# Parton Shower

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- And finally we want to turn partons into hadrons (hadronization)....

























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- The inclusion of such a branching cannot change the picture set up by the hard process: the whole emission process must be writable in this limit as the simpler one times a branching probability.

































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\*\* **t** can be called the 'evolution variable' (will become clearer later): it can be the virtuality  $m^2$  of particle a or its  $p_T^2$  or  $E^2\theta^2$  ...

$$d\theta^2/\theta^2 = dm^2/m^2 = dp_T^2/p_T^2$$
$$m^2 \simeq z(1-z)\theta^2 E_a^2$$
$$p_T^2 \simeq zm^2$$

- It represents the hardness of the branching and tends to 0 in the collinear limit.
- Different choice of 'evolution parameter' in different Partonshower code





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- *z* is the "energy variable": it is defined to be the energy fraction taken by parton *b* from parton *a*. It represents the energy sharing between *b* and *c* and tends to
  I in the soft limit (parton c going soft)
- $^{*}$   $\Phi$  is the azimuthal angle. It can be chosen to be the angle between the polarization of a and the plane of the branching.



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$$C_F = \frac{4}{3}, C_A = 3, T_R = \frac{1}{2}.$$

- \* Gluons radiate the most
- \*There are soft divergences in z=1 and z=0.
- \*  $P_{qg}$  has no soft divergences.



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Now consider  $M_{n+1}$  as the new core process and use the recipe we used for the first emission in order to get the dominant contribution to the (n+2)-body cross section: add a new branching at angle much smaller than the previous one:

$$|\mathcal{M}_{n+2}|^2 d\Phi_{n+2} \simeq |\mathcal{M}_n|^2 d\Phi_n \frac{dt}{t} dz \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \to bc}(z) \\ \times \frac{dt'}{t'} dz' \frac{d\phi'}{2\pi} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{b \to de}(z')$$

• This can be done for an arbitrary number of emissions. The recipe to get the leading collinear singularity is thus cast in the form of an iterative sequence of emissions whose probability does not depend on the past history of the system: a 'Markov chain'. No interference!!!



#### Multiple emission





• The dominant contribution comes from the region where the subsequently emitted partons satisfy the strong ordering requirement:  $\theta \gg \theta' \gg \theta''$ ...

For the rate for multiple emission we get

$$\sigma_{n+k} \propto \alpha_{\rm S}^k \int_{Q_0^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dt}{t} \int_{Q_0^2}^t \frac{dt'}{t'} \dots \int_{Q_0^2}^{t^{(k-2)}} \frac{dt^{(k-1)}}{t^{(k-1)}} \propto \sigma_n \left(\frac{\alpha_{\rm S}}{2\pi}\right)^k \log^k(Q^2/Q_0^2)$$

where Q is a typical hard scale and  $Q_0$  is a small infrared cutoff that separates perturbative from non perturbative regimes.

• Each power of  $\alpha_s$  comes with a logarithm. The logarithm can be easily large, and therefore it can lead to a breakdown of perturbation theory.



Sudakov Form Factor



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- The Sudakov form factor is the heart of the parton shower. It gives the probability that a parton does not branch between two scales
- \* Using this no-emission probability the branching tree of a parton is generated.
- Define  $dP_k$  as the probability for k ordered splittings from leg a at given scales

$$dP_{1}(t_{1}) = \Delta(Q^{2}, t_{1}) dp(t_{1})\Delta(t_{1}, Q_{0}^{2}),$$
  

$$dP_{2}(t_{1}, t_{2}) = \Delta(Q^{2}, t_{1}) dp(t_{1}) \Delta(t_{1}, t_{2}) dp(t_{2}) \Delta(t_{2}, Q_{0}^{2})\Theta(t_{1} - t_{2}),$$
  

$$\dots = \dots$$
  

$$P_{k}(t_{1}, \dots, t_{k}) = \Delta(Q^{2}, Q_{0}^{2}) \prod_{l=1}^{k} dp(t_{l})\Theta(t_{l-1} - t_{l})$$

 $Q_0^2$  is the hadronization scale (~I GeV). Below this scale we do not trust the perturbative description for parton splitting anymore.

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Hence, the total probability is conserved



# singularities



- We have shown that the showers is unitary. However, how are the IR divergences cancelled explicitly? Let's show this for the first emission:
  - Consider the contributions from (exactly) 0 and 1 emissions from leg a:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{\sigma_n} = \Delta(Q^2, Q_0^2) + \Delta(Q^2, Q_0^2) \sum_{bc} dz \frac{dt}{t} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \to bc}(z)$$

• Expanding to first order in  $\alpha_s$  gives

$$\frac{d\sigma}{\sigma_n} \simeq 1 - \sum_{bc} \int_{Q_0^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dt'}{t'} dz \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \to bc}(z) + \sum_{bc} dz \frac{dt}{t} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \to bc}(z)$$

- Same structure of the two latter terms, with opposite signs: cancellation of divergences between the approximate virtual and approximate real emission cross sections.
- The probabilistic interpretation of the shower ensures that infrared divergences will cancel for each emission.

