Oscillating H_q,

Event Shapes

and

QCD

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Charged Particle Multiplicity

Multiplicity distribution, P_n is often analysed in terms of factorial and cumulant moments:

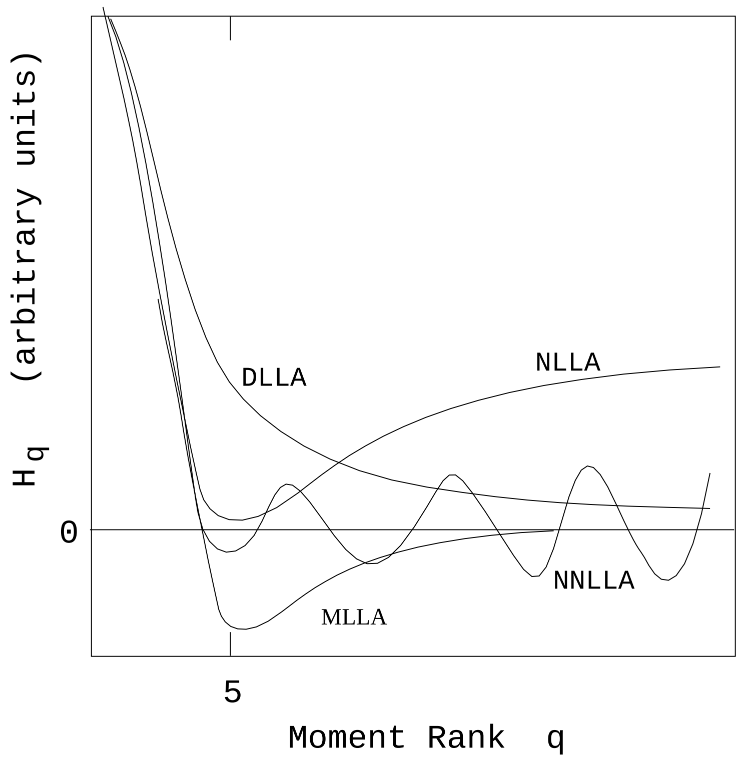
$$F_q = \frac{\sum_{n=q}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(n-q)!} P_n}{\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n\, P_n\right)^q}$$

$$K_q = F_q - \sum_{m=1}^{q-1} \binom{q-1}{m} K_{q-m} F_m$$

and their ratio $$H_q = \frac{K_q}{F_q}$$

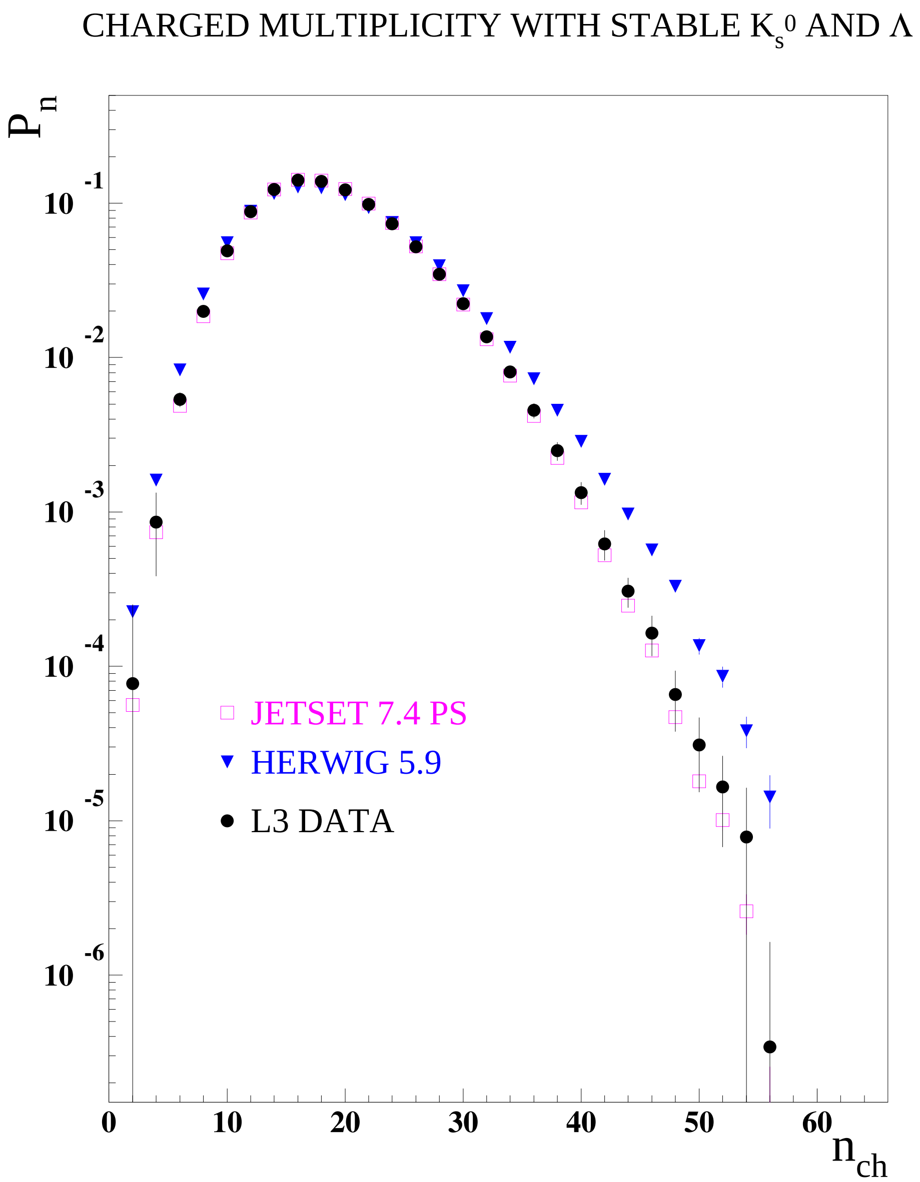
- H_q are calculable in pQCD
- assuming LPHD, can compare with H_q for charged particles

