

A NEW PARTON

SHOWER ALGORITHM

Parton Evolution, Matching at LO and NLO level

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INTRODUCTION

- ☀ The parton shower is a tool to model high multiplicity event in particle collisions
- ☀ QCD inspired model
- ☀ Not a predictive model. The scale and unphysical parameters are rather uncontrolled.
- ☀ Important tool for detector simulation
- ☀ Very crude approximation but with the tuning the performance usually is very good.
- ☀ Very popular

INTRODUCTION

- ☀ The shower is strictly pQCD object
- ☀ We need to define a nice formalism
- ☀ We have to rethink and improve the shower algorithm and the matching schemes
- ☀ Kinematics, soft gluon, Lorentz invariance/covariance,
- ☀ Matching to Born matrix elements
- ☀ Matching to NLO calculation
- ☀ Adding higher order correction

T. Sjöstrand & P. Skands

CKKW method

MC@NLO



NNLO

CONFIGURATION SPACE

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Normalization:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \{p', f', c'\}_{a,b,m'} | \{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m} \rangle &= \delta_{mm'} \delta_{a,a'} \delta_{c_A c'_A} \delta(\eta_a - \eta'_a) \\ &\quad \times \delta_{b,b'} \delta_{c_B c'_B} \delta(\eta_b - \eta'_b) \prod_{i=1}^m \delta_{f, f'_i} \delta_{c_i c'_i} \delta^{(4)}(p_i - p'_i) \end{aligned}$$

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A general state (e.g. jet function) is

$$|F\rangle = \sum_m \int [d\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}] F(\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}) (|\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}\rangle \cdot$$

The unit vector is

$$|1\rangle = \sum_m \int [d\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}] (|\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}\rangle \cdot$$

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PHASE SPACE INTEGRAL

To define the phase space integral we have an operator

$$\Gamma = \sum_m \int [d\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}] |\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}\rangle \langle \{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}|$$
$$\times f_{a/A}(\eta_a, \mu_F^2) f_{b/B}(\eta_b, \mu_F^2) \frac{1}{2\eta_a \eta_b p_A \cdot p_B} \frac{1}{m!}$$
$$\times \prod_{i=1}^m \left\{ \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \delta_+(p_i^2) \right\} (2\pi)^4 \delta \left(\eta_a p_A + \eta_b p_B - K - \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \right)$$

Cross section in the configuration space

$$|\sigma_m\rangle = \Gamma |\mathcal{M}_m\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad \sigma_m [F_{m\text{-jet}}] = \langle F_{m\text{-jet}} | \Gamma | \mathcal{M}_m \rangle$$

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$$1 = \Delta(\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}; t_3, t_1) + \int_{t_1}^{t_3} dt_2 (1|\mathcal{H}(t_2)|\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}\rangle \Delta(\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}; t_2, t_1))$$

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SPLITTING OPERATOR

The splitting operator describes all the possible transitions that $|\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}\rangle \rightarrow |\{\hat{p}, \hat{f}, \hat{c}\}_{a,b,m+n}\rangle$

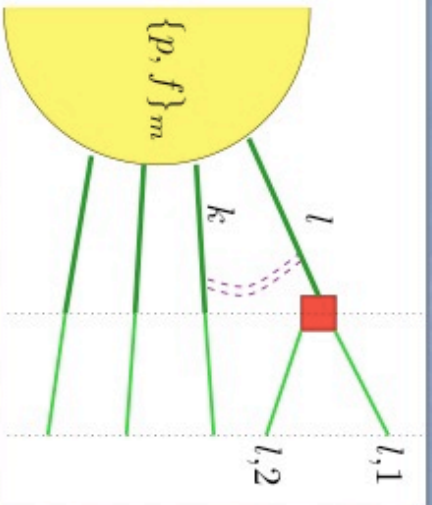
Since we are interested only at LL and NLL level we have only $1 \rightarrow 2$ splittings

