

# CTEQ - Introduction to Monte Carlo

Lecture 1  
Overview and Monte Carlo Methods  
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# Who am I?

- ① faculty at the University of Cincinnati
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  - searches for dark sectors (including CODEX-b)
  - precision electroweak physics
  - jet substructure measurements
- ③ heavily involved with PYTHIA 8 (“codemaster”)
  - sophisticated  $\tau$  decays with spin correlations
  - quarkonia production
  - non-perturbative models (coalescence, hadronic rescattering)

# Tutorials

- tutorials via Docker containers,  
<https://gitlab.com/cteq-tutorials/2022>
- containers can be large (order of GB), please download early

2022 CTEQ School Schedule											
06 July 2022	07 Jul 2022	08 Jul 2022	09 Jul 2022	10 Jul 2022	11 Jul 2022	12 Jul 2022	13 Jul 2022	14 Jul 2022	15 Jul 2022	16 Jul 2022	
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Arrive	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Free Day	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Depart	
8:00 - 8:45	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	No Breakfast or dinner	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	NO MEALS	
9:00 - 10:00	Intro 1 Nadolsky	Intro 3 Nadolsky	Jets 1 Sterman	Jets 2 Sterman		PDF 1 Lin	PDF 2 Yuan	EW & Higgs 1 Mellado	EFT 2 Dawson		
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee		Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee		
10:30 - 11:30	MC Intro 1 Ilten	MC Intro 3 Ilten	Higgs 1 Mistlberger	Higgs 2 Mistlberger		Vec Boson 1 Boughezal	Vec Boson 2 Boughezal	QCD & Top 1 Bruscino	QCD & Top 2 Bruscino		
11:45 - 13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
13:00 - 14:00	Intro 2 Nadolsky	Tut. Lec 1 Gellersen	Intro 4 Nadolsky	Tut. Lec 2 Gellersen		Machine Learning 1 Isaacson	Machine Learning 2 Isaacson	Neutrino 1 Hobbs	Neutrino 2 Hobbs		
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## Resources

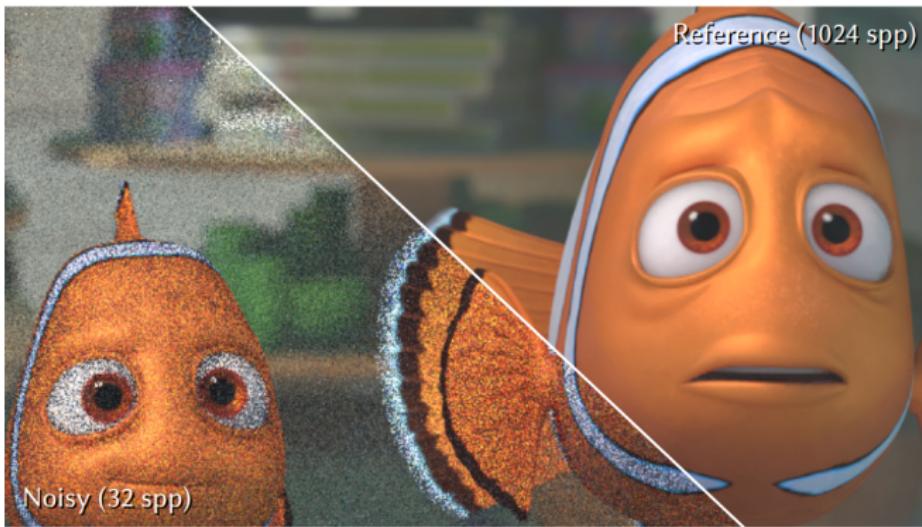
- these lectures are heavily based on those by Torbjörn Sjöstrand  
<http://home.theplu.se/~torbjorn/welcomeaux/talks.html>
- great lectures from previous CTEQ summer schools  
<https://www.physics.smu.edu/scalise/cteq/#Summer>
- QCD and Collider Physics by Ellis, Stirling, and Webber
- Pythia 6 Physics and Manual by Sjöstrand, Mrenna, and Skands
- General-purpose event generators for LHC physics by Buckley, *et al.*
- Introduction to parton-shower event generators by Höche

# Overview

- **lecture 1 - introduction and Monte Carlo techniques**
- lecture 2 - matrix elements and parton showers
- lecture 3 - multi-parton interactions, hadronization, and non-perturbative effects

# What is Monte Carlo?

*using random sampling to calculate numerical results for problems  
that may or may not be deterministic*

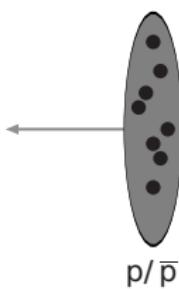
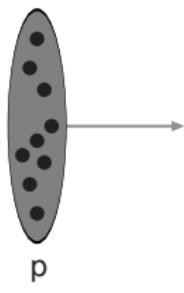


## Why Monte Carlo Event Generators?

- ① connect perturbative and non-perturbative regimes
- ② provide complete events with final state particles
- ③ robustly perform high-dimension integrals

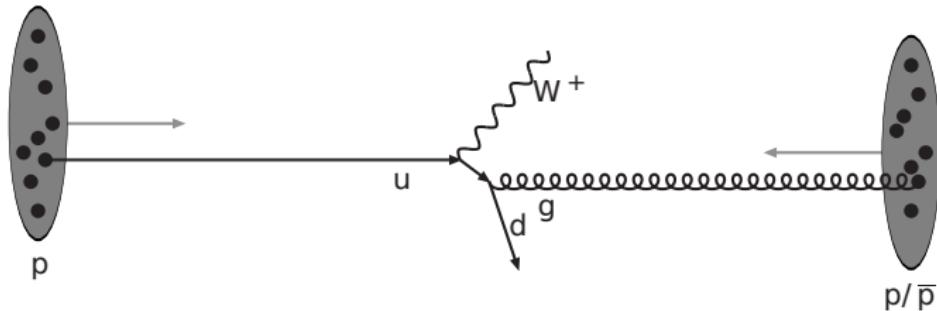
# Generator Overview

- beams - proton parton density functions



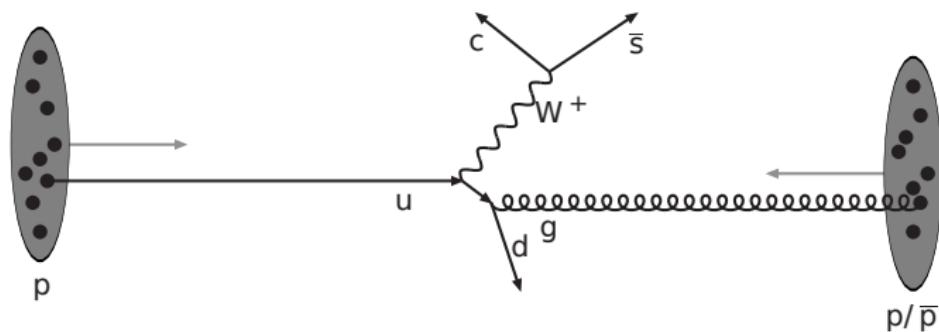
# Generator Overview

- hard process - calculate with matrix element(s)



