The Sherpa Monte Carlo for BSM physics

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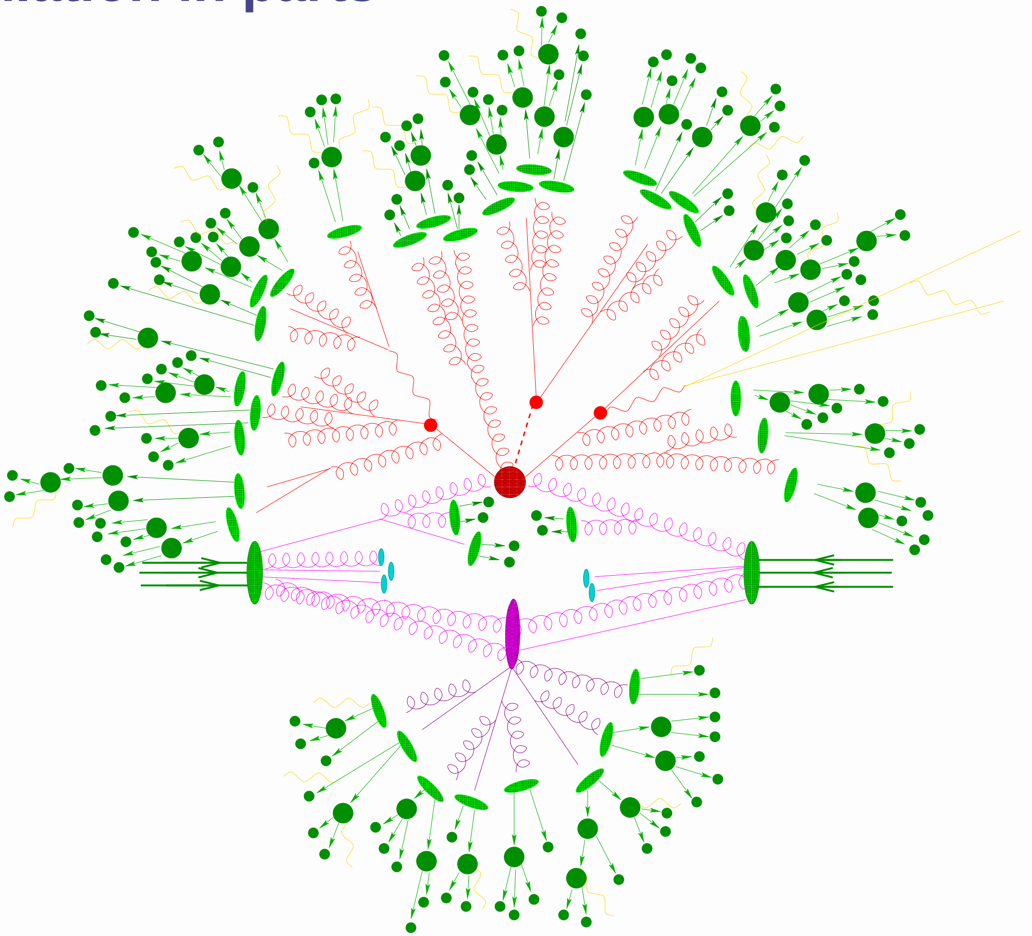
- realistic simulation of (B)SM signals & backgrounds
- include showering, hadronisation and underlying event
- hard processes described by multi-leg matrix elements

Monte Carlo Event Generators

Monte Carlo paradigm: Split the simulation in parts

- **Signal/Background process**
  exact matrix elements
- **QCD bremsstrahlung**
  parton showers in the initial and final state
- **Multiple Interactions**
  beyond factorization: modeling
- **Hadronisation**
  non perturbative QCD: modeling
- **Hadron Decays**
  phase space or effective theories



➔ **yields fully exclusive final states of stable hadrons that can directly be compared to experimental data**

Sherpa

Monte Carlo Event Generators & BSM physics

issues to be handled

- matrix elements for production processes
  - provide a variety of models, easy to modify/extend
  - provide non-trivial production channels [e.g. associated prod. or VBF]
- proper treatment of unstable particles
  - include spin correlations, off-shell effects & quantum interferences
- parton showering off new coloured objects
- maybe hadronisation of new quasi-stable states

state of the art for matrix element calculations

➔ **automatic tree-level matrix element generators**

- e.g. MadGraph, O'Mega/Whizard, Amegic++ $\Rightarrow$ **built into Sherpa**
- deliver helicity amplitudes for multi-leg amplitudes
- suitable phase space integrators for parton level events

