

THE DEPENDENCE OF THE CORRELATION STRENGTH ON AVERAGE TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM PER EVENT AND ON MULTIPLICITY<sup>1</sup>

UA1-MINIMUM BIAS-Collaboration

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An analysis using the UA1 minimum bias data shows that the correlation strength  $\phi_i$  is dependent on the average transverse momentum per event  $\bar{p}_t$  and on multiplicity  $N$ . The enhancements of  $\phi_i$  for high and low  $\bar{p}_t$  events suggest at least two different physical components which cause the correlation.  $\bar{p}_t$  may be a good quantity to distinguish soft and hard processes. A detailed comparison of a low  $\bar{p}_t$  event sample with the Lund Monte Carlo Pythia 5.6 provides interesting insights into the reason of its failure.

1. Introduction

It has been shown by Bielas and Peschanski [1] that factorial moments of the form:

$$F_i(\delta\eta) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_m \frac{\langle N_m(N_m - 1) \dots (N_m - i + 1) \rangle}{\langle N_m \rangle^i} \tag{1}$$

or the correlation integrals [2]

$$C_i(\delta\eta) = \frac{\int_{\Omega_i} \prod_k d\eta_k \rho_i(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_i)}{\int_{\Omega_i} \prod_k d\eta_k \rho_1(\eta_1) \dots \rho_1(\eta_i)} \tag{2}$$

(averaged over  $M$  pseudorapidity intervals of binwidth  $\delta\eta$  or integration domains  $\Omega_i$ , respectively) extract the non-statistical (dynamical) fluctuations in contrast to the statistical bin to bin fluctuations. If such dynamic fluctuations do exist at all scales in multiparticle production, then as  $\delta\eta \rightarrow 0$ , factorial moments obey a power law as:

$$F_i(\delta\eta) \propto \left(\frac{1}{\delta\eta}\right)^\phi, \tag{3}$$

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where  $\phi_i$  is called intermittency degree [1] or correlation strength respectively. Positive intermittency exponents ( $\phi_i > 0$ ) have been obtained in the range of scales from  $\delta\eta = 1.0$  to  $\delta\eta = 0.1$  by many high energy  $e^+e^-$ , lepton-nucleus, hadron-hadron, hadron-nucleus, and nucleus-nucleus collision experiments [3].

Eqn. (3) however fails to describe the factorial moments  $F_2(\delta\eta)$  in a larger range of scales which is extended to the whole  $\eta$  interval under consideration. This non-linearly argued [4] to be the natural consequence of intermittency occurring in higher dimensional phase space. Fig.1 shows that this is indeed the case, as  $\log K_2$  (ap-bias data) is a linear function of  $2 \log(1/l)$  over the whole range, where  $l$  is the 2-dimensional variable  $l = \sqrt{\delta\eta^2 + \delta\phi^2 + \delta(\ln p_i)^2}$ . It is still not clearly understood which physical mechanisms at the hadron and parton levels are responsible for the intermittency phenomenon, especially for soft collisions, although Bose-Einstein correlations, resonance production and parton cascading are believed to contribute to it. It has indeed been shown recently, that like sign particle correlations contribute substantially in small three dimensional phase space bins [6]-[8]. As a further step in these investigations, we studied the correlation strength not only as a function of the charged particle multiplicity per event, but in particular also of the average transverse momentum per event [9] defined as:

$$\bar{p}_i = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p_{i\perp}}{N} \quad (4)$$

where  $N$  is the multiplicity of final state charged particles and  $p_{i\perp}$  the transverse momentum of the  $i$ th charged particle. The variable  $\bar{p}_i$  characterizes an event as a whole. Low  $\bar{p}_i$  events are very soft by definition. High  $\bar{p}_i$  events contain particles with significantly higher transverse momenta from hard scattering subprocesses. Event selection based on  $\bar{p}_i$  is qualitatively different from a selection based on the transverse momentum of single tracks.

The aim of this paper is to make a detailed comparison of the correlation strength between the experimental data and the Lund Monte Carlo Pythia 5.6 [10]. Although incorporated into the minimum bias event generator of this Monte Carlo program, the generated correlations are in strong disagreement with the measured ones particularly for soft reactions. This has been shown for low multiplicity samples in one and two dimensional analysis [11,16]. By selecting a low  $\bar{p}_i$  event sample where these discrepancies are largest, and by studying them for like-sign and unlike-sign particles separately, we shall infer the origin of failure of the Monte Carlo model.