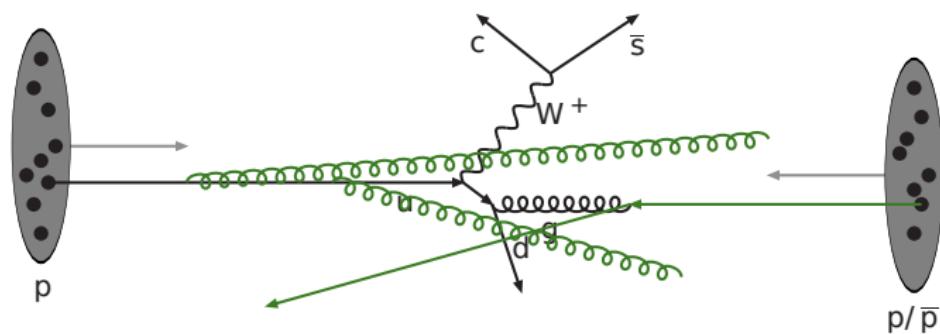
# Generator Overview

- resonance decays - also calculate with matrix element(s)



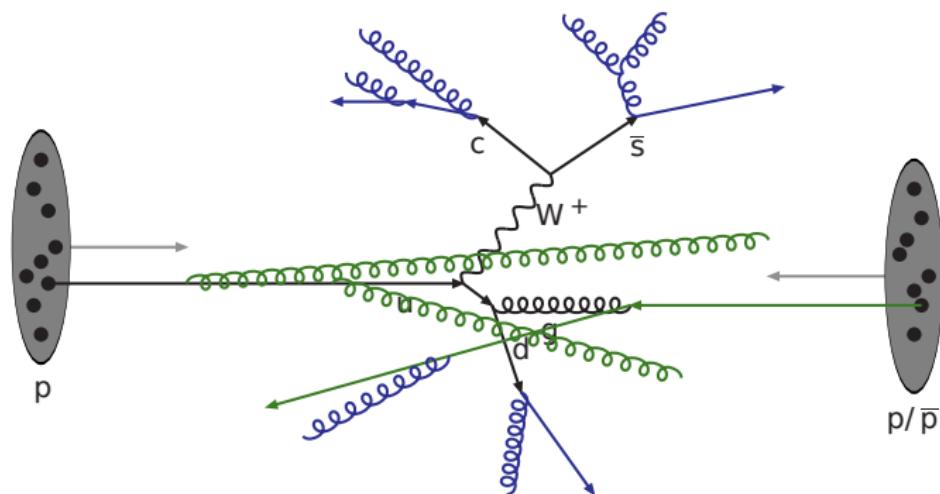
# Generator Overview

- initial state radiation - spacelike parton shower



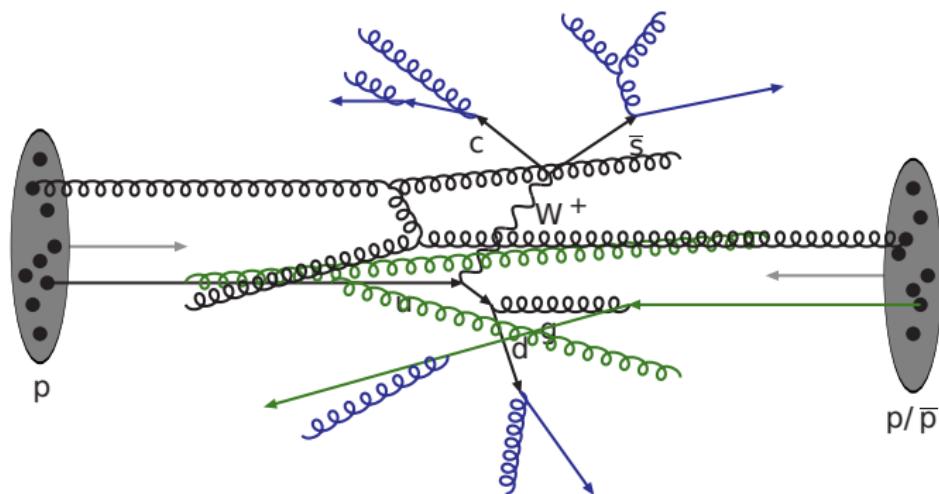
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- final state radiation - timelike parton shower



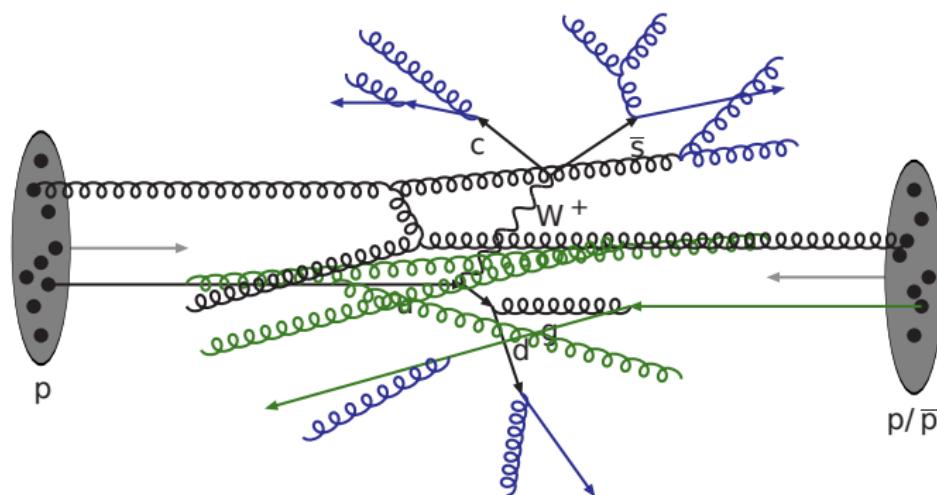
# Generator Overview

- multi-parton interactions - calculate with matrix element(s)