Sherpa's matrix element generator: Amegic++

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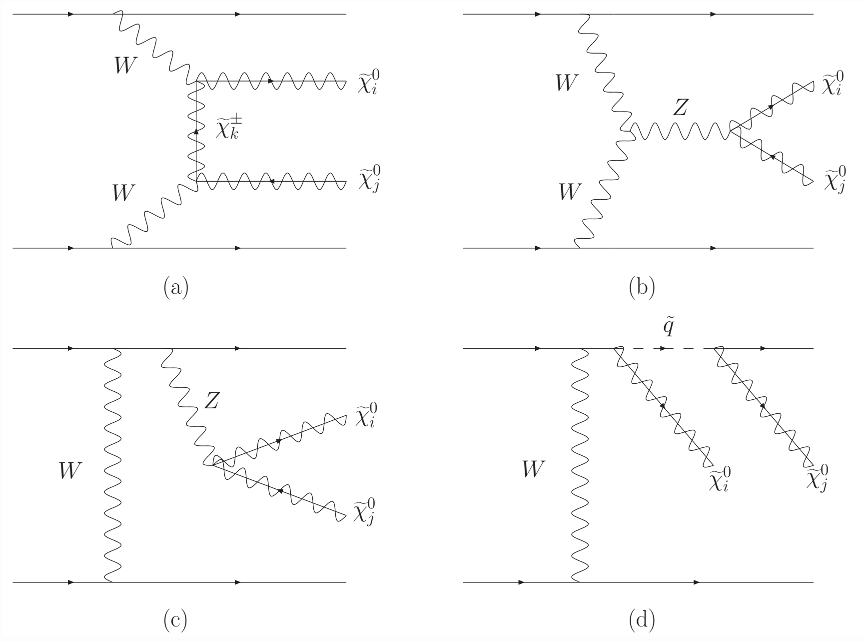

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  - ➔ diagrams are then represented through trees of connected vertices
- algebraic evaluation of colour structures
- Lorentz structures are mapped onto helicity amplitude building blocks
- phase space mappings are constructed and stored together with amplitudes in library files

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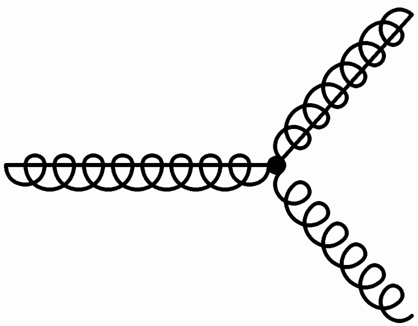
example: the gluino–gluino–gluon interaction



