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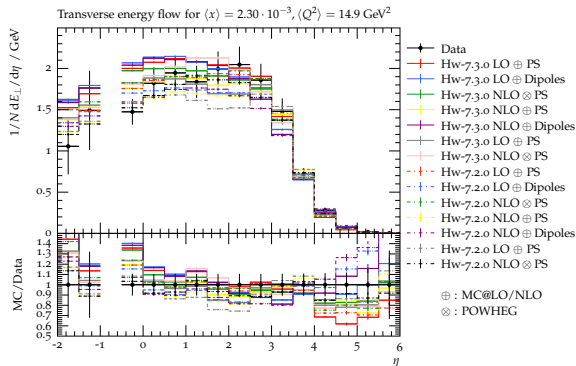
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Herwig 7 Overview

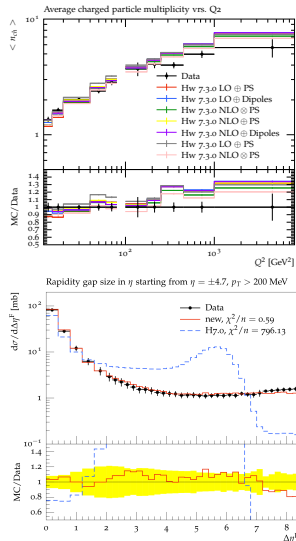


- LO and NLO ME, internally or through Matchbox
- MC@NLO and POWHEG Matchings
- QTilde and Dipole shower modules
- QCD jet-merging with Dipole
- QCD jet-merging with QTilde through FxFX plus EW matching (work in progress)
- Cluster and String hadronisation models
- Applications in DIS, photo-production and heavy ion collisions

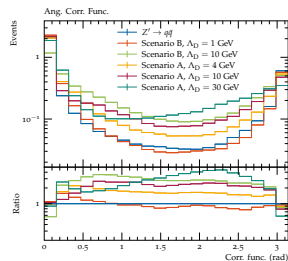
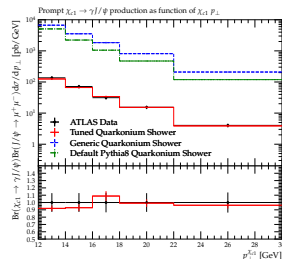


DIS, Photoproduction and Diffraction in Herwig 7

- Key focus on the precision of DIS measurements
 - [D'Errico1, Richardson, '12]
 - LO neutral- and charged-current DIS process
 - Jet Merging in DIS with Matchbox
 - NLO DIS will be addressed
- Photoproduction [Helenius, Meininger, Plätzer, Richardson, '24]
 - Direct and resolved photoproduction (limited)
 - Diffractive photoproduction needs to be developed
 - Photoproduction with Matchbox needs to be developed
 - Challenges with NLO ME, MPI and photon PDFs
- Diffractive jets in Herwig [Gieseke, Loshaj, Kirchgaerber, '17]
 - Both diffractive jets and soft diffractive events via DIS
 - Based on cluster model and soft MPI
 - Tuned with minimum-bias measurements
- Improvements needed for accurate simulation
 - Modelling hadronization and parton showers
 - Incorporating higher-order corrections
 - Addressing soft QCD and EW effects
- Key parameters and tuning for specific EIC applications



- The current version (Herwig-7.3.0):
 - EW shower
 - HQET in hadronisation and decay
 - Dot-preserving scheme for PS evolution scale
 - Dynamic approach to cluster splitting
 - Globally tuned with a new strategy
- The new version (Herwig-7.4) is being finalised:
 - Generalized angular-ordered PS; BSM parton showers
 - Quarkonium production in AO shower
 - Coherence general tune
 - Implementation of the HV Model; Dark parton showers
 - New dynamic cluster hadronisation approach
 - New colour-reconnection for baryonic sector
- Future developments (Herwig-7.5):
 - ◊ Implementation of a NLL Dipole shower
 - ◊ Improved coherence evolution for AO parton shower
 - ◊ Improved photoproduction in Herwig 7
 - ◊ Automated BSM UFO ME Integration in Matchbox
 - ◊ Further improvements in Hadronisation



