

Tuning PYTHIA

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Introduction

The problem:

- Neutral hadrons
- LEP I : $1.00 K_S^0 (\Leftrightarrow K_L^0)$ per event, but PYTHIA has 1.12
- Idem for protons (\Leftrightarrow neutrons), 1.22 vs 0.98 .

ie. for the PFA, the default PYTHIA settings will give **worse jet-energy resolution** than the LEP data shows !

Tunes

The LEP experiments have individually tuned PYTHIA to agree better with data. I've collected information from

- DELPHI - Klaus Hamacher.
- ALEPH - Gerald Rudolph.
- OPAL - David Ward.

The DELPHI tune included changes to the code of PYTHIA, while ALEPH and OPAL only tuned parameters.

Because of this, I did not investigate the DELPHI tune further.

Tunes: OPAL, ALEPH, and default

The actual values:

parameter	name in program	OPAL tuned	ALEPH tuned	PYTHIA default
longitudinal FF	MSTJ(11)	3	3	4
Λ meaning	MSTP(3)	1	-	2
qq/q	PARJ(1)	0.08500	0.105	0.10
s/u	PARJ(2)	0.31000	0.283	0.30
su/du	PARJ(3)	0.45000	0.71	0.40
S=1/S=2 diquark suppr.	PARJ(4)	0.02500	-	0.05
(S=1) d,u	PARJ(11)	0.60000	0.54	0.50
(S=1) s	PARJ(12)	0.40000	0.46	0.60
(S=1) c,b	PARJ(13)	0.72000	0.65	0.75
S=1,s=0 prob.	PARJ(14)	0.43000	0.12	0.0
S=0,s=1 prob.	PARJ(15)	0.08000	0.04	0.0
S=1,s=1 prob.	PARJ(16)	0.08000	0.12	0.0
tensor mesons (L=1)	PARJ(17)	0.17000	0.20	0.0
leading baryon suppr.	PARJ(19)	-	0.58	1.0
σ_q (GeV)	PARJ(21)	0.40000	0.362	0.36
η' suppression	PARJ(26)	-	0.27	0.40
a of LSFF	PARJ(41)	0.11000	0.4	0.30
b of LSFF, (GeV^{-2})	PARJ(42)	0.52000	0.824	0.58
ϵ_{charm}	PARJ(54)	-0.03100	0.04	0.05
ϵ_{bottom}	PARJ(55)	-0.00200	0.0018	0.005
Λ_{QCD} (GeV)	PARJ(81)	0.25000	0.286	0.29
PS cut-off (GeV)	PARJ(82)	1.90000	1.47	1.0

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Results

	Standard tune	ALEPH tune	OPAL tune	LEP combined data		
nch	20.6246	20.5660	20.5685	20.9400	+-	0.1900
nchlept	0.5075	0.5225	0.5132	-	-	-
np	1.2190	1.0827	0.9110	0.9750	+-	0.0870
npi	17.1178	17.2965	17.5467	17.0500	+-	0.4300
nK	2.2879	2.1868	2.1108	2.3600	+-	0.1100
nchhyp	0.1731	0.2069	0.1608	-	-	-
npi0	9.6814	9.8511	9.8866	9.3800	+-	0.4500
neta	1.0170	1.0637	0.8630	0.9530	+-	0.0760
nrho	1.5184	1.3938	1.4292	1.2900	+-	0.1200
nomega	1.3685	1.3148	1.9402	1.1100	+-	0.1000
nK0L	1.1057	1.0575	1.0164	-	-	-
nK0S	1.1168	1.0608	1.0150	1.0040	+-	0.0150
nlambda	0.3939	0.3874	0.3278	0.3700	+-	0.0100
nn	1.1661	1.0541	0.8664	-	-	-
ndelta0	0.1932	0.1626	0.0953	-	-	-
nsigma0	0.0746	0.0890	0.0669	0.0710	+-	0.0130
nsigma+	0.1434	0.1725	0.1340	0.1750	+-	0.0290
nxi+0	0.0053	0.0057	0.0034	0.0056	+-	0.0011
nxi-	0.0289	0.0334	0.0263	0.0264	+-	0.0018
nOmega-	0.0009	0.0011	0.0005	0.0011	+-	0.0003
ndelta++	0.1928	0.1613	0.0985	0.0870	+-	0.0330
nbar	3.9524	3.6166	2.8177	-	-	-
nhfbar	0.1425	0.0891	0.1169	-	-	-