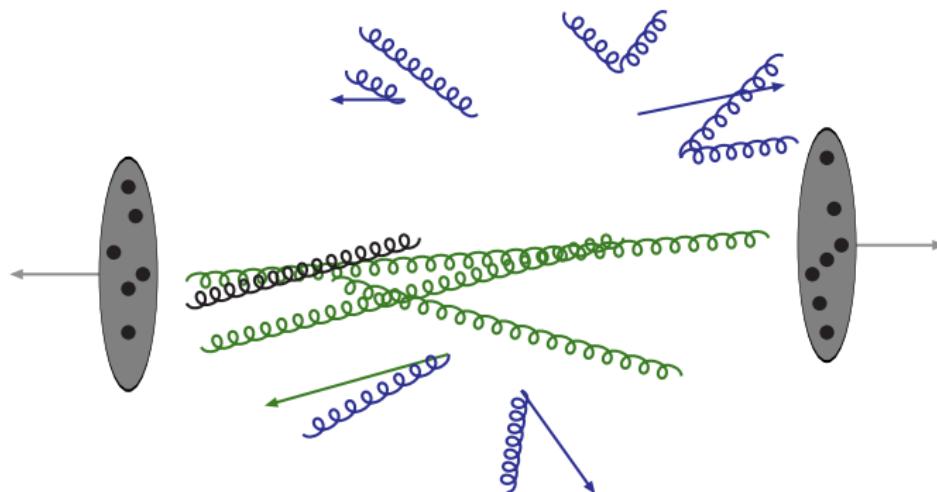
# Generator Overview

- MPI radiation - additional ISR and FSR on each MPI



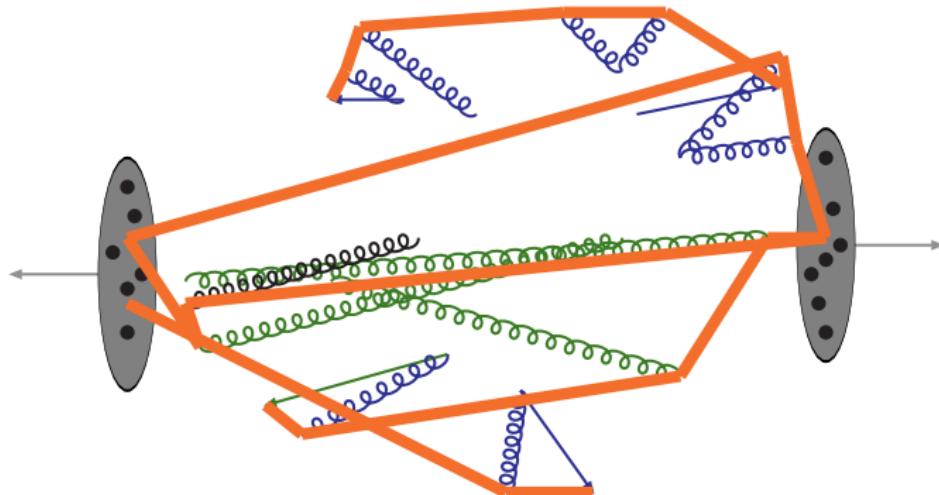
# Generator Overview

- final partons and beam remnants



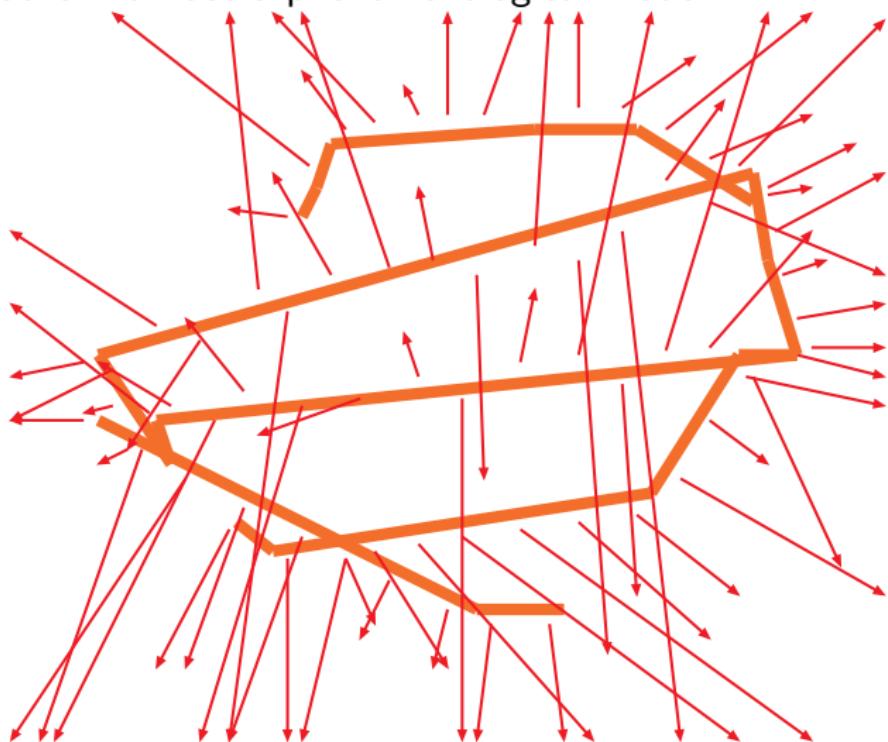
# Generator Overview

- color connections - use a phenomenological model



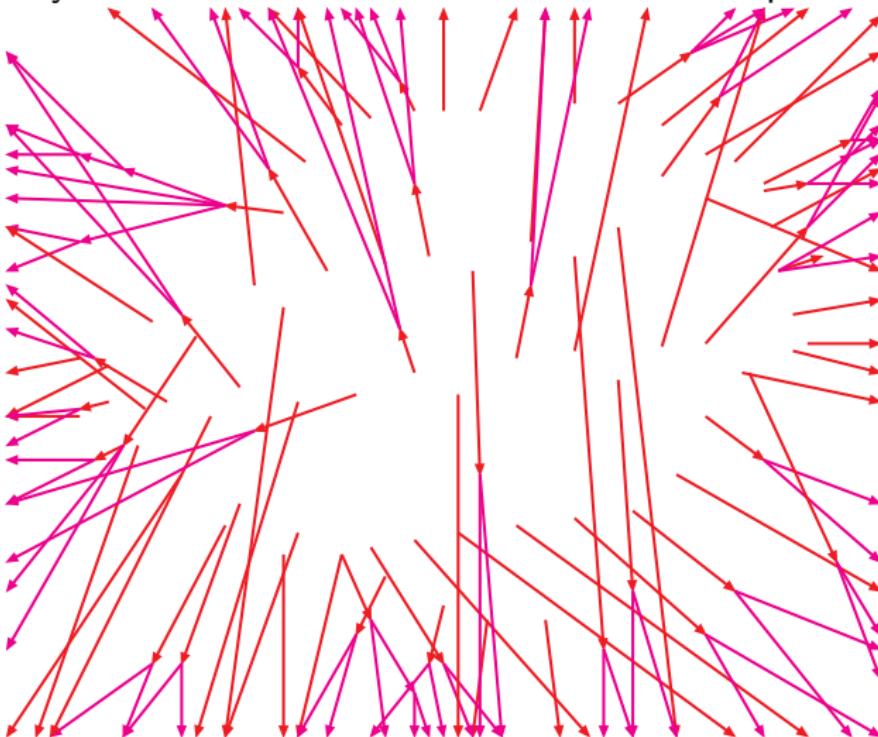
# Generator Overview

- hadronize - use a phenomenological model

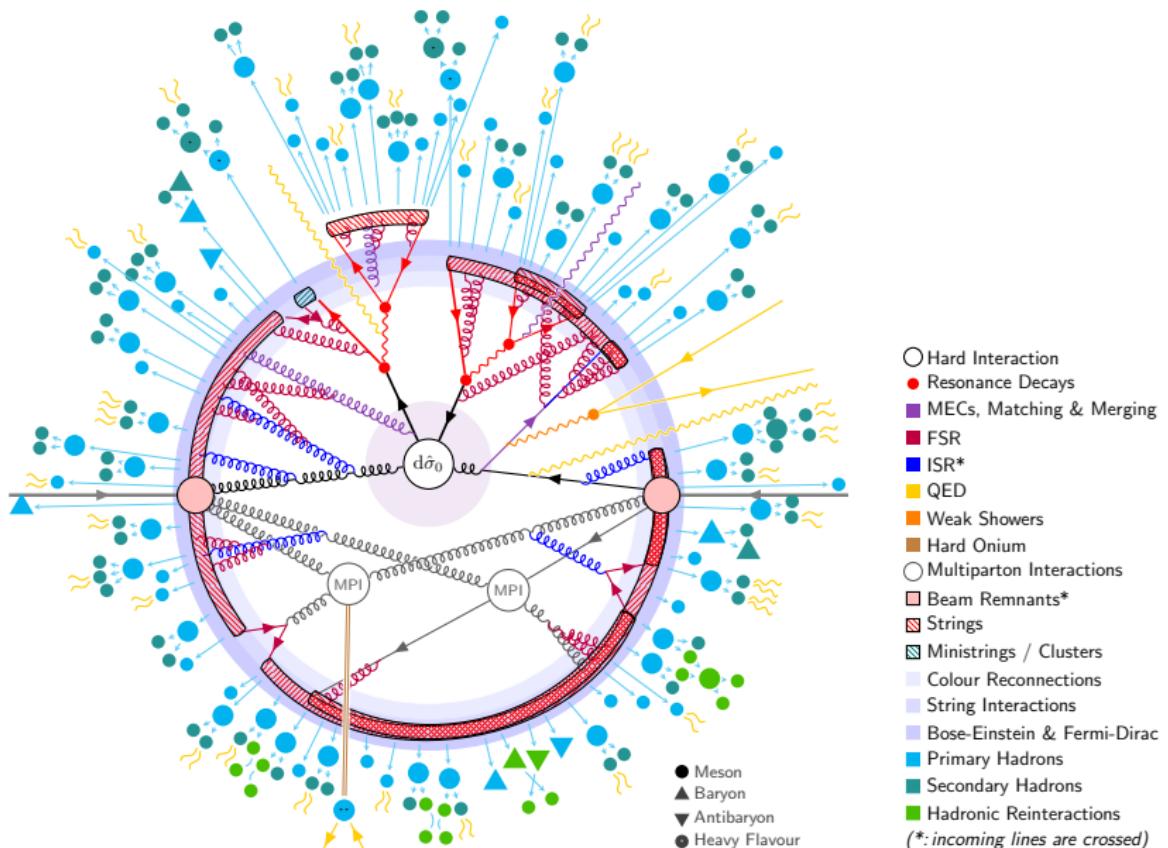


# Generator Overview

- decays - calculate with matrix elements when possible



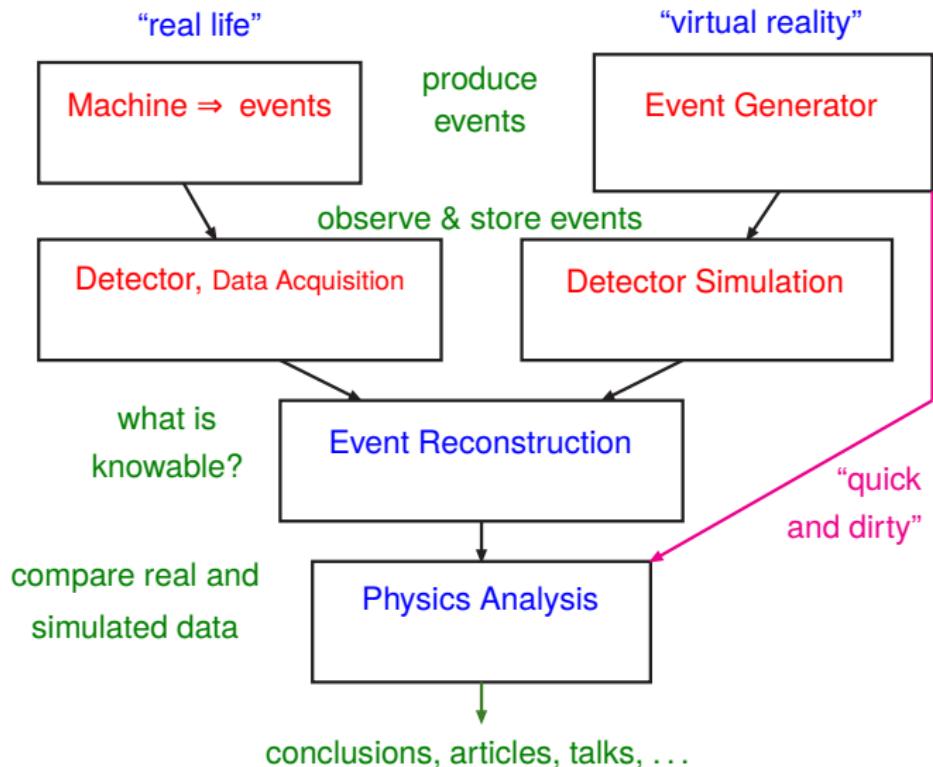
