# Minimum Bias and Underlying Event Measurements with ATLAS

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Multiple Partonic Interactions (MPI)

### The LHC













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### Collision event at 7 TeV



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#### Phenomenological models need to be tuned to data

- Non-perturbative effects difficult to separate experimentally
- Must still preserve description of hard processes
- Difficult to describe MB + UE with same parameters

### ATLAS soft-QCD measurements

- Charged-particle multiplicities, New J Phys 13 (2011) 053033
- Two-particle angular correlations, ATL-CONF-2011-055
- **NEW!** Azimuthal ordering of charged hadrons, not yet available
- **NEW!** Strange particle production, arXiv:1111.1297 [hep-ex]
- Underlying event with charged particles, Phys. Rev. D 83, 112001
- Underlying event with charged and neutral particles, EPJC 71 (2011) 1636
- \*\* Rapidity gap cross sections, ATL-CONF-2011-059
- \*\* Inelastic pp cross-section, Nature Comm. 2 (2011) 463

More can be found here:

https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/StandardModelPublicResults#Soft\_QCD

\*\* see talk by P. Newman, Wed. at 11 AM

### **Measurement commandments**



### CHARGED-PARTICLE MULTIPLICITIES

• New J Phys 13 (2011) 053033

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### Minimum bias at the LHC

$$\sigma_{_{\text{TOT}}} = \sigma_{_{\text{ELAS}}} + \sigma_{_{\text{SD}}} + \sigma_{_{\text{DD}}} + \sigma_{_{\text{ND}}} + \sigma_{_{\text{CD}}}$$



- "Minimum bias": experimentally defined to select events with the minimum possible requirements that ensure an inelastic collision occurred
- Exact definition depends on experiment (and analysis)

### "Minimum bias" at ATLAS

- Select 'minimum bias' events:  $\geq$  1 hit(s) anywhere in the MBTS
  - MBTS: 2.09 < |η| < 3.84
  - Consists of ND, SD and DD events
    - Relative contributions depend on event and track selection criteria
    - Predictions of relative fractions have large uncertainty
- Charged particles are measured from tracks reconstructed in the ID
  - Measure kinematics: multiplicity ( $n_{ch}$ ),  $p_{T}$  and  $\eta$  spectra,  $< p_{T} >$
  - Measure properties in various phase spaces

	Most inclusive		Diffraction suppressed		High pT	ALICE/CMS Comparison	
n <sub>ch</sub> ≥	2	1	20	6	1	1	1
р <sub>т</sub> [MeV] >	100	500	100	500	2500	500	1000
η  <	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.8	0.8

Used for AMBT2b Pythia tune

Used for AMBT1 Pythia tune

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### Charged particle multiplicity vs. η

All models underestimate pseudorapidity density, both in inclusive and diffraction-suppressed samples



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### Charged particle multiplicity

Excess of models over data at low n<sub>ch</sub>

Highly influenced by modeling of diffractive events



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### Charged particle multiplicity vs. p<sub>+</sub>

Simulation predicts significantly harder spectrum for  $p_{\tau} > 3 \text{ GeV}$ 

Data lower than predicted



### Pseudorapidity density vs. $\sqrt{s}$

- Charged particle distributions measured in various phase spaces and CM energies
  - Study energy dependence of particle production
  - Compare  $1/N_{ev} dN_{ch}/d\eta$  at  $\eta=0$  as a function of  $\sqrt{s}$
- Pythia 6 AMBT1 tune gives good description of energy dependence for phase spaces without low-pT region
- See talk by D. Kar at 3:40 pm for latest results from tuning



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#### Charged-particle multiplicities

### TWO-PARTICLE ANGULAR CORRELATIONS

• ATL-CONF-2011-055

Azimuthal ordering of charged hadrons

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### **Two-particle correlations**

- Sensitive to underlying mechanisms for soft particle production
  - Correlations between final states can indicate a common origin of production
  - Gives indication about multi-particle dynamics in HI
- Two-particle angular correlation function:

$$R(\Delta\eta,\Delta\phi) = \frac{\langle (N_{ch}-1)F(N_{ch},\Delta\eta,\Delta\phi)\rangle_{ch}}{B(\Delta\eta,\Delta\phi)} - \langle N_{ch}-1\rangle_{ch}$$

Foreground (F): all particle pairs in same event (correlated + uncorrelated pairs)

Background (B): particle pairs from different events (uncorrelated pairs)



### Results



Pythia predicts a similar structure, but fails to reproduce the strength of the correlation

Narrow peak at  $(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi) \approx (0,0)$ : contribution from higher  $p_{\tau}$ 

# Ridge at $\Delta \phi \approx \pi$ : momentum conservation

Gaussian ridge at  $\Delta \eta \approx 0$ : decay of particles with lower  $p_{\tau}$ 