$$-g_3 f_{ABC}\gamma^\mu$$

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// flavours
vertex[vanz].in[0]   = gluino;                     // incoming gluino
vertex[vanz].in[1]   = gluon;                      // outgoing gluon
vertex[vanz].in[2]   = gluino;                     // outgoing gluino
// coupling
Kabbala kcpl = -g3;
vertex[vanz].cpl[0]  = kcpl.Value();               // right coupling
vertex[vanz].cpl[1]  = kcpl.Value();               // left coupling
vertex[vanz].Str     = kcpl.String();
// colour structure
vertex[vanz].ncf     = 1;
vertex[vanz].Color   = new Color_Function(cf::F,0,1,2,'0','1','2');
// Lorentz structure
vertex[vanz].nlf     = 1;
vertex[vanz].Lorentz = new Lorentz_Function(lf::Gamma); // Lorentz structure
vertex[vanz].Lorentz->SetParticleArg(1);
```

➔ central administration of model parameters for entire simulation

The MSSM implementation in Amegic++

implementation issues

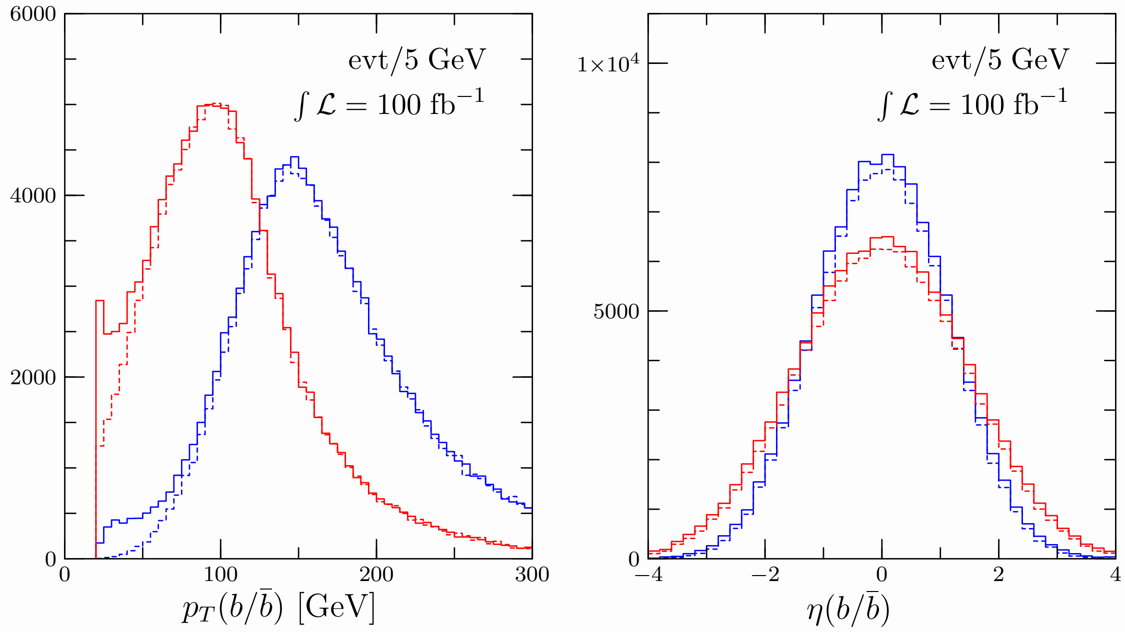
- consider R-parity conserving MSSM
- implemented Feynman rules according to J. Rosiek Phys. Rev. D **41** (1990) 3464
  - sfermion mixing NOT restricted to third generation only