# Another Overview



# Generator Specialization

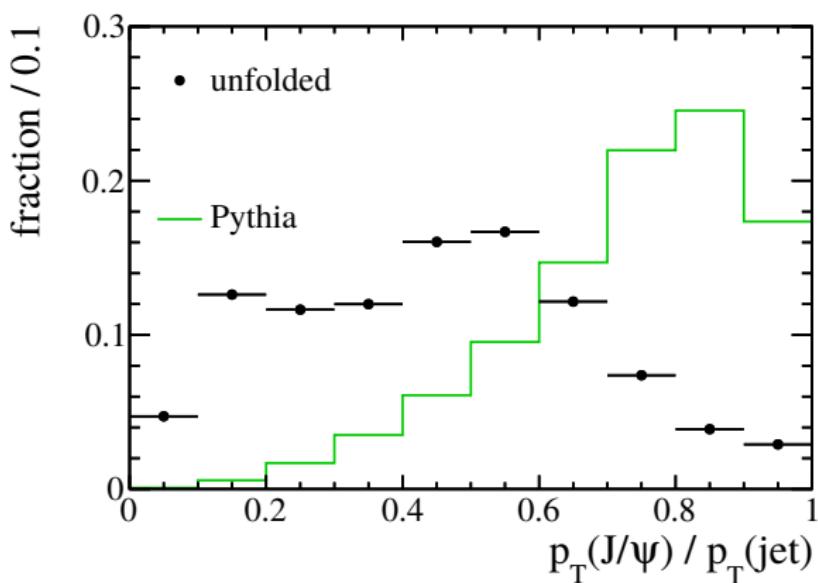
	General-Purpose	Specialized
Hard Processes	<b>HERWIG</b>	a lot
Resonance Decays		HDECAY, ...
Parton Showers	<b>PYTHIA</b>	Ariadne/LDC, VINCIA, ...
Underlying Event	<b>SHERPA</b>	PHOJET/DPMJET
Hadronization	.....	MLHad
Ordinary Decays		TAUOLA, EvtGen

# Not Just a Generator



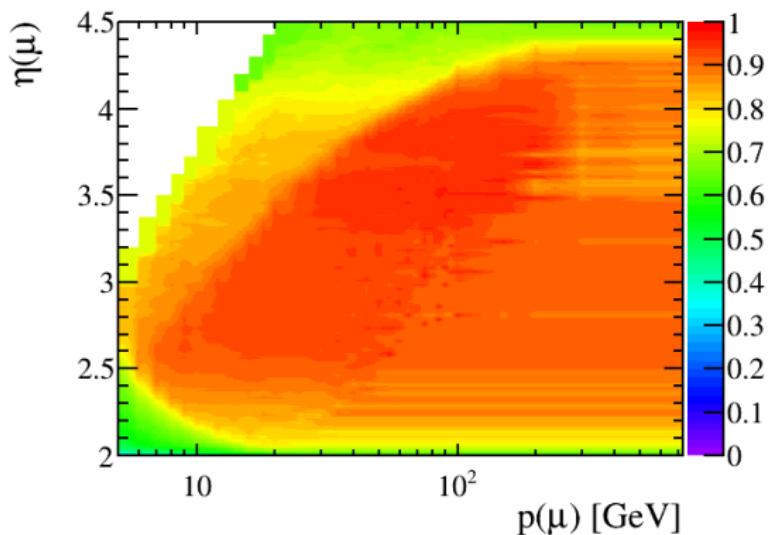
## Detector Example

- select events with  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  produced in jets  
([arXiv:1701.05116](https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.05116))
- measure  $z \equiv p_T(J/\psi)/p_T(\text{jet})$

