamma\gamma$  events  
(I. Helenius + T. Sjöstrand)
- New model for hard diffraction  
(C. Rasmussen + T. Sjöstrand)
- Exclusive processes  
(R. Zlebic + L. Lönnblad)

An Introduction to PYTHIA 8.2 [[Comput.Phys.Commun. 191 \(2015\) 159](#)]

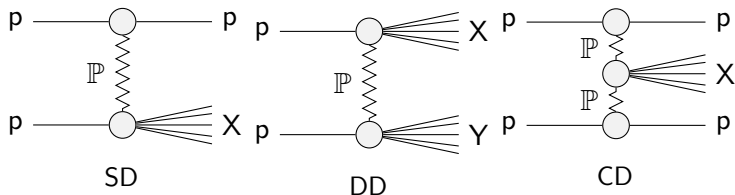
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## Soft diffraction

$\sigma_{\text{tot}}$  calculated using Donnachie-Landshoff parametrisation.

Diffraction and elastic topologies calculated with Pomeron-based parametrisation of Schuler-Sjöstrand.



Nondiffractive (ND) cross section inferred from the above,

$$\sigma_{\text{ND}} = \sigma_{\text{tot}} - \sigma_{\text{el}} - \sum_{X=S,C,D} \sigma_{\text{XD}}$$

# Soft diffraction

Low-mass region:

$$M_X \leq 10 \text{ GeV.}$$

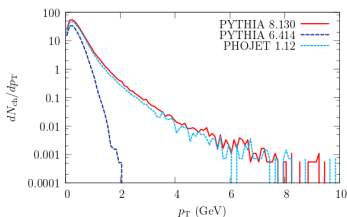
- Represent  $M_X$  as longitudinal string
- Quark = 1 string, gluon = 2 strings
- Probability to kick out a gluon or quark from proton:  $\frac{P(q)}{P(g)} = \frac{N}{MP}$
- No ISR, FSR, MPI
- Fragment with Lund String fragmentation model

High mass region:

$$M_X > 10 \text{ GeV.}$$

- Based on Ingelman-Schlein approach
- Set up  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}$  system
- MPI machinery decide interactions
- Includes interleaved MPI, ISR, FSR evolution in  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}$  system
- Now includes 7 models for Pomeron flux and 5 for Pomeron PDF

## Soft diffraction



MPI gives a smooth merging of hard jets and soft events.

Gap always survives, as MPI not allowed in hadron-hadron system.

[S. Navin: [arXiv:1005.3894\[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1005.3894)]

MPI activity in SD tuned to give approximately same amount as in ND:

$$\langle n_{\text{MPI}} \rangle (\text{ND}) \sim \frac{\sigma_{\text{pp}}^{\text{hard}}}{\sigma_{\text{ND}}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\langle n_{\text{MPI}} \rangle (\text{SD}) \sim \frac{\sigma_{\text{pp}}^{\text{hard}} (\text{No gap survival})}{\sigma_{\text{pp}} (\text{No gap survival})} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{pp}}^{\text{hard}}}{\sigma_{\text{pp}}^{\text{eff}}}$$

with  $\sigma_{\text{pp}}^{\text{eff}} = 10 \text{ mb}$ , tunable.

## Hard diffraction

**Objective:** Allow for truly hard diffractive processes, e.g. high- $p_{\perp}$  QCD, electroweak etc.

**Question:** Given a hard scattering, what is the probability for this to have been created in a diffractive process?

**Available:** Parton id,  $x$  and  $Q^2$ .

**Method:** Evaluate the diffractive PDF and use dynamical gap survival.

**Assumption 1:** The hadronic PDFs can be split into nondiffractive and diffractive,

$$f_i(x, Q^2) = f_i^{\text{ND}}(x, Q^2) + f_i^{\text{D}}(x, Q^2)$$

**Assumption 2:** The diffractive PDF factorises,

$$f_i^{\text{D}}(x, Q^2) = \int_x^1 \frac{dx_{\mathbb{P}}}{x_{\mathbb{P}}} \int_{t_{\min}}^{t_{\max}} dt f_{\mathbb{P}/p}(x_{\mathbb{P}}, t) f_{i/\mathbb{P}}(x/x_{\mathbb{P}}, Q^2)$$

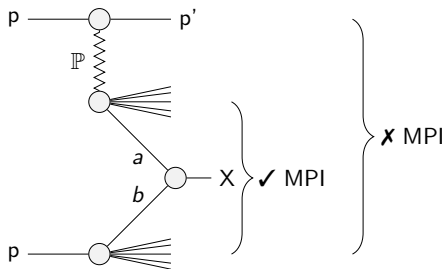
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The probabilities for either sides to be diffractive are

$$\mathcal{P}_B = f_i^D(x_a, Q^2)/f_i(x_a, Q^2)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_A = f_i^D(x_b, Q^2)/f_i(x_b, Q^2)$$

Dynamical gap survival:



SD  $ab \rightarrow X$  process with beam remnants from both proton and Pomeron.



# Hard diffraction

Dynamical gap survival introduces additional suppression.

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PYTHIA 8 too suppressed.

Fractions are sensitive to variations of model parameters:

ℙ PDF and flux, free parameters of MPI model.