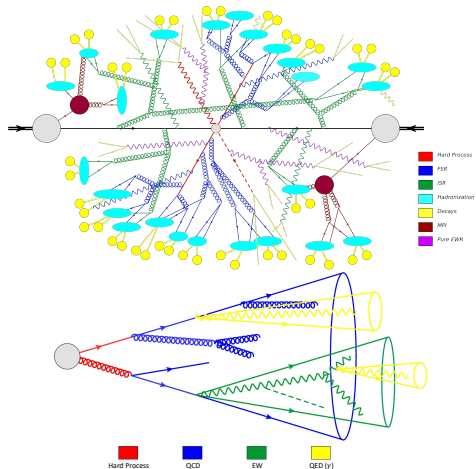
Angular-Ordered Parton Shower

Pros:

- Respects QCD coherence via angular ordering.
- Soft gluon emissions are properly resummed.
- Built-in LL+NLL accuracy.
- EW interactions can be interleaved with QCD.
- Control over colour flow and spin correlations.
- Naturally suppresses wide-angle emissions (empty dead zone).
- Matching with MC@NLO and POWHEG.
- Modularity and intuitive UI.

Cons:

- More complex kinematics reconstruction.
- Interfacing with dipole-based ME corrections.
- Handling NNLL effects is non-trivial.



Many recent developments in the AO PS of Herwig 7.

EW Parton Shower

Motivation:

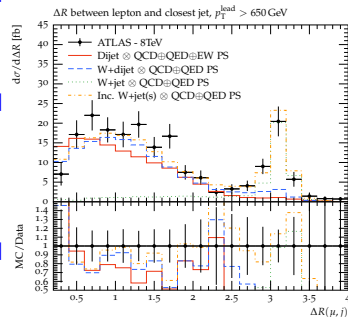
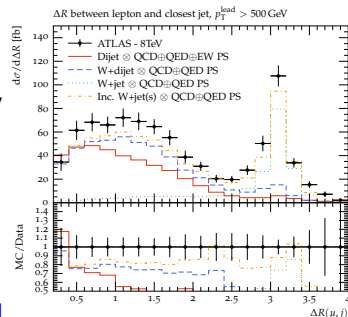
- At TeV scales, EW corrections can become large as Sudakov logarithms $\sim \alpha \log^2(Q^2/M_W^2)$.
- Precise predictions for HE-LHC and FCC require consistent inclusion of EW radiation in event generators.

EW PS in Herwig 7:

- Fully automated **EW shower** for ISR/FSR: emission of $W^\pm/Z^0/\gamma/H$ bosons. [AM, Richardson, '22]
- Incorporates **spin correlations** and helicity structure.
- Coherent with QCD shower and preserves AO. [AM, Seymour, Sule, to appear soon]

Impact:

- BSM searches and precision observables.
- Realistic simulation of weak boson emissions, EW jets, and boosted topologies. [Darvishi, AM, '22]



BSM Parton Shower

Motivation:

- Realistic event generation requires consistent parton-shower evolution for non-SM radiation patterns.

Generalised PS in Herwig 7: [Lee, AM, Seymour, Yang, '23]

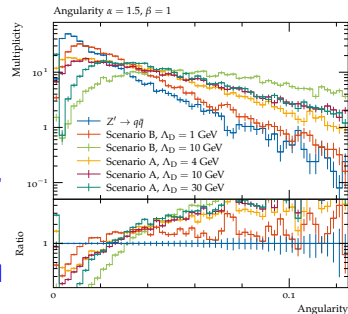
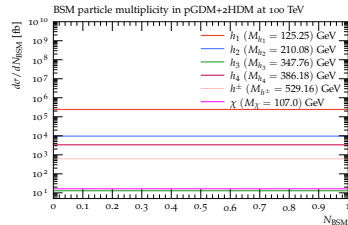
- Imports BSM sector directly from the UFO.
- CP-odd/event couplings and FCNC splittings.
- Intuitive UI, compatible with the existing UFO libraries.