We present our measurement of factorial moment  $F_2$  as a function of  $\delta\eta$  (one-dimensional analysis) along with that of the correlation integral:

$$C_2(Q^2) = \frac{\int_0^{Q^2} p_2(Q^2) dQ^2}{\int_0^{Q^2} p_1(Q^2) dQ^2} \quad (5)$$

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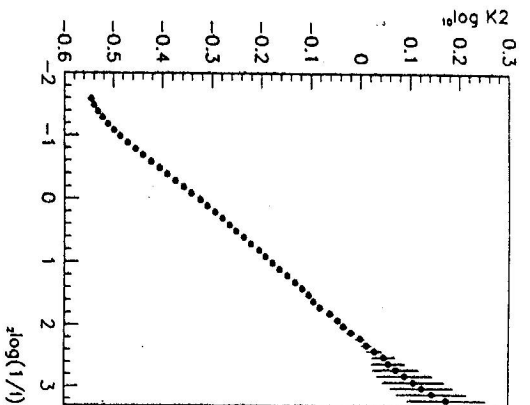


Figure 1. Three dimensional analysis with the correlation integral  $C_2$  with respect to  $l$ , defined in the text. The region of analysis extends over 4 orders of magnitude of phase space volumes ( $v = l^3$ ), namely from  $v_1 = 27$  down to  $v_2 = 0.001$ .  $K_2 = C_2 - 1.18$  has been estimated by performing the fit [5]  $C_2 = a + bl^{-\phi}$  with  $a = 1.18 \pm 0.09$ ,  $b = 0.47 \pm 0.10$ ,  $\phi = 0.49 \pm 0.10$ ,  $\chi^2/NF = 22/47$ . The errors are mainly due to systematic uncertainties.

$$p_2(Q^2) = \int d^3 p_1 d^3 p_2 \cdot p_2(p_1, p_2) \cdot \delta(Q^2 + (p_1 - p_2)^2),$$

$$p_1 \otimes p_1(Q^2) = \int d^3 p_1 d^3 p_2 \cdot p_1(p_1) \cdot p_1(p_2) \cdot \delta(Q^2 + (p_1 - p_2)^2)$$

defined in [12] and depending on  $Q^2$ , the 4-momentum difference of two particles (three-dimensional analysis), and use the intermittency exponents (slope parameters)  $\phi_2$  to characterize the correlation strength as exemplified by Figs. 2a and b. The bending of  $F_2$  vs.  $\delta\eta$  (Fig.2a) at  $\delta\eta \approx 1$  requires to characterize the correlations in the one-dimensional  $\delta\eta$  analysis by two slope parameters  $\phi_2$  in each of the ranges  $0.1 \leq \delta\eta \leq 1.0$  and  $1.0 \leq \delta\eta \leq 3.0$ . As we are mainly interested in short range correlations, we do not concentrate on the numerical magnitude of the  $F_2$  values themselves in this study.

## 2. Data Sample and Analysis Cuts

The present analysis is based on 159154 non-single-diffractive  $\sqrt{s} = 630$  GeV events collected with a minimum bias trigger [13] in the UA1 1985 data taking run at the CERN proton-antiproton collider. Only charged tracks associated with the primary vertex reconstructed from the raw data of the central detector, with  $p_{i\perp} \geq$

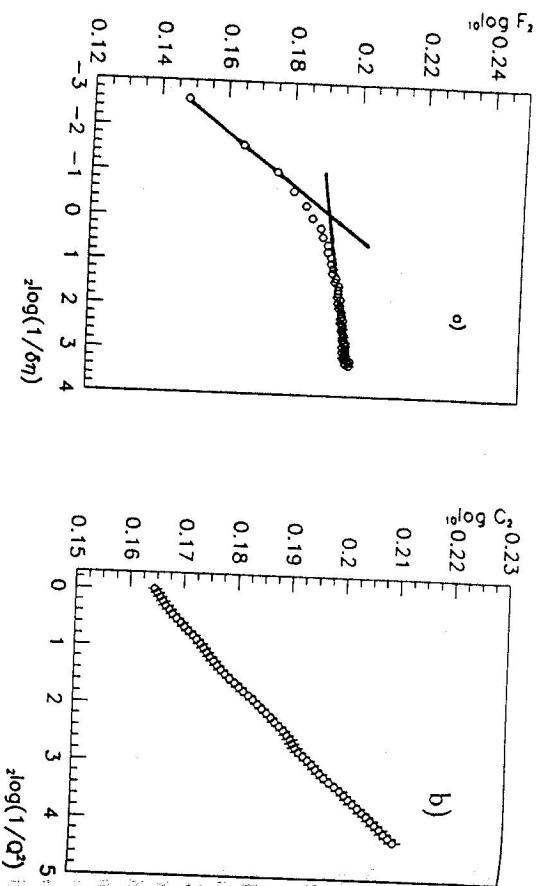


Figure 2. (a) Second order factorial moment  $F_2$  vs.  $\delta\eta$  (one-dimensional analysis) and (b) second order correlation integral  $C_2$  vs.  $Q^2$  (three-dimensional analysis), obtained from  $\sqrt{s} = 630$  GeV UAI minimum bias events using all charged particles. In the case of the one-dimensional analysis, two slope parameters have been measured as indicated by the two straight lines.

0.15 GeV/c,  $|\eta| < 3$ , length  $l \geq 30$  cm and good measurement quality have been used. The correction for acceptance loss has been evaluated by the Monte Carlo and amounts to 2% of the values of  $F_2$  and  $C_2$ , but does not change the slopes. For details, see refs. [11],[13]-[15].