#### Final-state parton showers











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- 5. For each emitted particle, iterate steps 2-4 until branching stops.



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- There is a lot of freedom in the choice of evolution parameter t. It can be the virtuality m<sup>2</sup> of particle a or its  $p_T^2$  or  $E^2\theta^2$  ... For the collinear limit they are all equivalent
- However, in the soft limit  $(z \rightarrow 0, I)$  they behave differently
- Can we chose it such that we get the correct soft limit?
- Soft gluon comes from the full event!



• Quantum Interference



## Angular ordering





Radiation inside cones around the original partons is allowed (and described by the eikonal approximation), outside the cones it is zero (after averaging over the azimuthal angle)







 Sudakov Form-Factor: Probablility of Noemission between two scale.  $\Delta(Q^2, t) \simeq e^{-\int_t^{Q^2} \frac{dt'}{t'} dz \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \hat{P}(z)} \equiv e^{-\int_t^{Q^2} dp(t')}$  Probalitity of K-emission  $P_k \equiv \int dP_k(t_1, \dots, t_k) = \Delta(Q^2, Q_0^2) \frac{1}{k!} \left[ \int_{Q_0^2}^{Q^2} dp(t) \right]^k, \quad \forall k = 0, 1, \dots$  Ensure that the parton shower is unitary Ensure cancelation of IR divergency Interference effect via Angular ordering

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# Initial-state parton splitting



Start with a quark PDF f<sub>0</sub>(x) at scale t<sub>0</sub>. After a single parton emission, the probability to find the quark at virtuality t > t<sub>0</sub> is

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• After a second emission, we have

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# The DGLAP equation





• So for multiple parton splittings, we arrive at an integraldifferential equation:

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- This is the famous DGLAP equation (where we have taken into account the multiple parton species i, j). The boundary condition for the equation is the initial PDFs  $f_{i0}(x)$  at a starting scale t<sub>0</sub> (around 2 GeV).
- These starting PDFs are fitted to experimental data.



# parton showers



- To simulate parton radiation from the initial state, we start with the hard scattering, and then "deconstruct" the DGLAP evolution to get back to the original hadron: backwards evolution!
  - i.e. we undo the analytic resummation and replace it with explicit partons (e.g. in Drell-Yan this gives non-zero p<sub>T</sub> to the vector boson)
- In backwards evolution, the Sudakovs include also the PDFs -this follows from the DGLAP equation and ensures conservation of probability:

$$\Delta_{Ii}(x,t_1,t_2) = \exp\left\{-\int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt' \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dx'}{x'} \frac{\alpha_s(t')}{2\pi} P_{ij}\left(\frac{x}{x'}\right) \frac{f_i(x',t')}{f_j(x,t')}\right\}$$

This represents the probability that parton **i** will stay at the same  $\mathbf{x}$  (no splittings) when evolving from  $\mathbf{t}_1$  to  $\mathbf{t}_2$ .

• The shower simulation is now done as in a final state shower!





- The shower stops if all partons are characterized by a scale at the IR cut-off:  $Q_0 \sim I$  GeV.
- Physically, we observe hadrons, not (colored) partons.
- We need a non-perturbative model in passing from partons to colorless hadrons.
- There are two models (string and cluster), based on physical and phenomenological considerations.









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"Note that a banching tree is not a Feynman diagram: it represents the coherent sum of many real and virtual diagrams which are summed by the branching algorithm" (HERWIG manual)



# To Remember



- The parton shower dresses partons with radiation. This makes the inclusive parton-level predictions (i.e. inclusive over extra radiation) completely exclusive
  - In the soft and collinear limits the partons showers are exact, but in practice they are used outside this limit as well.
  - Partons showers are universal (i.e. independent from the process)
  - Building block of the parton shower is the Sudakov
- There is a cut-off in the shower (below which we don't trust perturbative QCD) at which a hadronization model takes over

# Matching/Merging

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In the soft-collinear approximation of Parton Shower MCs, parameters are used to tune the result  $\Rightarrow$  Large variation in results (small prediction power)



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Double counting between ME and PS easily avoided using phase space cut between the two: PS below cutoff, ME above cutoff.

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- So double counting problem easily solved, but what about getting smooth distributions that are independent of the precise value of Q<sup>c</sup>?
- Below cutoff, distribution is given by PS
  need to make ME look like PS near cutoff
- Let's take another look at the PS!