  - ino mixing param's taken to be real [negative ino masses in matrix elements]
- Majorana fermions treated according to Denner et al Nucl. Phys. B **387** (1992) 467
- spectra & parameters read from SLHA input files (so the LO widths)

validation

- compared $\mathcal{O}(500)$ xsec's with MadGraph/MadEvent & O'Mega/Whizard
- unitarity tests for $VV \rightarrow$ SUSY
  - published in K. Hagiwara et al., Phys. Rev. D **73** (2006) 055005
  - `www.sherpa-mc.de/susy_comparison/susy_comparison.html`

test validity of approximations [K. Hagiwara et al., Phys. Rev. D **73** (2006) 055005]

- consider $\tilde{b}_1$ pair production and the decay $\tilde{b}_1 \to b\tilde{\chi}_1^0$
  ($m_{\tilde{b}_1} = 295.3$ GeV, $\Gamma_{\tilde{b}_1} = 0.53$ GeV, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 46.8$ GeV)
- compare Breit-Wigner approximation $gg \to \tilde{b}_1\tilde{b}_1^* \to b\bar{b}\tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ (dashed)
  with the full set of diagrams for $gg \to b\bar{b}\tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ (solid)



- off-shell effects sizable in the low $p_{T,b}$ region $\to$ can be cut out here

Other models in Amegic++

ADD model of large extra dimensions

[Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Dvali, Phys. Lett. B **429** (1998) 263]

- incorporated all 3- and 4-point interactions of SM particles and gravitons
- allows for both virtual and real graviton production
- generic implementation of helicity formalism for spin-2 particles

  $\rightsquigarrow$ T. Gleisberg, F. Krauss, K. T. Matchev, A. Schälicke, S. S., G. Soff, JHEP **0309** (2003) 001

anomalous electroweak gauge couplings

- triple- & quadruple interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_{WWV}/g_{WWV} = ig_1^V(W^\dagger_{\mu\nu}W^\mu V^\nu - W^\dagger_\mu V_\nu W^{\mu\nu}) + i\kappa_V W^\dagger_\mu V_\nu W^{\mu\nu}$$
$$+\frac{i\lambda_V}{m_W^2}W^\dagger_{\lambda\mu}W^\mu_\nu V^{\nu\lambda} - g_4^V W^\dagger_\mu W_\nu(\partial^\mu V^\nu + \partial^\nu V^\mu)$$

upcoming release $\Rightarrow$ $$+g_5^V\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(W^\dagger_\mu \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\rho