The measured distributions of average transverse momentum per event  $\bar{p}_t$  and multiplicity  $N$  of our sample are shown in Figs. 3a and b, respectively. The  $\bar{p}_t$  distribution (Fig. 3a) has a maximum at  $\bar{p}_t = 0.5$  GeV/c and asymmetric tails in the regions  $\bar{p}_t \leq 0.4$  GeV/c and  $\bar{p}_t \geq 0.6$  GeV/c.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1 The Dependence of $\phi_2$ on $\bar{p}_t$ and on $N$ in the One-Dimensional Analysis

The  $\bar{p}_t$  dependence of the intermittency exponent  $\phi_2$  as obtained from each of the two scale regions  $0.1 \leq \delta\eta \leq 1.0$  and  $1.0 \leq \delta\eta \leq 3.0$ , respectively (see Fig. 2a), is presented in Fig. 4 together with the corresponding values from Pythia 5.6 Monte Carlo. The experimental data show a remarkable decrease of  $\phi_2$  with increasing  $\bar{p}_t$  and, after passing a minimum at  $\bar{p}_t \approx 0.5$  GeV/c, a slight increase<sup>3</sup> at higher  $\bar{p}_t$ .

<sup>3</sup>The increase effect is stronger for fixed multiplicity subsamples not shown in the present paper.

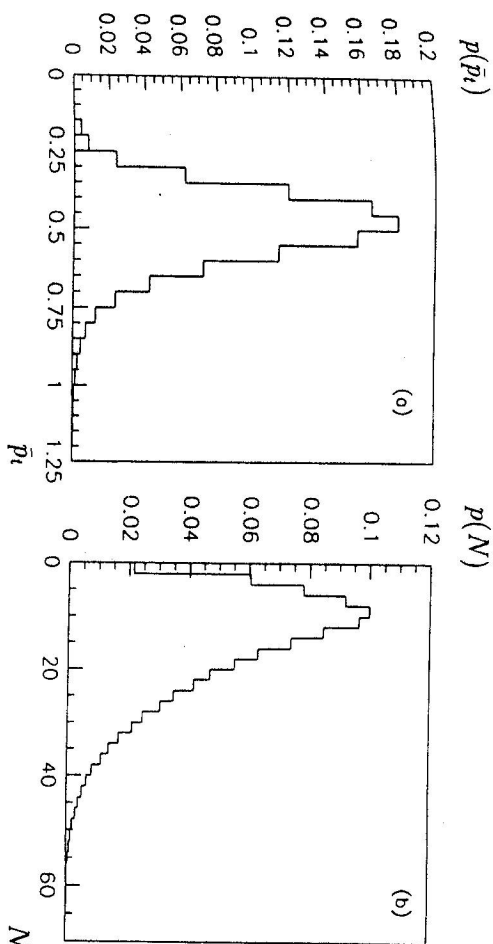


Figure 3. Probability density distribution of (a) average transverse momentum per event  $\bar{p}_t$ , and of (b) charged multiplicity  $N$  for charged particles having  $p_t \geq 0.15$  GeV/c and  $-3. \leq \eta \leq 3$ .

Lower  $\bar{p}_t$  events correspond to soft processes while higher  $\bar{p}_t$  events correspond to hard events with jet subprocesses both of them having higher slopes  $\phi_2$ . The events with medium  $\bar{p}_t$  value may contain both soft and hard components and, due to superposition, show the lowest slopes.

The multiplicity dependence of  $\phi_2$ , given in Figs. 4b and d for comparison, corresponds to a similar result presented in ref. [11] for the interval  $\eta = [-1.5, 1.5]$ . In the context that  $\phi_2$  is monotonically decreasing with increasing charged multiplicity without showing an indication of a minimum, it was surprising that the  $\bar{p}_t$  dependence of  $\phi_2$  appears to assume a minimum.

Fig. 4 also contains the results obtained from Monte Carlo events generated using Pythia 5.6 and subjected to the same selection criteria as the experimental data. The  $\phi_2 - \bar{p}_t$  and  $\phi_2 - N$  relationship appear to be in strong mutual disagreement<sup>4</sup> [11, 16]: at low  $\bar{p}_t$  and low multiplicity, the  $\phi_2$  values obtained from Monte Carlo events are generally suppressed compared to those obtained from the experimental data, whereas at large  $\bar{p}_t$  and high multiplicity (especially for the scale range  $1.0 \leq \delta\eta \leq 3.0$ ) they tend to become larger than the latter ones. It thus appears that the particle production mechanism contained in the minimum bias event generator in Pythia 5.6 is not sufficiently refined as to reproduce the observed correlation structure.