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$$C_{l,k} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } l \text{ and } k \text{ are color connected} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Sudakov parametrization of the new momenta:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{p}_{l,1} &= z p_l + y(1-z) p_k + k_\perp & p_l + p_k &= \hat{p}_{l,1} + \hat{p}_{l,2} + \hat{p}_k \\
 \hat{p}_{l,2} &= (1-z) p_l + yz p_k - k_\perp & \hat{p}_{l,1}^2 &= \hat{p}_{l,2}^2 = 0 \\
 \hat{p}_k &= (1-y) p_k & -k_\perp^2 &= 2p_l \cdot p_k yz (1-z) = T_{l,k}
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The phase space is exact after the splitting:

$$d\Gamma^{(m+1)}(\{\hat{p}\}_{m+1}; Q) \frac{1}{2\hat{p}_{l,1} \cdot \hat{p}_{l,2}} = d\Gamma^{(m)}(\{p\}_m; Q) \frac{dy}{y} dz \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \frac{1-y}{16\pi^2}$$

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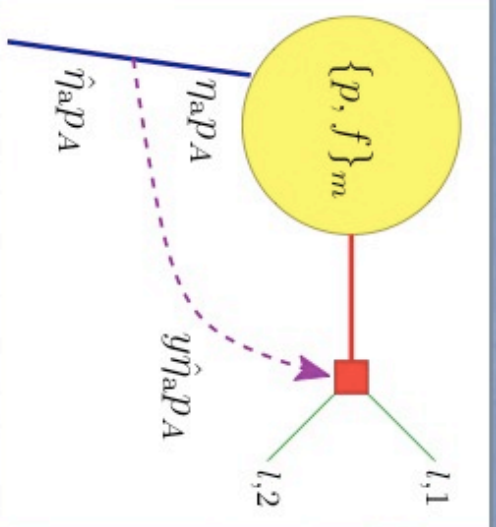
E.g.: Final state splitting with final state spectator, $q \rightarrow q + g$

$$S_{l,k}(z, y, q, g) = C_F \left[\frac{2}{1-z(1-y)} - (1+z) \right]$$

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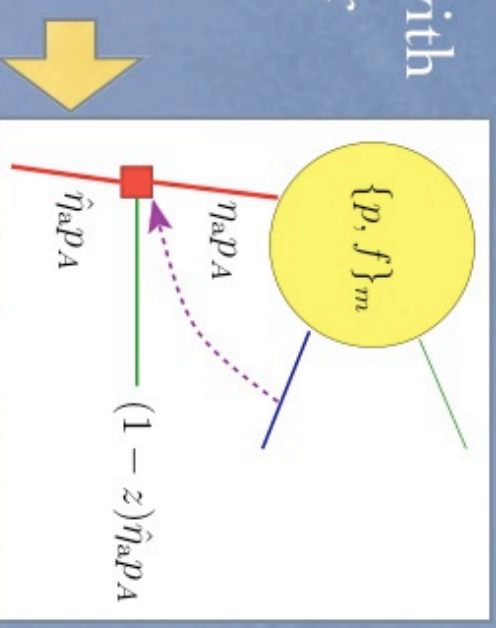
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$$\frac{\hat{\eta}_a}{\eta_a} \frac{f_{\hat{a}/A}(\hat{\eta}_a, \mu_F^2)}{f_{a/A}(\eta_a, \mu_F^2)} \frac{\hat{\eta}_b}{\eta_b} \frac{f_{\hat{b}/B}(\hat{\eta}_b, \mu_F^2)}{f_{b/B}(\eta_b, \mu_F^2)}$$



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 & \quad \times \delta^{(4)}(\hat{p}_k - (1-y)p_k) \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq l,k}}^m \delta^{(4)}(\hat{p}_i - p_i) \\
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SHOWER CROSS SECTION

The evolution starts from the simplest configuration,

e.g.: $p\bar{p} \rightarrow$ jets, the simplest configurations are

$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow 2 \text{ partons}$$

The shower cross section is

$$\sigma[F] = (F|D(t_f)U(t_f, t_2)|\sigma_2)$$

Hadronization

Starting hard scale

Infrared cutoff scale

SUMMARY: SHOWER EVOLUTION

- ☀ We defined a nice operator formalism for describing the parton shower.
- ☀ Improvements
 - ☀ Kinematics: *Exact* phase space in every steps.
 - ☀ Lorentz covariant and invariant.
 - ☀ Better soft gluon treatment.
 - ☀ No external parameters.
- ☀ What about the *freedom*?
 - ☀ Adding finite terms to the splitting kernels.
 - ☀ Freedom to improve this algorithm:
 - ☀ Better soft gluon treatment: Including subleading color contributions.
 - ☀ Adding higher order contributions: $1 \rightarrow 3, 2 \rightarrow 4, \dots$