W_\nu)V_\sigma + \frac{i\tilde\kappa_V}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}W^\dagger_\mu W_\nu V_{\rho\sigma} + \frac{i\tilde\lambda_V}{2m_W^2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}W^\dagger_{\mu\lambda}W^\lambda_\nu V_{\rho\sigma}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = \alpha_4 e^4\left(\frac{1}{2}W^\dagger_\mu W^{\dagger\mu}W_\nu W^\nu + \frac{1}{2}(W^\dagger_\mu W^\mu)^2 + \frac{1}{c_W^2}W^\dagger_\mu Z^\mu W_\nu Z^\nu + \frac{1}{4c_W^4}(Z_\mu Z^\mu)^2\right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = \alpha_5\left((W^\dagger_\mu W^\mu)^2 + \frac{1}{c_W^2}W^\dagger_\mu W^\mu Z_\nu Z^\nu + \frac{1}{4c_W^4}(Z^\mu Z^\mu)^2\right)$$

RS1 simulation with Sherpa

production of Kaluza-Klein gluons at LHC

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- SM gauge and fermion fields propagating in the bulk
- different profiles for SM fermions, to meet EWPT KK scale $\simeq$ a few TeV

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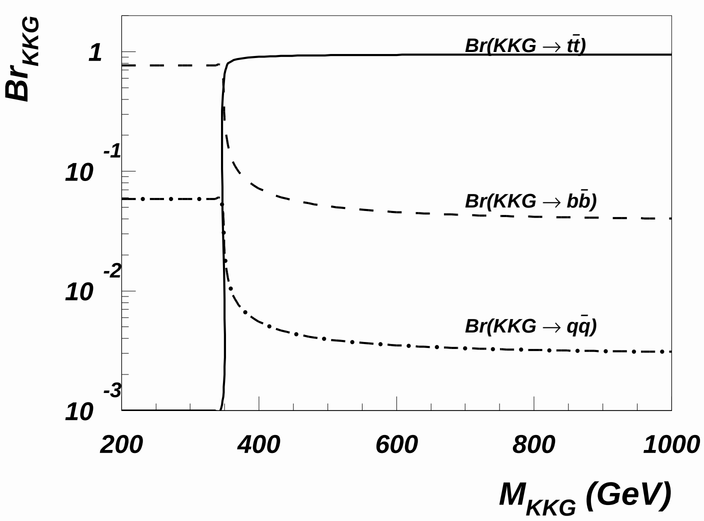

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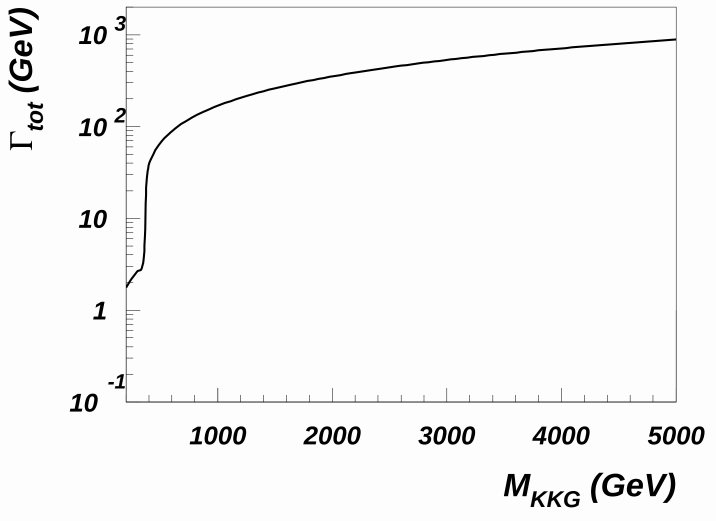
