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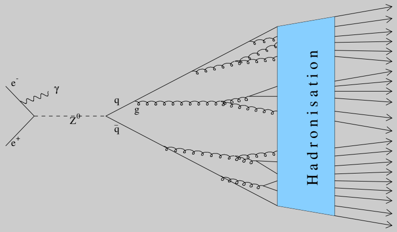

b Hadronization

in Z Decays at OPAL

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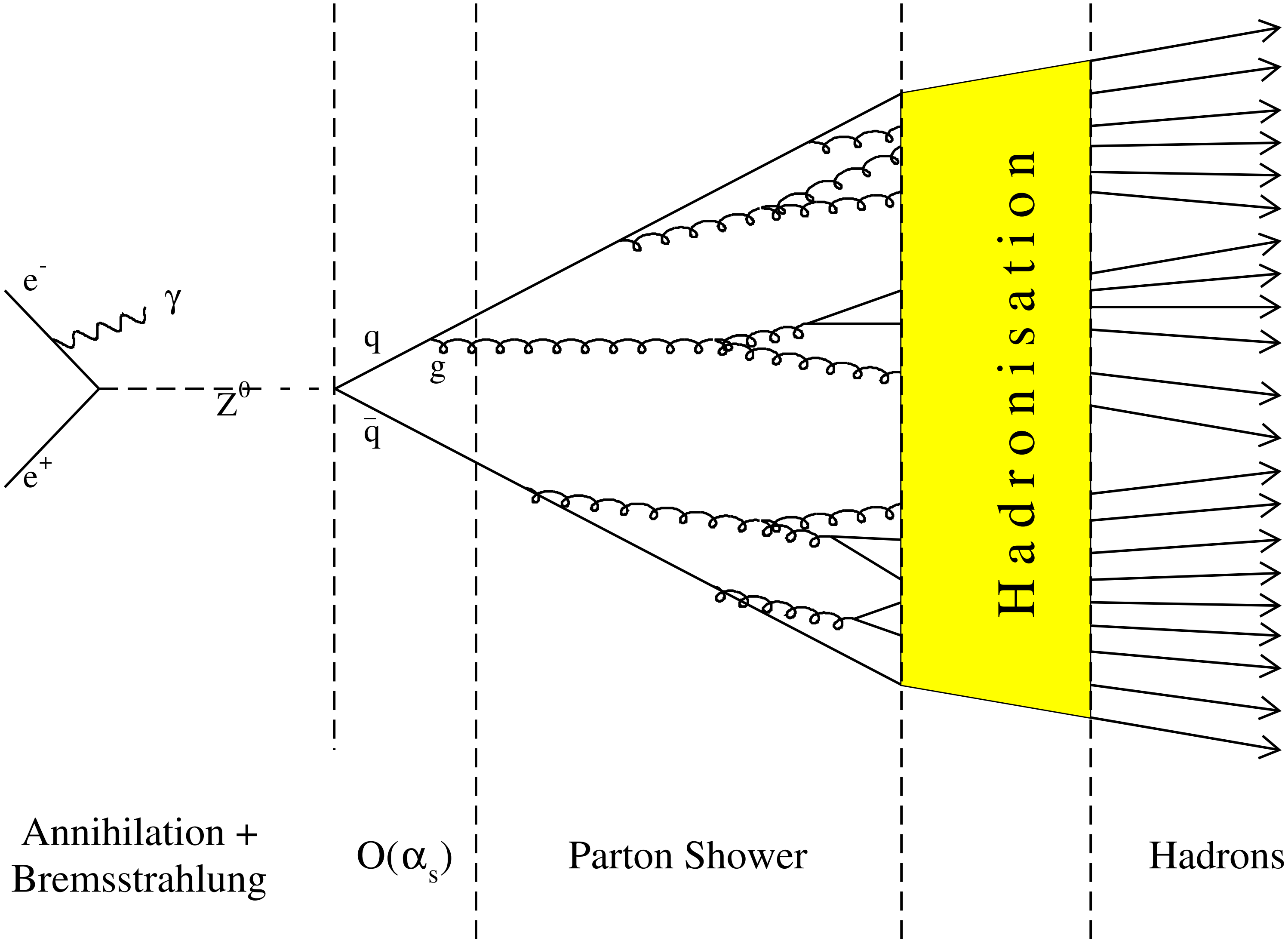
Production of b hadrons in Z-decays