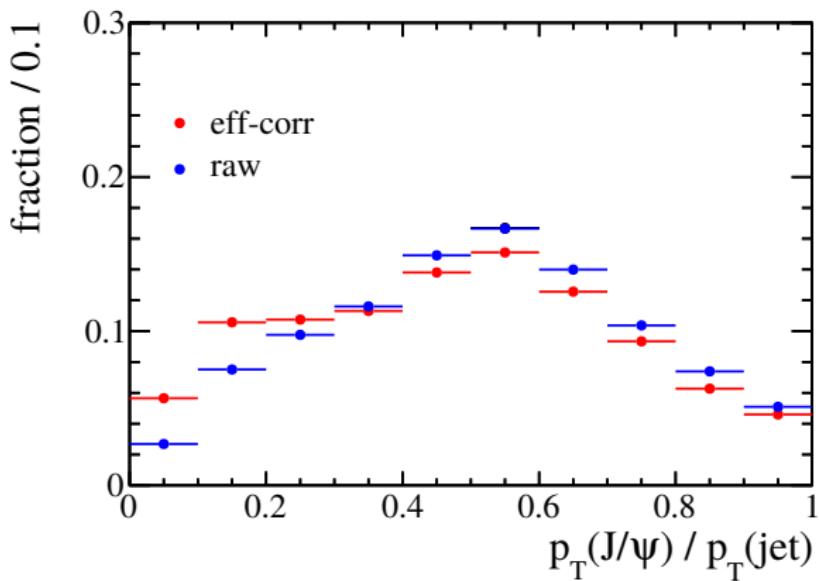


# Detector Efficiency

- cannot reconstruct  $\mu$  with 100% efficiency



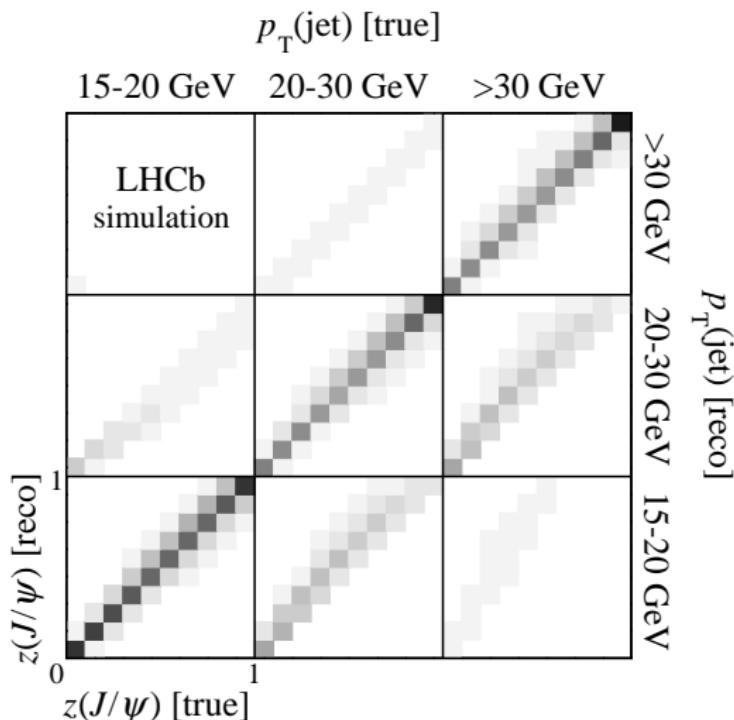
# Detector Efficiency



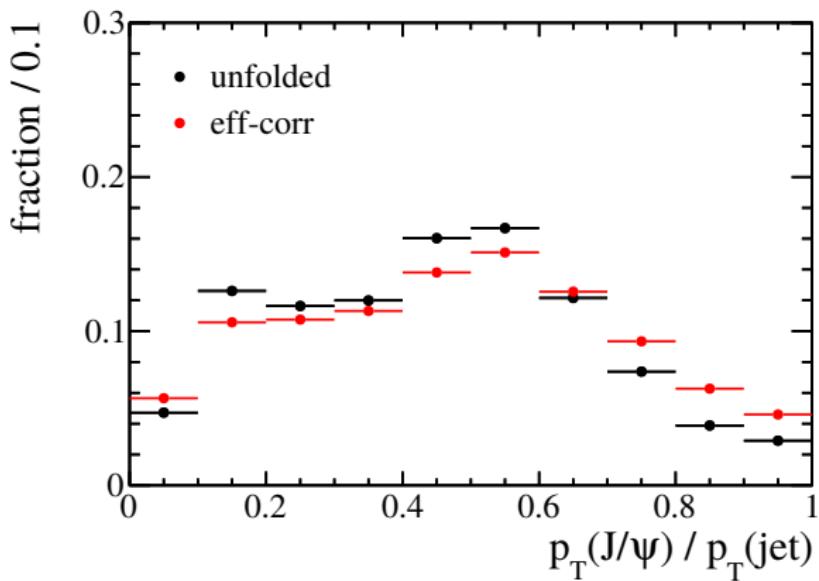
# Detector Resolution

- cannot measure  $p_T(\text{jet})$  perfectly

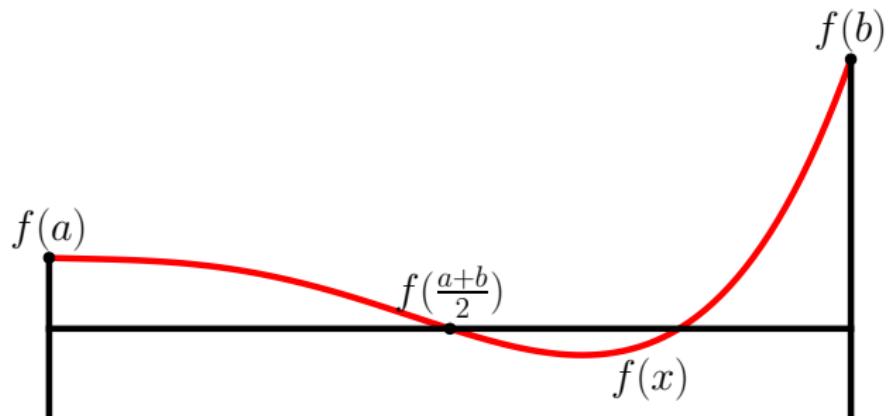
$$\vec{x}_{\text{obs}} = \mathbf{R} \vec{x}_{\text{org}} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_{\text{org}} = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \vec{x}_{\text{obs}}$$



