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:

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

Two ingredients necessary:
1. Parton Distribution functions (from exp).
2. Short distance coefficients as an expansion in $\alpha_S$ and possibly with resum. of large logs (from th).
How to improve our predictions?

Standard ways:

• Include higher order terms in our fixed-order calculations (LO → NLO → NNLO...)

\[ \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X} = \sigma_0 + \alpha_S \sigma_1 + \alpha_S^2 \sigma_2 + \ldots \]

• 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.
Two-loop:
- Limited number of $2 \rightarrow 1$ processes
- No general algorithm for divergences cancellation
- Completely manual
- No matching known

One-loop:
- Large number of processes known up to $2 \rightarrow 3$
- General algorithms for divergences cancellation
- Not automatic yet (loop calculation)
- Matching with the PS available for several processes (MC@NLO)

Tree-level:
- Any process $2 \rightarrow n$ available
- Many algorithms
- Completely automatized
- Matching with the PS at NLL

Oleari’s talk

pp$\rightarrow$ n particles

accuracy [loops]

complexity [n]
Available Tools: references

- 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?
- Matching matrix elements with parton showers
- 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 

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

easy

II. For each one, calculate the amplitude:

\[
\mathcal{A}(\{p\}, \{h\}, \{c\}) = \sum_i D_i
\]
difficult

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

\[
\hat{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} \int d\Phi_p \sum_{h,c} |\mathcal{A}|^2
\]

very hard
General structure

Includes all possible subprocess leading to a given multi-jet final state automatically or manually (done once for all)

“Automatically” generates a code to calculate $|M|^2$ for arbitrary processes with many partons in the final state.

Most use Feynman diagrams w/ tricks to reduce the factorial growth, others have recursive relations to reduce the complexity to exponential. 😊
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.
Events in the LH format are passed to the showering and hadronization⇒ high multiplicity hadron-level events

Events in stdhep format are passed through fast or full simulation, and physical objects (leptons, photons, jet, b-jets, taus) are reconstructed.
## Types of SM codes available

Several codes exist for the SM, built using different philosophies

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<th>Characteristics</th>
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<td>“One” Process</td>
<td>Highly dedicated, manual work, optimized, specific problems addressed</td>
<td>VecBos TopRex</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>Semi automatic, modular structure, author-driven efficient</td>
<td>Phase, Gr@PPA, AlpGen</td>
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<td>Multi-purpose</td>
<td>High automatization, user-driven, huge versatility</td>
<td>Sherpa, CompHep, MadGraph, Whizard</td>
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• 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
http://madgraph.roma2.infn.it
http://madgraph.phys.ucl.ac.be
Alpgen [Mangano, Moretti, Piccinini, Pittau, Polosa]

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

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

Features:

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

http://home.cern.ch/mlm/alpgen
Aside: Complexity of QCD amplitudes

\[ A_n(g_1, \ldots, g_n) = g^{n-2} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-1}} \text{Tr}(\lambda^{a_1} \lambda^{a_{\sigma_2}} \cdots \lambda^{a_{\sigma_n}}) A_n(1, \sigma_2, \ldots, \sigma_n) \]

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\[(2n)! \quad 3.8^n \quad n^4\]

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, Wilenbrock 2003].
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First example: Inclusive SUSY searches at the LHC

Ht or Meff receive large contributions from W or Z plus few jets. A standard Shower MC, like Pythia or Herwig, can underestimate the multijet rates by a factor of ~10. The matched prediction is clearly much better, even though it still affected by the typical uncertainty of a LO order calculation, typically a factor of ~2, even though...

\[ \sum P_T \]

\( = E_T + \sum P_T \)
Second Example: Couplings extraction from VBF

Vector boson fusion will play a crucial role in studying the Higgs properties, in many decay channels \((ZZ, WW, \tau \tau, \Upsilon \Upsilon)\). 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.

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ME/PS matching

ME

1. parton-level description
2. fixed order calculation
3. quantum interference exact
4. valid when partons are hard and well separated
5. needed for multi-jet description

Shower MC

1. hadron-level description
2. resums large logs
3. quantum interference through AA
4. valid when partons are collinear and/or soft
5. needed for realistic studies

Approaches are complementary!
But double-counting has to be avoided!
CKKW algorithm in a nutshell

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<td>Select a jet multiplicity with probability $P_n = \frac{\sigma_n}{\sum_{i=0}^{N} \sigma_i}$ with $y_{cut} = Q_{jet}^2/Q^2$</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Generate final state $p^I$ using the exact ME</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>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)</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Accept or reject the event based on $w$</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Pass the event to the parton shower, vetoing emissions above $Q_{jet}^2$</td>
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CKKW at work: $p_T$ distribution of the W

Check independence on the choice of the resolution scale

Compare with the experimental data!
The MLM matching algorithm

• Generate events with the ME, using hard partonic cut, e.g., $p_T > p_{T\text{min}}$, $\Delta R_{jj} > \Delta R_{\text{MIN}}$

• (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.
Angular decorrelations $pp \rightarrow 2j$ events

$D0$
- $p_T^{max} > 180$ GeV (x8000)
- $130 < p_T^{max} < 180$ GeV (x400)
- $100 < p_T^{max} < 130$ GeV (x20)
- $75 < p_T^{max} < 100$ GeV

More later $\Rightarrow$ Andrea Messina’s talk
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 progress:
  • Comparison with NLO results.
  • Thorough testing of ambiguities in the prescriptions.
  • Validation with Tevatron data.
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Add-on for BSM

Model

Lagrangian

Feynman

Calculator

Invent a model, renormalizable or not, with new physics. Write the Lagrangian and the Feynman Rules.

Parameters Calculator. For example, Masses and widths of heavy states (such as Higgs-bosons). These are passed in the LH format.

SUSY, Little Higgs, Higgsless, GUT, Extra dimensions (flat, warped, universal,...)

FeynHiggs, ISAJET, NMHD decay, 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).
MadGraph/Sherpa/Whizard SUSY comparison

[Hagiwara et al. 2005]

~500 processes to check all Feynman rules (CP and R-conserving, CKM=MSN=1)

\[ e^+e^-, \ e^-\bar{\nu}_e, \ e^-e^-, \ \tau^+\tau^-, \ \tau^-\bar{\nu}_\tau, \ uu, \ dd, \ uu, \ dd, \ bb, \ bt, \]
\[ W^+W^-, \ W^-Z, \ W^-\gamma, \ ZZ, \ Z\gamma, \ \gamma\gamma, \ gW^-, \ gZ, \ g\gamma, \ gg, \ ug, \ dg. \]
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!