Results, cont'd

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	Standard	ALEPH	OPAL
	tune	tune	tune
nch	-1.64	-1.95	-1.94
np	2.80	1.24	-0.73
npi	0.16	0.57	1.15
nK	-0.65	-1.57	-2.26
npi0	0.67	1.05	1.12
neta	0.84	1.45	-1.18
nrho	1.90	0.86	1.16
nomega	2.58	2.04	8.28
nK0S	6.97	3.52	0.68
nlambda	2.25	1.64	-4.02
nsigma0	0.27	1.37	-0.32
nsigma+	-1.09	-0.09	-1.41
nxi*0	-0.26	0.05	-1.91
nXi-	1.23	3.34	-0.07
nOmega-	-0.63	0.03	-1.76
ndelta++	3.20	2.25	0.35
Xi2			
	89.53	49.45	108.79
Xi2 w/o omega			
	82.88	45.28	40.30

Results for ILC

Values for **jet-energy studies**: uds pairs, no beam-strahlung, no ISR
(ie. Z^* at rest)

	Standard	ALEPH	OPAL
nch	37.4267	36.5445	37.4975
nchlept	0.4756	0.4830	0.4801
np	2.5812	2.2791	1.8439
npi	31.1060	30.9720	32.3830
nK	3.7395	3.2933	3.2706
nchhyp	0.3555	0.4261	0.3190
npi0	17.2502	17.3328	17.7834
neta	1.9174	2.0046	1.6515
nrho	2.9557	2.6488	2.7931
nomega	2.7231	2.6373	4.0894
nK0L	1.8069	1.6254	1.6119
nK0S	1.8006	1.6178	1.6120
nlambda	0.7843	0.7834	0.6261
nn	2.5109	2.2355	1.7778
ndelta0	0.4239	0.3588	0.2091
nsigma0	0.1572	0.1822	0.1320
nsigma+	0.3002	0.3562	0.2647
nxi*0	0.0103	0.0131	0.0067
nXi-	0.0542	0.0677	0.0532
nOmega-	0.0011	0.0022	0.0012
ndelta++	0.4240	0.3521	0.2101
nbar	8.4164	7.6572	5.7244
nhfbar	0.0171	0.0127	0.0150

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Mails from experts: D. Ward, OPAL

What I did was simply use the last version of PYTHIA for which which OPAL had a tuned parameter set, which was Pythia 6.158 (dating back to 2001). I started this around 2003, and stuck with the same version. The tuning was performed to the usual kinds of data - event shapes, particle yields for various species, and fragmentation functions, including b and c. You can find a little information about the tuning procedure at <http://opalinfo.cern.ch/opal/mc/pythia/py6155.txt> and see the quality of the fit to data in <http://opalinfo.cern.ch/opal/mc/pythia/py6155.ps> I may be able to dig out a technical note about the tuning procedure, if you are interested.

I don't know how appropriate these parameters would be with a modern release of Pythia 6.4.

I attach a log file from a run which dumps the parameters set and the decay tables. I think a fair bit of tuning of b and c branching fractions was done, which is probably not exactly state-of the art now. I'm afraid that's not an area I knew much about. I am using an OPAL source file of PYTHIA (actually a Patchy .car file), but I believe the only changes were in the parameter setting and generally patchifying the code (+DECK, +SEQ etc).

I'm certainly willing to help, so please ask me if I can tell you anything further.

Best wishes,

David.

Mails from experts: G. Rudolph, ALEPH

What I can offer is a tuning of PYTHIA 6.420 to Z→hadrons data from ALEPH.

No mods to the code are needed (for use with detector simulation we in ALEPH had our own version with modified Heavy Flavor parameters and decay tables).

I am unhappy about the single parameter $PARJ(13)=V_{c,b}$. Data would require different values for c- and b-mesons. To my knowledge this has not been corrected in PYTHIA.

The pt-ordered p.s. is automatically selected by call PYEVNW.

The non-default settings are:

- MSTJ(11) = 3 (Peterson et al for c- and b-hadrons)
- Higher spin mesons are switched on by setting PARJ(17) etc. nonzero. I believe this should be done, as some of these mesons have been observed and their rate been measured.
- Suppression of 1st rank baryons by fitting PARJ(19). This was done to better describe the spectrum of Lambda baryons. The problem however is that the rate of Lambda_b does not match observation.