# Detector Resolution

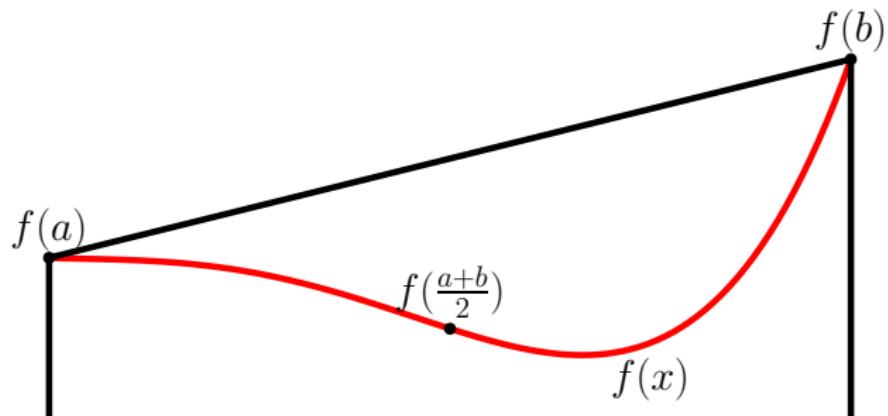


## Quadrature Methods - Midpoint



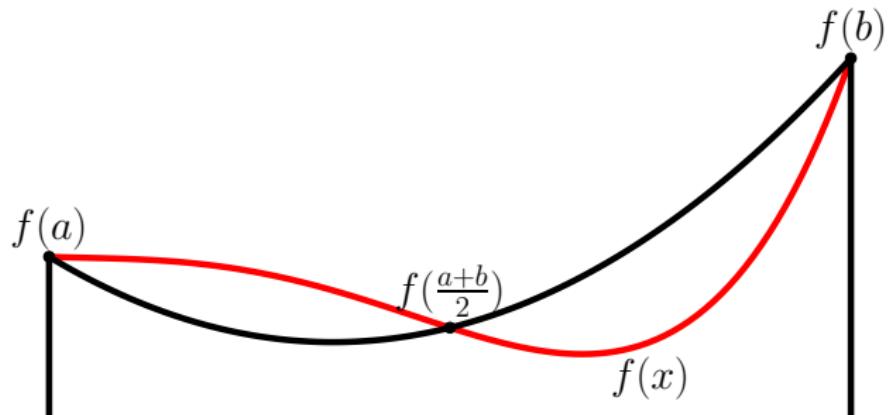
$$\int_a^b dx f(x) \approx (b - a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

## Quadrature Methods - Trapezoid



$$\int_a^b dx f(x) \approx \frac{b-a}{2} \left( f(a) + f(b) \right)$$

## Quadrature Methods - Simpson's



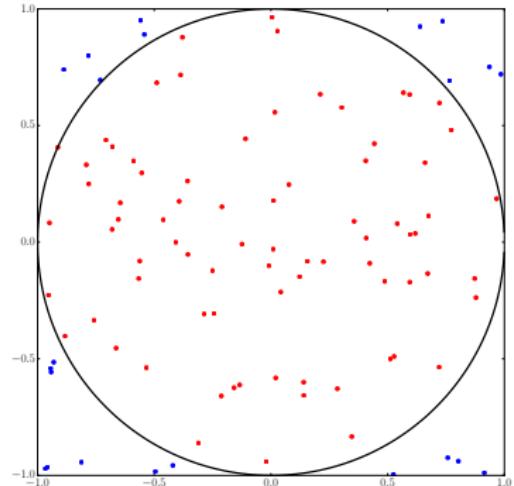
$$\int_a^b dx f(x) \approx \frac{b-a}{6} \left( f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right)$$

# Monte Carlo Integration

$$\int_a^b dx f(x) \approx \langle f(x) \rangle (b - a) \Rightarrow \int_V d\vec{x} f(\vec{x}) \approx \langle f(\vec{x}) \rangle V$$

```
# Import the random number generator →
library.
import random
# Set the random seed for →
reproducibility.
random.seed(1)
rng = random.uniform
# Sample n points and find the sum.
s, n = 0, 1000000
for i in range(n):
    # Uniformly pick an x and y and →
    # check point.
    x, y = rng(-1, 1), rng(-1, 1)
    s += 1. if x**2 + y**2 < 1 else 0.
# Print the integral (average times →
# integration volume).
print((s/n)*(2*2))

# Everything in one line!
print(sum([(rng(-1, 1)**2 + rng(-1, 1)→
**2) < 1 for i in range(n)])→
/(0.25*n))
```



## Speeding Things Up

- adaptive quadrature - subdivide space until necessary accuracy is reached
- stratified sampling - same as above, but for MC integration

$$\int_V d\vec{x} f(\vec{x}) = \sum_i \int_{V_i} d\vec{x} \approx \sum_i \langle f(\vec{x}) \rangle V_i$$

- importance sampling - sample a non-uniform distribution to minimize variance

$$\int_V d\vec{x} f(\vec{x}) \approx \langle f(\vec{x}) \rangle V = \frac{V}{N} \sum_i \frac{f(\vec{x}_i)}{p(\vec{x}_i)}$$

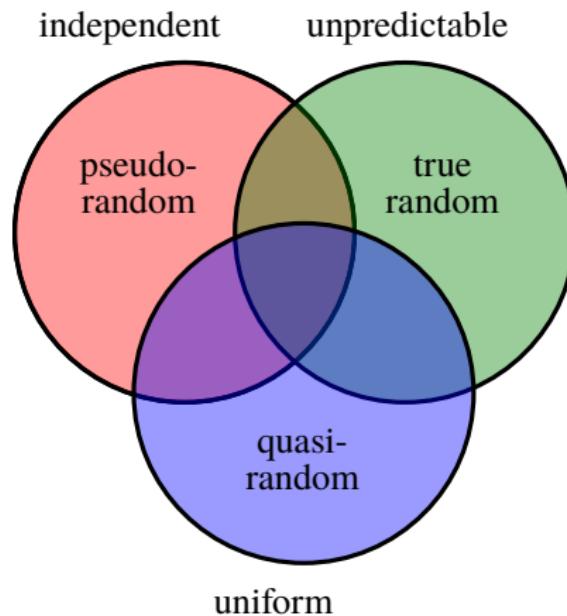
## Comparison

- assume baseline algorithms (no adaptive, stratified, etc.)
- integral with  $d$  dimensions, and sampling  $n$  times

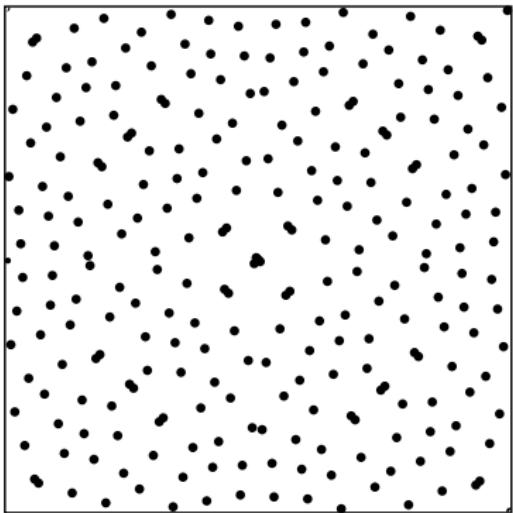
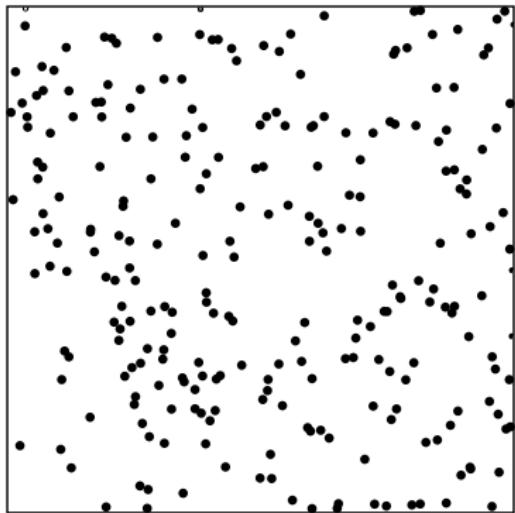
method	convergence
trapezoid	$1/n^{2/d}$
Simpson's	$1/n^{4/d}$
Monte Carlo	$1/\sqrt{n}$

# Randomness

- *true random* - what we see in nature
- *pseudorandom* - approximates *true random* but deterministic
- *quasirandom* - like *pseudorandom* but more uniform



## Pseudo vs Quasi



# Metrics

- ① sequence is bounded
  - ② cannot easily determine pattern
  - ③ moments approach expectation ( $\mu = 1/2$ ,  $\sigma = 1/12$ , ...)
  - ④ divided in bins, each bin is Poissonian
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- reproducible sequence
  - fast to calculate
  - long periodicity
  - theoretically validated
  - works ...