- states broad and tops highly boosted
- need modified reconstruction methods



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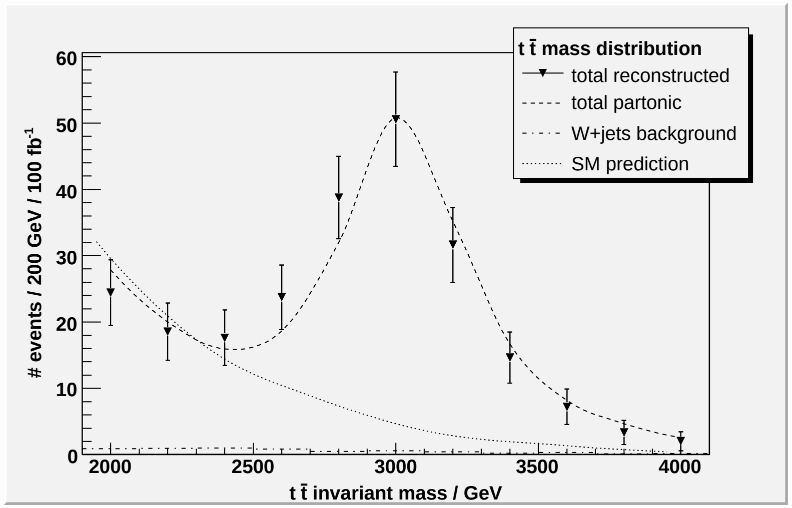

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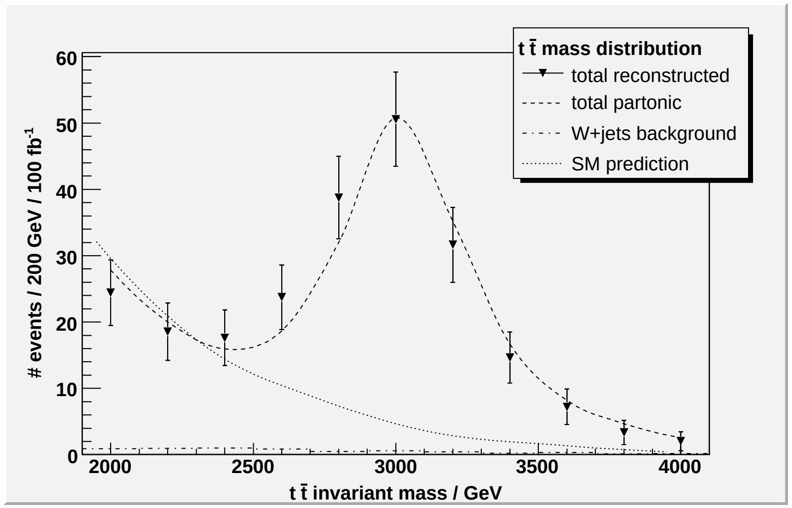
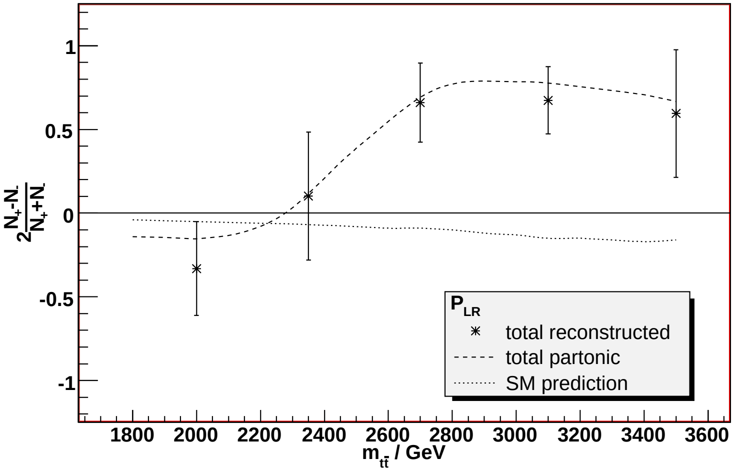


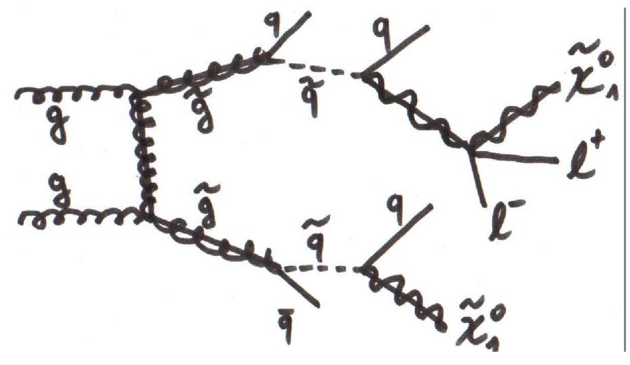
- observable lepton asymmetry due to dominant t_R production
  - requires correlated decays of the tops
  - included electroweak production for SM



⇒ **Strong need for sophisticated signal MC**

Simulation of SM backgrounds

example: SUSY cascade decays



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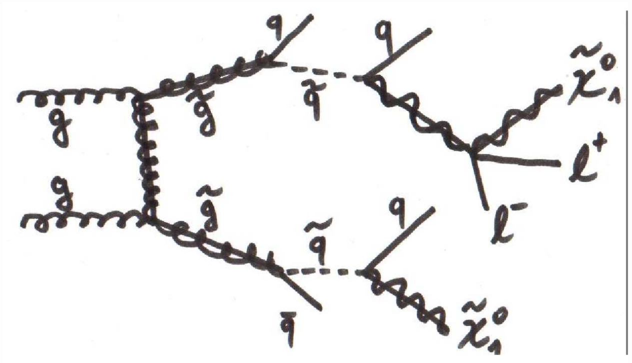

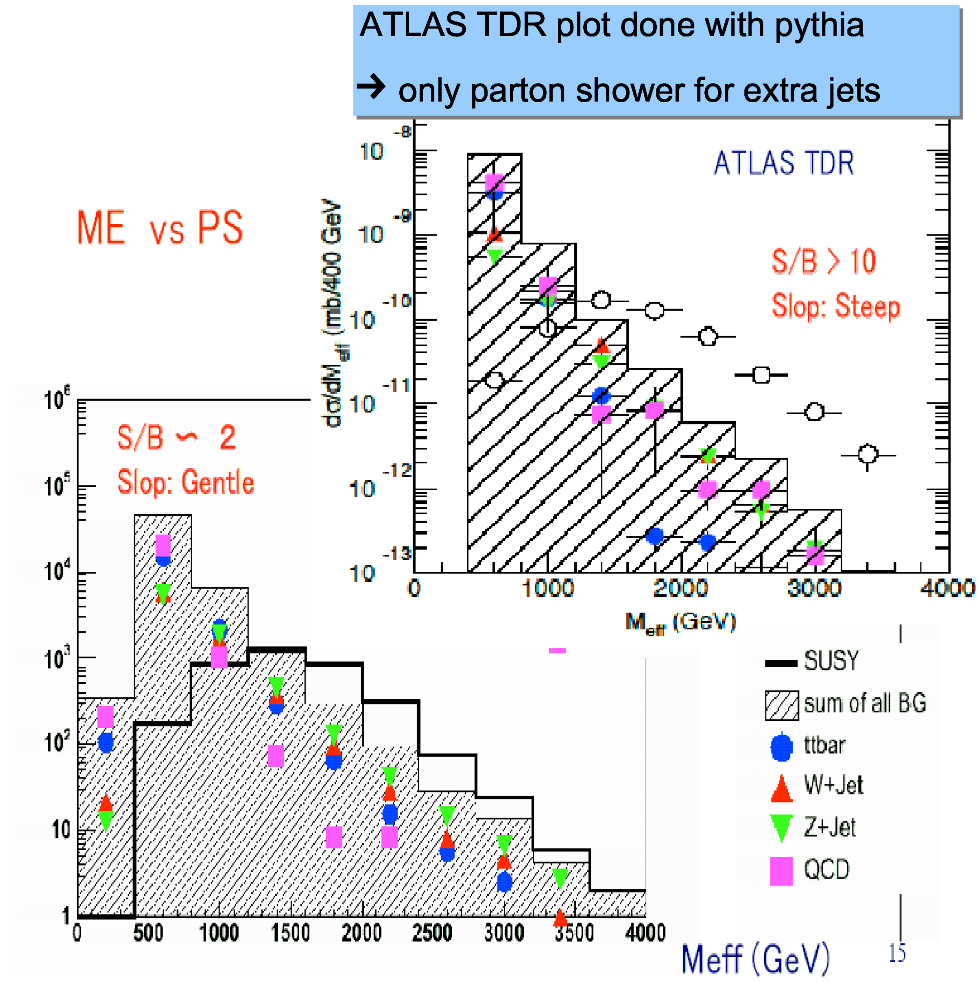

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currently best available background description from multi-jet matrix elements merged with partons showers: Sherpa uses CKKW approach

Simulation of SM backgrounds

e^+e^-+jets @ Tevatron RunII (DØ Note 5066): jet-multiplicities

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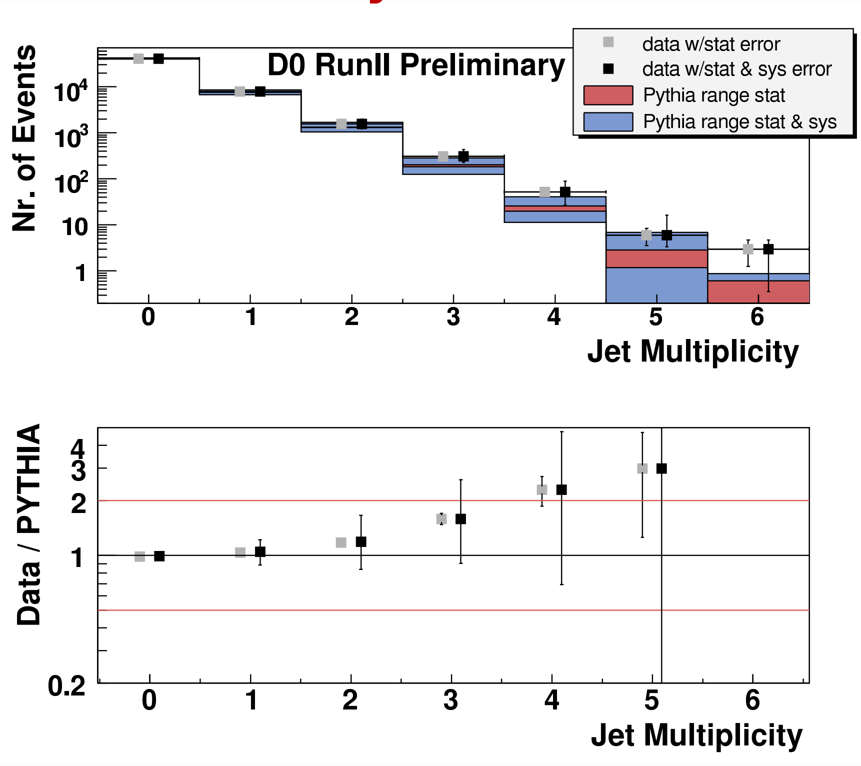