Impact:

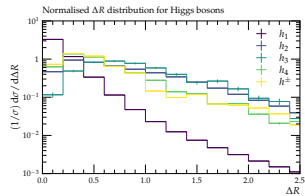
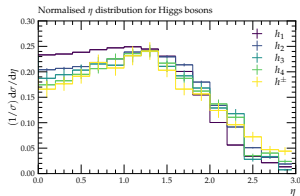
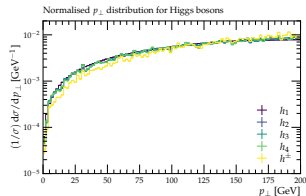
- Allows for the study of BSM sectors, less accessible though explicit production scenarios.

[Buckley, Cazzaniga, De Cosa, Huang, Kar, Kulkarni, AM, Plätzer, Sinha, Stafford, in progress]

- Accurate simulation of exotic sectors and BSM signatures. [Darvishi, AM, Seymour, Sule, in progress]

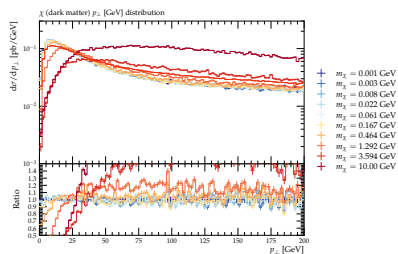
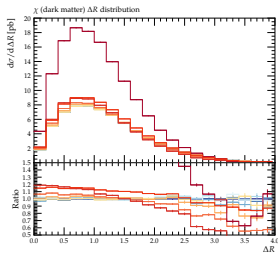
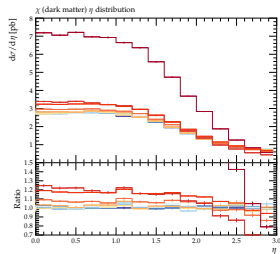


BSM Parton Shower Phenomenology



Normalised signature of 2HDM+CS Higgs sector

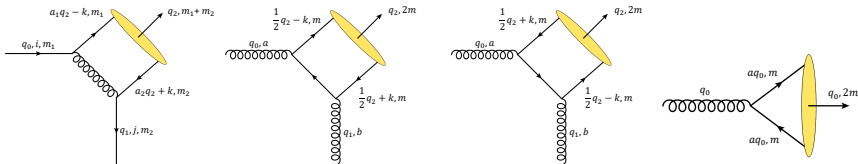
[Darvishi, Grzadkowski, '22]



DM signature for different DM masses

[Darvishi, AM, Seymour, Sule, in progress]

Quarkonium Parton Shower



Motivation:

- Heavy quarkonia (J/ψ , Υ , B_c , χ_Q) are key probes of QCD and hadronisation.
- Their production spans non-trivial scales: hard scattering, parton shower, and non-perturbative bound-state formation.
- NRQCD factorisation predicts **colour-singlet** (CS) and **colour-octet** (CO) mechanisms.

Why a dedicated PS?

[AM, Richardson, to appear soon]

- Standard showers treat quarkonia as point-like particles.
- Quarkonium-specific emissions (1P_1 , 3P_J , 1D_2 , ...) require matrix-element level control.
- Octet transitions must be modelled as $g \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{(8)}$, respecting NRQCD long-distance dynamics.