Mails from experts: G. Rudolph, ALEPH, Cont'd

Other important switches

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MSTJ(12)=2 old baryon scheme. By the way, I recently noticed, the PARJ(19)
      suppression also works with =2 (according to the manual it is =3)
MSTJ(46)=3 phi anisotropic in p.s.
MSTJ(47)=3 ME correction=on in p.s.
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are kept at their defaults.

Does this match what you are looking for ?
So I will send you a table of values.

Gerald rudolph

Mails from experts: K. Hamacher, DELPHI

In my view the best tunes to LEP data have been done by ALEPH and DELPHI. Persons to talk to are Gerald Rudolph/Innsbruck/ALEPH and myself for DELPHI if you are interested in the old tunes. OPAL and L3 only tuned "by hand" which I find less trustworthy.

In case of DELPHI the best documentation still is the DELPHI tuning paper *Z.Phys.C73:11-60,1996*.
A point with DELPHI is that we modified the Pythia code as the description of resonances could not be done consistently for the different quark flavours. This eased the tuning and made it more stable. I think also Gerald has the same opinion, however this was never officially implemented by ALEPH. I think Torbjörn has taken the point in modern versions of Pythia. Both ALEPH and DELPHI used own decay tables for heavy states. Meanwhile we (DELPHI) have given those to Torbjörn. Heavy decays can also have quite an impact on some model parameters.

Mails from experts: K. Hamacher, DELPHI, Cont'd

Where ALEPH and DELPHI did comparable things we also got very similar results.

Gerald did nice tuning still recently, I'ts certainly a good idea to talk to him. This may be important as some modifications of Pythia have not been followed by DELPHI.

Meanwhile Hendrik Hoeth (now Durham, previously DELPHI/Wuppertal) uses the modified DELPHI tools for the modern versions of Pythia.

Best regards, Klaus Hamacher

Results

Mails from experts: T. Sjöstrand, PYTHIA author

First of all, I have never seen it as my top priority to become a tuning expert, when it is the experimental collaborations that sit on the data. Klaus already gave you a list of relevant people (himself, Gerald, Hendrik), and I have no further to add to that list.

The DELPHI modifications to the code concerned further meson multiplets, beyond the normal pseudoscalar and vector ones. Unfortunately most members of these are extremely poorly known. In order to improve the tune to a few observed states the danger is that the overall accuracy of a tune degrades for that reason, and possibly also because the orbital angular momentum in such cases should be modelled better in the hadronization process. Indeed some degradation of overall event-shape properties can be observed, I am told.

If you want to contribute to the development of Pythia, the top priority would therefore be to dig up an expert who could provide complete decay tables (i.e. that add to 100%) for all the states of the four L=1 multiplets in Pythia.

Mails from experts: T. Sjöstrand, PYTHIA author, Cont'd

The code modifications of Klaus never made it to Pythia6. They were made public only at the end of the LEP program, when interest was waning anyway. Their modified decay tables became public even later. (You would be surprised to learn how much generator tunes and modifications always have been considered the private property of collaborations, as a competitive edge, and therefore how little I am allowed to know. Everybody wants to profit, few want to contribute. Ask your SLAC and KEK colleagues how much their labs have given back to Pythia, and you should see some REALLY embarrassed faces.)

For Pythia8 the flavour sector parameter set has expanded, even if it may not be identical with the one used by Delphi, and some charm and bottom decay tables modified. Note that Delphi never addressed the key L=1 decay tables, to my knowledge. In general, I stopped developing Pythia6, to spend my efforts on getting Pythia8 up to speed - but primarily with LHC in mind.

Best, Torbjörn

Mails from experts: Answer to Sjöstrand from Hamacher

Here was a bit of a misunderstanding. I knew that Torbjörn made only Pythia8 more flexible with respect to the generation of multiplets. I can also fully understand his reluctance with respect to poorly known states with angular momentum. For the baryons he even makes the argument that "popcorn like" processes in baryon production are dual to resonance production. Moreover for him, as a model builder it is kind of important to avoid even more parameters. For general dynamics his point of view is certainly right and it will be difficult to observe deviations btw. model and data. There may be one exception, however. If you need to touch mass spectra it does make a difference. So, in case you need to do b-physics or similar you may be sensitive. I was really astonished how well this worked at DELPHI (with our modifs). There almost all people lived happily even with the predicted mass spectra. The description was not perfect but the general structure was really good.

Best regards, Klaus