MATCHING BORNN LEVEL MATRIX ELEMENTS TO PARTON SHOWER

Outlines:

- ✿ Definition of the scheme
- ✿ Connection to the slicing method
(CKKW method)

ADJOINT SPLITTING OPERATOR

Let us define the operator $\mathcal{H}^\dagger(t)$ according to

$$(F|\mathcal{H}(t)\Gamma|\mathcal{M}_2) = (\mathcal{M}_2|\mathcal{H}^\dagger(t)\Gamma|F)$$

Since $\mathcal{H}(t)$ always increases the number of partons $\mathcal{H}^\dagger(t)$ always decreases it.

For multiple emission:

$$\begin{aligned} (F|\mathcal{H}(t_m)\mathcal{H}(t_{m-1})\cdots\mathcal{H}(t_3)\Gamma|\mathcal{M}_2) \\ = (\mathcal{M}_2|\mathcal{H}^\dagger(t_3)\cdots\mathcal{H}^\dagger(t_{m-1})\mathcal{H}^\dagger(t_m)\Gamma|F) \end{aligned}$$

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$$w_M(\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}, t_f, t_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{(\mathcal{M}_m | \{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m})}{(\mathcal{A}_m(t_f, t_2) | \{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m})} & \text{if } \mathcal{M}_m \text{ is known} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Matrix element reweighting operator:

$$\begin{aligned} W_M(t_f, t_2) &= \sum_m \int [d\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}] |\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}\rangle (\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m} | \\ &\quad \times w_M(\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}, t_f, t_2)) \end{aligned}$$

MATCHING AT BORN LEVEL

Expanding the first step of the shower cross section:

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It is better to use the 3-parton matrix element in the second term. Assuming we know \mathcal{M}_3

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Adding and subtracting the same terms we have

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MATCHING AT BORN LEVEL

Assuming we know $\mathcal{M}_3, \mathcal{M}_4, \dots, \mathcal{M}_n$, the matched shower cross section is

$$\begin{aligned} |\sigma_M(t_f)| &= N(t_f, t_2) |\sigma_2| \\ &+ \sum_{m=3}^{n-1} \int_{t_2}^{t_f} dt_3 \int_{t_3}^{t_f} dt_4 \cdots \int_{t_{m-1}}^{t_f} dt_m N(t_f, t_m) W_M(t_f, t_2) \mathcal{H}(t_m) N(t_m, t_{m-1}) \\ &\quad \times \mathcal{H}(t_{m-1}) N(t_{m-1}, t_{m-2}) \cdots \mathcal{H}(t_3) N(t_3, t_2) |\sigma_2| \\ &+ \int_{t_2}^{t_f} dt_3 \int_{t_3}^{t_f} dt_4 \cdots \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_f} dt_n U(t_f, t_n) W_M(t_f, t_2) \mathcal{H}(t_n) N(t_n, t_{n-1}) \\ &\quad \times \mathcal{H}(t_{n-1}) N(t_{n-1}, t_{n-2}) \cdots \mathcal{H}(t_3) N(t_3, t_2) |\sigma_2| \end{aligned}$$

MATCHING AT BORN LEVEL

After some algebraic manipulation:

$$\begin{aligned} |\sigma_M(t_f)) &= |\sigma_\Delta(t_f)) \equiv N(t_f, t_2) |\sigma_2) \\ &+ \sum_{m=3}^{n-1} \int_{t_2}^{t_f} dt_m N(t_f, t_m) W_\Delta(t_f, t_m, t_2) |\sigma_m) \\ &+ \int_{t_2}^{t_f} dt_n U(t_f, t_n) W_\Delta(t_f, t_n, t_2) |\sigma_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_\Delta(t_f, t, t_2) &= \sum_m \int [d\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}] |\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}) (\{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m} | \\ &\times \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \int_{t_2}^t dt_{m-1} \int_{t_2}^{t_{m-1}} dt_{m-2} \cdots \int_{t_2}^{t_4} dt_3 \\ &\times \frac{(\mathcal{M}_2 | N(t_3, t_2) \mathcal{H}^\dagger(t_3) \cdots N(t, t_{m-1}) \mathcal{H}^\dagger(t) | \{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m})}{(\mathcal{A}_m(t_f, t_2) | \{p, f, c\}_{a,b,m}) + \delta} \end{aligned}$$