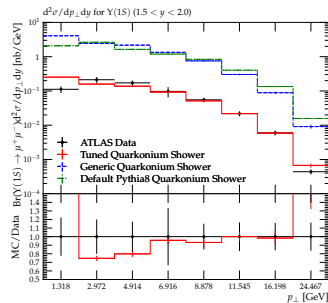
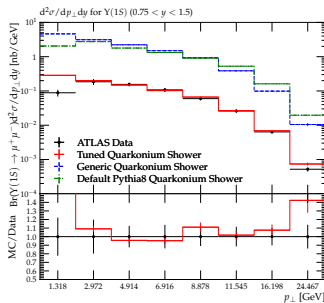
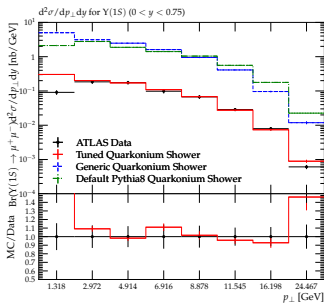
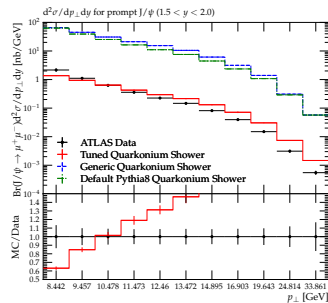
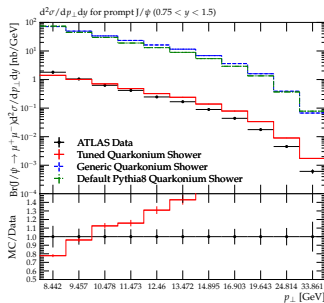
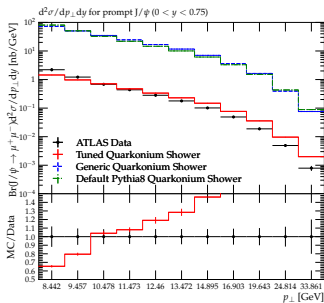
Relevance:

- Accurate p_T spectra, polarisation predictions, and feed-down chains.
- Essential for heavy-flavour jets, exotic decay chains, and BSM signatures involving quarkonia.

Shower Implementation

30 quarkonium splitting classes:

- 5 CS $g \rightarrow g\mathcal{O}$ classes (1S_0 , 3S_1 and $^3P_{0,1,2}$)
GtoG1S0SplitFn, GtoG3S1SplitFn, GtoG3P0SplitFn, GtoG3P1SplitFn,
GtoG3P2SplitFn
- 8 generic CS $q \rightarrow q'\mathcal{O}$ classes (1S_0 , 3S_1 , $^3P_{0,1,2}$ and $^3D_{1,2,3}$)
QtoQP1S0SplitFn, QtoQP3S1SplitFn, QtoQP3P0SplitFn, QtoQP3P1SplitFn,
QtoQP3P2SplitFn, QtoQP3D1SplitFn, QtoQP3D2SplitFn, QtoQP3D3SplitFn,
- 10 same-flavour CS $q \rightarrow q\mathcal{O}$ classes (1S_0 , 1P_1 , 2D_1 , 3S_1 , $^3P_{0,1,2}$, and $^3D_{1,2,3}$)
QtoQ1S0SplitFn, QtoQ1P1SplitFn, QtoQ3S1SplitFn, QtoQ3P0SplitFn,
QtoQ3P1SplitFn, QtoQ3P2SplitFn, QtoQ1D2SplitFn, QtoQ3D1SplitFn,
QtoQ3D2SplitFn, QtoQ3D3SplitFn
- 3 diquark splitting classes (1S_0 : $q \rightarrow \bar{q} + (qq)_1$, $q \rightarrow \bar{q}' + (qq')_0$ and $q \rightarrow \bar{q}' + (qq')_1$)
QtoQPBarQQP0SplitFn, QtoQPBarQQ1SplitFn, QtoQPBarQQP1SplitFn
- 4 CO $g \rightarrow (\bar{q}q)$ splitting classes (3S_1 and $^3P_{0,1,2}$)
Gto3S1OctetSplitFn, Gto3P0OctetSplitFn, Gto3P1OctetSplitFn,
Gto3P2OctetSplitFn



Prompt production of J/ψ and Υ states.