picture by A. Leins

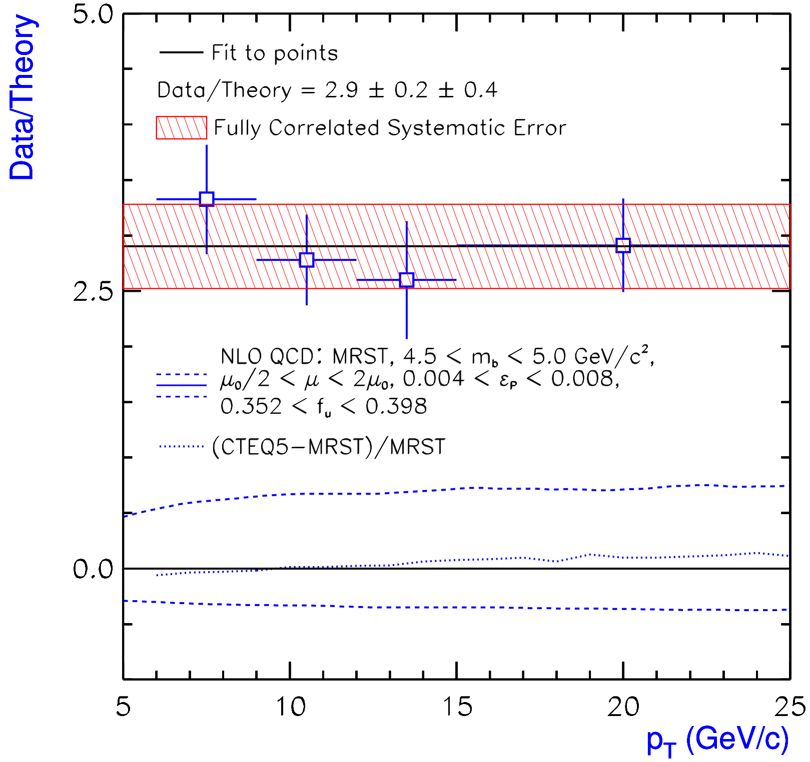
non-perturbative! far from being understood, only phenomenological descriptions

WHY should we investigate b hadronization?

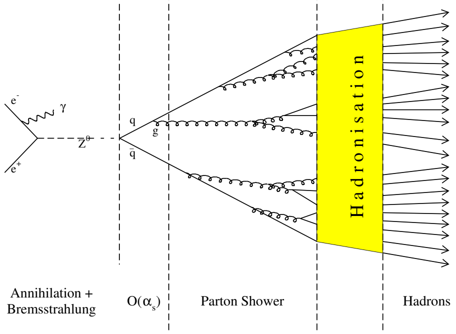
- new insights into non-perturbative QCD?
- reduction of important systematic uncertainties

Example:
CDF B^+ cross-section measurements
possibly affected by
hadronization mismodeling!

CDF Collaboration,
Phys. Rev. D65:052005,2002



HOW should we investigate b hadronization?