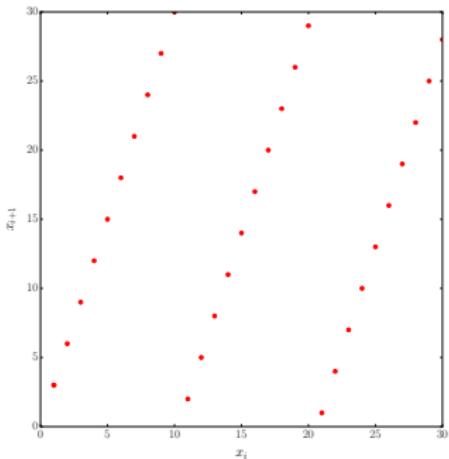
# Spectral Test

$$x_i = (ax_0 + b) \mod m$$

```
# Define the random number function.
def rng(x0, a, b, m):
    return (a*x0 + b)%m

# Define the parameters used in →
# minstdRnd for C++11.
x0, a, b, m = 1, 48271, 0, 2**31 - 1

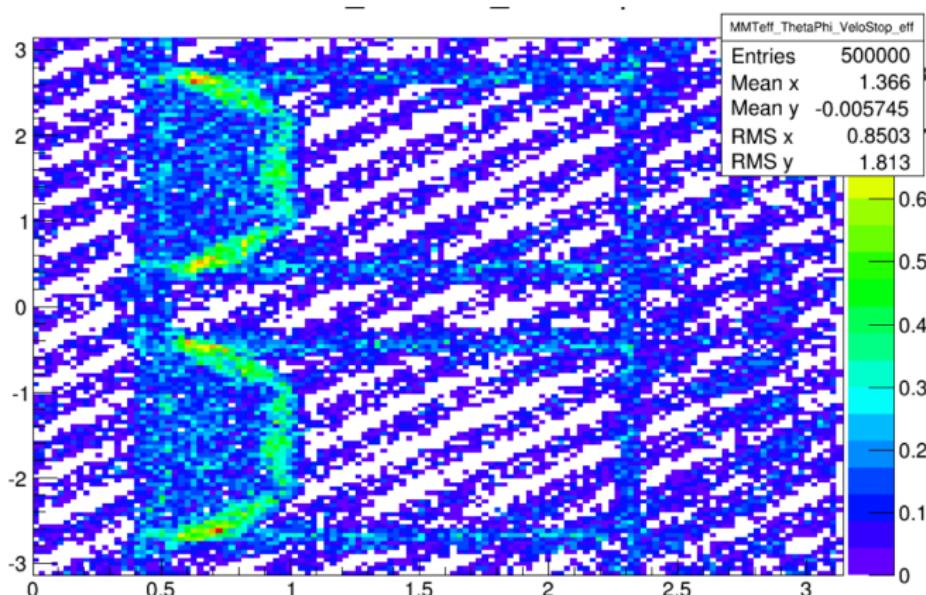
# Generate some random numbers.
for i in range(100):
    x0 = rng(x0, a, b, m)
    print(x0/float(m))
```



- linear congruential RNGs fail the spectral test
- known as the Marsaglia effect

## Spectral Test in Practice

- used RANLUX in LHCb/Moedal simulation code, issues emerged
- commonly use Mersenne twister (use Mersenne primes, bit shift, and bit mask)

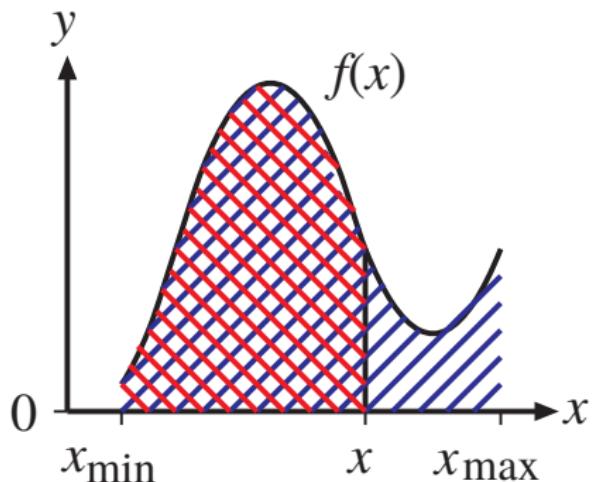


## Sampling a Distribution

- we usually don't just want an integral
  - we want to sample points from the distribution and an integral
  - an  $n$ -dimensional distribution typically requires  $n+1$  random numbers per point
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- $f(x)$  - function to sample
  - $F(x) = \int dx f(x)$  - primitive, integral of function to sample
  - $F^{-1}(x)$  - inverse of primitive

## Analytic Sampling

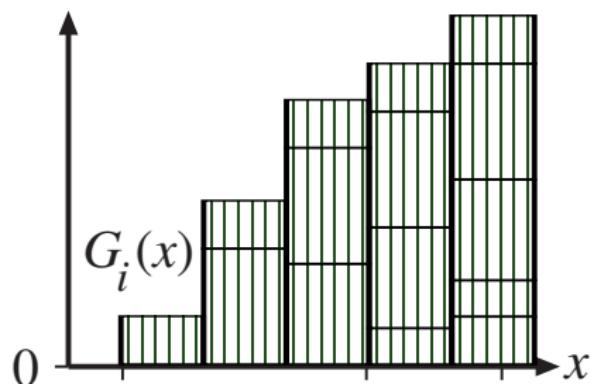
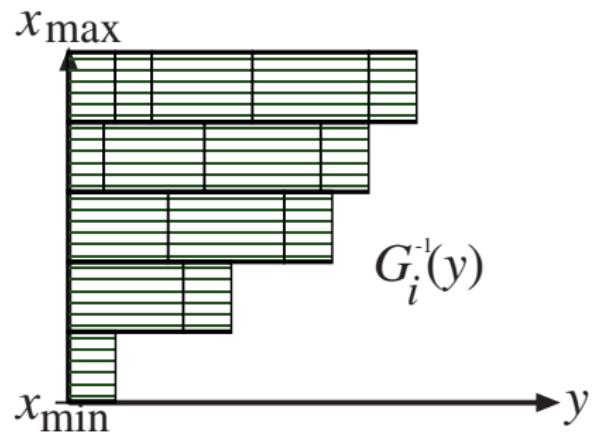
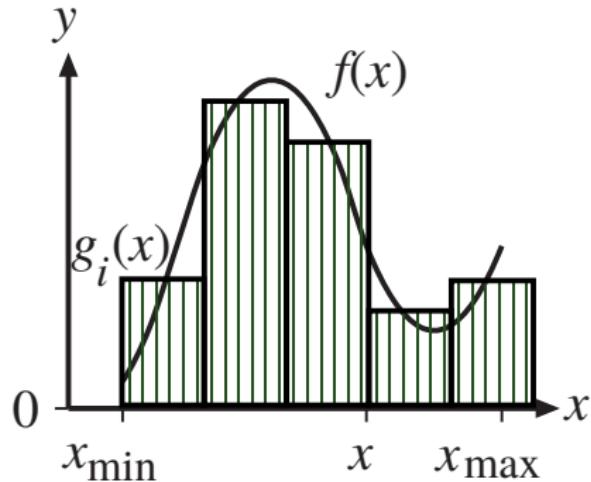
- sample from  $f(x)$  with uniform sampling of bounded  $x$



