

Review dei generatori ad elementi di matrice tree-level

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From Tevatron to LHC

Yields increased by order of magnitudes wrt Tevatron.
Events with vectors bosons, tops and heavy and light jets with rates >1 Hz.

- Higgs physics down order of magnitudes.
- •Need to understand QCD backgrounds well!

QCD factorization theorem for short-distance inclusive processes:

$$\sigma_X = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_b(x_2, \mu_F^2) \\ \times \hat{\sigma}_{ab \to X}(x_1, x_2, \alpha_S(\mu_R^2), \frac{Q^2}{\mu_F^2}, \frac{Q^2}{\mu_R^2})$$

Two ingredients necessary:

I. Parton Distribution functions (from exp).

2. Short distance coefficients as an expansion in α_s and possibly with resum. of large logs (from th).



How to improve our predictions?

Standard ways:

- Include higher order terms in our fixedorder calculations (LO \rightarrow NLO \rightarrow NNLO...) $\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X} = \sigma_0 + \alpha_S \sigma_1 + \alpha_S^2 \sigma_2 + \dots$
- Describe final states with high multiplicities using parton showers.

New trend:

Match fixed-order calculations and parton showers to obtain the most accurate predictions in a detector simulation friendly way



Available Tools: references

- Les Houches Guide Book to MC generators for Hadron Collider Physics, hep-ph/0403045
- Links and descriptions of the codes at http://www.ippp.dur.ac.uk/HEPCODE/

Note One: In this talk I will give only a very partial and (italian) biased presentation of the available tools!

Note Two: I'll assume we have learned what a parton shower is this morning.

Outline

• What's a matrix-element based generator?

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- ME generators for new physics
- Conclusions & Discussion

What's a matrix-element based generator?

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• Matrix element calculators provide our first estimation of rates for inclusive final states.

• Extra radiation is included: it is described by the PDF's in the initial state and by the definition of a final state parton, which at LO represents all possible final state evolutions.

• Due to the above approximations a cross section at LO can strongly depend on the factorization and renormalization scales.

• Any tree-level calculation for a final state F can be promoted to the exclusive F + X through a shower. However, a naive sum of final states with different jet multiplicities would lead to double counting.

The technical challenges

How do we calculate a LO cross section for 3 jets at the LHC?

I. Identify all subprocesses ($gg \rightarrow ggg$, $qg \rightarrow qgg$) in

$$\sigma(pp \to 3j) = \sum_{ijk} \int f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) \hat{\sigma}(ij \to k_1 k_2 k_3)$$

II. For each one, calculate the amplitude:

$$\mathcal{A}(\{p\},\{h\},\{c\}) = \sum_{i} D_{i}$$

easy

III. Square the amplitude, sum over spins & color, integrate over the phase space $(D \sim 3n)$

$$\hat{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} \int d\Phi_p \sum_{h,c} |\mathcal{A}|^2 \qquad \qquad \text{very hard}$$

General structure

Integrate the matrix element over the phase space using a multi-channel technique and using parton-level cuts.

Events are obtained by unweighting. These are at the parton-level. Information on particle id, momenta, spin, color is given in the Les Houches format.

Types of SM codes available

Several codes exist for the SM, built using different philosophies

TYPE	Characteristics	Examples		
"One" Process	Highly dedicated, manual work, optimized, specific problems addressed	VecBos TopRex		
Library	Semi automatic, modular structure, author-driven efficient	Phase Gr@PPA AlpGen		
Multi-purpose	High automatization, user- driven, huge versatility	Sherpa CompHep MadGraph Whizard		

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Madgraph

[F.M., Stelzer] [Hagiwara, Plehn, Rainwater] [Alwall, de Visscher, Frederix, Herguet]

- The new web generation:
 - User inputs model/parameters/cuts.
 - Code runs in parallel on modest farms.
 - Returns cross section, plots, parton-level events.
 - News: BSM physics (MSSM, 2HDM,...) + returns Pythia and PGS events!
- Advantages:
 - Reduces overhead to getting results
 - Events can easily be shared/stored
 - Quick response to user requests and to new ideas!