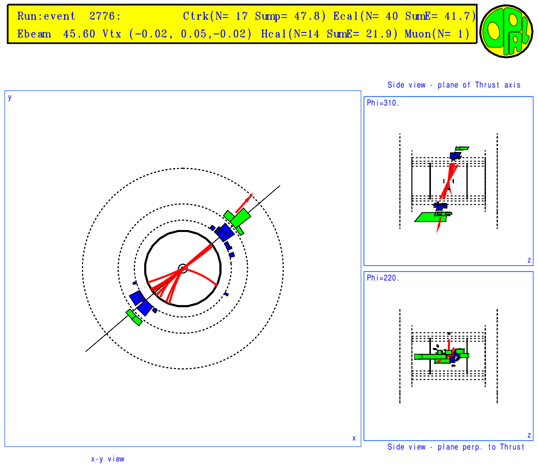


No experimental separation between perturbative and non-perturbative part $\rightarrow$ have to measure both together

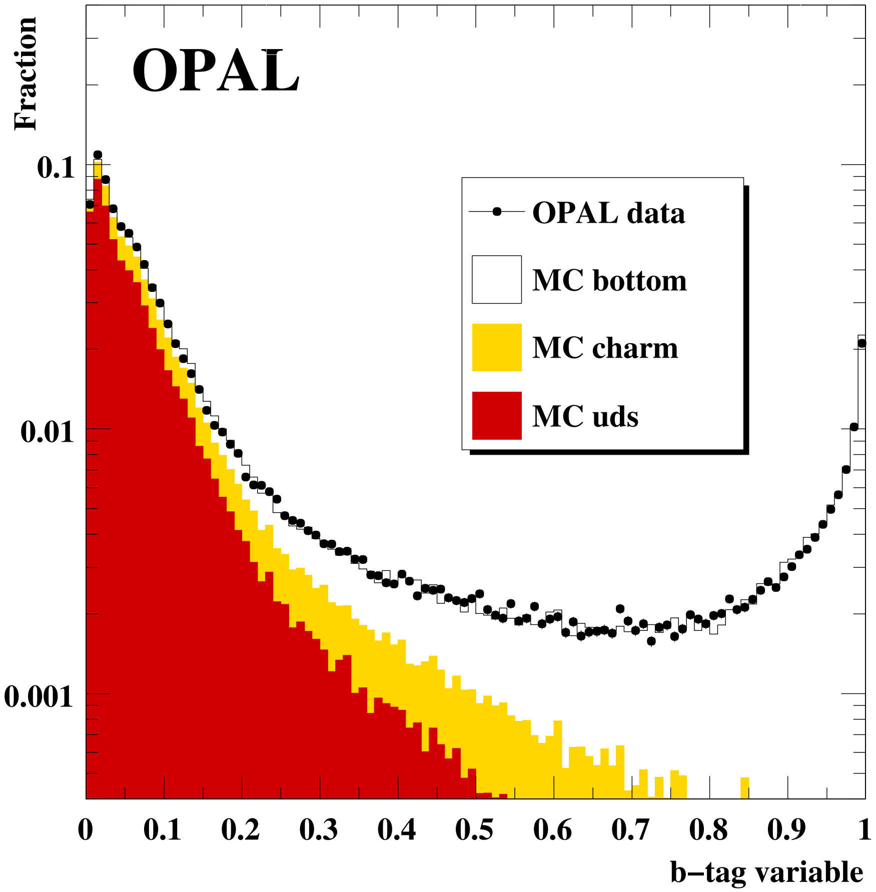
- Measure energy distribution of weakly decaying B hadrons!
- Compare to Monte Carlo simulation using specific hadronization model, fit parameters to optimize agreement
- Give model-independent description of B hadron energy spectrum

Selection and reconstruction of B hadrons

- selection of b jets
  (OPAL Higgs b tagger)



- reconstruction of B decay vertex
- selection of B hadron decay products
  artificial neural nets identify tracks and clusters from B decays
- estimation of the B hadron energy
  (see next slide)



reconstruction efficiency: 16%
background contamination: 4%
energy resolution ≈ 10%