SLICING METHOD

(Catani-Krauss-Kuhn-Webber method)

Defining the matching scale $t_f > t_{ini} > t_2$ and using the group decomposition property:

$$|\sigma(t_f)\rangle = U(t_f, t_{ini})U(t_{ini}, t_2)|\sigma_2(t_2)\rangle \approx U(t_f, t_{ini})|\sigma_\Delta(t_{ini})\rangle$$

The CKKW method use a simplified Sudakov rewighting operator based on the k_\perp jet algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} |\sigma_{\text{CKKW}}(t_f)\rangle &= U(t_f, t_{ini})N(t_{ini}, t_2)|\sigma_2\rangle \\ &+ \sum_{m=3}^{n-1} \int_{t_2}^{t_{ini}} dt_m U(t_f, t_{ini})N(t_{ini}, t_m)W_{\text{CKKW}}(t_{ini}, t_m, t_2)|\sigma_m\rangle \\ &+ \int_{t_2}^{t_{ini}} dt_n U(t_{ini}, t_n)W_{\text{CKKW}}(t_{ini}, t_n, t_2)|\sigma_n\rangle \end{aligned}$$

**MATCHING PARTON
SHOWER TO NLO
COMPUTATION**

PARTON SHOWER AT NLO

Let us calculate the N-jet cross section. The matrix element improved cross section is

$$\begin{aligned}
 (F_N | \sigma_\Delta(t_f)) &= \int_{t_2}^{t_f} dt_N (F_N | N(t_f, t_N) W_\Delta(t_f, t_N, t_2) | \sigma_N) \\
 &+ \int_{t_2}^{t_f} dt_{N+1} (F_N | U(t_f, t_{N+1}) W_\Delta(t_f, t_{N+1}, t_2) | \sigma_{N+1})
 \end{aligned}$$

Expanding it in α_s then we have

“Error term” from $1/N_c^2$ approx. : $E = E^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} E^{(1)} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N_c^2}\right)$

$$(F_N | \sigma_\Delta) = \int_N d\sigma^B \left(1 + E + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} W_\Delta^{(1)} \right) + \underbrace{\int_{N+1} [d\sigma^R - d\sigma^A]}_{\text{Real - Dipoles}} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

Born term
“Quasi virtual”

PARTON SHOWER AT NLO

The NLO parton shower for an N-jet cross section is

$$\begin{aligned} (F_N | \sigma_{\text{NLO}}(t_f)) &= \int_{t_2}^{t_f} dt_N (F_N | N(t_f, t_N) W_\Delta(t_f, t_N, t_2) | \sigma_N) \\ &+ \int_{t_2}^{t_f} dt_{N+1} (F_N | U(t_f, t_{N+1}) W_\Delta(t_f, t_{N+1}, t_2) | \sigma_{N+1}) \\ &+ \int_{t_2}^{t_f} dt_N (F_N | U(t_f, t_N) W_\Delta(t_f, t_N, t_2) | \sigma_N^{(1)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sim |\mathcal{M}_N|_{1\text{-loop}}^2 + \mathbf{I} \otimes |\mathcal{M}_N|^2$$

$$|\sigma_N^{\text{NLO}}) = -\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} W_\Delta^{(1)} | \sigma_N) + | \sigma_N^{I+V}) + | \sigma_N^{P+K})$$

$$\sim (\mathbf{P}(\mu_F) + \mathbf{K}) \otimes |\mathcal{M}_N|^2$$

SUMMARY

- ✿ We defined a new formalism for describing the parton shower
- ✿ Exact kinematics, Lorentz invariant and covariant formalism, improved soft gluon
- ✿ No phase space cut parameters at all, only the infrared cutoff parameter
- ✿ Clear way to add higher order to the shower
- ✿ It is possible to add massive fermions in the same way
- ✿ Matched to the LO matrix elements
- ✿ Matched to the “NLO matrix elements”