SLD observed the behaviour predicted by NNLLA, *i.e.*, min. + oscillations (P.L. B371 (1996) 149)



Multiplicity Distribution

• L3 prefers not to include K^0,Λ decay products
Unfold the mult. dist. using iterative Bayesian method with a detector response matrix determined from MC
Use 2 MCs: JETSET, HERWIG



HERWIG P_n is too broad

$\boldsymbol{H}_q$

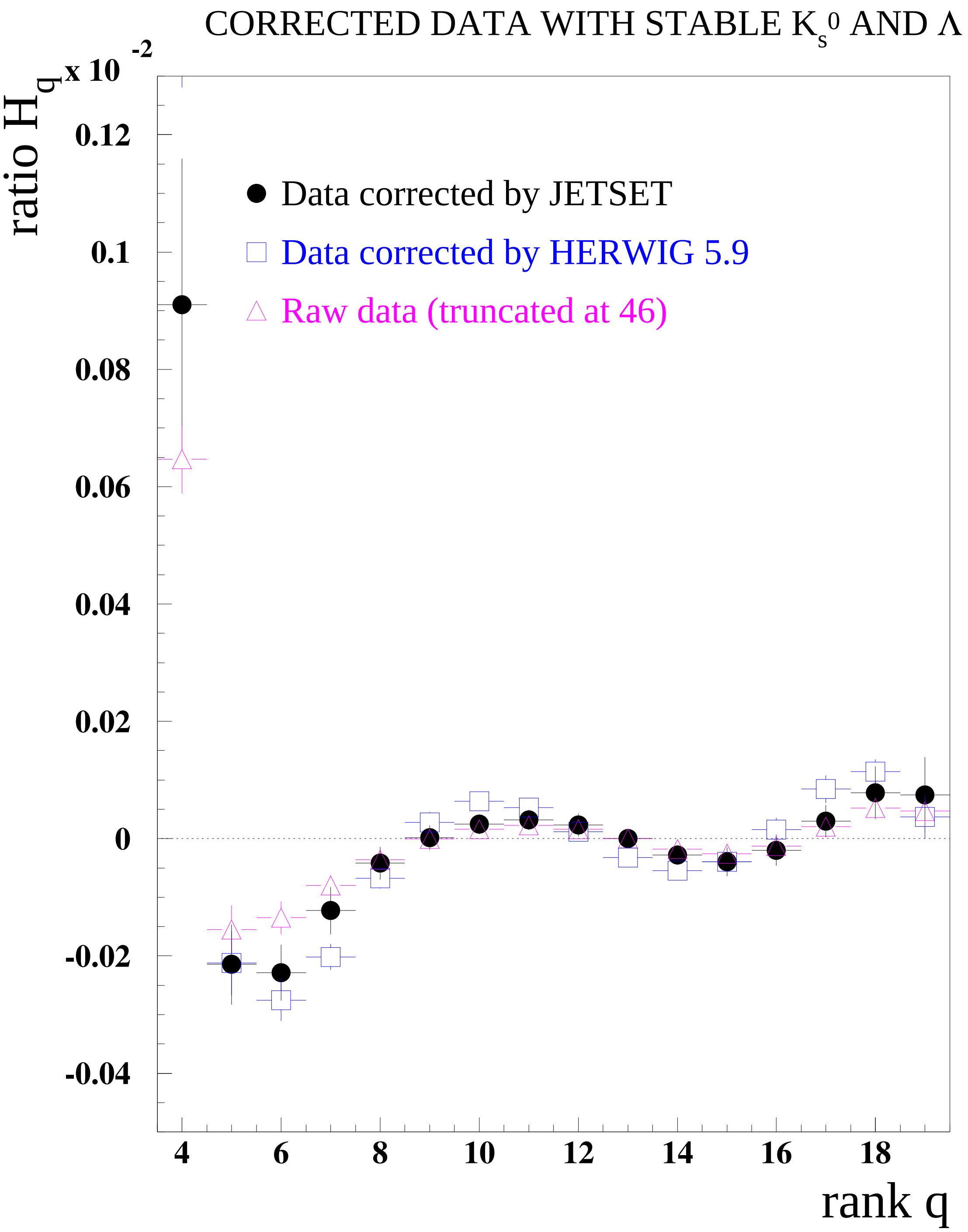
From P_n calculate H_q

- Stat. err. from propagation of covariance matrix of unfolded mult. dist.