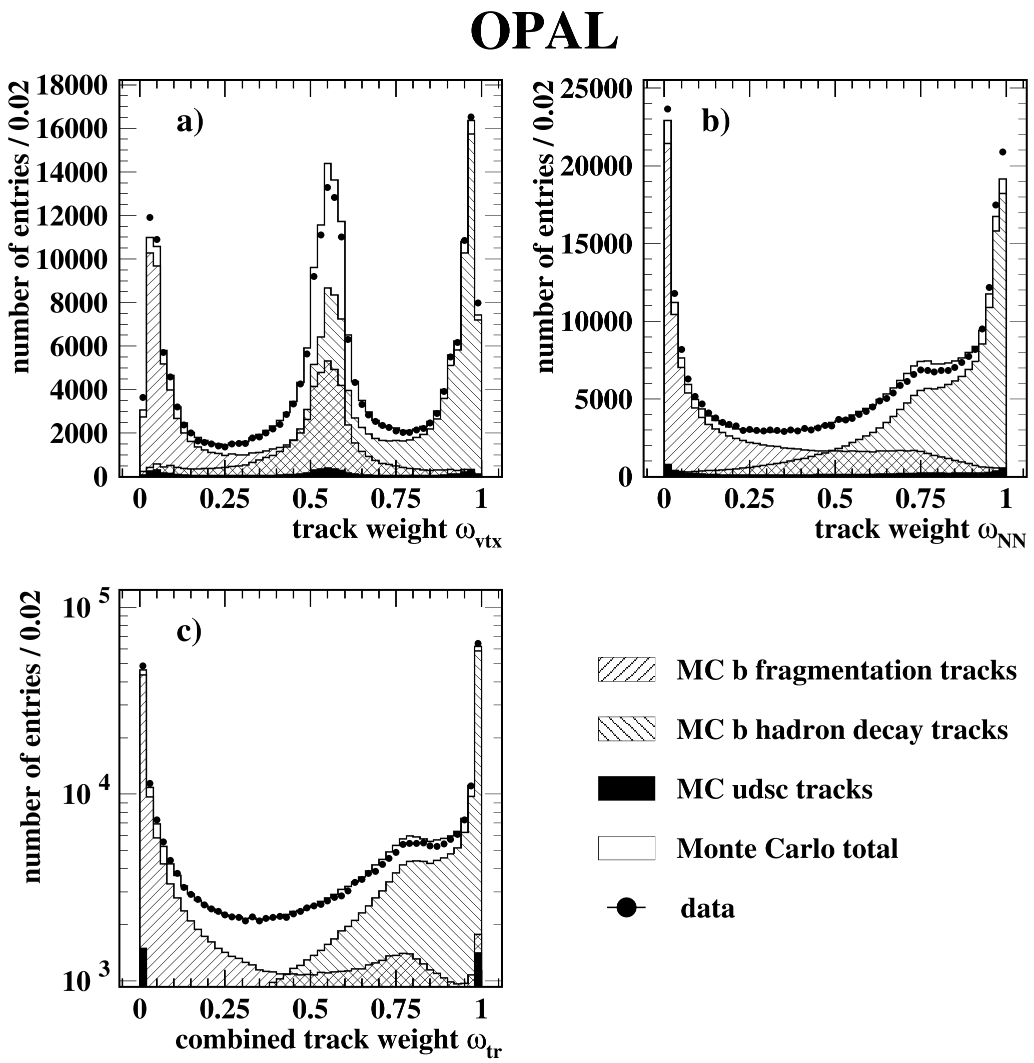
B hadron energy estimation

ideal case:
add energies of
B decay products

problem:
which tracks/cluster *are*
B decay products?

solution:
add energies of
all tracks/clusters,
weighted by
neural net B probability

≈10% energy resolution



picture by S. Robins, M. Thiergen

fragmentation functions (should be: “hadronization functions”)

Peterson et al. $f(z) \propto \frac{1}{z(1-\frac{1}{z}-\frac{\varepsilon}{1-z})^2}$

$\longrightarrow$ estimation of transition matrix element by energy difference

Collins/Spiller $f(z) \propto (\frac{1-z}{z} + \frac{(2-z)\varepsilon}{1-z})(1+z^2)(1-\frac{1}{z}-\frac{\varepsilon}{1-z})^{-2}$