http://madgraph.hep.uiuc.edu U.S. http://madgraph.roma2.infn.it http://madgraph.phys.ucl.ac.be Belgian

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(restricted)

Alpgen

[Mangano,Moretti,Piccinini, Pittau, Polosa]

Up to now available processes (in ALPGEN v2.0)

- $(W \to f\bar{f}') + N$ jets, $N \le 6, f = l, q$
- $(Z/\gamma^* \to f\bar{f}) + N$ jets, $N \le 6, f = l, \nu$
- $(W \to f\bar{f}')Q\bar{Q} + N$ jets, $(Q = b, t), N \le 4, f = l, q$
- $(Z/\gamma^* \to f\bar{f})Q\bar{Q} + N$ jets, $(Q = c, b, t), N \le 4, f = l, \nu$
- $(W \to f\bar{f}') + c + N$ jets, $N \le 5, f = l, q$
- n W + m Z + l H + N jets, $n + m + l \le 8, N \le 3$
- $Q\bar{Q} + N$ jets, $(Q = c, b, t), N \le 6$
- $Q\bar{Q}Q'\bar{Q}'+N$ jets, (Q,Q'=c,b,t) , $N\leq 4$
- $Q\bar{Q}H + N$ jets, $(Q = b, t), N \le 4$
- N jets, $N \leq 6$
- $N \gamma + N$ jets, $N \ge 1$, $N + M \le 8$, $M \le 6$
- $gg \to H + N$ jets $(m_t \to \infty)$
- single top

http://home.cern.ch/mlm/alpgen

Features:

- •Matrix-element based MC
- •No Feynman diagrams
- •Large library of processes (extendable)
- •Optimized for multi-jet production
- •ME+PS MLM-matching implemented
- \Rightarrow Produces inclusive samples

Aside: Complexity of QCD amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}_n(g_1,\ldots,g_n) = g^{n-2} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-1}} \operatorname{Tr}(\lambda^{a_1} \lambda^{a_{\sigma_2}} \cdots \lambda^{a_{\sigma_n}}) A_n(1,\sigma_2,\ldots,\sigma_n)$$

n	full Amp	partial Amp	BG
4	4	3	3
5	25	10	10
6	220	36	35
7	2485	133	70
8	34300	501	126
9	559405	1991	210
10	10525900	7335	330
	224449225	28199	495
12	5348843500	108280	715
	(2n)!	3.8^n	n^4

Conclusion: twistors technique have not helped improving practical calculations yet!

•New twistor tree-level BCF relations perform WORSE than the "old" Berends-Giele recursive relations for the partial amplitudes. [Dinsdale, Wernick, Weinzierl, 2006]

•In any case the calculation through partial amplitudes is not as efficient as the direct calculation of the full amplitude at fixed color through numerical recursive relations [Moretti, Caravaglios, Mangano, Pittau, 1998; Draggiotis, Kleiss, Papadopoulos, 1998], which has only an exponential growth.

•Similar results can be obtained through the BG and an improved handling of color [FM, Paul, Stelzer, Wllenbrock 2003].

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matched prediction is clearly much better, even though it still affected by the typical uncertainity of a LO order calculation, typically a factor of ~2, even though...

Second Example: Couplings extraction from VBF

Vector boson fusion will play a crucial role in studying the Higgs properties, in many decay channels (ZZ,WW, $\tau\tau$,YY). Typical signature is two forward jets and a "rapidity gap". Central jet veto will be essential to select not only signal from background, but also VBF from QCD production.

Central jet veto will be essential to select not only signal from background, but also VBF from QCD production. Matched description needed. Comparison with NLO results possible. Impact of minimum bias, underlying event, forward low-et jets difficult to predict \Rightarrow data modeling will be needed.

But double-counting has to be avoided!