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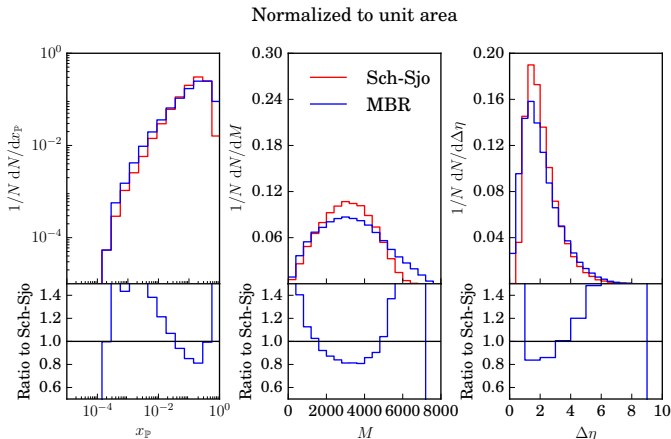
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Will affect the rapidity gap survival rate, the charged particle spectrum and the underlying event.

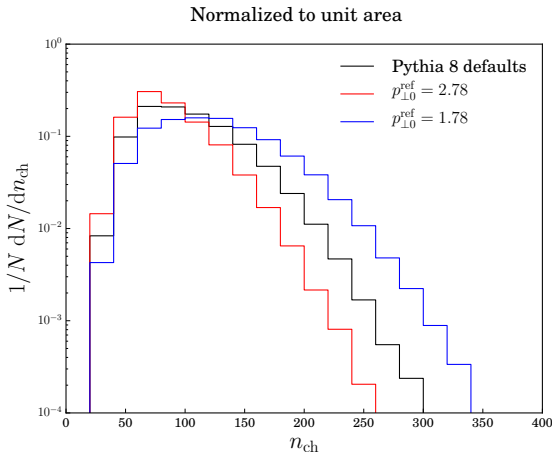
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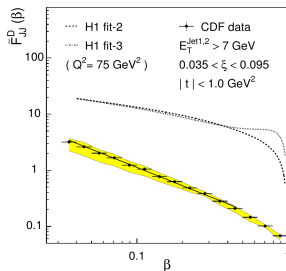
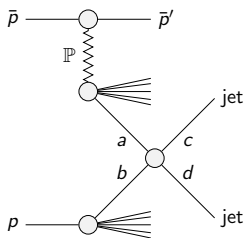
Changing the  $p_{\perp 0}^{\text{ref}}$  increases the diffractive fraction, as a higher value gives less MPIs.

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PYTHIA 8 CDF cuts $p_{\perp 0}^{\text{ref}} = 2.78$	( $0.61 \pm 0.02$ ) %	( $0.48 \pm 0.01$ ) %

# Diffractive dijet production at the Tevatron.

SD dijets:  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow X\bar{p}, [X \rightarrow X' + jet + jet]$

$$E_T^{jet} > 7 \text{ GeV}, |\eta|^{jet} < 4.2$$



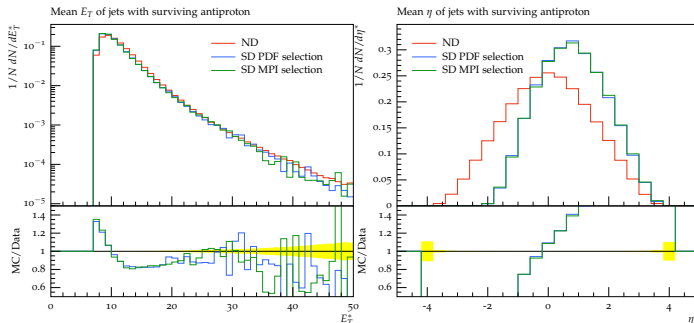
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HERA parametrisations does not describe CDF data



# Preliminary results

## Kinematical distributions of SD jets



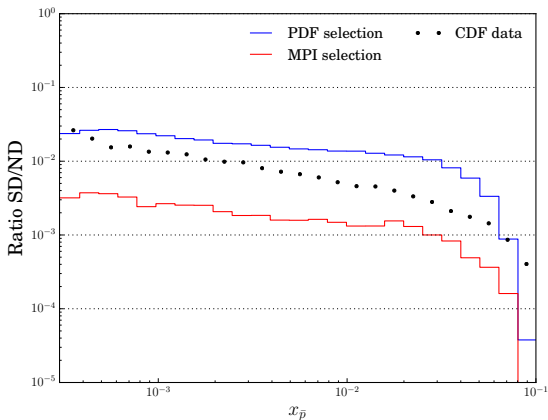
$E_T^*$  not steep enough

Notation:

Setup  $\mathbb{P}_p$  system after probabilistic criterion = PDF selection

Setup  $\mathbb{P}_p$  system after MPI criterion = MPI selection

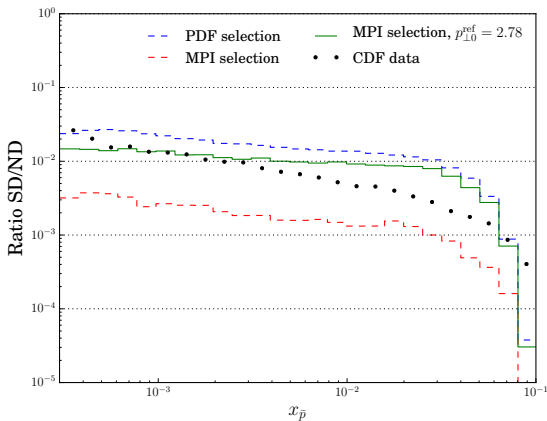
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[[Phys.Rev.D86.\(2012\) 032009](#)]

PYTHIA 8 not as steep as data.

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Tweaking  $p_{\perp 0}^{\text{ref}}$  helps, but still too flat

# Conclusion and outlook

- We have developed a new model for hard diffraction with dynamical gap survival
- Model is implemented in PYTHIA 8, publicly available
- Some kinematical distributions disagree with CDF data - we obtain too hard events
- Tuning MPI parameters could improve distributions
- Development of new Pomeron flux (and PDF?)
- Retuning of the soft diffractive machinery