$\longrightarrow$ from correspondence to heavy meson structure functions

Kartvelishvili et al. $f(z) \propto z^\alpha(1-z)$

$\longrightarrow$ from correspondence to different model of heavy meson structure functions

Lund symmetric $f(z) \propto \frac{1}{z}(1-z)^a \exp(-\frac{bm_t^2}{z})$

$\longrightarrow$ symmetry wrt. start of string hadronization at either end of the string

Bowler $f(z) \propto \frac{1}{z^{1+bm_t^2}}(1-z)^a \exp(-\frac{bm_t^2}{z})$

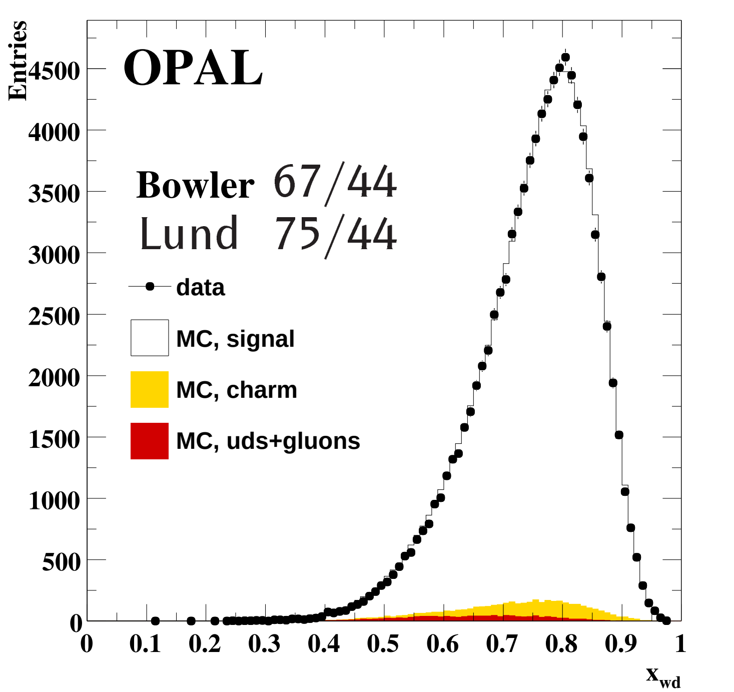
$\longrightarrow$ constant probability per length and time for $q\overline{q}$ creation on the string

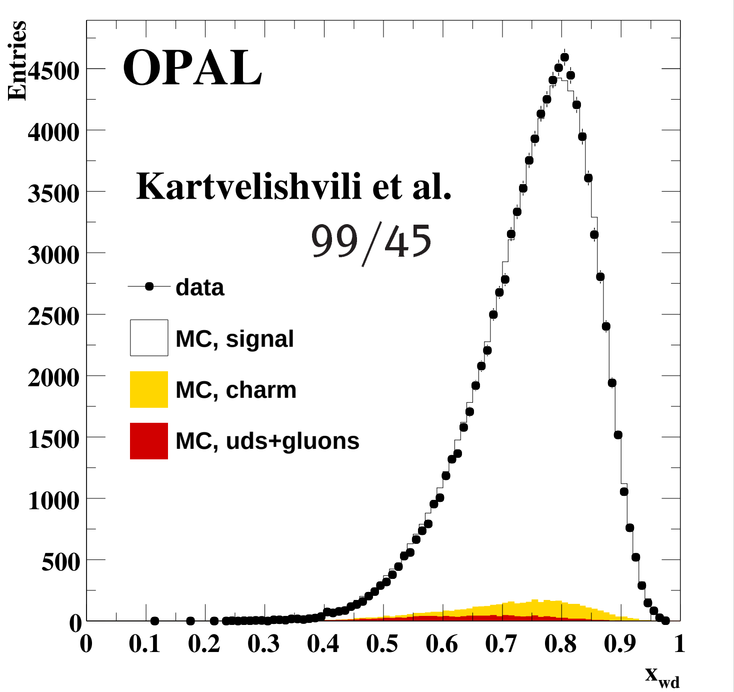
Comparison of the energy distribution with model predictions