CKKW algorithm in a nutshell

- Select a jet multiplicity with probability $P_n = \frac{\sigma_n}{\sum_{i=0}^N \sigma_i}$ with $y_{cut} = Q_{jet}^2/Q^2$
- Generate final state p¹ using the exact ME
- Find the probability w that "the event comes from a parton shower" (=kt cluster the event, generate a parton history, and perform a reweighting of coupling constants)
- Accept or reject the event based on w
- Pass the event to the parton shower, vetoing emissions above $Q_{\rm jet}^2$

The MLM matching algorithm

- Generate events with the ME, using hard partonic cut, e.g., pt>ptmin, DeltaRij > DeltaRmin
- (Reweight the event to optimize scale choices)
- Shower the event and jet-cluster it (e.g., with a cone algorithm)
- Require the original partons to be one-to-one associated to the jets.

Comparison among various matching/ parton showers

Hoeche et al., 2006

•Impressive agreement on the inclusive W pt distribution

•Reasonable agreement for the rapidity distributions

•Differences in the leading jets Et distributions

•Tevatron data will help.

To remember about the ME-PS matching

- The matching (à la CKKW) has been rigoursly proved in e+e- collisions and it is believed to be true also in pp collisions.
- It provides an algorithm to generate multi-jet inclusive samples, that are accurate in all the areas of the phase space avoiding double-counting.
- Since no exact virtual contributions are included the normalization of the cross section is uncertain and it has to be obtained from a NLO calculation.
- On the other hand, shapes are (so far) in very good agreement with NLO.

Status & Directions in the ME-PS matching

- Various studies comparing the various options for matching (MLM or CKKW) have been performed: [Mrenna & Richardson, 2003;Hoeche et al., 2006].
- Two codes released with matching implemented (Alpgen and SHERPA). Other coming in the future (Herwig, MadGraph,...).
- Activities in progess:
 - Comparison with NLO results.
 - Thourough testing of ambiguities in the prescriptions.
 - Validation with Tevatron data.

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Add-on for BSM

Invent a model, renormalizable or not, with new physics. Write the Lagrangian and the Feyman Rules. SUSY, Little Higgs, Higgsless, GUT, Extra dimensions (flat, warped, universal,...)

Parameters Calculator. For example, Masses and widths of heavy states (such as Higgs-bosons). These are passed in the LH format. FeynHiggs, ISAJET, NMHDecay, SOFTSUSY, SPHENO, SUSPECT, SDECAY...

Status and directions of the BSM ME generators (I)

- Given the large number of possibilities, an automatic approach is the only practical one.
- Advanced implementations exist mainly for SUSY (Pythia,ISAJET, Sherpa, CompHep, Madgraph,Sherpa,Whizard).

Status and directions of the BSM ME generators (II)

- Surging of interest on distinguishing among models (inverse-problem) (Example: UED vs. SUSY with spin [Smillie & Webber, 2005])
- Only one tool exists to pass from a Lagrangian to the Feynman rules automatically (LanHep) as a add-on to CompHep. For simple signatures (2→2) CompHep is still the easiest way to go.
- In any case this is not the whole story: Spectrum and width calculators are needed (human or machine!). Specific issues, such long decay chains preserving spin correlations (Herwig and Sherpa), need to be addressed.
- Collaboration with model experts is mandatory to help develop intuition/ signatures/analysis...

Simplest Strategy:

develop tools that can be directly used by both model builders and experimentalists

Conclusions

- Tremendous development in the last ~5 years, still in progress;
- Many new tools have become available ⇒ A little bit of confusion but also a much larger spectrum of applications/studies/analysis possible. (Example: ME methods in top mass measurements).
- Generation of inclusive-matched (multi-jet) samples is at a mature stage. Studies on systematics, comparison among various approaches and NLO, and data validation have started.
- Most BSM ME generators are at present "limited" to SUSY. Room and need for improvements.
- The modular structure of the ME generators offers a natural ground for collaboration between theorists (both model builders and the MC/QCD community) and experimentalists!