Charged-particle multiplicities

Two-particle angular correlations

### AZIMUTHAL ORDERING OF CHARGED HADRONS

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## **Azimuthal ordering**

- Charged-particle measurements show limitations of phenomenological models
  - Models cannot describe measured observables in all regions of phase space)
  - Some discrepancies can be reduced by tuning, but
  - New formulation of certain components of models (e.g. fragmentation) is likely needed
- Two main hadronization models used in multi-purpose MC generators:
  - String (Lund) fragmentation model, e.g. PYTHIA, PHOJET
  - Cluster model, e.g. HERWIG
- Idea: replace standard Lund string with a helix-like ordered gluon chain
  - J. High Energy Phys. 9809 014 (1998)
  - p<sub>T</sub> of direct hadron is entirely constrained by spiral structure of QCD string
  - Corresponds to optimal packing of soft gluons in phase space under helicity conservation requirements
  - Imposes correlations between adjacent breakup points along string
  - Observable effects in inclusive  $p_{\tau}$  distribution and azimuthal ordering of direct hadrons

• Define two types of power spectra according to expected structure of helix field:

~ original proposal  

$$\int \frac{1}{N_{ev}} \sum_{event} \frac{1}{n_{ch}} |\sum_{j} \exp(i(\xi \eta_j - \phi_j))|^2 \qquad S_E(\omega) = \frac{1}{N_{ev}} \sum_{event} \frac{1}{n_{ch}} |\sum_{j} \exp(i(\omega X_j - \phi_j))|^2 \\ X_j = 0.5 E_j + \sum_{k=0}^{k < j} E_k \quad \text{(energy distance along string)}$$

- Measure power spectra in 'inclusive' sample, as well as two sub-samples:
  - "Inclusive":  $p_{T} > 100$  MeV, veto events containing any track with  $p_{T} > 10$  GeV
  - "Low-pT enhanced":  $p_{T} > 100$  MeV, veto events containing any track with  $p_{T} > 1$  GeV
  - "Low-pT depleted":  $p_{T} > 500$  MeV, veto events containing any track with  $p_{T} > 10$  GeV

### Results

Clear enhancement of data over models in S<sub>F</sub> (0.5 <  $\omega$  < 1 rad/GeV)



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### Pythia variations

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### STRANGE PARTICLE PRODUCTION

• arXiv:1111.1297 [hep-ex]

Underlying event with charged, neutral particles

K<sup>0</sup><sub>s</sub> production

 $K_{s}^{0}$  mesons are required to have a flight distance between 4 mm and 450 mm and to decay to two charged pions with  $|\eta| < 2.5$  and  $p_{\tau} > 100$  MeV



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## Λ production

A baryons are required to have  $p_{\tau} > 500$  MeV, flight distance between 17 mm and 450 mm and to decay to a proton and a pion with  $|\eta| < 2.5$  and  $p_{\tau} > 100$  MeV



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### UNDERLYING EVENT WITH CHARGED, NEUTRAL PARTICLES

- Phys. Rev. D 83, 112001
- EPJC 71 (2011) 1636

## Underlying Event



- Additional partons from the same proton interacting at the same time as signal (high-pT) interaction
  - Can include MPI, beam-beam remnants, ISR/FSR, etc.
  - Characterized by low momentum transfer  $\rightarrow$  rely on models tuned to data
- Modeling of UE important for precise high-pT measurements
  - Important ingredient for jet and lepton isolation, energy flow, jet tagging, etc

## **Underlying Event at ATLAS**

- UE characterized by activity in φ region transverse to the leading particle (= highest pT track or cluster)
  - # particles
  - $\Sigma p_{_T}$
  - \_ <p\_>
- Track-based measurement:
  - Reconstruct ID tracks of charged particles
  - Corrections for vertex, trigger and tracking efficiency similar as for minimum bias studies
- Cluster-based measurement:
  - Use energy depositions in calorimeters associated to charged and neutral particles
  - Correct cluster distributions to stable-particle level using correction factor derived from MC
  - Cross-check using data/simulation comparison of N(clusters) vs. N(tracks)

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## Particle density vs. $\Delta \phi$

#### **Cluster method**

- Development of 'jet-like' region of higher density as p<sub>T</sub> of leading track/particle increases (toward, away)
- Particle density is higher and has a different angular distribution than predicted by MC



Track method



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 $\Sigma p_{\tau}$  is higher than predicted by any of the MC tunes

lead

 $\Sigma p_{T} vs. p_{T}$ 

**Cluster method** 



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#### $<p_{T}>$ is overestimated in toward region



## Particle density versus $p_{\tau}^{\text{lead}}$

New Pythia tunes from ATLAS tuning group to improve description of UE results.

See talk by D. Kar at 3:40 pm today.