Plug hadronization model into Monte Carlo sample,
fit parameters to data using the B hadron energy distribution

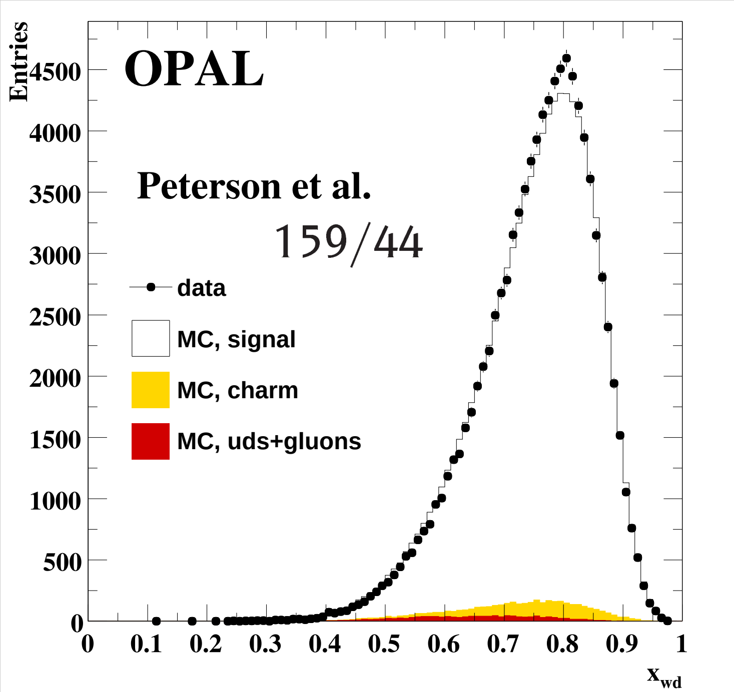
plots show scaled energy x_E = B hadron energy / beam energy

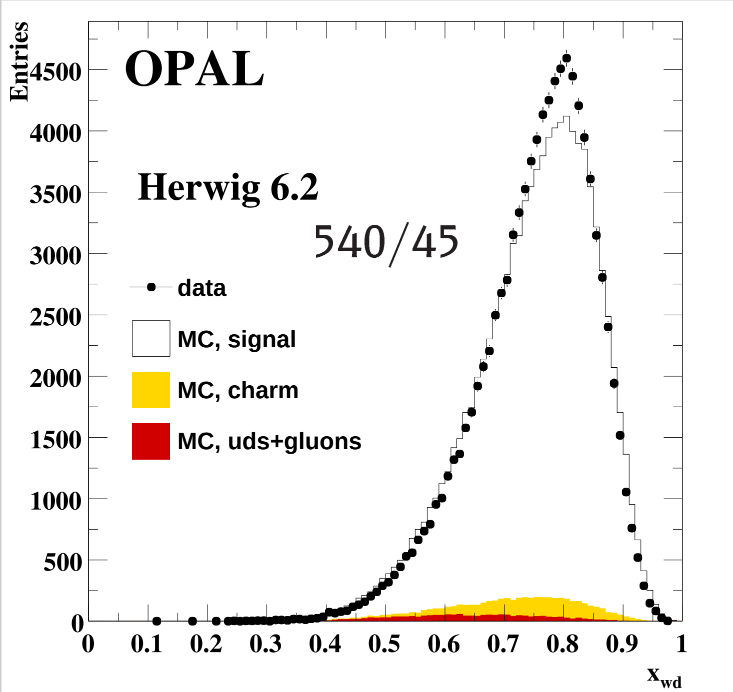
best agreement with data (χ^2/degree of freedom, only statistical uncertainty):





some worse examples:





Clear distinction between models!
Same ranking seen in recent ALEPH, SLD, DELPHI analyses