Considering the different shapes of the  $\phi_2$  dependence on large  $\bar{p}_t$  and on large  $N$ , it is necessary to establish how multiparticle production is interrelated in these

<sup>4</sup>There is a difference to the studies in ref. [11]: in this paper, we refer to a larger rapidity regions ( $\eta = [-3, 3]$  instead of  $\eta = [-1.5, 1.5]$ ) and to a more recent version of the Monte Carlo (Pythia 5.6 instead of Pythia 4.8). The improvements in Pythia 5.6 as compared to Pythia 4.8 did not diminish the difference to the data.

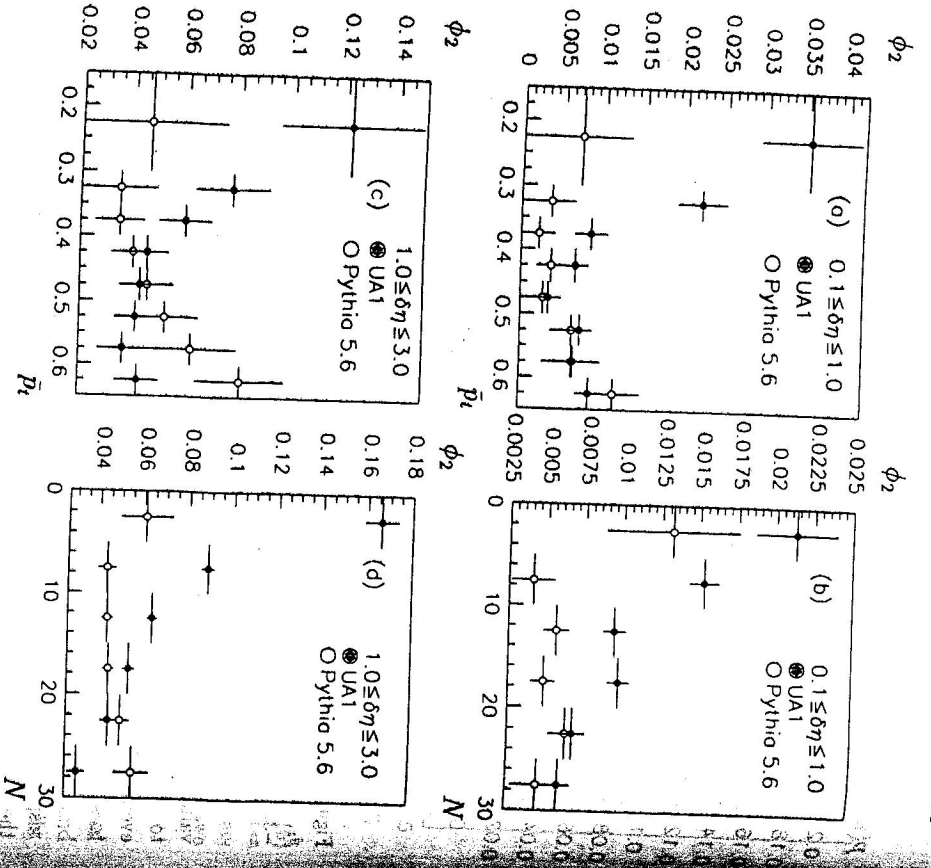


Figure 4. Dependence of the intermittency parameter  $\phi_2$  as obtained from each of the two scale regions  $0.1 \leq \delta\eta \leq 1.0$  and  $1.0 \leq \delta\eta \leq 3.0$ , respectively, on the average transverse momentum per event  $\bar{p}_T$  (a), (c) and the charged multiplicity (b) and (d). The experimental results from UA1 1985 minimum bias data (full circles) are compared with corresponding results from Pythia 5.6 Monte Carlo calculations (open circles)

two variables. Fig. 5 shows the frequency of the minimum bias events as a function of their respective average transverse momenta along with their charged multiplicity. It is conspicuous that very low multiplicity events have the largest spread in  $\bar{p}_T$ , and that the  $\bar{p}_T$  spread seems to decrease considerably with increasing charged multiplicity. The population density in Fig. 5 moreover shows that  $\langle \bar{p}_T \rangle$ , the sample average of average transverse momenta per event, rises weakly with increasing multiplicity. As it is well-known [11] that the intermittency parameters  $\phi_2$  are much larger for low multiplicity events than for high multiplicities, we argue that the significant tail of very low multiplicity events with large  $\bar{p}_T$  causes also the rising tendency of  $\phi_2$  for