- Syst. err. from
  - variation of selection cuts (largest)
  - JETSET/HERWIG for unfolding

- F_q is very sensitive to tails of dist.
  Truncate mult. dist. where errors become too large
  $i.e.$, events with $N_{\text{ch}} > 53$ rejected

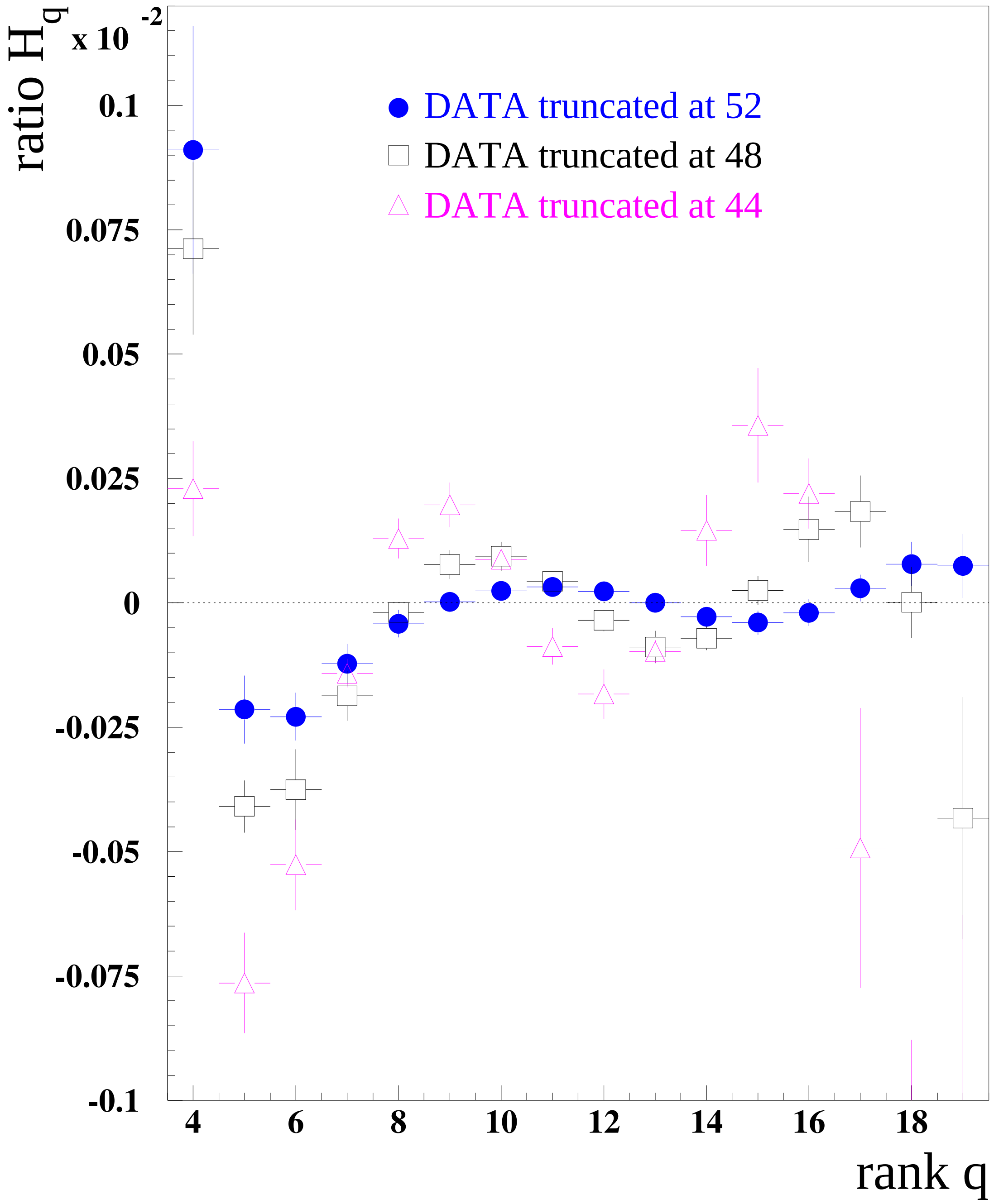
H_q L3 preliminary



H_q min. + oscillations ~same
in raw data, data unfolded by JETSET, HERWIG
(even though generator distributions are different)

Effect of truncation

L3 preliminary



Truncation increases amplitudes

Positions of extrema shift to lower q

Period of oscillations decreases