→ important input for QCD phenomenology

BUT: need model-independent description of the spectrum

model-independent description of the B hadron energy spectrum

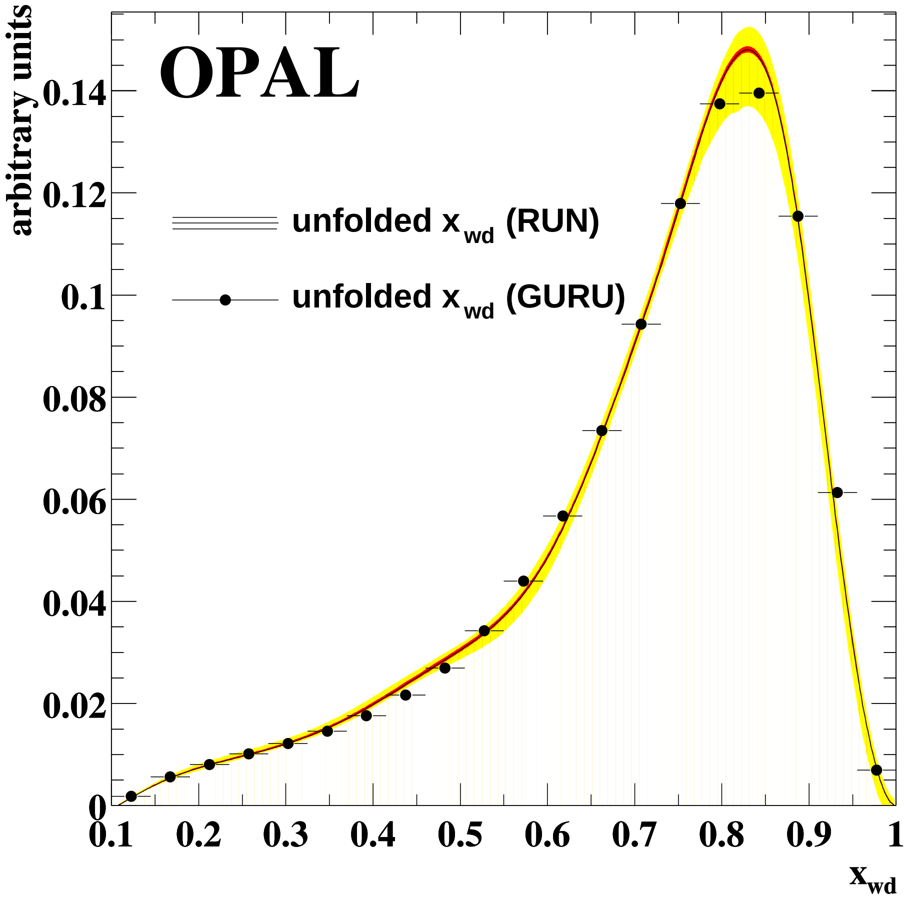
have to use unfolding to correct for
- energy dependent efficiency
- finite detector resolution
- energy dependent reconstruction bias