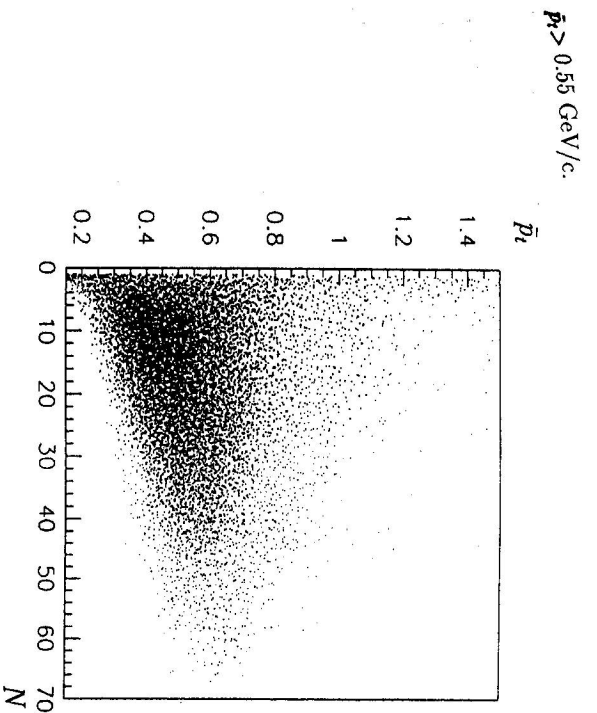


Figure 5. Distribution of  $\sqrt{s} = 630$  GeV UA1 1985 minimum bias events average transverse momentum per event  $\bar{p}_T$  versus charged multiplicity  $N$ .

### 3.2 The Dependence of $\phi_2$ on $\bar{p}_T$ and on $N$ in the Three-Dimensional Analysis

In the following we extend the one-dimensional analysis in terms of factorial moments as a function of  $\delta\eta$  to a three-dimensional analysis in terms of the correlation integral, defined by Eqn. (5), as a function of  $Q^2$ . Small  $Q^2 = -(p^{(i)} - p^{(j)})^2$  correspond to small three-dimensional phase space volumes of momentum differences. It has been shown in Ref. [11] and Fig. 2b, that the two particle correlation integral  $C_2(Q^2)$  has very clearly the functional shape of a power law behaviour:

$$C_2(Q^2) = a \left( \frac{1}{Q^2} \right)^{\phi_2} \quad (6)$$

Excluding the region of extremely small  $Q^2$  which is affected by spurious losses, the interval  $0.06 \leq Q^2 \leq 1.0$  ( $\text{GeV}/c$ )<sup>2</sup> has been chosen as scale range, from which the parameters  $\phi_2$  have been obtained by using Eqn. (6). This procedure has been performed for every subsample of events that have average transverse momentum per event  $\bar{p}_T$  or charged multiplicity  $N$  within the horizontal bars shown in Figs. 6a and b respectively. The same analysis has been repeated on minimum bias events generated with Pythia 5.6 Monte Carlo. The experimental  $\phi_2$  dependences on  $\bar{p}_T$  and on  $N$  as obtained from momentum differences of both like and unlike charge particle pairs entering  $Q^2$  are collected in Figs. 6c and d.



Bearing in mind the strong decrease and subsequent slight increase of  $\phi_2$  with rising  $\bar{p}_t$  as obtained from the one-dimensional analysis, the flatness of  $\phi_2$  followed by the indication of an increase at large  $\bar{p}_t$  values is striking in Fig. 6a. Likewise, the three-dimensional analysis yields a weaker decrease of  $\phi_2$  with rising multiplicity (Fig. 6b) than was found in the one-dimensional analysis (Fig. 4b). We argue that very small  $\bar{p}_t$  events have in the limit of small pseudorapidity intervals, virtually all three track momentum components within small three-dimensional phase space volumes and therefore yield higher intermittency parameters  $\phi_2$ . With rising  $\bar{p}_t$ , the tracks transverse momentum, thus yielding lower  $\phi_2$  values, especially for the bulk of events in the region around  $\langle \bar{p}_t \rangle$ . As we have stated before, the seeming rise of  $\phi_2$  at still higher  $\bar{p}_t$  may be attributed to the effect of low multiplicities having larger  $\phi_2$  at still 5). The three-dimensional analysis however ensures that no unaccounted separation of charged track paths in phase space is left when restricting  $Q^2$  to small values. It can therefore be expected that  $\phi_2$ , obtained from the three-dimensional analysis using the  $Q^2$  variable, is not much affected by the decrease with rising  $\bar{p}_t$  that resulted from the one-dimensional analysis.

The comparison of the  $\phi_2$  values derived from the experimental data with those obtained from minimum bias event generator using Pythia 5.6 Monte Carlo again leads to as pronounced discrepancies as we have observed before. In contrast to the flatness and the decrease of  $\phi_2$  with increasing  $\bar{p}_t$  and  $N$ , respectively, the Monte Carlo yields a strong monotonic increase in both variables as is shown in Figs. 6a and b. This increase of  $\phi_2$  as obtained from Monte Carlo starts moreover with negative  $\phi_2$  values at the very lowest  $\bar{p}_t$  and  $N$  and seems to indicate rather the vanishing of correlation with  $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$  for events of these types. The Monte Carlo model thus appears to be missing an adequate non-cascade correlation generating mechanism for very soft and very low multiplicity events.