[AM, Richardson, to appear soon]

Angular-Ordered Dark Showers in Herwig 7

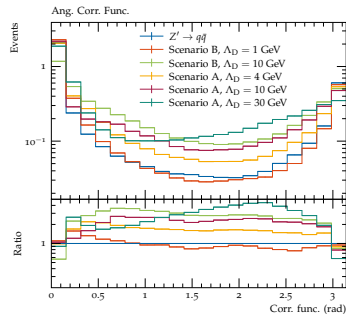
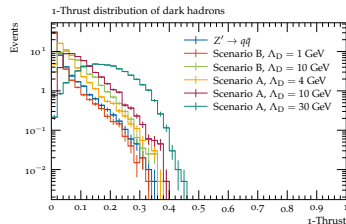
- Hidden Valley models predict dark showers with distinct jet-like signatures.
- First implementation of dark-sector showers using the angular-ordered approach.
- Handles an $SU(N_C)$ dark sectors with $2 \leq N_f \leq 9$.
- Flexible dark cluster hadronisation.

Phenomenology:

- Benchmarks with $1 \leq \Lambda_D \leq 30$ GeV.
- Variables: **thrust**, **angularities**, **energy correlations** → probe dark radiation patterns.
- Demonstrated sensitivity to hadronisation and shower parameter variations.

Impact:

- Provides an independent cross-check of dark shower phenomenology.
- Lays groundwork for systematic uncertainty assessment in dark sector searches.



[Kulkarni, AM, Plätzer, Stafford, '24]

A New Cluster Hadronisation Model

- Traditional cluster models rely on ad-hoc kinematic choices; correlations are poorly described.
- Infrared colour evolution motivates viewing **cluster fission as a continuation of perturbative dynamics**. [Plätzer '22]

New Cluster Model Developments:

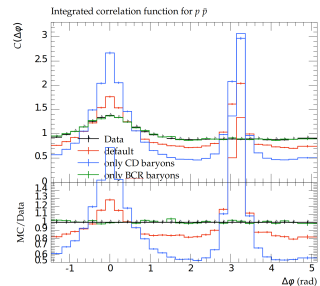
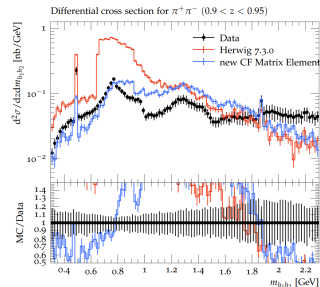
- Re-interprets cluster fission as a *partonic* $2 \rightarrow 4$ process with factorised kinematics.
- ME-inspired sampling for cluster masses and decay angles.
- Clear separation between perturbative cluster fission (CF) and non-perturbative cluster decay (CD).

Phenomenology:

- Baryon–antibaryon angular correlations and di-hadron mass spectra match LEP and Belle data.
- New decay kinematics improves description of p_T in/out distributions and angularities.

Impact:

- Better theoretical control of hadronisation uncertainties.
- Basis for future dynamic Colour Reconnection models.



[Kiebach, Gieseke, Plätzer, '24]

Summary

- Significant extensions of the **angular-ordered parton shower framework**:
 - BSM and dark-sector radiation patterns.
 - Quarkonium parton shower.
 - Improved coherence and colour structure.
- First implementation of **dark showers and hadronisation** in an angular-ordered framework.
- New **cluster hadronisation model**: physically motivated fission and improved baryon correlations.
- Ongoing validation and tuning for precision phenomenology.
- These upgrades extend Herwig's reach across BSM, dark sector, and QCD phenomenology.
- All developments presented here will be available in the public release of Herwig-7.4.0, **hopefully very soon**.
- Dedicated improvements for DIS and photoproduction processes are planned for Herwig-7.5.0.

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