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• Remember to use first clustering scale on each side for PDF scale:

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- We still haven't specified how to apply the Sudakov reweighting to the matrix element
- Three general schemes available in the literature:
  - CKKW scheme [Catani,Krauss,Kuhn,Webber 2001; Krauss 2002]
  - Lönnblad scheme (or CKKW-L) [Lönnblad 2002]
  - → MLM scheme [Mangano unpublished 2002; Mangano et al. 2007]



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  - Mismatch between analytical Sudakov and (non-NLL) shower
  - Implemented in Sherpa (v. I.I)



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- $\checkmark$  Automatic agreement between Sudakov and shower
- Requires dedicated PS implementation
  - Need multiple implementations to compare between showers
- Implemented in Ariadne, Sherpa (v. I.2), and Pythia 8





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which turns out to be a good enough approximation of the correct expression  $(\Delta_{Iq}(t_{cut}, t_0))^2 \Delta_g(t_2, t_1) (\Delta_q(t_{cut}, t_2))^2$ 





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- ✓ Simplest available scheme
- ✓ Allows matching with any shower, without modification
- Sudakov suppression not exact, minor mismatch with shower
- Implemented in AlpGen, HELAC, MadGraph+Pythia 6





- In the previous, assumed we can simulate all parton multiplicities by the ME
- In practice, we can only do limited number of final-state partons with matrix element (up to 4-5 or so)
- For the highest jet multiplicity that we generate with the matrix element, we need to allow additional jets above the matching scale *t*<sub>cut</sub>, since we will otherwise not get a jet-inclusive description but still can't allow PS radiation harder than the ME partons
- Need to replace  $t_{cut}$  by the clustering scale for the softest ME parton for the highest multiplicity





- We have a number of choices to make in the above procedure. The most important are:
  - I. The clustering scheme used to determine the parton shower history of the ME event
  - 2. What to use for the scale  $Q^2$  (factorization scale)
  - 3. How to divide the phase space between parton showers and matrix elements





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# - Summary of Matching Procedure

- I. Generate ME events (with different parton multiplicities) using parton-level cuts ( $p_T^{ME}/\Delta R$  or  $k_T^{ME}$ )
- 2. Cluster each event and reweight  $\alpha_s$  and PDFs based on the scales in the clustering vertices
- 3. Apply Sudakov factors to account for the required nonradiation above clustering cutoff scale and generate parton shower emissions below clustering cutoff:
  - a. (CKKW) Analytical Sudakovs + truncated showers
  - b. (CKKW-L) Sudakovs from truncated showers
  - c. (MLM) Sudakovs from reclustered shower emissions
- 4. Apply separation cut

## Comparing to experiment: W+jets





- Very good agreement at Tevatron (left) and LHC (right)
- Matched samples obtained via different matching schemes (MLM and CKKW) consistent within the expected uncertaintes.
- Pure parton shower (Pythia) doesn't describe the data beyond 1st jet.





# Example: Simulation of pp→W with 0, 1, 2 jets (comfortable on a laptop)



# Matching automatically done when run through MadEvent and Pythia!





- By default, k<sub>T</sub>-MLM matching is run if xqcut > 0, with the matching scale QCUT = max(xqcut\*1.4, xqcut+10)
- For shower-kT, by default QCUT = xqcut
- If you want to change the Pythia setting for matching scale or switch to shower- $k_{\rm T}$  matching:

```
In pythia_card.dat:
...
! This sets the matching scale, needs to be > xqcut
QCUT = 30
! This switches from kT-MLM to shower-kT matching
! Note that MSTP(81)>=20 needed (pT-ordered shower)
SHOWERKT = T
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- The matching scale (QCUT) should typically be chosen around 1/6-1/2 x hard scale (so xqcut correspondingly lower)
- The matched cross section (for X+0,1,... jets) should be close to the unmatched cross section for the 0-jet sample (found on the process HTML page)
- The differential jet rate plots should be smooth
- When QCUT is varied (within the region of validity), the matched cross section or differential jet rates should not vary significantly

# Differential Jet Rate Plot



- •This are the clustering scales in the kt-jet clustering scheme
- DJR1: pT of the last remaining jet
- DJR2: The minimum between the pT of the second to last remaining jet and the kt between the last two jet.
- Only radiative jet (not those from decay) should enter those plot.















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#### Jet distributions smooth, and stable when we vary the matching scale!





In the soft-collinear approximation of Parton Shower MCs, parameters are used to tune the result  $\Rightarrow$  Large variation in results (small prediction power)






In a matched sample these differences are irrelevant since the behavior at high pt is dominated by the matrix element.







- Despite the apparent enormous complexity of simulation of complete collider events, nature has kindly allowed us to factorize the simulation into separate steps
- The Monte Carlo method allows us to step-by-step simulate hard scattering, parton shower, particle decays, hadronization, and underlying event
- Jet matching between matrix elements and parton showers gives crucial improvement of simulation of background as well as signal processes
- Running matching with MadGraph + Pythia is very easy, but the results should always be checked for consistency
- Matching is mandatory at NLO (actually without merging)