Repeating the analysis described above for like sign and unlike sign pairs separately of the experimental data only, we obtain the  $\bar{p}_t$  and  $N$  dependences of  $\phi_2$  shown in Figs. 6c and d, respectively. It is interesting to note that the  $\bar{p}_t$  dependence of  $\phi_2$  for unlike sign pairs coincides in shape, though not quite in magnitude, with the yield correlation strength values  $\phi_2$  that are considerably larger than those for unlike sign pairs, but decrease moderately with increasing  $\bar{p}_t$  and strongly with increasing  $N$ . Interpreting the like sign correlation as being the result of Bose-Einstein interference, we conclude that this is the dominant contribution underlying intermittency. From Fig. 6c, we may moreover infer that the Pythia 5.6 minimum bias event generating model is susceptible mainly to unlike sign correlations for  $N \geq 10$ , but not properly to the full strength of the like sign correlations effects and to charged multiplicities  $N < 10$ .

The origin of the decrease of  $\phi_2$  with increasing  $\bar{p}_t$  and in particular with increasing  $N$  for like sign pairs is not yet understood.

### 3.3 The Dependence of $\phi_2$ on Single Particle $\bar{p}_t$ in Three-Dimensional Analysis

In comparison with the  $\bar{p}_t$  dependence of  $\phi_2$  discussed in Section 3.2, we now show

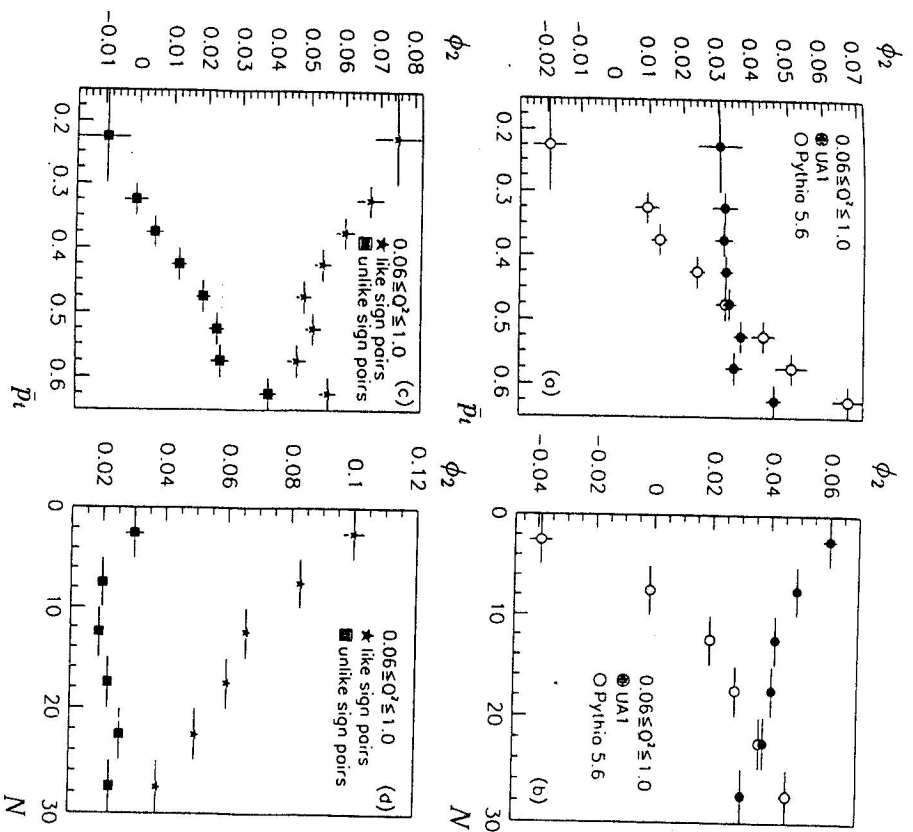


Figure 6. Dependence on  $\bar{p}_t$  and  $N$  of the intermittency parameter  $\phi_2$  obtained from Eqn. 6 for successive  $\bar{p}_t$  and  $N$  intervals. The comparison of the  $\phi_2$  values of UA1 minimum bias events (full circles) of analogous Pythia 5.6 Monte Carlo events (open circles) is shown in (a) and (b). The corresponding experimental  $\bar{p}_t$  and  $N$  dependences of  $\phi_2$  for like sign pairs (full stars) and unlike sign pairs (full squares) are presented in (c) and (d), respectively.

in Fig. 7 the dependence of  $\phi_2$  on the transverse momentum of individual particles. The difference between the  $\bar{p}_t$  and single track  $p_t$  dependences of  $\phi_2$  is that in the first case samples of events having  $\bar{p}_t$  in particular intervals were selected and all their like and/or unlike sign pairs momenta used to calculate  $Q^2$ , whereas in the latter case only pairs of single track momenta with both  $p_t$ 's in particular bins were taken to compute  $Q^2$ .