### **Ongoing studies**

- Forward-backward correlations
- Forward energy flow
- UE with track jets
- UE in Z events
  - High statistics 2011 data sample
  - $Z \rightarrow ee$  and  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  channels
  - Leading jet up to 1 TeV

### Stay tuned for new results!

### Summary

- LHC data provides a new energy scale for studying non-perturbative QCD
- Charged particle multiplicities measured by ATLAS in various regions of phase space
  - Measurements indicate a deficit of activity in models tuned to Tevatron data
- New measurement of the azimuthal ordering of charged hadrons
  - Shows features consistent with string fragmentation represented by a helix-like ordered gluon chain
- Underlying Event activity measured using track-based and cluster-based methods, providing statistically independent results
  - Activity measured in data is above predictions from current model tunes
- MB + UE measurements expose limitations in models that prevent a simultaneous description of all regions of phase space

There is still much to learn about non-perturbative QCD at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV!

### References

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- "Measurement of inclusive two-particle angular correlations in proton-proton collisions at √s=900 GeV and 7 TeV", 6 April 2011, ATL-CONF-2011-055
- "Measurement of the azimuthal ordering of charged hadrons with the ATLAS detector", reference not yet available
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### **BACKUP SLIDES**

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### Minimum bias: Measurement strategy

#### • Event selection

- Single-arm MBTS trigger ( $\geq 1$  hit anywhere)
- Pile-up veto: reject events with a second primary vertex with 4 or more tracks
- Number of selected tracks within given phase space
- Track selection
  - $p_{\tau}$  and  $\eta$  within given phase space
  - A minimum of one hit in first layer of pixel detector, if expected
  - A minimum of one pixel hit and 2/4/6 strip hits (p<sub>1</sub>-dependent)



-  $|d_0^{PV}|$ ,  $|z_0^{PV}|$  sin  $\theta < 1.5$  mm (impact parameters w.r.t. primary vertex)

Apply corrections at event and track level to measure distributions of stable charged particles coming from the primary pp interaction

### Minimum bias: Event-level corrections

- Correct for missing events due to trigger and vertex requirements
- Both vertex and trigger corrections derived from data
  - Measure trigger efficiency of MBTS w.r.t. control trigger using ID
  - Vertex reconstruction efficiency measured using all triggered events



### Minimum bias: Track-level correctioms

- Tracking efficiency ( $\epsilon_{trk}$ ) derived from MC with GEANT detector simulation
  - Systematic uncertainty determined from comparisons with data
- Correction is applied in 2D (pT,  $\eta$ ) to remove model dependence
  - Also correct for non-primaries and particles outside of kinematic range



### Pythia 6 Tunes

- ATLAS MC09
  - Main reference before ATLAS measurements at  $\sqrt{s}$  = 7 TeV
- ATLAS MBT1
  - Tuned using diffraction-suppressed phase-space
  - $n_{ch} \ge 1$ , pT > 500 MeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
  - ATL-PHYS-PUB-2010-002
- ATLAS MBT2, MBT2B, UET2B
  - Not discussed here
  - See talk by D. Kar at 3:40 pm today

### Minimum bias: ATLAS/ALICE/CMS comparison

- Common phase spaces chosen by the LHC Minimum Bias & Underlying Event working group:
  - $n_{ch} \ge 1, p_{T} > 500 \text{ MeV}, |\eta| < 0.8$
  - $n_{ch} \ge 1, p_{T} > 1 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 0.8$
- Good agreement on measured charged particle multiplicity between LHC experiments!



### Angular correlations: Correction strategy

- 1) Apply event-level corrections (track + vertex)
- 2) Compute observable  $R(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi)$
- Randomly throw away tracks according to tracking efficiency
- 4) Repeat 6 times  $(\epsilon_{trk}^{6})$
- In each bin, extrapolate back to -1<sup>th</sup> iteration: "truth"





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### Angular correlations: Correlations in $\Delta \eta$

Near-side correlation



Away-side correlation (Integrated over  $\pi/2 < \Delta \phi < \pi$ )

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### Angular correlations: Correlations in $\Delta \phi$



### Azimuthal ordering: Measurement strategy

- Event selection (inclusive sample)
  - At least one triggered counter in MBTS (minimum bias)
  - Exactly one reconstructed vertex with at least three tracks
  - At least six tracks passing slightly modified minimum bias selection ( $p_{\tau} > 100 \text{ MeV}$ )
  - $n_{tr}$  is stochastically unfolded to  $n_{ch} \rightarrow n_{ch} > 10$
  - Veto events containing any track with  $p_{\tau} > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- Low-pT enhanced sample
  - Veto events containing any track with  $p_{\tau} > 1 \text{ GeV}$
  - Effects of parton showering and lateral boost are diminished
  - Transverse activity in these events expected to be sensitive to hadronization
- Low-pT depleted sample
  - Use higher track  $p_{T}$  cut,  $p_{T} > 500 \text{ MeV}$
  - Significantly reduced contribution from diffractive pp interactions

Correct for detector effects using deconvolution technique similar to 2-particle correlation study

## Underlying Event: $\Sigma p_{T}$ vs. $\Delta \phi$



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#### Underlying Event: Particle density vs. p lead

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**Cluster method** 



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