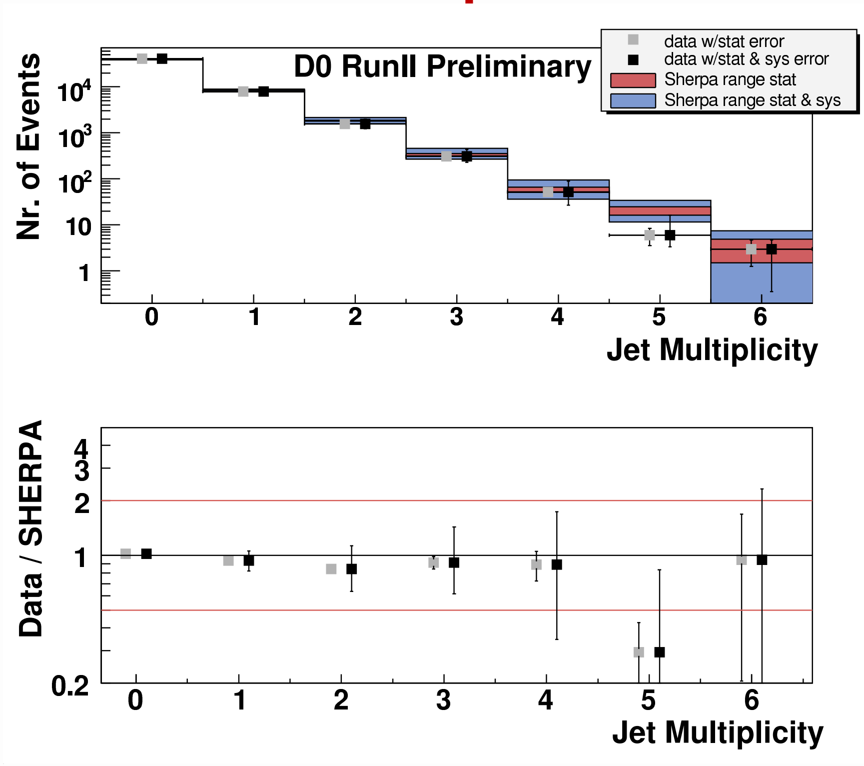

- inclusive samples normalised to total number of measured events

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e^+e^-+jets @ Tevatron RunII (DØ Note 5066): $p_\perp$ of the third jet

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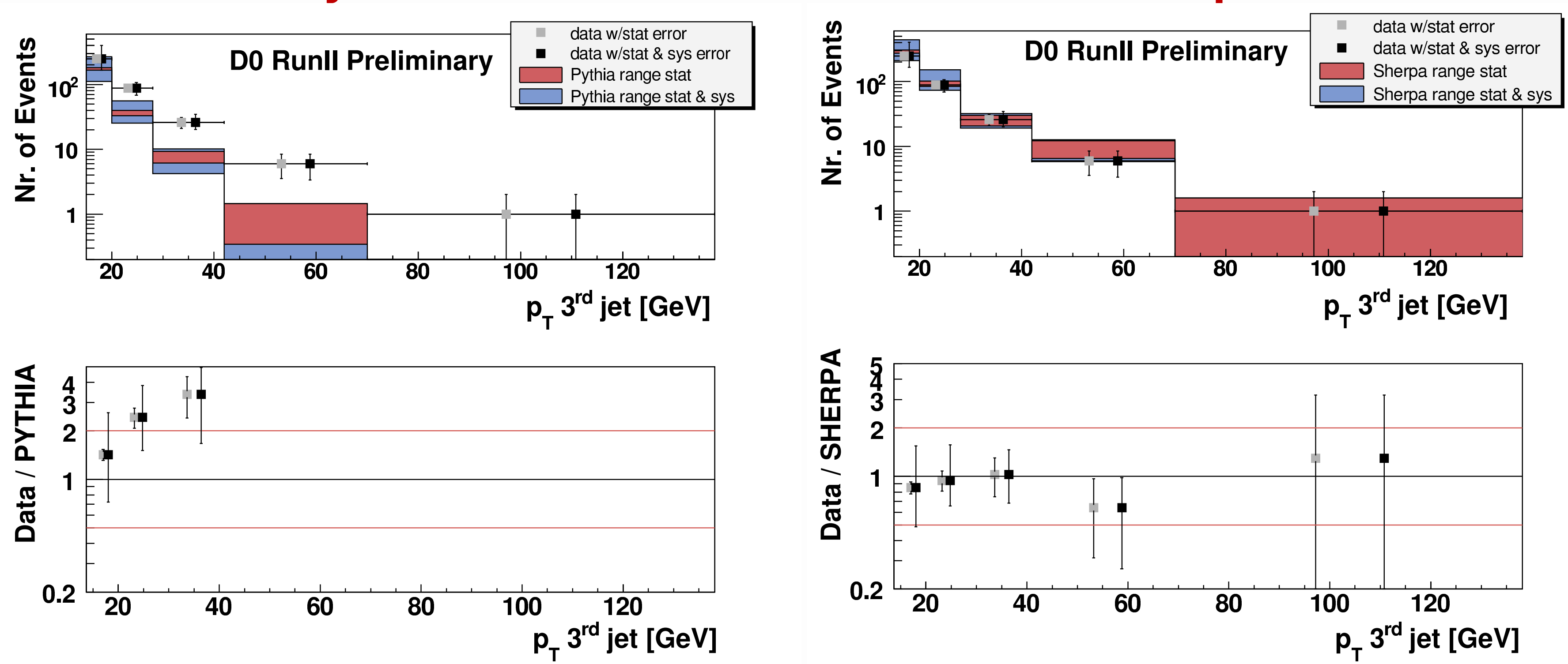

- Sherpa relying on CKKW method yields good description of extra hard jets

Summary/Outlook

current status

- well tested implementations of MSSM, ADD, AGC
- sophisticated simulation of SM and BSM processes
- Sherpa is integrated in the ATLAS, CMS & LHCb software

future plans

- extension of the CKKW method to BSM production processes
- allow for particle decays without specifying the final state

  [similar to our τ-decay package]
- new BSM scenarios: RS1 model, $\not{R}$-SUSY, gravitinos

sources, documentation, manual

- main reference T. Gleisberg et al. JHEP **0402** (2004) 056
- Sherpa can be downloaded from `www.sherpa-mc.de`
- the current release is Sherpa-1.0.11
- in the docu section there is a tutorial on implementing a new model