two methods used: RUN, SVD-GURU

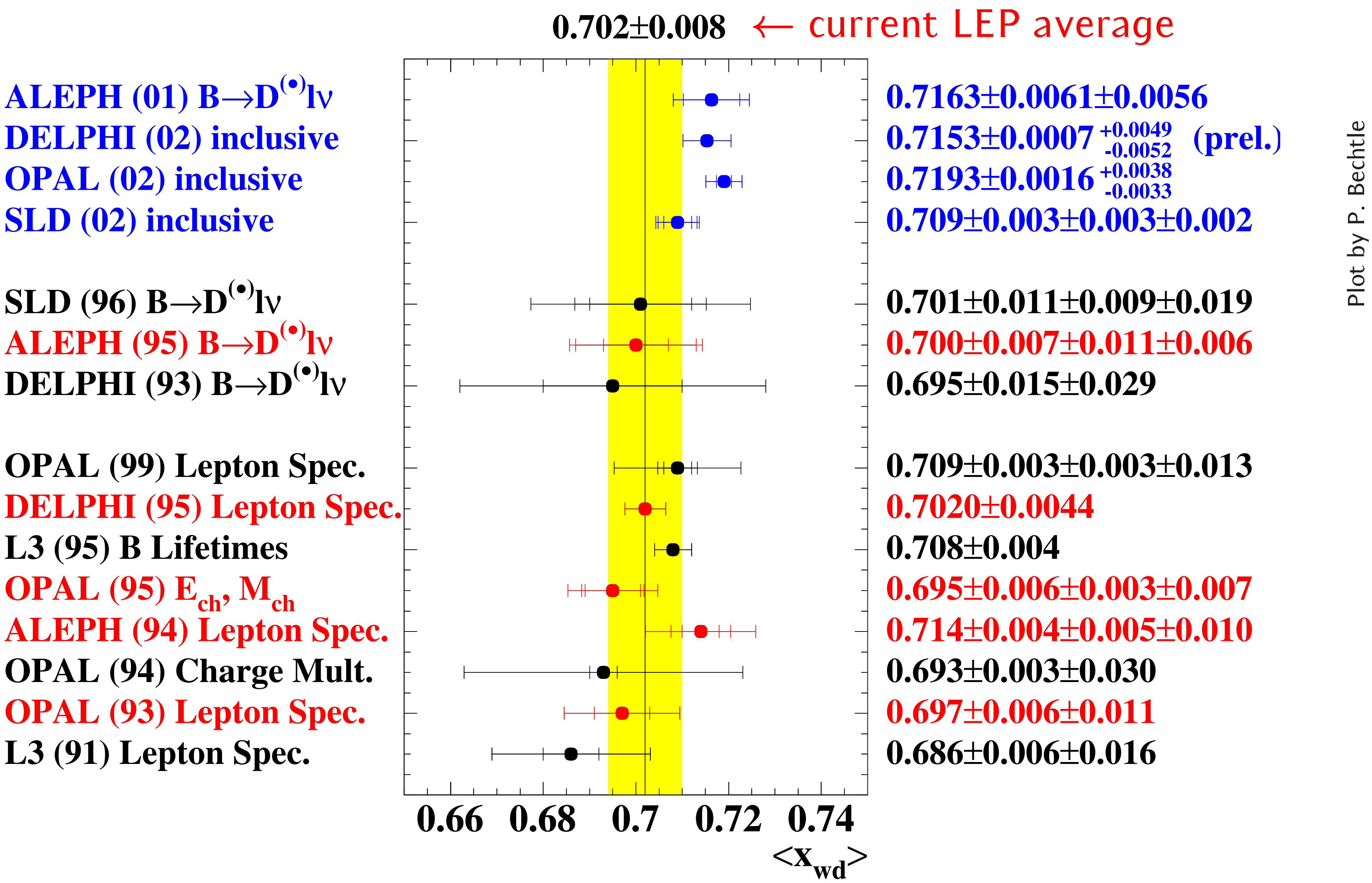
mean scaled energy of
weakly decaying B hadrons:

$$\langle x_E \rangle = 0.7193 \pm 0.0016^{+0.0038}_{-0.0033}$$

dominant systematic uncertainty:
detector resolution modeling



Overview of $\langle x_E \rangle$ measurements



CONCLUSIONS

- new b hadronization measurement by OPAL "almost" published
  (hep-ex/0210031; EPJ referee's comments answered last week)
  compatible with new ALEPH, DELPHI, SLD results
  compatible with old results; errors at least factor 2 smaller

- clear hierarchy of hadronization models established
  Bowler, Lund clearly favored; Peterson et al., Herwig worse

- model-independent description of B hadron energy spectrum
  e.g. to improve hadronisation modeling for the Tevatron:

Cacciari/Nason, hep-ph/0204025: moment space fit $\rightarrow$ B^+ Data/Theory reduced from 2.9 to 1.7 (ALEPH data)