$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_{\min}}^x dx' f(x') &= R \int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} dx' f(x') \\ F(x) - F(x_{\min}) &= R(F(x_{\max}) - F(x_{\min})) \\ &= RA \\ x &= F^{-1}(F(x_{\min}) + RA)\end{aligned}$$

- $f(x) = 2x, 0 < x < 1 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{R}$
- $f(x) = e^{-x}, 0 < x \Rightarrow x = -\ln R$

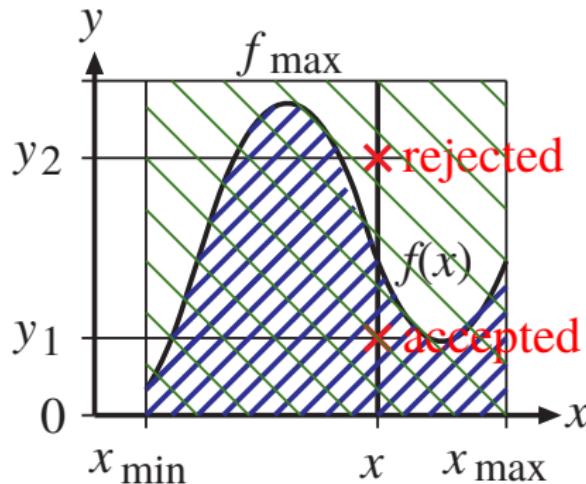
## Binned Sampling



- ① sample  $0 < R < G_i^{-1}(x_{\max})$
- ② find corresponding bin  $i$
- ③ uniformly sample from bin  $x$ -range

# Accept or Reject Sampling

- sample from  $f(x)$  with uniform sampling of bounded  $x$

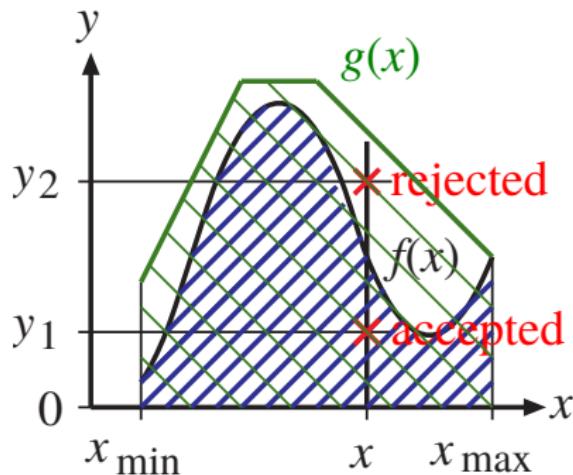


- 1  $x = x_{\min} + R_1(x_{\max} - x_{\min})$
- 2  $y = R_2 f_{\max}$
- 3 if  $y > f(x)$  return to 1  
otherwise accept point

$$\int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} dx f(x) \approx \frac{N_{\text{acc}}}{N_{\text{try}}} f_{\max} (x_{\max} - x_{\min})$$

# Importance Sampling

- same as accept or reject, but choose efficient  $g(x)$
- $g(x) \geq f(x)$  and be easily sampled

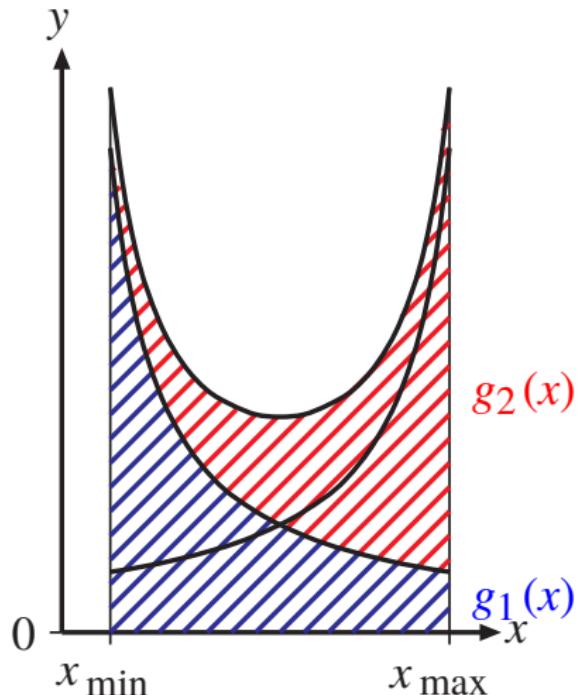


- ①  $x$  from  $g(x)$
- ②  $y = Rg(x)$
- ③ if  $y > f(x)$  return to ①  
otherwise accept point

$$\int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} dx f(x) \approx \frac{N_{\text{acc}}}{N_{\text{try}}} \int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} dx g(x)$$

# Multichannel Sampling

- like importance sampling but construct  $g(x) = \sum_i g_i(x)$



- ① select  $g_i(x)$  with relative probability  $G_i(x_{\max}) - G_i(x_{\min})$
- ② select  $x$  from  $g_i(x)$
- ③  $y = Rg(x)$
- ④ if  $y > f(x)$  return to ① otherwise accept point

## Sampling in Time

- considered only sampling in space, no memory
- consider the decay of a particle which is time dependent
- given a particle at time  $t$ , define  $f(t)$  as probability of decay
- normalize number of particles  $N(t)$  with  $N(0) = 1$
- $\Rightarrow N(t)$  is probability particle has not decayed by  $t$
- $P(t)$  is probability of decay at time  $t$

$$P(t) = \frac{-dN(t)}{dt} = f(t)N(t)$$
$$\Rightarrow N(t) = \exp\left(-\int_0^t dt' f(t')\right) = R$$
$$\Rightarrow t = F^{-1}(F(0) - \ln R)$$

- taking  $f(t) = \lambda$  recovers particle decay

## The Veto Algorithm

- what if we can't sample  $f(t)$  and need importance sampling?

$$P(t) = f(t) \exp \left( - \int_0^t dt' g(t') \right)$$

- the exponentiated factor is wrong!

- ① start with  $i = 0$  and  $t = 0$
- ② increment  $i$
- ③  $t_i = G^{-1}(G(t_{i-1}) - \ln R)$
- ④  $y = Rg(t_i)$
- ⑤ if  $y > f(t_i)$  return to ② otherwise accept point

## Winner Takes All

- what if we have multiple decay channels?
- ① set  $f(t) = f_1(t) + f_2(t)$
  - ② sample  $t$  using  $f(t)$
  - ③ select channel using probabilities  $f_1(t)$  and  $f_2(t)$
- winner-takes-all method
- ① sample  $t$  using  $f_1(t)$
  - ② sample  $t'$  using  $f_2(t')$
  - ③ select channel with the smaller  $t$

# Summary

- ① connect perturbative and non-perturbative regimes
  - ② provide complete events with final state particles
  - ③ robustly perform high-dimension integrals
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- MC integration and sampling are not the same
  - multichannel and veto sampling are commonly used
  - use a good random number generator