As like sign track pairs in the lowest  $p_t$  bin can also originate from higher  $\bar{p}_t$  events, their  $\phi_2$  parameter is expected to be smaller than the  $\phi_2$  value derived from the corresponding  $\bar{p}_t$  interval. Vice versa, higher  $p_t$  like sign track pairs being pre-

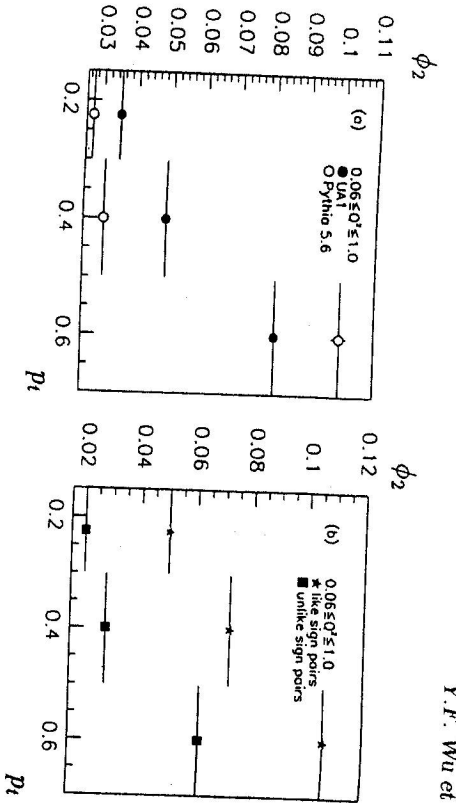


Figure 7. Dependence of the  $\phi_2$  parameter (three-dimensional analysis), obtained from the experimental data in the region  $0.06 \leq Q^2 \leq 1.0(\text{GeV}/c)^2$ , on the transverse momentum  $p_t$  of individual charged particles that enter the  $Q^2$  variable in all charged particle pairs (full circles) (a) in like sign pairs (full stars) and unlike sign pairs (open crosses) (b).

dominantly accompanied by lower  $p_t$  particles in lower  $\bar{p}_t$  events which have larger  $\phi_2$  values, we anticipate that their  $\phi_2$  might become larger with increasing  $p_t$  than the  $\phi_2$  for corresponding  $\bar{p}_t$ . The  $\phi_2$  values for like sign pairs shown in Fig. 7b are rising with increasing  $p_t$  such that  $\phi_2$  at the lower end  $p_t$  is smaller than  $\phi_2$  at the lower end of  $\bar{p}_t$  and larger at the upper ends.

As the events of the very soft type with  $\bar{p}_t \leq 0.35 \text{ GeV}/c$  are not likely to have additional tracks of large transverse momentum, we are led to argue from the Fig. 6c, that  $\phi_2$  is much influenced by the global event structure, i.e. whether events have additional larger  $p_t$  particles or not.

For unlike sign pairs, the comparison of Figs. 6c and 7b shows that  $\phi_2$  is rising with increasing  $p_t$  of individual particles as well as increasing  $\bar{p}_t$ . But the magnitude of the  $\phi_2$ - $p_t$  relationship is generally larger by about 0.03 than the  $\phi_2$ - $\bar{p}_t$  values. Again, these two behaviours are consistent in the sense that unlike sign pairs of low  $p_t$  particles can originate from large  $\bar{p}_t$  events which however have enhanced values of the  $\phi_2$  parameters. A tentative explanation of the increase of  $\phi_2$ , i.e. of the strength of two-particle correlation, with increasing  $p_t$  might be that resonance production becomes more pronounced in relation to background at larger transverse momentum, as has been repeatedly observed since many years. Additional correlations due to jet production might be another reason.

### 3.4 A Detailed Study of an Event Sample with $\bar{p}_t < 35 \text{ GeV}/c$

In order to find the origin of the discrepancies between the experimental and Monte Carlo  $\phi_2$  values shown in section 3.1 and 3.2, we select in the following event samples with  $\bar{p}_t < 0.35 \text{ GeV}/c$  both from the real events and from Pythia 5.6 events.

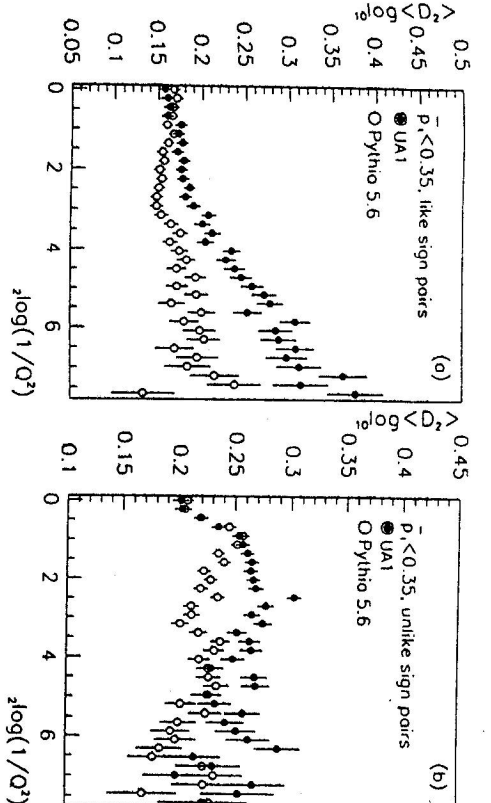


Figure 8. Dependence of the sample average of the differential correlation function  $D_2(Q^2)$  (Eqn. 7) on  $1/Q^2$  for  $\sqrt{s} = 630 \text{ GeV}$  UA1 minimum bias data (full circles) and Pythia 5.6 generated Monte Carlo events (open circles) in the region of small transverse momentum per event  $\bar{p}_t < 0.35 \text{ GeV}/c$  for like sign pairs (a) and unlike sign pairs (b).

We present in Fig. 8 differential correlation functions

$$D_2(Q^2) = \frac{\int_{Q^2}^{Q^2+\delta Q^2} \rho_2(Q^2) dQ^2}{\int_{Q^2}^{Q^2+\delta Q^2} \rho_1 \otimes \rho_1(Q^2) dQ^2} \quad (7)$$

for like sign and unlike sign pairs separately. For like sign pairs the correlation function obtained from the real data shows a strong increase with decreasing  $Q^2$  (Fig. 8a). This behaviour is similar to the observations derived from the whole data sample [6] and is usually attributed to the Bose-Einstein effect.<sup>5</sup> The unlike sign pairs (Fig. 8b) show on the other hand a general flattening off for  $Q^2$  values smaller than the  $Q^2$  at the  $\rho$ -resonance i.e. for  $2 \log(1/Q^2) > 1.0$ . In addition, structures are observed at  $2 \log(1/Q^2) \approx 2.5$ , which can be attributed to pions from  $K_s^0$  decays near the interaction vertex, and at  $2 \log(1/Q^2) \approx 4.5$  ( $M = \sqrt{Q^2 + 4m_\pi^2} \approx 0.36 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ), which might be due to reflections from  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  decays [17]. The statistical errors are however large in this region.

The Pythia Monte Carlo has been tuned to reproduce correctly the single particle distributions and, with reasonable accuracy, also the overall multiplicity distribution. In order to eliminate residual discrepancies with the experimental data due to long range correlations, we have renormalized the  $F_2$  value, obtained from Pythia 5.6 Monte Carlo events with  $\bar{p}_t < 0.35 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  and particles in the reference interval  $-3.0 \leq \eta \leq 3.0$ , to the corresponding  $F_2$  value determined from our data. Fig. 8 shows, that the origin of the discrepancy of the  $\phi_2$  values presented in sections 3.1 and 3.2 is due to an

<sup>5</sup>It is however not proven that this is the only origin of like sign pairs correlations

underestimation of short range correlations in Pythia 5.6 both for like sign and unlike sign pairs. Especially in the like sign sample strong discrepancies between experimental and Monte Carlo occur although the Bose-Einstein effect has been switched on in Monte Carlo with an exponential shape.

#### 4. Conclusion

We have analysed the dependence of the two-particle correlation strength as a function of the intermittency parameter  $\phi_2$  on the average transverse momentum per particle  $\bar{p}_t$ , on the charged multiplicity  $N$ , and on the transverse momentum  $p_t$  of individual particles. A comparison has been made between the  $\phi_2$  parameters determined in the second order factorial moment as a function of the bin-width of pseudorapidity intervals (one-dimensional analysis) and from the correlation integral as a function of  $Q^2$  being equivalent to a three-dimensional analysis. The three-dimensional analysis has been performed separately for all charged, like sign and unlike sign particle pairs. Most of the results are compared with the predictions obtained from calculations using Pythia 5.6 Monte Carlo event generator. We observe in the data sample:

- An enhancement of pseudorapidity correlations in the one-dimensional analysis at low  $\bar{p}_t$  and low  $N$ ,
- an enhancement of three-dimensional ( $Q^2$ ) correlations at low  $N$ ,
- the indication of an increase of correlation both in pseudorapidity and in  $Q^2$  at high  $\bar{p}_t$ ,
- and a strong increase of three-dimensional correlations with rising transverse momenta  $p_t$  of individual particles.

These observations indicate that different correlation producing mechanisms must be responsible for events with small  $\bar{p}_t$  and small  $N$  for events with large  $\bar{p}_t$  or large  $N$ . A detailed examination of a low  $\bar{p}_t$  sample shows that both the like sign and unlike sign particle correlations contribute to the observed strong signal there. The strong and steep like sign particle correlation function dominates at small  $Q^2 < 0.02$  ( $\text{GeV}/c$ )<sup>2</sup>.

In the case of unlike sign particle correlations we observe a signal from  $\rho$  and  $\omega$  decays and probably some reflections from  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  decays on top of a smooth, flat correlation function.

The Monte Carlo Pythia 5.6 generally underestimates strongly the  $\phi_2$  values at low  $\bar{p}_t$  low  $N$  and overestimates them at high  $\bar{p}_t$  or high  $N$ . In particular, it fails to reproduce both the like sign and unlike sign correlations in the low  $\bar{p}_t$  sample. These observations suggest that the dynamical mechanisms which lead to correlations are not sufficiently accounted for in the Pythia 5.6 Monte Carlo model of minimum bias event generator.

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